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15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture#5: Multi-key and
Spatial Access Methods – II – z-ordering

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Must-read material

- MM-Textbook, Chapter 5.1
- Ramakrishnan+Gehrke, Chapter 28.4
- J. Orenstein, [*Spatial Query Processing in an Object-Oriented Database System*](#), Proc. ACM SIGMOD, May, 1986, pp. 326-336, Washington D.C.

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Outline

Goal: 'Find similar / interesting things'

- Intro to DB
- ➔ • Indexing - similarity search
- Data Mining

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Indexing - Detailed outline

- primary key indexing
- secondary key / multi-key indexing
- ➔ • spatial access methods
 - problem defn
 - z-ordering
 - R-trees
 - ...
- text
- ...

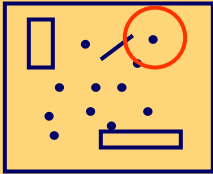
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Spatial Access Methods - problem




- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
- Find cities within 100mi from Pittsburgh



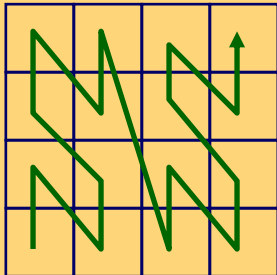
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Solution#1: z-ordering



A: z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees

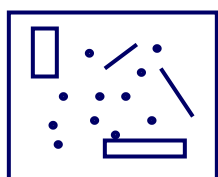


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Spatial Access Methods - problem

- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
- organize them on disk, to answer spatial queries (like??)



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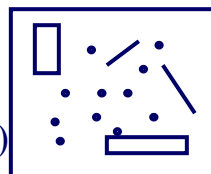
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Spatial Access Methods - problem

- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
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 - point queries
 - range queries
 - k-nn queries
 - spatial joins (‘all pairs’ queries)



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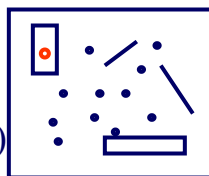
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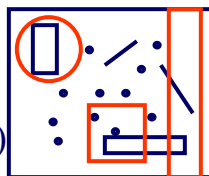
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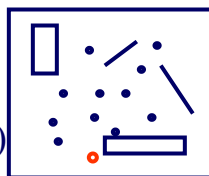
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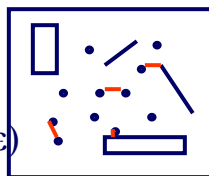
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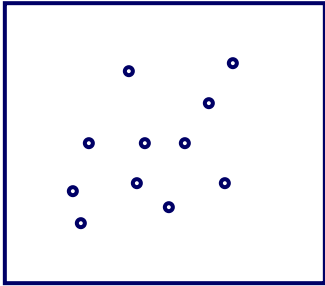
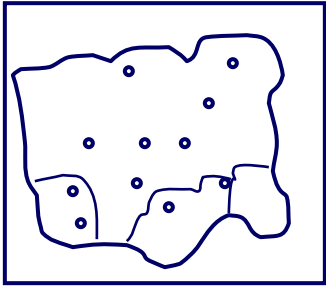
SAMs - motivation

- Q: applications?

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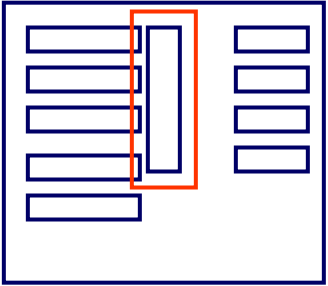
find elements too close to each other

