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Chapter 13

Spatial Data Structures

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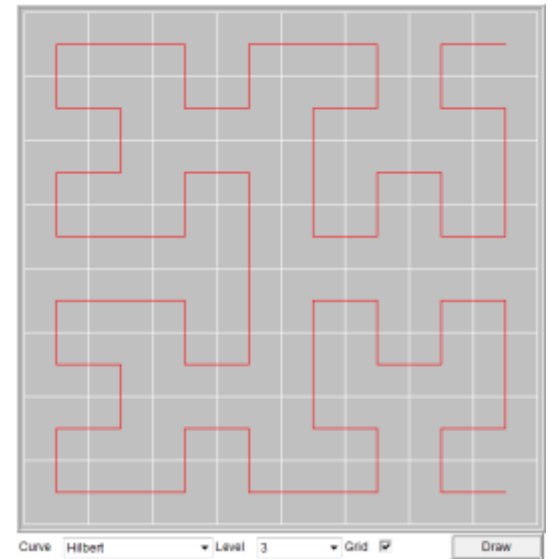
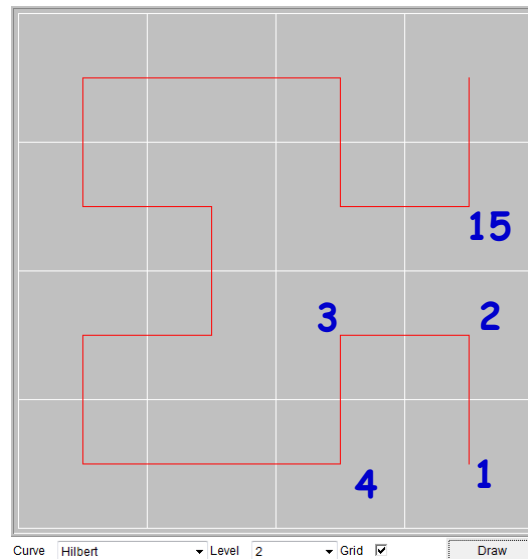
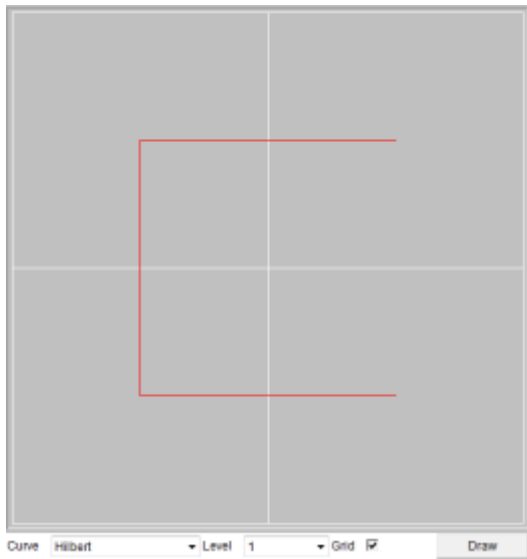
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Spatial Indices

- May we apply binary search in **geometries** ?
 - Not trivial...
 - Why ?
 - Data must be sorted !
 - 2D or higher spaces cannot be sorted

Spatial Indices

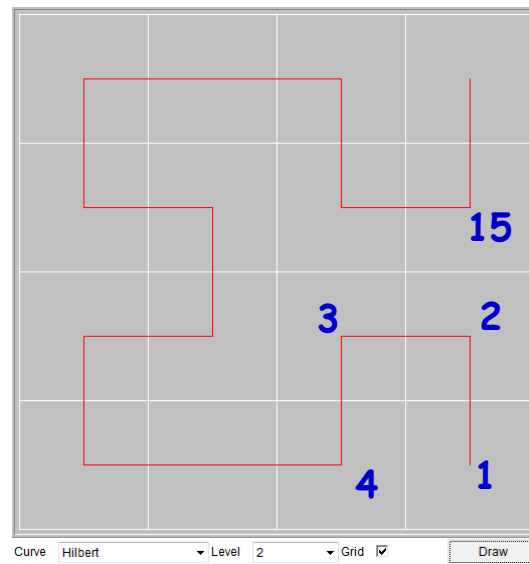
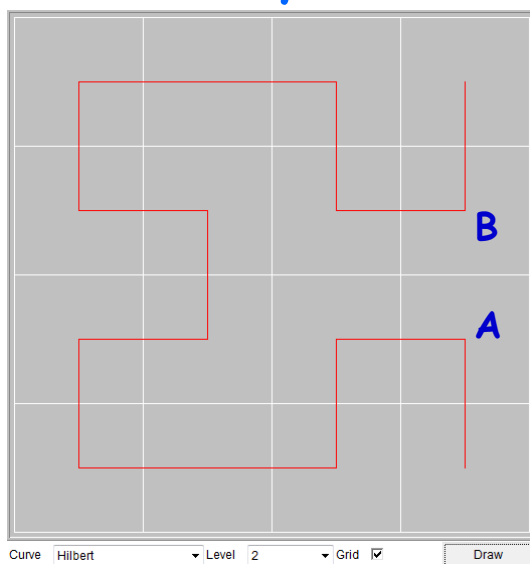
- 2D Space can be linearized by space filling curves...
 - e.g., Hilbert curve



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Spatial Indices

- However,
 - Linearization is not necessarily sorting
 - points A, B are very close to each other,
 - ...but very far in the linearization.



Common Spatial Queries

(a) Point Query...



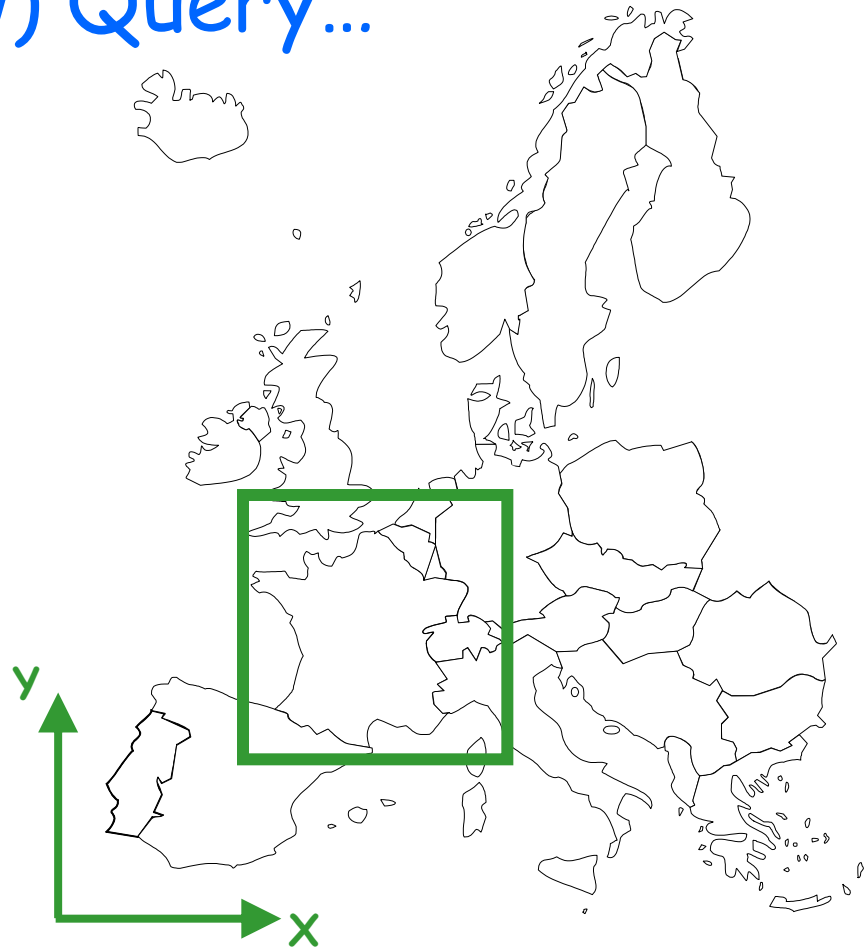
"This is France"



Common Spatial Queries

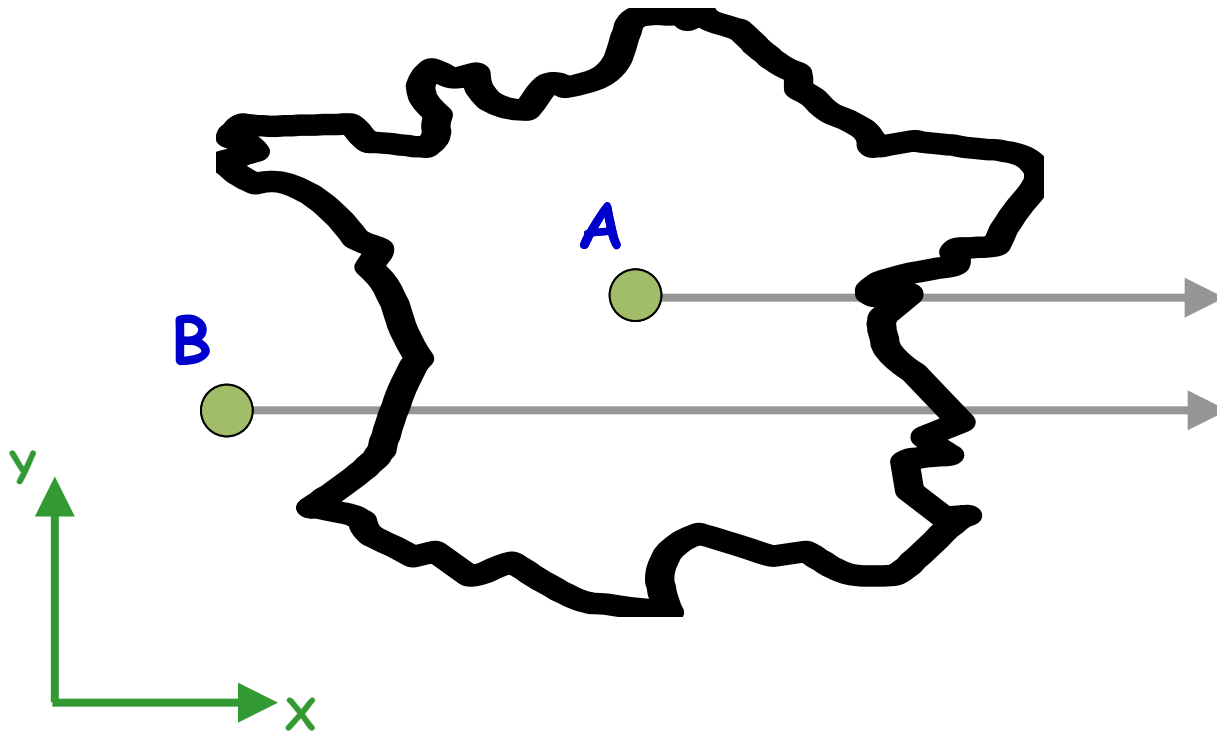
(b) Range (window) Query...

