

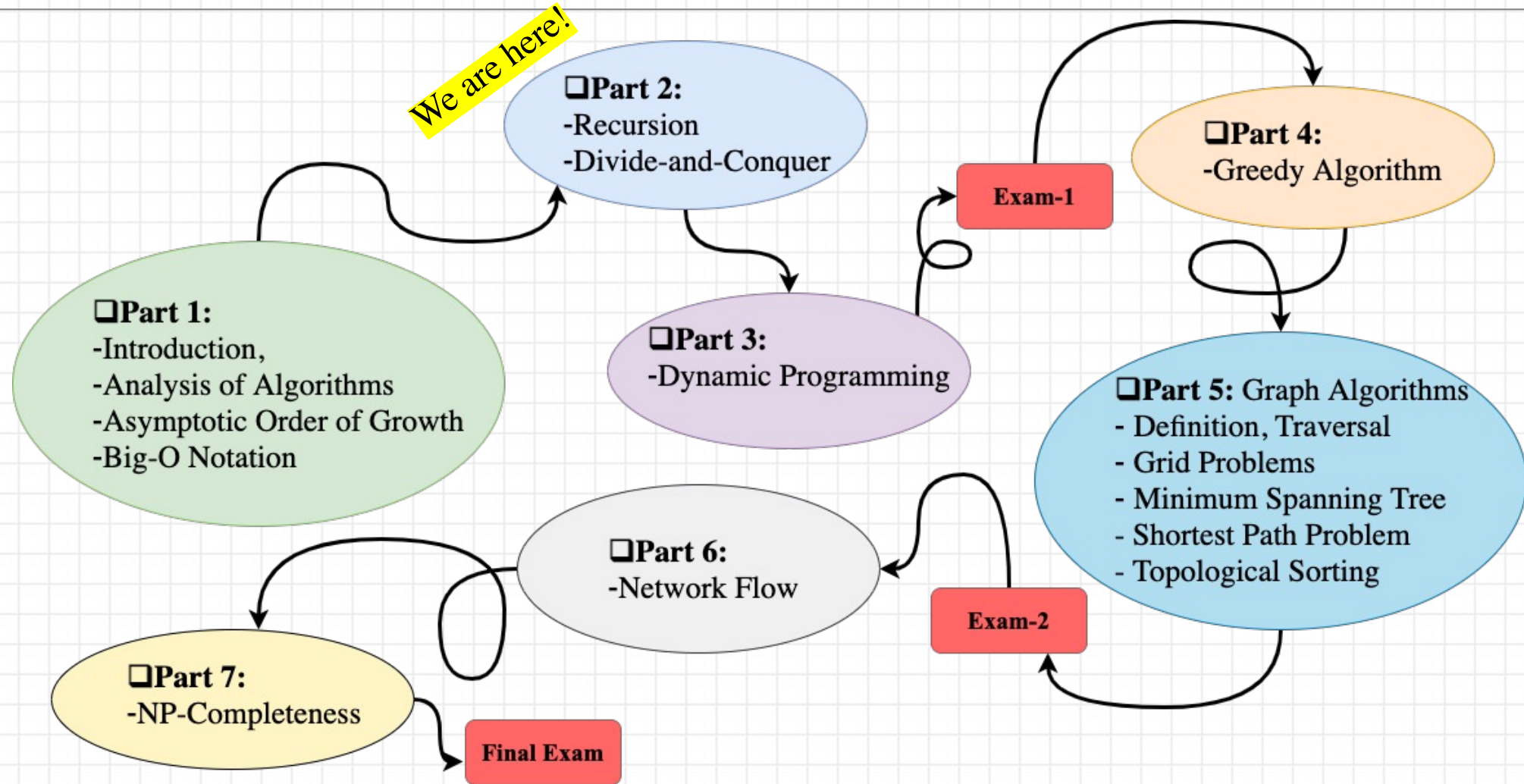
# CS-3510: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

## Divide-and-Conquer II

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# Roadmap



# Master Theorem

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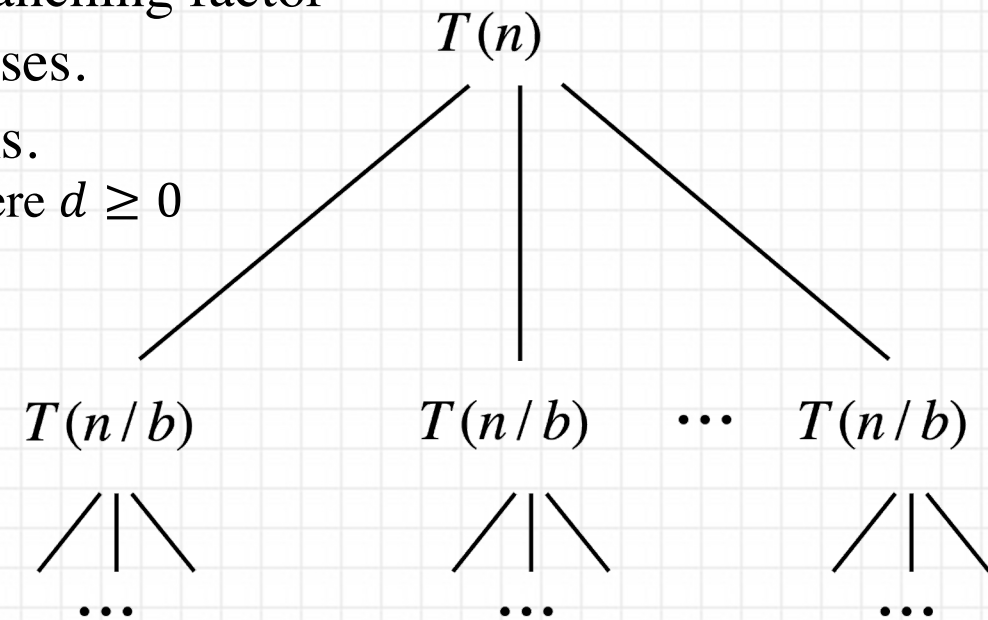
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  - $f(n)$  usually takes polynomial time, i.e.,  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^d)$ , where  $d \geq 0$

Note:

- $a^i$  = number of subproblems at level  $i$
- $k = \log_b n$  levels, i.e., the depth of the recursion tree
- $\frac{n}{b^i}$  = size of subproblem at level  $i$

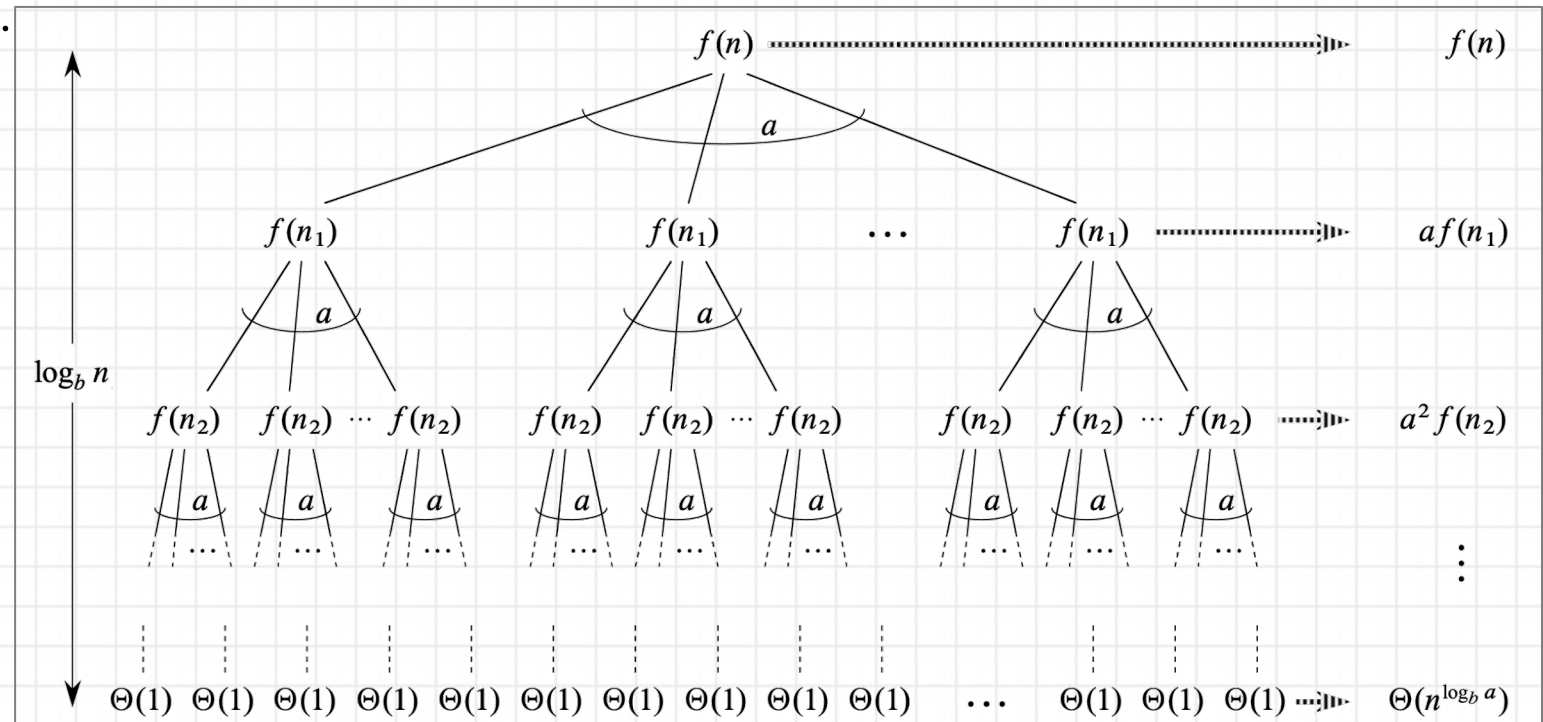
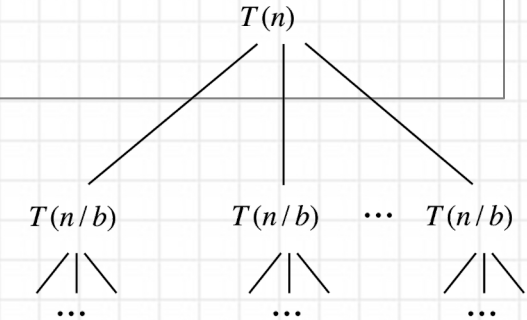


