

CSE 417

Dynamic Programming (pt 4)
Sub-problems on Trees

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Reminders

- > **HW4 is due today**
- > **HW5 will be posted shortly**



Dynamic Programming Review

- > Apply the steps...
 1. Describe solution in terms of solution to *any* sub-problems
 2. Determine all the sub-problems you'll need to apply this recursively
 3. Solve every sub-problem (once only) in an appropriate order

- > Key question:
 1. Can you solve the problem by combining solutions from sub-problems?

- > Count sub-problems to determine running time
 - total is number of sub-problems times time per sub-problem



Review From Last Time: More General Sub-problems

even if we have to guess sub-problems (non-obvious cases),
can still think about what new solutions are allowed in
larger sub-problems vs smaller ones to find opt substructure

> Previously:

- Find opt substructure by considering how the opt solution could use the last input.

> Knapsack Problem

- sub-problems are $1 \dots k$ and weight $V \leq W$ — more general than original problem
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- application of the basic technique, but simpler code with clever sub-problems
- sub-problems are paths with intermediate nodes from $1 \dots k$

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Review From Last Time: More General Sub-problems

algorithms are getting slower,
but in different ways...

more sub-problems to solve
but still fast when W is small

(re: shortest path & opt breakout trades...)
have to consider $O(n)$ solutions to problem,
but still get a set that must include opt

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- > **Matrix Chain Multiplication**
- > **Optimal Polygon Triangulation**

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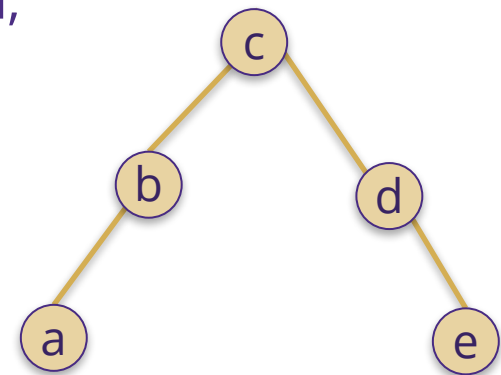
Optimal Binary Search Tree

- > **Problem:** Given a set of elements x_1, \dots, x_n and access frequencies f_1, \dots, f_n , find the binary search tree storing x_1, \dots, x_n whose total time to perform f_1 lookups of x_1, \dots, f_n lookups of x_n is smallest.
- > The time to access a node at depth d is $O(d)$
 - to simplify notation, we'll assume the hidden constant is $C = 1$
- > The time to perform f lookups of data at depth d is fd
- > Let d_i be the depth at which x_i is stored.
Then the total time is $f_1d_1 + \dots + f_nd_n$



Optimal Binary Search Tree Example

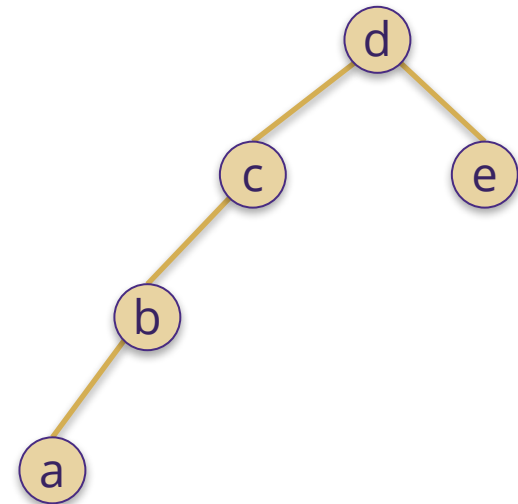
- > Balanced binary search tree ensures $d_i \leq \lg n$,
so $f_1 d_1 + \dots + f_n d_n \leq (f_1 + \dots + f_n) \lg n$
- > BUT that could be far from optimal
- > Let the elements be a, b, c, d, e
with access frequencies 1, 1, 1, 1, 10^{100}
- > Balanced tree access time $\approx 3 \cdot 10^{100}$
- > Any tree with e at root $\approx 1 \cdot 10^{100}$



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Optimal Binary Search Tree Example 2

- > Let the elements be a, b, c, d, e with access frequencies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- > The tree on the right has access time of $1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 = 30$
- > Greedy would put e at the root, and get access time of $1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 1 = 35$



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Optimal Binary Search Tree

- > Brute force: the number of possible trees is roughly 4^n ...
- > Apply dynamic programming...
 - write the solution in terms of solutions to sub-problems
- > In this case, considering how the *last element* is used in the optimal solution will not lead anywhere...
 - (no obvious relationship to trees using only 1 .. n-1)



Optimal Binary Search Tree

- > Apply dynamic programming...
 - write the solution in terms of solutions to sub-problems
- > Still works to think about what the optimal solution looks like...
- > Some element x_i must be at the root of the tree
 - then left subtree has x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}
 - and right subtree has x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n
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> With root, time is $f_1(d_1+1) + \dots + f_{i-1}(d_{i-1}+1)$
 $= f_1 d_1 + \dots + f_{i-1} d_{i-1} + \underbrace{f_1 + \dots + f_{i-1}}_{\text{constant independent of depths}}$

opt tree must be opt on sub-problem for left subtree



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- > Find the correct root by trying them all

$$\text{opt value} = \min_{i=1 \dots n} \left(\begin{aligned} &(\text{opt value on } x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}) + f_1 + \dots + f_{i-1} + \\ &(\text{opt value on } x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) + f_{i+1} + \dots + f_n \\ &+ f_i \end{aligned} \right)$$



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2. To apply this recursively, we need opt on every range x_i, \dots, x_j
 - > (suffix for root at x_i > prefix for root at x_j > sub-problem on x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1})
3. Solve sub-problems starting from ranges of size 1
 - > only tree on just x_i is one node x_i : opt value = f_i
 - > for x_i, \dots, x_j , try every root...
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 - > opt value = $F + \min$ (opt value on x_i, \dots, x_{k-1}) + (opt value on x_{k+1}, \dots, x_j) **over** $k = i .. j$
- > $O(n^2)$ sub-problems
- > Total running time is $O(n^3)$
 - probably usable for n in the thousands



Optimal Binary Search Tree

- > Can be implemented in a spreadsheet as well...
 - though it would get difficult for more than $n = 30$ or so
 - (in example, “Freq” sheet stores sum of frequencies for each range $i .. j$)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		a	b	c	d	e
2	a	1	4	10	18	30
3	b		2	7	15	26
4	c			3	10	20
5	d				4	13
6	e					5

$$fx \quad =\text{MIN}(F3,B2+F4,C2+F5,D2+F6,E2)+\text{Freq!F2}$$



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Foreword

- > Problems that are hard on graphs are often easy on trees...
 - tree structure works nicely within dynamic programming framework
- > Will see that one way to solve the hard problems on graphs: approximate those graphs with trees



Outline for Today

- > Optimal Binary Search Trees
- > Matrix Chain Multiplication
- > Optimal Polygon Triangulation



