

Closest Pair (in the plane)

Given n points in the plane

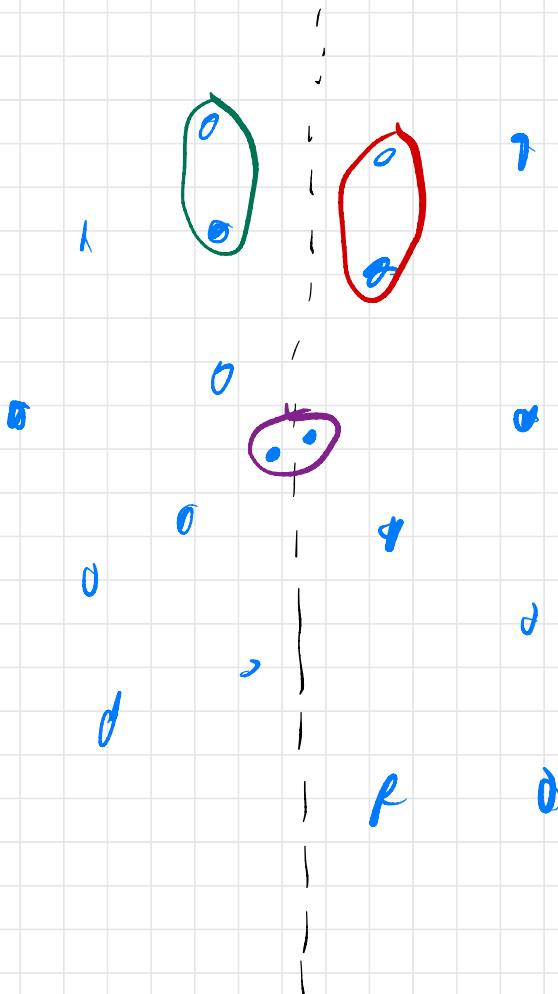
as two arrays $X[1..n]$
 $Y[1..n]$

i th point at $(X[i], Y[i])$



Goal: find closest pair
(distance only today)

Could check all pairs, but
 $\Theta(n^2)$ time!



Partition using vertical line
through median,

CLOSESTPAIR(X[1 .. n], Y[1 .. n]):

if $n \leq 3$

solve by brute force

$XL[1 .. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$ and $YL[1 .. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor] \leftarrow$ leftmost $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points

$\ell \leftarrow \text{CLOSESTPAIR}(XL[1 .. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor], YL[1 .. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor])$ *((Recurse!))*

$XR[1 .. \lceil n/2 \rceil]$ and $YR[1 .. \lceil n/2 \rceil] \leftarrow$ rightmost $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points

$r \leftarrow \text{CLOSESTPAIR}(XR[1 .. \lceil n/2 \rceil], YR[1 .. \lceil n/2 \rceil])$ *((Recurse!))*

