

Counting Paths in Quantum Logspace

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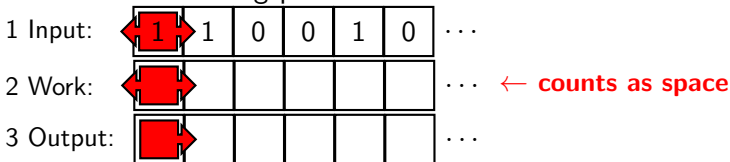
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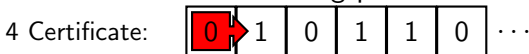
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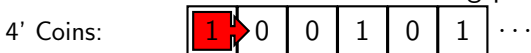
- **L** = Deterministic Logspace



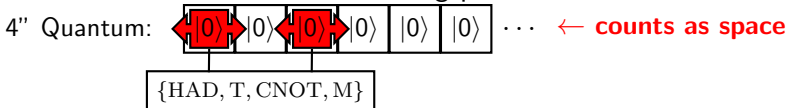
- **NL** = Non-deterministic Logspace



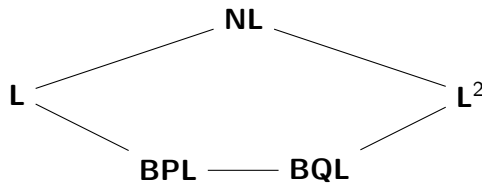
- **BPL** = Bounded-error Probabilistic Logspace



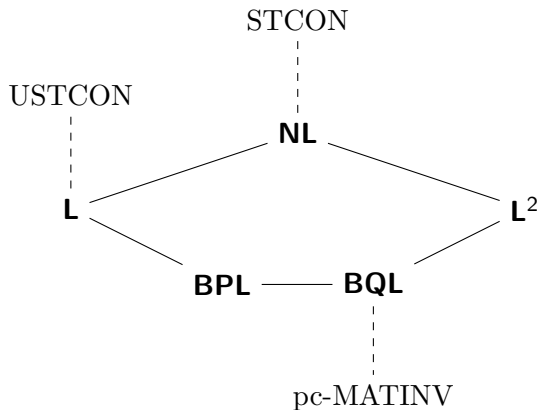
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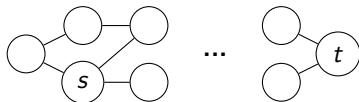


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USTCON



$$P(i, j) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{d(j)} & \text{if } \{i, j\} \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_t = P^t \mu_0$$

Facts

$$\textcircled{1} \forall i: |\lambda_i(P)| \leq 1.$$

$$\textcircled{2} G \text{ connected \& non-bip} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \exists! \text{ stationary } \pi : P\pi = \pi, \\ |\lambda_2| < 1. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^t = 1 \cdot |\pi\rangle \langle \pi| + \underbrace{\sum_{j \geq 2} \lambda_j^t |v_j\rangle \langle v_j|}_{\rightarrow 0}.$$

$$\text{In fact } \begin{cases} \pi(i) = \frac{d(i)}{\sum_j d(j)}, \\ \delta := 1 - |\lambda_2| \geq 1/n^3. \end{cases}$$

USTCON

BPL-Procedure for USTCON

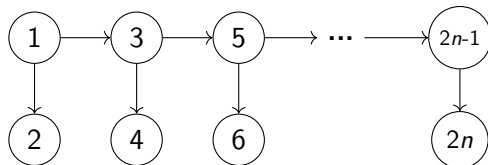
- 1 Do many Random Walks

BQL-Procedure for USTCON

- 1 Ta-Shma [1]: In **BQL** can do $\text{QPE}(e^{iP})$ on random $|v\rangle_I$
 \Rightarrow estimate $\dim(\ker(I - P)) = \#\text{CCs}$
- 2 Does dim change if we add edge $\{s, t\}$?

STCON

Problematic example



- In general $\delta := 1 - s_2$ exp-small
⇒ Estimating $\dim(\ker(I - P))$ doesn't work anymore ☹

Theorem (Ta-Shma [1])

If A poly-conditioned, i.e. $\text{poly}(n) \geq s_1(A) \geq \dots \geq s_n(A) \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$, then can approximate A^{-1} up to $\frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$ accuracy in **BQL**.

Ta-Shma for STCON

Theorem

If $\#paths(i, j) \leq \text{poly}(n) \forall i, j$, then can decide STCON in **BQL**.

Proof.

Consider $\mathcal{L} := I - A$ for adjacency matrix A of a DAG.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} = I + A + \dots + A^{n-1} \text{ because } A^n = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}(i, j) = \#paths(i, j).$$

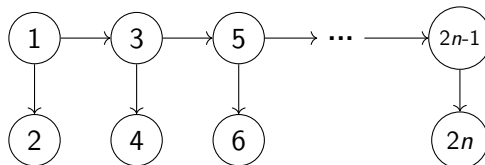
Hence, \mathcal{L} is poly-conditioned iff $\begin{cases} \|\mathcal{L}\|_{\infty} \leq \text{poly}(n), \\ \|\mathcal{L}^{-1}\|_{\infty} \leq \text{poly}(n), \end{cases}$

because $\begin{cases} s_1(\mathcal{L}) = \|\mathcal{L}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \|\mathcal{L}\|_{\infty}, \\ s_n(\mathcal{L}) = 1/\|\mathcal{L}^{-1}\|_2 \geq 1/\sqrt{n} \|\mathcal{L}^{-1}\|_{\infty}. \end{cases}$

