

# K-D Trees

CSE 373  
Data Structures  
Lecture 22

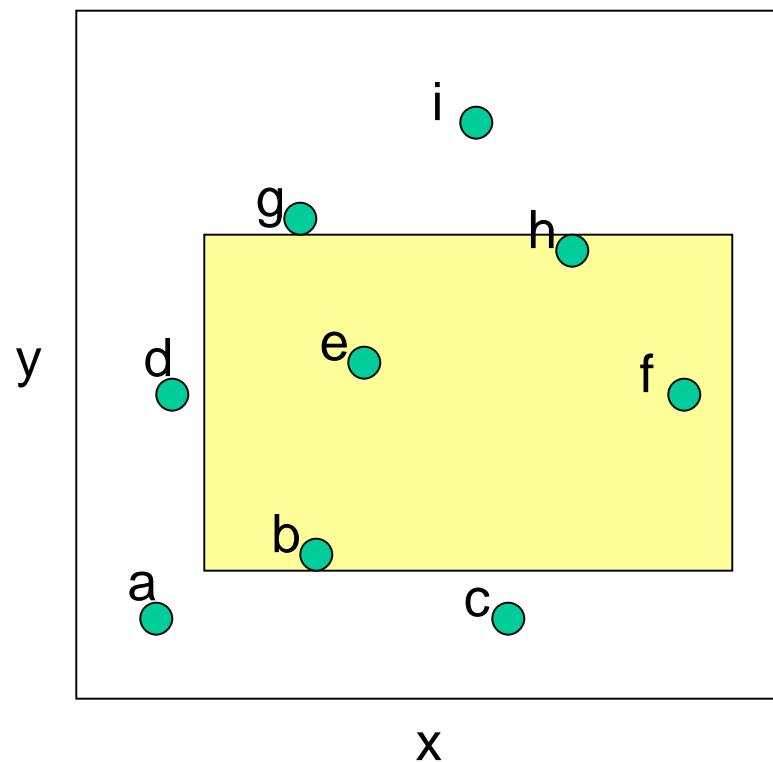
# Geometric Data Structures

- Organization of points, lines, planes, ... to support faster processing
- Applications
  - Astrophysical simulation – evolution of galaxies
  - Graphics – computing object intersections
  - Data compression
    - Points are representatives of 2x2 blocks in an image
    - Nearest neighbor search

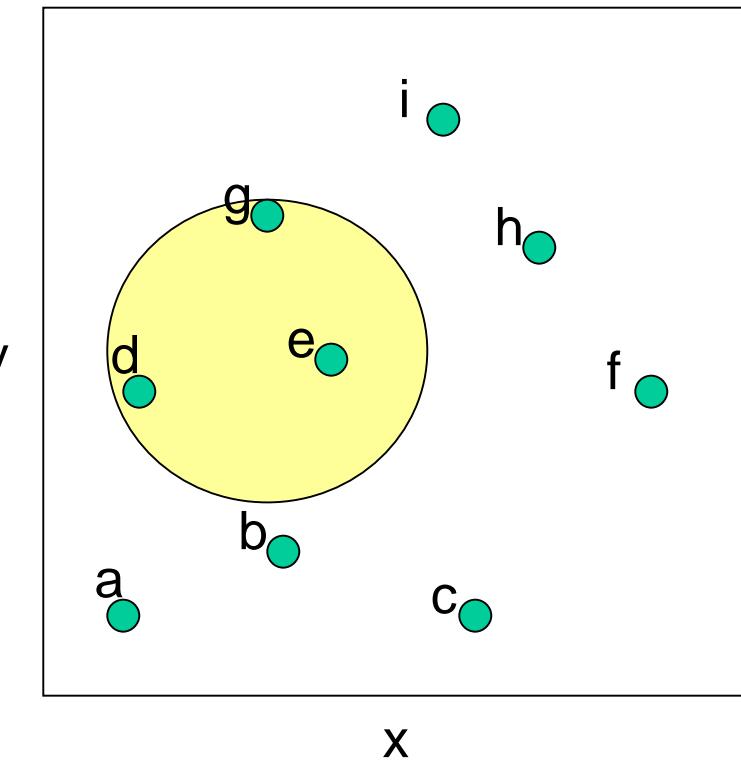
# k-d Trees

- Jon Bentley, 1975
- Tree used to store spatial data.
  - Nearest neighbor search.
  - Range queries.
  - Fast look-up
- k-d tree are guaranteed  $\log_2 n$  depth where n is the number of points in the set.
  - Traditionally, k-d trees store points in d-dimensional space which are equivalent to vectors in d-dimensional space.

# Range Queries

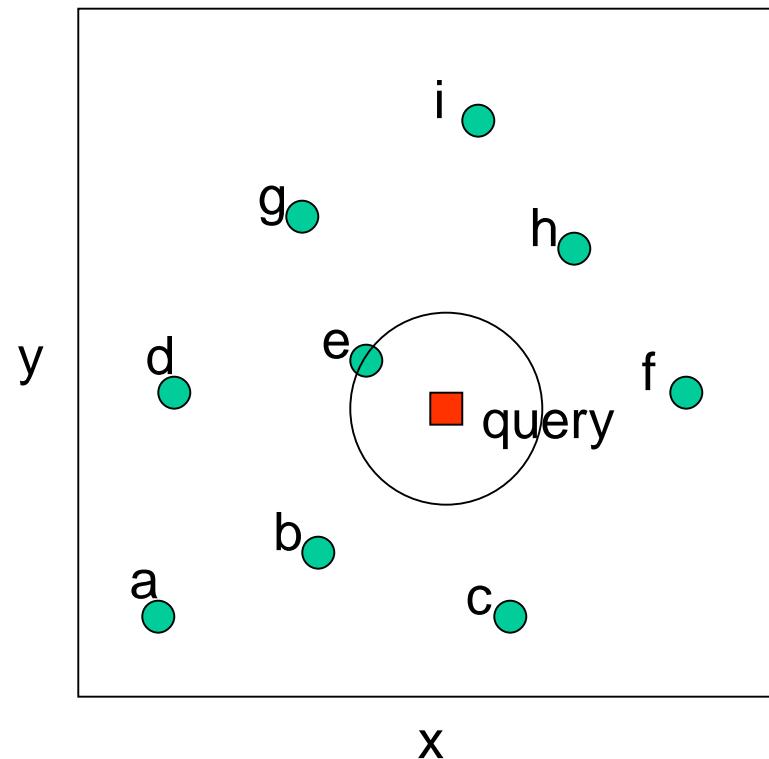


Rectangular query



Circular query

# Nearest Neighbor Search

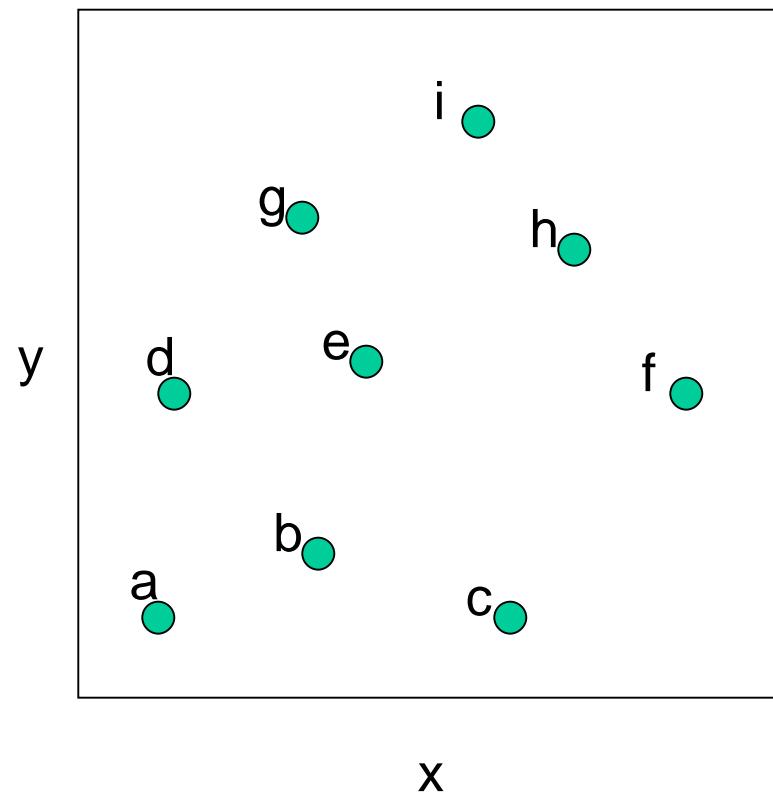


Nearest neighbor is e.

# k-d Tree Construction

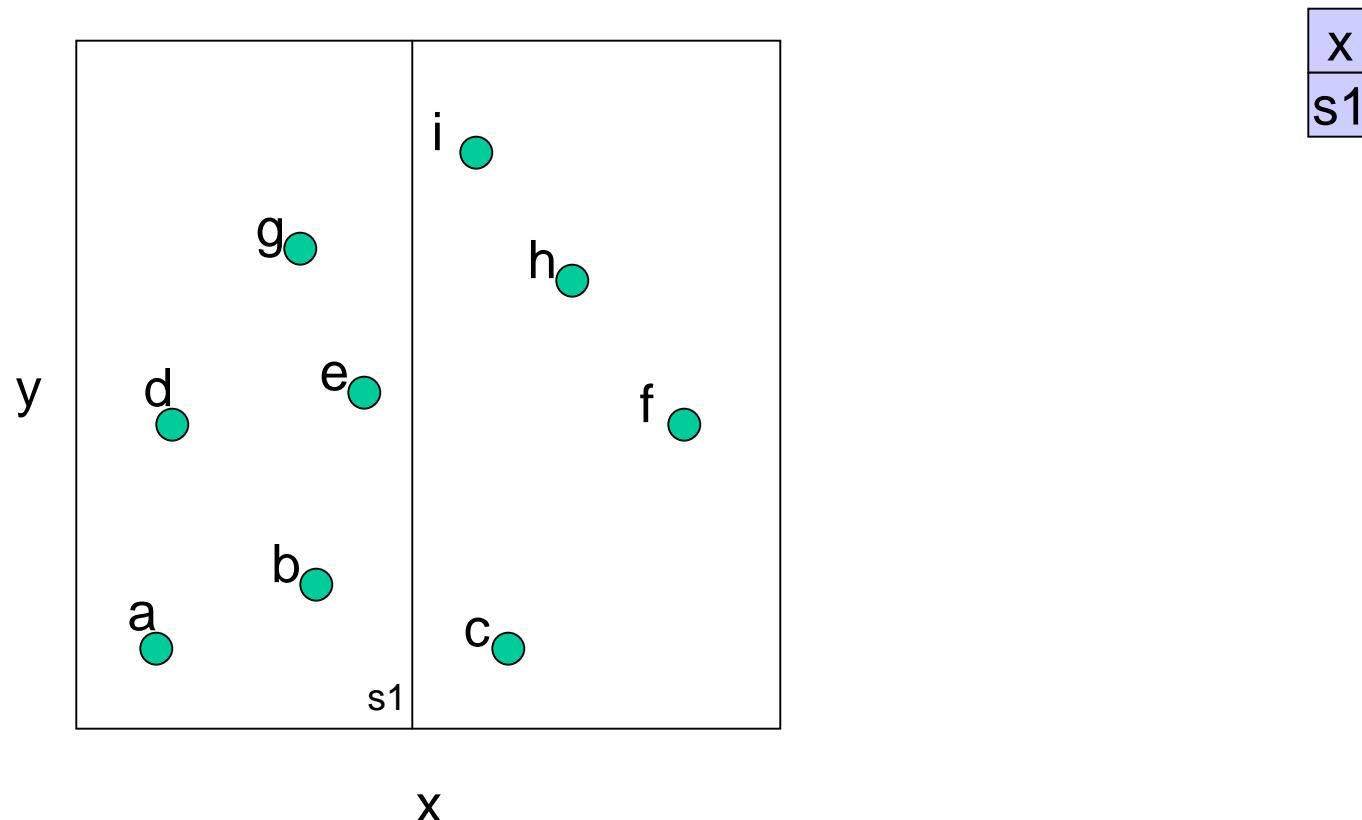
- If there is just one point, form a leaf with that point.
- Otherwise, divide the points in half by a line perpendicular to one of the axes.
- Recursively construct k-d trees for the two sets of points.
- Division strategies
  - divide points perpendicular to the axis with widest spread.
  - divide in a round-robin fashion (book does it this way)

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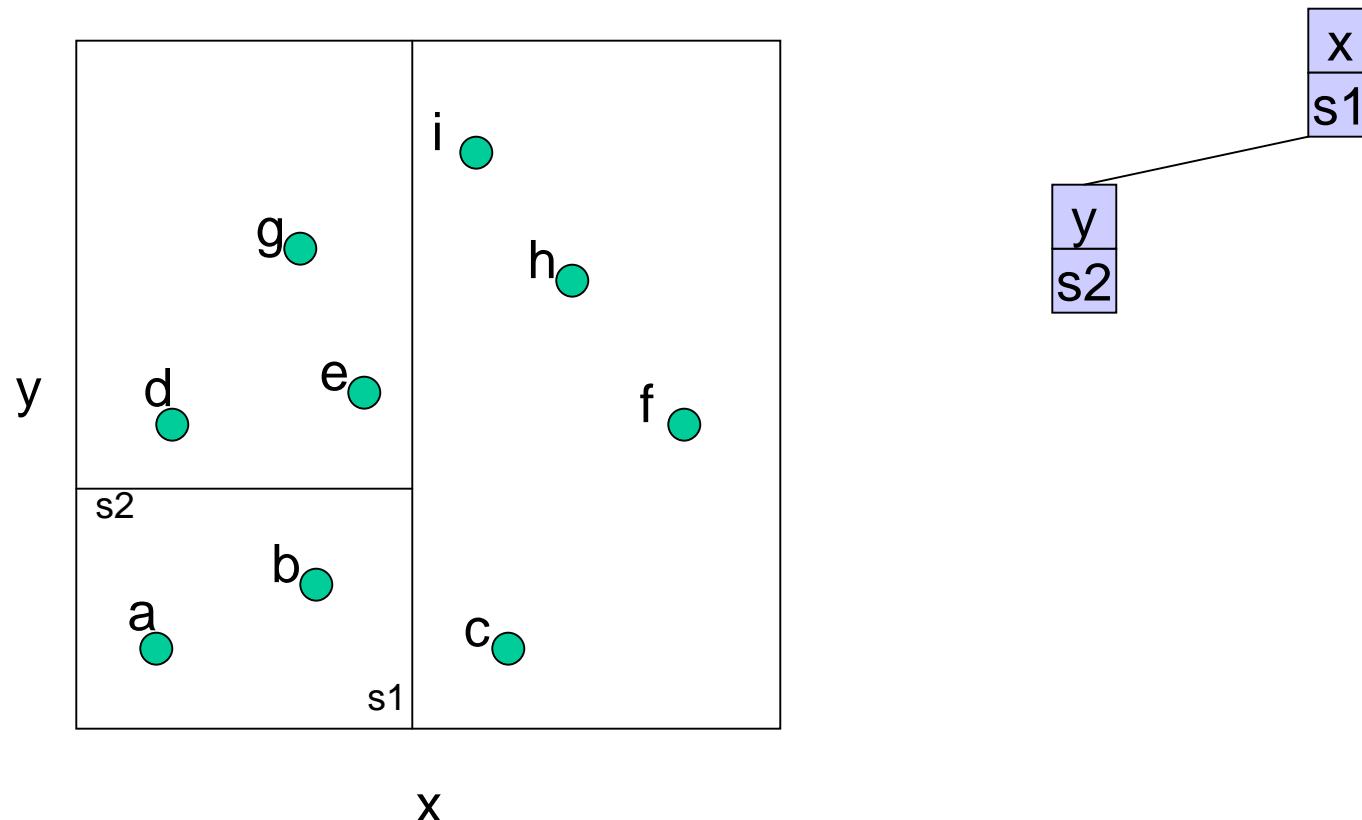


divide perpendicular to the widest spread.

