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Basic structures:


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Fundamental objects:
point
Basic structures:

triangulation

convex hull

## Orthogonal range searching

Input: $n$ points in $d$ dimensions

- E.g., representing a database of $n$ records each with $d$ numeric fields

Query: Axis-aligned box (in 2D, a rectangle)

- Report on the points inside the box:
- Are there any points?
- How many are there?
- List the points.



## Orthogonal range searching

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Goal: Preprocess points into a data structure to support fast queries

- Primary goal: Static data structure
- In 1D, we will also obtain a dynamic data structure supporting insert and delete



## 1D range searching

In 1D, the query is an interval:


First solution:

- Sort the points and store them in an array
- Solve query by binary search on endpoints.
- Obtain a static structure that can list $k$ answers in a query in $\mathrm{O}(k+\log n)$ time.

Goal: Obtain a dynamic structure that can list $k$ answers in a query in $\mathrm{O}(k+\log n)$ time.

## 1D range searching

In 1 D , the query is an interval:


New solution that extends to higher dimensions:

- Balanced binary search tree
- New organization principle: Store points in the leaves of the tree.
- Internal nodes store copies of the leaves to satisfy binary search property:
- Node $x$ stores in $k e y[x]$ the maximum key of any leaf in the left subtree of $x$.


## Example of a 1D range tree


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## Example of a 1D range query



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General 1D range query


# Find the split node 

1D-RANGE-QUERY $\left(T,\left[x_{1}, x_{2}\right]\right)$
$w \leftarrow \operatorname{root}[T]$
while $w$ is not a leaf and $\left(x_{2} \leq k e y[w]\right.$ or $\left.k e y[w]<x_{1}\right)$ do if $x_{2} \leq k e y[w]$
then $w \leftarrow \operatorname{left}[w]$
else $w \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[w]$
$/ / w$ is now the split node
[traverse left and right from $w$ and report relevant subtrees]


Pseudocode, part 2: Traverse
left and right from split node
1D-RANGE-QUERY $\left(T,\left[x_{1}, x_{2}\right]\right)$
[find the split node]
$/ / w$ is now the split node
if $w$ is a leaf
then output the leaf $w$ if $x_{1} \leq k e y[w] \leq x_{2}$
else $v \leftarrow l e f t[w]$
// Left traversal
while $v$ is not a leaf
do if $x_{1} \leq k e y[v]$
then output the subtree rooted at $\operatorname{right}[v]$ $v \leftarrow \operatorname{left}[v]$
else $v \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[v]$
output the leaf $v$ if $x_{1} \leq k e y[v] \leq x_{2}$ [symmetrically for right traversal]

## Analysis of 1D-Range-Query

Query time: Answer to range query represented by $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ subtrees found in $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ time.
Thus:

- Can test for points in interval in $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ time.
- Can report the first $k$ points in interval in $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{k}+\log n)$ time.
- Can count points in interval in O(log $n$ ) time (exercise)


## Space: O(n)

Preprocessing time: $\mathrm{O}(n \log n)$



## 2D range trees

Store a primary 1D range tree for all the points based on $x$-coordinate.
Thus in $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ time we can find $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ subtrees representing the points with proper $x$-coordinate. How to restrict to points with proper $y$-coordinate?


## 2D range trees

Idea: In primary 1D range tree of $x$-coordinate, every node stores a secondary 1D range tree based on $y$-coordinate for all points in the subtree of the node. Recursively search within each.



## Analysis of 2D range trees

Query time: In $\mathrm{O}\left(\log ^{2} \mathrm{n}\right)=\mathrm{O}\left((\log n)^{2}\right)$ time, we can represent answer to range query by $\mathrm{O}\left(\log ^{2} n\right)$ subtrees.
Total cost for reporting $k$ points: $\mathrm{O}\left(k+(\log n)^{2}\right)$.
Space: The secondary trees at each level of the primary tree together store a copy of the points. Also, each point is present in each secondary tree along the path from the leaf to the root. Either way, we obtain that the space is $\mathrm{O}(n \log n)$.

