

CSC 411
Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Chapter 5 Divide and Conquer
- Part 2

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Divide-and-Conquer Examples

- Sorting: mergesort and quicksort (5.1 & 5.2)
- Binary tree traversals (5.3)
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- **Closest-pair and
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5.4 Multiplication of Large Integers

Consider the problem of multiplying two (large) n -digit integers represented by arrays of their digits such as:

A = 12345678901357986429 B = 87654321284820912836

The grade-school algorithm:

$$\begin{array}{r} a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n \\ b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_n \\ (d_{10}) \ d_{11} \ d_{12} \ \dots \ d_{1n} \\ \hline (d_{20}) \ d_{21} \ d_{22} \ \dots \ d_{2n} \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ (d_{n0}) \ d_{n1} \ d_{n2} \ \dots \ d_{nn} \end{array}$$

Questions:

Can we reduce the number of one-digit multiplications?

Efficiency: n^2 one-digit multiplications

Example of Large-Integer Multiplication

To demonstrate the basic idea of the algorithm, let us start with a case of two-digit integers, say, 23 and 14. These numbers can be represented as follows:

$$23 = 2 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0 \quad \text{and} \quad 14 = 1 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0.$$

Now let us multiply them:

$$\begin{aligned} 23 * 14 &= (2 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0) * (1 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0) \\ &= (2 * 1)10^2 + (2 * 4 + 3 * 1)10^1 + (3 * 4)10^0. \end{aligned}$$



$$2 * 4 + 3 * 1 = (2 + 3) * (1 + 4) - 2 * 1 - 3 * 4.$$

The idea is to **decrease the number of multiplications** from 4 to 3.

Large-Integer Multiplication

For any pair of two-digit numbers $a = a_1a_0$ and $b = b_1b_0$, their product c can be computed by the formula

$$c = a * b = c_210^2 + c_110^1 + c_0,$$

where

$c_2 = a_1 * b_1$ is the product of their first digits,

$c_0 = a_0 * b_0$ is the product of their second digits,

$c_1 = (a_1 + a_0) * (b_1 + b_0) - (c_2 + c_0)$ is the product of the sum of the a 's digits and the sum of the b 's digits minus the sum of c_2 and c_0 .

Large-Integer Multiplication

Multiplying two n -digit integers a and b where n is a positive even number, let us divide both numbers in the middle. The first half of the a 's digits by a_1 and the second half by a_0 ; for b , the notations are b_1 and b_0 , respectively. In these notations, $a = a_1a_0$ implies that $a = a_110^{n/2} + a_0$ and $b = b_1b_0$ implies that $b = b_110^{n/2} + b_0$.

$$\begin{aligned}c &= a * b = (a_110^{n/2} + a_0) * (b_110^{n/2} + b_0) \\&= (a_1 * b_1)10^n + (a_1 * b_0 + a_0 * b_1)10^{n/2} + (a_0 * b_0) \\&= c_210^n + c_110^{n/2} + c_0,\end{aligned}$$

where

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Multiplication of Large Integers

How many digit multiplications does this algorithm make? Since multiplication of n -digit numbers requires three multiplications of $n/2$ -digit numbers, the recurrence for the number of multiplications $M(n)$ is

$$M(n) = 3M(n/2) \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad M(1) = 1.$$

Master Theorem If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ where $d \geq 0$ in recurrence (5.1), then

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

Analogous results hold for the O and Ω notations, too.

$$M(n) = 3^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 3} \approx n^{1.585}.$$

(Better than n^2)

Additions and subtractions of Large Integers

But what about additions and subtractions? Have we not decreased the number of multiplications by requiring more of those operations? Let $A(n)$ be the number of digit additions and subtractions executed by the above algorithm in multiplying two n -digit decimal integers. Besides $3A(n/2)$ of these operations needed to compute the three products of $n/2$ -digit numbers, the above formulas require five additions and one subtraction. Hence, we have the recurrence

$$A(n) = 3A(n/2) + cn \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad A(1) = 1.$$

Applying the Master Theorem, which was stated in the beginning of the chapter, we obtain $A(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$, which means that the total number of additions and subtractions have the same asymptotic order of growth as the number of multiplications.

Exercise 5.4

2. Compute $2101 * 1130$ by applying the divide-and-conquer algorithm outlined in the text.

Matrix Multiplication (From Chap 2.3)

EXAMPLE 3 Given two $n \times n$ matrices A and B , find the time efficiency of the definition-based algorithm for computing their product $C = AB$. By definition, C is an $n \times n$ matrix whose elements are computed as the scalar (dot) products of the rows of matrix A and the columns of matrix B :

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{row } i \end{array} \begin{array}{c} A \\ \left[\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} B \\ \left[\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{col. } j \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} C \\ \left[\begin{array}{|c|} \hline C[i,j] \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

where $C[i, j] = A[i, 0]B[0, j] + \cdots + A[i, k]B[k, j] + \cdots + A[i, n - 1]B[n - 1, j]$
for every pair of indices $0 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$.

Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

Question: can we reduce the number of operations in two matrices multiplications $C = A \times B$?

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{00} & c_{01} \\ c_{10} & c_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_4 - m_5 + m_7 & m_3 + m_5 \\ m_2 + m_4 & m_1 + m_3 - m_2 + m_6 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$m_1 = (a_{00} + a_{11}) * (b_{00} + b_{11}),$$

$$m_2 = (a_{10} + a_{11}) * b_{00},$$

$$m_3 = a_{00} * (b_{01} - b_{11}),$$

$$m_4 = a_{11} * (b_{10} - b_{00}),$$

$$m_5 = (a_{00} + a_{01}) * b_{11},$$

$$m_6 = (a_{10} - a_{00}) * (b_{00} + b_{01}),$$

$$m_7 = (a_{01} - a_{11}) * (b_{10} + b_{11}).$$

Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

Strassen observed [1969] that the product of two matrices $n \times n$ can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{00} & C_{01} \\ C_{10} & C_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10} & A_{11} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} B_{00} & B_{01} \\ B_{10} & B_{11} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices where n is a power of 2.
(If n is not a power of 2, matrices can be padded with rows and columns of zeros.)
- We can divide A, B, and their product C into four $n/2 \times n/2$ submatrices

Formulas for Strassen's Algorithm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The size of $A_{00}, A_{11}, B_{00}, B_{11}$ etc.: $n/2$

Growth function=?

$$M(n) = 7M(n/2), \quad M(1) = 1$$

Analysis of Strassen's Algorithm

Let us evaluate the asymptotic efficiency of this algorithm. If $M(n)$ is the number of multiplications made by Strassen's algorithm in multiplying two $n \times n$ matrices (where n is a power of 2), we get the following recurrence relation for it:

$$M(n) = 7M(n/2) \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad M(1) = 1.$$

Master Theorem If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ where $d \geq 0$ in recurrence (5.1), then

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Analogous results hold for the O and Ω notations, too.

$$M(n) = 7^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.807},$$

vs. $\Theta(n^3)$ of brute-force algorithm.

Analysis of Strassen's Algorithm

Since this savings in the number of multiplications was achieved at the expense of making extra additions, we must check the number of additions $A(n)$ made by Strassen's algorithm. To multiply two matrices of order $n > 1$, the algorithm needs to multiply seven matrices of order $n/2$ and make 18 additions/subtractions of matrices of size $n/2$; when $n = 1$, no additions are made since two numbers are simply multiplied. These observations yield the following recurrence relation:

$$A(n) = 7A(n/2) + 18(n/2)^2 \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad A(1) = 0.$$

Master Theorem If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ where $d \geq 0$ in recurrence (5.1), then

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

Analogous results hold for the O and Ω notations, too.

$$A(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$$

Exercise 5.4-7

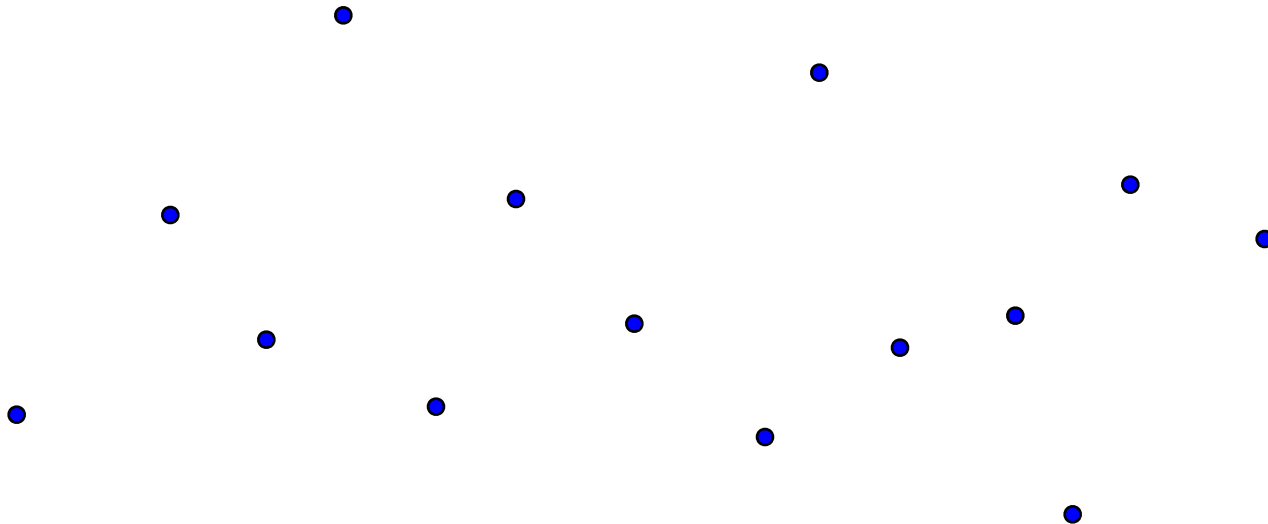
7. Apply Strassen's algorithm to compute

