Lecture 26

CSE 331

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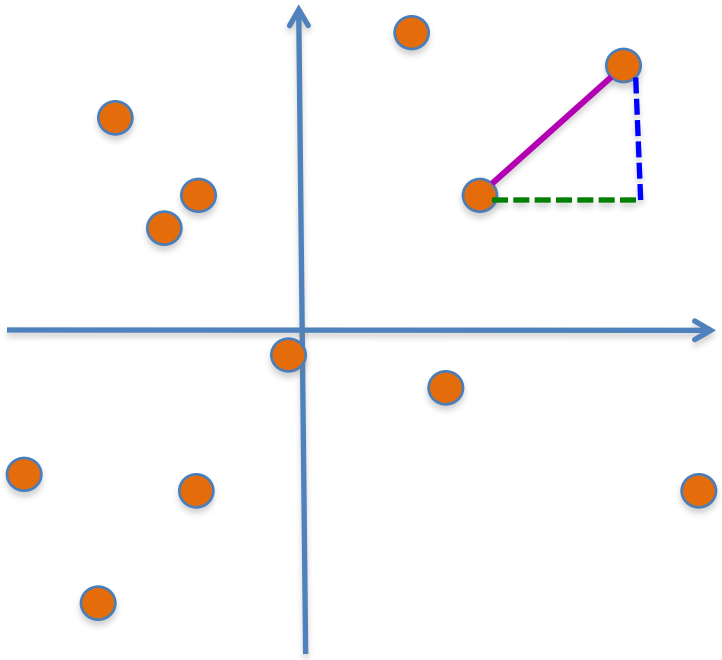
Closest pairs of points

Input: n 2-D points $P = \{p_1,\ldots,p_n\}$; $p_i=(x_i,y_i)$

$d(p_i,p_j) = ((x_i-x_j)^2+(y_i-y_j)^2)^{1/2}$

Output: Points p and q that are closest



Naïve solutions

$O(n^2)$ time algorithm?

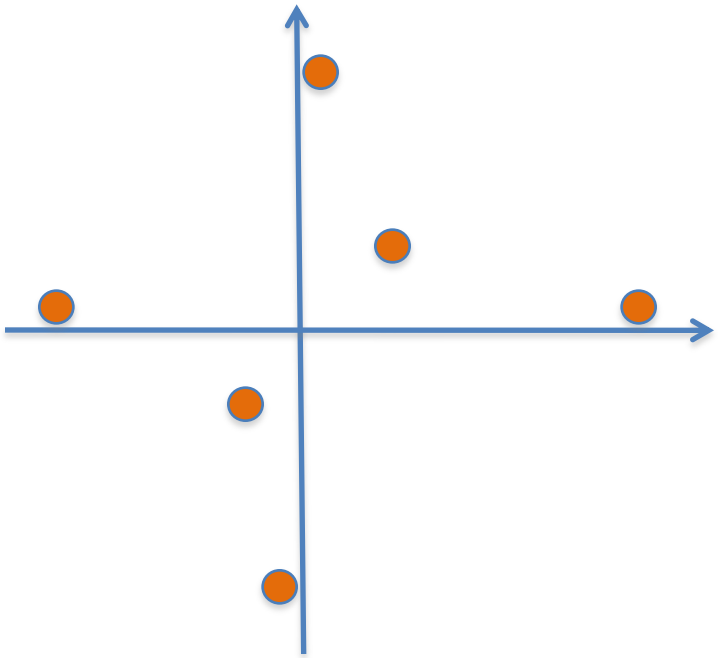
1-D problem in time $O(n \log n)$?

Sorting to rescue in 2-D?

