# Module 8: Data Structures for Multi-Dimensional Data

## CS 240 - Data Structures and Data Management

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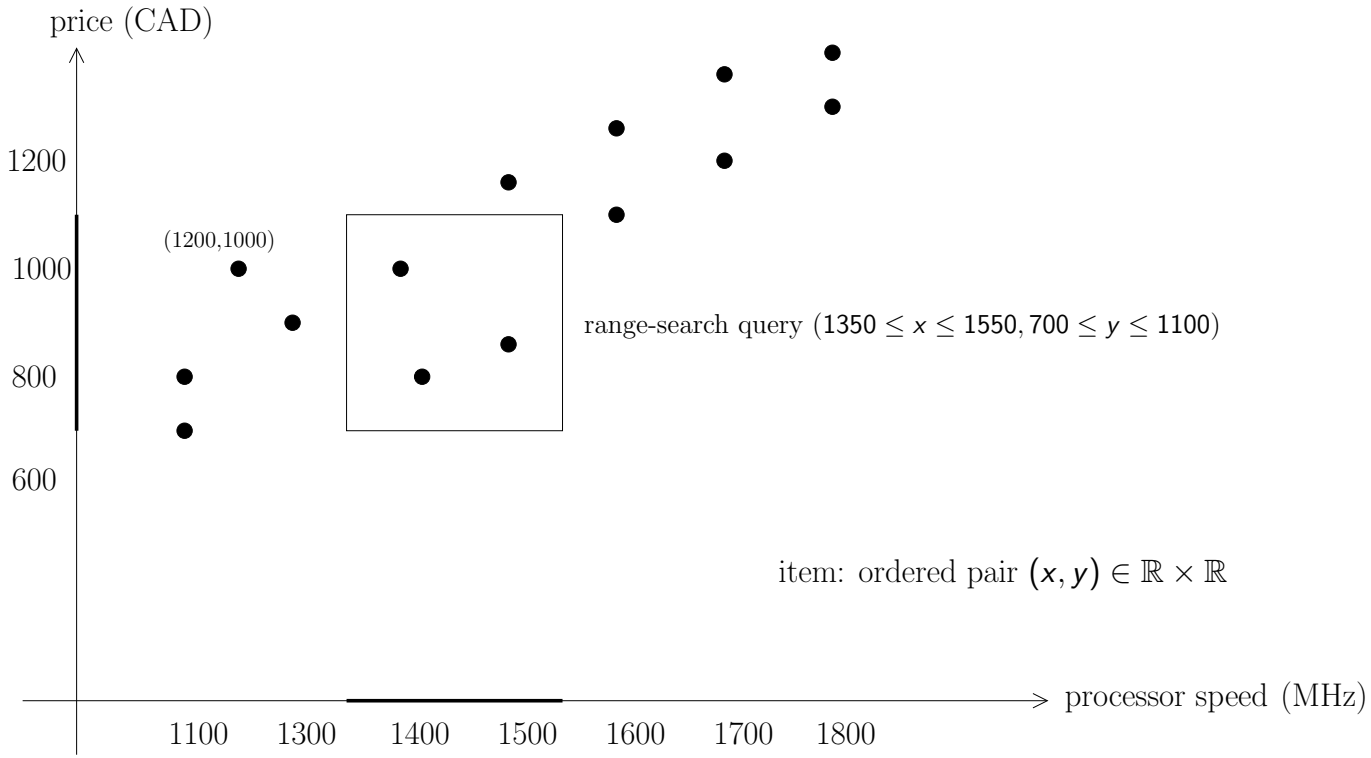
# Multi-Dimensional Data

- Various applications
  - Attributes of a product (laptop: price, screen size, processor speed, RAM, hard drive,$\cdots$)
  - Attributes of an employee (name, age, salary,$\cdots$)
- Dictionary for multi-dimensional data
  A collection of $d$-dimensional items
  Each item has $d$ aspects (coordinates): $(x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_{d-1})$
  Operations: insert, delete, range-search query
- (Orthogonal) Range-search query: specify a range (interval) for certain aspects, and find all the items whose aspects fall within given ranges.
  Example: laptops with screen size between 11 and 13 inches, RAM between 8 and 16 GB, price between 1,500 and 2,000 CAD

# Multi-Dimensional Data

- Each item has $d$ aspects (coordinates): $(x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_{d-1})$
- Aspect values $(x_i)$ are numbers
- Each item corresponds to a point in $d$-dimensional space
- We concentrate on $d = 2$, i.e., points in Euclidean plane



# One-Dimensional Range Search

- First solution: ordered arrays
  - Running time: $O(\log n + k)$, $k$: number of reported items
  - Problem: does not generalize to higher dimensions
- Second solution: balanced BST (e.g., AVL tree)

*BST-RangeSearch*$(T, k_1, k_2)$
$T$: A balanced search tree, $k_1, k_2$: search keys
Report keys in $T$ that are in range $[k_1, k_2]$

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1.   if T = nil then return
2.   if key(T) < k1 then
3.       BST-RangeSearch(T.right, k1, k2)
4.   if key(T) > k2 then
5.       BST-RangeSearch(T.left, k1, k2)
6.   if k1 ≤ key(T) ≤ k2 then
7.       BST-RangeSearch(T.left, k1, k2)
8.       report key(T)
9.       BST-RangeSearch(T.right, k1, k2)
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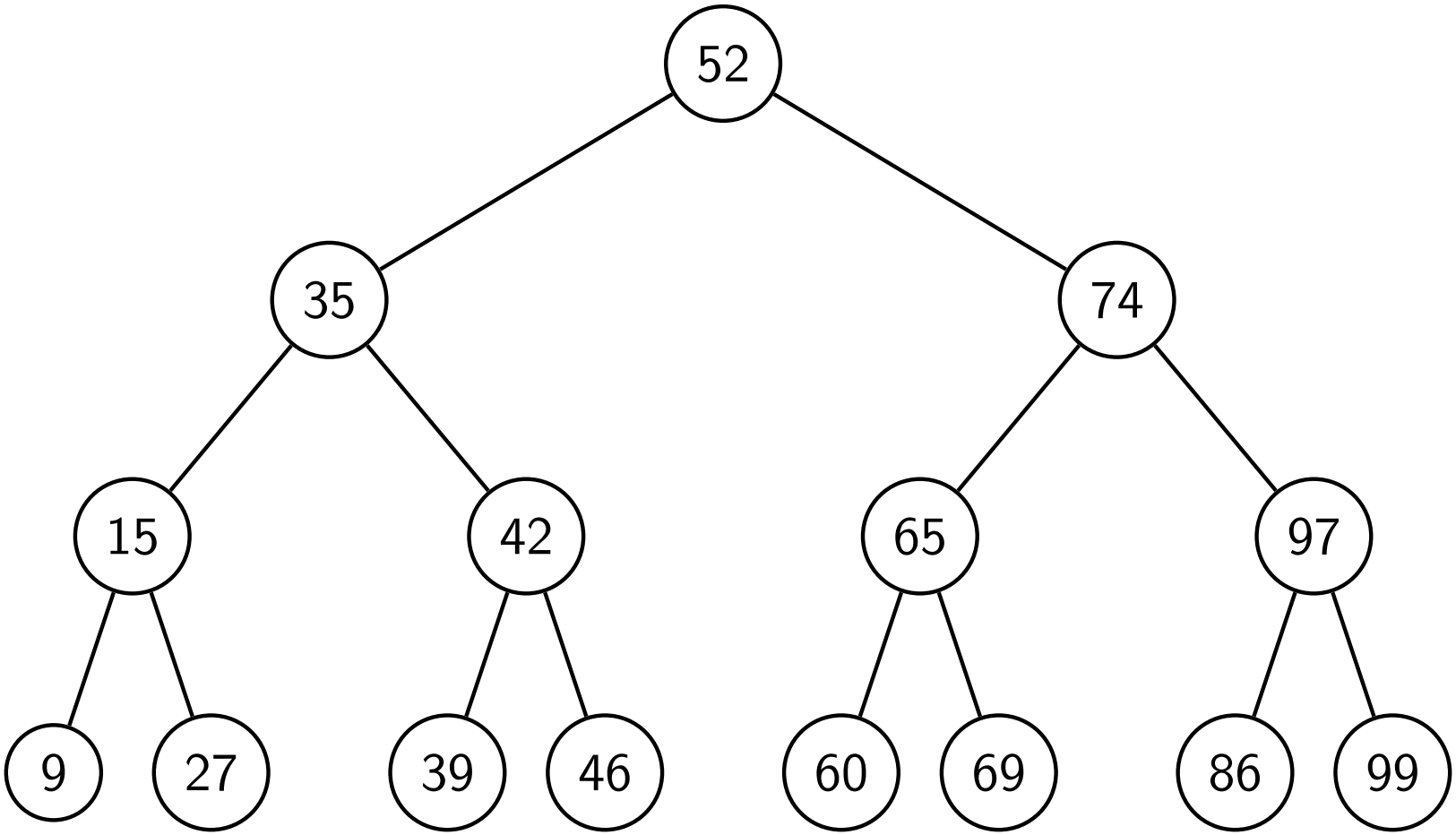
# Range Search example