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

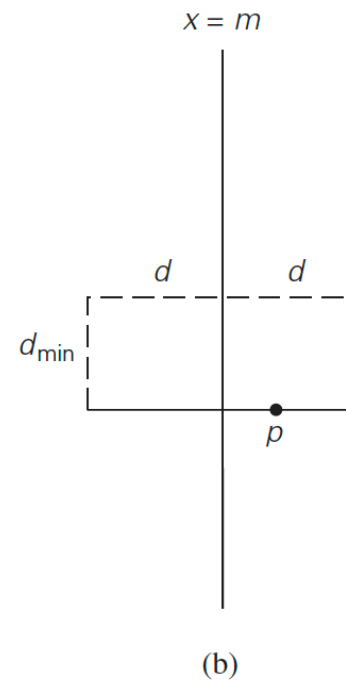
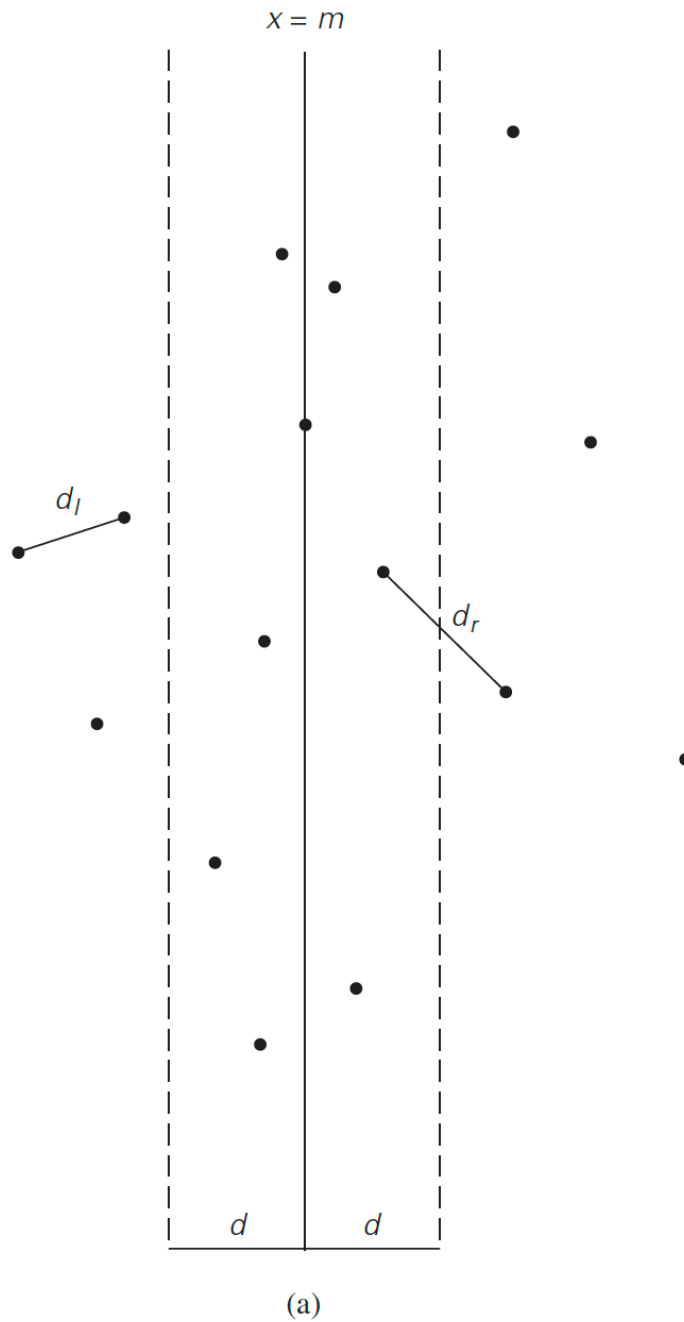
exiting the recursion when $n = 2$, i.e., computing the products of 2×2 matrices by the brute-force algorithm.

5.5 Closest-Pair Problem

Given: A set of points in 2-D

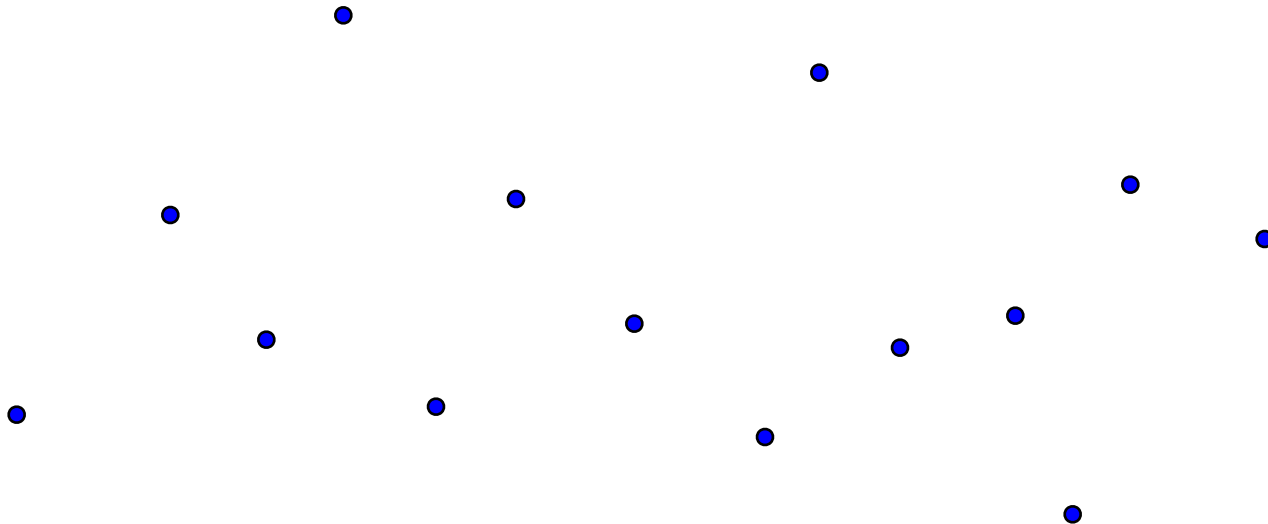


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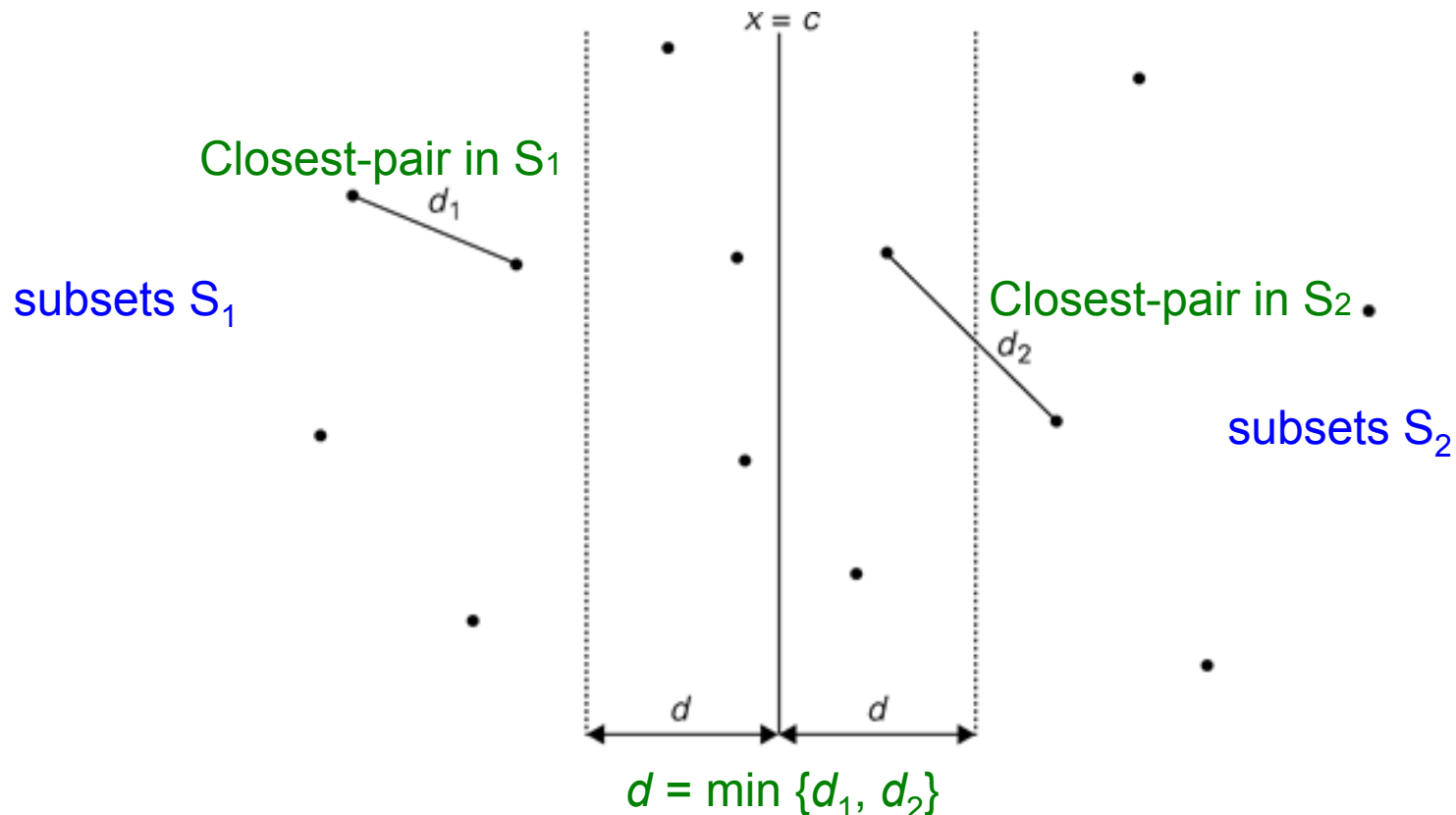
Closest-Pair Problem by Divide-and-Conquer

Step 1: Sort the points in one D



Closest-Pair Problem by 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 or on the line.



