

# Recurrence Relation Analysis Divide-and-Conquer



# Recurrence relation

- A *recurrence relation* is an equation that recursively defines a sequence: each term of the sequence is defined as a function of the preceding term(s)
- For instance

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & n=1 \\ f(n-1)+n & n>1 \end{cases}$$

# General form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = n_0 \\ a.T(f(n)) + g(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Base of recursion

Running time for base

Number of times recursive call is made

Size of problem solved by recursive call

All other processing not counting recursive calls

# Definition of the Factorial function

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ nF(n - 1) & n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

## Recursive implementation

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)
```

## Time complexity?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} & n \leq \\ & n > \end{cases}$$

# Example

```
def bugs(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        do_something()  
    else:  
        bugs(n-1)  
        bugs(n-2)  
        for i in range(n):  
            do_something_else()
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ T(n-1) + T(n-2) + nc_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Example

```
def daffy(n):
    if n == 1 or n == 2:
        do_something()
    else:
        daffy(n-1)
        for i in range(n):
            do_something_else()
        daffy(n-1)
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } n = 2 \\ 2T(n-1) + nc_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Example

```
def elmer(n):
    if n == 1:
        do_something()
    elif n == 2:
        do_something_else()
    else:
        for i in range(n):
            elmer(n-1)
            do_something_different()
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ c_2 & \text{if } n = 2 \\ n(T(n-1) + c_3) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Example

```
def yosemite(n):  
    if n == 1:  
        do_something()  
    else:  
        for i in range(1,n-1):  
            yosemite(i)  
            do_something_different()
```

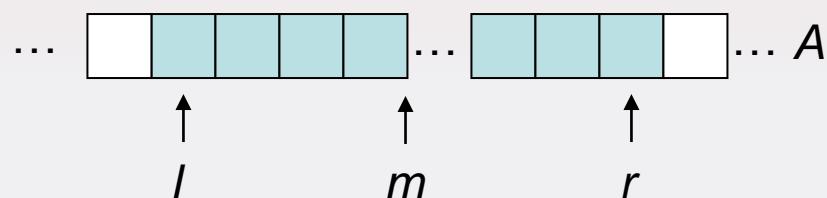
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (T(i) + c_2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# MergeSort

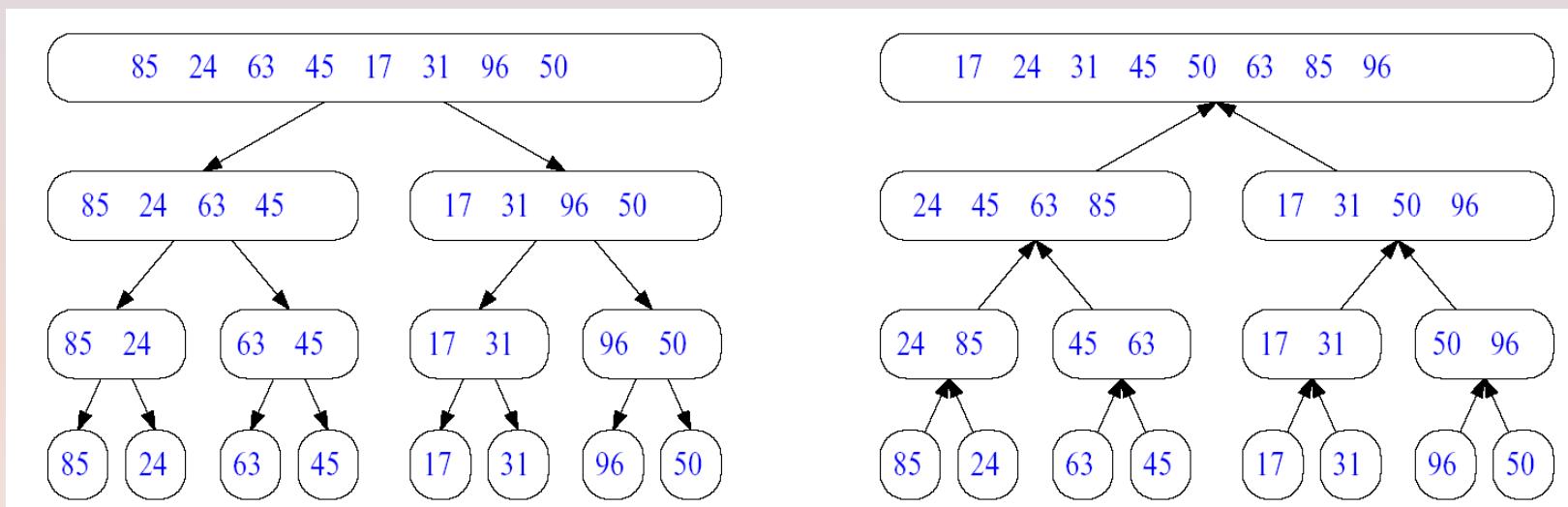
- MergeSort is a divide & conquer algorithm
  - *Divide*: divide an  $n$ -element sequence into two subsequences of approx  $n/2$  elements
  - *Conquer*: sort the subsequences recursively
  - *Combine*: merge the two sorted subsequences to produce the final sorted sequence

# MergeSort

```
def mergesort(A):  
    if len(A) < 2:  
        return A  
    else:  
        m = len(A)/2  
        l = mergesort(A[:m])  
        r = mergesort(A[m:])  
        return merge(l,r)
```



# Example



**Figure 4.2:** Merge-sort tree  $T$  for an execution of the merge-sort algorithm on a sequence with 8 elements: (a) input sequences processed at each node of  $T$ ; (b) output sequences generated at each node of  $T$ .

# Merge of MergeSort

```
def merge(l,r):
    result, i, j = [], 0, 0
    while i < len(l) and j < len(r):
        if l[i] <= r[j]:
            result.append(l[i])
            i += 1
        else:
            result.append(r[j])
            j += 1
    result += l[i:]
    result += r[j:]
    return result
```

# MergeSort Analysis

- Divide: Just computes the middle of the subsequence, thus takes constant time:

$$D(n) = \Theta(1)$$

- Conquer: We solve 2 subproblems of size approximately  $n/2$ :

$$a = 2, \quad b = 2$$

- Combine: Merge takes  $\Theta(n)$ :

$$C(n) = \Theta(n)$$

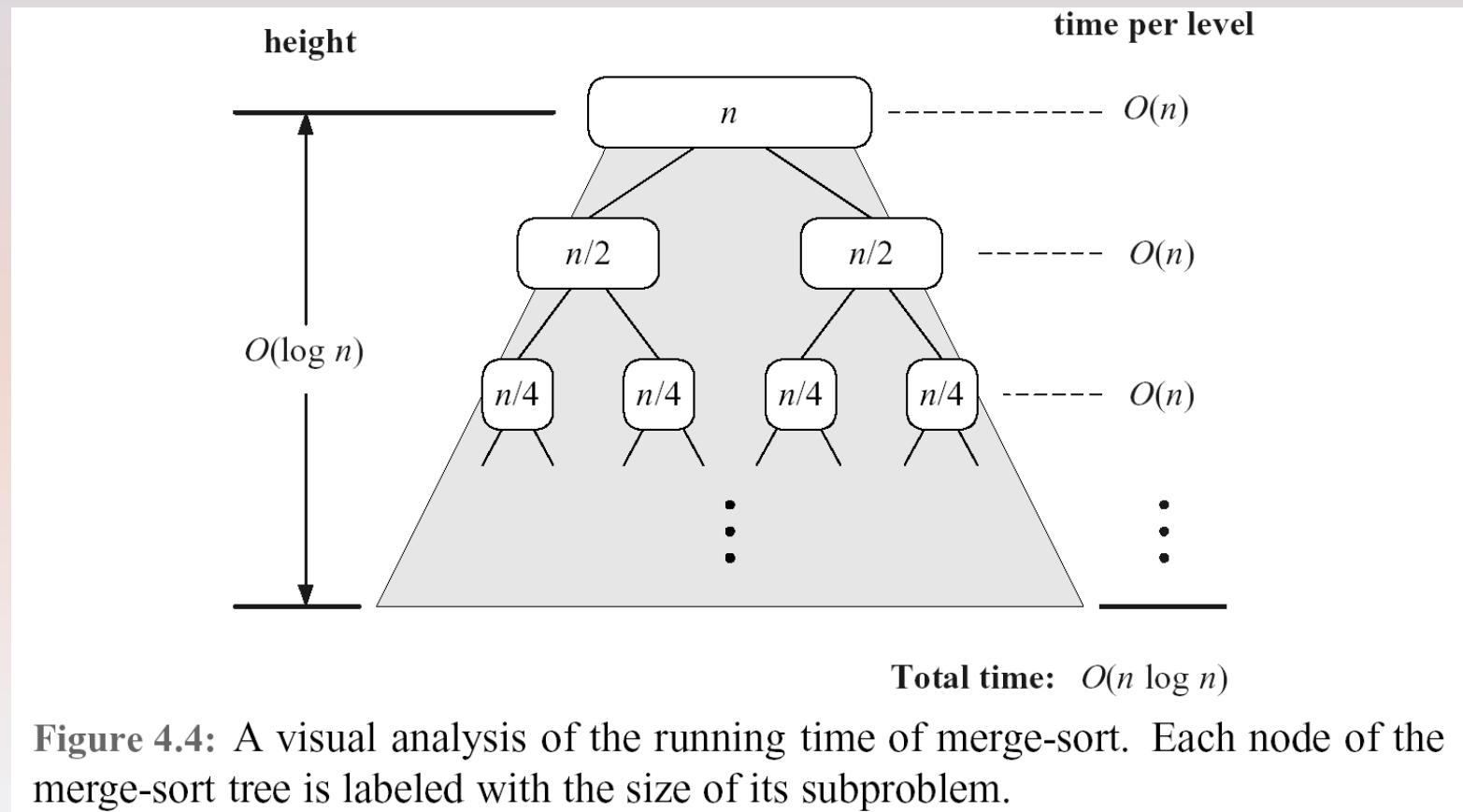
- Noting that  $\Theta(n) + \Theta(1)$  is still  $\Theta(n)$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \Theta(1) && \text{if } n = 1 \\ &2 T(n/2) + \Theta(n) && \text{if } n > 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Later we will see that:

