

# Online Algorithms for Spectral Sparsification of Hypergraphs

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# Graph Sparsification

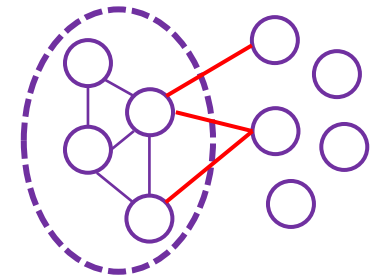
- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph
- Objective: reduce graph size to speed up downstream algorithms
- What to preserve?
  - Shortest paths -> Spanners [Peleg, Schäffer '89]
  - Cuts -> Cut sparsifiers [Karger '93], [Benczur, Karger '96]
  - Spectrum -> Spectral sparsifiers [Spielman, Teng '11]
  - Many other possibilities...

# Cut Sparsification of Graphs

- $G = (V, E, w)$  weighted graph
- $\tilde{G} = (V, E, \tilde{w})$  reweighted subgraph, edge weight  $\tilde{w}_e \geq 0$

$\tilde{G}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -cut sparsifier of  $G$  if:

- $(1 - \epsilon)cut_G(S) \leq cut_{\tilde{G}}(S) \leq (1 + \epsilon)cut_G(S)$  for all  $S \subseteq V$
- The number of edges (with positive  $\tilde{w}_e$ ) is small



$$cut_G(S) := \sum_{e \in \delta(S)} w_e$$

# Spectral Sparsification of Graphs [Spielman, Teng '11]

- $L$ : Laplacian of  $G$ ,  $\tilde{L}$ : Laplacian of  $\tilde{G}$
- Quadratic form:  $x^T Lx = \sum_{uv \in E} w_{uv} (x(u) - x(v))^2$
- Want  $(1 - \epsilon)x^T Lx \leq x^T \tilde{L}x \leq (1 + \epsilon)x^T Lx$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^V$
- Spectral sparsifier is cut sparsifier: when  $x = \chi_S$ ,  $x^T Lx = \text{cut}_G(S)$

# Spectral Sparsification of Graphs: Methods

- Decomposition-based:  $O\left(\frac{n \text{ polylog } n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  edges [Spielman, Teng '11]
- Sampling-based:  $O\left(\frac{n \log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  edges [Spielman, Srivastava '08]
- Potential function-based:  $O\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  edges [Batson, Spielman, Srivastava '09]
- Applications: Laplacian solvers, flow/cut algorithms, clustering, sampling spanning trees...

# Spectral Sparsification of Hypergraphs

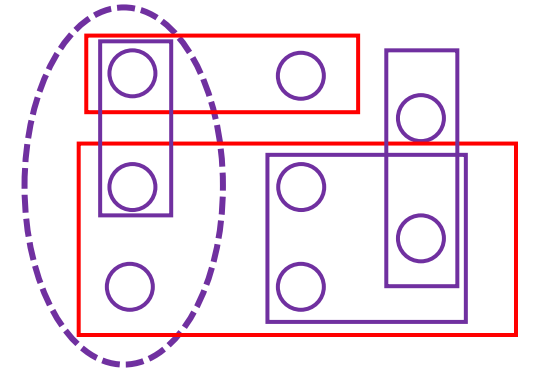
- Hypergraph cut:  $cut_H(S) := \sum_{0 < |e \cap S| < |e|} w_e$

- Hypergraph energy/“quadratic form” [Soma, Yoshida ‘19]

$$Q_H(x) := \sum_{e \in E} w_e \cdot \max_{u, v \in e} (x(u) - x(v))^2$$

- Want  $(1 - \epsilon)Q_H(x) \leq Q_{\tilde{H}}(x) \leq (1 + \epsilon)Q_H(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^V$

