

# Generation and Maintenance of 2-hop Labels for Accelerating Group Steiner Tree Search on Graphs

The road map of this supplement is as follows.

- In Section S1, we provide proofs that are omitted in the main contents.
- In Section S2, we provide detailed discussions on complexities of algorithms.

## S1. PROOFS

**Theorem 1.** *A set of 2-hop labels that satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint supports the query of a shortest path between every pair of a vertex  $v \in V$  and a candidate vertex group  $g \in \Gamma_{all}$ .*

*Proof.* We show that we can query the shortest distance/path between every pair of a vertex  $v \in V$  and a candidate vertex group  $g \in \Gamma_{all}$  using a set  $L$  of 2-hop labels that satisfies the above constraint as follows. There are two different cases:

1. Case 1: there is a path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph. Since each mock edge weight  $M$  is larger than the total weight of all non-mock edges, a shortest path between  $v$  and  $v_g$  on the transformed graph contains a shortest path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph. Since  $|\{v, v_g\} \cap D| < 2$ , there is a common hub vertex  $u \in C(v) \cap C(v_g)$  in a shortest path between  $v$  and  $v_g$ . Thus, we can use  $L$  to query the shortest distance between  $v$  and  $v_g$ , which is smaller than  $2M$  and equals the shortest distance between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph plus  $M$ . Hence, equivalently, we can use  $L$  to query the shortest distance between  $v$  and  $g$ . Furthermore, since there is no mock vertex in the middle of a shortest path between  $v$  and  $v_g$  on the transformed graph, we can also iteratively query the shortest path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph by adding predecessors into labels.
2. Case 2: there is no path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph. Thus,  $v$  and  $v_g$  are not properly connected, and there may not be a common hub vertex  $u \in C(v) \cap C(v_g)$ . If there is no common hub vertex  $u \in C(v) \cap C(v_g)$ , then we can directly deduce that there is no path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph. If there is a common hub vertex  $u \in C(v) \cap C(v_g)$ , then since  $v$  and  $v_g$  are not properly connected on the transformed graph, there must be at least one mock vertex in the middle of any path between  $v$  and  $v_g$ , and as a result the queried distance of any path between  $v$  and  $v_g$  is no smaller than  $2M$ , which still indicates that there is no path between  $v$  and  $g$  on the original graph.

Hence, this theorem holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *A set of 2-hop labels that has the GST-customized canonical property is minimal for meeting the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint.*

*Proof.* Consider a set  $L$  of 2-hop labels that has the GST-customized canonical property. For every pair of properly connected vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $|\{v_i, v_j\} \cap D| < 2$ , let  $v_k$  be the vertex with the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . We have  $v_k \notin D$  and  $v_k \in C(v_i) \cap C(v_j)$ , since  $v_k$  has the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ , as well as between  $v_j$  and  $v_k$ , and no vertices in these shortest paths can be hubs of  $v_k$ , except itself. Thus,  $L$  meets the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint. Moreover, consider an arbitrary label  $(v_i, d_{v_i v_j}) \in L(v_j)$ . We have (i)  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are properly connected; (ii)  $|\{v_i, v_j\} \cap D| < 2$ ; and (iii) the rank of  $v_i$  is the highest among all vertices in all shortest paths between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . As a result, there is no other vertex  $v_k \in C(v_i) \cap C(v_j)$  in a shortest path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , which means that deleting this arbitrary label makes  $L$  not satisfy the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint any more. Hence, this theorem holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *The set  $L$  of 2-hop labels generated by HL4GST has the GST-customized canonical property, and thus is minimal for meeting the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint.*

*Proof.* Let  $L^{can}$  be the set of labels that has the GST-customized canonical property. We prove that every label in  $L^{can}$  is also in  $L$  as follows.

