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15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #12: Fractals - case studies Part III
(quadrees, knn queries)
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Must-read Material

- Alberto Belussi and Christos Faloutsos,
[Estimating the Selectivity of Spatial Queries
Using the 'Correlation' Fractal Dimension](#)
Proc. of VLDB, p. 299-310, 1995

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Optional Material

Optional, but very useful: Manfred Schroeder
*Fractals, Chaos, Power Laws: Minutes
from an Infinite Paradise* W.H. Freeman
and Company, 1991

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Outline

Goal: 'Find similar / interesting things'

- Intro to DB
- ➔ • Indexing - similarity search
- Data Mining

Optional = NOT in exam
(but useful as mental drill!)

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Indexing - Detailed outline

- primary key indexing
- secondary key / multi-key indexing
- spatial access methods
 - z-ordering
 - R-trees
 - misc
- ➔ • fractals
 - intro
 - applications
- text

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- nn queries [Belussi+]

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Fractals and Quadtrees

- Problem: how many quadtree nodes will we need, to store a region in some level of approximation? [Gaede+96]

Faloutsos, C. and V. Gaede (Sept. 1996). Analysis of the z-ordering Method Using the Hausdorff Fractal Dimension. VLDB, Bombay, India.

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Fractals and Quadtrees

- I.e.:

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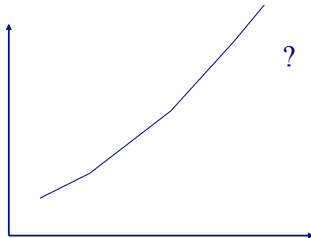
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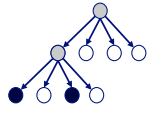
Fractals and Quadrees

- I.e.:

of quadtree 'blocks' (= # gray nodes)



level of quadtree




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Fractals and Quadrees

- Datasets:



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Brain Atlas



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- Hint:
 - assume that the boundary is self-similar, with a given fd
 - how will the quad-tree (oct-tree) look like?

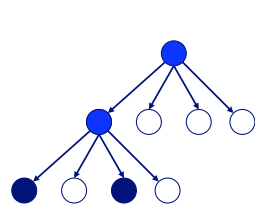



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white
gray
black

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Let $p_g(i)$ the prob. to find a gray node at level i .
If self-similar, what can we say for $p_g(i)$?

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A: $p_g(i) = p_g = \text{constant}$

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Assume only 'gray' and 'white' nodes (ie., no volume')
Assume that p_g is given - how many gray nodes at level i ?

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A: 1 at level 0;
 $4 * p_g$
 $(4 * p_g) * (4 * p_g)$
 ...
 $(4 * p_g)^i$

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- I.e.:

of quadtree 'blocks'

level of quadtree ('i')

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- I.e.:

$\log(\# \text{ of quadtree 'blocks'})$

level of quadtree

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- Conclusion: Self-similarity leads to easy and accurate estimation

$\log_2(\# \text{ blocks})$

level

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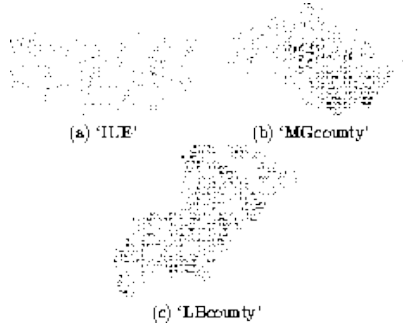
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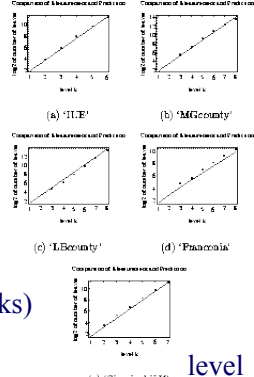
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$\log(\#blocks)$ level

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Fractals and Quadrees

- Final observation: relationship between p_g and fractal dimension?

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- Final observation: relationship between p_g and fractal dimension?
- A: very close:
 $(4 * p_g)^i = \# \text{ of gray nodes at level } i =$
 $\# \text{ of Hausdorff grid-cells of side } (1/2)^i = r$
 Eventually: $D_H = 2 + \log_2(p_g)$
 and, for E-d spaces: $D_H = E + \log_2(p_g)$

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for E-d spaces: $D_H = E + \log_2(p_g)$

Sanity check:

- point in 2-d: $D_H = 0$ $p_g = ??$
- line in 2-d: $D_H = 1$ $p_g = ??$
- plane in 2-d: $D_H = 2$ $p_g = ??$
- point in 3-d: $D_H = 0$ $p_g = ??$

