

Divide and Conquer

▷ Divide and Conquer (DaC):

- ① **Divide** input instance into many smaller instances
- ② **Conquer** smaller inst. recursively → usually trivial.
- ③ **Combine** the sols of smaller inst. to get a sol of the original input inst

▷ Compared with Greedy algs, DaC has the following difference.

- Alg correctness is usually easy to see.
- Main focus = running time.

(I) Exmp: Merge Sort

Input: seq of n numbers $A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$
Output: a permutation a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n s.t.
 $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$

Bubble Sort
 $\leq O(n^2)$

• Consider a simpler prob:

• Suppose $A[1, \dots, n/2]$ and $A[n/2+1, \dots, n]$ already sorted.

• How would you sort A ?

Exmp: $A = [4, 7, 9, 12, 1, 3, 17, 25]$

Merge: $A' = [1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 17, 25] \Rightarrow O(n)$ time.

Alg-Merge Sort (A, n)

if $n = 2 =$
return A

else

$B \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(A[1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor], \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$

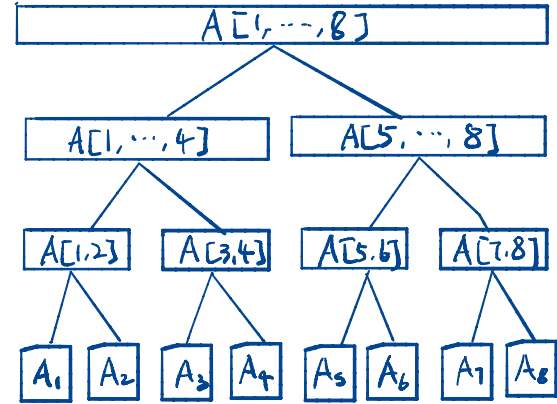
$C \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1, \dots, n], \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$

return Merge(B, C)

divide

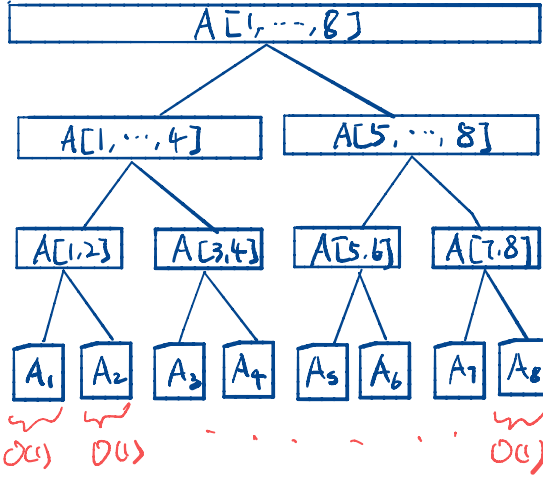
divide.

combine



- "Cheat" in the sense that we can assume the sol of the smaller instances is given
 - Achieved by recursion.

▷ Running Time:



$O(n)$ time.

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$\frac{n}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot O(1) = O(n)$ time

$O(n)$ time.

$O(n) \times \frac{\text{\# of levels}}{\log_2 n} = O(n \log n)$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = 2 \cdot (2T(n/4) + O(\frac{n}{2})) + O(n)$$

$$= 4T(n/4) + O(n) + O(n) = \dots = (\log_2 n) T(1) + \underbrace{O(n) + \dots + O(n)}_{\log_2 n}$$

$$= O(n \log n)$$

▷ Exmp (II) = Counting Inversions

Def (Inversion): Given array A of n numbers, an **inversion** is a pair (i, j) of indices s.t. $i < j$ but $A[i] > A[j]$

Input: Array A of n numbers

Output: # of inv in A

Exmp: $A = [10, 8, 15, 9, 12]$

8 9 10 12 15

Invs: $(10, 8), (10, 9), (15, 9), (15, 12)$

merge-and-count(B, C, n_1, n_2)

