### Chapter 4

# The Divide-and-Conquer Strategy

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## Introduction

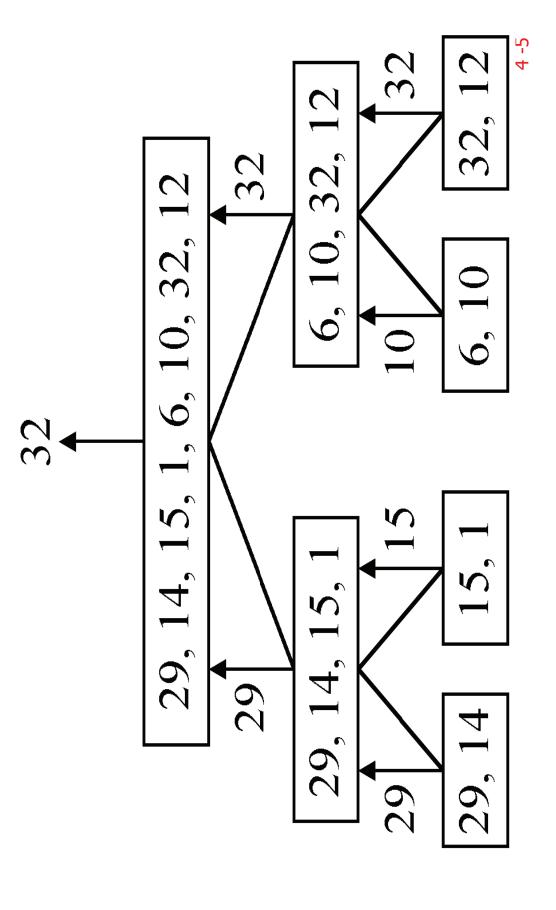
- divide-and-conquer strategy
- problems and each sub-problem is identical to first divides a problem into two smaller subits original problem, except its input size is
- sub-solutions are finally merged into the final Both sub-problems are then solved and the solution.
- solved by the divide-and-conquer strategy again. These two sub-problems themselves can be
- Or, to put it in another way, these two subproblems are solved recursively.

# A simple example

- Finding the maximum of a set S of n numbers.
- Dividing the input into two sets, each set consisting of n/2 numbers.
- Let us call these two sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .
- Find the maximums of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  respectively.
- Let the maximum of  $S_i$  be denoted as  $X_{i,i} = 1, 2$ .
- Then the maximum of S can be found by comparing  $X_1$ and  $X_2$ . Whichever is the larger is the maximum of S.

# A simple example

finding the maximum of a set S of n numbers



# Time Complexity

conquer algorithm is determined by the following • In general, the complexity T(n) of a divide-andformulas:

$$T(n)=\left\{ egin{array}{cc} 2T(n/2)+S(n)+M(n) &, \ n\geq c \\ b &, \ n< c \end{array} 
ight.$$

where

- S(n) denotes the time steps needed to split the problem into two sub-problems,
- $\blacksquare$  M(n) denotes the time steps needed to merge two sub-solutions and
- b is a constant.

 $=2^{k-1}+2^{k-2}+\ldots+4+2+1$ 

 $=2^{k}-1=n-1$ 

# Time complexity

Time complexity:

$$T(n)=\begin{cases} 2T(n/2)+1 , n>2 \\ 1 , n < 2 \end{cases}$$

• Calculation of T(n):

Assume 
$$n = 2^k$$
,

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

$$= 2(2T(n/4)+1)+1$$

$$= 4T(n/4)+2+1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= 2^{k-1}T(2)+2^{k-2}+...+4+2+1$$

## A general divide-and-conquer algorithm

Step1: If the problem size is small, solve this problem directly; otherwise, split the original problem into 2 sub-problems with equal sizes. Step2: Recursively solve these 2 sub-problems by applying this algorithm. Step3: Merge the solutions of the 2 sub-problems into a solution of the original problem.

# Time complexity of the general algorithm

Time complexity:

$$T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} 2T(n/2) + S(n) + M(n) &, n \geq c \\ b &, n < c \end{array} \right.$$

where S(n): time for splitting

M(n): time for merging b: a constant

c: a constant

e.g. Binary search

e.g. quick sort

e.g. merge sort

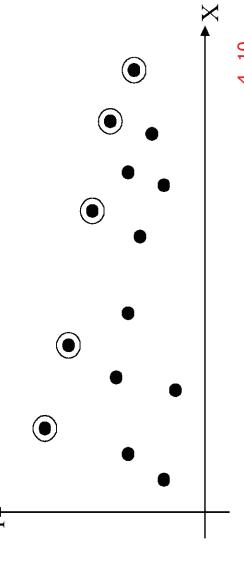
# 4.1 2-D maxima finding problem

and  $y_1 > y_2$ . A point is called a maxima if no other •  $\underline{\mathbf{Def}}$ : A point  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1)$  dominates  $(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2)$  if  $\mathbf{x}_1 > \mathbf{x}_2$ point dominates it

Maxima finding problem: find the maximal points among these n points. Straightforward method: Compare every pair of points.

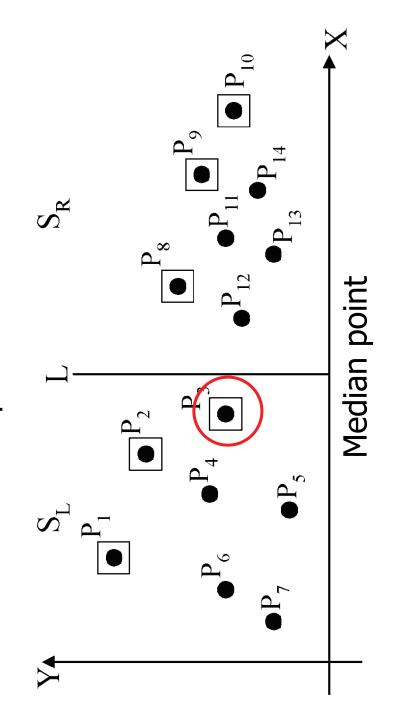
Time complexity:

 $O(n^2)$ 



# Divide-and-conquer for maxima finding

Perpendicular line



The maximal points of  $S_L$  and  $S_R$ 

## Merge Step

- The merging process is rather simple.
- Since the x-value of a point in S<sub>R</sub> is always larger than the x-value of every point in  $S_L$
- value is not less than the y-value of a maxima • A point in  $S_L$  is a maxima if and only if its yof  $S_R$ .

### The algorithm:

- Input: A set of n planar points.
- Output: The maximal points of S.

Step 1: If S contains only one point, return it as the maxima. Otherwise, find a line L perpendicular to the X-axis which separates the set of points into two subsets S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub>, each of which consisting of n/2 points. Step 2: Recursively find the maximal points of  $S_L$  and  $S_R$ . maximal points of S<sub>L</sub> onto L. Discard each of the maximal points of S<sub>L</sub> if its y-value is less than the Step 3: Find the largest y-value of S<sub>R</sub>. Project the largest y-value of S<sub>R</sub>.

• Time complexity: T(n)

Step 1: O(n) median finding

Step 2: 2T(n/2)

Step 3: O(nlogn) :sorting n points according to their y-

$$T(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} 2T(n/2) + O(n) + O(n log n) & , \ n > 1 \\ 1 & , \ n = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

Assume  $n = 2^k$ 

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

## Improvement

- We note that our divide-and-conquer strategy is dominated by sorting in the merging steps.
- because sorting should be done once and for all. Somehow we are not doing a very efficient job
- That is, we should conduct a presorting. If this is done, the merging complexity is O(n) and the total number of time steps needed is O(nlogn) + T(n)

where

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(n/2) + O(n) + O(n) \\ 1 \end{cases}$$
,  $n > 1$ 

total time-complexity of using the divide-and-conquer and T(n) can be easily found to be O(nlogn). Thus the strategy to find maximal points with presorting is O(nlogn).

## Kecurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + cn & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

is a recurrence.

Recurrence: an equation that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller functions

# Recurrence (Examples)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ c + T(n-1) & n > 0 \end{cases} T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ n + T(n-1) & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

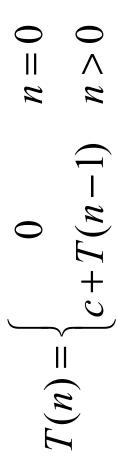
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n=1 \\ 2T(n/2) + c & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1 \\ aT(n/b) + cn & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

# Iteration Method

- Expand the recurrence
- Work some algebra to express as a summation
- Evaluate the summation

### Iteration Method (Example)





## Iteration Method (Example)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ c + T(n-1) & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = c + T(n-1)$$

$$= c + c + T(n-2) = 2c + T(n-2)$$

$$= 2c + c + T(n-3) = 3c + T(n-3)$$

$$=kc+T(n-k)$$

Set k = n

$$= nc + T(0) = nc$$

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

### Iteration Method (Example)





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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ n + T(n-1) & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = n + T(n-1)$$

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

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + T(n-3)$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + \dots + n-(k-1) + T(n-k)$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + \dots + 1 + T(0)$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

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# Recursion-Tree Method

- Expand the recurrence
- Construct a recursion-tree
- Sum the costs

## Merge Sort

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

Rewrite:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + cn & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

**Becomes A Recursion Tree** 

#### Merge Sort (Recursion Tree)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1\\ 2T(n/2) + cn & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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

$$= cn + 2\left(\frac{cn}{2}\right) + 4T(n/4)$$

$$n+2\left(\frac{cn}{2}\right)+4\left(\frac{cn}{4}\right)+\dots?$$

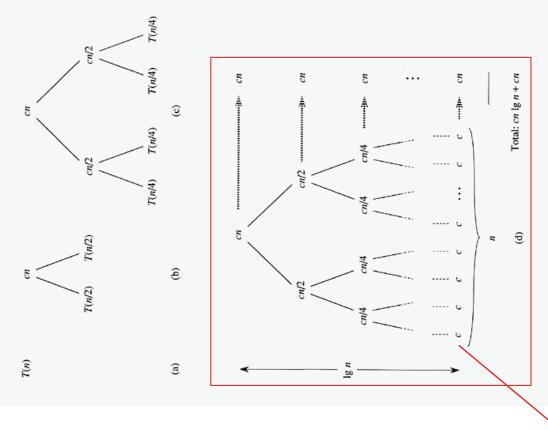


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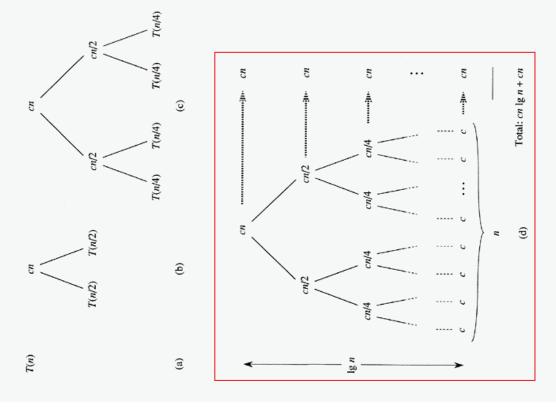


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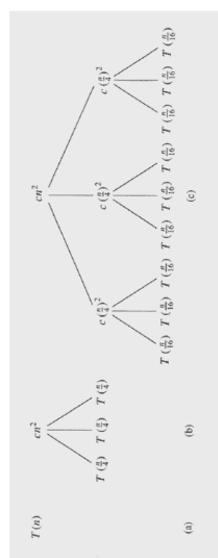
$$= cn^{2} + 3T(n/4)$$

$$= cn^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)cn^{2} + 9T(n/16)$$

$$=cn^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)cn^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{2}cn^{2}$$

$$+...+\left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{i-1}cn^2+3^iT(n/4^i)$$

$$\frac{n}{4^i} = 1, i = \log_4 n$$



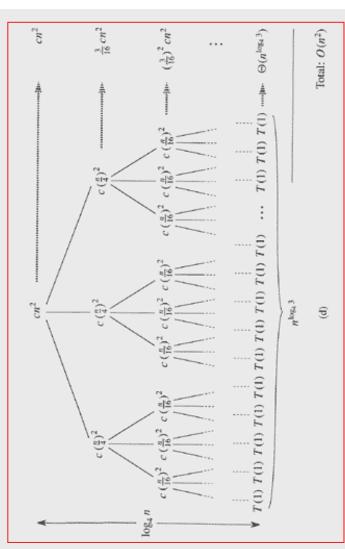


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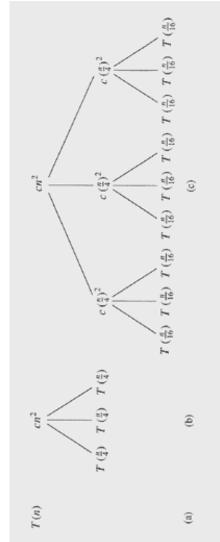
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$$+ \dots + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n - 1} cn^2 + 3^{\log_4 n} T(1)$$

$$3^{\log_4 n} T(1) = n^{\log_4 3} \Theta(1)$$
$$= \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$