Zoom-In operation



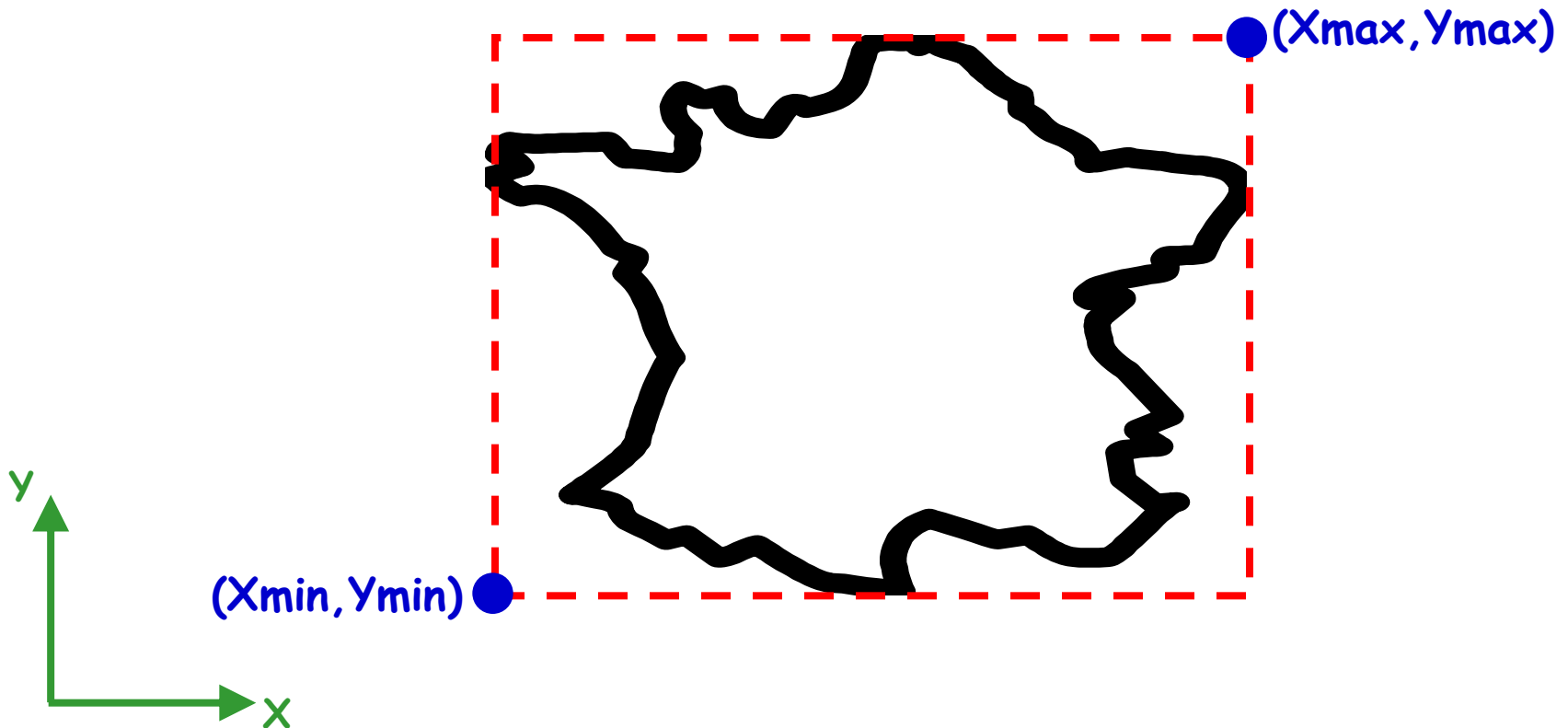
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- Step 1: Represent each polygon by its
 - Minimum Bounding Rectangle (**MBR**)



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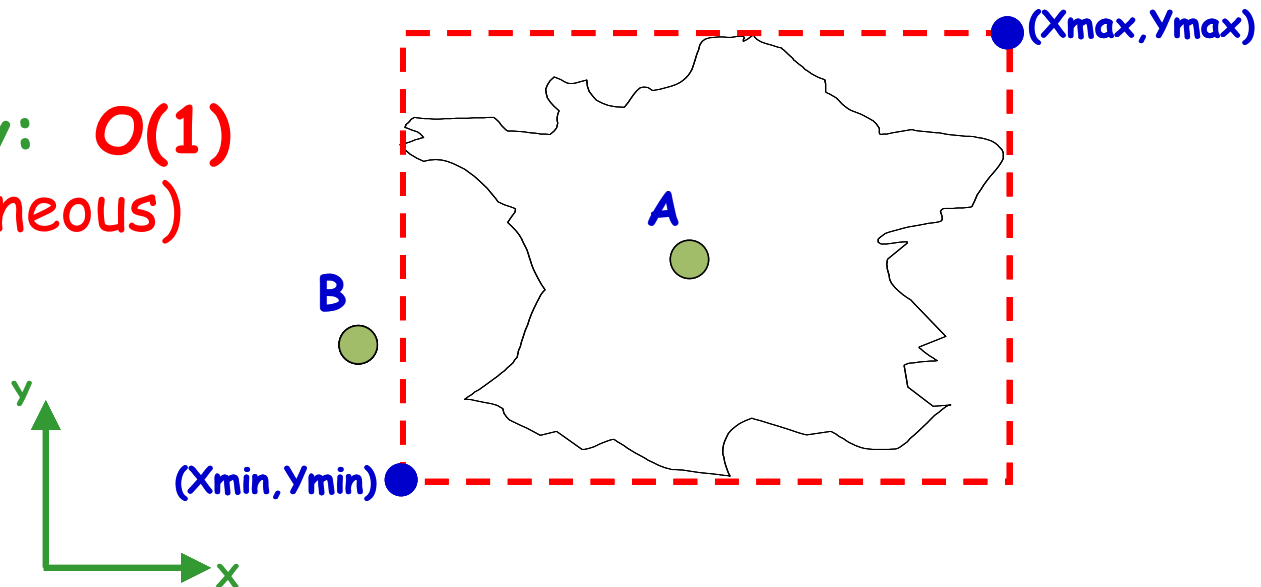
Speed up Point Queries

- Step 2: Test the point **against** the MBR first \rightarrow very fast **filter**

$x_A \in (X_{min}, X_{max})$ and $y_A \in (Y_{min}, Y_{max}) \rightarrow$ IN (?)

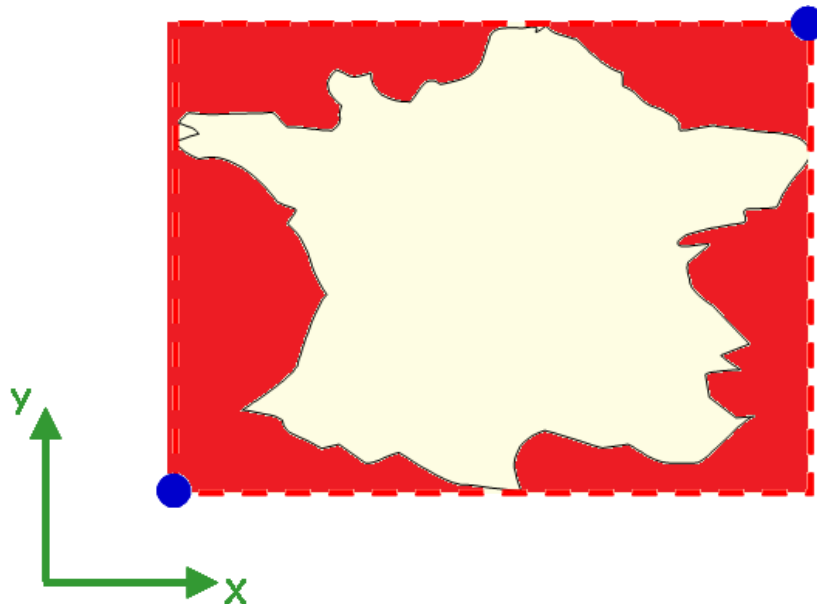
$x_B \notin (X_{min}, X_{max})$ and $y_B \in (Y_{min}, Y_{max}) \rightarrow$ OUT (!)

Complexity: $O(1)$
(instantaneous)



Speed up Point Queries

- Attention:
 - Step 2 is just a **filter** to put off all points that lie outside MBR
 - ... due to the **dead-zone**

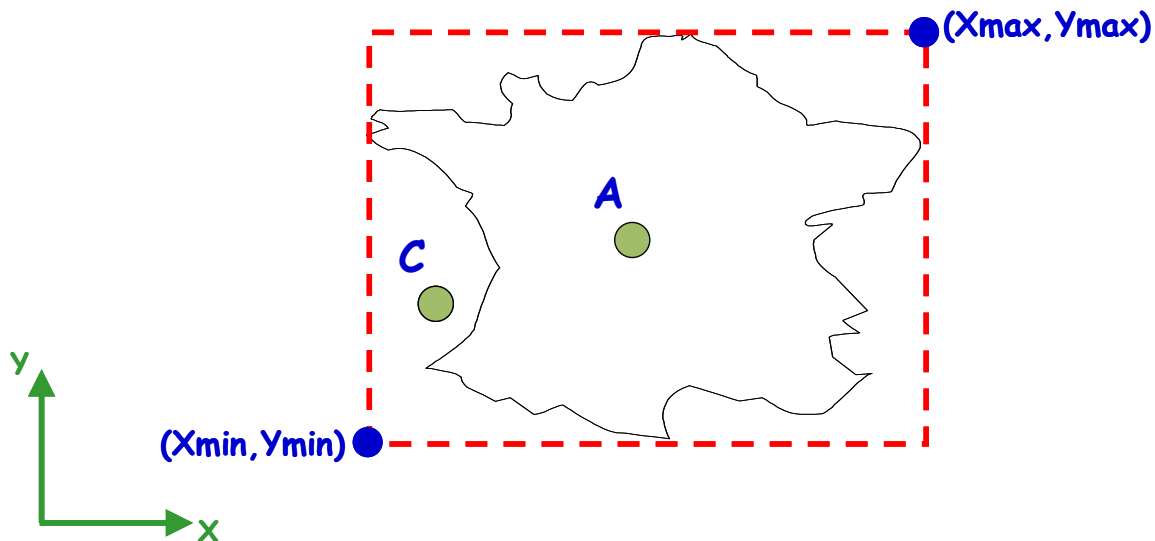


Speed up Point Queries

- Step 3: Perform the **refinement**
 - all points that satisfy the MBR criterion must be tested against the polygon

