

Lecture 5: 25th January 2021

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1 Recap of Last Lecture

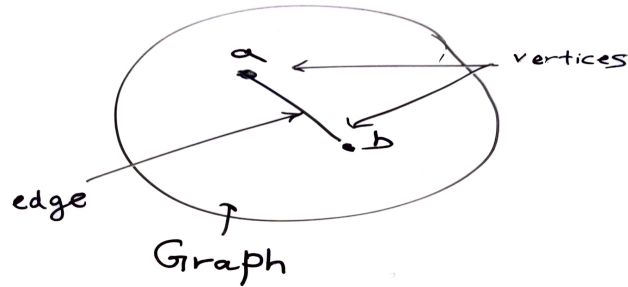


Figure 1: Graph Diagram

- The standard way to compute distance between two vertices in a graph is Dijkstra's algorithm.
- The time complexity of the algorithm is $O(m)$ where m is the number of edges in a graph.
- Our aim is to see if we can compute the distance between two points faster.
- We have observed that for a given tree T , which is rooted, the distance between two vertices 'u' and 'v' given as: $d(u, v) \rightarrow O(d(u, v))$.

- This becomes possible in a tree, whereas the same is not the case in graph.
- Hence, we introduce **Low-Stretch Spanning Tree** through which we attempt to reduce the computation time of distance between two vertices in a graph.

1.1 Low Stretch Spanning Tree

- Our goal is that, given a graph G , we try to form a spanning tree such that $d_{Tree}(u, v) \approx d_{graph}(u, v)$

- Consider a graph $G = (V, E)$, where V represents the set of vertices and E represents the set of edges. Then, for an arbitrary edge $[e \in E]$, we define the term Stretch as follows:

$$Stretch_T(entiregraph) = \frac{distance_{T,W}(u, v)}{W(e)_{E,G}}$$

Stretch of entire graph is given as:

$$Stretch_T(entiregraph) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} Stretch_T(e)$$

- Stretch can be considered in general sense as a measure to minimize distance between two vertices u and v in a graph.

Though, having said that, we cannot compare two spanning trees T_1 and T_2 using $Stretch_T$, but, in general, it is the average representation of distance between vertices.

- So, what is the goal of using a low stretch spanning tree?

Goal: Given a graph G with n vertices and m edges, find a spanning tree T , such that:

$$m \leq Stretch_T \leq n \cdot m$$

Lemma: For a given graph G , there exists a spanning tree T such that:

$$Stretch_T \geq \Omega(m \cdot \log(n))$$

2 This Lecture

In this lecture, we are going to look into an algorithm that has a stretch of spanning tree with complexity $O(m \cdot 2^{\sqrt{\log n \cdot \log \log n}})$.

The above mentioned complexity is worse than $O(m \cdot \log^2 n)$, but better than, $O(m \cdot n^{1.0001})$

Now, let us look into an example, where we take a grid-graph and try to compute low stretch spanning tree for it. The grid graph has n vertices and hence, \sqrt{n} vertices in rows and \sqrt{n} vertices in columns.

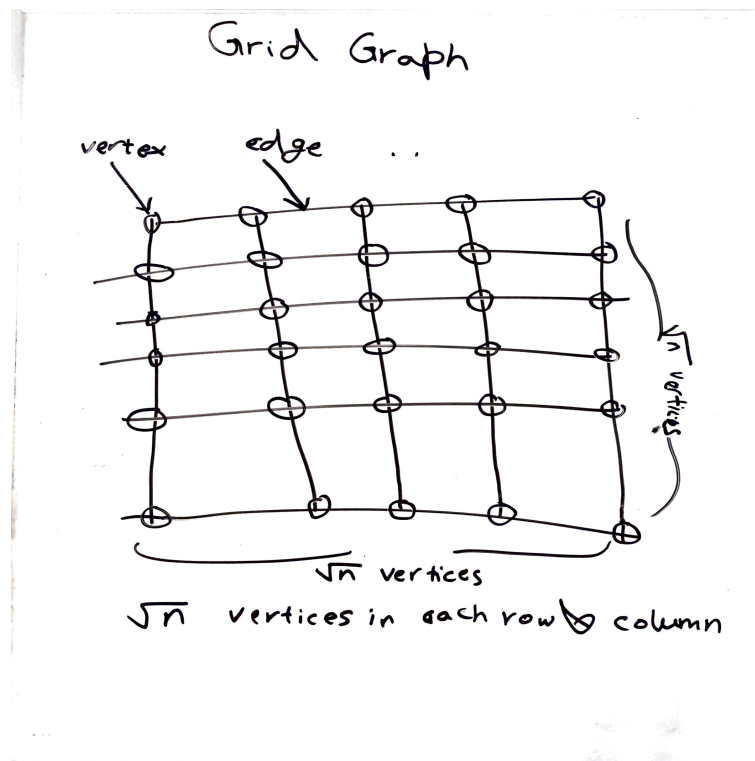


Figure 2: Grid Graph

- The first spanning tree that we would consider is the single path spanning tree. Let the vertex in top left corner of grid graph be a and the bottom right corner be b . Then, for a single path spanning tree, the distance(a, b) = n which is pretty bad.
- Let us define a parameter called diameter for a graph G , with set of vertices V : Diameter $i = \max_{u, v \in V} \text{distance}(u, v)$. Diameter is a measure to approximate a graph with a spanning tree. For a grid graph, Diameter $i = O(\sqrt{n})$.

