

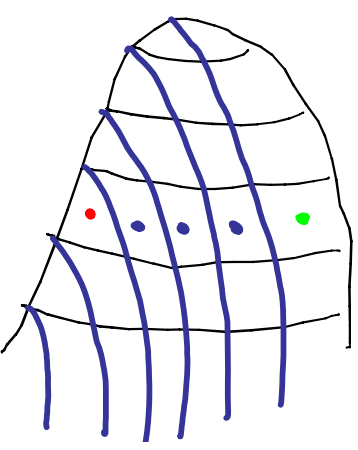
From Output Sensitivity
to Instance Optimality

(planes) Convex Hull

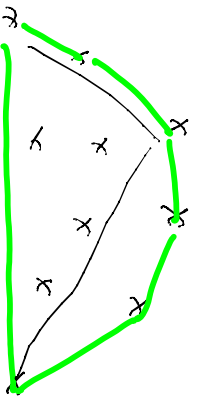
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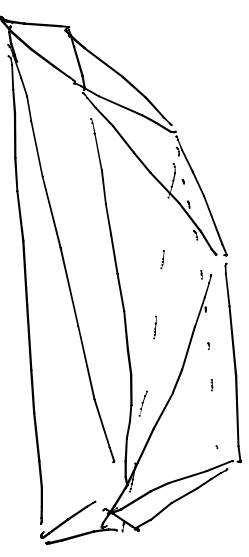
I Beyond Worst Case Analysis



II Planar Convex Hull: the Odyssey



III Summary & Open Problems



I.1 Worst Case Analysis: What and Why?

What:

- fix a Problem
- reduce to finite set S of Instances (e.g. $|I|=n$)

- Given algorithm A :

$$\max_{I \in S} C(A, I)$$

- Given a family of algorithms $\mathcal{A}$

$$\min_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \max_{I \in S} C(A, I)$$

Why: Yields a Partial Order on Algorithms and Problems

Example:

Giftwrap $\rightarrow$ Gift Revisited

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Graham $\rightarrow$ KS

I.2 The limits of Worst Case Analysis

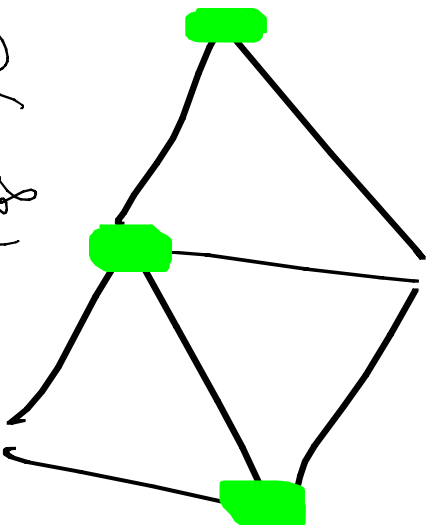
It is too Pessimistic !!!

Solutions

- * Experimentation (Future $\hat{=}$ Past)
 - * Average Case (Future $\hat{=}$ Random)
 - * Smooth Analysis (Input has random errors)
 - * Competitive Analysis
 - * Parameterized Complexity
 - * Adaptive Analysis
 - ↳ Output Sensitivity
 - ↳ Instance Optimality
- } refine the analysis
(by restricting S further)

I.3 Quick Examples

Vertex Cover:



$$O(m^k) \leq O(m^{2k})$$

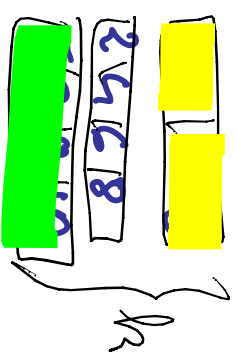
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Sorting:

