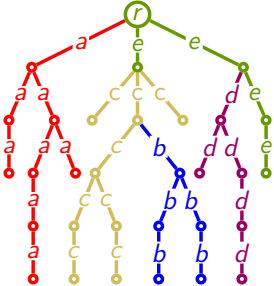
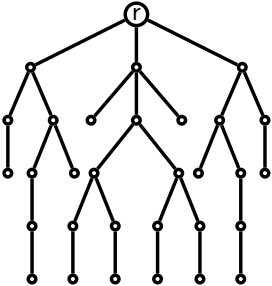


k-split



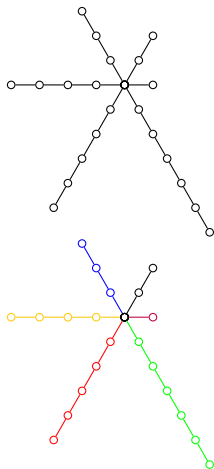
$E_{\text{Max}}(\mathcal{P}) = _, E_{\text{Min}}(\mathcal{P}) = _, \text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) = _, \text{diff}(\mathcal{P}) = _.$

Vertex Partition vs edge Partition

R. Becker *et. al*(JACM, 1982,1983) gave a poly-time algorithm for min-max and max-min objects for vertex partition problem on a tree.

G. N. Frederickson *et. al*(SODA, 1991) gave a linear-time algorithm for min-max and max-min objects for vertex partition problem on a tree.

B.Y. Wu *et. al*(DAM, 2007) showed that the min-max, max-min and min-ratio objects for edge-partition problem on a tree is NP-hard.



Related Result

\mathcal{P} is a k -split of a tree. B.Y. Wu showed that:

$$\min(\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P})) \leq \frac{2}{k}, \forall k \text{ in } \mathbb{N}$$
$$\min(\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P})) \leq \frac{2}{k}, \text{ for } k = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$$

Conjecture (Wu's k -split conjecture)

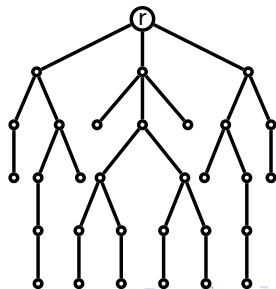
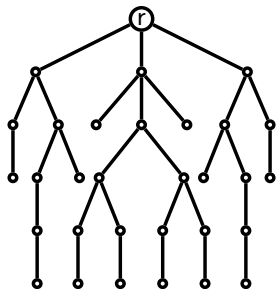
Given a tree T with n edges and a positive integer $k \leq n$, we can always split T into k edge-disjoint subtrees such that the ratio of the maximum number to the minimum number of edges of the subtrees is at most two.

Split lemma

Lemma (splitting lemma)

Let P be a tree with root r . For any $2 \leq \lambda \leq e(P)$, we can find a subtree P' in linear time, such that $e(P')$ is in a closed interval $[\lambda, 2\lambda - 2]$.

Moreover, when we remove P' from P , we get a subtree of P containing the root r . *Remark:* λ 的上限仍可維持 $e(P)$ ，當 $\lambda > \frac{e(P)}{2}$ 時，則 P' 取整個 P ，但 remove P' 後， P 仍剩一點 $root$ 。



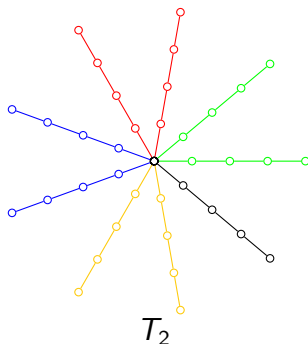
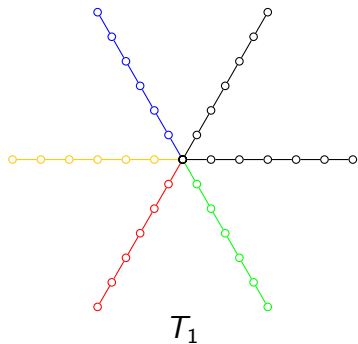
Where is the boundary?

