



CS240 Algorithm Design and Analysis

Lecture 3

Greedy Algorithms (Cont.) Divide and Conquer

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Last Time – What you need to know



- Basic idea
 - A greedy algorithm always makes the choice that **looks best at the moment** and adds it to the current partial solution
 - Greedy algorithms don't always yield optimal solutions, but when they do, they're usually the **simplest and most efficient** algorithms available
 - Make the locally optimal choice at each step
- Algorithms
 - Interval Scheduling
 - Choose the job with the **earliest finish time**
 - Scheduling to Minimize Lateness
 - Choose the job with the **earliest deadline**
 - Clustering
 - Single-link k-clustering: precisely Kruskal's algorithm (except **we stop when there are k connected components**)

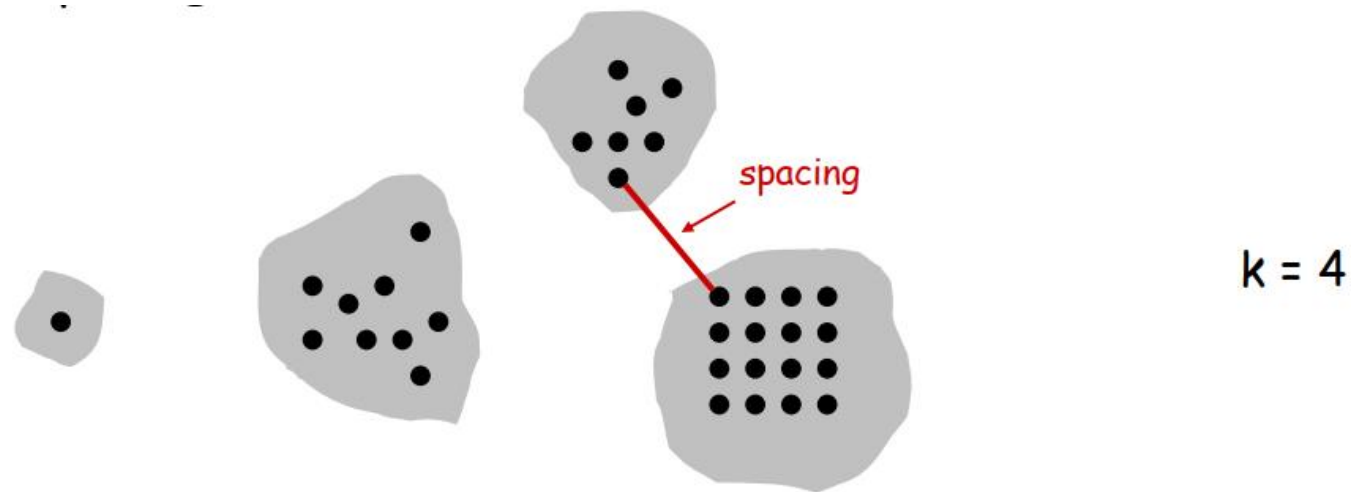




Clustering of Maximum Spacing



- **k-clustering.** Divide objects into k non-empty groups
- **Distance function.** Assume it satisfies several natural properties
 - $d(p_i, p_j) = 0$ iff $p_i = p_j$ (identity of indiscernible)
 - $d(p_i, p_j) \geq 0$ (nonnegativity)
 - $d(p_i, p_j) = d(p_j, p_i)$ (symmetry)
- **Spacing.** Min distance between any pair of points in different clusters
- **Clustering of maximum spacing.** Given an integer k , find a k -clustering of maximum spacing

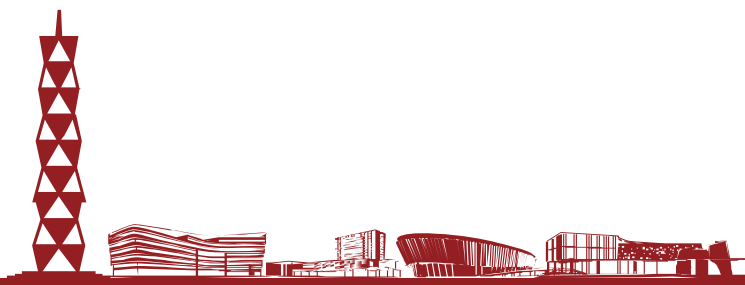




Greedy Clustering Algorithm



- **Single-link k-clustering algorithm.**
 - Create n clusters, one for each object
 - Find the closest pair of objects such that each object is in a different cluster; add an edge between them and merge the two clusters
 - Repeat $n-k$ times until there are exactly k clusters
- **Key observation.** This procedure is precisely Kruskal's algorithm (except we stop when there are k connected components)
- **Remark.** Equivalent to finding an MST and deleting the $k-1$ most expensive edges

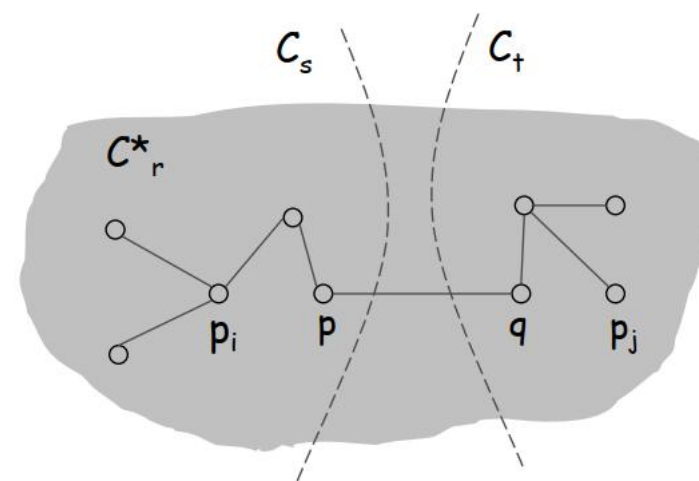




Greedy Clustering Algorithm: Analysis

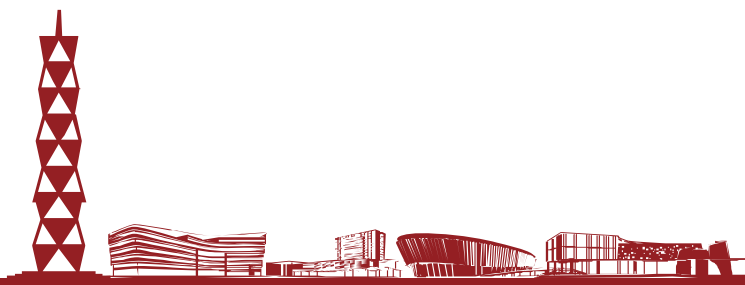


- **Theorem.** Let C^* denote the clustering C_1^*, \dots, C_k^* formed by deleting the $k-1$ most expensive edges of a MST. C^* is a k -clustering of max spacing.
- Pf. Let C denote some other clustering C_1, \dots, C_k
 - The spacing of C^* is the length d^* of the $(k-1)^{\text{st}}$ most expensive edge in MST
 - Let p_i, p_j be in the same cluster in C^* , say C_r^* , but different clusters in C , say C_s and C_t
 - Some edge (p, q) on $p_i \text{ --- } p_j$ path in C_r^* spans two different clusters in C .
 - All edges on $p_i \text{ --- } p_j$ path have length $\leq d^*$ since Kruskal chose them
 - Spacing of C is $\leq d^*$ since p and q are in different clusters





Optimal Caching





Optimal Offline Caching



- **Caching**

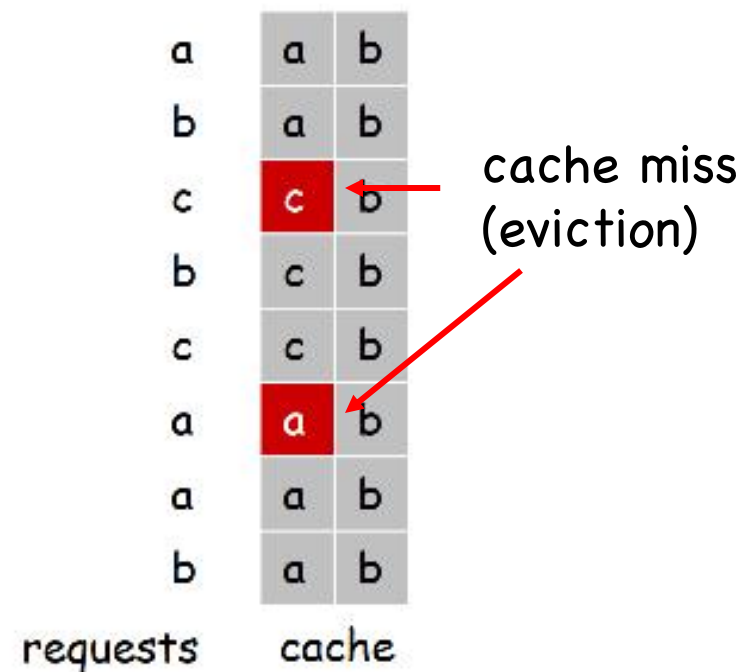
- Cache with capacity to store k items
- Sequence of m item requests d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m
- **Cache hit:** item already in cache when requested
- **Cache miss:** item not already in cache when requested; must bring requested item into cache, and evict some existing item, if full

- **Applications.** CPU, RAM, hard drive, web, browser, ...