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

# “Visual” Analysis



**Figure 4.4:** A visual analysis of the running time of merge-sort. Each node of the merge-sort tree is labeled with the size of its subproblem.

# Solving Recurrence Relation

# Methods

Two methods for solving recurrences

- Iterative substitution method
- Master method
- Recursive tree method

Will be on the quiz

# Iterative substitution

- Assume  $n$  large enough
- Substitute  $T$  on the right-hand side of the recurrence relation
- Iterate the substitution until we see a pattern which can be converted into a general closed-form formula

# MergeSort recurrence relation

$$T(N) = 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + N \quad \text{for } N \geq 2$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(N) &= 2 \left( 2T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + \frac{N}{2} \right) + N \\
&= 4T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 2N \\
&= 4 \left( 2T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + \frac{N}{4} \right) + 2N \\
&= 8T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + 3N \\
&\quad \text{...} \quad \textcolor{red}{T(1)=1} \\
&= 2^i T\left(\frac{N}{2^i}\right) + iN
\end{aligned}$$

The expansion stops for  $i = \log_2 N$ , so that

$$T(N) = N + N \log_2 N$$

# Verify the correctness

- How to verify the solution is correct?
- Use proof by induction!
- Important: make sure the constant  $c$  works for both the base case and the induction step

# Proof by induction

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

Fact:  $T(n) \in O(n \log_2 n)$

Proof. Base case:  $T(2) = 2T(1) + 2 = 4 \leq c(2 \log_2 2) = 2c$ .

Hence,  $c \geq 2$ .

Induction hypothesis:  $T(n/2) \leq c \frac{n}{2} \log_2 \frac{n}{2}$

Induction:  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

The constant  $c$  used in the induction and the base case has to be the same !

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2c \frac{n}{2} \log_2 \frac{n}{2} + n \\ &= cn \log_2 \frac{n}{2} + n = cn \log_2 n - cn \log_2 2 + n \\ &= cn \log_2 n + n(1 - c) \leq cn \log_2 n \text{ when } c \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $c = 2$ .

# Wrong proof by induction

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

Fact (wrong):  $T(n) \hat{\in} O(n)$

Proof. Base case:  $T(1) = 1 \in c1$ , hence  $c \geq 1$

Induction hypothesis:  $T(n/2) \in c(n/2)$

Induction:  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

$$\in 2c(n/2) + n$$

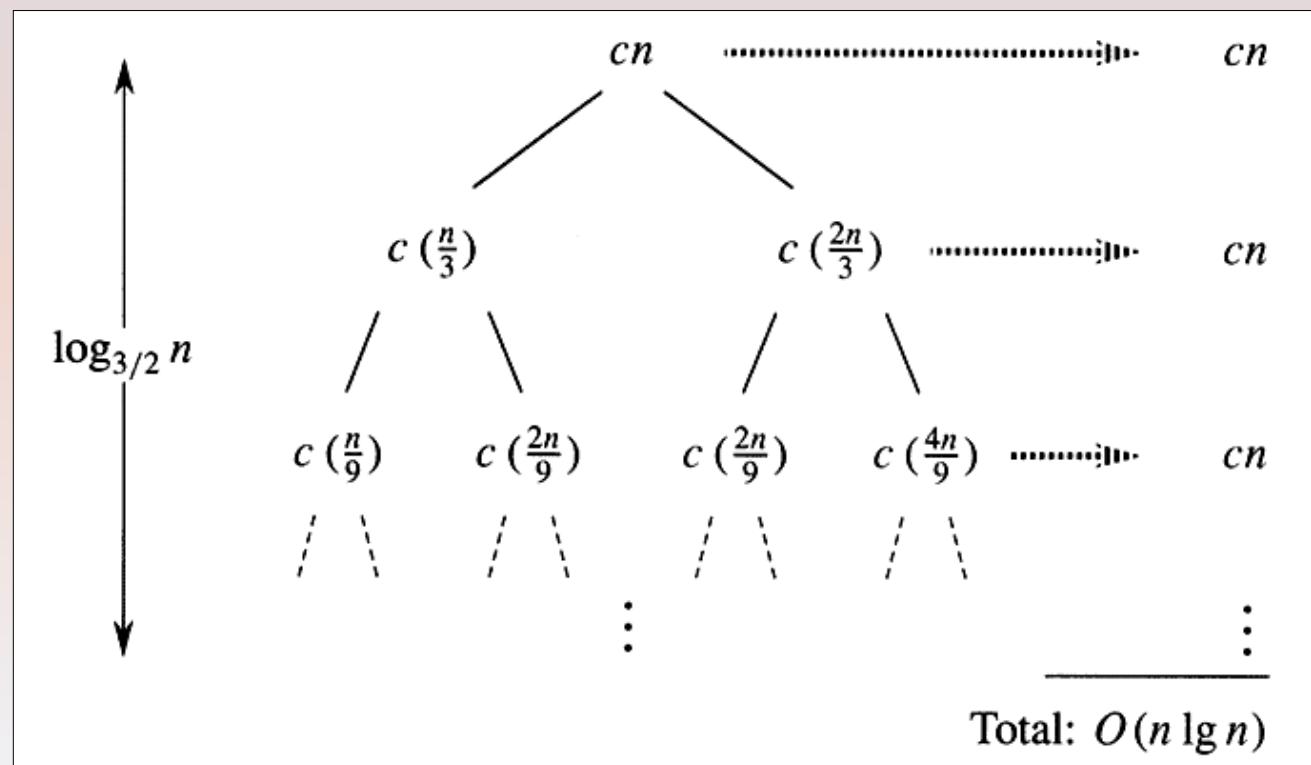
$$= cn + n \not\in O(n)$$

proof is WRONG, but where is the mistake?

# Recursion-Tree Method

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + O(n)$$

estimate:



# Recursion-Tree Method

Recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$$

Guess:

$$T(n) = O(n \lg n)$$

Prove by induction:

$$T(n) \leq dn \lg n$$

for suitable  $d > 0$

# Inductive Proof

Base case:

Inductive hypothesis:

For values of  $n < k$  the inequality holds:  $T(n) \leq dn \lg n$

Need to show that it also holds for  $n = k$ .

In particular, for  $n = k/3$ , and  $n = 2k/3$ , the inductive hypothesis should hold...

