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- start with the first of *n* points and form pairs with the other n-1 points
- perform this step for all *n* point
- asymptotically *n*² pairings are formed dipoles
- this does not consider tri-poles, quad-poles upto multi-poles
- there are basically two categories:
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- compute computational box around all bodies
- build hierarchical decomposition by inserting each body into octree
- 3 summarize body information in each internal octree node
- approximately sort the bodies by spatial distance
- compute forces acting on each body with help of ochre
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• the following expressions for the potential and force, resp. on a body *i*, and $r_{ij} = x_j - x_i$ is a vec from body *i* to body *j*

$$\Phi_i = m_i \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j}{r_{ij}}, \quad \mathbf{F}_i = -\nabla \Phi_i$$

this results in $O(n^2)$ computational complexity

Provide the sum for the potential is factored into a near-field and a far-field expansion as follows:

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 L_n^m clusters particles to near field, use of FMM, O(N): fast multipole method and the tree structure list of log N cells interacting with N particles, yields O(N log N) complexity.

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