

# Tree Embeddings

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## Approximating Graphs / Metric Spaces by Trees

Goal: Given a graph  $G = (V, E, w)$ , ( $w(e) \geq 0$ )  
approximate the shortest path distances in  $G$  by a tree  $T$ .

why?

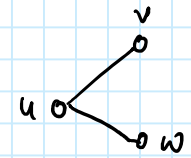
- simpler representation of  $G$
- many problems are easier on trees

examples? if time, at the end of class  
otherwise: exercises & next week's lecture

How can we approximate graph distances by a tree?

### Examples

$K_3 = C_3$    $d(u, v) = d(u, w) = d(v, w) = 1$

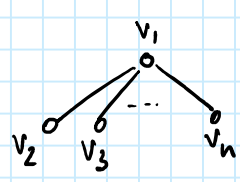
spanning tree  $T$ :   $d_T(u, v) = d_T(u, w) = 1$   
 $d_T(v, w) = 2$

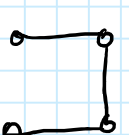
$T$  is dominating  $G$

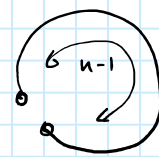
stretch: (assumption:  $\forall u, v \in V: d_T(u, v) \geq d(u, v)$ )

$\hookrightarrow \max_{u, v \in V} \frac{d_T(u, v)}{d(u, v)}$  here: stretch = 2

$K_n$ ? repr. by a tree?

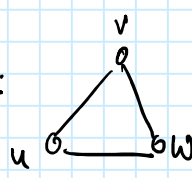
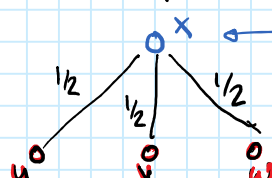
 stretch = 2

$C_4$ :  stretch = 3

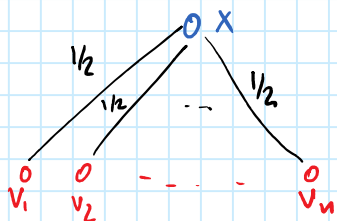
$C_n$ :  stretch =  $n-1$

Can we do better?

We do not need to use a spanning tree

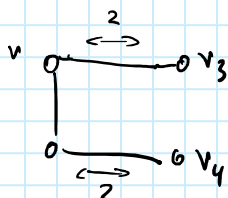
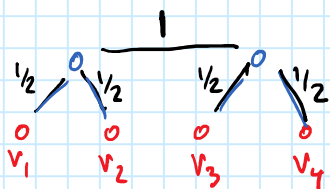
$C_3$ :   Steiner nodes

$K_n$ :



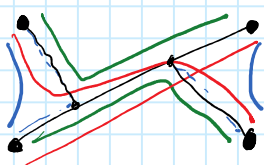
$K_n$ : best Steiner tree embedding has stretch 1

$C_4$ :



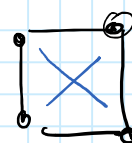
stretch = 2

stretch 2 is best possible for  $C_4$



4 points condition

$$\text{blue} \leq \text{red} = \text{green}$$



blue sum  $\geq 4$

$C_n$ : not obvious, but for  $C_n$ ;  $\mathcal{D}(n)$  stretch is best possible (follows from a more general result by [Rabinovich, Raz; 1998])

Probabilistic Tree Embedding *dominating*

Goal: Find a collection of trees  $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, \dots, T_N\}$  and a probability distribution  $p_1, \dots, p_N$  ( $\sum p_i = 1$ ) such that

For a random tree  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ :  $\forall u, v \in V: \mathbb{E}[d_T(u, v)] \leq \alpha \cdot d(u, v)$