- 1 $count \leftarrow 0$;
- 2 $A \leftarrow []$; $i \leftarrow 1$; $j \leftarrow 1$
- 3 while $i \leq n_1$ or $j \leq n_2$
- 4 if $j > n_2$ or ($i \leq n_1$ and $B[i] \leq C[j]$) then
- 5 append $B[i]$ to A ; $i \leftarrow i + 1$
- 6 $count \leftarrow count + (j - 1)$
- 7 else
- 8 append $C[j]$ to A ; $j \leftarrow j + 1$
- 9 return ($A, count$)

// B, C are sorted:

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

recursive call \uparrow merge-n-count \rightarrow

$$= O(n \log n)$$

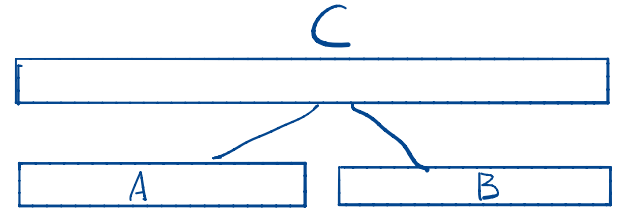
Alg Sort-and-Count(A, n)
If $n = 1$ return ($A, 0$)
 $(B, m_1) \leftarrow$ sort-and-count($A[1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor], \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$)
 $(C, m_2) \leftarrow$ sort-and-count($A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1, \dots, n], \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$)
 $(A, m) \leftarrow$ merge-and-count($B, C, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$)
return ($A, m_1 + m_2 + m$)

Exmp (II): Quick Sort

	Merge Sort	Quick Sort
Divide	Trivial	separate small & large numbers $O(n)$ -time
Conquer	recursion	recursion
Combine	merge two sorted array $O(n)$ time	trivial

Assumption:

We can find the **median** of n numbers in $O(n)$ time.



$\forall a \in A < \forall b \in B$
smaller half larger half

quicksort(A, n)

- 1 if $n \leq 1$ then return A
- 2 $x \leftarrow$ lower median of A $O(n)$ - time
- 3 $A_L \leftarrow$ elements in A that are less than x \\ Divide
- 4 $A_R \leftarrow$ elements in A that are greater than x \\ Divide
- 5 $B_L \leftarrow$ quicksort($A_L, A_L.size$) \\ Conquer
- 6 $B_R \leftarrow$ quicksort($A_R, A_R.size$) \\ Conquer
- 7 $t \leftarrow$ number of times x appear A
- 8 return the array obtained by concatenating B_L , the array containing t copies of x , and B_R

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

▷ Implementing Quick Sort

- How to find the median in $O(n)$ time?
 - $\exists O(n)$ -time median-selection alg
 - very complicated & impractical.

• In practice:

- randomly pick a number (P) from the array
↑
pivot.
- $O(n \log n)$ - time in expectation

▷ Quick Sort: Separate large & small numbers in place

partition(A, ℓ, r)

- 1 $p \leftarrow$ random integer between ℓ and r , swap $A[p]$ and $A[\ell]$
 - 2 $i \leftarrow \ell, j \leftarrow r$
 - 3 while **true** do
 - 4 while $i < j$ and $A[i] < A[j]$ do $j \leftarrow j - 1$
 - 5 **if** $i = j$ **then break**
 - 6 swap $A[i]$ and $A[j]$; $i \leftarrow i + 1$
 - 7 while $i < j$ and $A[i] < A[j]$ do $i \leftarrow i + 1$
 - 8 **if** $i = j$ **then break**
 - 9 swap $A[i]$ and $A[j]$; $j \leftarrow j - 1$
 - 10 return i
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quicksort(A, ℓ, r)

- 1 **if** $\ell \geq r$ **then return**
- 2 $m \leftarrow$ partition(A, ℓ, r)
- 3 quicksort($A, \ell, m - 1$)
- 4 quicksort($A, m + 1, r$)

