

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.



Outline

Goal: ‘Find **similar / interesting** things’

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



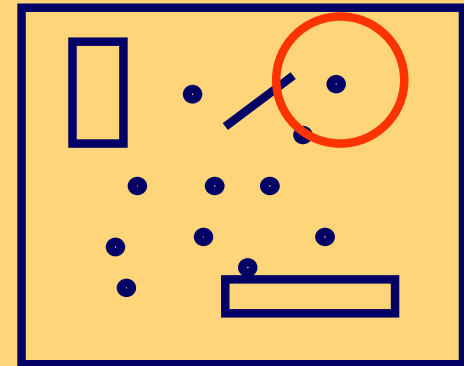
Indexing - Detailed outline

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



Spatial Access Methods - problem

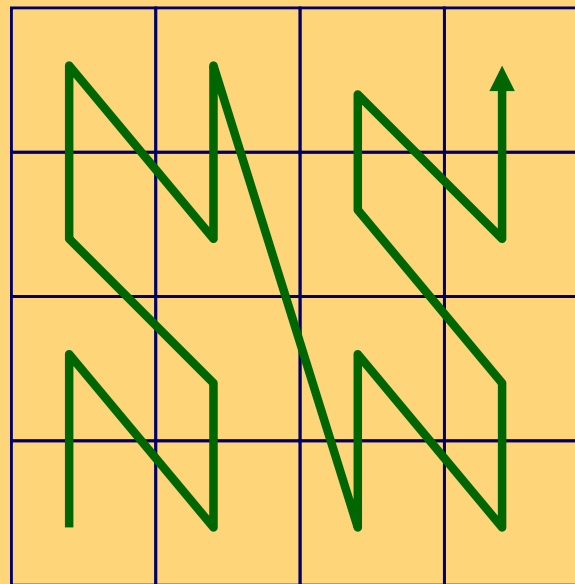
- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
- Find cities within 100mi from Pittsburgh





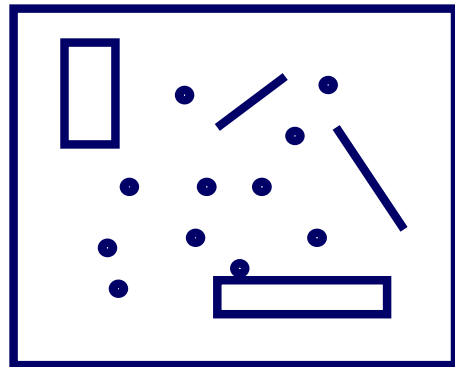
Solution#1: z-ordering

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



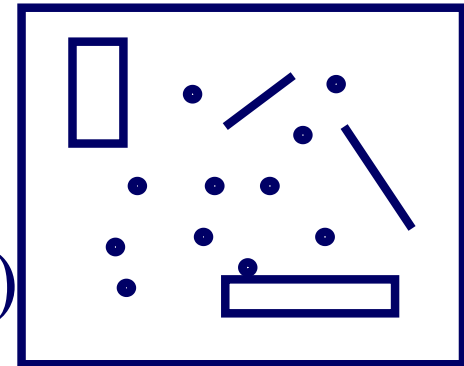
Spatial Access Methods - problem

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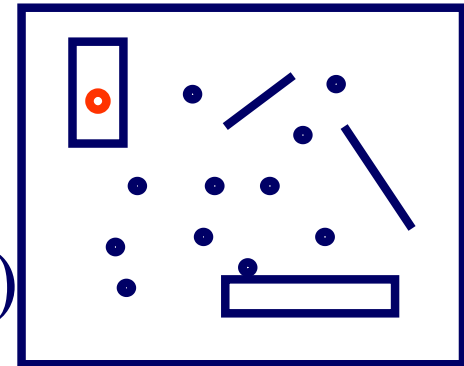
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 - range queries
 - k-nn queries
 - spatial joins (‘all pairs’ queries)



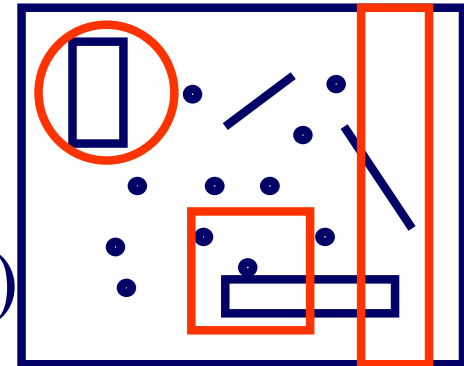
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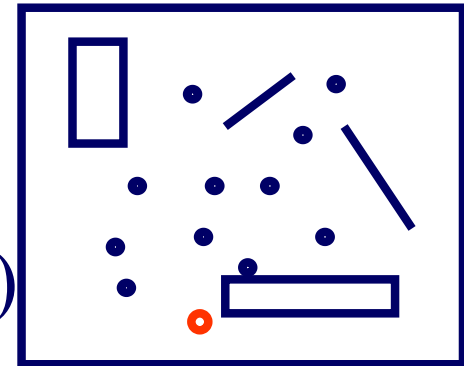
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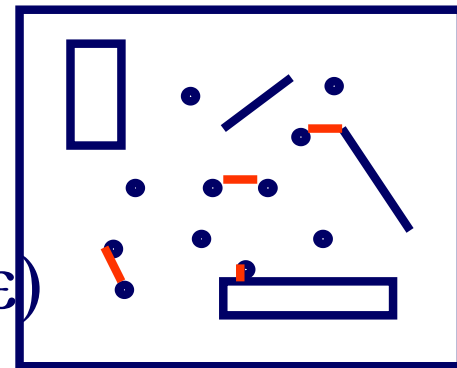
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SAMs - motivation

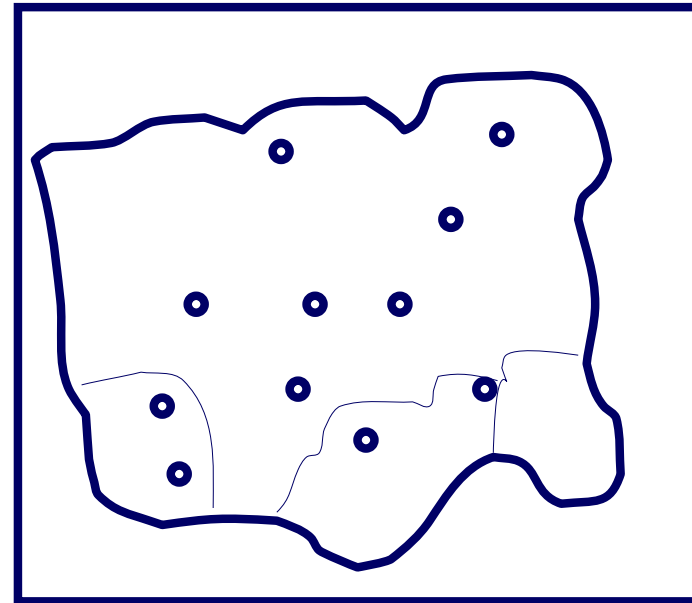
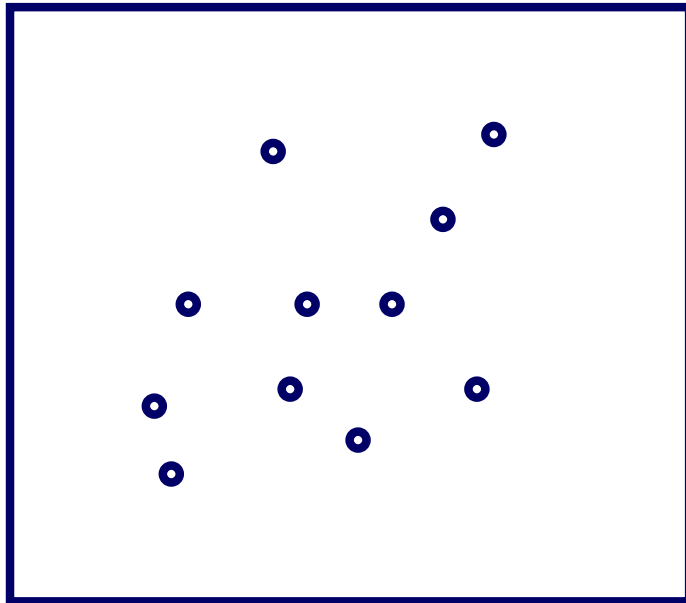
- Q: applications?

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traditional DB

GIS

age

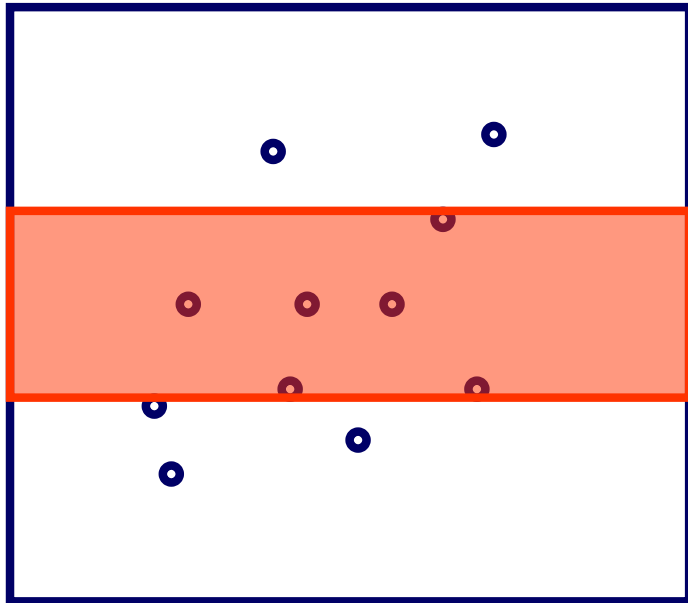


salary

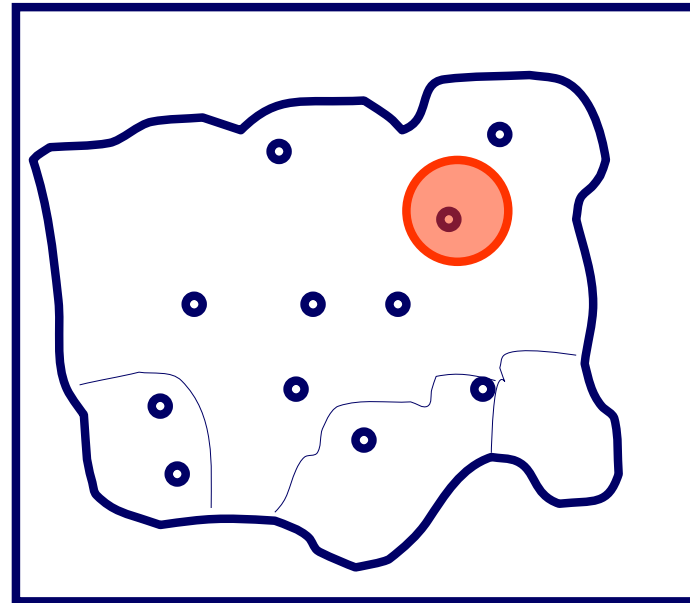
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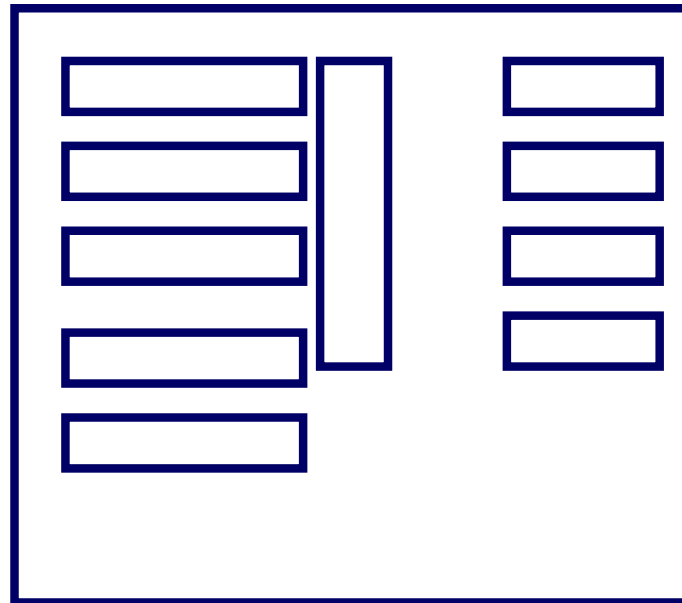
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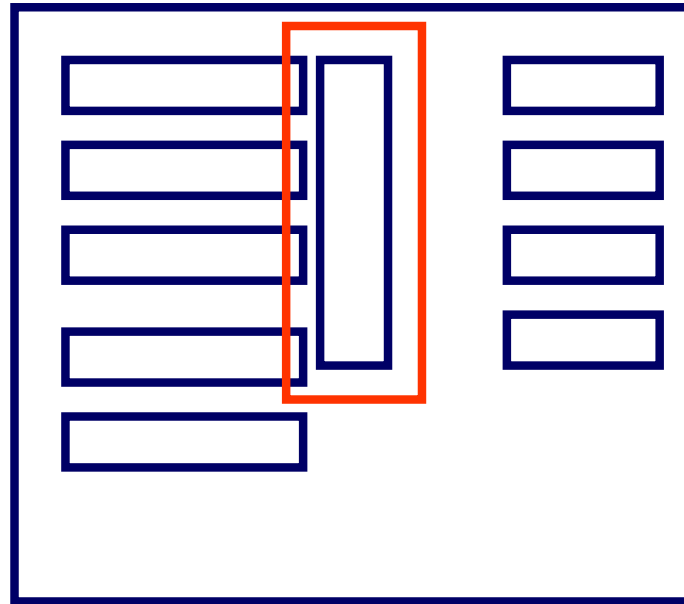
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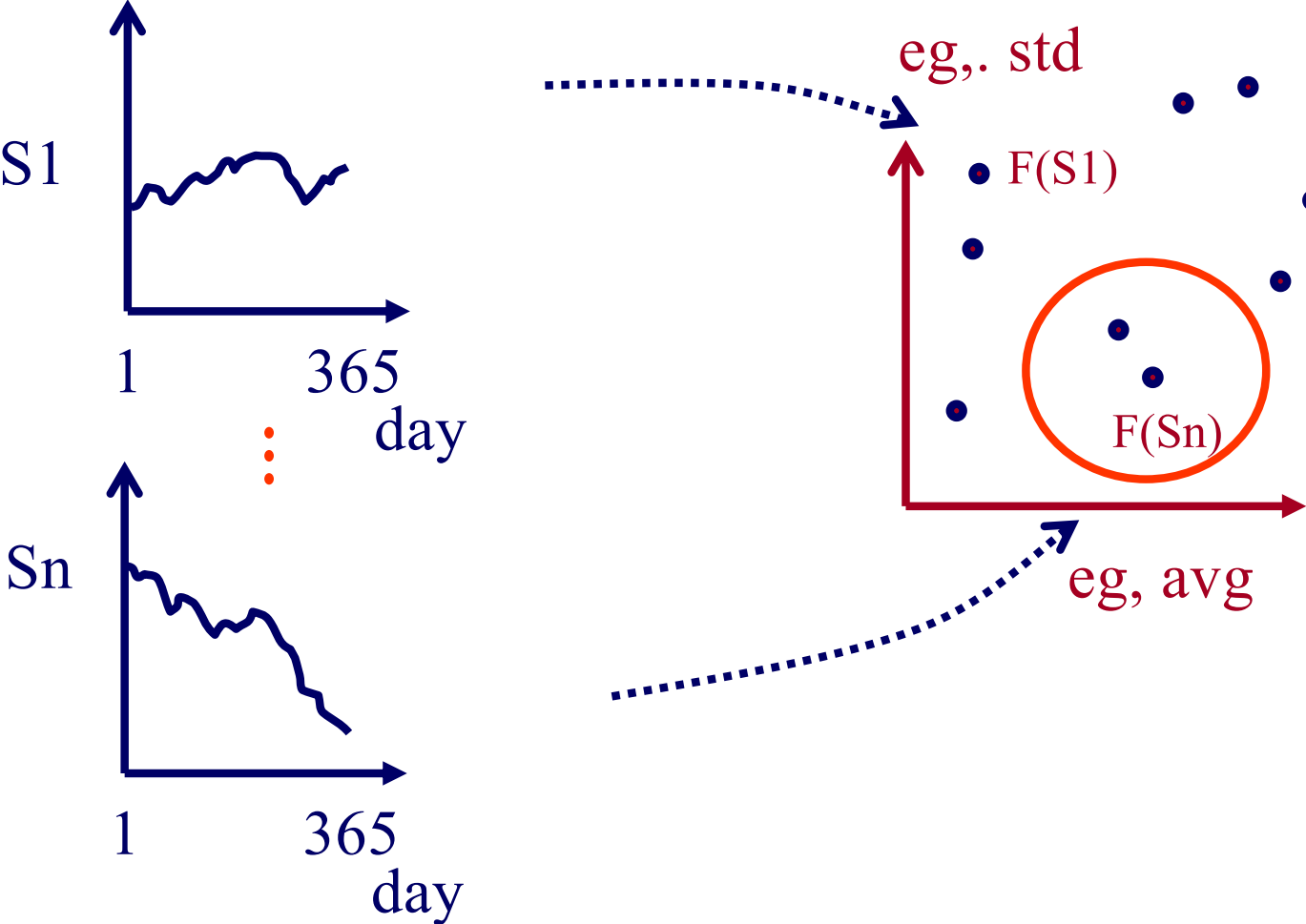
find elements
too close
to each other

SAMs - motivation

CAD/CAM



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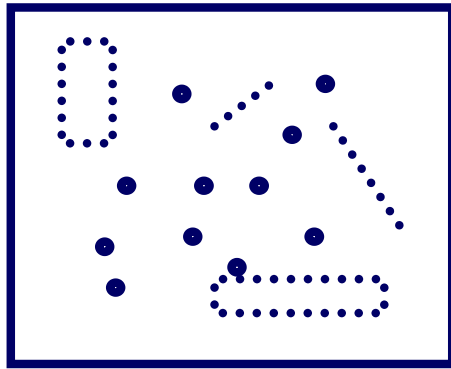
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SAMs: solutions

- z-ordering
- R-trees
- (grid files)

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z-ordering

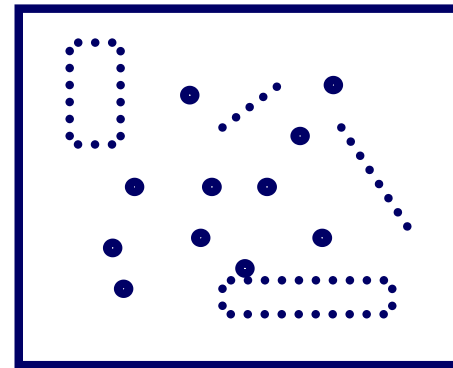
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A:

Q2: how?



