Maintenance of Multi-level Overlay Graphs for Timetable Queries

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Important issue on railways

Answer to timetable queries as fast as possible

Known solution

- A weighted directed graph represents a timetable
- Shortest paths algorithms answer to timetable queries
- Use speed-up techniques for shortest paths and preprocessed information

Purpose of this work

- Compute preprocessed information used by speed-up techniques
- Update preprocessed information used by speed-up techniques

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Speed-up techniques for shortest paths

- Pruning of Dijkstra's algorithm (SWW00, MSSWW05, GKW06)
- Geometric Information (WW03, WWZ05)
- Landmark (GH05)
- Arc-labelling (BD07,KMS05)
- Hierarchical decomposition (SWZ02, HSW06, SS06, DHMSW06)
- Combinations (HSWW06, GKW06)

Dynamization for speed-up techniques

- Geometric Information (WWZ03)
- Landmark (DW07)
- Hierarchical decomposition (SS07)

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Multi-level overlay graphs for shortest paths

Hierarchical speed-up technique for shortest paths (HSW06)
Experimentally fast when applied to timetable information

Results

- **Compute** and store efficiently a multi-level overlay graph
- Answer to distance queries faster than Dijkstra's algorithm by using a multi-level overlay graph
- **Update** a multi-level overlay graph when an edge weight of the graph changes

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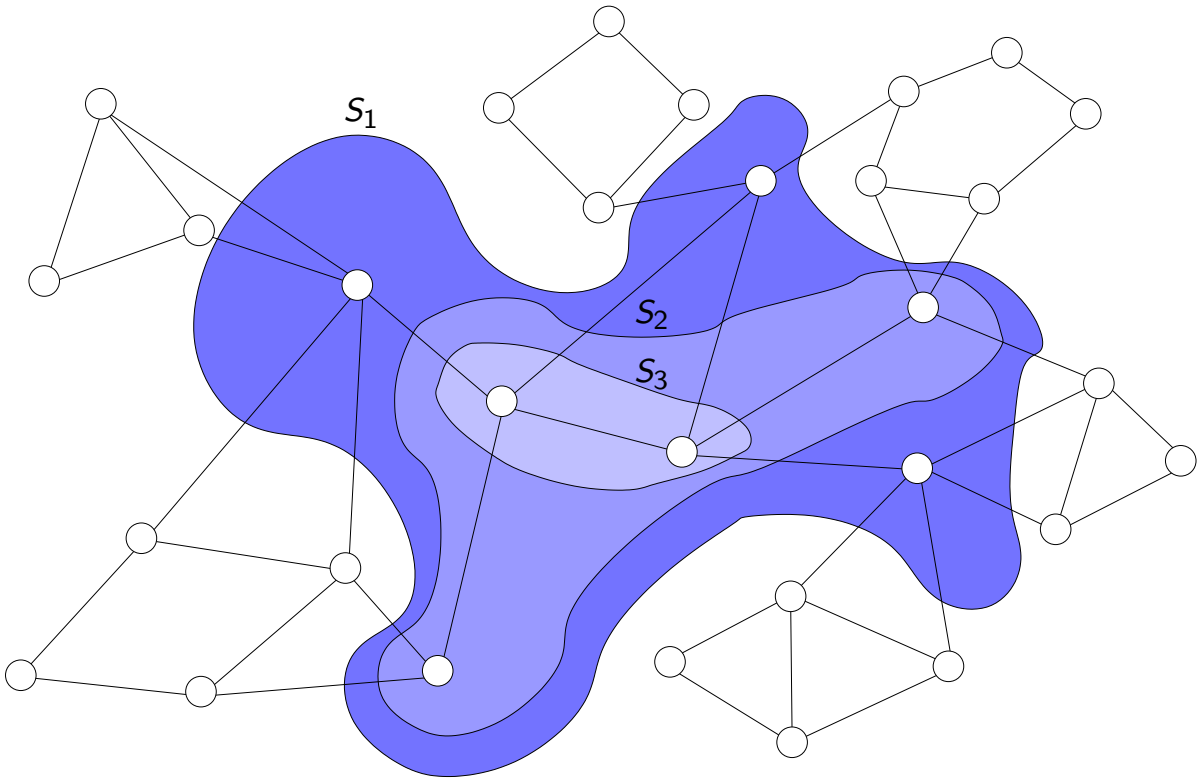

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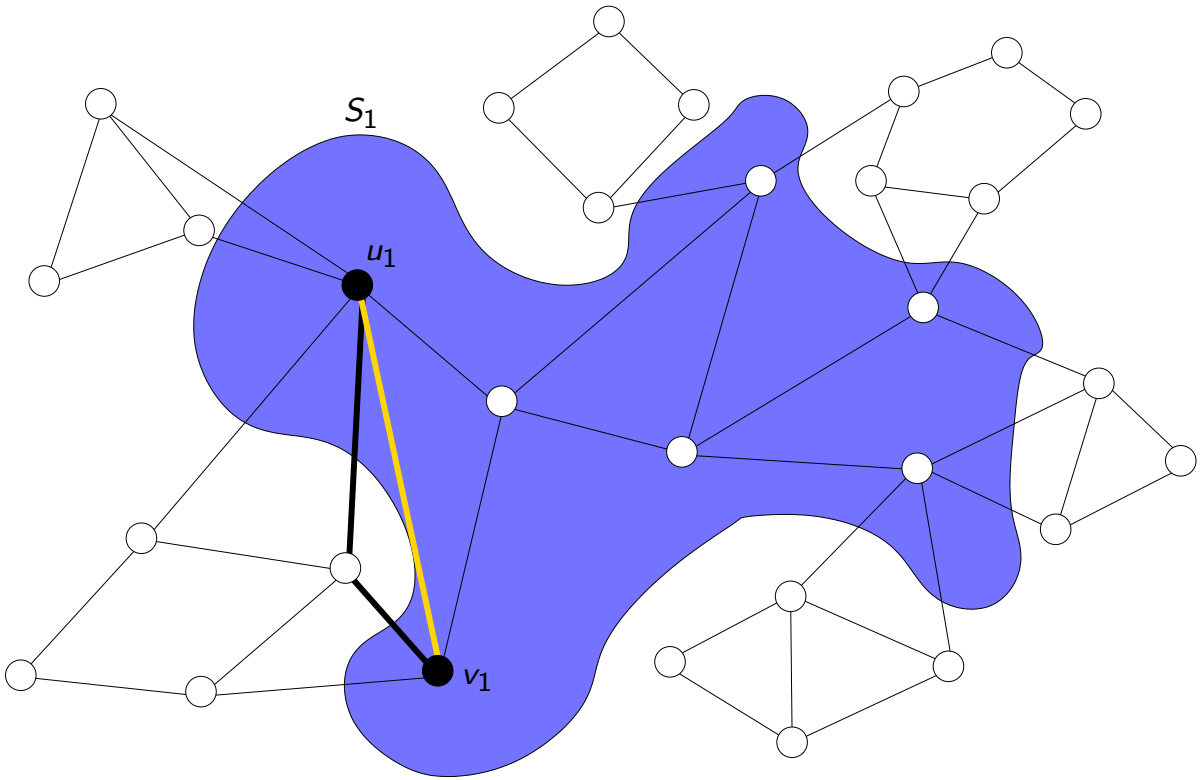

