

Hiding Points in Polygons using Approximation Algorithms



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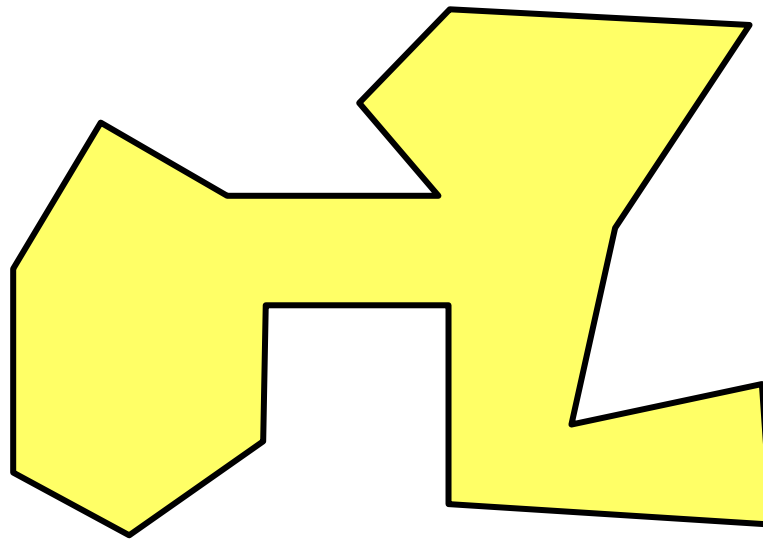
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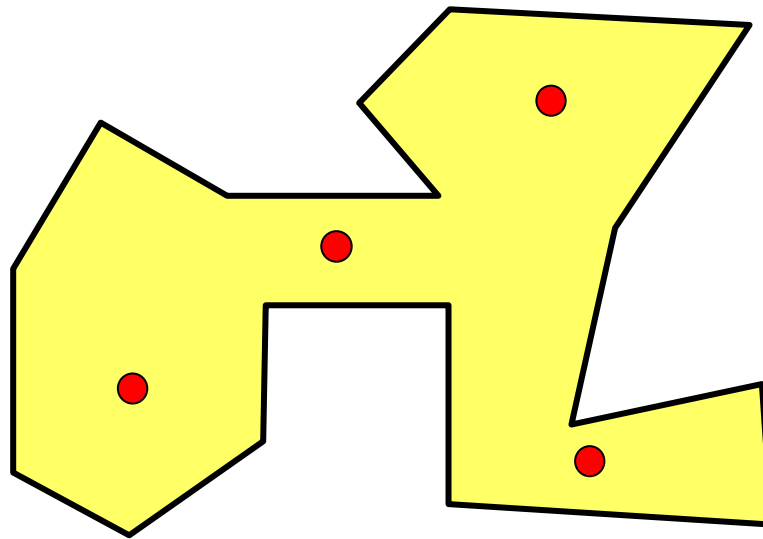
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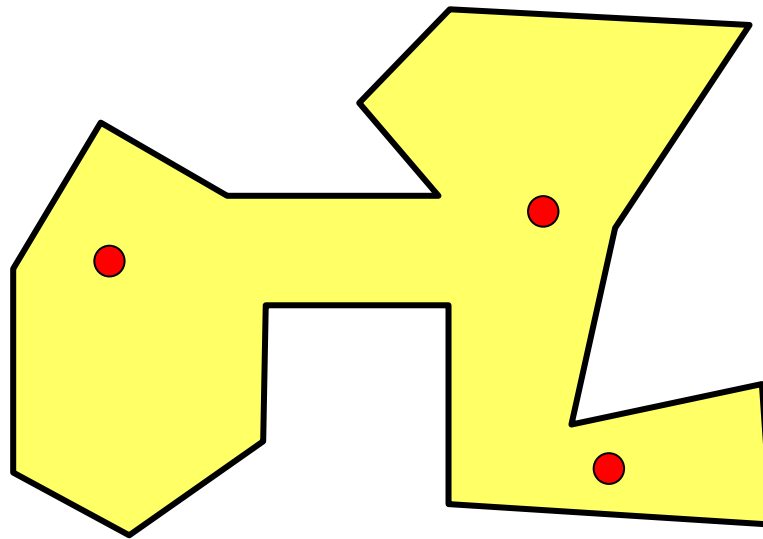
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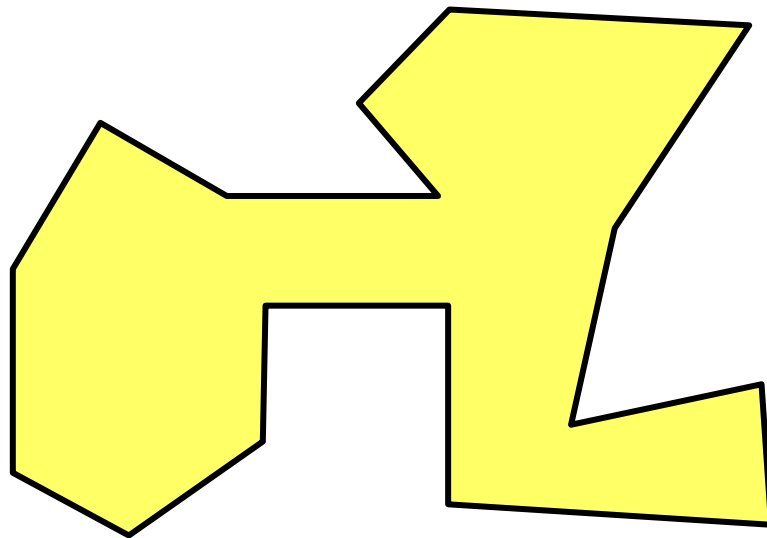


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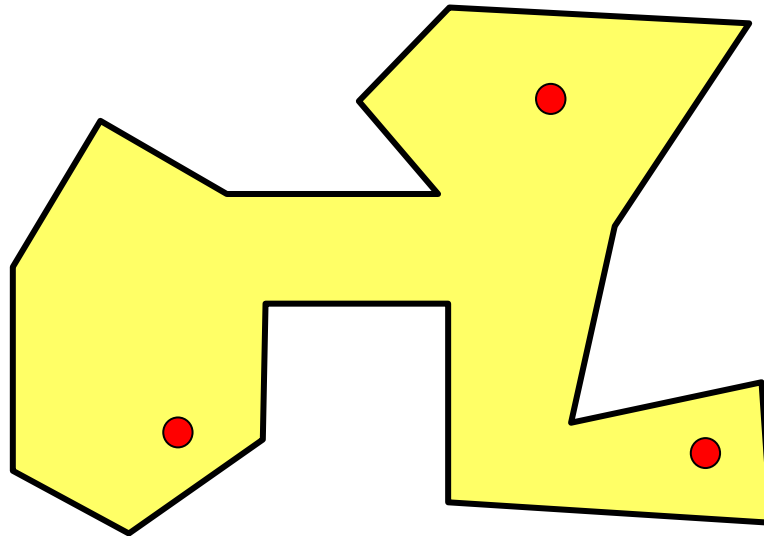
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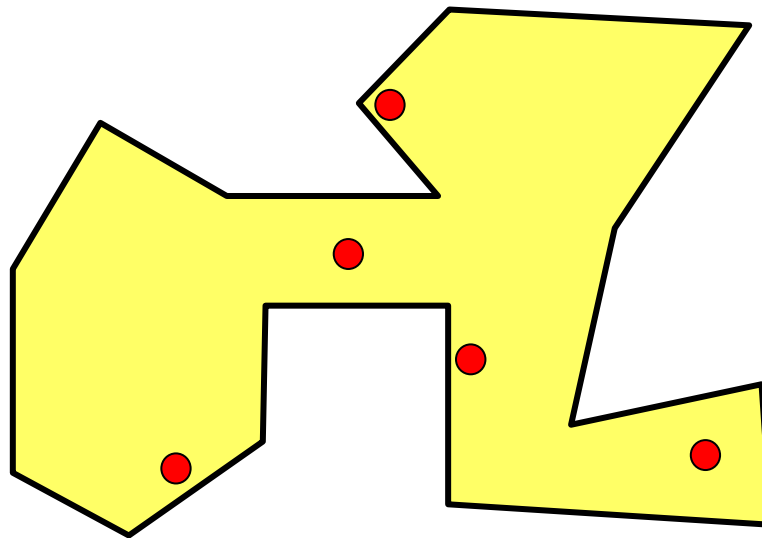
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- **Maximum Hidden Set (MHS)** problem :
asks for a set S of maximum cardinality of **points** in a given polygon, such that no two **points** in S see each other
- **Maximum Hidden Vertex Set (MHVS)** problem:
asks for a set S of maximum cardinality of **vertices** of a given polygon, such that no two **vertices** in S see each other
- **MHS** and **MHVS** problems are **NP-hard** for arbitrary and for orthogonal polygons

