

Divide and Conquer

Reading: 5.1, 5.4-5.5,
13.5



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Divide-and-Conquer

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- Break up problem into several parts.
- Solve each part recursively.
- Combine solutions to sub-problems into overall solution.

Most common usage.

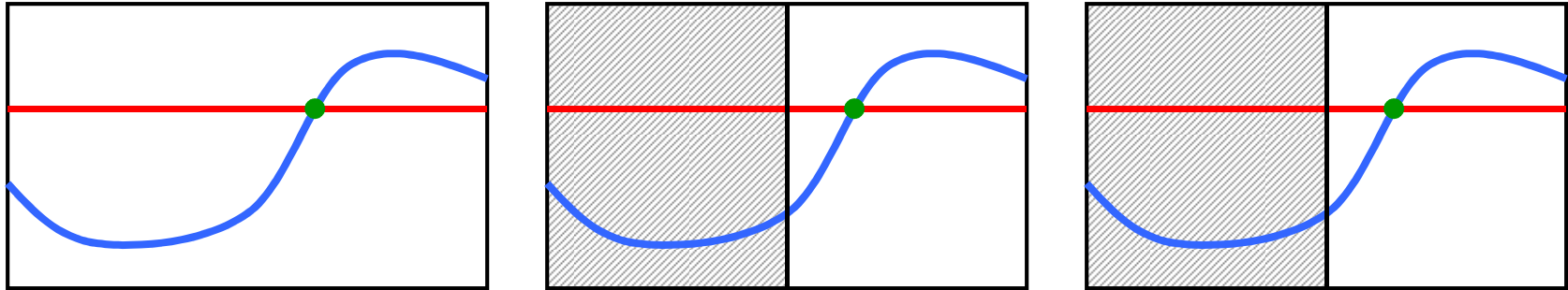
- Break up problem of size n into **two** equal parts of size $\frac{1}{2}n$.
- Solve two parts recursively.
- Combine two solutions into overall solution in **linear time**.

Consequence.

- Brute force: n^2 .
- Divide-and-conquer: $n \log n$.

Divide et impera.
Veni, vidi, vici.
- *Julius Caesar*

Binary search for roots (bisection method)



Given:

- continuous function f and two points $a < b$ with $f(a) \leq 0$ and $f(b) > 0$

Find:

- approximation to c s.t. $f(c) = 0$ and $a \leq c < b$

Bisection method

```
Bisection(a, b, ε)
  if (a-b) < ε then
    return(a)
  else
    c ← (a+b)/2
    if f(c) ≤ 0 then
      return(Bisection(c, b, ε))
    else
      return(Bisection(a, c, ε))
```

Time Analysis:

At each step we **halved** the size of the interval

It started at size $b-a$

It ended at size ϵ

of calls to f is $\log_2((b-a)/\epsilon)$

Old favorites

Binary search

- One subproblem of half size plus one comparison
- Recurrence $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$ for $n \geq 2$
 $T(1) = 0$

So $T(n)$ is $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil + 1$

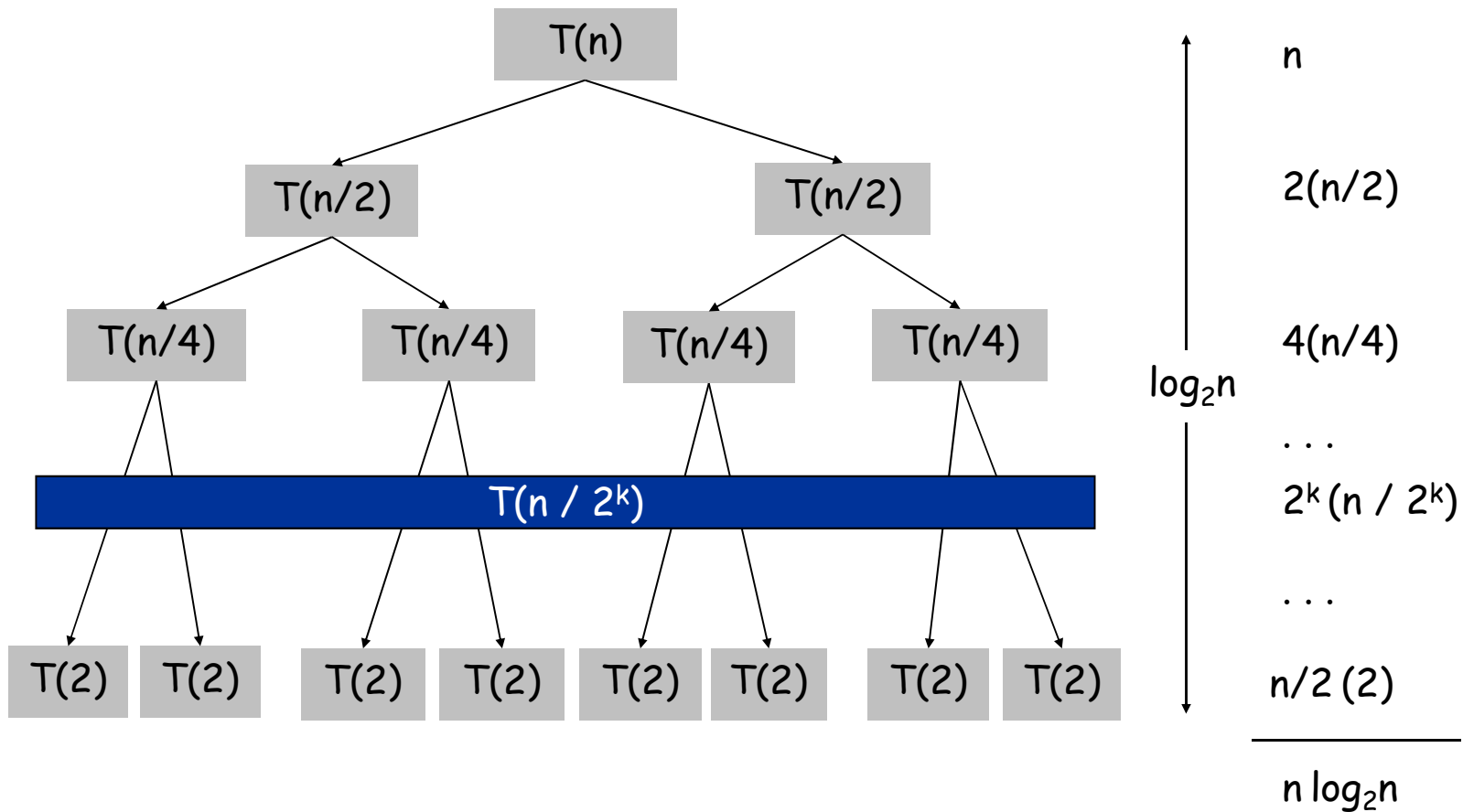
Mergesort

- Two subproblems of half size plus merge cost of $n-1$ comparisons
- Recurrence $T(n) \leq 2T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + n - 1$ for $n \geq 2$
 $T(1) = 0$

Roughly n comparisons at each of $\log_2 n$ levels of recursion
So $T(n)$ is roughly $2n \log_2 n$

Proof by Recursion Tree

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ \underbrace{2T(n/2)}_{\text{sorting both halves}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Proof by Telescoping

Claim. If $T(n)$ satisfies this recurrence, then $T(n) = n \log_2 n$.

↑
assumes n is a power of 2

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Pf. For $n > 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T(n)}{n} &= \frac{2T(n/2)}{n} + 1 \\ &= \frac{T(n/2)}{n/2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{T(n/4)}{n/4} + 1 + 1 \\ &\dots \\ &= \frac{T(n/n)}{n/n} + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{\log_2 n} \\ &= \log_2 n \end{aligned}$$

Proof by Induction

Claim. If $T(n)$ satisfies this recurrence, then $T(n) = n \log_2 n$.

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{2T(n/2)}_{\text{sorting both halves}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Pf. (by induction on n)

- Base case: $n = 1$.
- Inductive hypothesis: $T(n) = n \log_2 n$.
- Goal: show that $T(2n) = 2n \log_2 (2n)$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2T(n) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2 n + 2n \\ &= 2n(\log_2(2n) - 1) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2(2n) \end{aligned}$$

Analysis of Mergesort Recurrence

Claim. If $T(n)$ satisfies the following recurrence, then $T(n) \leq n \lceil \lg n \rceil$.

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ \underbrace{T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{solve left half}} + \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)}_{\text{solve right half}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\uparrow
 $\log_2 n$

Pf. (by induction on n)

- Base case: $n = 1$.
- Define $n_1 = \lfloor n / 2 \rfloor$, $n_2 = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$.
- Induction step: assume true for $1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(n_1) + T(n_2) + n \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \lg n_1 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &= n \lceil \lg n_2 \rceil + n \\ &\leq n(\lceil \lg n \rceil - 1) + n \\ &= n \lceil \lg n \rceil \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 &= \lceil n/2 \rceil \\ &\leq \left\lceil 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} / 2 \right\rceil \\ &= 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} / 2 \\ \Rightarrow \lg n_2 &\leq \lceil \lg n \rceil - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Master Divide and Conquer Recurrence

Let a and b be positive constants.