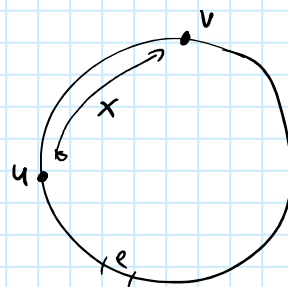
↑ according to dist. given by  $p_i$

↑ stretch of prob. embedding

Examples  $C_n$

$T_1, \dots, T_n$  uniform dist. on spanning trees  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  of  $C_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{d_T(u, v)}{d(u, v)}\right] &= \frac{n-x}{n} \cdot 1 + \frac{x}{n} \frac{n-x}{x} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{n-x}{n} \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$



In the following, assume that we are given a metric space  $(V, d)$ ,  $|V|=n$   
 (assume, w.l.o.g.,  $\min_{u,v} d(u,v) = 1$ )

goal: find a prob. (Steiner) tree embedding of  $(V, d)$

Def: (diameter)

For any  $S \subseteq V$ :  $\text{diam}(S) := \max_{u,v \in S} d(u,v)$

General Idea: ball carving

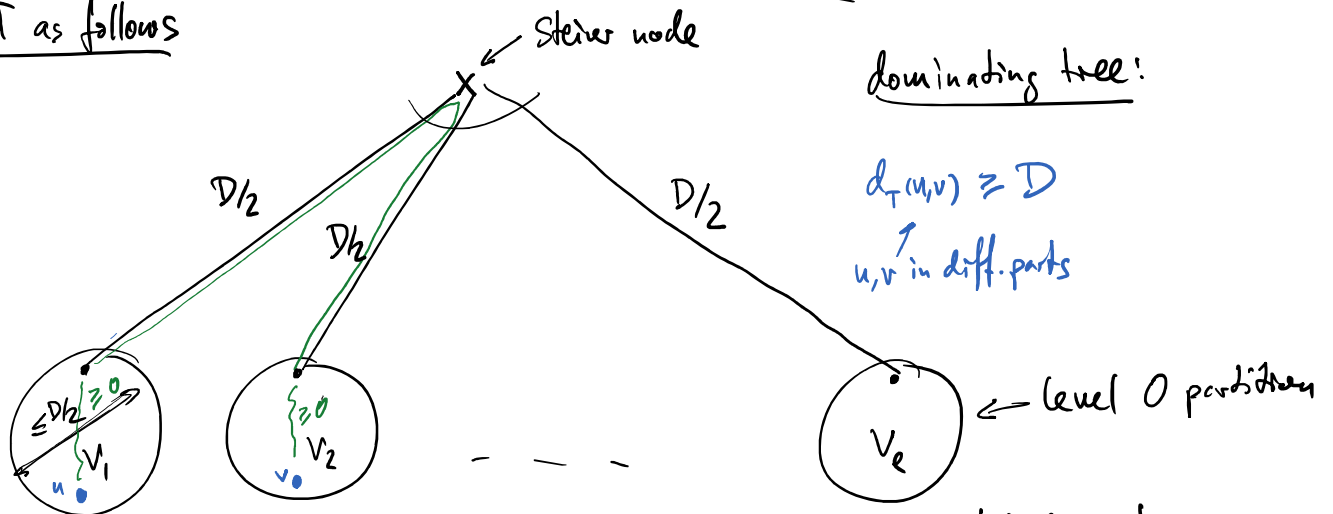
basic building block:

Given  $(V, d)$  with  $\text{diam}(V) \leq D$ , partition  $V$  into  $V_1, \dots, V_\ell$  st.