• quicksort($A, 1, n$)

(IV) Solving Recurrence

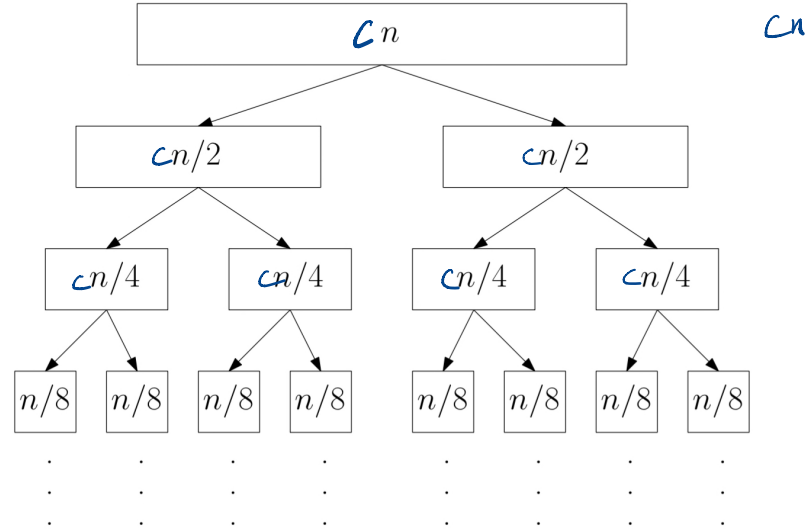
▷ Recursion-tree method.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Each level: $O(n)$ time

level: $O(\log n)$ levels

\Rightarrow Running time $O(n \log n)$



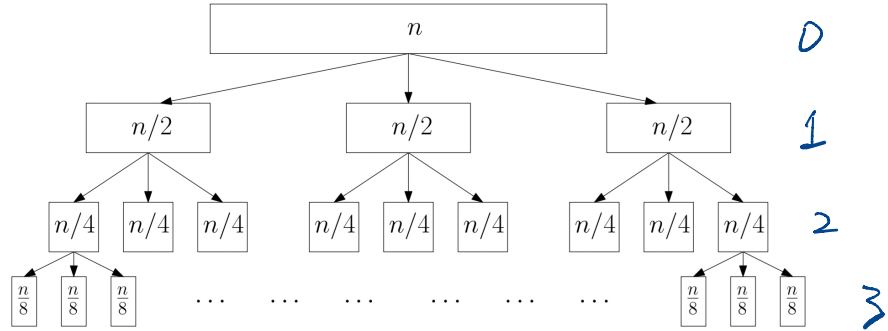
- $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$

- Time of each level?

$$\frac{n}{2^i} \times 3^i = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i n$$

- # levels? = $\log_2 n = O(\log n)$

- Total running time $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i n = O\left(n \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n}\right)$
 $= O\left(3^{\log_2 n}\right) = O\left(n^{\log_2 3}\right)$



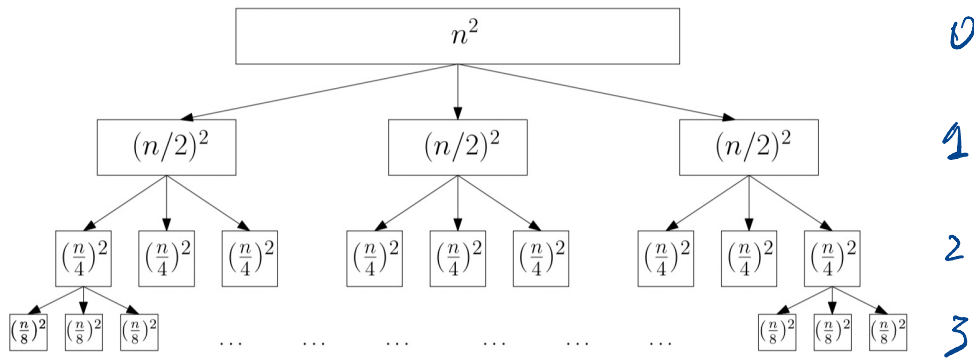
- $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n^2)$

