

Orthogonal range searching

- Consider a set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ & $[x_1, x_2] \times \dots \times [x_d, x'_d] \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ a range, Find points of P belonging to the range.
- Relevant to querying database

2-d case

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1-d range searching

- $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ & real numbers $x \leq x'$.
- Points of P will be stored in balanced binary search tree whose leaves are elements of P .
- Given $x \in \mathbb{R}$, it determines a path from root to a leaf: at a node v , go left if $x \leq x_v$ & right if $x_v < x$.
- $x = 1.5, x' = 3.5$.
- Given $x \leq x'$, the split node is the last node at which paths for x & x' coincide.

Split node $(1.5, 3.5) = 3$

- Node holds max. value in left subtree; left subtree contains els \leq node & right subtree strictly larger elements.

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Algorithm

- given set of points P stored in bal. bin tree T & $x \leq x'$
- Find points of P in range $x \leq x'$.
- Find split node v_{split} .
- If split node is a leaf, check if leaf belongs to $[x, x']$.
- Follow path of x to a leaf. If at node v on path, x moves left and all leaves in right subtree of v to our set of solutions.
- Similarly follow path of x' & whenever x' moves right, we report all points in left subtree.

split node

- If p a leaf, $x \leq p \leq v_{split}$ then p will be reported when paths for x & p diverge. Otherwise, if paths don't diverge, p is reported at the leaf p .
- Sim if $v_{split} < p \leq x'$.

no of leaves

no of solutions

Complexity

- Time $O(\log n)$ to follow path of x .
- Likewise of x' .
- Time required to report k solutions is $O(k)$.
- Total complexity: $O(\log n + k)$.

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2-d orthogonal range searching

- Set $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ (assume no 2 have same x or y coord).
- Using vertical line, split through median point ordered by x -coordinate. Count point on the line in the left region, should be same number of points in either region or 1 more in the left.
- Now split left & right regions using hor. lines, through pt. with max. y -coord, so lower (left) region contains line & has same num. of points as upper (right) region or 1 more.
- Now split using vertical, then horizontal, & keep repeating until each region contains a point.

- Binary balanced tree
- Leaves are points of P
- Nodes of tree store depth, store vertical lines by x -coord.
- Nodes of odd depth store hor. lines by y -coord.

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- Called KD-tree.
- Take $O(n)$ storage space, where n number of leaves.
- $O(n \log n)$ to construct KD-tree on n points.

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- Region of a node v : a rectangular region bounded by ancestors of v .
- Region (root) = \mathbb{R}^2
- Region (lc(R)) = Region(R) \cap left(R)
- Region(rc(R)) = Region(R) \cap right(R)
- A point p of P belong to the subtree under $l \iff$ it belongs to region(l).
- Given $[x, x'] \times [y, y']$, find points of P in this rectangle.
- We search through subtree under a node $v \iff$ region(v) intersects search rectangle.

See E-Learning for pseudocode.

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Fixing problem that points can't have same x or y-coord

Observation: did not need points to be real numbers - only to be elements of a totally ordered set:
 so we can compute medians & compare elements.

- Pass from \mathbb{R} to $C = (\mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\})^2$

elements of form $(a|b)$

$(p_1|p_2) \in C$ has lexicographic order: $(a|b) < (c|d) \Leftrightarrow a < c$ or $a=c$ & $b < d$

$\hat{P} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{map}} \hat{P} = \{(p_1|p_2), (q_1|q_2)\} \in C^2$ (a=c & b < d)

- No 2 points in \hat{P} have same first or second co-ordinate.

• Let $\hat{R} = [(x|-\infty), (x'|\infty)] \times [(y|-\infty), (y'|\infty)]$

• Then $p \in R \Leftrightarrow \hat{p} \in \hat{R}$ e.g. $(p_x|p_y) \in [(x|-\infty), (x'|\infty)]$
 $\Leftrightarrow (x|-\infty) < (p_x|p_y) < (x'|\infty)$
 First inequality: $x < p_x$ or $x = p_x \sim x < p_x$

Therefore let's not put algorithm on (P, R) but on (\hat{P}, \hat{R}) instead.

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Second approach - range trees

Idea: Given $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ & $R = [x, x'] \times [y, y']$

- ① Use a 1-d search to find points of P whose x-coord belongs to $[x, x']$.
- ② Search amongst these points to find those whose y-coord belongs to $[y, y']$.

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Data structure: range tree

- A binary tree whose leaves are elements of P , ordered by x-coordinate (assume no 2 points have same x or y coord)

- Each node v determine subtree $T(v)$ with set of $P(v)$. For each node we have another binary tree with leaves $P(v)$, ordered by y-coordinate. $T_{assoc}(v)$

Storage: $O(n \log n)$
 - See E-learning

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- Searching a range tree T for $[x, x'] \times [y, y']$.

- Look at tree ordered by x-coord, find split node for x & x'

- If path for x moves left at v , each leaf in right subtree of v belongs to $[x, x']$

- Hence use a 1-d range search on $T_{assoc}(rc(v))$ to find those whose y-coord belongs to $[y, y']$.

- If v is a leaf, test whether it belongs to R .

- Similarly search path of x' .

Complexity $O(\log^2 n + k)$.

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