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- But before talking about that, let's have a quick review about “Geometric Series”
  - Geometric series: sum of finite or infinite number of terms that have a constant ratio between each two consecutive terms.
  - Can be written as  $a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$ , where  $a$  is the coefficient of each term and  $r$  is the common ratio between adjacent terms.
  - It can be shown that:

- If  $r \neq 1$ ,  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} = \frac{1-r^k}{1-r}$

- If  $r = 1$ ,  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{k-1} = k$

- If  $r < 1$ ,  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-r}$



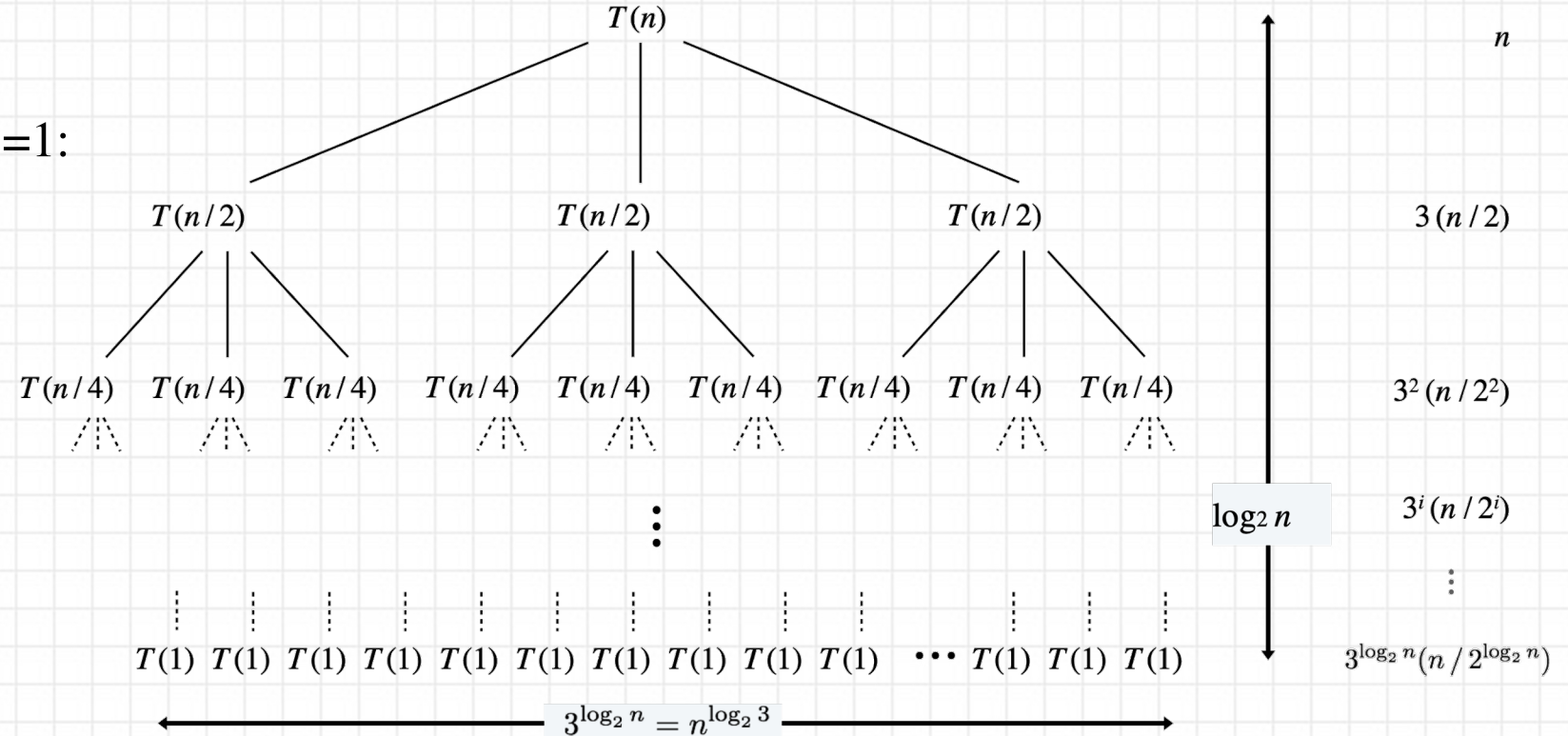
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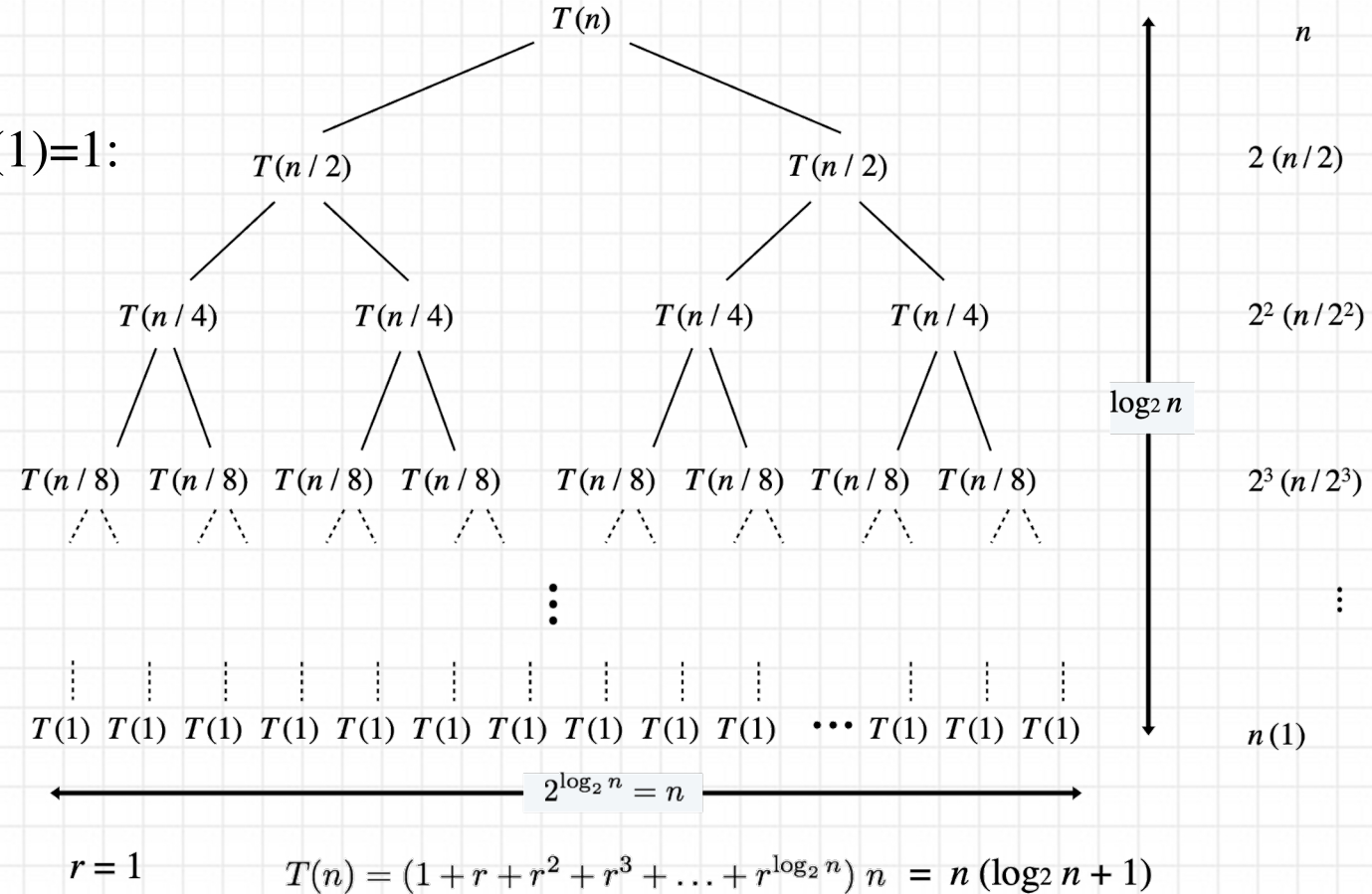
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- Case 2: Total computational cost is evenly distributed among levels