Consider an arbitrary label  $(u, d_{vu}) \in L^{can}(v)$ . We observe that (i)  $u$  and  $v$  are properly connected; (ii)  $|\{u, v\} \cap D| < 2$ ; and (iii) the rank of  $u$  is the highest among all vertices in all

shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v$ . Thus, we have  $d_{vu} < 2M$ , and the generation of the above label cannot be pruned by GST-customized pruning technique in Line 11 of HL4GST. Further consider the labeling process for hub  $u$  in HL4GST. HL4GST generates labels with hub  $u$  by spreading  $u$  to other vertices, starting from  $u$ , via a Dijkstra-style process. Suppose that the spread of hub  $u$  to  $v$  along a shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$  stops at a middle vertex  $v'$  due to the query pruning technique in Line 6 of HL4GST. This means that, before inserting  $(u, d_{v'u})$  into  $L'(v')$ , the queried distance between  $u$  and  $v'$  is no larger than  $d_{v'u}$ . As a result, there must be a common hub vertex  $z \in C(u) \cap C(v')$  such that  $z$  is in a shortest path between  $u$  and  $v'$ , and  $r(z) > r(u)$ . This contradicts with the fact that the rank of  $u$  is the highest among all vertices in all shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v'$ . Consequently, the spread of hub  $u$  to  $v$  along a shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$  cannot stop at a middle vertex, and as a result HL4GST inserts  $(u, d_{vu})$  into  $L'(v)$ .

We further show that HL4GST also inserts  $(u, d_{vu})$  into  $L(v)$  as follows. When it checks  $(u, d_{vu}) \in L'(v)$  in Line 18 during the cleaning process, it computes  $d'(u, v)$  using  $L'_{>r(u)}(v)$  and  $L'(u)$ . If  $d'(u, v) \leq d_{vu}$ , then there must be a common hub vertex  $z \in C(u) \cap C(v)$  such that  $z$  is in a shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$ , and  $r(z) > r(u)$ . This contradicts with the fact that the rank of  $u$  is the highest among all vertices in all shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v$ . Consequently,  $d'(u, v) > d_{vu}$  and HL4GST also inserts  $(u, d_{vu})$  into  $L(v)$ . Hence, every label in  $L^{can}$  is also in  $L$ .

We further prove that every label not in  $L^{can}$  is not in  $L$  as follows. Suppose that there is a label  $(u, d_{vu}) \in L(v) \setminus L^{can}(v)$ . We observe that (i)  $u$  and  $v$  are not properly connected; or (ii)  $|\{u, v\} \cap D| = 2$ ; or (iii) the rank of  $u$  is not the highest among all vertices in all shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are not properly connected or  $|\{u, v\} \cap D| = 2$ , then  $d_{vu} \geq 2M$ , and the generation of the above label will be pruned by GST-customized pruning technique in Line 11 of HL4GST, which means that  $(u, d_{vu}) \notin L(v)$ . Otherwise, we consider the case where the rank of  $u$  is not the highest among all vertices in all shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v$  as follows. Let  $z$  be the vertex with the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $u$  and  $v$ . We have  $(z, d_{zv}) \in L'_{>r(u)}(v)$  and  $(z, d_{zu}) \in L'(u)$ . As a result, HL4GST computes  $d'(u, v)$  as a larger value than  $d_{vu}$  in Line 19, and does not insert  $(u, d_{vu})$  into  $L$ . Hence, every label not in  $L^{can}$  is not in  $L$ . In conclusion, we have  $L^{can} = L$ . By Theorem 2, this theorem holds.  $\square$

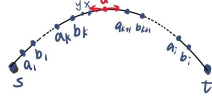
**Theorem 4.** *Given a graph and a corresponding set of 2-hop labels that satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint, after a batch of edge insertions and edge weight decreases, the maintained set of labels by BatchM4GST-Insert satisfies the above constraint for the updated graph.*

*Proof.* Consider a pair of vertices  $s$  and  $t$ , we use  $p'(s, t)$  to denote a shortest path between  $s$  and  $t$  after the change. Let  $u'$  be the vertex with the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $s$  and  $t$  after the change, and  $u' \in p'(s, t)$ . Also let  $d'(s, t)$  be the shortest distance between  $s$  and  $t$  after the change. Suppose that  $|\{s, t\} \cap D| < 2$  and  $d'(s, t) < 2M$ , i.e.,  $s$  and  $t$  are properly connected after the change.