- Spectral sparsifier is cut sparsifier: when  $x = \chi_S$ ,  $Q_H(x) = cut_H(S)$





$$n := |V|, r := \max_{e \in E} |e|$$

# Hypergraph Sparsification: Results

| Reference                                    | #hyperedges  | Cut/<br>Spectral? | Method        |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------|
| [Kogan, Krauthgamer '15]                     | $O\left(\frac{n(r+\log n)}{\epsilon^2}\right)$     | Cut               | Sampling      |
| [Soma, Yoshida '19]                          | $O\left(\frac{n^3 \log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$      | Spectral          | Sampling      |
| [Bansal, Svensson, Trevisan '19]             | $O\left(\frac{nr^3 \log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$     | Spectral          | Sampling      |
| [Chen, Khanna, Nagda '20]                    | $O\left(\frac{n \log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$        | Cut               | Sampling      |
| [Kapralov, Krauthgamer, Tardos, Yoshida '21] | $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{nr}{\epsilon^{O(1)}}\right)$ | Spectral          | Decomposition |
| [Kapralov, Krauthgamer, Tardos, Yoshida '22] | $O\left(\frac{n \log^3 n}{\epsilon^4}\right)$      | Spectral          | Sampling      |
| [Lee '23, Jambulapati, Liu, Sidford '23]     | $O\left(\frac{n \log n \log r}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ | Spectral          | Sampling      |

# Memory Issue

- All these algorithms are offline
- For hypergraphs,  $m := |E|$  can be as large as  $2^n$
- May be expensive simply to store the entire hypergraph!

**GOAL: Sparsifier without using  $\Omega(m)$  memory**

# Online Setting

- Hyperedges  $e_i$  (weight  $w_i$ ) arrive one by one
- Upon arrival, the algorithm decides **immediately** whether to include  $e_i$ , and the new weight  $\tilde{w}_i$  if applicable
- Task: find a spectral sparsifier using  $\text{poly}(n)$  working memory

# Our Result

Definition  $\tilde{H}$ :  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -spectral sparsifier of  $H$  iff

$$(1 - \epsilon)Q_H(x) - \delta\|x\|_2^2 \leq Q_{\tilde{H}}(x) \leq (1 + \epsilon)Q_H(x) + \delta\|x\|_2^2$$

Theorem [Soma, T., Yoshida '24] There is an online algorithm that computes an  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -spectral sparsifier with  $O\left(\epsilon^{-2}n \log n \log r \log \frac{\epsilon W}{\delta n}\right)$  hyperedges w.h.p., using  $O(n^2)$  space. (Here  $W := \max_e w_e$ )

- $r$ -uniform and unweighted:  $O(\epsilon^{-2}nr \log^2 n \log r)$  hyperedges
- Sampling-based algorithm

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# Effective Resistance Sampling [Spielman, Srivastava '08]

- Sample graph edge  $e = uv$  proportional to effective resistance  $r_e$
- $r_e := \left\| L^{-1/2}(\chi_u - \chi_v) \right\|^2 = (\chi_u - \chi_v)^T L^{-1}(\chi_u - \chi_v)$
- Sample edge  $e$  with probability  $p_e := \min(1, C \cdot w_e r_e)$
- New weight  $\tilde{w}_e := w_e/p_e$  if sampled

Oversampling rate

Edge Laplacian

- Unbiased:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{L}] = \mathbb{E}[\sum_{e \in E} \tilde{w}_e L_e] = \sum_{e \in E} w_e L_e = L$
- Matrix Chernoff  $\Rightarrow \epsilon$ -spectral sparsifier w.h.p. when  $C = \Theta\left(\frac{\log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$
- Expected #edges =  $O(\sum_{e \in E} p_e) = O(C \cdot \sum_{e \in E} w_e r_e) = O\left(\frac{n \log n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$

Sum of  $w_e r_e$  is  $O(n)$

# Importance (aka Leverage Score) Sampling

- Effective resistance as “importance” of edge  $e = uv$ :

$$r_e := \left\| L^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\chi_u - \chi_v) \right\|^2 = \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{x^T L_e x}{x^T L x}$$