*BST-RangeSearch*$(T, 30, 65)$



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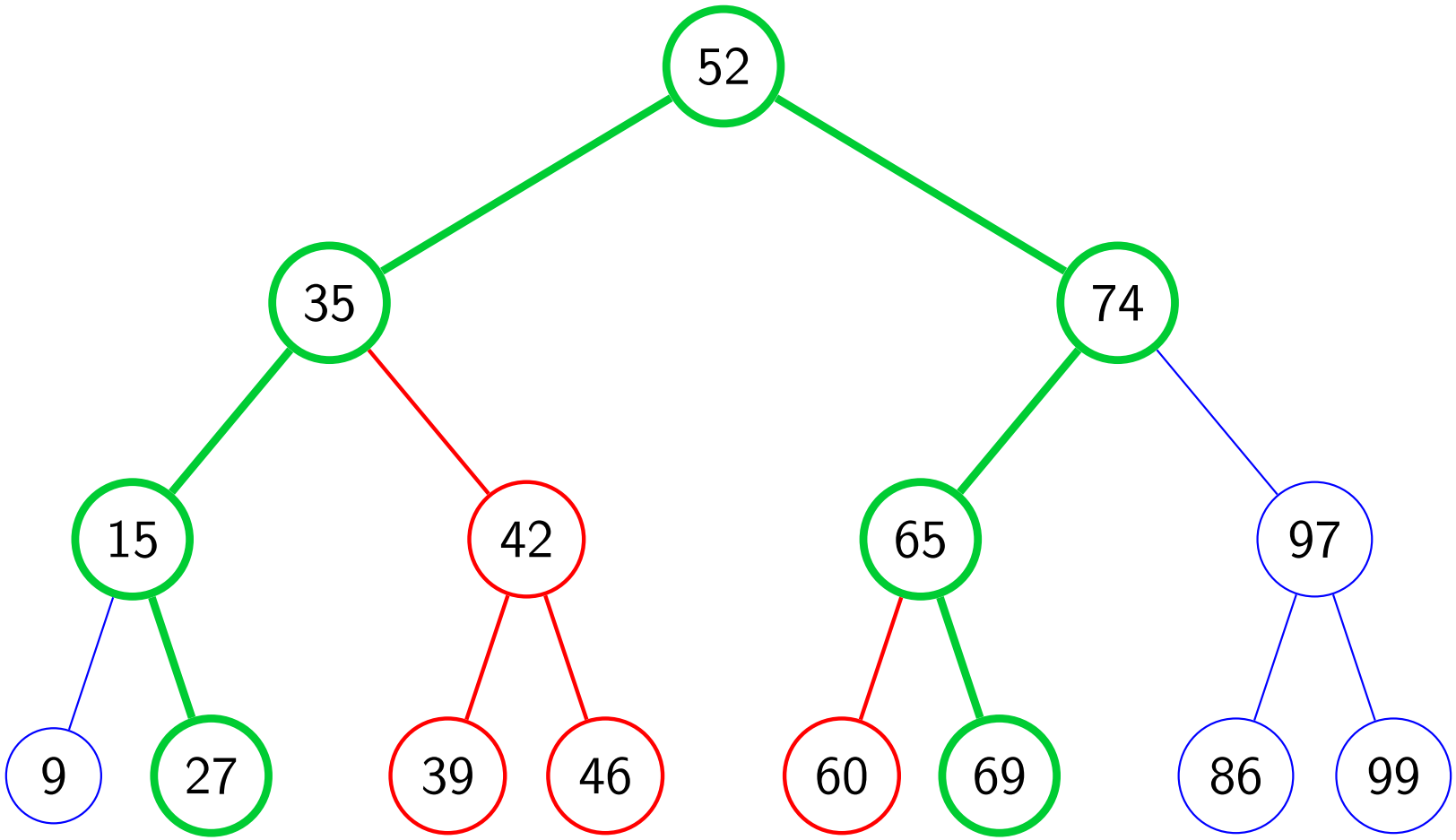

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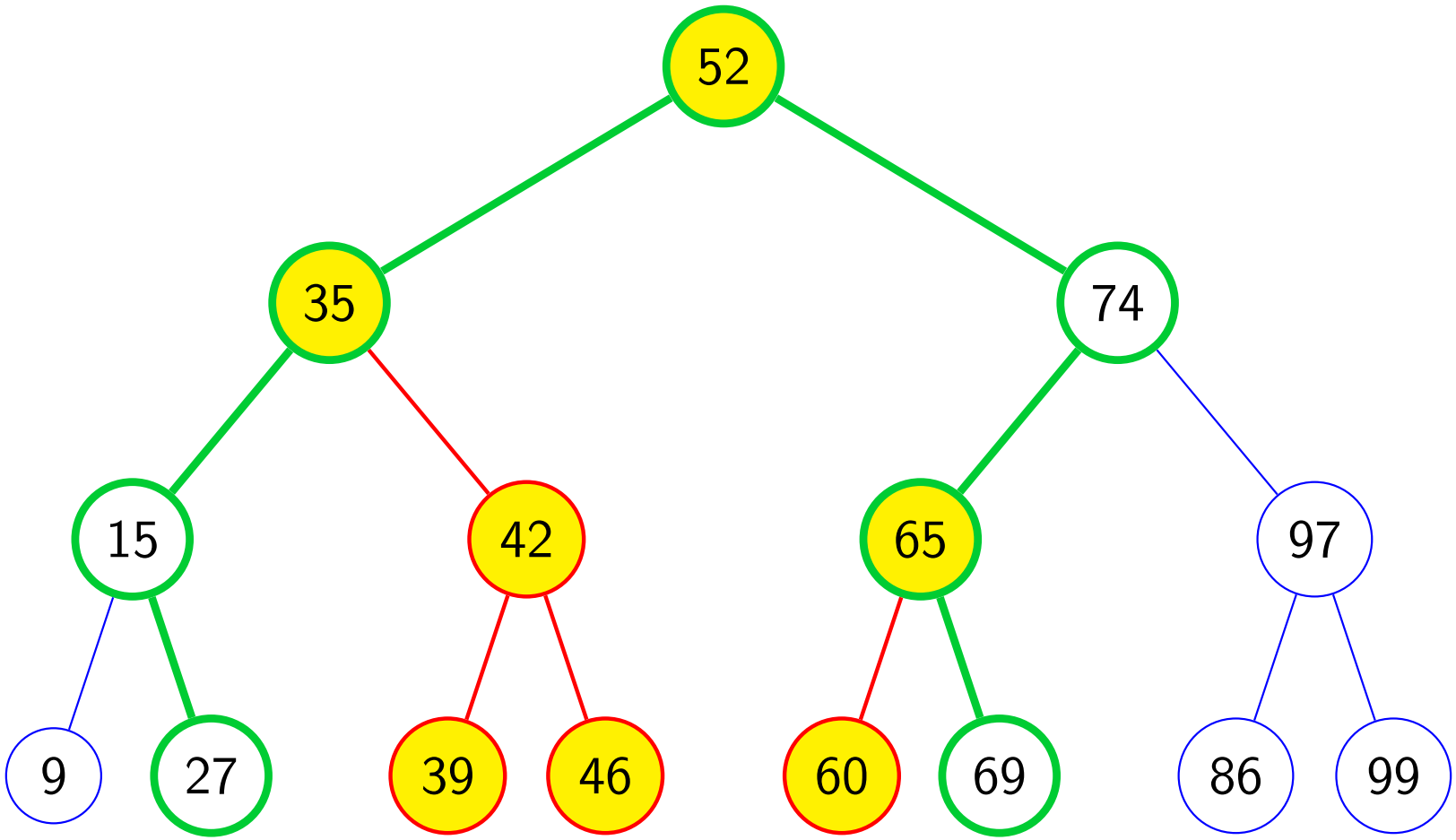


Note: Not every boundary node is returned.

