



Exploring the use of a generic spatial access method for caching and efficient retrieval of vario-scale data in a client-server architecture

MSc Thesis

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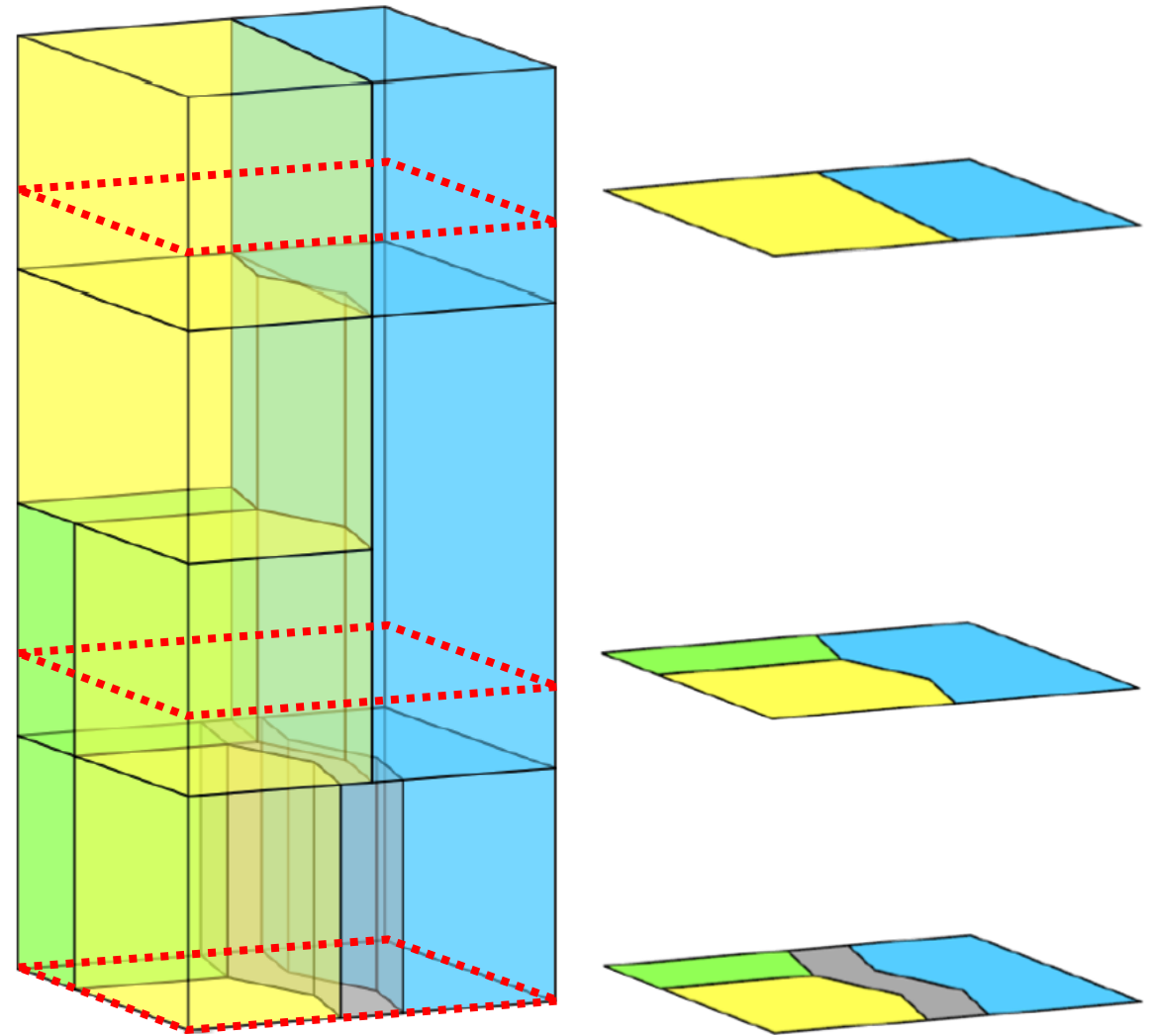
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Motivation

- Vario-scale data structures
- Request a map in a client-server architecture



Classic SSC¹

1: Taken from van Oosterom et al. (2014).

Motivation

Problem statement

Data needs to be transferred over a network:

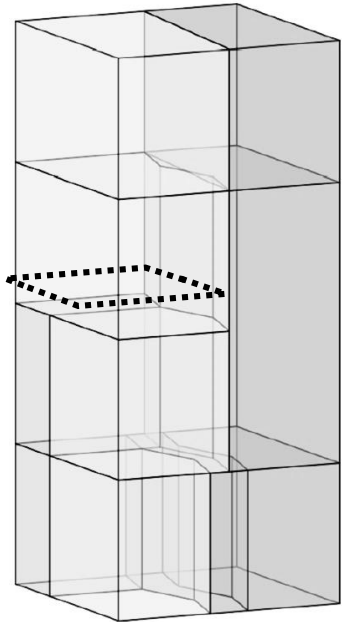
- Have to wait for a response, which can affect responsiveness of client
- Costs for every byte send over the network
- Set-up costs for every request: TCP/IP stack + HTTP headers

Opportunity

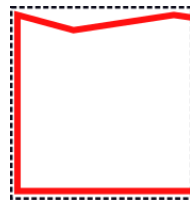
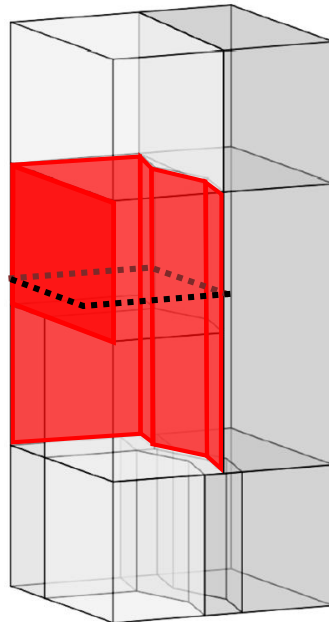
With vario-scale data, there is a possibility to reuse data that is already present on the client and to retrieve only missing data from the server.

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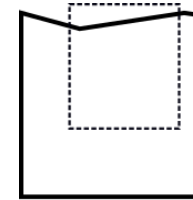
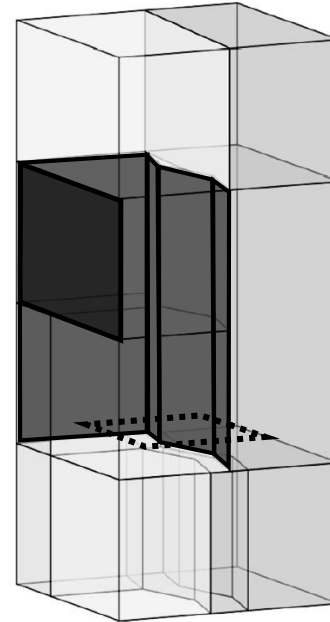
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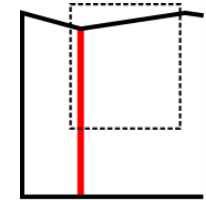
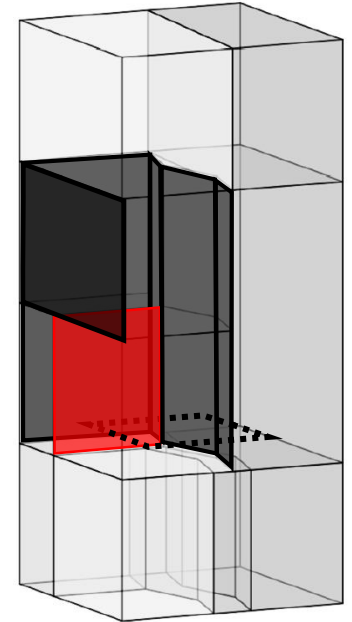
Request



Cached response



Delta request



Motivation

Overall goal

To achieve efficient communication, without too many redundant data transfers, for vario-scale data in a client-server architecture.

Need for research

A method is needed to use the client cache and to support the retrieval of partial vario-scale data from the server.

However, current methods are not yet optimal in terms of scalability and redundancy.

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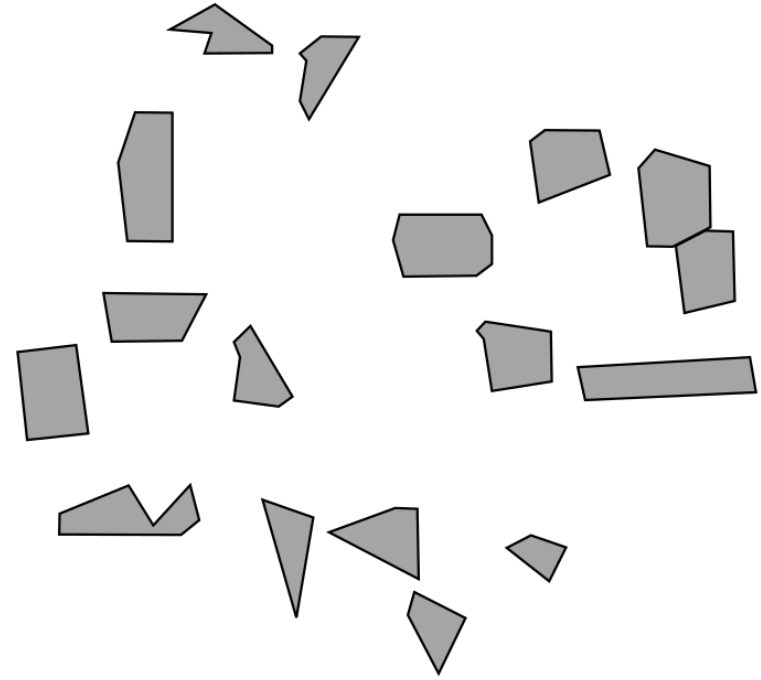
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Objectives

1. Group data that are likely to be used together into packages on the server; based on scale and geographic extent,
2. use client cache to reuse data,
3. and let the client retrieve packages using a spatial index.

