## Fast Algorithms for Geometric Consensuses

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## Preliminary II: Zones

Definition: Zone of a surface
Given lines $L$, curve $\gamma$, the zone $\mathcal{Z}(\gamma, L)$ are cells of $\mathcal{A}(L)$ intersecting $\gamma$.


Lemma [Aronov et al., 1993, de Berg, Dobrindt, et al., 1995]
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Result: Decider takes $O(n \log n)$ time.

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