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for E-d spaces: $D_H = E + \log_2(p_g)$

Sanity check:

- point in 2-d: $D_H = 0$ $p_g = 1/4$
- line in 2-d: $D_H = 1$ $p_g = 1/2$
- plane in 2-d: $D_H = 2$ $p_g = 1$
- point in 3-d: $D_H = 0$ $p_g = 1/8$

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Final conclusions:

- self-similarity leads to estimates for # of z-values = # of quadtree/oct-tree blocks
- close dependence on the Hausdorff fractal dimension of the boundary

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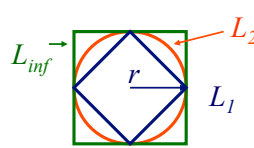
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NN queries

- Q: in NN queries, what is the effect of the shape of the query region? [Belussi+95]

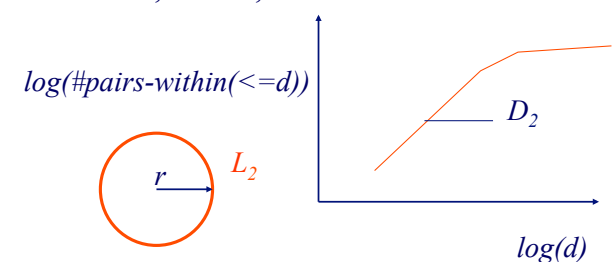


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NN queries

- Q: in NN queries, what is the effect of the shape of the query region?
- that is, for L2, and self-similar data:

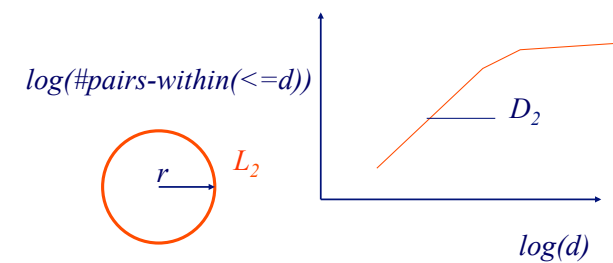


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NN queries

- Q: What about L_1 , L_{inf} ?