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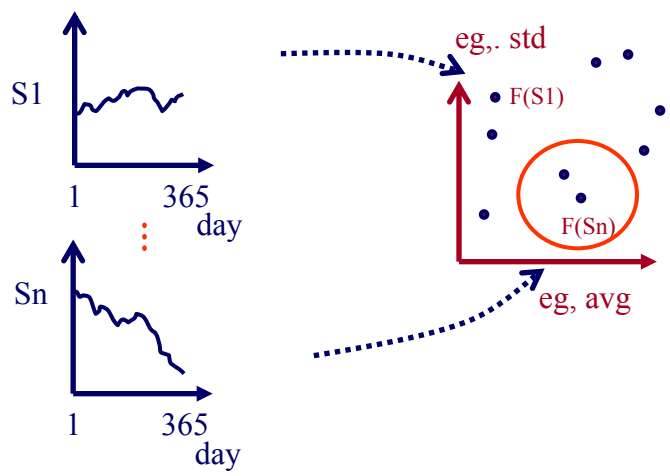
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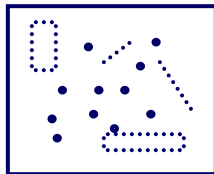
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SAMs: solutions

- z-ordering
 - R-trees
 - (grid files)
- Q: how would you organize, e.g., n -dim points, on disk? (C points per disk page)



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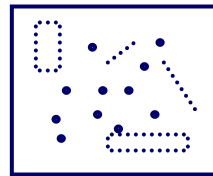
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Hint: reduce the problem to 1-d points (!!)

Q1: why?

A:

Q2: how?



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A: B-trees!

Q2: how?



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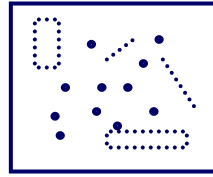
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Q2: how?

A: assume finite granularity; z-ordering = bit-shuffling = N-trees = Morton keys = geo-coding = ...



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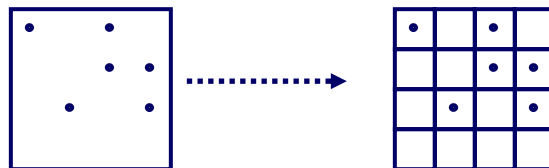
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Q2: how?

A: assume finite granularity (e.g., $2^{32} \times 2^{32}$; 4×4 here)

Q2.1: how to map n-d cells to 1-d cells?



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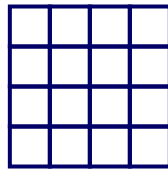
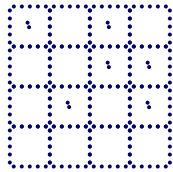
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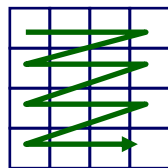
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Q2.1: how to map n -d cells to 1-d cells?

A: row-wise

Q: is it good?



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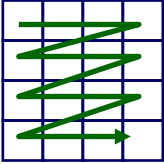
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Q: is it good?
A: great for 'x' axis; bad for 'y' axis

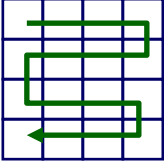


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Q: How about the 'snake' curve?



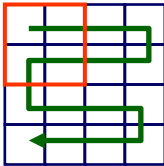
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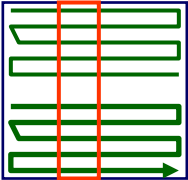
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Q: How about the 'snake' curve?

A: still problems:





2^{32}

2^{32}

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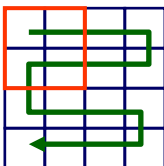
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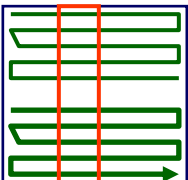
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Q: Why are those curves 'bad' ?

A: no distance preservation (~ clustering)

Q: solution?





2^{32}

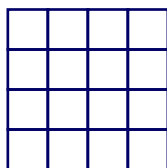
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Q: solution? (w/ good clustering, and easy to compute, for 2-d and n -d?)



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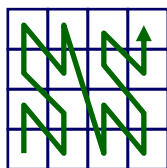
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Q: solution? (w/ good clustering, and easy to compute, for 2-d and n -d?)

A: z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees



'looks' better:

- few long jumps;
- scoops out the whole quadrant before leaving it
- a.k.a. space filling curves

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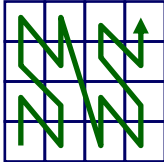
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Q: How to generate this curve ($z = f(x,y)$)?

A: 3 (equivalent) answers!