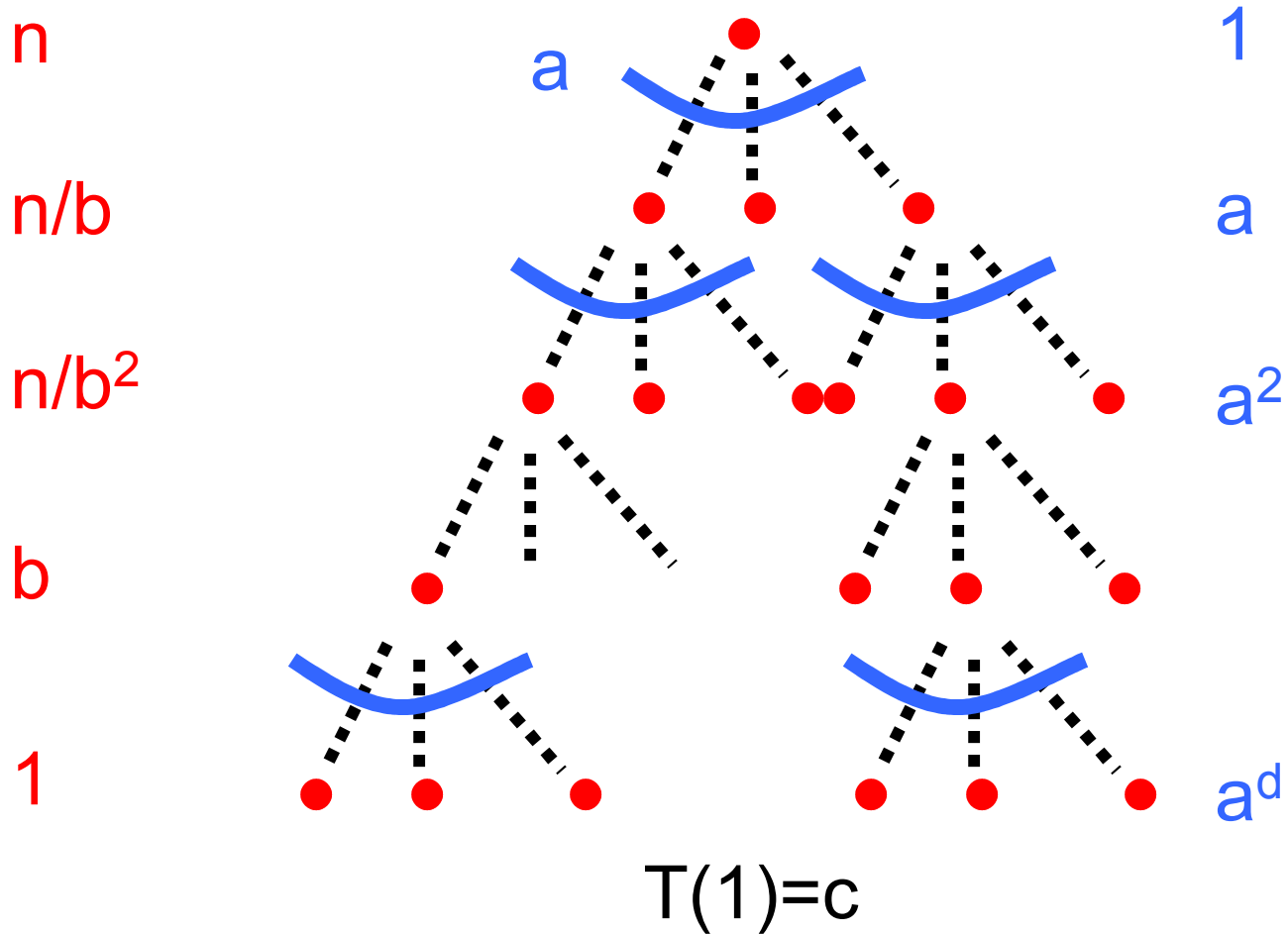
If $T(n) \leq a \cdot T(n/b) + c \cdot n^k$ for $n > b$ then

- if $a > b^k$ then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
- if $a < b^k$ then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^k)$
- if $a = b^k$ then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^k \log n)$

Works even if it is $\lceil n/b \rceil$ instead of n/b .

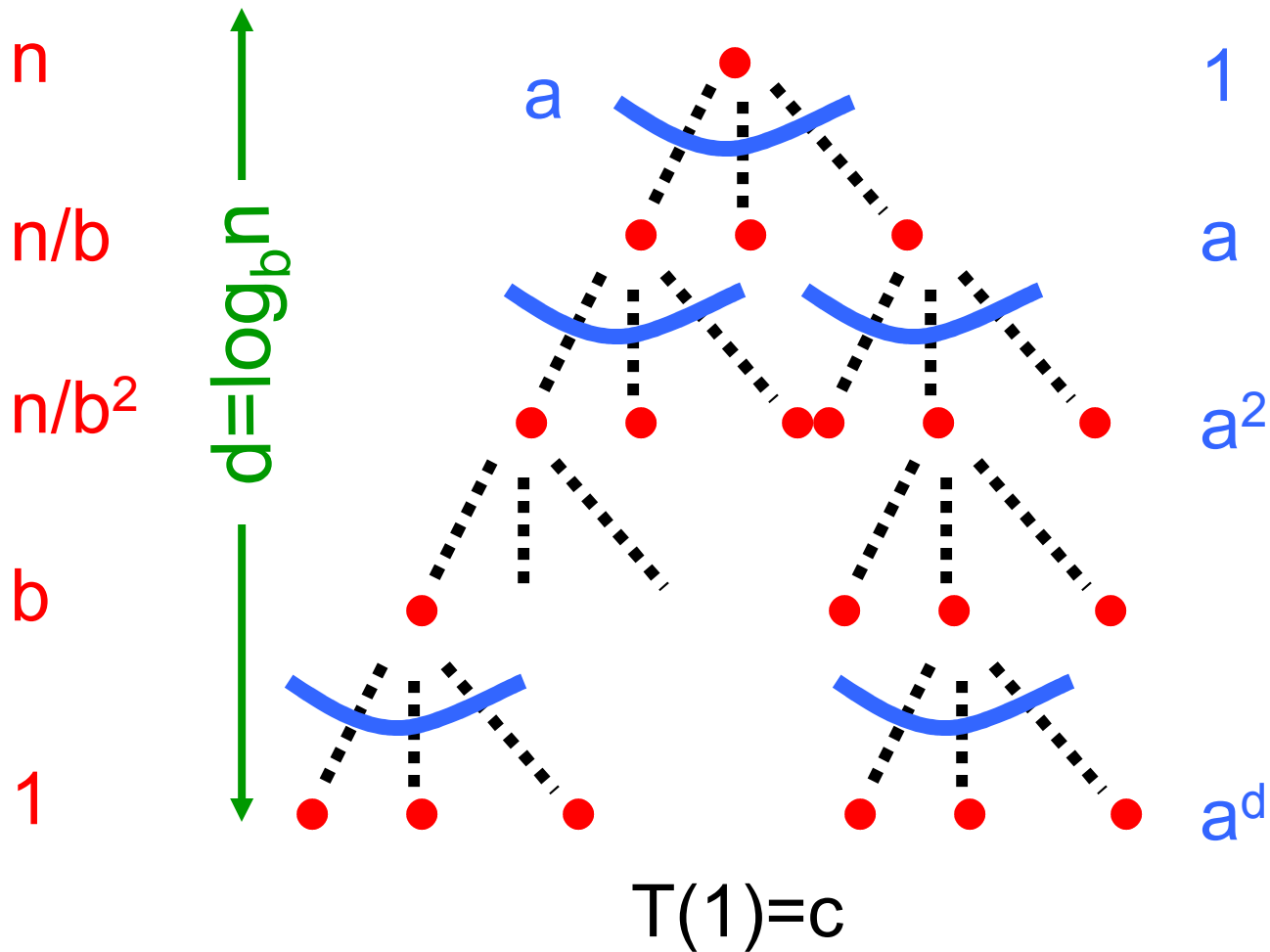
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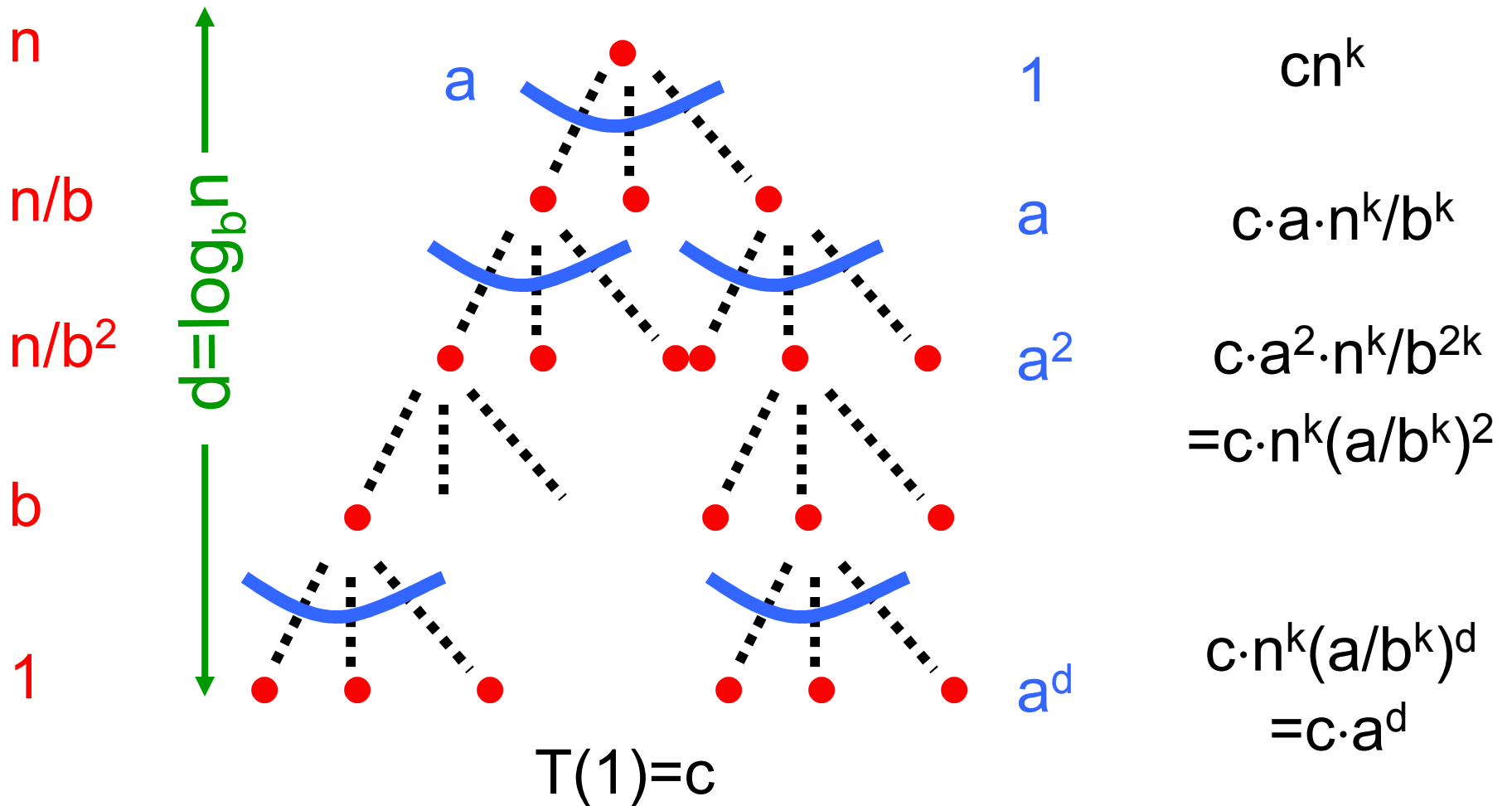
Proving Master recurrence

