



BST Application

Multi-Level Search Tree

几株不知名的树，已脱下了黄叶
只有那两三片，多么可怜在枝上抖怯
它们感到秋来到，要与世间离别

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2D Range Query = x-Query + y-Query

❖ Is there any structure which answers range query **FASTER** than kd-trees?

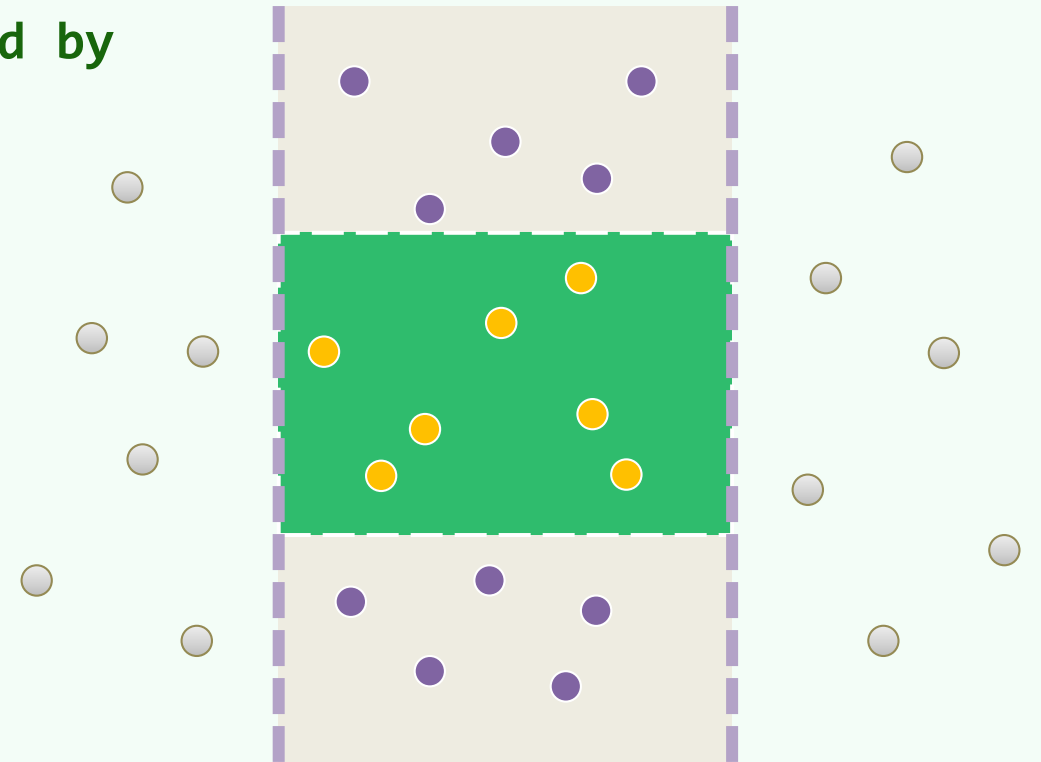
❖ An m-D orthogonal range query can be answered by

the **INTERSECTION** of m 1D queries

❖ For example, a 2D range query

can be divided into two 1D range queries:

- find all points in $[x_1, x_2]$; and then
- find in these candidates those lying in $[y_1, y_2]$



Worst Cases

❖ Using kd-trees needs $\mathcal{O}(1 + \sqrt{n})$ time. But here ...

