

## EXTENSION OF SPANNING TREE AND APPLICATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** A notion of spanning tree is utilized in many problems as an effective condition representing a set of simple path for some pair of two different nodes. But, when we make the model from some actual problem, it is hardly to obtain a feasible solution at the problem for this condition. Then, we introduce the notion of spanning pseudotree, and degree of similarity between tree and pseudotree. Moreover, we propose an example about extension of the problem where there exist the condition, solution graph is spanning tree.

**1 Introduction** A notion of spanning tree is useful in many problems as an effective condition representing a set of simple path for some pair of two different nodes. It is likely that these things are based on a characteristic of spanning tree, i.e., there is only one simple path from one node to the other for each pair of two different nodes, since a condition of the problem, “there aren’t extra edges on solution graph (required graph),” is almost same as above characteristic. When we model some actual problems, however, it is hardly to obtain a feasible solution of the problem for the strict condition such that solution graph have to be spanning tree. Therefore, in this paper, we suggest a new notion “spanning pseudotree”, relaxed notion of spanning tree, and one criterion for decision on degree of similarity between original spanning tree and spanning pseudotree. Moreover, we mention with an example about extension of the problem in which there exists this condition, that solution graph have to be spanning tree.

In section 2, we explain about original definition of traditional spanning tree. Next, we show a sample problem on which we obtain the subgraph such that each distance from a node on the original network to two root-nodes, that is two different data on the network, is as short as possible. In section 3, we suggest two kind of the notion “pseudotree”, as extensions of the original notion in section 2. In section 4, we extend the sample problem in section 3 to relax the condition of the solution graph. In section 5, we conclude this paper.

**2 Definition of spanning tree** We consider the simple graph  $G_0 = (V, E)$  consisting of the node set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $E_0$  the edges set ( $E \subseteq \{(i, j) \mid (i, j) \in V \times V\}$ , where length  $d(i, j)$  is associated with each edge  $(i, j)$ ).

In this paper, spanning tree  $T = \{V, E'\}$ , as subgraph of the graph  $G_0$ , defined as follows:

- (A)  $T$  is a connected graph  
(There is a simple path between any two nodes of the nodes set  $V$ )
- (B)  $T$  doesn’t contain circuit  
(There aren’t more than one simple path between any two nodes of  $V$ ),

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where, circuit means simple path whose both ends are same node.

Next, we suggest a problem on which we obtain the subgraph such that each distance between a node on the original network and two root-nodes (that is two different data on the network) is as short as possible. In a practical case, for example, this model corresponds to the construction of the road network such that distance from two facilities, where they have about the same importance to each point is as short as possible. This condition that solution-graph  $T$  is spanning tree, corresponds to the efficient installment of the path from one of two facilities to each point in an actual case. In other words, this is a model constructed by an idea that plural different paths with same ends  $(i, j)$  are unnecessary for this problem.

We suggest that an objective on the problem is to minimize of maximum of the distance from two facilities to each node, where distance between two nodes is a length of the path on the subgraph  $T$ , and obtain the solution subgraph  $T'$  of original graph  $G$  among all  $T$ . Further, in practical reason, it is appropriate to minimize the number of edges on  $T$ , that is, make  $T$  spanning tree.

## 2.1 Notation

$G$  : original graph.  $G = (V, E)$

$V$  : node set,  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$E$  : edge set,  $E \subseteq \{(i, j) \mid (i, j) \in V \times V\}$

$d(i, j)$  : length between nodes  $i$  and  $j$

$N$  : network that  $d(i, j)$  is associated with each edge  $(i, j)$ .

