

Coresets

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Wlog. ss' parallel to x_d axis.

$\pi :=$ perpendicular projection to $x_d = 0$.

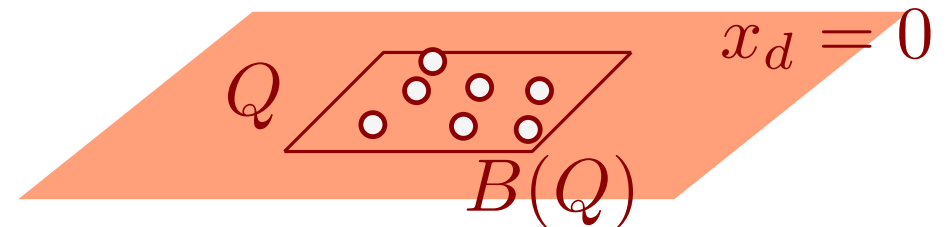
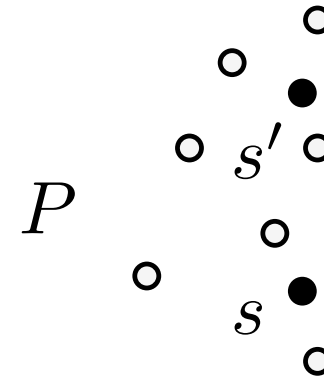
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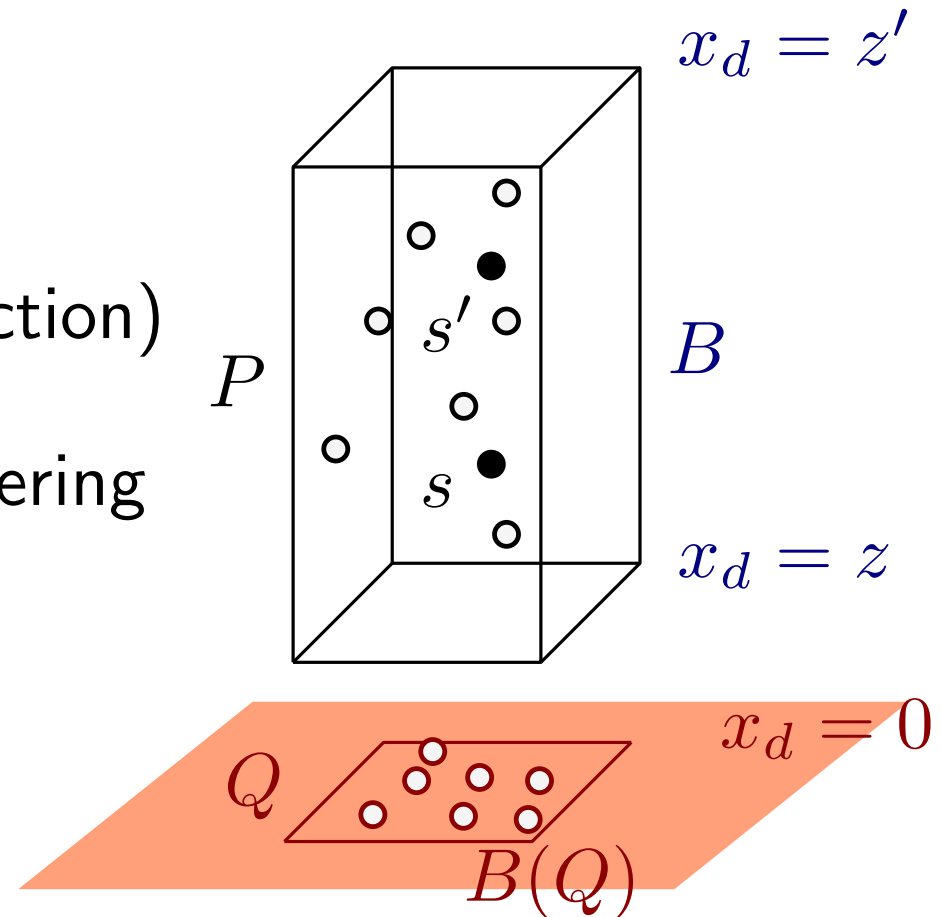
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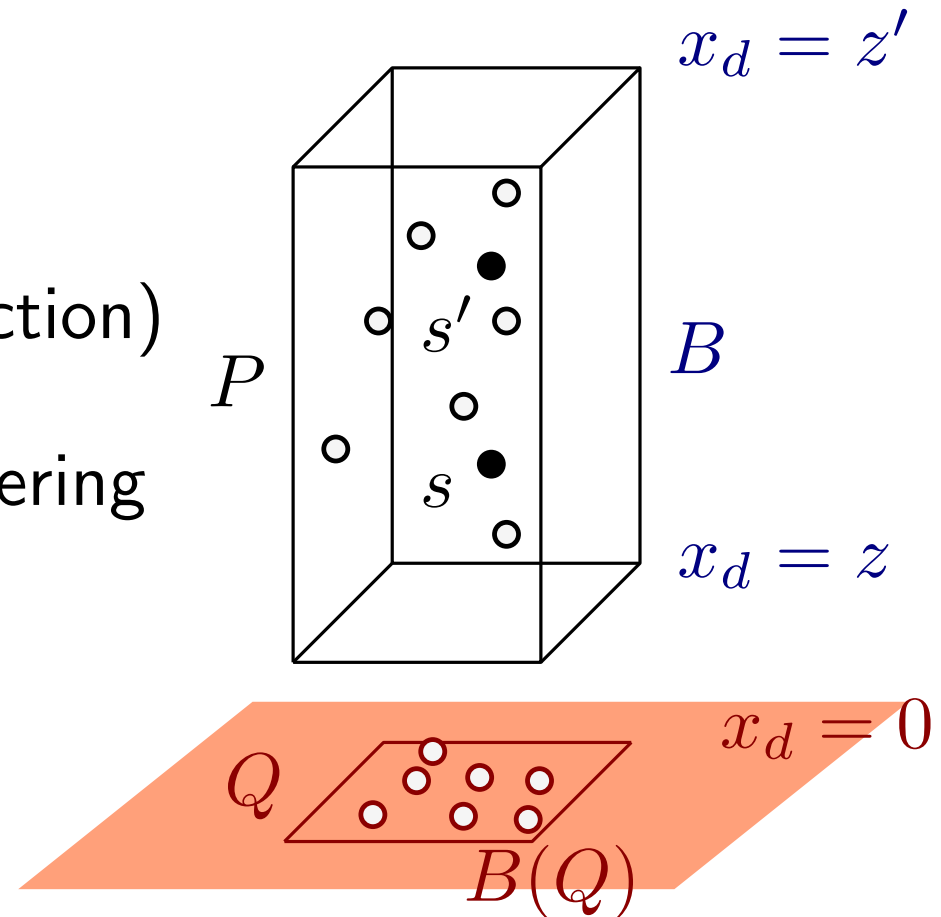