$\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P}) \leq \underline{\quad}$, ex: $e(\mathcal{P}) = (1, 1, \dots, 1, 2)$

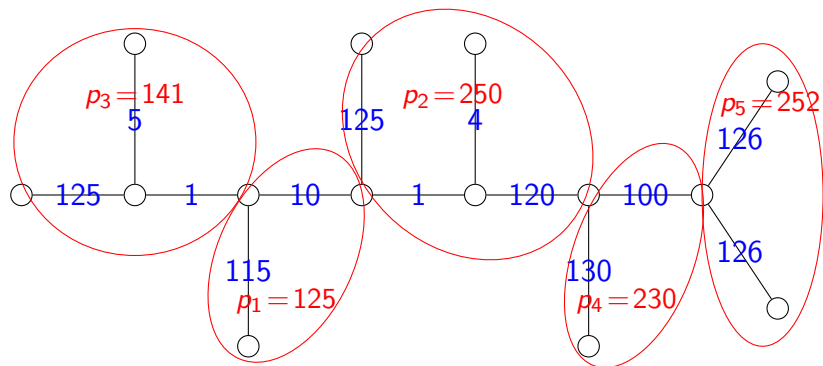
$\text{EMin}(\mathcal{P}) \geq \underline{\quad}$, ex: $e(\mathcal{P}) = (1, 2, 2, \dots, 2)$

When $n=36$, $\exists T_1$ s.t. $\min(\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P})) = 12$.

When $n=36$, $\exists T_2$ s.t. $\max(\text{EMin}(\mathcal{P})) = 4$,

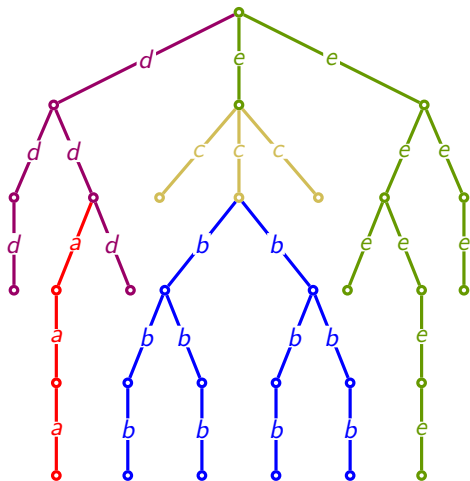


Split a part with weight closest to the average



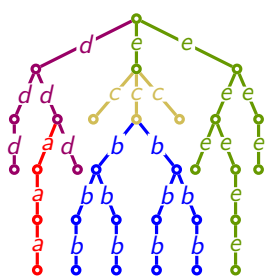
i	5	4	3	2	1
n_i	998	746	516	375	125
m_i	199.6	186.5	172	187.5	125
p_i	252	230	141	250	125

When ratio is greater than 2, ...

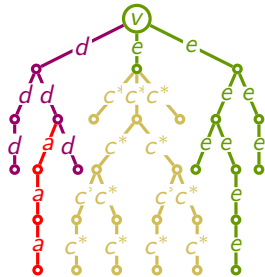


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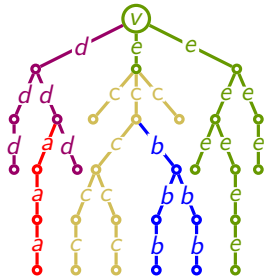
$$e(P_b) = 10, e(P_a) = e(P_c) = 3.$$



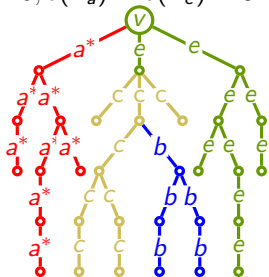
(a) $e(P_b) = 10, e(P_a) = e(P_c) = 3.$



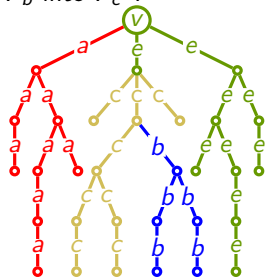
(b) Combine P_c with P_b into P_{c^*} .



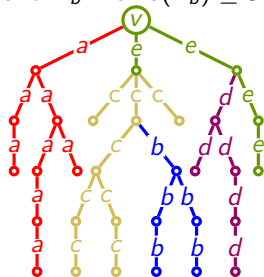
(c) Split P_{c^*} into P_c and P_b with $e(P_b) \geq 5.$



(d) Combine P_a and P_d into P_{a^*} .