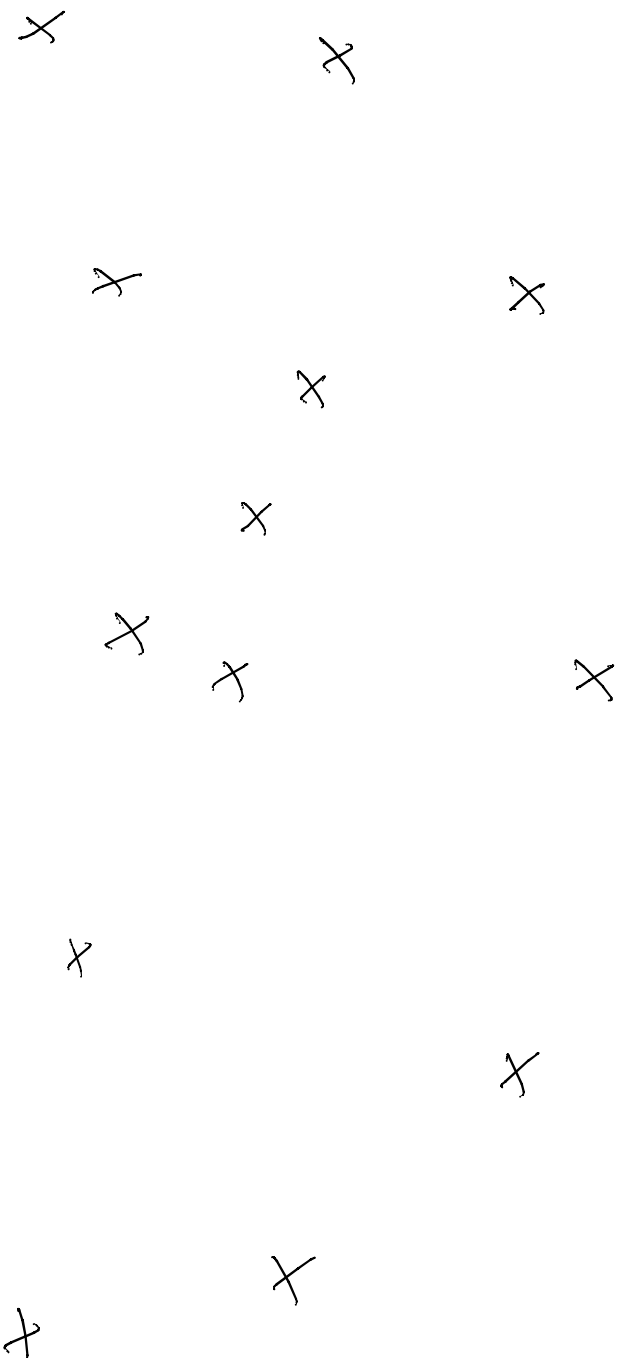


Intersection:

