

Repairs and Consistent Answers for Inconsistent Probabilistic Spatio-Temporal Databases

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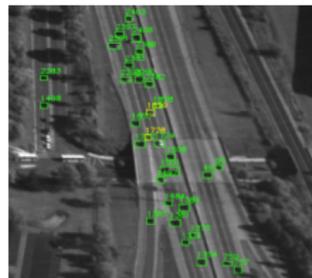
- Tracking moving objects is fundamental in several application contexts (e.g. environment protection, product traceability, traffic monitoring, mobile tourist guides, analysis of animal behavior, etc.)



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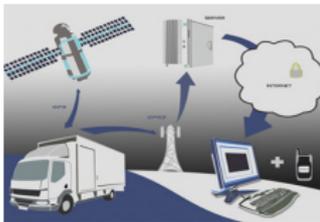
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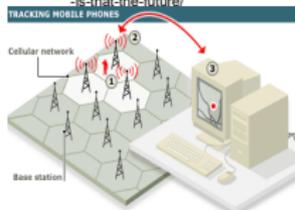
- Location estimation techniques have limited accuracy and precision
 - limitations of technologies used (e.g. GPS, Cellular networks, WiFi, Bluetooth, RFID, etc.)
 - limitations of the estimation methods (e.g., proximity to antennas, triangulation, signal strength sample map, dead reckoning, etc.)



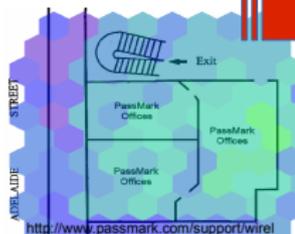
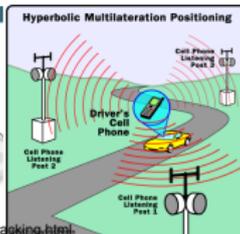
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object inside a region at a time with (uncertain) probability

SPOT framework

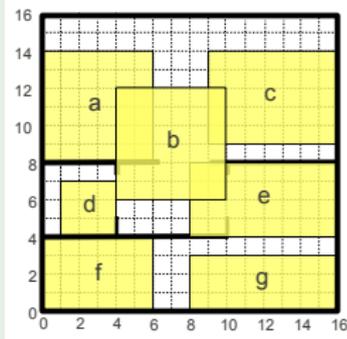
- SPOT : a declarative framework for the representation and processing of probabilistic spatio-temporal data with uncertain probabilities [Parker, Subrahmanian, Grant. TKDE '07]
- A SPOT database is a set of atoms $loc(id, r, t)[\ell, u]$
- $loc(id, r, t)[\ell, u]$ means that “object id is/was/will be inside region r at time t with probability in the interval $[\ell, u]$ ”.

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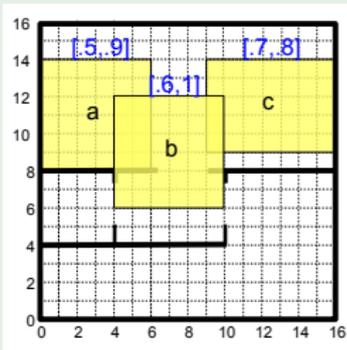
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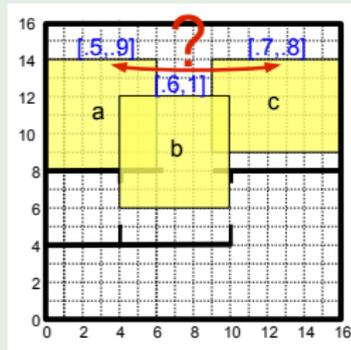
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object id_1 cannot be at the same time with probability greater than .5 in region a and with probability greater than .7 in region c (disjoint from a)