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Matrix Chain Multiplication

- > **Problem:** Given matrix dimensions $d_0 \times d_1, d_1 \times d_2, \dots, d_{n-1} \times d_n$, find the order in which to multiply them all together in min time.
 - can only multiply $m_1 \times n_1$ by $m_2 \times n_2$ if $n_1 = m_2$
 - > that is why the second matrix has dimensions $d_1 \times d_2$ above
 - time to multiply two such matrices is $m_1 n_1 m_2$
 - result is a matrix with dimensions $m_1 \times n_2$
 - > result of multiplying $d_{i-1} \times d_i, \dots, d_{j-1} \times d_j$ is matrix with dimensions $d_{i-1} \times d_j$
- > Example: matrices A B C
 - can be multiplied as (A B) C or A (B C)
 - result will be the same, but time could be different



Matrix Chain Multiplication

> Example: matrices A B C

> (A B) C

- A B in time $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 1 = 1,000$
- (A B) C in time $10 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 100$
- total time is 1,100

	rows	cols
A	10	100
B	100	1
C	1	10

> A (B C)

- B C in time $100 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 1,000$
- A (B C) in time $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 10 = 10,000$
- total time is 11,000




Matrix Chain Multiplication

- > No brute force: exponentially many orderings
- > Apply dynamic programming...
 - write the solution in terms of solutions to sub-problems
 - think about what the optimal solution might look like...
- > **Q:** What is the last multiplication performed in the opt solution
- > **A:** Must be $(A_1 \dots A_{i-1}) (A_i \dots A_n)$ for some i
 - matrices can only be multiplied by those next to them
 - each multiplication merges two groups together into one
 - last merges the final two groups of adjacent matrices



Matrix Chain Multiplication

- > Apply dynamic programming...
 - write the solution in terms of solutions to sub-problems
- > **Q:** What is the last multiplication performed in the opt solution
- > **A:** Must be $(A_1 \dots A_i) (A_{i+1} \dots A_n)$ for some i  min over each choice of i
- > Opt solution must multiply each of $A_1 \dots A_i$ and $A_{i+1} \dots A_n$ optimally
 - total time is time to multiply each group plus $d_0 d_i d_n$
 - any way of multiplying $A_1 \dots A_i$ is allowed, so the minimum total time is achieved by taking the best one
 - > for each choice of i , the term $d_0 d_i d_n$ is a fixed constant



Matrix Chain Multiplication

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2. To apply this recursively, we need opt on every range A_i, \dots, A_j

> (same as before: prefix of a suffix is an arbitrary range)

3. Solve sub-problems starting from ranges of size 1

> multiply A_1 by itself in 0 time (already have it)

> for A_i, \dots, A_j , try every splitting point...

opt value = **min** (opt value on A_i, \dots, A_k) + $d_{i-1} d_k d_j$ +
(opt value on A_{k+1}, \dots, A_j)

over $k = i \dots j-1$



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Matrix Chain Multiplication

> This looks very similar to previous problem...

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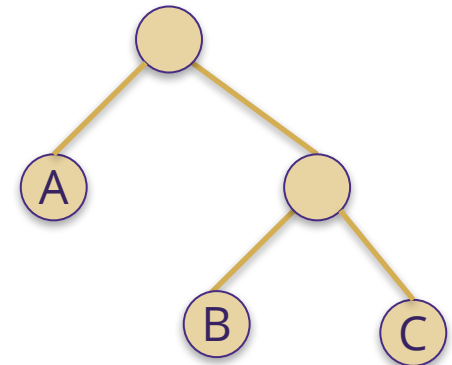
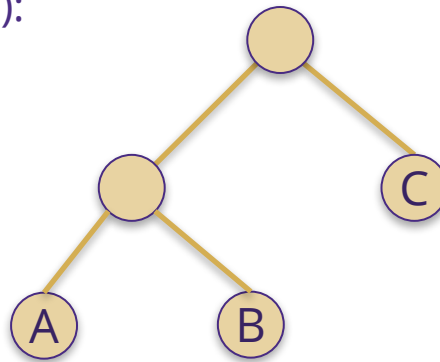
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> This is not an accident...

A large, bold, purple letter 'W' logo, which is a common branding element for the University of Waterloo.

Matrix Chain Multiplication

- > Orderings of multiplications are trees...
 - they are “parse trees” of the expression
 - e.g., for $(A B) C$ versus $A (B C)$:



- > These are *essentially* the same problem.
 - only notable difference is matrices only appearing in leaves

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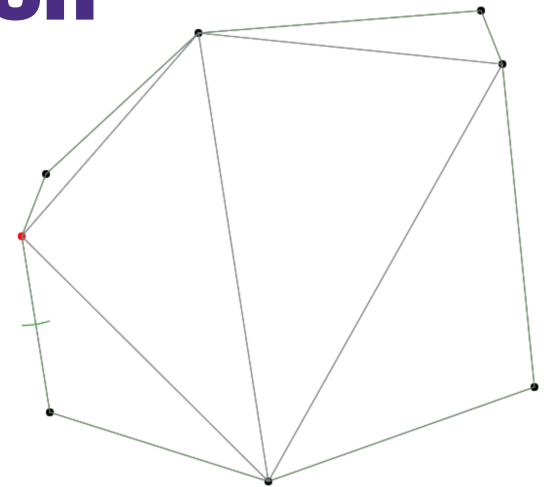
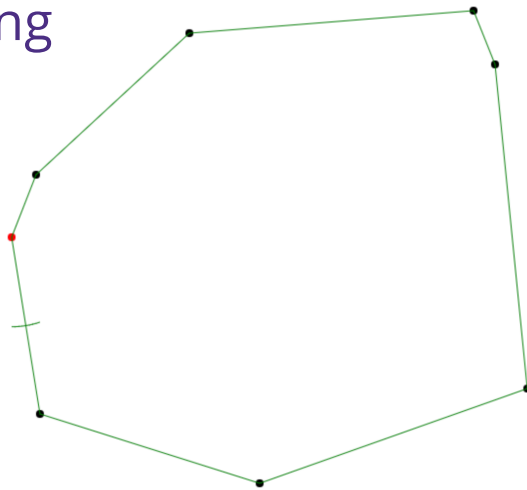


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Optimal Polygon Triangulation

> To **triangulate** a polygon is to add edges (chords) between vertices of the polygon so that it becomes a union of non-overlapping triangles.

