

# DIVIDE & CONQUER

## Algorithm Design and Analysis Divide and Conquer (3)

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Divide-and-Conquer 首部曲

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# D&C #5: Matrix Multiplication

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Textbook Chapter 4.2 – Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

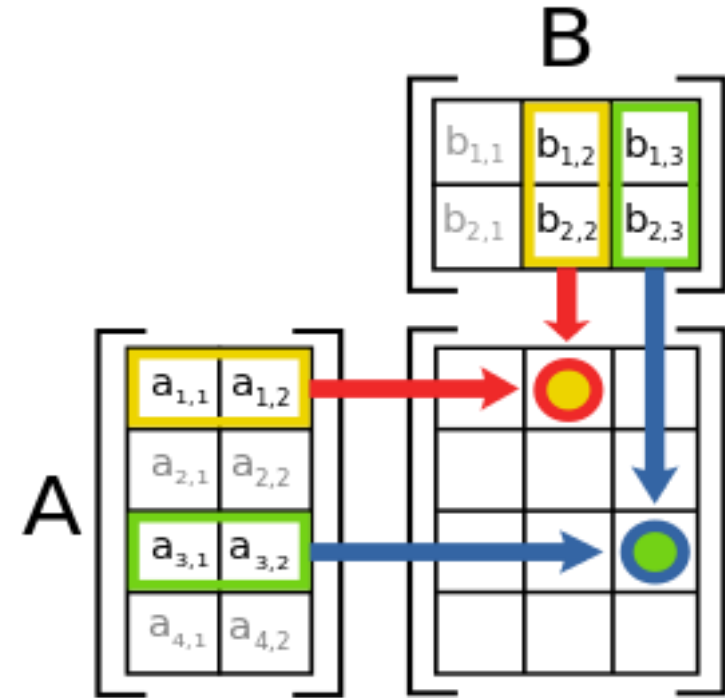
# Matrix Multiplication Problem

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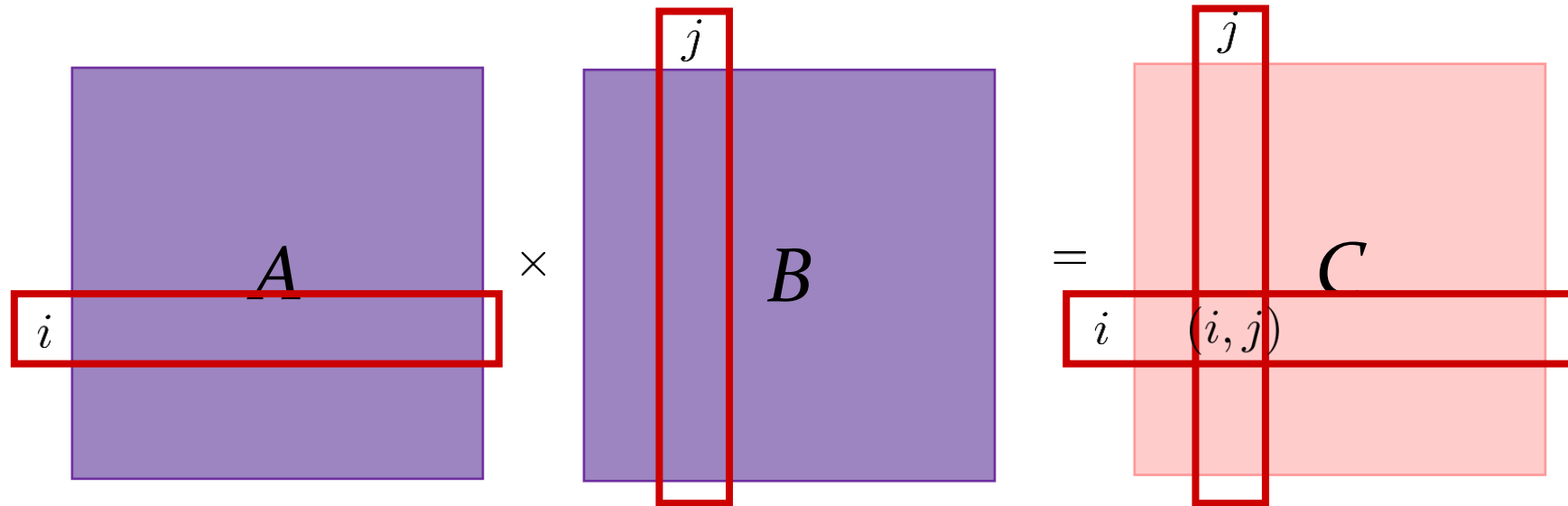
Input: two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

Output: the product matrix  $C = A \times B$

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# Naïve Algorithm

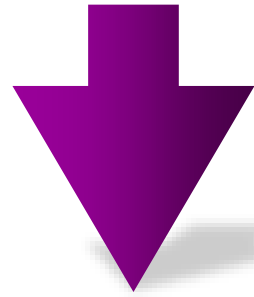


$$C(i, j) = \sum_{k=1}^n A(i, k) \cdot B(k, j)$$

- Each entry takes  $n$  multiplications
- There are total  $n^2$  entries

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(n) \Theta(n^2) = \Theta(n^3)$$

# Matrix Multi. Problem Complexity



Upper bound =  $O(n^3)$



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

Why?