Problem size

$$T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + c \cdot n^k$$

probs

cost



Geometric Series

$$S = t + tr + tr^2 + \dots + tr^{n-1}$$

$$r \cdot S = tr + tr^2 + \dots + tr^{n-1} + tr^n$$

$$(r-1)S = tr^n - t$$

so $S = t(r^n - 1)/(r - 1)$ if $r \neq 1$.

Simple rule

- If $r \neq 1$ then S is a constant times the largest term in series

Total Cost

Geometric series

- ratio a/b^k
- $d+1 = \log_b n + 1$ terms
- first term cn^k , last term ca^d

If $a/b^k=1$

- all terms are equal $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^k \log n)$

If $a/b^k < 1$

- first term is largest $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^k)$

If $a/b^k > 1$

- last term is largest $T(n)$ is $\Theta(a^d) = \Theta(a^{\log_b n}) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

(To see this take \log_b of both sides)

13.5 Median Finding and Quicksort

Order problems: Find the k^{th} largest

Runtime models

- Machine Instructions
- Comparisons

Maximum

- $O(n)$ time
- $n-1$ comparisons

2nd Largest

- $O(n)$ time
- ? Comparisons

k^{th} largest for $k = n/2$

- Easily done in $O(n \log n)$ time with sorting
- How can the problem be solved in $O(n)$ time?

QuickSelect(k, n) - find the k -th largest from a list of length n

Announcements

- Homework 4 will be out later today, due date in **2 weeks** on Wednesday 2/15
- The midterm is next Wednesday 2/8/2012
- Divide and conquer is not included in the midterm but **recurrences are included.**
- We will post sample exercises for recurrences on the webpage along with their solutions for practice.
- Remember **NO outside sources** (Google, other textbooks, people not in the class, etc.) may not be consulted on the homework

Divide and Conquer

Linear time solution: $T(n) = n + T(\alpha n)$ for $\alpha < 1$

QuickSelect algorithm - in linear time, reduce the problem from selecting the k -th largest of n to the j -th largest of αn , for $\alpha < 1$

QSelect(k, S)

Choose element x from S

$S_L = \{y \text{ in } S \mid y < x\}$

$S_E = \{y \text{ in } S \mid y = x\}$

$S_G = \{y \text{ in } S \mid y > x\}$

if $|S_L| \geq k$

 return QSelect(k, S_L)

else if $|S_L| + |S_E| \geq k$

 return y in S_E

else

 return QSelect(k - $|S_L|$ - $|S_E|$, S_G)

"Choose an element x ": Random Selection

Ideally, we would choose an x in the middle, to reduce both sets in half and guarantee progress. But it's enough to choose x **at random**

Consider a call to `QSelect(k, S)`, and let S' be the elements passed to the recursive call.

With probability at least $\frac{1}{2}$, $|S'| < \frac{3}{4}|S|$

⇒ On average only **2** recursive calls before the size of S' is at most $\frac{3n}{4}$



elements of S listed in sorted order

Expected runtime is $O(n)$

Given x , one pass over S to determine S_L , S_E , and S_G and their sizes: cn time.

- Expect $2cn$ cost before size of S' drops to at most $3|S|/4$

Let $T(n)$ be the expected running time: $T(n) \leq T(3n/4) + 2cn$

By Master's Theorem, $T(n) = O(n)$

Making the algorithm deterministic

- In $O(n)$ time, find an element that guarantees that the larger set in the split has size at most $\frac{3}{4}n$
- BFPRT (Blum-Floyd-Pratt-Rivest-Tarjan) Algorithm

Quicksort

Sorting. Given a set of n distinct elements S , rearrange them in ascending order.

```
RandomizedQuicksort(S) {  
  if |S| = 0 return  
  
  choose a splitter  $a_i \in S$  uniformly at random  
  foreach (a  $\in S$ ) {  
    if (a <  $a_i$ ) put a in  $S^-$   
    else if (a >  $a_i$ ) put a in  $S^+$   
  }  
  RandomizedQuicksort( $S^-$ )  
  output  $a_i$   
  RandomizedQuicksort( $S^+$ )  
}
```

Remark. Can implement in-place.

↑
 $O(\log n)$ extra space

Quicksort

Running time.

- [Best case.] Select the median element as the splitter: quicksort makes $\Theta(n \log n)$ comparisons.
- [Worst case.] Select the smallest element as the splitter: quicksort makes $\Theta(n^2)$ comparisons.

Randomize. Protect against worst case by choosing splitter at **random**.

Intuition. If we always select an element that is bigger than 25% of the elements and smaller than 25% of the elements, then quicksort makes $\Theta(n \log n)$ comparisons.

Notation. Label elements so that $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$.

Expected run time for QuickSort: "Global analysis"

Count comparisons

a_i, a_j - elements in positions i and j in the final sorted list. p_{ij} the probability that a_i and a_j are compared

Expected number of comparisons: $\sum_{i < j} p_{ij}$

Prob a_i and a_j are compared:

- If a_i and a_j are compared then it must be during the call when they end up in different subproblems
 - Before that, they aren't compared to each other
 - After they aren't compared to each other
- During this step they are only compared if one of them is the pivot
- Since all elements between a_i and a_j are also in the subproblem this is 2 out of at least $j-i+1$ choices

Lemma: $p_{ij} \leq 2/(j - i + 1)$

Quicksort: Expected Number of Comparisons

Theorem. Expected # of comparisons is $O(n \log n)$.

Pf.

