

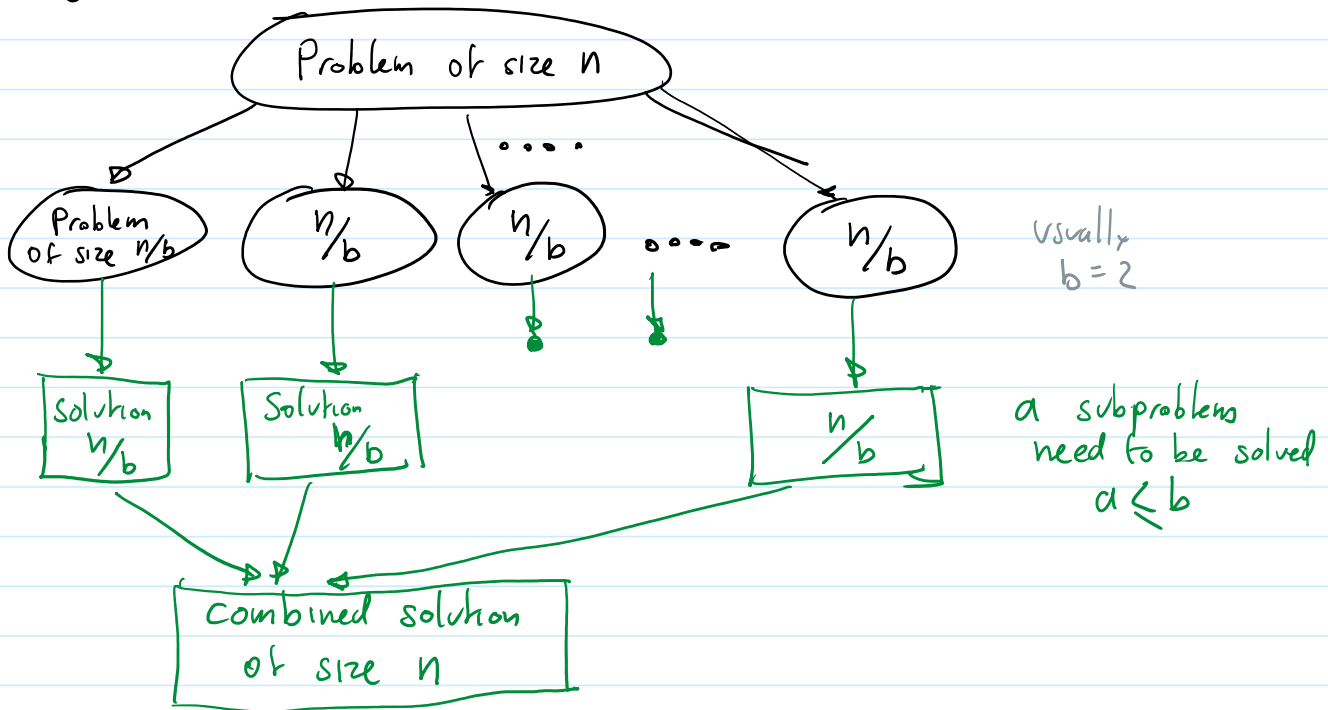
7 Divide and Conquer

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The basic strategy

- 1.- Divide the problem into several subproblems
 - ideally of the same size
 - usually 2
- 2.- the subproblems are solved
 - usually recursively.
- 3.- the solutions to the subproblems are combined to get a solution to the original problem.

Diagram:



Note: Some of the most important are of this kind

Example: Sum of an Array.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{sum}(A[a..n-1]) \\ &= \text{sum}(A[a.. \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]) + \text{sum}(A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \dots n-1]) \end{aligned}$$

Base-Case

$$\text{sum}([x]) = x \quad \text{size } A = 1$$

- Same number of additions required.

Divide-and-Conquer is good, but not always leads to a better solution.

Analysis: basic-operation: $\rightarrow$ recombination.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A(n) = 2 \cdot A\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 \\ A(1) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{recurrence.}$$

- Analysis Framework for Divide and conquer algorithms.

