Union of Balls and α-Complexes

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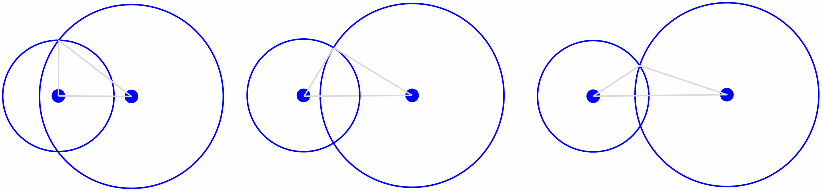

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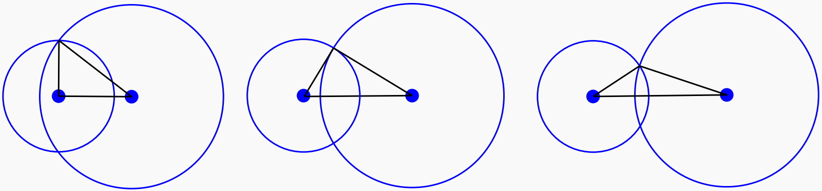
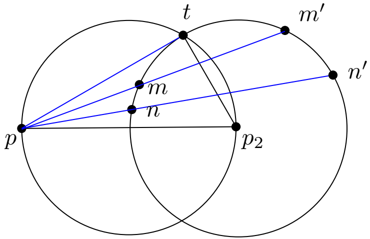


Power distance of a point wrt a ball

If b_1 is reduced to a point p : $\pi(p, b_2) = (p - p_2)^2 - r_2^2$

Normalized equation of bounding sphere :
$p \in \partial b_2 \iff \pi(p, b_2) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} p \in \mathrm{int} b_2 \quad &\iff \quad \pi(p, b) < 0 \\ p \in \partial b_2 \quad &\iff \quad \pi(p, b) = 0 \\ p \notin b_2 \quad &\iff \quad \pi(p, b) > 0 \end{aligned}$$



Tangents and secants through p
$\pi(p, b) = pt^2 = \overline{pm} \cdot \overline{pm'} = \overline{pn} \cdot \overline{pn'}$

Radical Hyperplane

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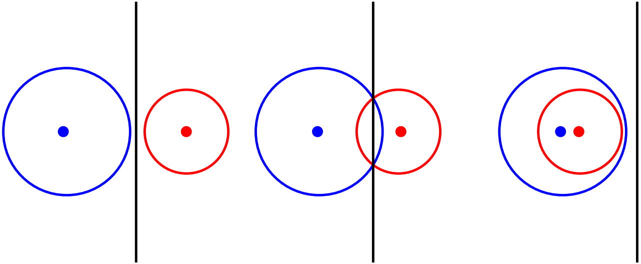

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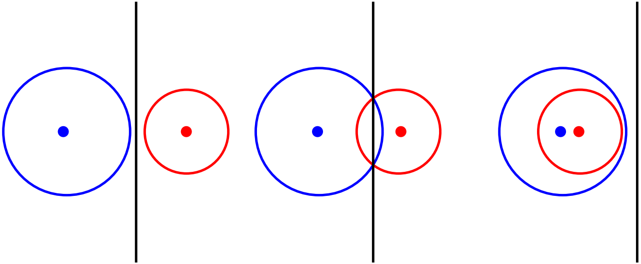

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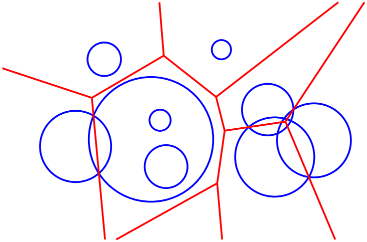
Power Diagrams

also named Laguerre diagrams or weighted Voronoi diagrams



Sites : n balls $B = \{b_i(p_i, r_i), i = 1, \ldots n\}$

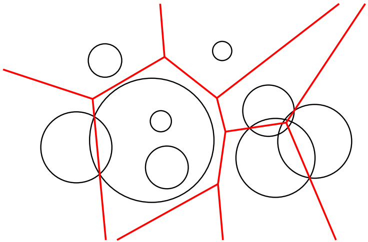
Power distance: $\pi(x, b_i) = (x - p_i)^2 - r_i^2$

Power Diagram: Vor(B)
One cell $V(b_i)$ for each site
$V(b_i) = \{x : \pi(x, b_i) \leq \pi(x, b_j).\forall j \neq i\}$

