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CSEP 521  
Algorithms

# Divide and Conquer

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# Divide and Conquer Algorithms

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Split into sub problems  
Recursively solve the problem  
Combine solutions

Make progress in the split and combine stages 

Quicksort – progress made at the split step

Mergesort – progress made at the combine step

D&C Algorithms

Strassen's Algorithm – Matrix Multiplication

Inversions

Median

Closest Pair

Integer Multiplication

FFT

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Suppose we've already invented  
DumbSort, taking time  $n^2$

Try *Just One Level* of divide & conquer:

DumbSort(first  $n/2$  elements)

DumbSort(last  $n/2$  elements)

Merge results

Time:  $2(n/2)^2 + n = n^2/2 + n \ll n^2$

*Almost twice as fast!*



D&C in a  
nutshell

Moral 1: “two halves are better than a whole”

Two problems of half size are *better* than one full-size problem, even given  $O(n)$  overhead of recombining, since the base algorithm has *super-linear* complexity.

Moral 2: “If a little's good, then more's better”

Two levels of D&C would be almost 4 times faster, 3 levels almost 8, etc., even though overhead is growing.

Best is usually full recursion down to some small constant size (balancing “work” vs “overhead”).

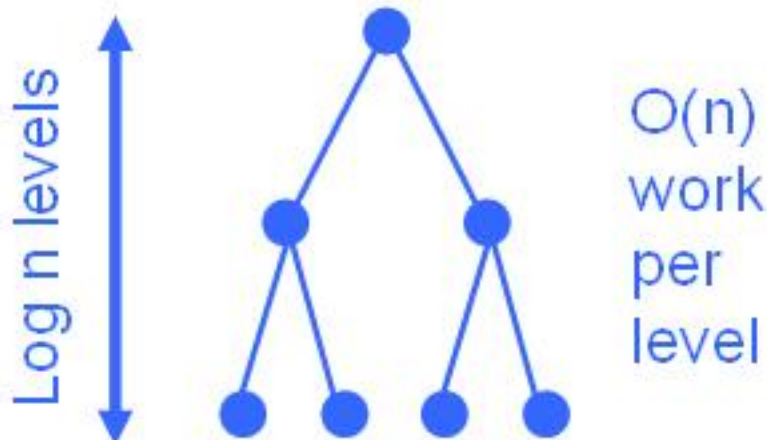
In the limit: you've just rediscovered mergesort!

Mergesort: (recursively) sort 2 half-lists,  
then merge results.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$T(1) = 0$$

Solution:  $\Theta(n \log n)$   
(details later)



# What you really need to know about recurrences

Work per level changes geometrically with the level

**Geometrically increasing** ( $x > 1$ )

The bottom level wins – count leaves

**Geometrically decreasing** ( $x < 1$ )

The top level wins – count top level work

**Balanced** ( $x = 1$ )

Equal contribution – top • levels (e.g. “ $n \log n$ ”)

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + n^c$$

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Balanced:  $a = b^c$

$$a \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^c \quad a = b^c \quad \approx \quad \underline{n^c \times \log_b n}$$

Increasing:  $a > b^c$

Decreasing:  $a < b^c$

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## Recurrences

Next: how to solve them



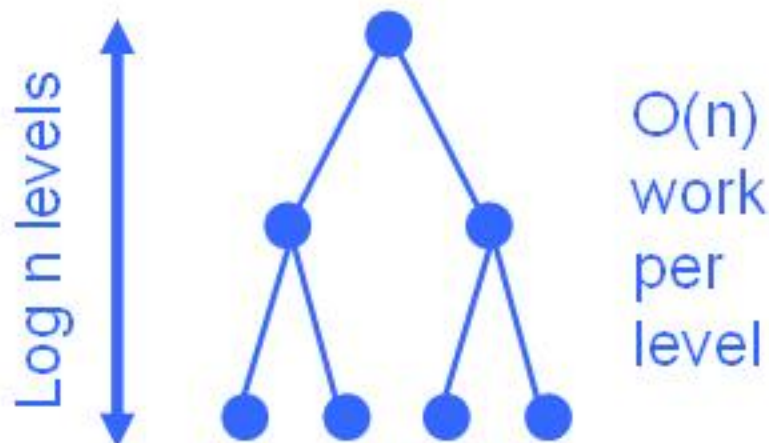
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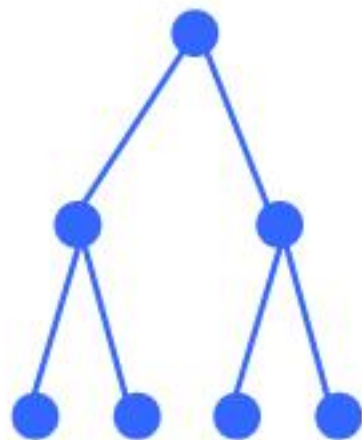
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**now**



Solve:  $T(1) = c$   
 $T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + cn$

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Level	Num	Size	Work
0	$1 = 2^0$	$n$	$cn$
1	$2 = 2^1$	$n/2$	$2cn/2$
2	$4 = 2^2$	$n/4$	$4cn/4$
...	...	...	...
$i$	$2^i$	$n/2^i$	$2^i c n/2^i$
...	...	...	...
$k-1$	$2^{k-1}$	$n/2^{k-1}$	$2^{k-1} c n/2^{k-1}$
$k$	$2^k$	$n/2^k = 1$	$2^k T(1)$

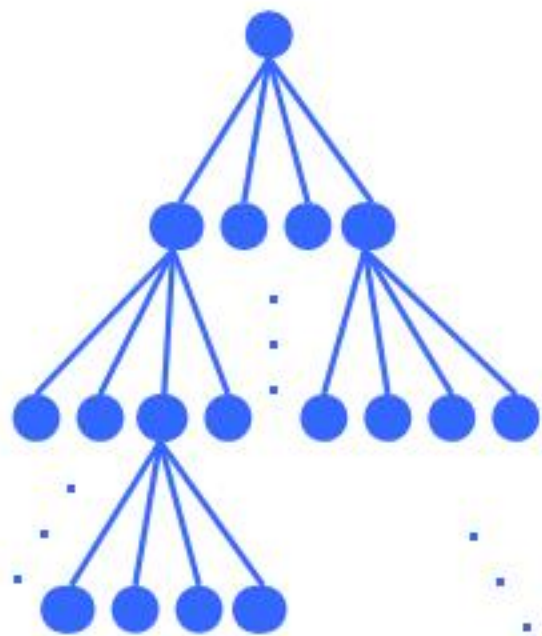
$n = 2^k ; k = \log_2 n$

Total Work:  $c n (1 + \log_2 n)$  (add last col)



Solve:  $T(1) = c$

$T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + cn$



$n = 2^k ; k = \log_2 n$

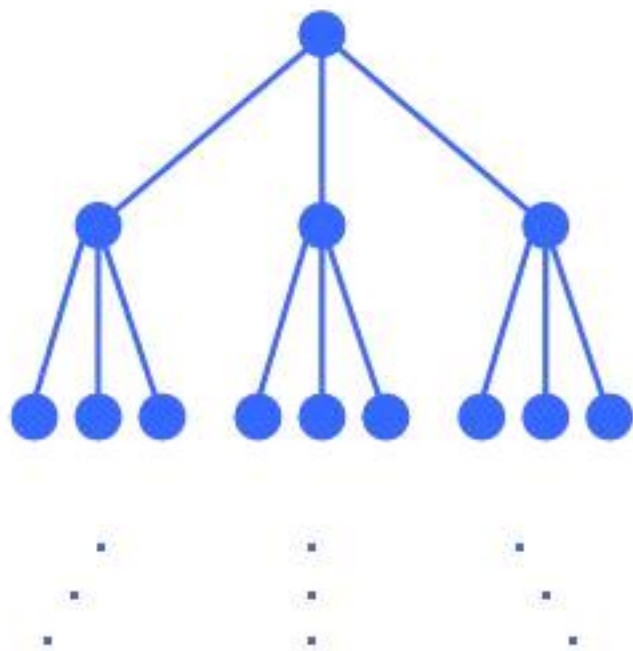
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0	$1 = 4^0$	n	cn
1	$4 = 4^1$	n/2	$4cn/2$
2	$16 = 4^2$	n/4	$16cn/4$
...	...	...	...
i	$4^i$	n/2 <sup>i</sup>	$4^i c n/2^i$
...	...	...	...
k-1	$4^{k-1}$	n/2 <sup>k-1</sup>	$4^{k-1} c n/2^{k-1}$
k	$4^k$	n/2 <sup>k</sup> = 1	$4^k T(1)$

Total Work:  $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k 4^i cn/2^i = O(n^2)$

$4^k =$   
 $(2^2)^k =$   
 $(2^k)^2 = n^2$

Solve:  $T(1) = c$

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



$n = 2^k ; k = \log_2 n$

Level	Num	Size	Work
0	$1 = 3^0$	$n$	$cn$
1	$3 = 3^1$	$n/2$	$3cn/2$
2	$9 = 3^2$	$n/4$	$9cn/4$
...	...	...	...
$i$	$3^i$	$n/2^i$	$3^i c n/2^i$
...	...	...	...
$k-1$	$3^{k-1}$	$n/2^{k-1}$	$3^{k-1} c n/2^{k-1}$
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Total Work:  $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i cn / 2^i$

Theorem:

$$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k = (x^{k+1}-1)/(x-1)$$

proof:

$$y = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k$$

$$xy = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^k + x^{k+1}$$

$$xy - y = x^{k+1} - 1$$

$$y(x-1) = x^{k+1} - 1$$

$$y = (x^{k+1}-1)/(x-1)$$

Solve:  $T(1) = c$

$$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn \quad (\text{cont.})$$

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$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i cn / 2^i$$

$$= cn \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i / 2^i$$

$$= cn \sum_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i$$

$$= cn \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1}$$



$$\sum_{i=0}^k x^i = \frac{x^{k+1} - 1}{x - 1} \quad (x \neq 1)$$

Solve:  $T(1) = c$

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$$cn \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1} = 2cn \left( \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1 \right)$$

$$< 2cn \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1}$$

$$= 3cn \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k$$

$$= 3cn \frac{3^k}{2^k}$$

Solve:  $T(1) = c$

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$$3cn \frac{3^k}{2^k} = 3cn \frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}}$$

$$= 3cn \frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{n}$$

$$= 3c3^{\log_2 n}$$

$$= 3c(n^{\log_2 3})$$

$$= O(n^{1.585...})$$

$$a^{\log_b n}$$

$$= (b^{\log_b a})^{\log_b n}$$

$$= (b^{\log_b n})^{\log_b a}$$

$$= n^{\log_b a}$$




## divide and conquer – master recurrence

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$T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k$  for  $n > b$  then

$a > b^k \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$  [many subprobs  $\rightarrow$  leaves  
dominate] 

$a < b^k \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^k)$  [few subprobs  $\rightarrow$  top level  
dominates] 

$a = b^k \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^k \log n)$  [balanced  $\rightarrow$  all  $\log n$  levels  
contribute] 

Fine print:

$a \geq 1$ ;  $b > 1$ ;  $c, d, k \geq 0$ ;  $T(1) = d$ ;  $n = b^t$  for some  $t > 0$ ;  
 $a, b, k, t$  integers. True even if it is  $\lceil n/b \rceil$  instead of  $n/b$ .

