

# CSSE 230 Day 25 <br> 2D Trees 

After today, you should be able to
... explain insert and nearest-neighbor in 2D trees
... implement these algorithms

## Reminders/Announcements



## 2D Data

- A large set of ( $x, y$ ) points
- Which cell phone tower is closest to me?

- Which image is most like this one?
- In general:
- Find the nearest neighbor of a query point (today).
- Find or return all points in a certain range.



## How to represent 2D data?

- List of points. Simple but slow
- [p1, p2, ...]
- Find smallest of $\operatorname{dist}(q, p 1), \operatorname{dist}(q, p 2), \ldots$


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- Use a regular grid.
- 2D array of lists
- Faster, but which resolution?
- Example, $\mathrm{M}=8$


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| $? ? ?$ | log N |

Binary search trees partition the number line

- Split at 70
- Split at 20
- etc

- Any value inserted to the left of 30 must be in what range?


## You can partition the coordinate plane with a variation of BSTs

- Each level splits the plane in one direction only
- Use the insert algorithm to build a tree from points:
A $(0.5,0.7)$
B $(0.75,0.5)$
C $(0.7,0.15)$
D $(0.8,0.25)$
E $(0.45,0.4)$
F $(0.9,0.15)$



## Nearest neighbor using a 2D Tree

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- Recursively go to each side if it could be closer:
- To left/top and update closest if one found
- To right/bottom and update closest if one found
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- You can find the nearest neighbor efficiently


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| 2D tree | $\log \mathrm{N}$ |

## 2D Trees are useful

- Questions for thought:
- How would you build a 3D tree?
-... a k-d tree?
- Summarize now
- Assignment for this week:
- Implement insert(Point), contains(Point), and nearest(Point) using a 2D tree