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{2}{j-i+1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=2}^i \frac{1}{j} \leq 2n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} \approx 2n \int_{x=1}^n \frac{1}{x} dx = 2n \ln n$$

↑
probability that i and j are compared

Theorem. [Knuth 1973] Stddev of number of comparisons is $\sim 0.65n$.

Ex. If $n = 1$ million, the probability that randomized quicksort takes less than $4n \ln n$ comparisons is at least 99.94%.

Chebyshev's inequality. $\Pr[|X - \mu| \geq k\delta] \leq 1 / k^2$.

5.4 Closest Pair of Points

Closest Pair of Points

Closest pair. Given n points in the plane, find a pair with smallest Euclidean distance between them.

Fundamental geometric primitive.

- Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
- Special case of nearest neighbor, Euclidean MST, Voronoi.

↖ fast closest pair inspired fast algorithms for these problems

Brute force. Check all pairs of points p and q with $\Theta(n^2)$ comparisons.

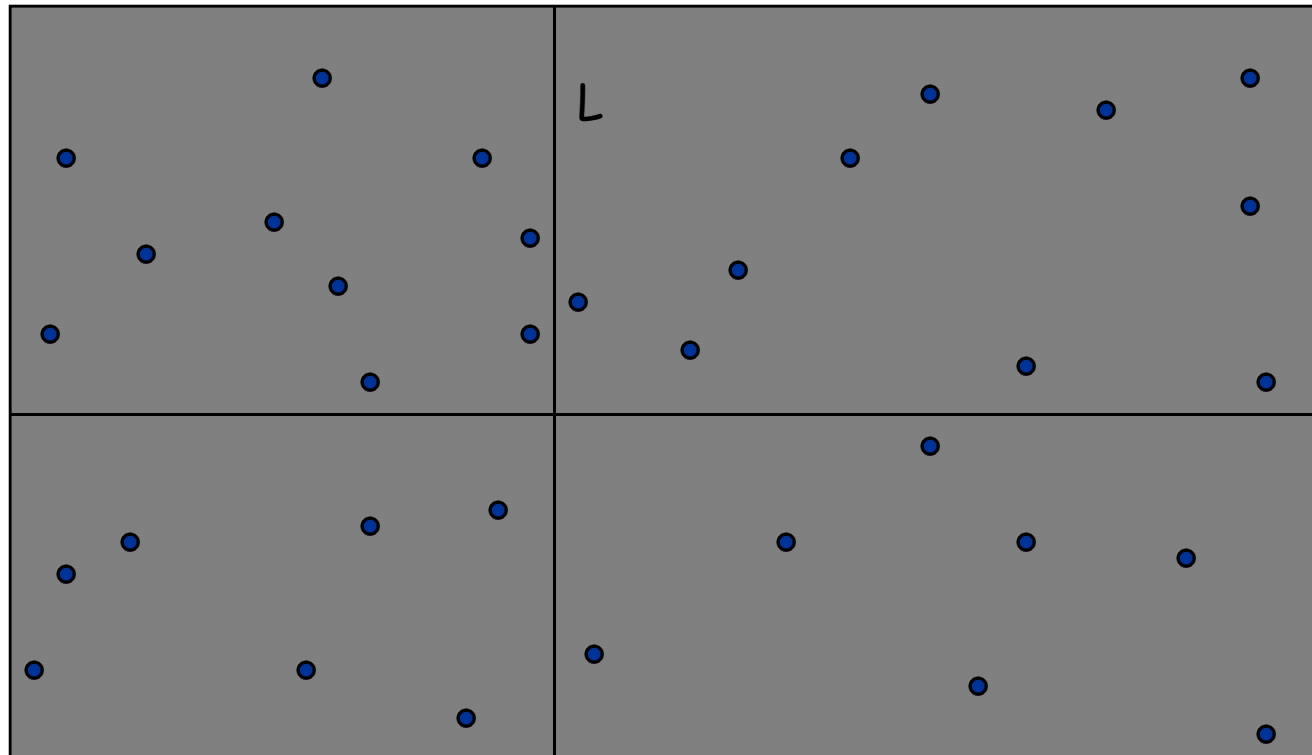
1-D version. $O(n \log n)$ easy if points are on a line.

Assumption. No two points have same x coordinate.

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to make presentation cleaner

Closest Pair of Points: First Attempt

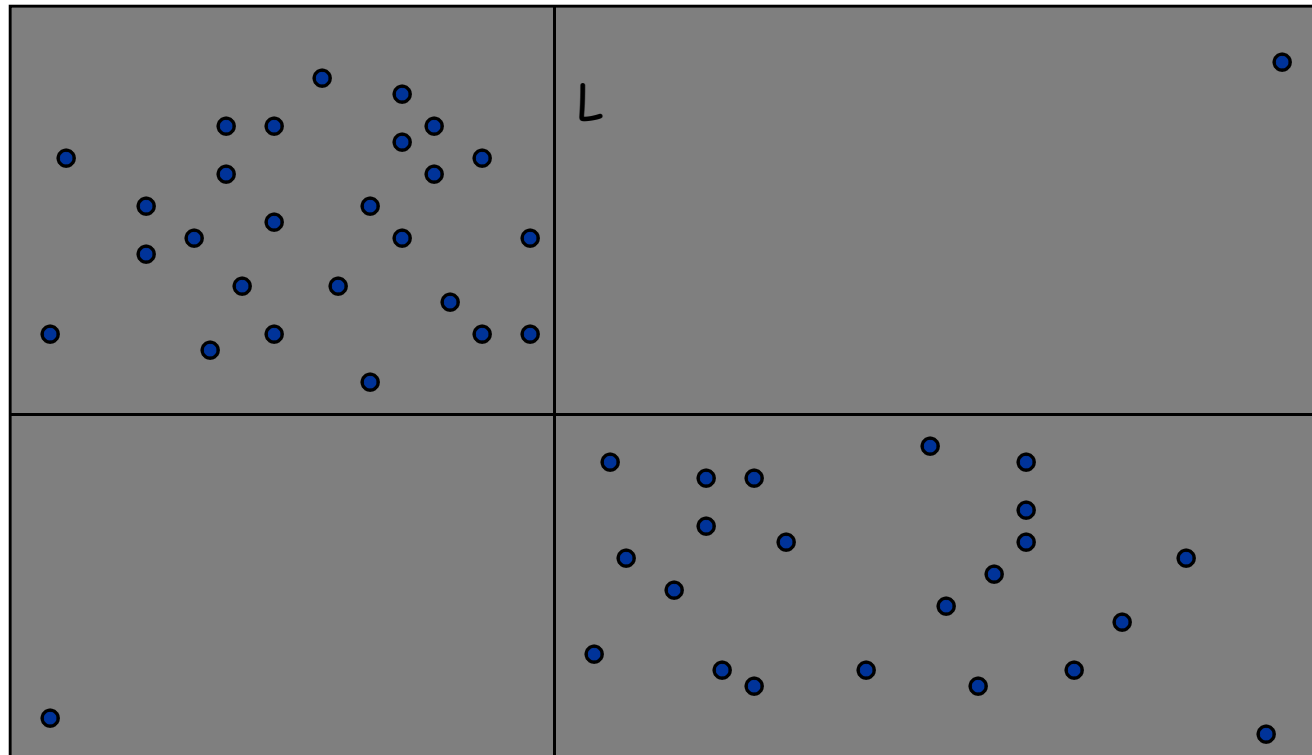
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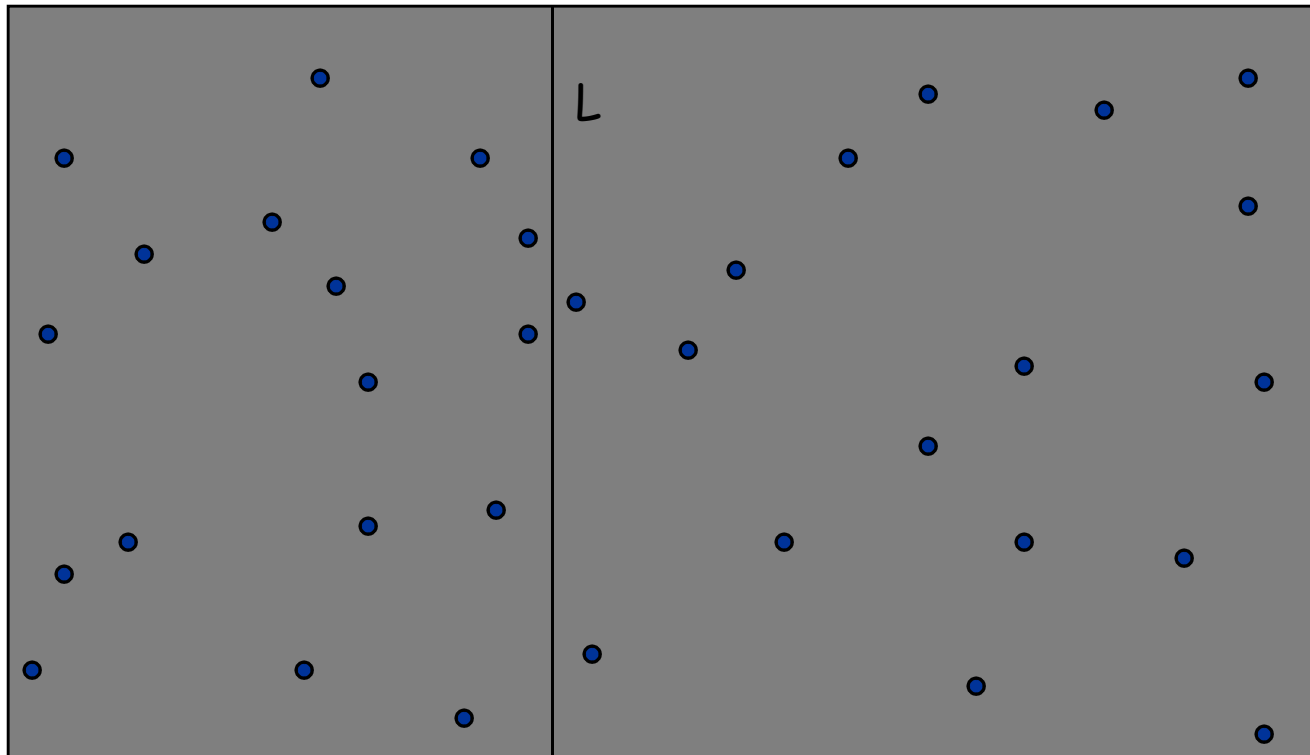
Obstacle. Impossible to ensure $n/4$ points in each piece.



