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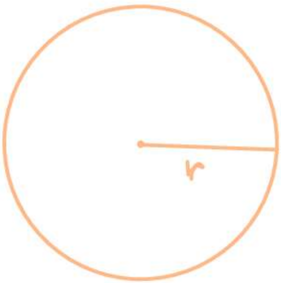

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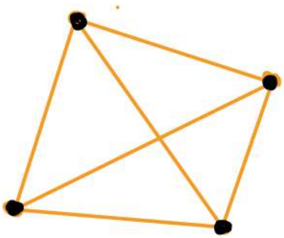

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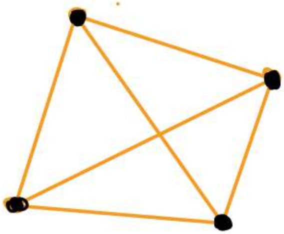

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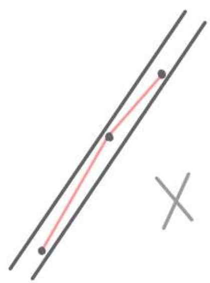

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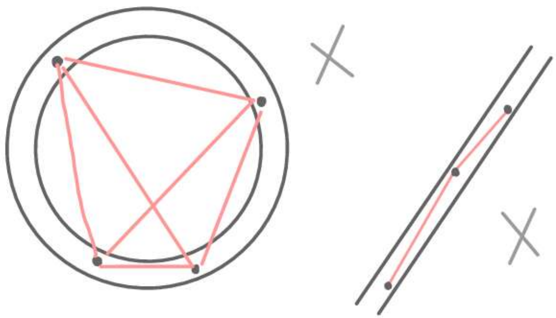

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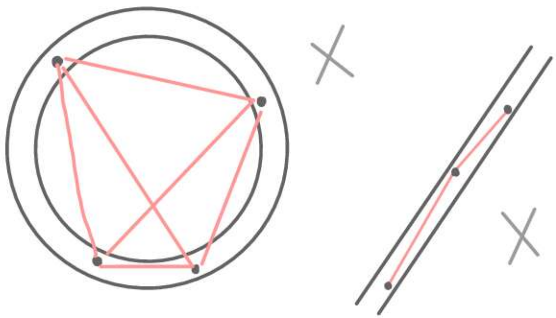

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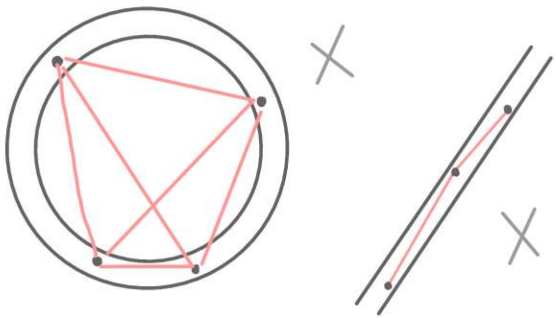

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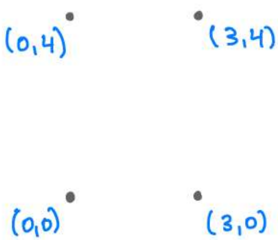
2) 

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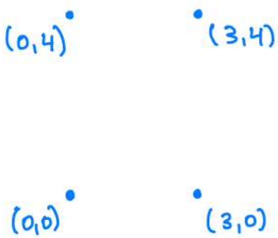
2) 

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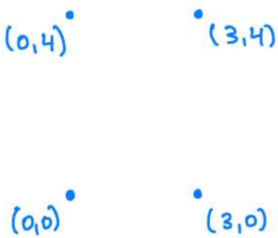
2) 

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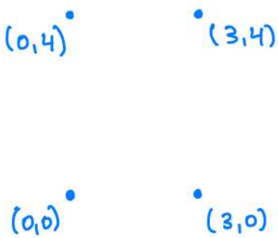
2) 

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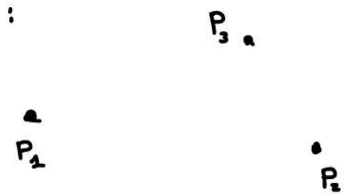

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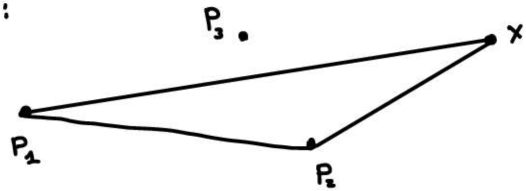

