

CS 3100

Data Structures and Algorithms 2

Lecture 9: D&C: Closest Pair of Points

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Readings in CLRS 4th edition:

- Section 4.5

Announcements

- PS4 coming soon
- Office hours
 - Prof Hott Office Hours: Mondays 11a-12p, Fridays 10-11a and 2-3p
 - Prof Pettit Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30-4:00p
 - TA office hours posted on our website
- Quizzes 1-2 coming February 29, 2024
 - Both quizzes taken the same day
 - If you have SDAC, please schedule for 1 exam (*not a quiz*)

Divide and Conquer

[CLRS Chapter 4]

Divide:

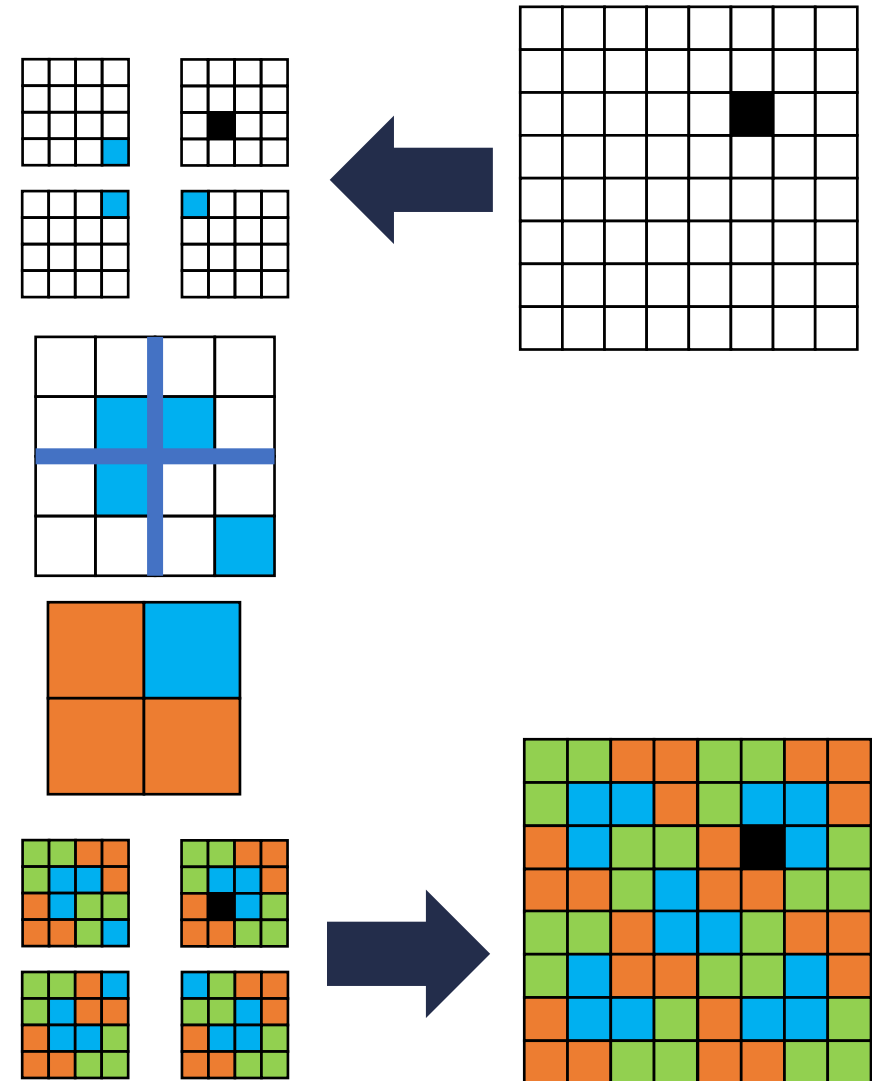
- Break the problem into multiple **subproblems**, each smaller instances of the original

Conquer:

- If the subproblems are “large”:
 - Solve each subproblem **recursively**
- If the subproblems are “small”:
 - Solve them directly (**base case**)

Combine:

- Merge solutions to subproblems to obtain solution for original problem



Observation

Divide: $D(n)$ time

Conquer: Recurse on smaller problems of size s_1, \dots, s_k

Combine: $C(n)$ time

Recurrence:

- $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i \in [k]} T(s_i) + C(n)$

Many divide and conquer algorithms have recurrences are of form:

- $T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + f(n)$

a and b are constants

Mergesort: $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

Divide and Conquer Multiplication: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + 5n$

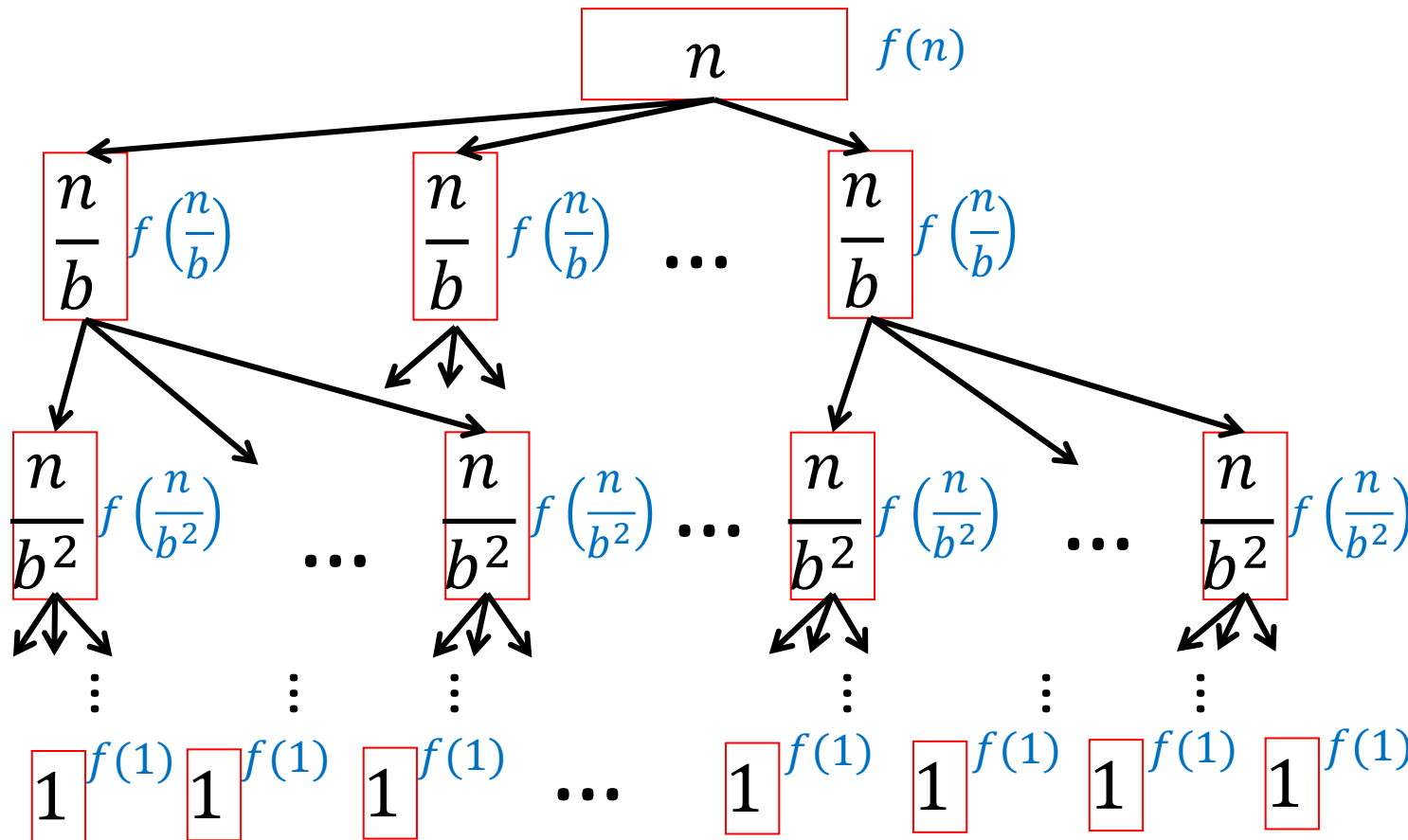
Karatsuba Multiplication: $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 8n$

General Recurrence

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

Number of subproblems

Cost of subproblem



1

$f(n)$

a

$f(n/b)$

a^2

$f(n/b^2)$

a^k

$f(n/b^k)$

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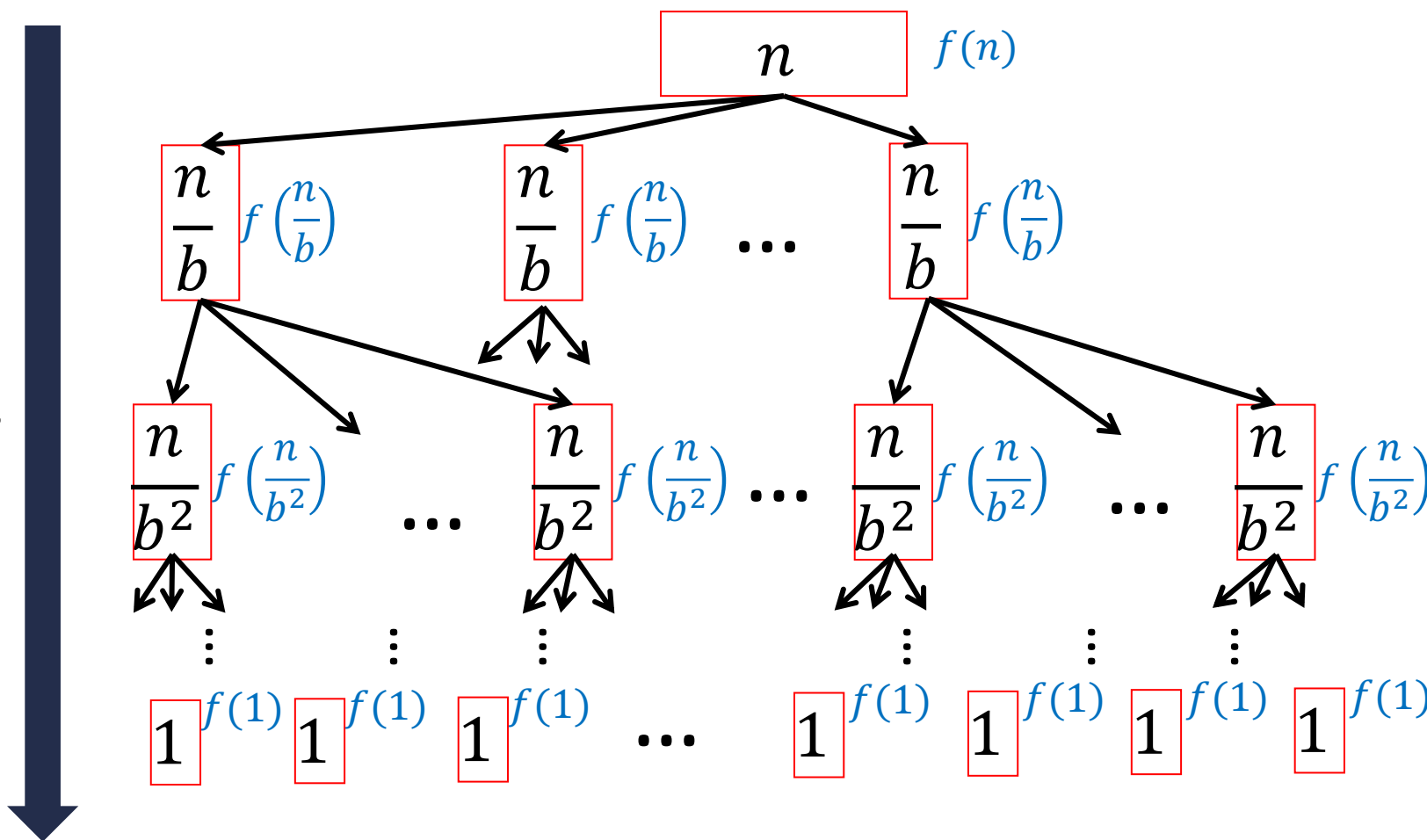
a^2

