



Approximating the bandwidth via volume respecting embeddings

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Problems and Results

- Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, $|V| = n$, $|E| = m$ The *Minimum Bandwidth Problem* is to find a one-to-one mapping $f : V(G) \xrightarrow{1 \rightarrow 1} [n]$ to minimize

$$bw(f) = \max_{(i,j) \in E} |f(i) - f(j)|$$

- This paper presents a randomized algorithm that **runs in nearly linear time** and outputs a linear arrangement whose bandwidth is within a $O(\text{polylog}(n))$ factor of optimal.

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Suppose the real line is already divided into intervals of length l
 - The image $\psi(v_i), \psi(v_j)$ of two endpoints of any edge $e = (v_i, v_j) \in E$ are not far apart.

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- And we let $\psi = \varphi \circ \phi$, where φ is a random projection $\mathbb{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



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- The rest of the life:
 - How to find such a well-separated mapping ϕ with a small η ?
 - How to use such a well-separated mapping to prove the first property?

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- ▣ An auxiliary concept — the **Tree Volume**. Let $S \subseteq V$. Consider the complete graph G_S on S , and let the length of an edge d_e for $e = (u, v) \in S \times S$. We define

$$Tvol = \prod_{e \in T} d_e$$

where T is the minimum spanning tree on G_S .



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- Claim 2: End points of any edge are not far apart

$$Pr[|\overline{\psi(v_i)\psi(v_j)}| \geq l : e = (v_i, v_j) \in E] \leq \frac{1}{2m}$$

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- On the other hand, we can conclude from Claim 2 that **with probability more than $\frac{1}{2}$, all the edges' length are no more than l .**

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- Remark: we can further set $l = \Theta(\sqrt{\log n})$ and $\eta = \Theta(\log^{3/2} n)$ (could be improved to $\eta = \Theta(\log n \sqrt{\log \log n})$), and then obtain an $O(\text{polylog}(n))$ approximation ratio.

Sketch proof of Claim 2

We pick a random vector $\vec{r} = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_L\}$ in \mathbb{R}^L and each $r_i \sim N(0, 1)$. Then for a vector $\vec{v} = \phi(v_i)\phi(v_j)$ of at most unit length (recall that ϕ is a contracting mapping), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[|\langle \vec{r}, \vec{v} \rangle| > 2(\sqrt{\log n})] &= \Pr[||\vec{v}||_2 \times |X| > 2(\sqrt{\log n})] \\ &\leq \Pr[|X| > 2(\sqrt{\log n})] \end{aligned}$$

where X is a $N(0, 1)$ random variable. Using the fact that $\Pr[|X| > t] \leq \frac{2}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[|\langle \vec{r}, \vec{v} \rangle| > 2(\sqrt{\log n})] &\leq \frac{2}{2\sqrt{\log n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(2\sqrt{\log n})^2} \\ &< \frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{1}{2m} \end{aligned}$$

Trust Claim 1+

From the definition of *local density* we know that at most n/k vertices at distance at most $n/(k \cdot 2D)$ from v .

Hence, when selecting k vertices randomly to form the set S , the expected distance from v to the closest other vertex in S would be $\Omega(n/(kD))$. And then $Tvol(S)$ would be $\Omega((n/kD)^{k-1})$. Finally we have

$$\sum_{S \subseteq V: |S|=k} \frac{1}{Tvol(S)} \leq \binom{n}{k} ((n/kD)^{k-1}) < \frac{n}{k} (eD)^{k-1}$$

Sketch proof of Claim 1

We fix a set $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}\}$.

Recall that $\phi(s_i)$ is the image after the embedding and $L_i = \text{span}\{\phi(s_0), \phi(s_1), \dots, \phi(s_{i-1})\}$. W.l.o.g, we assume that $s_0 = \vec{0}$, and $L_i = \text{span}\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_{i-1}\}$ is the subspace spanned by the first $i - 1$ basis vector. Let $\phi(s_i) = (s_{i1}, s_{i2}, \dots, s_{ii}, 0, \dots, 0)$. Here comes the key observation

$$(\eta, k)\text{-well-separatedness} \Rightarrow s_{ii} \geq \frac{q_i}{\eta}$$

Sketch proof of Claim 1, Cont.

Next we define

$$\psi(x) = \langle \phi(x), \vec{r} \rangle$$

where $\vec{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_k)$ and $r_i \sim N(0, 1)$ Then we have the following expression, let $I = [0, l)$.

