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**Class Exercises**  
**Module: Distributed Systems**  
**Chapter 2: Architectures**

Question 1: If a client and a server are placed far apart, we may see network latency dominating overall performance. How can we tackle this problem?

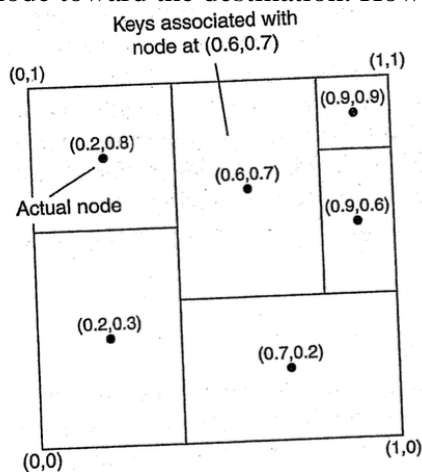
Question 2: What is a three-tiered client-server architecture?

Question 3: What is the difference between a vertical distribution and a horizontal distribution?

Question 4: In a structured overlay network, messages are routed according to the topology of the overlay. What is an important disadvantage of this approach?

**Question 5:** Consider a chain of processes  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  implementing a multitiered client-server architecture. Process  $P_i$  is client of process  $P_{i+1}$ , and  $P_i$  will return a reply to  $P_{i-1}$  only after receiving a reply from  $P_{i+1}$ . What are the main problems with this organization when taking a look at the request-reply performance at process  $P_1$ ?

**Question 6:** Considering that a node in CAN knows the coordinates of its immediate neighbors, a reasonable routing policy would be to forward a message to the closest node toward the destination. How good is this policy?



**Question 7:** What are the benefits of Microservices architecture compared to monolithic architecture?

**Question 8:** Design yourself an e-commerce system using Microservices architecture.