A Deterministic Approach to Shortest Path Restoration in Edge Faulty Graphs STACS 2025 Jena, Germay

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Source-Wise Distance Preserver: $P = S \times V$ Subset Distance Preserver: $P = S \times S$

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(f, 1)-sourcewise preserver computation

For $f \ge 1$, for an undirected, unweighted *n*-vertex graph G = (V, E) and source $S \subseteq V$, we can compute an (f, 1)- $S \times V$ -preserver for G in $\tilde{O}(fn^{2-1/2^f}|S|^{1/2^f})$. For f = 0, we can compute a (0, 1)-fault tolerant $S \times V$ preserver with O(|S|n) edges in O(m + n) time.

This matches the best construction of f-FT $S \times V$ preserver given by Bodwin et al (2017).

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Subset distance preservers

An (f, 1)-sourcewise distance preserver is an (f + 1)-subset distance preserver.

Just use the restoration lemma.

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- $\bigcup_{s\in S} (T_s^1 \cup T_s^2)$ is a (0,1)-preserver.

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Reuse Bodwin et al's construction of f-FT sourcewise preserver but replace each shortest path with the pair of above shortest paths.

Algorithm 1: Compute-Incident-Edges(G, S, t, f).

if f = 0 then

$$\mathsf{Return} \ \{\mathsf{LastE}(P_{s,t}),\mathsf{LastE}(Q_{s,t}) \mid s \in S\};$$

end

 $L \leftarrow \sqrt{8f |S| n \log n};$ $R \leftarrow \text{uniformly random subset of } V \setminus \{t\} \text{ of size } L;$ for $s \in S$ do $\begin{vmatrix} (P_{s,t}, Q_{s,t}) \leftarrow \text{Pair of } (s, t) \text{-shortest-paths}; \\ W_s \leftarrow \{u \in V \mid 1 \leq \text{dist}(u, t, P_{s,t} \cup Q_{s,t}) \leq \\ 8nf \log n/L \} \end{vmatrix}$

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Distance Labelling Schemes

For $f \ge 0$, and *n*-vertex unweighted undirected graph, there is an (f + 1)-fault-tolerant distance labeling scheme that assigns each vertex a label of $O(fn^{2-1/2^f} \log n)$ bits that can be computed in O(fmn) time each, and O(|S|m) each for f = 0.

Subset Replacement Path Problem

The input is a graph G = (V, E) and a set of source vertices S, and for every pair of vertices $s, t \in S$ and failing edge $e \in E$, report dist $(s, t, G \setminus e)$. Given a graph G = (V, E) and a set of source vertices S, we can solve the problem in $O(|S|m) + \tilde{O}(|S|^2n)$ in the word-RAM model.

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- Is it possible to construct (f, k)-preserver more efficiently than (f + k)-preservers?
- For a (0, k)-preserver for pair of vertices s, t, is it possible to bound #{u ∈ V | dist(u, t, H) ≤ α} for any α > 0?
- Can restoration lemma for k-edge failures be used with (f, k)-preservers?

Thank you!