Expanding recurrence as in earlier examples, to get

$$T(n) = n^h ( d + c S )$$

where  $h = \log_b(a)$  (tree height) and  $S = \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} x^j$ , where  $x = b^k/a$ .

If  $c = 0$  the sum  $S$  is irrelevant, and  $T(n) = O(n^h)$ : all the work happens in the base cases, of which there are  $n^h$ , one for each leaf in the recursion tree.

If  $c > 0$ , then the sum matters, and splits into 3 cases (like previous slide):

if  $x < 1$ , then  $S < x/(1-x) = O(1)$ . [S is just the first  $\log n$  terms of the infinite series with that sum].

if  $x = 1$ , then  $S = \log_b(n) = O(\log n)$ . [all terms in the sum are 1 and there are that many terms].

if  $x > 1$ , then  $S = x \cdot (x^{\log_b(n)} - 1)/(x - 1)$ . After some algebra,  
 $n^h * S = O(n^k)$

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Example:

Matrix Multiplication –  
Strassen's Method

# Multiplying Matrices

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

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$n^3$  multiplications,  $n^3 - n^2$  additions

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]

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Counting arithmetic operations:

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

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 8T(n/2) + n^2 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

By Master Recurrence, if

$T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k$  &  $a > b^k$  then 

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 8}) = \Theta(n^3)$$


## Strassen's algorithm

Multiply  $2 \times 2$  matrices using **7** instead of **8** multiplications (and lots more than 4 additions)

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + cn^2$$

$7 > 2^2$  so  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$  which is  $O(n^{2.81})$

Asymptotically fastest known algorithm uses  $O(n^{2.376})$  time

not practical but Strassen's may be practical provided calculations are exact and we stop recursion when matrix has size about 100 (maybe 10)

$$P_1 = A_{12}(B_{11} + B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$P_2 = A_{21}(B_{12} + B_{22})$$

$$P_3 = (A_{11} - A_{12})B_{11}$$

$$P_4 = (A_{22} - A_{21})B_{22}$$

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

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

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

$$C_{11} = P_1 + P_3 + P_7$$

$$C_{12} = P_2 + P_3 + P_6 - P_7$$

$$C_{21} = P_1 + P_4 + P_5 + P_7$$

$$C_{22} = P_2 + P_4$$

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Example:  
Counting Inversions

Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be a permutation of  $1 \dots n$

$(a_i, a_j)$  is an inversion if  $i < j$  and  $a_i > a_j$

4, 6, 1, 7, 3, 2, 5



Problem: given a permutation, count the number of inversions

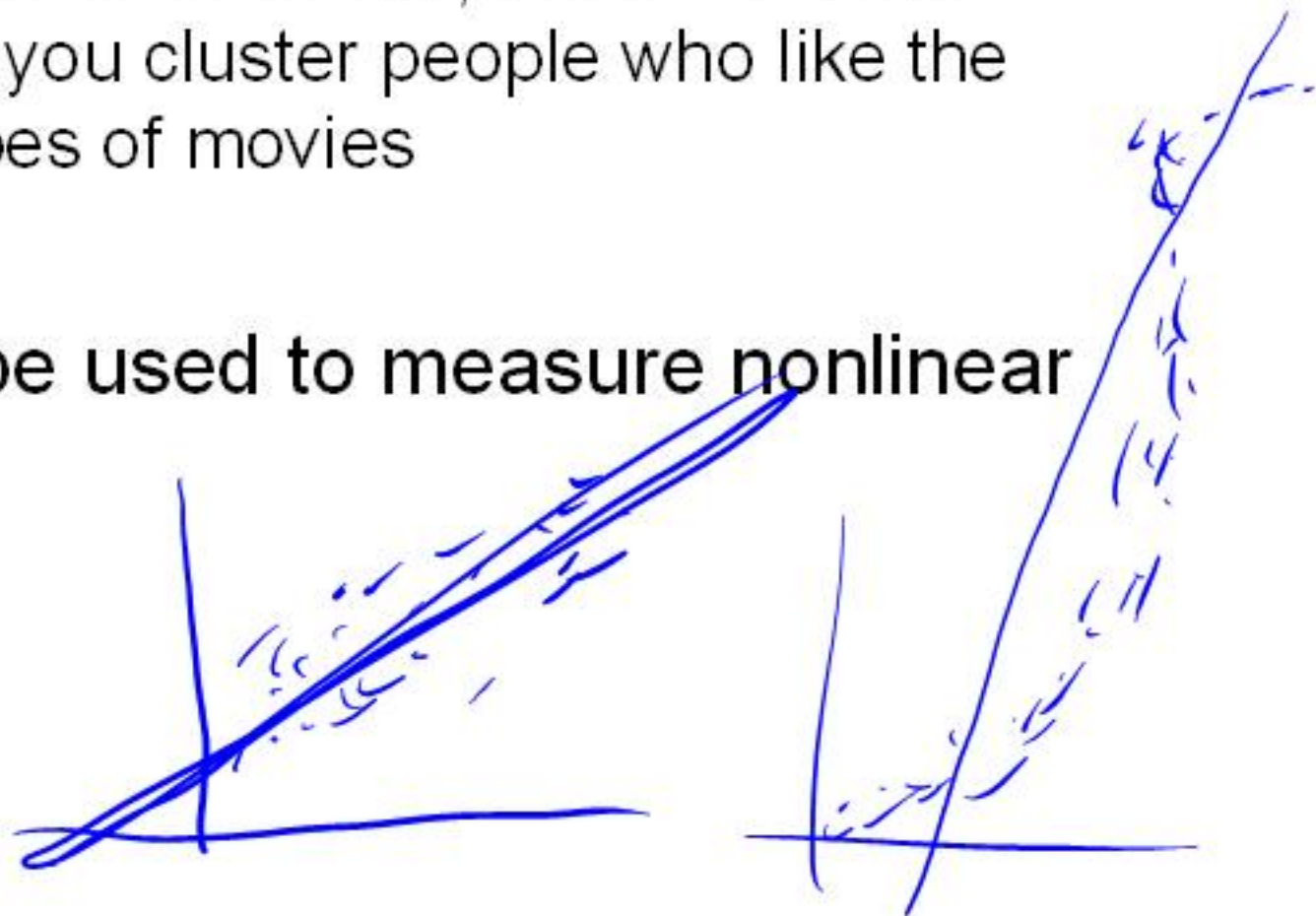
This can be done easily in  $O(n^2)$  time

Can we do better?

Counting inversions can be used to measure closeness of ranked preferences

People rank 20 movies, based on their rankings you cluster people who like the same types of movies

Can also be used to measure nonlinear correlation



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## Counting Inversions

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11	12	4	1	7	2	3	15	9	5	16	8	6	13	10	14
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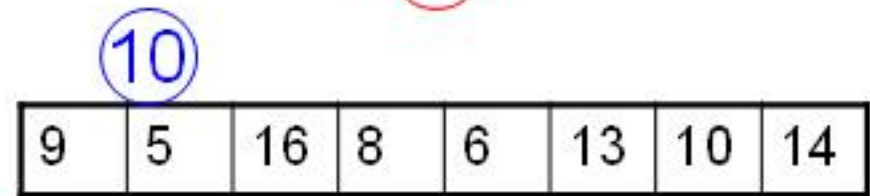
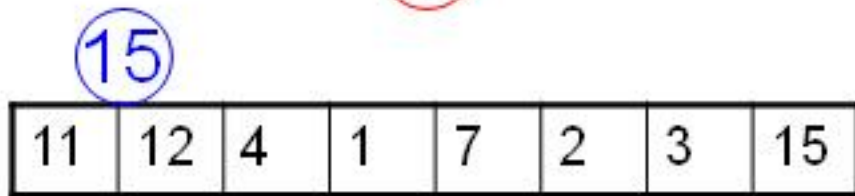
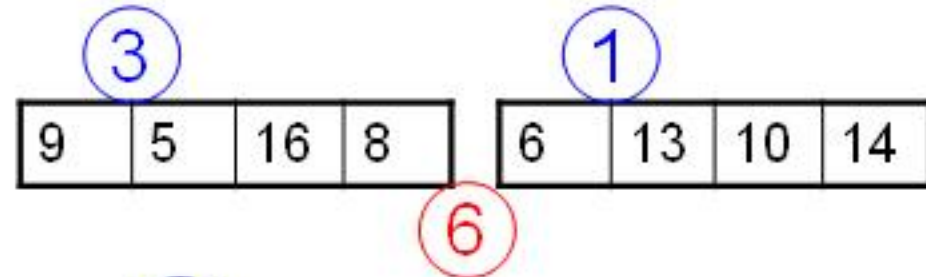
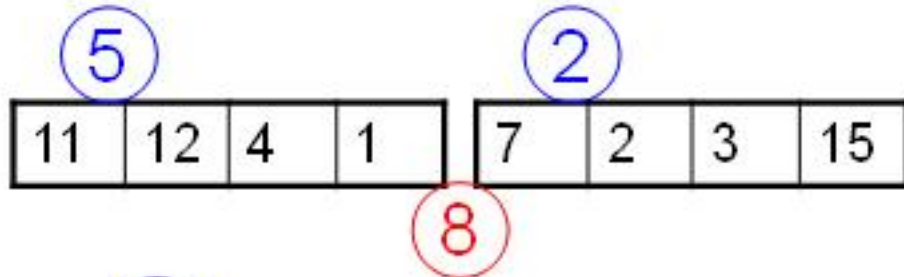
Count inversions on lower half

Count inversions on upper half

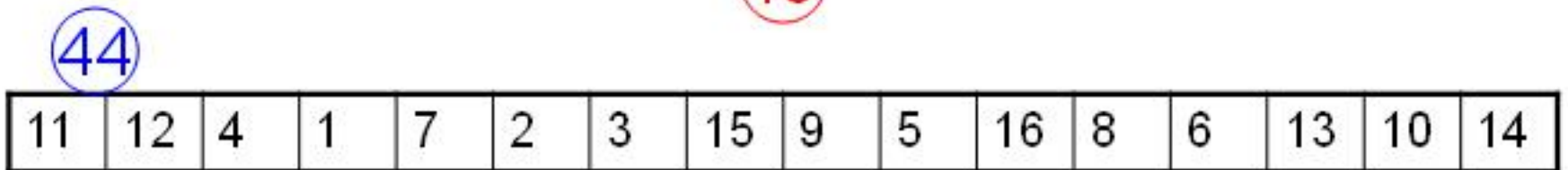
Count the inversions between the halves

# Count the Inversions

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Problem – how do we count  
inversions between sub problems in  
 $O(n)$  time?