$T$  : solution (spanning tree),  $T = \{V, E'\} \subseteq N$

$s_1, s_2$  : root nodes (different data points on the network  $N$ )

$P(i, j)$  : simple path from node  $i$  to  $j$  on the tree  $T$   
 $P(i, j) = \{i, (i, i'), i', \dots, (j', j), j \mid i \in V, (i, i') \in E'\}$

$d_1(i)$  : distance from data point  $s_1$  to node  $i$  with following  $T$

$d_2(i)$  : distance from data point  $s_2$  to node  $i$  with following  $T$

$d(i)$  : maximum value of  $d_l(i)$  ( $l=1, 2$ )  
 $d(i) = \max\{d_1(i), d_2(i)\}$

Then the main problem is formulated as a Two-roots Shortest Spanning Tree Problem (TSSTP) shown as below:

**TSSTP:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\textbf{Minimize} \quad \sum_{i \in V} d(i) \\
 &\textbf{s.t.} \quad d(i) = \max\{d_1(i), d_2(i)\} \quad (i \in V) \\
 &\quad T = \{V, E'\} \quad \text{is a spanning tree} \\
 &\quad P(i, j) \text{ is a simple path between } i \text{ and } j \text{ on } T \\
 &\quad d^1(i) = \sum_{(j, j') \in P(s^1, i)} d(j, j') \\
 &\quad d^2(i) = \sum_{(j, j') \in P(s^2, i)} d(j, j')
 \end{aligned}$$

**sAlgorithm1t**

**Step 0:** Set  $N_0 = \emptyset, E_0 = \emptyset$

**Step 1:** Obtain shortest path  $P_0(s_1, s_2)$  from  $s_1$  to  $s_2$

**Step 2:** Add node set in  $P_0$  to  $N_0$ , and add edge set in  $P_0$  to  $E_0$

**Step 3:** Obtain  $d(i)$  about each node  $i \in N_0$

**Step 4:** Obtain  $d_i(j) = d(i) + d(i, j)$  among all edges  $(i, j)$  ( $i \in N_0$  and  $j \notin N_0$ )

**Step 5:** Choose an edge  $(i', j')$  such that  $d_{i'}(j')$  is minimum of  $d_i(j)$  among all edges

**Step 6:** Add  $j'$  to  $N_0$ ,  $(i', j')$  to  $E_0$

**Step 7:** If  $N_0 = N$  then Set  $T = (N_0, E_0)$  and stop the algorithm  
otherwise, set  $d(j) = d_i(j)$  and return to **Step 4**

**3 Extension of spanning tree** In this section, we suggest two kinds of extension of spanning tree, one criterion is decision on degree of similarity between original spanning tree and spanning pseudotree.

**3.1 Case1: Relaxation of condition (A)** First, we extend notion of spanning tree to relaxation of condition (A),  $T$  is a connected graph, that is, we replace the condition (A) with new condition that nodes on the graph is connected as maximum possibility of connectivity.

Then, we should use the notion, “how many can we obtain the number of edges on the component?”, in other words, “how many can one tree cover the nodes on the pseudotree?”, as a criterion for this notion.

Where, we show necessary definition for the notion of this pseudotree as follows:

**Pseudotree  $T'$  :**  $T' = \{V, E'\} \subseteq G = \{V, E\}$ ,  $T$  doesn't contain circuit and nodes on  $T'$  is connected everything possible

**Degree of connectivity (Maximum possibility of  $\mu_c$ ) :**  $\mu_c = (\text{the number of edges component whose scale is maximum for all component on } T') / |E'|$

**sAlgorithm2t** Then, we show the algorithm to obtain  $\mu_c$ . Outline of the algorithm is as follows:

**Step 0:** Set  $k = 0$

**Step 1:** Choose a data point  $i_k$ , where  $i_k \in N / \bigcup_{l=0}^{k-1} N_l$

**Step 2:** Trace edges on  $T'$  from the node  $i_k$ , and add these nodes a node set  $V_k$

**Step 3:** If  $V / \bigcup_{l=0}^k V_l \neq \emptyset$  then  $k = k + 1$  and return **Step 1**

**Step 4:** Obtain  $|V_k|$  for all set  $V_k$ , and calculate the maximum  $|V_{\max}| = \max_k |V_k|$

**Step 5:** Set  $\mu_c = |V_{\max}| / |T'|$

**3.2 Case2: Relaxation of condition(B)** Second, we extend notion of spanning tree as a relaxation of condition (B),  $T$  doesn't contain circuit, that is, we replace the condition (B) with new condition that graph  $T' = \{V, E'\}$  doesn't contain circuit "everything possible"

Then, we should use the notion,

$$\frac{|E'| - (\text{the number of edges which circuits on the network } T' \text{ don't include})}{|E'|}$$

as a criterion for this notion.

