

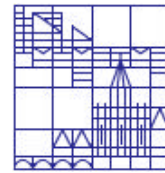
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Similarity Search in Multimedia Databases

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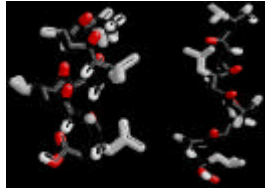
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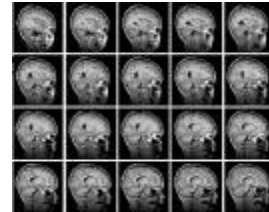
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- Many application domains



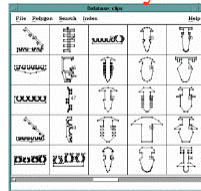
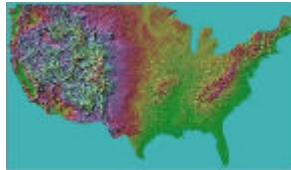
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Medicine



Manufacturing
Industry

Geography



And many others...

Introduction

- Multimedia data: Heterogeneous!

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■ Content-based retrieval in multimedia databases [YI99]

- Two approaches for retrieval in multimedia databases:
 - *Object Annotation (Meta Information):*
Describes the content of the multimedia object
 - *The object itself.*
Representation is the multimedia object itself
- Exact search is not meaningful



Similarity Search!

Introduction

■ Example of content-based retrieval

Query Object



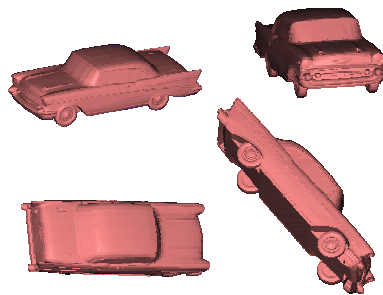
Retrieved similar objects



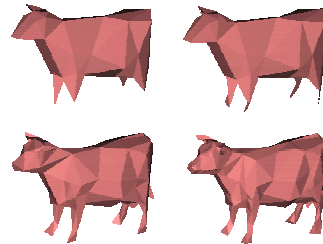
Introduction

- Content-based retrieval in multimedia databases is a difficult problem!

Orientation

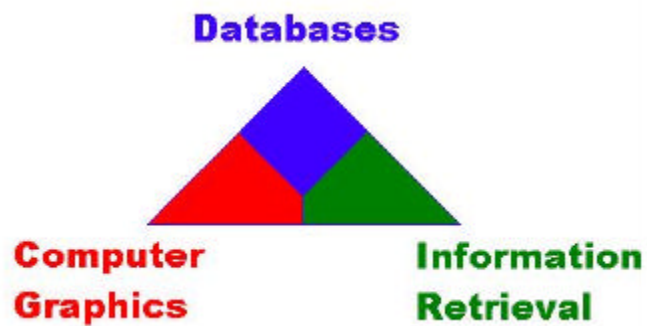


Level-of-detail



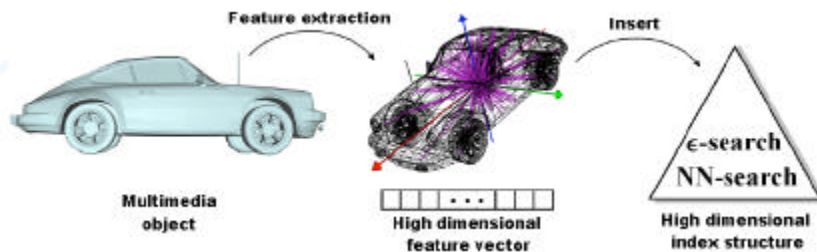
Introduction

- Multimedia databases: Involves different areas in Computer Science



Introduction

■ Basic Approach to Similarity Search



Introduction

■ Modeling multimedia data

- Metric space [CNB+01]
- Vector space [BBK01]

■ Nomenclature

- X : Universe of valid objects
- $U \subset X$: Database
- $n \in \mathbb{N}$: Size of U
- $d(x, y)$: Distance function
- $q \in X$: Query object



Introduction

- Modeling multimedia data: Metric space

- Measure of distance between objects

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

- Properties of a metric:

1. Positiveness:

$$\forall x, y \in X, d(x, y) \geq 0 \wedge d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$$

2. Symmetry: $\forall x, y \in X, d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

3. Triangle inequality:

$$\forall x, y, z \in X, d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$$



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- Distance functions: Minkowski

$$l_s(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^t |x_i - y_i|^s \right)^{1/s}, s \geq 1$$

- $l_1(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^t |x_i - y_i|$ “Manhattan”

- $l_2(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^t |x_i - y_i|^2}$ “Euclidean”

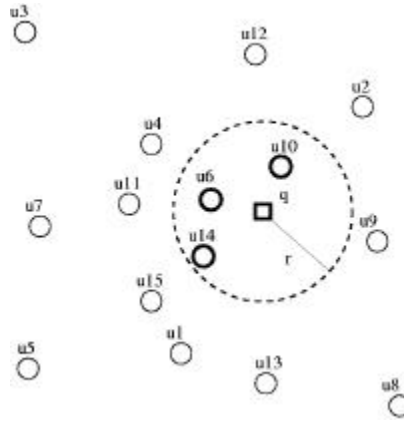
- $l_\infty(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \max_{i=1}^t \{|x_i - y_i|\}$ “Maximum”

- Weighted Minkowski, Mahalanobis, etc.