# Divide-and-Conquer

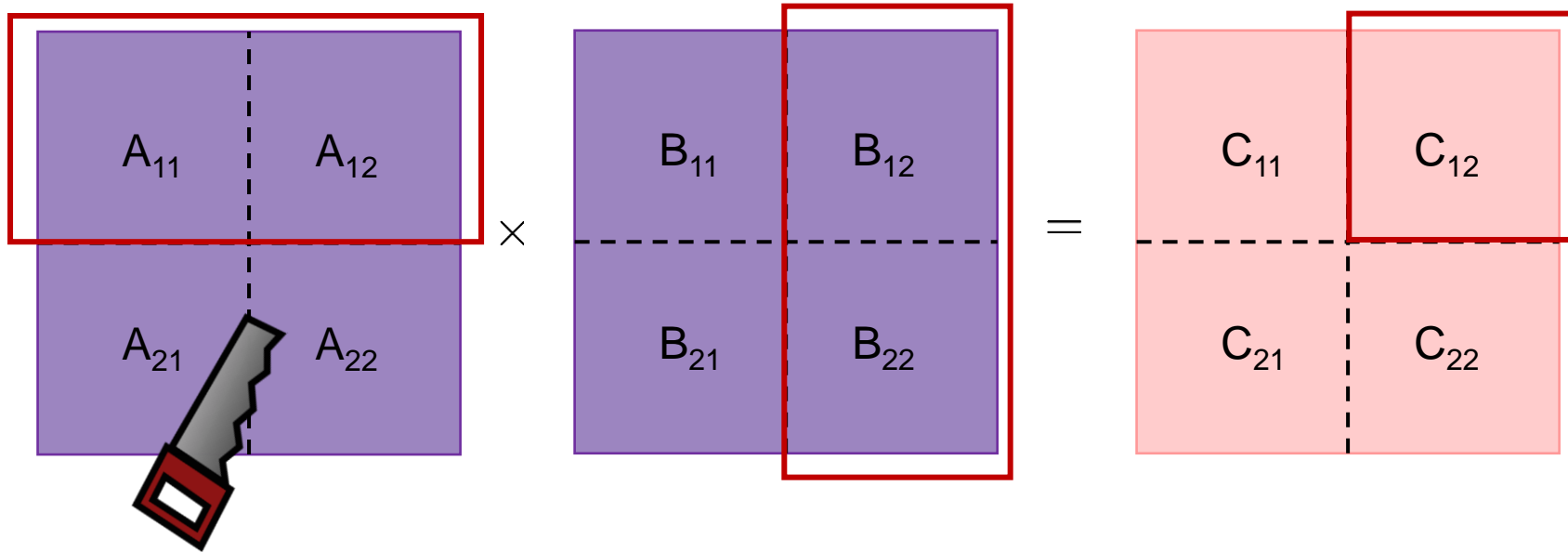
- We can assume that  $n = 2^k$  for simplicity
  - Otherwise, we can increase  $n$  s.t.  $n = 2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil}$
  - $n$  may not be twice large as the original in this modification

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

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

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

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



# 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  $\Theta(1)$ 
   $C_{11} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{11}, B_{11}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{12}, B_{21})$ 
   $C_{21} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{11}, B_{12}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{12}, B_{22})$ 
   $C_{21} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{21}, B_{11}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{22}, B_{21})$ 
   $C_{22} = \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{21}, B_{12}) + \text{MatrixMultiply}(n/2, A_{22}, B_{22})$ 
  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



