



DigitalSnow Final meeting
Digital Level Layers for Curve Decomposition and Vectorization

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Plan



Introduction



About tangent estimators



Digital Level Layers



DLL decomposition



Algorithm

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Introduction



Geometric design
(3D artists, designers...)



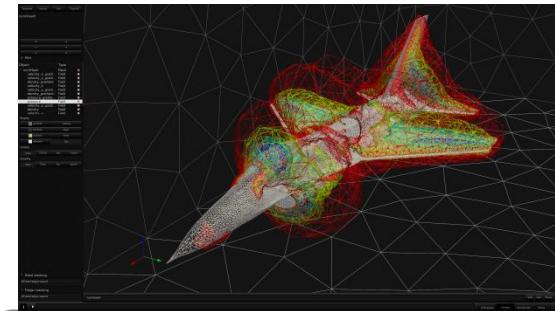
Martin Newell's
Utah Teapot

Real world data acquisition
(3D-scanners, computer vision,
motion capture, medical imaging...)

3D models
(geometry)



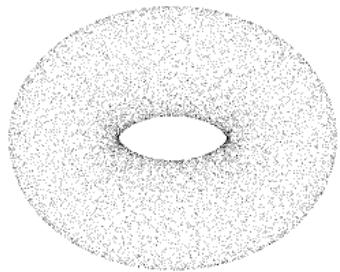
Building
(3D printer, factory...)



Computer simulation
(Finite Elements Methods...)

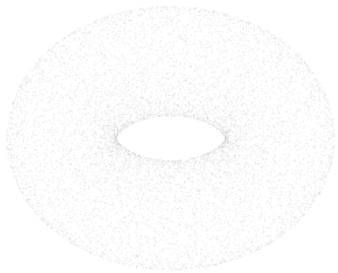


Images
(video games, movies, FX,
Augmented Reality...)

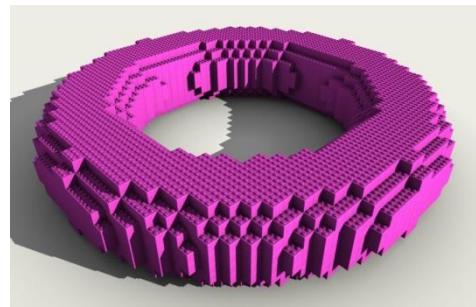


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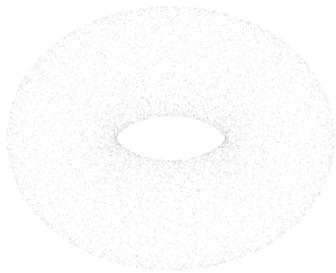


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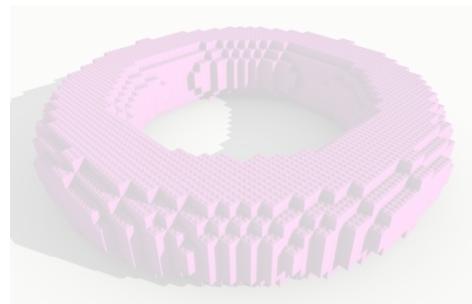


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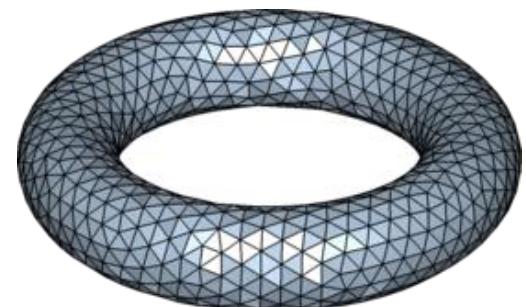
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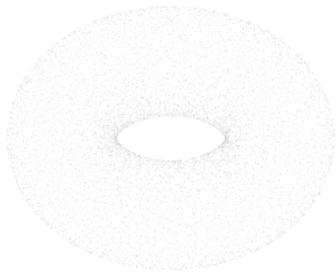


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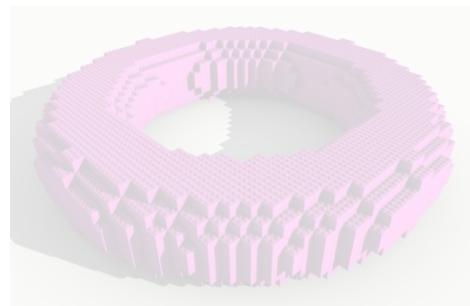


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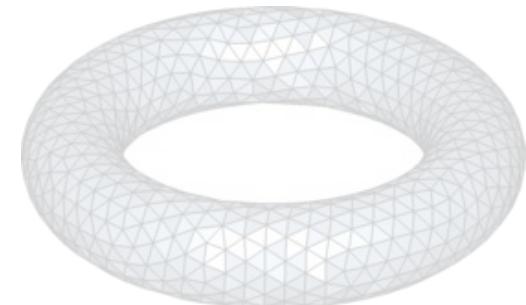
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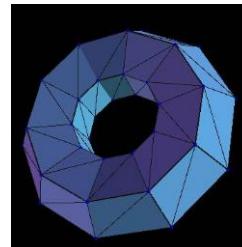
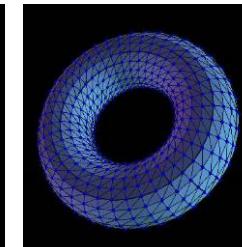
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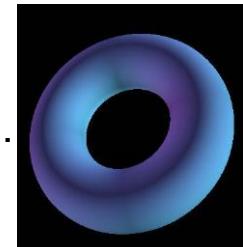
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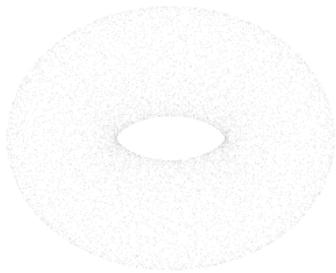
1 iteration of
Loop scheme

Limit shape

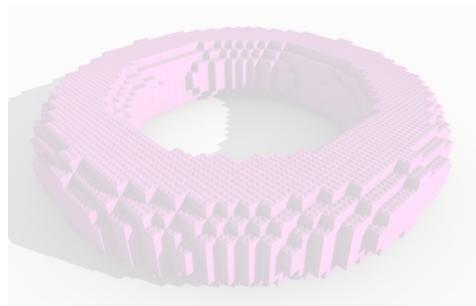


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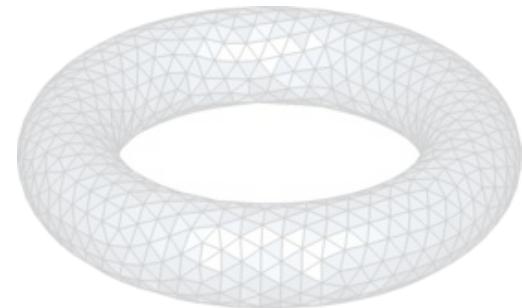
Subdivision surfaces



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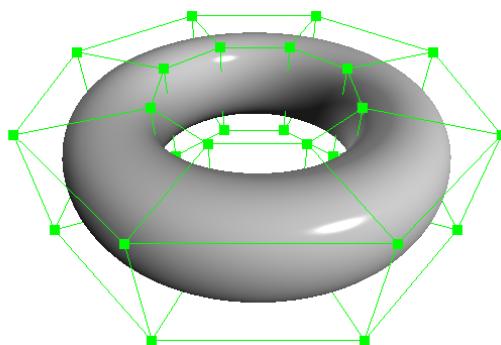


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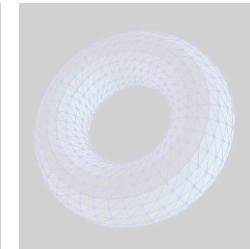
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Parametric shapes
(Bézier, B-splines, NURBS...)

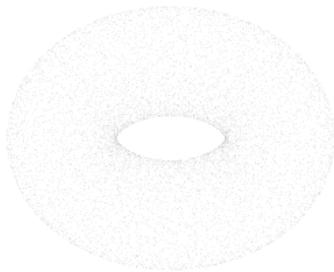
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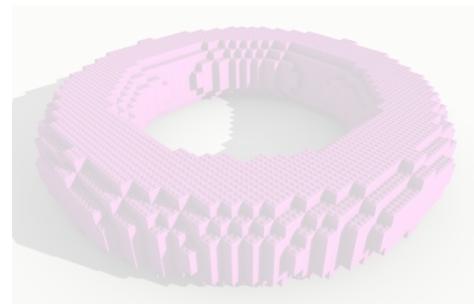
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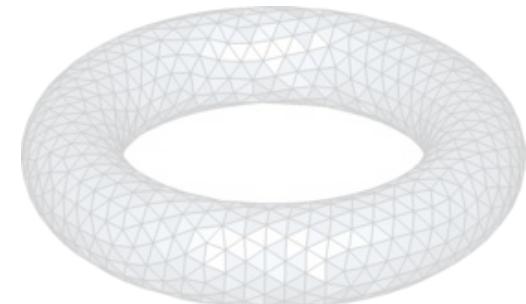
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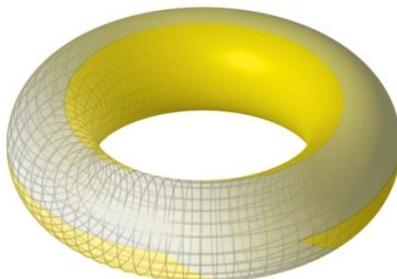
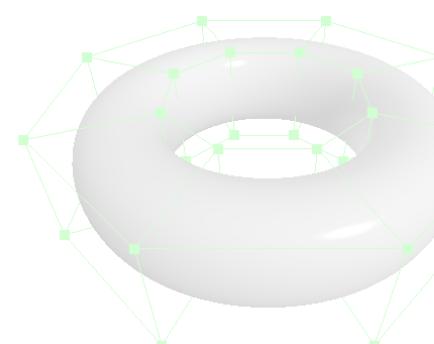


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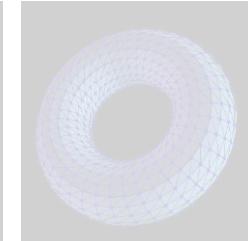


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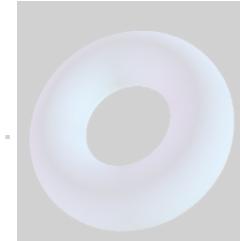
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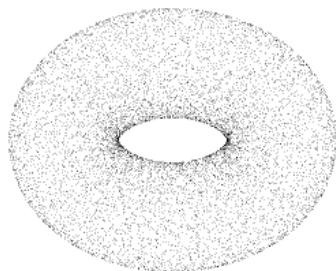
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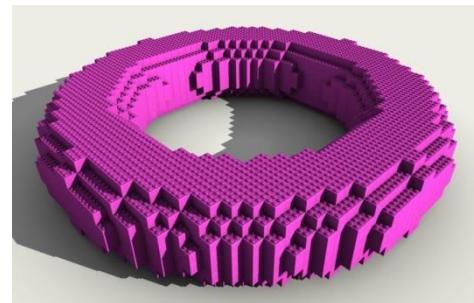
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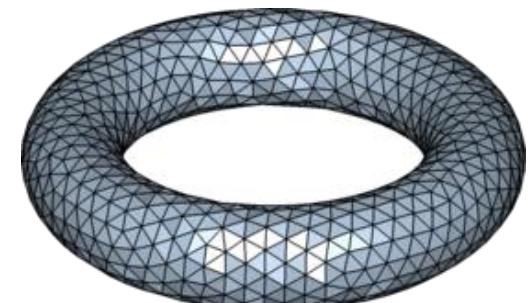
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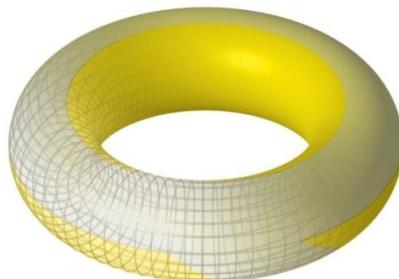
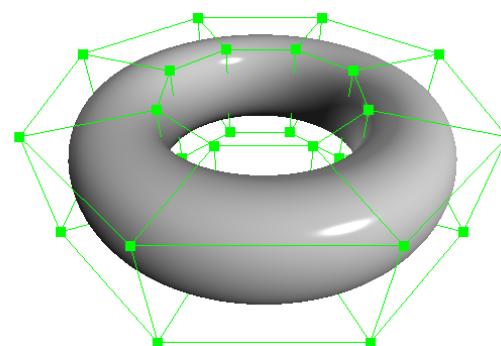


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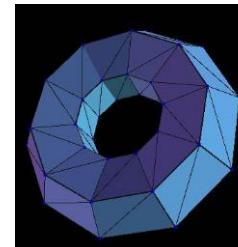


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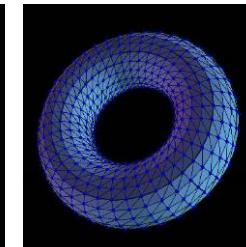
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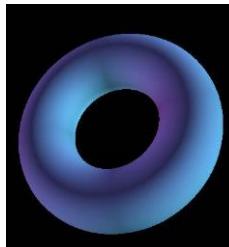
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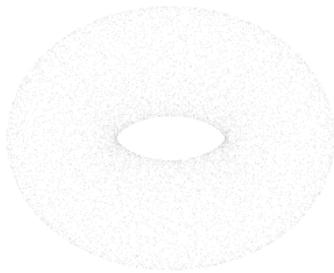
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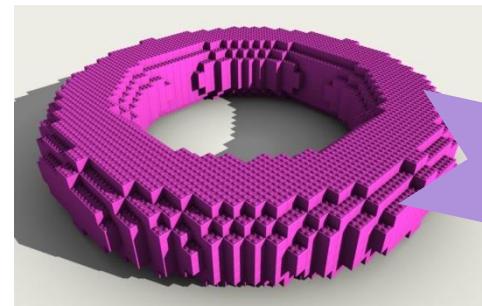
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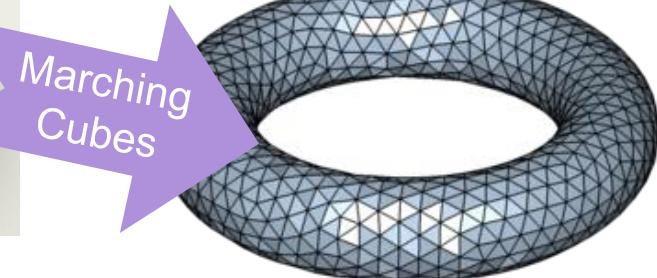
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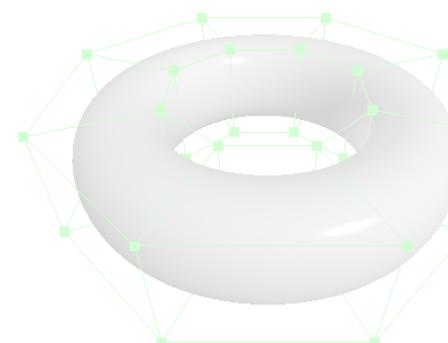


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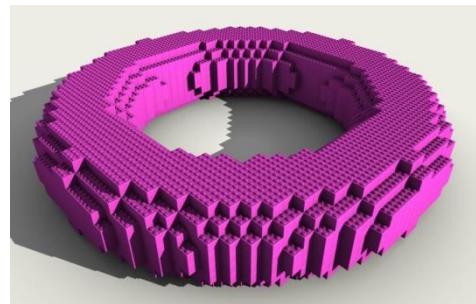
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Just **export** the digital model **in a mesh** with marching cubes and simplification.



That's the option followed by most people
(it's a good option).

Let me my voxels!!!



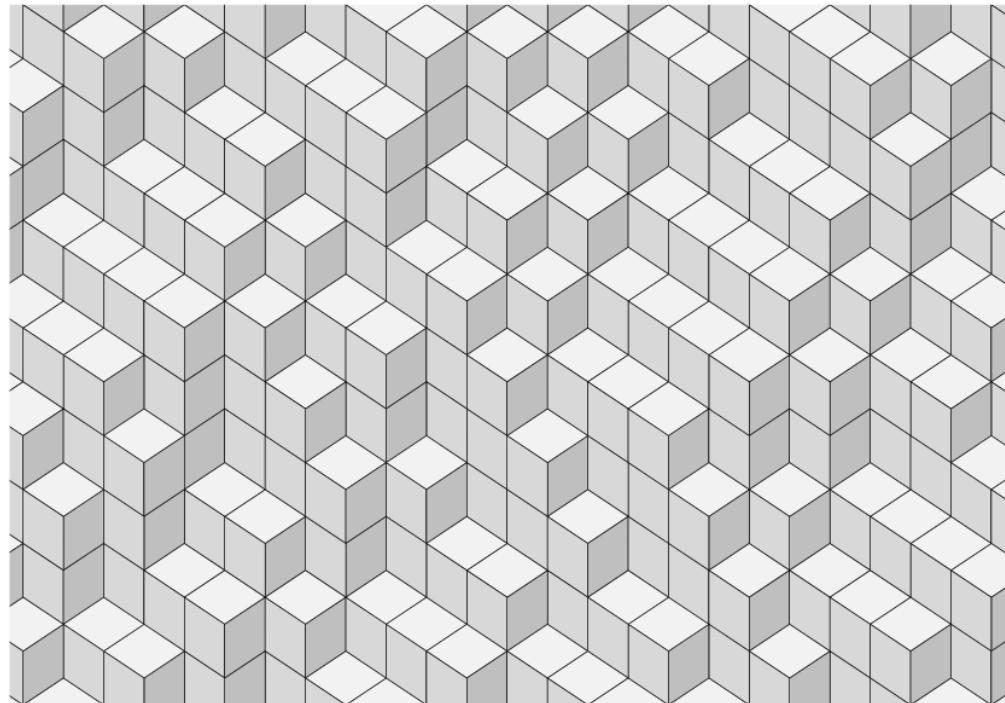
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May be, they played to much legos during
their childhood.

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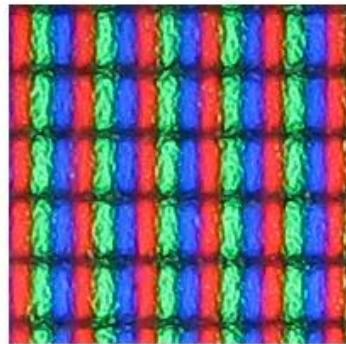


A stepped surface @ Thomas Fernique

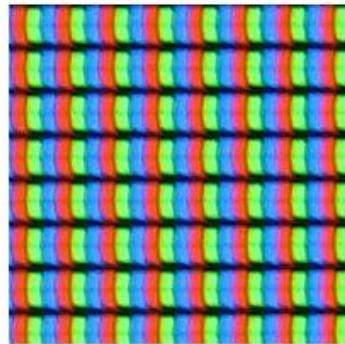


For the beauty of theory ☺

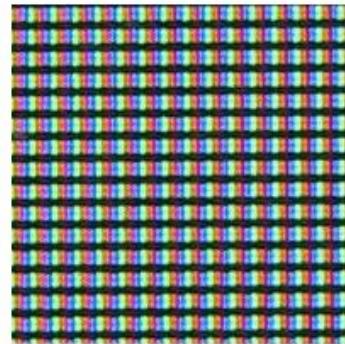
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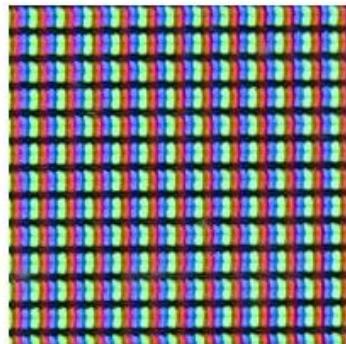
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24" 1920x1200 (94ppi)



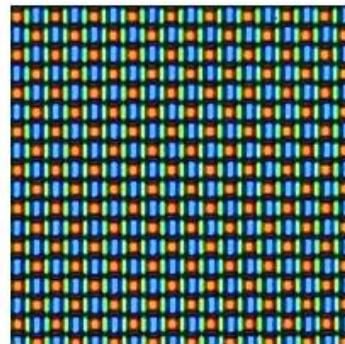
Apple iPad (Original)
9.7" 1024x768 (132ppi)



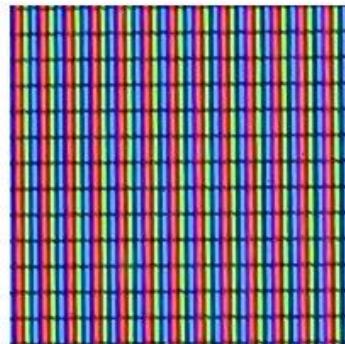
Apple The New iPad (3rd Gen)
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Asus (Google) Nexus 7
7" 1280x800 (216ppi)



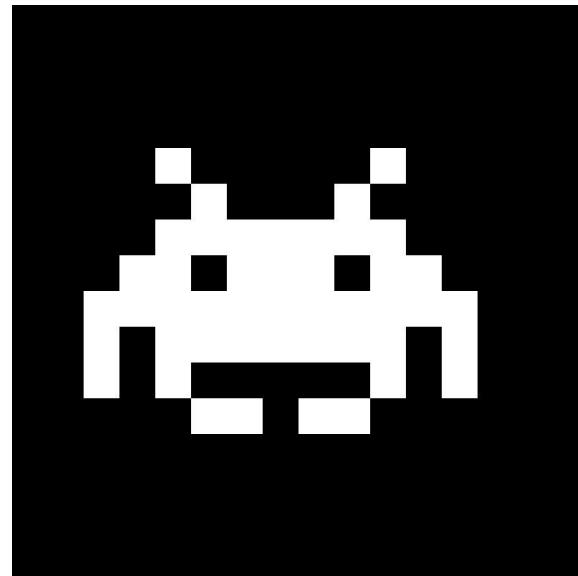
Samsung Galaxy SIII
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Sony Playstation Vita
5" 960x544 (220ppi)



Screens are lattices of pixels.



Binary image



Images are tabs of pixel values.