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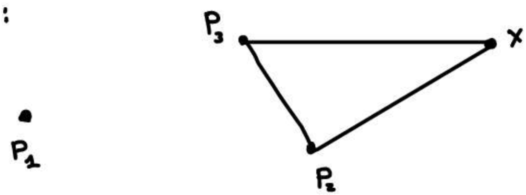

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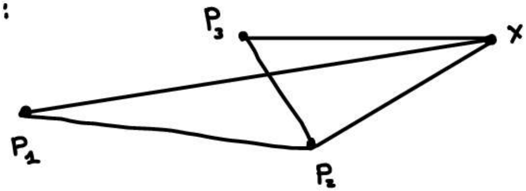

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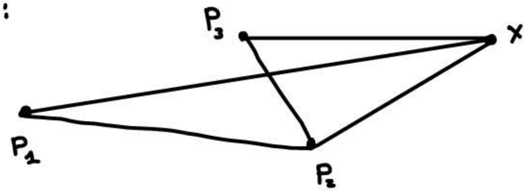

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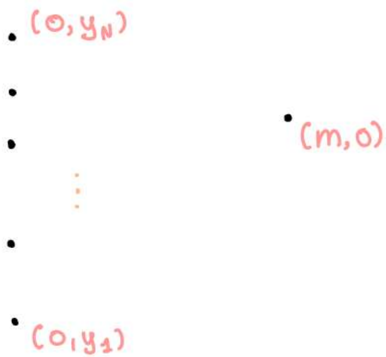

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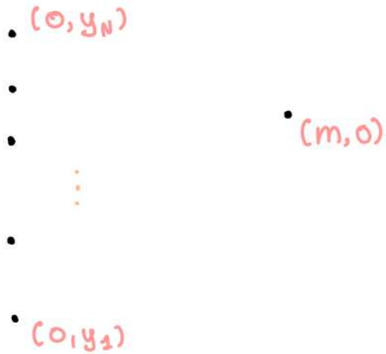
① 

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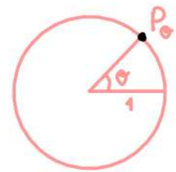

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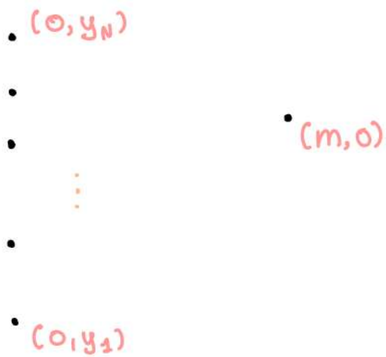
① 

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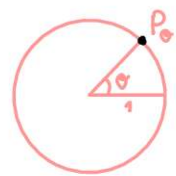

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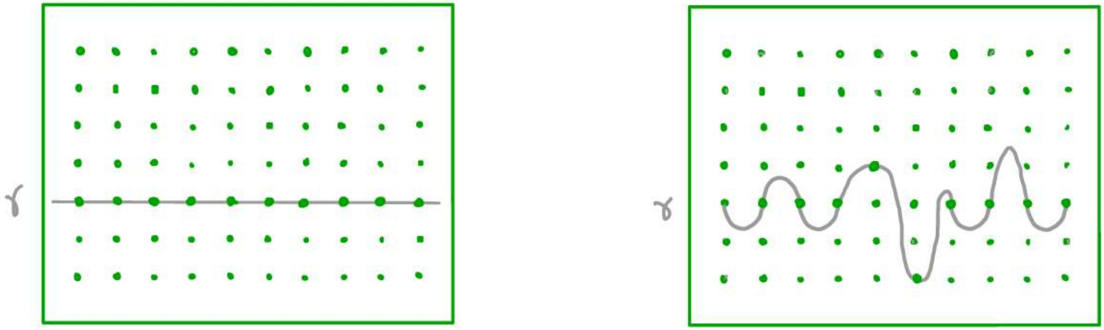

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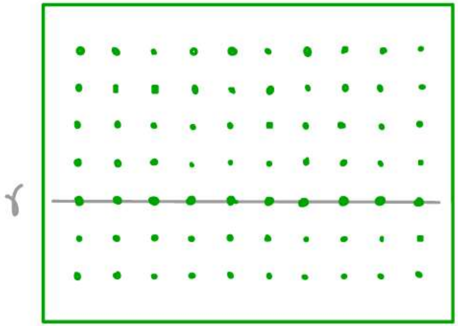

