



Spatial Database Systems



Spatial Database Applications

- GIS applications (maps):
 - Urban planning, route optimization, fire or pollution monitoring, utility networks, etc
- Other applications:
 - VLSI design, CAD/CAM, model of human brain, etc
- Traditional applications:
 - Multidimensional records



What is a Spatial Database?

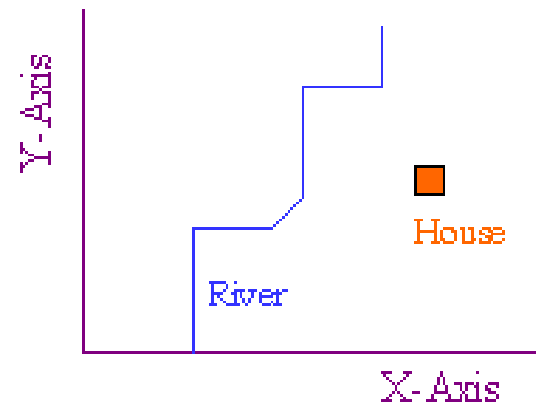
- A SDBMS is a DBMS
- It offers spatial data types/data models/
query language
 - Support spatial properties/operations
- It supports spatial data types in its
implementation
 - Support spatial indexing, algorithms for spatial
selection and join

Spatial Representation

- Raster model:

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- Vector model:

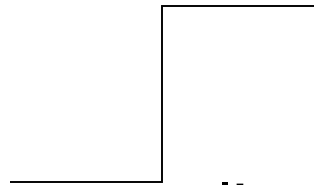




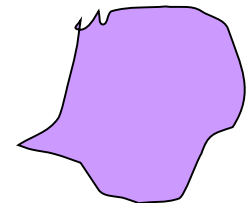
Spatial data types



point



line



region

- Point : 2 real numbers
- Line : sequence of points
- Region : area included inside n-points



Spatial Relationships

- Topological relationships:
 - adjacent, inside, disjoint, etc
- Direction relationships:
 - Above, below, north_of, etc
- Metric relationships:
 - “distance < 100”
- And operations to express the relationships



Models, Algebras, Languages

- Extend relational model, or use Object-relational model: define new ADTs
- Spatial algebra: ex. ROSE algebra
- Query languages:
 - Extend SQL : GEOQL, PSQL
 - New graphical languages: GEO-SAL



Examples

- A database:
 - Relation states(sname: string, area: region, spop: int)
 - Relation cities(cname: string, center: point; ext: region)
 - Relation rivers(rname: string, route:line)
- SELECT * FROM rivers WHERE route intersects R
- SELECT cname, sname FROM cities, states WHERE center inside area
- SELECT rname, length(intersection(route, California))
FROM rivers WHERE route intersects California



Spatial Queries

- Selection queries: “Find all objects inside query q ”, inside- \rightarrow intersects, north
- Nearest Neighbor-queries: “Find the closets object to a query point q ”, k -closest objects
- Spatial join queries: Two spatial relations $S1$ and $S2$, find all pairs: $\{x \text{ in } S1, y \text{ in } S2, \text{ and } x \text{ rel } y = \text{true}\}$, $\text{rel} = \text{intersect, inside, etc}$

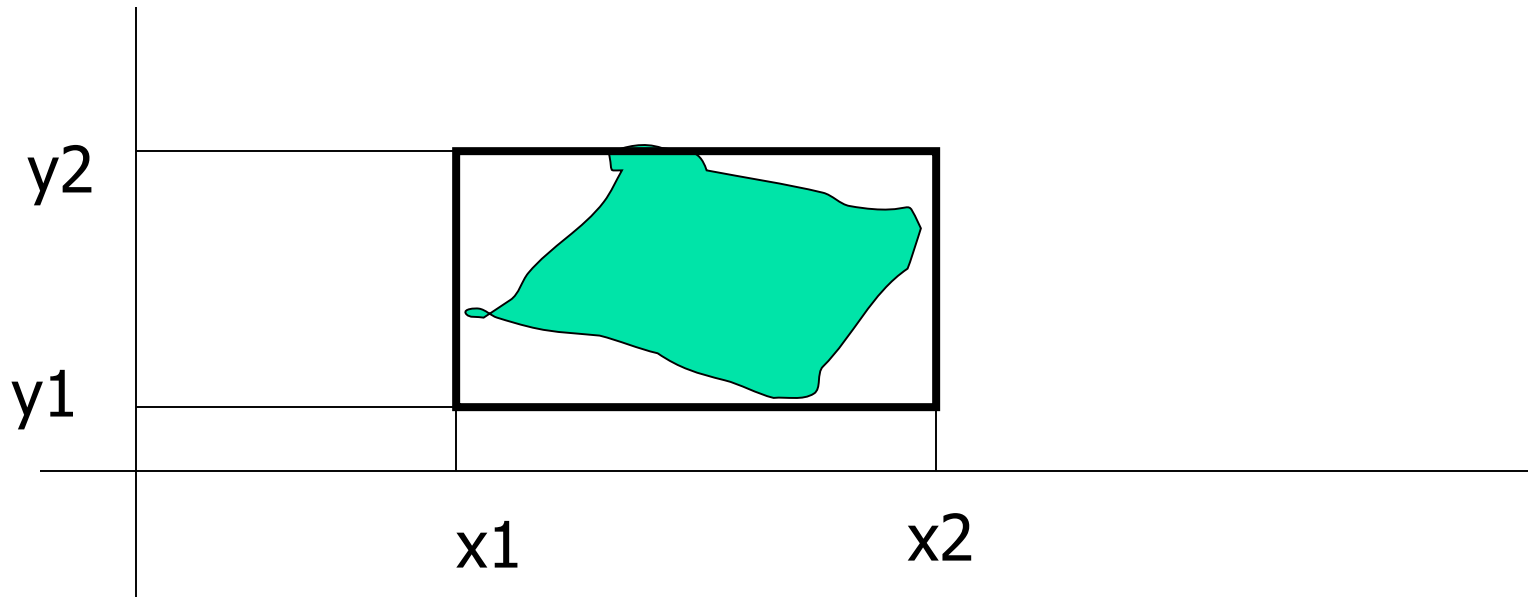


Access Methods

- Point Access Methods (PAMs):
 - Index methods for 2 or 3-dimensional points (k-d trees, Z-ordering, grid-file)
- Spatial Access Methods (SAMs):
 - Index methods for 2 or 3-dimensional regions and points (R-trees)

Indexing using SAMs

- Approximate each region with a simple shape: usually Minimum Bounding Rectangle (MBR) = $[(x1, x2), (y1, y2)]$





Indexing using SAMs (cont.)

Two steps:

- Filtering step: Find all the MBRs (using the SAM) that satisfy the query
- Refinement step: For each qualified MBR, check the original object against the query



Spatial Indexing

- Point Access Methods (PAMs) vs Spatial Access Methods (SAMs)
- PAM: index only point data
 - Hierarchical (tree-based) structures
 - Multidimensional Hashing
 - Space filling curve
- SAM: index both points and regions
 - Transformations
 - Overlapping regions
 - Clipping methods