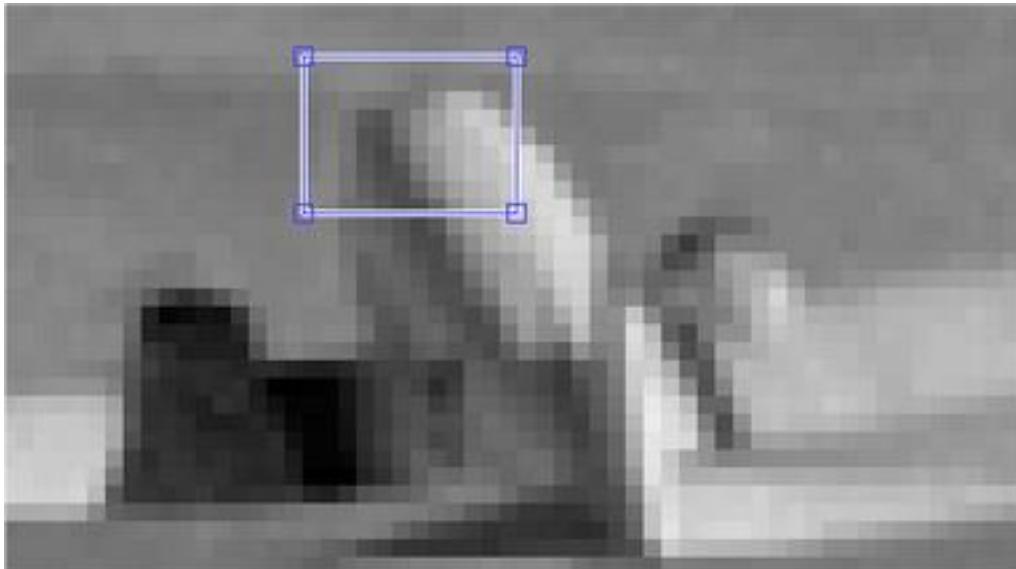


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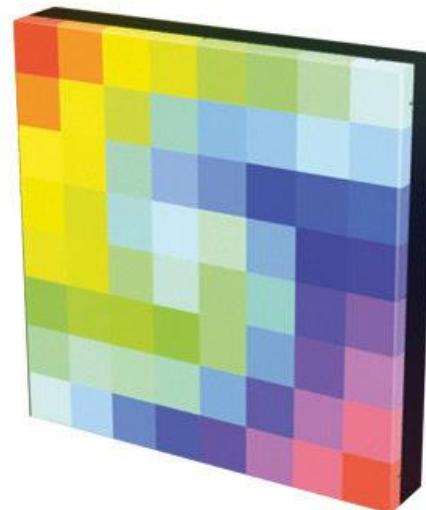
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Page 2 – green intensity values	0.342	0.647	0.515	0.816	...
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Page 1 – red intensity values	0.112	0.986	0.234	0.432	...
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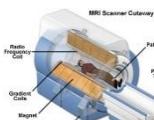
Cameras



3D scan



Kinect



MRI



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The input is digital

Computation

The output is digital

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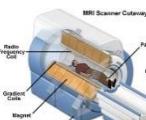
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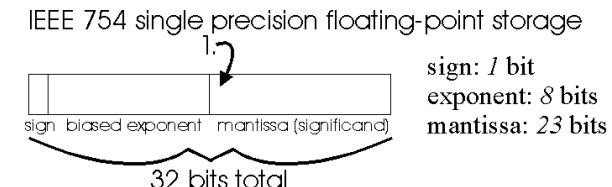
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Integer arithmetic



Which
arithmetic
for the
computation ?

Floating Point Arithmetic



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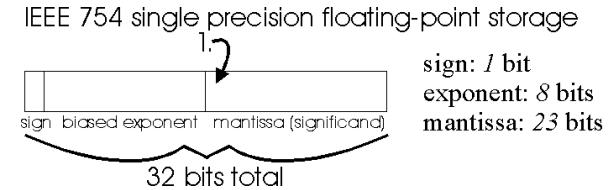
Integer arithmetic



Suitable for computers
(exact computations)

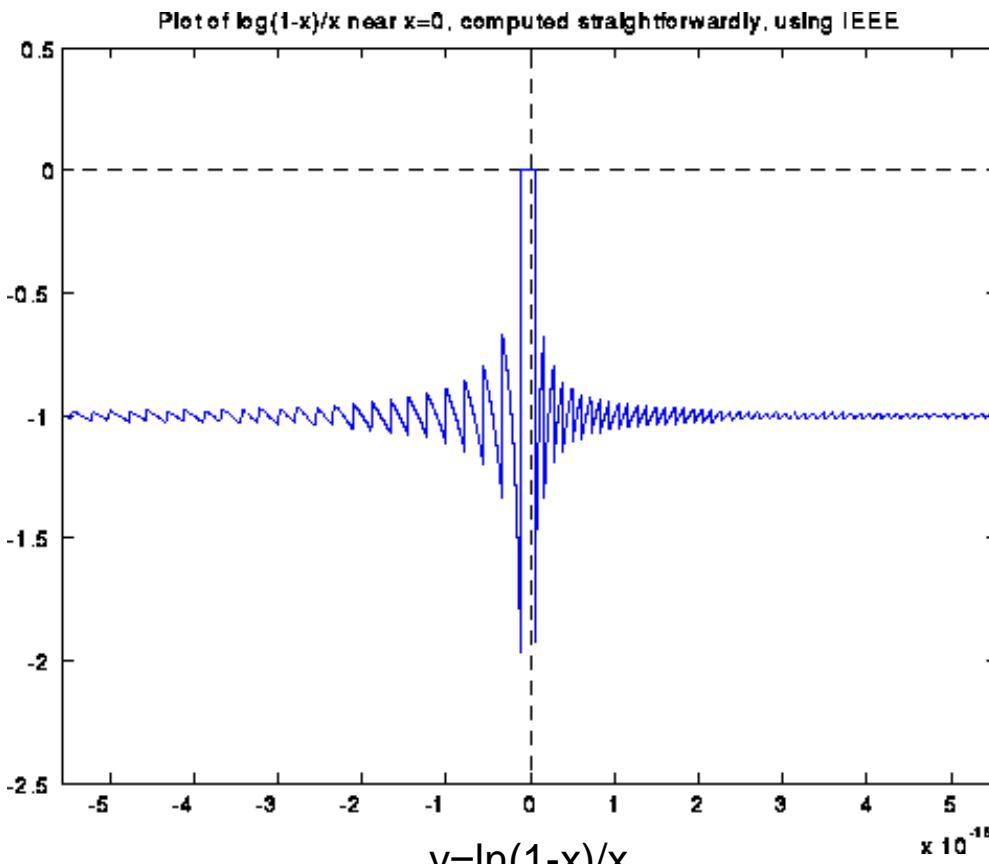
Requires digital mathematics...

Floating Point Arithmetic



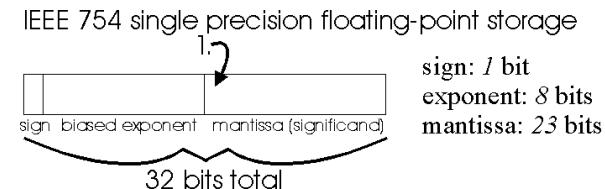
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Problems of inaccuracy...



with IEEE 754 standard

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Most popular option.

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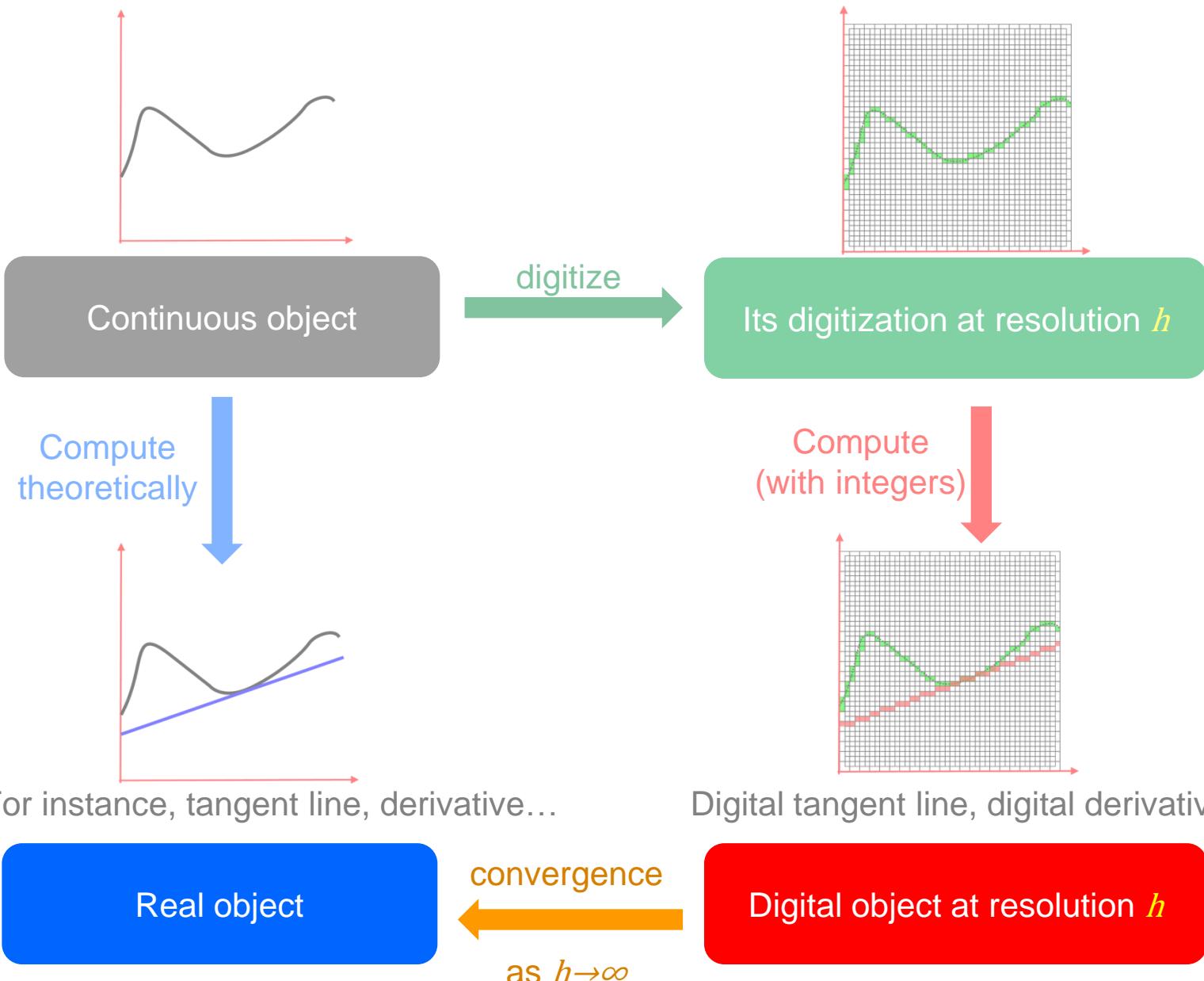
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The developpment of
digital mathematics
is a **huge** challenge



We can not do whatever
we want. There are
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Output = integers



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Introduction



About tangent estimators



Digital Primitives



Measurements



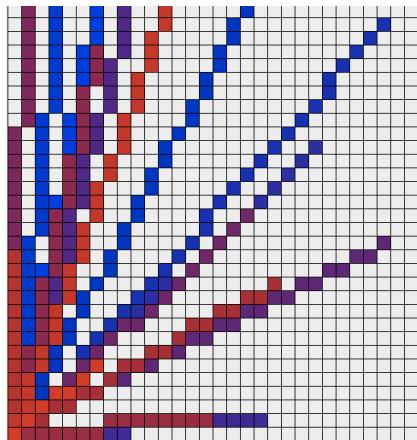
Transformations and Combinatorics

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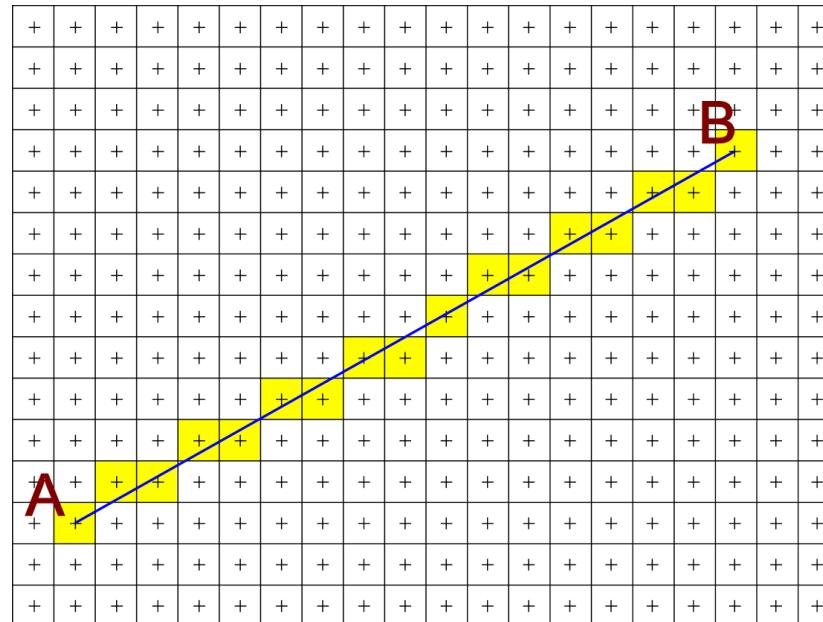
About tangent estimators

In the early 60's, the beginning of computer graphics required the first algorithms to display figures on the screen.



First requirement:
display **straight lines**
and other elementary figures.

Working for IBM, *Jack Elton Bresenham* developed an « optimized » algorithm to draw a line (1962).



Bresenham straight line from A to B.

The concept of digital line can be easily defined...

Digital lines definition:

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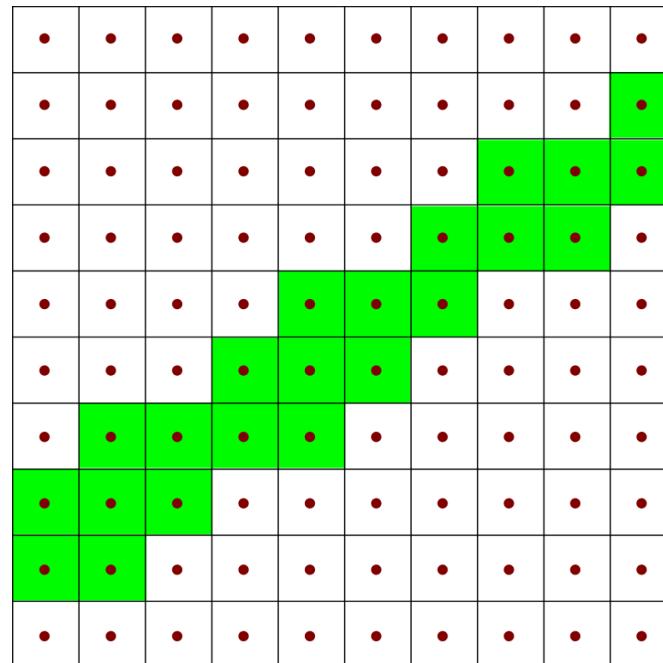
$$h \leq ax + by < h + \Delta$$

It's exactly the same for affine sub-spaces of codimension 1 (digital hyperplanes) of \mathbb{Z}^d .

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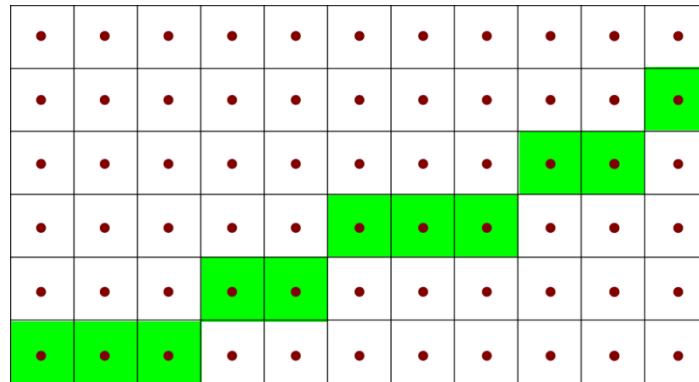
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It's 8-connected.

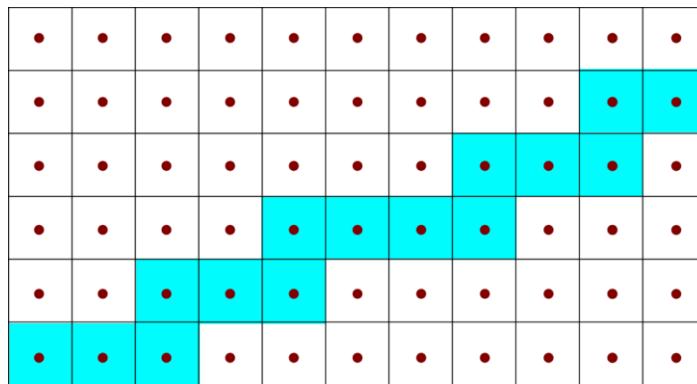
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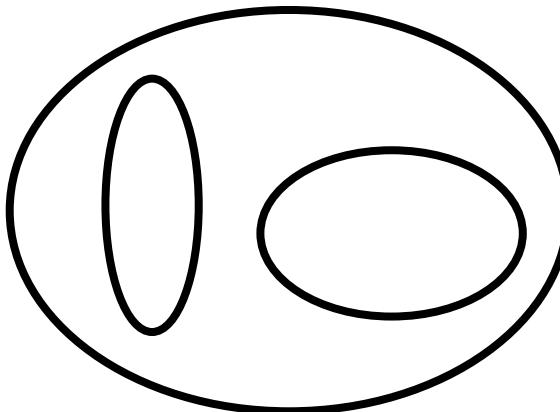


A digital line is *standard* if $\Delta = |a| + |b|$.

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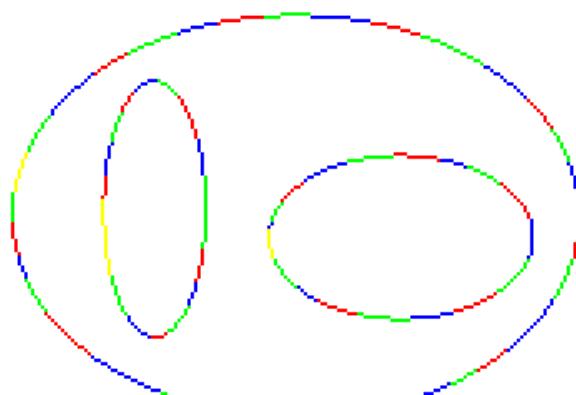
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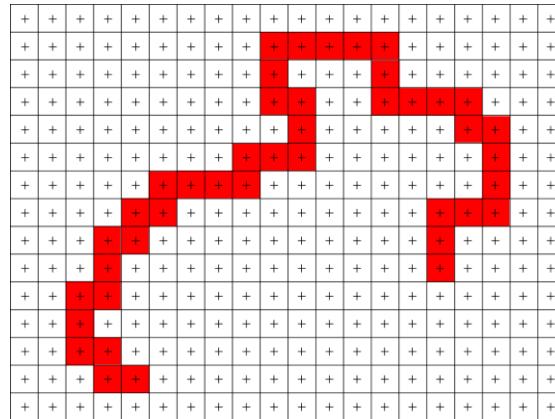
Input: A digital curve

Segmentation in pieces of
digital straight lines
(72 pieces)

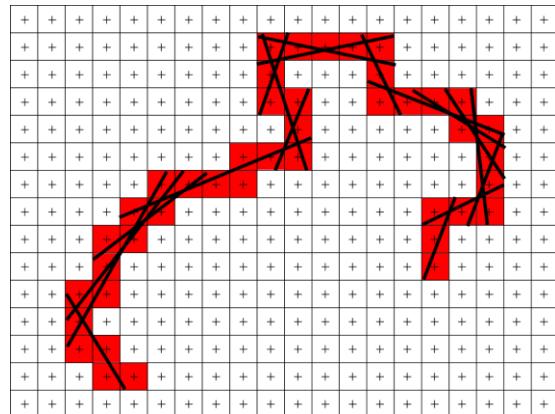


Worst case complexity:
linear time
I. Debled-Rennesson, J-P Reveilles, 2th DGCI, 1992.

Output: Its decomposition in Digital Straight Segments



Input: A digital curve

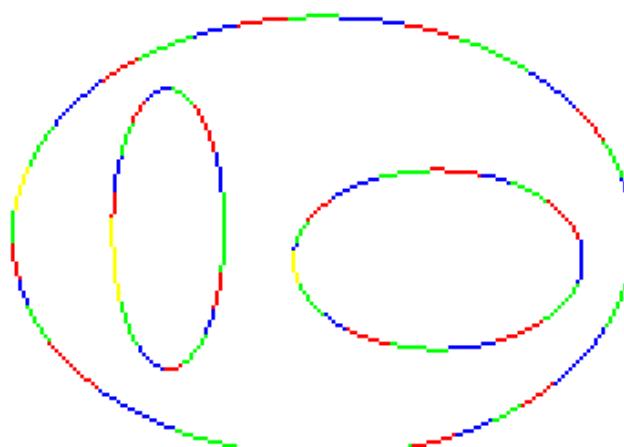


Worst Case Complexity:

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J-O Lachaud, A. Vialard, F. De Vieilleville, DGCI 2005.

