

# Graph Spanners

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Today & next week: graph sparsification

Goal: Given graph  $G=(V,E)$ , represent  $G$  by a sparser graph while preserving some properties

Today: preserving distances

Definition ( $(\alpha, \beta)$ -spanner): A  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -spanner of  $G=(V,E)$  is a graph  $G'=(V,E')$  with  $E' \subseteq E$  s.t.

$$\forall u, v \in V: d_G(u, v) \leq d_{G'}(u, v) \leq \alpha \cdot d_G(u, v) + \beta$$

multiplicative stretch      additive stretch

## $\alpha$ -multiplicative spanners

Girth of  $G$ : length of shortest cycle ( $g(G)$ )

Obs:  $g(G) > 2k$  : every  $k$ -hop neighborhood in  $G$  is a tree

Lemma: Let  $G=(V,E)$  be an  $n$ -node graph with girth  $g \geq 2k+1$ .

$$\text{Then } |E| \leq 2 \cdot n^{1+1/k}, \quad (|E| \leq 2 \cdot n \cdot \lceil n^{1/k} \rceil)$$

Proof: For contradiction, assume  $|E| > 2 \cdot n \cdot \lceil n^{1/k} \rceil$

I) Transform  $G \rightarrow G'$  with minimum degree  $\geq \lceil n^{1/k} \rceil + 1$

as long as there is a node of degree  $\leq \lceil n^{1/k} \rceil$  remove such a node

II) Assume  $G'=(V',E')$

Consider some  $v \in V'$  and consider the  $k$ -hop neighborhood of  $v$

$$|V| = n \geq |V'| \geq \text{"#nodes in } k\text{-hop neighborhood of } v\text{"}$$

$$> 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k (n^{1/k} + 1)(n^{1/k})^{i-1}$$

$$= 1 + (n^{1/k} + 1) \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (n^{1/k})^j$$

$$\left[ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} q^j = \frac{q^k - 1}{q - 1} \right]$$

$$= 1 + (n^{1/k} + 1) \cdot \frac{(n^{1/k})^k - 1}{n^{1/k} - 1} = 1 + \underbrace{\frac{n^{1/k} + 1}{n^{1/k} - 1}}_{> 1} (n - 1)$$

$$> n$$

# Multiplicative Spanner Construction

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Theorem: For every integer  $k \geq 1$ , every graph  $G$  has a  $(2k-1)$ -multiplicative spanner with  $O(n^{1+1/k})$  edges.

Proof: Greedy construction

Initialize  $E' = \emptyset$

Go through  $E$  in some order

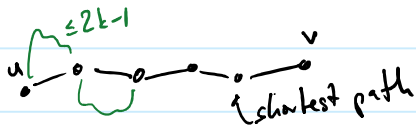
when considering edge  $e = \{u, v\}$ :

If  $d_{G'}(u, v) \geq 2k$  then  $E_s = E_s \cup \{e\}$

Sketch of  $G'$ :

For every edge  $\{u, v\} \in E$ :  $d_{G'}(u, v) \leq 2k-1$  ✓

For other pairs  $u, v \in V$ :

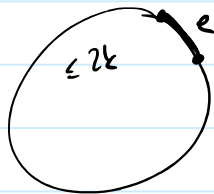


#edges of  $G'$ :

construction guarantees that  $g(G') \geq 2k+1$

assume otherwise

$G'$  contains  
cycle of  
length  $\leq 2k$



Conjecture [Erdős '64] For every fixed  $k \geq 1$ , there exists a family of graphs on  $n$  nodes with girth at least  $2k+1$  and  $\Omega(n^{1+1/k})$  edges.

# Additive Spanners

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Let's look at some basic properties of vertex sampling

Graph  $G=(V,E)$ , choose set  $S \subseteq V$  by including every  $v \in V$  independently with prob.  $p$ .

(I) a)  $\mathbb{E}[|S|] = n \cdot p$

b)  $\mathbb{P}(|S| \geq 2 \cdot \mathbb{E}[|S|]) \leq e^{-\mathbb{E}[|S|]/3}$  (by Chernoff)

(II)  $\forall v \in V$  and  $N(v) := \{u \in V : \{u,v\} \in E\}$

a)  $\mathbb{E}[|S \cap N(v)|] = p \cdot \text{deg}(v)$

b)  $\mathbb{P}(|S \cap N(v)| \geq 2 \cdot p \cdot \text{deg}(v)) \leq e^{-p \cdot \text{deg}(v)/3}$

c)  $\mathbb{P}(|S \cap N(v)| = 0) = (1-p)^{\text{deg}(v)} < e^{-p \cdot \text{deg}(v)}$

Theorem: Every graph  $G$  has a 2-additive spanner with  $\tilde{O}(n^{3/2})$  edges.