# One-Dimensional Range Search

- $P_1$: path from the root to a leaf that goes right if $k < k_1$ and left otherwise
- $P_2$: path from the root to a leaf that goes left if $k > k_2$ and right otherwise
- Partition nodes of $T$ into three groups:
  1. boundary nodes: nodes in $P_1$ or $P_2$
  2. inside nodes: non-boundary nodes that belong to either (a subtree rooted at a right child of a node of $P_1$) or (a subtree rooted at a left child of a node of $P_2$)
  3. outside nodes: non-boundary nodes that belong to either (a subtree rooted at a left child of a node of $P_1$) or (a subtree rooted at a right child of a node of $P_2$)

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- $k$: number of reported items
- Nodes visited during the search:
  - $O(\log n)$ boundary nodes
  - $O(k)$ inside nodes
  - No outside nodes
- Running time $O(\log n + k)$

# 2-Dimensional Range Search

- Each item has 2 aspects (coordinates): $(x_i, y_i)$
- Each item corresponds to a point in Euclidean plane
- Options for implementing $d$-dimensional dictionaries:
  - Reduce to one-dimensional dictionary: combine the $d$-dimensional key into one key
    Problem: Range search on one aspect is not straightforward
  - Use several dictionaries: one for each dimension
    Problem: inefficient, wastes space
  - Partition trees
    - ★ A tree with $n$ leaves, each leaf corresponds to an item
    - ★ Each internal node corresponds to a region
    - ★ quadtrees, kd-trees
  - multi-dimensional range trees

# Quadtrees

- We have $n$ points $P = \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \cdots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})\}$ in the plane
- How to build a quadtree on $P$:
  - Find a square $R$ that contains all the points of $P$ (We can compute minimum and maximum $x$ and $y$ values among $n$ points)
  - Root of the quadtree corresponds to $R$
  - Split: Partition $R$ into four equal subsquares (quadrants), each correspond to a child of $R$
  - Recursively repeat this process for any node that contains more than one point
  - Points on split lines belong to left/bottom side
  - Each leaf stores (at most) one point
  - We can delete a leaf that does not contain any point

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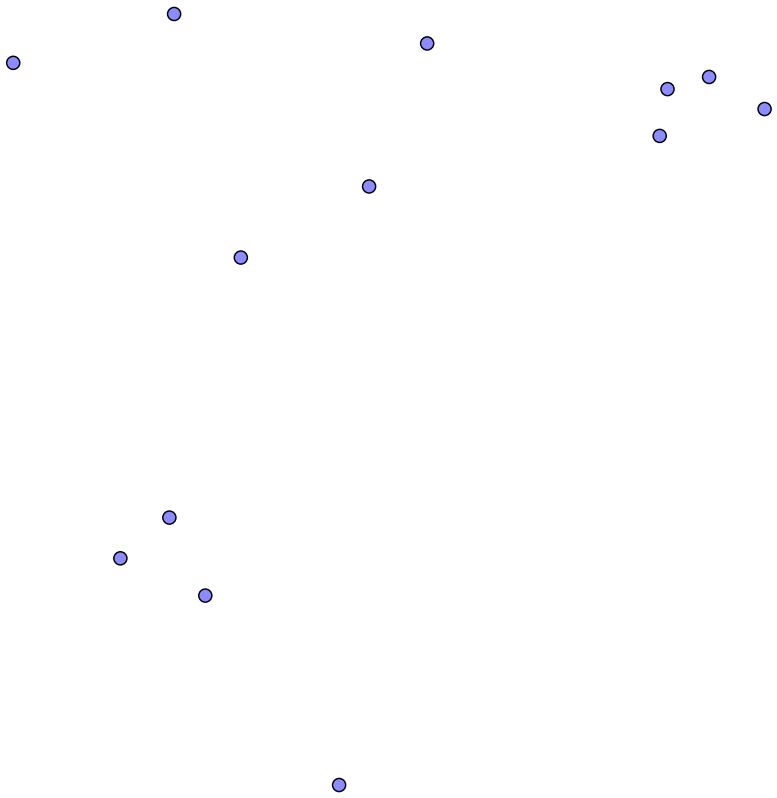

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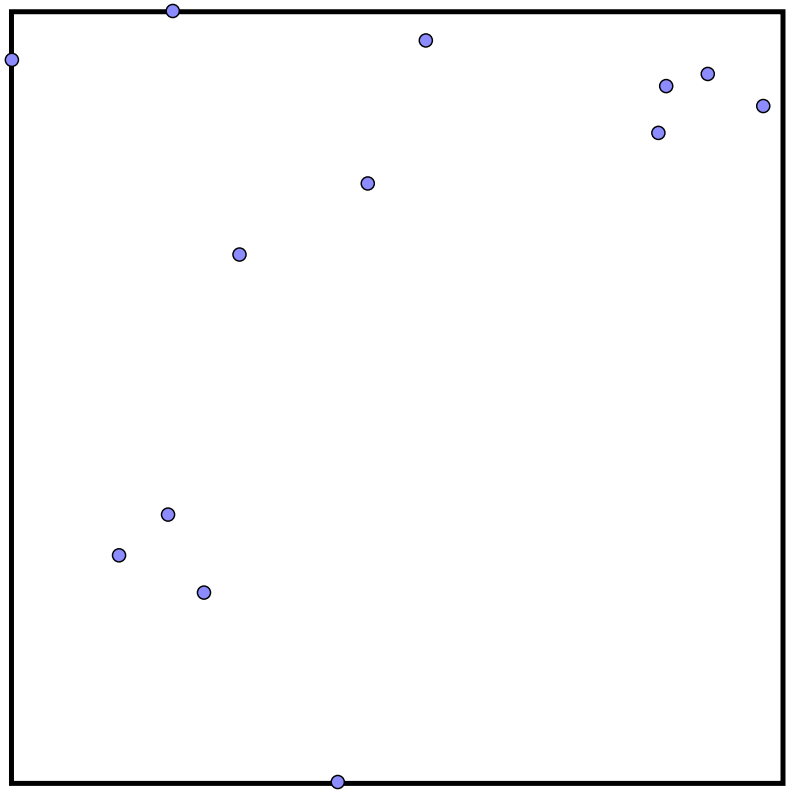

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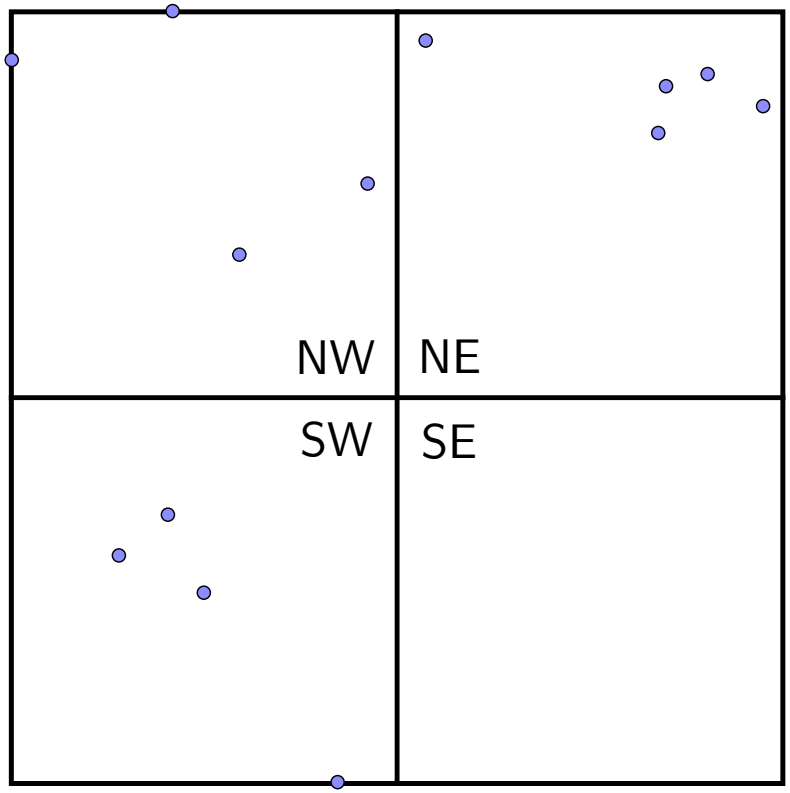