❖ The **x-query** **returns**

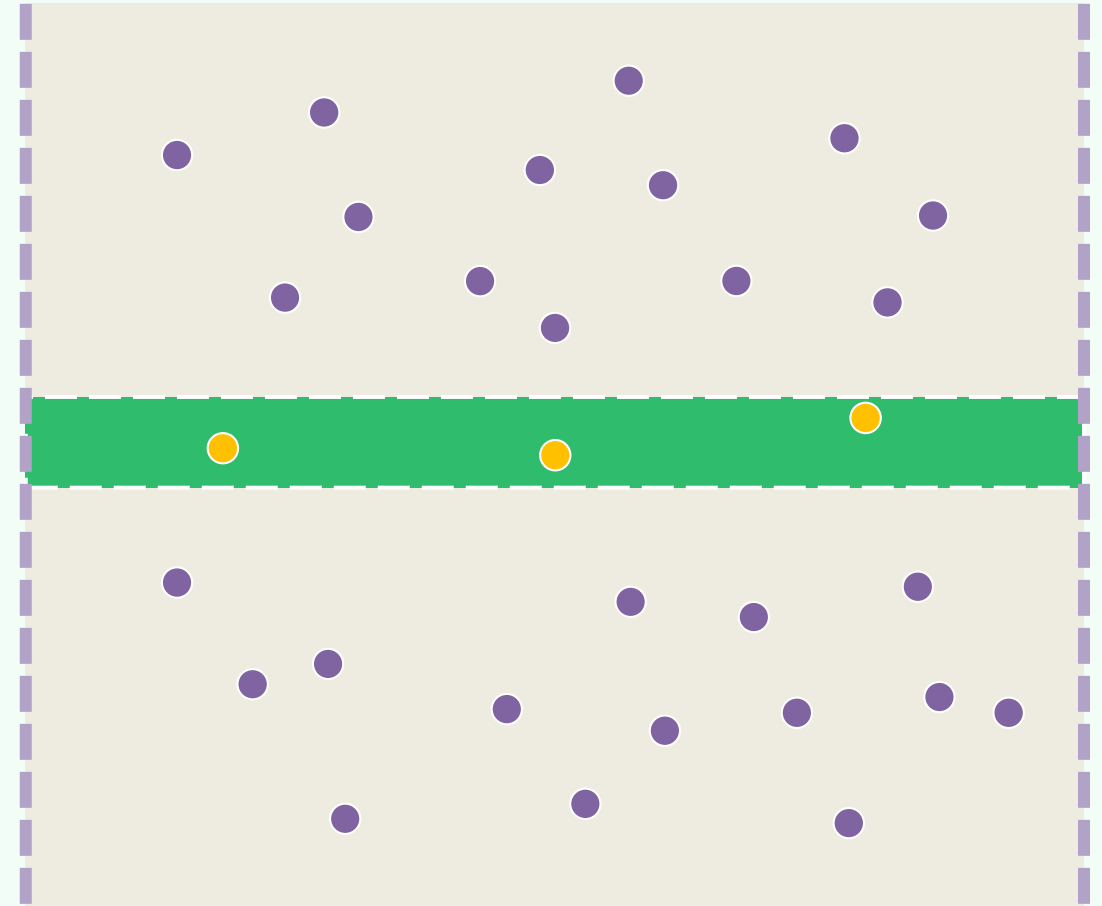
(almost) all points whereas

the **y-query** **rejects**

(almost) all

❖ We spent $\Omega(n)$ time

before getting $r = 0$ points



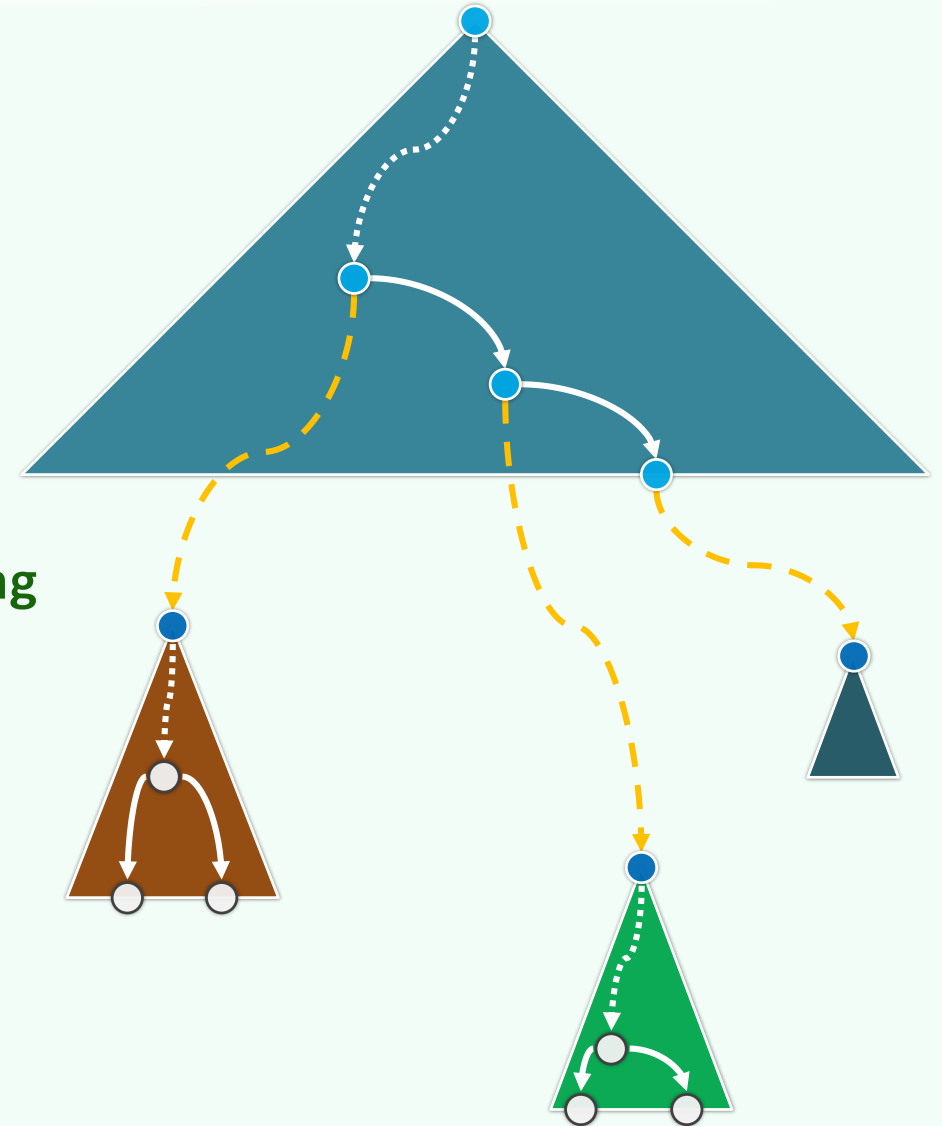