Closest-Pair Problem by Divide-and-Conquer

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

Step 3 Set $d = \min \{d_1, d_2\}$

We can limit our attention to the points in the symmetric vertical strip of width **$2d$** as possible closest pair. Let P_1 and P_2 be the subsets of points in the left subset S_1 and of the right subset S_2 , respectively, that lie in this vertical strip. The points in P_1 and P_2 are stored in increasing order of their y coordinates, which is maintained by merging during the execution of the next step.

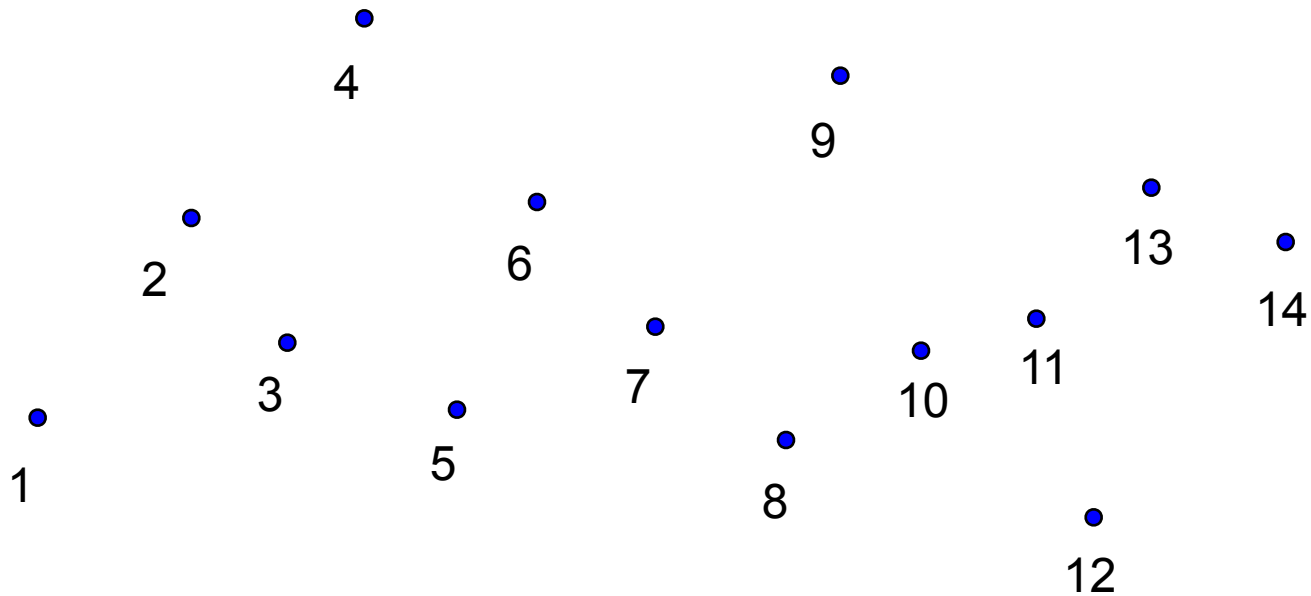
Step 4 For every point $p(x,y)$ in P_1 , we inspect points in P_2 that may be closer to p than d .

There can be no more than 6 such points (because $d \leq d_2$)!

