

# Master Theorem

- How do you solve a recurrence of the form

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We will use the master theorem.

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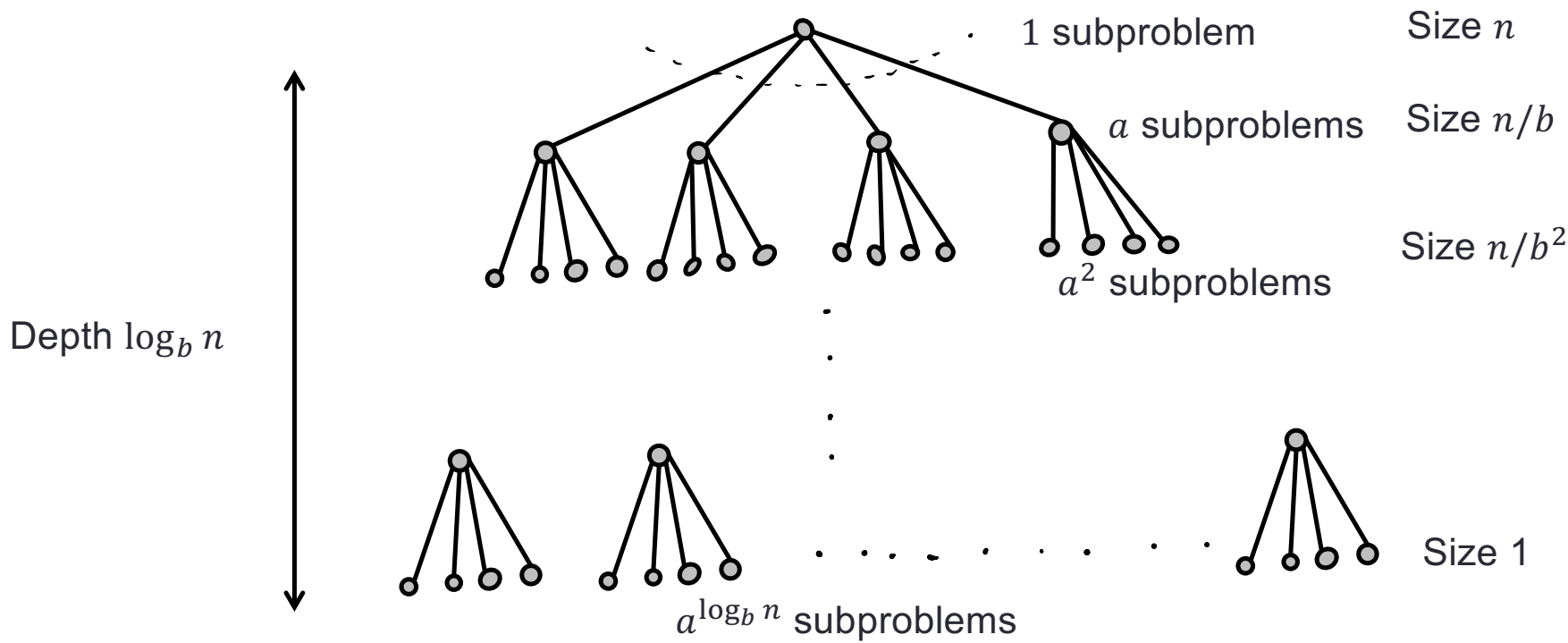
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After  $\log_b n$  levels, the subproblem size is reduced to 1, which usually is the size of the base case.

So the entire algorithm is a sum of each level.

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Steady-state

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- $O(n^{\log 3})$  Kuratsuba
- $O(n \log n \log \log n)$  Schonhage-Strassen, 1971
- $O(n \log n 2^{\{c \log^* n\}})$  Furer, 2007
- $O(n \log n)$  Harvey and van der Hoeven, 2019
- $O(n)$ , you, tomorrow?

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- Could any multiplication algorithm have a faster asymptotic runtime than  $\Theta(n^{1.58})$ ?
- Any ideas?????

