

DIVIDE & CONQUER



Algorithm Design and Analysis Divide and Conquer (3)

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Divide-and-Conquer 首部曲

Divide-and-Conquer
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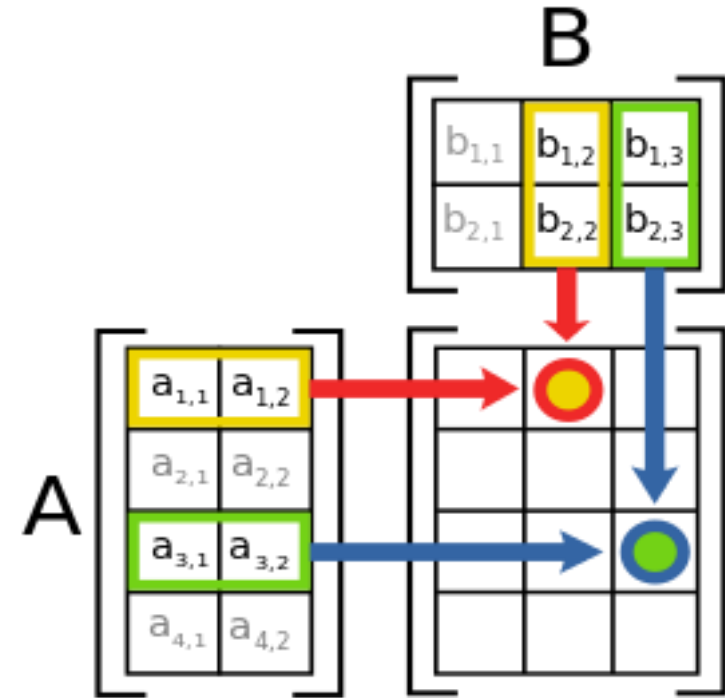
D&C #5: Matrix Multiplication

Textbook Chapter 4.2 – Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

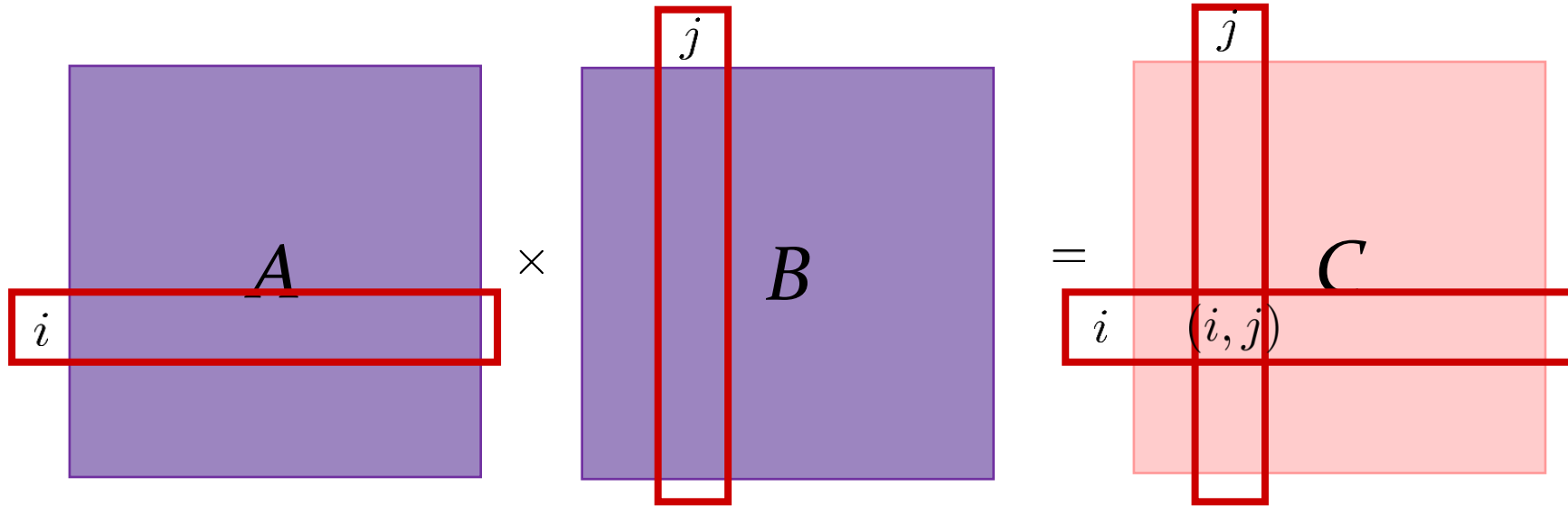


Matrix Multiplication Problem

- Input: two $n \times n$ matrices, A and B .
- Output: a matrix $C = A \times B$.



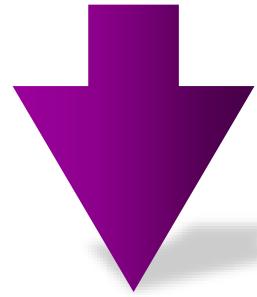
Naïve Algorithm



$$C(i, j) = \sum_{k=1}^n A(i, k) \cdot B(k, j)$$

- Each entry takes n multiplications
 - There are total n^2 entries
- ➡ $\Theta(n)\Theta(n^2) = \Theta(n^3)$

Matrix Multi. Problem Complexity



Upper bound = $O(n^3)$



Lower bound = $\Omega(n^2)$

Why?

Divide-and-Conquer

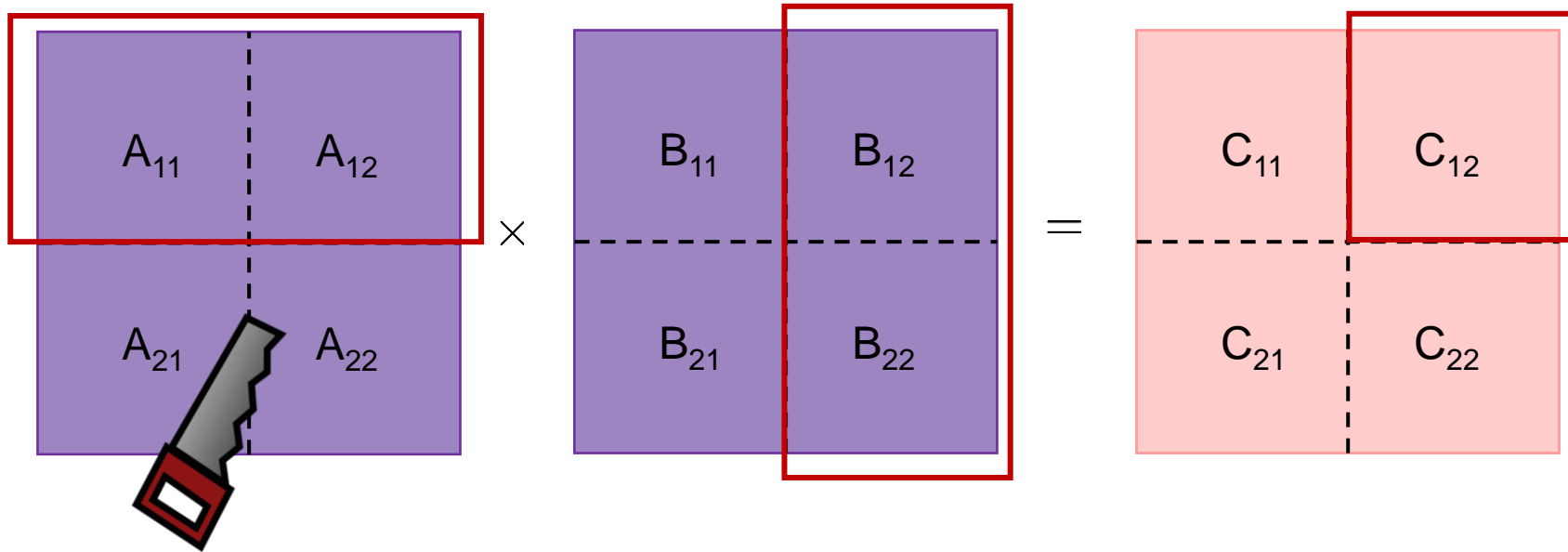
- We can assume that $n = 2^k$ for simplicity
 - Otherwise, we can increase n s.t. $n = 2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil}$
 - n may not be twice large as the original in this modification