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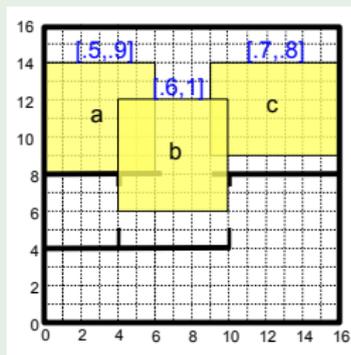
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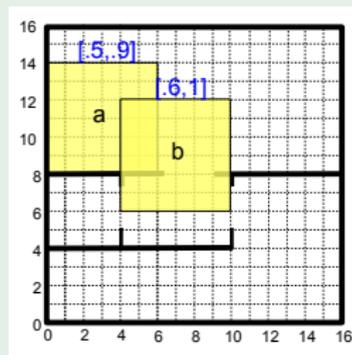
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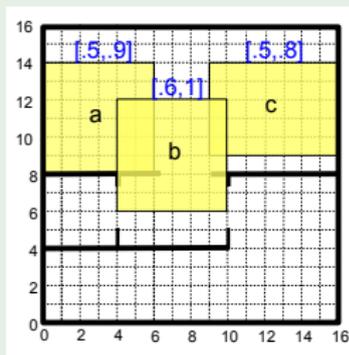
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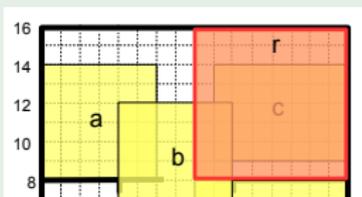
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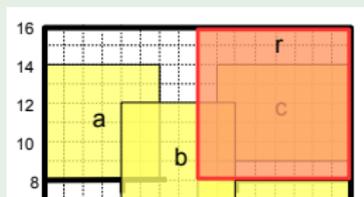
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SPOT atom

- Notation:
 - ID is the set of objects identifiers
 - $Space$ is a grid of $N \times N$ points
 - T is the set of time points
- An object can be in only one location at a time
- A single location may contain more than one object

Definition (SPOT atom)

A SPOT atom is of the form $loc(id, r, t)[\ell, u]$, where

- $id \in ID$ is an object id
- $r \subseteq Space$ is a region in the space
- $t \in T$ is a time point,
- $[\ell, u] \subseteq [0, 1]$ is a probability interval

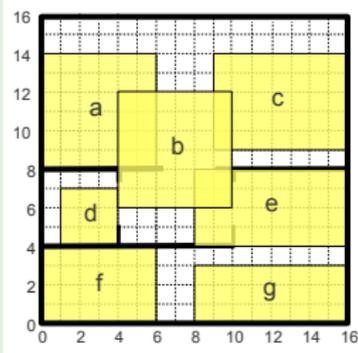
SPOT database

Definition (SPOT database)

A SPOT *database* is a finite set of SPOT atoms

Example

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SPOT interpretation

Definition (Interpretation)

A SPOT *interpretation* is a function $I : ID \times Space \times T \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that for each $id \in ID$ and $t \in T$, $\sum_{p \in Space} I(id, p, t) = 1$

- For id and t , $I^{id,t}(p) = I(id, p, t)$ is a PDF over $Space$

Example

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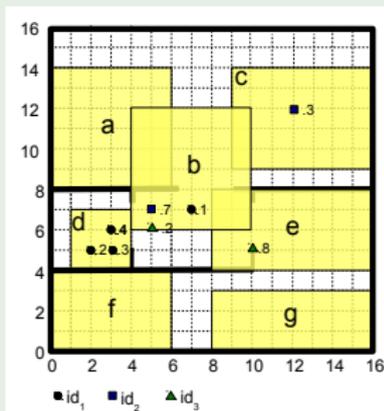
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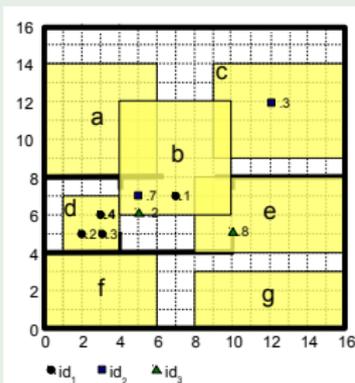
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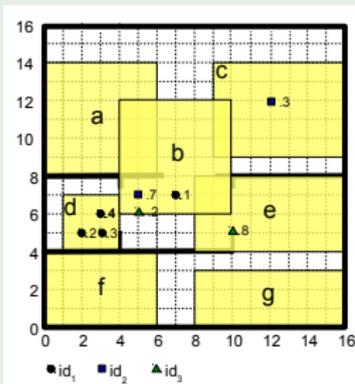
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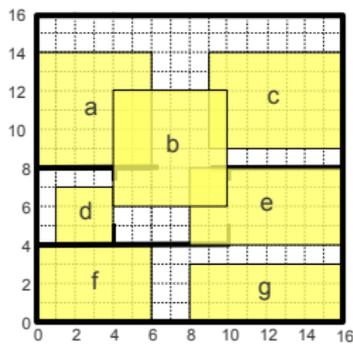
Consistency