$$O(k \lg m/k)$$



II Planar Convex Hull



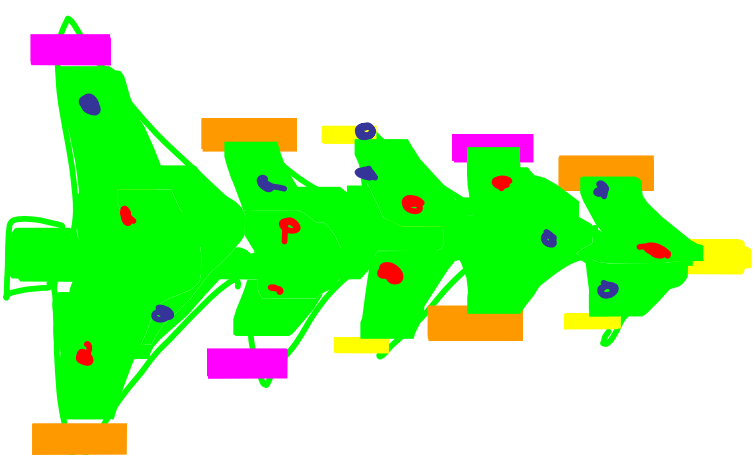
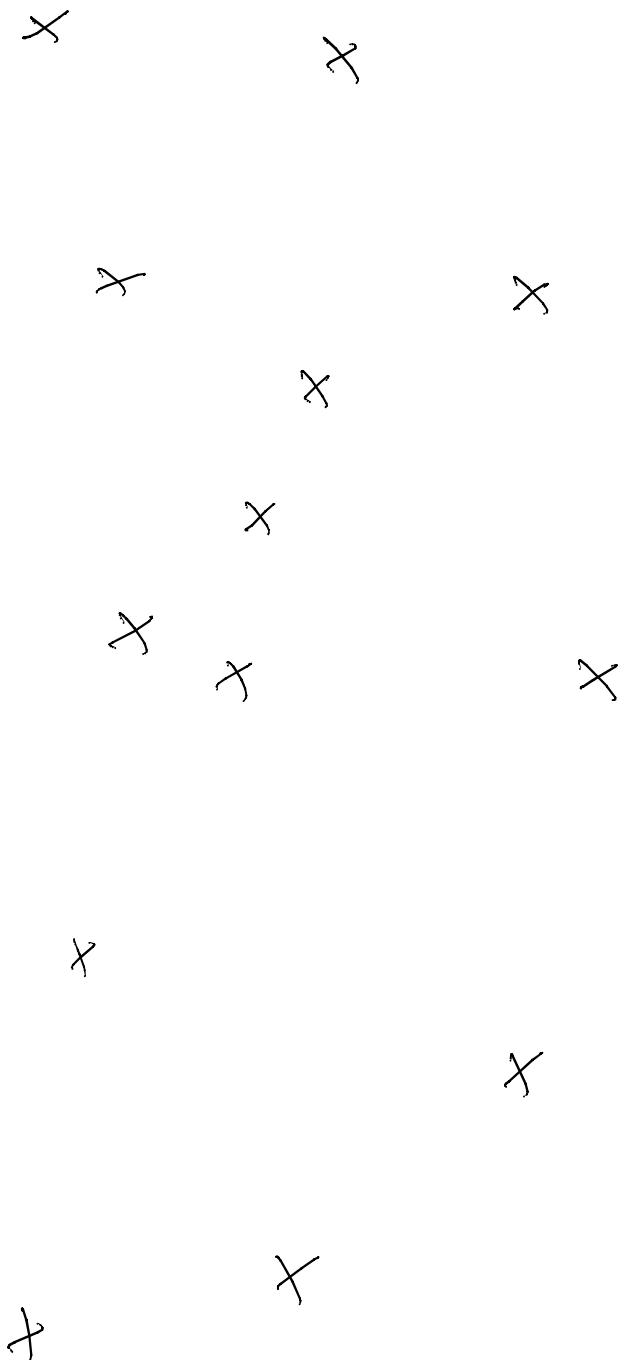
Input n
Output h

points in the plane

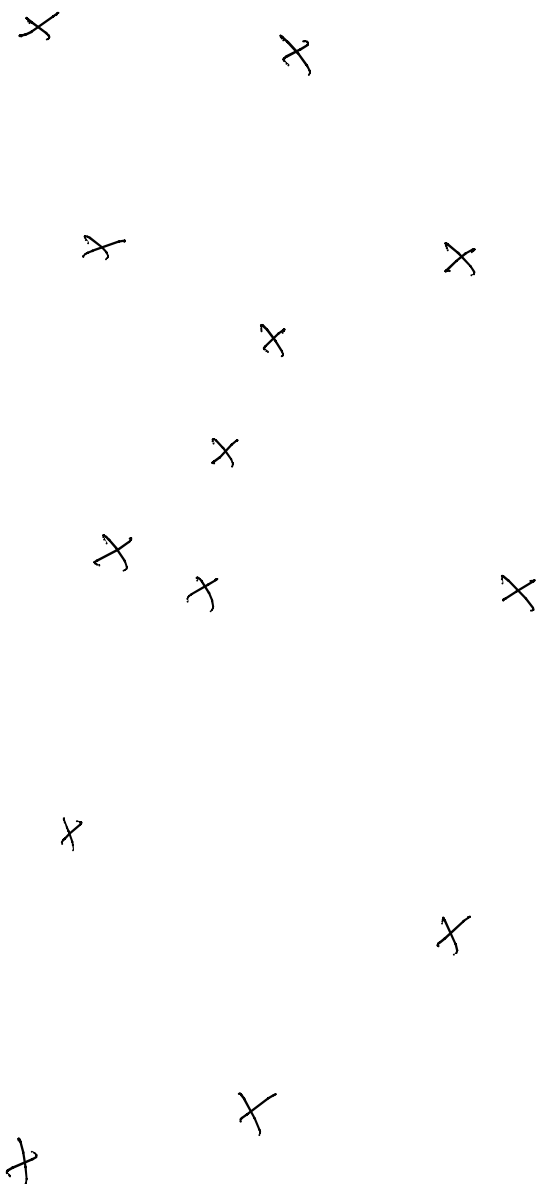
$\approx$ UPPER HULL

II.1 Gift Wrapping $\Theta(nh) \leq \Theta(n^2)$

(min angle)