- **Goal.** Eviction schedule that minimizes number of evictions

- Ex: $k = 2$, initial cache = ab , requests: a, b, c, b, c, a, a, b

- **Optimal eviction schedule:** 2 evictions



- **Farthest-in-future.** Evict item in the cache that is not requested until farthest in the future

current cache:

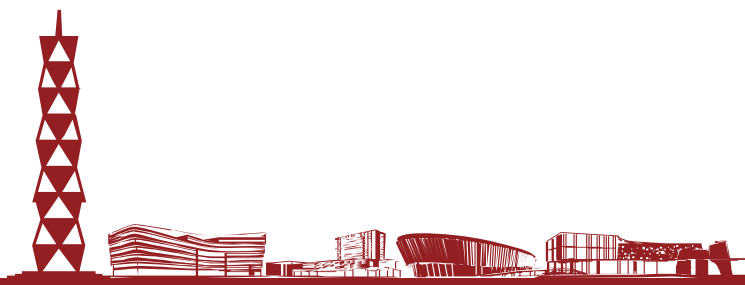
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future queries: g a b c e d a b b a c d e a f a d e f g h ...

↑
cache miss

↑
eject this one

- **Theorem.** FF is optimal eviction schedule.
- **Pf.** Algorithm and theorem are intuitive; proof is subtle





Quiz



• Which item will be evicted next using farthest-in-future schedule?

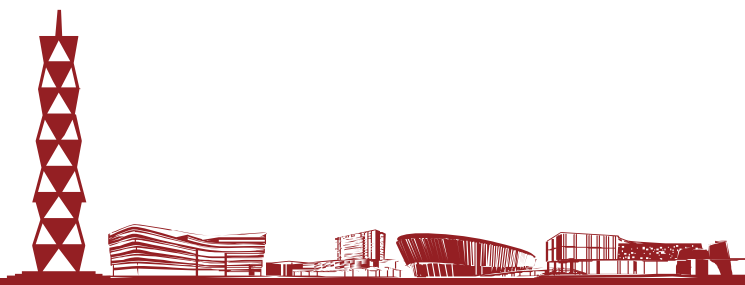
- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

cache

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	B	D	B	Y	A
	C	D	B	C	A
	E	D	E	C	A
	F	?	?	?	?
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request

cache miss
(which item to eject?)





Reduced Eviction Schedules



- **Def.** A **reduced** schedule is a schedule that only inserts an item d into the cache in a step in which d is requested and d is not already in the cache
- **Intuition.** Can transform an unreduced schedule into a reduced one with no more evictions

- x enters cache without a request
- d enters cache without a request
- b enters cache without a request
- c enters cache without a request
- x enters cache without a request

a	a	b	c
a	a	x	c
c	a	d	c
d	a	d	b
a	a	c	b
b	a	x	b
c	a	c	b
a	a	b	c
a	a	b	c

an unreduced schedule

a	a	b	c
a	a	b	c
c	a	b	c
d	a	d	c
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a reduced schedule





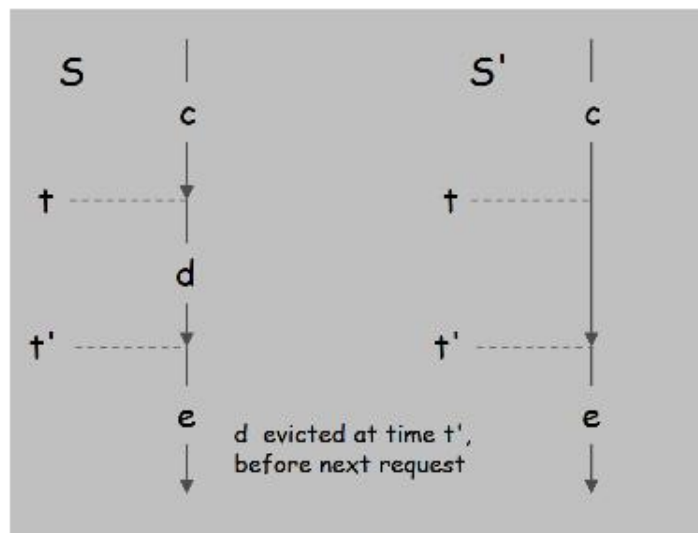
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- **Claim.** Given any unreduced schedule S , can transform it into a reduced schedule S' with no more evictions
- **Pf.** (by induction on number of unreduced items) ← doesn't enter cache at requested time

Suppose S brings d into the cache at time t , without a request, let c be the item S evicts when it brings d into the cache

- **Case 1: d evicted at time t' , before next request for d**



Case 1

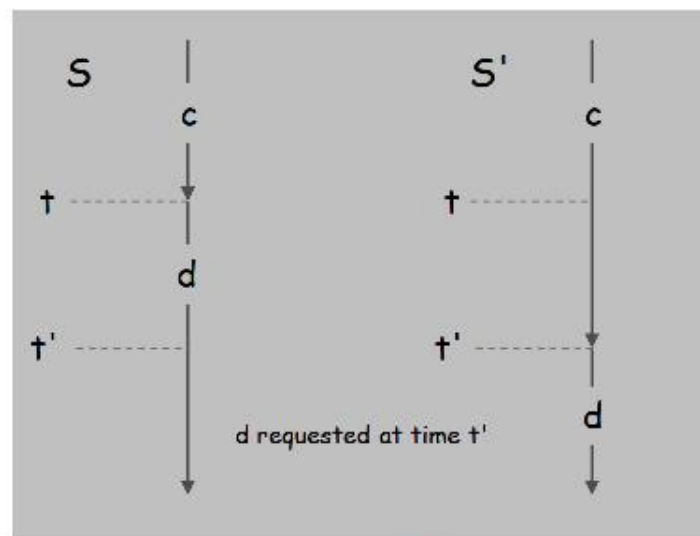




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- **Case 2: d requested at time t' before d is evicted**



Case 2





Farthest-In-Future: Analysis



- **Lemma.** Let S be a reduced schedule that makes the same schedule as S_{FF} through the first j requests. Then there is a reduced schedule S' that makes the same schedule as S_{FF} through the first $j+1$ requests, and incurs no more eviction that S does
- **Pf.**
 - Consider $(j+1)^{st}$ request $d = d_{j+1}$
 - Since S and S_{FF} have agreed up until now, they have the same cache contents before request $j+1$
 - Case 1: (d is already in the cache). $S' = S$ satisfies invariant
 - Case 2: (d is not in the cache and S and S_{FF} evict the same element).
 $S' = S$ satisfies invariant



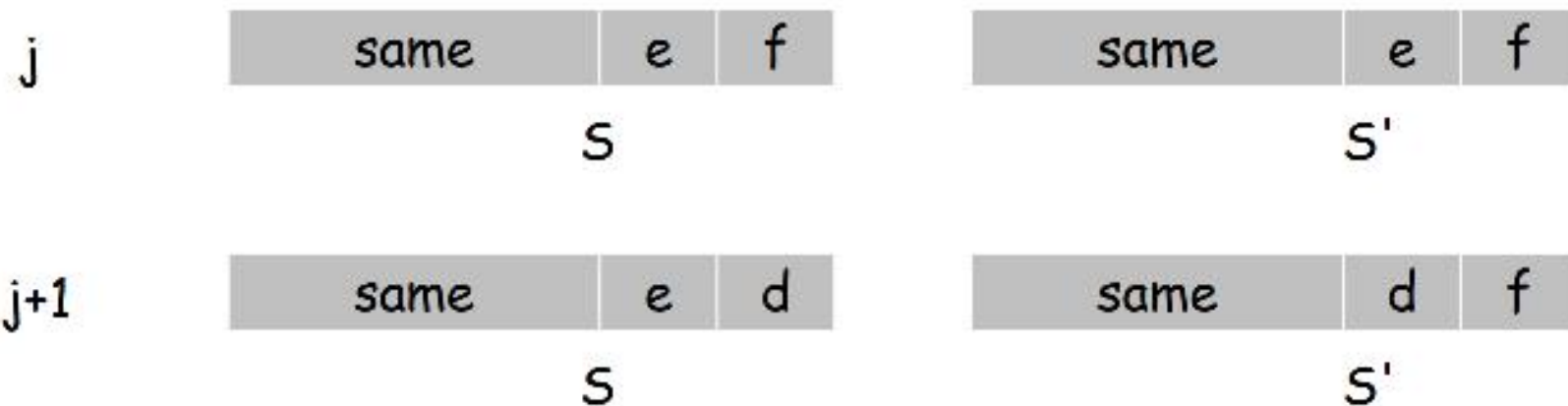


Farthest-In-Future: Analysis



- **Pf. (continued)**

- Case 3: (d is not in the cache; S_{FF} evicts e ; S evicts $f \neq e$)
 - Begin construction of S' from S by evicting e instead of f



