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Closest Pair Algorithm

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Notes

- Assignment due tomorrow
- Checkpoint 1 next Wednesday
- Slack, checked out pinned messages

Outline

Topics and Learning Objectives

- Learn more about Divide and Conquer paradigm
- Learn about the closest-pair problem and its $O(n \lg n)$ algorithm
 - Gain experience analyzing the run time of algorithms
 - Gain experience proving the correctness of algorithms

Exercise

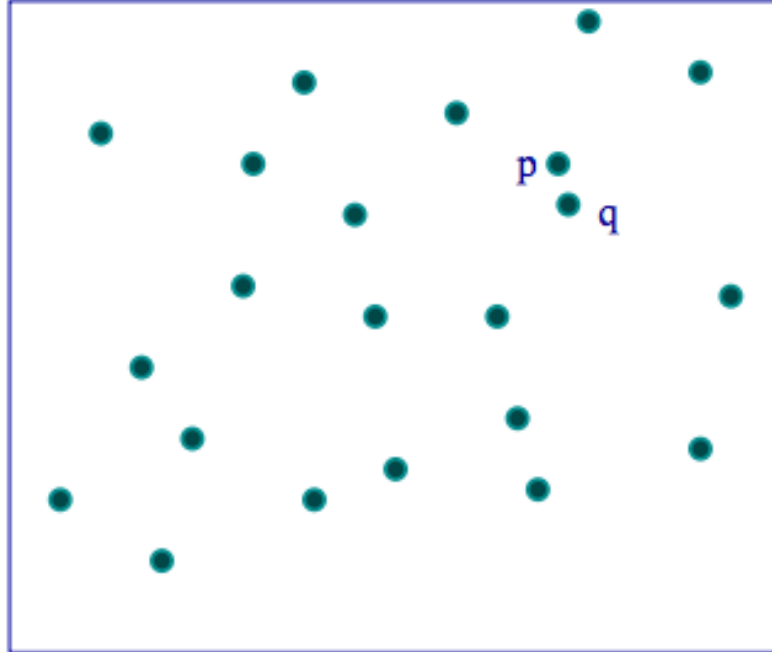
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Closest Pair Problem

- Input: P , a set of n points that lie in a (two-dimensional) plane
- Output: a pair of points (p, q) that are the “closest”
 - Distance is measured using Euclidean distance:

$$d(p, q) = \text{sqrt}((p_x - q_x)^2 + (p_y - q_y)^2)$$

Closest Pair Problem



Can we do better
than $O(n^2)$?

- What is the brute force method for this search?
- What is the asymptotic running time of the brute force method?

Input

p1

p2

p3

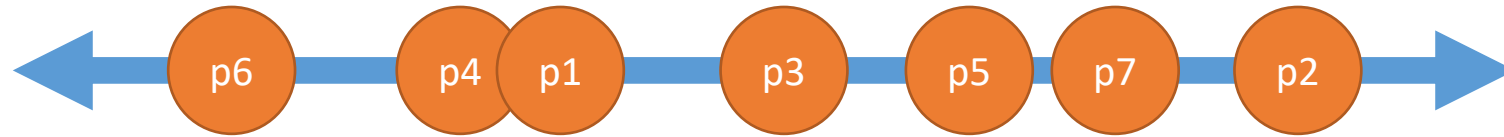
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p5

p6

p7

One-dimensional closest pair

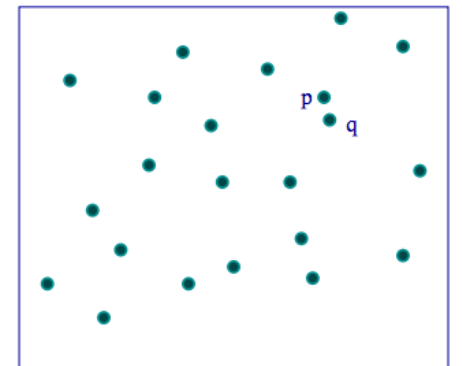


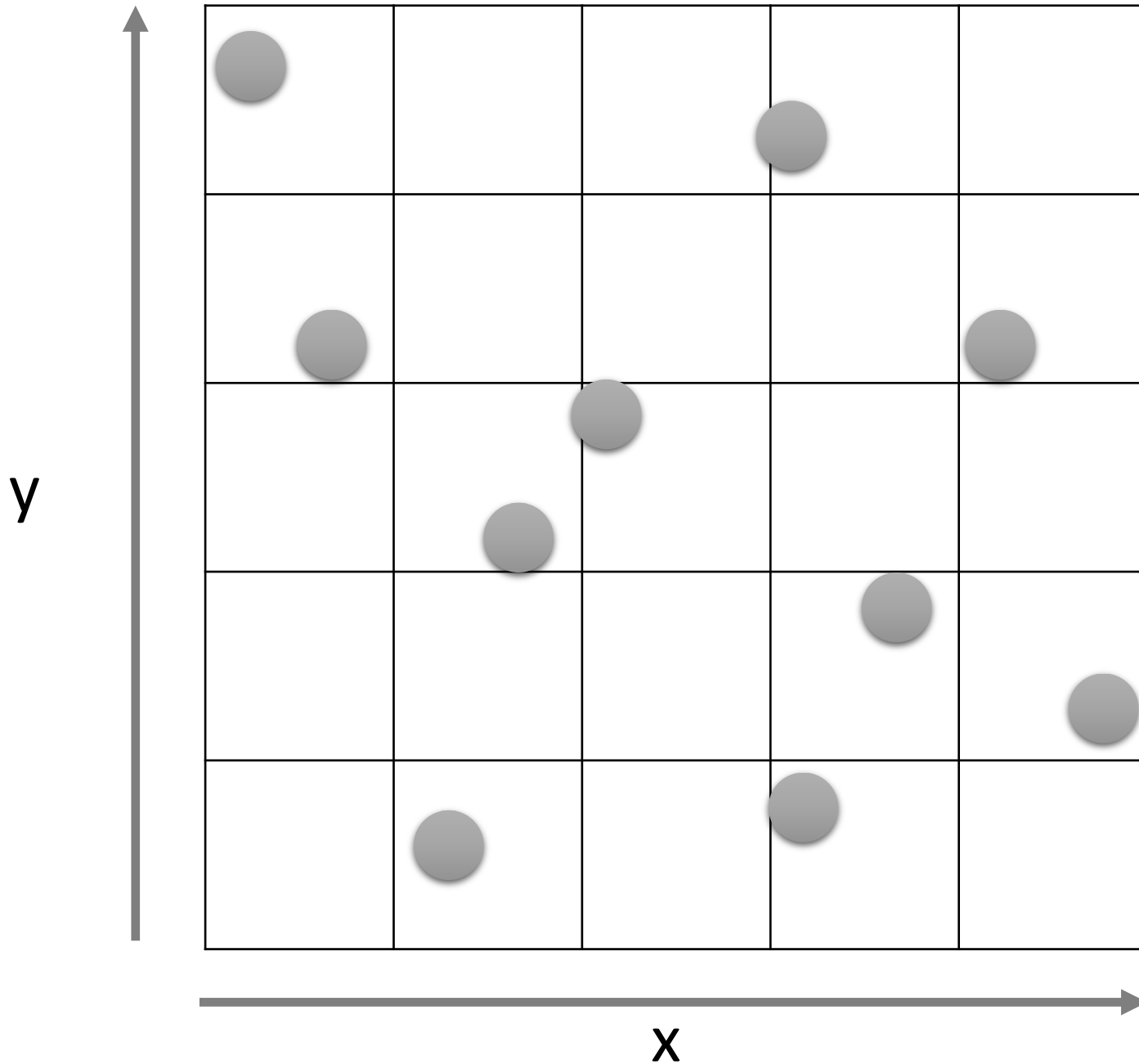
How would you find the closest two points?

- Sort by position : $O(n \lg n)$
- Return the closest two using a linear scan : $O(n)$
- Total time : $O(n \lg n) + O(n) = O(n \lg n)$

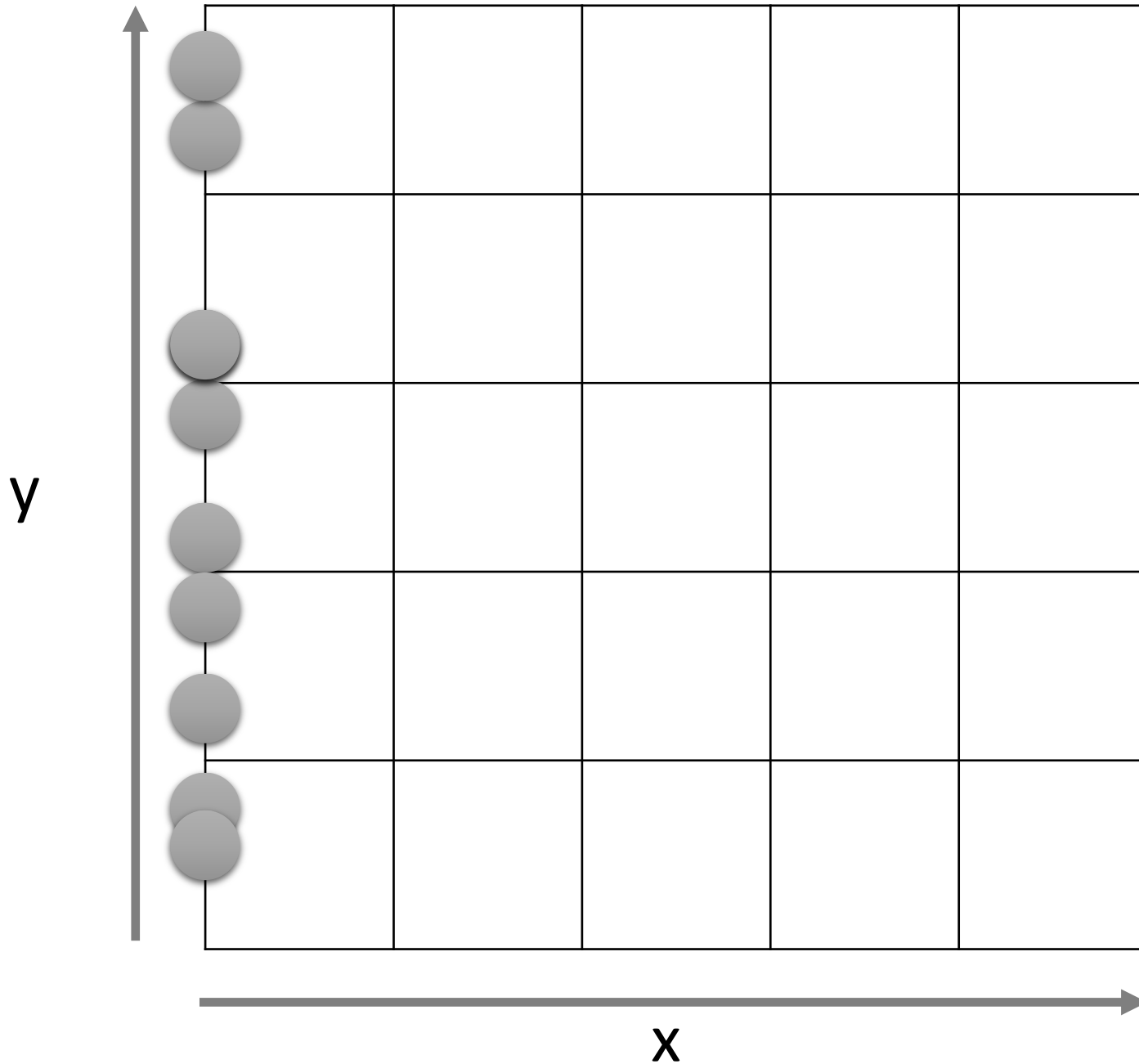
Any problems using this approach for the two-dimensional case?

- How do you sort the points?
- Sorting does not generalize to higher dimensions!

