

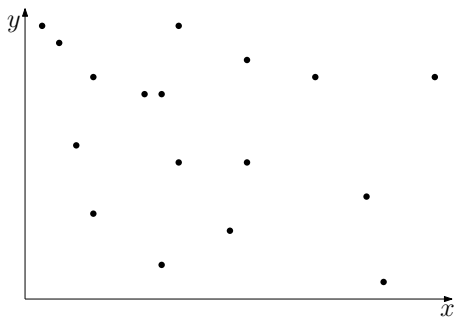
Time-Windowed Closest Pair

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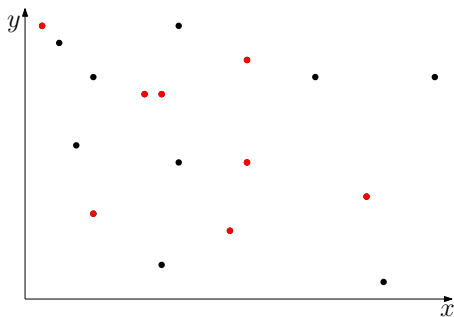
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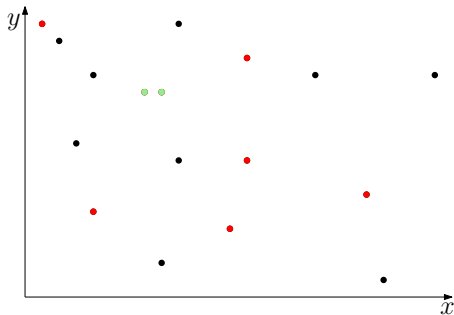
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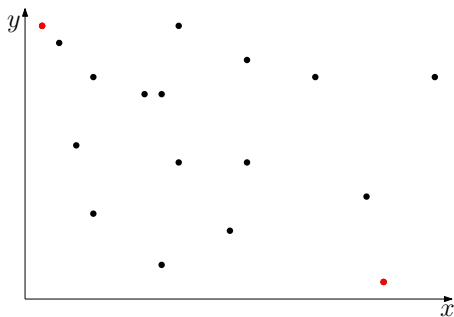
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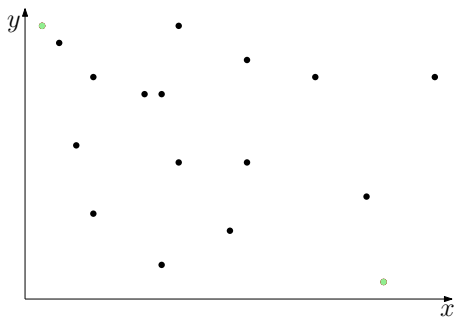
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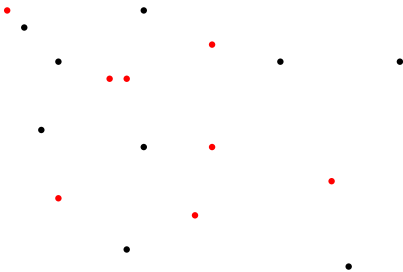
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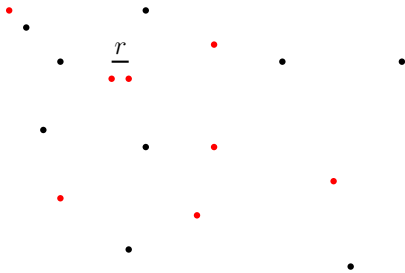
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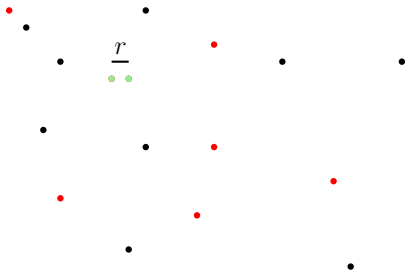
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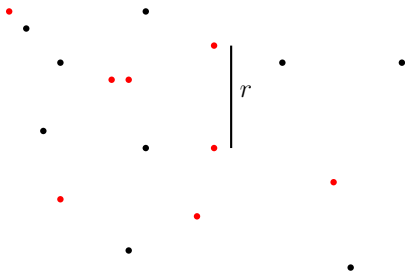
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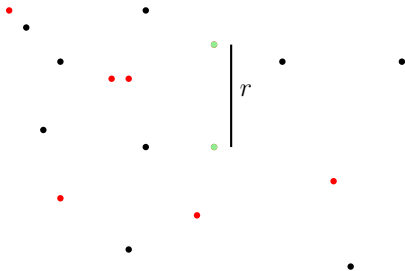
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 - If time given as integers, pre-sort and add the cost of a predecessor search to query time:
 $O\left(\min \left\{ \log w, \log_w n, \sqrt{\log n / \log \log n} \right\}\right)$

