Data Structures

KD Tree 2

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Announcements

Exam 2 this week - 10/01 to 10/03

Review of practice exam 2 - <u>notes</u> + <u>video</u>

MP lists due today

Learning Objectives

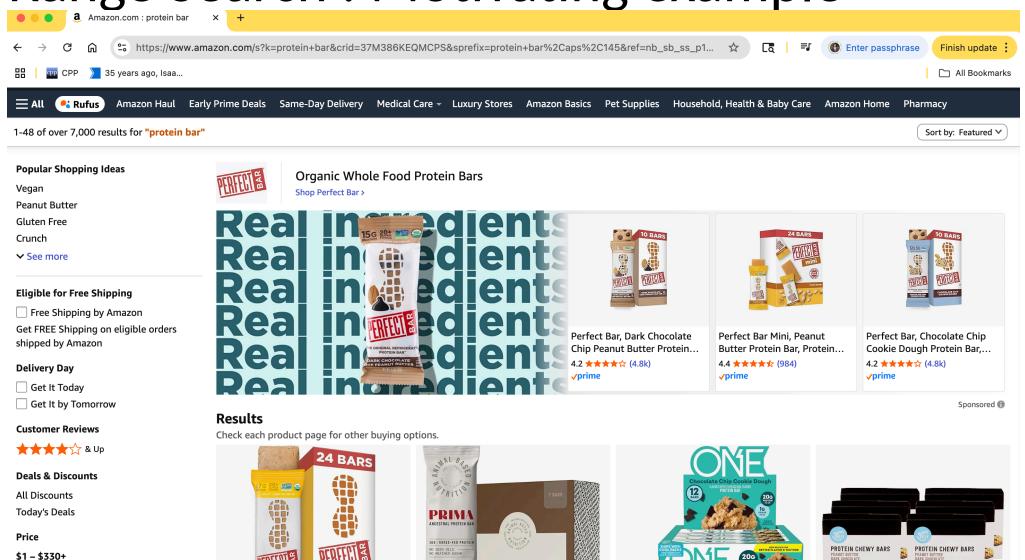
KD tree: Motivation and Creation

KD tree: Interval Search and Nearest Neighbor

KD tree: Pros and Cons

Go over C++ concepts for mp_mosaics (probably shared as a separate video later)

Range Search: Motivating example



Want
Protein
bars that
cost
between
10\$ and
20\$ as
well as
protein
between
5g and
15g

Range-based Searches

Consider a collection of points on a 1D line: $p = \{p1, p2, ..., pn\}$

If I want to find all values between [A, B], how could I implement this?



Range-based Searches: Brute Force

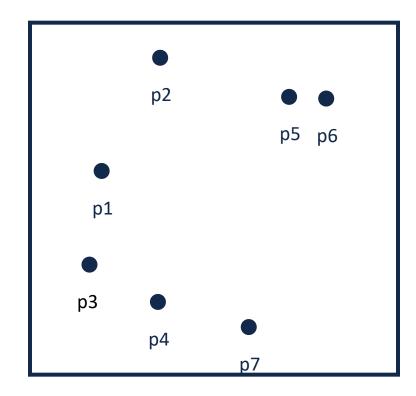
Consider points in 2D: p = {p1, p2, ..., pn}

What points in rectangle [(x1, y1), (x2, y2)]?

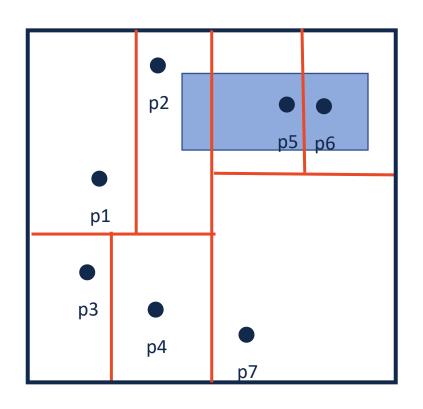
1. Brute Force: Check each point for validity

