

Geometry Helps to Compare PDs

(part 2)

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Plan:

- hard ways
- Recall Wasserstein distance
  - Combinatorial Methods to Compute it (auction algos)
  - Geometric Adaptations (k-d trees)
  - Experimental findings

Bottleneck Distance ( $\infty$ -Wasserstein)

$$W_\infty(X, Y) = \inf_{\eta: X \rightarrow Y} \sup_{x \in X} \|x - \eta(x)\|_\infty,$$

$q$ -Wasserstein Distance

$$W_q(X, Y) = \left[ \inf_{\eta: X \rightarrow Y} \sum_{x \in X} \|x - \eta(x)\|_\infty^q \right]^{1/q}.$$

Fix  $q \geq 1$  and compute  $q$ -Wasserstein cost

6-partite weighted graph  $G = (\underbrace{U \sqcup V}_{\text{}}, E, w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+)$

(Idea)

Auction Algorithm (Bertsekas, 1974)

$u \in U$  are "Bidders"

$v \in V$  are "Objects"

$w(e)$ ,  $e \in E$ , are benefits between Bidders & Objects

price  $p_v = 0$  initially

value  $(u, v) = (w(u, v) - p_v)$

At each iteration, an unassigned bidder  $u$

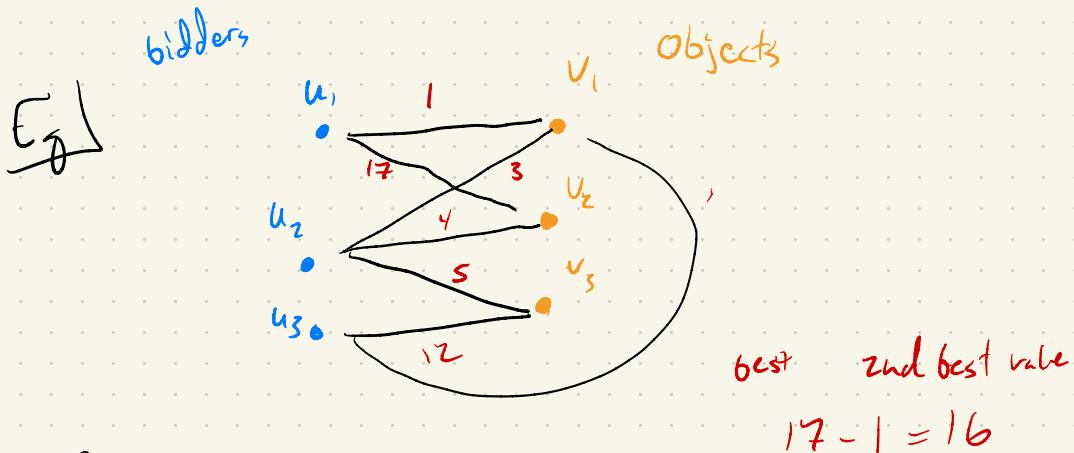
chooses object  $v$  with maximal value

object  $v$  is assigned to  $u$ .

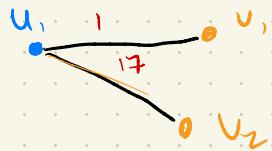
Let  $\Delta p_{u,v}$  be the difference between highest value until and second highest.

Then

$$p_v = p_v + \Delta p_{u,v} \text{ for next iteration.}$$



Iteration 1:



$$w(u_1, v_1) = 1$$

$$w(u_1, v_2) = 17$$

$$\underline{p_{v_1} = 0}, \underline{p_{v_2} = 0}$$

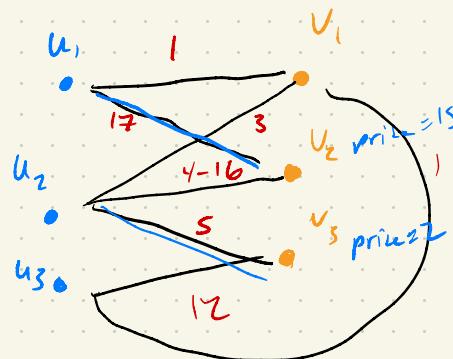
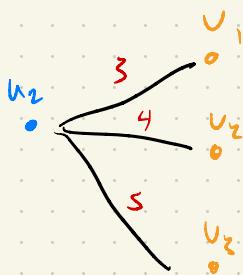
$$\text{value}(u_1, v_1) = 1$$

$$\text{value}(u_1, v_2) = 17$$

Choose  $u_1, v_2$ .