Closest Pair of Points

Algorithm.

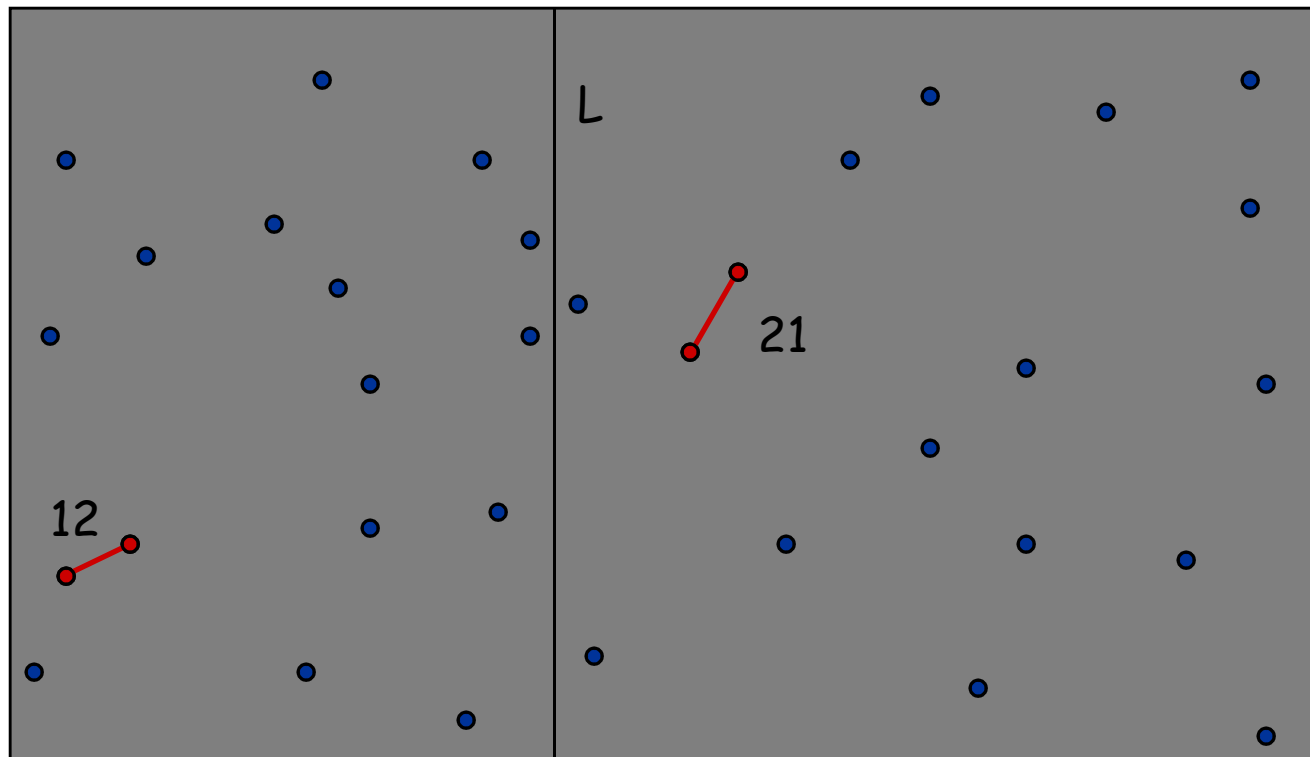
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Closest Pair of Points

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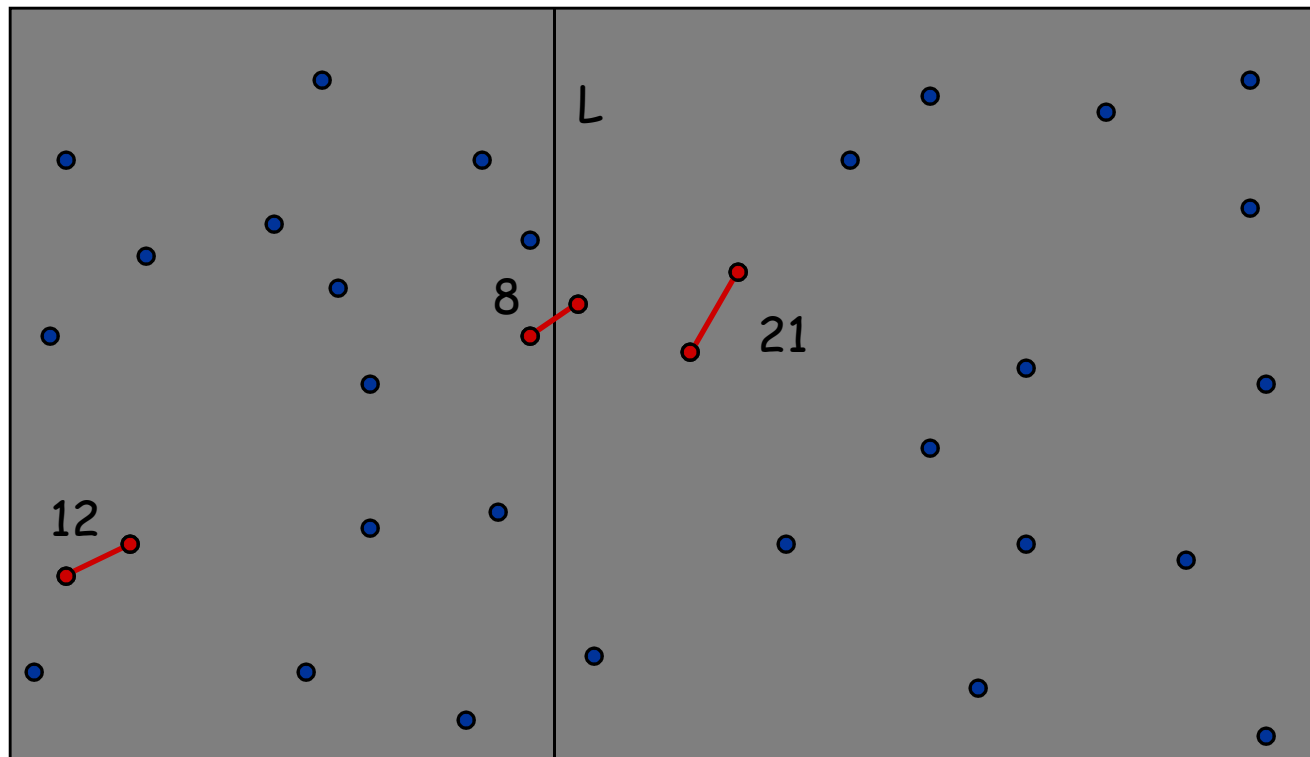
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- **Conquer**: find closest pair in each side recursively.



