



# Warming-up Module 2: Smallest Triangle Problem

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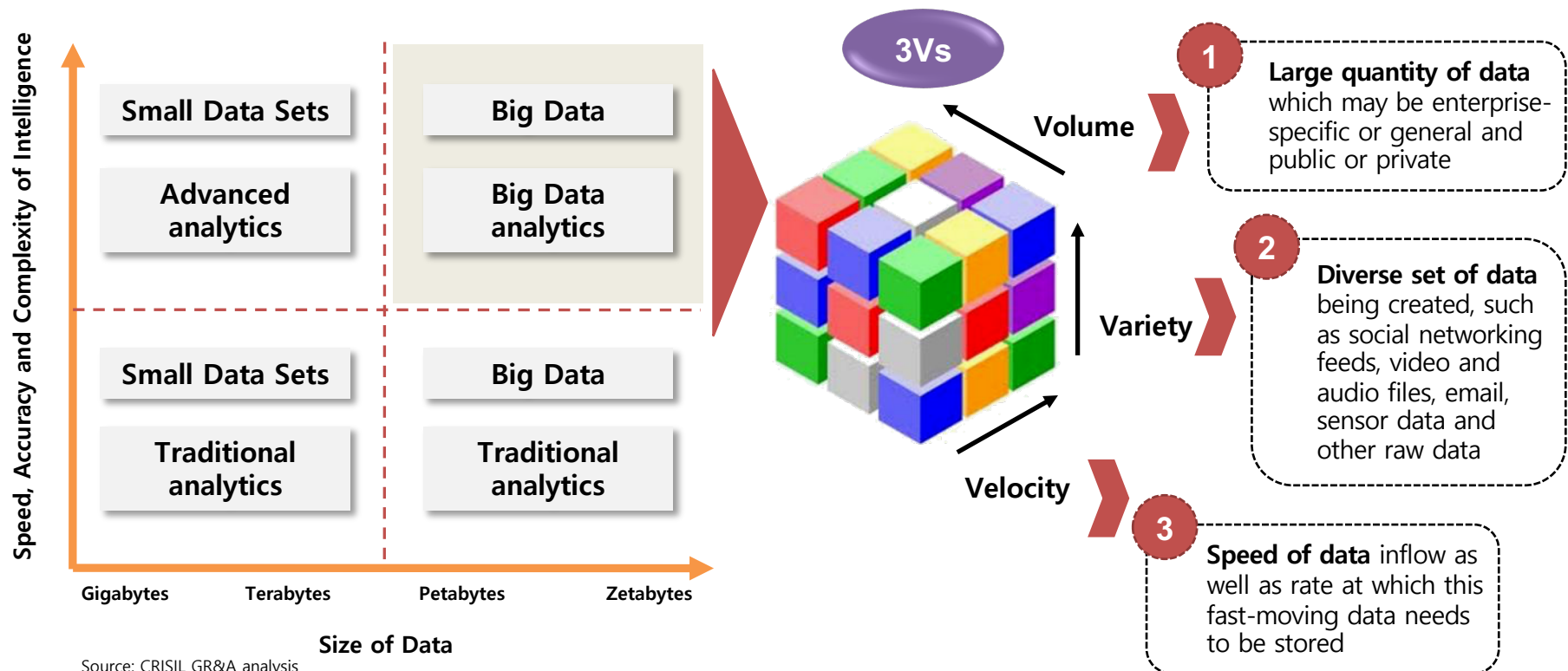
# Purpose

- Encourage your teamwork
  - Know the strong points of your team's members
  - E.g.,
    - "A writes Java code very well!"
    - "B is very good at math and algorithm!"
- Understand why processing big data is so hard



# What is Big Data?

Big Data relates to rapidly growing, *Structured and Unstructured datasets* with sizes **beyond the ability of conventional database tools** to store, manage, and analyze them. In addition to its size and complexity, it refers to its ability to help in *“Evidence-Based” Decision-making*, having a high impact on business operations



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# How to Deal with Big Data?

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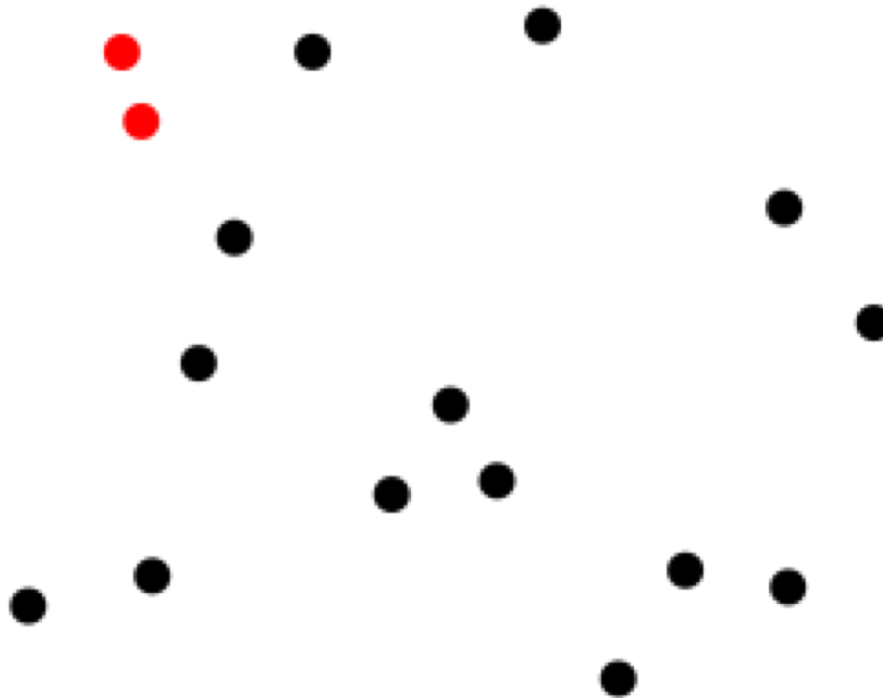
- Sample & analysis with small data
- Find more efficient algorithms
- Distribute a task & compute it in parallel