- $C = A \times B$

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

# Verification of Strassen's Algorithm

- Practice

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

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

$$C_{11} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7$$

$$C_{22} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6$$

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

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

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

# 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  
 $\text{Strassen}(n, A, B)$

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

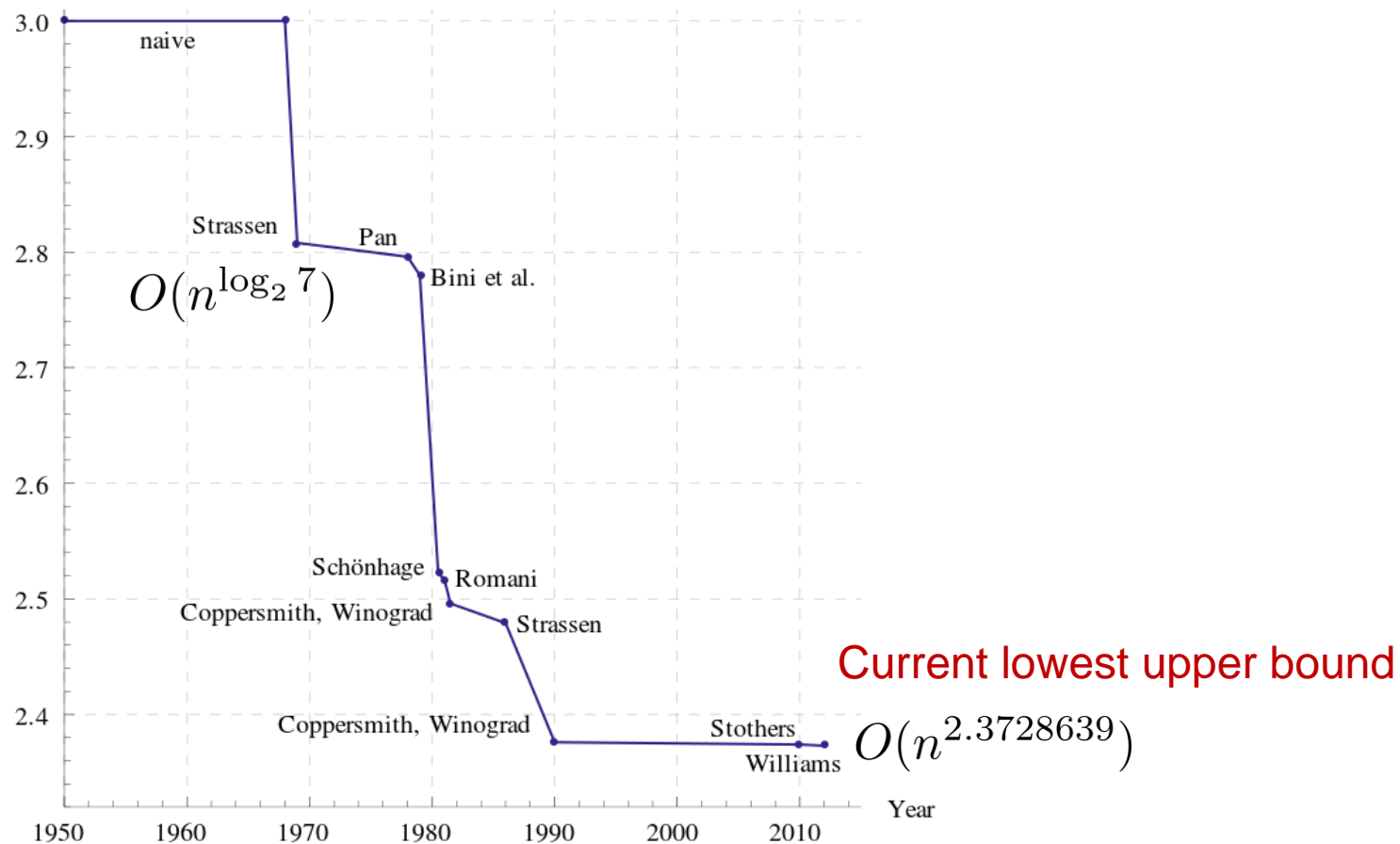


# Practicability of Strassen's Algorithm

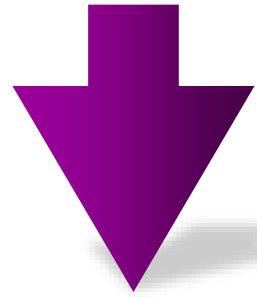
- Disadvantages
  1. Larger constant factor than it in the naïve approach
$$c_1 n^{\log_2 7}, c_2 n^3 \rightarrow c_1 > c_2$$
  2. Less numerical stable than the naïve approach
    - Larger errors accumulate in non-integer computation due to limited precision
  3. The submatrices at the levels of recursion 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

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Textbook Chapter 9.3 – Selection in worst-case linear time



# Selection Problem

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- Input:
    - An array  $A$  of  $n$  distinct integers.
    - An index  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .
  - Output:

The  $k$ -th largest number in  $A$ .
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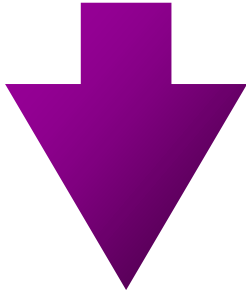

