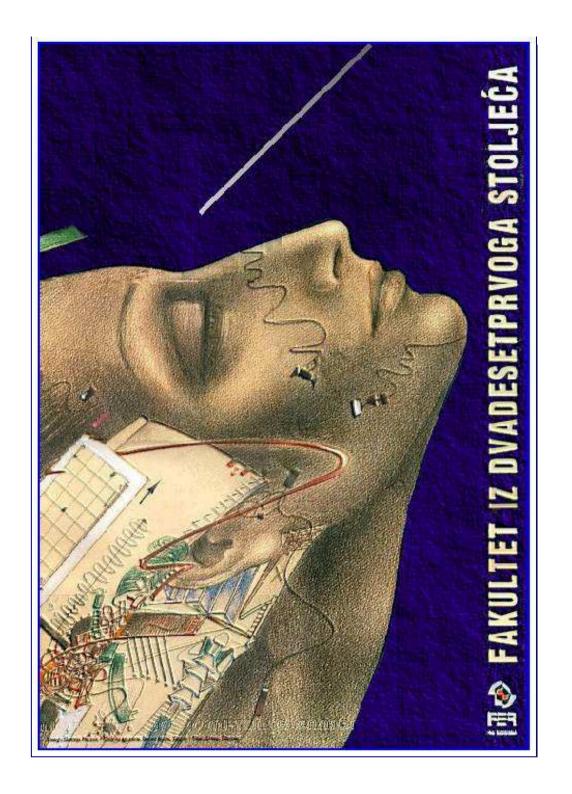
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Spatio-temporal
Databases

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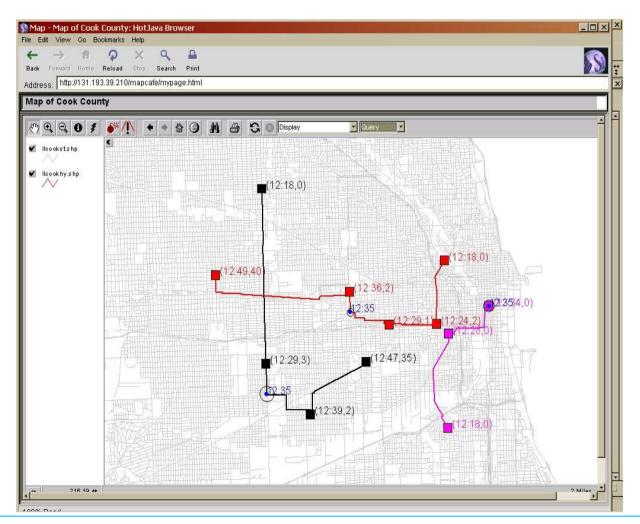


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- Taxonomy of Temporal Databases
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- Examples

