# Computational Geometry 

## Seidel's Triangulation Algorithm

Lecture \#13

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Open code $\Theta$

More digits if $i=0$,

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## More digits

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