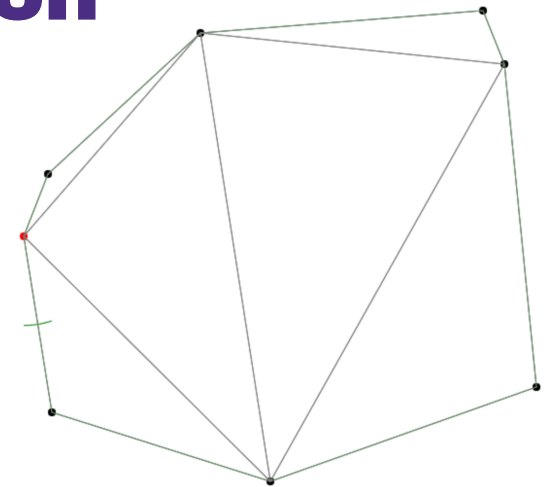
- allowed to touch only on edges



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Optimal Polygon Triangulation

- > **Problem:** Find the triangulation of a given (convex) polygon that optimizes some quality metric over the choice of triangles.
- > Example metrics:
 - sum of the side lengths (minimize)
 - area divided by the sum of squared side lengths (minimize)
 - > prefers triangles that are "more equilateral"



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Optimal Polygon Triangulation

> Applications:

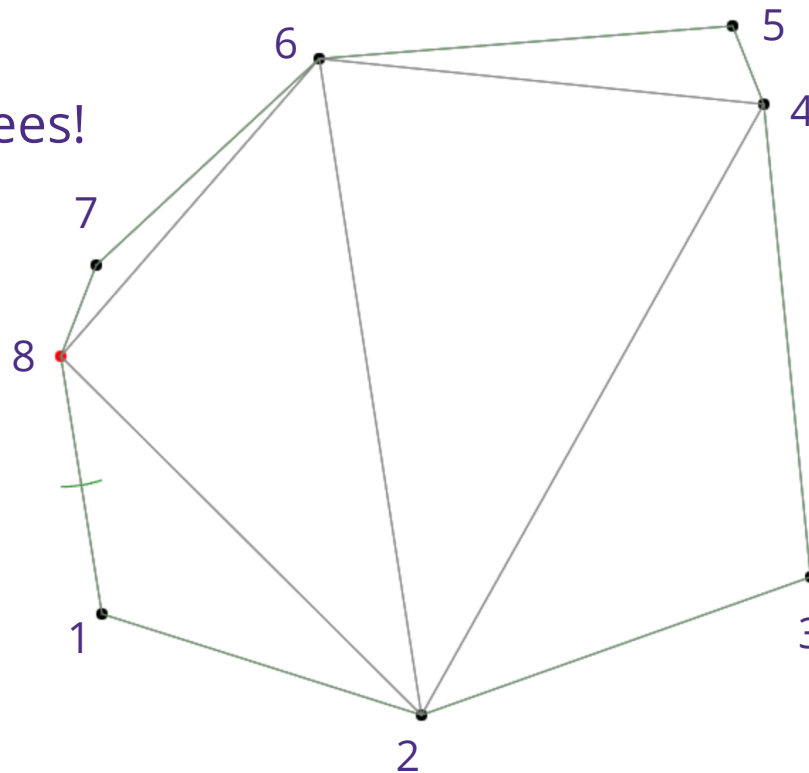
- graphics
 - > 3D hardware wants triangles
 - > poorly shaped triangles can result in visual artifacts
- finite element analysis (engineering & physics)
 - > reduce complicated shapes to simple ones: triangles
 - > often want triangles that are close to equilateral



Optimal Polygon Triangulation

> Triangulations are trees!

- label vertices 1 .. n
- picture:
 - > red is n
 - > marked edge to 1

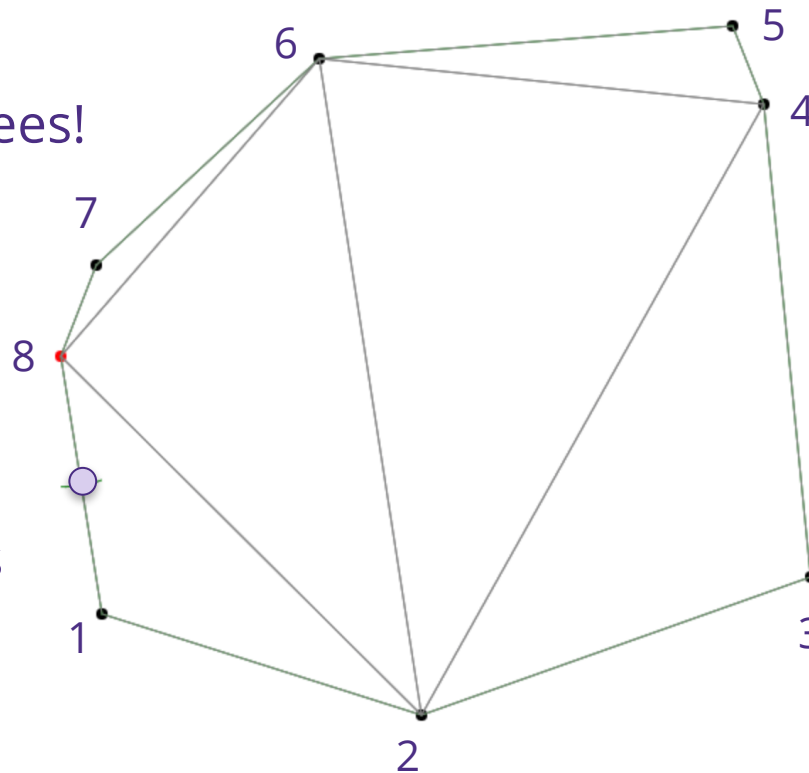


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- > Triangulations are trees!
 - leaves are edges
 - root is edge (1,n)

- > Edge (1,n) must be part of a triangle, so 1 and n are both connected by chords to some node i
 - here, $i = 2$