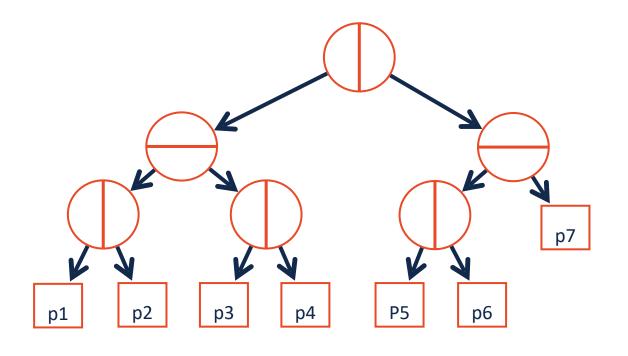
$$(x1 \le x \le x2 \&\& y1 \le y \le y2)$$

For k dimensional data: **O(kn)**



Range-based Searches (bisecting planes)

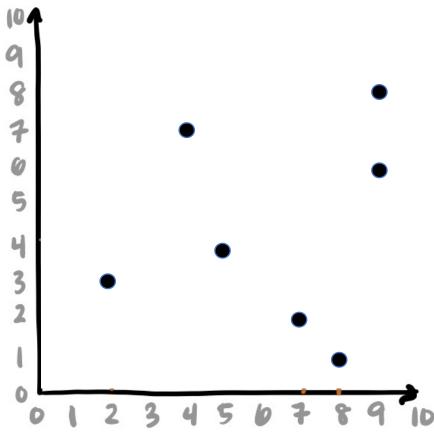




k-d tree : Example

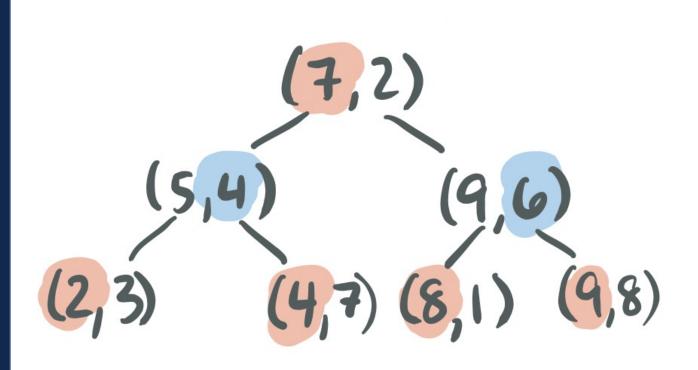
A k-d tree is similar but splits on points:

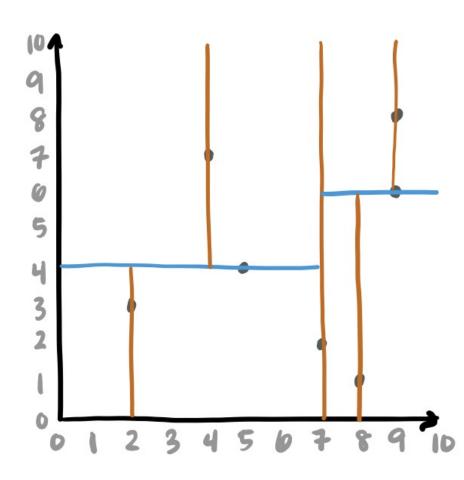
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Data - (7,2), (5,4), (9,6), (4,7), (2,3), (8,1), (9,8)
Step 1 - Split on \times-median (7,2)
(5,4), (4,7), (2,3) (9,6), (8,1), (9,8)
Step 2 - Split on y-median
(5,4), (4,7), (2,3) (9,6), (8,1), (9,8)
(2,3) \qquad (4,7) \qquad (8,1) \qquad (9,8)
Step 3 - Split on x-median
                                                (9,8)
(2,3) (4,7)
                                 (8,1)
```



k-d tree: Build





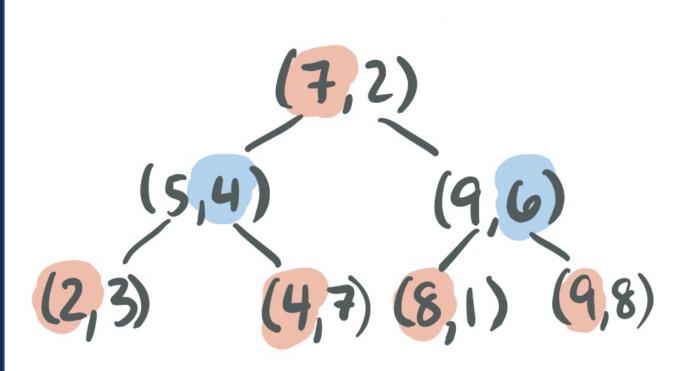


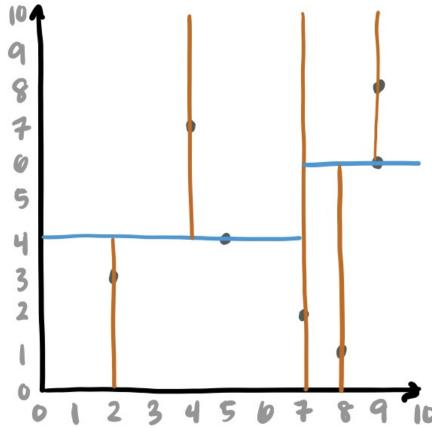