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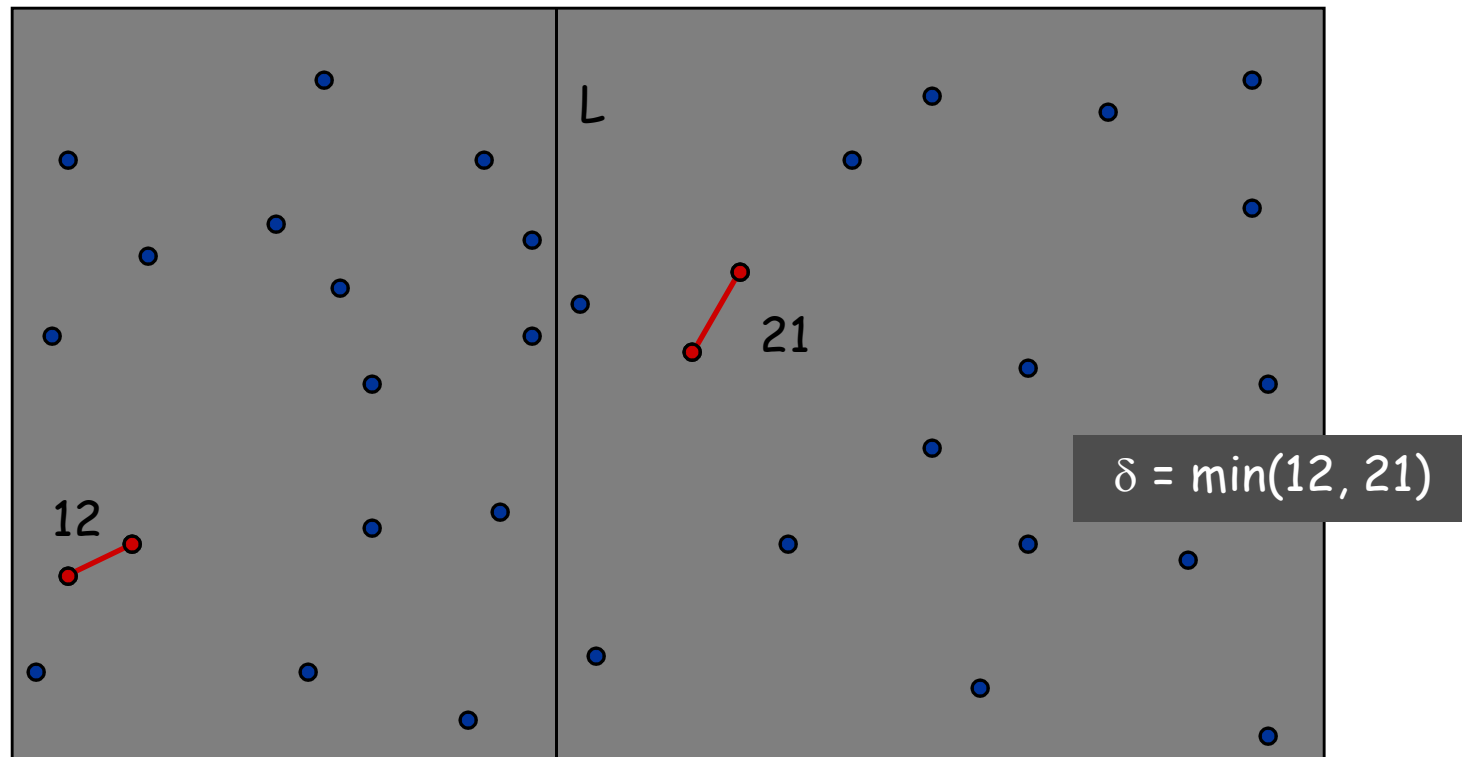
Algorithm.

- Divide: draw vertical line L so that roughly $\frac{1}{2}n$ points on each side.
- Conquer: find closest pair in each side recursively.
- **Combine**: find closest pair with one point in each side. ← seems like $\Theta(n^2)$
- Return best of 3 solutions.