Pick pairs of points closest in x co-ordinate

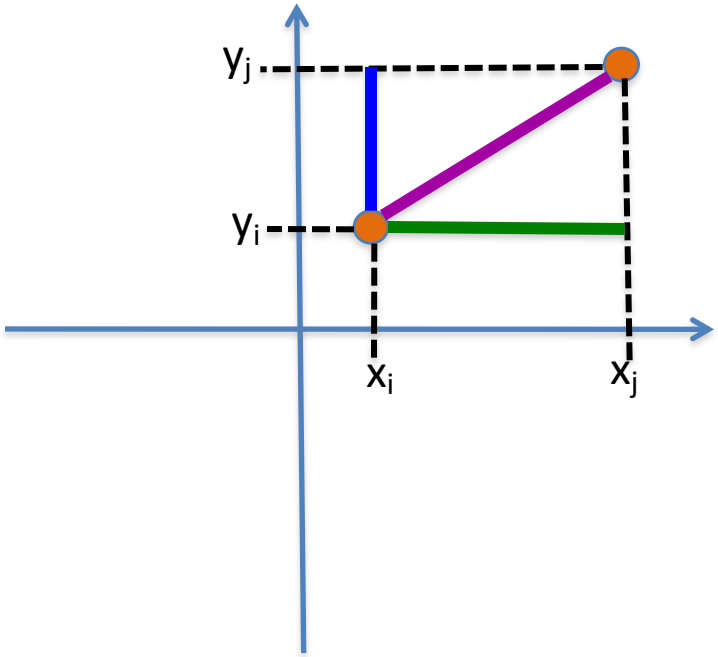
Pick pairs of points closest in y co-ordinate

