

Prove: There exist disjoint $I, J \subseteq \{1 \dots n\}$ s.t.

(i) $|I| = |J| \geq n/q^{O(1)}$

(ii) for each $i, i' \in I$ $x_i < x_{i'}$ iff $i < i'$

(iii) for each $j, j' \in J$ $x_j < x_{j'}$ iff $j > j'$

Prove: There exist $I' \subseteq I$ and $J' \subseteq J$ s.t.

(a) I' contains $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r$.

(b) J' contains $j_1 > j_2 > \dots > j_r$.

(c) For each $k \in \{1 \dots r\}$, G contains a path P_k from x_{i_k} to x_{j_k} of length at most $d \in O(\log \epsilon)$.

(d) $P_1 \dots P_k$ are vertex disjoint.

(e) $r \geq n^\alpha$, for some fixed $\alpha > 0$.

By known lemma: and (c)-(d), $\{1 \dots r\}$ can be partitioned into $s \leq q^{O(d)} = e^{O(d \log q)} = e^{O(\log^2 \epsilon)}$ sets $R_1 \dots R_s$ such

that, for each $k, k' \in R_\ell$, $x_{i_k} < x_{i_{k'}} \Leftrightarrow y_{i_k} < y_{i_{k'}}$

Since $r \geq n^\alpha$,

$$\frac{r}{s} \geq \frac{n^\alpha}{e^{O(\log^2 n)}} \geq \frac{n^\alpha}{e^{O((\log \log n)^4)}} \geq e^{\alpha \log n - O((\log \log n)^4)} > 1,$$

so by the pigeonhole principle, $|R_\ell| \geq \lceil \frac{r}{s} \rceil \geq 2$ for at least one $\ell \in \{1, \dots, 8\}$. But now we have

$K, K' \in R_\ell$ s.t. $x_{i_K} < x_{i_{K'}}$ and $x_{j_K} < x_{j_{K'}}$. But this contradicts (iii.) QED.