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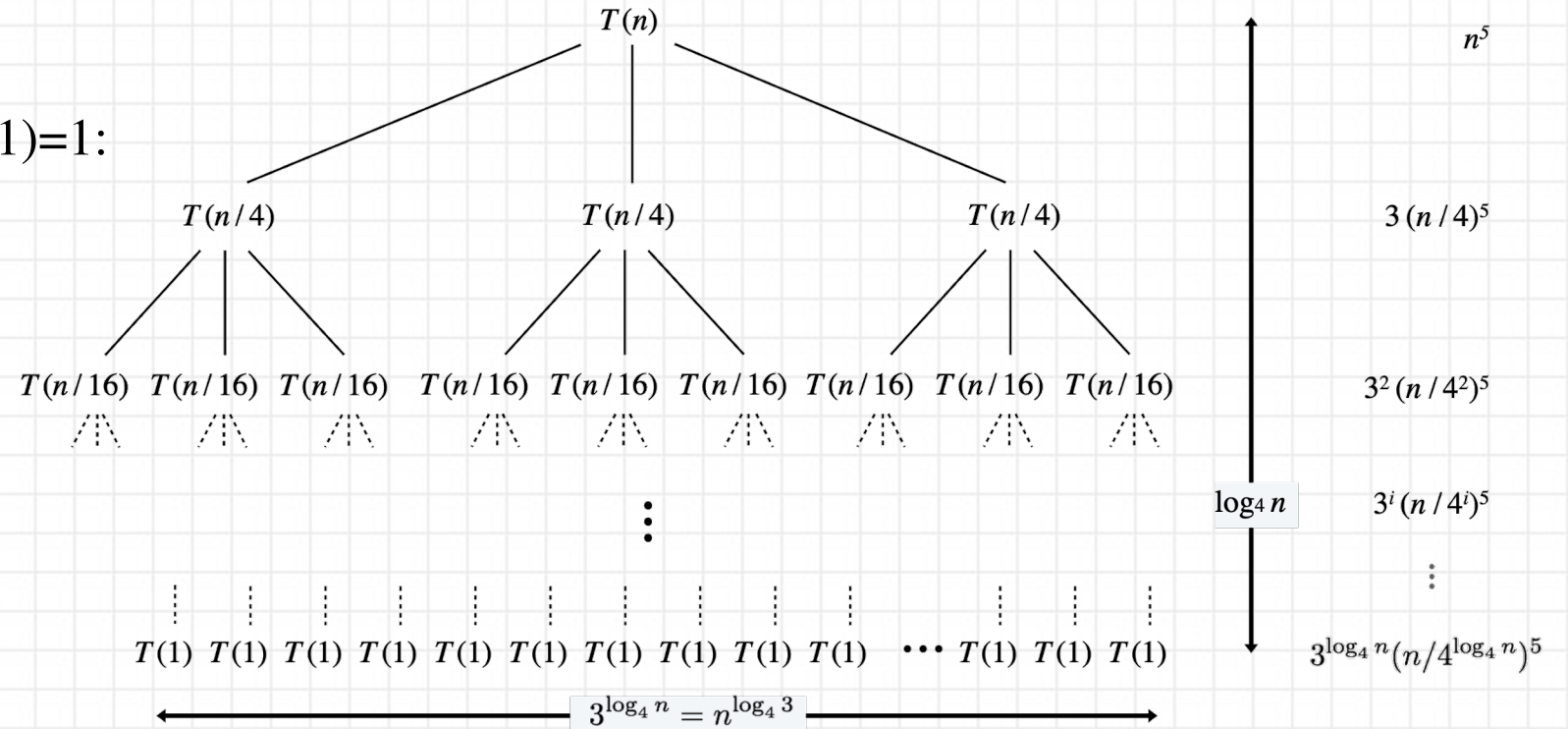
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- Case 3: Total computational cost is dominated by cost of root

- Example:

Let  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n^5$  with  $T(1)=1$ :

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





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- Limitation. Master theorem cannot be used if
  - $T(n)$  is not monotone, e.g.,  $T(n) = \sin(n)$
  - $f(n)$  is not polynomial, e.g.,  $T(n) = 2 T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2^n$
  - $b$  cannot be expressed as a constant, e.g.,  $T(n) = a T(\sqrt{n}) + f(n)$



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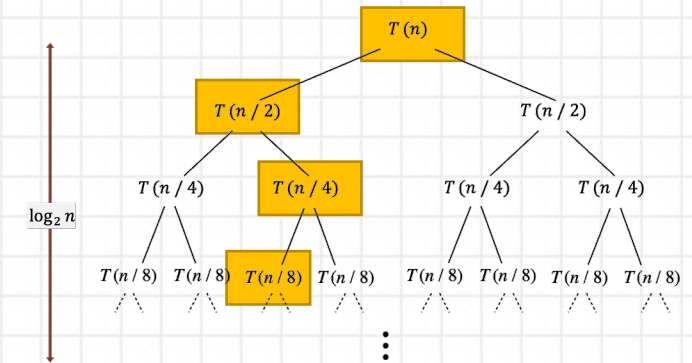
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- Now, we can apply master theorem to binary-search and merge-sort:

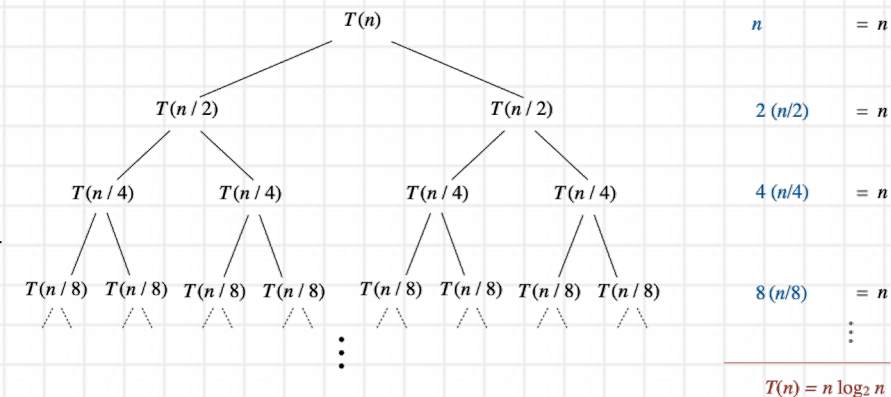
- Binary search:

- Recurrence:  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$
- Therefore,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ , and  $f(n) = 1 = \Theta(n^0)$ , i.e.,  $d = 0$
- $a = b^d \Rightarrow T(n) \in \Theta(n^0 \log n) = \Theta(\log n)$



- Merge sort:

- Recurrence:  $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$
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- More examples:
- Let  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + n$
- $a = 1, b = 2, d = 2$
- $a < b^d$  (case 3)
- $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$

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# D&C Example: Quick-sort

- Sorting Problem: Given an input of  $n$  elements, re-arrange the elements in ascending (or descending) order.