2D Range Query = x-Query * y-Query

❖ Tree of trees

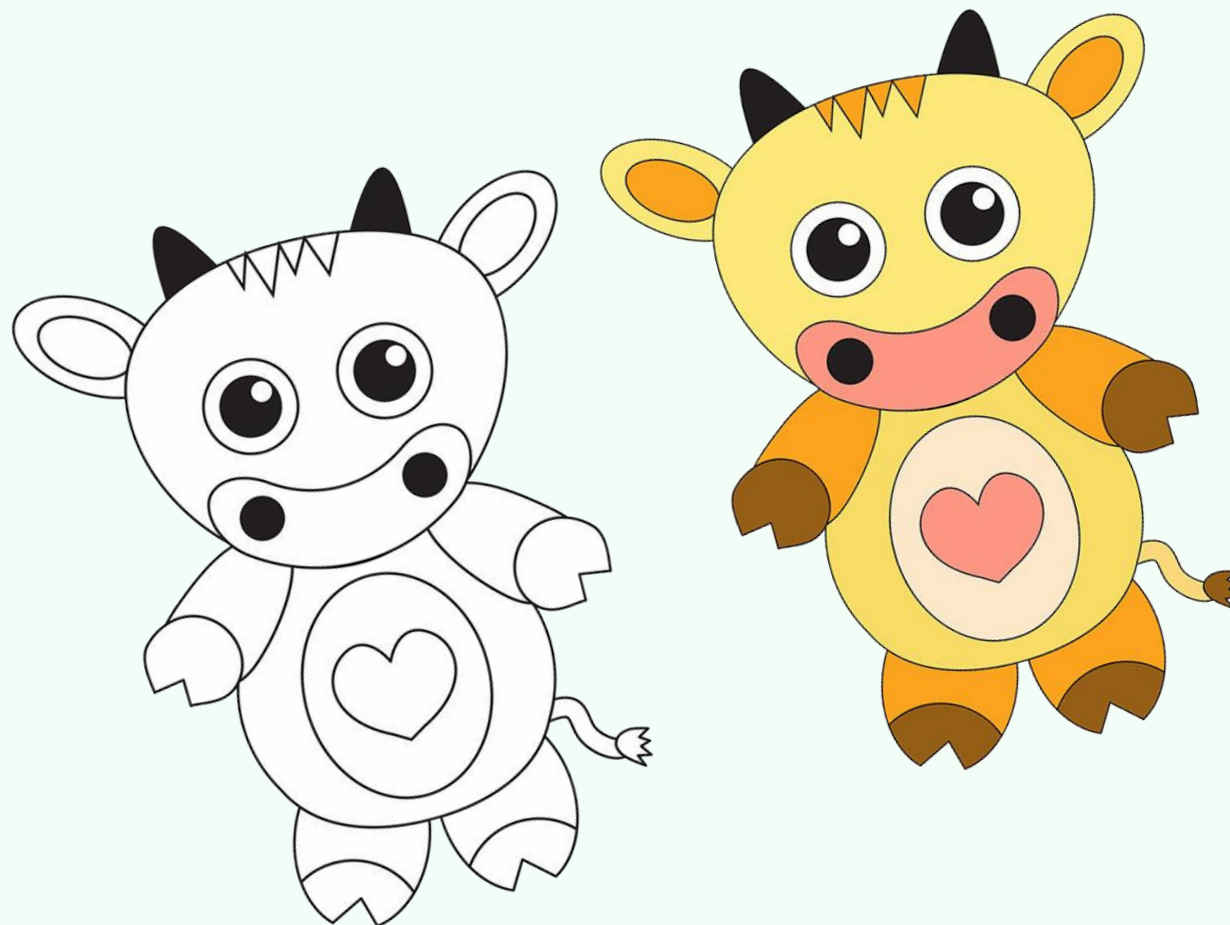
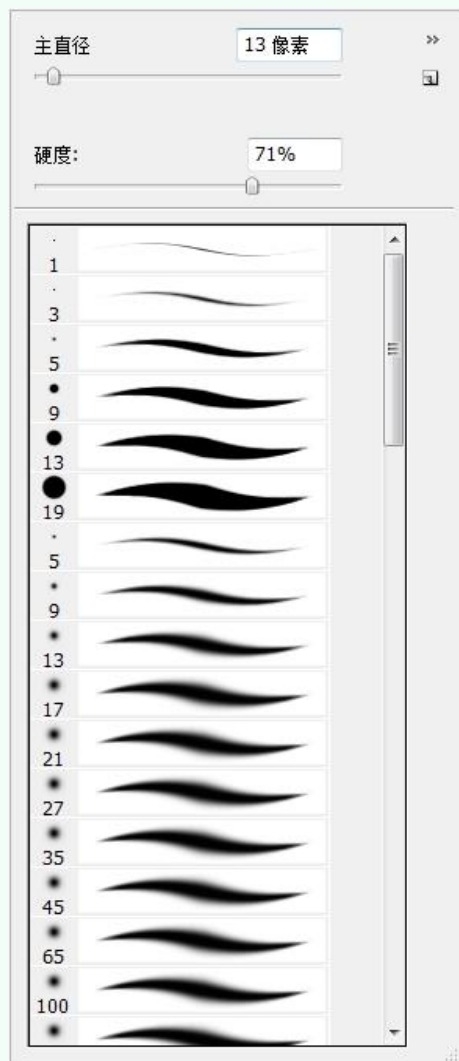
- build a 1D BBST (called **x**-tree)
for the first range query (**x**-query);
- for each node v in the x-range tree,
build a y-coordinate BBST (**y**-tree), containing
the canonical subset associate with v

❖ It's an **x**-tree of (a number of) **y**-trees,
called a Multi-Level Search Tree

❖ How to answer range queries with such an MLST?