$f(n/b^2)$

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

$f(n/b^k)$

k levels

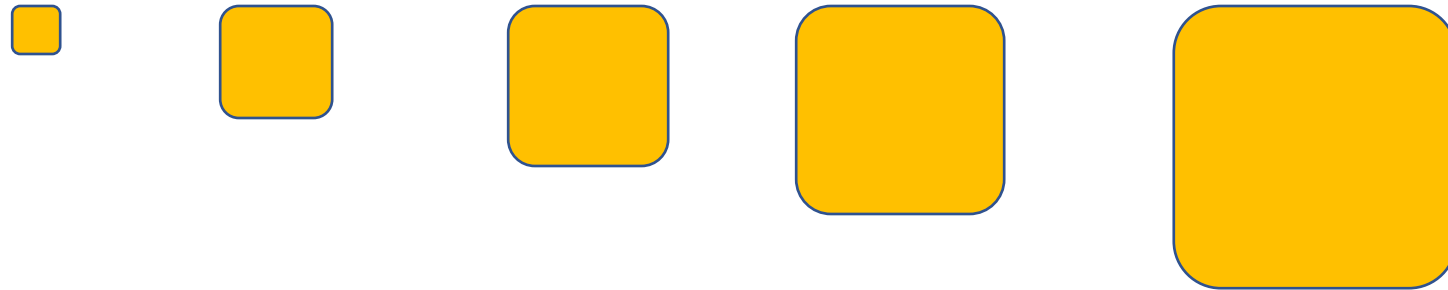


Three Cases

$$T(n) = f(n) + af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + a^2f\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) + a^3f\left(\frac{n}{b^3}\right) + \dots + a^kf\left(\frac{n}{b^k}\right)$$

$$k = \log_b n$$

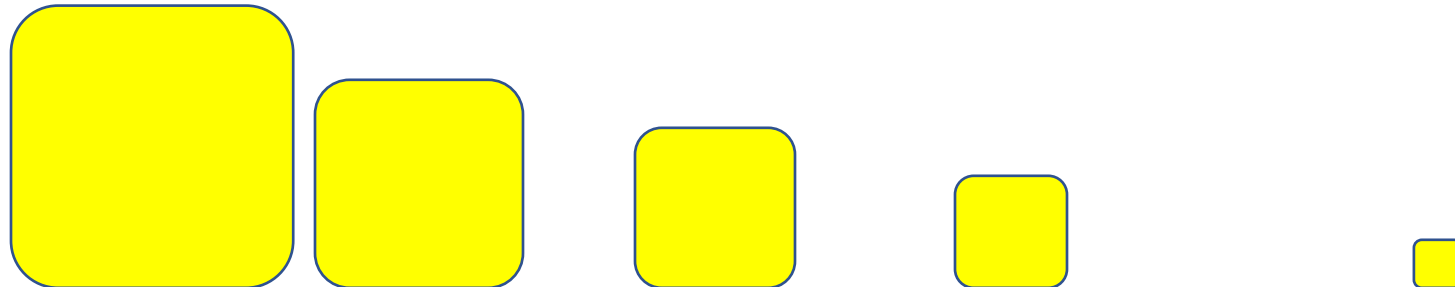
Case 1:
Most work happens
at the leaves



Case 2:
Work happens
consistently throughout



Case 3:
Most work happens
at top of tree



Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$\delta = \log_b a$$

	Requirement on f	Implication
Case 1	$f(n) \in O(n^{\delta-\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$	$T(n) \in \Theta(n^\delta)$

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Case 3	$f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\delta+\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$ AND $af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq cf(n)$ for constant $c < 1$ and sufficiently large n	$T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$

Master Theorem Example 1

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

Case 1: if $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Case 2: if $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$

Case 3: if $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, and if $af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large n , then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

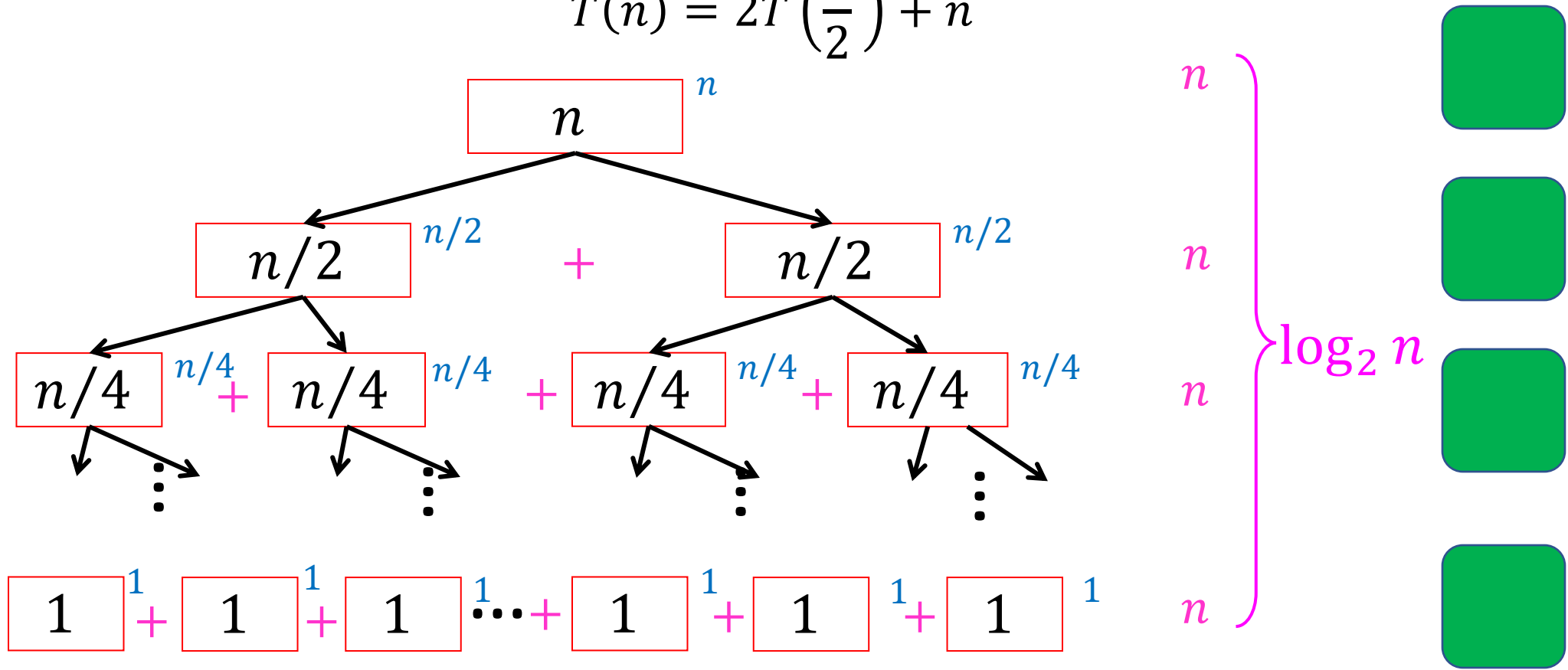
$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

Case 2

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \log n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

Tree method

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



Master Theorem Example 2

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

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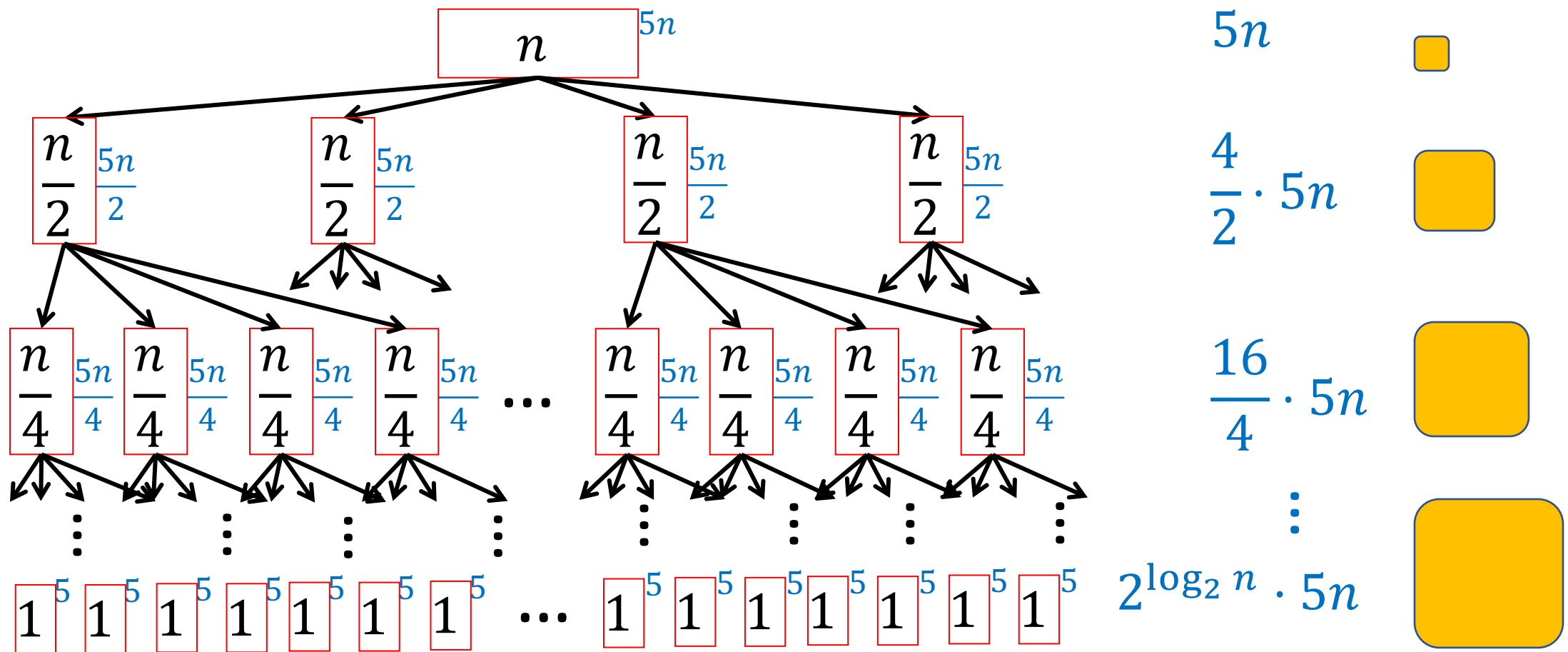
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Case 1

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

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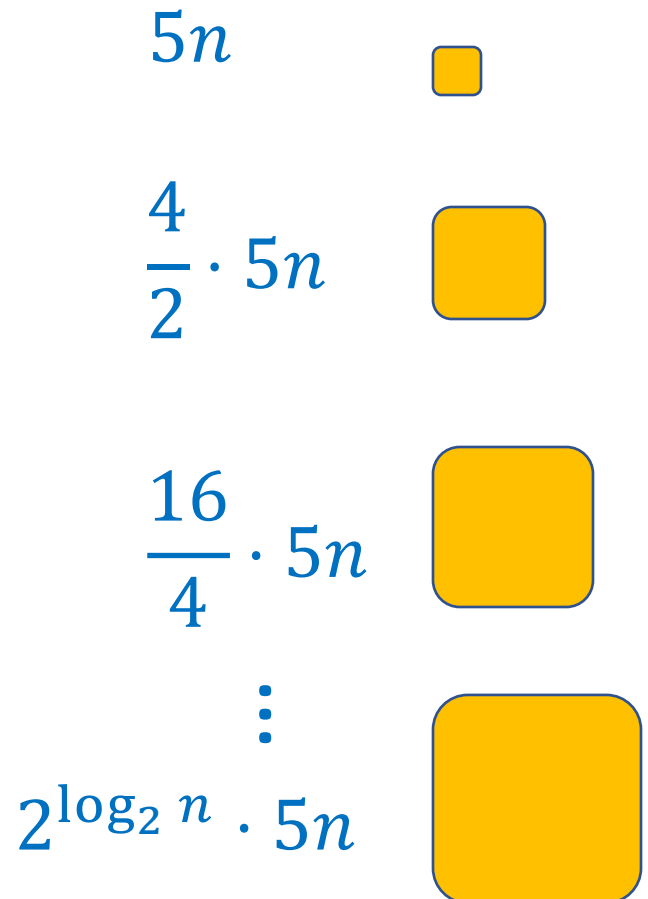