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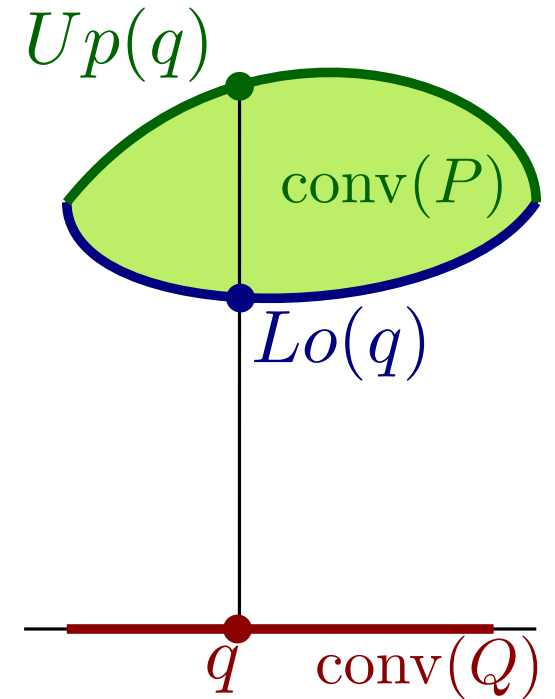
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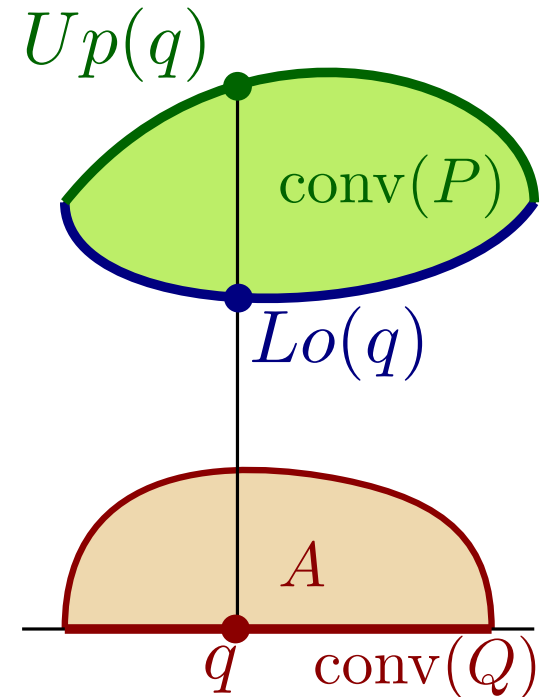
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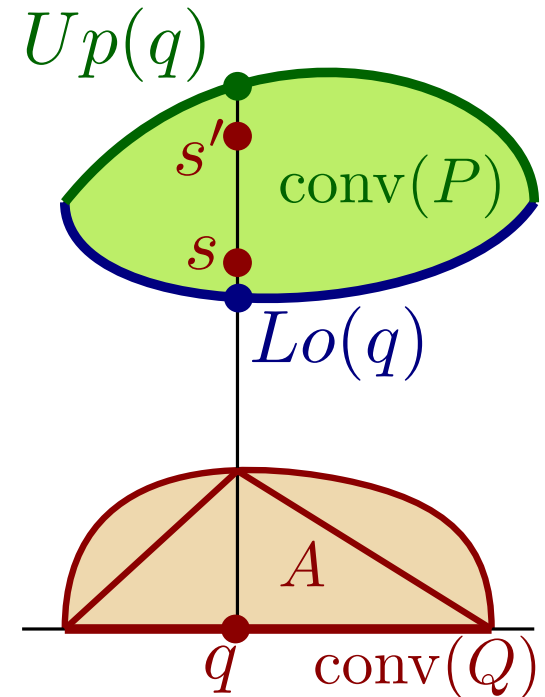
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At $\pi(s)$, height of A is at least $|ss'|$.

