## Efficient Algorithms for Battleship

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## The Game / Shooting Algorithms

Examples

Results



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


Second player: Together



Alice hides the ship in the grid
by translating it...


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 in the grid by translating it...



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We do not consider this initial sequence of shots...


Miss



We do not consider this initial sequence of shots...

Forget the first Misses...
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Miss $\square \square \square$ Hit

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We do not consider this initial sequence of shots...

Forget the first Misses...
Start the game from the first Hit...

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Forget the first Misses...

Start the game from the first Hit...

Which shot should we play now ?

We assume w.l.g that the first hit occurs at coordinates $(0,0)$.

## $\overbrace{(0,0)}$





The position of the ship is the point of the shape that Alice sent to the origin... and which is hit at the initial shot.




For a shape of size n, Alice has the choice between n positions p...
 and we have to guess p




For a shape of size $n$,
Alice has the choice
 between n positions p... and we have to guess $p$


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Alice chooses this position p


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## Shot (0,0)

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## Shot $(0,0)$

Shot (0,-1)

## Shot $(0,0)$

Hit

Shot (0,-1) Miss



Shot $(0,0)$

Shot (0,-1)
Shot (1,1)


Shot $(0,0)$

When we start, all positions are feasible...

Shot $(0,0)$

At each step, we represent the feasible positions by $\boxtimes$

Shot $(0,0)$


Shot (0,-1)
Miss

Shot $(0,0)$


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We found the position with only 2 misses...

Shot $(0,0)$


## Shot $(0,0)$

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Maximum number of misses
$=2$

## (2i)

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

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

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Alice is not a
« uniform random player»


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## (2i)

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

## Min Max Problem

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

For a given algorithm


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For a given algorithm
Min Max Number of misses

Over all shooting algorithms

Over all positions of the shape

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

Battleship Compexity $(S)=$ Min Max Number of misses

Over all shooting algorithms

Over all positions of the shape


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


Approximations?

Open questions....


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

## Polynomial Time ? <br> NP-hard ? <br> Approximations?

Give some algorithms for some classes of shapes


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

## Polynomial Time? <br> NP-hard ? <br> Approximations?




## Results

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## 4 <br> $(0,0)$


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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...








Can we say something more general than a few observations?



## Results



Results


Shot (-2,1)


New feasible positions



The set of the
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height of the tree $\leq n$ ( $\mathrm{n}=$ size of the shape)

Number of misses $\leq \mathrm{n}-1$

Bound 1
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The four 4-neighbors of a red point


4-connected

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



NOT 4-connected


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NOT horizontally convex

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$S$ is vertically convex. $\}$ $S$ is horizontally convex. $\}$
$S$ is $H V$-convex.



HV-convex polyomino



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

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


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At each miss, the number of feasible positions is divided by 2.


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## Bound 2

For l-convex polyor noes B-complexity $(S)=O(\log (n))$


Digital convex shape

Bound 3
For digital convex sets
B-complexity(S)=O( ... )


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. ${ }^{[1]}$ 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. ${ }^{[2]}$ It is named after Wilhelm Blaschke and Henri Lebesgue, who published it separately in the early 20th century.

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A Reuleaux triangle, a curve of constant width whose area is minimum among all convex sets with the same width

## 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


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

* for any $u, v, u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}$ in $S: f(u-v)=f\left(u^{\prime}-v^{\prime}\right)$ implies $u-v=u^{\prime}-v^{\prime}$

Thanks a lot for your attention...
Some questions ?

