

Goals

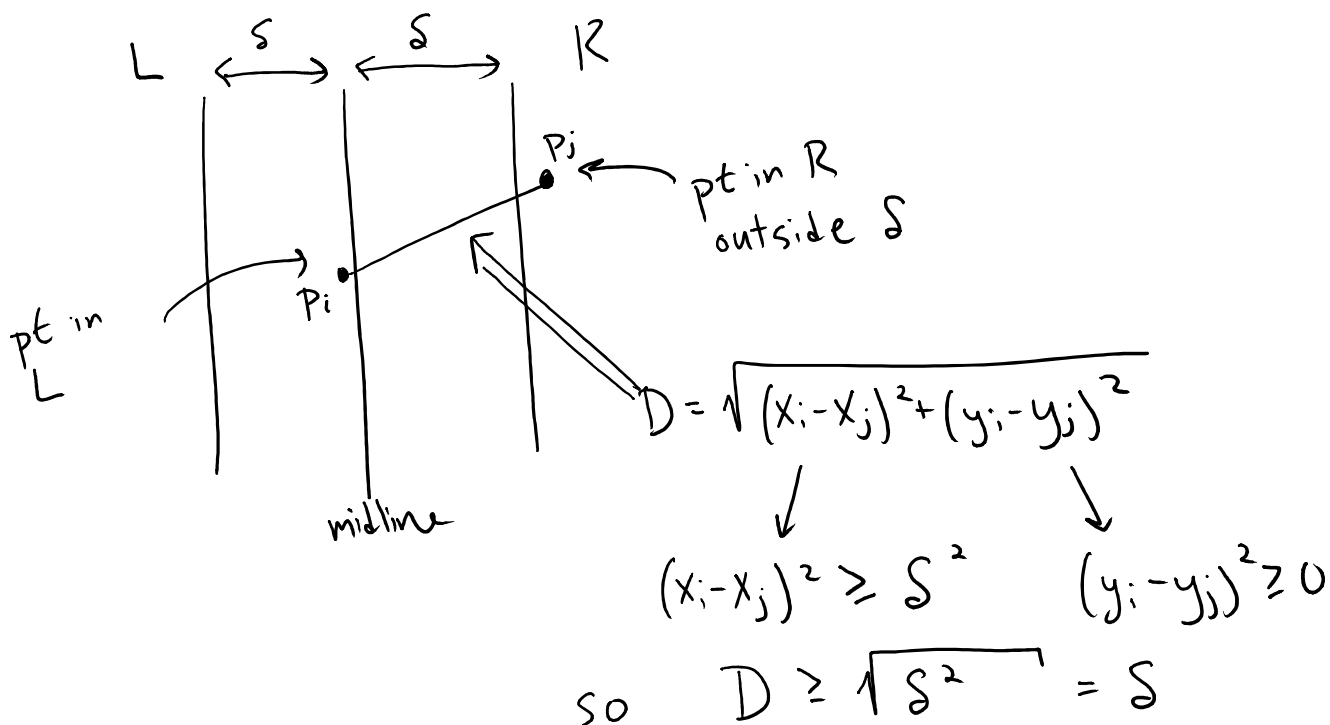
• Describe and analyze Closest Points Alg.

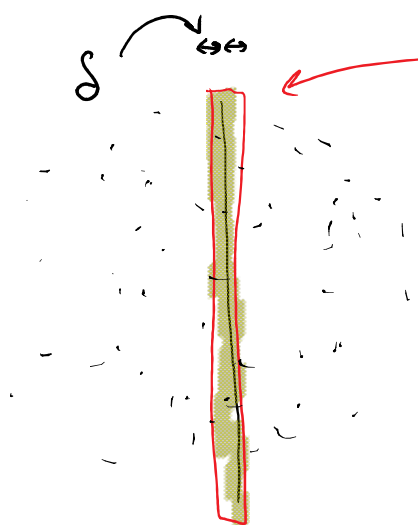
• Proof writing resources
• S of midline

• PS feedback

Algorithm Sketch for Closest Points

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If squint, looks like points on a line! For line:

1. Sort by y -coordinate
2. For-loop to look at nearest neighbors

3. Create sorted list of points within δ of midline (Y_s). Loop through Y_s , checking distance between each point and next — pts. Let S' be smallest distance found in whole loop.

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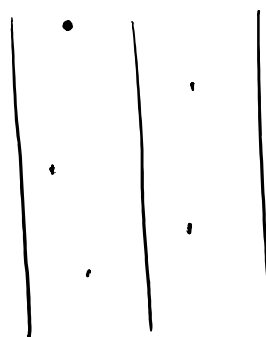
Compare
to next