(a)  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}$ :  $\text{diam}(V_i) \leq D/2$

(b)  $\forall u, v \in V$ :  $\mathbb{P}(u \text{ \& } v \text{ are in diff. sets } V_i \text{ \& } V_j) \leq \alpha \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D}$

Build tree  $T$  as follows



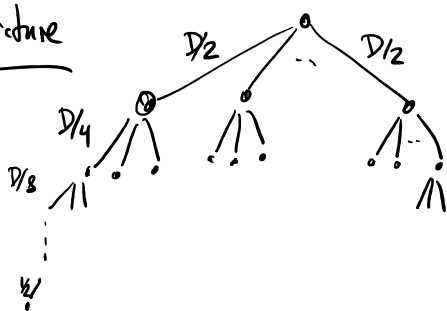
Lemma: If  $T$  separates  $u$  and  $v$  on level  $i$ ,

then  $d_T(u,v) = \left( \frac{D}{2^{i+1}} + \frac{D}{2^{i+2}} + \dots + \frac{D}{2^{i+D}} \right) \leq \frac{D}{2^i} = D_i$

Level  $i$  diameter

$D_i := \frac{D}{2^i}$

Proof by picture



hierarchically well separated

$d(u,w) \leq \max \{ d(u,v), d(v,w) \}$

Expected distance between  $u$  and  $v$

$E_i$ :  $u$  &  $v$  are sep. on level  $i$

$$E[d_T(u,v)] \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} P(E_i) \cdot D_i$$

$$\left( = \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} P(E_i) \cdot D/2^i \right)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} \left( \alpha \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D_i} \right) \cdot D_i = \alpha \cdot (\log D + 1) \cdot d(u,v)$$

$\alpha = O(\log n)$

Stretch:  $O(\log n) \cdot O(\log D)$

Getting a partitioning with  $\alpha = O(\log n)$

Goal: Given  $(V, d)$  with  $\text{diam}(V) \leq D$

Find partition  $V_1, \dots, V_\ell$  of  $V$  s.t. (a)  $\forall i: \text{diam}(V_i) \leq D/2$   
 (b)  $\forall u, v: P(u, v \text{ sep. by part.}) \leq \alpha \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D}$

Ball Carving

$$B(x, r) := \{y \in V : d(x, y) \leq r\}$$

If  $|V|=1 \rightarrow$  return  $V$

else:

$$\beta \in_{\mathcal{R}} [1, 2]^{\leftarrow}$$

pick random permutation  $\pi$  on  $V \rightarrow$

$(\pi(v) \rightarrow$  position of  $v$  in ordering)

$v_i$ :  $i$ th node in random order

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do

$$V_i := B(v_i, \beta \cdot D/8) \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^{i-1} V_j$$

return the non-empty sets  $V_i$

Lemma:  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell\} : \text{diam}(V_i) \leq D/2$  ✓

# Fix two nodes $u$ & $v$

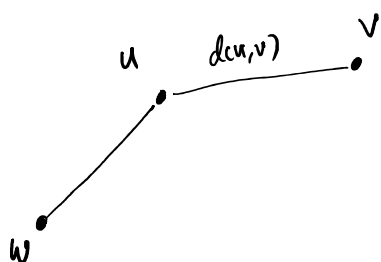
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Need to show that  $\mathbb{P}(u \& v \text{ are sep.}) \leq \alpha \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D}$

Random variable  $X_{u,v}^w = \begin{cases} D & \text{if } \{u,v\} \text{ are sep. by node } w \\ 0 & \end{cases}$

$$X_{u,v} = \sum X_{u,v}^w \leftarrow X_{u,v} = D \iff u \& v \text{ are sep.}$$

assume  $d(w,u) \leq d(w,v)$



$X_{u,v}^w = D$   
 $\Leftrightarrow d(w,u) \leq \beta \cdot \frac{D}{8} < d(w,v) \leq d(w,u) + d(u,v)$   
 for all  $w'$  before  $w$  in random order:  
 $\min\{d(w',u), d(w',v)\} > \beta \cdot \frac{D}{8}$

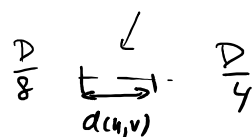
$Y \leftarrow$  uniform rand. variable in  $[\frac{D}{8}, \frac{D}{4}]$

let's order all nodes according to distance to  $\{u,v\}$

$w_1, w_2, \dots, w_s$

$$X_{u,v}^{w_s} = D$$

$Y \in [\frac{D}{8}, \frac{D}{4}]$



$$\Leftrightarrow d(w_s, u) \leq \beta \cdot \frac{D}{8} < d(w_s, v) \leq d(w_s, u) + d(u, v)$$