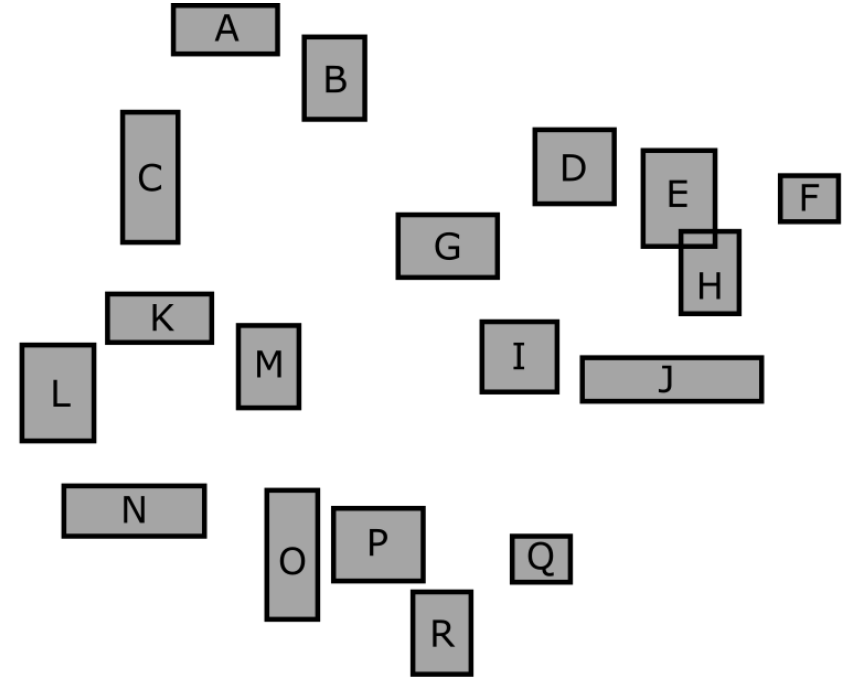
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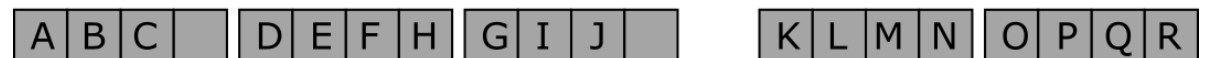
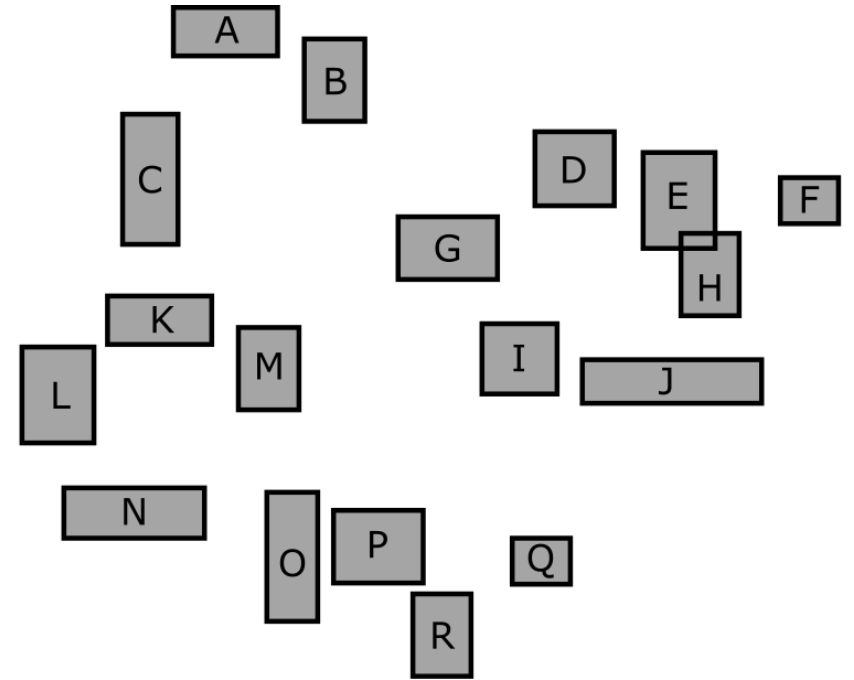
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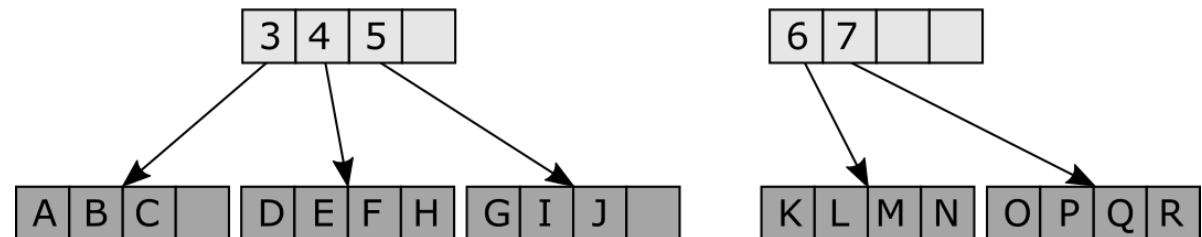
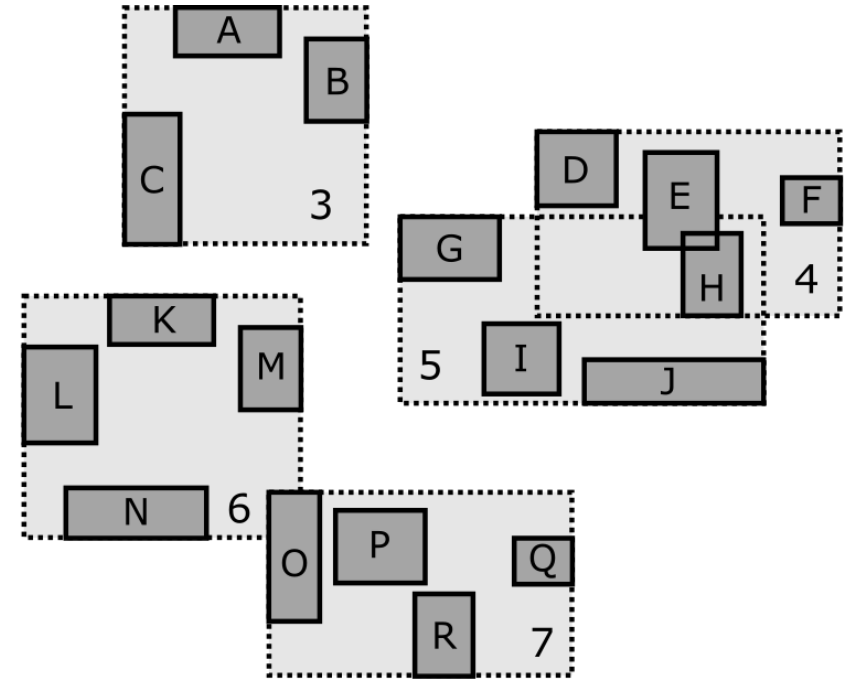
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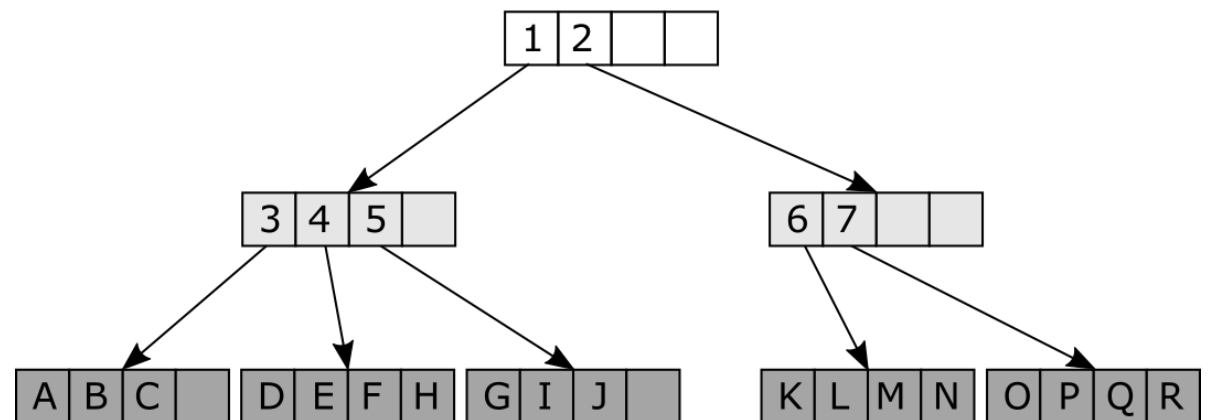
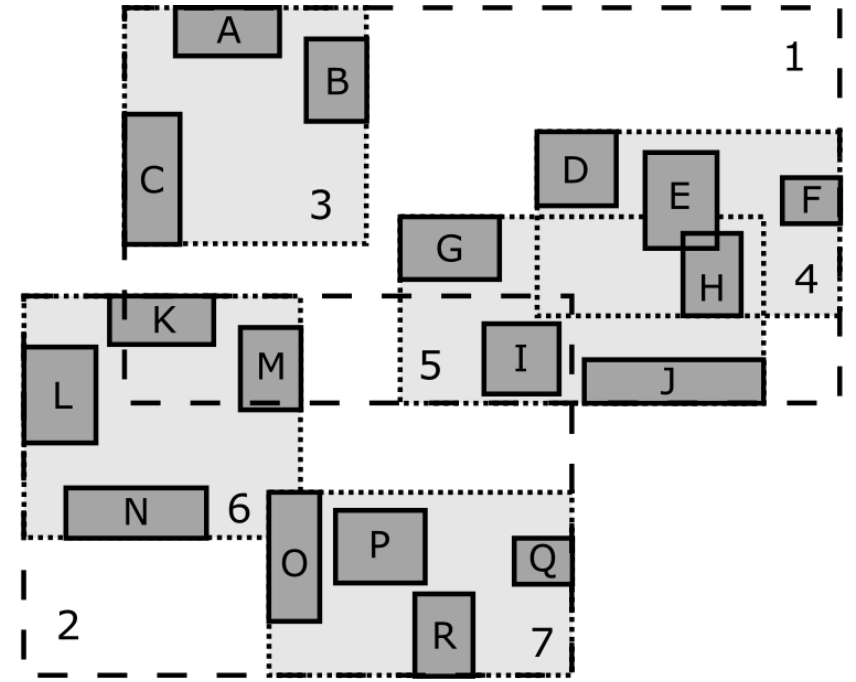
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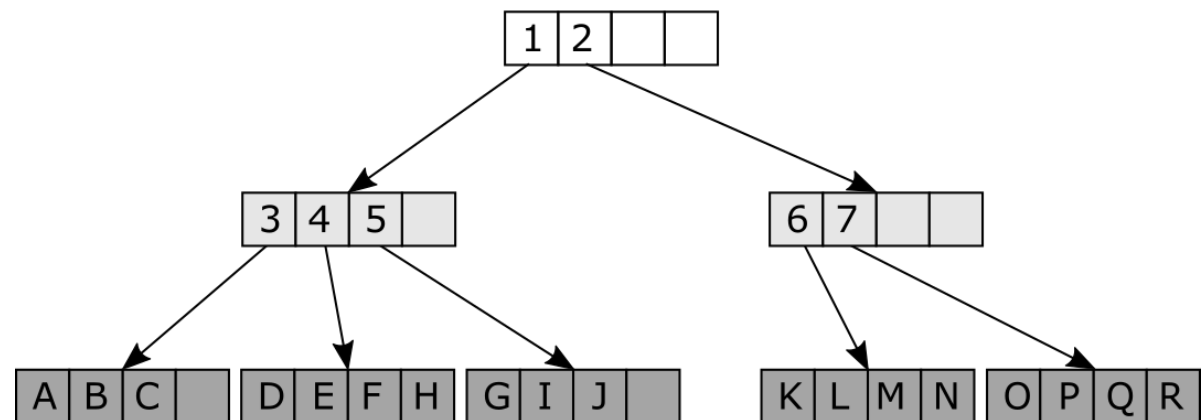
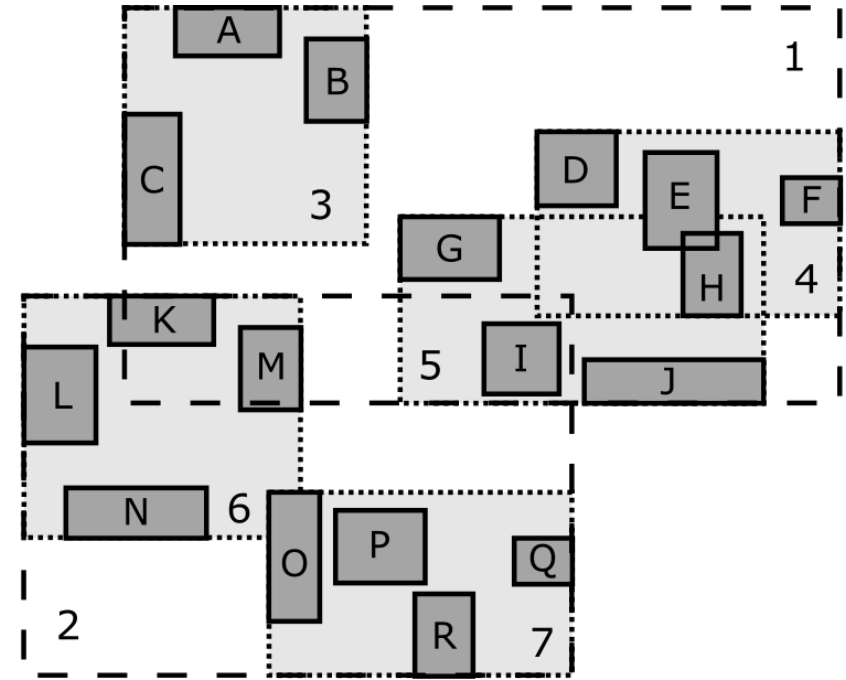
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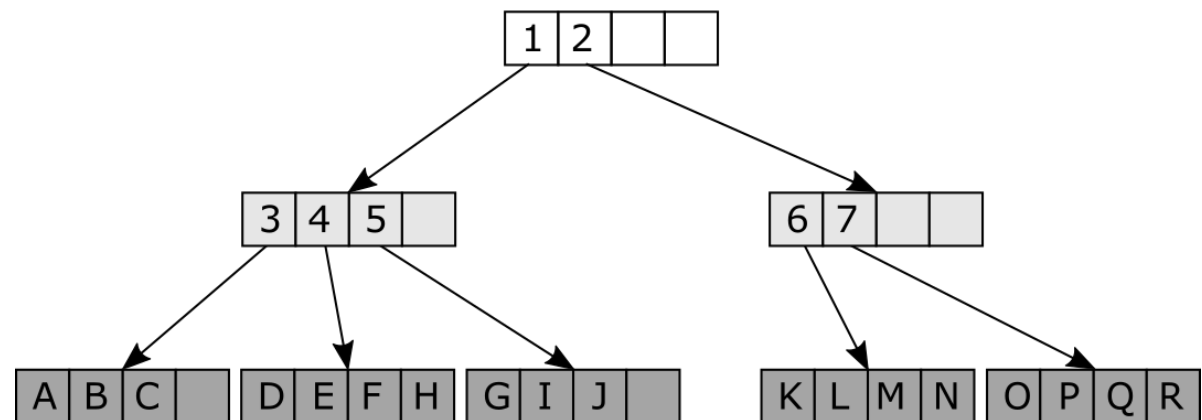
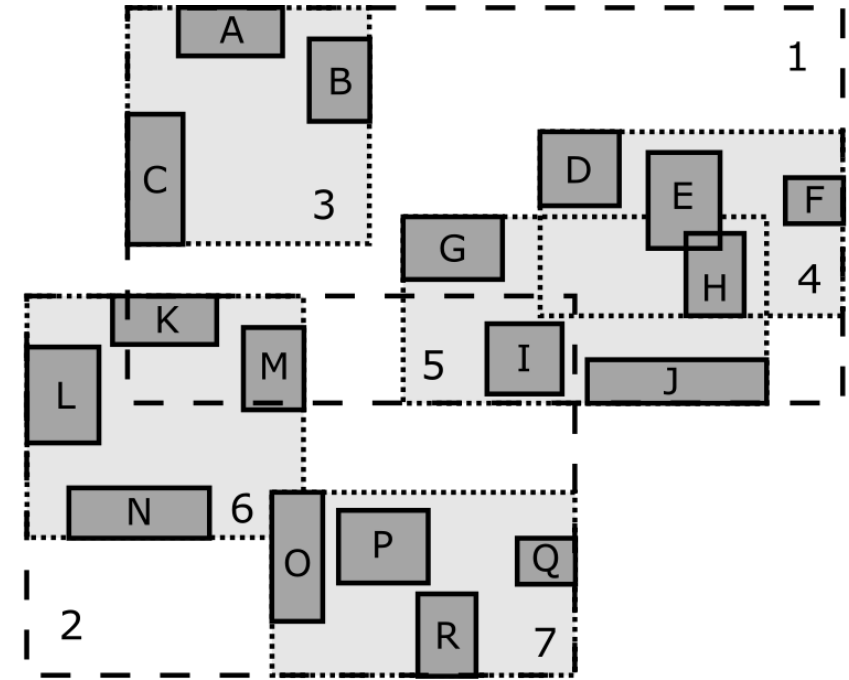
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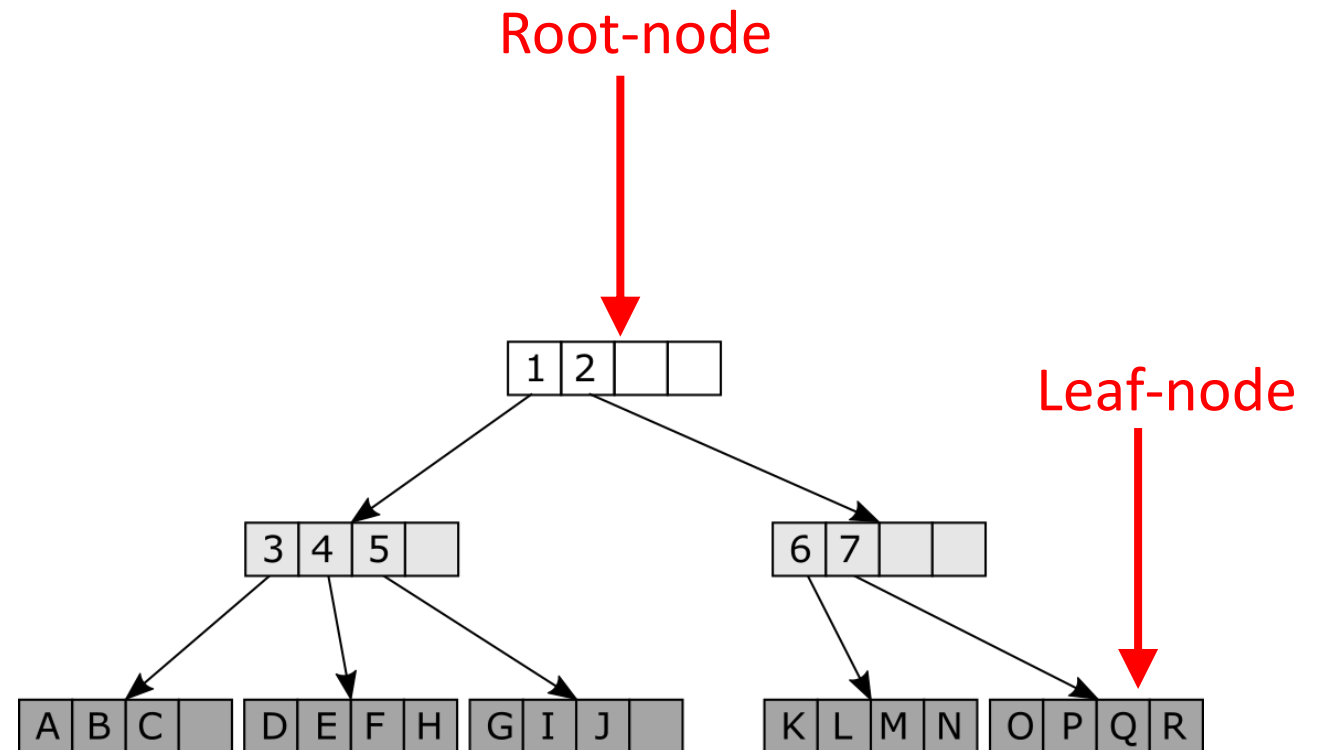
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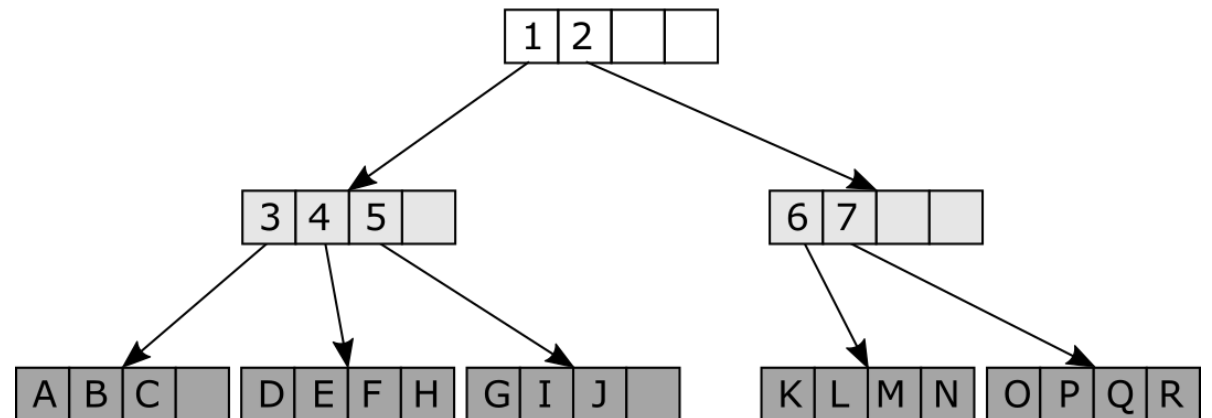
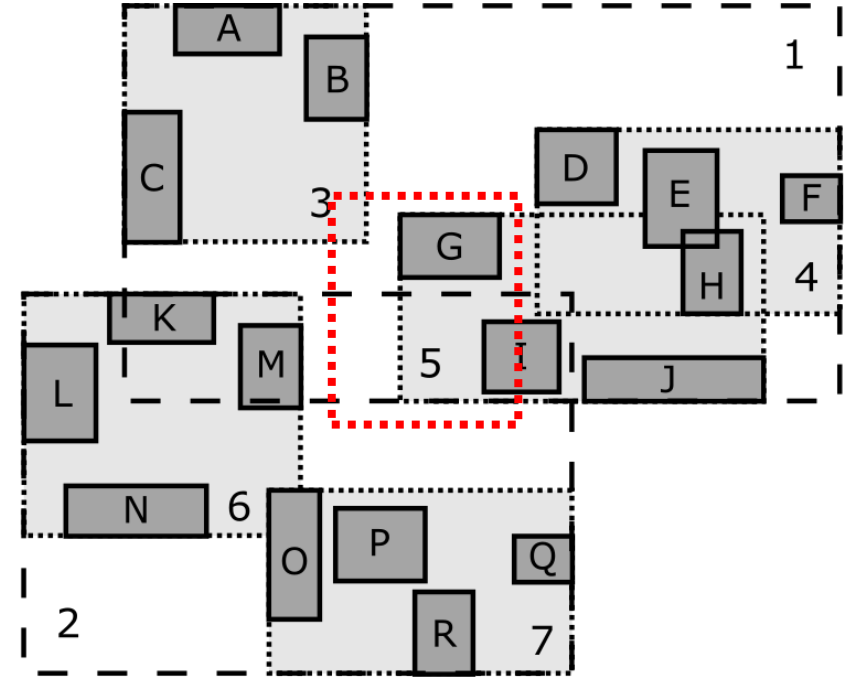
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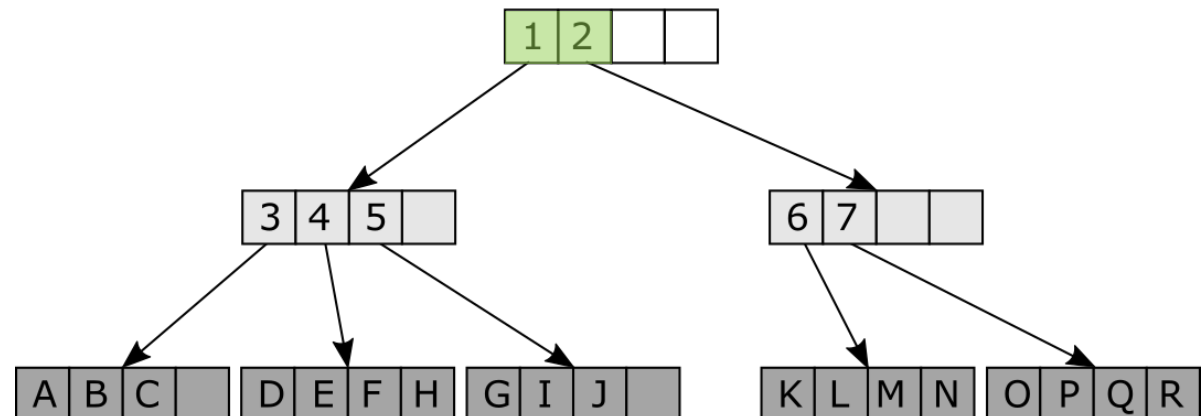
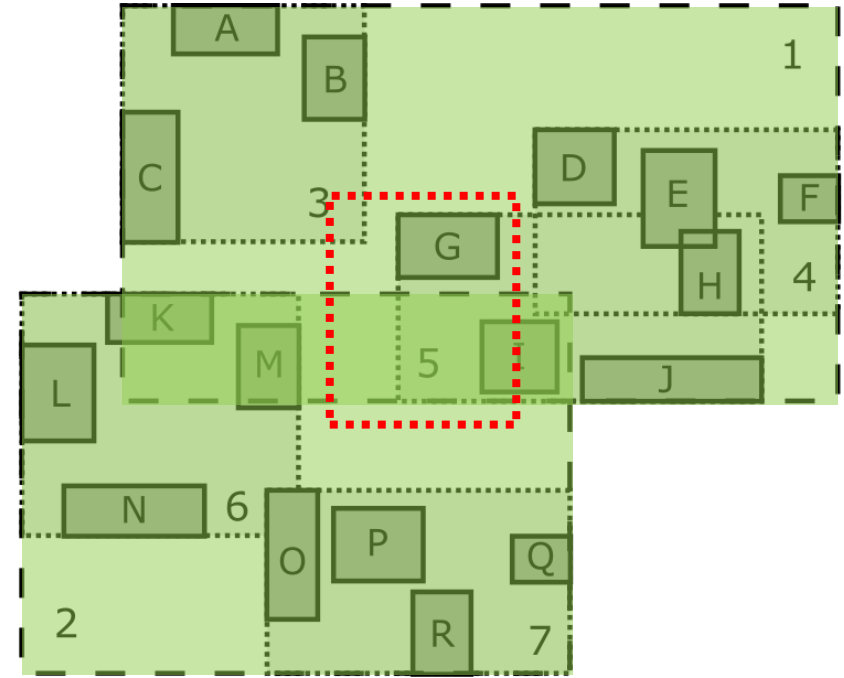
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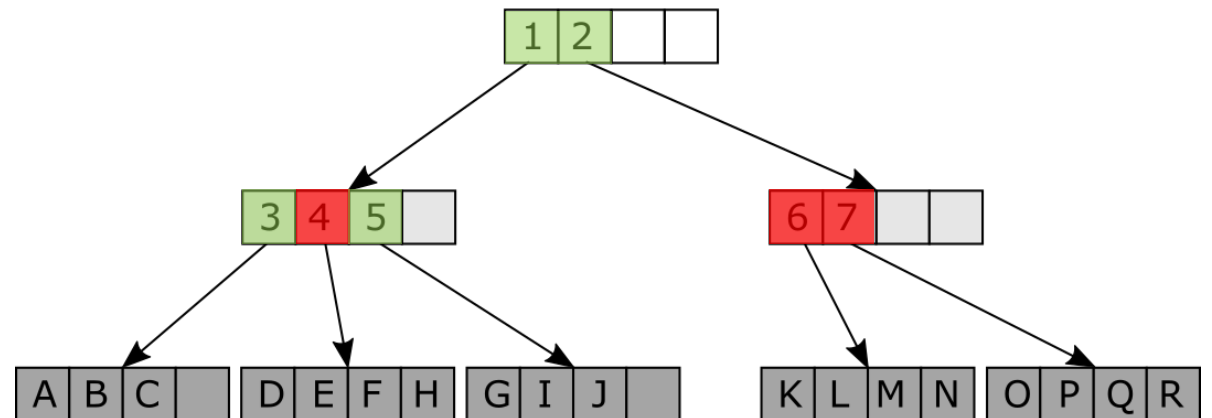
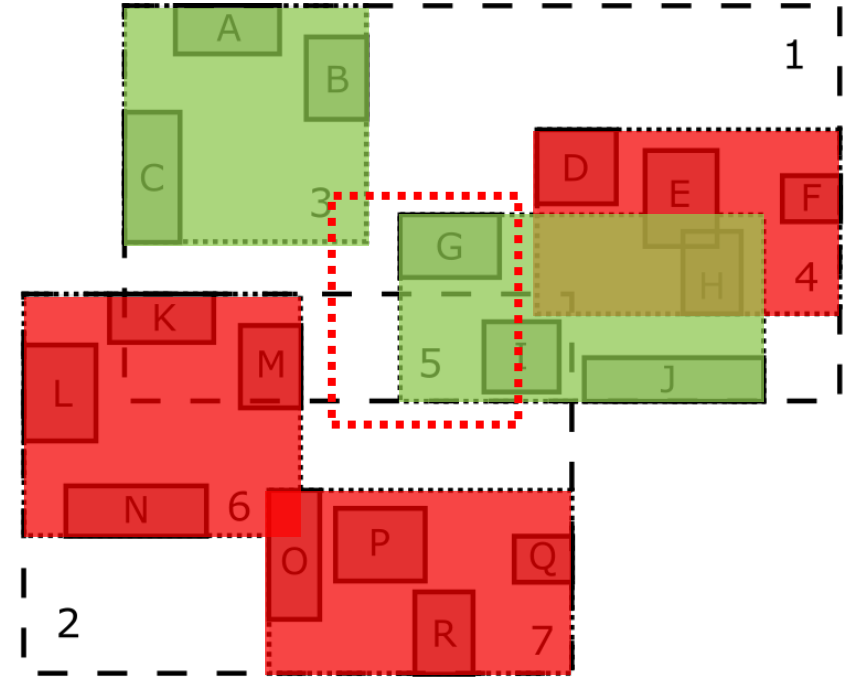
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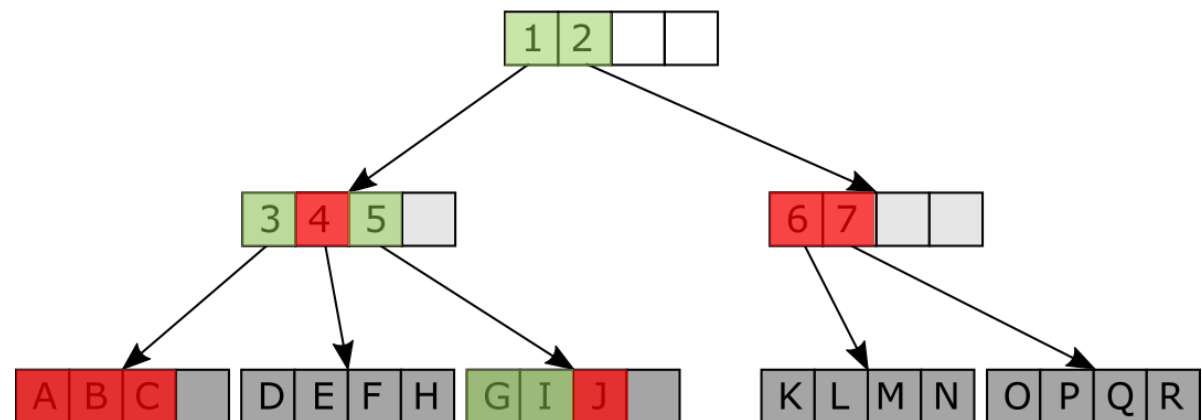
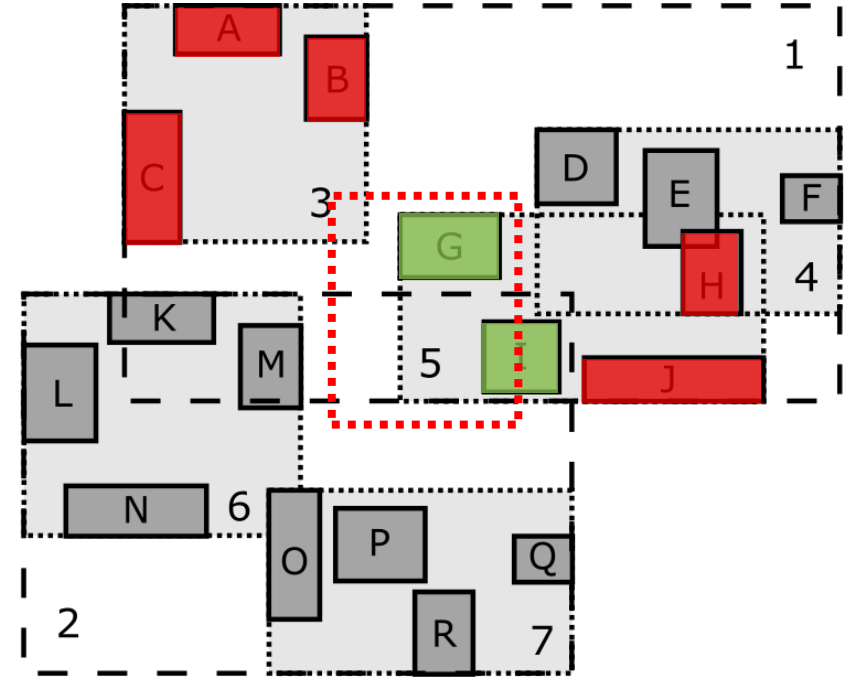
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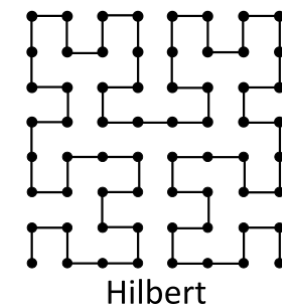
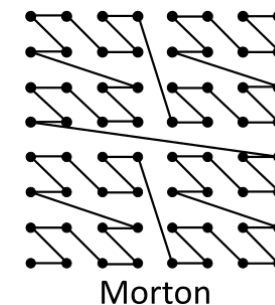
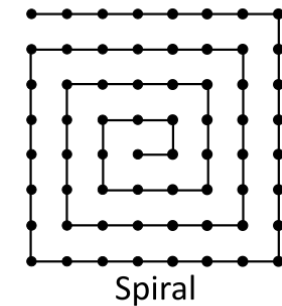
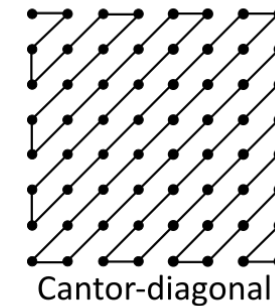
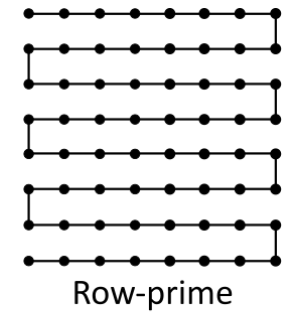
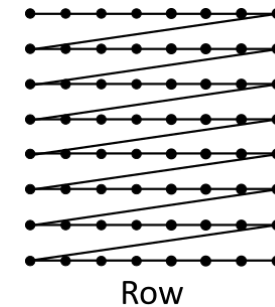
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- If there is no intersection with a higher-level node there can be no intersection with any of its children