Credit: *Pătraşcu 2008*

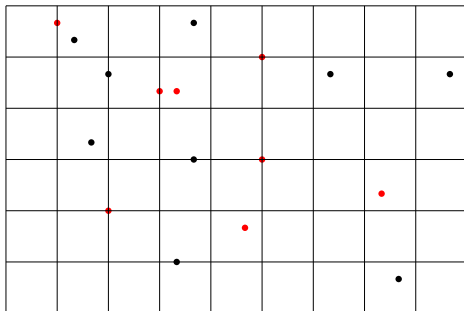
Results and Overview

Problem	Pre-Processing	Space	Query
Decision Closest Pair	$O(n)$ (expected) Grid	$O(n)$ bits Succinct Rank/Select	$O(1)$
Closest Pair	$O(n \log n \log \log n)$ Quadtree	$O(n \log n)$ words Orthogonal Point Location	$O(\log \log n)$

Decision Problem: first step

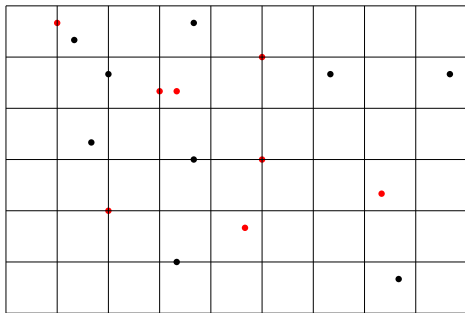
- Aiming for $O(n)$ pre-processing
- Must reduce the number of *candidate satisfying pairs* to $O(n)$

Computing Candidate Satisfying Pairs



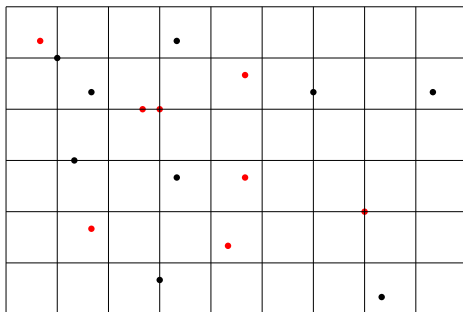
- 1 Draw a grid over the points
- 2 Sort points in each grid cell by time
- 3 For each point:
 - 1 Consider a constant number of time-order pred. and succ.

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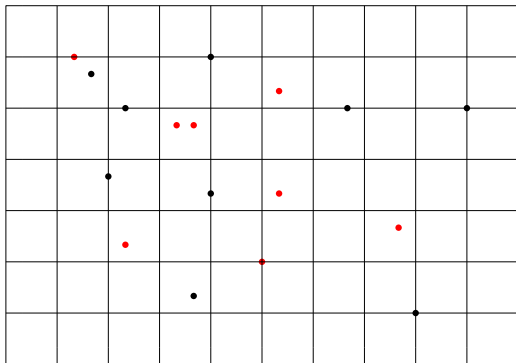
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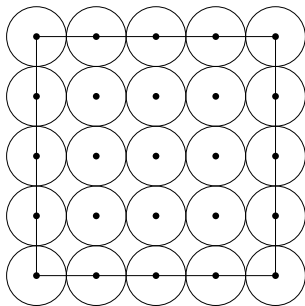
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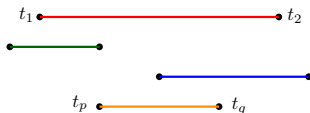