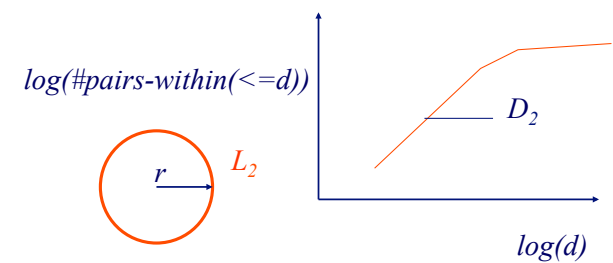


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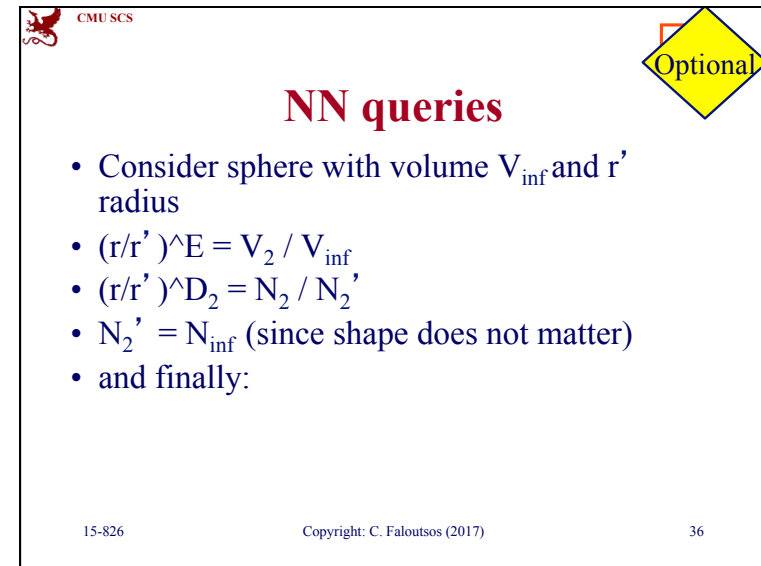
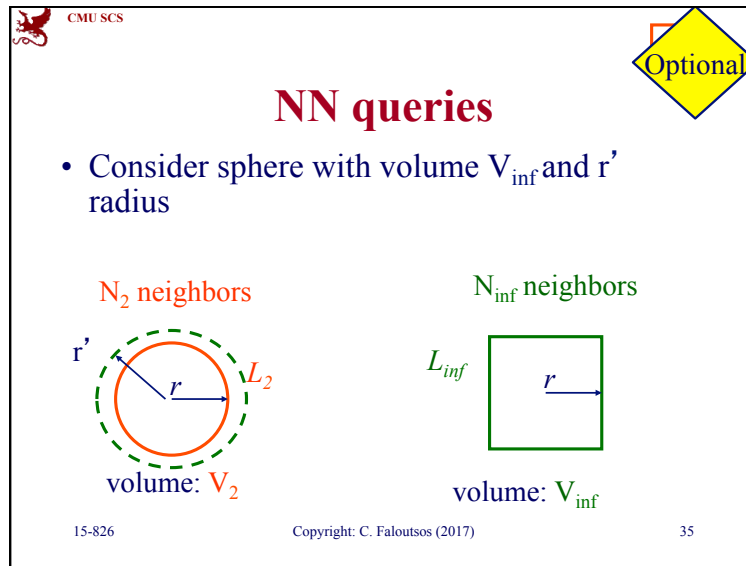
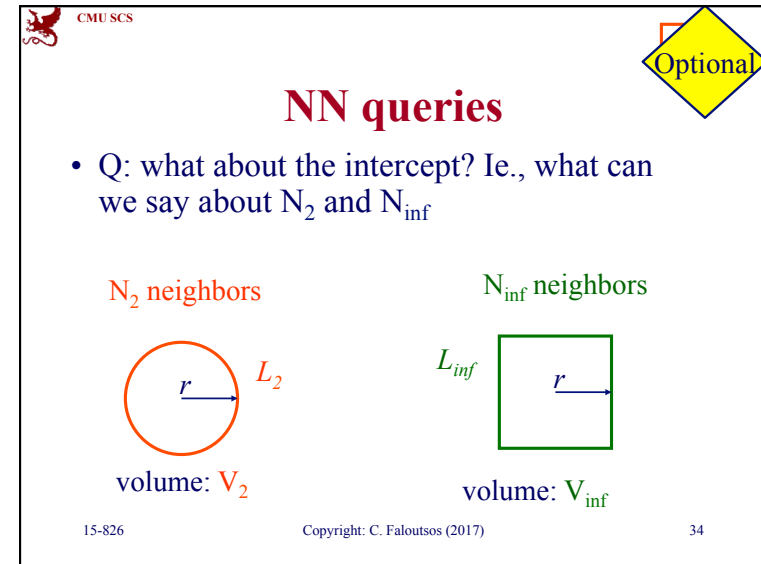
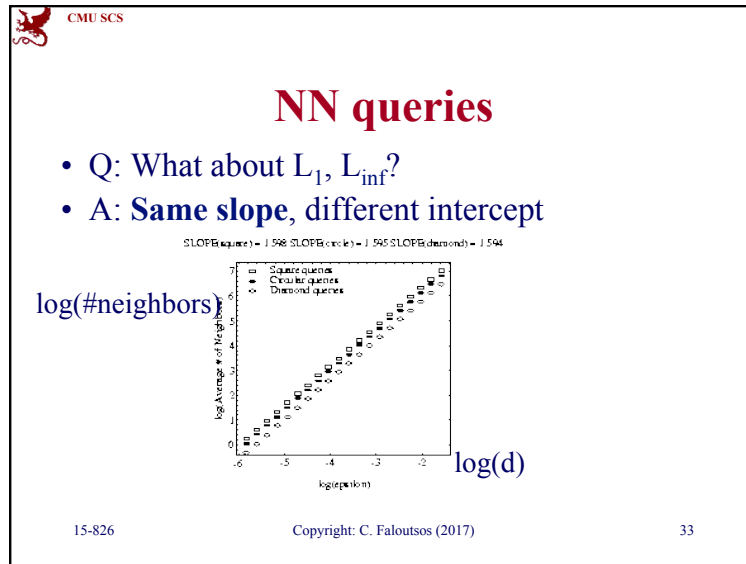
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NN queries

- Q: What about L_1 , L_{inf} ?
- A: **Same slope**, different intercept



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NN queries

$$(N_2 / N_{\text{inf}})^{1/D_2} = (V_2 / V_{\text{inf}})^{1/E}$$

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NN queries

Conclusions: for self-similar datasets

- Avg # neighbors: grows like $(\text{distance})^{D_2}$, regardless of query shape (circle, diamond, square, e.t.c.)

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Fractals - overall conclusions

- self-similar datasets: appear often
- powerful tools: correlation integral, NCDF, rank-frequency plot
- intrinsic/fractal dimension helps in
 - estimations (selectivities, quadtrees, etc)
 - dim. reduction / dim. curse
- (later: can help in image compression...)

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