Trees for multidimensional data

There are dozens of such structures

kd-Trees

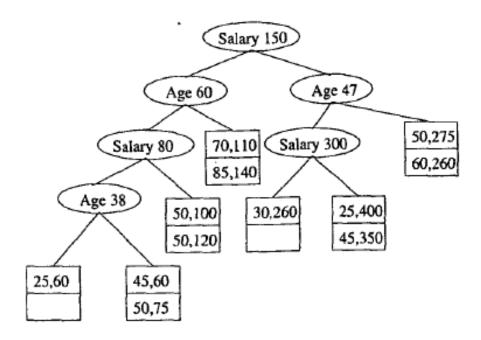
- k-dimensional search tree
- Intuition: a binary search tree to multidimensional data where each dimension has values interleaved along paths from root to leaves

kd-Tree node

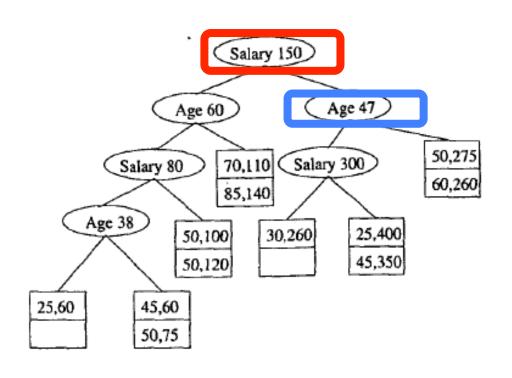
- have an attribute a with an associated value V
- node splits data points into those with a-value \le V and a-value > V
- attributes a at different levels of the tree are different!

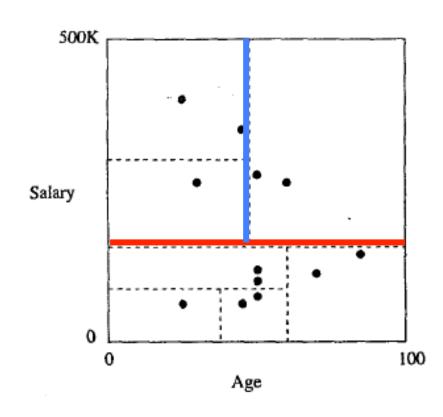
kd-Tree example

- Classical kd-Trees have values within interior nodes...
- ... but our databaseadapted kd-Tree restricts values to leave nodes...
- ... that is, each interior node is in memory & leaf nodes are disk blocks
- Example:
 - First level: salary
 - Second level: age
 - Other levels: continue to alternate
- In effect we are partitioning the data



kd-Tree corresponding partitioning

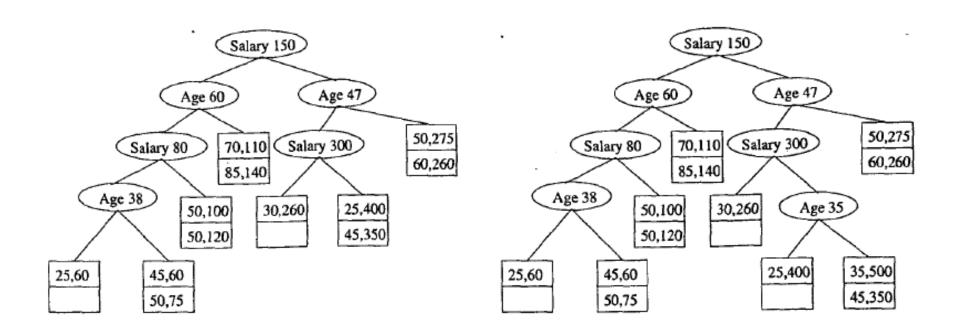




kd-Tree operations

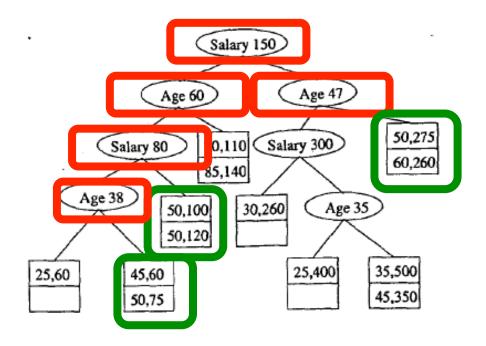
- Lookup
 - Just like a binary search tree, albeit with lookup based on the attribute at each relevant level
- Insertion
 - Start with lookup
 - If we reach a block with room, the insert into spare slot
 - Otherwise split block in two, dividing according to appropriate attribute for new level (and creating appropriate interior node)
- Example: insert data point for 35-year-old gamer with salary of \$500K.

Insert: 35-year-old gamer; \$500K



kd-Tree operations

- Partial-Match queries
 - Recall this query corresponds to having values for some attributes but not for others
- Example: Return all points with age = 50.
 - Sometimes we must look at both children of an interior node...
 - ... while at other times we need only look at left or right subtree.



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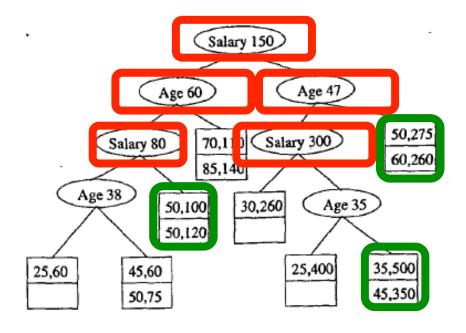
Range Queries

- Range might clearly indicate one child node...
- ... but may just as easily straddle a node.

• Example:

- Ages: 35 to 55

Salaries: \$100K to \$200K



Colophon

- Some diagrams taken from first edition of "Database Systems: The Complete Book"
- A bit of the B+ tree algorithm material based on http://dblab.cs.toronto.edu/courses/ 443/2013/05.btree-index.html
- Additional concepts on multidimensional indexes: "Multidimensional Access Methods", Volker Graede & Oliver Günther (ACM Computing Surveys, 30(2), pp. 170-231