- Algorithms:

Array Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Running time			Space Complexity
	Best	Average	Worst	Worst
Quicksort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log(n))$
Mergesort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Timsort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Heapsort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(1)$
Bubble Sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$\Omega(n^2)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Tree Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Shell Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(1)$
Bucket Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Radix Sort	$\Omega(nk)$	$\theta(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n+k)$
Counting Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$
Cubesort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$

Ex. of D&C:  $\theta(n \log n)$

Ex. of Brute force:  $\theta(n^2)$

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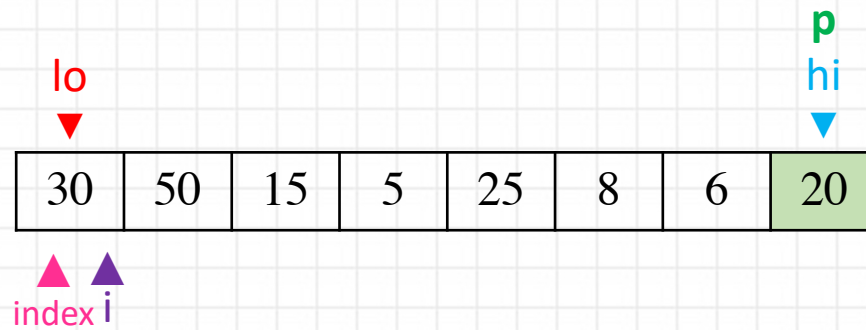
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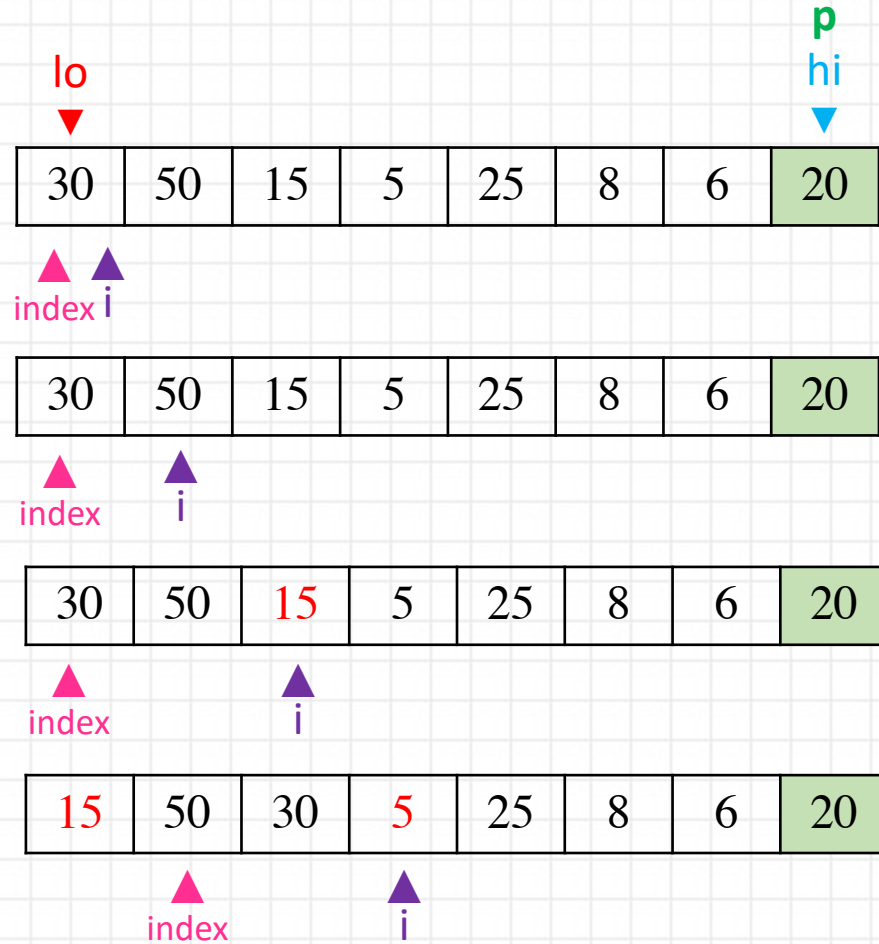
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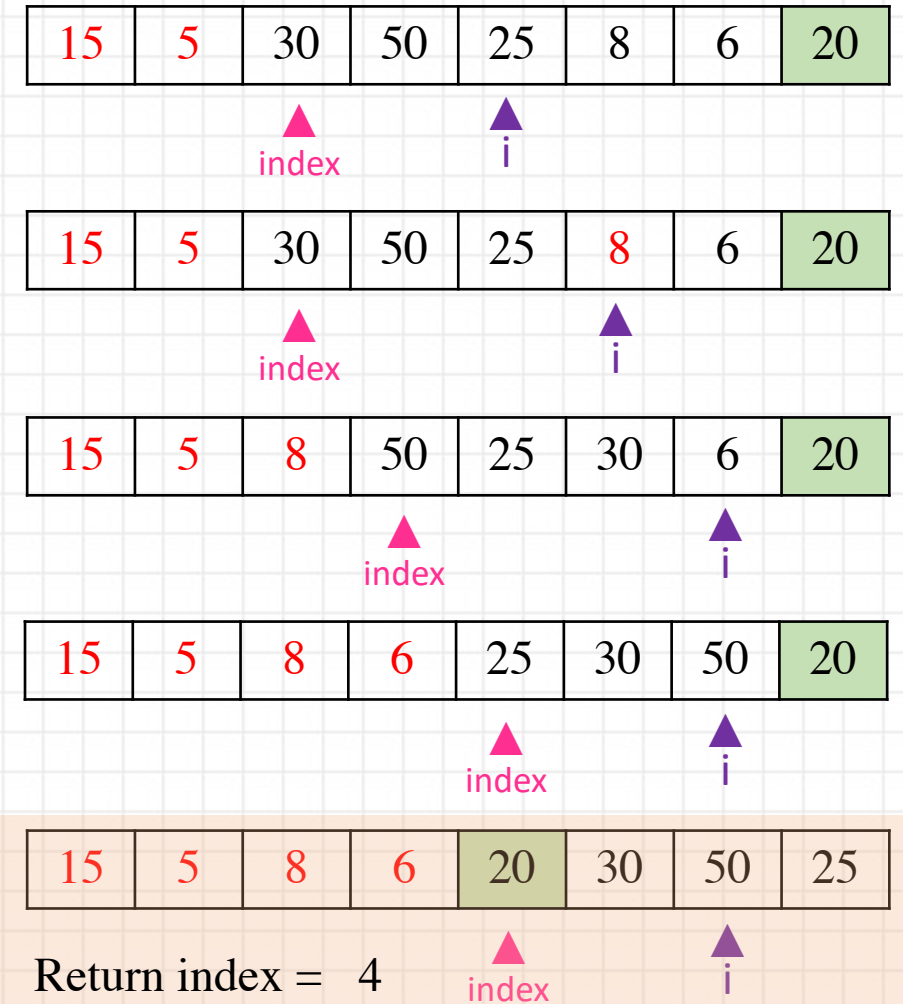
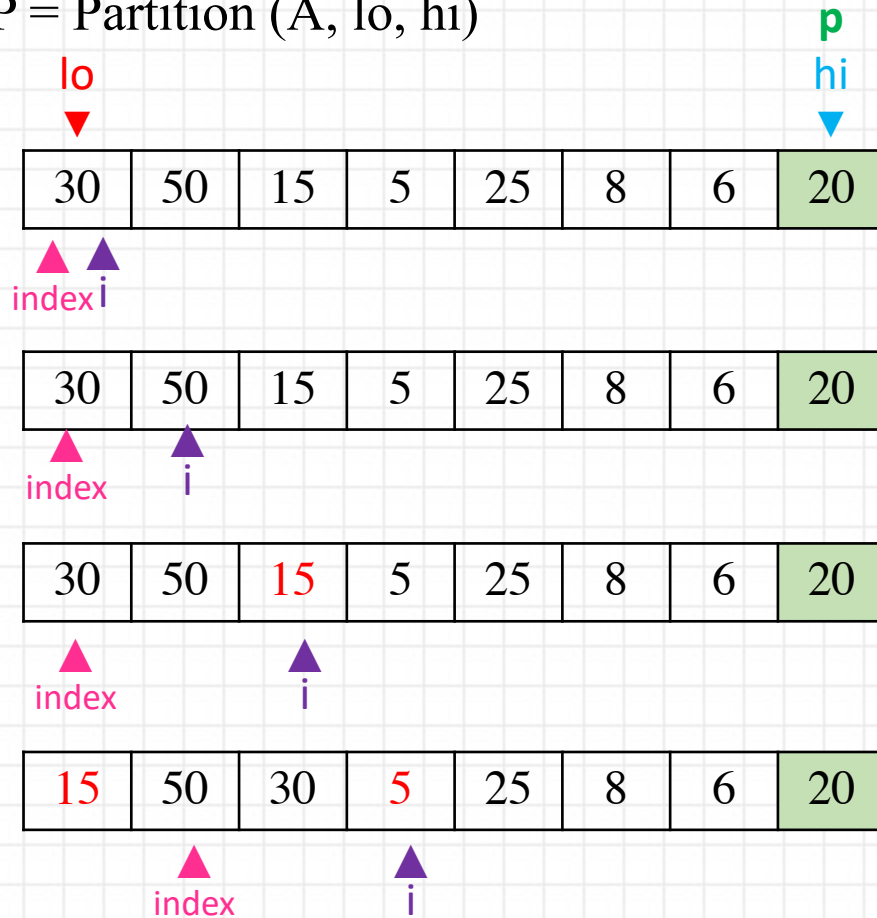
Return index = 4