$$C_{11} = A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}$$

$$C_{12} = A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22}$$

$$C_{21} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}$$

$$C_{22} = A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}$$



Algorithm Time Complexity

```
MatrixMultiply(n, A, B)
  //base case
  if n == 1
    return AB   $\Theta(1)$ 
  //recursive case
  Divide A and B into  $n/2$  by  $n/2$  submatrices  Divide  $\Theta(1)$ 
   $C_{11} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{11}, B_{11}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{12}, B_{21})$ 
   $C_{12} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{11}, B_{12}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{12}, B_{22})$ 
   $C_{21} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{21}, B_{11}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{22}, B_{21})$ 
   $C_{22} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{21}, B_{12}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{22}, B_{22})$ 
  return C
```

Conquer $8T(n/2)$

Combine $4\Theta((n/2)^2) = \Theta(n^2)$

- $T(n)$ = time for running `MatrixMultiply(n, A, B)`

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_2 8}) = \Theta(n^3)$$



Strassen's Technique



- Important theoretical breakthrough by Volker Strassen in 1969
- Reduces the running time from $\Theta(n^3)$ to $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) \approx \Theta(n^{2.807})$
- The key idea is to reduce the number of recursive calls
 - From 8 recursive calls to 7 recursive calls $T(n/2)$
 - At the cost of extra addition and subtraction operations $\Theta((n/2)^2)$

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Intuition:

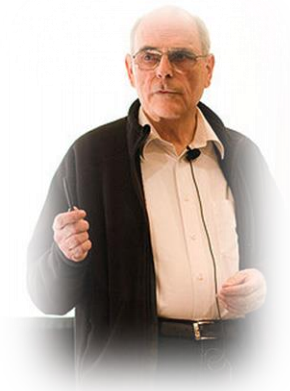
$$ac + ad + bc + bd = (a + b)(c + d)$$

4 multiplications
3 additions

→

1 multiplication
2 additions

Strassen's Algorithm



- $C = A \times B$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$	$C_{11} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7$	2 + 1 -
	$C_{12} = M_3 + M_5$	1 +
	$C_{21} = M_2 + M_4$	1 +
	$C_{22} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6$	2 + 1 -
$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$	$M_1 = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$	2 + 1×
	$M_2 = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$	1 + 1×
	$M_3 = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$	1 - 1×
	$M_4 = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$	1 - 1×
$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$	$M_5 = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$	1 + 1×
	$M_6 = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$	1 + 1 - 1×
	$M_7 = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$	1 + 1 - 1×
$18\Theta((n/2)^2) + 7T(n/2)$		<hr/> 12 + 6 - 7×

Verification of Strassen's Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}C_{12} &= M_3 + M_5 \\&= A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22} \\&= A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\C_{21} &= M_2 + M_4 \\&= (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11} + A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11}) \\&= A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}\end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Practice

$$\begin{aligned}C_{11} &= M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 \\C_{22} &= M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6\end{aligned}$$

Strassen's Algorithm Time Complexity

```
Strassen(n, A, B)
  // base case
  if n == 1
    return AB     $\Theta(1)$ 
  // recursive case
  Divide A and B into  $n/2$  by  $n/2$  submatrices  Divide  $\Theta(1)$ 
   $M_1 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{11}+A_{22}, B_{11}+B_{22})$ 
   $M_2 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{21}+A_{22}, B_{11})$ 
   $M_3 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{11}, B_{12}-B_{22})$ 
   $M_4 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{22}, B_{21}-B_{11})$ 
   $M_5 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{11}+A_{12}, B_{22})$ 
   $M_6 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{11}-A_{21}, B_{11}+B_{12})$ 
   $M_7 = \text{Strassen}(n/2, A_{12}-A_{22}, B_{21}+B_{22})$ 
   $C_{11} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7$ 
   $C_{12} = M_3 + M_5$ 
   $C_{21} = M_2 + M_4$ 
   $C_{22} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6$ 
  return C
```

Conquer
 $7T(n/2) + \Theta((n/2)^2)$

Combine
 $\Theta(n^2)$

- $T(n)$ = time for running
Strassen(n, A, B)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) \sim \Theta(n^{2.807})$$

