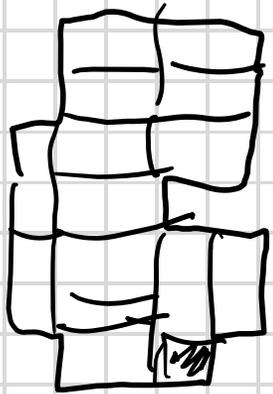
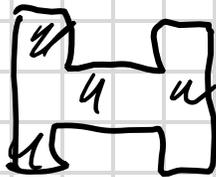


Convex Polytopes

Q: $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ region, s-c
 Can Γ be tiled w/ dominos?

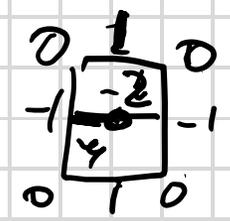
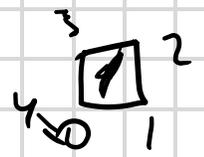
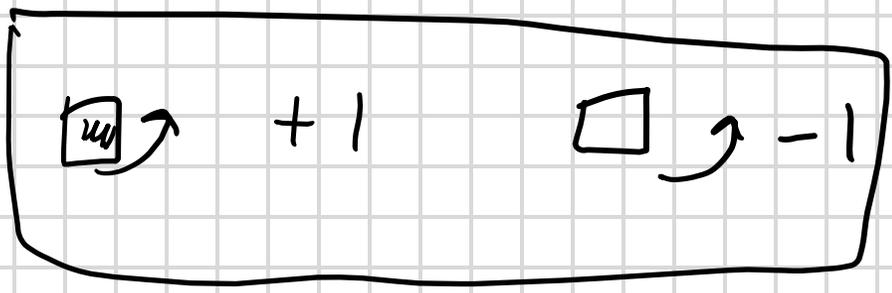
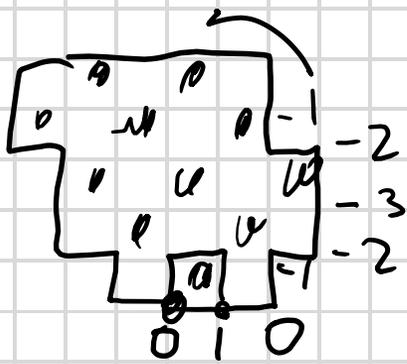


Today: Thurston's Algorithm



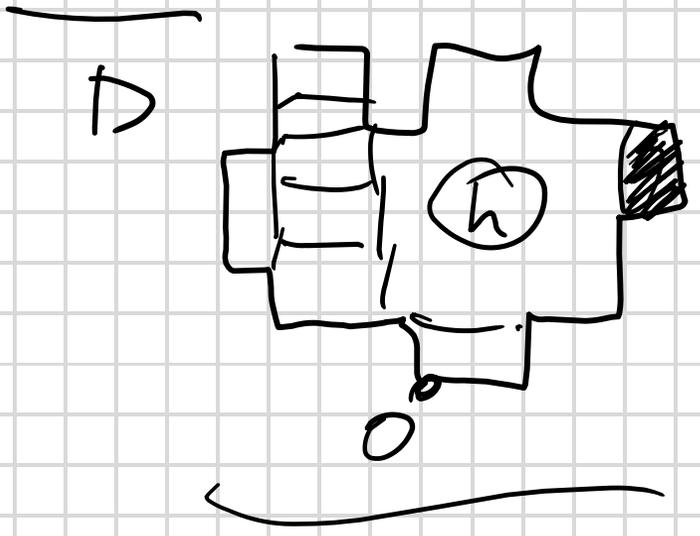
Def height function

$$h: \partial \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

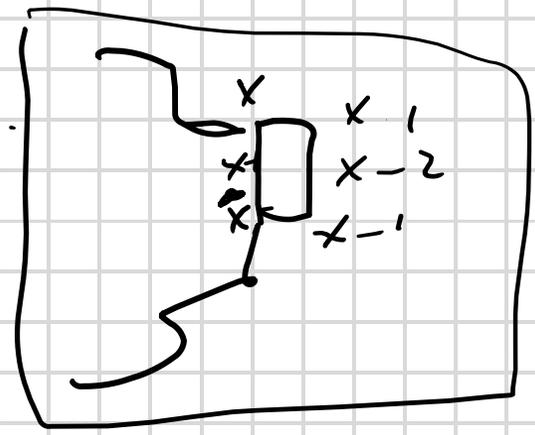
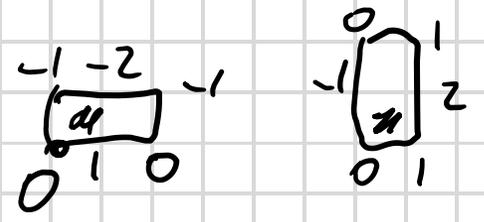