- Time on each level

$$\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)^2 \times 3^i = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^i n^2$$

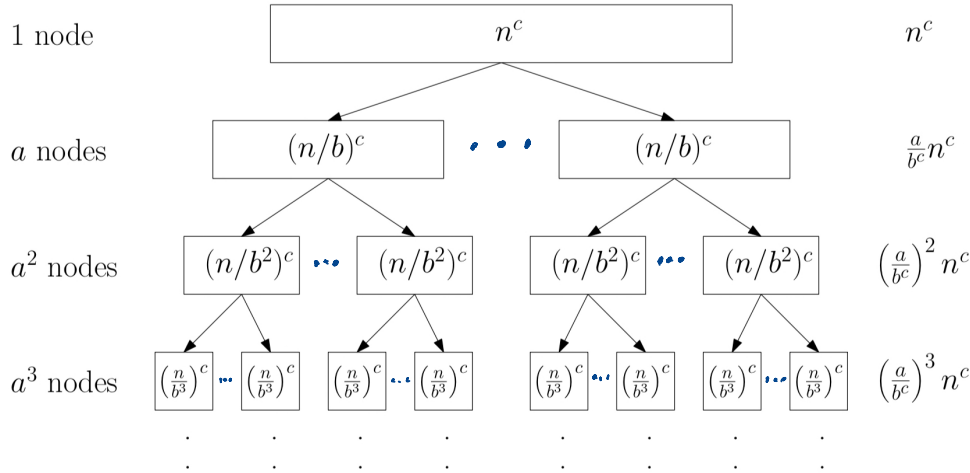
- #levels = $\log_2 n$
= $O(\log n)$

- $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^i \cdot n^2 = n^2 \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\log_2 n}}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} \right) = O(n^2)$



▷ Master Thm

If $T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^c)$, where $a \geq 1, b \geq 1, c \geq 0$



• # level = $\log_b n$

• level i takes time $\underbrace{\left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^i n^c}_{T_i}$

① c is large, $a < b^c$, i.e. $c > \log_b a$. $\alpha := \frac{a}{b^c}$

$$\Rightarrow T_i = \alpha^i \cdot n^c, \quad \alpha < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} T_i = n^c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} \alpha^i = O(n^c)$$

② $c = \log_b a$, i.e. $a = b^c$. $\Rightarrow T_i = n^c$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = n^c \cdot \# \text{levels} = O(n^c \log n)$$

③ $a > b^c$, i.e. $c < \log_b a$. $\alpha > 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T(n) &= n^c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} \alpha^i = O(n^c \cdot \alpha^{\log_b n}) \\ &= O(n^c \cdot \left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^{\log_b n}) = O(a^{\log_b n}) = O(n^{\log_b a}) \end{aligned}$$

Thm . $T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^c)$, where $a \geq 1, b \geq 1, c \geq 0$
are constants. Then

Master Thm

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^{\log_b a}) & , \text{ if } c < \log_b a \\ O(n^c \log n) & , \text{ if } c = \log_b a \\ O(n^c) & , \text{ if } c > \log_b a \end{cases}$$

Exmp:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + O(n^2) & \left. \begin{matrix} a=4 \\ b=2 \\ c=2 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^2 \log n) \\ T(n) &= 3T(n/2) + O(n) & \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) \\ T(n) &= T(n/2) + O(1) & \Rightarrow T(n) = O(\log n) \\ T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + O(n^2) & \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