Divide and conquer will lead to recurrences:

- input of size n
- divided into b parts of equal size.
- a parts that need to be solved
- the cost of recombination being $f(n)$

The general formula is

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

"General divide and conquer recurrence"

Let n be a power of b $n = b^k$ $k = \log_b n$

$$T(b^k) = a \cdot T(b^{k-1}) + f(b^k)$$

$$T(b^{k-1}) = a \cdot T(b^{k-2}) + f(b^{k-1})$$

$$= a \left[a \cdot T(b^{k-2}) + f(b^{k-1}) \right] + f(b^k)$$

$$= a^2 \cdot T(b^{k-2}) + a \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + f(b^k)$$

$$= a^2 \cdot \left[a \cdot T(b^{k-3}) + f(b^{k-2}) \right] + a \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + f(b^k)$$

$$= a^3 \cdot T(b^{k-3}) + a^2 \cdot f(b^{k-2}) + a \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + f(b^k)$$

after i substitutions

$$= a^i \cdot T(b^{k-i}) + a^{i-1} \cdot f(b^{k-i+1}) + a^{i-2} \cdot f(b^{k-i+2}) + \dots + a^1 \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + f(b^k)$$

Let $i = k$

$$= a^k \cdot T(1) + a^{k-1} \cdot f(b^1) + a^{k-2} \cdot f(b^2) + a^{k-3} \cdot f(b^3) + \dots + a^1 \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + a^0 \cdot f(b^k)$$

$$= a^k \cdot f(1) + \frac{a^k}{a} \cdot f(b^1) + \frac{a^k}{a^2} \cdot f(b^2) + \frac{a^k}{a^3} \cdot f(b^3) + \dots + \frac{a^k}{a^{k-1}} \cdot f(b^{k-1}) + \frac{a^k}{a^k} \cdot f(b^k)$$

$$= a^k \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{f(b^j)}{a^j} \right]$$

$$a^k = a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$$

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} \left[T(1) + \sum_{j=1}^{\log_b n} f(b^j) / a^j \right].$$

What impacts the order of growth of $T(n)$:

- the value of b
- the value of a
- the order of growth of $f(n)$

The Master theorem:

Given a recurrence:

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

If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ where $d \geq 0$ then

$$T(n) \in \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \quad (1) \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \quad (2) \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \quad (3) \end{cases}$$

apply:

$$A(n) = 2 \cdot A\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$A(1) = 0$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 2$$

$$d = 0$$

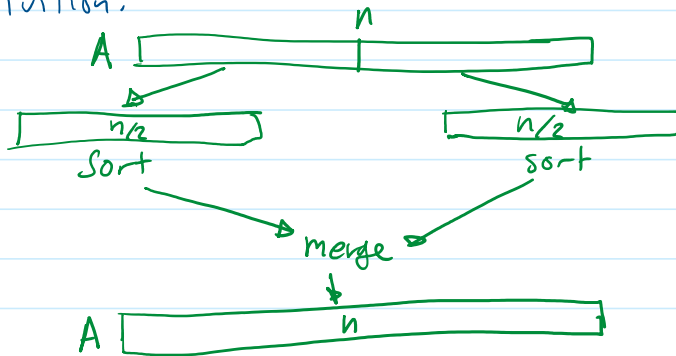
$$f(n) = 1 \in \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^0)$$

$$a > b^d$$

$$A(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2}) = \Theta(n)$$

• Merge Sort

Intuition:



Pseudocode MergeSort($A[0 \dots n-1]$)

if $n > 1$

copy $A[0 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$ to $B[0 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$

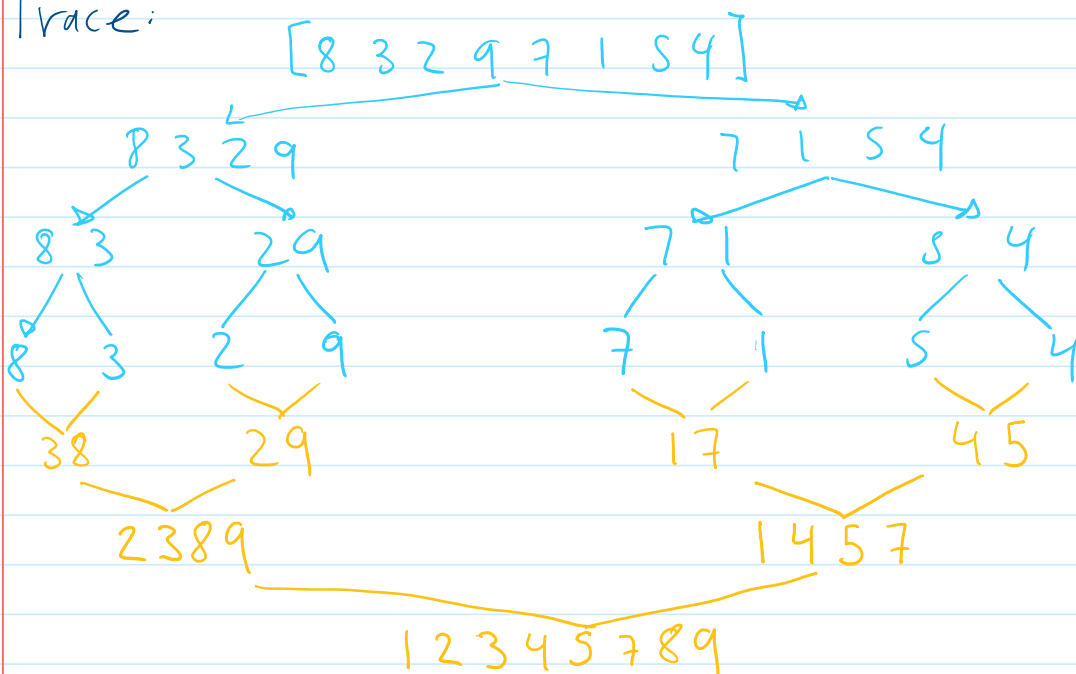
Copy $A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \dots n-1]$ to $C[0 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$