# Finding the Closest Pair

- Given
  - A set of d-dimensional points
    - $D = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$
    - $p_i$  : a d-dimensional point  $\langle p_{i1}, \dots, p_{id} \rangle$
- Find
  - A pair of points from D whose Euclidean distance is the smallest

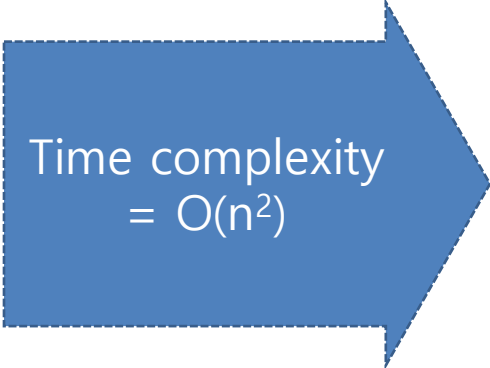
# Finding the Closest Pair





# A Naïve Algorithm

- $mind \leftarrow \infty$
- $minpair \leftarrow (-1, -1)$
- For  $i = 0$  to  $n-2$ 
  - For  $j = i+1$  to  $n-1$ 
    - $d \leftarrow \text{Compute } d(p_i, p_j)$
    - if  $mind > d$ 
      - ◆  $mind \leftarrow d$
      - ◆  $minpair \leftarrow (i, j)$
- return  $mind, minpair$



Time complexity  
=  $O(n^2)$



# Sampling

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- We cannot find the exact answer using sampling!
- → Sampling is not a good solution

