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## 5. DIVIDE AND CONQUER I

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- ▶ *mergesort*
- ▶ *counting inversions*
- ▶ *closest pair of points*
- ▶ *randomized quicksort*
- ▶ *median and selection*

# Divide-and-conquer paradigm

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## Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide up problem into several subproblems.
- Solve each subproblem recursively.
- Combine solutions to subproblems into overall solution.

## Most common usage.

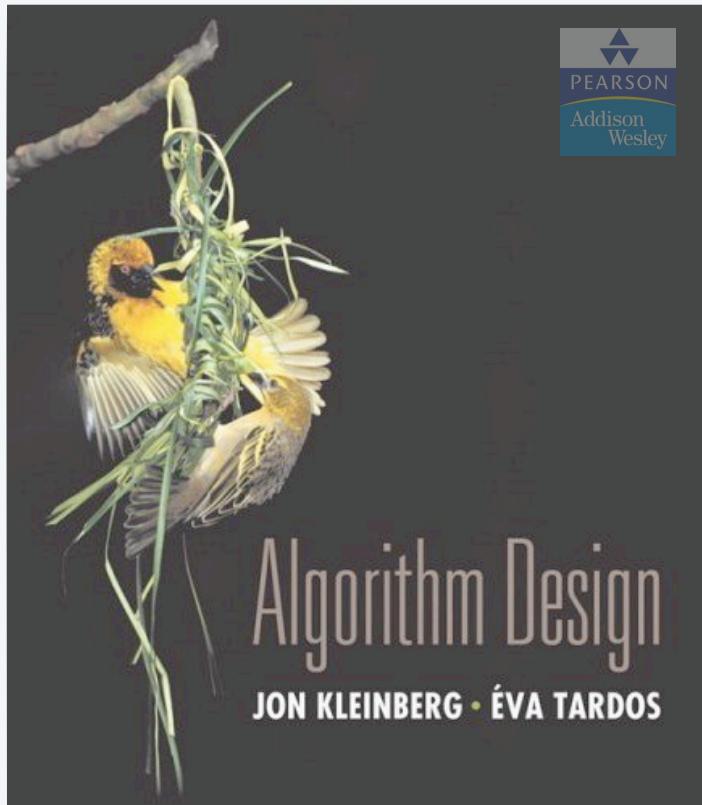
- Divide problem of size  $n$  into **two** subproblems of size  $n/2$  in **linear time**.
- Solve two subproblems recursively.
- Combine two solutions into overall solution in **linear time**.

## Consequence.

- Brute force:  $\Theta(n^2)$ .
- Divide-and-conquer:  $\Theta(n \log n)$ .



attributed to Julius Caesar



## SECTION 5.1

# 5. DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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# Sorting problem

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**Problem.** Given a list of  $n$  elements from a totally-ordered universe, rearrange them in ascending order.

The image shows a music player interface with a list of songs. At the top, there is a preview of several album covers, including "Born In The U.S.A." by Bruce Springsteen and "Born To Run" by Bruce Springsteen. Below this is a table listing 37 songs:

	Name	Artist	Time	Album
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Let It Be	The Beatles	4:03	Let It Be
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Take My Breath Away	BERLIN	4:13	Top Gun – Soundtrack
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circle Of Friends	Better Than Ezra	3:27	Empire Records
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dancing With Myself	Billy Idol	4:43	Don't Stop
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebel Yell	Billy Idol	4:49	Rebel Yell
17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piano Man	Billy Joel	5:36	Greatest Hits Vol. 1
18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pressure	Billy Joel	3:16	Greatest Hits, Vol. II (1978 – 1985) (Disc 2)
19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Longest Time	Billy Joel	3:36	Greatest Hits, Vol. II (1978 – 1985) (Disc 2)
20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Atomic	Blondie	3:50	Atomic: The Very Best Of Blondie
21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunday Girl	Blondie	3:15	Atomic: The Very Best Of Blondie
22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call Me	Blondie	3:33	Atomic: The Very Best Of Blondie
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dreaming	Blondie	3:06	Atomic: The Very Best Of Blondie
24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	Bob Dylan	8:32	Desire
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Times They Are A-Changin'	Bob Dylan	3:17	Greatest Hits
26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Livin' On A Prayer	Bon Jovi	4:11	Cross Road
27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beds Of Roses	Bon Jovi	6:35	Cross Road
28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Runaway	Bon Jovi	3:53	Cross Road
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rasputin (Extended Mix)	Boney M	5:50	Greatest Hits
30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have You Ever Seen The Rain	Bonnie Tyler	4:10	Faster Than The Speed Of Night
31	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total Eclipse Of The Heart	Bonnie Tyler	7:02	Faster Than The Speed Of Night
32	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Straight From The Heart	Bonnie Tyler	3:41	Faster Than The Speed Of Night
33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holding Out For A Hero	Bonny Tyler	5:49	Meat Loaf And Friends
34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dancing In The Dark	Bruce Springsteen	4:05	Born In The U.S.A.
35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thunder Road	Bruce Springsteen	4:51	Born To Run
36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Born To Run	Bruce Springsteen	4:30	Born To Run
37	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jungleland	Bruce Springsteen	9:34	Born To Run
38	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I'm Gonna Be (Sittin' On Top Of The World)	The BANGLES	2:57	Everlast

# Sorting applications

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## Obvious applications.

- Organize an MP3 library.
- Display Google PageRank results.
- List RSS news items in reverse chronological order.

## Some problems become easier once elements are sorted.

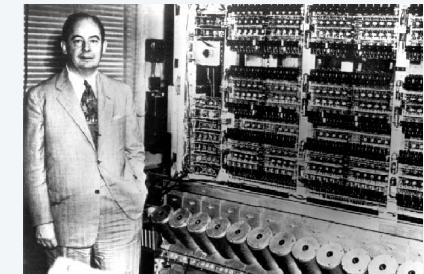
- Identify statistical outliers.
- Binary search in a database.
- Remove duplicates in a mailing list.

## Non-obvious applications.

- Convex hull.
- Closest pair of points.
- Interval scheduling / interval partitioning.
- Minimum spanning trees (Kruskal's algorithm).
- Scheduling to minimize maximum lateness or average completion time.
- ...

# Mergesort

- Recursively sort left half.
- Recursively sort right half.
- Merge two halves to make sorted whole.



**First Draft  
of a  
Report on the  
EDVAC**

John von Neumann

**input**



**sort left half**



**sort right half**



**merge results**



# Merging

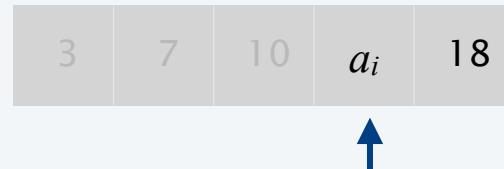
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**Goal.** Combine two sorted lists  $A$  and  $B$  into a sorted whole  $C$ .



- Scan  $A$  and  $B$  from left to right.
- Compare  $a_i$  and  $b_j$ .
- If  $a_i \leq b_j$ , append  $a_i$  to  $C$  (no larger than any remaining element in  $B$ ).
- If  $a_i > b_j$ , append  $b_j$  to  $C$  (smaller than every remaining element in  $A$ ).

sorted list A



sorted list B



merge to form sorted list C



## A useful recurrence relation

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**Def.**  $T(n)$  = max number of compares to mergesort a list of size  $\leq n$ .

**Note.**  $T(n)$  is monotone nondecreasing.

Mergesort recurrence.

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n / 2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Solution.**  $T(n)$  is  $O(n \log_2 n)$ .

**Assorted proofs.** We describe several ways to prove this recurrence.

Initially we assume  $n$  is a power of 2 and replace  $\leq$  with  $=$ .

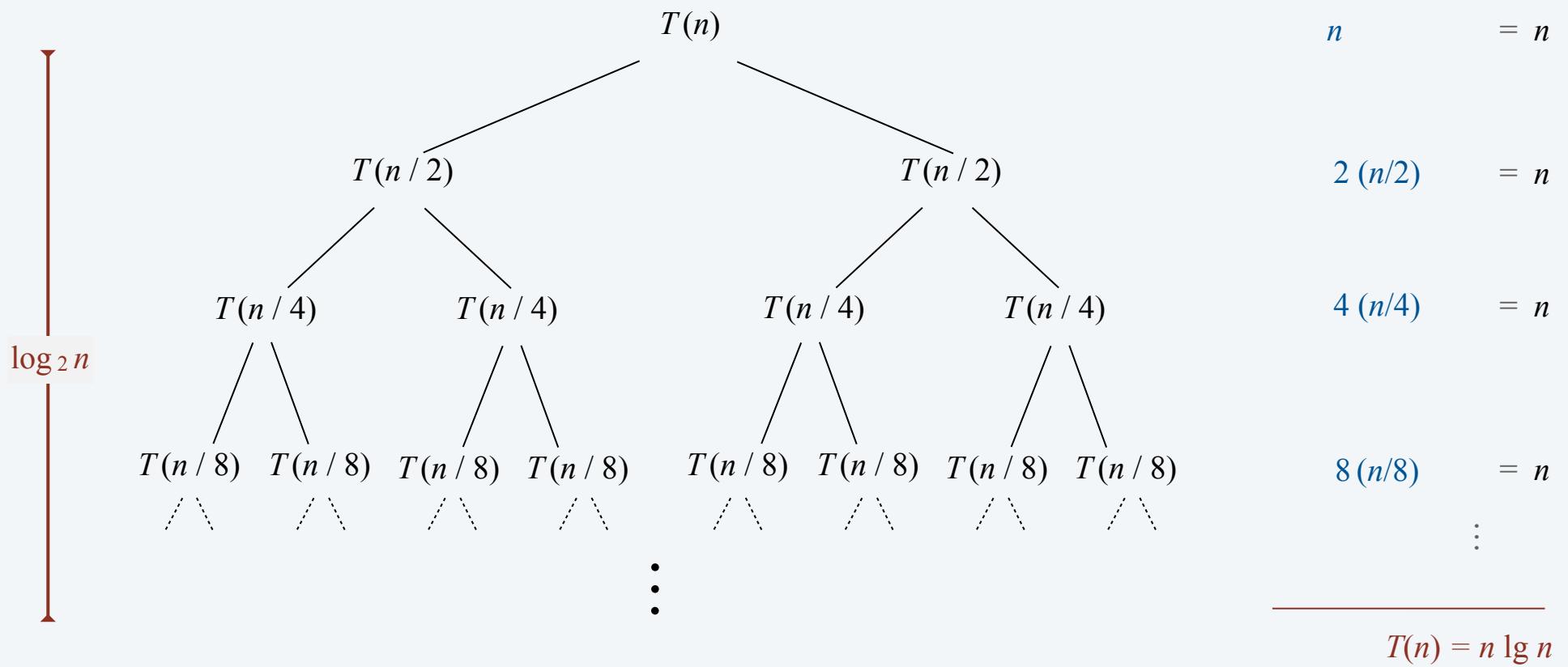
# Divide-and-conquer recurrence: proof by recursion tree

**Proposition.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies the following recurrence, then  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2 T(n / 2) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

assuming  $n$   
is a power of 2

Pf 1.



## Proof by induction

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**Pf 2.** [by induction on  $n$ ]

- Base case: when  $n = 1$ ,  $T(1) = 0$ .
- Inductive hypothesis: assume  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .
- Goal: show that  $T(2n) = 2n \log_2 (2n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2 T(n) + 2n \\ &= 2 n \log_2 n + 2n \\ &= 2 n (\log_2 (2n) - 1) + 2n \\ &= 2 n \log_2 (2n). \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

## Analysis of mergesort recurrence

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**Claim.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies the following recurrence, then  $T(n) \leq n \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ .