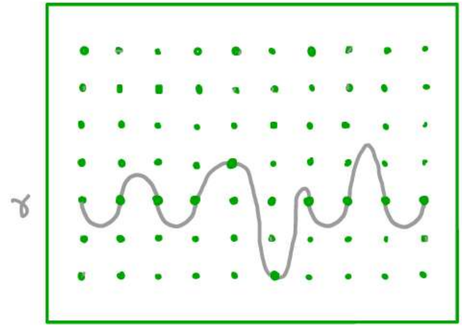

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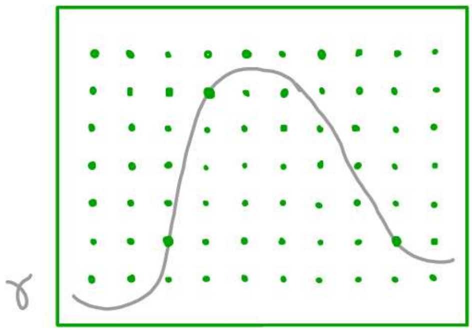

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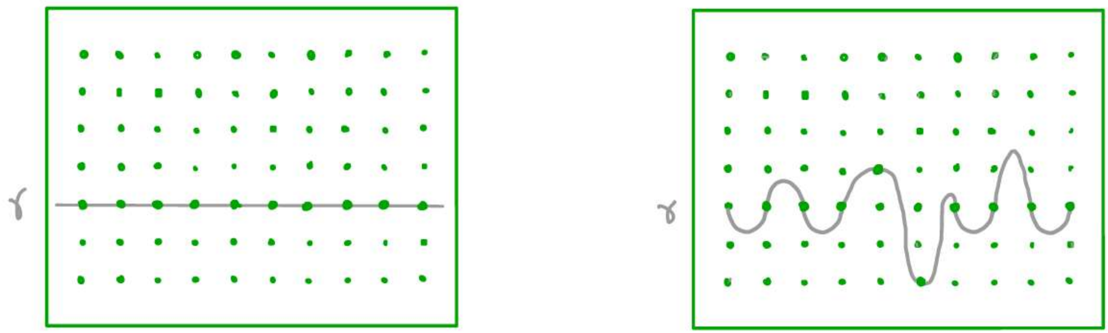

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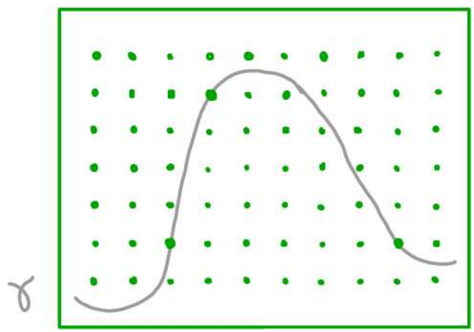

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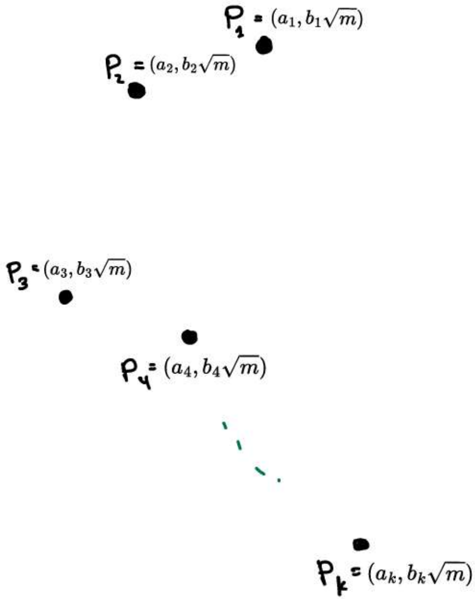

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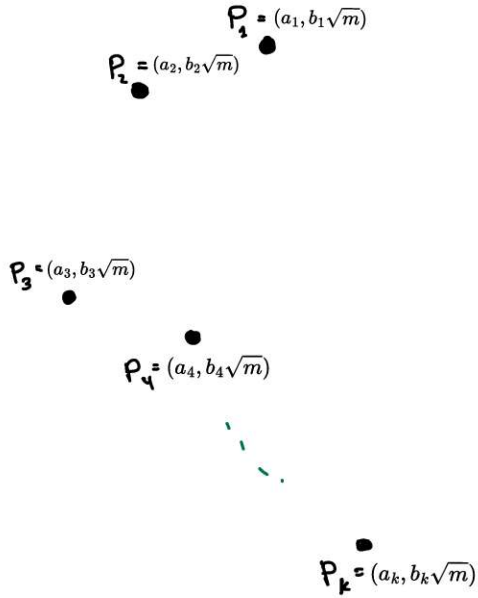

