

1 Embedding the diamond graph in L_p and dimension reduction in L_1

Definition 1 G_0 consists of a single edge of length 1. G_i is obtained from G_{i-1} as follows. Given an edge $(u, v) \in E_{G_{i-1}}$, it is replaced by a quadrilateral u, a, v, b with edge lengths 2^{-i} . In what follows, (u, v) is called an edge of level $i-1$, and (a, b) is called the level i anti-edge corresponding to (u, v) .

Lemma 2 Fix $1 < p \leq 2$ and $x, y, z, w \in L_p$. Then, $\|y - z\|_p^2 + (p-1)\|x - w\|_p^2 \leq \|x - y\|_p^2 + \|y - w\|_p^2 + \|w - z\|_p^2 + \|z - x\|_p^2$

Please refer to [2] for the proof of Lemma 2.

Lemma 3 Let A_i denote the set of anti-edges at level i and let $\{s, t\} = V(G_0)$, then for $1 < p \leq 2$ and for any $f : G_k \rightarrow L_p$,

$$\|f(s) - f(t)\|_p^2 + (p-1) \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{(x,y) \in A_i} \|f(x) - f(y)\|_p^2 \leq \sum_{(x,y) \in E(G_k)} \|f(x) - f(y)\|_p^2$$

Sketch of Proof: Let (a, b) be an edge of level i and (c, d) its corresponding anti-edge. By Lemma 2, $\|f(a) - f(b)\|_p^2 + (p-1)\|f(c) - f(d)\|_p^2 \leq \|f(a) - f(c)\|_p^2 + \|f(b) - f(c)\|_p^2 + \|f(d) - f(a)\|_p^2 + \|f(d) - f(b)\|_p^2$. Summing over all such edges and all $i = 0, \dots, k-1$ yields the desired result by noting that the terms $\|f(x) - f(y)\|_p^2$ corresponding to $(x, y) \in E(G_i)$ cancel for $i = 0, \dots, k-1$. \blacksquare

Theorem 4 For any $1 < p \leq 2$, any embedding of G_k into L_p incurs distortion at least $\sqrt{1 + (p-1)k}$.

Sketch of Proof: Let $f : G_k \rightarrow L_p$ be a non-expansive D-embedding. Since $|A_i| = 4^{i-1}$ and the length of a level i anti-edge is 2^{1-i} , apply Lemma 3 yields $\frac{1 + (p-1)k}{D^2} \leq 1$. \blacksquare

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2 An elementary proof of the Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

Theorem 5 (Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma) For any $0 < \epsilon < 1$ and any integer n , let k be a positive integer s.t.

$$k > 4(\epsilon^2/2 - \epsilon^3/3)^{-1} \ln n.$$

Then for any set V of n points in R^d , there is a map $f : R^d \rightarrow R^k$ s.t. for all $u, v \in V$,

$$(1 - \epsilon)\|u - v\|^2 \leq \|f(u) - f(v)\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|u - v\|^2.$$

Further this map can be found in randomized polynomial time.

Let X_1, \dots, X_d be d independent $N(0, 1)$ random variables, and let $Y = \frac{1}{\|x\|}(X_1, \dots, X_d)$. Let vector $Z \in R^k$ be the projection of Y onto its first k coordinates, and let $L = \|Z\|^2$. Clearly the expected length $\mu = EL = k/d$. Then, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 6 Let $k < d$. Then

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$$Pr[L \leq \beta k/d] \leq \beta^{k/2} (1 + \frac{(1-\beta)k}{(d-k)})^{(d-k)/2} \leq \exp(\frac{k}{2}(1 - \beta + \ln \beta)).$$

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Details of the proof of Lemma 6 can be found in [1].

Sketch of Proof: (Theorem 5)

Only need to consider the case $d > k$. Take a random k -dimensional subspace S , and let v'_i be the projection of vertex $v_i \in V$ into S . Then setting $L = \|v'_i - v'_j\|$ and $\mu = (k/d)\|v'_i - v'_j\|^2$, and applying Lemma 6 we have $Pr[L \leq (1-\epsilon)\mu] \leq 1/n^2$ and $Pr[L \geq (1+\epsilon)\mu] \leq 1/n^2$.

Now choose the map $f(v_i) = (\sqrt{n/k})v'_i$. So for fixed pair i, j , the distortion $\|f(v_i) - f(v_j)\|^2 / \|v_i - v_j\|^2$ does not lie in the range $[(1-\epsilon), (1+\epsilon)]$ is at most $1/n^2$. Using the trivial union bound, the chance that some pair of vertices suffers a large distortion is at most $\binom{n}{2} \times 2/n^2 = (1 - \frac{1}{n})$. Hence f has the desired properties with probability at least $1/n$. Repeating this projection $O(n)$ times can boost the success probability to any desired constant and give us the claimed randomized polynomial time algorithm.

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