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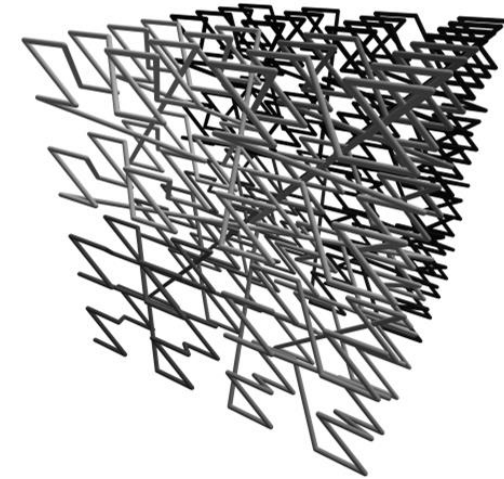
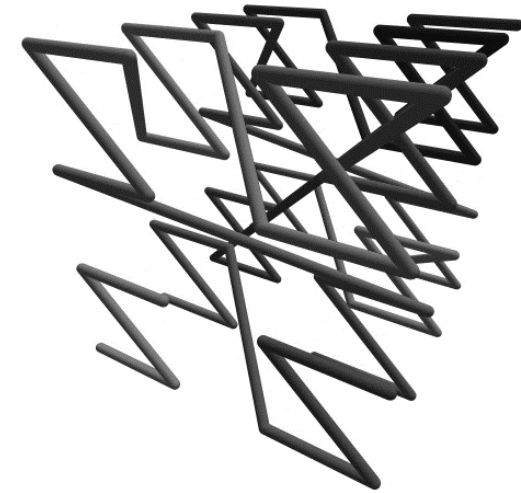
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Different space filling curves in 2D

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Morton curve in 3D

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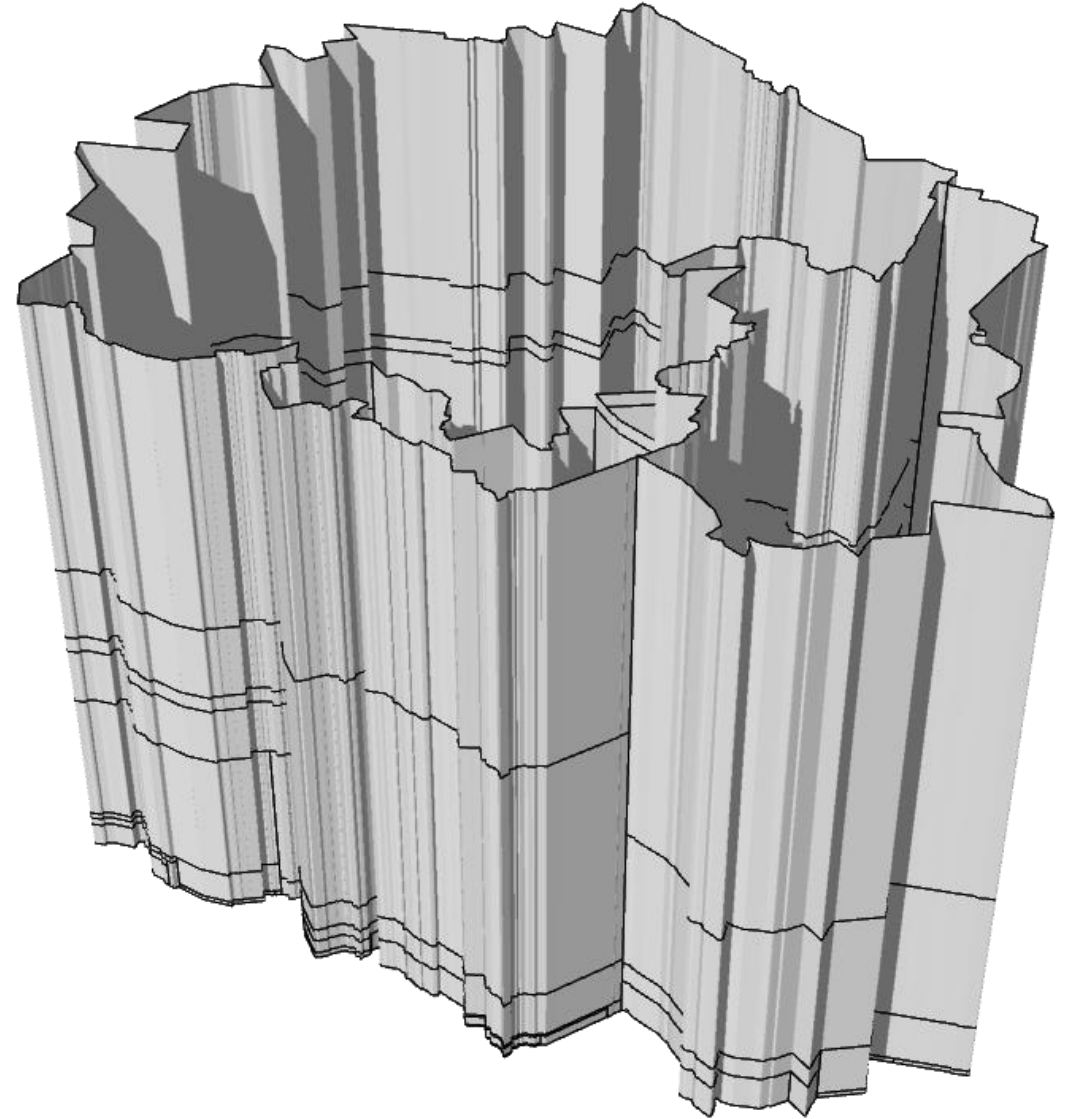
Design requirements

Restrictions placed on the method to make it suitable for use in a client-server architecture.

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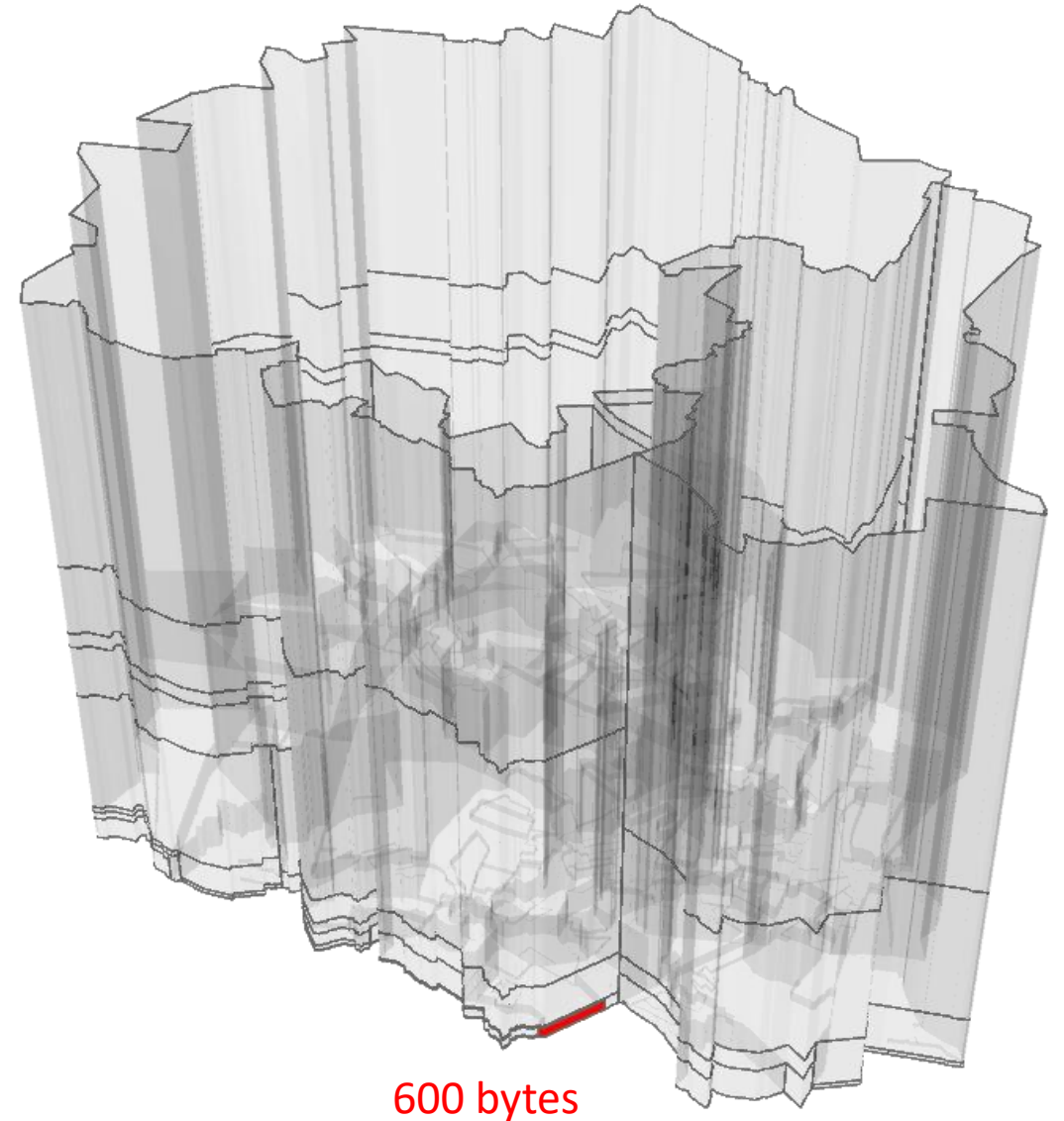
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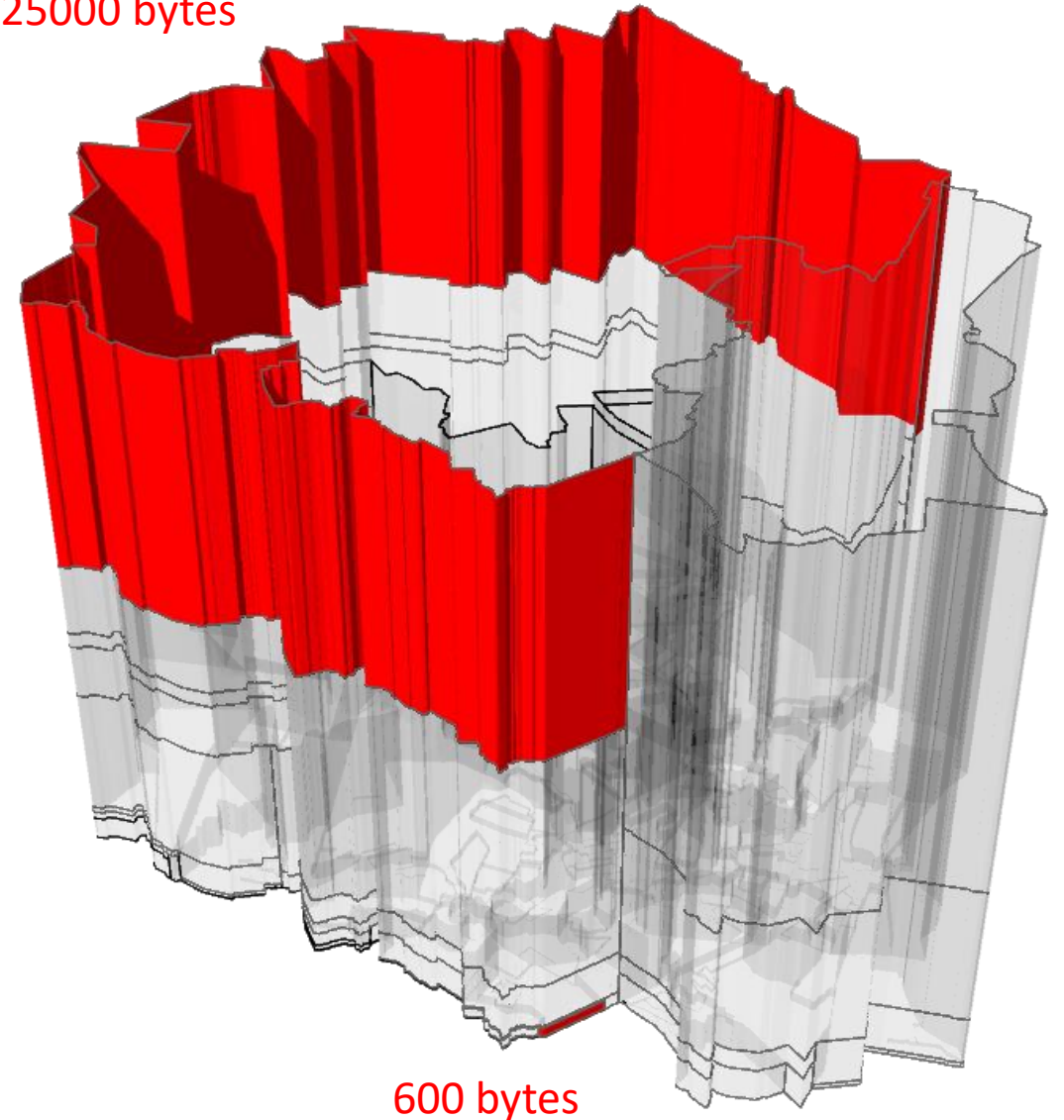


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600 bytes

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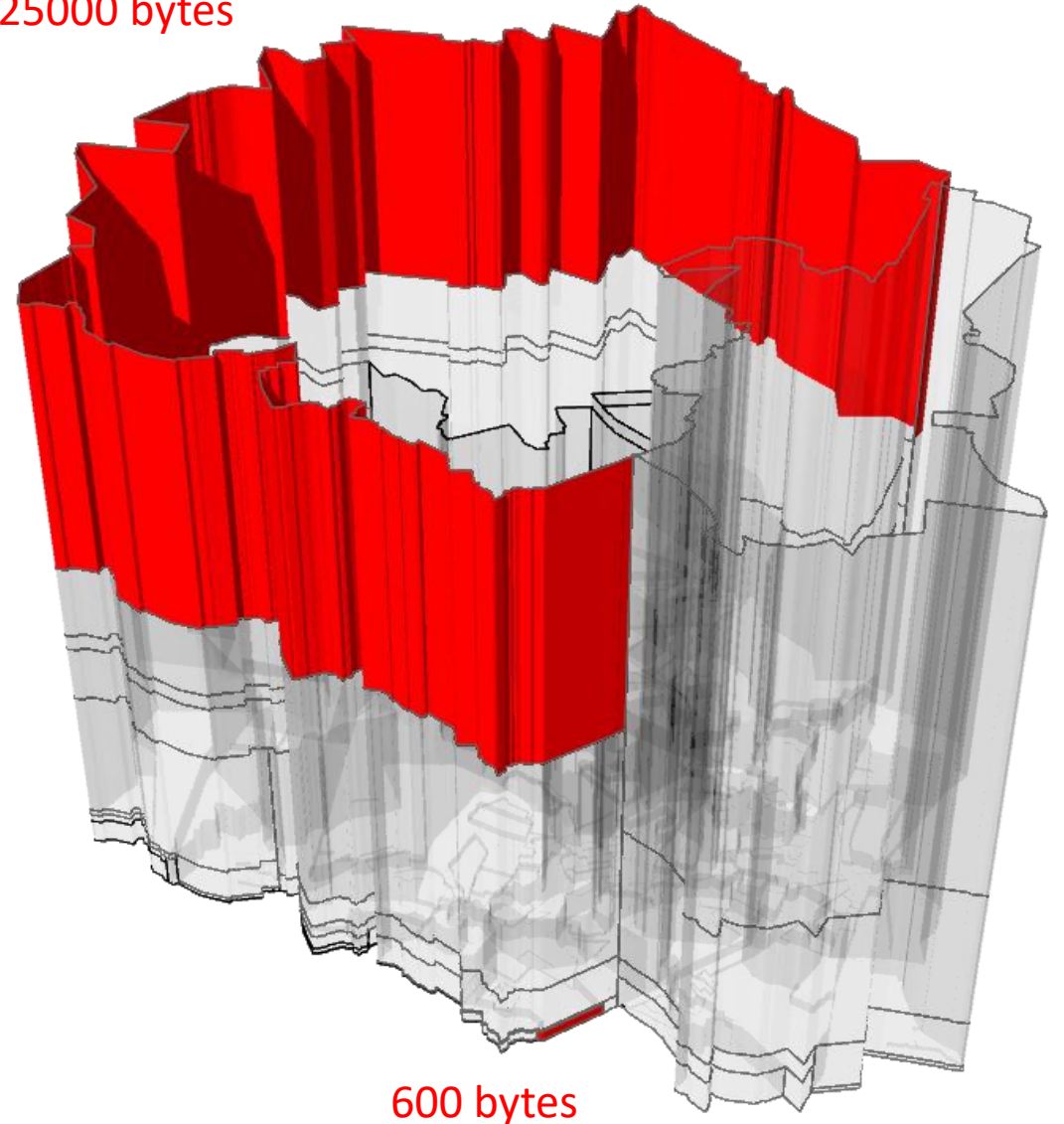
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Requirements for the index:

- Axis aligned BBOX
- Leaf nodes refer to packages
- Tree is balanced
- Full space utilization

25000 bytes



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Methodology

Pre-processing

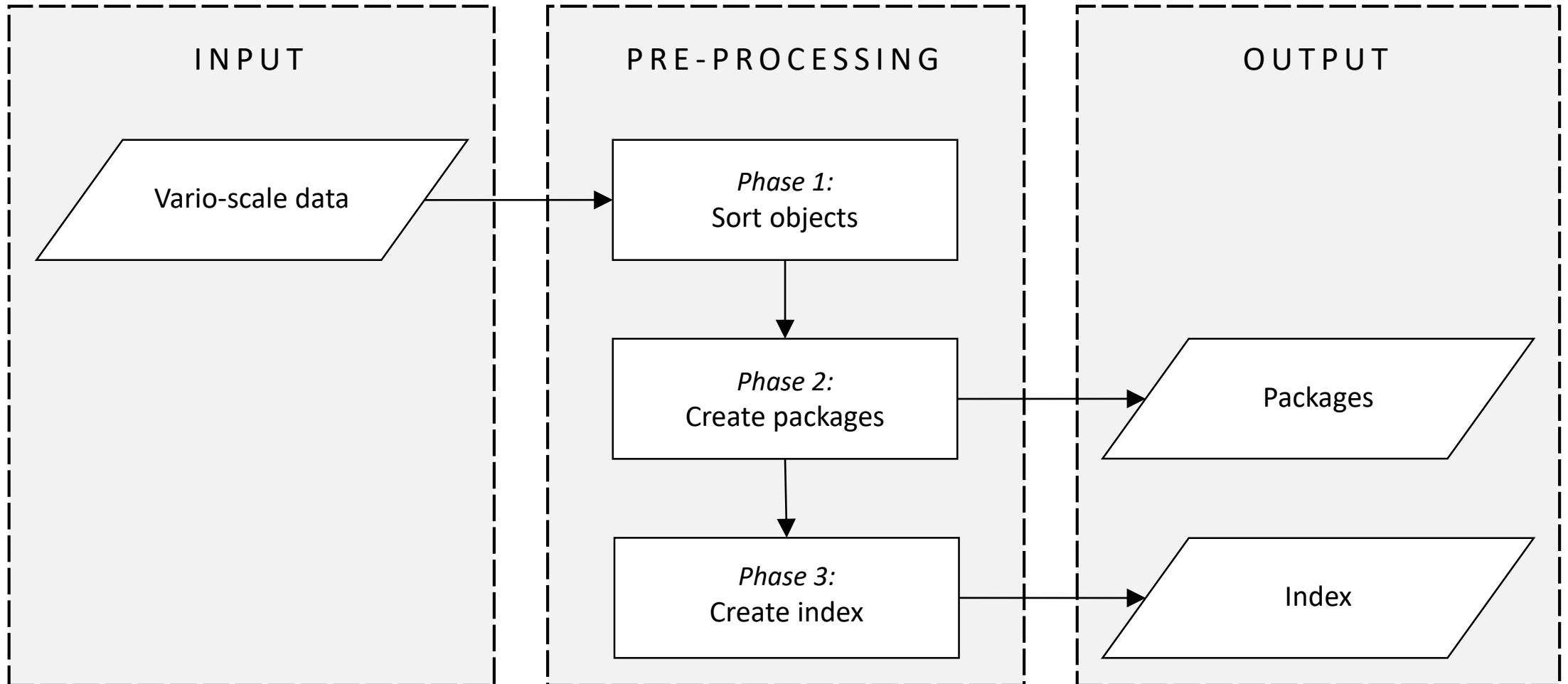
Creating the spatial index and the packages from the source data.

