

CMPT 813
Homework 2

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1. Problem from the text
 - (a) (Convex hull) Problem 1.3, 1.10
2. Given a convex polygon P as an array of n vertices in sorted order along the boundary. Show that the following problems can be solved in $O(\log n)$ time.
 - (a) Given a query point q determine the two bridge points of P from q if they exist.
 - (b) Given a query line h determine the intersection points of h with P .
3. Convex Hulls
 - (a) Given a set S of n points in the plane, its "onion peeling" consists of a sequence H_1, \dots, H_k of convex polygons, where H_i is the convex hull $S - \{H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_{i-1}\}$. Give an $O(n^2)$ algorithm to find the onion peeling of a set of n points.
This is easy using results from class. There is an $O(n \log n)$ algorithm due to Chazelle.
 - (b) Give an $O(n \log n)$ algorithm to find, given a set of n points in the plane, a smallest width strip, determined by a pair of parallel lines, that contains the point set.
4. Consider a simple polygon P given by a sequence of vertices $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$. A point w on the boundary of P is visible from $(*, \infty)$ if a vertical bullet shot upwards from w does not intersect the boundary of P . Describe an $O(n)$ algorithm to compute all the points of the polygon that are visible from $(*, \infty)$.
5. We say a point p dominates a point q if $q_x > p_x$ and $q_y > p_y$. Given a set S of n distinct points, we are interested in identifying all the points of S , say M , which are not dominated by any other points of S . M is called the maximal set of S . Show that M can be computed in $O(n \log |M|)$. Even though Chan's convex hull algorithm can be used here, a divide-and-conquer like approach would be more appropriate.