

Computational Geometry Lecture 12

Topic: Duality (continued)

point $p: (a, b)$ $L: (m, c)$

$$D(p): (a, b) \rightarrow L: y = \underbrace{2a}_m x - \underbrace{b}_{c=-b}$$

$$D(L: y = 2ax - b) \rightarrow (a, b)$$

Incidence property: Suppose p lies on L :
 (a, b) $y = mx + c$

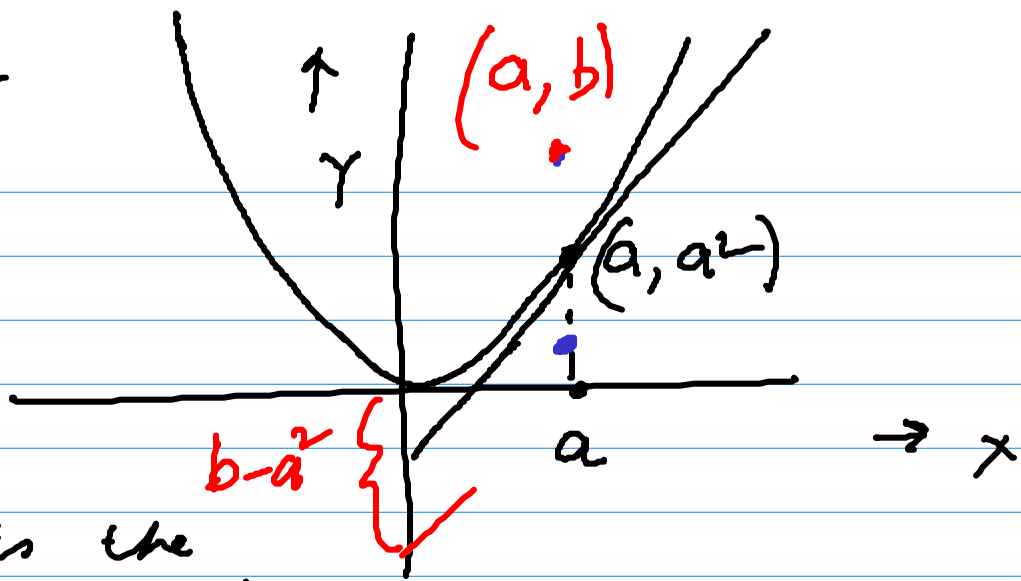
$$\Rightarrow b = am + c \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$D(p): \text{line } y = 2ax - b \quad D(L): \left(\frac{m}{2}, -c\right)$$

$$-c \stackrel{?}{=} 2a \cdot \frac{m}{2} - b \quad \text{or} \quad -c \stackrel{?}{=} am - b$$

$$\therefore b \stackrel{?}{=} am + c$$

$$y = x^2$$



What is the equation of the tangent at (a, a^2) ? $y = 2ax - a^2$

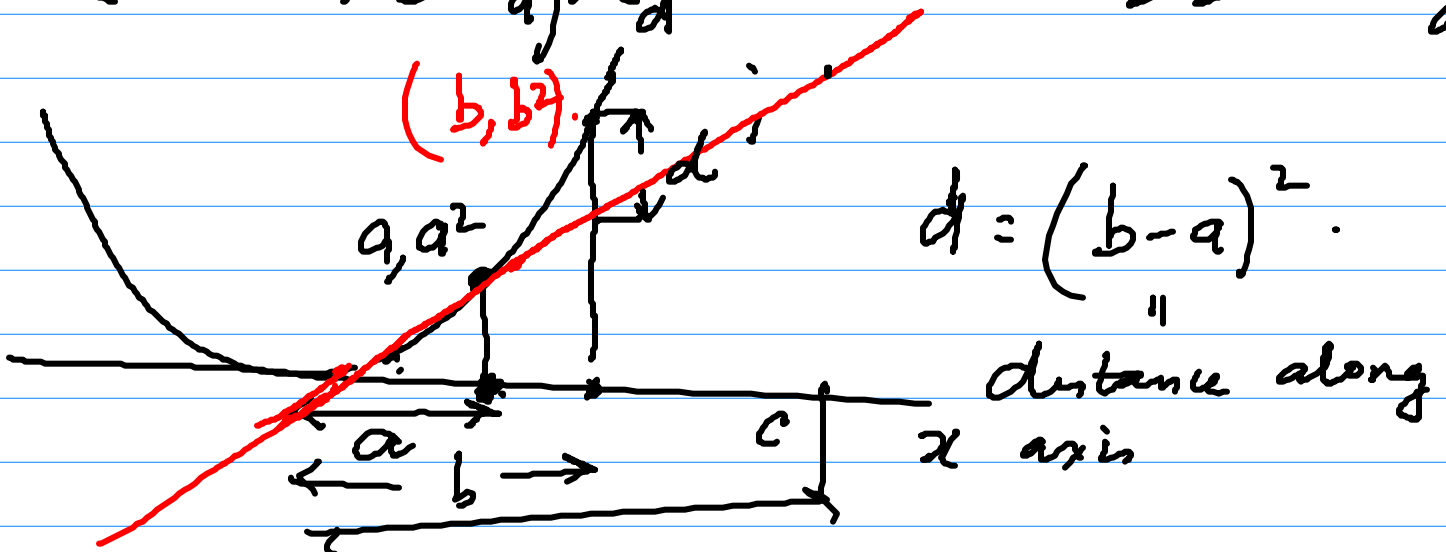
$$D(a, a^2) : y = 2ax - a^2$$

In higher dimensions x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d

$$x_d^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{d-1}^2$$

$$\frac{\partial x_d}{\partial x_i} = 2x_i$$

$$D(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_d) : x_d = 2a_1 x_1 + 2a_2 x_2 + \dots - a_d$$