(Note  $A[4] = 20$  is in its right place in the final sorted array)



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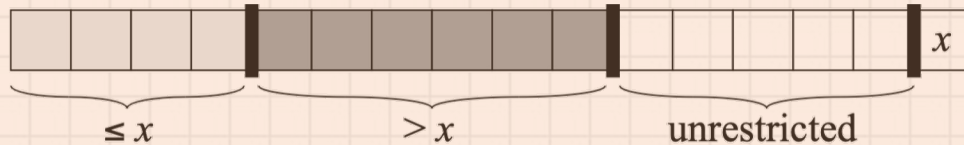


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- Important Notes:

- Let  $x = \text{pivot} = A[p]$ . Then, at each step of the for loop, we have four regions:

- 1)  $A[1 : \text{index}-1]$  all elements  $< x$
- 2)  $A[\text{index} : i]$  all elements  $\geq x$
- 3)  $A[i+1 : \text{hi}-1]$  not specified yet!
- 4)  $A[\text{hi}] = x$  (the pivot element)



- After calling  $p = \text{Partition}(A, \text{lo}, \text{hi})$ , all elements before  $\text{pivot} = A[p]$  are less than ( $<$ ) pivot and all elements after pivot are not less than ( $\geq$ ) pivot

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- Demo

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Partition(A, lo, hi):  
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    for each i = lo : hi-1  
        if A[i] < A[hi]:  
            exchange A[i] with A[pivot_index]  
            pivot_index ++  
    exchange A[hi] with A[pivot_index]  
    return pivot_index
```





# Quick-sort (CLRS 7.1)

- Running time?
  - It depends!
    - Whether the partitioning is balanced or unbalanced.
    - Therefore, it depends on which elements are used for partitioning.
  - If the partitioning is balanced
    - Asymptotically as fast as merge-sort  $\Theta(n \log n)$
  - If the partitioning is unbalanced
    - Asymptotically as slow as insertion-sort  $\Theta(n^2)$



# Quick-sort (CLRS 7.1)

- Running time? (not a formal proof)
  - Worst-case: when the partitioning is unbalanced
    - The partition routine produces one subproblem with  $n - 1$  elements and one with 0 element. In the worst case, this will happen in each recursive call.
    - This can happen when the input array is sorted. (maximally unbalanced)
    - $T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(0) + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{Partitioning}} = T(n - 1) + \Theta(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$
    - Asymptotically as slow as insertion-sort  $\Theta(n^2)$



# Quick-sort (CLRS 7.1)

- Running time? (not a formal proof)
  - Best-case: most even possible split
    - The partition routine produces two subproblems, each of size no more than  $n/2$

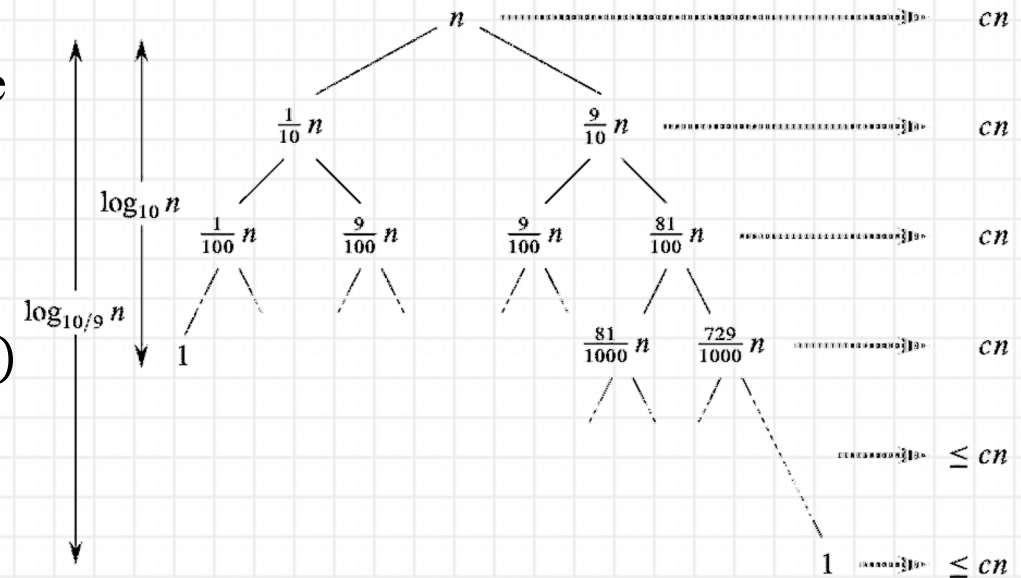
$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

- Average-case

- Much closer to the best case than to the worst case
- Ex. Assume the Partition subroutine always produces 9-to-1 proportional split

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{9n}{10}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{10}\right) + \Theta(n)$$

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



# Quick-sort (CLRS 7.1)

- Running time? (not a formal proof)