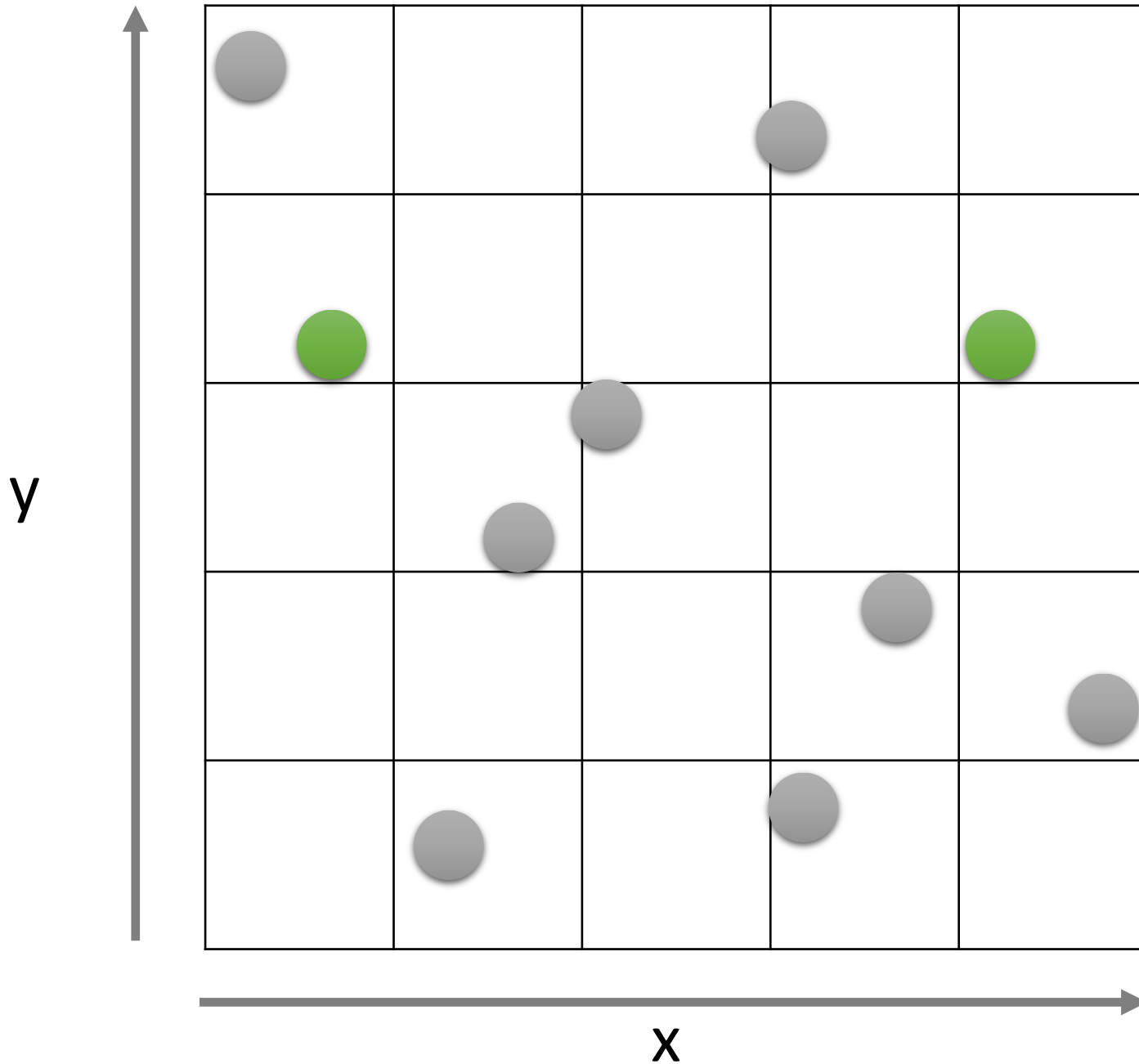




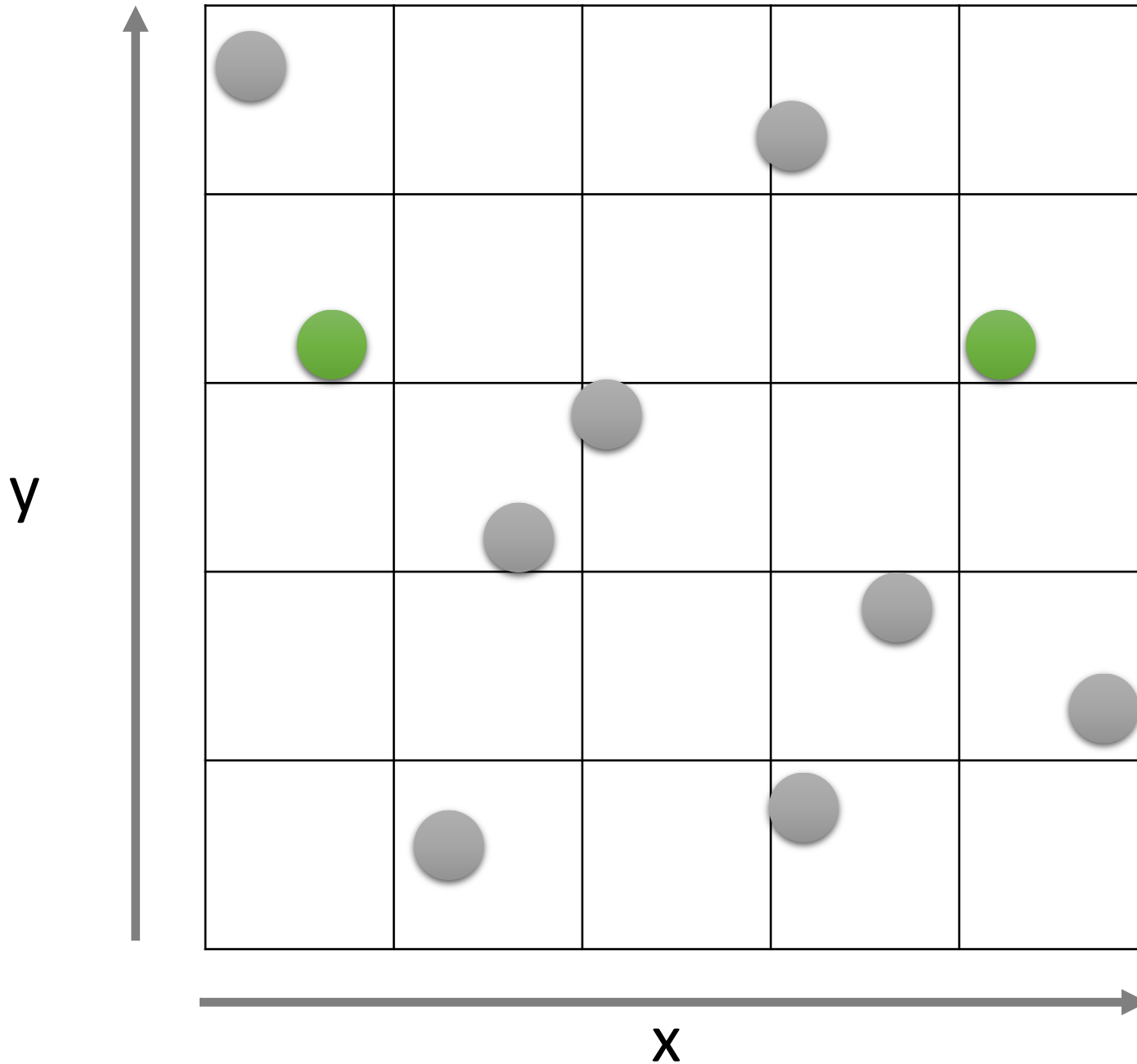
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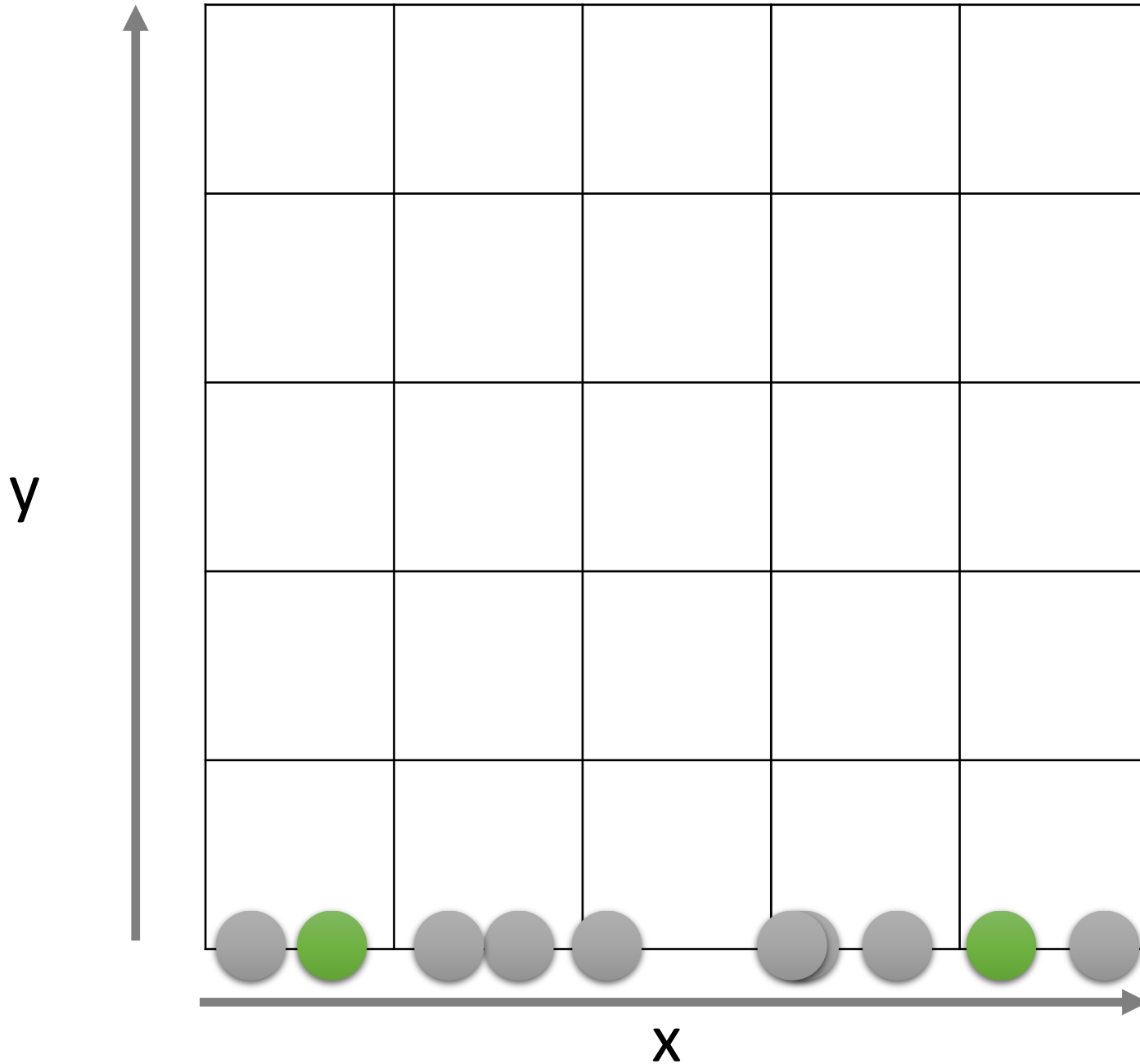


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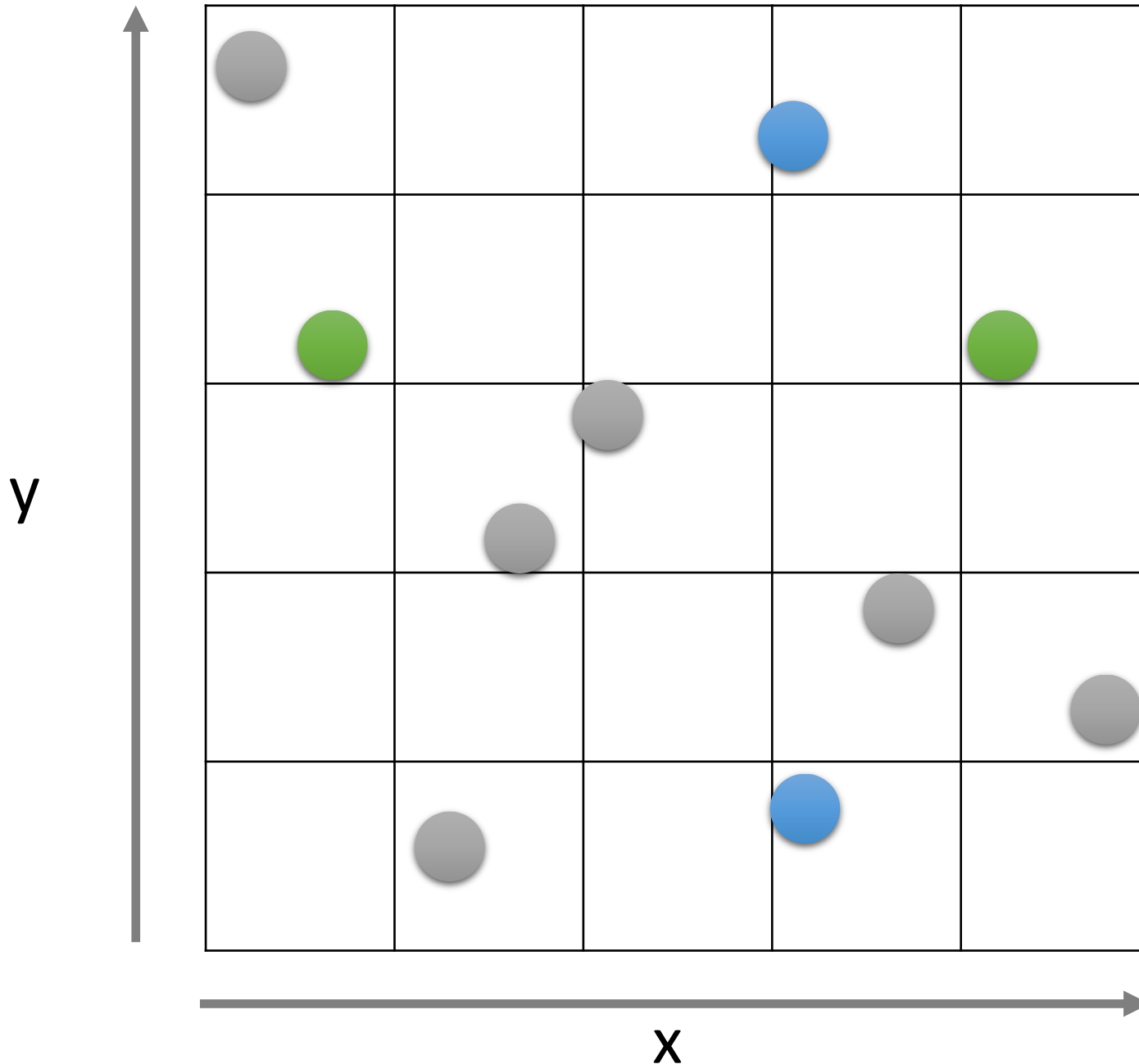


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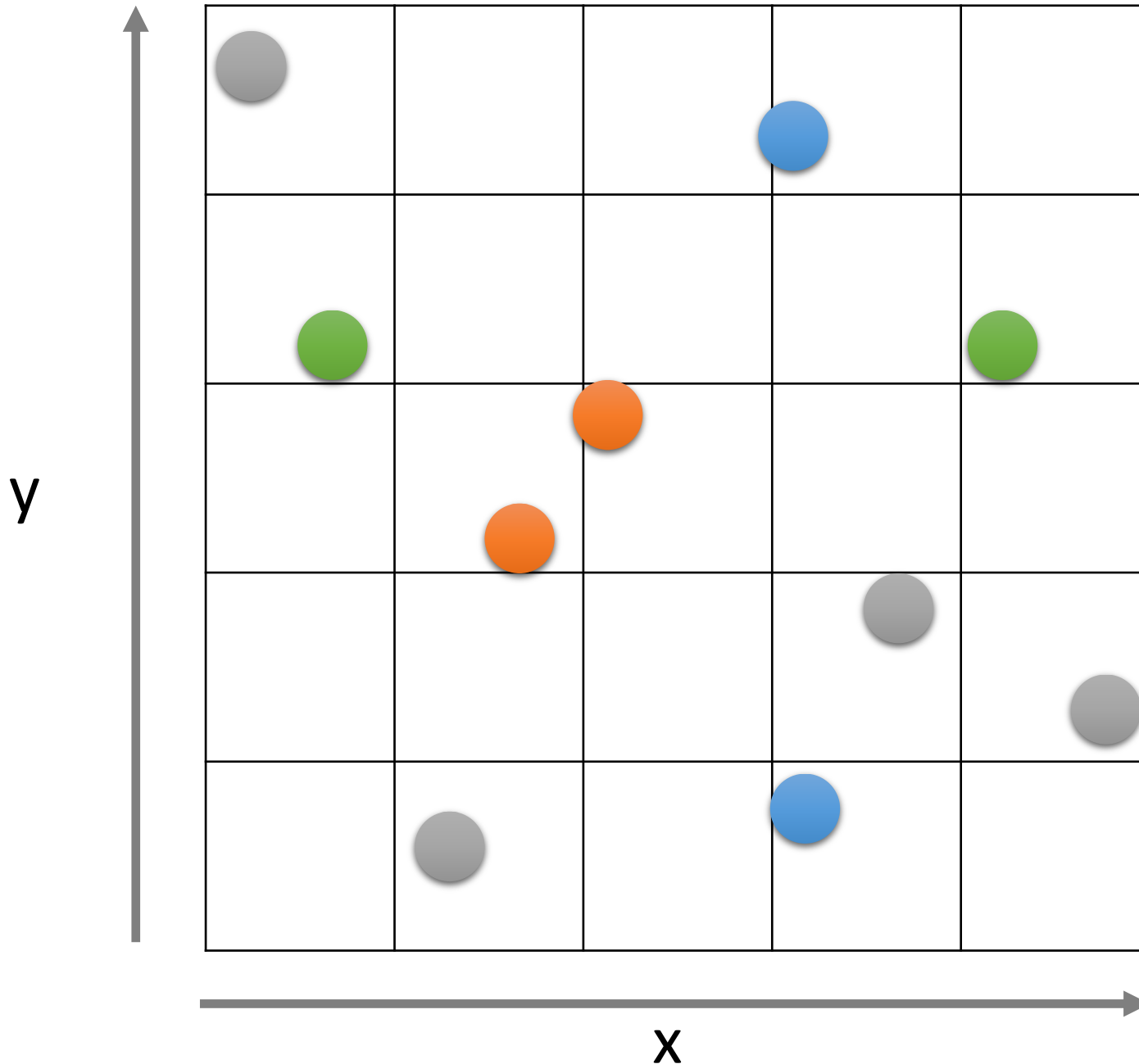
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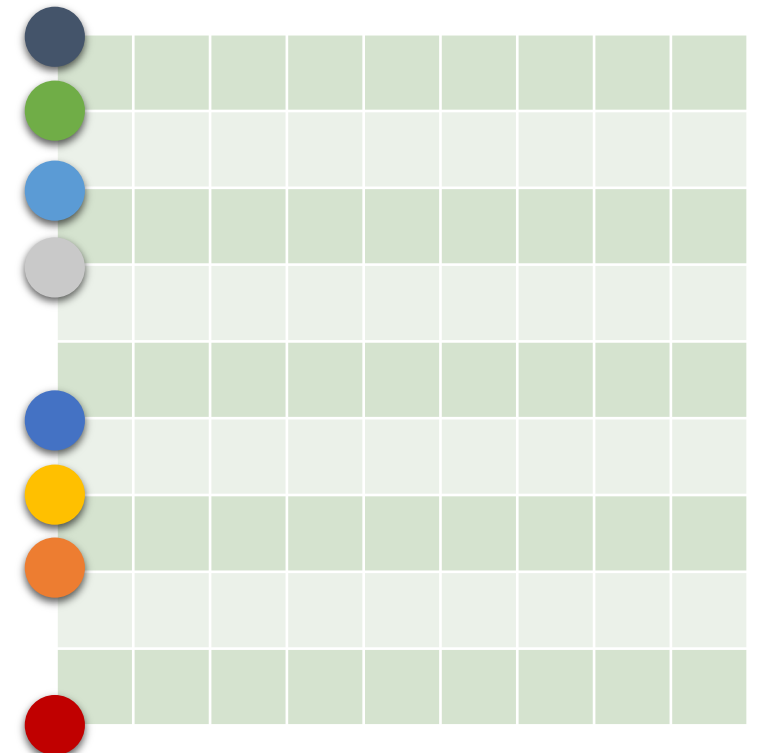
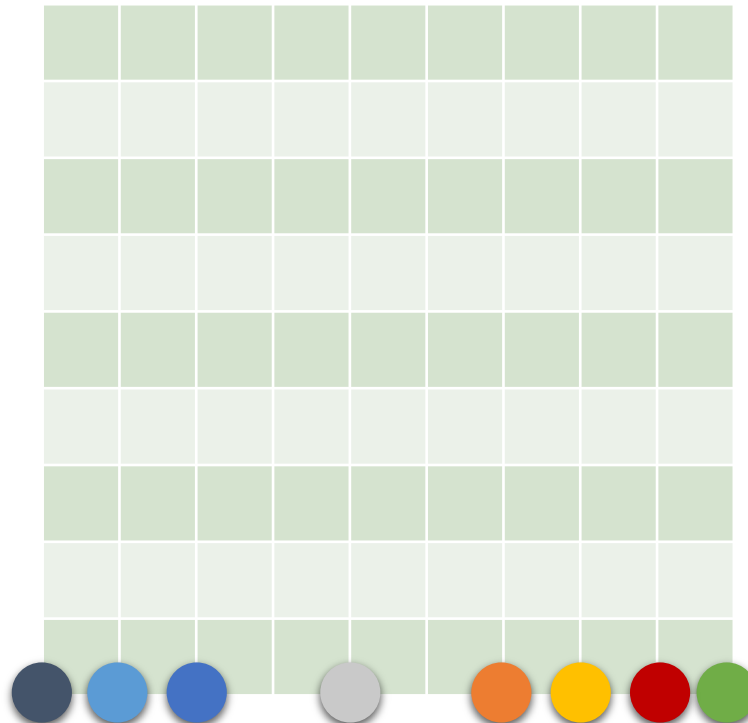
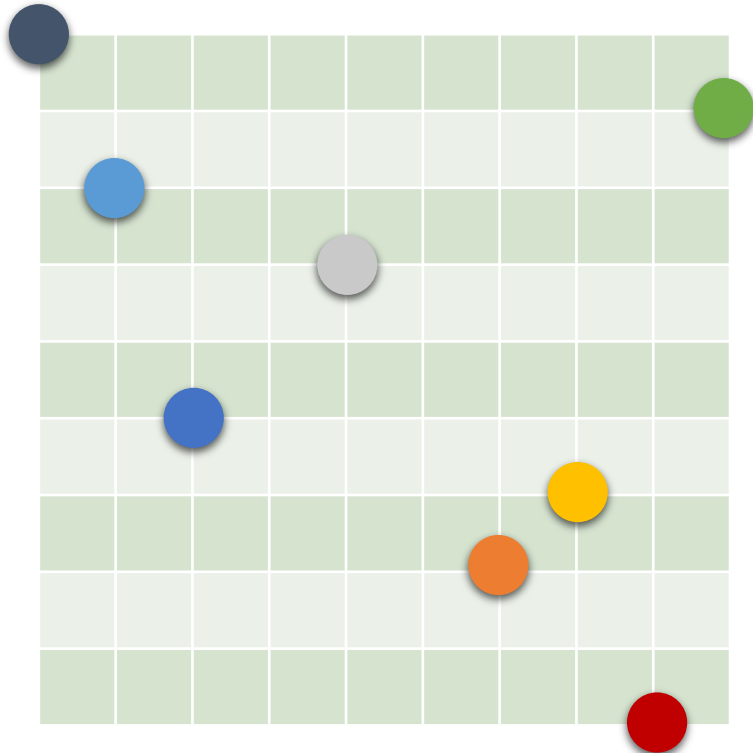
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Sorted by x coordinate

Px : [p0(1,10), p1(2,8), p5(3,5), p3(5,7), p2(7,3), p4(8,4), p7(9,1), p6(10,9)]

Sorted by y coordinate

Py : [p7(9,1), p2(7,3), p4(8,4), p5(3,5), p3(5,7), p1(2,8), p6(10,9), p0(1,10)]



