## Routing v.s. Spanners

# Spanner et routage compact : similarités et différences 

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## Goals:

- find a good skeleton of the graph;
- decrease the size of the graph while preserving distances;
- optimize stretch-size tradeoffs.


A complete Euclidian graph on 15 nodes


A (minimum cost) spanner with stretch 1.2


A (minimum cost) spanner with stretch 1.7


A (minimum cost) spanner with stretch 2.0


A (minimum cost) spanner with stretch 3.0


Delaunay triangulation


## Spanner: Some Results $(1 / 3)$

For specific metrics, geometric spaces ...

- Every 2D Euclidean graph has a stretch-2 spanner of size $3 n-6$ [STOC '86] - Delaunay triangulations get stretch-2.42 (conjectured stretch-1.57)
- Every 2D Euclidean graph has a stretch- $(1+\varepsilon)$ spanner of size $O\left(\varepsilon^{-1} n\right)$ [Yao- \& $\Theta$-Graphs]
- Generalization to doubling dimension and higher dimension spaces, also to hyperbolic spaces ...


## Spanner: Some Results (2/3)

For general (connected) graphs ...

- Every weighted graph has a stretch- $(2 k-1)$ spanner of size $O\left(n^{1+1 / k}\right)$ [Greedy algorithm (Kruskal)]
- Every unweighted graph has a stretch +2 spanner of size $O\left(n^{1+1 / 2}\right)$ [SICOMP'09], and a stretch +6 spanner of size $O\left(n^{1+1 / 3}\right)$ [SODA'05]


## Spanner: Some Results (3/3)

Recently ...

- Every unweighted stretch $+(2 k-1)$ spanner must have $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{k} n^{1+1 / k}\right)$ edges in the worst-case [FOCS'06]
- Every unweighted graph has a $f$-fault-tolerant stretch- $(2 k-1)$ spanner of size $k^{3} f^{k+3} \cdot \tilde{O}\left(n^{1+1 / k}\right)$ [STOC'09]
[a spanner for $G \backslash F$ for all subgraphs $F$ with $|F| \leqslant f$ ]


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- find an efficient routing scheme for $G$;
- compress routing table size while preserving near-shortest routes;
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For metrics ...

- Every 2D Euclidean graph has a stretch-14.0 labeled routing scheme with $8 \log D$-bit tables [Yao-Graph $Y_{7}+$ greedy routing]
- Every 2D Euclidean graph has a stretch- $(1+\varepsilon)$ labeled routing scheme with $O\left(\varepsilon^{-1} \log D\right)$-bit tables [cf. Abraham-Malkhi: PODC'04]
- Extension to 3D and more ...



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- Similar bounds for weighted $H$-minor free graphs [Abraham-G.: PODC'06]

planar

minor-free


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For general (connected) graphs ...

- Every weighted graph has a stretch- $(4 k-5)$ labeled routing scheme with $\tilde{O}\left(n^{1 / k}\right)$-bit tables and polylog addresses and headers [Thorup-Zwick: SPAA'01]
- Every weighted graph has a stretch- $O(k)$ name-independent routing scheme with $\tilde{O}\left(n^{1 / k}\right)$-bit tables and polylog headers [Abraham et al.: SPAA'06]



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## Summary

stretch size

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\begin{array}{ccl}
2 k-1 & O\left(n^{1+1 / k}\right) & \text { Spanner: Greedy Algorithm } \\
2 k-1 & O\left(k n^{1+1 / k}\right) & \text { Spanner: Tree Cover } \\
4 k-5 & \tilde{O}\left(k n^{1 / k}\right) & \text { Routing: Tree Cover }++
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{cll}
+2 & O\left(n^{1+1 / 2}\right) & \text { Spanner: Tree Cover } \\
+6 & O\left(n^{1+1 / 3}\right) & \text { Spanner: ad-hoc } \\
+f(k) & O\left(n^{1+1 / k}\right) & \text { Open for every } k>3
\end{array}
$$

Fact: Spanner and Routing problems use similar techniques, and get similar bounds

## Question(s)

Can we make additively stretched spanners routable?
[Baswana, Elkin, Pettie, ...]

Is there a routing scheme with sublinear space and additive stretch for all graphs?

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- There exist spanners of size $o\left(n^{2}\right)$ with constant additive stretch (ex: size $n^{1+1 / 2}$ or $n^{1+1 / 3}$ for stretch +2 or +6 ).
- It should exist sublinear compact routing scheme with constant additive stretch!!!


## Yes or No?

CON: Spanners do not tell us how to route on sparse graphs.
The problem is:

- Spanner: prove $\exists$ a near-shortest path
- Routing: construct a near-shortest path


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Corollary: The additive stretch of every universal routing strategy with tables and addresses in $o(\sqrt{n})$ is unbounded.

In particular, the stretch-7 routing scheme of [TZ] $(k=3)$ with $\tilde{O}\left(n^{1 / 3}\right)$-bit tables must have an additive stretch of $n^{1 / 9-o(1)}$.

## THANK YOU!

## The Graph Family $\mathcal{F}=\mathcal{F}(p, \delta)$

Graphs of $\mathcal{F}$ are constructed from $p \times p$ boolean matrices.
Sets of $p$ nodes: $S=\left\{s_{i}\right\}, A=\left\{a_{i}\right\}, B=\left\{b_{i}\right\}, T=\left\{t_{j}\right\}$.


$$
M=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
0 & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Connect a path of length $\delta$ between: $s_{i} \rightsquigarrow a_{i}, s_{i} \rightsquigarrow b_{i}$, and $t_{j} \rightsquigarrow a_{i}$ if $M[i, j]=1$, and $t_{j} \rightsquigarrow b_{i}$ if $M[i, j]=0$.