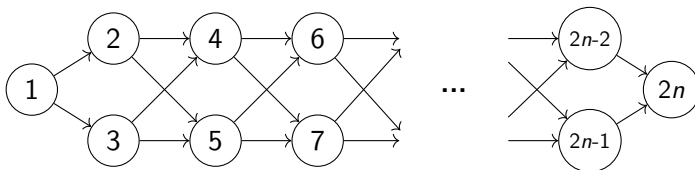


Examples

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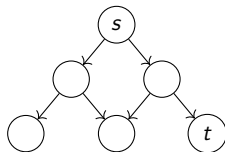


Example 2: Random Walk works, #Paths fails.

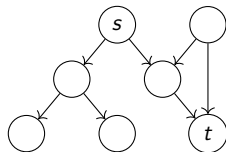


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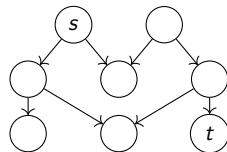
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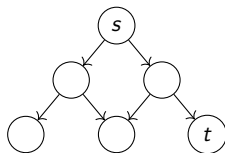
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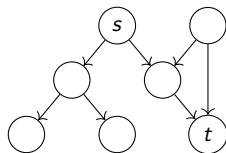
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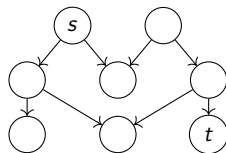
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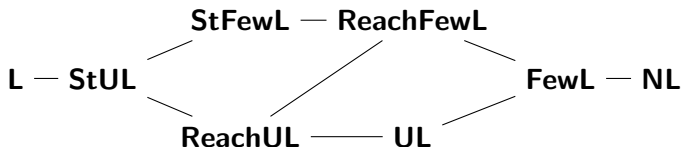
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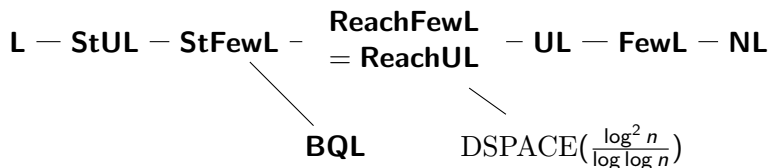
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Can we go further?

Theorem

If $\#\text{paths}(s, i), \#\text{paths}(i, t) \leq \text{poly}(n) \forall i$, then $\text{STCON} \in \mathbf{BQL}$.

Proof.

Consider again $\mathcal{L} := I - A = \sum_j s_j |u_j\rangle \langle v_j|$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1} = \underbrace{\sum_{s_j < \kappa^{-1}} s_j^{-1} |v_j\rangle \langle u_j|}_{???} + \underbrace{\sum_{s_j \geq \kappa^{-1}} s_j^{-1} |v_j\rangle \langle u_j|}_{\text{easy by Ta-Shma}}$$

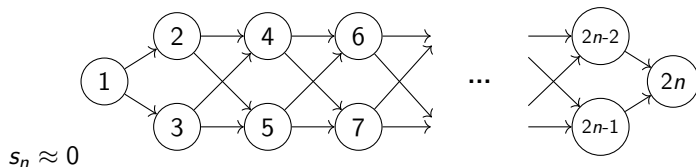
Observe $\|\mathcal{L}^{-1} |t\rangle\|_2^2 = \sum_j s_j^{-2} |\langle u_j | t \rangle|^2 \leq \text{poly}(n)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |\langle s | v_j \rangle| \leq s_j \cdot \text{poly}(n), \\ |\langle u_j | t \rangle| \leq s_j \cdot \text{poly}(n) \end{cases} \Rightarrow |s_j^{-1} \langle s | v_j \rangle \langle u_j | t \rangle| \leq s_j \cdot \text{poly}(n)$$

Choose $\kappa = \text{poly}(n)$ s.t. $\sum_{s_j < \kappa^{-1}} |s_j^{-1} \langle s | v_j \rangle \langle u_j | t \rangle| \leq 1/3$. □

Open Questions

- ① Can we obtain **ReachFewL** \subseteq **BQL**?
- ② What info can we get from ill-conditioned part?



$$v_n \approx \frac{1}{*} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{8} & \dots & \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} & \frac{1}{2^n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_n \approx \frac{1}{*} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2^n} & \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} & \frac{1}{2^{n-2}} & \frac{1}{2^{n-3}} & \dots & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can we detect if $\frac{N(s,t)}{\sum_{i,j} N(i,j)} \geq 1/\text{poly}(n)$?

- ③ Is there a natural **BQL**-complete graph problem? What's the relationship with **#L**, **GapL**?

$$\begin{cases} \text{pc-MATPOW}_{\mathbb{C}} \text{ is } \mathbf{BQL}\text{-complete,} \\ \text{pc-MATPOW}_{\mathbb{N}} = \text{counting paths in StFew-graphs} \end{cases}$$

Conjecture: $\text{pc-MATPOW}_{\{\pm\frac{1}{2}, 0\}}$ is **BQL**-complete.

- ④ Use QSVT instead of Ta-Shma

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