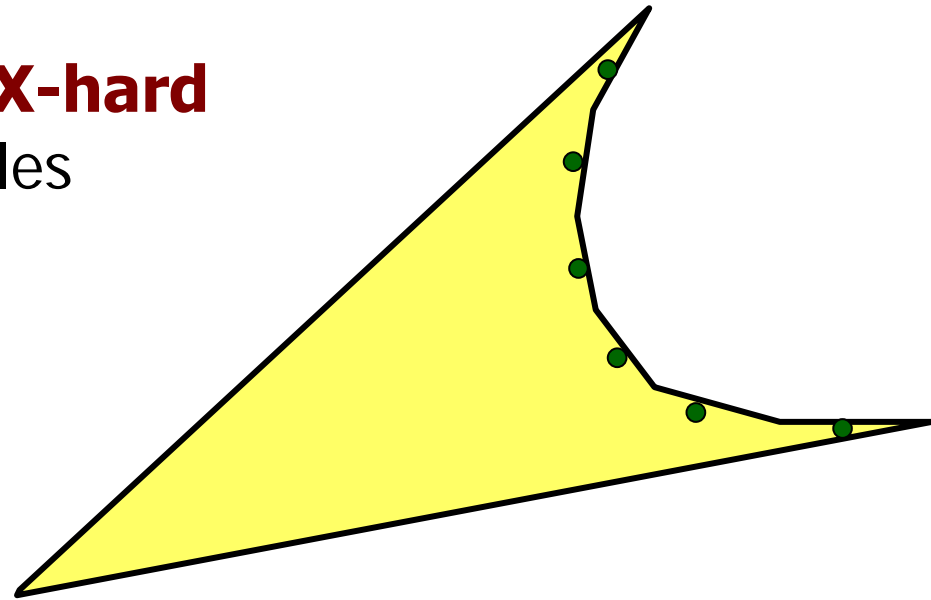
Hiding

- **Maximum Hidden Set (MHS)**
- **Maximum Hidden Vertex Set (MHVS)**

(In-)Approximability Eidenbenz, 2000

MHS y **MHVS** are **APX-hard**
for polygons without holes

The best approximating
algorithm achieves ratio $\Theta(n)$



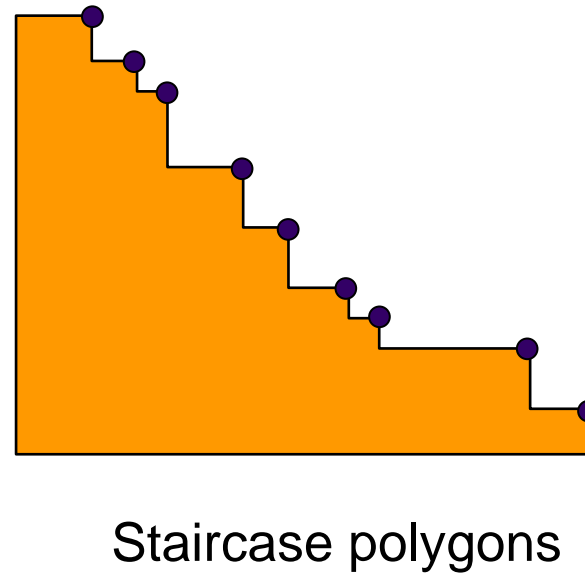
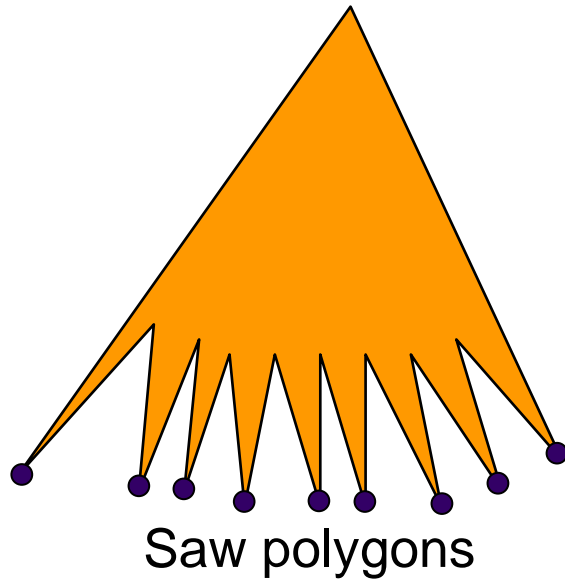
Hiding (algorithmic problem)

Let P be a polygon and H a set of vertices in P . We say that H is a **hidden vertex set** if no two vertices in H see each other

Given a polygon P , with n vertices, determine H of maximum cardinality

Hiding (combinatorial problem)

- The size of the maximum vertex hidden set of a polygon with n vertices is at most $\lceil n/2 \rceil$
- The size of the maximum vertex hidden set of an orthogonal polygon with n vertices is at most $(n-2)/2$



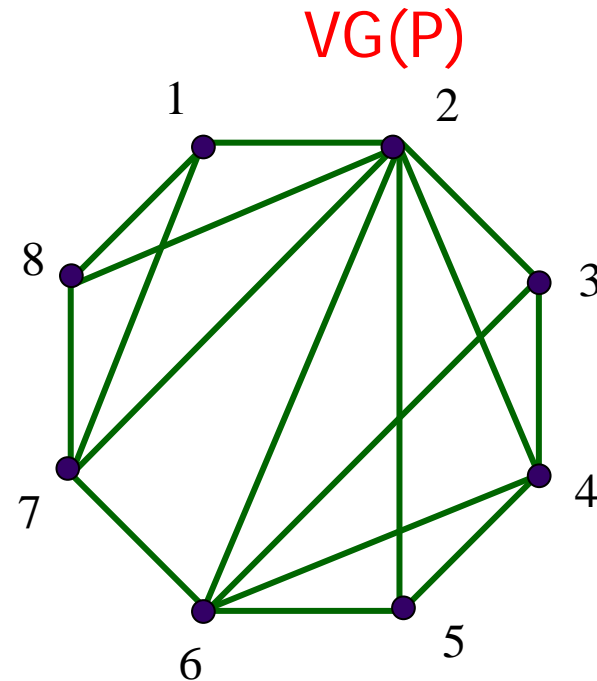
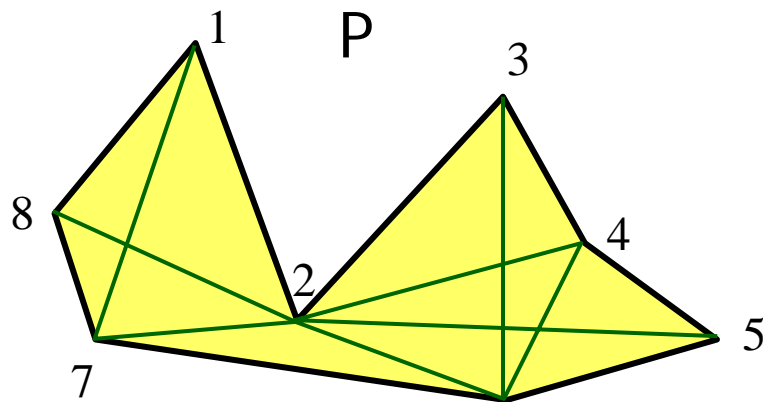
Approximation Algorithms

- Propose **approximation algorithms** to compute solutions for the **MHVS** problem on polygons (arbitrary and orthogonal)
 - Greedy constructive algorithms: A_1 and A_2
 - Two based on the general metaheuristics **Simulated Annealing** and **Genetic Algorithms**: M_1 and M_2
- Realize a comparative study of the solutions obtained by the different algorithms
- Determine the **approximation ratio** of our algorithms

Approximation Algorithms: Preprocessing

Visibility graph of P , $\mathbf{VG(P)}$

The nodes of $\mathbf{VG(P)}$ are the vertices of P , and there is an edge between the vertices a and b if a sees b



Greedy Constructive Algorithms

Natural approach to find H is to do it greedily:

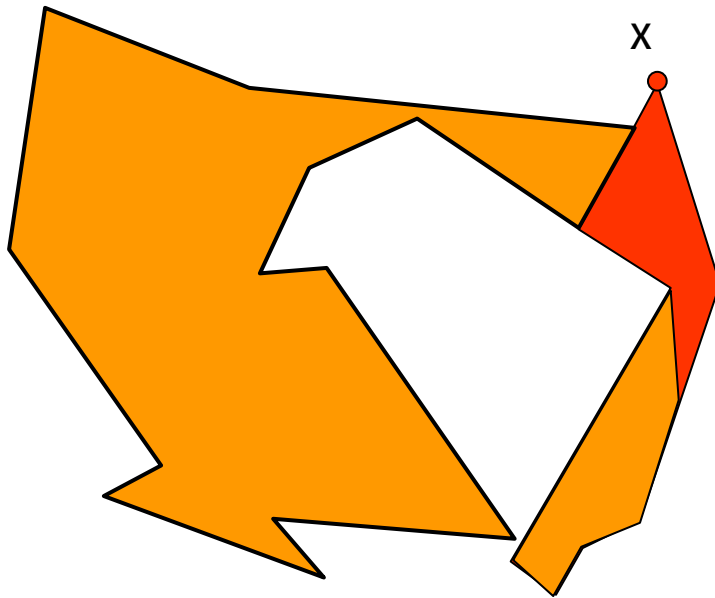
- start with an empty set
- add hidden vertices one by one until H is achieved
selecting at each step a hidden vertex from the set of vertices of P according to some rule