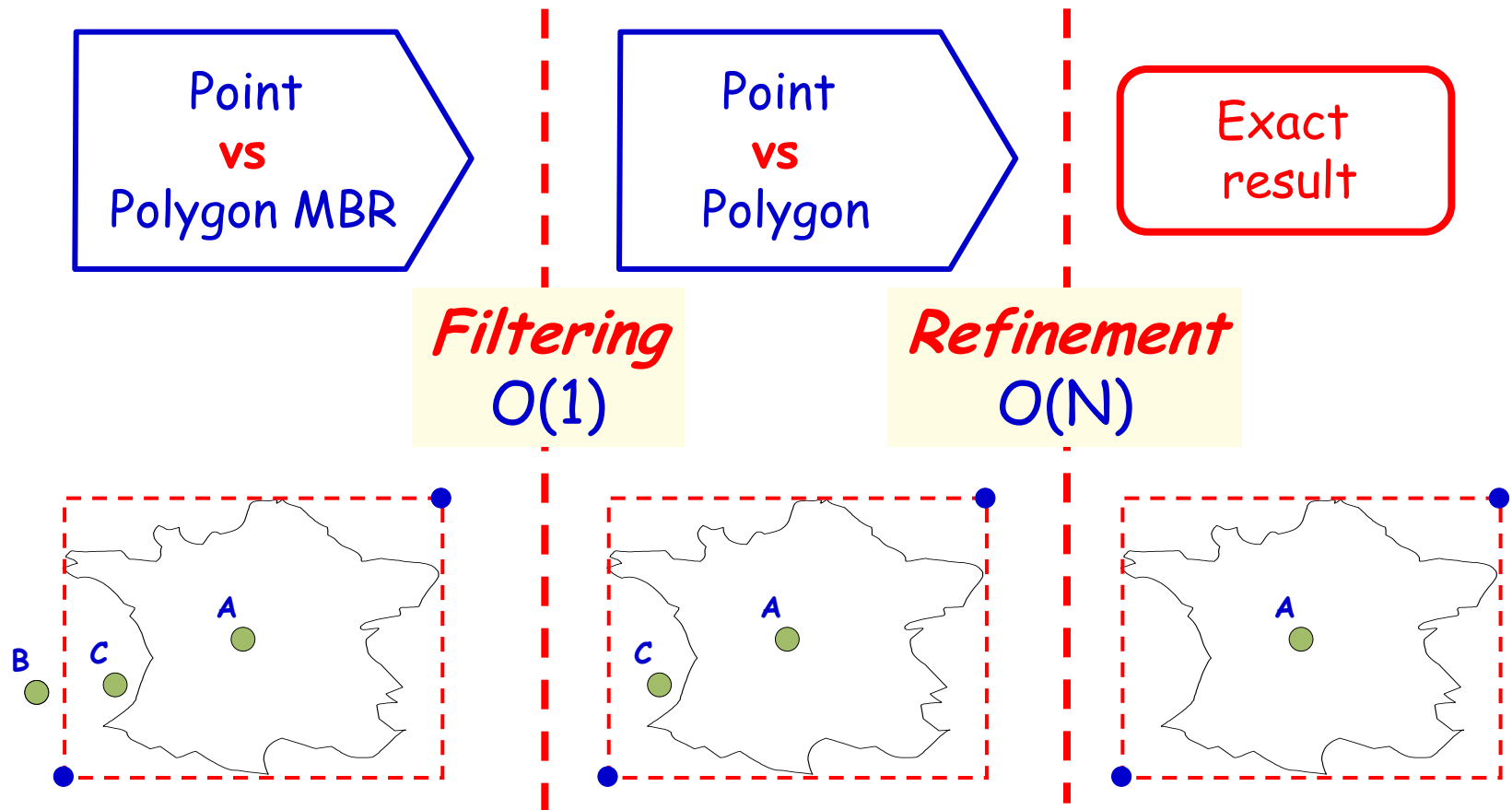
$x_A \in (X_{min}, X_{max})$ and $y_A \in (Y_{min}, Y_{max}) \rightarrow$ **IN**

$x_C \in (X_{min}, X_{max})$ and $y_C \in (Y_{min}, Y_{max}) \rightarrow$ **OUT**



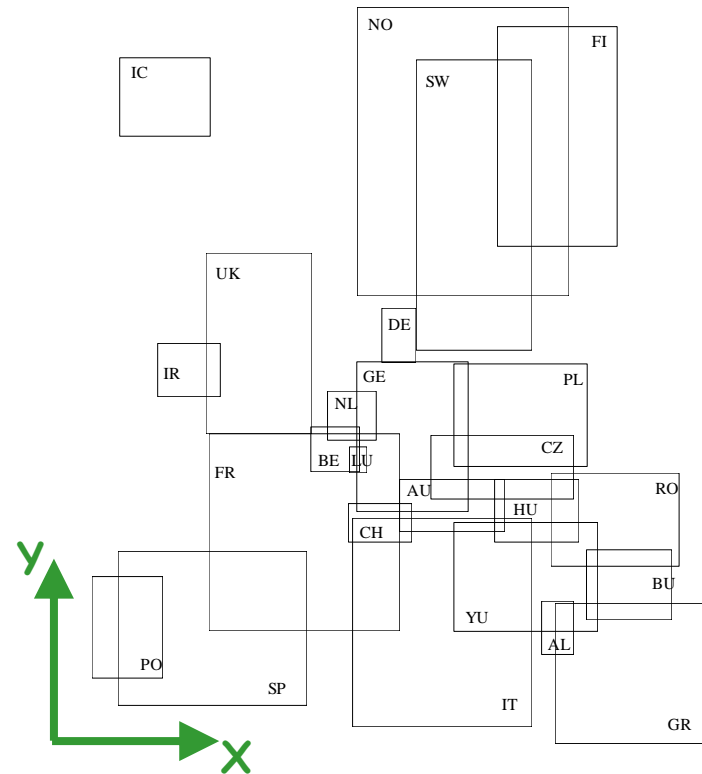
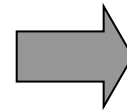
Speed up Point Queries

- **Two-tier query model...** (1 point vs 1 poly)



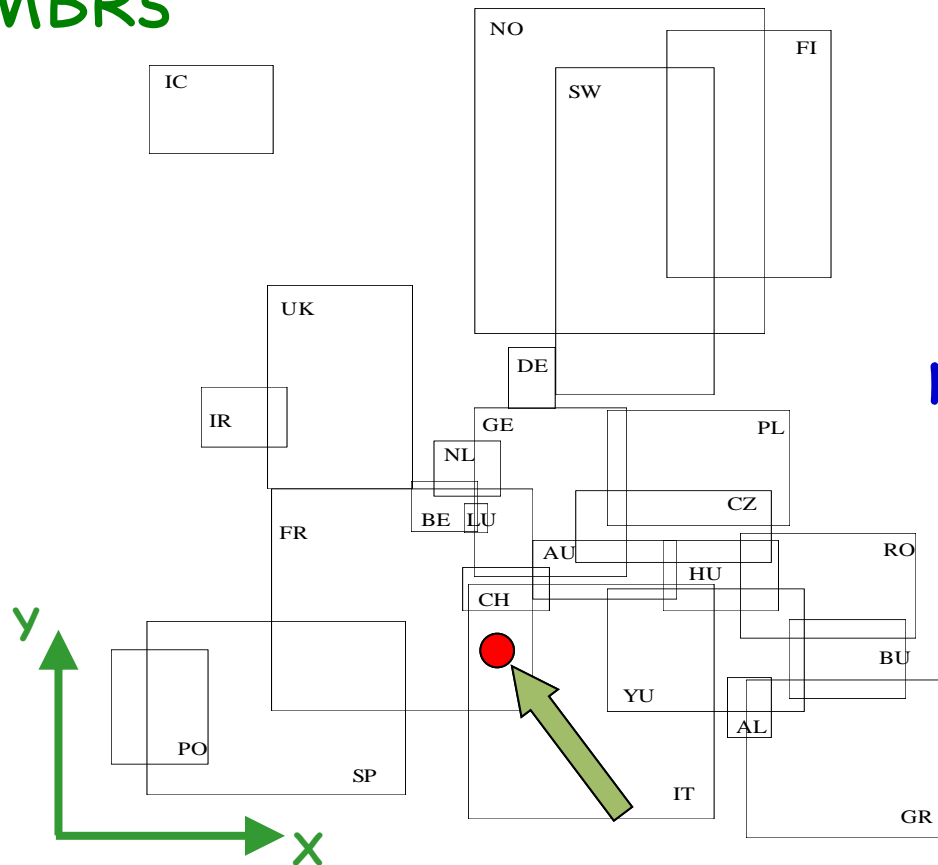
Speed up Point Queries

- Assume the map of **M** polygons...
 - Step 1: Represent all polygons by their MBRs



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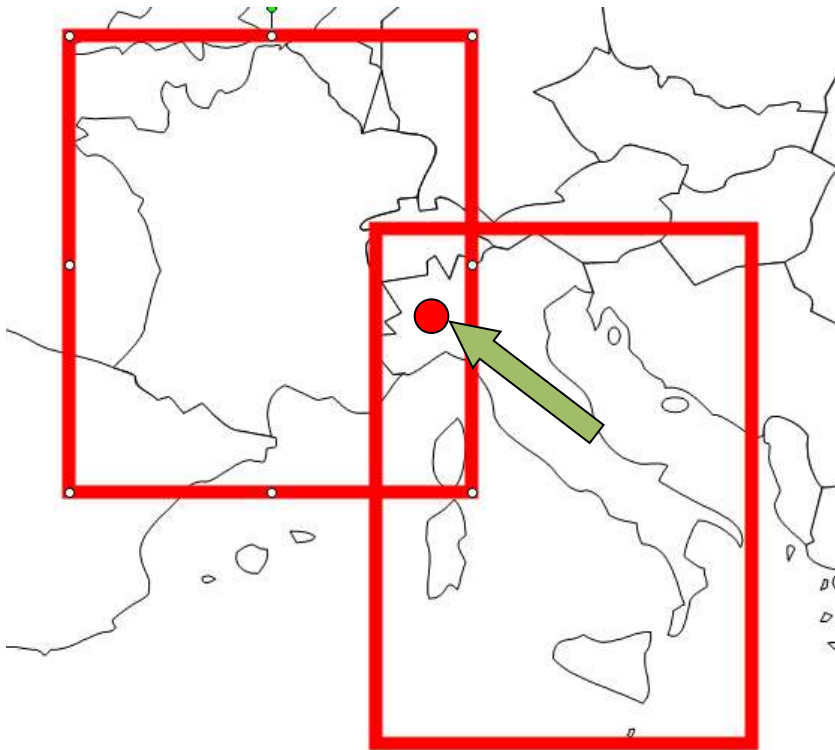
- Step 2: Test the point against the set of MBRs



N Polygons \rightarrow N MBRs

Speed up Point Queries

- Step 2: Filtering step
 - MBRs may overlap \rightarrow multiple candidates



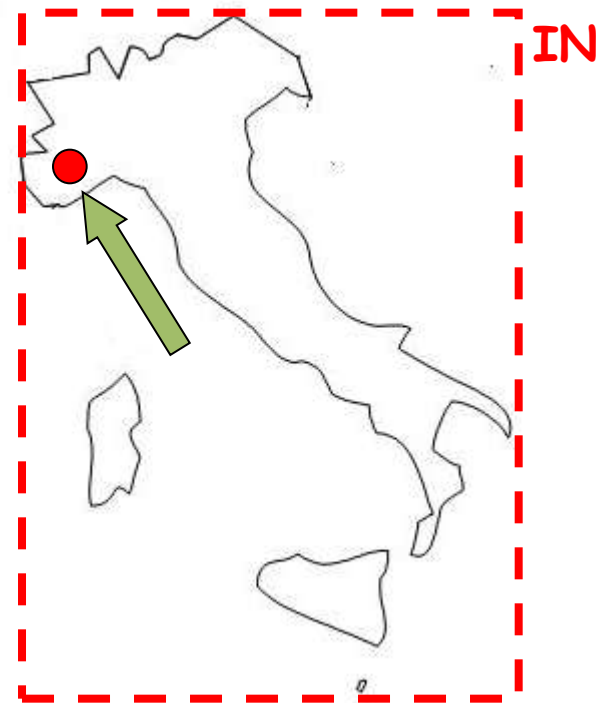
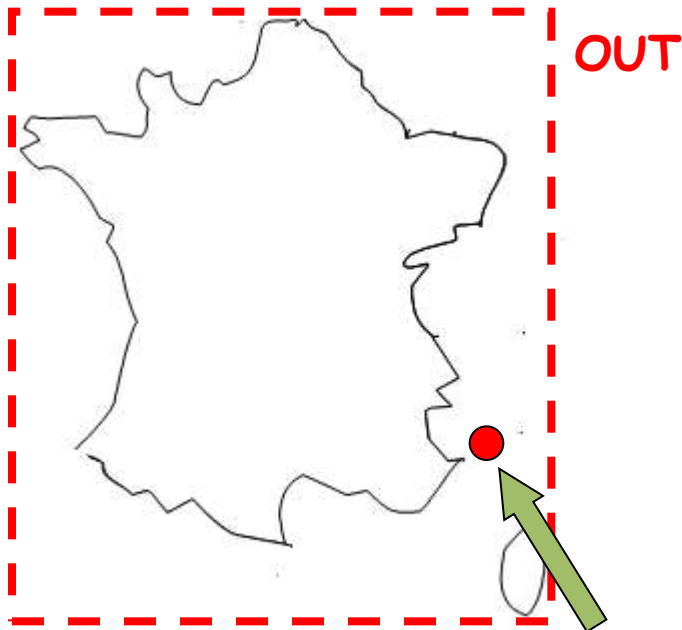
1 point vs M MBRs