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[\psi(S) \subseteq I] &= Pr[\psi(s_0) \in I] \times Pr[\psi(s_1) \in I | \psi(s_0) \in I] \times \\ &\quad \dots \times Pr[\psi(s_{k-1}) \in I | \wedge_{j=1}^{k-2} \psi(s_j) \in I] \end{aligned}$$

Consider the expression

$$Pr[\psi(s_i) \in I | \wedge_{j=1}^{i-1} \psi(s_j) \in I \wedge (r_1 = \widehat{r_1} \wedge \dots \wedge r_{i-1} = \widehat{r_{i-1}})]$$

Sketch proof of Claim 1, Cont.

Let $Z = \sum_{j < i} s_{ij} \hat{r}_j$. If $\psi(s_i)$ fall into the interval I , it must be the case that $s_{ii}r_i \in [-Z, l - Z)$. Since the value r_i is independent of all the conditions, we have $s_{ii}r_i \sim N(0, s_{ii}^2)$ with $s_{ii} \geq q_i/\eta$, and hence^a

$$Pr[\psi(s_i) \in I | \wedge_{j=1}^{i-1} \psi(s_j) \in I \wedge (r_1 = \hat{r}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge r_{i-1} = \hat{r}_{i-1})] \leq \frac{\eta l}{\sqrt{2\pi} q_i}$$

Since the inequality holds for every possible value of $r_j (j < i)$, we have

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^aAccording to the fact that provided $X \sim N(0, \hat{\sigma}^2)$ with $\hat{\sigma} \geq \sigma$ and I be an interval of length l in the real line, we have $Pr[X \in I] \leq \frac{l}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}$

A proof leak and solution

Notice that here we choose a random vector \vec{r} in space \mathbb{R}^k . But we want to get a mapping from \mathbb{R}^L to the real line. And intuitively, **a vector would be shrunk by the random projection from \mathbb{R}^L to \mathbb{R}^k** . Fortunately, the following proposition comes to rescue.

Proposition: Let r be a random unit vector in \mathbb{R}^L chosen with spherical symmetry, and let \mathbb{R}^k be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^L . Let l denote the length of the projection of r on \mathbb{R}^k . Then:

- **Small projection:** for every $0 < \epsilon < 1$, $Pr_r[l < \epsilon\sqrt{k}/\sqrt{L}] \leq (\beta\epsilon)^k$, for some universal $\beta > 0$.
- **Large projection:** for $c > 1$ and $k = 1$, $Pr_r[l > \sqrt{c/L}] \leq e^{-c/4}$. When L is large, the exponent tends to $-c/2$.

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The main algorithm

Algorithm Bandwidth(G)

1. **Embed** G to R^L using an (η, k) -well-separated mapping, where $L = c \log n \log D$, c is some constant and D is the diameter of the original graph.
2. **Project** all the vertices in the embedding on a random line, obtain for each vertex a point $h(v)$ on the line.
3. **Sort** $h(v)$, and output the sorted list of vertices as the linear arrangement.

To find a well separated mapping

Algorithm Well_Separated_Map(G)

1. Let $L = c \log n \log D$
2. For $t = 1$ to $\log D$
 - (a) Let $\Delta = 2^t$
 - (b) For $j = 1$ to $ck \log n$
 $f_{tj} = \mathbf{Generate_Coordinate}(G, \Delta)$
3. Let $f = \oplus_{tj} f_{tj}$
4. Let $\phi = f / \sqrt{4L}$ for all t, j . */* to preserve “contracting” */*

Generate the coordinates of the embedding

Algorithm Generate_Coordinate(G, Δ)

1. Let $G' = G$, $S_{tj} = \emptyset$.
2. While $G' \neq \emptyset$ do
 - (a) **Pick** up an arbitrary vertices $v \in G'$, and **build a BFS tree rooted at v** . Let $l(u)$ denotes the distance (level) from a vertex $u \in G'$ to v .
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 - (c) Define layers $Lay_k = \{u \mid l(u) \in [(k-1)r, kr)\}$ for all possible k , such that every layer contains r levels.
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3. **Choose** a parameter $\gamma_{tj}(C) \in [1, 2]$ independently, uniformly at random for all the components resulting from the above decomposition. **Assign** the value $f_{tj}(v)$ for a vertex $v \in C$ with $f_{tj}(v) = \gamma_{tj} \cdot d_G(S_{tj}, v)$.