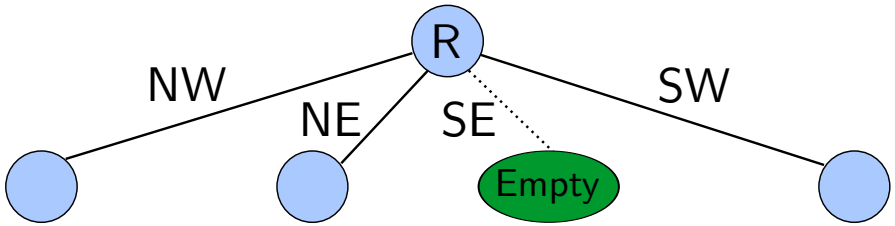

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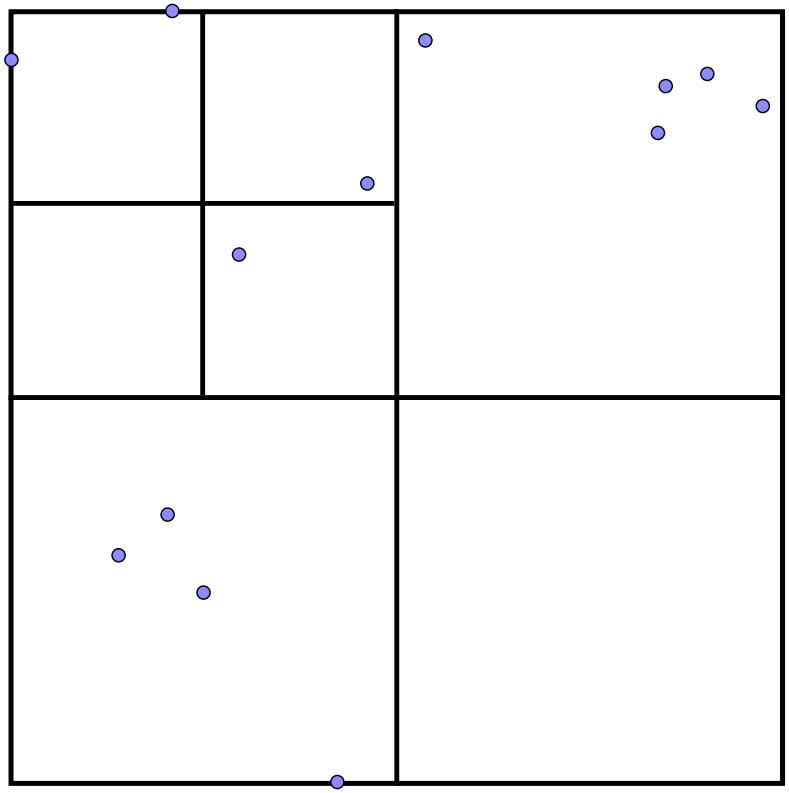

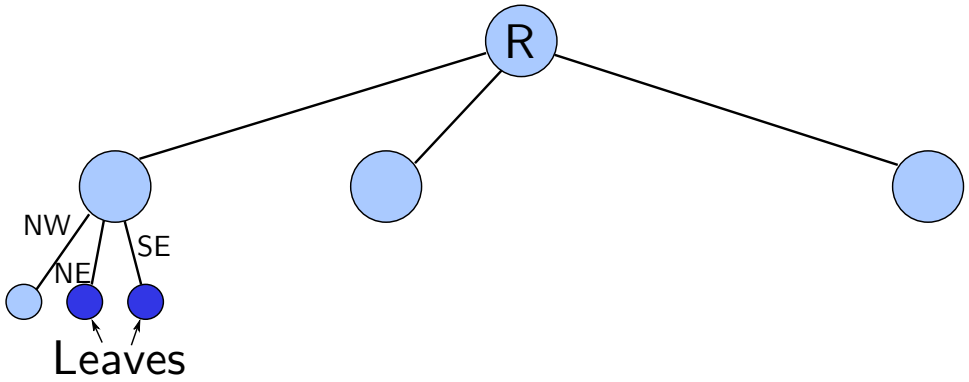

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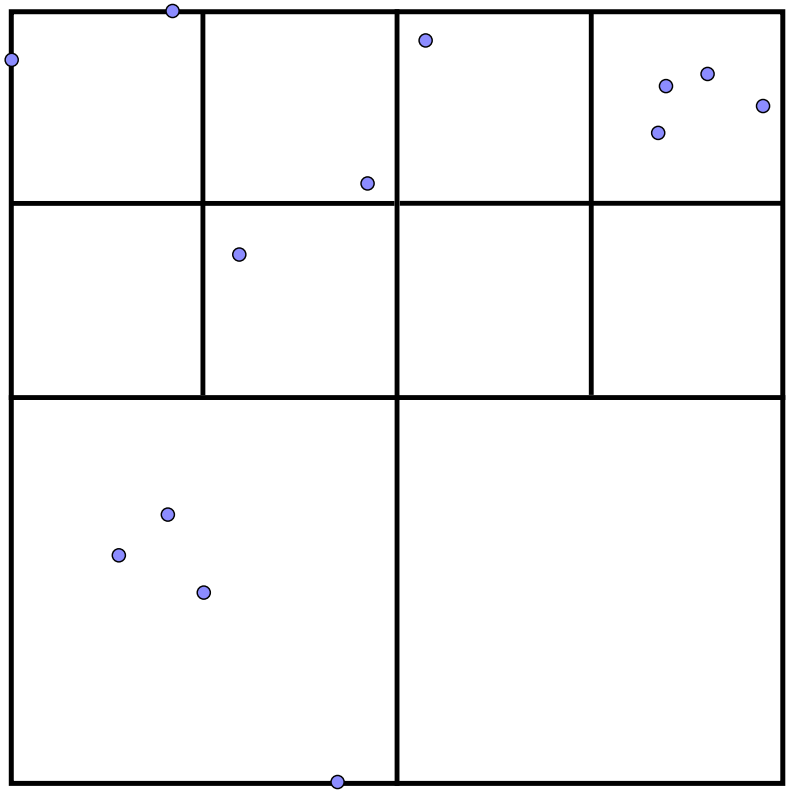

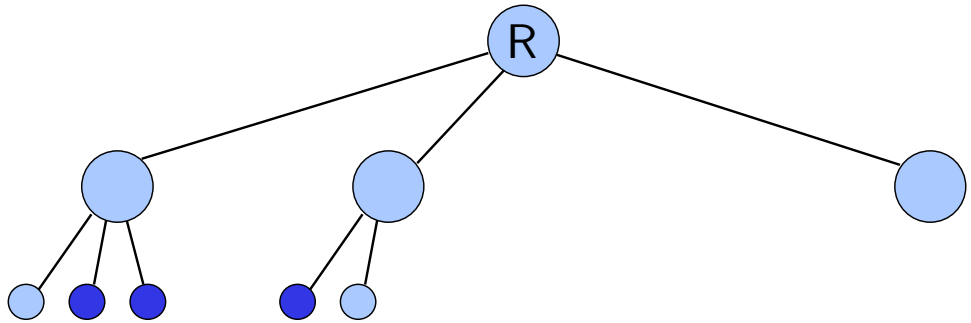

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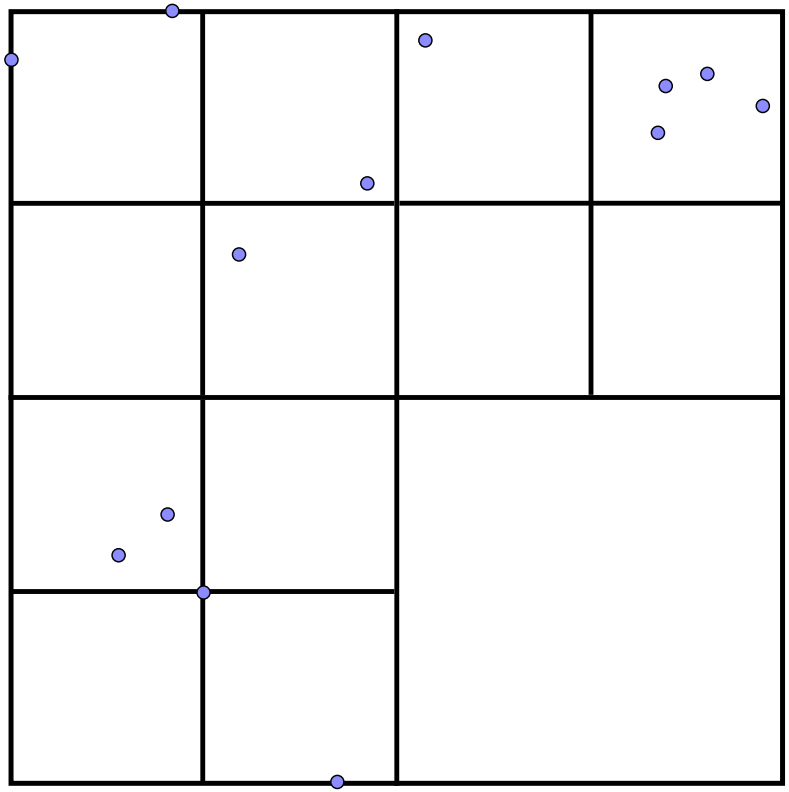