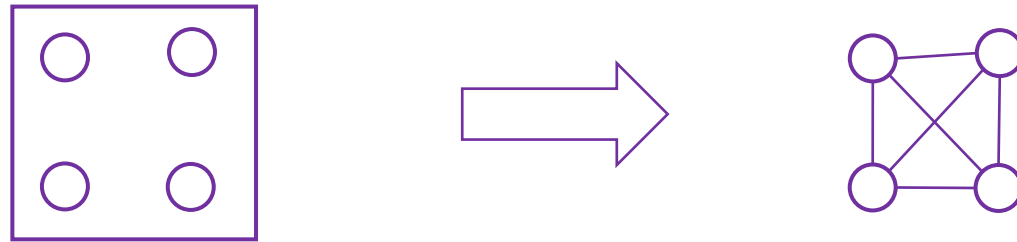
(“Maximum contribution of edge energy to the overall energy”)

- Importance of a hyperedge  $e$  can be similarly defined as

$$r_e := \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{Q_e(x)}{Q_H(x)} \quad \left\{ \max_{u,v \in e} (x(u) - x(v))^2 \right.$$

# Clique-Graph Reweighting [CKN '20, KKTY '22, Lee '23]

- $G = (V, F)$ , each hyperedge replaced with clique



Lemma [KKTY '22, Lee '23] There exists edge weights  $c_{e,u,v} \geq 0$  on  $F$  s.t.:

-  $\sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} = w_e$  for all  $e \in E$

- If  $c_{e,u,v} > 0$ , then  $r_{u,v} = \max_{u',v' \in e} r_{u',v'}$ , where  $r_{u,v}$  is the effective

resistance between  $u$  and  $v$  in the  $c$ -weighted graph.



# Computing $c_{e,u,v}$

Lemma [KKTY '22, Lee '23] There exist edge weights  $c_{e,u,v} \geq 0$  on  $F$  s.t.:

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- If  $c_{e,u,v} > 0$ , then  $r_{u,v} = \max_{u',v' \in e} r_{u',v'}$ , where  $r_{u,v}$  is the effective resistance between  $u$  and  $v$  in the  $c$ -weighted clique-graph.

- The weights  $c_{e,u,v}$  can be found via convex optimization:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \log \det(\sum_{e \in E} \sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} L_{u,v} + J) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} = w_e \quad \forall e \in E \\ & c_{e,u,v} \geq 0 \quad \forall e \in E, u, v \in e \end{aligned}$$

- The second condition in lemma follows from KKT condition

# Sampling Algorithm [Lee '23]

- Given hypergraph  $H = (V, E, w)$
- Compute  $c_{e,u,v}$  for the clique graph  $G = (V, F)$
- Sample hyperedge  $e \in E$  w.p.  $p_e = \min(1, C \cdot w_e \max_{u,v \in e} r_{u,v})$ , weight  $\tilde{w}_e = w_e/p_e$  if sampled
- $\max_{u,v \in e} r_{u,v}$  is a computable **overestimate** of the importance of  $e$
- Talagrand's generic chaining  $\implies$  Sampled hypergraph  $\tilde{H}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -spectral sparsifier of  $H$  w.h.p. when  $C = \Theta\left(\frac{\log n \log r}{\epsilon^2}\right)$

# Bound on number of hyperedges [Lee '23]

- The expected number of hyperedges is  $O(C \cdot \sum_{e \in E} w_e \max_{u,v \in e} r_{u,v})$

Property 1 of  $c_{e,u,v}$

$$\begin{aligned} w_e \max_{u,v \in e} r_{u,v} &= \sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} \max_{u',v' \in e} r_{u',v'} \\ &= \sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} r_{u,v} \end{aligned}$$

Property 2 of  $c_{e,u,v}$

- This is  $O\left(C \cdot \sum_{e \in E} \sum_{u,v \in e} c_{e,u,v} r_{u,v}\right) = O(C \cdot n) = O\left(\frac{n \log n \log r}{\epsilon^2}\right)$

Sum of  $w_{u,v} r_{u,v}$  is  $O(n)$

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# Our online algorithm

$\tilde{H}_0 := (V, \emptyset), L_0 := O_n$  (zero matrix)

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, T$ :