  - In practice:
    - For not-worst-case inputs, quick-sort usually outperforms merge-sort.
    - Commonly used in sorting libraries.
  - Strategies to avoid  $\Theta(n^2)$ 
    - Choosing the pivot element randomly
    - Choosing the pivot as the median of three random elements
    - Still, the worst case is possible, but highly unlikely

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# Merge-sort vs. Quick-sort

- Merge-sort: (bottom-up: main action during the combining the subproblem solutions)
  - Divide: Divide the array into two halves
  - Conquer: Sort each half (by recursively executing merge-sort on each half)
  - Combine: Merge two halves to make a sorted array
- Quick-sort: (top-down: main action during the breaking the problem into subproblems)
  - Divide: Partition (rearrange) the array into three parts:  $A_{\text{left}}$ ,  $A[p]$ ,  $A_{\text{right}}$ , such that all elements of  $A_{\text{left}} < A[p]$  and all elements of  $A_{\text{right}} \geq A[p]$ . Also,  $a_p = A[p]$  is known as the pivot element. Return index  $p$ . As we divide into subproblems, we find the right position of the pivot element.
  - Conquer: Sort the two sub-arrays  $A_{\text{left}}$  and  $A_{\text{right}}$  by recursive calls to quick-sort on each half.
  - Combine: Because the subarrays are already sorted, no additional work is required for combining the results. The entire array is now sorted

	Best	Average	Worst
Quicksort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$
Mergesort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$



# Merge-sort vs. Quick-sort

- Sorting Problem: Given an input of  $n$  elements, re-arrange the elements in ascending (or descending) order.

Array Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Running time			Space Complexity
	Best	Average	Worst	
Quicksort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log(n))$
Mergesort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Timsort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Heapsort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(1)$
Bubble Sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$\Omega(n^2)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Tree Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Shell Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(n(\log(n))^2)$	$O(1)$
Bucket Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Radix Sort	$\Omega(nk)$	$\theta(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n+k)$
Counting Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$
Cubesort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$



<https://www.bigocheatsheet.com/>  
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# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

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

