

The Spatial Skyline Queries

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● Three friends

● query point

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 $\text{dist}(p, q_2) < \text{dist}(p', q_2)$ and
 $\text{dist}(p, q_3) < \text{dist}(p', q_3)$

→ p spatially dominate p'

● query point
● spatial skyline point

spatial skyline point is not dominated by any other data point

Problem Definition

p_1 spatially dominates p_2 with respect to Q iff
 $D(p_1, q_i) \leq D(p_2, q_i)$ for all q_i in Q and
 $D(p_1, q_j) < D(p_2, q_j)$ for at least one q_j

- Data $P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$
- Query $Q = \{q_1, q_2\}$
- Distance $D() = \text{Euclidean}$
- p_2 spatially dominates p_1 with respect to $\{q_1, q_2\}$
- Dominator Region of p_1
- p_1 spatially dominates p_3
- Dominance Region of p_1
- No dominance relation between p_1 and p_4

Spatial Skyline Query (SSQ): find the data points p_i that are **not** spatially dominated by any other point p_j with respect to the given query points (here, p_2 and p_4).

spatially domiante

p spatially dominate p' if p is closer to All query points than p'

if $D(p, q_i) \leq D(p', q_i)$ for all $q_i \in Q$

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if $D(p, q_i) \leq D(p', q_i)$ for all $q_i \in Q$

p can't spatially dominate p'

Spatial skyline

Spatial skyline point : p is not spatially dominated by any other point in P than p is spatial skyline point

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we can compute all spatial skyline points

Time Complexity: $O(|P|^2 |Q|)$
 $|P|$: number of data points, $|Q|$: number of query points

(naive algorithm)

- **Naive approach**
 - **Complexity: $O(|P|^2 |Q|)$**
 $|P|$: number of data points, $|Q|$: number of query points
- **Why a new algorithm is needed:**
 - Complexity of Naive approach is high
 - Each dominance check involves $2|Q|$ distance computation operations: increases with more query points
 - General skyline algorithms are either inapplicable or inefficient
 - Due to dynamic spatial attributes
 - Optimization opportunity
 - The geometric properties of space can be exploited

Geometric Properties

- **Complexity of Naïve approach: $O(|P|^2 |Q|)$**
 - $|P|$: number of data points
 - $|Q|$: number of query points
- We identify geometric properties to reduce th is complexity by reducing the number of :
 - data points to be investigated
 - query points that has no effect on the result
- Less and cheaper dominance checks
- We identify three properties ...

Preliminaries:Voronoi Diagr

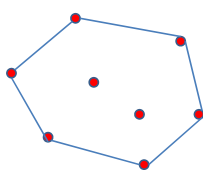
- Given a set of spatial objects, a Voronoi diagram *uniquely* partitions the space into disjoint regions (cells).
- The region including object p includes all locations which are closer to p than to any other object p'.

Ordinary Voronoi Diagram

Dataset:
 Points
 Distance $D(\dots)$:
 Euclidean (L_2)

Voronoi Cell of p

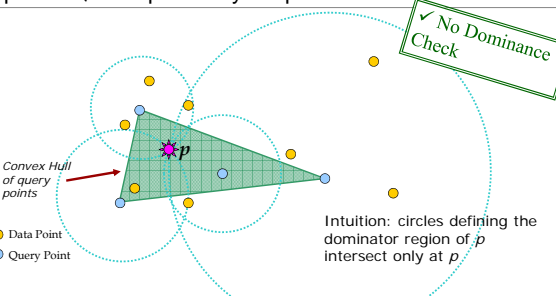
Preliminaries: Convex Hull



Convex hull of a set Q of points is the smallest convex polygon CH for which each point in Q is either on the boundary of CH or in its interior

Geometric Properties

GP₁: Any point p inside the **convex hull** of query points Q is a spatial skyline point.