Complexity:

$O(M)$

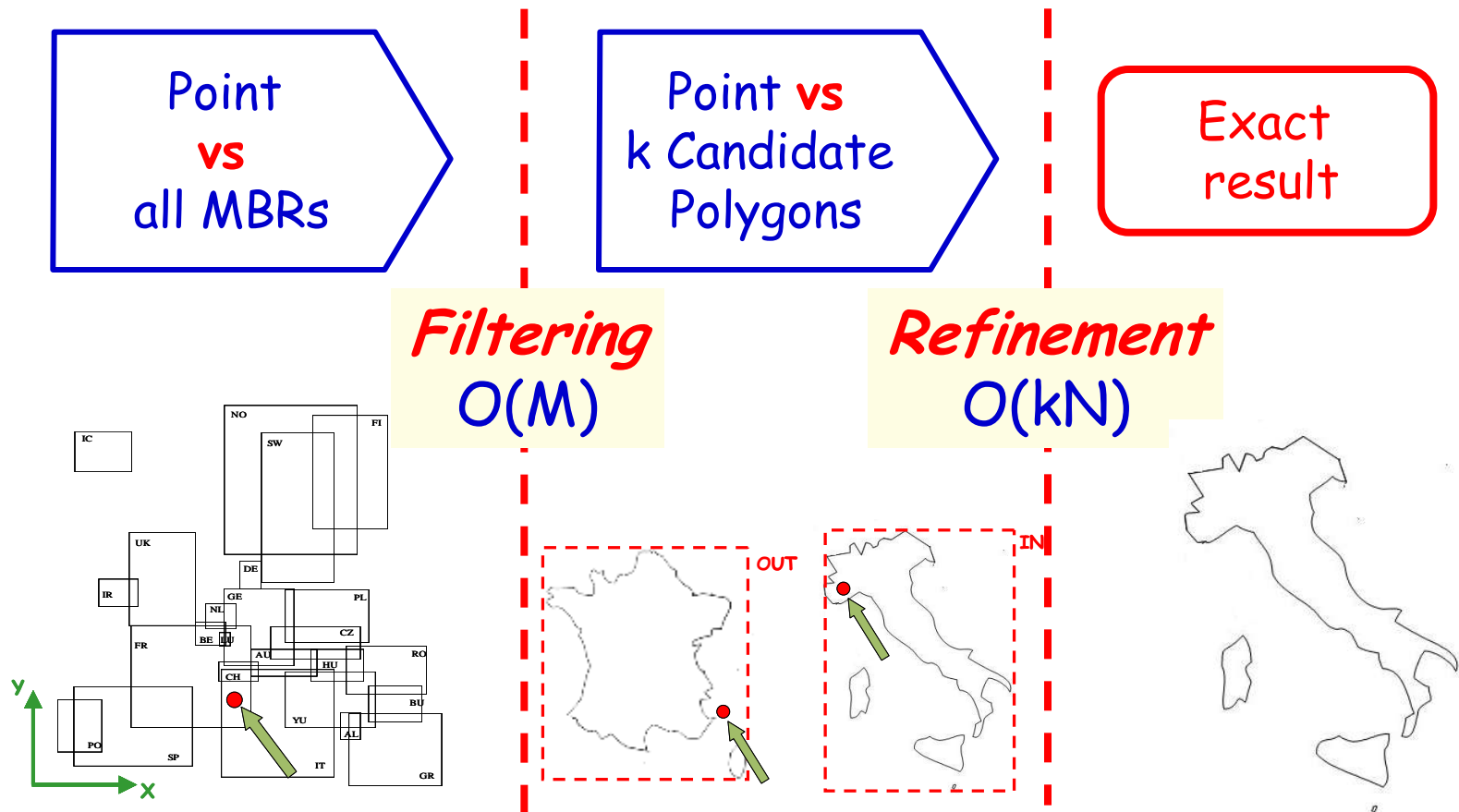
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- Step 3: Perform the refinement
 - Test the point against the actual geometries of the candidate MBRs



Speed up Point Queries

- Two-tier query model... (1 point vs M polys)



Speed up Point Queries

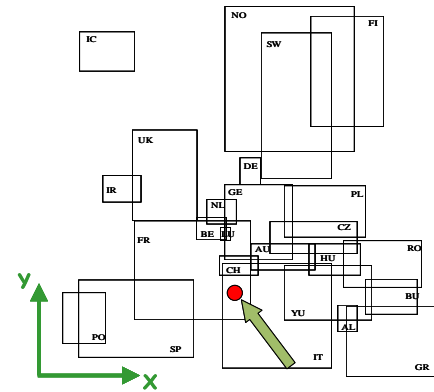
- Overall Complexity ... (1 point vs M polys)
 - Map: M polygons with N vertices/polygon
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10^9

Serial Search on Pure Geometries: $O(M \times N)$

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$10^6 \sim 10^6 + k10^3$

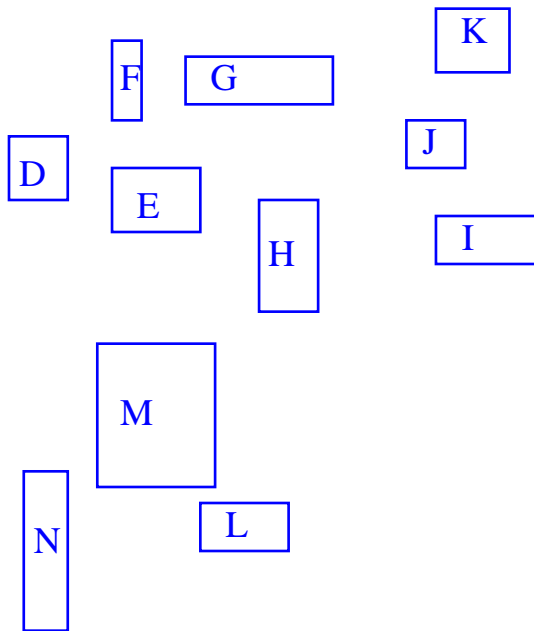
MBR abstraction and two-tier search: $O(M + kN)$

Make it even faster !

- Further speed up if...
 - MBRs are **structured** efficiently
 - Specifically,
 - MBRs that are close together...
 - may be **grouped** into larger MBRs
 - ...end up with a hierarchy of MBRs

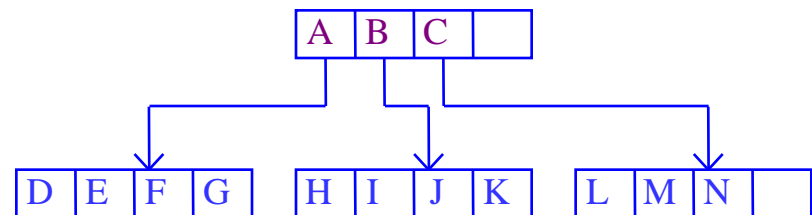
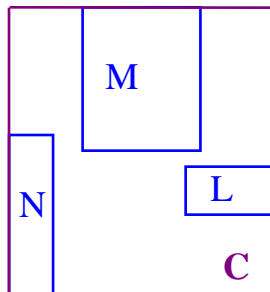
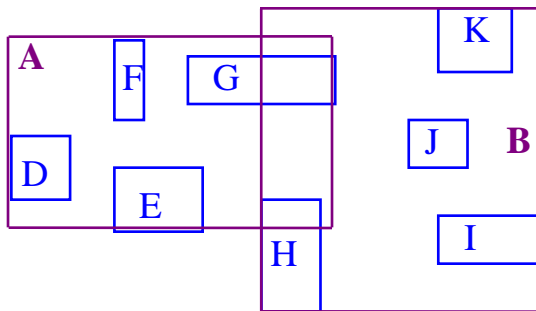
Make it even faster !

- Example...
 - Assume a set of MBRs



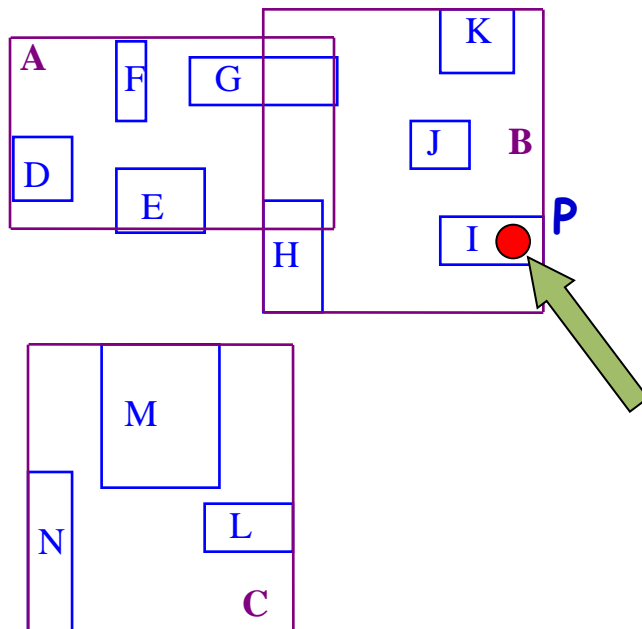
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- Example...
 - Group them by 4 and generate a **hierarchy**

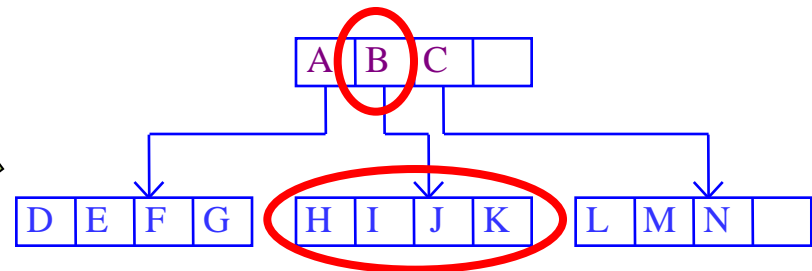


Make it even faster !