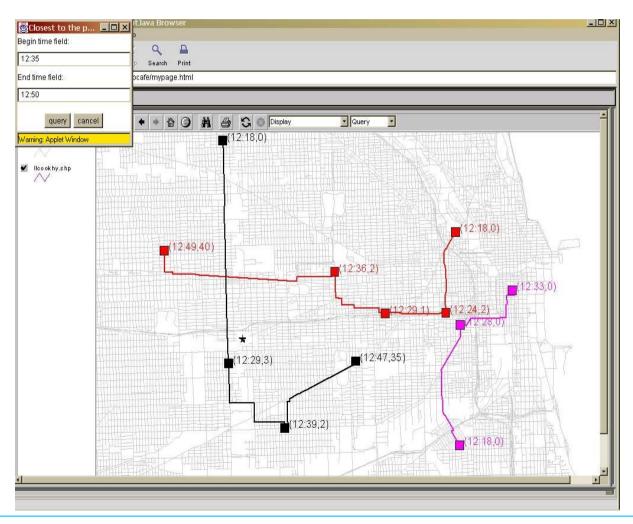
Examples

Q₁: Show all vehicle's locations at 12:35



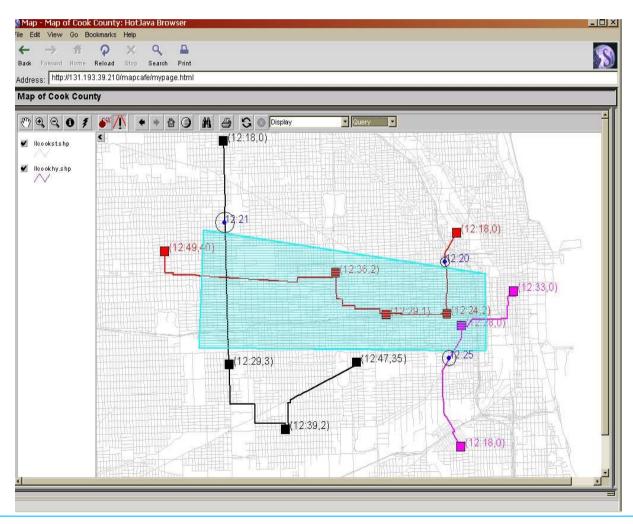
Examples

Q₃: Which vehicle will be closest to the "star" between 12:35 and 12:50?



Examples

Q_3 : When will each vehicle enter the specified sector?



Definitions

- A spatio-temporal data base is (a new type of) database system that manages spatio-temporal objects and supports corresponding query functionalities
- A spatio-temporal object is a kind of object that dynamically changes spatial location and/or extents along with time.
 - A typical example of a spatiotemporal object is a moving object whose location continuously changes.

Jespersen and Fitz-Randolph, From Sundials to Atomic Clocks

Managing Time in Standard DB

- Databases managed by standard DBMS reflect current state of the world as far as known in the database
- UPDATE → previous state is lost. However, keeping track of history needed by many applications. In standard DBMS possible if application manages time itself.
- Standard DBMS/SQL offer limited temporal support in the form of data types
 - date (a particular day from a year in the range 1 through 9999 A.D.)
 - time (a particular second within a range of 24 hours)
 - timestamp (a particular fraction of a second of a particular day)
 - interval (a directed relative duration of time time interval of known length with unspecified start and end instants)

Managing Time in Standard DB

Example:

```
parcel (city: string, number: integer, geometry: polygon)
Add attributes for managing time:
parcel (city: string, number: integer, geometry: polygon,
from: timestamp, to: timestamp)
```

- Disadvantages:
 - Temporal semantic, operations and integrity constraints built into application(s)
 - Difficult, error-prone, complex queries
 - Inefficient query execution

How to Implement ST Applications?

- Use built-in SQL data types and build temporal support in application(s)
 - Disadvantages
 - ... discussed on the previous slide
- Implement an abstract data type (ADT) for time
 - Disadvantages
 - Not possible using a pure relational model
 - ... similar to the previous approach
- Extend non-temporal model to temporal data model
 - Extend non-temporal schema with special temporal attributes
 - Extend algebra and query language wit additional operators to express a temporal join, temporal selection, temporal projection, etc.
 - Disadvantages
 - Proposed extended temporal usually concentrate on special features:
 - Temporal data structures
 - Query language design
 - Temporal algebra
 - Temporal integrity constraints

How to Implement ST Applications?

- Generalize non-temporal data model to a temporal data model All three components have to be generalized:
 - Data structures, operations and integrity constraints
 Type or schema of objects is not simply extended, but a new, simple and orthogonal concepts needs to be found
 - *simple*: easily implementable
 - orthogonal:
 - concept is not restricted to specific constructs of the data model (tuples, atributes, ...)
 - User should decide which granularity of data and even constructs of the model (types, collections, integrity constraints or even DB) shall be temporal
 - Temporal operations (including updates) shall refer to this new concept

The Goal of Spatio-Temporal Research

- Integrate spatio-temporal concepts deeply into DBMS data model and query language
- Extend the system implementation accordingly for efficient execution
- Built-in temporal support provides :
 - higher-fidelity data modeling
 - More efficient application development
 - Potential increase in performance

Time

- It's presented everywhere, but occupies no space
- We can measure it, but we can't see it, touch it, get rid of it, or put it in a container
- Everyone knows what it is and uses it every day, but no one has been able to define it.