Let  $E_{in} = \{(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_i, b_i)\}$  be the set of changed edges on  $p'(s, t)$ , i.e.,  $E_{in} \subseteq E_c$ . Notably,  $E_{in}$  could be empty. Without loss of generality, suppose that  $a_x$  is closer to  $s$  than  $b_x$  along  $p'(s, t)$  for each  $x \in [1, i]$ , and  $u'$  is between  $(a_k, b_k)$  and  $(a_{k+1}, b_{k+1})$ , as illustrated in Figure S1. Since there are only edge insertions and edge weight decreases,  $p'(u', b_k)$  is a shortest path between  $u'$  and  $b_k$  both before and after the change, and  $u'$  has the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $u'$  and  $b_k$  both before and after the change. We also have  $|\{u', b_k\} \cap D| < 2$  and  $d'(u', b_k) < 2M$ .

Suppose that  $u'$  is not a hub of  $b_k$  before the maintenance. Since the given set of 2-hop labels satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint, to correctly query  $d'(u', b_k)$ , there must be a vertex  $z$  such that  $z \in C(u') \cap C(b_k)$ ,  $r(z) > r(u')$ , and  $z$  is in a shortest path between  $u'$  and  $b_k$ . This contradicts with the assumption that  $u'$  has the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $u'$  and  $b_k$ . Thus,  $(u', d'(b_k, u')) \in L(b_k)$ , and further  $(u', d'(a_{k+1}, u')) \in L(a_{k+1})$ , before the maintenance. BatchM4GST-Insert calls *DIFFUSE* to re-spread hub  $u'$  from  $b_k$  to  $s$ , and from  $a_{k+1}$  to  $t$ , along  $p'(s, t)$ . Thus,  $(u', d'(s, u')) \in L(s)$ , and similarly  $(u', d'(t, u')) \in L(t)$ , after the maintenance. Hence, for every pair of properly connected vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $|\{v_i, v_j\} \cap D| < 2$ , there is a common hub vertex  $u \in C(v_i) \cap C(v_j)$  on a shortest path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , i.e., the maintained set of labels by BatchM4GST-Insert still satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint. This theorem holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *Given a graph and a corresponding set of 2-hop labels that satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint, after a batch of edge deletions and edge weight increases, the maintained set of labels by BatchM4GST-Delete satisfies the above constraint for the updated graph.*



**Fig. S1.** A illustration for the correctness proofs of the proposed maintenance algorithms.

*Proof.* We use the notations in the proof of Theorem 4. Consider an arbitrary label  $(z, d(z, y)) \in L(y)$  before the change. If this label corresponds to a path that passes through a changed edge, i.e.,  $d'(z, y) \geq d(z, y)$ , then BatchM4GST-Delete must call *SPREAD*<sub>1</sub> to set  $L(y)[z]$  to  $\infty$ .

Subsequently, consider a pair of vertices  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $|\{s, t\} \cap D| < 2$  and  $d'(s, t) < 2M$ , i.e.,  $s$  and  $t$  are properly connected after the change. We use  $p'(s, t)$  to denote a shortest path between  $s$  and  $t$  after the change. Let  $u'$  be the vertex with the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $s$  and  $t$  after the change, and  $u' \in p'(s, t)$ .

Before the maintenance, let  $x$  be the vertex farthest to  $u'$  along  $p'(u', b_k)$  such that  $u'$  is a hub of  $x$ , and the corresponding label-contained distance value is  $d'(u', x)$ . Let  $y$  be the neighbor of  $x$  along  $p'(u', b_k)$  such that  $u'$  is not a hub of  $y$ , or  $u'$  is a hub of  $y$  but the corresponding label-contained distance value is not  $d'(u', y)$ .