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Remark  $\tilde{O}(\cdot)$  hides polylogarithmic factors  
 $\tilde{O}(f(n)) = f(n) \cdot (\log f(n))^{O(1)}$

Proof:

Construction: Partition node set  $V$  in light nodes  $V_L$  and heavy nodes  $V_H$

$$V_L := \{v \in V : \deg(v) \leq \sqrt{n}\}, V_H := V \setminus V_L$$

1.  $E_1'$ : set of all edges incident to some node in  $V_L$

2. Initialize  $E_2' = \emptyset$

- Choose  $S \subseteq V$  by indep. sampling each node with prob.  $\frac{4 \ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$
- For each  $s \in S$ , add a BFS tree rooted at  $s$  to  $E_2'$

Spanner edges  $E' = E_1' \cup E_2'$

Number of edges

1.  $|E_1'| \leq n \cdot \sqrt{n} = n^{3/2}$

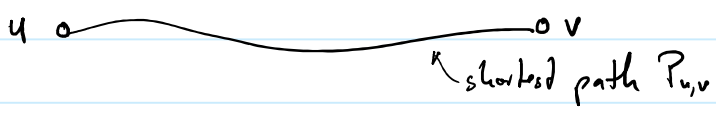
2.  $|E_2'| \leq n \cdot |S|$

$$\mathbb{E}[|S|] = n \cdot \frac{4 \ln n}{\sqrt{n}} = 4 \cdot \sqrt{n} \cdot \ln n \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[|E_2'|] \leq 4 n^{3/2} \cdot \ln n$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|S| \geq 8 \sqrt{n} \ln n) < e^{-4 \sqrt{n} \ln n / 3} < n^{-\sqrt{n}}$$

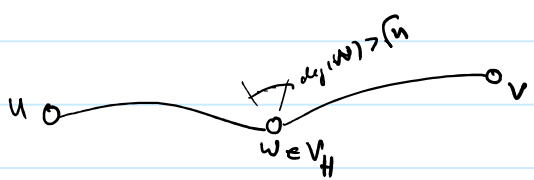
$\Rightarrow$  With high prob.  $|E'| = O(n^{3/2} \log n)$

Additive sketch

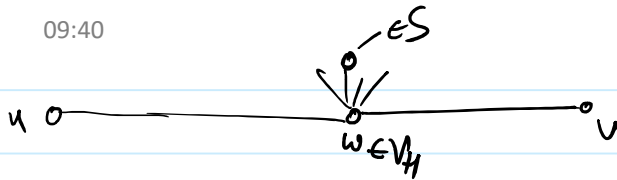


2 cases: (i) #heavy nodes in  $P_{u,v} \leq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  then  $P_{u,v}$  is part of  $E_1'$

(ii) #heavy nodes in  $P_{u,v} \geq 1$



recall:  
 $S$  contains each node with prob.  $\frac{4 \ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$

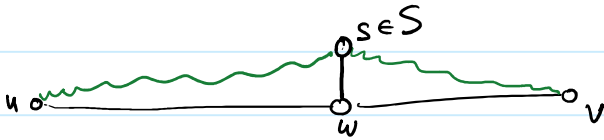


$$(e^{-\ln n})^4 = \frac{1}{n^4}$$

$$\deg(w) > \frac{4}{n}$$

$$P(|S \cap N(w)| = 0) < e^{-\frac{4 \cdot \ln n}{n} \cdot \frac{4}{n}} = \frac{1}{n^4}$$

⇒ every heavy node has a sampled neighbor with prob.  $\geq 1 - \frac{1}{n^3}$



$$\begin{aligned} d_G(u, v) &\leq d_G(u, s) + d_G(v, s) \\ &= d_G(u, w) + d_G(w, s) + d_G(w, s) + d_G(w, v) \\ &= d_G(u, v) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem Every graph  $G$  has a 4-additive spanner with  $\tilde{O}(n^{7/5})$  edges.

Proof:  $V_L := \{v \in V : \deg(v) \leq n^{2/5}\}$ ,  $V_H := V \setminus V_L$

1.)  $E_1'$ : set of edges incident to some  $v \in V_L$

2.) Initialize  $E_2' = \emptyset$

- choose  $S$  by sampling each  $v \in V$  with prob.  $30 \cdot \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/5}}$
- add BFS tree for each  $s \in S$  to  $E_2'$

3.) Initialize  $E_3' = \emptyset$

- choose  $S'$  by indep. sampling each  $v \in V$  with prob.  $10 \cdot \frac{\ln n}{n^{2/5}}$
- For each heavy node  $w \in V_H$ , add edges  $\{w, s'\}$  for nodes  $s' \in S'$
- For each  $s, s' \in S'$ , add a shortest path  $P_{s, s'}$  between  $s$  and  $s'$  with at most  $n^{1/5}$  heavy nodes to  $E_3'$

Size of  $E_3' \setminus E_1'$ :

$$|S'| = \Theta(n^{3/5} \cdot \log n)$$

$$\# \text{ pairs } s, s' \in S' \rightarrow O(n^{6/5} \log^2 n)$$

for each pair  $s, s'$   $\hookrightarrow$  add  $O(n^{1/5})$  edges in  $E_3' \setminus E_1'$

$$|E_3'| = O(n^{7/5} \log^2 n)$$

# Additive Stretch $\leq 4$

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(i) all edges of  $P$  are incident to a light node ✓

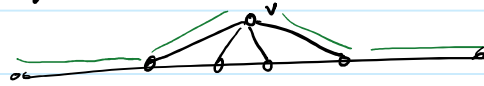
(ii) # heavy nodes on  $P > n^{1/5}$

at least one heavy node  $w \in P$  has a neighbor in  $S$

each heavy node has  $> n^{2/5}$  neighbors

→ in total, the heavy nodes on  $P$  have  $> n^{3/5}$  neighbors

→ no node can have more than 3 neighbors on  $P$  (ignoring double counting)



(iii) # heavy nodes on  $P$  is between 2 and  $n^{1/5}$