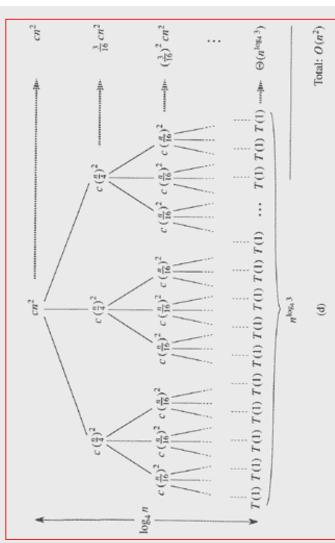


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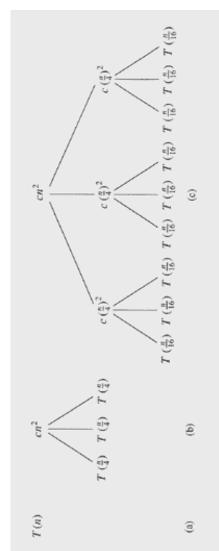
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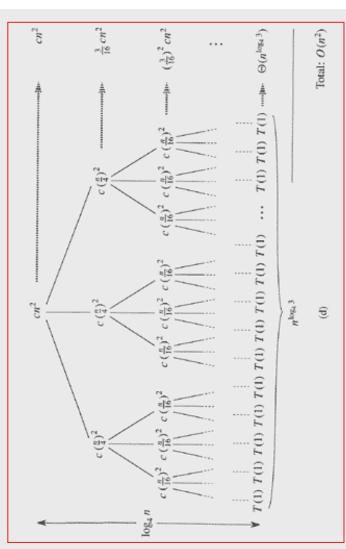


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$$+...+\left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n-1}cn^2+3^{\log_4 n}T(1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n-1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) -$$

$$=\frac{(3/16)^{\log_4 n}-1}{(3/16)-1}cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$

Recall 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} r^{i} = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}$$

#### Recursion-Tree Method (Example)

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$$= cn^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)cn^{2} + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{2}cn^{2}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_{4} n - 1} cn^{2} + 3^{\log_{4} n} T(1)$$

$$= \frac{(3/16)^{\log_4 n} - 1}{(3/16) - 1} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$

$$< \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - (3/16)} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$

$$= \frac{16}{13} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$

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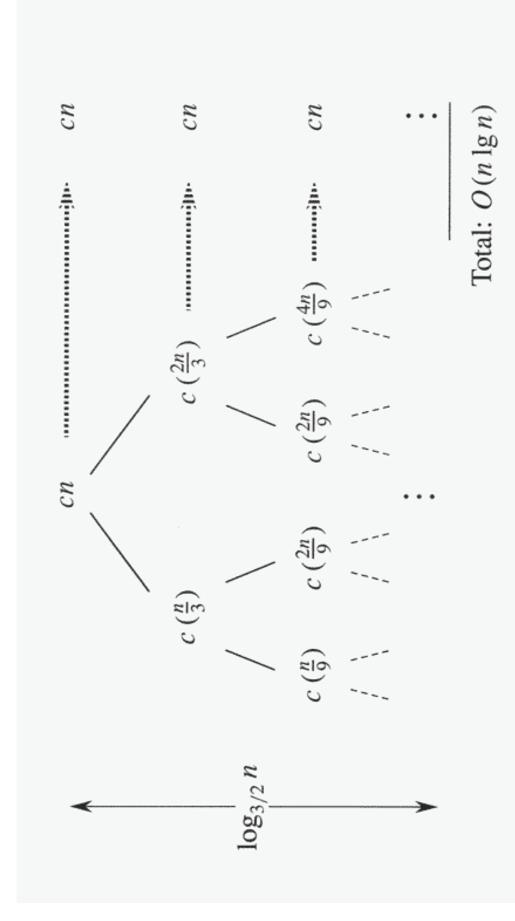


Figure 4.2 A recursion tree for the recurrence T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn.

# Algorithms Analysis

## Master Theorem



# Master Theorem\*\*\*

- Provide a "cookbook" method for solving recurrences
- Divide-and-conquer algorithm

size n into a subproblems, each of size n/bAn algorithm that divides the problem of

# Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$
$$a \ge 1 \text{ and } b > 1$$

1. If 
$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$$
, 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 
$$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$$
, and if  $af(n/b) \le cf(n)$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ 

 $\varepsilon > 0, c < 1$ 

## Notes on Master Theorem

Some technicalities:

In case 1, f(n) must be polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_b a}$  by a factor of  $n^{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

In case 3, f(n) must be polynomially larger than  $n^{\log_b a}$  by a factor of  $n^{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

- The three cases doesn't cover all possibilities of f(n).
- Can't use Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$
$$a \ge 1 \text{ and } b > 1$$

$$T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$$

$$a = 9, b = 3, f(n) = n$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} = n^2 = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_3 9 - \varepsilon})$$
, where  $\varepsilon = 1$ 

Use Case 1: 
$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$$
, then  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ 

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$
$$a \ge 1 \text{ and } b > 1$$

$$T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$$

$$a = 1, b = 3/2, f(n) = 1$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_{3/2} 1} = n^0 = 1$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(1)$$

Use Case 2: If 
$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$
, then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$ 

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

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$
$$a \ge 1 \text{ and } b > 1$$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \lg n$$

$$a = 3, b = 4, f(n) = n \lg n$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 3} = O(n^{0.793})$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_4 3 + \varepsilon}), \text{ where } \varepsilon \approx 0.2$$

$$af(n/b) = 3(n/4) \lg(n/4) \le (3/4) n \lg n = cf(n), \text{ for } c = 3/4$$
Use Case 3: If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ , and if  $af(n/b) \le cf(n)$ ,

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

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

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$
$$a \ge 1 \text{ and } b > 1$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \lg n$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n \lg n$$

But  $f(n) = n \lg n$  is not polynomially larger than  $n^{\log_b a} = n$ 

$$f(n)/n^{\log_b a} = (n \lg n)/n = \lg n$$
 is asymptotically less than  $n^{\varepsilon}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ 

## Master Method doesn't Apply

#### Extended

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

### Master Method

$$a \ge 1$$
 and  $b > 1$ 

$$ff(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n), k \ge 0,$$

then 
$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$$

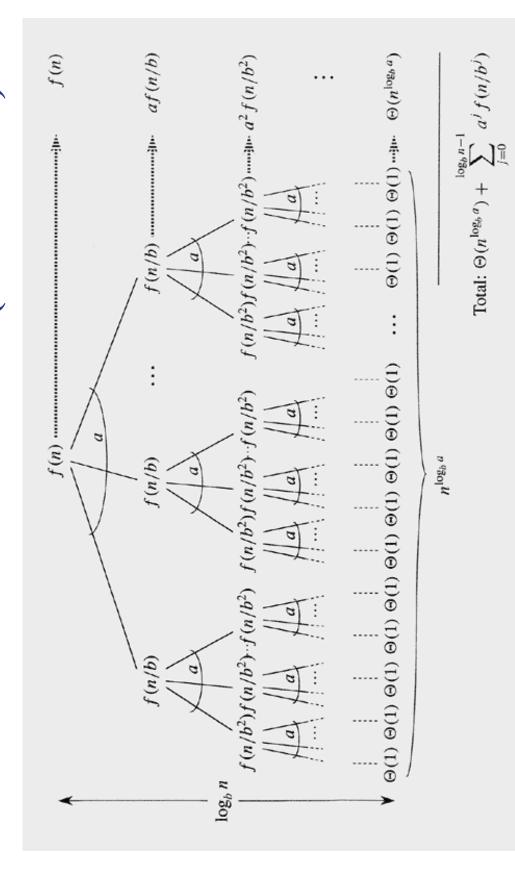
Back to the previous recurrence:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \lg n$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$$
, and  $k = 1$ 

$$|T(n) = \Theta(n \lg^2 n)|$$

# Proof of Master Theorem (Lemma 4.2)



tree with  $n^{\log_b a}$  leaves and height  $\log_b n$ . The cost of each level is shown at the right, and their sum Figure 4.3 The recursion tree generated by T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n). The tree is a complete a-ary is given in equation (4.6).

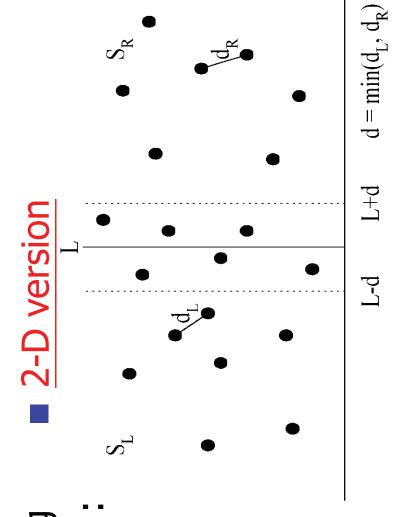
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# 4.2 The closest pair problem

Given a set S of n points, find a pair of points which are closest together.

1-D version

Solved by sorting
Time complexity:
O(n log n)

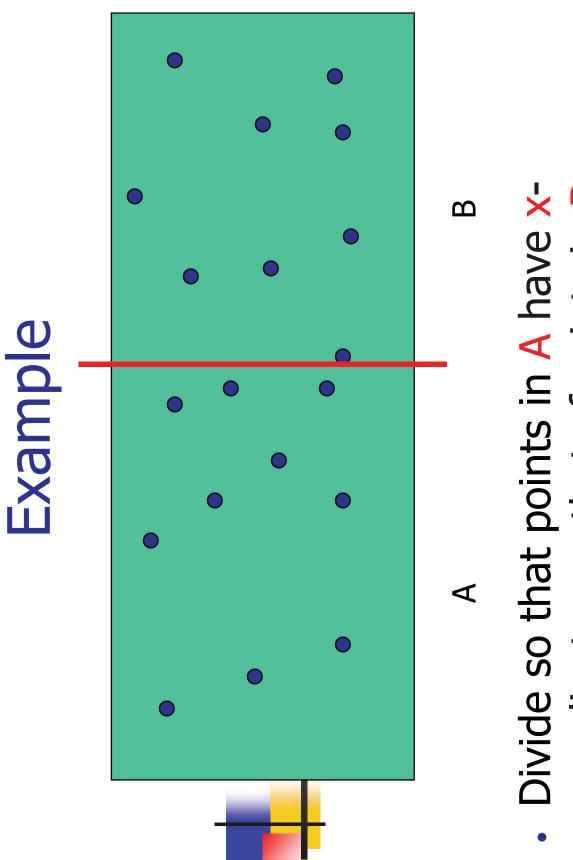


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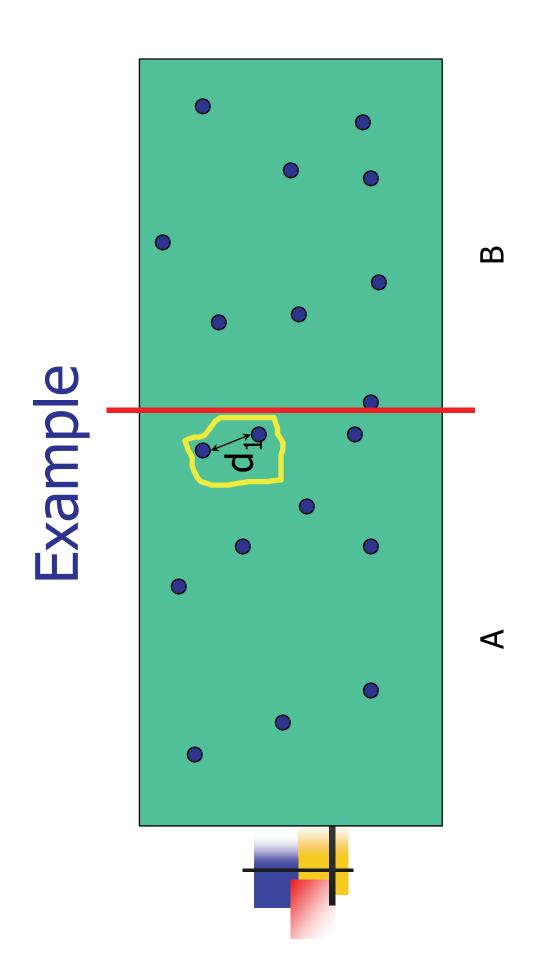
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# Divide-And-Conquer Solution