MergeSort(B)

MergeSort(C)

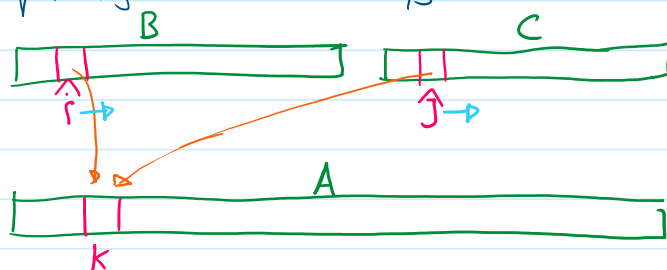
Merge(B, C, A)

Trace:



Merge:

Comparing two ^{sorted} arrays



FUNCTION Merge($B[0..p-1], C[0..q-1], A[0..p+q-1]$)

$i \leftarrow 0; j \leftarrow 0; k \leftarrow 0;$

WHILE $i < p$ and $j < q$ DO

IF $B[i] < C[j]$ then

$A[k] \leftarrow B[i]$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

ELSE

$A[k] \leftarrow C[j]$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

IF $i = p$ THEN

copy $C[j..q-1]$ to $A[k..p+q-1]$

ELSE

copy $B[i..p-1]$ to $A[k..p+q-1]$

MergeSort is cool 😎

⊕ in "Stable": elements of same value retain their position relative to each other.

⊖ needs extra storage:

Analysis:

basic operation: $<$ comparison.

$$C(n) = 2 \cdot C\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + T_{\text{merge}}(n)$$

$$T_{\text{merge}}(n) = n - 1$$

$$C(n) = 2 \cdot C\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n - 1$$

Apply Masters theorem:

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 1, c = \Theta(n^{-1}), d = 1$$

Apply Masters Theorem:

$$a=2$$
$$b=2$$

$$n-1 \in \Theta(n^1) \quad d=1$$

then

$$a = b^d \quad 2 = 2^1$$

then.

$$C(n) \in \Theta(n^d \cdot \log n) = n \cdot \log n$$

Merge Sort is better!!

How much better.

n	bubble sort	merge Sort
100	10,000	665
10,000	100,000,000	132,880

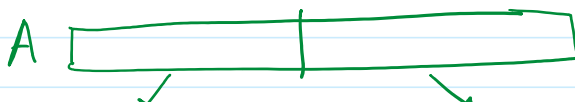
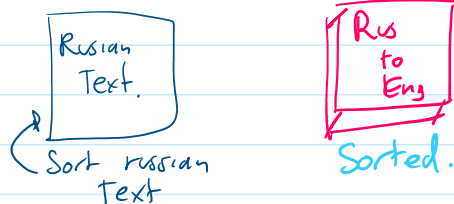
n^2 algorithms are deceptive:
useful for small inputs.
but they eventually explode

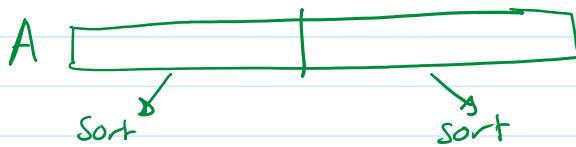
• Quick Sort

'60 C.A.R Hoare
"Tony"



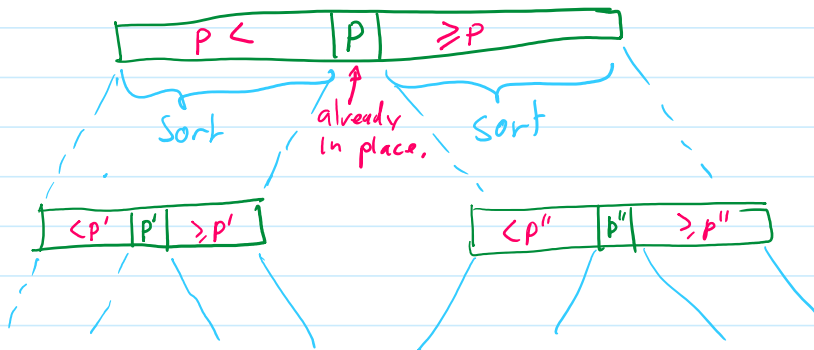
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But: How can we avoid merging?

