Divide-and-Conquer

Matrix Multiplication

Brute force

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Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

Strassen observed [1969] the product of two matrices as follows:

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$$M_1 = (A_{00} + A_{11}) \times (B_{00} + B_{11})$$

$$M_2 = (A_{10} + A_{11}) \times B_{00}$$

$$M_3 = A_{00} \times (B_{01} - B_{11})$$

$$M_4 = A_{11} \times (B_{10} - B_{00})$$

$$M_5 = (A_{00} + A_{01}) \times B_{11}$$

$$M_6 = (A_{10} - A_{00}) \times (B_{00} + B_{01})$$

$$M_7 = (A_{01} - A_{11}) \times (B_{10} + B_{11})$$

Analysis of Strassen's Algorithm

If n is not a power of 2, matrices can be padded with zeros.

Number of multiplications:

$$M(1) = 1$$
 $M(n) = 7M(\frac{n}{2})$
 $M(n) = 7^{\log 2n} = n^{\log 2^7} \approx n^{2.807}$

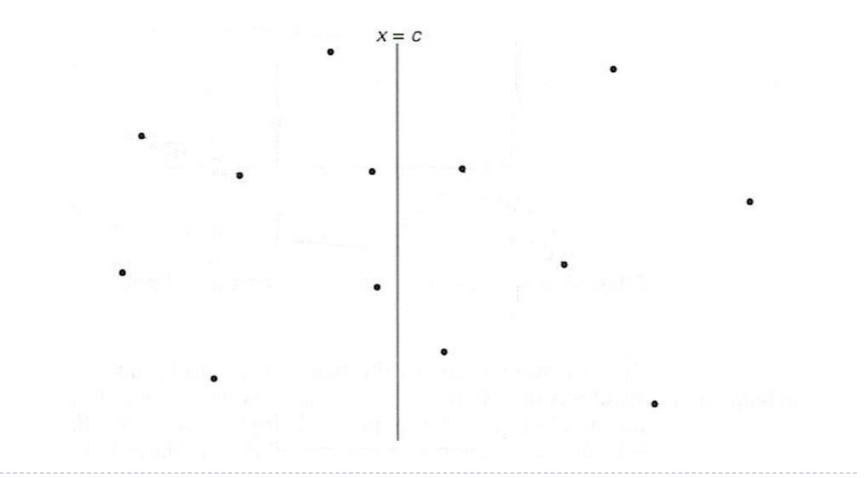
vs. n^3 of brute-force algorithm.

- Find the two closest points in a set of *n* points (in the two-dimensional Cartesian plane).
- Brute-force algorithm:
 - Compute the distance between every pair of distinct points
 - Return the indexes of the points for which the distance is the smallest.

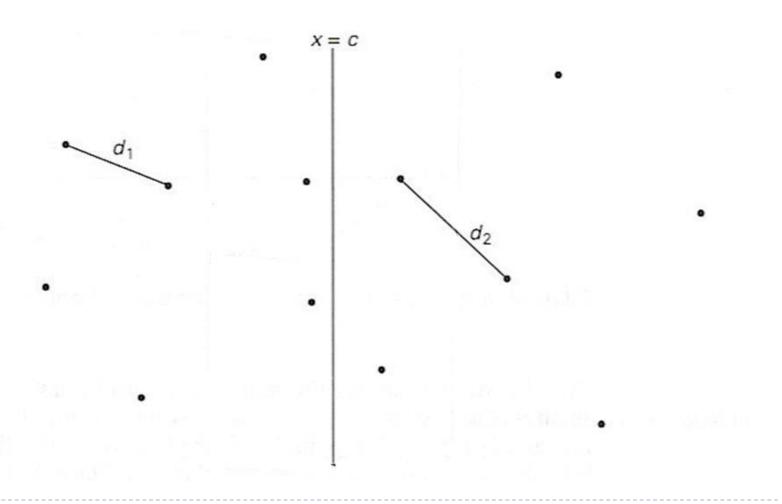
$$T(n) \in O(n^2)$$

Closest-Pair Problem – Divide-and-Conquer

Step 1: Divide the points given into two subsets S_1 and S_2 by a vertical line x = c so that half the points lie to the left or on the line and half the points lie to the right.