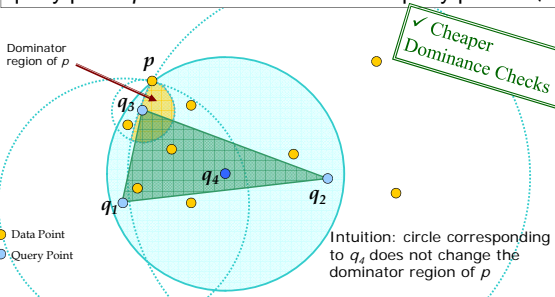


Intuition: circles defining the dominator region of p intersect only at p

Legend: ● Data Point, ● Query Point

Geometric Properties

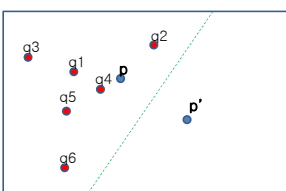
GP₂: The set of skyline points does not depend on any query point q inside the convex hull of query points Q .



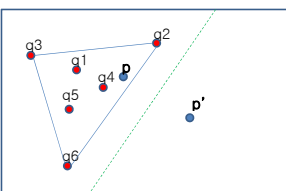
Intuition: circle corresponding to q_4 does not change the dominator region of p

Legend: ● Data Point, ● Query Point

naive algorithm



compute whether q_1 is in left side or right side
 compute whether q_2 is in left side or right side
 compute whether q_3 is in left side or right side
 compute whether q_4 is in left side or right side
 compute whether q_5 is in left side or right side



compute q_2 is in left side or right side
 compute q_3 is in left side or right side
 compute q_6 is in left side or right side

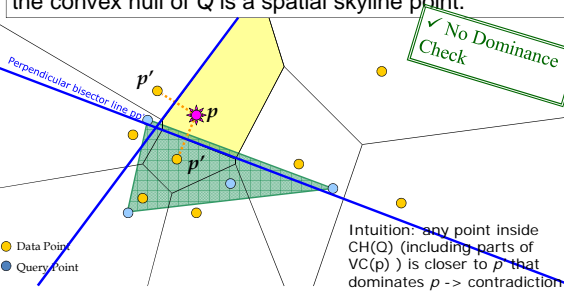
compute vertices of convex hull are in left side or right side

→ take $O(|CHv(Q)|)$ time

we don't need to compute q_1, q_4 and q_5

Geometric Properties

GP₃: Any point p whose Voronoi cell **intersects** with the convex hull of Q is a spatial skyline point.



Intuition: any point inside $CH(Q)$ (including parts of $VC(p)$) is closer to p that dominates p -> contradiction

Legend: ● Data Point, ● Query Point

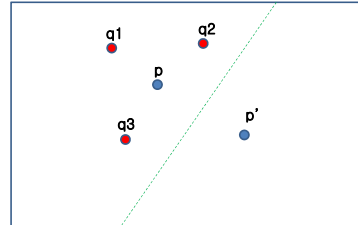
Algorithm: VS²

- **VS²**: Voronoi-based Spatial Skyline Algorithm
- Utilizes the geometric interpretation of the skyline
- GP₁ – With **no dominance check**, adds any data point p whose Voronoi cell intersects with the convex hull of Q
- GP₂ – Performs **cheaper dominance check only on a small subset** of points
(neighbors of skyline points $\sim O(S)$)
- Traversal is based on monotone function mindist

mindist of p : $\text{dist}(p,q_1) + \text{dist}(p,q_2) + \text{dist}(p,q_3)$

if p dominate p' then $\text{mindist}(p) < \text{mindist}(p')$

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 (by definition of 'spatially dominate')



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→ if $\text{mindist}(p) > \text{mindist}(p')$, then p can't dominate p'

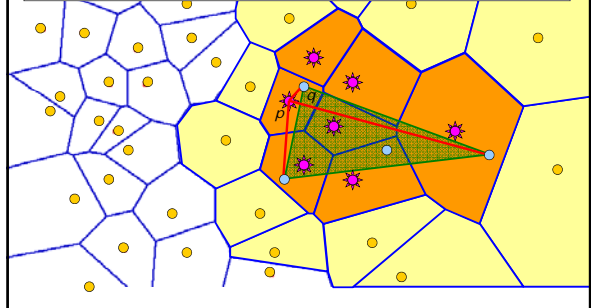
So, sort the data point by mindist ascending order.

