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divide and conquer : as a design tool
recursive correctness

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Using Introduction to the Theory of Computation,
Chapter 3



Outline

divide and conquer (recombine)

D&C: multiply quickly

D&C: closest points

binary search

Notes



general D&C case

revisit...

a: number of recursive calls ($a_1 + a_2$)

b: number of pieces we divide into

$f(n) \sim n^d$, cost of dividing and then recombining

Class of algorithms: partition problem into b *roughly* equal subproblems, solve, and recombine:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } n \leq b \\ a_1 T(\lceil n/b \rceil) + a_2 T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + f(n) & \text{if } n > b \end{cases}$$

where $b, k > 0$, $a_1, a_2 \geq 0$, and $a_1 + a_2 > 0$. $f(n)$ is the cost of splitting and recombining.



Master Theorem

(for divide-and-conquer recurrences)

If f from the previous slide has $f \in \theta(n^d)$, then

$$T(n) \in \begin{cases} \theta(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \\ \theta(n^d \log_b n) & \text{if } a = b^d \\ \theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \end{cases}$$



multiply lots of bits

what if they don't fit into a machine instruction?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ \times 1011 \\ \hline 1101 \\ 1101 \\ 0000 \\ 1101 \\ \hline 10001111 \end{array}$$

n copies, $\Theta(n^2)$
n column-wise
additions, $\Theta(n^2)$



divide and recombine

recursively... $2^n = n$ left-shifts, and addition/subtraction are $\Theta(n)$

$$1101 = (1100 + 01) = (11 \times 2^2 + 01)$$

$$1011 = (1000 + 11) = (10 \times 2^2 + 11)$$

11	01
×10	11

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= (2^{n/2}x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2}y_1 + y_0) \\ &= 2^n x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2}(x_1 y_0 + y_1 x_0) + x_0 y_0 \end{aligned}$$



compare costs

n n -bit additions versus:

1. divide each factor (roughly) in half $b = 2$
2. multiply the halves (recursively, if they're too big) $a = 4$
3. combine the products with shifts and adds $d = 1$

$$4 > 2^1$$

what?!? back to $\Theta(n^2)$



Gauss's trick

$$xy = 2^n x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} ((x_1 - x_0)(y_0 - y_1) + x_0 y_0) + x_0 y_0$$



Gauss's payoff

lose one multiplication!

1. divide each factor (roughly) in half $b = 2$
2. subtract the halves... $d = 1$
3. multiply the difference and the halves **Gauss-wise** $a = 3$
4. combine the products with shifts and adds $d = 1$

$$3 > 2^1$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$$

FFT



closest point pairs

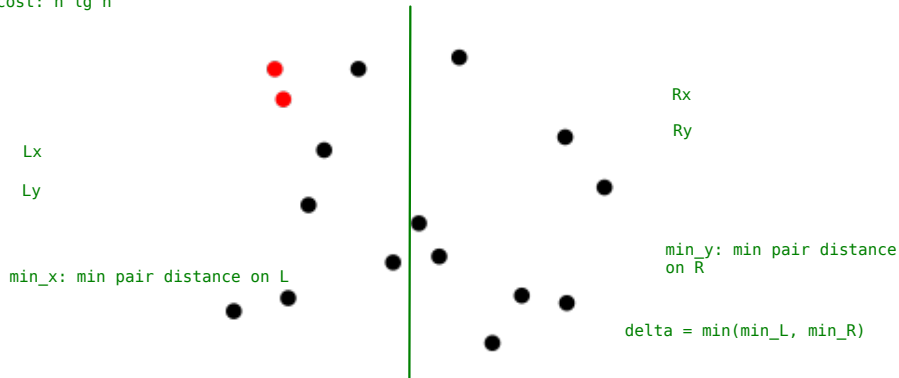
see [Wikipedia](#)

$P = [(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)]$

brute force: $\Theta(n^2)$

before recursion, sort into P_x and P_y : same points, ordered by x, ordered by y

cost: $n \lg n$



divide-and-conquer v0.1

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b = 2  
a = 2  
d = ?? 1, it turns out!
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an $n \lg n$ algorithm

P is a set of points

1. Construct (sort) P_x and P_y before recursion, do it once: $n \lg n$
2. For each recursive call, construct ordered L_x, L_y, R_x, R_y
3. Recursively find closest pairs (l_0, l_1) and (r_0, r_1) , with must be in linear time
minimum distance δ $a = 2$
4. V is the vertical line splitting L and R , D is the δ -neighbourhood of V , and D_y is D ordered by y -ordinate
5. Traverse D_y looking for minimum pairs must be in linear time 7 places apart
6. Choose the minimum pair from D_y versus (l_0, l_1) and (r_0, r_1) .