- A point query...
 - tests the point against A,B,C first
 - then proceeds to some polygon MBRs (not all)

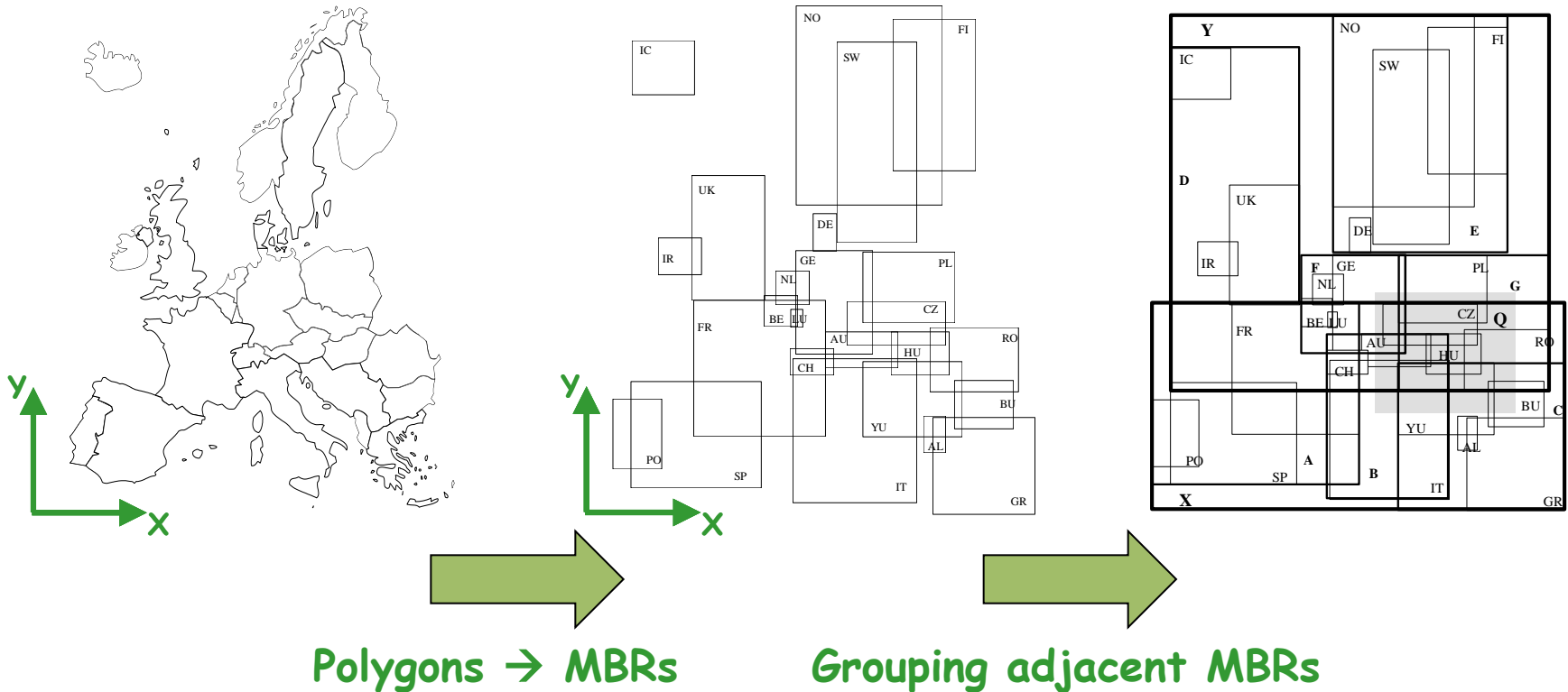


- The point P intersects B
- P against {H,I,J,K} only



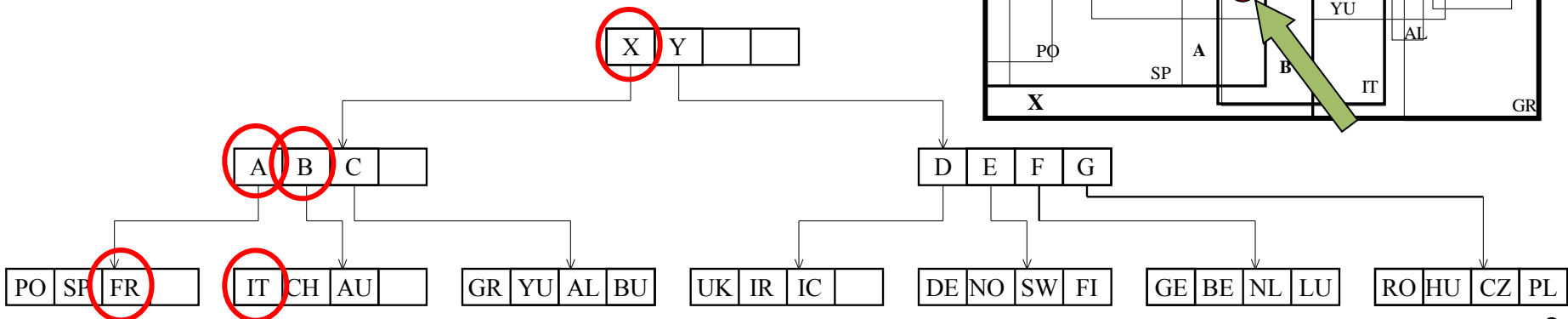
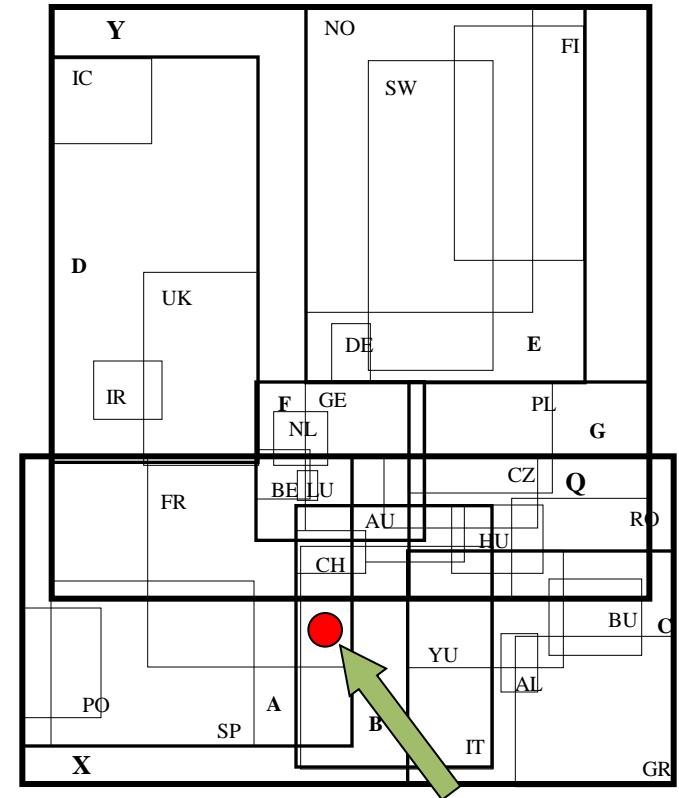
Make it even faster !

- The map of Europe...



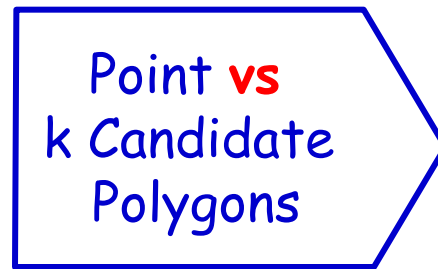
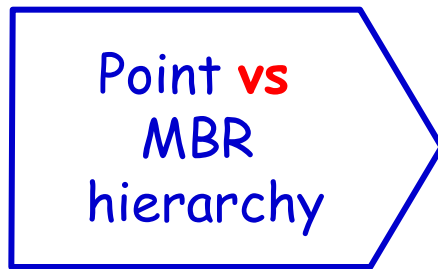
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- Build the hierarchical structure...
 - R-tree (Guttman, 1984)
 - Complexity:
 - Approaches ...
 - $O(\log_2 N)$ + Refinements



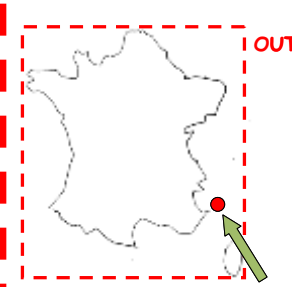
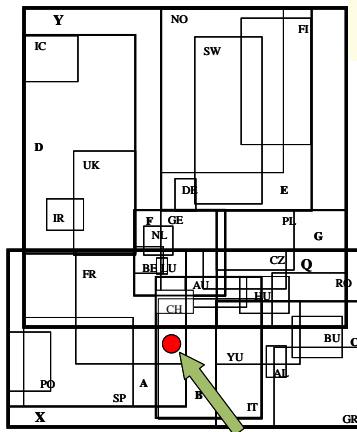
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- Two-tier query model... (1 point vs M polys)



Filtering
 $O(\log_2 M)$

Refinement
 $O(kN)$



From Polygons to MBRs

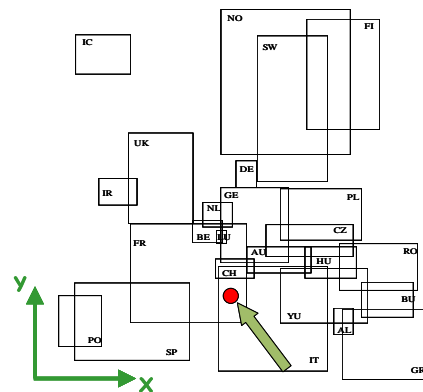
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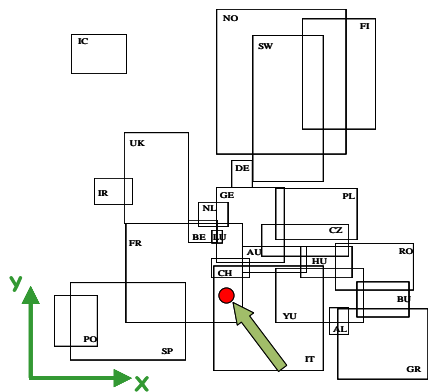
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From MBRs to MBR Hierarchy

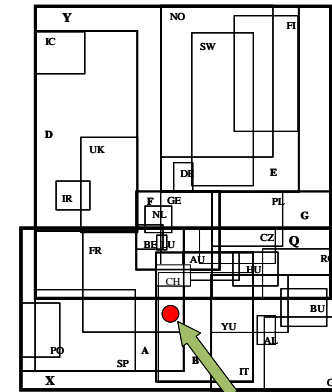
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$$10^6 + k10^3 \sim 10^6$$

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$$10^3 \sim 20 + k10^3$$

$$\log_2 10^6 = 20$$

MBR abstraction and two-tier search: $O(M+kN)$

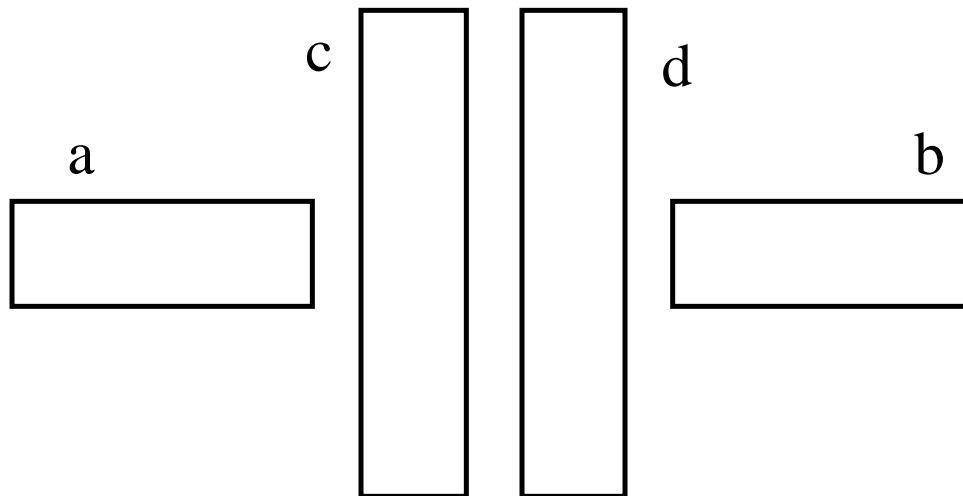
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R-tree Index Structure