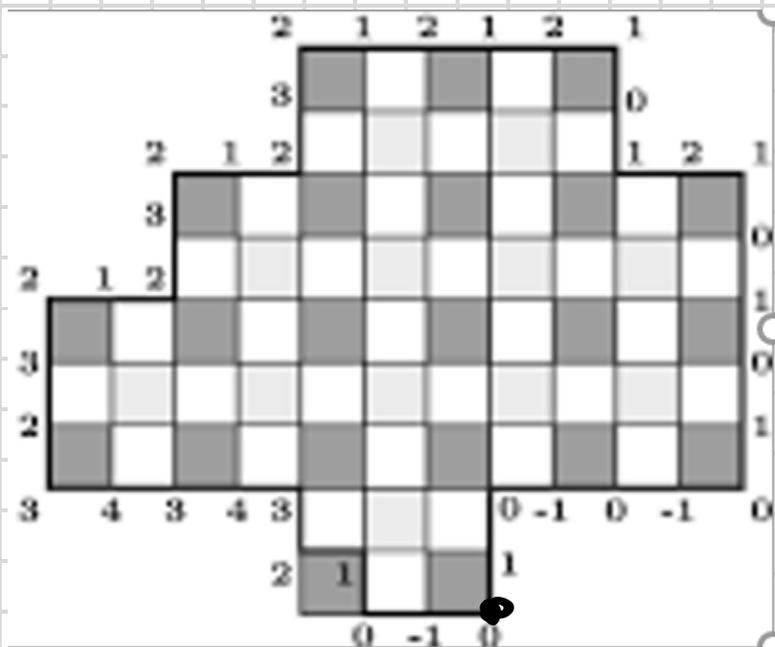
we get $h: \partial T \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Γ - tileable w/ dominos $\Rightarrow h$ is well defined.



extend h into T





Def flip



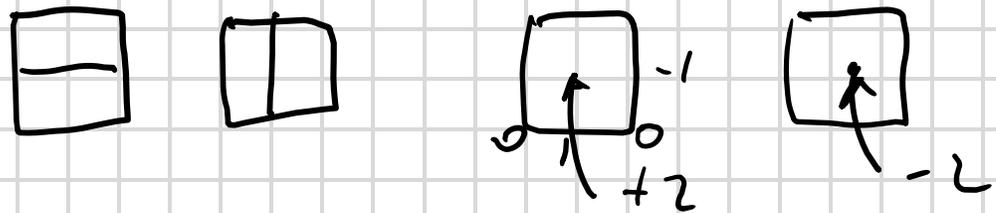
Th If Γ - simply conn, $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$

Then all domino tilings
are flip-connected.

Def T, T' - domino
tilings

we say $T \leq T'$ if $h(x) \leq h'(x)$
 $\forall x \in T$

h, h' - corresp
height functions



The $\forall T \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ - simply conn., tileable w/ dominoes.

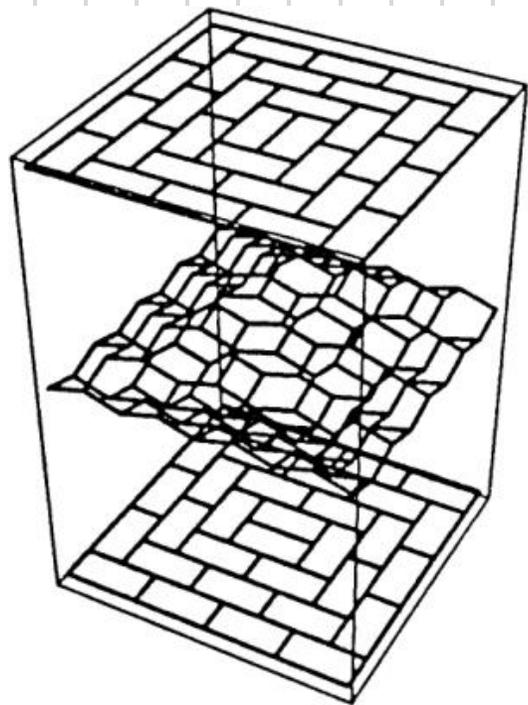
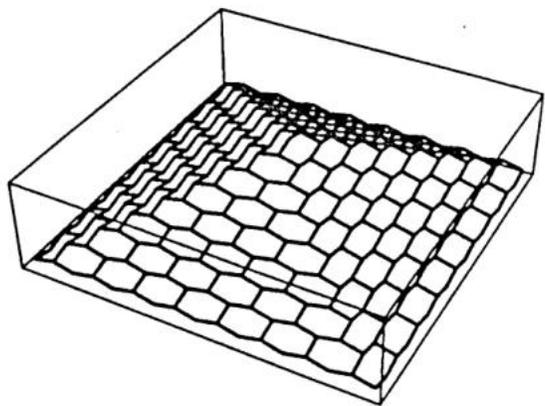
then \exists domino tiling T

$T \leq$ all other T' , T' - domino tiling of T



$$h_T = \min_{\text{all } T'} h_{T'}$$

Global min



$$T = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \times \end{array} \times$$