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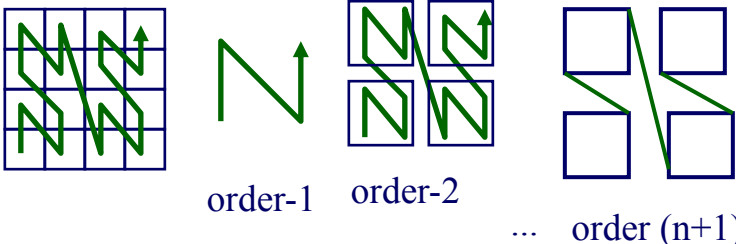
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z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees

Q: How to generate this curve ($z = f(x,y)$)?

A1: 'z' (or 'N') shapes, RECURSIVELY



order-1 order-2 ... order (n+1)

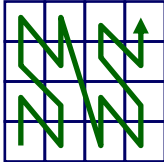


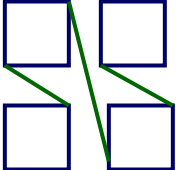
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Notice:

- self similar (we'll see about fractals, soon)
- method is hard to use: $z = ? f(x,y)$

order-1 order-2 ... order (n+1)

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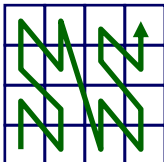
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Method #2?

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bit-shuffling

y

11				
10				
01				
00				

00 01 10 11 x

x y

0 0 1 1

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bit-shuffling

y

11				
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0 0 1 1

z = (0 1 0 1)₂ = 5

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bit-shuffling

y

11			
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x

00 01 10 11

x y

0 0 1 1

$z = (0101)_2 = 5$

How about the reverse:
 $(x,y) = g(z)$?

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y

11			
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x y

0 0 1 1

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How about n -d spaces?

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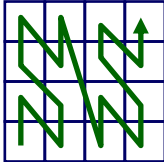
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z-ordering/bit-shuffling/**linear-quadtrees**

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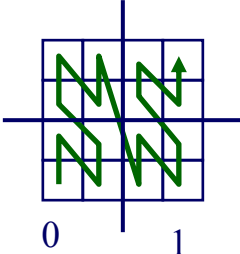
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linear-quadtrees : assign N->1, S->0 e.t.c.

W E

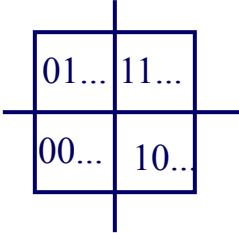
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N

S



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... and repeat recursively. Eg.: $z_{\text{blue-cell}} =$

$$\begin{matrix} W & E \\ \hline N & S \end{matrix} \text{WN;WN} = (0101)_2 = 5$$

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Drill: z-value of magenta cell, with the three methods?

W E

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Drill: z-value of magenta cell, with the three methods?

method#1: 14
method#2: shuffle(11;10)=
(1110)₂ = 14

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Drill: z-value of magenta cell, with the three methods?

method#1: 14
method#2: shuffle(11;10)=
(1110)₂ = 14
method#3: EN;ES = ... = 14

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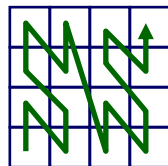
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z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q1: How to store on disk?

A:

Q2: How to answer range queries etc



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z-ordering - usage & algo' s

Q1: How to store on disk?
 A: treat z-value as primary key; feed to B-tree

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z	cname	etc
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MAJOR ADVANTAGES w/ B-tree:

- already inside commercial systems (no coding/debugging!)
- concurrency & recovery is ready

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Q2: queries? (eg.: *find city at (0,3)*)?

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Q2: queries? (eg.: *find city at (0,3)*)?
 A: find z-value; search B-tree

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Q2: range queries?