Tree method

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 5n$$

Cost is increasing with the recursion depth
(due to large number of subproblems)

Most of the work happening in the leaves



Master Theorem Example 3

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

Case 1: if $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

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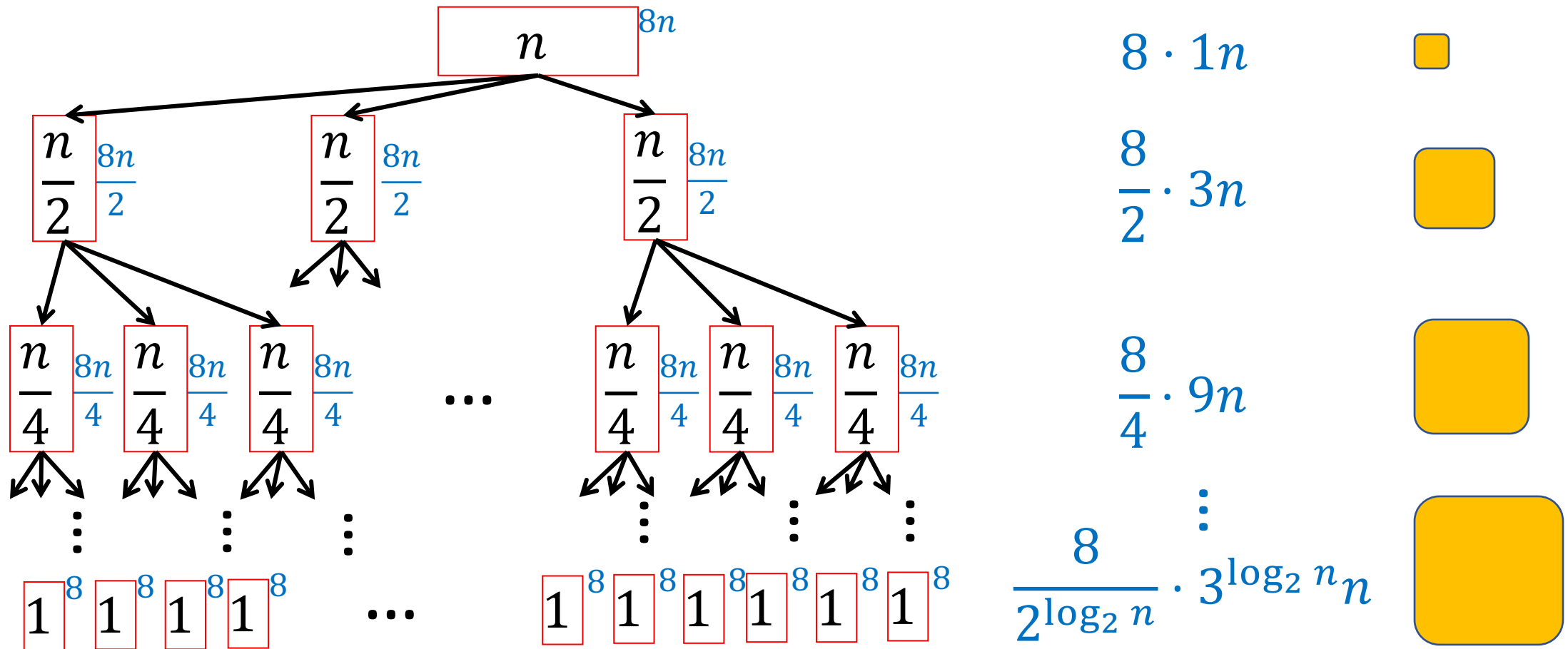
$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 8n$$

Case 1

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx \Theta(n^{1.585})$$

Karatsuba

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 8n$$



Master Theorem Example 4

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

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$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 15n^3$$

Case 3

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Case 3

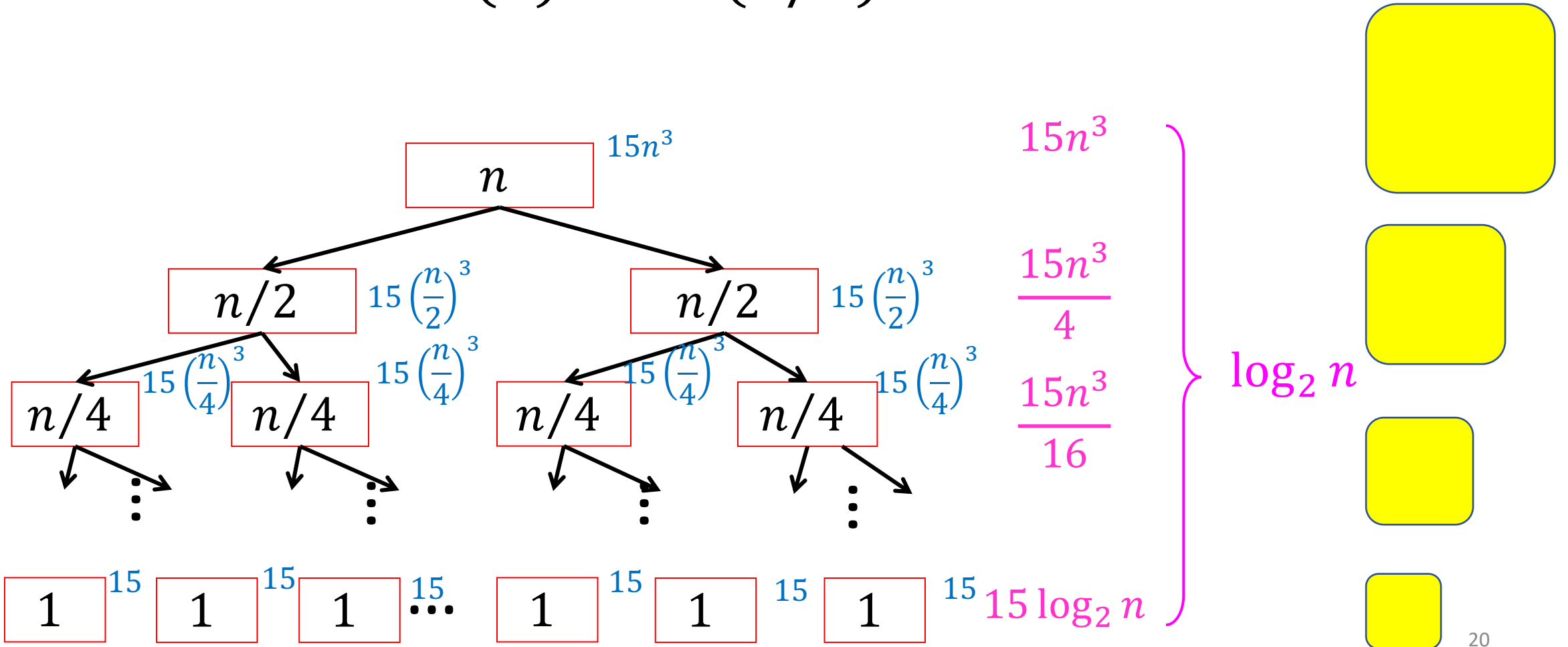
$$\Theta(n^3)$$

Important: For Case 3, need to additionally check that $2f(n/2) \leq cf(n)$ for constant $c < 1$ and sufficiently large n

$$2f(n/2) = 30(n/2)^3 = \frac{30}{8}n^3 \leq \frac{1}{4}(15n^3)$$

Master Theorem Example 4 (Visually)

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 15n^3$$



Master Theorem Example 4 (Visually)

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 15n^3$$

Cost is decreasing with the recursion depth
(due to high *non-recursive* cost)

Most of the work happening at the top

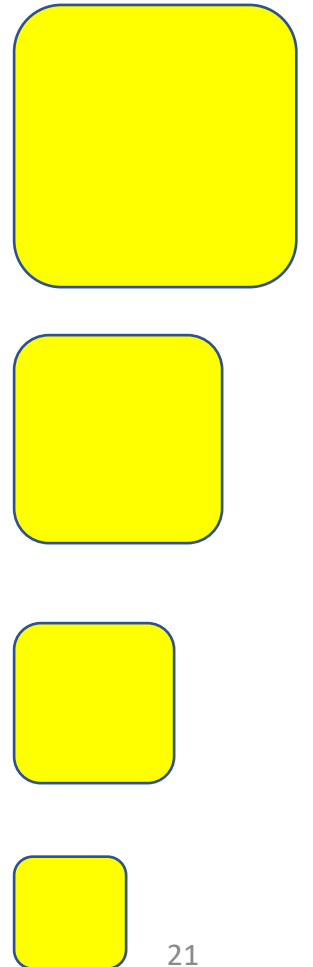
$$15n^3$$

$$\frac{15n^3}{4}$$

$$\frac{15n^3}{16}$$

$$15 \log_2 n$$

$\log_2 n$



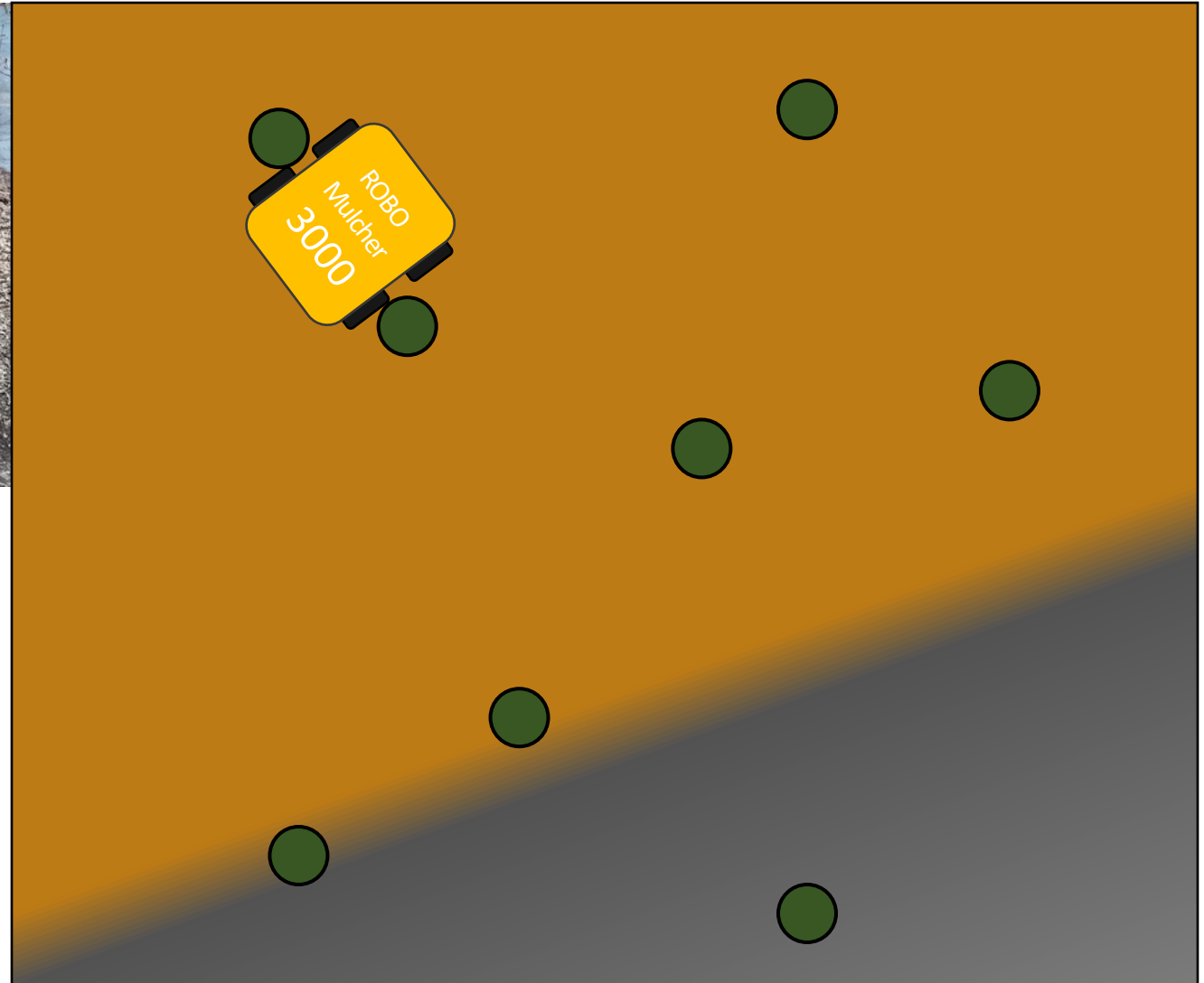
Robbie's Yard



There Has to be an Easier Way!



