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## Range Searching and Windowing Carola Wenk

## 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.



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- Report on the points inside the box

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 1 D , 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 $O(k+\log n)$ time.
Goal: Obtain a dynamic structure that can list $k$ answers in a query in $O(k+\log n)$ time.


## 1D range searching

In 1D, 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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General 1D range query


## Pseudocode, part 1: 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 $\left(x_{2} \leq \operatorname{key}[w]\right.$ or $\left.k e y[w]<x_{1}\right)$ do if $x_{2} \leq k e y[w]$
then $w \leftarrow$ 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(T, [ $\left.\left.x_{1}, x_{2}\right]\right)$
[find the split node]
$/ / w$ is now the split node
if $w$ is a leaf
then output the leaf $w$ if $x_{1} \leq \operatorname{key}[w] \leq x_{2}$
else $v \leftarrow$ left $[w]$
// Left traversal
while $v$ is not a leaf
do if $x_{1} \leq k e y[v]$
then output the subtree rooted at right $[v]$
$v \leftarrow \operatorname{left}[v]$
else $v \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[v]$
output the leaf $v$ if $x_{1} \leq \operatorname{key}[v] \leq x_{2}$
[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 all $k$ points in interval in $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{k}+\log n)$ time.
- Can count points in interval in O(log $n$ ) time


## Space: O(n) <br> Preprocessing time: $O(n \log n)$




## 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 1 D 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.


## 2D range tree example

Secondary trees


## 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 $O\left(\log ^{2} n\right)$ 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. Save one $\log$ factor using fractional cascading

Query time: $\mathrm{O}\left(k+\log ^{d} n\right)$ to report $k$ points. Space: $O\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$
Preprocessing time: $\mathrm{O}\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$

## Search in Subsets

Given: Two sorted arrays $A_{1}$ and $A$, with $A_{1} \subseteq A$ A query interval $[1, r]$
Task: Report all elements $e$ in $A_{1}$ and $A$ with $l \leq e \leq r$ Idea: Add pointers from $A$ to $A_{1}$ : $\rightarrow$ For each $a \in A$ add a pointer to the smallest element $b \in A_{1}$ with $b \geq a$
Query: Find $l \in A$, follow pointer to $A_{1}$. Both in $A$ and $A_{1}$ sequentially output all elements in $[l, r]$.


Runtime: $\mathrm{O}((\log n+k)+(1+k))=\mathrm{O}(\log n+k))$

## Search in Subsets (cont.)

Given: Three sorted arrays $A_{1}, A_{2}$, and $A$, with $A_{1} \subseteq A$ and $A_{2} \subseteq A$


Runtime: $\mathrm{O}((\log n+k)+(1+k)+(1+k))=\mathrm{O}(\log n+k))$
Range trees:


## Fractional Cascading: Layered Range Tree

Replace 2D range tree with a layered range tree, using sorted arrays and pointers
 instead of the secondary range trees.

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

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\mathrm{O}(\log n+k)
$$

## d-dimensional range trees

Query time: $\mathrm{O}\left(k+\log ^{d-1} n\right)$ to report $k$ points, uses fractional cascading in the last dimension
Space: $O\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$
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: $\mathrm{O}\left(n \log ^{d-1} n\right)$

## Windowing

Input: A set $S$ of $n$ line segments in the plane
Query: Report all segments in $S$ that intersect a given query window


Subproblem: Process a set of intervals on the line into a data structure which supports queries of the type: Report all intervals that contain a query point.

## Interval trees

Goal: To maintain a dynamic set of intervals, such as time intervals.

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\(\operatorname{low}[i]=7 \bullet \quad \begin{aligned} & i=[7,10] \\ & \\ & 10=\operatorname{high}[i]\end{aligned}\)
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Query: For a given query interval $i$, find an interval in the set that overlaps $i$.

## Following the methodology

1. Choose an underlying data structure.

- Red-black tree keyed on low (left) endpoint.