- Now S' agrees with S_{FF} on first $j+1$ requests
- From request $j+2$ onward, we make S' the same as S , but this becomes impossible when e or f is involved





Farthest-In-Future: Analysis



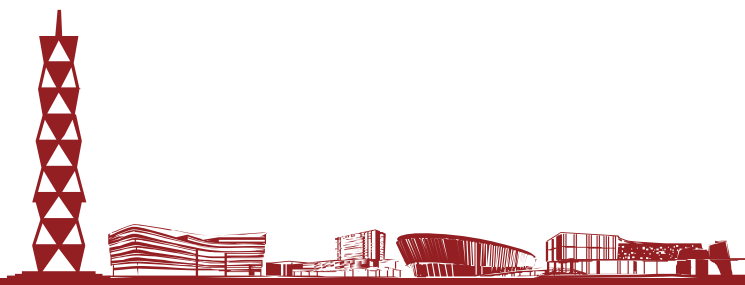
- **Pf. (continued)**

- Let j' be the **first** time after $j+1$ that S and S' take a different action, and let g be item requested at time j'

must involve e or f (or both)



Case 3a: $g = e$. Cannot happen with Farthest-In-Future since there must be a request for f before e





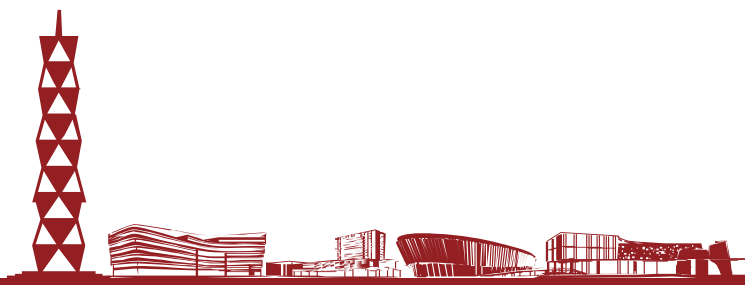
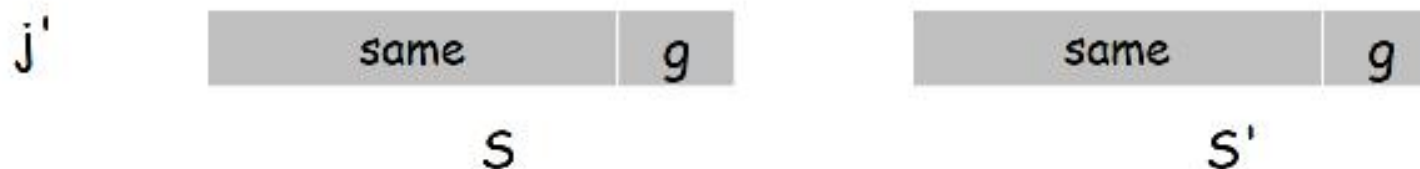
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- Pf. (continued)
- Let j' be the first time after $j+1$ that S and S' take a different action, and let g be item requested at time j'



- Case 3b: $g \neq e, f$. S must evict e .
- Make S' evict f ; now S and S' have the same cache.

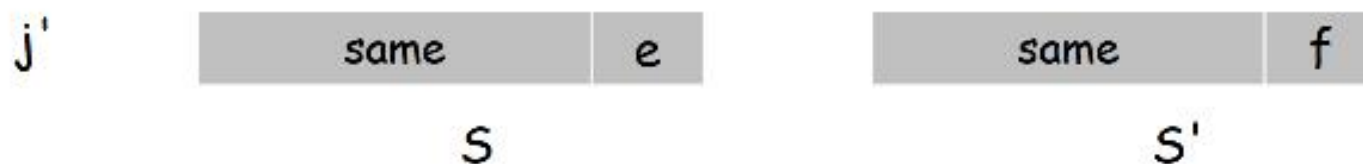




Farthest-In-Future: Analysis



- Pf. (continued)
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- Case 3c: $g = f$. Element f cannot be in cache of S , so let e' be the element that S evicts.
 - If $e' = e$, S' accesses f from cache; now S and S' have same cache
 - If $e' \neq e$, S' evicts e' and brings e into the cache; now S and S' have the same cache. S' is no longer reduced, but can be transformed into a reduced schedule with
 - a) agrees with S_{FF} through step $j + 1$
 - b) has no more evictions than S

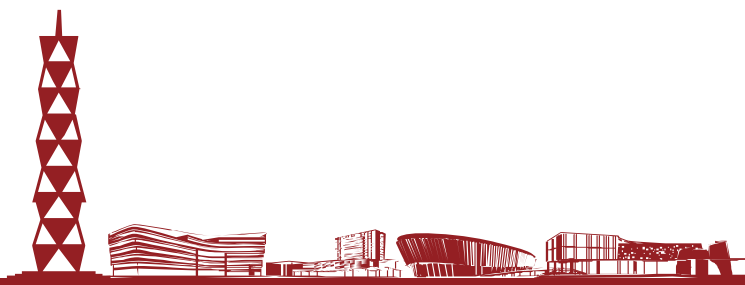




Farthest-In-Future: Analysis



- **Theorem.** FF is optimal eviction algorithm
- **Pf.** (by induction on number of requests j)
- Base case (trivial):
- There exists an optimal reduced schedule S that makes the same schedule as S_{FF} through the first **0** requests
- Inductive step (implied by the lemma):
- If there exists an optimal reduced schedule S that agrees with S_{FF} through the first **j** requests, then there exists an optimal reduced schedule S' that agrees with S_{FF} through the first **$j+1$** requests





Caching Perspective



- **Online vs. offline algorithms**
 - Offline: full sequence of requests is known as priori
 - Online (reality): requests are not known in advance
 - Caching is among most fundamental online problems in CS
- **LIFO.** Evict page brought in most recently
- **LRU.** Evict page whose most recent access was earliest
- **Theorem.** FF is optimal offline eviction algorithm.
 - Provides basis for understanding and analyzing online algorithms
 - LRU is k -competitive.
 - LIFO is arbitrarily bad





Greedy Algorithms: Summary



- **Basic idea**

- Make the locally optimal choice at each step

- **Algorithms**

- Interval Scheduling
 - Choose the job with the earliest finish time
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- Clustering
 - Single-link k-clustering
- Optimal Caching
 - Evict item that is requested farthest in future

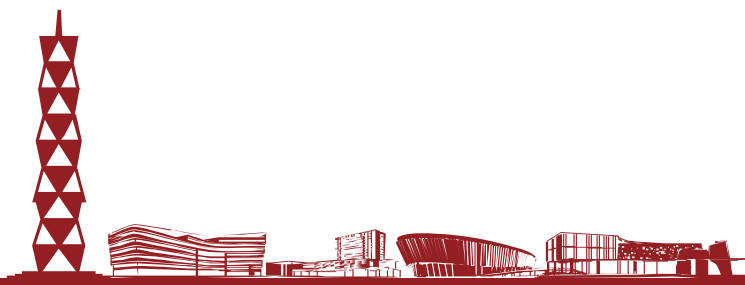
- **Proof skills**

- **Greedy algorithm stays ahead.** Show that after each step of the greedy algorithm, its solution is at least as good as any other algorithm's
- **Exchange argument.** Gradually transform any solution to the one found by the greedy algorithm without hurting its quality





Divide and Conquer





Divide-and-Conquer



- **Divide-and-conquer**

- Break up problem into several parts
- Solve each part recursively
- Combine solutions to sub-problems into overall solution

- **Most common usage**

Break up problem of size n into **two** equal parts of size $\frac{1}{2}n$ in **linear time**

Solve two parts recursively

Combine two solutions into overall solution in **linear time**

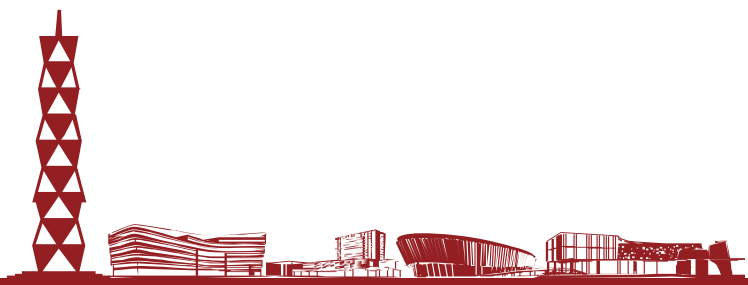
- **Consequence**

Divide-and-conquer: $\Theta(n \log n)$





Mergesort (Revisit)