If  $u'$  is a hub of  $y$  but the corresponding label-contained distance value is not  $d'(u', y)$  before the maintenance, then we must have  $d'(u', y) > d(u', y)$ . In this case, BatchM4GST-Delete must call *SPREAD*<sub>1</sub> to set  $L(y)[u']$  to  $\infty$ , and then call *SPREAD*<sub>2</sub> and *SPREAD*<sub>3</sub> to re-spread hub  $u'$  from  $x$  to  $y$ , and ultimately to  $s$ , along  $p'(s, t)$ , i.e., to generate a new label  $(u', d'(u', s)) \in L(s)$ .

If  $u'$  is not a hub of  $y$  before the maintenance, then there must be a vertex  $z$  such that  $z \in C(u') \cap C(y)$ ,  $r(z) > r(u')$ , and  $z$  is in a shortest path between  $u'$  and  $y$ , and  $u' \in PPR[y, z]$  and  $y \in PPR[u', z]$  before the maintenance. Since  $u'$  is the vertex with the highest rank in all shortest paths between  $u'$  and  $y$  after the change,  $z$  is not in a shortest path between  $u'$  and  $y$  after the change. To meet this condition, either  $L(u')[z]$  or  $L(y)[z]$  increases after the graph change. Thus, BatchM4GST-Delete must call *SPREAD*<sub>1</sub> to set either  $L(u')[z]$  or  $L(y)[z]$  to  $\infty$ . In either case, using the above *PPR*, BatchM4GST-Delete performs *SPREAD*<sub>2</sub> and *SPREAD*<sub>3</sub> to re-spread hub  $u'$  from  $x$  to  $y$ , and ultimately to  $s$ , along  $p'(s, t)$ , i.e., to generate a new label  $(u', d'(u', s)) \in L(s)$ .

Therefore, in either case, we have  $(u', d'(u', s)) \in L(s)$ , and similarly  $(u', d'(u', t)) \in L(t)$  after the maintenance. Hence, for every pair of properly connected vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  such that  $|\{v_i, v_j\} \cap D| < 2$ , there is a common hub vertex  $u \in C(v_i) \cap C(v_j)$  on a shortest path between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , i.e., the maintained set of labels by BatchM4GST-Delete still satisfies the GST-customized 2-hop cover constraint. This theorem holds.  $\square$

## S2. TIME AND SPACE COMPLEXITIES

**Complexities of HL4GST:** The time complexity of HL4GST is

$$O(|E| \cdot \delta \cdot (\delta + \log |V|))$$

in a single thread environment, where  $\delta$  is the average number of labels associated with each vertex. The details are as follows. First, the labeling process in Lines 1-14 takes  $O(|E| \cdot \delta \cdot (\delta + \log |V|))$  time. The reason is that for each label inserted into  $L'(v)$  in Line 8, it may insert  $|N(v)|$  elements into  $Q$  in Line 12, and for each element in  $Q$ , it takes  $O(\log |V|)$  time to pop it out in Line 5 (e.g., using Fibonacci heap [1]) and  $O(\delta)$  time to query a distance in Line 6. Second, the sorting process in Lines 15-16 takes  $O(|V| \cdot \delta \cdot \log \delta)$  time. Since we generally have  $|E| \gg |V|$ , the above complexity is covered by that of the labeling process. Third, the cleaning process in Lines 17-21 takes  $O(|V| \cdot \delta^2)$  time, given that a distance query that costs  $O(\delta)$  is required for cleaning each label.

**Complexities of BatchM4GST-Insert:** BatchM4GST-Insert has a time complexity of

$$O(|E_c| \cdot \delta^2 + Y \cdot (\log Y + d_a \cdot \delta))$$

in a single thread environment, where  $Y$  is the number of update labels, and  $d_a$  is the average degree of vertices. The details are as follows. First, populating  $CL$  in Lines 1-18 takes  $O(|E_c| \cdot \delta^2)$  time, since each distance query in Lines 5 and 13 costs  $O(\delta)$ . Second, *DIFFUSE* takes  $O(|E_c| \cdot \delta + Y \cdot (\log Y + d_a \cdot \delta))$  time. The reason is that, since  $O(|CL|) = O(|E_c| \cdot \delta)$ , the initialization steps in Lines 21-23 takes  $O(|E_c| \cdot \delta)$  time. Moreover, *DIFFUSE* pops  $O(Y)$  elements out of the priority queue. Each pop operation takes  $O(\log Y)$  times. After each pop, it searches  $O(d_a)$  neighbors,

and a distance query that costs  $O(\delta)$  may be conducted in each search. On the other hand, due to the cost of *PPR*, the space complexity of BatchM4GST-Insert is  $O(|E| \cdot \delta)$ .