II.2 Graham's Scan $O(\text{Sorting}(n) + n) \subseteq O(n \lg n)$



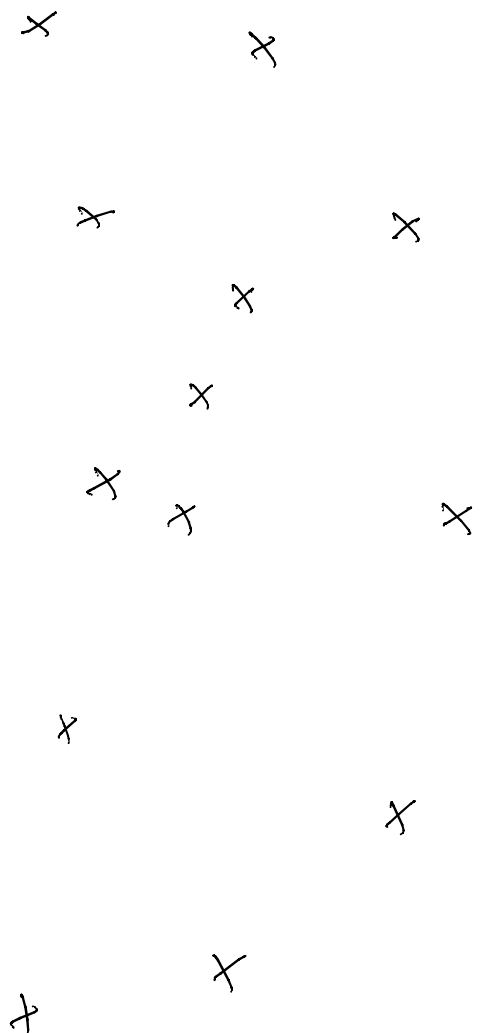
$$O(n^2) \equiv O(n^h)$$

$\swarrow$ $\searrow$ $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$

$\Theta(n \lg n)$ $\rightarrow$?

II.3 "The ultimate planar convex hull algorithm?"

[Kirkpatrick Seidel 1986] $\Theta(n \lg h) \leq \Theta(n \lg n)$



1. Divide by median in L, R
 2. Find highest edge crossing L, R
 3. Prune
 4. Recurse
- linear programming

$$\begin{aligned} O(n^2) &= O(nh) \\ &\swarrow \text{green arrow} \quad \searrow \text{red arrow} \\ \theta(n \lg n) &\rightarrow \theta(n \lg h) \end{aligned}$$

II.4 Vertical Partitioning

$$O(n \cdot H_v) \subseteq O(n \lg n)$$

[Sen Gupta 1999, Distribution Sensitive algorithms]

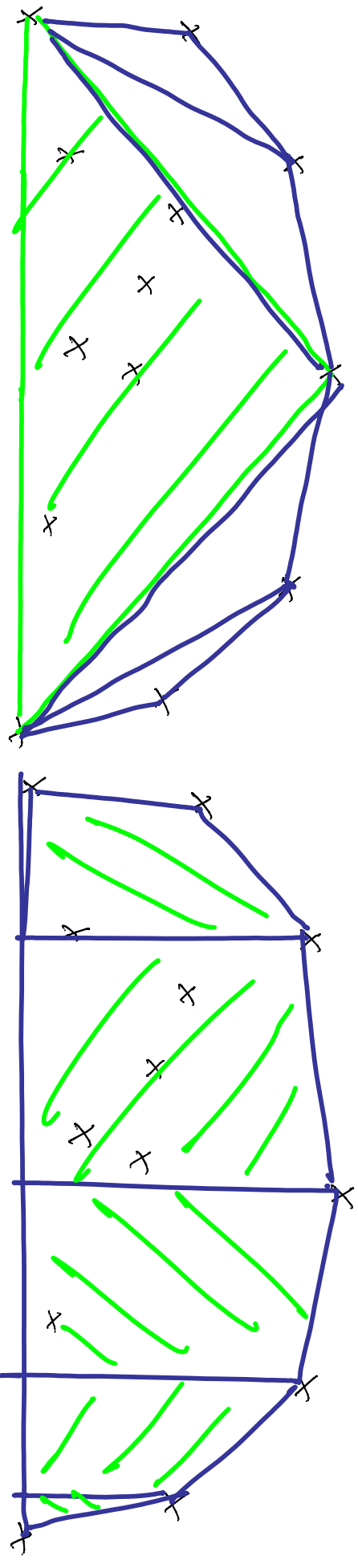
Refined Analysis of KS, $H_v = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i}{n} \lg \frac{m_i}{n}$