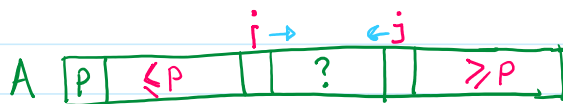
The solution is partition:



Algorithm QuickSort($A[l..r]$)
 IF $l < r$ then
 $s \leftarrow \text{partition}(A[l..r])$
 QuickSort($A[l..s-1]$)
 QuickSort($A[s+1..r]$)

= A new way of partitioning (Hoare Partition)

Intuition:



- if $A[i] \leq p$ then $i \leftarrow i+1$
- if $A[j] \geq p$ then $j \leftarrow j-1$

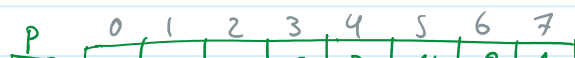
eventually: $A[i] > p$ and $A[j] < p$
 then swap($A[i], A[j]$)

When do we stop? $i = j$ or $j < i \therefore j \leq i$

FUNCTION Hoare Partition($A[l..r]$)

$p \leftarrow A[l]$
 $i \leftarrow l; j \leftarrow r+1$

Trace



$p \leftarrow A[l]$
 $i \leftarrow l; j \leftarrow r+1$

REPEAT

REPEAT $i \leftarrow i+1$ UNTIL $A[i] > p$ ★
 REPEAT $j \leftarrow j-1$ UNTIL $A[j] \leq p$
 swap($A[i], A[j]$)

UNTIL $j \leq i$

- swap($A[i], A[j]$)
- swap($A[l], A[j]$)

RETURN j

Trace

P	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	6	10	7	9	3	4	8	10
	$i \rightarrow$	$i \rightarrow$						$\leftarrow j$
	6	1	7	9	3	4	8	10
			$i \rightarrow$			$\leftarrow j$		
	6	1	4	9	3	7	8	10
				$i \rightarrow$	$\leftarrow j$			
	6	1	4	3	9	7	8	10
				j	i			
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	3	1	4	6	9	7	8	10

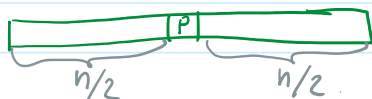
★ NOTE ★ this could go off the end of the array. it needs an extra condition.

Analysis.

basic operation: comparison.

Partition Cases:

Best:



Worst:



- Hoare Partitioning takes n or $n+1$ comparisons.

- Best: $C(n) = 2 \cdot C(n/2) + n$
 (best) (best) (partitioning)
 Quicksort each subarray

Apply Masters Theorem:

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 2$$

$$f(n) = n \in \Theta(n^1)$$

$$d = 1$$

Case: $a = b^d$

so: $C(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log n)$
 (best)

• Worst:

$$C_{\text{worst}}(n) = (n+1) + n + (n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) \dots + 3 \\ = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 3 \in \Theta(n^2)$$

• Avg Case:

- s : position of the pivot $0 \leq s \leq n-1$
- suppose each position of the pivot is equally likely; then the pivot can land in a position with probability $\frac{1}{n}$

$$C_{\text{avg}}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \left[(n+1) + C_{\text{avg}}(s) + C_{\text{avg}}(n-1-s) \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{positions for pivot}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{partition}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{Quicksort left subarray}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{Quicksort right subarray.}}$

Magic Happens ::

$$C_{\text{avg}}(n) \approx 2n \ln n \approx 1.39 \cdot n \cdot \log_2 n$$

On average: Quicksort makes 39% more comparisons than in the best case.

Quicksort

- ⊕ in-place: no need for extra memory
- ⊖ not-stable:

Improvements:

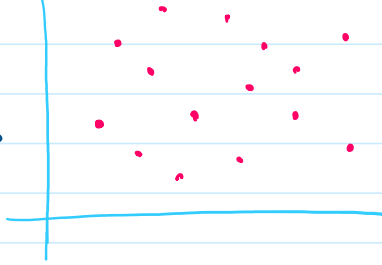
- Improve selection of pivot
 - look at 3 elements, keep the middle one.
 - pick at random.
- Switch to insertion sort for small subarrays $n \leq 5..15$
- 3-way partitioning (using 2 pivots)

It's possible to achieve 20% to 30% speedups.