Exmp (IV) Polynomial Multiplication

Input: two polyns of deg $n-1$
Output: product of the two polyns

Eg: $n=4$

$$A(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4$$

$$B(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 5$$

\Rightarrow Input: array $A = [4, -5, 2, 3]$

$$B = [-5, 6, -3, 2]$$

$$C(x) = A(x) \cdot B(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 6x^6 - 9x^5 + 18x^4 - 15x^3 \\ &\quad + 4x^5 - 6x^4 + 12x^3 - 10x^2 \\ &\quad - 10x^4 + 15x^3 - 30x^2 + 25x \\ &\quad + 8x^3 - 12x^2 + 24x - 20 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Output: $C = [-20, 49, -52, 20, 2, -5, 6]$

$$= 6x^6 - 5x^5 + 2x^4 + 20x^3 - 52x^2 + 49x - 20$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 4 \cdot x^0 & -5 \cdot x^1 & 2 \cdot x^2 & 3 \cdot x^3 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array}$$

polynomial-multiplication(A, B, n)

- 1 let $C[k] = 0$ for every $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n - 2$
- 2 for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$
- 3 for $j \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$
- 4 $C[i + j] \leftarrow C[i + j] + A[i] \times B[j]$
- 5 return C

$O(n^2)$

• Divide \cdot $A \Rightarrow [A_L, A_H]$ (Assume n is some power
 $B \Rightarrow [B_L, B_H]$ of 2)

$$\cdot \quad p(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 4 = (\overset{P_H}{3x+2})x^2 + (\overset{P_L}{-5x+4})$$

$$q(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 5 = (\underset{Q_H}{2x-3})x^2 + (\underset{Q_L}{6x-5})$$

$$\cdot \quad p(x) = p_H(x) x^{n/2} + p_L(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cdot P \cdot Q &= (P_H x^{n/2} + P_L) (Q_H x^{n/2} + Q_L) \\
 &= P_H Q_H x^n + (P_H Q_L + P_L Q_H) x^{n/2} + P_L Q_L
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{mult}_p(P, Q) &= \text{mult}_p(P_H, Q_H) \times x^n + \\
 &\quad (\text{mult}_p(P_H, Q_L) + \text{mult}_p(P_L, Q_H)) \times x^{n/2} + \\
 &\quad \text{mult}_p(P_L, Q_L)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot T(n) = 4T(n/2) + O(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 4 \\
 b &= 2 \\
 c &= 1
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow c < \log_b a = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^2)$$

▷ Reduce the # of recursive calls

$$PQ = P_H Q_H x^n + (P_H Q_L + P_L Q_H) x^{n/2} + P_L Q_L$$

• Key observation:

$$P_H Q_L + P_L Q_H = (P_H + P_L)(Q_H + Q_L) - P_H Q_H - P_L Q_L$$

• $r_H = \text{multip}(P_H, Q_H)$, $r_L = \text{multip}(P_L, Q_L)$

$$\text{multip}(P, Q) = r_H \times x^n +$$

$$(\text{multip}(P_H + P_L, Q_H + Q_L) - r_H - r_L) \times x^{n/2} + r_L$$

• $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx O(n^{1.585})$

▷ Implementation.

- Assume = n is a power of 2.

multiply(A, B, n)