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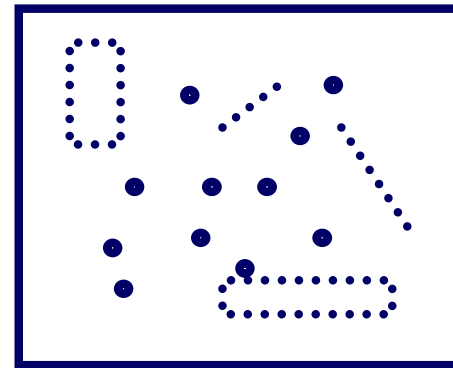
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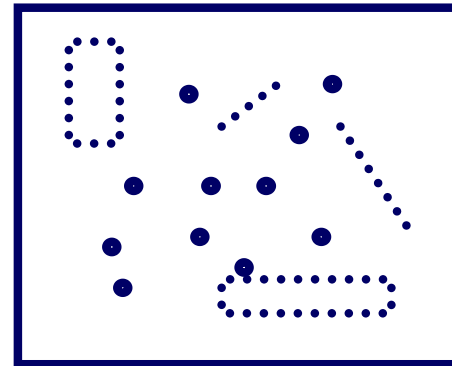
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z-ordering

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

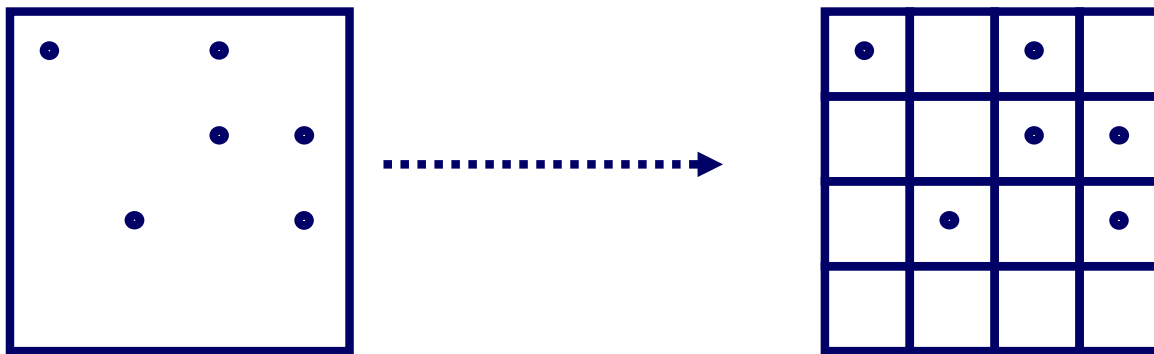


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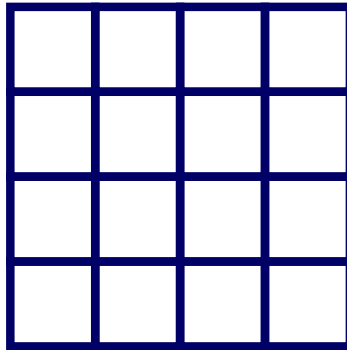
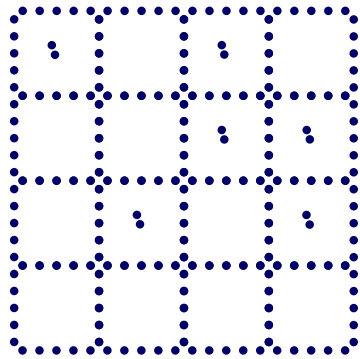
A: assume finite granularity (e.g., $2^{32} \times 2^{32}$;
4x4 here)

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z-ordering

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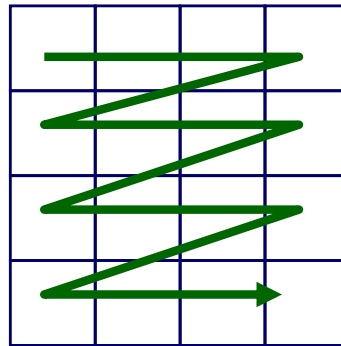


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Q2.1: how to map n -d cells to 1-d cells?

A: row-wise

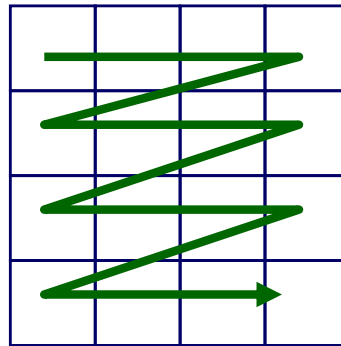
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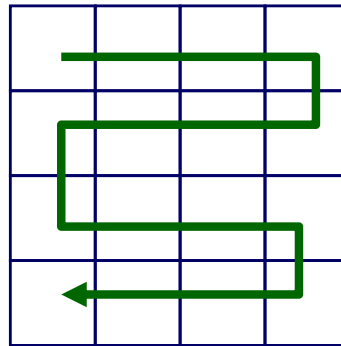
Q: is it good?

A: great for 'x' axis; bad for 'y' axis



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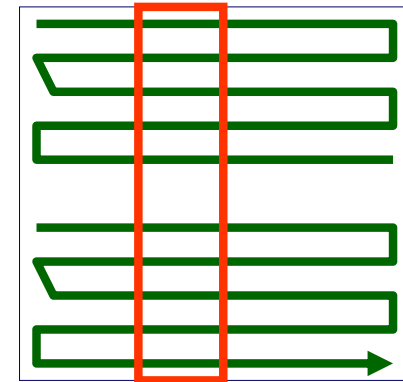
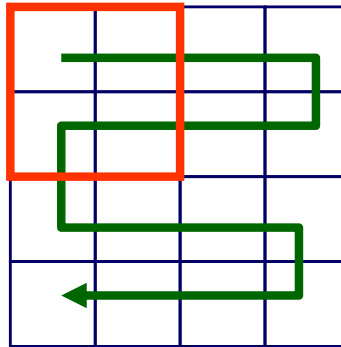
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A: still problems:



2^{32}

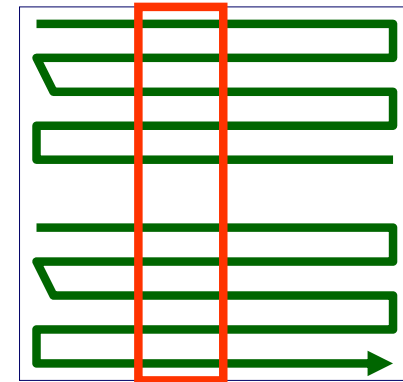
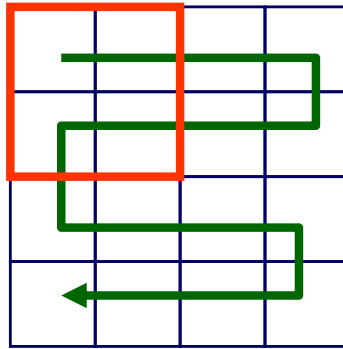
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z-ordering

Q: Why are those curves ‘bad’ ?

A: no distance preservation ($\sim$ clustering)

Q: solution?

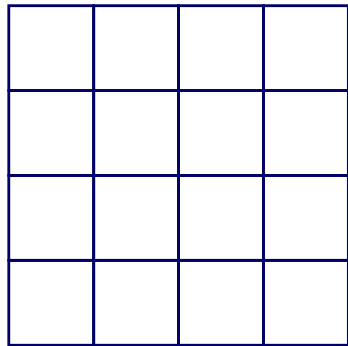


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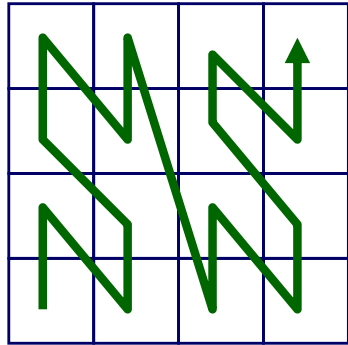
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A: z-ordering/bit-shuffling/linear-quadtrees



‘looks’ better:

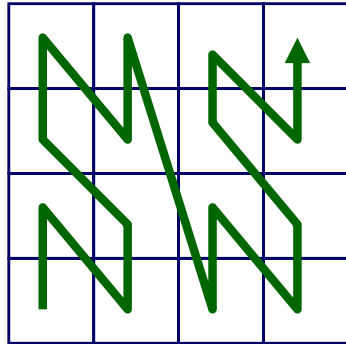
- few long jumps;
- scoops out the whole quadrant before leaving it
- a.k.a. space filling curves

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

A: 3 (equivalent) answers!

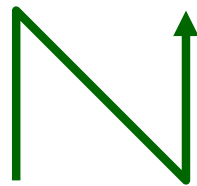
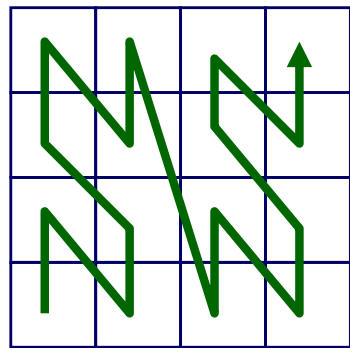


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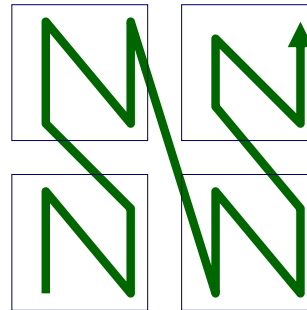
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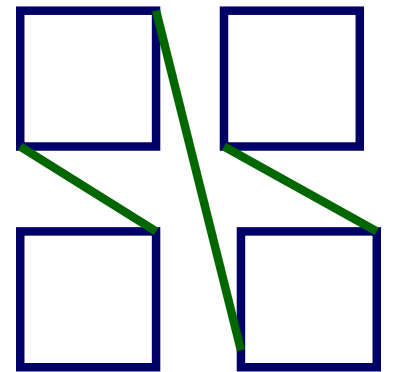
A1: 'z' (or 'N') shapes, RECURSIVELY



order-1



order-2

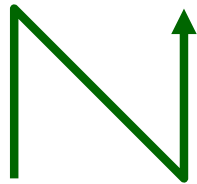
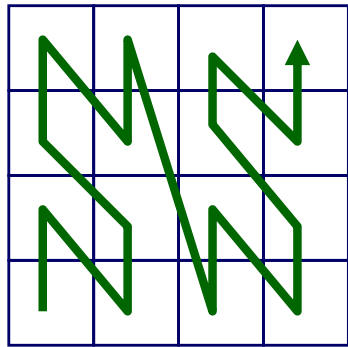


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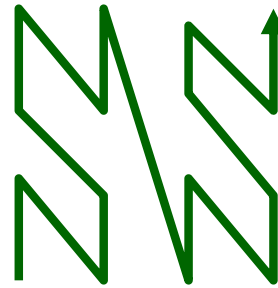
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Notice:

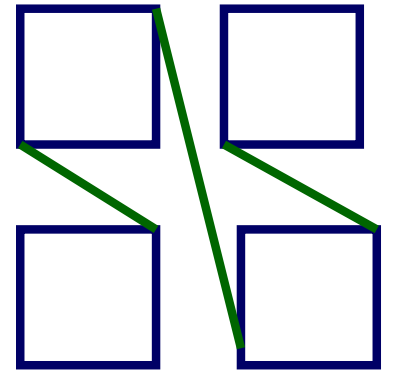
- self similar (we'll see about fractals, soon)
- method is hard to use: $z = ? f(x, y)$



order-1



order-2



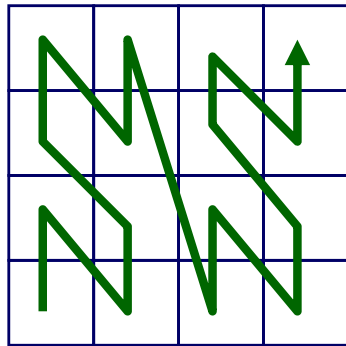
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z-ordering/**bit-shuffling**/linear-quadtrees

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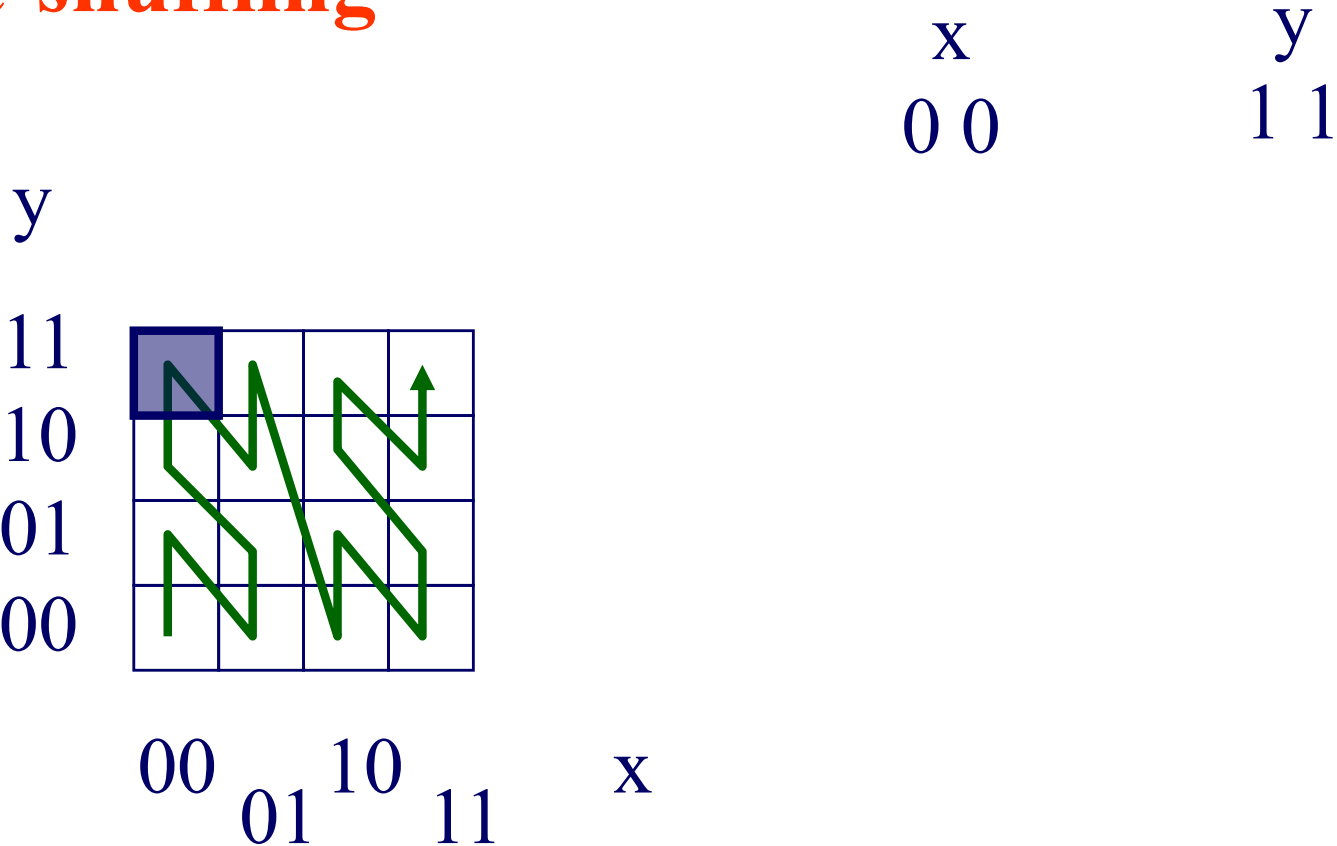
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Method #2?