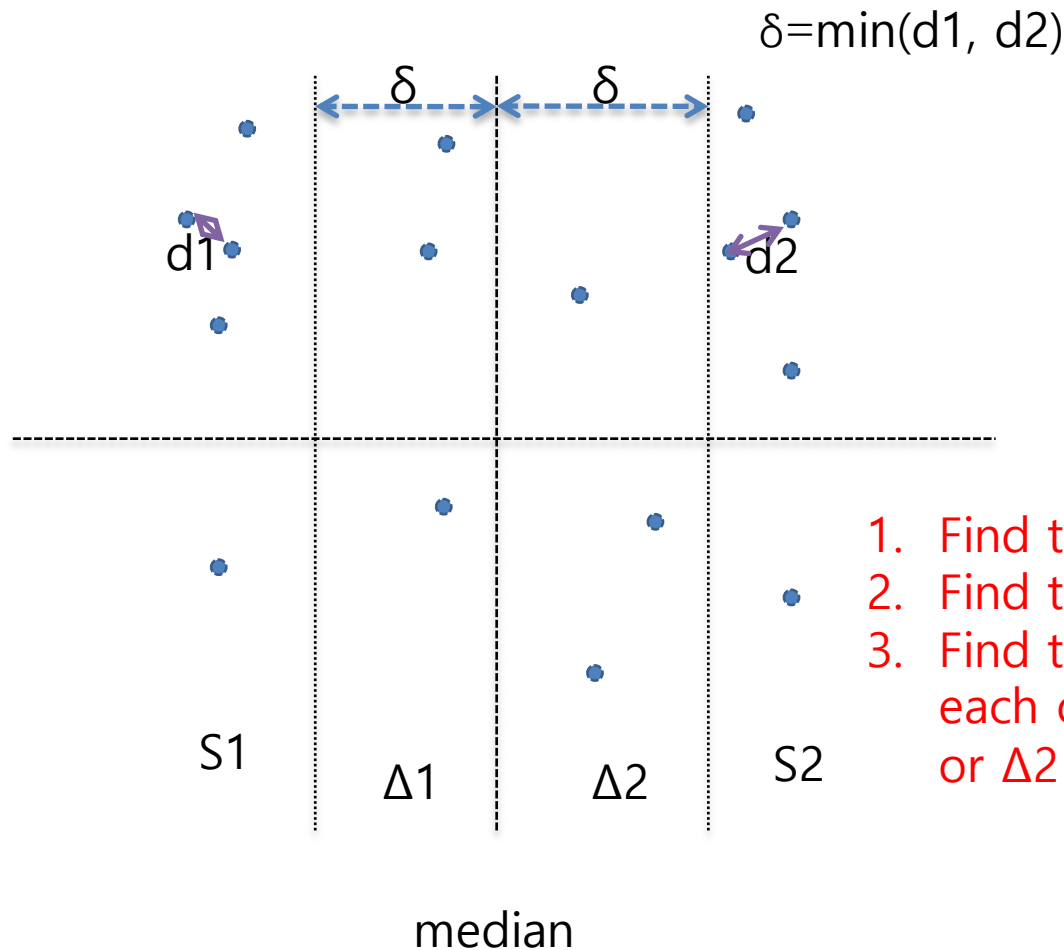




# Too Slow!

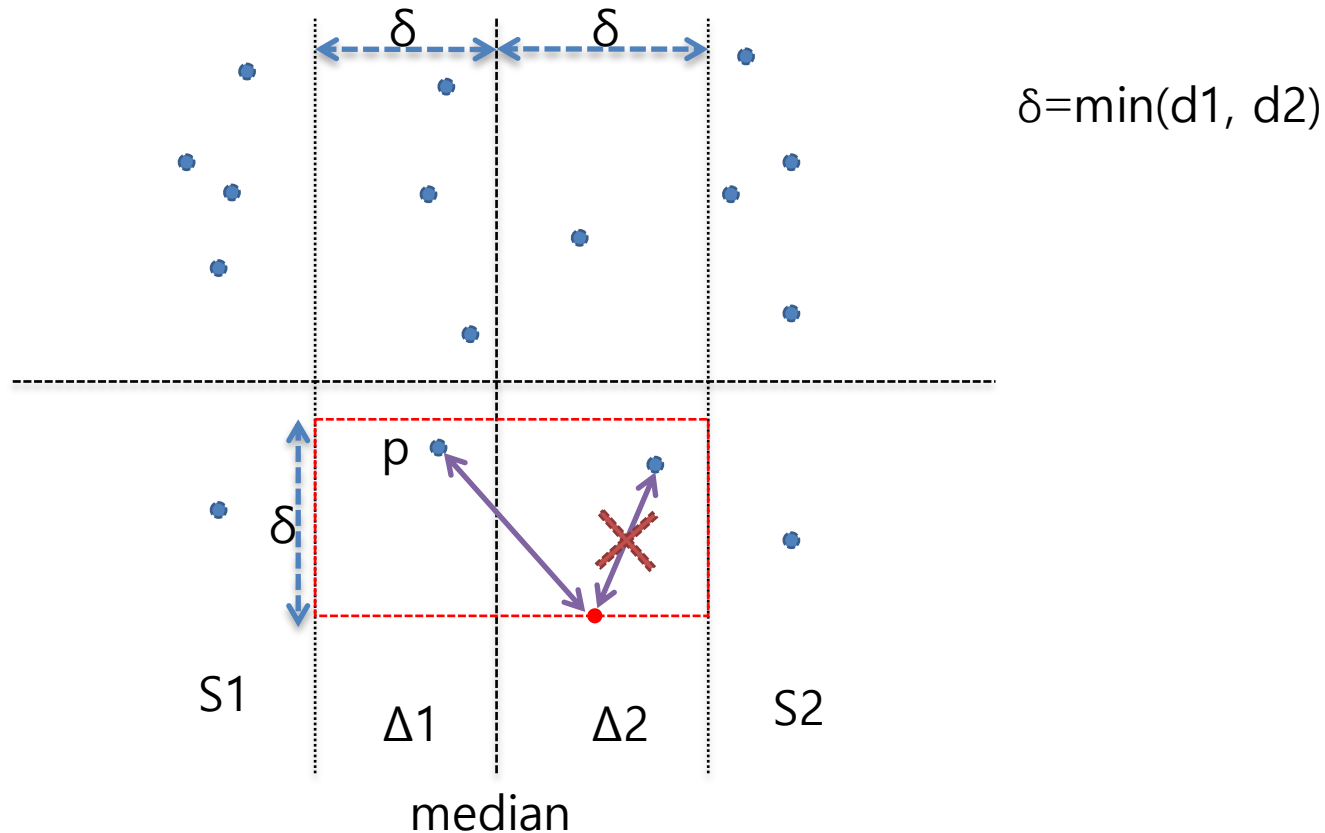
- Time complexity  $\geq O(n^2)$
- How to improve the performance
  - 1. Parallelization
  - 2. Develop a more efficient algorithm

# Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

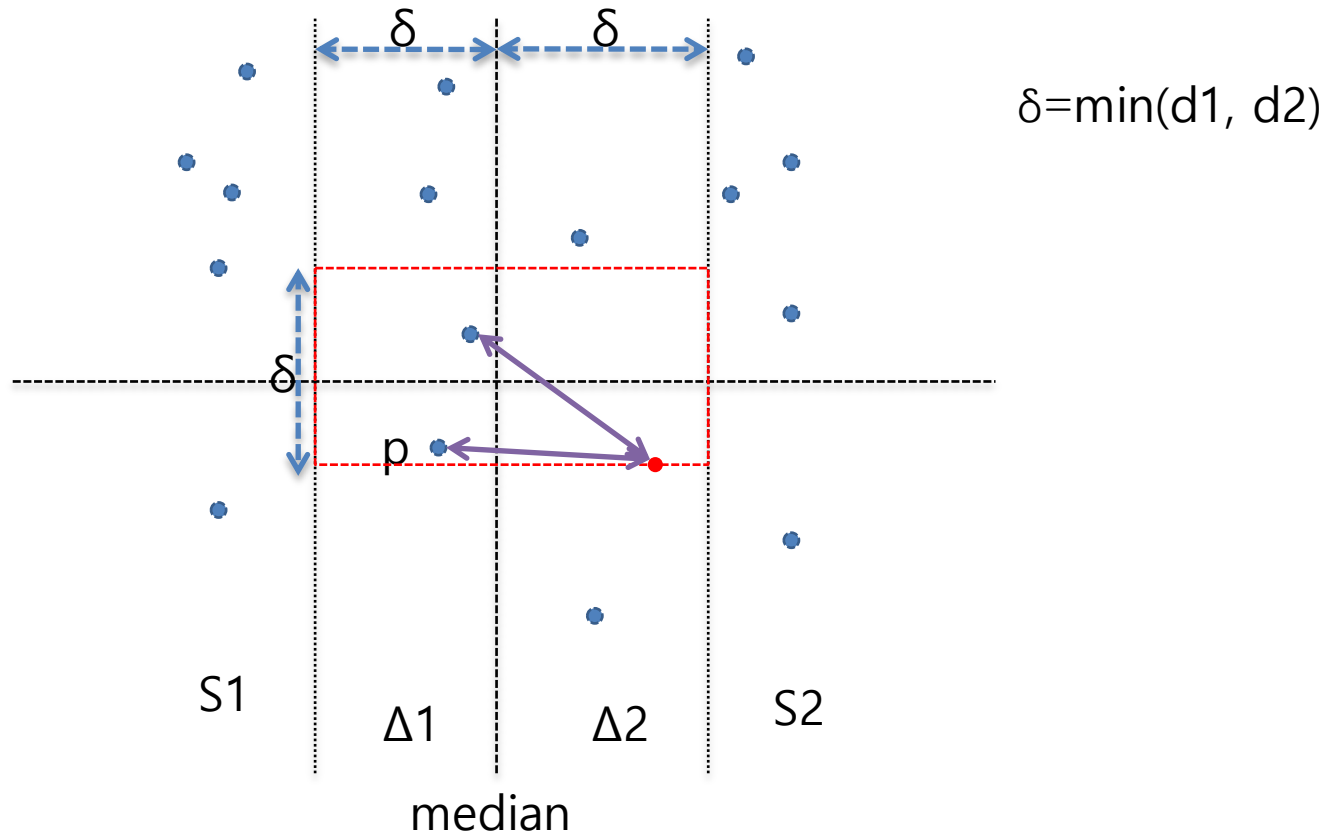


1. Find the closest pair in  $S_1$
2. Find the closest pair in  $S_2$
3. Find the closest pair of points each of which belongs to  $\Delta_1$  or  $\Delta_2$  respectively

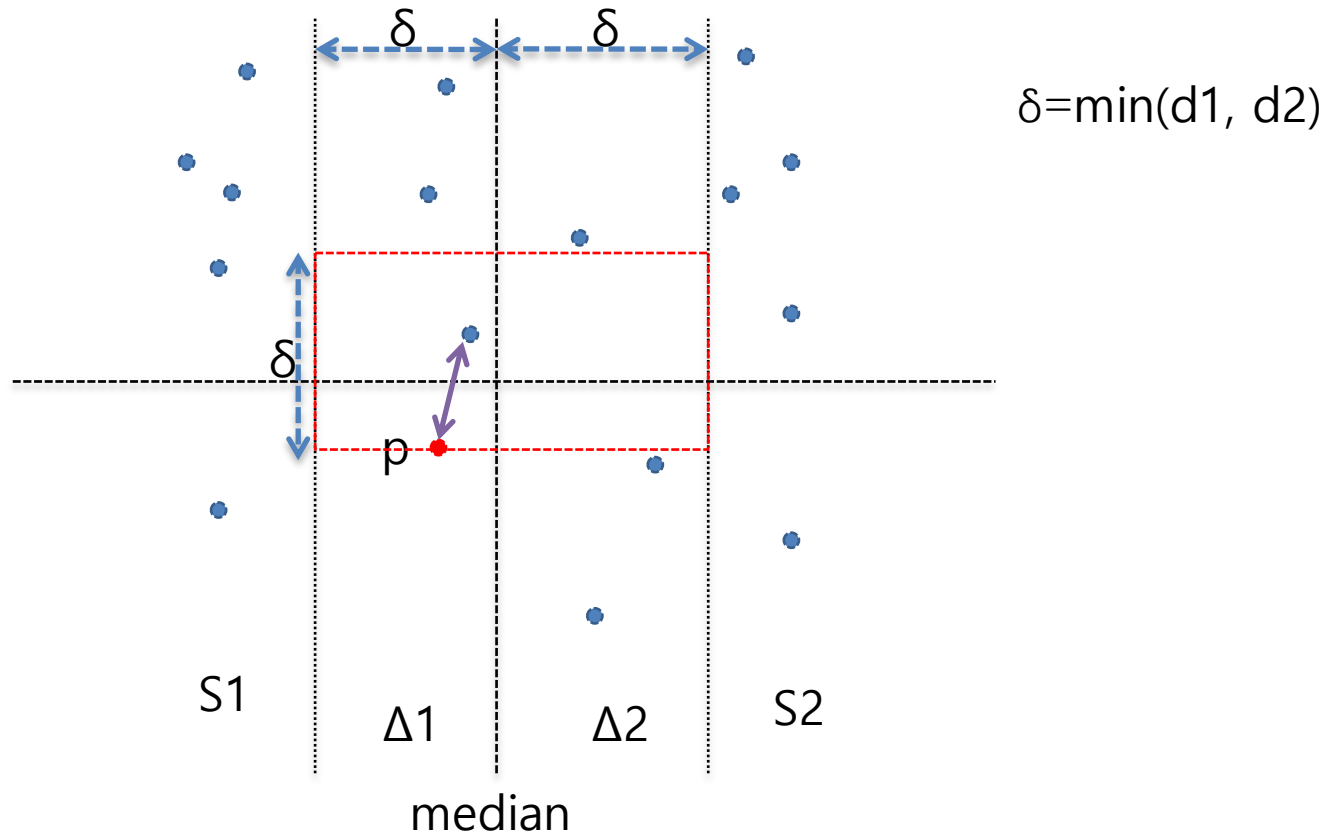
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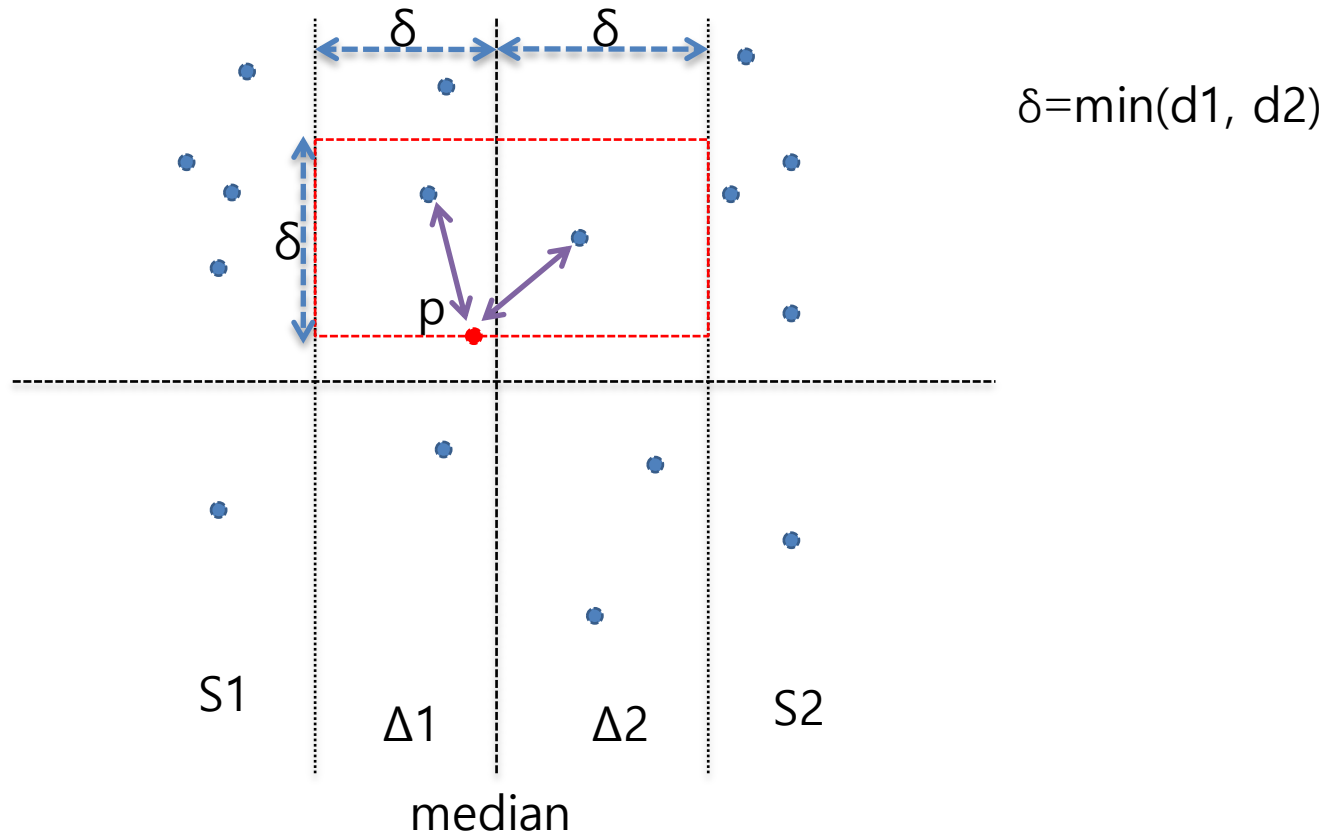
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**divide-and-conquer** ( $xP, yP$ )