Using the structures

Use of the index structure by the client and processing the packages to make a map.

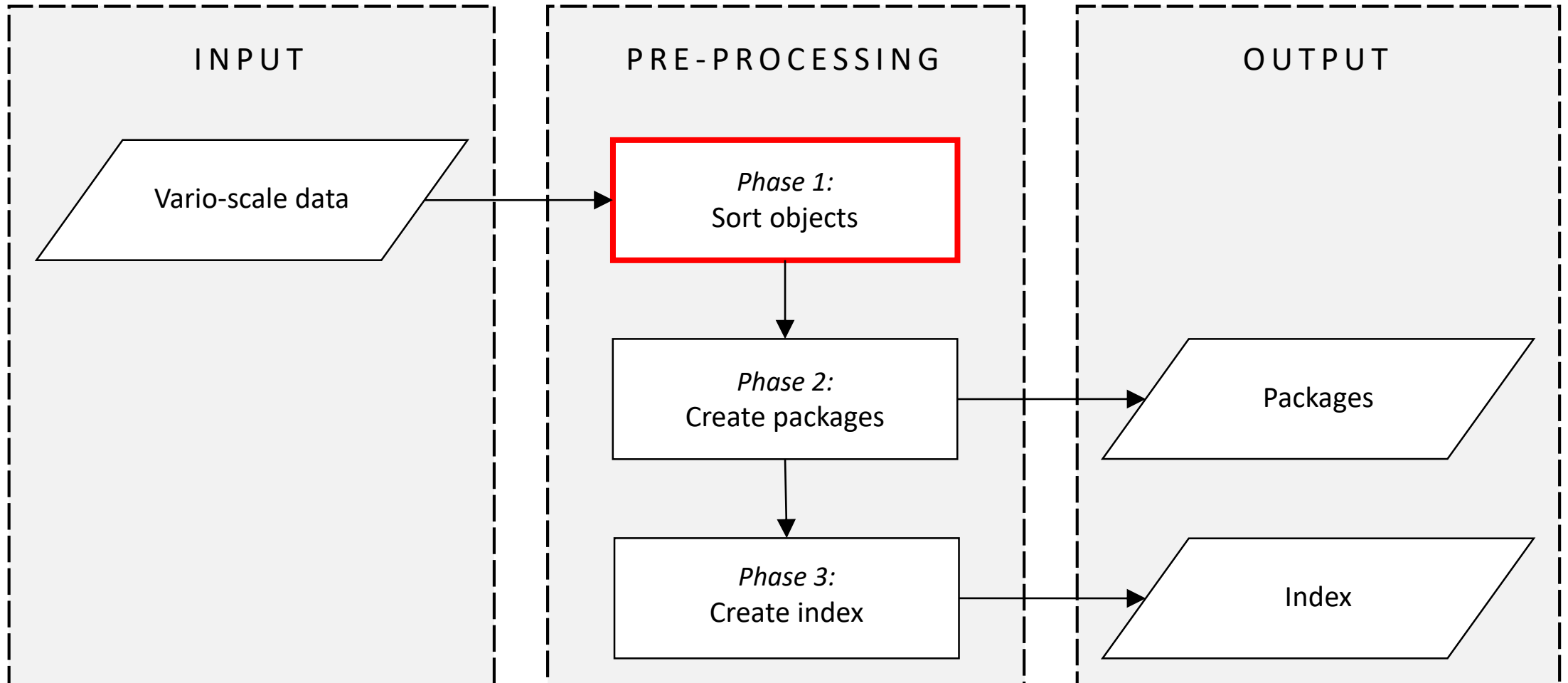
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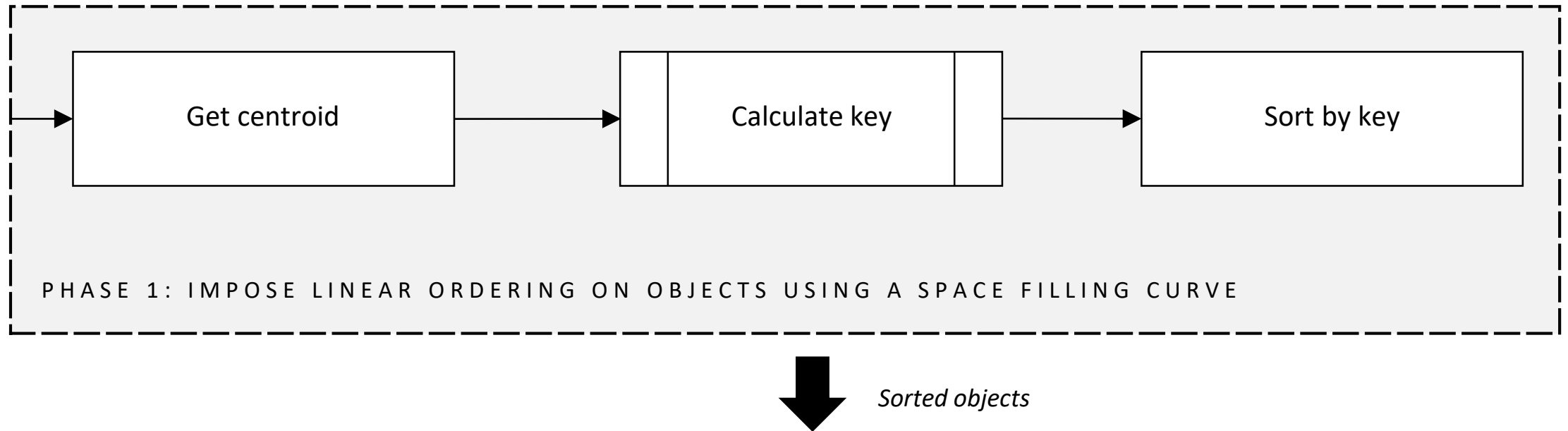
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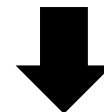
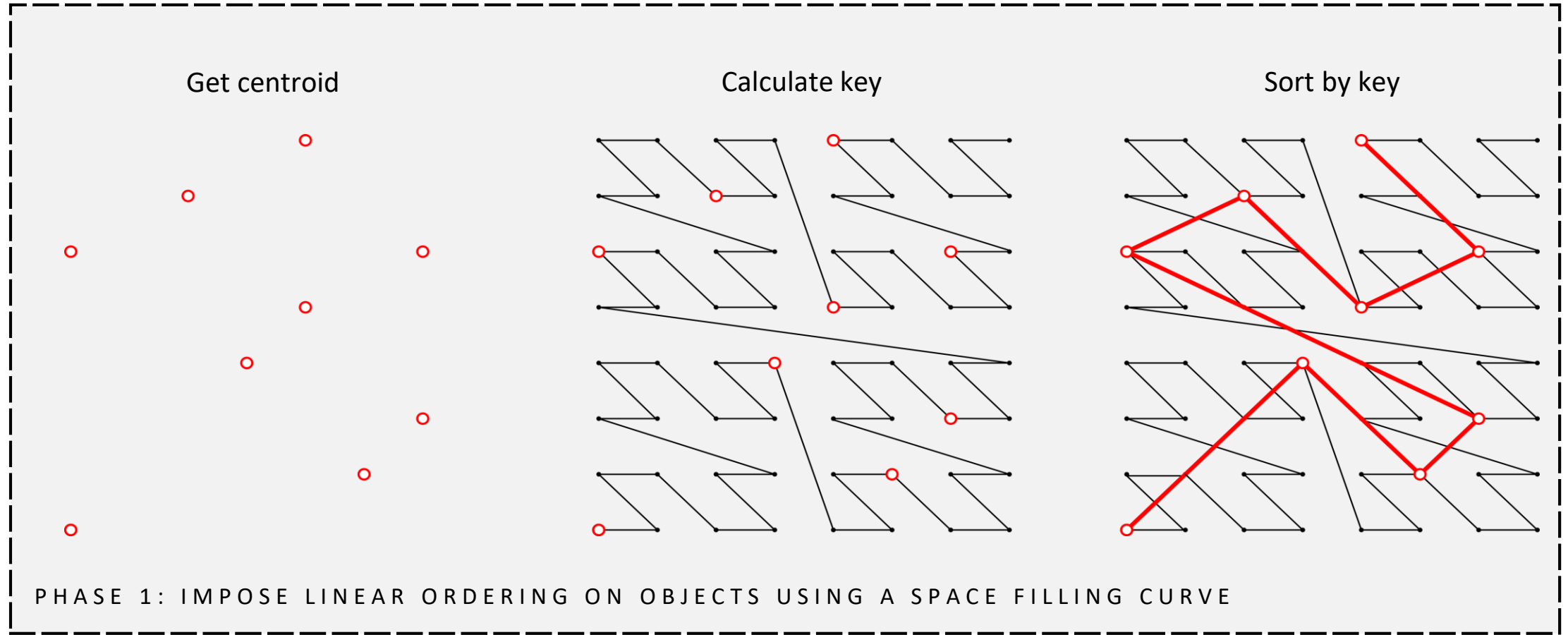
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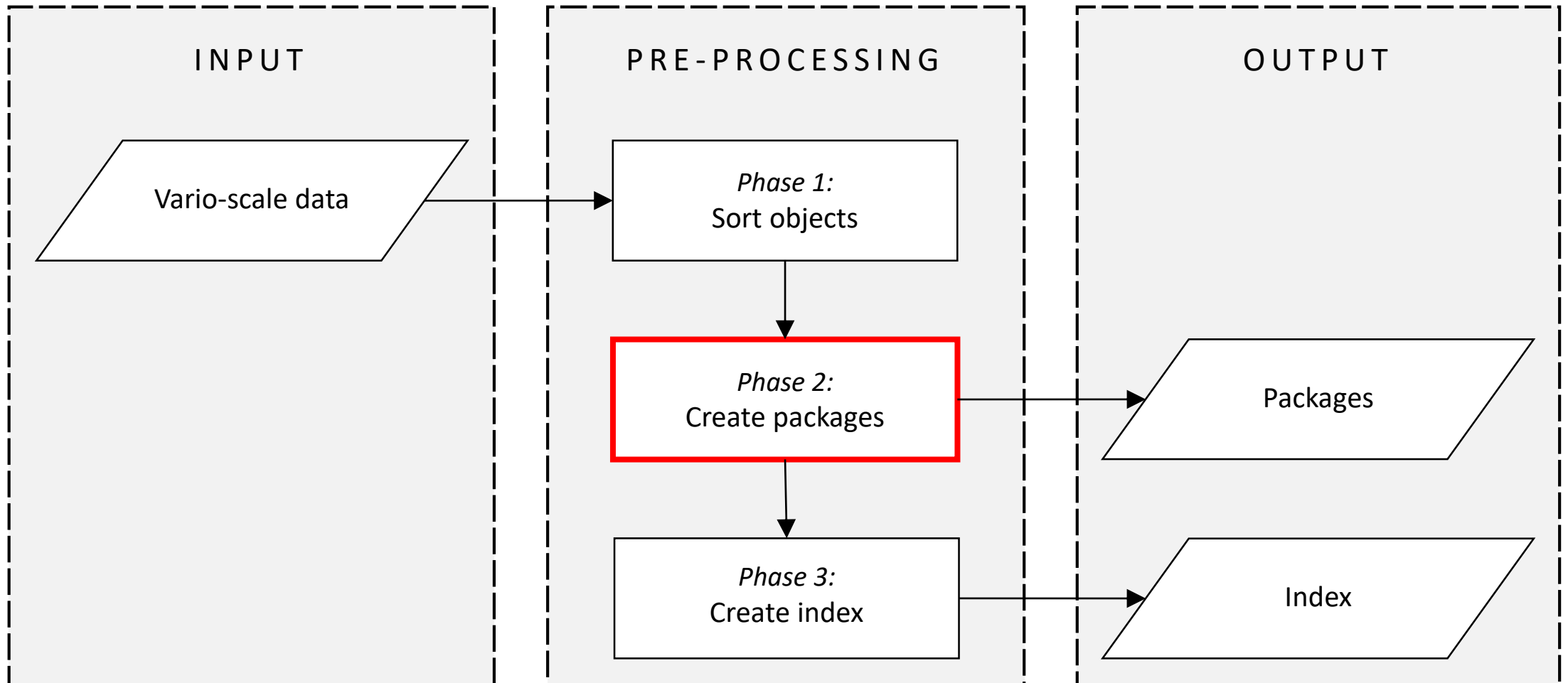
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Sorted objects

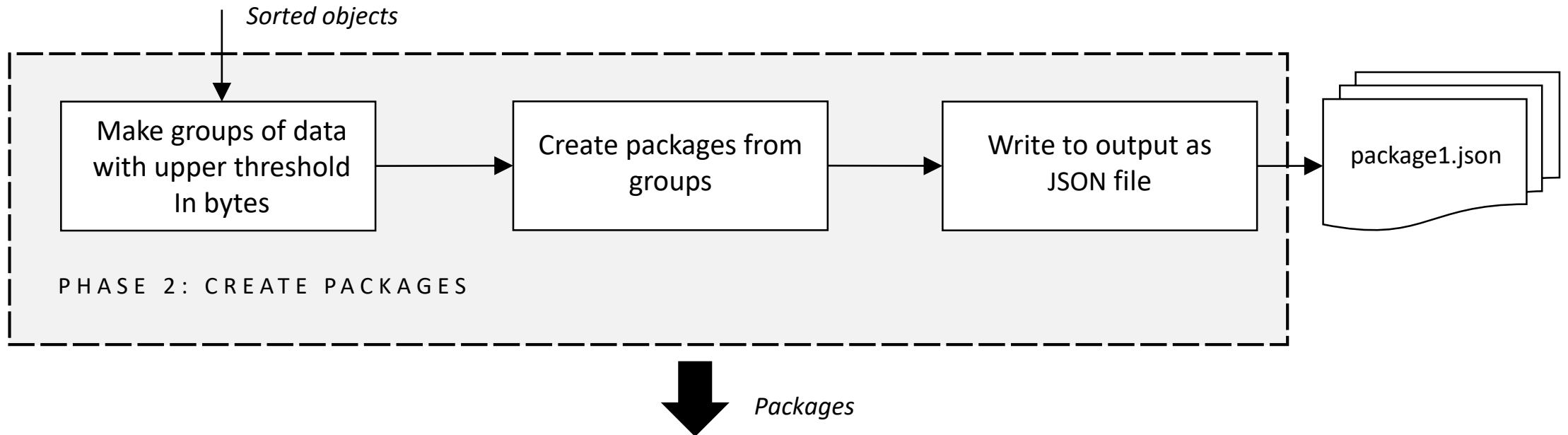
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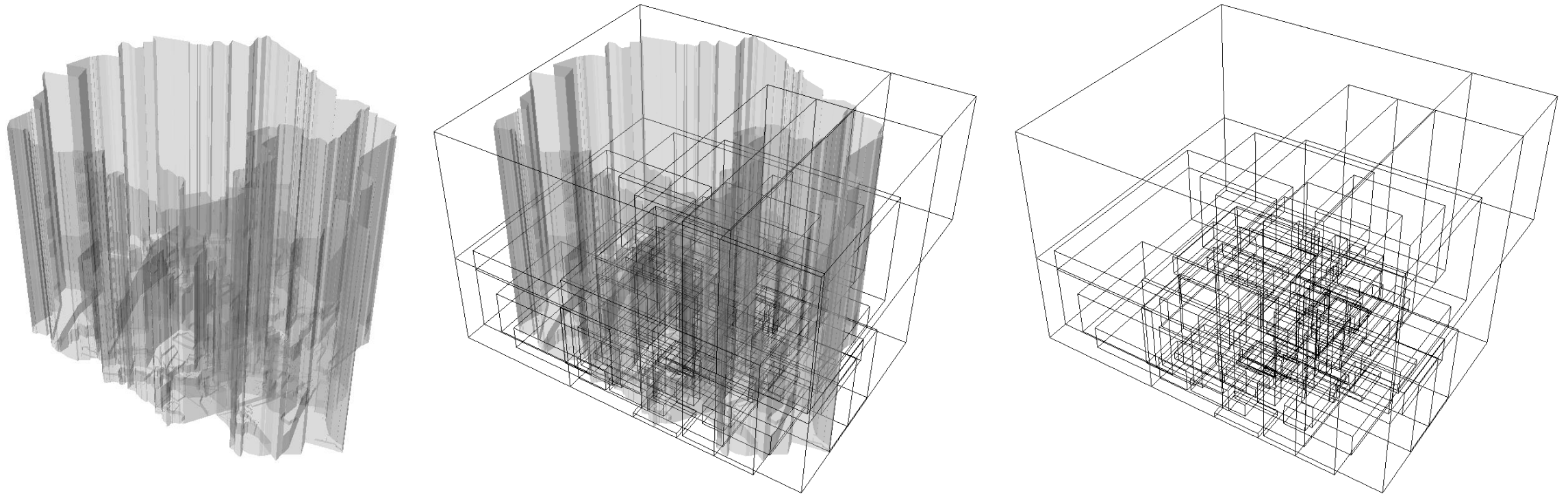
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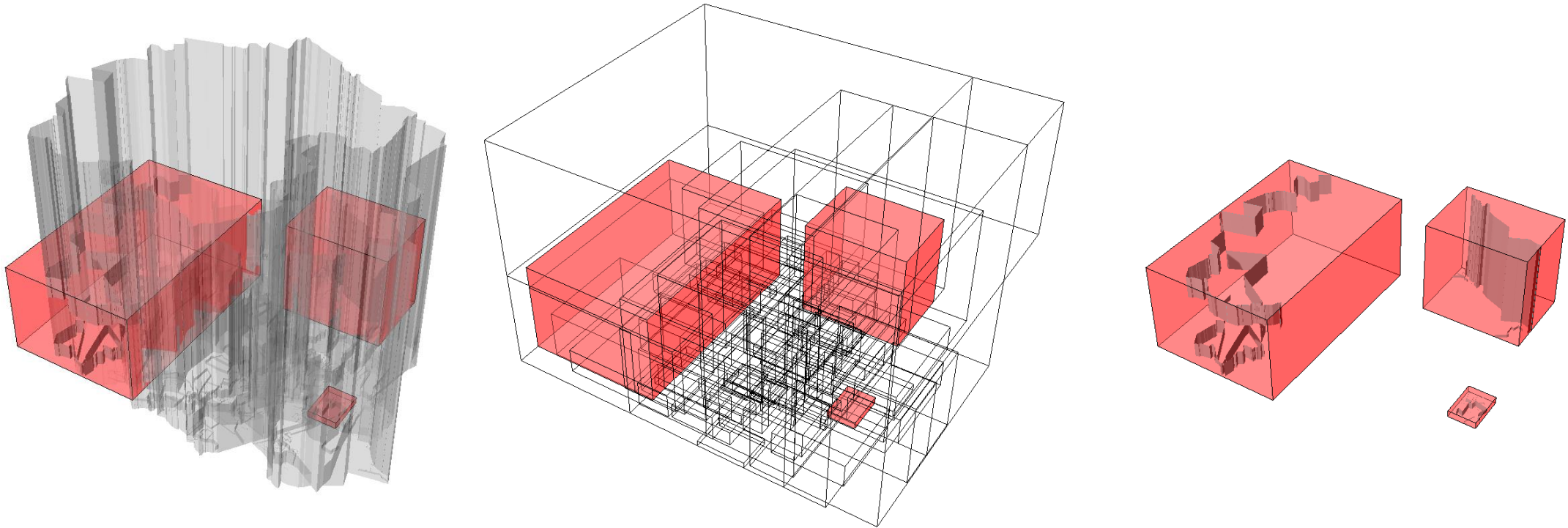
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Example of clustering