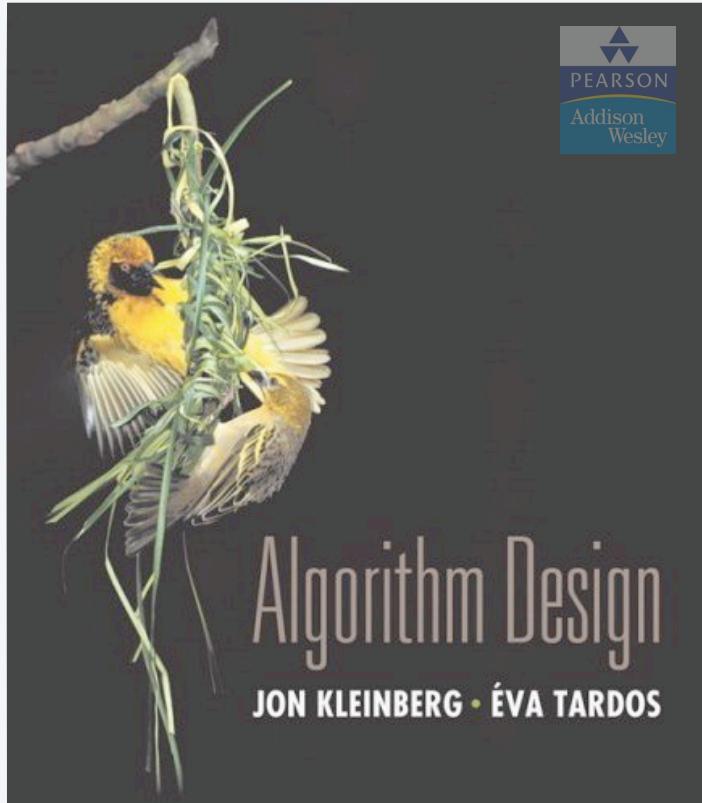
$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n / 2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Pf.** [by strong induction on  $n$ ]

- Base case:  $n = 1$ .
- Define  $n_1 = \lfloor n / 2 \rfloor$  and  $n_2 = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$ .
- Induction step: assume true for  $1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

$$n_2 = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(n_1) + T(n_2) + n && \leq \left\lceil 2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil} / 2 \right\rceil \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \log_2 n_1 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \log_2 n_2 \rceil + n && = 2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil} / 2 \\ &\leq n_1 \lceil \log_2 n_2 \rceil + n_2 \lceil \log_2 n_2 \rceil + n && \\ &= n \lceil \log_2 n_2 \rceil + n && \xleftarrow{\log_2 n_2 \leq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil - 1} \\ &\leq n (\lceil \log_2 n \rceil - 1) + n && \\ &= n \lceil \log_2 n \rceil. \blacksquare && \end{aligned}$$



## SECTION 5.4

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# Closest pair of points

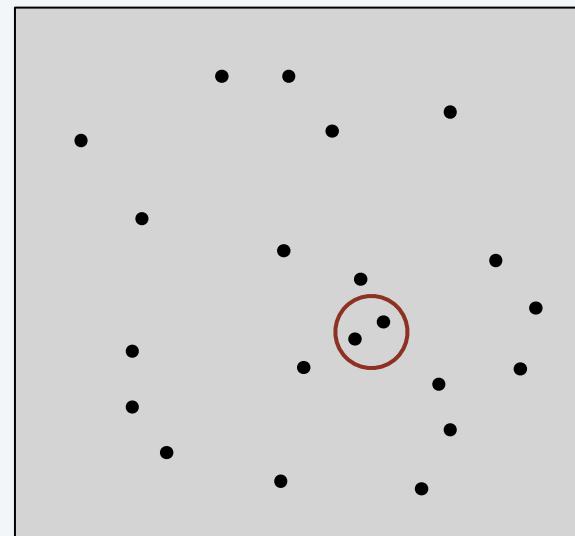
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**Closest pair problem.** Given  $n$  points in the plane, find a pair of points with the smallest Euclidean distance between them.

**Fundamental geometric primitive.**

- Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
- Special case of nearest neighbor, Euclidean MST, Voronoi.

fast closest pair inspired fast algorithms for these problems



## Closest pair of points

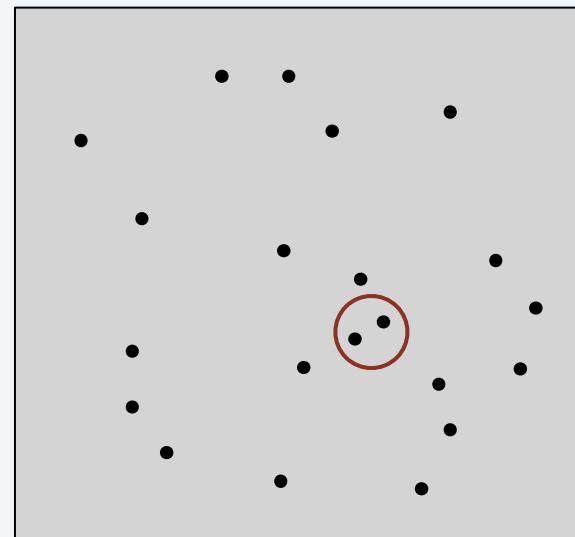
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**Closest pair problem.** Given  $n$  points in the plane, find a pair of points with the smallest Euclidean distance between them.

**Brute force.** Check all pairs with  $\Theta(n^2)$  distance calculations.

**1d version.** Easy  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm if points are on a line.

**Nondegeneracy assumption.** No two points have the same  $x$ -coordinate.

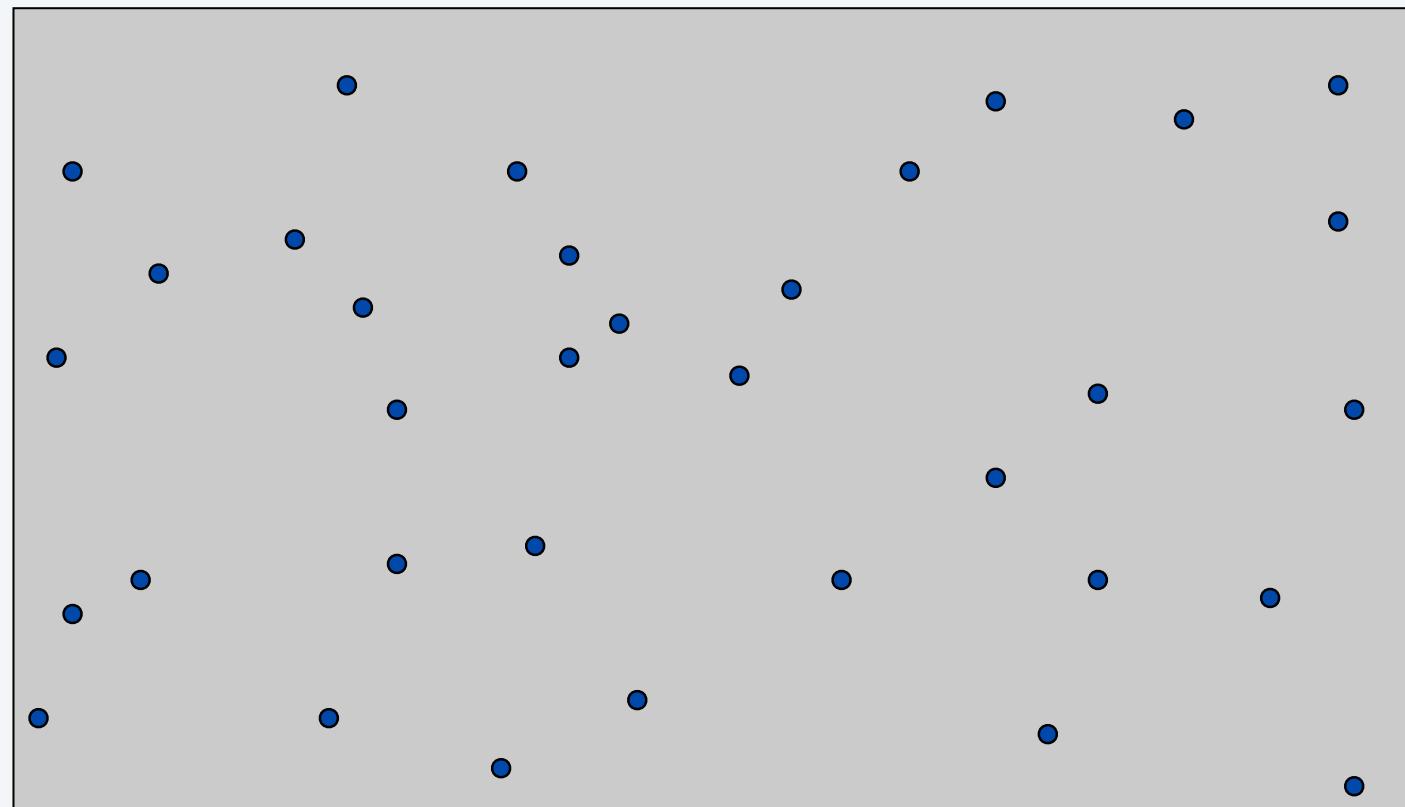


## Closest pair of points: first attempt

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Sorting solution.

- Sort by  $x$ -coordinate and consider nearby points.
- Sort by  $y$ -coordinate and consider nearby points.

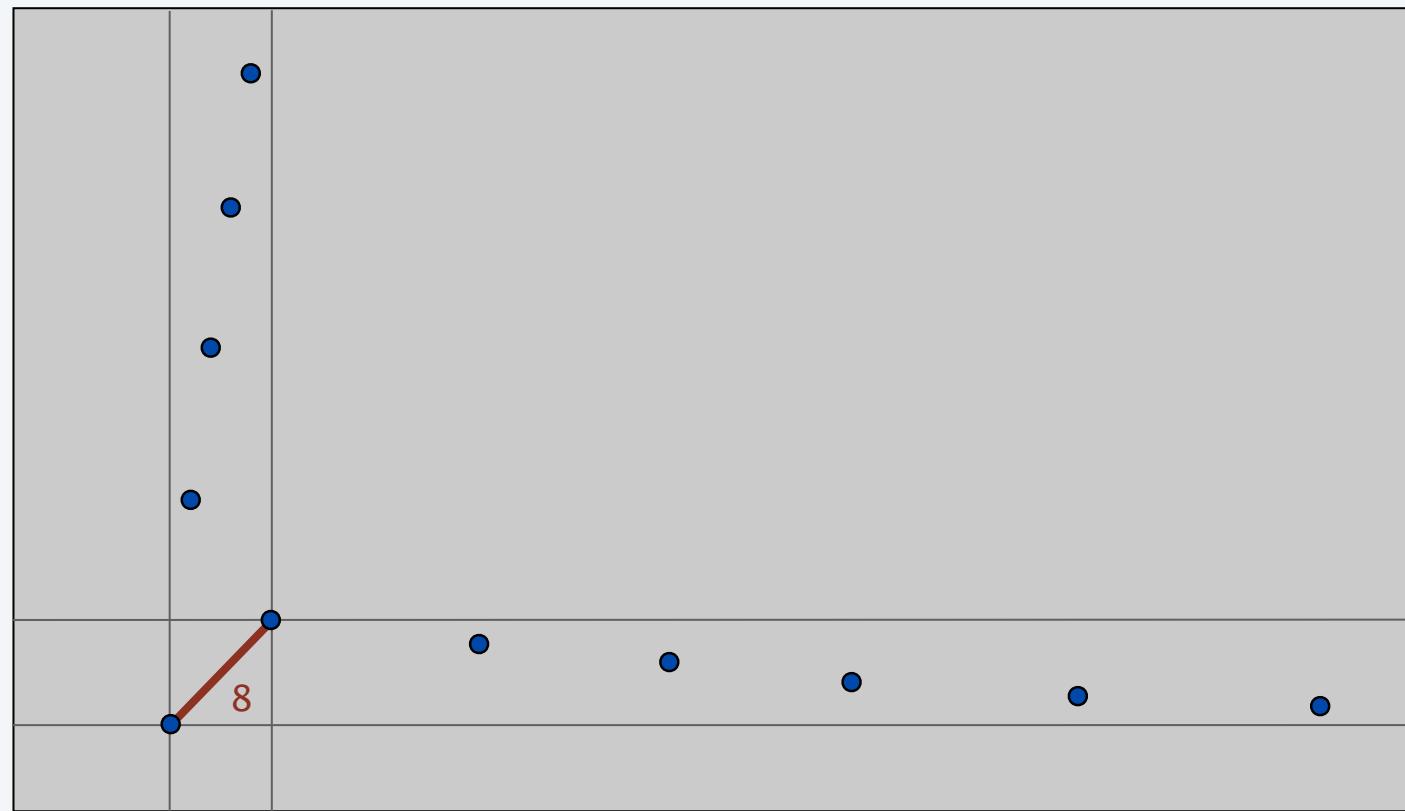


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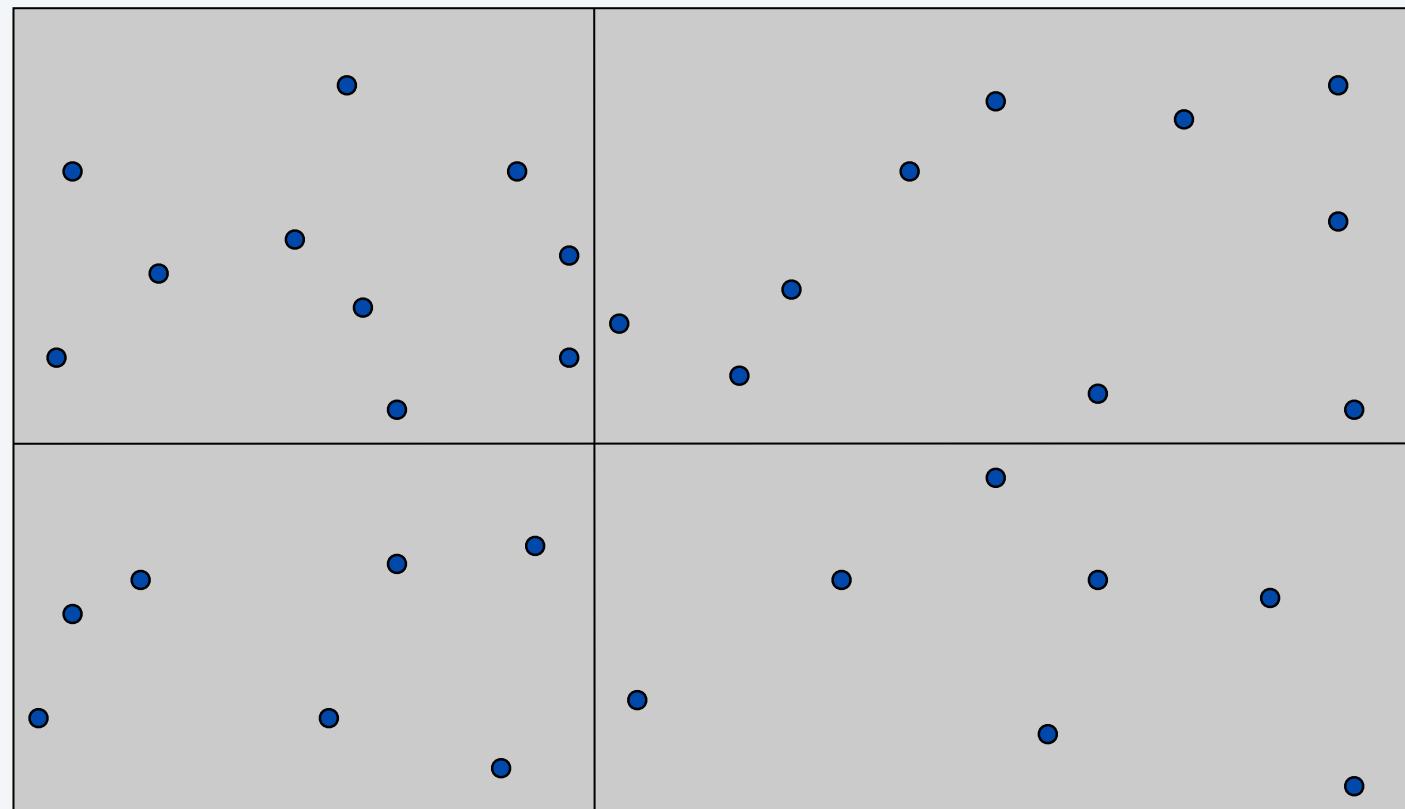
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## Closest pair of points: second attempt

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Divide. Subdivide region into 4 quadrants.