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- Does the closeness of two points on one axis matter?

```
1. FUNCTION FindClosestPair(points)
2.     points_x = copy_and_sort_by_x(points)
3.     points_y = copy_and_sort_by_y(points)
4.     RETURN ClosestPair(points_x, points_y)
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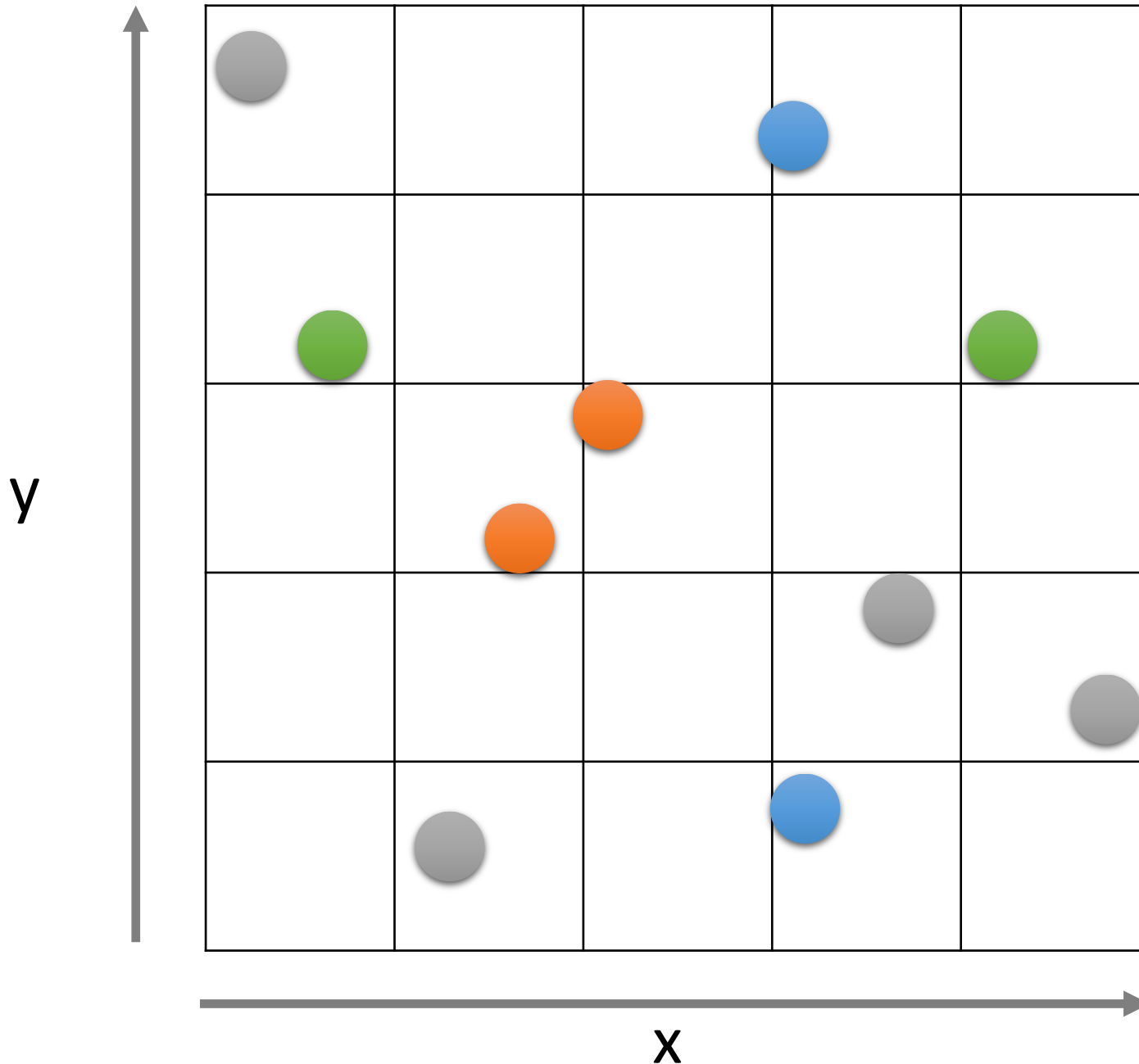
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2. Apply the Divide-and-Conquer method

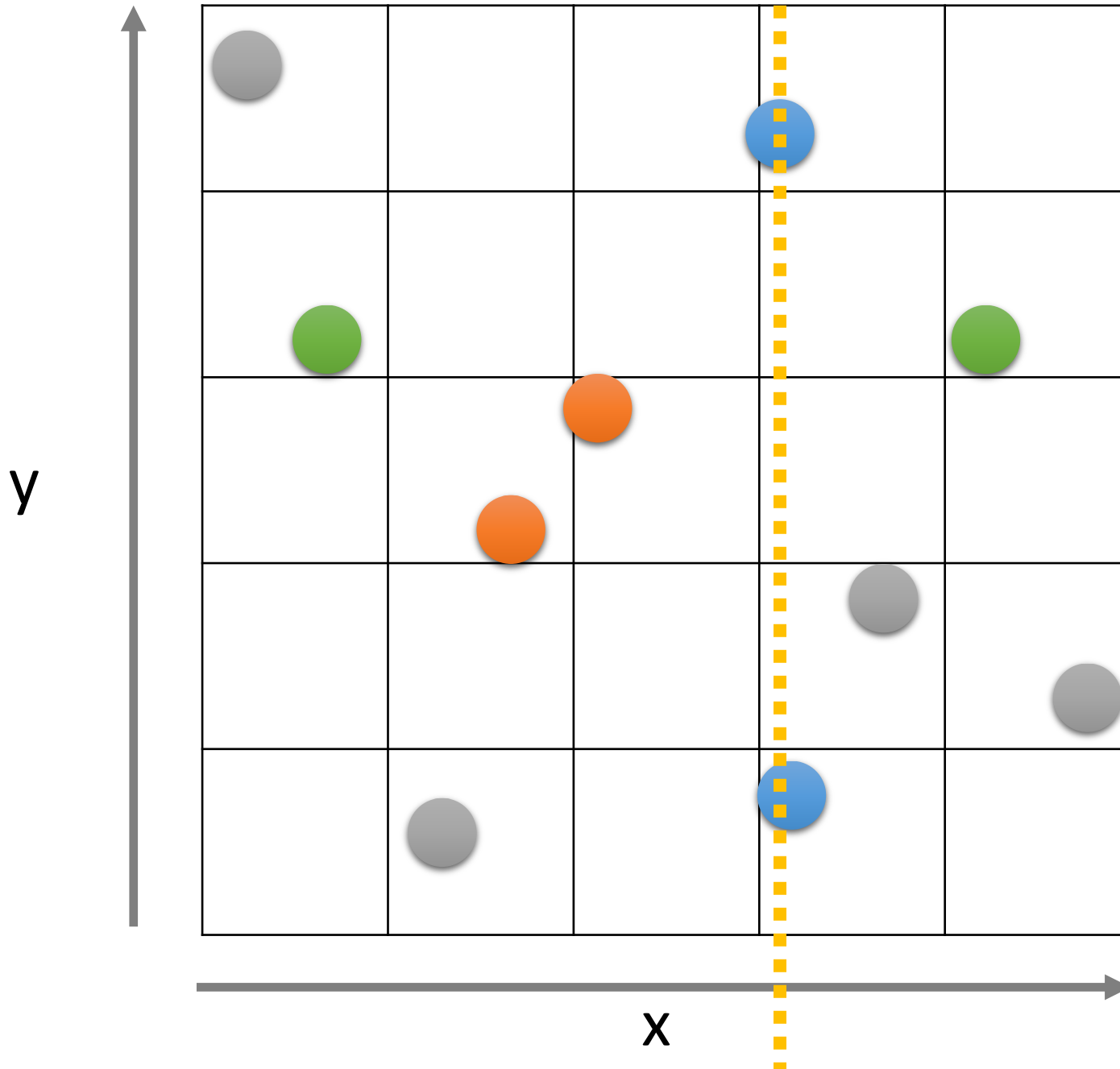
Divide-and-Conquer

1. **DIVIDE** into smaller subproblems
2. **CONQUER** the subproblems via recursive calls
3. **COMBINE** solutions from the subproblems

- How would you divide the problems?



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This is **not** the **average** x-value

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3.      IF n == 2
4.          RETURN px[0], px[1], dist(px[0], px[1])
5.
6.
7.
8.      pl, ql, dl = ClosestPair(left_px, left_py)
9.
10.
11.
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How do we create these arrays?



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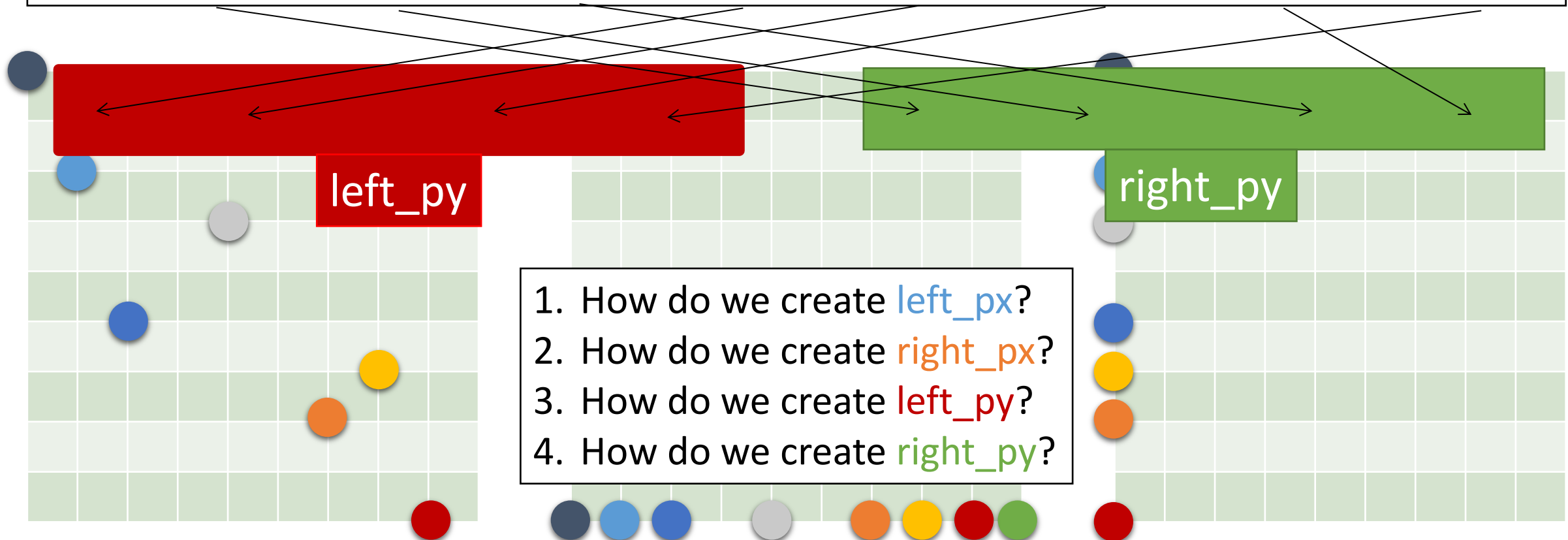
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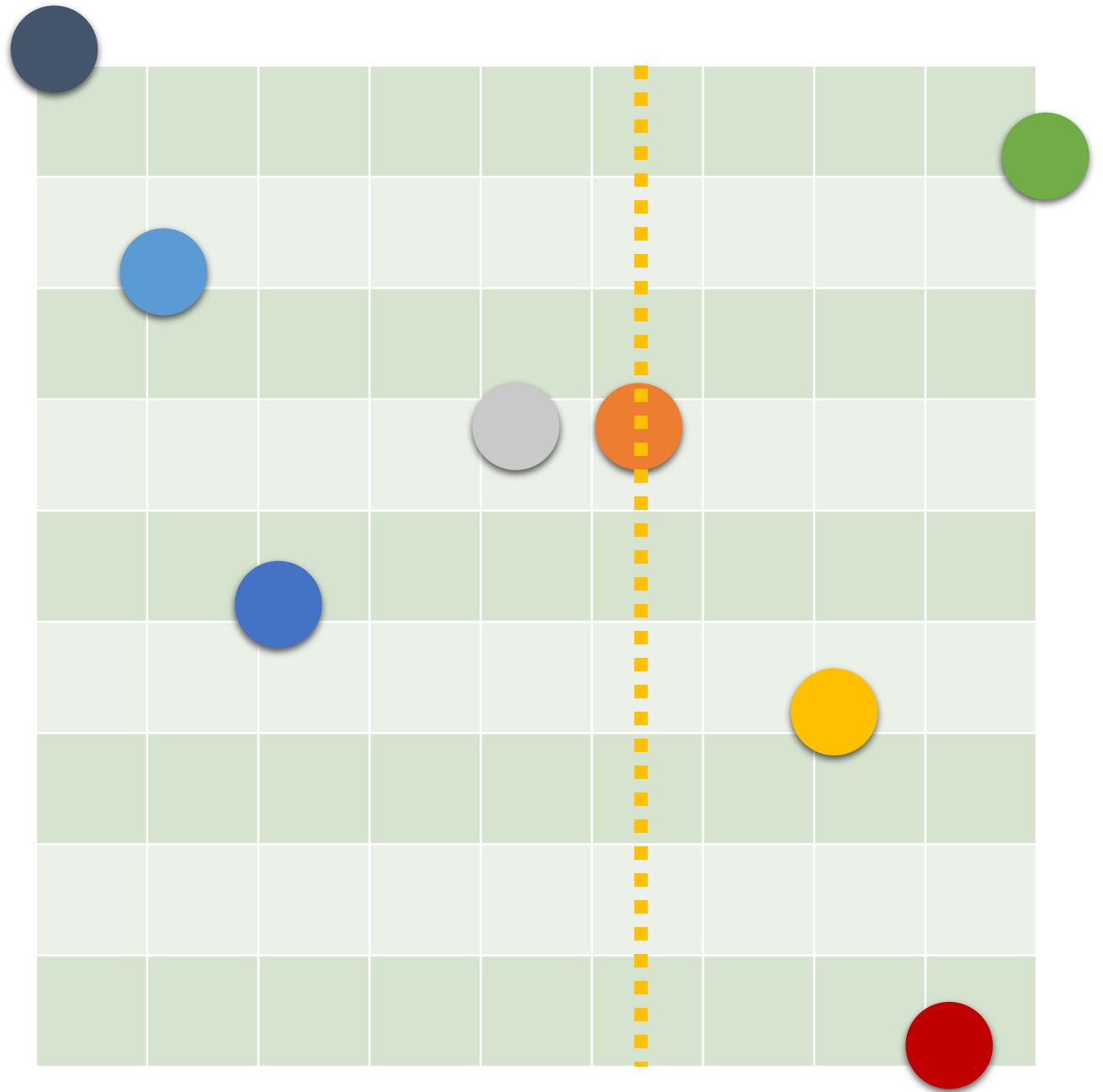
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Median x value

Any problems
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13.
14.     d = min(dl, dr)
15.     ps, qs, ds = ClosestSplitPair(px, py, d)
16.
17.     RETURN Closest(pl, ql, dl, pr, qr, dr, ps, qs, ds)
```

What time complexity does this process need such that the overall algorithm runs in $O(n \lg n)$?
Hint: think about Merge Sort.

Exercise Question 1

Running time needed for `ClosestSplitPair`?