Now, we make a necessary definitions for the notion of this pseudotree as follows:

**Pseudotree**  $T' : T' = \{V, E'\} \subseteq G = \{V, E\}$ ,  $T'$  is a connected graph and  $T'$  doesn't contain circuits everything possibility define as the follow:

**Degree of uniqueness (The smallest possibility of circuit)**  $\mu_t : \mu_c = (|E'| - \text{"the number of edges which circuits on the network } T' \text{ don't include"}) / |E'|$

**sAlgorithm3t** Then, we show the algorithm to obtain  $\mu_t$ . Outline of the algorithm is as follows:

**Step 0:** Set  $k = 0$ ,  $T'' = T'$

**Step 1:** Choose a data point  $i_k$

**Step 2:** Trace edges on  $T''$  from the node  $i_k$ , label these nodes  $v_k$  and add these nodes a node set  $V_k$   
if path from  $i_k$  is branched into the plural path, record this junction and trace there respectively.

**Step 3:** If every path arrives at some leaf (a node that its degree is one), in other word,  $T''$  doesn't contain circuit, set  $\mu_t = |T''|/|T'|$  and stop this algorithm.

**Step 4:** Trace from each end of the latest edge to common ancestor when arrive at labeled node, and add these path and the latest edge to set  $C_k$

**Step 5:** Shrink the circuit  $C_k$  to one node  $c_k$  on the network  $T''$

**Step 6:** If there exist self-loop on  $T''$ , delete it from  $T''$

**Step 7:** Set  $k = k + 1$  and return to **Step 2**

**4 Extension of the shortest-path tree problem** In this section, we suggest that Example1, the Two-roots Shortest Spanning Tree Problem, is extended with the notion of pseudotree. Here, we use the extended notion of spanning tree by the relaxation of condition (B) as that of spanning pseudotree.

Therefore, one condition, "solution graph  $T$  must be spanning tree," is relaxed to "it is desirable that solution graph  $T$  is spanning tree." Then, we can replace above condition with "solution graph  $T$  must be spanning pseudotree,"

Moreover, we suggest that an objective on the problem is minimization of maximum of the distance from two facilities to each node and degree of similarity  $\mu_t$ .

Now we define the following notations further.

$T' : \text{solution (spanning pseudotree), } T' = \{V, E'\} \subseteq N$

$TC'$  : a graph removed some edges and nodes unrelated to formation of the circuits to the pseudotree  $T'$

$TT'$  : subgraph of  $T'$ ,  $TT' = T' - TC'$

$C^k$  : the  $k$ th component on the graph  $TC'$

$T^k$  : the  $k$ th component on the graph  $TT'$

$T(T')$  : graph shrinked each component  $C^k$  to one node  $c^k$ ,  $T(T') = \{V(T'), E(T')\}$

$V(T')$  : a node set of  $T(T')$ ,  $V(T') = \{i' \mid i' \in (T' - TC')\} \cup \{c^k, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$

$E(T')$  : an edge set of  $T(T')$ ,  $E(T') = \{(i', j') \mid (i', j') \in TT', i', j' \notin TC'\} \cup \{(i', c_k) \mid (i', j') \in TT', j' \in C_k\}$

$\mu_t(T')$  : ratio of  $|E'| -$  “the number of edges which circuits on the network  $T'$  don't include” to  $|E'|$

$s_1, s_2$  : root nodes (different data on the network  $N$  )

$P(i, j)$  : simple path from node  $i$  to  $j$  on the tree  $T'$   
 $P(i, j) = \{i, (i, i'), i', \dots, (j', j), j \mid i \in V, (i, i') \in E'\}$