← max

← max

← min

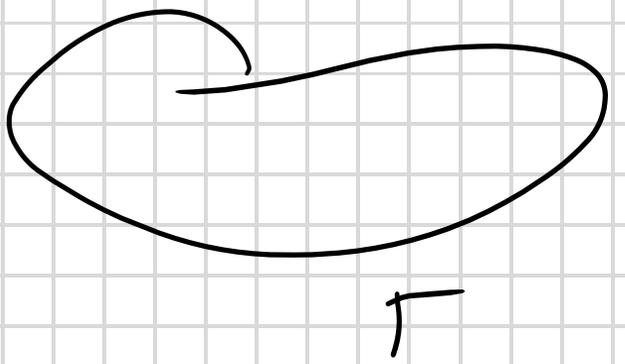
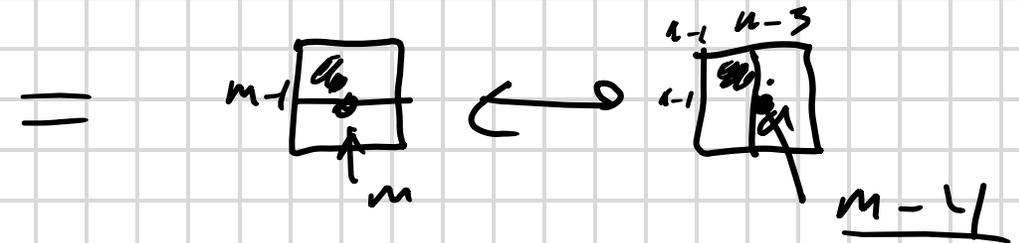
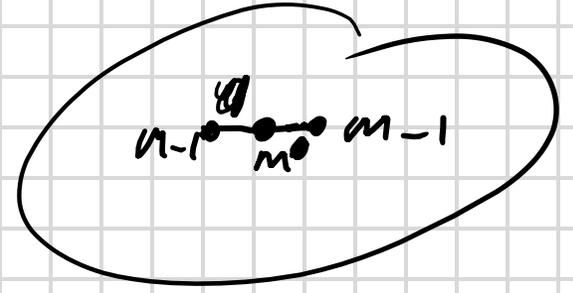
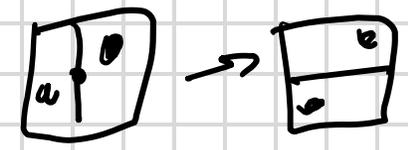
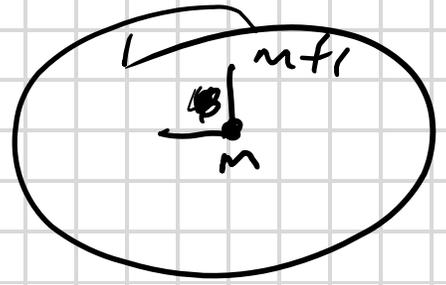
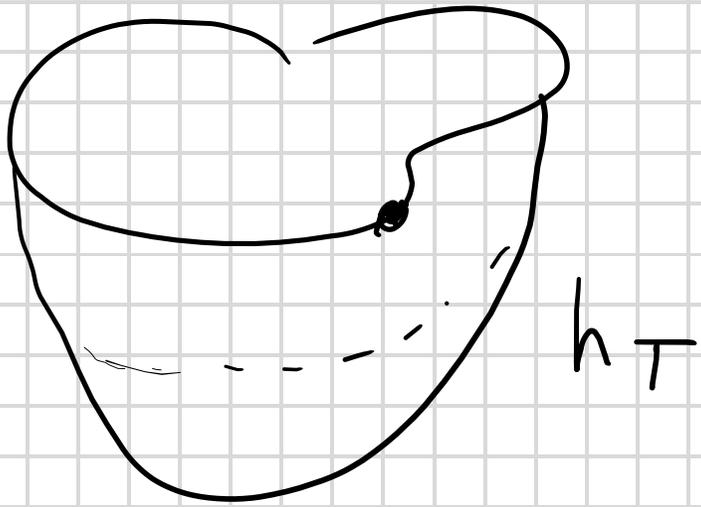
Let T - local
min of domino
 tilings

Then $\max h_T \in \partial T$

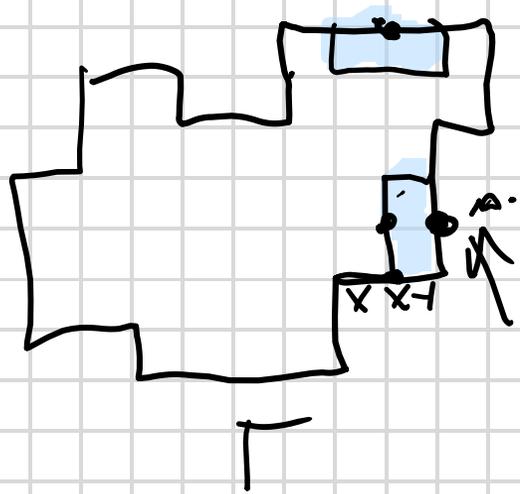
Def T - local min

if $\nexists T'$ s.t.

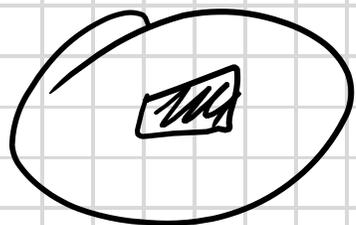
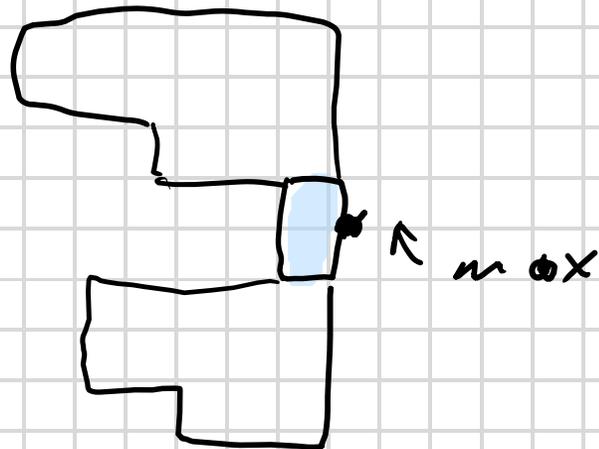
$T' \prec T$