Mergesort



- **Mergesort**

- Divide array into two halves
- Recursively sort each half
- Merge two halves to make sorted whole

A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M	S
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A	L	G	O	R
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I	T	H	M	S
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divide

A	G	L	O	R
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H	I	M	S	T
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sort

A	G	H	I	L	M	O	R	S	T
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merge

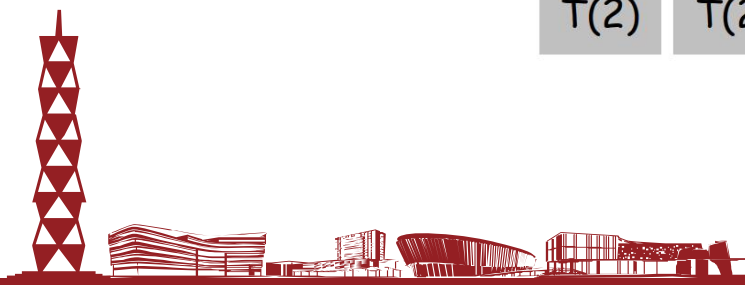
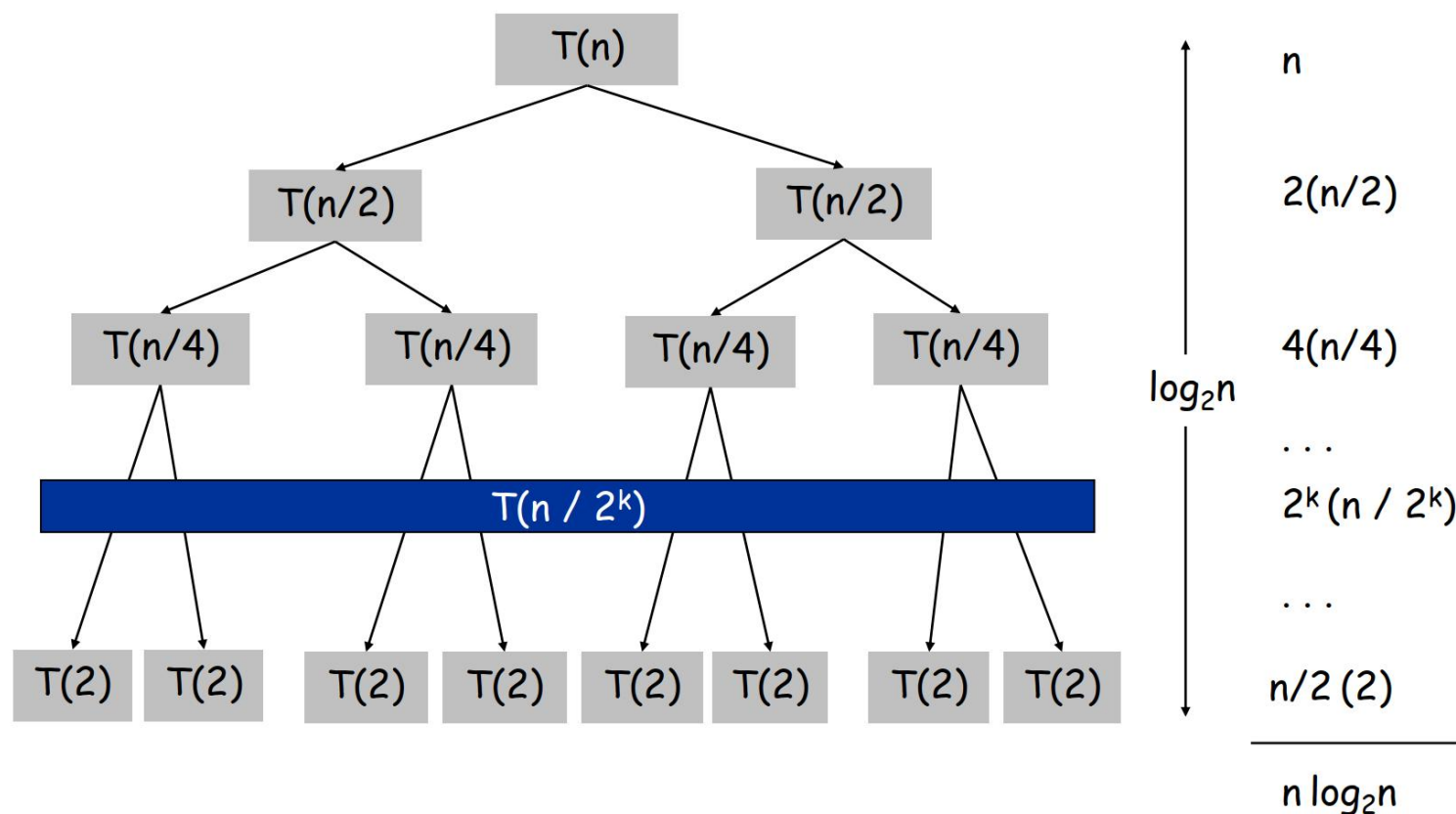




Proof by Recursive Tree



$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ \underbrace{2T(n/2)}_{\text{sorting both halves}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Proof by Induction



- **Claim.** If $T(n)$ satisfies this recurrence, then $T(n) = n \log_2 n$

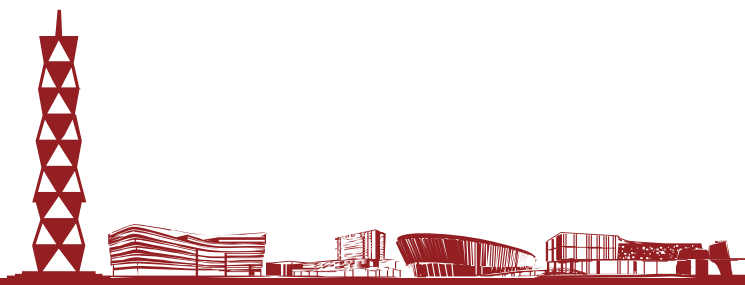


Assumes n is a power of 2

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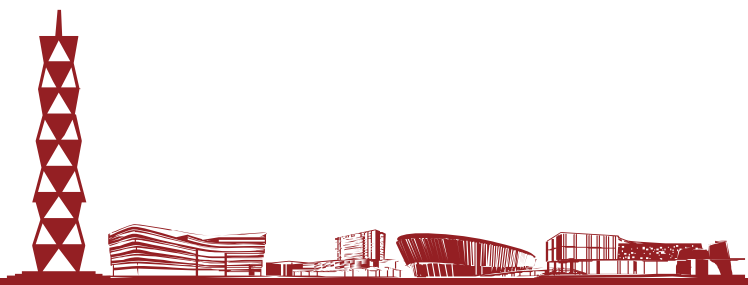
- **Pf.** (by induction on n)
 - Base case: $n = 1$
 - Inductive hypothesis: $T(n) = n \log_2 n$
 - Goal: show that $T(2n) = 2n \log_2(2n)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2T(n) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2 n + 2n \\ &= 2n(\log_2(2n) - 1) + 2n \\ &= 2n \log_2(2n) \end{aligned}$$





Closest Pair of Points





Closest Pair of Points



- **Closest pair.** Given n points in the plane, find a pair with smallest Euclidean distance between them
- **Fundamental geometric primitive**
 - Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
 - Special case of nearest neighbor, Euclidean MST, Voronoi

Fast closest pair inspired fast algorithms for these problems

- **Brute force.** Check all pairs of points p and q with $\Theta(n^2)$ comparisons
- **Assumption.** No two points have same x coordinate