Output: Its Tangential Cover



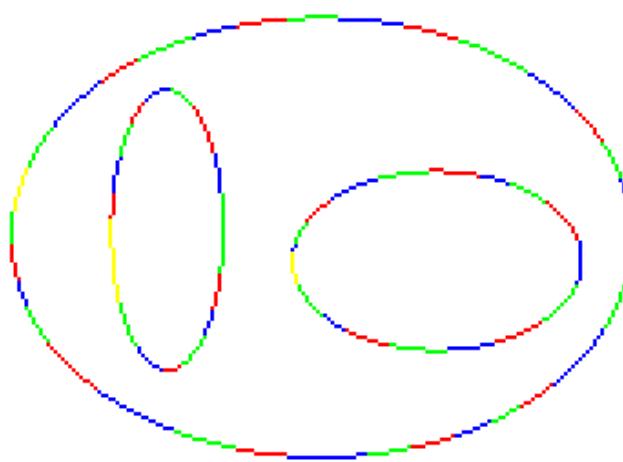
Interest Maximal Digital Straight Segments around a point x provide tangent direction at x .

Average convergence rate
 $O(h^{2/3})$
In J-O Lachaud, 2006

Locally convex shapes

Good news:
it's multigrid convergent
(under some assumptions)
J. Lachaud, A. Vialard, F. De Vieilleville, DGCI 2005.





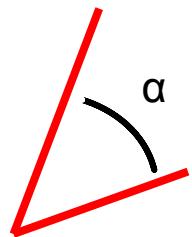
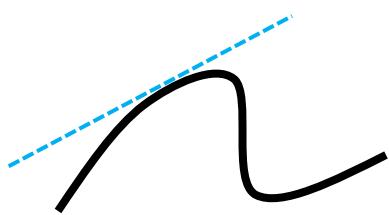
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There exist other ways to provide multigrid convergent tangent estimators...



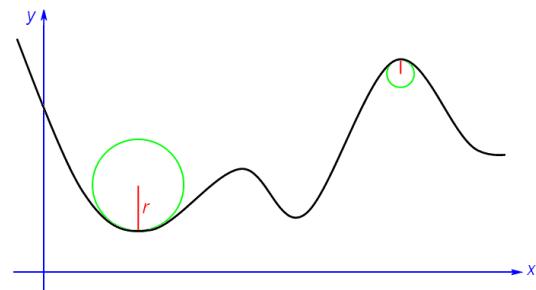
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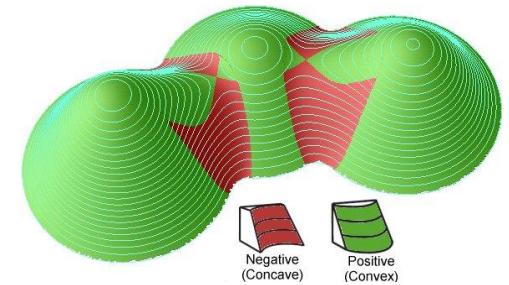


Tangent
and
normal
directions

Angles



Curvatures of curves and surfaces

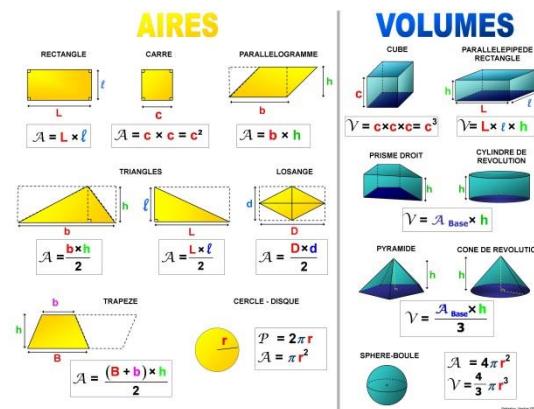
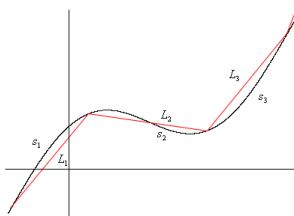


Negative
(Concave)

Positive
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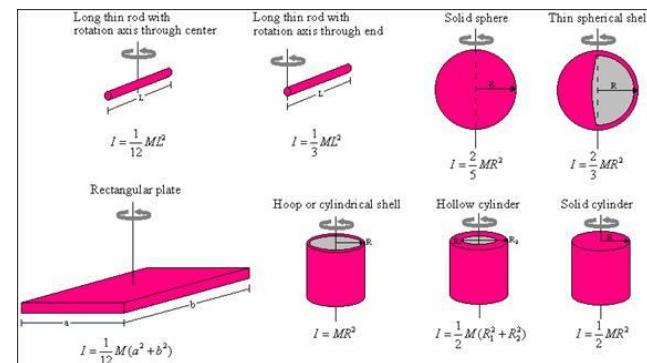


Length, areas, volumes

$$\text{Length} = \int 1 \, ds$$

$$\text{Area} = \iint 1 \, dS$$

$$\text{Volume} = \iiint 1 \, dV$$



Sums
(barycenter coordinates, moment...)

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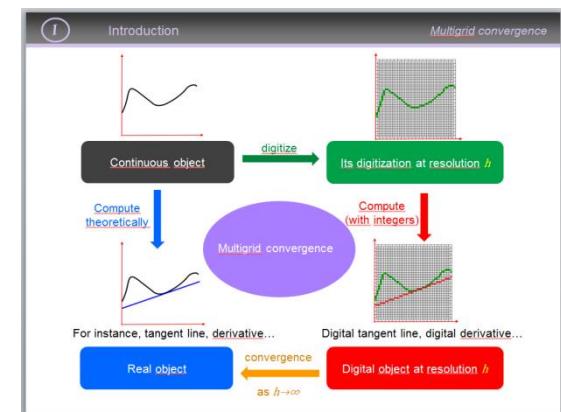
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Preserve the relations
between measurements
(turning Number Theorem,
Gauss-Bonnet...)

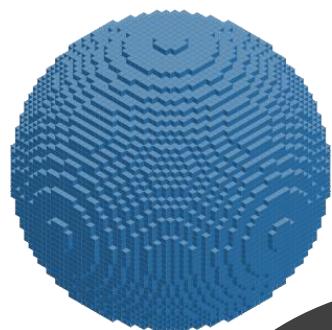
Don't forget
Multigrid convergence...



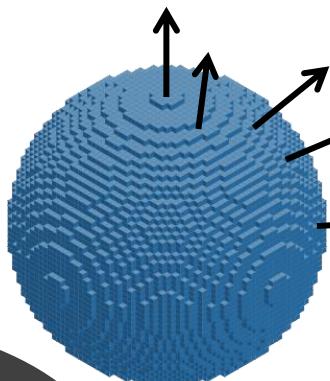
Review for 2D in Book chapter « *Multigrid convergent Discrete estimators* »
from *D. Coeurjolly, J-O Lachaud and T. Roussillon*.

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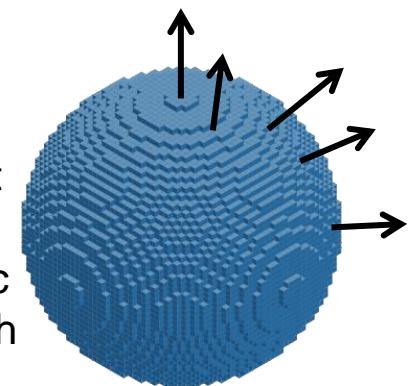
To provide measurements...



Compute the
normal field



Weight the
measurement
with the metric
associated with
the normal



Use a multigrid convergent
computation of normals...

It can guarantee the
Multigrid convergence of
the measurement.

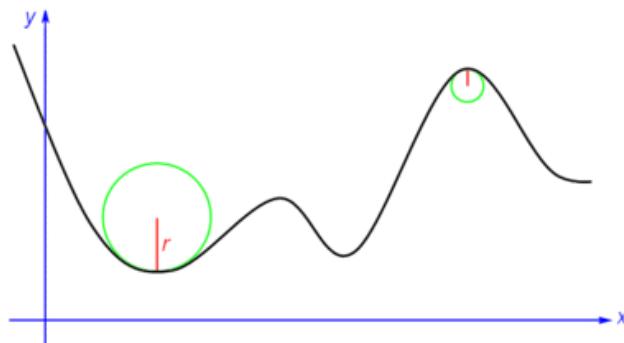




Everything is cool, but...
Can we do better than using digital straight segments ?

Not only for tangent estimation, but also for **conversion from raster to vector graphics**.

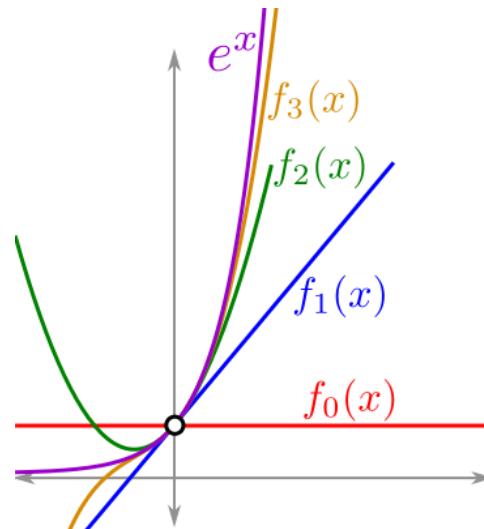
Use digital primitives of higher degree .



Curvature is defined with
osculating circles



Use digital circles



An analytical function is approximated by
its *Taylor Polynomial* of degree n.



Use a more generic approach

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Use a more generic approach

Plan



Introduction



About tangent estimators



Digital Level Layers



DLL decomposition

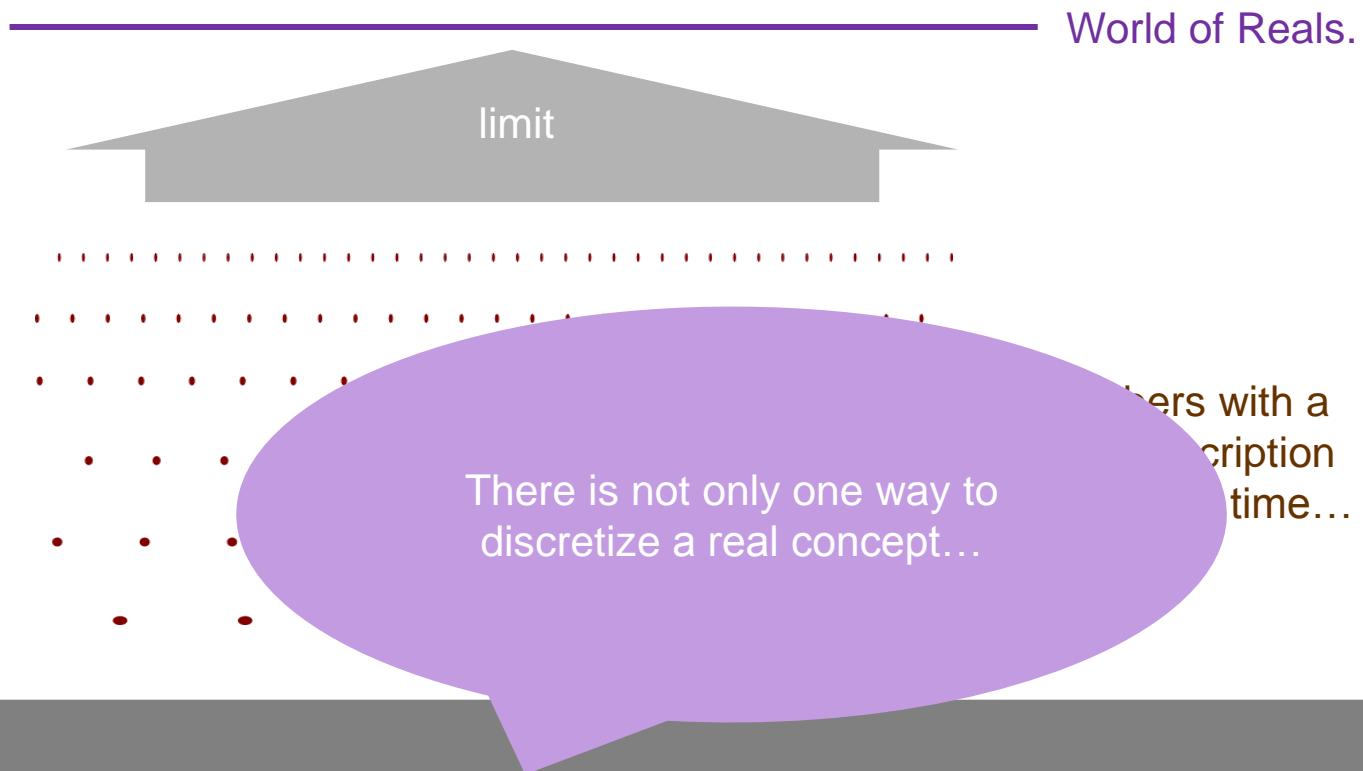


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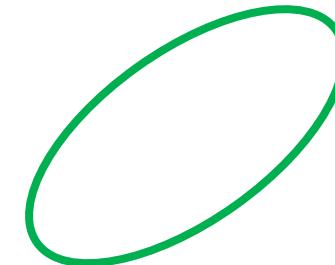
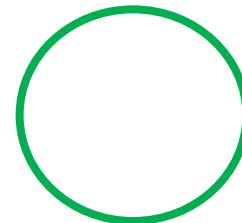
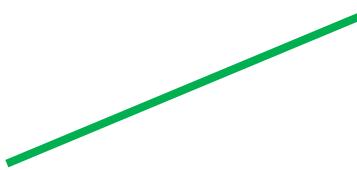
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Digital Level Layers

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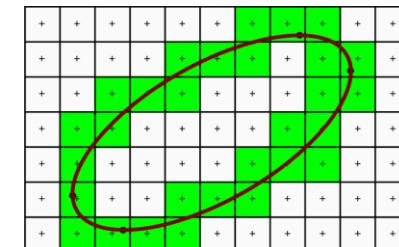
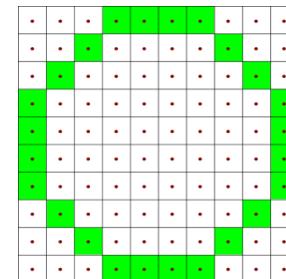
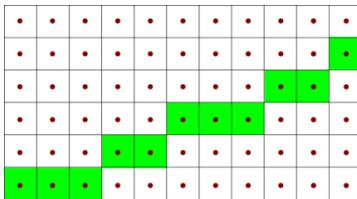
Different discrete **objects** or **concepts** have the same **limit** ...



Continuous figures.

Three approaches can be used to define digital primitives:

- topological
- morphological
- analytical



Digital figures.

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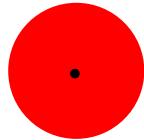
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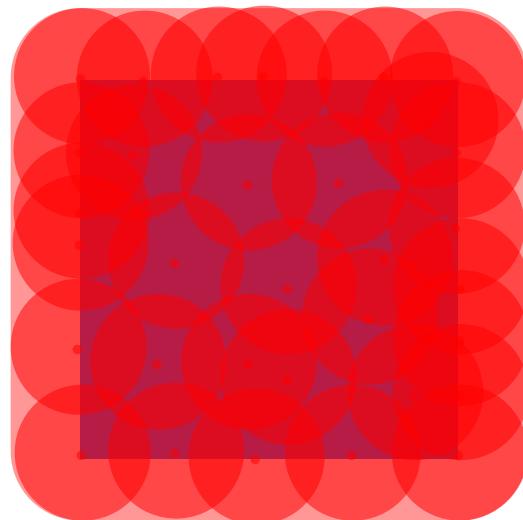
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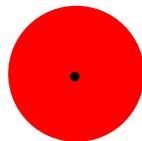
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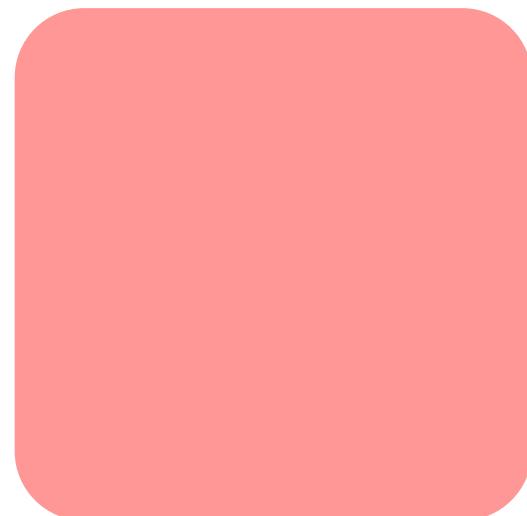
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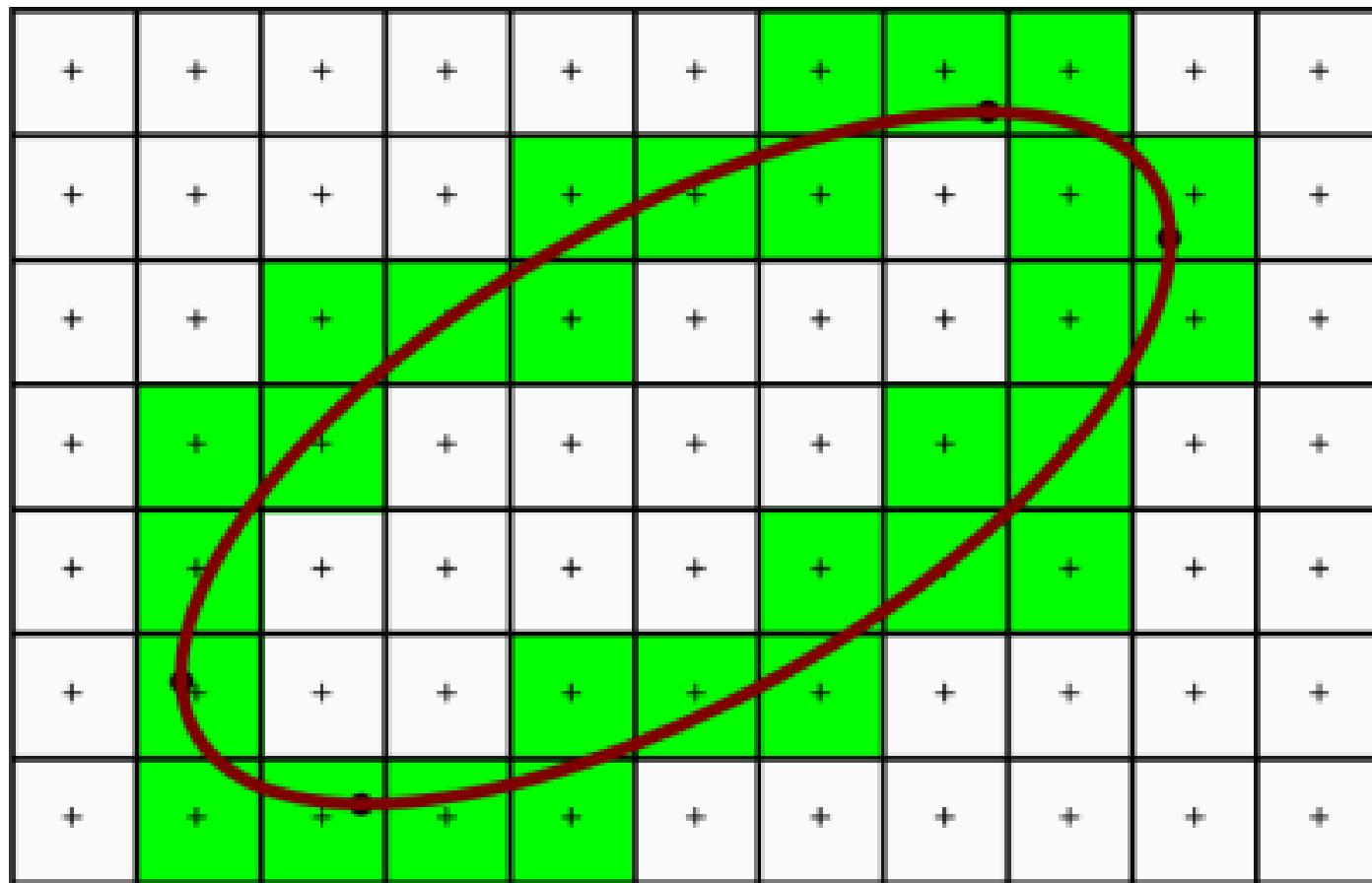
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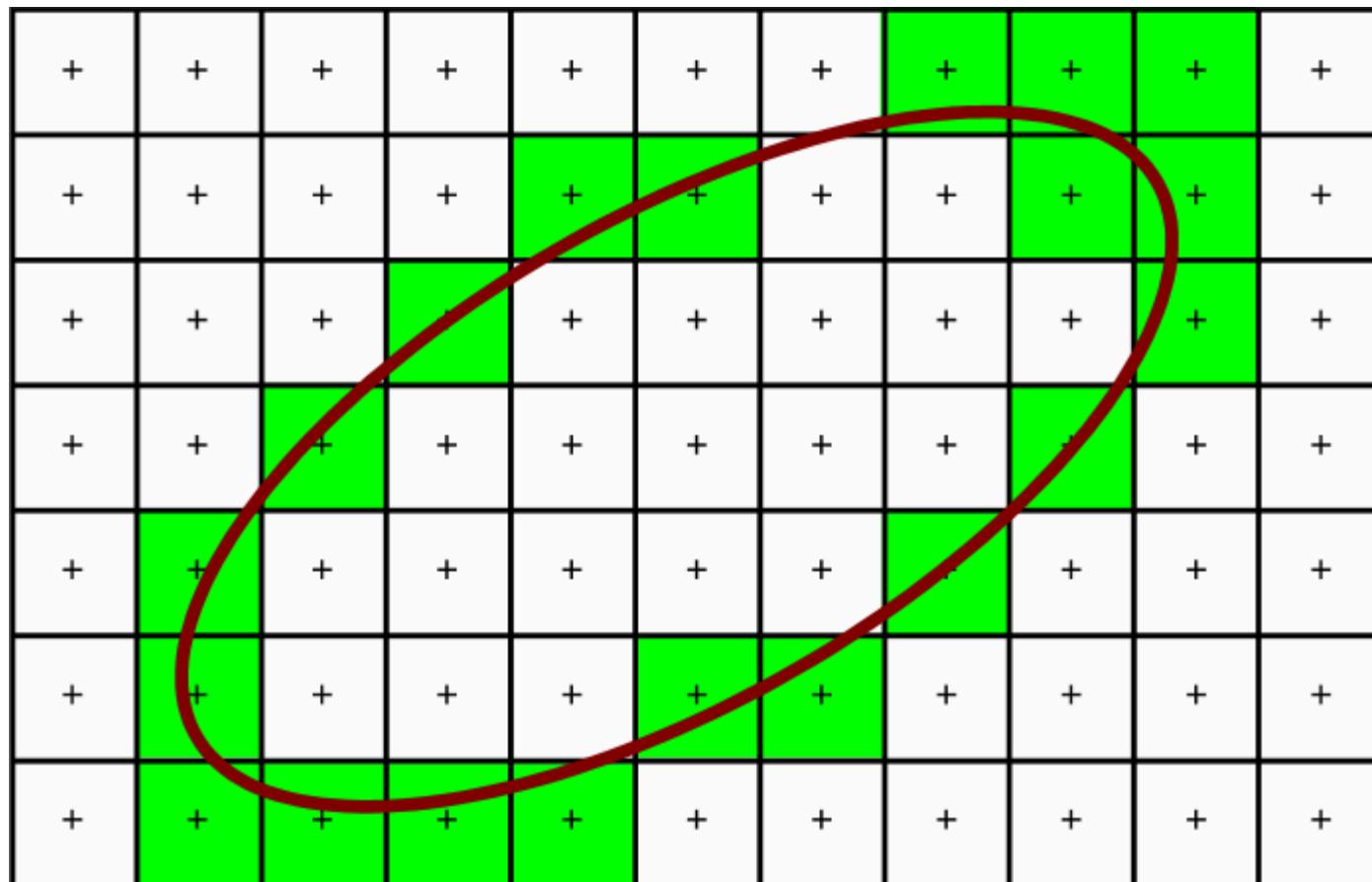


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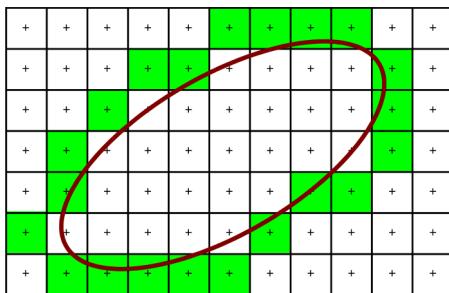


Structuring element

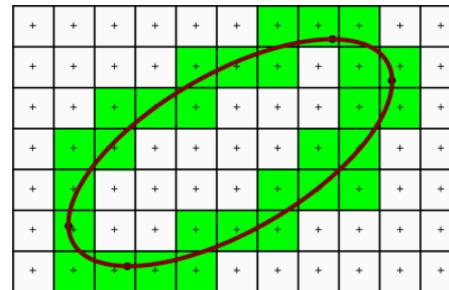




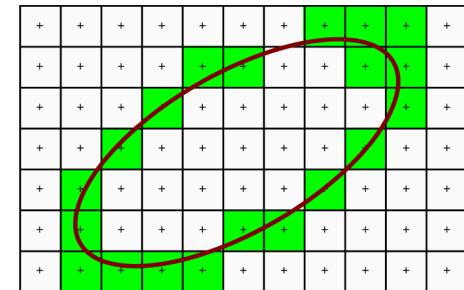
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Topological approach.