# Inductive Proof

That is

$$T(k/3) \leq d k/3 \lg k/3$$

$$T(2k/3) \leq d 2k/3 \lg 2k/3$$

The recurrence gives us:

$$T(k) = T(k/3) + T(2k/3) + ck$$

Substituting the inequalities above yields:

$$T(k) \leq [d (k/3) \lg (k/3)] + [d (2k/3) \lg (2k/3)] + ck$$

# Inductive Proof

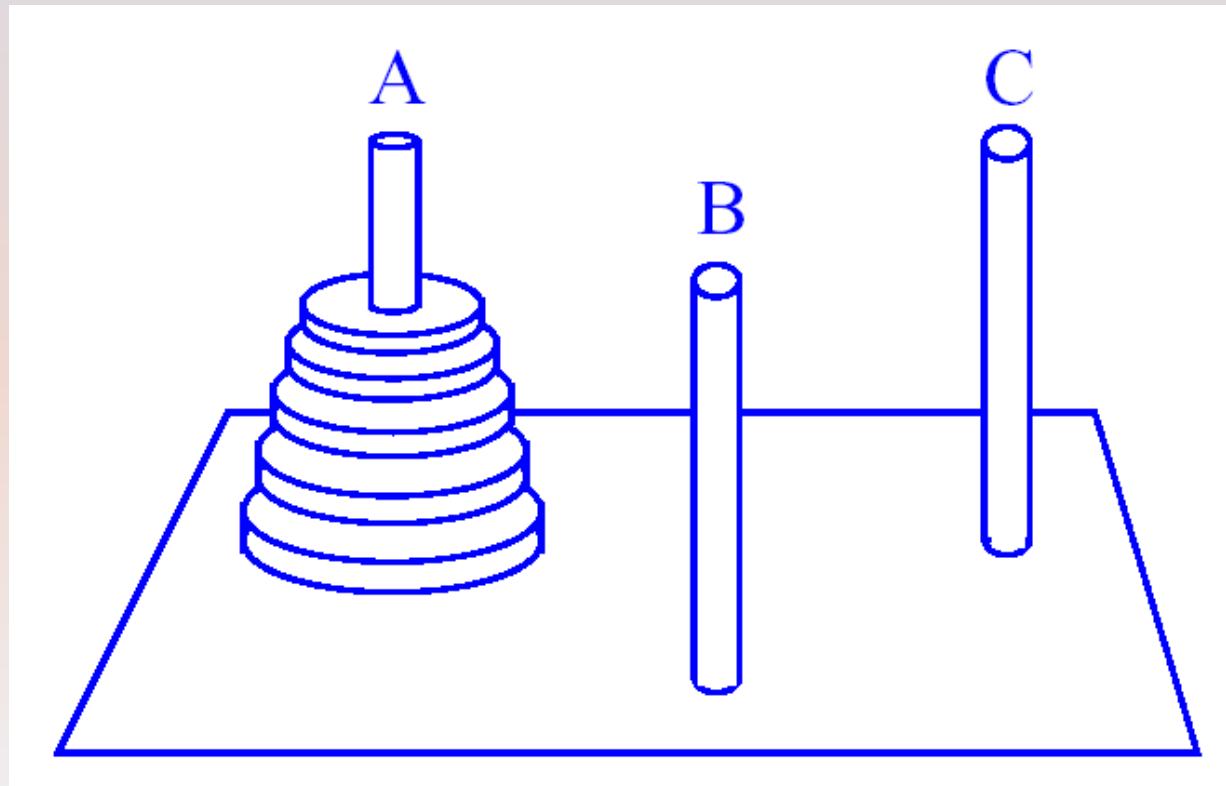
$$\begin{aligned} T(k) &\leq [d(k/3) \lg k - d(k/3) \lg 3] + \\ &\quad [d(2k/3) \lg k - d(2k/3) \lg(3/2)] + ck \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(k) &\leq dk \lg k - d[(k/3) \lg 3 + (2k/3) \lg(3/2)] + ck \\ T(k) &\leq dk \lg k - dk[\lg 3 - 2/3] + ck \end{aligned}$$

When  $d \geq c / (\lg 3 - 2/3)$ , we get

$$T(k) \leq dk \lg k$$

# Towers of Hanoi



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**Goal:** transfer all  $N$  disks from peg A to peg C

**Rules:**

- move one disk at a time
- never place larger disk above smaller one

**Recursive solution:**

- transfer  $N - 1$  disks from A to B
- move largest disk from A to C
- transfer  $N - 1$  disks from B to C

**Total number of moves:**

- $T(N) = 2 T(N - 1) + 1$

# Towers of Hanoi

```
def hanoi(n, a='A', b='B', c='C'):  
    if n == 0:  
        return  
    hanoi(n-1, a, c, b)  
    print a, '->', c  
    hanoi(n-1, b, a, c)
```

# Towers of Hanoi: Recurrence Relation

Solve

$$T(N) = \begin{cases} 2T(N-1) + 1 & N > 1 \\ 1 & N = 1 \end{cases}$$

# Towers of Hanoi: Unfolding the relation

$$\begin{aligned} T(N) &= 2 ( 2 T(N-2) + 1 ) + 1 = \\ &= 4 T(N-2) + 2 + 1 = \\ &= 4 ( 2 T(N-3) + 1 ) + 2 + 1 = \\ &= 8 T(N-3) + 4 + 2 + 1 = \\ &\cdots \\ &= 2^i T(N-i) + 2^{i-1} + 2^{i-2} + \dots + 2^1 + 2^0 \end{aligned}$$

the expansion stops when  $i = N - 1$

$$T(N) = 2^{N-1} + 2^{N-2} + 2^{N-3} + \dots + 2^1 + 2^0$$

This is a **geometric sum**, so that we have:

$$T(N) = 2^N - 1 \in \Theta(2^N)$$

# Problem

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Solution:  $T(n) = 4^n + 4^{n-1} - 1$

Proof?

## Another example

$$T(N) = 2T(\sqrt{N}) + 1 \quad T(2) = 0$$

$$2T(N^{1/2}) + 1$$

$$2(2T(N^{1/4}) + 1) + 1$$

$$4T(N^{1/4}) + 1 + 2$$

$$8T(N^{1/8}) + 1 + 2 + 4$$

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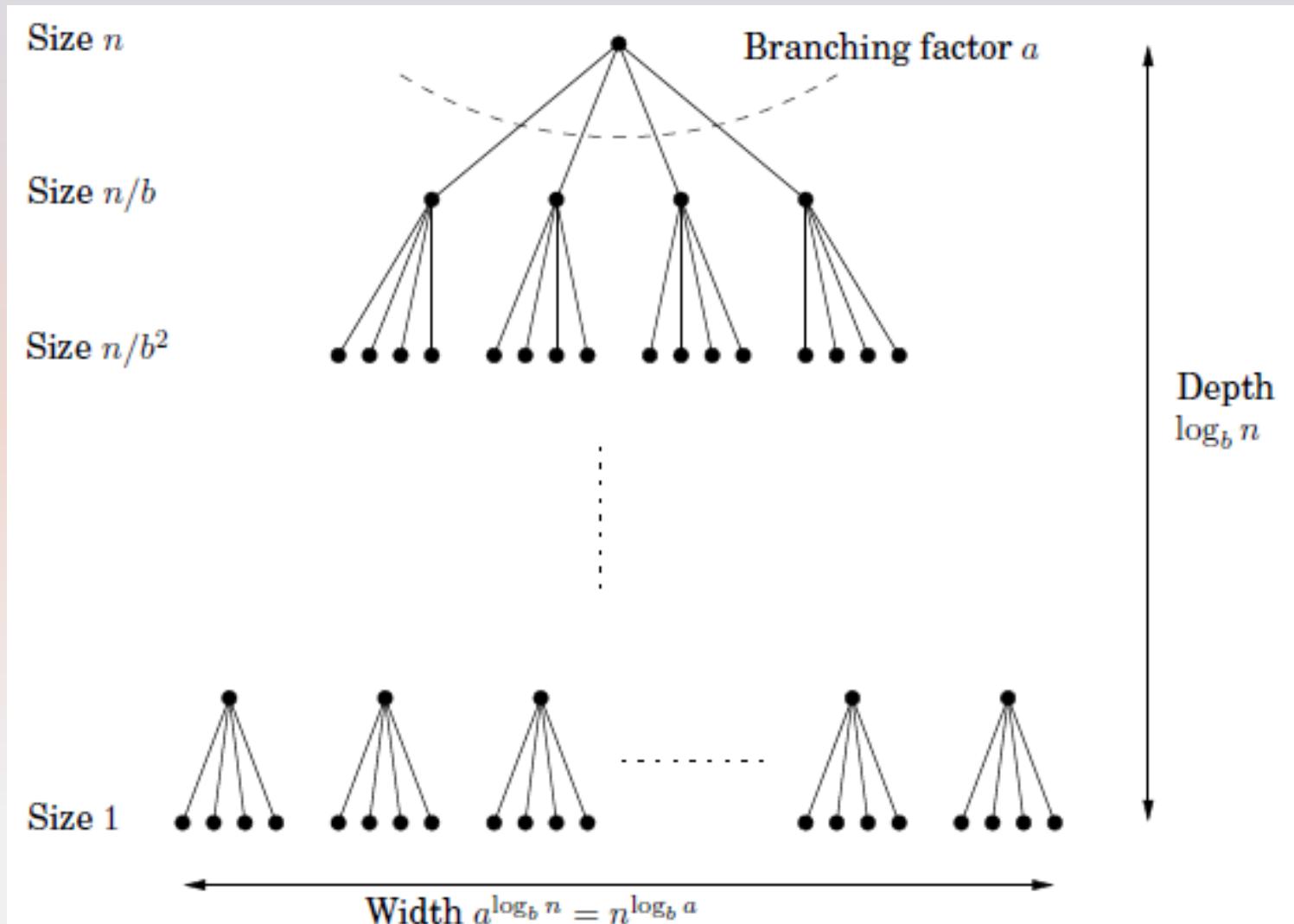
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$$2^i T\left(N^{\frac{1}{2^i}}\right) + 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^{i-1}$$

The expansion stops for  $N^{\frac{1}{2^i}} = 2$   
i.e.,  $i = \log\log N$

$$T(N) = 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^{\log\log N - 1} = \log N - 1$$

# Divide-and-Conquer Master Theorem



Let's solve the following recurrence in general:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^d)$$

where  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 1$ ,  $T(1) = 1$

*Do repeated substitutions:*

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$$= a^{\log_b n} T(1) + cn^d \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n - 1} (a/b^d)^i$$

$$= n^{\log_b a} + cn^d \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n - 1} (a/b^d)^i$$

$$n^{\log_b a} + cn^d \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n-1} (a/b^d)^i$$

Case 1:  $a < b^d$  ( $d > \log_b a$ ). The second term is a geometric series with the ratio smaller than 1, so  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n-1} (a/b^d)^i = O(1)$ . The first term is  $n^{\log_b a}$  with  $\log_b a < \log_b b^d = d$ , so we get  $T(n) = O(n^d)$ .

