A Matrix Product Approach to Weighted Graph Problems

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Other examples: LP, exact algorithms for NP-hard problems, graph perfect matching, unweighted APSP.
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In general it is not clear how to speed-up weighted versions of problems in a similar way.

Example open problems include: maximum weighted matching, finding minimum weighted triangles and other patterns, weighted APSP.
Matrix product approach

Instead of matrix multiplication we use other matrix products to speed-up weighted problems: dominance product, MaxMin product, $(\min, \leq)$-product.

We demonstrate the approach on finding minimum weighted triangles, computing bits of the distance product, all pairs bottleneck paths, all pairs nondecreasing paths.
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(Reduce Node-Weighted Triangle to Edge-Weighted Triangle):

Push weights from nodes to edges: $w(u, v) = (w(u) + w(v))/2$
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→ Compute $MAX_{i,j}\{-(-(A) \star (-A))[i, j] + A[i, j]\}$

(Min Weight Triangle: $MIN_{i,j}\{(A \star A)[i, j] + A[i, j]\}$)
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Truly Sub-Cubic Algorithm for Max Weighted Triangle?
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Aside: It is already known how to find a max node weighted triangle in \( O(n^\omega) \) [CzumajLingas07].

We can get for all edges the max node weighted triangle including the edge in \( O(n^{2.58}) \) time [VWY06].
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Hence to check whether there is a triangle of weight at least \( K \), compute \( C = A \odot B \) and check for an entry \( C[i, j] \neq 0 \) such that \( (i, j) \in E \).
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Can use random sampling of weighted triangles to obtain a $O(n^{3+\omega/2} \log n)$ strongly polynomial randomized algorithm.
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Most significant bit is then $C\left(\frac{W}{2}\right)$ where $W$ is the smallest power of 2 larger than the largest distance.
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The \(\ell\)th bit is

\[ 2^{\ell-1} - 1 \bigvee_{s=0}^{s} \left[ -C(W(1 - \frac{s}{2^{\ell-1}})) [i, j] \land C(W(1 - \frac{s}{2^{\ell-1}} - \frac{1}{2^\ell})) [i, j] \right]. \]

Here need \(O(2^\ell)\) dominance products.
Computing bits of the distance product

**Thm.** The first $B$ most significant bits of the distance product of two $n \times n$ matrices can be computed in $O(2^B n^{\frac{3+\omega}{2}})$ time.

One can compute $(\frac{3-\omega}{2} - \varepsilon) \log n$ bits in $O(n^{3-\varepsilon})$ time.
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Bottleneck paths

The bottleneck edge of a path in a graph from vertex $u$ to vertex $v$ is the edge of smallest weight.

In many applications (e.g. max flow), the path of maximum bottleneck is needed.

In this talk we will consider the all pairs max bottlenecks problem.
Bottleneck paths – related work

**single source:**

- Folklore: in $O(m + n \log n)$ by Dijkstra, using Fibonacci heaps.

**all pairs:**

- Pollack 1960: introduced the problem, first cubic algorithm.
- Hu 1961: undirected, edge weighted using max spanning tree. Now $O(n^2)$.
- Shapira, Yuster, Zwick 2007: directed, node weighted in $O(n^{2.58})$.
- V., Williams, Yuster 2007: directed, edge weighted in $O(n^{2.79})$. 
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Adjacency matrix for weighted graph $G = (V, E, w)$: $A[i, j] = w_{ij}$.

$(A \bullet A)[i, j]$ is the maximum bottleneck edge weight over all paths of length 2 from $i$ to $j$.

$A \bullet A \bullet \ldots \bullet A$: the maximum bottleneck weights for all vertex pairs.
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Computing the MaxMin product of two $n \times n$ matrices takes the same time as computing all pairs bottleneck distances in an $n$ vertex graph. [AhoHopcroftUllman74]
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   \((\text{max, } \leq)-\text{Product}!\), \((\text{min, } \leq)-\text{Product} \text{ analogous.}\)
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Computing the MaxMin product faster

We want $a_{ij} = \max_k \{A[i, k] \mid A[i, k] \leq B[k, j]\}$.

1. Take the rows of $A$ and sort the entries of each row.

2. **Bucket** the entries of each row of $A$, in their sorted order into $s$ roughly equal buckets.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -1.1 & 5.1 & 3.2 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 7 & 2.1 & 4 & 2.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

row 1 : $A[1, 2], A[1, 4], A[1, 3], A[1, 1]$


Computing the MaxMin product faster

3. For each bucket $b$ create a matrix $A(b)$ containing only the elements in bucket $b$ and $\infty$ in all other entries.

$$A(1) = \begin{pmatrix} \infty & -1.1 & \infty & 3.2 \\ 2 & \infty & \infty & 1 \\ \infty & \infty & -2 & -3 \\ \infty & 2.1 & \infty & 2.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & \infty & 5.1 & \infty \\ \infty & 3 & 7 & \infty \\ 0 & -1 & \infty & \infty \\ 7 & \infty & 4 & \infty \end{pmatrix}$$
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\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
2 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix}
\]

This tells us for every bucket $b$ and each $i, j$, the number of coords $k$ such that $A[i, k]$ is in bucket $b$ and $A[i, k] \leq B[k, j]$.

