

Lecture 6 - Half-plane intersection

Consider a set $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$ of half-planes

$$h_i : a_i x + b_i y \leq c_i$$



Goal: compute intersection $C = \bigcap_{h_i \in H} h_i$

Approach: recursive (divide & conquer)

divide H into two sets H_1, H_2
of roughly same size;

compute $C_1 = \bigcap_{h_i \in H_1} h_i$, $C_2 = \bigcap_{h_i \in H_2} h_i$

& then call $C = C_1 \cap C_2$.

intersection of
convex sets

- Half-plane \mathbb{H} is convex set.

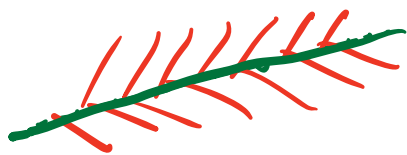
- Intersection of convex sets is convex



- What shapes of convex sets can arise as intersection of finitely many half-planes?

- How can we represent them computationally?

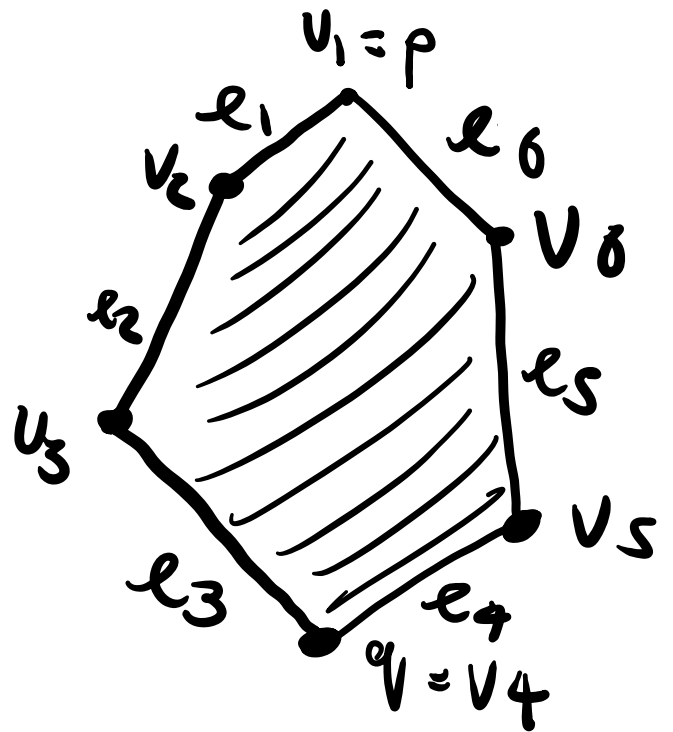
- Will consider those cases which are not subsets of a line



- Use lex ordering (top to bottom, left to right)

1) C has max p & min. q in lex order:

The boundary of C splits into left path $L(C)$ & right path $R(C)$ from top to bottom:



$$L(C) = (v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, v_3, e_3, v_4)$$

$$R(C) = (v_1, e_6, v_6, e_5, v_5, e_4, v_4)$$

- C is determined by $L(C)$ & $R(C)$.
- In each case (1 above & 2, 3, 4) we represent C by two sequences $L(C), R(C)$ consisting of vertices, edges, half-edges & unbounded edges.

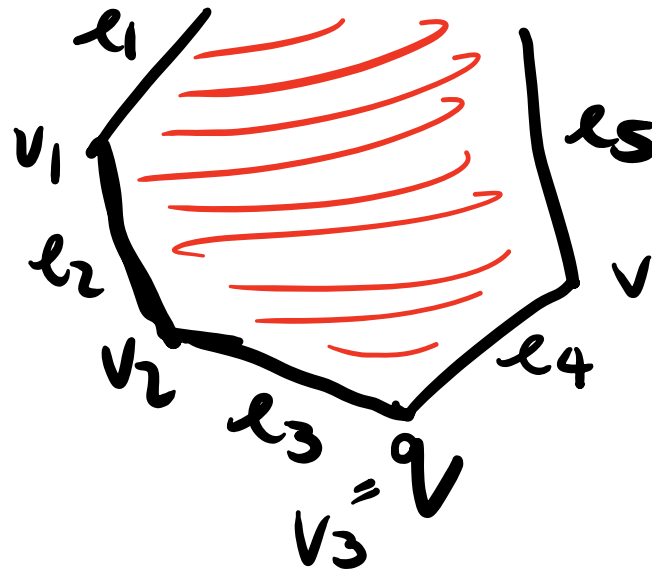
2) C has max, no min



LC, RC are sequences beginning with a vertex & ending with a half-edge.