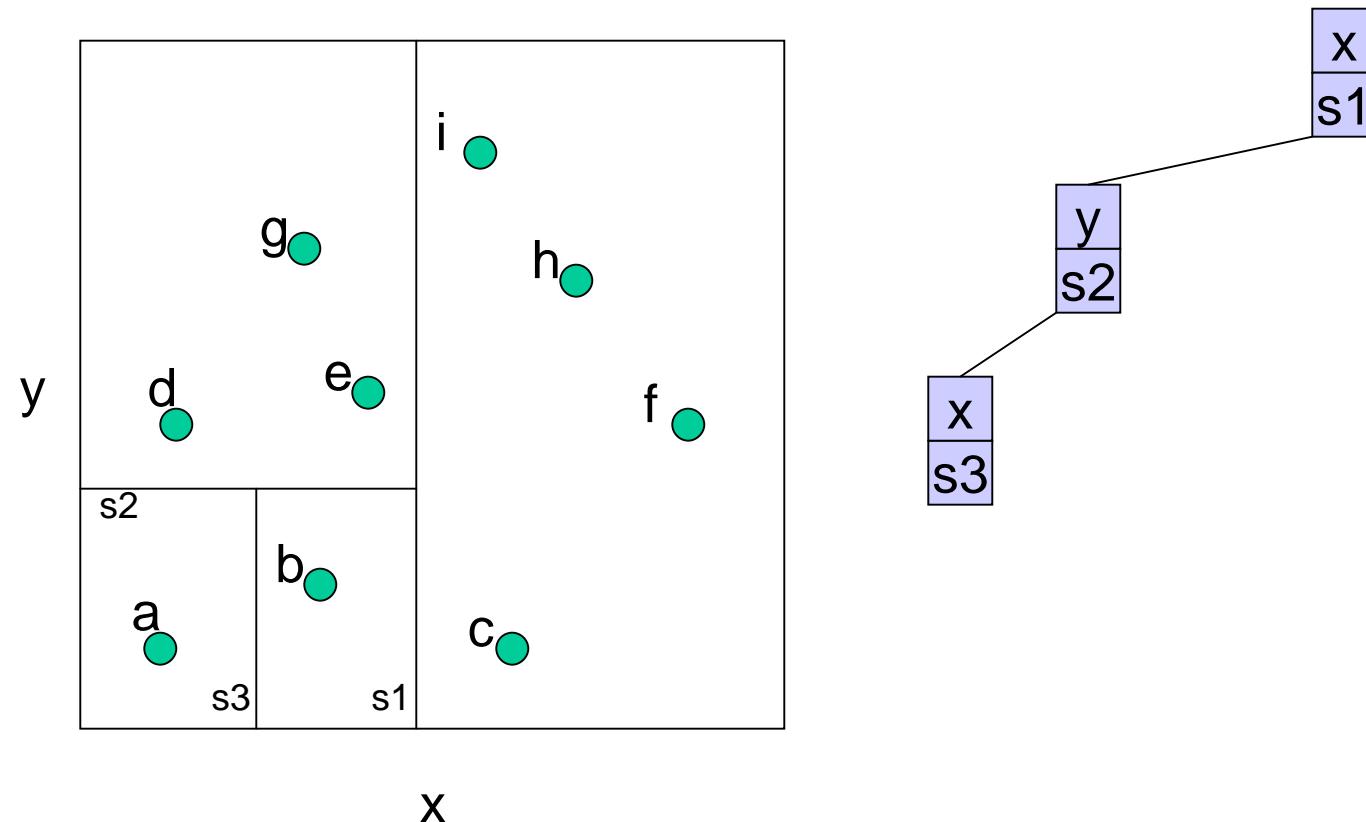
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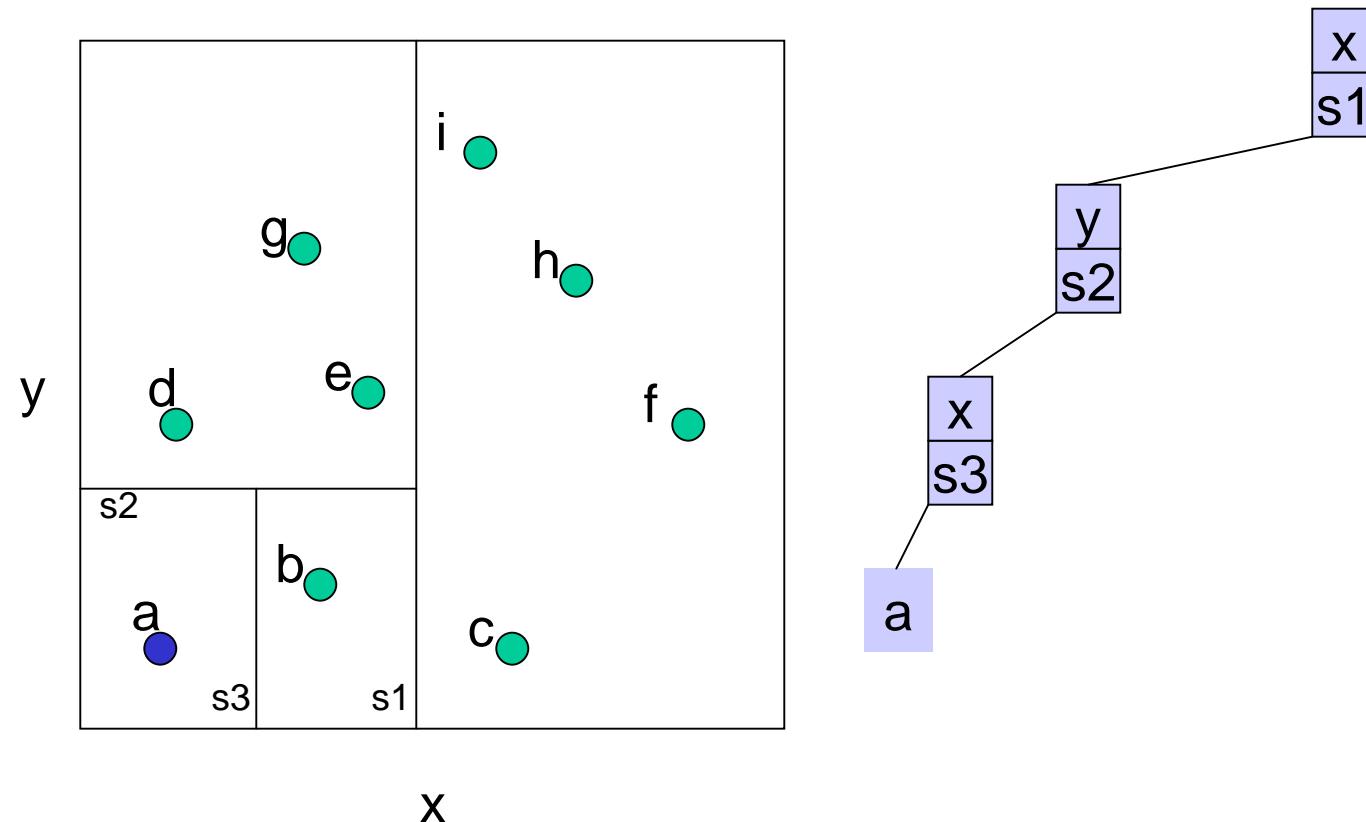
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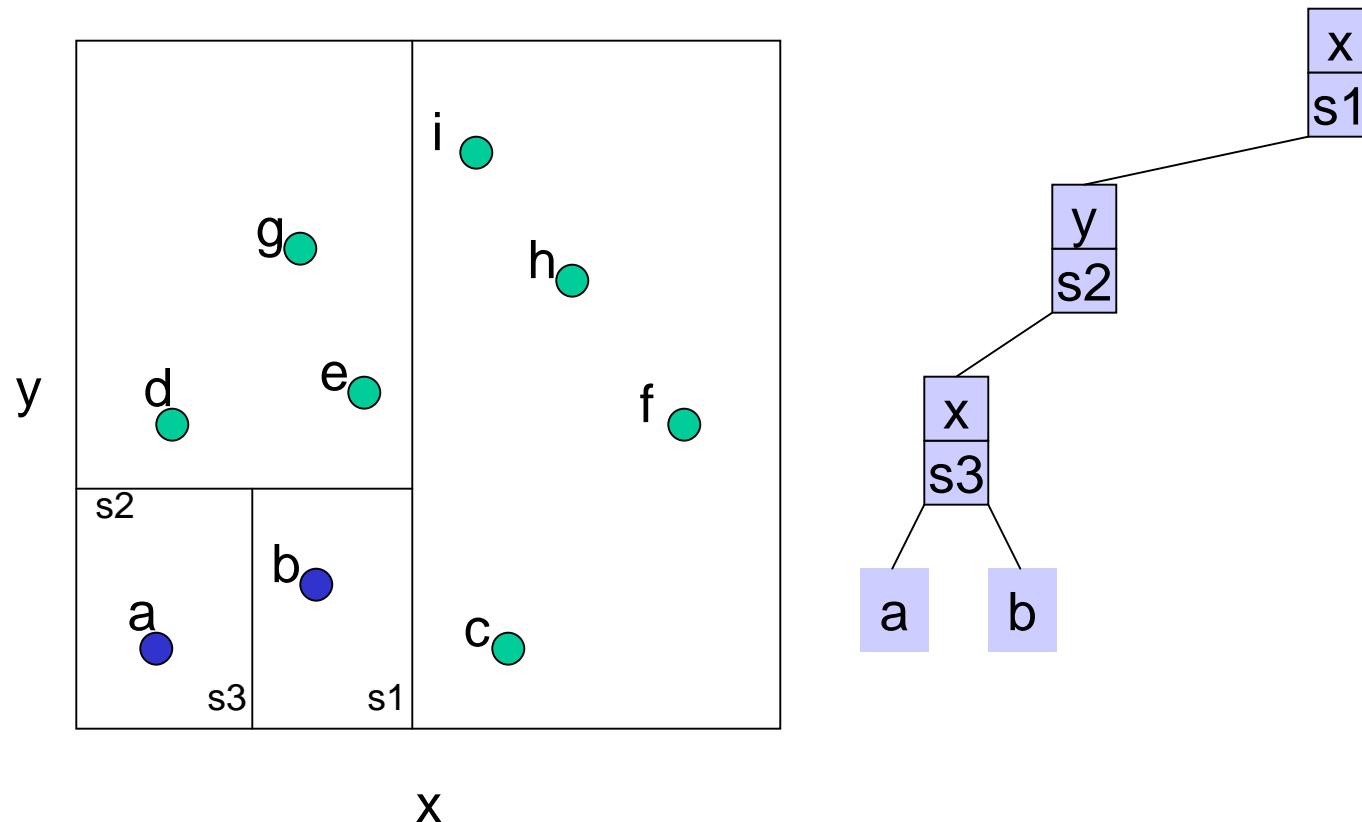
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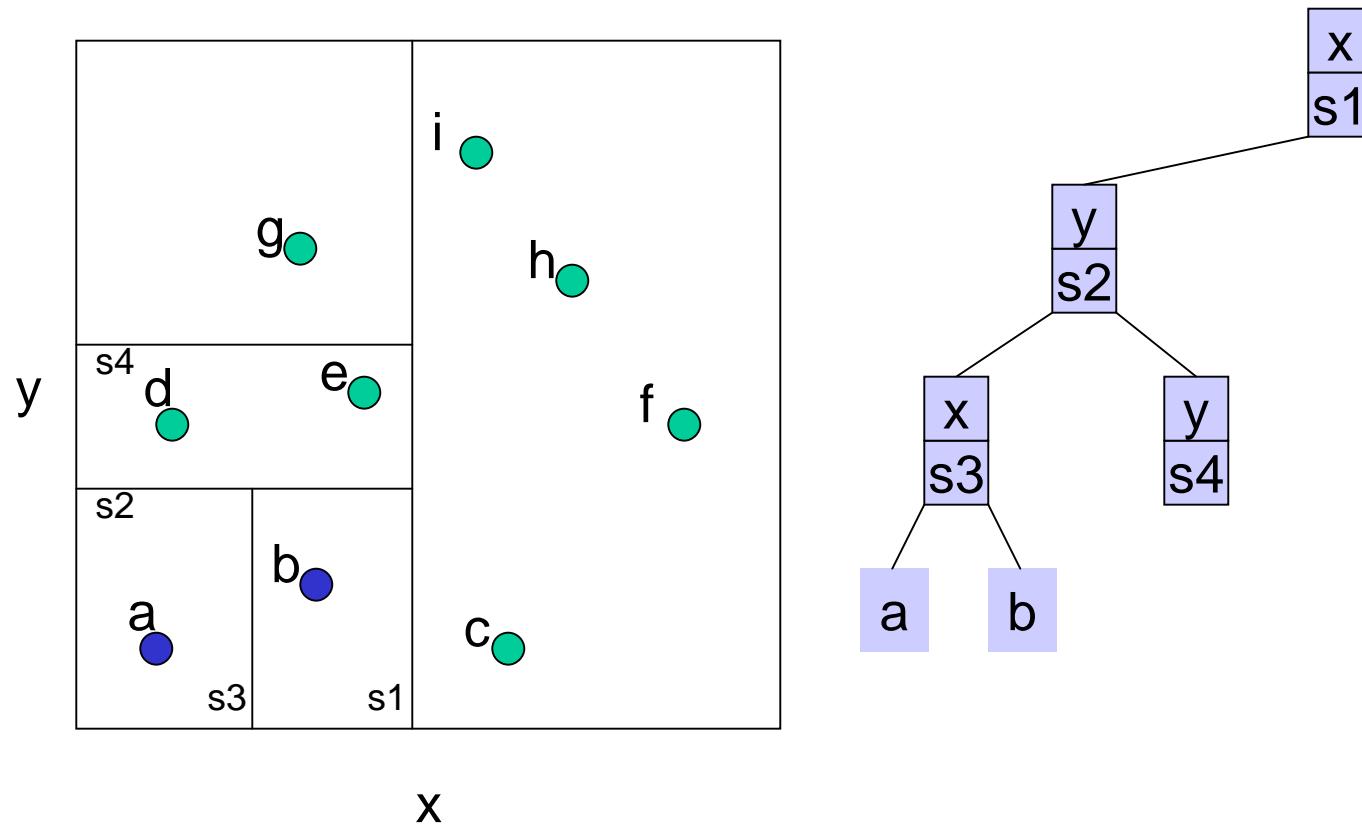
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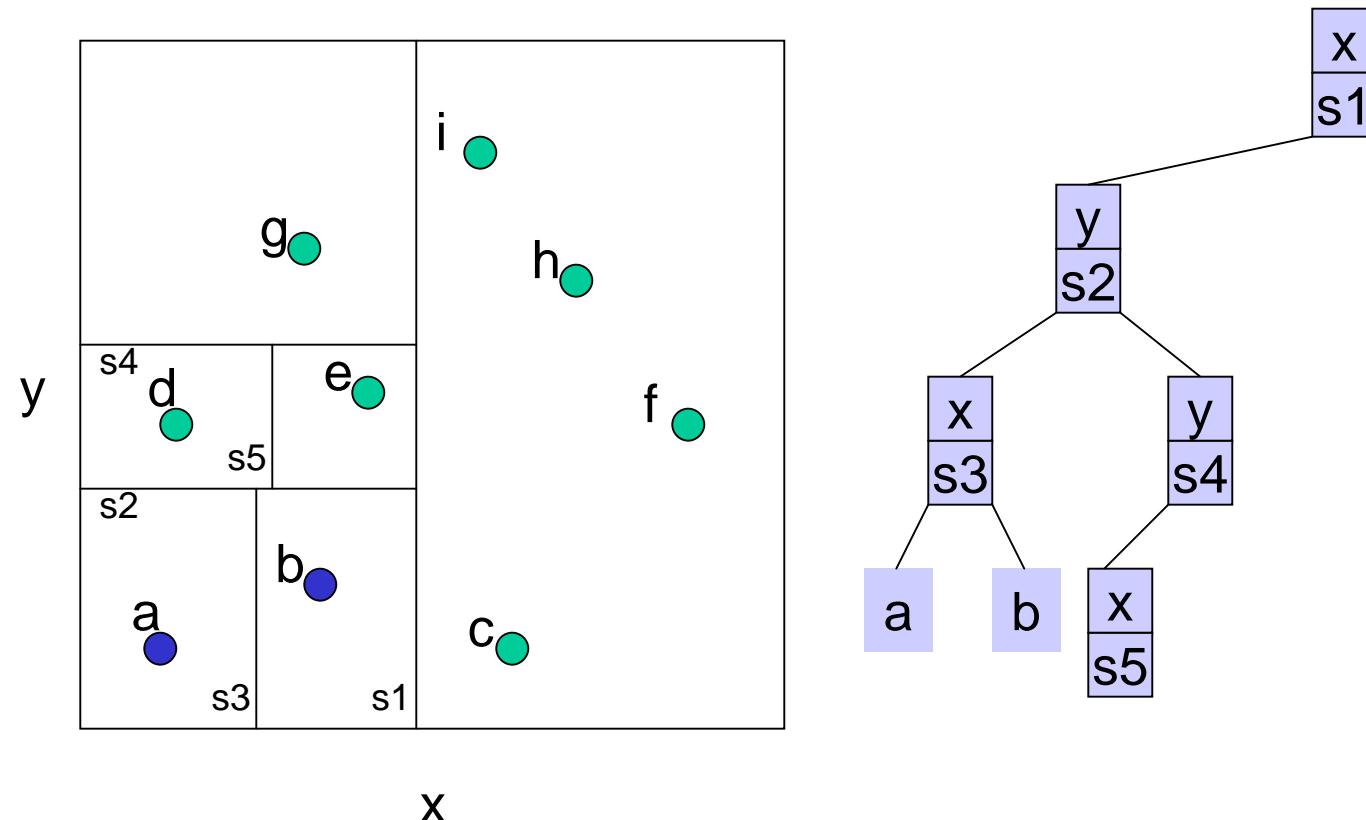
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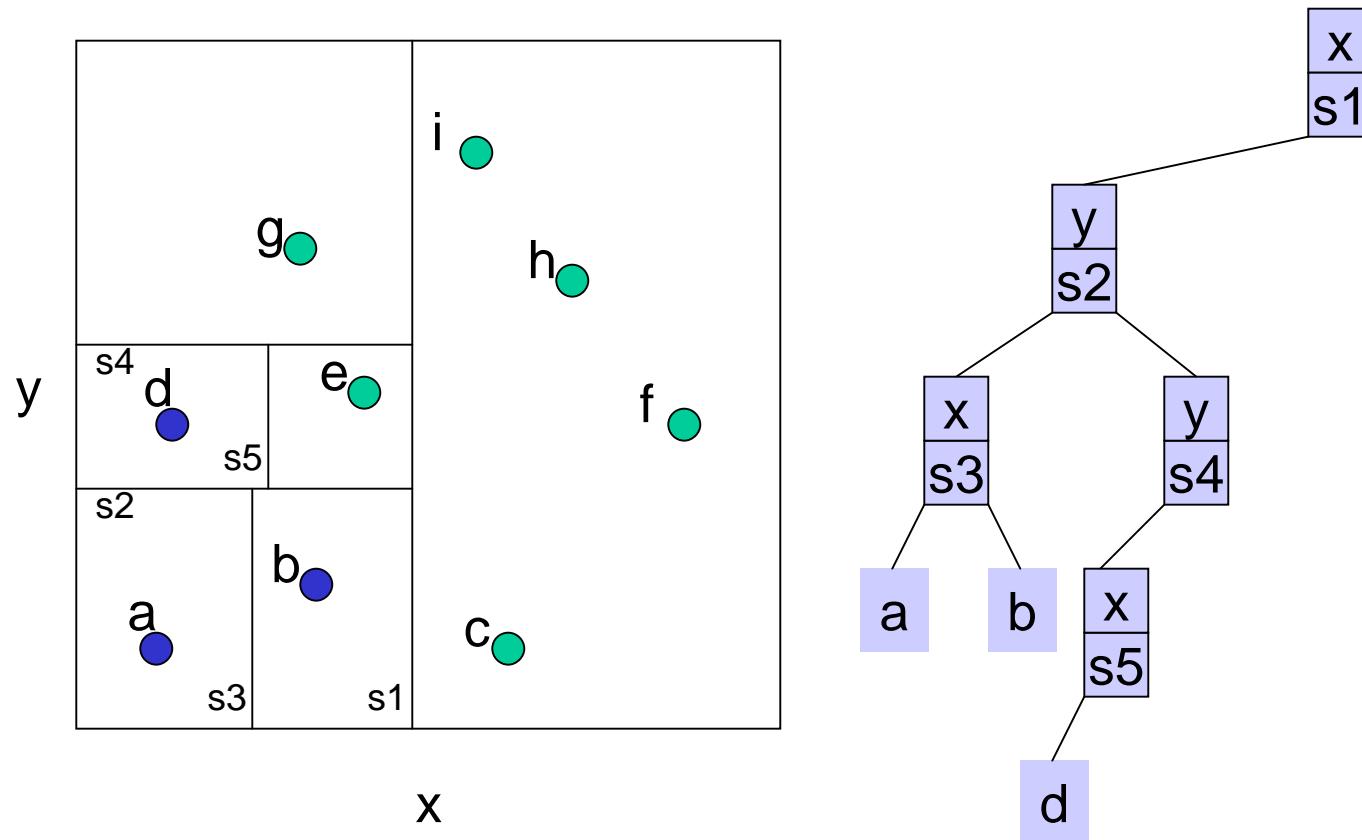
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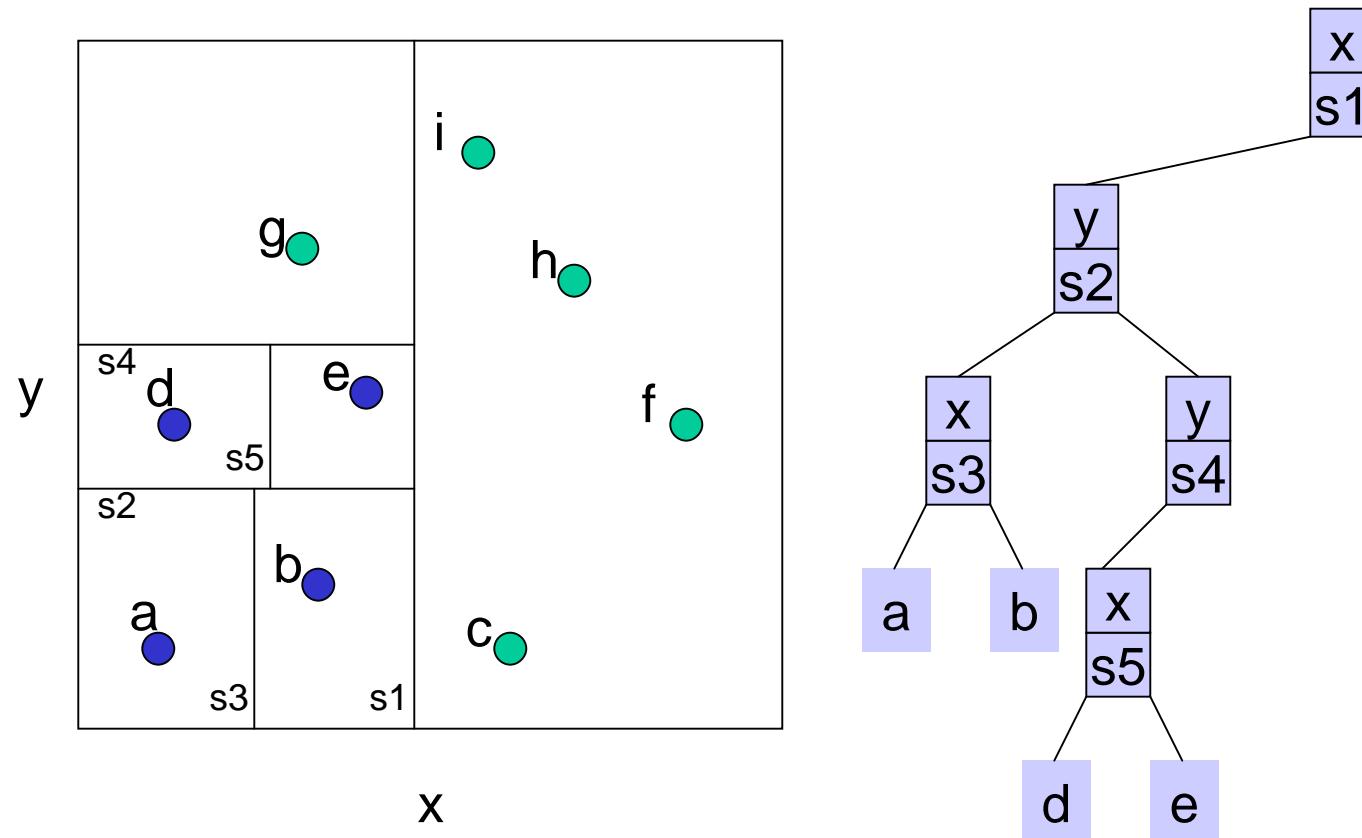
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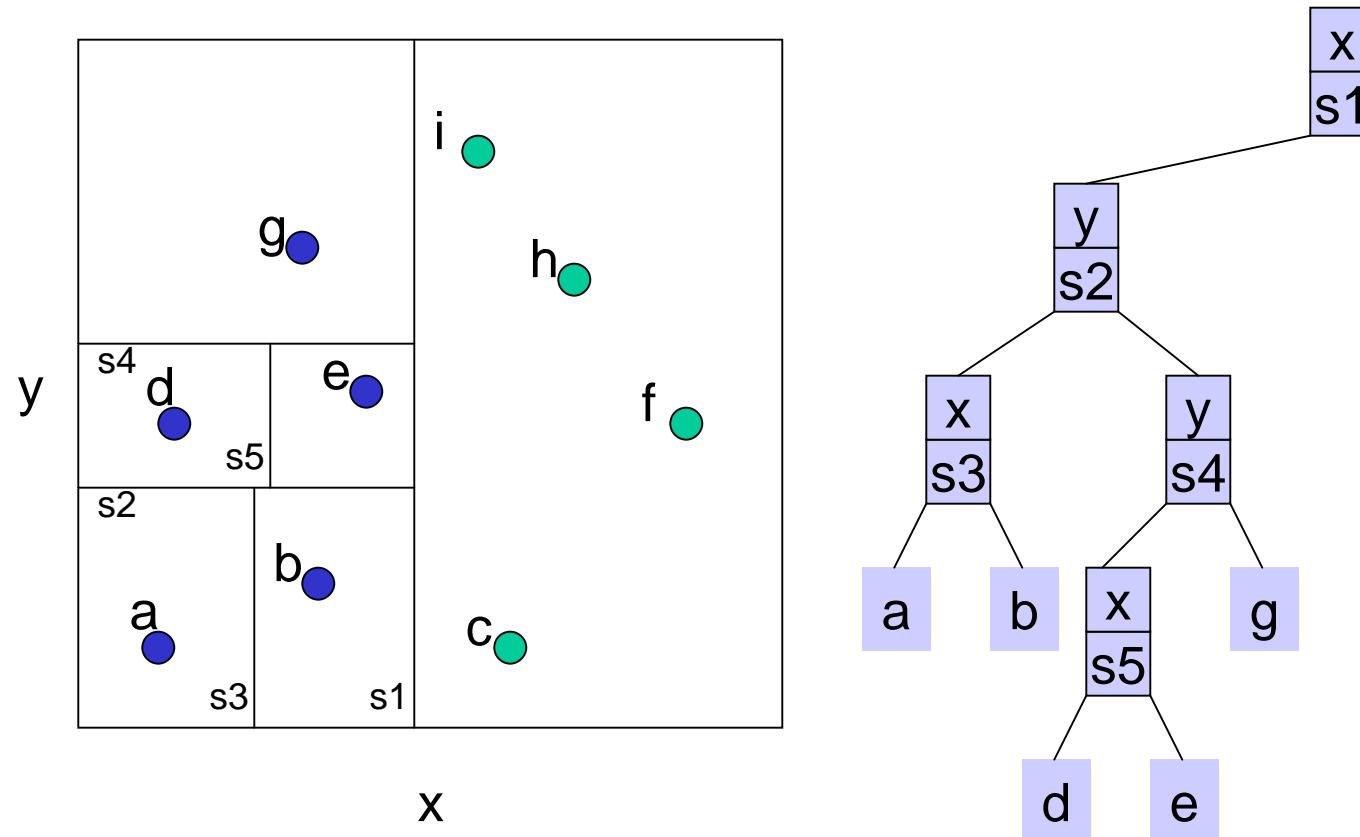
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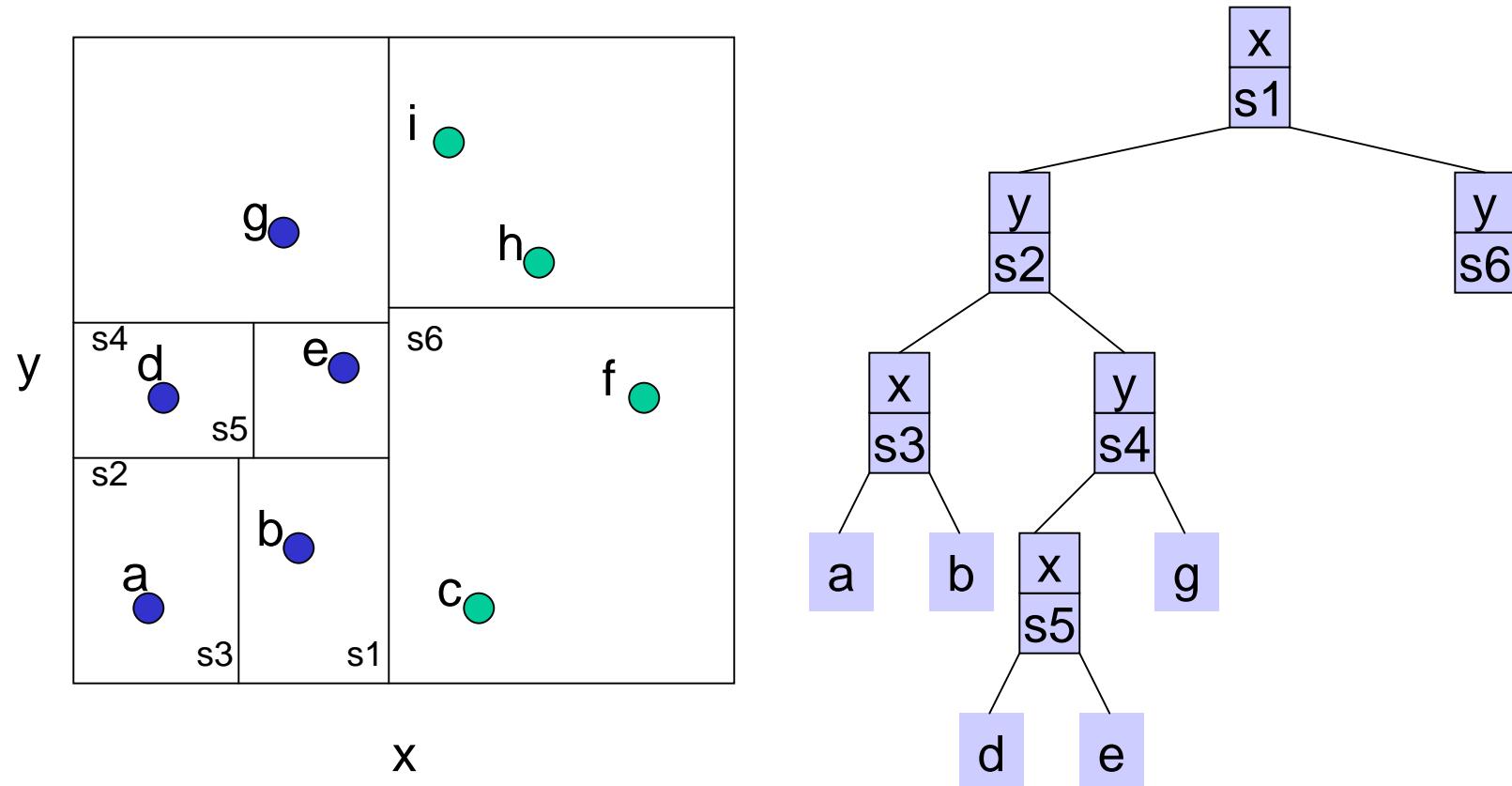