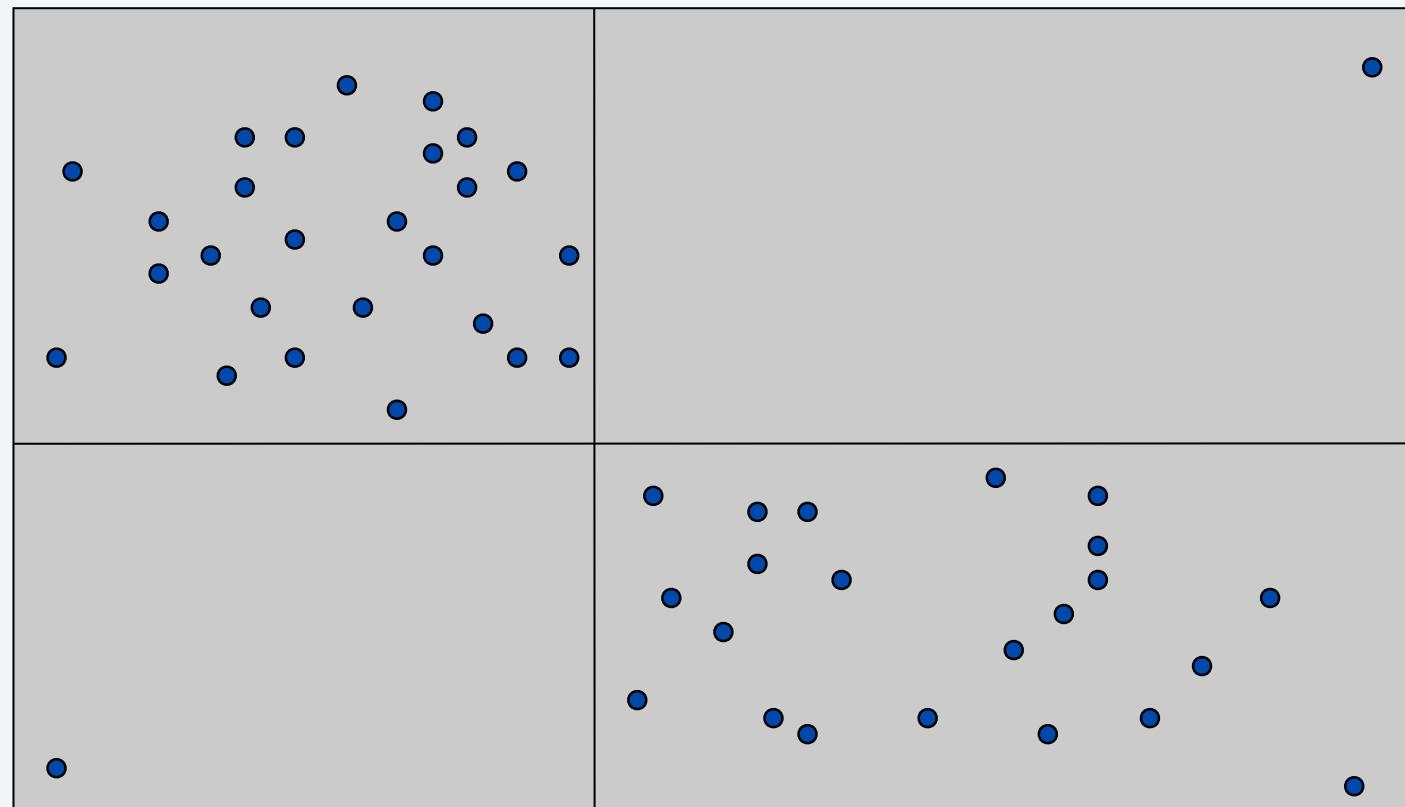


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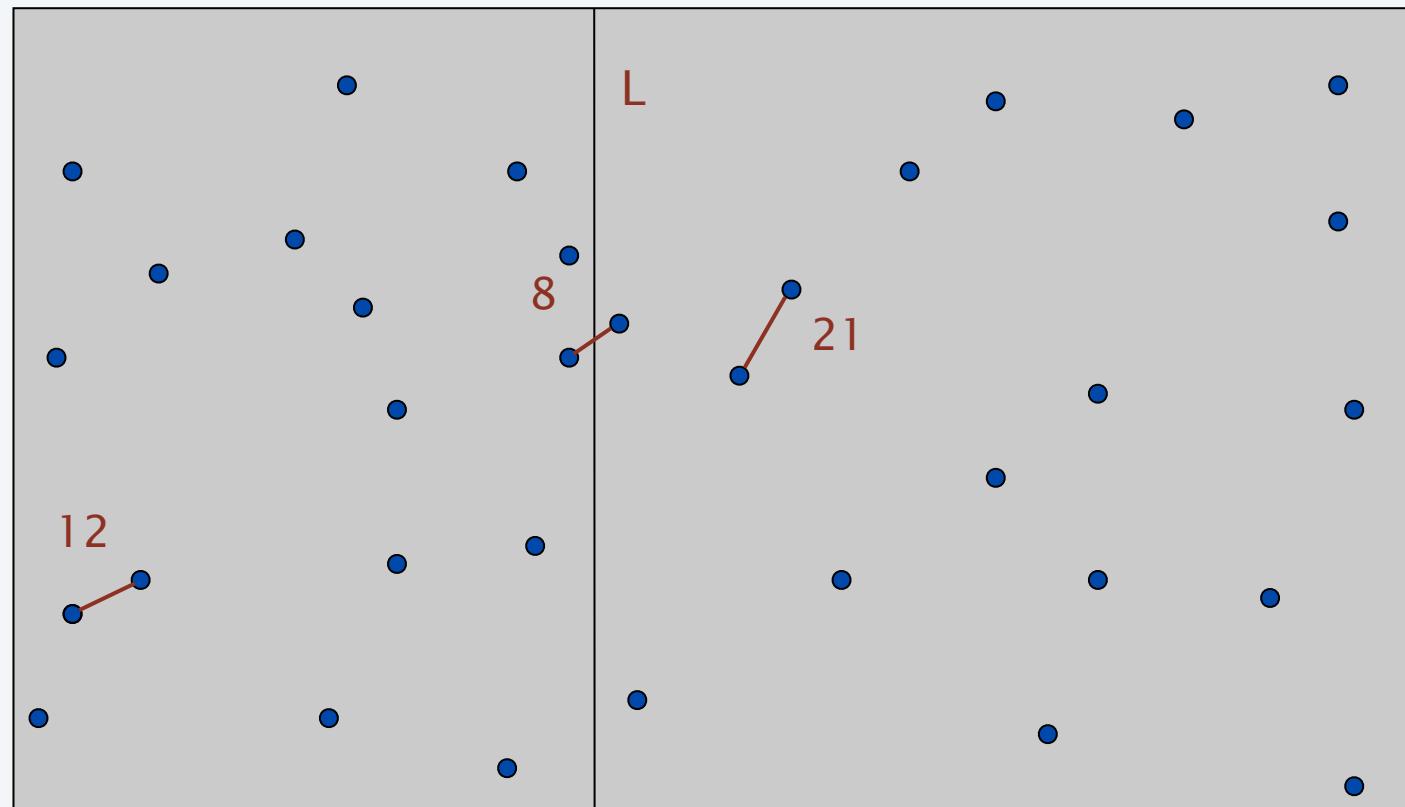
Obstacle. Impossible to ensure  $n/4$  points in each piece.



# Closest pair of points: divide-and-conquer algorithm

- Divide: draw vertical line  $L$  so that  $n/2$  points on each side.
- Conquer: find closest pair in each side recursively.
- Combine: find closest pair with one point in each side.
- Return best of 3 solutions.

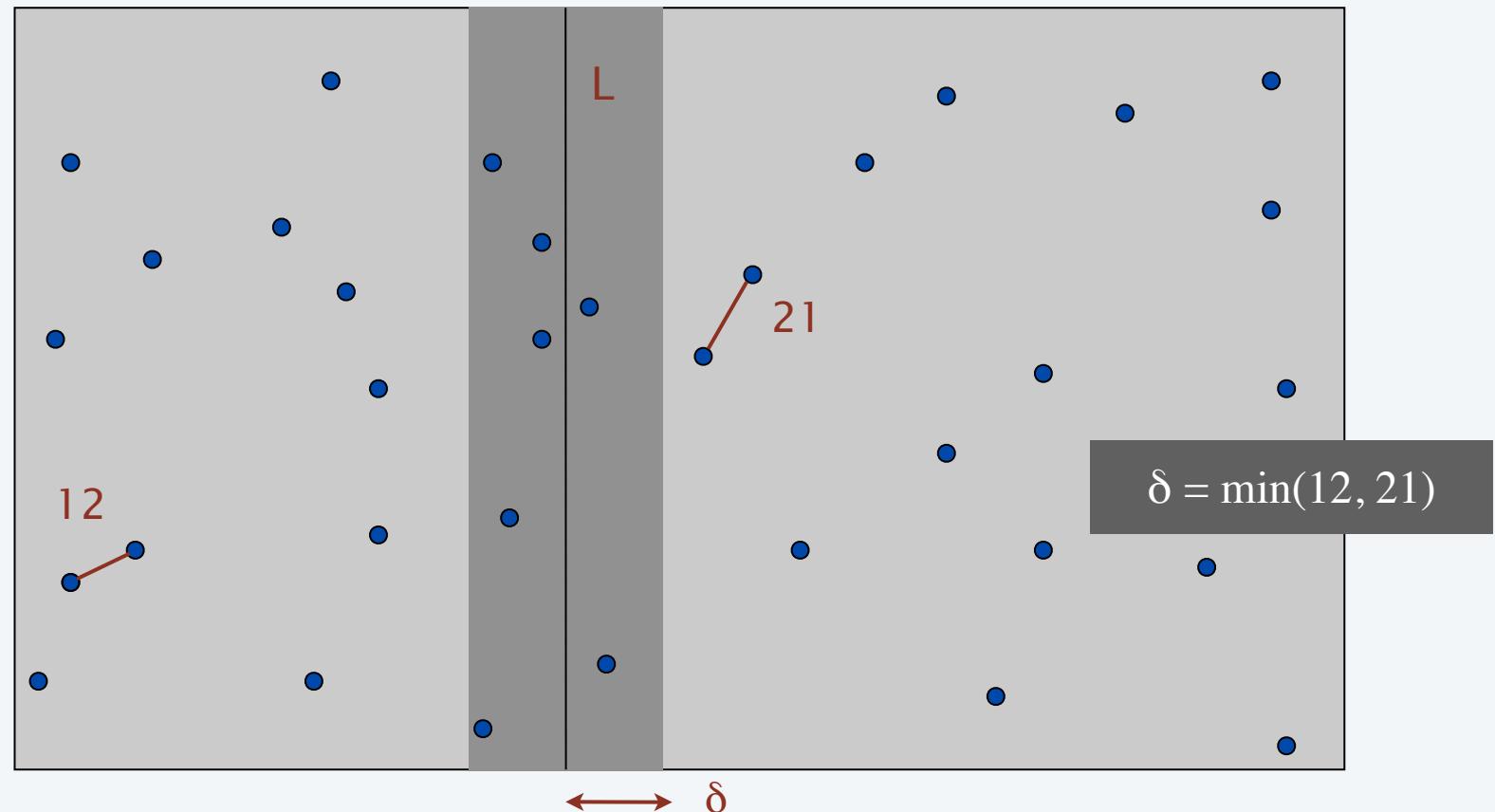
seems like  $\Theta(N^2)$



# How to find closest pair with one point in each side?

Find closest pair with one point in each side, assuming that distance  $< \delta$ .