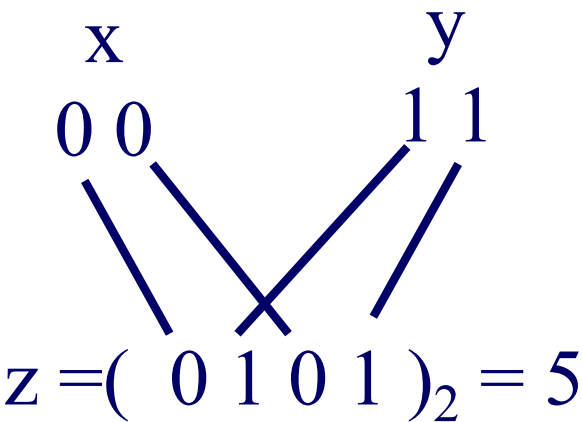
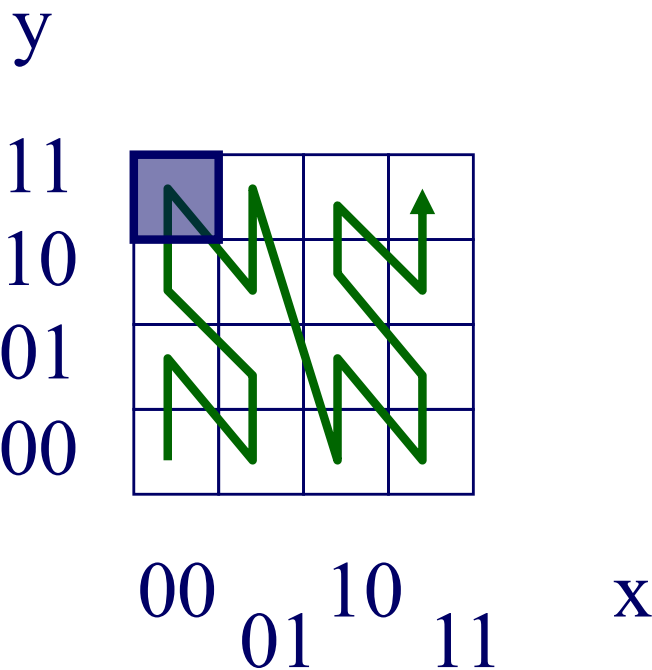
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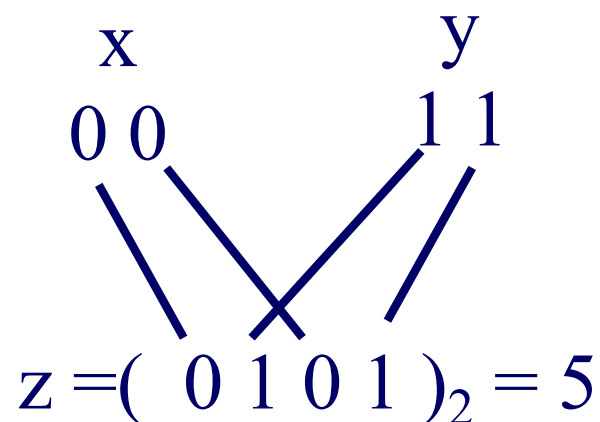
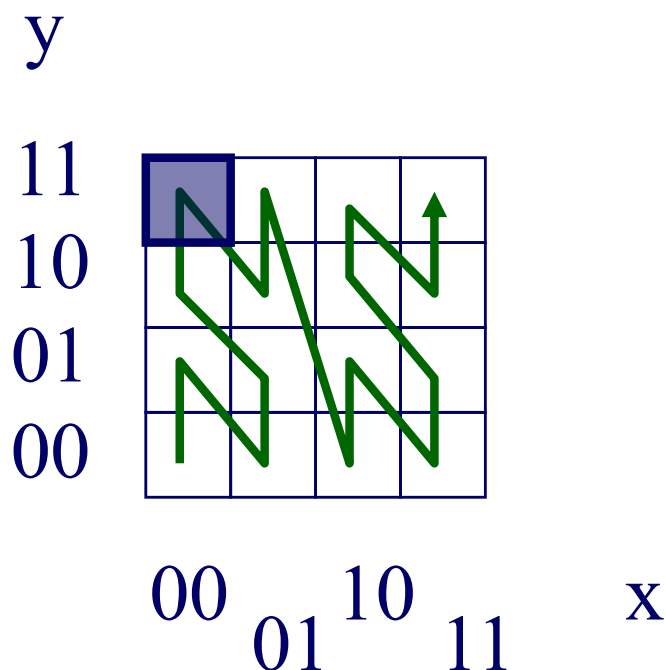
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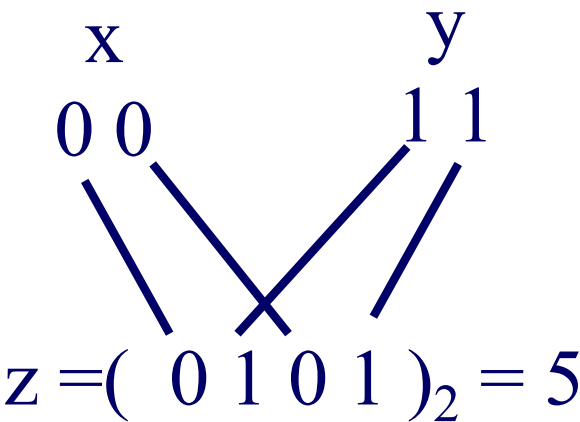
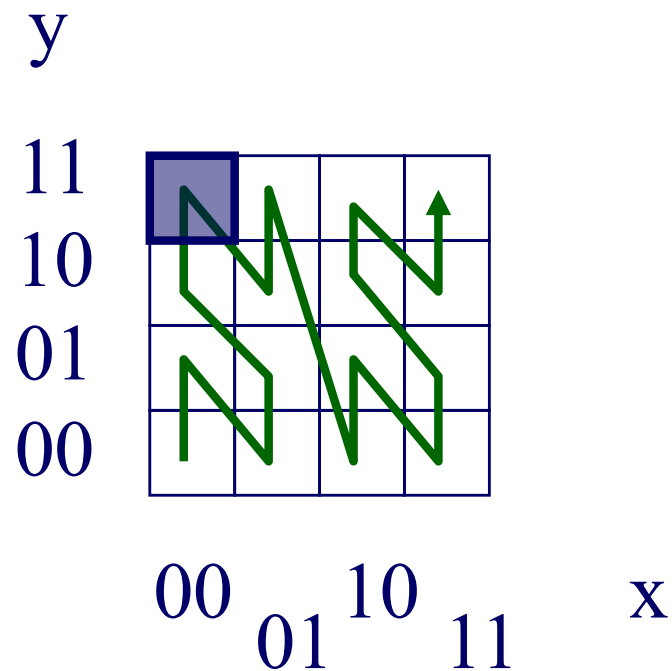


How about the reverse:

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

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bit-shuffling



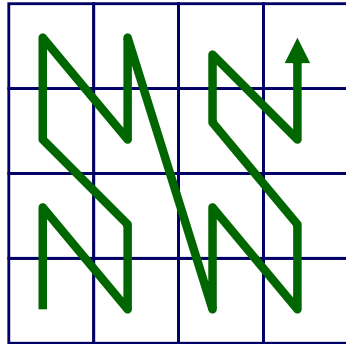
How about n -d spaces?

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

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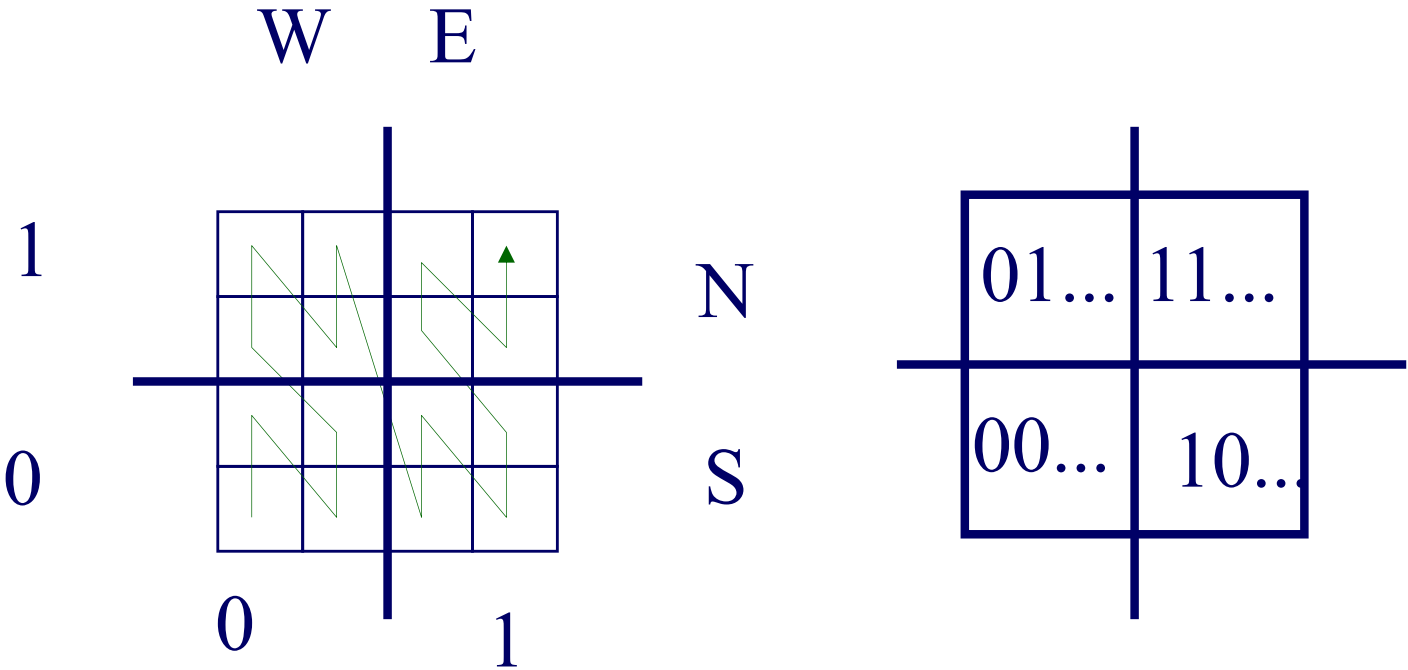
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Method #3?

z-ordering

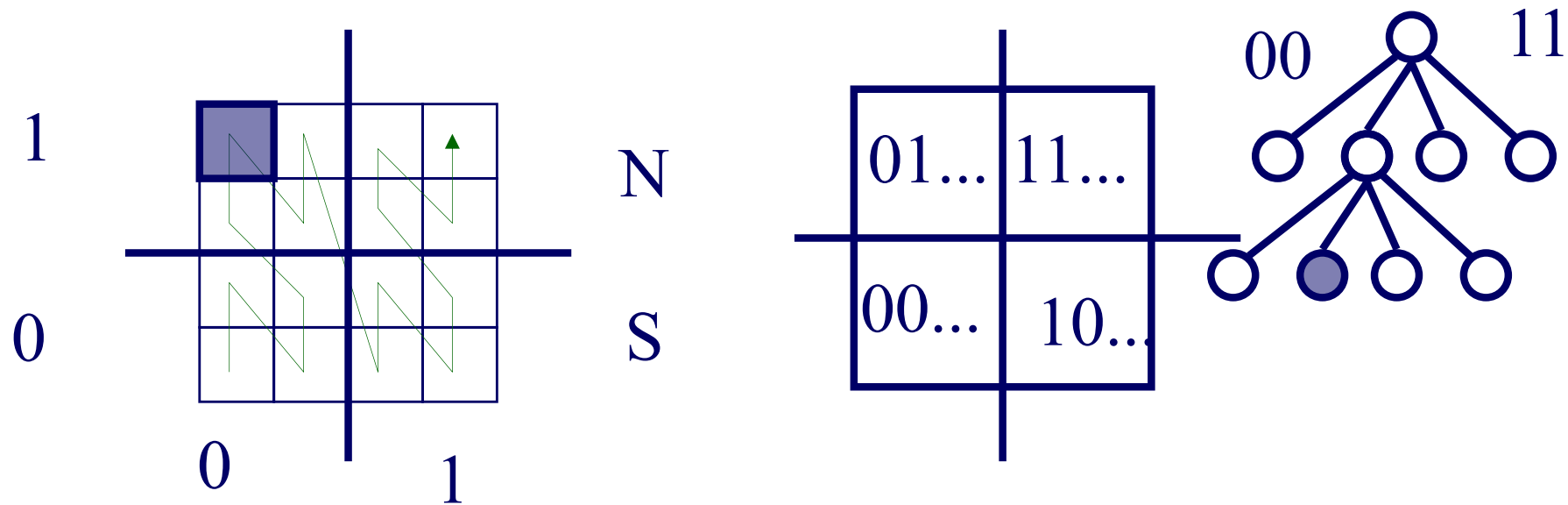
linear-quadtrees : assign N->1, S->0 e.t.c.



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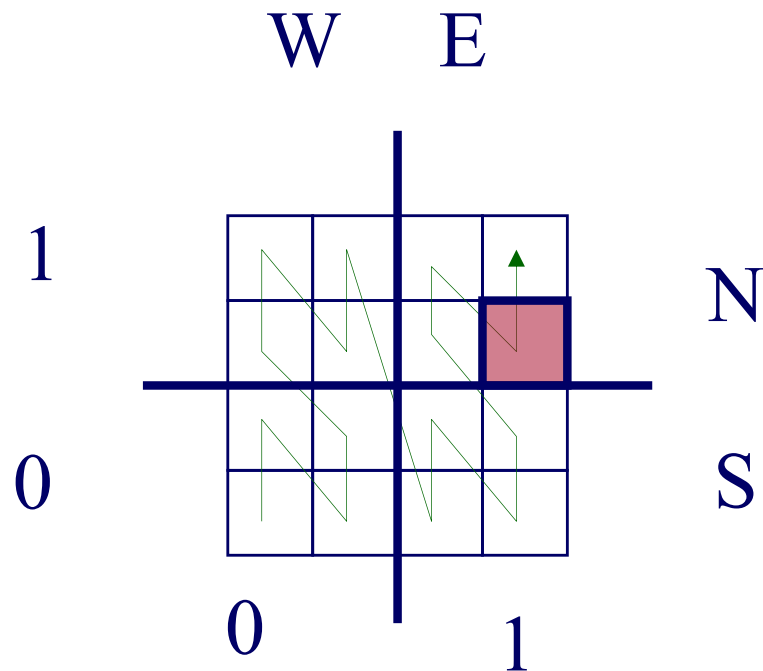
... and repeat recursively. Eg.: $z_{\text{blue-cell}} =$

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



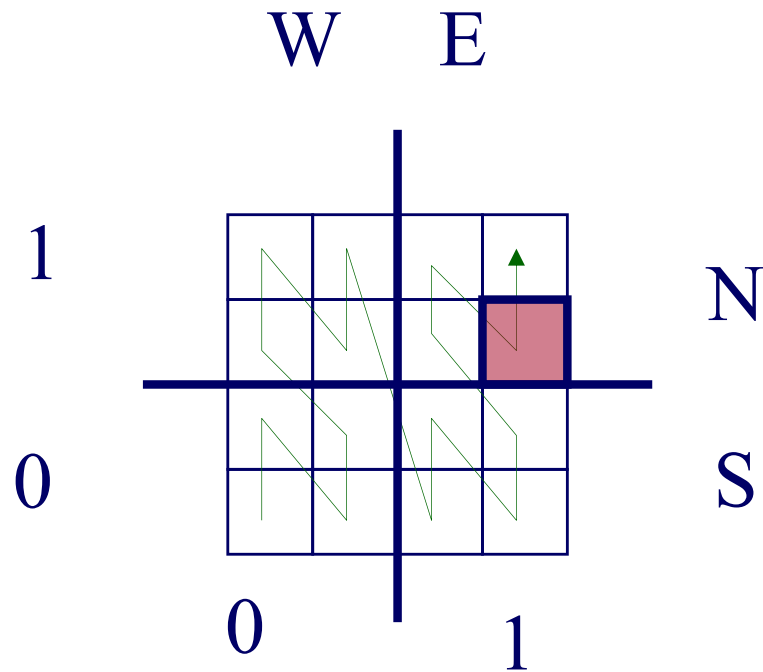
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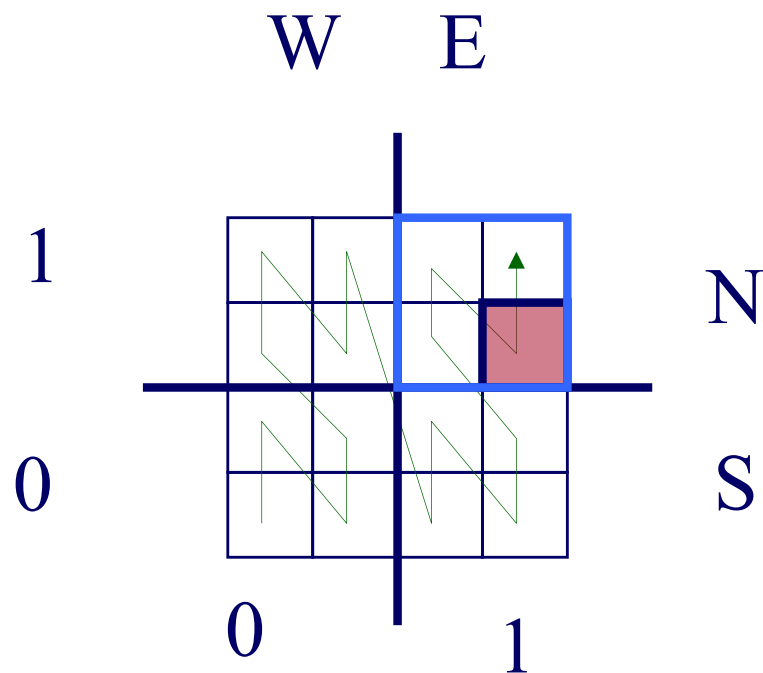


method#1: 14

method#2: $\text{shuffle}(11;10) = (1110)_2 = 14$

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method#3: $\text{EN};\text{ES} = \dots = 14$

z-ordering - Detailed outline

- spatial access methods
 - z-ordering
 - main idea - 3 methods
 - use w/ B-trees; algorithms (range, knn queries ...)
 - non-point (eg., region) data
 - analysis; variations
 - R-trees
 - ...