$$\underline{n = 10, k = 5}$$



# 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?

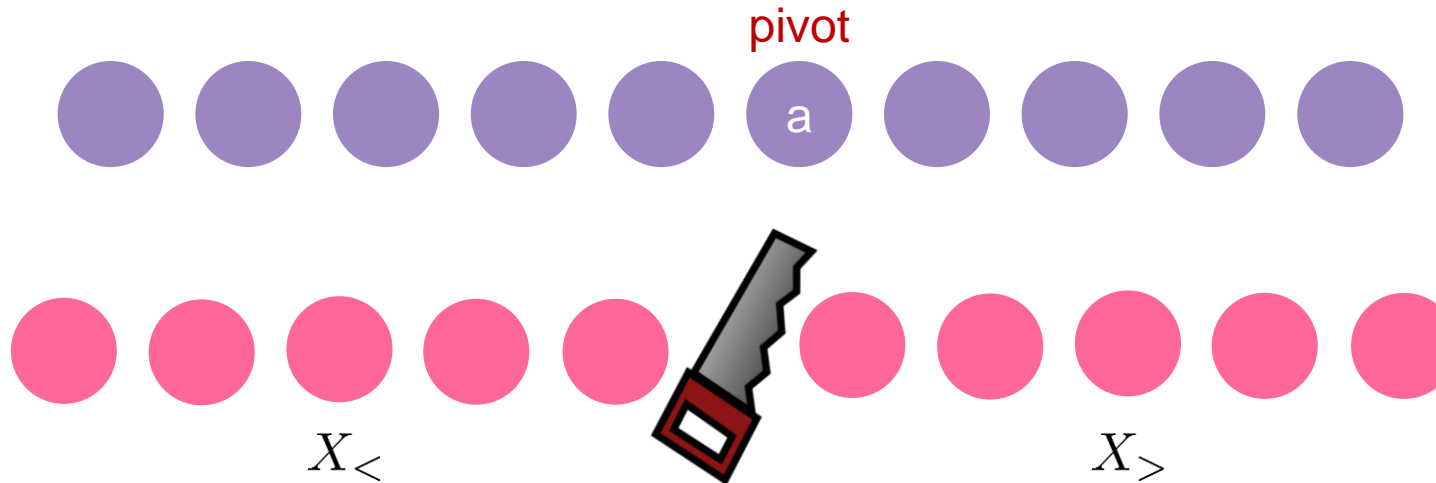


Lower bound =  $\Omega(n)$

# Divide-and-Conquer

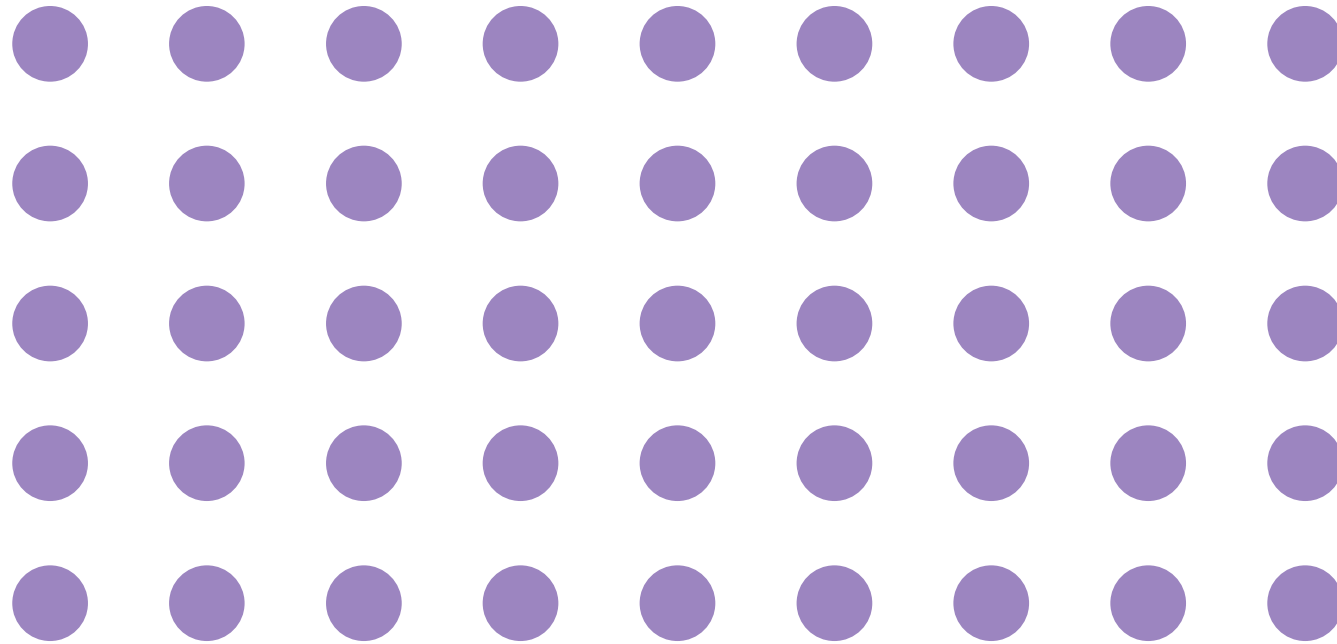
- Idea

- 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

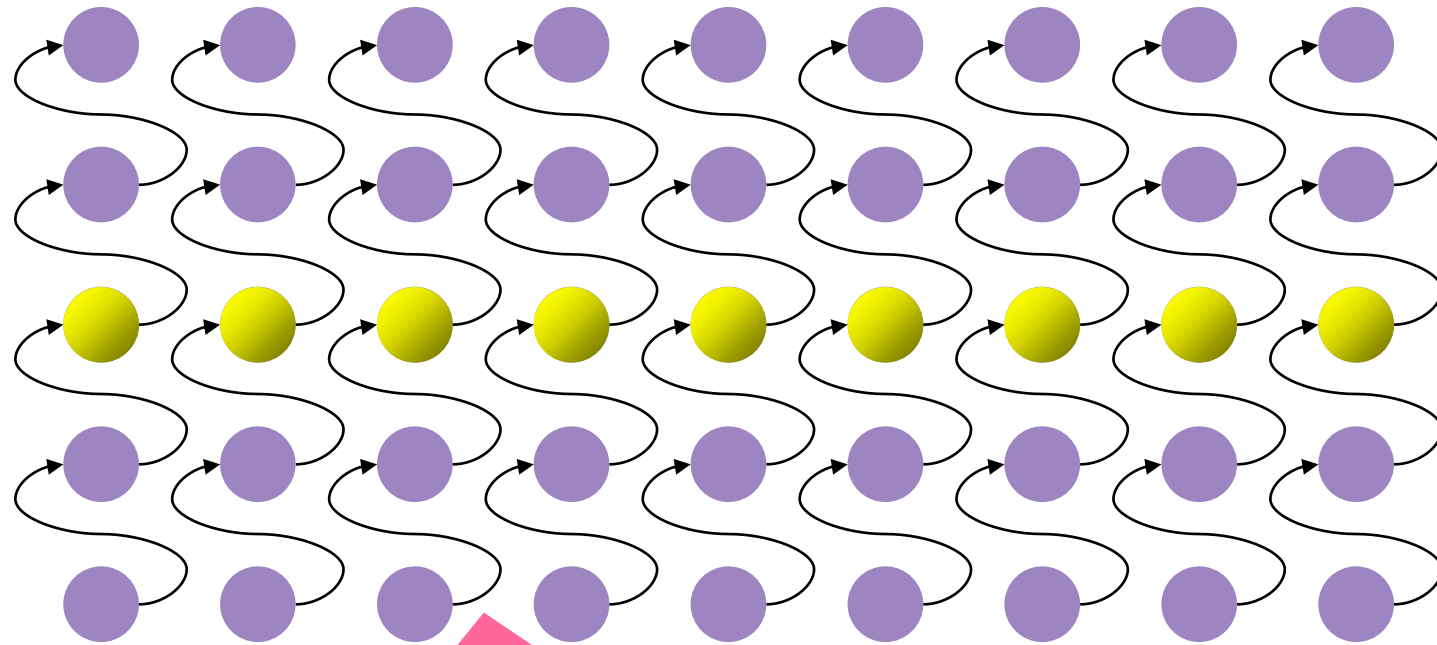


We want these subproblems to have similar size  
→ The better pivot is the medium in the input array