2. Determine additional information to be stored in the data structure.

- Store in each node $x$ the interval int $[x]$ corresponding to the key, as well as the largest value $m[x]$ of all right interval endpoints stored in the subtree rooted at $x$.


## Example interval tree



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## Modifying operations

3. Verify that this information can be maintained for modifying operations.

- Insert: Fix m's on the way down.
- Rotations - Fixup $=O(1)$ time per rotation:


Total Insert time $=O(\log n) ;$ Delete similar.

## New operations

4. Develop new dynamic-set operations that use the information.

INTERVAL-SEARCH(i)
$x \leftarrow$ root
while $x \neq$ NIL and (low[i] > high $[\operatorname{int}[x]]$ or low $[\operatorname{int}[x]]>\operatorname{high}[i])$
do $\triangleright i$ and $\operatorname{int}[x]$ don't overlap if $\operatorname{left}[x] \neq$ NIL and $\operatorname{low}[i] \leq m[\operatorname{left}[x]]$ then $x \leftarrow \operatorname{left}[x]$ else $x \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[x]$
return $x$

## Example 1: Interval-Search([14,16])



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## Example 2: Interval-Search([12,14])



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[12,14] and [5,11] don't overlap
$12>8 \Rightarrow x \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[x]$

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[12,14] and [15,18] don't overlap
$12>10 \Rightarrow x \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[x]$

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## Analysis

Time $=O(h)=O(\log n)$, since InTERVAL-
SEARCH does constant work at each level as it follows a simple path down the tree.
List all overlapping intervals:

- Search, list, delete, repeat.
- Insert them all again at the end.

Time $=O(k \log n)$, where $k$ is the total number of overlapping intervals.
This is an output-sensitive bound.
Best algorithm to date: $O(k+\log n)$.

## Correctness

Theorem. Let $L$ be the set of intervals in the left subtree of node $x$, and let $R$ be the set of intervals in $x$ 's right subtree.

- If the search goes right, then

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\left\{i^{\prime} \in L: i^{\prime} \text { overlaps } i\right\}=\varnothing \text {. }
$$

- If the search goes left, then

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\begin{aligned}
& \left\{i^{\prime} \in L: i^{\prime} \text { overlaps } i\right\}=\varnothing \\
& \Rightarrow\left\{i^{\prime} \in R: i^{\prime} \text { overlaps } i\right\}=\varnothing .
\end{aligned}
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In other words, it's always safe to take only 1 of the 2 children: we'll either find something, or nothing was to be found.

## Correctness proof

Proof. Suppose first that the search goes right.

- If left $[x]=$ NIL, then we're done, since $L=\varnothing$.
- Otherwise, the code dictates that we must have low $[i]>m[$ left $[x]]$. The value $m[$ left $[x]]$ corresponds to the right endpoint of some interval $j \in L$, and no other interval in $L$ can have a larger right endpoint than $\operatorname{high}(j)$.

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\operatorname{high}(j)=m[\operatorname{left}[x]] \longrightarrow
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- Therefore, $\left\{i^{\prime} \in L: i^{\prime}\right.$ overlaps $\left.i\right\}=\varnothing$.


## Proof (continued)

Suppose that the search goes left, and assume that $\left\{i^{\prime} \in L: i^{\prime}\right.$ overlaps $\left.i\right\}=\varnothing$.

- Then, the code dictates that low $[i] \leq m[\operatorname{left}[x]]=$ high[ $j]$ for some $j \in L$.
- Since $j \in L$, it does not overlap $i$, and hence high[i] < low[j].
- But, the binary-search-tree property implies that for all $i^{\prime} \in R$, we have $\operatorname{low}[j] \leq \operatorname{low}\left[i^{\prime}\right]$.
- But then $\left\{i^{\prime} \in R: i^{\prime}\right.$ overlaps $\left.i\right\}=\varnothing$. $\square$