A: compute ranges of z-values; use B-tree

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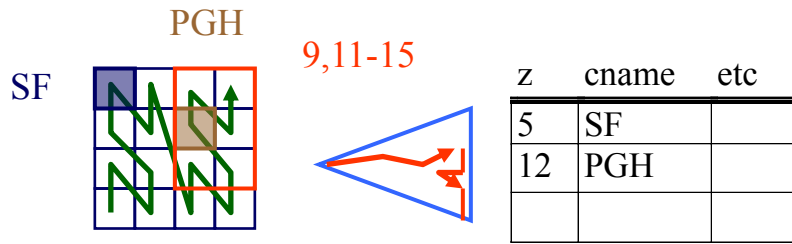
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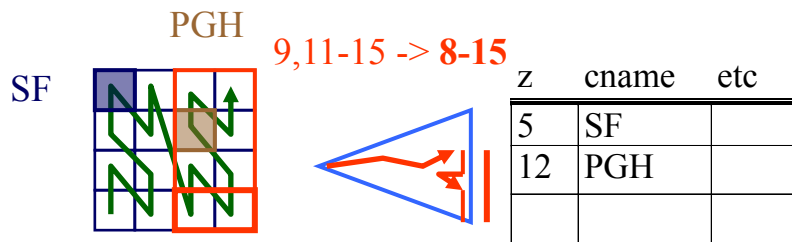
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A: Augment the query!



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Q2'' : range queries - how to break a query into ranges?



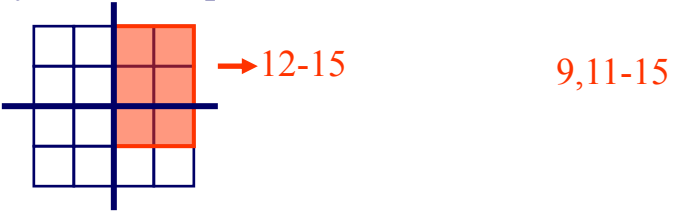
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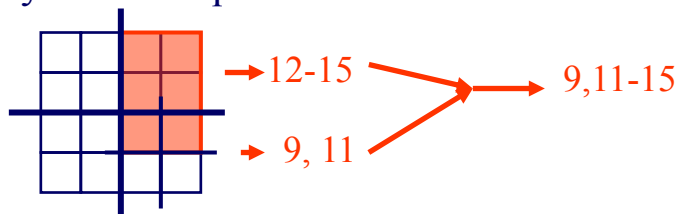
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Q3: k-nn queries? (say, 1-nn)?

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Q3: k-nn queries? (say, 1-nn)?

A: traverse B-tree; find nn wrt z-values and ...

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... ask a range query.

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nn wrt z-value

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... ask a range query.

SF

PGH

nn wrt z-value

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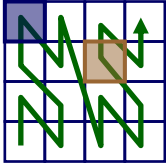
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Q4: all-pairs queries? (*all pairs of cities within 10 miles from each other?*)

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SF  (we' ll see 'spatial joins' later: *find all PA counties that intersect a lake*)

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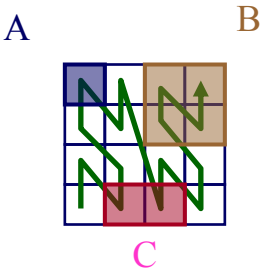
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Q: z-value for a region?



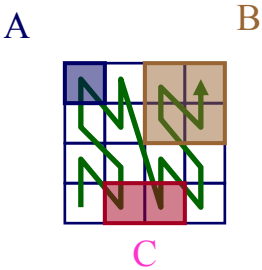
$z_B = ??$

$z_C = ??$

z-ordering - regions

Q: z-value for a region?

A: 1 or more z-values; by quadtree decomposition



$z_B = ??$

$z_C = ??$

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z-ordering - regions

“don't care”

Q: z-value for a region?

$$z_B = 11^{**}$$

$$z_C = ??$$

01...	11...
00...	10...

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z-ordering - regions

“don't care”

Q: z-value for a region?

$$z_B = 11^{**}$$

$$z_C = \{0010; 1000\}$$

01...	11...
00...	10...