Cor (of the proof) every T is flip-connected to global min

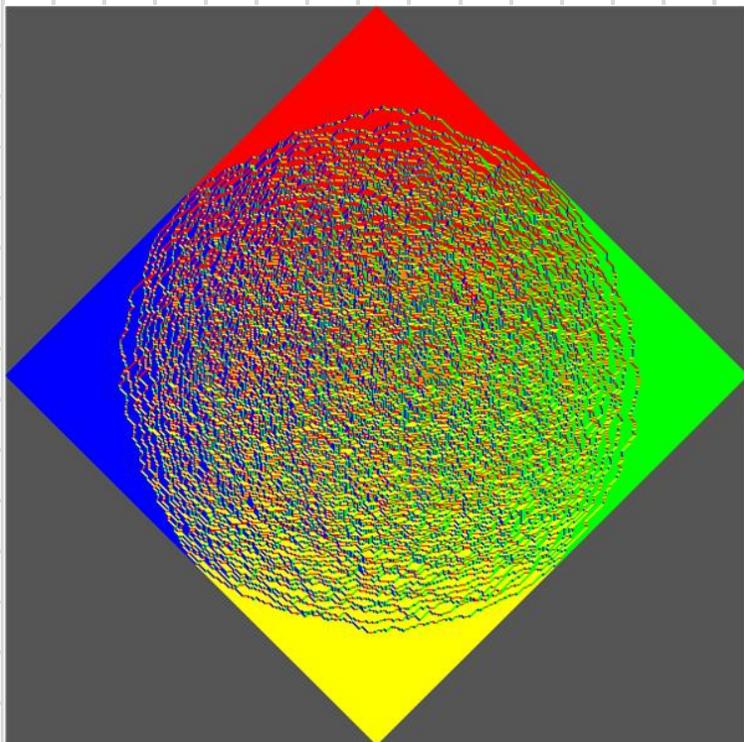
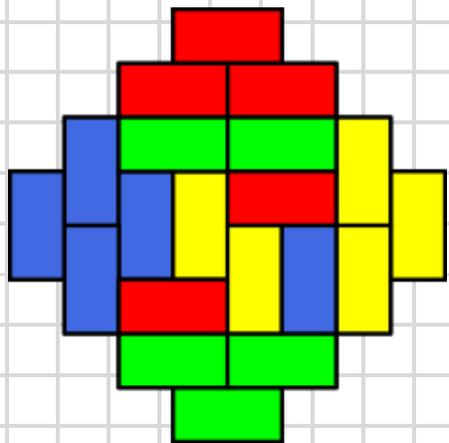


max h



$\Rightarrow \exists!$ local min = global min.

Proof of γh \supset all $T \rightarrow$ global min \square



Q complexity of
Thurston's alg?

ThA $\leftarrow O^*(\text{area})$
truth: $O(n \log n)$

Thurston's Alg

Input: T

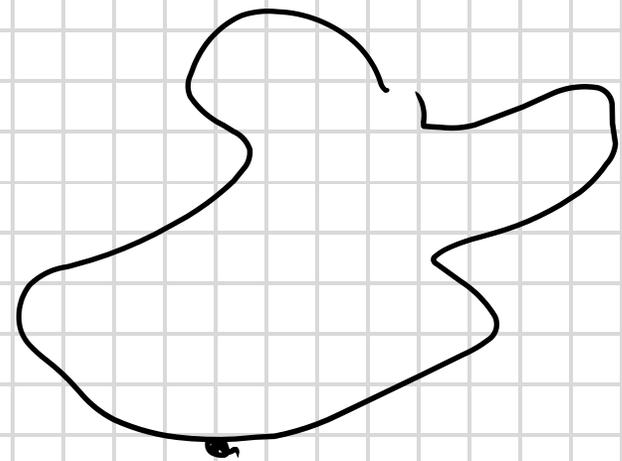
Output: yes: if I don't
know if T

no: otherwise

Th (P. Sheffer - Tossy)

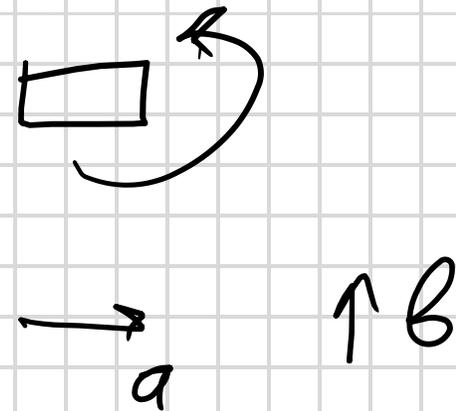
\Rightarrow algorithm $O(p \log p)$

$p = |\partial T|$



$F = \langle a, b \rangle$

$F / (a^2 = b^2 = 1) \cong D_\infty \Leftrightarrow \cong$



Def



FIGURE 14.1. An example of a flip.