Choose the better of the two



A property of Euclidean distance

$$d(p_i,p_j) = ((x_i-x_j)^2+(y_i-y_j)^2)^{1/2}$$

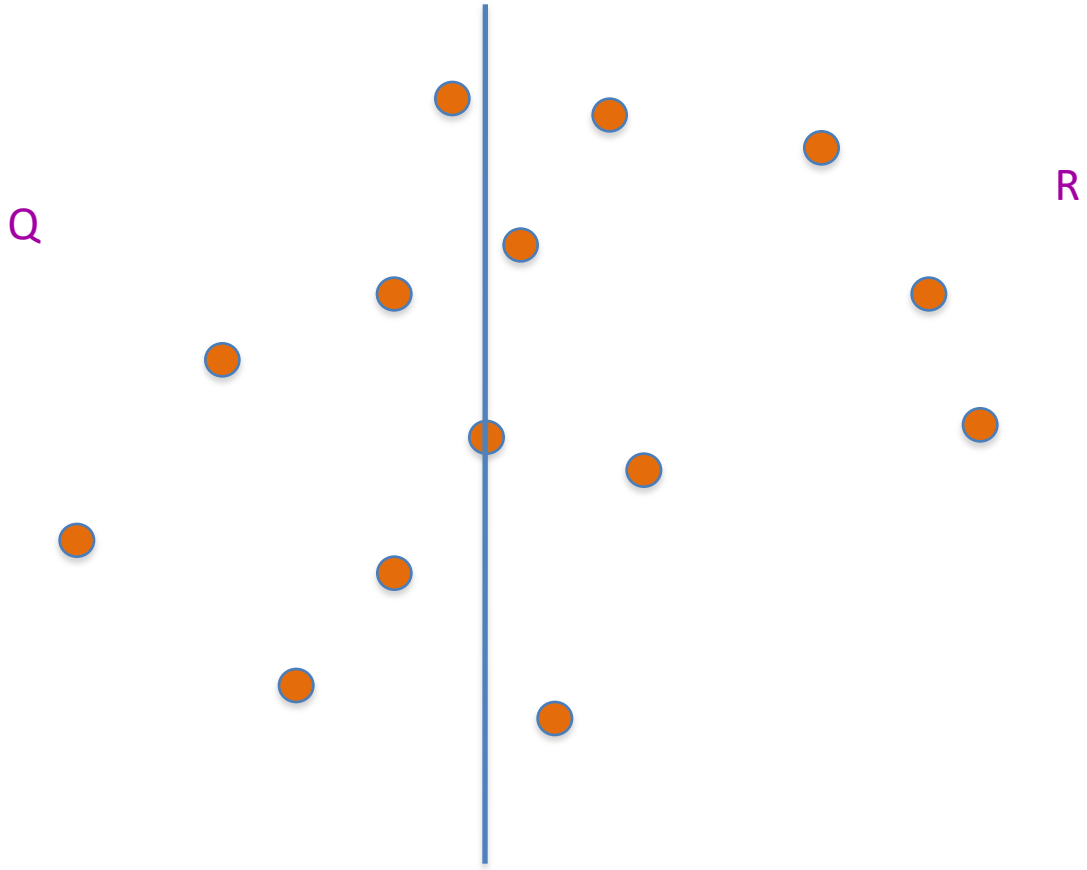


The distance is larger than the **x** or **y**-coord difference

Rest of Today's agenda

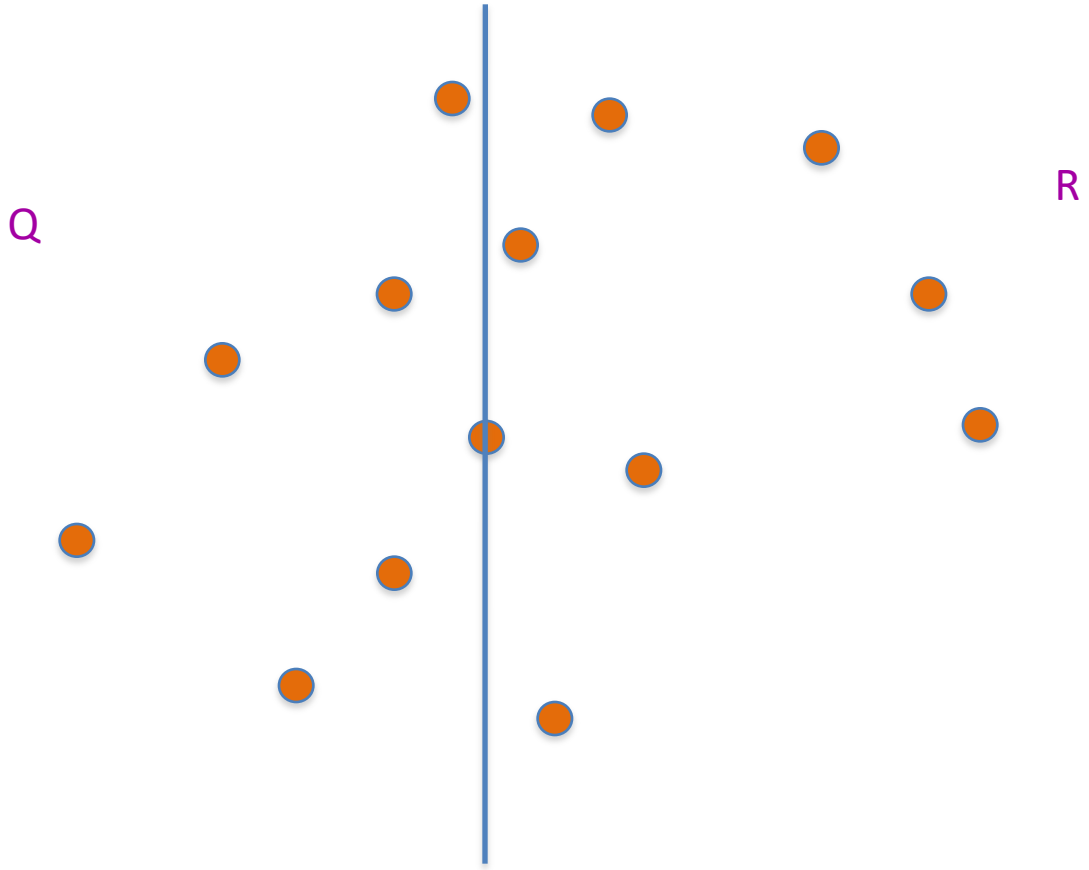
Divide and Conquer based algorithm

Dividing up P



First n/2 points according to the x-coord

Recursively find closest pairs