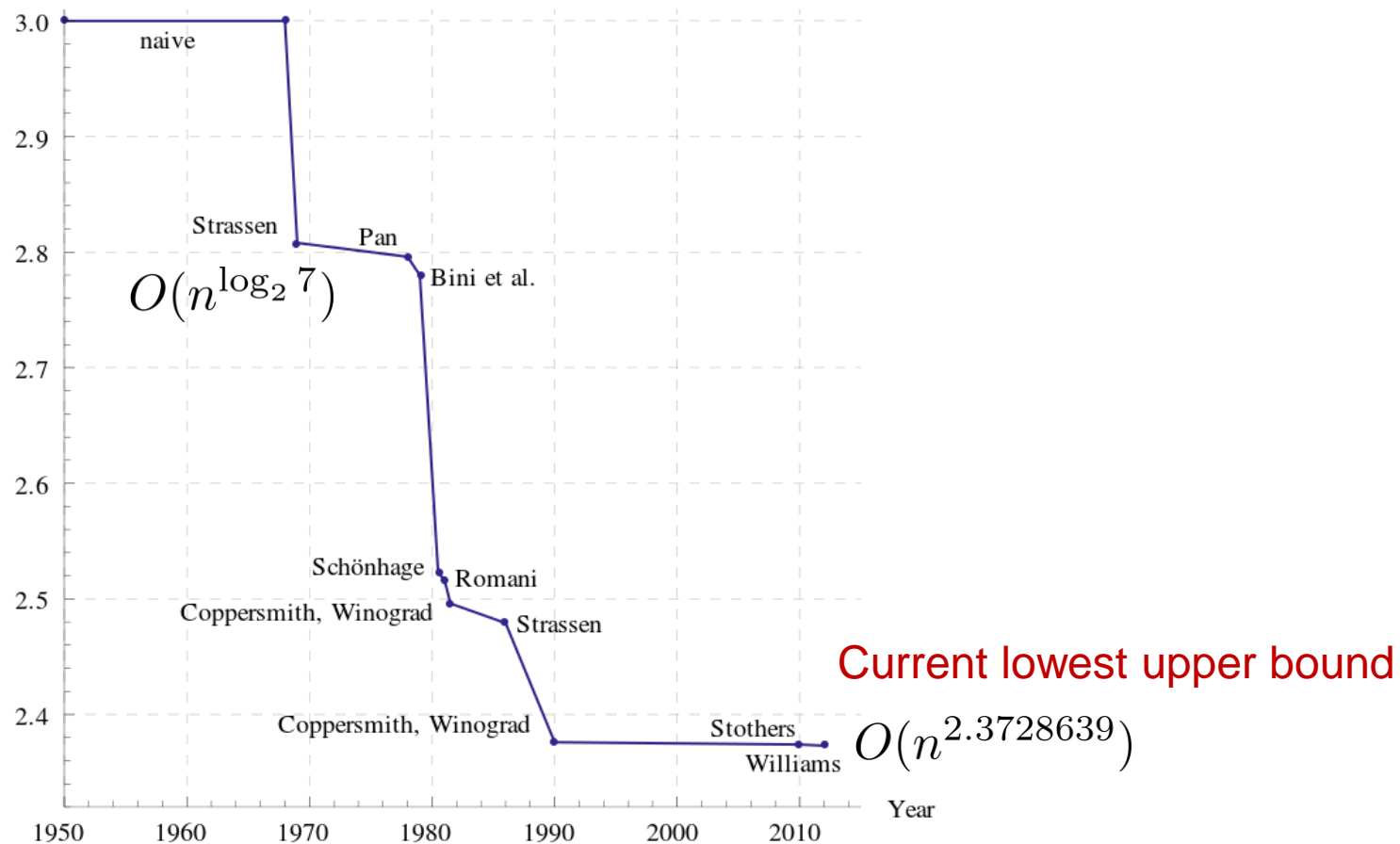


Practicability of Strassen's Algorithm

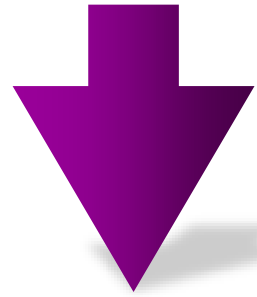
- Disadvantages
 1. Larger constant factor than it in the naïve approach
$$c_1 n^{\log_2 7}, c_2 n^3 \rightarrow c_1 > c_2$$
 2. Less numerical stable than the naïve approach
 - Larger errors accumulate in non-integer computation due to limited precision
 3. The submatrices at the levels of recursion consume space
 4. Faster algorithms exist for sparse matrices
- Advantages: find the crossover point and combine two subproblems

Matrix Multiplication Upper Bounds

- Each algorithm gives an upper bound



Matrix Multi. Problem Complexity



Upper bound = $O(n^{2.3728639})$



Lower bound = $\Omega(n^2)$



D&C #6: Selection Problem

Textbook Chapter 9.3 – Selection in worst-case linear time

Selection Problem

- **Input**

- A set A of n (distinct) numbers.
- An integer k , with $0 \leq k < n$.

- **Output**

- The k -th largest element in A .

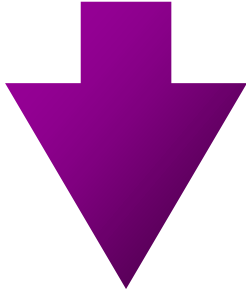
$$\underline{n = 10, k = 4}$$



Selection Problem \leq Sorting Problem

- If the sorting problem can be solved in $O(f(n))$, so can the selection problem based on the algorithm design
 - Step 1: sort A into increasing order
 - Step 2: output $A[n - k + 1]$

Selection Problem Complexity



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



Can we make the upper bound better if we do not sort them?

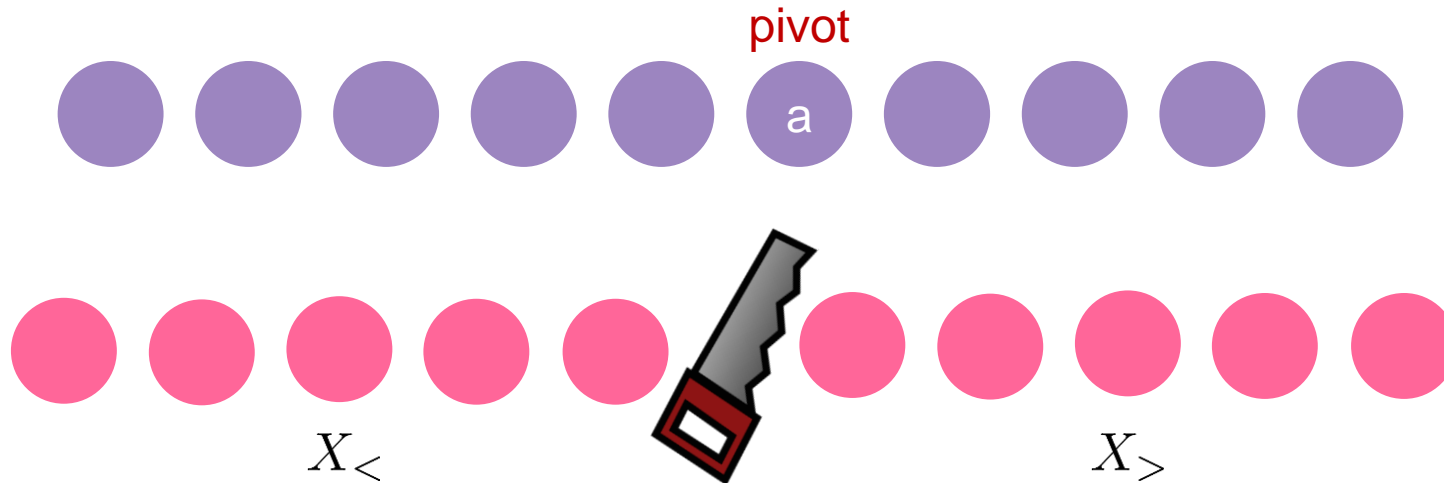


Lower bound = $\Omega(n)$

Divide-and-Conquer

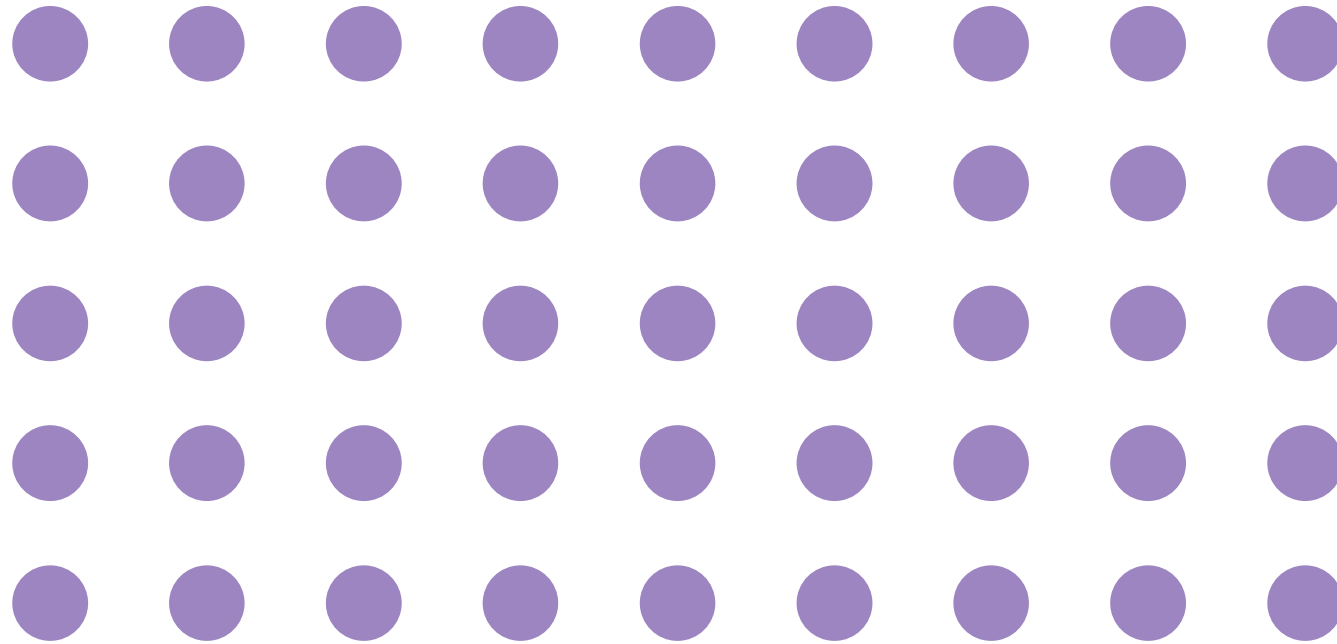
- Idea

- Select a pivot and divide the inputs into two subproblems
- If $k \leq |X_{>}|$, we find the k -th largest
- If $k > |X_{>}|$, we find the $(k - |X_{>}|)$ -th largest