- Observation: only need to consider points within  $\delta$  of line  $L$ .

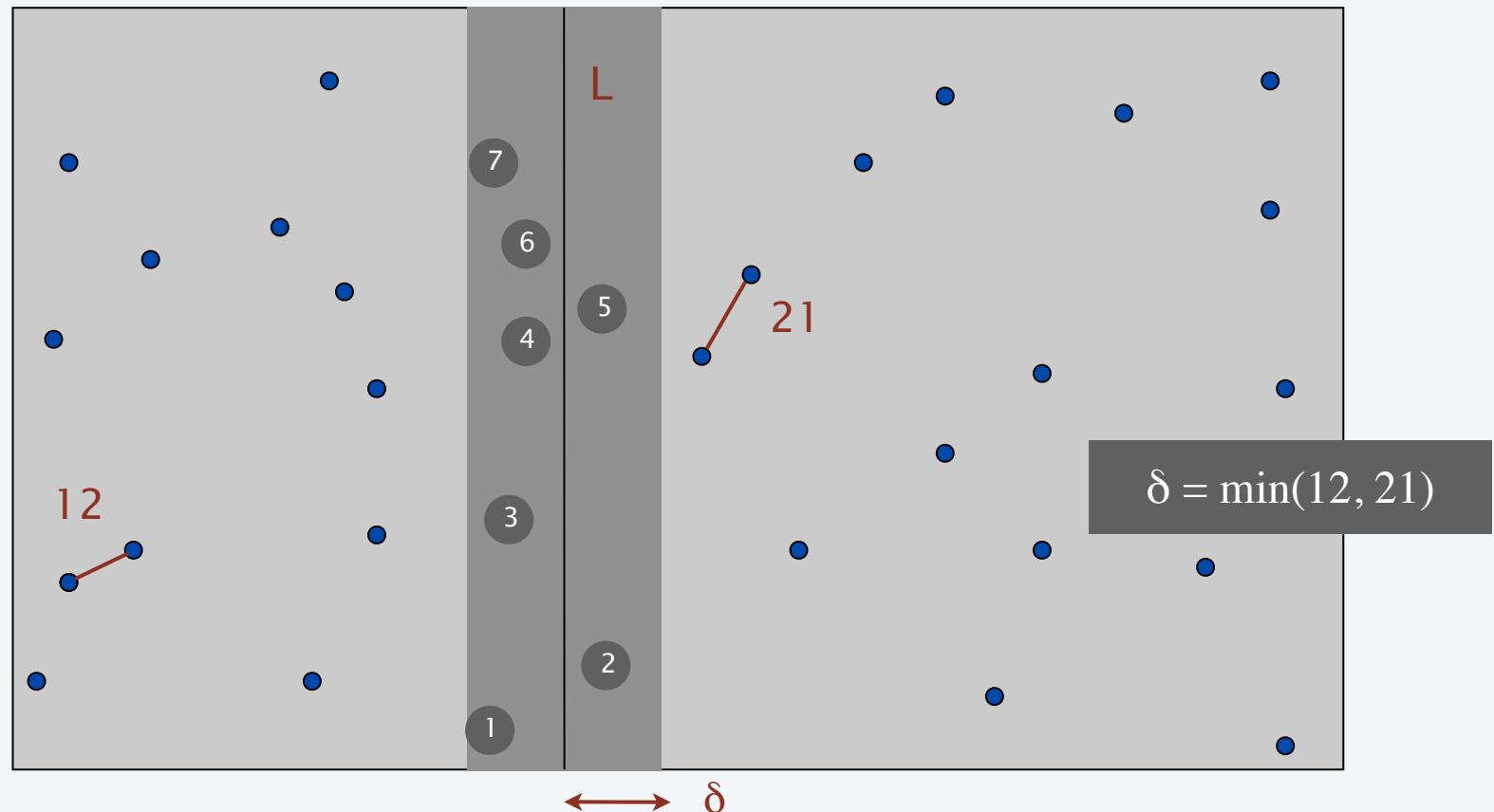


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- Observation: only need to consider points within  $\delta$  of line  $L$ .
- Sort points in  $2\delta$ -strip by their  $y$ -coordinate.
- Only check distances of those within 11 positions in sorted list!

why 11?



## How to find closest pair with one point in each side?

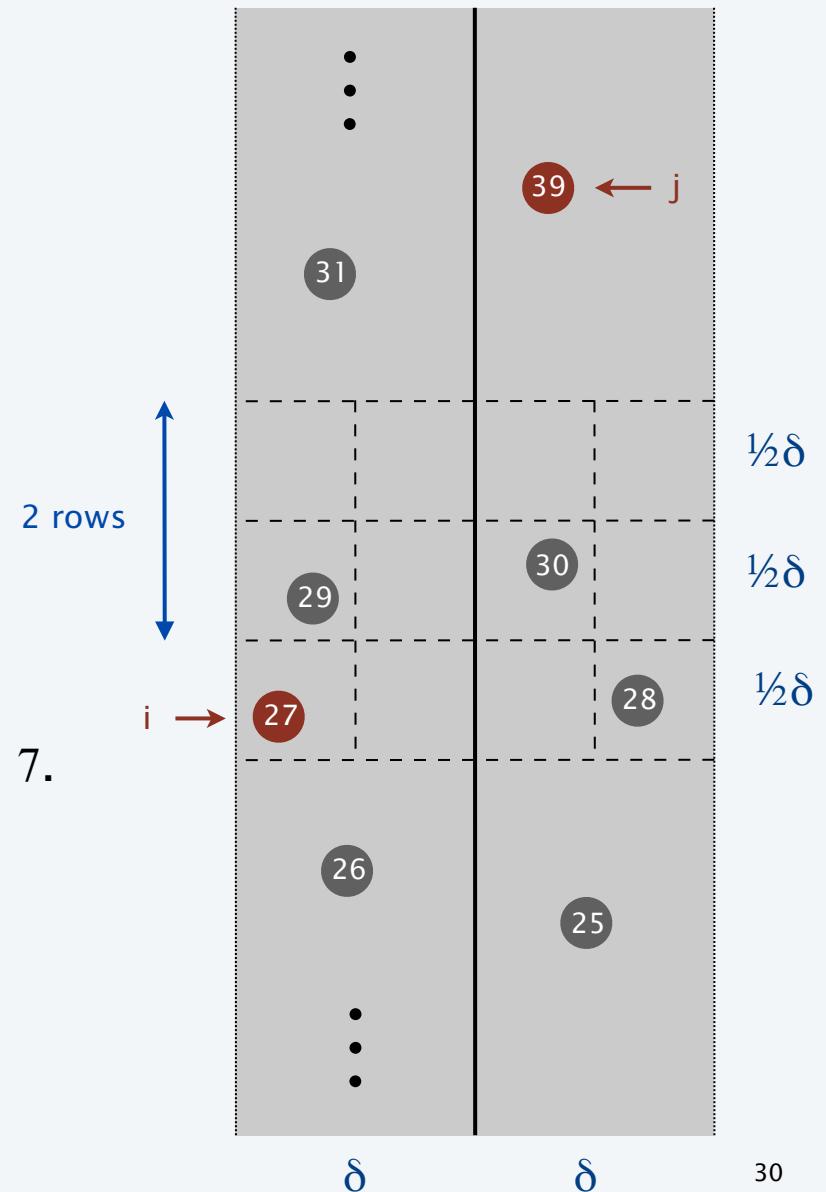
**Def.** Let  $s_i$  be the point in the  $2\delta$ -strip, with the  $i^{th}$  smallest  $y$ -coordinate.

**Claim.** If  $|i - j| \geq 12$ , then the distance between  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  is at least  $\delta$ .

**Pf.**

- No two points lie in same  $\frac{1}{2}\delta$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}\delta$  box.
- Two points at least 2 rows apart have distance  $\geq 2(\frac{1}{2}\delta)$ . ■

**Fact.** Claim remains true if we replace 12 with 7.



# Closest pair of points: divide-and-conquer algorithm

**CLOSEST-PAIR** ( $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ )

Compute separation line  $L$  such that half the points  
are on each side of the line.

←  $O(n \log n)$

$\delta_1 \leftarrow \text{CLOSEST-PAIR}$  (points in left half).

←  $2 T(n / 2)$

$\delta_2 \leftarrow \text{CLOSEST-PAIR}$  (points in right half).

$\delta \leftarrow \min \{ \delta_1, \delta_2 \}.$

Delete all points further than  $\delta$  from line  $L$ .

←  $O(n)$

Sort remaining points by y-coordinate.

←  $O(n \log n)$

Scan points in y-order and compare distance between  
each point and next 11 neighbors. If any of these  
distances is less than  $\delta$ , update  $\delta$ .

←  $O(n)$

**RETURN**  $\delta$ .

## Closest pair of points: analysis

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**Theorem.** The divide-and-conquer algorithm for finding the closest pair of points in the plane can be implemented in  $O(n \log^2 n)$  time.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n / 2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor) + O(n \log n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2$$


**Lower bound.** In quadratic decision tree model, any algorithm for closest pair (even in 1D) requires  $\Omega(n \log n)$  quadratic tests.

## Improved closest pair algorithm

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Q. How to improve to  $O(n \log n)$  ?

A. Yes. Don't sort points in strip from scratch each time.

- Each recursive returns two lists: all points sorted by  $x$ -coordinate, and all points sorted by  $y$ -coordinate.
- Sort by **merging** two pre-sorted lists.

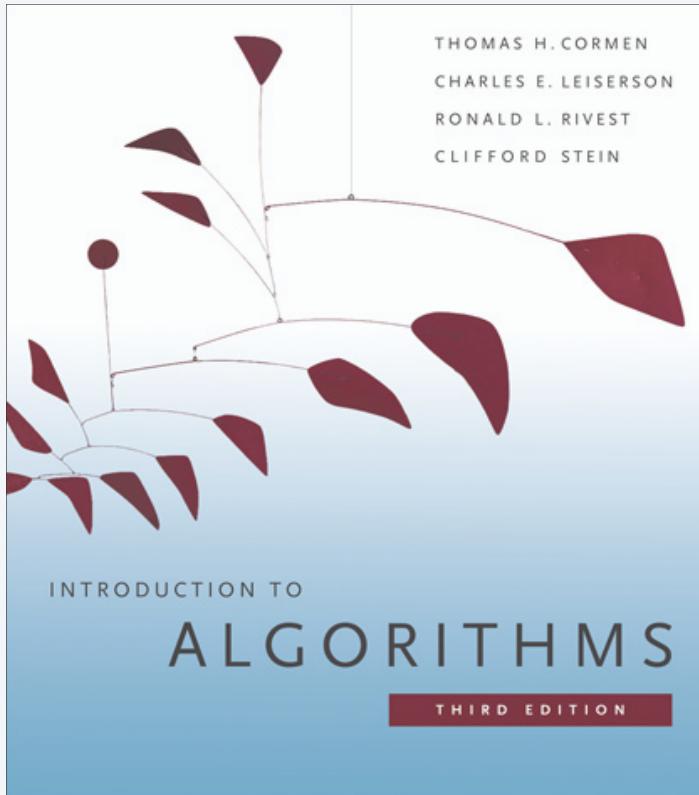
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Pf.

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**Note.** See SECTION 13.7 for a randomized  $O(n)$  time algorithm.

  
not subject to lower bound  
since it uses the floor function



## CHAPTER 7

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# Randomized quicksort

3-way partition array so that:

- Pivot element  $p$  is in place.
- Smaller elements in left subarray  $L$ .
- Equal elements in middle subarray  $M$ .
- Larger elements in right subarray  $R$ .

the array A

7	6	12	3	11	8	9	1	4	10	2
$p$										

the partitioned array A

3	1	4	2	6	7	12	11	8	9	10
$L$				M	$R$					

Recur in both left and right subarrays.

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT ( $A$ )

IF list  $A$  has zero or one element

RETURN.

Pick pivot  $p \in A$  uniformly at random.

$(L, M, R) \leftarrow \text{PARTITION-3-WAY} (A, a_i)$ . ←

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT( $L$ ).

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT( $R$ ).