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

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

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

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





# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

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

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





# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

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$n$ -by- $n$  matrices

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(of  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$  matrices)*

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

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

Runtime?

Using master theorem:

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



# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

- Fast matrix multiplication
  - Strassen's trick

**Key idea.** Can multiply two 2-by-2 matrices via 7 scalar multiplications (plus 11 additions and 7 subtractions).

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*scalars*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*7 scalar multiplications*

**Pf.**  $C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$   
 $= A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$   
 $= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark$





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- To multiply n-by-n matrices:
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Pf.  $C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22} \\ &= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

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Assume  $n$  is power of 2.

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

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$



# D&C Example: Matrix Multiplication

- History of arithmetic complexity of matrix multiplication

year	algorithm	arithmetic operations
1858	"grade school"	$O(n^3)$
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	$O(n^{2.3755})$
2010	Strother	$O(n^{2.3737})$
2011	Williams	$O(n^{2.372873})$
2014	Le Gall	$O(n^{2.372864})$
	???	$O(n^{2+\epsilon})$

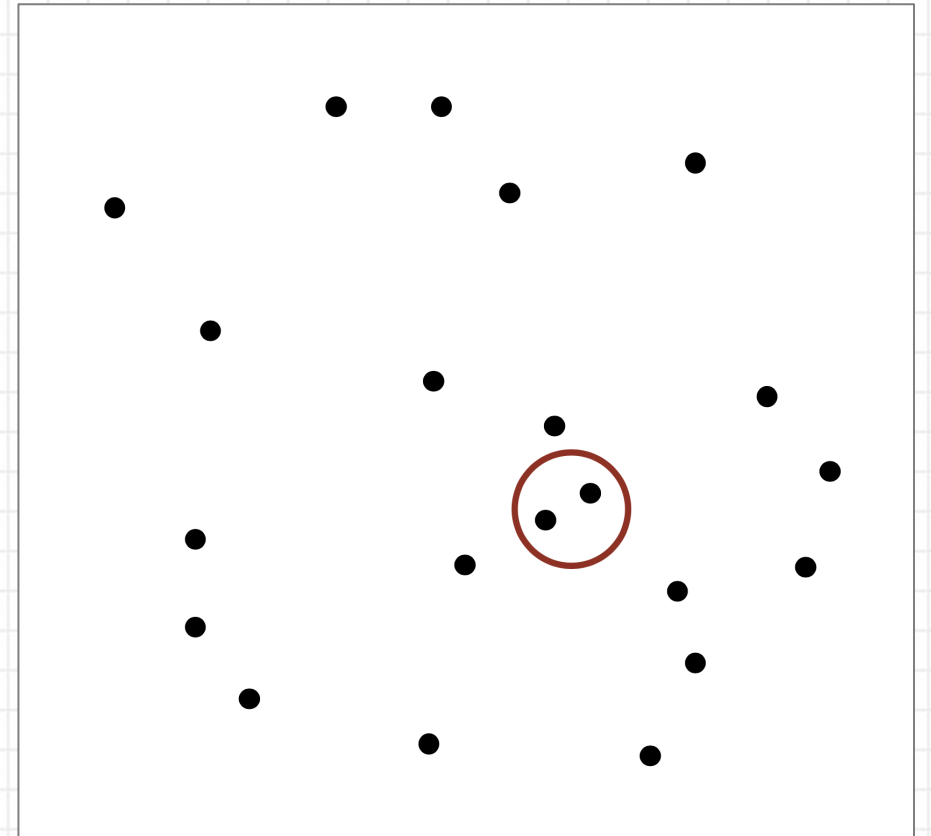
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- Conjecture:  $O(n^{2+\epsilon})$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$



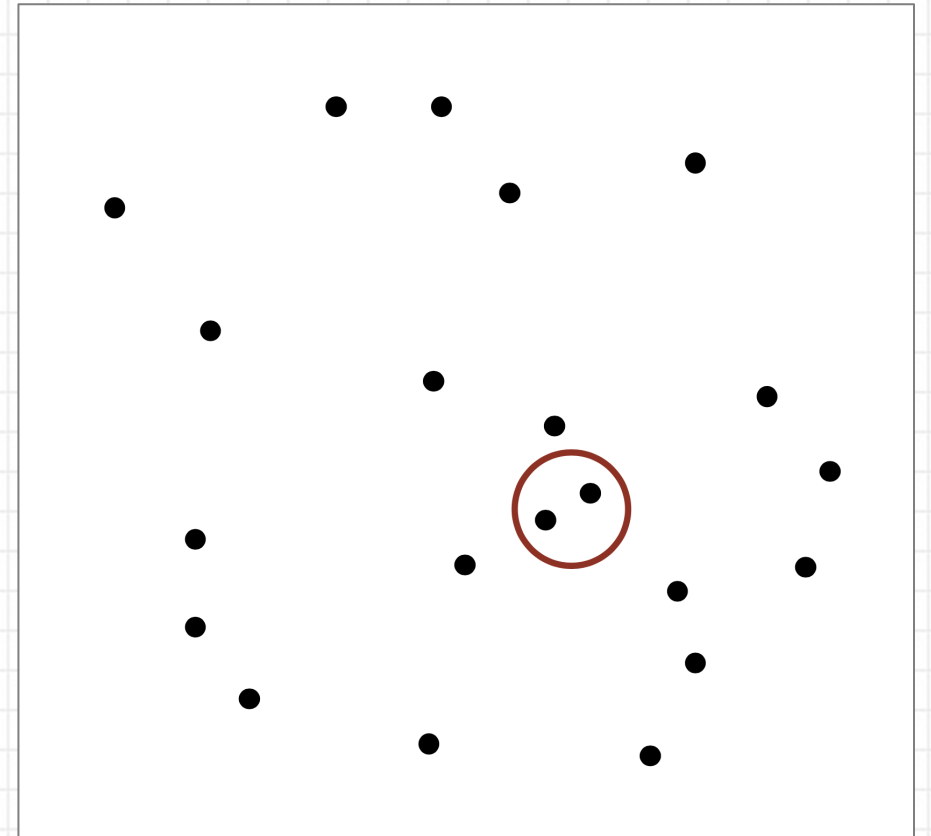
# D&C Example: Closest Pair of Points

- Problem: Given  $n$  points in the plane, find a pair of points with the smallest Euclidean distance between them.
- Applications
  - Fundamental geometric primitive.
  - Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
  - Special case of nearest neighbor



# D&C Example: Closest Pair of Points

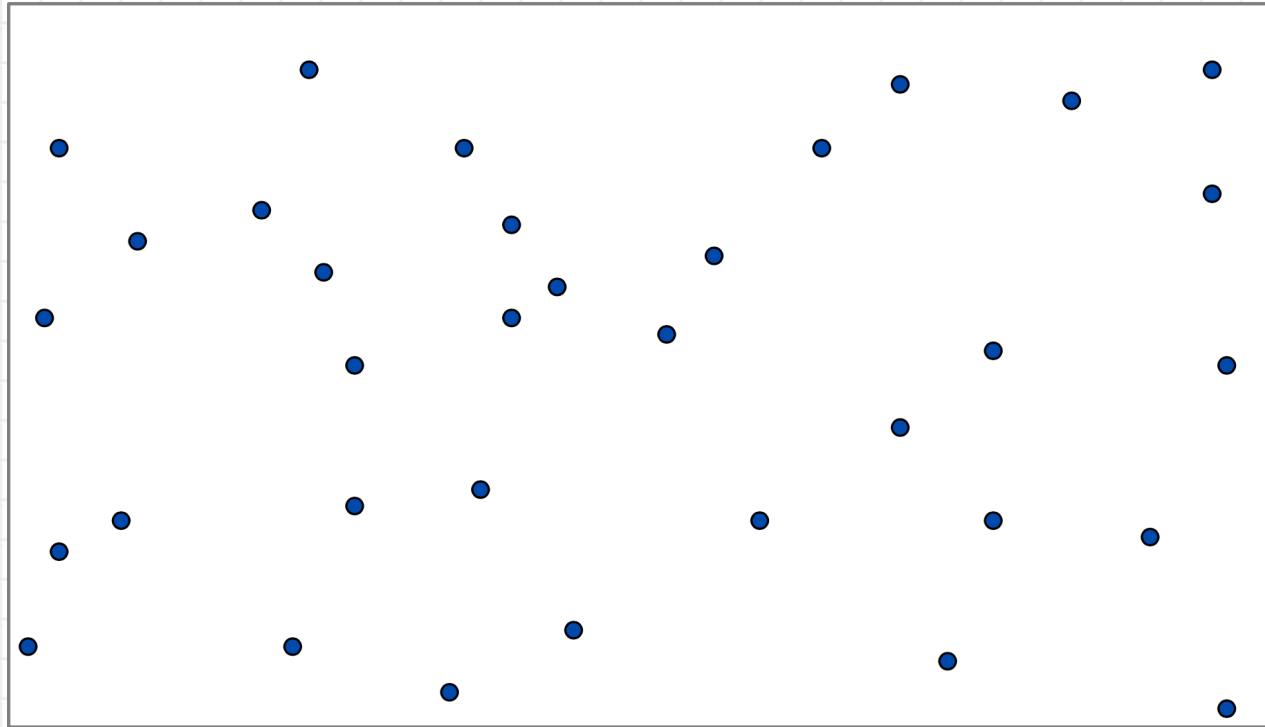