Case 2:  $a = b^d$ . The first term is  $n^d$ . In the summation, we have  $\log_b n$  terms and they are all equal  $a/b^d = 1$ , so the second term is  $cn^d \log_b n$ . Thus we get  $T(n) = O(n^d \log n)$ .

Case 3:  $a > b^d$  ( $d < \log_b a$ ). Summing the geometric series in the second term, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n-1} (a/b^d)^i &= \frac{(a/b^d)^{\log_b n}-1}{(a/b^d)-1} = \frac{b^d}{a-b^d} (a^{\log_b n}/b^{d \log_b n} - 1) \\ &= \frac{b^d}{a-b^d} (n^{\log_b a}/n^d - 1) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} + c \frac{b^d}{a-b^d} (n^{\log_b a} - n^d) = O(n^{\log_b a}).$$

# Divide-and-Conquer Master Theorem

Theorem (**Master Theorem**): If  $T(n) = aT(\lceil n/b \rceil) + O(n^d)$  for some constants  $a > 0, b > 1$ , and  $d \geq 0$ , then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } d > \log_b a \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } d = \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

# Master Theorem

Given the recurrence

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

where  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  are constants and  $f(n)$  is a asymptotically positive function,

1. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

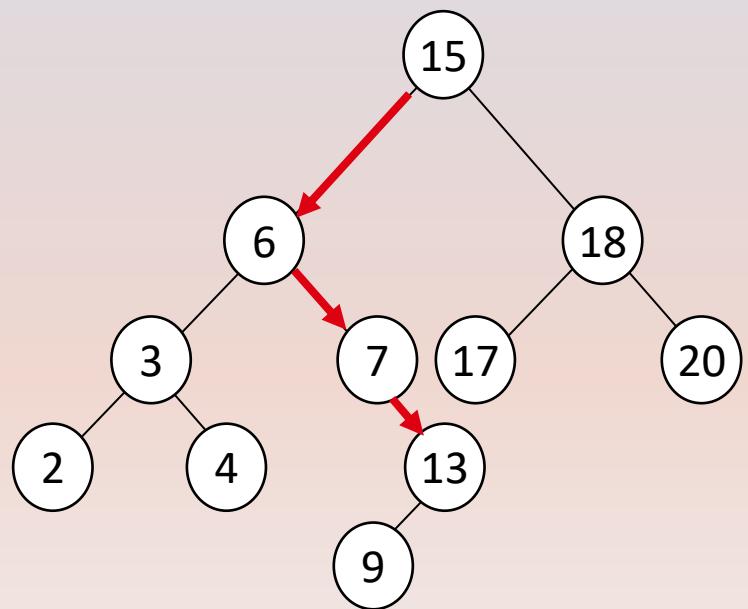
2. If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$$

3. If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  
and if  $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$   
and all sufficiently large  $n$ , then

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

# Master method: binary search



$$T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1)$$

$$a = 1; \ b = 2; \ d = 0;$$

$$\log_b a = \log_2 1 = 0; \quad \log_b a = d;$$

$$T(n) = O(n^0 \log n) = O(\log n)$$

- Search for key 13:

$15 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 13$

# Divide-and-Conquer

```
(d) Algorithm PRINTUs ( $n$  : integer)
    if  $n < 4$ 
        print("U")
    else
        PRINTUs( $\lceil n/4 \rceil$ )
        PRINTUs( $\lfloor n/4 \rfloor$ )
        for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to 11 do print("U")
```

(d)

There are 2 recursive calls, each with parameter  $\lceil n/4 \rceil$ . Since we are looking for an asymptotic solution, we can ignore rounding. Then the number of letters printed can be expressed by the recurrence:

$$X(n) = 2X(n/4) + 11.$$

We apply the Master Theorem with  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $c = 11$ ,  $d = 0$ . Here, we have  $a > b^d$ , so the solution is  $\Theta(n^{\log_4 2})$ .

# Divide-and-Conquer

```
(e) Algorithm PRINTVs ( $n$  : integer)
    if  $n < 3$ 
        print("V")
    else
        for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to 9 do PRINTVs( $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ )
        for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $2n^3$  do print("V")
```

(e)

There are 9 recursive calls, each with parameter  $\lfloor n/3 \rfloor$ . Since we are looking for an asymptotic solution, we can ignore rounding. Then the number of letters printed can be expressed by the recurrence:

$$X(n) = 9X(n/3) + 2n^3.$$

We apply the Master Theorem with  $a = 9$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 2$ ,  $d = 3$ . Here, we have  $a < b^d$ , so the solution is  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

# Linear-time selection

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- Problem: Select the  $i$ -th smallest element in an unsorted array of size  $n$   
(assume distinct elements)
- Trivial solution: sort  $A$ , select  $A[i]$   
time complexity is  $O(n \log n)$
- Can we do it in linear time? Yes, thanks to Blum, Floyd, Pratt, Rivest, and Tarjan

# Linear-time selection

**Select** ( $A$ ,  $start$ ,  $end$ ,  $i$ ) /\*  $i$  is the  $i$ -th order statistic \*/

1. divide input array  $A$  into  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$  groups of size 5  
(and one leftover group if  $n \% 5$  is not 0)
2. find the median of each group of size 5 by sorting  
the groups of 5 and then picking the middle element
3. call **Select** recursively to find  $x$ , the median of the  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$   
medians
4. partition array around  $x$ , splitting it into two arrays  
 $L$  (elements smaller than  $x$ ) and  $R$  (elements bigger than  $x$ )
5.  $k \Leftarrow |L| + 1$   
**if** ( $i = k$ ) **then return**  $x$   
**else if** ( $i < k$ ) **then Select** ( $L$ ,  $i$ )  
**else Select** ( $R$ ,  $i - k$ )

$\lceil r \rceil$  means the *ceiling* (rounding to the next integer) of real number  $r$

# Python linear-time selection

```
def selection(a, rank):
    n = len(a)
    if n <= 5:
        return rank_by_sorting(a, rank)
    medians = [rank_by_sorting(a[i:i+5], 3)
               for i in range(0, n-4, 5)]
    median = selection(medians, (len(medians) + 1) // 2)
    L, R = [], []
    for x in a:
        if x < median:
            L += [x]
        else:
            R += [x]
    if rank <= len(L):
        return selection(L, rank)
    else:
        return selection(R, rank - len(L))
```

# Example

Let us run **Select**(A, 1, 28, 11), where

A={12, 34, 0, 3, 22, 4, 17, 32, 3, 28, 43, 82, 25, 27,  
34, 2, 19, 12, 5, 18, 20, 33, 16, 33, 21, 30, 3, 47}

Note that the elements in this example are not distinct.

# Example

First make groups of 5

12  
34  
0  
3  
22

4  
17  
32  
3  
28

43  
82  
25  
27  
34

2  
19  
12  
5  
18

20  
33  
16  
33  
21

30  
3  
47

# Example

Then find medians in each group

0
3
12
22
34

3
4
17
28
32

25
27
34
43
82

2
5
12
18
19

16
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43
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33