A contains *pyramid* with base $\text{conv}(Q)$ and pole length $\geq |ss'|$.

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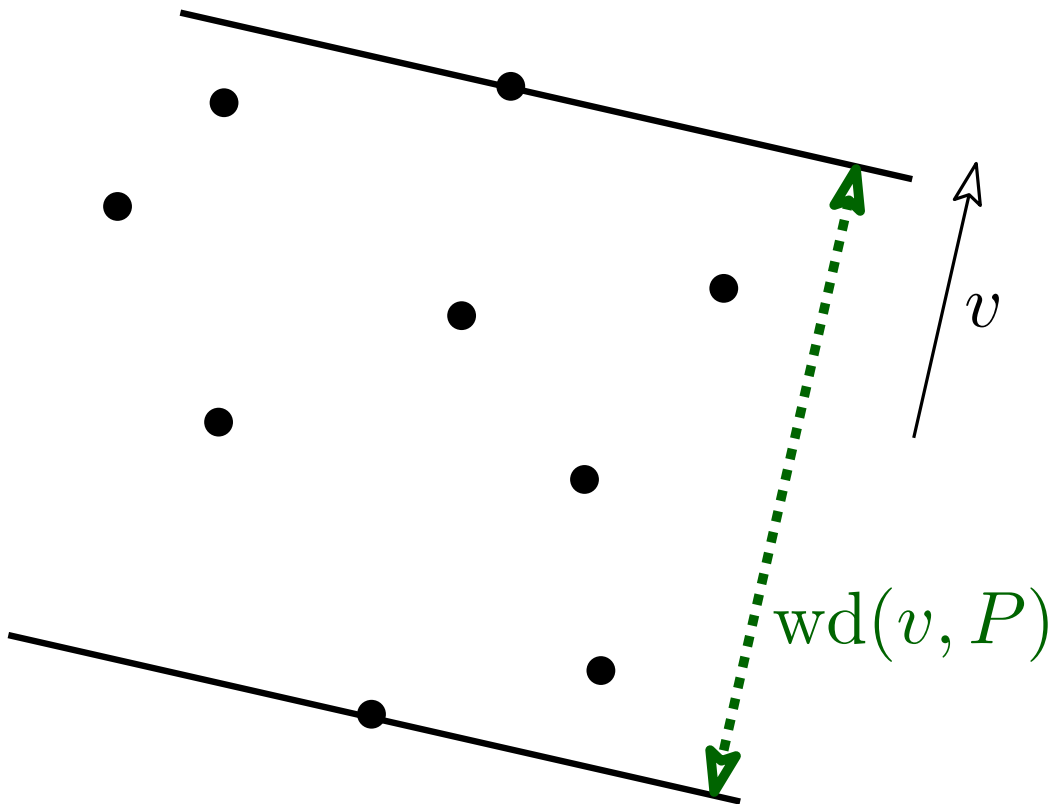
Running time: $T(n, d) = O(nd) + T(n, d - 1)$
 \Rightarrow Runs in $O(nd^2)$.

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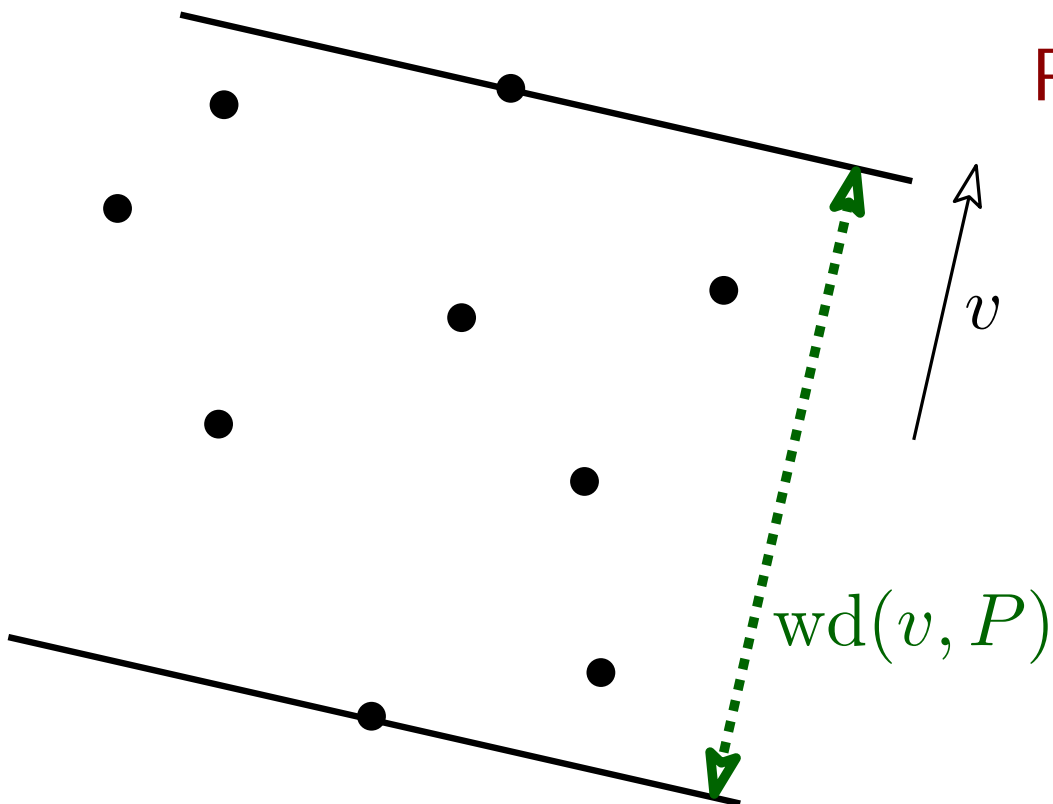
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Properties:

