

# **A Matrix Product Approach to Weighted Graph Problems**

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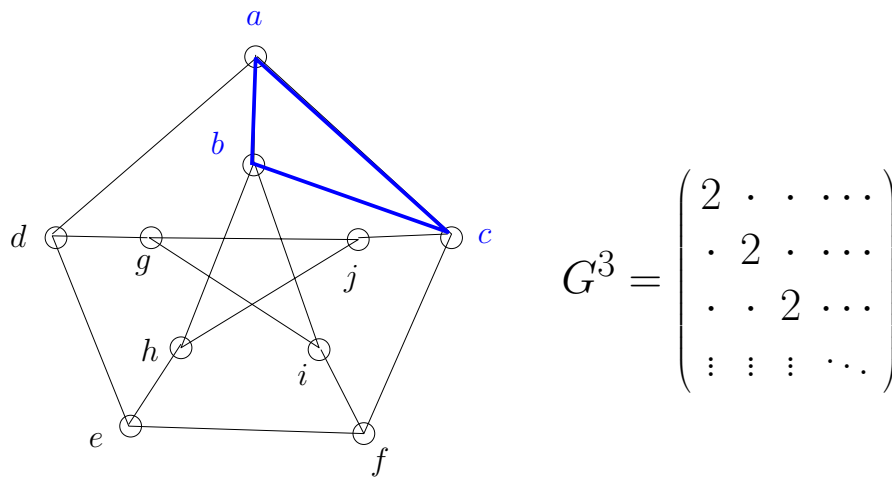
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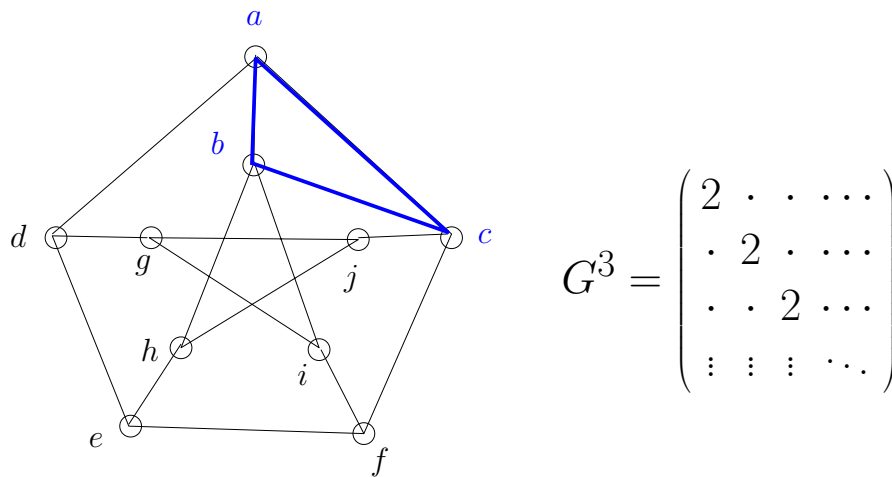


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Other examples: *LP, exact algorithms for NP-hard problems, graph perfect matching, unweighted APSP.*

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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.*