Morphological approach.

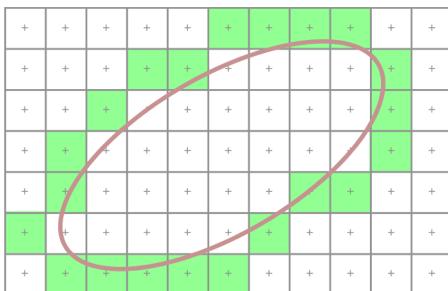


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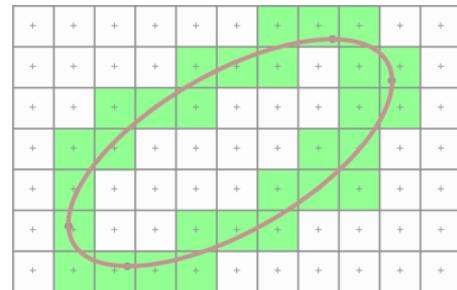
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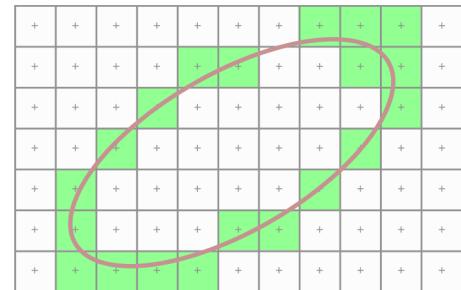
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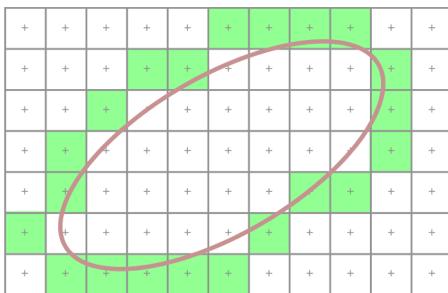


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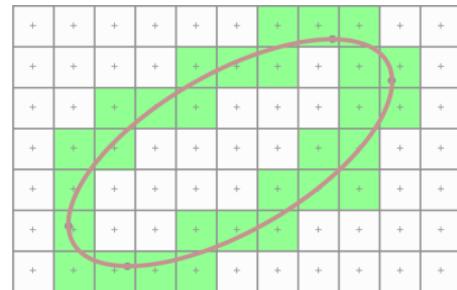
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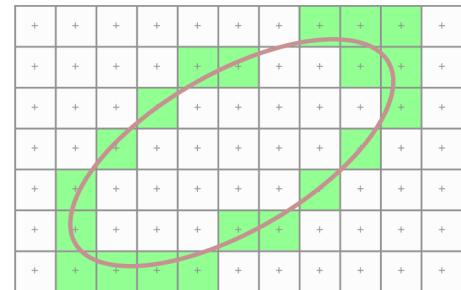
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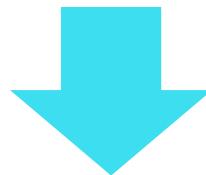
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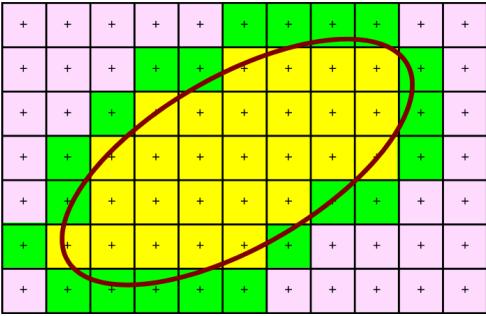
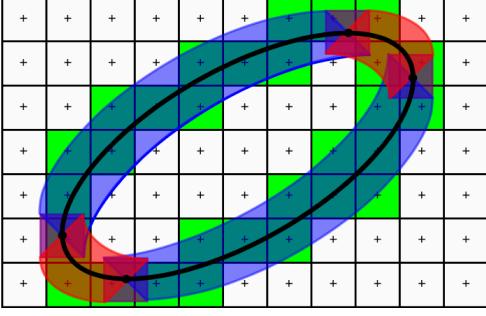
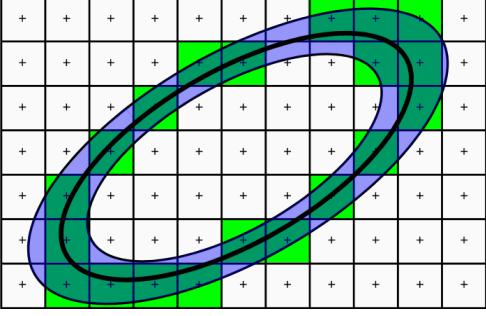
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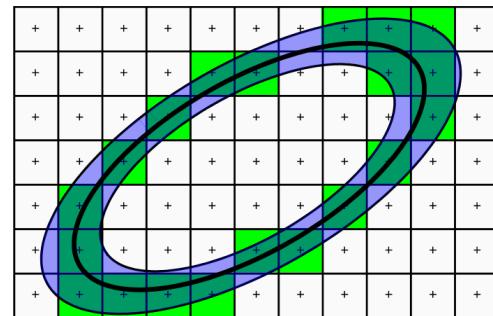
They don't collapse for arbitrary shapes.

	Topology	Morphology	Analysis
Properties			
Topology			
Morphology			
Algebraic characterization			
Recognition algorithm			

Advantages and drawbacks?

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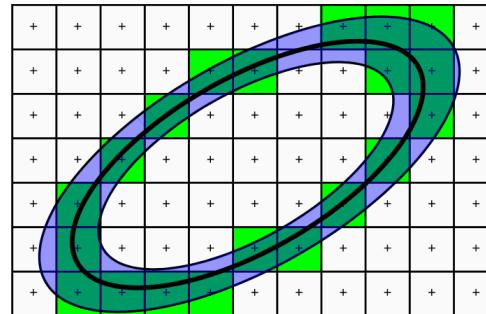
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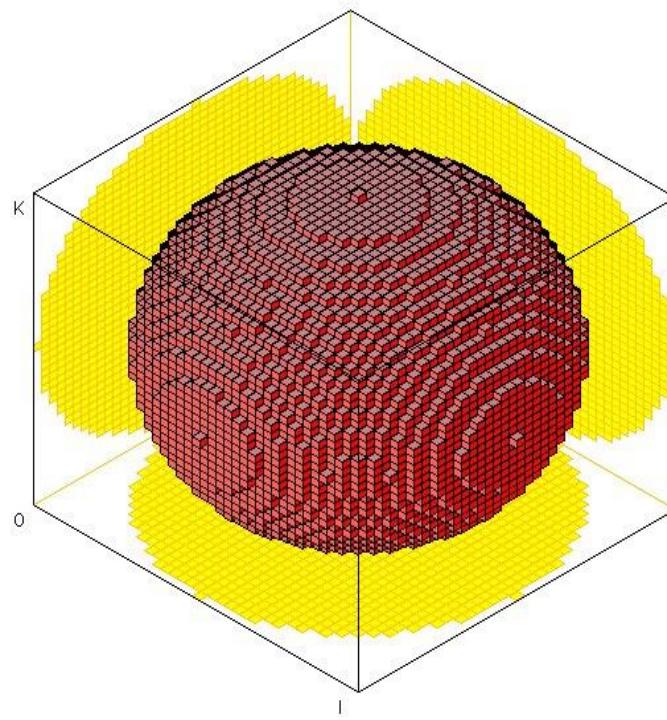
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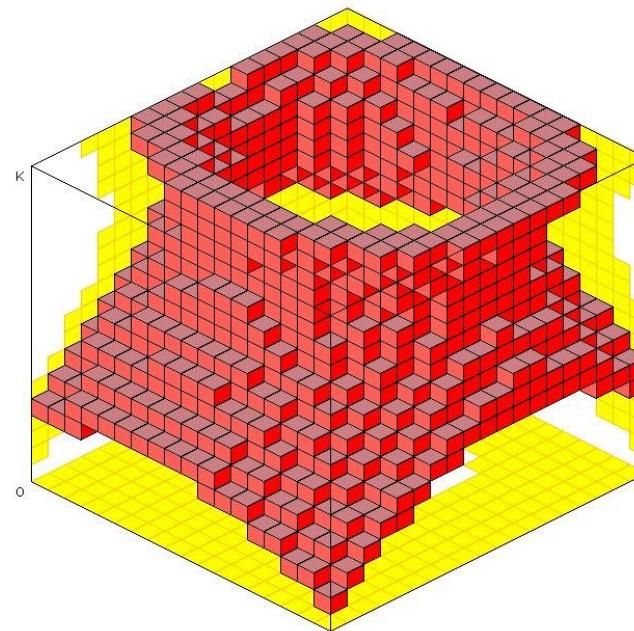


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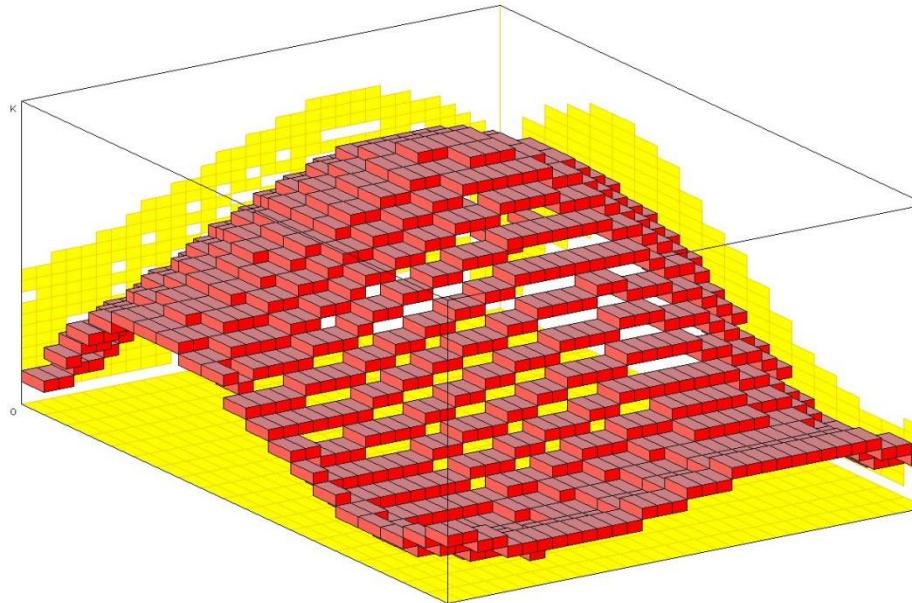
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The advantage of DLL is that they are described by double-inequalities:
They can be used in *Vector Graphics* (for zooming or any transformation).



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Digital Level Layers
generalize
Digital Straight Lines.

What about Tangent
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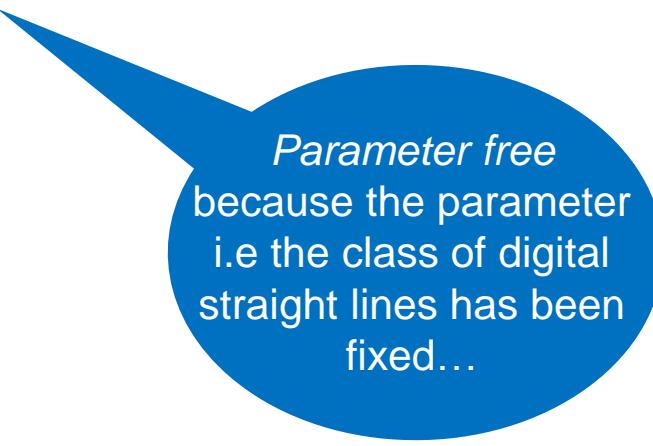
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Review of multigrid convergent estimators developed in Digital Geometry.

Method	Authors	Assumption on the continuous curve	Order of derivative	Worst case Error bound
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Parameter free
because the parameter
i.e the class of digital
straight lines has been
fixed...

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All approaches are able to deal with noisy shapes (using their parameters).

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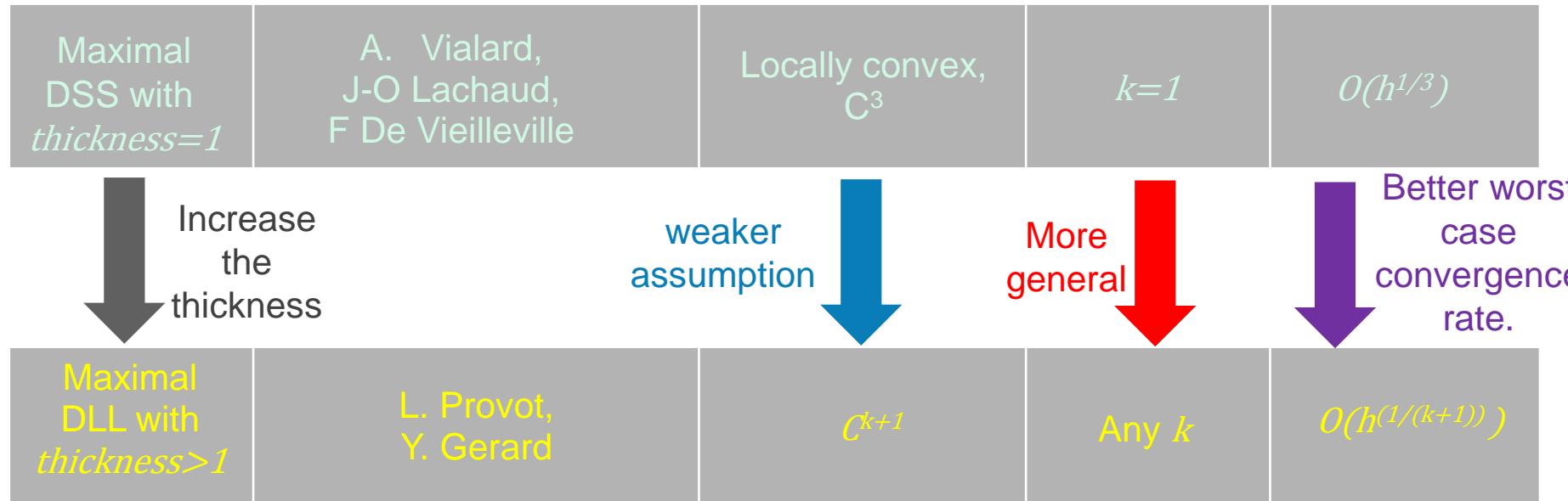
Can be applied on contours of a shape,
not only the graph of a function...

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Applied on a digital function
 $f:Z \rightarrow Z$

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Maximal DLL with *thickness*=1

There is the convergence result for $k=1$.
There should exist extensions for $k>1$ under some conditions...

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Iterative version with deleting and points insertion for computing the derivative along a curve.
It remains linear.

Computation in worst case linear time for a single DLL.

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Computation in $O(n^{2(k+1)})$ in theory but close to linear time in practice for a single DLL.

No iterative version with deleting and points insertion for computing the derivative along a curve. It becomes quadratic.

Review of multigrid convergent estimators developed in Digital Geometry.

More restrictive and less accurate but faster...