We used two rules:

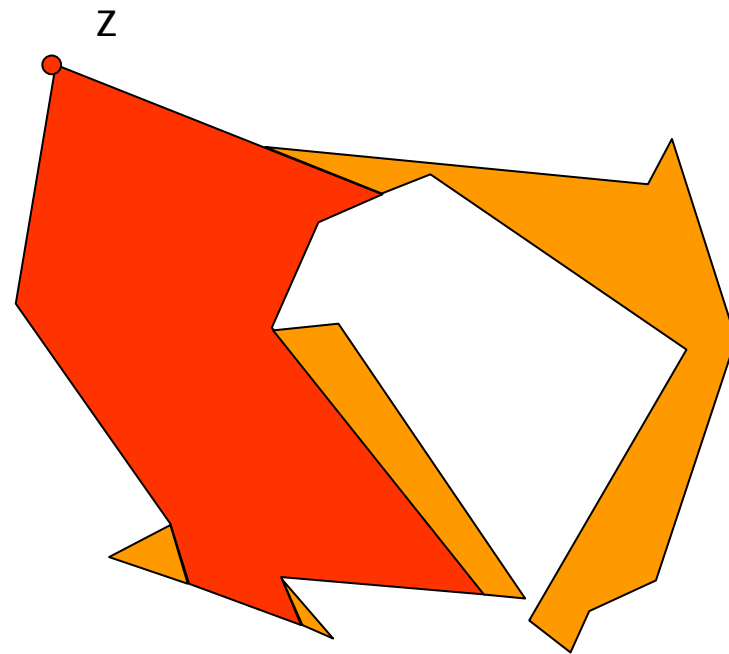
- The first rule is based in the **hidden region** concept
- The second rule is based in the number of vertices seen by each vertex

Greedy Algorithms: A_1

$\text{VisP}(x)$ is the **visibility polygon** of x



2 hidden regions for x



4 hidden regions for z

Greedy Algorithms

We select vertices one to one, according to

- **A₁**
highest number of hidden regions
- **A₂**
lesser number visible vertices

Algorithms based in Metaheuristics

A **metaheuristic** is a set of concepts that can be used to define heuristic methods which can be applied to a wide set of different optimization problems.

- **Simulated Annealing (SA)**
- Iterated Local Search (ILS)
- Tabu Search (TS).
- **Genetic Algorithms (GA)**
- Ant Colony Optimization (ACO)
- ...

Simulated Annealing: Overview

SA tries to minimize the limitation of the local (maximization) search algorithms, which stop as soon as they find a local maximum

- allows to accept solutions of worse quality than the current solution (downhill moves) with a certain probability

Fundamental idea

- If the new solution (neighbour solution) is better (high cost) than the actual solution, this new solution is accepted
- If the new solution is worse (low cost) than the actual solution, this new solution can be accepted with a given probability
- This probability is dependent of a parameter called Temperature (T), which decreases over the algorithm iterations according to a decrement rule.

Simulated Annealing: Overview

Specific Parameters

(of the problem)

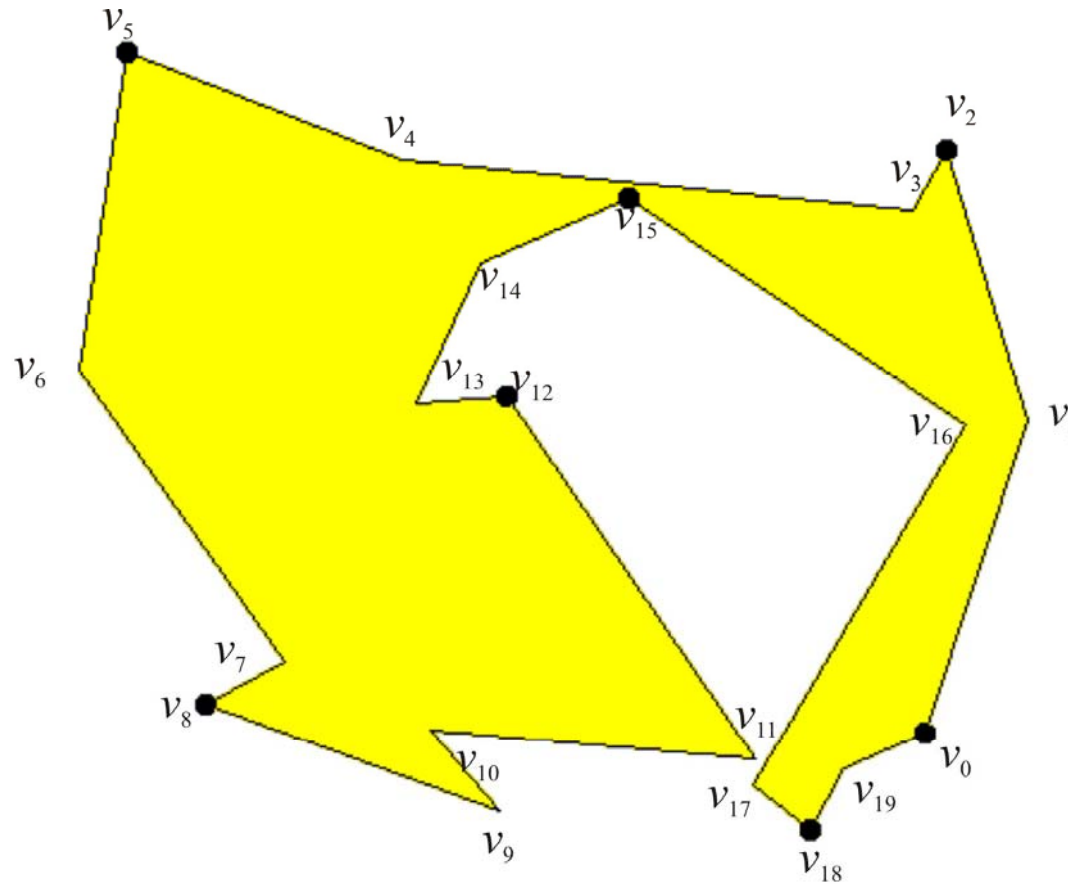
- Solution Space (set S)
- Cost or Objective Function, C
- Neighbourhood of each solution
- Initial Solution

Generic Parameters

(of the annealing strategy)

- Initial temperature (T_0)
- Temperature Decrement Rule
- Number of iterations in each temperature, $N(T)$
- Termination condition

M_1 : Specific Parameters (Solution Space)



S_i	v_0^i	v_1^i	v_2^i																v_{19}^i	
	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

M₁: Specific Parameters (Cost)

- **Cost or Objective Function**

$$f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

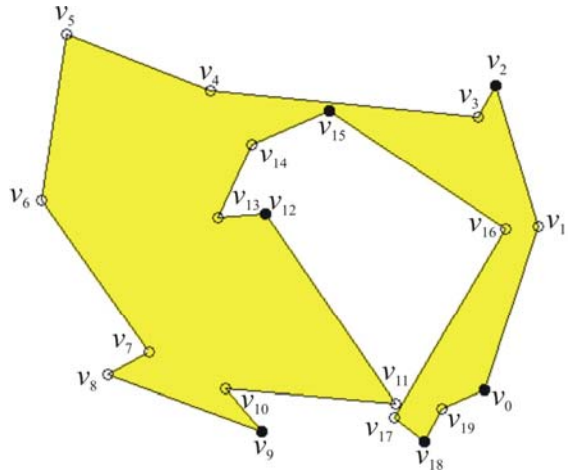
$$f(S_i) = \text{number of 1's in } S_i$$

M₁: Specific Parameters (Neighbourhood)

Given $S_i = v_0^i v_1^i \dots v_{n-1}^i$ we randomly generate a natural number $t \in [0, n-1]$ and then

- If $v_t^i = 1$ then we make $v_t^{i+1} = 0$ and accept this new solution, S_{i+1} , with probability
- If $v_t^i = 0$ then we make $v_t^{i+1} = 1$ and
 - If S_{i+1} is a valid solution we accept it
 - If S_{i+1} is not a valid solution we **validate** it (i.e., we mark all hidden vertices as not hidden if v_t sees them) and accept this new solution with probability