3
30
47

12, 12, 17, 21, 30, 34

# Example

Use 17 as the pivot value and partition original array

0	3	25	2	20	3
3	4	27	5	16	30
12	17	34	12	21	47
22	28	43	18	33	
34	32	82	19	33	

12, 12, 17, 21, 30, 34

# Example

After partitioning

$$L = \{12, 0, 3, 4, 3, 2, 12, 5, 16, 3\}$$

*L contains 10 elements smaller than 17*

$\{17\}$  *this is the 11-th smallest*

$$R = \{34, 22, 32, 28, 43, 82, 25, 27, 34, 19, 18, 20, 33, 33, 21, 30, 47\}$$

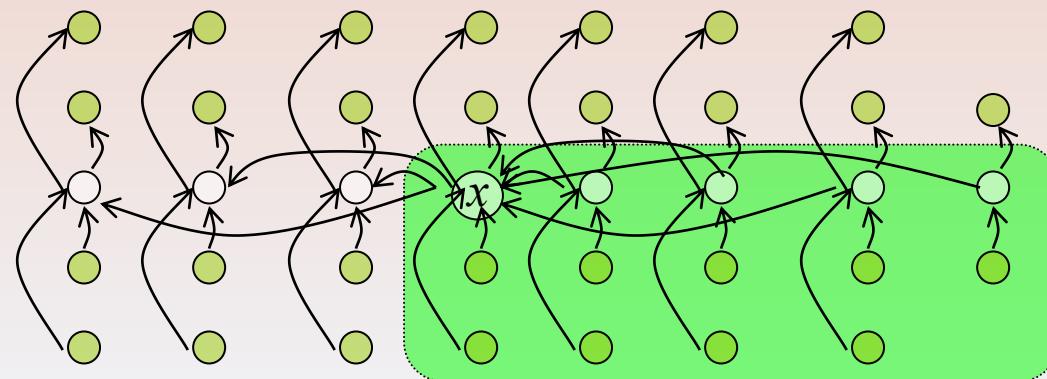
*R contains 17 elements bigger than 17*

# Linear-time selection

- Finding the median of medians guarantees that  $x$  causes a “good split”
- At least a constant fraction of the  $n$  elements  $\leq x$  and a constant fraction  $> x$
- Analysis: we need to find the worst case for the size of  $L$  and  $R$

# Linear-time selection: analysis

Observation: At least  $1/2$  of the medians found in step 2 are greater than the median of medians  $x$ . So at least half of the  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$  groups contribute 3 elements that are bigger than  $x$ , except for the one group with less than 5 elements and the group with  $x$  itself



# Linear-time selection: analysis

- Therefore there are

$$3([1/2 [n/5]] - 2) \geq (3n/10) - 6$$

elements that are  $> x$  (or  $< x$ )

- So worst-case split has at most  $(7n/10) + 6$  elements in “big” section of the problem, that is:

$$\max\{|L|, |R|\} < (7n/10) + 6$$

# Linear-time selection: analysis

## Running Time:

1.  $O(n)$  (break into groups of 5)
2.  $O(n)$  (sorting 5 numbers and finding median is  $O(1)$  time)
3.  $T([n/5])$  (recursive call to find median of medians)
4.  $O(n)$  (partition is linear time)
5.  $T(7n/10 + 6)$  (maximum size of subproblem)

## Recurrence relation

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T([n/5]) + T(7n/10 + 6) + O(n) & n > 80 \\ &= \Theta(1) & n \leq 80 \end{aligned}$$

# Linear-time selection: analysis

Fact:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/5 \rceil) + T(7n/10 + 6) + O(n)$  is  $O(n)$

Proof:

Base case: easy (omitted).

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(\lceil n/5 \rceil) + T(7n/10 + 6) + O(n) \\ &\leq c\lceil n/5 \rceil + c(7n/10 + 6) + O(n) \\ &\leq c((n/5) + 1) + 7cn/10 + 6c + O(n) \\ &= cn - [c(n/10 - 7) - dn] \\ &\leq cn \quad \text{This step holds since } n \geq 80 \text{ implies } (n/10 - 7) \text{ is positive.} \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $c$  big enough makes  $c(n/10 - 7) - dn$  positive, so last line holds.

# Summary (1/3)

- Goal: analyze the worst-case time-complexity of iterative and recursive algorithms
- Tools:
  - Pseudo-code
  - Big-O, Big-Omega, Big-Theta notations
  - Recurrence relations
  - Discrete Math (summations, induction proofs, methods to solve recurrence relations)

# Summary (2/3)

- Pure iterative algorithm:
  - Analyze the loops
  - Determine how many times the inner core is repeated as a function of the input size
  - Determine the worst-case for the input
  - Write the number of repetitions as a function of the input size
  - Simplify the function using big-O or big-Theta notation (optional)

# Summary (3/3)

- Recursive + iterative algorithm:
  - Analyze the recursive calls and the loops
  - Determine how many recursive calls are made and the size of the arguments of the recursive calls
  - Determine how much extra processing (loops) is done
  - Determine the worst-case for the input
  - Derive a recurrence relation
  - Solve the recurrence relation
  - Simplify the solution using big-O, or big-Theta

# Integer multiplication (Karatsuba)

# Integer multiplication

- Given positive integers  $y, z$ , compute  $x=y*z$
- A naïve multiplication algorithm is below

```
def naive_mul(y, z):
    x = 0
    while z > 0:
        if z % 2 == 1:
            x += y
        y *= 2
        z /= 2
    return x
```

Remark: these two operations  
can be implemented as O(1) shifts

# Integer multiplication

Addition takes  $O(n)$  bit operations, where  $n$  is the number of bits in  $y$  and  $z$ . The naive multiplication algorithm takes  $O(n)$   $n$ -bit additions. Therefore, the naive multiplication algorithm takes  $O(n^2)$  bit operations.

Can we multiply using fewer bit operations?

# Integer multiplication

Suppose  $n$  is a power of 2. Divide  $y$  and  $z$  into two halves, each with  $n/2$  bits.

$y$	$a$	$b$
$z$	$c$	$d$

# Integer multiplication

Then

$$\begin{aligned}y &= a2^{n/2} + b \\z &= c2^{n/2} + d\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}yz &= (a2^{n/2} + b)(c2^{n/2} + d) \\&= ac2^n + (ad + bc)2^{n/2} + bd\end{aligned}$$

# Integer multiplication

This computes  $yz$  with 4 multiplications of  $n/2$  bit numbers, and some additions and shifts. Running time given by  $T(1) = c$ ,  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + dn$ , which has solution  $O(n^2)$  by the General Theorem. No gain over naive algorithm!

**Example 5.7:** Consider the recurrence

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n.$$

In this case,  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 4} = n^2$ . Thus, we are in Case 1, for  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^{2-\varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon = 1$ . This means that  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$  by the master method.

# Integer multiplication (Karatsuba algorithm)

- Consider the product

$$(a-b)(d-c) = (ad + bc) - (ac + bd)$$

- It contains two of the products we need ( $ad$  and  $bc$ ):

$$yz = ac2^n + (ad + bc)2^{n/2} + bd$$

- Then

$$yz = ac2^n + [(a-b)(d-c) + (ac+bd)]2^{n/2} + bd$$

- We need three multiplications of  $n/2$  bits and  $O(n)$  additional work

# Integer multiplication (Karatsuba algorithm)

Therefore,

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

where  $c, d$  are constants.

Therefore, by our general theorem, the divide and conquer multiplication algorithm uses

$$T(n) = O(n^{\log 3}) = O(n^{1.59})$$

bit operations.

# Karatsuba algorithm

```
def multiply(y, z):
    l = max(len(y), len(z))
    if l == 1:
        return [y[0] * z[0]]
    y = [0 for i in range(len(y), 1)] + y;
    z = [0 for i in range(len(z), 1)] + z;
    m0 = (l + 1) / 2
    a = y[:m0]
    b = y[m0:]
    c = z[:m0]
    d = z[m0:]
```

Remark: pad y and z so that  
they have the same length

# Karatsuba algorithm (continued)

```
p0 = multiply(a, c)
p1 = multiply(add(a, b), add(c, d))
p2 = multiply(b, d)
```

```
z0 = p0
z1 = subtract(p1, add(p0, p2))
z2 = p2
```

