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Parallel Algorithm for Closest Pair Problem

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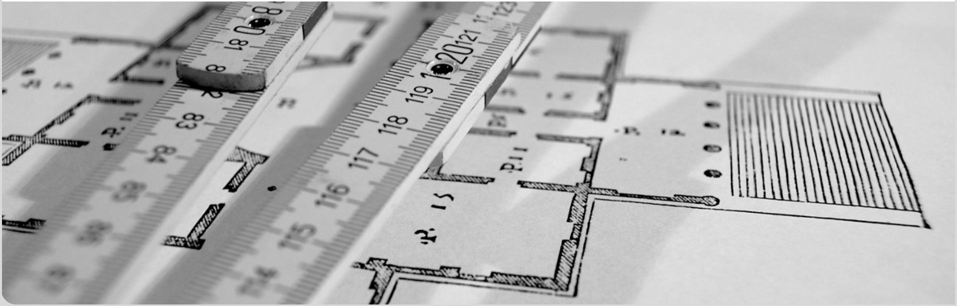

Problem Description

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Closest Pair Problem

- Given n **different unordered** points $P = \{p_1, p_2, ..., p_n\}$ in **unit square**

$$p_i = (x_i, y_i) \in (0,1) \times (0,1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Find a pair of points with closest euclidean distance between them
- Find any pair if there's a tie.

Background

- $O(n \log n)$ lower bound in comparison tree model
- **Bentley and Shamos 1976**
  $O(n \log n)$ algorithm using divide and conquer
- **Rabin 1976**
  $O(n)$ randomized algorithm with $O(1)$ floor function
- **Fortune and Hopcroft 1978**
  $O(n \log \log n)$ deterministic algorithm with $O(1)$ floor function
- **Khuller and Matias 1995**
  Another O(n) randomized algorithm

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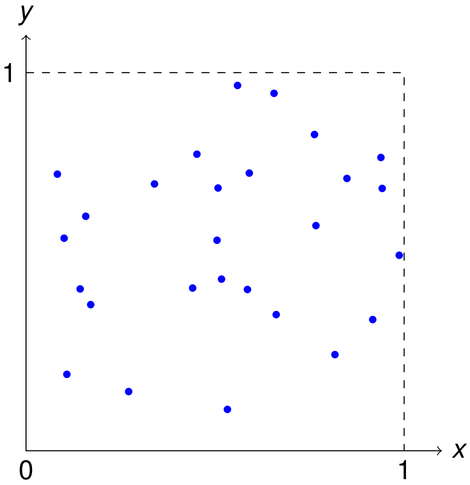

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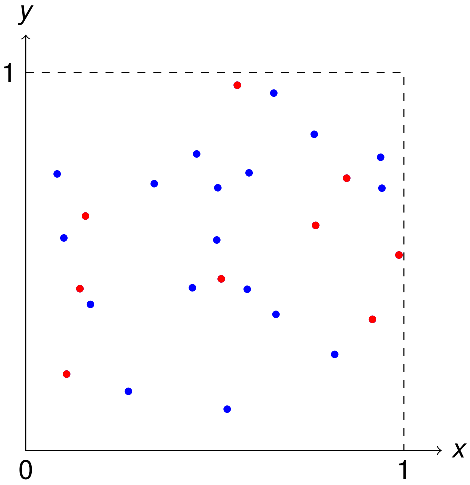

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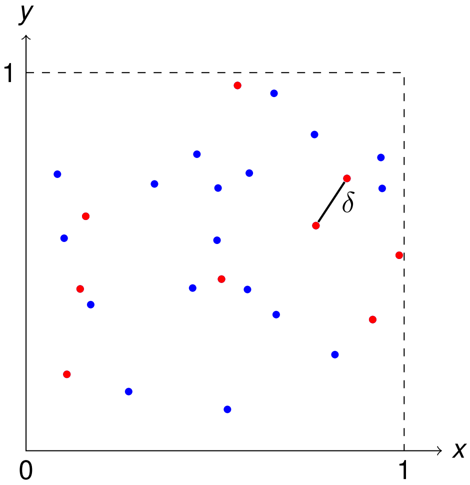