Packing argument \rightarrow constant that depends only on d

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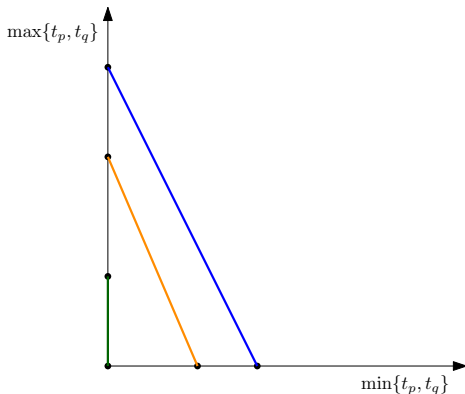
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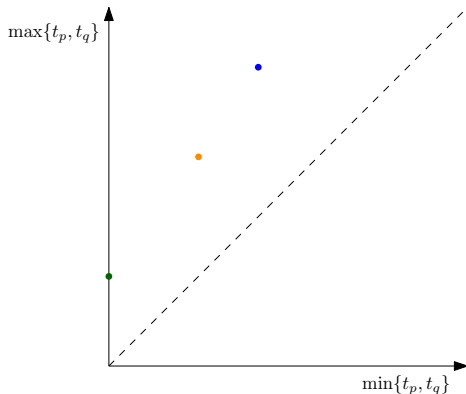
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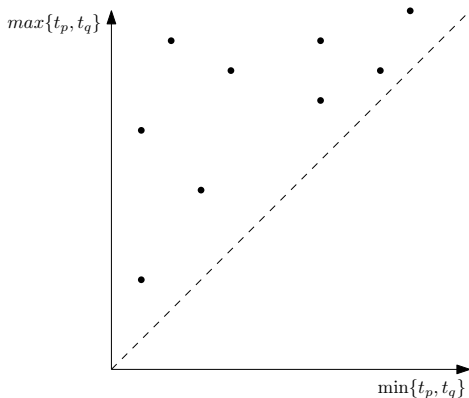
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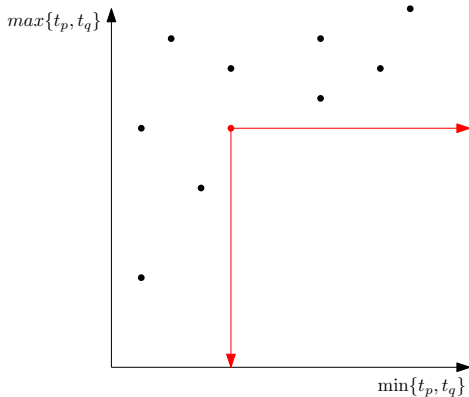
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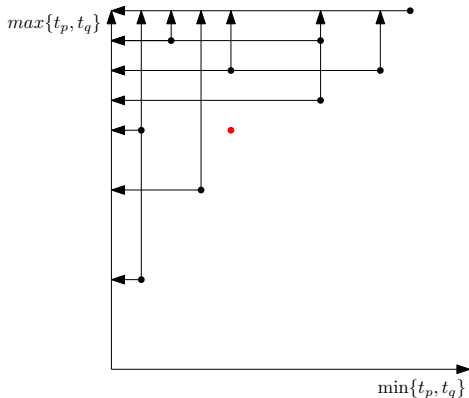
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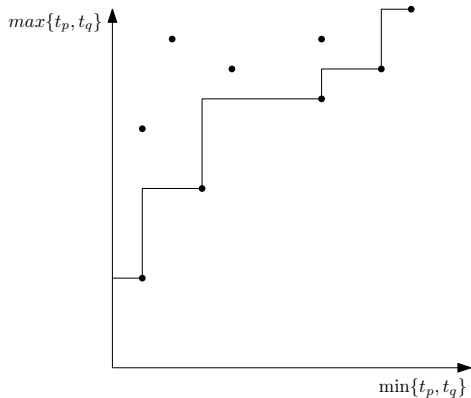
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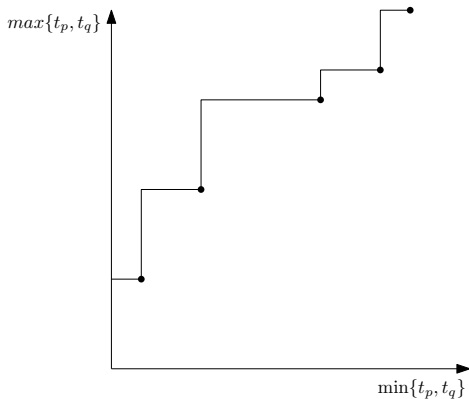
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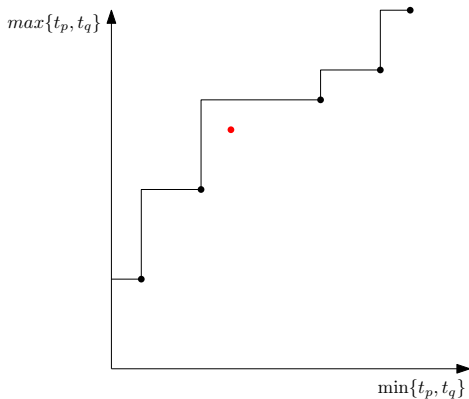
