
Zbl 831.52009**Erdős, Paul; Fishburn, Peter***Intervertex distances in convex polygons.* (In English)**Discrete Appl. Math.** **60**, No.1-3, 149-158 (1995). [0166-218X]

Let V be the set of vertices of a convex n -gon in the plane. Denote by d_1, \dots, d_m the different positive distances between the points of V , and by r_k the multiplicity of d_k . Choose the numbering such that $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq \dots \geq r_m$. For fixed n , the maximum of r_i over all convex n -gons is denoted by $r_i(n)$. The values of $r_1(n)$ and $r_2(n)$ are known for $n \leq 8$. In particular we have $r_2(n) \leq n$ in this case. Here a construction is presented which shows $r_2(25) \geq 26$ and $\sup_n r_2(n)/n \geq 7/6$.

A monotone sequence in V from v_0 is a sequence of vertices v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k in which the v_i are encountered in succession going (counter-)clockwise from v_0 , such that the distance from v_0 to v_i is strictly increasing. Let $g(n)$ denote the minimum (over all convex n -gons) of the maximum length of monotone sequences. In a previous paper, the authors have shown $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor + 1 \leq g(n)$. Here, $g(n) \leq \lceil n/3 \rceil + 2$ is proved.

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