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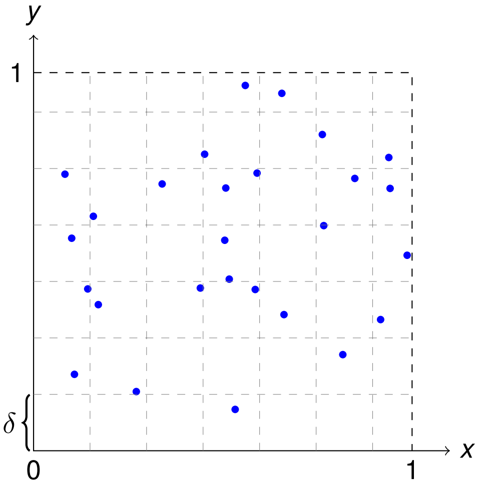

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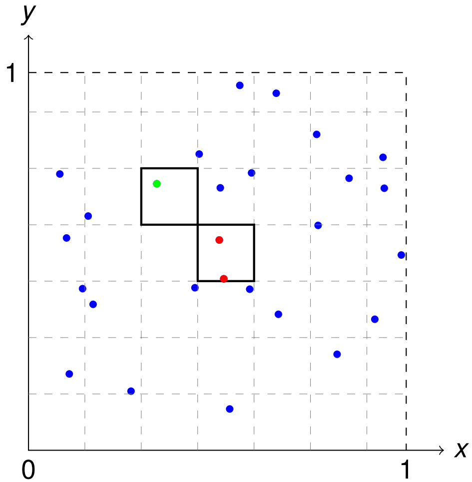

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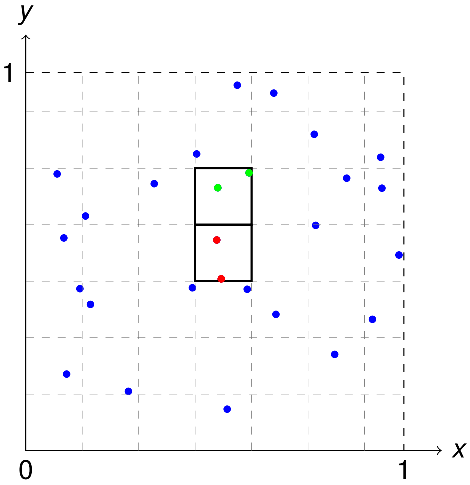

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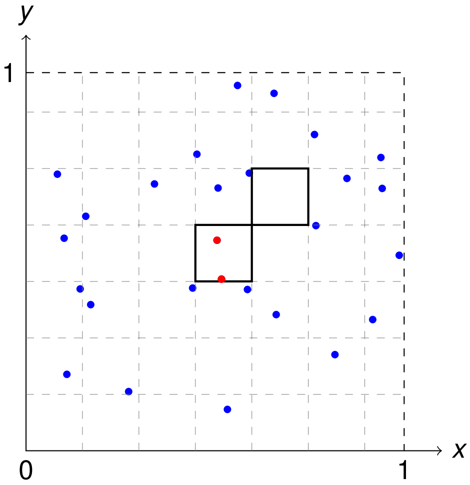

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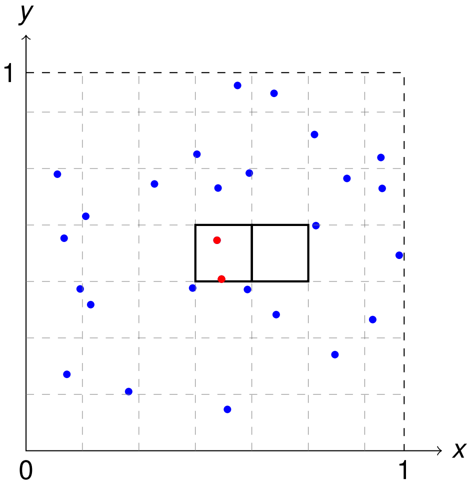

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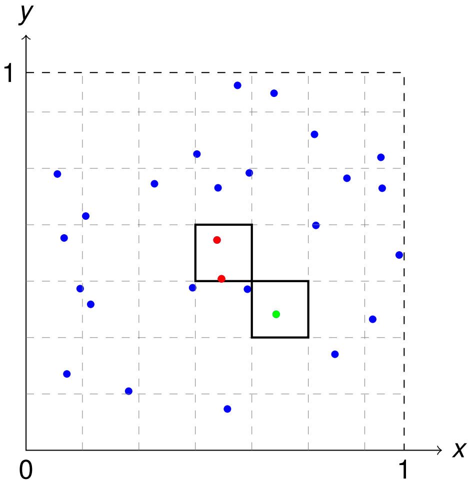