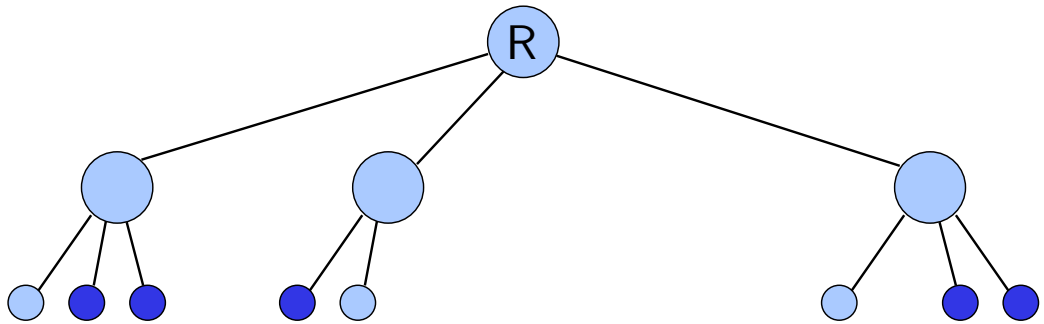

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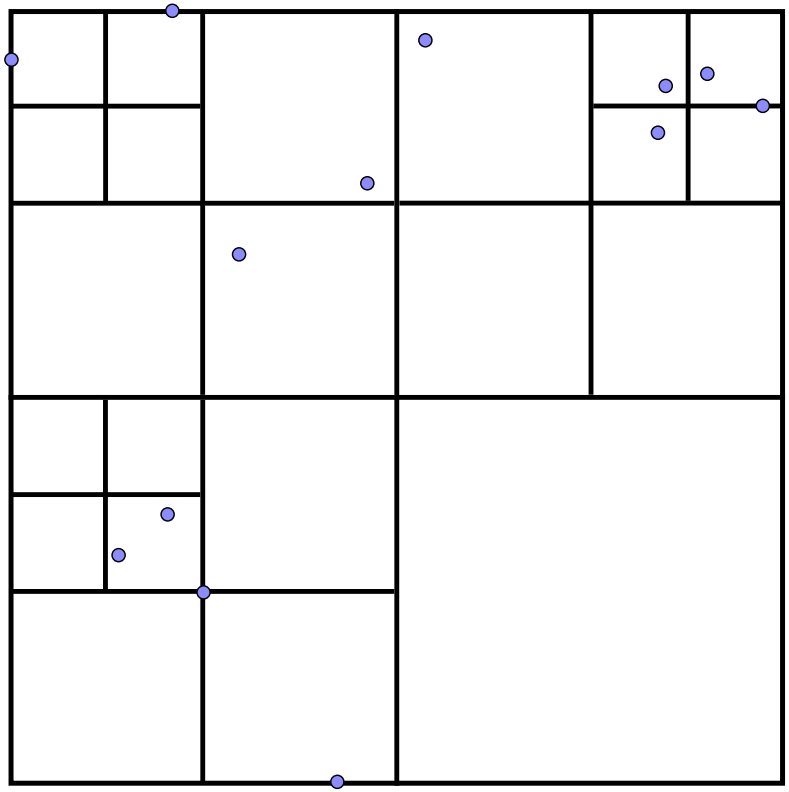

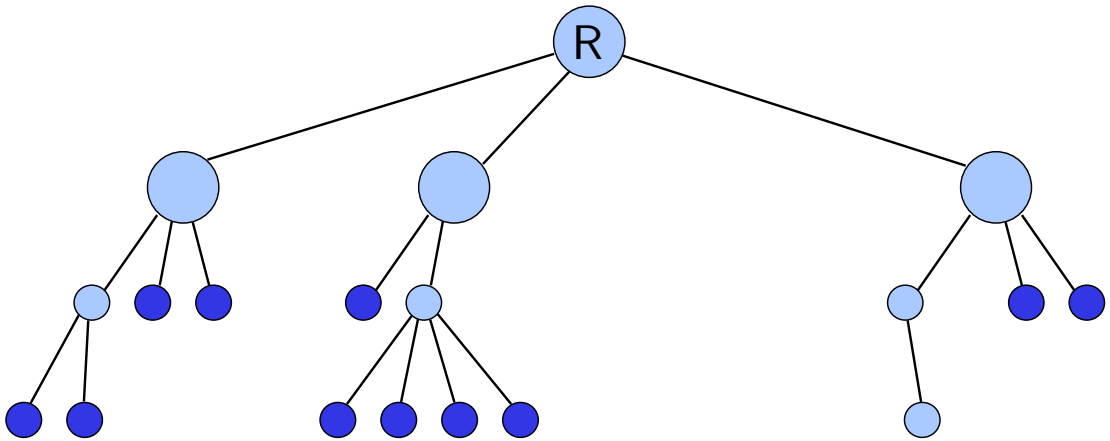

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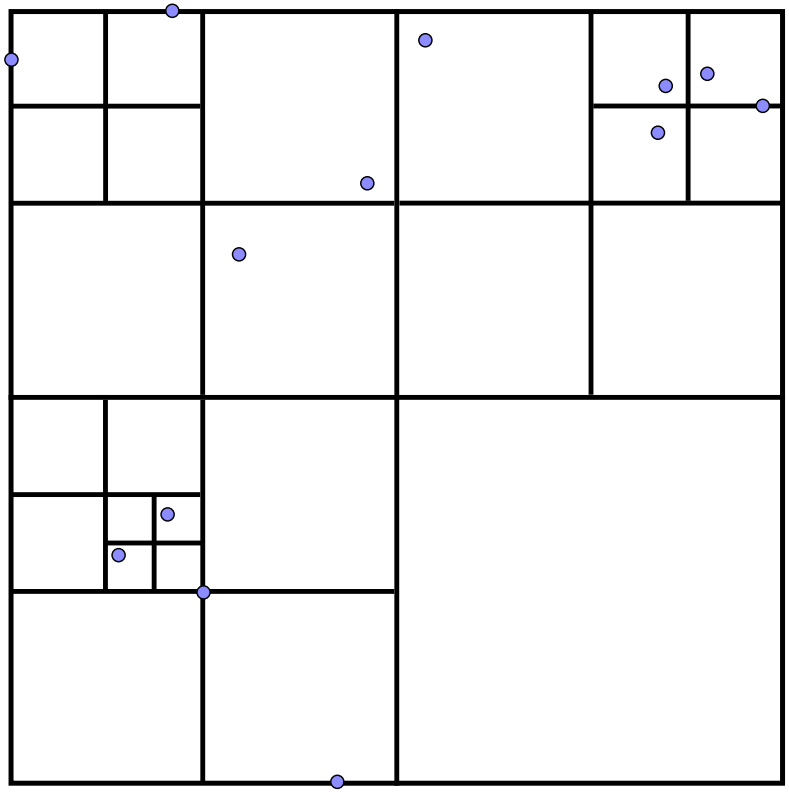

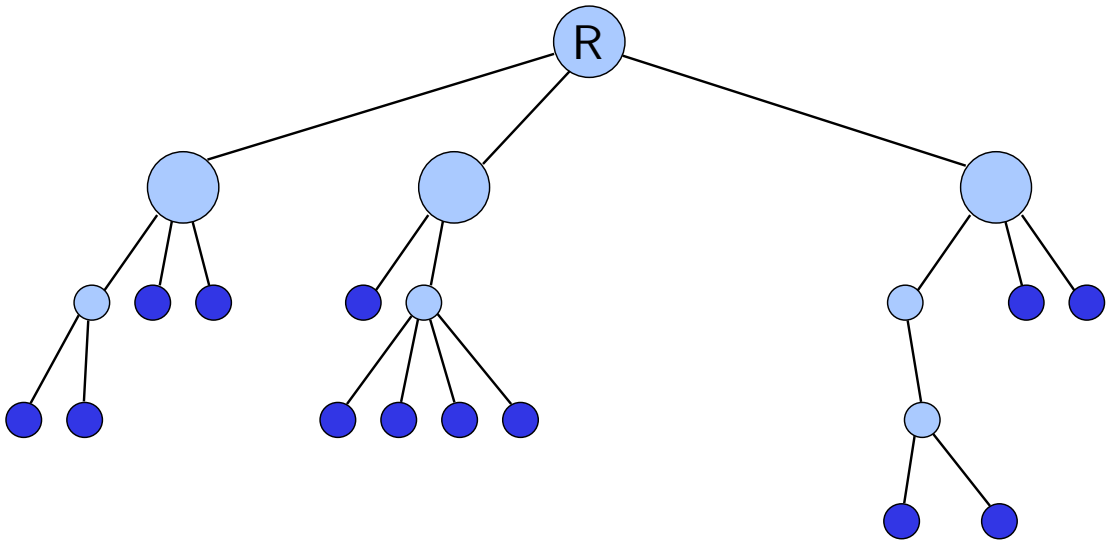

# Quadtree Operations

- Search: Analogous to binary search trees
- Insert:
  - Search for the point
  - Split the leaf if there are two points
- Delete:
  - Search for the point
  - Remove the point
  - If its parent has only one child left, delete that child and continue the process toward the root.

