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## Unit Distances in Three Dimensions

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We show that the number of unit distances determined by $n$ points in $R^{\wedge} 3$ is $O$ ( $n \wedge\{3 / 2\}$ ), slightly improving the bound of Clarkson et al. established in 1990. The new proof uses the recently introduced polynomial partitioning technique of Guth and Katz [arXiv:1011.4105]. While this paper was still in a draft stage, a similar proof of our main result was posted to the arXiv by Joshua Zahl [arXiv:1104.4987].

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