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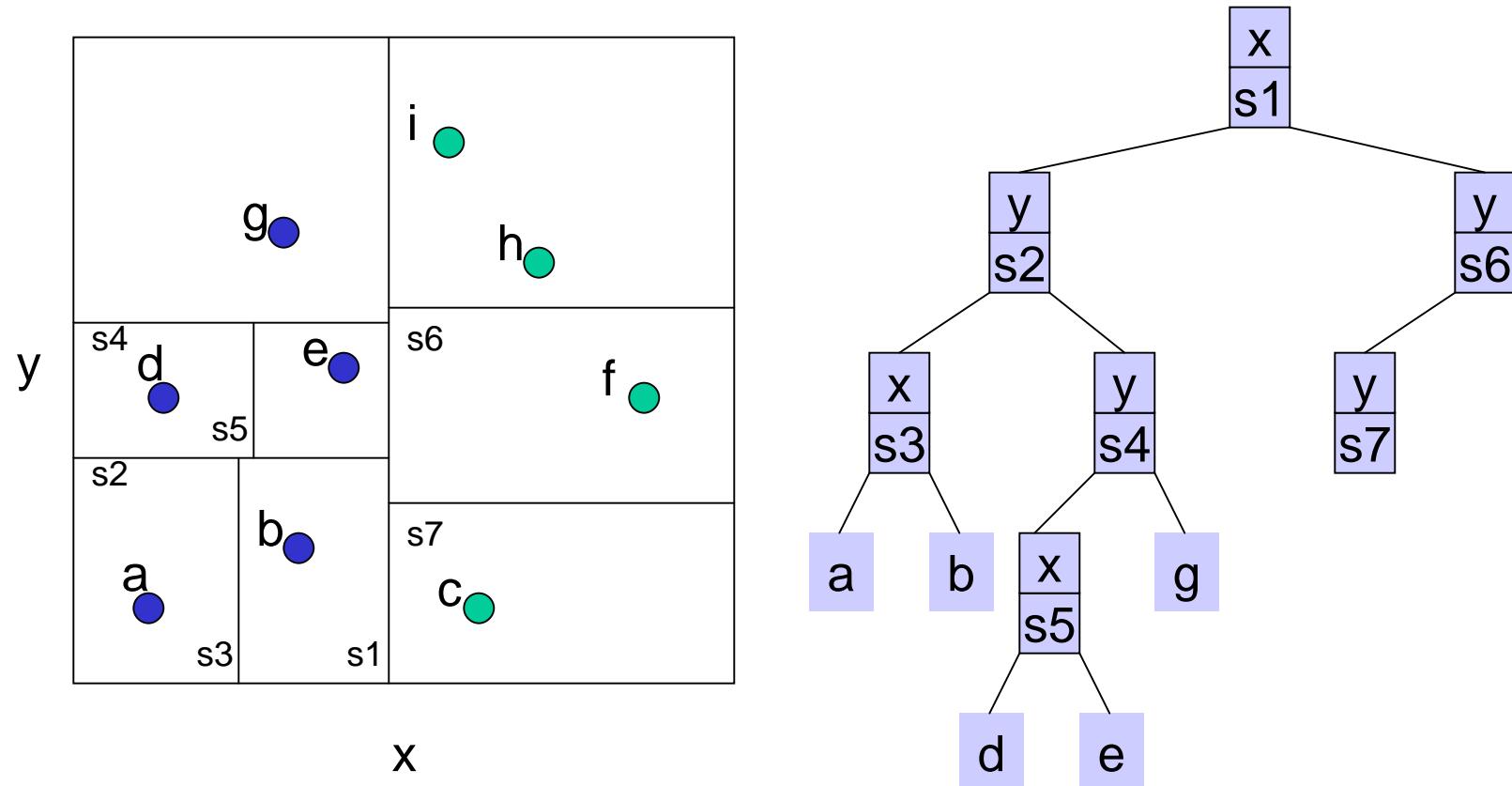
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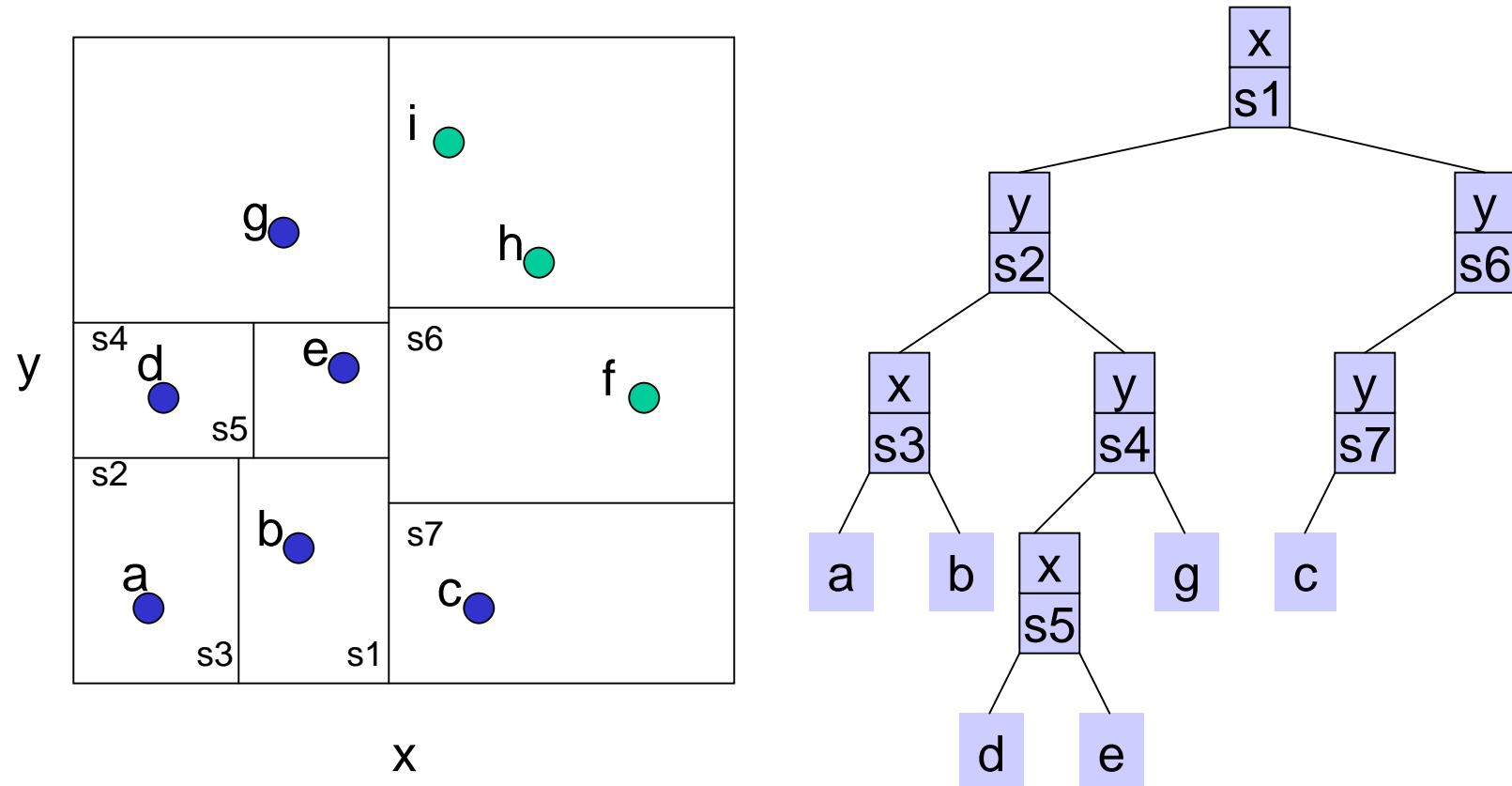
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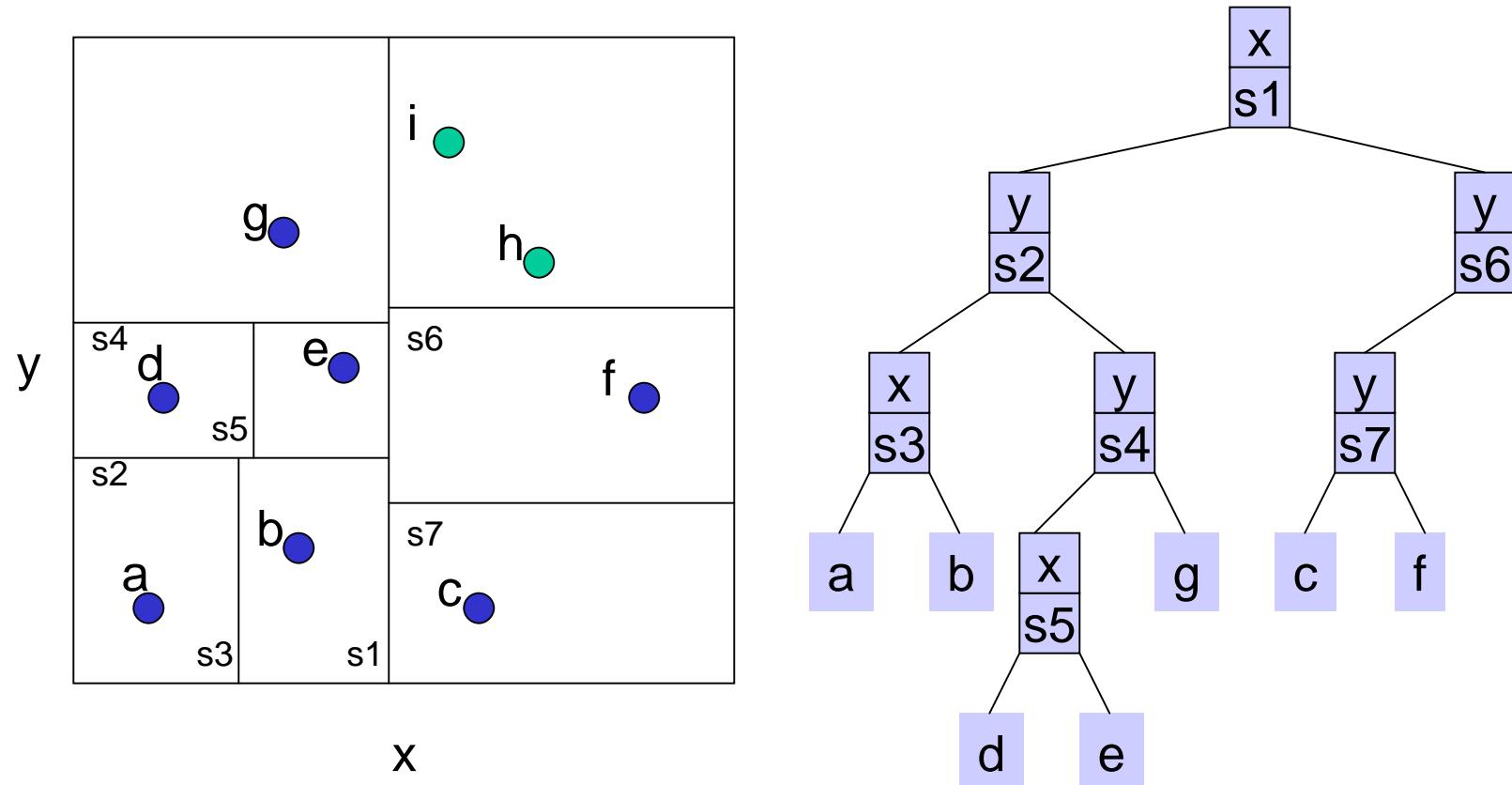
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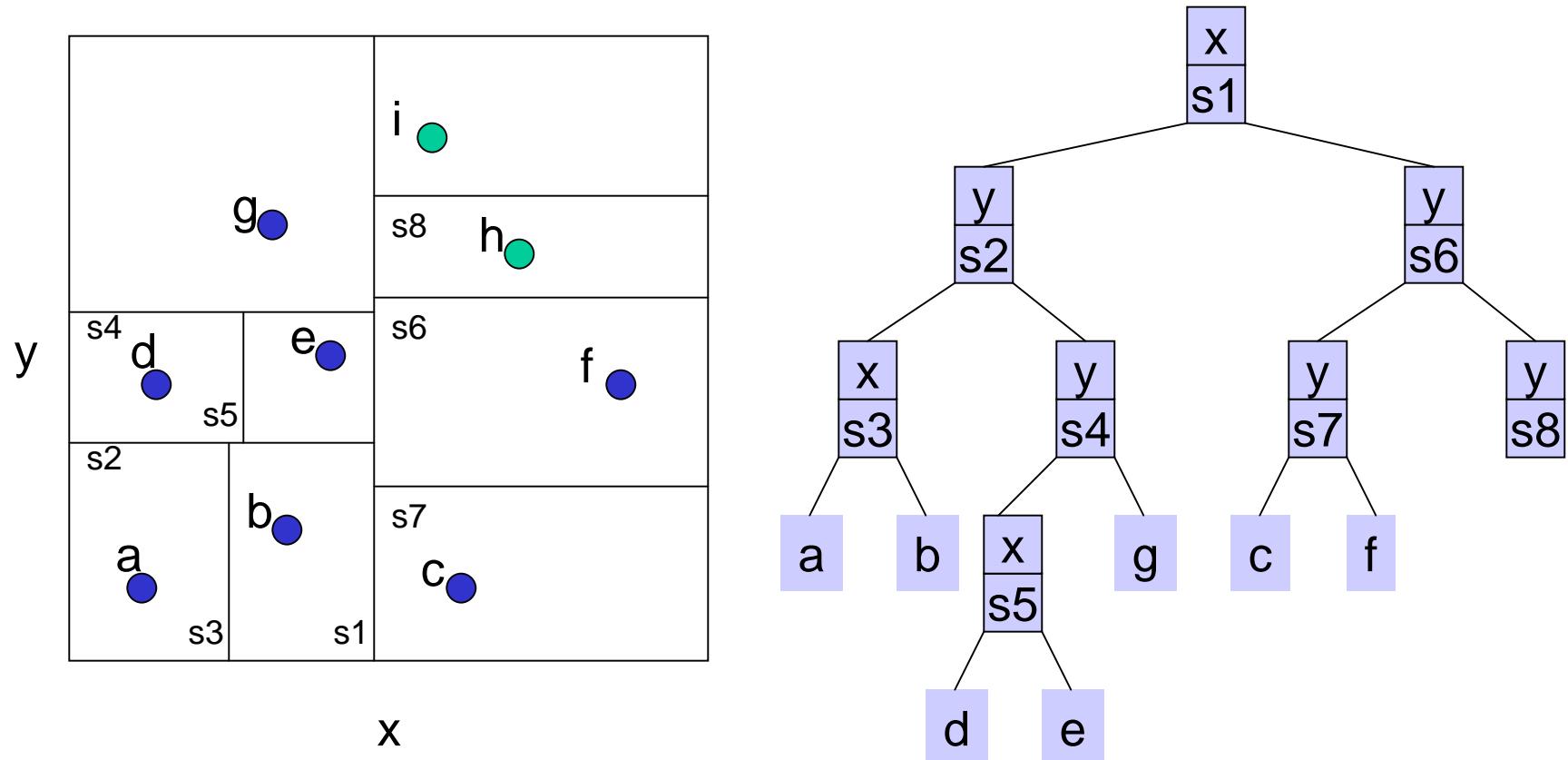
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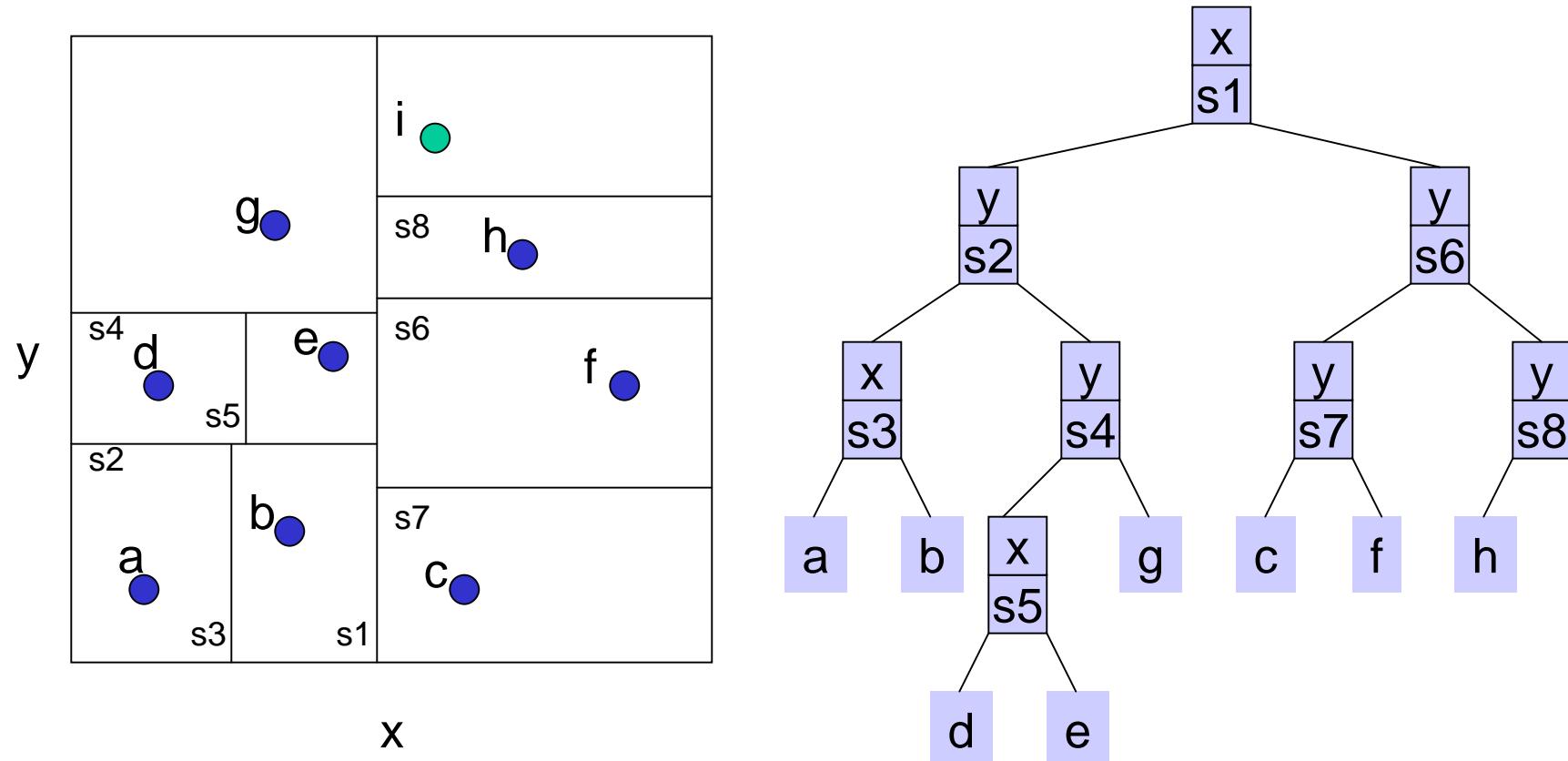
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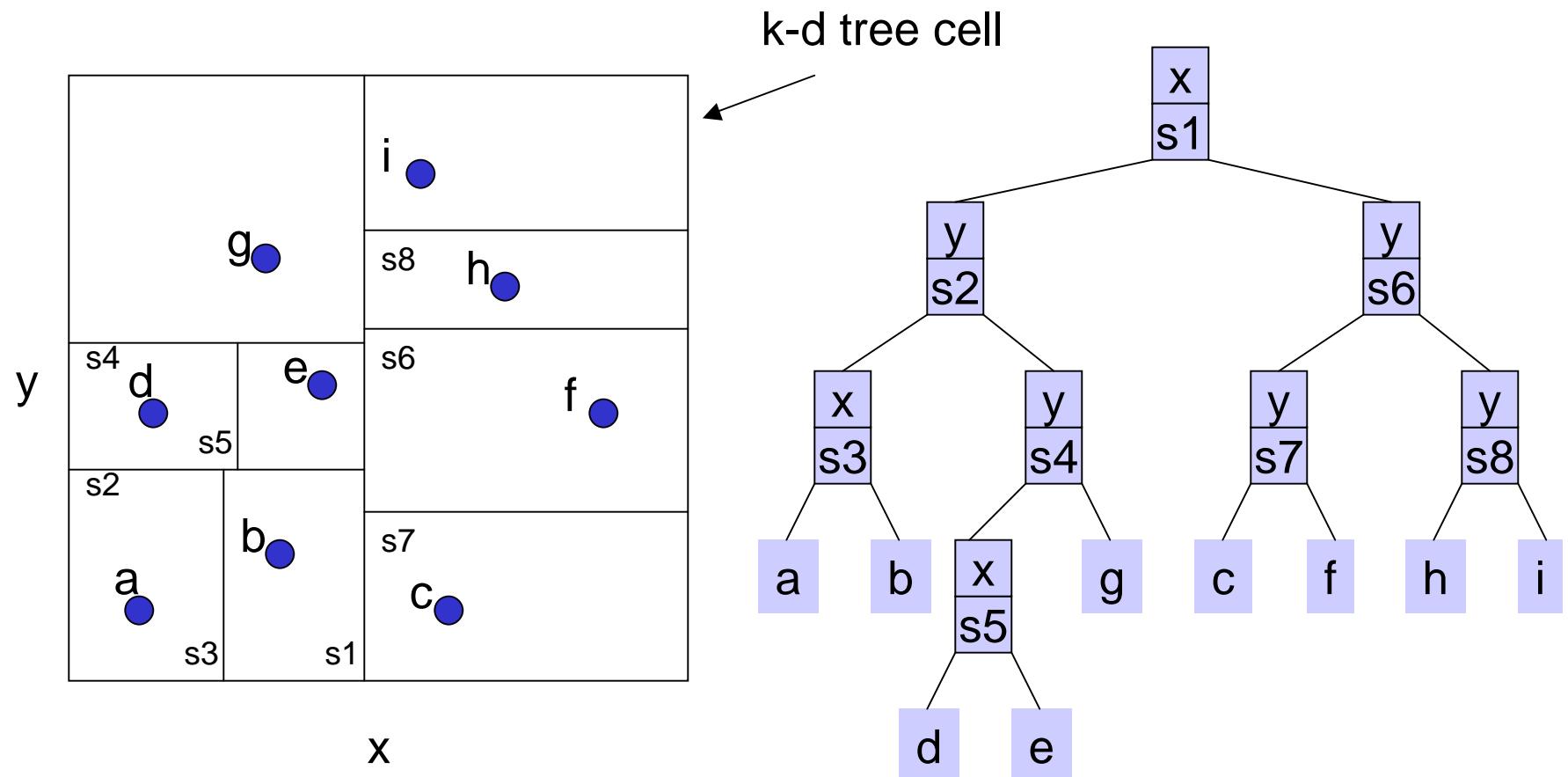
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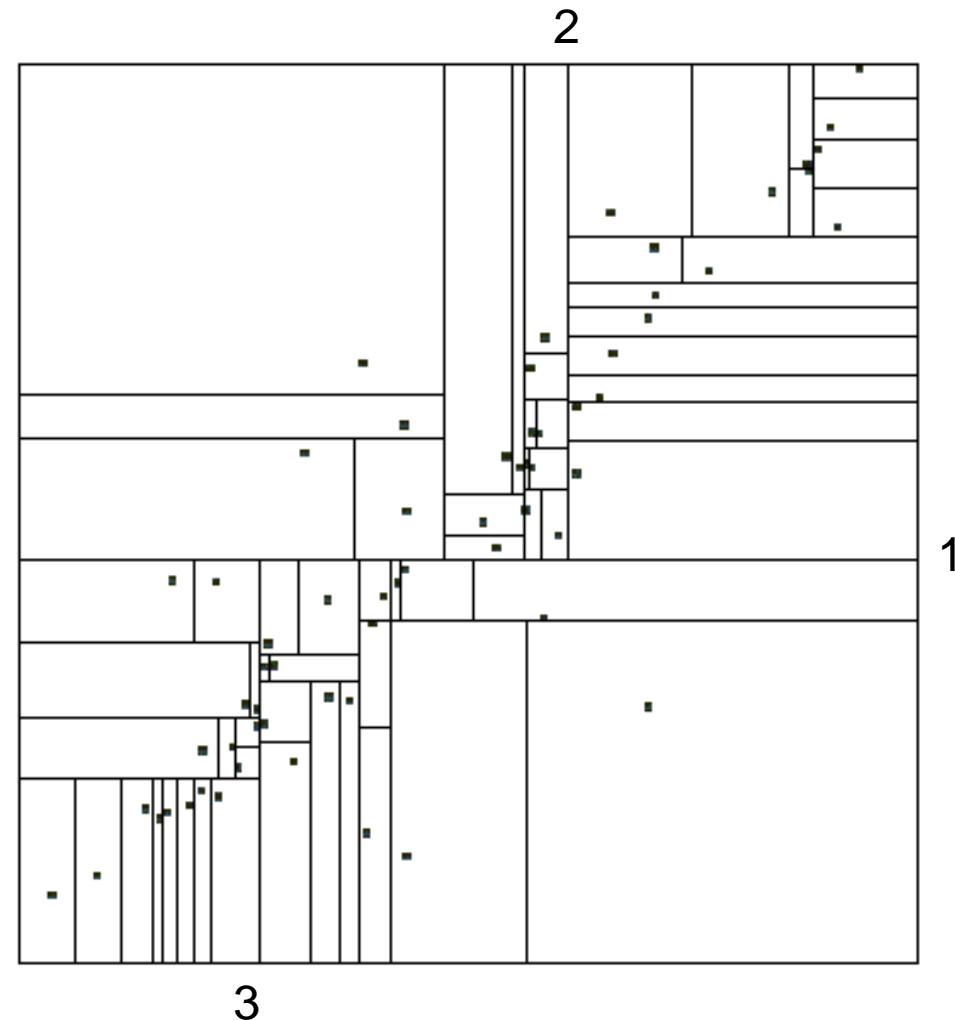
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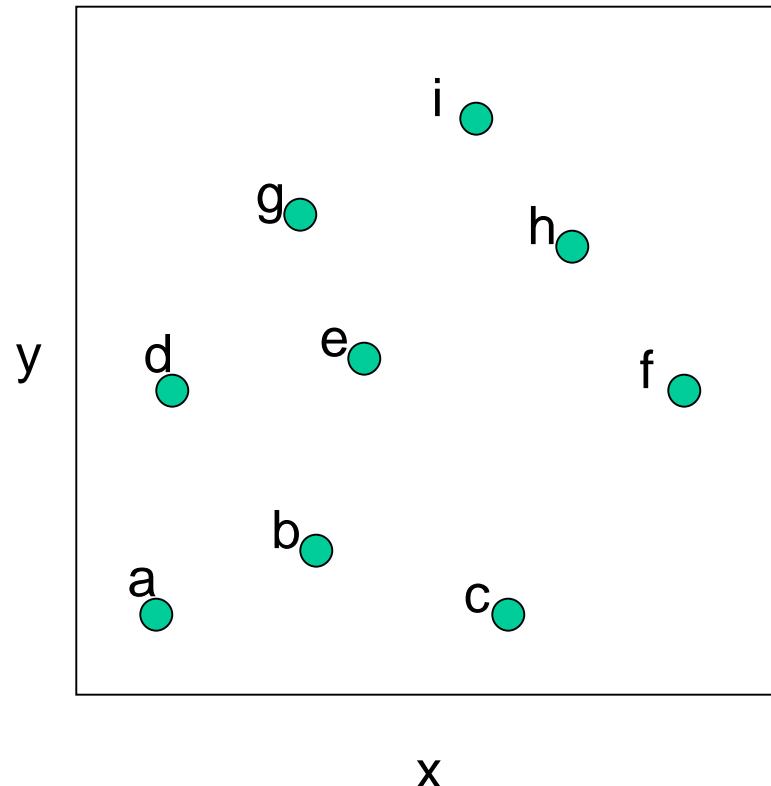
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# 2-d Tree Decomposition