$$\underline{\underline{p(v_2) = 0 + 16 = 16}} \text{ for next round.}$$

## Iteration 2:



$$\text{Value}(u_2, v_1) = 3 - 0 = 3$$

$$\text{Value}(u_2, v_2) = 4 - \underline{16} = -\underline{12}$$

$$\text{Value}(u_2, v_3) = 5 - 0 = 5$$

choose

best 2nd best

$$p(v_3) = 5 - 3 = 2 + \epsilon$$

$$p(u) = 0 + 2 + \epsilon$$

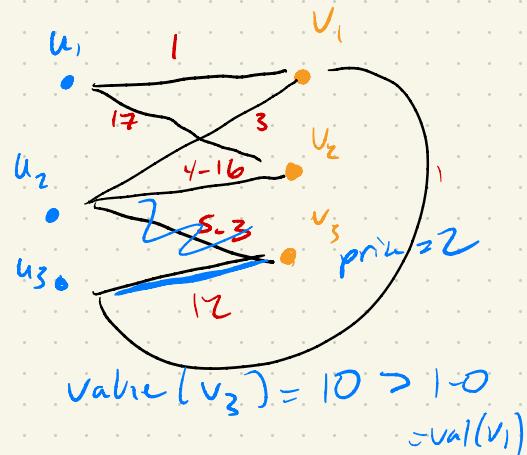
initial

### Iteration 3:

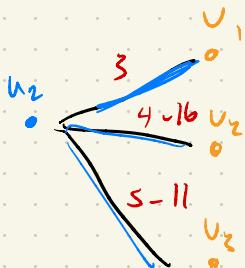


$$p_{v_3} = 12 - 1 = 11 \text{ for next iteration,}$$

$u_2$  is now at bid

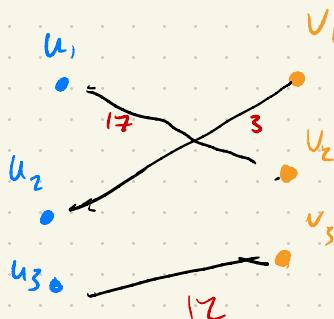


### Iteration 4:



pair  $u_2, v_1$

and we're done!



## Remarks:

Another version: Jacobi Auction, every unassigned bidder makes a bid at each iteration. If several bidders want the same object, it goes to whoever has highest price increase.

This version is more expensive on average

(eg) many objects have same price for  
many bidders.



X auction algo from  
1974 is way 2 go!

Choosing  $\epsilon$ : Note, the smaller the  $\epsilon$ , the

longer the time of convergence for the auction.

But, the more precise a solution.

can compute  $q$ -Wasserstein distance with this procedure.

Fixing an approximation parameter  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , let  $d$  denote the  $q$ th root of the value of an obtained matching in the algorithm.

Conclude algorithm if:

$$d^q \leq (1 + \delta)^q / (d^q - n\epsilon),$$

and return  $d$ .

We can turn these matchings into  $q$ -Wasserstein distance by taking  $q$ th roots +  $q$ th powers of  $L_\infty$  distances.

Conclude algorithm when matching is optimal, up to error term  $\delta$ .