Constraints: Trees and Plants



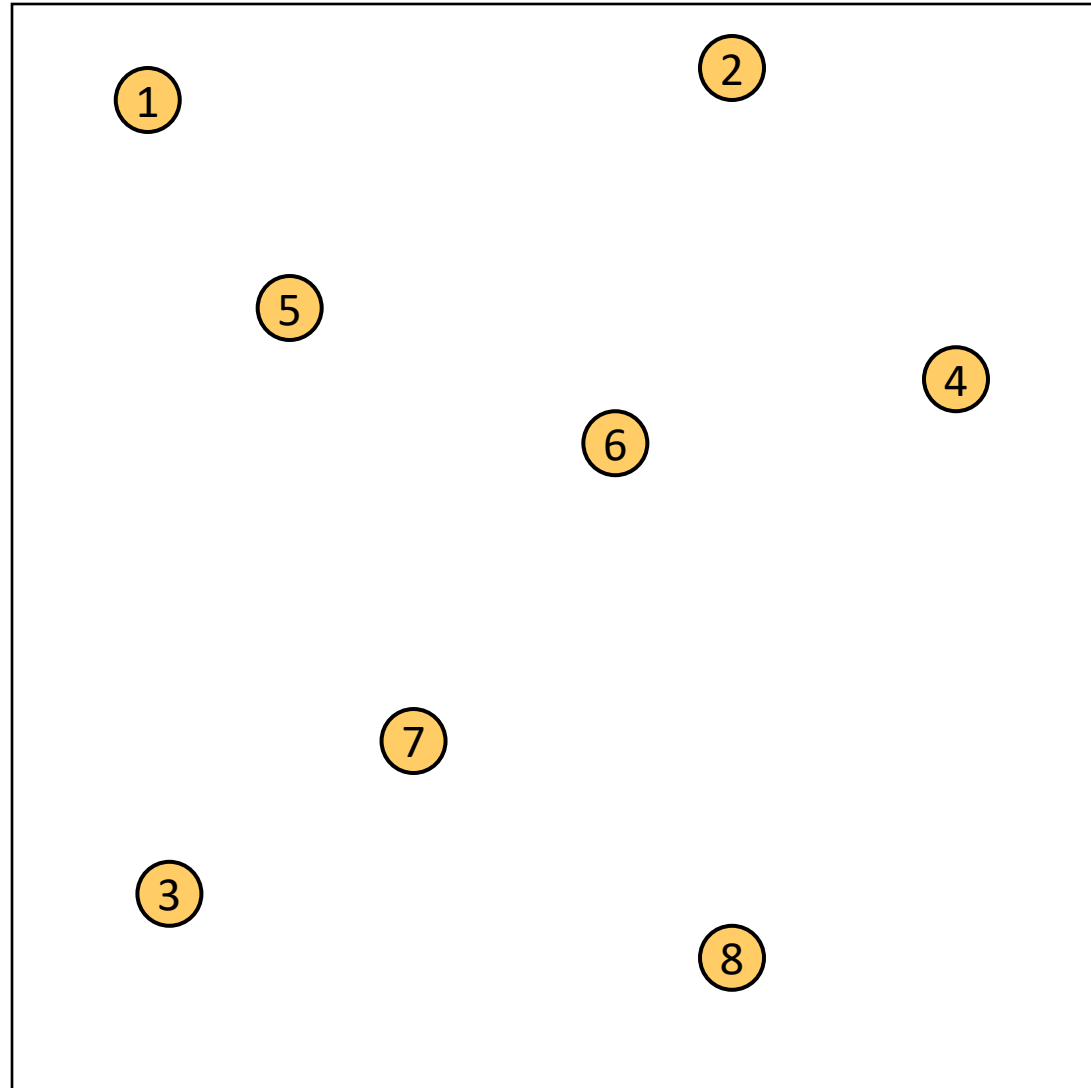
How wide can the robot be?

Objective: find closest pair of trees

Closest Pair of Points

Given: A list of points

Return: Pair of points with smallest distance apart



Closest Pair of Points: Naïve

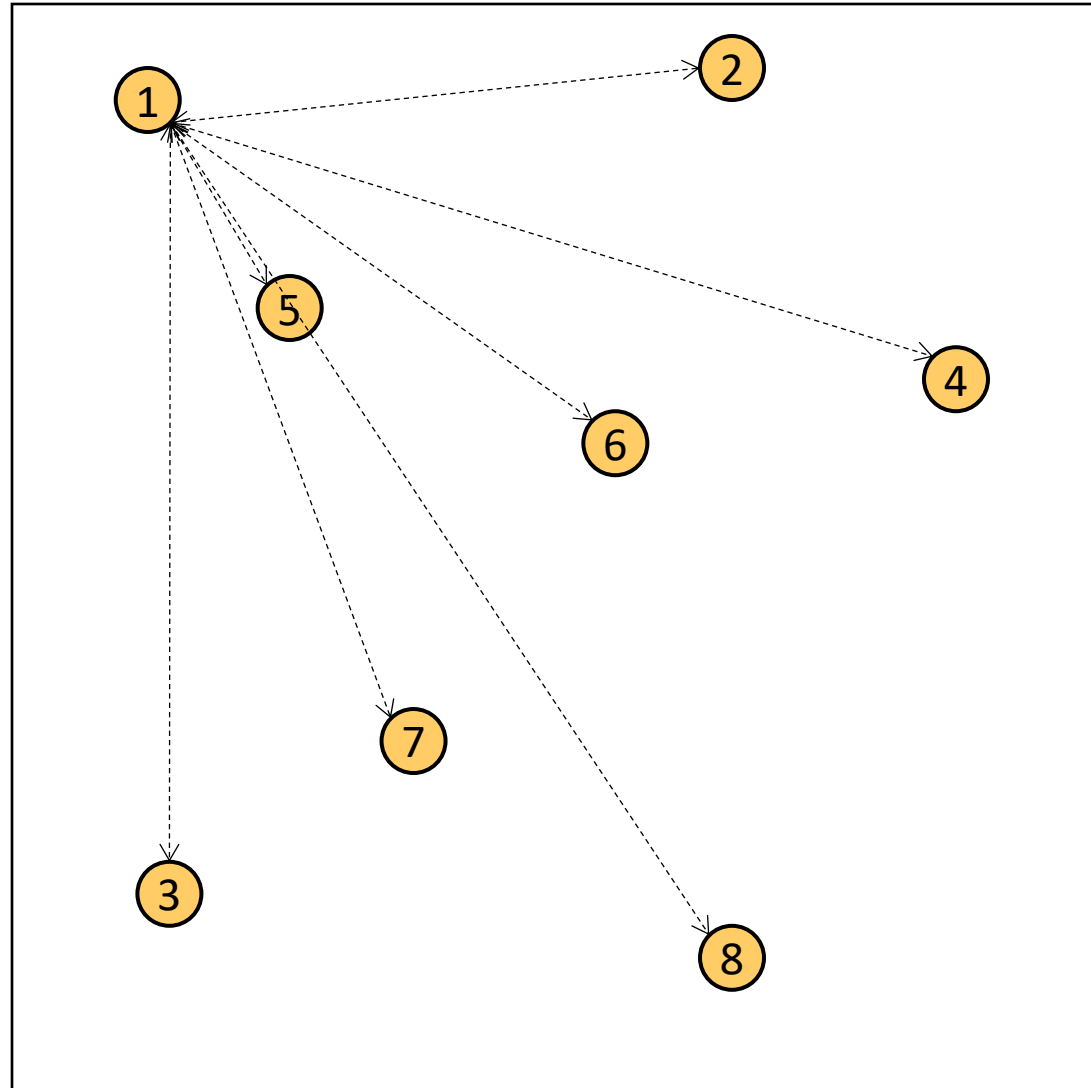
Given: A list of points

Return: Pair of points with smallest distance apart

Algorithm: Test every pair of points, return the closest

Running Time: $O(n^2)$

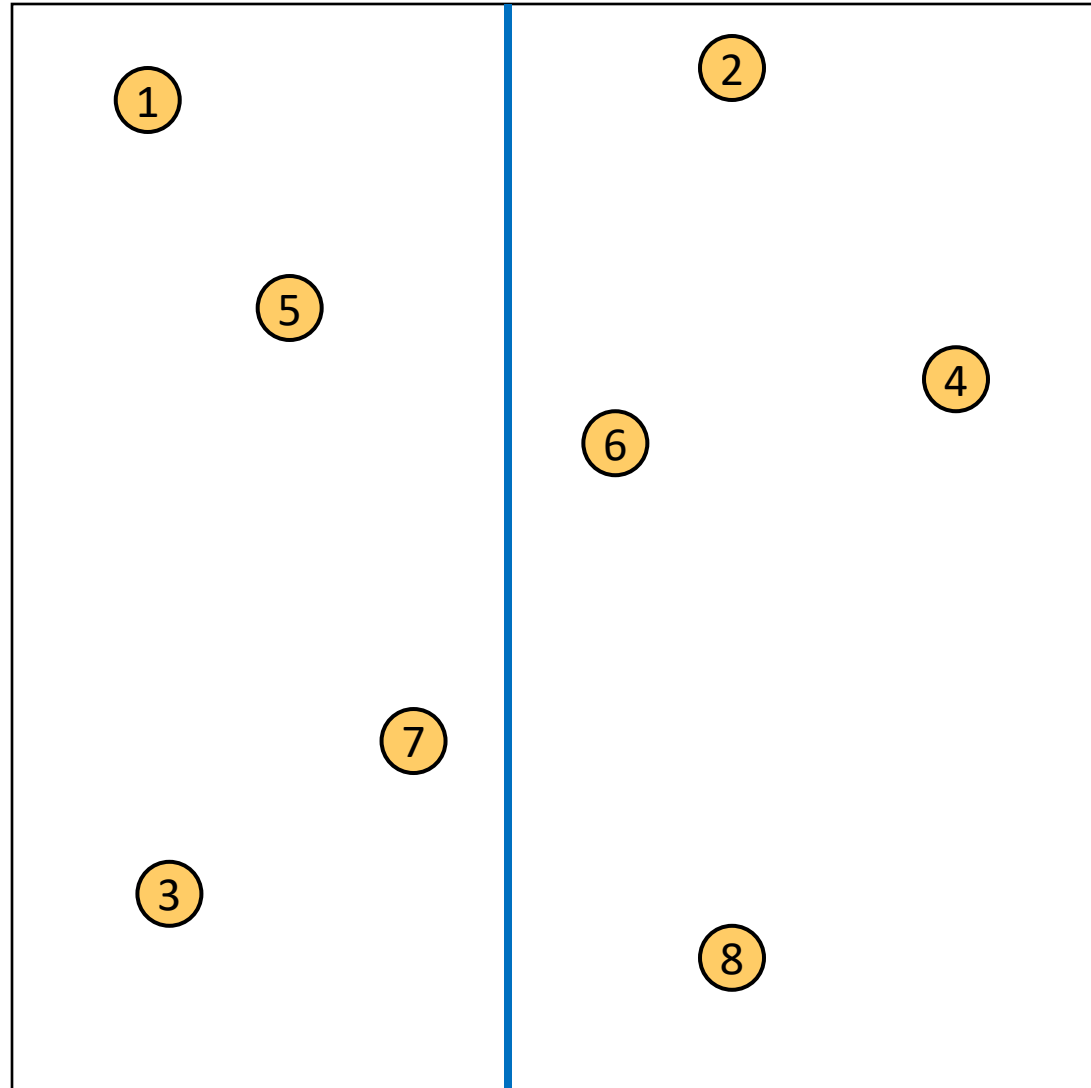
Goal: $O(n \log n)$



Closest Pair of Points: Divide and Conquer

Divide: How?