- translation invariant
- scales linearly
- $\text{wd}(v, P) = \text{wd}(v, \text{conv}(P))$
- monotone: if $Q \subset P$, then $\text{wd}(v, Q) \leq \text{wd}(v, P)$

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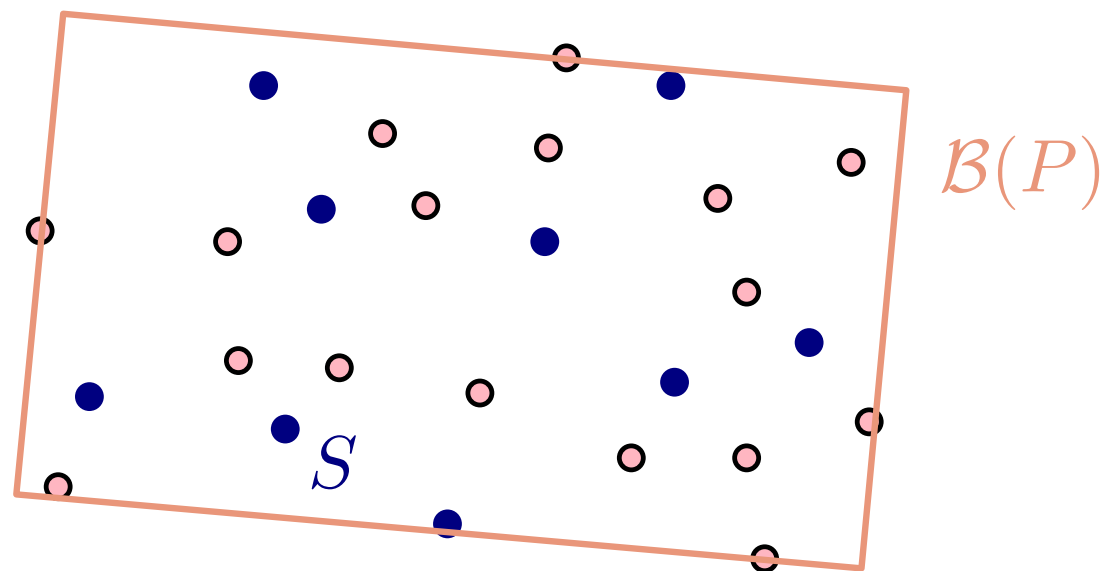
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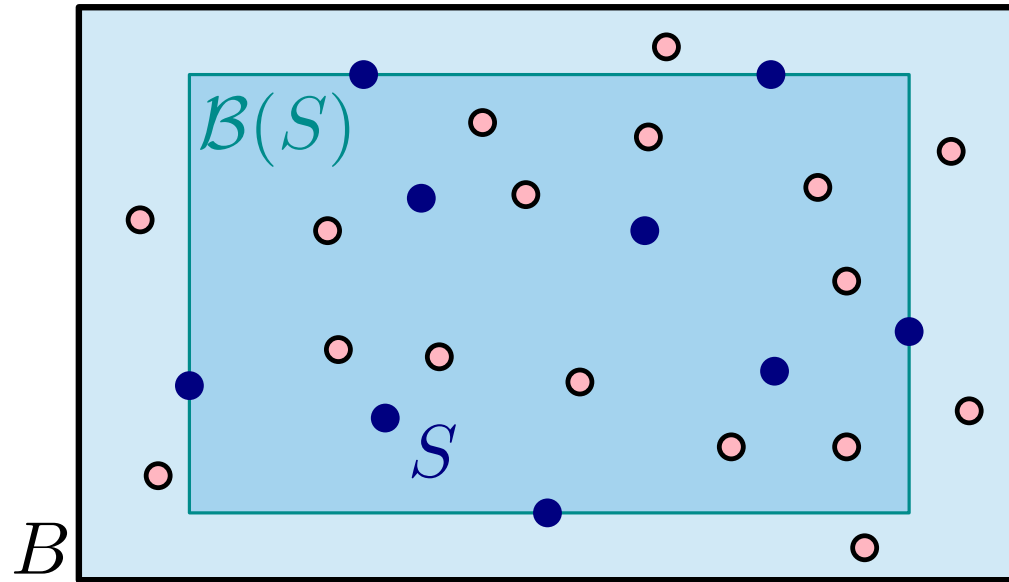
Volume claim: $(1 + 3\delta)^d < (1 + \varepsilon)$