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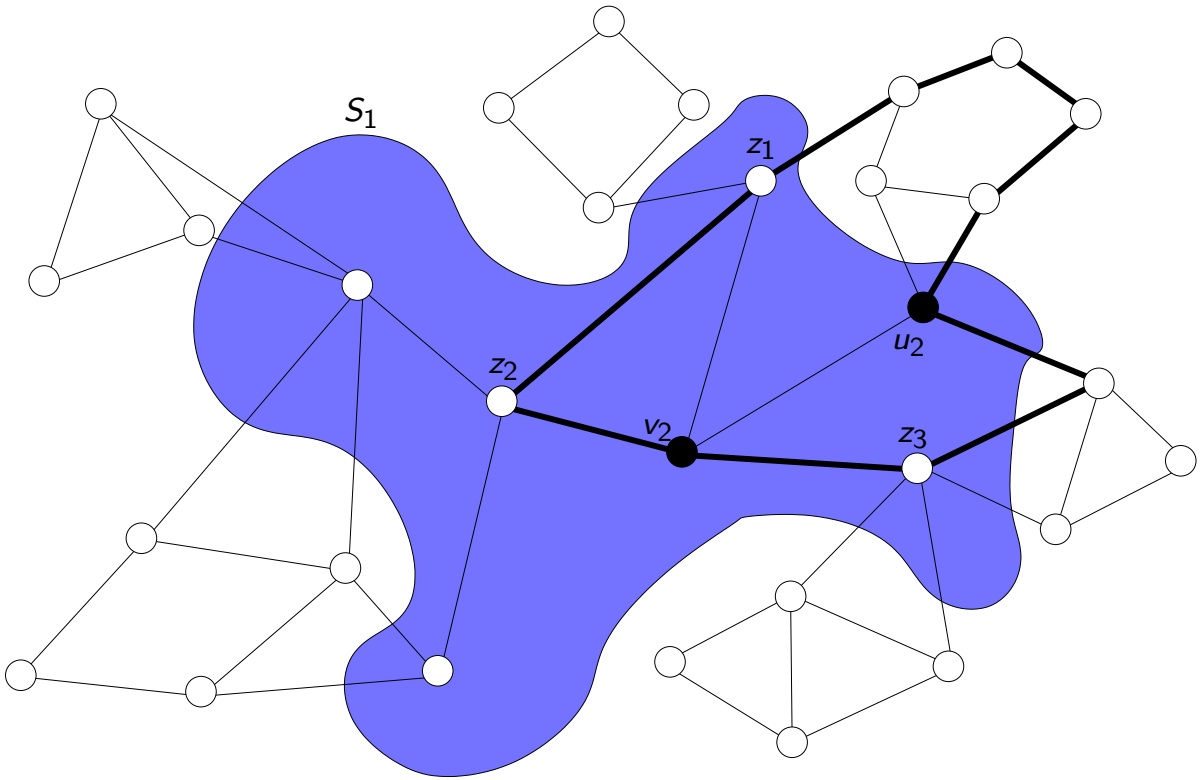

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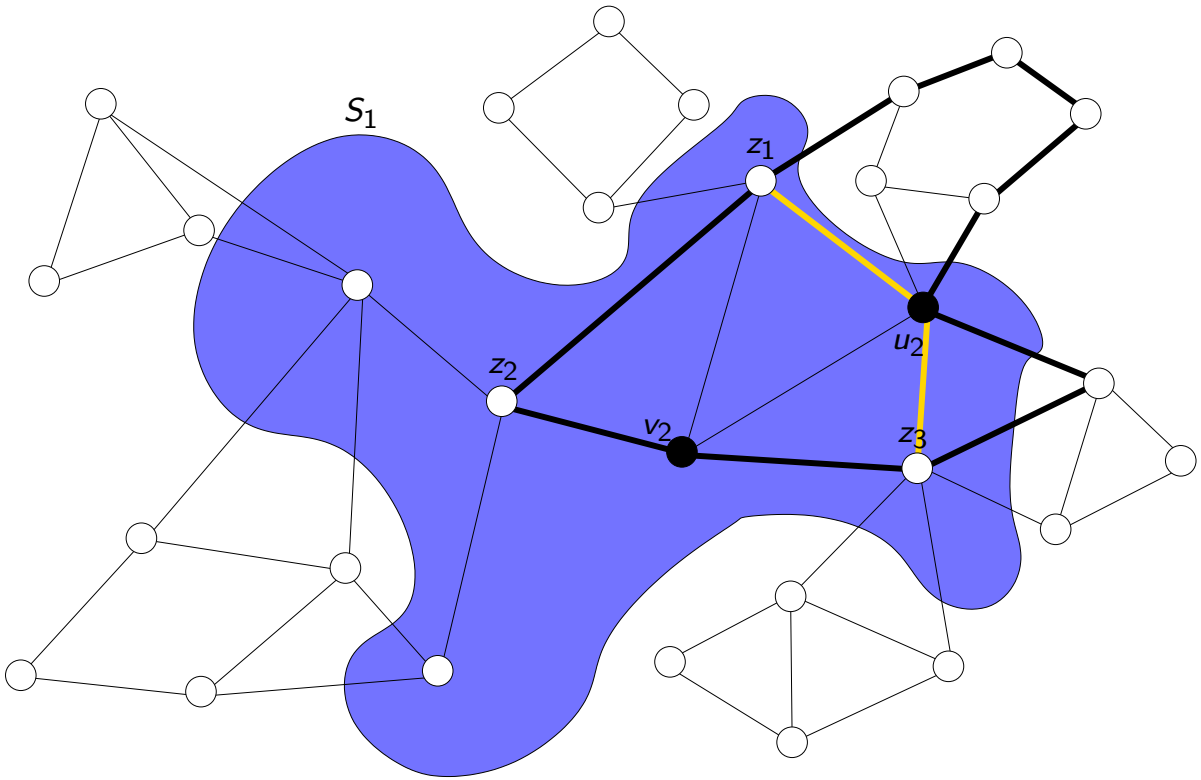