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- Similarity queries: Range query

$$(q, r)_d = \{u \in U \mid d(q, u) \leq r\}$$



Introduction

- Similarity queries:
***k*-Nearest Neighbor Query**

– Returns an answer set C such that

$$|C| = k$$

and

$$\forall x \in C, y \in U - C, d(x, q) \leq d(y, q)$$

Introduction

■ Multimedia Content Descriptor Interface (MPEG-7)

- MPEG-7 is a standard that describes multimedia content data



Introduction

■ Main elements of MPEG-7 standard

- Description tools
 - Descriptors
 - Description schemes
- Description definition language (DDL)
- System tools
 - Text format (searching and editing)
 - Binary format (efficient storage and transmission)

■ URL:

<http://www.chiariglione.org/mpeg/standards/mpeg-7/mpeg-7.htm>



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Efficiency Considerations

- Effects in high-dimensional spaces [BBK01]
 - Exponential dependency of measures on the dimension
 - Boundary effects
 - No geometric imagination
 - ➔ Intuition fails

“Curse of dimensionality”



Efficiency Considerations

- Notations and assumptions
 - D dimensions
 - Size of the database = N
 - Data space normalized to $[0,1]^D$
 - Uniformly distributed data

Efficiency Considerations

- Exponential growth of volume

- Hypercube

$$Vol_{cube}(edge, D) = edge^D$$

$$Diag_{cube}(edge, D) = edge \cdot \sqrt{D}$$

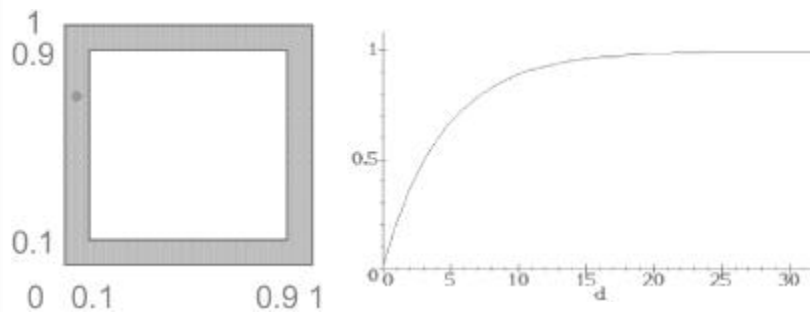
- Hypersphere

$$Vol_{sphere}(radius, D) = radius^D \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi^D}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{D}{2}+1\right)}$$

Efficiency Considerations

- The surface is everything!

- Probability that a point is closer to 0.1 to a (D-1)-dimensional surface

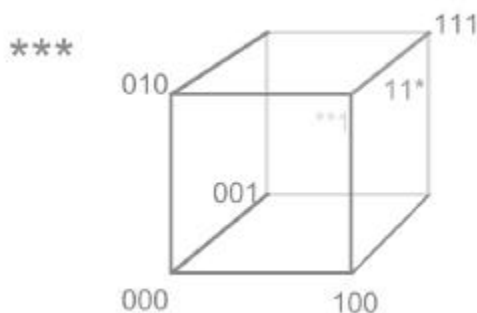


Efficiency Considerations

- Number of surfaces

- How many k -dimensional surfaces has a D -dimensional hypercube $[0..1]^D$?

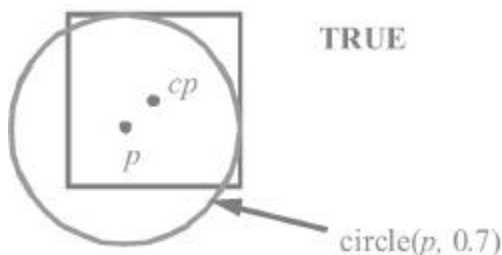
$$\binom{d}{k} \cdot 2^{(d-k)}$$



Efficiency Considerations

- “Each circle touching all boundaries includes the center point” → False!

- D -dimensional cube $[0,1]^D$
- $cp=(0.5, 0.5, \dots, 0.5)$, $p=(0.3, 0.3, \dots, 0.3)$
- 16-D: circle $(p, 0.7)$, distance $(p, cp)=0.8!!!$

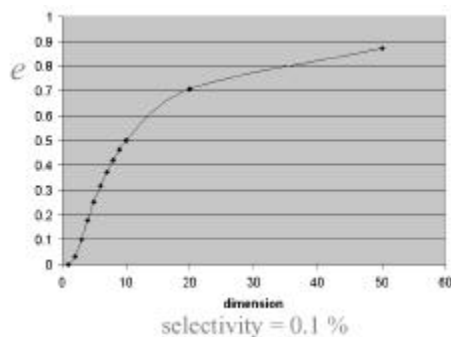


Efficiency Considerations

■ Database specific effects

- Selectivity of range queries: Depends on the volume of the query

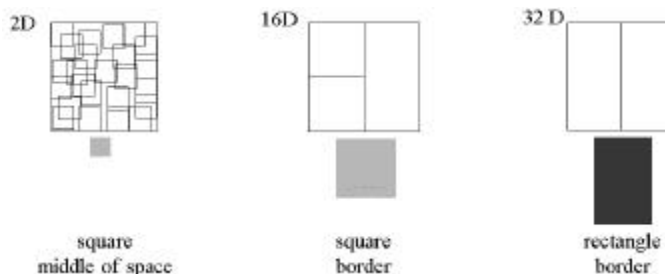
$$e = d \sqrt[d]{Vol_{cube}}$$



Efficiency Considerations

■ Database specific effects

- Data pages have large extensions
- Most of data pages touch the surface of the data space on most sides

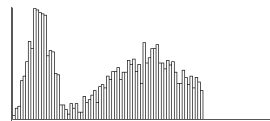


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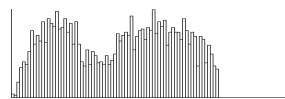
- How to express useful queries in high-dimensional spaces?
 - Histograms describing some statistical properties
 - Medium - very high dimensionality (20-1000)
 - Meaningful queries are *difficult* to express
 - Observations
 - Not all dimensions are equally relevant for a given query
 - Multiple meaningful NNs exist for different search metrics

Efficiency Considerations

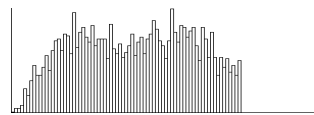
- How do meaningful distance distributions look like?



