


# 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture#5: Multi-key and  
Spatial Access Methods – II – z-ordering  
*C. Faloutsos*



## 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

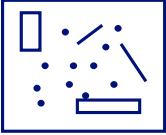
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  - problem dfn
  - z-ordering
  - R-trees
  - ...
- text
- ...

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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??)

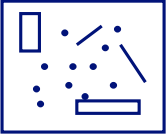


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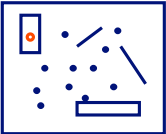


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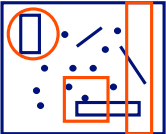


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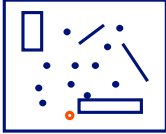


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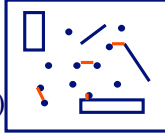


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## SAMs - motivation

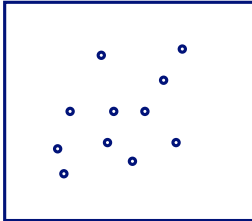
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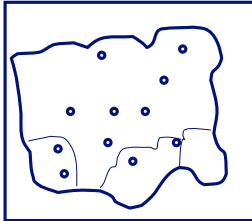
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## SAMs - motivation

traditional DB



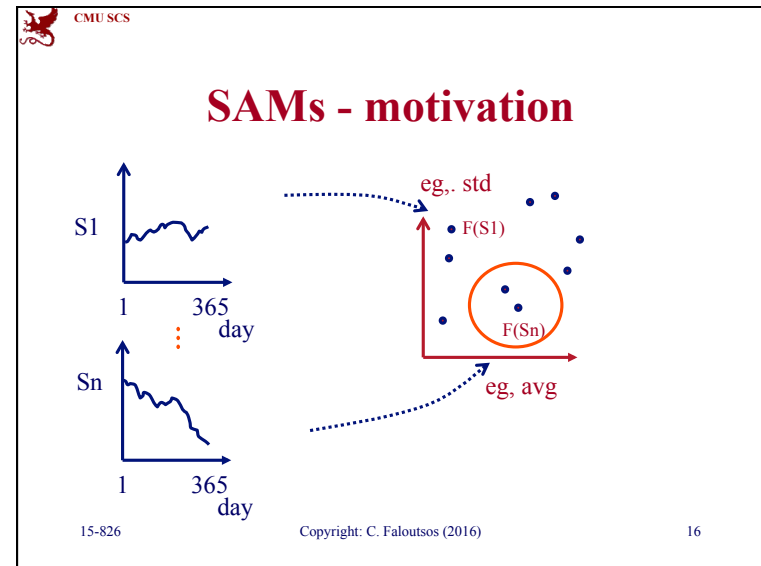
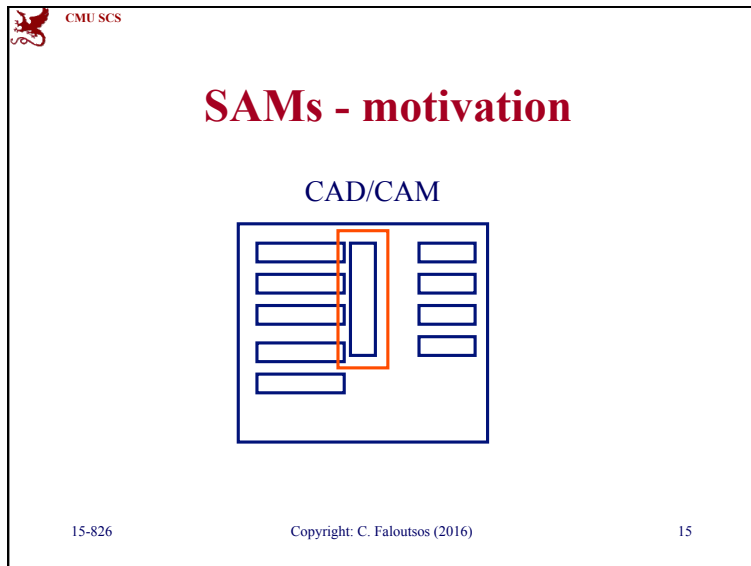
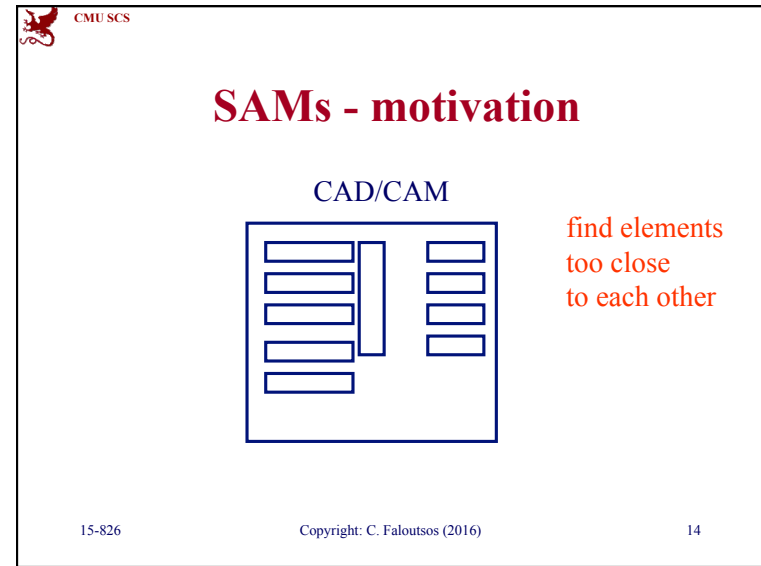
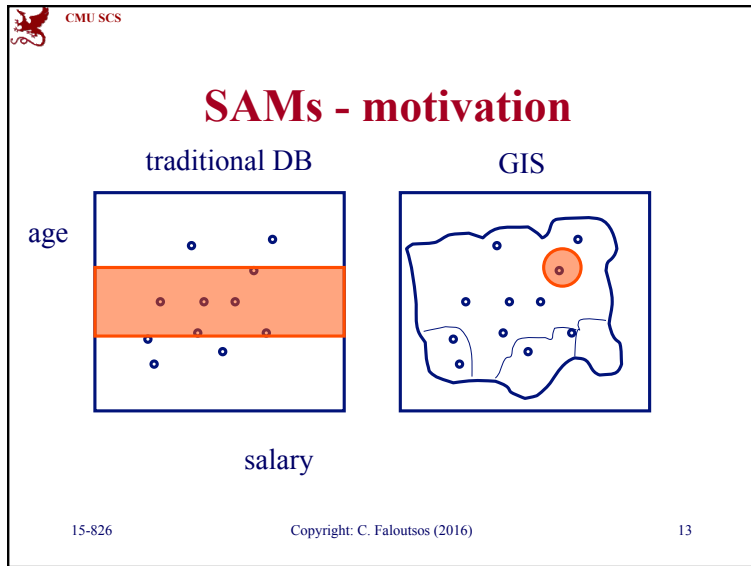
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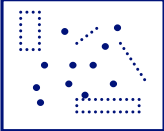
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## SAMs: solutions