Merge Sort and It's Recurrence Equation

```
FUNCTION RecursiveFunction(some_input)
    IF base_case:
        # Usually  $O(1)$ 
        RETURN base_case_work(some_input)

    # Two recursive calls, each with half the data
    one = RecursiveFunction(some_input.first_half)
    two = RecursiveFunction(some_input.second_half)

    # Combine results from recursive calls (usually  $O(n)$ )
    one_and_two = Combine(one, two)

RETURN one_and_two
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How do we find the
closest pair that splits the
two sides?

Key Idea

- In `ClosestSplitPair` we only need to check for pairs that are closer than those found in the recursive calls to `ClosestPair`
- This is easier (**faster**) than trying to find the closest split pair without any extra information!

$$\delta = \min[d(p_l, q_l), d(p_r, q_r)]$$


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FUNCTION ClosestSplitPair(px, py, d)
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    FOR i IN [0 ..< middle_py.length - 1]
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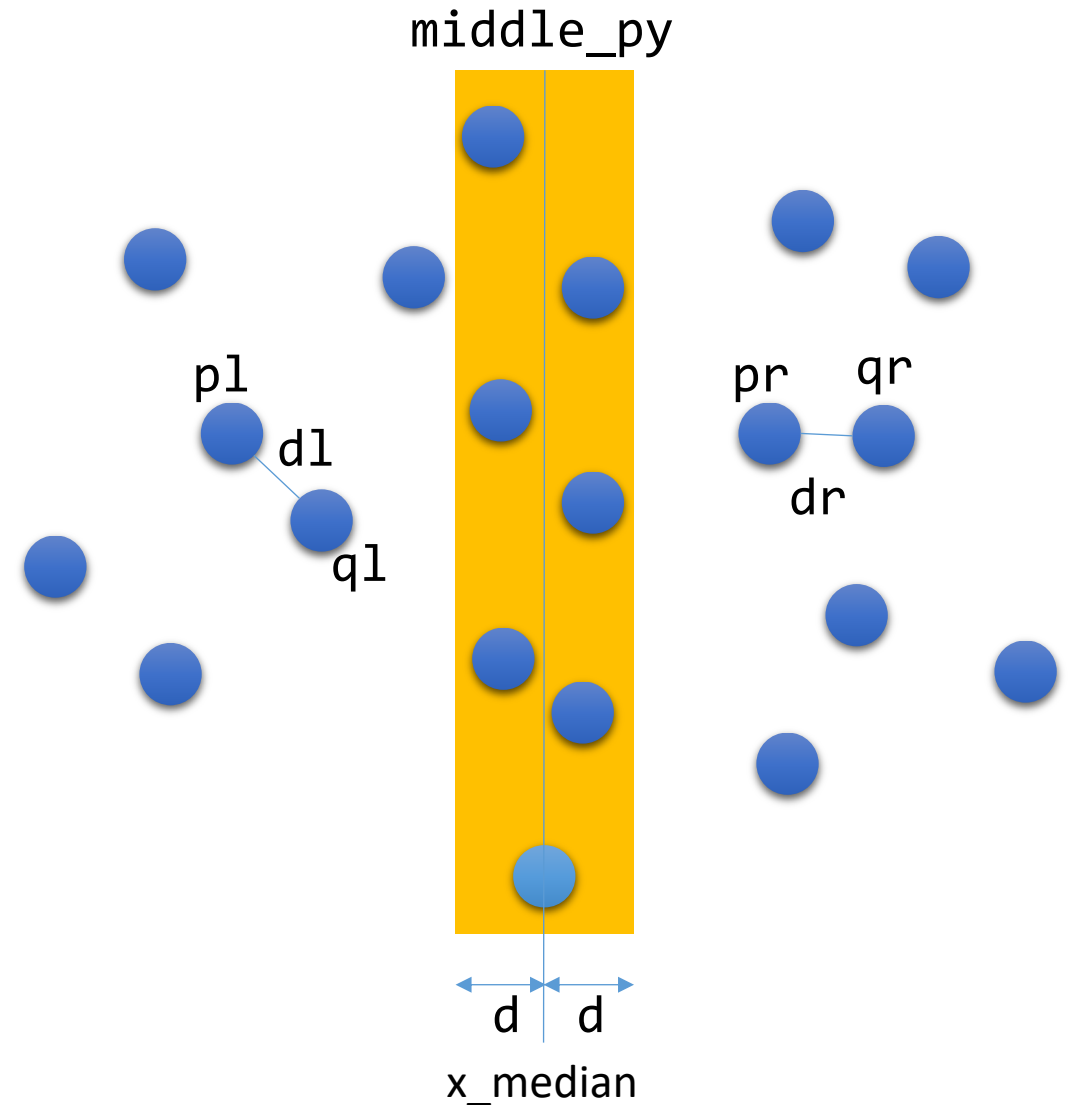
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Running Time of Nested For-Loops

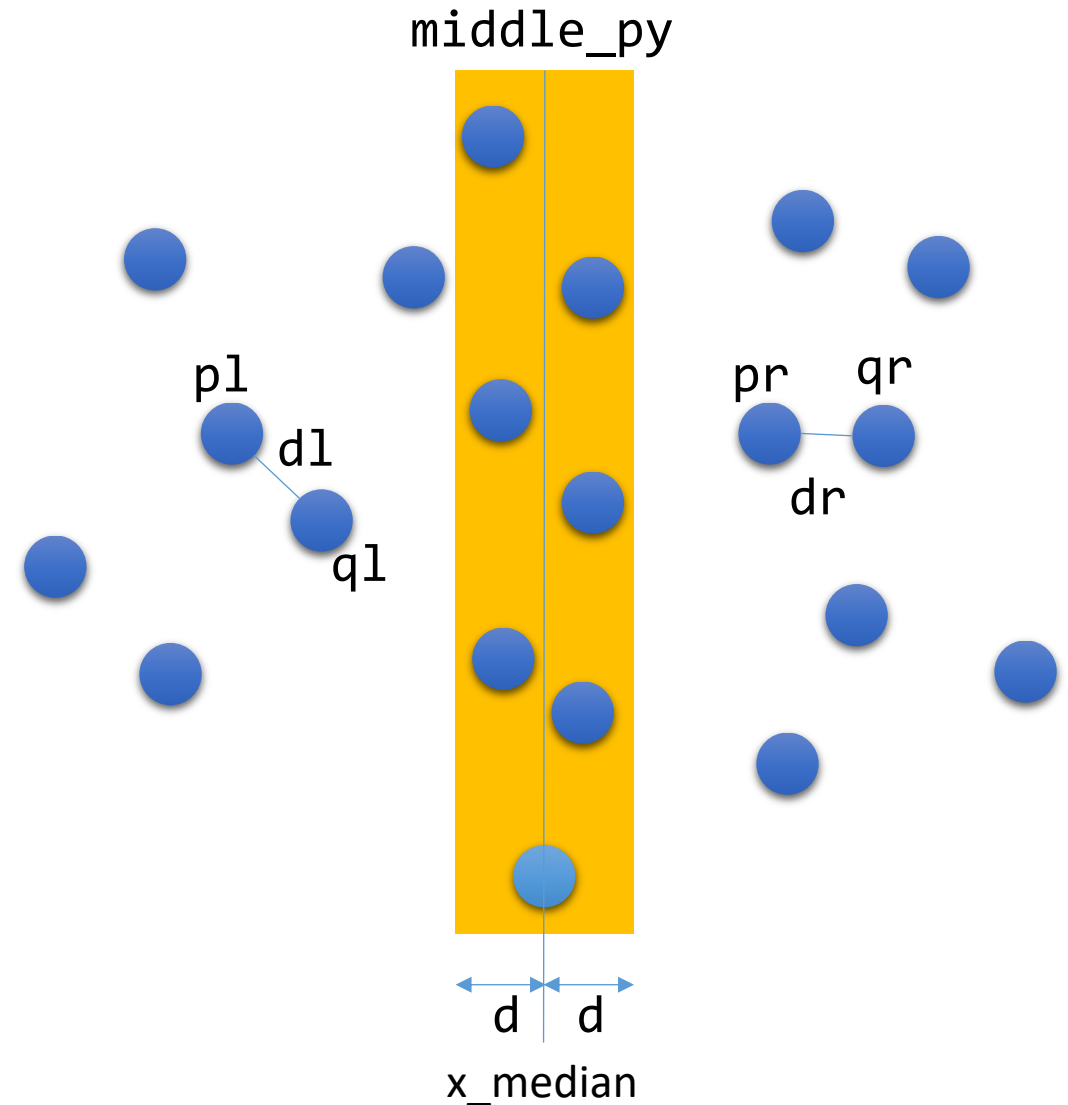
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Claim

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Then

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- B. p and q are at most 7 positions apart in middle_py

If the claim is true:

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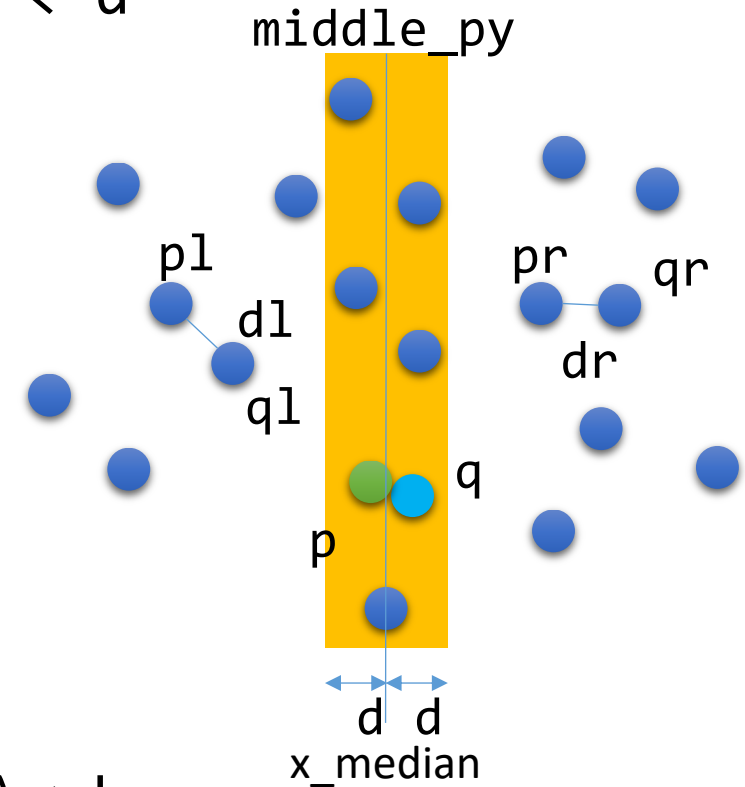
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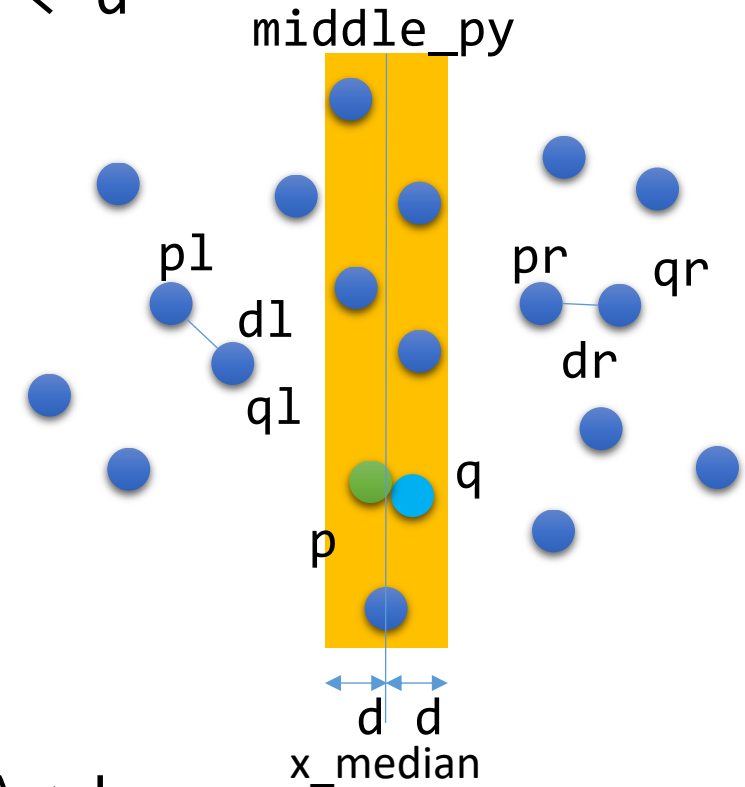
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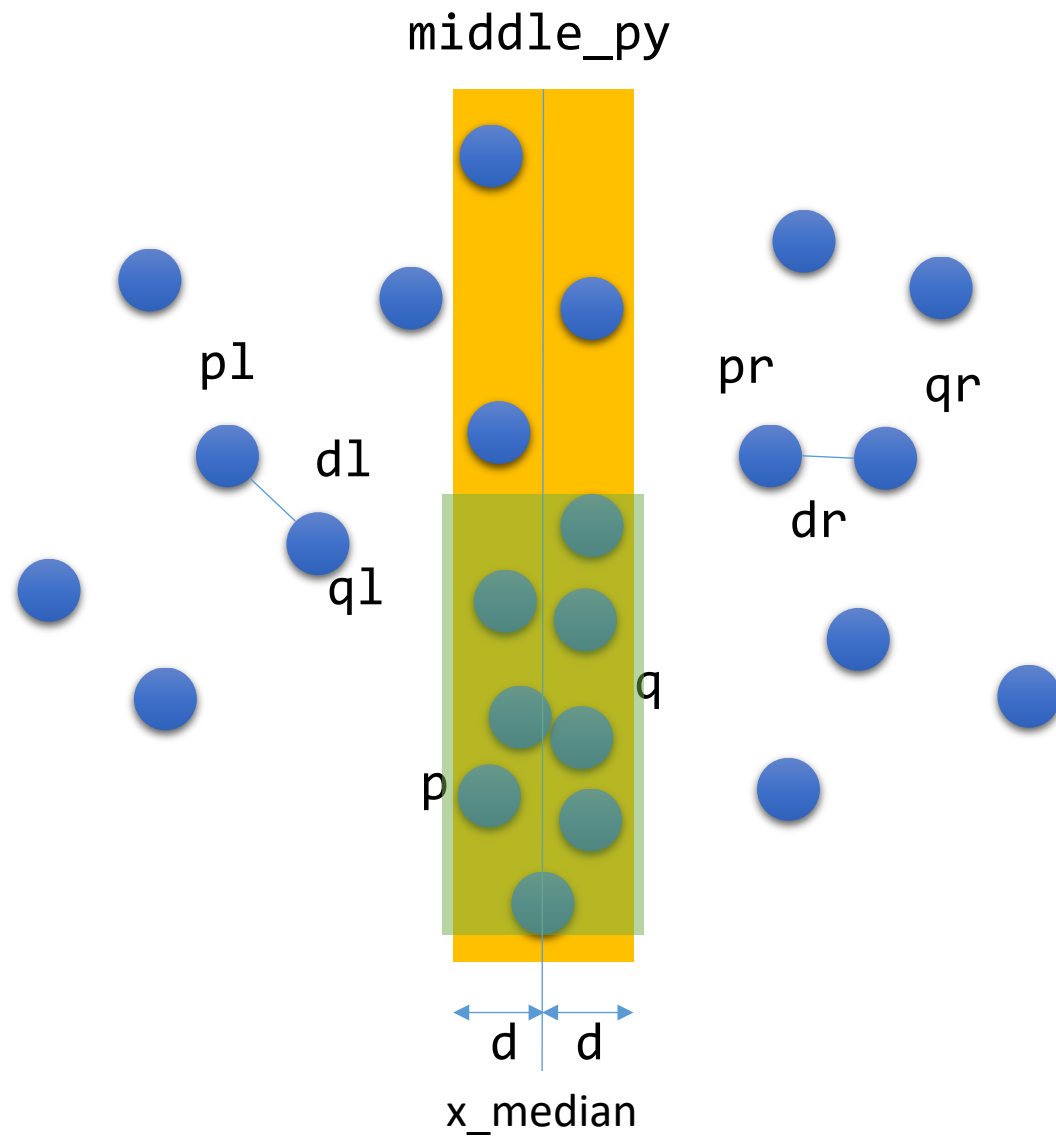