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$$a=9$$

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$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_3 9})$$

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- There are  $k^2$  multiplications. The recursion is

$$T(n) = k^2 T\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) + O(n) \dots \dots \dots a = k^2, b = k, d = 1$$

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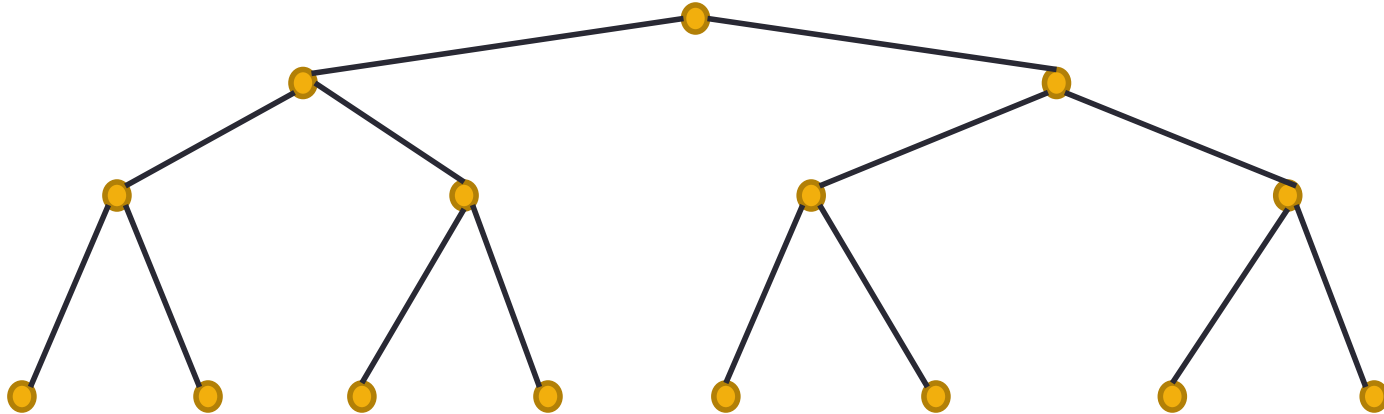
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- $T(n) = O\left(n^{\frac{\log 2k-1}{\log k}}\right)$  time.
- So we can have a near-linear time algorithm if we take  $k$  to be sufficiently large. The  $O(n)$  term in the recursion takes a lot of time the bigger  $k$  gets. So is it worth it to make  $k$  very large?



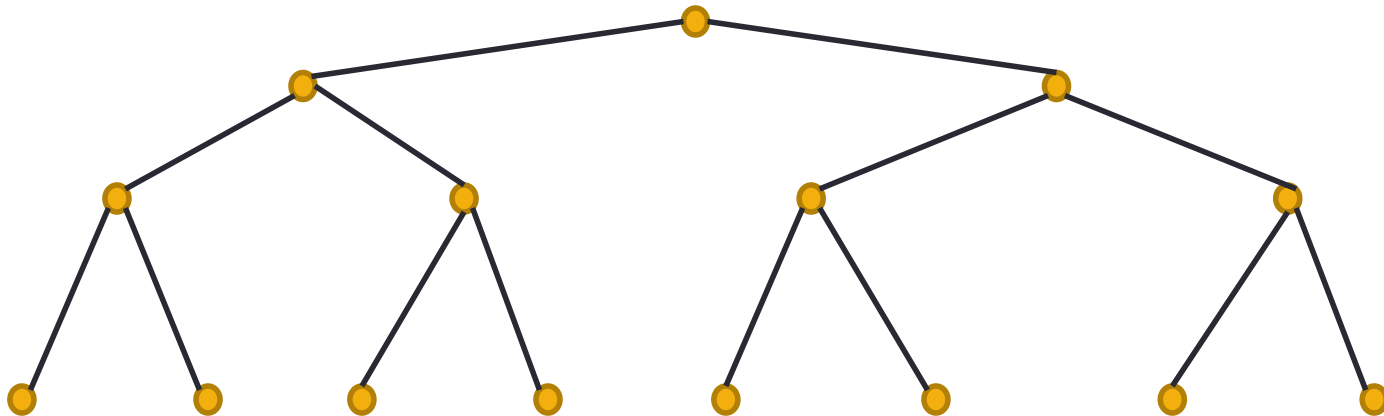
# Divide and Conquer Trees

- Let's say we have a full and balanced binary tree (all parents have two children and all leaves are on the bottom level.)



