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# 8. Homework (grad) Due $\frac{4}{2}$ before class

### Please justify all your answers. Often it helps to draw pictures.

## 1. Linear Separator (8 points)

Let  $R = \{r_1, \ldots, r_m\}$  be set of *m* red points and let  $B = \{b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$  be a set of *n* blue points in the plane. A line *l* is called a **linear separator** if all points of *R* lie on one side of *l* and all points of *B* lie on the other side. (You may assume appropriate general position, and may disregard points that lie exactly on the line.)



Use point-line duality to develop an algorithm for this problem which runs in expected linear time. (*Hint: Linear Programming.*)

## 2. Dual Line Segment and Triangle (9 points)

- (a) (3 points) What is the dual of a line segment? You can describe it in words.
- (b) (3 points) Given a line segment s and a line l. If l intersects in the primal plane, where must its dual point  $l^*$  lie?
- (c) (3 points) Consider a (solid) triangle  $\Delta pqr$  with corner points p, q, r. Describe its dual.

### 3. Convex Hull of Intersections (8 points)

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a set of n lines in the plane, no two of which are parallel. Let S be the set of all  $O(n^2)$  intersection points between any two lines in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Give an  $O(n \log n)$  time algorithm to compute an axis-parallel rectangle that contains S.

(Hint: Your algorithm cannot compute all points in S explicitly. Sort all lines by slope, and prove that it is enough to consider only a certain subset of intersection points.)