A few explanations

- The meaning of the two subscripts t, j in f_{tj} .
 - t : As shown in the algorithm `Well_Separated_Map(G)`, the value of t denotes the value $\Delta \in \{1, 2, 4, \dots, D\}$. Obviously, each q_i must fall into a particular $[\Delta, 2\Delta]$ where $\Delta = 2^t$. Therefore if we can prove that f_{tj} will be large (say, at least q_i/η for some small η) in many tj^{th} coordinates (t is fixed and j varies), we are done.
 - j : the $ck \log n$ copies of j s is used to guarantee that with high possibility, at least a constant fractional of tj^{th} s will be large.

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Correctness of the well-separated mapping construction

- Claim 3: Algorithm Well_Separated_Map(G) is a randomized construction such that **for an arbitrary point $x \in L_i$**

$$Pr \left[\|\phi(s_i) - x\| > 3 \frac{q_i}{\eta} \right] \geq 1 - n^{-3k}$$

where η is chosen to be $\log^{3/2} n$

The intuition of Claim 3

- If we choose an $2/\eta$ -net for $B(\phi(s_i), n) \cap L_i$, where $B(\phi(s_i), n)$ is a ball centered at ϕs_i with radius n . The number of points of the $2/\eta$ -net would be at most $(n\eta/2)^{i-1} = O(n^{2k})$ by a volume argument. And then we can claim that with high probability $(1 - n^{-k})$, $\phi(s_i)$ is at least $3q_i/\eta$ away from each point in the $2/\eta$ -net.
- Thus for every point y in the space L_i , suppose x is the closest point to y in the $2/\eta$ -net

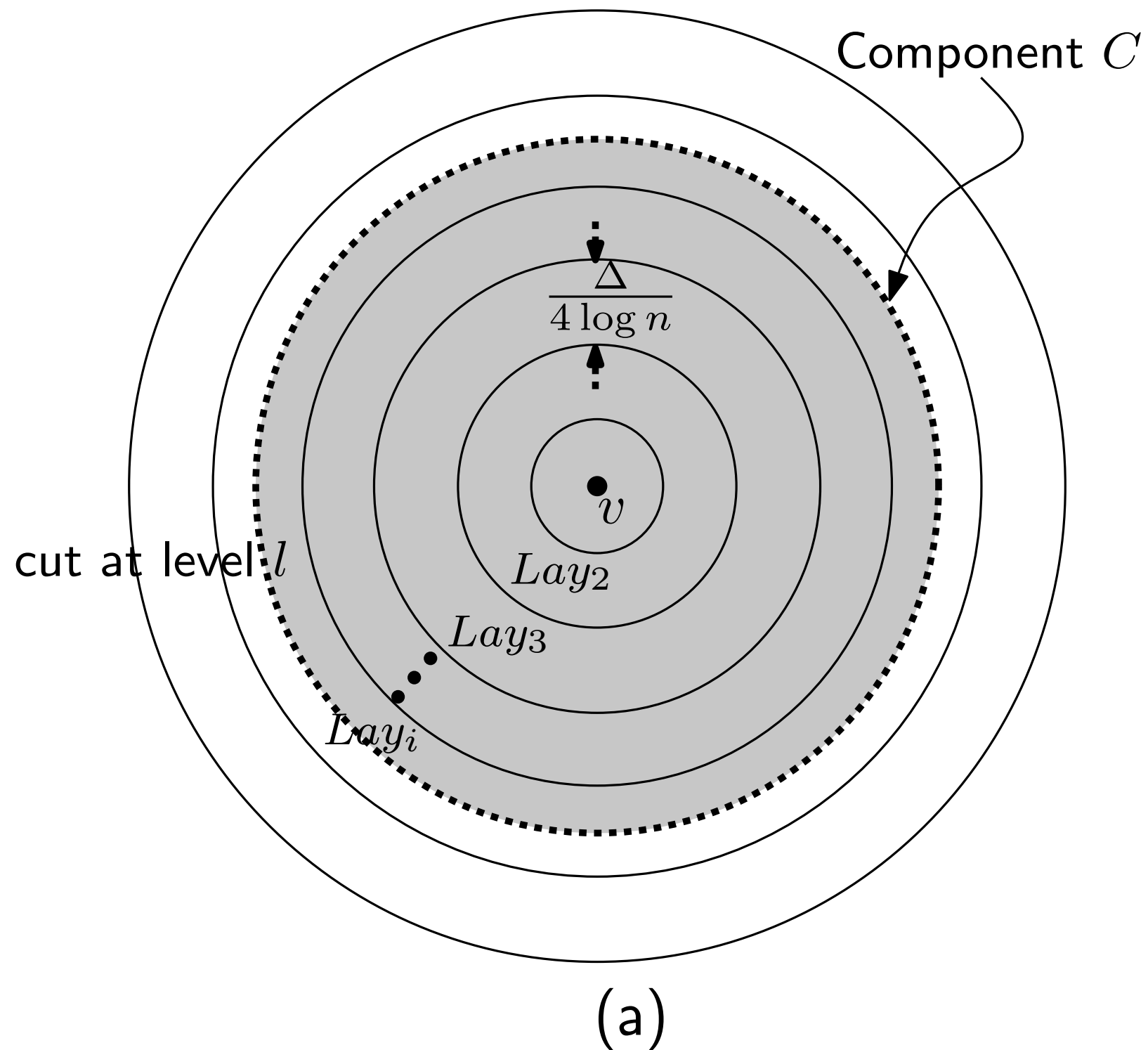
$$\begin{aligned}\|\phi(s_i) - y\|^2 &\geq \|\phi(s_i) - x\|^2 - \|x - y\|^2 \\ &\geq \left(\frac{3q_i}{\eta}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{\eta}\right)^2 \geq \left(\frac{q_i}{\eta}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