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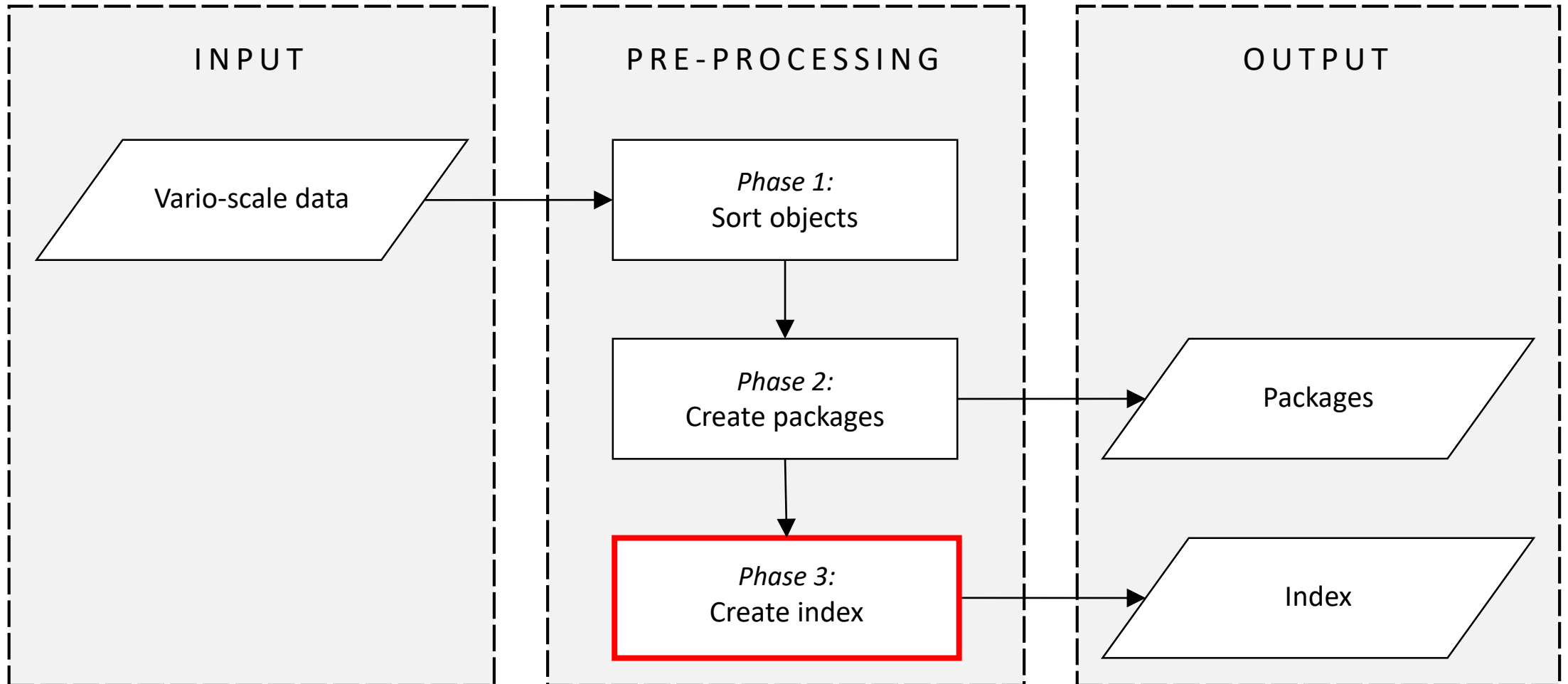
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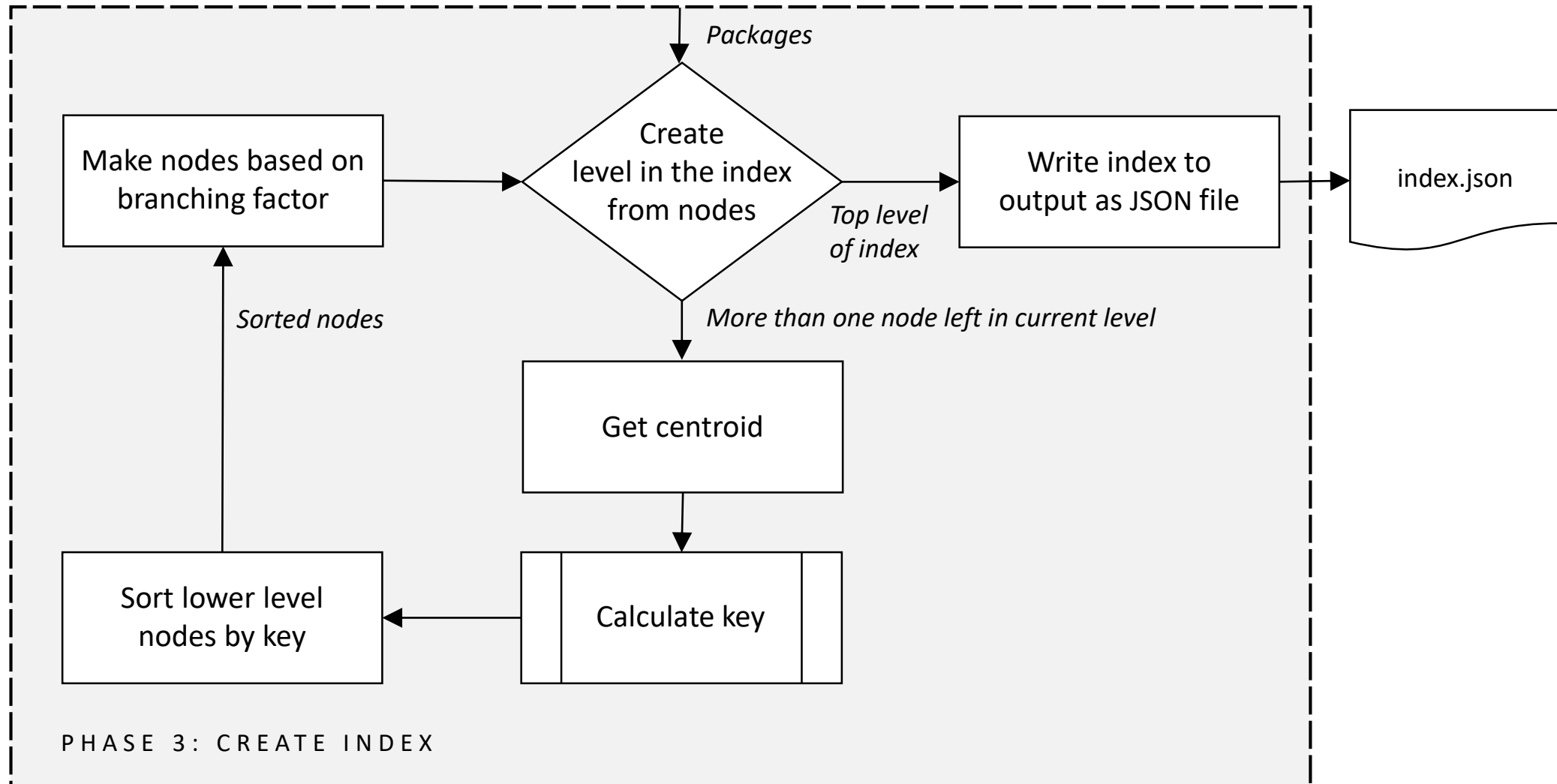
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PHASE 3: CREATE INDEX

Input: Sorted packages



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Step 1: Make groups based on branching factor

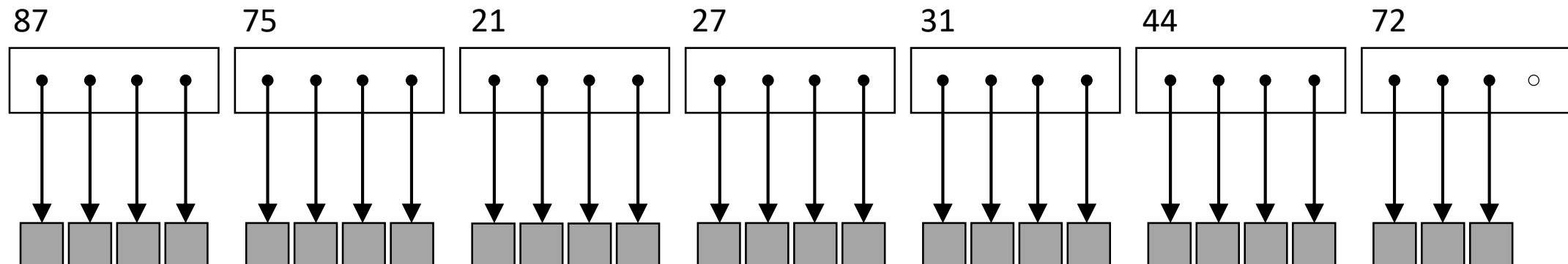


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Step 2: Create nodes and calculate key value for each node

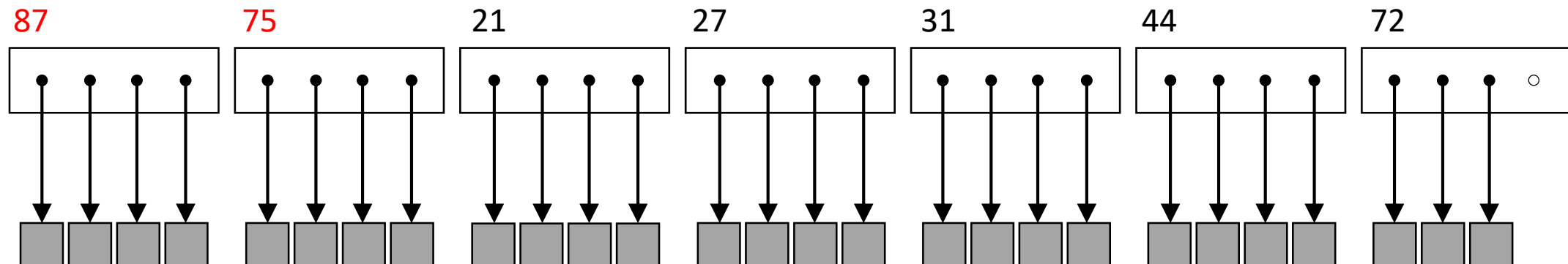


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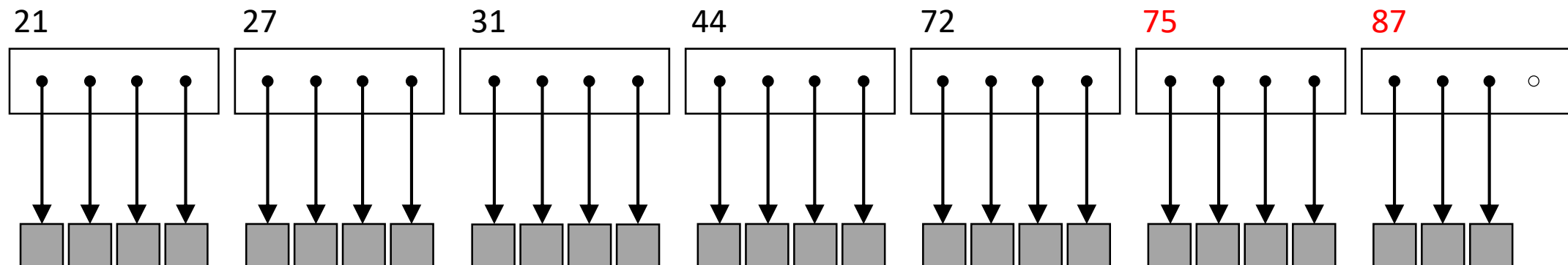


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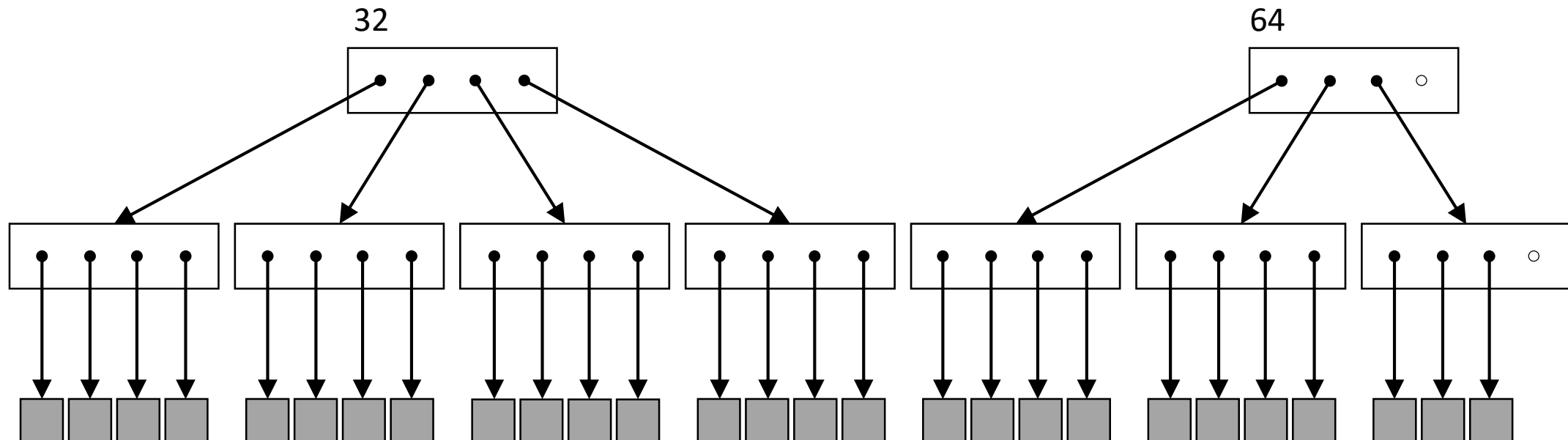


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Step 4: Recursively create higher level nodes until root node is reached