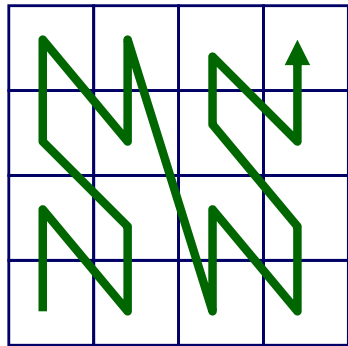


z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q1: How to store on disk?

A:

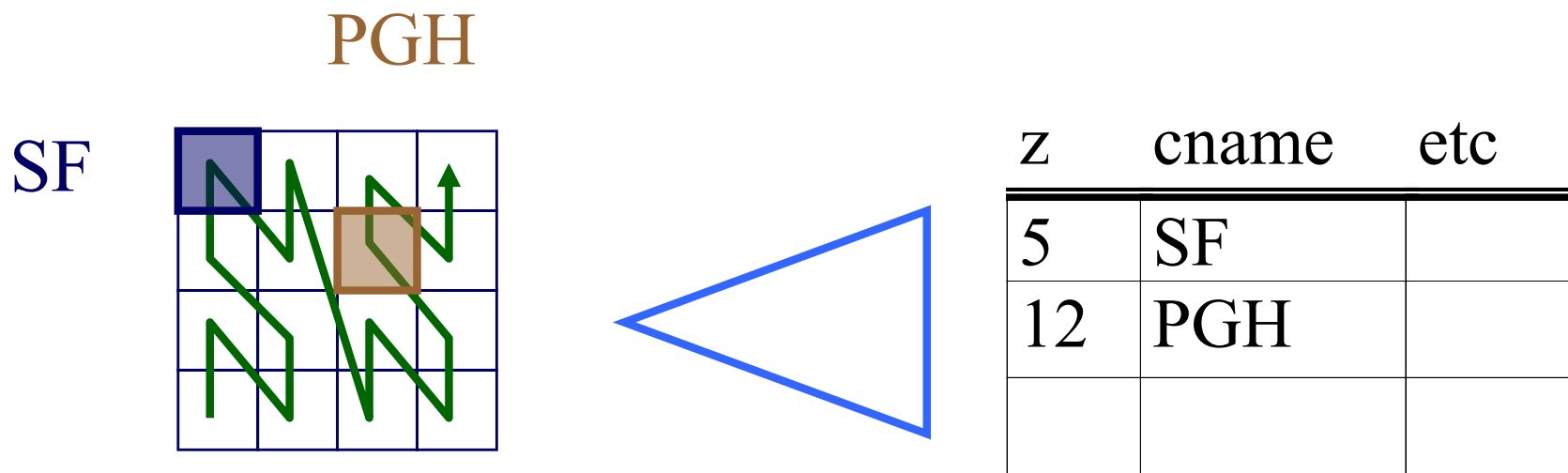
Q2: How to answer range queries etc



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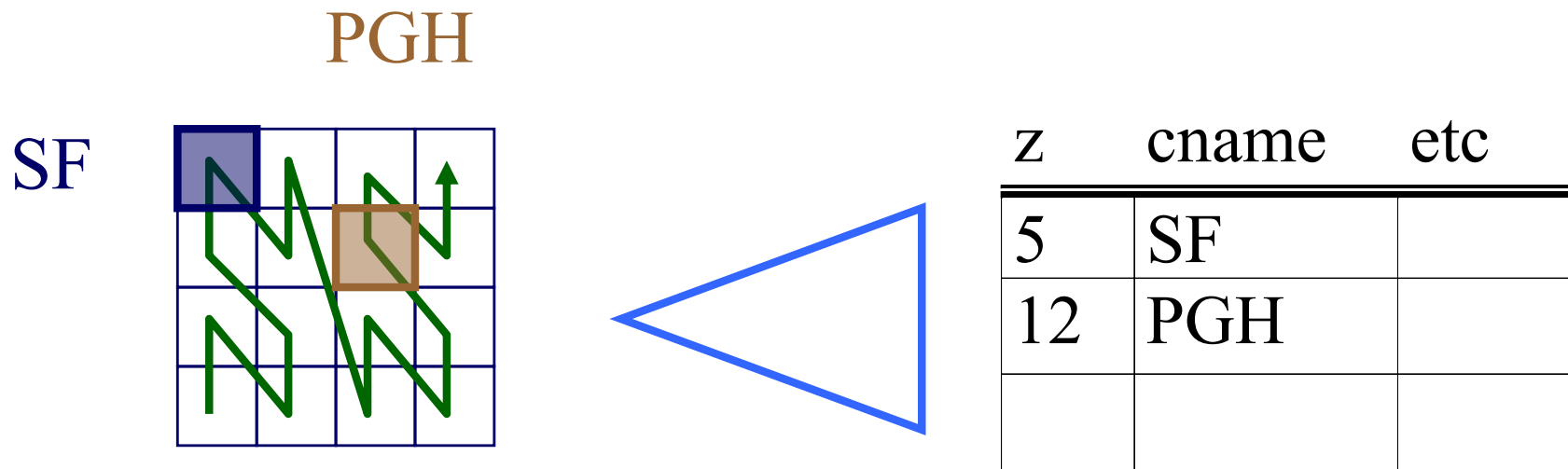
A: treat z-value as primary key; feed to B-tree



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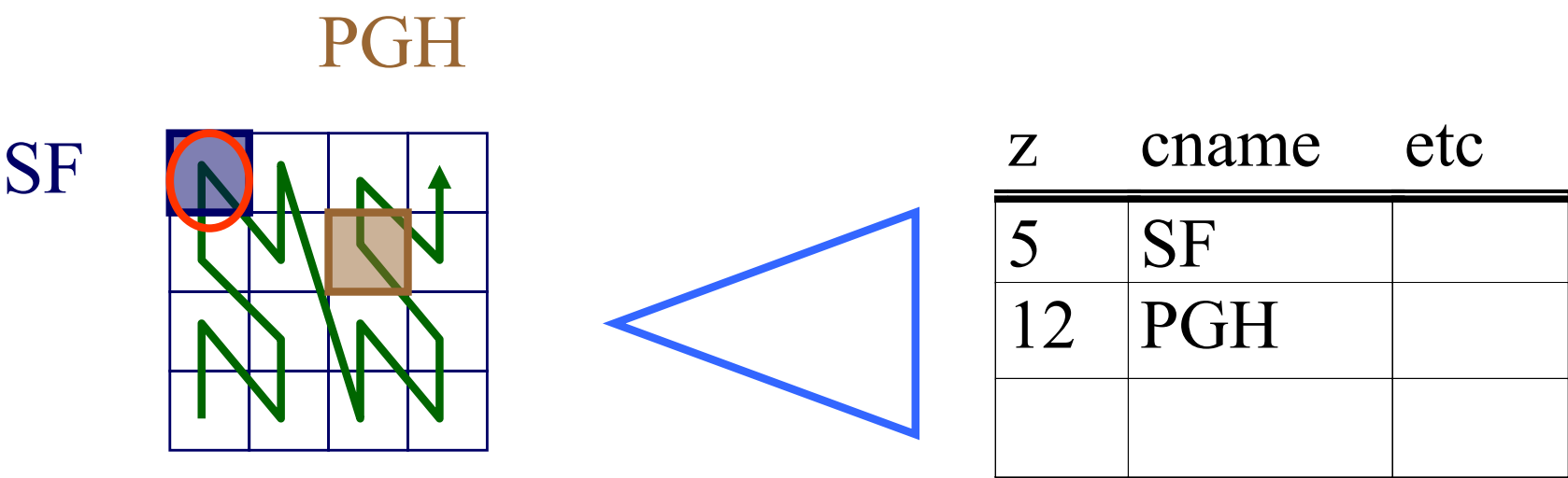
MAJOR ADVANTAGES w/ B-tree:

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



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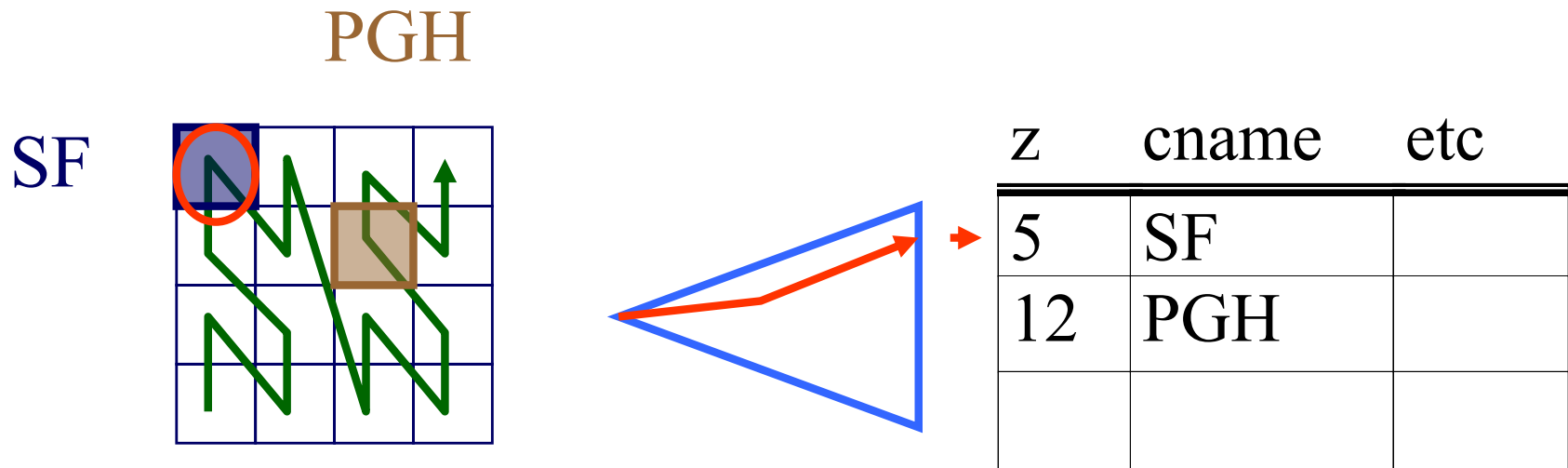
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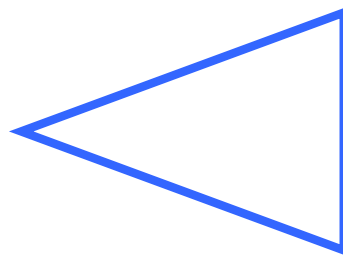
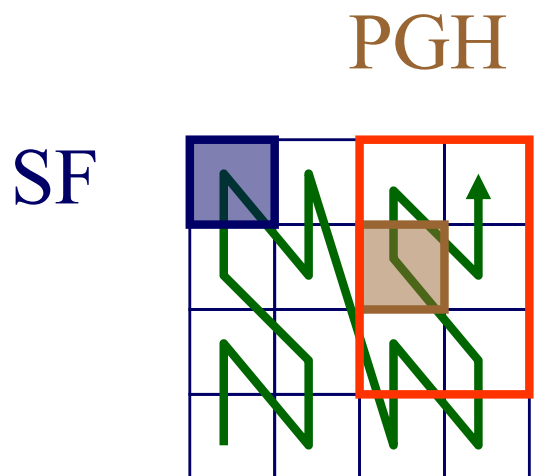
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A: find z-value; search B-tree



z-ordering - usage & algo's

Q2: range queries?

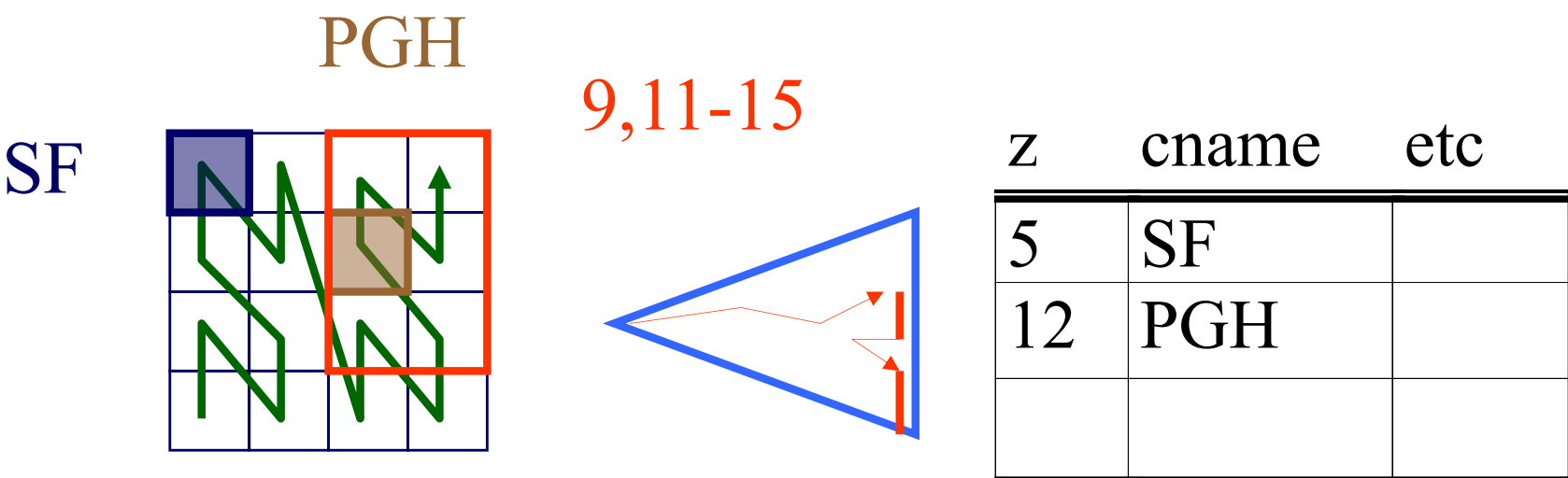


z	cname	etc
5	SF	
12	PGH	

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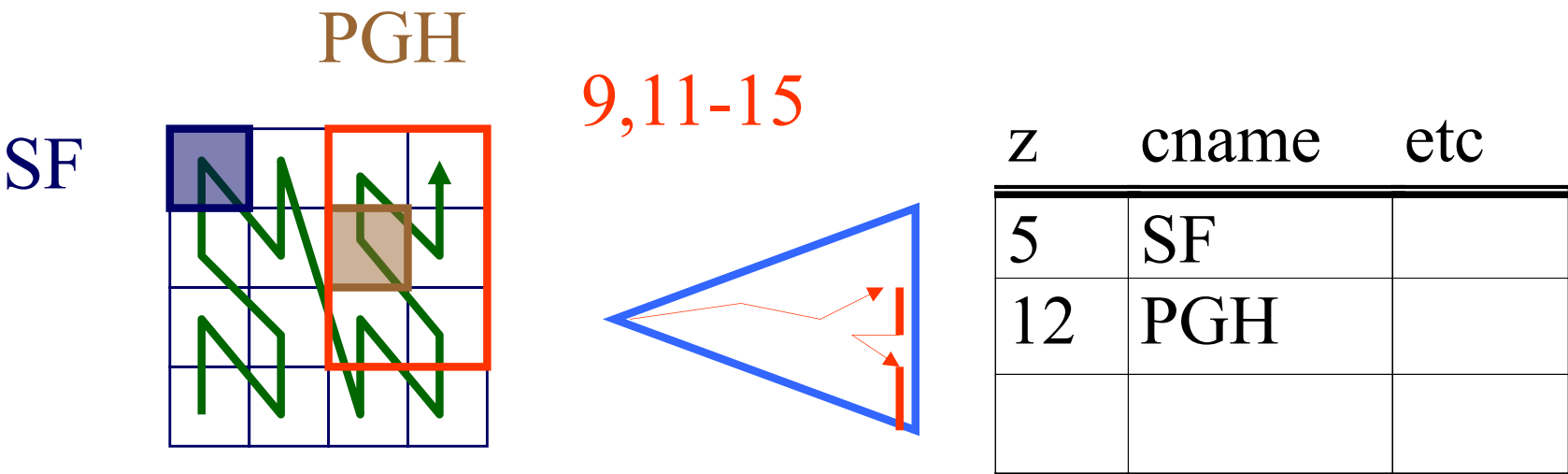
Q2: range queries?