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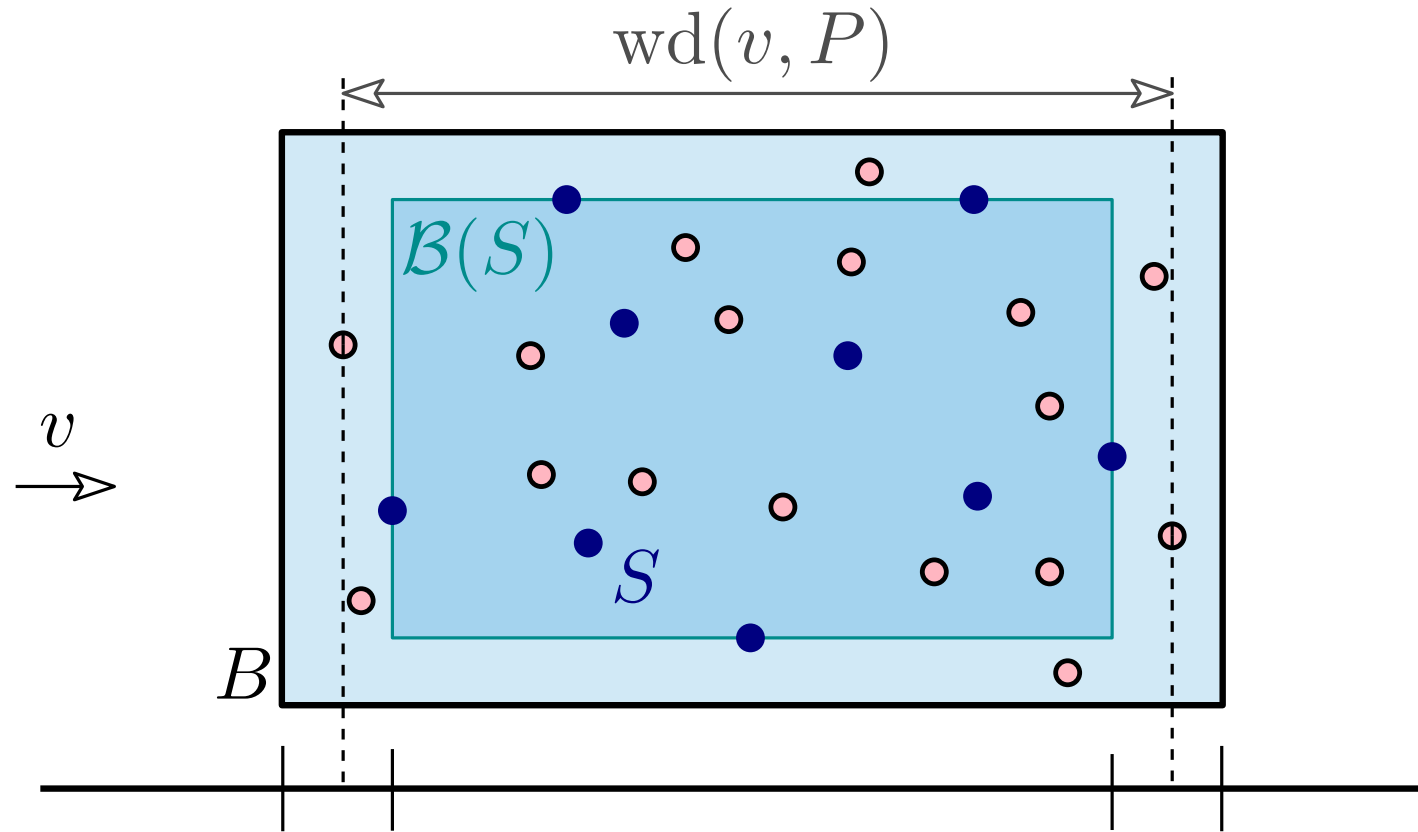
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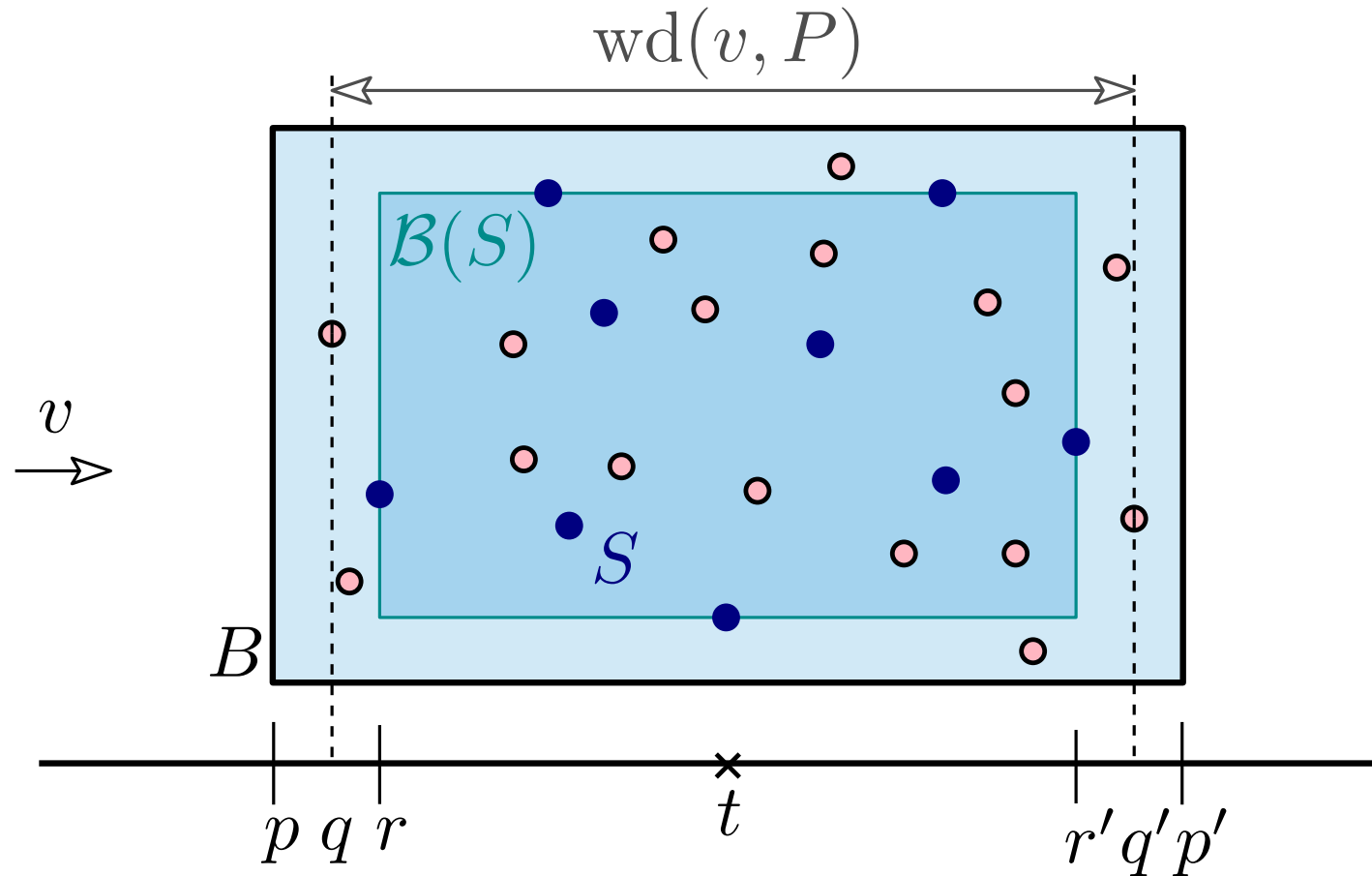
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$(1 - \delta)|qq'| \leq |rr'| = 2|tr|$ as S is δ -coreset.