- Each cell is a polytope
- $V(b_i)$ may be empty
- p_i may not belong to $V(b_i)$

Weighted Delaunay triangulations

$B = \{b_i(p_i, r_i)\}$ a set of balls



Del(B) = nerve of Vor(B):

$B_\tau = \{b_i(p_i, r_i), i = 0, \ldots k\}\} \subset B$
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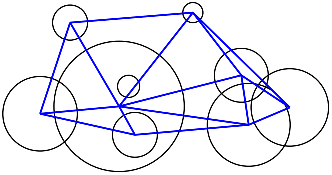
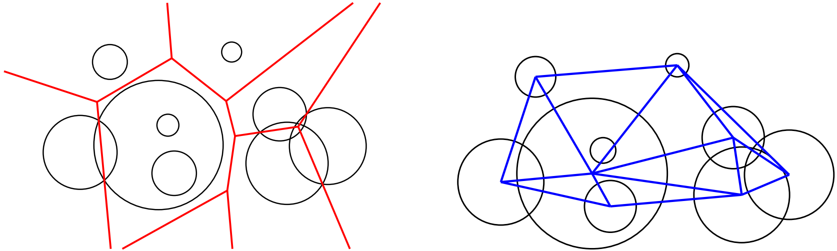
To be proved (next slides):



under a general position condition on B,
$B_\tau \longrightarrow \tau = \mathrm{conv}(\{p_i, i = 0 \ldots k\})$
embeds Del(B) as a triangulation in $\mathbb{R}^d$,
called the weighted Delaunay triangulation

Characteristic property of weighted Delaunay complexes



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The space of spheres

$b(p, r)$ ball of $\mathbb{R}^d$

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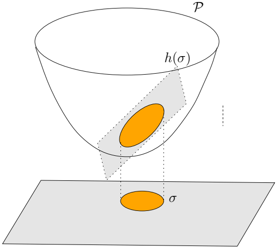

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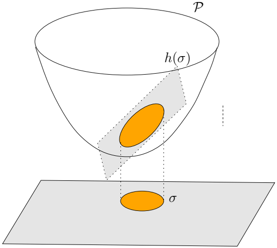

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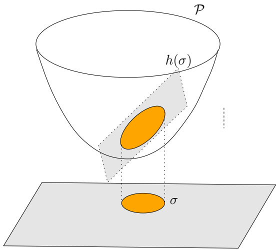

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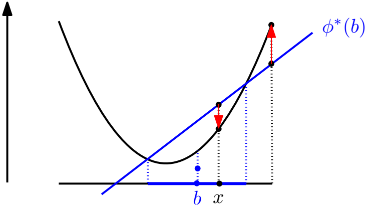

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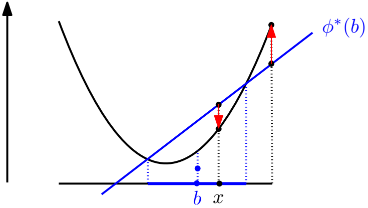

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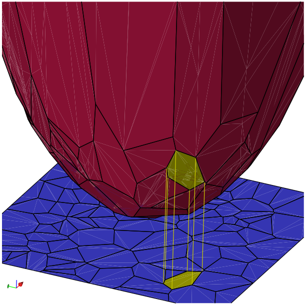

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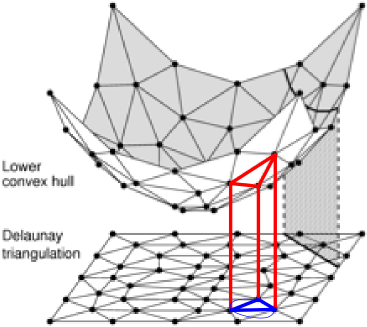

$$\mathcal{D}(B) = \mathrm{conv}^-(\hat{P})$$

Proof of the theorem

$$B_\tau \subset B, |B_\tau| = d+1, \ \tau = \mathsf{conv}(\{p_i, b_i(p_i, r_i) \in B_\tau\}),$$
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&\Longleftrightarrow \quad p \in \bigcap_{b_i \in B_\tau} V(b_i) \\
&\Longleftrightarrow \quad \tau \in \mathsf{Del}(B)
\end{aligned}$$

Delaunay's theorem extended

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{V}(B) = h_{b_1}^+ \cap \ldots \cap h_{b_n}^+ & \xrightarrow{\text{duality}} & \mathcal{D}(B) = \mathsf{conv}^-(\{\phi(b_1), \ldots, \phi(b_n)\}) \\ \uparrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Voronoi Diagram of } B & \xrightarrow{\text{nerve}} & \text{Delaunay Complex of } B \end{array}$$