Closest-Pair Problem by Divide-and-Conquer

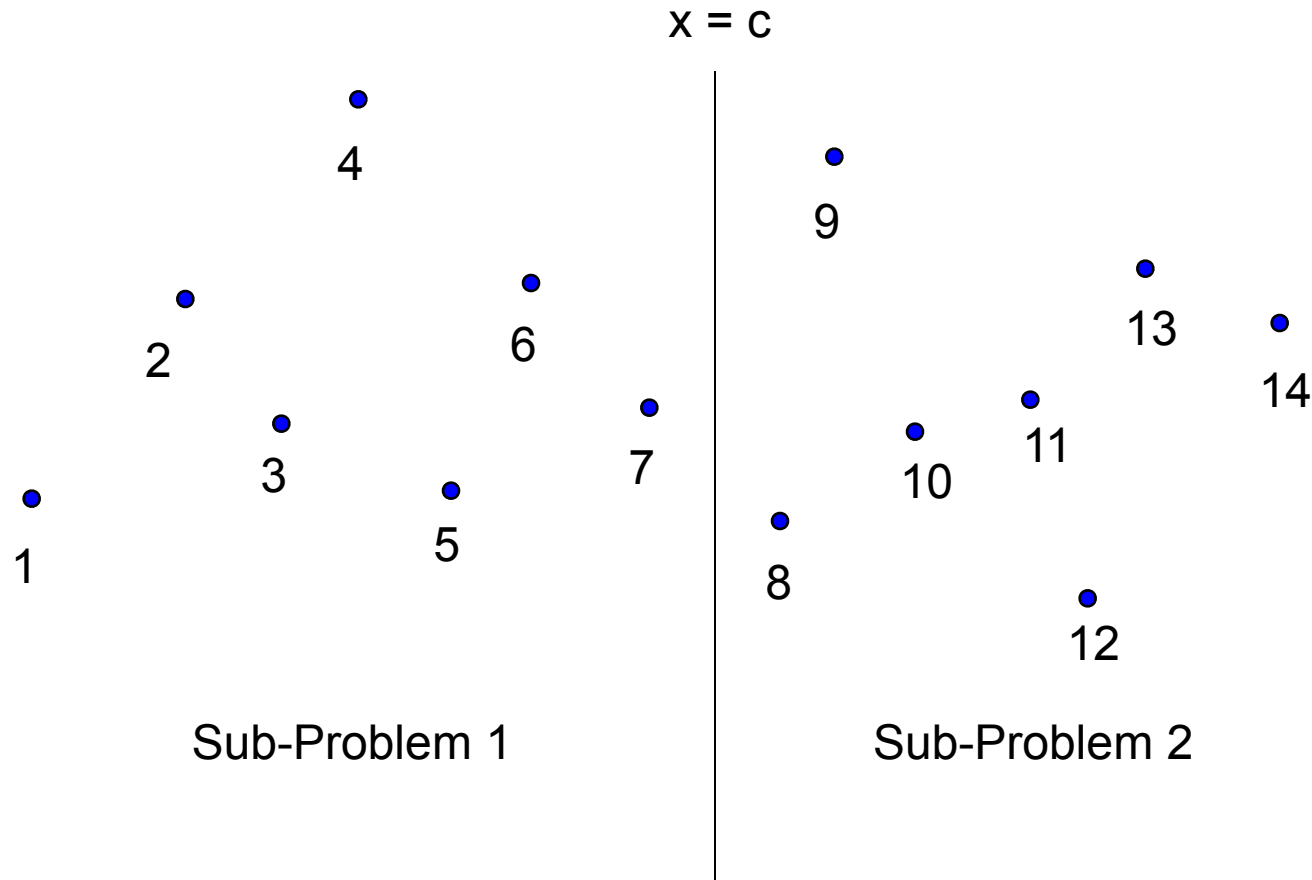
1. Lets sort based on the X-axis

$O(n \log n)$ using quicksort or mergesort



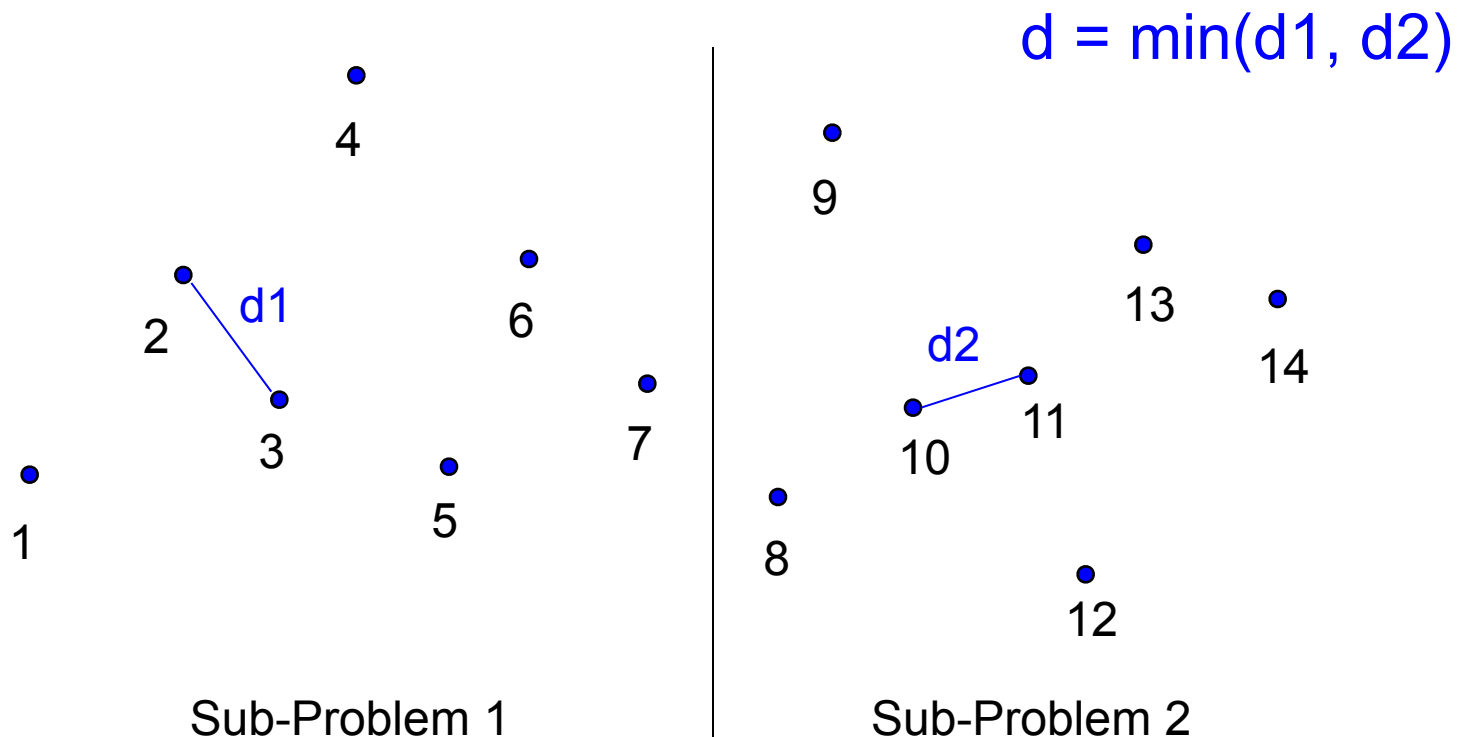
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2. Split the points, i.e.,
Draw a line at the mid-point between 7 and 8



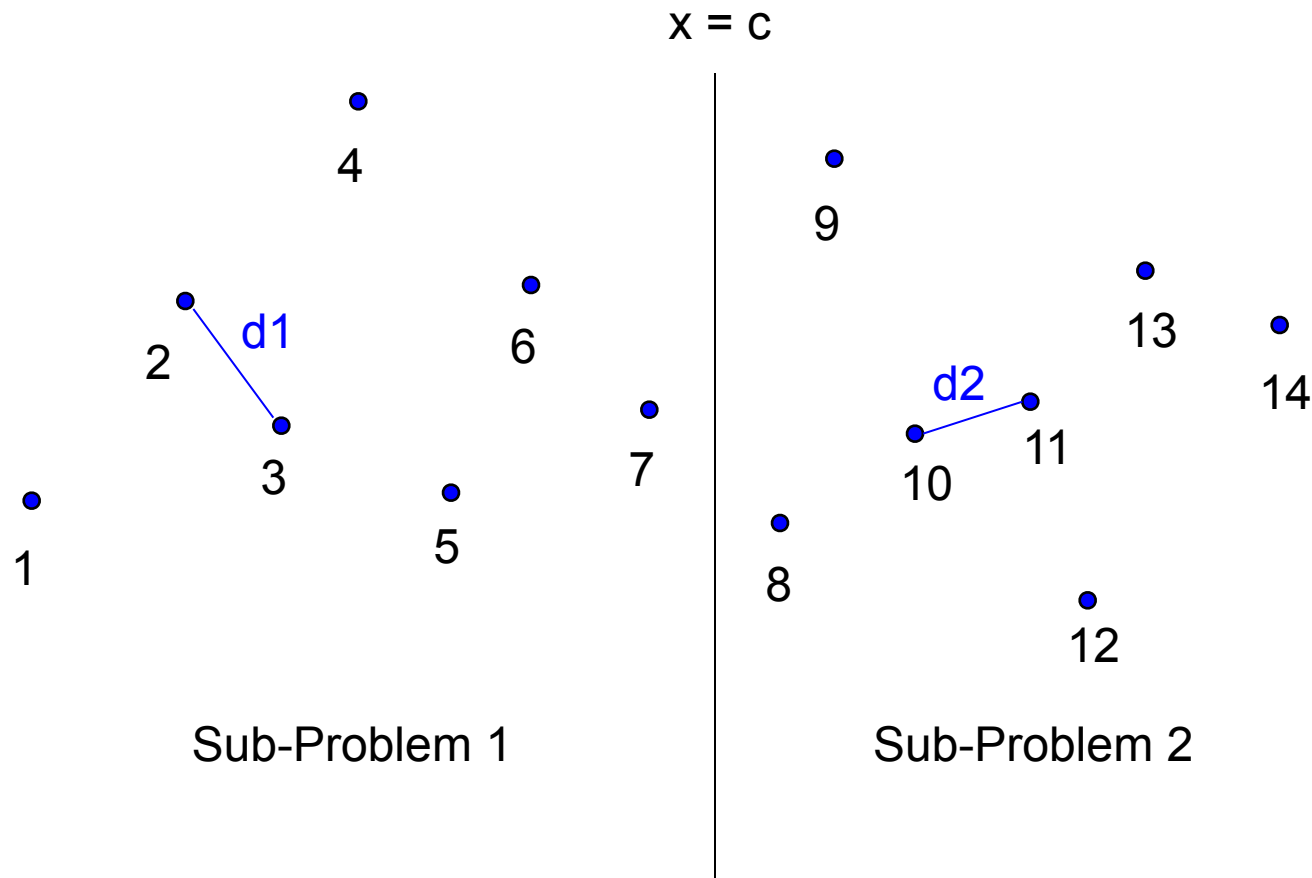
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Advantage: With just one split we cut the number of comparisons in half. Obviously, we gain an even greater advantage if we split the sub-problems.



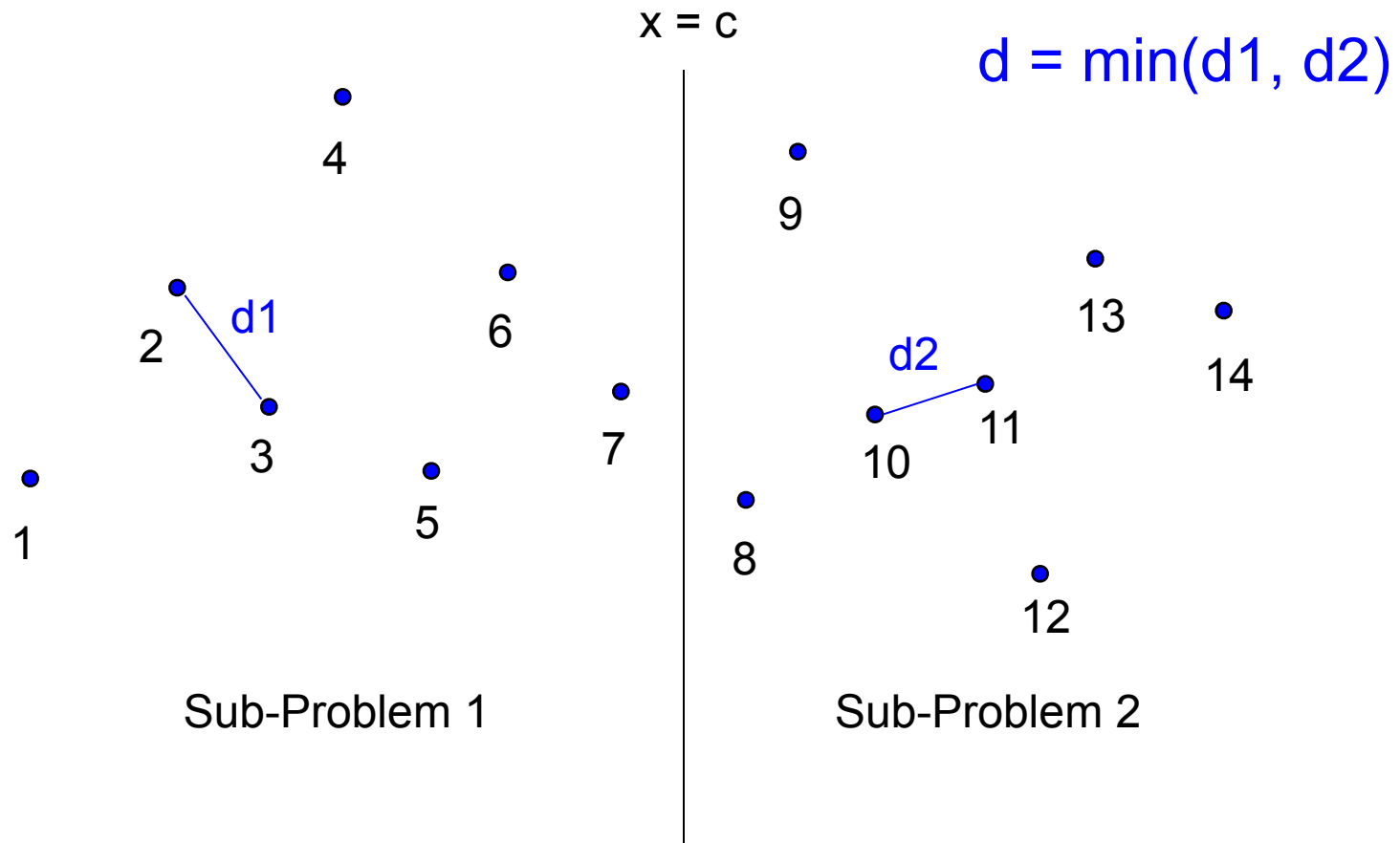
Closest-Pair Problem by Divide-and-Conquer