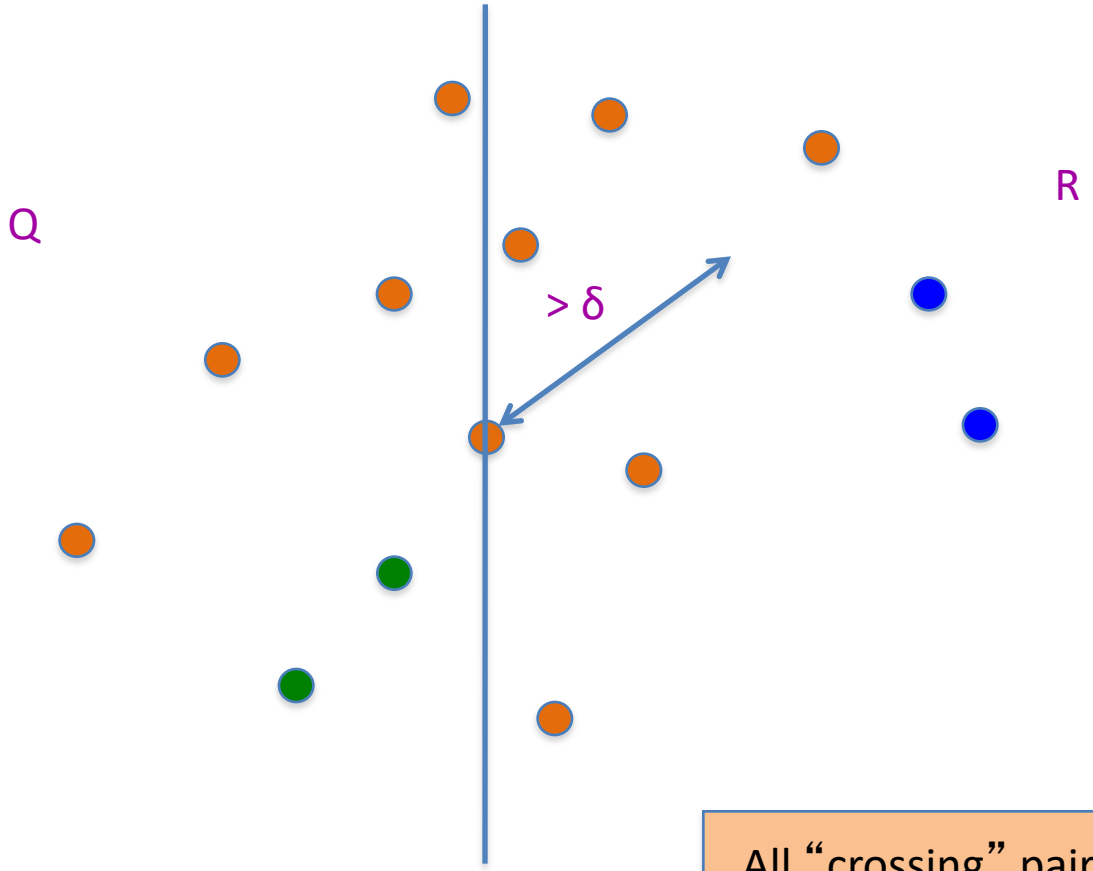
δ = min (**blue**, **green**)

An aside: maintain sorted lists

P_x and P_y are P sorted by x-coord and y-coord

Q_x, Q_y, R_x, R_y can be computed from P_x and P_y in $O(n)$ time

An easy case



All "crossing" pairs have distance > δ

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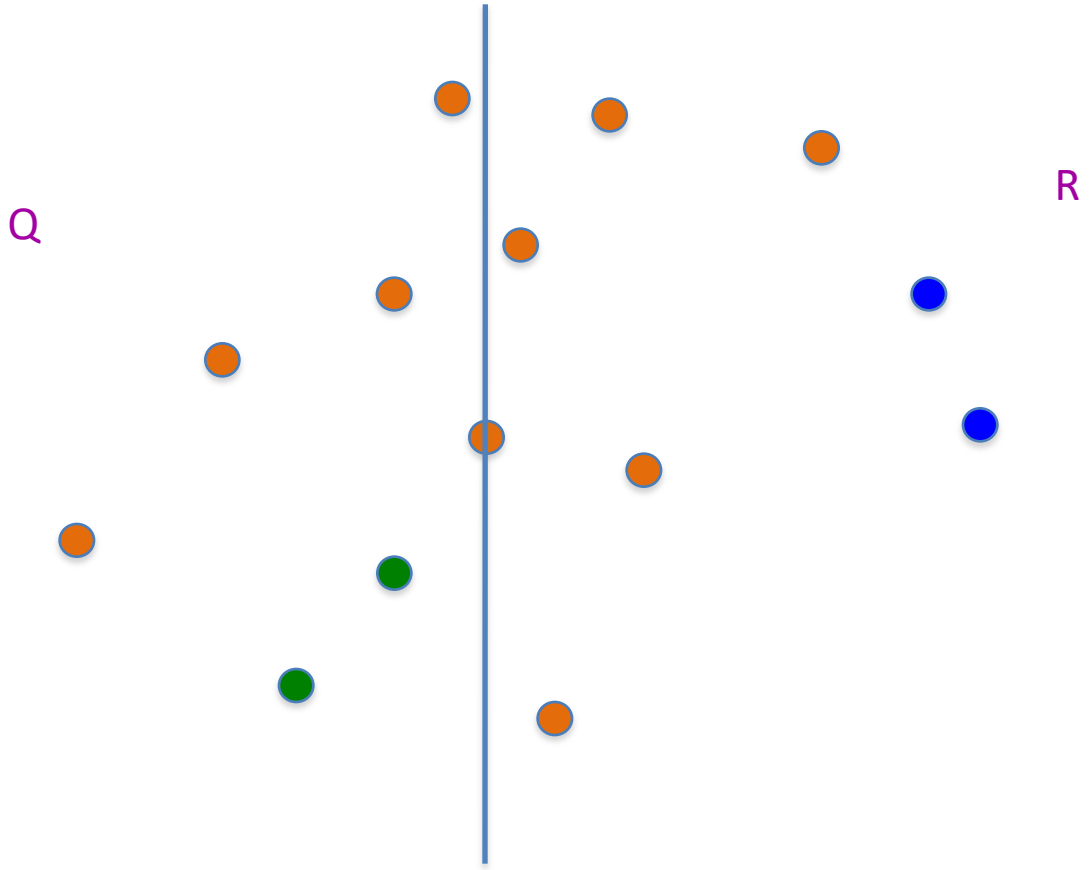
Life is not so easy though



