

Discrete and Computational Geometry, SS 14  
Exercise Sheet “10”: Spanners and WSPDs  
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- *Written solutions have to be prepared until **Tuesday July 1st, 14:00 pm**. There will be a letterbox in the LBH building, close to Room E01.*
- *You may work in groups of at most two participants.*
- *Please contact Hilko Delonge, [hilko.delonge@uni-bonn.de](mailto:hilko.delonge@uni-bonn.de), if you want to participate and have not yet signed up for one of the exercise groups.*
- *If you are not yet subscribed to the mailing list, please do so at <https://lists.iai.uni-bonn.de/mailman/listinfo.cgi/lc-dcgeom>*

**Exercise 28: Spanners and Closest Pairs (4 Points)**

Let  $S$  denote a finite point set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $1 < t \leq 2$  and let  $G = (S, E)$  be a  $t$ -spanner with vertex set  $S$  and edge set  $E$ .

- a) Show that for at least one closest pair  $v, w$  in  $S$  the edge  $\{v, w\}$  belongs to  $E$ . Furthermore, if  $t < 2$ , this is even true for all closest pairs.
- b) Let  $p$  be a nearest neighbor of  $q$  in  $S$ . Does this imply that  $\{p, q\}$  belongs to  $E$ ?

**Exercise 29: WSPD and Centers (4 Points)**

Prove or disprove the following statement: Two point sets  $A, B$  with bounding box  $R(A)$  and  $R(B)$  are well-separated with parameter  $s$ , if and only if there are two circles  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  of some radius  $r$ , where  $R(A) \subset C_A$ ,  $R(B) \subset C_B$  and the distance between  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  is  $\geq r \cdot s$ , and the center of  $C_A$  and of  $C_B$  coincides with the center of the bounding box of  $A$  and of  $B$ , respectively.

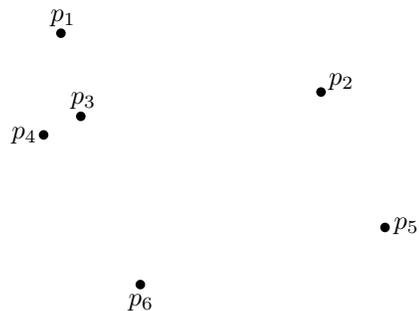
**Exercise 30: WSPD 2-dimensional Example (4 Points)**

Consider the point set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  depicted twice below. Use the algorithm presented in the lecture to construct a WSPD of  $S$ , given the separation ratio  $s = 1$ .

Start with computing the split-tree, and draw the resulting bounding boxes.

Use these bounding boxes to construct the WSPD. You may assume that the procedure  $\text{FindPairs}(v,w)$  only verifies if the two point sets  $S_v$  and  $S_w$  are well separated with respect to circles, whose center points are located at the center of the corresponding bounding box.

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