Orientation Dependent!



II.5 Instance Optimality $\Theta(nH) \subset \Theta(nH_V)$

Define a **Certificate Π** as a **Partition** covering the convex hull



Define **Entropy(Π)** as the distribution of the points it eliminates.

$$H = \text{Entropy}(I) = \min_{\Pi} \text{Entropy}(\Pi)$$

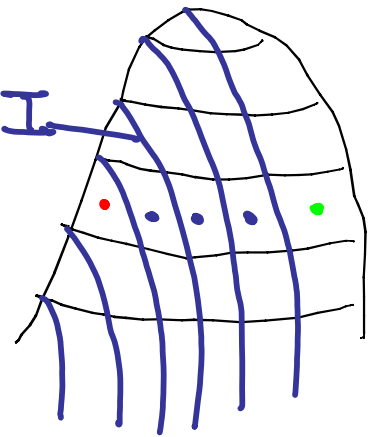
II.5.2 (Order Oblivious) Instance Optimality

Ignore Input Order: $\mathcal{C}(A, I) = \max_{\pi} C(A, \pi(I))$

An algorithm $A \in \mathcal{F}$ is **Instance Optimal** if

$$\forall I \exists A' \in \mathcal{F} \quad \mathcal{C}(A, I) \leq \mathcal{C}(A', I)$$

i.e., in



the cells contain only
permutations of the same
instance.

$$\underline{\text{I.S.b}} \quad KS \in \mathcal{O}(nH) = \min_{\pi} \mathcal{O}(nH(\pi))$$

Proof

- How many times does a point "survive" KS ?

Let n_j the total number of points surviving level j .

- Fix a partition $\Pi = (S_1, \dots, S_k)$

↳ There are at most $\frac{n}{2^j}$ survivors

- at level j

- between 2 points.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^{\log n} n_j &= \sum_k \sum_{j=0}^{\log n} \min\left(|S_k|, \frac{n}{2^j}\right) \leq \sum |S_k| \log \underbrace{\frac{n}{|S_k|} + \frac{|S_k|}{2}}_{\leq 2|S_k|} \\ &\leq \sum |S_k| \left(\log \frac{n}{|S_k|} + 2 \right) = \mathcal{O}\left(n(H(\pi) + 1)\right) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

II. S.C Lower Bounds) $\Omega(n H)$

- In simplest model:

nH is the space required to

Specify the class of each point,
i.e. to **certify** that it is or not in the Convex Hull

- For more general models (e.g Multilinear Constant),
there is an **adversary strategy** forcing any
decision tree using **multilinear functions** of constant degree,