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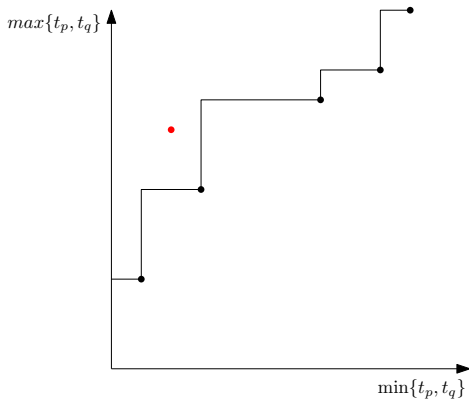
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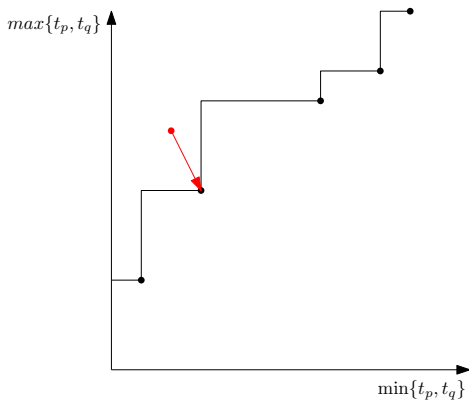
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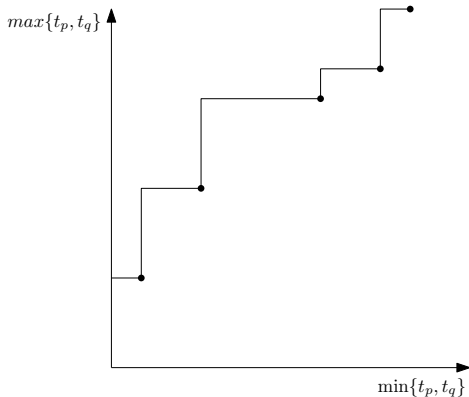
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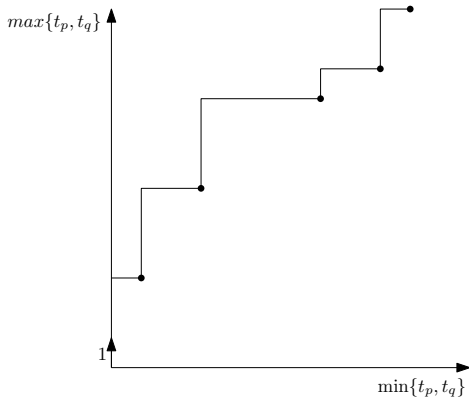
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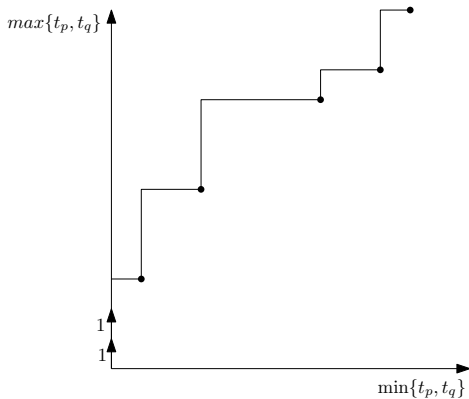
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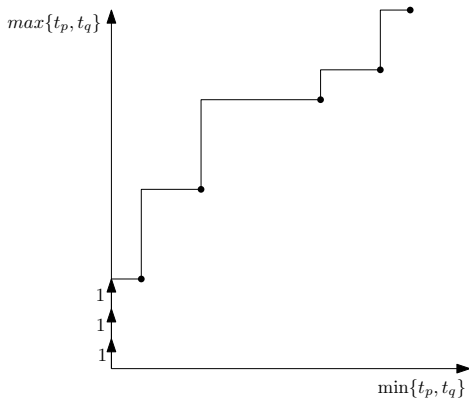
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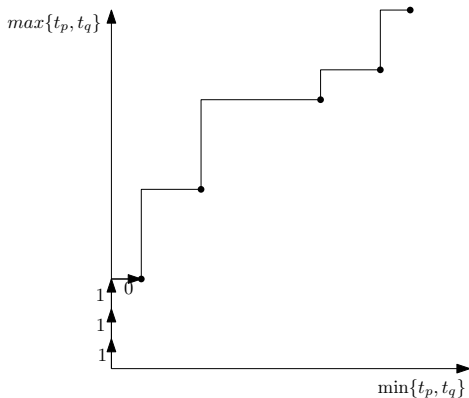
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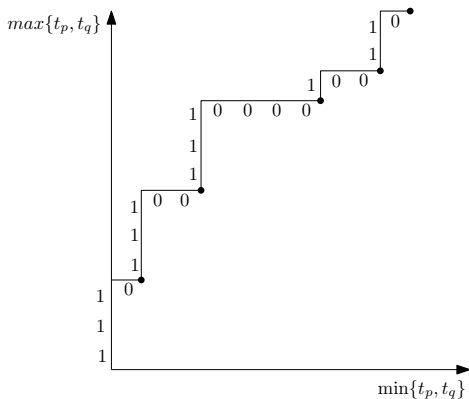