- Normally, we'd have to compare each of the 14 points with every other point. $(n - 1) \times n/2 = 13 \times 14/2 = \mathbf{91 \text{ comparisons}}$
- **Advantage:** Now, we have two sub-problems of half the size. Thus, we have to do $6 \times 7/2$ comparisons twice, which is $\mathbf{42 \text{ comparisons}}$



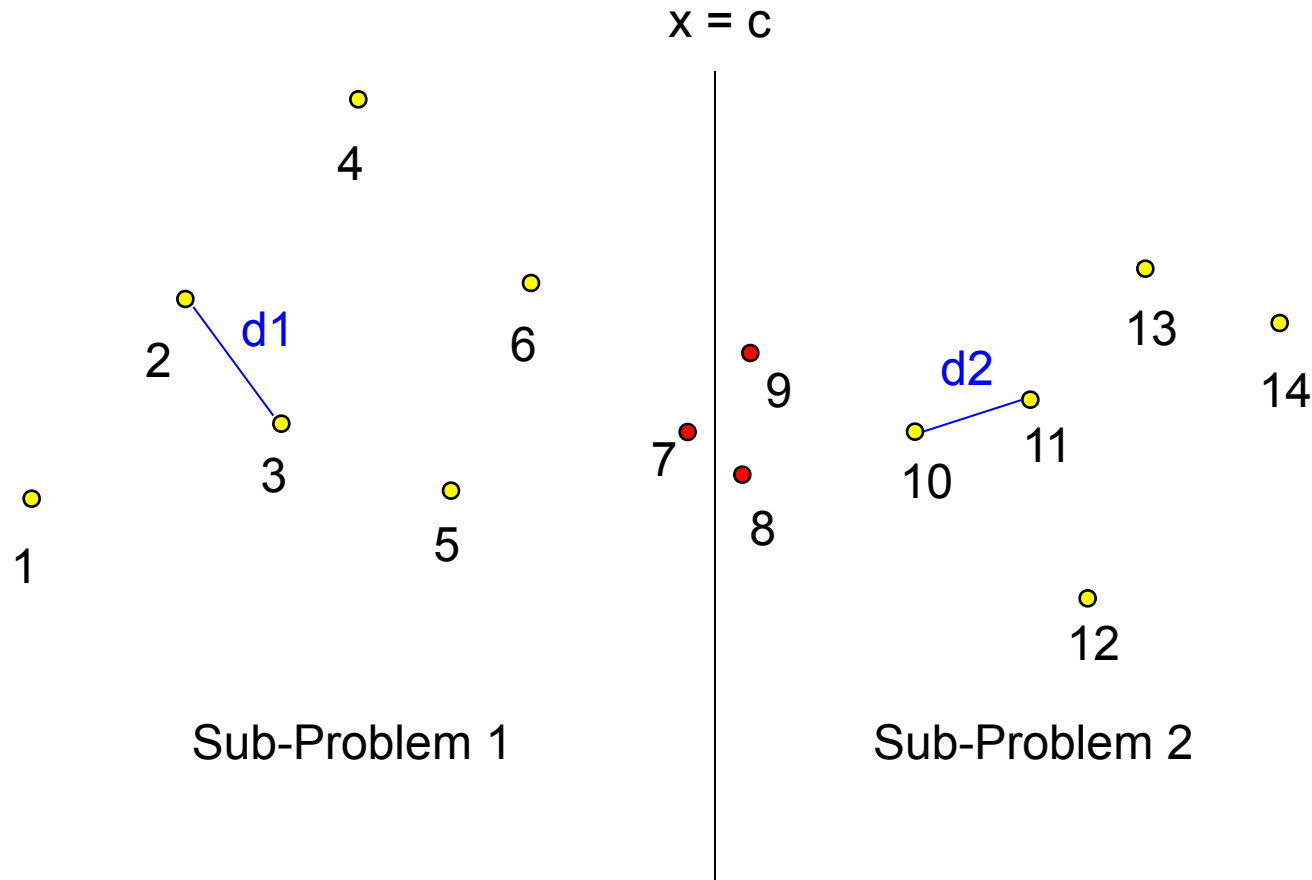
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Problem: However, what if the closest two points are each from **different** sub-problems?



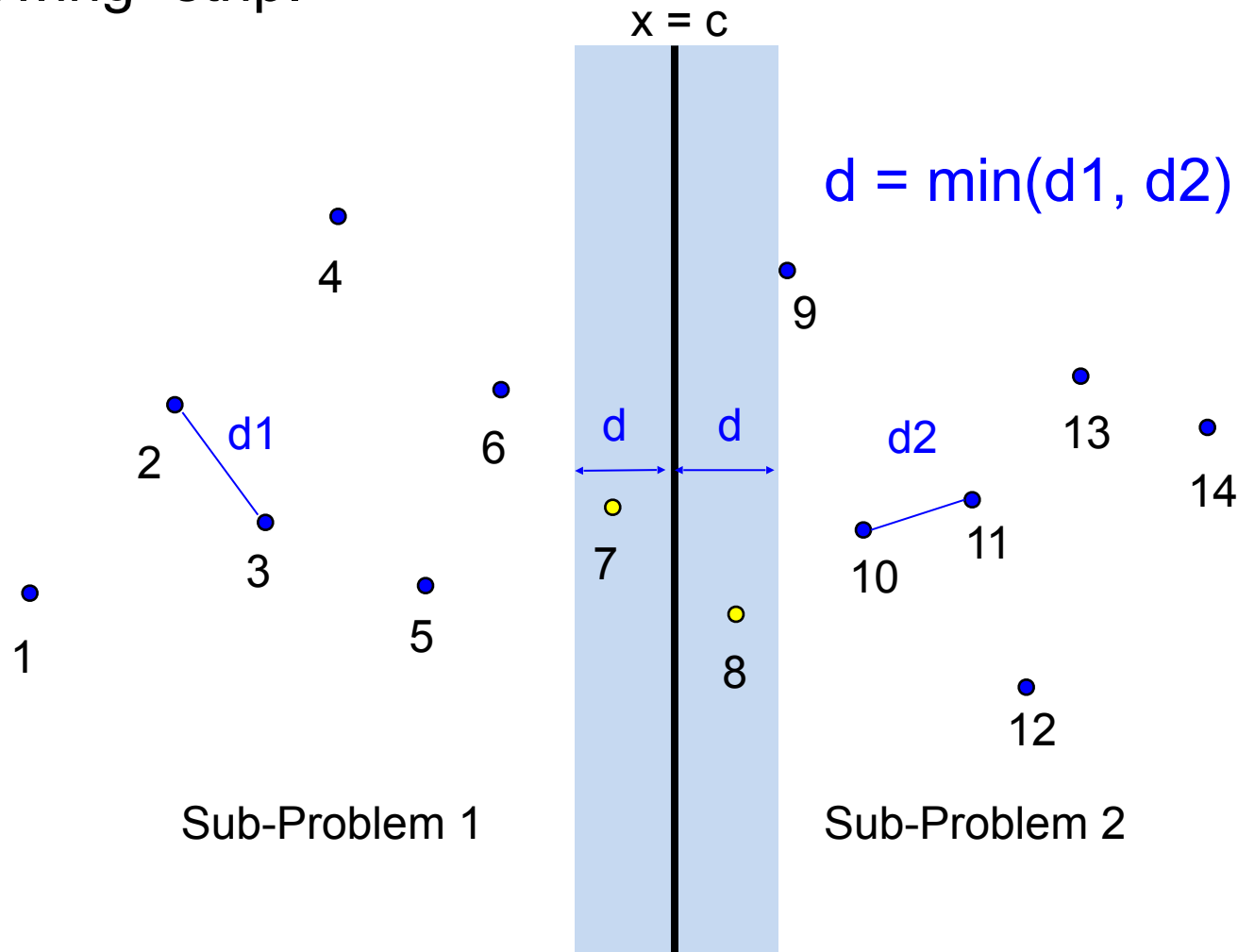
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Here is an example where we have to compare points from sub-problem 1 to the points in sub-problem 2.



