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# Chapter 1

## Something "W" This Way Comes!

### 1.1 W Diameter Detector

The algorithm for computing the "near" to maximum W in a given height tree is based on an algorithm for finding the longest path in tree - it's diameter. It consist of running a standard Breadth First Search (BFS) from any vertex in the tree and recording the leaf that is furthest from that vertex. It can be show [ref] that the furthest leaf is a starting vertex of a diameter of the tree. To obtain the actual diameter then one can run another BFS rooted at that leaf.

Similarly this new algorithm runs a BFS from any vertex in the graph and records the leaf that is farthest in terms of w-length (or number of kinks on the path). This furthest leaf if guaranteed to be either the endpoint of W diameter of the tree or some path that has w-length at least  $-2$  of the actual W diameter of the tree.

The algorithms works as follows:

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**Algorithm 1** Computing the W Diameter of a Height Tree.

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1: function W_BFS(T, root)
2:   root.d = 0
3:   root. $\pi$  = root
4:   furthest = root
5:   Q =  $\emptyset$ 
6:   Enqueue(Q, root)
7:   while Q  $\neq \emptyset$  do
8:     u = Dequeue(Q)
9:     if u.d  $\geq$  furthest.d then
10:       furthest = u
11:     for all v  $\in$  T.Adj[u] do
12:       if v. $\pi$  ==  $\emptyset$  then
13:         v. $\pi$  = u
14:         if u  $\notin$  (v, u. $\pi$ ) then
15:           v.d = u.d + 1
16:         else
17:           v.d = u.d
18:         Enqueue(Q, v)
19:   Return furthest
20: function CALCULATE_W_DIAMETER(T)
21:   s = <any vertex>
22:   u = W_BFS(T, s)
23:   v = W_BFS(T, u)
24:   return b.d
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Before proving the correctness of the algorithm we must first establish two useful properties that related the w length of to it's subpaths. Let  $a \rightsquigarrow b$  be a path from  $a$  to  $b$  in the tree. The we will denote as  $w(a, b)$  the number of kinks in that path (which is unique in the tree).

**Definition 1** - Subpath Property.

Let  $a \rightsquigarrow b$  be a subpath of  $c \rightsquigarrow d$ . Then  $w(a, b) \leq w(c, d)$ .

This property follows from the fact that all kinks of the path from  $a$  to  $b$  are also kinks of the path from  $c$  to  $d$ .

**Definition 2** - Path Decomposition Property Property

Let  $a \rightsquigarrow b$  be a path and  $t$  be a vertex on that path. Then  $w(a, b) = w(a, t) + w(t, b) + x$ , where  $x \in \{0, 1\}$  depending on whether  $t$  is a kink in the path from  $a$  to  $b$ .

Indeed  $t$  can be a kink in the path from  $a$  to  $b$ , but it cannot be a kink in the paths from  $a$  to  $t$  and from  $t$  to  $b$  because it is an endpoint of both. All other kinks are preserved in either  $w(a, t)$  or  $w(t, b)$ . To account for this we must consider additional cases for both possible values of  $x$  when using this property.

**Theorem 1** - The Algorithm produces the endpoints of a path who is at most 2 kinks shy of being the kinkiest path in the tree.

*Proof.* After running the BFS twice we obtain two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that:

$$w(s, u) \geq w(s, t), \forall t \in V(T) \quad (1.1)$$

$$w(u, v) \geq w(u, t), \forall t \in V(T) \quad (1.2)$$

Furthermore let  $a$  and  $b$  be two leaves that are the endpoints of a path that is a W diameter. For any such pair we know that:

$$w(a, b) \geq w(c, d), \forall c, d \in V(T) \quad (1.3)$$

By this equation we have that  $w(a, b) \geq w(u, v)$ . Our goal in this proof will be to give a formal lower bound on  $w(u, v)$  terms of  $w(a, b)$ . To this end let  $t$  be the first vertex in the path between  $a$  and  $b$  that the first BFS starting at  $s$  discovers. From this description it is clear that  $t$  cannot be  $a$  or  $b$  unless  $s$  is equal to  $a$  or  $b$ .

The proof can then be split into several cases.

*Case 1. When the path from  $a$  to  $b$  does not share any vertices with the path from  $s$  to  $u$ .*

*Case 1.1. When the path from  $u$  to  $t$  goes through  $s$ .*

In this case  $s \rightsquigarrow u$  is a subpath of  $t \rightsquigarrow u$ , which in turn means that  $w(t, u) \geq w(s, u)$ . By equation 1.2 we also have that  $w(s, u) \geq w(s, a)$ . We can therefore conclude that  $w(t, u) \geq w(a, t)$  as  $s \rightsquigarrow a$  is a subpath of  $t \rightsquigarrow a$ .