(e) $e(P_{a^*}) < e(P_e), P_a \leftarrow P_{a^*}.$



(f) Split $e(P_e)$ into P_d and P_e .

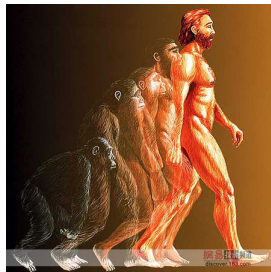
Evaluate-And-Evolve

For a k -split \mathcal{P} of a tree, if $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) > 2$, we execute $\text{EVOLUTION}(\mathcal{P})$ to get a better \mathcal{P} .

The idea of EVOLUTION is to “balance” the size of different parts. Move some edges from the largest part to the smallest one.

To Claim the processes would terminal in finite steps: Use an integer function $\text{Eval} : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and claim

$$\text{Eval}(\text{EVOLUTION}(\mathcal{P})) < \text{Eval}(\mathcal{P}).$$



Evaluate Partition

Definition

$$DMax(\mathcal{P}) = EMax(\mathcal{P}) - \lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil, \quad DMin(\mathcal{P}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor - EMin(\mathcal{P}).$$

$$NMax(\mathcal{P}) = |\{P_i : e(P_i) = EMax(\mathcal{P})\}|,$$

$$NMin(\mathcal{P}) = |\{P_i : e(P_i) = EMin(\mathcal{P})\}|.$$

$$EEval(\mathcal{P}) = (DMax(\mathcal{P}), NMax(\mathcal{P}), DMin(\mathcal{P}), NMin(\mathcal{P})).$$

The order of $EEval(\{P_i\})$ is compared by lexicographic order.

We have _____ $< EEval(\mathcal{P}) <$ _____, for any \mathcal{P} .

For example, $n = 100, k = 10$,

$$e(\mathcal{P}_1) = (5, 5, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 14, 15, 15),$$

$$e(\mathcal{P}_2) = (4, 5, 5, 9, 9, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14).$$

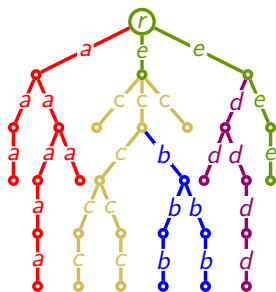
We have $EEval(\mathcal{P}_1) = (5, 2, 5, 3) >$ _____ $= EEval(\mathcal{P}_2)$.

Partition Path

Definition

$\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$ is a k -split of a tree T . For any two parts $P_i, P_j \in \mathcal{P}$, we define $PPath(P_i, P_j) = \{P_{p_1}, P_{p_2}, \dots, P_{p_m}\}$ as follows:

- 1 $p_1 = i, p_m = j$
- 2 For any two vertices $v_i \in P_i, v_j \in P_j$, $\{P_{p_2}, \dots, P_{p_{m-1}}\}$ are the parts which we cross in order when traversing along the path from v_i to v_j .



Balance Lemma

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BALANCE( $\{P_{p_1}, \dots, P_{p_m}\}, \lambda$ )  
1   $i = 1$   
2  while  $P_{p_i} < \lambda$  and  $i < m$   
3      do  $P_{p_i}^* = P_{p_i} \cup T_{p_{i+1}}$   
4           $P_{p_i} = \text{SPLIT}(P_{p_i}^*, \lambda)$   
5           $P_{p_{i+1}} = P_{p_i}^* \setminus P_{p_i}$   
6           $i = i + 1$ 
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Lemma (Balance Lemma)

\mathcal{P} is a k -split of tree T . Assume that $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) > 2$,
 $e(P_{\min}) = E_{\min}(\mathcal{P})$ and $e(P_{\max}) = E_{\max}(\mathcal{P})$. Let \mathcal{P}' be the partition
after executing $\text{BALANCE}(P_{\text{Path}}(P_{\min}, P_{\max}), \underline{E_{\min}(\mathcal{P}) + 1})$. We
have $EEval(\mathcal{P}') < EEval(\mathcal{P})$.

Proof of Balance lemma :

Proof:

BALANCE executes i times while-loop.

