

(Pseudo-code

brute force:

closest pair = $(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n) = P$

if $n < 2$,

return ∞ .

else,

$\text{min-d} = d(P_1, P_2)$

$\text{closest-P} = (P_1, P_2)$

for $i = 1 : 1 : n-1$

for $j = i+1 : 1 : n$

if $\text{min-d} > d(P_i, P_j)$

$\text{min-d} = d(P_i, P_j)$

$\text{closest-P} = (P_i, P_j)$

end for

end for

return $\text{min-d}, \text{closest-P}$.

naive divide and conquer:

closest pair = $(XP_1, XP_2, \dots, XP_n) = XP$; list of points

Sorted by x-coordinate

if $n < 3$,

return brute force (XP)

else,

$XP_L = XP[1 : \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]$

$XP_R = XP[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 : n]$

$\text{min-d-L}, \text{closest-P-L} = \text{closest pair}(XP_L)$

$\text{min-d-R}, \text{closest-P-R} = \text{closest pair}(XP_R)$

if $\text{min-d-L} > \text{min-d-R}$,

$\text{min-d} = \text{min-d-R}$

$\text{closest-P} = \text{closest-P-R}$

else,

$\text{min-d} = \text{min-d-L}$

$\text{closest-P} = \text{closest-P-L}$

$\text{temp} = [XP_i \text{ in } XP \text{ if } |XP_i - XP[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]| < \text{min-d}]$

$YP = \text{Sort}(\text{temp})$

if $\text{length}(YP) < 2$,

return $\text{min-d}, \text{closest-P}$

else,

for $i = 1 : 1 : (\text{length}(YP) - 1)$

for $j = i+1 : 1 : \text{length}(YP)$

$d = d(YP_i, YP_j)$

if $d < \text{min-d}$,

$\text{min-d} = d$

$\text{closest-P} = (YP_i, YP_j)$

return $\text{min-d}, \text{closest-P}$

enhanced divide and conquer:

closest pair: same set of points $XP = (XP_1, \dots, XP_n)$

$YP = (YP_1, \dots, YP_n)$ sorted by x-coordinate

and y-coordinate

if $n < 3$,

return brute force (XP)

else,

$XP_L = XP[1 : \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]$

$XP_R = XP[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 : n]$

$YP_L = [YP_i \text{ in } YP \text{ if } \text{x-coordinate-value of } YP_i \leq XP[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]]$

$YP_R = [YP_i \text{ in } YP \text{ if } \text{x-coordinate-value of } YP_i > XP[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]]$

$\text{min-d-L}, \text{closest-P-L} = \text{closest pair}(XP_L, YP_L)$

$\text{min-d-R}, \text{closest-P-R} = \text{closest pair}(XP_R, YP_R)$

if $\text{min-d-L} > \text{min-d-R}$,

$\text{min-d} = \text{min-d-R}$

$\text{closest-P} = \text{closest-P-R}$

else,

$$\text{min_d} = \text{min_d} - L$$

$$\text{closest_P} = \text{closest_P} - R$$

$\text{MYP} = \{Y P_i \text{ in } YP \text{ if the distance between } X\text{-coordinate-values of } Y P_i \text{ and } X P[\frac{n}{2}] \text{ is smaller than min_d}\}$

if $\text{length}(\text{MYP}) < 2$,
return min_d , closest_P

else,

for $i = 1 : 1 : \text{length}(\text{MYP} - 1)$

for $j = 1 : 1 : \text{length}(\text{MYP})$

$$d = d(\text{MYP}_i, \text{MYP}_j)$$

if $d < \text{min_d}$,

$$\text{min_d} = d$$

$$\text{closest_P} = (\text{MYP}_i, \text{MYP}_j)$$

return min_d , closest_P .

Asymptotic analysis of time

brute force :

the outer loop is $n-1$ time and for outer loop i , the inner loop is $n-i$ time, so the running time will be

$$(n-1) \times c + (n-2) \times c + \dots + 2 \times c + c \quad (c \text{ is a constant})$$

$$= c \cdot \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

$$= O(n^2)$$

Naive divide and conquer :

Sorting of X -coordinate takes $O(n \log n)$
divide and conquer takes $2T(\frac{n}{2})$

identity stripe takes $O(n)$

Sorting of Y -coordinate takes $O(n \log n)$

find min_d in middle strip takes $O(n)$ (less than 7 maximum exploration).

$$\text{therefore, } T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n \log n)$$

$$\log n \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \quad O(n \log n) \\ \frac{n}{2} \quad \frac{n}{2} \quad 2 \times O(\frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2}) = O(n \log n) - C_1 n \\ \frac{n}{4} \quad \frac{n}{4} \quad \frac{n}{4} \quad \frac{n}{4} \quad 4 \times O(\frac{n}{4} \log \frac{n}{4}) = O(n \log n) - C_2 n \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \text{base} \quad O(n \log n) - C_k n \end{array} \right.$$

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

Enhanced divide and conquer:

Sorting of X -coordinate of Y -coordinate takes $O(n \log n)$

divide and conquer takes $T(\frac{n}{2})$

identifying stripe takes $O(n)$

find min_d in middle strip takes $O(n)$

$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$$

$$\therefore \log_2^2 = d = 1$$

\therefore from master theorem,

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

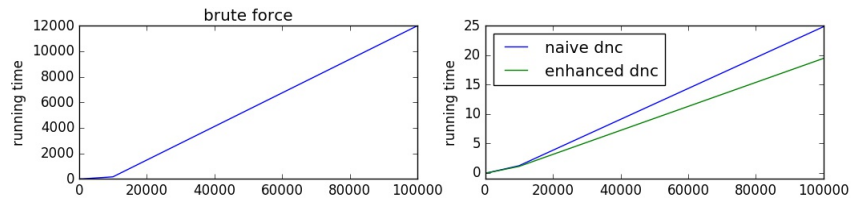
Plotting the running time

The empirical time for different for different input size is

Table 1: My caption

	100	1000	10000	100000
<i>brute – force</i>	0.01943	1.601	158.23	12000(?)
<i>naive – dnc</i>	0.003285	0.0644	1.23	24.84
<i>enhanced – dnc</i>	0.003678	0.0578	1.11	19.46

I put a ? in brute force for input size 100000 because after 3 hours I still can't get the implementation done. So I just put a 12000 there for purpose of plotting,



Interpretation and discussion

From above plot, we could see the brute force takes the most time under all input size cases. The running time for naive divide and conquer method and enhanced divide and conquer method drop sharply compared than it of brute force method. And the running time of enhanced divide and conquer method is less than it of naive divide and conquer method. The numerical values of running time does match the theoretical result. But in the plot, it is hard to say the growth curves match $O(n^2)$, $O(n \log^2 n)$ and $O(n \log n)$ respectively. I think the reason is because we don't explore enough input size cases. So the above plot is actually not a thorough representation of running time. We need explore more input sizes to see the growth curves.