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Cell of b_i in the power diagram Vor(B)

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Vor(B) is the maximization diagram of the set of affine functions

$$\{f_i(x) = 2p_i x - s_i, i = 1, \ldots, n\}$$

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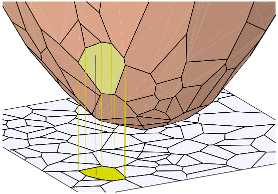

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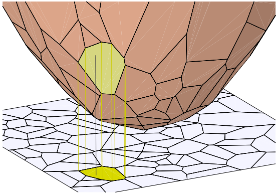

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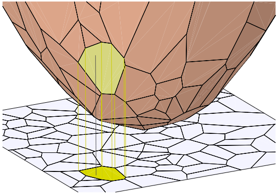

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Examples of affine diagrams

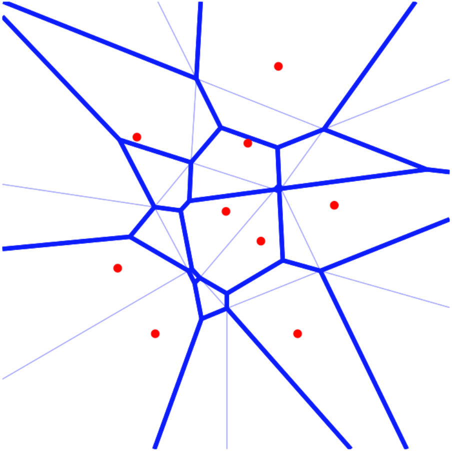
1. The intersection of a power diagram with an affine subspace (Exercise)

2. A Voronoi diagram defined with a quadratic distance function

$$\|x-a\|_Q = (x-a)^t Q(x-a) \qquad\qquad Q = Q^t$$

3. k order Voronoi diagrams

k-order Voronoi Diagrams



Let P be a set of sites.
Each cell in the k-order Voronoi diagram $\mathrm{Vor}_k(P)$ is the locus of points in $\mathbb{R}^d$ that have the same subset of P as k-nearest neighbors.

k-order Voronoi diagrams are power diagrams

Let $S_1, S_2, \ldots$ denote the subsets of k points of P.
The k-order Voronoi diagram is the minimization diagram of $\delta(x, S_i)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x, S_i) &= \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in S_i} (x-p)^2 \\ &= x^2 - \frac{2}{k} \sum_{p \in S_i} p \cdot x + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in S_i} p^2 \\ &= \pi(b_i, x) \end{aligned}$$

where b_i is the ball

1. centered at $c_i = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in S_i} p$
2. with $s_i = \pi(o, b_i) = c_i^2 - r_i^2 = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in S_i} p^2$
3. and radius $r_i^2 = c_i^2 - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in \mathbb{S}_i} p^2$.

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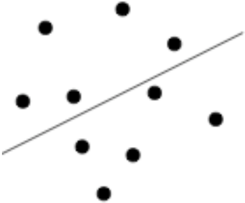

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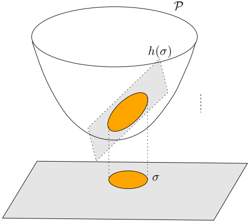

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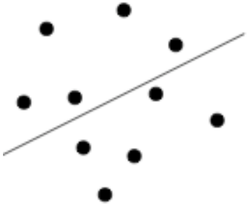

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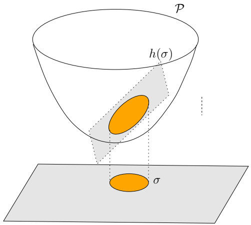

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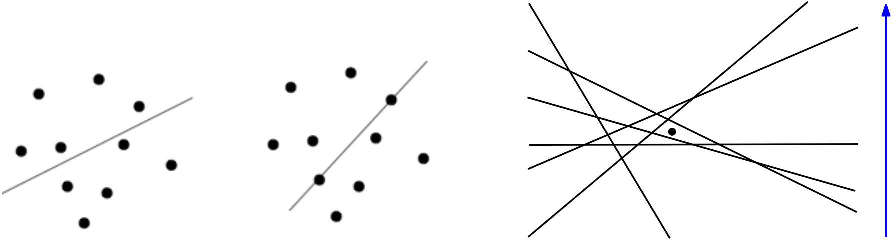

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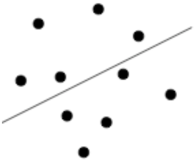