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Euclid to the rescue (?)

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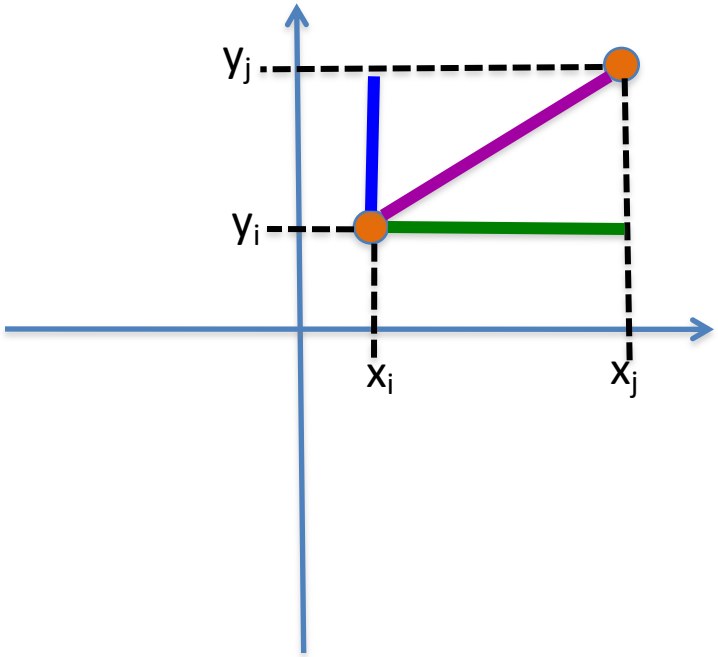

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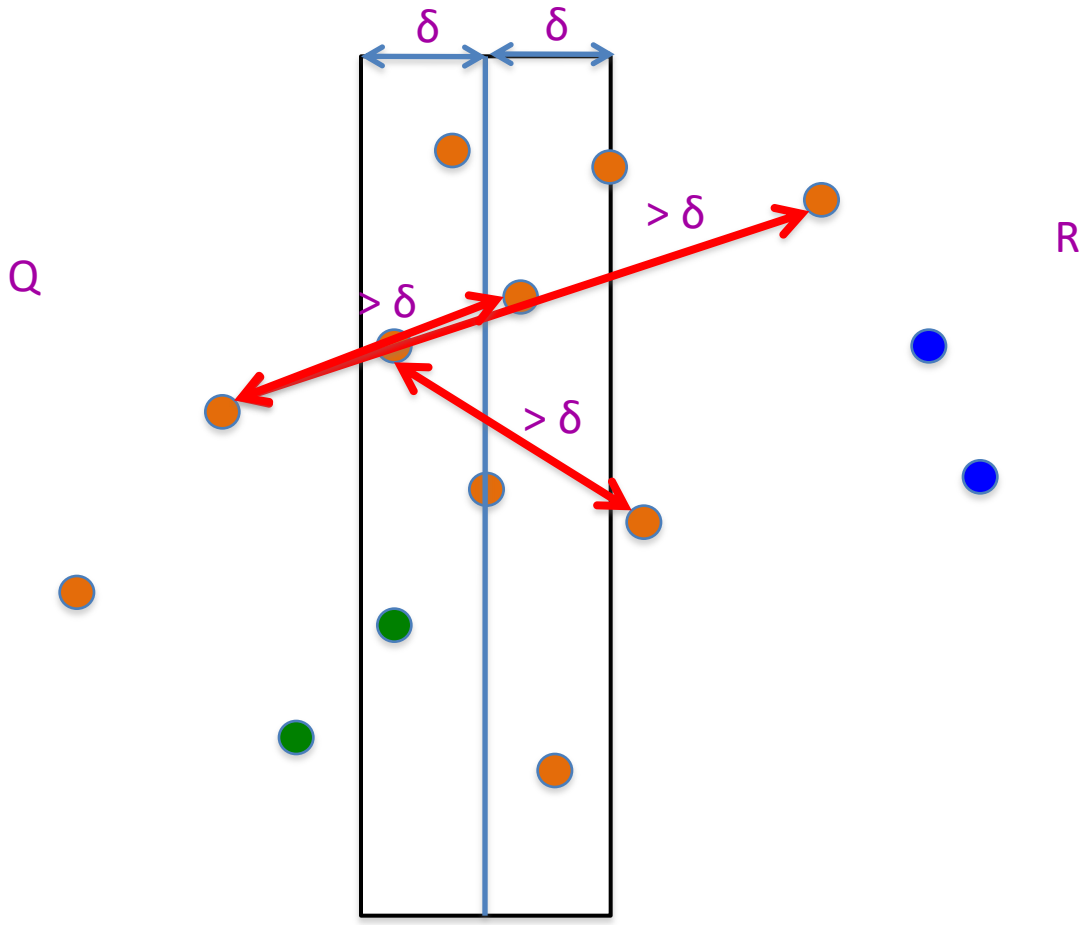

