

# Uniform edge-partition of a tree

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$T$ : a tree

$E(T)$ : the edgeset of  $T$

$e(T)$ : the number of edges of  $T$   
"  $n$   $1 \leq k \leq e(T)$

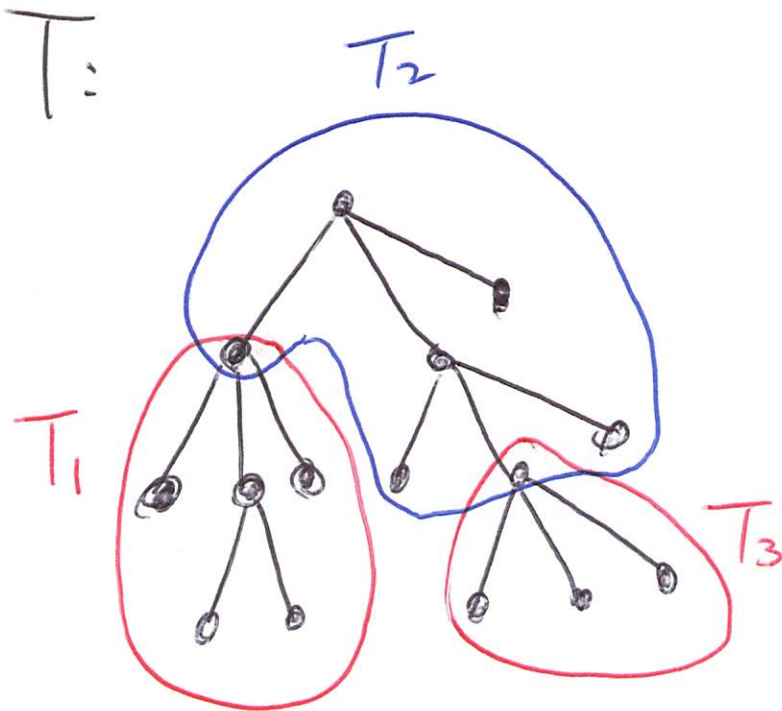
A  $k$ -tuple  $(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k)$  is a  $k$ -split  
of  $T$  if

- (1) each  $T_i$  is a connected subgraph of  $T$ ;
- (2)  $T_i$  and  $T_j$  are edge disjoint for  $T_i \neq T_j$ ;
- (3) the union  $T_1 \cup T_2 \cup \dots \cup T_k = T$

The ratio of a  $k$ -split  $(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k)$  of  
 $T$  is defined as  $\frac{\max_i \{e(T_i)\}}{\min_i \{e(T_i)\}}$ .

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3-split

$$T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3 = T$$

$$e(T_1) = 5$$

$$e(T_2) = 6 \leftarrow \text{max}$$

$$e(T_3) = 3 \leftarrow \text{min}$$

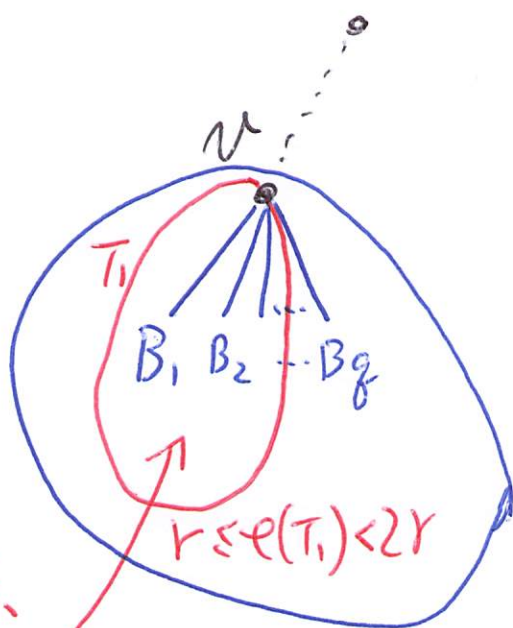
The ratio is  $\frac{e(T_2)}{e(T_3)} = 2.$

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$$1 \leq r \leq e(T)$$

$v = e(T_u) \geq r$  &  $e(T_u) < r$  for any child  $u$ .