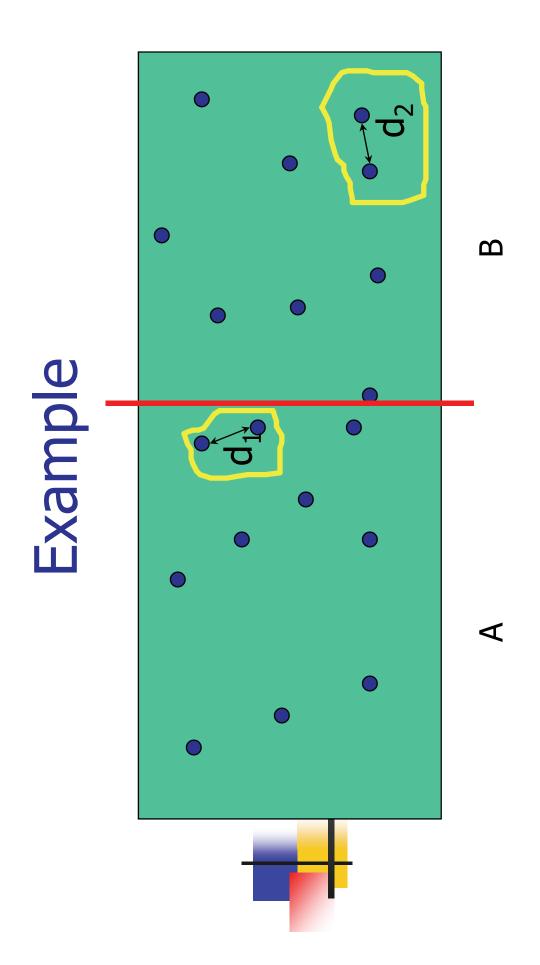
- When n is small, use simple solution.
- When n is large
- Divide the point set into two roughly equal parts A and B.
- Determine the closest pair of points in A.
- Determine the closest pair of points in B.
- Determine the closest pair of points such that one point is in A and the other in B.
- From the three closest pairs computed, select the one with least distance.



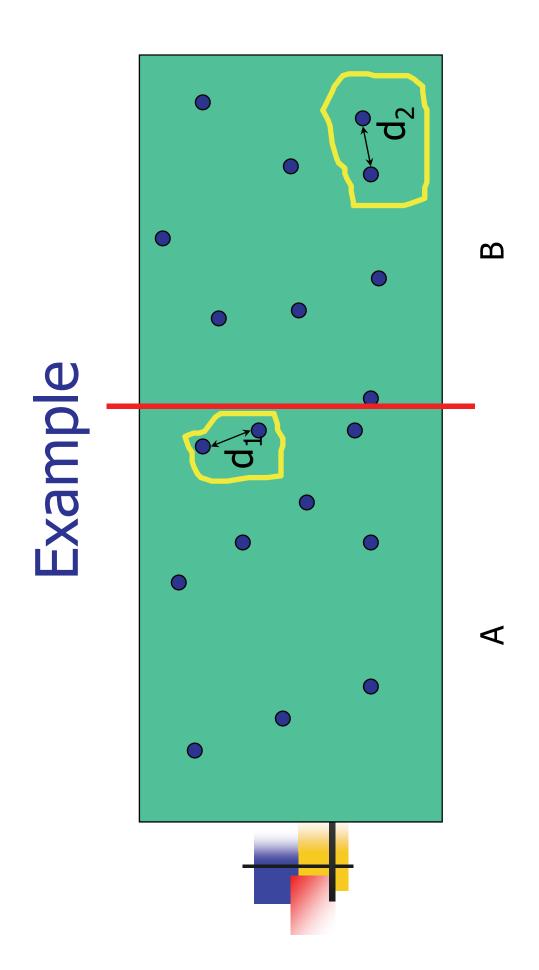
coordinate <= that of points in B.



- Find closest pair in A.
- Let d<sub>1</sub> be the distance between the points in this pair.



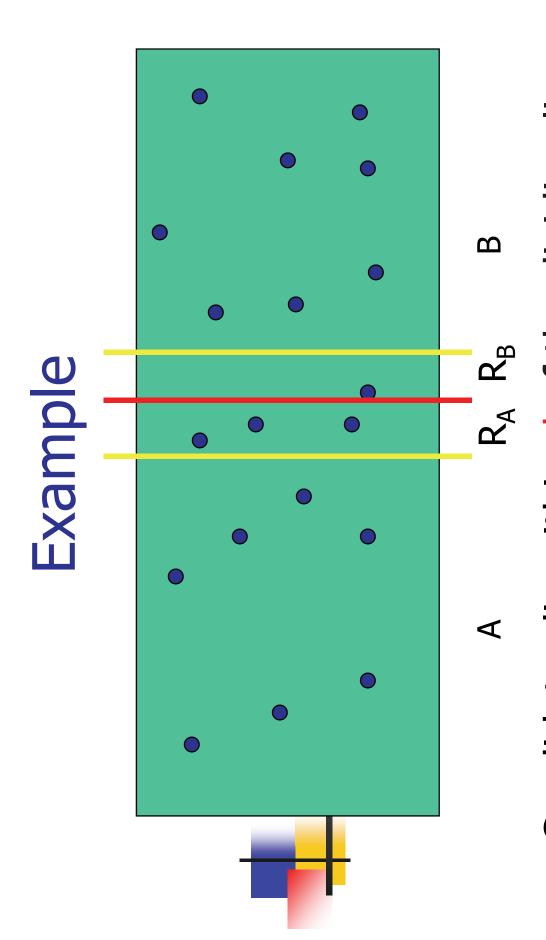
- Find closest pair in B.
- Let  $d_2$  be the distance between the points in this pair.



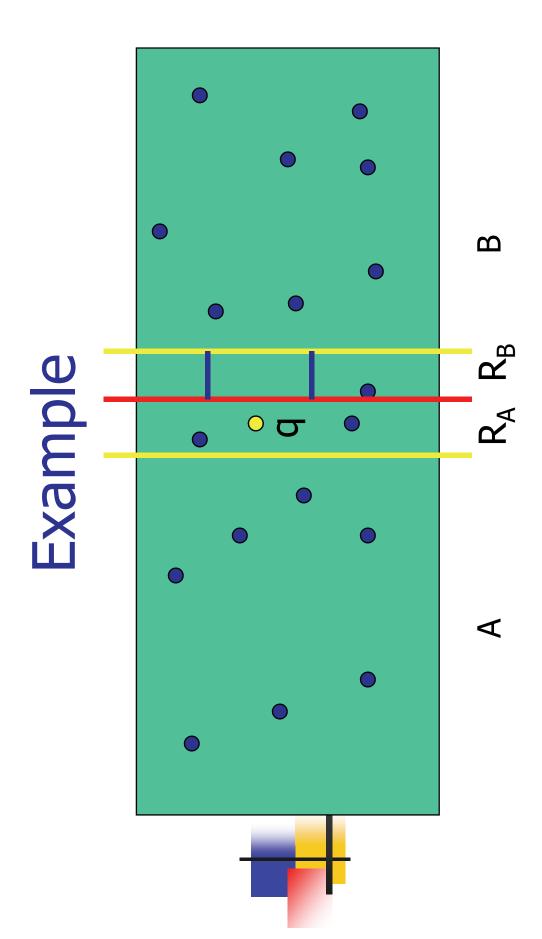
• Is there a pair with one point in A, the other in

• Let  $d = \min\{d_1, d_2\}$ .

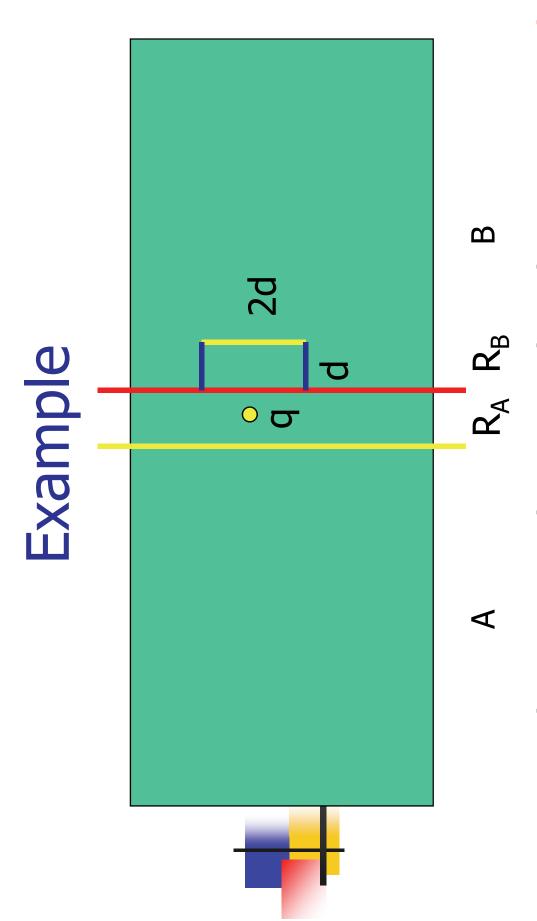
B and distance < d?



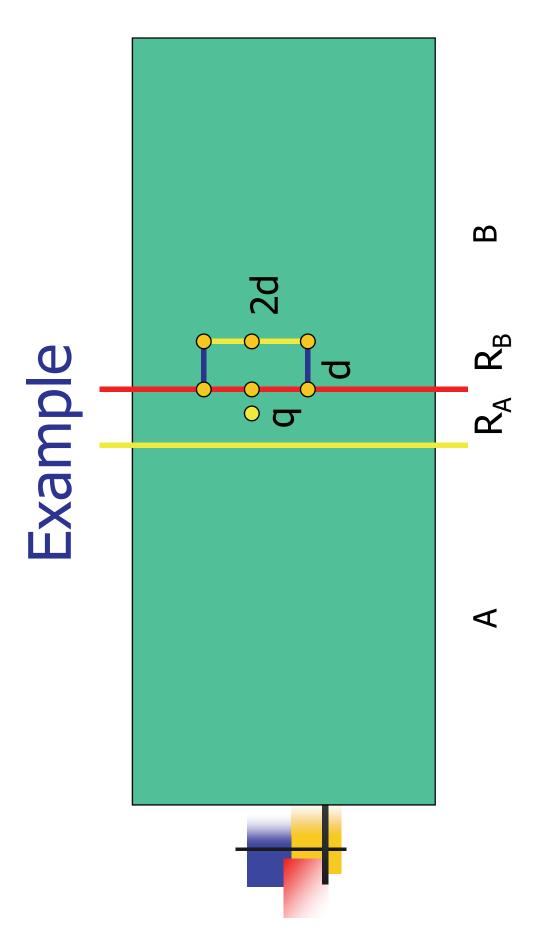
- Candidates lie within d of the dividing line.
  - Call these regions R<sub>A</sub> and R<sub>B</sub>, respectively.



- Let q be a point in R<sub>A</sub>.
- q need be paired only with those points in R<sub>B</sub> that are within d of q.y.



- Points that are to be paired with q are in a d  $\times$  2d rectangle of  $R_{B}$  (comparing region of q).
  - Points in this rectangle are at least d apart.



- So the comparing region of q has at most 6 points.
- So number of pairs to check is  $<= 6 | R_A | = O(n)$ .