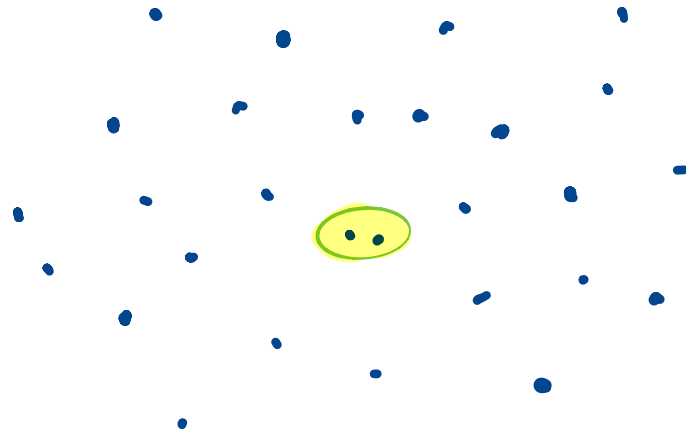
- 1 if $n = 1$ then return $(A[0]B[0])$
- 2 $A_L \leftarrow A[0 .. n/2 - 1], A_H \leftarrow A[n/2 .. n - 1]$
- 3 $B_L \leftarrow B[0 .. n/2 - 1], B_H \leftarrow B[n/2 .. n - 1]$
- 4 $C_L \leftarrow \text{multiply}(A_L, B_L, n/2)$
- 5 $C_H \leftarrow \text{multiply}(A_H, B_H, n/2)$
- 6 $C_M \leftarrow \text{multiply}(A_L + A_H, B_L + B_H, n/2)$
- 7 $C \leftarrow$ array of $(2n - 1)$ 0's
- 8 for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 2$ do
- 9 $C[i] \leftarrow C[i] + C_L[i]$
- 10 $C[i + n] \leftarrow C[i + n] + C_H[i]$
- 11 $C[i + n/2] \leftarrow C[i + n/2] + C_M[i] - C_L[i] - C_H[i]$
- 12 return C

$$(P_H + P_L)(I_H + I_L)$$

(V) Closest pair

Input: A seq of points on \mathbb{R}^2
 $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

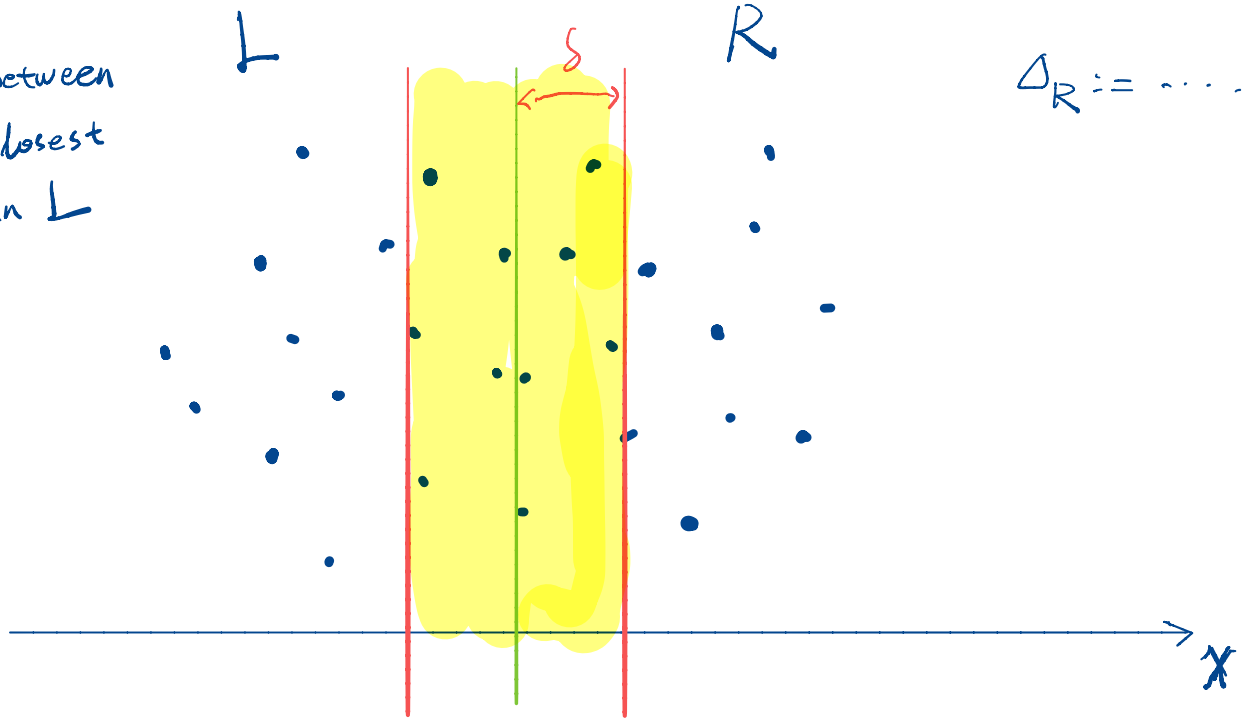
Output: The closest two points.