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The illustration of decomposition



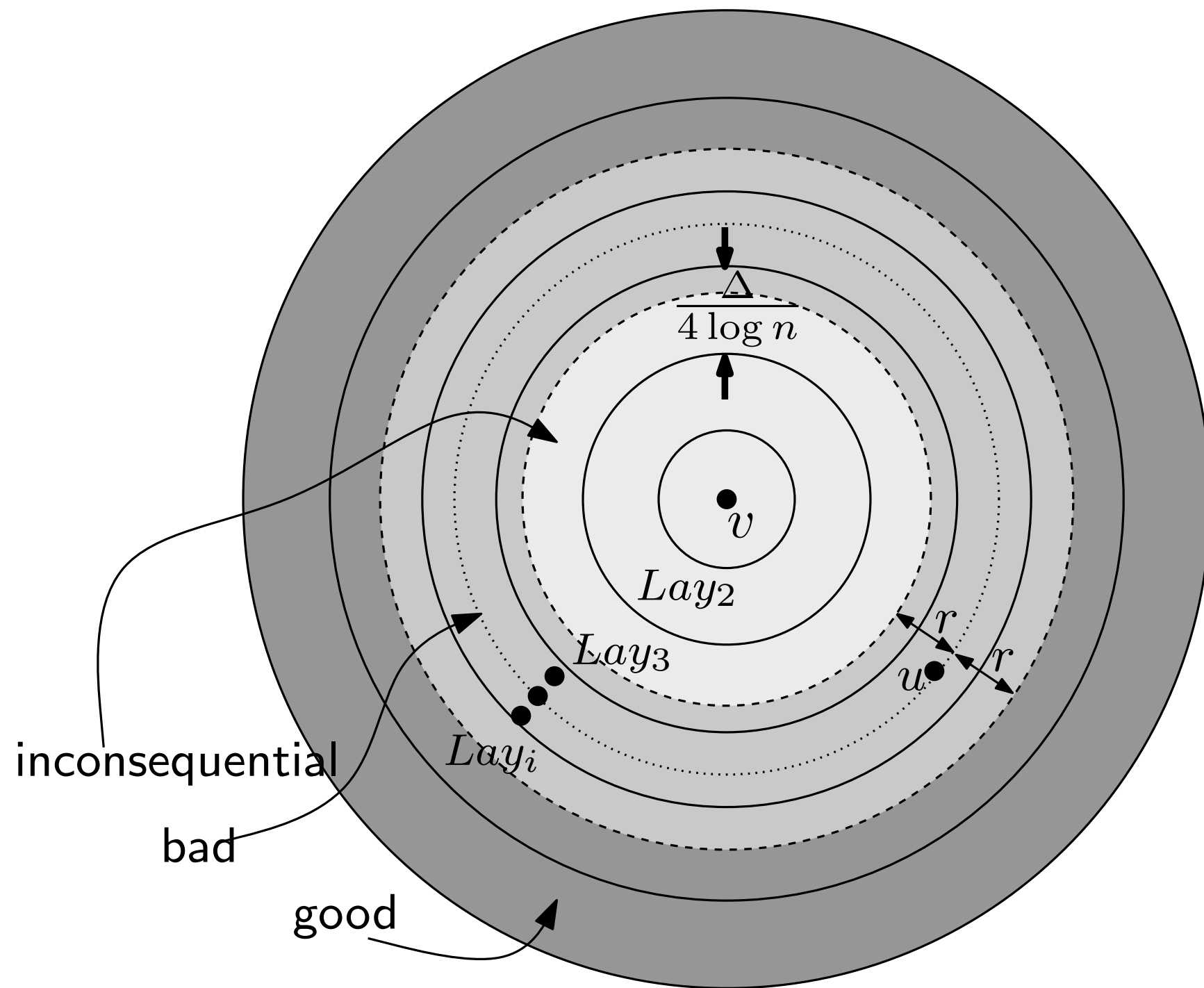
Proof idea of Claim 3

- Our task is trying to prove that $\phi(s_i)$ is far away from the subspace spanned by $\phi(s_0), \phi(s_1), \dots, \phi(s_{i-1})$. Each point x in that subspace could be expressed as $x = \sum_{j < i} \lambda_j \phi(s_j)$ with $\sum_{j < i} \lambda_j = 1$
- Prove that $f_{tj}(s_i)$ is far away from $f_{tj}(s_j)$ for every s_j ($j < i$)
- Use the variational parameter γ_{tj} to prove that $f_{tj}(s_i)$ is far from $\lambda_j f_{tj}(s_j)$ for every s_j ($j < i$) at a constant fractional of coordinates.

Proof sketch of Claim 3

- We say a particular coordinate f_{tj} created by the algorithm is **eligible** if all the components created during its creation have a diameter of at most Δ . For a given set S_{tj} defining a coordinate f_{tj} , we say a node u is **δ -good** if $d(S_{tj}, u) \geq \delta$.
- **Observation 1:** A coordinate is eligible with probability $1 - \frac{1}{n}$
- **Observation 2:** Each node $u \in G$ is $r = \Delta/(4 \log n)$ -good with constant probability.

Each node $u \in G$ is r -good



(b)

Proof of the two observations

□ Proof of the first observation:

Notice a coordinate is not eligible only if a level greater than $\Delta/2$ is choose. Such a level lies in a layer greater than $(2 \log n)$. But this layer is chosen with probability at most $2^{-2 \log n} = 1/n^2$. Meanwhile, there are at most n components at that time.