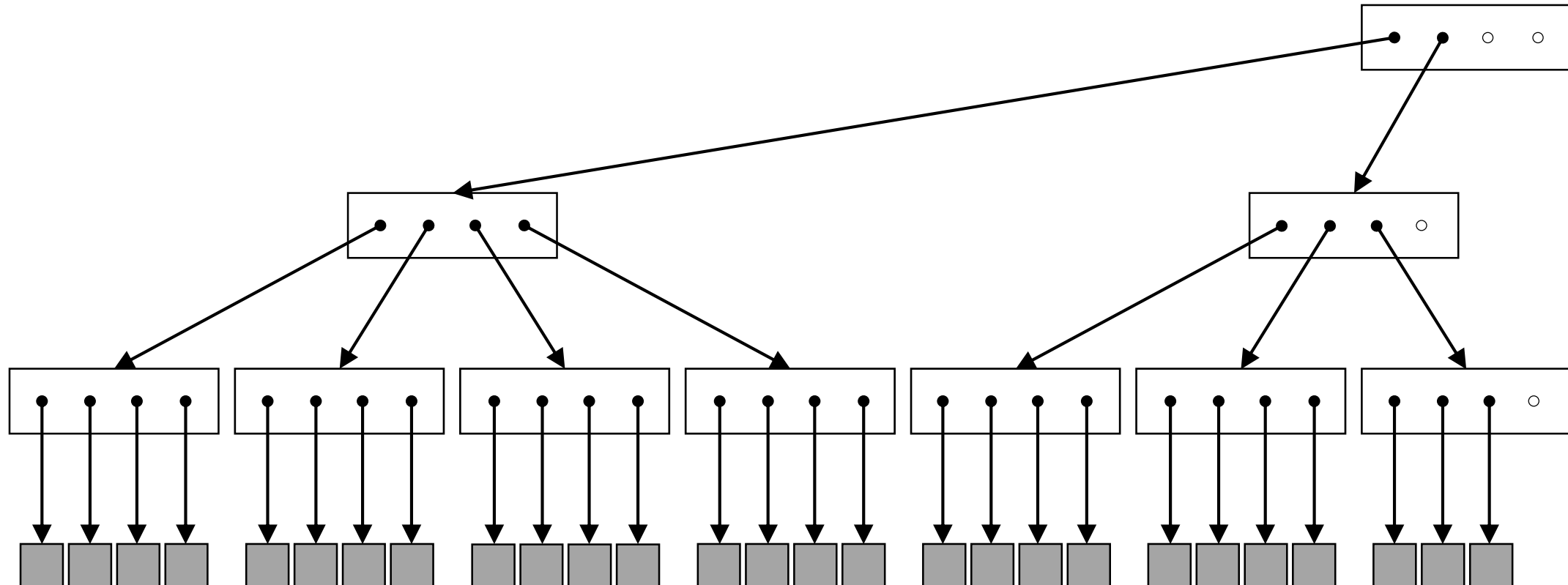


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Full index



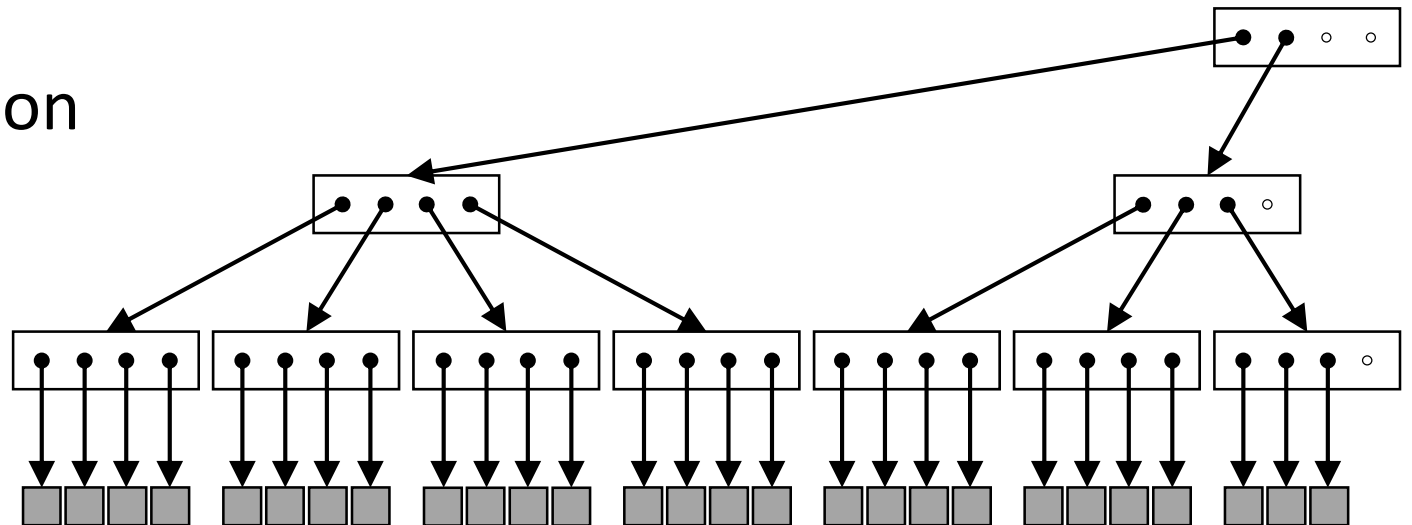
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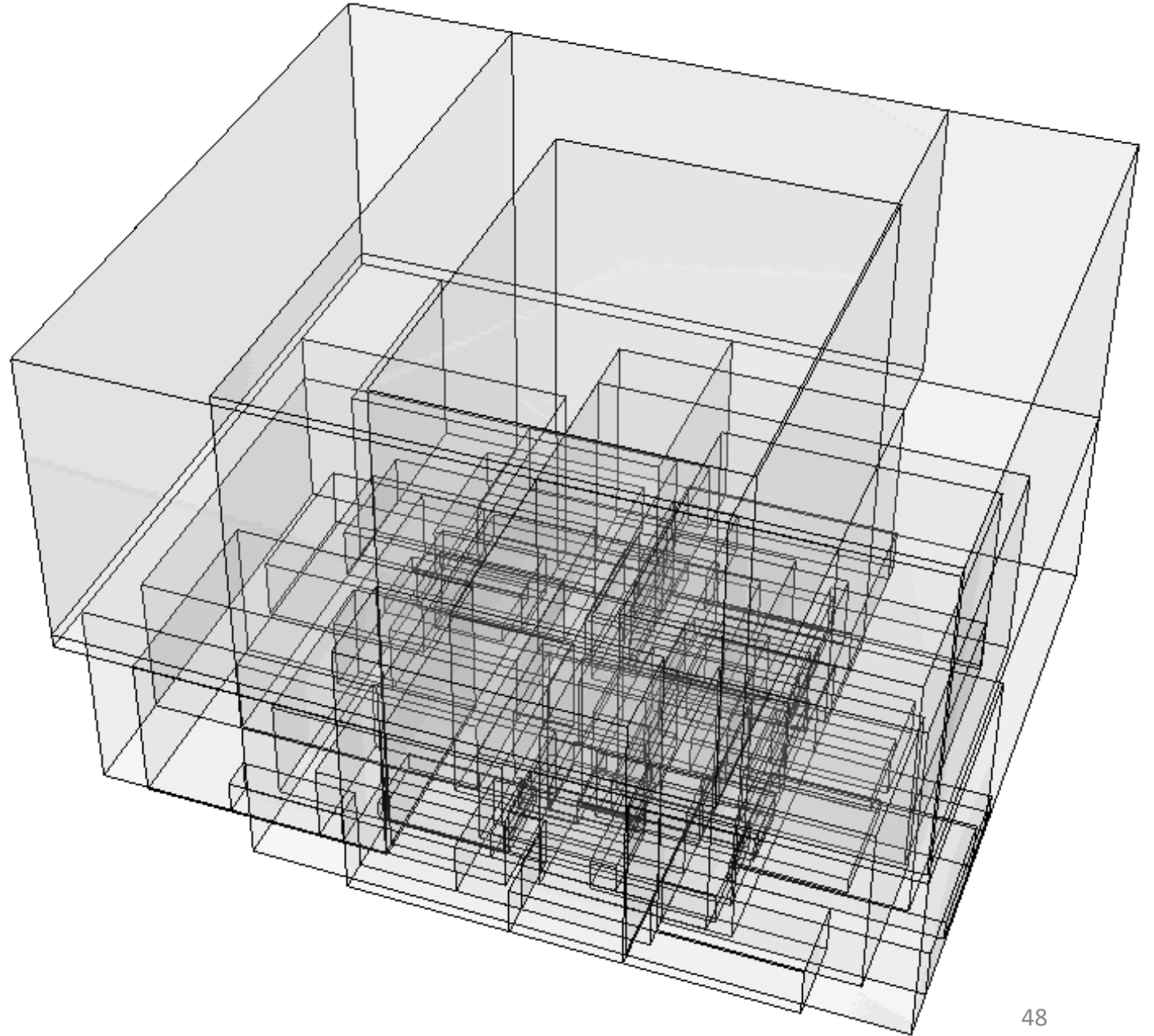
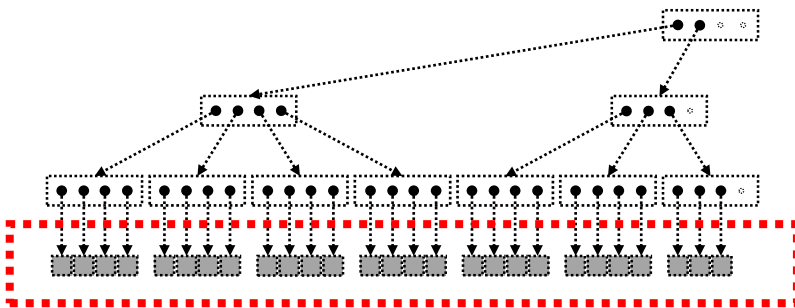
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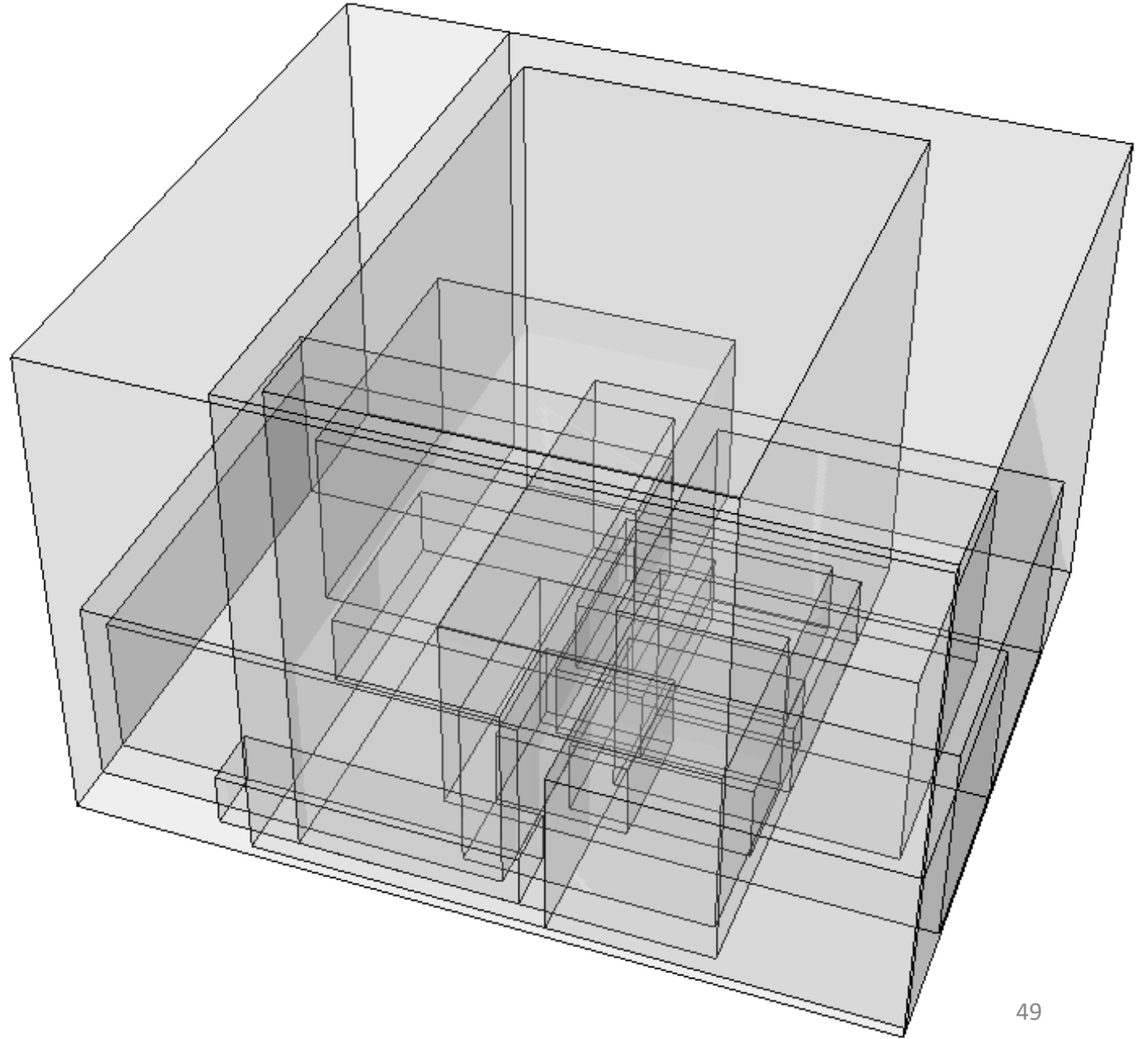
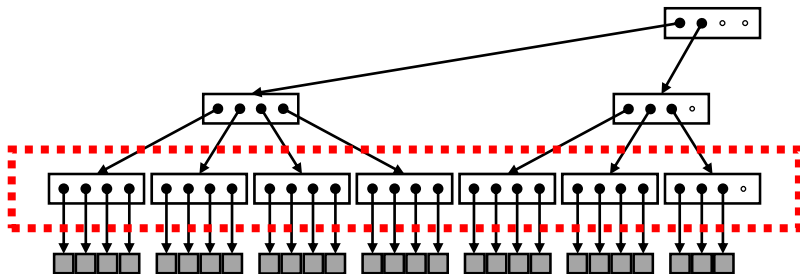
- Packages



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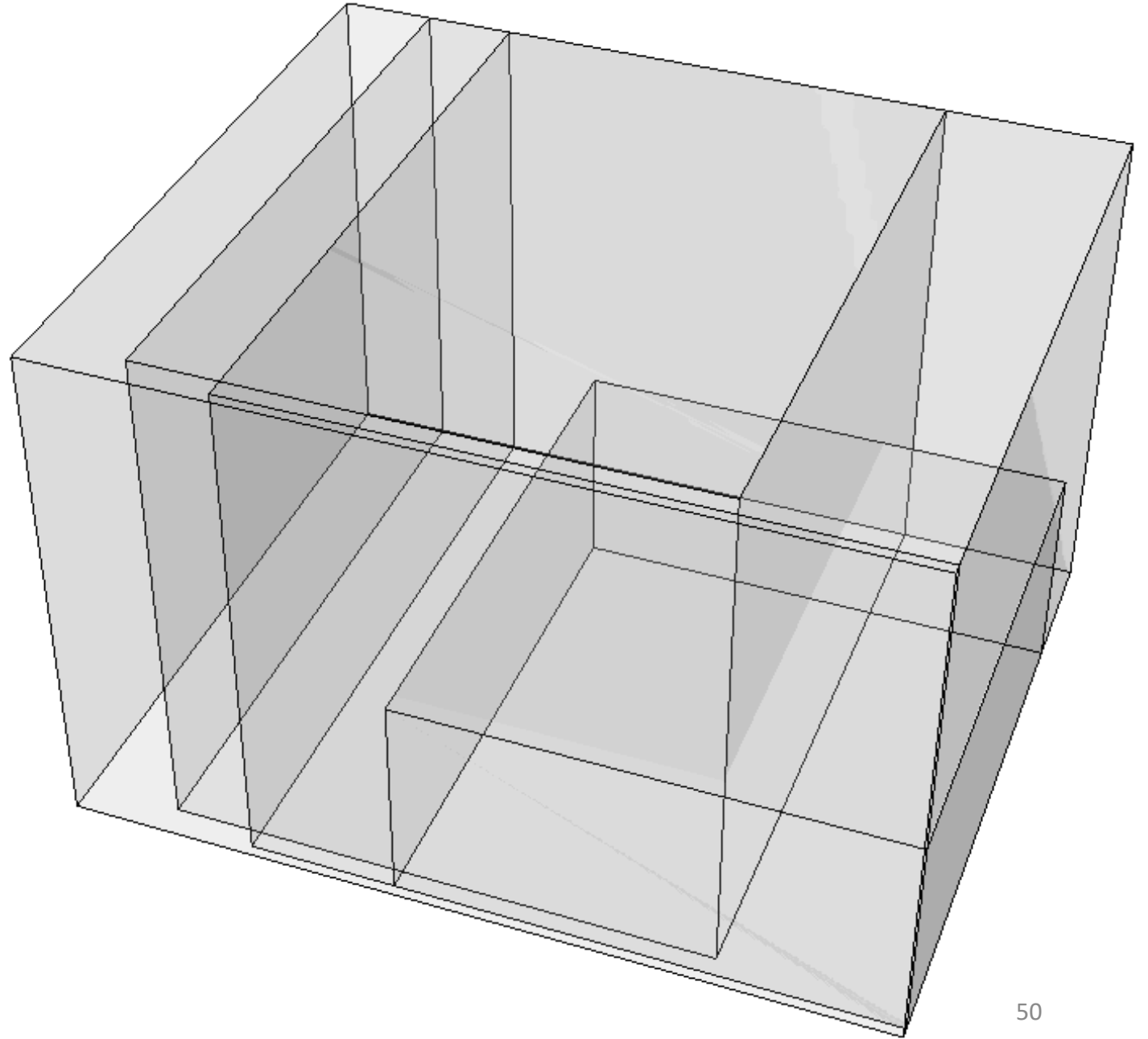
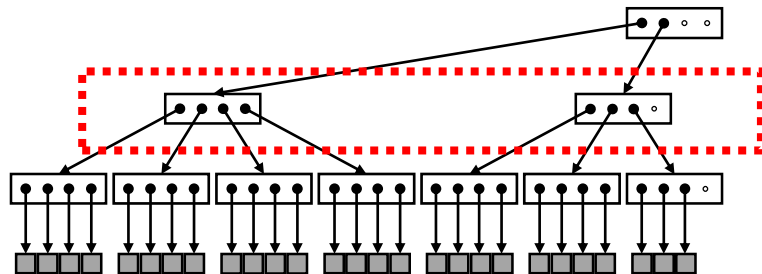
- Leaf nodes



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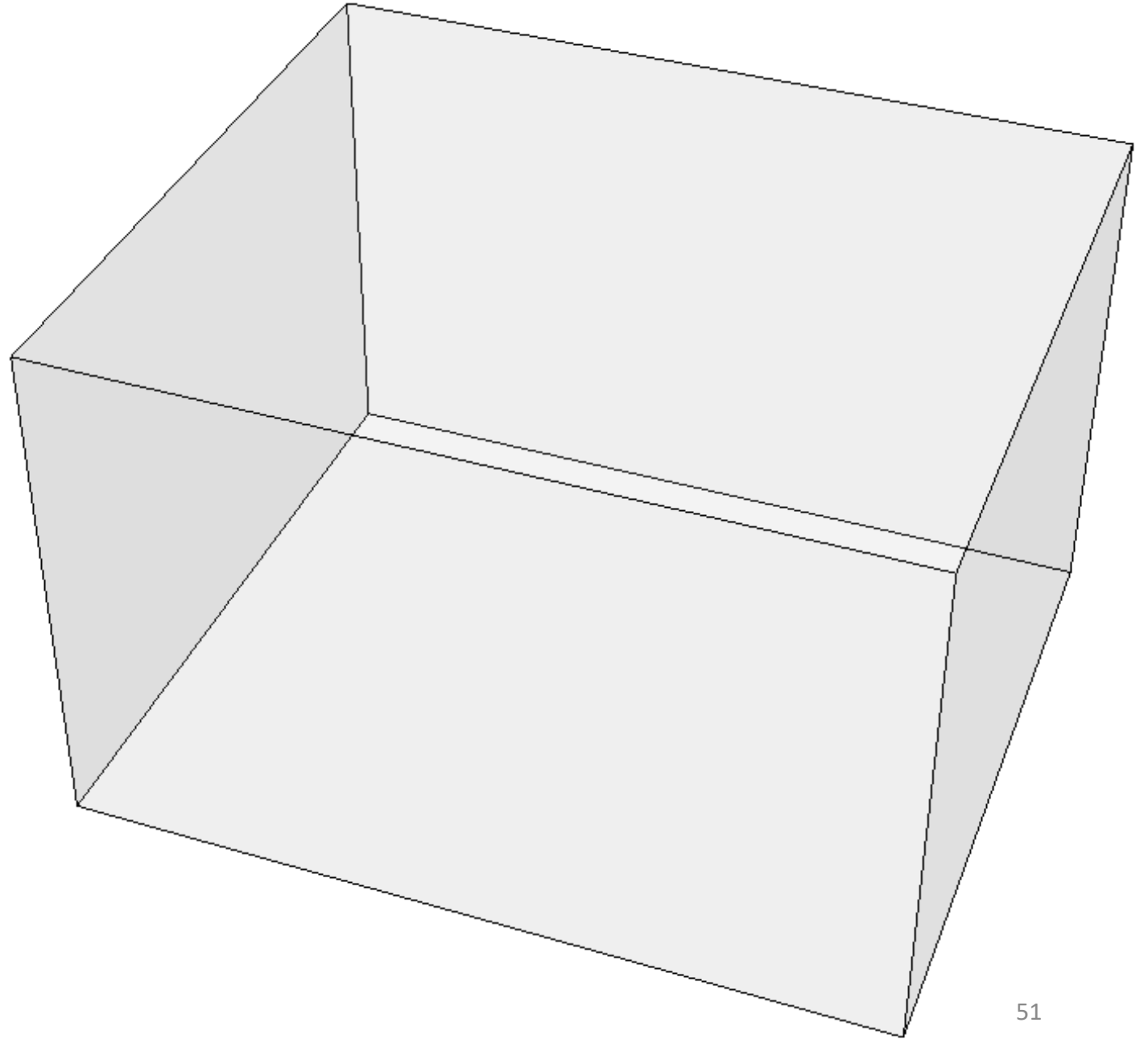
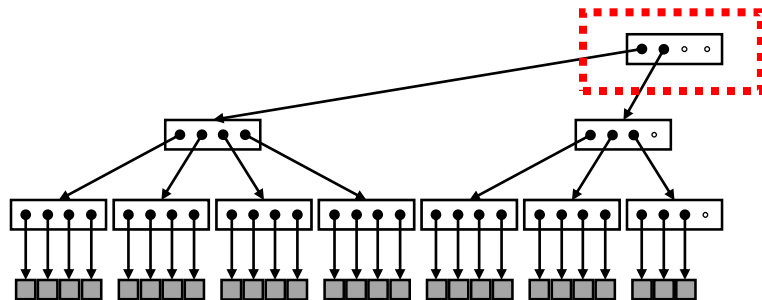
- Level one nodes



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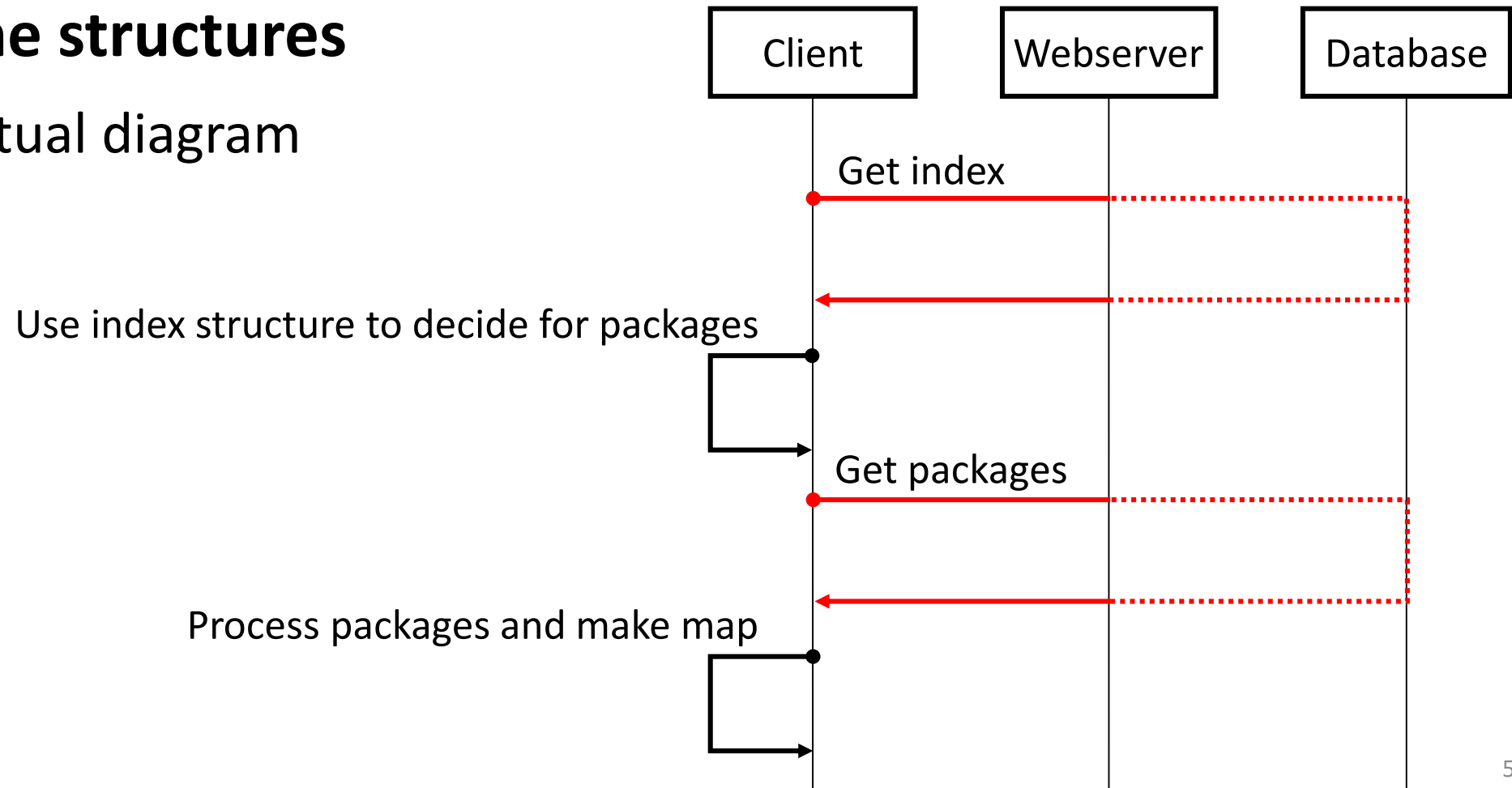
- Root node