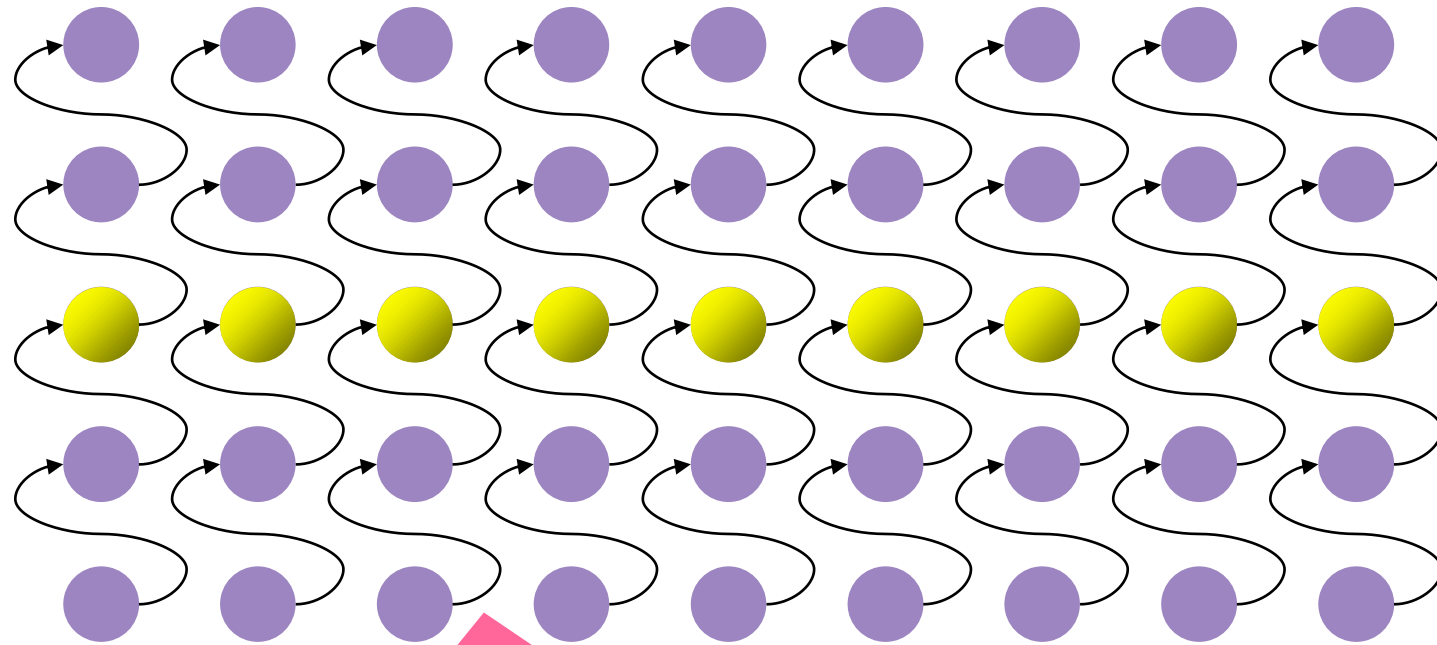


We want these subproblems to have similar size
→ The better pivot is the medium in the input array