3) C has no max, has min

LC, RC begin
with half-edges
& end in
vertices



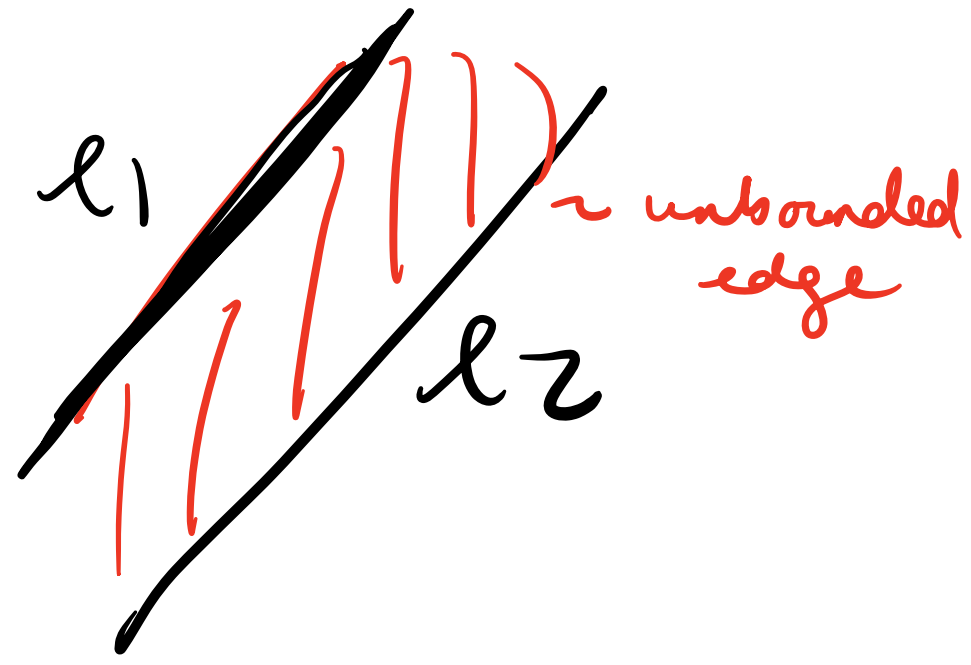
$$LC = (e_1, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3, v_3)$$

$$RC = (e_5, v_4, e_4, v_3)$$

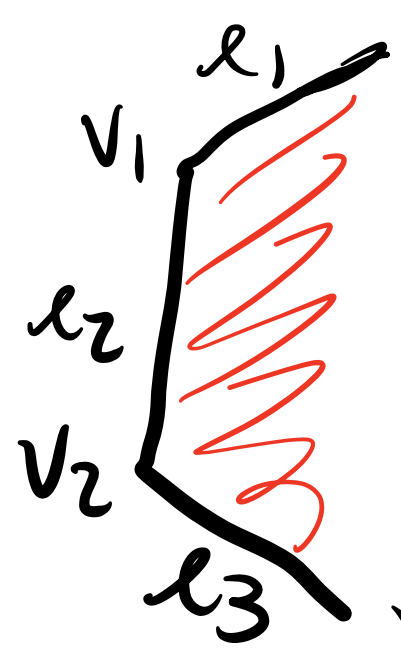
half-edges.

4) C has no min or max.

$LC = (e_1)$
 $RC = (e_2)$



or



$LC = (e_1, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3)$

$RC = \emptyset$



$LC = \emptyset$

$RC = (e_1, v_1, e_2, v_2, e_3)$

Algorithm: Half-plane Intersection (H)