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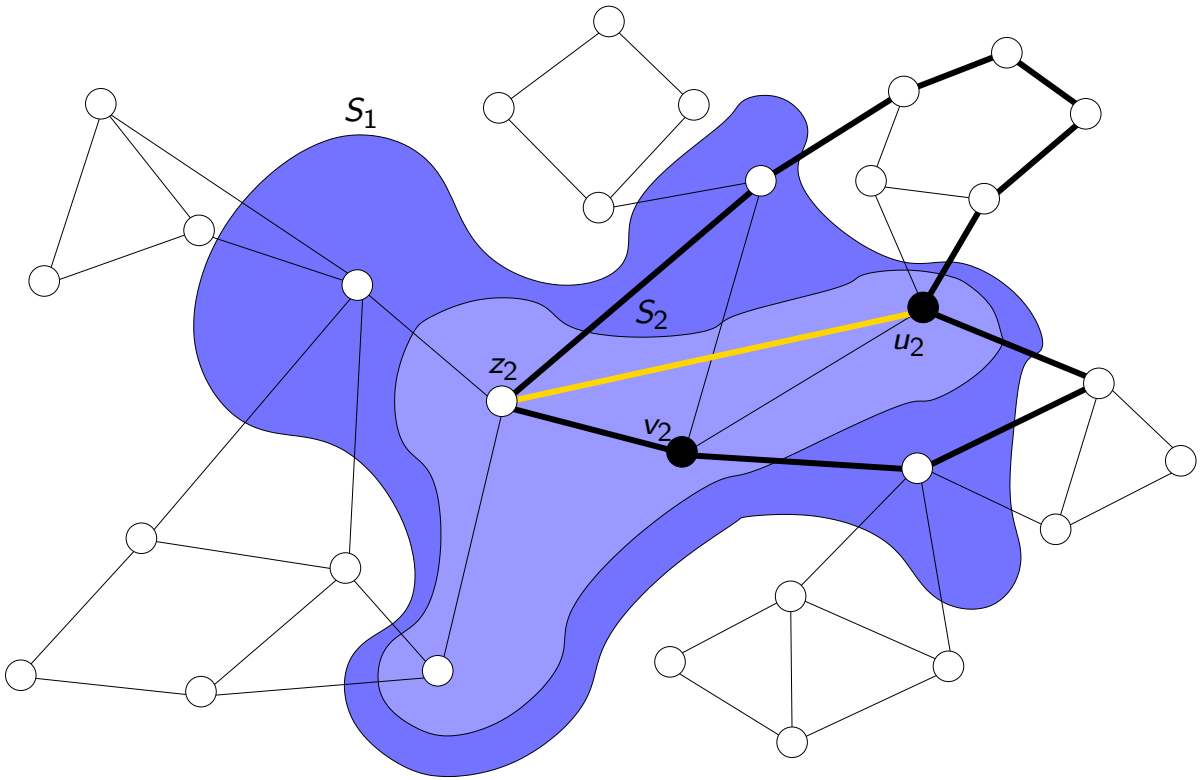

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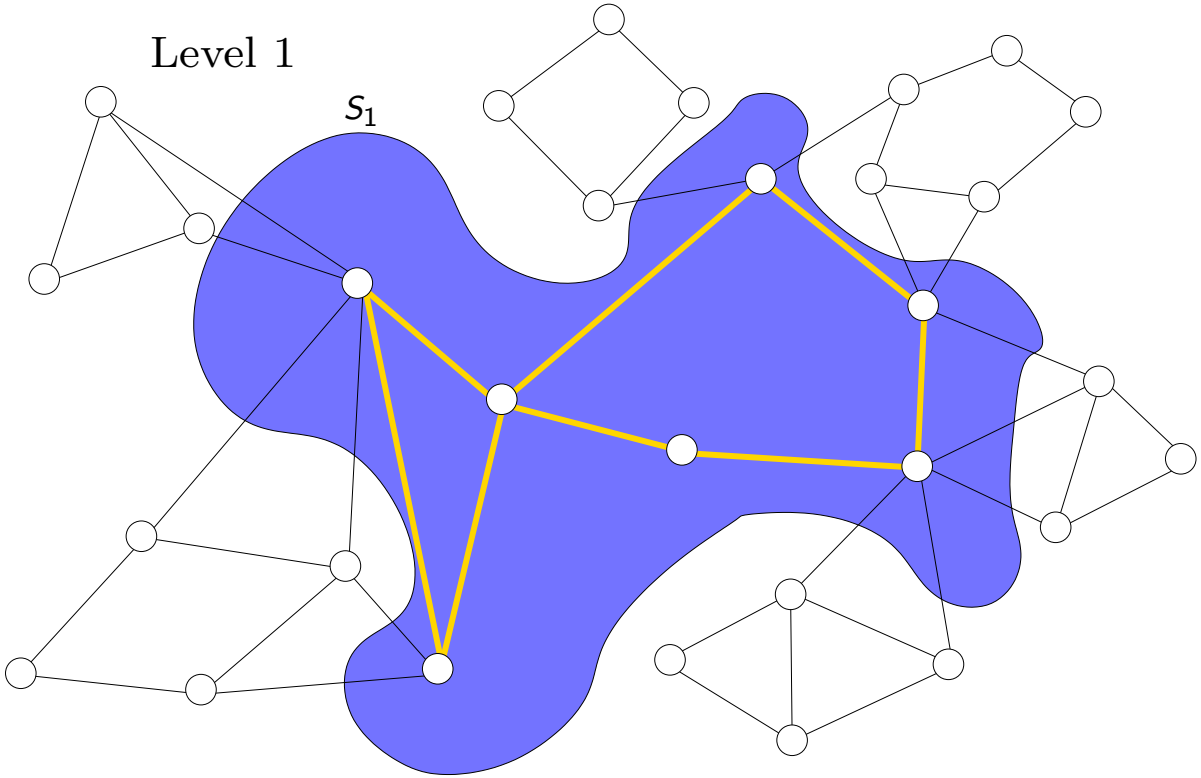

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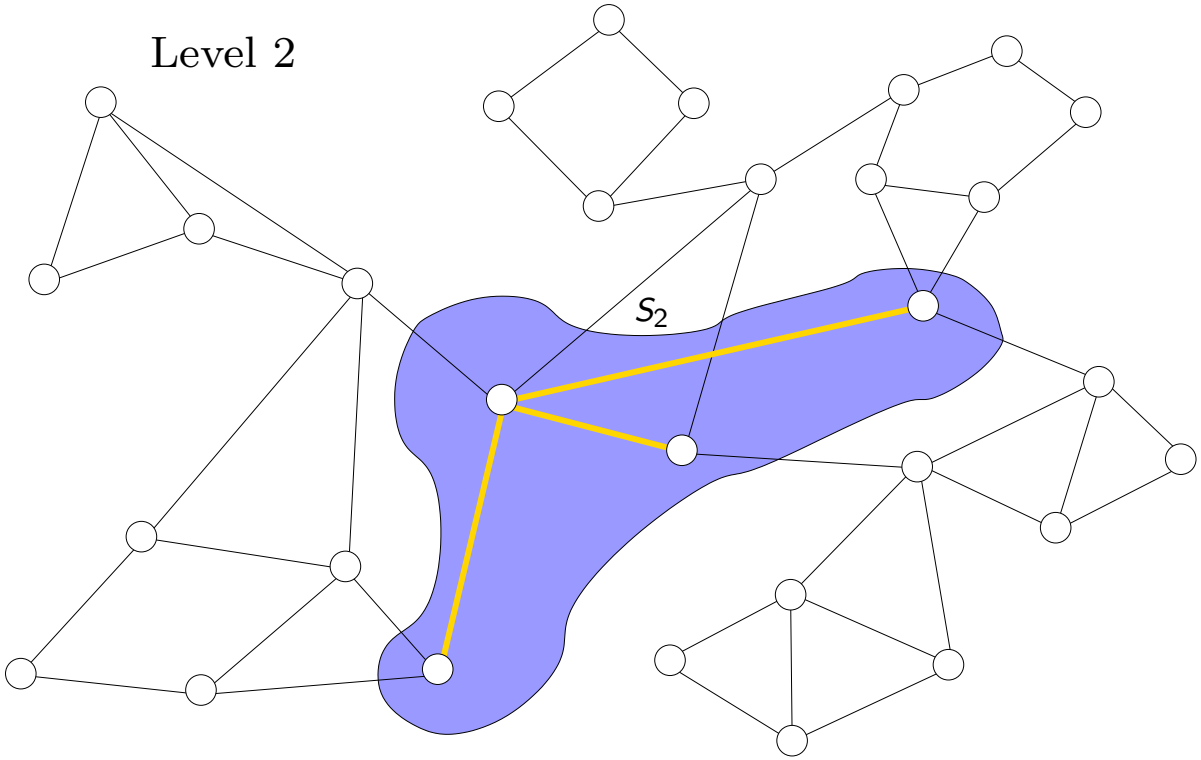