- $i < m$:

$DMax(\mathcal{P}')$, $NMax(\mathcal{P}')$ don't increase.

$EMin(\mathcal{P}) + 1 \leq e(P'_{\rho_t}) \leq 2 \cdot EMin(\mathcal{P}), \forall 1 \leq t < i,$

and $P_{\rho_1} < EMin(\mathcal{P}) + 1 \leq P'_{\rho_1}$.

Hence, $EEval(\mathcal{P}')$ decreases.

- $i = m$:

$EMin(\mathcal{P}) + 1 \leq e(P'_{\rho_t}) \leq 2 \cdot EMin(\mathcal{P}), \forall 1 \leq t < m,$

$T_{\rho'_m} < P_{\rho_m}$.

Hence, $EEval(\mathcal{P}')$ decreases.



k -split in $O(n^3)$ time.

Theorem

For any tree T with $e(T) = n$, there is an algorithm to get a k -split \mathcal{P} with $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) \leq 2$ in $O(n^3)$.

Proof:

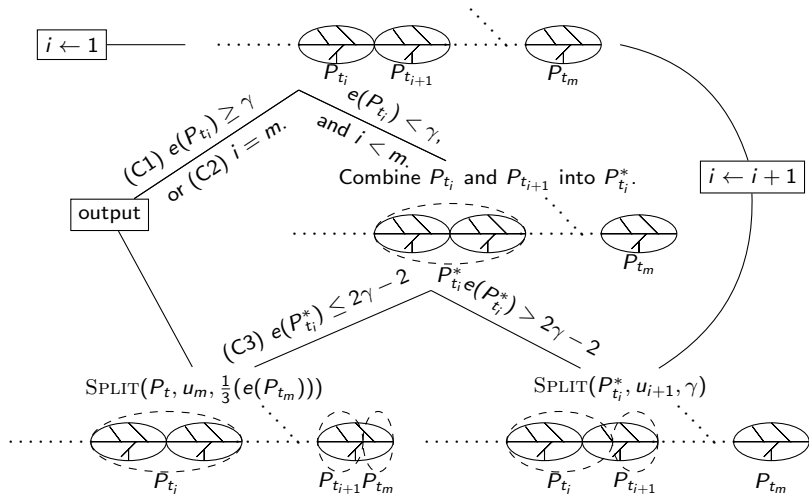
Choose a \mathcal{P} with $\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P}) \leq \frac{2n}{k+1} < 2\frac{n}{k}$.

‡ (values smaller than $\text{EEval}(\mathcal{P})$) \leq _____.

By Balance Lemma, after executing BALANCE at most $2n^2$ times, we have $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) \leq 2$.

In BALANCE, we use SPLIT at most k times. And $e(T_{p_i}^*) \leq \frac{n}{k}$. So the time complexity of BALANCE is $O(3\frac{n}{k} \cdot k) = O(n)$. Hence, this algorithm takes in $O(n^3)$ time. \square

k -split in $O(n^2)$ time : New Balance.



k -split in $O(n^2)$ time : New Evaluation.

$$\text{Eval}(\mathcal{P}) = k \cdot (\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P}) - \lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil) - \text{NAccept}(\mathcal{P}),$$

where $\text{NAccept}(\mathcal{P})$ is the number of parts with size in the range $[\lfloor \frac{\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P})+1}{2} \rfloor, 2\lfloor \frac{\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P})+1}{2} \rfloor - 2]$.

Lemma (NewBalance Lemma)

\mathcal{P} is a k -split of tree T . Assume that $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) > 2$, $e(P_{\min}) = \text{EMin}(\mathcal{P})$ and $e(P_{\max}) = \text{EMax}(\mathcal{P})$. Let \mathcal{P}' be the partition after executing $\text{NEWBALANCE}(\text{PPath}(P_{\min}, P_{\max}), \lfloor \frac{\text{EMax}(\mathcal{P})+1}{2} \rfloor)$. We have $\text{Eval}(\mathcal{P}') < \text{Eval}(\mathcal{P})$.

Theorem

For any tree T with $e(T) = n$, there is an algorithm to get a k -split \mathcal{P} with $\text{ratio}(\mathcal{P}) \leq 2$ in $O(n^2)$.