

## Lecture 25: Analysis of 2-OPT Algorithm

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**Topics:** Continuation of analysis of the 2-OPT algorithm.

## 1 Analysis of theorem for $\phi$ perturbed graph

**Theorem 1.1: Longest Path Theorem**

*Expected length of the longest path in any one of 2-OPT configuration graph where 2-OPT is run on  $\phi$  perturbed graph is bounded by  $O(m^{1+\epsilon}n\phi)$  for  $\phi$  perturbed graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.*

The runtime of our 2-OPT algorithm depends upon the longest path in the 2-OPT configuration tree by intuition. Our theorem 3.1 captures the expected size of such longest paths. This will upperbound our running time for the 2-OPT algorithm. We'll prove a weaker version of theorem 3.1 for  $\phi$  perturbed graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

**Proof.** Suppose  $G$  is a fixed graph on  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

Weight function  $w : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be  $\phi$  perturbed weights such that  $w(e) \sim f_e : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \phi]$ . Consider any 2-edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Suppose after performing a 2-exchange the cost of the tour reduces and the new edges are  $e_3$  and  $e_4$ .  $(e_i)_{i \in 1,2,3,4}$  creates a four-cycle. Say the change in weight is  $\Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4)$ . We define the following

$$\Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4) = \sum_{i \in 1,2} e_i - \sum_{i \in 3,4} e_i$$

Let  $\Delta_{\min}$  be minimum across all such 4-cycles  $\Delta_{\min} = \min_{(e_1, \dots, e_4), \Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4) \geq 0} \Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4)$ . Then the running time of the algorithm is  $O(\frac{n}{\Delta_{\min}})$ .

**Lemma 1.1:  $\Delta_{\min}$  do not have large values**

*$\Delta_{\min}$  do not have large values is captured by the following probability measure.*

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \Pr[\Delta \leq \epsilon] \leq m^2 \epsilon \phi$$

The up-above lemma shows that the probability of gaining during an 2-OPT step at most  $\epsilon$  is at most  $m^2 \epsilon \phi$ .

**Proof of Lemma 1.1:** Consider a fixed 2-exchange  $\{e_1, \dots, e_4\}$ . Then from definition

$$\Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4) = \sum_{i \in 1,2} e_i - \sum_{i \in 3,4} e_i$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[\Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4) \leq \epsilon] \\ &= \Pr[(w(e_1) + w(e_2) - w(e_3) - w(e_4)) \in [0, \epsilon]] \end{aligned}$$

We set edge weight  $w(e_1) = x_1$ ,  $w(e_2) = x_2$ ,  $w(e_3) = x_3$ ,  $w(e_4) = x_4$  where  $(x_i)_{i \in 1,2,3,4}$  are random variables. Now we fix values for  $(x_i)_{i \in 2,3,4}$ . For this fixed values  $\Pr \left[ \sum_{i \in 1,2} x_i - \sum_{i \in 3,4} x_i \right] \in [0, \epsilon]$  is equivalent to  $x_1 \in [k, k + \epsilon]$  for some  $k$ .

$$\Pr \left[ \sum_{i \in 1,2} (x_i) - \sum_{i \in 3,4} \in [0, \epsilon] \right] \leq \Pr [x_1 \in [k, k + \epsilon]]$$

The graph is a  $\phi$  perturbed instance so  $\Pr[\Delta(e_1, \dots, e_4) \leq \epsilon] \leq \epsilon\phi$ . Now Using union bound we can say

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\Delta_{\min} \leq \epsilon] &= \Pr[\exists (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4), \Delta(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \leq \epsilon] \\ &\leq \sum_{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4} \Pr[\Delta(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \leq \epsilon] \\ &\leq m^2 \epsilon \phi \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.1:** Suppose diameter of the 2-OPT graph is  $T$ . Then the following is true from lemma 1.1

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[T \geq t] &\leq \Pr \left[ \Delta_{\min} \leq \frac{n}{t} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{m^2 n \phi}{t} \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value of the 2-OPT diameter length then becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[T] &= \sum_{t=1}^{n!} \Pr[T \geq t] \\
&= \sum_{t=1}^{n!} \frac{m^2 n \phi}{t} \\
&= m^2 n \phi * O(\lg n!) \\
&\leq m^2 n^2 \phi \lg n
\end{aligned}$$

This analysis shows that the bound on the 2-OPT configuration graph diameter's expected length is polynomial, which determines the runtime of the 2-OPT algorithm.

We'll see a much better analysis of the 2-OPT algorithm that'll improve the bound and the running time in the next lecture.