# (1) Five Guys per Group

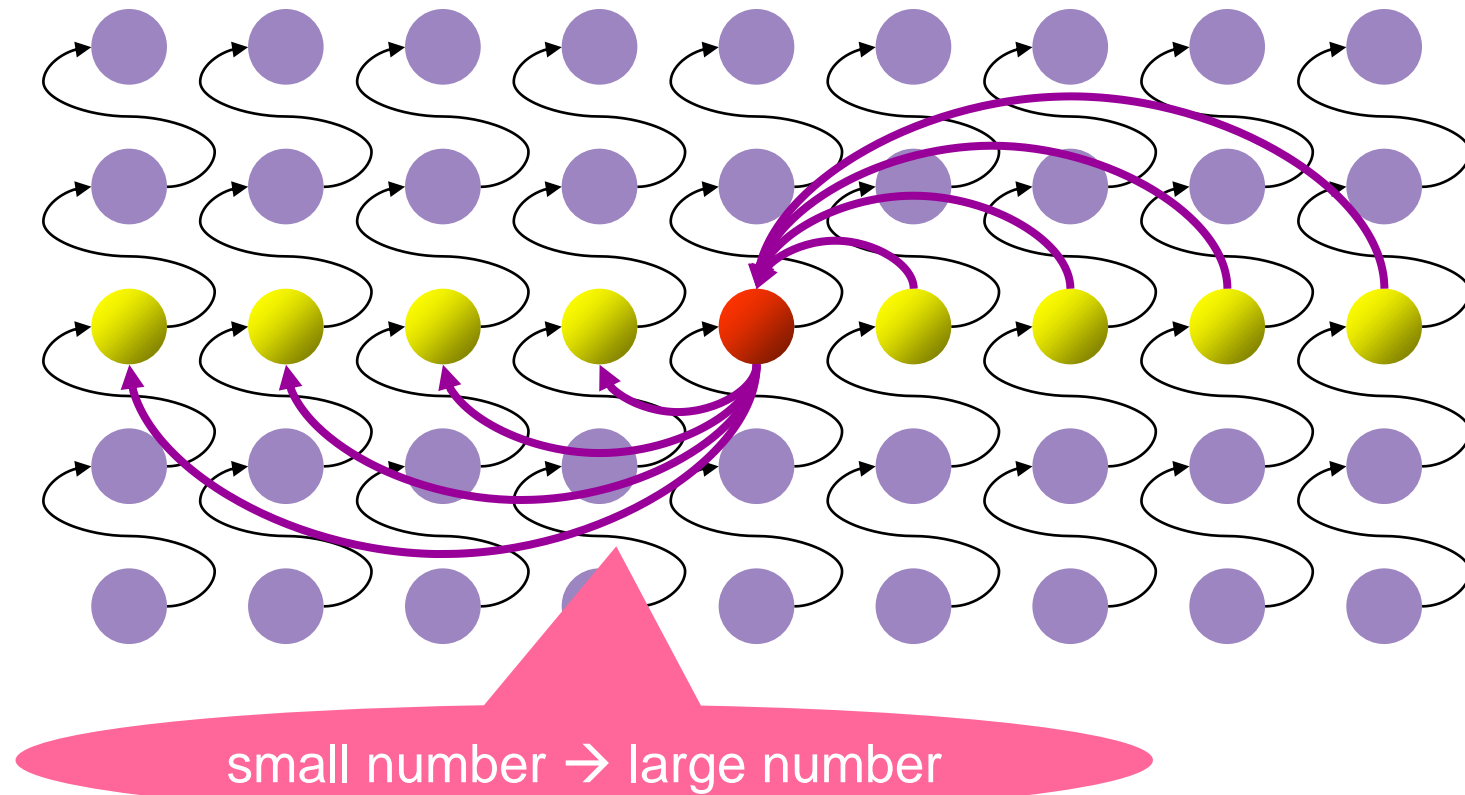


## (2) A Median per Group



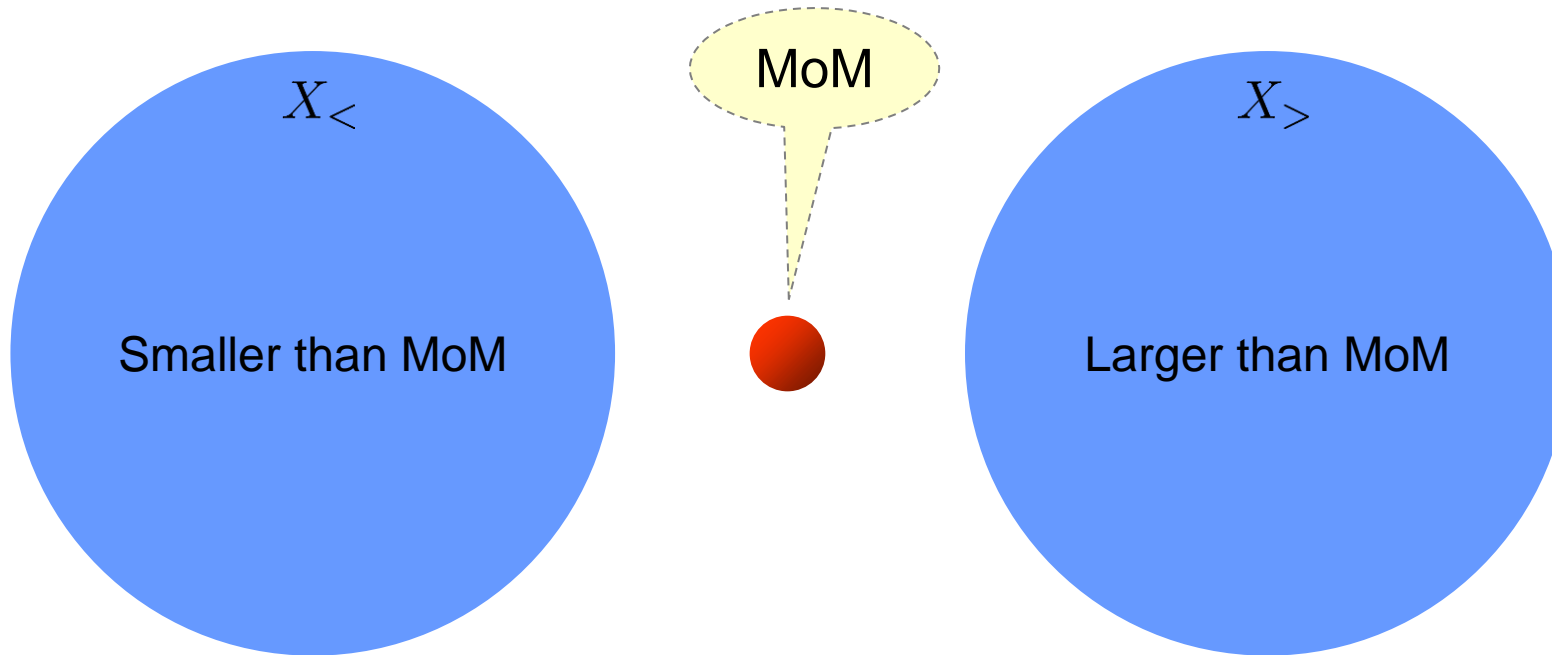
small number → large number

# (3) Median of Medians (MoM)



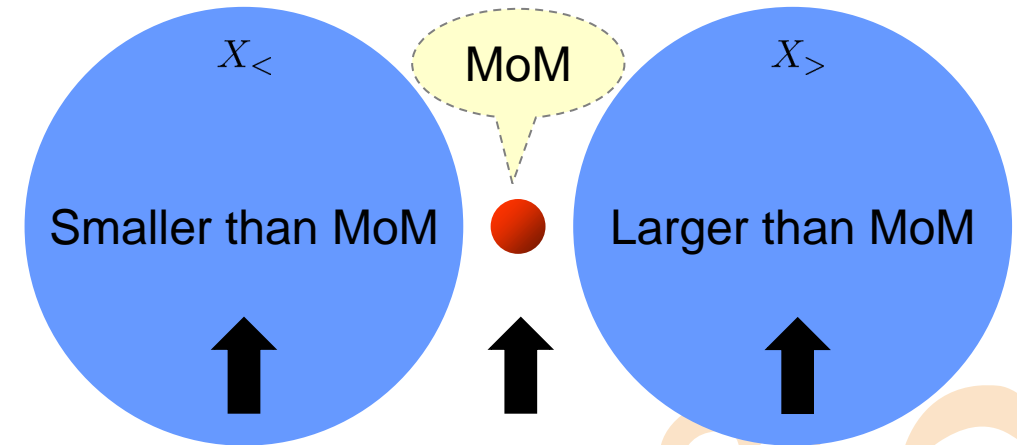