Formally,

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**ALGORITHM 1:** AUCTION ALGORITHM

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**Input:** Two persistence diagrams  $X, Y$  with  $|X|, |Y| \leq n$ ,  $q \geq 1$ ,  $\delta > 0$  (maximal relative error)

**Output:**  $\delta$ -approximate  $q$ -Wasserstein distance  $W_q(X, Y)$

Initialize  $d \leftarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon \leftarrow \frac{5}{4} \cdot (\text{max. edge length})$

**while**  $d^q > (1 + \delta)^q(d^q - n\varepsilon)$  **do**

$$\varepsilon \leftarrow \varepsilon/5$$

Let  $M$  be an empty matching

**while** there exists some unassigned bidder  $i$  **do**

Find the best object  $j$  with value  $v_{ij}$  and the second best object  $k$  with value  $v_{ik}$  for  $i$

Assign  $j$  to  $i$  in  $M$  and increase the price of  $j$  by  $(v_{ij} - v_{ik}) + \varepsilon$

$d \leftarrow q$ -th root of the cost of the (perfect) matching  $M$

**return**  $d$

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What is the crux?

Bidding:

Comparing max value object +  
price increase is tricky!

Brute Force:

Exhaustive search over all objects per bidder

Lazy heaps: Keep a heap for each bidder of object values

uses  $O(n^2)$  space

Geometry: Use a k-d tree with  $O(n)$  space

## Geometry:

Need to configure a k-d tree

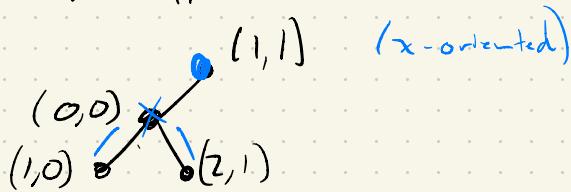
- Initially, when prices are zero,

U find best two objects by proximity search.

$\text{Eg.}$   $(1, 1)$   $(2, 1)$

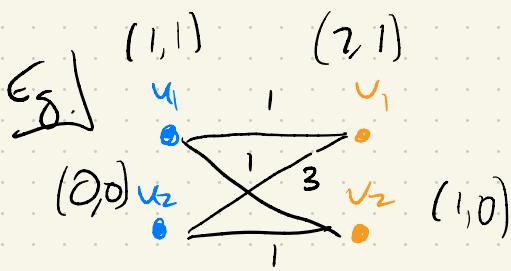
$(0, 0)$   $v_1$   $v_2$   $(1, 0)$

k-d tree

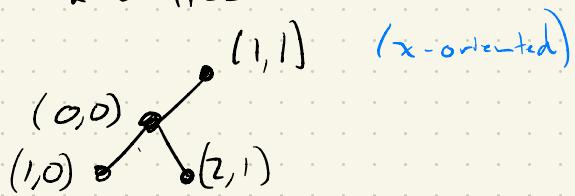


(when all prices are  
zero)

Need to take changing prices  
into account

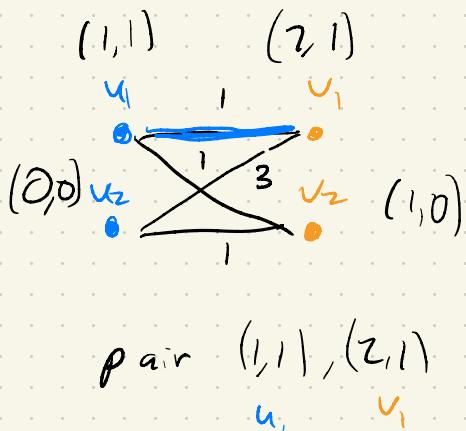


K-d tree

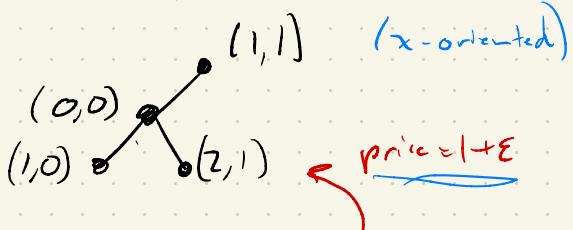


Store prices as weights in K-d tree!

Record minimum weight of any node  
in subtree of internal nodes.