Remark: compute  
 $z1 = p1 - p0 - p2$

Remark: compute  
 $z0 b^l + z1 b^{(l/2)} + z2$

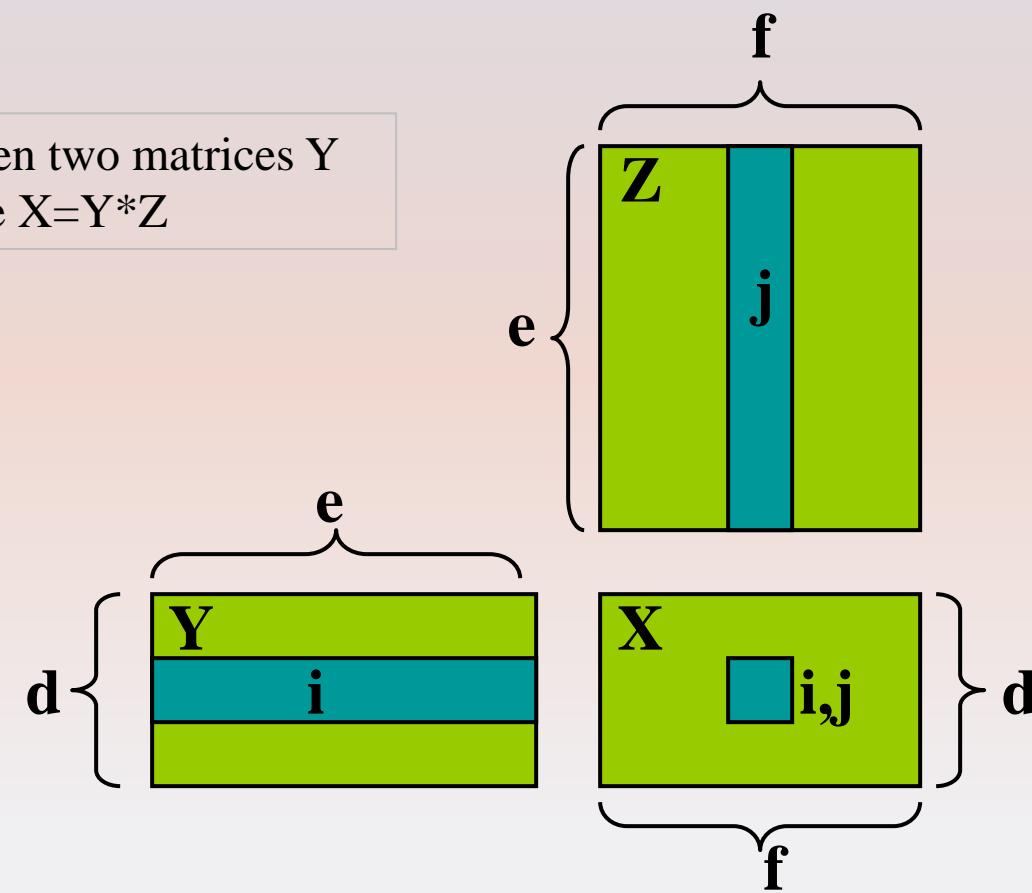
```
z0prod = z0 + [0 for i in range(0, l)]
z1prod = z1 + [0 for i in range(0, l / 2)]

return add(add(z0prod, z1prod), z2)
```

# Matrix multiplication (Strassen)

# Matrix multiplication

**Problem:** Given two matrices Y and Z compute  $X = Y * Z$



# Matrix multiplication

```
def mult(Y,Z):  
    X = zero(len(Y),len(Z[0]))  
  
    for i in range(len(Y)):  
        for j in range(len(Z[0])):  
            for k in range(len(Z)):  
                X[i][j] += Y[i][k]*Z[k][j]  
  
    return X
```

Algorithm `mult(Y,Z)` is  $O(n^3)$ , can we do better?

# Matrix multiplication

Divide  $X, Y, Z$  each into four  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  matrices.

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} I & J \\ K & L \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$$

# Matrix multiplication

Then

$$I = AE + BG$$

$$J = AF + BH$$

$$K = CE + DG$$

$$L = CF + DH$$

# Matrix multiplication

Let  $T(n)$  be the time to multiply two  $n \times n$  matrices.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 8T(n/2) + dn^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $c, d$  are constants.

# Matrix multiplication

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 8T(n/2) + dn^2 \\ &= 8(8T(n/4) + d(n/2)^2) + dn^2 \\ &= 8^2T(n/4) + 2dn^2 + dn^2 \\ &= 8^3T(n/8) + 4dn^2 + 2dn^2 + dn^2 \\ &= 8^iT(n/2^i) + dn^2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 2^j \\ &= 8^{\log n}T(1) + dn^2 \sum_{j=0}^{\log n - 1} 2^j \\ &= cn^3 + dn^2(n - 1) \\ &= O(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

# Matrix multiplication

- The naïve Divide and Conquer algorithm is no better than the straightforward algorithm
- However, it gives us an insight on the next algorithm
- Strassen's algorithm uses only 7 multiplications instead of 8

# Strassen algorithm

Compute

$$M_1 := (A + C)(E + F)$$

$$M_2 := (B + D)(G + H)$$

$$M_3 := (A - D)(E + H)$$

$$M_4 := A(F - H)$$

$$M_5 := (C + D)E$$

$$M_6 := (A + B)H$$

$$M_7 := D(G - E)$$

# Strassen algorithm

Then,

$$I := M_2 + M_3 - M_6 - M_7$$

$$J := M_4 + M_6$$

$$K := M_5 + M_7$$

$$L := M_1 - M_3 - M_4 - M_5$$

# Strassen algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= M_2 + M_3 - M_6 - M_7 \\ &= (B + D)(G + H) + (A - D)(E + H) \\ &\quad - (A + B)H - D(G - E) \\ &= (BG + BH + DG + DH) \\ &\quad + (AE + AH - DE - DH) \\ &\quad + (-AH - BH) + (-DG + DE) \\ &= BG + AE \end{aligned}$$

# Strassen algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} J &:= M_4 + M_6 \\ &= A(F - H) + (A + B)H \\ &= AF - AH + AH + BH \\ &= AF + BH \end{aligned}$$

# Strassen algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} K &:= M_5 + M_7 \\ &= (C + D)E + D(G - E) \\ &= CE + DE + DG - DE \\ &= CE + DG \end{aligned}$$

# Strassen algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}L &:= M_1 - M_3 - M_4 - M_5 \\&= (A + C)(E + F) - (A - D)(E + H) \\&\quad - A(F - H) - (C + D)E \\&= AE + AF + CE + CF - AE - AH \\&\quad + DE + DH - AF + AH - CE - DE \\&= CF + DH\end{aligned}$$

```
def strassen(Y,Z) :  
    if len(Y) <= 2:  
        return mult(Y,Z)  
    else:  
        A,B,C,D = partition(Y)  
        E,F,G,H = partition(Z)  
        M1 = strassen(add(A,C),add(E,F))  
        M2 = strassen(add(B,D),add(G,H))  
        M3 = strassen(sub(A,D),add(E,H))  
        M4 = strassen(A,sub(F,H))  
        M5 = strassen(add(C,D),E)  
        M6 = strassen(add(A,B),H)  
        M7 = strassen(D,sub(G,E))  
        I = sub(sub(add(M2,M3),M6),M7)  
        J = add(M4,M6)  
        K = add(M5,M7)  
        L = sub(sub(sub(M1,M3),M4),M5)  
    return recompose(I,J,K,L)
```

# Analysis of Strassen algorithm

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 7T(n/2) + dn^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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# Analysis of Strassen algorithm

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# Discussion

- There is a large constant hidden which makes Strassen impractical, unless the matrices are large ( $n > 45$ ) and dense
- For sparse matrices there are faster methods
- Strassen is not as *numerically stable* as the naïve
- Sub-matrices at each level consume space
- FYI: the current best algorithm for dense matrices runs in  $O(n^{2.376})$
- Lower bound  $\Omega(n^2)$  [for dense matrices]

# Closest Pair

# Closest Pair Problem

- Let  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1), \dots, P_n = (x_n, y_n)$  be a set  $S$  of  $n$  points in the plane
- Problem: Find the two closest points in  $S$
- Assumptions:
  - $n$  is a power of two
  - points are ordered by their  $x$  coordinate (if not, we can sort them in  $O(n \log n)$  time)

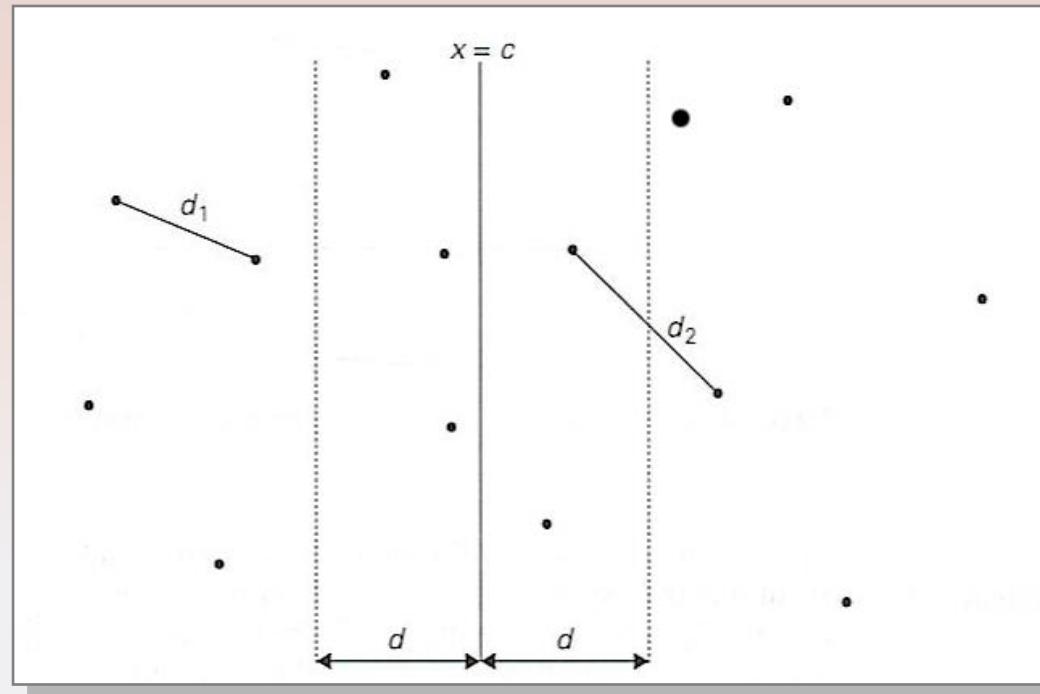
# Closest-Pair Problem: Brute-force

- Compute the distance between every pair of distinct points
- Return the indexes of the points for which the distance is the smallest

Time complexity?