To determine whether p is skyline point or not,

we only need to compare p with the point that has smaller mindist than p .

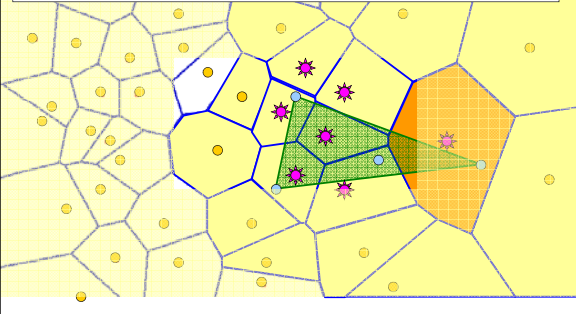
Algorithm: VS²

- We check the top of heap when all of its neighbors are already in the heap.
- No dominance check so far ...
- Check with only the current spatial skyline points



Algorithm: VS²

- Traversal stops before reaching the dominance region of the current skyline set.
- We check only a small number of non-skyline points.



Algorithm: VS²

- **Time Complexity:** $O(|S|^2 |CH,(Q)| + \Phi(|P|))$
 - Naive: $O(|P|^2 |Q|)$
- $|S|$: number of skyline points
- $|CH,(Q)|$: number of vertices of the convex hull of Q ($\leq |Q|$)
- $\Phi(|P|)$: complexity of finding the data point from which VS² starts traversing inside the convex hull of Q ($O(\log(|P|))$)
- **Space Complexity:** $O(|P|)$
 - Space required for ordinary Voronoi Diagram is $O(|P|)$

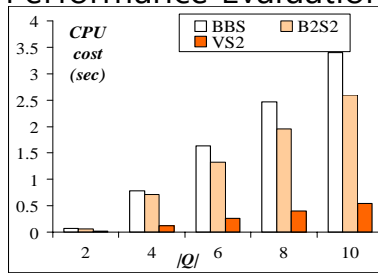
Algorithms: B²S²

- **B²S²**: Branch-and-Bound Spatial Skyline Algorithm
- Customization of BBS [Papadias et al.] for SSQs
- Uses **some** of the geometric properties of the skyline (GP_1 and GP_2)
- Similar to BBS traverses an R-tree on data points
- **Traversal order**: specified by any monotone function (e.g., $mindist(p, CH_i(Q))$)

Performance Evaluation

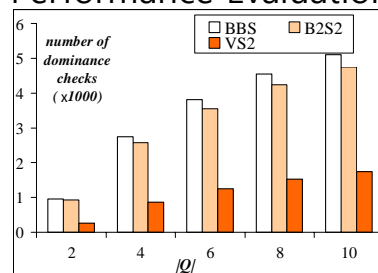
- **Dataset**: USGS including one million locations
- R*-tree on data points for BBS and B²S²
- Pre-built Delaunay graph of data points for VS²

Performance Evaluation



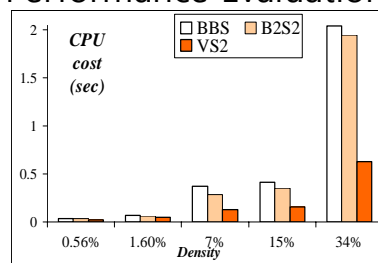
- $Max MBR(Q)=0.3\%$
- The difference in improvement of VS² over BBS increases for larger query sets.

Performance Evaluation



- Variations of B²S² require less dominance checks than BBS.
- Note that each dominance check is cheaper in our VS² and B²S² algorithms.

Performance Evaluation



- $Max |MBR(Q)| = 0.5\%$, $|Q| = 6$
- VS² is also scalable with respect to the density of data (i.e., number of skyline points)

Questions?