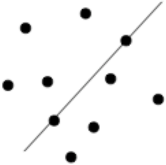

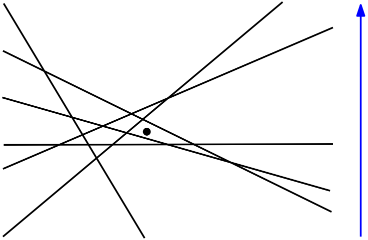

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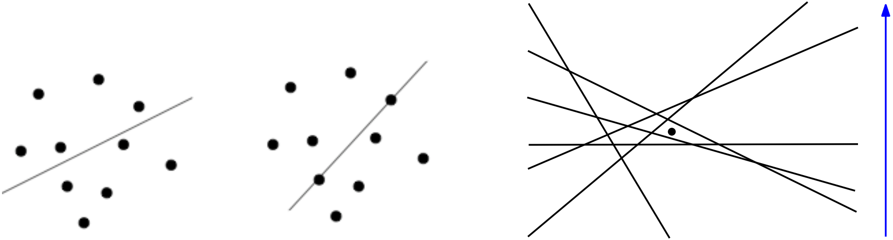

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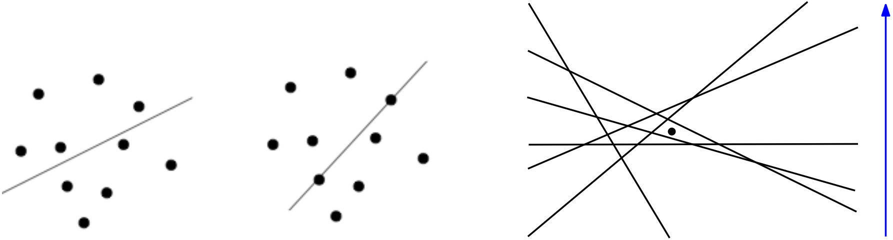

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Hyp. in general position : each vertex $\in d$ hyperplanes incident to 2^d cells

Vertices of level k are incident to cells with level $\in [k, k+d]$

Cells of level k have incident vertices with level $\in [k-d, k]$

$$c_{\leq k}(n) = O\left(c'_{\leq k}(n)\right)$$

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then,we prove that
for $r = \frac{n}{k}$

$$\frac{\binom{n-b-k}{r-b}}{\binom{n}{r}} \geq \frac{1}{4(b+1)^b k^b}$$

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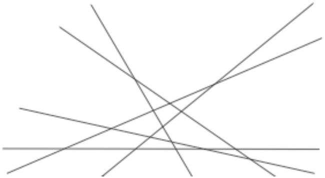

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Combinatorial complexities

- Number of vertices of level $\leq k$ in an arrangement of n hyperplanes in $\mathbb{R}^d$

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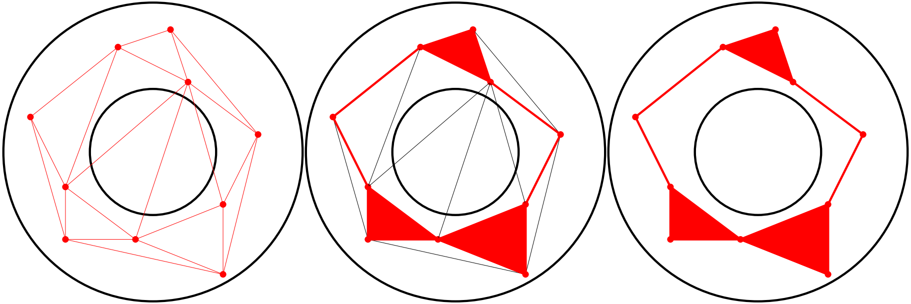

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and $P \in \mathbb{R}^d$ a finite set of points.

Vor$(E) \cap \Omega$ is a cover of Ω. Its nerve is called the Delaunay triangulation of E restricted to Ω, noted $\mathrm{Del}_{|\Omega}(P)$

If Vor$(E) \cap \Omega$ is a good cover of Ω, $\mathrm{Del}_{|\Omega}(P)$ is homotopy equivalent to Ω (Nerve theorem)

Union of balls

- What is the combinatorial complexity of the boundary of the union U of n balls of $\mathbb{R}^d$?
- Compare with the complexity of the arrangement of the bounding hyperspheres
- How can we compute U ?
- What is the image of U in the space of spheres ?