• CLOSEST-PAIR

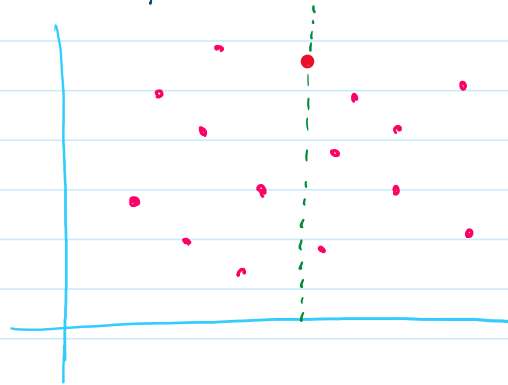
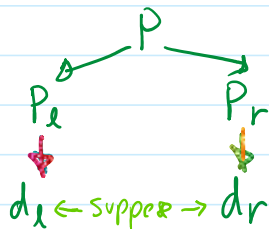
Problem :

find the
Closest two
points.

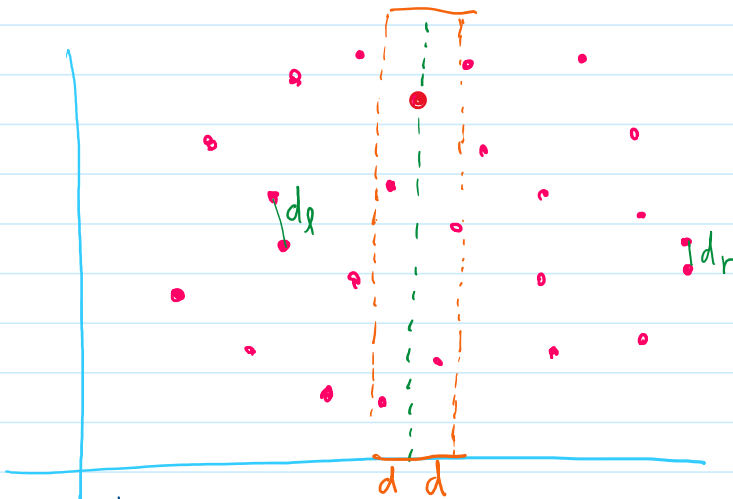


Let us Divide and Conquer.

1) split points
by median



2) How to combine sub-solutions d_L d_R
to build a complete solution.



Let d is the smallest of d_R d_L .

- the only way for a closer pair to exists is if
its extremes are in each side of the partition
- we can varrow even further:



at most 8 points
to pair P with.

FUNCTION EffClosestPair (P : collection of points sorted by x value)
(Q : collection of points sorted by y value)

IF $|P| \leq 3$ THEN
Solve by Brute force.

ELSE

copy first $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points of P to P_L
copy same $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points from Q to Q_L
copy remaining $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points of P to P_R
copy remaining $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points of Q to Q_R

$d_L \leftarrow \text{EffClosestPair}(P_L, Q_L)$
 $d_R \leftarrow \text{EffClosestPair}(P_R, Q_R)$

merge solutions

$d \leftarrow \min(d_L, d_R)$

$m \leftarrow P[\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1].x$

Copy from Q all points which $|x - m| < d$ into $S[0..n_s - 1]$

$d_{\min} \leftarrow d^2$

FOR $i \leftarrow 0$ TO $n_s - 1$ DO

$k \leftarrow i + 1$

WHILE $k < n_s$ and $(S[k].y - S[i].y)^2 < d_{\min}$ DO

$d' = (S[k].x - S[i].x)^2 + (S[k].y - S[i].y)^2$

IF $d' < d_{\min}$ THEN

$d_{\min} \leftarrow d'$

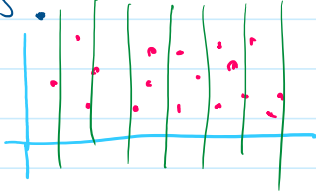
$k \leftarrow k + 1$



RETURN $\sqrt{d_{\min}}$

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Analysis:



$$T(n) = 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + f(n)$$

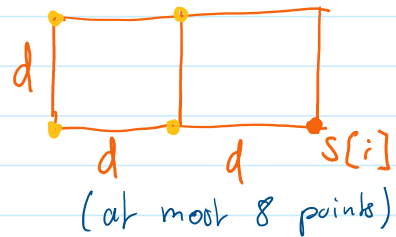
cost of searching the middle strip

- $f(n)$ cost of searching the middle strip

basic operation =

$$C(n_s) = \sum_{i=0}^{n_s-1} 8 = 8 \cdot n_s \in \Theta(n)$$

- $f(n) \in \Theta(n)$



Apply Master Theorem.