# k-d Tree Splitting



sorted points in each dimension

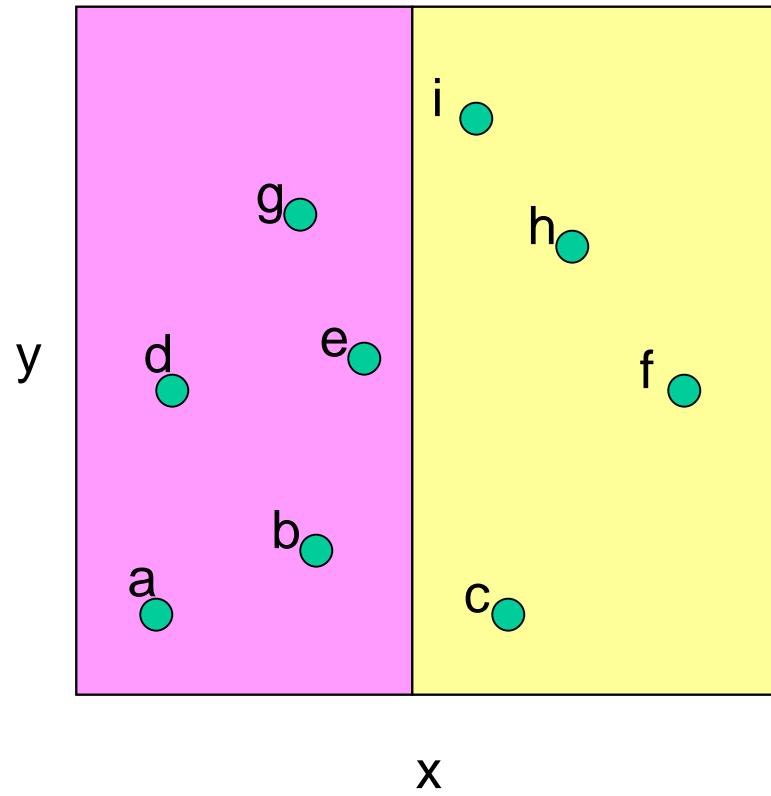
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
x	a	d	g	b	e	i	c	h	f
y	a	c	b	d	f	e	h	g	i

- max spread is the max of  $f_x - a_x$  and  $i_y - a_y$ .
- In the selected dimension the middle point in the list splits the data.
- To build the sorted lists for the other dimensions scan the sorted list adding each point to one of two sorted lists.