III.1 Summaries

Planar Convex Hull: Algorithms and Analysis

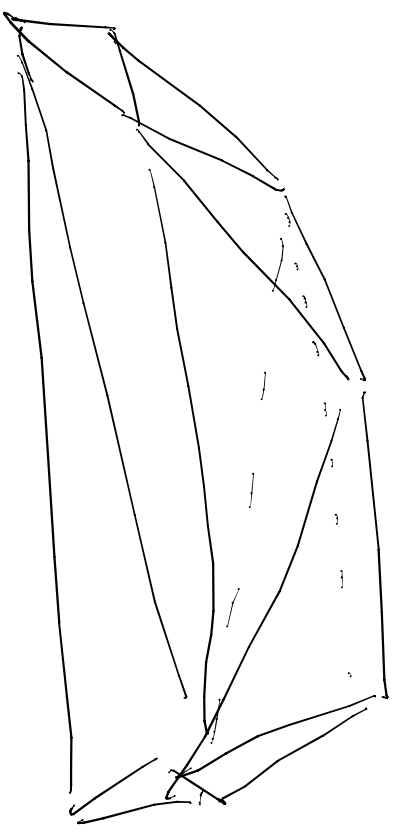
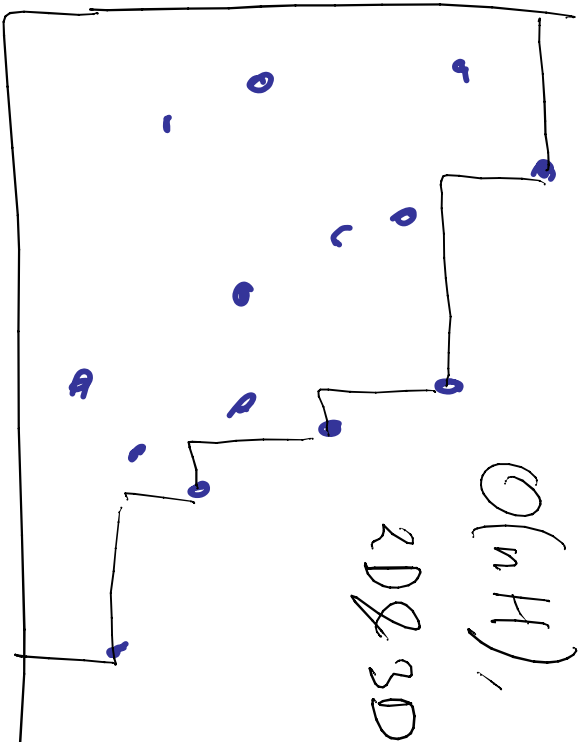
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} O(n^2) & \underline{=} & O(nh) & & O(nh_v) & & O(nh) \\ & \swarrow \text{green} & \searrow \text{red} & \swarrow \text{green} & \swarrow \text{green} & \swarrow \text{green} & \\ & \theta(n \lg n) & \rightarrow & \theta(n \lg h) & & & \end{array}$$

Kirkpatrick and Seidel "Ultimate" algorithm!

III.2 Similar Results

Levels of Maxima(2d,3d)

Convex Hull 3d $O(nH)$



Reporting/Counting Pbs in 2d

Orthogonal intersections
 ↳ pairs of L_∞ distance
 at most 1 between red and blue.