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



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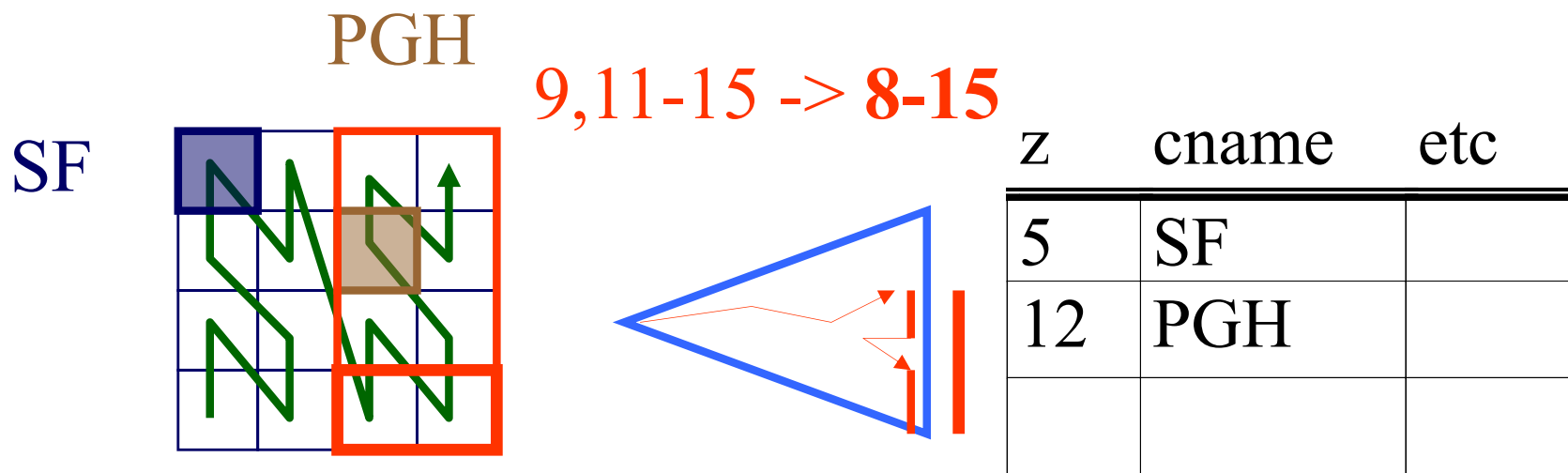
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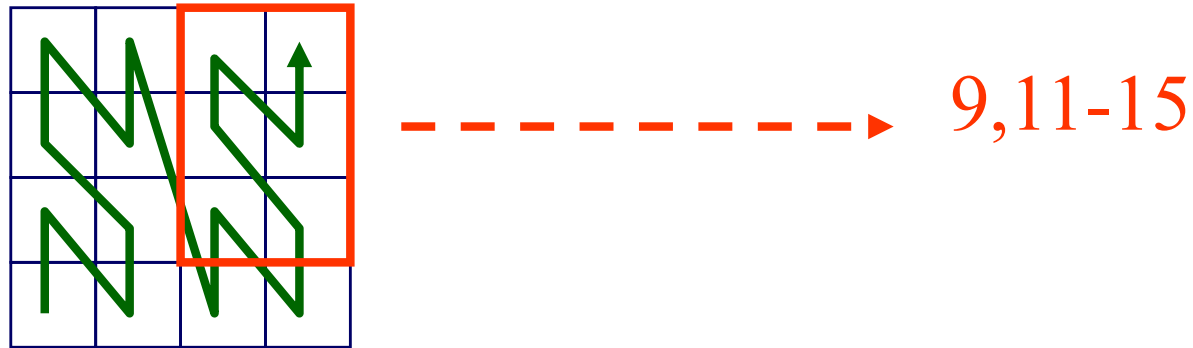
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A: Augment the query!



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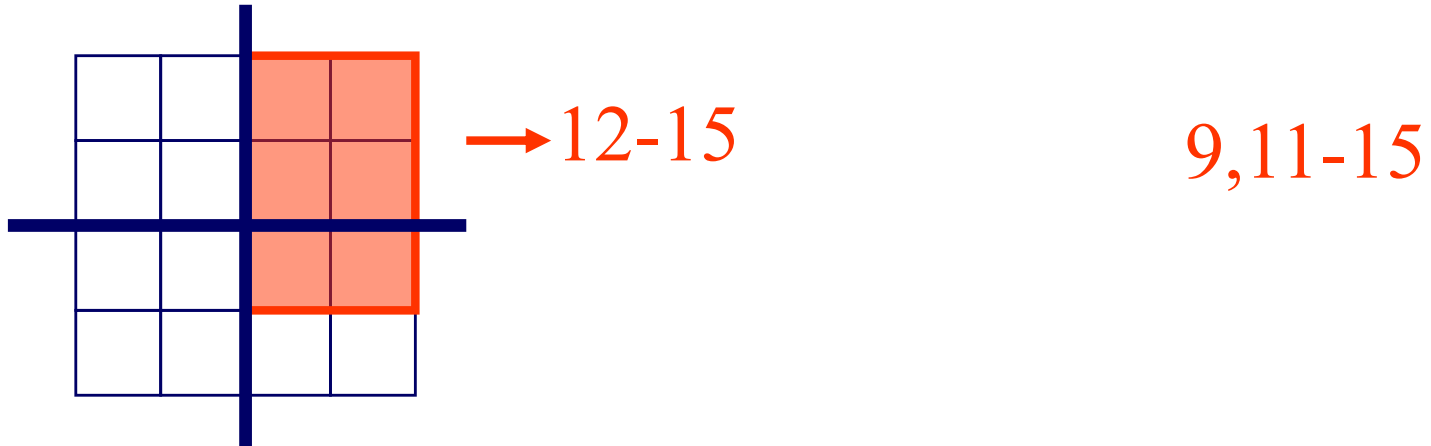
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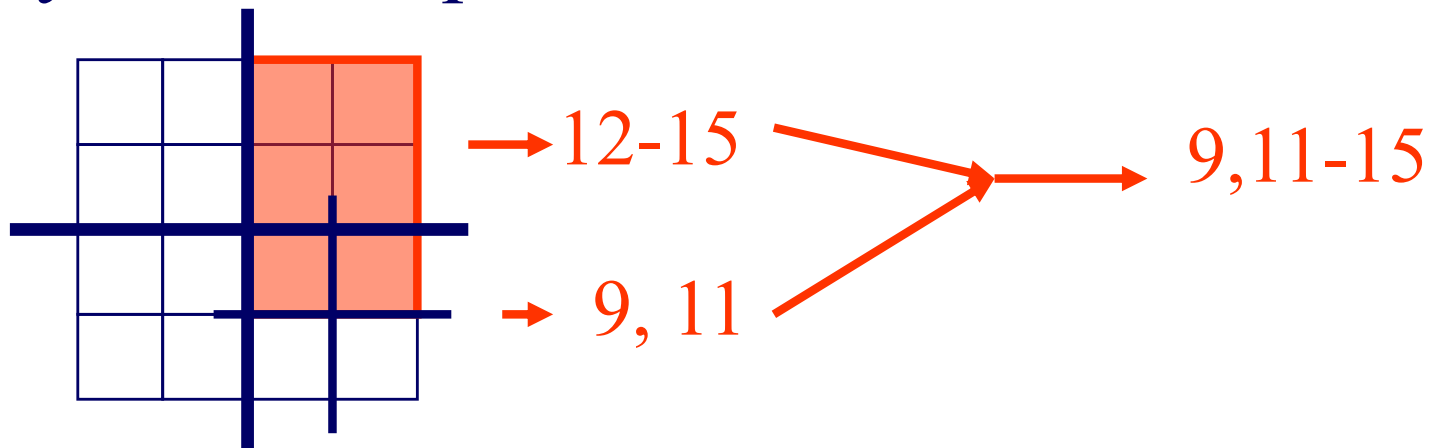
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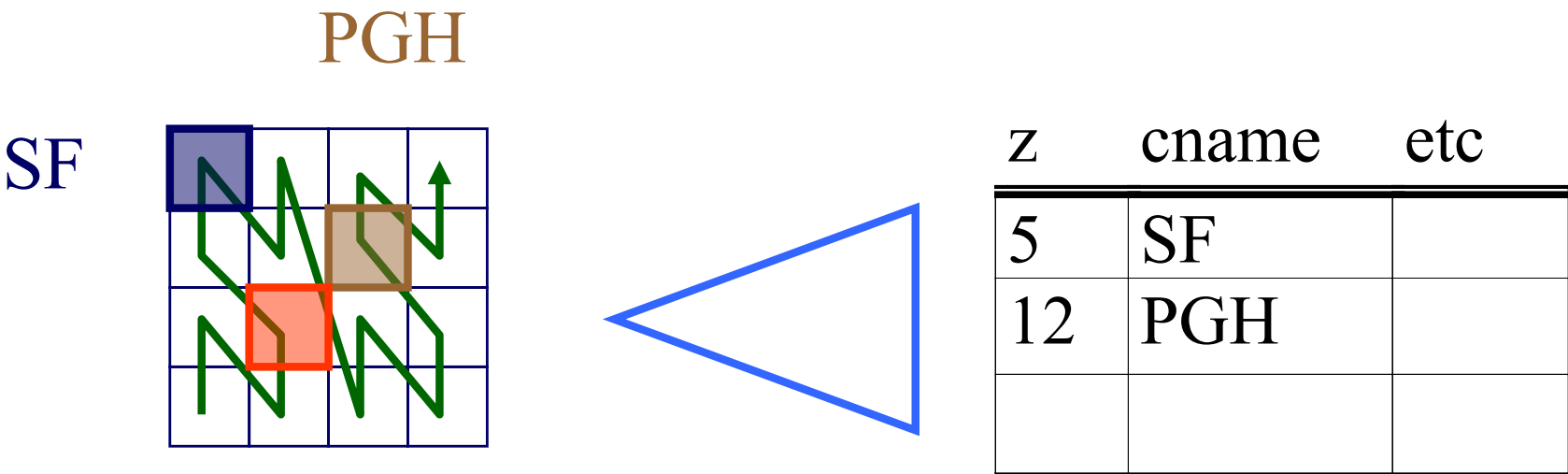
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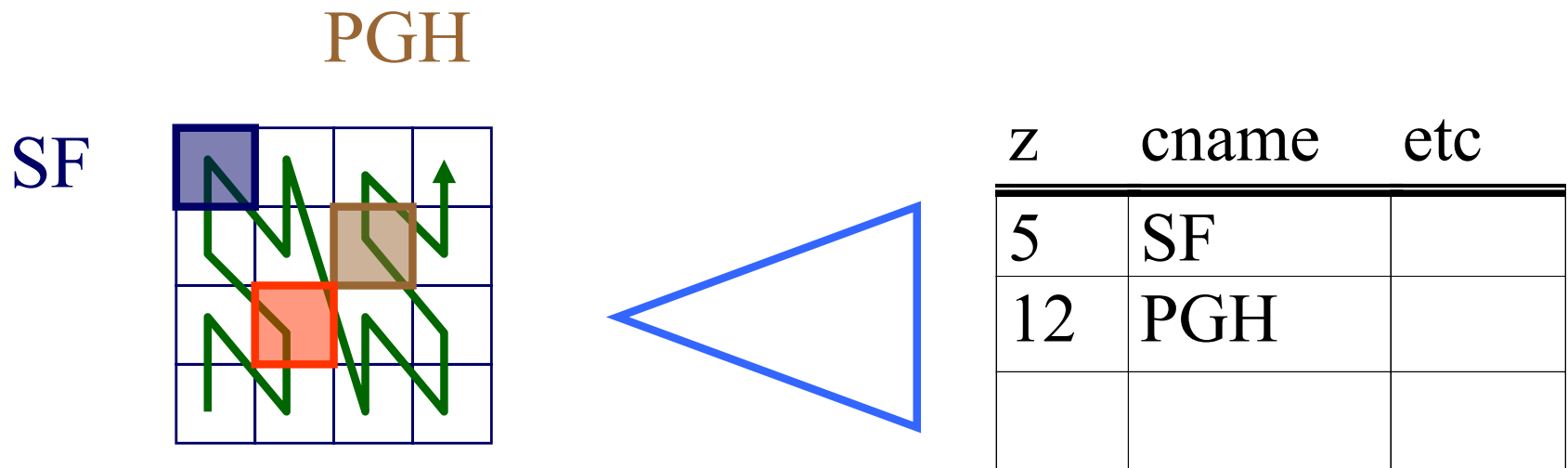
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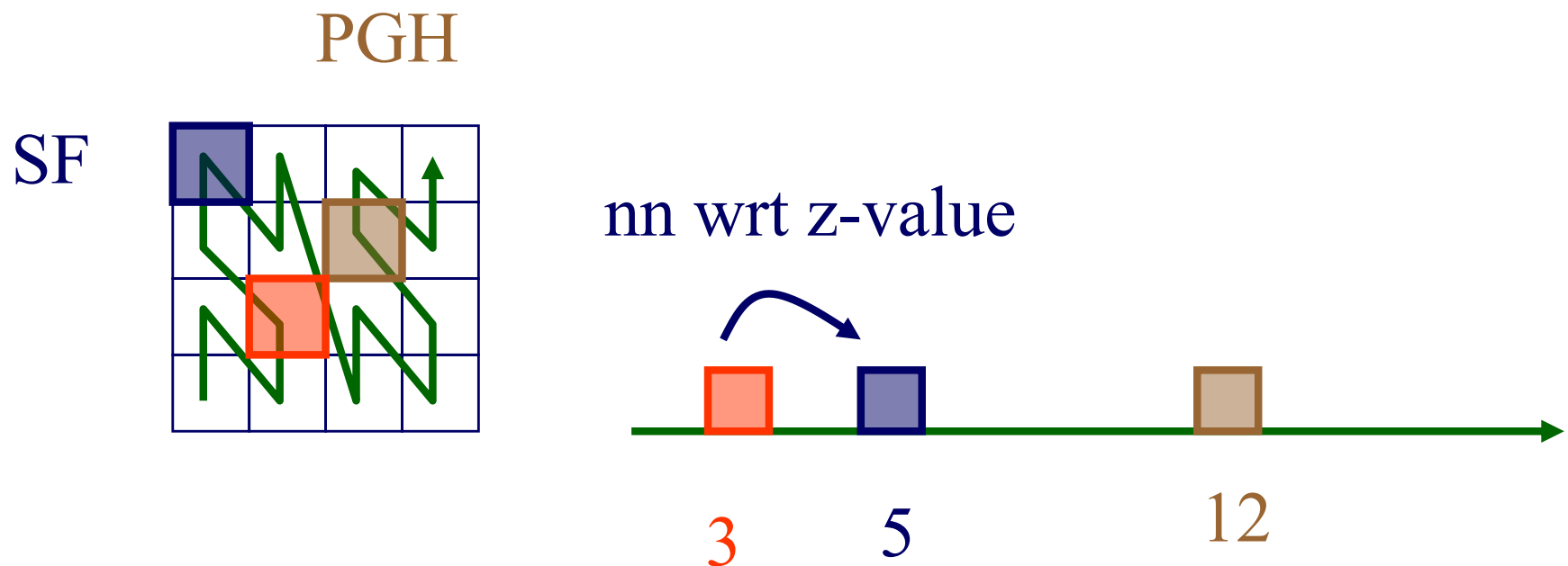
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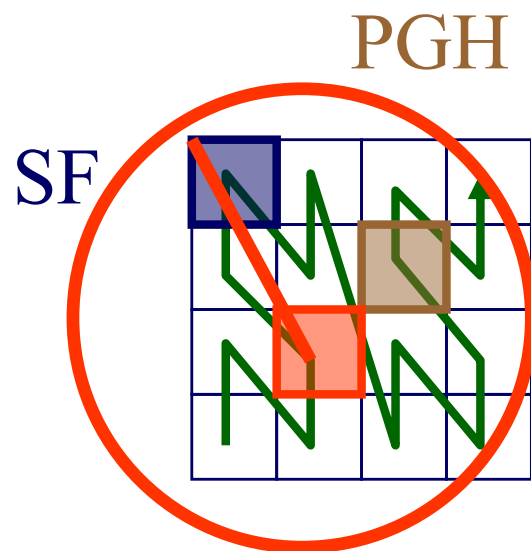
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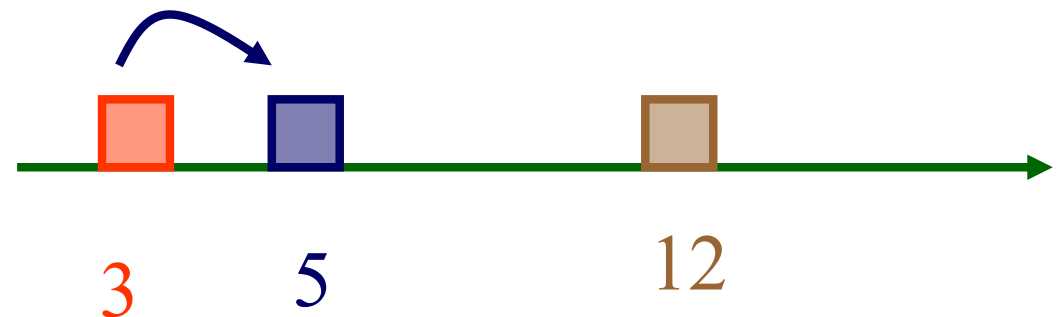