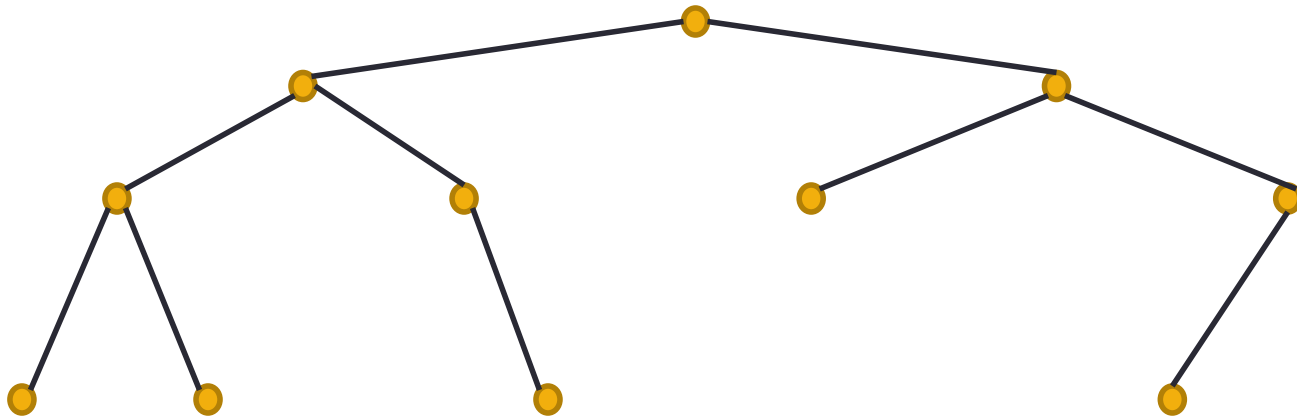
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- Notice that each child's subtree is half of the problem so we get a nice divide and conquer structure.



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- If the tree is uneven, we can still use the same strategy but we need to take a bit of care when calculating runtime.

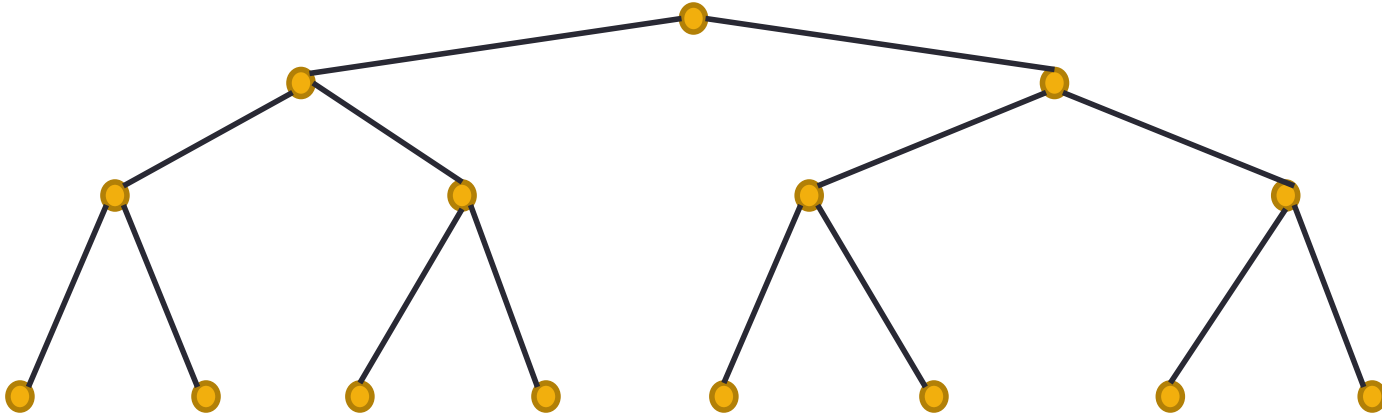


# Least common ancestor

- Given a binary tree with  $n$  vertices, we wish to compute  $LCA(x, y)$  for each pair of vertices  $x, y$ .
- $LCA(x, y)$  is the least common ancestor of  $x$  and  $y$ . Or in other words, the “youngest” common ancestor of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- For example, the LCA of me and my brother is our parent. The LCA of me and my uncle is my grandparent (his parent.) A vertex can be its own ancestor so the LCA of me and my father is my father.

