

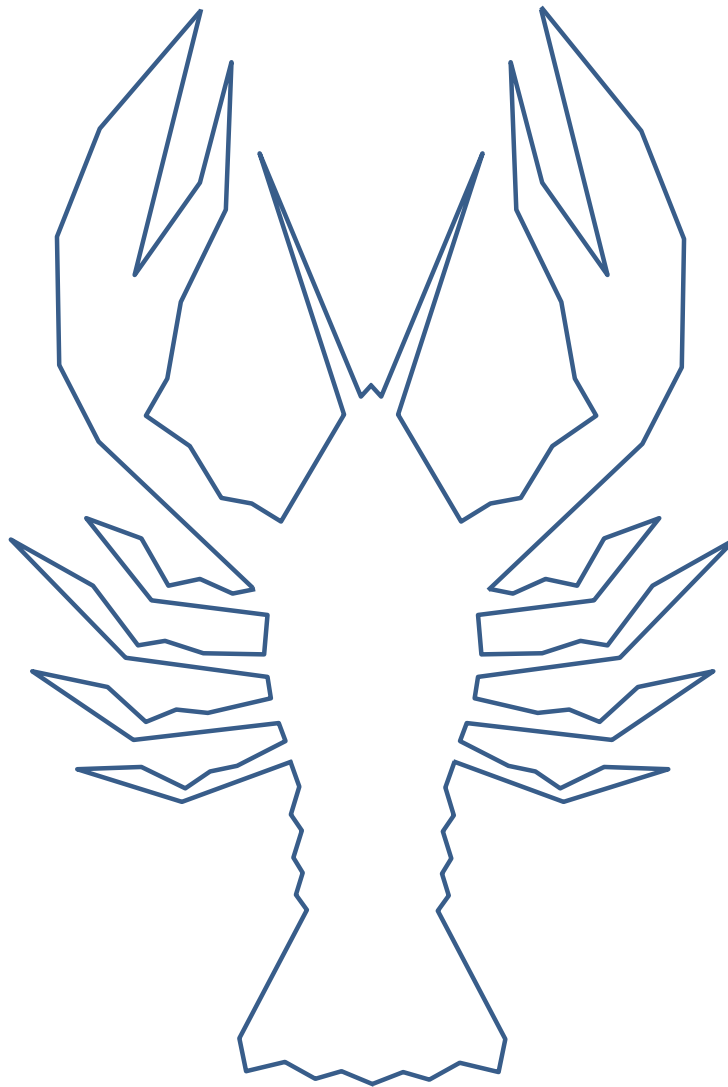
# 1. Homework

Due **2/19/15** before class

## 1. Crawfish Guards (12 points)

For the simple polygon  $P$  below:

- Apply the method employed by the 3-coloring-based proof to obtain a set of at most  $\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$  **vertex guards** that guard  $P$ .
- By inspection, obtain the minimum number of **vertex guards** necessary to guard  $P$ . Justify your answer.
- By inspection, obtain the minimum number of **point guards** necessary to guard  $P$ , i.e., guards are allowed to be anywhere in the interior or on the boundary of  $P$ . Justify your answer.



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2. **Guarding Boundary vs. Interior (8 points)**

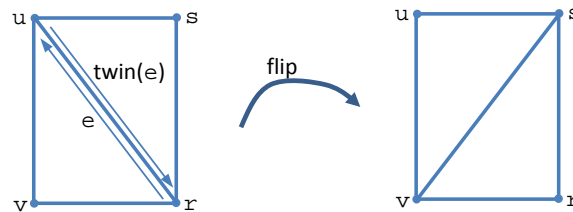
Give an example of a polygon together with a placement of vertex guards, such that the whole polygon boundary is guarded but not the whole interior.

3. **Triangulation in Quadratic Time (10 points)**

Give an algorithm for triangulating a simple polygon that is based on the ear-cutting theorem. Your algorithm should run in  $O(n^2)$  time, where  $n$  is the number of vertices of the polygon. Show that your algorithm has indeed this runtime.

4. **Edge Flip (10 points)**

An *edge flip* is an operation that switches the diagonal of a quadrilateral. Assume the quadrilateral below is given in a DCEL, and you are given a reference to  $e$ . Give code that flips  $e$  and updates the DCEL accordingly.



5. **Stabbing Number and Triangulation (graduate; 10 points)**

The stabbing number of a triangulated simple polygon  $P$  is the maximum number of diagonals intersected by any line segment interior to  $P$ . Give an algorithm that computes a triangulation of a convex polygon that has stabbing number  $O(\log n)$ . Prove that the computed triangulation has indeed stabbing number  $O(\log n)$ .