#### D&C

- We first partition the set S into  $S_{L}$  and  $S_{R}$  such that every point in  $S_L$  lies to the left of every point in  $S_R$  and the number of points in  $S_L$  is equal to that in  $S_R$ .
- Find a vertical line L perpendicular to the x-axis such that S is cut into two equal sized subsets.
- Solving the closest pair problems in  $S_L$  and  $S_R$  respectively, we shall obtain  $d_L$  and  $d_R$  where  $d_L$  and  $d_R$  denote the distances of the closest pairs in  $S_L$  and  $S_R$  respectively.
- Let  $d = \min(\mathbf{d}_L, \mathbf{d}_R)$ .
- If the closest pair  $(P_{a}, P_{b})$  of S consists of a point in  $S_{L}$  and a point in  $S_R$ , then  $P_a$  and  $P_b$  must lie within a slab centered at line L and bounded by lines L-d and L+d.
- Merge Step: examine points in slab.

### Points in Slab

- During the merging step, we may examine only points in the slab.
- slab may not be too large, in the worst case, there can Although in average, the number of points within the be as many as n points within the slab.
- Thus the brute-force way to find the closest pair in the slab needs calculating n<sup>2</sup>/4 distances and comparisons.
- This kind of merging step will not be good for our divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- Fortunately, as will be shown in the following, the merging step can be accomplished in  $\theta(n)$  time.

### Merge Step

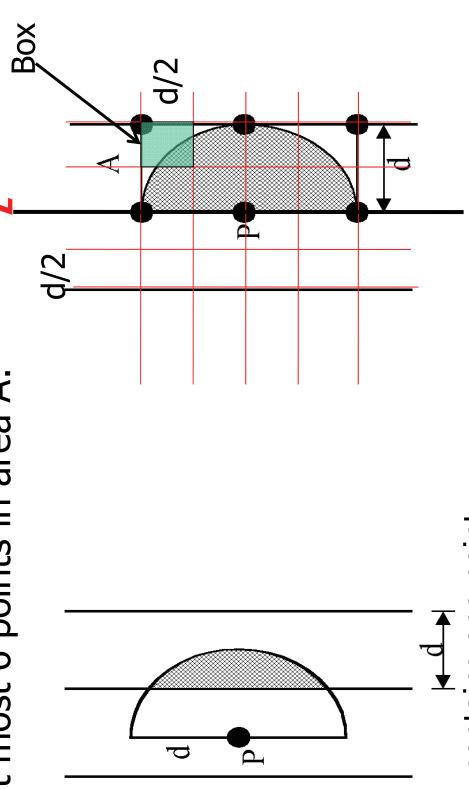
- less than d. Hence we do not have to consider a point closest pair, the distance between P and Q must be • If a point P in  $S_L$  and a point Q in  $S_R$  constitute a too far away from P. Consider Figure 4-5.
- 4-5. If P is exactly on line L, this shaded area will be We only have to examine the shaded area in Figure the largest.
- Even in this case, this shaded area will be contained in the  $d \times 2d$  rectangle A as shown in Figure 5-6.
- Thus we only have to examine points within this rectangle A.

### Merge Step

- examine limited number of points in the other half of • For each point P in the slab, we only have to the slab.
- Without losing generality, we may assume that P is within the left-half of the slab.
- Let the y-value of P be denoted as  $y_p$ . For P, we only have to examine points in the other half of the slab whose y-values are within  $y_p+d$  and  $y_p-d$ .
- There will be at most six such points as discussed above (why?).
- O(n) Step

Sort points by x-values and sort points by y-values.

at most 6 points in area A:



One box contains one point.

If s,s'∈ S have the property that d(s,s')<d, then s and s' are within 15 positions of each other in the sorted list Sy.

#### The algorithm:

- Input: A set of n planar points.
- Output: The distance between two closest points.
- Step 1: Sort points in S according to their y-values and xvalues.
- Step 2: If S contains only one points, return infinity( $\infty$ ) as their distance.
- Step 3: Find a median line L perpendicular to the X-axis to divide S into two subsets, with equal sizes, S<sub>L</sub> and
- Step 4: Recursively apply Step 2 and Step 3 to solve the closest pair problems of S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub>. Let d<sub>L</sub>(d<sub>R</sub>) denote the distance between the closest pair in S<sub>L</sub> (S<sub>R</sub>). Let d  $= \min(d_{L}, d_{R}).$

Step 5: For a point P in the half-slab bounded by L-d and

whose y-value fall within  $y_p$  +d and  $y_p$  -d. If the distance d' between P and a point in the other half-slab is less than d, let d=d'. The final value of d is the L, let its y-value by denoted as y<sub>p</sub>. For each such P, find all points in the half-slab bounded by L and L+d answer.

Time complexity: O(n log n)

Step 1: O(n log n)

Steps  $2\sim5$ :

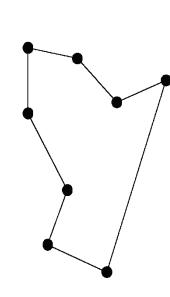
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2T(n/2) + O(n) + O(n) & , n > 1 \\ 1 & , n = 1 \end{cases}$$

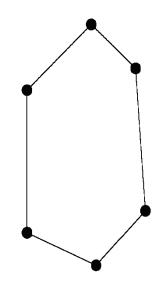
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

# 4.3 The convex hull problem

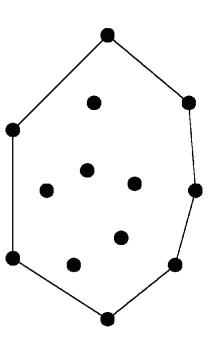
concave polygon:

convex polygon:



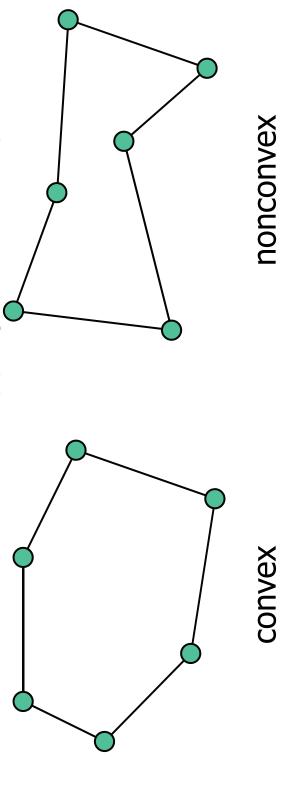


the smallest convex polygon containing all of The convex hull of a set of planar points is the points.



### Convex Polygon

- A convex polygon is a nonintersecting polygon whose internal angles are all convex (i.e., less than  $\pi$ )
- In a convex polygon, a segment joining two vertices of the polygon lies entirely inside the polygon
- The convex hull of a set of points is the smallest convex polygon containing the points
- Think of a rubber band snapping around the points



Convex Hull

### Special Cases

- The convex hull is a segment
- All the points are Two points collinear
- The convex hull is a point
- there is one point
- All the points are coincident

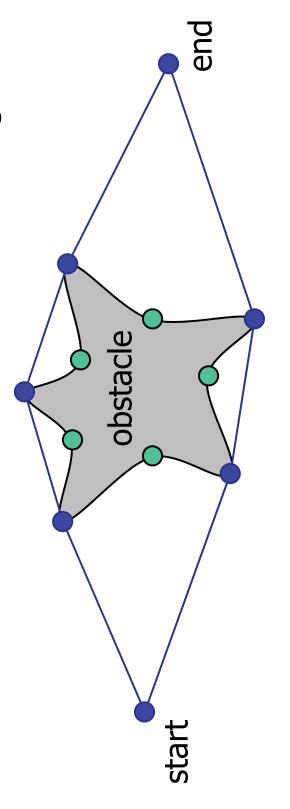




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### Applications

- Motion planning
- Find an optimal route that avoids obstacles for a robot
- Geometric algorithms
- Convex hull is like a two-dimensional sorting



Convex Hull

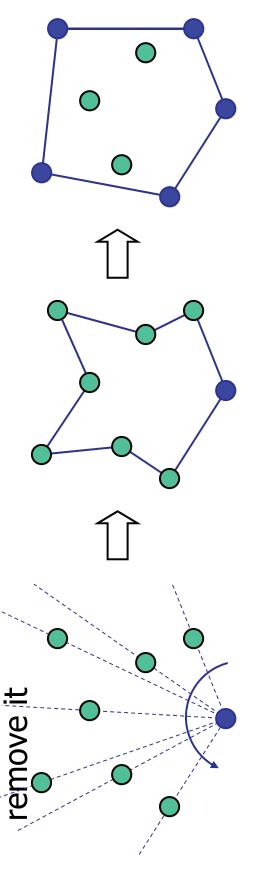
# Computing the Convex Hull

The following method computes the convex hull of a set of points

Phase 1: Find the lowest point (anchor point)

Phase 2: Form a nonintersecting polygon by sorting the points counterclockwise around the anchor point

Phase 3: While the polygon has a nonconvex vertex,



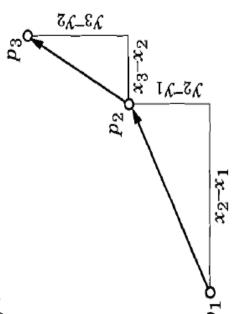
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whether,  $\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  is positive, negative, or zero, respectively. The orientation of a triplet  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  of points in the plane is counterclockwise, clockwise, or collinear, depending on

 $x_3$ . Clearly, this triplet makes a left turn if the slope of segment  $p_2p_3$  is greater than we show a triplet  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  of points such that  $x_1 < x_2 <$ the slope of segment  $p_1p_2$ . This is expressed by the following question:

Is 
$$\frac{y_3 - y_2}{x_3 - x_2} > \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$
?

By the expansion of  $\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  shown in 12.1, we can verify that inequality 12.2 is equivalent to  $\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3) > 0$ .

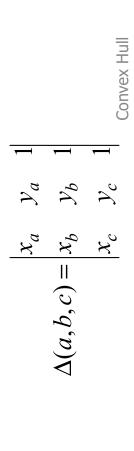


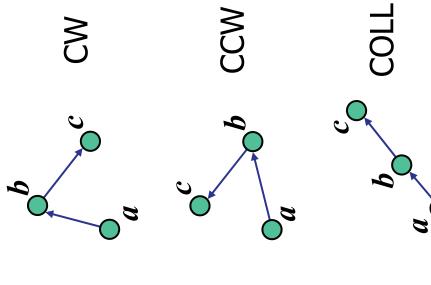
An example of a left turn. The differences between the coordinates between  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  and the coordinates of  $p_2$  and  $p_3$  are also illustrated.

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### Orientation

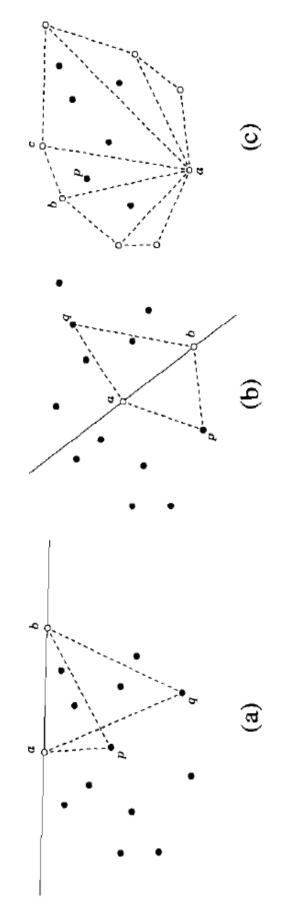
- plane is clockwise, counterclockwise, or The orientation of three points in the collinear
- orientation(a, b, c)
- clockwise (CW, right turn)
- counterclockwise (CCW, left turn)
- collinear (COLL, no turn)
- determinant  $\Delta(a, b, c)$ , whose absolute value is twice the area of the triangle The orientation of three points is characterized by the sign of the with vertices  $a_r$  b and c





# **Theorem 12.11:** Let S be a set of planar points with convex hull H. Then

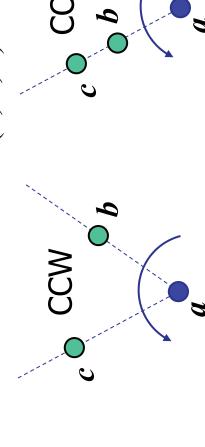
- A pair of points a and b of S form an edge of H if and only if all the other points of S are contained on one side of the line through a and b.
- A point p of S is a vertex of H if and only if there exists a line I through p, such that all the other points of S are contained in the same half-plane delimited by l (that is, they are all on the same side of l).
- A point p of S is not a vertex of H if and only if p is contained in the interior of a triangle formed by three other points of S or in the interior of a segment formed by two other points of S.