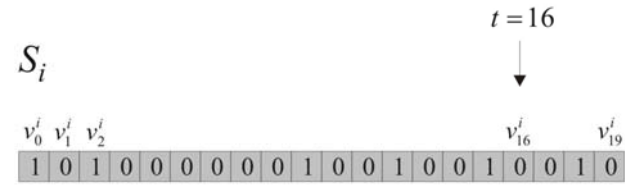
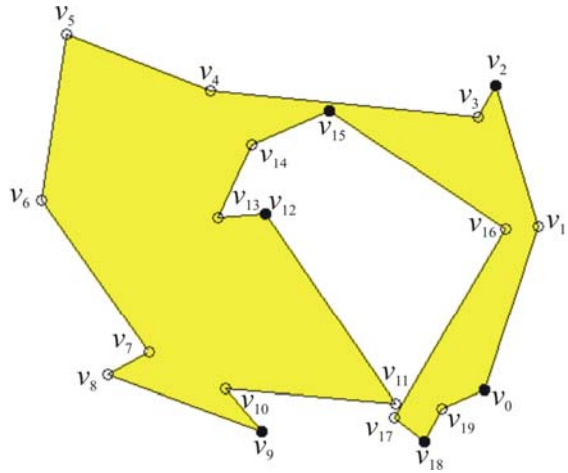
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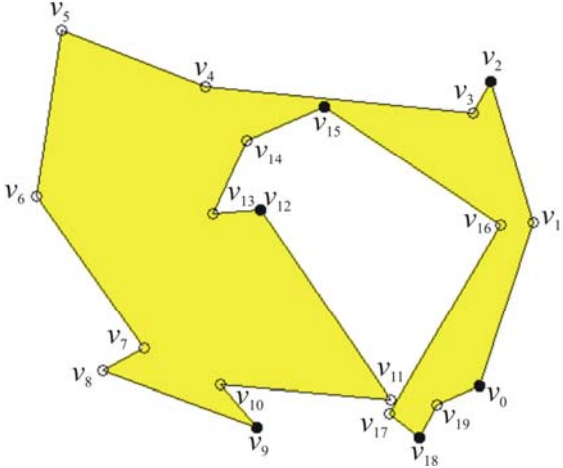
S_i

v_0^i	v_1^i	v_2^i												v_{16}^i				v_{19}^i	
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

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M₁ : Specific Parameters (Neighbourhood)

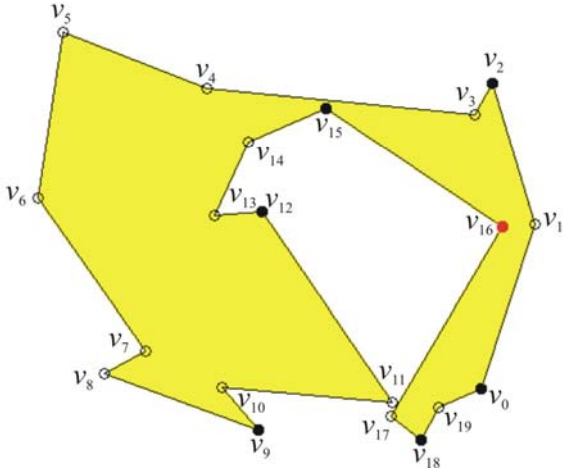


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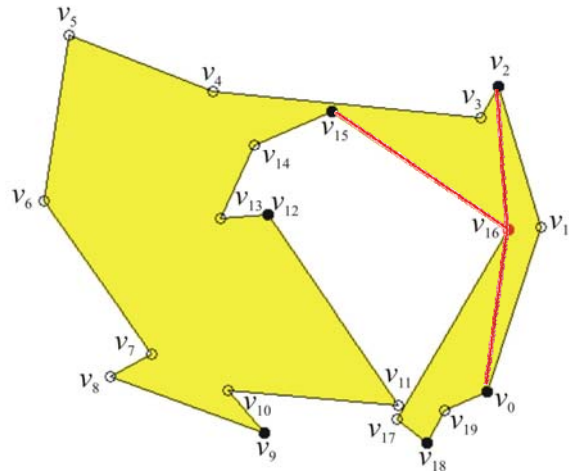
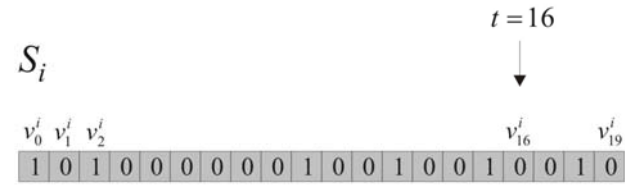
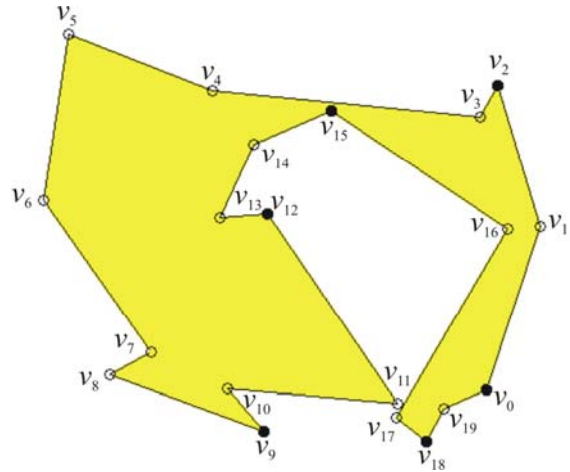
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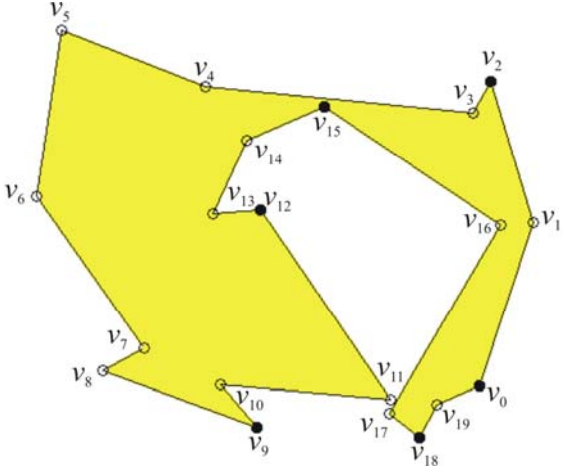
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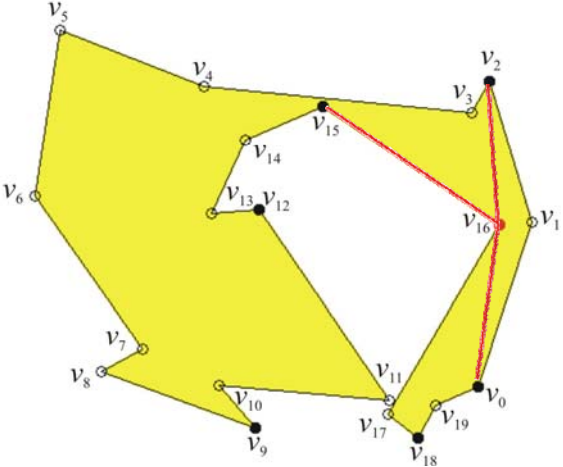
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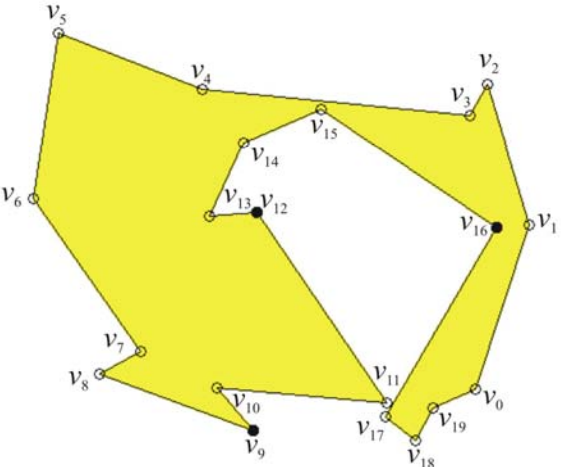
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M₁: Generic Parameters (T_0 & Decrement Rule)

- **Initial Temperature, T_0**

We realize a comparative study taking into account two different types of T_0 :

(1) $T_0 = n$ (dependent on the number of vertices of the polygon)

(2) $T_0 = 1000.0$ (constant)

- **Temperature Decrement Rule**

Three different types of decrement rules:

(1) $T_{k+1} = \frac{T_0}{1+k}$ (FSA decrease)

(2) $T_{k+1} = \frac{T_0}{e^k}$ (VFSA decrease)

(3) $T_{k+1} = \alpha T_k$, where $0 < \alpha < 1$ (geometric decrease)

M₁: Generic Parameters ($N(T)$ & Termination condition)

- **Number of iterations in each temperature**

$$N(T) = T$$

more iterations for high temperatures, which will be when the solutions are far to the optimum