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 2$$

$$f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$$

$$d = 1$$

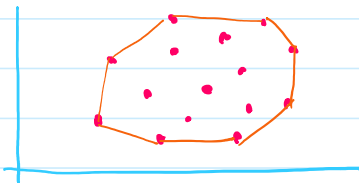
then:

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n \cdot \log n)$$

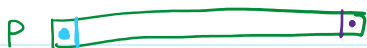
Presorting is not an issue:

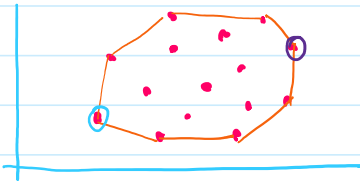
- A good sort is $\Theta(n \cdot \log n)$

• CONVEX HULL

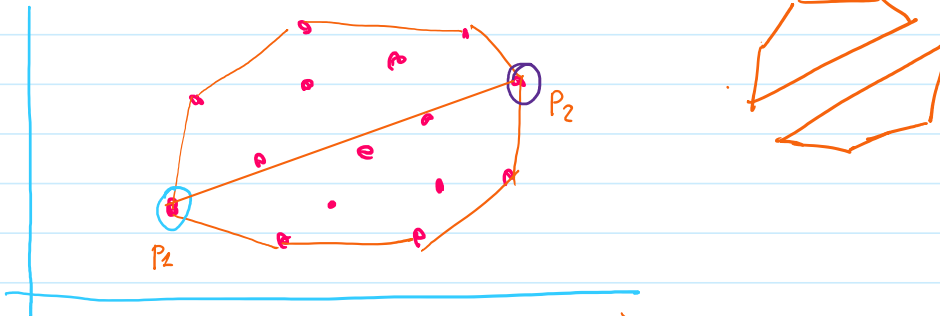


idea: Sort the points by x value.





We gain 2 points: the extremes are in the convex hull.

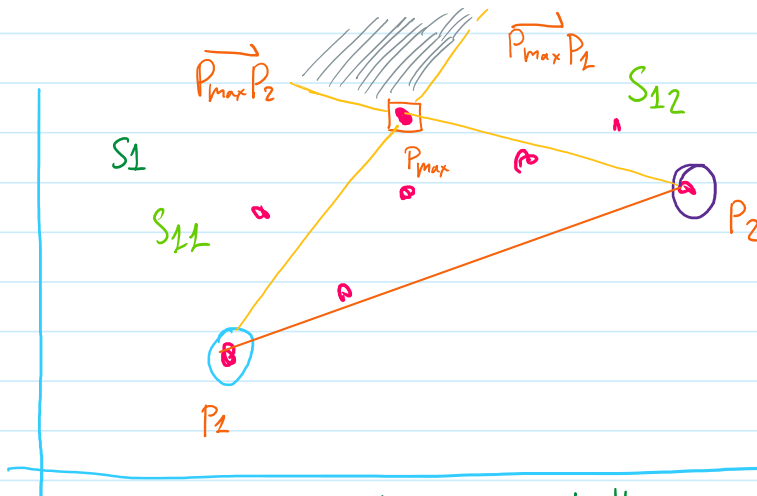


S_1 = points to the left of $\overrightarrow{P_1 P_2}$

S_2 = points to the right of $\overrightarrow{P_1 P_2}$

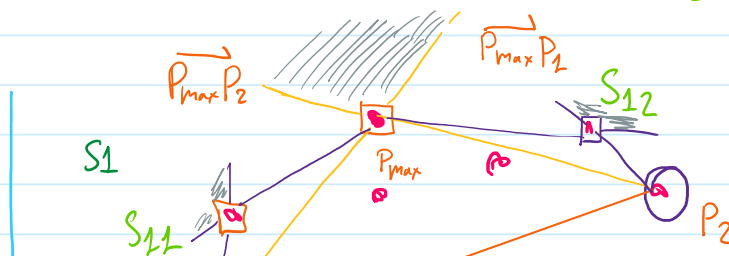
Consider S_1

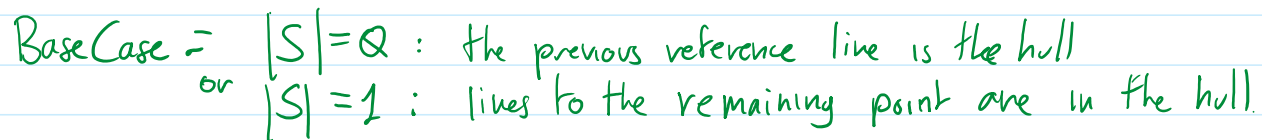
Identify P_{max} : the point further away from $\overrightarrow{P_1 P_2}$