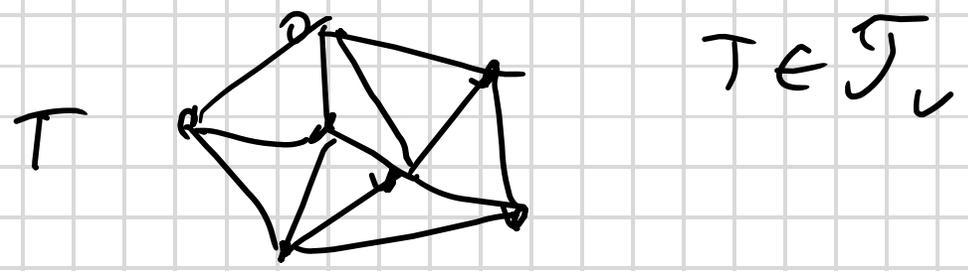
$$Q_v = \text{conv}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$$

Def

$$V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

general position

$\mathcal{T}_V =$ set of triangulations
vertices at V



Ex

Th $\forall V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ general position
all triangulations are
connected by a seq of flips.

Moreover $\# \text{ flips} = O(n^2)$

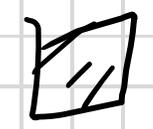
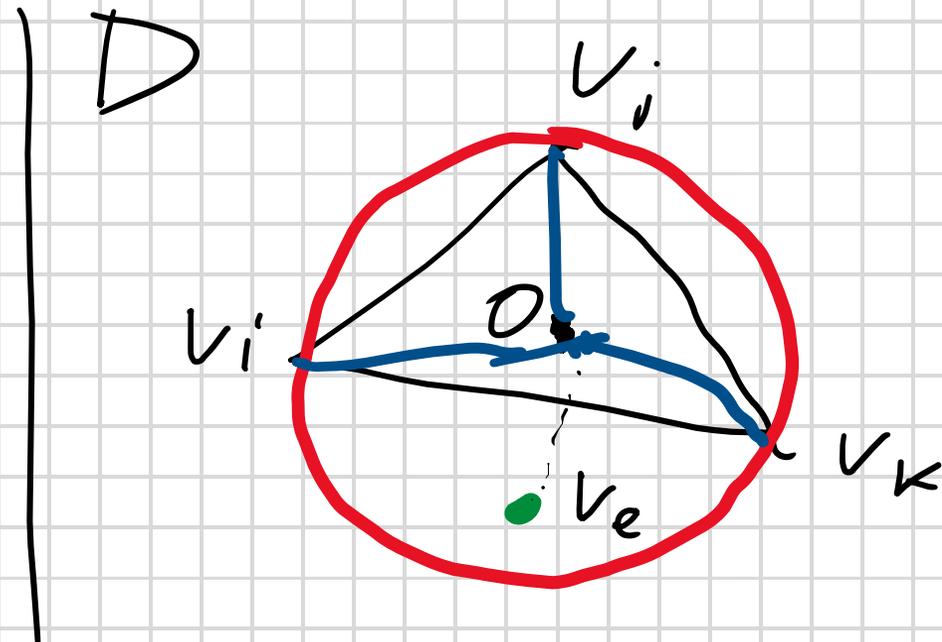
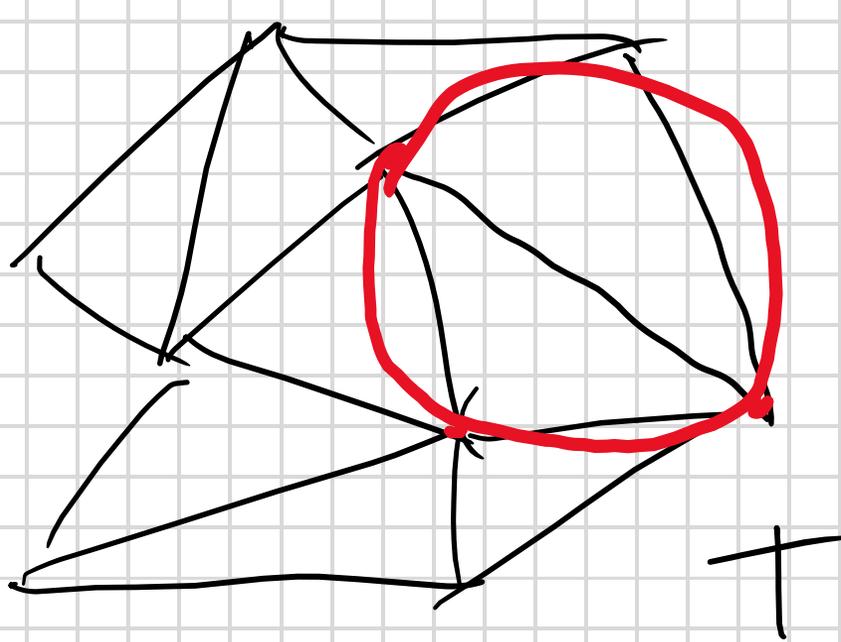
proof
idea

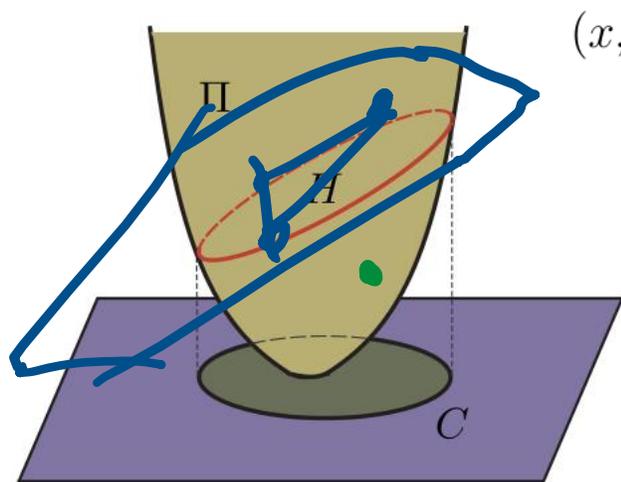
$\forall T \in \mathcal{T}_V$ is conn to
De lone triang.