Closest Pair of Points

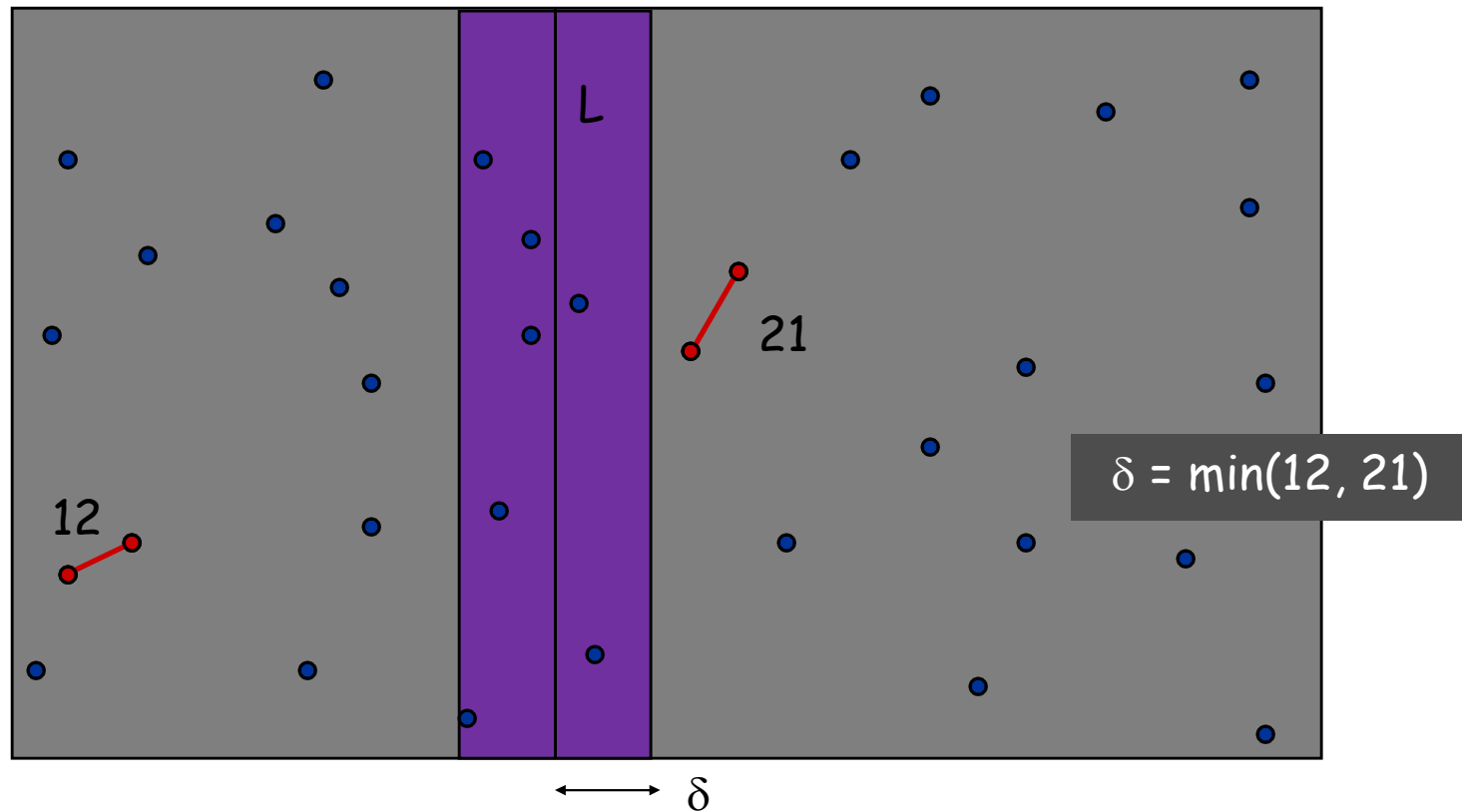
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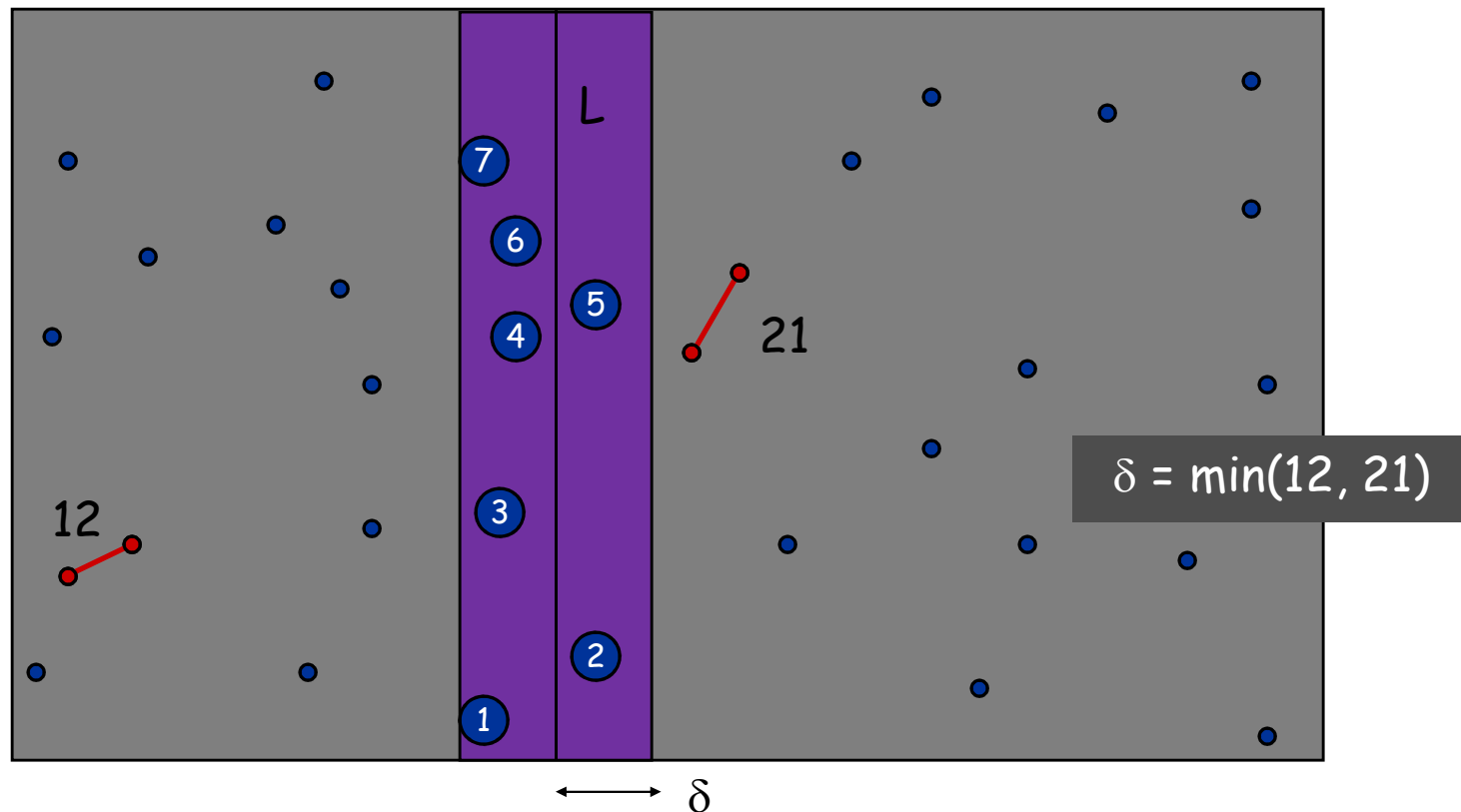
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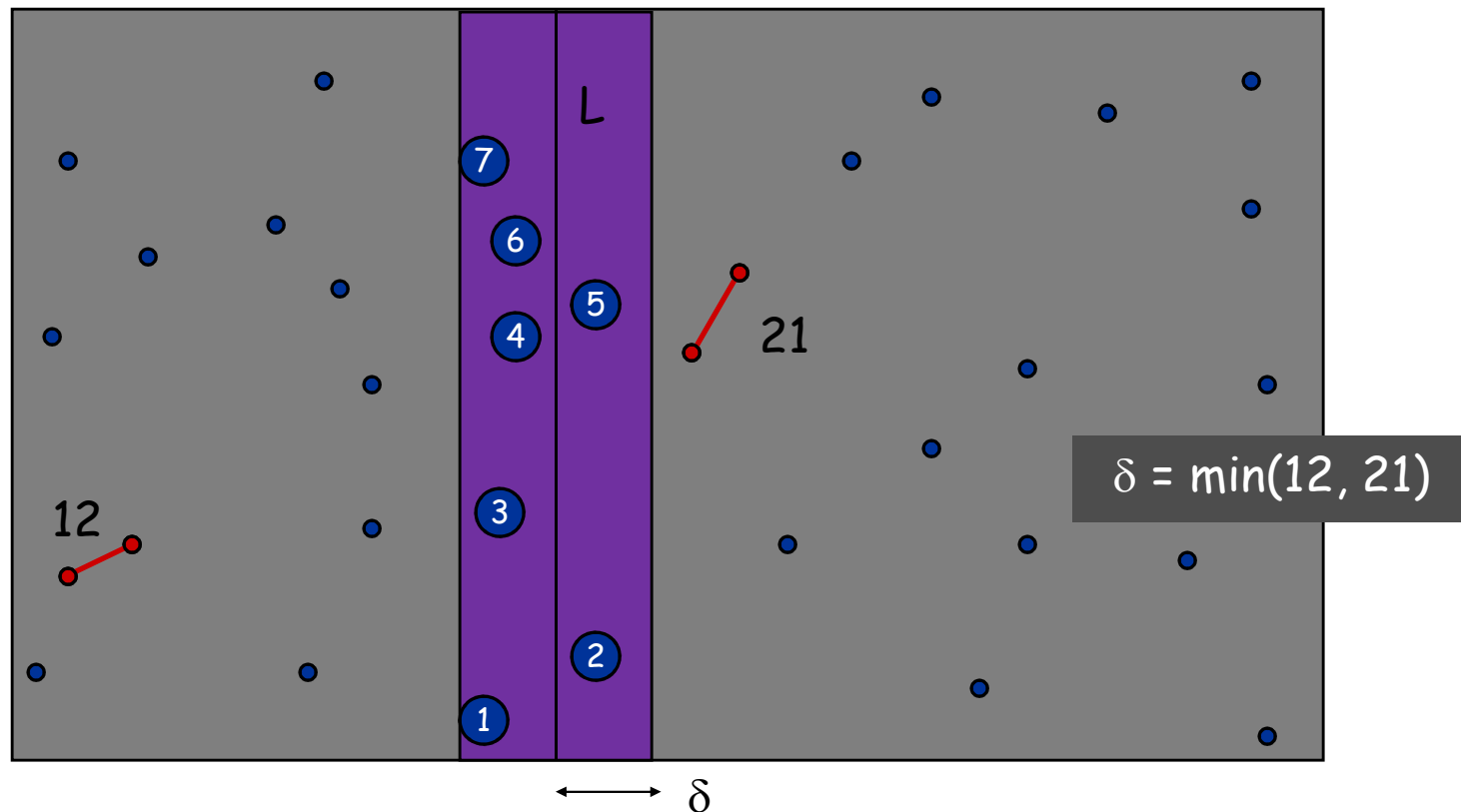
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- Sort points in 2δ -strip by their y coordinate.



Closest Pair of Points

Find closest pair with one point in each side, **assuming that distance $< \delta$** .

- Observation: only need to consider points within δ of line L .
- Sort points in 2δ -strip by their y coordinate.
- Only check distances of those within 11 positions in sorted list!



Closest Pair of Points

Def. Let s_i be the point in the 2δ -strip, with the i^{th} smallest y -coordinate.

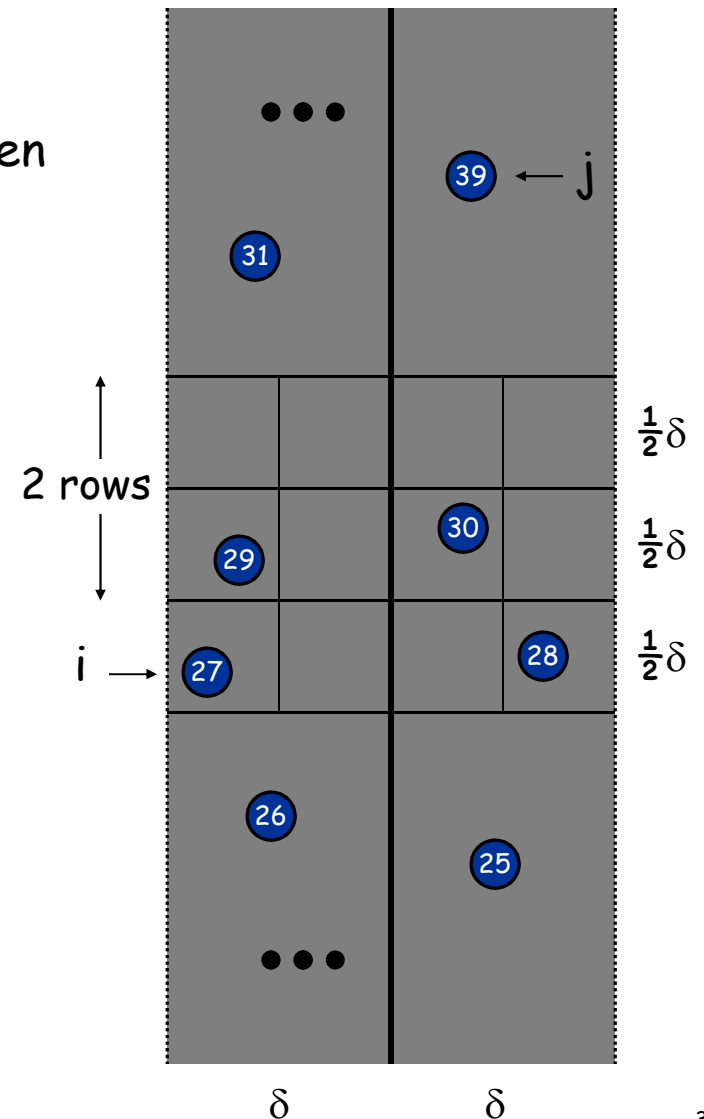
Claim. If $|i - j| \geq 12$, then the distance between s_i and s_j is at least δ .

