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Orthogonal Range Reporting: Query lower bounds, optimal structures in 3-d, and higher-dimensional improvements

Abstract:

Orthogonal range reporting is the problem of storing a set of n points in d-dimensional space, such that the k points in an axis-orthogonal query box can be reported efficiently. While the 2-d version of the problem was completely characterized in the pointer machine model more than two decades ago, this is not the case in higher dimensions.

In this talk we provide a space-optimal pointer machine data structure for 3-d orthogonal range reporting that answers queries in $O(\log n + k)$ time. Thus, we settle the complexity of the problem in 3-d. We use this result to obtain improved structures in higher dimensions, namely structures with a $\log n / \log \log n$ factor increase in space and query time per dimension.

We also prove the first non-trivial query lower bound for the problem in the pointer machine model of computation.

At the end, we shall discuss some intriguing open problems that come from our results.

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