$$|tq| \leq |tr| + \delta|qq'| \leq \left(1 + \frac{2\delta}{1 - \delta}\right) |tr| \leq (1 + 3\delta)|tr| = |tp|$$



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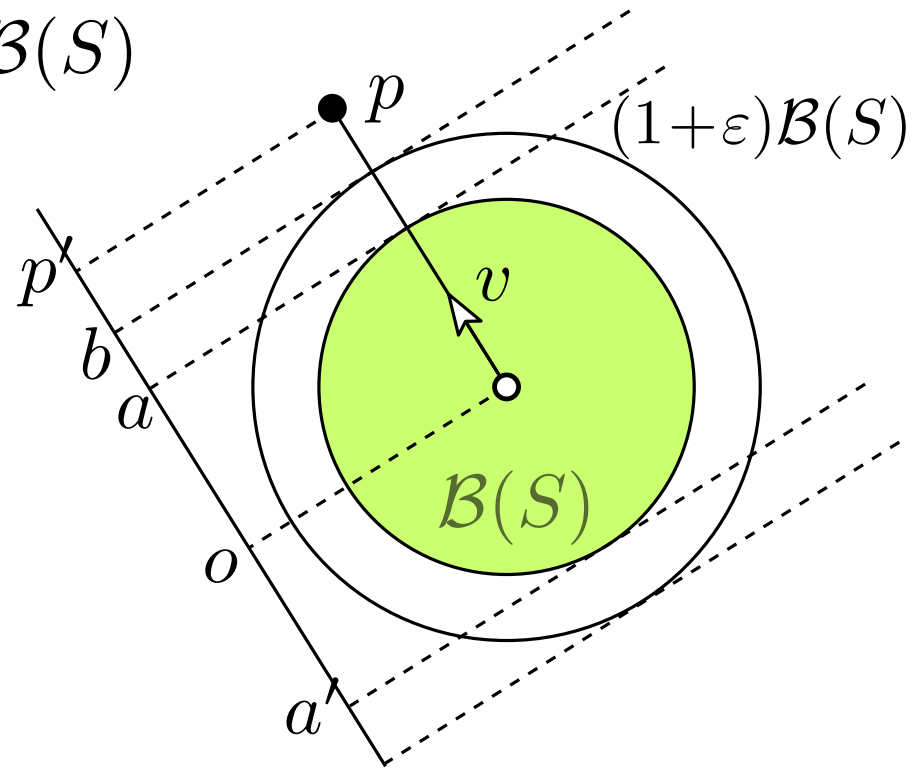
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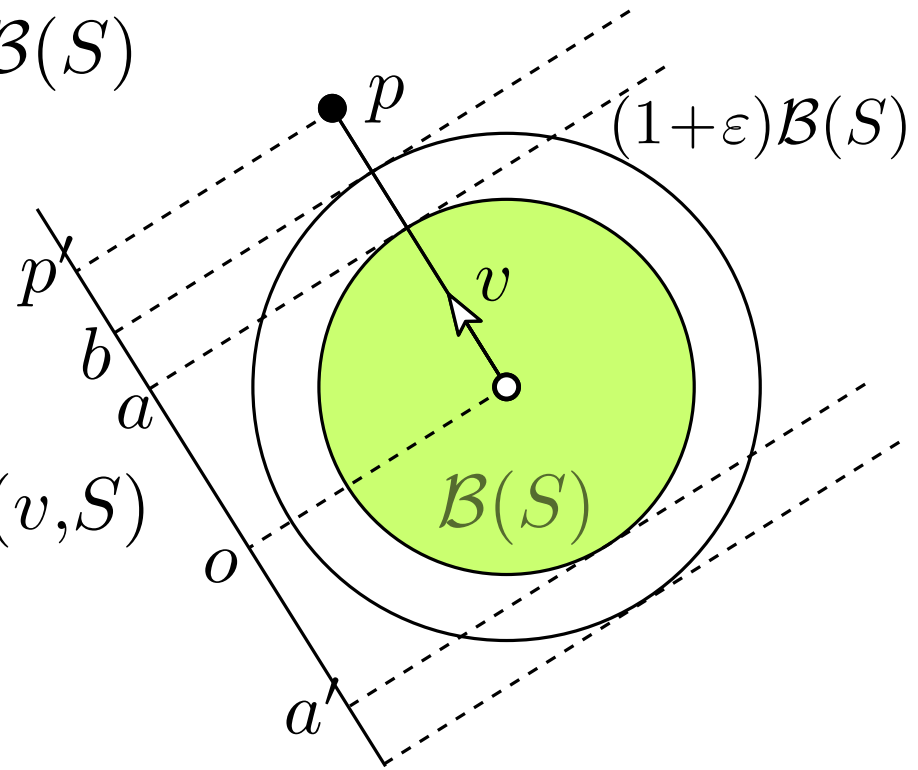
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Computing a coresets for directional
width (Agarwal, Har-Peled,
Varadarajan 2004)