(1) Five Guys per Group

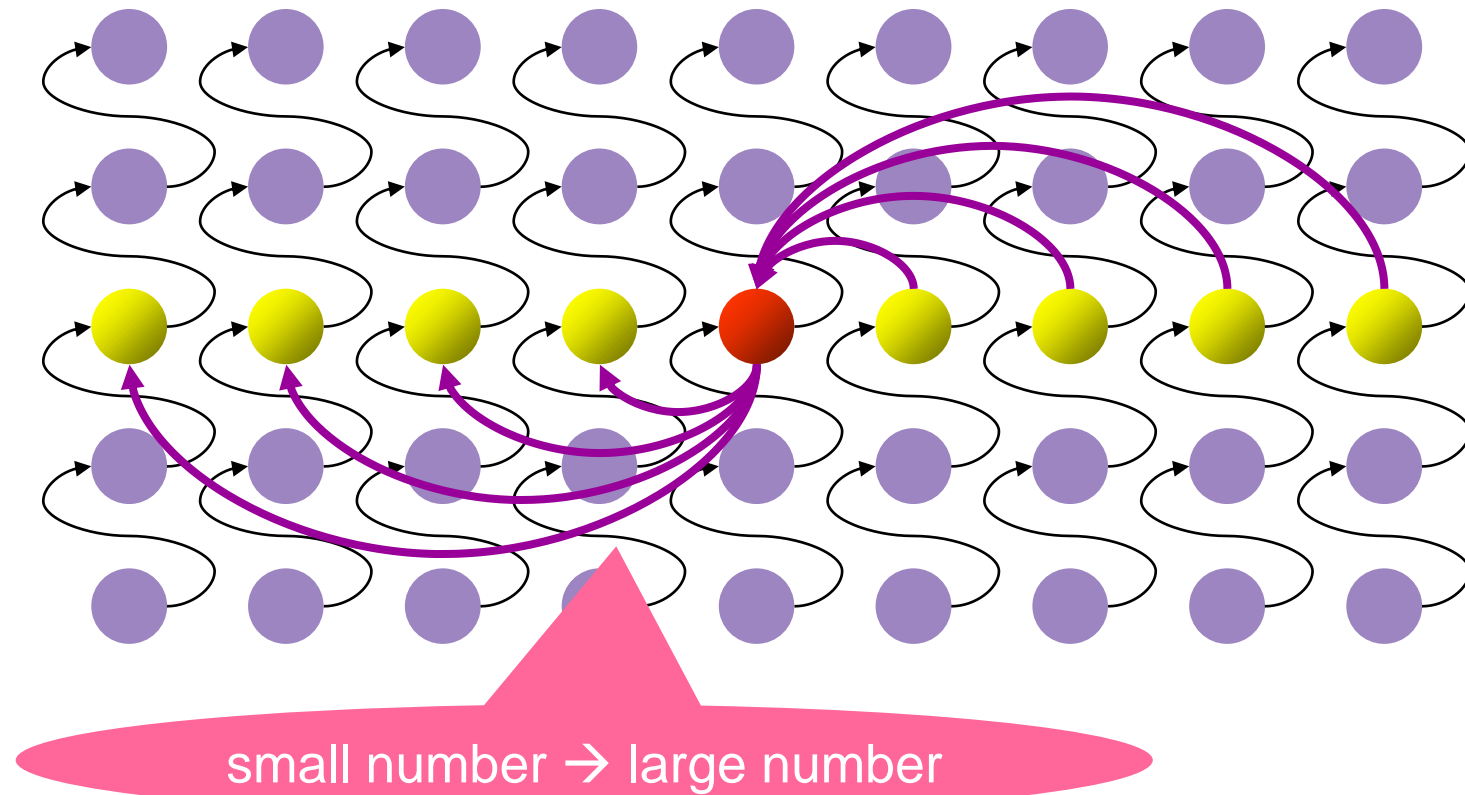


(2) A Median per Group

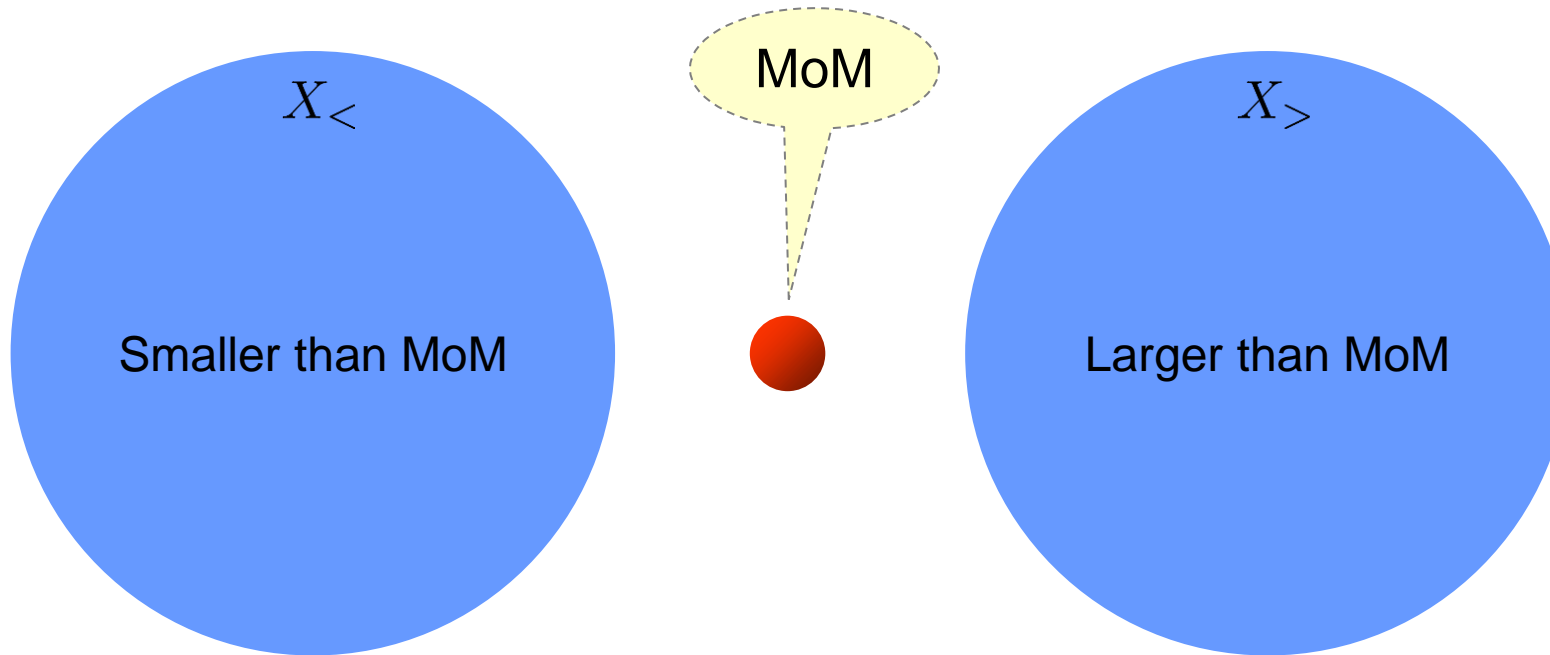


small number → large number

(3) Median of Medians (MoM)

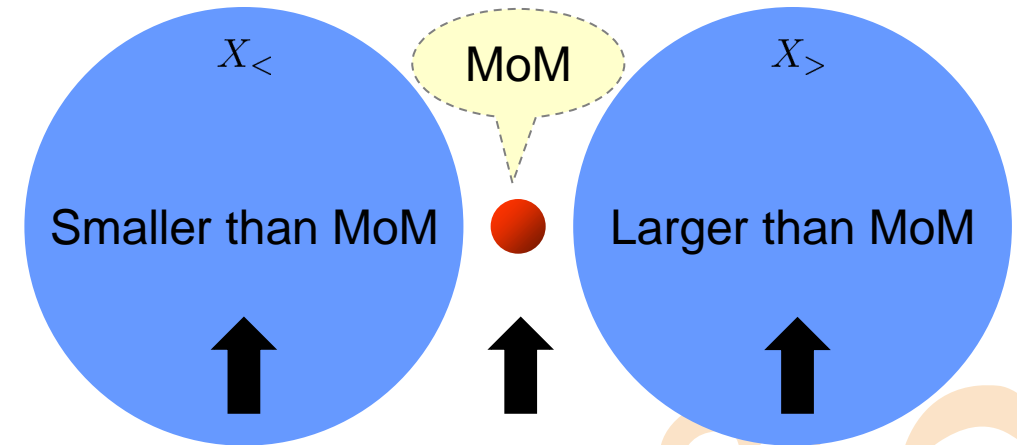


(4) Partition via MoM



(5) Recursion

- Three cases
 1. If $k \leq |X_{>}|$, then output the k -th largest number in $X_{>}$
 2. If $k = |X_{>}| + 1$, then output MoM
 3. If $k > |X_{>}| + 1$, then output the $(k - |X_{>}| - 1)$ -th largest number in $X_{<}$
- Practice to prove by induction