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The Time Domain

Time is generally perceived as a one-dimensional space extending from the past to the future:

Past + Future

- There are some options:
 - bounded/infinite
 - discrete/dense/continuous
 - Discrete models are isomorphic to the natural numbers or integers
 - Each natural number corresponds to an atomic time interval *chronon*
 - Chronons can be grouped into larger units *granules* (hours, days, ...)
 - Dense models are isomorphic to either the rationals or the reals
 - between any two instants of time another instant of time exists
 - Continuous models are isomorphic the real numbers
 - Each real number corresponds to a point in time
 - absolute/relative
 - November 20, 2008, 15:45
 - two weeks

Temporal Data Types

Previous concepts of time can be captured in a number of data types:

instant

A particular *chronon* on the time line in the discrete model or a point on the timeline in a continuous model

period

An anchored interval on the time line

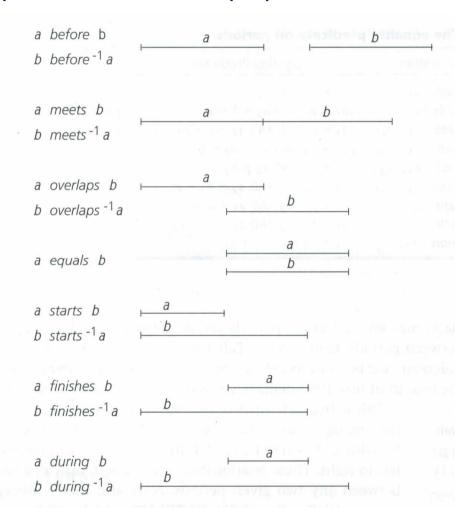
- Unlike standard SQL temporal types, period is not ordered there is only a partial order between periods
- Although is not part of SQL standard, period is relatively easy to simulate with date/time.

periods

A set of disjoint anchored intervals on the timeline - also called a *temporal element* in the literature.

Relationships/Predicates Between Two Periods

There are 13 possible relationships/predicates between two periods:



Relationships/Predicates Between Two Periods

Semantics of Allen's operators

Comparison Predicate	Equivalent Predicates on Endpoints
I_1 before I_2	$end(I_1) < begin(I_2)$
I_1 after I_2	$end(I_2) < begin(I_1)$
I_1 during I_2	$(begin(I_1) > begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) \le end(I_2)) \lor$
	$(begin(I_1) \ge begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) < end(I_2))$
I_1 contains I_2	$(begin(I_2) > begin(I_1) \land end(I_2) \le end(I_1)) \lor$
	$(begin(I_2) \ge begin(I_1) \land end(I_2) < end(I_1))$
I_1 overlaps I_2	$begin(I_1) < begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) > begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) < end(I_2)$
I_1 overlapped_by I_2	$begin(I_2) < begin(I_1) \land end(I_2) > begin(I_1) \land end(I_2) < end(I_1)$
I_1 meets I_2	$end(I_1) = begin(I_2)$
I_1 met_by I_2	$end(I_2) = begin(I_1)$
I_1 starts I_2	$begin(I_1) = begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) < end(I_2)$
I_1 started_by I_2	$begin(I_1) = begin(I_2) \land end(I_2) < end(I_1)$
I_1 finishes I_2	$begin(I_1) > begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) = end(I_2)$
I_1 finished_by I_2	$begin(I_2) > begin(I_1) \land end(I_1) = end(I_2)$
I_1 equals I_2	$begin(I_1) = begin(I_2) \land end(I_1) = end(I_2)$

Time Dimensions

In the context of databases, two orthogonal time dimensions are of general interests:

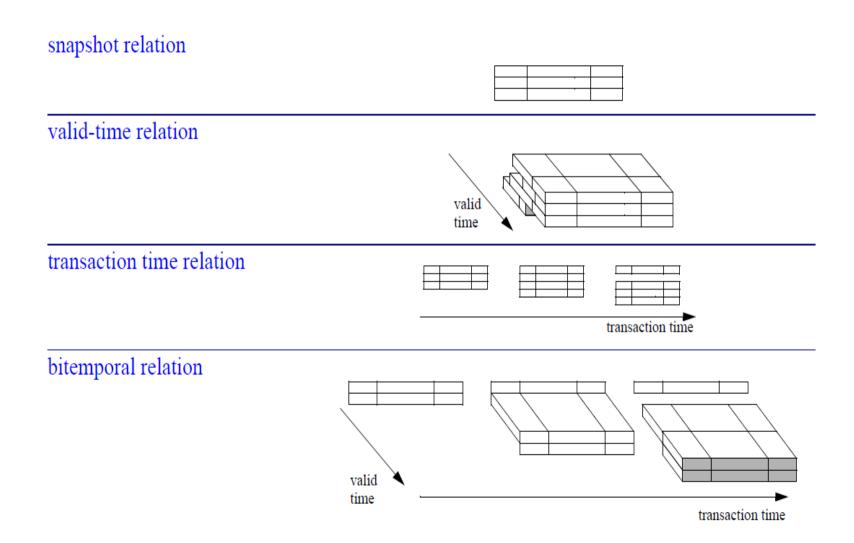
Valid time

Time in real world when an event occurs or a fact is valid, independent of the recording of that event/fact in some database.