k-d tree: Properties



Height of a kd -tree on n points : O(log n)

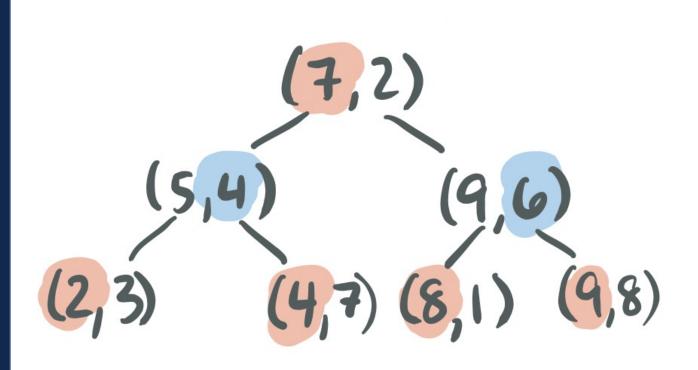
Time complexity of building a kd -tree on n points : O(n log n)

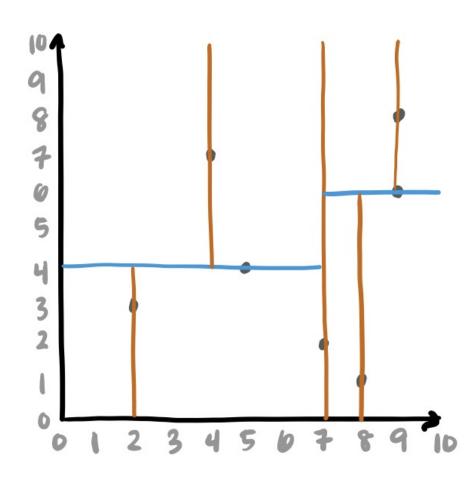




k-d tree: Range Search



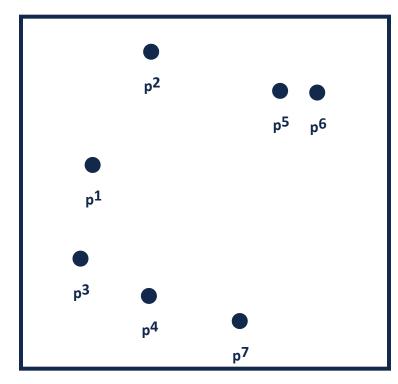




Nearest Neighbor search

Consider points in 2D: p = {p1, p2, ..., pn}

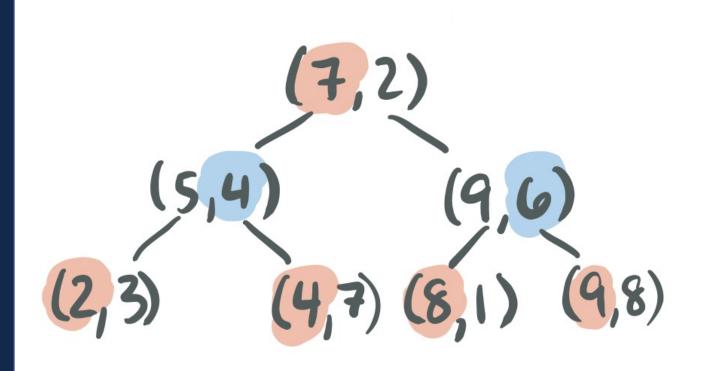
What is nearest point to (x1, y1)?

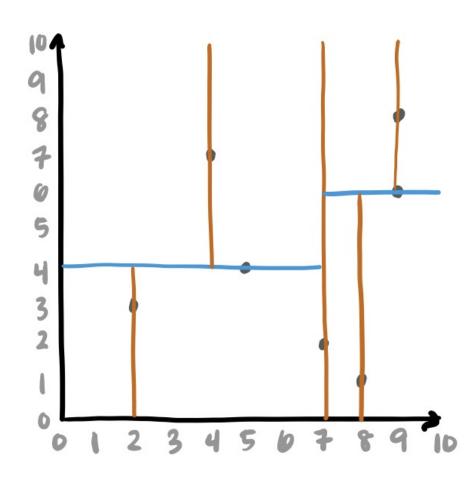


Brute Force: Query distance of each point pi from (x1, y1) and pick closest

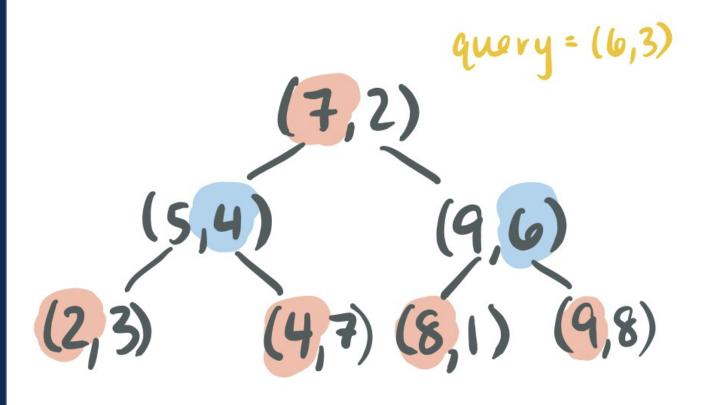