Pf.

- No two points lie in same $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ box.
- Two points at least 2 rows apart have distance $\geq 2(\frac{1}{2}\delta)$. ▪

Corollary For each point s_i , we only need to check its distance to the 11 points that precedes it in the y -coordinate order.

Fact. Still true if we replace 11 with 6.



Closest Pair Algorithm

```
Closest-Pair( $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ) {  
  Compute separation line  $L$  such that half the points  
  are on one side and half on the other side.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
   $\delta_1 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{left half})$   
   $\delta_2 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{right half})$   $2T(n / 2)$   
   $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$   
  
  Delete all points further than  $\delta$  from separation line  $L$   $O(n)$   
  
  Sort remaining points by  $y$ -coordinate.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
  Scan points in  $y$ -order and compare distance between  
  each point and next 11 neighbors. If any of these  
  distances is less than  $\delta$ , update  $\delta$ .  $O(n)$   
  
  return  $\delta$ .  
}
```

Closest Pair of Points: Analysis

Running time.

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log^2 n)$$

Q. Can we achieve $O(n \log n)$?

A. Yes. Don't sort points in strip from scratch each time.

- Each recursive returns two lists: all points sorted by y coordinate, and all points sorted by x coordinate.
- Sort by **merging** two pre-sorted lists.

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

5.5 Integer Multiplication

Multiplying Faster

If you analyze our usual grade school algorithm for multiplying numbers

- $\Theta(n^2)$ time
- On real machines each “digit” is, e.g., 32 bits long but still get $\Theta(n^2)$ running time with this algorithm when run on n -bit multiplication

We can do better!

- We'll describe the basic ideas by multiplying polynomials rather than integers
- Advantage is we don't get confused by worrying about carries at first

Notes on Polynomials

These are just formal sequences of coefficients

- when we show something multiplied by x^k it just means shifted k places to the left - basically no work

Usual polynomial multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 + 2x + 2 \\ x^2 - 3x + 1 \\ \hline 4x^2 + 2x + 2 \\ -12x^3 - 6x^2 - 6x \\ 4x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \hline 4x^4 - 10x^3 + 0x^2 - 4x + 2 \end{array}$$

Polynomial Multiplication

Given:

- Degree $n-1$ polynomials P and Q

$$- P = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

$$- Q = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{n-2} x^{n-2} + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

Compute:

- Degree $2n-2$ Polynomial PQ

$$\begin{aligned} \text{▪ } PQ = & a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0) x + (a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0) x^2 + \dots + \\ & (a_{n-2} b_{n-1} + a_{n-1} b_{n-2}) x^{2n-3} + a_{n-1} b_{n-1} x^{2n-2} \end{aligned}$$

Obvious Algorithm:

- Compute all $a_i b_j$ and collect terms
- $\Theta(n^2)$ time

Naive Divide and Conquer

Assume $n=2k$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot P &= (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{k-2} x^{k-2} + a_{k-1} x^{k-1}) + \\ &\quad (a_k + a_{k+1} x + \dots + a_{n-2} x^{k-2} + a_{n-1} x^{k-1}) x^k \end{aligned}$$

$= P_0 + P_1 x^k$ where P_0 and P_1 are degree $k-1$ polynomials

$$\cdot \text{Similarly } Q = Q_0 + Q_1 x^k$$

$$\cdot P Q = (P_0 + P_1 x^k)(Q_0 + Q_1 x^k) = P_0 Q_0 + (P_1 Q_0 + P_0 Q_1) x^k + P_1 Q_1 x^{2k}$$

\cdot 4 sub-problems of size $k=n/2$ plus linear combining

$$T(n) = 4 \cdot T(n/2) + cn \quad \text{Solution } T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Karatsuba's Algorithm

A better way to compute the terms

- Compute

- $A \leftarrow P_0 Q_0$

- $B \leftarrow P_1 Q_1$

- $C \leftarrow (P_0 + P_1)(Q_0 + Q_1) = P_0 Q_0 + P_1 Q_0 + P_0 Q_1 + P_1 Q_1$

- Then

- $P_0 Q_1 + P_1 Q_0 = C - A - B$

- So $PQ = A + (C - A - B)x^k + Bx^{2k}$

- 3 sub-problems of size $n/2$ plus $O(n)$ work

- $T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn$

- $T(n) = O(n^\alpha)$ where $\alpha = \log_2 3 = 1.59\dots$

Karatsuba's algorithm and evaluation and interpolation

Karatsuba's algorithm can be thought of as a way of multiplying degree 1 polynomials (which have 2 coefficients) using fewer multiplications

- $PQ = (P_0 + P_1z)(Q_0 + Q_1z)$
 $= P_0Q_0 + (P_1Q_0 + P_0Q_1)z + P_1Q_1z^2$
- Evaluate at 0, 1, -1 (Could also use other points)
 - $A = P(0)Q(0) = P_0Q_0$
 - $C = P(1)Q(1) = (P_0 + P_1)(Q_0 + Q_1)$
 - $D = P(-1)Q(-1) = (P_0 - P_1)(Q_0 - Q_1)$

Multiplication

Polynomials

- Naïve: $\Theta(n^2)$
- Karatsuba: $\Theta(n^{1.59\dots})$
- Best known: $\Theta(n \log n)$
 - "Fast Fourier Transform"
 - FFT widely used for signal processing

Integers

- Similar, but some ugly details re: carries, etc. gives $\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$,
 - mostly unused in practice except for symbolic manipulation systems like Maple

Matrix Multiplication

Multiplying Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & b_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Multiplying Matrices

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for i=1 to n
  for j=1 to n
    C[i,j]←0
    for k=1 to n
      C[i,j]=C[i,j]+A[i,k]·B[k,j]
    endfor
  endfor
endfor
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n^3 multiplications, n^3-n^2 additions

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Simple Divide and Conquer

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + 4(n/2)^2 = 8T(n/2) + n^2$$

- $8 > 2^2$ so $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 8}) = \Theta(n^3)$

Strassen's Divide and Conquer Algorithm

Strassen's algorithm

- Multiply 2×2 matrices using 7 instead of 8 multiplications (and lots more than 4 additions)
- $T(n) = 7 T(n/2) + cn^2$
 - $7 > 2^2$ so $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$ which is $O(n^{2.81\dots})$
- Fastest algorithms theoretically use $O(n^{2.373})$ time
 - not practical but Strassen's is practical provided calculations are exact and we stop recursion when matrix has size about 100 (maybe 10)

The algorithm

$$P_1 \leftarrow A_{12}(B_{11} + B_{21}); \quad P_2 \leftarrow A_{21}(B_{12} + B_{22})$$

$$P_3 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{12})B_{11}; \quad P_4 \leftarrow (A_{22} - A_{21})B_{22}$$

$$P_5 \leftarrow (A_{22} - A_{12})(B_{21} - B_{22})$$

$$P_6 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{21})(B_{12} - B_{11})$$

$$P_7 \leftarrow (A_{21} - A_{12})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

7 multiplications.

18 = 10 + 8 additions (or subtractions).

$$C_{11} \leftarrow P_1 + P_3; \quad C_{12} \leftarrow P_2 + P_3 + P_6 - P_7$$

$$C_{21} \leftarrow P_1 + P_4 + P_5 + P_7; \quad C_{22} \leftarrow P_2 + P_4$$

Fast Matrix Multiplication in Practice

Implementation issues.

- Sparsity.
- Caching effects.
- Numerical stability.
- Odd matrix dimensions.
- Crossover to classical algorithm around $n = 128$.

Common misperception: "Strassen is only a theoretical curiosity."

- Advanced Computation Group at Apple Computer reports 8x speedup on G4 Velocity Engine when $n \sim 2,500$.
- Range of instances where it's useful is a subject of controversy.

Remark. Can "Strassenize" $Ax=b$, determinant, eigenvalues, and other matrix ops.

Fast Matrix Multiplication in Theory

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with only 7 scalar multiplications?

A. Yes! [Strassen, 1969]

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with only 6 scalar multiplications?

A. Impossible. [Hopcroft and Kerr, 1971]

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 6}) = O(n^{2.59})$$

Q. Two 3-by-3 matrices with only 21 scalar multiplications?

A. Also impossible.

$$\Theta(n^{\log_3 21}) = O(n^{2.77})$$

Decimal wars.

- December, 1979: $O(n^{2.521813})$.
- January, 1980: $O(n^{2.521801})$.

Fast Matrix Multiplication in Theory

Until Oct 2011. $O(n^{2.376})$ [Coppersmith-Winograd, 1987.]

Best known. $O(n^{2.373})$ [V. Williams, Nov 2011]

Conjecture. $O(n^{2+\varepsilon})$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

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