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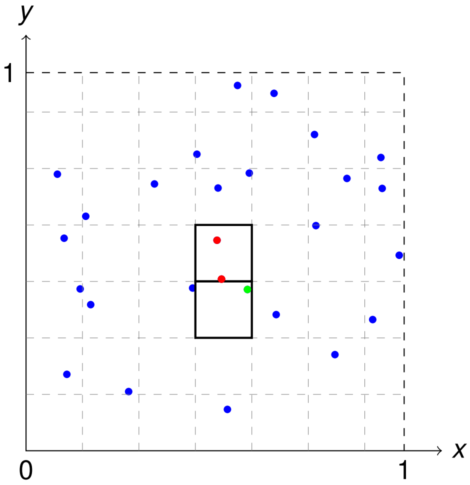

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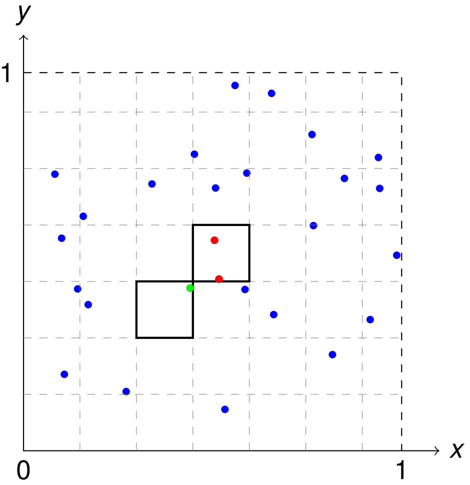

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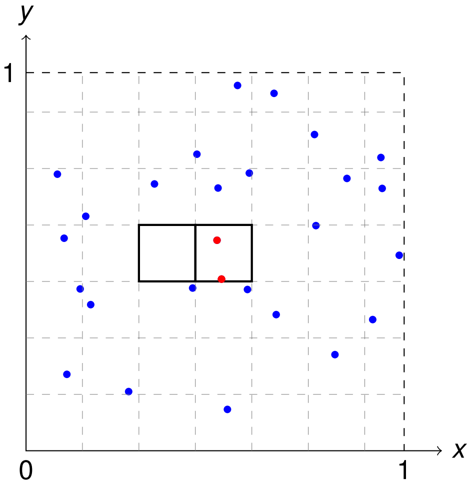

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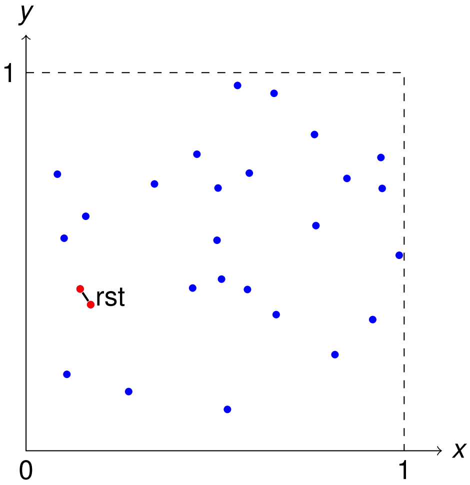


Sample

- Compute all pair of distances: $O((n^{\frac{2}{3}})^2) = O(n^{\frac{4}{3}})$
- Divide & Conquer: $O(n^{\frac{2}{3}} \log n^{\frac{2}{3}}) = O(n^{\frac{2}{3}} \log n) \subset O(n)$
  More samples possible: $O(\frac{n}{\log n} \log \frac{n}{\log n}) \subset O(n)$
- Other approach?