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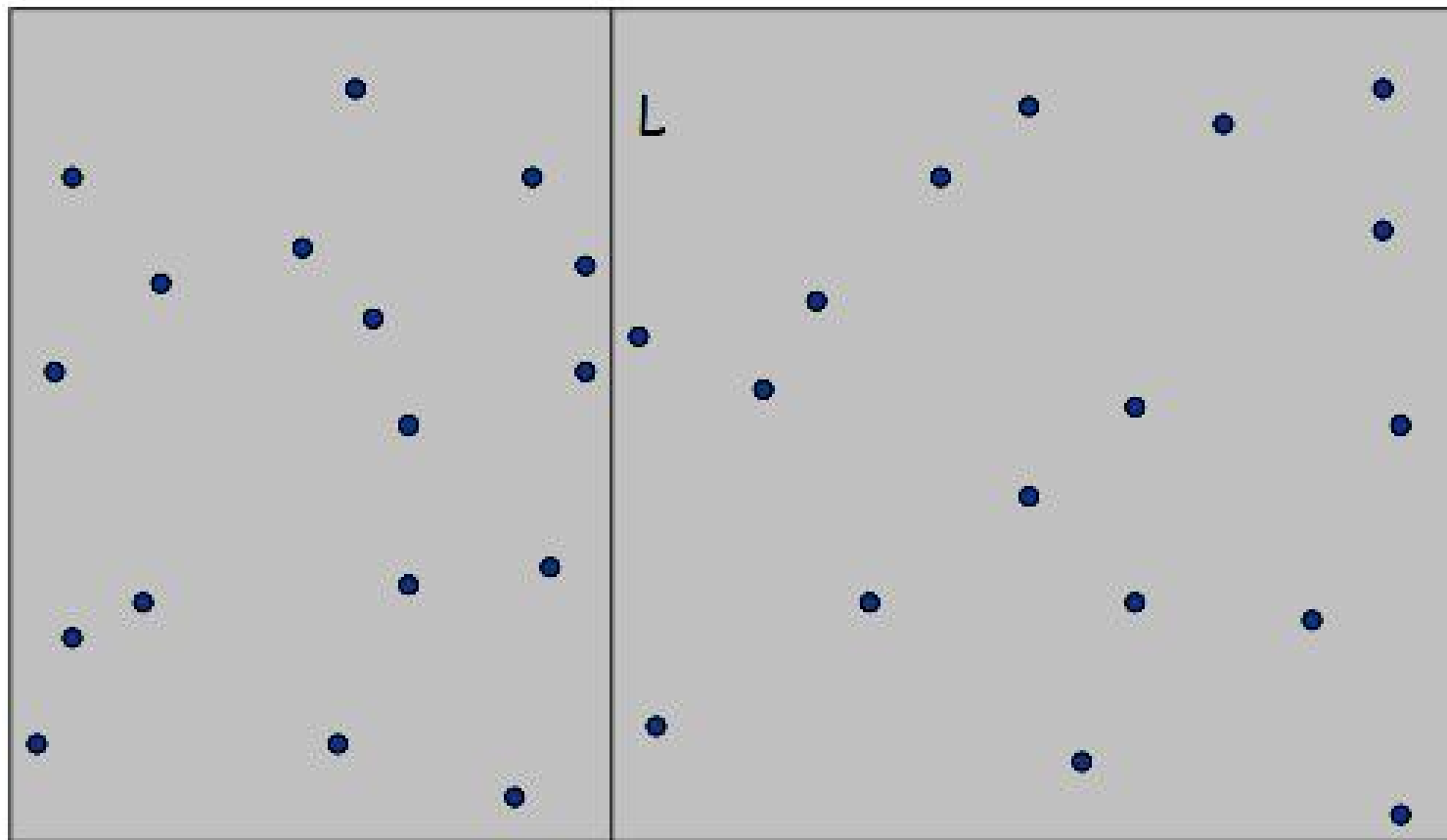


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- **Divide:** draw vertical line L so that roughly $\frac{1}{2}n$ points on each side



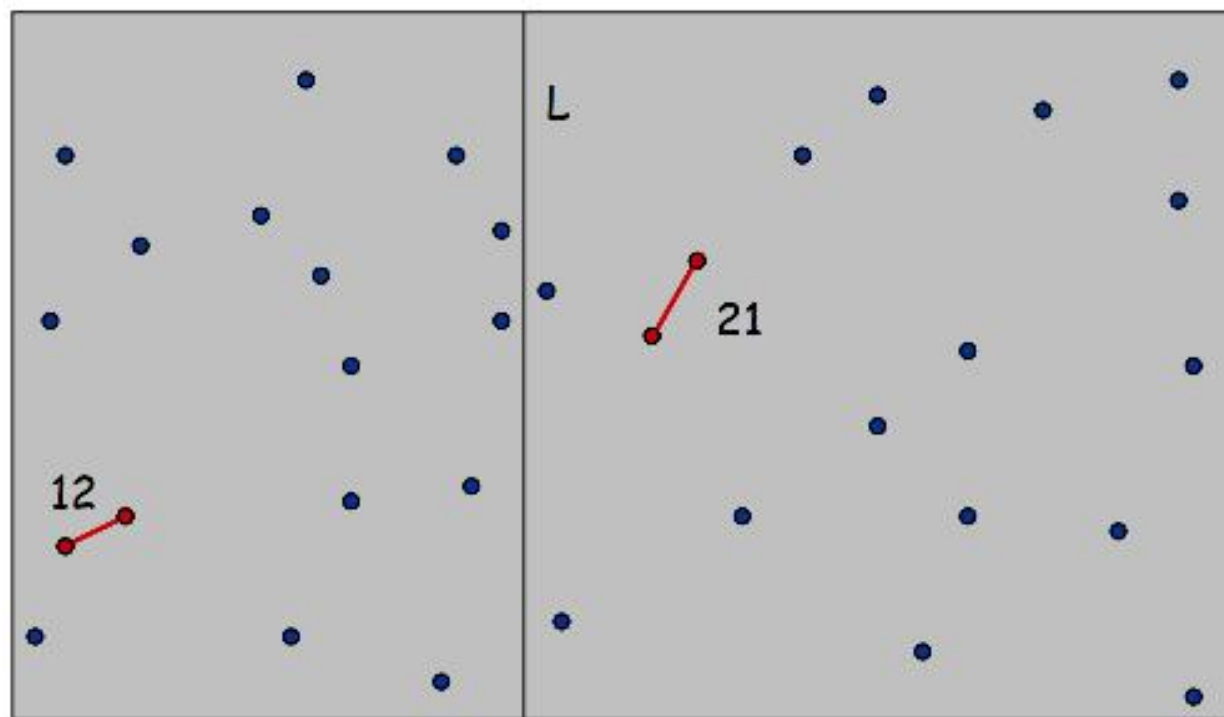


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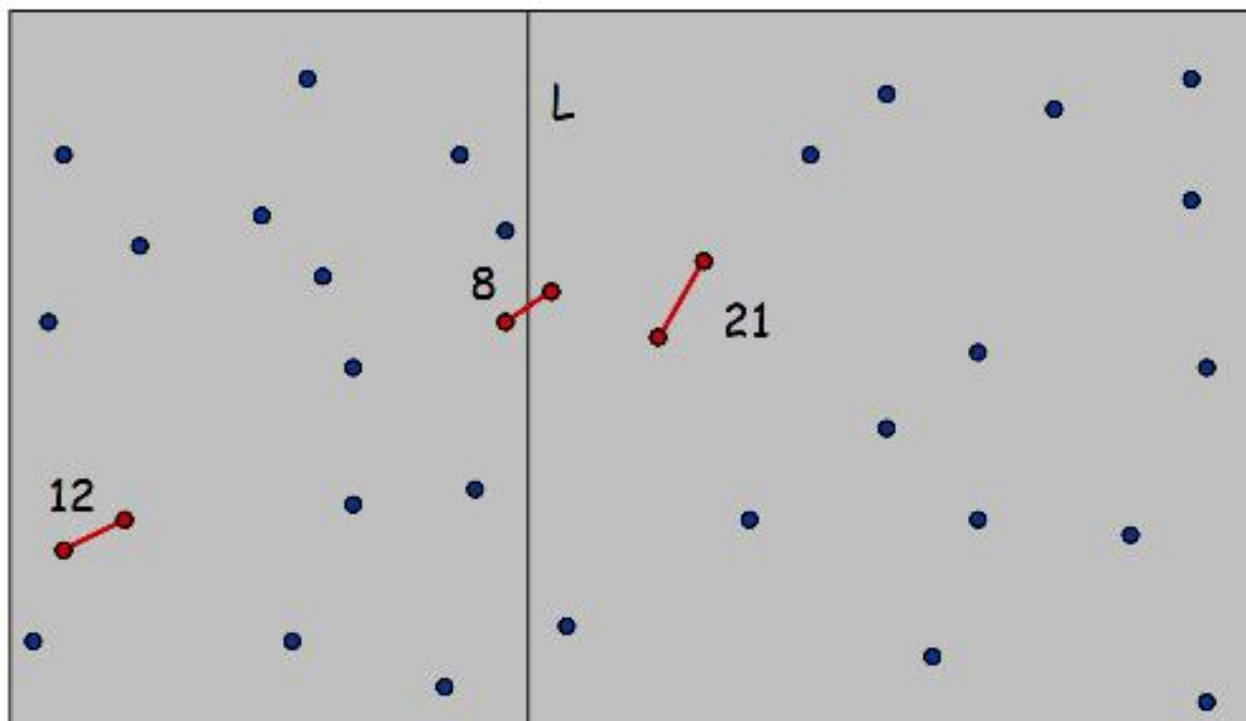


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- **Combine:** find closest pair with one point in each side $\leftarrow \Theta(n^2)$
- Return best of 3 solutions