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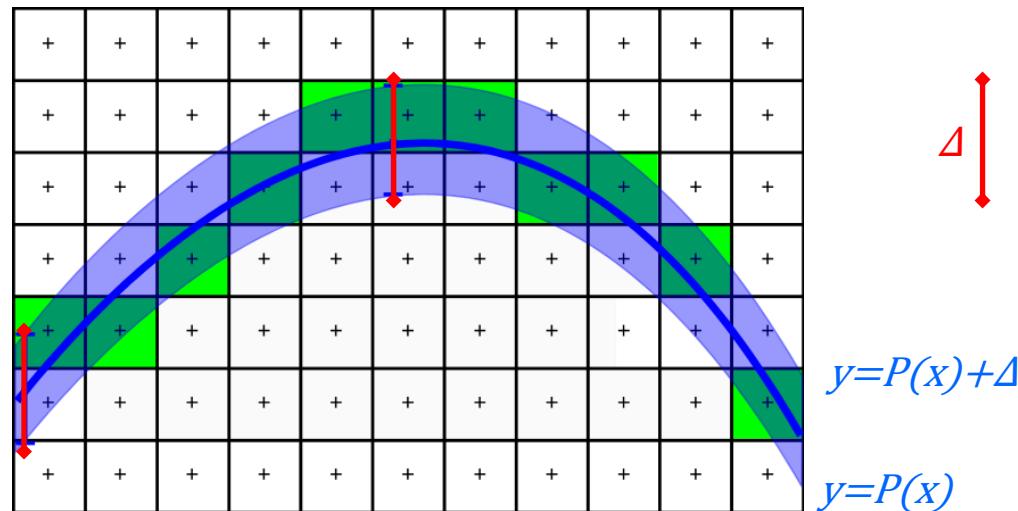
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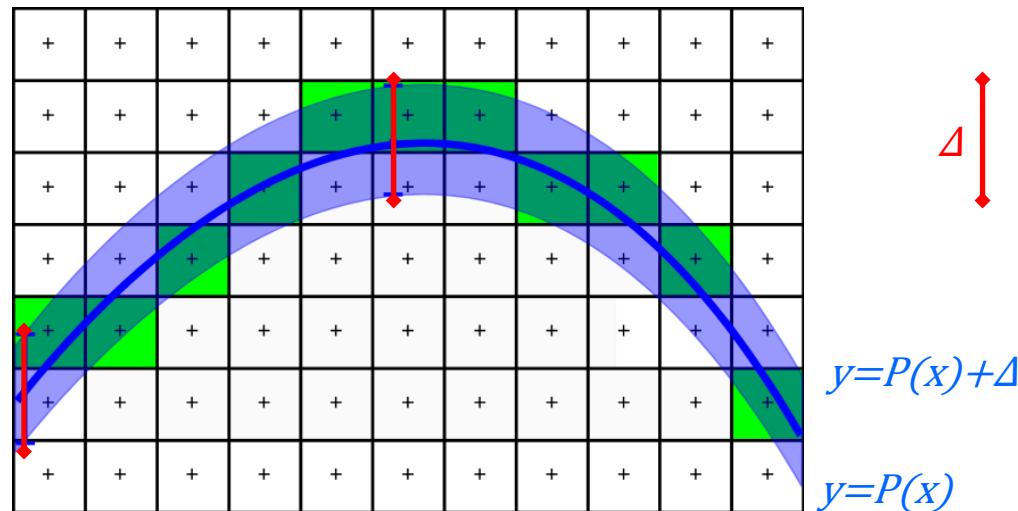
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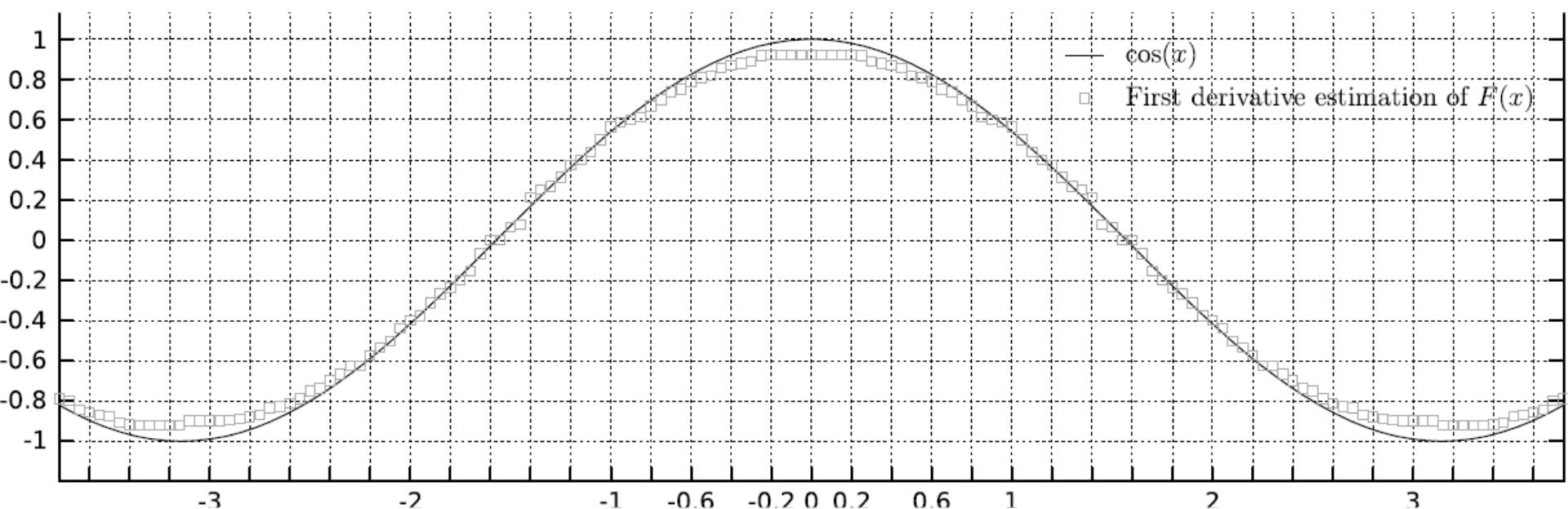
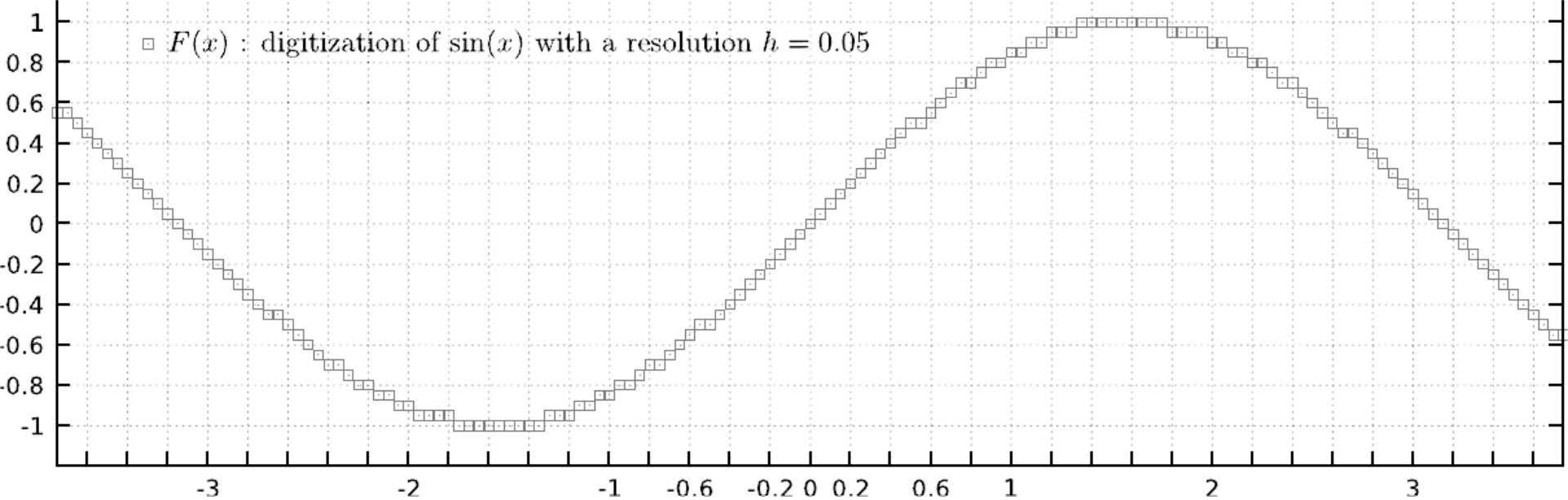
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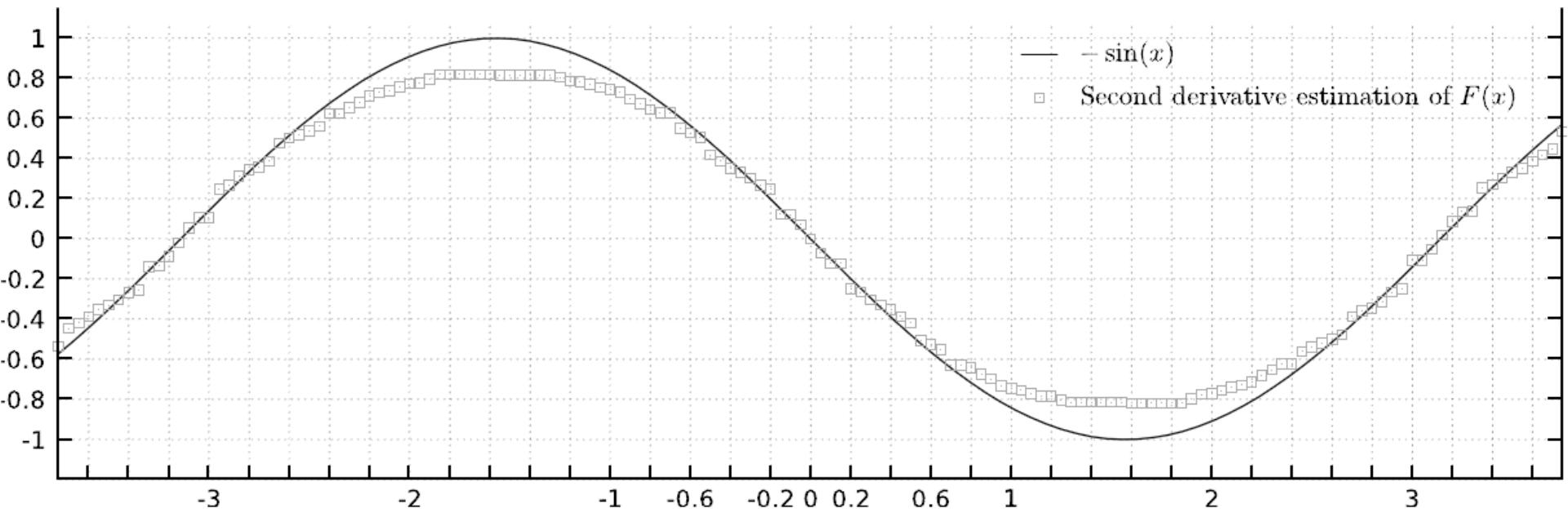
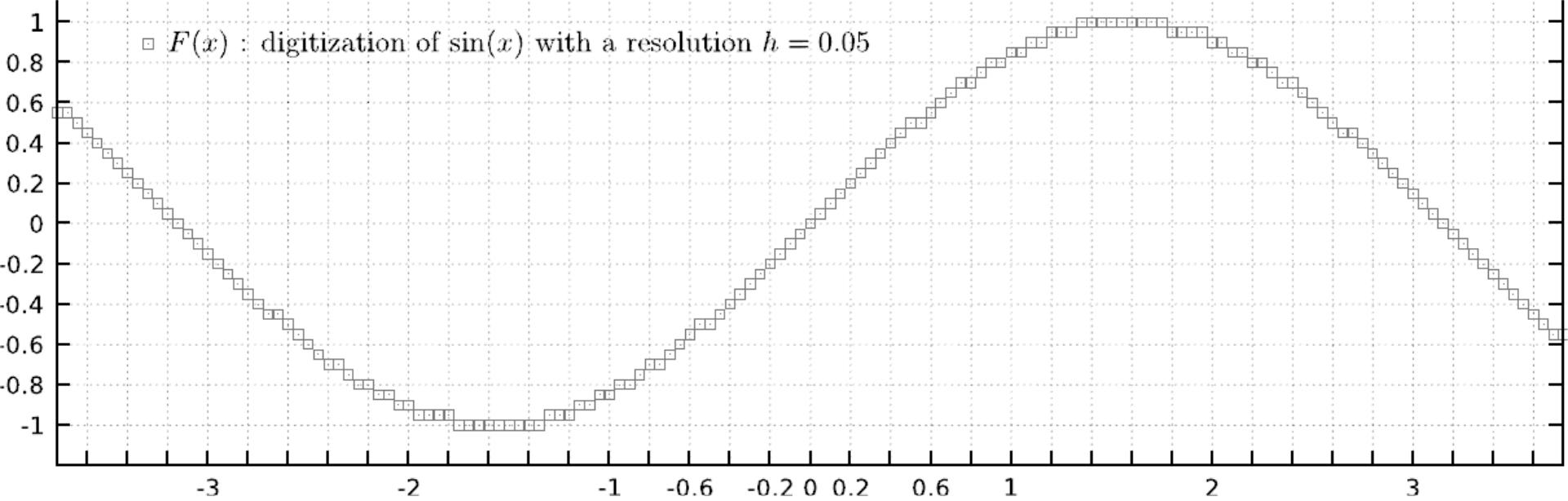
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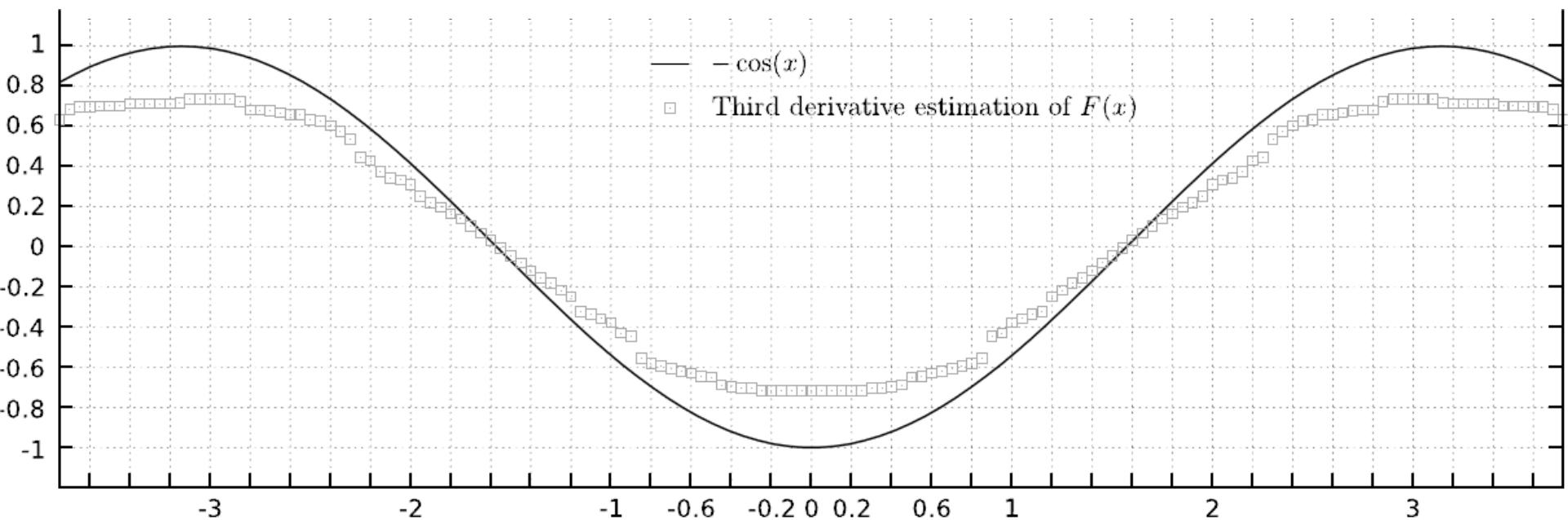
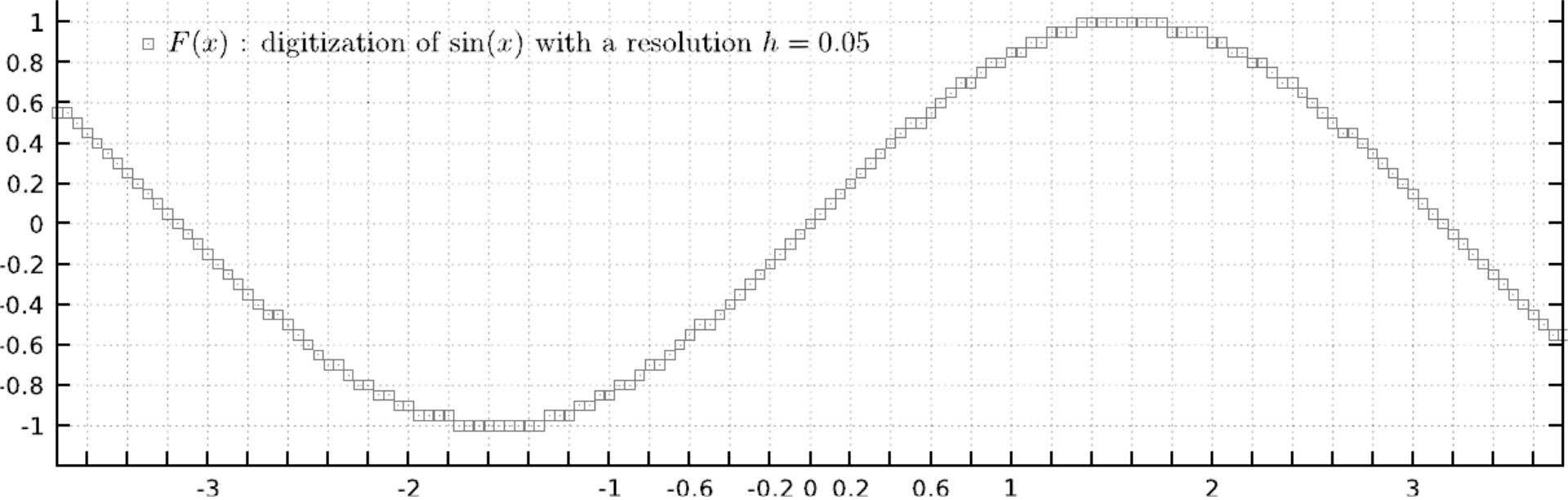
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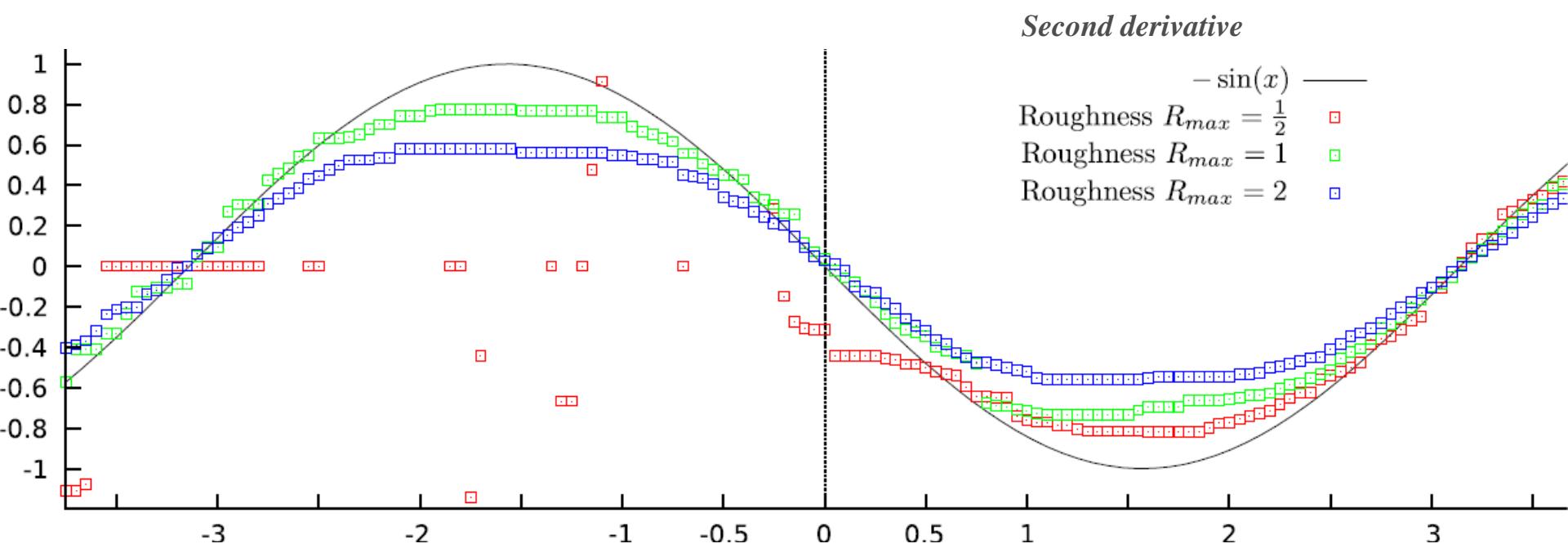
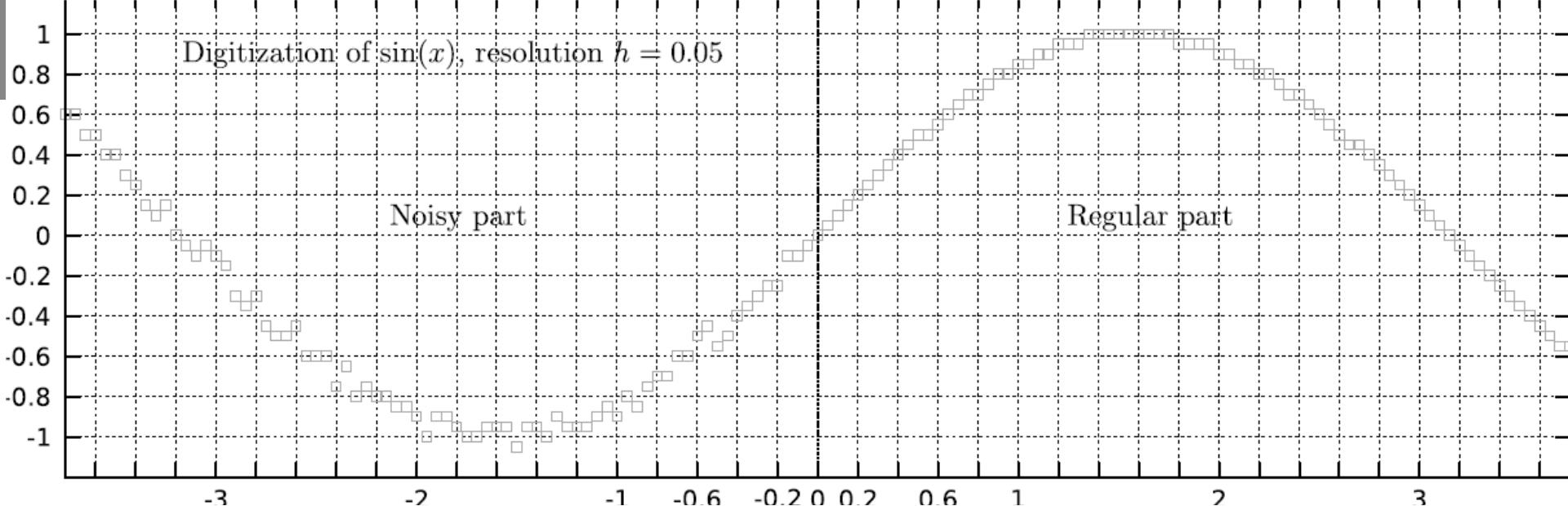