3-way partitioning  
can be done in-place  
(using  $n-1$  compares)

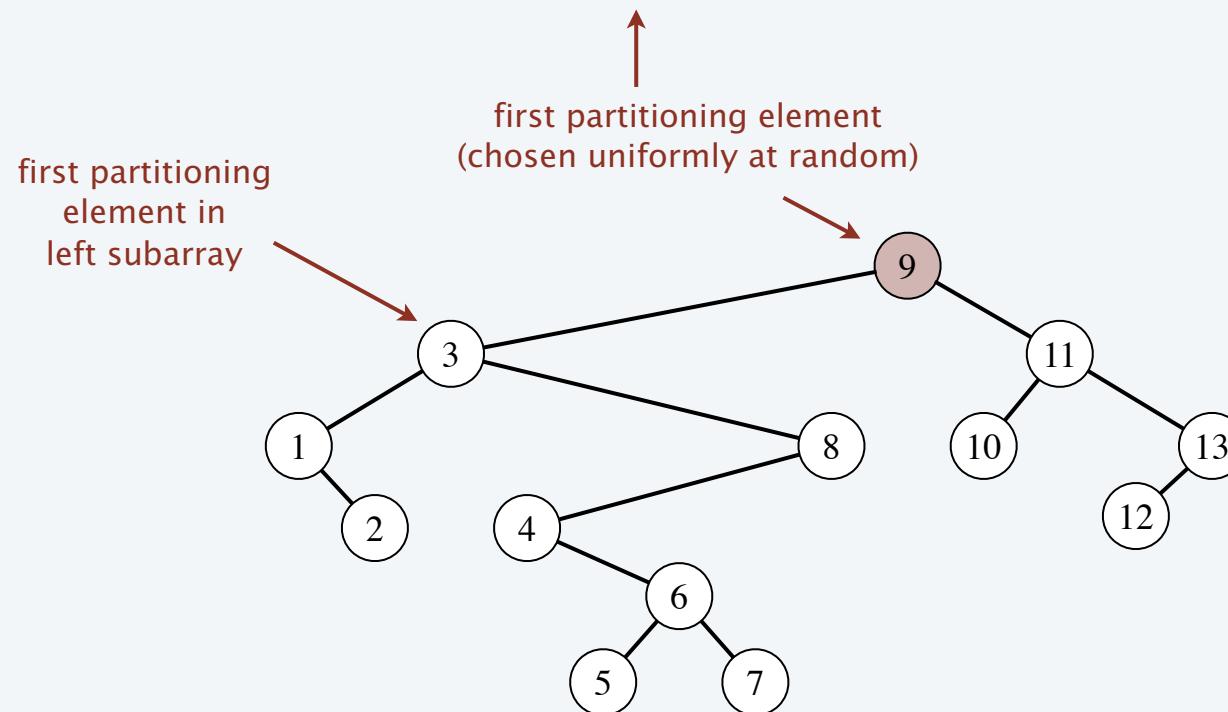
# Analysis of randomized quicksort

**Proposition.** The expected number of compares to quicksort an array of  $n$  distinct elements is  $O(n \log n)$ .

**Pf.** Consider BST representation of partitioning elements.

the original array of elements A

7	6	12	3	11	8	9	1	4	10	2	13	5
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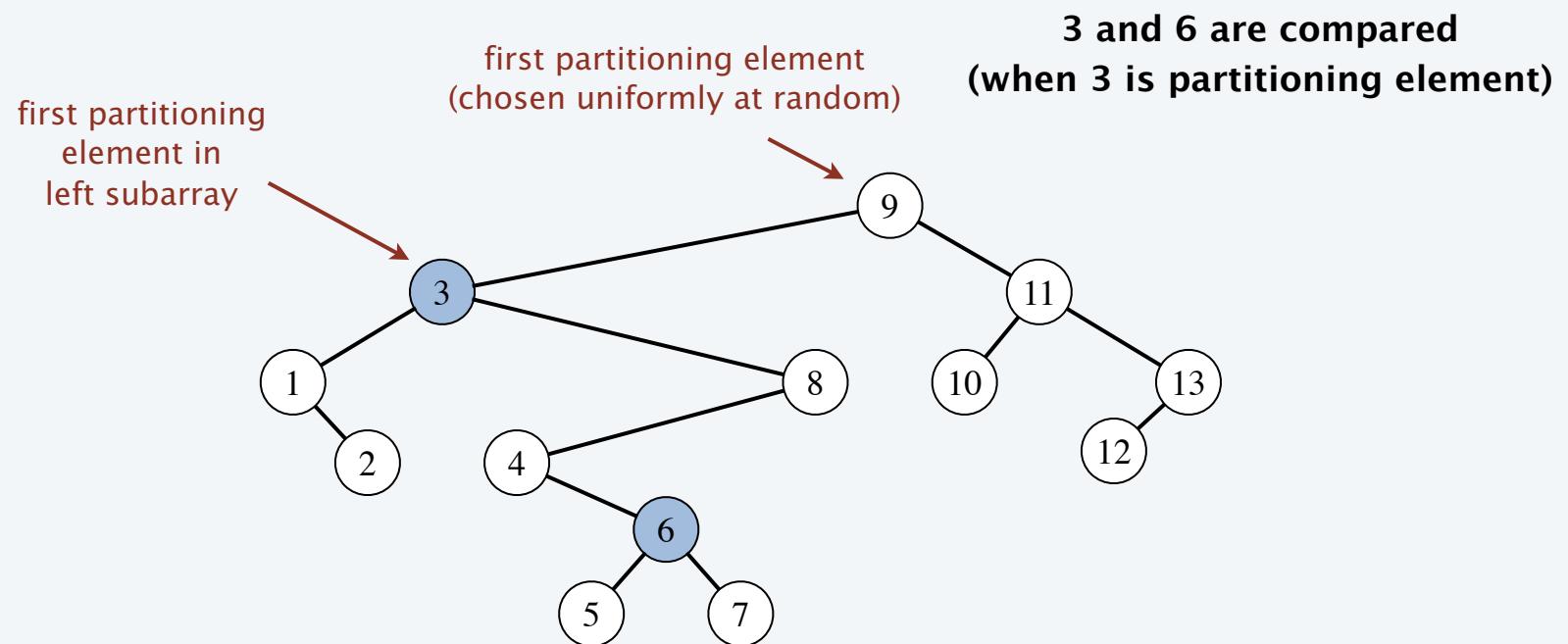


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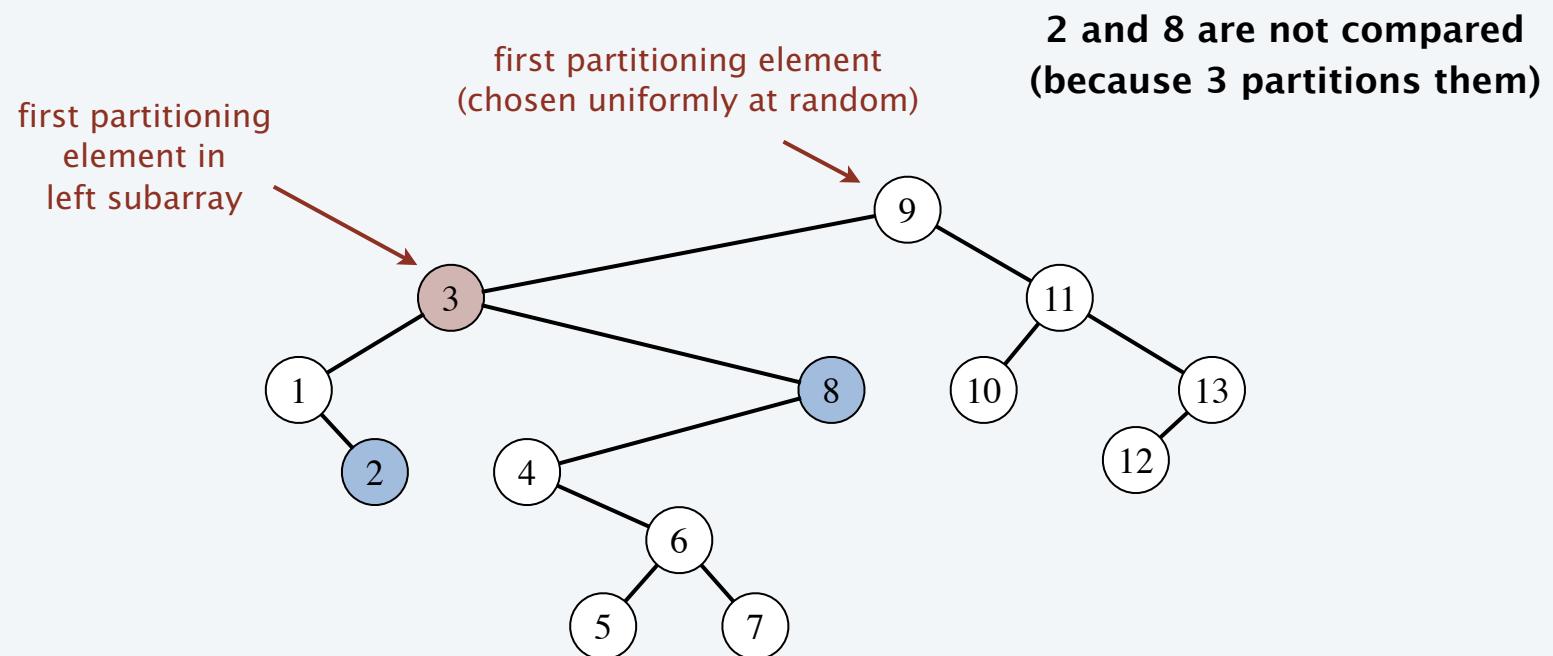


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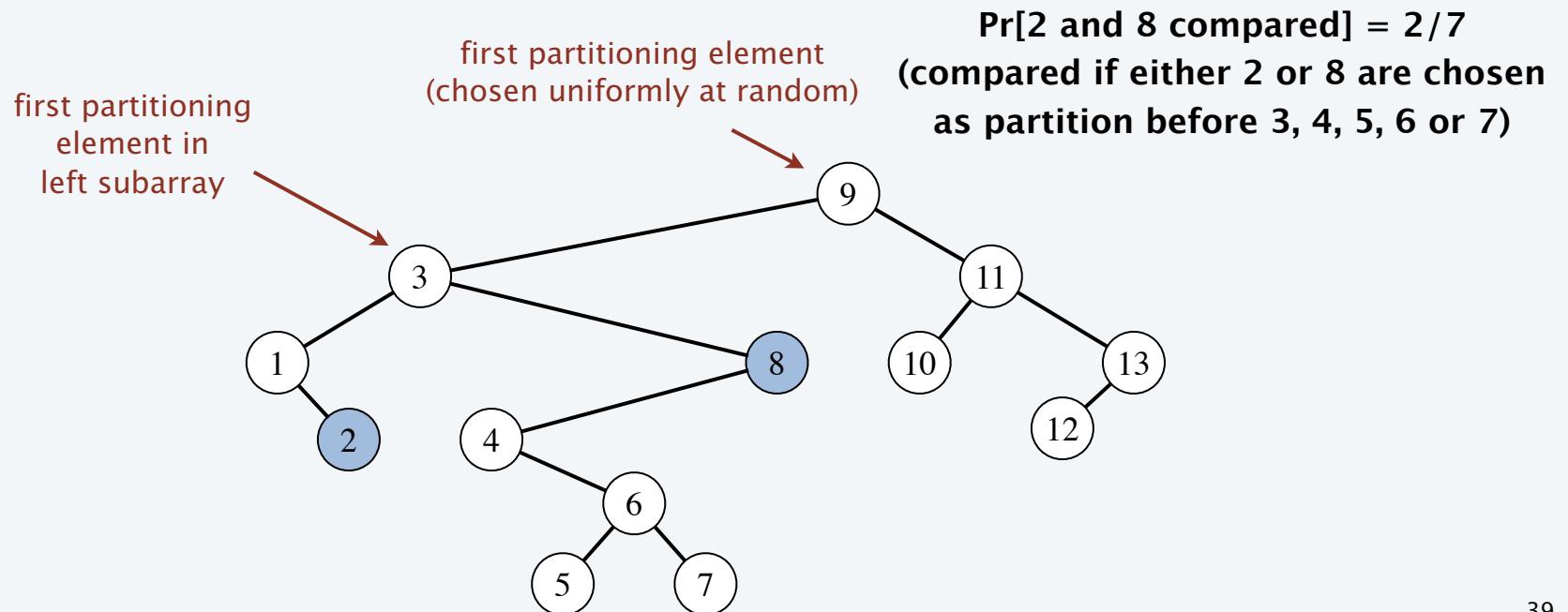


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## Analysis of randomized quicksort