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- It can be checked in PTIME [Parker, Subrahmanian, Grant. TKDE '07]

Example of Inconsistent Database

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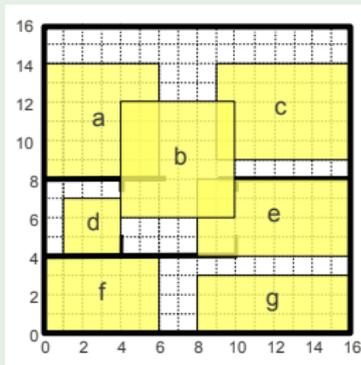
$at_6 = loc(id_2, e, 2)[.3, .5]$

$at_7 = loc(id_2, f, 2)[.5, .7]$

$at_8 = loc(id_2, g, 2)[.9, 1]$

$at_9 = loc(id_3, c, 1)[.5, .8]$

$at_{10} = loc(id_3, e, 1)[.6, .9]$



There is an inconsistency for object id_1 at time 3, for object id_2 at time 2, and for object id_3 at time 1

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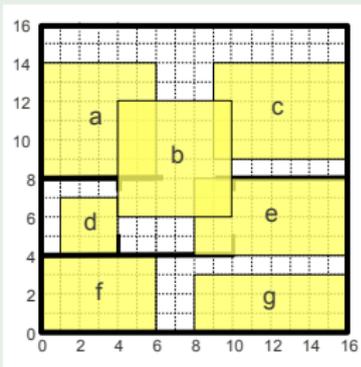
- Minimally modify the original database in order to restore consistency

Definition (S-repair)

An S-repair for a SPOT database D is a maximal consistent subset of D

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Each S-repairs consists of

- at_1
- either at_2 and at_3 or at_3 and at_4
- at_5
- either at_6 and at_7 or at_8
- either at_9 or at_{10}

e.g. $\{at_1, at_2, at_3, at_5, at_8, at_9\}$

PU-repairs

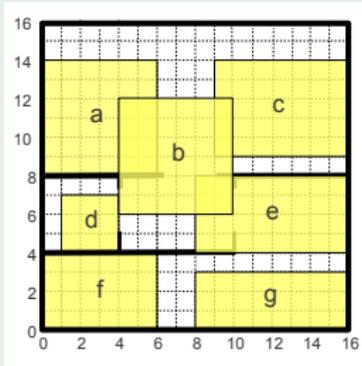
- A *probability-interval updated atom* for $a = loc(id, r, t)[\ell, u]$ is $a' = loc(id, r, t)[\ell', u']$ where $[\ell', u'] \supseteq [\ell, u]$

Definition (PU-repair)

A *PU-repair* for a SPOT database D is a consistent SPOT database D' consisting of a probability-interval update atom a' for each $a \in D$ and s.t. $\sum_{a \in D} (\ell - \ell') + (u' - u)$ is minimum.

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 $at'_9 = loc(id_3, c, 1)[.45, .8]$
 $at'_{10} = loc(id_3, e, 1)[.55, .9]$

Properties of S - and PU -repairs

- There are exponentially many S -repairs for a SPOT database
- There are infinitely many PU -repairs for a SPOT database
- An S -repair and a PU -repair for a SPOT database always exist
- A repair for a SPOT database can be obtained by looking at one $\langle id, t \rangle$ pair at a time

Given a SPOT database D , $D_{id,t} = \{loc(id', r', t')[\ell', u'] \in D \mid id' = id \wedge t' = t\}$ be the set of atoms referring to $\langle id, t \rangle$

Proposition (*Repair modularity*)

A SPOT database D' is an S -repair (resp. PU -repair) for D , iff $D' = \bigcup_{id \in ID, t \in T} D'_{id,t}$, where $D'_{id,t}$ is an S -repair (resp. PU -repair) for $D_{id,t}$.

maximal Subset semantics

Theorem (Complexity of checking S-repairs)

Let D, D' be SPOT DBs. Deciding whether D' is an S-repair for D is in PTIME.

