

CONDITIONAL LOWER BOUNDS

APSP - Related Problems

APSP

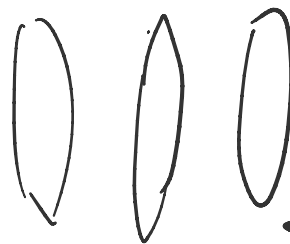
min-wt triangle

min-wt cycle

graph diameter

graph radius

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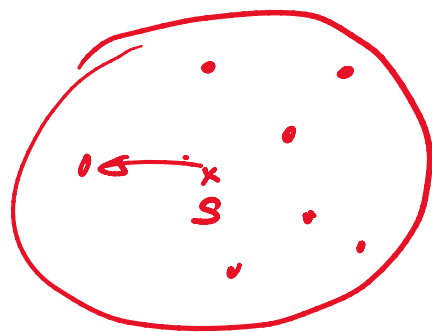


shortest path diam

$$\max_{s, t \in V} d(s, t)$$

$$\min_{s \in V} \max_{t \in V} d(s, t)$$

center



APSP Conjecture

No $O(n^{3-\delta})$ alg'm for APSP for arbitrary real edge-wt'ed graphs for any const $\delta > 0$.

Int APSP Conjecture

No $\tilde{O}(n^{3-\delta})$ alg'm for APSP for int wts in $[U]$ (\tilde{O} hides polylog n & polylog U factors)

Conditional to conjecture,

could we prove lower bds for other problems?

Thm

(Vassilevska W. & Williams '13)
(Aboud, Grandoni, Vassilevska W. '15)

(Aboud, ...)

For int wts:

APSP has an $\tilde{O}(n^{3-\delta})$ algm for some $\delta > 0$

$\Leftarrow \Leftrightarrow$ min-wt triangle has an $\tilde{O}(n^{3-\delta'})$ algm for some $\delta' > 0$

\Leftrightarrow radius has an $\tilde{O}(n^{3-\delta''})$ algm for some $\delta'' > 0$

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basic approach - reductions!

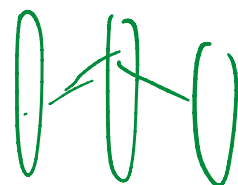
(like in NP-completeness, but fine-grained)

obviously - min-wt triangle, radius, ...
reduce to APSP

Will reduce in other dir.

Reduction 0: APSP \rightarrow (min,+)-MM

already known



Problem: (min,+)-MM Decision

Given $n \times n$ matrices A, B, \underline{D} ,
for each i, j ,

decide whether $\min_k (a_{ik} + b_{kj}) \leq \underline{d_{ij}}$

i.e. decide $\exists k, a_{ik} + b_{kj} \leq \underline{d_{ij}}$.

Reduction 1: (min,+)-MM \rightarrow (min,+)-MM Decision

Reduction 1: $(\min, +)$ -MM \rightarrow $(\min, +)$ -MM Decision

(assume ints)

Suppose $(\min, +)$ -MM Decision can be solved in $T(n) \leq O(n^{3-\delta})$ time.

To solve $(\min, +)$ -MM:

by \hat{n}^2 binary search!

simultaneously

with $O(\log U)$ calls to decis alg'm

\Rightarrow total time $O(T(n) \log U)$. \square

Problem: Tripartite All-Pairs Negative Triangle (APNT).

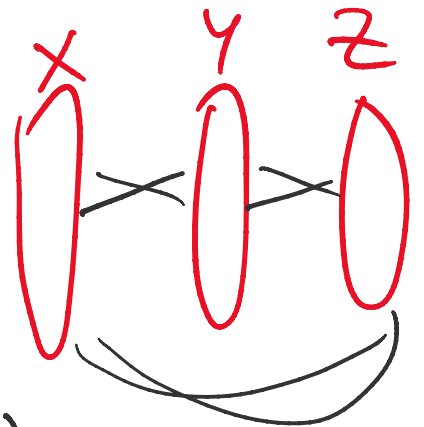
Given tripartite ^{weighted} graph $G = (X \cup Y \cup Z, E)$

$$E \subseteq ((X \times Y) \cup (Y \times Z) \cup (X \times Z))$$

for each $x \in X, z \in Z$,

decide $\exists y$ st.

$$w(xy) + w(yz) + w(xz) < 0.$$



Note: $(\min, +)$ -MM Decis \equiv Tripartite APNT

Problem: Tripartite Find-One Neg. Triangle (1NT)

find one $(x, y, z) \in X \times Y \times Z$ st.

$$w(xy) + w(yz) + w(xz) \leq 0$$

or declare none exists.

$$= \boxed{O(n^{3-\epsilon})}. \quad \square$$

Note: $\perp NT \rightarrow$ min-wt triangle, obviously

(APSP \rightarrow (min, f)-MM \rightarrow (min, f)-MM Decis
 \equiv APNT
 \rightarrow $\perp NT \rightarrow$ min-wt Δ)

Problem: Tripartite Negative Triangle Detection (NT)

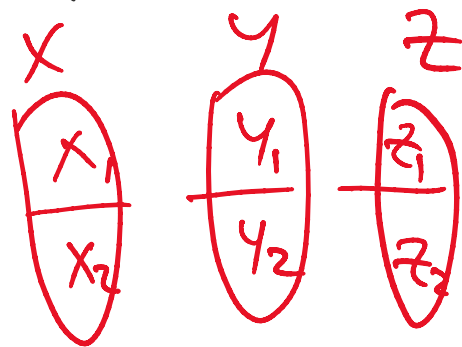
test if $\exists x, y, z \in X \times Y \times Z$
 s.t. $w(xy) + w(yz) + w(xz) \leq 0$.

Reduction 3: Tripartite $\perp NT \rightarrow$ Tripartite NT

Suppose NT can be solved in $T(n) = O(n^{3-\delta})$ time.

To solve $\perp NT$:

Divide X into X_1, X_2 of size $n/2$
 Y into Y_1, Y_2
 Z into Z_1, Z_2



for each $i, j, k \in \{1, 2\}$,

test if \exists neg triangle in $X_i \times Y_j \times Z_k$

If true, recurse in X_i, Y_j, Z_k

& exit

(Self-reducibility)

Runtime:

$$T'(n) \leq \perp T'(n/2) + 8T(n/2)$$

$$T'(n) \leq \frac{1}{2} T'(\frac{n}{2}) + \delta T(\frac{n}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow T'(n) \leq T'(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n^{3-\delta})$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{O(n^{3-\delta})} \text{ time. } \square$$

Rmk: Similarly,

Boolean MM
in subcubic-time

reduces to triangle finding
in subcubic time

for "combinatorial algs"

Problem: Zero Triangle Detection

test if $\exists x, y, z \in X \times Y \times Z$

s.t. $w(xy) + w(yz) + w(xz) = 0$.