where  $xP$  is  $P(1) \dots P(N)$  sorted by  $x$  coordinate, and

$yP$  is  $P(1) \dots P(N)$  sorted by  $y$  coordinate (ascending order)

**if**  $N \leq 3$  **then**

**return** <closest, closestPair> of  $xP$  using brute-force algorithm

**else**

$xL \leftarrow$  points of  $xP$  from 1 to  $\lceil N/2 \rceil$

$xR \leftarrow$  points of  $xP$  from  $\lceil N/2 \rceil + 1$  to  $N$

$xm \leftarrow xP(\lceil N/2 \rceil)_x$  // **x value of the median**

$yL \leftarrow \{ p \in yP : p_x \leq xm \}$  // **list of points sorted by y coordinate**

$yR \leftarrow \{ p \in yP : p_x > xm \}$

$(dL, \text{pair}L) \leftarrow \text{divide-and-conquer}(xL, yL)$

$(dR, \text{pair}R) \leftarrow \text{divide-and-conquer}(xR, yR)$

$(dmin, \text{pair}Min) \leftarrow (dR, \text{pair}R)$

**if**  $dL < dR$  **then**

$(dmin, \text{pair}Min) \leftarrow (dL, \text{pair}L)$

**endif**

$yS \leftarrow \{ p \in yP : |xm - p_x| < dmin \}$  // **list of points sorted by y coordinate**

$nS \leftarrow$  number of points in  $yS$

$(\text{closest}, \text{closestPair}) \leftarrow (dmin, \text{pair}Min)$

**for**  $i$  **from** 1 **to**  $nS - 1$

$k \leftarrow i + 1$

**while**  $k \leq nS$  **and**  $yS(k)_y - yS(i)_y < dmin$

**if**  $|yS(k) - yS(i)| < \text{closest}$  **then**

$(\text{closest}, \text{closestPair}) \leftarrow (|yS(k) - yS(i)|, \{yS(k), yS(i)\})$