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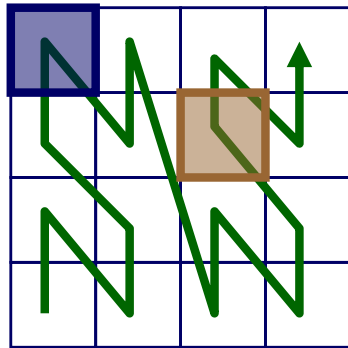


z-ordering - usage & algo's

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

PGH

SF



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



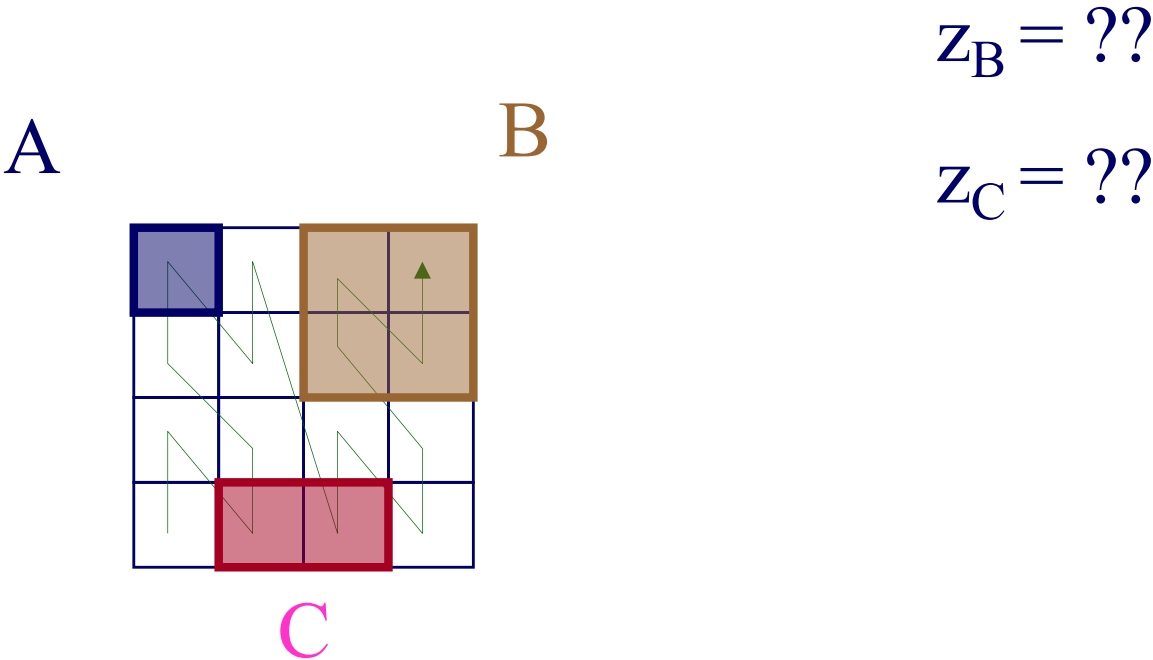
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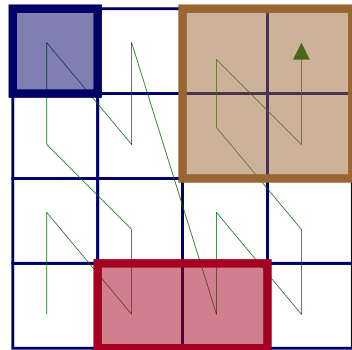
z-ordering - regions

Q: z-value for a region?

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

A

B



C

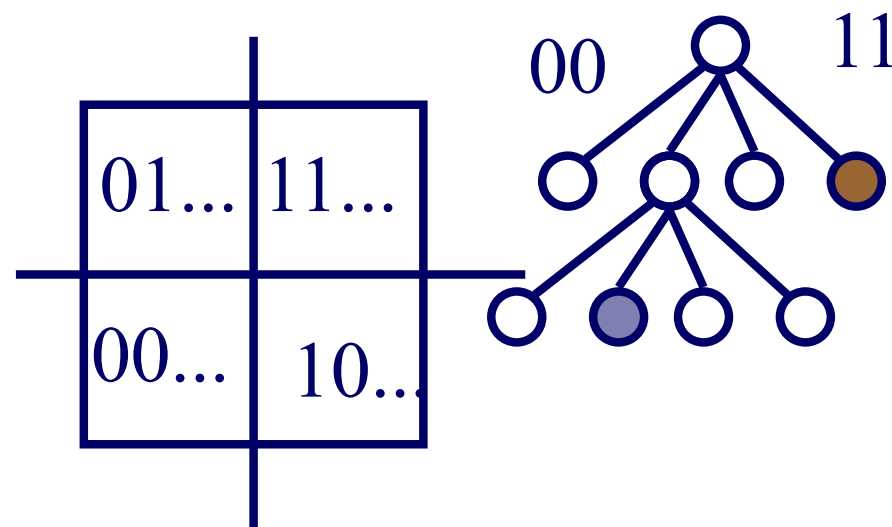
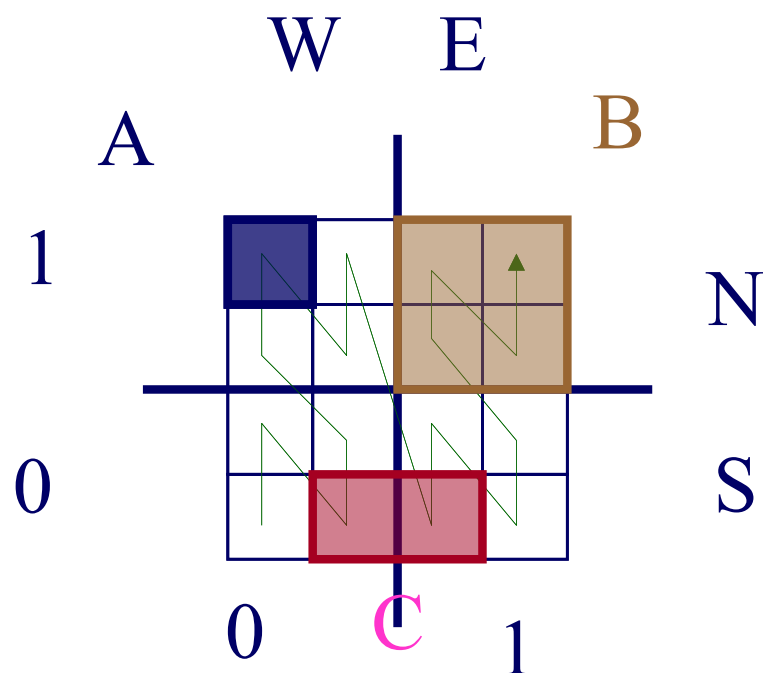
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z-ordering - regions

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$z_C = ??$

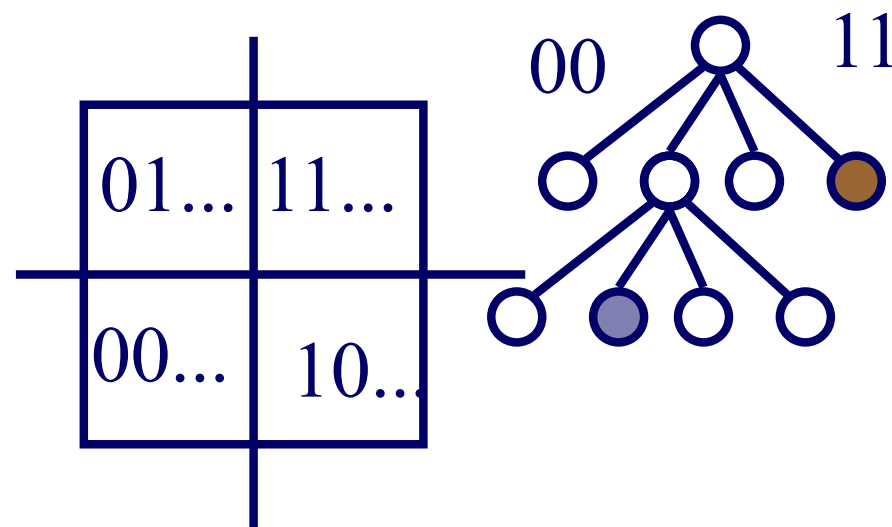
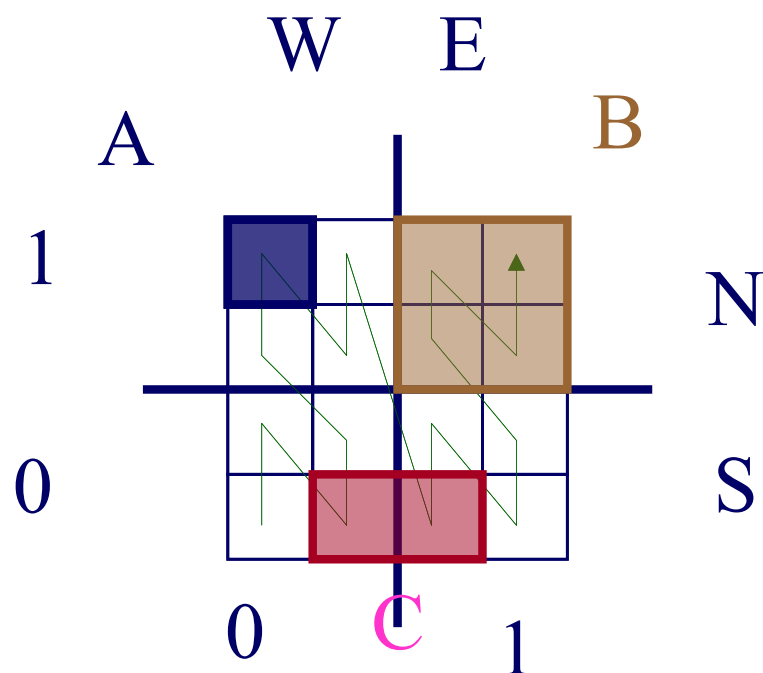


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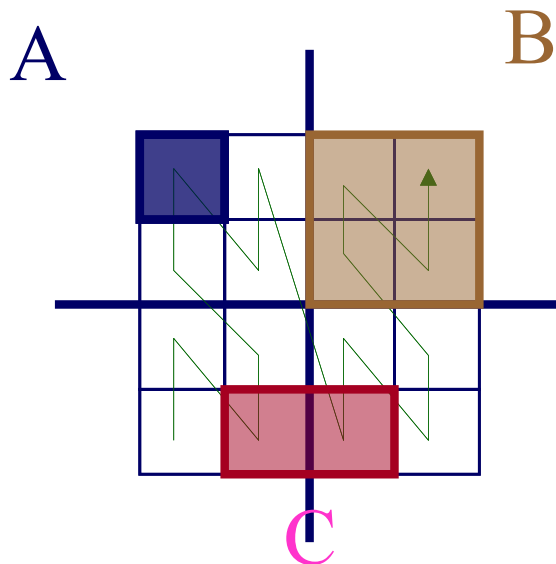
$z_C = \{0010; 1000\}$



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Q: How to store in B-tree?

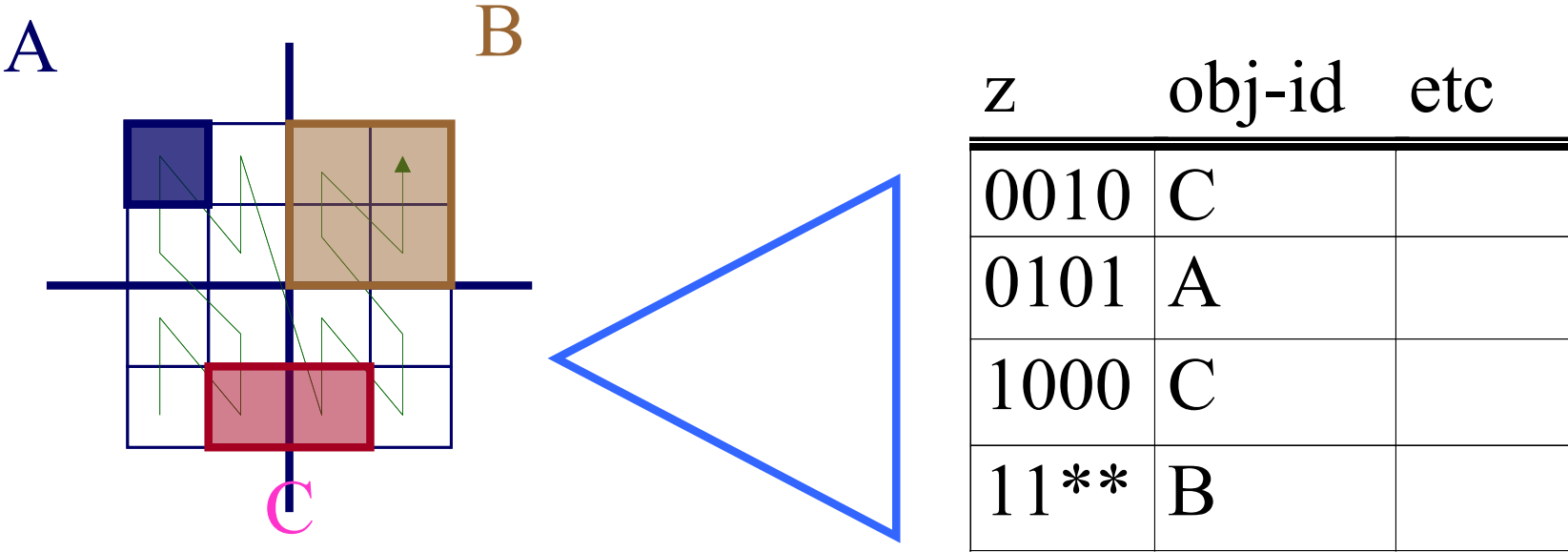
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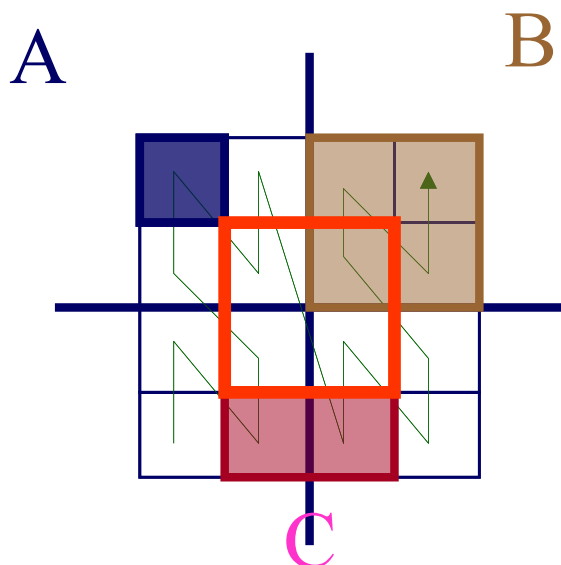
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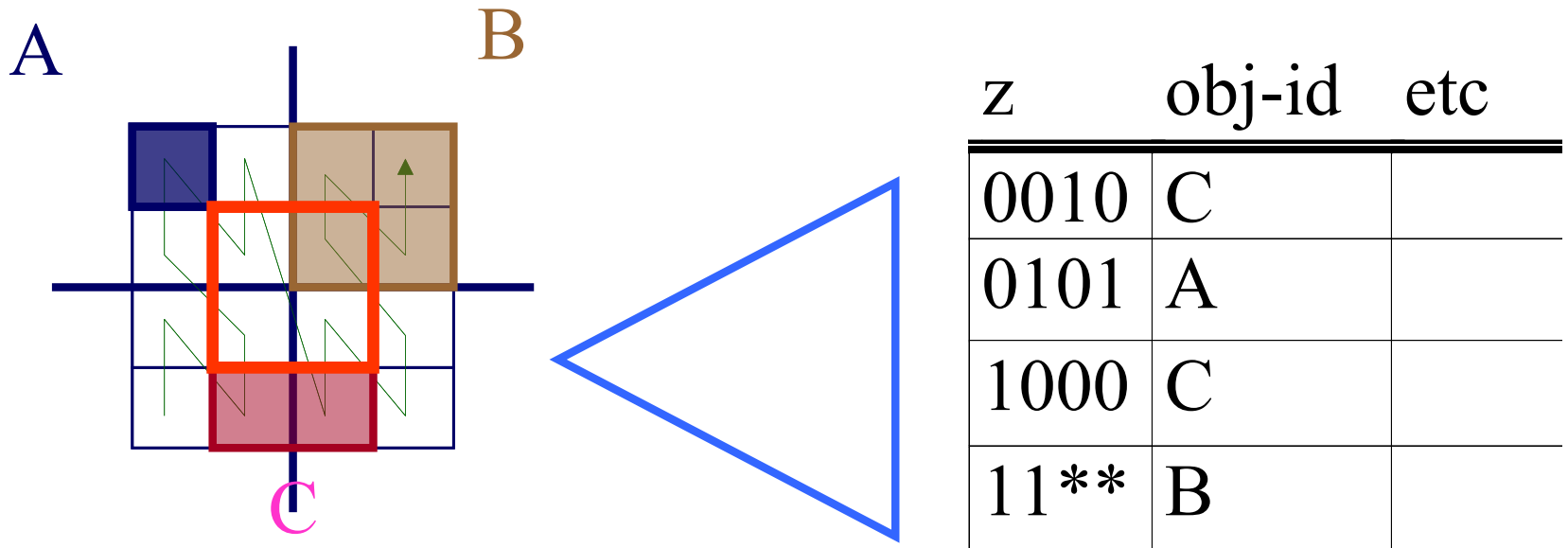