# (4) Partition via MoM



# (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

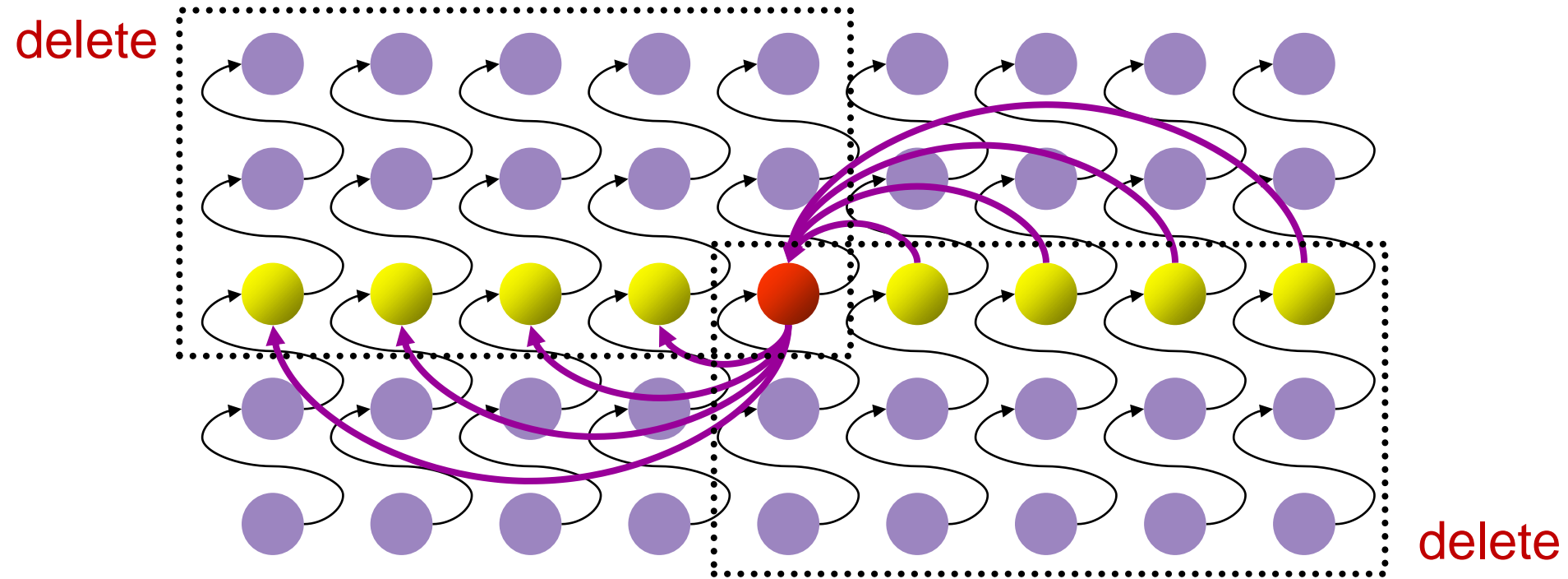
- Step (2): Determining MoM
- Step (5): Selection in  $X_{<}$  or  $X_{>}$