- Trivial to solve in $O(n^2)$ time.

▷ DaC Alg for Closest Pair.

Δ_L := dist between
the two closest
points in L



$$\delta = \min(\Delta_L, \Delta_R)$$

Finding the dividing line: $O(n)$
(via median selection)

▷ Find the closest pair crossing the dividing line.

- Divide the strip into $\frac{\delta}{2} \times \frac{\delta}{2}$ squares
 - Each square contain ≤ 1 point

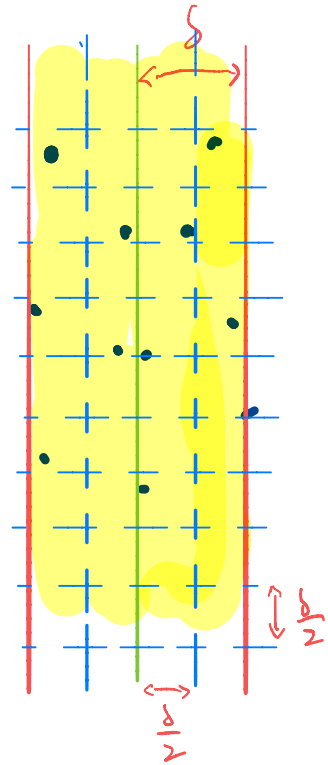
- Checking for closest pairs

- For each points, only need to check 15 squares around it

- Implementation

- Hash Map: $M\left[\left\lfloor \frac{x}{\delta/2}, \left\lfloor \frac{y}{\delta/2} \right\rfloor\right]\right] = (x, y)$

\Rightarrow Running time: $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$

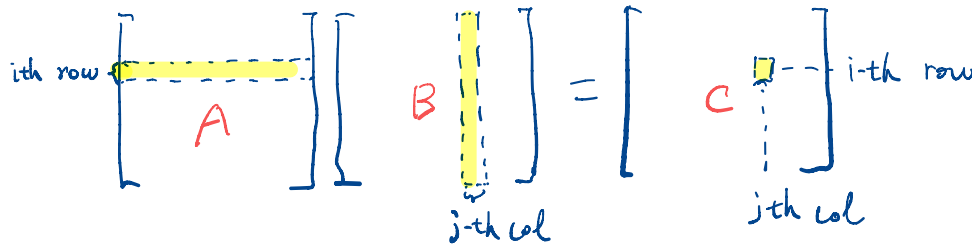


(VI) Matrix Multiplication

Input: Two $n \times n$ matrices A & B

Output: $C = AB$

Def: $C = AB$ iff $C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{ik} B_{kj}$



Exmp:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 18 & 13 \\ 20 & 18 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trivial alg:

$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ time

▷ DnC Alg for Matrix Multip

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$B = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline B_{11} & B_{12} \\ \hline B_{21} & B_{22} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline C_{11} & C_{12} \\ \hline C_{13} & C_{14} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

• $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + O(n^2)$

$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^3)$

running time:

$\Omega(n^2)$

▷ Strassen's Alg

$$\begin{cases} M_1 = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22}) \\ M_2 = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11} \\ M_3 = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22}) \\ M_4 = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11}) \\ M_5 = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22} \\ M_6 = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12}) \\ M_7 = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22}) \end{cases}$$

$$C = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline C_{11} & C_{12} \\ \hline C_{21} & C_{22} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_{11} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 \\ C_{12} = M_3 + M_5 \\ C_{21} = M_2 + M_4 \\ C_{22} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + O(n^2) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.808})$$