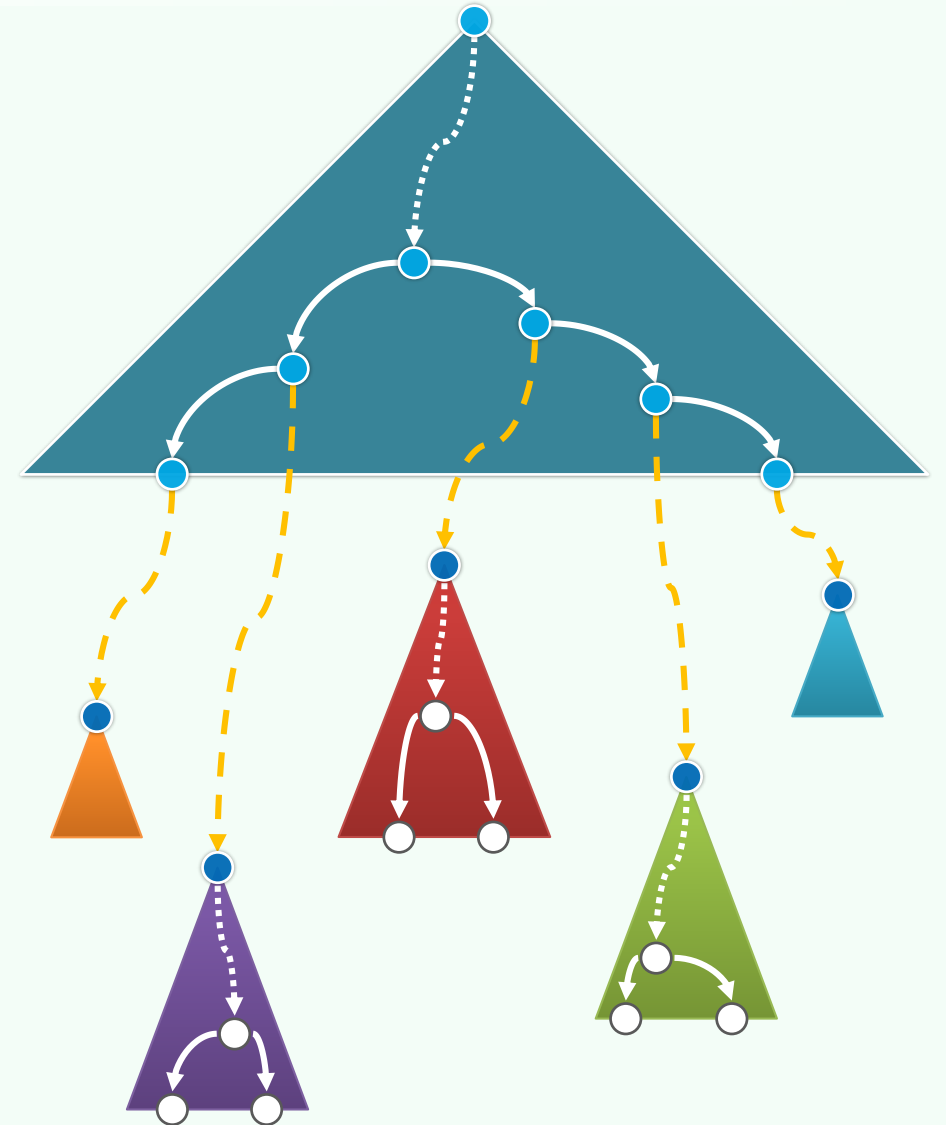
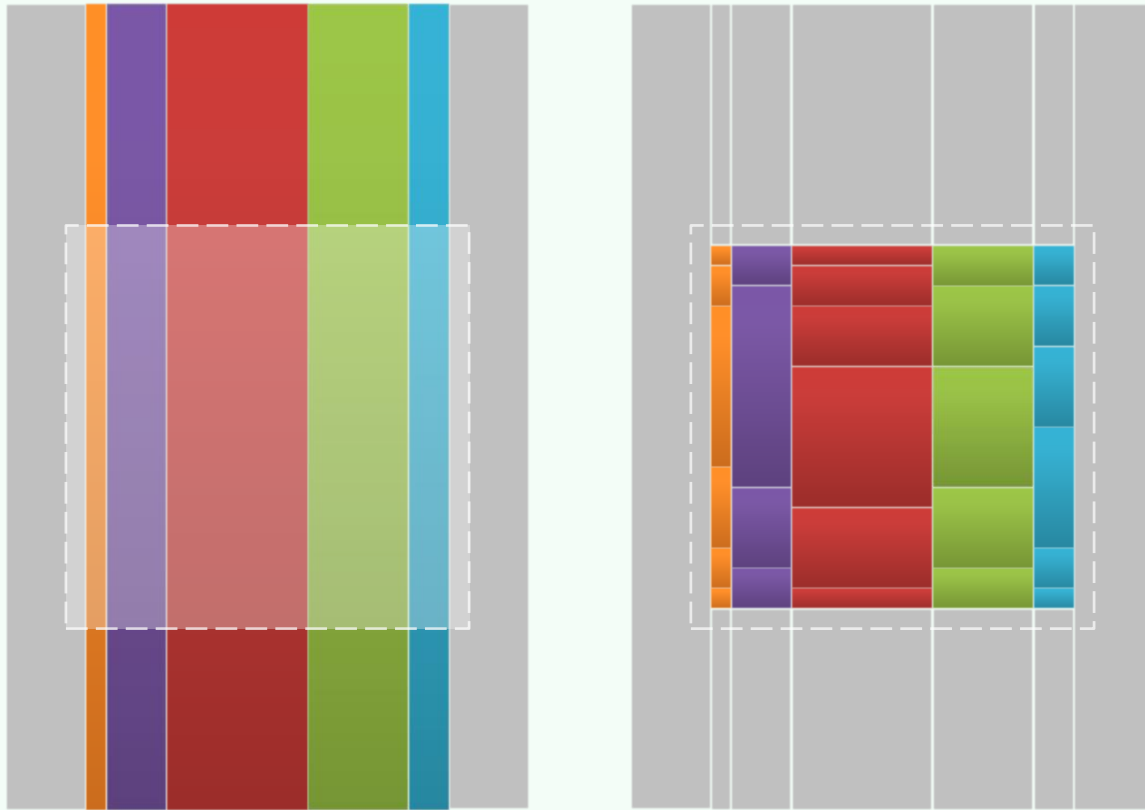