At median x coordinate



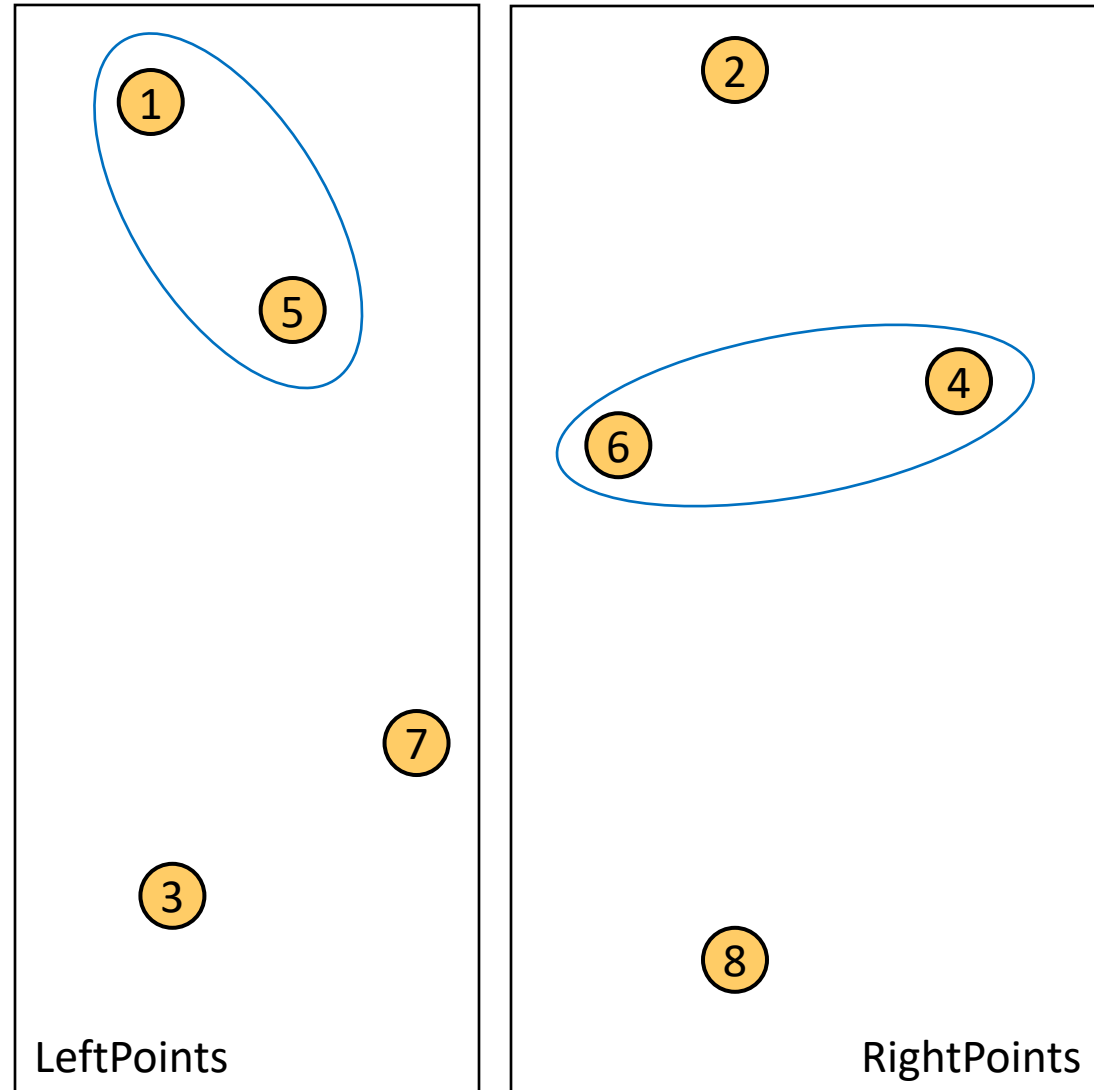
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Divide:

At median x coordinate

Conquer:

Recursively find closest pairs
from LeftPoints and RightPoints



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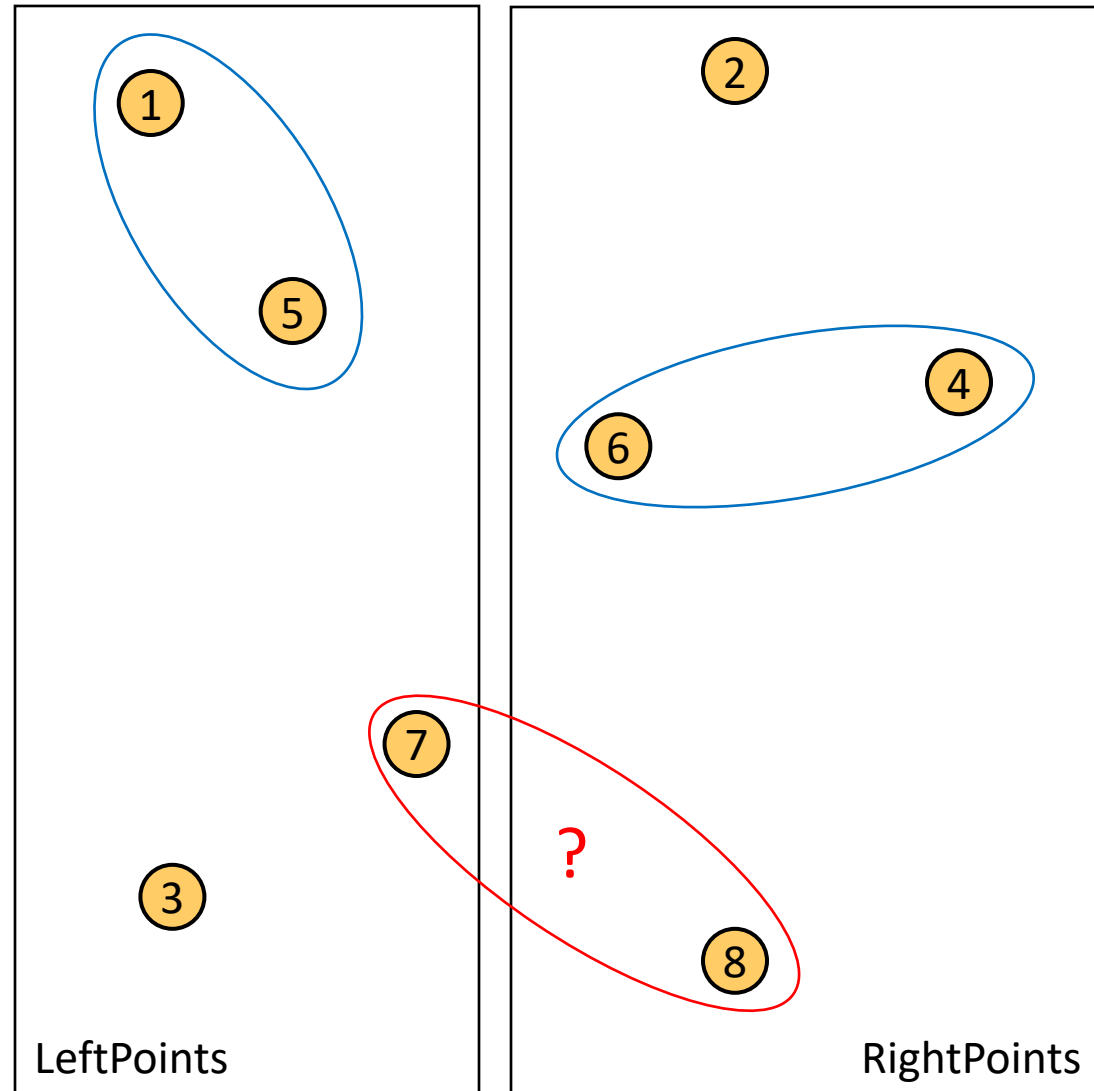
Conquer:

Recursively find closest pairs from LeftPoints and RightPoints

Combine:

Return smaller of left and right pairs

Problem?



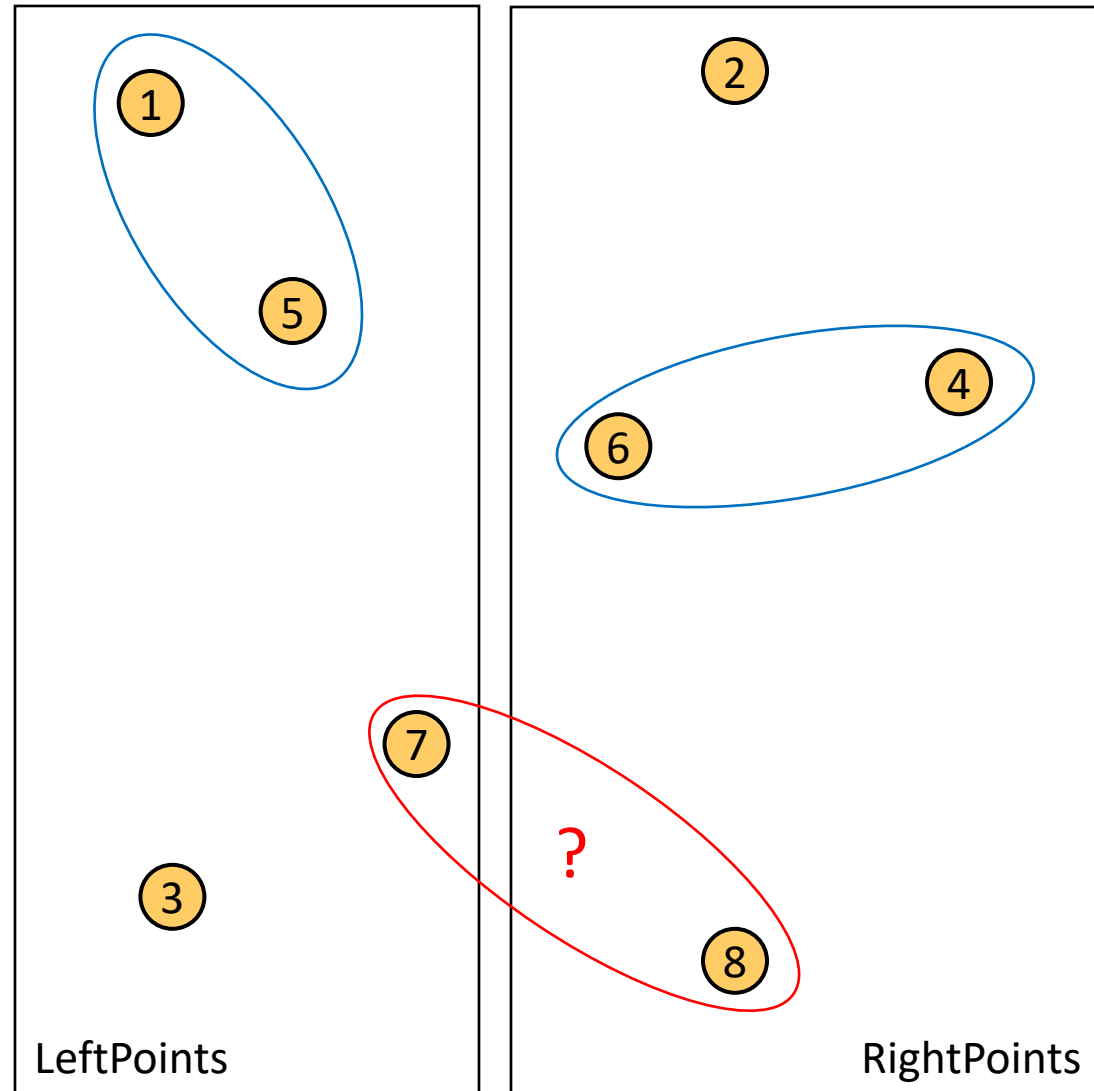
Closest Pair of Points: Divide and Conquer

Combine:

Case 1: Closest pair is completely in LeftPoints or RightPoints

Case 2: Closest pair spans our “cut”