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7. You can do slightly better by using sparse dominance \(\rightarrow O(n^{2.79})\).
Talk outline

1. Some definitions
2. Maximum weighted triangle
3. Computing bits of the distance product
4. All pairs bottleneck paths
5. All pairs nondecreasing paths
6. Open problems
Nondecreasing paths

A path from $s$ to $t$ in a weighted graph $G$ is nondecreasing if the consecutive weights on the path are nondecreasing:

$$s \xrightarrow{1} u_1 \xrightarrow{20} u_2 \xrightarrow{30} t$$

A minimum nondecreasing path from $s$ to $t$ is the path with minimum last edge over all nondecreasing paths.
Nondecreasing paths

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Train trip scheduling! You have a time table with train arrival, departure times, origins and destinations.

Want to know, for all origins $s$ and destinations $t$, how to hop from one train to another to get to $t$ as early as possible.
A train schedule graph

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**All pairs nondecreasing paths (APNP):** for all pairs of nodes $s, t$ find the minimum weight of a last edge over all nondecreasing paths from $s$ to $t$. 
Related work

Single source version has a long history; studied alongside SSSP.

Minty 1958, Moore 1959: single source version in $O(mn)$
Dijkstra + Fibonacci heaps: single source version in $O(m + n \log n)$.

The best running time in terms of $n$ for APNP: $O(n^3)$. 
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Unclear how to compute transitive closure under (min, ≤)-Product efficiently...
APNP

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Short paths: at most $s$ edges. Finding all pairs min nondecreasing paths on at most $s$ edges:

$$C_1 = A$$

For $k = 2, \ldots, s$: $C_k = C_{k-1} \ominus A$.

This takes $O(sn^2 + \omega/3)$ time.

Also, using the witnesses keep track of actual paths of length at most $s$. 
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When computing $C_s$ one will find a minimum nondecreasing path from $i$ to $u_s$ and it will be of length $s$ by the minimality of $P$. 
Long nondecreasing paths

A best nondecreasing path from $i$ to $j$ on at least $s$ nodes can be obtained by continuing some path of length $s$ obtained when computing $C_s$. 
Long nondecreasing paths

A best nondecreasing path from $i$ to $j$ on at least $s$ nodes can be obtained by *continuing* some path of length $s$ obtained when computing $C_s$. 

Consider all min nondecreasing paths of length $s$ found when computing $C_s$ (ignore shorter paths). We have at most $n^2$ such paths.
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We show that one can find all pairs min nondecreasing paths going through a given vertex in $O(n^2 \log n)$ time. So all pairs min nondecreasing paths through $S$ can be found in $O((n^3 \log^2 n)/s)$ time.
All pairs min nondecreasing paths of length at most $s$ can be found in $O(sn^{2+\omega/3})$ time.

Minimal best nondecreasing paths of length at least $s$ can be found in $O((n^3 \log^2 n)/s)$ time.

To obtain APNP, take for all pairs the minimum of the short paths and long paths min weights.

Setting $s$ to $\Theta(n^{1-\omega/3} \log n)$, compute APNP in $O(n^{15+\omega/6} \log n) = O(n^{2.9})$ time.
Open Problems

1. dominance product in $n^\omega$?
2. remove bucketting?
3. truly subcubic distance product?
Thank You!
All pairs through a given vertex $T$

1. Find for each node $u$ the minimum weight $W(u)$ of a last edge on a nondecreasing path from $u$ to $T$.

2. Find for each pair of nodes $u, v$ the minimum weight of a last edge on a nondecreasing path from $T$ to $v$ starting with an edge of weight $\geq W(u)$. $\leftarrow$ use data structure.

3. Do all of this in $O(n^2 \log n)$ time.
Computing $W(u)$

1. For each $u$, sort inedges and store in binary search tree, so that successors can be found in $O(\log n)$ time.

2. start from $T$; For current vertex $u$, let $w$ be the weight out of $T$ used to get to $u$; 

   If $w$ is the first weight used to get to $u$, set $W(u) = w$.

3. Let $w'$ be the weight used to enter $u$. In $O(\log n)$ time find the first inedge $(v, u)$ of $u$ in sorted order with weight $\geq w'$.

   Delete $(v, u)$ from bintree and graph, recurse on $v$ with $w$ and $w(v, u)$.

4. This all takes $O(m \log n)$ and computes $W(u)$ for all $u$. 
Last edge weights for paths from $T$ to $v$

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Second search

store for each $v$ the outedges in a binary tree $Out(v)$, sorted in nondecreasing order of weights

start from $T$ and go thru its outedges $(T, v)$ in nonincreasing order, running the following $ALG(v, w(T, v), w(T, v))$

$ALG(v, w, w')$:

let $w$ be weight of edge out of $T$ used to get to $v$; let $w'$ be weight used to enter $v$. find $w$ leaf in $T(v)$, if $w'$ is current smallest weight into $v$ then update second number of leaf, go up path in tree and update second nums on path if necessary in $O(\log n)$ time.

then, for all edges $(v, u)$ out of $v$ with weights $\geq w'$, delete $(v, u)$ from graph and $Out(v)$ in $O(\log n)$ per edge, recurse on $u$ with $w$ and
\(w(u, v)\). This takes \(O(n^2 \log n)\) overall.

For all pairs \(u, v\) do: get min weight \(w\) of last edge on nondec path from \(u\) to \(T\). In tree for \(v\), find \(w\), then walk up path to root, checking right children of nodes to find min weight \(w'\) on a nondec path from \(T\) to \(v\) starting with a weight \(\geq w\). This takes \(O(\log n)\) time per pair \(u, v\), so \(O(n^2 \log n)\) overall.