$m \leftarrow \infty$ *((Find closest pair between two halves))*

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

 for $j \leftarrow 1$ to $\lceil n/2 \rceil$

 if $\text{DISTANCE}(XL[i], YL[i], XR[j], YR[j]) < m$

$m \leftarrow \text{DISTANCE}(XL[i], YL[i], XR[j], YR[j])$

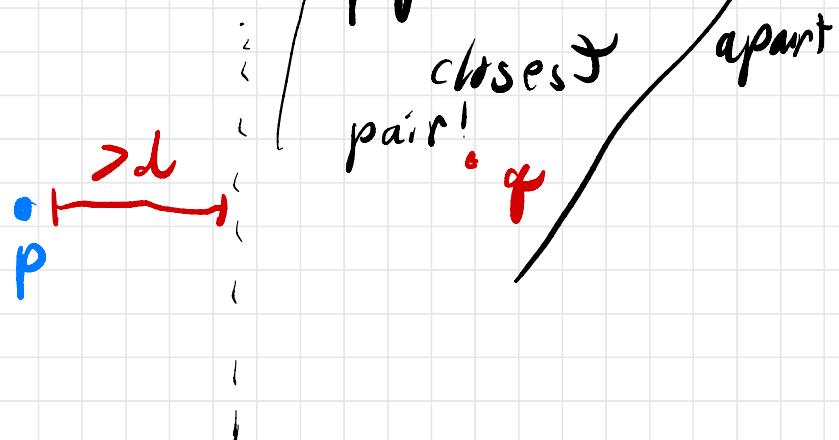
return $\min\{\ell, r, m\}$

$\Theta(n^2)$

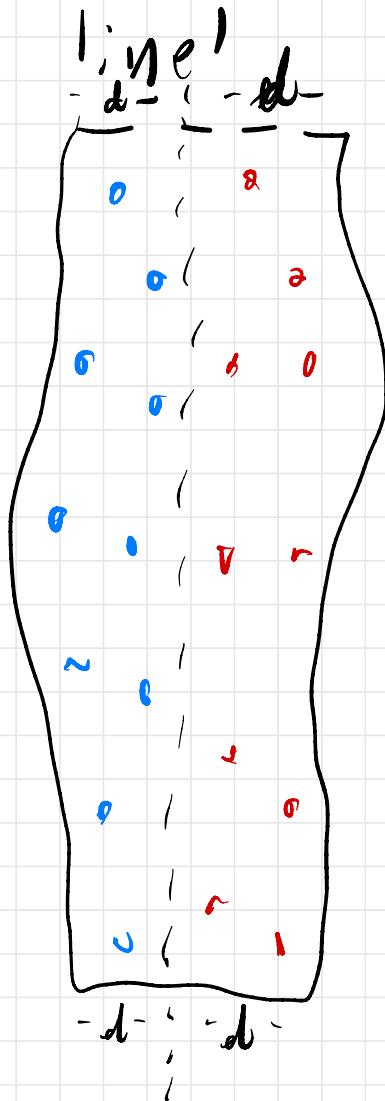
$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$= \Theta(n^2)$ IS closest pair

$d = \min\{\ell, r\}$ sides they are $\leq d$

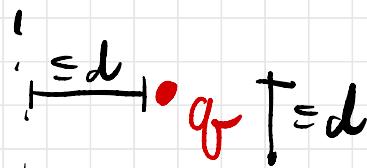


So only check pairs with
points distance $\leq d$ from
vertical line¹



But maybe all points are that
close!

in closest
pair Δp



other member

$\leq d$ units

above or below

$p!$

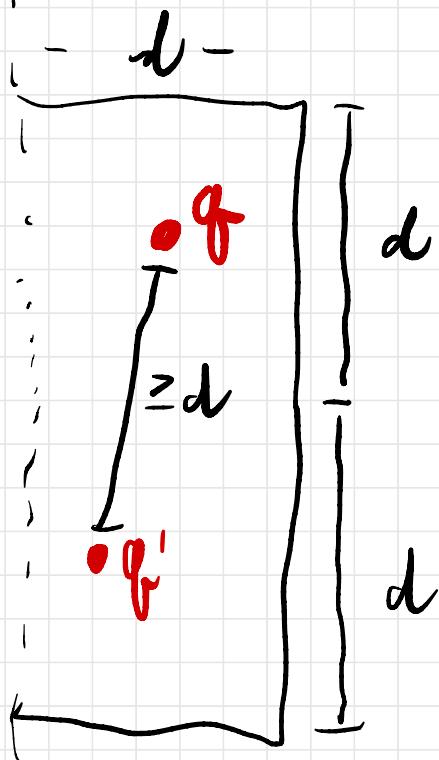
\Rightarrow it lies in
a $d \times 2d$
rectangle.

left side p

on median

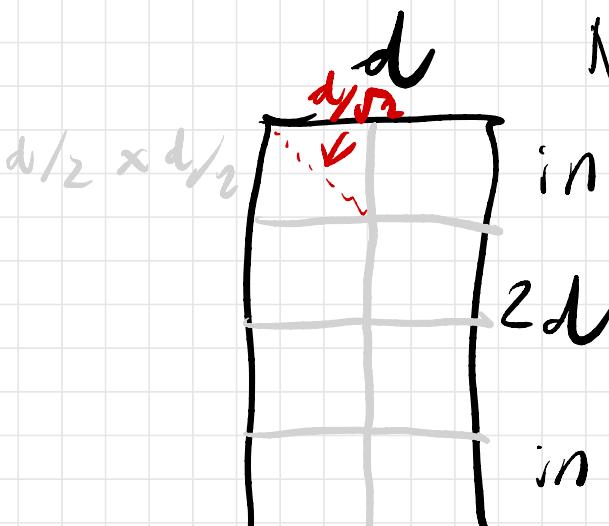
vertical line

vertically aligned
with p at center



A $d \times 2d$ rect holds ≤ 6 points of pairwise distance $\geq d$. (packing argument)

Proof of ≤ 8 :



No two points in a $d/2 \times d/2$ square.

So ≤ 8 points in $2d \times d$ rect.



$$\begin{aligned}(d/2) \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ = d/\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

Loop over points p by increasing y-coor.

Keep a finger on lowest q in current box.



So vertically scanning both sides.

Sort ahead at top level call.