# Closest-Pair: Divide and Conquer

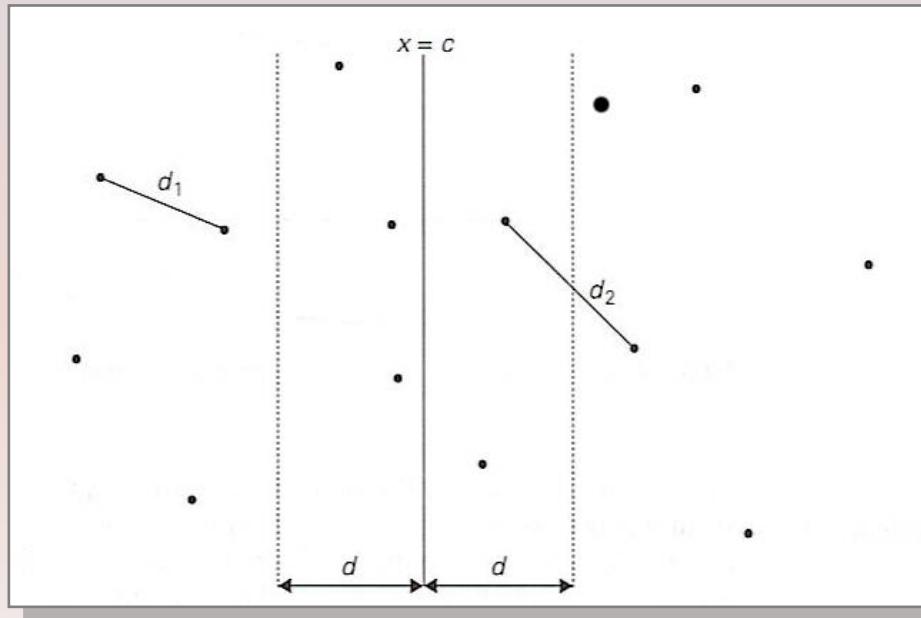
**Step 1.** Divide the points in  $S$  into two subsets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  by a vertical line  $x = c$  so that half the points lie to the left or on the line and half the points lie to the right or on the line ( $c$  is the median of the  $x$  coord)



# Closest-Pair: Divide and Conquer

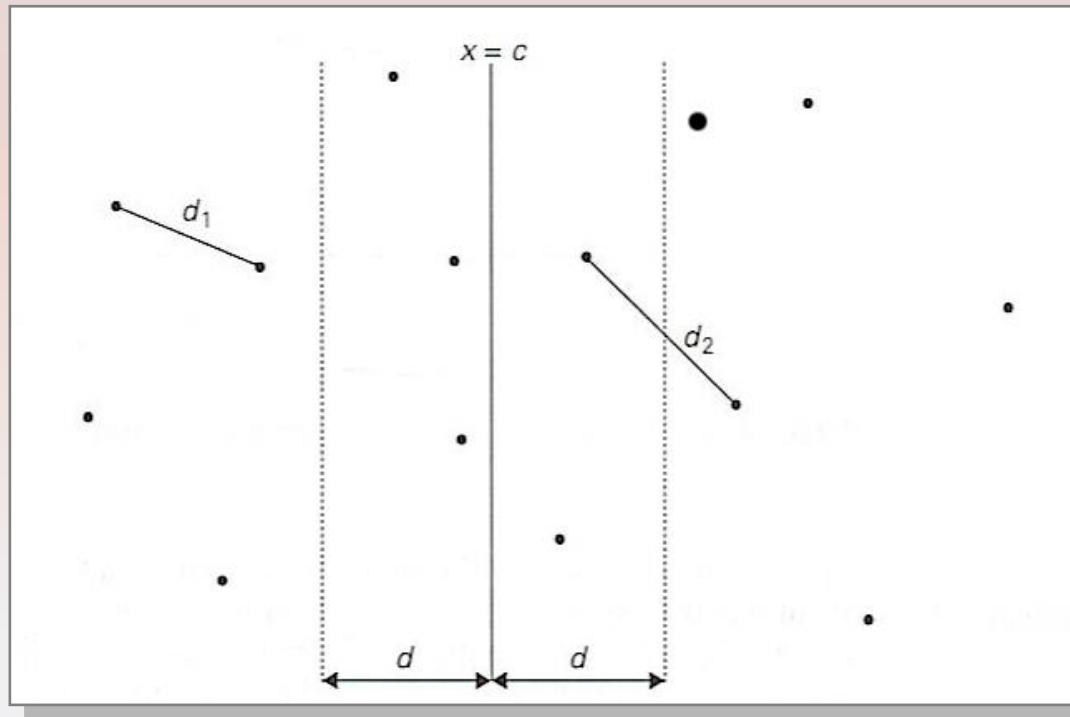
**Step 2.** Find recursively the closest pairs for the left and right subsets. Let  $d_1, d_2$  be the distances of the two closest pairs.

Set  $d = \min\{d_1, d_2\}$



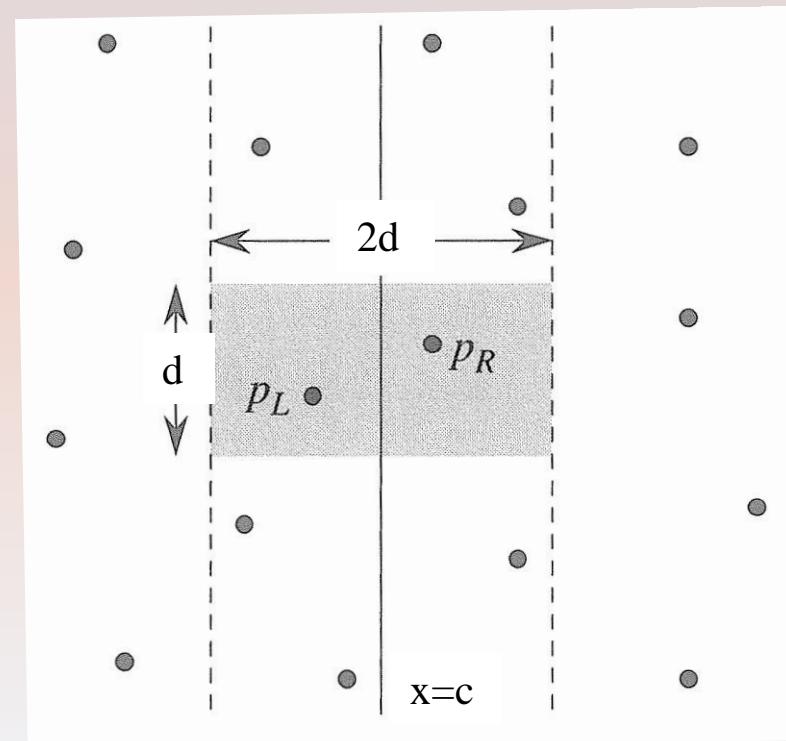
# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

**Step 3.** Consider the vertical strip  $2d$ -wide centered at  $x=c$ . Let  $Y$  be the subset of points in this vertical strip of width  $2d$



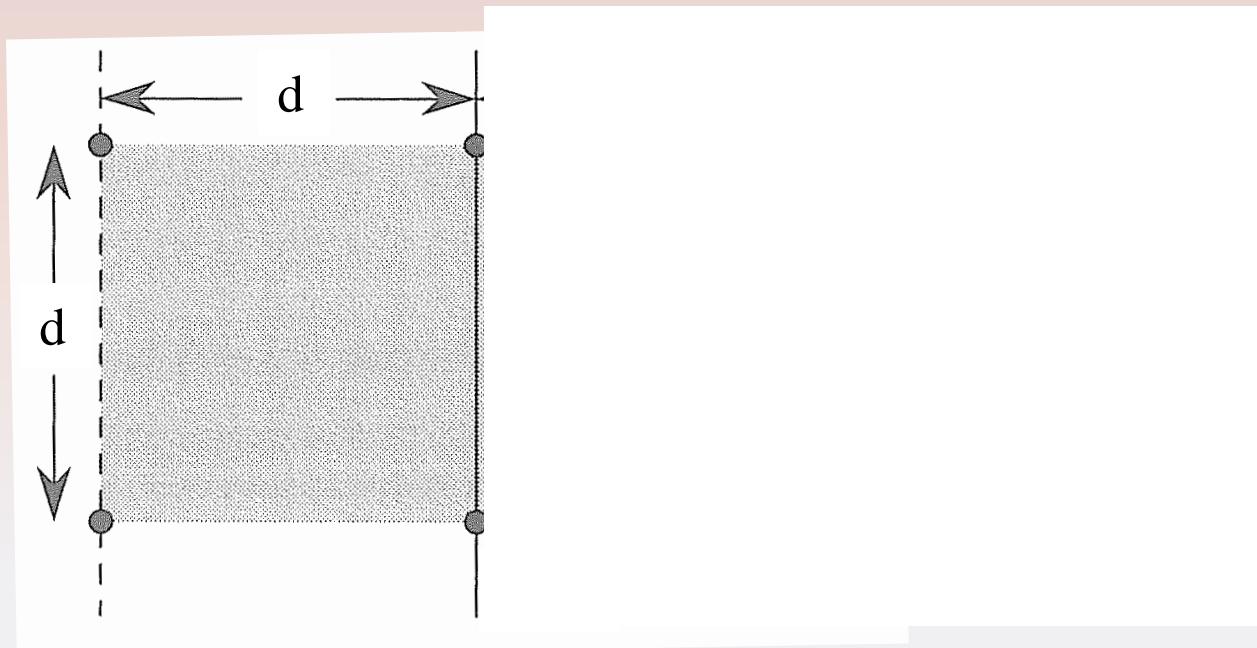
# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