- Proof Hint: $\forall a \in D \setminus D'$ check that $D' \cup \{a\}$ is not consistent.

Corollary (Complexity of computing S-repairs)

An S-repair for SPOT database can be computed in PTIME.

- An S-repair for D can be computed as the union of S-repairs for $D_{id,t}$
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maximal Subset semantics

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Probability-interval Update semantics

- Linear programming problem $PULP(D, id, t)$ whose optimal solutions encode PU-repairs for $D_{id,t}$

Definition ($PULP(D, id, t)$)

minimize $\sum_{a_i \in D_{id,t}} low_i + up_i$ **subject to:**

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 \quad \quad 0 \leq up_i \leq 1 - u_i \\
 2) \quad \sum_{p \in Space} v_p = 1 \\
 3) \quad \forall p \in Space \quad v_p \geq 0
 \end{array} \right.$$

- v_p represents the probability that id is at point $p \in Space$ at time t
- low_i and up_i represent the probability-interval update of atom a_i

Probability-interval Update semantics

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Selection queries

- A selection query asks to find all objects id and times t such that id is inside a given region r at time t with a probability in a given interval $[\ell, u]$

Definition (Selection Query Answers)

$\langle id, t \rangle$ is an answer to selection query $(?id, r, ?t, [\ell, u])$ w.r.t. SPOT database D iff for every model M for D , $M \models loc(id, r, t)[\ell, u]$.

Example

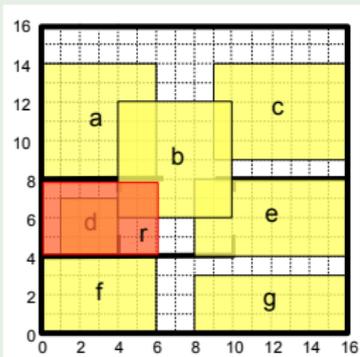
$$D = \{loc(id_1, d, 1)[.9, 1]$$

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$$Q = (?id, r, ?t, [.75, 1])$$

Answer: $\langle id_1, 1 \rangle$

Who and when was in r with probability greater than .75?

S- and PU-consistent queries

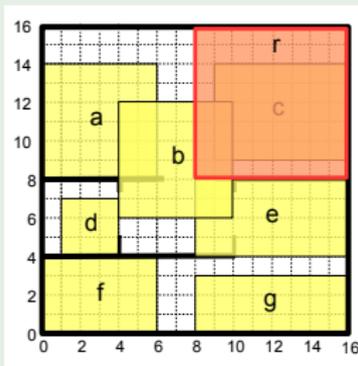
- X stands for either S or PU

Definition (X -Consistent Selection Query Answers)

Given a SPOT database D and a selection query $Q = (?id, r, ?t, [\ell, u])$, $\langle id, t \rangle$ is an X -consistent answer to Q w.r.t. D iff for each X -repair D' for D , $\langle id, t \rangle$ is an answer to Q w.r.t. D' .

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$Q = (?id, r, ?t, [0.5, 1])$

$\langle id_1, 3 \rangle$ is a PU -consistent answer to Q

The set of S -consistent answers is empty

maximal Subset semantics

Theorem (Complexity S-CQA)

Deciding whether $\langle id, t \rangle$ is an S-consistent answer to selection query Q w.r.t. SPOT database D is coNP-complete.