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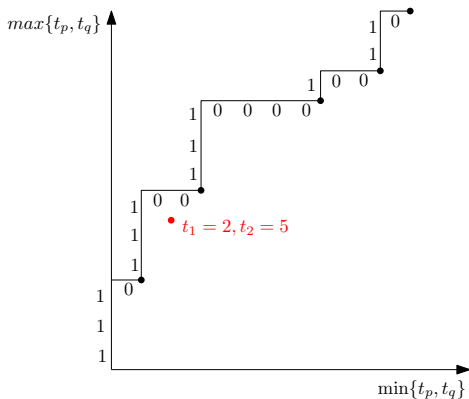
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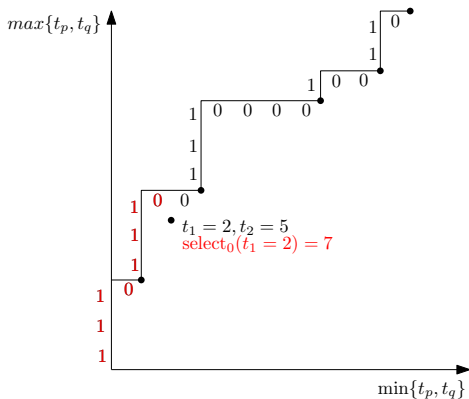
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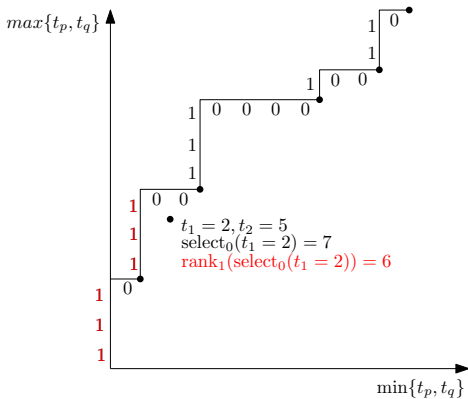
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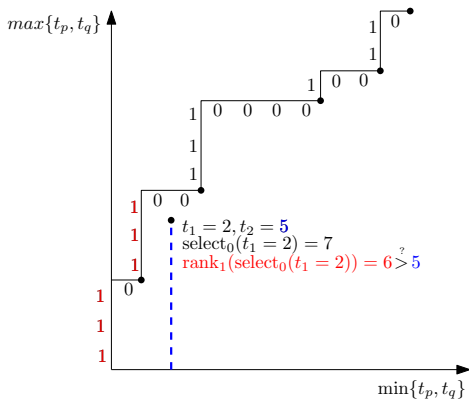
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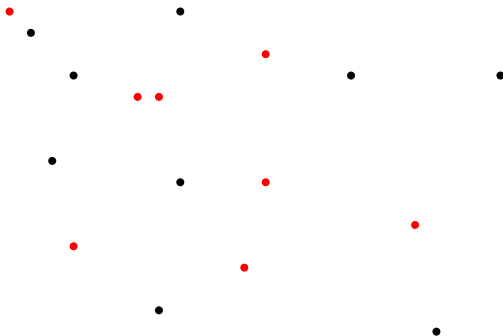
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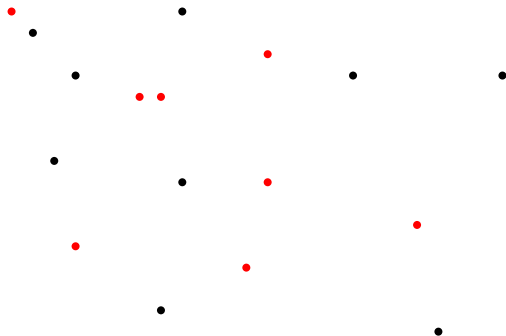
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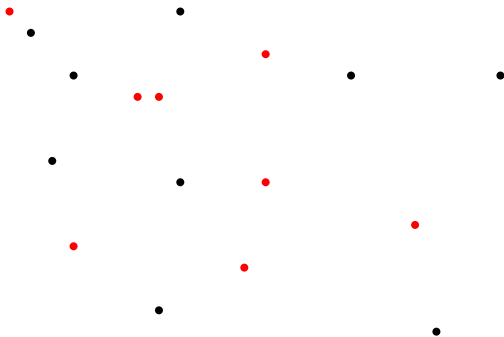
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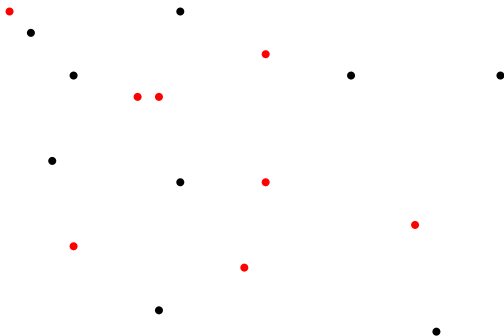