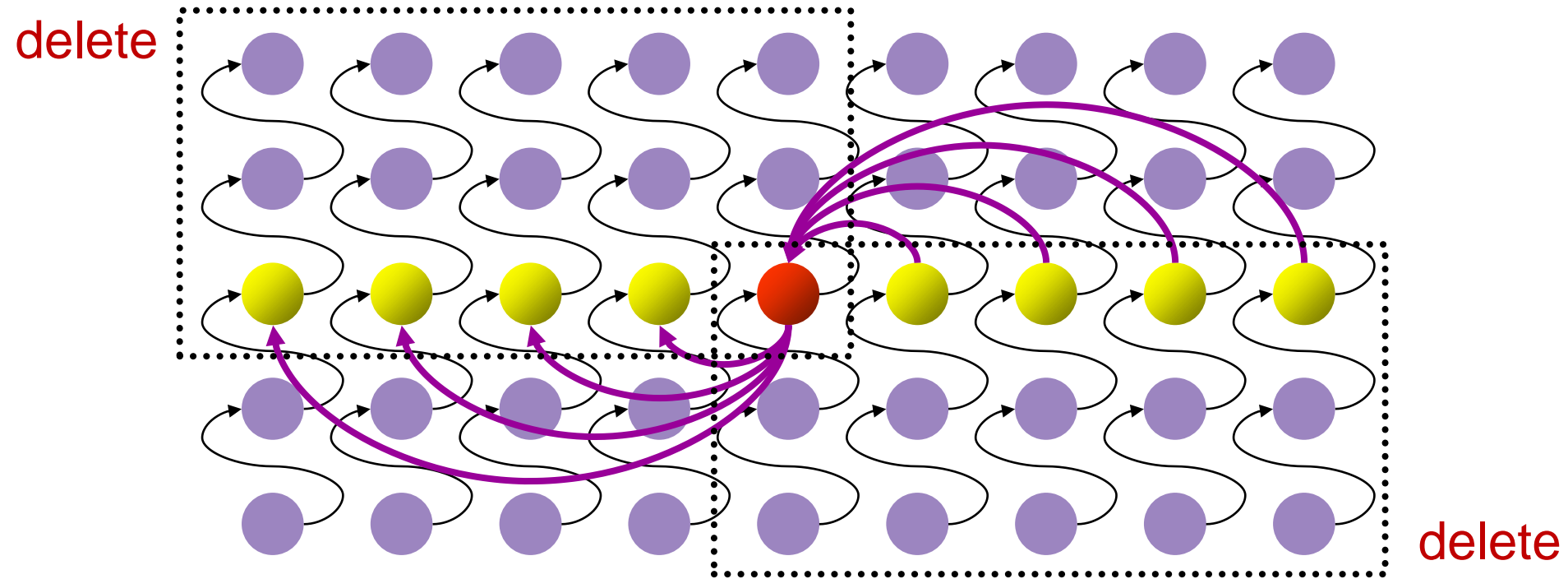
Two Recursive Steps

- Step (2): Determining MoM
- Step (5): Selection in $X_{<}$ or $X_{>}$

Divide-and-Conquer for Selection

```
Selection(X, k)
  // base case
  if |X| ≤ 4
    sort X and return X[k]   $\Theta(1)$ 
  // recursive case
  Divide X into |X|/5 groups with size 5   $\Theta(1)$ 
  M[i] = median from group i   $\Theta(1) \cdot \Theta(n/5) = \Theta(n)$ 
  MoM = Selection(M, |M|/2)   $T(n/5)$ 
  for i = 1 ... |X|
    if X[i] > MoM
      insert X[i] into X2
    else
      insert X[i] into X1
  if |X2| == k - 1
    return x   $\Theta(1)$ 
  if |X2| > k - 1
    return Selection(X2, k)   $T(|X2|)$ 
  return Selection(X1, k - |X2| - 1)   $T(|X1|)$ 
```

Candidates for Consideration



- If $k \leq |X_{>}|$, then output the k -th largest number in $X_{>}$
- If $k > |X_{>}| + 1$, then output the $(k - |X_{>}| - 1)$ -th largest number in $X_{<}$

Deleting at least $\frac{n}{5} \div 2 \times 3 = \frac{3}{10}n$ guys

D&C Algorithm Complexity

- $T(n)$ = time for running `selection(X, k)` with $|X| = n$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + \max(T(|X_{>}|), T(|X_{<}|)) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Theta(n)$$

- Intuition

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\frac{9n}{10}\right) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Case 3: If
 - $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$, and
 - $a \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c \cdot f(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large n ,

then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

Theorem

- Theorem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + O(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n)$$

- Proof

- There exists positive constant a, b s.t. $T(n) \leq \begin{cases} a & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + b \cdot n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$

- Use induction to prove $T(n) \leq c \cdot n$

- $n = 1, a > c$

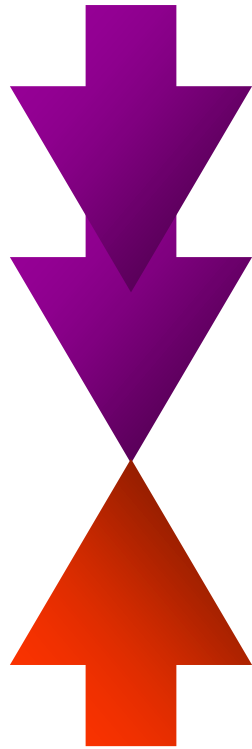
- $n > 1, T(n) \leq T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + b \cdot n$

Inductive hypothesis $\leq \frac{1}{5}cn + \frac{7}{10}cn + bn = \frac{9}{10}cn + bn = cn - \left(\frac{1}{10}cn - bn\right)$

select $c > 10b$

$$\leq cn$$

Selection Problem Complexity



Upper bound = $O(n)$

Lower bound = $\Omega(n)$





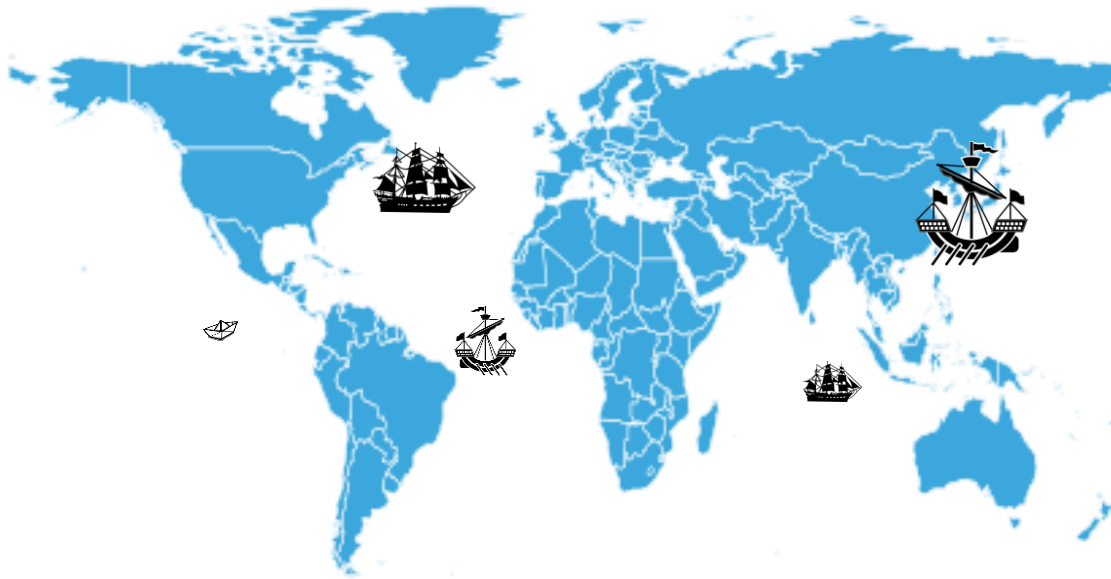
D&C #7: Closest Pair of Points

Textbook Chapter 33.4 – Finding the closest pair of points
Section 5.4 of Algorithm Design by Kleinberg & Tardos



Closest Pair of Points Problem

- Input: $n \geq 2$ points, where $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ for $0 \leq i < n$
- Output: two points p_i and p_j that are closest
 - “Closest”: smallest Euclidean distance
 - Euclidean distance between p_i and p_j : $d(p_i, p_j) = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$



- Brute-force algorithm
 - Check all pairs of points:
 $\Theta(C_2^n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Closest Pair of Points Problem

- 1D:

- Sort all points $\Theta(n \log n)$
- Scan the sorted points to find the closest pair in one pass $\Theta(n)$
 - We only need to examine the adjacent points