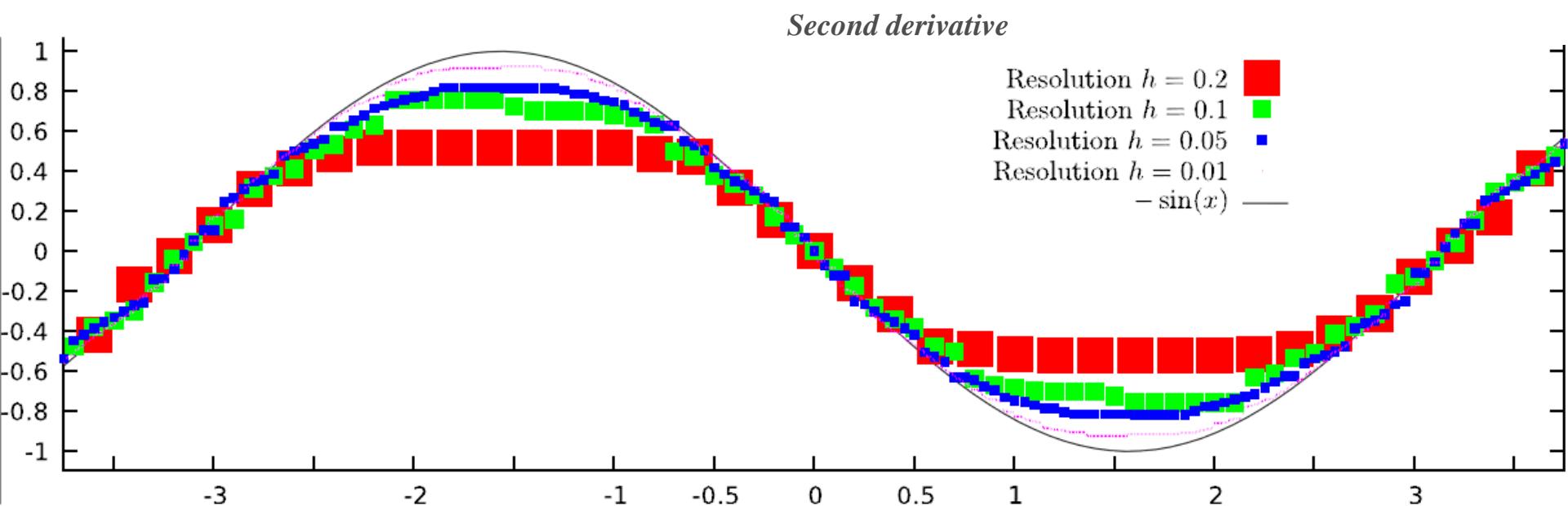
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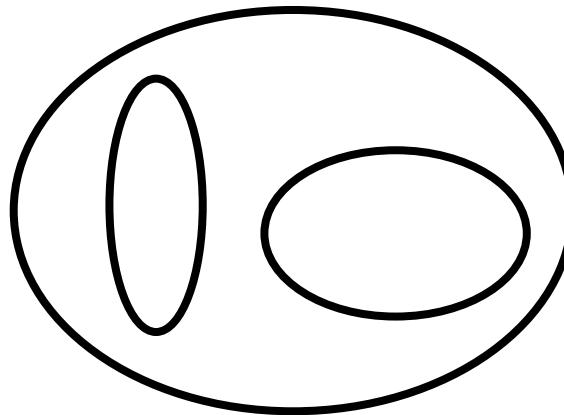
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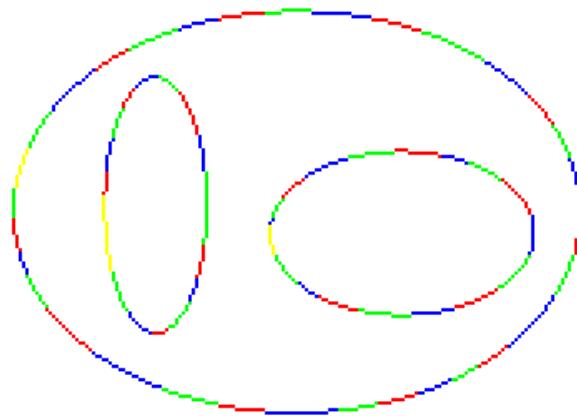
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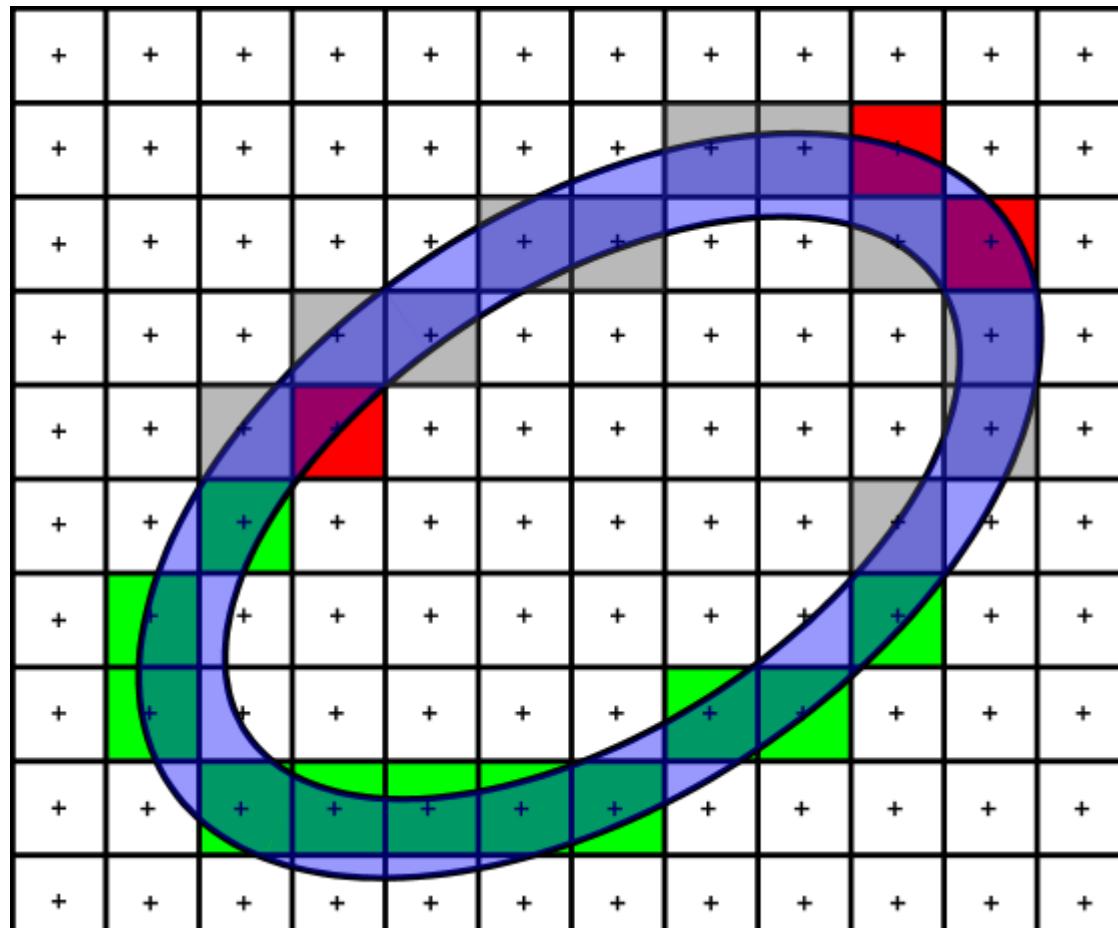
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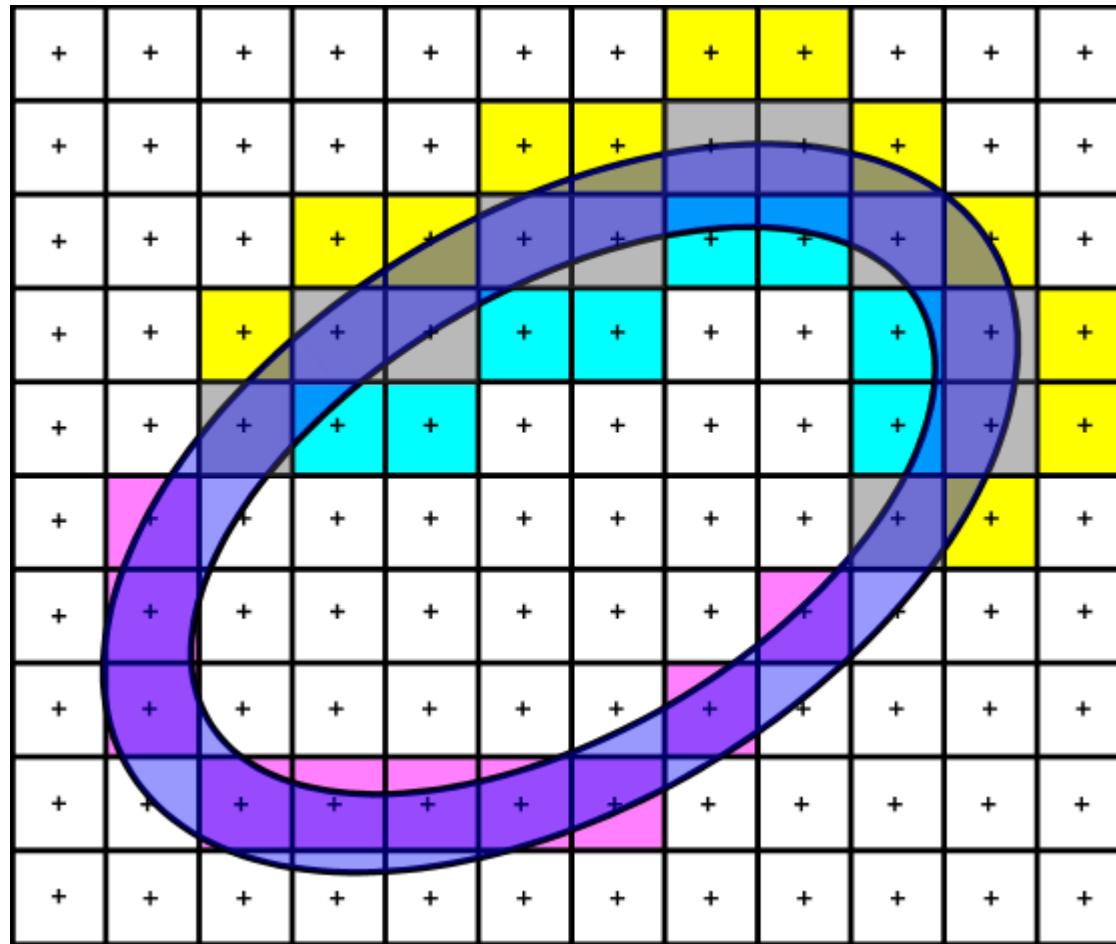
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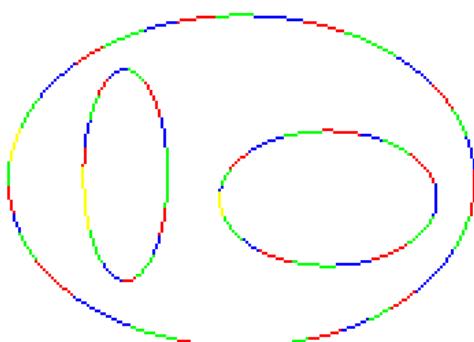
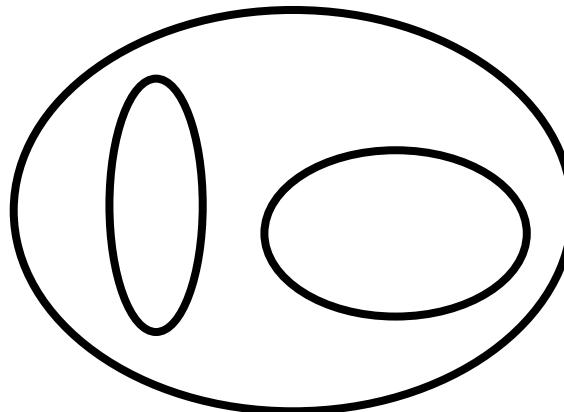
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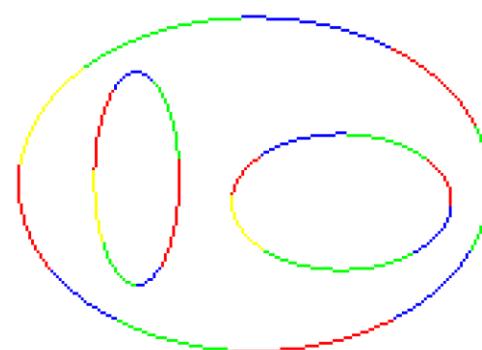
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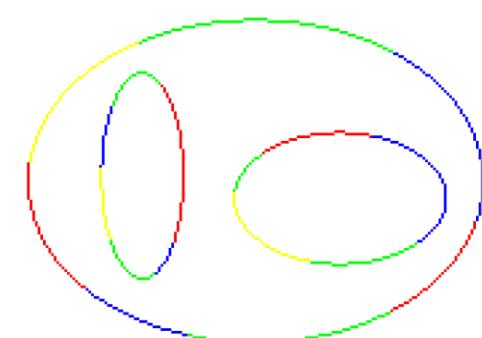
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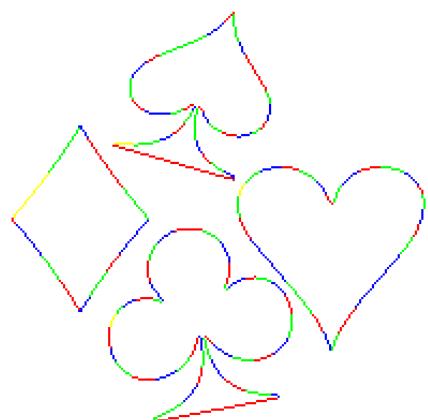


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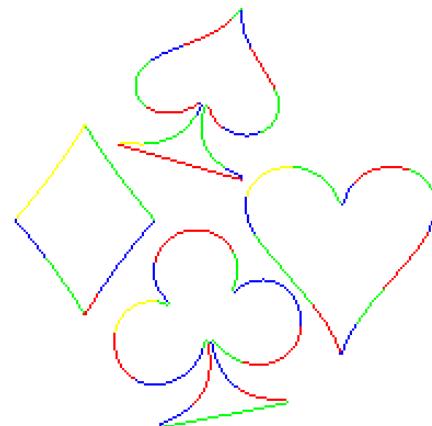


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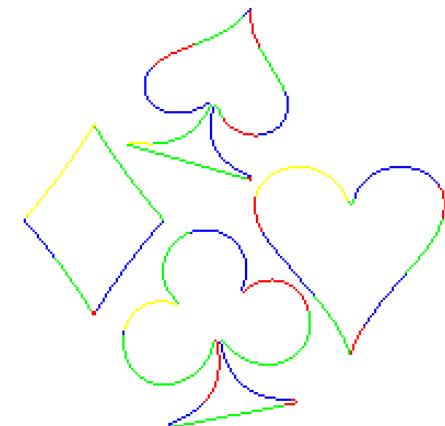
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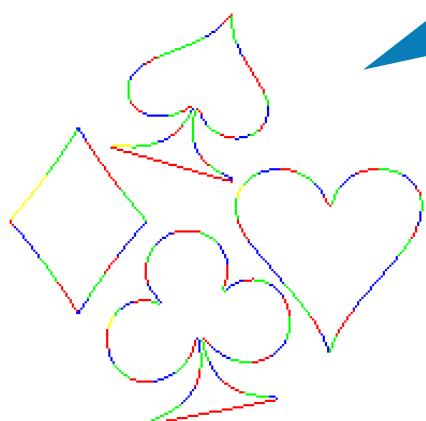


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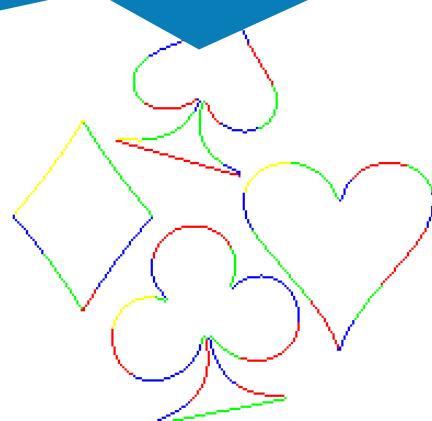
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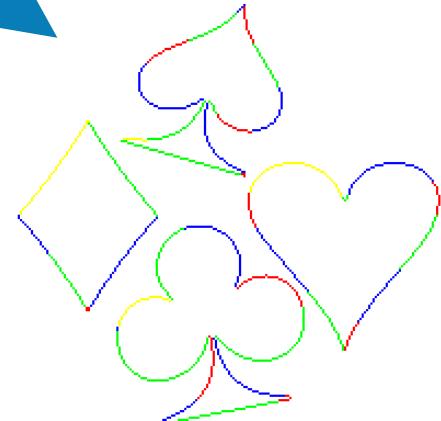
All cases computed with a **UNIQUE** algorithm
(with, as parameter, a chosen basis of polynomials like in SVM)



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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to present Digital Level Layers and show the motivations for working with such analytical primitives in the framework of Digital Geometry. We first compare their properties to morphological and topological counterparts, and then we explain how to recognize them and use them to decompose or vectorize digital curves and contours.

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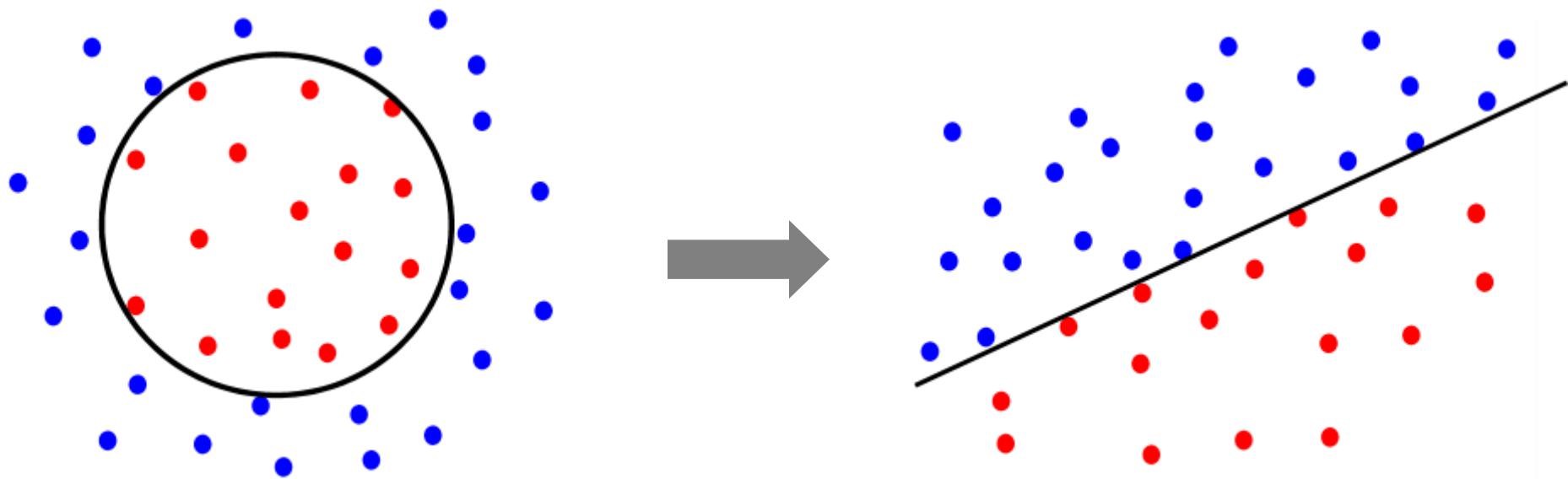
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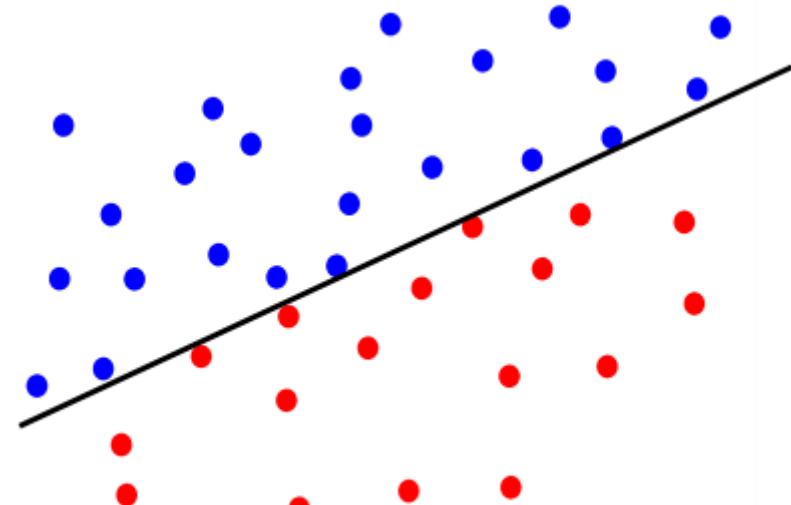
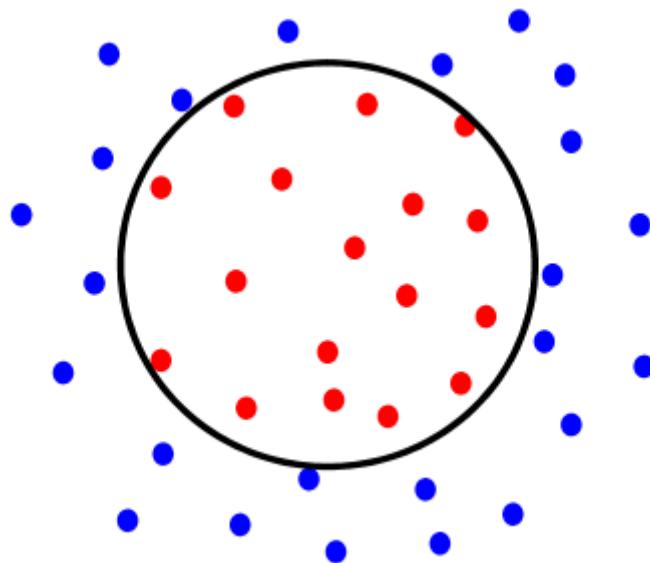
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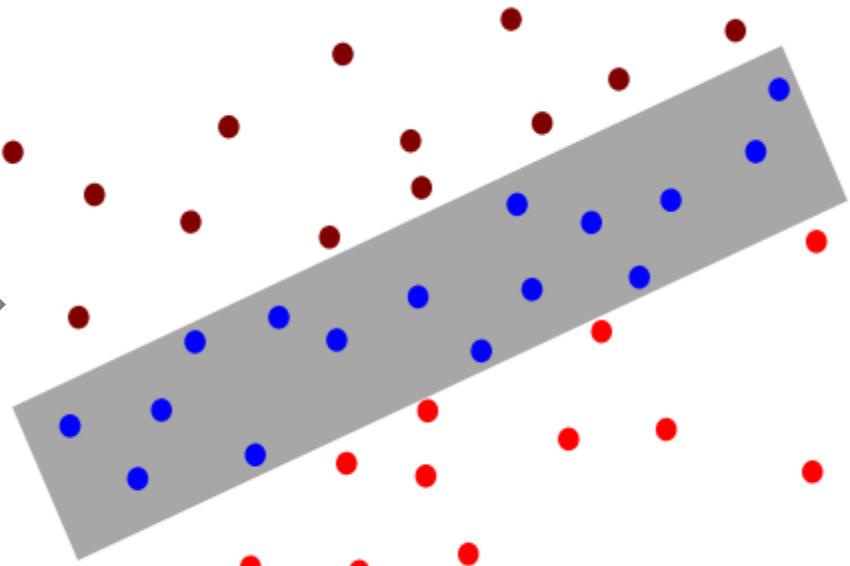
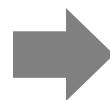
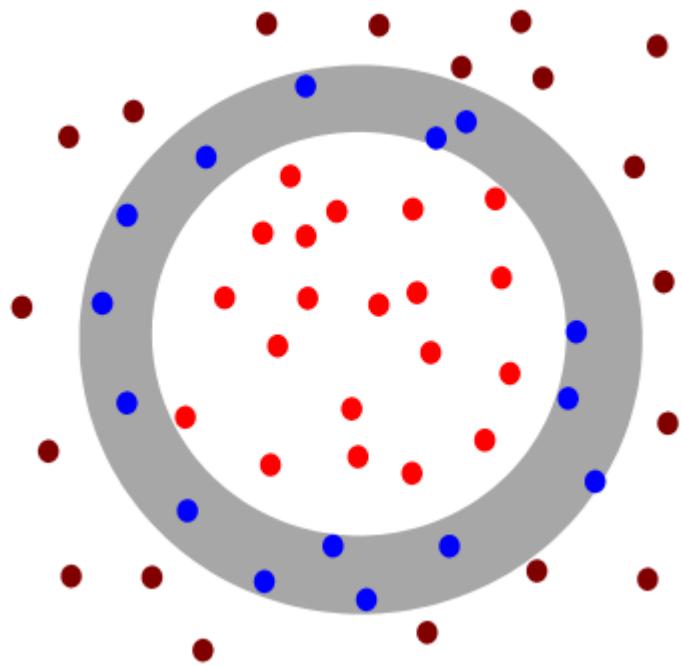
Kernel trick (Aizerman et al. 1964) is the principle of *Support Vector Machines*.