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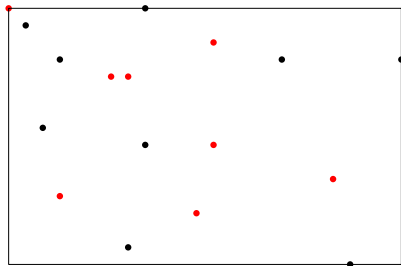
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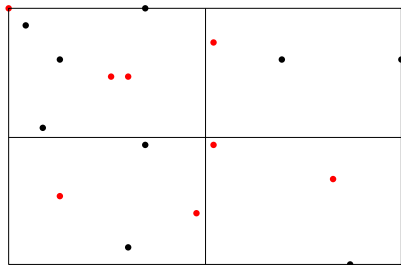
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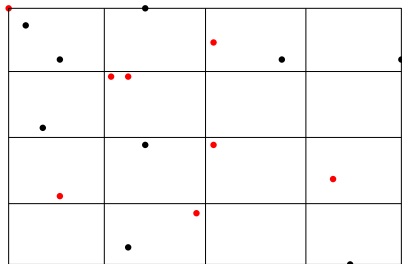
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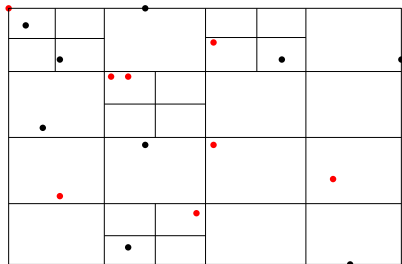
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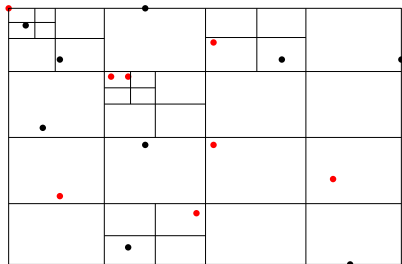
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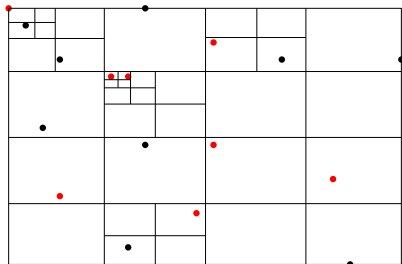
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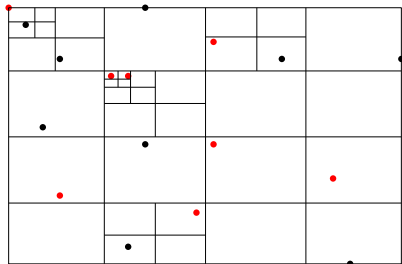
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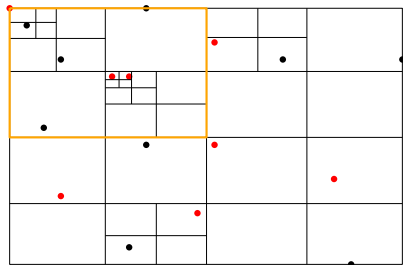
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Quad Tree Issue: Height