- P_{max} is in the convex hull
- points in the triangle $\triangle P_1 P_2 P_{max}$ are not in the hull
- there can be no point to the left of both $\overrightarrow{P_1 P_{max}}$ and $\overrightarrow{P_{max} P_2}$

Repeat the same process on S_{11} and S_{12}

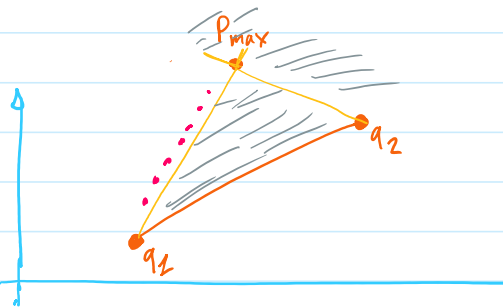




- Given q_1, q_2, q_3 points, we can obtain information on the triangle $\Delta q_1 q_2 q_3$ by looking at the determinant of the matrix

- The determinant is twice the area of the triangle.
- If $\vec{q}_3$ is to the left of $\vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_2$ the area will be positive otherwise it will be negative.

Consider the worst:



$$T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

avg

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MULTIPLICATION

eg

$$\begin{array}{r} 17875 \\ \times 31027 \\ \hline 135125 \\ 357500 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Analysis: basic operation
Single digit multiplication.

$$M(n) = n^2$$

	a_1	a_2
a	1233	5727
$\times b$	0092	3578
	b_1	b_2

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \cdot b_1 \\ a_1 \cdot b_2 \\ a_2 \cdot b_1 \\ a_2 \cdot b_2 \end{aligned}$$

"Anatoly
Karatsuba"

$$a \cdot b = (a_1 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^8 + ((a_2 \cdot b_1) + (a_1 \cdot b_2)) \cdot 10^4 + (a_2 \cdot b_2)$$

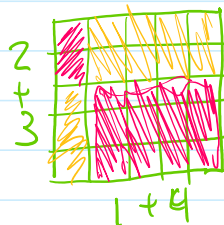
Let us reformulate to save on multiplications.

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$23 \cdot 14 = (2 \cdot 1) \cdot 10^2 + ((4 \cdot 2) + (1 \cdot 3)) \cdot 10^1 + (3 \cdot 4) \cdot 10^0$$

Let's change
Perspective:



$$(4 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3) = 5 \cdot 5 - (2 \cdot 1) - (3 \cdot 4)$$

$$23 \cdot 14 = (2 \cdot 1) \cdot 10^2 + ((5 \cdot 5) - (2 \cdot 1) - (3 \cdot 4)) \cdot 10^1 + (3 \cdot 4) \cdot 10^0$$

Repeated.

In general for 2 digit numbers

$$a = a_1 a_0 \quad b = b_1 b_0$$

$$a \cdot b = C_2 \cdot 10^2 + C_1 \cdot 10^1 + C_0$$

$$C_2 = a_1 \cdot b_1$$

$$C_0 = a_0 \cdot b_0$$

$$C_1 = (a_1 + a_0) \cdot (b_1 + b_0) - C_2 - C_0$$

Let's scale it to multiple digit numbers. of size n digits

$$a = a_1 a_0$$

a_1, a_0 are multidigit numbers. e.g.

$$a = a_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + a_0$$

$$3127$$

$$3 \cdot 10^3 + 1 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0$$

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3127

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$b = b_1 b_0$ b_1, b_0 are multidigit numbers

$$31 \cdot 10^2 + 27 \cdot 10^0$$

$$b = b_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + b_0$$

$$a + b = c_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + c_0$$

where: $c_1 = a_1 + b_1$

$$c_0 = a_0 + b_0$$

$$c_1 = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_0 + b_0) - (a_0 + b_0)$$

Analysis:

$$M(n) = 3 \cdot M(n/2) \quad M(1) = 1$$

Let $n = 2^k \quad k = \log_2 n$

$$M(2^k) = 3 \cdot M(2^{k-1}) \quad \text{by backwards substitution}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (3 \cdot M(2^{k-2}))$$

$$= 3^2 \cdot M(2^{k-2})$$

$$= 3^2 \cdot (3 \cdot M(2^{k-3}))$$

$$= 3^3 \cdot M(2^{k-3}) \quad \text{after } i \text{ substitutions}$$

$$= 3^i \cdot M(2^{k-i}) \quad \text{let } i = k$$

$$= 3^k \cdot M(2^{k-k})$$

$$= 3^k \cdot M(1)$$

$$= 3^k$$

$$M(n) = 3^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 3} \approx \underline{n^{1.585}}$$

But what about additions/subtractions?

$$A(n) = 3 \cdot A(n/2) + 5n$$

Apply Masters theorem.

$$a = 3$$

$$f(n) = 5 \cdot n \in \Theta(n^1)$$

$$b = 2$$

$$d = 1$$

$$a < b^d ? \quad a > b^d$$

Therefore:

$$A(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_6 9}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = \Theta(n^{1.585})$$

Why?