All 10 dimensions are relevant



9 of 10 dimensions are relevant



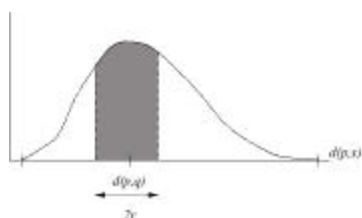
8 of 10 dimensions are relevant

Efficiency Considerations

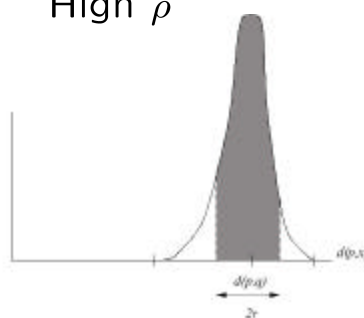
- Effects in metric spaces [CNB+01]

Intrinsic dimension $\rho = 2\mu^2/\sigma^2$

Low ρ



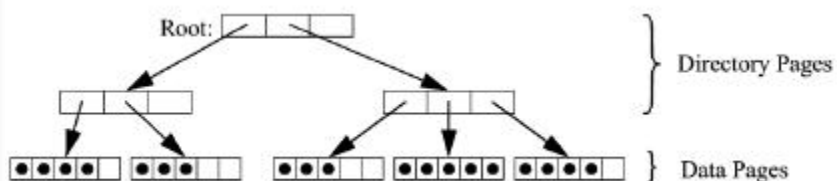
High ρ



Efficiency: Spatial access methods

- High-dimensional indexing methods [BBK01]

Hierarchical index structures



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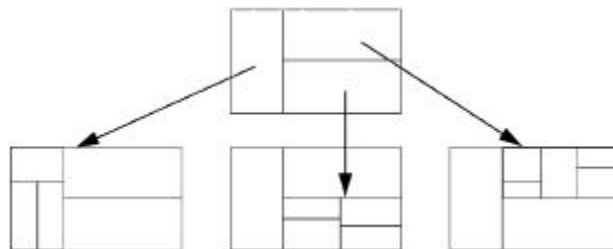
■ Minimum bounding rectangles

- kd-tree directory
 - kd-B-tree [Rob81]
 - LSD^h-tree [Hen98]
- R-tree variations
 - R-tree [Gut84]
 - R⁺-tree [SRF87]
 - R*-tree [BKS+90]
 - X-tree [BKK96]

Efficiency: Spatial access methods

■ kd-B-tree [Rob81]

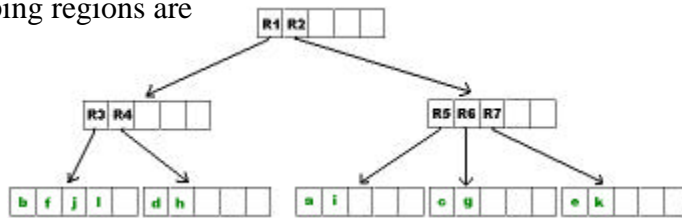
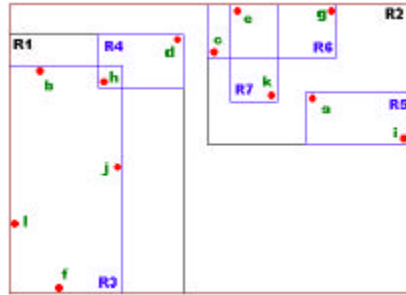
- Hyperrectangle-shaped page regions
- An adaptive kd-tree is used for space partitioning
- Complete and disjoint partitioning



Efficiency: Spatial access methods

R-tree [Gut84]

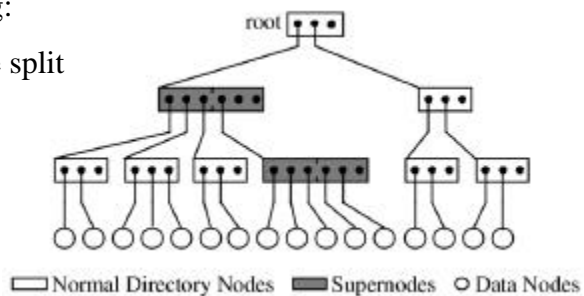
- Solid minimum bounding rectangles (MBR)
- Space partitioning is neither complete nor disjoint
- Overlapping regions are allowed



Efficiency: Spatial access methods

X-tree [BKK96]

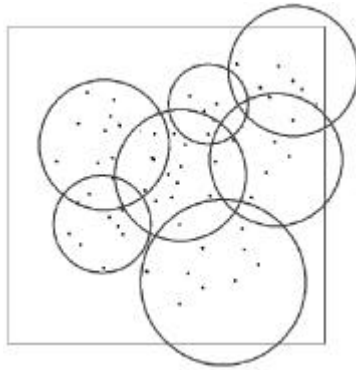
- Avoids overlap in the directory by using:
 - Overlap-free split
 - Supernodes



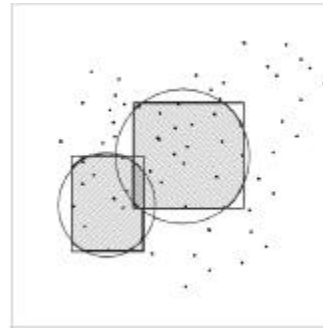
Efficiency: Spatial access methods

- Bounding spheres and combined regions

SS-tree [WJ96b]



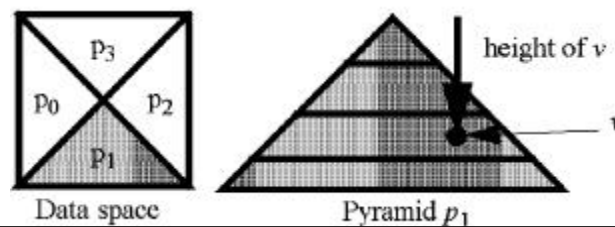
SR-tree [KS97]



Efficiency: Spatial access methods

- Other structures
 - TV-tree [LJF94]
 - Space filling curves [Sag94]
 - Pyramid technique [BBK98]