- Input $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$ set of half-planes
- Output: Intersection C of H ,
described using sequences LC & RC
of vertices, edges, half-edges &
unbounded edges describing left
& right path.
- If $n=1$, determine LC & RC .
- Else, put
 $H_1 = \{h_1, \dots, h_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}\}$ & $H_2 = H/H_1$
- Set $C_1 = \text{Half-plane Intersection}(H_1)$
 $C_2 = \text{Half-plane Intersection}(H_2)$
- $C = \text{Intersection of Two } (C_1, C_2)$

main thing

Illustration

$$H = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}$$

$$H_1 = \{h_1, h_2\}$$

$$H_2 = \{h_3, h_4\}$$

$$H_{11} = \{h_1\}$$

$$H_{12} = \{h_2\}$$

$$H_{21} = \{h_3\}$$

$$H_{22} = \{h_4\}$$

$$C_{11}$$

$$C_{12}$$

$$C_{21}$$

$$C_{22}$$

$$C_1 = C_{11} \cap C_{12}$$

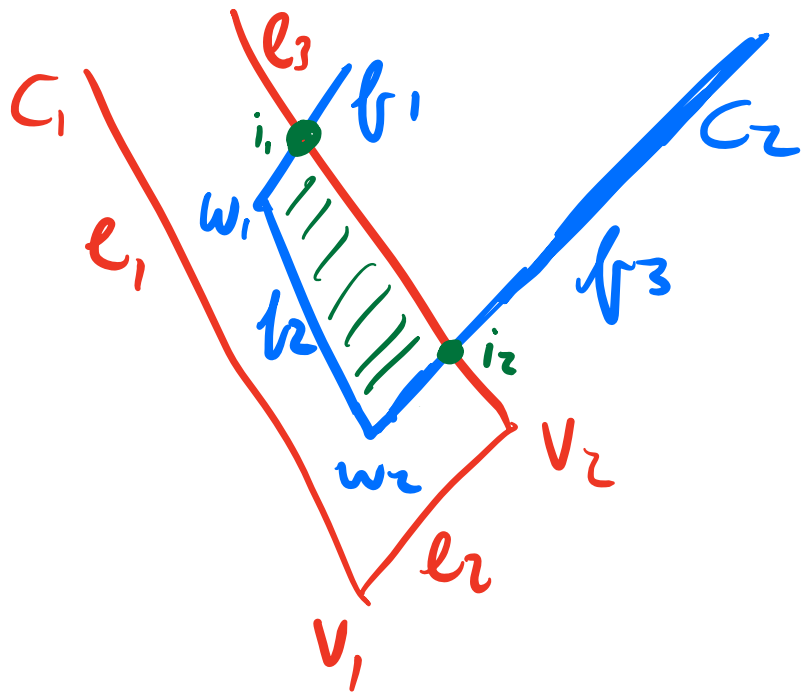
$$C_2 = C_{21} \cap C_{22}$$

$$C = C_1 \cap C_2$$

Algorithm : Intersection of Two (C_1, C_2)

Idea

- Sweep line going from top bottom.



- Calculate intersections as we move down page, & decide which vertices & edges on left/right path of C_1, C_2 lie on left/right path of intersection.

$$L(C_1 \cap C_2) = \{i_1, f_1, w_1, f_2, w_2\}$$
$$R(C_1 \cap C_2) = \{i_2, f_3, w_2\}$$

Algorithm : Intersection of Two (C_1, C_2)

Input

C_1, C_2 : intersection of sets of halfplanes, described using lists of left & right boundaries LC_1, RC_1, LC_2 & RC_2 .

Output

$C_1 \cap C_2$ descr. using lists $L(C_1 \cap C_2)$ & $R(C_1 \cap C_2)$

- Use sweep-line method :

Q of events - vertices + intersections

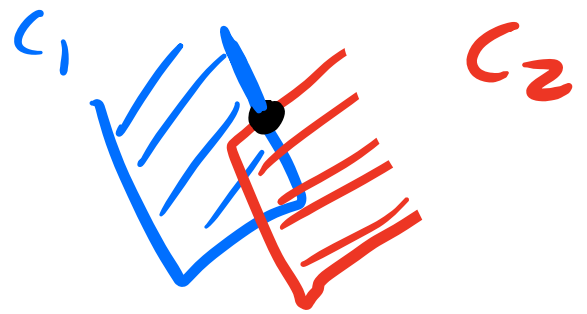
T - ord. seq. of edges int. sweep-line

(at most 4 so no need for tree)

Algorithm : Intersection of Two (C_1, C_2)

① Add upper endpoints to Q , unbounded upper edges to T .