$d_1(i)$  : distance from data point  $s_1$  to node  $i$  with following  $T'$

$d_2(i)$  : distance from data point  $s_2$  to node  $i$  with following  $T'$

$d(i)$  : maximum value of  $d_l(i)$  ( $l=1,2$ )  
 $d(i) = \max\{d_1(i), d_2(i)\}$

$D(T')$  : total value of  $d(i)$  for all node  $i$  on  $T'$   
 $D(T') = \sum_{i \in V} d(i)$

$PS$  : a set of Pareto optimal solution ( $D(T'), \mu_t(T')$ )

Now, Pareto optimal solution is defined as below:

In this paper, vector  $\mathbf{v}^1 = (\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{T}^1), \mu_t(\mathbf{T}^1))$  dominates vector  $\mathbf{v}^2 = (\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{T}^2), \mu_t(\mathbf{T}^2))$ , if  $D(T^1) \leq D(T^2)$ ,  $\mu_t(T^1) \geq \mu_t(T^2)$  and  $\mathbf{v}^1 \neq \mathbf{v}^2$ . Vector  $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{T}), \mu_t(\mathbf{T}))$  is called nondominated vector if there exists no vector  $\mathbf{v}'$  that dominates  $\mathbf{v}$ . Further,  $T$  with nondominated vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is called Pareto Optimal solution.

In definition of  $TC'$  and  $TT'$ ,  $T(T')$  is tree. Then, we can define the following value:

$\Delta_t(T', (i, j))$  : the number of edges that  $TC'$  include by addition the edge  $(i, j)$  to  $T'$   
 $\Delta_t(T', (i, j)) = (\text{length of the path } (i, j) \text{ on the tree } T(T')) + 1$

Then the main problem is formulated as a Bicriteria Two-roots Shortest Spanning Tree Problem(**BTSSTP**) shown as below:

**BTSSTP:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Minimize} && \sum_{i \in V} d(i) \\
 & \text{Maximize} && \mu_t(T') \\
 & \text{s.t.} && d(i) = \max\{d_1(i), d_2(i)\} \quad (i \in V) \\
 & && T' = \{V, E\} \text{ is a spanning pseudotree} \\
 & && P(i, j) \text{ is a simple path between } i \text{ and } j \text{ on } T' \\
 & && d^1(i) = \sum_{(j, j') \in P(s^1, i)} d(j, j') \\
 & && d^2(i) = \sum_{(j, j') \in P(s^2, i)} d(j, j')
 \end{aligned}$$

**sAlgorithm4t**

**Step 0:** Obtain an initial feasible solution  $T_0$  on condition that aolution graph is spanning tree (**optimal solution of example1**)

**Step 1:** Set  $T(T_0) = t_0, l = 0$

**Step 2:** Obtain  $\Delta(T_0, (i, j))$  for each edge  $(i, j) \in G/T_0$

**Step 3:** Choose an edge  $(i', j')$  among the some edges whose parameter  $\Delta(T_0, (i, j))$  is minimum such that  $\sum_{i \in V} d(i)$  is minimum

**Step 4:** If  $D(T_{l+1}) < D(T_l)$  then, add a solution vector (  $D(T_{l+1}), \mu_t(T_{l+1})$  ) to PS

**Step 5:** Set  $T_{l+1} = T_l \cup (i, j)$

**Step 6:** Obtain  $T(T_{l+1})$  by reduction of new circuit formed by adding the edge  $(i, j)$

**Step 7:** Calculate  $\Delta_t(T_{l+1}, (i, j))$  for each edge  $(i, j)$  refered to  $\Delta_t(T_l, (i, j))$

**Step 8:** Set  $l = l + 1$  and return to **Step 3**

**5 Conclusion** In this paper, we suggest two kinds of the notion of “spanning pseudotree”, the extention of the notion of spanning tree, and one criterion for decision on degree of similarity between original spanning tree and spanning pseudotree.

Moreover, we show a sample problem on which we obtain the subgraph such that an each distance from a node on the original network to two root-node, that is two different data points on the network, is as short as possible, and extend it to relax the condition of the solution graph.

Lastly, we think that this notion can be extendable to the many problem exploreity the condition that solution graph must be spanning tree.

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