## Range Trees

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## 1-dimensional Range Tree

A 1-dimensional range query with $[34,80]$


- White nodes: never visited by the query
- Grey nodes: visited by the query, unclear if they lead to output
- Black nodes: Visited by the query, whole subtree is output


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## Storage of 2D range trees

- By level: On each level, any point is stored exactly once. So all associated trees on one level together have $O(n)$ size
- By point: For any point, it is stored in the associated structures of its search path. So it is stored in $O(\log n)$ of them


## Construction algorithm

## Algorithm 1 Build2DRangeTree $(P)$

1: Construct the associated structure: Build a binary search tree $T_{y}$ with the y-coordinates in $P$
2: if $P$ contains only one point then
3: Create a leaf $v$ storing this point, and make $T$ assoc the associated structure of $v$.
4: else
5: $\quad$ Split $P$ into $P_{\text {left }}$ and $P_{\text {right }}$, WRT the median x-coordinate, $x_{\text {mid }}$
6: $\quad v_{\text {left }}=$ Build2DRangeTree $\left(P_{\text {left }}\right)$
7: $\quad v_{\text {right }}=$ Build2DRangeTree $\left(P_{\text {right }}\right)$
8: Create a node $v$ storing $x_{\text {mid }}$, make $v_{\text {left }}$ the left child of $v$, make $v_{\text {right }}$ the right child of $v$, and make $T_{y}$ the associated structure of $v$
9: return $v$
10 : end if

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Algorithm 2 2DRangeQuery $\left(T,\left[x_{1}: x_{2}\right] \times\left[y_{1}: y_{2}\right]\right)$
1: $v_{\text {split }} \leftarrow$ FindSplitNode $\left(T, x_{1}, x_{2}\right)$
2: if $v_{\text {split }}$ is a leaf then
Check if the point in $v_{\text {split }}$ must be reported.
else
5: $\quad v \leftarrow l c\left(v_{\text {split }}\right)$
6: while $v$ is not a leaf do
7: $\quad$ if $x_{1} \leq \operatorname{value}(v)$ then
8:
1DRangeQuery $\left(T_{y}(r c(v)),\left[y_{1}: y_{2}\right]\right)$
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10: else
11: $\quad v \leftarrow r c(v)$
12: end if
13: end whileCheck if the point in $v$ must be reported.
14: Similarly, follow the path from $r c\left(v_{\text {split }}\right)$ to $x_{2}$
15: end if

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- Now we do "the same" on the associated structures of a 2-dimensional range tree
- Note that in every associated structure, we search with the same values $y_{1}$ and $y_{2}$.
- Replace all associated structures (y trees) with sorted lists
- For every list element (and leaf of the associated structure of the root), store two pointers to the appropriate list elements in the lists of the left child and of the right child


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