Example: Pyramid technique

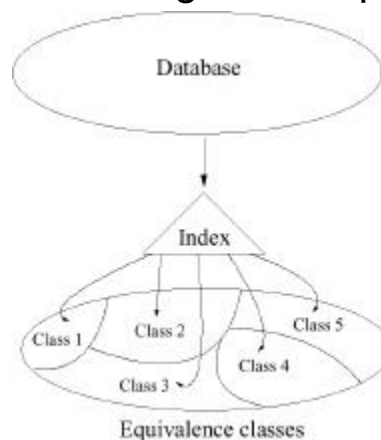


Efficiency: Spatial access methods

- GEMINI: Generic Multimedia object INdEXING [Fa96]
 1. Determine distance function D between two objects
 2. Find numerical feature-extraction functions
 3. Prove that distance in feature space is a lower-bound of D
 4. Use an index to store and retrieve feature vectors

Efficiency: Metric indices

- Indexing metric spaces [CNB+01]



Querying:

- Traverse index and discard classes (internal complexity)
- Search in candidate classes (external complexity)

Efficiency: Metric indices

- Complexity of the search
 - Usually measured as the *number of distance computations*
 - Other costs (I/O, CPU) are neglected
- Two main indexing approaches
 - Pivot-based indexing
 - Indexing based on compact partitions

Efficiency: Metric indices

■ Pivot-based indexing

- Set of k pivots

$$\{p_1, \dots, p_k\}, p_i \in U$$

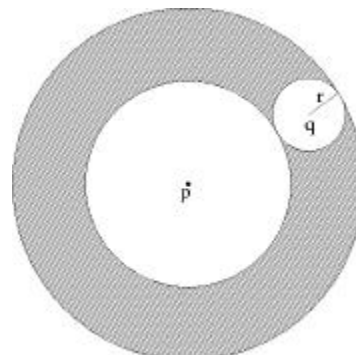
- Distance lower bound

$$d(q, x) \geq |d(p_i, x) - d(p_i, q)|$$

- Exclusion condition for (q, r)

$$|d(p_i, x) - d(p_i, q)| > r$$

Example using 1 pivot





Efficiency: Metric indices

- Metric trees based on pivots
 - Burkhard-Keller Tree [BK73]
 - Vantage Point Tree [Yia93]
 - Fixed Queries Tree [BCM+94]
 - Fixed-Height Queries Tree [BCM+94]
 - Multi Vantage Point Tree [BO97]
- Array representations of trees
 - Spaghettis [CMB99]
 - Fixed Queries Array [CMN01]



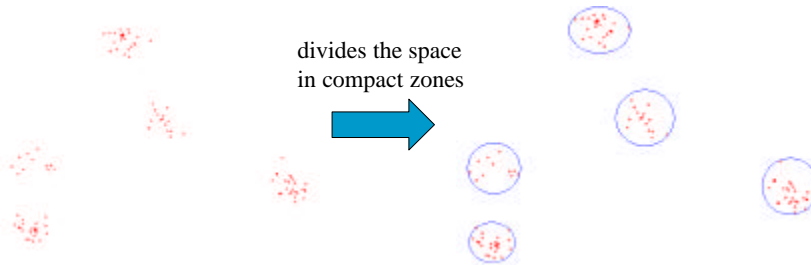
Efficiency: Metric indices

- Other structures
 - Approximating and Eliminating Search Algorithm (AESA) [Vid86]
 - Linear AESA [MOV94]
- Pivot selection techniques [BNC03]
 - Random selection
 - Maximize mean distribution of

$$D_{p_1, \dots, p_k}(x, y) = \max_{i=1}^k |d(p_i, x) - d(p_i, y)|$$

Efficiency: Metric indices

■ Indexing based on compact partitions

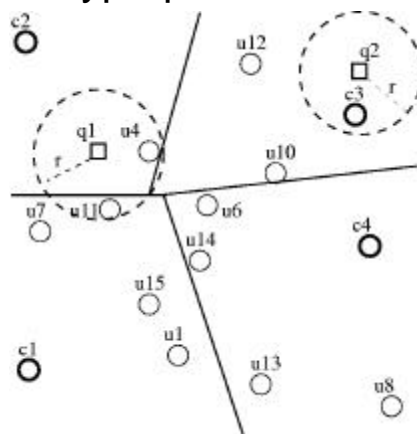


■ Criteria for partitioning the space

- Hyperplane partition
- Covering radius

Efficiency: Metric indices

■ Hyperplane criterion



Search algorithm for (q,r) :

- Compute distances between centers and q
- Let c be the closest center to q
- *Exclusion condition:*

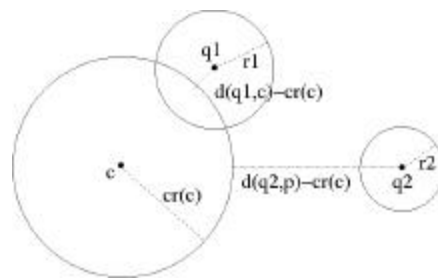
$$d(q, c_i) > d(q, c) + 2r$$

- For q_1 , the algorithm discards the zone of c_4
- For q_2 , the algorithm discards the zones of c_1 and c_2

Efficiency: Metric indices

■ Covering radius criterion

- *Covering radius*: Maximum distance from a center to an object from its zone.
- Exclusion criterion: $d(q, c) - cr(c) > r$

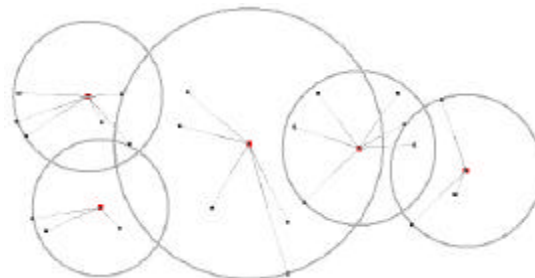


Example: For q_1 , the zone of c cannot be discarded, but for q_2 it is discarded