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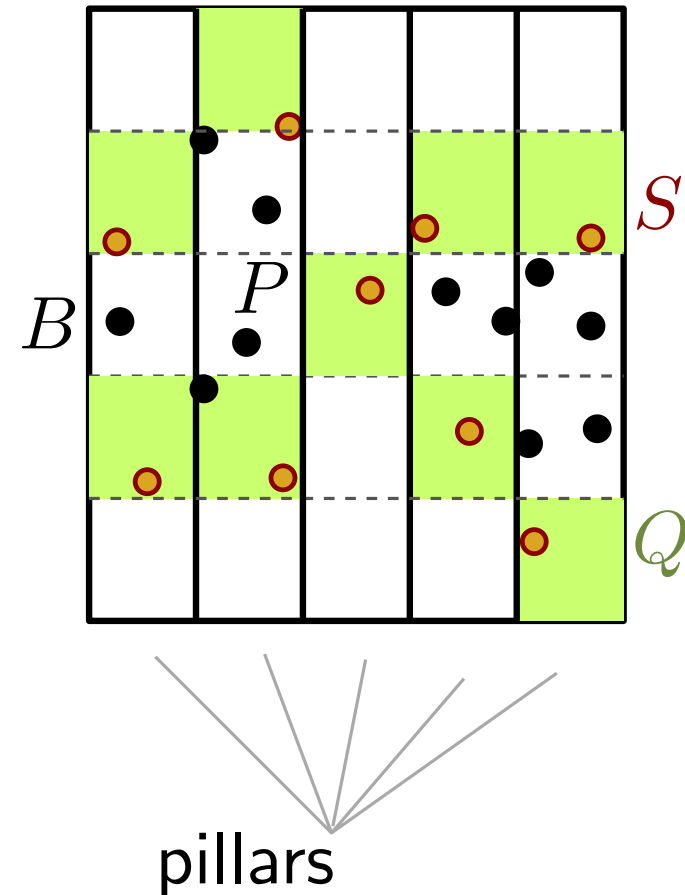
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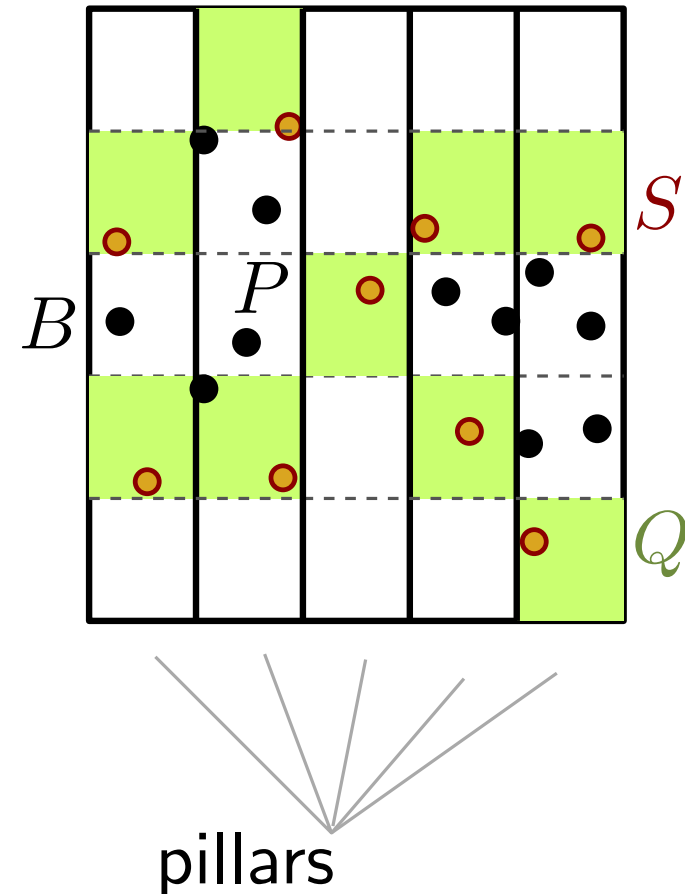