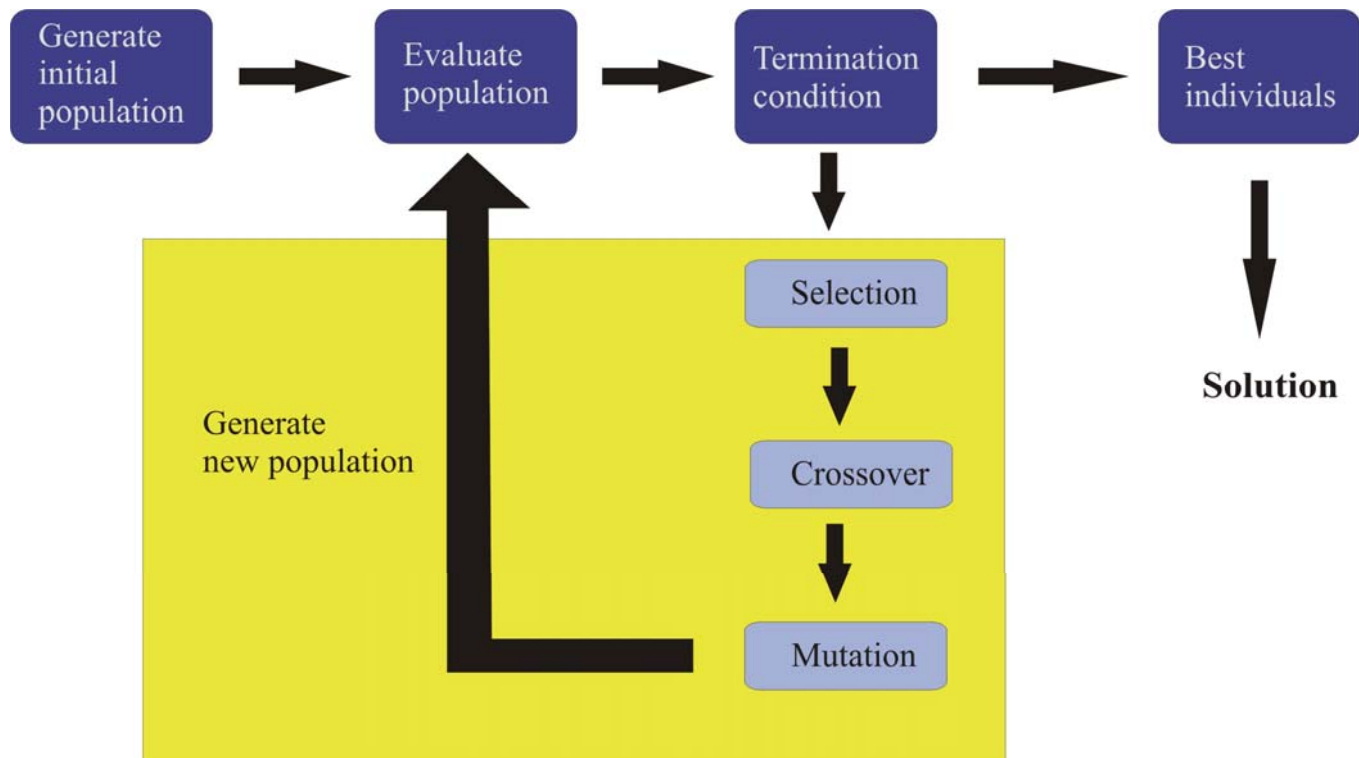
- **Termination Condition**

We choose to stop when $T \leq 0.005$

Theoretically, the search should stop when $T = 0$. But, normally, it is possible to finish with a temperature greater than zero, without quality loss in the solution

Genetic Algorithms: Overview

- Are methods that simulate, through algorithms, the processes of the natural evolution (biological)



Genetic Algorithms: Overview

- A genetic representation of the possible solutions, **individuals** or **chromosomes**, to the problem (**Encoding**)
- **Initial Population**
- A function to evaluate each individual (**Objective or Fitness function**)
- Genetic operators (**Selection, Crossover, and Mutation**)
- Other parameters Population's Size, Probability of the operators, Population's Evaluation, Population's Generation, Termination Condition)

M₂: Parameters (Encoding)

Encoding

An individual **I** is a hidden vertex set for P

$$\mathbf{I} = g_0 g_1 \cdots g_{n-1}$$

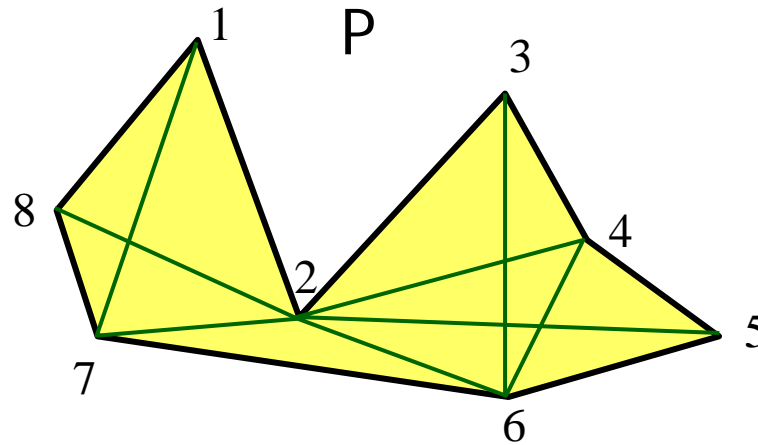
g_i is a gene and represents the vertex v_i

- If $g_i = 0$ the vertex v_i is marked as **not** hidden
- If $g_i = 1$ the vertex v_i is marked as hidden

M2: Parameters (Initial Population)

Initial Population

- The size of the population is n



v_1 10101000

v_2 01000000

v_3 00101010

v_4 00010010

v_5 00101001

v_6 00000101

v_7 00100010

v_8 00101001

M₂: Parameters (Fitness function & Selection)

- **Objective or Fitness Function**

$f(I) = \text{number of 1's in } I$

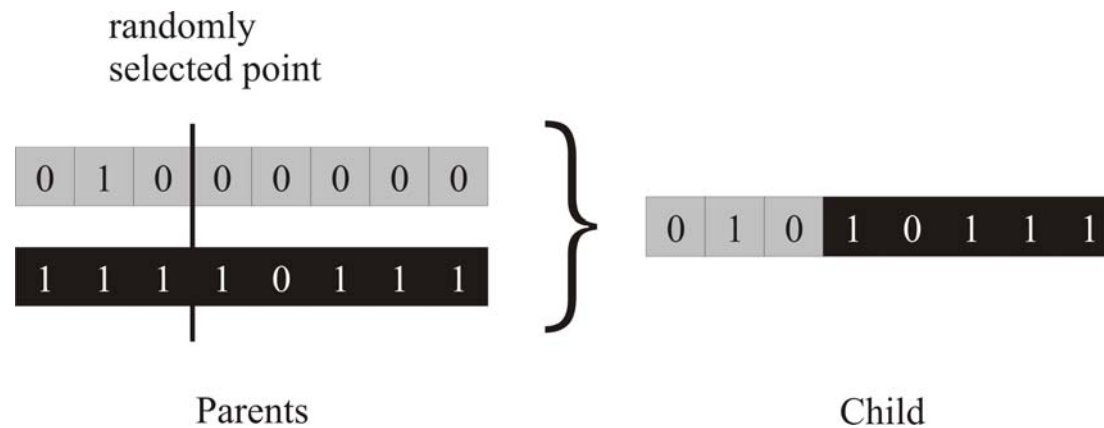
- **Selection**

- The best individuals should be chosen to be reproduced
- We use the roulette wheel selection

M₂: Parameters (Crossover)

Crossover

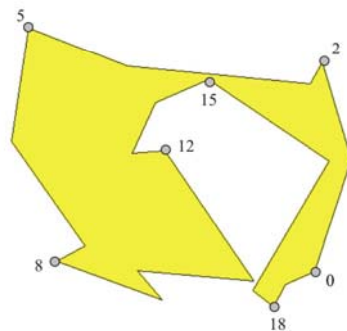
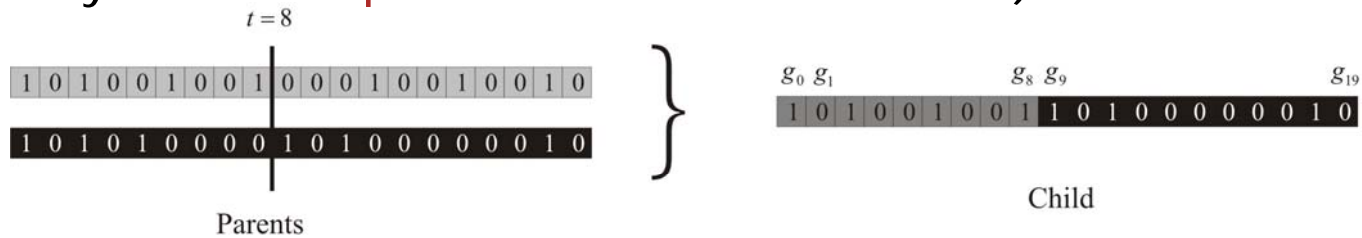
- operates in selected genes of the parents and create new individuals (children)
- Single point crossover, to generate one child



