



Indexing Land Surface for Efficient kNN Query

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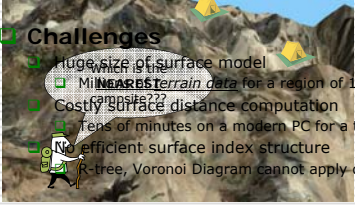


Which is the **NEAREST** campsite???

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Motivation

- Problem**
 - To find *k Nearest Neighbor* based on the *Surface Distance*.
- Challenges**
 - Huge size of surface model
 - Millions of *terrain data* for a region of 10km × 10km
 - Costly *surface distance* computation
 - Tens of minutes on a modern PC for a terrain of 10,000
 - No efficient surface index structure
 - R-tree, Voronoi Diagram cannot apply directly.



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✓ VkNN Query: Nutanong et al., DASFAA 2007

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- Conventional kNN ✓ Query Processing in SNDB : Papadias et al., VLDB 2003
- Reverse kNN ✓ V-based kNN in SNDB: Shahabi et al., VLDB 2004
- Time-aware kNN ✓ RNN in Large Graphs: Yiu et al., TKDE 2006
- Visible kNN ✓ CNN Monitoring in RN: Mouratidis et al., VLDB 2006

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- Conventional kNN ✓ SkNN Query : Deng et al., ICDE 2006, VLDB J. 2008
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- Conventional kNN ✓ SkNN Query : Deng et al., ICDE 2006, VLDB J. 2008
 - Not an incremental approach
 - Not an exact approach
- Reverse kNN
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- Visible kNN

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- **Triangular Irregular Network (TIN) Model**
 - Triangular Mesh
 - Digital Elevation Model (DEM)

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- **Distance Metrics**
 - Euclidean Distance $D_e(p, q)$
 - Network Distance $D_n(p, q)$
 - Surface Distance $D_s(p, q)$
 - $D_e(p, q) \leq D_s(p, q) \leq D_n(p, q)$

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- Shortest Surface Path Computation
 - Chen-Han (CH) Algorithm * : *unfold* all the faces of a polyhedron to one plane
 - Time Complexity: $O(n^2)$, n is the total number of the vertices on the surface

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- Intuition – Surface Voronoi Diagram
 - Too Complex to Build
 - Voronoi Diagram

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- Tight Surface Index
 - Tight Cell
 - $$TC(p_i) = \{q: q \in T \text{ and } D_N(p_i, q) < D_E(p_j, q) (\forall p_j \in P, p_j \neq p_i)\}$$
 - For any query point $q \in TC(p_i)$, the nearest neighbor of q in surface distance is p_i .
 - $$D_S(p_i, q) \leq D_N(p_i, q) < D_E(p_i, q) \leq D_S(p_j, q) (\forall p_j \in P, p_j \neq p_i)$$

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Loose Surface Index

$LC(p_i) = \{q: q \in T \text{ and } DE(p_i, q) < DN(p_j, q) (\forall p_j \in P, p_j \neq p_i)\}$

Site p_i is guaranteed not to be the nearest neighbor of q if q is outside $LC(p_i)$.

$\exists p_j \in P (p_j \neq p_i)$ such that $DS(p_i, q) \geq DE(p_i, q) > DN(p_j, q) \geq DS(p_j, q)$

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Storage Scheme

- R-Tree?
 - Unlike the Voronoi diagram, tight/loose cell are concave polygons in most cases and much more irregular
 - All cells are adjacent to each other, causing too much overlapping in R-Tree
 - Index both on TC/LC
- Solution: **SIR-tree**
 - An R-tree that is generated on site set P
 - Leaf node stores: sites inside the corresponding MBR, the pointer to the vertices list of the tight/loose cell and its neighbor list

Efficient

* For the purpose of clarity, textures on terrain are removed.

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SIR-Tree

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SIR-Tree Insertion

Algorithm

- locate p in I , find out the loose cell $LC(r)$ containing p ;
- $p_neighbor \leftarrow LC(r)$'s neighbor;
- compute $TC(p)$ and $LC(p)$;
- for each site p_i in $p_neighbor$
- update $LC(p_i)$'s edges according to $TC(p)$;
- update $TC(p_i)$'s edges according to $LC(p)$;
- insert p into I ;
- return I ;

(b) TSI after p Insertion

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More about TSI and LSI

Definitions:

- TSI, LSI and Neighbor**
- Please refer to [Section 4.1, 4.2](#) in the paper.

Observation:

- Given that TSI and LSI are generated for the same site set P , the tight and loose cells have common edges; more specifically, all the tight cell's edges are also the edges of loose cells.
- Please refer to [Section 4.2 Property 3](#) in the paper.