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- For each vertex  $v$ , set  $lca(v, r) = r$ .
- For each pair of vertices  $u, v$  such that  $u$  is in the left subtree and  $v$  is in the right subtree, set  $lca(u, v) = r$ .
- Now what? Are we done?
- Recurse on the left and right subtrees!!!!

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Using the master theorem with  $a=2$ ,  $b=2$ ,  $d=2$ ,

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If the binary tree is uneven then  
the runtime recurrence is

$$T(n) = T(L) + T(R) + O(LR)$$

Where  $L$  is the size of the left  
subtree and  $R$  is the size of the  
right subtree.

What do you think the total  
runtime will be? Take a guess and  
we can check it!!!

# Uneven DC runtime

- $T(n) = T(L) + T(R) + O(LR)$
- We guess that it would take  $O(n^2)$ . So let's try to prove this using induction.
- Claim:  $T(n) \leq cn^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and for some constant  $c$  that is bigger than  $T(1)$  and bigger than the coefficient in the  $O(LR)$  term.

# Uneven DC runtime

- Base case.  $T(1) < c(1^2)$ . True by choice of  $c$ .
- Suppose that for some  $n > 1$ ,  $T(k) < ck^2$  for all  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k < n$ .
- Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &< T(L) + T(R) + cLR \leq cL^2 + cR^2 + cLR \\ &< cL^2 + cR^2 + 2cLR = c(L + R)^2 = c(n - 1)^2 < cn^2 \end{aligned}$$

# Make Heap

- Problem: Given a list of  $n$  elements, form a heap containing all elements.

# Divide and conquer strategy

- Assume  $n = 2^k - 1$ . (Add blank elements if needed)
- Divide the list into two lists of size  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  and a left-over element
- Make heaps with both (in sub-trees of root)
- Put left-over element at root.
- “Trickle down” top element to reinstate heap property

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- Doesn't fit master theorem.



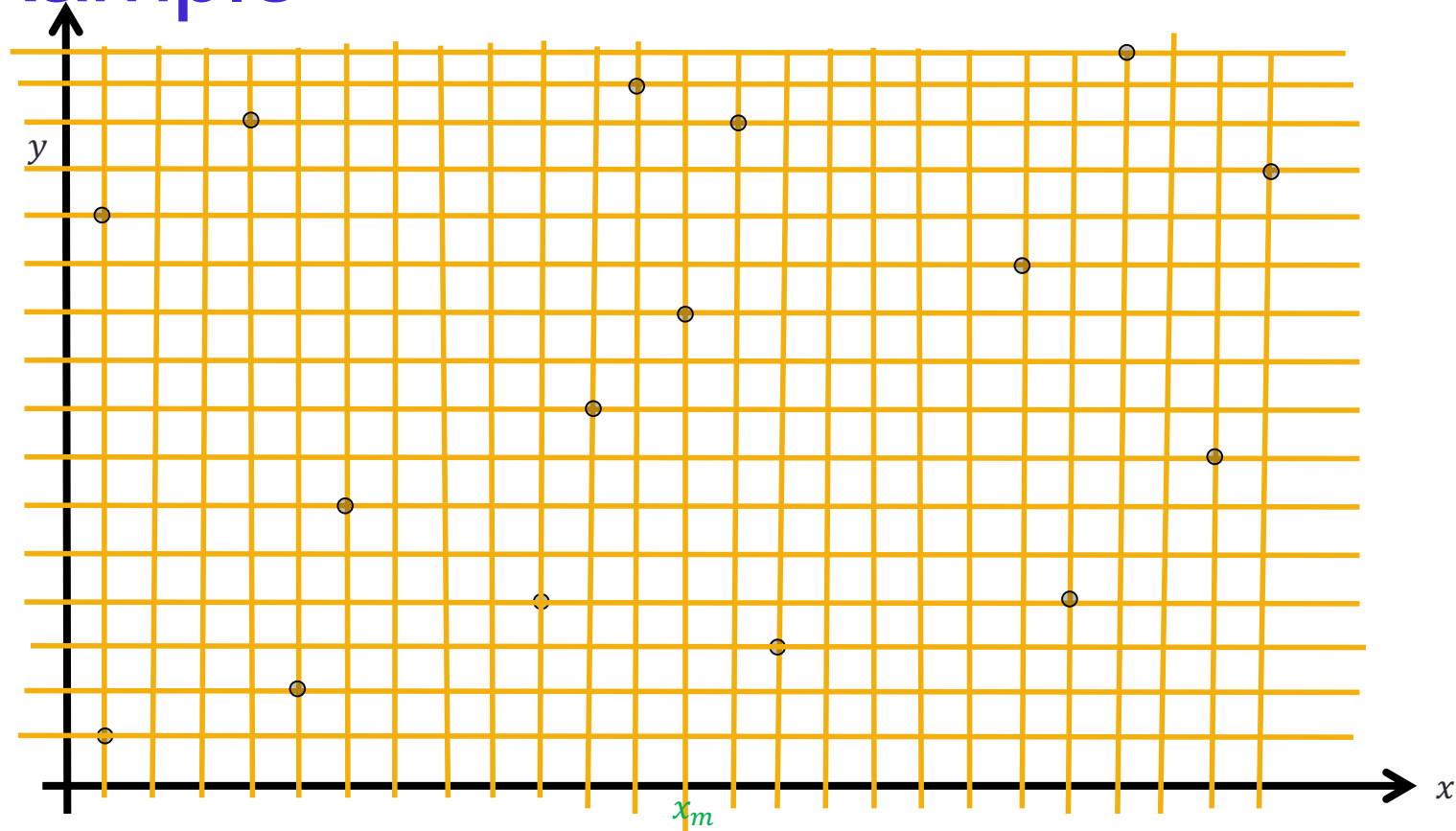
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- Define  $L(n) = 2 T(n/2) + O(1)$ ,  $H(n) = 2T(n/2) + O\left(n^{\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}}\right)$
- $L(n) < T(n) < H(n)$
- Apply Master Theorem: Both  $L(n)$  and  $H(n)$  are  $O(n)$ ,
- So  $T(n)$  is  $O(n)$