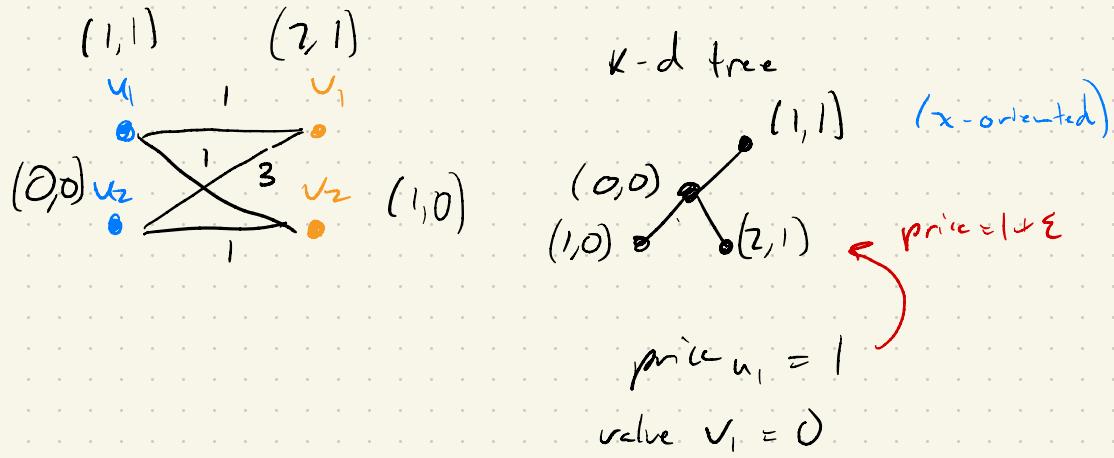


K-d tree

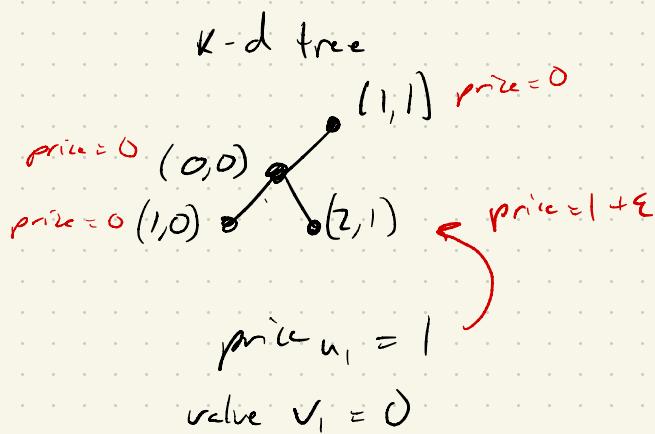


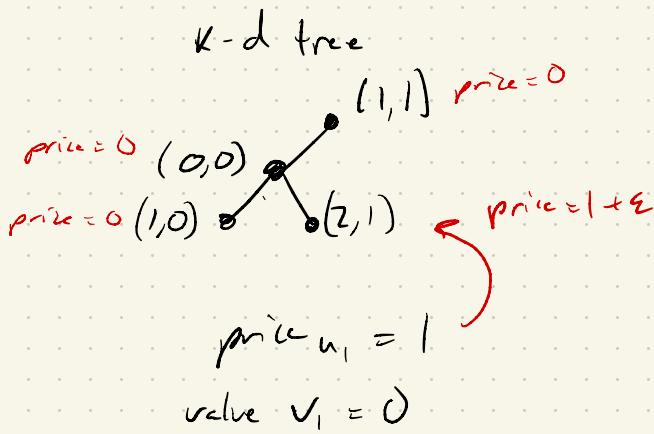
pair  $(1,1), (2,1)$

price  $u_1 = 1$   
value  $v_1 = 0$



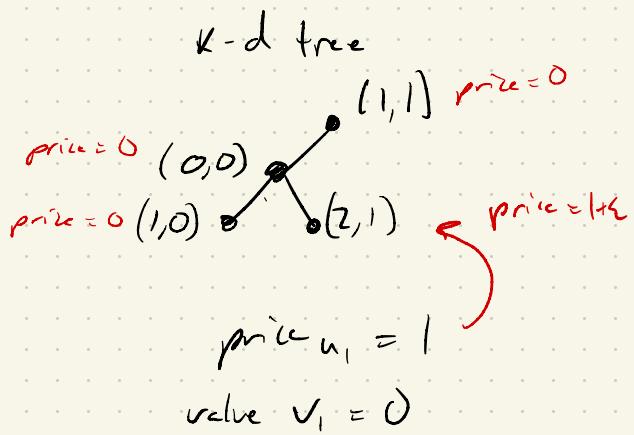