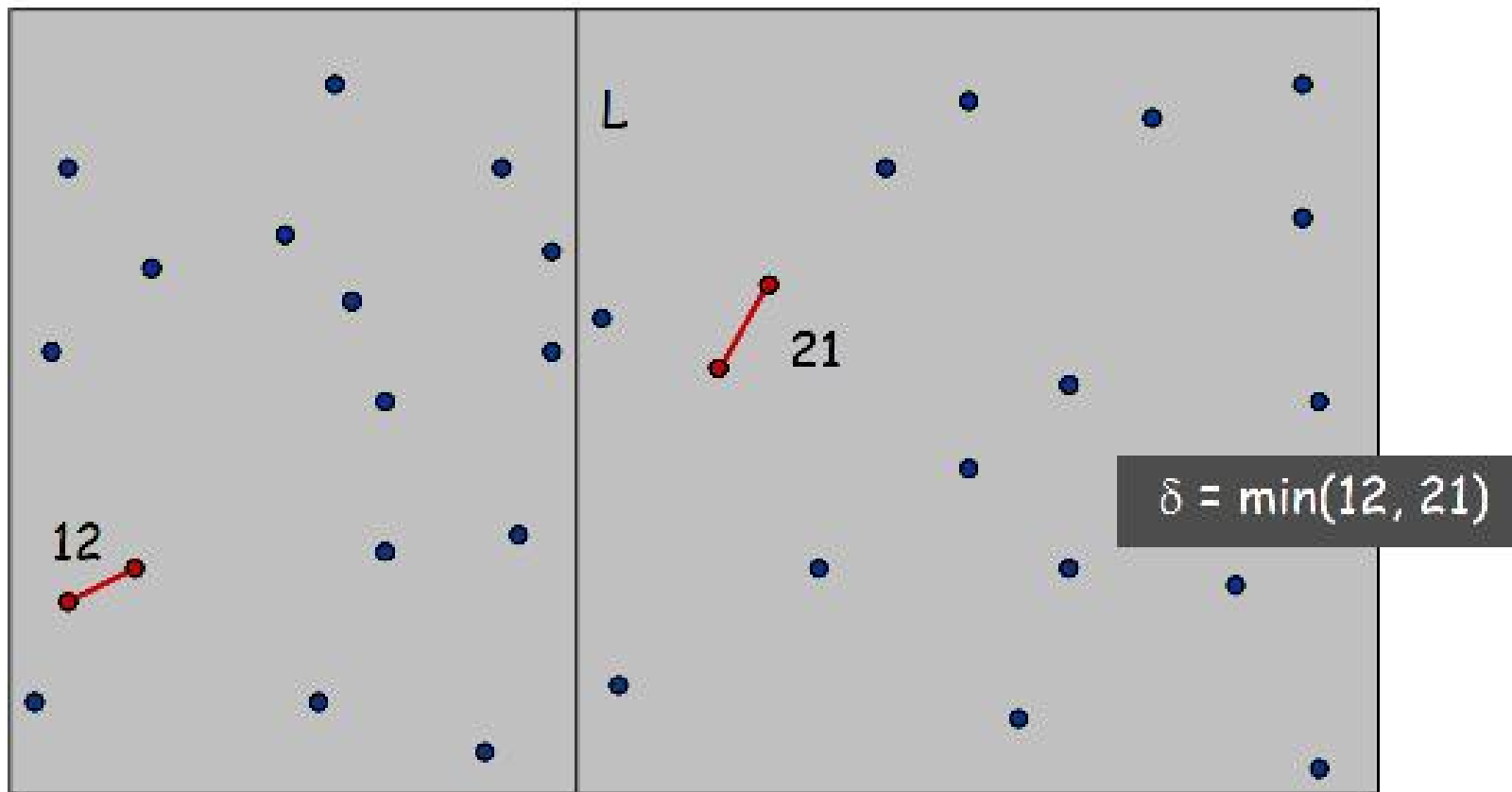




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- Find closest pair with one point in each side, **assuming that distance $< \delta$**