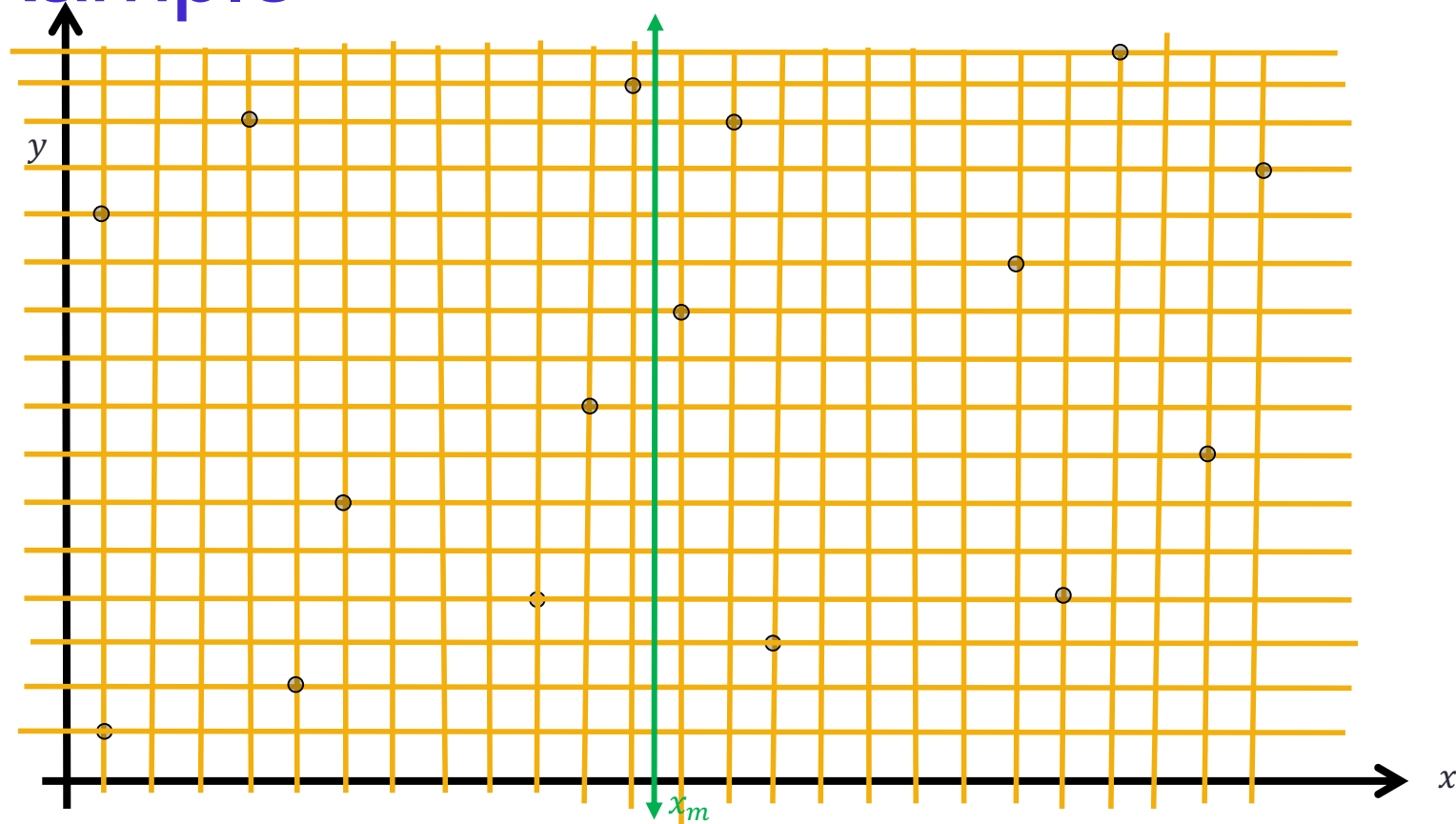
# minimum distance

- Given a list of coordinates,  $[(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)]$ , find the distance between the closest pair.
- Brute force solution?
- $\text{min} = 0$
- for  $i$  from 1 to  $n-1$ :
  - for  $j$  from  $i+1$  to  $n$ :
    - if  $\text{min} > \text{distance}((x_i, y_i), (x_j, y_j))$
- return  $\text{min}$