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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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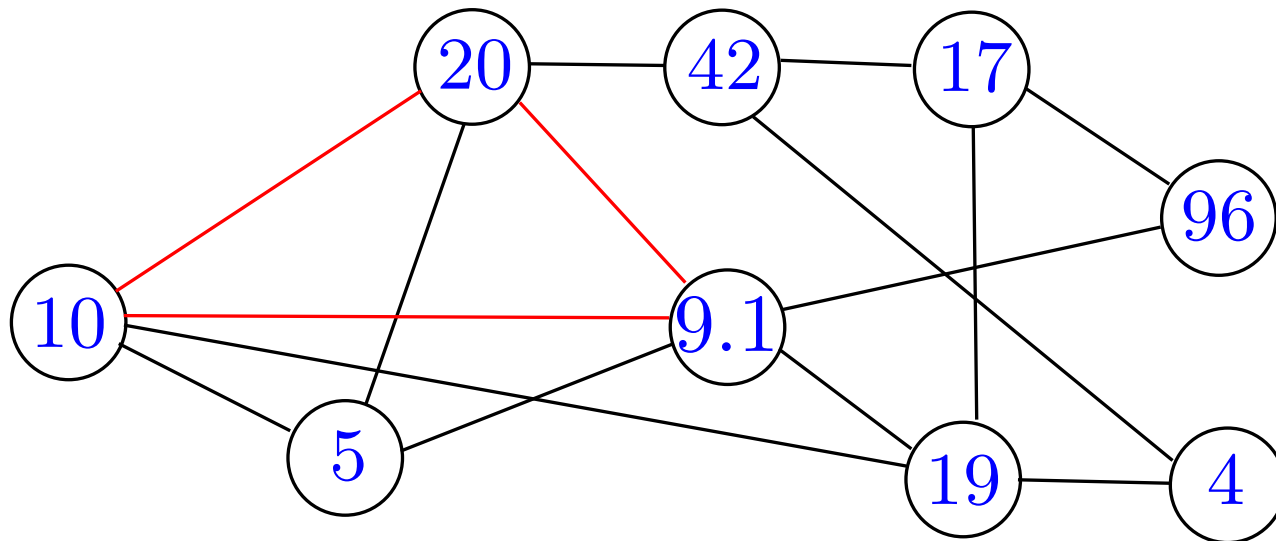
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→ Compute  $MAX_{i,j} \{ -(( -A) \star ( -A))[i, j] + A[i, j] \}$

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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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Here need  $O(2^\ell)$  dominance products.

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

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

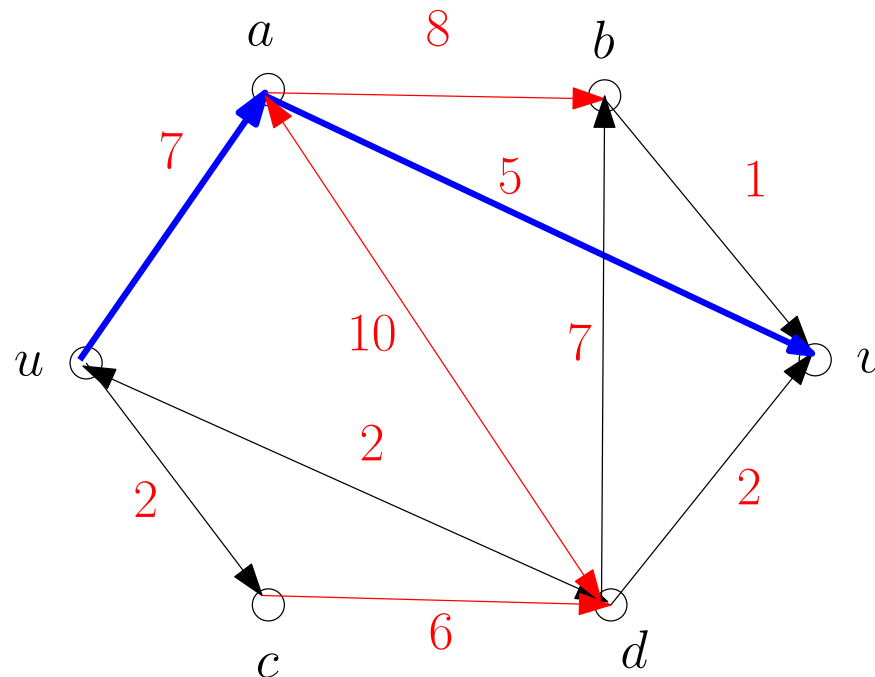
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The **bottleneck** edge of a path in a graph from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$  is the edge of **smallest weight**.

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



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|----------------|----------------|
| $ab : 8$       | $bu : -\infty$ |
| $ac : 2$       | $ub : 7$       |
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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  $O(n^{2.58})$ .
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Adjacency matrix for weighted graph  $G = (V, E, w)$ :  $A[i, j] = w_{ij}$ .

