Dynamic Unit-Disk Range Reporting

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Unit disk range reporting (UDRR) problem

Static UDRR: Given a set *P* of *n* points in the plane and a value r > 0,

build a data structure such that given any query disk of radius r, all points of P within the query disk can be reported.



Dynamic UDRR: Points of *P* can be inserted and deleted.

Static UDRR: Related work and our results

	Preprocessing Performance	Query Time, <i>k</i> is the output size
Chazelle and Edelsbrunner, 1985	$O(n^2)$ time and $O(n)$ space	$O(\log n + k)$
Reduce UDRR to the half-space range reporting queries in 3D (<i>works for query disk of arbitrary</i> <i>radius</i>), and Afshani and Chan's 3D half-space range reporting data structure (2009)	<i>O(n log n)</i> expected time (due to Ramos' algorithm (1999), to construct shallow cuttings for a set of planes in 3D) and <i>O(n)</i> space	$O(\log n + k)$
Same as above but using a deterministic shallow cutting algorithm by Chan and Tsakalidis (2016)	$O(n \log n)$ deterministic time and $O(n)$ space	$O(\log n + k)$
Our results, much simpler	$O(n \log n)$ deterministic time and O(n) space	$O(\log n + k)$

Dynamic UDRR: Related work and our results

Previous work:

- 1. Reduce it to dynamic halfspace range reporting in 3D using the standard lifting transformation.
- 2. The currently best result: $O(n \log n)$ space, $O(\log^{3+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized insertion time, $O(\log^{5+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized deletion time, and $O(\frac{\log^2 n}{\log \log n} + k)$ query time, where ε is an arbitrarily small positive constant and k is the output size.

Our result:

Optimal $O(\log n + k)$ query time, and the space and the update time complexities are the same as above.

Dynamic unit-disk range emptiness queries

P: a dynamic set of points in the plane. Determine whether a query unit disk contains any point of *P*, and if so, return such a point.

Previous work:

Using a dynamic nearest neighbor search data structure [Chan, 2020]. O(n) space, $O(\log^2 n)$ amortized insertion time, $O(\log^4 n)$ amortized deletion time, and $O(\log^2 n)$ query time.

Our result:

O(n) space, $O(\log^{1+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized insertion time, $O(\log^{1+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized deletion time, and $O(\log n)$ query time.

A grid technique

R: a region in the plane P(R): the subset of points of *P* inside *R*. D_q : the unit disk centered at point *q*.

We use a set of **grid cells** to capture the **proximity information** for the points of *P*. To handle updates to *P*, we define a **conforming coverage** *C* for *P* as a set of cells (axis-parallel rectangle).

- 1. The union of all cells of C covers all the points of P.
- 2. Each cell $C \in C$ is associated with a subset $N(C) \in C$ of O(1) neighboring cells, such that for any point $q \in C$, $P(D_q) \subseteq \bigcup_{C' \in N(C)} P(C')$.
- 3. For any point q, if q is not in any cell of \mathcal{C} , then $P \cap D_q = \emptyset$.





Maintain the grid dynamically

- A conforming coverage set C of O(n) cells for P can be maintained in O(n) space (n is the size of the current set P).
- 2. Each point insertion of $P: O(\log n)$ worst-case time.
- 3. Each point deletion of $P: O(\log n)$ amortized time.
- Given any point q, determine whether q is in a cell C of C, and if so, return C and N(C): O(log n) time.

Corollary: A static conforming coverage can be built in O(n) space and $O(n \log n)$ time.

Line-separable UDRR problem

Given a query disk D_q centered at q,

- 1. If *q* is not in a cell of \mathcal{C} , then $P \cap D_q = \emptyset$, we return null.
- 2. If $q \in C \in C$, we report all points of *P* in *C*. For every neighboring cell $C' \in N(C)$, we have the the line-separable UDRR in both static and dynamic version.
- 3. A point $p \in P$ is in D_q iff q is above the arc centered at p. The arc below ℓ is *x*-monotone.





Static line-separable UDRR algorithm



- 1. \mathcal{U}_1 : the lower envelope of all arcs centered at points in C' below line ℓ .
- 2. U_1 is spliced with several arcs. We find out the arc that spans point q.
- 3. If q is below this arc, then no arc is below
 q and we return null.
- 4. If *q* is above this arc, then the center of such an arc can be reported.
- 5. Moving leftwards and rightwards on the lower envelope to check whether q is above the next arc until we firstly see q is below an arc or we see line ℓ .
- 6. We remove all arcs in U_1 and run the above procedure on the next lower envelope layer U_2 , U_3 , ... until q is below a lower envelope.

Static UDRR algorithm



- 1. Lower envelope layers $\{\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2, ...\}$ can be computed in $O(|C'| \log |C'|)$ time and O(|C'|) space by considering its dual problem: computing lower α -hull layers.
- The computation of lower α-hull layers follows the scheme of Chazelle's algorithm in 1985 for computing convex hull layers.
- 3. A fractional cascading data structure is used on the vertices of the lower envelope layers so that given any point q, the arc spanning q in U₁ is reported in O(log n) time and the arc spanning q in other envelope layers is reported in O(1) time each. The query time is O(log|C'| + k).

