VP-tree in Search of Nearest Neighbors within a Given Radius

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The Idea of Constructing a VP-Tree

- **A node in VP-Tree contains**:
  - $v \in D$
  - $\mu = median(\{u \in S(v) | distance(u, v)\})$, where $S(v)$ is the subtree rooted in v}
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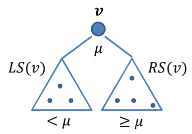

- **Each point in *D* is stored only once in VP-Tree.**
- **Idea of how to select a point from *D* to be stored in the root of the VP-tree:**
- A point in the root of the VP-tree, say point *v*, should be the one with the maximal spread of its distances to all points in *D*.
- **Idea of how to select a point to be the root of a subtree covering a subset *D'* of points in *D*:**
- A point in the root of this subtree, say point *v*, should be the one with the maximal spread of its distances to all points in *D'*.

Practical Construction of a VP-Tree

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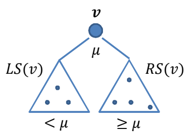

- **Practical selection of a point from (a subset *D'* of) *D* to be stored in the root of a (sub-)tree:**
- A random sample S_1 of points from (subset *D'* of) *D* constitutes a set of candidates to be stored in the root of the (sub-)tree.
- Their spreads of distances are calculated with respect to another random sample S_2 of points from (subset *D'* of) *D*.
- The candidate point *v* from S_1 with the maximal spread of its distances to the points in the sample S_2 is stored in the root of the (sub-tree).
- The real median of this point *v* is calculated based on its distances to all points in (subset *D'* of) *D,* and is also stored in the root of the (sub-)tree.

k/k⁺-NN Search in VP-Tree

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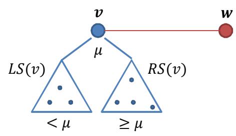

- **Search for k/k⁺-NN of point u within ε radius in node v of VP-Tree**:
  - $distance(w, v)$,
  - Cond. 1: $distance(w, v) - \mu \geq \varepsilon$. If true, then for each point u in $LS(v)$, $distance(w, v) - distance(u, v) > distance(w, v) - \mu \geq \varepsilon$. Thus, $distance(w, v) - distance(u, v) > \varepsilon$, so $LS(v)$ does not contain k/k⁺-NN(w) within the ε radius.
  - Cond. 2: $\mu - distance(w, v) > \varepsilon$. If true, then for each point u in $RS(v)$, $distance(u, v) - distance(w, v) \geq \mu - distance(w, v) > \varepsilon$. Thus, $distance(u, v) - distance(w, v) > \varepsilon$, so $RS(v)$ does not contain k/k⁺–NN(w) within ε radius.

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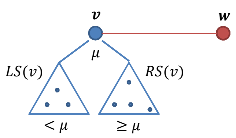

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- **Improved search for k/k⁺-NN of point u within ε radius in node v of VP-Tree**:
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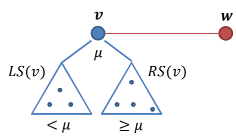

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- **Example.** Let ε = 1, μ = 10.5, *left_bound*(*v*) = 8.5, *right_bound*(*v*) = 12 and *distance*(*w*,*v*) = 10. Then, *distance*(*w*,*v*) - *left_bound*(*v*) > ε and *right_bound*(*v*) - *distance*(*w*,*v*) > ε, which means that neither *LS*(*v*) nor *RS*(*v*) contains any nearest neighbor of *w* within the ε radius.

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