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All we have to do now

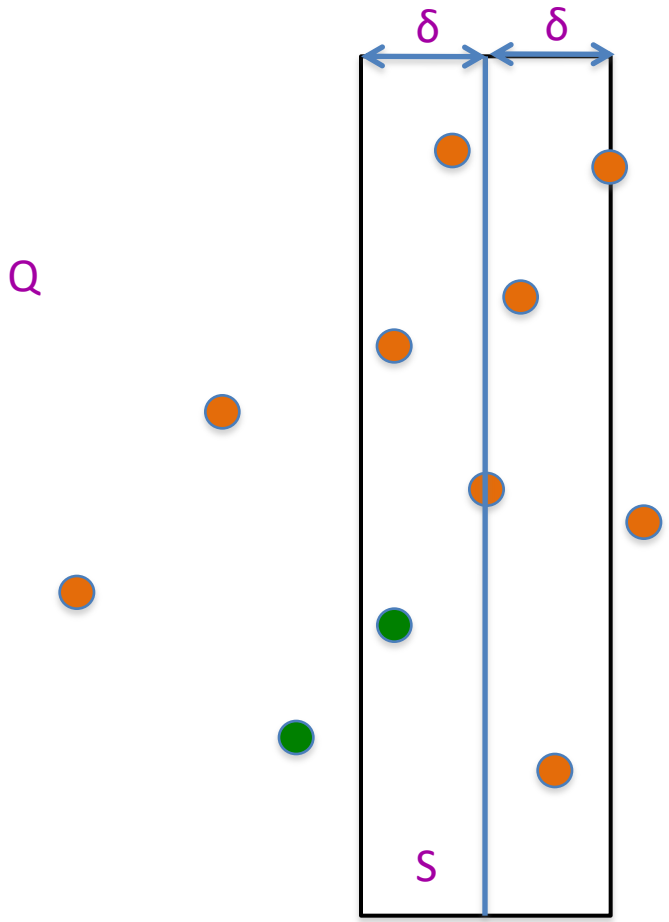

Figure if a pair in S has distance < δ

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The algorithm so far…

$O(n \log n) + T(n)$

Input: n 2-D points $P = \{p_1,\ldots,p_n\}$; $p_i=(x_i,y_i)$

Sort P to get P_x and P_y — $O(n \log n)$

Closest-Pair (P_x, P_y)

If $n < 4$ then find closest point by brute-force

$T(< 4) = c$

$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$

Q is first half of P_x and R is the rest — $O(n)$

Compute Q_x, Q_y, R_x and R_y — $O(n)$

(q_0,q_1) = Closest-Pair (Q_x, Q_y)

(r_0,r_1) = Closest-Pair (R_x, R_y)

$O(n \log n)$ overall

$\delta = \min (d(q_0,q_1), d(r_0,r_1))$ — $O(1)$

S = points (x,y) in P s.t. $|x - x^*| < \delta$ — $O(n)$

return Closest-in-box (S, (q_0,q_1), (r_0,r_1)) — Assume can be done in $O(n)$