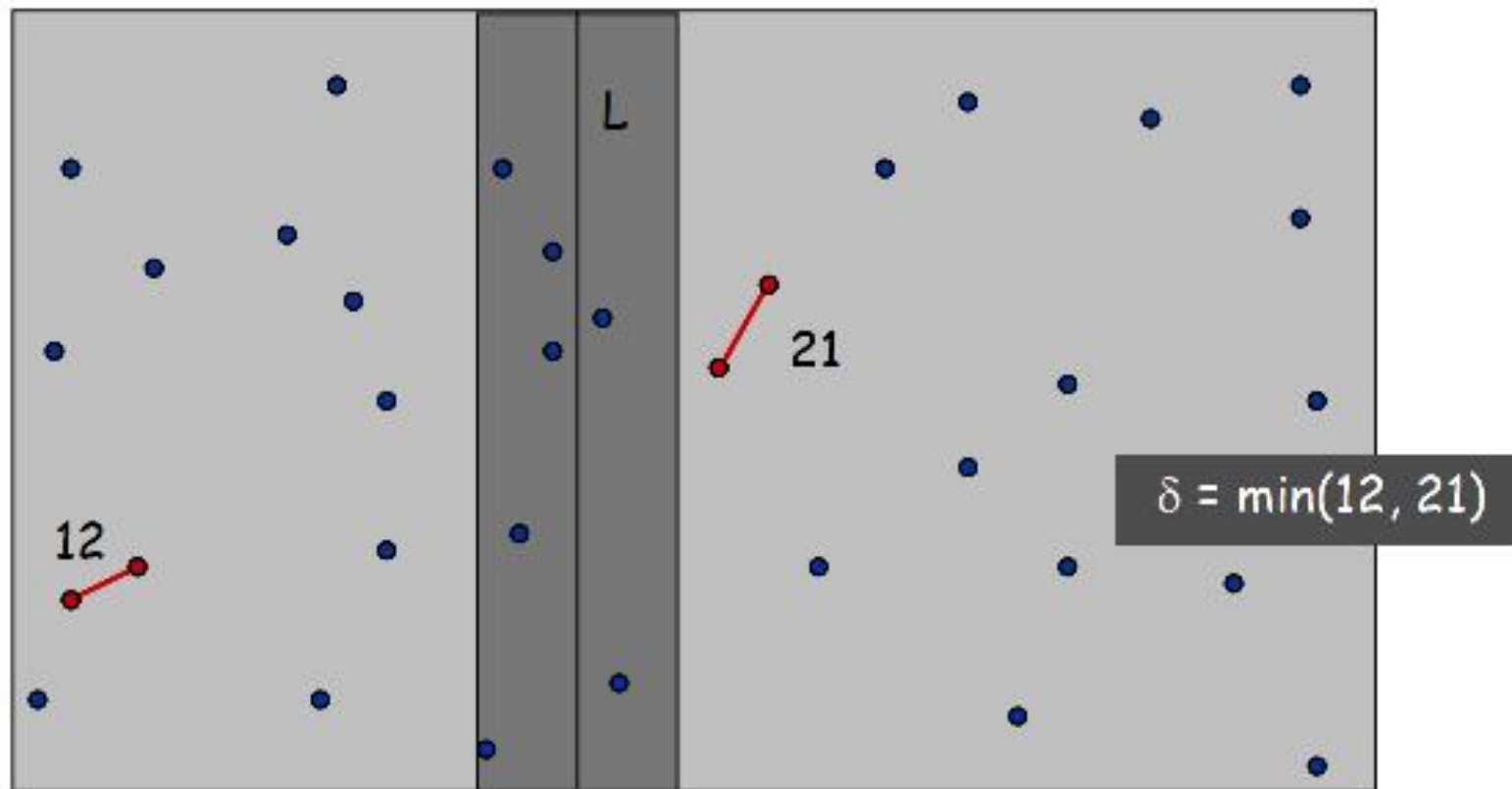


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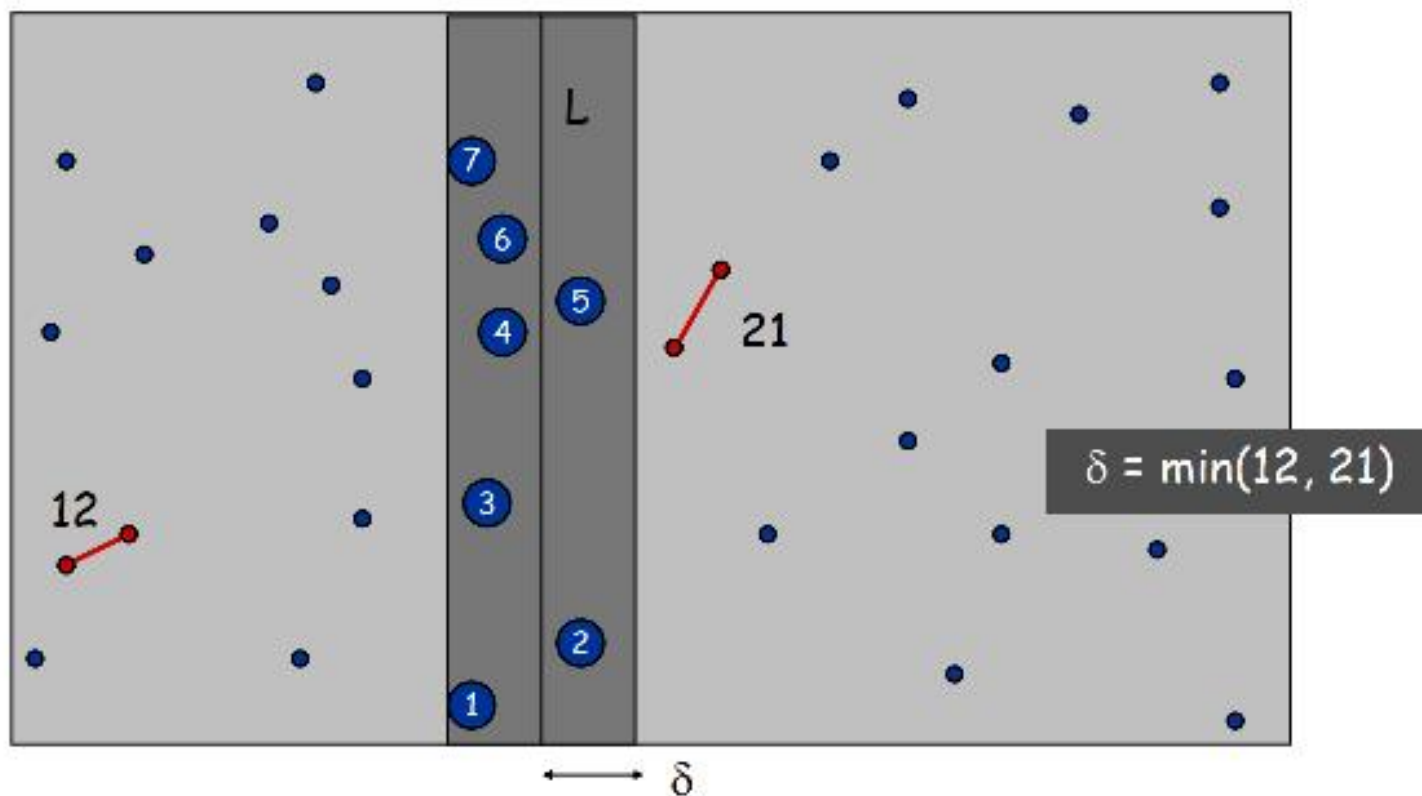
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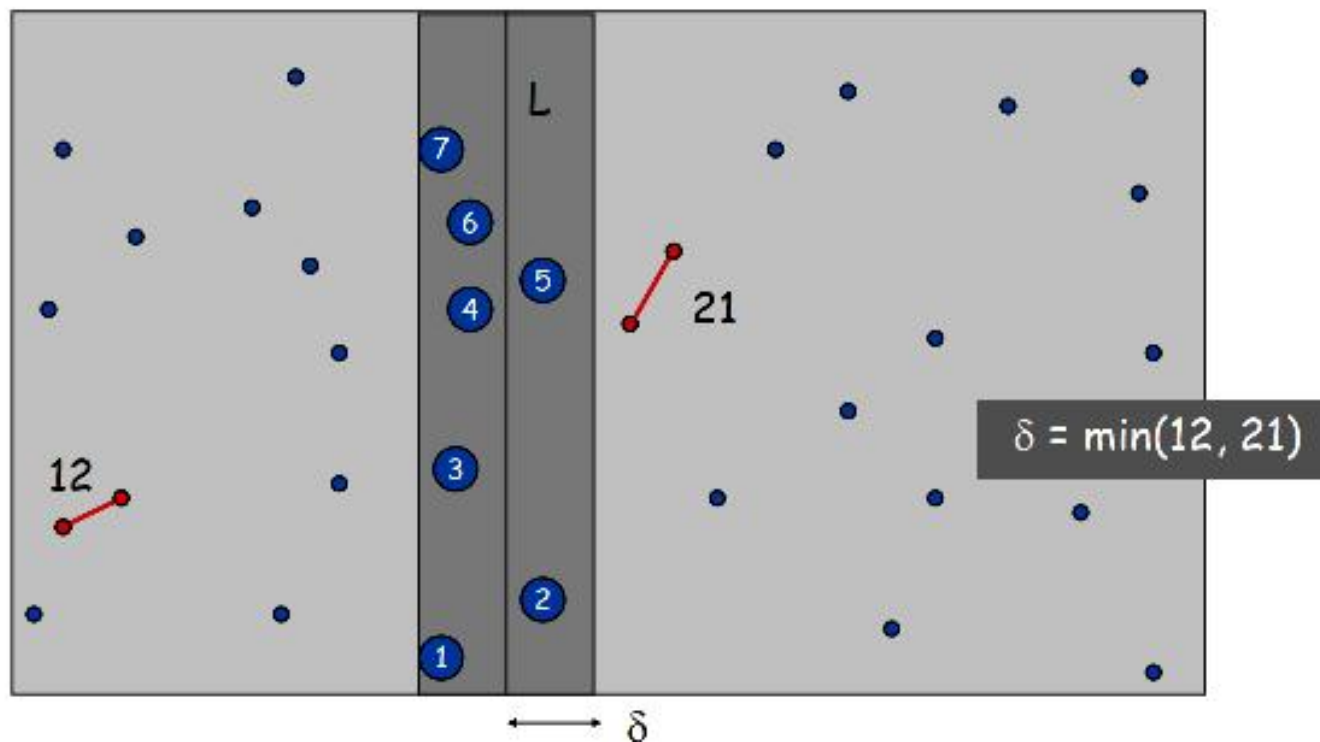


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Only check distances of those within 11 positions in sorted list!

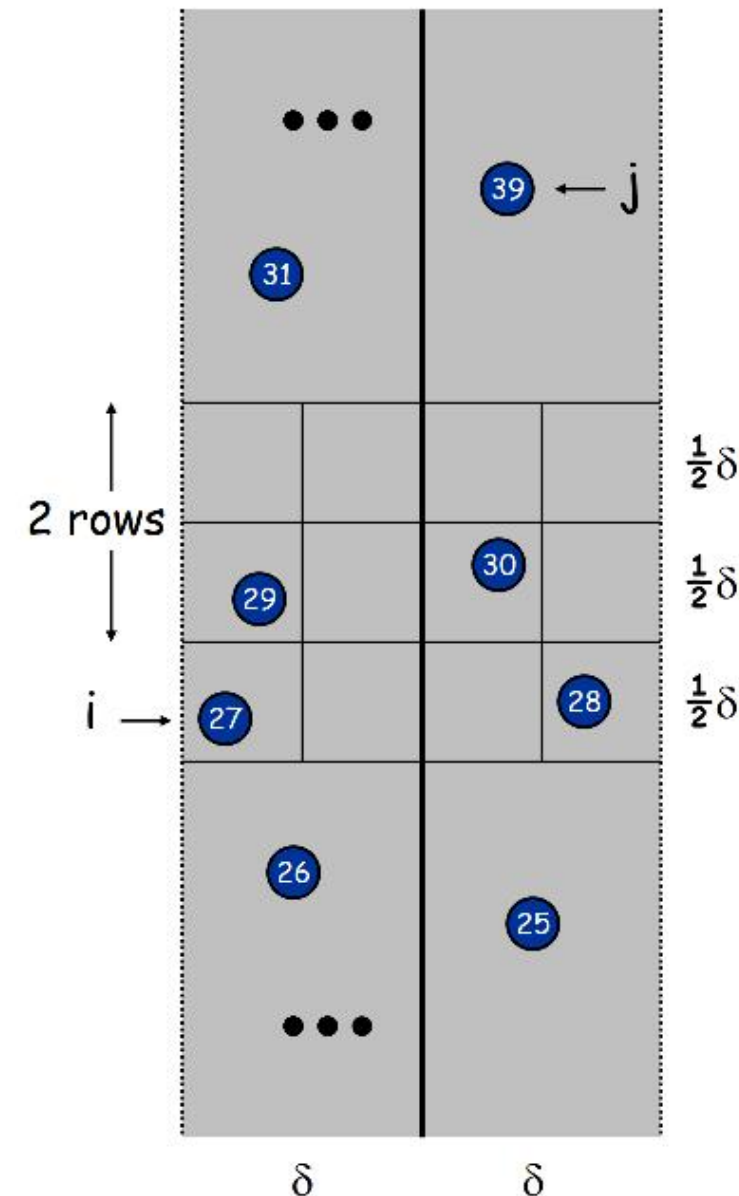




Closest Pair of Points



- **Def.** Let s_i be the point in the 2δ -strip, with the i^{th} smallest y -coordinate
- **Claim.** If $|i - j| \geq 12$, then the distance between s_i and s_j is at least δ
- **Pf.**
 - No two points lie in some $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ box
 - Two points at least 2 rows apart have distance $\geq 2(\frac{1}{2}\delta)$