$\Leftrightarrow w_s$  appears before  $w_1, \dots, w_{s-1}$  in perm.  $\pi$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{u,v}^{w_s} = D) \leq \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D/8} = \frac{8}{s} \cdot d(u,v) \cdot \frac{1}{D}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X_{u,v} = D) &= \sum_w \mathbb{P}(X_{u,v}^w = D) = \sum_{s=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X_{u,v}^{w_s} = D) \leq 8 \cdot \frac{d(u,v)}{D} \cdot \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{1}{s} \\ &\leq 8 \ln n + 1 \\ &= \frac{O(\ln n)}{D} \cdot d(u,v) \end{aligned}$$

$$X^{w,i} = \begin{cases} D_i = \frac{D}{2^i} & \text{if } u \text{ \& } v \text{ are sep. by } w \text{ on level } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We have seen that if  $u$  &  $v$  are cut on level  $i$ ,  $d_T(u,v) \leq D_i$

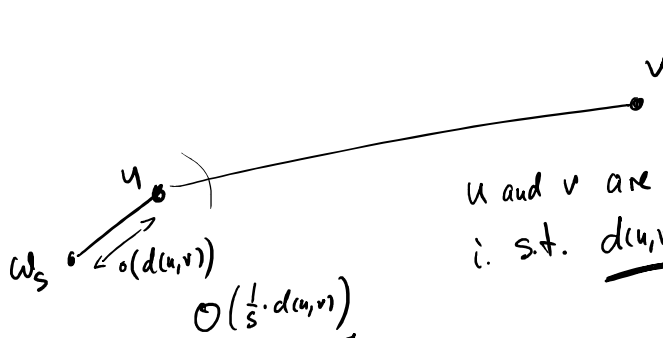
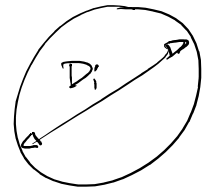
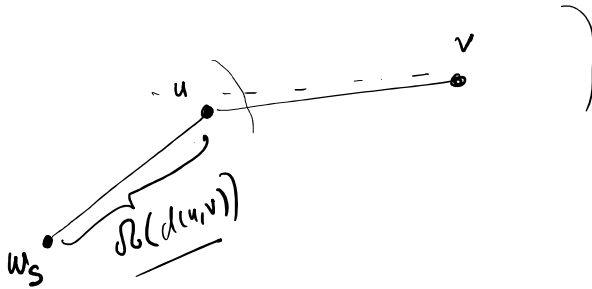
$$d_T(u,v) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} \sum_{w \in V} X_{u,v}^{w,i} = \sum_{s=1}^n \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{\log D} X_{u,v}^{w_s,i}}_{\text{green box}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{u,v}^{w_s,i}] \leq \frac{8}{5} \cdot d(u,v)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[d_T(u,v)] = \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} \sum_{s=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_{u,v}^{w_s,i}] \leq O(\log D \cdot \log n) \cdot d(u,v)$$

$$R_i := \beta \cdot \frac{D_i}{8} \quad (D_i = \frac{D}{2^i})$$

$$R_{i+1} = 2 \cdot R_i$$



$u$  and  $v$  are cut / split on a level  $i$  s.t.  $d(u,v) \leq D_i$

$$R_i \geq \frac{D_i}{8} = \Omega(d(u,v))$$

$$\mathbb{E}[d_T(u,v)] = \sum_{s=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{\log D} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X_{u,v}^{w_s,i}]}_{\leq \frac{8}{5} \cdot d(u,v)} = O(\log n) \cdot d(u,v)$$

$= 0$  for all but  $O(1)$  many  $i$ 's