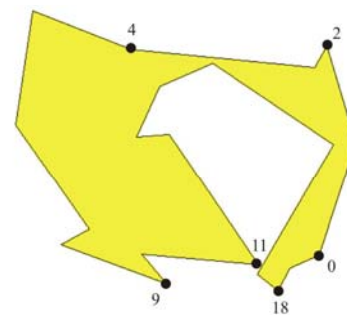
- Crossover occurs with a given probability $p_c = 0.9$

M₂: Parameters (Crossover)

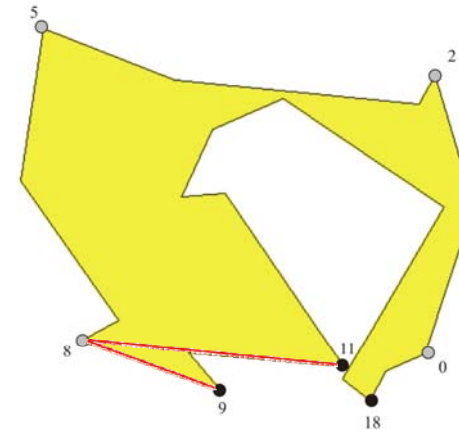
The child resulting from this crossover may **not be valid** (i.e., it may **not correspond to a hidden vertex set**)



Parent 1



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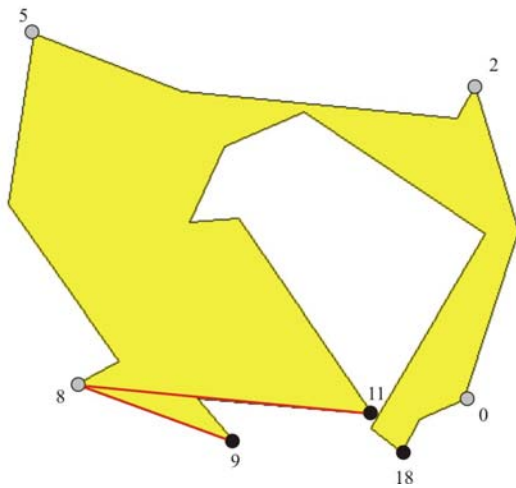


Invalid Child

M₂: Parameters (Crossover validation)

g_0	g_1						g_8	g_9	g_{11}						g_{18}	g_{19}		
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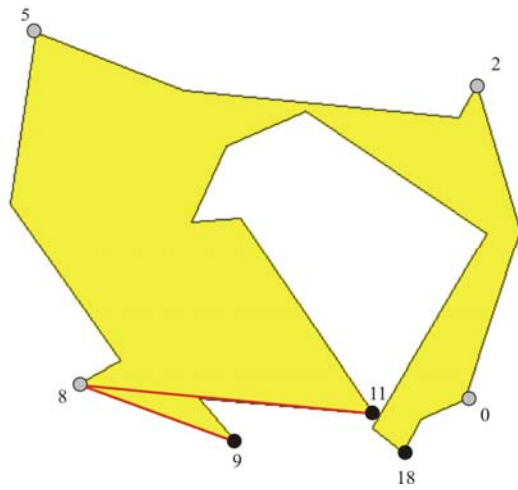
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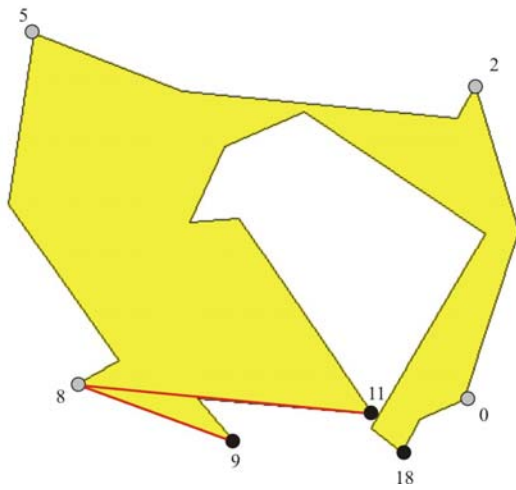
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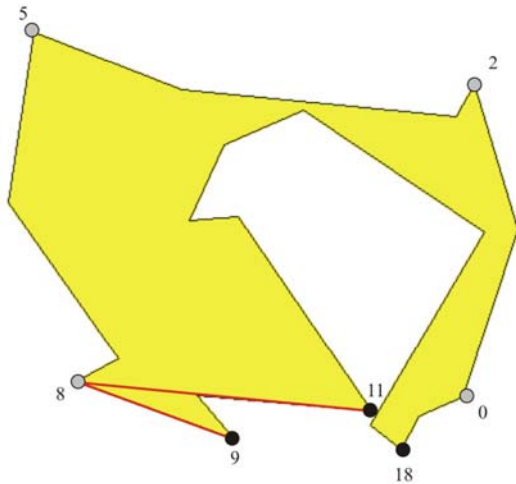
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$$g_{8+5+1} = g_{14} = 0$$

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$$g_{8+6+1} = g_{15} = 0$$

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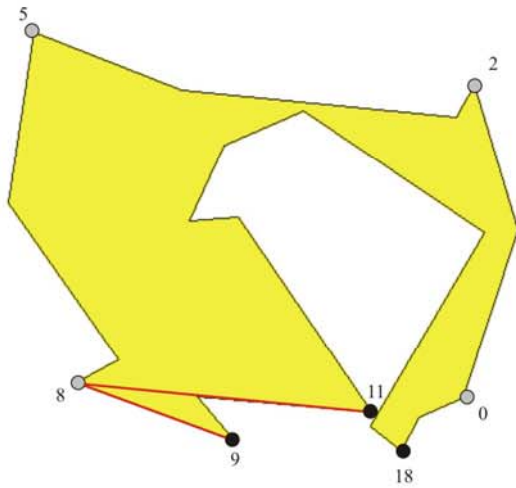
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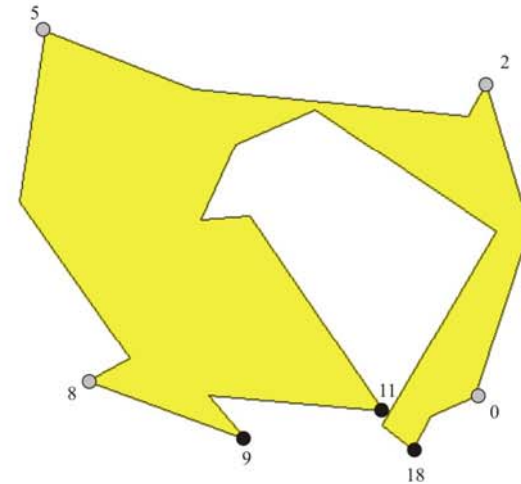
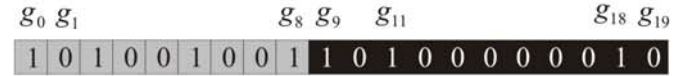
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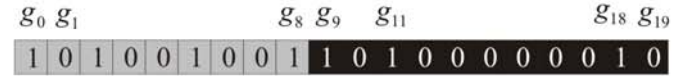
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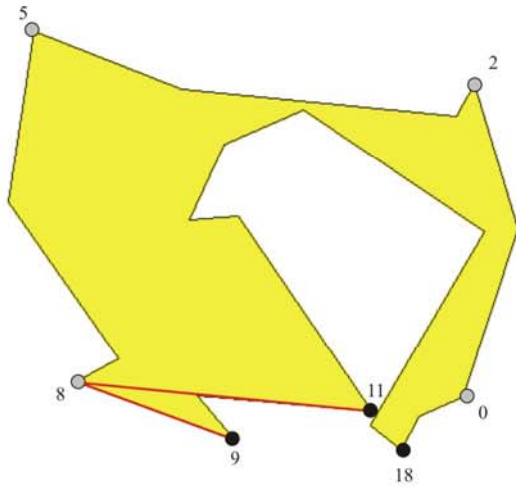
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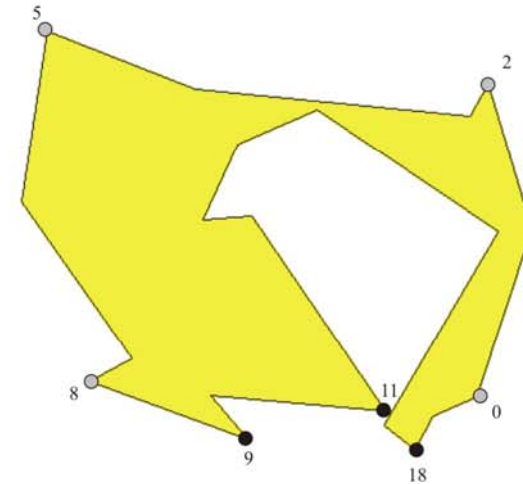
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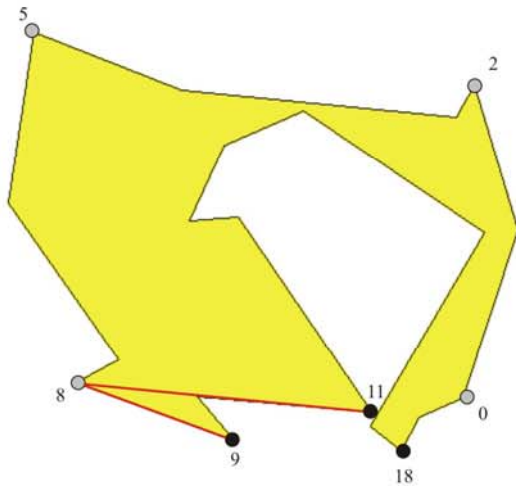
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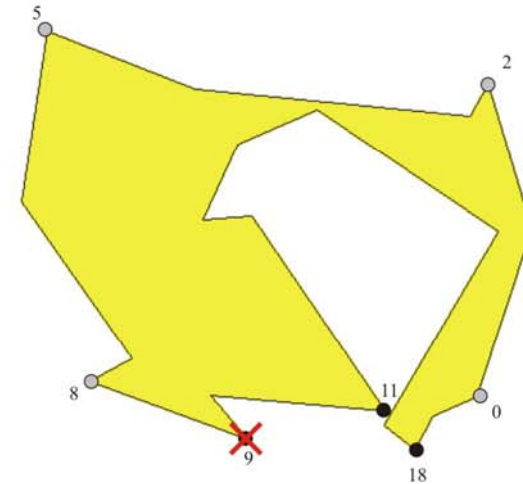
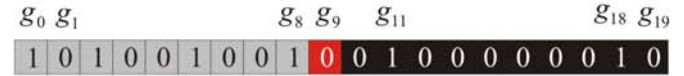
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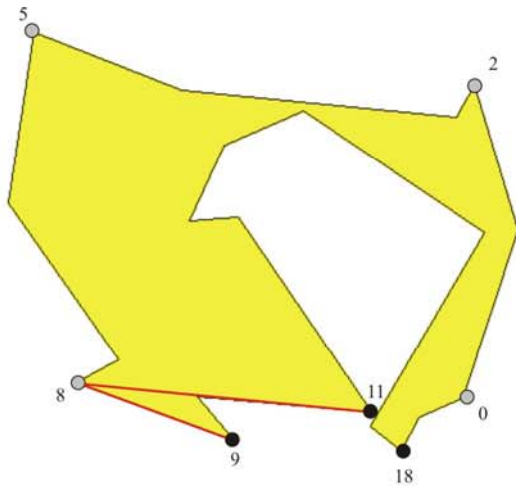
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M₂ : Parameters (Crossover validation)



