

Near  $O(m \log n)$  Laplacian solvers

Thm Can find  $x$  st if  $A\bar{x} = b$  then

$$\|x - \bar{x}\|_A \leq \varepsilon \|\bar{x}\|_A \text{ in time}$$

$\tilde{O}(m \log n \log(1/\varepsilon))$  expected time.

Note  $\tilde{O}$  hides  $\log \log n$  terms.

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Thm Can find LSST  $T$  st

$$\text{stretch}_T(G) = O(m \log n \ell n^3) \text{ in time}$$

$$O(m \log n + n \log n \ell n)$$

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(AW Thm) Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_k$  be iid random PSD  $n \times n$  matrices st 1)  $E(Y_i) = Z$

2)  $Y_i \preceq \mu Z$

$$\Pr \left[ (1-\varepsilon)Z \preceq \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{Y_i}{k} \preceq (1+\varepsilon)Z \right] \geq 1 - 2n e^{-\frac{\varepsilon^2 k}{4\mu}}$$

Solver has 2 phases

Phase 1  $\equiv$  Reduces  $G$  to a spine-heavy graph

Def  $G$  is spine-heavy if  $\exists$  ST  $T$  of  $G$  st  
 $Stretch_T(G \setminus T) = O(m/\log n)$

ReduceSpineHeavy( $G$ )

- 1)  $T \leftarrow LSST(G)$
- 2)  $H \leftarrow G + (t-1)T$  (some constant  $t = c \log^3 n$ .)
- 3)  $H' \leftarrow Sample(H, \pm T)$
- 4) Run PCG( $G, H'$ )  $O(\log n)$  iterations  
using calls to Phase 2( $H', b', T$ ).

Note AW is sampling with replacement.

Before we have combined identical samples.

Here we will not.

Thus we get a multigraph.

Def We call each edge in multigraph a sample.

## Graph Algorithms on Trees

$T$  is a rooted tree with edge weights  
root  $r$ .

Claim  $O(n)$  time find dist to each from root.

DFS or BFS.

Def LCA  $\equiv$  lowest common ancestor.

(Targan) Given pairs  $(v_i, w_i)$   $v_i, w_i \in V$

Find  $LCA(v_1, w_1), \dots, LCA(v_m, w_m)$  in  $O(m \alpha(m))$

Time  $\alpha(m)$  is inverse Ackerman fn.

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Cor Find  $\text{Dist}(v_i, w_i)$   $\forall i$  in  $O(m \alpha(m))$  time.

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Sample ( $G = (V, E, w), T$ )

1)  $e \in G \setminus T \quad P'_e = w_e \text{ER}_T(e)$

2)  $t \equiv \sum_{e \in G \setminus T} P'_e = \text{stretch}_T(G \setminus T)$

3)  $P_e = P'_e / t$

4) set  $k = C_s t \log n \log(1/\epsilon)$

5) Sample  $k$  edges  $G \setminus T$  with prob  $P_e$  weight  $w_e / P_e$  ( $e_1, \dots, e_k$ )

6) return  $(T + \frac{w_{e_1}}{k \cdot P_{e_1}} e_1 + \dots + \frac{w_{e_k}}{k \cdot P_{e_k}} e_k)$

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To apply (AW) a sample will formally be:

$$Y_i = (T + \frac{w_{e_i}}{P_{e_i}} e_i) \text{ with prob } P_{e_i}$$

This will return  $G$ .

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Note #samples  $\equiv k = \tilde{O}(m \log^2 n \log(1/\epsilon))$

Claim If Phase 2 correctly solves  $L_H'x = b'$  then  
Phase 1 returns an approx solution to  $L_Gx = b$

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pf  $\kappa(G/H) = 1 \Rightarrow \kappa(G, H) \leq c \log^2 n$   
 $\kappa(H/G) \leq c \log^2 n$

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$$\kappa(H, H') \leq 3 \text{ (by AW)} \quad (\epsilon = 1/2 \text{ in AW})$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa(G, H') \leq 3c \log^2 n$$


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Since PCG only requires  $O(\sqrt{\kappa(G, H')})$  iterations  
per bit.  $\#iter = O(\log n)$

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Claim Let  $l$  be a normalized sample returned by

Sample  $(G, T)$  then

$$\text{stretch}_T(l) = \frac{1}{C_S \log N \log(1/\epsilon)}$$


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pf

let  $e \in G/T$

$$P_e = P'_e / t$$

if picked weight  $\frac{W_e}{P_e}$

normalized weight  $\frac{W_e}{P_e} \frac{1}{k} = w_l$

$$w_l = \frac{W_e t}{W_e ER_T(e)} \cdot \frac{1}{C_S \log N \log(1/\epsilon)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{C_S ER_T(e) \log N \log(1/\epsilon)}$$

$$\text{stretch}_T(\mathcal{Q}) = w_{\mathcal{Q}} \text{ER}_T(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{C_S \log N \log(1/\epsilon)}$$


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Phase 2 (H, T)

- 1)  $H' \leftarrow H + (k-1)T$
- 2)  $H'' = \text{Sample}(H', kT)$  note  $kT \leq H'$
- 3) P-Chebyshev(H, H'')
- 4) Phase 2(H'', T)



Claim In Phase 2  $k(H, H'') \leq c$  fixed constant  
with h.p.

1)  $H \leq H' \leq kH$

2) (AW)  $(1 - \frac{1}{2})H' \leq H'' \leq (1 + \frac{1}{2})H'$  h.p.

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}H \leq \frac{1}{2}H' \leq H'' \leq \frac{3}{2}H' \leq \frac{3}{2}kH \Rightarrow k(H, H'') \leq 3k$

Claim If  $H$  has  $m$  samples (multi-edges)  
then  $\text{Phase2}(H', T)$  returns  
 $m' \leq m/k$  samples h.p.

pf

# samples =  $S = C_s \text{ST}_{T'}(H' \setminus T) \log n \log(1/\epsilon)$

$\text{ST}_{T'}(H' \setminus T) = \frac{1/k m}{C_s \log n \log(1/\epsilon)}$

$S' = C_s \left( \frac{m}{k C_s \log n \log(1/\epsilon)} \right) \log n \log(1/\epsilon) = \frac{m}{k}$

## In Summary

Phase 1: Reduces solving  $G$  to  $\log$  solves of form  $L_H x = b'$   $H$  fixed.

His spine heavy.

Phase 2: Generates a chain of graphs

$H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$  st

$$1) |E(H_i)| \geq 3 |E(H_{i+1})|$$

$$2) K(H_i, H_{i+1}) \leq 9$$

To solve  $L_{H_i} x = b'$  we make constant # of calls to  $L_{H_{i+1}} = b''$ .

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Issues:

- 1) The vertex count is not decreasing!
- 2) We need that cost/call decreases faster #calls.