Now via path decomposition of  $a \rightsquigarrow b$  and  $u \rightsquigarrow b$  at  $t$  have that:



$$w(a, b) = w(b, t) + w(t, a) + x$$

$$w(u, b) = w(b, t) + w(t, u) + y.$$

Where  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$  depending on whether there is a kink at  $t$  for the path from  $a$  to  $b$  and from  $u$  to  $b$  respectively. As  $w(t, u) \geq w(a, t)$  we can show that:

$$w(u, b) \geq w(b, t) + w(t, a) + y$$

$$w(u, b) \geq w(b, t) + w(t, a) + x - x + y$$

$$w(u, b) \geq w(a, b) - x + y$$

$$w(u, b) \geq w(a, b) + (y - x)$$

But as  $w(u, v) \geq w(u, b)$  (by equation 1.2) we obtain that:

$$w(u, v) \geq w(a, b) + (y - x)$$

Considering all possible values that  $x$  and  $y$  can take, we can see that the minimum value for the right hand side of the equation is at  $y = 0$  and  $x = 1$ . The final conclusion we may draw is that  $w(u, v) \geq w(a, b) - 1$ .

*Case 1.2. When the path from  $u$  to  $t$  does not go through  $s$ .*

If the path from  $u$  to  $t$  does not go through  $s$  then the paths  $s \rightsquigarrow t$  and  $s \rightsquigarrow u$  have a common subpath. Let  $s'$  be the last vertex in that subpath. We will be able to reduce this case to the previous one by using  $s'$  in the place of  $s$ . We must only account for a situation where  $s'$  is a kink for one of the paths and not the other. We know that  $w(t, u) \geq w(s', u)$  (as a subpath) and through path decomposition we obtain that:

$$w(s, a) = w(s, s') + w(s', a) + x$$

$$w(s, u) = w(s, s') + w(s', u) + y$$

We know that  $w(s, u) \geq w(s, a)$  and therefore:

$$w(s, s') + w(s', u) + y \geq w(s, s') + w(s', a) + x$$

$$w(s', u) + y \geq w(s', a) + x$$

$$w(s', u) \geq w(s', a) + (x - y)$$

Since  $w(t, u) \geq w(s', u)$  we can further conclude that:

$$w(t, u) \geq w(s', a) + (x - y)$$

From the fact that  $t \rightsquigarrow a$  is a subpath of  $s' \rightsquigarrow a$  it follows that  $w(s', a) \geq w(t, a)$ . This

lets us obtain that:

$$w(t, u) \geq w(t, a) + (x - y)$$

Now we are ready to proceed in a similar fashion as the previous case. We will decompose the paths from  $b$  to  $a$  and from  $b$  to  $u$  at the vertex  $t$  as follows:

$$w(b, a) = w(b, t) + w(t, a) + z$$

$$w(b, u) = w(b, t) + w(t, u) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(b, t) + w(t, a) + (x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(b, t) + w(t, a) + z - z + (x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(a, b) - z + (x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(a, b) + (x - y) + (w - z)$$

The minimum value for the right hand side of this equation is at  $x, w = 0$  and  $y, z = 1$ . Now as  $w(u, v) \geq w(u, b)$  we finally obtain that:

$$w(u, v) \geq w(a, b) - 2$$

*Case 2. When the path from  $a$  to  $b$  shares at least one vertex with the path from  $s$  to  $u$ .*

We can do a path decomposition as follows:

$$w(s, u) = w(s, t) + w(t, u) + x$$

$$w(s, a) = w(s, t) + w(t, a) + y$$

As  $w(s, u) \geq w(s, a)$  (by equation 1.2) we obtain that:

$$w(t, u) \geq w(t, a) + (y - x)$$

This again leads us to:

$$w(b, a) = w(b, t) + w(t, a) + z$$

$$w(b, u) = w(b, t) + w(t, u) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(b, t) + w(t, a) + (x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq (w(b, t) + w(t, a) + z) - z + (x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(a, b) - z(x - y) + w$$

$$w(b, u) \geq w(a, b) + (x - y) + (w - z)$$

Where similarly to the previous case we obtain that:

$$w(u, v) \geq w(a, b) - 2$$

Based on these cases we can conclude that for any input tree the algorithm will produce a path that is at most -2 away from the actual maximum path.

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# Chapter 2

## Chapter 2 Title

### 2.1 Section 1



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# Appendices



# Appendix A

## External Material

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# Appendix B

## Ethical Issues Addressed