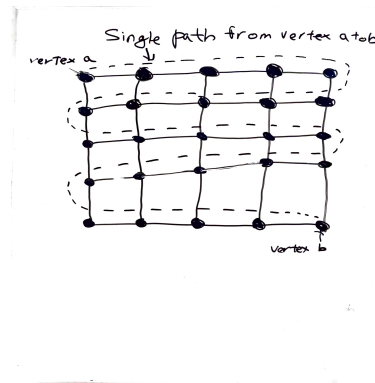


Figure 3: Single path spanning tree

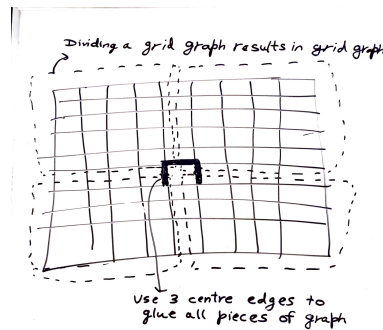


Figure 4: Gluing 4 pieces of divided grid graph

If you divide a grid graph, you will still end up with a grid graph. Now, if we divide a grid graph into 4 pieces and we have a spanning tree for each of the four pieces, how do we glue them together? **Answer:** We use the centre 3 edges of the grid graph.

After dividing a grid graph into 4 sub-grids, the total number of edges missing, as compared to the original graph is $2\sqrt{n}$.

If we minimize the number of edges missing, we can minimize the damage to the representation of the original grid graph.

Now, given a grid graph G , our goal is to find a spanning tree T such that $diameter(T) \approx diameter(G)$. Given that there are n vertices in graph G ,

$Stretch_G(n) = 4 * Stretch(\frac{n}{4}) + O(\sqrt{n}) \cdot O(\sqrt{n}) = O(n \cdot \log n)$ Here, we perform recursion, each time dividing any sub-grid-graph into 4 sub-grid graphs.

2.1 Low Diameter Decomposition(LDD)

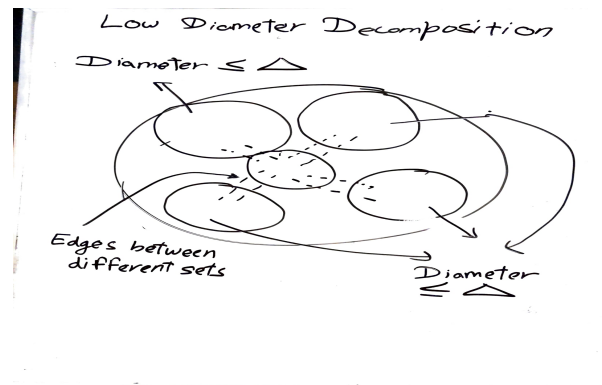


Figure 5: Low Diameter Decomposition

Goal: To partition the graph vertices into few sets S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k , where k is an arbitrary number. There are 2 properties of low diameter decomposition:

1. Within each set s_i , $diameter(G[S_i]) \leq \Delta$, where Δ is a user-given parameter.
2. Number of edges crossing different sets is small compared to m , which is the total number of edges in the graph G .

Given a large graph, when we perform LDD on it, we get sub-graphs such that the diameter of sub-graph g_i , $diameter(g_i) \leq \Delta$.

The number of edges between different sub-graphs is not large, when compared to m . If Δ is small, then the edges

For a line graph, given a Δ , the number of edges crossing sets is given as:

$$E_{cs} \approx \frac{m}{\Delta}$$

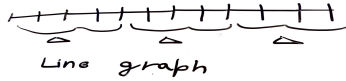


Figure 6: Graph Diagram

Lemma: We can perform LDD such that, for a given Δ :

- Number of crossing edges is proportional to $O\left(\frac{m \log n}{\Delta}\right)$

2.1.1 Algorithm to construct LDD

- Select arbitrary vertex X in graph G .
- Let X grow a ball B .
 $B(X, i) = V : \text{dist}(X, V) \leq i$ when $i=0$, $B(X, 0) = X$
 when $i=1$ $B(X, 1) = X \cup \text{neighboursof } X$
 when $i=2$ $B(X, 2) = B(X, 1) \cup \text{neighboursof } B(X, 1)$
 Generalizing we get,