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Using the structures

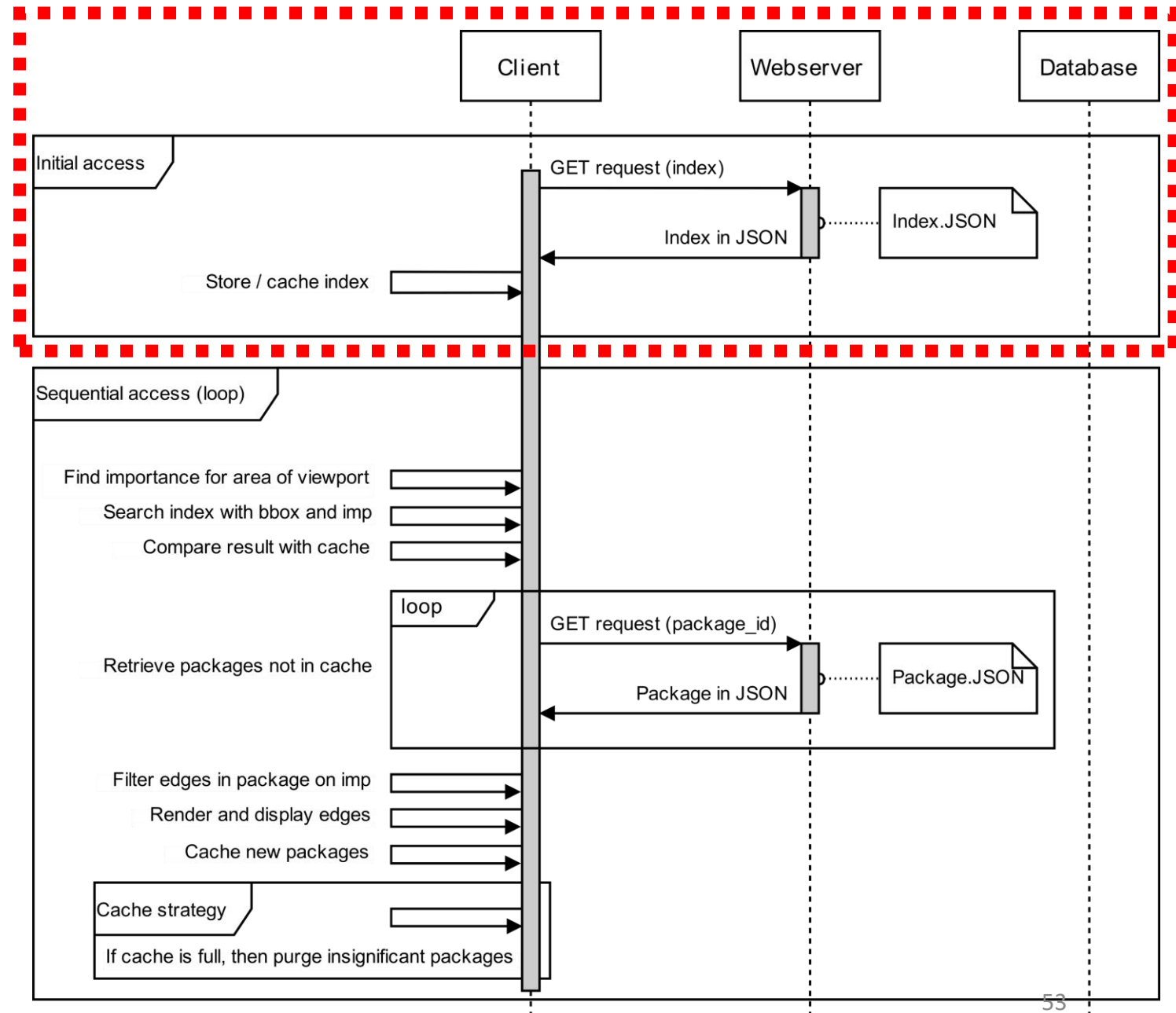
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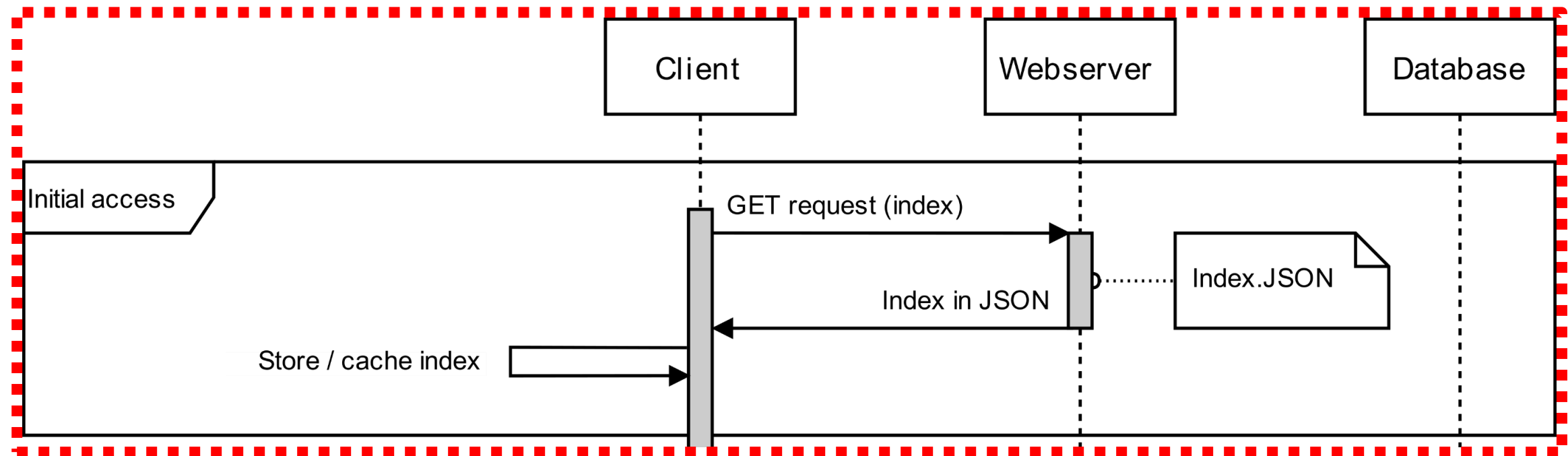
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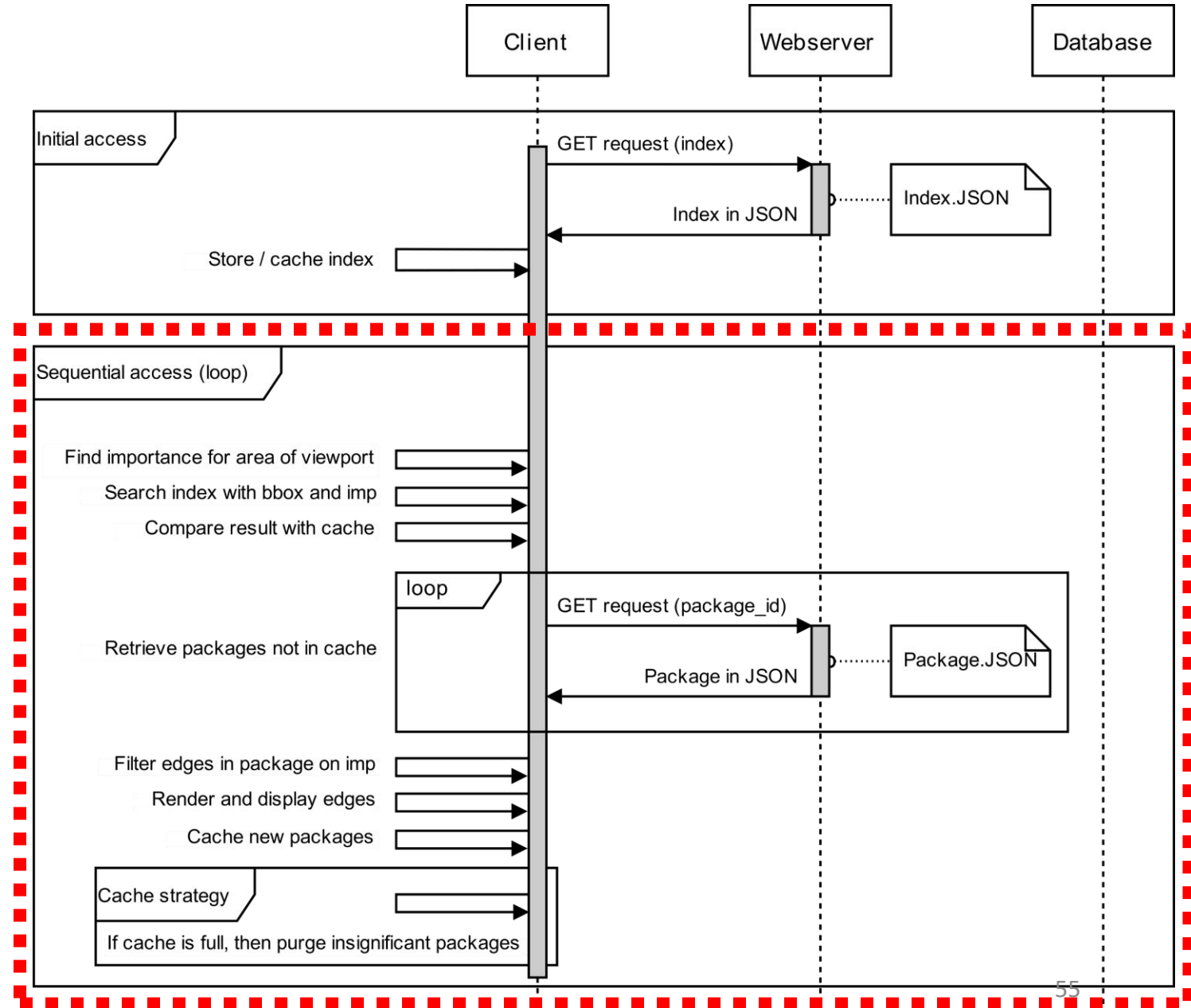
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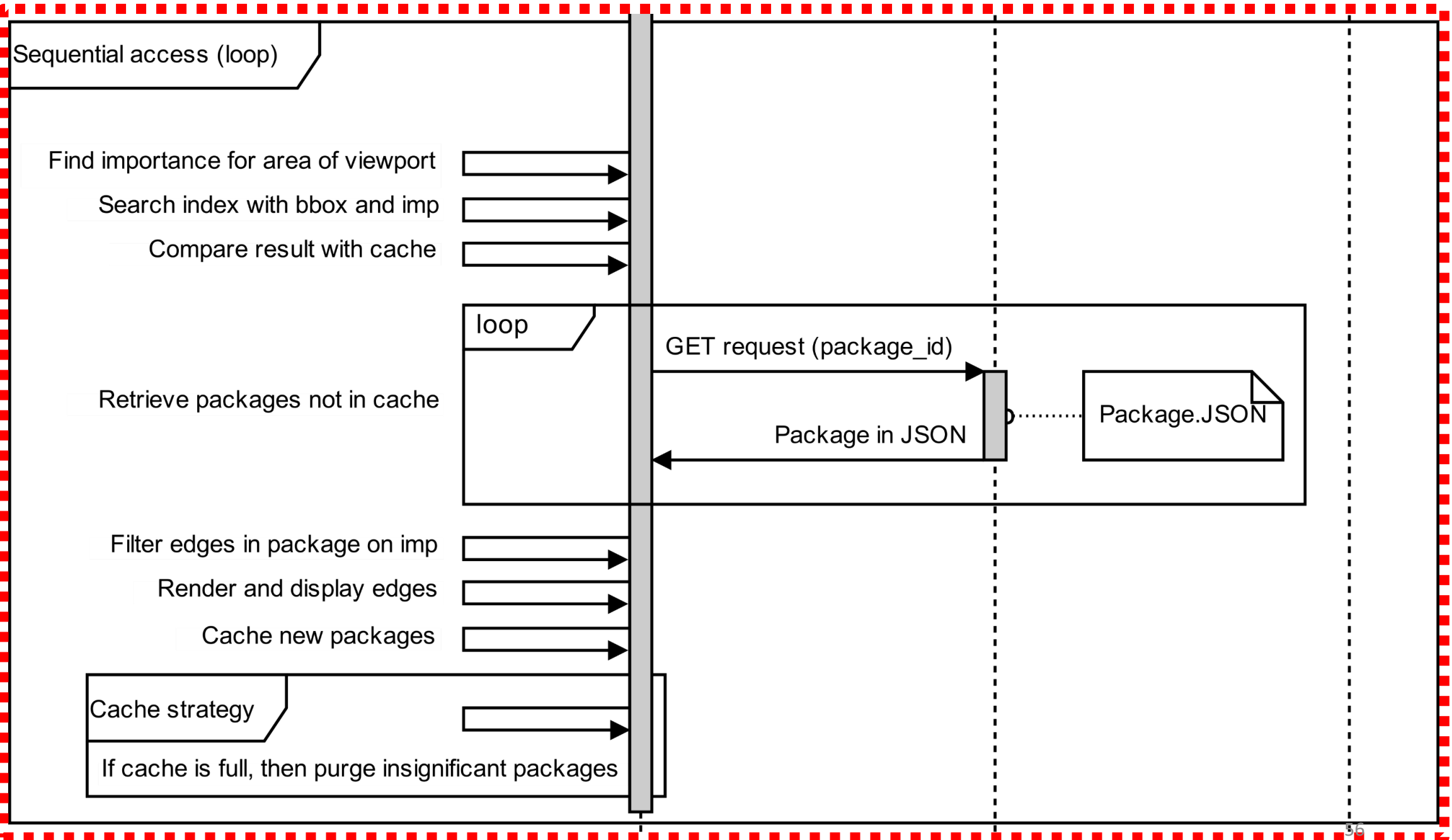


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Thesis project

tGAP (topological Generalized Area Partition) clients:

- [Current client: Option A - ringCreator \(edges + faces\)](#)
- [Current client: Option A - only edges](#)
- [New client: Option P](#)

Prototype

Developer Tools - http://localhost:5000/a/

Elements

Console

Sources

Network

Timeline

Profiles

Application

Security

Audits

AdBlock

View:

Preserve log

Disable cache

Offline

No throttling

Filter

Regex

Hide data URLs

All

XHR

JS

CSS

Img

Media

Font

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WS

Manifest

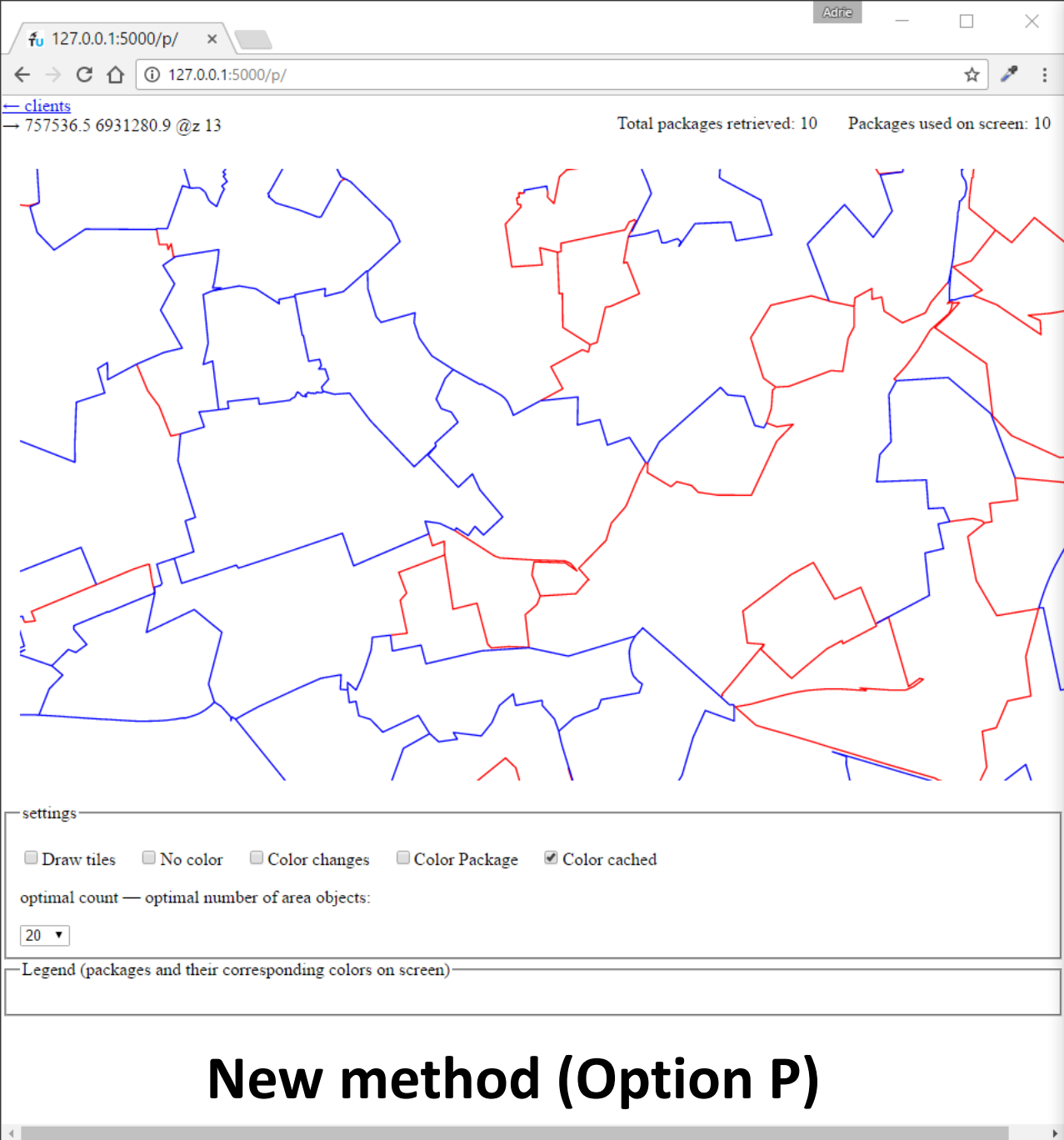
Other

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Elements Console Sources Network Timeline Profiles Application Security Audits AdBlock

View: [Icons] Preserve log [] Disable cache [] Offline No throttling

Filter [] Regex [] Hide data URLs All [XHR] JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Timeline – Start Time	20.00 s	30.00 s
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34 / 39 requests | 734 KB / 813 KB transferred | Finish: 31.41 s | DOMContentLoaded: 170 ms | Load: 169 ms

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Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Timeline	Start Time	10.00 s	15.00 s	20.00 s	25.00 s	30.00 s
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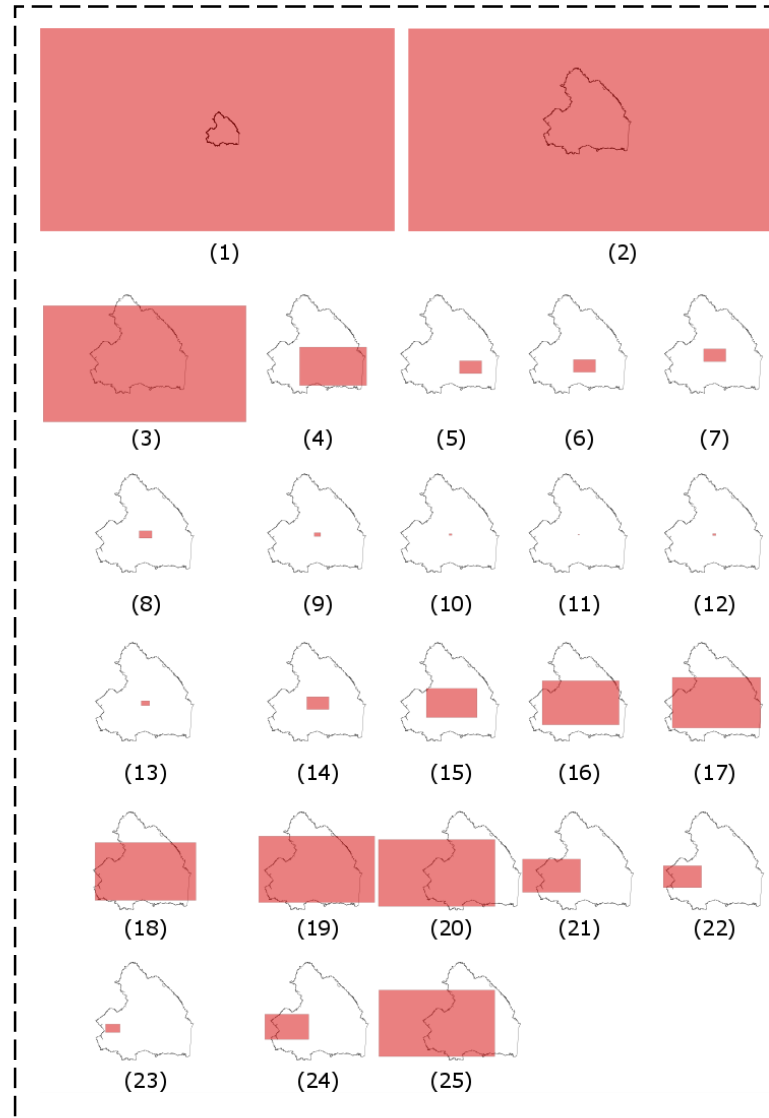
Validation

Scenario 1

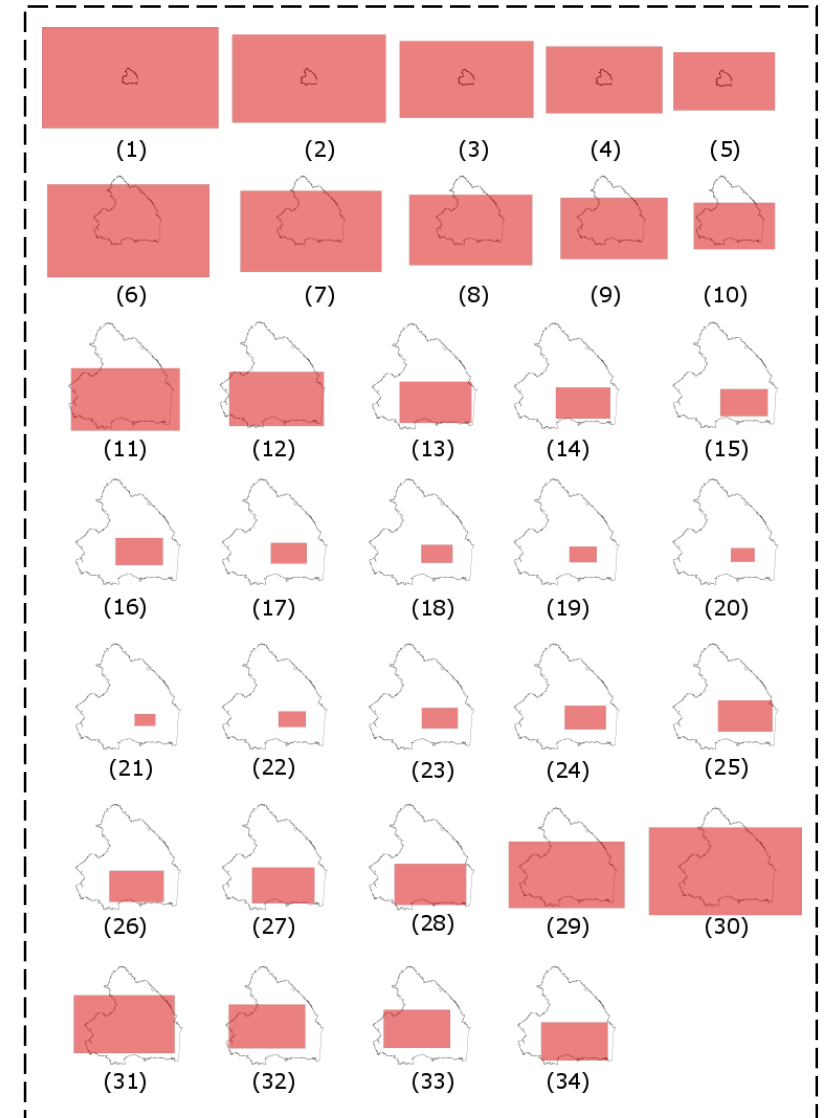
Exploring: Quickly zoom and pan.

Scenario 2

Gradual zoom and pan around area of interest.