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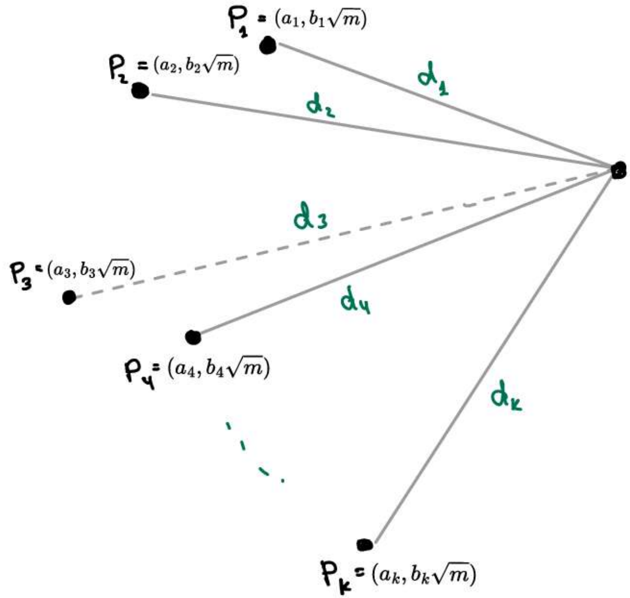

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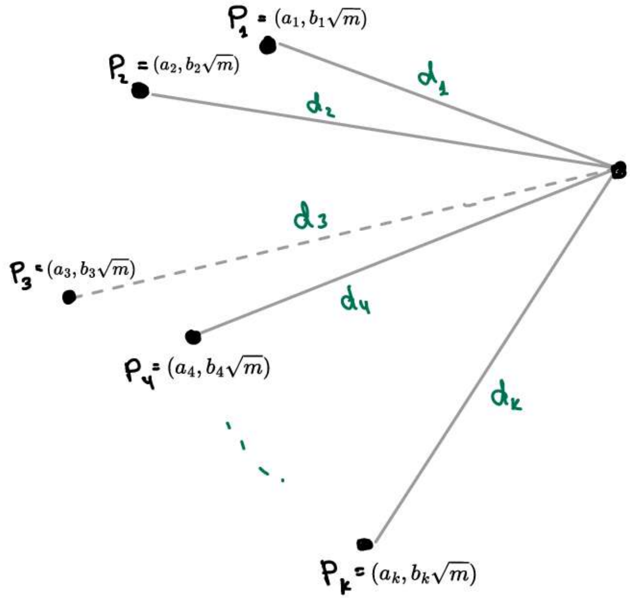

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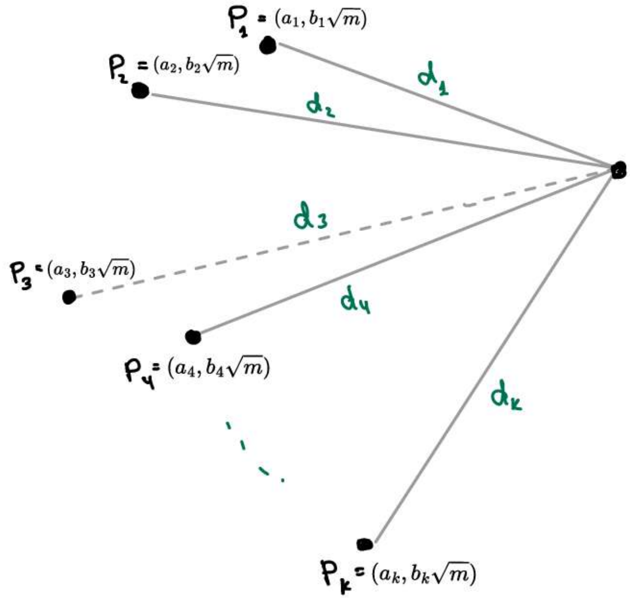

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Otherwise, either $|S \setminus \gamma_j| = O((\log\log N)^2)$ or $|\gamma_j \cap S| = O((\log N)^{O(1)})$.

As there are $O((\log N)^{O(1)})$ curves, this concludes the proof.

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Corollary: Let S be a noncollinear integer distance set. If $|S| = N$ then:

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Can our method be adapted to other long-standing problems?

Thank You !