

# Divide & Conquer

Q : Cost of manipulating integers

A : ① Modern  $a \leftarrow b \cdot c$  as primitive operation

② Multiplication can be done  $O(n^{\log_2 3})$  time

For this course, these gives two options for cost models :

①  $n$ -bit arithmetic operations as unit op.

②  $n$ -bit arithmetic ops using  $n^{\Theta(1)}$  steps. (tedious)

③  $O(\log n)$  bit integer arithmetic.

↳ Convention : for problems on integers, assume  $O(\log n)$  bits. ?  
also can use  $O(\log n)$  arithmetics as unit cost.

## Closest pair:

Description:

Assume  $x_i$ 's and  $y_i$ 's are disjoint

Proposition in  $O(n^2)$

algo:  $\min_{i,j} \text{dist}(P_i, P_j)^2$

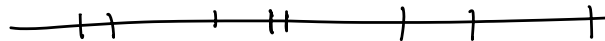
complexity:  $\binom{n}{2}$  pairs  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

Prop: one-dimensional in  $O(n \log n)$

Pf: idea: sorting

algo: input:  $x_1, \dots, x_n$   
sort to:  $\hat{x}_1 \leq \dots \leq \hat{x}_n$

$\rightarrow$  output:  $\min_i$



prop: 2D closest pair in  $O(n \log n)$

Pf: idea ①: sorting  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  by  $x$ -coordinates.  $\rightarrow$  fails

o  
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idea ②: divide and conquer

def  $A, B \subseteq P$ ,  $\text{dist}(A, B) = \min_{a \neq b} \text{dist}(a, b)$

$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(P, P)$  is closest pair on  $P$

def:  $L, R \subseteq P$  where

$$L = \{ P_i : x_i \leq \hat{x}_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \}$$

$$R = \{ P_i : x_i > \hat{x}_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \}$$

Lemma:  $|L| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $|R| = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$

Lemma:  $\text{dist}(P, P) = \min \begin{cases} \text{dist}(R, R) \\ \text{dist}(L, L) \\ \text{dist}(L, R) \end{cases}$

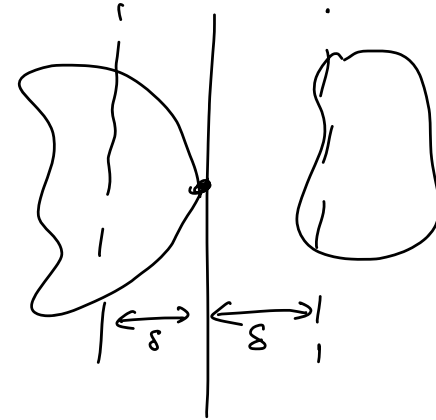
$\rightarrow$  two recursive calls

$\rightarrow$  hard?

def:  $S_\delta = \{ P_i: \hat{x}_{L \setminus \frac{\delta}{2}} - \delta \leq x_i \leq \hat{x}_{L \setminus \frac{\delta}{2}} + \delta \}$   $\delta$ -margin median strip of  $P$

Lemma:  $\delta := \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dist}(L, \bar{L}) \\ \text{dist}(R, \bar{R}) \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(P, \bar{P}) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta \\ \text{dist}(L \cap S_\delta, R \cap S_\delta) \end{array} \right\}$



Is  $\delta$  easier?  $\Rightarrow$  yes, we can use sorting in  $y$ -axis

prop: Sort  $S_\delta$  by  $y$ -coord.

if  $\tilde{p}_i \in L \cap S_\delta$ , then:  
 $\tilde{p}_j \in R \cap S_\delta$

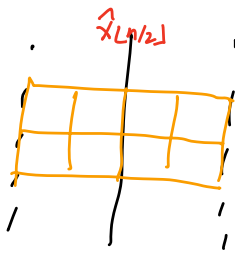
if  $\text{dist}(\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j) \leq \delta$ , then  $|i-j| \leq 8$  Constant!