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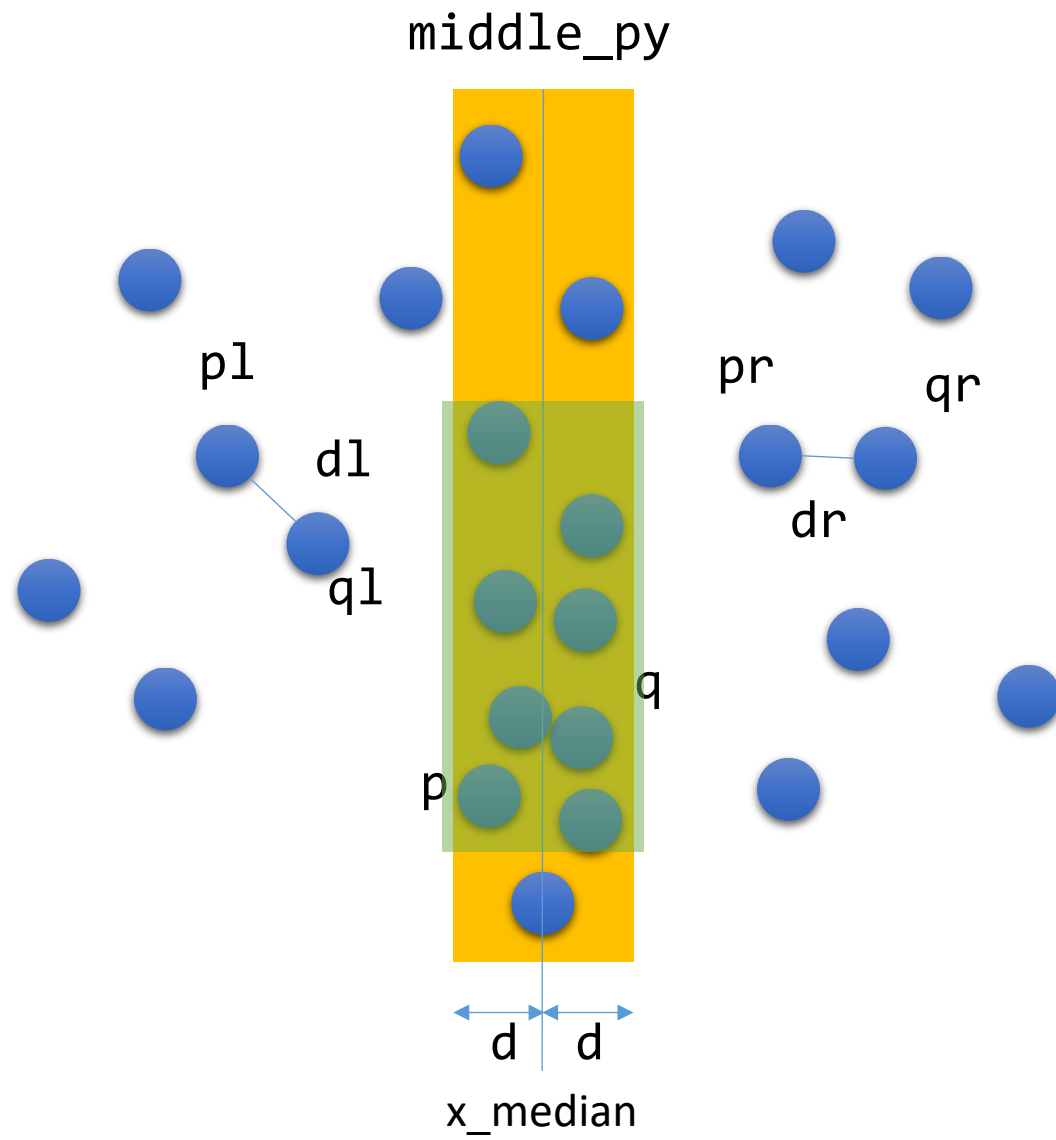
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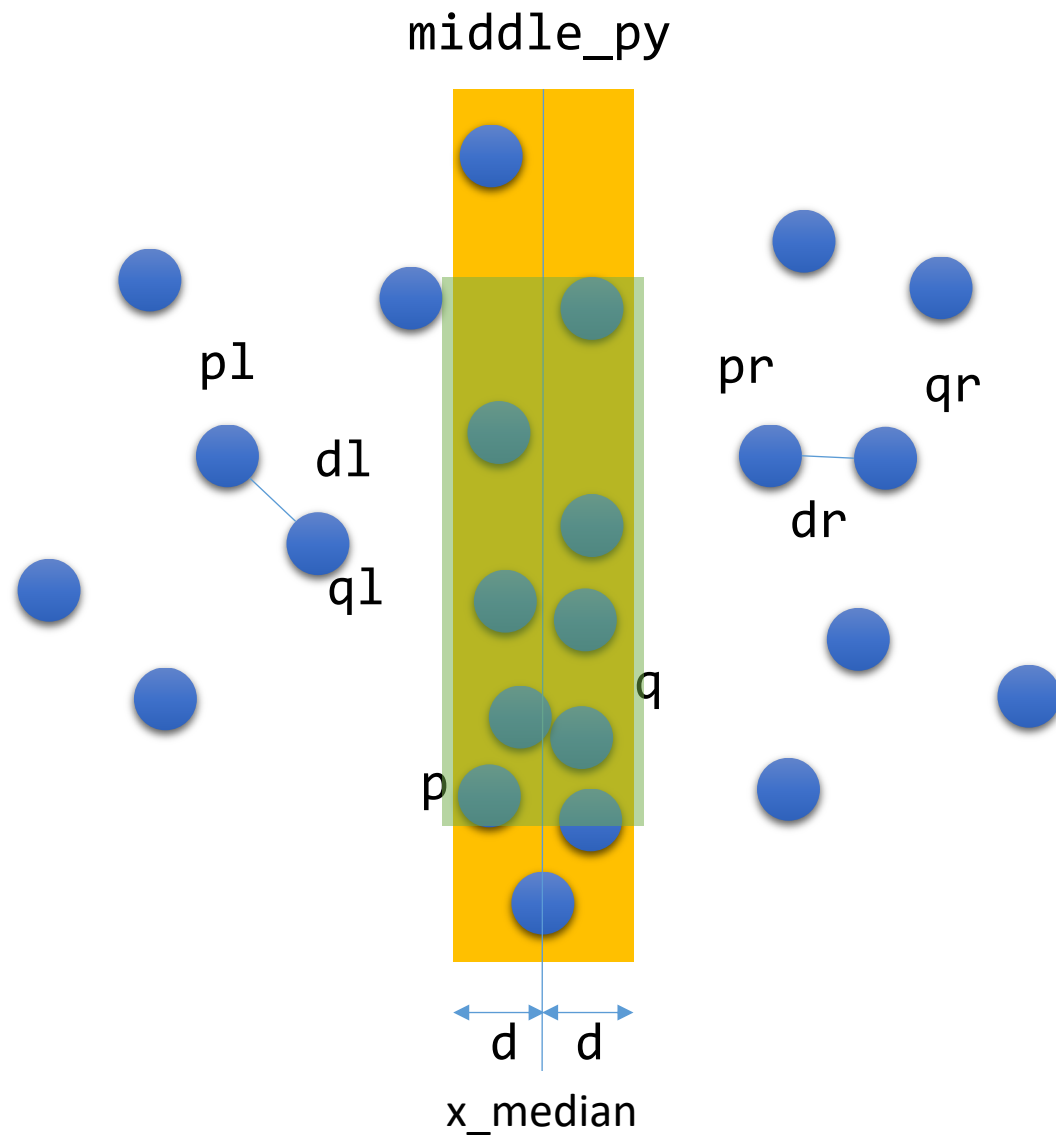
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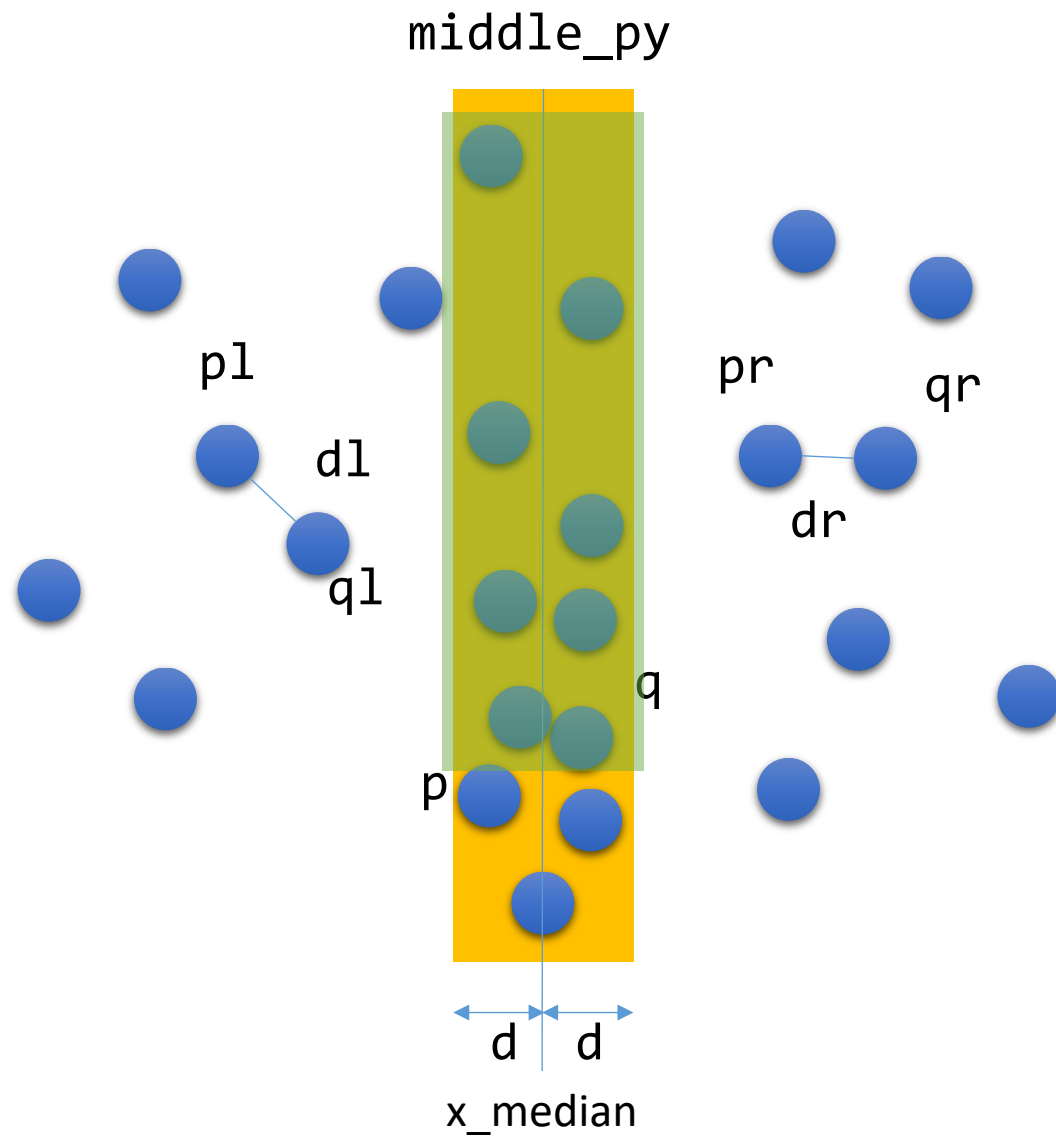
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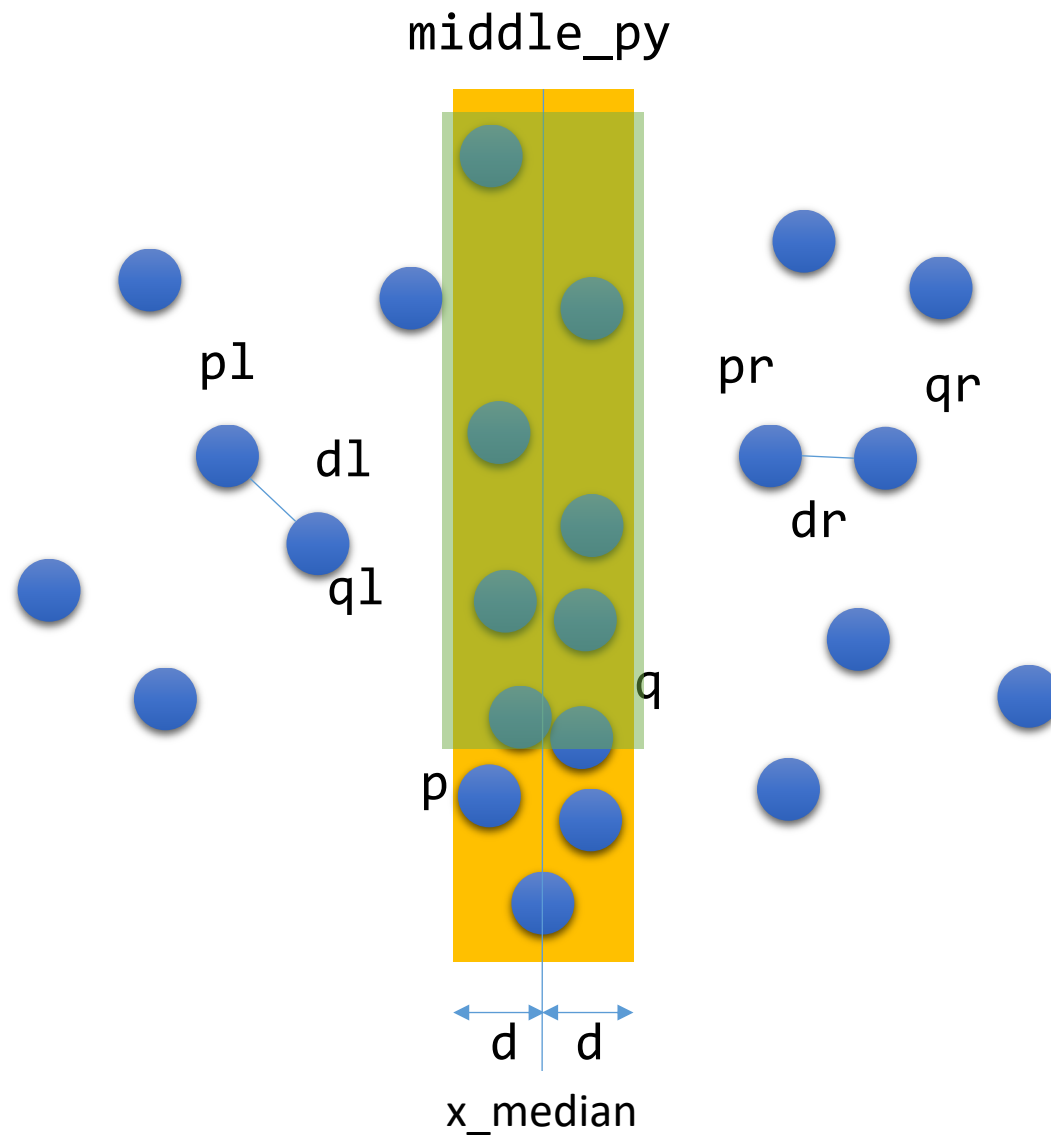
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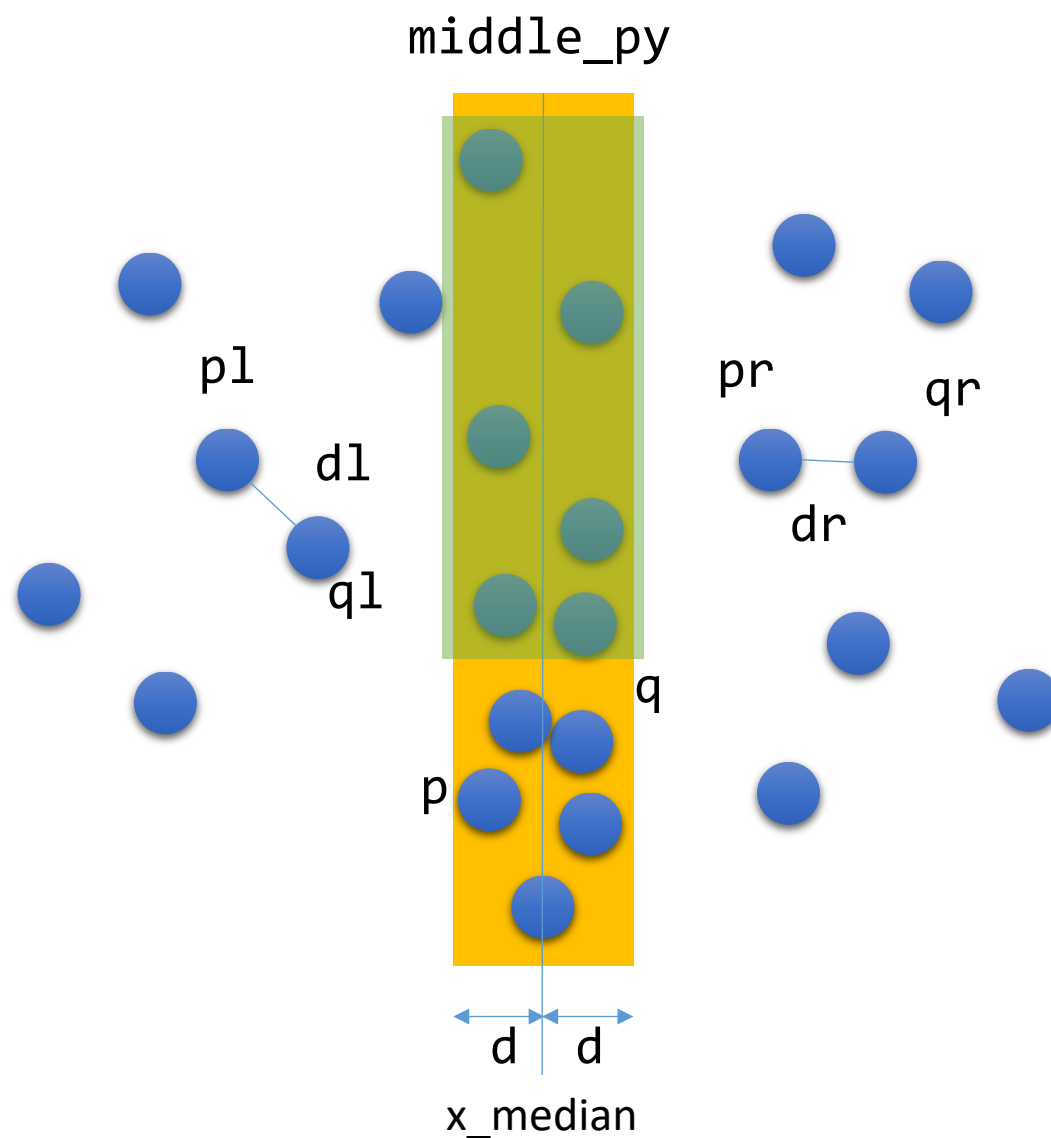


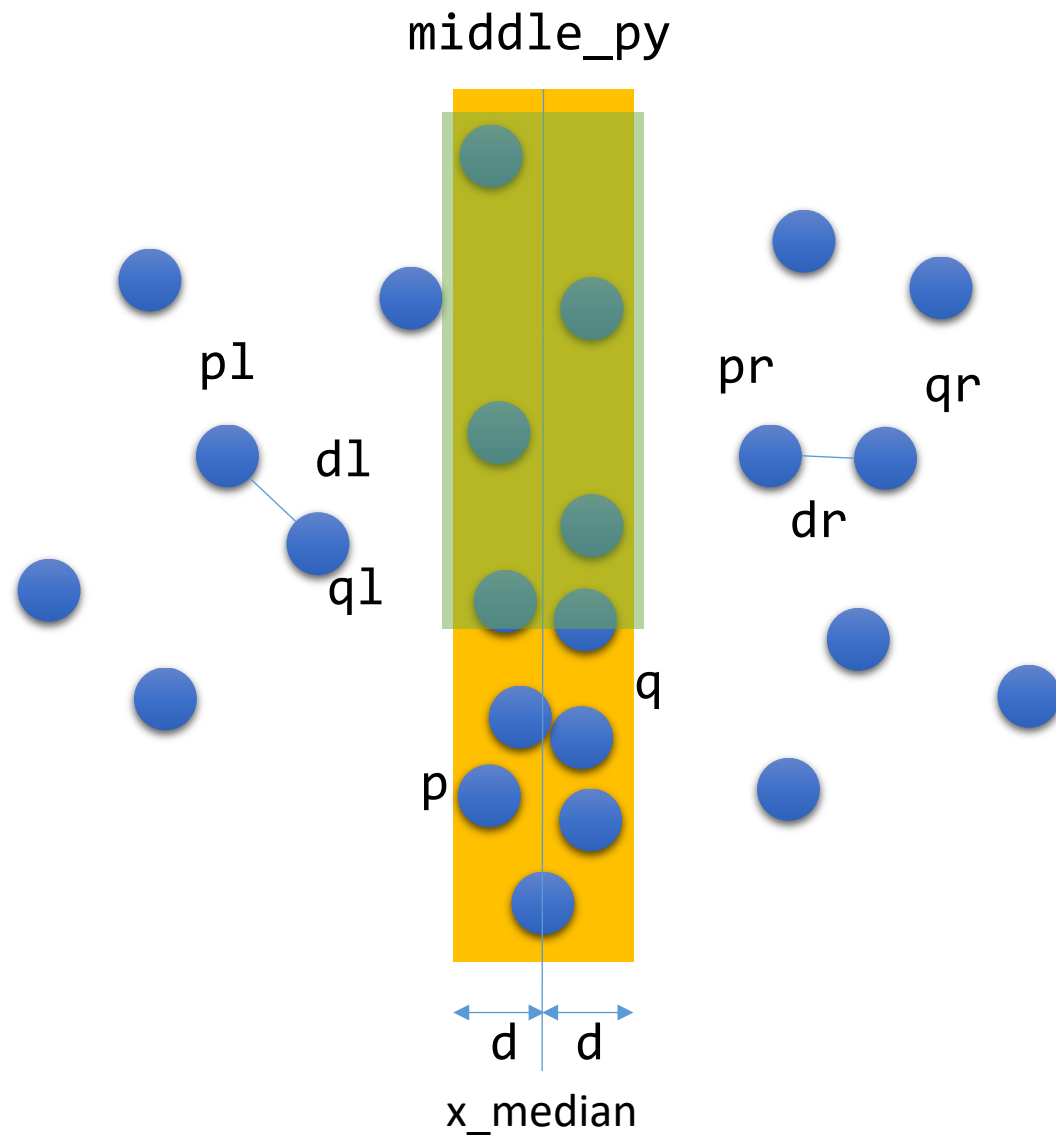


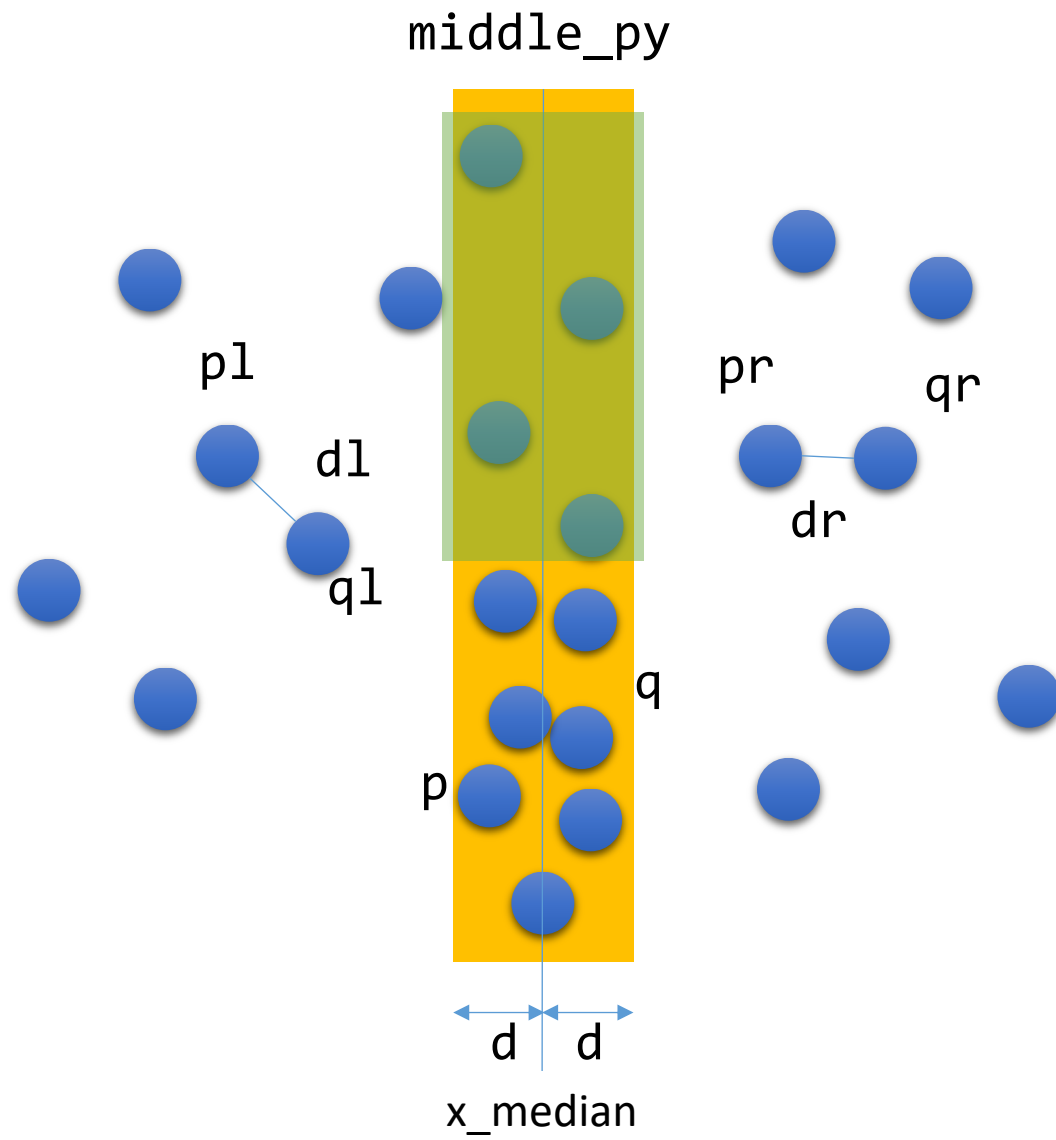








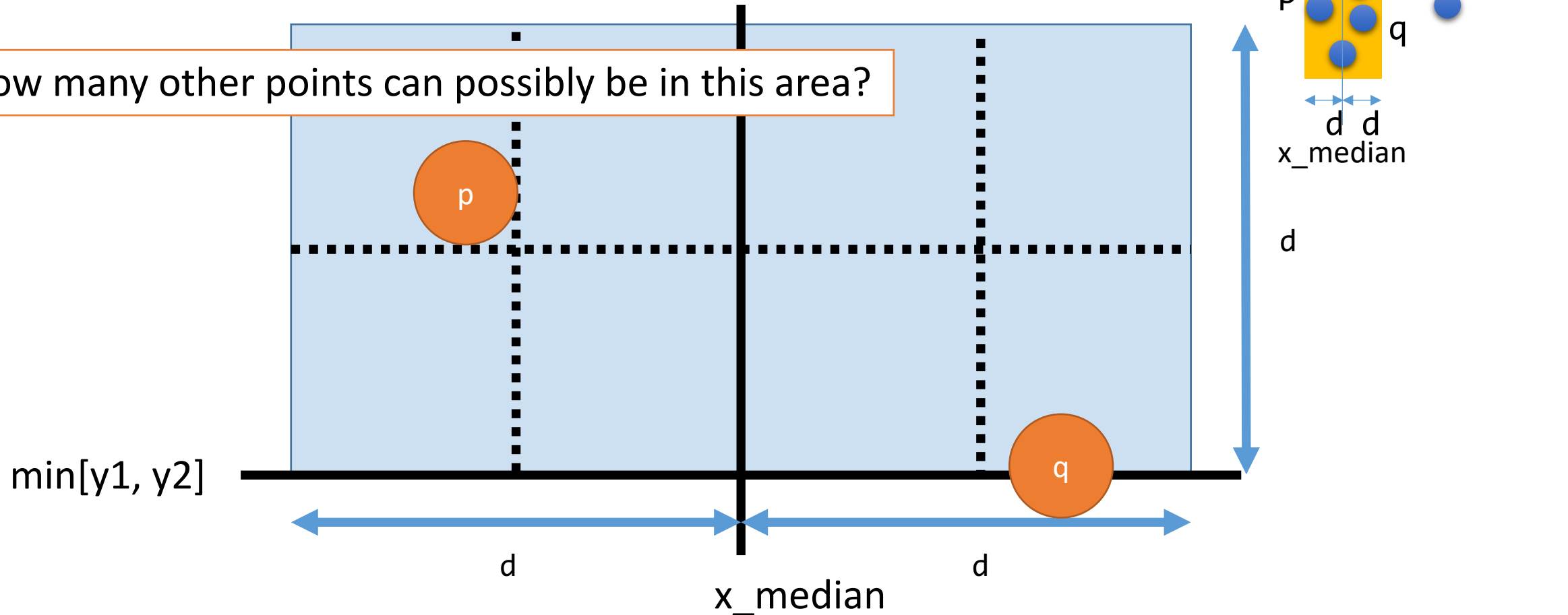




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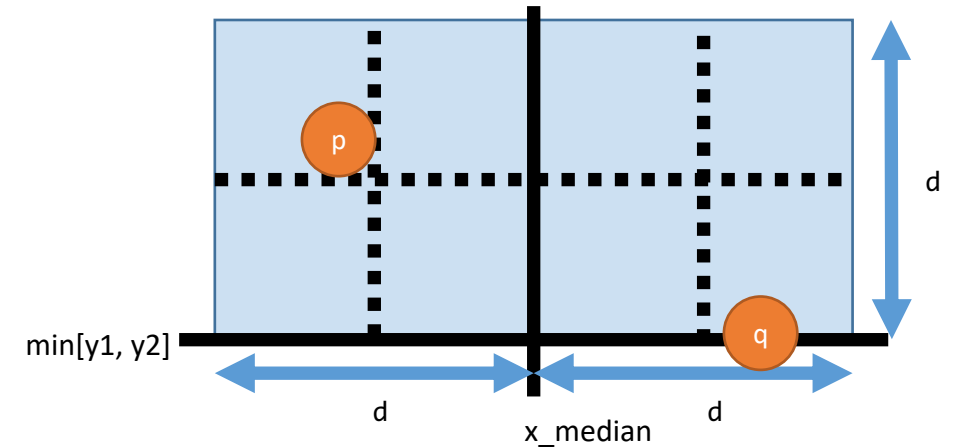
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How many other points can possibly be in this area?



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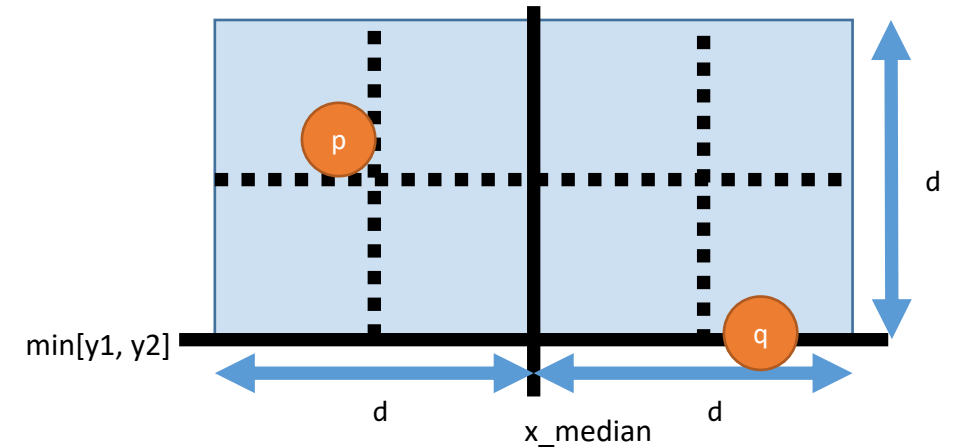
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Proof:

1. First, recall that the y-coordinate of p, q differs by less than d .
2. Second, by definition of `middle_py`, all have an x-coordinate between $x_median \pm \delta$.

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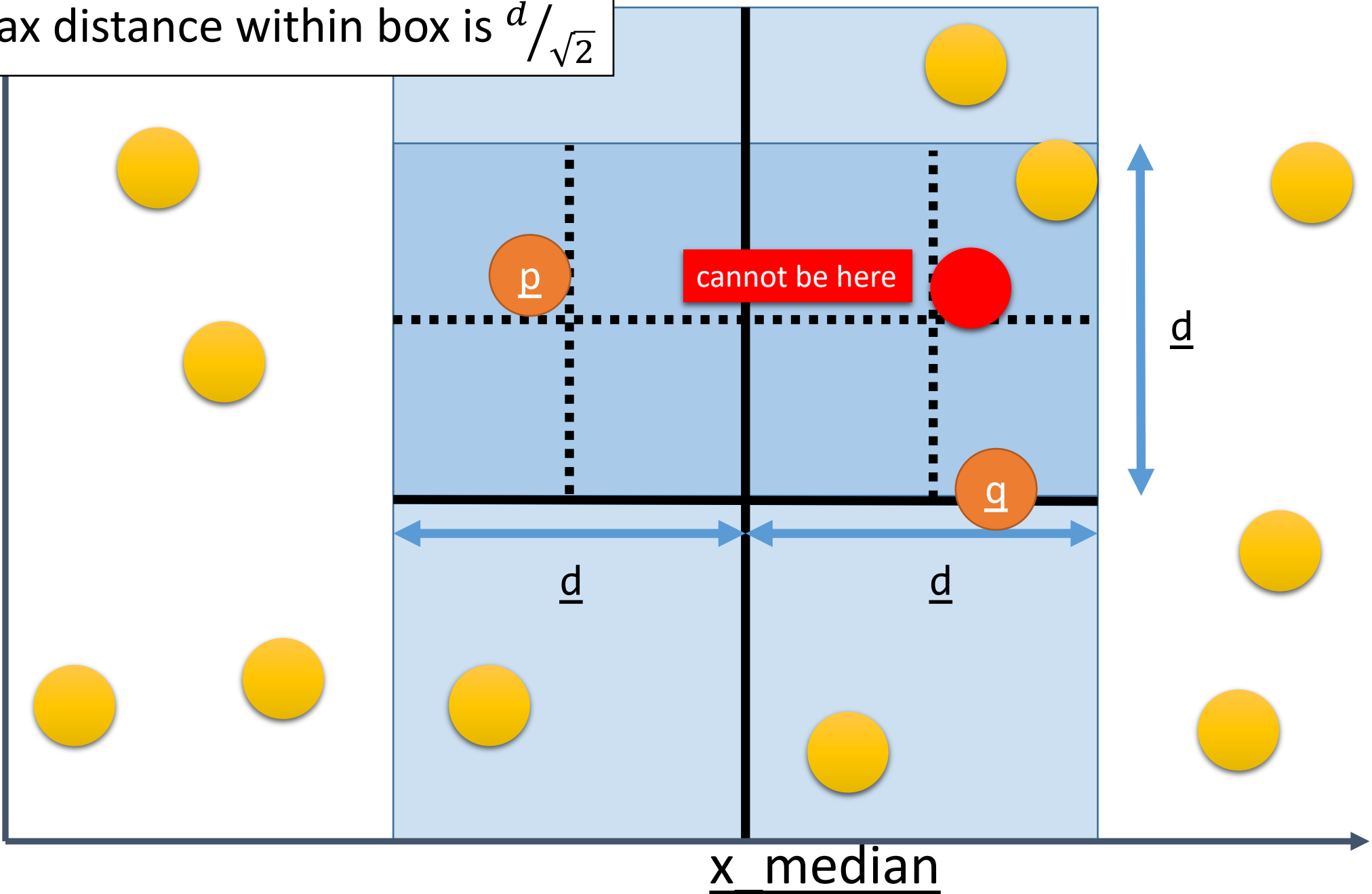
Lemma 2: At most one point of P can be in each box.

Proof: By contradiction. Suppose points a and b lie in the same box. Then

1. a and b are either both in L or both in R
2. $d(a, b) \leq d/2 \cdot \sqrt{2} < d$

This is a contradiction! How did we define d?

Max distance within box is $d/\sqrt{2}$



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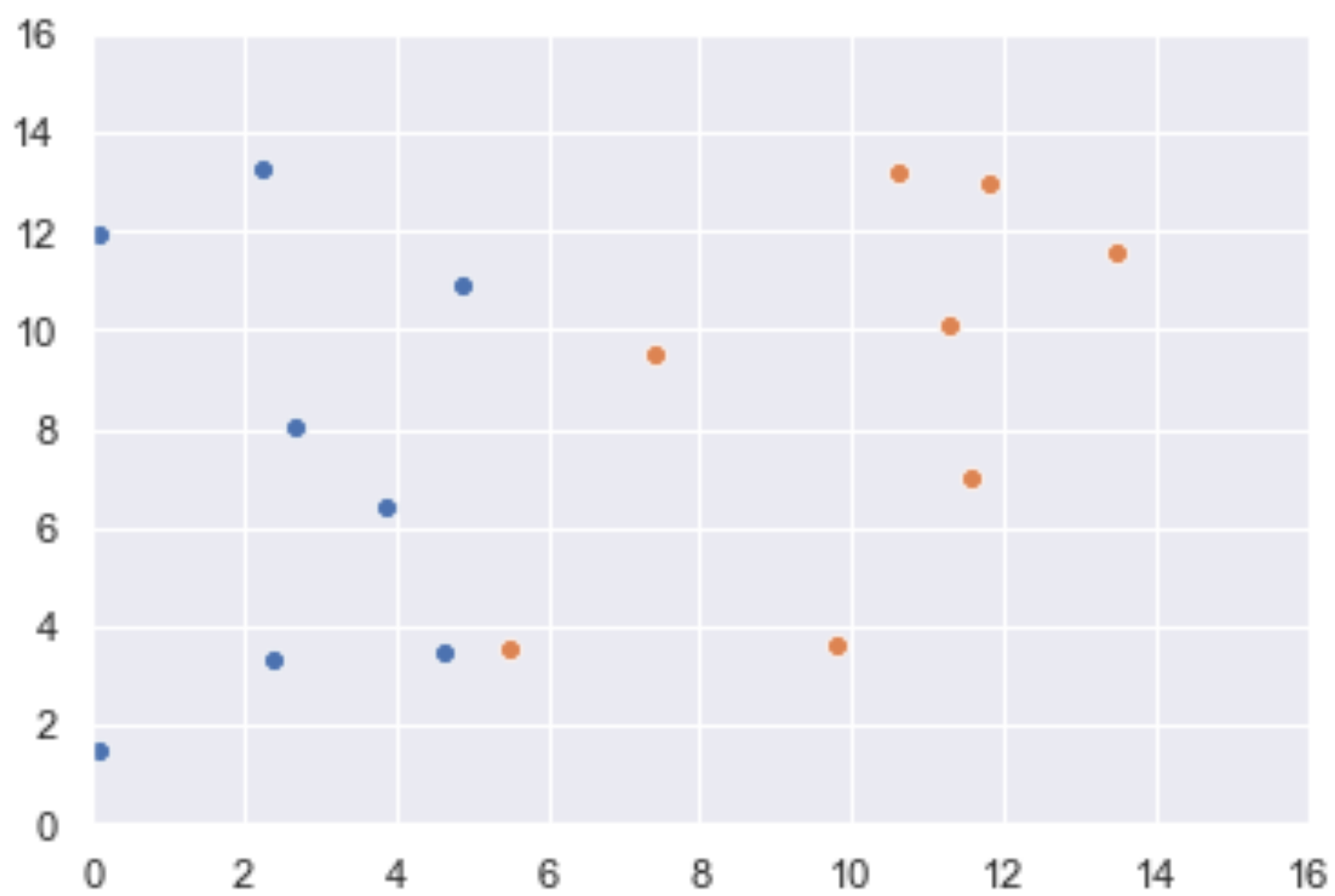
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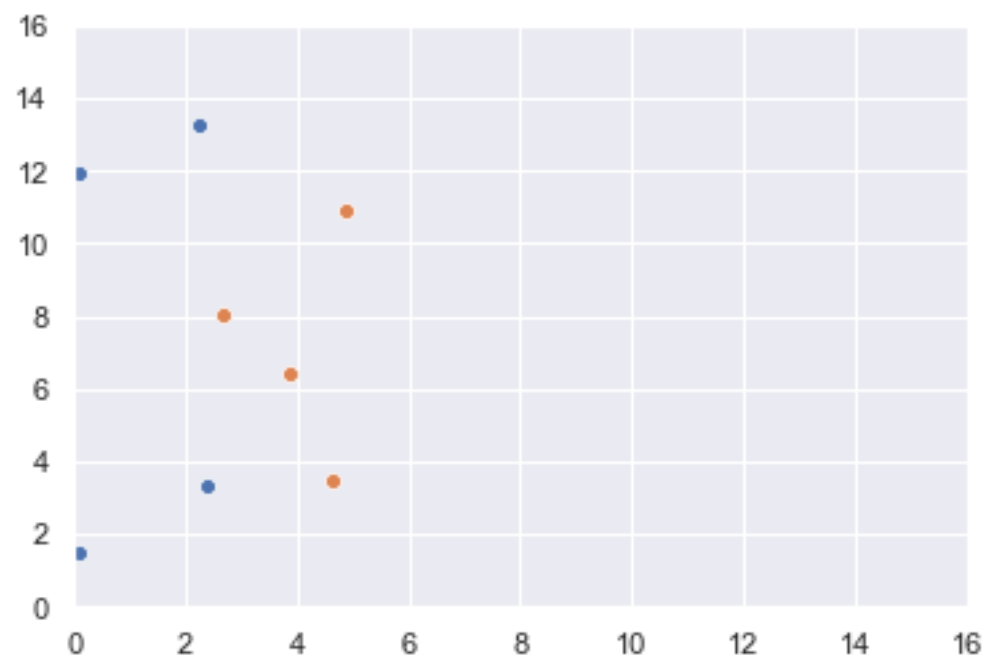