Delone Criterion

triangulation T is a Del. triang.

\Leftrightarrow every circumcircle is empty
(around $v_i, v_j, v_k \in T$)





$$(x, y, x^2 + y^2)$$

Construction $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$h(x, y) := x^2 + y^2$$

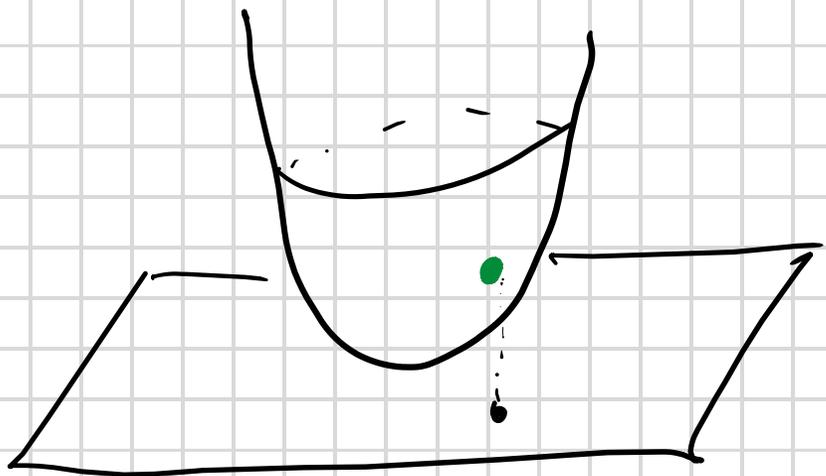
$$v_i \rightarrow (v_i, h(v_i)) = \hat{v}_i$$

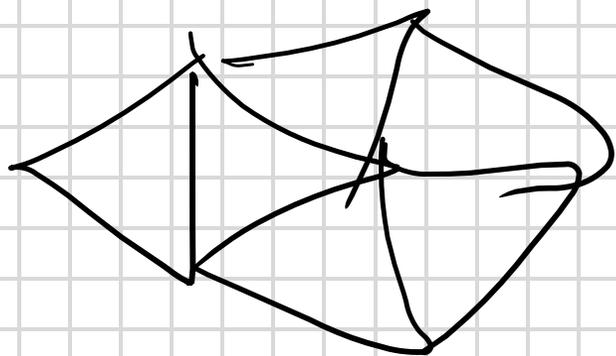
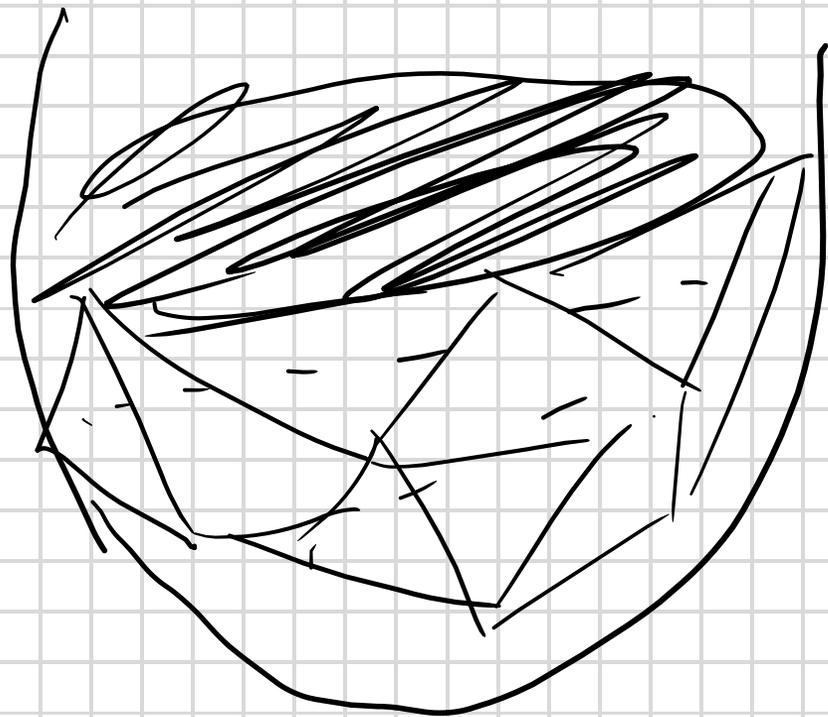
Del. triang =

= lower convex hull of $\{\hat{v}_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

Obs

- 1) \mathbb{R}^2 - simplicial
- 2)