Solution – Count inversions while merging

1	2	3	4	7	11	12	15
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5	6	8	9	10	13	14	16
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Standard merge algorithm – add to inversion count  
when an element is moved from the upper array to the  
solution

# Counting inversions while merging

<del>1</del>	<del>4</del>	11	12
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<del>2</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>7</del>	15
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	3	3	0	2	0	0	2
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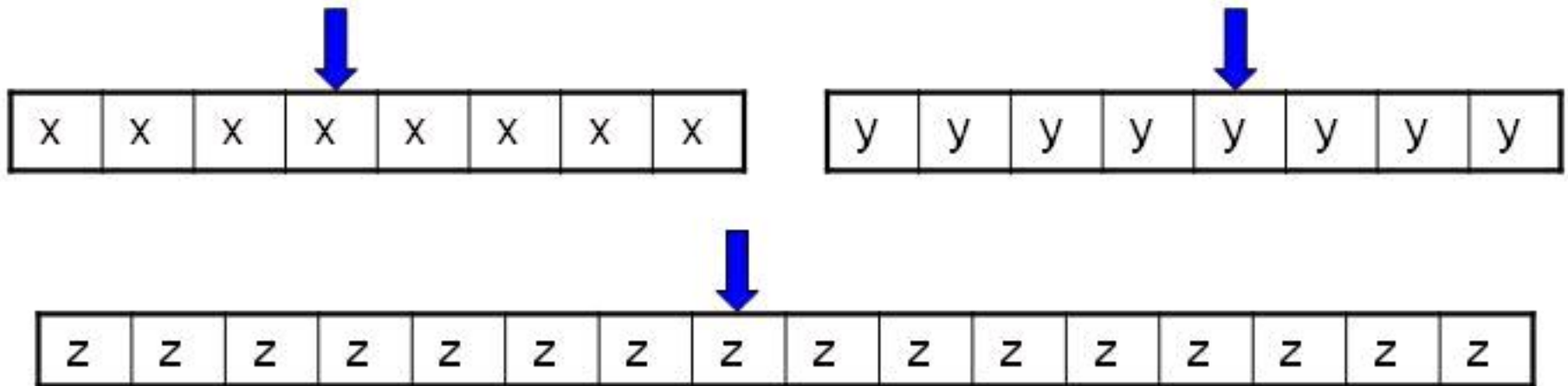
6	10	13	14
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Indicate the number of inversions for each element detected when merging

Counting inversions between two sorted lists

$O(1)$  per element to count inversions



Algorithm summary

Satisfies the “Standard recurrence”

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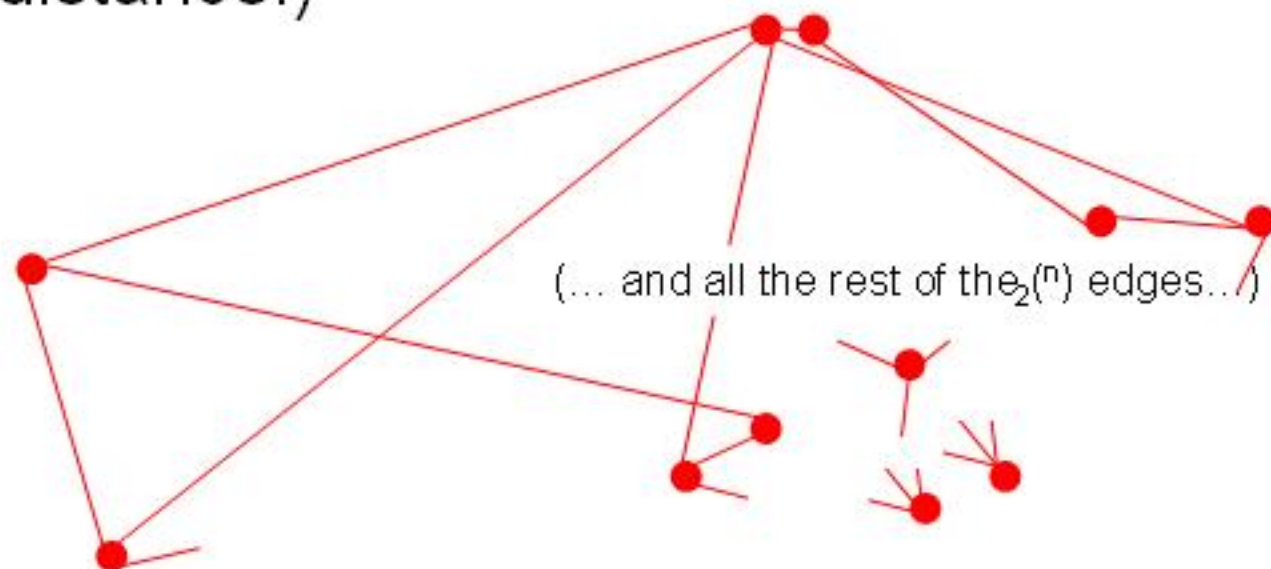
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A Divide & Conquer Example:  
Closest Pair of Points

## closest pair of points: non-geometric version

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Given  $n$  points and *arbitrary* distances between them, find the closest pair. (E.g., think of distance as airfare – definitely *not* Euclidean distance!)



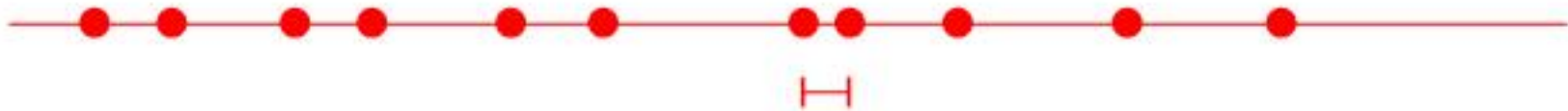
*Must* look at all  $n$  choose 2 pairwise distances, else any one you didn't check might be the shortest.

Also true for Euclidean distance in 1-2 dimensions? 40

## closest pair of points: 1 dimensional version

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Given  $n$  points on the real line, find the closest pair



Closest pair is *adjacent* in ordered list

Time  $O(n \log n)$  to sort, if needed

Plus  $O(n)$  to scan adjacent pairs

Key point: do *not* need to calc distances between all pairs: exploit geometry + ordering



## closest pair of points: 2 dimensional version

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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.

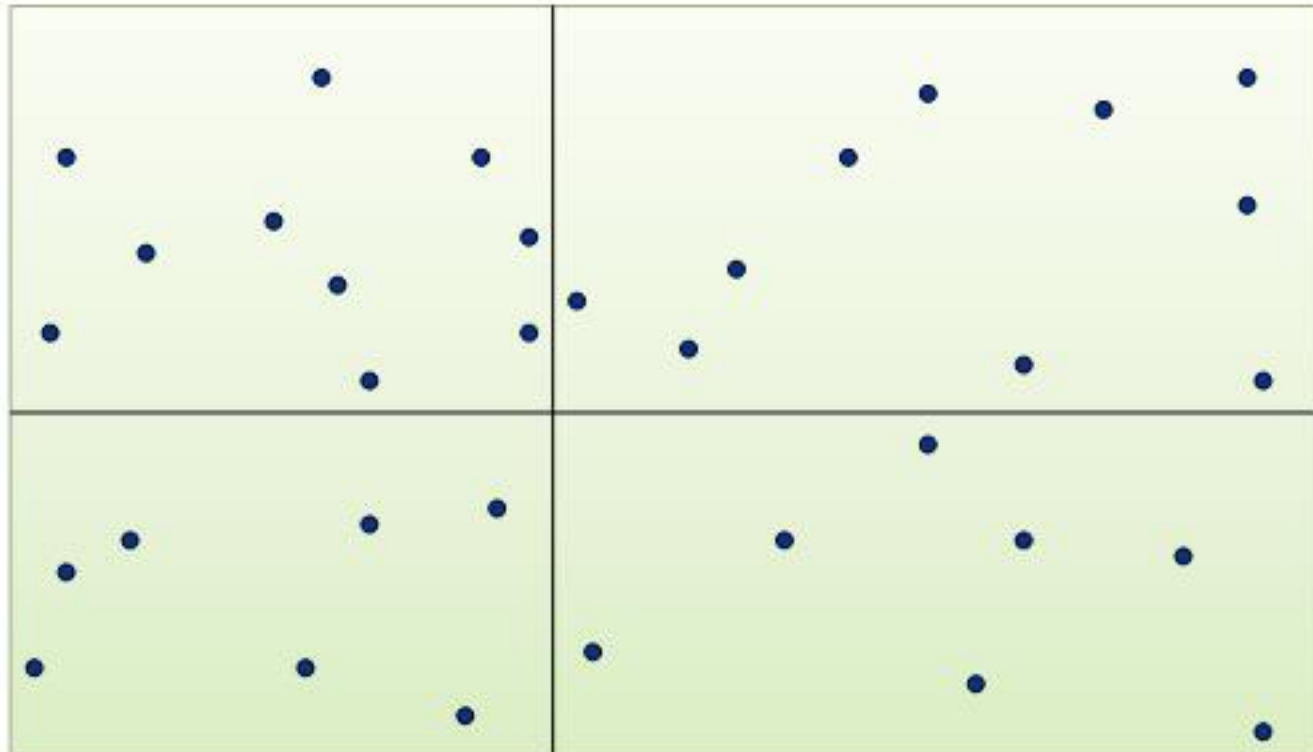
1-D version.  $O(n \log n)$  easy if points are on a line.

Assumption. No two points have same  $x$  coordinate.