**endif**

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

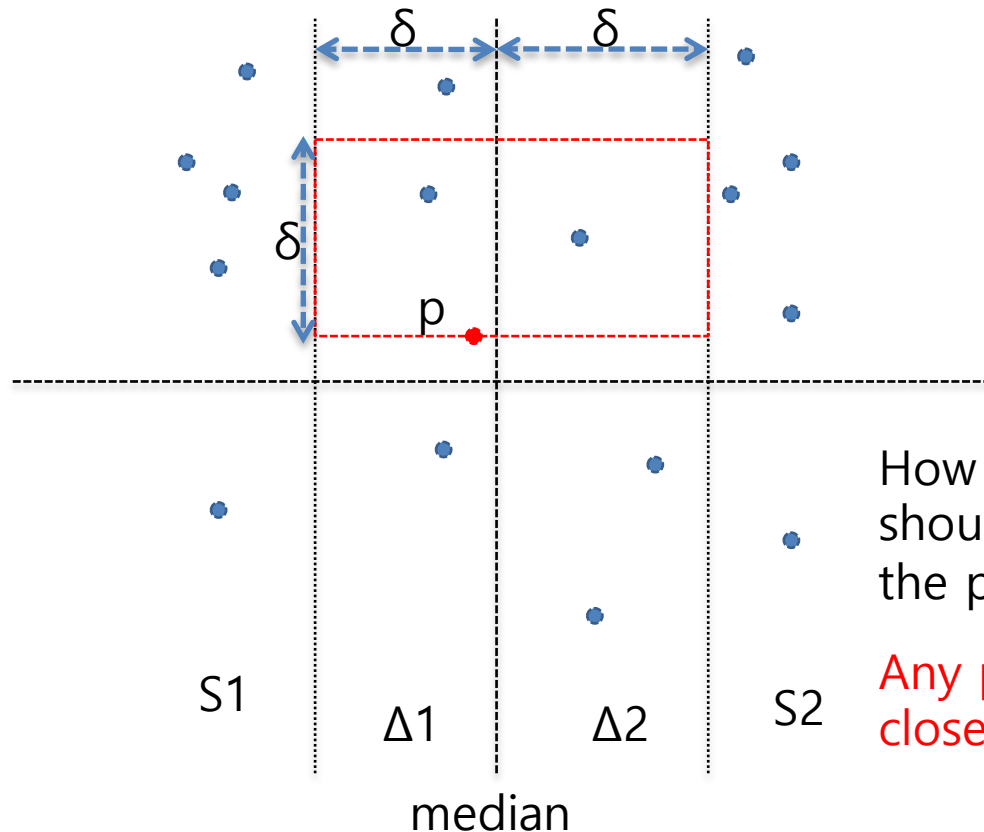
**endwhile**

**endfor**

**return** <closest, closestPair>

**endif**

# Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm



$$\delta = \min(d1, d2)$$

How many points in the red box should be considered with the point  $p$ ?

Any point in the box cannot be closer to  $p$  than  $\delta$



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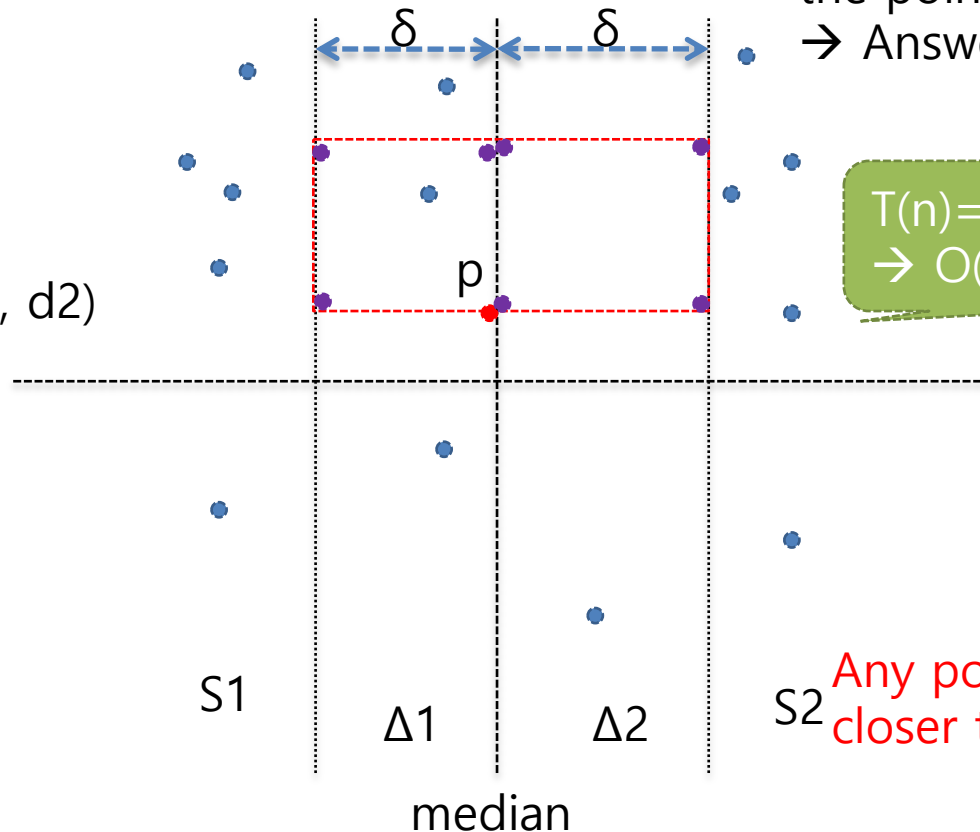
→ Answer: at most 8