- **Observation 1:** if a pair of points  $p_L, p_R$  has distance less than  $d$ , both points of the pair **must** be within  $Y$



# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

**Observation 2:** Since all the points within  $S_1$  are at least  $d$  units apart, at most 4 points can reside within the  $d \times d$  square

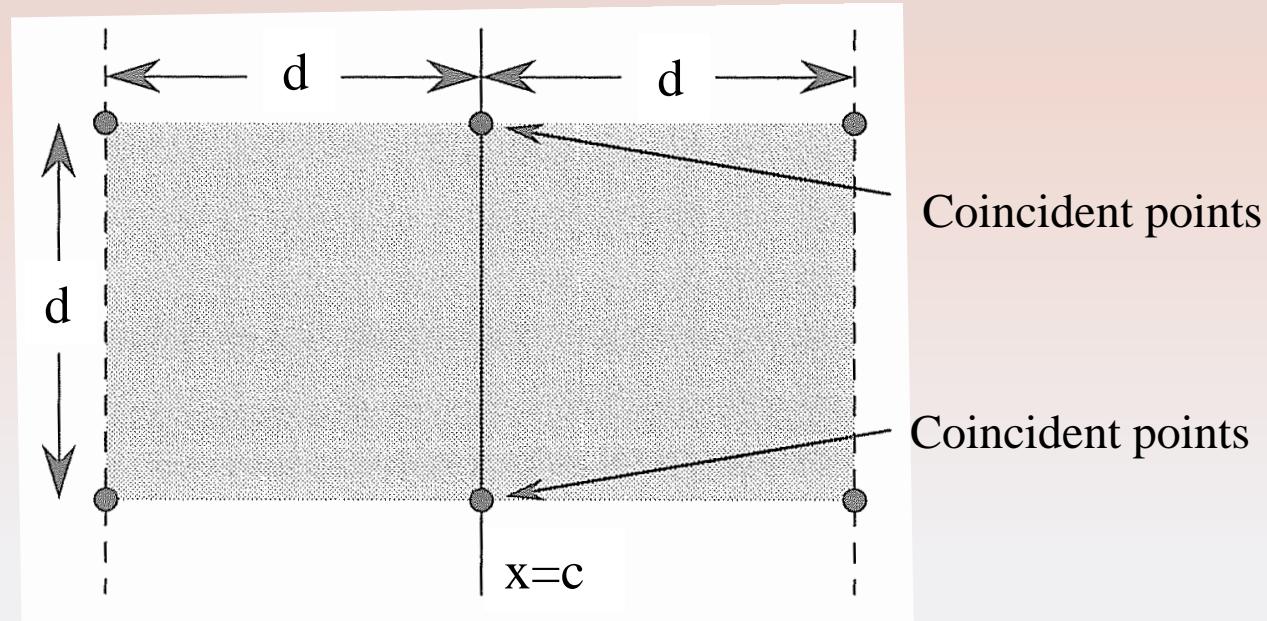


# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

**Proof:** Let's suppose (for sake of contradiction) that five or more points are found in a square of size  $d \times d$ . Divide the square into four smaller squares of size  $d/2 \times d/2$ . At least one pair of points must fall within the same smaller square: these two points will be at a distance  $d/\sqrt{2} < d$ , which leads to a contradiction.

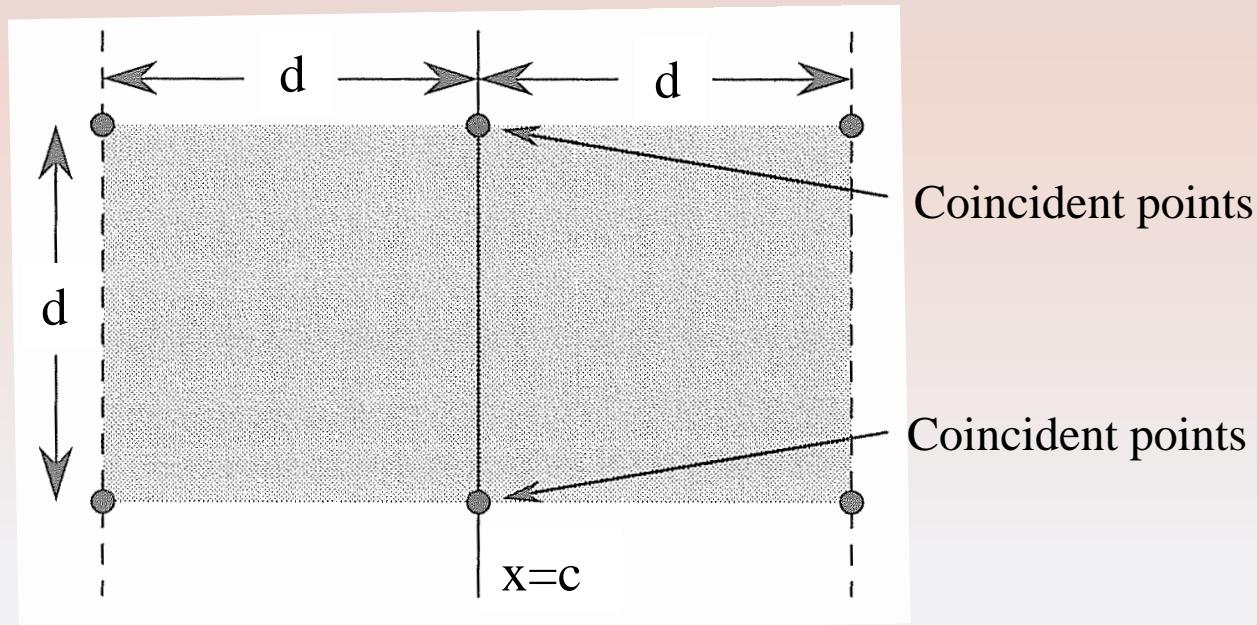
# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

**Consequence:** At most 8 points can reside within the  $d \times 2d$  rectangle, because on each side all points are at least  $d$  unit apart



# Closest Pair: Divide and Conquer

**Step 4.** For each point  $p$  in  $Y$ , try to find points in  $Y$  that are within  $d$  units of  $p$ . Only 7 points in  $Y$  that follow  $p$  need to be considered



# Closest pair in Python

```
def closestPair(xP, yP):
    n = len(xP)
    if n <= 3:
        return bruteForceClosestPair(xP)
    x1 = xP[:n/2]
    xr = xP[n/2:]
    y1, yr = [], []
    median = x1[-1].x
    for p in yP:
        if p.x <= median:
            y1.append(p)
        else:
            yr.append(p)
```

Remark: **xP** and **yP** is the same of input points (x,y), but **xP** is sorted by x and **yP** is sorted by y

Remark: **x1** is the first half of the points sorted by x, and **xr** is the second half

Remark: **y1** contains the points (sorted by y) which have a x coordinate smaller than the median

```

dl, pairl = closestPair(Xl, Yl)
dr, pairr = closestPair(Xr, Yr)
dm, pairm = (dl, pairl) if dl < dr else (dr, pairr)

st = [p for p in yP if abs(p.x - median) < dm]
n_st = len(st)
closest = (dm, pairm)
if n_st > 1:
    for i in range(n_st-1):
        for j in range(i+1,min(i+8, n_st)):
            if d(st[i],st[j]) < closest[0]:
                closest = (d(st[i],st[j]),(st[i],st[j]))
return closest

```

Remark: variable **st** contains the points in the strip [median-dm, median+dm] sorted by y

Remark: **d(x,y)** returns the distance between x and y

# Analysis of the Closest-Pair Algorithm

- We can keep the points in  $Y$  stored in increasing order of their  $y$  coordinates, which is maintained by merging during the execution of step 4
- We can process the points in  $Y$  sequentially in linear time
- Running time is described by  $T(n)=2T(n/2)+O(n)$
- By the Master Theorem,  $T(n)$  is  $O(n \log n)$

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