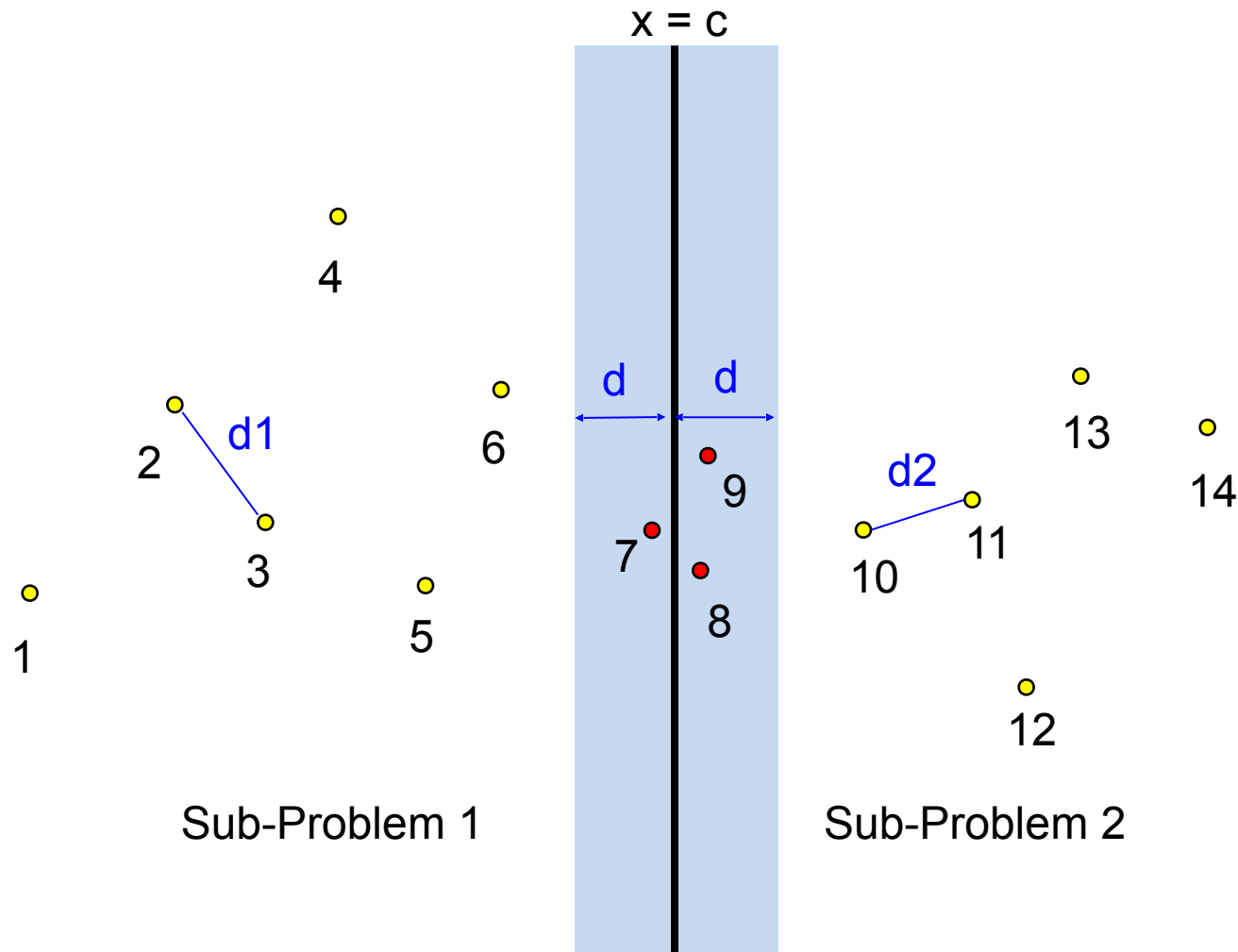
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However, we only have to compare points inside the following “strip.”



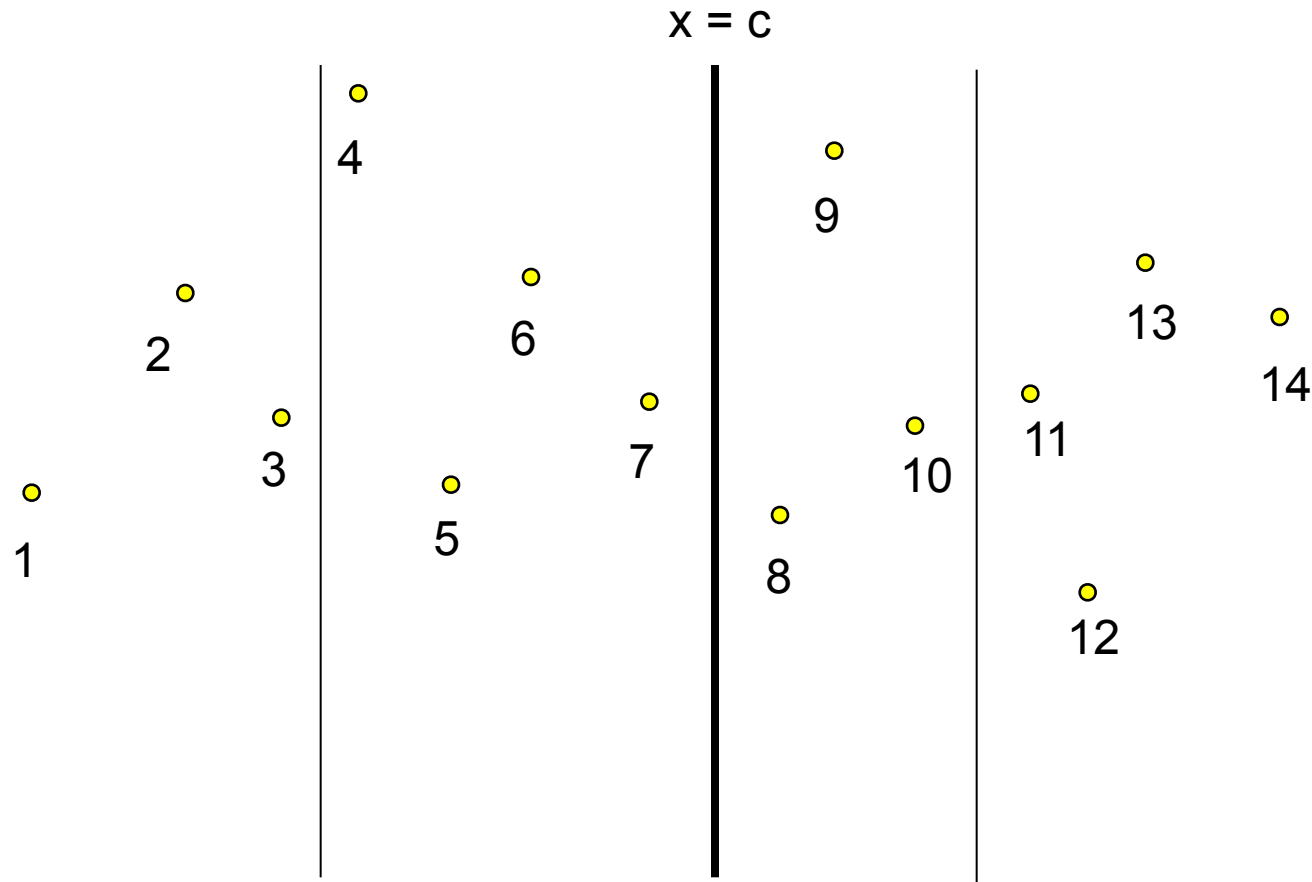
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Distance between point 7 and 8 is less than d_2 .



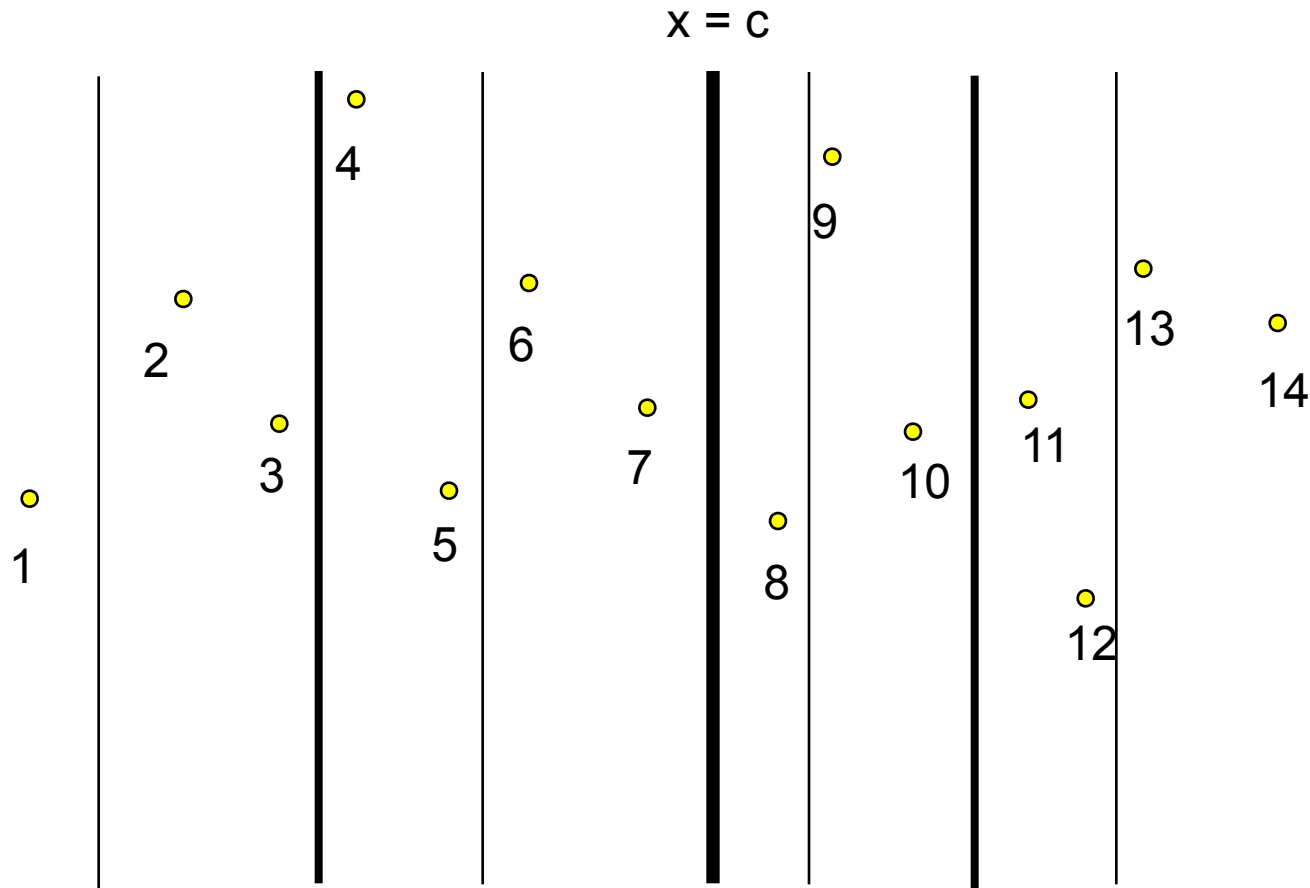
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3. But, we can continue the advantage by splitting the sub-problems.