Offline orthogonal scanning 2D

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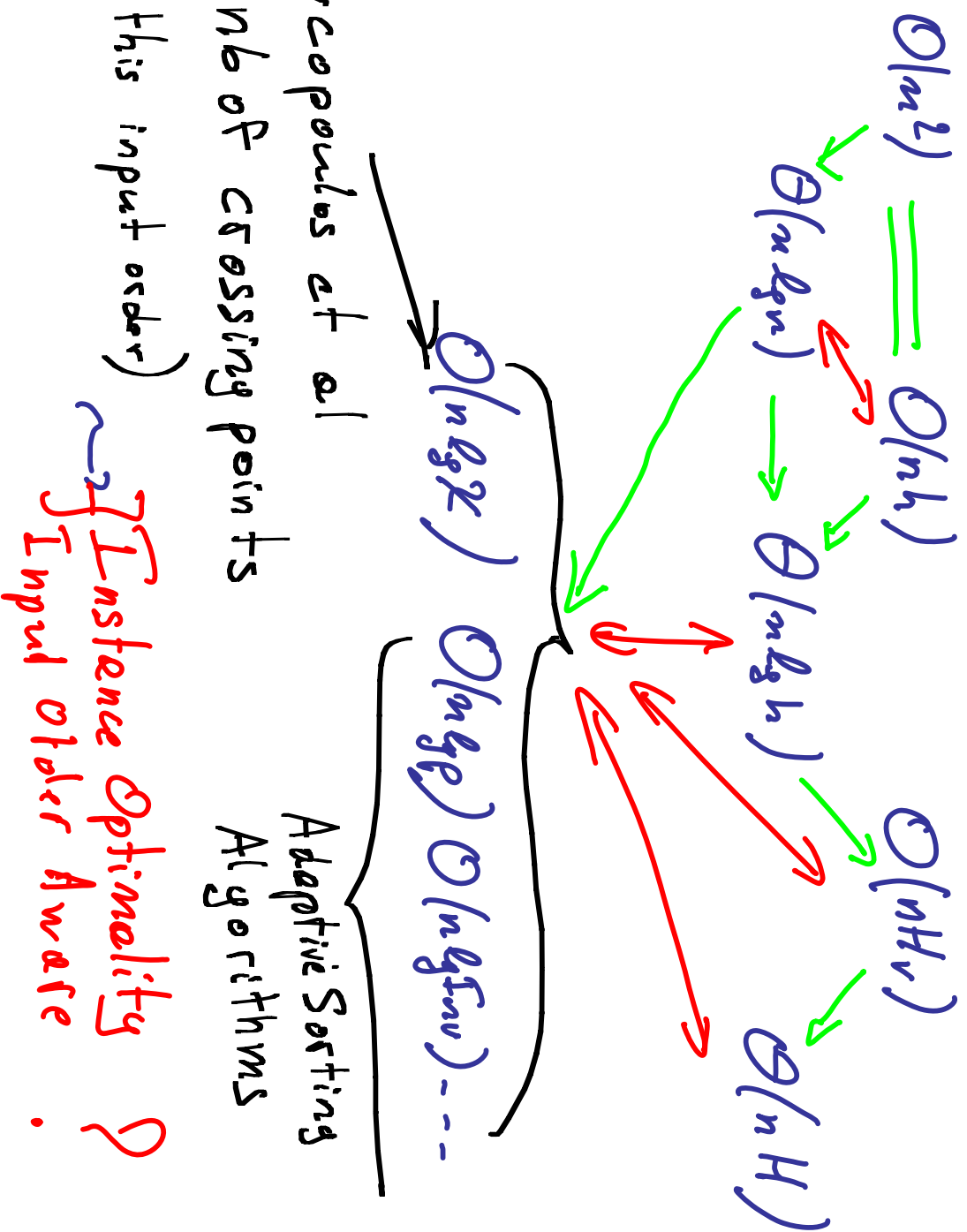
III.3.2 Open Problems : More general $\mathcal{F}$.

In our results,

$\mathcal{F}$ = decision trees where tests involve only **Multilinear** functions with a **constant** number of arguments.

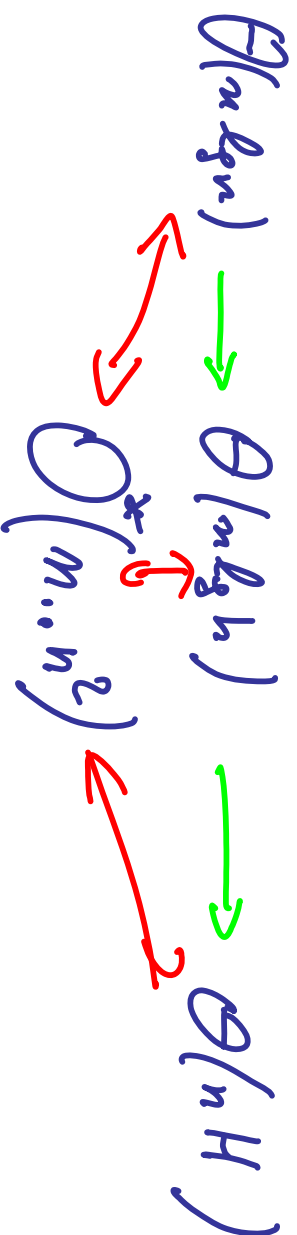
$\Rightarrow$ Extend to larger family of Algorithms

III. 3.6 Open Problems: Input Order 2D



III.3.c Open Problems: Input Order 3D

Less results, but (almost) all dominated by "Input Order Oblivious" Instance Optimality:



$\Rightarrow$ Input Order Aware Instance Optimality in 3D?