Multiplying large numbers is important:

• MATRIX MULTIPLICATION

"V. Strassen"

Original:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{00} \cdot b_{00} + a_{01} \cdot b_{10} & a_{00} \cdot b_{01} + a_{01} \cdot b_{11} \\ a_{10} \cdot b_{00} + a_{11} \cdot b_{10} & a_{10} \cdot b_{01} + a_{11} \cdot b_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

8 multiplications, $M(n) = \underline{\underline{n^3}}$

Strassen:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_4 - m_5 + m_7 & m_3 + m_5 \\ m_2 + m_4 & m_2 + m_3 - m_2 + m_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

$$m_1 = (a_{00} + a_{11}) * (b_{00} + b_{11})$$

$$m_2 = (a_{10} + a_{11}) * b_{00}$$

$$m_3 = a_{00} * (b_{01} - b_{11})$$

$$m_4 = a_{11} * (b_{10} - b_{00})$$

$$m_5 = (a_{00} + a_{01}) * b_{11}$$

$$m_6 = (a_{10} - a_{00}) * (b_{00} + b_{01})$$

$$m_7 = (a_{01} - a_{11}) * (b_{10} + b_{11})$$

7 multiplications

$$\begin{aligned} m_3 + m_5 &= a_{00} * (b_{01} - b_{11}) + (a_{00} + a_{01}) * b_{11} \\ &= a_{00} * b_{01} - \cancel{a_{00} * b_{11}} + \cancel{a_{00} * b_{11}} + a_{01} * b_{11} \\ &= a_{00} * b_{01} + a_{01} * b_{11} \quad \text{①} \end{aligned}$$

Apply to large matrices.

Square matrices of size a power of 2

$$\left[\begin{array}{c|c} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} \end{array} \right] \otimes \left[\begin{array}{c|c} B_{00} & B_{01} \\ \hline B_{10} & B_{11} \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} C_{00} & C_{01} \\ \hline C_{10} & C_{11} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ A_{10} & A_{11} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{00} & B_{01} \\ B_{10} & B_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{00} & C_{01} \\ C_{10} & C_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

Obtain C from recursive applications of Strassen's algorithm.

Analysis:

- $M(n) = 7 \cdot M(\frac{n}{2})$ • $M(1) = 1$
- $n = 2^k$ • $k = \log_2 n$

Solve the recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} M(2^k) &= 7 \cdot M(2^{k-1}) && \text{apply backward substitution} \\ &= 7 \cdot (7 \cdot M(2^{k-2})) = 7^2 \cdot M(2^{k-2}) \\ &= 7 \cdot (7^2 \cdot M(2^{k-3})) = 7^3 \cdot M(2^{k-3}) \\ &= 7^i \cdot M(2^{k-i}) && \text{after } i \text{ substitutions} \\ &= 7^k \cdot M(2^{k-k}) && \text{let } i=k \end{aligned}$$

$$M(n) = 7^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx \underline{n^{2.807}}$$

Let's count Additions & Subtractions

$$A(n) = 7 \cdot A(\frac{n}{2}) + \underbrace{18(\frac{n}{2})^2}_{\text{adding two matrices of size } n/2}$$

Apply Master's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 7 & f(n) &= 18 \cdot (\frac{n}{2})^2 \in \Theta(n^2) \\ b &= 2 & d &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

therefore: $a < b^d$? $a > b^d$

$$A(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = \Theta(n^{2.807})$$

there are better ones !!!

Timeline of matrix multiplication exponent

Year	Bound on ω	Authors
1969	2.8074	Strassen ^[1]
1978	2.796	Pan ^[10]
1979	2.780	Bini, Capovani ^[11] , Romani ^[11]
1981	2.522	Schönhage ^[12]
1981	2.517	Romani ^[13]
1981	2.496	Coppersmith, Winograd ^[14]
1986	2.479	Strassen ^[15]
1990	2.3755	Coppersmith, Winograd ^[16]
2010	2.3737	Stothers ^[17]
2012	2.3729	Williams ^{[18][19]}
2014	2.3728639	Le Gall ^[20]
2020	2.3728596	Alman, Williams ^{[21][22]}
2022	2.371866	Duan, Wu, Zhou ^[23]
2024	2.371552	Williams, Xu, Xu, and Zhou ^[2]
2024	2.371339	Alman, Duan, Williams, Xu, Xu, and Zhou ^[24]

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