z	obj-id	etc
0010	C	
0101	A	
1000	C	
11**	B	

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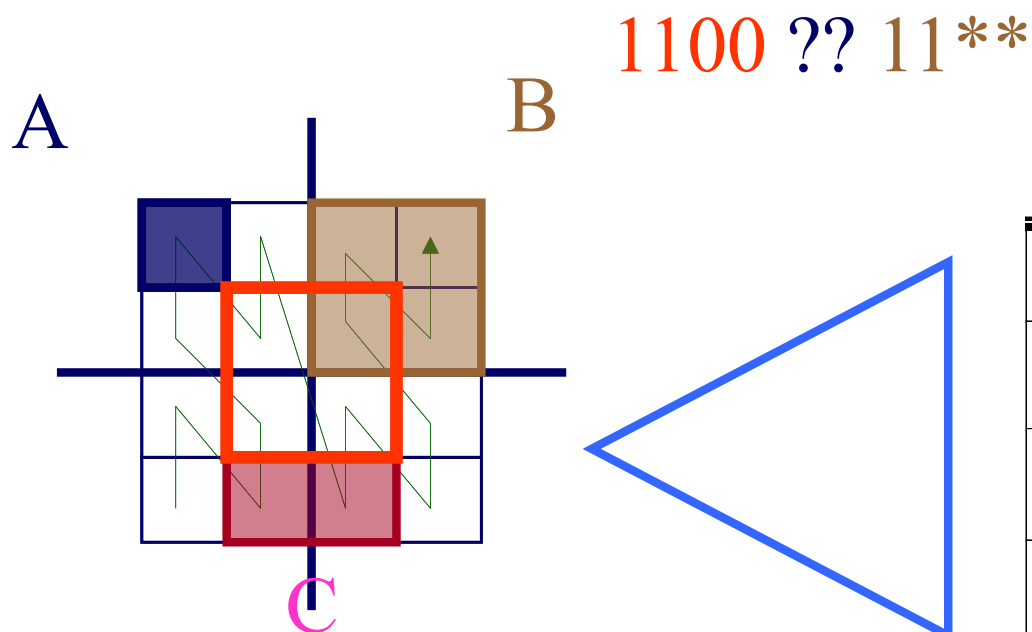
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A: break query in z-values; check B-tree



z-ordering - regions

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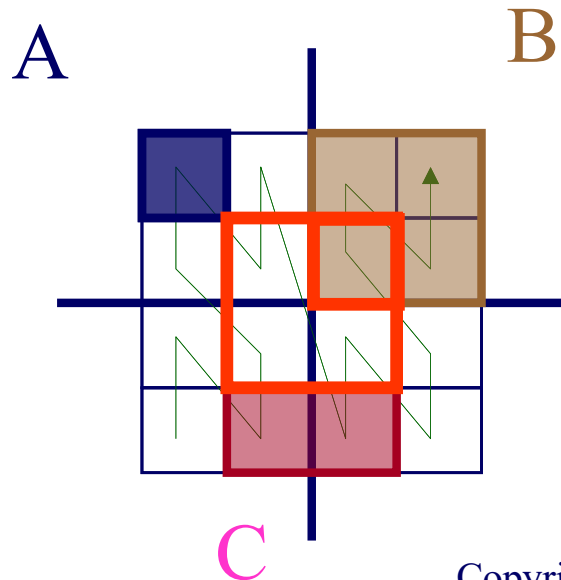
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A: **Prefix property:** let $r1$, $r2$ be the corresponding regions, and let $r1$ be the smallest ($\Rightarrow z1$ has fewest '*' s). Then:

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



1100 ?? 11**

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

z-ordering - regions

Drill (True/False). Given:

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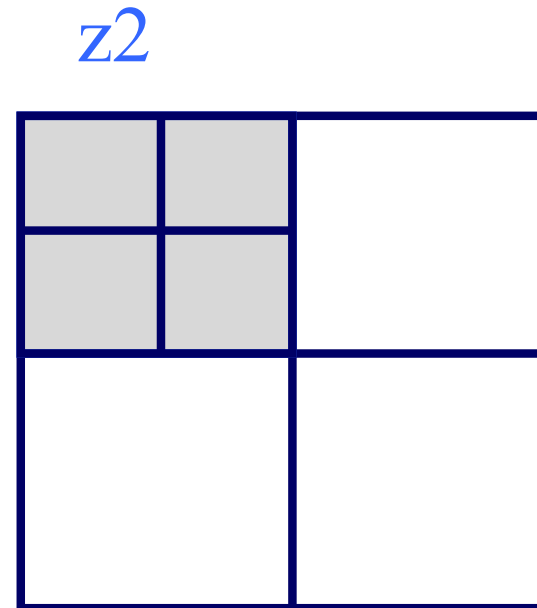
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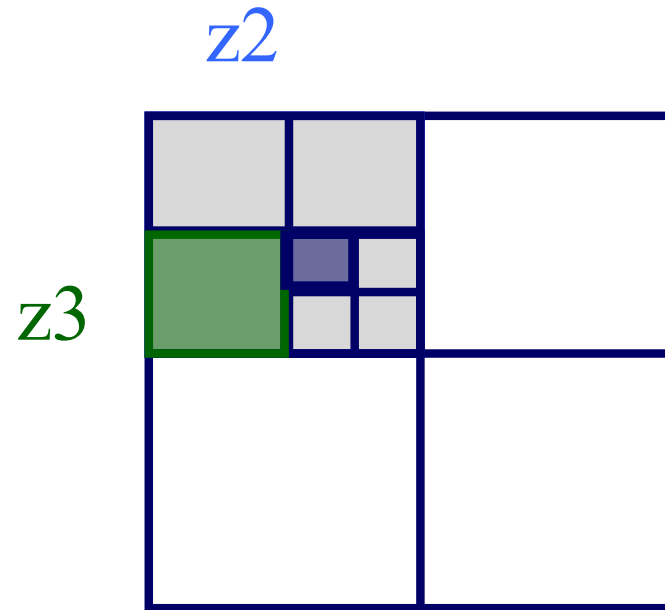
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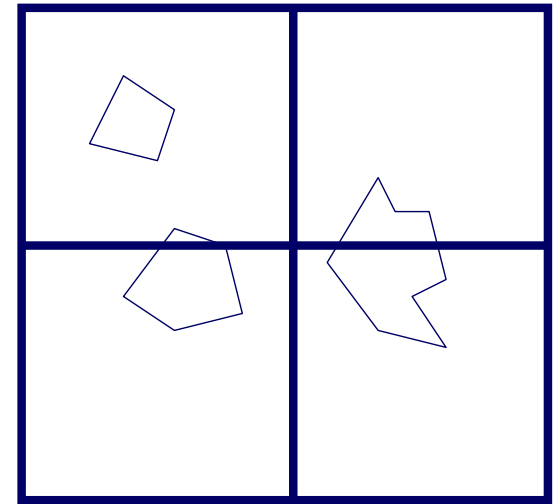
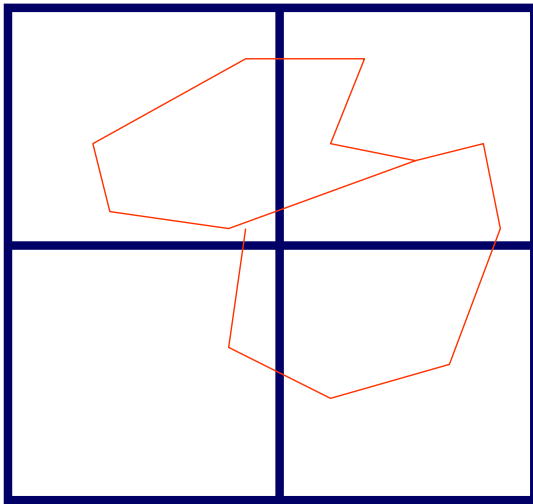
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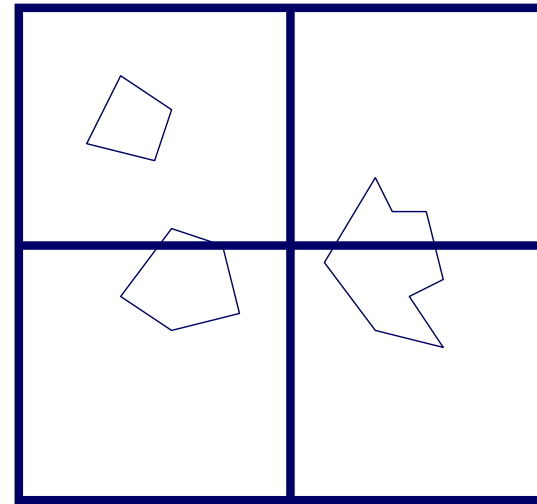
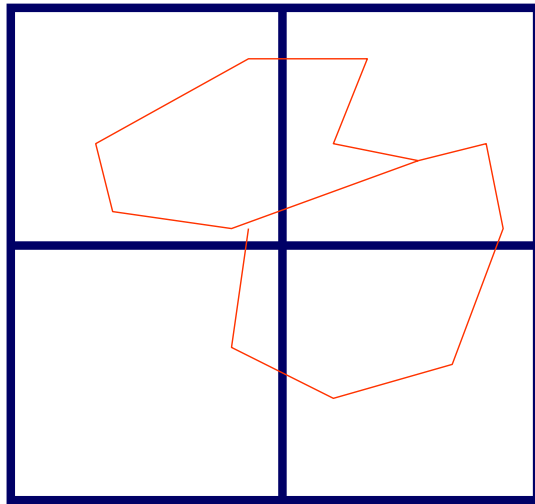
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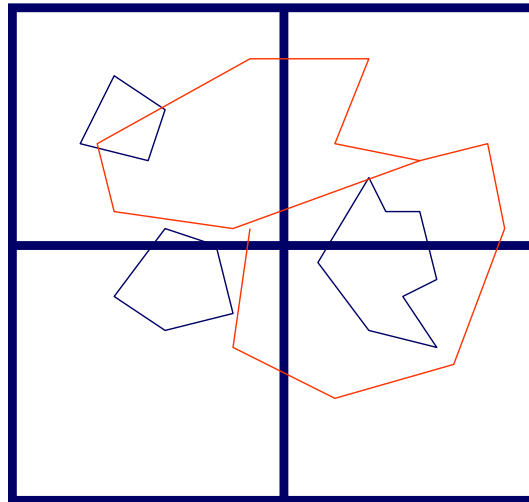
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Naive algorithm: $O(N * M)$

Something faster?

z-ordering - regions

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...	...	
1000	WAS	
11**	ALG	

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0011	Erie	
0101	Erie	
...		
10**	Ont.	

z-ordering - regions

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

footnote#1: ‘*’ needs careful treatment

footnote#2: need dup. elimination

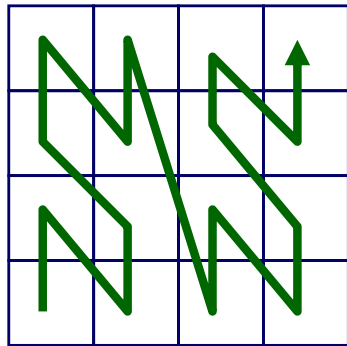
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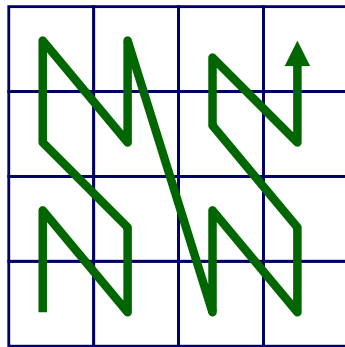


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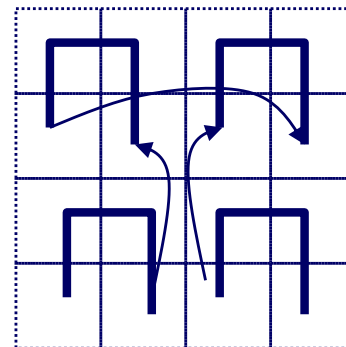
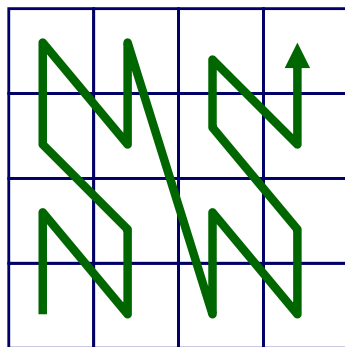


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(Gray codes)

- Ingenious way to spot flickering LED – binary:

3.5V



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

F. Gray. *Pulse code communication*,
March 17, 1953

[U.S. Patent 2,632,058](#)

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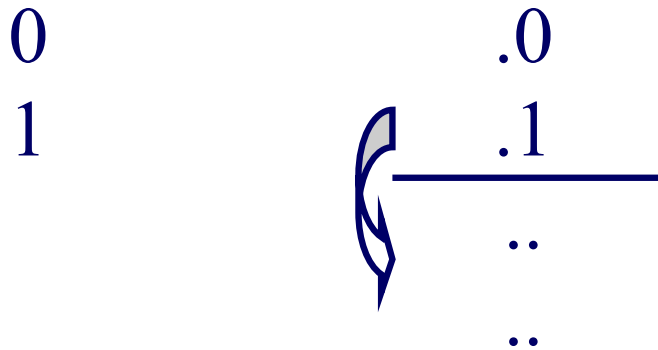
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1	.1
	..
	..