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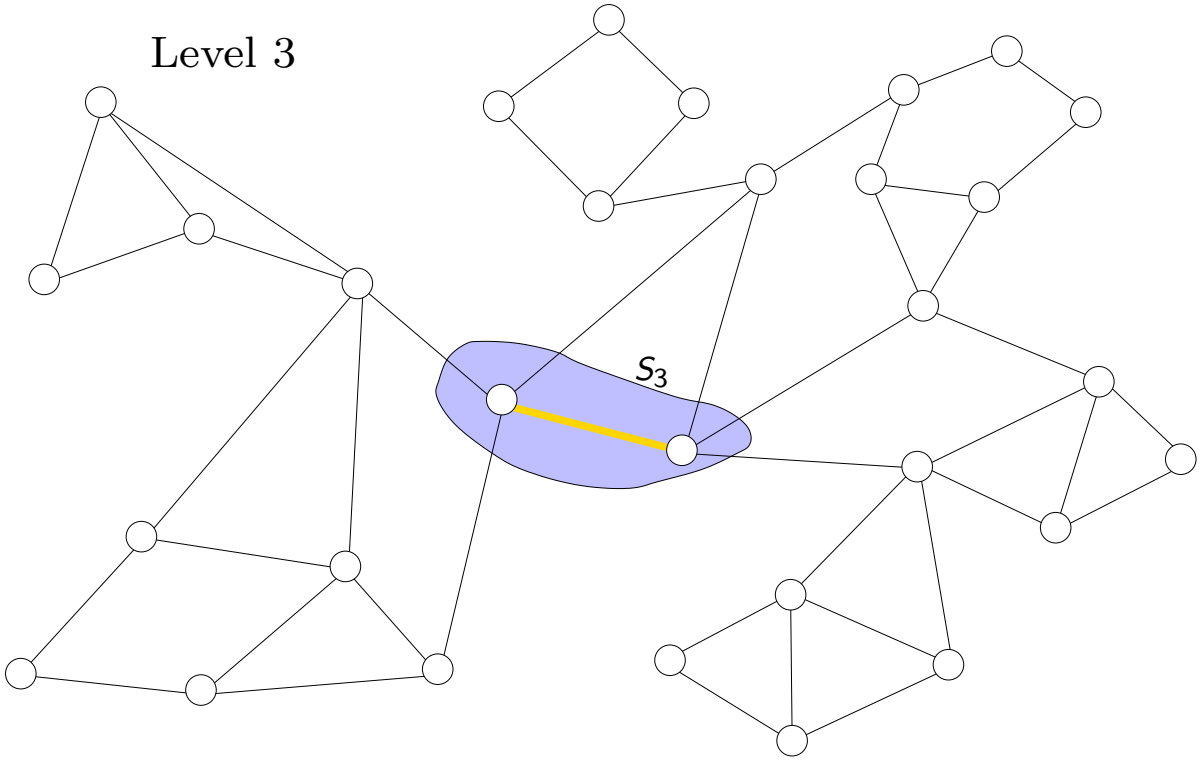

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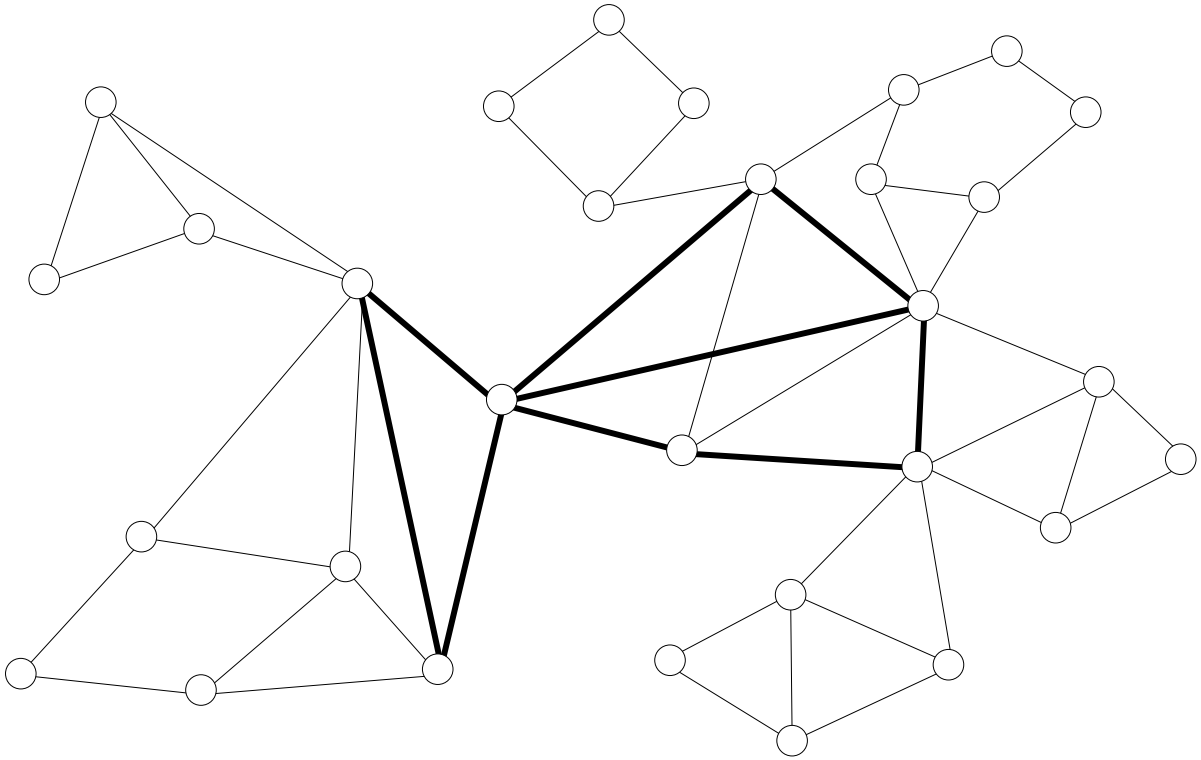

