Parameter-free Locality Sensitive Hashing for Spherical Range Reporting

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Related Work & Difficulty

- Curse of dimensionality: Solving exact problem takes linear time (brute-force scan) or space/time exponential in dimension
- small-medium dimensions:
 - tree-based approaches (Arya et al., 2010)
 - ▶ space and/or running time $O((1/\varepsilon)^d)$ for $1 + \varepsilon$ approximation
- high dimensions:
 - "locality-sensitive hashing (LSH)"-based approaches for reporting (Indyk, 2000), (Andoni, 2009)
 - ρ parameter tied to the LSH family, e.g., $1/c^2$ for Euclidean space
 - Running time: $O(n^{\rho} \cdot t)$ for output size t
 - Space: $O(n^{1+\rho})$

Adaptive LSH Algorithms

VS

LSH Theory



"You need $n^{\rho} = 513$ repetitions!"

Want

- algorithm adapts to query
- has theoretical guarantees
- use available space best

Recent related work: (Har-Peled & Mahabadi, SODA 2017)

LSH Practice



"10 repetitions work just as fine!"

Our Results (in presentation)

Oracle access to output size *t*

 \rightarrow can solve Spherical Range Reporting using LSH in time $O(t(n/t)^{\rho})$

O No oracle?

 → "Multi-Level LSH" with adaptive query algorithm finds "best LSH parameters" with little overhead



Plot of Running Times



Standard LSH Approach: LSH Function

• random space partition



- Characteristics:
 - p_1 : (lower bound on) collision probability of two points at distance $\leq r$
 - ▶ p_2 : (upper bound on) collision probability of two points at distance $\geq cr$
 - strength of the LSH: $\rho = \frac{\log(1/p_1)}{\log(1/p_2)}$

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- 2 repeat reps $(k) := p_1^{-k}$ many times



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- Query algorithm: Collect all points that collide with the query over all tables, report the ones at distance at most *r*.
- Expected running time?







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Expansion at the Query



Expansion c_q^* **at query** q: Largest c such that

#points at distance $cr \leq 2$ #points at distance r

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Probing the Right Level

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• set k such that $\leq t$ expected collisions with far points







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Running Time of Adaptive Algorithm

Theorem

Best level has expected work $W_{best} \Rightarrow algorithm$ has expected running time $O(W_{best} \log \log W_{best})$.

- algorithm is asymptotically only log log factor away from the best possible work for the query
- log log factor comes from needing $\approx \log k$ more repetitions on level k then standard LSH approach

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