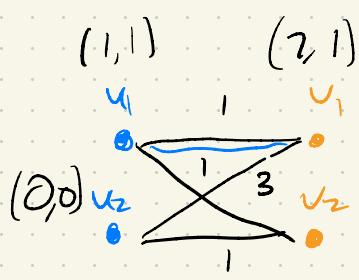
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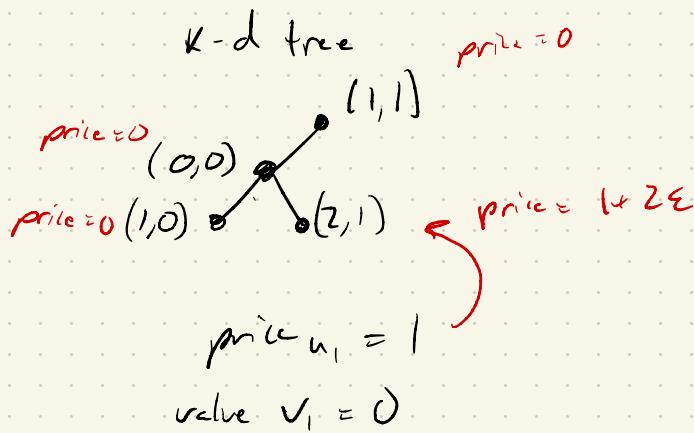


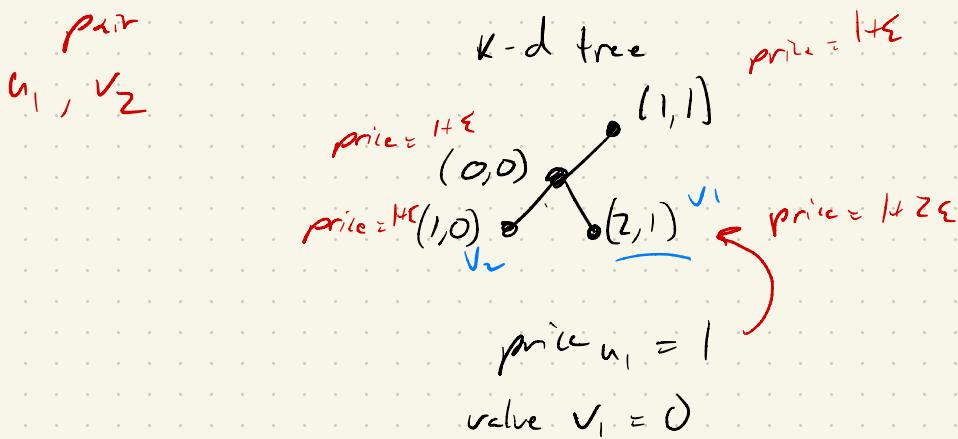
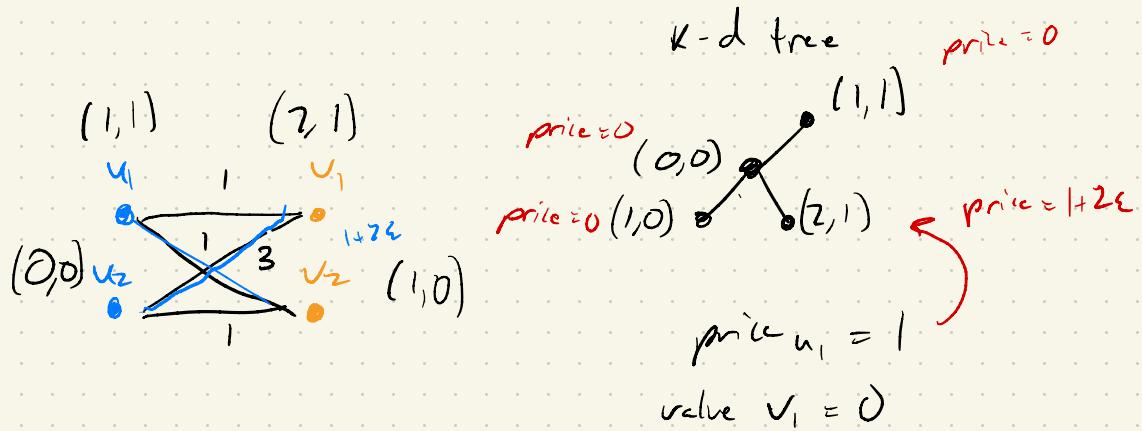
prune subtrees if qth power of distance