# 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)   $T(|X1|)$ 
```

$\Theta(n)$

# 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  $T(n) \leq c \cdot n$

- $n = 1, a > c$

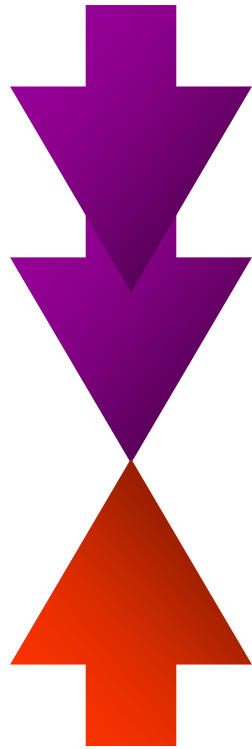
- $n > 1, T(n) \leq T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + b \cdot n$

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

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Textbook Chapter 33.4 – Finding the closest pair of points

# 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

➡  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

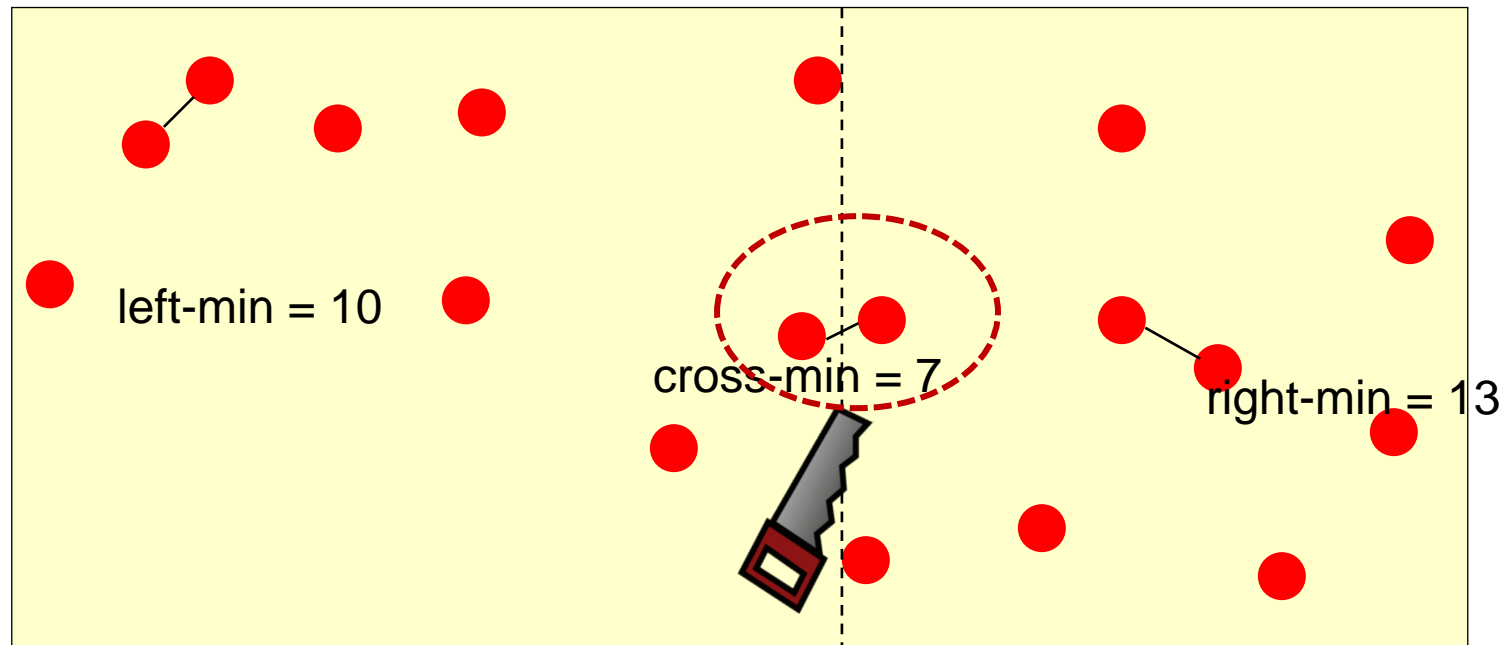


- 2D:



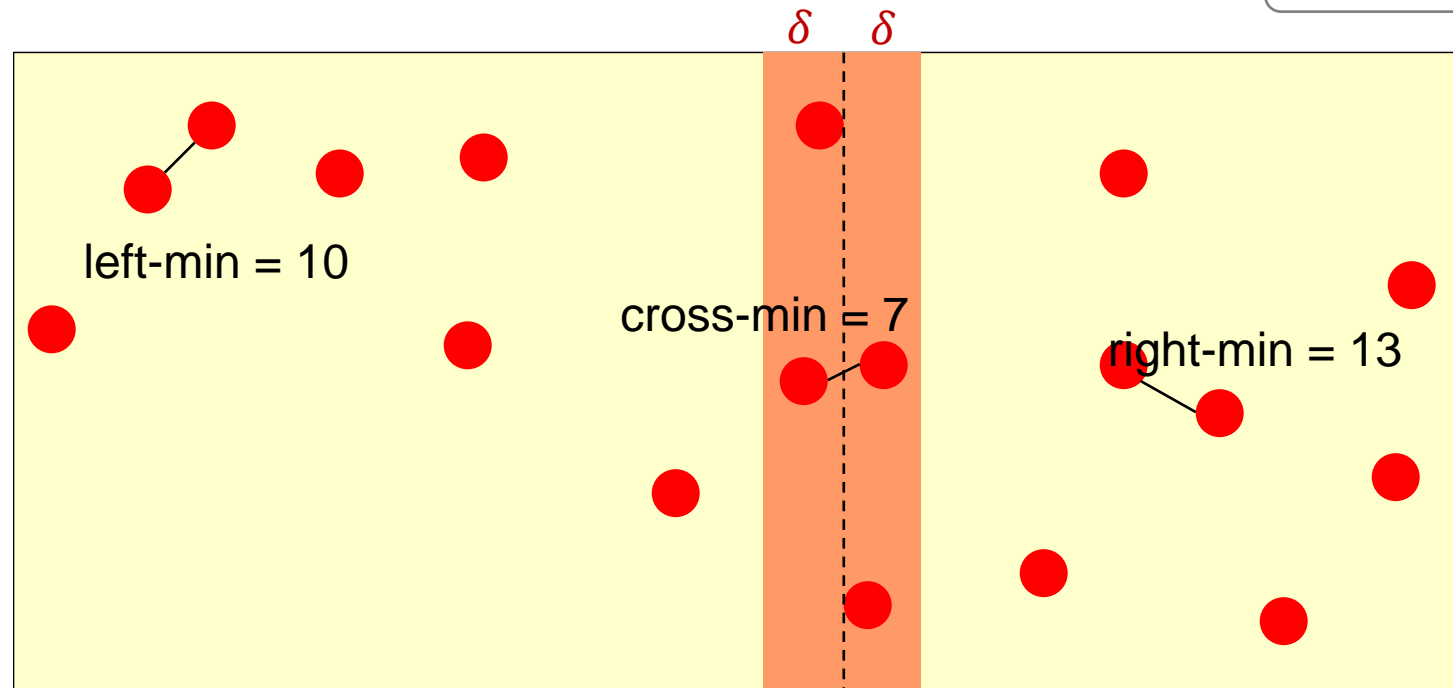
# Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

- **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  $\delta$  of the cut,  $\delta = \min\{l-\min, r-\min\}$ 
  - Other pairs of points must have distance larger than  $\delta$

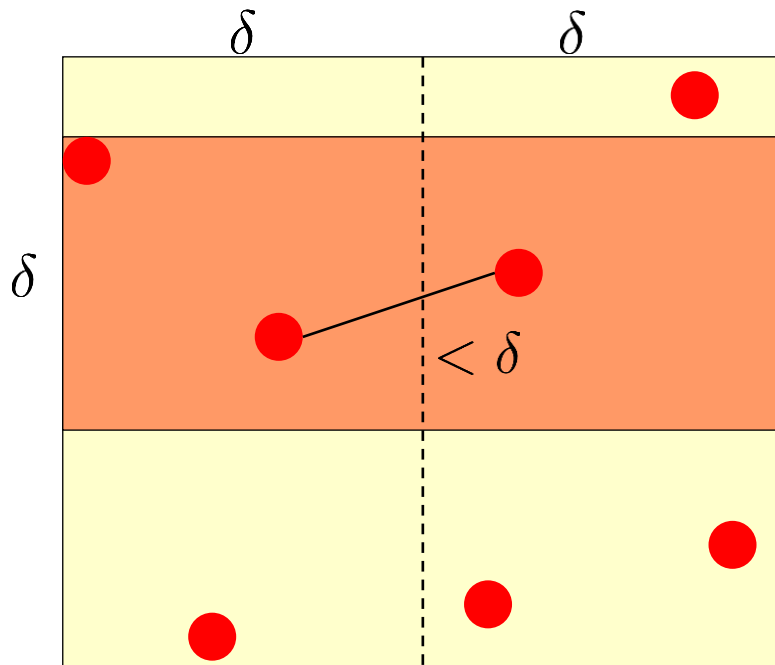


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- Algo 3: only consider pairs within  $\delta \times 2\delta$  blocks
  - Obs 1: every pair with smaller than  $\delta$  distance must appear in a  $\delta \times 2\delta$  block



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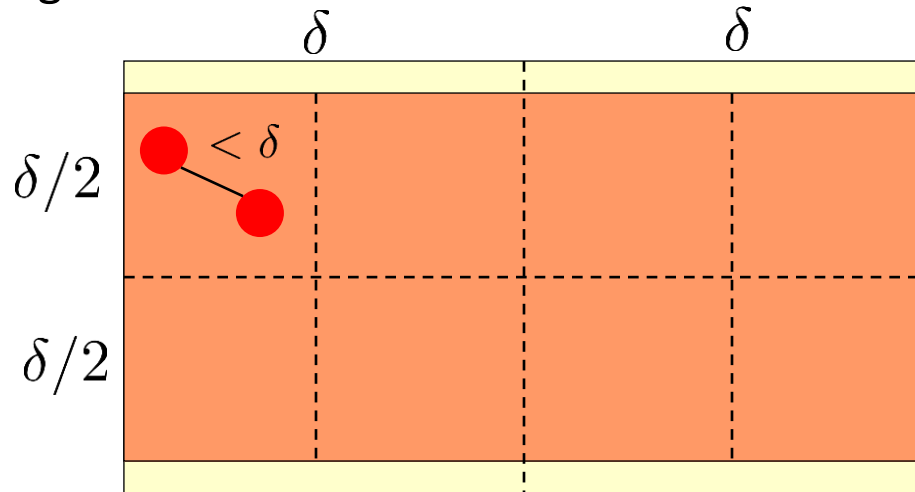


