## Multi-Dimensional Data



- Range searching in higher dimensions?
- kD-trees [Jon Bentley 1975]. Stands for $k$-dimensional trees.
- Simple, general, and arbitrary dimensional. Asymptotic search complexity not very good.
- Extends 1D tree, but alternates using $x$ -$y$-coordinates to split. In $k$-dimensions, cycle through the dimensions.


## $k D$-Trees



- A binary tree. Each node has two values: split dimension, and split value.
- If split along $x$, at coordinate $s$, then left child has points with $x$-coordinate $\leq s$; right child has remaining points. Same for $y$.
- When $O(1)$ points remain, put them in a leaf node.
- Data points at leaves only; internal nodes for branching and splitting.


## Splitting



- To get balanced trees, use the median coordinate for splitting-median itself can be put in either half.
- With median splitting, the height of the tree guaranteed to be $O(\log n)$.
- Either cycle through the splitting dimensions, or make data-dependent choices. E.g. select dimension with max spread.


## Space Partitioning View



- $k D$-tree induces a space subdivision-each node introduces a $x$ - or $y$-aligned cut.
- Points lying on two sides of the cut are passed to two children nodes.
- The subdivision consists of rectangular regions, called cells (possibly unbounded).
- Root corresponds to entire space; each child inherits one of the halfspaces, so on.
- Leaves correspond to the terminal cells.
- Special case of a general partition BSP.


## Construction



- Can be built in $O(n \log n)$ time recursively.
- Presort points by $x$ and $y$-coordinates, and cross-link these two sorted lists.
- Find the $x$-median, say, by scanning the $x$ list. Split the list into two. Use the cross-links to split the $y$-list in $O(n)$ time.
- Now two subproblems, each of size $n / 2$, and with their own sorted lists. Recurse.
- Recurrence $T(n)=2 T(n / 2)+n$, which solves to $T(n)=O(n \log n)$.


## Searching $k D$-Trees



- Suppose query rectangle is $R$. Start at root node.
- Suppose current splitting line is vertical (analogous for horizontal). Let $v, w$ be left and right children nodes.
- If $v$ a leaf, report $\operatorname{cell}(v) \cap R$; if $\operatorname{cell}(v) \subseteq R$, report all points of $\operatorname{cell}(v)$; if $\operatorname{cell}(v) \cap R=\emptyset$, skip;
otherwise, search subtree of $v$ recursively.
- Do the same for $w$.
- Procedure obviously correct. What is the time complexity?


## Search Complexity



- When $\operatorname{cell}(v) \subseteq R$, complexity is linear in output size.
- It suffices to bound the number of nodes $v$ visited for which the boundaries of $\operatorname{cell}(v)$ and $R$ intersect.
- If $\operatorname{cell}(v)$ outside $R$, we don't search it; if $\operatorname{cell}(v)$ inside $R$, we enumerate all points in region of $v$; a recursive call is made only if $\operatorname{cell}(v)$ partially overlaps $R$; the $k D$-tree height is $O(\log n)$.
- Let $\ell$ be the line defining one side of $R$.
- We prove a bound on the number of cells that intersect $\ell$; this is more than what is needed; multiply by 4 for total bound.


## Search Complexity



- How many cells can a line intersect?
- Since splitting dimensions alternate, the key idea is to consider two levels of the tree at a time.
- Suppose the first cut is vertical, and second horizontal. We have 4 cells, each with $n / 4$ points.
- A line intersects exactly two cells; the others cells will be either outside or entirely inside $R$.
- The recurrence is


$$
Q(n)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
2 Q(n / 4)+2
\end{array}\right.
$$

$$
\text { if } n=1 \text {, }
$$

otherwise.

## Search Complexity



- The recurrence $Q(n)=2 Q(n / 4)+2$ solves to

$$
Q(n)=O(\sqrt{n})
$$

- kD-Tree is an $O(n)$ space data structure that solves 2 D range query in worst-case time $O(\sqrt{n}+m)$, where $m$ is the output size.


## $d$-Dim Search Complexity

- What's the complexity in higher dimensions?
- Try 3D, and then generalize.
- The recurrence is

$$
Q(n)=2^{d-1} Q\left(n / 2^{d}\right)+1
$$

- It solves to

$$
Q(n)=O\left(n^{1-1 / d}\right)
$$

- $k D$-Tree is an $O(d n)$ space data structure that solves $d$-dim range query in worst-case time $O\left(n^{1-1 / d}+m\right)$, where $m$ is the output size.