• Transaction time

Time when a change is recorded in the database, or the time interval during which particular state of the database exists.

Time Dimensions



Time Dimensions

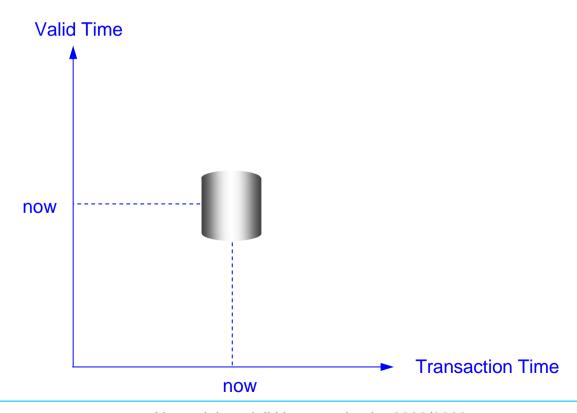
- Valid time and transaction time are:
 - Orthogonal
 - but, not homogeneous

Transaction time has different semantic than valid time.

Valid time may be extended into the future, transaction time is defined only until **now**.

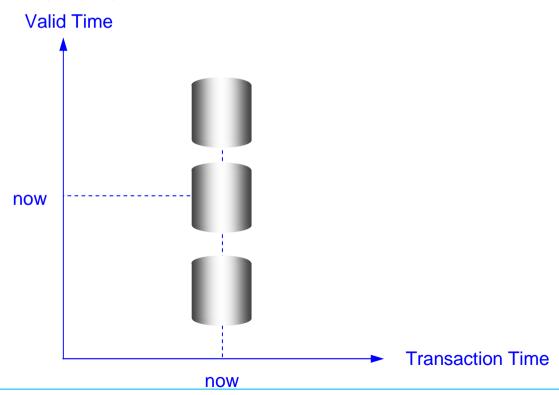
Snapshot Database

- Captures a single snapshot of the real world, usually current one
- This is what currently available commercial DBMS support
- Modifying the state of DB is done by INSERT, DELETE or UPDATE operations
- Past states of the database are overwritten.



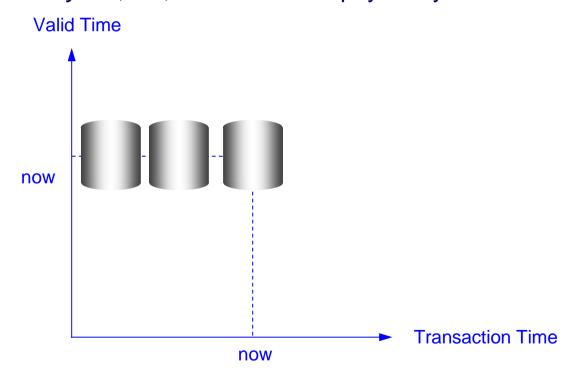
Historical Database

- Records the history of data wit the respect to real world, i.e. records database state along the *valid time* axis.
- The user must supply the valid time of a fact
- Data is still physically deleted when corrected



Rollback Database

- Records the changes to DB itself, i.e. records database state along the transaction time axis.
- An append-only DB, i.e., no data is ever physically deleted

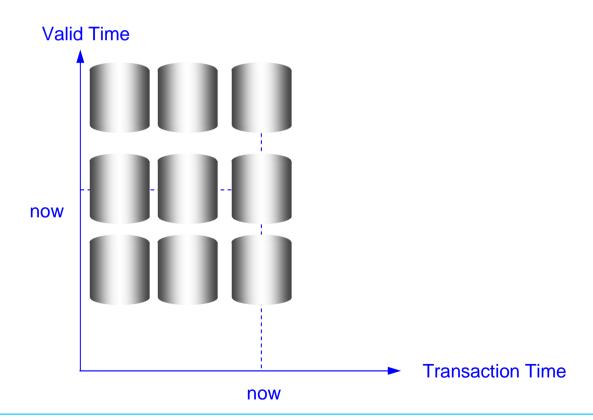


We consider linear transaction time only.