Need to test points across the cut



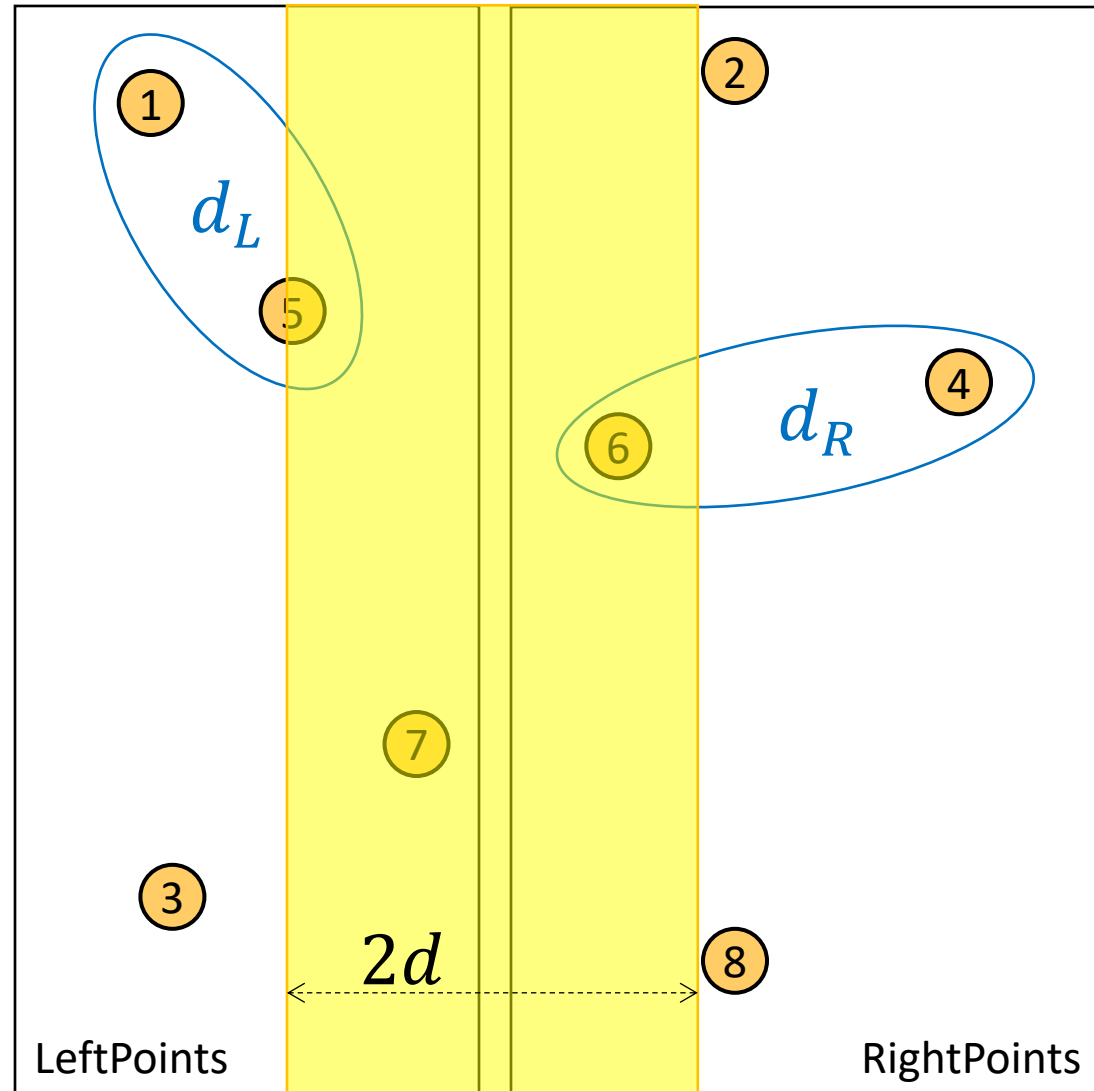
Spanning the Cut

Case 2: Closest pair spans our “cut”

Need to test points across the cut

Compare all pairs of points within $d = \min\{d_L, d_R\}$ of the cut

How many are there?



Spanning the Cut

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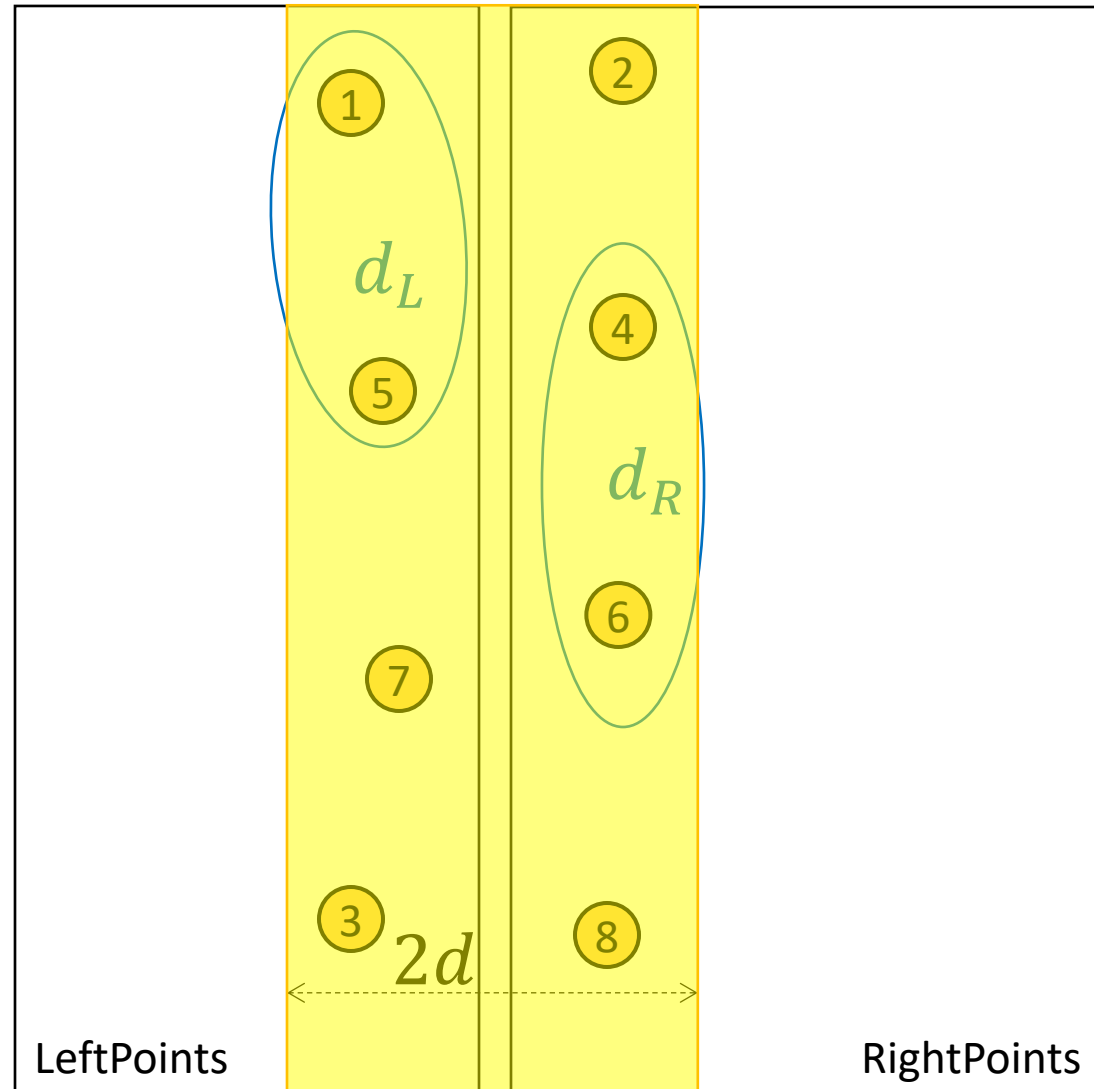
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How many are there?

In the worst case, **all** of the points!

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Omega(n^2) \in \Omega(n^2)$$



Spanning the Cut

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Need to test points across the cut

Compare all pairs

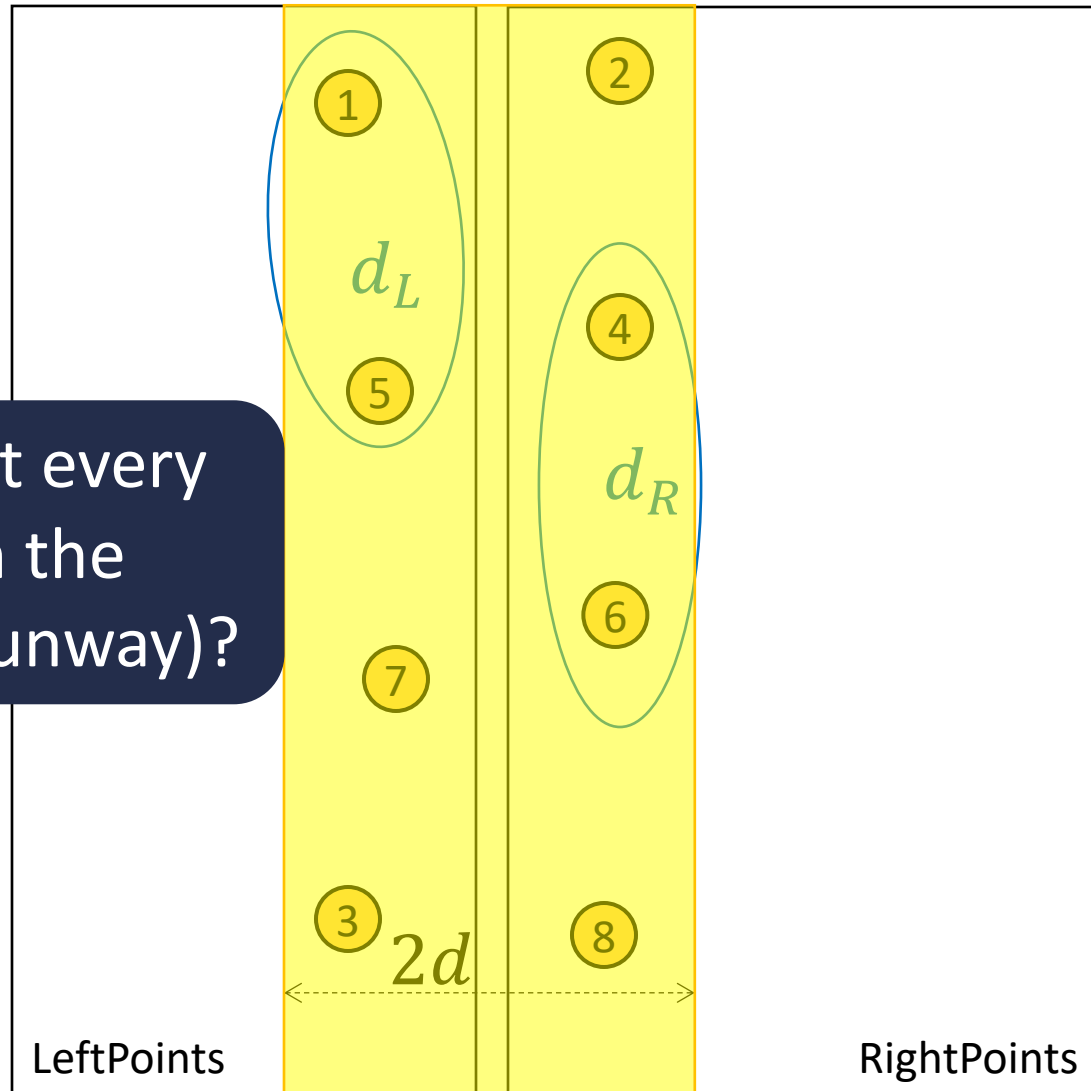
$$d = \min\{d_L, d_R\}$$

How many are

Do we need to test every pair of points in the boundary region (runway)?

In the worst case, **all** of the points!