Efficiency: Metric indices

■ M-tree [CPZ97]

- Based on the covering radius criterion
- Good I/O performance and few distances computations



Efficiency: Metric indices

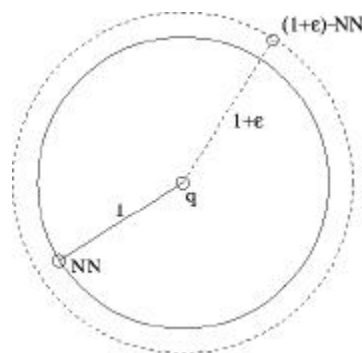
- Hyperplane criterion
 - Generalized-Hyperplane Tree [Uhl91]
- Covering radius criterion
 - Bisector Tree (BST) [KM83]
 - Voronoi Tree [DN87]
 - Monotonous BST [NVZ92]
 - M-Tree [CPZ97]
 - List of Clusters [CN00]
- Mixed criteria
 - Geometric Near-neighbor Access Tree [Bri95]
 - Spatial Approximation Tree [Nav02]

Efficiency: Approximate and probabilistic approaches

■ Approximate and probabilistic approaches

- Trade off between performance efficiency and quality of the approximation
- $(1+\epsilon)$ -approximate NN: Distance is within a factor $(1+\epsilon)$ of the distance to the true NN
- Time-bounded search: Retrieve similar objects in a fixed amount of time

Approximately correct NN





Efficiency: Approximate and probabilistic approaches

■ Classification schema [CP01]

- Data type:
 - Metric spaces
 - Vector spaces
- Error metrics:
 - Changing space
 - Reducing comparisons
- Quality guarantees:
 - Deterministic
 - Probabilistic (parametric and non-parametric)
- User interaction:
 - Static
 - Interactive



Efficiency: Approximate and probabilistic approaches

■ Approaches for vector spaces

- Approximate range search [AM95]
- Algorithms and strategies for similarity retrieval [WJ96a]
- Optimal approximate NN search [AMN+98]
- Limited radius NN-search [Yia00]
- Approximate similarity queries [CP01]



Efficiency: Approximate and probabilistic approaches

- Approaches for metric spaces
 - Approximate k -NN queries [ZSA+98]
 - Approximate NN-search [Cla99]
 - Probabilistic Approximately Correct (PAC) NN-search [CP00]
 - Probabilistic pivot-based range search [CN03]
 - Probabilistic algorithms based on compact partitions [BN04]



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Effectiveness: Effectiveness measures

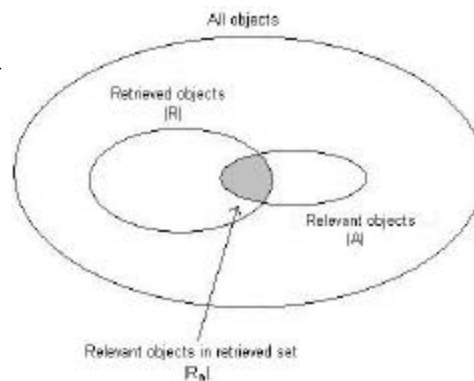
- Retrieval performance evaluation: *Effectiveness measures*
- **Ground truth:** *Test reference collection*
- Evaluation measure: Quantifies *similarity* between retrieved objects and relevant objects

Effectiveness: Effectiveness measures

- **Precision** and **recall** [BR99]

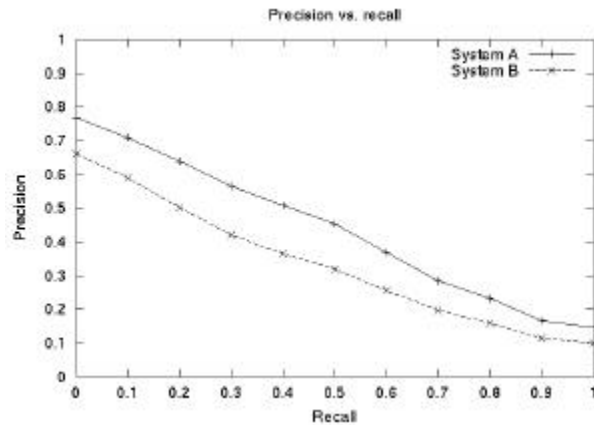
$$Precision = \frac{|R_a|}{|A|}$$

$$Recall = \frac{|R_a|}{|R|}$$



Effectiveness: Effectiveness measures

■ Precision vs. recall figure



System A is more effective than system B

Effectiveness: Effectiveness measures

■ Single values summaries

- R-precision (first tier) [BR99]: Precision computed when

$$|R| = |A|$$

- Bull-Eye Percentage (second tier) [ZP01]: Recall computed when

$$|R| = 2|A|$$

Effectiveness: Effectiveness measures

■ Alternative measures

– Harmonic mean [SBP97]; E measure [Rij79]

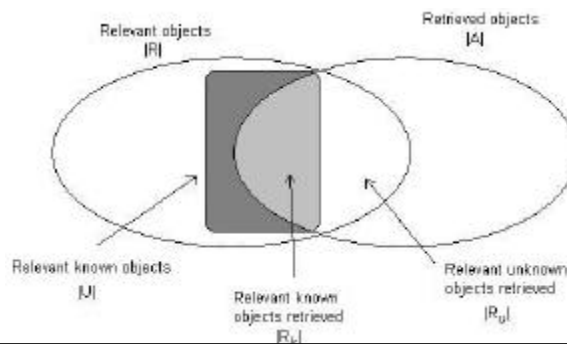
$$F(j) = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{r(j)} + \frac{1}{P(j)}} \quad r(j): \text{ recall } j^{\text{th}} \text{ object in the ranking}$$

$$E(j) = 1 - \frac{1+b^2}{\frac{b^2}{r(j)} + \frac{1}{P(j)}} \quad \begin{array}{l} P(j): \text{ precision } j^{\text{th}} \text{ object in the ranking} \\ b: \text{ user specified parameter} \end{array}$$