Proof of the two observations, cont.

- Proof of the second observation:

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- Note: u is δ -good if and only if a **good cut happens before a bad one**. And one can easily see that this is a constant, by our choices of p_k s.

Proof sketch of Claim 3, cont.

- For point s_i , we choose the coordinate f_{t_j} s created when the procedure “Generate_Coordinate(G, Δ)” is called with $\Delta \in [q_i/2, q_i]$. With the above two observations, we notice that with some constant possibility β , a coordinate $f_{t_j}(s_i)$ is both eligible and $\Delta/(4 \log n)$ -good.

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- The final power of randomization lies in $\gamma_{t_j}(c)$

Proof sketch of Claim 3, cont.

By the fact that $\gamma_{tj}(c)$ varies in the interval $[1, 2]$, we can conclude that $f_{tj}(s_i)$ is at least $\Delta/(12 \log n)$ away from $\lambda_j f_{tj}(s_j)$ with possibility $\beta/3$.

Since there are $ck \log n$ copies of j , we conclude that there is a constant fraction (say, ρ) of coordinates that contribute to $\|\phi(s_i) - x\|$ with high probability $(1 - n^{-3k})$.

Therefore, after dividing by $\sqrt{4L} = \sqrt{4ck \log n \log D}$, we conclude that

$$\|\phi(s_i) - x\| \geq O\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta}{12 \log n}\right)^2 (\rho ck \log n) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{4L}}}\right) = O\left(\frac{q_i}{\log^{3/2} n}\right)$$



The End

THANK YOU

Q and A