An alternative - branching transaction time, provides a useful model for versioning (long transaction).

Bitemporal Database

- A combination of a historical and a rollback DB.
- Records database states with respect to both valid time and transaction time



- Based on the *Bitemporal Conceptual Data Model* (BCDM)
 - 1. On the 6th of January, the administration was informed that Lisa had started to work in the toys department on the 1st and was going to work there until the 15th.
 - 2. On the 10th it became known and entered into the database that Lisa had moved to the

Name	Dept.	Time
Lisa	Toys	{(6, 1),, (6, 15),, (9, 1),, (9, 15), (10, 1),, (10, 7),, (19, 1),, (19, 7), (uc, 1),, (uc, 7), (12, 14),, (12, 20),, (19, 14),, (19, 20), (uc, 14),, (uc, 16)}
Lisa	Books	{(10, 8),, (10, 13),, (19, 8),, (19, 13), (uc, 8),, (uc, 13), (10, 14), (10, 15), (11, 14), (11, 15)}
John	Books	$\{(12, 11), (12, 12),, (12, \infty), (13, 11),, (13, \infty),, (19, 11),, (19, \infty), (uc, 11),, (uc, \infty)\}$

Bitemporal space

- On the 12th it was decided that Lisa would move back to toys on the 14th and would stay
 there a while longer, until the 20th. Also a new employee John had started the day before
 in the books department.
- 4. On the 20th, it was entered that Lisa had actually quit the company on the 16th.

An example of bitemporal relation:

```
CREATE TABLE parcel (
    city: STRING,
    number: INTEGER,
    geometry: POLYGON)

AS VALID STATE DAY AND TRANSACTION
```

- STATE* relation/DBMS records facts that are true over certain periods of time
- DAY valid time granularity (in this example one day)
- Transaction time granularity is system dependent (like milliseconds)

^{*} An alternative clause EVENT records events that occurred at certain instants of time.

- There are six different kinds of relations in TSQL2:
 - Snapshot relations (no temporal support)
 - Valid-time state relations (... as **VALID** [STATE])
 - Valid-time event relations (... as **VALID EVENT**)
 - Transaction-time relations (... as **TRANSACTION**)
 - Bitemporal state relations (... as valid state and transaction)
 - Bitemporal event relations (... as valid event and transaction)

Display geometry of parcels (now or in the past):

```
SELECT SNAPSHOT p.geometry FROM parcel AS p;
```

Display juridical geometry changes of parcel 456 in the City of Vienna:

```
SELECT geometry
FROM parcel
WHERE city = "Vienna"
AND number = 456;
```

Display juridical geometry changes of parcel 456 in the City of Vienna, during 2000:

```
SELECT p.geometry
VALID INTERSECT(VALID(p), PERIOD '[2000]' DAY)
FROM parcel AS p
WHERE p.city = "Vienna"
AND p.number = 456;
```

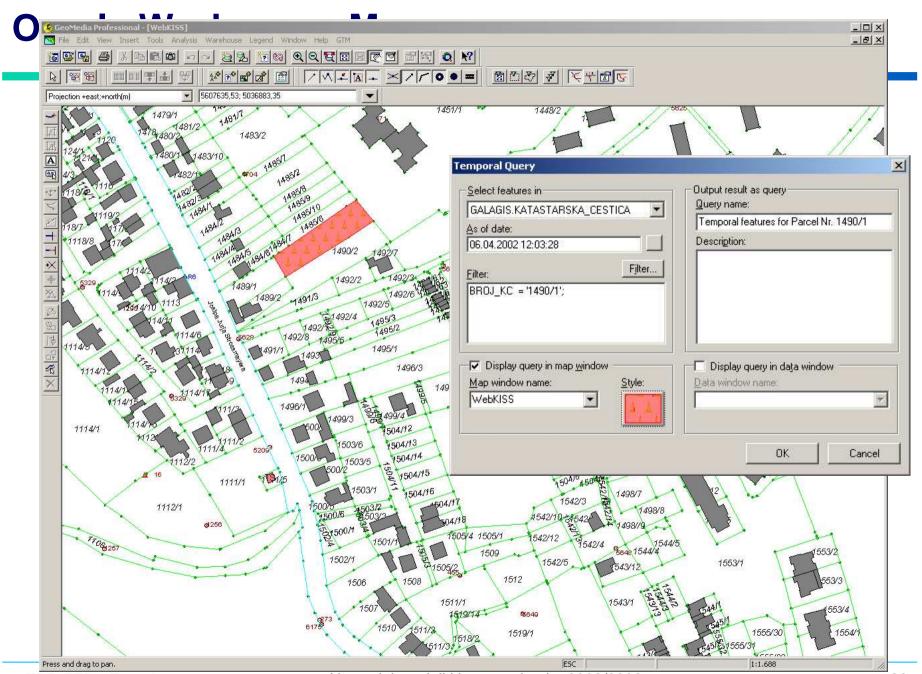
Display adjacent parcels of parcel 456 in the City of Vienna as of March 17, 1977:

```
SELECT ap.geometry
FROM parcel AS p, parcel AS ap
WHERE VALID(p) OVERLAPS DATE '[1977-03-17]'
AND p.city = "Vienna"
AND p.number = 456
AND p.geometry.touches(ap.geometry);
```