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Q: How to store in B-tree?
 Q: How to search (range etc queries)

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Q: How to store in B-tree? A: sort ($* < 0 < 1$)
 Q: How to search (range etc queries)

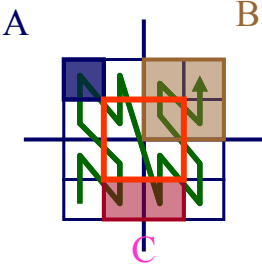
z	obj-id	etc
0010	C	
0101	A	
1000	C	
11**	B	

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Q: How to search (range etc queries) - eg 'red' range query



z	obj-id	etc
0010	C	
0101	A	
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11**	B	

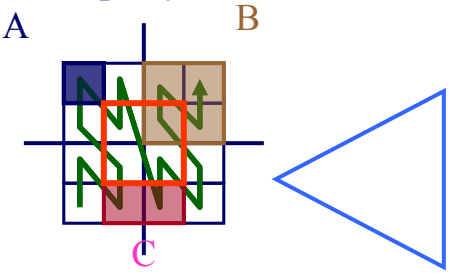
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Q: How to search (range etc queries) - eg 'red' range query

A: break query in z-values; check B-tree



z	obj-id	etc
0010	C	
0101	A	
1000	C	
11**	B	

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Almost identical to range queries for point data, except for the “don't cares” - i.e.,

A

B

1100 ?? 11**

z	obj-id	etc
0010	C	
0101	A	
1000	C	
11**	B	

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z-ordering - regions

Almost identical to range queries for point data, except for the “don't cares” - i.e.,

$z1 = 1100 \text{ ?? } 11^{**} = z2$

Specifically: does z1 contain/avoid/intersect z2?

Q: what is the criterion to decide?

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$z1 = 1100$?? $11^{**} = z2$

Specifically: does $z1$ contain/avoid/intersect $z2$?

Q: what is the criterion to decide?

A: **Prefix property:** let $r1, r2$ be the corresponding regions, and let $r1$ be the smallest ($\Rightarrow z1$ has fewest '*' s). Then:

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- $r2$ will either contain completely, or avoid completely $r1$.
- it will contain $r1$, if $z2$ is the prefix of $z1$

1100 ?? 11^{**}

region of $z1$:
completely contained in
region of $z2$

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z-ordering - regions

Drill (True/False). Given:

- $z1 = 011001^{**}$
- $z2 = 01^{*****}$
- $z3 = 0100^{****}$

T/F $r2$ contains $r1$

T/F $r3$ contains $r1$

T/F $r3$ contains $r2$

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- $z1 = 011001^{**}$
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T/F $r2$ contains $r1$ - TRUE (prefix property)

T/F $r3$ contains $r1$ - FALSE (disjoint)

T/F $r3$ contains $r2$ - FALSE ($r2$ contains $r3$)

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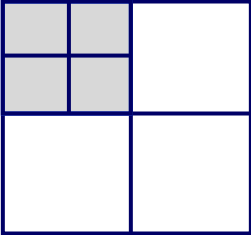
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$z2$

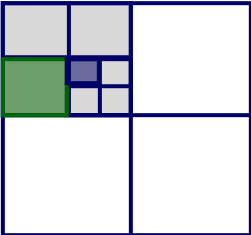
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Drill (True/False). Given:

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$z2$

$z3$


T/F r2 contains r1 - TRUE (prefix property)
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z-ordering - regions

Spatial joins: find (quickly) all
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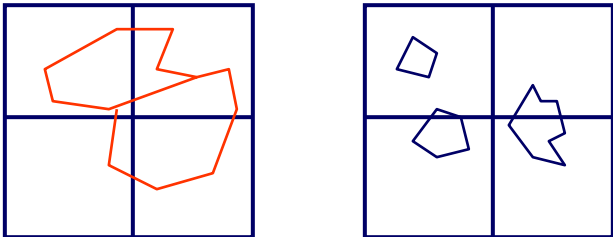


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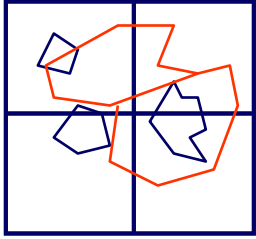


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Naive algorithm: $O(N * M)$
Something faster?