- Based on the grouping of MBRs...
 - To form a hierarchy
 - ... **approaches** logarithmic complexity
- How the MBRs are grouped together?
 - Two objectives (**contradictory**)
 - Minimize the dead zone of the groups
 - Minimize the overlap between groups

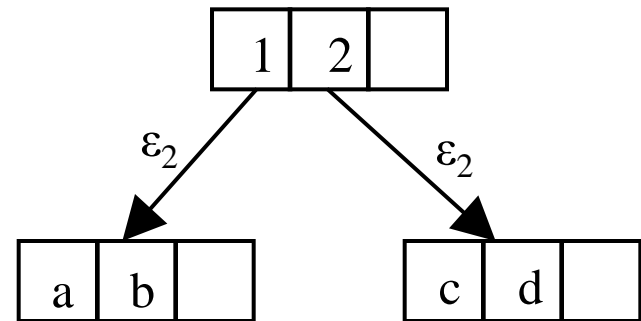
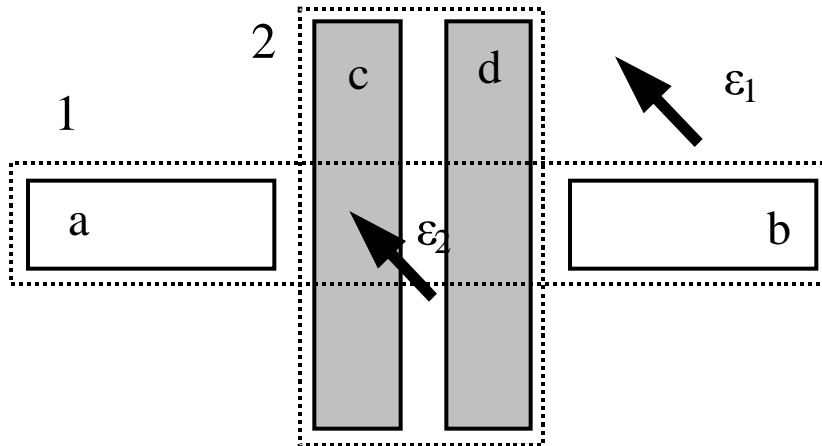
R-tree Index Structure

- Assume the following 4 objects...
 - to be grouped into pairs



R-tree Index Structure

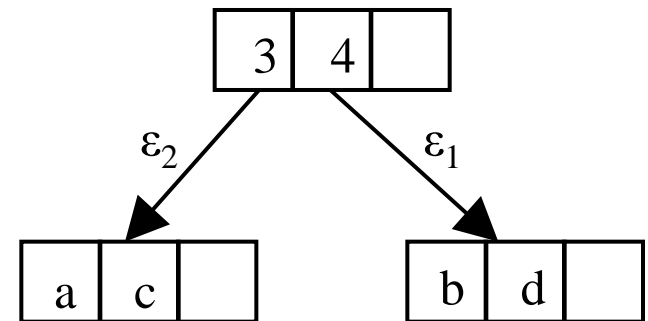
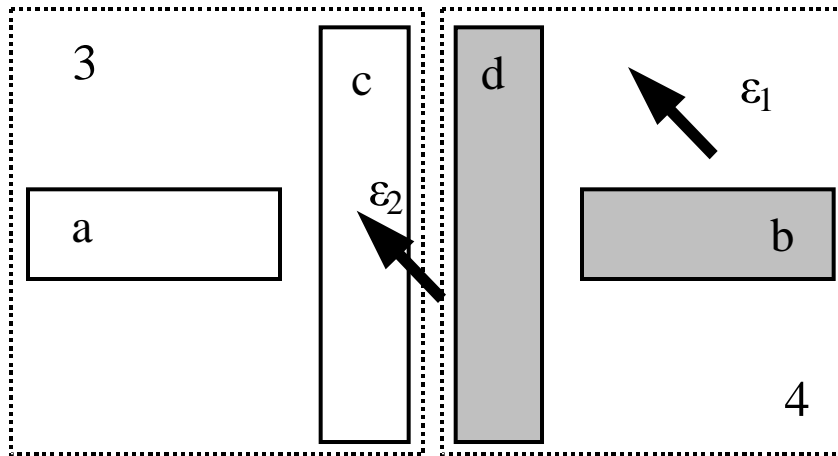
- 1st Option...
 - Minimize the dead zone of the groups



Point query ε_2 forces to descend both sub-trees

R-tree Index Structure

- 2nd Option...
 - Minimize the overlap between groups



Point query ε_1 forces descending one sub-trees (although it lies in dead zone)

R-tree Index Structure

- Many versions...

- R+tree
- Packed R-tree
- R*tree
- ...

They apply various heuristics in grouping the MBRs

- Cost Models...

$$C(Q) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{h-1} \left\{ N_j \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n (s_j + Q_i) \right\}$$

$$C(R_1, R_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{h-1} \left\{ N_{R_2,j} \cdot N_{R_1,j} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n (s_{R_1,j,k} + s_{R_2,j,k}) + N_{R_2,j} \cdot N_{R_1,j+1} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n (s_{R_1,j+1,k} + s_{R_2,j,k}) \right\}$$

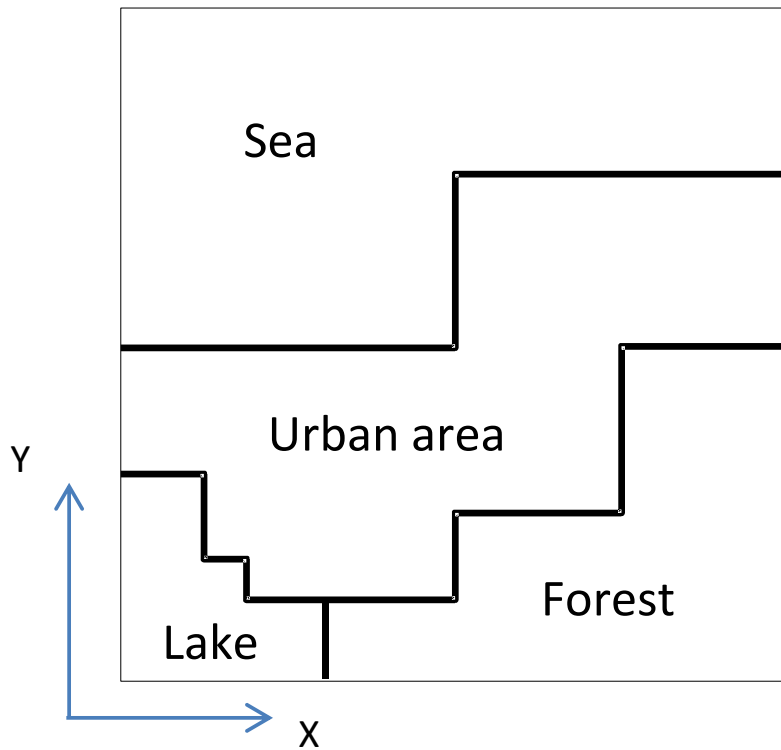
They may accurately calculate the search cost (complexity)

Spatial Data Structures

Quadtree, k-d-tree,
Grid-file

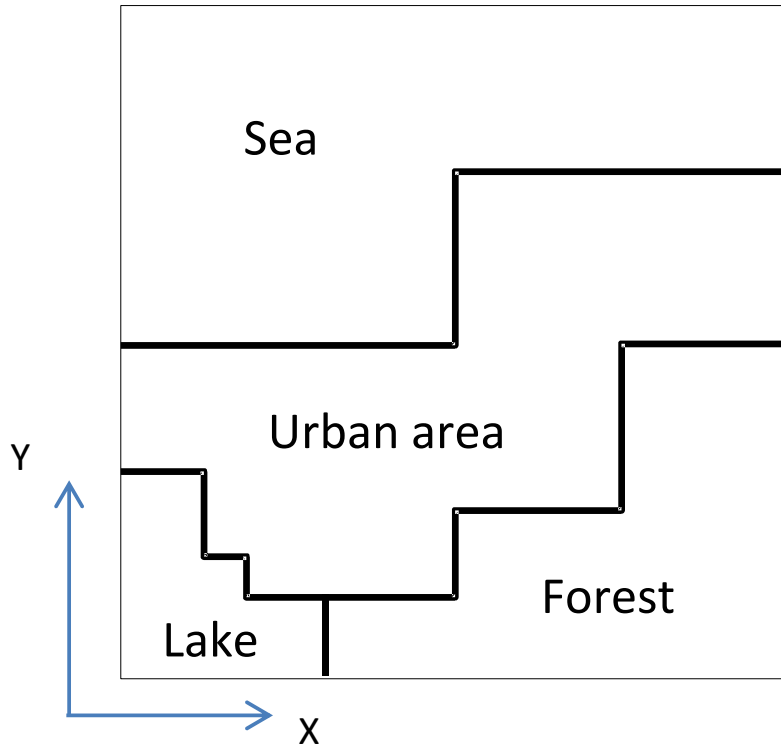
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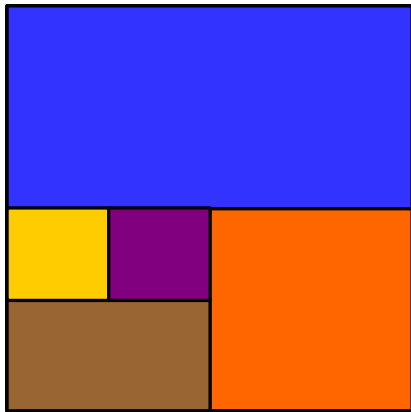
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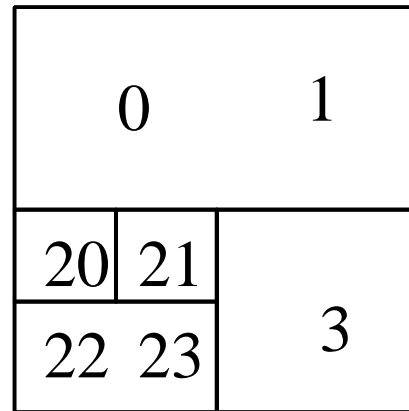
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Quadtree