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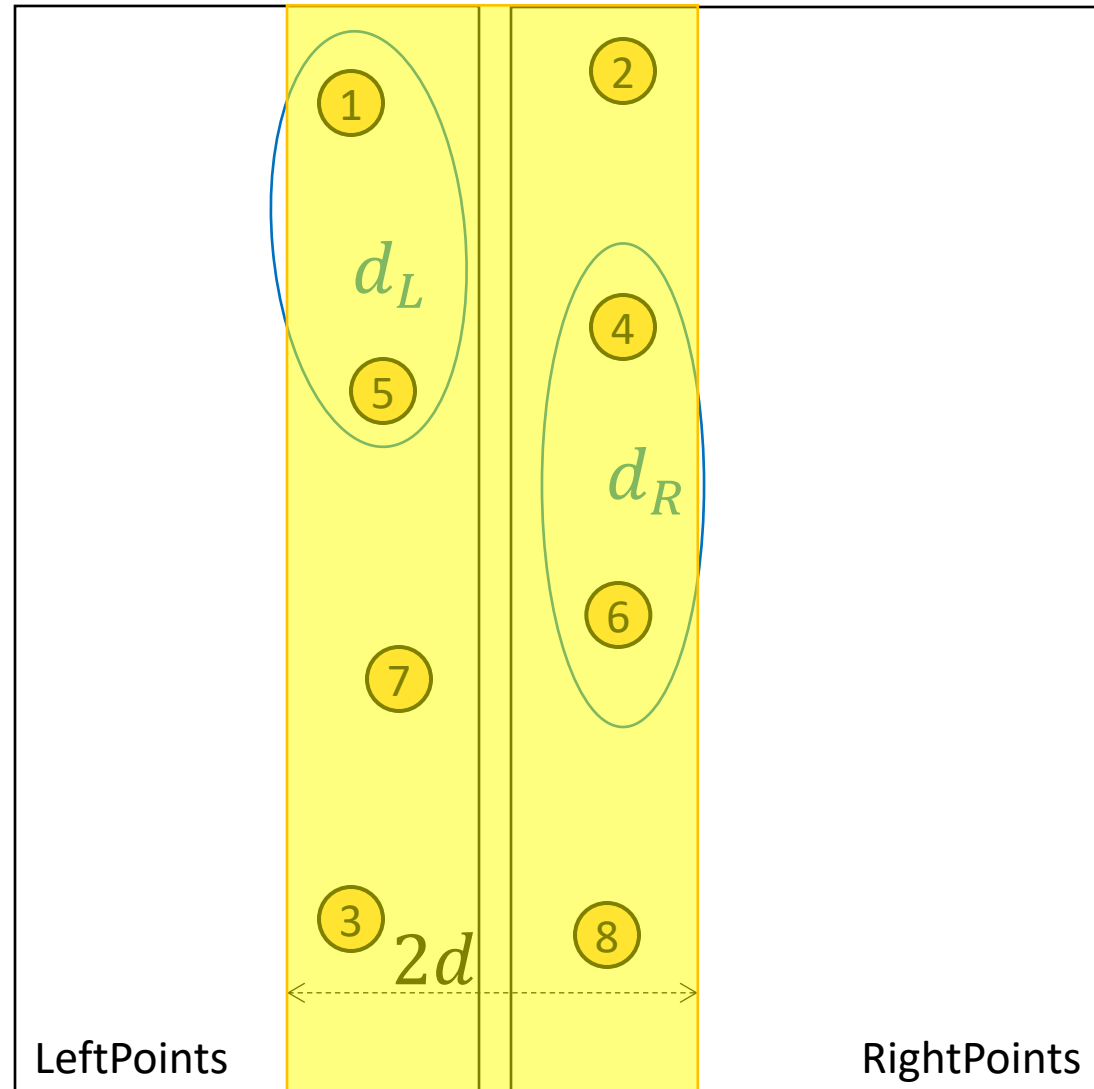
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Need to test points across the cut

Observation: We don't need to test all pairs!

Only need to test points within distance d of each another



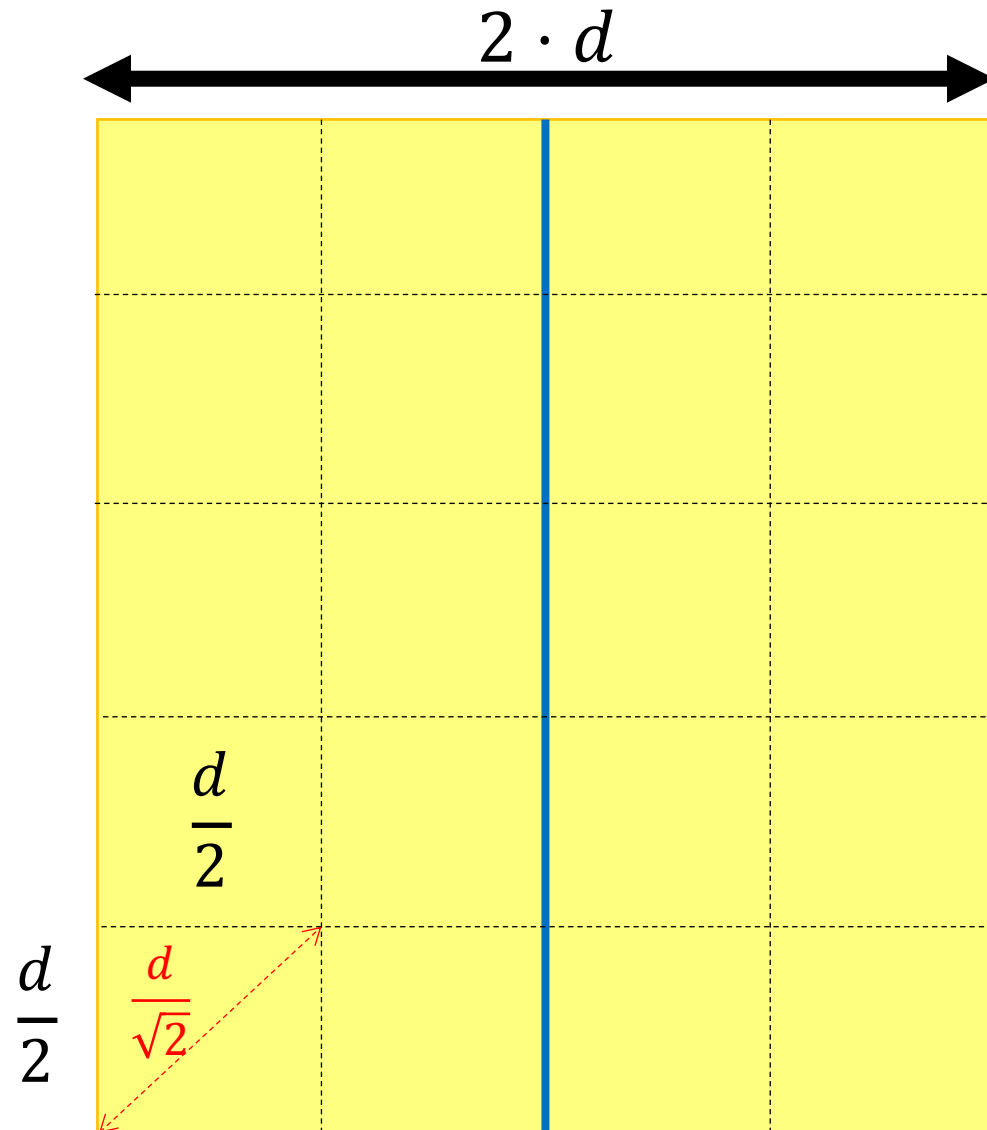
Reducing Search Space

Case 2: Closest pair spans our “cut”

Need to test points across the cut

Divide the runway into squares with dimension $d/2$

How many points can be in a square? **at most 1**



Reducing Search Space

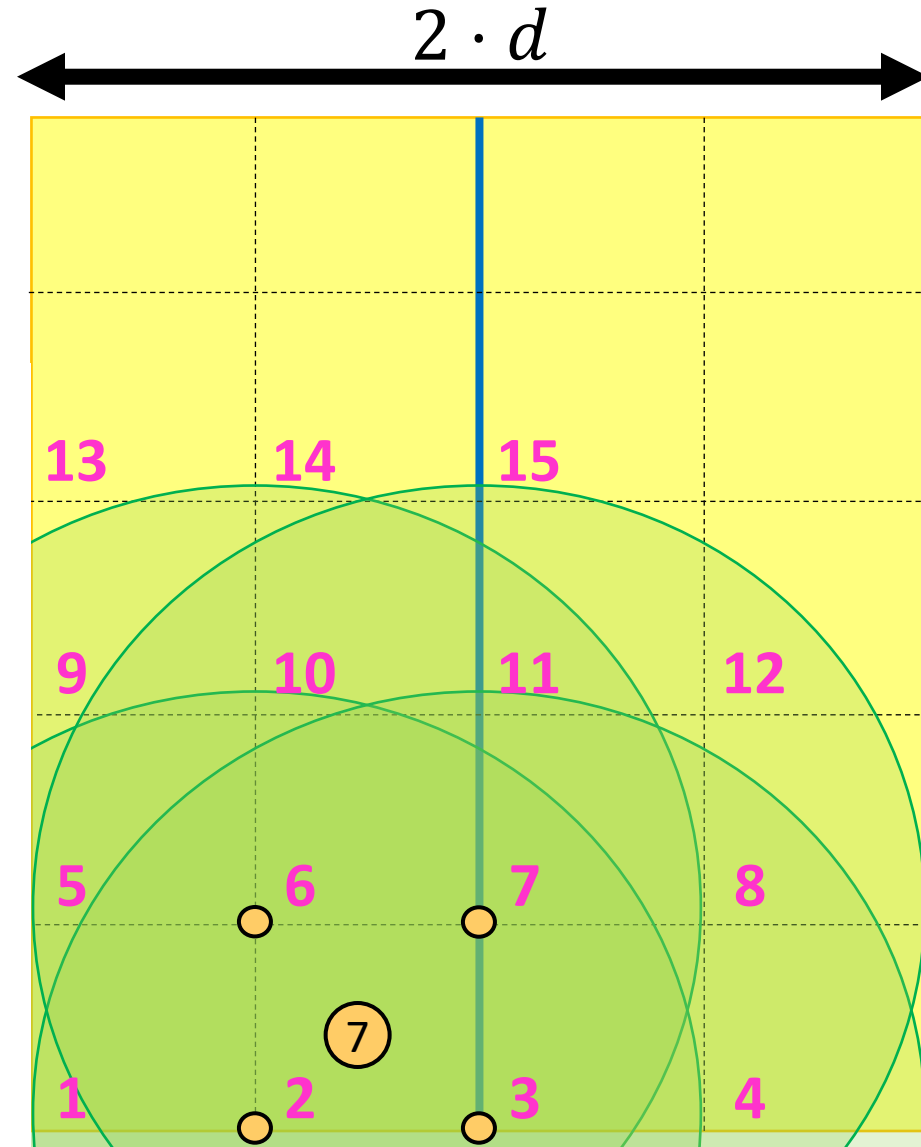
Case 2: Closest pair spans our “cut”

Need to test points across the cut

Divide the runway into squares with dimension $d/2$

How many squares can contain a point $< d$ away?