- 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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## z-ordering

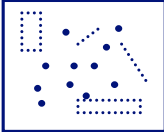
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Hint: reduce the problem to 1-d points (!!)

Q1: why?

A:

Q2: how?



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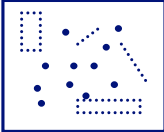
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A: B-trees!

Q2: how?

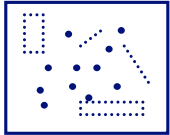


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## z-ordering

Q2: how?  
 A: assume finite granularity; z-ordering = bit-shuffling = N-trees = Morton keys = geo-coding = ...




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## z-ordering

Q2: how?  
 A: assume finite granularity (e.g.,  $2^{32} \times 2^{32}$ ; 4x4 here)  
 Q2.1: how to map n-d cells to 1-d cells?

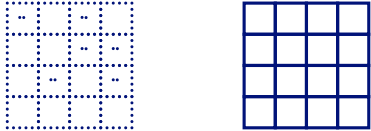


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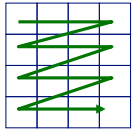


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## z-ordering

Q2.1: how to map  $n$ -d cells to 1-d cells?  
 A: row-wise  
 Q: is it good?



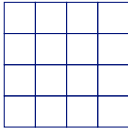
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## z-ordering

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



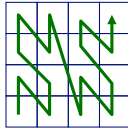
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## z-ordering

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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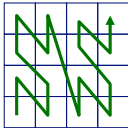
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## z-ordering

z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees

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

A: 3 (equivalent) answers!



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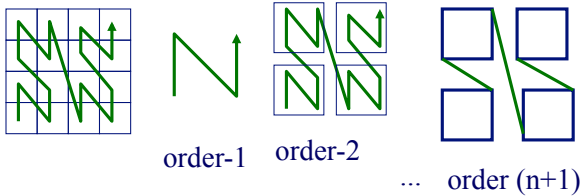
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## z-ordering

**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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## z-ordering

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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## z-ordering

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Method #2?

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## z-ordering

**bit-shuffling**

x                      y  
0 0                      1 1

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## z-ordering

**bit-shuffling**

x                      y  
0 0                      1 1

$z = (0101)_2 = 5$

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## z-ordering

**bit-shuffling**

x

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How about the reverse:

$(x,y) = g(z) ?$

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## z-ordering

**bit-shuffling**

x

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How about  $n$ -d spaces?

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## z-ordering

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

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Method #3?

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## z-ordering

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

W E

1

0

0 1

N

S

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## z-ordering

... and repeat recursively. Eg.:  $z_{\text{blue-cell}} =$   
 $WN;WN = (0101)_2 = 5$

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## z-ordering

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

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method#1: 14  
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 method#3:  $EN;ES = \dots = 14$

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

SF

z	cname	etc
5	SF	
12	PGH	

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

A: find z-value; search B-tree

SF

z	cname	etc
5	SF	
12	PGH	

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q2: range queries?

SF

z	cname	etc
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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q2: range queries?

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

SF

z	cname	etc
5	SF	
12	PGH	

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q2': range queries - how to reduce # of qualifying of ranges?

SF

PGH

9,11-15

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q2': range queries - how to reduce # of qualifying of ranges?

A: Augment the query!

SF

PGH

9,11-15 -> 8-15

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    - analysis; variations
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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

PGH

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

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

PGH

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

... ask a range query.

SF

PGH

nn wrt z-value

3 5 12

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nn wrt z-value

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## z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

SF

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

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## z-ordering - regions

Q: z-value for a region?

$z_B = ??$

$z_C = ??$

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## 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

Q: z-value for a region?

$z_B = 11^{**}$  ← “don't care”

$z_C = ??$

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## z-ordering - regions

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$z_C = \{0010; 1000\}$

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## z-ordering - regions

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

$z_1 = 1100 \text{ ?? } 11^{**}$

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

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Q: what is the criterion to decide?

A: **Prefix property:** let  $r_1, r_2$  be the corresponding regions, and let  $r_1$  be the smallest ( $\Rightarrow z_1$  has fewest ‘\*’s). Then:

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## z-ordering - regions

- $r_2$  will either contain completely, or avoid completely  $r_1$ .
- it will contain  $r_1$ , if  $z_2$  is the prefix of  $z_1$

$z_1 = 1100 \text{ ?? } 11^{**}$

region of  $z_1$ :  
completely contained in  
region of  $z_2$

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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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## z-ordering - regions

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- z1= 011001\*\*
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T/F r2 contains r1 - TRUE (prefix property)  
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 T/F r3 contains r2 - FALSE (r2 contains r3)

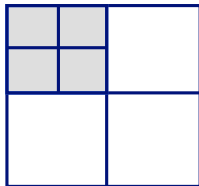
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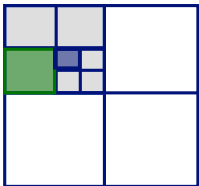
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## z-ordering - regions

**Spatial joins:** find (quickly) all  
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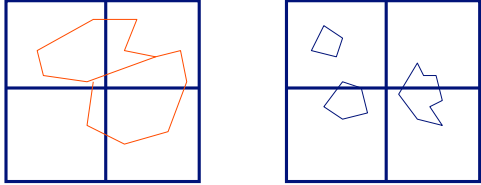


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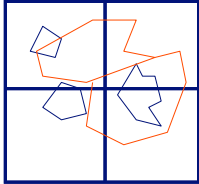


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## z-ordering - regions

**Spatial joins:** find (quickly) all  
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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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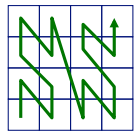
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## z-ordering - variations

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

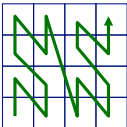


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 Q: then?