# Quadtree: Range Search

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QTree-RangeSearch(T, R)
T: A quadtree node, R: Query rectangle
1.    if (T is a leaf) then
2.        if (T.point ∈ R) then
3.            report T.point
4.    for each child C of T do
5.        if C.region ∩ R ≠ ∅ then
6.            QTree-RangeSearch(C, R)
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- spread factor of points $P$: $\beta(P) = d_{max}/d_{min}$
- $d_{max}(d_{min})$: maximum (minimum) distance between two points in $P$
- height of quadtree: $h \in \Theta(\log_2 \frac{d_{max}}{d_{min}})$
- Complexity to build initial tree: $\Theta(nh)$
- Complexity of range search: $\Theta(nh)$ even if the answer is $\emptyset$

# Quadtree Conclusion

- Very easy to compute and handle
- No complicated arithmetic, only divisions by 2 (usually the boundary box is padded to get a power of two).
- Space wasteful
- Major drawback: can have very large height for certain nonuniform distributions of points
- Easily generates to higher dimensions (octrees, *etc.* ).

# kd-trees

- We have $n$ points $P = \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \cdots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})\}$ in the plane
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- How to build a kd-tree on $P$:
  - Split $P$ into two equal subsets using a vertical line
  - Split each of the two subsets into two equal pieces using horizontal lines
  - Continue splitting, alternating vertical and horizontal lines, until every point is in a separate region
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- More details:
  - Initially, we sort the $n$ points according to their $x$-coordinates.
  - The root of the tree is the point with median x coordinate (index $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ in the sorted list)
  - All other points with x coordinate less than or equal to this go into the left subtree; points with larger $x$-coordinate go in the right subtree.
  - At alternating levels, we sort and split according to $y$-coordinates instead.
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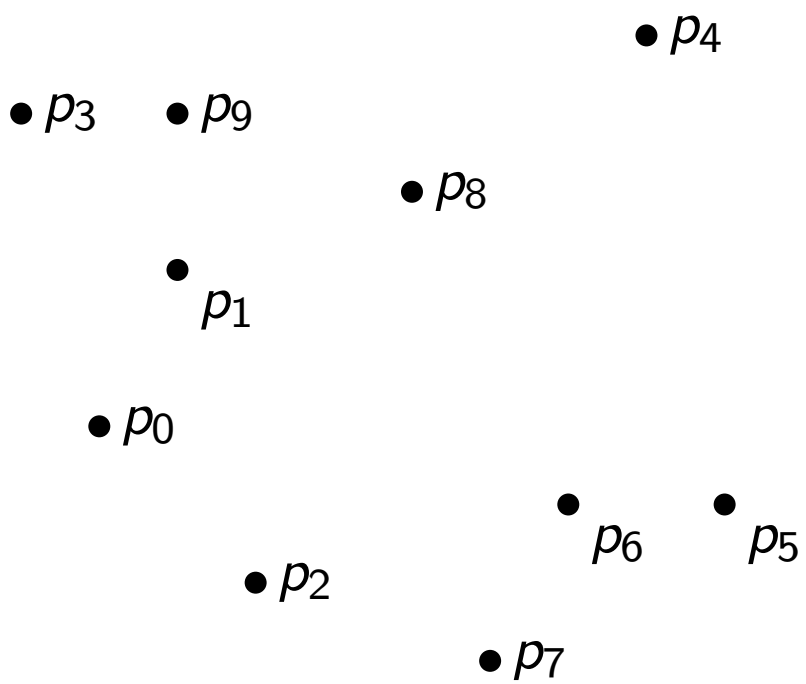

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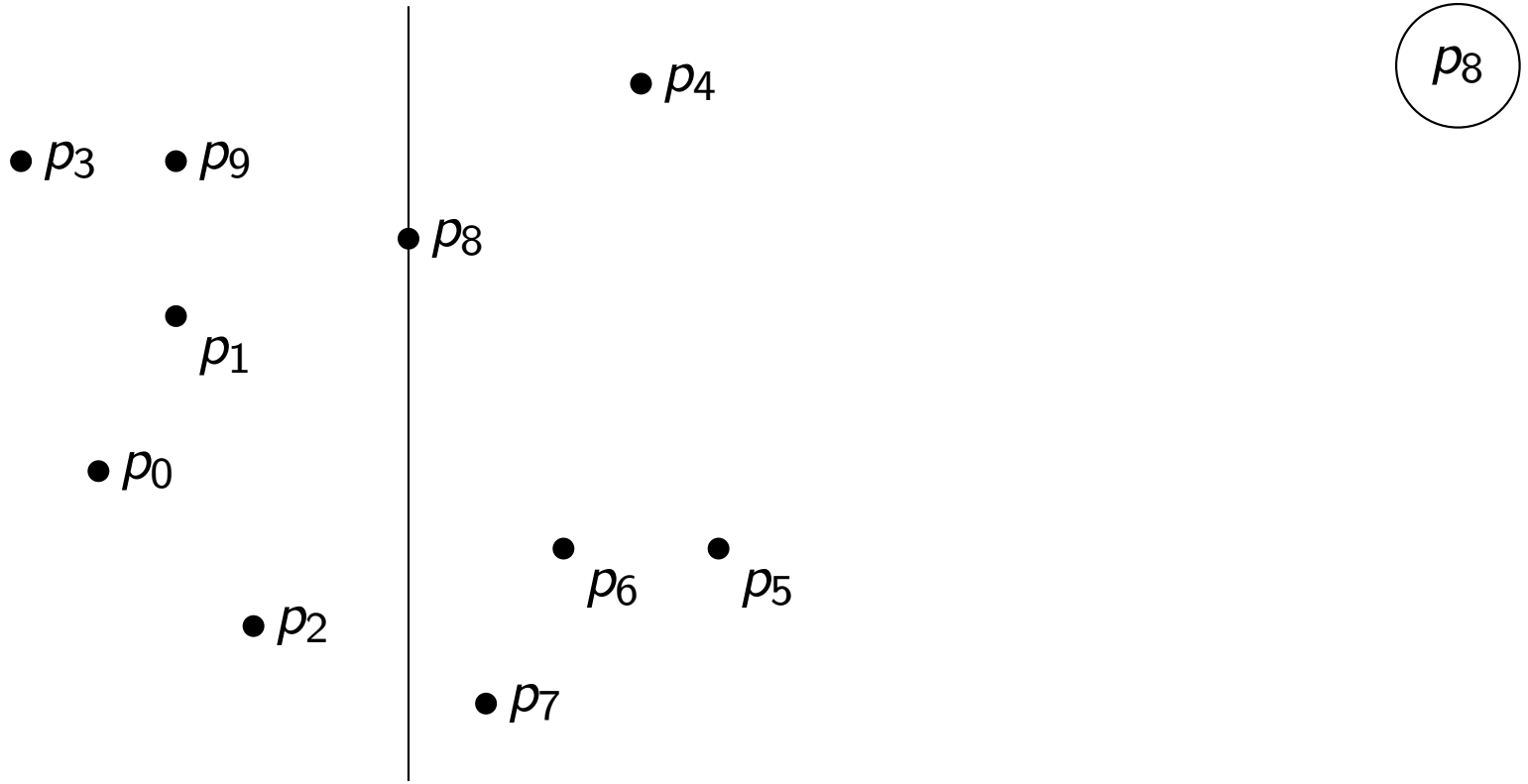

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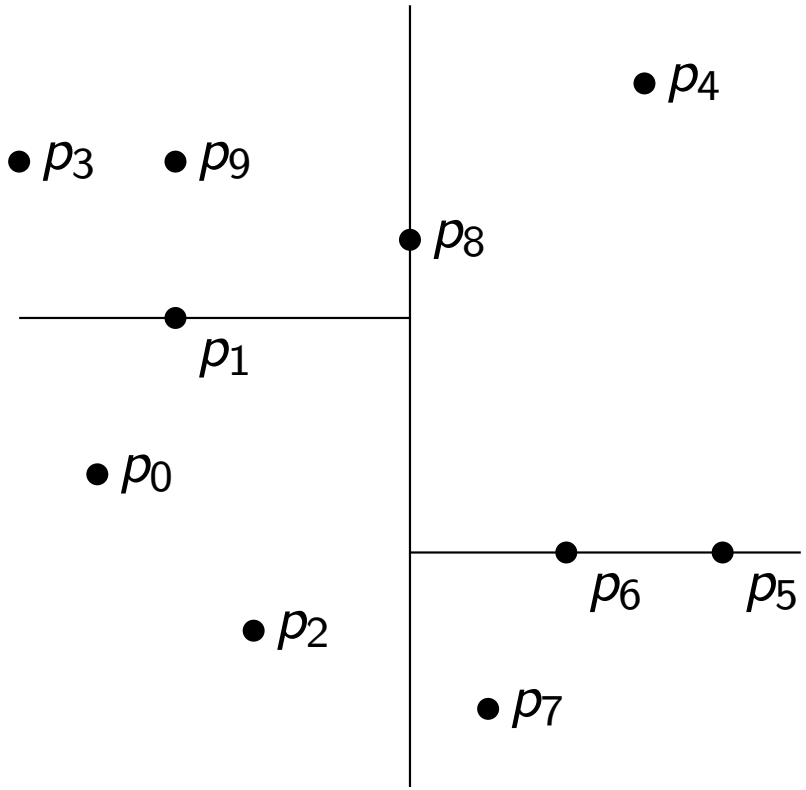