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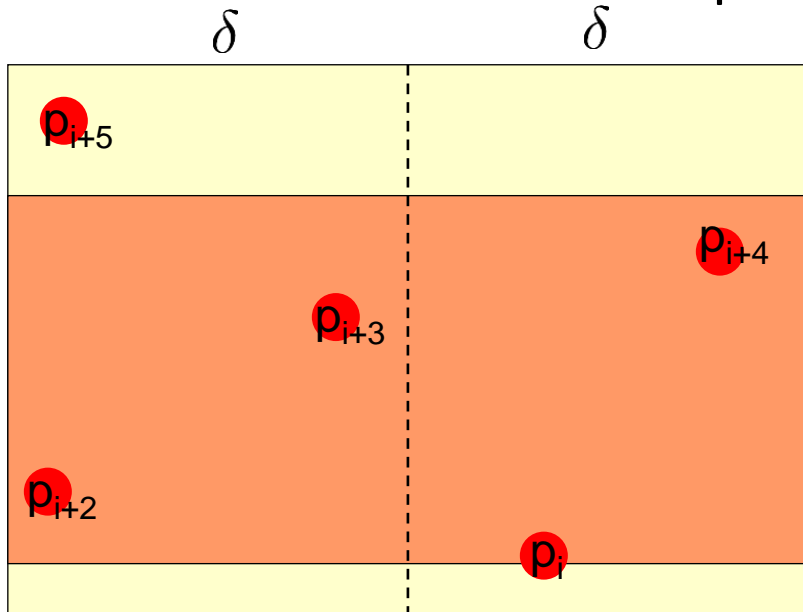
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- Algo 3: only consider pairs within  $\delta \times 2\delta$  blocks
  - Obs 1: every pair with smaller than  $\delta$  distance must appear in a  $\delta \times 2\delta$  block
  - Obs 2: there are at most 8 points in a  $\delta \times 2\delta$  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  $\delta$



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## Find-closest-pair-across-regions

1. Sort the points by y-values within  $\delta$  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| <= 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  $p_i$ :
    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       $\Theta(n)$ 
```

- $T(n)$  = 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

Closest-Pair(P)

```
sort P by x- and y-coordinate and store in Px and Py  $\Theta(n \log n)$ 
// 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  $\Theta(n)$ 
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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
```

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

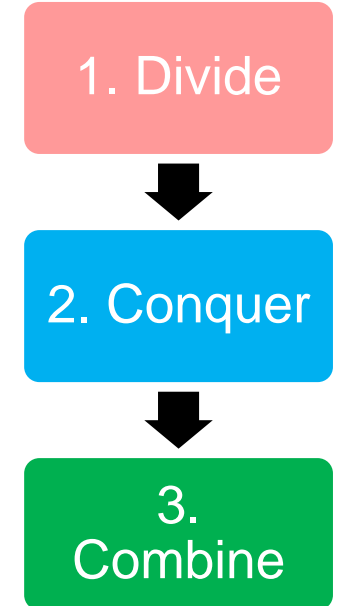
# Closest Pair of Points Problem

- $O(n)$  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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