Effectiveness: User-oriented measures

■ Coverage and novelty [Kor97, BR99]

$$\text{Coverage} = \frac{|R_k|}{|U|} \quad \text{Novelty} = \frac{|R_u|}{|R_u| + |R_k|}$$





Effectiveness: User-oriented measures

- Relative recall, relative effort [Kor97]

$$\text{Relative recall} = \frac{\# \text{ relevant objects retrieved}}{\# \text{ relevant objects desired}}$$

$$\text{Relative effort} = \frac{\# \text{ relevant objects desired}}{\# \text{ objects examined to find them}}$$



Effectiveness: User-oriented measures

- Satisfaction and frustration [Kor97]

- Objects judged on a 5-point scale
- {0,1}: non-relevant; {2,3,4}: relevant

$$\text{Retrieved} = \{3, 0, 4, 2, 1\}$$

$$\text{Ideal} = \{4, 3, 2, 1, 0\}$$

$$\text{(a) Satisfaction} = \{3, 3, 7, 9, 9\}$$

$$\text{(b) Frustration} = \{0, 2, 2, 2, 3\}$$

$$\text{Total} = \alpha \text{Satisfaction} - \beta \text{Frustration}$$

$$\alpha = 1 \wedge \beta = 1 \Rightarrow \{3, 1, 5, 7, 6\}$$

$$\text{Total ideal} = \{4, 7, 9, 8, 6\}$$



Effectiveness: Reference collections

■ Reference collection

- “A collection of documents used for testing IR models and algorithms” [BR99]
- Usually includes:
 - Set of objects
 - Set of queries
 - Set of objects known to be relevant to each query



Effectiveness: Reference collections

■ TREC collection

- Text REtrieval Conference, started in 1992.
- TREC document collection
 - Several Gigabytes of data
 - Documents come from diverse sources
 - Set of relevant documents obtained via *pooling method*.
- URL: <http://trec.nist.gov/>



Effectiveness: Reference collections

■ Cystic Fibrosis Database [SWW+91]

- 1,239 documents published from 1974 to 1979 discussing Cystic Fibrosis Aspects
- A set of 100 queries with the respective relevant documents as answers
- Set of relevance scores generated by experts (0 to 8 points)
- URL: <http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/~hearst/irbook/cfc.html>



Effectiveness: Reference collections

■ Princeton Shape Benchmark [SMK+04]

- Database and tools for 3D objects retrieval
- 1,814 3D models:
 - Base training classification, 90 classes, 907 models
 - Base test classification, 92 classes, 907 models
- URL: <http://shape.cs.princeton.edu/benchmark/index.cgi>

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Applications: Text

- **Text retrieval**
 - Document: Paragraph, chapter, web page, book...
 - *Term*: word whose semantics defines the main theme of a document
 - Goal: Search in unstructured documents

 <http://www.google.com>

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Applications: Text

- Vector model for documents [BR99]
 - Term i is associated with a positive weight
 - t total number of terms $\rightarrow t$ features
 - Similarity between two documents

- Cosine similarity:

$$\text{sim}(\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2) = \frac{\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{d}_2}{\|\vec{d}_1\|_2 \cdot \|\vec{d}_2\|_2}$$

- Metric [FL95]

$$\text{dist}(\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2) = \sqrt{2 \cdot (1 - \text{sim}(\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2))}$$

Applications: Text

- Vector model for documents (cont.)
 - Term weights: *tf-idf* schema

$$w_{ij} = \frac{\text{freq}_{i,j}}{\max_{k=1}^t (\text{freq}_{k,j})} \cdot \log \left(\frac{N}{n_i} \right)$$

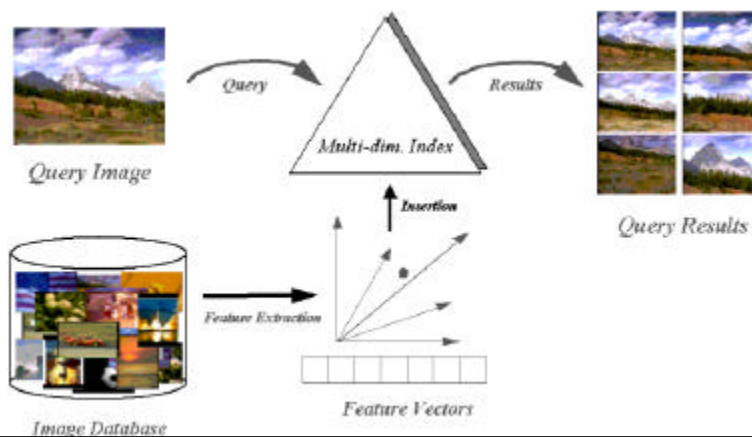
- N : Number of documents
- n_i : # of docs. where term i appears
- $\text{freq}_{i,j}$: Frequency of i^{th} term in doc. j

Applications: Text

- Approximate string matching [Nav01, NR02]
 - Given a word, retrieve all words close to it
 - Metric function: *Edit distance*
 - Applications:
 - OCR errors
 - Correcting misspelled words
 - Search of DNA sequences

Applications: Images

- Similarity search in images databases





Applications: Images

■ Similarity search in images databases

- Goal:
 - Content-based similarity search in large image DB
 - Improved recall without explicit object recognition
- General approach:
 - Feature transformation to extract compact feature vectors
 - Post-processing in feature space (e.g., clustering of feature vectors)
 - Search on feature vectors using index structure
 - Support of different similarity measures



Applications: Images

■ Feature extraction

- Color histograms [SK97]
- Contour descriptors [Jag91,AKS98]
- Texture similarity [VB98]
- Color similarity matching [LTO+01]
- Multiresolution similarity search [HHK+02]

■ Retrieval systems

- QBIC [AFH+95]

