K-D Trees and Quad Trees

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Lecture 12
RangeQueries

• Think of a range query.
  – “Give me all customers aged 45-55.”
  – “Give me all accounts worth $5m to $15m”

• Can be done in time ________.

• What if we want both:
  – “Give me all customers aged 45-55 with accounts worth between $5m and $15m.”
Geometric Data Structures

• Organization of points, lines, planes, etc in support of faster processing

• Applications
  – Map information
  – Graphics - computing object intersections
  – Data compression - nearest neighbor search
  – Decision Trees - machine learning
k-d Trees

- Jon Bentley, 1975, while an undergraduate
- Tree used to store spatial data.
  - Nearest neighbor search.
  - Range queries.
  - Fast look-up
- k-d tree are guaranteed $\log_2 n$ depth where $n$ is the number of points in the set.
  - Traditionally, k-d trees store points in d-dimensional space which are equivalent to vectors in d-dimensional space.
Range Queries

Rectangular query

Circular query
Nearest Neighbor Search

Nearest neighbor is e.
k-d Tree Construction

- If there is just one point, form a leaf with that point.
- Otherwise, divide the points in half by a line perpendicular to one of the axes.
- Recursively construct k-d trees for the two sets of points.
- Division strategies
  - divide points perpendicular to the axis with widest spread.
  - divide in a round-robin fashion (book does it this way)
k-d Tree Construction (1)

divide perpendicular to the widest spread.
k-d Tree Construction (2)

The diagram shows a 2D space with points labeled a, b, c, d, e, g, h, i, and f. The points are distributed in a way that illustrates the construction of a k-d tree, with the x and y axes dividing the space into two quadrants.
k-d Tree Construction (3)
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k-d Tree Construction (18)
2-d Tree Decomposition
k-d Tree Splitting

- max spread is the max of $f_x - a_x$ and $i_y - a_y$.
- In the selected dimension the middle point in the list splits the data.
- To build the sorted lists for the other dimensions scan the sorted list adding each point to one of two sorted lists.
k-d Tree Splitting

sorted points in each dimension

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scan sorted points in y dimension and add to correct set

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k-d Tree Construction Complexity

• First sort the points in each dimension.
  – $O(dn \log n)$ time and $dn$ storage.
  – These are stored in $A[1..d,1..n]$

• Finding the widest spread and equally divide into two subsets can be done in $O(dn)$ time.

• We have the recurrence
  – $T(n,d) \leq 2T(n/2,d) + O(dn)$

• Constructing the k-d tree can be done in $O(dn \log n)$ and $dn$ storage
Node Structure for k-d Trees

• A node has 5 fields
  – axis (splitting axis)
  – value (splitting value)
  – left (left subtree)
  – right (right subtree)
  – point (holds a point if left and right children are null)
Rectangular Range Query

- Recursively search every cell that intersects the rectangle.
Rectangular Range Query (1)
Rectangular Range Query (2)
Rectangular Range Query (3)
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Rectangular Range Query

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\text{print\_range}(xlow, xhigh, ylow, yhigh :\text{integer}, \text{root}: \text{node pointer}) \{
\text{Case} \{ \\
\quad \text{root} = \text{null}: \text{return}; \\
\quad \text{root.left} = \text{null}: \\
\quad \quad \text{if } xlow < \text{root.point.x} \text{ and } \text{root.point.x} \leq xhigh \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{and } ylow < \text{root.point.y} \text{ and } \text{root.point.y} \leq yhigh \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{then print(root);} \\
\quad \text{else} \\
\quad \quad \text{if}(\text{root.axis} = \text{"x"} \text{ and } xlow \leq \text{root.value}) \text{ or} \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{if}(\text{root.axis} = \text{"y"} \text{ and } ylow \leq \text{root.value}) \text{ then} \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{print\_range}(xlow, xhigh, ylow, yhigh, \text{root.left}) ; \\
\quad \quad \text{if } (\text{root.axis} = \text{"x"} \text{ and } xlow > \text{root.value}) \text{ or} \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{if } (\text{root.axis} = \text{"y"} \text{ and } ylow > \text{root.value}) \text{ then} \\
\quad \quad \quad \text{print\_range}(xlow, xhigh, ylow, yhigh, \text{root.right}); \\
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k-d Tree Nearest Neighbor Search

• Search recursively to find the point in the same cell as the query.
• On the return search each subtree where a closer point than the one you already know about might be found.
k-d Tree NNS (1)

query point

- s1
- s2
- s3
- s4
- s5
- s6
- s7
- s8

- a
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k-d Tree NNS (2)

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k-d Tree NNS (3)

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k-d Tree NNS (13)

query point
k-d Tree NNS (14)

query point

The diagram illustrates a k-d tree with points distributed in a 2D space. The tree is used to efficiently find the nearest neighbors to a query point. The tree is partitioned along the x and y axes, with each node representing a split in the data. The query point is highlighted and the nearest neighbors are indicated by the colored circles.
k-d Tree NNS (15)
Notes on k-d NNS

• Has been shown to run in $O(\log n)$ average time per search in a reasonable model.
• Storage for the k-d tree is $O(n)$.
• Preprocessing time is $O(n \log n)$ assuming $d$ is a constant.
Worst-Case for Nearest Neighbor Search

- Half of the points visited for a query
- Worst case $O(n)$
- But: on average (and in practice) nearest neighbor queries are $O(\log N)$
Quad Trees

- Space Partitioning
Quad Trees

• Space Partitioning
Quad Trees

- Space Partitioning
A Bad Case
Notes on Quad Trees

• Number of nodes is $O(n(1+ \log(\Delta/n)))$ where $n$ is the number of points and $\Delta$ is the ratio of the width (or height) of the key space and the smallest distance between two points

• Height of the tree is $O(\log n + \log \Delta)$
K-D vs Quad

• k-D Trees
  – Density balanced trees
  – Height of the tree is $O(\log n)$ with batch insertion
  – Good choice for high dimension
  – Supports insert, find, nearest neighbor, range queries

• Quad Trees
  – Space partitioning tree
  – May not be balanced
  – Not a good choice for high dimension
  – Supports insert, delete, find, nearest neighbor, range queries
Geometric Data Structures

• Geometric data structures are common.
• The k-d tree is one of the simplest.
  – Nearest neighbor search
  – Range queries
• Other data structures used for
  – 3-d graphics models
  – Physical simulations