

DS for Range Reporting

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- range reporting query. Let P be a set of N points in \mathbb{R}^2 . Given an axis-parallel rectangle $q = [x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2]$, a range reporting query reports all the points of P that are covered by q .
 - application: “find all the restaurants in the area”;
 - relational database application: TaxPayer(id, sal, age), select id from TaxPayer where $10 \leq \text{sal} \leq 20$ and $50 \leq \text{age} \leq 60$;
- theme: IO-efficient data structure for Range Reporting

1. Computation Model

- RAM model. An $O(N \log N)$ algorithm means the algorithm is able to solve the problem by performing $O(N \log N)$ “basic operations”
 - standard CUP work or access a memory location
- External memory model. Since an I/O is rather expensive (1–10 milliseconds)
 - space: M words of memory and unbounded disk with block size being B words
 - space complexity: number of disk blocks occupied
 - time complexity: number of I/Os (read B words from disk to memory or write B words conversely), i.e., CPU calculation and memory accesses are free
 - $O(N/B)$ instead of $O(N)$ linear cost

2. R-Tree

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2.1 Structure

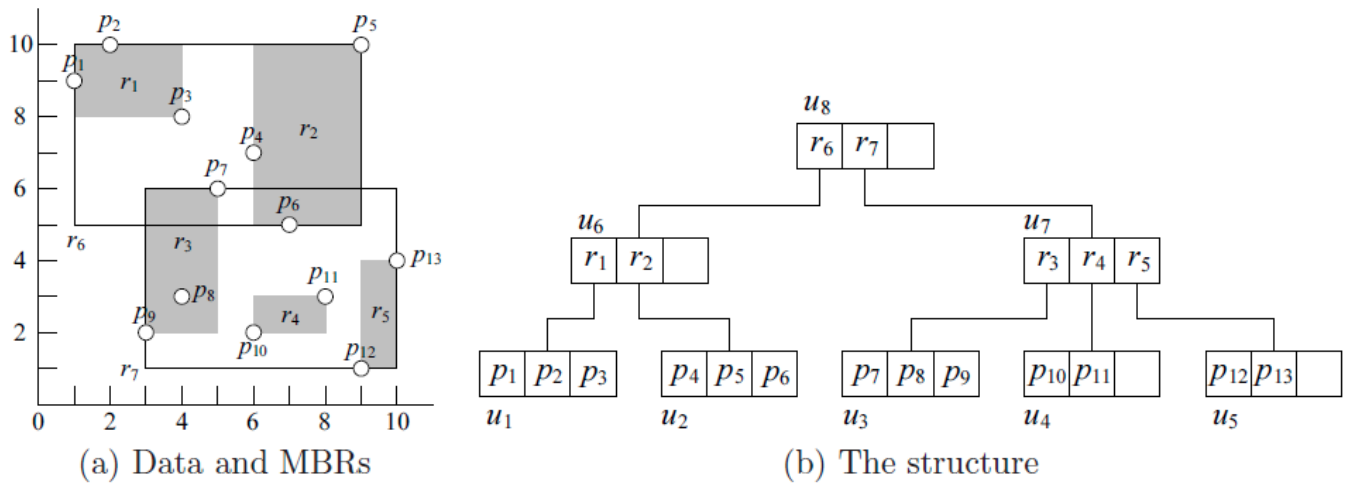


Figure 1: An R-tree

- Minimal bounding rectangle (MBR): smallest rectangle that tightly encloses all data points, see r_1, r_2, \dots in the figure for example
 - good MBR: square-like by reducing perimeter
- leaf node: $b/4-b$ points where $b = \Theta(B)$
- non-leaf node: $b/4-b$ children, and store an MBR for each child
- $O(N/B)$ space and of $O(\log_B N)$ height