Applications: Images

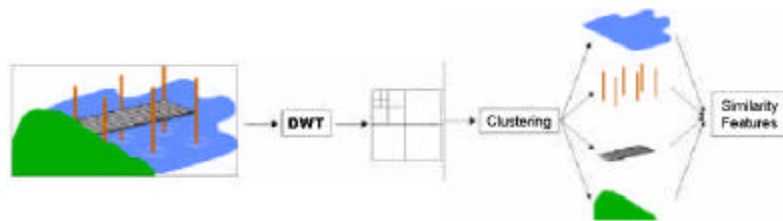
■ WALRUS [NRS04]

- Invariance w.r.t. translation and scaling of regions in image
- Approach:
 - Haar Wavelet Transform of sliding window of varying size
 - Clustering of signatures in wavelet space (BIRCH)
=> variable number of signatures per image
 - Storage of centroids of clusters in index structure (R*-tree)
 - Similarity search: Matching pairs of signatures (largest overlap)

Applications: Images

■ Windsurf [ABP99]

- Wavelet-based INDEXing of images Using Region Fragmentation
- Partial similarity based on image regions

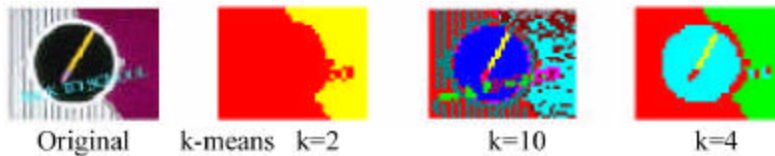


Applications: Images

■ Windsurf (cont.)

– Approach:

- Haar Wavelet transformation of each color channel
- Partitioning of the image based on clustering the three color coefficients (k-means clustering on 3rd subband wavelet coefficient)



- Feature vectors correspond to regions found in clustering step: (Size, Centroids, Covariance matrix of pixels in region)
- Similarity retrieval based on matching regions

Applications: Images

■ WIPE [WWF98]

– Wavelet Image Pornography Elimination

– Fast special purpose image filtering

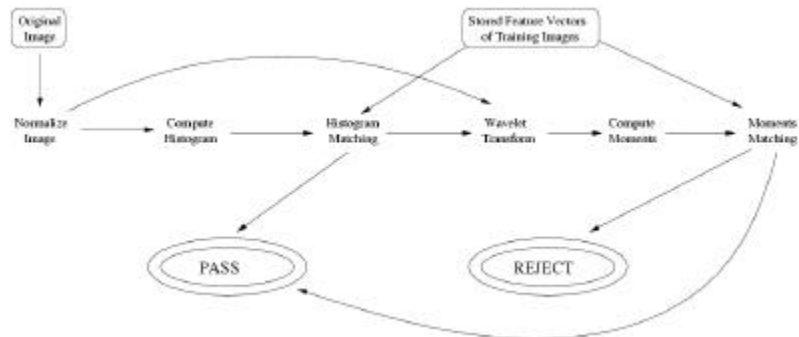
– Approach

- Normalization of images to standard size
- Wavelet transformation using Daubechies-3 wavelets
- Edge detection in different subbands of wavelet transformation
- Feature vectors used for similarity matching: Central moments, invariant moments, and color histograms
- Filtering based on training the search for the desired filtering

Applications: Images

■ WIPE (cont.)

– Schematic approach:



– Results: 95% correct images found with 10% wrong rejects

Applications: Images

■ Similarity measure learning [BVG+99]

– Interactive learning of the similarity measure

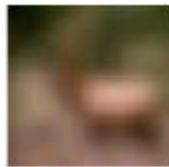
– Approach:

- Vector median filtering (to reduce noise)
- Haar wavelet transform
- Storage of 128 largest coefficients (quantized to +1 / -1)
- Supervised learning to find similarity measure to find weighting for feature vector comparison

Applications: Images

■ Partial image retrieval and sketch retrieval [WWF+97a,WWF+97b]

– Improved content-based retrieval



low
resolution



partial
image



block
sketch



hand-drawn
sketch

Applications: Images

■ Partial image retrieval (cont.)

– Approach:

- Wavelet transformation for each color component using Daubechies-8 wavelets
- Low frequency wavelet coefficients and their variance are stored as feature vectors
- 2-step retrieval:
 - Pre-selection (filtering) based on variance (candidates)
 - Similarity computation based on full feature vectors of candidates
- Extension: Two-level multi-resolution similarity search



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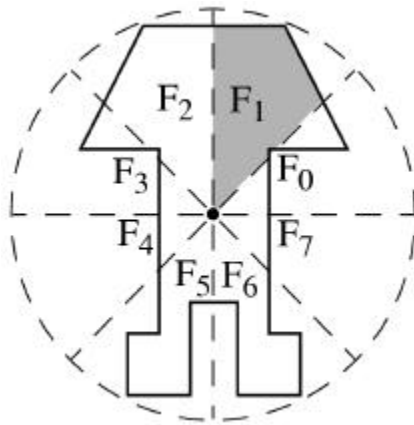


Applications: CAD

- Geometric similarity
 - Shape similarity [Jag91]
 - Geometric molecular shape [BMH92]
 - Surface segments [KS98]
 - Shape histograms [AKK+99]

Applications: CAD

- Section coding [BK98]



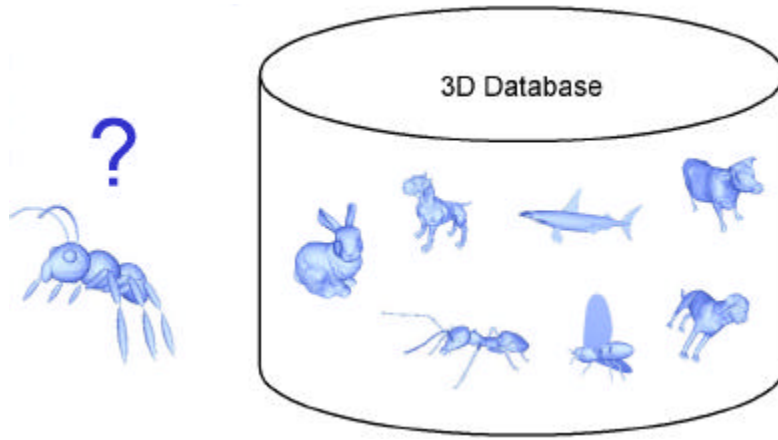
Applications: CAD

- Sets of feature vectors for searching voxelized CAD objects [KBK+03]