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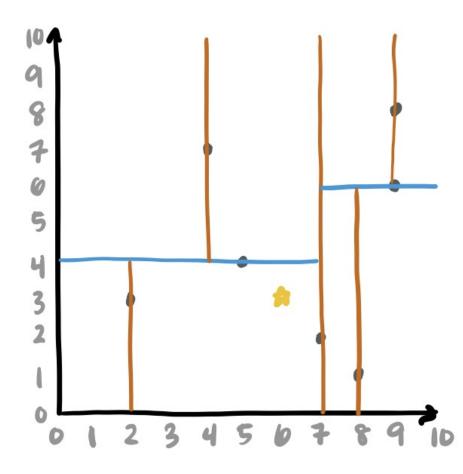




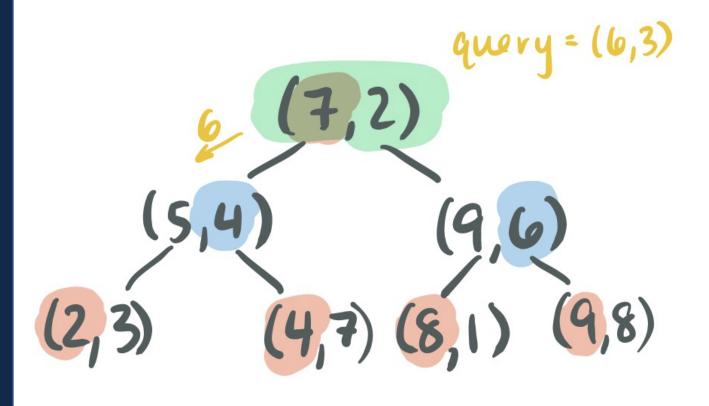


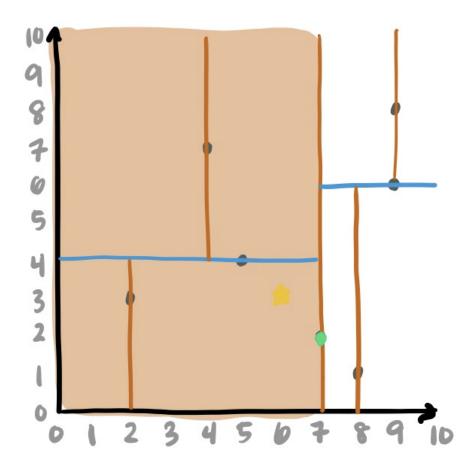
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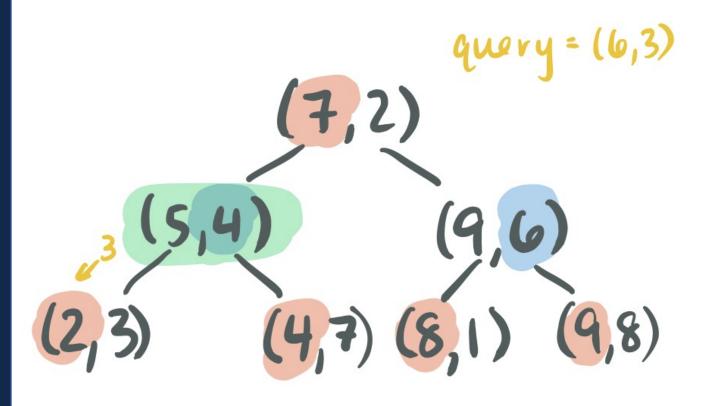


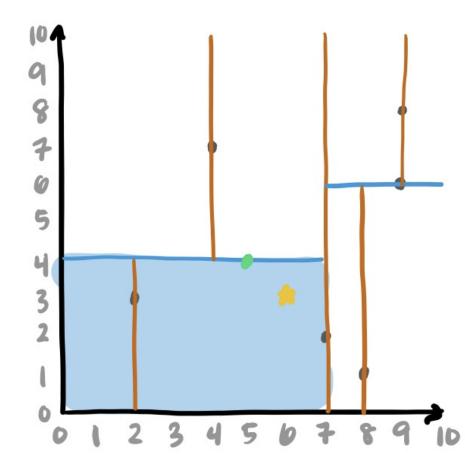
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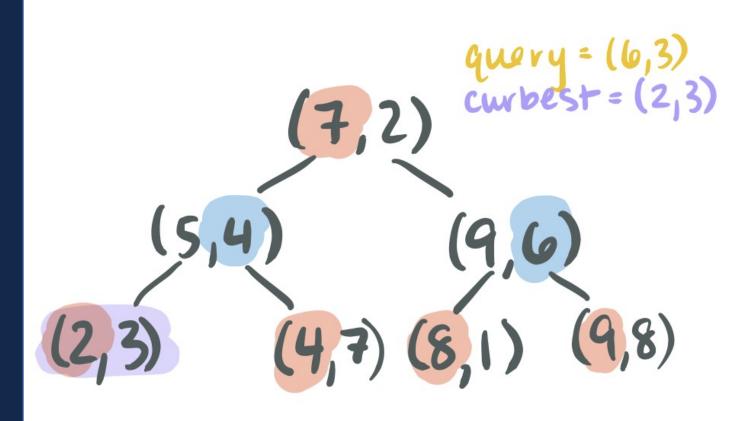
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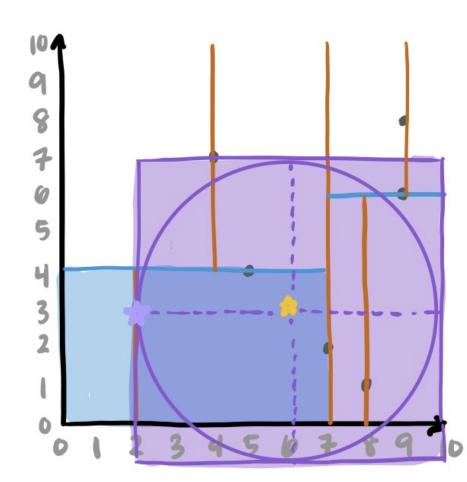




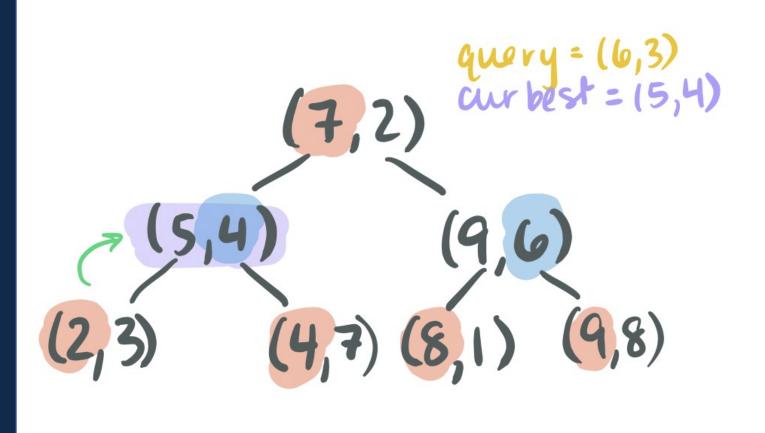