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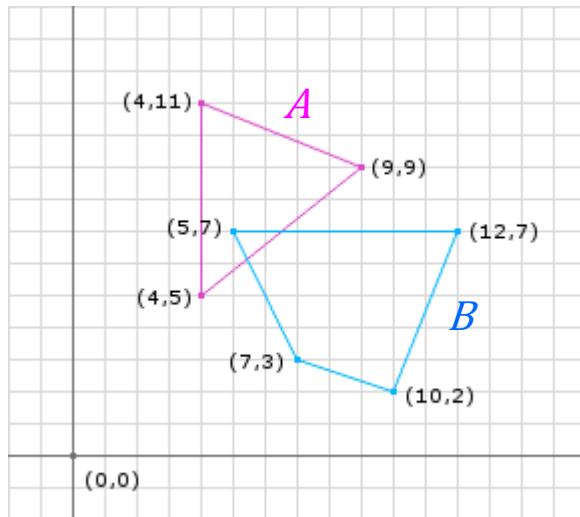
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We introduce a variant of GJK in nD

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Input : two polytopes $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ given by their vertices.

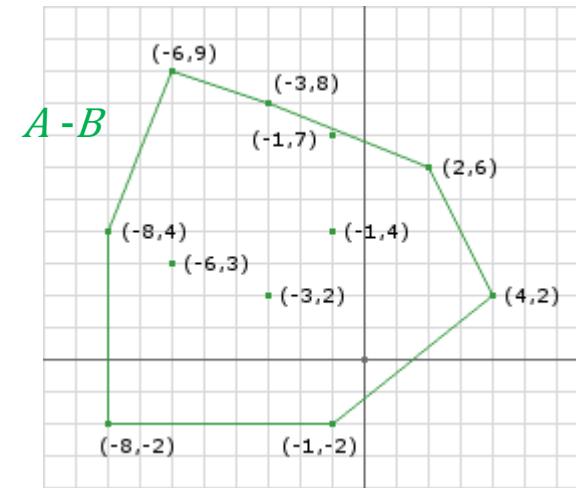
Question : do they intersect ?

More general question: compute their minimal distance.



A and B

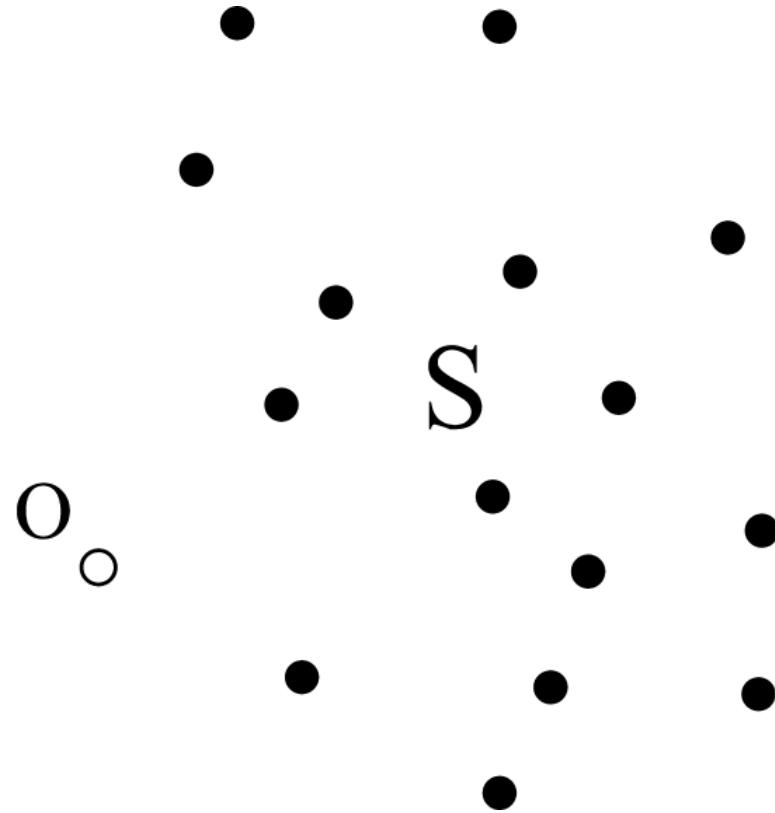
$$\text{distance}(A, B) = \text{distance}(0, A - B)$$



Difference $A - B$

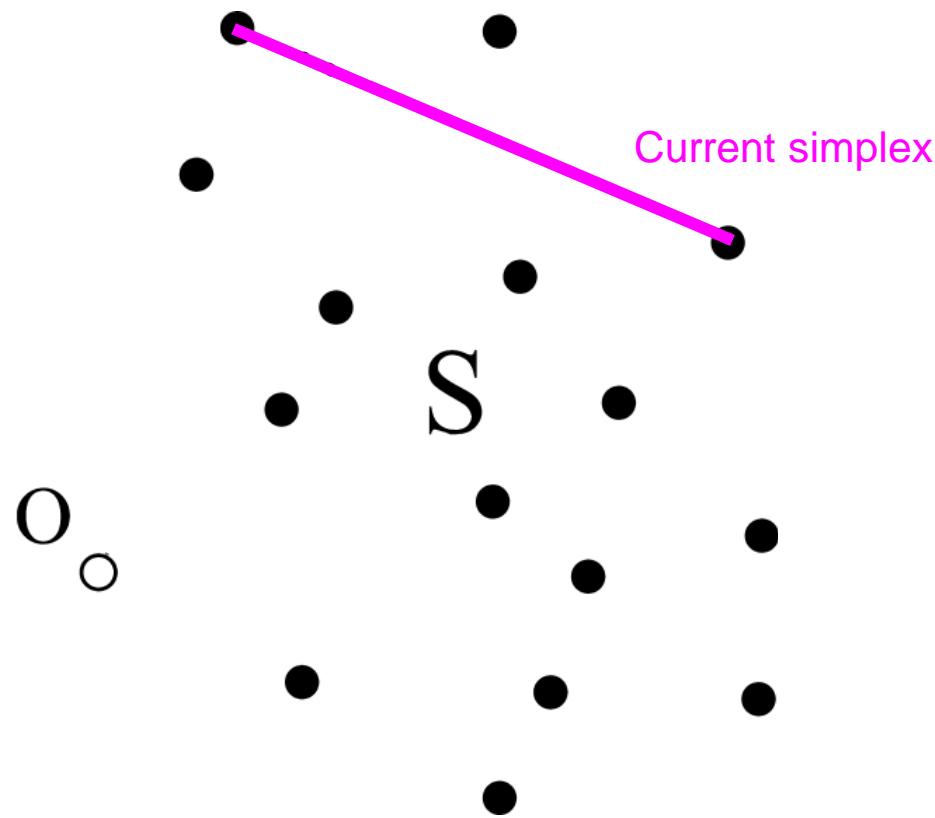
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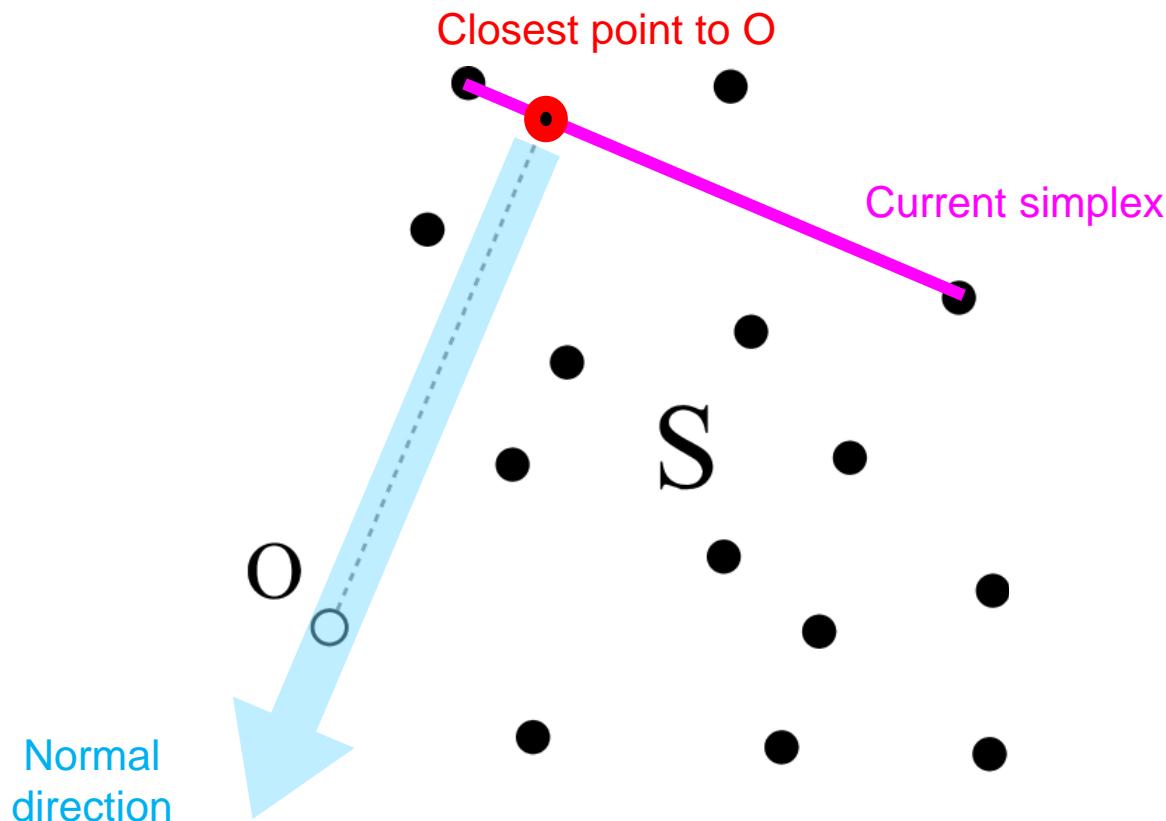