Just to simplify presentation

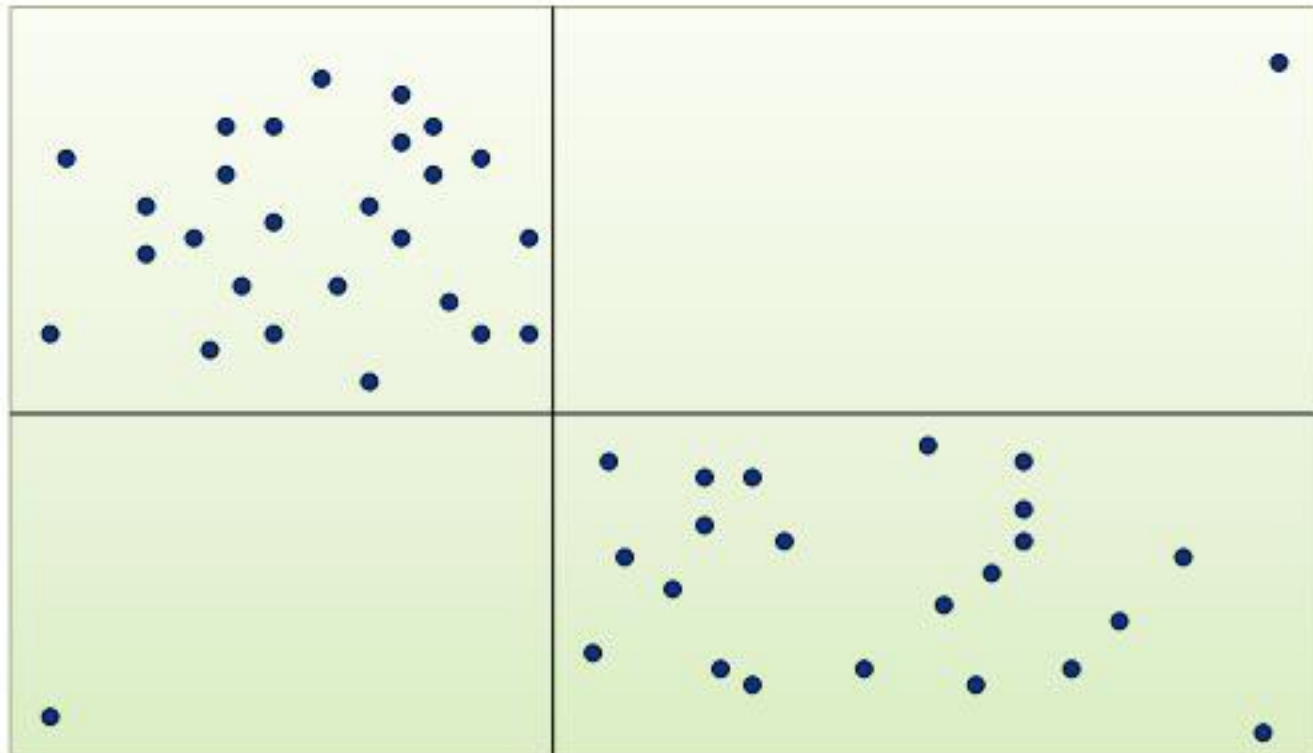


Divide. Sub-divide region into 4 quadrants.



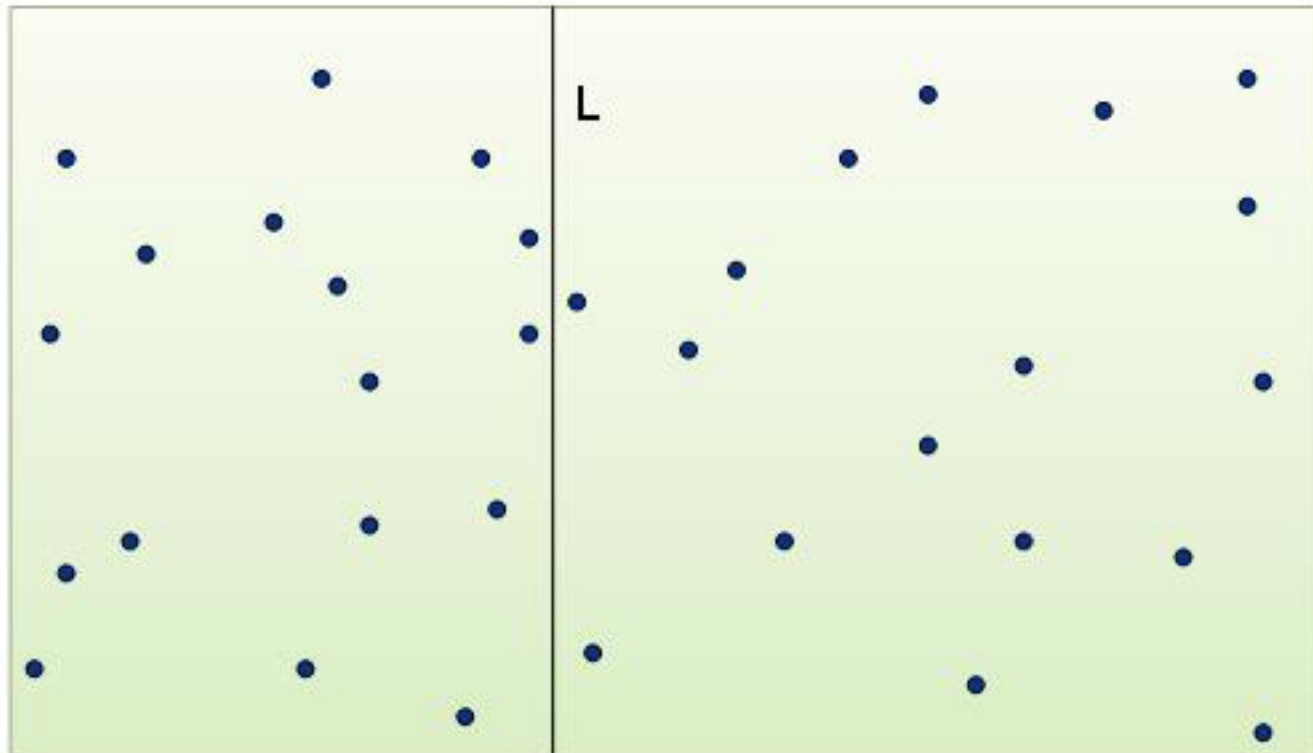
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Obstacle. Impossible to ensure  $n/4$  points in each piece.