Main Lemma

every $T \leftrightarrow$ Del. triang

D check ^{all} circles

if NOT empty

make a flip

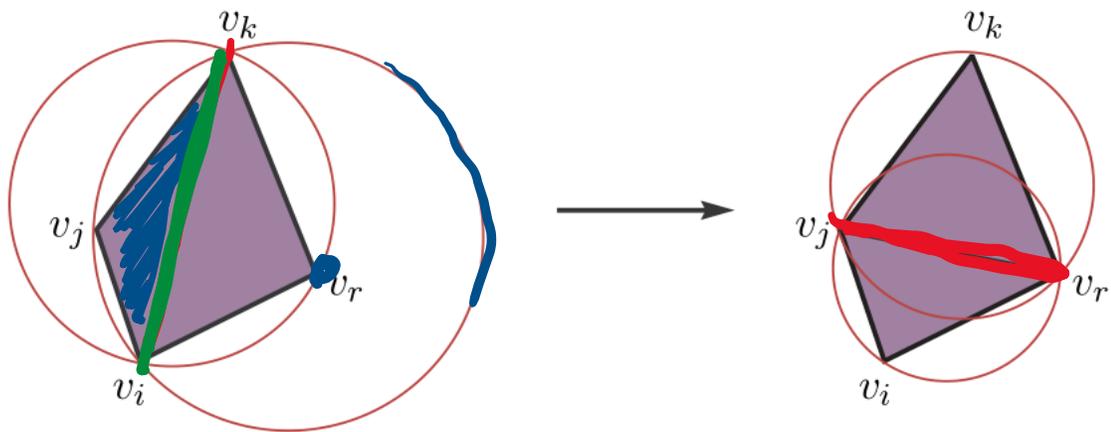
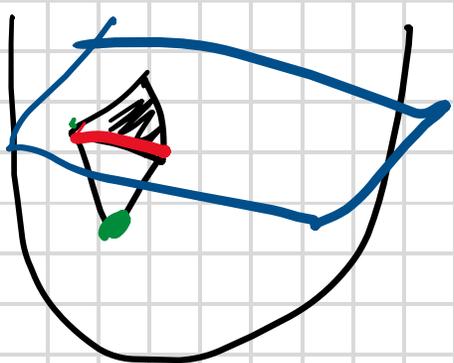


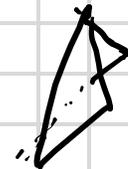
FIGURE 14.5. An increasing flip.

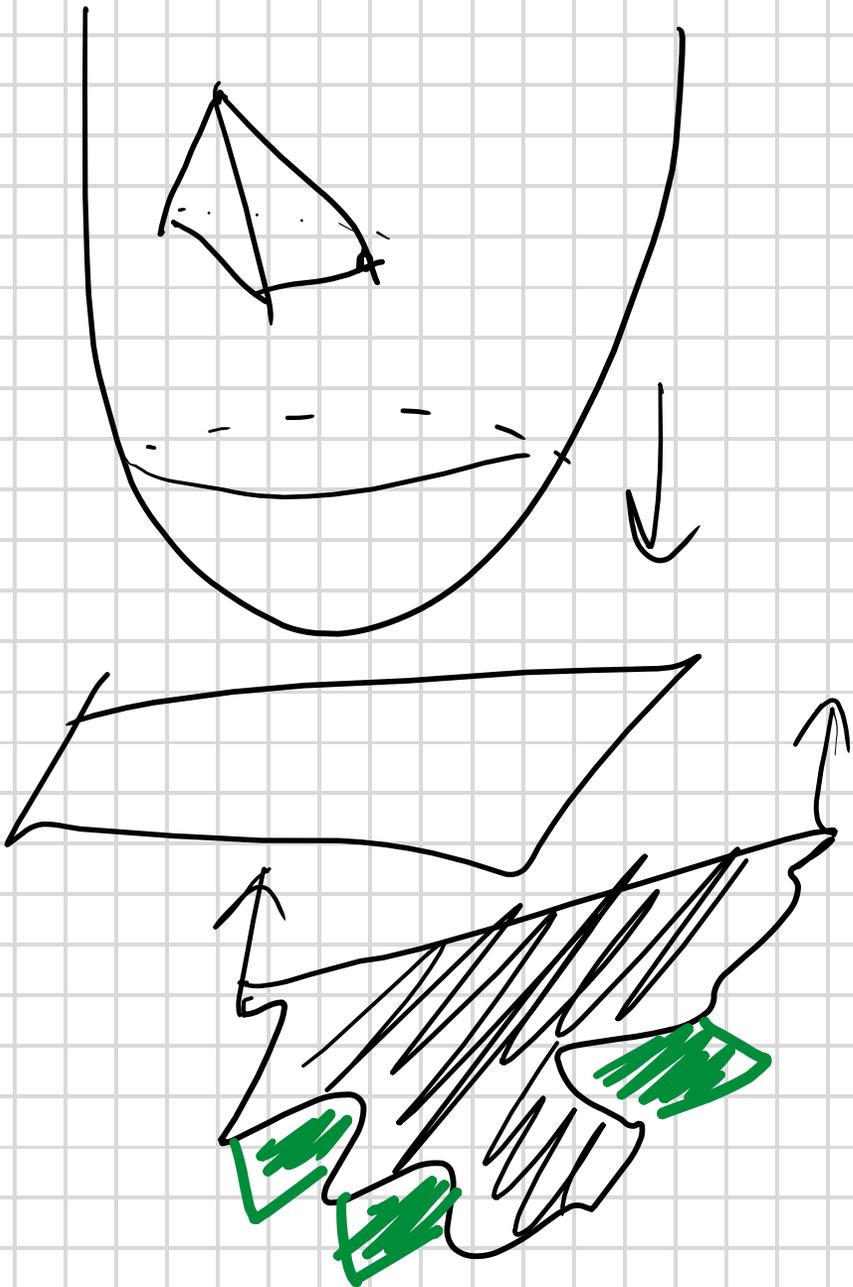
Claim increases
such flips eventually
end at Del Triang

Q: what happened in \mathbb{R}^3 ?