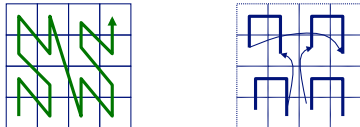


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## z-ordering - variations

Q: is z-ordering the best we can do?  
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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*,  
 March 17, 1953  
[U.S. Patent 2,632,058](https://www.uspto.gov/patent/publications/details/2632058)

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## (Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0  
1

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## (Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0	.0
1	.1
	..
	..

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0	.0
1	<u>.1</u>
	..
	..

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	.0

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## (Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED

0	00
1	<u>01</u>
	11
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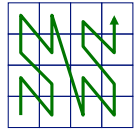
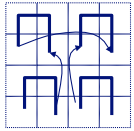
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		101	6
		100	7

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## z-ordering - variations

Q: is z-ordering the best we can do?  
 A: probably not - occasional long 'jumps'  
 Q: then? A1: Gray codes – CAN WE DO BETTER?

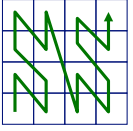
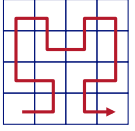



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## z-ordering - variations

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

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## (break)




David Hilbert  
(1862-1943)

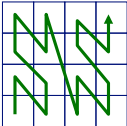
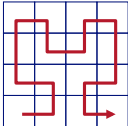
Giuseppe Peano  
(1858-1932)

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## z-ordering - variations

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


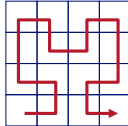
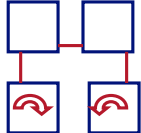



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order-1 order-2 ... order (n+1)

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## z-ordering - variations

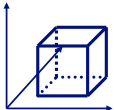
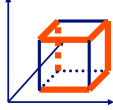
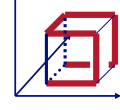
Q: function for the Hilbert curve ( $h = f(x,y)$ )?  
 A: bit-shuffling, followed by post-processing, to account for rotations. Linear on # bits.  
 See textbook, for pointers to code/ algorithms (eg., [Jagadish, 90])

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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)

#1 #2

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## z-ordering - Detailed outline

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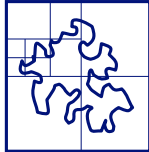
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## z-ordering - analysis

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

A: proportional to perimeter (surface etc)

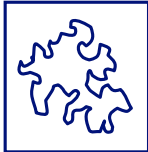
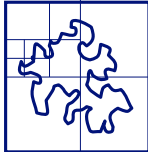



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## z-ordering - analysis

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


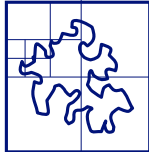



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## z-ordering - analysis

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

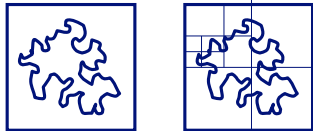
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## z-ordering - analysis

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]

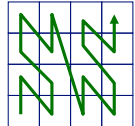
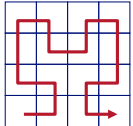


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## z-ordering - analysis

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

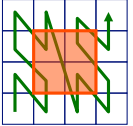
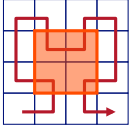
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## z-ordering - analysis

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

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

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

3 runs

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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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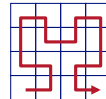
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## z-ordering - fun observations

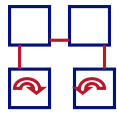
Hilbert and z-ordering curves: “space filling curves”: eventually, they visit every point in n-d space - therefore:



order-1



order-2




... order (n+1)

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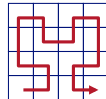
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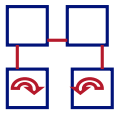
... they show that the plane has as many points as a line (-> headaches for 1900’s mathematics/topology). (fractals, again!)



order-1



order-2



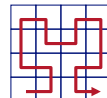
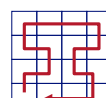

... order (n+1)

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## z-ordering - fun observations

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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## z-ordering - fun observations

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

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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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## Conclusions

- z-ordering is a great idea (n-d points -> 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

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