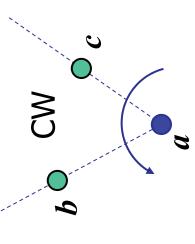


rem 12.11: (a) points a and b form an edge of the convex hull; (b) points a and Figure 12.22: Illustration of the properties of the convex hull given in Theob do not form an edge of the convex hull; (c) point p is not on the convex hull.  $a_i$ 

## Sorting by Angle

- Computing angles from coordinates is complex and leads to numerical inaccuracy
- We can sort a set of points by angle with respect to the anchor point a using a comparator based on the orientation function
- $b < c \Leftrightarrow orientation(a, b, c) = CCW$
- $b = c \Leftrightarrow orientation(a, b, c) = COLL$
- $b > c \Leftrightarrow orientation(a, b, c) = CW$

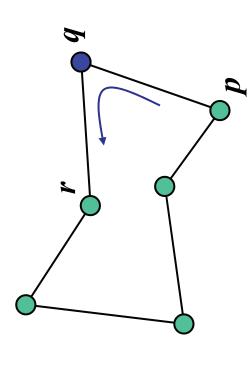


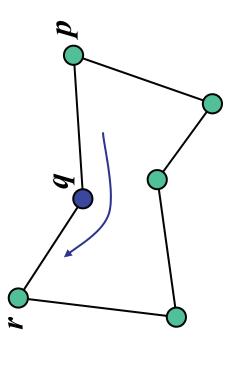


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# Removing Nonconvex Vertices

- Testing whether a vertex is convex can be done using the orientation function
- Let p, q and r be three consecutive vertices of a polygon, in counterclockwise order
- $q \text{ convex} \Leftrightarrow orientation(p, q, r) = \text{CCW}$
- q nonconvex  $\Leftrightarrow$  orientation(p, q, r) = CW or COLL





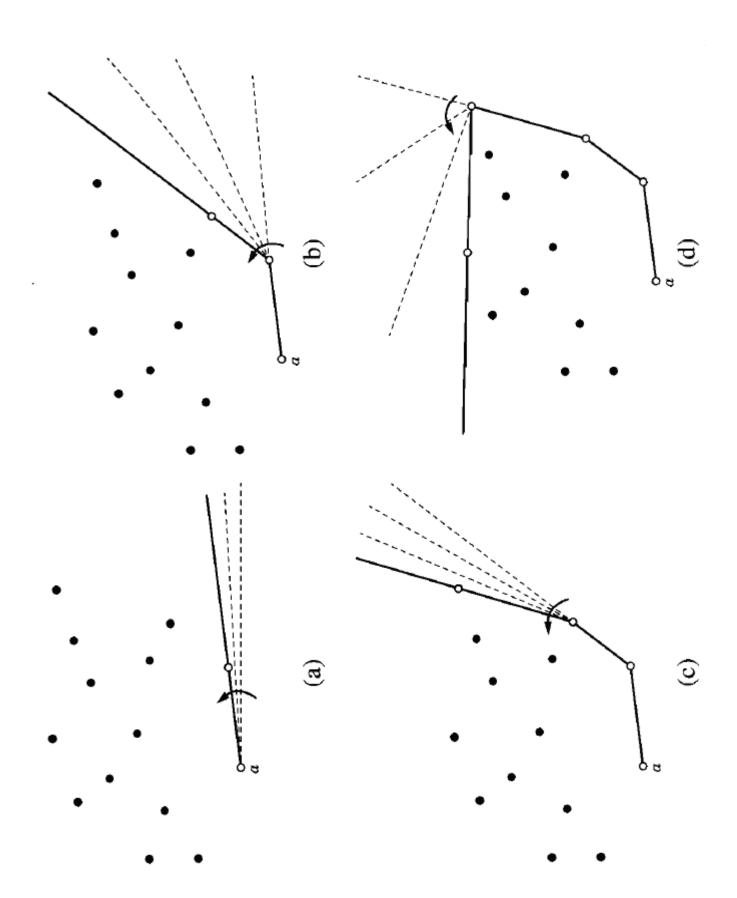
Convex Hull

# Gift Wrapping Algorithm

- We can identify a particular point, say one with minimum y-coordinate, that provides algorithm that computes the convex hull. an initial starting configuration for an
- The gift wrapping algorithm for computing plane is based on just such a starting point. the convex hull of a set of points in the

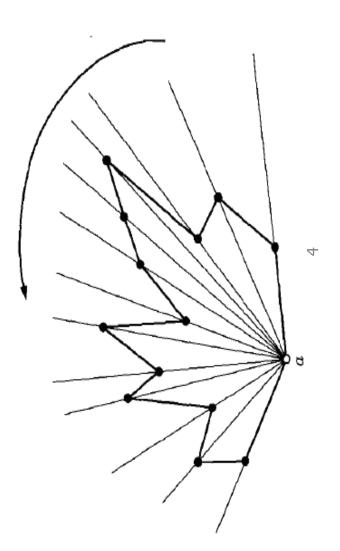
### Gift Wrapping

- imagine that we tie a rope to the peg corresponding to the coordinate if there are ties). Call a the anchor point, and View the points as pegs implanted in a level field, and point a with minimum y-coordinate (and minimum xnote that *a* is a vertex of the convex hull.
- Pull the rope to the right of the anchor point and rotate it counterclockwise until it touches another peg, which corresponds to the next vertex of the convex hull.
- Continue rotating the rope counterclockwise, identifying a new vertex of the convex hull at each step, until the rope gets back to the anchor point.



### Graham Scan Algorithm

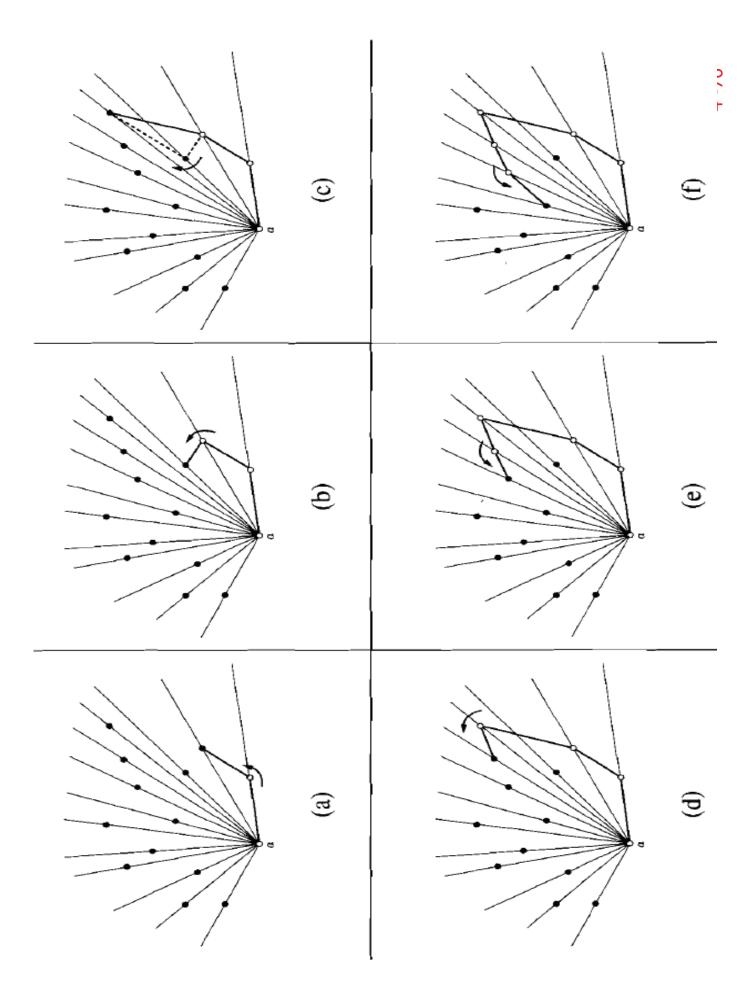
- 1. We find a point a of P that is a vertex of H and call it the anchor point. We can, for example, pick as our anchor point a the point in P with minimum y-coordinate (and minimum x-coordinate if there are ties).
- In the list S, the points of P appear sorted counterclockwise "by angle" with respect to the anchor point a, although no explicit computation of angles is We sort the remaining points of P (that is,  $P - \{a\}$ ) using the radial comparator C(a), and let S be the resulting sorted list of points. (See Figure 12.24.) performed by the comparator.

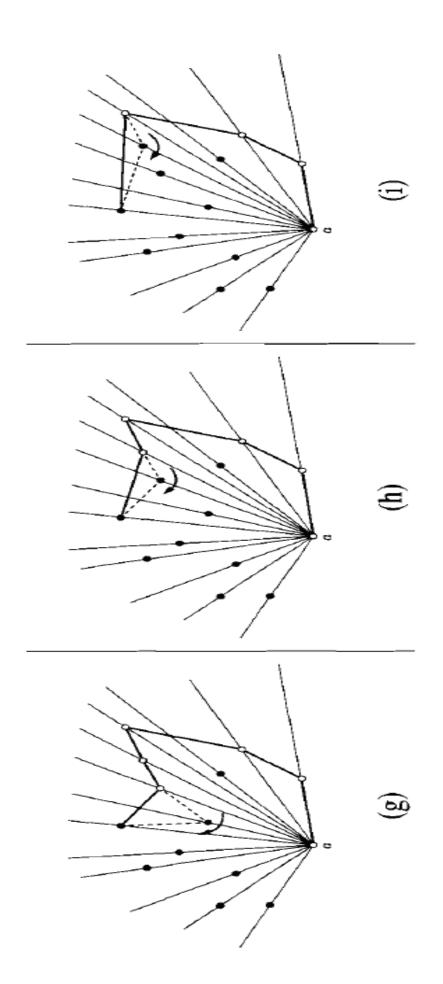


### Graham Scan

- through the points in S in (radial) order, maintaining at each step a list H storing a convex chain "surrounding" the points scanned so far. Each time 3. After adding the anchor point a at the first and last position of S, we scan we consider new point p, we perform the following test:
- (a) If p forms a left turn with the last two points in H, or if H contains fewer than two points, then add p to the end of H.
- (b) Otherwise, remove the last point in H and repeat the test for p.

We stop when we return to the anchor point a, at which point H stores the vertices of the convex hull of P in counterclockwise order.

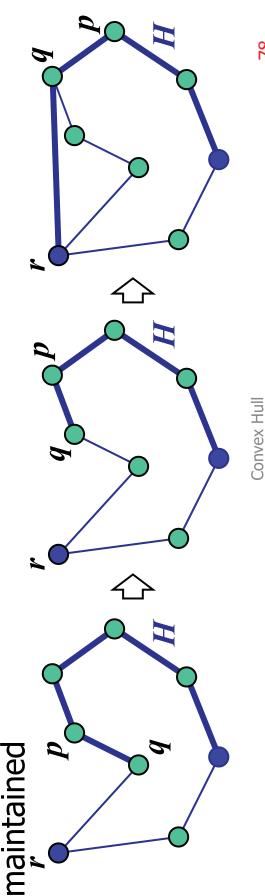




### Graham Scan

- The Graham scan is a systematic procedure for removing nonconvex vertices from a polygon
- The polygon is traversed counterclockwise and a sequence H of vertices is

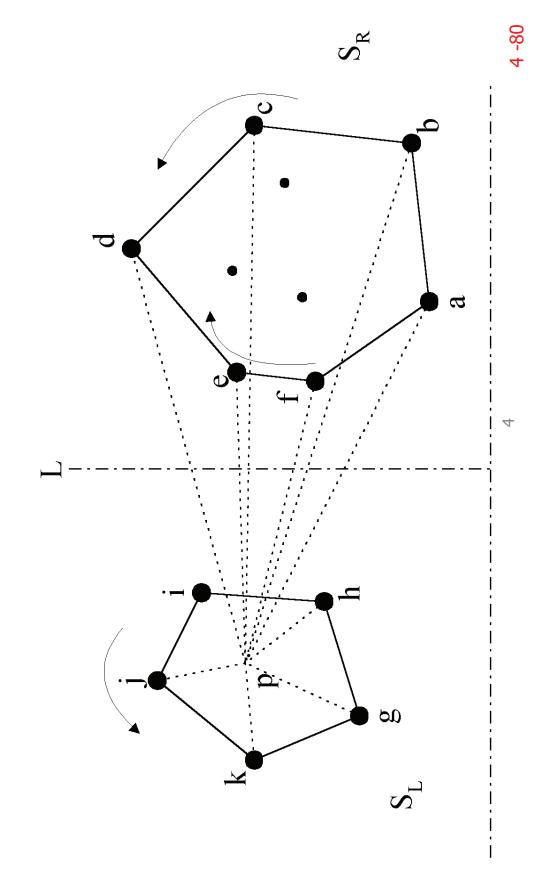
for each vertex r of the polygon
 Let q and p be the last and second last
 vertex of H
 while orientation(p, q, r) = CW or COLL
 remove q from H
 q ← p
 p ← vertex preceding p in H
 Add r to the end of H