∂P_v



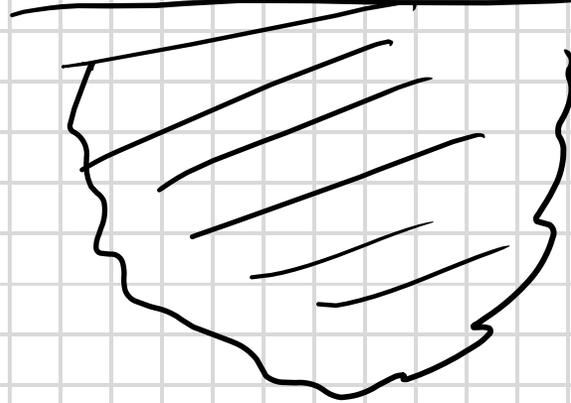


at every increasing P^i

a tetrahedron is added
to the ~~surface~~ ^{upper hull}

at the end \rightarrow local
max

\sqsubset



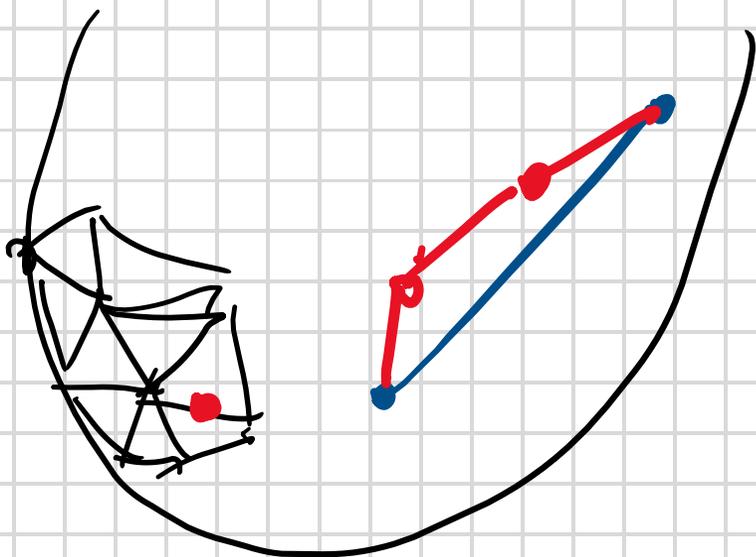
local
max $\leftrightarrow P_v$

Proof

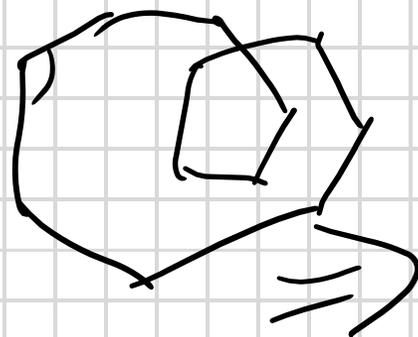
surfaces \leftarrow local max

\Rightarrow

S is convex at all edges



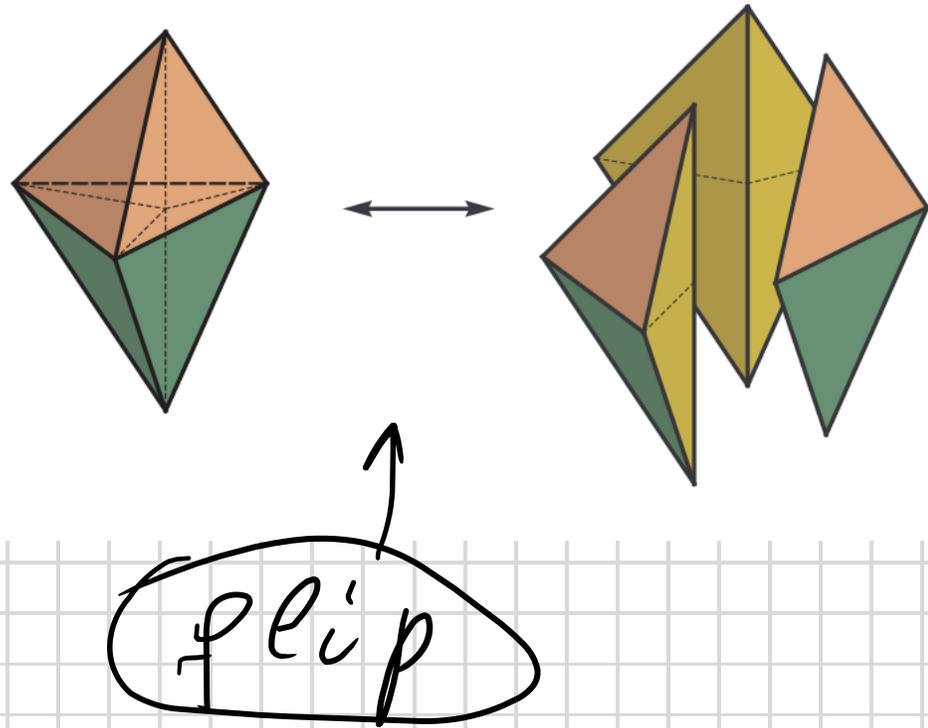
local convexity
 \Rightarrow global convexity



\Rightarrow Th!



$$\leq \binom{n}{2} \times 2 \leq n^2$$



Conj $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
convex position

Then all triangulations
are flip-conn.

False in higher dim