Painters' Strategy



2D Range Query = x-Query * y-Queries

❖ Query Time = $\mathcal{O}(r + \log^2 n)$ $\sim \mathcal{O}(r + \log n)$



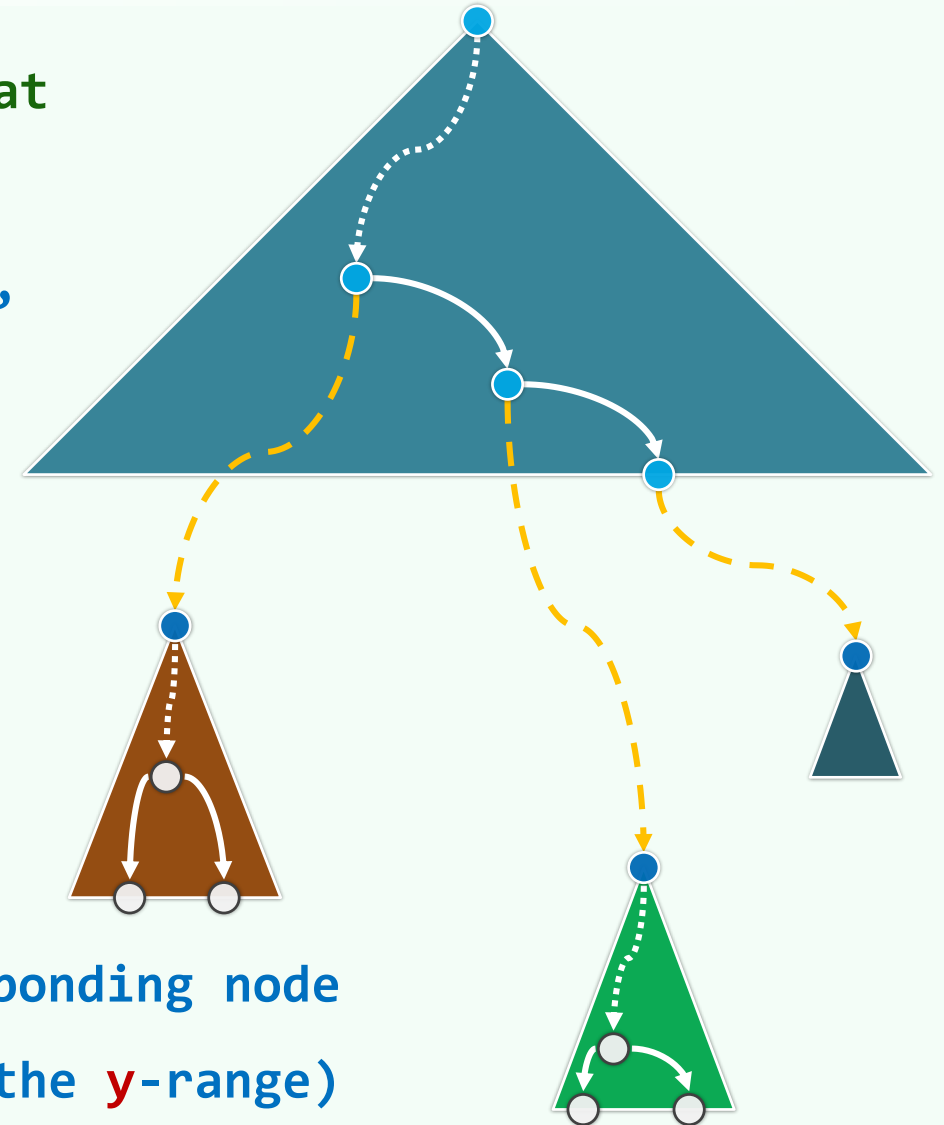
Query Algorithm

1. Determine the canonical subsets of points that satisfy the first query

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// there will be  $O(\log n)$  such canonical sets,  
// each of which is just represented as  
// a node in the x-tree
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2. Find out from each canonical subset which points lie within the **y**-range