➡ $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

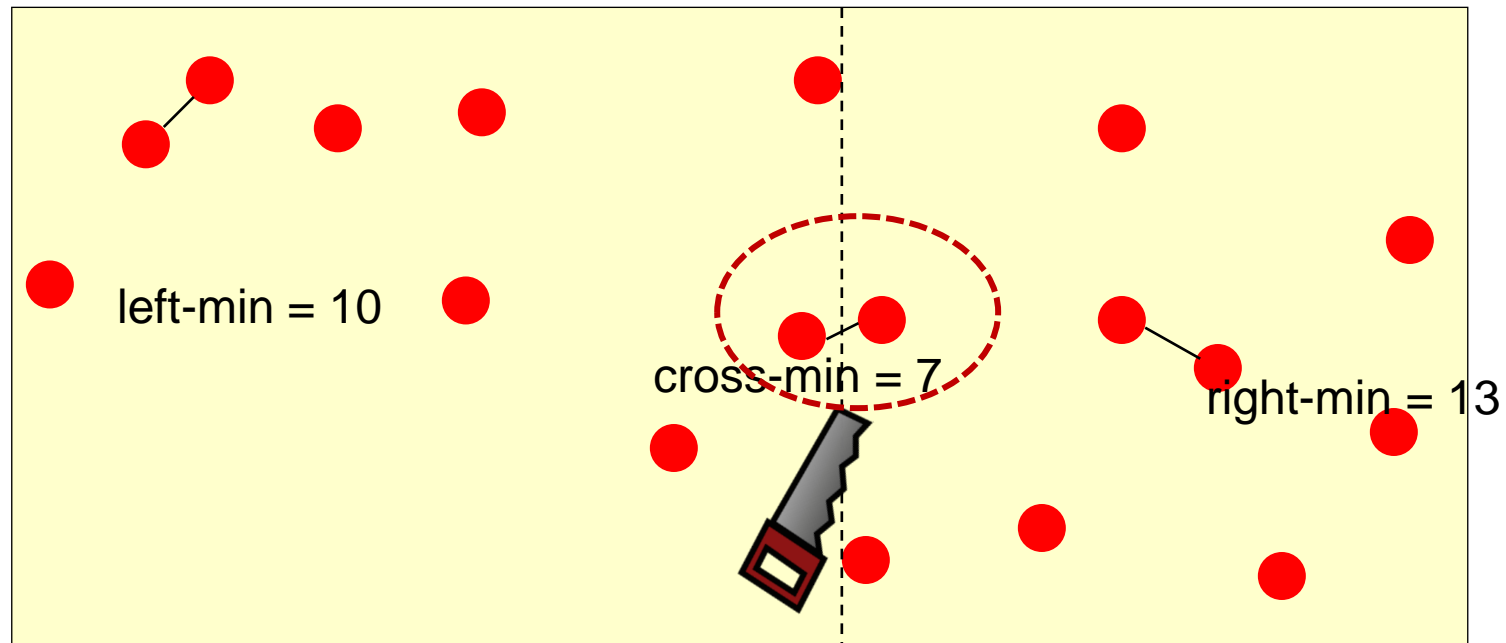


- 2D:



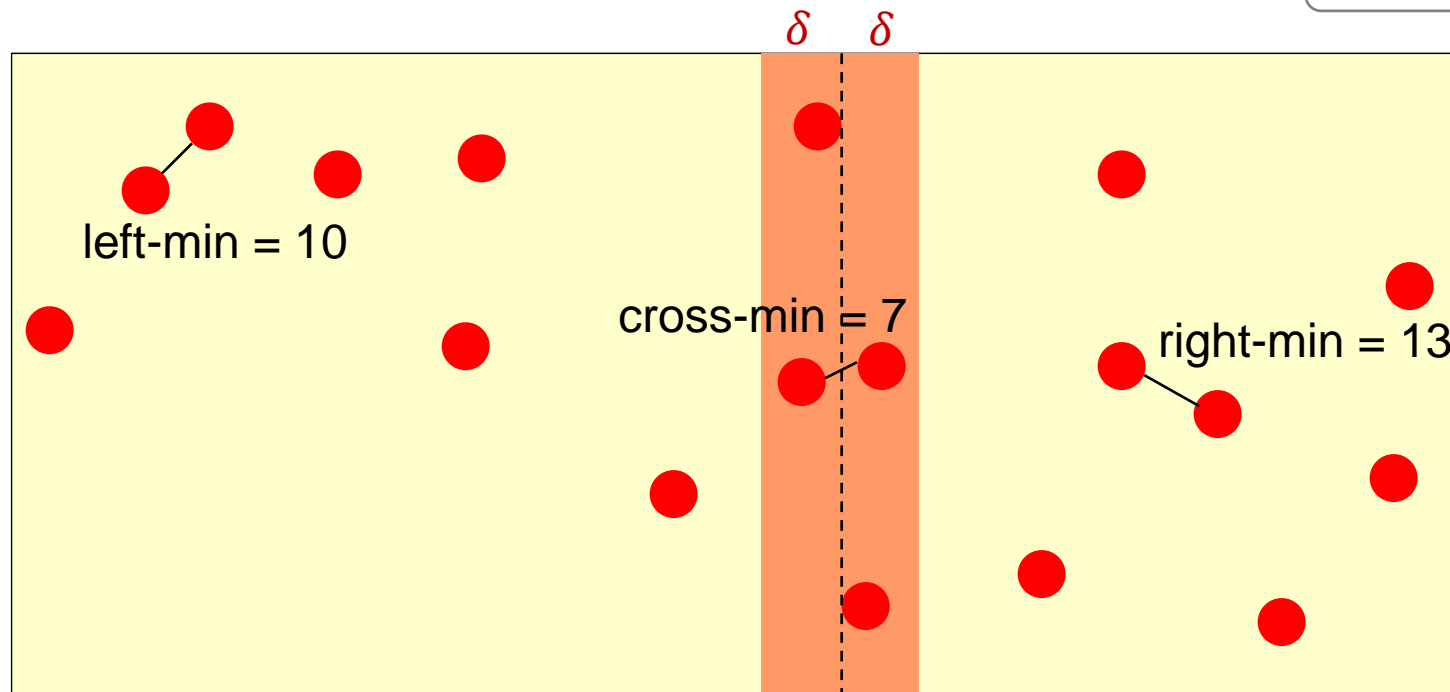
Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

- **Divide**: divide points evenly along x-coordinate
- **Conquer**: find closest pair in each region recursively
- **Combine**: find closet pair with one point in each region, and return the best of three solutions



Cross Two Regions

- Algo 1: check all pairs that cross two regions $\rightarrow n/2 \times n/2$ combinations
- Algo 2: only consider points within δ of the cut, $\delta = \min\{l-\min, r-\min\}$
 - Other pairs of points must have distance larger than δ

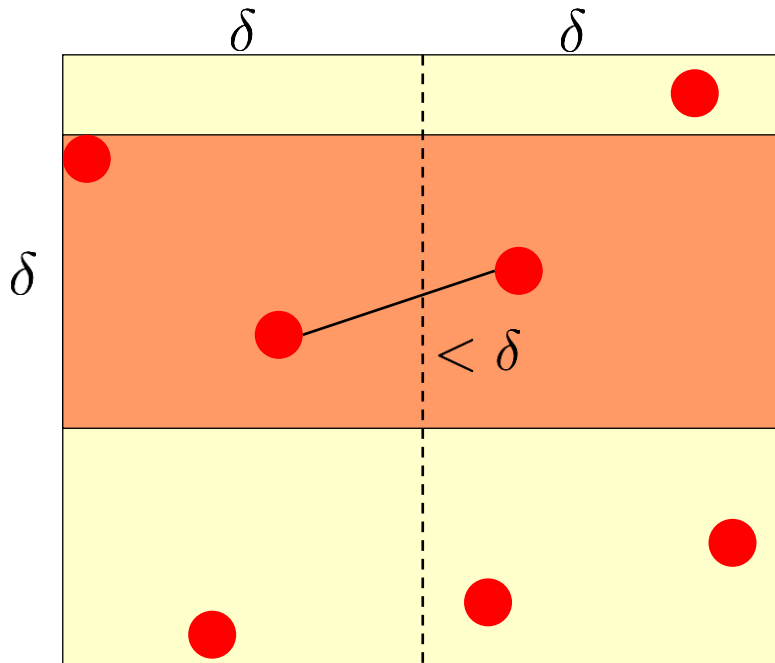


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- Algo 3: only consider pairs within $\delta \times 2\delta$ blocks
 - Obs 1: every pair with smaller than δ distance must appear in a $\delta \times 2\delta$ block