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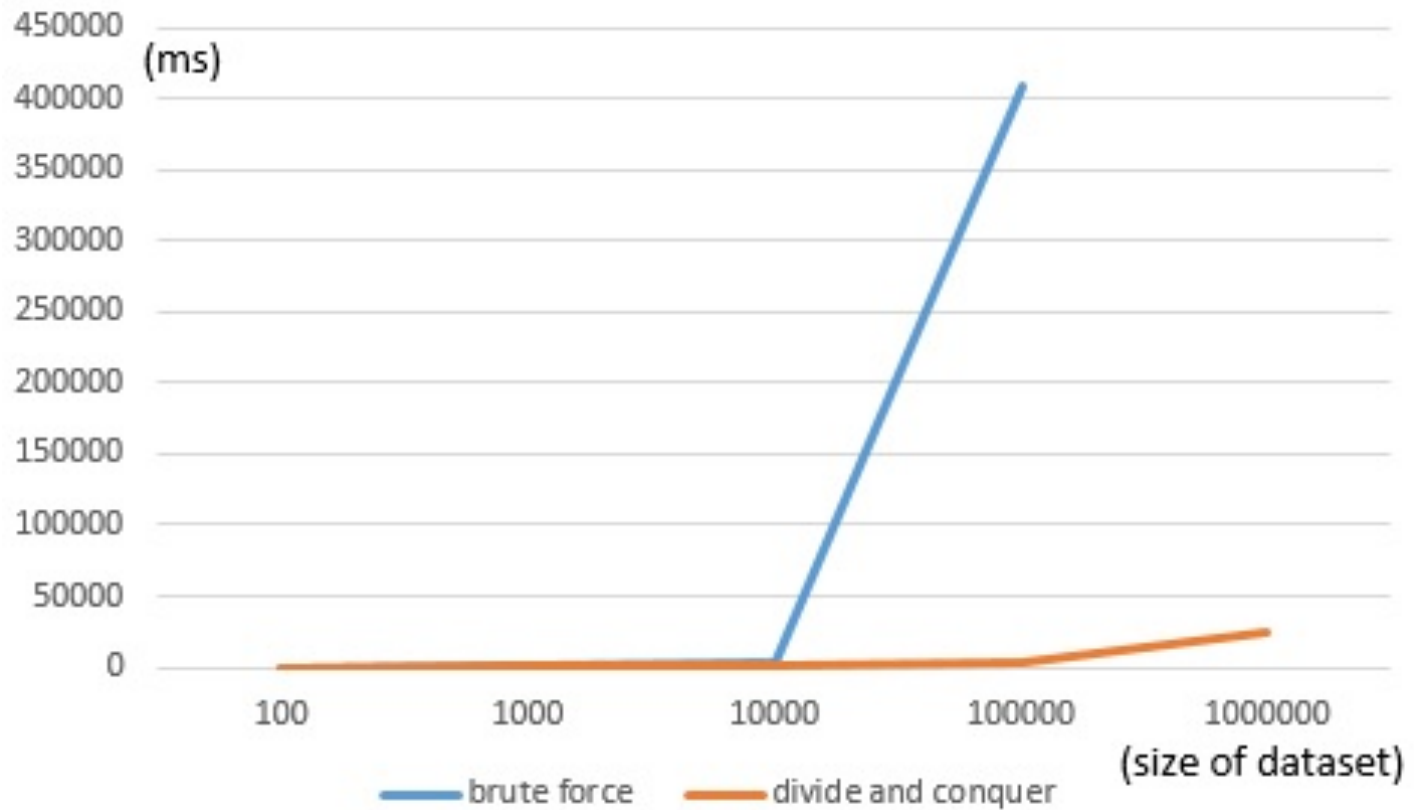
$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(7n)$$

→  $O(n \log n)$

Any point in the box cannot be closer to  $p$  than  $\delta$



# Execution Time





# Smallest Triangle Problem

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- Given
  - **n** points **A[1..n]** in the 2-D plane,
    - where **i**-th point has two attributes **A[i].x** and **A[i].y** representing x-coordinate and y-coordinate
- Goal
  - Find 3 points **A[i], A[j], A[k]** (**i, j, k** are distinct)
    - such that **d(A[i], A[j]) + d(A[j], A[k]) + d(A[k], A[i])** is minimized
    - $d(A[i], A[j]) = \sqrt{(A[i].x - A[j].x)^2 + (A[i].y - A[j].y)^2}$