Preprocessing time: $\mathrm{O}(n \log n)$

## d-dimensional range trees

Each node of the secondary $y$-structure stores a tertiary $z$-structure representing the points in the subtree rooted at the node, etc.
Query time: $\mathrm{O}\left(k+\log ^{d} n\right)$ to report $k$ points.
Space: O( $n \log ^{d-1} n$ )
Preprocessing time: $\mathrm{O}\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$
Best data structure to date:
Query time: $\mathrm{O}\left(k+\log ^{d-1} n\right)$ to report $k$ points.
Space: O $\left(n(\log n / \log \log n)^{d-1}\right)$ Preprocessing time: $\mathrm{O}\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$

## Primitive operations: Crossproduct

Given two vectors $v_{1}=\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$ and $v_{2}=\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)$, is their counterclockwise angle $\theta$

- convex ( $<180^{\circ}$ ),
- reflex ( $>180^{\circ}$ ), or
- borderline ( 0 or $180^{\circ}$ )? convex

reflex

Crossproduct $v_{1} \times v_{2}=x_{1} y_{2}-y_{1} x_{2}$

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=\left|v_{1}\right|\left|v_{2}\right| \sin \theta .
$$

Thus, $\operatorname{sign}\left(v_{1} \times v_{2}\right)=\operatorname{sign}(\sin \theta)>0$ if $\theta$ convex, $<0$ if $\theta$ reflex,
$=0$ if $\theta$ borderline .

## Primitive operations: Orientation test

Given three points $p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}$ are they

- in clockwise (cw) order,
- in counterclockwise (ccw) order, or
- collinear?
$\left(p_{2}-p_{1}\right) \times\left(p_{3}-p_{1}\right)$
$>0$ if ccw
$<0$ if cw
$=0$ if collinear



## ALGORITHMS <br> $\therefore$ <br> Primitive operations: Sidedness test

Given three points $p_{1}, p_{2}, p_{3}$ are they

- in clockwise (cw) order,
- in counterclockwise (ccw) order, or
- collinear?

Let $L$ be the oriented line from $p_{1}$ to $p_{2}$.
 collinear Equivalently, is the point $p_{3}$

- right of $L$,
- left of $L$, or
- on L?


## Line-segment intersection

Given $n$ line segments, does any pair intersect?
Obvious algorithm: $\mathrm{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$.


## Sweep-line algorithm

- Sweep a vertical line from left to right (conceptually replacing $x$-coordinate with time).
- Maintain dynamic set $S$ of segments that intersect the sweep line, ordered
sweep-line status by $y$-coordinate of intersection.
- Order changes when
- new segment is encountered, \} segment
- existing segment finishes, or $\}$ endpoints
- two segments cross
- Key event points are therefore segment endpoints.



## Sweep-line algorithm

Process event points in order by sorting segment endpoints by $x$-coordinate and looping through:

- For a left endpoint of segment $s$ :
- Add segment $s$ to dynamic set $S$.
- Check for intersection between $s$ and its neighbors in $S$.
- For a right endpoint of segment s :
- Remove segment $s$ from dynamic set $S$.
- Check for intersection between the neighbors of $s$ in $S$.



## Analysis

Use balanced search tree to store dynamic set $S$.

## Sweep-line algorithm

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- Check for intersection between $s$ and its neighbors in $S$.
- For a right endpoint of segment s:
$\mathrm{O}(\log n) \quad$ - Remove segment $s$ from dynamic set $S$.
- Check for intersection between the neighbors of $s$ in $S$.


## Analysis

Use balanced search tree to store dynamic set $S$. Total running time: $\mathrm{O}(n \log n)$.

Note that the algorithm stops after finding the first intersection point. If we want to report all intersection points, the algorithm can be extended to run in $\mathrm{O}((n+k) \log n)$ time, where $k$ is the number of intersections.

## Correctness

Theorem: If there is an intersection, the algorithm finds it.
Proof: Let $X$ be the leftmost intersection point. Assume for simplicity that

- only two segments $s_{1}, s_{2}$ pass through $X$, and
- no two points have the same $x$-coordinate.

At some point before we reach $X$,
$s_{1}$ and $s_{2}$ become consecutive in the order of $S$.
Either initially consecutive when $s_{1}$ or $s_{2}$ inserted, or became consecutive when another deleted.