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z-ordering - regions

Spatial joins: find (quickly) all
counties intersecting lakes

z	obj-id	etc
0010	ALG	
...	...	
1000	WAS	
11**	ALG	

z	obj-id	etc
0011	Erie	
0101	Erie	
...		
10**	Ont.	

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z-ordering - regions

Spatial joins: find (quickly) all
counties intersecting lakes

Solution: merge the lists of (sorted) z-values,
looking for the prefix property

footnote#1: '*' needs careful treatment

footnote#2: need dup. elimination

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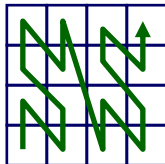
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z-ordering - variations

Q: is z-ordering the best we can do?

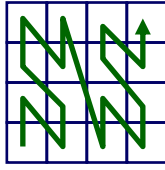


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z-ordering - variations

Q: is z-ordering the best we can do?
 A: probably not - occasional long 'jumps'
 Q: then?

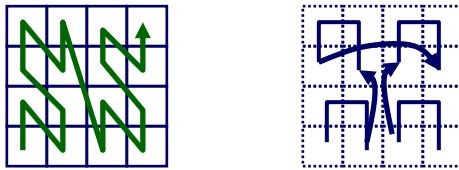


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Q: is z-ordering the best we can do?
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 Q: then? A1: Gray codes



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(Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED – binary:

	000	0
	001	1
	010	2
3.5V	011	3
→	100	4
	101	5
	110	6
	111	7

F. Gray. *Pulse code communication*,
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[U.S. Patent 2,632,058](#)

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- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0

1

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- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0	.0
1	.1
	..
	..

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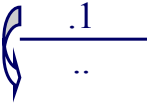
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0	.0
1	.1
	..
	..



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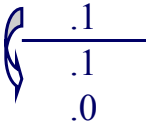
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0	.0
1	.1
	.1
	.0



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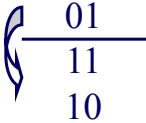
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(Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0	00
1	01
	11
	10



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(Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0	00	000	0
1	01	001	1
	11	011	2
	10	010	3
		110	4
		111	5
		101	6
		100	7

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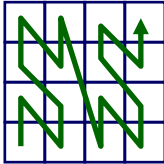
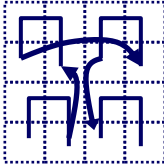
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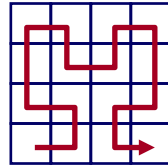
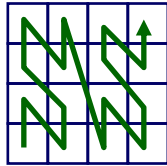
Q: then? A1: Gray codes – CAN WE DO BETTER?

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z-ordering - variations

A2: Hilbert curve! (a.k.a. Hilbert-Peano curve)



(break)



David Hilbert
(1862-1943)

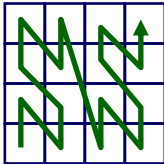
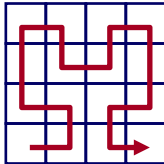


Giuseppe Peano
(1858-1932)

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‘Looks’ better (never long jumps). How to derive it?





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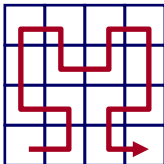
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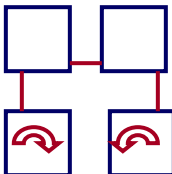
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order-1



order-2



... order (n+1)

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z-ordering - variations

Q: function for the Hilbert curve ($h = f(x,y)$)?

A: bit-shuffling, followed by post-processing, to account for rotations. Linear on # bits.

See textbook, for pointers to code/algorithms (eg., [Jagadish, 90])

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z-ordering - variations

Q: how about Hilbert curve in 3-d? n-d?

A: Exists (and is not unique!). Eg., 3-d, order-1 Hilbert curves (Hamiltonian paths on cube)



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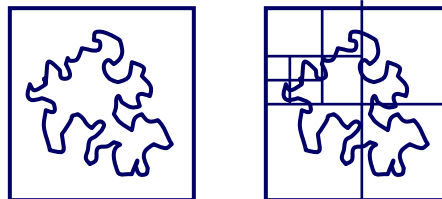
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z-ordering - analysis

Q: How many pieces ('quad-tree blocks') per region?