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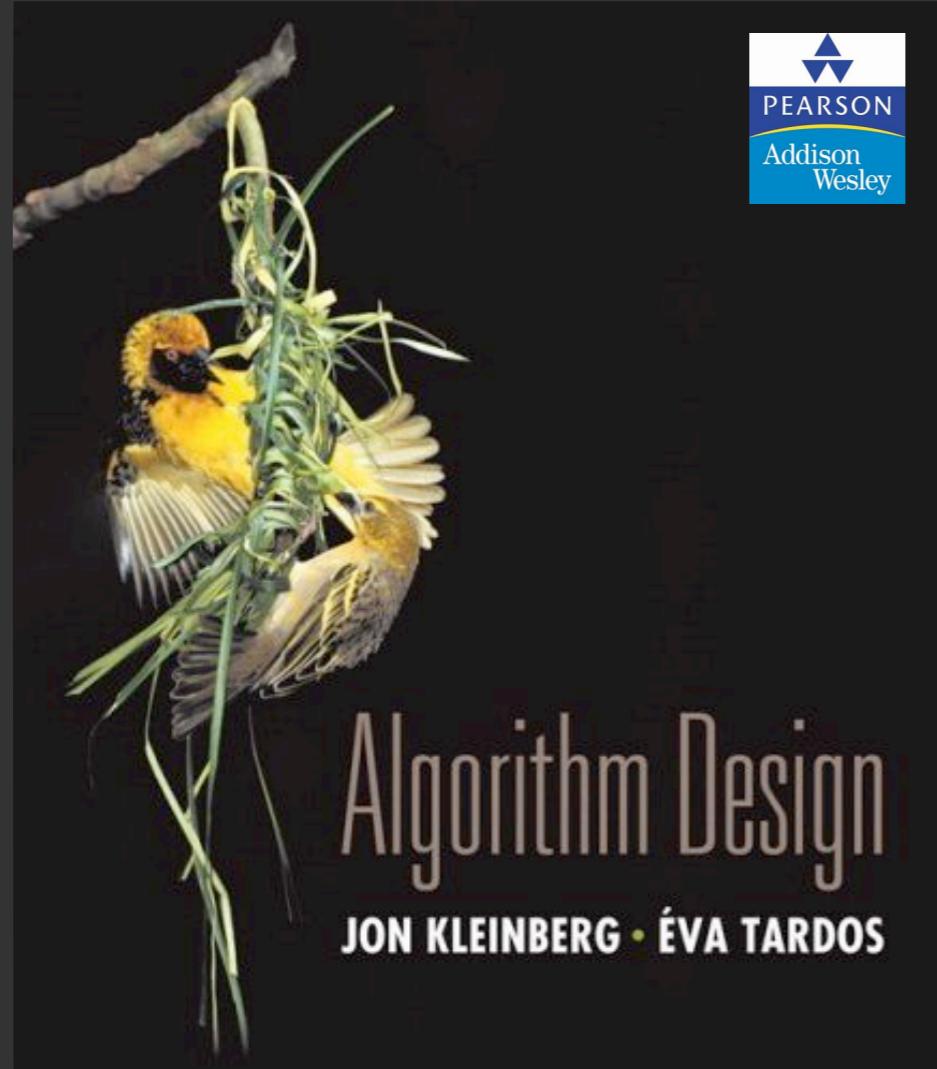
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- An element is compared with only its ancestors and descendants.
- $\Pr [ a_i \text{ and } a_j \text{ are compared} ] = 2 / |j - i + 1|$ .
- Expected number of compares  $= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=i+1}^N \frac{2}{j - i + 1} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=2}^{N-i+1} \frac{1}{j}$   

$$\leq 2N \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{j}$$
$$\sim 2N \int_{x=1}^N \frac{1}{x} dx$$
$$= 2N \ln N$$

**Remark.** Number of compares only decreases if equal elements.



## DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

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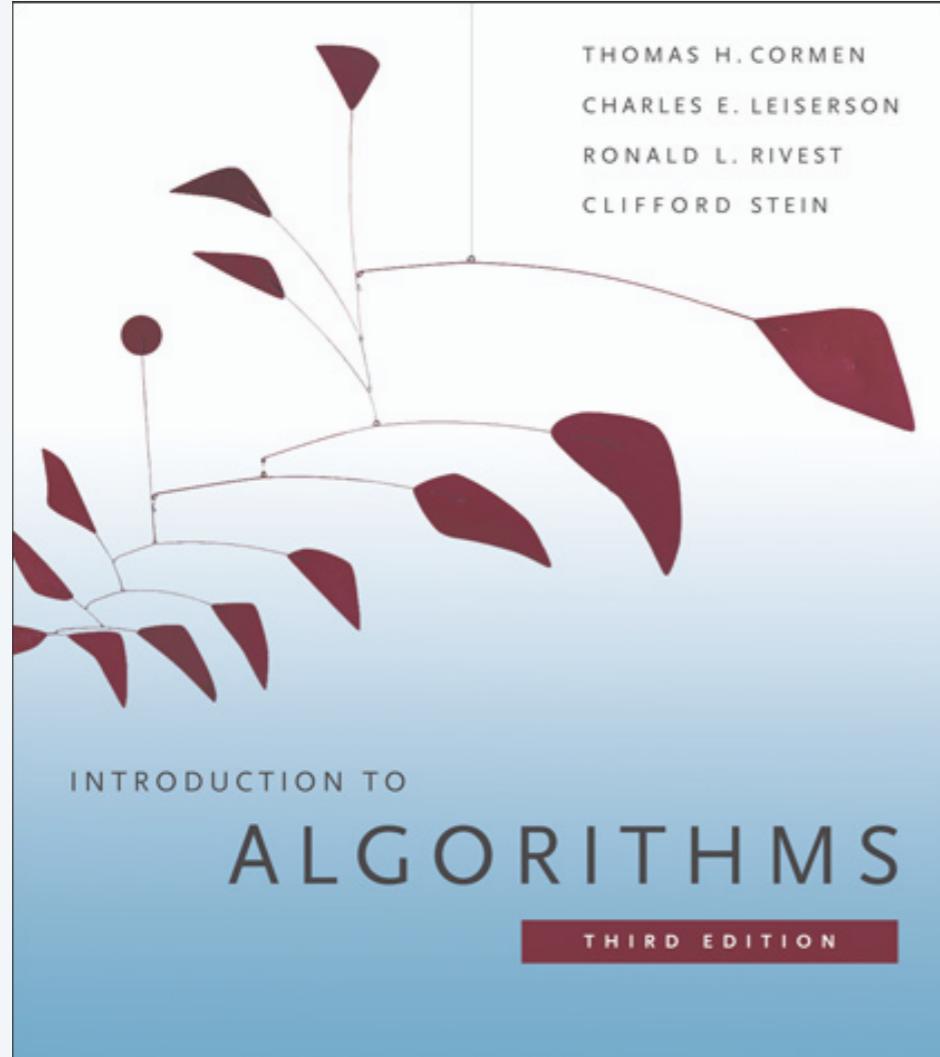
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SECTIONS 4.3–4.6

## DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

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- ▶ *master theorem*
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# Master method

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Goal. Recipe for solving common divide-and-conquer recurrences:

$$T(n) = a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

## Terms.

- $a \geq 1$  is the number of subproblems.
- $b > 0$  is the factor by which the subproblem size decreases.
- $f(n)$  = work to divide/merge subproblems.

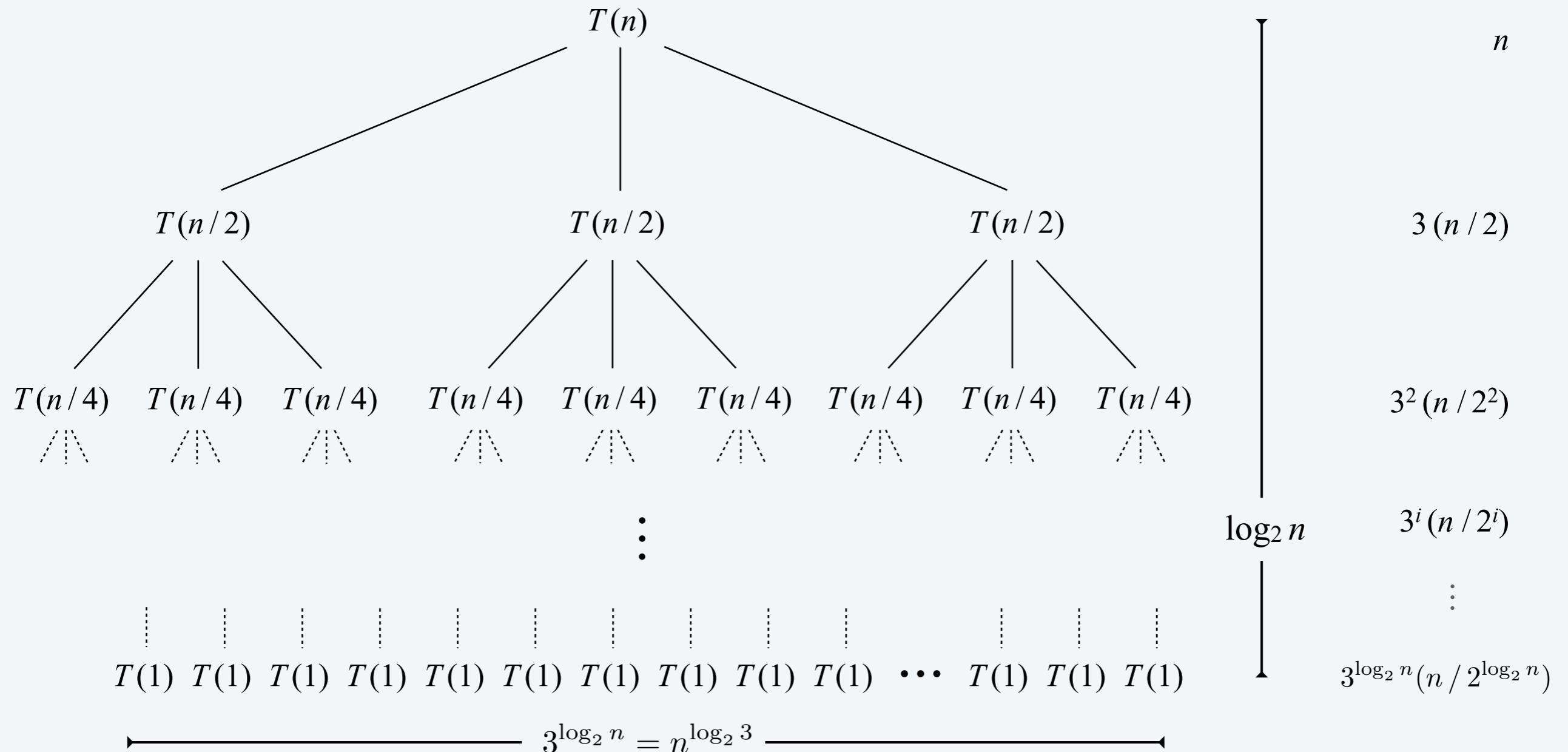
## Recursion tree.

- $k = \log_b n$  levels.
- $a^i$  = number of subproblems at level  $i$ .
- $n / b^i$  = size of subproblem at level  $i$ .

## Case 1: total cost dominated by cost of leaves

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**Ex 1.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies  $T(n) = 3 T(n / 2) + n$ , with  $T(1) = 1$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 3})$ .

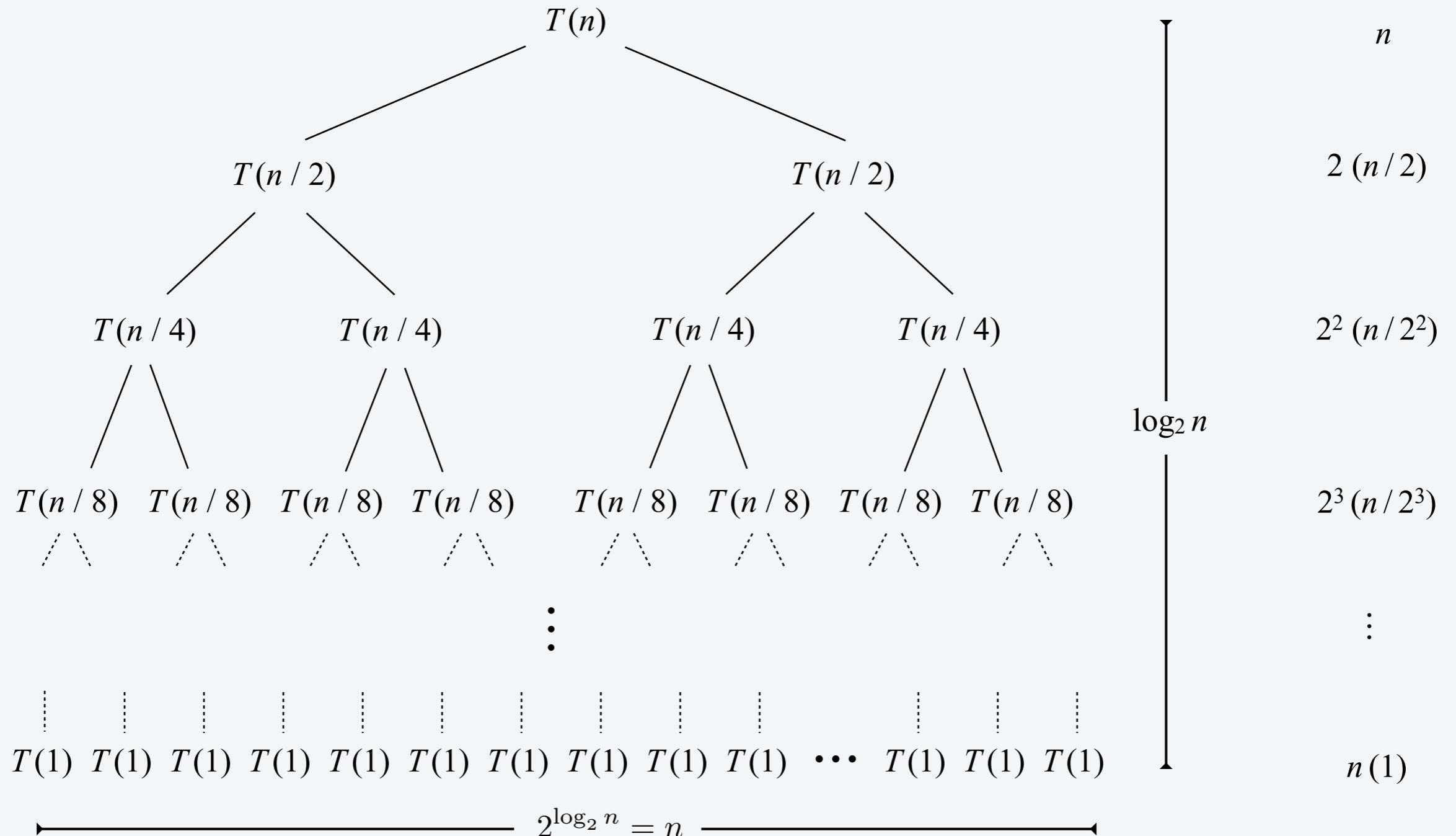


$$r = 3/2 > 1 \quad T(n) = (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{\log_2 n}) n = \frac{r^{1+\log_2 n} - 1}{r - 1} n = 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n$$

## Case 2: total cost evenly distributed among levels

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**Ex 2.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies  $T(n) = 2 T(n / 2) + n$ , with  $T(1) = 1$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ .



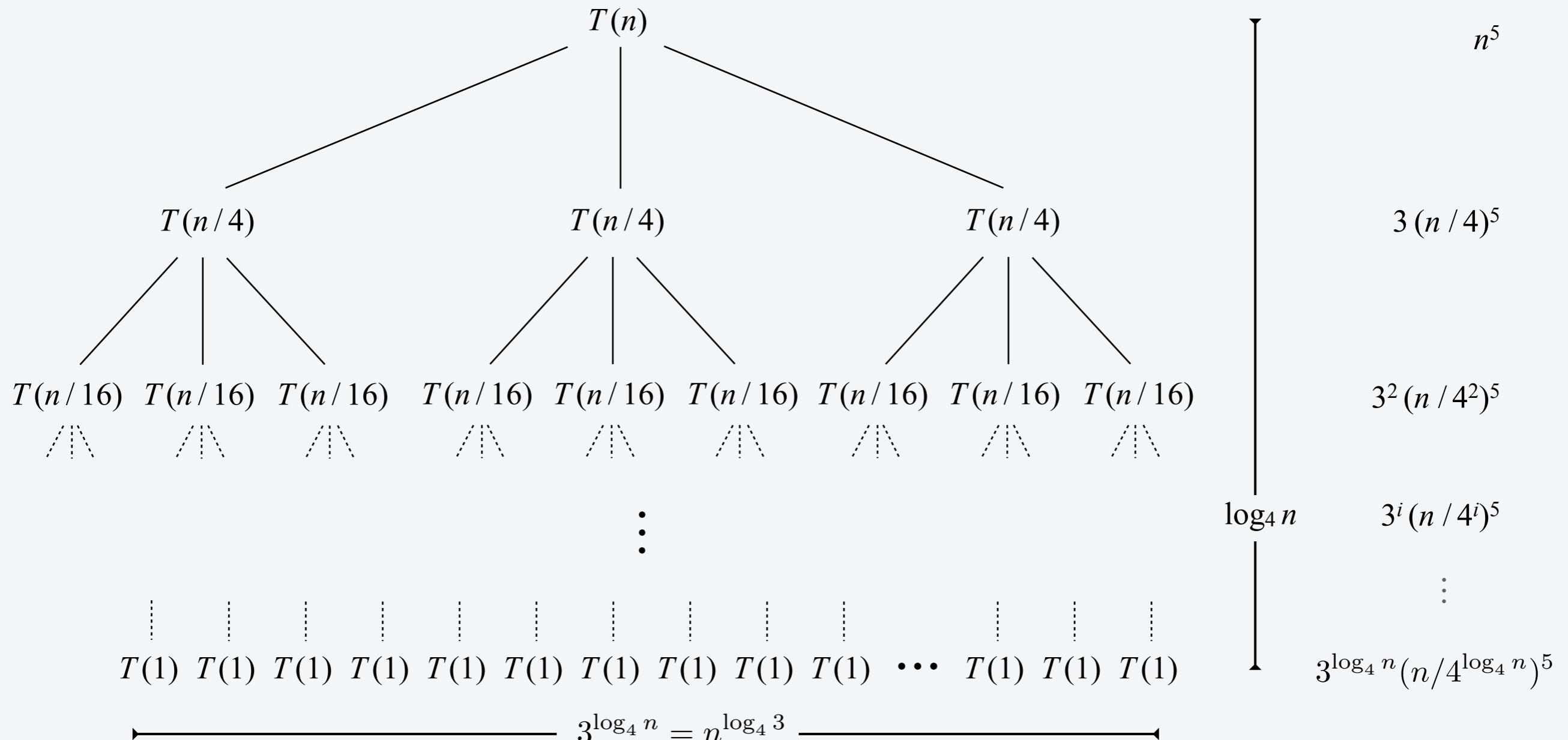
$$r = 1$$

$$T(n) = (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{\log_2 n}) n = n (\log_2 n + 1)$$

## Case 3: total cost dominated by cost of root

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**Ex 3.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies  $T(n) = 3 T(n / 4) + n^5$ , with  $T(1) = 1$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^5)$ .



$$r = 3 / 4^5 < 1 \quad n^5 \leq T(n) \leq (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots) n^5 \leq \frac{1}{1 - r} n^5$$

## Master theorem

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**Master theorem.** Suppose that  $T(n)$  is a function on the nonnegative integers that satisfies the recurrence

$$T(n) = a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

where  $n/b$  means either  $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$  or  $\lceil n/b \rceil$ . Let  $k = \log_b a$ . Then,

**Case 1.** If  $f(n) = O(n^{k-\varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^k)$ .

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 3 T(n / 2) + n$ .

- $a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = n$ ,  $k = \log_2 3$ .
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 3})$ .

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**Case 2.** If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^{p+1} n)$ .

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 2 T(n / 2) + \Theta(n \log n)$ .

- $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = 17n$ ,  $k = \log_2 2 = 1$ ,  $p = 1$ .
- $T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n)$ .

## Master theorem

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regularity condition holds  
if  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{k+\varepsilon})$

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

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 3 T(n/4) + n^5$ .

- $a = 3$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $f(n) = n^5$ ,  $k = \log_4 3$ .
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Pf sketch.

- Use recursion tree to sum up terms (assuming  $n$  is an exact power of  $b$ ).
- Three cases for geometric series.
- Deal with floors and ceilings.

## Akra-Bazzi theorem

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**Desiderata.** Generalizes master theorem to divide-and-conquer algorithms where subproblems have substantially different sizes.

**Theorem.** [Akra-Bazzi] Given constants  $a_i > 0$  and  $0 < b_i \leq 1$ , functions  $h_i(n) = O(n / \log^2 n)$  and  $g(n) = O(n^c)$ , if the function  $T(n)$  satisfies the recurrence:

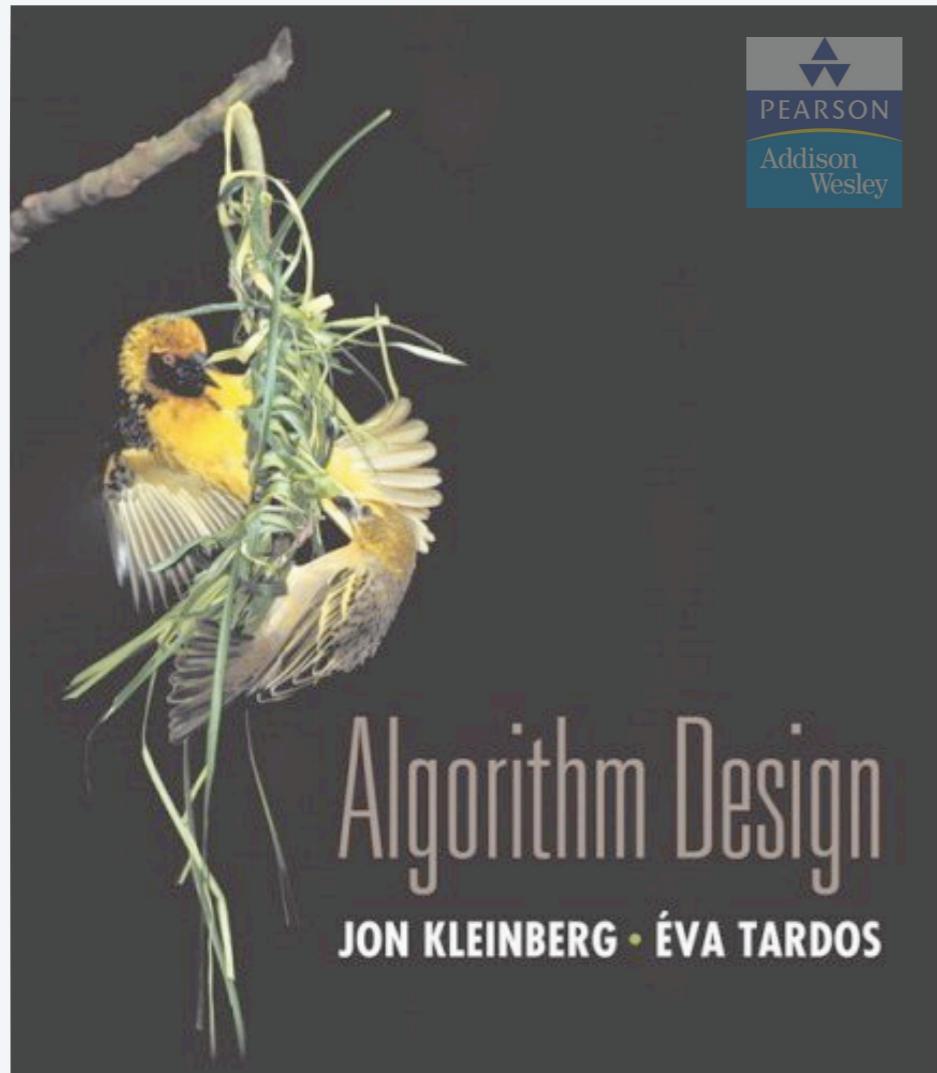
$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(b_i n + h_i(n)) + g(n)$$

↑  
a<sub>i</sub> subproblems  
of size b<sub>i</sub> n      ↑  
small perturbation to handle  
floors and ceilings

Then  $T(n) = \Theta\left(n^p \left(1 + \int_1^n \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du\right)\right)$  where  $p$  satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^p = 1$ .

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 7/4 T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil 3/4 n \rceil) + n^2$ .

- $a_1 = 7/4, b_1 = 1/2, a_2 = 1, b_2 = 3/4 \Rightarrow p = 2$ .
- $h_1(n) = \lfloor 1/2 n \rfloor - 1/2 n, h_2(n) = \lceil 3/4 n \rceil - 3/4 n$ .
- $g(n) = n^2 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$ .



## SECTION 5.5

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

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- ▶ *master theorem*
- ▶ *integer multiplication*
- ▶ *matrix multiplication*
- ▶ *convolution and FFT*

# Integer addition

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Addition. Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a + b$ .

Subtraction. Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a - b$ .

Grade-school algorithm.  $\Theta(n)$  bit operations.

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
+	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

Remark. Grade-school addition and subtraction algorithms are asymptotically optimal.

# Integer multiplication

**Multiplication.** Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a \times b$ .

Grade-school algorithm.  $\Theta(n^2)$  bit operations.

**Conjecture.** [Kolmogorov 1952] Grade-school algorithm is optimal.

**Theorem.** [Karatsuba 1960] Conjecture is wrong.

# Divide-and-conquer multiplication

To multiply two  $n$ -bit integers  $x$  and  $y$ :

- Divide  $x$  and  $y$  into low- and high-order bits.
- Multiply four  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, recursively.
- Add and shift to obtain result.

$$m = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$$

$$a = \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor \quad b = x \bmod 2^m$$

$$c = \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor \quad d = y \bmod 2^m$$

use bit shifting  
to compute 4 terms

$$(2^m a + b) (2^m c + d) = 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

1                  2                  3                  4

Ex.  $x = 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1$      $y = 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1$

$\underbrace{\phantom{000}}_a$      $\underbrace{\phantom{000}}_b$        $\underbrace{\phantom{000}}_c$      $\underbrace{\phantom{000}}_d$

# Divide-and-conquer multiplication

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**MULTIPLY**( $x, y, n$ )

**IF** ( $n = 1$ )

**RETURN**  $x \times y$ .

**ELSE**

$m \leftarrow \lceil n / 2 \rceil$ .

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor$ ;    $b \leftarrow x \bmod 2^m$ .

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor$ ;    $d \leftarrow y \bmod 2^m$ .

$e \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$ .

$f \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$ .

$g \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, c, m)$ .

$h \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, d, m)$ .

**RETURN**  $2^{2m} e + 2^m (g + h) + f$ .

## Divide-and-conquer multiplication analysis

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**Proposition.** The divide-and-conquer multiplication algorithm requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  bit operations to multiply two  $n$ -bit integers.