- Cover sequence model
- Set of feature vectors:
Minimum Euclidean distance
 - Minimum weight perfect matching
- Filter step using high-dimensional index structures

Applications: 3D objects

■ 3D similarity search



Applications: 3D objects

■ 3D similarity search

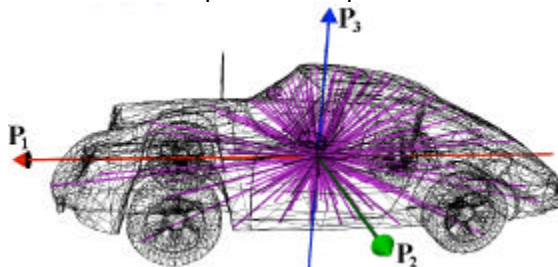
- Goal:
 - Effective content-based search of 3D objects
- Requirements:
 - Invariance with respect to translation, rotation, scaling, and reflection
 - Pre-aligning objects (time consuming)
 - Principal component analysis (PCA)
 - Implicit invariance
 - Robustness with respect to level-of-detail and noise
 - Multi-resolution feature representation

Applications: 3D objects

- Classification of 3D feature vectors
 - *Statistics*
 - *Extension-based*
 - *Surface geometry*
 - *Image-based*
 - *Volume-based*

Applications: 3D objects

- Ray-based [VS00]
 - Extension-based descriptor
 - Approach:
 - Sample a 3D model in regularly spaced directions
 - Treat these samples as components for the descriptor



Applications: 3D objects

■ Shape distribution with $D2$ [OFC+02]

- Statistical descriptor
- Approach:
 - Describe the shape of a 3D object as a probability distribution sampled from a shape function
 - Shape function: Euclidean distance between two random points on the surface
 - Construct histograms from random sampling points

Applications: 3D objects

■ Depth buffer [HKS+02]

- Image based descriptor
- Approach
 - Extend the projections with depth information
 - Code distance surface: View plane in grey values
 - Spatial domain: $6n^2$ values
 - Spectral domain 2D DFT: $6(n^2+n+1)$ values



Applications: 3D objects

■ Silhouette [HKS+02]

– Image-based descriptor

– Approach

- Form a silhouette (project model on specified plane)
- Select contour points (equidistant or equiangular)
- Form Fourier power spectrum using contour points
- Take the first n coefficients as the descriptor components

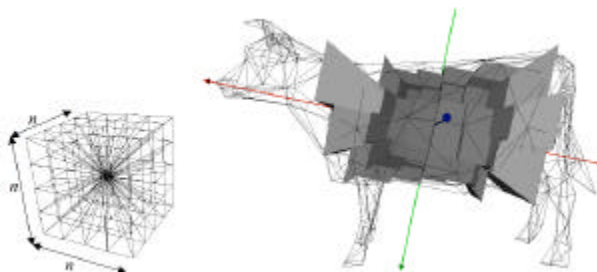


Applications: 3D objects

■ Volume-based [HKS+02]

– Approach

- $6n^2$ pyramid-like segments in the bounding cube
- Net proportion of volume occupied by the solid object in each segment of the bounding box





Applications: 3D objects

- Other 3D descriptors:
 - “Cords” [PMN+00]
 - “Rotation invariant” [KSO00]
 - Shape spectrum [ZP01]
 - Topology matching [HSK+01]
 - Rotation invariant spherical harmonics [FMK+03]
 - “Lightfield” descriptor [CTS+03]



Applications: Audio

- **Content-based audio retrieval**
 - Audio retrieval
 - Raw audio data [Foo99]
 - Query by humming [KG03]
 - Audio content analysis
 - Speech
 - Music
 - Environment sound
 - Silence



Applications: Audio

■ Applications

- Audio classification and segmentation methods [LJZ01]
- Music retrieval by humming or singing [JL01]
- Content-based organization of music archives [PRM02]
- Singer identification and classification of MP3 files [LH02]



Applications: Video

■ Content-based video retrieval [PJ04]

- Video media:
 - Large amounts of information: 1.2 Gb per minute (PAL video)
 - Images, audio, and text
- Video structure
 - Segmentation (detection of cuts/shots)
 - Time-line models
 - Hierarchical models
- Video content
 - Feature-based models
 - Annotation-based model



Applications: Video

■ COBRA video modeling framework [PJ00]

- Raw video data layer
- Feature layer
- Concept layers
 - Object layer
 - Event layer



Applications: Video

■ TREC video retrieval evaluation

- Objective: “to promote progress in content-based retrieval from digital video via open, metrics-based evaluation”
- 2001 and 2002: video “track” in TREC devoted to research in automatic segmentation, indexing, and content-based retrieval of digital video
- 2003: Independent evaluation (TRECVID)



Applications: Video

■ TRECVID

- Four main tasks:
 - Shot boundary determination
 - Story segmentation
 - High-level feature extraction
 - Search
- Video data:
 - 120 hours of ABC World News Tonight and CNN Headline News (late January - June 1998)
 - 13 hours of C-SPAN programming (between 1998 – 2001).
- URL: <http://www-nlpir.nist.gov/projects/trecvid/>



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Future research

■ New applications:

- Partial similarity
- Protein docking
- Digital mock-up
- Streams of Multimedia Data

→ New features transformations necessary



Future research

■ Efficiency:

- Index Structures
- Query Processing (k-NN)
- Query Optimization

■ Effectiveness:

- Similarity Measures
- Evaluation (Ground Truth?)



The End



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