A: proportional to perimeter (surface etc)



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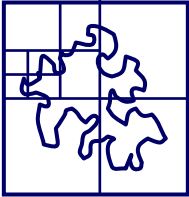
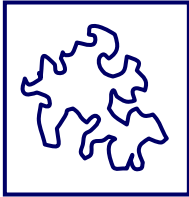
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(How long is the coastline, say, of England?
Paradox: The answer changes with the yardstick -> fractals ...)

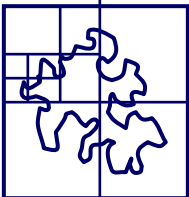
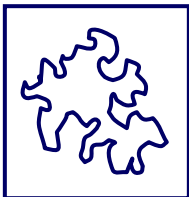


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z-ordering - analysis

Q: Should we decompose a region to full detail (and store in B-tree)?



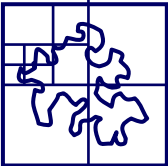

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z-ordering - analysis

Q: Should we decompose a region to full detail (and store in B-tree)?

A: NO! approximation with 1-3 pieces/z-values is best [Orenstein90]

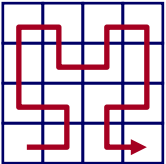
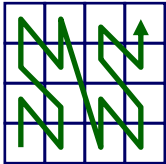


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Q: how to measure the ‘goodness’ of a curve?



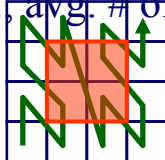
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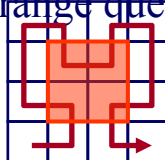
z-ordering - analysis

Q: how to measure the ‘goodness’ of a curve?

A: e.g., avg. # of runs, for range queries



4 runs



3 runs

(#runs ~ #disk accesses on B-tree)

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z-ordering - analysis

Q: So, is Hilbert really better?

A: 27% fewer runs, for 2-d (similar for 3-d)

Q: are there formulas for #runs, #of quadtree blocks etc?


A: Yes ([Jagadish; Moon+ etc] see textbook)

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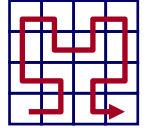
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z-ordering - fun observations

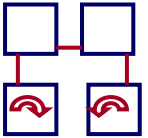
Hilbert and z-ordering curves: “space filling curves”: eventually, they visit every point in n-d space - therefore:



order-1



order-2




... order (n+1)

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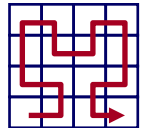
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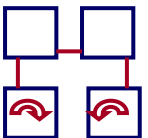
... they show that the plane has as many points as a line (-> headaches for 1900's mathematics/topology). (fractals, again!)



order-1



order-2



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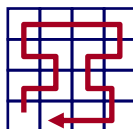
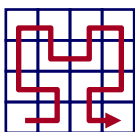
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Observation #2: Hilbert (like) curve for video encoding [Y. Matias+, CRYPTO '87]:

Given a frame, visit its pixels in randomized hilbert order; compress; and transmit



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In general, Hilbert curve is great for preserving distances, clustering, vector quantization etc


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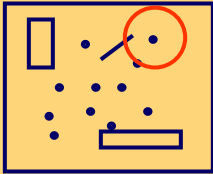
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Spatial Access Methods - problem




- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
- Find cities within 100mi from Pittsburgh



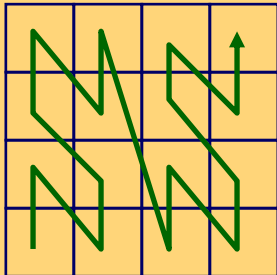
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Solution#1: z-ordering



A: z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees



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Conclusions

- z-ordering is a great idea (n-d points \rightarrow 1-d points; feed to B-trees)
- used by TIGER system
<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/>
- and (most probably) by other GIS products
- works great with low-dim points