Pf: claim: any  $\frac{\delta}{2} \times \frac{\delta}{2}$  box contains  $\leq 1$  points from  $L$

Pf:  $\frac{\delta}{2} \times \frac{\delta}{2}$  box, if contains two points  $p, q \in L$ , then  $\delta < \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow$  contradiction.

claim: any  $2\delta \times \delta$  box  $B$  centered around  $\hat{x}_{L \setminus \frac{\delta}{2}}$  contains  $\leq 8$  points

Pf:



at most 1 point in  
each box

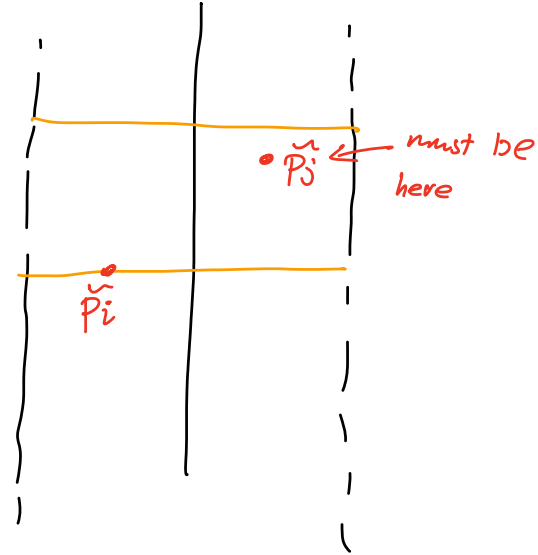
Then, let  $\tilde{p}_i = (\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i) \in \mathcal{L} \cap S_\delta$   
 $\tilde{p}_j = (\tilde{x}_j, \tilde{y}_j) \in \mathcal{R} \cap S_\delta$

If  $\text{dist}(\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j) \leq \delta$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{y}_j \leq \tilde{y}_i + \delta \Rightarrow \tilde{p}_j \in B, \tilde{p}_i \in B$

claim  
 $\Rightarrow |B \cap S_\delta| \leq 8$

$\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j \in B$   
 $\Rightarrow |i-j| \leq 8$  in  $y$ -coord sorted order in  $S_\delta$



Algo for 2D closest pair in  $O(n \log n)^2$ :

- If  $|P| \leq 3$ , brute force  $O(1)$
- Sort  $P$  by  $x$ -coord and get  $P_x$   $O(n \log n)$
- Partition  $P$  into  $L$  and  $R$  (find median and classify all points)  $O(n)$
- Recursively compute  $\begin{cases} \text{dist}(L, L) & T(\frac{n}{2}) \\ \text{dist}(R, R) & T(\frac{n}{2}) \end{cases}$
- Let  $\delta = \min$  of  $\begin{cases} \text{dist}(L, L) \\ \text{dist}(R, R) \end{cases}$   $O(1)$
- Compute  $S_\delta$   $O(n)$  by check if  $x$ -coord of  $P_i$  is in range
- sort  $S_\delta$  by  $y$ -coord  $O(n \log n)$
- compute closest pair in  $S_\delta$   $O(n)$
- Output  $\min \begin{cases} \delta \\ \text{closest pair in } S_\delta \end{cases}$   $O(1)$

Complexity:  $T(n) \leq 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n \log n) \leq O(n \log n)^2$

Thm: 2D closest pair in  $O(n \log n)$

idea: sorting in every recursive call is wasteful.

→ instead, sort by  $x$  and  $y$  coord once in the beginning

Then, in each recursion, we can construct  $L_x, L_y, R_x, R_y$  in  $O(n)$

( $L_x$  and  $R_x$  are easy as we have median. Then,  $L_y$  and  $R_y$  can be constructed during partition.)

Complexity:  $T(n) \leq O(n \log n) + R(n)$

$$R(n) \leq 2R\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \leq O(n \log n)$$

Remark: can be done in  $O(n)$  using randomization.