## Algorithm.

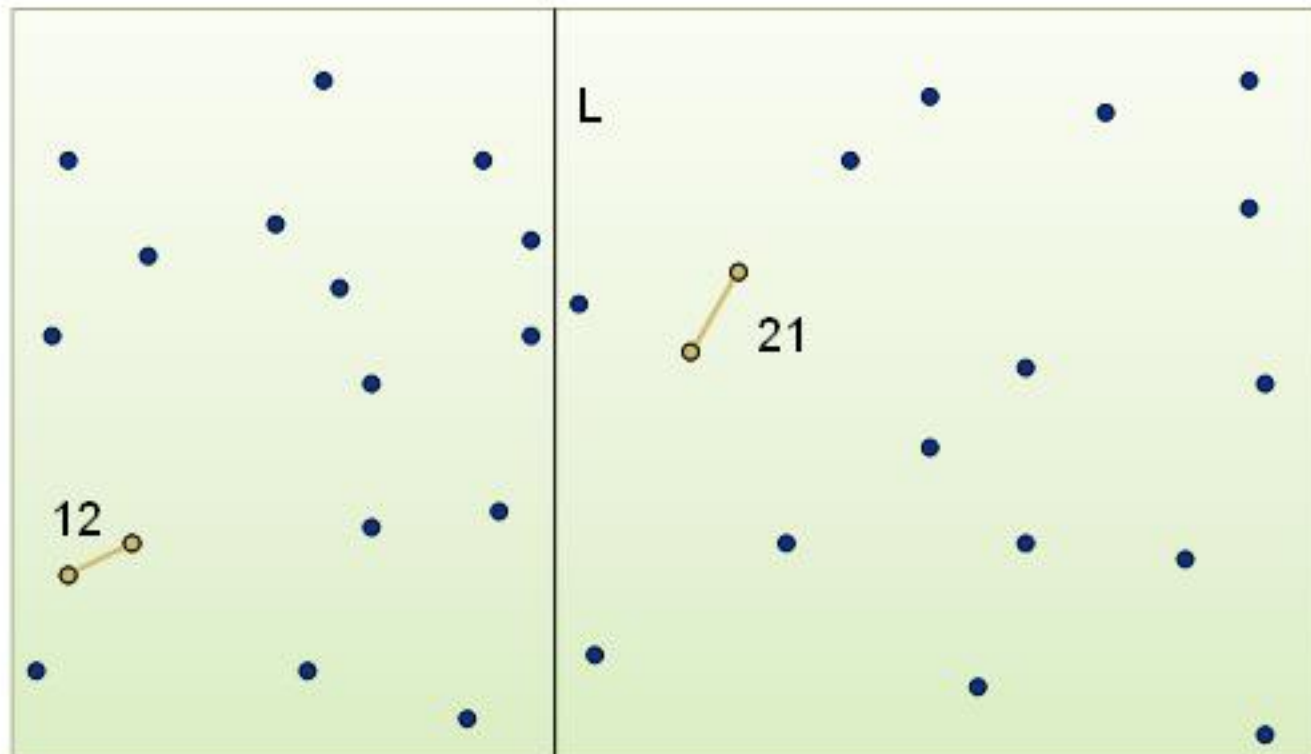
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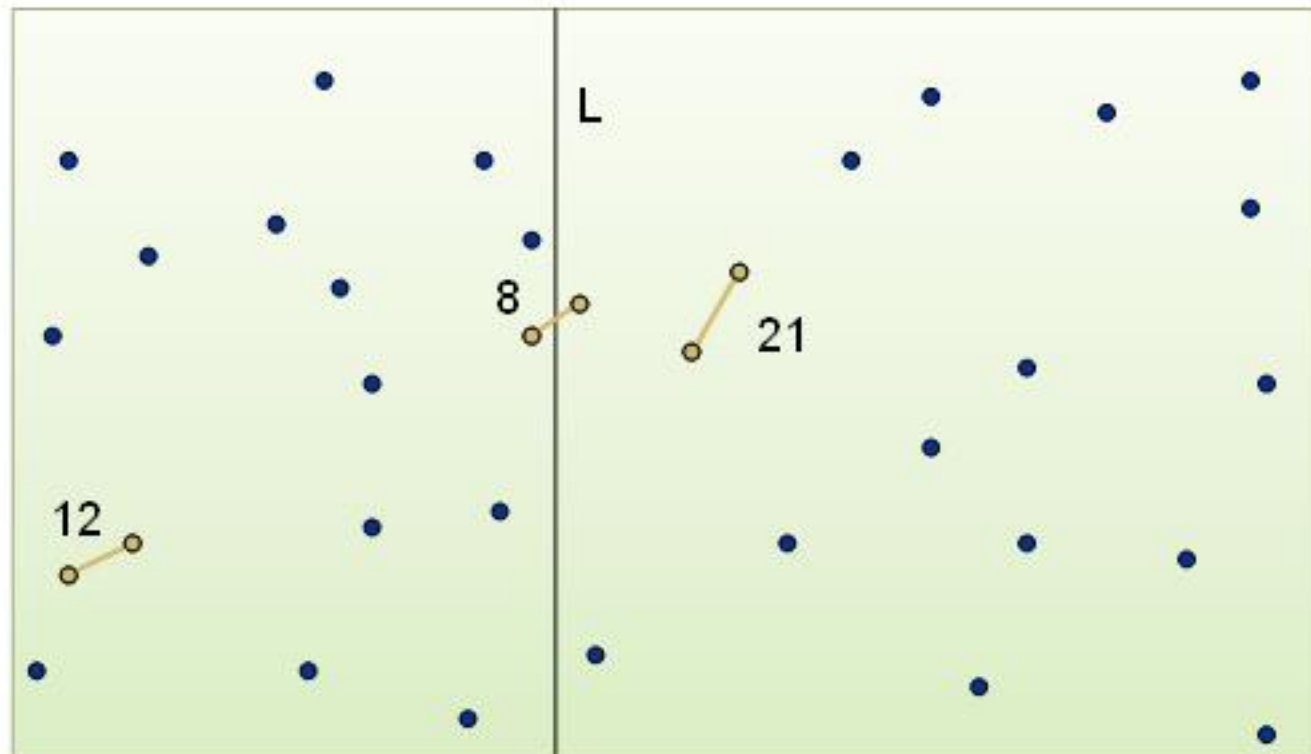
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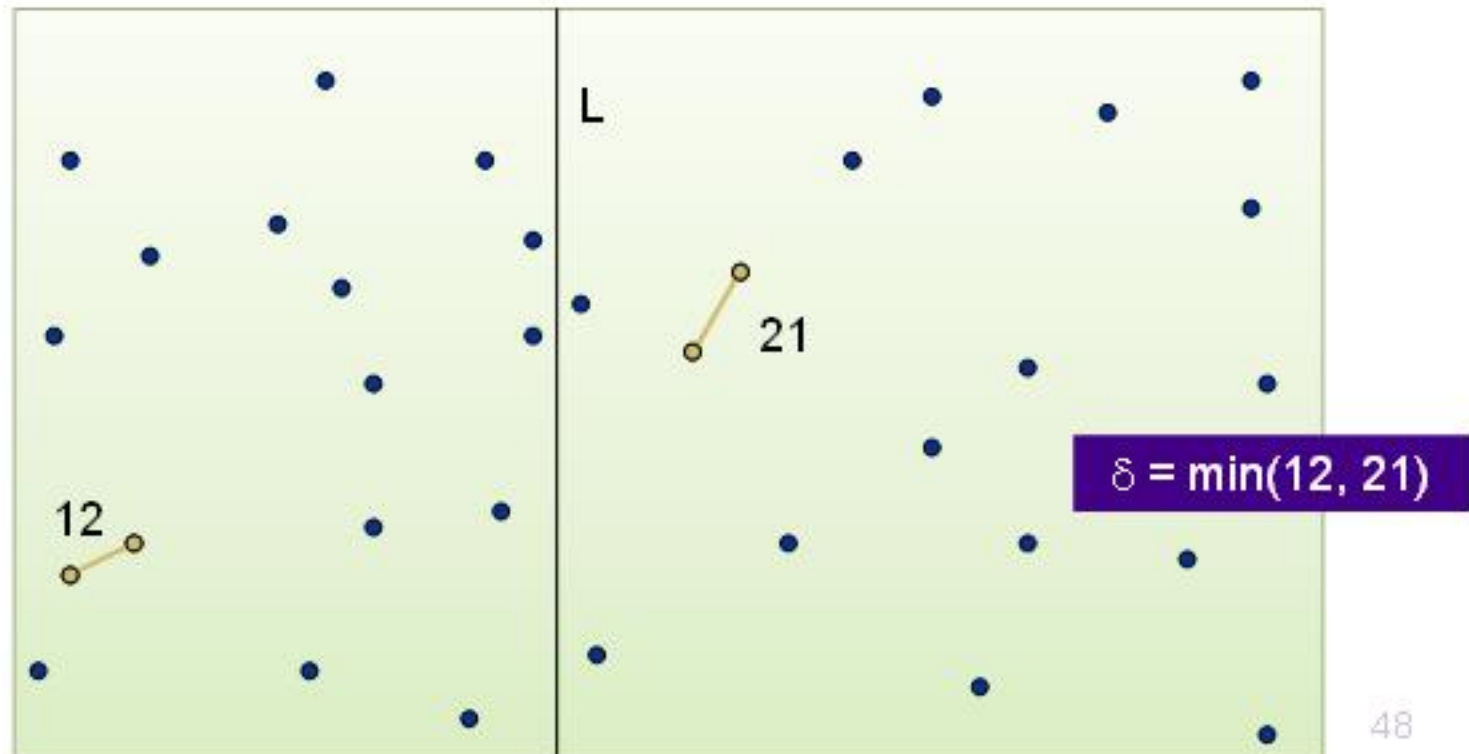
Combine: find closest pair with one point in each side.

Return best of 3 solutions.



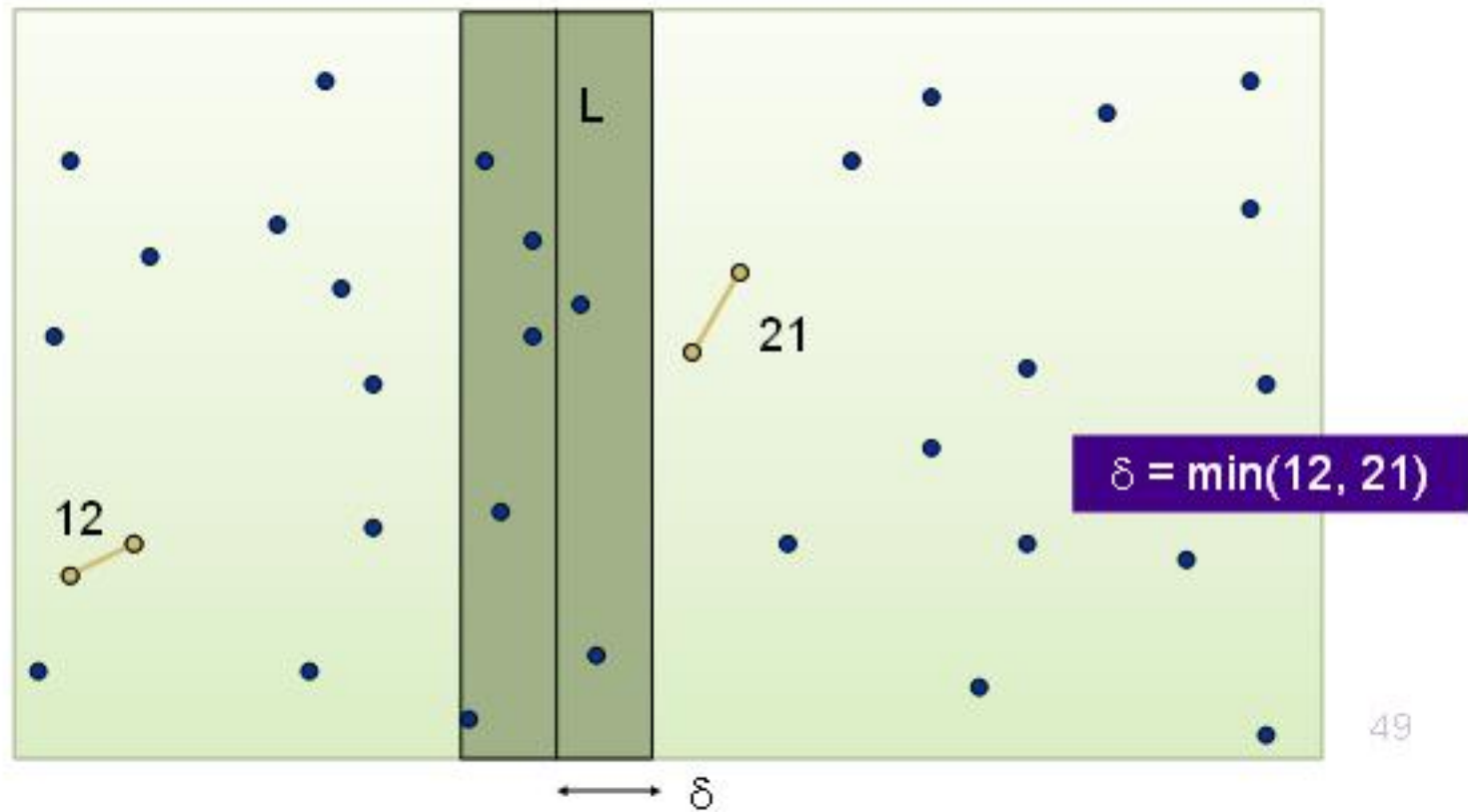
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like  
 $\Theta(n^2)$ ?