$$d = (b - a)^2$$

distance along x axis

Lower bounds for geometric problems

Problem: Element uniqueness

Given n elements (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)
determine if all of them are unique
(or there is a repetition)?

$(0.3, 1.5, 1.56, 1.01, 2.8)$

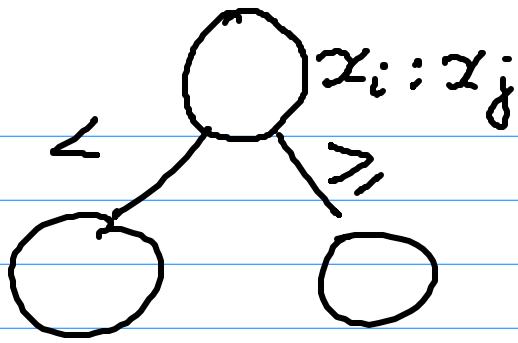
Decision problem Yes/No

Suppose $x_i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n^c\}$
with indirect addressing, $O(n)$ time

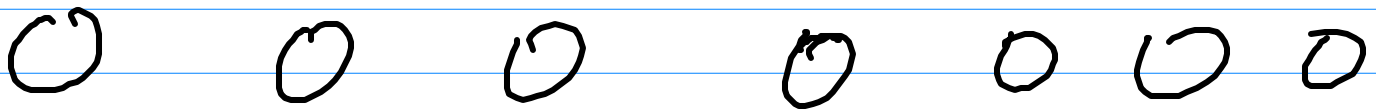
$x_i \in \mathbb{R}$

E.U. \propto sorting \Rightarrow L.B. of E.U.
applies to sorting

Lower bound of sorting assumes a
certain model of computation
: Comparison-tree model



Only counts
comparisons



leaves : each corresponds
to a specific ordering

\Rightarrow # leaves $\geq n!$ \Rightarrow longest path
 $\geq \log_2(n!)$

$\sim \Omega(n \log n)$

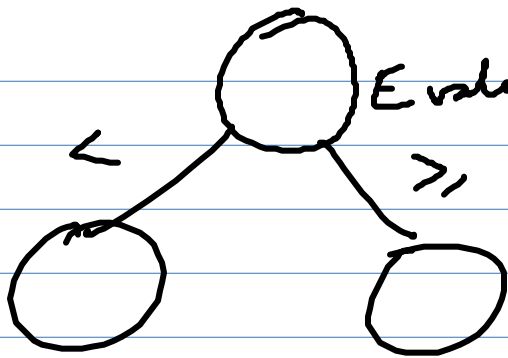
$$x_i - x_j \geq 0 \quad ?$$

A general inequality could be

$$a_1 x_i + a_2 x_j + b \geq 0 \quad ?$$

$$+ a_3 x_k$$

Linear decision Tree



Evaluate some linear inequality

- (Fixed degree algebraic decision tree)

- [Arithmetic Computation Tree]

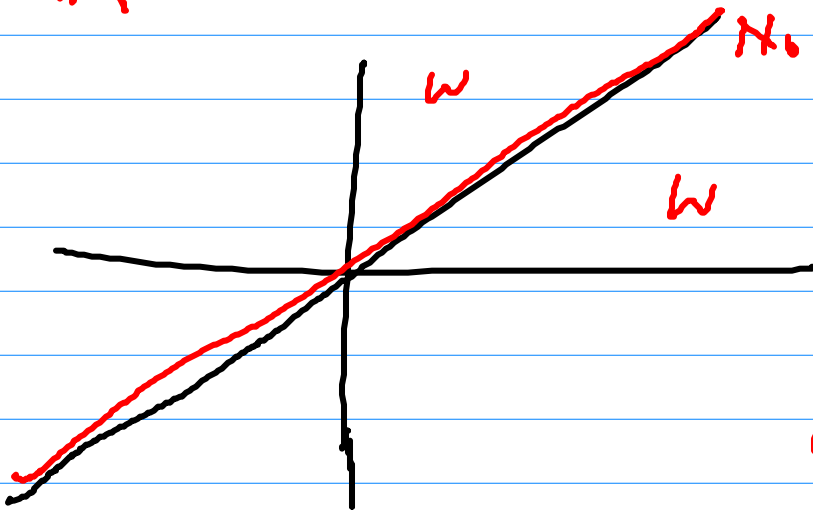
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In \mathbb{R}^n , some subset, say

$W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ contains all the

Yes answers and the complement

$\mathbb{R}^n - W$ are the "No" answers



Hyperplanes

$$x_i = x_j$$

$$i \neq j$$