#### Analysis

- Computing the convex hull of a set of points takes  $O(n \log n)$  time
- Finding the anchor point takes O(n) time
- Sorting the points counterclockwise around the anchor point takes  $O(n \log n)$  time
- sorting algorithm that runs in  $O(n \log n)$  time Use the orientation comparator and any (e.g., heap-sort or merge-sort)
- The Graham scan takes O(n) time
- Each point is inserted once in sequence H
- Each vertex is removed at most once from sednence H

Convex Hull

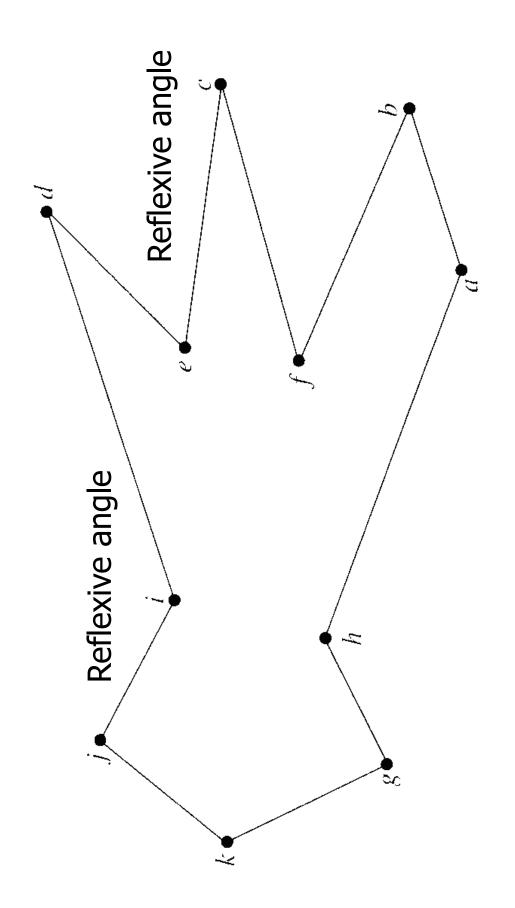


### convex hull problem

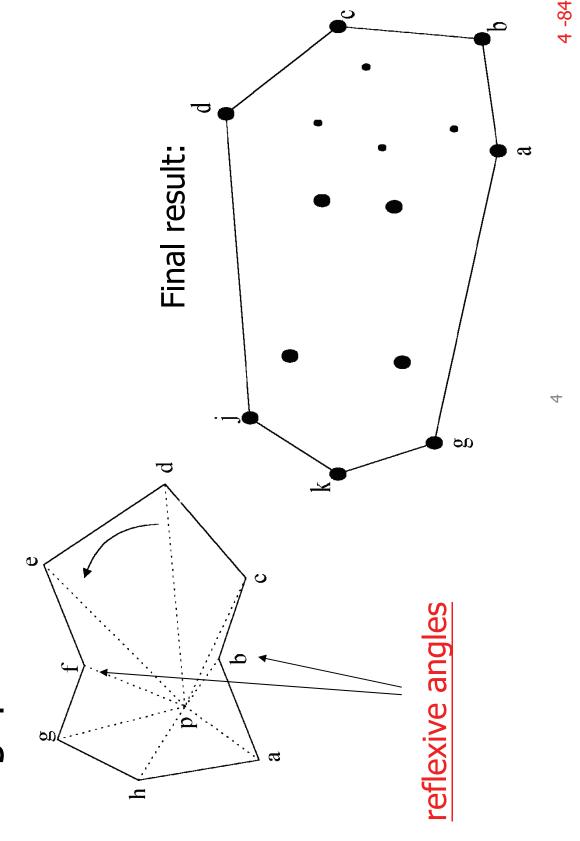
- To find a convex hull, we may use the divide-andconquer.
- The set of planar points is divided into two subsets  $S_L$  and  $S_R$  by a line perpendicular to the x-axis.
- Convex hulls for  $S_L$  and  $S_R$  are now constructed and they are denoted as  $Hull(S_{\nu})$ ,  $Hull(S_{\nu})$ respectively.
- To combine Hull(SL) and Hull(SR) into one convey use the Graham scan.

#### Graham scan

- An interior point of Hull(S<sub>1</sub>) is selected.
- Consider the point as the origin.
- Then each other point forms a polar angle with interior point.
- All of the points are now sorted with respect to these polar angle.
- The Graham scan examines the points one by one and eliminates the points which cause reflexive angles, as illustrated in Figure 4-10.

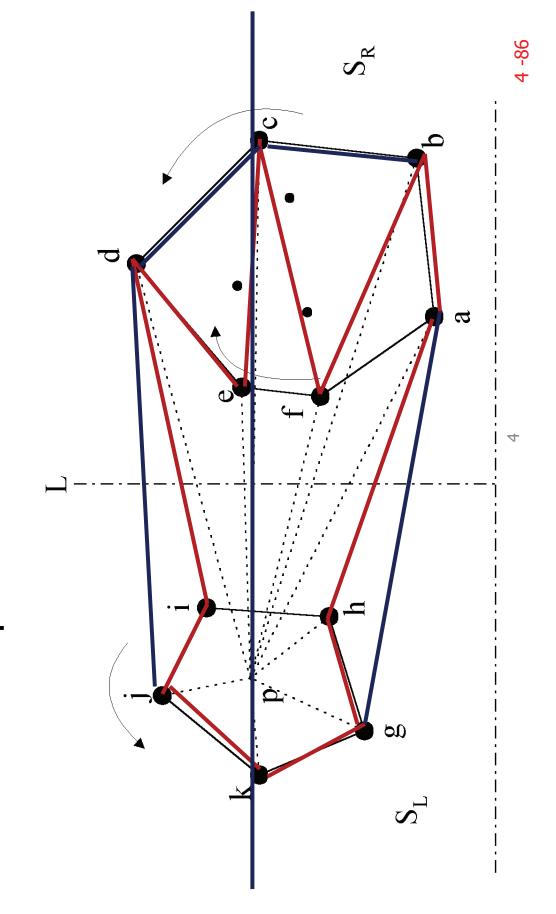


• e.g. points b and f need to be deleted.



- The merging procedure:
- Select an interior point p.
- There are 3 sequences of points which have increasing polar angles with respect to p.
- (1) g, h, i, j, k
- (2) a, b, c, d
- (3) f, e
- Merge these 3 sequences into 1 sequence:
- g, h, a, b, f, c, e, d, i, j, k.
- Apply Graham scan to examine the points one by one and eliminate the points which cause reflexive angles.

The divide-and-conquer strategy to solve the problem:



## Divide-and-conquer for convex hull

- Input : A set S of planar points
- Output: A convex hull for S

Step 1: If S contains no more than five points, use exhaustive searching to find the convex hull and return.

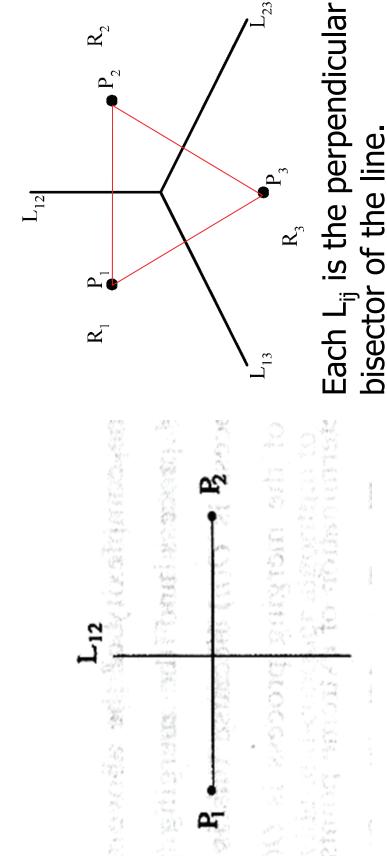
X-axis which divides S into S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub>; S<sub>L</sub> lies Step 2: Find a median line perpendicular to the to the left of  $S_{\mathrm{R}}$  .

and  $S_R$ . Denote these convex hulls by Hull( $S_L$ ) and Hull( $S_R$ ) respectively. Step 3: Recursively construct convex hulls for S,

- merge  $Hull(S_L)$  and  $Hull(\bar{S}_R)$  together to form a convex hull. Step 4: Apply the merging procedure to
- Time complexity:
- T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)= O(n log n)

# 4.4 The Voronoi diagram problem

e.g. The Voronoi diagram for two & three points

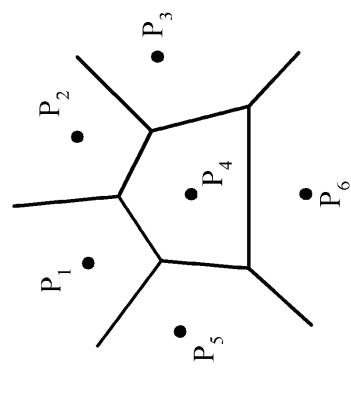


# Definition of Voronoi diagrams

denote the half plane containing P<sub>i</sub>. The Voronoi polygon associated with P<sub>i</sub> is defined <u>**Def**</u>: Given two points  $P_i$ ,  $P_j \in S$ , let  $H(P_i, P_j)$ 

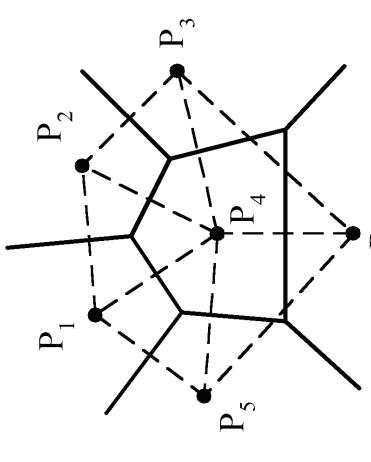
 $V(i) = \bigcap_{i \neq j} H(P_i, P_j)$ 

Given a set of n points, the Voronoi diagram consists of all the Voronoi polygons of these points.



called Voronoi points and its segments are The vertices of the Voronoi diagram are called Voronoi edges.

### Delaunay triangulation



mathematician. There is a line segment connecting P, and The straight line dual of a Varonoi diagram is called the  $\mathcal{P}_j$  in a Delaunay triangulation if and only if the Voronoi Delaunay triangulation, in honor of a famous French polygons of P<sub>i</sub> and P<sub>i</sub> share the same edge.

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## Application of Voronoi Diagram

- Voronoi diagrams are very useful for many purposes:
- problem by extracting information from the • We can solve the so called all closest pairs Voronoi diagram.
- A minimal spanning tree can also be found from the Voronoi diagram.

#### Example for constructing Voronoi diagrams

Divide the points into two parts.