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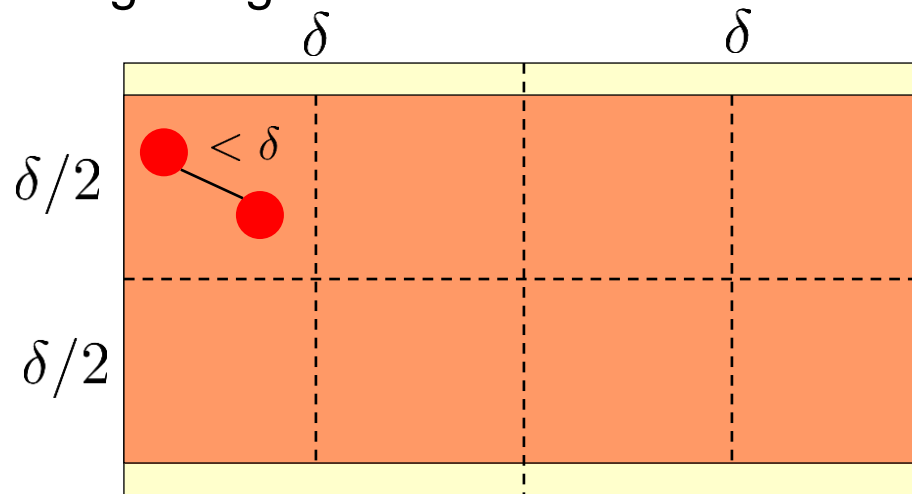


要是很倒霉，所有的
點都聚集在某個 $\delta \times 2\delta$
區塊內怎麼辦



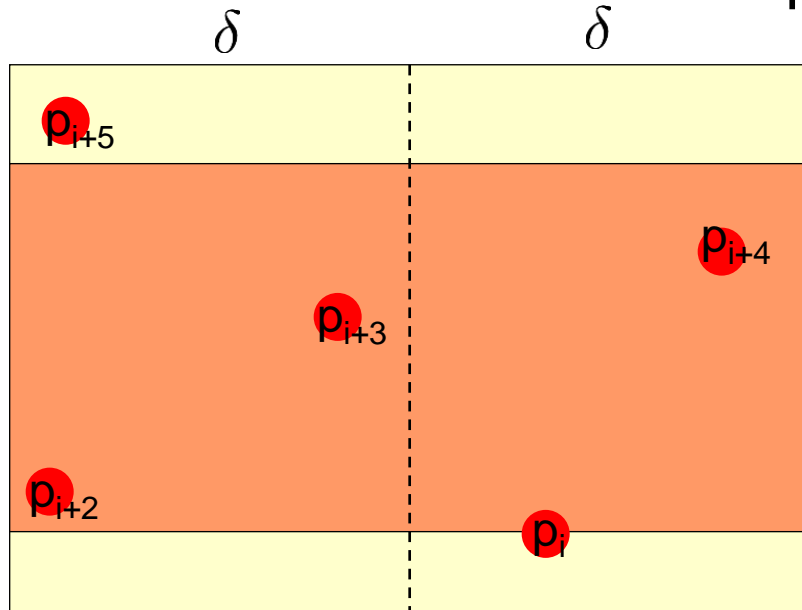
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- Algo 3: only consider pairs within $\delta \times 2\delta$ blocks
 - Obs 1: every pair with smaller than δ distance must appear in a $\delta \times 2\delta$ block
 - Obs 2: there are at most 8 points in a $\delta \times 2\delta$ block
 - Each $\delta/2 \times \delta/2$ block contains at most 1 point, otherwise the distance returned from left/right region should be smaller than δ



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 - Obs 1: every pair with smaller than δ distance must appear in a $\delta \times 2\delta$ block
 - Obs 2: there are at most 8 points in a $\delta \times 2\delta$ block



Find-closest-pair-across-regions

1. Sort the points by y-values within δ of the cut (yellow region)
2. For the sorted point p_i , compute the distance with p_{i+1} , p_{i+2} , ..., p_{i+7}
3. Return the smallest one

At most 7 distance calculations needed

Algorithm Complexity

Closest-Pair(P)

// termination condition (base case)

if $|P| \leq 3$ brute-force finding closest pair and return it $\Theta(1)$

// Divide

find a vertical line L s.t. both planes contain half of the points $\Theta(n \log n)$

// Conquer (by recursion)

left-pair, left-min = Closest-Pair(points in the left)

right-pair, right-min = Closest-Pair(points in the right) $2T(n/2)$

// Combine

delta = min{left-min, right-min}

remove points that are delta or more away from L // Obs 1

sort remaining points by y-coordinate into p_0, \dots, p_k $\Theta(n \log n)$

for point p_i : $\Theta(n)$

compute distances with $p_{i+1}, p_{i+2}, \dots, p_{i+7}$ // Obs 2

update delta if a closer pair is found

return the closest pair and its distance

- $T(n)$ = time for running Closest-Pair(P) with $|P| = n$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq 3 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n \log n) & \text{if } n > 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n) \quad \text{Exercise 4.6-2}$$

Preprocessing

- Idea: do not sort inside the recursive case

```
sort P by x- and y-coordinate and store in Px and Py  $\Theta(n \log n)$ 
Closest-Pair(P)
  // termination condition (base case)
  if |P| <= 3 brute-force finding closest pair and return it  $\Theta(1)$ 
  // Divide
  find a vertical line L s.t. both planes contain half of the points  $\Theta(n)$ 
  // Conquer (by recursion)
  left-pair, left-min = Closest-Pair(points in the left)  $2T(n/2)$ 
  right-pair, right-min = Closest-Pair(points in the right)
  // Combine
  delta = min{left-min, right-min}
  remove points that are delta or more away from L // Obs 1
  for point  $p_i$  in sorted candidates  $\Theta(n)$ 
    compute distances with  $p_{i+1}, p_{i+2}, \dots, p_{i+7}$  // Obs 2
    update delta if a closer pair is found
  return the closest pair and its distance
```

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq 3 \\ 2T'\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 3 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T'(n) = \Theta(n \log n) \quad T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

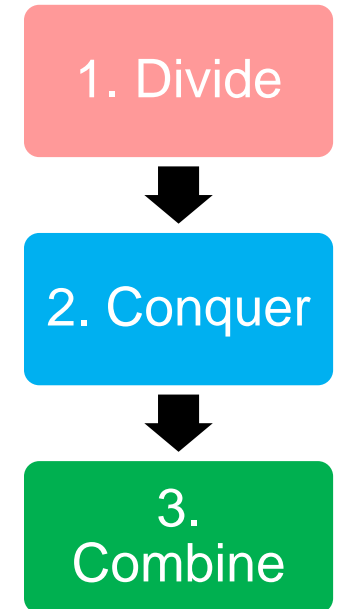
Closest Pair of Points Problem

- $O(n)$ algorithm
 - Taking advantage of randomization
 - Chapter 13.7 of Algorithm Design by Kleinberg & Tardos
 - Samir Khuller and Yossi Matias. 1995. A simple randomized sieve algorithm for the closest-pair problem. Inf. Comput. 118, 1 (April 1995), 34-37.

Concluding Remarks

- When to use D&C
 - Whether the problem with small inputs can be solved directly
 - Whether subproblem solutions can be combined into the original solution
 - Whether the overall complexity is better than naïve
- Note
 - Try different ways of dividing
 - D&C may be suboptimal due to repetitive computations
 - Example.
 - D&C algo for Fibonacci: $\Omega\left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n\right)$
 - Bottom-up algo for Fibonacci: $\Theta(n)$

```
Fibonacci(n)
  if n < 2
    return 1
  a[0]=1
  a[1]=1
  for i = 2 ... n
    a[i]=a[i-1]+a[i-2]
  return a[n]
```



Our next topic: **Dynamic Programming**
“a technique for solving problems with overlapping subproblems”



Question?

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