② If neither C_1, C_2 has max, calc. int. of unbounded edges & add to Q ,

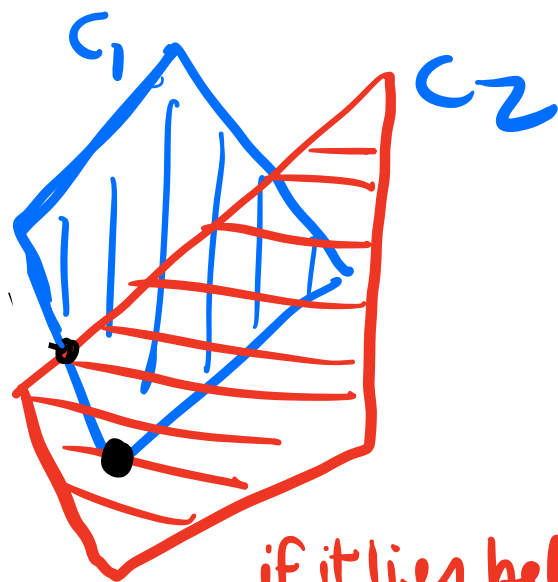
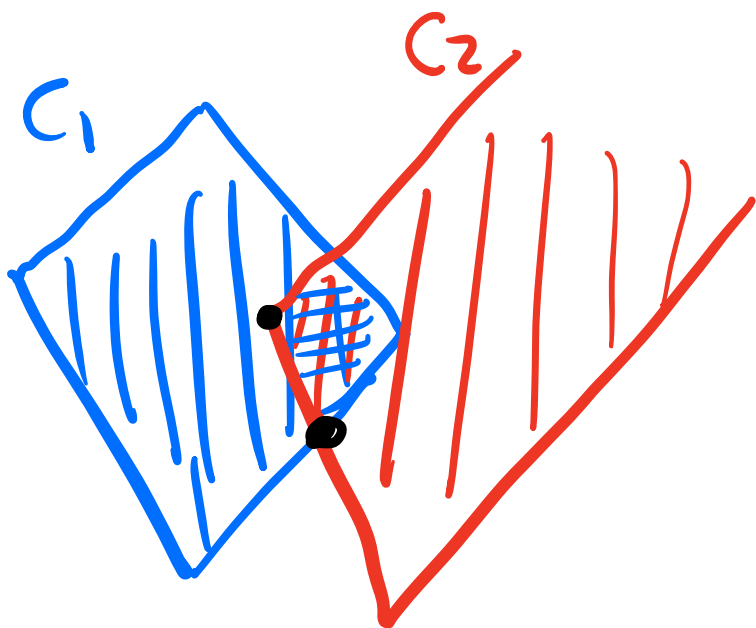


③ At event point v ,

a) decide if $v \in L(C_1 \cap C_2) / R(C_1 \cap C_2)$ as below & add to appropriate list.

How to decide ?

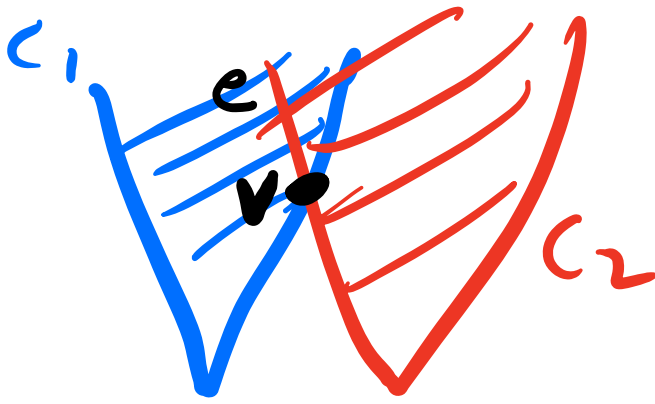
Vertices of $L(C_1 \cap C_2)$



if it lies bet.
l & r edges
of C_1 in T !