# k-d Tree Splitting

sorted points in each dimension

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
x	a	d	g	b	e	i	c	h	f
y	a	c	b	d	f	e	h	g	i



indicator for each set

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1

scan sorted points in y dimension  
and add to correct set

y	a	b	d	e	g	c	f	h	i
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# k-d Tree Construction Complexity

- First sort the points in each dimension.
  - $O(dn \log n)$  time and  $dn$  storage.
  - These are stored in  $A[1..d, 1..n]$
- Finding the widest spread and equally divide into two subsets can be done in  $O(dn)$  time.
- We have the recurrence
  - $T(n,d) \leq 2T(n/2,d) + O(dn)$
- Constructing the k-d tree can be done in  $O(dn \log n)$  and  $dn$  storage

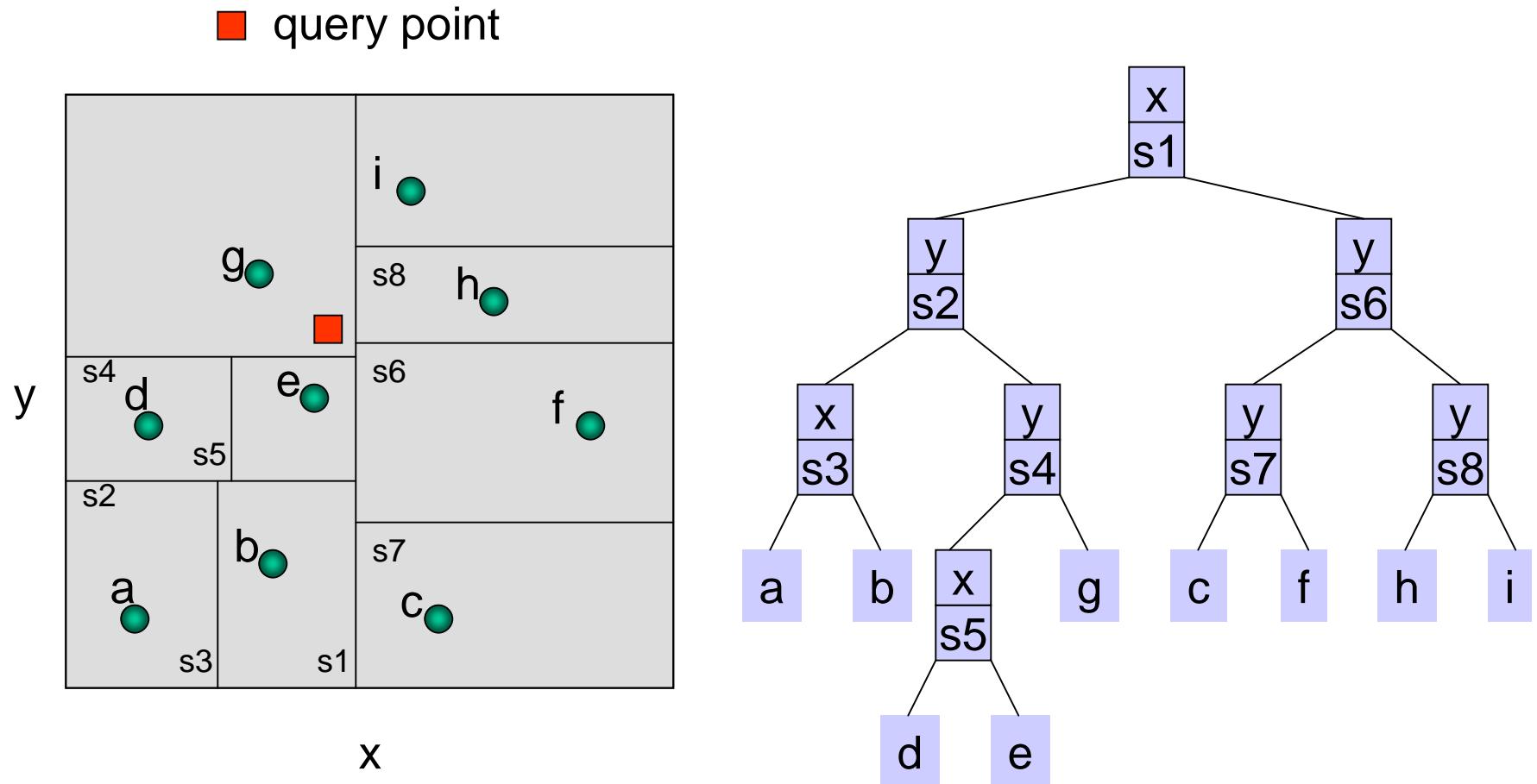
# Node Structure for k-d Trees

- A node has 5 fields
  - axis (splitting axis)
  - value (splitting value)
  - left (left subtree)
  - right (right subtree)
  - point (holds a point if left and right children are null)

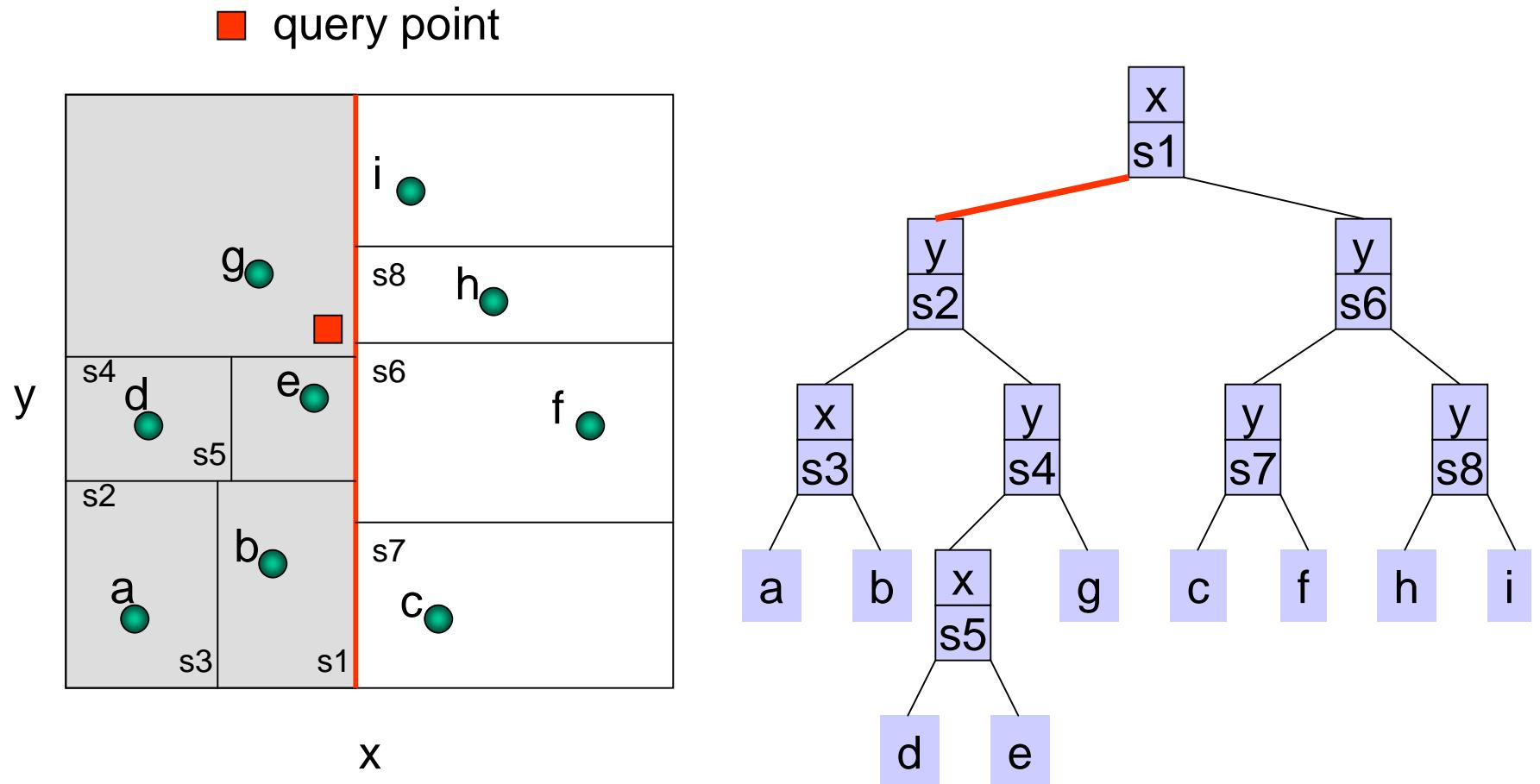
# k-d Tree Nearest Neighbor Search

- Search recursively to find the point in the same cell as the query.
- On the return search each subtree where a closer point than the one you already know about might be found.