CLOSESTPAIRFAST($X[1..n]$, $Y[1..n]$):

 {{Assumes points come pre-sorted by y-coordinate}}

 if $n \leq 3$

 solve by brute force

$XL[1..[n/2]]$ and $YL[1..[n/2]] \leftarrow$ leftmost $[n/2]$ points

$\ell \leftarrow \text{CLOSESTPAIRFAST}(XL[1..[n/2]], YL[1..[n/2]])$ {{Recurse!}}

$XR[1..[n/2]]$ and $YR[1..[n/2]] \leftarrow$ rightmost $[n/2]$ points

$r \leftarrow \text{CLOSESTPAIRFAST}(XR[1..[n/2]], YR[1..[n/2]])$ {{Recurse!}}

$d \leftarrow \min\{\ell, r\}$

 {{Find closest pair between two halves}}

$XL'[1..k]$ and $YL'[1..k] \leftarrow$ subset of leftmost $[n/2]$ points with x -coordinate $\geq XR[1] - d$

$XR'[1..o]$ and $YR'[1..o] \leftarrow$ subset of rightmost $[n/2]$ points with x -coordinate $\leq XR[1] + d$

$m \leftarrow \infty$

$j_{\min} \leftarrow 1$

 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to k

 while $j_{\min} \leq o$ and $YR'[j_{\min}] < YL'[i] - d$

$j_{\min} \leftarrow j_{\min} + 1$

$j \leftarrow j_{\min}$

 while $j \leq o$ and $YR'[j] \leq YL'[i] + d$

 if $\text{DISTANCE}(XL'[i], YL'[i], XR'[j], YR'[j]) < m$

$m \leftarrow \text{DISTANCE}(XL'[i], YL'[i], XR'[j], YR'[j])$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

 return $\min\{\ell, r, m\}$

$O(n)$ increments
TOTAL
 $O(8)$ time

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + O(n) \\ &\leq O(n \log n) = \underset{\uparrow}{O}(n^2) \\ &\quad \text{little-oh} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication

m : a non-neg. integer

Given $x \cdot y$ let a, b, c, d s.t.

$$x = (10^m a + b)$$

$$y = (10^m c + d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot y &= 10^{2m} ac + 10^m (bc + ad) \\ &\quad + bd \end{aligned}$$

SPLITMULTIPLY(x, y, n):

if $n = 1$

return $x \cdot y$

else

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

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x/10^m \rfloor; b \leftarrow x \bmod 10^m$

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y/10^m \rfloor; d \leftarrow y \bmod 10^m$

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

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

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

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

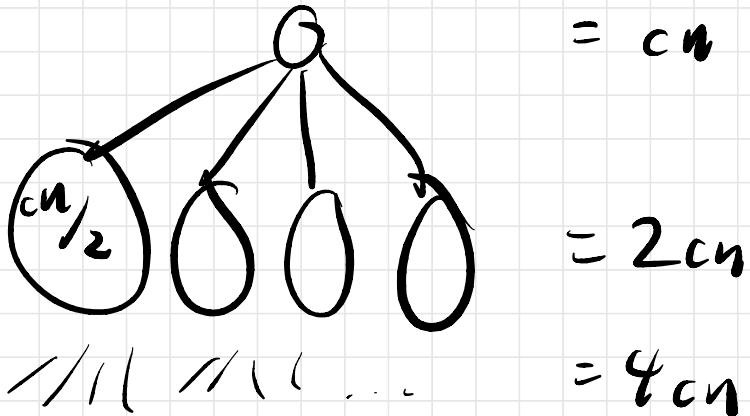
return $10^{2m}e + 10^m(g + h) + f$

$\nwarrow x \cdot y$ have $\leq n$
digits

$\langle\langle x = 10^m a + b \rangle\rangle$

$\langle\langle y = 10^m c + d \rangle\rangle$

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



$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 4}) = O(n^2)$$

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

FASTMULTIPLY(x, y, n):

if $n = 1$

return $x \cdot y$

else

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

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x/10^m \rfloor; b \leftarrow x \bmod 10^m$

$\langle\langle x = 10^m a + b \rangle\rangle$

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y/10^m \rfloor; d \leftarrow y \bmod 10^m$

$\langle\langle y = 10^m c + d \rangle\rangle$

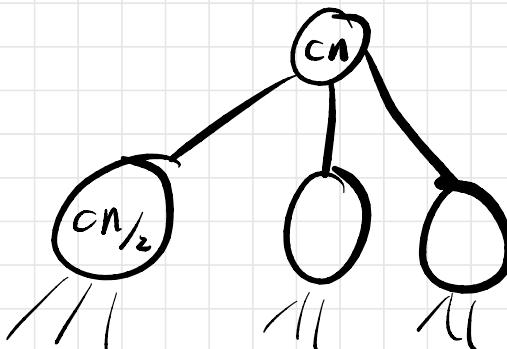
$e \leftarrow \text{FASTMULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$

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

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

return $10^{2m}e + 10^m(e + f - g) + f$

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



$$cn$$

$$\frac{3cn}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{9}{4}cn\right)$$

$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.59})$$

$$\Leftarrow \text{leaves} = 3^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 3} = o(n^2)$$

Harvey + van der Hoeven [‘20]

$$: O(n \log n)$$