- vertices of $L(C_2)$ inside C_1 .
- vertices of $L(C_1)$ inside C_2 .
- intersection points of $L(C_1)$ & $L(C_2)$,
- intersection points of left path of one & right path of the other (these will be max & min of $C_1 \cap C_2$)
- Sim. $R(C_1 \cap C_2)$

b)

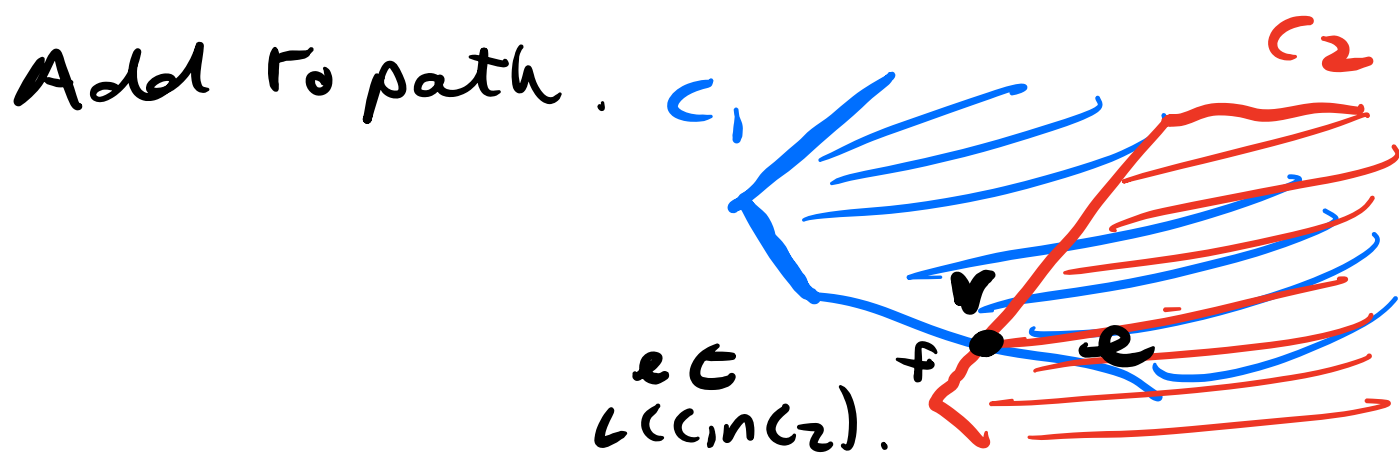


Add e to
 $L(C_1, n, C_2)$,
so $\{e, v\}$.

- If v is first element of $L(C_1, n, C_2)$ or $R(C_1, n, C_2)$
Find edges with v as lower endpoint
& decide which belong
to $L(C_1, n, C_2)$ / $R(C_1, n, C_2)$:
 - if e appears before v in $L(C_1)$,
then $e \in L(C_1, n, C_2) \Leftrightarrow e \in C_2$ above v
etc
 - Add to appropriate path.

c) Update T .

d) Look at edges going downwards from v - decide which lies in $C_1 \cap C_2$ & on which path $L(C_1 \cap C_2)$ or $R(C_1 \cap C_2)$.

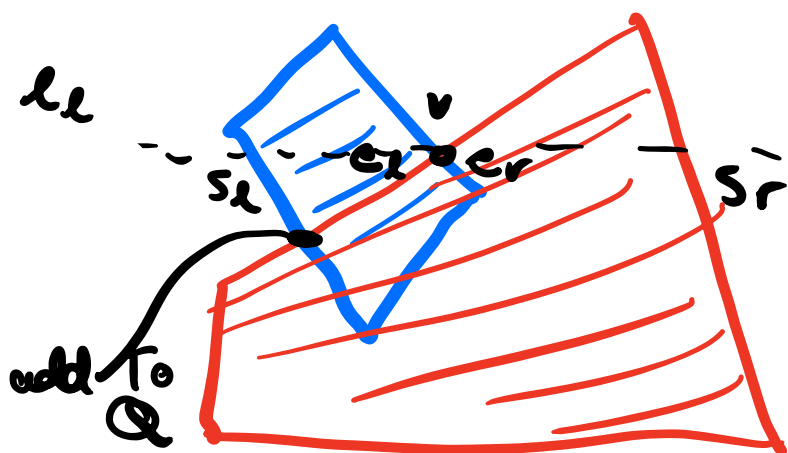


Add their lower endpoints to Q .

e) Let e_L, e_R be leftmost & rightmost edges going down from v

Find left edge s_L to e_L from other set.

Find right edge s_R to e_R from other set.



Calculate $s_L \cap e_L$

& $s_R \cap e_R$ & add them to Q .

f) If v is last member of
 $L(C_1 \cap C_2)$ &/or $R(C_1 \cap C_2)$

(ie no edge coming out below in int)

then we have computed intersection
 \rightarrow empty the Q .

else

delete v from Q .