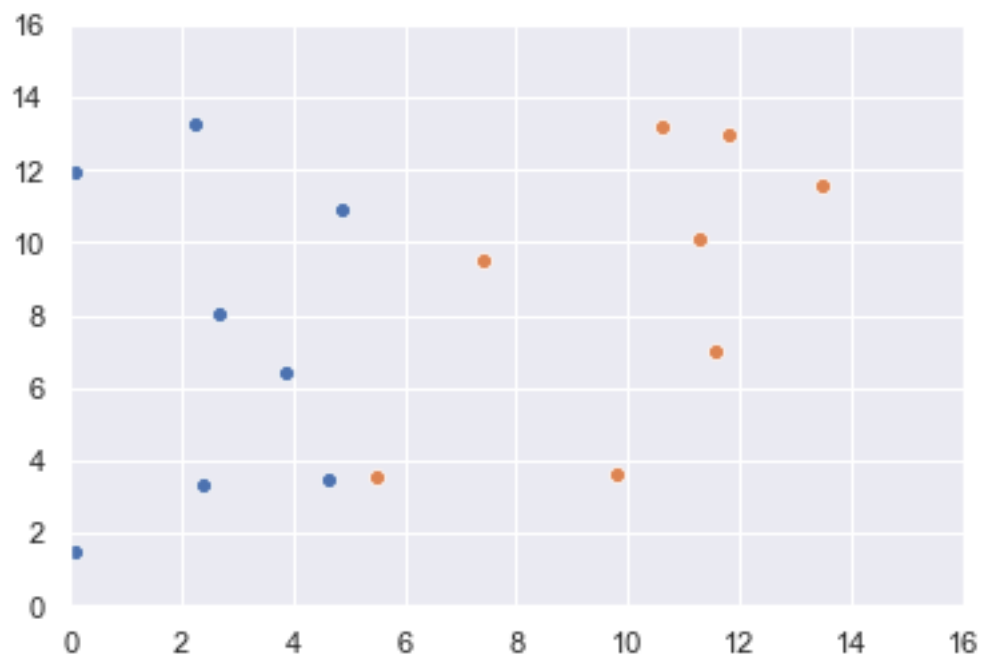
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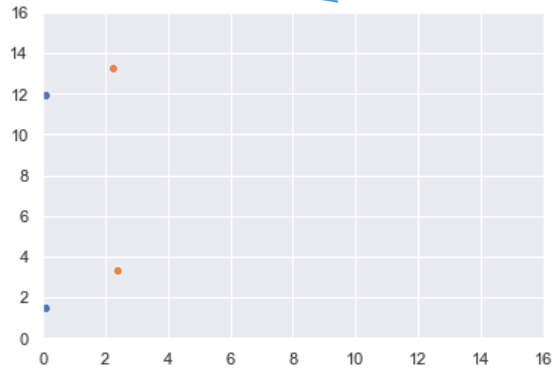
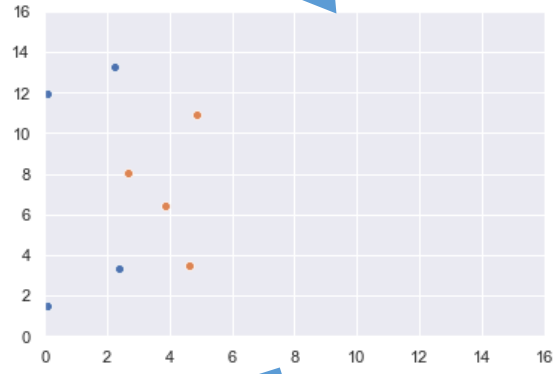
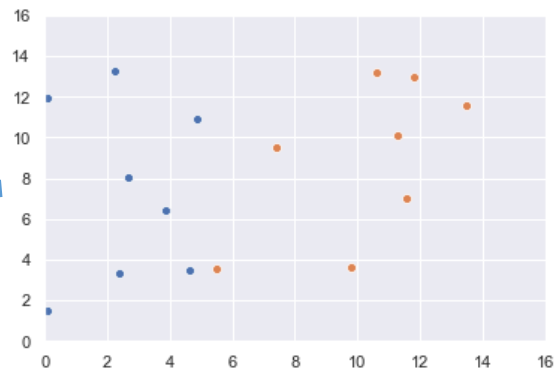
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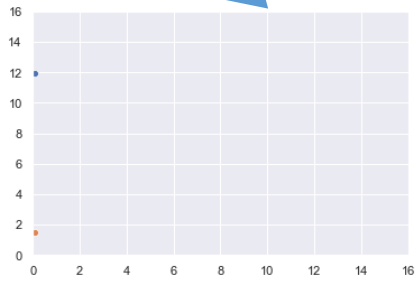
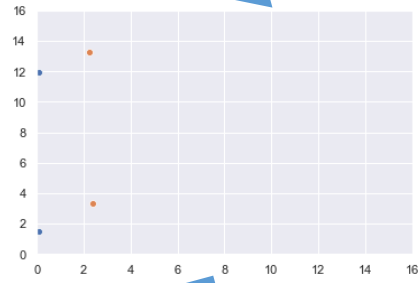
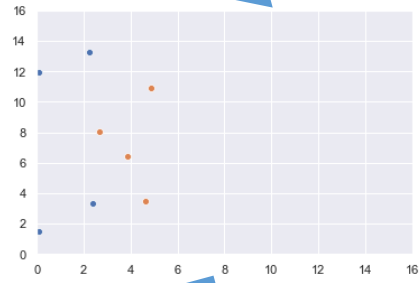
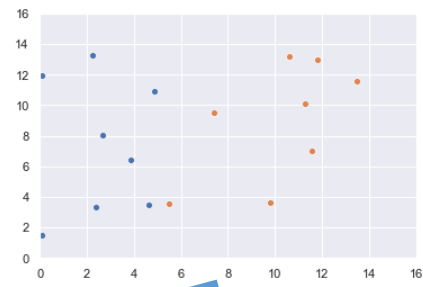
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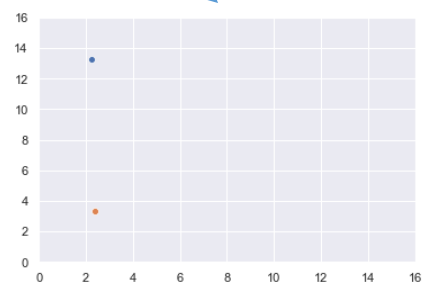
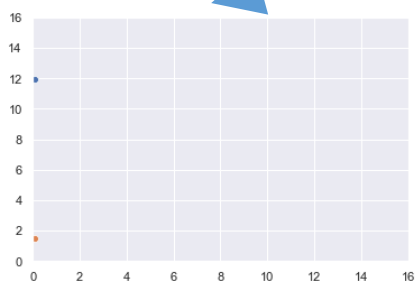
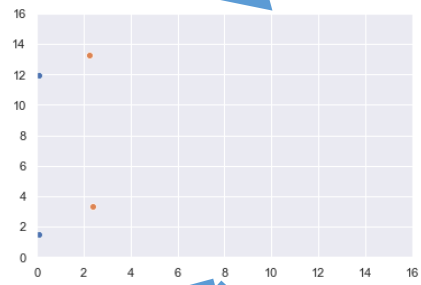
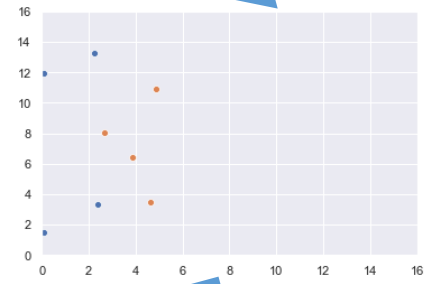
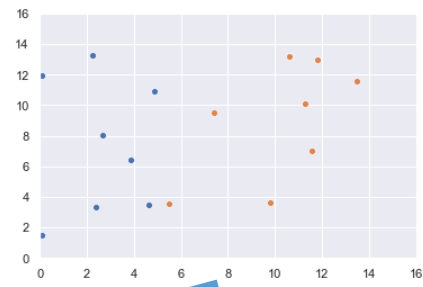
1. Copy P and sort one copy by x and the other copy by y in $O(n \lg n)$
2. Divide P into a left and right in $O(n)$
3. Conquer by recursively searching $left$ and $right$
4. Look for the closest pair in $middle_py$ in $O(n)$
 - Must filter by x
 - And scan through $middle_py$ by looking at adjacent points

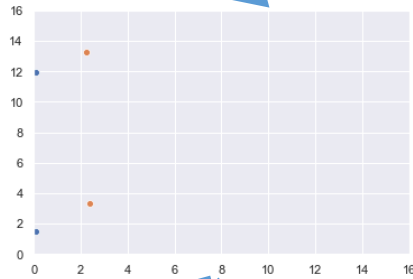
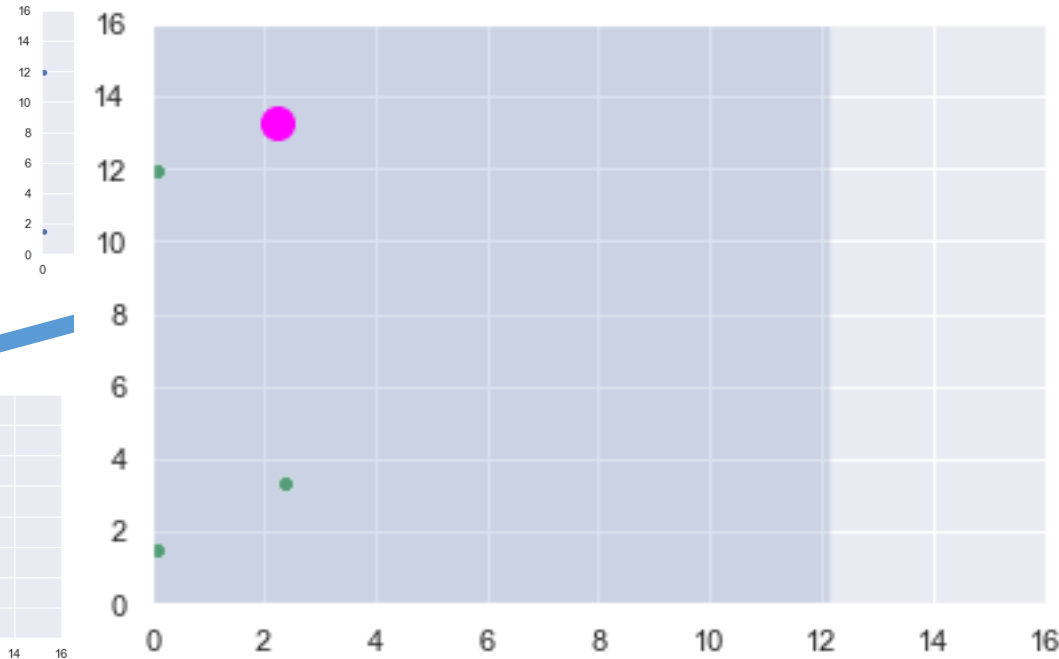
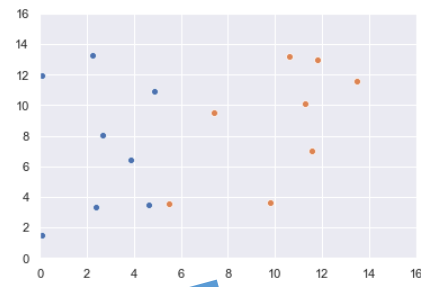




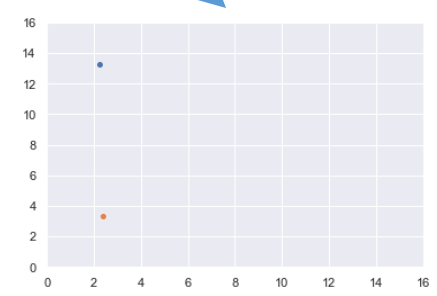
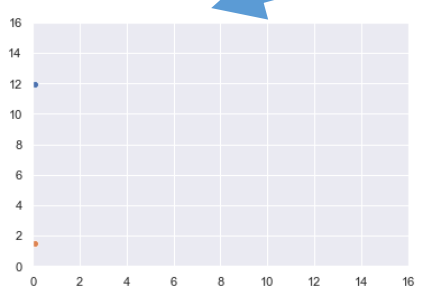
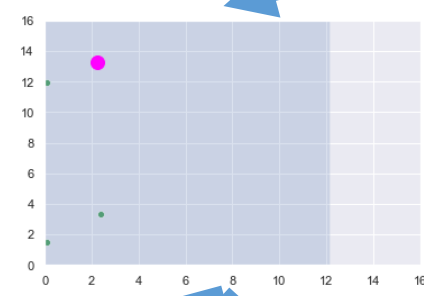
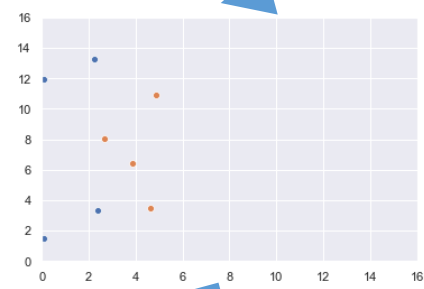
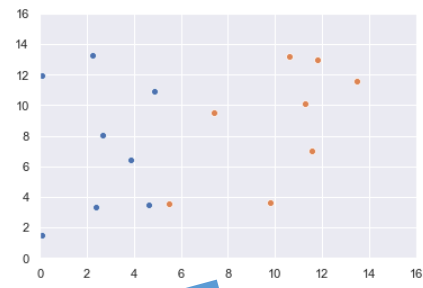


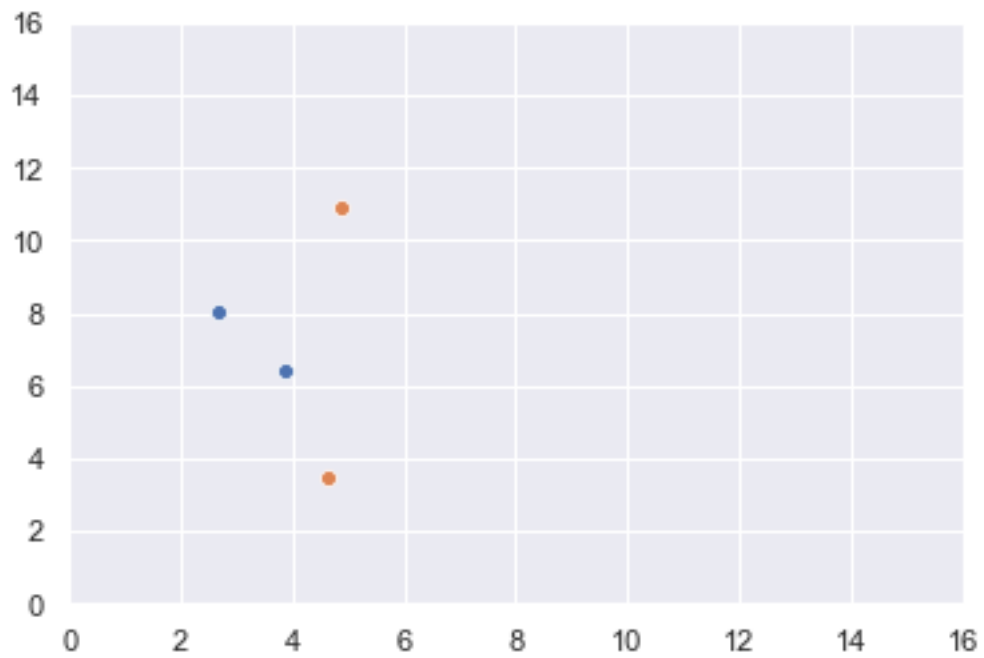
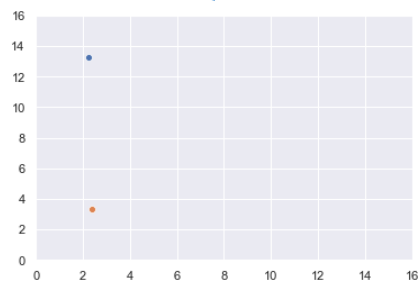
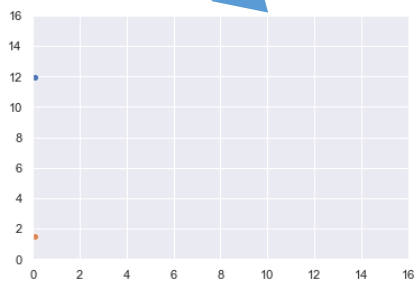
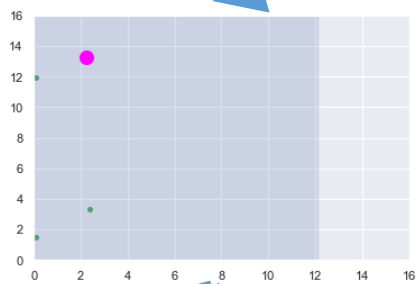
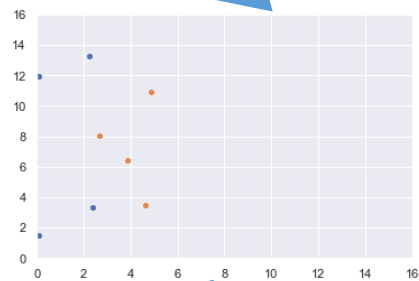
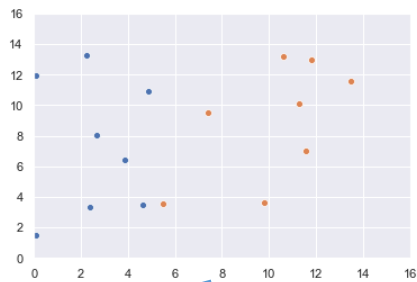


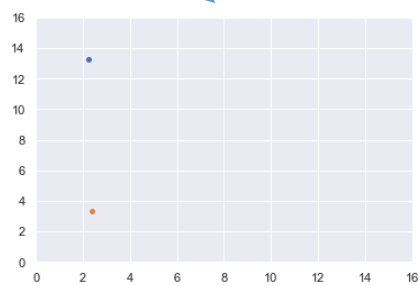
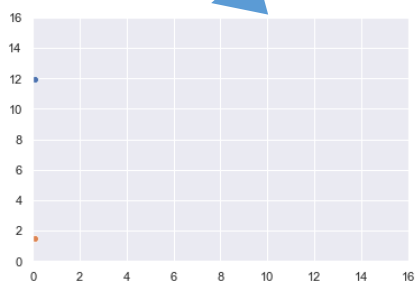
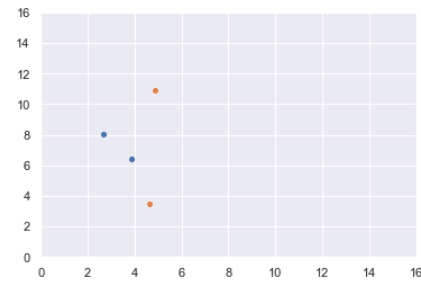
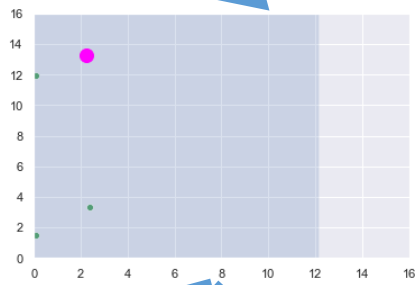
