85)Closest pair of points using divide and conquer.

Code:

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import math
def dist(p1, p2):
  return math.sqrt((p1[0] - p2[0])**2 + (p1[1] - p2[1])**2)
def brute_force(points, n):
  min_dist = float('inf')
  for i in range(n):
    for j in range(i + 1, n):
       if dist(points[i], points[j]) < min_dist:</pre>
         min_dist = dist(points[i], points[j])
  return min_dist
def strip_closest(strip, size, d):
  min_dist = d
  strip.sort(key=lambda point: point[1])
 for i in range(size):
    for j in range(i + 1, size):
       if (strip[j][1] - strip[i][1]) < min_dist:</pre>
         min_dist = dist(strip[i], strip[j])
  return min_dist
def closest_util(points, n):
  if n <= 3:
    return brute_force(points, n)
  mid = n // 2
 mid_point = points[mid]
  dl = closest_util(points[:mid], mid)
  dr = closest_util(points[mid:], n - mid)
  d = min(dl, dr)
  strip = []
  for i in range(n):
     if abs(points[i][0] - mid_point[0]) < d:</pre>
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strip.append(points[i])

return min(d, strip_closest(strip, len(strip), d))

def closest(points):

points.sort(key=lambda point: point[0])

return closest_util(points, len(points))

points = [(2, 3), (12, 30), (40, 50), (5, 1), (12, 10), (3, 4)]

print("The smallest distance is", closest(points))

Output:

The smallest distance is 1.4142135623730951
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