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// To do this,  
// for each canonical subset,  
// we access the y-tree for the corresponding node  
// this will be again a 1D range search (on the y-range)
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Complexity: Preprocessing Time + Storage

- ❖ A 2-level search tree

- for n points in the plane

- can be built

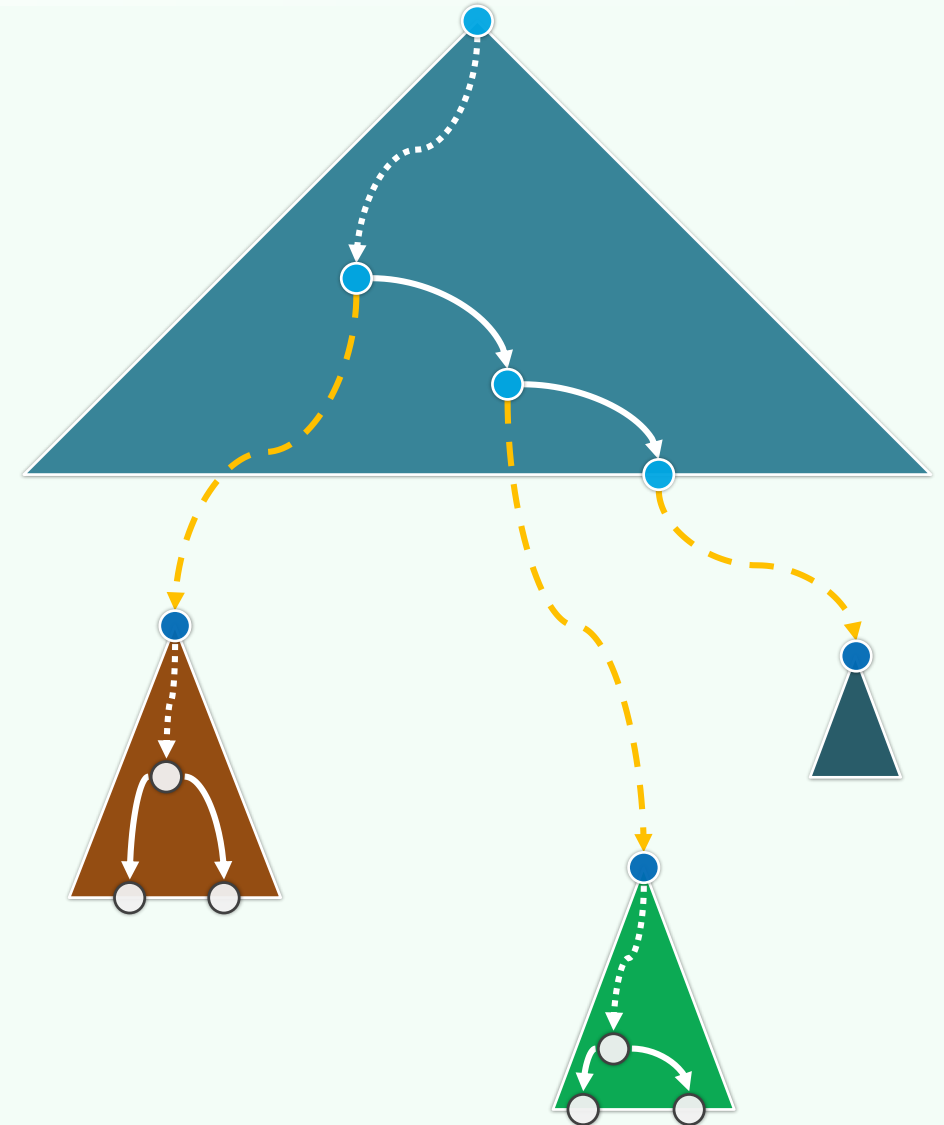
- in $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ time

- ❖ Each input point is stored in $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ y-trees