Dy



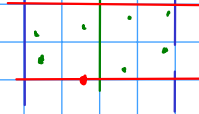
ε_1 ε_2



$b = 2$
 $a = 2$
 $d = 1$

$\Theta(n \lg n)$

traverse Dy bottom
to top...



recursive binary search

A: list, nondecreasing, comparable elements
x: value to search for, must be comparable
b: beginning index of search
e: end index of search

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def recBinSearch(x, A, b, e) :
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    if b == e :
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        if x <= A[b] :
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            return b
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        else :
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            return e + 1
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    else :
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        m = (b + e) // 2 # midpoint
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        if x <= A[m] :
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            return recBinSearch(x, A, b, m)
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        else :
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            return recBinSearch(x, A, m+1, e)
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return position p where x is, or should be inserted.

1. $b \leq p \leq e + 1$
2. $b < p \Rightarrow A[p-1] < x$
3. $p < e + 1 \Rightarrow A[p] \geq x$



conditions, pre- and post-

- ▶ x and elements of A are comparable
- ▶ e and b are valid indices, $0 \leq b \leq e < \text{len}(A)$
- ▶ $A[b..e]$ is sorted non-decreasing

$\text{RecBinSearch}(x, A, b, e)$ terminates and returns index p

- ▶ $b \leq p \leq e + 1$
- ▶ $b < p \Rightarrow A[p - 1] < x$
- ▶ $p \leq e \Rightarrow x \leq A[p]$

(except for boundaries, returns p so that $A[p - 1] < x \leq A[p]$)



precondition \Rightarrow termination and postcondition

Proof: induction on $n = e - b + 1$

Base case, $n = 1$: ^{verify these easily.} Terminates because there are no loops or further calls, returns $p = b = e \Leftrightarrow x \leq A[b = p]$ or $p = b + 1 = e + 1 \Leftrightarrow x > A[b = p - 1]$, so postcondition satisfied. Notice that the choice forces if-and-only-if.

Induction step: Assume $n > 1$ and that the postcondition is satisfied for inputs of size $1 \leq k < n$ that satisfy the precondition, and the RecBinSearch terminates on such inputs. Call RecBinSearch(A,x,b,e) when $n = e - b + 1 > 1$. Since $b < e$ in this case, the test on line 1 fails, and line 7 executes. **Exercise:** $b \leq m < e$ in this case. There are two cases, according to whether $x \leq A[m]$ or $x > A[m]$.

recursive call's postcondition becomes the IH



Case 1: $x \leq A[m]$

$0 \leq 0 + 1 \leq m - b + 1 < e - b + 1 = n$
since $b \leq m < e$, by exercise

- Show that IH applies to $\text{RBS}(x, A, b, m)$
- Translate the postcondition to $\text{RBS}(x, A, b, m)^e$

These are now our I.H.

1. $b \leq p \leq m+1$ # by postcondition
2. $b < p \implies A[p-1] < x$
3. $p \leq m \implies A[p] \geq x$

- Show that $\text{RBS}(x, A, b, e)$ satisfies postcondition

1. $b \leq p$ # by IH
 $p \leq m+1 \leq e+1$ # since $m < e$, by exercise
2. $b < p \implies A[p-1] < x$ # by IH
3. $p \leq e$ # always true, since $p \leq m+1 \leq e$
 $\implies p = m+1 \vee p \leq m$ # first case NEVER happens
since $p = m+1 \implies A[p-1] = A[m] \implies A[m] < x$ (contradiction!)
 $A[p] \geq x$ # by 3. in IH



Case 2: $x > A[m]$

must show that

$1 \leq e - m < e - b + 1 = n$
since $b \leq m < e$

- ▶ Show that IH applies to $\text{RBS}(x, A, m+1, e)$
- ▶ Translate postcondition to $\text{RBS}(x, A, m+1, e)$

terminates, and

1. $m+1 \leq p \leq e+1$
2. $m+1 < p \implies A[p-1] < x$
3. $p \leq e \implies A[p] \geq x$

- ▶ Show that $\text{RBS}(x, A, b, e)$

1. $p \leq e+1$ # by IH
 $b \leq m+1 \leq p$ # since $b \leq m$ (by exercise)
3. $p \leq e \implies A[p] \geq x$ # by IH
2. $b < p$ # always true, since $p \geq m+1 > b$
either $p = m+1$ OR $p > m+1$
case $p > m+1 \implies A[p-1] < x$ # by 2. of IH
case $p = m+1 \implies A[p-1] = A[m] < x$ (by assumption of this case)

what could possibly go wrong?

► $m = \lceil \frac{e+b}{2.0} \rceil$

► $x < A[m]$

► ...

► Either prove correct, or find a counter-example



Notes