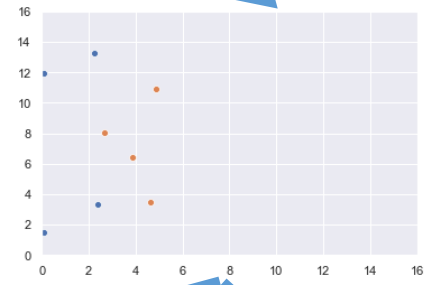
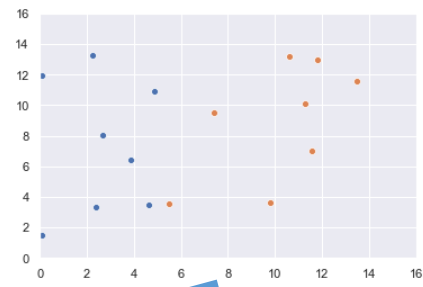


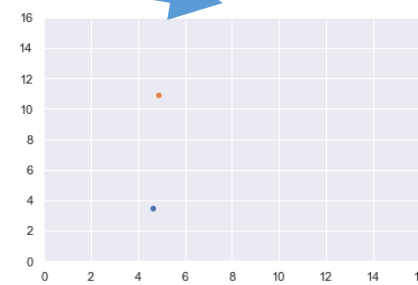
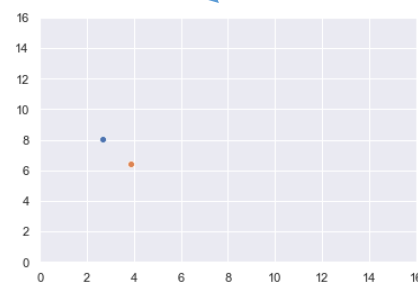
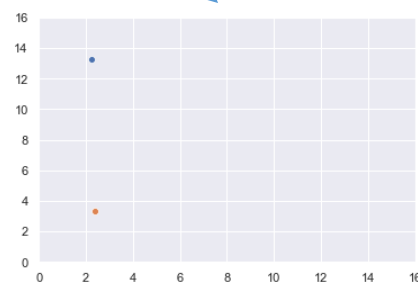
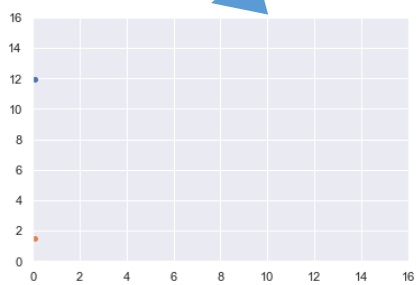
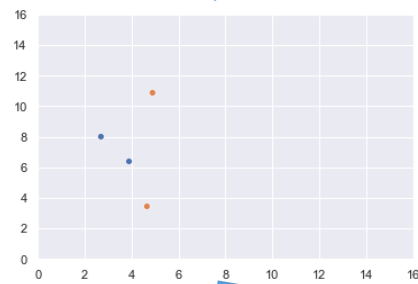
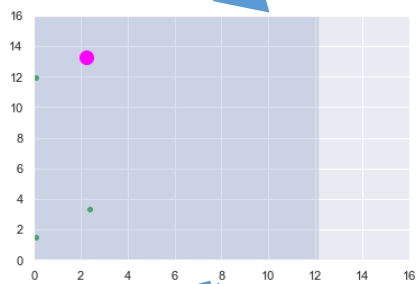
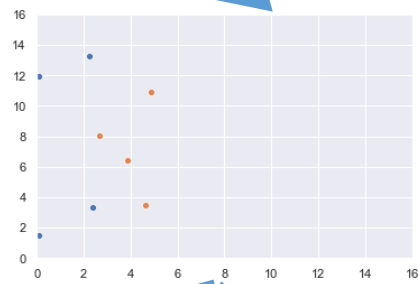
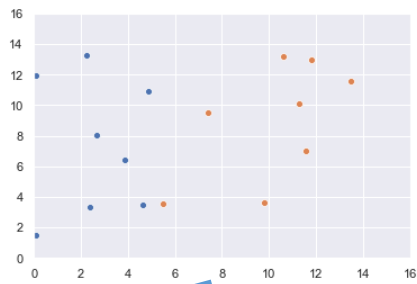


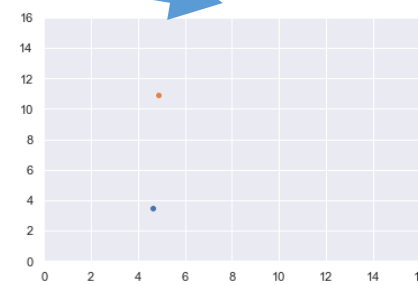
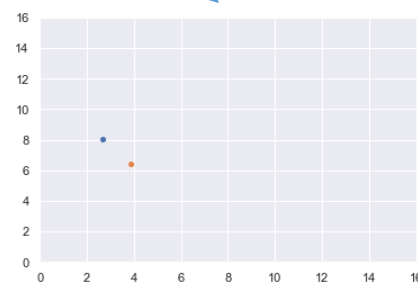
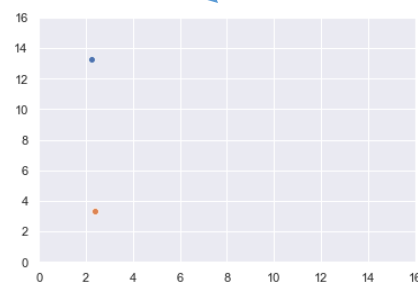
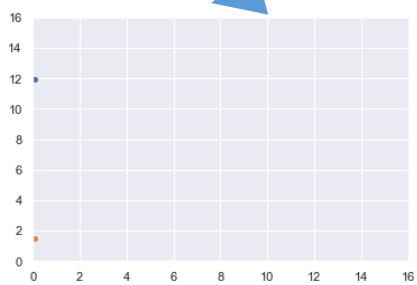
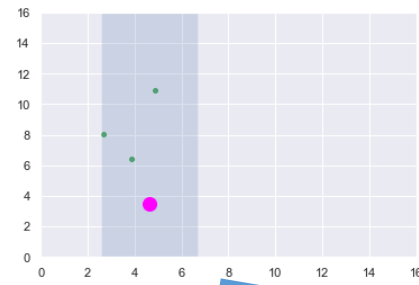
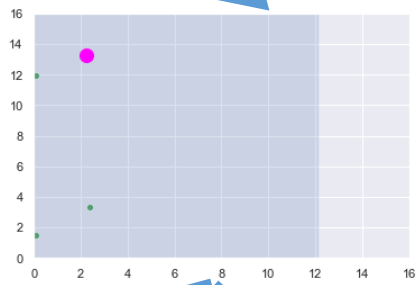
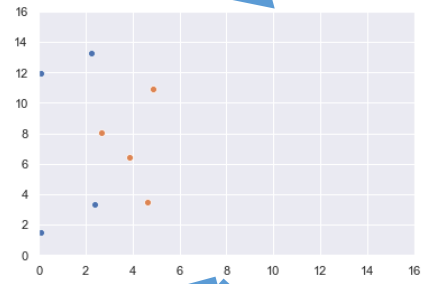
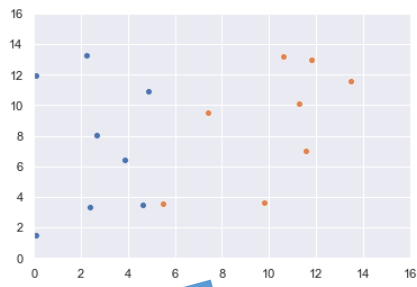
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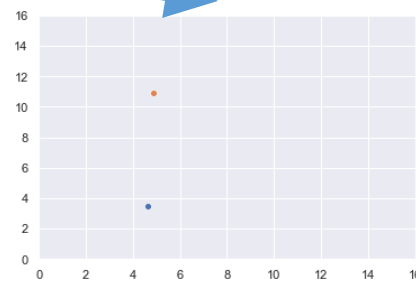
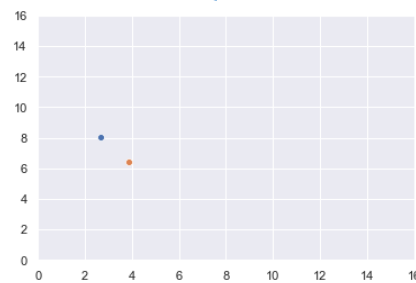
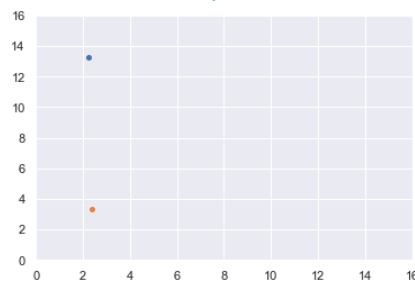
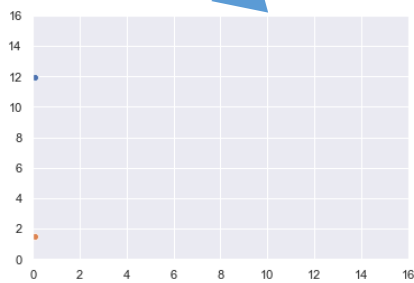
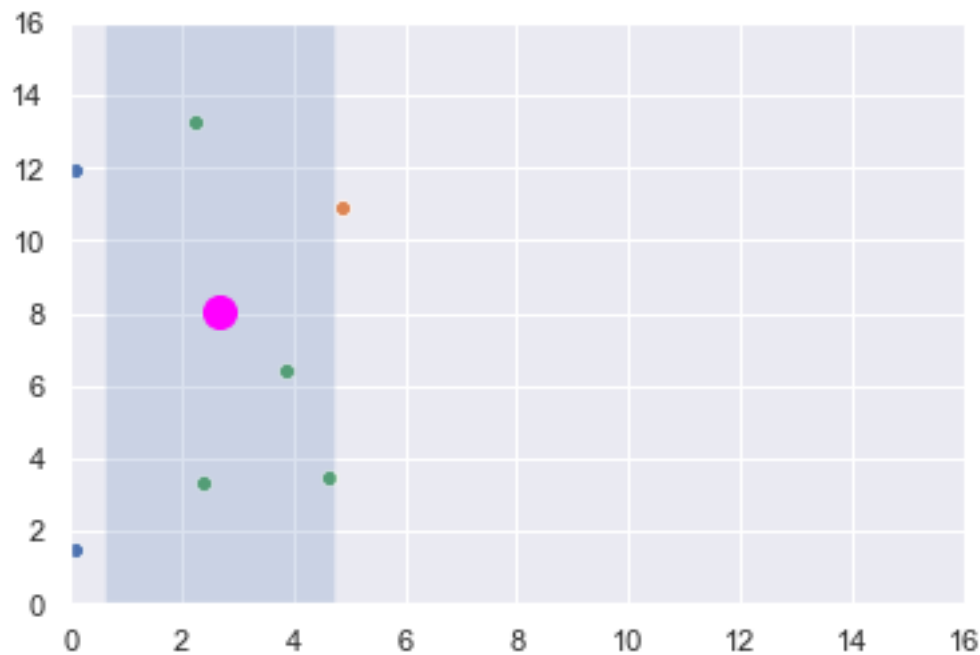
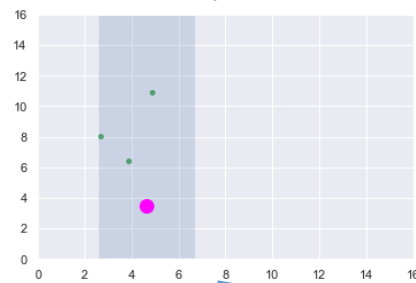
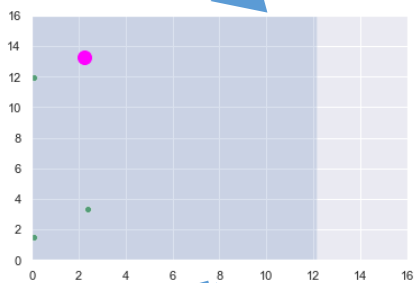
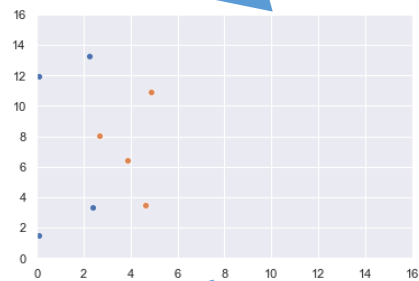
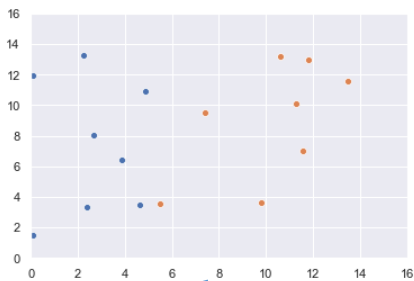


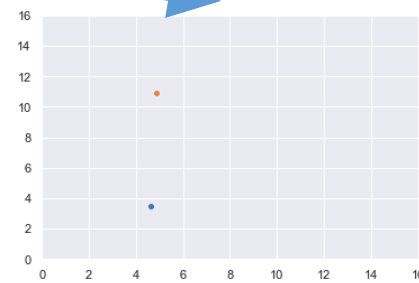
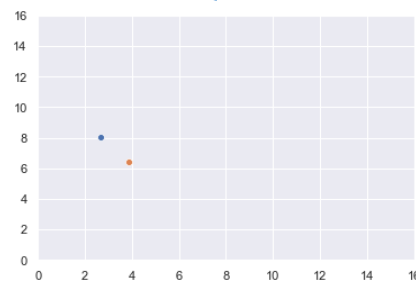
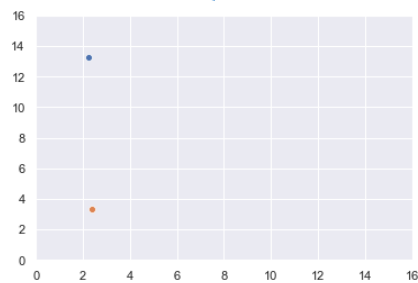
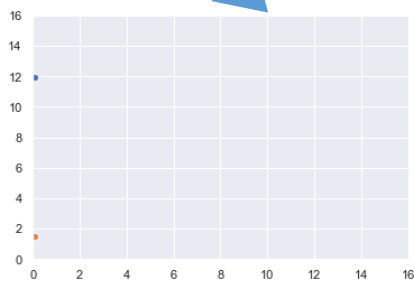
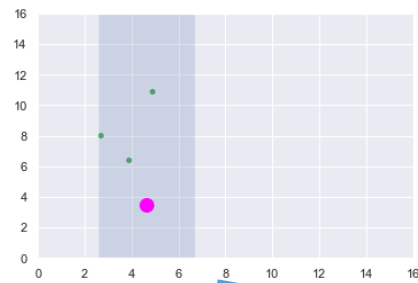
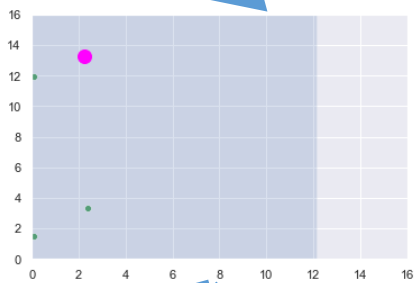
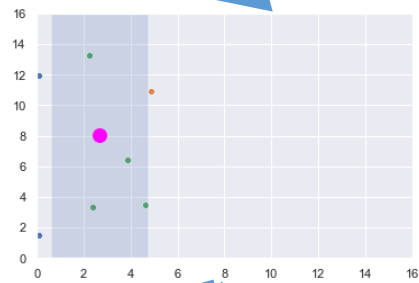
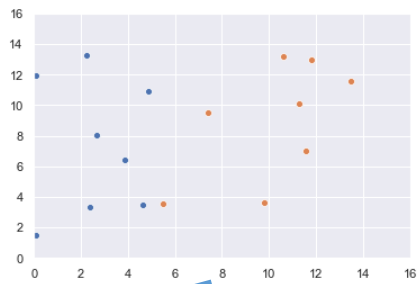


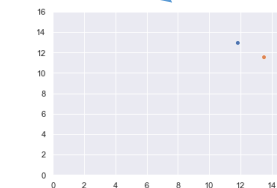
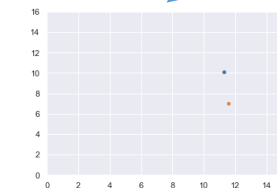
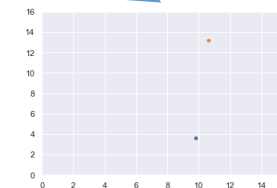
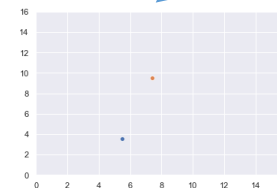
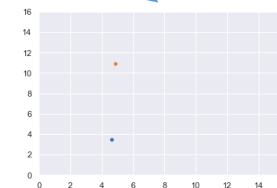
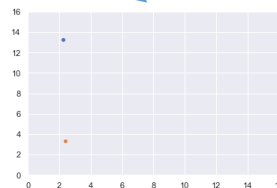
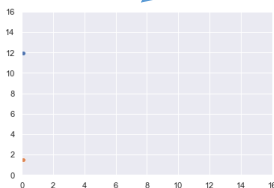