at most **15**



Closest Pair of Points: Divide and Conquer

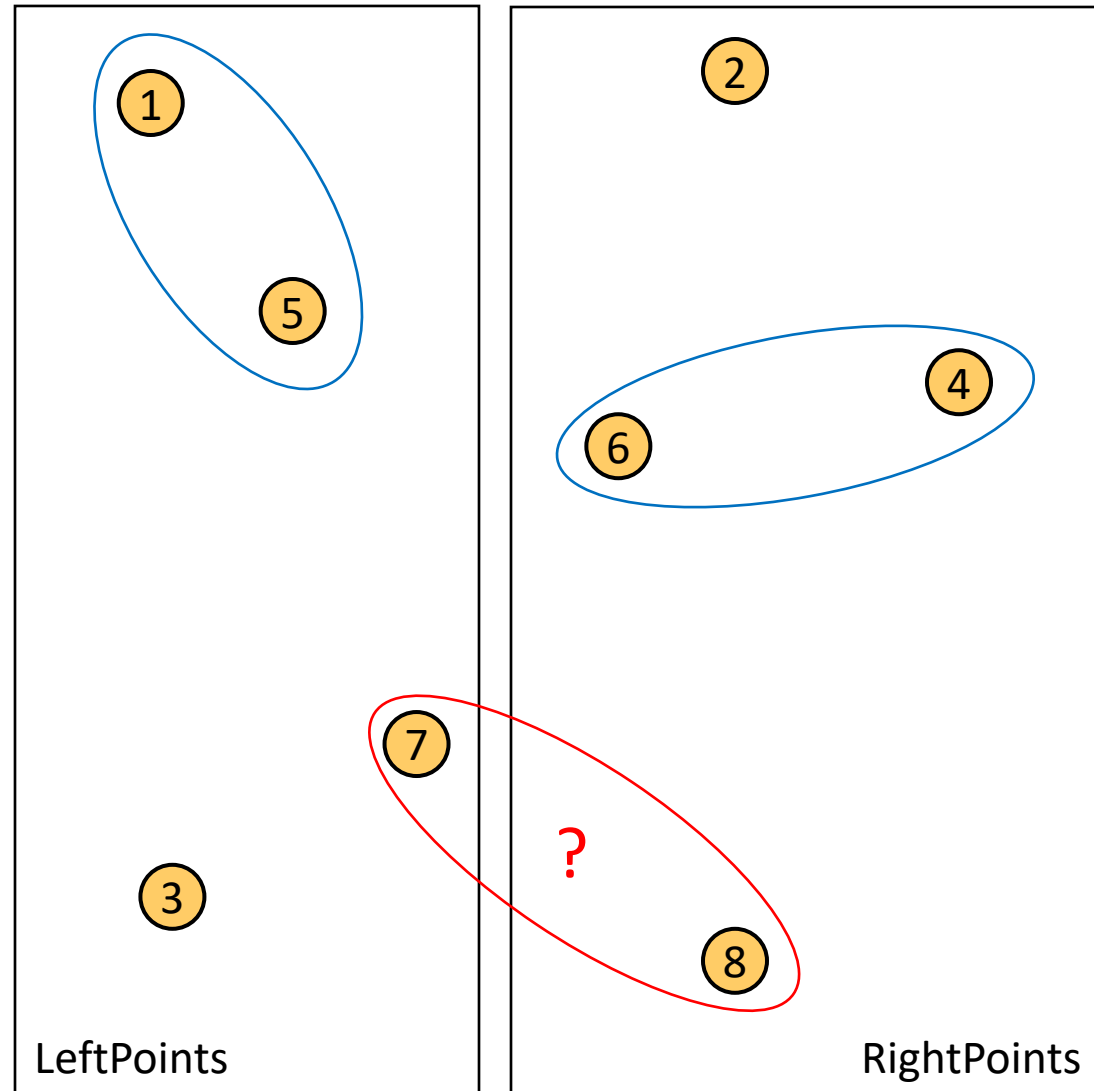
Initialization: Sort points by x -coordinate

Divide: Partition points into two lists of points based on x -coordinate

Conquer: Recursively compute the closest pair of points in each list

Combine:

- Construct list of points in the boundary
- Sort runway points by y -coordinate
- Compare each point in runway to 15 points above it and save the closest pair
- Output closest pair among left, right, and runway points



Closest Pair of Points: Divide and Conquer

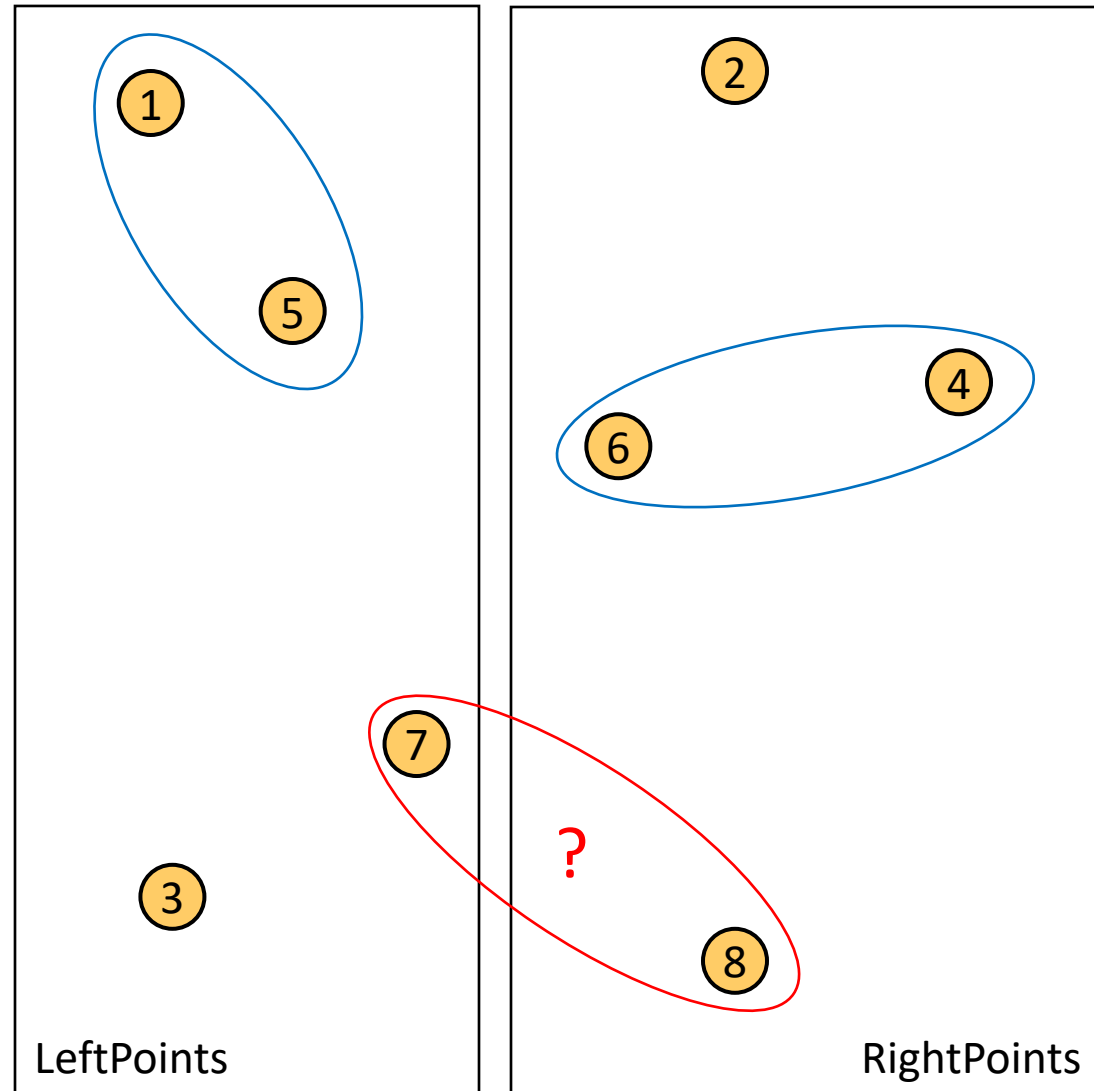
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Looks like another $O(n \log n)$ algorithm – combine step is still too expensive

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Solution: Maintain additional information in the recursion

- Minimum distance among pairs of points in the list
- List of points sorted according to y -coordinate

Sorting runway points by y -coordinate now becomes a **merge**

Listing Points in the Boundary

LeftPoints:

Closest Pair: (1, 5), $d_{1,5}$

Sorted Points: [3, 7, 5, 1]

RightPoints:

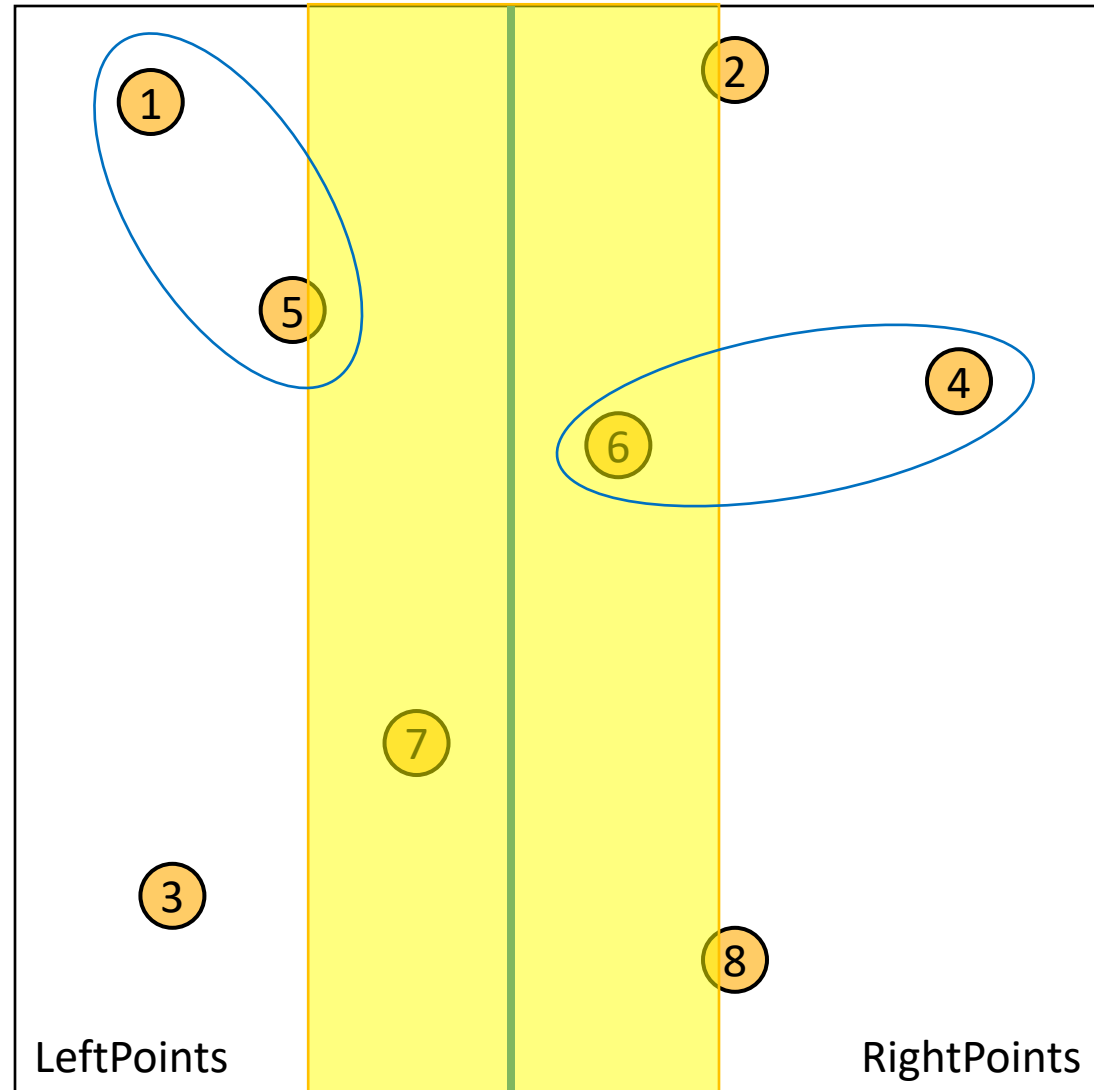
Closest Pair: (4, 6), $d_{4,6}$

Sorted Points: [8, 6, 4, 2]

Merged Points: [8, 3, 7, 6, 4, 5, 1, 2]

Runway Points: [8, 7, 6, 5, 2]

Both of these lists can be computed
by a *single* pass over the lists



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Closest Pair of Points: Divide and Conquer

What is the running time?

$$\Theta(n \log n)$$

$$T(n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Case 2 of Master's Theorem:

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

$$\Theta(n \log n)$$

Initialization: Sort points by x -coordinate

$$\Theta(1)$$

Divide: Partition points into two lists of points based on x -coordinate

$$2T(n/2)$$

Conquer: Recursively compute the closest pair of points in each list

$$\Theta(n)$$

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$$\Theta(n)$$

$$\Theta(1)$$