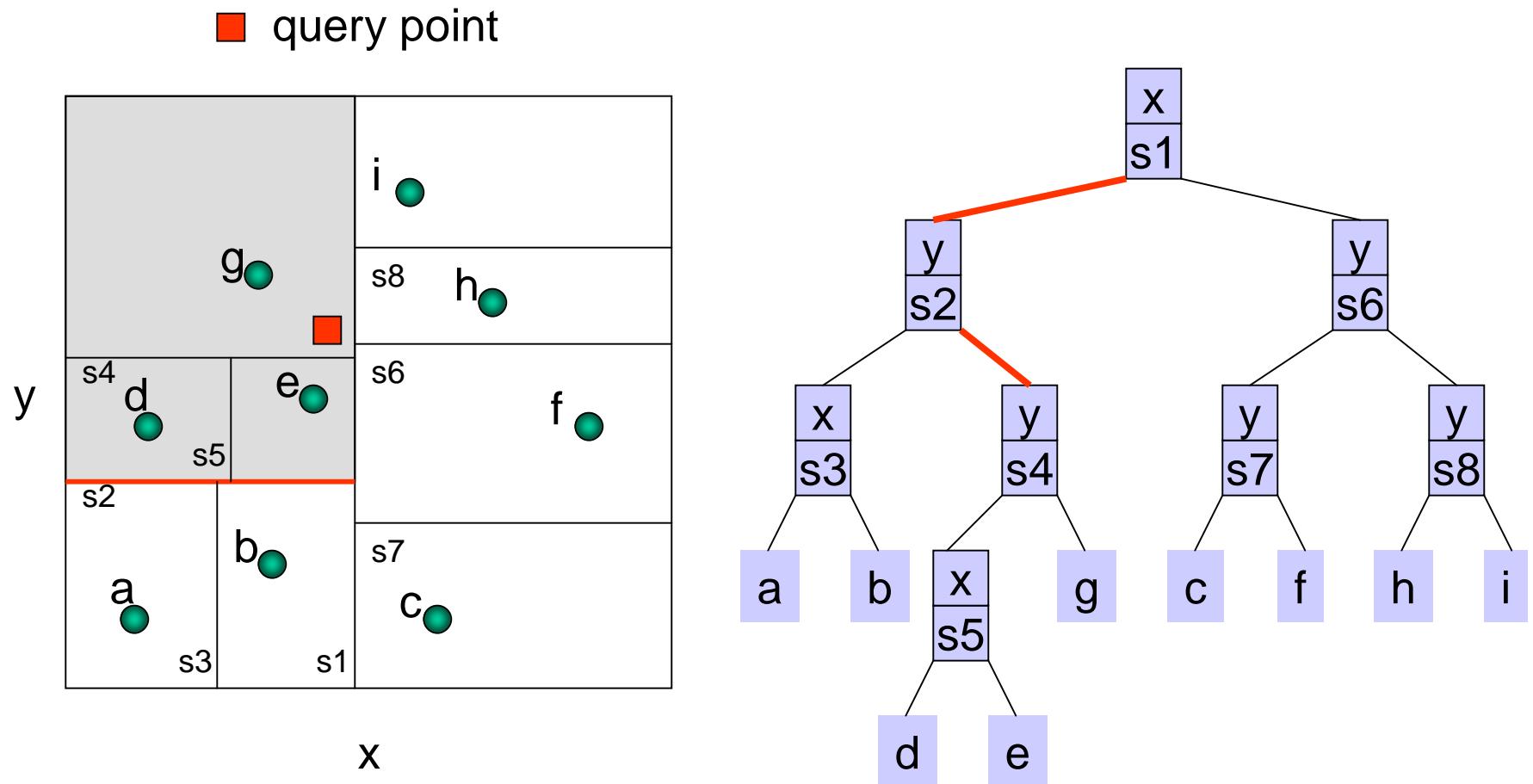
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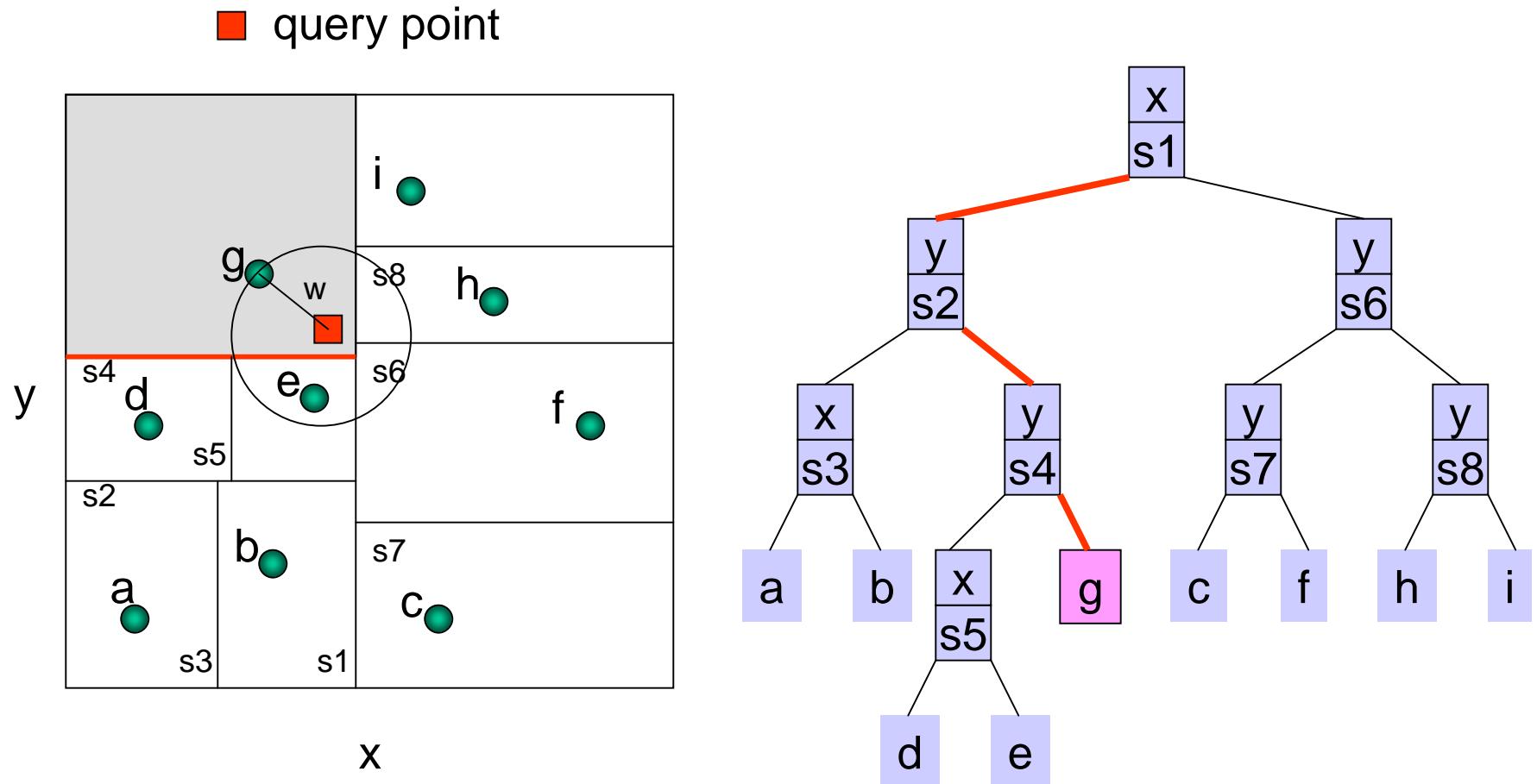
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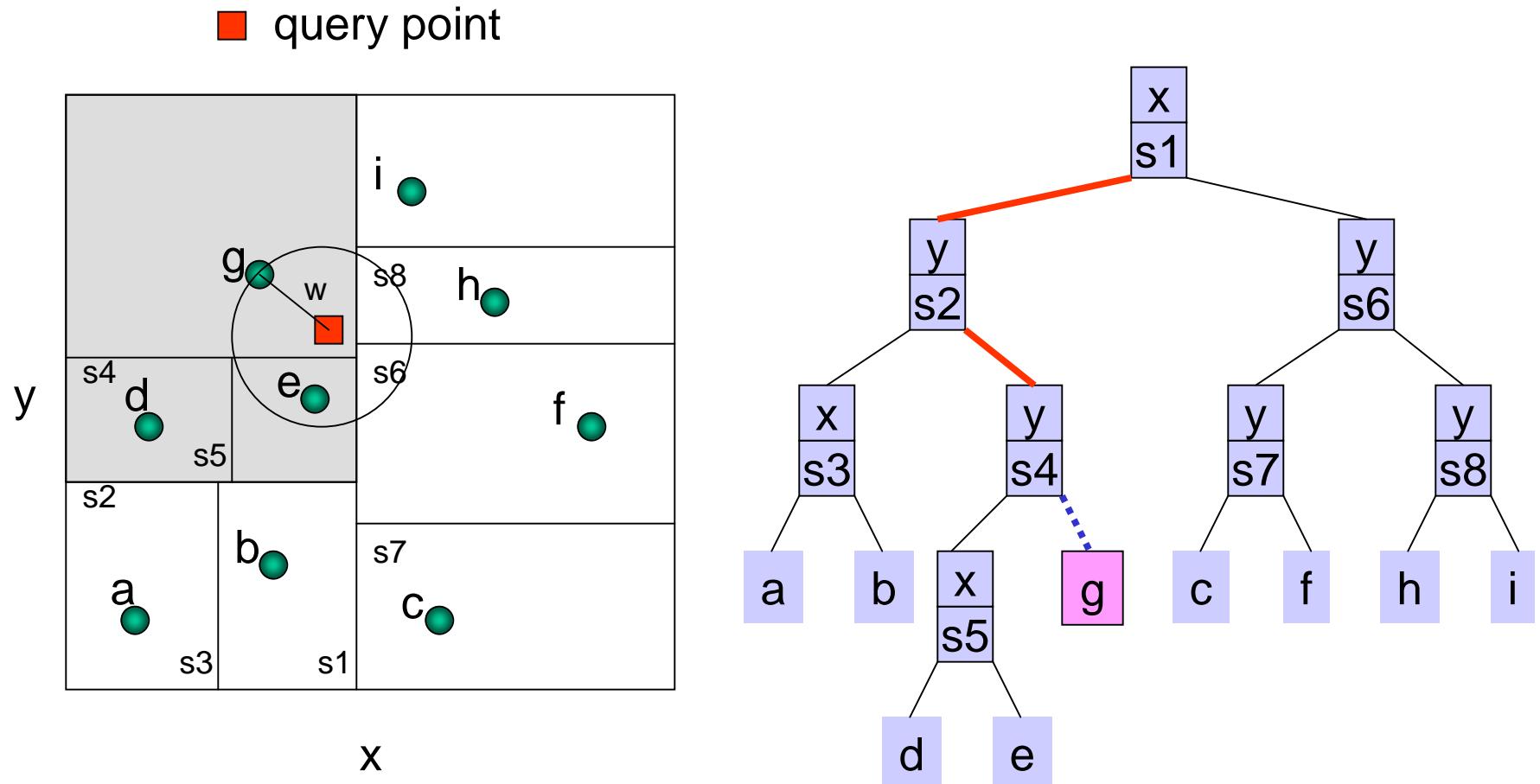
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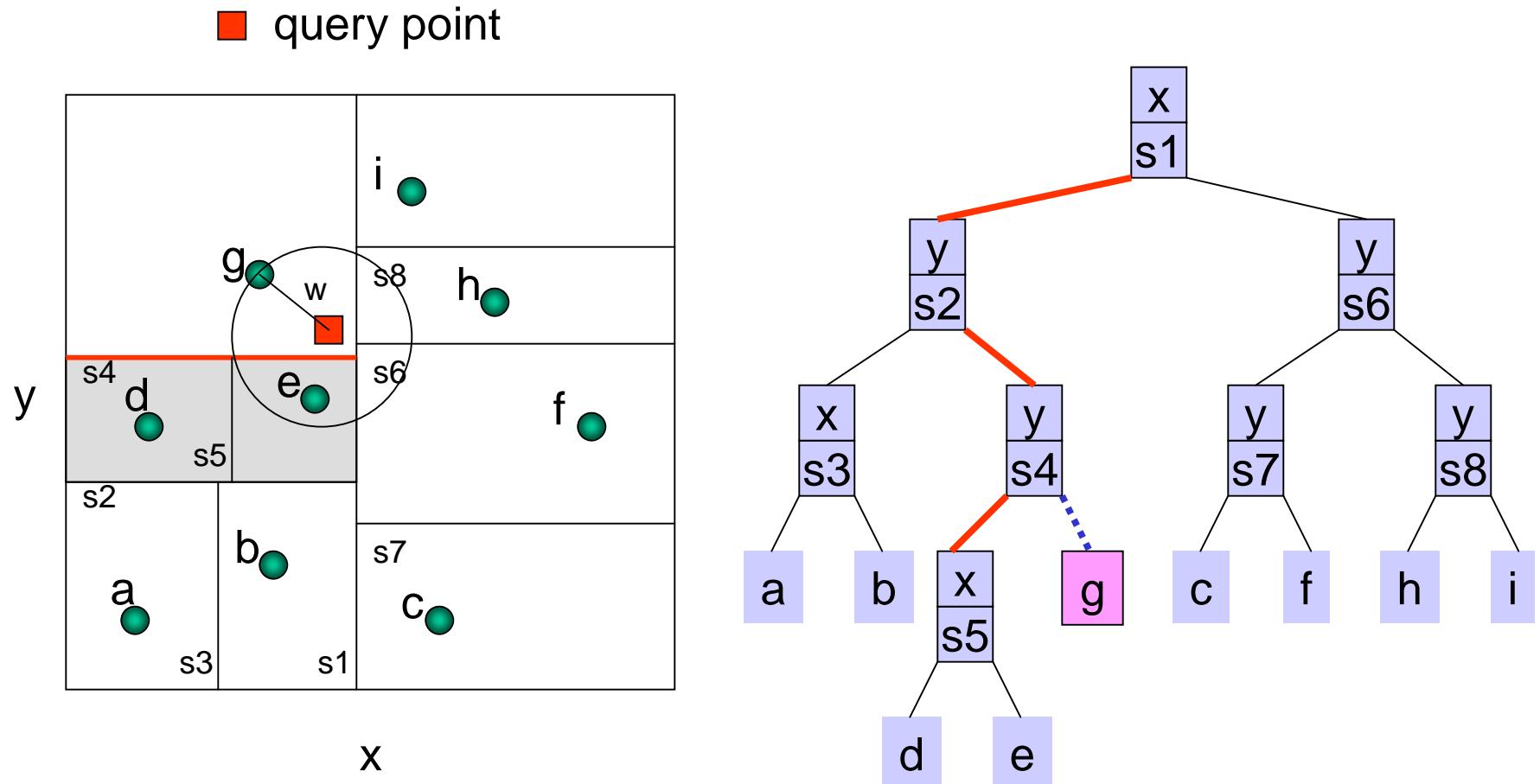
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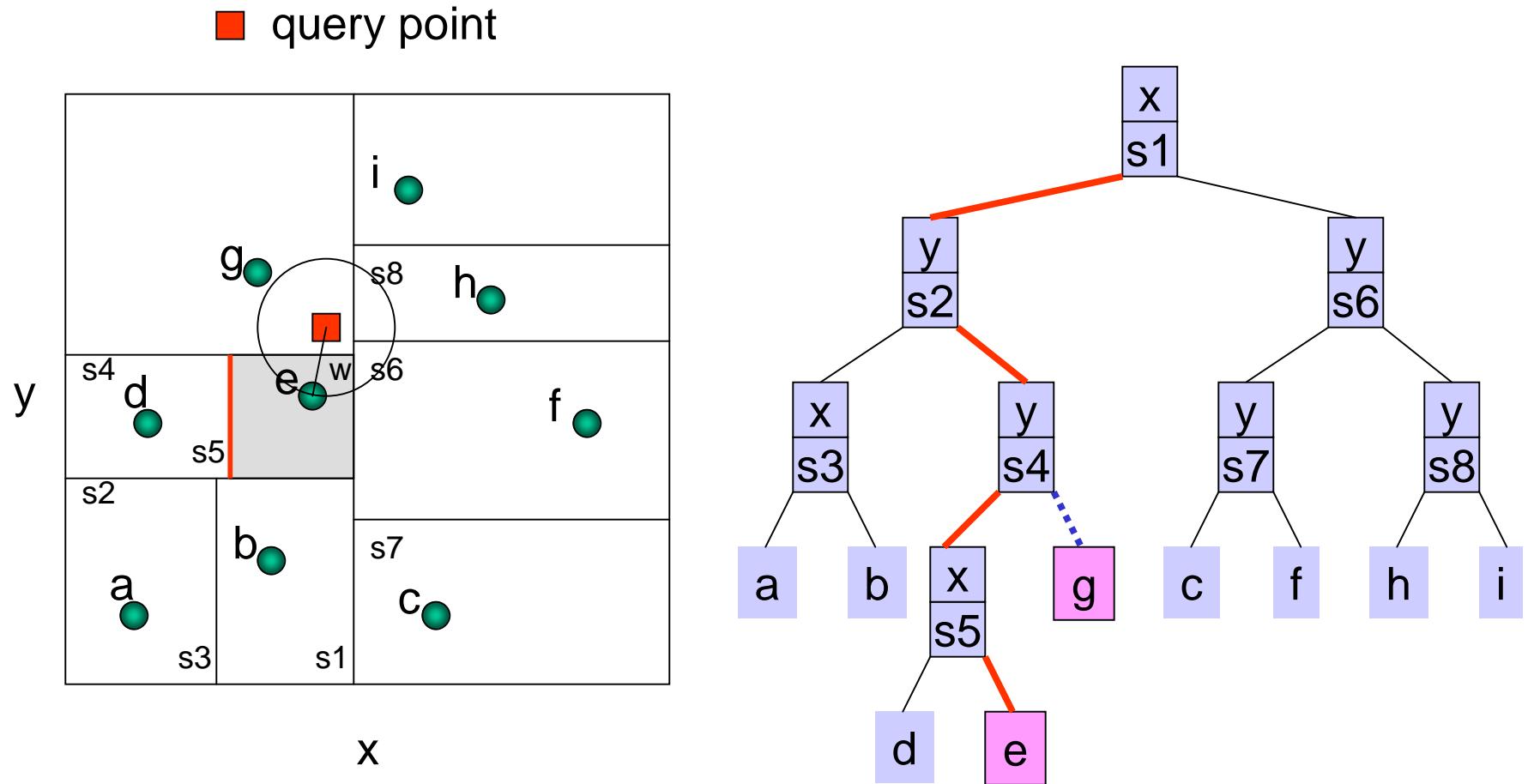
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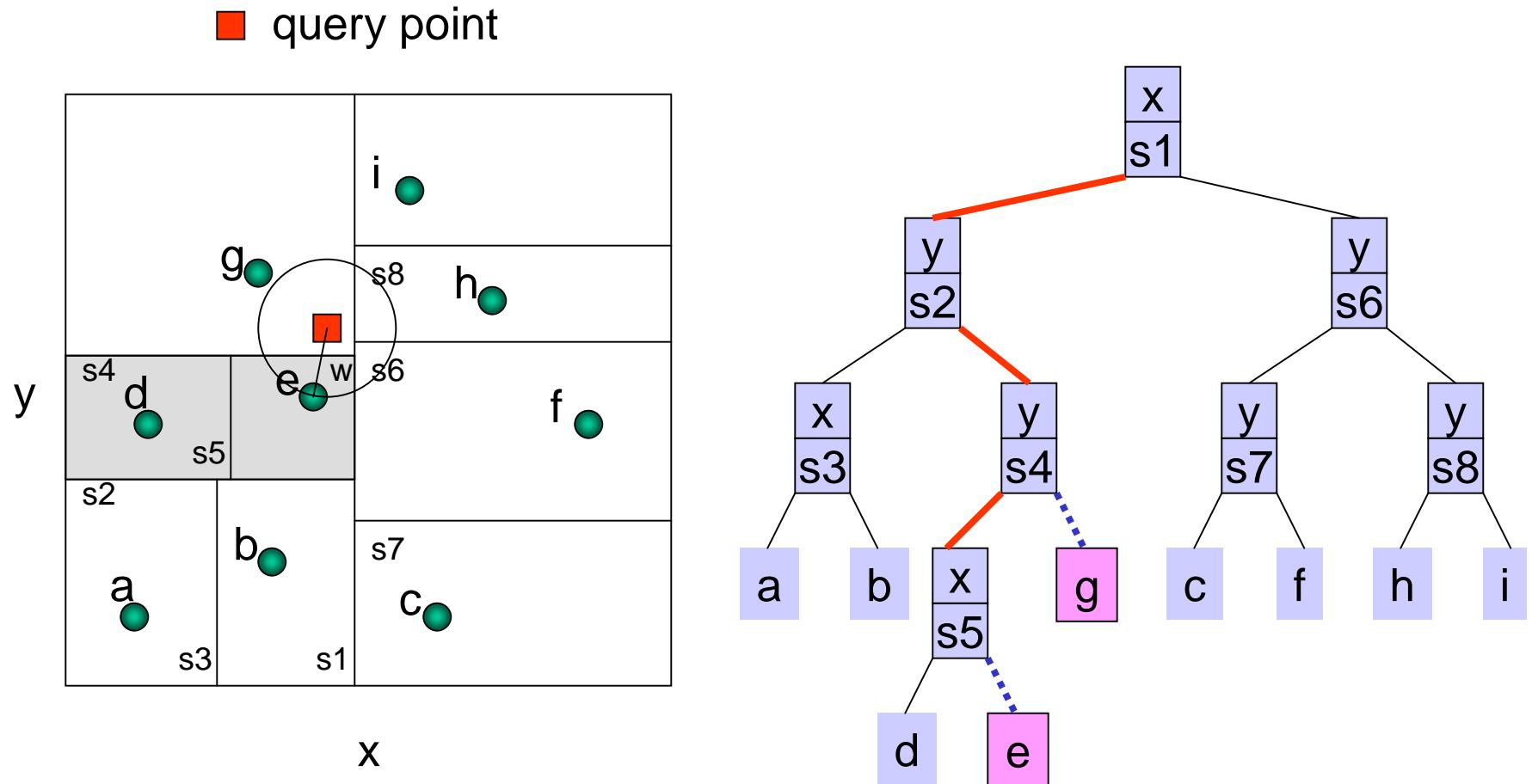
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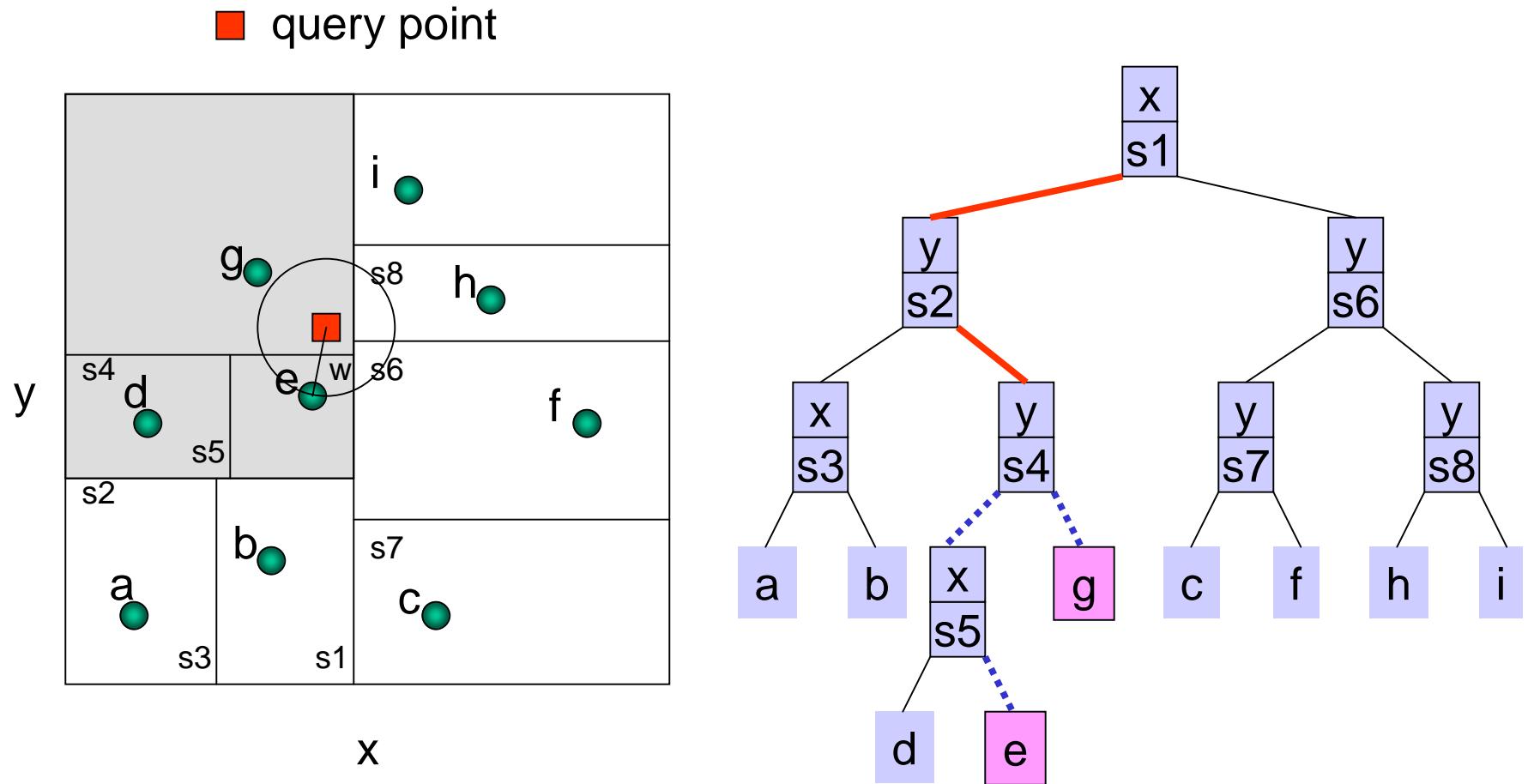
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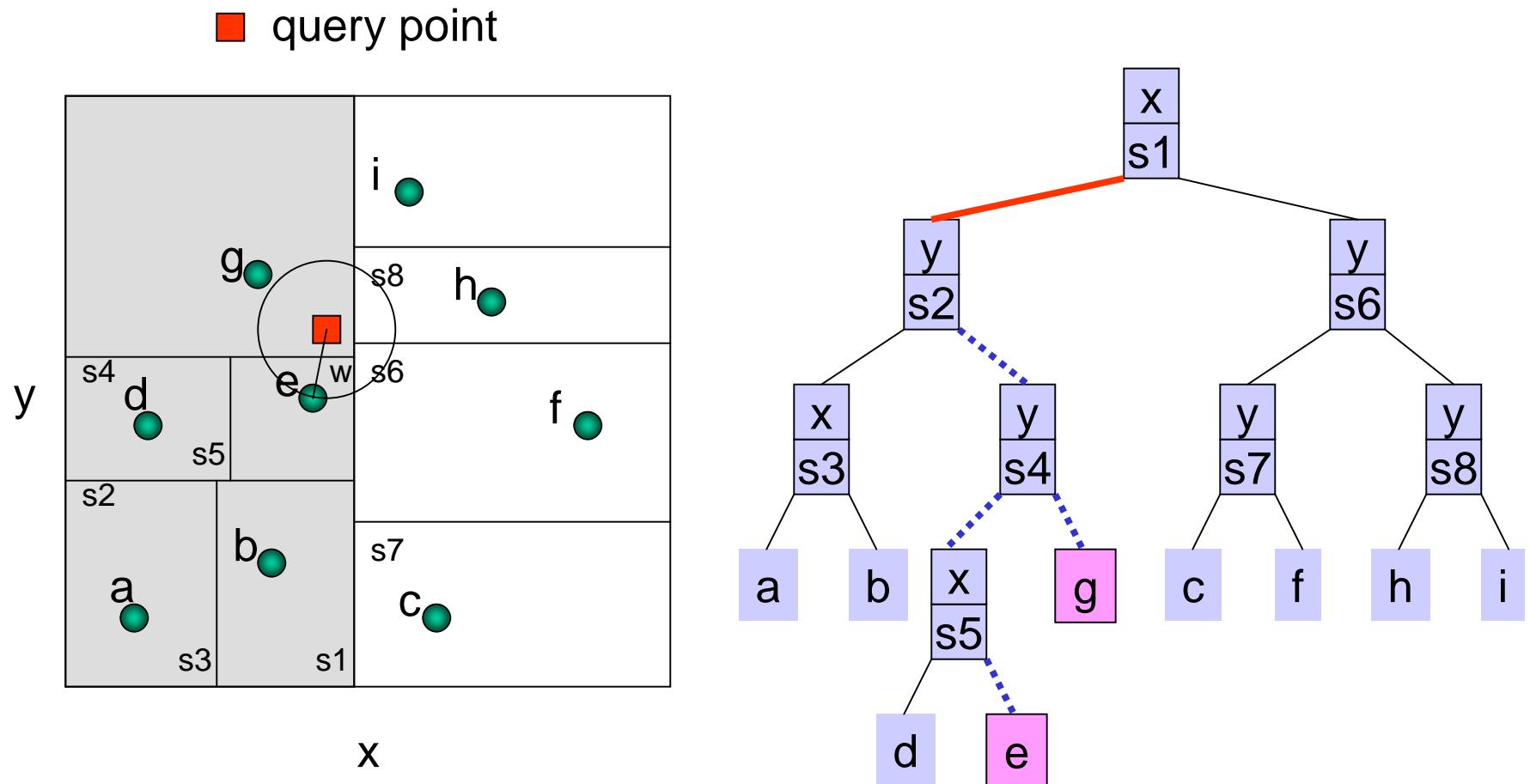
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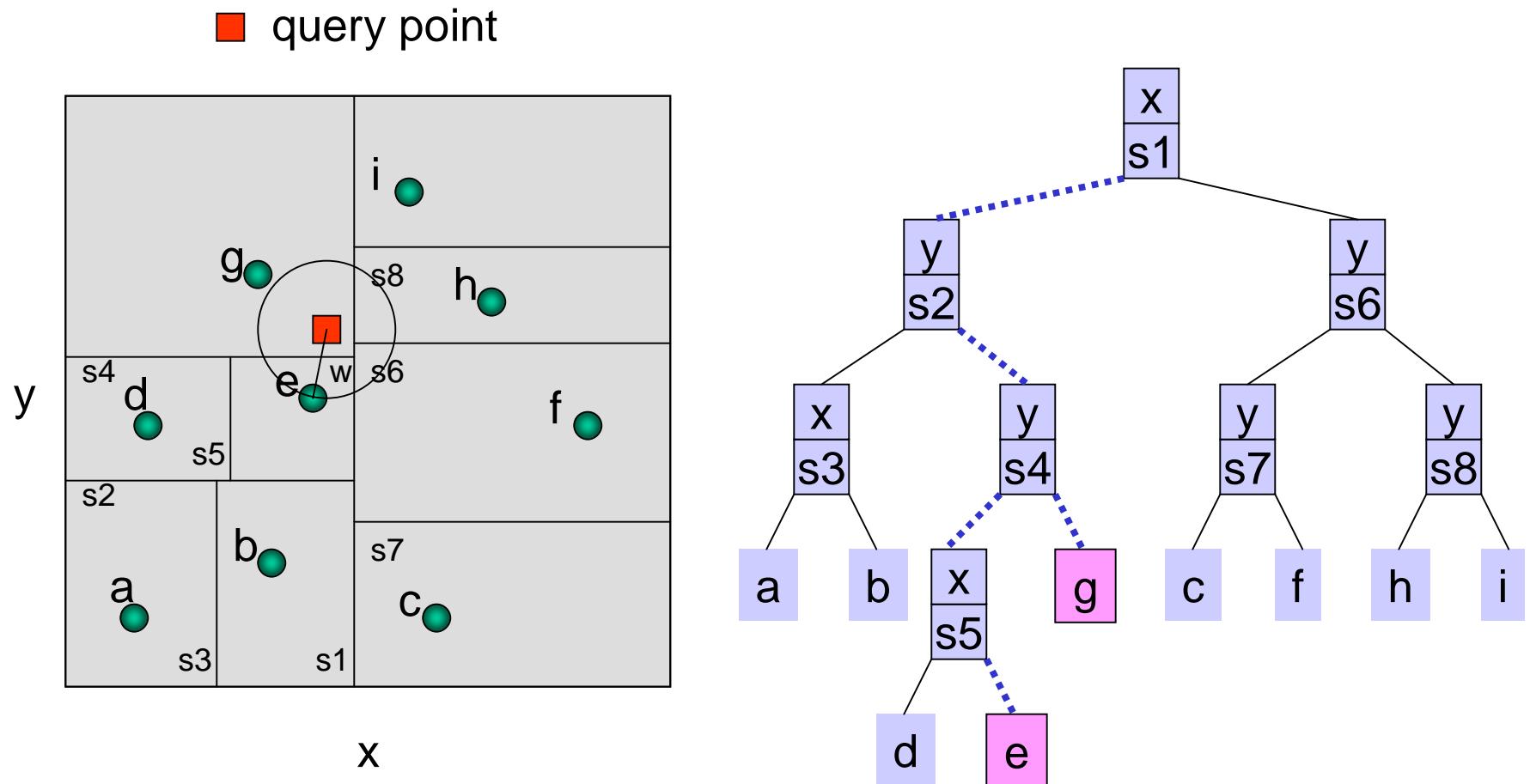
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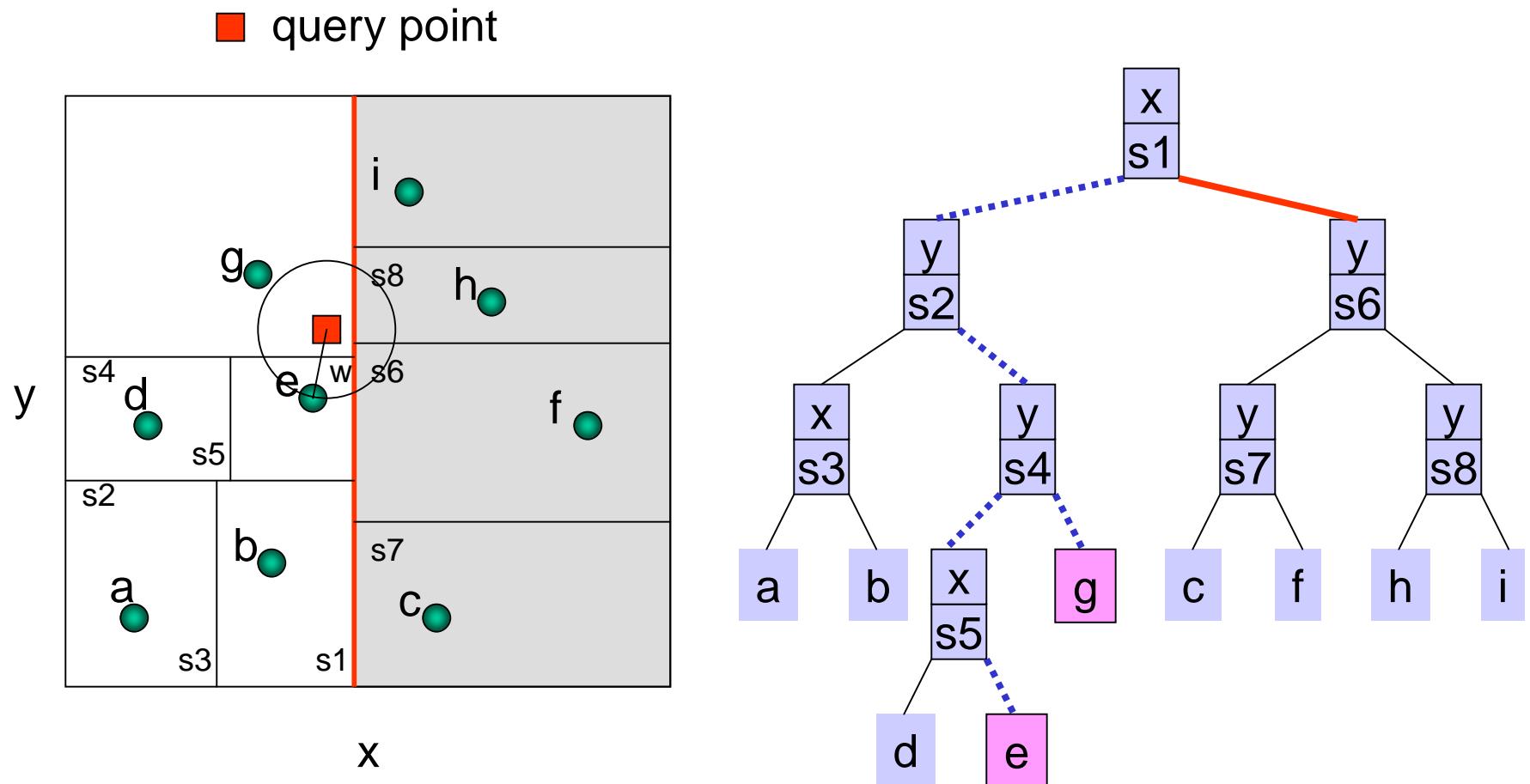
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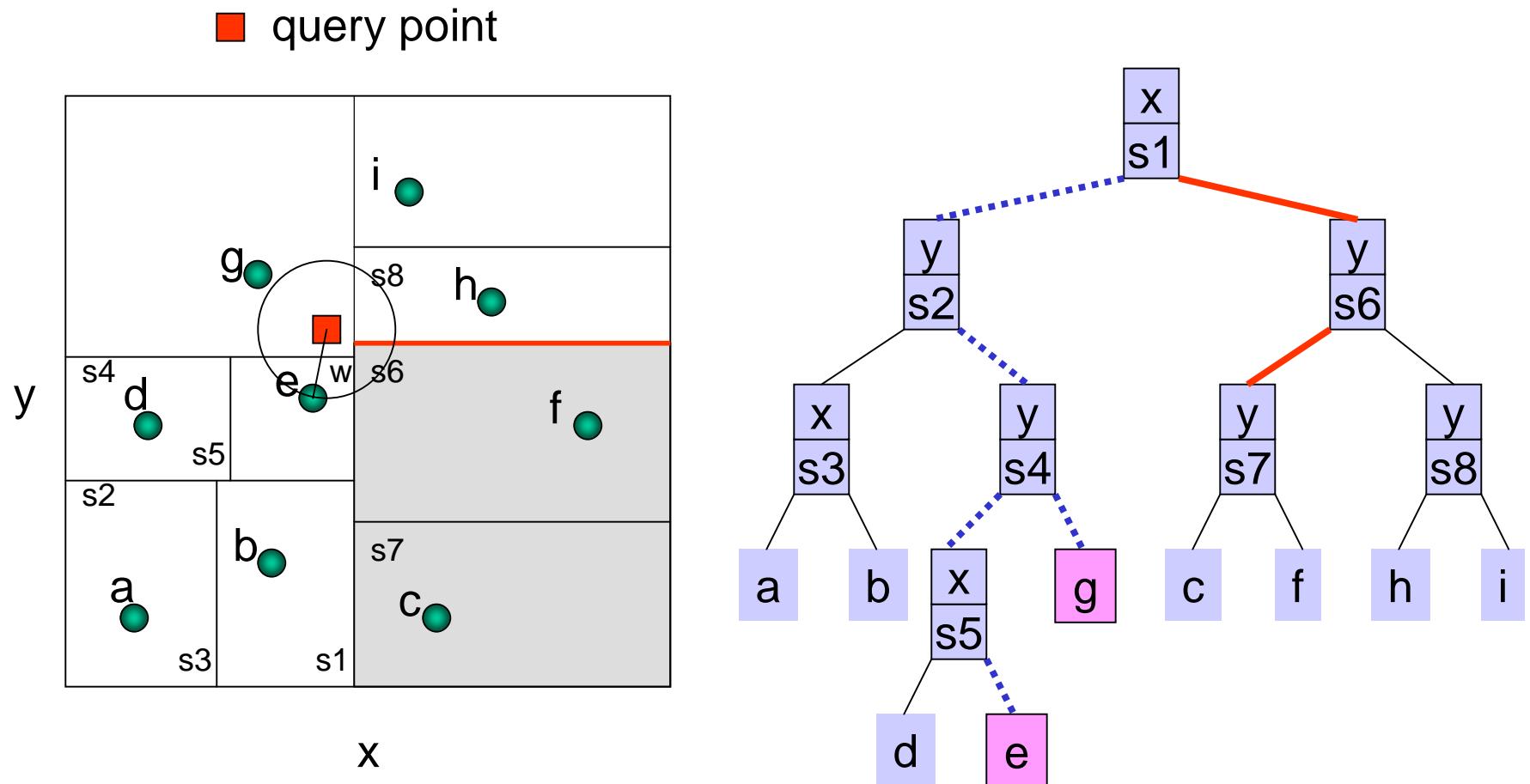
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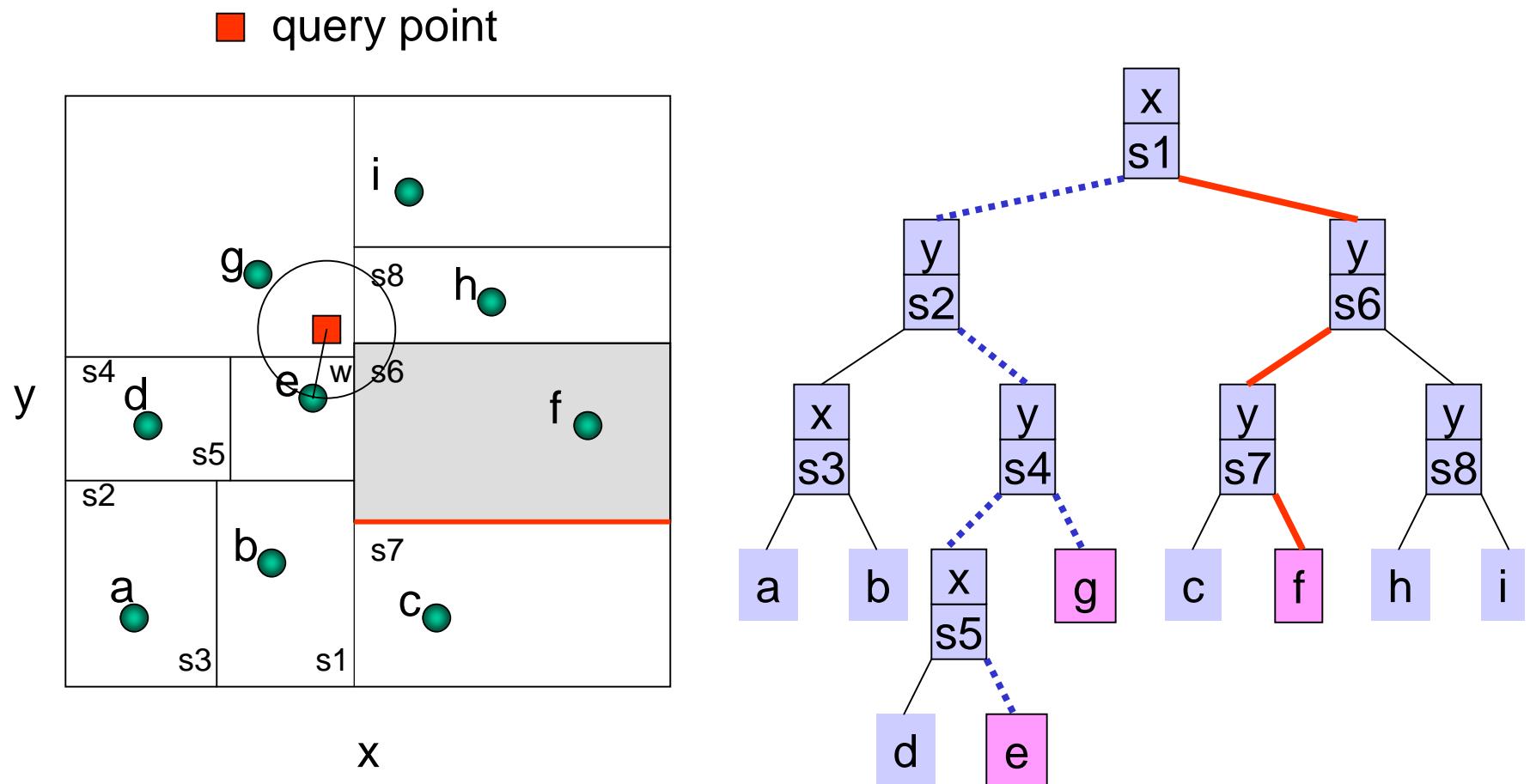
