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Voronoi Diagrams and Delaunay Triangulations

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Outline

- 1. Definitions and examples
- 2. Structral properties and applications
- 3. Size
- 4. Construction
- 5. Generalizations

Definitions

looking for nearest neighbor



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Voronoi is everywhere









Geometric simplicial complexes

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triangulation of P:

simplicial complex T with vertex set P such that $\bigcup_{\sigma \in T} \sigma = \operatorname{Conv} P$





invalid triangulation of ${\cal P}$















 \Rightarrow Delaunay is generically a triangulation (not an abstract complex)

Basic properties and applications

nearest neighbor graph

q nearest neighbor of p $\Rightarrow pq$ Delaunay edge

nearest neighbor graph













Largest empty circle (centered in the convex hull)







Applications Databases, Al Mesh generation




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Path planning



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Properties specific

to 2D Delaunay













... but the converse is false







Delaunay maximizes the sequence of angles in lexicographic order

Local optimality vs global optimality



highlighted triangle is only locally Delaunay



Locally Delaunay everywhere



Globally Delaunay

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Since \exists finitely many triangles, at some point v is a vertex of t_i

Local optimality and smallest angle Case of 4 points

Lemma: For any 4 points in convex position, Delaunay \iff smallest angle maximized Local optimality and smallest angle Case of 4 points



Let δ be the smallest angle

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does not work in higher dimensions (several types of flips possible)

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Triangulation

2D Delaunay has linear size

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3D Delaunay can have quadratic size




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Size of Delaunay of n points in \mathbb{R}^d : $\Theta(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$

Computing Delaunay

- 1. Lift P to \mathbb{R}^{d+1} and compute lower convex hull there
- \rightarrow direct extension of Graham's algorithm ([H.-P. Seidel]): $O(n^{\lceil \frac{d+1}{2}\rceil} + n\log n)$
- \rightarrow randomized incremental algorithm ([Clarkson, Shor]): exp. $O(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil} + n \log n)$
- \rightarrow de-randomized incremental algorithm ([Chazelle]): $O(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2}\rceil} + n\log n)$

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 - \rightarrow computes Voronoi diagram
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Computing Delaunay in the Plane

Lower bound

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Take an instance of sort Assume one can compute Delaunay in \mathbb{R}^2 Use Delaunay to solve this instance of sort

Let $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$, to be sorted









$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \Omega(n \log n)$

Computing Delaunay

Incremental algorithm





• Find triangles in conflict with \boldsymbol{p}





- Find triangles in conflict with p
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- Delete triangles in conflict
- Re-triangulate hole w.r.t. p



Why it works

Property 1: the conflict zone is starred with respect to p (hence connected)



 $\forall x \in \text{conflict zone, all triangles inter$ sected by <math>[p, x] are in conflict with p

(same proof as for locally Del. \Rightarrow globally Del.)

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Property 1: the conflict zone is starred with respect to p (hence connected)

- \rightarrow can be computed by a traversal in the dual graph from some $\sigma \ni p$
- \rightarrow can be re-triangulated by join products $p\ast\sigma$ for each σ on its boundary

Why it works

Property 3: every new Delaunay simplex is incident to p

 \rightarrow re-triangulation by join products with p is Delaunay



Complexity analysis

 $n \text{ points} \Rightarrow n \text{ insertions}$, each of which is composed of:

- locate: O(n) naive, $O(n^{1/d})$ with random line walk, $O(\log n)$ with hierarchy.
- bfs in conflict zone: $O(d_i)$, where d_i is the number of deleted cells at i-th iteration.
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boundary of conflicts zone is homeomorphic to a (d-1)-sphere since the conflict zone is starred w.r.t. $p \Rightarrow c_i, d_i = O(i^{\lceil \frac{d-1}{2} \rceil})$ by a variant of Upper Bound Theorem [Stanley 75].

$$\Rightarrow$$
 total complexity = $O(n \log n + n^{\lceil \frac{d+1}{2} \rceil})$

(sub-optimal in even dimensions only)

(can be improved to exp. $O(n \log n + n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$ if random insertion order can be used)

The Guibas/Stolfi variant in 2D

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- Star triangle










Computing Delaunay triangulations in the plane

Division – Fusion

L. J. Guibas and J. Stolfi. Primitives for the manipulation of general subdivisions and the computation of Voronoi diagrams. ACM Trans. on Graphics, 4(2):74–123, April 1985

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Division Fusion





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first red vertex crossed by pencil of circles




























































Complexity of Fusion

At each step of the search for r_{next} A red edge is deleted

At each step of the search for b_{next} A blue edge is deleted

After the choice between r_{next} and b_{next} A black edge is created

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Complexity \leq # red edges +# blue edges +# black edges $\leq 3\frac{n}{2} + 3\frac{n}{2} + 3n = O(n)$

each colored triangulation has $\leq 3k$ edges, where k is the size of the subset of vertices the black edges are Delaunay \Rightarrow there are at most 3n of them

Overall Complexity

$$\label{eq:def-Division} \begin{split} \mathsf{Division} &= O(k) \text{ on sub-problem of size } k \\ &+ O(n \log n) \text{ preprocessing} \end{split}$$

Fusion = O(k) on sub-problem of size k

 $\mathsf{Division}\text{-}\mathsf{Fusion} \Longrightarrow O(n\log n)$

Generalizations

Q Nearest neighbor of q among S

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Change ambient space (for q) $I\!\!R^2 I\!\!R^3 I\!\!R^d$

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Change metrics Euclidean L_2 L_1, L_∞, L_p hyperbolic

additive weights multiplicative weights

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Change universal set $\supset S$ points of $I\!\!R^d$ segments of $I\!\!R^d$ spheres of $I\!\!R^d$

Exotic metrics



query













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Norm L_{∞} : max(|x|, |y|)Voronoi diagram



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circular bisector







disconnected cell

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quadratic size





nearest segment



parabolic bisector











