# Computational Geometry Lecture Applications of WSPD \& Visibility Graphs 

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Thm 3: Given a point set $P$ in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$ and $s \geq 1$ we can construct an $s$-WSPD with $O\left(s^{d} n\right)$ pairs in time $O\left(n \log n+s^{d} n\right)$.


Further Applications of WSPD


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In $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ this is often true, but not in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$ for $d>2$. (e.g. EMST, diameter)

## Organizational Information

## Oral Exams:

Length: 30 minutes
Dates: Feb. 23, 24, 25; April 12, 13, 14
Times: 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11
Doodle: Select all time slots that you have available!


Please come to our offices and ask questions!

## Project presentations:

Next week on Feb. 1 and 3.

## Motion planning and Visibility Graphs

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A shortest st-path in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ avoiding obstacles in $S$ is equivalent to a shortest $s t$-path in $G_{\text {vis }}\left(S^{\star}\right)$.

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Thm 1: A shortest $s t$-path in an area with polygonal obstacles with $n$ edges can be computed in $O\left(n^{2} \log n\right)$ time.

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