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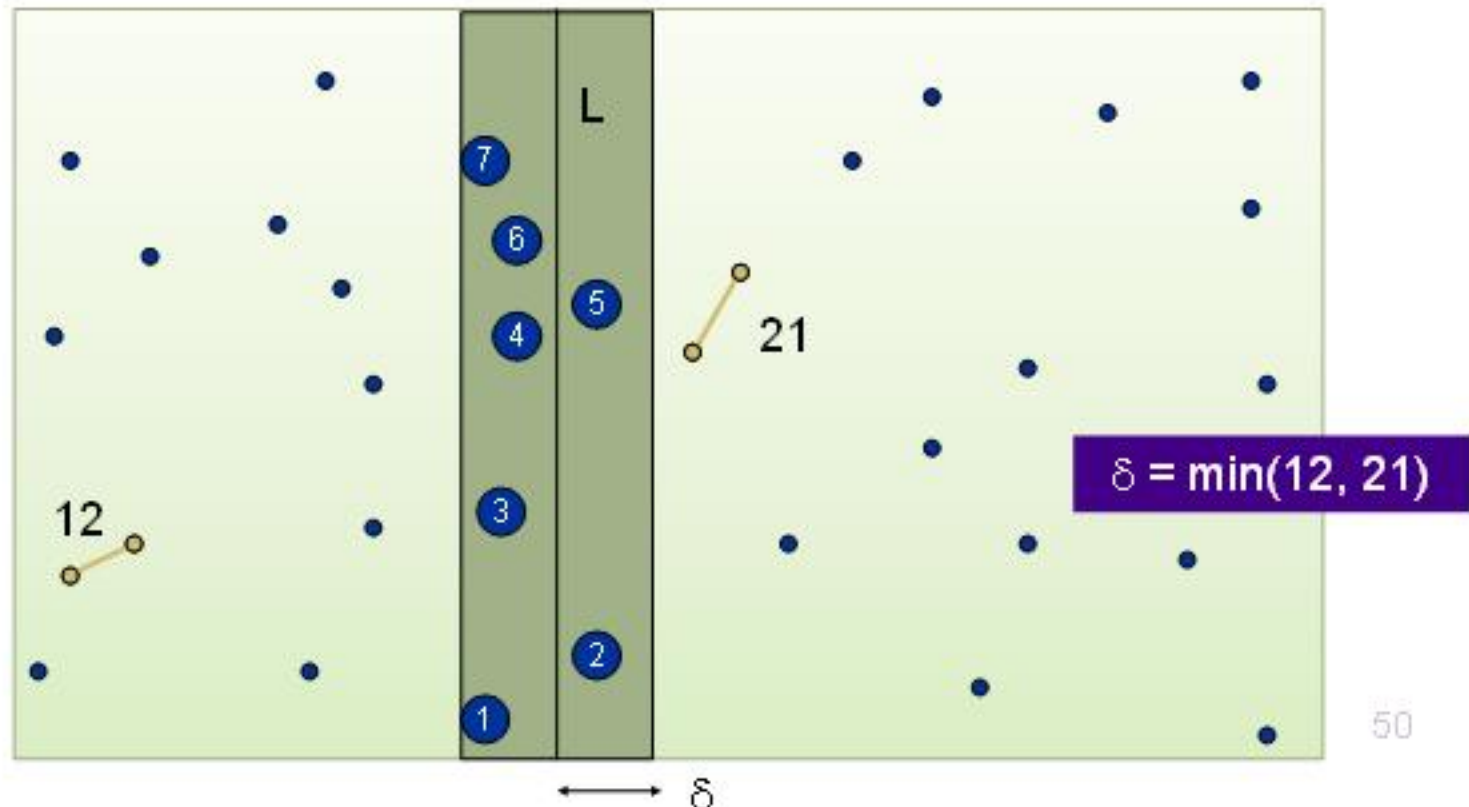
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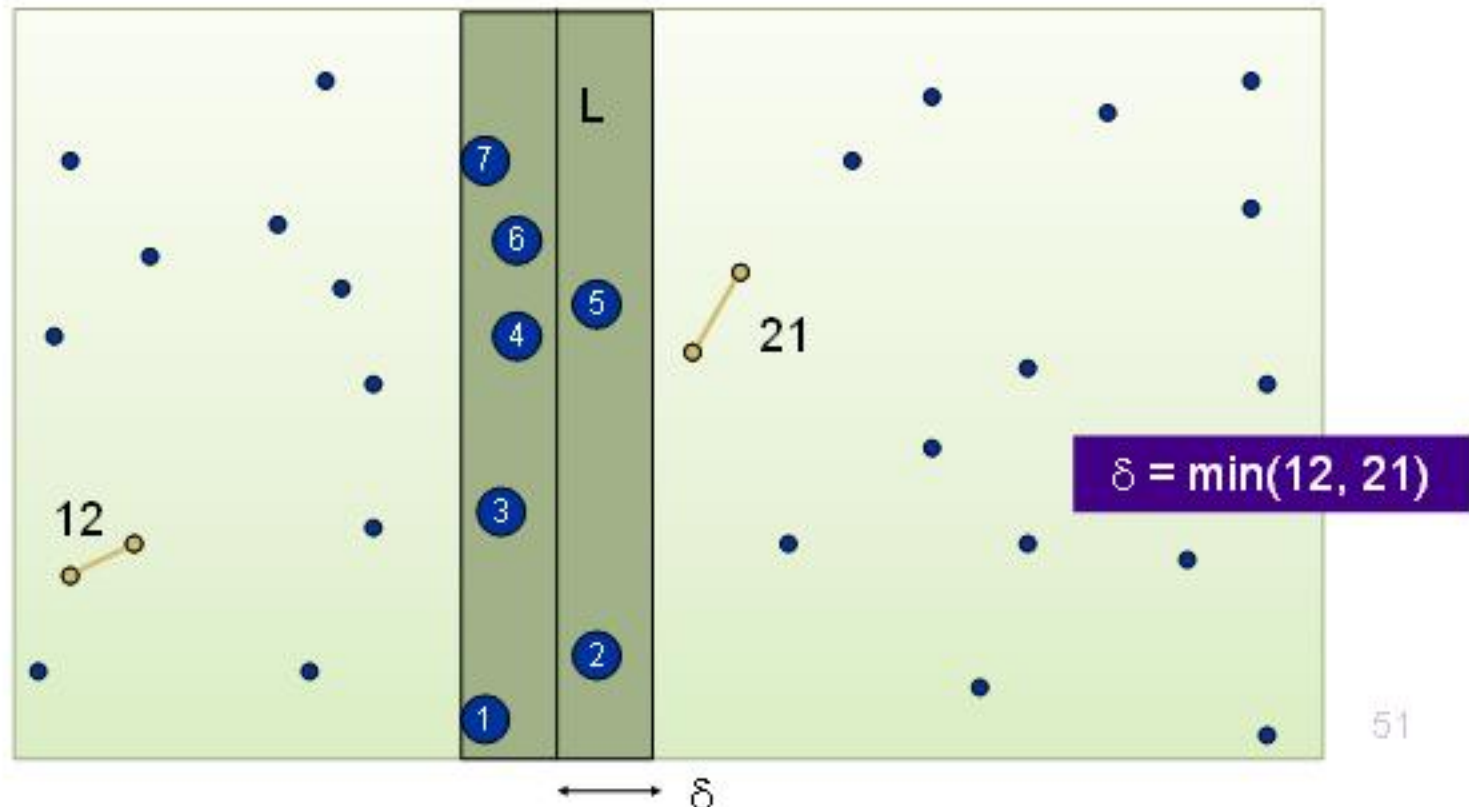
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Almost the one-D problem again: Sort points in  $2\delta$ -strip by their  $y$  coordinate. Only check pts within  $\delta$  in sorted list!



Def. Let  $s_i$  have the  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest  $y$ -coordinate among points in the  $2\delta$ -width-strip.

Claim. If  $|i - j| > 8$ , then the distance between  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  is  $> \delta$ .

Pf: No two points lie in the same  $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}\delta$  box:

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \approx 0.7 < 1$$

so  $\leq 8$  boxes within  $+\delta$  of  $y(s_i)$ .



```
Closest-Pair( $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ) {
  if( $n \leq ??$ ) return ??
```

1  $\infty$   
 Compute separation line L such that half the points are on one side and half on the other side.

```
 $\delta_1 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{left half})$ 
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```

Delete all points further than  $\delta$  from separation line L

Sort remaining points  $p[1] \dots p[m]$  by y-coordinate.

```
for  $i = 1 \dots m$ 
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     $\delta = \min(\delta, \text{distance between } p[i] \text{ and } p[i+k]);$ 
     $k++;$ 
```

```
return  $\delta$ .
```

```
}
```

Analysis, I: Let  $D(n)$  be the number of pairwise distance calculations in the Closest-Pair Algorithm when run on  $n \geq 1$  points

$$D(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & n=1 \\ 2D(n/2) + 7n & n > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow D(n) = O(n \log n)$$

BUT – that's only the number of *distance calculations*

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for some constant  $k$

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

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Sort by **merging** two pre-sorted lists.


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Code is longer & more complex

$O(n \log n)$  vs  $O(n^2)$  may hide 10x in constant?

How many points?

n	Speedup: $n^2 / (10 n \log_2 n)$
10	0.3
100	1.5
1,000	10
10,000	75
100,000	602
1,000,000	5,017 
10,000,000	43,004

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## Going From Code to Recurrence



Carefully define what you're counting, and *write it down!*

“Let  $C(n)$  be the number of comparisons between sort keys used by MergeSort when sorting a list of length  $n \geq 1$ ”

In code, clearly separate *base case* from *recursive case*, highlight *recursive calls*, and *operations being counted*.

Write Recurrence(s)

Base Case

```
MS(A: array[1..n]) returns array[1..n] {
```

```
  If(n=1) return A;
```

```
  New L:array[1..n/2] = MS(A[1..n/2]);
```

```
  New R:array[1..n/2] = MS(A[n/2+1..n]);
```

```
  Return(Merge(L,R));
```

```
}
```

```
Merge(A,B: array[1..n]) {
```

```
  New C: array[1..2n];
```

```
  a=1; b=1;
```

```
  For i = 1 to 2n {
```

```
    C[i] = "smaller of A[a], B[b] and a++ or b++";
```

```
  Return C;
```

```
}
```

Recursive calls

One Recursive Level

Operations being counted

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2C(n/2) + (n - 1) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Base case

Recursive calls

One compare per element added to merged list, except the last.

**Total time: proportional to  $C(n)$**   
(loops, copying data, parameter passing, etc.)

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Write Recurrence(s)

Basic operations:  
distance calcs

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```

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Recursive calls (2)

$2D(n/2)$

Delete all points further than  $\delta$  from separation line  $L$

Sort remaining points  $p[1]..p[m]$  by  $y$ -coordinate.

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```

```
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```

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Basic operations at  
this recursive level

One  
recursive  
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$7n$

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# closest pair algorithm

Basic operations:  
comparisons

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0

$k_1 n \log n$

$2C(n/2)$

1

$k_2 n$

$k_3 n \log n$

$7n$

One  
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for some  $k_4 \leq k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 7$

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## Integer Multiplication

Add. Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a + b$ .

Add

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
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$O(n)$  bit operations.

Multiply. Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a \times b$ .