Invalid Child



Validation



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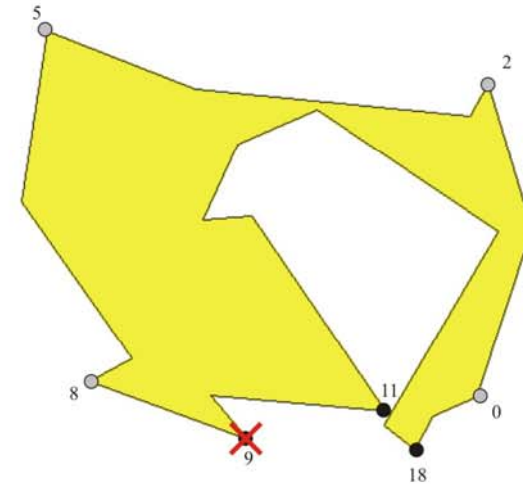
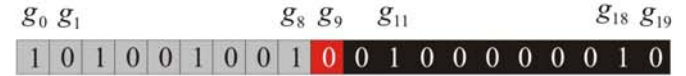
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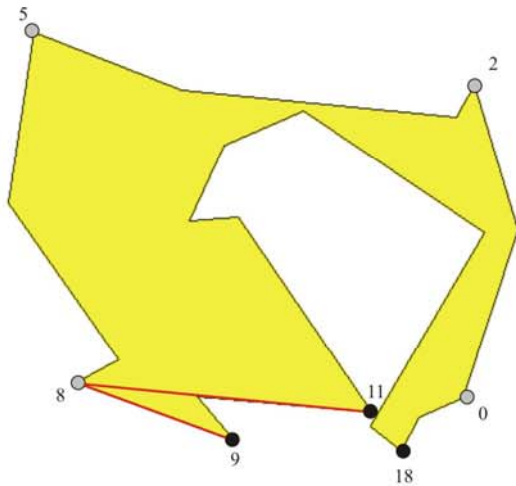
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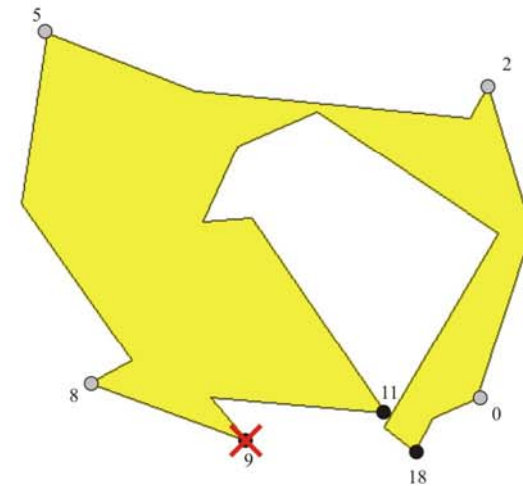
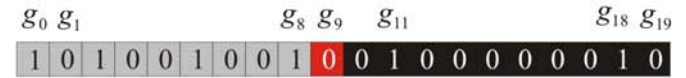
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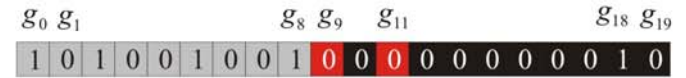
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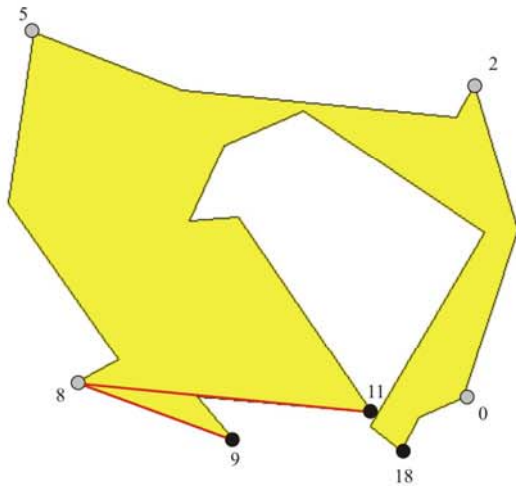
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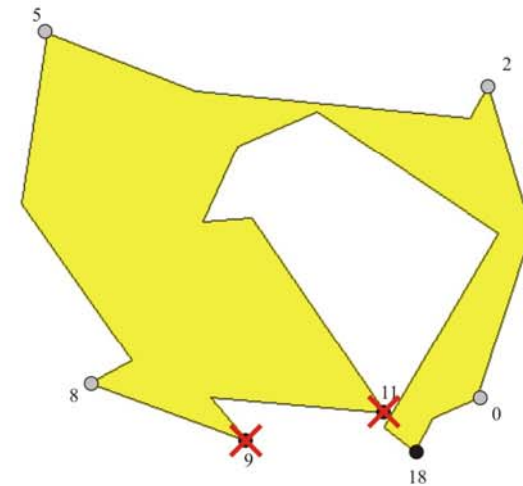
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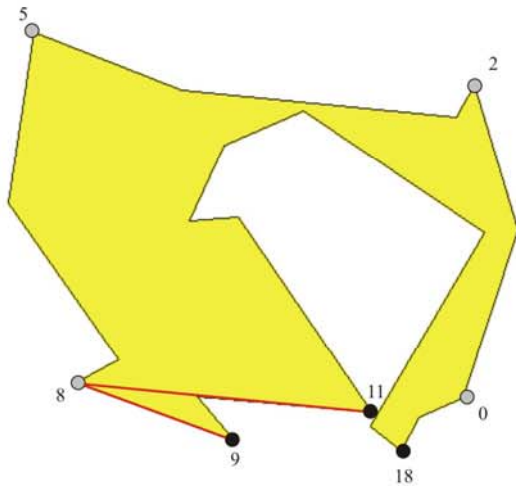
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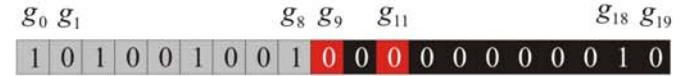
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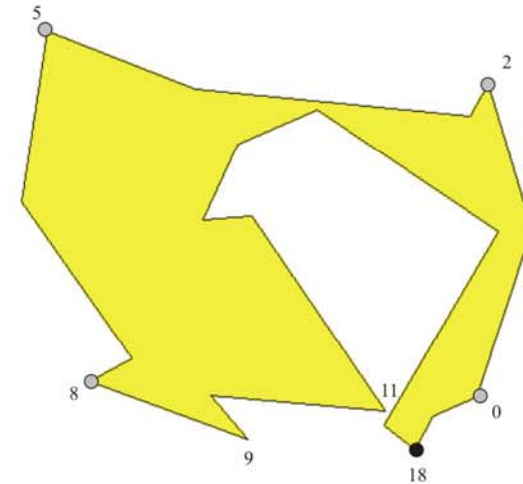
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Valid Child