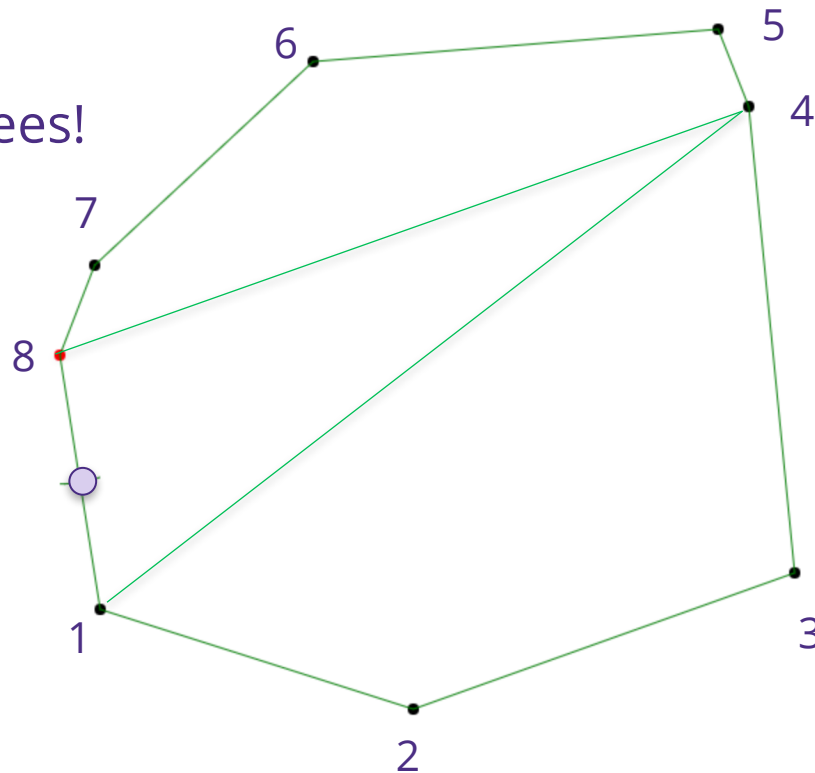
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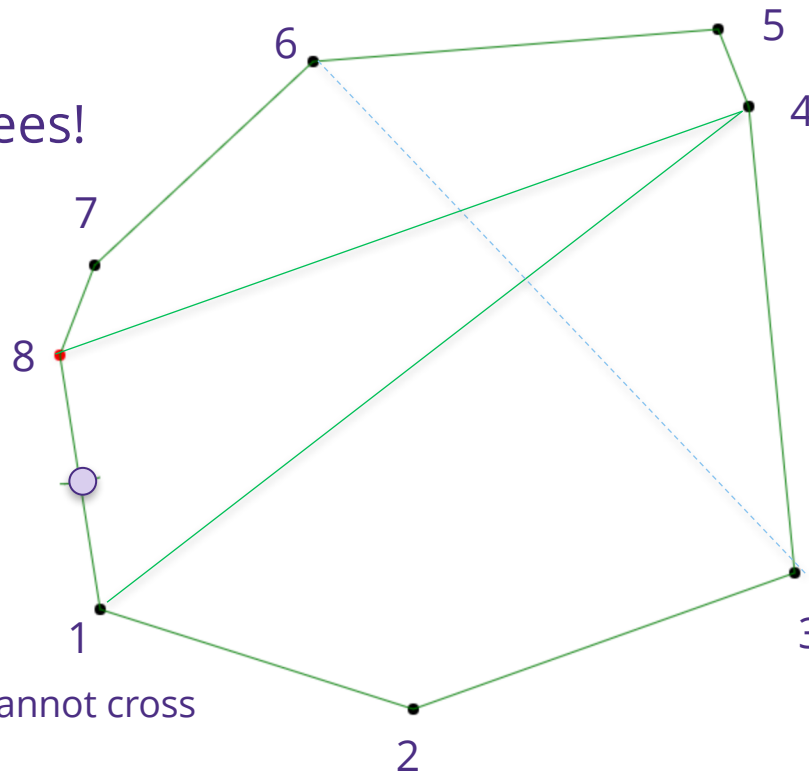
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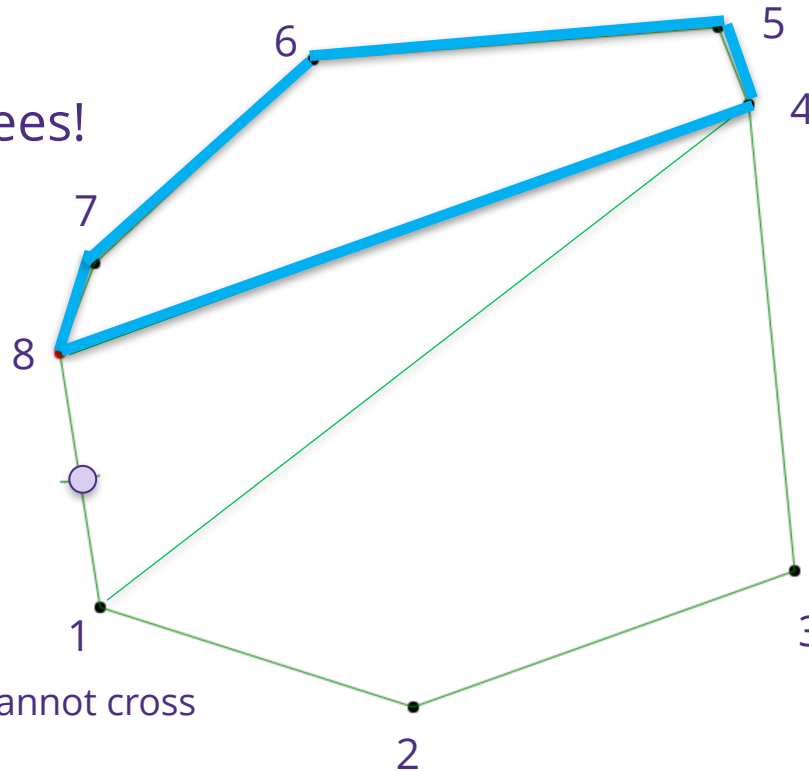
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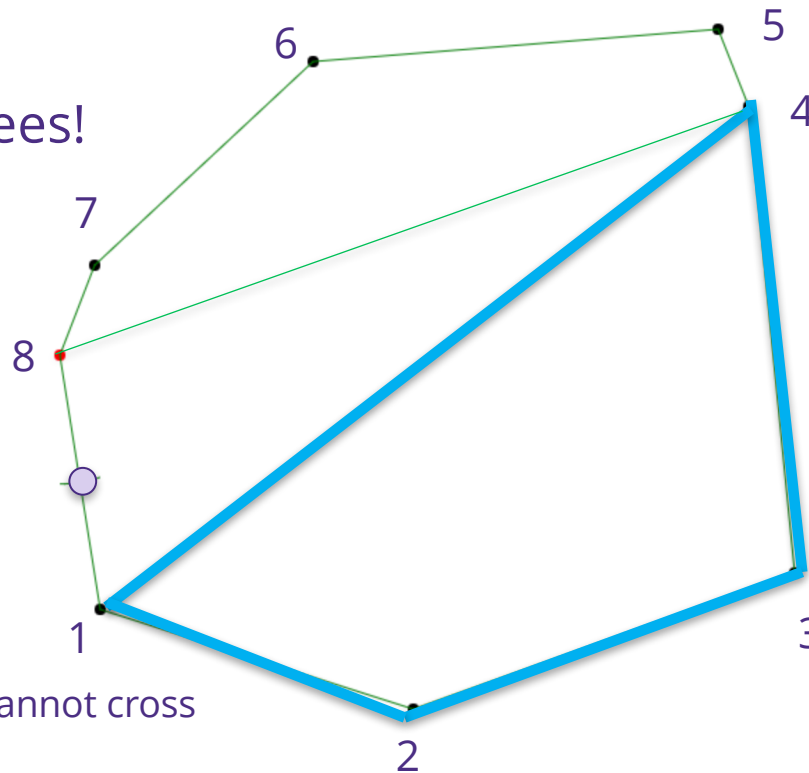