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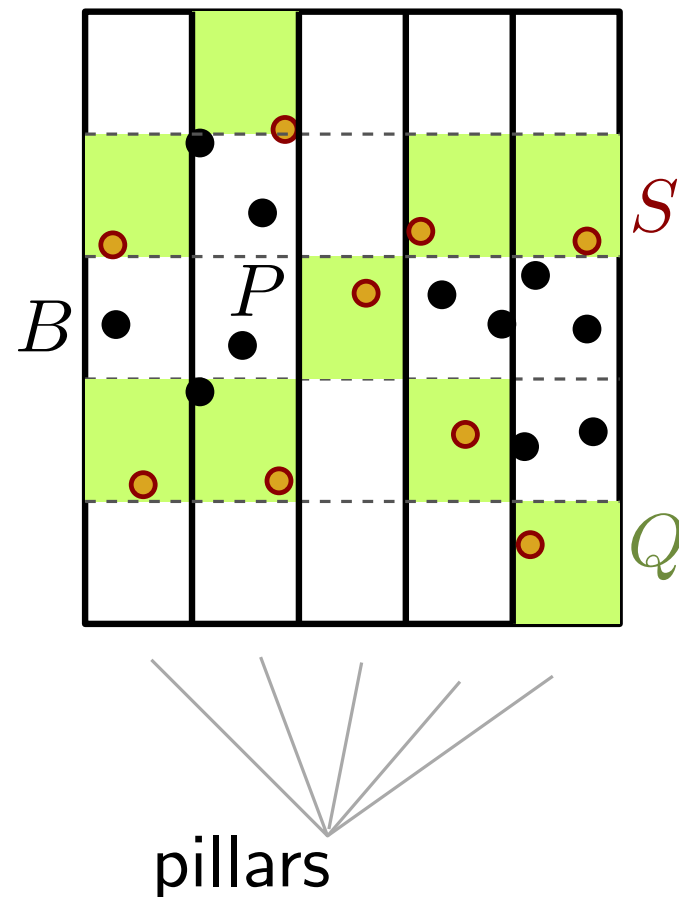
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Coresets have been used for

- width, diameter
- clustering (k-means)

and in streaming, dynamic problems, online algorithms, machine learning, etc.

Planar graphs: r -division
(Frederickson 1986)

Balanced separator for a subset

Observation. Given planar graph $G = (V, E)$ and a vertex set $W \subset V$, G has separator of size $O(\sqrt{n})$ s.t. each side has $\leq 36/37|W|$ vertices from W .

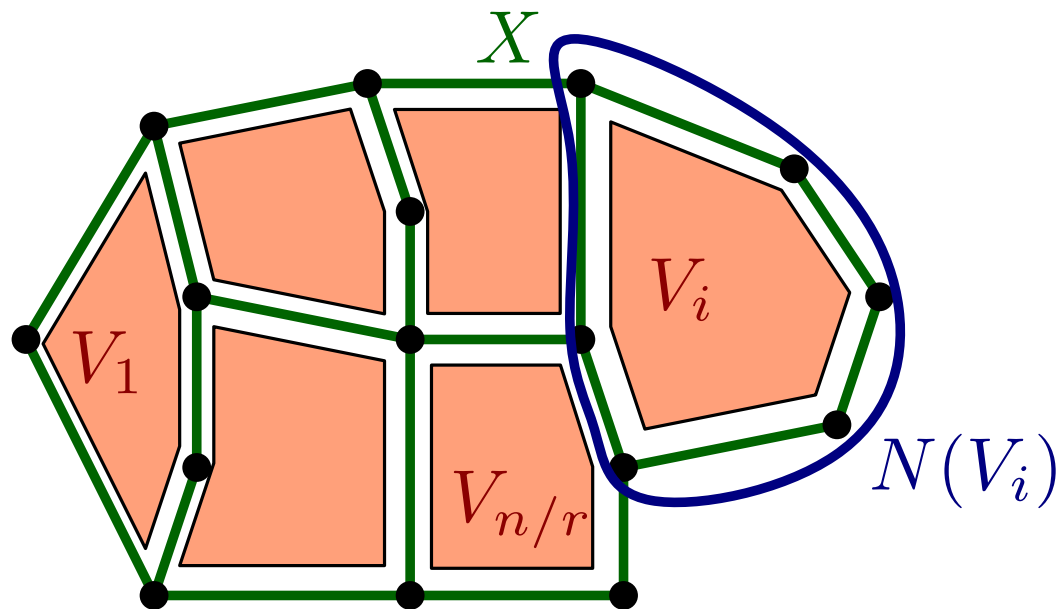
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Start proof with smallest square that encloses $\geq |W|/37$ disks from W .

r -divisions

Theorem There are constants c_1, c_2, c_3 s.t. for any $r \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and planar graph G , there is a boundary set X of size $\leq c_1 n / \sqrt{r}$ and a partition of $V \setminus X$ into n/r sets $V_1, \dots, V_{n/r}$ satisfying

- $|V_i| \leq c_2 r$
- $N(V_i) \cap V_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$
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Idea: while $N(V_i) \cap X > c_3 \sqrt{r}$, separate $N(V_i)$ with balance wrt. $N(V_i) \cap X$.

Gives $O(n/\sqrt{r})$ new boundary vertices and $O(n/r)$ new groups