TSI and LSI Construction

- Naive Index Construction
- Fast Index Construction
- Please refer to [Section 4.3](#) in the paper.

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Query Processing

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- Nearest Neighbor Query
- Algorithm : Depth First Search

Current Node Stack: Nodelist

N4	N1	N4					
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Does TC(P3) or LC(P3) contain q?

Current Node Stack: Nodelist

N4	N1	N4					
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Query Processing

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- Nearest Neighbor Query
- Algorithm : Depth First Search

Does TC(P2) or LC(P2) contain q?

Current Node Stack: Nodelist

N4	N1	N4					
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Query Processing

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- Nearest Neighbor Query
- Algorithm : Depth First Search

Does TC(P1) or LC(P1) contain q?

YES, TC(P1)
Return p1 as NN

Current Node Stack: Nodelist

N4	N1	N4					
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Query Processing

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- Nearest Neighbor Query
- Algorithm : Depth First Search

Current Node Stack: Nodelist

Root							
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N_1	N_1				
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N_3	N_1	N_3			
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N_4	N_1	N_4			
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N_4	N_1	N_4			
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N_4	N_1	N_4			
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Does the LC of any P3's neighbor contain q?

Candidate Set C

P_3	P_6				
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- Nearest Neighbor Query
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Candidate Set C

p_3	p_6								
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Unfold the area covered by $LC(p_3)$ and $LC(p_6)$ and compute their surface distance to q by CH algorithm and return the p_3 as NN.

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- k Nearest Neighbor Query
 - Property 4
 - The next nearest site is the generator of one of the neighbors of the NNs found so far.

Therefore, The shortest surface path from q to the k -th NN p_k will lie in the area of $LC(G) \cup LC(p_k) = LC(p_1) \cup LC(p_2) \cup \dots \cup LC(p_k)$.

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- k Nearest Neighbor Query
 - Algorithm

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kNN Query (SIR-tree  $I$ , point  $q$ , surface  $T$ )
1  $p \leftarrow$  Nearest Neighbor Query( $I, q, T$ );
2 add  $p$  to kNN set  $G$ ;
3 initialize minimum heap  $H$ ;
4 while( $G.size < k$ )
5   for each neighbor site  $p_i$  of  $G$ ;
6     unfold  $LC(G) \cup LC(p_i)$  to compute surface distance;
7     add  $p_i$  to  $H$ ;
8   end for
9    $p \leftarrow$  deheap  $H$ ;
10  add  $p$  to  $G$ ;
11 end while;
12 return  $G$ ;
    
```

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Query Processing

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- More about Query Processing
 - Surface Index R-Tree (SIR-tree)
 - How an R-tree is built on TSI and LSI?
 - SIR-tree insertion
 - Please refer to Section 4.4 in the paper.
 - NN Query Algorithm
 - Please refer to Section 5.1 Algorithm 3 in the paper.
 - kNN Query Processing
 - Property of next nearest neighbor
 - Incremental algorithm for kNN Query
 - Please refer to Section 5.2 in the paper.

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Performance Evaluation

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- Dataset
 - Eagle Peak (EP) at Wyoming State, USA
 - 10.7km x 14km, 1.4M sampled points.
 - Bearhead (BH) at Washington State, USA
 - Similar size as above, 1.3M sampled points.
 - Uniformly distributed Point of Interest

Eagle Peak (EP) Bearhead (BH)

* <http://data.geocomm.com/>

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- **Competing Approaches**
 - Surface Index (SI)
 - Exact and quick answer
 - Range Ranking (RR)
 - Approximate and quick answer
 - Chen Han Algorithm (CH)
 - Exact and slow answer

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- **Query Efficiency, I/O cost vs. Value of k**
 - The difference in improvement of SI over CH increases for larger k.

(a) Query Efficiency, $\alpha=2$, EP

(e) I/O Cost, $\alpha=2$, EP

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- **Accuracy vs. Value of k**
 - The accuracy of RR drops dramatically when the value of k increases.
 - The accuracy of SI stays at 100%.

(a) Query Accuracy on EP

(b) Query Accuracy on BH

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- **Conclusion**
 - We extend the traditional kNN Query to the space constrained with the third dimension.
 - We construct two complementary indexing schemes, namely Tight Surface Index (TSI) and Loose Surface Index (LSI) to reduce the invocation of the costly surface distance computation.
 - SI significantly outperforms its competitors in accuracy and efficiency.
- **Future Work**
 - Further evaluate its performance with synthetic datasets.
 - Study variations of skNN such as the *continuous skNN query*, *dynamic skNN query* and *visible skNN query*.

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Thanks! VLDB'08

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