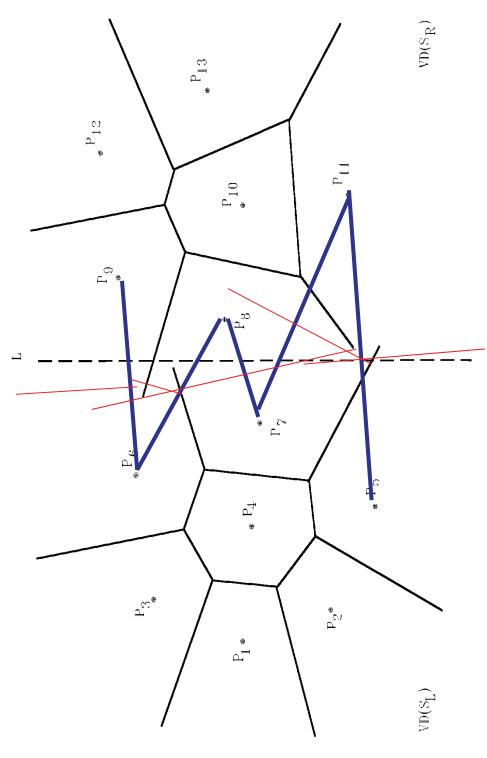


Fig. 5-17: Two Voronoi Diagrams After Step 2

# Merging two Voronoi diagrams

Merging along the piecewise linear hyperplane HP

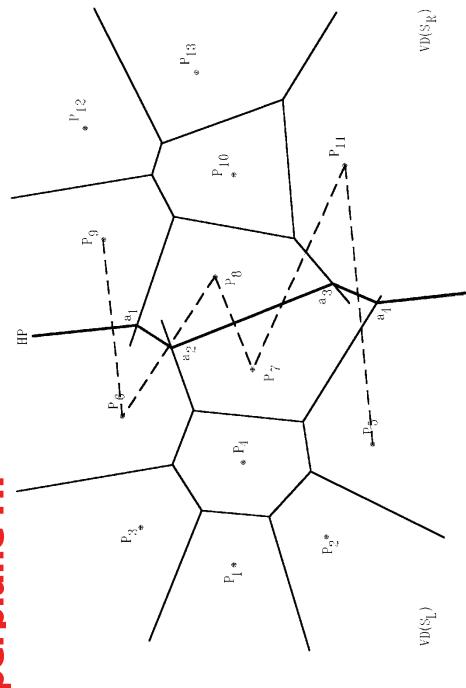


Fig. 5-18: The Piecewise Linear Hyperplane for the set of Points Shown in Fig. 5-17.

### Property of HP

- If a point P is within the left(right) side of HP, the nearest neighbor of P must be a point in  $S_L(S_R)$ .
- we obtain the resulting Voronoi diagram as • After discarding all of VD(SL) to the right of HP and all of VD(SR) to the left of HP, shown in Figure 5-19.

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## The final Voronoi diagram

### After merging

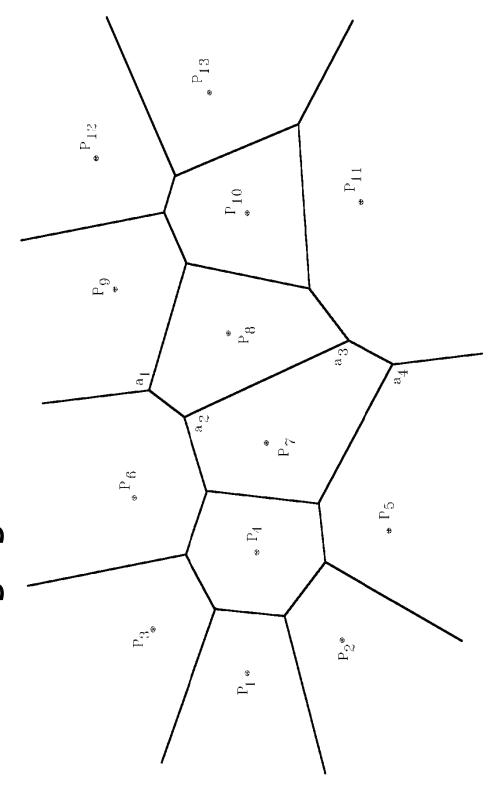


Fig. 5-19: The Voronoi Diagram of the Points in Fig. 5-17.

## Divide-and-conquer for Voronoi

#### diagram

Input: A set S of n planar points.

Output: The Voronoi diagram of S.

Step 1: If S contains only one point, return.

Step 2: Find a median line L perpendicular to such that  $S_L(S_R)$  lies to the left(right) of L the X-axis which divides S into S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub> and the sizes of  $S_{L}$  and  $S_{R}$  are equal.

Step 3: Construct Voronoi diagrams of S, and S<sub>R</sub> recursively. Denote these Voronoi diagrams by VD(S<sub>I</sub>) and VD(S<sub>R</sub>).

point in  $S_R$ . Discard all segments of  $\overline{VD}(S_L)$  which lie to the right of HP and all segments simultaneously closest to a point in S, and a resulting graph is the Voronoi diagram of S. Step 4: Construct a dividing piece-wise linear hyperplane HP which is the locus of points of VD(S<sub>R</sub>) that lie to the left of HP. The

(See details on the next page.)

# Merging Two Voronoi Diagrams into

One Voronoi Diagram

Input: (a) S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub> where S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub> are

divided by a perpendicular line

(b)  $VD(S_L)$  and  $VD(S_R)$ .

Output: VD(S) where  $S = S_L \cap S_R$ 

Step 1: Find the convex hulls of  $S_L$  and  $S_R$ , denoted as  $Hull(S_L)$  and  $Hull(S_R)$ , respectively. (A special algorithm for finding a convex hull in this case will by given later.)

HULL( $S_L$ ) and HULL( $S_R$ ) into a convex hull ( $P_a$  and  $P_c$  belong to  $S_L$  and  $P_b$  and  $P_d$  belong to  $S_R$ ) Assume that  $\overline{P_aP_b}$  lies above  $\overline{P_cP_d}$ . Let  $\overline{P_aP_b}$  and HP =  $\overline{\varnothing}$ . Step 2: Find segments  $P_a P_b$  and  $P_c P_d$  which join

=  $\overline{P_c P_d}$ , go to Step 5; otherwise, go to Step 4. Denote it by BS. Let HP = HP  $\cup$  {BS}. If SG Step 3: Find the perpendicular bisector of SG.

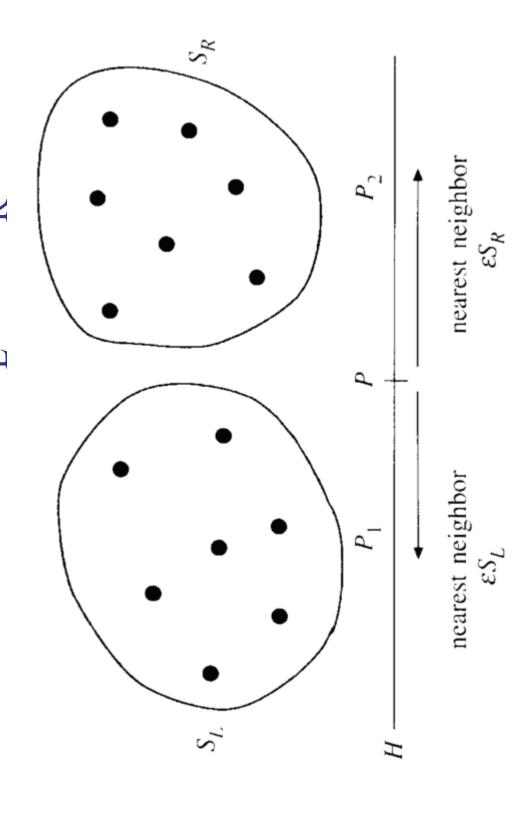
some z. If this ray is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{P_yP_z}$ , then let  $SG = \overline{P_xP_z}$ ; otherwise, let  $SG = \overline{P_zP_y}$ . Go to Step 3. perpendicular bisector of either  $\overline{P_xP_z}$  or  $P_yP_z$  for Step 4: The ray from VD(S<sub>1</sub>) and VD(S<sub>R</sub>) which BS first intersects with must be a

edges of VD(S<sub>R</sub>) which extend to the left of extend to the right of HP and discard the HP. The resulting graph is the Voronoi diagram of  $S = S_L \cup S_R$ .

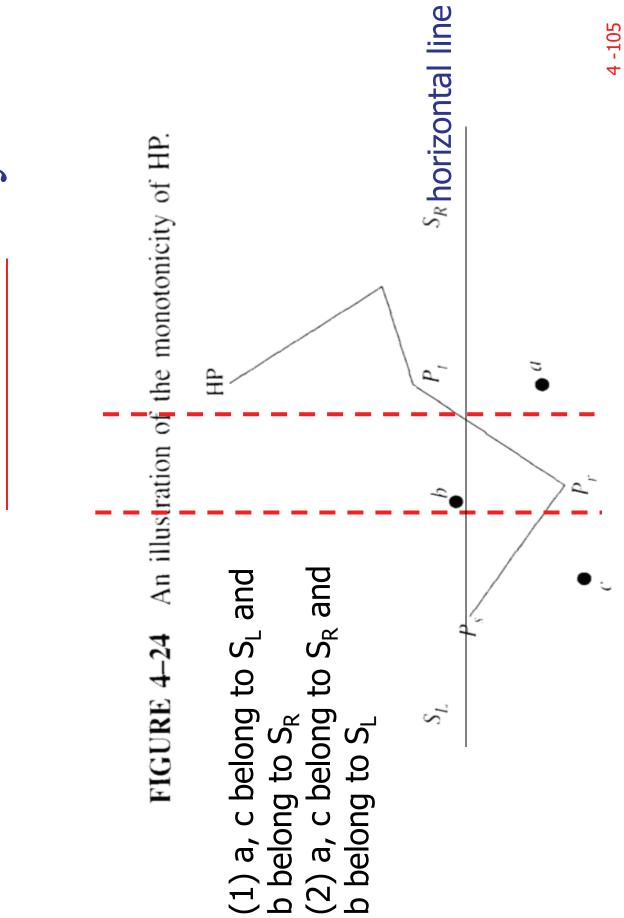
## Properties of Voronoi Diagrams

- the distance between P and S is the distance **Def:** Given a point P and a set S of points, between P and P<sub>i</sub> which is the nearest neighbor of P in S.
- The HP obtained from the above algorithm is the locus of points which keep equal distances to S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub>.
- The HP is monotonic in y.

### The relationship between a horizontal line H and S<sub>L</sub> and S<sub>R</sub>.



Each horizontal line H intersects with HP at one and only on point.



### # of Voronoi edges

# of edges of a Voronoi diagram  $\leq 3n - 6$ , where n is # of points.

Voronoi edge

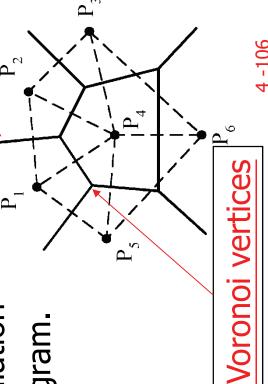
Reasoning:

# of edges of a planar graph with n vertices <

A Delaunay triangulation is a planar graph.

Edges in Delaunay triangulation
 ← 1-1 → edges in Voronoi diagram.

**Corollary**: If G is a connected planar simple graph with E edges and V vertices where V≥3, then E≤3V-6.



### # of Voronoi vertices

- # of Voronoi vertices  $\leq 2n 4$  (upper bound).
- Reasoning:

Voronoi vertices

- Let F, E and V denote # of face(region), edges and vertices in a planar graph.
- Euler's relation: F = E V + 2.
- ii. In a Delaunay triangulation,
- $V = n, E \le 3n 6$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 F = E - V + 2  $\leq$  3n - 6 - n + 2 = 2n - 4.

Reference: Rosen pp. 606~607.

# Construct a convex hull from a

- Voronoi diagram
- After a Voronoi diagram is constructed, a convex hull can by found in O(n) time.
- Connecting the points associated with the infinite rays

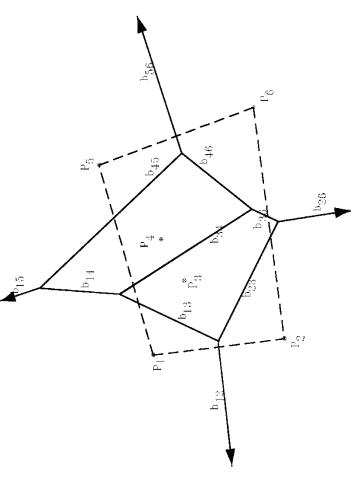


Fig. 5-25: Constructing a Convex Hull from a Voronoi Diagram

## Construct Convex Hull from Voronoi diagram

Step 1: Find an infinite ray by examining all Voronoi edges. O(n)

infinite ray.  $P_i$  is a convex hull vertex. Examine the Voronoi polygon of  $P_i$  to find the Step 2: Let P<sub>i</sub> be the point to the left of the next infinite ray.

Step 3: Repeat Step 2 until we return to the Starting ray.