Warning / Note on complexity

- ELearning adds all endpoints to Q but then insertions to Q will cost $O(n_1 + n_2)$, whereas we want complexity $O(n_1 + n_2)$ overall.
- With above approach, Q contains at most
 - uppermost verts of path (≤ 4)
 - endpoints of segs int sweepline (≤ 8)
 - int. points of segs int sw. (≤ 4)so at most 16 events in Q at any time. \rightarrow time to handle event is constant.

Then

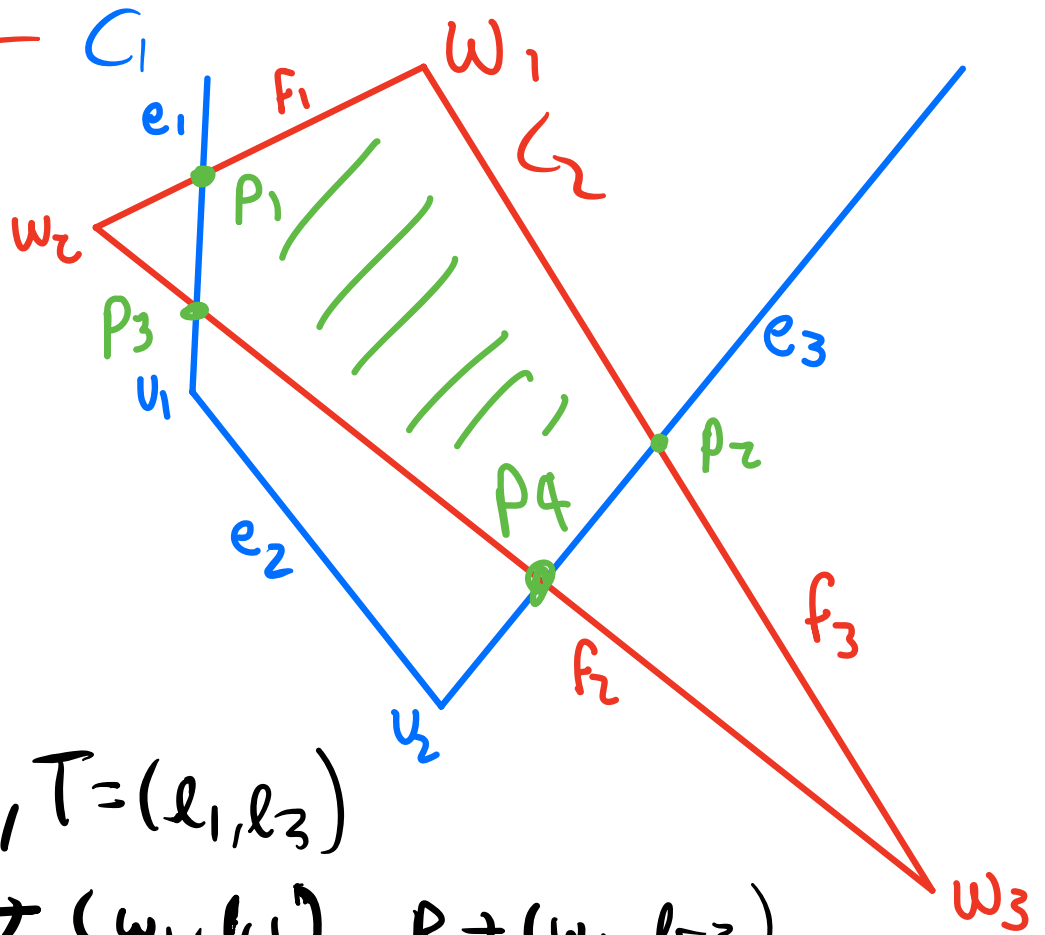
Intersection of Two (C_1, C_2)
 n_1 vertices n_2 vertices

has complexity $O(n_1 + n_2)$

$T(n)$ - complexity of half-plane intersection alg.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + \text{Time}(\text{Int. of Two}(n/2, n/2)) \\ &= 2T(n/2) + O(n) \\ &= T(n) = O(n \log n). \end{aligned}$$