- Membership: Use that S-repair checking, and checking whether $\langle id, t \rangle$ is not an answer to Q, is in PTIME
- Hardness: Reduction from SUBSET SUM

Example

Set $S = \{2, 4, 5\}$

Constant $C = 7$

Space = $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$

ID = $\{id\}$

$T = 0$

$Q = (?id, \{p_4\}, ?t, [\frac{1}{7}, 1])$

$D = \{at_1 = loc(id, \{p_1\}, 0)[0, 0]$

$at'_1 = loc(id, \{p_1\}, 0)[\frac{2}{10}, \frac{2}{7}]$

$at_2 = loc(id, \{p_2\}, 0)[0, 0]$

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$at_3 = loc(id, \{p_3\}, 0)[0, 0]$

$at'_3 = loc(id, \{p_3\}, 0)[\frac{5}{10}, \frac{5}{7}]$

- $\langle id, 0 \rangle$ is not an S-CQA to Q w.r.t. D iff there is $S' \subseteq S$ s.t. $\sum_{s_i \in S'} s_i = C$
- $R = \{at'_1, at_2, at'_3\}$ is a repair for D s.t. $\langle id, 0 \rangle$ is not an answer to Q w.r.t. R
- $R = \{at'_1, at_2, at'_3\}$ corresponds to subset $\{2, 5\}$ s.t. $2 + 5 = 7$

Probability-interval Update semantics

- PTIME algorithm PU-CQAs

- 1) Compute the minimum cost o^* of PU-repairs for $D_{id,t}$, by $PULP(D, id, t)$
- 2) Use o^* to construct and solve two additional LP problems (defined below)
- 3) Decide whether $\langle id, t \rangle$ is a PU-consistent answer by using the optimal values of these LP problems

Definition ($PU-CQA^\ell(D, Q, id, t)$ (resp. $PU-CQA^u(D, Q, id, t)$))

Let o^* be the optimal value of $PULP(D, id, t)$, and $Q = (?id, r, ?t, [\ell, u])$.

$PU-CQA^\ell(D, Q, id, t)$ (resp. $PU-CQA^u(D, Q, id, t)$) is as follows:

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(in)equalities of PULP
plus
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Lemma (Relationship between solutions of $PU-CQA^{\ell/u}$ and PU-repairs)

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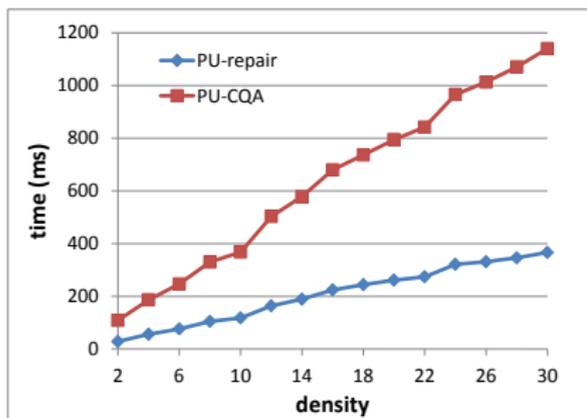
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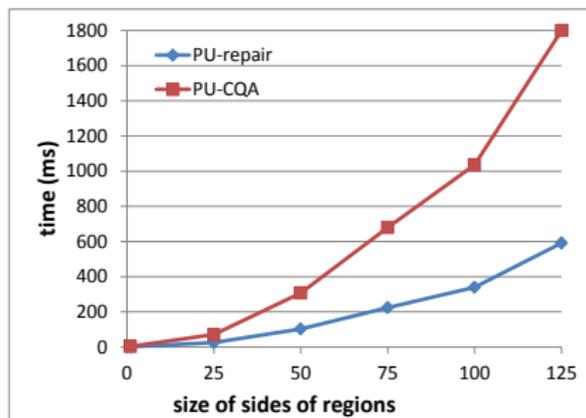
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Experimental evaluation for PU semantics

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- ω is the average size of one side of the atom's rectangles (i.e., ω^2 is the average number of points in the detection's regions)



Repair and CQA time vs. the density
($\omega = 75, |Space| = 1000 \times 1000$).



Repair and CQA time vs. ω ($d = 16, |Space| = 1000 \times 1000$).

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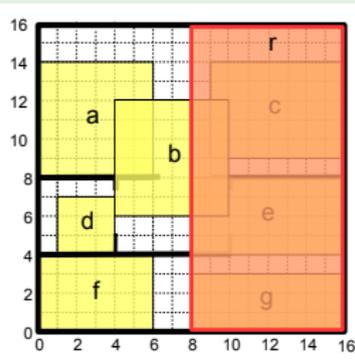
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