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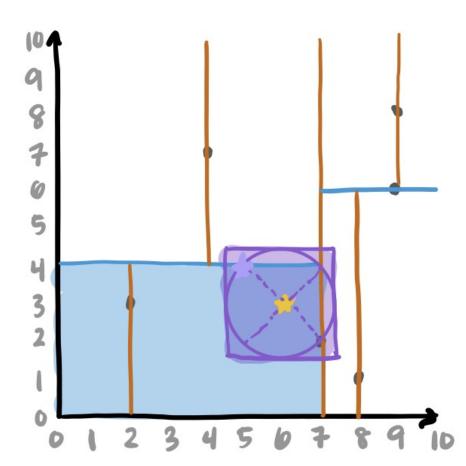
... But if we dont find exact match, have to find nearest neighbor

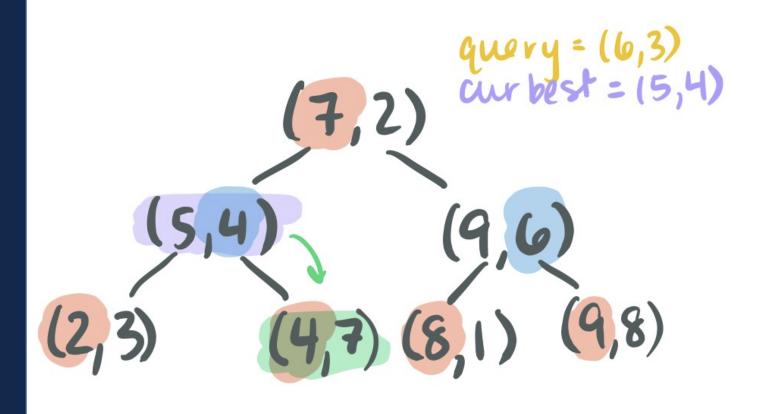


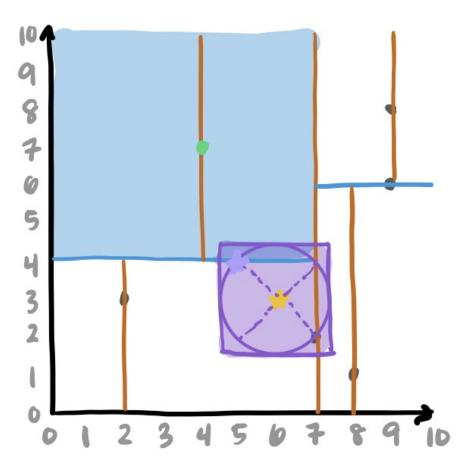


Backtracking: start recursing backwards -- store "best" possibility as you trace back

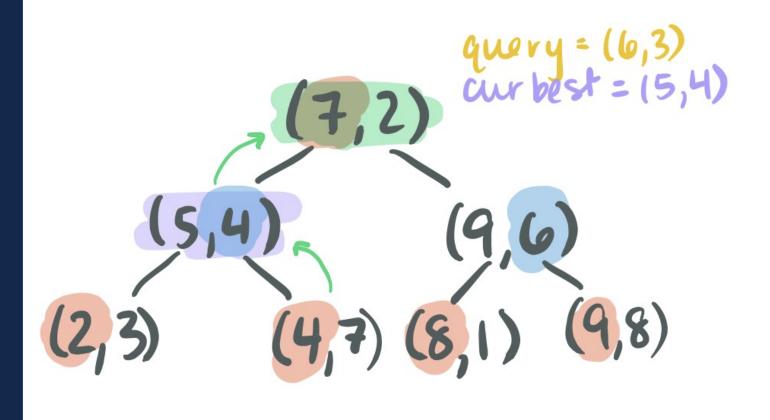


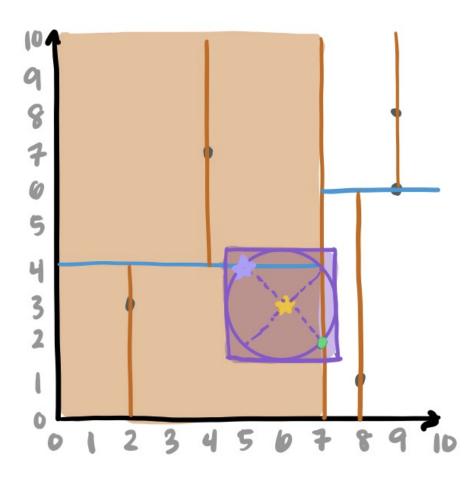




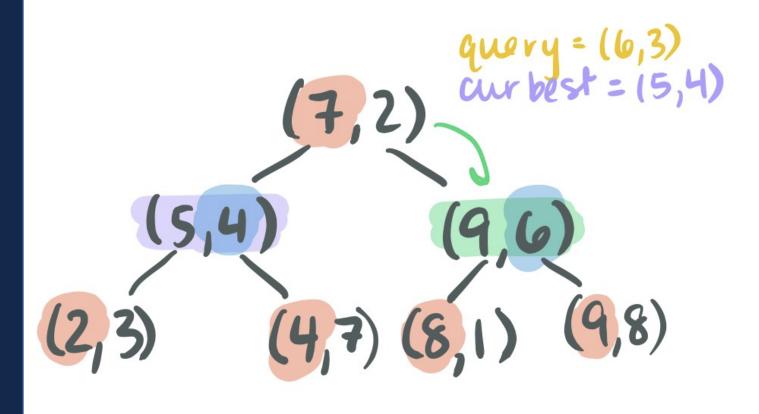


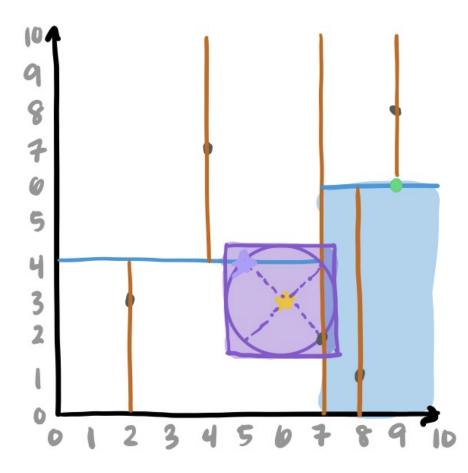
On ties, use smallerDimVal to determine which point remains curBest



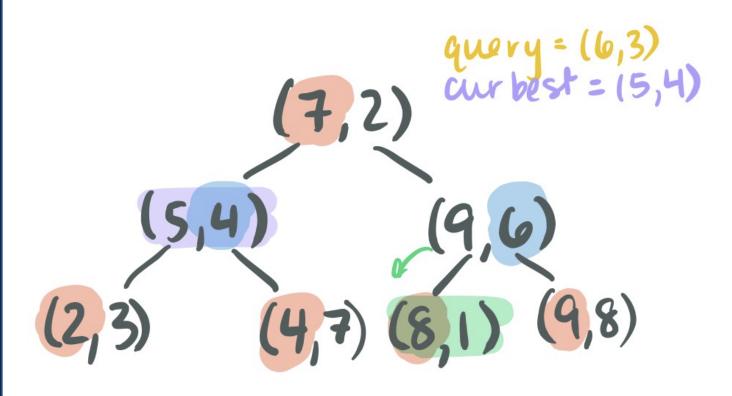