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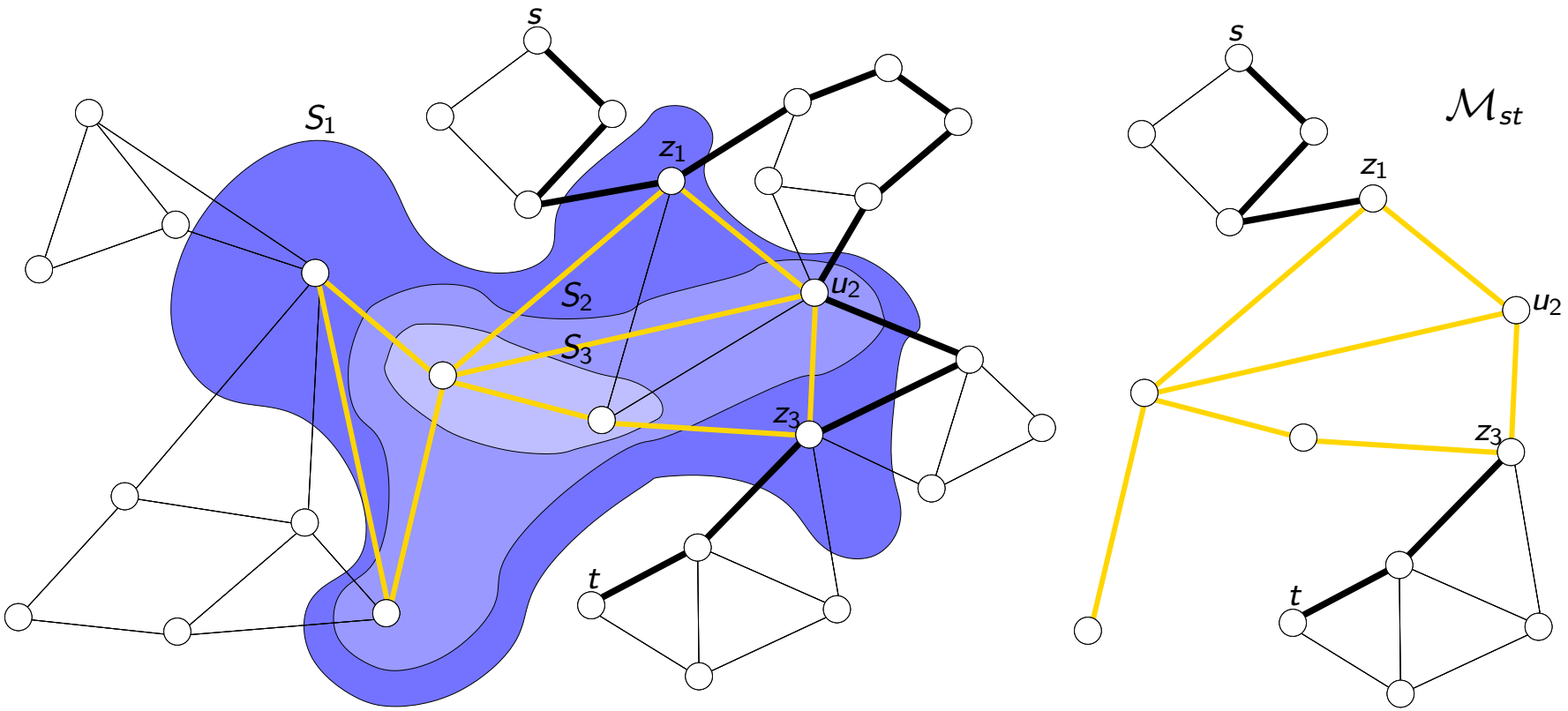

The distance $d(s,t)$ in $\mathcal{M}_{st}$ is the same as in G (HSW06)

It is faster to build $\mathcal{M}_{st}$ and compute $d(s,t)$ in $\mathcal{M}_{st}$ than compute $d(s,t)$ directly in G

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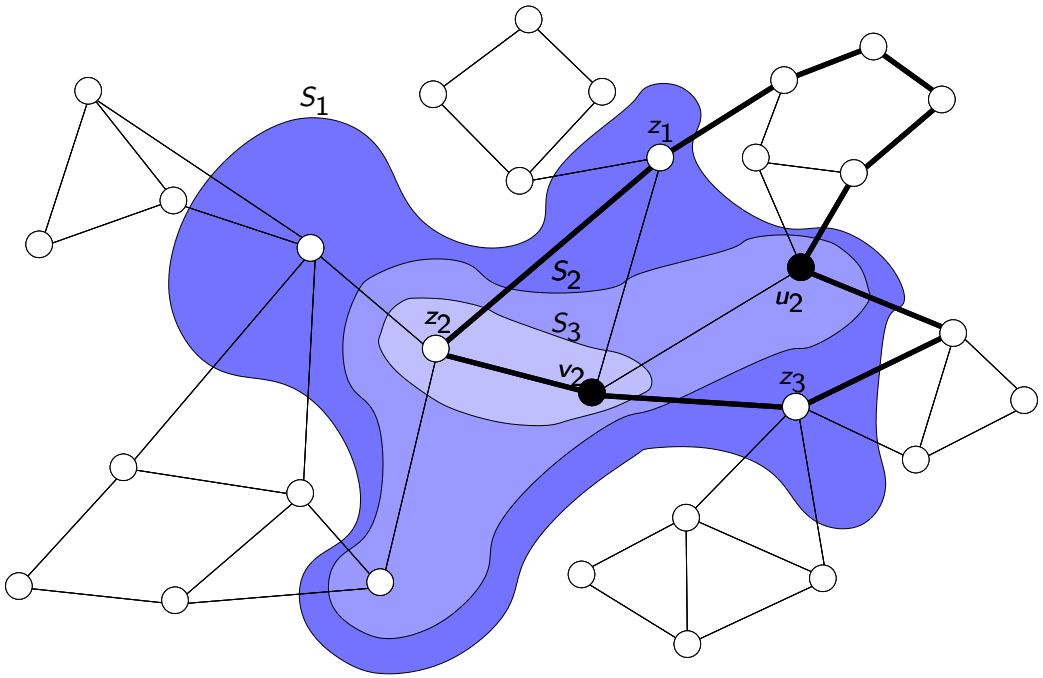
Definition (Barrier levels)

- $P_u(v)$ set of nodes x such that x is different from u and v, and x belongs to at least one shortest path from u to v in G.
- $s_u(v) = \begin{cases} \max\{maxlevel(x) \mid x \in P_u(v)\} & \text{if } P_u(v) \not\equiv \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{if } P_u(v) \equiv \emptyset \end{cases}$