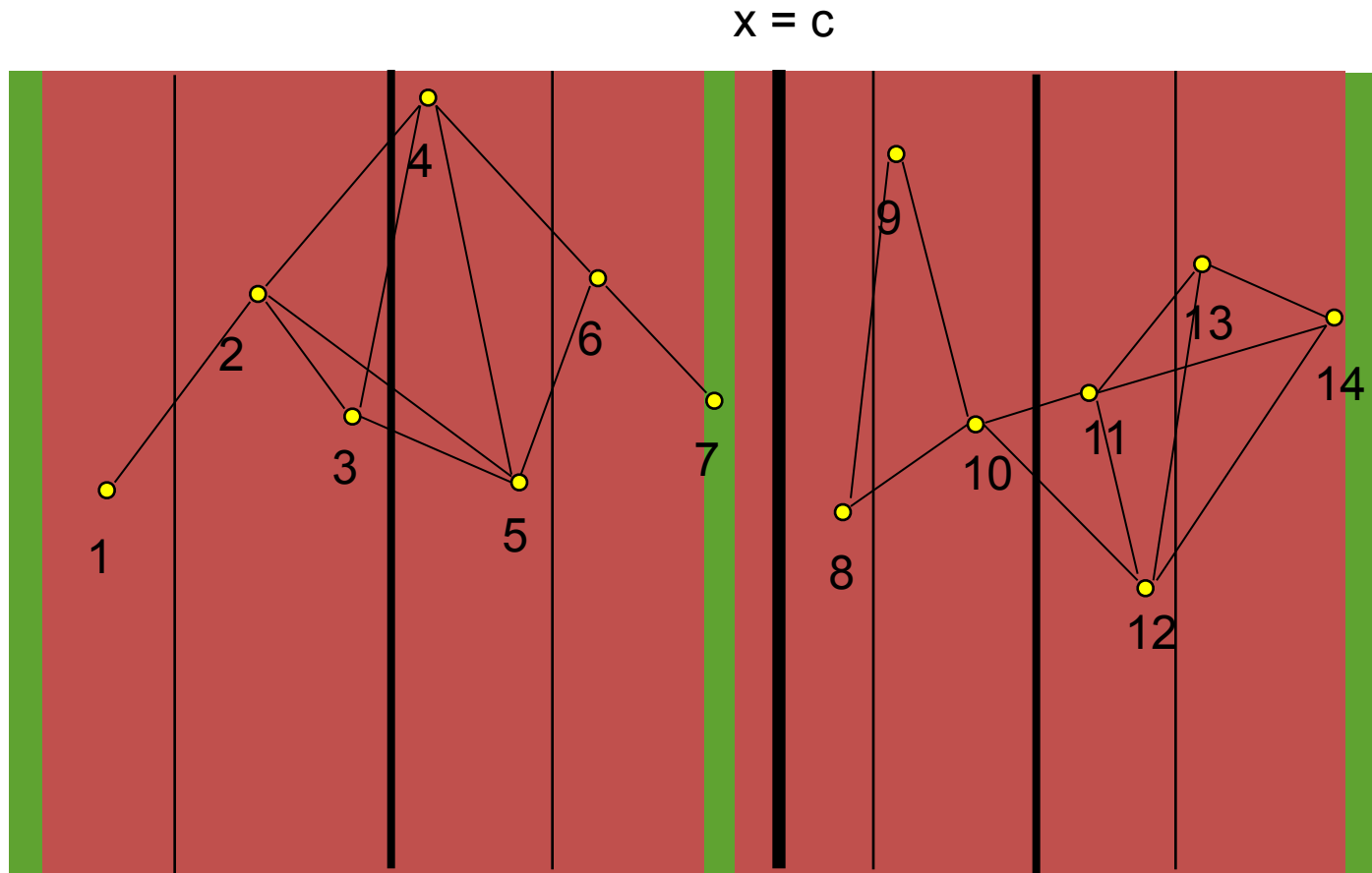
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In fact we can continue to split until each sub-problem is trivial, i.e., takes one comparison.



Closest-Pair Problem by Divide-and-Conquer

4. The solution to each sub-problem is combined until the final solution is obtained



Pseudocode of the Closest-Pair Algorithm

ALGORITHM *EfficientClosestPair*(P, Q)

if $n \leq 3$

 return the minimal distance found by the brute-force algorithm

else

 copy the first $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points of P to array P_l

 copy the same $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points from Q to array Q_l

 copy the remaining $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points of P to array P_r

 copy the same $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points from Q to array Q_r

$d_l \leftarrow \text{EfficientClosestPair}(P_l, Q_l)$

$d_r \leftarrow \text{EfficientClosestPair}(P_r, Q_r)$

$d \leftarrow \min\{d_l, d_r\}$

$m \leftarrow P[\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1].x$

 copy all the points of Q for which $|x - m| < d$ into array $S[0..num - 1]$

$dmins_q \leftarrow d^2$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $num - 2$ **do**

$k \leftarrow i + 1$

while $k \leq num - 1$ **and** $(S[k].y - S[i].y)^2 < dmins_q$

$dmins_q \leftarrow \min((S[k].x - S[i].x)^2 + (S[k].y - S[i].y)^2, dmins_q)$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

return $\text{sqrt}(dmins_q)$

Efficiency of the Closest-Pair Algorithm

The algorithm spends linear time both for dividing the problem into two problems half the size and combining the obtained solutions. Therefore, assuming as usual that n is a power of 2, we have the following recurrence for the running time of the algorithm:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + f(n),$$

where $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$. Applying the Master Theorem (with $a = 2$, $b = 2$, and $d = 1$), we get $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$. The necessity to presort input points does not change the overall efficiency class if sorting is done by a $O(n \log n)$ algorithm such as mergesort. In fact, this is the best efficiency class one can achieve, because it has been proved that any algorithm for this problem must be in $\Omega(n \log n)$ under some natural assumptions about operations an algorithm can perform (see [Pre85, p. 188]).

Efficiency of the Closest-Pair Algorithm

Running time of the algorithm is described by

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \underline{M(n)}, \text{ where } M(n) \in O(6 \cdot n/2) \in O(n)$$

Time required to merge the solutions from sub-problems

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

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

Review: Closest-pair problem using brute force approach

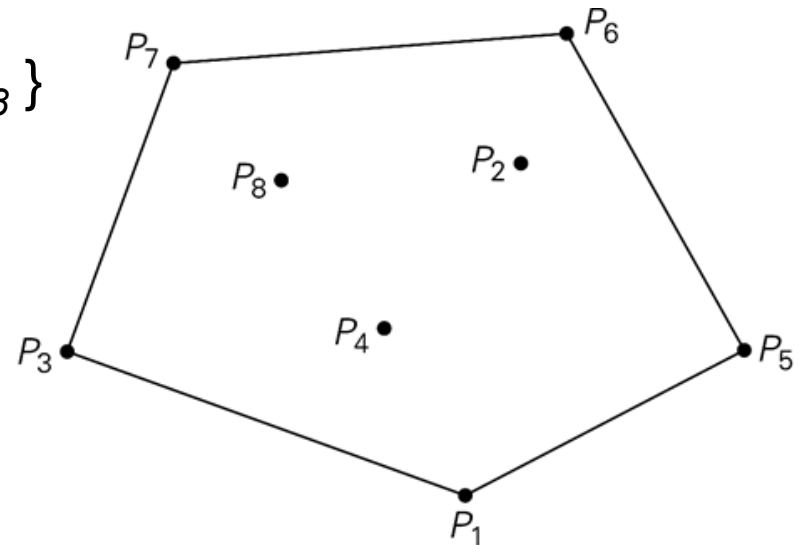
- Brute force approach requires comparing every point with every other point
- Given n points, we must perform $(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1$ comparisons.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k = \frac{(n-1) \cdot n}{2}$$

- Brute force $\rightarrow O(n^2)$
- The Divide and Conquer algorithm yields $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$
- Reminder: if $n = 1,000,000$ then
 - $n^2 = 1,000,000,000,000$ whereas
 - $n \log n = 20,000,000$

5.5 Convex-Hull Problem

- Recall the Brute-Force Convex-Hull Algorithm
- Find the pairs of points (P_i, P_j) from a set of n points
 - The line segment connecting P_i and P_j is a part of its convex hull's boundary if and only if the other points of the set lie **on the same side of the straight line through P_i and P_j**
- Input: A set S of planar points
 - $S = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8\}$
- Output : A convex hull for S
 - $\{P_1, P_3, P_5, P_6, P_7\}$