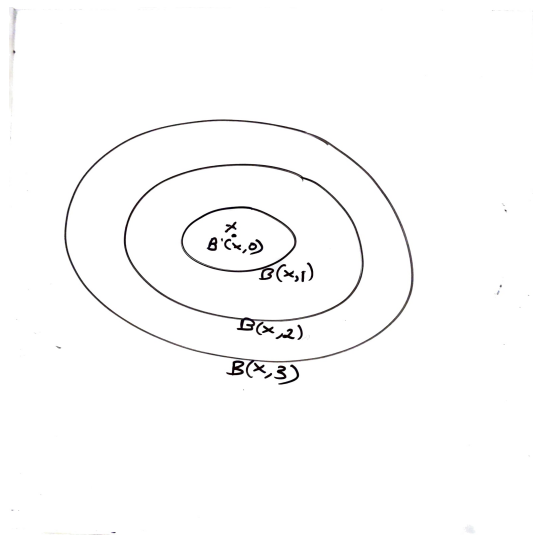


Figure 7: Ball Diagram

$$B(X, i) = B(X, i - 1) \cup \text{neighboursof } B(X, i - 1)$$

- If we think in terms of BFS (Breadth first search), the root vertex is $B(X, 0)$, the vertices in the first layer including the root vertex is $B(X, 1)$, $B(X, 2)$ is vertices in second layer plus $B(X, 1)$ and so on....
- If we think in context of BFS:

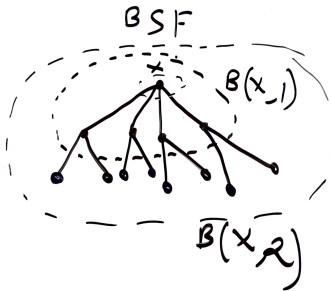


Figure 8: Ball Formation for BFS

- This process of ball formation goes on until the number of edges in a ball meet the below inequality:

$$|E(B(X, i + 1))| \leq \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right) \cdot |E(B(X, i))|$$

- Remove all vertices and edges from graph G . Let $B(X, i)$ be a set.
- Repeat on the remaining graph.

Note: Number of red edges $\leq \frac{\log n}{\Delta} \cdot (\text{blue edges})$.

2.1.2 Properties of LDD

Let us look into two properties of LDD along with their proofs as given below:

1. LDD gives a set with a diameter $\leq \Delta$

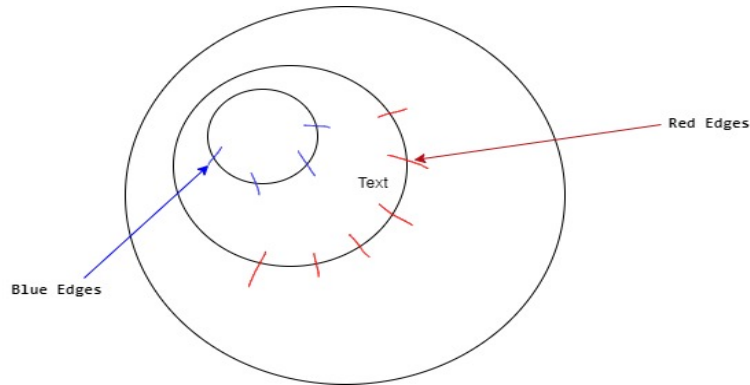


Figure 9: Red and Blue edges in the ball diagram

2. Number of edges crossing sets $\leq \frac{m \log n}{\Delta}$

If we extract a set with $E(B(X,i))$ within the set, the cost will be proportional to $E(B(X,i), B(X,i+1)) \leq \left| \frac{\log n}{\Delta} \right| \cdot E(B(X,i))$

Now, let us look at proof for second property mentioned above.

We know,

$$|E(B(X, 0))| = 0$$

$$|E(B(X, 1))| = 1$$

$$|E(B(X, 2))| > \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right)$$

$$|E(B(X, 3))| > \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right) \cdot |E(B(X, 2))| = \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right)^2$$

$$|E(B(X, i))| \geq \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right)^{i-1}$$

$$i = \Delta, E(B(X, \Delta)) \geq \left(1 + \frac{\log n}{\Delta}\right)^{\frac{\Delta}{\log n} \cdot \log n}$$

The above quantity is of the form $\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)^k \implies e$, when $k \rightarrow \infty$

3 Summary of Today's Lecture

- Algorithm to do Low Diameter Decomposition
- How do you construct Low Stretch Spanning Tree with Stretch equals $O(m\sqrt{n})$.

- Based on LDD, $\Delta = \sqrt{n}$