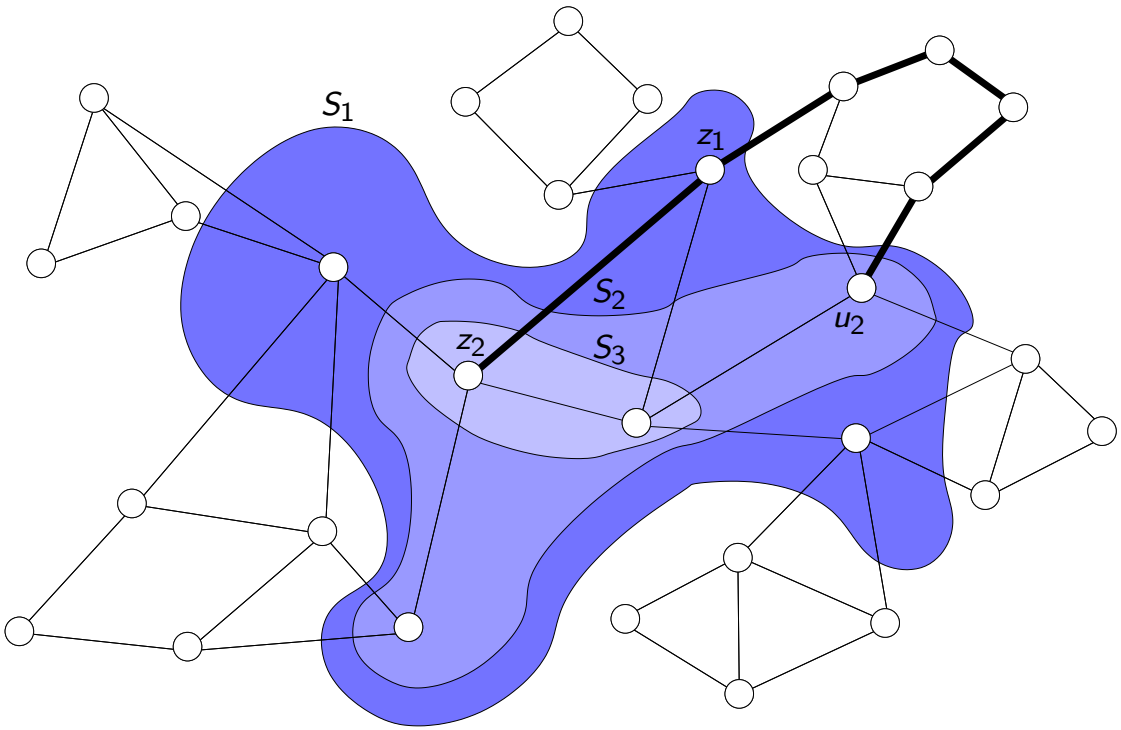
$$P_{u_2}(v_2) = \{\ldots, z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_3 \ldots\}$$

$$s_{u_2}(v_2) = 3$$

Property 1

Lemma

$(u, v) \in S_j \times S_j$ is a level edge of level j if and only if there exists a path from u to v in G and $s_u(v) < j$.



$(u_2, z_2) \in S_1 \times S_1$
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$s_{u_2}(z_2) = 1$ (due to z_1)

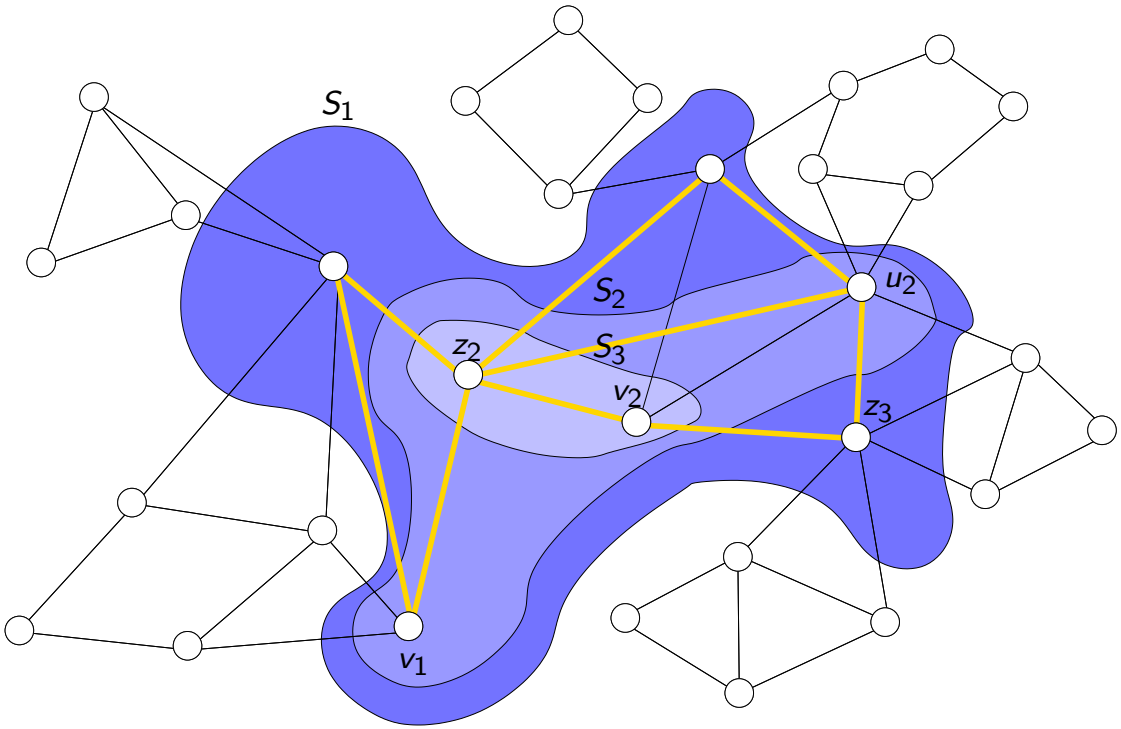
$j = 1 \quad s_{u_2}(z_2) \geq j$
$j = 2 \quad s_{u_2}(z_2) < j$

(u_2, z_2) is a 2-level edge

Property 2

Lemma

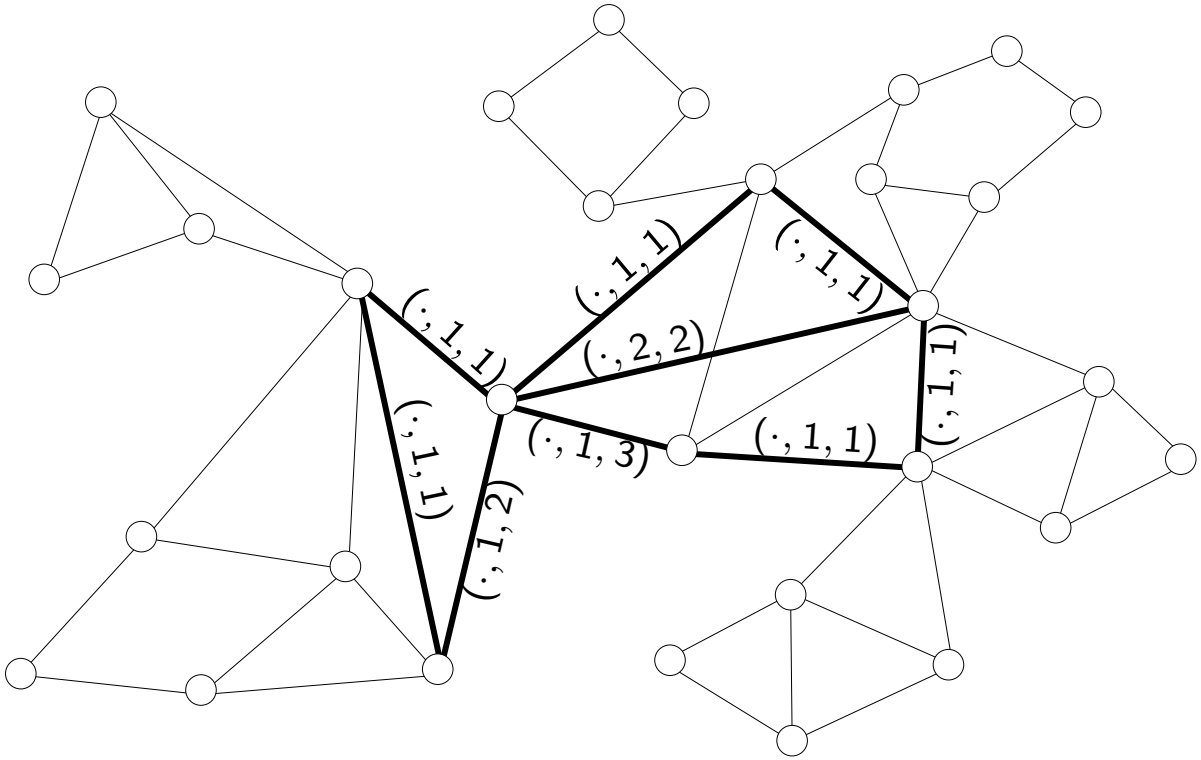
If $e = (u, v) \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell} E_i$, *then there exist* $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq k \leq \ell$, *such that* $e \in E_i$, $\forall i \in \{j, \ldots, k\}$, *and* $e \notin E_i$, $\forall i \notin \{j, \ldots, k\}$.