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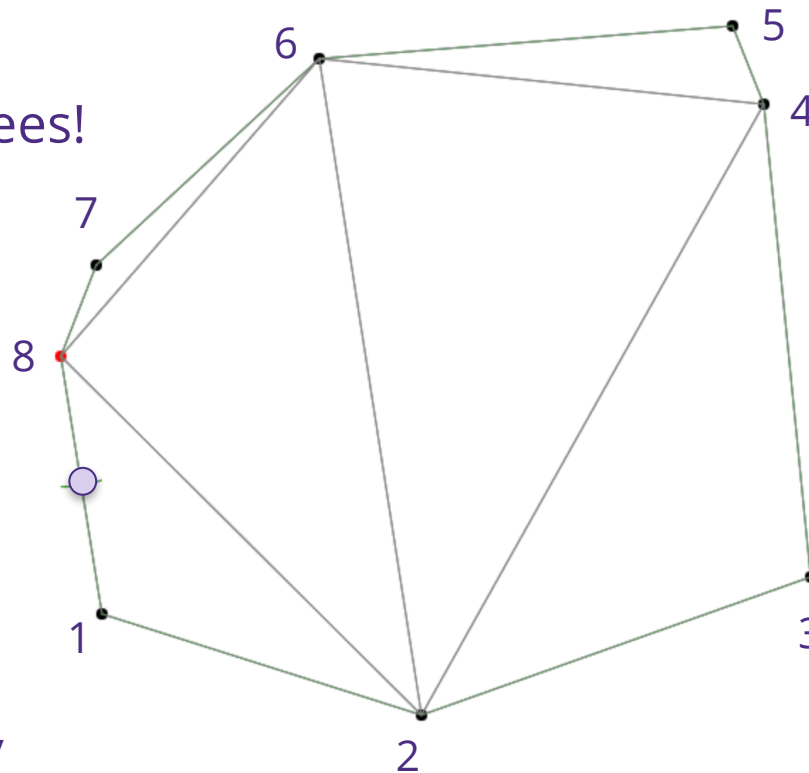
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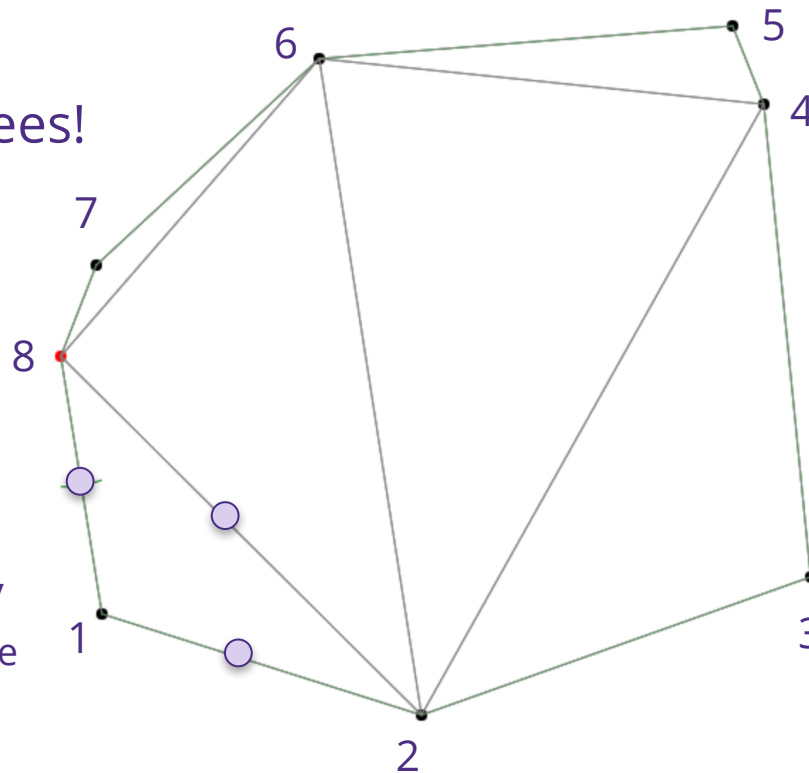
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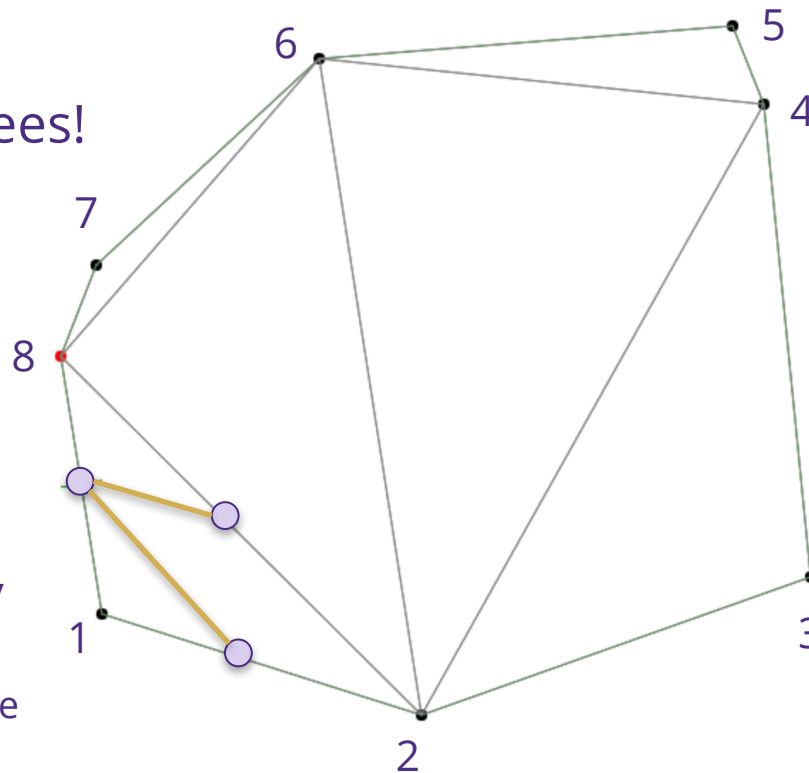
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- (1,2) is an edge => leaf
- (2,8) is a chord => subtree