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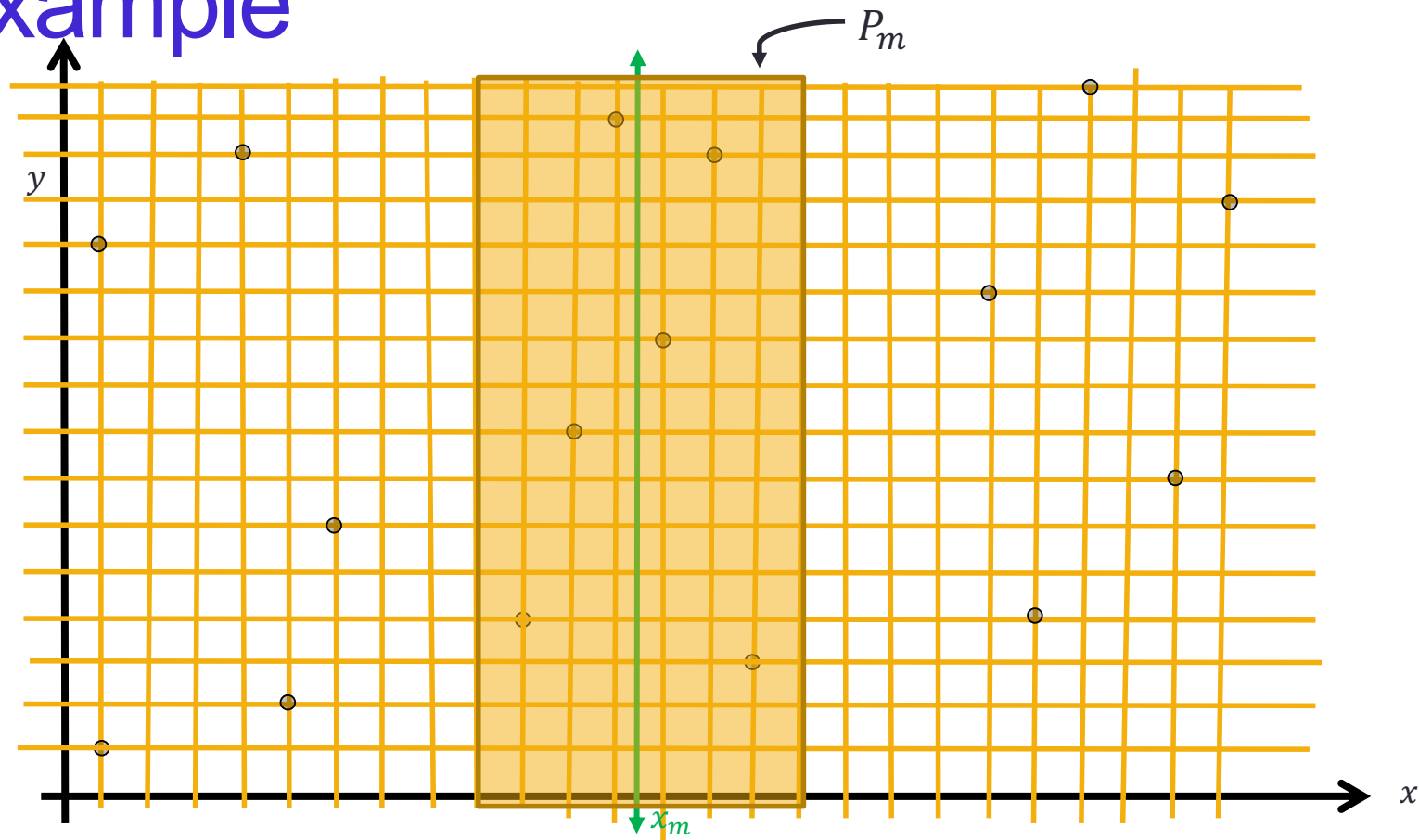
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- Partition the points by  $x$ , according to whether they are to the left or right of the median
- Recursively find the minimum distance points on the two sides.
- Need to compare to the smallest “cross distance” between a point on the left and a point on the right
- Only need to look at “close” points