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[AhoHopcroftUllman74]

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## Talk outline

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

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



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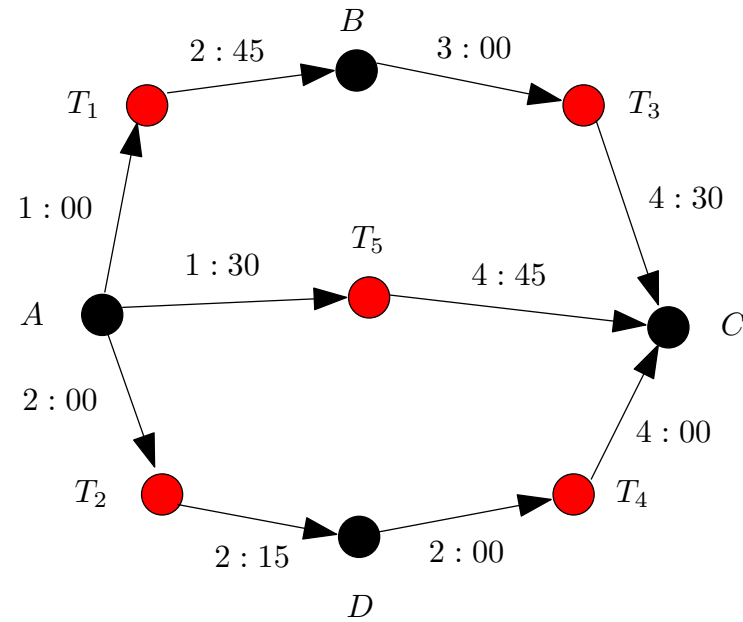
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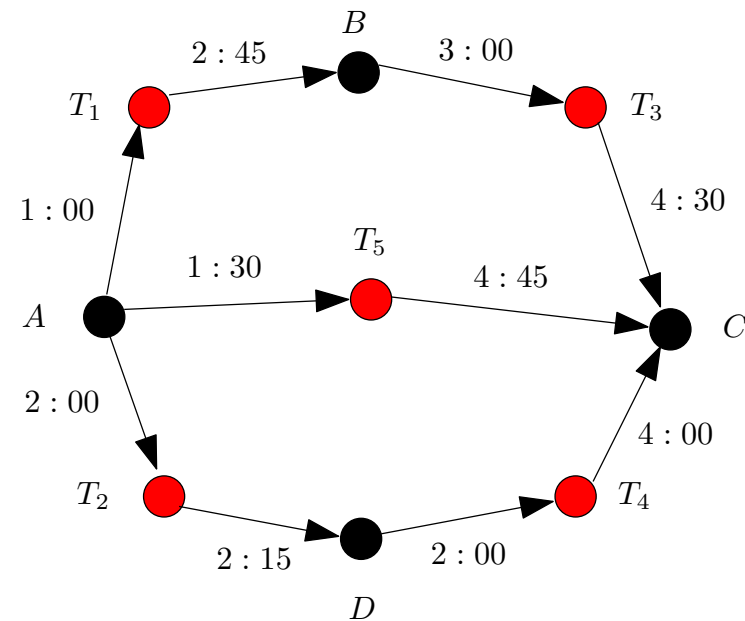
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## Related work

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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$$C_1 = A$$

$$\text{For } k = 2, \dots, s: C_k = C_{k-1} \oplus A.$$

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

Setting  $s$  to  $\Theta(n^{\frac{1-\omega/3}{2}} \log n)$ , compute APNP in  $O(n^{\frac{15+\omega}{6}} \log n) = O(n^{2.9})$  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  $u$ .