The "grade school" method:

Multiply

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$\Theta(n^2)$  bit operations.

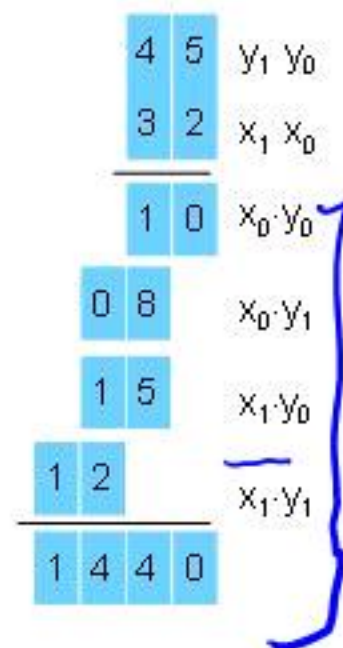
## To multiply two 2-digit integers:

Multiply four 1-digit integers.

Add, shift some 2-digit integers to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 10 \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\
 y &= 10 \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\
 xy &= (10 \cdot x_1 + x_0)(10 \cdot y_1 + y_0) \\
 &= 100 \cdot x_1 y_1 + 10 \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Same idea works for *long* integers –  
can split them into 4 half-sized ints

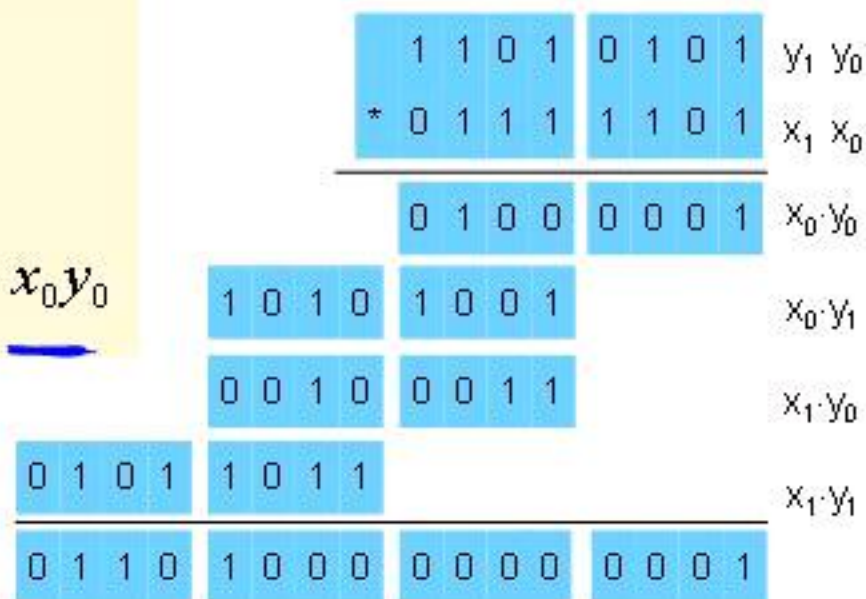


## To multiply two n-bit integers:

Multiply four  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers.

Add two  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, and shift to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\
 y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\
 xy &= (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) \\
 &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0
 \end{aligned}$$



$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

↑  
assumes n is a power of 2

key trick: 2 multiplies for the price of 1:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) \\&= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

Well, ok, 4 for 3 is more accurate...

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= x_1 + x_0 \\ \beta &= y_1 + y_0 \\ \alpha\beta &= (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) \\ &= x_1 y_1 + (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0 \\ (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) &= \alpha\beta - x_1 y_1 - x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

To multiply two  $n$ -bit integers:

Add two  $\frac{1}{2}n$  bit integers.

Multiply **three**  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers.

Add, subtract, and shift  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers to obtain result.

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 &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot ((x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - x_1 y_1 - x_0 y_0) + x_0 y_0
 \end{aligned}$$

A
B
A
C
C

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$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\lg_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$$



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$n \rightarrow$  next bigger power of 2



$$T(n) \leq 3T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Naïve:  $\Theta(n^2)$

Karatsuba:  $\Theta(n^{1.59\dots})$

Amusing exercise: generalize Karatsuba to do 5 size

$n/3$  subproblems  $\rightarrow \Theta(n^{1.46\dots})$

Best known:  $\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$

"Fast Fourier Transform"

but mostly unused in practice (unless you need really big numbers - a billion digits of  $\pi$ , say)

High precision arithmetic /S important for crypto

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# Polynomial Multiplication

### Similar ideas apply to polynomial multiplication

We'll describe the basic ideas by multiplying polynomials rather than integers

In fact, it's somewhat simpler: no carries!

These are just formal sequences of coefficients so when we show something multiplied by  $x^k$  it just means shifted  $k$  places to the left – basically no work

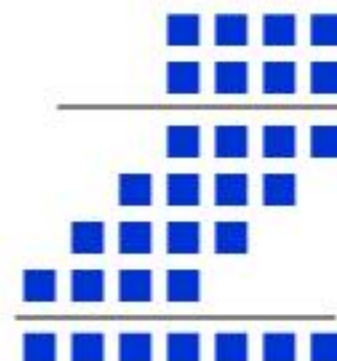
Usual

Polynomial

Multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^2 + 2x + 2 \\
 \times x^2 - 3x + 1 \\
 \hline
 3x^2 + 2x + 2 \\
 -9x^3 - 6x^2 - 6x \\
 \hline
 3x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\
 \hline
 3x^4 - 7x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 2
 \end{array}$$

# Polynomial Multiplication



Given:

Degree  $m-1$  polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$

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

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

Compute:

Degree  $2m-2$  Polynomial  $PQ$

$$PQ = a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0) x + (a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0) x^2 \\ + \dots + (a_{m-2} b_{m-1} + a_{m-1} b_{m-2}) x^{2m-3} + a_{m-1} b_{m-1} x^{2m-2}$$

Obvious Algorithm:

Compute all  $a_i b_j$  and collect terms

$\Theta(m^2)$  time

# Naïve Divide and Conquer



Assume  $m=2k$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{k-2} x^{k-2} + a_{k-1} x^{k-1}) + \\ &\quad (a_k + a_{k+1} x + \dots + a_{m-2} x^{k-2} + a_{m-1} x^{k-1}) x^k \\ &= P_0 + P_1 x^k \\ Q &= Q_0 + Q_1 x^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P Q &= (P_0 + P_1 x^k)(Q_0 + Q_1 x^k) \\ &= P_0 Q_0 + (P_1 Q_0 + P_0 Q_1) x^k + P_1 Q_1 x^{2k} \end{aligned}$$

4 sub-problems of size  $k=m/2$  plus linear combining

$$T(m) = 4T(m/2) + cm$$

$$\text{Solution } T(m) = O(m^2)$$

# Karatsuba's Algorithm



A better way to compute terms

Compute

$$P_0 Q_0$$

$$P_1 Q_1$$

$$(P_0 + P_1)(Q_0 + Q_1) \text{ which is } P_0 Q_0 + \underline{P_1 Q_0 + P_0 Q_1} + P_1 Q_1$$

Then

$$P_0 Q_1 + P_1 Q_0 = (P_0 + P_1)(Q_0 + Q_1) - P_0 Q_0 - P_1 Q_1$$

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

$$T(m) = 3 T(m/2) + cm$$

$$T(m) = O(m^\alpha) \text{ where } \alpha = \log_2 3 = 1.585\dots$$





# Karatsuba: Details

P = **Pone** **Pzero**  
Q = **Qone** **Qzero**  
**Prod1**



PolyMul(P, Q):

// P, Q are length  $m = 2k$  vectors, with  $P[i]$ ,  $Q[i]$  being  
// the coefficient of  $x^i$  in polynomials P, Q respectively.

if ( $m==1$ ) return ( $P[0]*Q[0]$ );

Let Pzero be elements  $0..k-1$  of P; Pone be elements  $k..m-1$

Qzero, Qone : similar

Prod1 = PolyMul(Pzero, Qzero); // result is a  $(2k-1)$ -vector

Prod2 = PolyMul(Pone, Qone); // ditto

Pzo = Pzero + Pone; // add corresponding  
elements

Qzo = Qzero + Qone; // ditto

Prod3 = PolyMul(Pzo, Qzo); // another  $(2k-1)$ -vector

Mid = Prod3 - Prod1 - Prod2; // subtract corr. elements

R = Prod1 + Shift(Mid,  $m/2$ ) + Shift(Prod2,  $m$ ) // a  $(2m-1)$ -vector

Return( R );

## Polynomials

Naïve:  $\Theta(n^2)$

Karatsuba:  $\Theta(n^{1.585\dots})$

Best known:  $\Theta(n \log n)$

"Fast Fourier Transform"

## Integers

Similar, but some ugly details re: carries, etc.  
gives  $\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$ ,  
but mostly unused in practice

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## Median and Selection

Median: Given  $n$  numbers, find the number of rank  $n/2$  (to be precise, say:  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ )

Selection: given  $n$  numbers and an integer  $k$ , find the  $k$ -th largest

E.g., Median is  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ -nd largest

Can find max with  $n-1$  comparisons

Can find 2<sup>nd</sup> largest with another  $n-2$

3<sup>rd</sup> largest with another  $n-3$

etc.:  $k^{\text{th}}$  largest in  $O(kn)$

What about  $k > \log n$ ?

Can we do better?

Find  $k^{\text{th}}$  smallest

Select(A, k){

→ Choose  $x$  from A

$S_1 = \{y \text{ in } A \mid y < x\}$

$S_2 = \{y \text{ in } A \mid y = x\}$

$S_3 = \{y \text{ in } A \mid y > x\}$

if ( $|S_1| \geq k$ )

return Select( $S_1$ ,  $k$ )

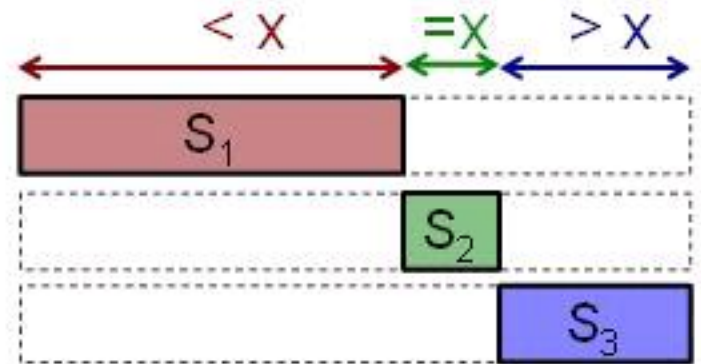
else if ( $|S_1| + |S_2| \geq k$ )

return  $x$

else

return Select( $S_3$ ,  $k - |S_1| - |S_2|$ )

}



Choose the element *at random*

Analysis (not here) can show that the algorithm has *expected* run time  $O(n)$

Sketch: a random element eliminates, on average,  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  of the data

Although worst case is  $\Theta(n^2)$ , albeit improbable (like Quicksort), for most purposes this is the method of choice

Worst case matters? Read on...