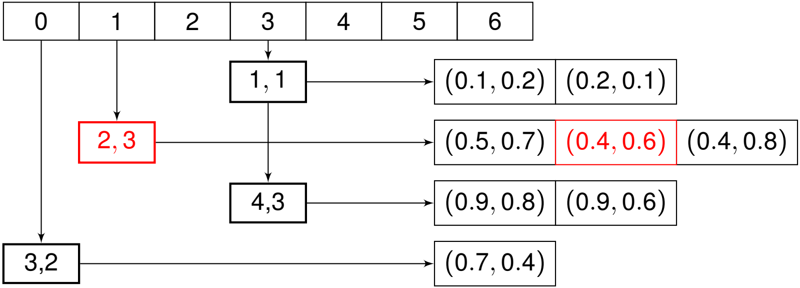
Partition

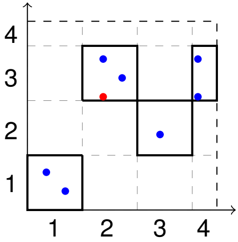
- Map points to the cells
- Divide the coordinates by cell length and **truncate** them to integer
- Partition $G = \{G_1, G_2, ..., G_k\}$ with:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{k} G_i = P, G_i \cap G_j = \emptyset, k <= n$$

- $O(n)$ with hashing

Partition





$$\boldsymbol{H}(cell_{x\_idx}, cell_{y\_idx}) = (cell_{x\_idx} + 2 \cdot cell_{y\_idx}) \mod 7$$

Compute

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Theorem

*Let G_i with $1 \leq i \leq k$ be the **i-th** non-empty cell and c, d some positive constants, then*

$$Prob\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |G_i|^2 \leq c \cdot n\right) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n^d}}$$

Runtime for computing all pairs distances

$$O(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |G_i| \cdot |G_i \cup neighbor(G_i)|) = O(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |G_i|^2) = O(n)$$

Alternative for Sampling

Recursively calculate the closest distance on samples $S = \{s_1, \ldots, s_{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}\}$

- Sample another $n^{\frac{4}{9}}$ points S' from S
- Get closest distance on S' by calculating all pair distances: $O(n^{\frac{8}{9}})$
- Partition and compute the closest distance on S

Pseudocode

0 Cell set $H = \emptyset$, Result $rst = \infty$

1 Choose set S of $n^{\frac{2}{3}}$ samples $O(n^{\frac{2}{3}})$

$\delta = min_{x,y \in S, x \neq y}(dist(x, y))$ $O(n^{\frac{8}{9}})$

2 **for** $i = 1$ **to** n **do** $O(n)$

  $c = cell(p_i)$

  if *not* $H.findCell(c)$ **then**

    $H.addCell(\{c, idx = \{c.x, c.y\}\}$

  $H.findCell(c).addPoint(p_i)$

3 **foreach** c_1 **in** H **do** $O(n)$

  foreach c_2 **in** $\{c_1\} \cup neighbor(c_1)$ **do**

    foreach (p_i, p_j) **in** $c_1 \times c_2$

      $rst = min(rst, dist(p_i, p_j))$

Runtime: $O(n)$ with high probability, Worst: case $O(n^2)$

Parallelization

0 Cell set $H = \emptyset$, Result $rst = \infty$ ## H synchronized Hashmap

1 Choose set S of $n^{\frac{2}{3}}$ samples ## allocate p PEs $O(\frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}{p})$

$\delta = min_{x,y \in S, x \neq y}(dist(x, y))$ ## recurse once $O(\frac{n^{\frac{8}{9}}}{p} + \log p)$

2 **for** $i = 1$ **to** n **do** ## allocate p PEs $O(\frac{n}{p})$

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    c = cell(p_i)
    if not H.findCell(c) then
        H.addCell({c, idx = {c.x, c.y}}) ## maximal n times
    H.findCell(c).addPoint(p_i)
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3 **foreach** c_1 **in** H **do** $O(\frac{n}{p} + \log p)$

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    foreach c_2 in {c_1} ∪ neighbor(c_1) do
        foreach (p_i, p_j) in c_1 × c_2 ## allocate ⌊p · #Pairs/(|c_1||c_2|)⌋ PEs
            rst = min(rst, dist(p_i, p_j))
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Total runtime: $O(\frac{n}{p} + \mathbf{log}\ \boldsymbol{p})$ ## factor $\log p$ for collecting distances

Proof Sketch

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$$Prob\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} |G_i|^2 \leq c \cdot n\right) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n^d}}$$

Proof Sketch

Sampling Lemma

Let $G = \{G_1, G_2, ..., G_k\}$ be a partition of set P, for which $N(D) \geq n$, where

$$N(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{|G_i| \cdot (|G_i| - 1)}{2}$$

If $n^{\frac{2}{3}}$ pairwise different elements are drawn at random from P then the probability, that two elements will be chosen from the same G_i, is at least $1 - 2^{-n^c}$ for some positive constant c