- Problem: Given  $n$  points in the plane, find a pair of points with the smallest Euclidean distance between them.
- Brute force.
  - Check all pairs with  $\Theta(n^2)$  distance calculations.
- 1D version.
  - Easy  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm if points are on a line.
- Non-degeneracy assumption.
  - No two points have the same  $x$ -coordinate.





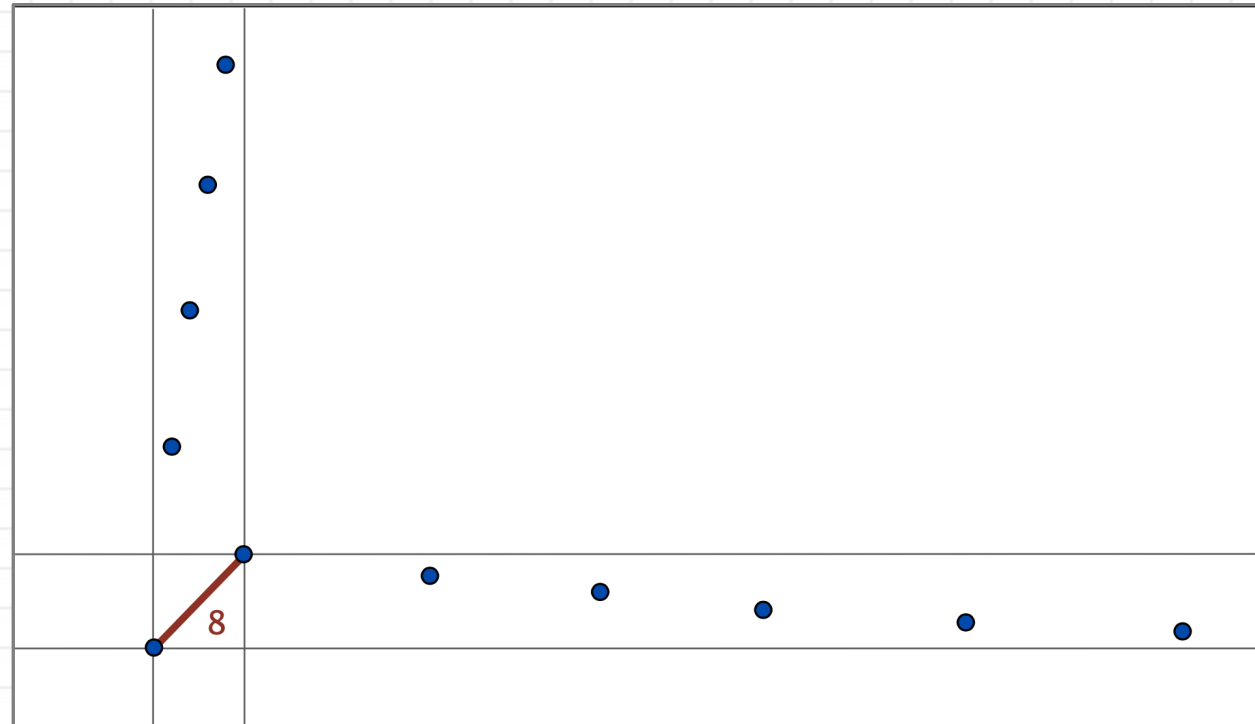
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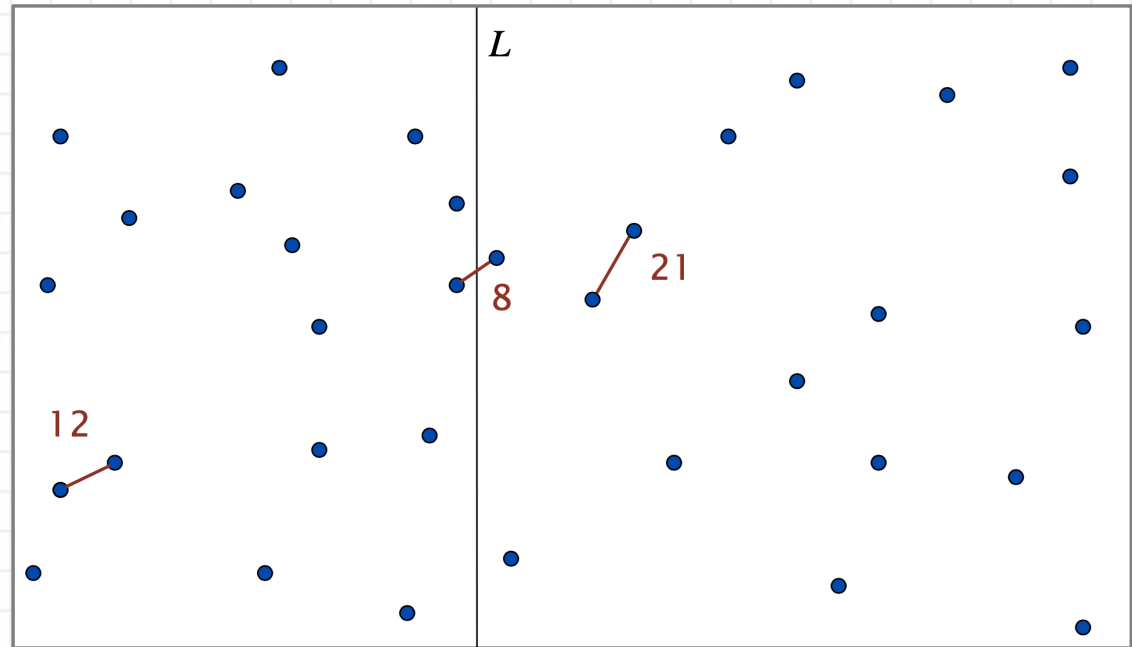
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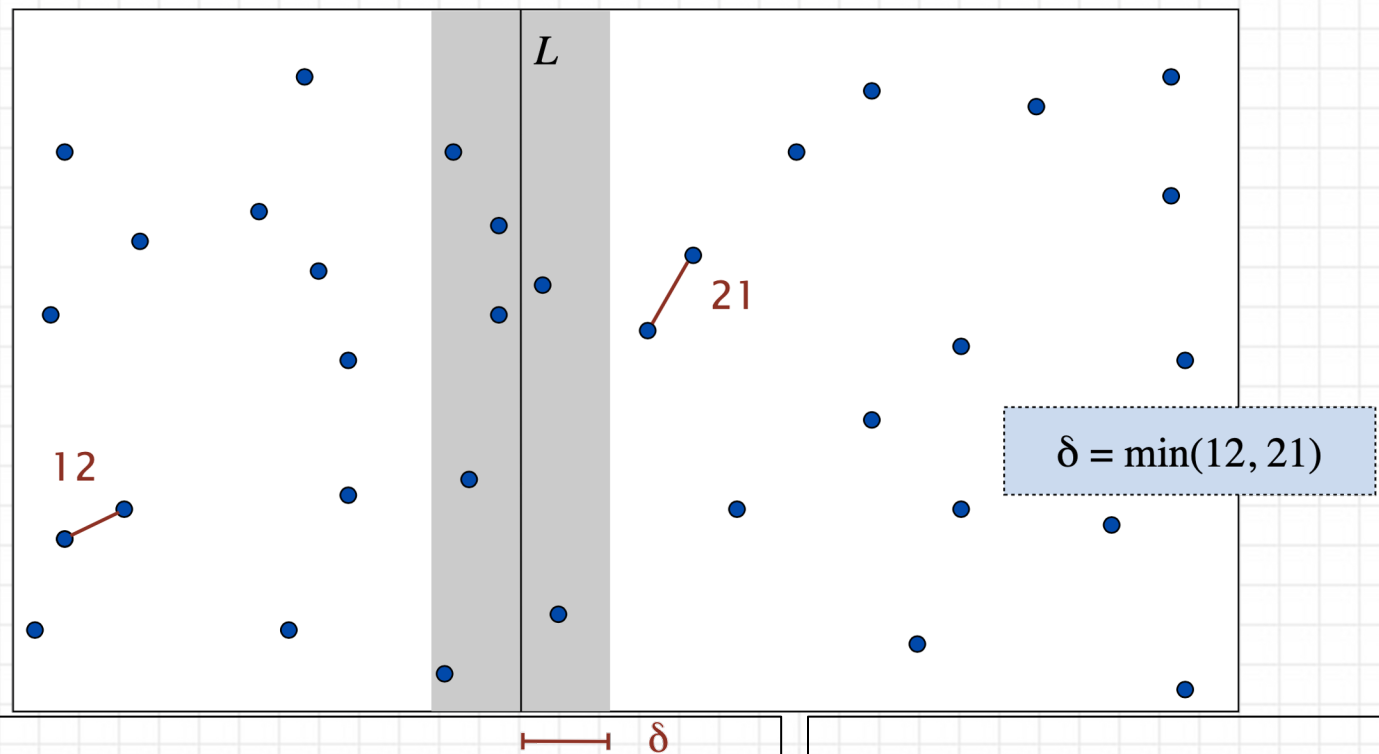
- Divide-and-Conquer

- 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.
  - (How? seems like  $\Theta(n^2)$ ?!)
- Return best of 3 solutions.



# D&C Example: Closest Pair of Points

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



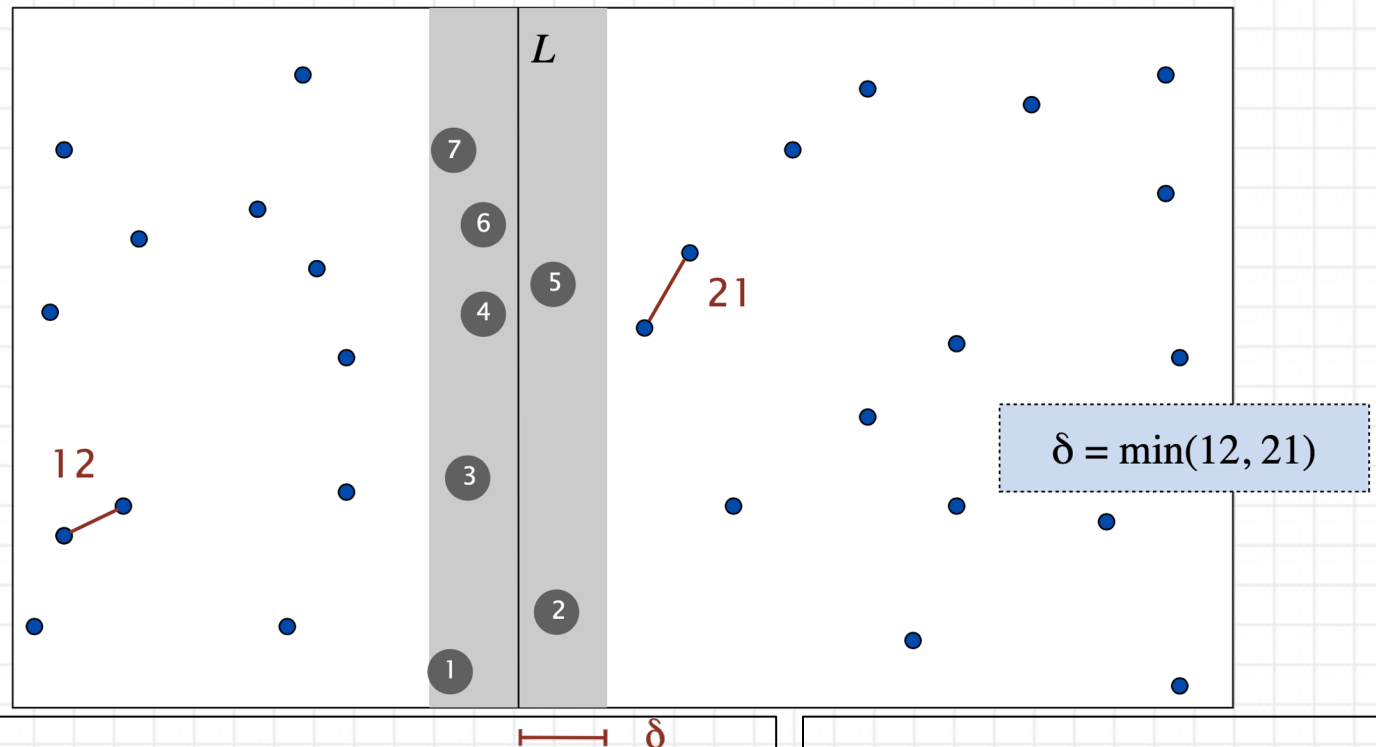


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- Sort points in  $2\delta$ -strip by their  $y$ -coordinate.
- Check distances of only those points within 7 positions in sorted list!



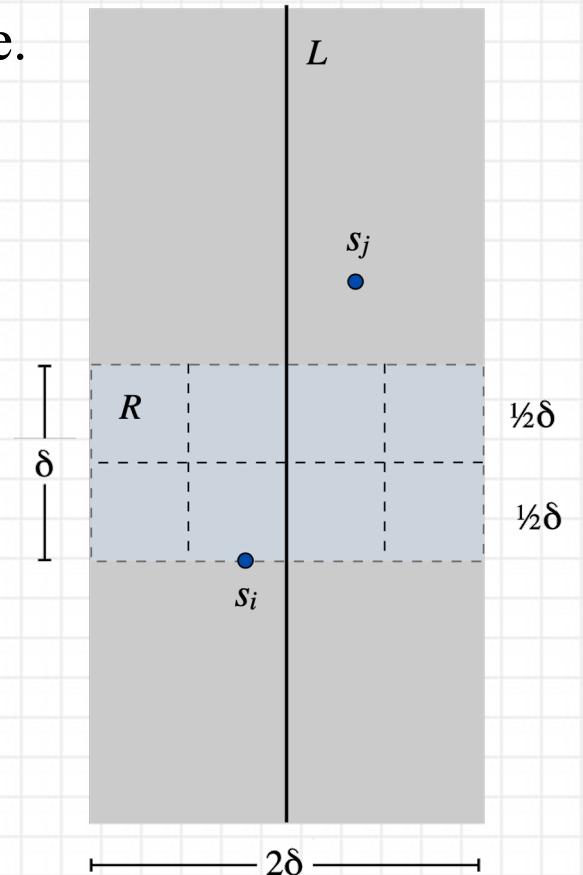
# D&C Example: Closest Pair of Points

- Divide-and-Conquer

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- Let  $s_i$  be the point in the  $2\delta$ -strip, with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest  $y$ -coordinate.
- Claim: If  $|j - i| > 7$ , then the distance between  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  is at least  $\delta$ .

- Proof:

- Consider the  $2\delta$ -by- $\delta$  rectangle  $R$  in strip whose min  $y$ -coordinate is  $y$ -coordinate of  $s_i$
- Distance between  $s_i$  and any point  $s_j$  above  $R$  is  $\geq \delta$
- Subdivide  $R$  into 8 squares. diameter is  $\delta / \sqrt{2} < \delta$
- At most 1 point per square. ↖
- At most 7 other points can be in  $R$ . ▀



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

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

Sort remaining points by y-coordinate.

Scan points in y-order and compare distance between  
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distances is less than  $\delta$ , update  $\delta$ .

**RETURN**  $\delta$ .

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←  $O(n \log n)$

←  $O(n)$



# D&C Example: Closest Pair of Points

- Divide-and-Conquer
- Runtime?

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n)$$

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

Q. Can we achieve  $O(n \log n)$ ?

A. Yes. Don't sort points in strip from scratch each time. Each recursive returns two lists: all points sorted by y coordinate, and all points sorted by x coordinate. Sort by merging two pre-sorted lists.

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

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