Don't need to compare to
previous because already
checked that distance

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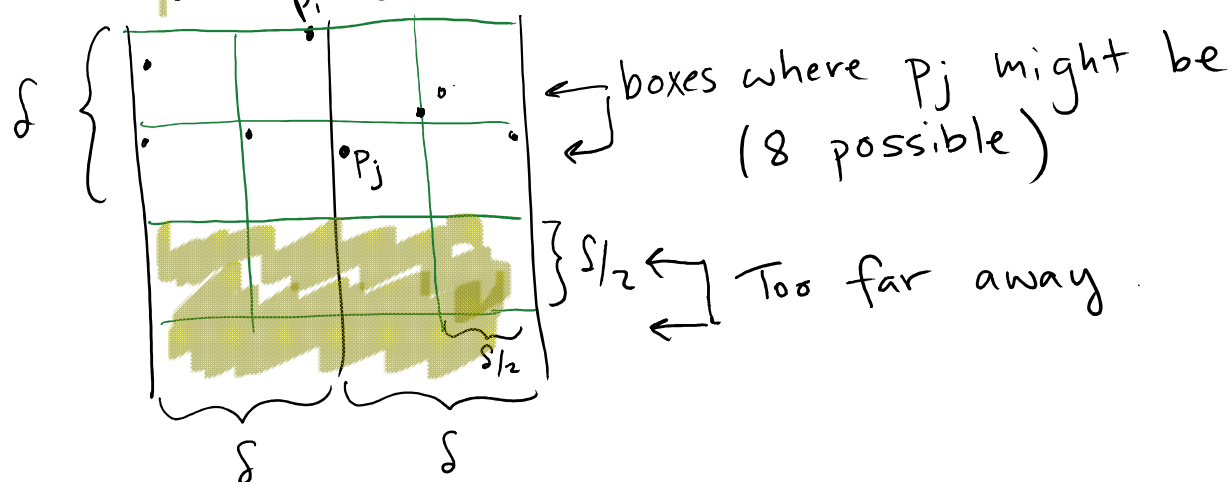
Every point in L or R. Otherwise could have a cluster all
on midline

Let

- Y_δ be array of points, within δ of midline line, sorted by y-coordinate
- p_i be i^{th} element of Y_δ

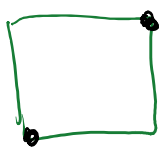
Claim ♡: If $d(p_i, p_j) < \delta$, then $|i - j| \leq 7$

Proof: Imagine dividing into squares of $\frac{\delta}{2} \times \frac{\delta}{2}$, starting at p_i



NOTE: there is ≤ 1 pt in each square

For contradiction, suppose 2 pts in square:



Largest distance at corners

Distance: $\frac{\delta}{\sqrt{2}}$

Each square in L or R, so points must have distance at least δ by inductive assumption.

Contradiction!

8 squares possible \rightarrow 8 pts possible \rightarrow check next 7 pts

(Can do better analysis, but more work for little improvement)

Time analysis:

Q: For each step, what is big-O run time?
 Let $T(n)$ = runtime on n points, $|P|=n$

Closest Pair (P)

1. If $|P| \leq 3$, brute force

2. Sort by x-coordinate into L, R

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$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n \log n)$$

Q: Now what is runtime of each step

Preprocess: Sort P into X, Y

↑ arrays of all points sorted by
X, y-coordinate

Closest Pair (X, Y)

1. If $|P| \leq 3$, brute force

2. Create X_L, Y_L X_R, Y_R for left/right halves

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Better Runtime:

0. Preprocess: Sort P into X, Y $O(n \log n)$
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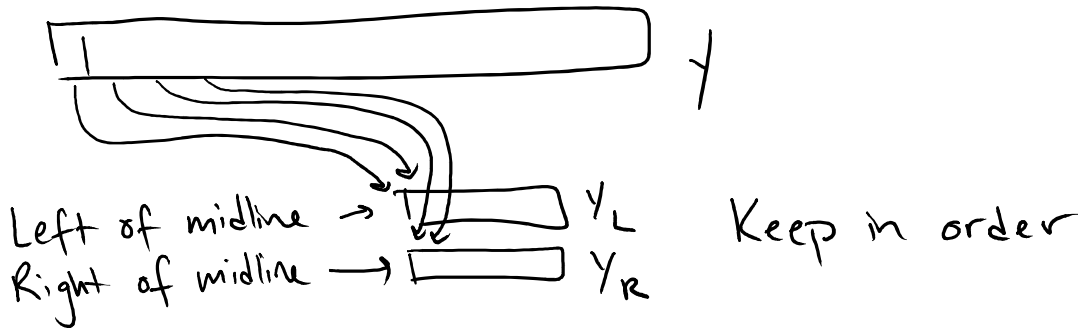
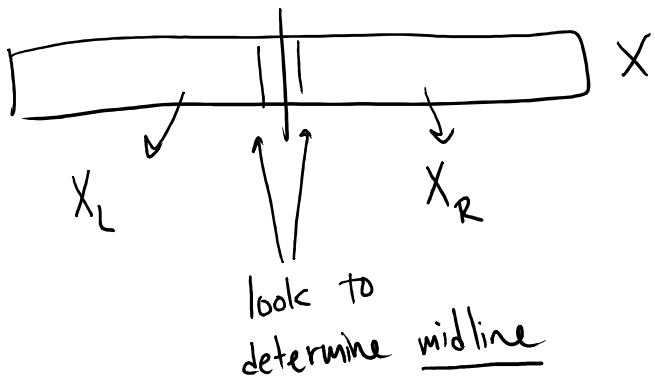
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$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \quad (\text{preprocess } O(n \log n))$$

Step 2:



Step 4