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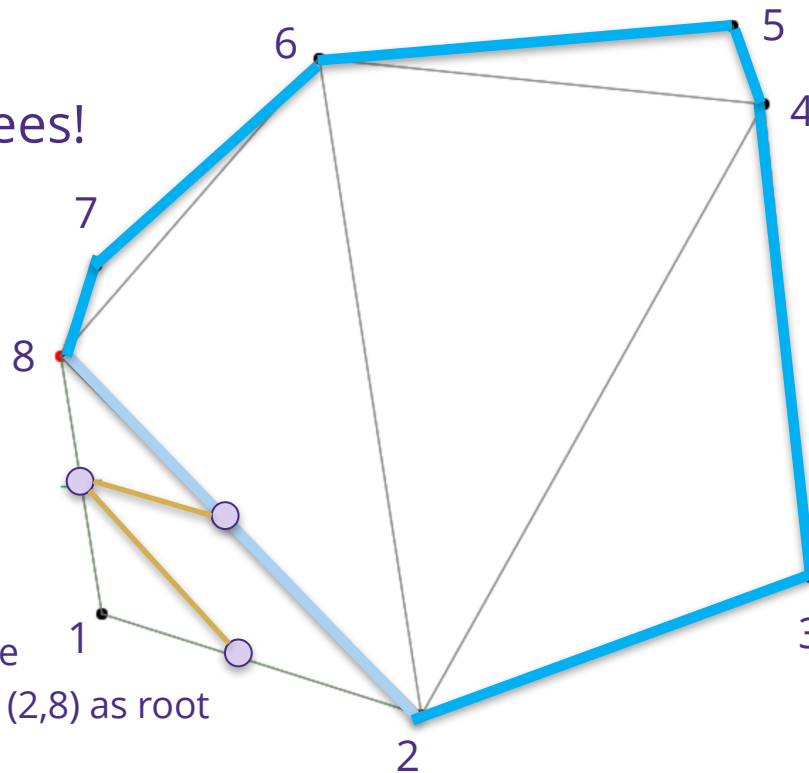
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- (2,8) is a chord \Rightarrow subtree
- triangulation of $2 \dots 8$ with (2,8) as root