Example



$$Q = (w_1), T = (e_1, e_3)$$

- At w_1 , $\alpha \rightarrow (w_1, f_1)$, $R \rightarrow (w_1, f_3)$

$$Q \rightarrow (w_2, w_3)$$

$T \rightarrow (e_1, f_1, f_3, e_3)$ omit free in future

Find int $p_1, p_2 \rightarrow Q \rightarrow (w_1, p_1, p_2, w_3)$

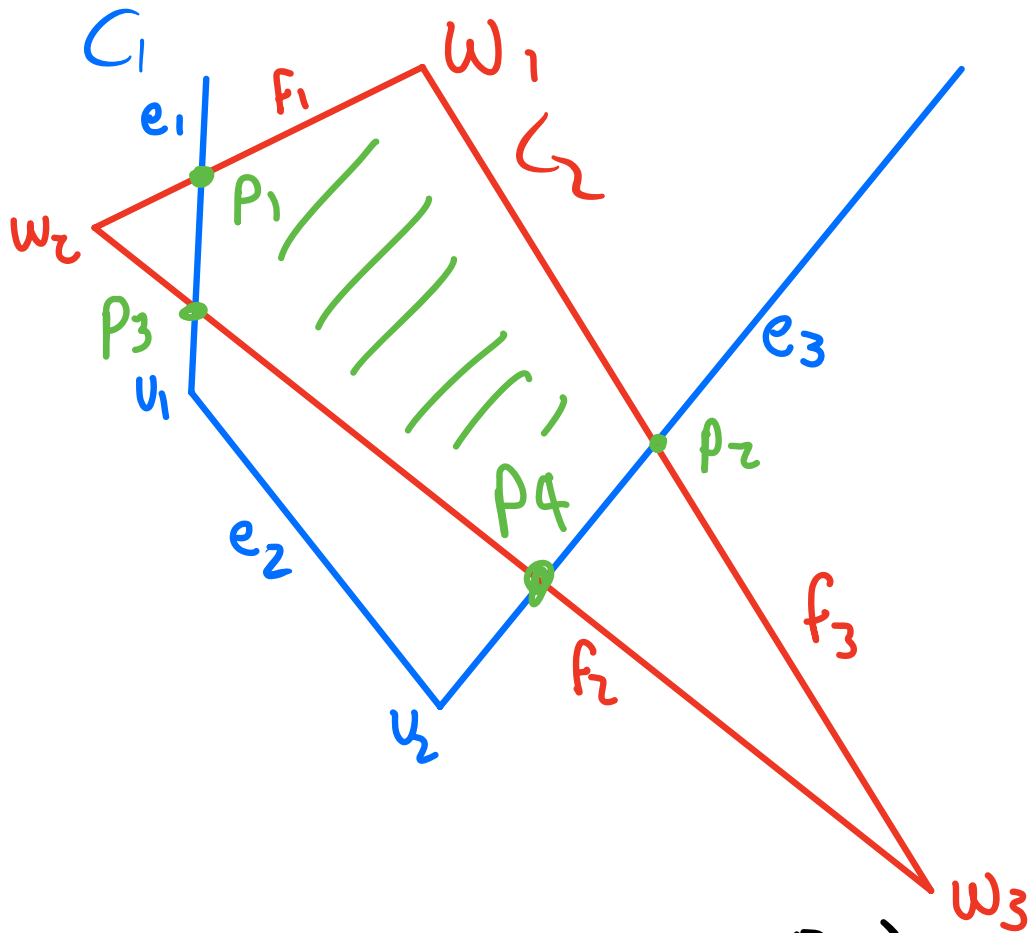
- At p_1 , $\alpha \rightarrow (w_1, f_1, p_1, e_1)$, $R \rightarrow R$

$$Q \rightarrow (w_2, v_1, v_3)$$

- At w_2 , α, R same. Find p_3 .

$$Q \rightarrow (p_3, v_1, p_2, w_3)$$

Example



- At $p_3 \quad \mathcal{L} \vdash (w_1, v_1, p_1, e_1, p_3, f_2)$
 $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow (v_1, p_2, v_3)$
- @ $v_1, \quad \mathcal{Q} \vdash (p_2, v_2, w_3)$
- @ $p_2, \quad \mathcal{R} \vdash (w_1, f_3, p_2, e_3),$
 calc $p_4 \vdash$
 $\mathcal{Q} \vdash (p_4, v_2, w_3)$
- @ $p_4 \quad \mathcal{L} \vdash (w_1, v_1, p_1, e_1, p_3, f_2, p_4)$
 $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow (w_1, f_3, p_2, e_3, p_4)$