Quickhull Algorithm

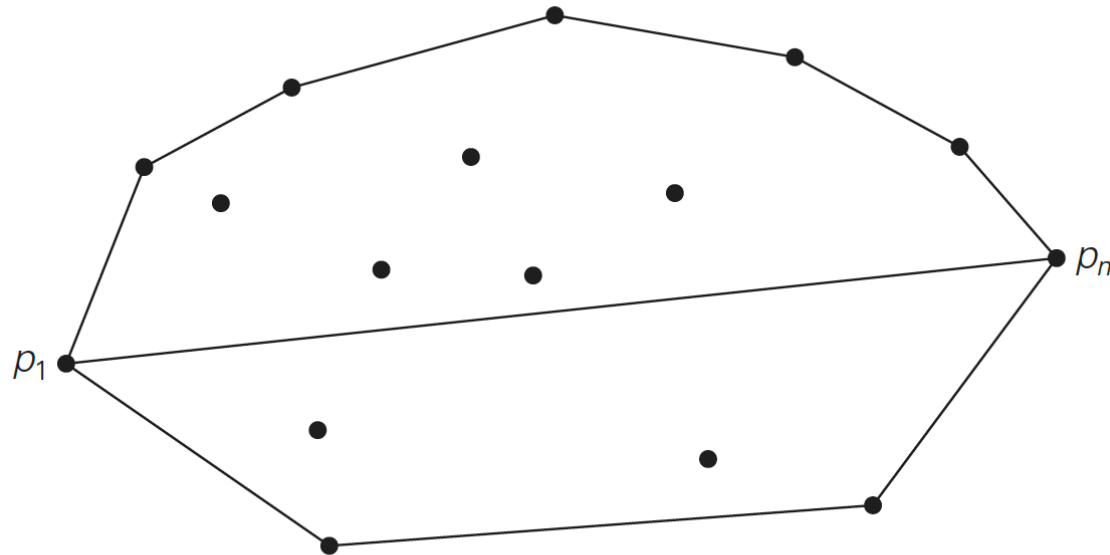
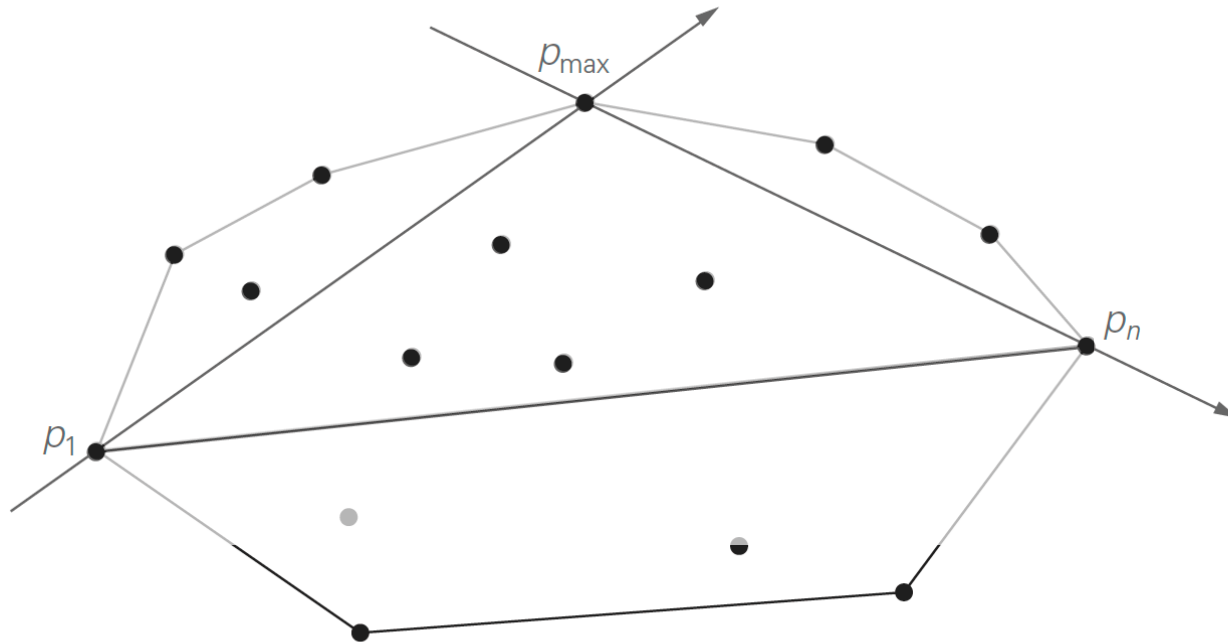


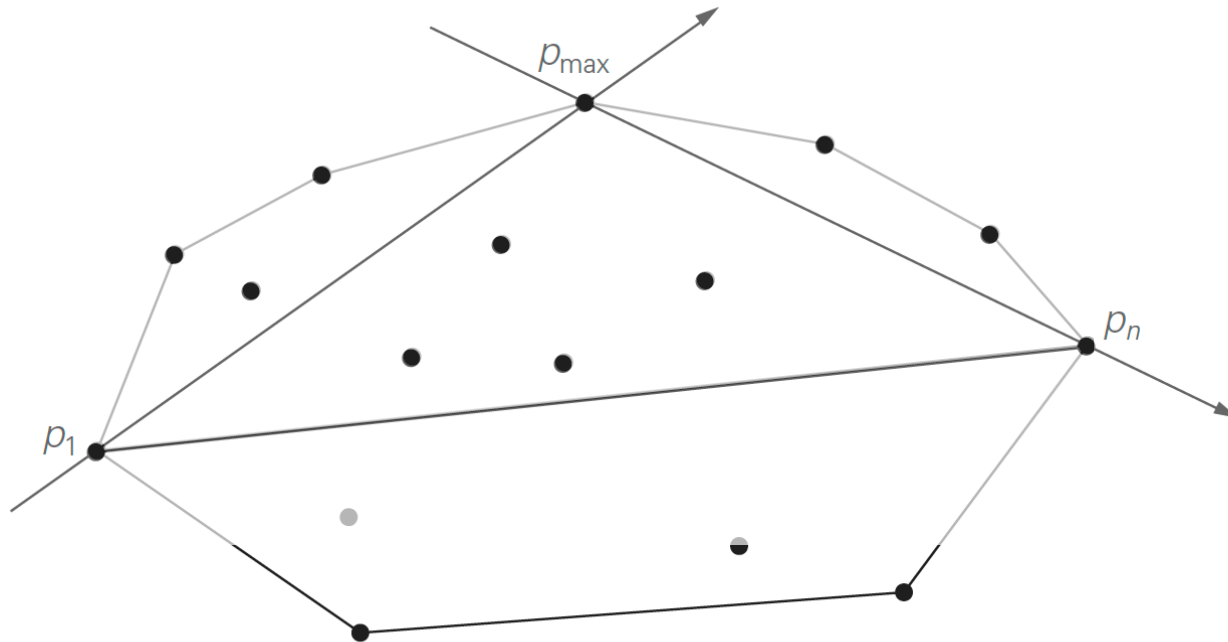
FIGURE 5.8 Upper and lower hulls of a set of points.

Quickhull Algorithm



- p_{\max} is a vertex of the upper hull.
- The points inside $\triangle p_1 p_{\max} p_n$ cannot be vertices of the upper hull (and hence can be eliminated from further consideration).
- There are no points to the left of both lines $\overrightarrow{p_1 p_{\max}}$ and $\overrightarrow{p_{\max} p_n}$.

Quickhull Algorithm

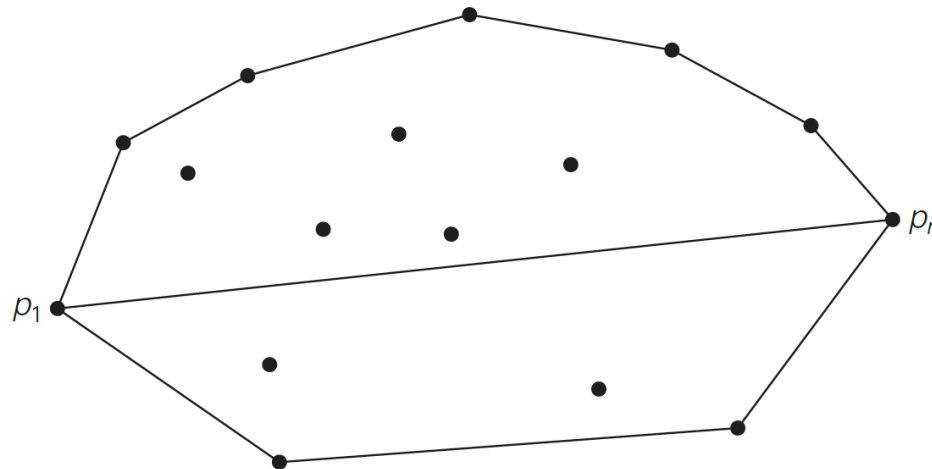


Convex hull: smallest convex set that includes given points

- 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}
- compute the upper hull of the points to the left of line $P_{\max}P_2$

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}
 - compute the upper hull of the points to the left of line $P_{\max}P_2$
- Compute *lower hull* in a similar manner



Quickhull Algorithm

If $q_1(x_1, y_1)$, $q_2(x_2, y_2)$, and $q_3(x_3, y_3)$ are three arbitrary points in the Cartesian plane, then the area of the triangle $\triangle q_1q_2q_3$ is equal to one-half of the magnitude of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = x_1y_2 + x_3y_1 + x_2y_3 - x_3y_2 - x_2y_1 - x_1y_3,$$

Using this formula, we can check in constant time whether a point lies to the left of the line determined by two other points as well as find the distance from the point to the line.

Efficiency of Quickhull Algorithm

- Finding point farthest away from line P_1P_2 can be done in linear time
- Time efficiency:
 - worst case: $\Theta(n^2)$ (as quicksort)
 - average case: $\Theta(n)$ (under reasonable assumptions about distribution of points given)
- If points are not initially sorted by x -coordinate value, this can be accomplished in $O(n \log n)$ time
- Several $O(n \log n)$ algorithms for convex hull are known

Exercise 5.5

7. Explain how one can find point p_{\max} in the quickhull algorithm analytically.