What is the run time of select if we can guarantee that “choose” finds an  $x$  such that  $|S_1| < 3n/4$  and  $|S_3| < 3n/4$



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## BFPRT Algorithm

A very clever “choose” algorithm . . .

Split into  $n/5$  sets of size 5

$M$  be the set of medians of these sets

Return  $x$  = the median of  $M$



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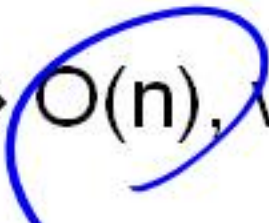
Let  $M$  be the set of medians of these sets

Choose  $x$  to be the median of  $M$

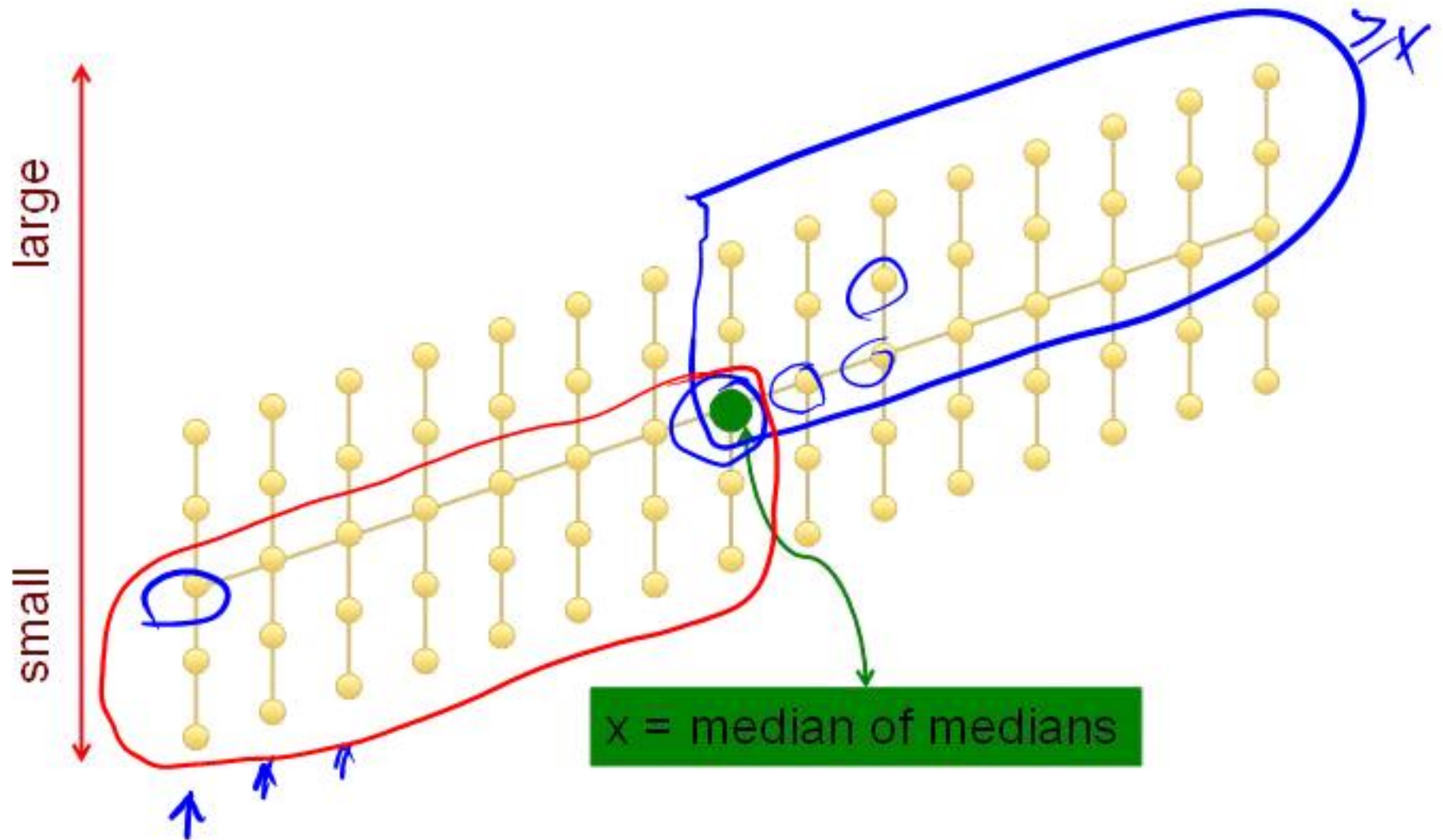
Construct  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  as above

Recursive call in  $S_1$  or  $S_3$

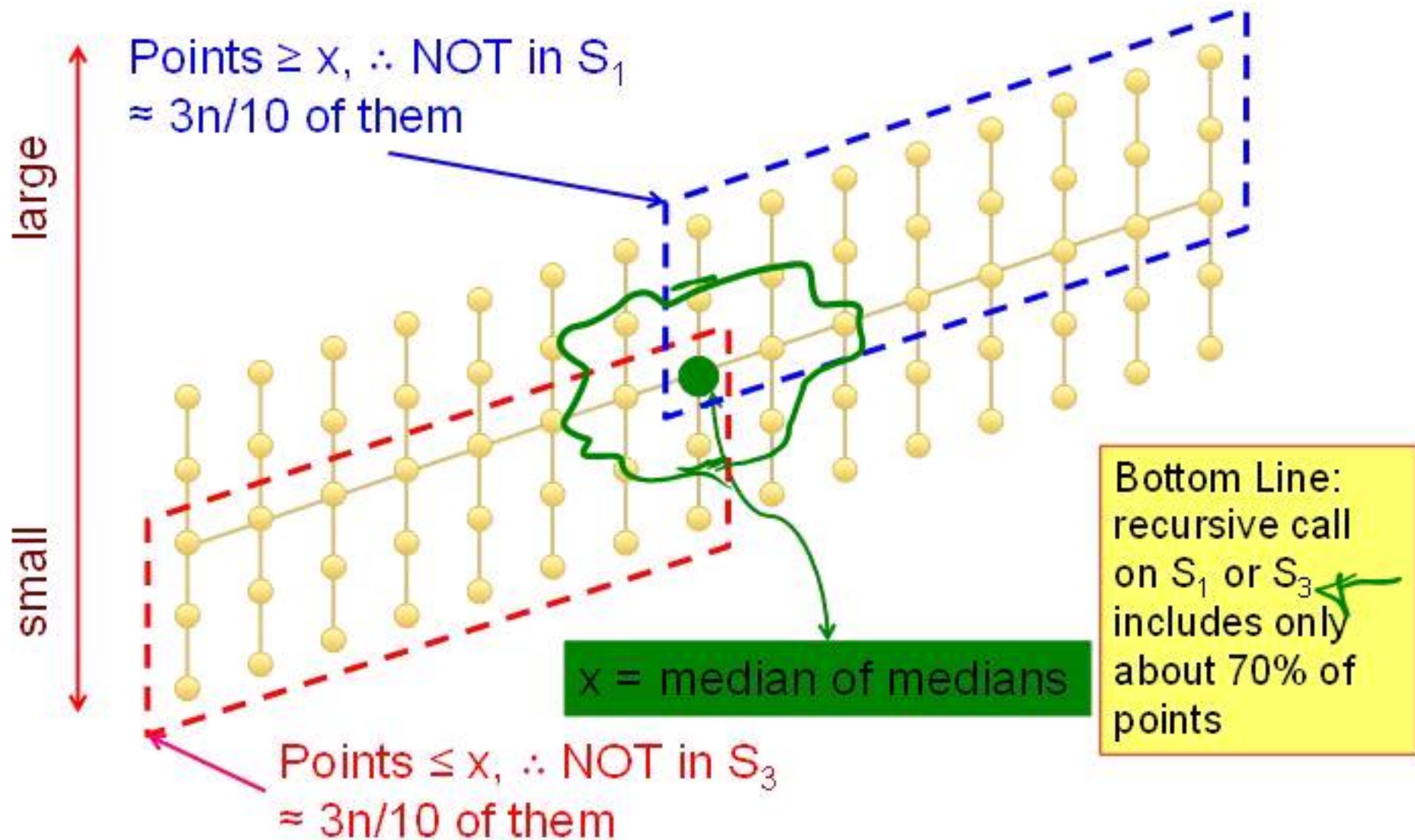
To show:  $|S_1| < 3n/4$ ,  $|S_3| < 3n/4$  

$n/5$  +  $3n/4$  =  $0.95n \Rightarrow O(n)$ , worst case 

# Median of Medians



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$\approx 7n/10$  points in subproblem

More precisely, various fussiness:

$\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$  groups, all but (possibly) last of size 5

Upper/lower half of  $\geq \lfloor \lfloor n/5 \rfloor / 2 \rfloor$  groups excluded

With some algebra,  $\exists a, b, c$  such that:

$$T(n) \leq T(7n/10+a) + T(n/5+b) + c n$$

# BFPRT Recurrence

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq T(7n/10+a) + T(n/5+b) + cn \\
 &\leq 20c\left(\frac{7n}{10}+a\right) + 20c\left(\frac{n}{5}+b\right) + cn \\
 &= 14cn + 4cn + cn + 20c(a+b) \\
 &= 19cn + 20\left(\frac{a+b}{n}\right) \cdot cn \\
 &\leq 20cn
 \end{aligned}$$

Base case  $n \leq 20(a+b)$

$$c = \max\left(3, \max_{n \leq 20(a+b)} \frac{T(n)}{20n}\right)$$

Prove that  $T(n) \leq 20cn$  for  $n > 20(a+b)$

## Idea:

“Two halves are better than a whole”  
if the base algorithm has super-linear complexity.

“If a little's good, then more's better”  
repeat above, recursively

## Analysis: recursion tree or Master Recurrence

## Applications: Many.

Binary Search, Merge Sort, (Quicksort), counting inversions, closest points, median, integer/ polynomial/matrix multiplication, FFT/convolution, exponentiation,...