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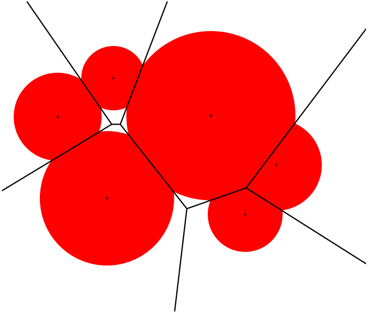

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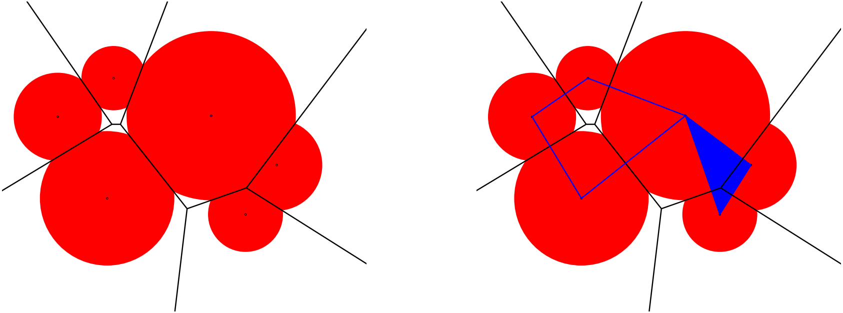

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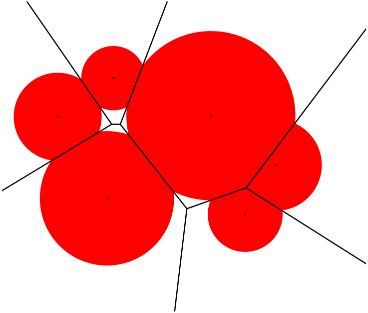

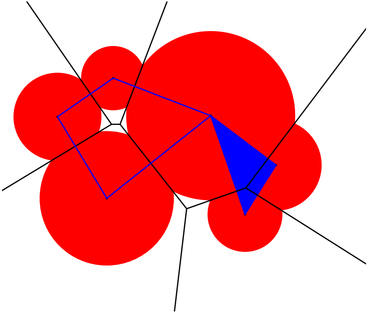

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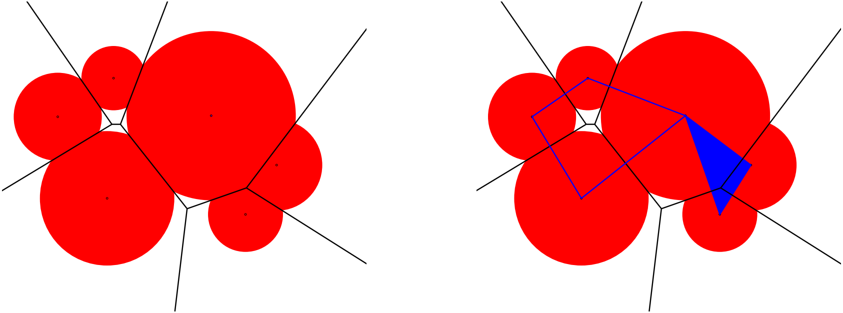

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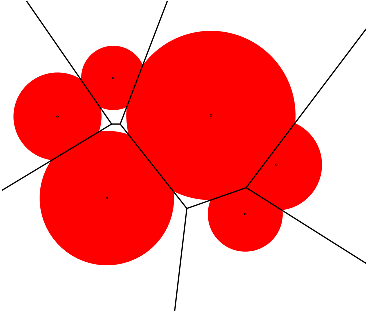

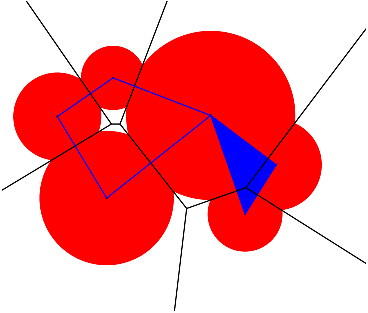

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Cech complex versus $\mathrm{Del}_{|U}(B)$

- Both complexes are homotopy equivalent to U
- The size of Cech(B) is $\Theta(n^d)$
- The size of $\mathrm{Del}_{|U}(B)$ is $\Theta(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$

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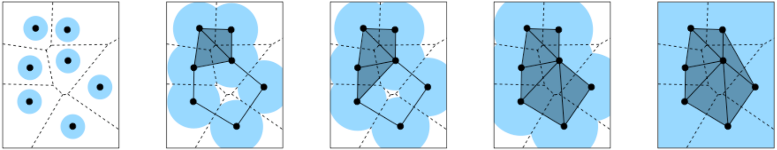