$e_i$  arrives with weight  $w_i$

Solve the convex optimization problem for  $c_{i,u,v}$ :

$$\max_{c_i \in \Delta_{e_i}} \log \det(L_{i-1} + \sum_{u,v \in e_i} w_i c_{i,u,v} L_{u,v} + \eta I_n)$$

Ridge regularizer for warm start

$$L_i \leftarrow L_{i-1} + \sum_{u,v \in e_i} w_i c_{i,u,v} L_{u,v}$$

Clique-graph reweighting

Ridged effective resistance

$$\text{Set } p_i := \min(1, C \cdot w_i \max_{u,v \in e_i} \|(L_i + \eta I)^{-1/2} (\chi_u - \chi_v)\|_2^2)$$

Add  $e_i$  with weight  $w_i/p_i$  to  $\tilde{H}_{i-1}$  with probability  $p_i$  to obtain  $\tilde{H}_i$

Note that this is independent sampling!!

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# Outline of Analysis

Need to show two things:

- The sampled hypergraph  $\tilde{H}_T$  is an  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -spectral sparsifier of  $H_T$
- The number of hyperedges in  $\tilde{H}_T$  is small

$\tilde{H}_T$  is an  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -spectral sparsifier of  $H_T$

- Let  $\eta := \delta/\epsilon$ . Define  $\eta$ -ridged energy as  $Q_H^\eta(x) := Q_H(x) + \eta\|x\|^2$
- Let  $Z := \sup_{x: Q_H^\eta(x) \leq 1} |Q_H^\eta(x) - Q_{\tilde{H}}^\eta(x)|$ 
  - Note pointwise concentration
- Use Talagrand's generic chaining to bound  $\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{H}}[e^{\lambda Z}]$ 

[Jambulapati, Lee, Liu, Sidford '23] Oversampling rate
- For  $C = \Theta(\epsilon^{-2} \log n \log r)$ , the exponential MGF bound implies that  $\Pr[Z \leq \epsilon] \geq 1 - 1/n$
- Finally,  $Z \leq \epsilon$  implies that
$$(1 - \epsilon)Q_H(x) - \delta\|x\|^2 \leq Q_{\tilde{H}}(x) \leq (1 + \epsilon)Q_H(x) + \delta\|x\|^2$$



# Bound on the number of hyperedges

- Adaptation of [Cohen, Musco, Pachocki '16]
- Define  $\Phi_i := \log \det(L_i + \eta I_n) = \log \det(L_i^\eta)$

$$\text{Lemma [STY'24]} \quad \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \geq \frac{p_i \log 2}{c}$$

- $\mathbb{E}[|E(\tilde{H})|] = \sum_i p_i \leq \frac{C(\Phi_T - \Phi_0)}{\log 2}$ , where  $C = \Theta(\epsilon^{-2} \log n \log r)$
- $\Phi_T - \Phi_0 = \log \left( \frac{\det(L_T + \eta I_n)}{\det(\eta I_n)} \right) = \log \det(I + \eta^{-1} L_T) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} n \log \left( 1 + \frac{\text{tr}(L_T)}{\eta \cdot n} \right)$
- Plug in  $\eta = \delta/\epsilon$  and use  $\text{tr}(L_T) \leq O(W)$ . Conclude that
$$\mathbb{E}[|E(\tilde{H})|] \leq O \left( \epsilon^{-2} n \log n \log r \log \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon W}{\delta n} \right) \right)$$

# Working memory

- The algorithm maintains a clique-graph reweighting
- $O(n^2)$  working memory

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# Summary and Open Questions

- First online algorithm for spectral hypergraph sparsification
  - $O(\epsilon^{-2} n \log n \log r \log \frac{\epsilon W}{\delta n})$  hyperedges
  - $\Omega(\epsilon^{-2} n \log \frac{\epsilon W}{\delta n})$  edges needed even for graphs [Cohen, Musco, Pachocki '16]
- Reduce the space complexity from  $O(n^2)$  to  $\tilde{O}(nr)$ ?
- Fully dynamic setting?
- Potential function-based algorithms?
- How to certify hypergraph cut/spectral sparsifier?

# The End

- Thank you! Any questions?