**Complexities of BatchM4GST-Delete:** BatchM4GST-Delete has a time complexity of

$$O(|E_c| \cdot \delta + Y \cdot (\log Y + d_a \cdot \delta + \kappa \cdot (d_a + \delta)))$$

in a single thread environment, where  $\kappa$  is the average number of *PPR* elements of each vertex-hub pair. The details are as follows. First, it pushes labels into  $AL_1$  in Lines 2-8 in  $O(|E_c| \cdot \delta)$  time. Then, it performs  $SPREAD_1$  in  $O(Y \cdot d_a)$  time, since there are  $O(Y)$  labels deactivated, and each deactivation is followed by  $O(d_a)$  neighbor searches. Subsequently, it performs  $SPREAD_2$  in  $O(Y \cdot \kappa \cdot (d_a + \delta))$  time, since for each of  $O(Y)$  tuples in  $AL_2$ , it checks  $O(\kappa)$  *PPR* elements in Line 19, while checking each *PPR* element takes  $O(d_a + \delta)$  time, due to the cost of  $O(d_a)$  for computing  $d1(x, t)$  and  $d1(t, x)$  in Lines 21 and 28, and the cost of  $O(\delta)$  for querying distances in Lines 23 and 30. After that, similar to *DIFFUSE* in BatchM4GST-Insert, it performs  $SPREAD_3$  in  $O(Y \cdot (\log Y + d_a \cdot \delta))$  time, given that  $O(|AL_3|) = O(Y)$ . In the end, due to the cost of *PPR*, the space complexity of BatchM4GST-Delete is  $O(|E| \cdot \delta)$ .

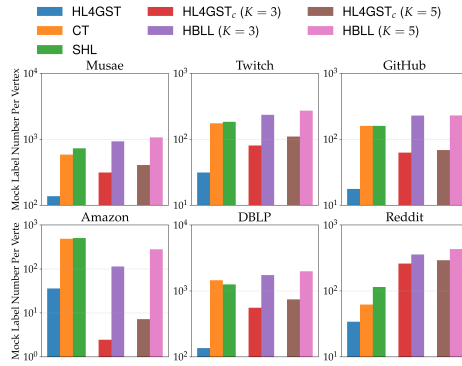


Fig. S2. The label numbers of mock vertices.

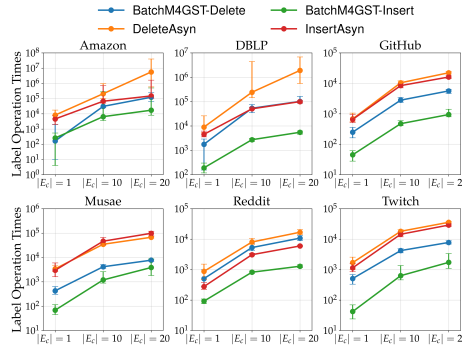


Fig. S3. maintenance time (1 column \* 2 line); non hop

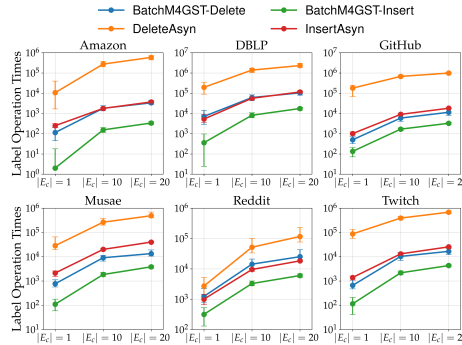


Fig. S4. maintenance time (1 column \* 2 line); hop (fixed K)

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