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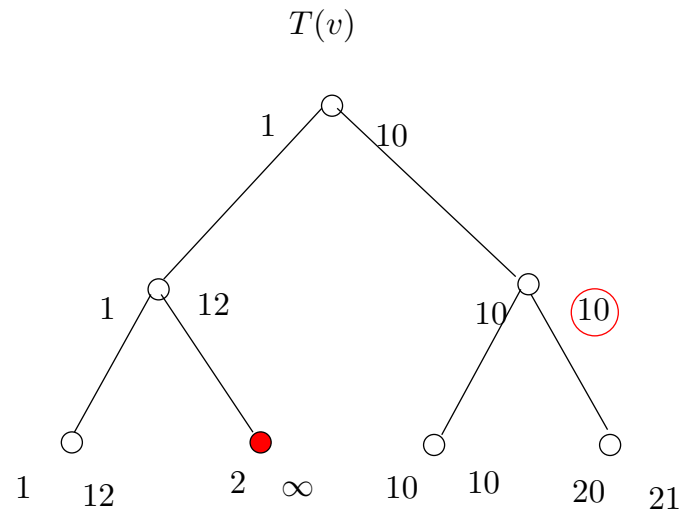
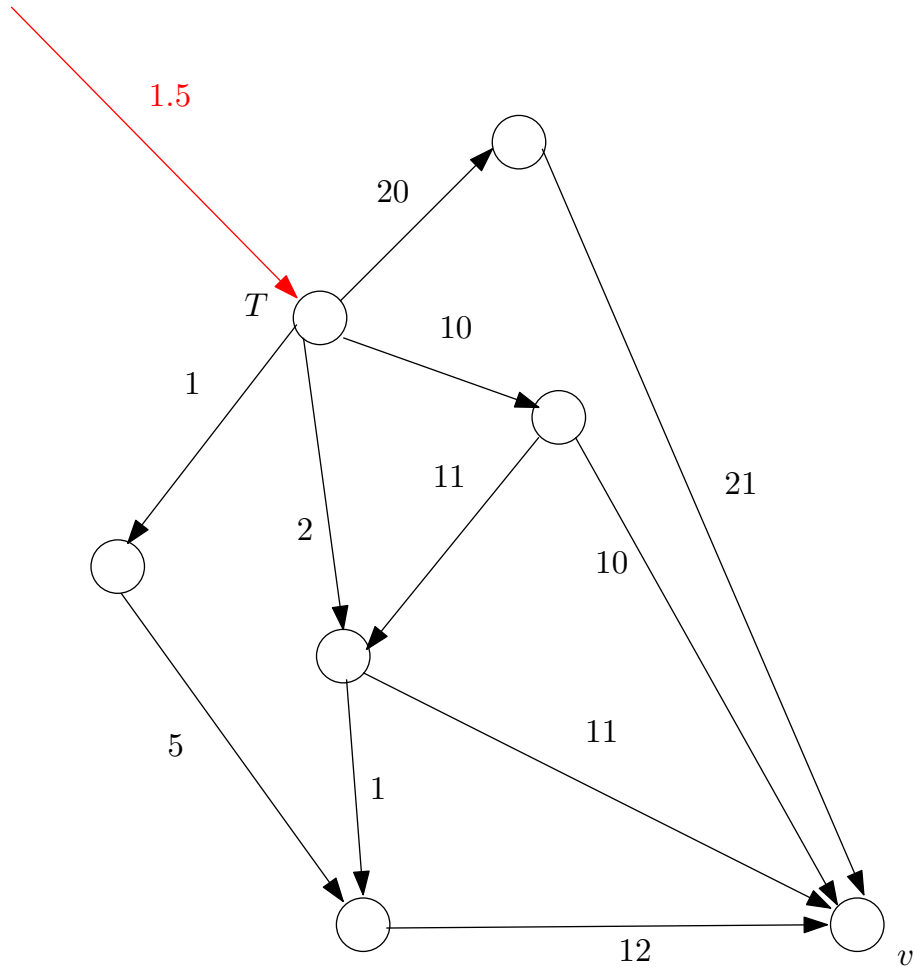
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## Second search

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  $O(n^2 \log n)$  over all.

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.