A linear bound on the Complexity of the Delaunay Triangulation of Points on Polyhedral Surfaces

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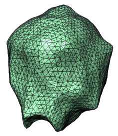
Introduction

- Applications :
  - mesh generation
  - medial axis approximation
  - surface reconstruction



Question : Complexity of the Delaunay triangulation of points scattered over a surface ?

Complexity of the Delaunay triangulation

- Spheres circumscribing tetrahedra are empty

Data points

Convex hull

Complexity of the Delaunay triangulation

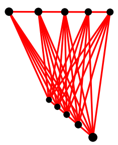
- Complexity = $|$ Edges $| > |$ Tetrahedra $| > |$Triangles$|/4$

Delaunay neighbours

Convex hull

Complexity of the Delaunay triangulation

- For n points, in the worst-case:
  - in $\mathbb{R}^3$, $\Omega(n^2)$



Goal : exhibit practical geometric constraints for subquadratic / linear bounds.

Probabilistic results

- Expected complexity for n random points on
  - a ball : $\Theta(n)$ [Dwyer 1993]
  - a convex polytope : $\Theta(n)$ [Golin & Na 2000]
  - a polytope : $O(n \log^4 n)$ [Golin & Na 2002]

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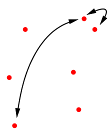

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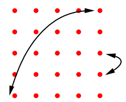

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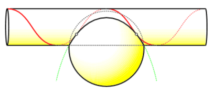
  - Well-sampled cylinder : $\Omega(n\sqrt{n})$



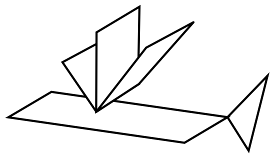
Our main result

For points distributed on a polyedral surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$: the Delaunay triangulation is linear

- Deterministic result
  - polyedral surface
  - sampling condition
  - proof

Polyedral surface

- Polyedral surface = Finite collection of facets that form a pur piece-wise linear complex
- Facet = bounded polygon



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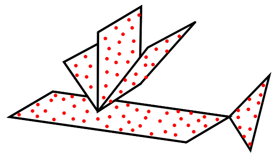

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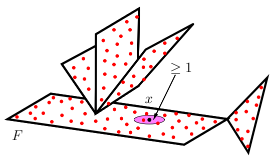

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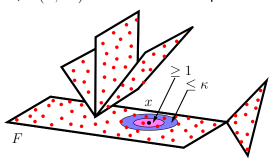
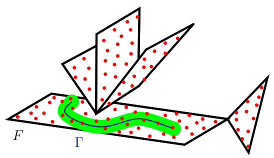


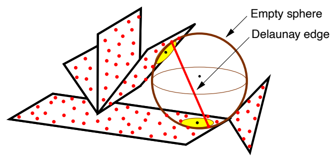
Sampling condition

- $n = \Theta\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$
- $n(\Gamma \oplus \varepsilon) = O(\mathit{length}(\Gamma) \times \sqrt{n})$



Delaunay triangulation

- Assumptions : (ε, κ)-sample of a polyedral surface
- Proof : Count Delaunay edges



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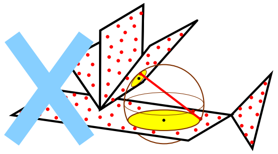

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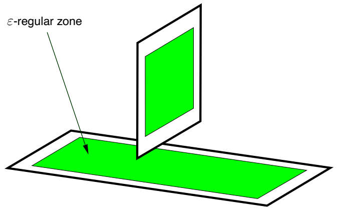

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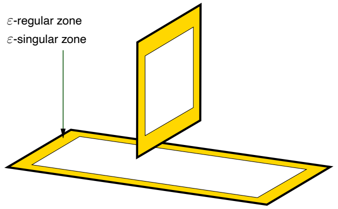

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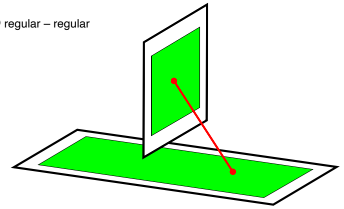

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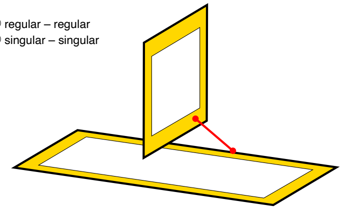

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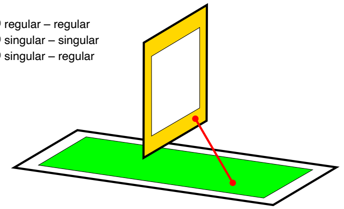

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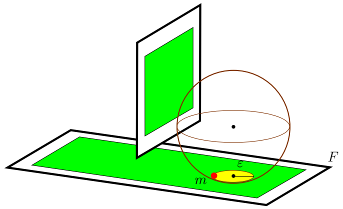

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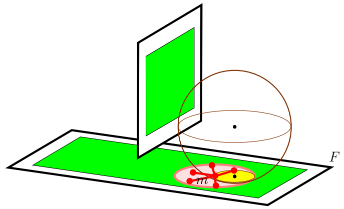

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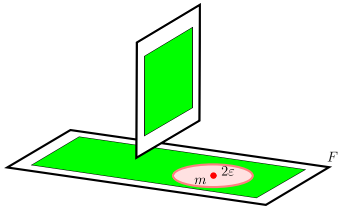

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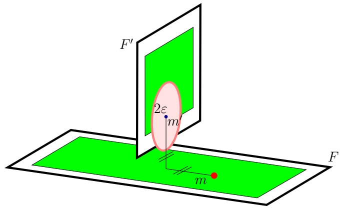