Proof see

- **Rabin 1976**
- **Dietzfelbinger et al. 1997**

  Estimate the probability using Chebyshev's inequality

Proof Sketch

Lemma 2

Let G_δ be a grid with gap δ and $G_{2\delta}$ another grid with gap 2δ, which is obtained by ignoring every second line of G_δ, then

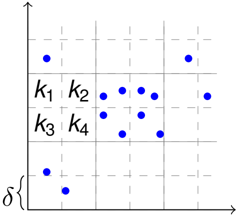
$$N(G_{2\delta}) \leq 4N(G_\delta) + \frac{3}{2}n$$

Let $k = \sum_{i=1}^{4} k_i$

$f(x) = x(x-1)$ convex $\Rightarrow f(\frac{1}{4}k) \leq \frac{1}{4}\sum_{i=1}^{4} f(k_i)$

$$\begin{aligned}\tfrac{1}{2}k(k-1) &= 8 \cdot \tfrac{1}{4}k(\tfrac{1}{4}k - 1) + \tfrac{3}{2}k \\ &\leq 8 \cdot \tfrac{1}{4}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{4} k_i * (k_i - 1) + \tfrac{3}{2}k\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow N(G_{2\delta}) \leq 8 \cdot \frac{1}{2}N(G_\delta) + \frac{3}{2}n$



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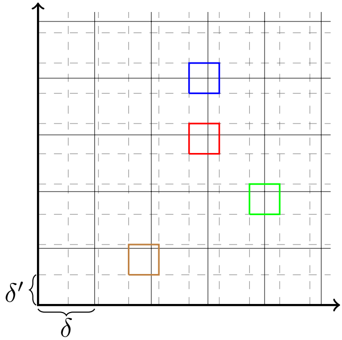

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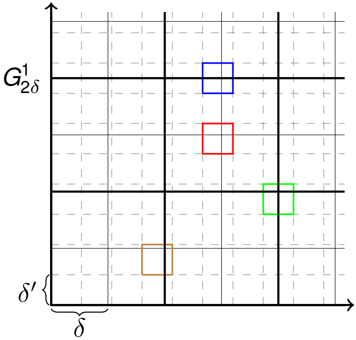

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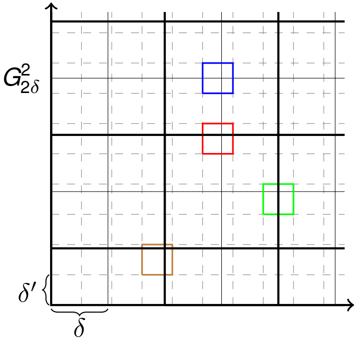

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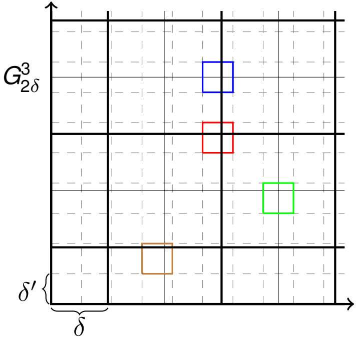

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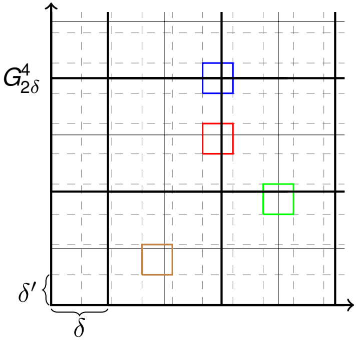

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- Two of $n^{\frac{2}{3}}$ samples will be very likely in the same cell, if $N(G) \geq n$
- $N(G_{2\delta}) \leq 4N(G_{\delta}) + \frac{3}{2}n$
- $N(G_{\delta'}) \leq 16N(G_{\delta}) + 6n \qquad \text{if } \delta' \leq \delta$

Proof.

Let δ^* be the grid gap, which makes $n \leq N(G_{\delta^*}) < 5.5n$. (It exists!)
If $n^{\frac{2}{3}}$ samples are randomly chosen, two of them will be in one cell with high probability. Let δ be the distance between them with $\delta < 2\delta^*$, then

$$\begin{aligned} N(G_{\delta}) &\leq 16N(G_{2\delta^*}) + 6n \\ &\leq 16(4N(G_{\delta^*}) + \frac{3}{2}n) + 6n \in O(n) \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

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