# Input and Output

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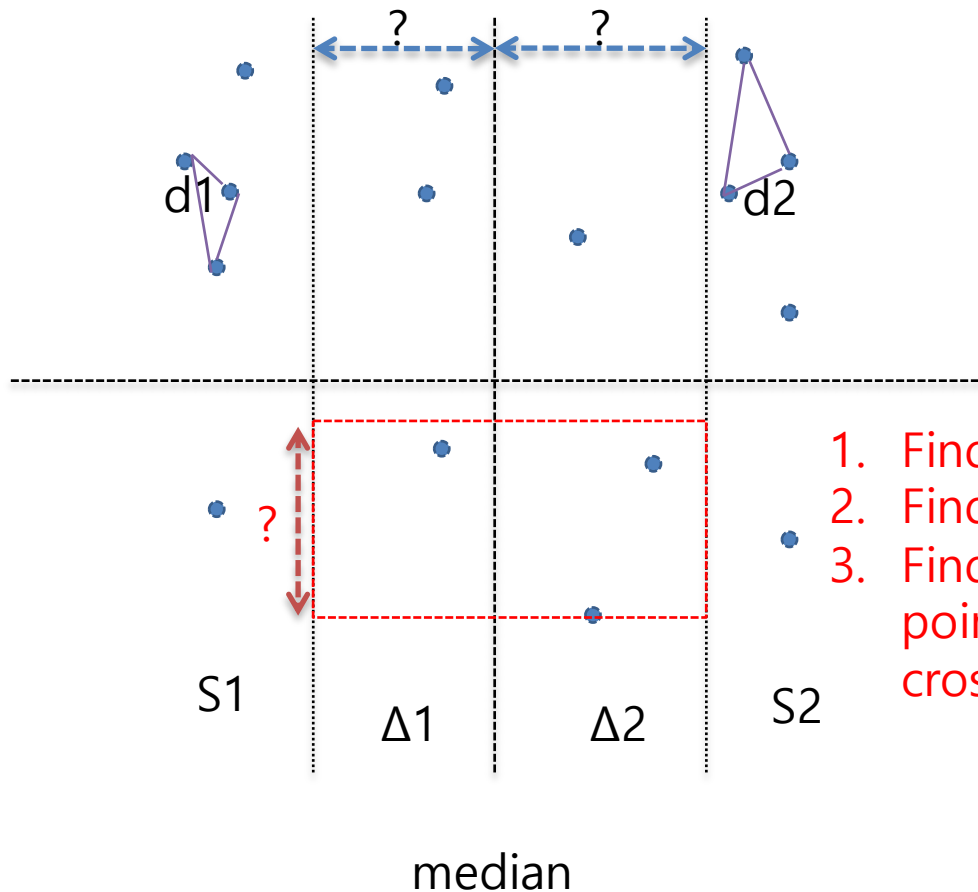
## ■ Input

- A file starts with a positive integer **n** indicating the number of points
- The following **n** lines contain point ID **A[i].id**, two real numbers **A[i].x** and **A[i].y** with a delimiter ','

## ■ Output

- Output **3** lines in total
- Each line show a point ID in the smallest triangle
- Print on the screen (e.g., use 'System.out.println()')

# Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm



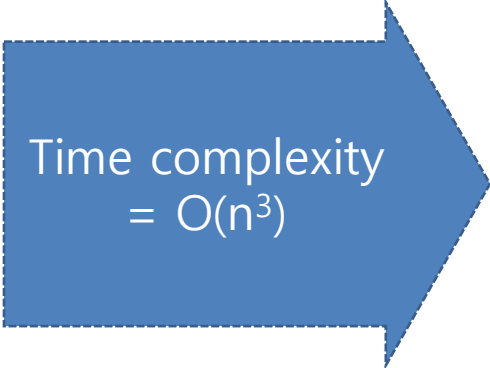
1. Find the smallest tri. in  $S_1$
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3. Find the smallest tri. ir of points one of whose line crosses the median line

Discuss the time complexity



# A Naïve Algorithm

- $\text{min} \leftarrow \infty$
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      - ◆  $d_1 \leftarrow \text{Compute } d(p_i, p_j)$
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      - ◆  $d_3 \leftarrow \text{Compute } d(p_k, p_j)$
      - ◆  $\text{perim} \leftarrow d_1 + d_2 + d_3$
      - ◆ if  $\text{min} > \text{perim}$ 
        - »  $\text{min} \leftarrow \text{perim}$
        - »  $\text{mintrip} \leftarrow (i, j, k)$
- return  $\text{min}, \text{mintrip}$



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# Data set

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## ■ Data sets

- Github
- Files:
  - Varying size: 100.dat ~ 1000000.dat
  - Dimensionality = 2
- File format:
  - The first line contains an integer indicating the number of points
  - Each line has a point with delimiter = ','
  - The first column is its point ID
  - E.g., 17,0.187096,0.822353

## ■ Command line input arguments

- `$ java SmallestTriangle <filename>`

## ■ Output → standard out (= print on the screen)

- A point ID in the smallest triangle in each line
- E.g.,
  - 17
  - 18
  - 20



# Example

- **Input:**

- 4

- 0,0.0,0.0

- 1,2.0,2.0

- 2,2.0,1.0

- 3,1.0,1.0

- **Output:**

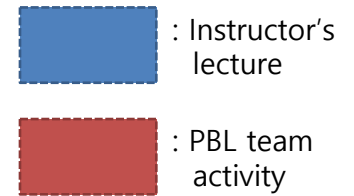
- 1

- 2

- 3



# PBL Class



Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Morning

Lecture  
(Theory)

Early-result  
presentation

Presentation

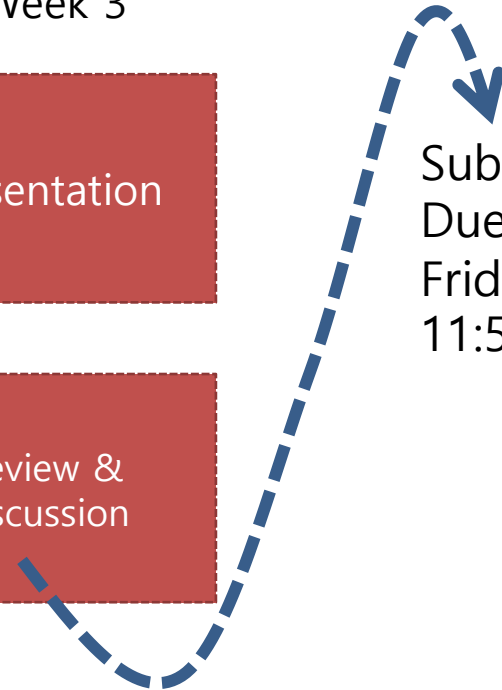
Submission  
Due:  
Friday  
11:59 pm

Afternoon

Lecture,  
Opening PBL  
problem, Q&A

Team consulting

Review &  
discussion



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