- ❖ A 2-level search tree

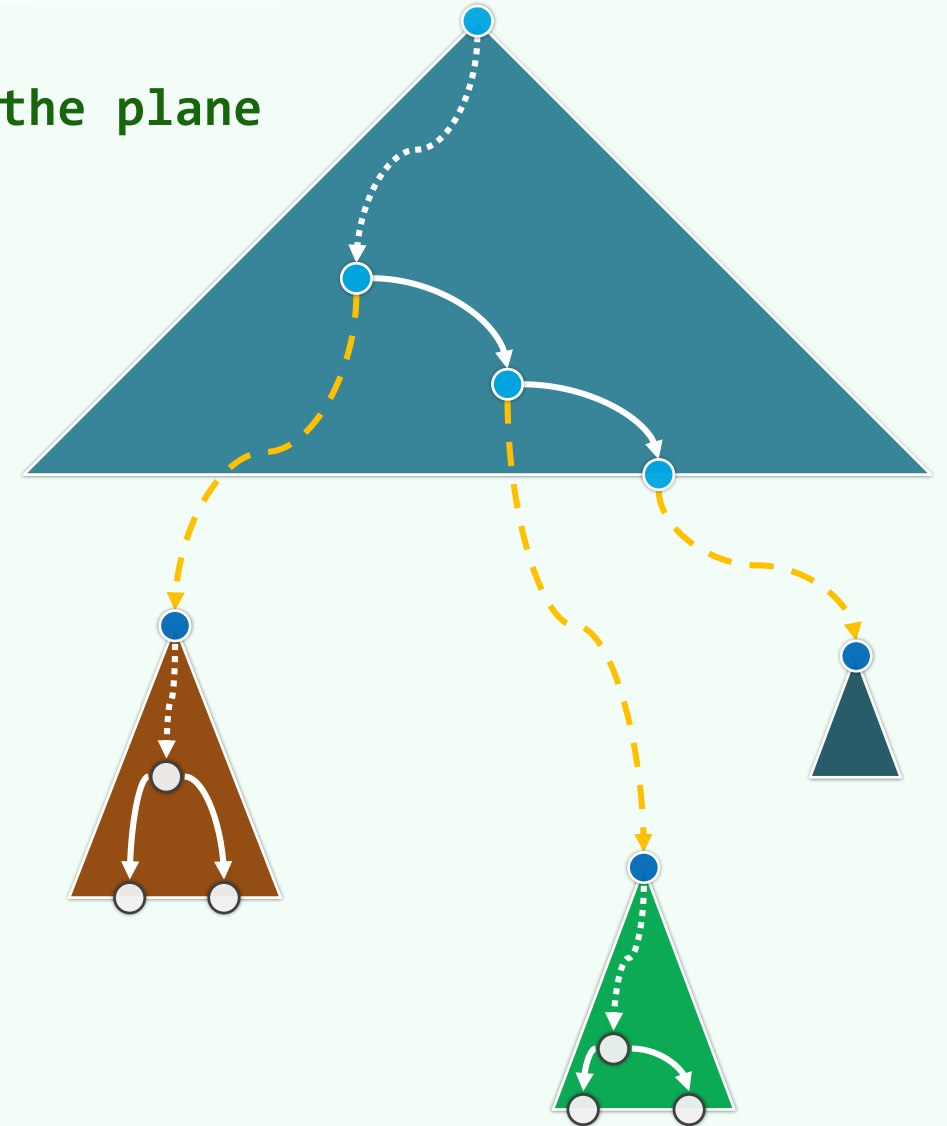
- for n points in the plane

- needs $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ space



Complexity: Query Time

- ❖ Claim: A 2-level search tree for n points in the plane answers each planar range query in $\mathcal{O}(r + \log^2 n)$ time
- ❖ The **x**-range query needs $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time to locate the $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ nodes representing the canonical subsets
- ❖ Then for each of these nodes, a **y**-range search is invoked, which needs $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time



Beyond 2D

- ❖ Let S be a set of n points in \mathcal{E}^d , $d \geq 2$
 - A d -level tree for S uses $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot \log^{d-1} n)$ storage
 - Such a tree can be constructed
in $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot \log^{d-1} n)$ time
 - Each orthogonal range query of S can
be answered in $\mathcal{O}(r + \log^d n)$ time
- ❖ For planar case, can the query time be improved to, say, $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$?