$T =$



2-split  $(T_1, T_2)$

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$$r \leq e(T_1) < 2r$$

Find  $j \leq g$  st.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} e(B_i) < r$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^j e(B_i) \geq r$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} e(B_i)}_{< r} + \underbrace{e(B_j)}_{\leq r} < 2r$$

$$\begin{aligned} e(T_u) &\geq r \\ e(B_1) &\leq r \\ e(B_2) &\leq r \\ &\vdots \\ e(B_g) &\leq r \end{aligned}$$

post-order traversal  
 in linear time

Take  $r = \frac{n}{3}$

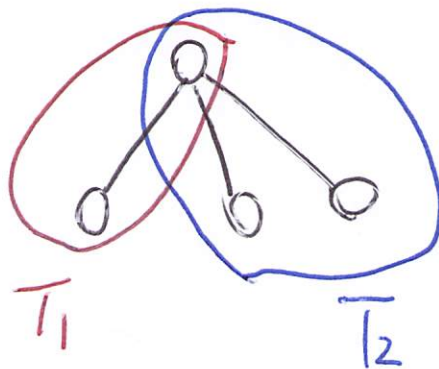
$$\frac{n}{3} \leq e(T_1) < \frac{2n}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{3} < e(T_2) \leq \frac{2n}{3}$$

$$\frac{\max \{e(T_1), e(T_2)\}}{\min \{e(T_1), e(T_2)\}} \leq 2$$

$\swarrow \leq \frac{2}{3}n$   
 $\nwarrow \geq \frac{1}{3}n$

Therefore, for any tree  $T$ , there is a 2-split of  $T$  with ratio at most 2.



### Algorithm Simple-Split

**Input:** A tree  $T$  and an integer  $k \leq e(T)$ .

**Output:** A  $k$ -split of  $T$ .

- 1: Initiate an empty queue  $Q$  of trees, and insert  $T$  into  $Q$ .
- 2: For  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $k - 1$  do
  - 2.1: Choose a tree  $Y$  in  $Q$  with maximum number of edges.
  - 2.2: Find a 2-split  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  of  $Y$  with ratio at most two.
  - 2.3: Remove  $Y$  from  $Q$ .
  - 2.4: Insert  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  into  $Q$ .
- 3: Output the  $k$  trees in  $Q$  as the  $k$ -split of  $T$ .

$$Q: (T^1)$$

$$(T_1^2, T_2^2)$$

$$(T_1^3, T_2^3, T_3^3)$$

$\vdots$  2-splitting the maximum  $T_i$

$$(T_1^k, T_2^k, \dots, T_k^k)$$

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The simple-split algorithm @2019

starts at the 1-split ( $T$ ) and repeatedly computes the  $(i+1)$ -split from the  $i$ -split by 2-splitting the maximum subgraph.

The resulting  $k$ -split is with ratio at most 3.

$M_i$ : the maximum number of edges at  $i$ -th iteration  
 $m_i$ : minimum

Initially

$$\frac{M_1}{m_1} = 1$$

Suppose that  $\frac{M_i}{m_i} \leq 3$  for some  $i$ .

$$M_{i+1} \leq M_i \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{M_{i+1}}{m_{i+1}} \leq \frac{M_i}{\frac{m_i}{3}} = 3$$

$$m_{i+1} = \min \left\{ m_i, e(Y_1), e(Y_2) \right\}$$

$\geq \frac{m_i}{3} \quad \geq \frac{m_i}{3} \quad \geq \frac{m_i}{3}$

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The  $i$ th iteration takes  $O(M_i)$  time. @2019

$$M_i \leq 3 \underbrace{m_i} \leq 3 \cdot \frac{(n - M_i)}{\underbrace{i-1}} \quad (T_1^i, T_2^i, \dots, T_i^i)$$

$\Rightarrow M_i \leq \frac{3n}{i+2}$

Average of the rest

$$c \left( \frac{3n}{1+2} + \frac{3n}{2+2} + \frac{3n}{3+2} + \dots + \frac{3n}{k+2} \right)$$

$$= 3cn \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{k+2} \right)$$

$$< \underline{3cn} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right)$$

$$O(\log k)$$

$$O(n \log k) \text{ time.}$$

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