Build such a data structure for every non-empty cell in the conforming coverage set C with respect to each of its supporting line. The static UDRR can be solved in $O(n \log n)$ time and O(n) space, and the query time is $O(\log n + k)$.

Dynamic line-separable UDRR algorithm

- 1. The problem requires reporting arcs of a dynamic set that are below a query point.
- 2. The *k*-lowest-arcs queries: Given a query vertical line ℓ^* and a number $k \ge 1$, report the *k* lowest arcs intersecting ℓ^* .
- 3. [Chan, 2000]: If each k-lowest-arcs query can be answered in $O(\log n + k)$ time, then the arcs of a dynamic set below a query point can be reported in $O(\log n + k)$ time.
- 4. We adapt the technique for a similar problem: Dynamically maintain a set of lines to report the *k*-lowest lines at a query vertical line.
 - 1) [Chan, 2012]: $O(n \log n)$ space, $O(\log^{6+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized update time, and $O(\log n + k)$ query time.
 - 2) [De Berg and Staals, 2023]: for planes in 3D, $O(n \log n)$ space, $O(\log^{3+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized insertion time, $O(\log^{5+\varepsilon} n)$ amortized deletion time, and $O(\log^2 n/\log \log n + k)$ query time.

 ℓ^*

A new shallow cutting algorithm for arcs



Theorem: There exist constants *B*, *C*, and *C'*, such that for a parameter $k \in [1, n]$, we can compute a $(B^i k)$ -shallow $(CB^i k/n)$ -cutting of size at most $C' \frac{n}{B^i k}$ in the bottom-open pseudo-trapezoid form, along with conflict lists of all its cells, for all $i = 0, 1, ..., \log_B \frac{n}{k}$, in $O(n \log \frac{n}{k})$ time.

Corollary: We can compute a k-shallow (Ck/n)-cutting of size $O(\frac{n}{k})$, along with its conflict lists, in $O(n \log \frac{n}{k})$ time.

Two deletion-only data structures for k-lowestarcs queries

- 1. Using our shallow cutting algorithm for arcs and a generalized partition tree technique ([Matoušek, 1992] and [Wang, 2023]): A set of *n* arcs can be maintained in O(n) space to support $O(\log n)$ amortized time deletions and $O(\sqrt{n}\log^{O(1)} n + k)$ time *k*-lowest-arcs queries.
- 2. Following the scheme of [De Berg and Staals, 2023] and apply our shallow cutting algorithm for arcs: For any fixed r, a set of n arcs can be maintained in $O(n \log r)$ space to support $O(r \log n)$ amortized time deletions and $O(\log r + \frac{n}{r} + k)$ time *k*-lowest-arcs queries.

Dynamic line-separable UDRR algorithm

 Γ :a dynamic set of arcs, which initially is \emptyset , and undergoes *n* updates (insertions and deletions).

For any $b \ge 2$, we can maintain a collection of shallow cuttings T_i^j in the bottom-open pseudo-trapezoid form, $i = 1, 2, ..., \lceil \log n \rceil, j = 1, 2, ..., O(\log_b n)$, such that,

- 1. The conflict list of every cell of every cutting only undergoes deletions after its creation.
- 2. For any $k \ge 1$, let $i_k = \left[\log\left(\frac{n}{Ck}\right) \right]$ for a sufficiently large constant *C*. For any vertical line ℓ^* , if an arc $\gamma \in \Gamma$ is among the *k* lowest arcs at ℓ^* , then there exists a *j* such that γ is in the conflict list $L_{\Delta j}$ of the cell $\Delta^j \in T_{i_k}^j$ intersecting ℓ^* .

Dynamic line-separable UDRR algorithm

Answer a *k*-lowest-arcs query with a query vertical line ℓ^* .

- 1. We have a group of shallow cuttings $T_{i_k}^j$, where $j = 1, 2, ..., O(\log_b n)$.
- 2. For every *j*, we compute cell $\Delta^j \in T_{i_k}^j$ intersecting ℓ^* .
 - 1) For each *i*, maintain a **dynamic interval tree** to store the intervals of the *x*-projections of the cuttings T_i^j for all *j*.
- 3. Find the *k* lowest arcs from all conflict lists $L_{\Delta j}$ for all *j*.
 - 1) Use our different deletion-only data structures for *k*-lowest-arcs queries for lists $L_{\Delta j}$ depending on whether $|L_{\Delta j}| \ge \log^3 n$.
 - 2) A technique of querying multiple *k*-lowest-arcs data structures simultaneously [De Berg and Staals, 2023] is applied.
- 4. Our dynamic line-separable UDRR algorithm: $O(|C'| \log |C'|)$ space, $O(\log^{3+\varepsilon} |C'|)$ amortized insertion time, $O(\log^{5+\varepsilon} |C'|)$ amortized deletion time, and $O(\log |C'| + k)$ query time.

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