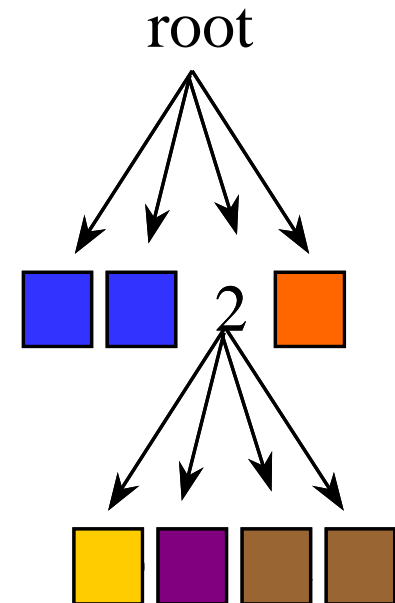
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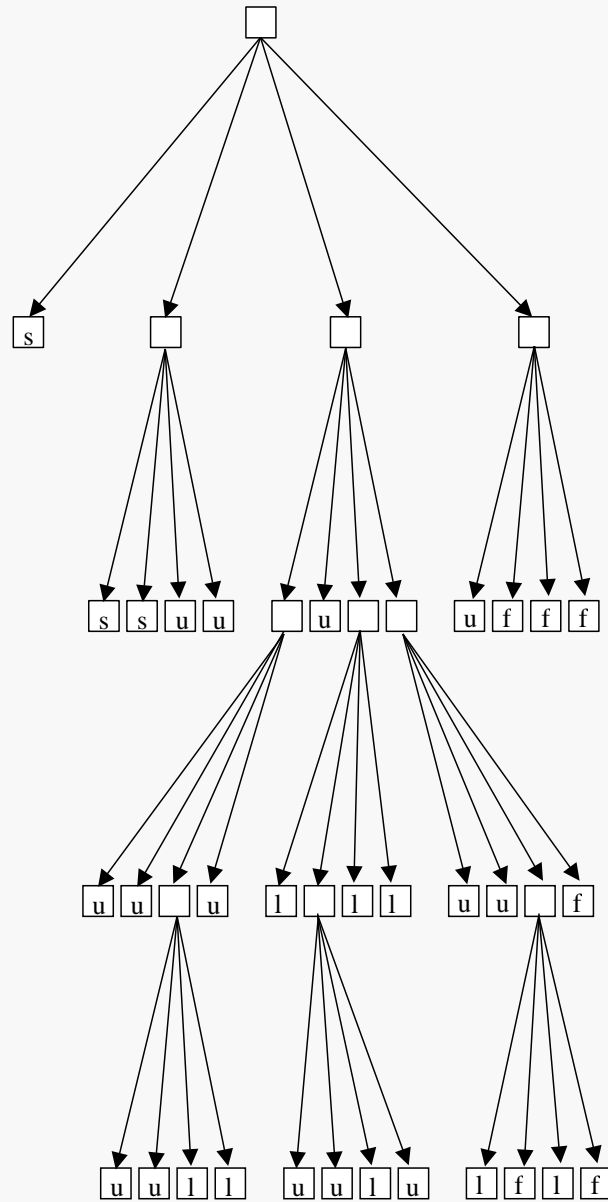
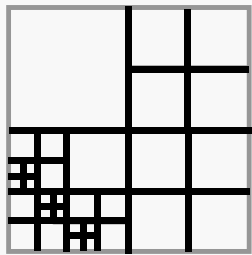
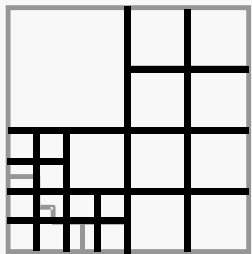
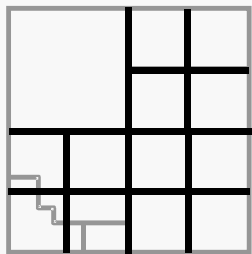
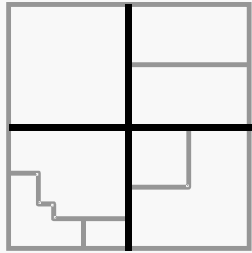
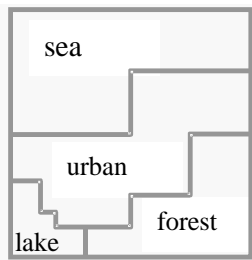


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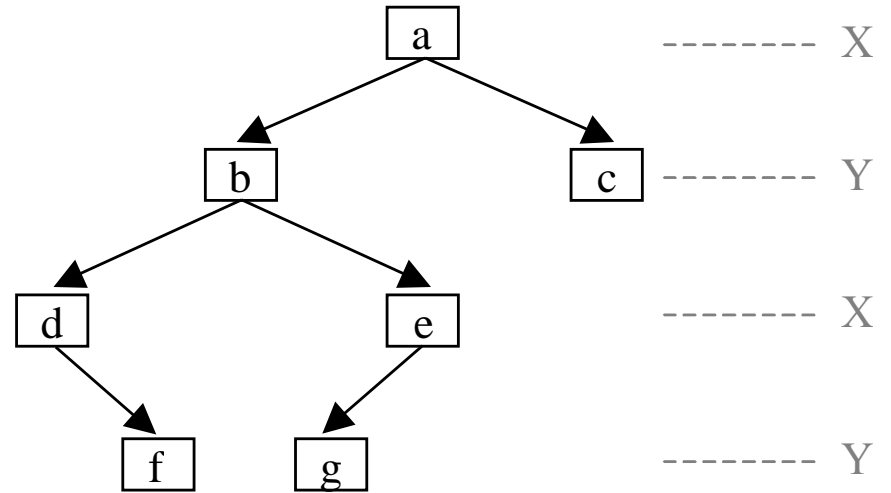
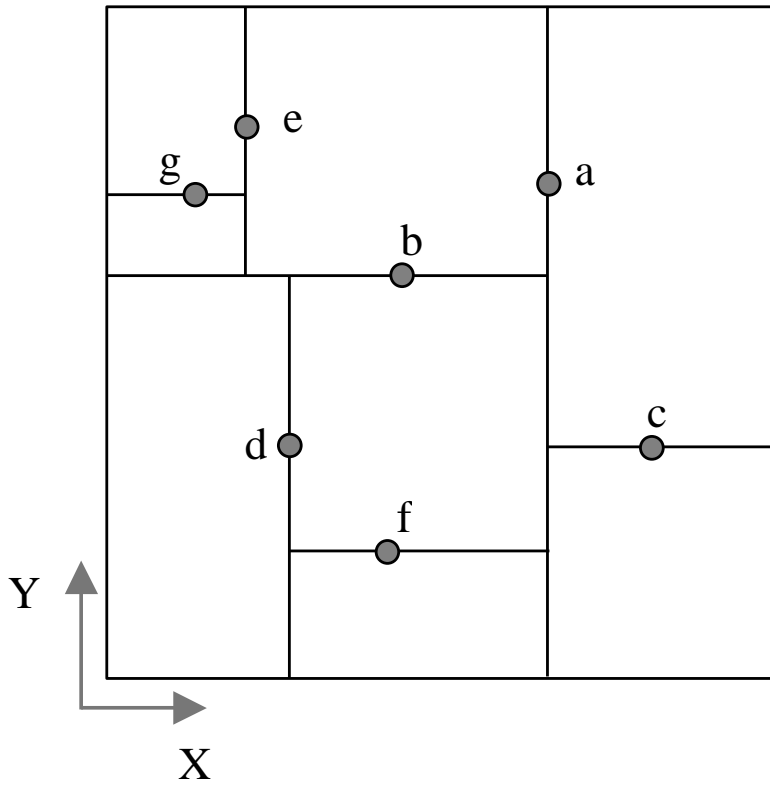


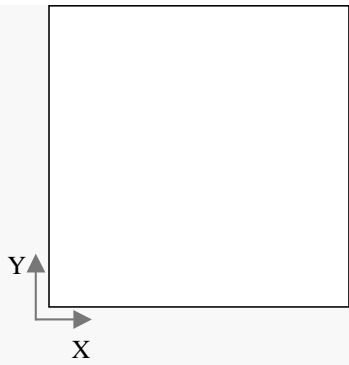
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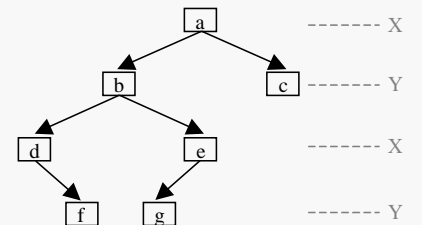
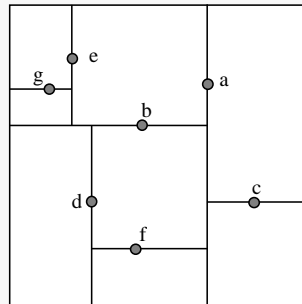
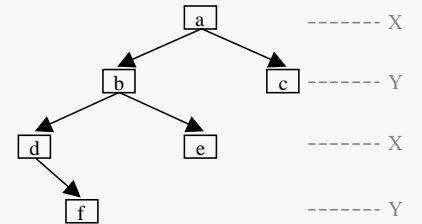
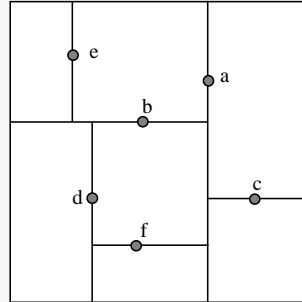
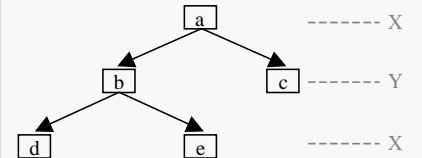
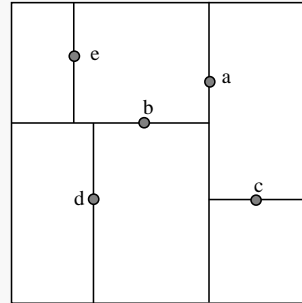
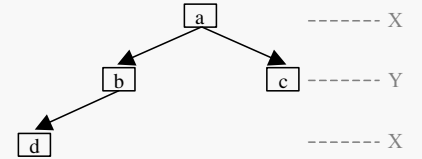
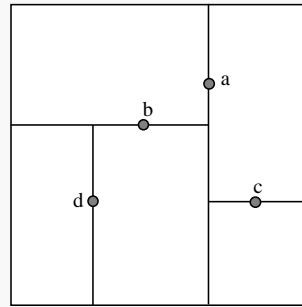
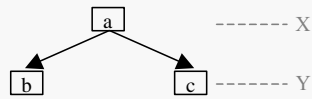
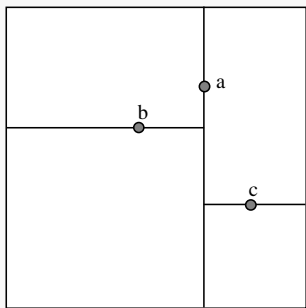
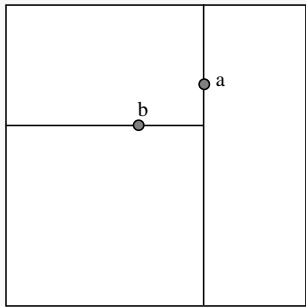
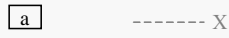
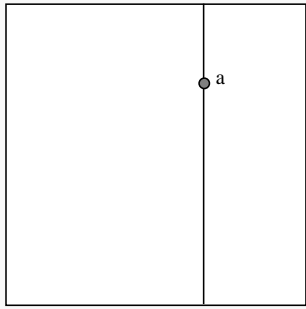