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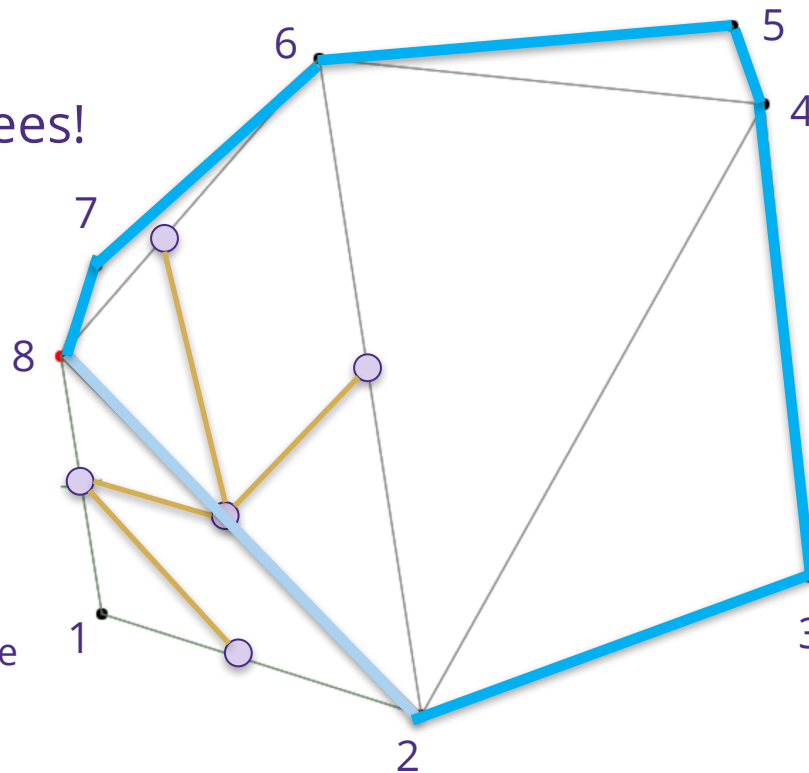
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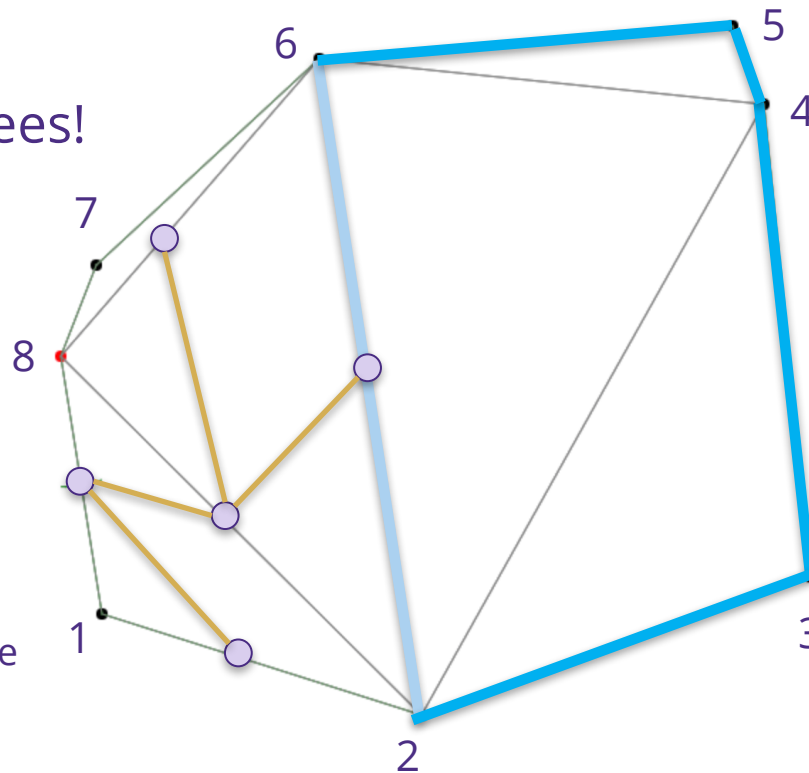
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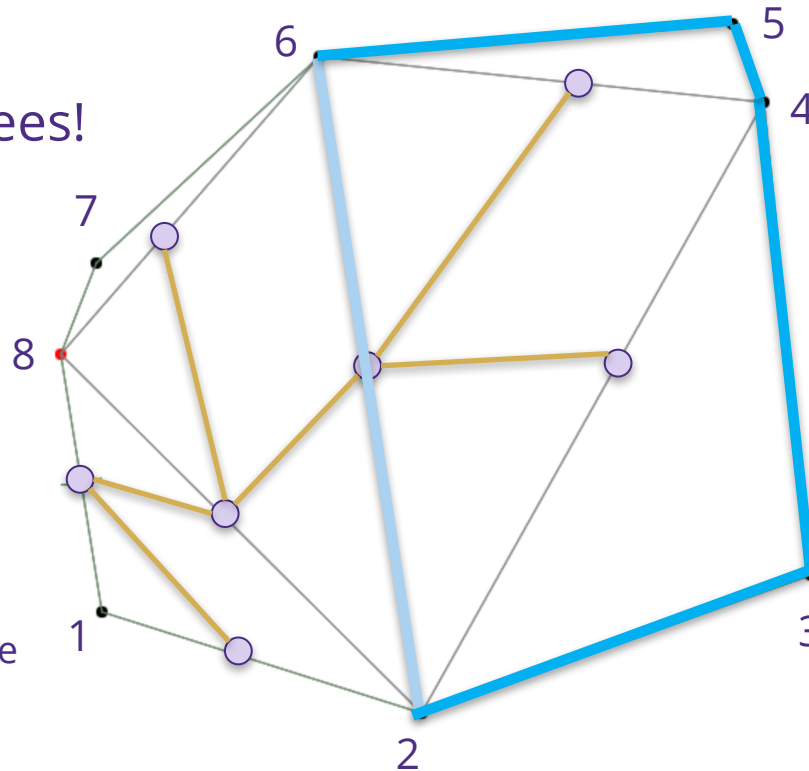
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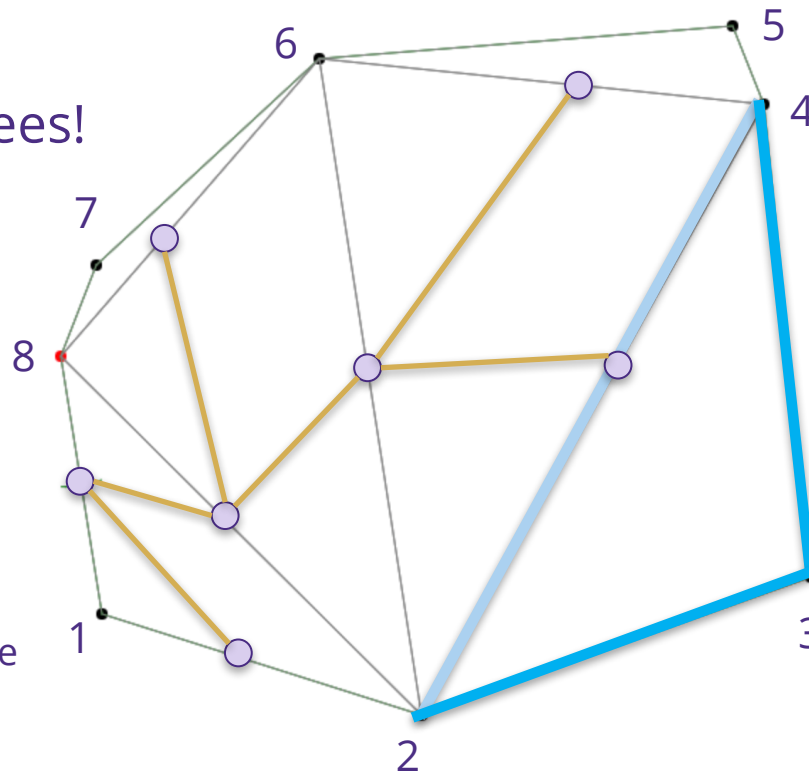
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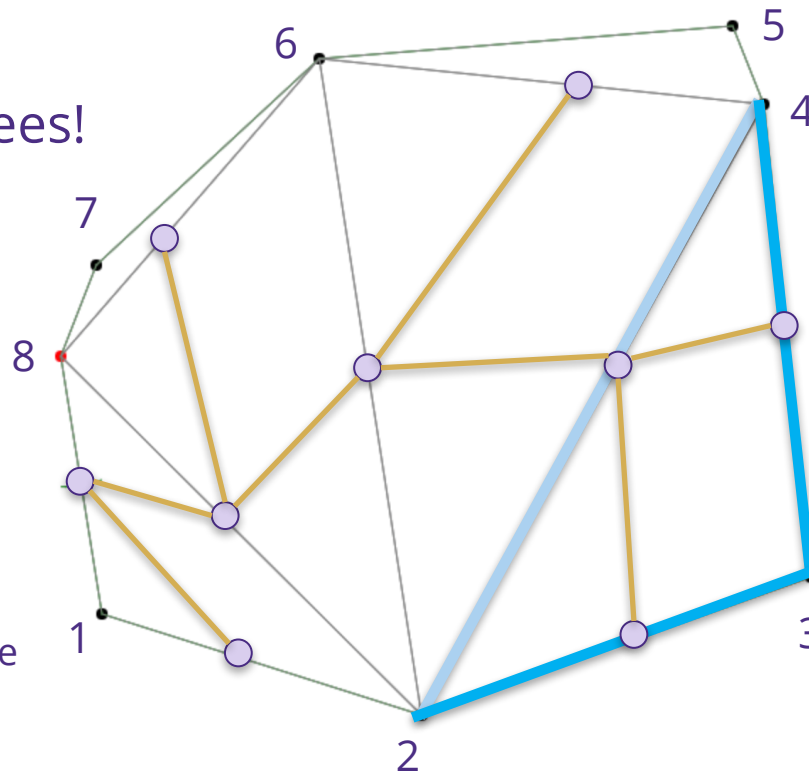
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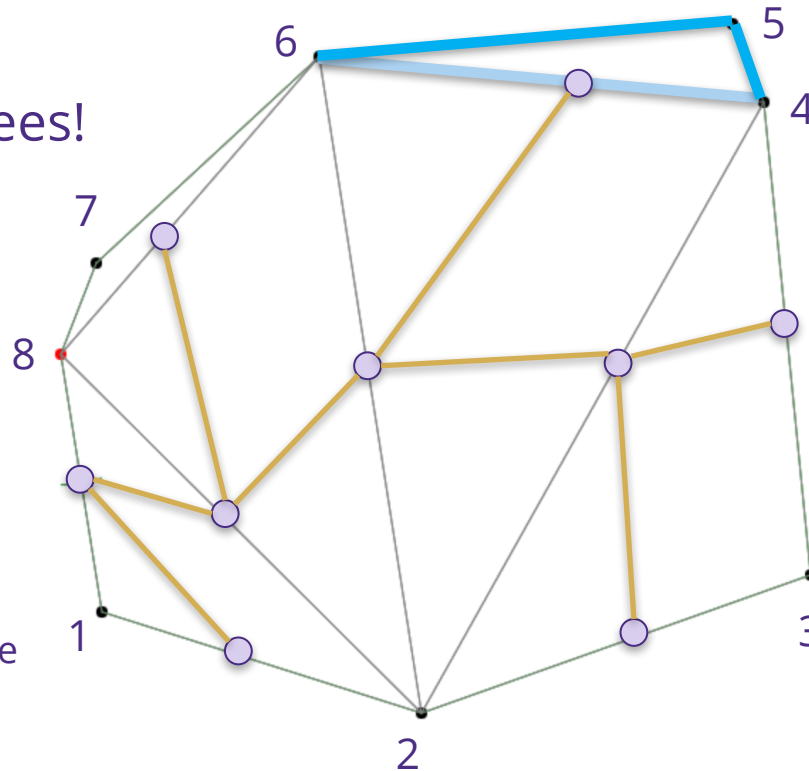
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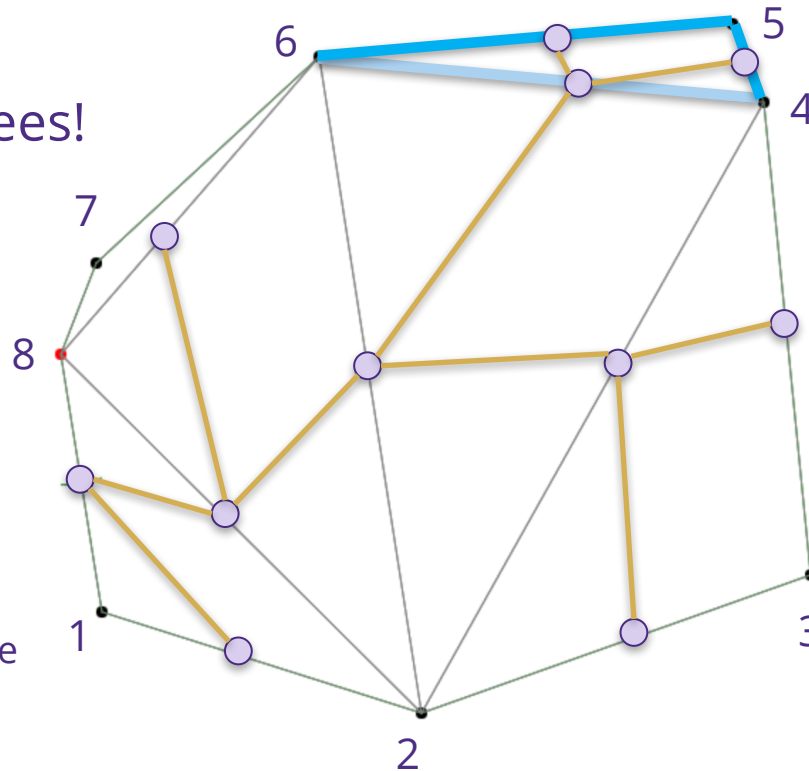
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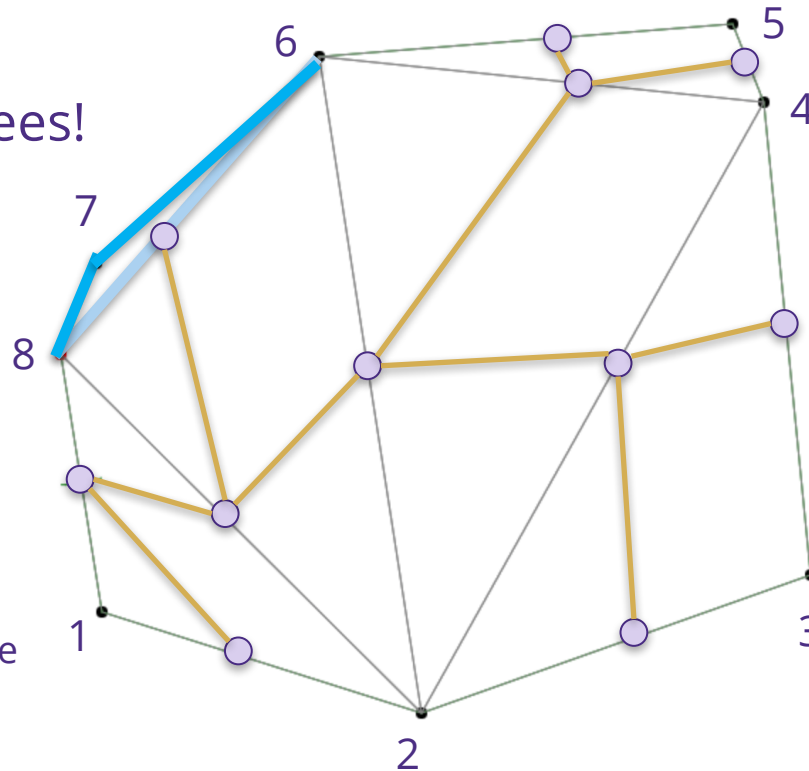
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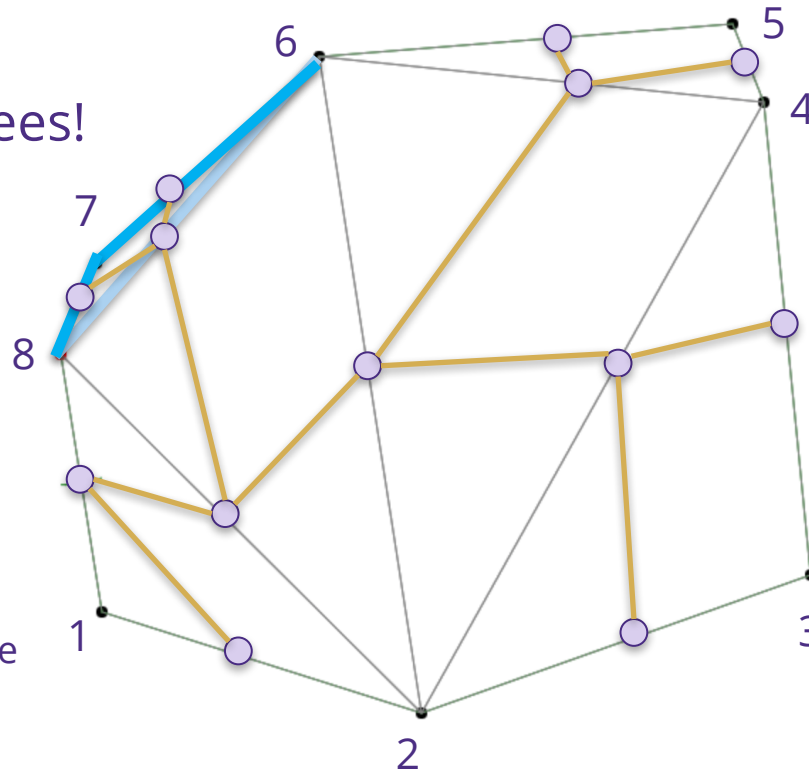
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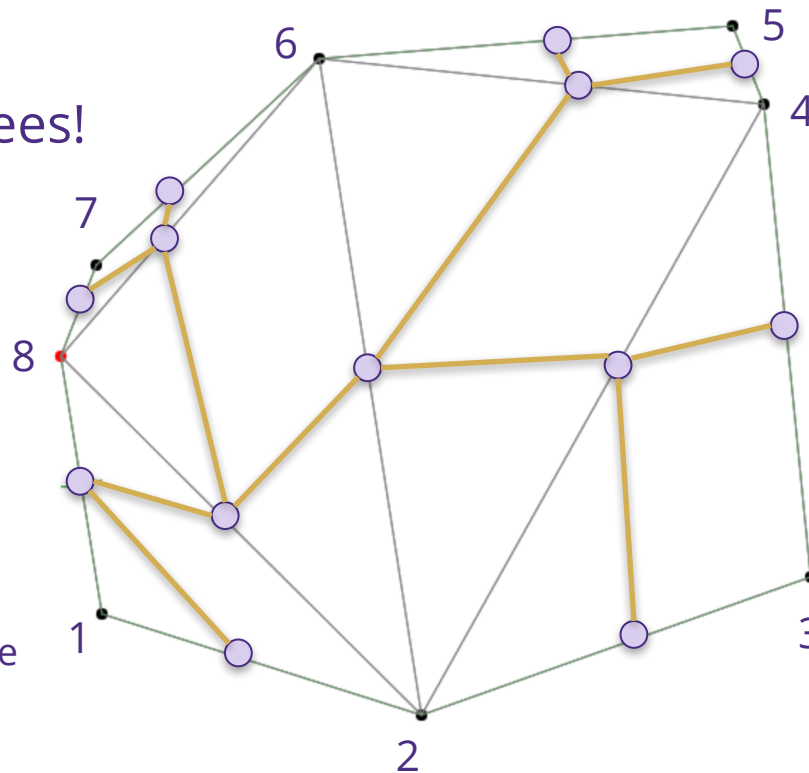
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- > Any triangulation is a tree.
- > Likewise, any tree with edges as leaves is a triangulation.
 - (not hard to check)
- > Hence, this is essentially the same problem as the other two, so the same algorithm should work...



Optimal Polygon Triangulation

> Apply dynamic programming...

1. Can find opt triangulation of $1 \dots n$ given opt for each $1 \dots i$ and $i \dots n$ (see below)
2. To apply this recursively, we need opt on every range $i \dots j$
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min (opt value on $i \dots k$) + (opt value on $k \dots j$) + value of triangle (i, k, j)
over $k = i+1 \dots j-1$

- > Can replace “+” with any associative op
- > Can replace “min” with “max”
- > Value on individual triangles is arbitrary



actually generalizes
the other two problems



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- > Total running time is $O(n^3)$ as before



Optimal Polygon Triangulation

- > You will solve this problem (on paper) in HW5
 - (actually, you can use Excel / Google Docs)