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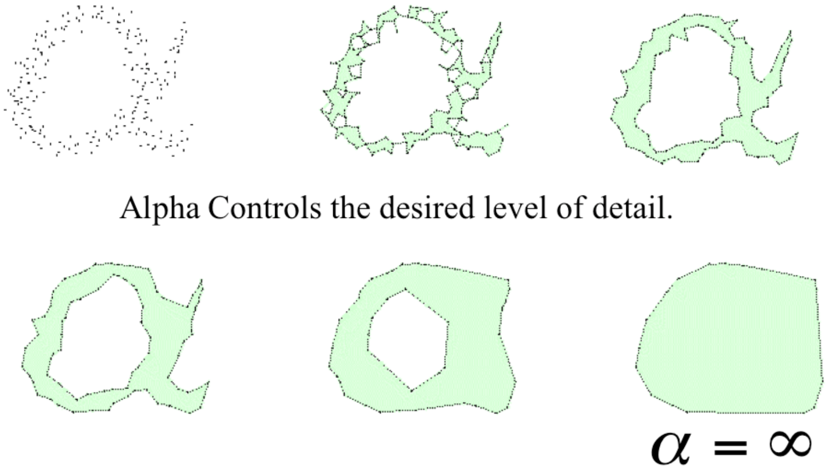

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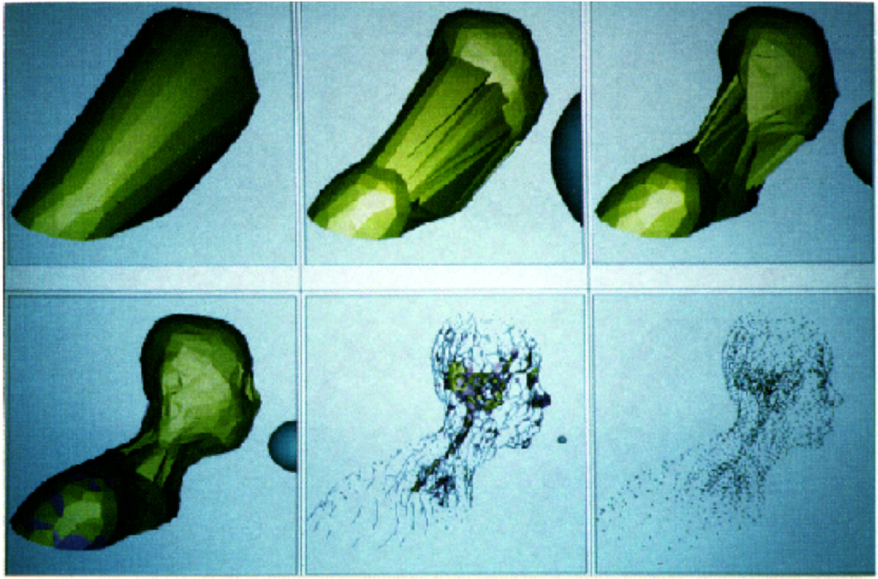

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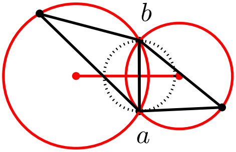

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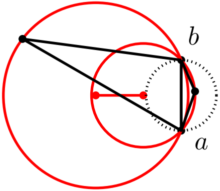

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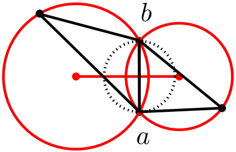

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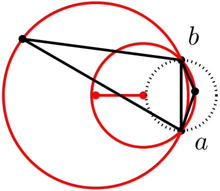

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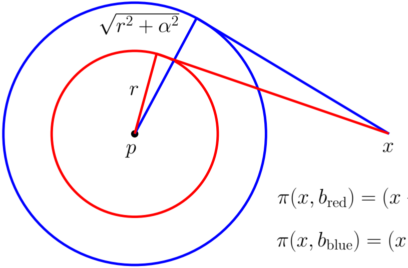

$$\pi(x, b_{\text{red}}) = (x-p)^2 - r^2$$

$$\pi(x, b_{\text{blue}}) = (x-p)^2 - r^2 - \alpha^2$$

α-complex $= \mathrm{Del}_{W(\alpha)}(B)$ Filtration : $\{\mathrm{Del}_{W(\alpha)}(B), \ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$