from query point to the box containing  
Subtree plus minimum weight a subtree  
exceeds second best candidate



pair  
 $u_i, v_i$   
 price  $v_i$   
 $= 1 + \epsilon + \epsilon$





## Persistence Diagrams Need Extra Care

↳ Diagonal bidders can only bid for one object

↳ Off-diagonal bidders can bid for every off-diagonal object

but only one on-diagonal object  
(its projection)

# Experimental Results

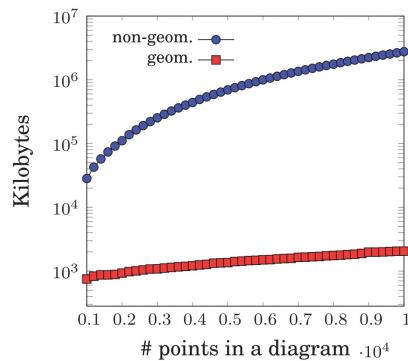


Fig. 6. Comparison of memory consumption of geometric and non-geometric versions of auction algorithm on normal instances.

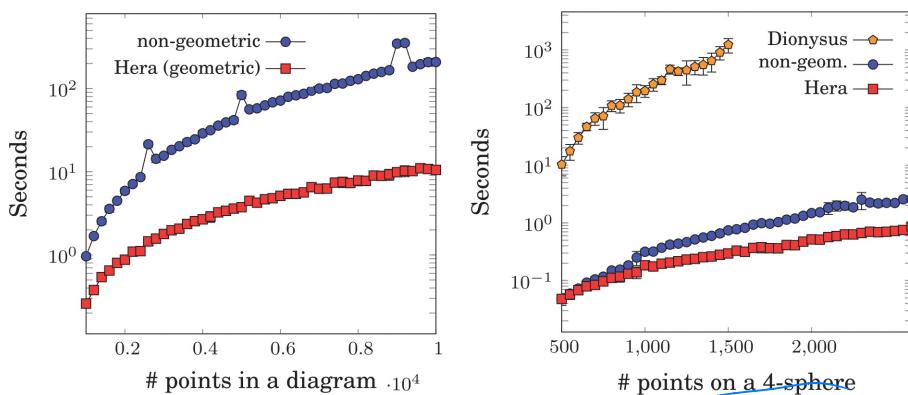


Fig. 7. Comparison of non-geometric and geometric variants of the auction algorithm on normal (left) and real (right) input, also with DIONYSUS on the real input.

More on repeated parts in paper.

Similar techniques implemented using kd trees

### Takeaways:

- In matching-related problems, kd trees are a great data structure to use if matching occurs in a metric space
- We can tweak kd trees to consider changing variables relevant for matching (price, for example)
- The best algorithms on paper might be awful to implement!