**Pf.** Apply case 1 of the master theorem to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

# Karatsuba trick

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To compute middle term  $bc + ad$ , use identity:

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

$$m = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$$

$$a = \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor \quad b = x \bmod 2^m$$

$$c = \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor \quad d = y \bmod 2^m$$

$$(2^m a + b) (2^m c + d) = 2^{2m} ac + \underline{2^m (bc + ad)} + bd$$

$$= 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (ac + bd - (a - b)(c - d)) + bd$$

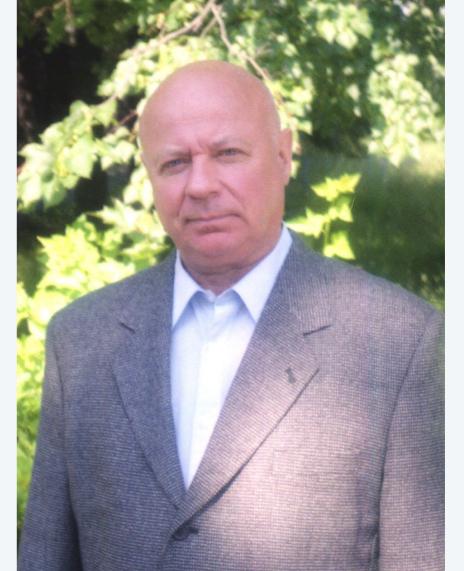
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1

3

2

3



Bottom line. Only three multiplication of  $n/2$ -bit integers.

# Karatsuba multiplication

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**KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY**( $x, y, n$ )

IF ( $n = 1$ )

RETURN  $x \times y$ .

ELSE

$m \leftarrow \lceil n / 2 \rceil$ .

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor$ ;  $b \leftarrow x \bmod 2^m$ .

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor$ ;  $d \leftarrow y \bmod 2^m$ .

$e \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$ .

$f \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$ .

$g \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(a - b, c - d, m)$ .

RETURN  $2^{2m} e + 2^m (e + f - g) + f$ .

## Karatsuba analysis

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**Proposition.** Karatsuba's algorithm requires  $O(n^{1.585})$  bit operations to multiply two  $n$ -bit integers.

**Pf.** Apply case 1 of the master theorem to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 3}) = O(n^{1.585}).$$

**Practice.** Faster than grade-school algorithm for about 320-640 bits.

# Integer arithmetic reductions

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Integer multiplication. Given two  $n$ -bit integers, compute their product.

problem	arithmetic	running time
integer multiplication	$a \times b$	$\Theta(M(n))$
integer division	$a / b, a \bmod b$	$\Theta(M(n))$
integer square	$a^2$	$\Theta(M(n))$
integer square root	$\lfloor \sqrt{a} \rfloor$	$\Theta(M(n))$

integer arithmetic problems with the same complexity as integer multiplication

# History of asymptotic complexity of integer multiplication

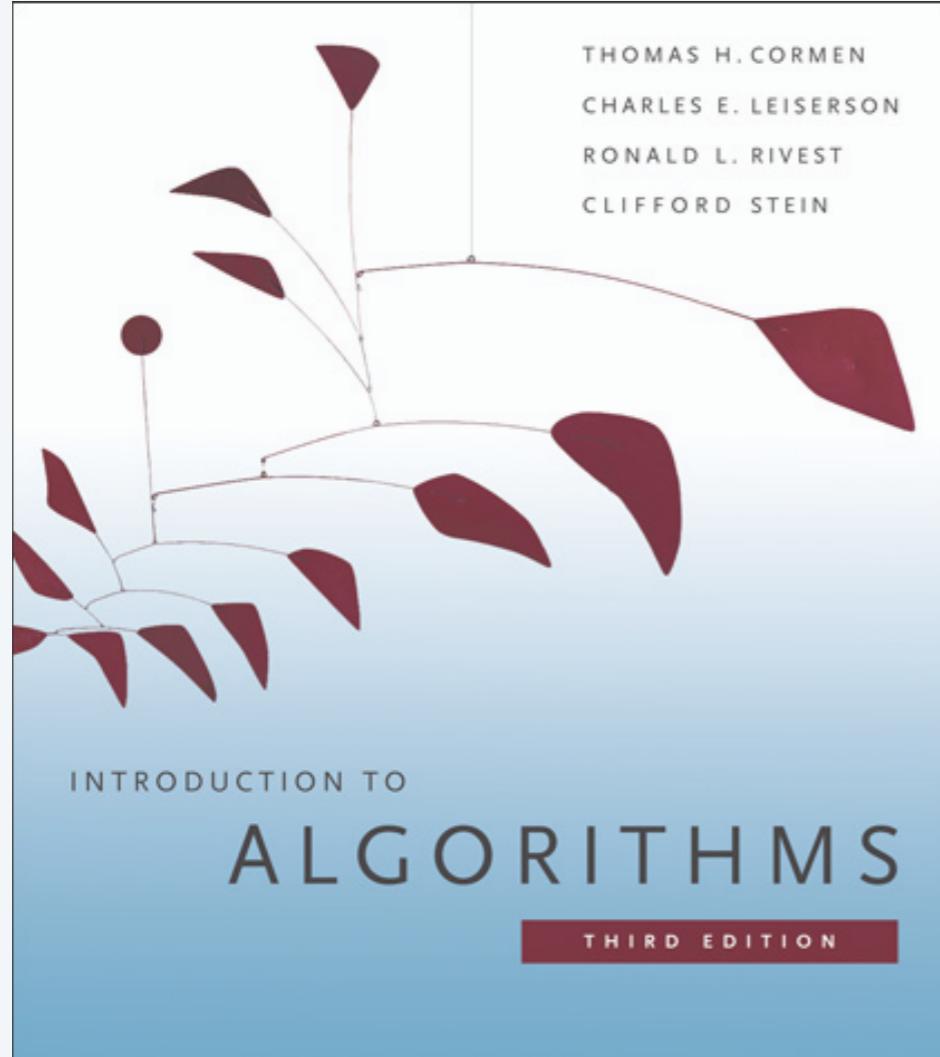
year	algorithm	order of growth
?	brute force	$\Theta(n^2)$
1962	Karatsuba-Ofman	$\Theta(n^{1.585})$
1963	Toom-3, Toom-4	$\Theta(n^{1.465}), \Theta(n^{1.404})$
1966	Toom-Cook	$\Theta(n^{1+\varepsilon})$
1971	Schönhage–Strassen	$\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$
2007	Fürer	$n \log n 2^{O(\log^* n)}$
?	?	$\Theta(n)$

number of bit operations to multiply two  $n$ -bit integers

used in Maple, Mathematica, gcc, cryptography, ...

Remark. GNU Multiple Precision Library uses one of five different algorithm depending on size of operands.





## SECTION 4.2

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

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- ▶ *master theorem*
- ▶ *integer multiplication*
- ▶ *matrix multiplication*
- ▶ *convolution and FFT*

## Dot product

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Dot product. Given two length  $n$  vectors  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $c = a \cdot b$ .

Grade-school.  $\Theta(n)$  arithmetic operations.

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

$$a = [ .70 \quad .20 \quad .10 ]$$

$$b = [ .30 \quad .40 \quad .30 ]$$

$$a \cdot b = (.70 \times .30) + (.20 \times .40) + (.10 \times .30) = .32$$

Remark. Grade-school dot product algorithm is asymptotically optimal.

# Matrix multiplication

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**Matrix multiplication.** Given two  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , compute  $C = AB$ .

**Grade-school.**  $\Theta(n^3)$  arithmetic operations.

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} .59 & .32 & .41 \\ .31 & .36 & .25 \\ .45 & .31 & .42 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .70 & .20 & .10 \\ .30 & .60 & .10 \\ .50 & .10 & .40 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} .80 & .30 & .50 \\ .10 & .40 & .10 \\ .10 & .30 & .40 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q.** Is grade-school matrix multiplication algorithm asymptotically optimal?

# Block matrix multiplication

$$\begin{matrix} C_{11} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \quad \quad \quad \begin{matrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \end{matrix} \quad \quad \quad \begin{matrix} B_{11} \\ \downarrow \end{matrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 152 & 158 & 164 & 170 \\ 504 & 526 & 548 & 570 \\ \hline 856 & 894 & 932 & 970 \\ 1208 & 1262 & 1316 & 1370 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \end{array} \right] \times \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 \\ 20 & 21 & 22 & 23 \\ \hline 24 & 25 & 26 & 27 \\ 28 & 29 & 30 & 31 \end{array} \right]$$

$$C_{11} = A_{11} \times B_{11} + A_{12} \times B_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 17 \\ 20 & 21 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 25 \\ 28 & 29 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 152 & 158 \\ 504 & 526 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix multiplication: warmup

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To multiply two  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ :

- Divide: partition  $A$  and  $B$  into  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  blocks.
- Conquer: multiply 8 pairs of  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  matrices, recursively.
- Combine: add appropriate products using 4 matrix additions.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= (A_{11} \times B_{11}) + (A_{12} \times B_{21}) \\ C_{12} &= (A_{11} \times B_{12}) + (A_{12} \times B_{22}) \\ C_{21} &= (A_{21} \times B_{11}) + (A_{22} \times B_{21}) \\ C_{22} &= (A_{21} \times B_{12}) + (A_{22} \times B_{22}) \end{aligned}$$

Running time. Apply case 1 of Master Theorem.

$$T(n) = \underbrace{8T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, form submatrices}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

## Strassen's trick

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**Key idea.** multiply 2-by-2 blocks with only **7** multiplications.  
(plus 11 additions and 7 subtractions)

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

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

$$C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7$$

$$P_1 \leftarrow A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$P_2 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$P_3 \leftarrow (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11}$$

$$P_4 \leftarrow A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$P_5 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$P_6 \leftarrow (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$P_7 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})$$

Pf.  $C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$

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

$$= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark$$

# Strassen's algorithm

assume  $n$  is  
a power of 2

**STRASSEN**( $n, A, B$ )

IF ( $n = 1$ ) RETURN  $A \times B$ .

Partition  $A$  and  $B$  into 2-by-2 block matrices.

$P_1 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, A_{11}, (B_{12} - B_{22})).$

$P_2 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} + A_{12}), B_{22}).$

$P_3 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{21} + A_{22}), B_{11}).$

$P_4 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, A_{22}, (B_{21} - B_{11})).$

$P_5 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})).$

$P_6 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})).$

$P_7 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})).$

$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6.$

$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2.$

$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4.$

$C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7.$

RETURN  $C$ .

keep track of indices of submatrices  
(don't copy matrix entries)

# Analysis of Strassen's algorithm

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**Theorem.** Strassen's algorithm requires  $O(n^{2.81})$  arithmetic operations to multiply two  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices.

**Pf.** Apply case 1 of the master theorem to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \underbrace{7T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, subtract}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

**Q.** What if  $n$  is not a power of 2?

**A.** Could pad matrices with zeros.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 0 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 84 & 90 & 96 & 0 \\ 201 & 216 & 231 & 0 \\ 318 & 342 & 366 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Strassen's algorithm: practice

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## Implementation issues.

- Sparsity.
- Caching effects.
- Numerical stability.
- Odd matrix dimensions.
- Crossover to classical algorithm when  $n$  is "small".

Common misperception. “*Strassen is only a theoretical curiosity.*”

- Apple reports 8x speedup on G4 Velocity Engine when  $n \approx 2,048$ .
- Range of instances where it's useful is a subject of controversy.

# Linear algebra reductions

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**Matrix multiplication.** Given two  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices, compute their product.

problem	linear algebra	order of growth
matrix multiplication	$A \times B$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
matrix inversion	$A^{-1}$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
determinant	$ A $	$\Theta(MM(n))$
system of linear equations	$Ax = b$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
LU decomposition	$A = L U$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
least squares	$\min \ Ax - b\ _2$	$\Theta(MM(n))$

numerical linear algebra problems with the same complexity as matrix multiplication

## Fast matrix multiplication: theory

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Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 7 scalar multiplications?

A. Yes! [Strassen 1969]

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.807})$$

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 6 scalar multiplications?

A. Impossible. [Hopcroft and Kerr 1971]

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 6}) = O(n^{2.59})$$

Q. Multiply two 3-by-3 matrices with 21 scalar multiplications?

A. Unknown.

$$\Theta(n^{\log_3 21}) = O(n^{2.77})$$

Begun, the decimal wars have. [Pan, Bini et al, Schönhage, ...]

- Two 20-by-20 matrices with 4,460 scalar multiplications.  $O(n^{2.805})$
- Two 48-by-48 matrices with 47,217 scalar multiplications.  $O(n^{2.7801})$
- A year later.  $O(n^{2.7799})$
- December 1979.  $O(n^{2.521813})$
- January 1980.  $O(n^{2.521801})$

# History of asymptotic complexity of matrix multiplication

year	algorithm	order of growth
?	brute force	$O(n^3)$
1969	Strassen	$O(n^{2.808})$
1978	Pan	$O(n^{2.796})$
1979	Bini	$O(n^{2.780})$
1981	Schönhage	$O(n^{2.522})$
1982	Romani	$O(n^{2.517})$
1982	Coppersmith-Winograd	$O(n^{2.496})$
1986	Strassen	$O(n^{2.479})$
1989	Coppersmith-Winograd	$O(n^{2.376})$
2010	Strother	$O(n^{2.3737})$
2011	Williams	$O(n^{2.3727})$
?	?	$O(n^{2+\varepsilon})$

number of floating-point operations to multiply two n-by-n matrices