Height of quadtree unbounded w.r.t. n

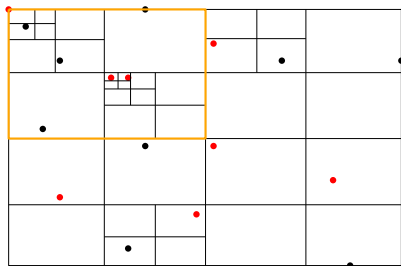
Solution: The Centroid



- There exists a quadtree cell B such that:
 - $|P \cap B| \leq \alpha n$
 - $|P \setminus B| \leq \alpha n$
- We call this a centroid cell

Credit: *Arya et al. 1998*

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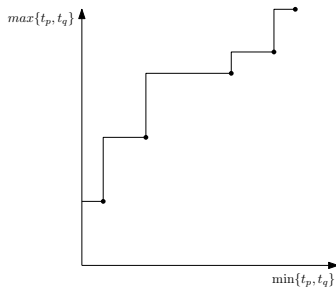
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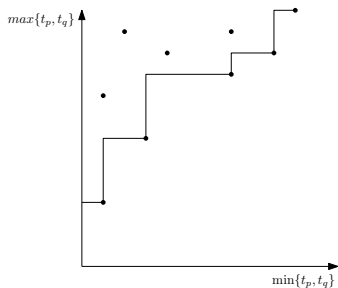
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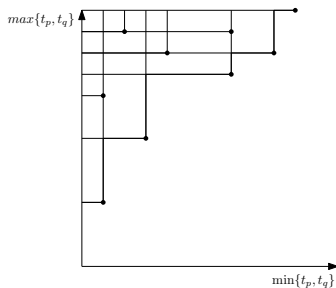
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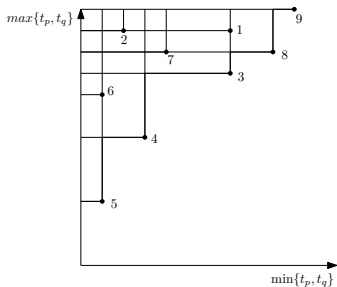
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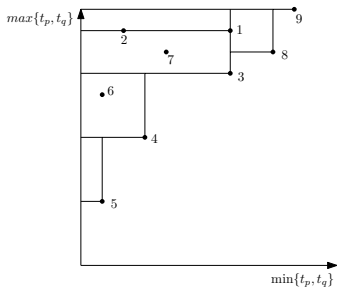
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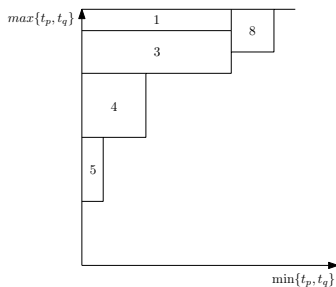
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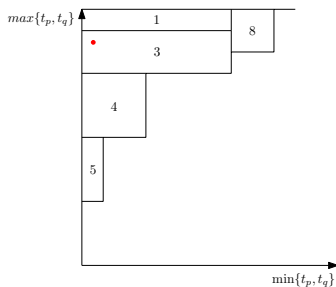
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Summary and Questions

Problem	Pre-Processing	Space	Query
Decision Closest Pair	$O(n)$ (expected) Grid	$O(n)$ bits Succinct Rank/Select	$O(1)$
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