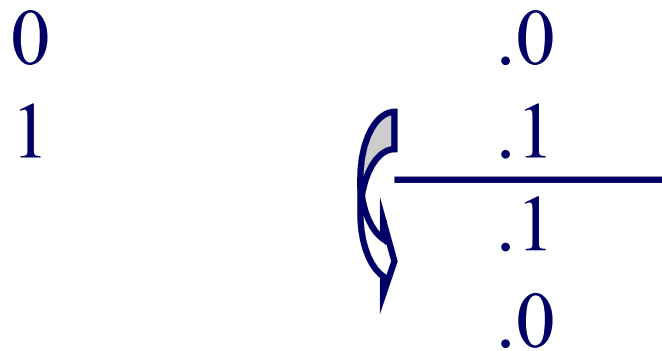
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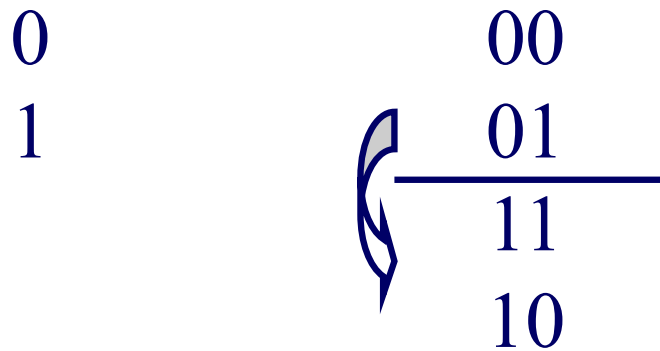
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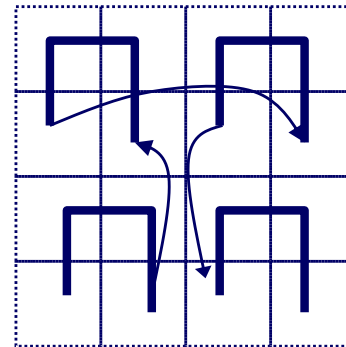
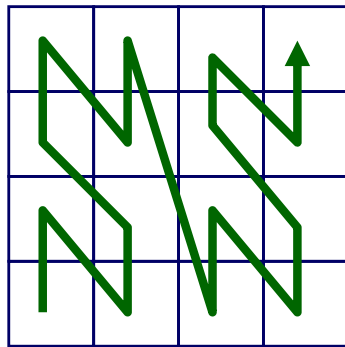
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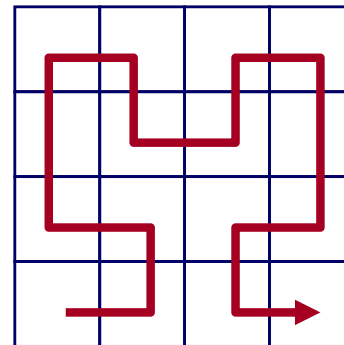
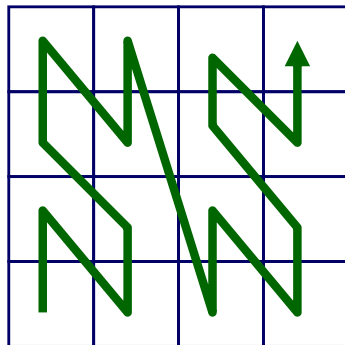
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z-ordering - variations

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



(break)



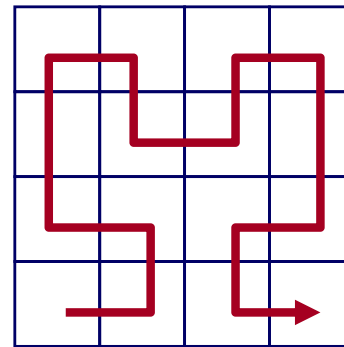
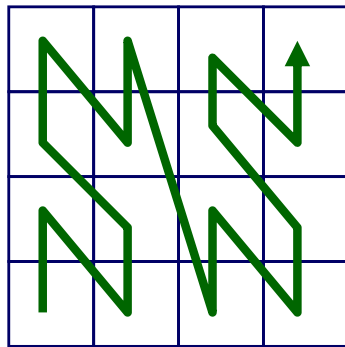
David Hilbert
(1862-1943)



Giuseppe Peano
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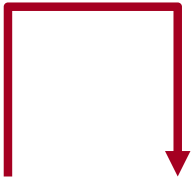
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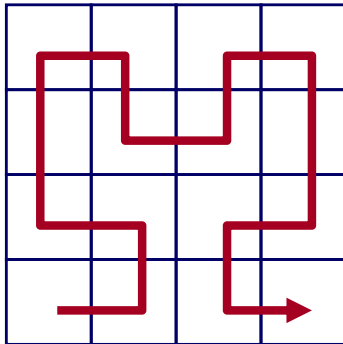


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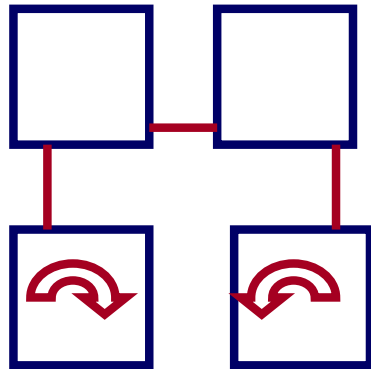
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order-1



order-2



... order (n+1)

z-ordering - variations

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

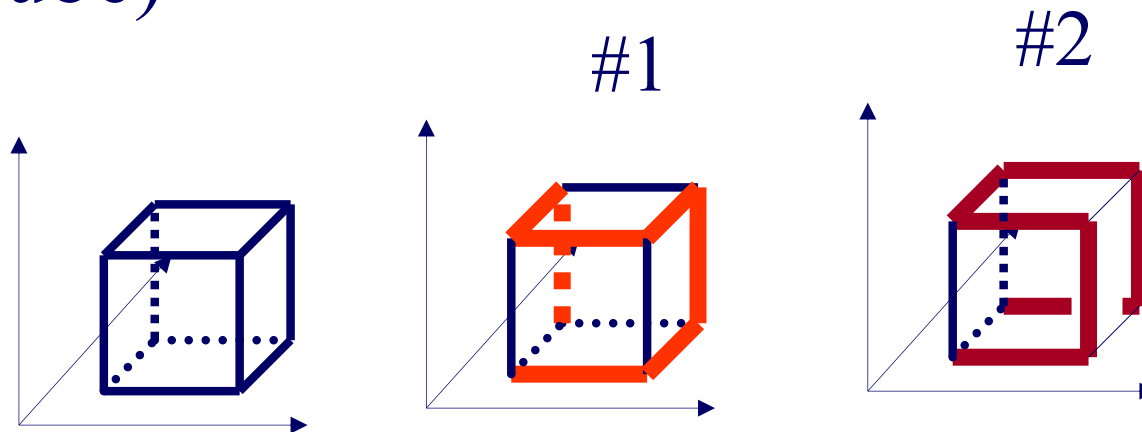
A: bit-shuffling, followed by post-processing,
to account for rotations. Linear on # bits.

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

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)





z-ordering - Detailed outline

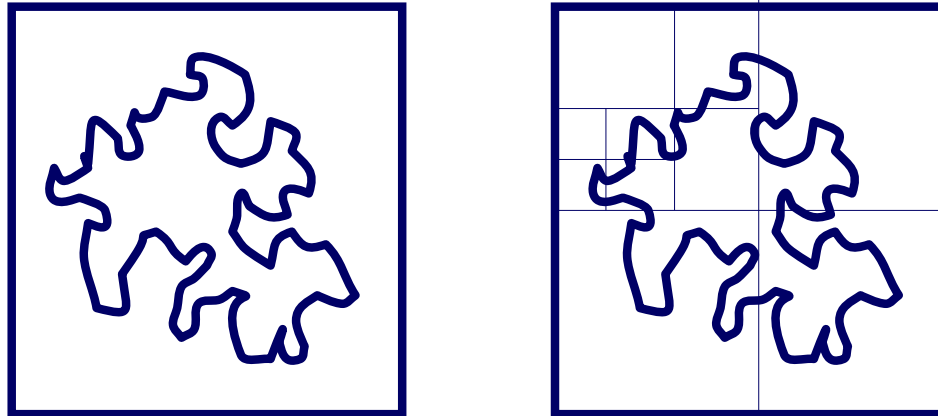
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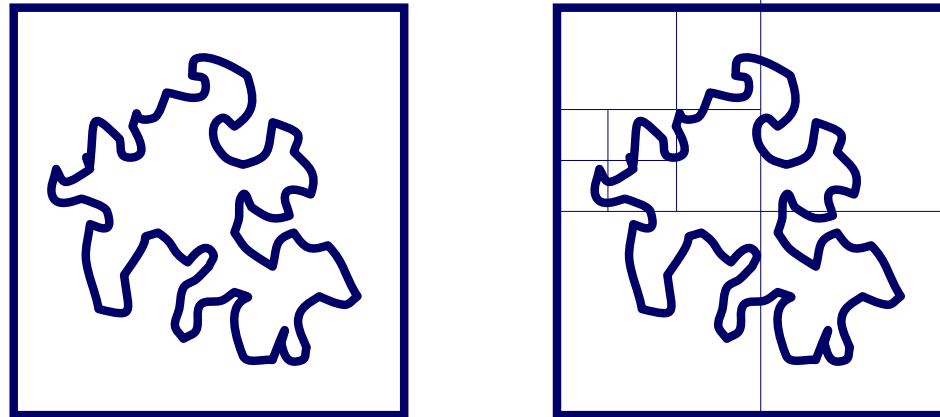
Q: How many pieces (‘quad-tree blocks’) per region?

A: proportional to perimeter (surface etc)



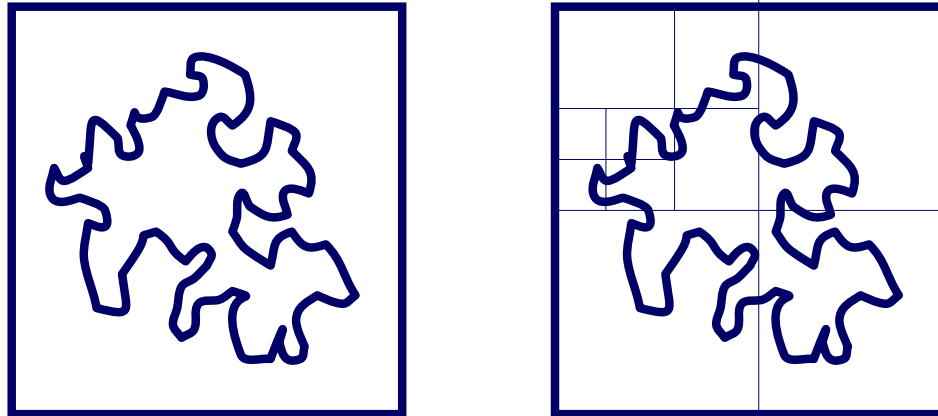
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(How long is the coastline, say, of England?
Paradox: The answer changes with the yardstick -> fractals ...)



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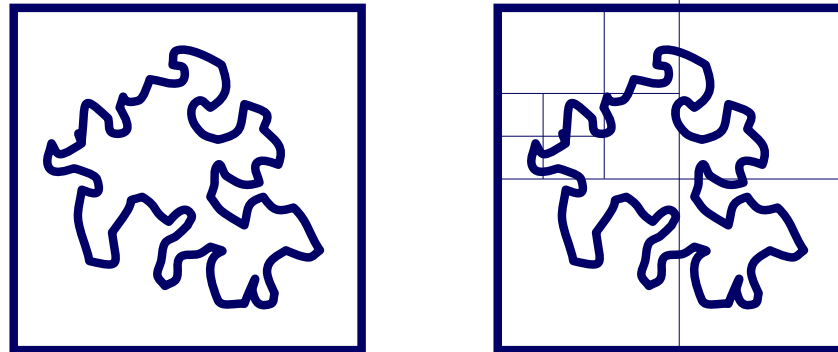
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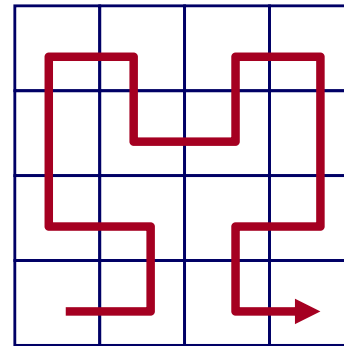
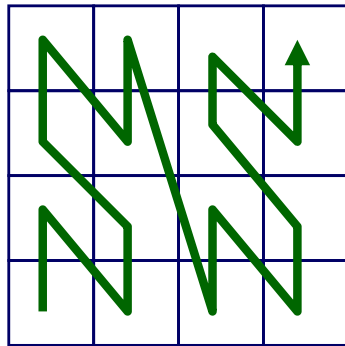
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A: NO! approximation with 1-3 pieces/z-values is best [Orenstein90]



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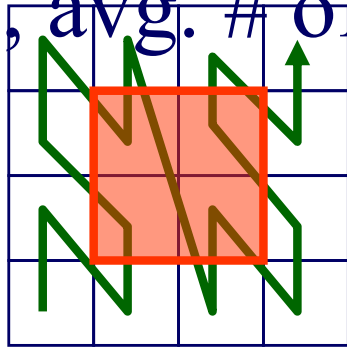
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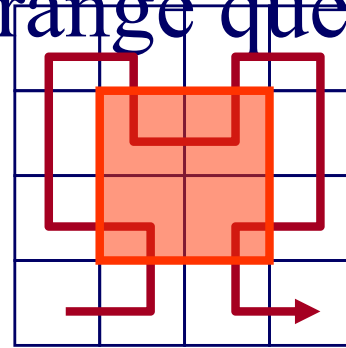
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Q: how to measure the ‘goodness’ of a curve?

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



4 runs



3 runs

(#runs $\sim$ #disk accesses on B-tree)

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?

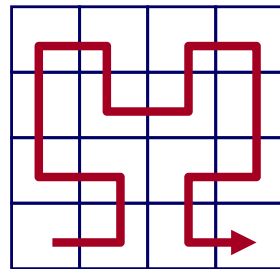
A: Yes ([Jagadish; Moon+ etc] see textbook)

z-ordering - fun observations

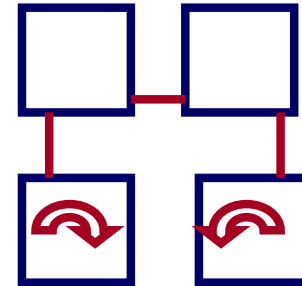
Hilbert and z-ordering curves: “space filling curves”: eventually, they visit every point in n -d space - therefore:



order-1



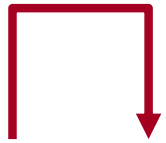
order-2



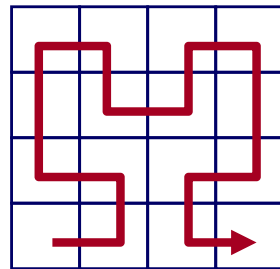
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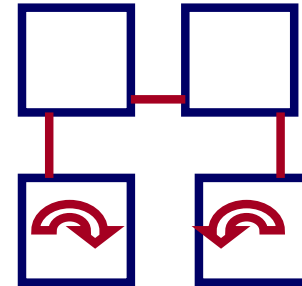
... they show that the plane has as many points as a line (-> headaches for 1900's mathematics/topology). (fractals, again!)



order-1



order-2

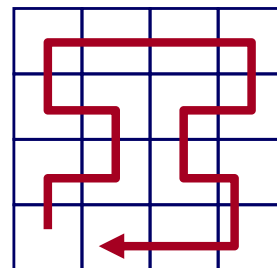
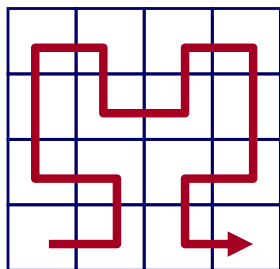


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z-ordering - fun observations

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



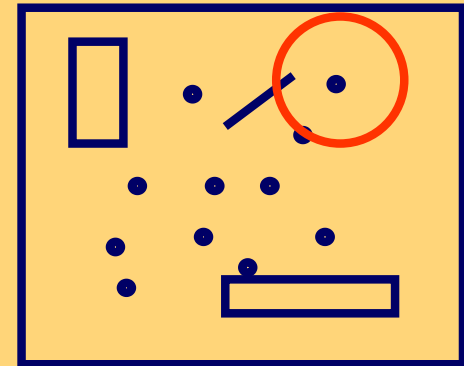
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In general, Hilbert curve is great for preserving distances, clustering, vector quantization etc



Spatial Access Methods - problem

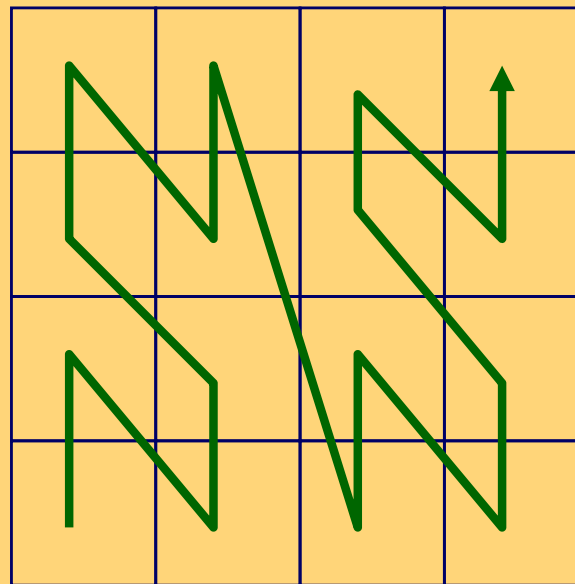
- Given a collection of geometric objects (points, lines, polygons, ...)
- Find cities within 100mi from Pittsburgh





Solution#1: z-ordering

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



Conclusions

- z-ordering is a great idea (n-d points $\rightarrow$ 1-d points; feed to B-trees)
- used
- ... by [TIGER](#) of US Bureau of Census
- ... by [AWS Aurora](#)
- ... and (probably) by other GIS products
- works great with low-dim points