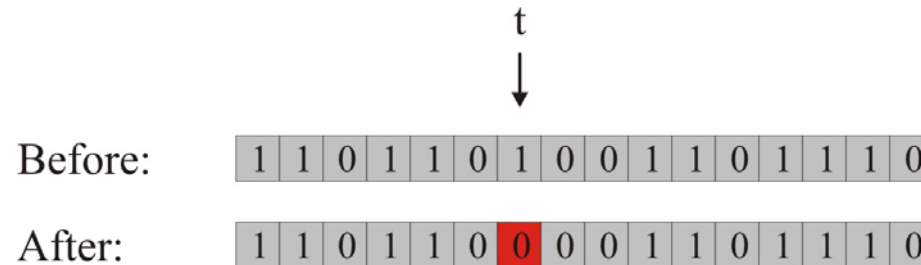
M₂ : Parameters (Mutation)

Mutation

probability $pm = 0.05$

randomly generate a natural number $0 \leq t \leq n-1$

- If $g_t=1$ then we change its value to 0
- If $g_t=0$ we change its value to 1 only if the resultant individual is valid



M₂ : Parameters (Population's Generation and Fitness & T. Cond.)

- **Population's Generation**

We replaced the worst individual of the population by the child obtained at the crossover.

- **Population's Evaluation or Population's Fitness,**
 $F(P(t)) = \max \{\text{fitness of individuals}\}$

- **Termination Condition**

If the fitness of the populations remains the same for a large number of iterations, h , we can assume that we are close to the optimal

$$h = 5000$$

Experiments & Results

- Computational Geometry Algorithms Library (CGAL)
- We realized our experiments on a large set of randomly generated polygons
 - General polygons
generated using the CGAL's function `random_polygon_2`
 - Orthogonal polygons
we used the polygon generator developed by O'Rourke
- Four sets of polygons, each one with 50 polygons of 50, 100, 150 and 200 vertices

Experiments & Results: SA's Parameters (Arbitrary polygons)

- Initial Temperature, T_0

(1) $T_0 = n$

(2) $T_0 = 1000.0$

- Temperature Decrement Rule

(1) $T_{k+1} = \frac{T_0}{1+k}$ (FSA decrease)

(2) $T_{k+1} = \frac{T_0}{e^k}$ (VFSA decrease)

(3) $T_{k+1} = \alpha T_k$, where $0 < \alpha < 1$ (geometric decrease)

The choice of $T_0 = n$ and FSA is the best one.

Experiments & Results: Four Algorithms (Arbitrary polygons)

Results obtained with M_1

Vertices	PP (seconds)	$ H $	Time (seconds)	Iterations
50	0.48	13.96	0.04	9999
100	2.42	27.4	0.1	19999
150	7.2	40.5	0.26	29999
200	15.58	53.86	0.36	39999

Results obtained with A_1

Vertices	PP (seconds)	$ H $	Time (seconds)	Iterations
50	0.48	12.1	0.08	12.1
100	2.42	24.18	0.46	24.18
150	7.2	35.12	0.5	35.12
200	15.58	46.62	0.9	46.62

Results obtained with A_2

Vertices	PP (seconds)	$ H $	Time (seconds)	Iterations
50	0.48	13.58	0	13.58
100	2.42	27.12	0	27.12
150	7.2	39.88	0	39.88
200	15.58	52.68	0	52.68

Results obtained with M_2

Vertices	PP (seconds)	$ H $	Time (seconds)	Iterations
50	0.48	13.54	0.06	5226.4
100	2.42	26.28	0.08	5680.0
150	7.2	38.3	0.26	6666.7
200	15.58	50.34	0.5	7160.2

General conclusions

The algorithm M_1 seems to be the best one, since:

- the obtained average of hidden vertices is better than the others; and
- in spite of the average of the number of iterations is the biggest, the only algorithm that is faster than it, is the A_2

Experiments & Results: M_1 Heuristic (Arbitrary polygons)

Vertices	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	150	200
$ H $	5.7	10.98	16.3	21.58	26.88	32.08	37.2	39.7	53.22

Using the least squares method, we obtained the following linear adjustment

$$f(n) = 0.2667n + 0.6182 \approx \frac{n}{3.7} + 0.6182$$

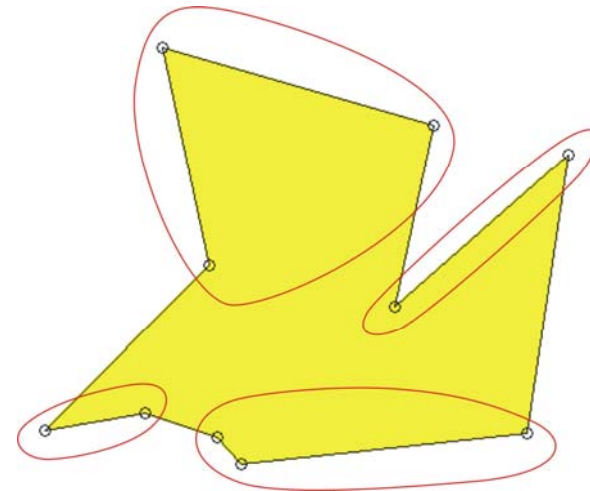
On average, the maximum number of hidden vertices in an arbitrary polygon P with n vertices is $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3.7} \right\rfloor$

Approximation Ratio

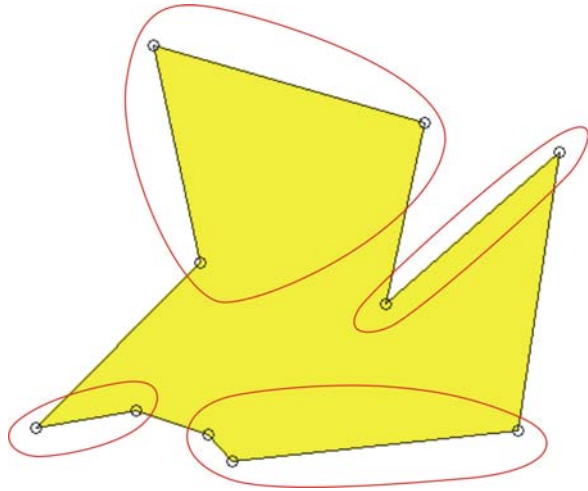
How can to prove that our approximate solutions are “good”?

UPPER BOUND for the optimal solution of the problem

CLIQUE PARTITION of **VG(P)**



Approximation Ratio



For each clique of the partition \mathbf{C} we can hide at most one vertex in \mathbf{P}

$$|\mathbf{C}| \geq |\mathbf{H}| \quad \forall \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{H}$$

$$|\mathbf{C}| \geq a(\mathbf{P}) \geq h(\mathbf{P}) \geq |\mathbf{H}|$$

$a(\mathbf{P})$ number of cliques in a minimum-cardinality clique partition

$h(\mathbf{P})$ number of hidden vertices in a maximum-cardinality hidden vertex set

Approximation ratio of the solution \mathbf{H}^* $h(\mathbf{P}) / |\mathbf{H}^*|$

We obtain a hidden vertex set \mathbf{H}^* that approximates $h(\mathbf{P})$ with approximation ratio $|\mathbf{C}| / |\mathbf{H}^*|$

Approximation Ratio

- The problem of determining $a(P)$ (Minimum Clique Partition problem) is **NP-Hard**, so we developed a greedy algorithm to obtain one solution **C**
- M_1 algorithm has an approximation ratio of 1.7, being equal to $3/2$ for 98.44% of the instances
- This means that, the obtained approximate solution, $|H^*|$, has
 - at least $1/1.7$ of the optimal number of hidden vertices, for all instances;
 - And at least $2/3$ of the optimal number of hidden vertices, for 98.44% of the instances

Experiments & Results: Orthogonal Polygons

- A similar study was made for orthogonal polygons
 - The best algorithm is M_1 (case: $T_0 = n$ and FSA decrease), with significantly different results from the other algorithms
 - On average the maximum number of hidden vertices in an orthogonal polygon P with n vertices is $n/4$
 - The approximation ratio is $3/2$, for all randomly generated instances

Future Work

- Different parametrizations of genetic algorithms
- Hybrid metaheuristics

PROBLEMS

- Optimal triangulations, polyhedral terrains
- Optimal polygonizations, watchman routes
- Cooperative guarding, another variants, ...
- Rectangular partitions, ...

	COMBINATORIAL BOUND	APPROX ALGORITHM
VERTEX-GUARD	$n/3$	$n/6.48$
HIDDEN VERTEX	$n/2$	$n/3.7$
2-MODEM ILLUMINATION	$\approx n/6?$	$n/26$
4-MODEM ILLUMINATION	$\approx ?$	$n/52$

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