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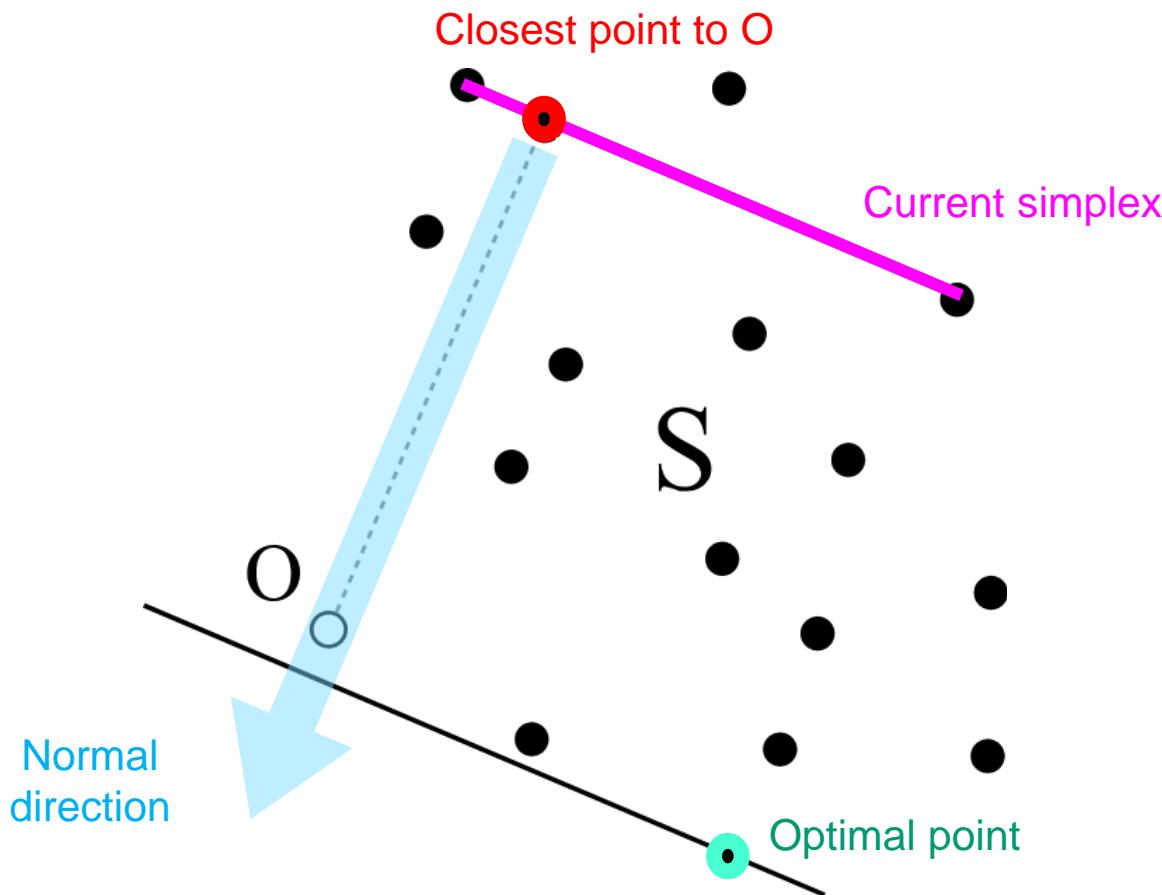
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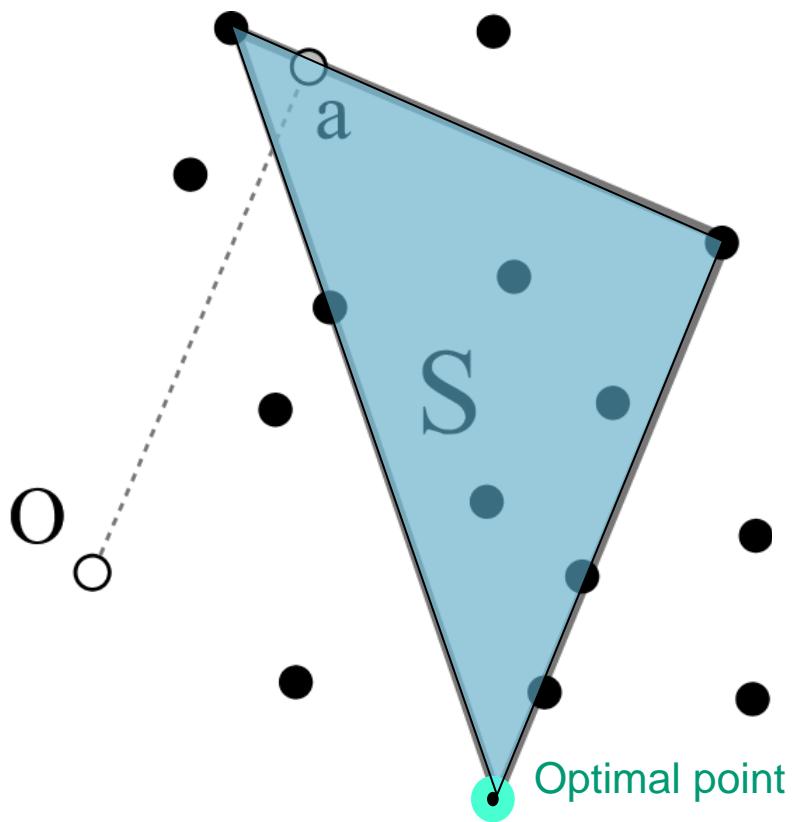
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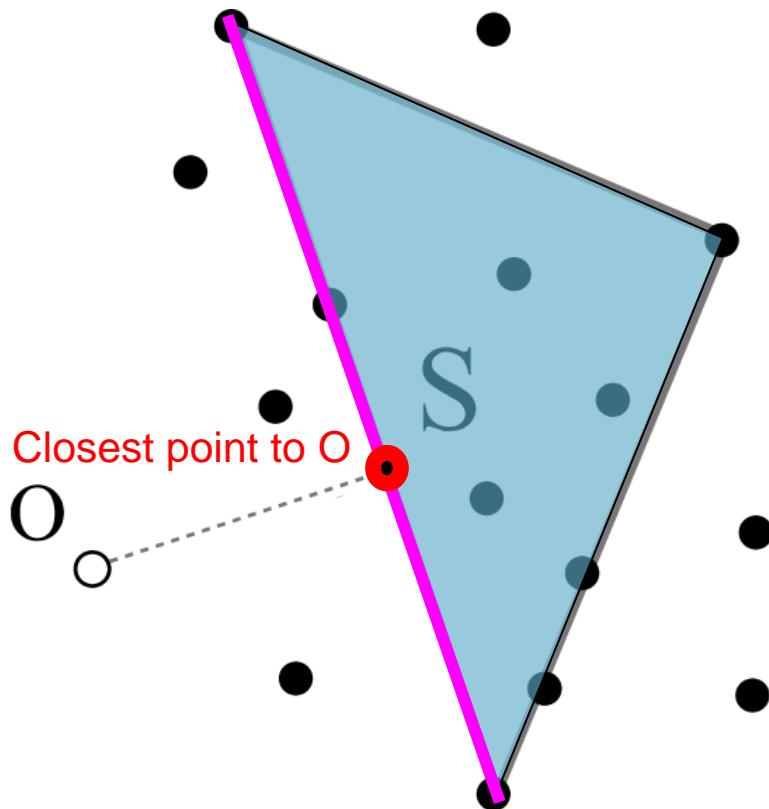
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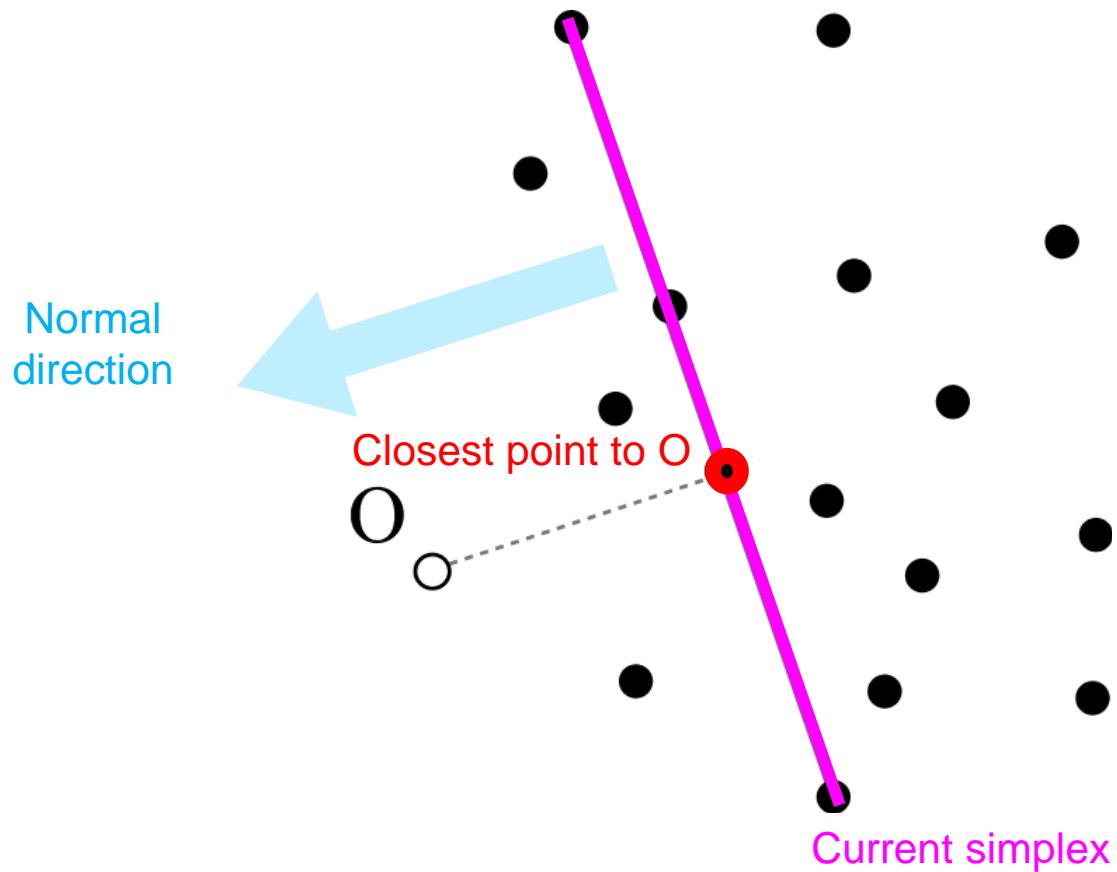
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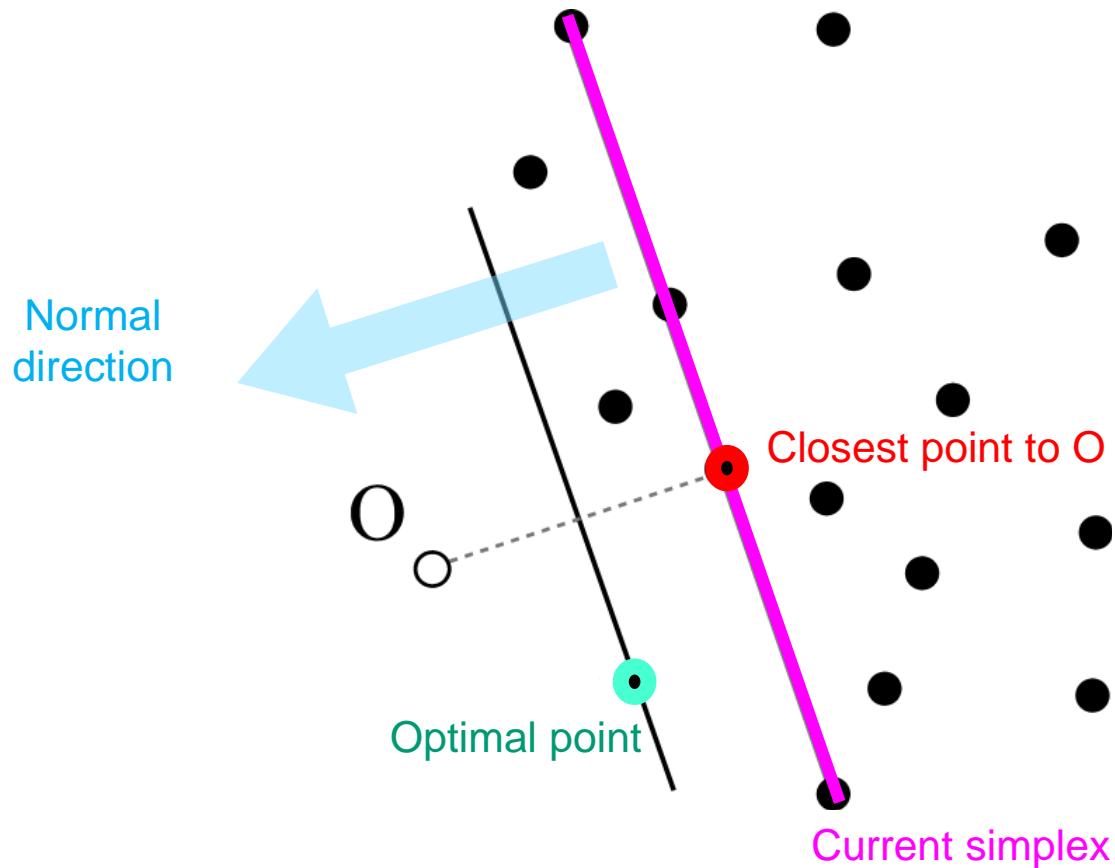
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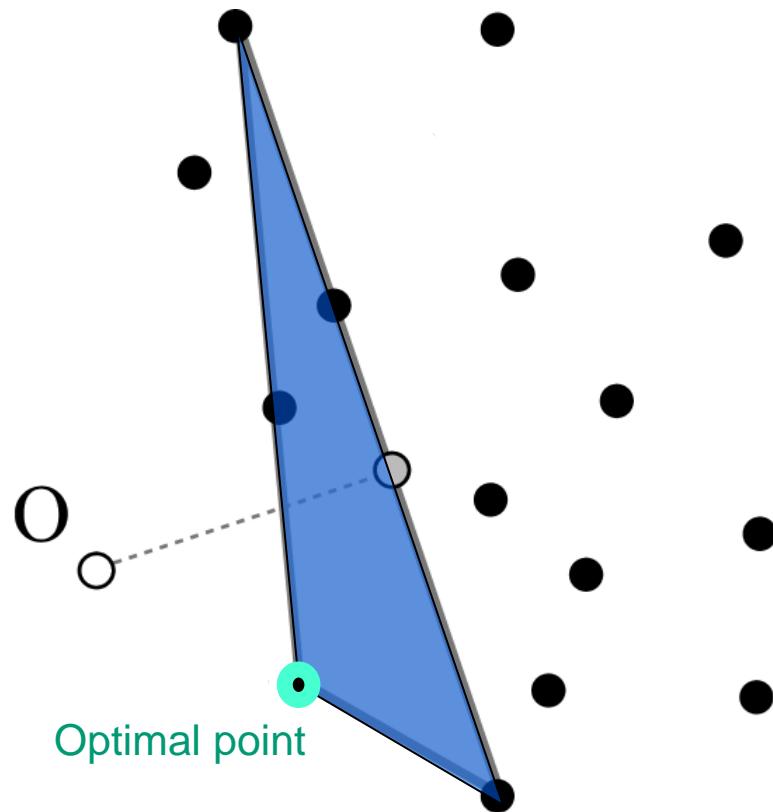
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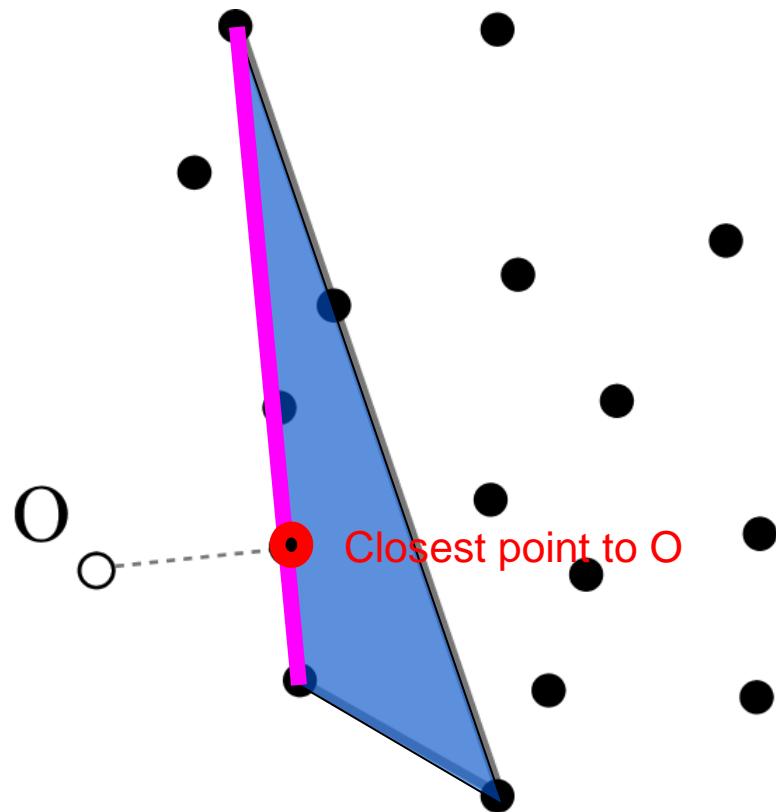
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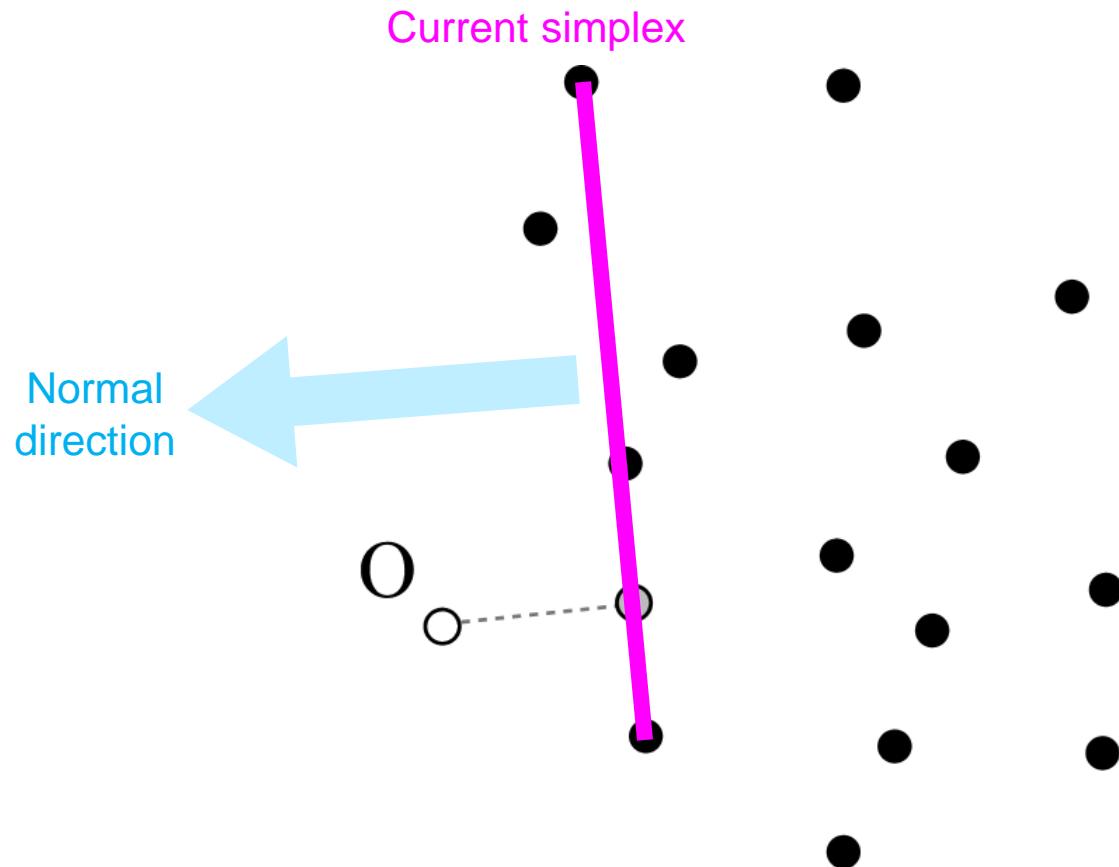
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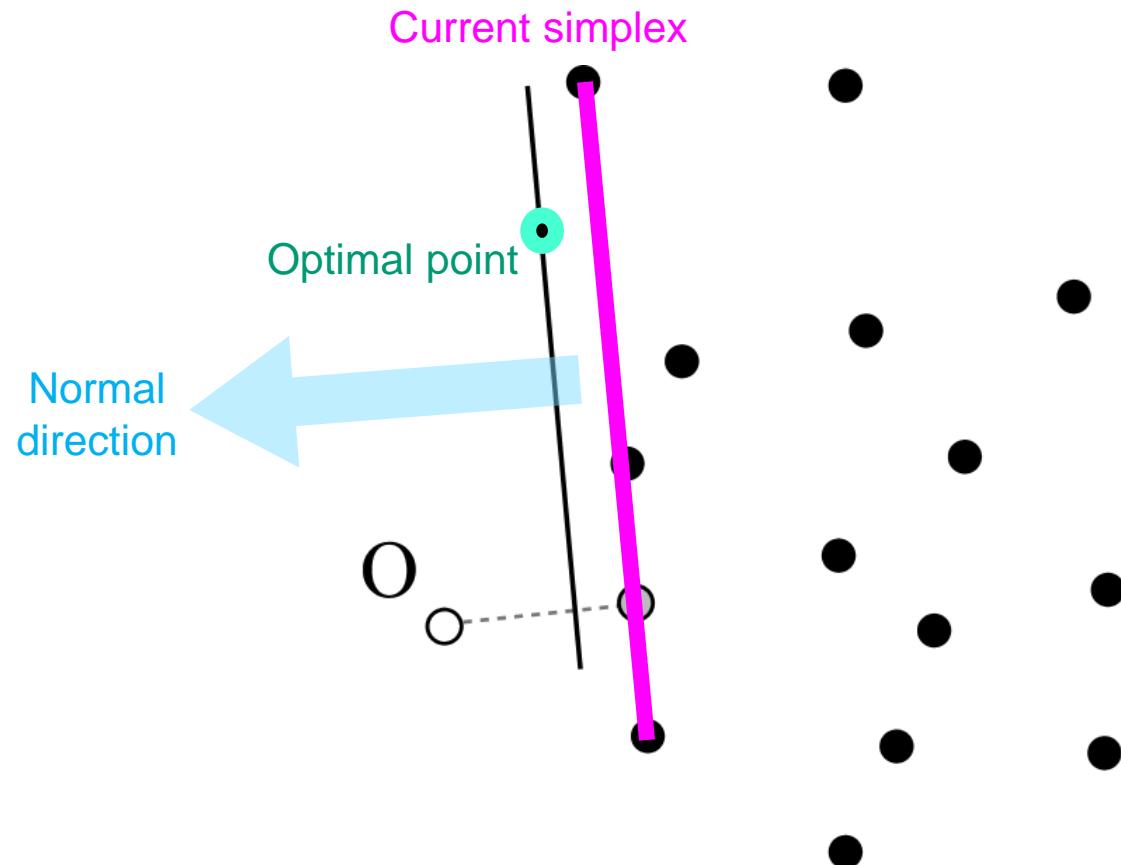
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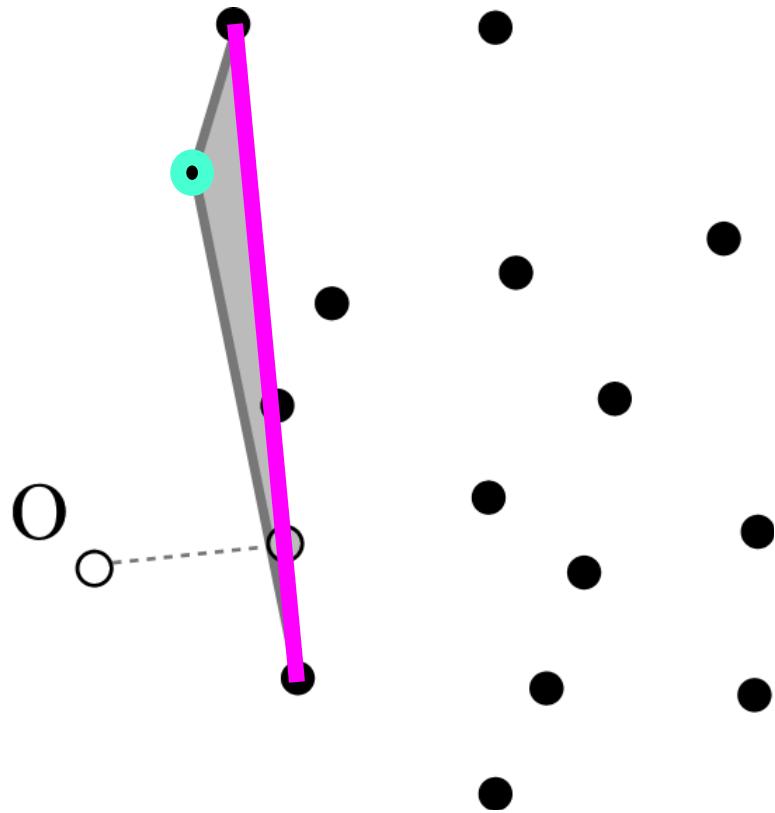
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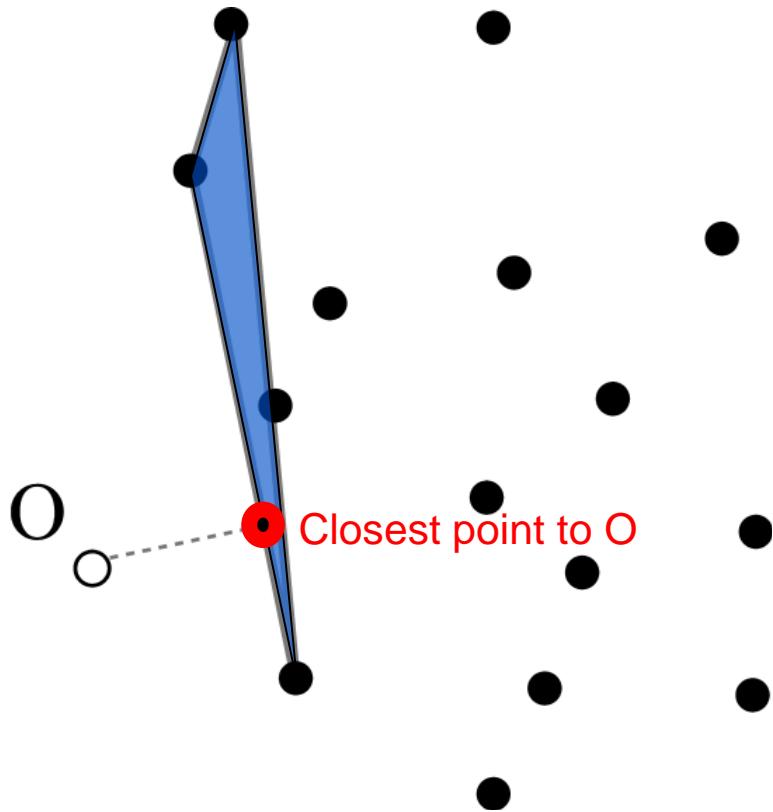
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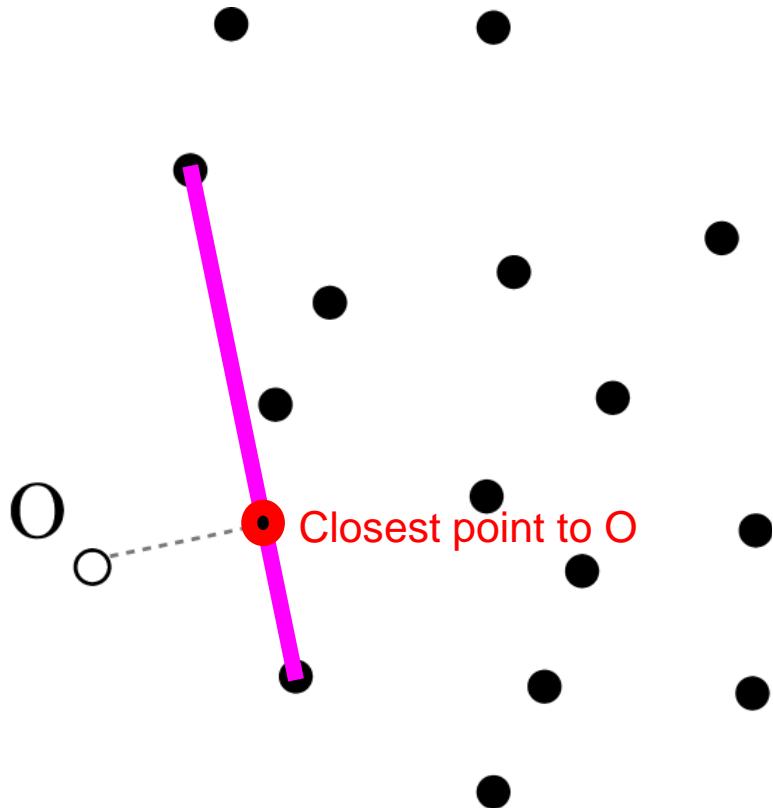
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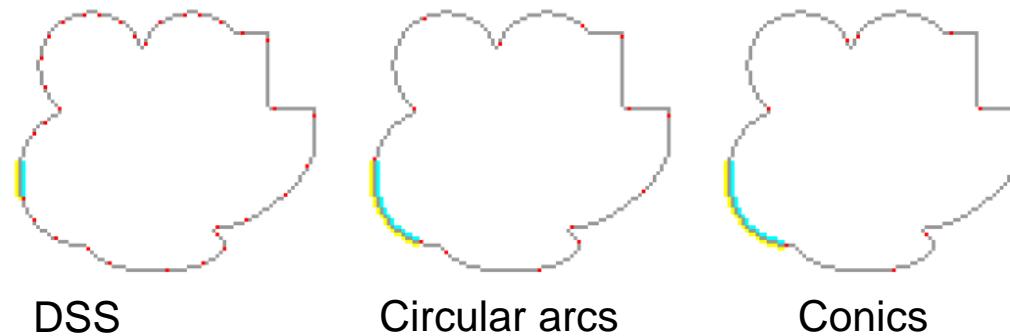
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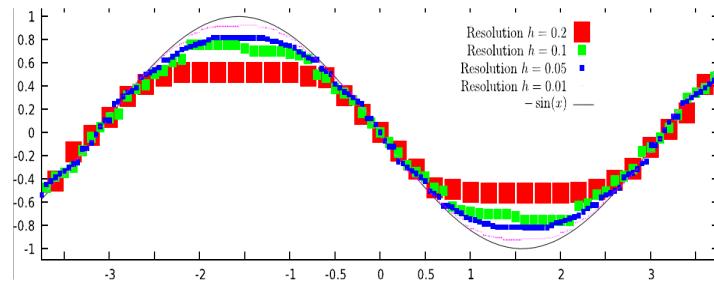
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- Conics (kernel function are x^2 , y^2 , xy , x and y)



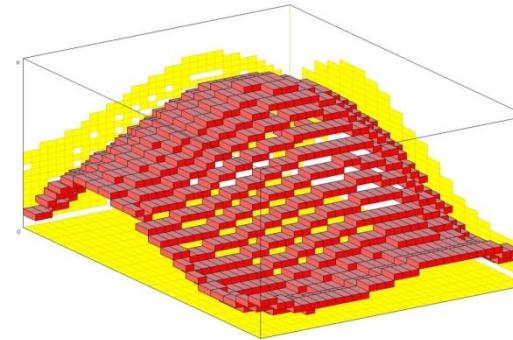
Do we have Multigrid Convergence properties in this framework of digital contours and shapes, as for DSS ?

Further works



It's time consuming to compute the derivatives all along a curve :

Provide an [enhanced version](#)
with point deletion and insertion...



DLL works also in 3D and more:

Provide also [multigrid convergence results...](#)