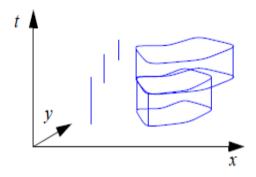
Oracle Workspace Manager

- Wrapper/Simulator on top of Oracle DBMS
- Black box which cannot be changed (wrapped package)
- Does'not support SQL-like temporal queries, but

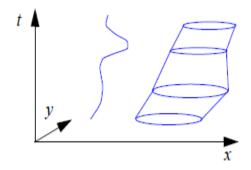
```
EXECUTE dbms_wm.GoToDate('06-APR-2002');
SELECT number, geometry
FROM parcel_hist
WHERE number = '1490/1';
```



Supports discrete spatio-temporal changes



... but not continuous spatio-temporal changes



Moving Objects Databases – Current Movement

- Moving objects spatio-temporal model MOST
 - Trajectory location management prospective, i.e. management the locations of a set mobile objects that are moving right now
 - Supports current and expected future movement
 - FTL query language, based on *future temporal logic*
 - Basically SQL extended with temporal operators
 - UNTIL, NEXTTIME, EVENTUALLY, ALWAYS
 - Restricted on moving points
 - Does not address any complex geometries
 - Query example:

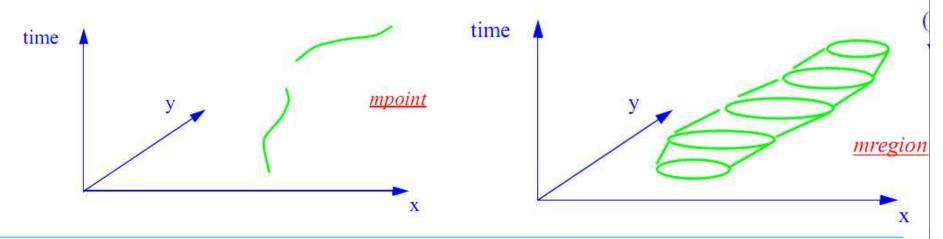
```
SELECT id

FROM helicopters h

WHERE EVENTUALLY_WITHIN (inside (h, Valley), 10)

AND ALWAYS (inside (h, Valley), 2);
```

- Spatio-temporal data perspective
 - Geospatial objects stored in geospatial DB which change continuously over time
 - Spatio-temporal data types
 - Time dependent geometries with operations
 - moving point (people, cars, animals, planes, ships, ...)
 - moving region (forests, forest fires, countries, hurricanes, armies, ...)



Assume some available operators

```
trajectory
moving(point)
                                               line
moving(region)
                                                                    traversed
                                               region
                                                                    deftime
moving(\alpha)
                                               periods
moving(point) x moving(region) →
                                               moving(point)
                                                                    intersection
moving(\alpha) x instant
                                               intime(\alpha)
                                                                    atinstant
intime(\alpha)
                                               instant
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intime(\alpha)
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periods(\alpha)
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intime(\alpha)
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                                               \alpha
```

moving - a type constructor that transforms a type α into a time dependent version of that type, $moving(\alpha)$

Examples

```
flight (id:STRING, from:STRING, to:STRING, route:mPoint)
weather (id : STRING, kind : STRING, area : mRegion)
All flights from Vienna that are longer than 5000 miles
SELECT id
FROM flight
WHERE from = "ZAG"
AND length(trajectory(route)) > 5000;
```

