

# **Efficient Algorithms for Battleship**

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#### No restriction on the shapes of the ships to segments.... We play with polyominoes or more generally with any given digital shape!







First player: Alice

## Second player: Together



First player: Alice



We choose together the shape of the ship...



## Second player: Together



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Simplification





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Position


Position



























## Shot (0,0)

Hit






















































































Maximum number of misses = 2



What's an efficient shooting algorithm ? Which efficiency measure should we use ?







the average ?  $\frac{0+1+2+1+2+2+1+2}{8} = 1,375$ 



Alice is not a « uniform random player »





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If Alice knows our algorithm or if she is cheating, she will always choose our worst case...



Alice is not a « uniform random player »





Problem statement

Algorithms design



## Min Max Problem

Given a shape S, our goal is to design a shooting algorithm with a minimum maximum number of misses ...





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How to compute the B.complexity of a given shape ?

Polynomial Time ? NP-hard ? Approximations ?



Open questions....



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## Give some algorithms for some classes of shapes

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Shapes

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Examples


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We have an algorithm with at most 2 misses. There is no algorithm with at most 1 miss.

Examples

B-complexity(R)=2

The B-complexity is invariant by shifting (more generally by morphisms (injective on S-S)).

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The same strategy can be used for...





Shapes

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## Shapes



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More?

Examples



Can we say something more general than a few observations ?



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The set of the feasible positions decreases at each shot!









Number of misses ≤ n-1





## Bound 1 For any shape of size n B-complexity(S) $\leq$ n-1

Results

Number of misses ≤ n-1















# Non Parallelogram-free shape

There exists 4 distinct points u,v,s,t in S with v-u=t-s





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Parallelogram-free shape







For parallelogram-free shapes B-complexity(S) = n - 1



Bound 1 For any shape B-complexity(S) ≤ n-1



#### Bound 1 For any shape B-complexity(S) ≤ n-1

Bound 2 For HV-convex polyominoes B-complexity(S) = ....







The four 4-neighbors of a red point



4-connected

Any pair of squares/points is related by a sequence of neighbors.





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Results

4-connected







4-connected









NOT horizontally convex





horizontally convex



NOT horizontally convex



horizontally convex
NOT vertically convex



NOT horizontally convex



horizontally convex
NOT vertically convex



S is vertically convex. S is horizontally convex.

S is HV-convex.



Bound 2 For HV-convex polyominoes B-complexity(S) = ....



HV-convex polyomino



Bound 2 For HV-convex polyominoes B-complexity(S) = O( log(n) )



HV-convex polyomino



We use a property of monotonicity of HV-convex polyominoes...

A staircase shooting algorithm with at most *O(log(n))* misses

Results



Bound 2

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Digital convex shape





We need a property of these convex shapes...

Digital convex shape



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# Blaschke-Lebesgue theorem

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In plane geometry the Blaschke-Lebesgue theorem states that the Reuleaux triangle has the least area of all curves of given constant width.<sup>[1]</sup> In the form that every curve of a given width has area at least as large as the Reuleaux triangle, it is also known as the Blaschke-Lebesgue inequality.<sup>[2]</sup> It is named after Wilhelm Blaschke and Henri Lebesgue, who published it separately in the early 20th century.

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#### Statement [edit]

The width of a convex set K in the Euclidean plane is defined as the minimum distance between any two parallel lines that enclose it. The two minimum-distance lines are both necessarily tangent lines to K, on opposite sides. A curve of constant width is the boundary of a convex set with the property that, for every direction of parallel lines, the two tangent lines with that direction that are tangent to opposite sides of the curve are at a distance equal to the width. These curves include both the circle and the Reuleaux triangle, a curved triangle formed from arcs of three equal-radius naint of the other two sizeles. The area analoged by a Daulaguy triangle with widt

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## Blaschke-Lebesgue inequality



Blaschke-Lebesgue Inequality (1914) The area of a convex shape is bounded by (Equality for Reuleaux triangles).

$$area \geq \frac{1}{2}(\pi - \sqrt{3})width^2$$



width

Reuleaux triangle

Is there a discrete version with the number of points instead of the area ?

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Pick formula & ...

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We use it for bounding the maximum number of misses of our algorithm...

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width=3 (only 3 lines in direction (1,0))



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Shot k(1,0) until finding the two first misses with a positive and negative integer k...



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Shot k(1,0) until finding the two first misses with a positive and negative integer k...

With these 2 new misses, we go from Q feasible positions to at most  $Q^{3/4}$  feasible positions



provides the O(log(log(n))) bound

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It is invariant by morphisms (injective\* on S-S)

\* for any u, v, u', v' in S: f(u - v) = f(u' - v') implies u - v = u' - v'



Thanks a lot for your attention...

Some questions ?