K-d-tree

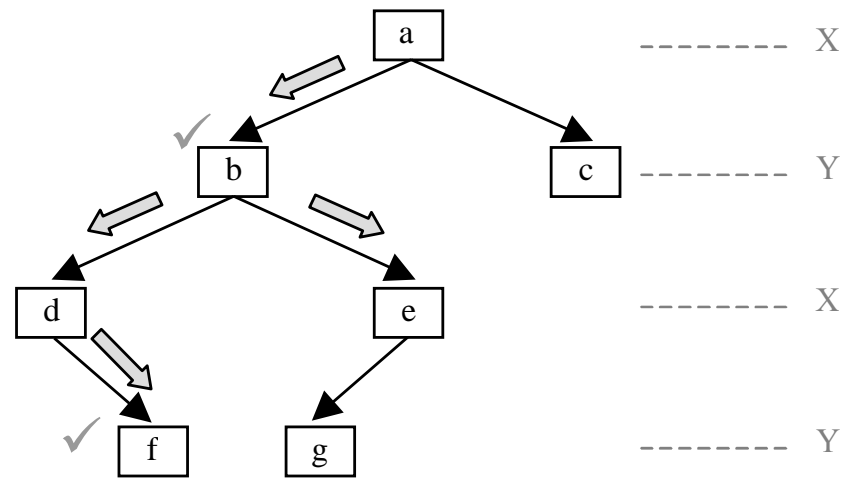
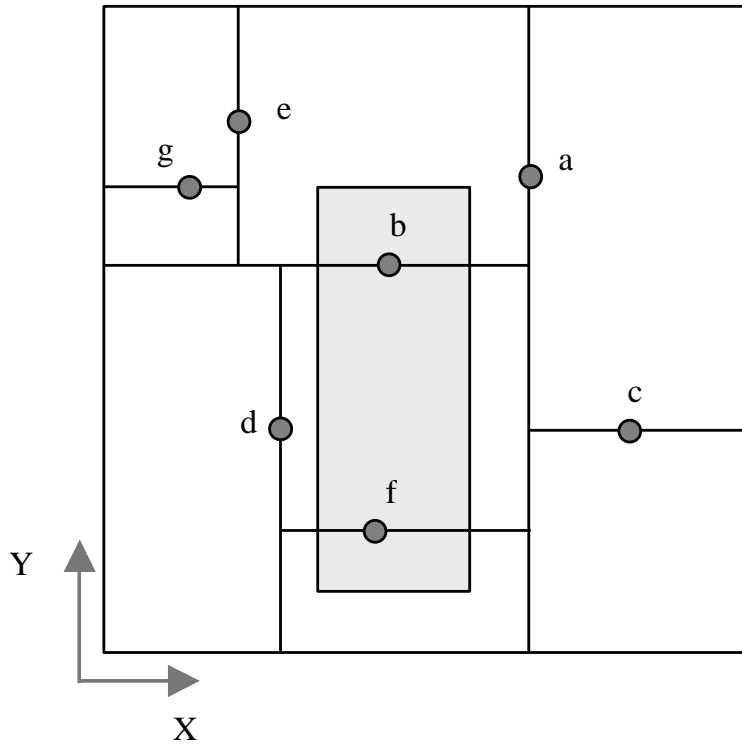




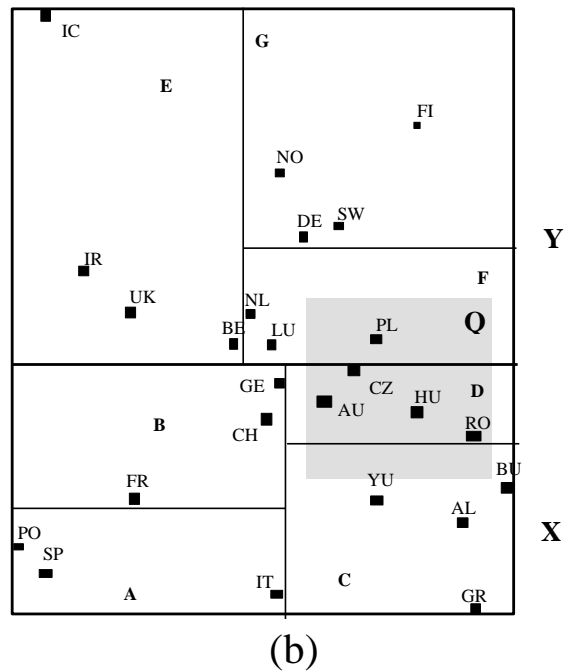
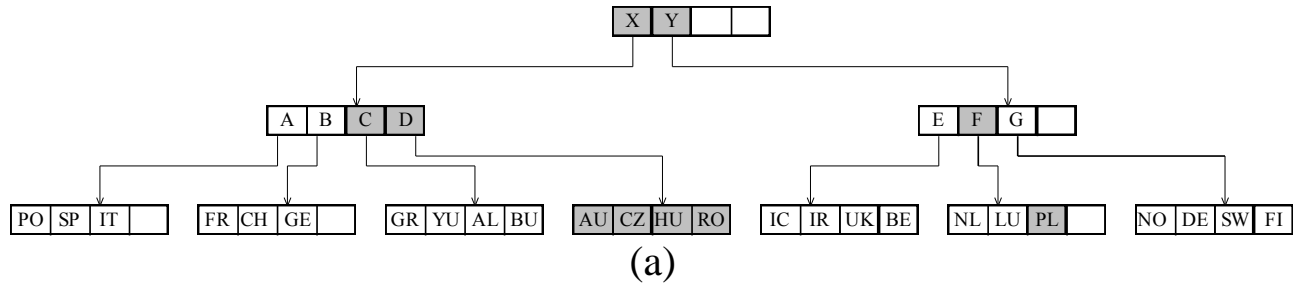
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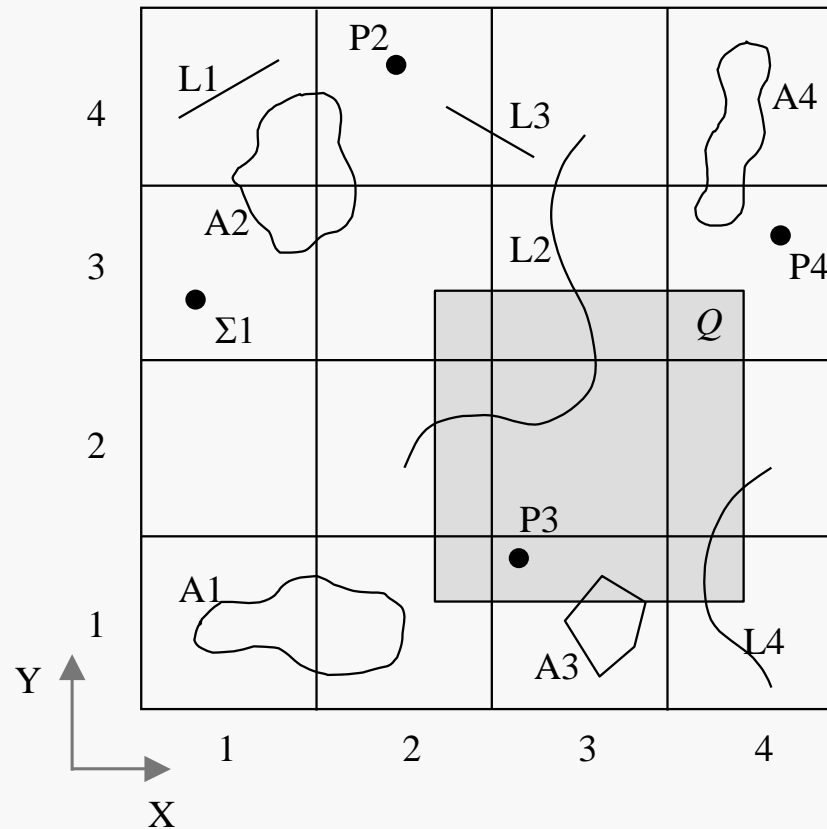
K-d-tree (Search)



K-d-B-tree (balanced)



Grid-file



cell(1,4): {L1,A2}
 cell(2,4): {P2,A2,L3}
 cell(3,4): {L2,L3}
 cell(4,4): {A4}

cell(1,3): {P1,A2}
 cell(2,3): {A2}
 cell(3,3): {L2}
 cell(4,3): {P4,A4}

cell(1,2): { \emptyset }
 cell(2,2): {L2}
 cell(3,2): {L2}
 cell(4,2): {L4}

cell(1,1): {A1}
 cell(2,1): {A1}
 cell(3,1): {P3,A3}
 cell(4,1): {L4}

(a)

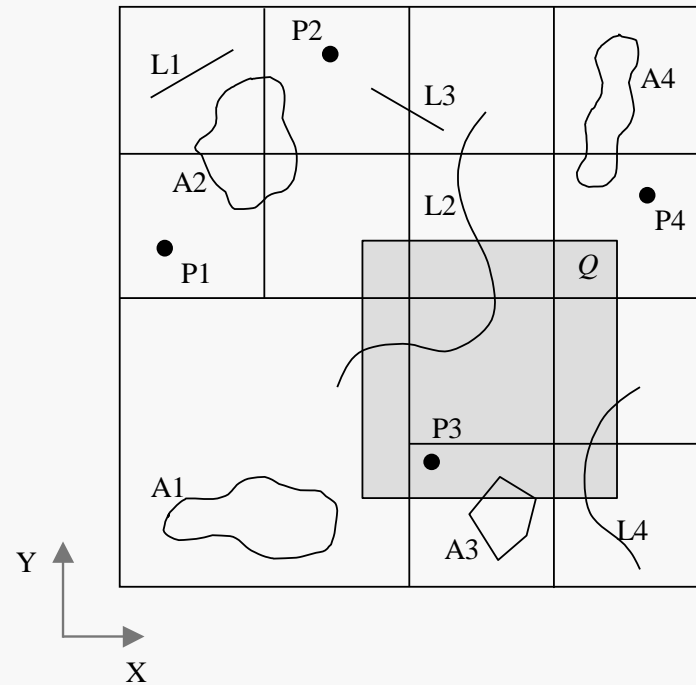
$Q \Rightarrow$ cells: (2,1), (3,1), (4,1) ,
 (2,2), (3,2), (4,2) ,
 (2,3), (3,3), (4,3) \Rightarrow

\Rightarrow candidate objects: {A1}, {P3,A3}, {L4} ,
 {L2}, {L2}, {L4} ,
 {A2}, {L2}, {P4,A4} =
 = {P3,P4,L2,L4,A1,A2,A3,A4} \Rightarrow

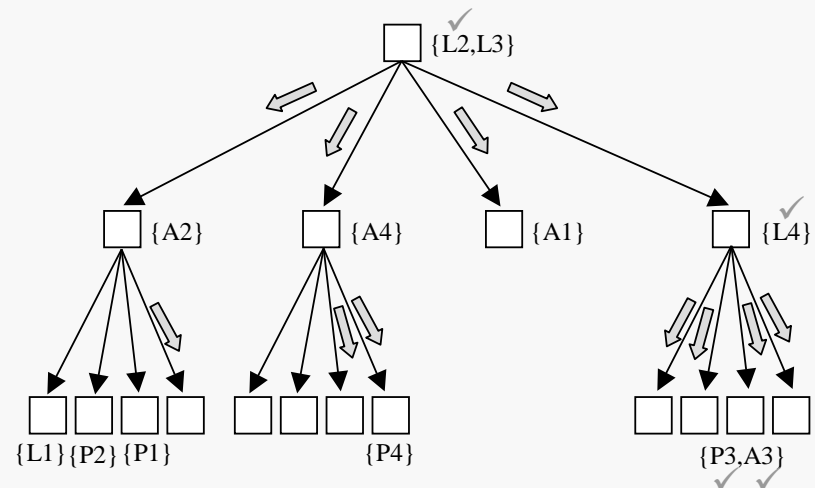
\Rightarrow result: {P3,L2,L4,A3}

(b)

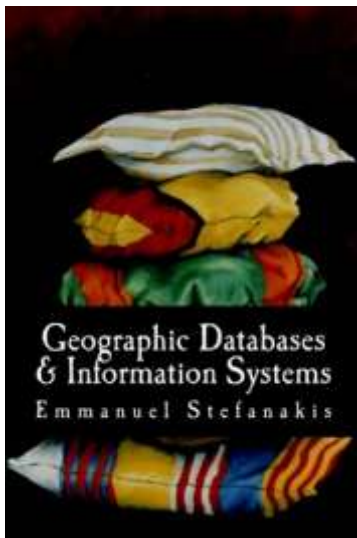
Quadtree for vectors



(a)



(b)



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