Examples

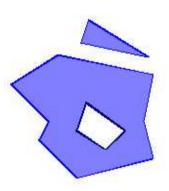
```
What was the route taken by flight 'OS 7052'?
SELECT trajectory (route)
FROM flight
WHERE id = "OS 7052";
Which flights went through a snow storm?
SELECT f.id
FROM flight f, weather w
WHERE w.kind = "snow storm"
AND duration(visits(f.route, w.area)) > 0
Which flights were in snow storm for more than 5 minutes?
SELECT f.id
FROM flight f, weather w
WHERE w.kind = "snow storm"
AND duration(deftime(intersection(f.route, w.area))) > 300
```

- Implementation concept
 ADT extension package to an extensible (OR, OO) DBMS
- Work program
 - Design a system of types and operations (*many sorted algebra*)
 - Which level of abstraction ?
 - Abstract model (infinite representation)
 - A continuous function from time into the Euclidean plane $f: \Re \to \Re^2$
 - Mathematically simple, elegant, and uniform, but not directly implementable
 - Discrete model (finite representation)
 - A polyline in the 3D space representing such a function
 - More complex and heterogeneuous, but can be implemented
 - Design data structures for the types and algorithms for the operations
 - Implement DBMS extension package

Discrete model (part)



abstract



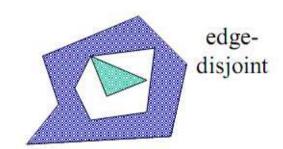
discrete

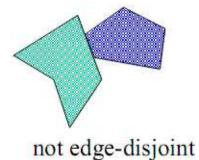
Seg = ... (def. of line segments)

Cycle =
$$\{S \subset Seg \mid\}$$
 (def. of simple polygon)

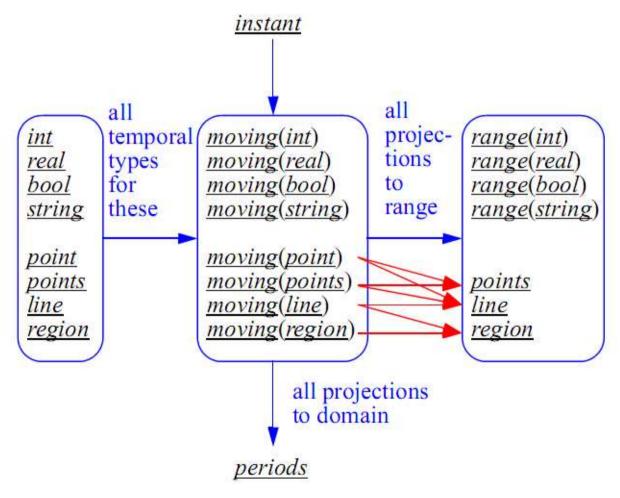
Face = $\{(c, H) \mid c \in Cycle, H \subset Cycle, \text{ such that } ...\}$
 $D_{\underline{region}} = \{F \subset Face \mid f_1, f_2 \in F \land f_1 \neq f_2$
 $\Rightarrow \text{edge-disjoint}(f_1, f_2)\}$

a finite set of polygons, each with polygonal holes





Type System



Type System as a signature

Type constructor	Signature	
int, real, string, bool		\rightarrow BASE
point, points, line, region		\rightarrow SPATIAL
<u>instant</u>		\rightarrow TIME
<u>range</u>	BASE ∪ TIME	\rightarrow RANGE
moving, intime	$BASE \cup SPATIAL$	\rightarrow TEMPORAL

- A signature has sorts and operations
- Sorts collections of types
- Operations type constructors

- Operations and QL Design Goals
 - As generic as possible
 - Consistency between operations on non-temporal and temporal types

point x point

→ real

distance

mpoint x mpoint

→ mreal

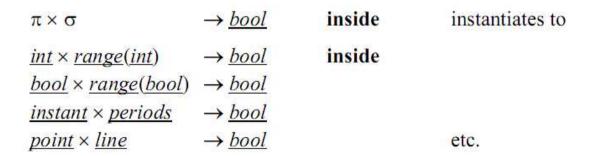
mdistance

- 1. Define operations on non-temporal types
- 2. "Lift" them all to temporal types lifting
- 3. Add specific operations for temporal types
- 4. To obtain a powerful query language, it is necessary to include operations from various domains:
 - Simple set theory
 - FOL
 - Order relationships
 - Topology
 - Metric spaces
 - ...