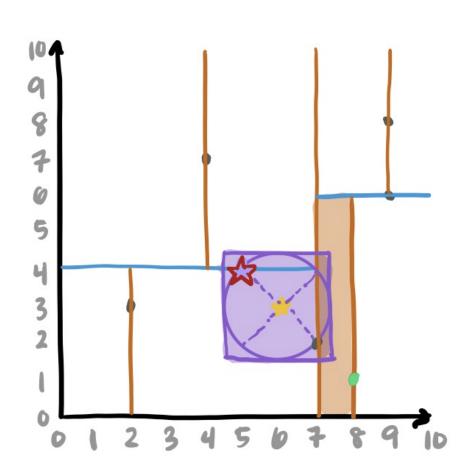
Why do we need to explore this subtree?











BEST: (5,4)

Kd tree: Pros and Cons

	KD tree	Comments
Build	O(n log n)	Worth paying this cost if we anticipate many queries
Range Search	O(n^(1 - 1/k) + m)	Good for low dimensions Curse of Dimensionality - Bad as k increases
Nearest Neighbor Search	O(log n): Average Case O(n): Worst case	Depends on distribution of data
Insert/Remove data	O(log n): Average Case O(n): Worst case	Depends on distribution of data

m:#outputs

Tips and Tricks for MP_Mosaics

1. Review, understand, and use quickselect