$(v_1, z_2) \in E_1, E_2$
$(z_2, v_2) \in E_1, E_2, E_3$
$(u_2, z_3) \in E_1$
$(z_2, u_2) \in E_2$

Definition

$$w_{\mathcal{M}}(u,v) = (\bar{d}(u,v), f(u,v), \ell(u,v)) =$$
$$\begin{cases} (d(u,v), s_u(v)+1, \min\{maxlevel(u), maxlevel(v)\}) & \text{If } (u,v) \text{ is a level edge} \\ (w(u,v), 0, 0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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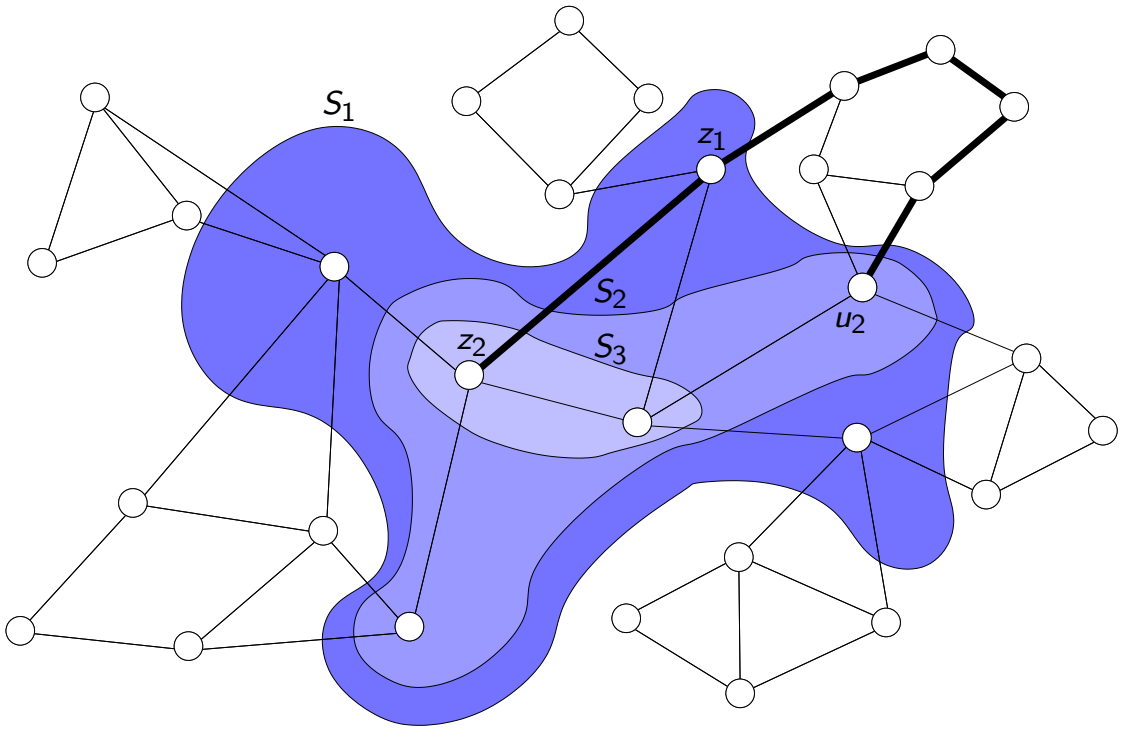

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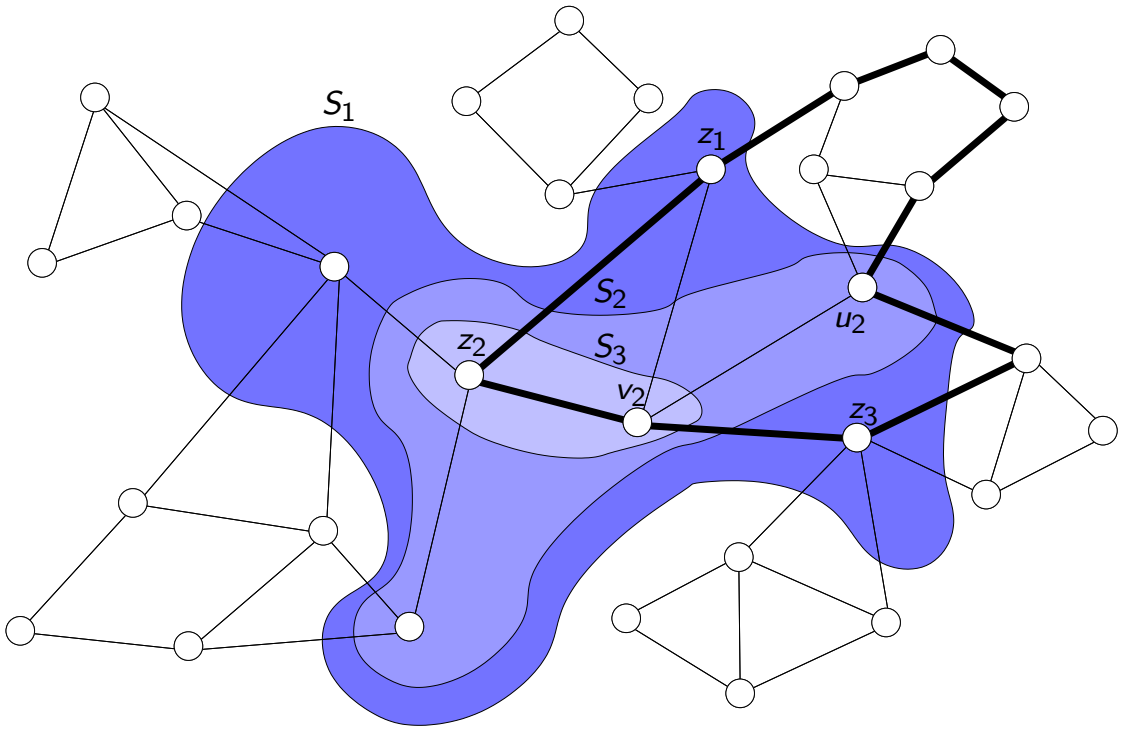

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In order to compute $s_u(v)$

We define

- a weighted graph $G_u = (V, E, w_u)$ for each $u \in S_1$
- an algebraic structure $(\mathcal{K}, \min_{\mathcal{K}}, \oplus_{\mathcal{K}})$

such that, if $w_u : E \to \mathcal{K}$, then

- for each $v \in V$ the distance from u to v in G_u is $d_u(v) = (d(u, v), s_u(v))$
- $d_u(v)$ can be computed by Dijkstra's shortest paths algorithm