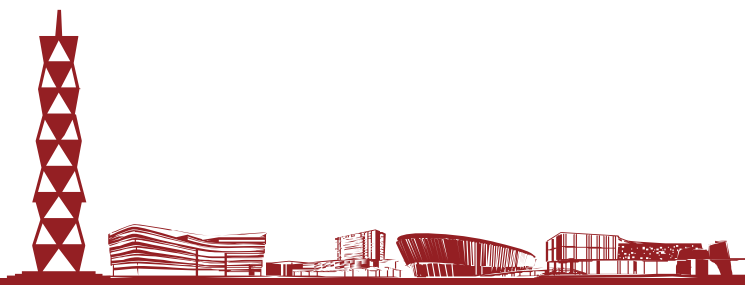




Closest Pair of Points



- Find closest pair with one point in each side, **assuming that distance $< \delta$**
 - Linear time algorithm!
- Without this assumption?
 - Run the same algorithm
 - If assumption true ,we will find the right closest pair with one point in each side
 - If false, the algorithm will find a pair with distance $\geq \delta$ and then the combine step will correctly return δ as distance of closest pair





Closest Pair Algorithm



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Closest-Pair( $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ) {  
    Compute separation line  $L$  such that half the points  
    are on one side and half on the other side.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
     $\delta_1 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{left half})$   
     $\delta_2 = \text{Closest-Pair}(\text{right half})$   $2T(n / 2)$   
     $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2)$   
  
    Delete all points further than  $\delta$  from separation line  $L$   $O(n)$   
  
    Sort remaining points by y-coordinate.  $O(n \log n)$   
  
    Scan points in y-order and compare distance between  
    each point and next 11 neighbors. If any of these  
    distances is less than  $\delta$ , update  $\delta$ .  $O(n)$   
  
    return  $\delta$ .  
}
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Closest Pair of Points: Analysis



- Running time

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log^2 n)$$

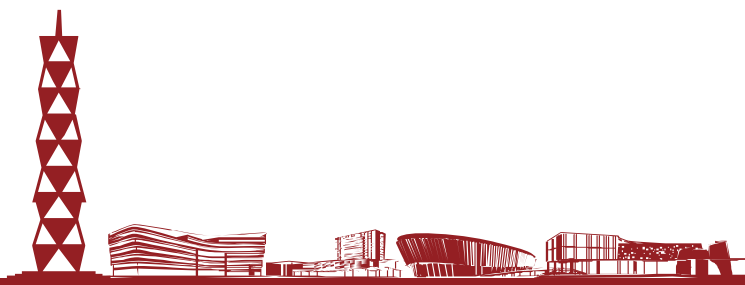
- Q. Can we achieve $O(n \log n)$?
- A. Yes. Don't sort points from scratch each time.
 - Sort all the points twice before recursive call, once by x coordinate and once by y coordinate
 - Reuse the sorted sequences when needed (linear time)

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$





Integer Multiplication (Revisit)





- **Add.** Given two n -digit integers a and b , compute $a + b$.
 - $O(n)$ bit operations
- **Multiply.** Given two n -digit integers a and b , compute $a * b$.
 - Brute force solution: $\Theta(n^2)$ bit operations

	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
+	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1

Add

Multiply

[illegible]



Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication: Warmup



- To multiply two n -digit integers:
 - Multiply four $\frac{1}{2}n$ - digit integers
 - Add two $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers, and shift to obtain result

$$x = \underbrace{1000}_{x_1} \underbrace{1101}_{x_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) = 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$



assumes n is a power of 2





Karatsuba Multiplication



- To multiply two n -digit integers:
 - Add two $\frac{1}{2}n$ digit integers
 - Multiply **three** $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers
 - Add, subtract, and shift $\frac{1}{2}n$ -digit integers to obtain results

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0 \\&= 2^n \cdot \underbrace{x_1 y_1}_A + 2^{n/2} \cdot \underbrace{((x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - x_1 y_1 - x_0 y_0)}_{B \quad A \quad C \quad C} + x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

- **Theorem.** Can multiply two n -digit integers in $O(n^{1.585})$ bit operations

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(1 + \lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, subtract, shift}} \\&\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})\end{aligned}$$



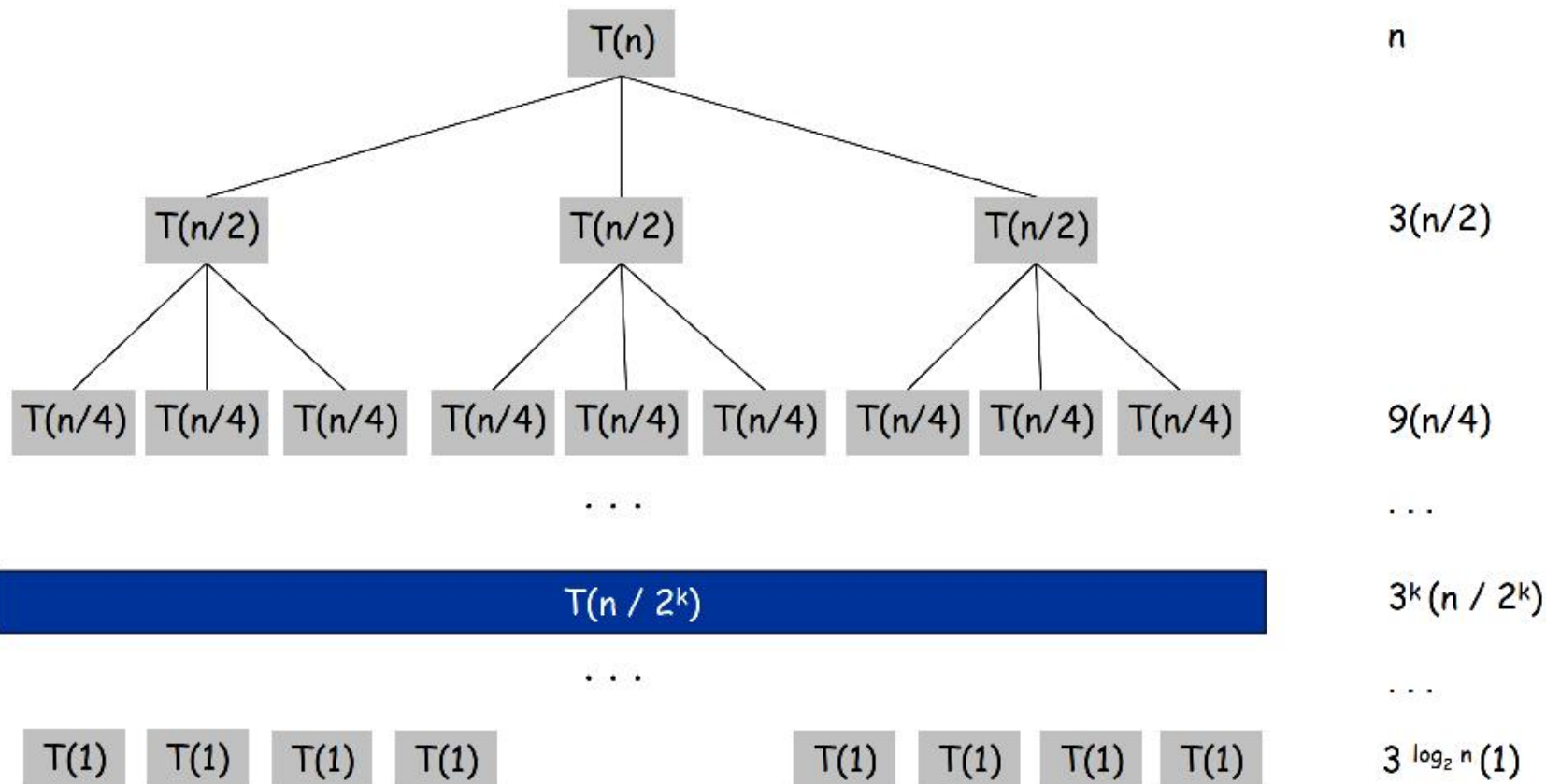


Karatsuba: Recursion Tree



$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(n/2) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\log_2 n} n \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{1+\log_2 n} - 1}{\frac{3}{2} - 1} n = 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n$$





Next Time: Divide and Conquer (Cont.)