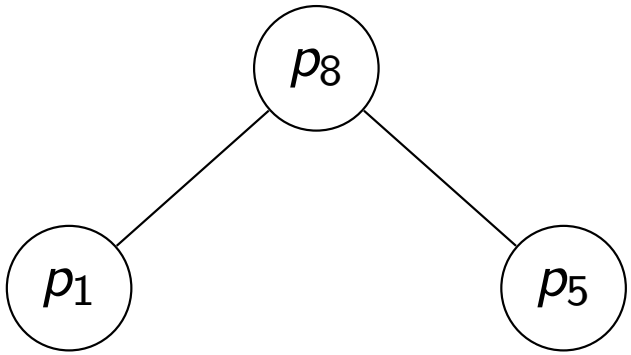

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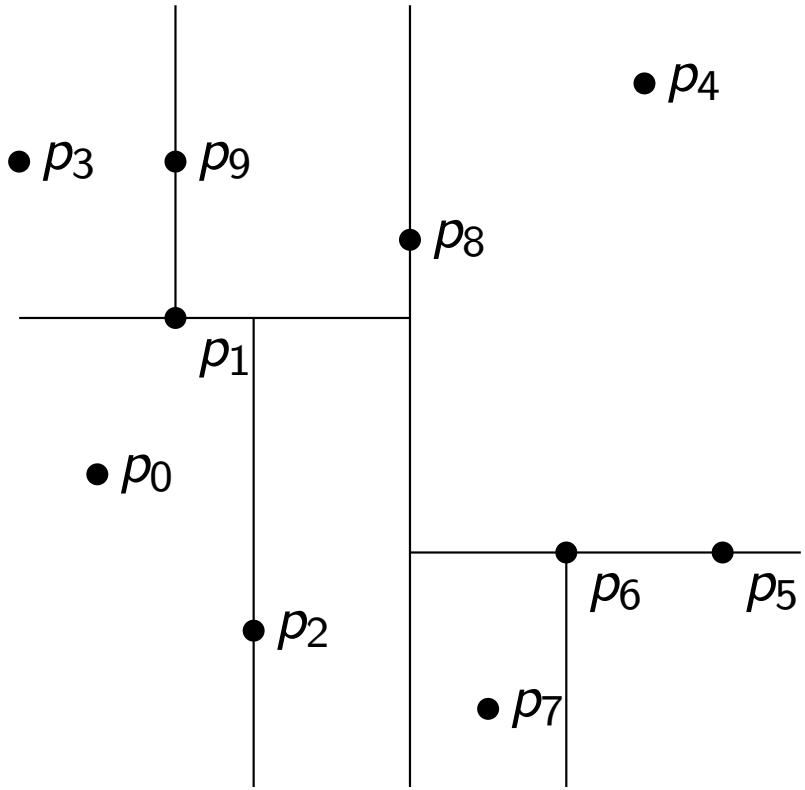


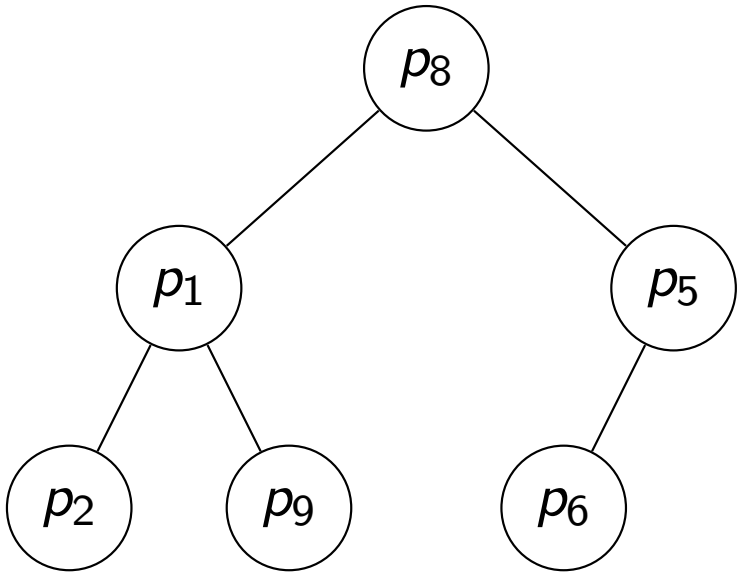

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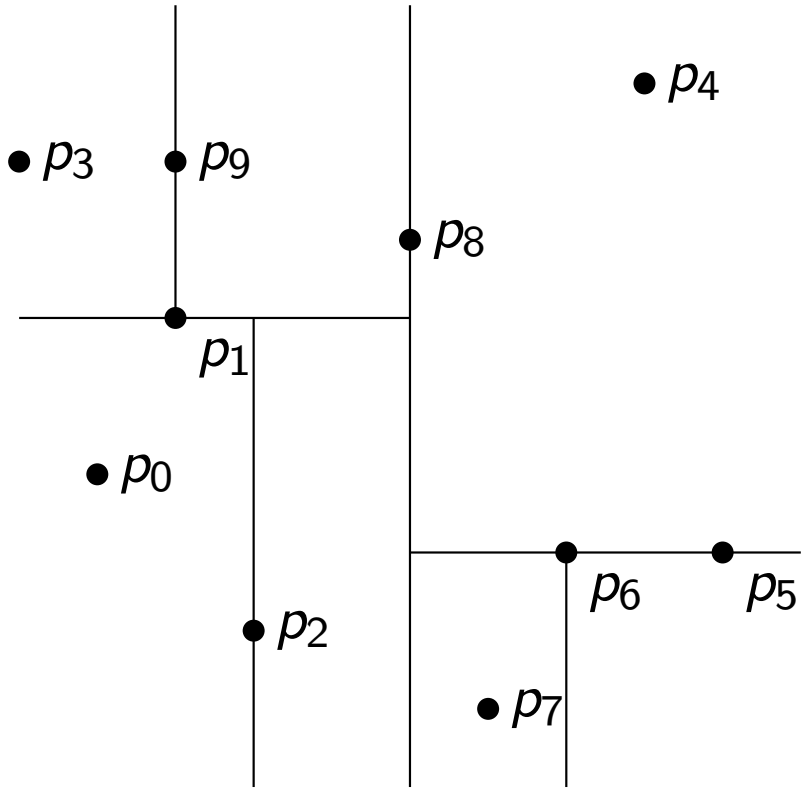


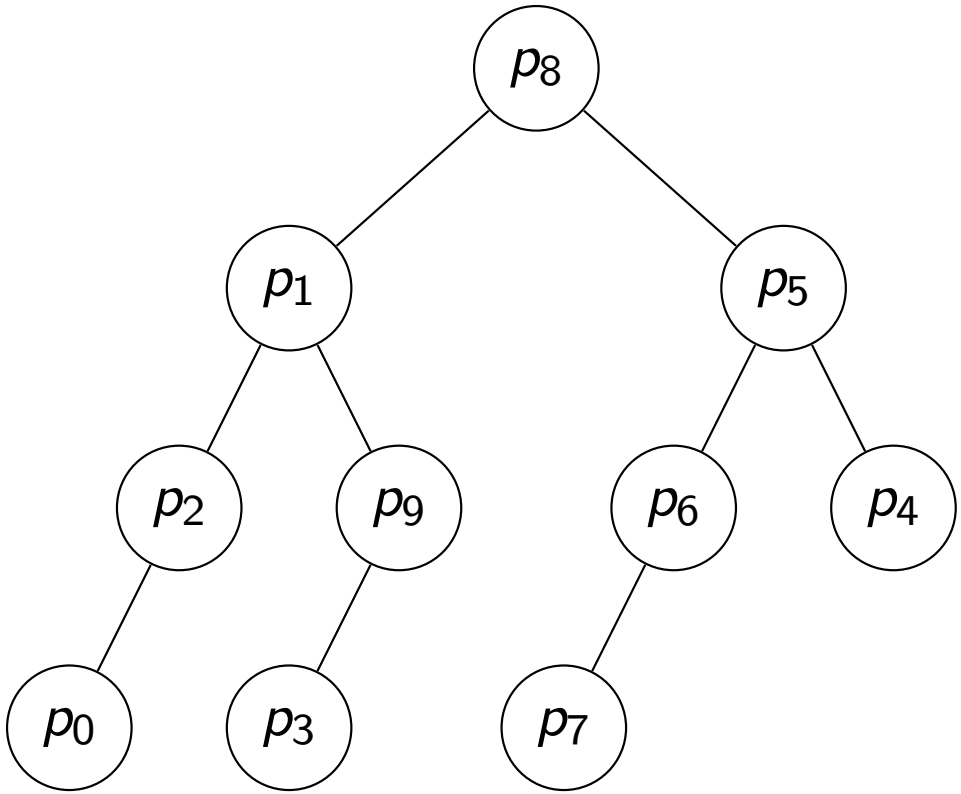

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kd-rangeSearch(T, R, split[← 'x'])
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3.        report T.point
4.    if split = 'x' then
5.        if T.point.x ≥ R.leftSide then
6.            kd-rangeSearch(T.left, R, 'y')
7.        if T.point.x < R.rightSide then
8.            kd-rangeSearch(T.right, R, 'y')
9.    if split = 'y' then
10.       if T.point.y ≥ R.bottomSide then
11.           kd-rangeSearch(T.left, R, 'x')
12.       if T.point.y < R.topSide then
13.           kd-rangeSearch(T.right, R, 'x')
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# kd-tree: Range Search Complexity