## Time complexity

Time complexity for merging 2 Voronoi diagrams:

Total: O(n)

Step 1: O(n)

Step 2: O(n)

Step 3 ~ Step 5: O(n)

(at most 3n - 6 edges in  $VD(S_L)$  and  $VD(S_R)$  and at most n segments in HP)

Time complexity for constructing a Voronoi diagram: O(n log n)

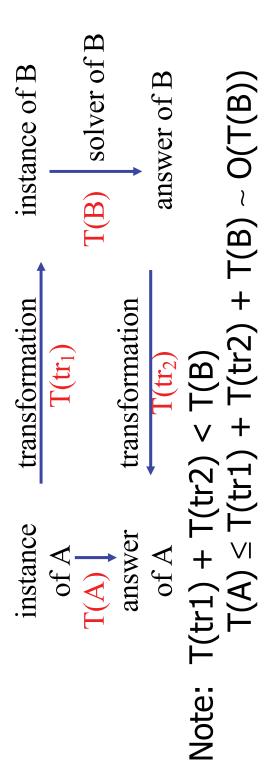
because  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$ 

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## Finding lower bound by problem transformation

iff A can be solved by using any algorithm which Problem A reduces to problem B (A~B) solves B.

If A∝B, B is more difficult.



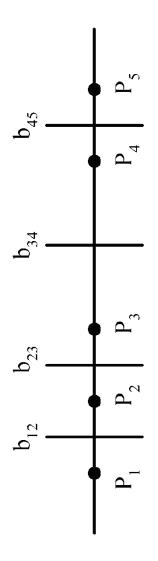
# Lower bound of the Voronoi

### diagram

- Let us consider a set of points on a straight line.
- consists of a set of bisecting lines as shown in The Voronoi diagram of such a set of points Figure 5-26.
- scanning of these Voronoi edges will accomplish After these lines have been constructed, a linear the function of sorting.
- In other words, the Voronoi diagram problem can not be easier than the sorting problem.
- A lower bound of the Voronoi diagram problem is therefore O(nlogn) and the algorithm is consequently optimal.

## Lower bound

sorting ~ Voronoi diagram problem The lower bound of the Voronoi diagram problem is \O(n log n).



The Voronoi diagram for a set of points on a straight line

## 5.5 Applications of Voronoi diagrams

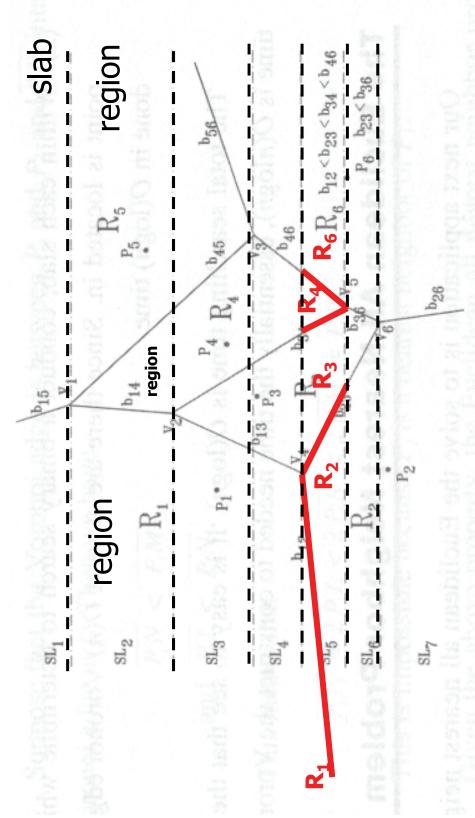
- The Euclidean nearest neighbor searching problem.
- The Euclidean all nearest neighbor problem.

## The Euclidean nearest neighbor searching problem.

- P,'s and the distance used is the Euclidean distance. The Euclidean nearest neighbor searching problem is points:  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , ...,  $P_n$ , and a testing point P. Our problem is to find a nearest neighbor of P among defined as follows: We are given a set of n planar
- A straightforward method is to conduct an exhaustive search. This algorithm would be an O(n) algorithm.
- searching time to O(logn) with preprocessing time Using the Voronoi diagram, we can reduce the O(nlogn).

- Note that the Voronoi diagram divides the entire plane into regions  $R_I$ ,  $R_2$   $R_n$ . Within each region  $R_i$  there is a point  $P_i$ .
  - If a testing point falls within region  $R_{\nu}$ , then its nearest neighbor, among all points, is P<sub>i</sub>.
- Therefore, we may avoid an exhaustive search by simply transforming the problem into a region location problem.
- testing point is located, we can determine a nearest That is, if we can determine which region R, a neighbor of this testing point.

- A Voronoi diagram is a planar graph.
- Our first step is to sort these Voronoi vertices according to their y-values.
- Voronoi vertex, a horizontal line is drawn passing according to their decreasing y-values. For each The Voronoi vertices are labeled V<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>,..., this vertex.
- These horizontal lines divide the entire space into slabs.



The Application of Voronoi Diagrams to Slove the Euclidean Nearest Neighbor Searching Problem. Figure 5-27

## Euclidean nearest neighbor searching algorithm

- Conduct a binary search to determine which slab this testing point is located. Since there are at most O(n)Voronoi vertices, this can be done in O(logn) time.
- Within each slab, conduct a binary search to determine which region this point is located in. Since there are at most O(n) Voronoi edges, this can be done in O(logn)
- The total searching time is O(logn).
- It is easy to see that the preprocessing time is O(nlogn), essentially the time needed to construct the Voronoi diagram.

## The Euclidean all nearest neighbor problem.

- We are given a set of n planar points  $P_1, P_2, ...,$
- The Euclidean closest pair problem is to find a nearest neighbor of every P<sub>i</sub>.
- Properties:
- If  $P_j$  is a nearest neighbor of  $P_i$ , then  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  share the same Voronoi edge.
- Moreover, the midpoint of segment  $P_iP_j$  is located exactly on this commonly shared Voronoi edge.

### Proof

- We shall show this property by contradiction.
- polygons, the perpendicular bisector of P;P; must be outside of the Voronoi polygon associated with P<sub>i</sub>. Suppose that P; and P; do not share the same Voronoi edge. By the definition of Voronoi
- Voronoi edge at N, as illustrated in Figure 5-28. • Let P, Pi intersect the bisector at M and some

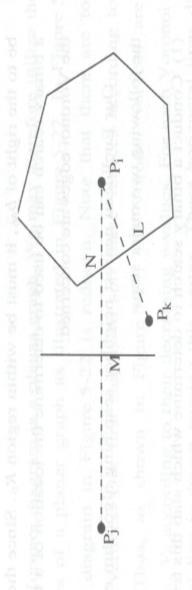
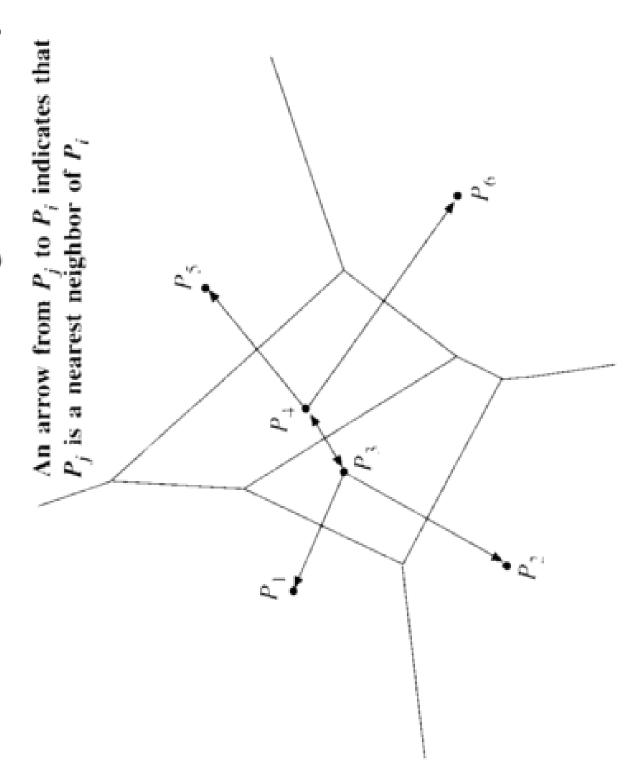


Figure 5-28 An Illustration Showing the Nearest Neighbor Property of Voronoi

## Euclidean all nearest neighbor problem

- neighbor problem can be solved by examining every Given the above property, the Euclidean all nearest Voronoi edge of each Voronoi polygon.
- Since each Voronoi edge is shared by exactly two Voronoi polygons, no Voronoi edge is examined more than twice.
- That is, this Euclidean all nearest neighbor problem can be solved in linear time after the Voronoi diagram is constructed.
- Thus this problem can be solved in O(nlogn) time.

FIGURE 4-29 The all nearest neighbor relationship.



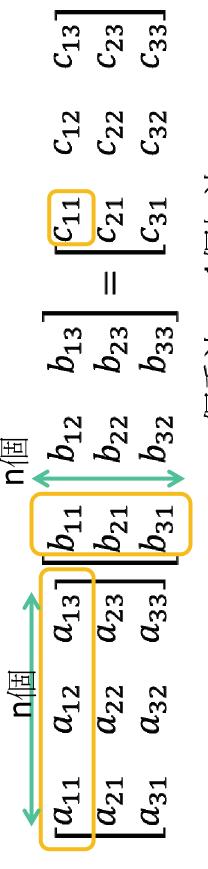
# 5.8 Matrix multiplication

• Let A, B and C be n × n matrices

$$C = AB$$

$$C(i, j) = \sum_{1 \le k \le n} A(i, k)B(k, j)$$

The straightforward method to perform a matrix multiplication requires  $O(n^3)$  time.



$$c_{ij} = \sum_{a_{ik}}^{n} a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

n個乘法, n-1個加法, 產生了一個entries

# Divide-and-conquer approach

 $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{II} = A_{II} B_{II} + A_{I2} B_{2I}$$
 $C_{I2} = A_{II} B_{I2} + A_{I2} B_{22}$ 
 $C_{2I} = A_{2I} B_{II} + A_{22} B_{2I}$ 
 $C_{2I} = A_{2I} B_{II} + A_{22} B_{2I}$ 
 $C_{22} = A_{2I} B_{I2} + A_{22} B_{22}$ 

Time complexity:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } s \le 2 \\ 8T(n/2) + cn^2, & \text{if } n > 2 \\ T(n) = \Theta(1) + 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n^2) = 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n^2) \end{cases}$$
(# of additions : n<sup>2</sup>) We get T<sub>1</sub>(n) = O(n<sup>3</sup>)

### Pseudo code:

Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive (A, B) n=A.rows

 $T(1) = \Theta($ let C be a new n x n matrix if n==1 | Base case  $c_{11} = a_{11} \cdot b_{11} \quad \Theta(1)$ 

Recursive case

else partition the matrix into  $4 \text{ n/2} \times \text{n/2}$ matrices

 $C_{11}=$ Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive  $(A_{12},B_{11})$  n+Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive  $(A_{12},B_{11})$   $gT(\frac{1}{2})$ Combi

 $C_{12} = Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursise (<math>C_{11}, B_{12}$ )

ne  $\Theta(n^2)$  +Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive (4/2, $B_{22}$ )

 $C_{21} = \operatorname{Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive}(A_{21}, B_{11})$ +Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive  $(A_{22},B_{21})$ 

 $C_{22} = \operatorname{Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive}(A_{21}, B_{12})$ 

+Square-Matrix-Multiply-Recursive ( $A_{22}$ ,  $B_{22}$ )

return C

# Strassen's matrix multiplication

$$P = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$Q = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$$

$$R = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$S = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$A = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$S = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$\Gamma = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$$

$$T = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$$

$$U = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$V = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22}).$$

$$C_{11} = P + S - T + V$$

$$C_{12} = R + T$$
$$C_{21} = Q + S$$

$$C_{22} = P + R - Q + U$$



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## Time complexity

- 7 multiplications and 18 additions or subtractions
- Time complexity:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & n \le 2 \\ 7T(n/2) + an^2, & n > 2 \end{cases}$$

= 
$$\operatorname{an}^{2}(1 + 7/4 + (7/4)^{2} + ... + (7/4)^{k-1} + 7^{k}T(1))$$
  
 $\leq \operatorname{cn}^{2}(7/4)^{\log_{2}n} + 7^{\log_{2}n}, \quad \text{c is a constant}$   
=  $\operatorname{cn}^{\log_{2}4 + \log_{2}7 - \log_{2}4} + \operatorname{n}^{\log_{2}7}$   
=  $\operatorname{O}(\operatorname{n}^{\log_{2}7})$   
 $\equiv \operatorname{O}(\operatorname{n}^{2.81})$