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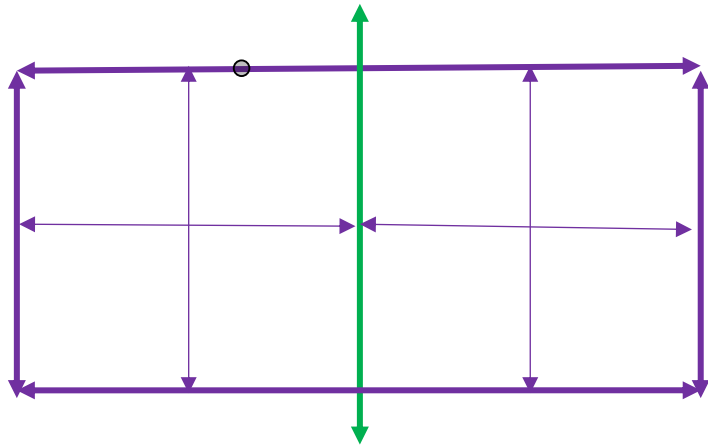
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- Worst case, how many points could this be?



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- Given a point  $(x, y) \in P_m$ , let's look in a  $2d \times d$  rectangle with that point at its upper boundary:



- There could not be more than 8 points total because if we divide the rectangle into  $8 \frac{d}{2} \times \frac{d}{2}$  squares then there can never be more than one point per square.
- Why???

# Combine step

- So instead of comparing  $(x, y)$  with every other point in  $P_m$  we only have to compare it with at most a constant  $c$  points lower than it (smaller  $y$ )
- To gain quick access to these points, let's sort the points in  $P_m$  by  $y$  values.
- The points above must be in the  $c$  points before our current point in this sorted list
- Now, if there are  $k$  vertices in  $P_m$  we have to sort the vertices in  $O(k \log k)$  time and make at most  $ck$  comparisons in  $O(k)$  time for a total combine step of  $O(k \log k)$ .
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This is  $T(n) = O(n (\log n)^2)$

Pre-processing : Sort by both  $x$  and  $y$ , keep pointers between sorted lists Maintain sorting in recursive calls reduces to  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$ , so  $T(n)$  is  $O(n \log n)$