- The complexity is $O(k + U)$ where $k$ is the number of keys reported and $U$ is the number of regions we go to but unsuccessfully
- $U$ corresponds to the number of regions which intersect but are not fully in $R$
- Those regions have to intersect one of the four sides of $R$
- $Q(n)$: Maximum number of regions in a kd-tree with $n$ points that intersect a vertical (horizontal) line
- $Q(n)$ satisfies the following recurrence relation:

$$Q(n) = 2Q(n/4) + O(1)$$

- It solves to $Q(n) = O(\sqrt{n})$
- Therefore, the complexity of range search in kd-trees is $O(k + \sqrt{n})$

# kd-tree: Higher Dimensions

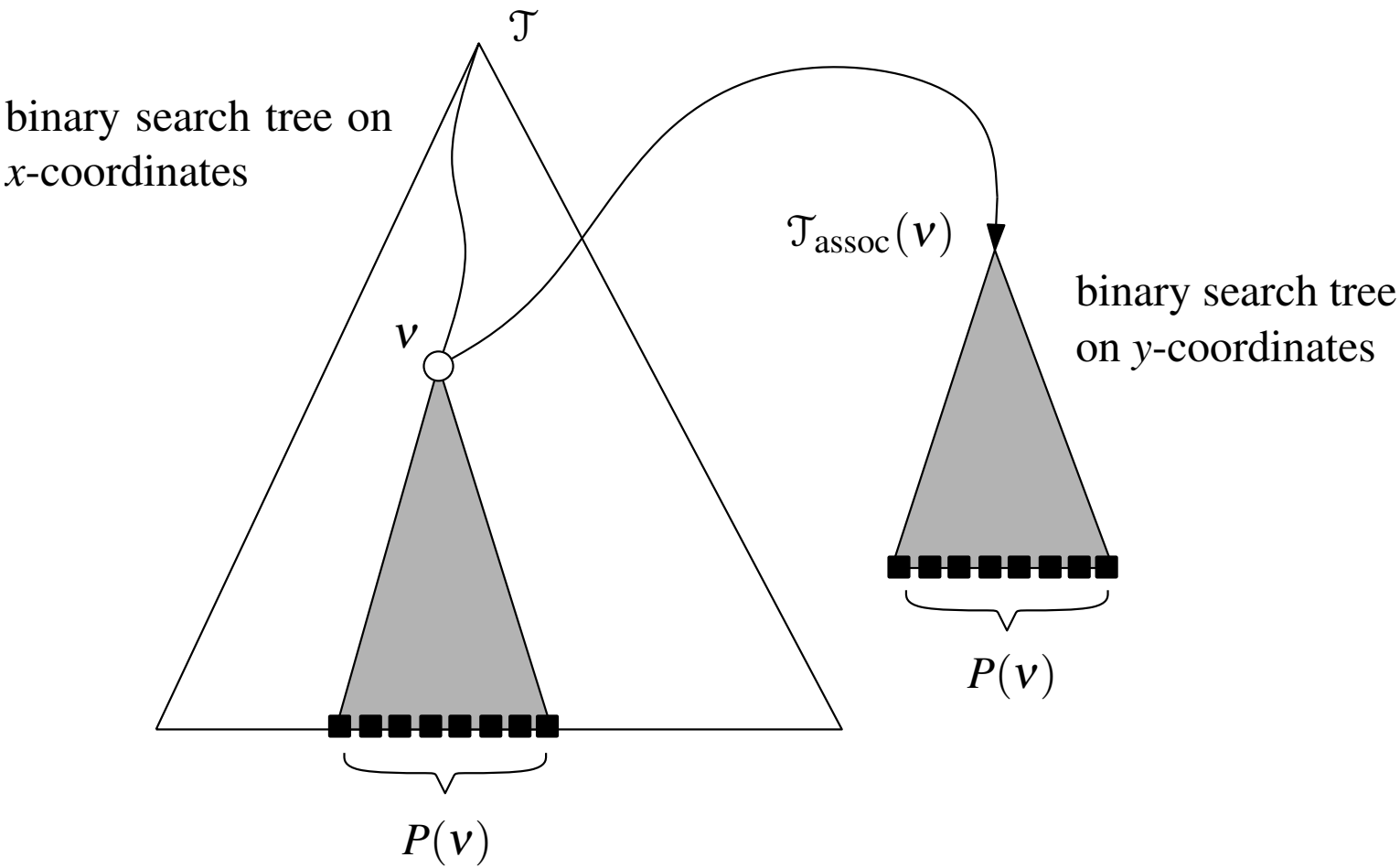
- kd-trees for $d$-dimensional space
  - At the root the point set is partitioned based on the first coordinate
  - At the children of the root the partition is based on the second coordinate
  - At depth $d-1$ the partition is based on the last coordinate
  - At depth $d$ we start all over again, partitioning on first coordinate
- Storage: $O(n)$
- Construction time: $O(n \log n)$
- Range query time: $O(n^{1-1/d} + k)$

(Note: $d$ is considered to be a constant.)

# Range Trees

- We have $n$ points $P = \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \cdots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})\}$ in the plane
- A range tree is a tree of trees (a *multi-level* data structure)
- How to build a range tree on $P$:
  - Build a balanced binary search tree $\tau$ determined by the $x$-coordinates of the $n$ points
  - For every node $v \in \tau$, build a balanced binary search tree $\tau_{assoc}(v)$ (associated structure of $\tau$) determined by the $y$-coordinates of the nodes in the subtree of $\tau$ with root node $v$

# Range Tree Structure



# Range Trees: Operations

- Search: trivially as in a binary search tree
- Insert: insert point in $\tau$ by $x$-coordinate
- From inserted leaf, walk back up to the root and insert the point in all associated trees $\tau_{assoc}(v)$ of nodes $v$ on path to the root
- Delete: analogous to insertion
- Note: re-balancing is a problem!

# Range Trees: Range Search

- A two stage process
- To perform a range search query $R = [x_1, x_2] \times [y_1, y_2]$:
  - Perform a range search (on the $x$-coordinates) for the interval $[x_1, x_2]$ in $\tau$ ($\mathit{BST\text{-}RangeSearch}(\tau, x_1, x_2)$)
  - For every outside node, do nothing.
  - For every "top" inside node $v$, perform a range search (on the $y$-coordinates) for the interval $[y_1, y_2]$ in $\tau_{assoc}(v)$. During the range search of $\tau_{assoc}(v)$, do not check any $x$-coordinates (they are all within range).
  - For every boundary node, test to see if the corresponding point is within the region $R$.
- Running time: $O(k + \log^2 n)$
- Range tree space usage: $O(n \log n)$

# Range Trees: Higher Dimensions

- Range trees for $d$-dimensional space
  - Storage: $O(n(\log n)^{d-1})$
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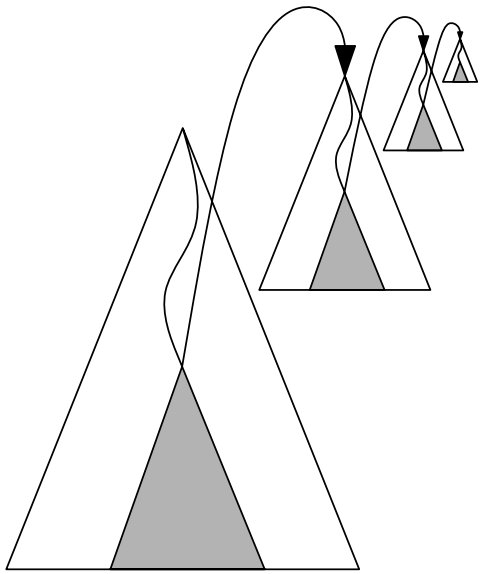

# Range Trees: Higher Dimensions

- Space/time trade-off
  - Storage: $O(n(\log n)^{d-1})$ kd-trees: $O(n)$
  - Construction time: $O(n(\log n)^{d-1})$ kd-trees: $O(n \log n)$
  - Range query time: $O((\log n)^d + k)$ kd-trees: $O(n^{1-1/d} + k)$

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