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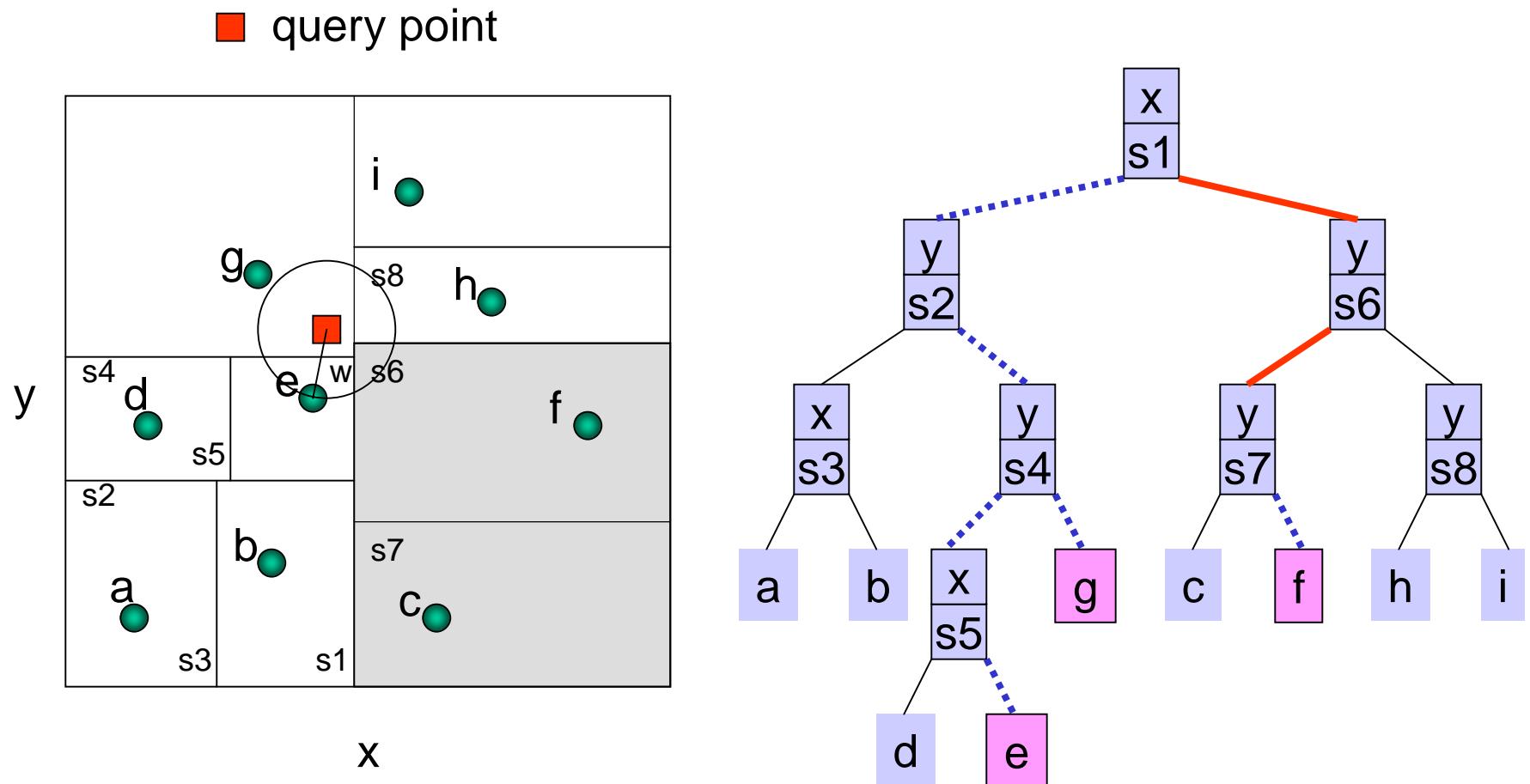
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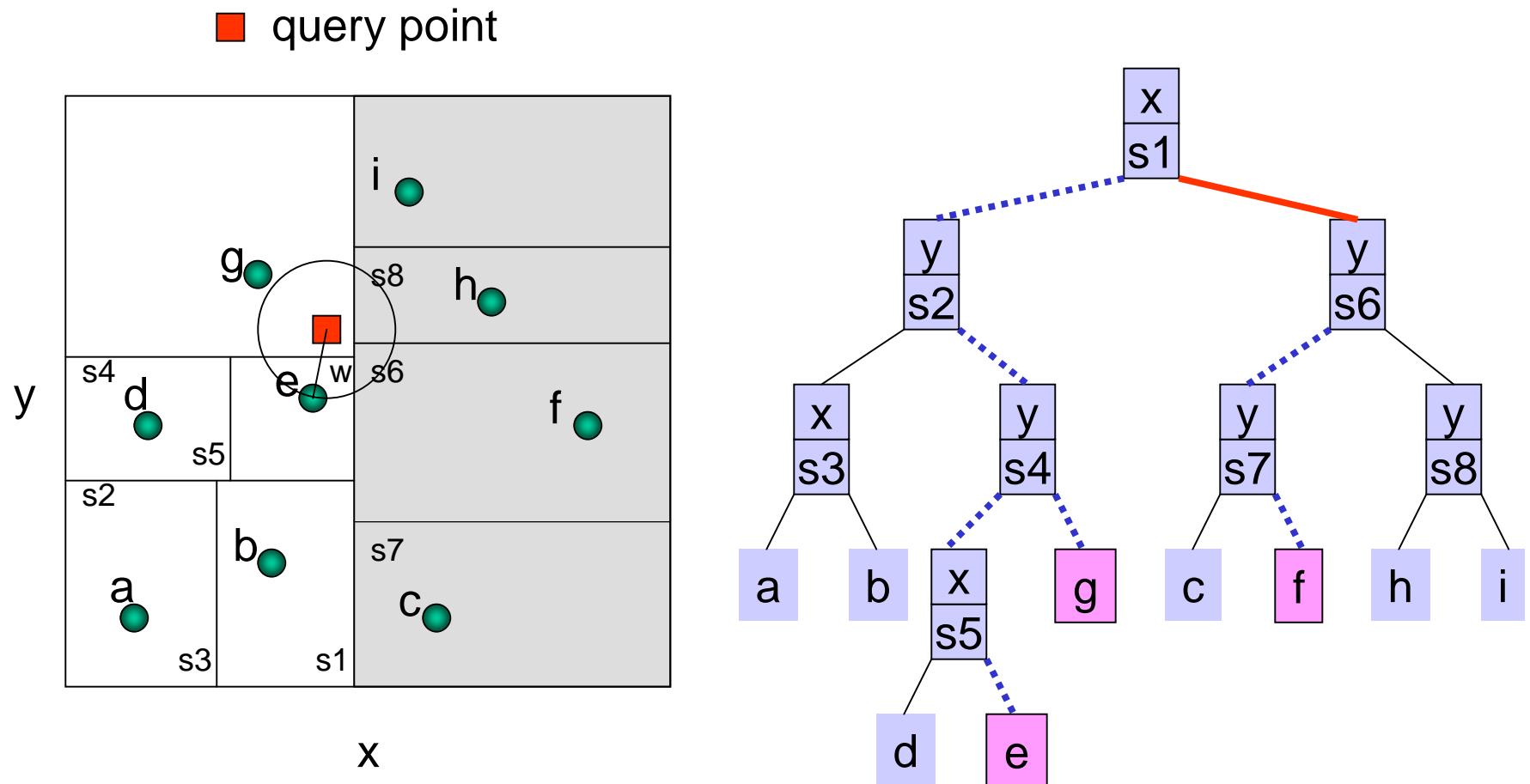
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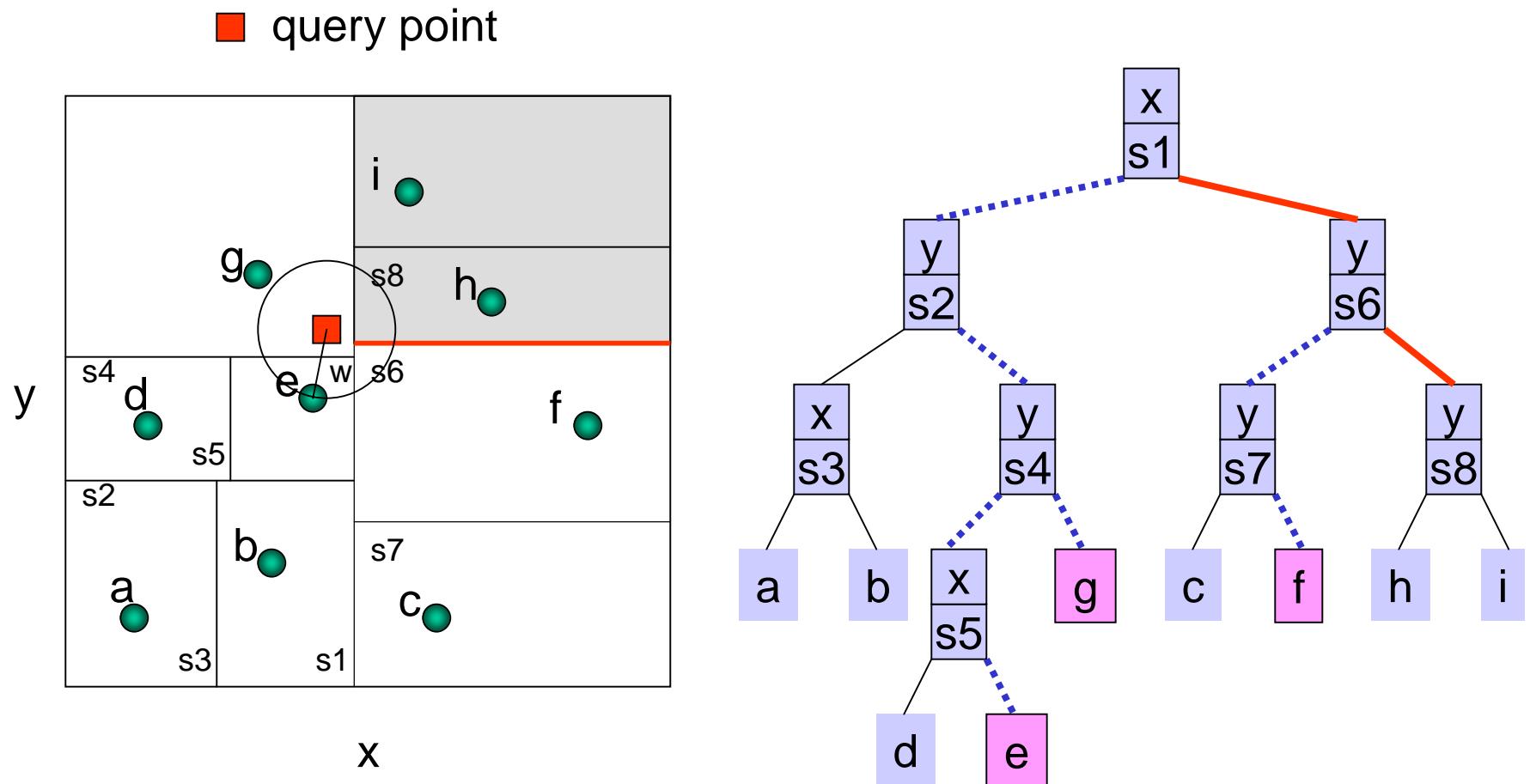
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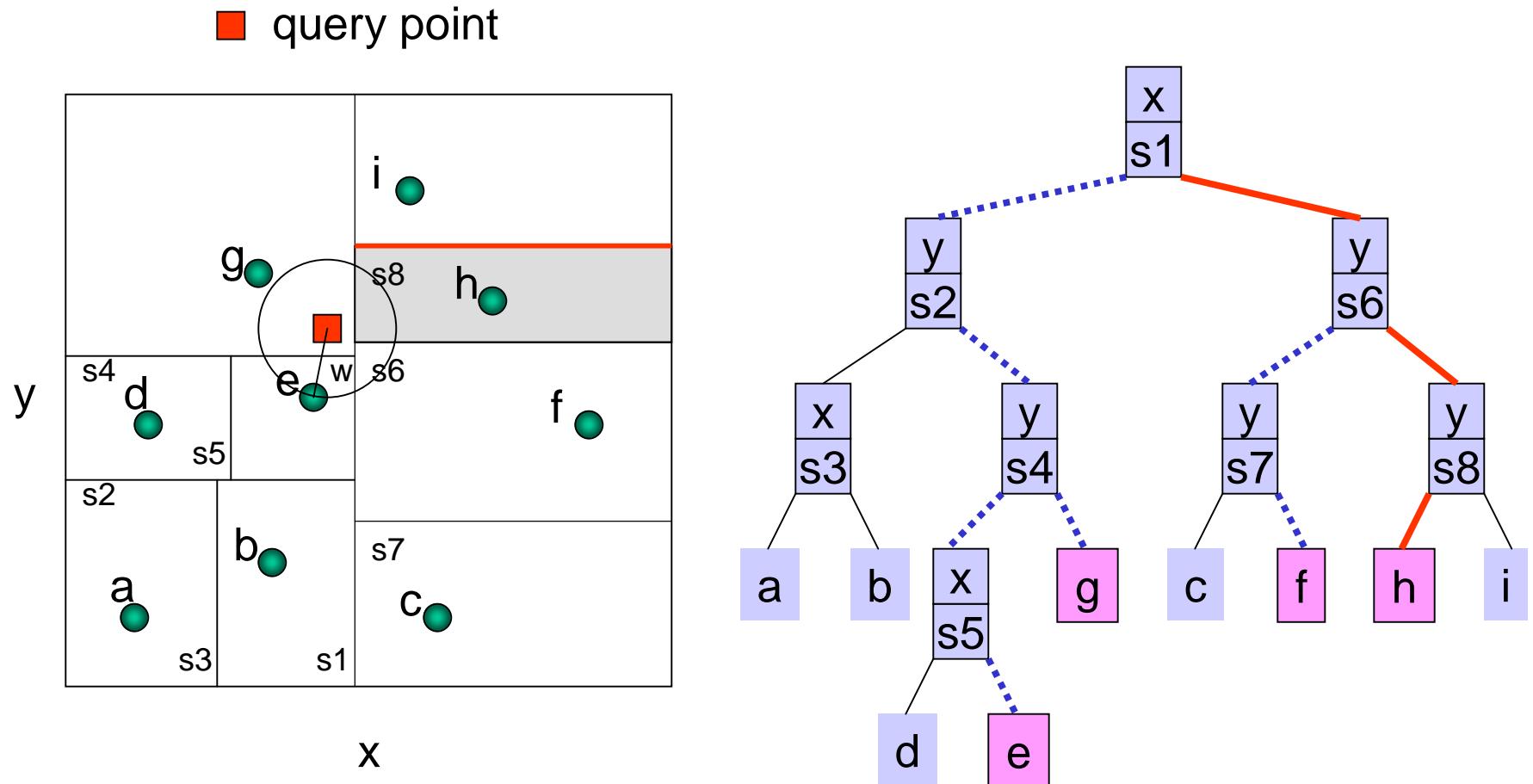
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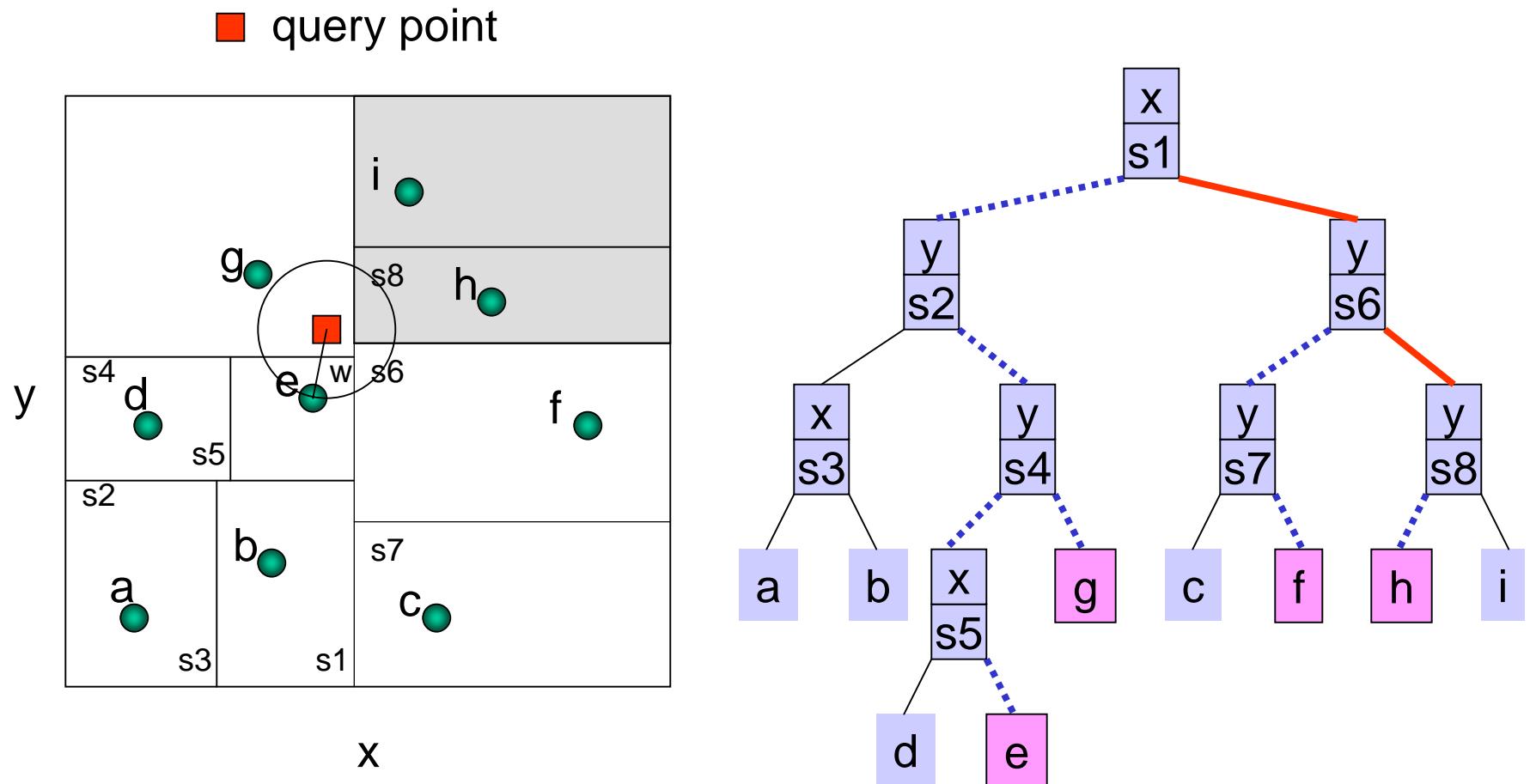
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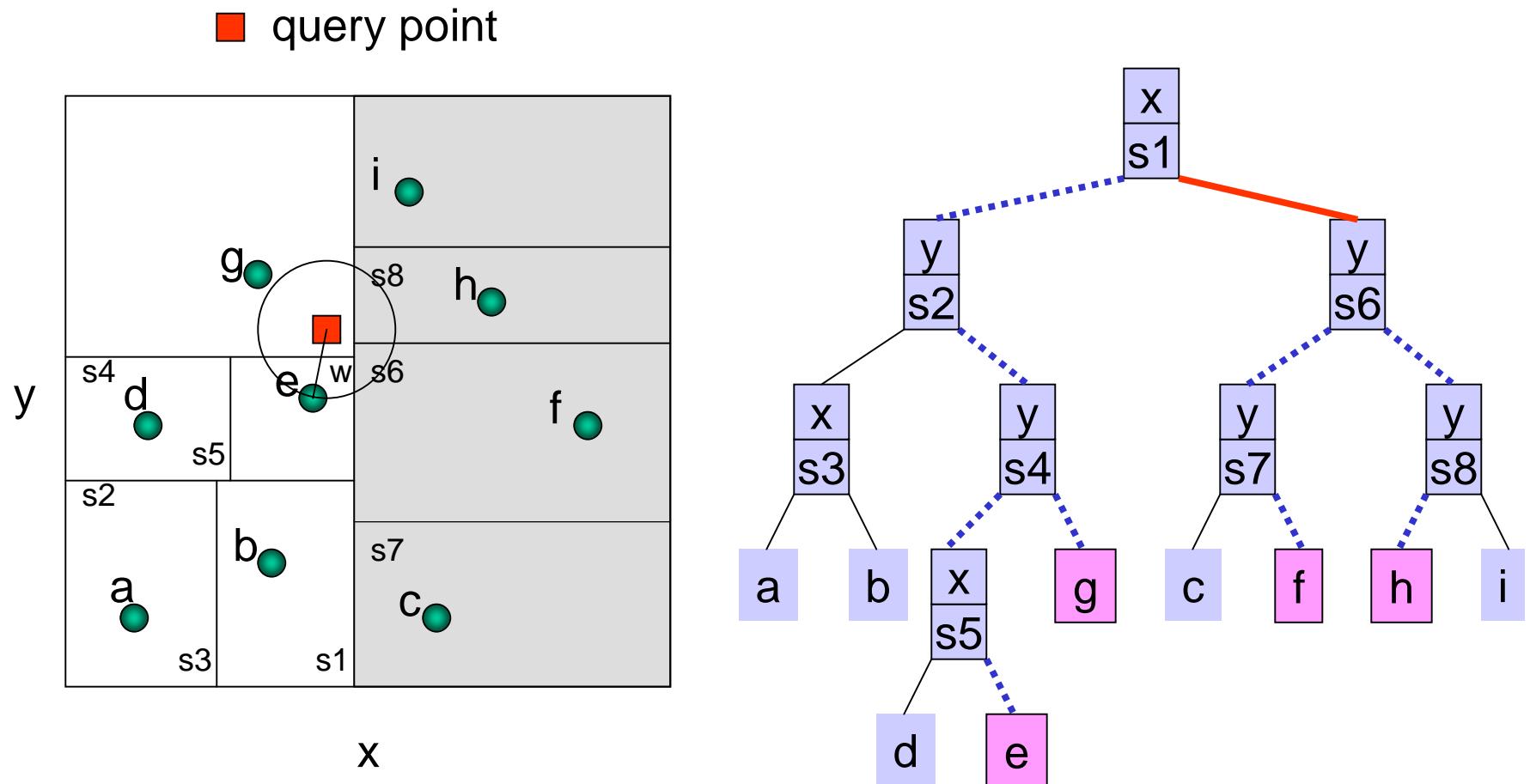
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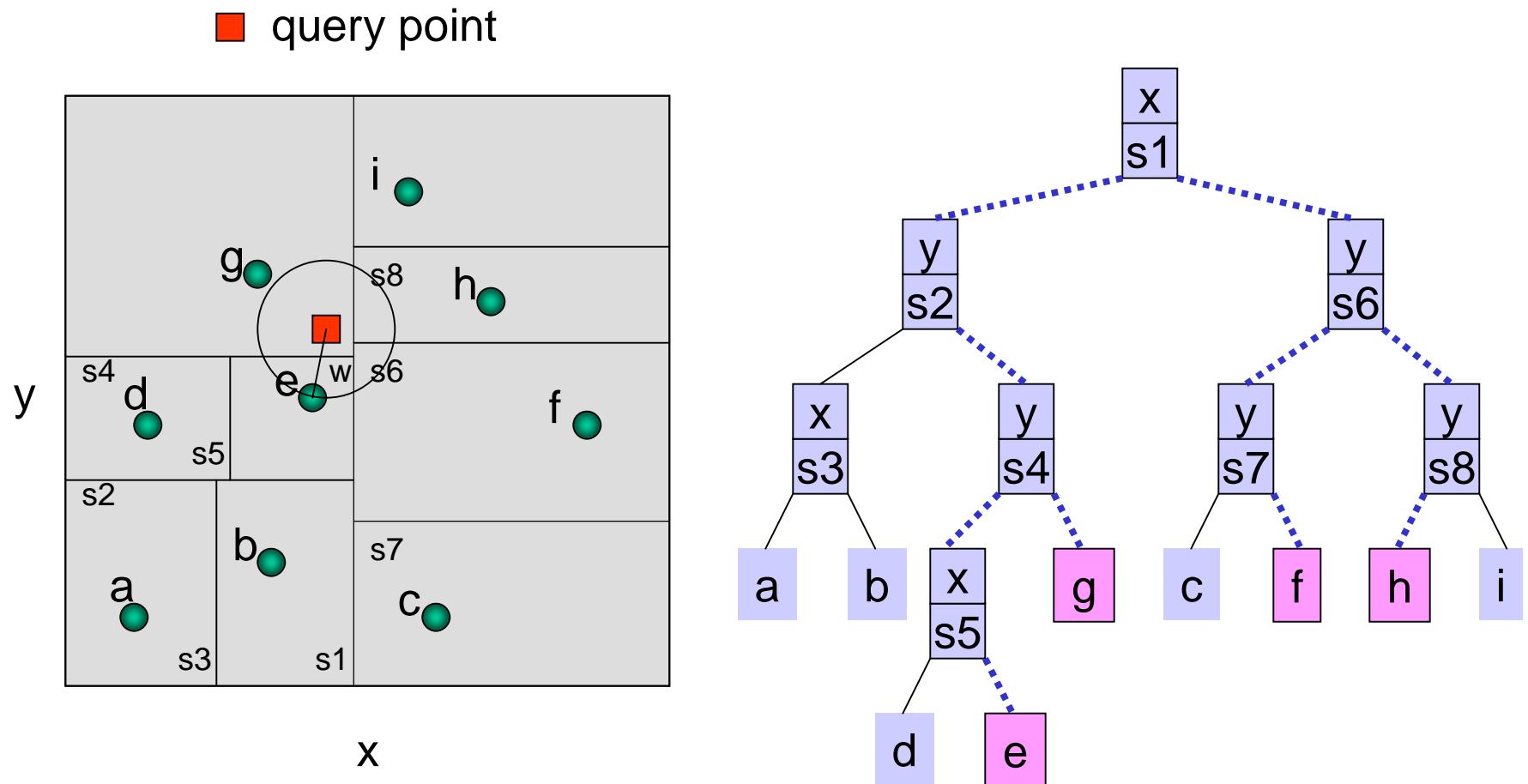
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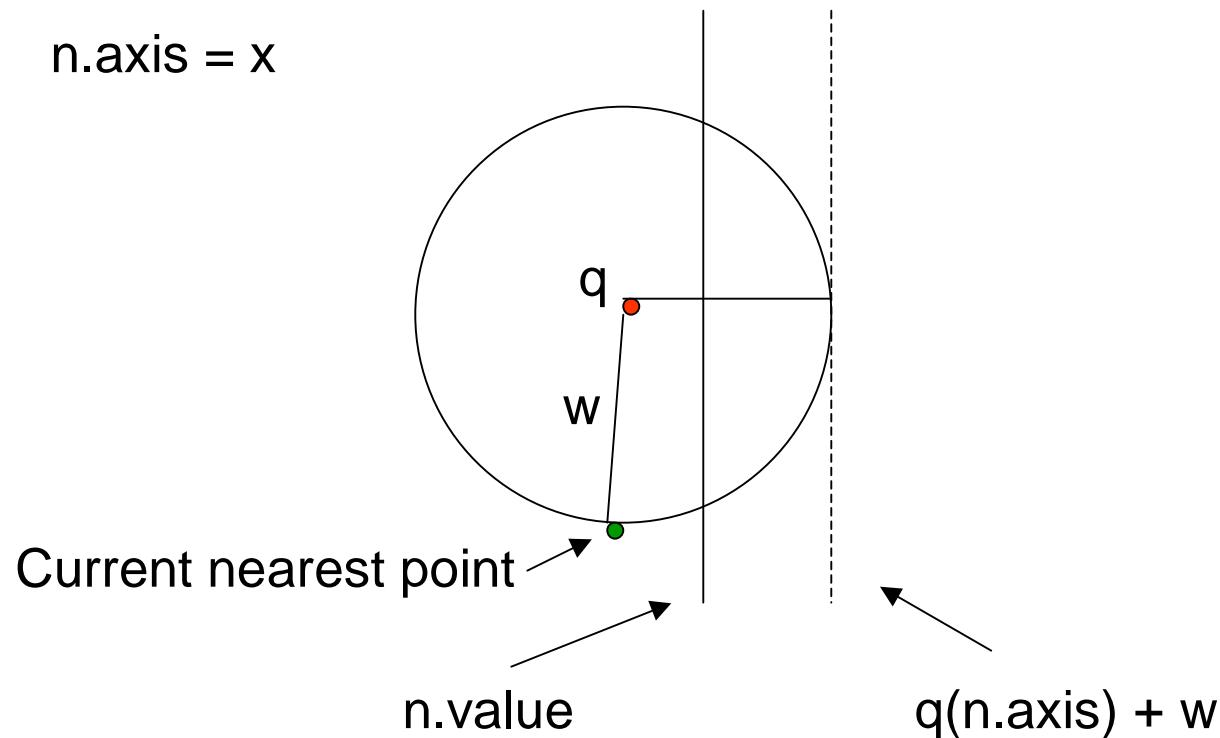
Main is NNS(q,root,null,infinity)

# Nearest Neighbor Search

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NNS(q: point, n: node, p: point, w: distance) : point {  
    if n.left = null then {leaf case}  
        if distance(q,n.point) < w then return n.point else return p;  
    else  
        if w = infinity then  
            if q(n.axis) ≤ n.value then  
                p := NNS(q,n.left,p,w);  
                w := distance(p,q);  
                if q(n.axis) + w > n.value then p := NNS(q, n.right, p, w);  
            else  
                p := NNS(q,n.right,p,w);  
                w := distance(p,q);  
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            else //w is finite//  
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    return p  
}
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# The Conditional

$$q(n.\text{axis}) + w > n.\text{value}$$



# Notes on k-d NNS

- Has been shown to run in  $O(\log n)$  average time per search in a reasonable model.  
(Assume  $d$  a constant)
- Storage for the k-d tree is  $O(n)$ .
- Preprocessing time is  $O(n \log n)$  assuming  $d$  is a constant.

# Geometric Data Structures

- Geometric data structures are common.
- The k-d tree is one of the simplest.
  - Nearest neighbor search
  - Range queries
- Other data structures used for
  - 3-d graphics models
  - Physical simulations