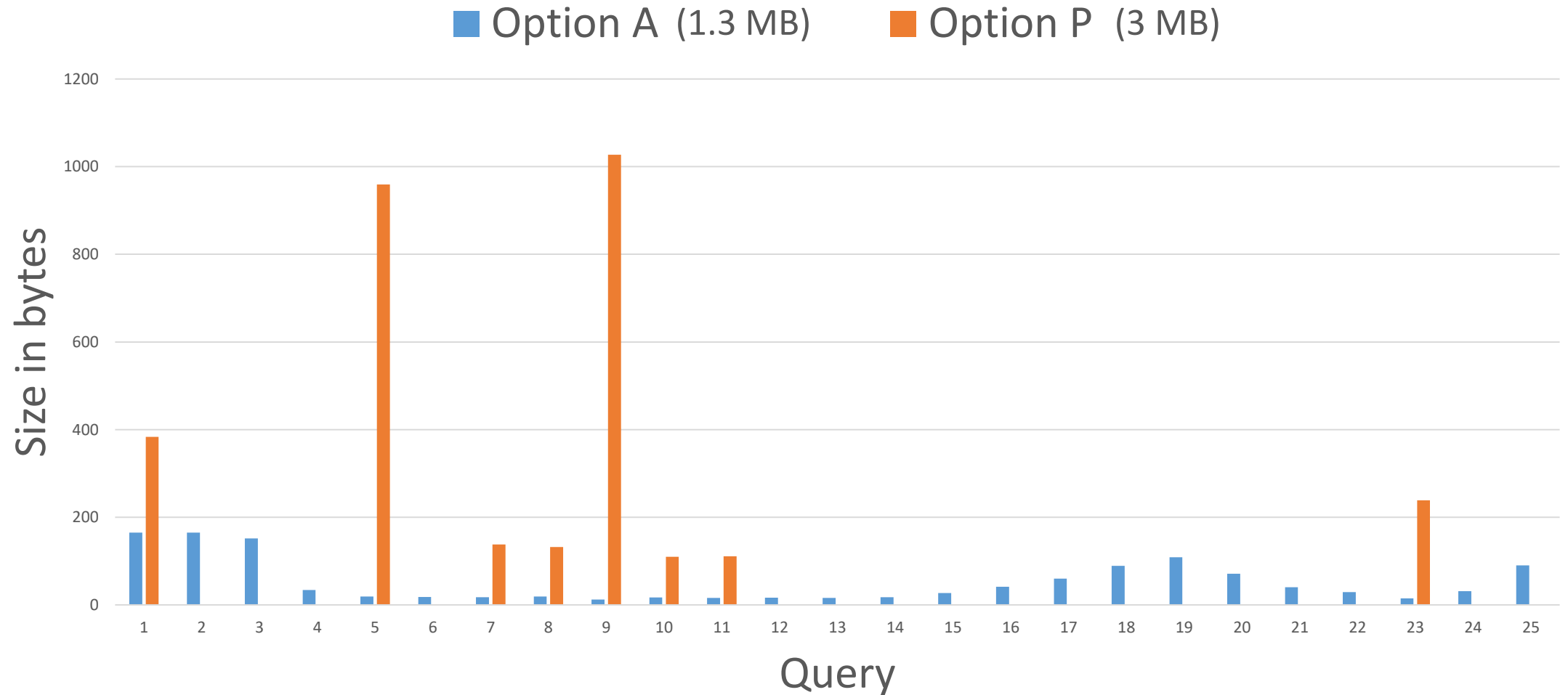


Scenario 1

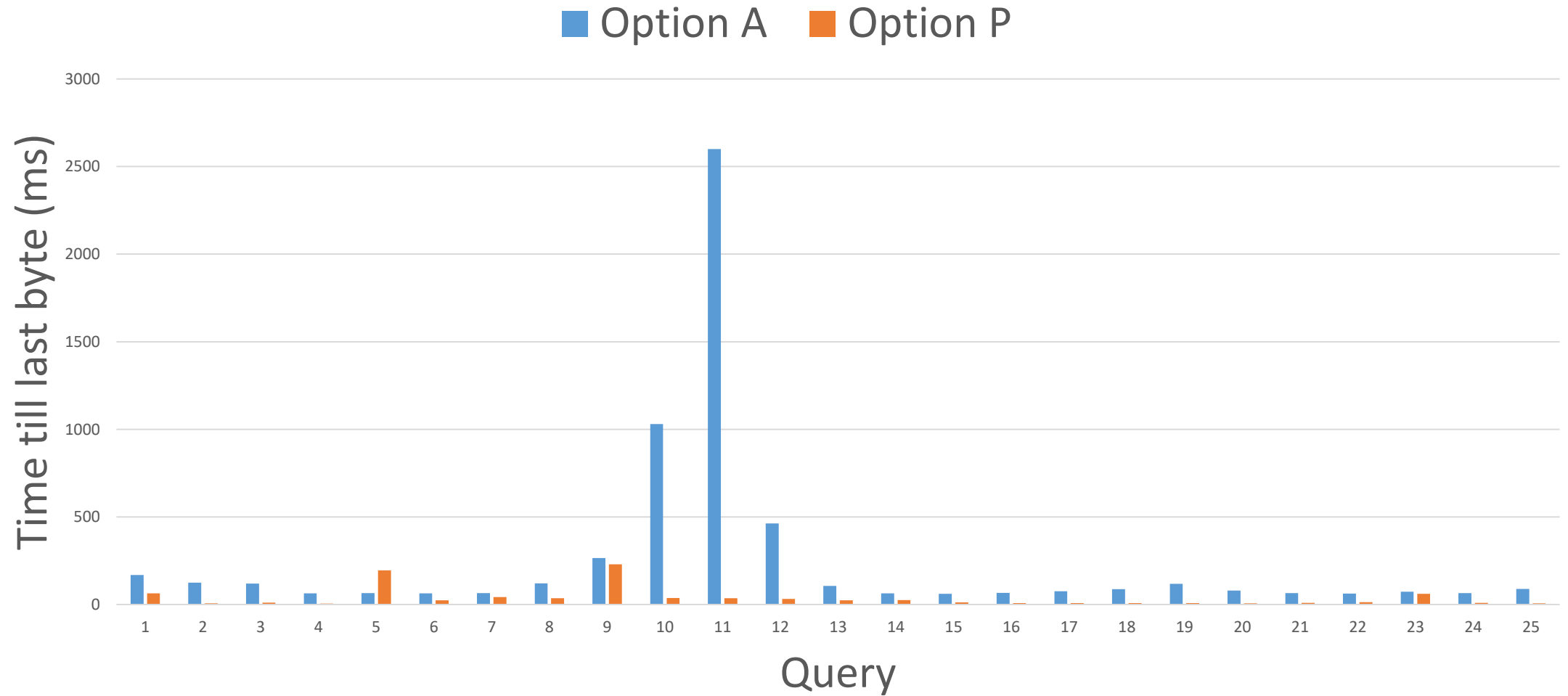


Scenario 2

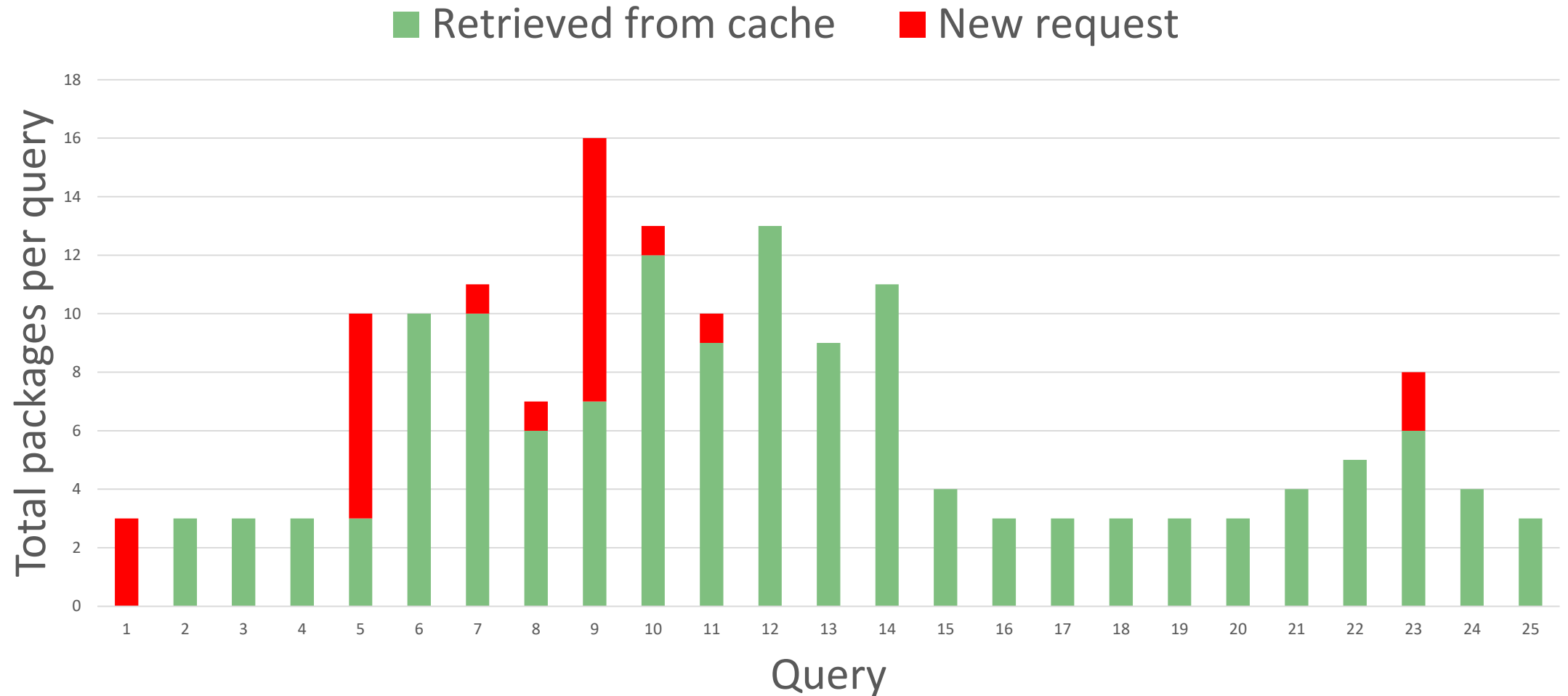
Scenario 1: Data transfers



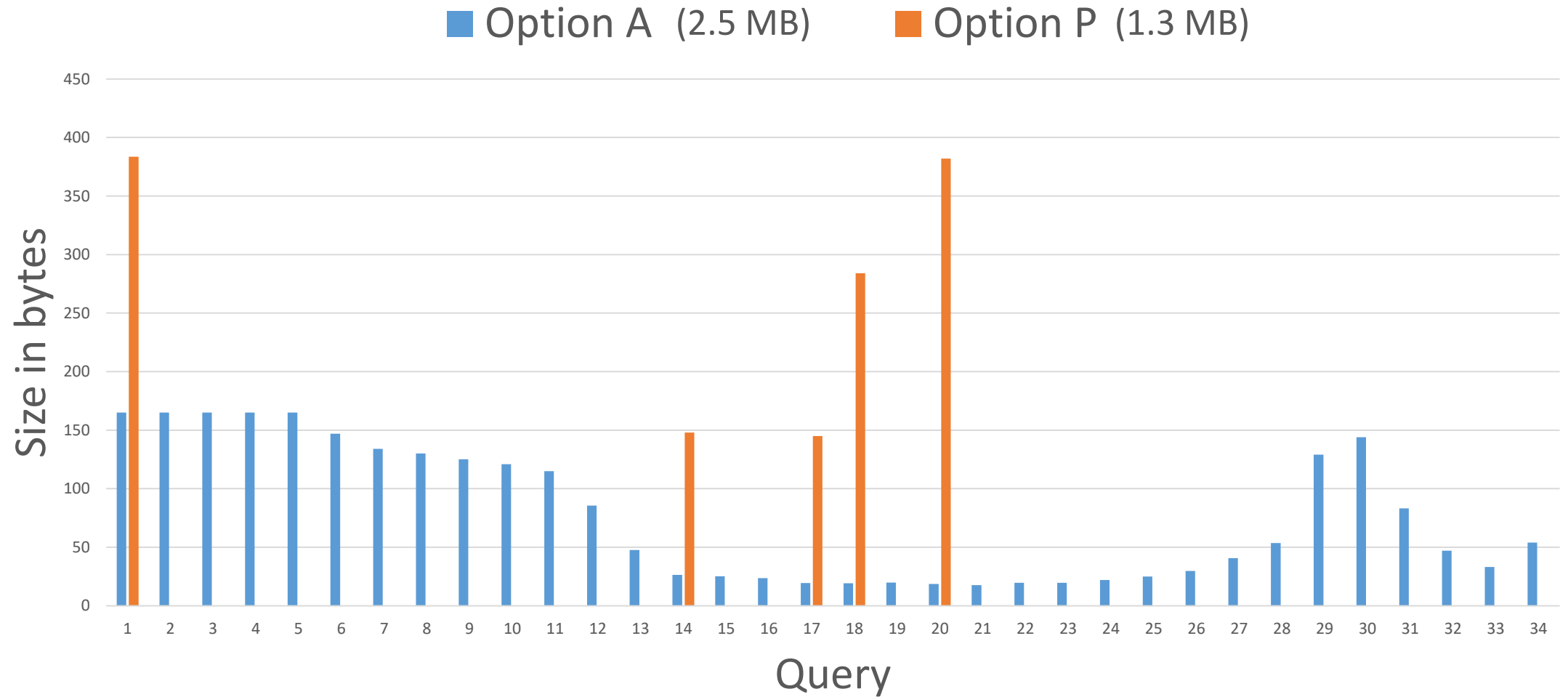
Scenario 1: Response times



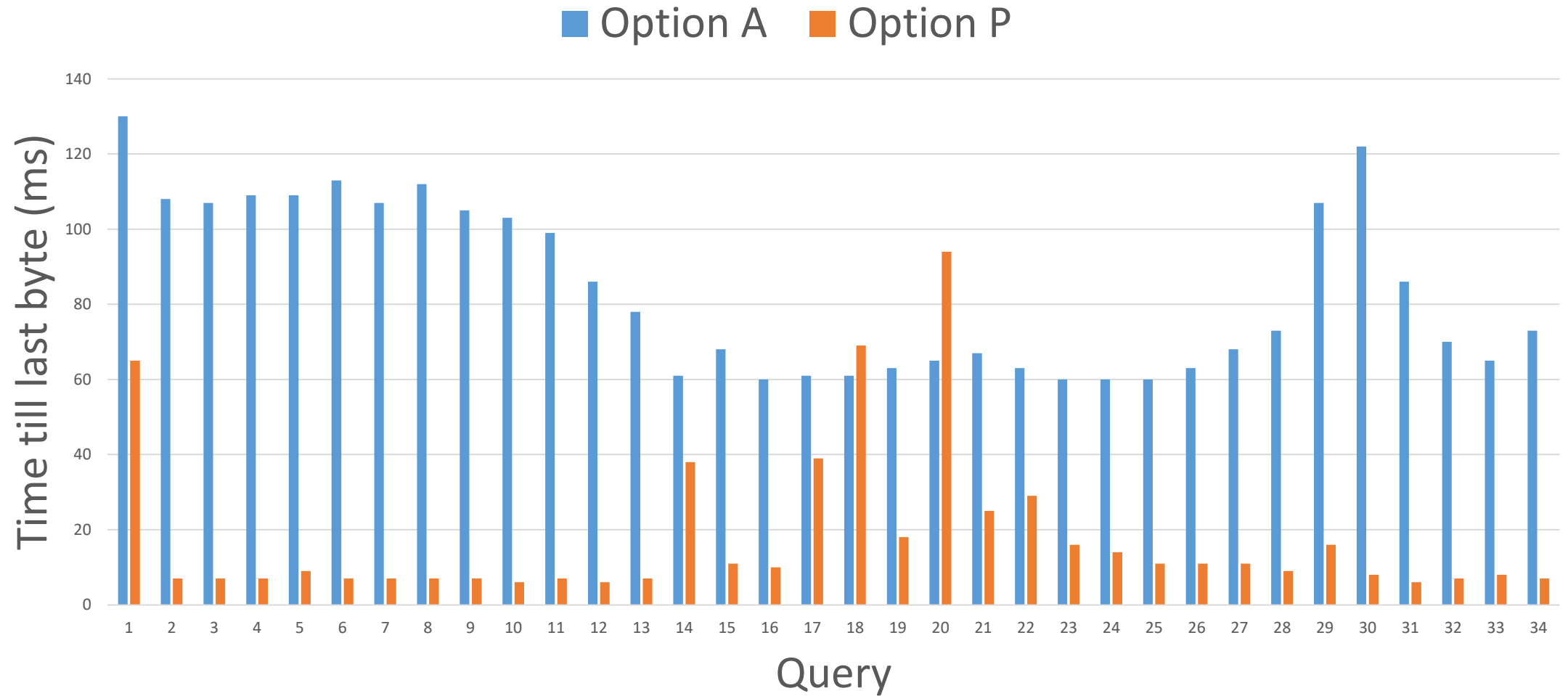
Scenario 1: Total packages needed to make the map (Option P)



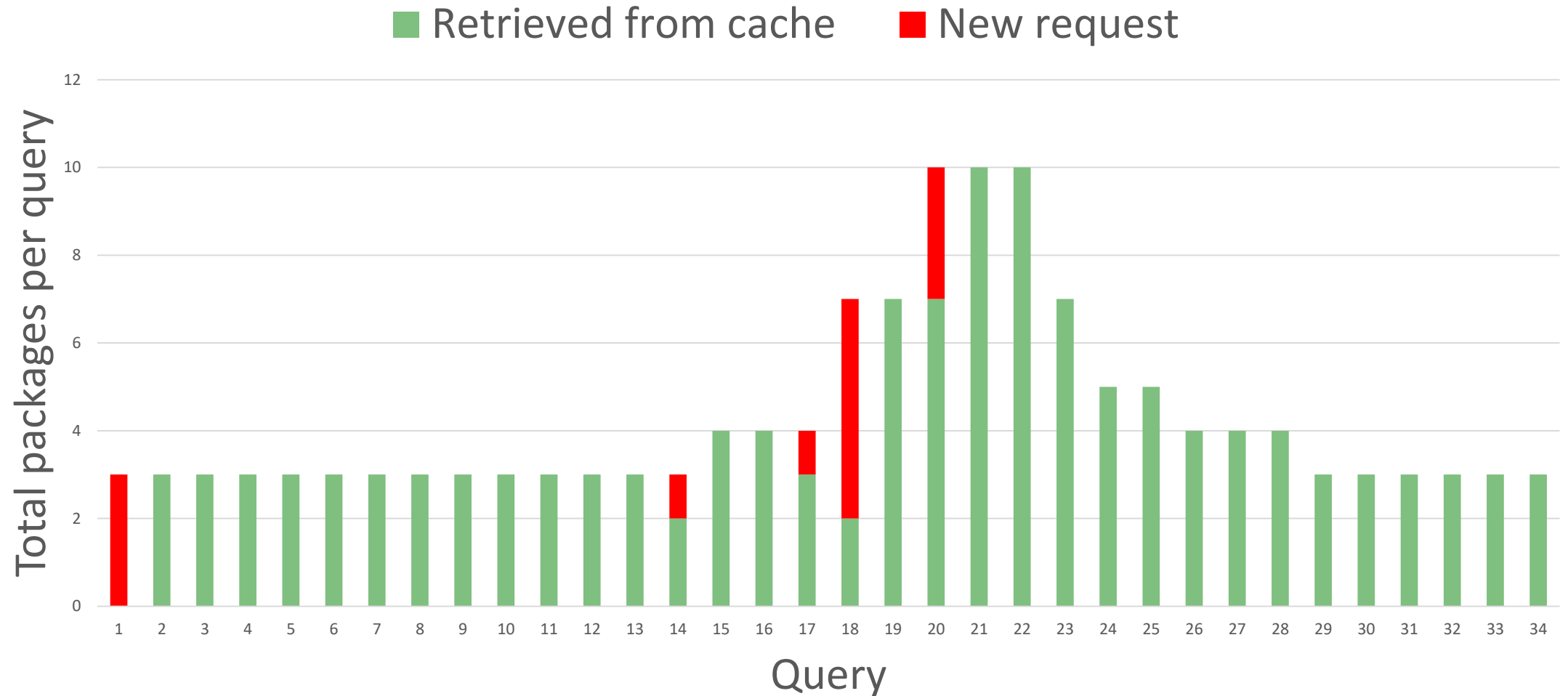
Scenario 2: Data transfers



Scenario 2: Response times



Scenario 2: Total packages needed to make the map (Option P)



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Future work

- **Test with larger dataset**
- **Cache strategy:**

If the dataset gets larger, how do we find out which data is most likely to be reused and which data should be discarded if the cache limit exceeds?
- **Possibility to retrieve index in parts:**

To be able to make a generalized map without retrieving the whole index if the dataset gets larger.

Future work

- **Achieving compression:**

Make use of the fact that data is transferred in groups. It should be possible to define the coordinates of the edges relatively to a package reference.

- **Improve clustering:**

The performance of the method depends on the effectiveness of the algorithm that clusters the data.

- **Test in non-localhost setting:**

Tests should be performed over a real network, with an average download speed, to see if results would change.

Future work

- **Retrieve the faces for the classic SSC:**

Method was only tested with edges. Next step is to also incorporate the faces in order to color the objects.

- **Smooth SSC:**

Test if new method can also be used for visualizing polyhedrons in the smooth SSC with the GPU.

- **Point clouds:**

Method is generic and can possibly also be used for the transfer and reuse of 4D point clouds.

Thank you!