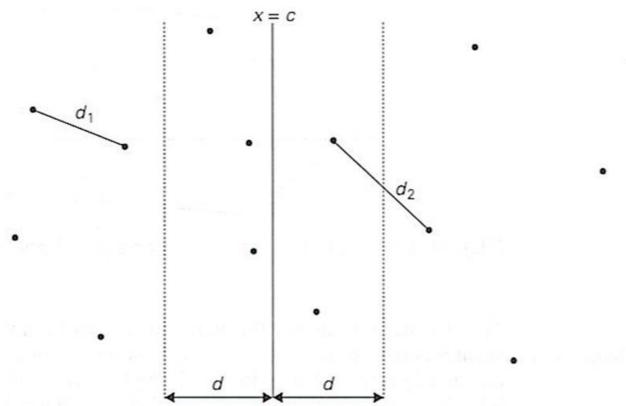


Step 2: Find recursively the closest pairs for the left and right subsets.



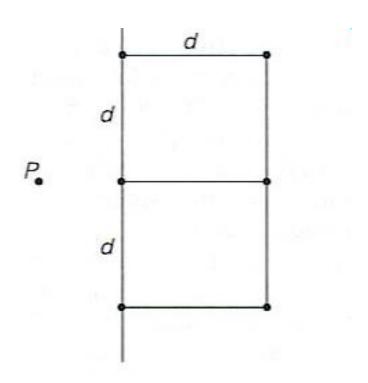
Step 3: d = min(d1, d2)

• Unfortunately, d is not necessarily the smallest distance between all pairs of points in S1 and S2 because a closer pair of points can lie on the opposite sides separating the line.



Step 4: Checking boundary points:

P needs to be compared to at most six points across the boundary





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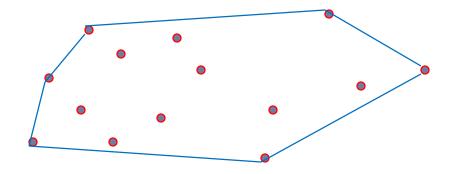
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By the Master Theorem (with a = 2, b = 2, d = 1)

$$T(n) \in O(n \log n)$$

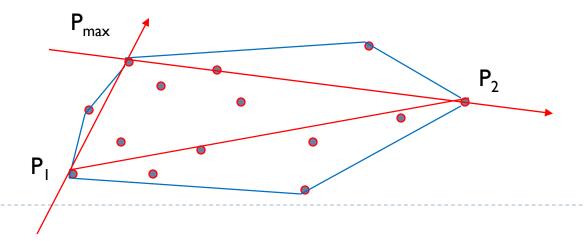
Convex hull Problem

Smallest convex polygon that includes given points



Quickhull Algorithm

- Assume points are sorted by *x*-coordinate values
- Identify *extreme points* P_1 and P_2 (leftmost and rightmost)
- Compute *upper hull* recursively:
 - find point P_{max} that is farthest away from line P_1P_2
 - compute the upper hull of the points to the left of line P_1P_{\max}
 - ightharpoonup compute the upper hull of the points to the left of line $P_{\max}P_2$
- Compute *lower hull* in a similar manner



Efficiency of Quickhull Algorithm

Finding point farthest away from line P_1P_2 can be done in linear time

- Time efficiency:
 - worst case: $\Theta(n^2)$
 - average case: $\Theta(n)$
 - under reasonable assumptions about distribution of points given
- Several $O(n \log n)$ algorithms for convex hull are known

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Since all the points in question serve as the third vertex for triangles with the same base P_1P_n , the farthest point is the one that maximizes the area of such a triangle. The area of a triangle, in turn, can be computed as one half of the magnitude of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = x_1 y_2 + x_3 y_1 + x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2 - x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_3.$$

In other words, P_{max} is a point whose coordinates (x_3, y_3) maximize the absolute value of the above expression in which (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are the coordinates of P_1 and P_n , respectively.

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Find the upper and lower hulls of the set $\{A, B, P_1, ..., P_n\}$ (e.g., by quickhull), compute their lengths (by summing up the lengths of the line segments making up the polygonal chains) and return the smaller of the two.