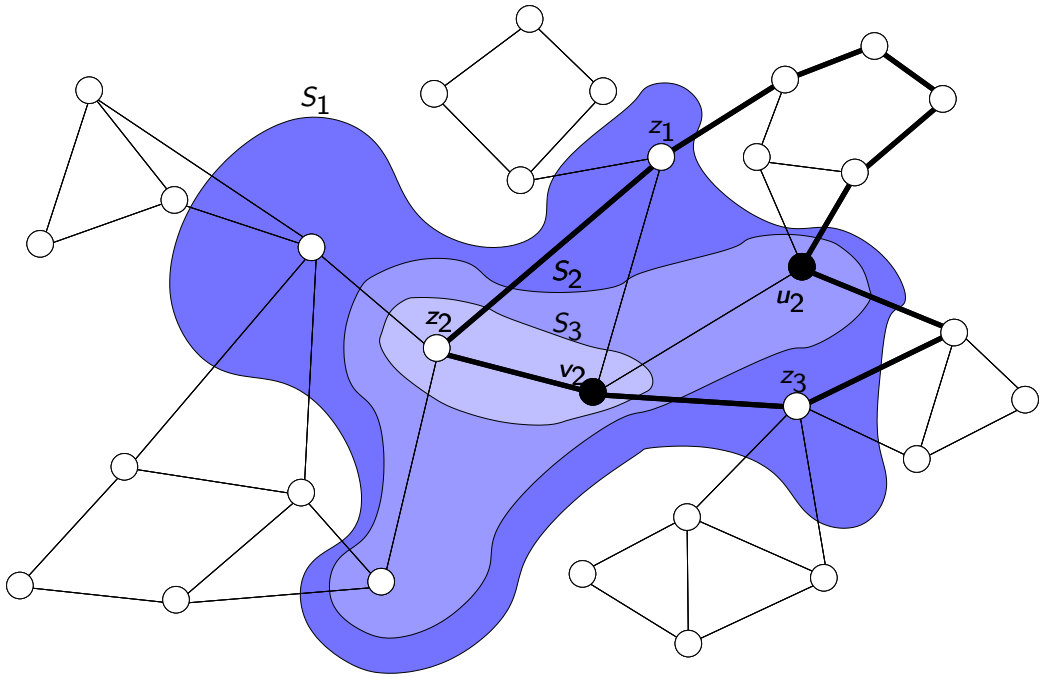
Theorem

$(\mathcal{K}, \min_{\mathcal{K}}, \oplus_{\mathcal{K}}, (\infty, 0), (0, 0))$ *is a closed semiring.*

Theorem

$d_u(v) = (d(u, v), s_u(v))$, *for each* $v \in V$.

We can use Dijkstra's shortest paths algorithm to compute $d(u, v)$ and $s_u(v)$



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For each node $v \in V$, we store $\mathtt{S}[v] = maxlevel(v)$

OVERLAY

For each $u \in S_1$ — $|S_1|$ times

1. Compute G_u — $O(n+m)$
2. Run Dijkstra on G_u from u and get $d(u,v)$ and $s_u(v)$ — $O(m + n \log n)$
3. For each $(u,v), v \in S_1$
4. If $(s_u(v) < \min\{\mathtt{S}[u], \mathtt{S}[v]\}$ and $d(u,v) \neq \infty)$ then — $O(n)$
5. $w_{\mathcal{M}}(u,v) := (d(u,v), s_u(v)+1, \min\{\mathtt{S}[u], \mathtt{S}[v]\})$

Lemma

OVERLAY requires $O(|S_1|(m + n \log n))$ *time*

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Purpose

Update a multi-level overlay graph $\mathcal{M}$ of a graph G when G changes as a consequence of a weight increase or a weight decrease operation on an edge of G

Note

Distance queries can be answered as in the static case

- To built $\mathcal{M}$, we use $|S_1|$ times Dijkstra's algorithm
- To update $\mathcal{M}$, we use the dynamic algorithm of FMN00
- It updates a shortest paths tree while weight increase or weight decrease modifications occur
- Procedure OVERLAY does not store the shortest paths tree rooted in the nodes in S_1
- Hence, we need a procedure that first computes the shortest paths trees and then computes $\mathcal{M}$

OVERLAY-2

COMPUTE T_u, $u \in S_1$

1. For each $u \in S_1$
2. Compute G_u
3. Run Dijkstra on G_u from u and get T_u containing $d(u, v)$ and $s_u(v)$

COMPUTE $\mathcal{M}$

4. For each $(u, v) \in S_1$
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6. $w_{\mathcal{M}}(u, v) := (d(u, v), s_u(v) + 1, \min\{\mathbb{S}[u], \mathbb{S}[v]\})$

Lemma

OVERLAY-2 requires $O(|S_1|(m + n) \log n))$ *time and* $O(|S_1|(n + m))$ *space*

UPDATE-$\mathcal{M}$

1. Update graphs $G_u, u \in S_1$ — $O(|S_1|n)$
2. Update trees $T_u, u \in S_1$ — $O(\Delta k \log(n))$
3. COMPUTE $\mathcal{M}$ — $O(|S_1|n + m)$

Lemma

UPDATE-$\mathcal{M}$ requires $O(|S_1|n + m + \Delta k \log(n))$ time

- Δ: the number of pairs in $S_1 \times V$ that changes the distance as a consequence of a modification of G
- k: there exists a k-bounded accounting function for G. In any graph there exists a k bounded accounting function s.t. $k = O(m/n)$.

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Results

- Static algorithm: $O(|S_1|(m + n \log n))$
- Dynamic algorithm: $O(|S_1|n + m + \Delta k \log(n))$
- Both algorithms allow to answer to distance queries faster than Dijkstra's algorithm

Find values of Δ such that the dynamic algorithm is better than the recomputation from scratch that is:

$$k\Delta \log n = o(|S_1|(m + n \log n))$$

Note that $\Delta = O(|S_1 \times V|) = O(|S_1|n)$

$$k\Delta \log n = o(|S_1|(m + n \log n)) \quad \Delta = O(|S_1|n)$$

Sparse graphs

Timetable graphs are sparse e.g.
Time expanded German timetable graph $m/n \leq 2$
Time dependent German timetable graph $m/n \leq 3$

- $m = O(n)$
- $k = O(1)$
- The dynamic algorithm is better than the recomputation from scratch if $\Delta = o(|S_1|n)$

In sparse graphs the dynamic algorithm is asymptotically better than the recomputation from scratch

Random graphs

- $m = O(n \log n)$
- $k = O(\log n)$
- The dynamic algorithm is better than the recomputation from scratch if $\Delta = o(|S_1|n/\log n)$

Dense graphs

- $m = O(n^2)$
- $k = O(n)$
- The dynamic algorithm is better than the recomputation from scratch if $\Delta = o(|S_1|n/\log n)$

The dynamic algorithm is better than the recomputation from scratch when Δ is a factor $\log n$ far from its maximum value

Future works

- Experimental evaluation
- Find values of $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_\ell$ in order to speed up as much as possible shortest path queries