Operations on Non-Temporal Types

Generic view: point and point set in some space

		10	O
	Space	point type	point set type
	Integer	int	range(int)
	Real	real	range(real)
1D	Bool	<u>bool</u>	range(bool)
Spaces	String	string	range(string)
	Time	<u>instant</u>	<u>periods</u>
2D Space	2D	<u>point</u>	points, line, region



Operations on Non-Temporal Types ...

Class	Operations
Predicates	<pre>isempty =, /=, intersects, inside <, <=, >=, >, before touches, attached, overlaps, on_border, in_interior</pre>
Set Operations	intersection, union, minus crossings, touch_points, common_border
Aggregation	min, max, avg, center, single
Numeric	no_components, size, perimeter, duration, length, area
Distance and Direction	distance, direction
Base Type Specific	and, or, not

Operations on Non-Temporal Types - Predicates

Unary

Operation	Signature		Semantics
isempty[undefined]	π	$\rightarrow \underline{bool}$	$u = \bot$
	σ	$\rightarrow \underline{bool}$	$U = \emptyset$

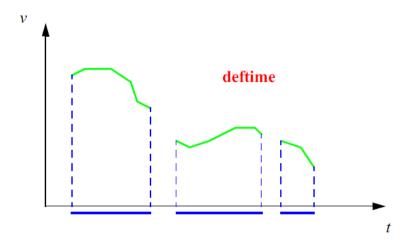
Binary

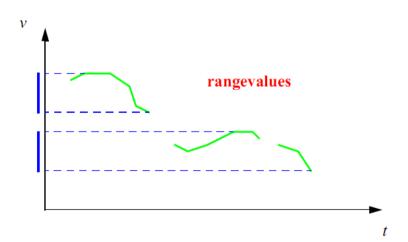
	Sets	Order (1D Spaces)	Topology
point vs. point	$u = v, u \neq v$	$u < v, u \le v,$ $u \ge v, u > v$	
point set vs. point set	$U = V, U \neq V$ $U \cap V \neq \emptyset \text{ (intersects)}$ $U \subseteq V \text{ (inside)}$	$\forall u \in U, \forall v \in V : u \leq v$ (before)	$ \begin{array}{l} \partial U \cap \partial V \neq \varnothing \text{ (touches)} \\ \partial U \cap V^{\circ} \neq \varnothing \text{ (attached)} \\ U^{\circ} \cap V^{\circ} \neq \varnothing \text{ (overlaps)} \end{array} $
point vs. point set	$u \in V$ (inside)	$\forall u \in U : u \le v \qquad \text{(before)}$ $\forall v \in V : u \le v$	$u \in \partial V$ (on_border) $u \in V^{\circ}$ (in_interior)

- Operations on Temporal Types
 - Values of temporal types (i.e. $moving(\alpha)$) are partial functions

$$f: A_{instant} \to A_{ci}$$

- Projection to Domain and Range
 - deftime define set of time intervals when a temporal function is defined
 - rangevalues define set of time intervals when a temporal function is defined





Operations on Temporal Types

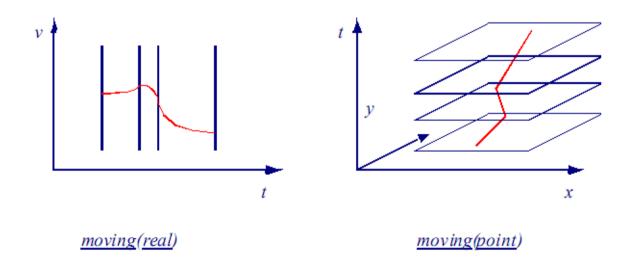
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deftime
rangevalues
locations
locations
trajectory
trajectory
routes
traversed

Operations on Temporal Types How large was the area of Austria affected by hurricane "Lizzy"? LET Austria = ... LET Lizzy = ELEMENT (SELECT id FROM weather WHERE id = "Lizzy"); area(intersection(traversed(Lizzy), Austria); Where was flight "OS 7052" while hurricane "Lizzy" was over Austria? LET Austria = ... trajectory(atperiods (ELEMENT(SELECT route FROM flight where id = "OS 7052"), deftime(at(Lizzy, Austria)));

- **Implementation**
 - Based on discrete model based on *sliced representation*: Temporal development of the value of type α by decomposing the time dimension into a set of disjoint time intervals ("slices") such that within each slice the development can be described by some "simple" function.



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