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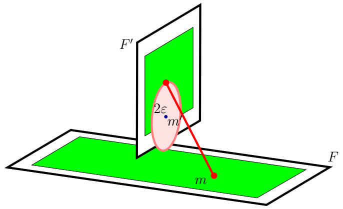

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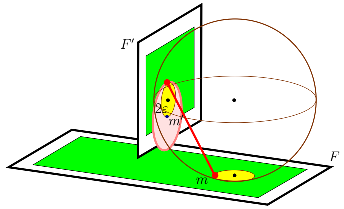

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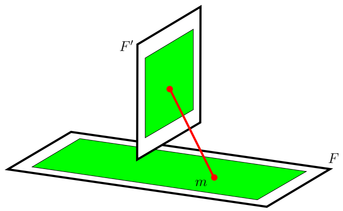
- Number of Delaunay edges in the regular zone : $O(n)$



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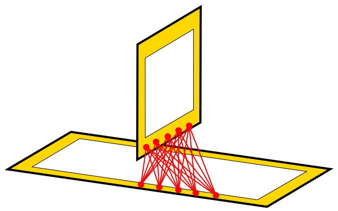
- Brutal force : $O(\sqrt{n}) \times O(\sqrt{n}) = O(n)$



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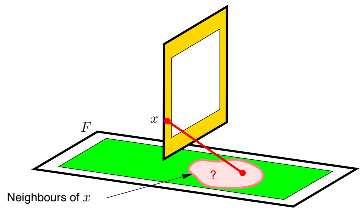

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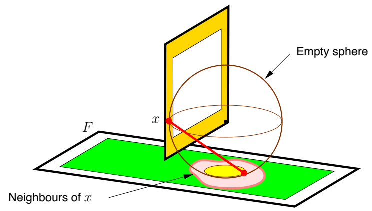

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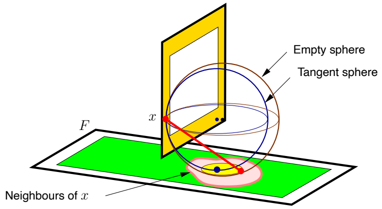

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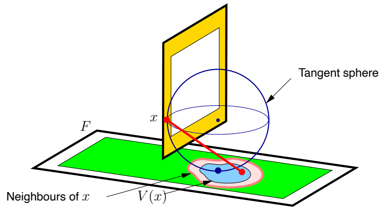
- Neighbours of x : $V(x)$ enlarged by 2ε



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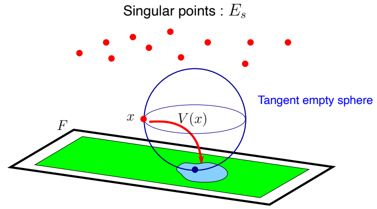

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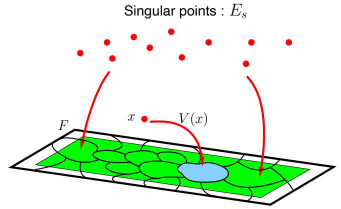

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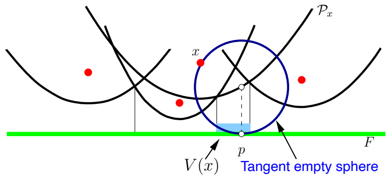

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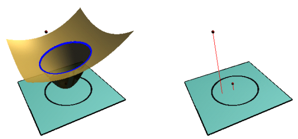

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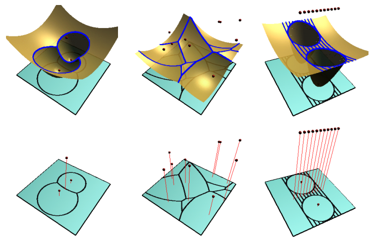

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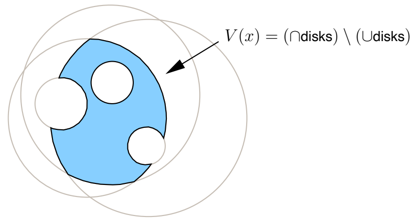

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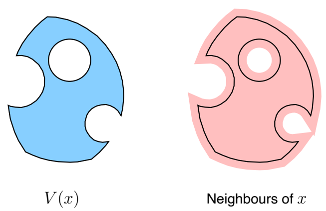

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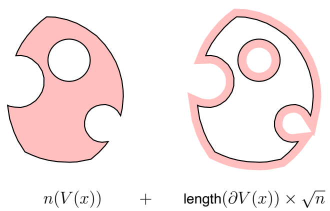

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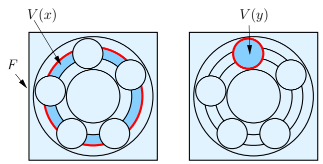

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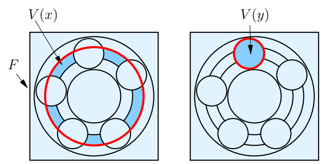

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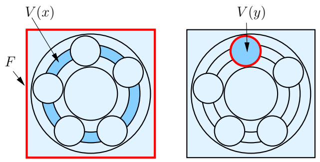

Main result

Let S be a polyhedral surface and E a (ε, κ)-sample of S of size $|E| = n$. The number of edges in the Delaunay triangulation of E is at most :

$$\left(1 + \frac{C\,\kappa}{2} + 612\,\pi\,\kappa^2\,\frac{L^2}{A}\right) n$$

C : number of facets

A : area

L : $\sum$ length(∂facet)

Conclusion and perspective

- Linear bound for polyhedral surfaces
- Extend this result to generic surfaces