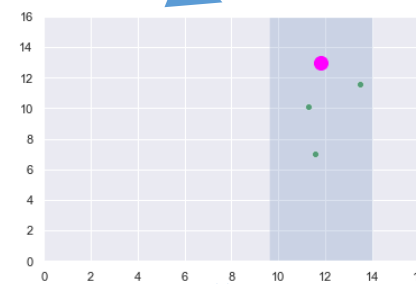
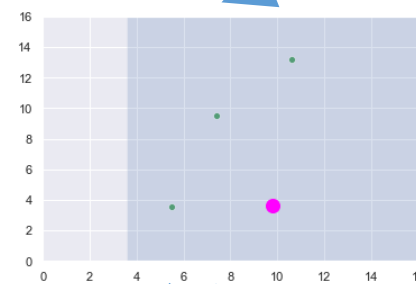
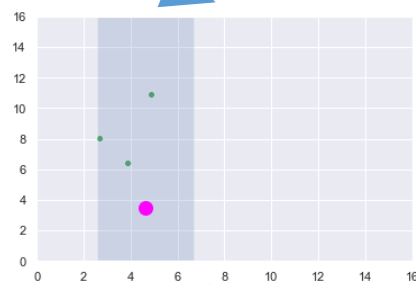
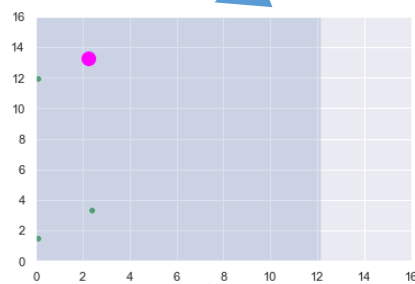
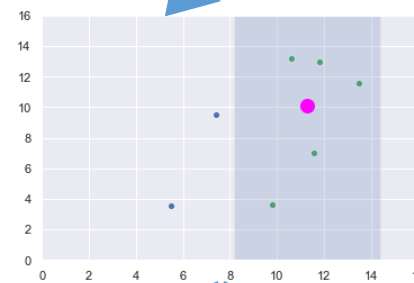
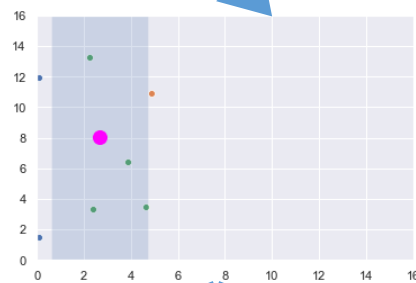
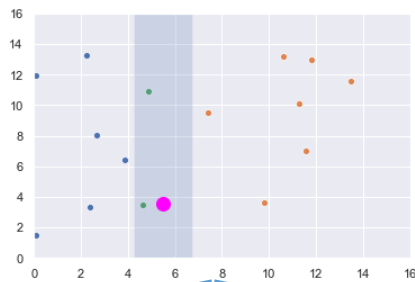












T(n) **FUNCTION** ClosestPair(px, py)

O(1) n = px.length

O(1) **IF** n == 2

O(1) **RETURN** px[0], px[1], dist(px[0], px[1])

O(n) left_px = px[0 ..< n//2]

O(n) left_py = [p **FOR** p **IN** py **IF** p.x < px[n//2].x]

T(n/2) pl, ql, dl = ClosestPair(left_px, left_py)

O(n) right_px = px[n//2 ..< n]

O(n) right_py = [p **FOR** p **IN** py **IF** p.x ≥ px[n//2].x]

T(n/2) pr, qr, dr = ClosestPair(right_px, right_py)

O(1) d = min(dl, dr)

O(n) ps, qs, ds = ClosestSplitPair(px, py, d)

O(1) **RETURN** Closest(pl, ql, dl, pr, qr, dr, ps, qs, ds)

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2 T(n/2) + O(n) \\ &= O(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$

T(n) **FUNCTION** MergeSort(array)

O(1) n = array.length

O(1) **IF** n == 1

O(1) **RETURN** array

T(n/2) left_sorted = MergeSort(array[0 ..< n//2])

T(n/2) right_sorted = MergeSort(array[n//2 ..< n])

O(n) array_sorted = Merge(left_sorted, right_sorted)

O(1) **RETURN** array_sorted

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T(n) **FUNCTION** RecursiveFunction(some_input)

O(1) **IF** base_case:

Usually O(1)

O(1) **RETURN** base_case_work(some_input)

Two recursive calls, each with half the data

T(n/2) one = RecursiveFunction(some_input.first_half)

T(n/2) two = RecursiveFunction(some_input.second_half)

Combine results from recursive calls (usually O(n))

O(n) one_and_two = Combine(one, two)

O(1) **RETURN** one_and_two