```
template <typename RandIter, typename Comparator>
void select(RandIter start, RandIter end, RandIter k, Comparator cmp)
{
    /**
    * @todo Implement this function!
    */
}
```

2. Review, understand, and use lambda functions

Understanding 'randIter'

An iterator is a container giving access in different ways:

Forward

Bidirectional

Random Access

Implementing quickselect with RandIter

Random Access Iterator lets you:

Swap items using std::swap()

```
template <typename RandIter, typename Comparator>
void BlackBox(RandIter A, RandIter B)
{
    std::swap(*A, *B);
}
}
```

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Implementing quickselect with RandIter

Random Access Iterator lets you:

Access container indices using math operations

```
randIter A;
auto nth = *(A + n);
```

Get distance between two iterators

```
randIter A, B;

A < B;

// True if A is earlier in container than B

A - B;

// The distance between A and B
```

Implementing quickselect with RandIter

Random Access Iterator lets you:

Do most things you'd expect an array to be able to do!

The power of the Interface!

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Functions as arguments

Consider the function from Excel COUNTIF(range, criteria)

A10	× × ✓ j	f_X =COUNTIF(A1:A9	9,"<0")
	А	В	С
1	1		
2	102		
3	105		
4	4		
5	5		
6	27		
7	41		
8	-7		
9	999		
10	1		
11			

Functions as arguments

Countif.hpp

```
template <typename Iter, typename Pred>
    int Countif(Iter begin, Iter end, Pred pred) {
12
      int count = 0;
      auto cur = begin;
13
14
      while(cur != end) {
15
16
        if(pred(*cur))
17
          ++count;
18
        ++cur;
19
20
```

```
21 return count;
22 }
```

Here are several ways to write a function as an object

main.cpp

```
1 bool isNegative(int num) { return (num < 0); }</pre>
 2
 3 class IsNegative {
 4 public:
       bool operator() (int num) { return (num < 0); }</pre>
 6 };
 7
 8 int main() {
     std::vector<int> numbers = {1, 102, 105, 4, 5, 27, 41, -7, 999};
10
     auto isnegl = [](int num) { return (num < 0); };</pre>
11
     auto isnegfp = isNegative;
12
     auto isnegfunctor = IsNegative();
13
```

[Capture](Arg List){ Function Body}

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Capture: Takes the value of object based on when the lambda was defined, NOT the current value of the object!

Arg List: Standard way of inputing into a function

Function Body: Code can use both capture vars and arg vars



```
main.cpp

int big;

std::cout << "How big is big? ";

std::cin >> big;

auto isbig = [big](int num) { return (num >= big); };

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```



```
main.cnn

int big;

std::cout << "How big is big? ";

std::cin >> big;

auto isbig = [big](int num) { return (num >= big); };

std::cout << "There are " << Countif(numbers.begin(), numbers.end(), isbig)</pre>
```

```
<< " big numbers" << std::endl;
Useful for mp_mosaics!</pre>
```

KD-Tree will split points in one dimension

When comparing, we need to remember what dimension we are in!

Tips and Tricks for MP_Mosaics

Final tips:

The mp_mosaic writeup is long. READ IT

The suggestions in the writeup should be followed carefully