

## LOCAL ROUTING IN WSPD-BASED SPANNERS <sup>†</sup>

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ABSTRACT. The well-separated pair decomposition (WSPD) of the complete Euclidean graph defined on points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , introduced by Callahan and Kosaraju [JACM, 42 (1): 67-90, 1995], is a technique for partitioning the edges of the complete graph based on length into a linear number of sets. Among the many different applications of WSPDs, Callahan and Kosaraju proved that the sparse subgraph that results by selecting an arbitrary edge from each set (called WSPD-spanner) is a  $1 + 8/(s - 4)$ -spanner, where  $s > 4$  is the separation ratio used for partitioning the edges.

Although competitive local-routing strategies exist for various spanners such as Yao-graphs,  $\Theta$ -graphs, and variants of Delaunay graphs, few local-routing strategies are known for any WSPD-spanner. Our main contribution is a local-routing algorithm with a near-optimal competitive routing ratio of  $1 + O(1/s)$  on a WSPD-spanner.

Specifically, using Callahan and Kosaraju's fair split-tree, we show how to build a WSPD-spanner with spanning ratio  $1 + 4/s + 4/(s - 2)$  which is a slight improvement over  $1 + 8/(s - 4)$ . We then present a 2-local and a 1-local routing algorithm on this spanner with competitive routing ratios of  $1 + 6/(s - 2) + 4/s$  and  $1 + 8/(s - 2) + 4/s + 8/s^2$ , respectively. Moreover, we prove that there exists a point set for which our WSPD-spanner has a spanning ratio of at least  $1 + 8/s$ , thereby proving the near-optimality of its spanning ratio and the near-optimality of the routing ratio of both our routing algorithms.

## 1 Introduction

A fundamental problem in networking is the routing of a message from one vertex to another in a graph. Because network resources are limited, it is often desirable that routing algorithms use as little memory as possible. At one extreme in this direction are *local* routing algorithms where the routing algorithm must choose the next vertex to forward a message to based solely on knowledge of the destination vertex, the current vertex and some information about all vertices directly connected to the current vertex. When a local routing algorithm is not possible, it is still desirable that a routing algorithm minimize the memory used.

In many settings, it is natural to model a network as a *geometric graph*, that is, a graph whose vertices are points and each edge is a line segment whose weight is the

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Euclidean distance between its two endpoints. For example, geometric routing algorithms are important in wireless sensor networks (see [16] for a survey of the area) since routing strategies can take advantage of the fact that nodes in these networks have physical locations that can be used to help guide a packet to its destination.

A geometric routing algorithm is said to be *competitive* if the length of all paths produced by the routing algorithm is not more than a constant times the Euclidean distance between its endpoints. The smallest constant for which the algorithm is competitive is called the *routing ratio*. In order to find a competitive path (i.e., a path that satisfies the routing ratio) between any two vertices of a graph, such a path must first exist. Graphs that meet this criterion are called (geometric) spanners. Formally, given a geometric graph  $G$ , the distance,  $d_G(u, v)$ , between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  is the sum of the weights of the edges in the shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . The graph  $G$  is a  $t$ -*spanner* if there exists a  $t \geq 1$  such that for all pairs of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ ,  $d_G(u, v) \leq t \cdot |uv|$ . Here  $|uv|$  denotes the Euclidean distance between  $u$  and  $v$ . The smallest value  $t$  for which  $G$  is a  $t$ -spanner is the *spanning ratio* or *stretch factor* of  $G$ . A family of graphs that are  $t$ -spanners, for some fixed constant  $t$ , are often referred to simply as *spanners*. Spanners have been extensively studied—for a detailed overview of results on geometric spanners, see the book by Narasimhan and Smid [17].

Geometric spanners tend to fall into three categories: (i) Long-known geometric graphs that happen to be spanners, such as Delaunay triangulations; (ii) cone-based constructions, such as Keil’s  $\theta$ -graphs [15]; and (iii) well-separated pair decomposition (WSPD) based constructions introduced by Callaghan and Kosaraju [9]. Note that graphs in the first category have fixed worst-case spanning ratios bounded away from 1. Constructions in the second and third categories are designed for a given parameter. They can achieve spanning ratios arbitrarily close to 1 by choosing arbitrarily small values for this parameter. Significant work has gone into finding competitive local and low-memory routing algorithms for graphs in the first category, including Delaunay graphs (classical-,  $L_1$ -,  $L_\infty$ -, TD-, and generalized convex Delaunay triangulations) [2, 3, 6, 7, 10]. In most cases, proving tight spanning ratios and routing ratios for graphs in this category is difficult. For example, the exact spanning ratio of the Delaunay triangulation is unknown, despite over 30 years of study [5, 12, 15, 18].

For the second category—cone-based spanners—competitive local routing algorithms are usually trivial. These spanners are designed so that greedy choices produce paths of low stretch. Still, for certain cone-based spanners, there have been some refined results on competitive routing algorithms that produce exceptionally low competitive ratios. For example, Bose *et al.* [6] present a routing algorithm for the TD-Delaunay triangulation (which is equivalent to the Half- $\theta_6$ -graph) with a competitive ratio of 2.887. They prove that this is optimal, thereby proving a separation between the routing ratio and the spanning ratio of a graph since the spanning ratio of the TD-Delaunay triangulation is 2 [11].

In this paper, we consider routing algorithms for the third category: WSPD-based spanners. Intuitively, a WSPD of a pointset is a partition of the edges of the complete geometric graph (on that pointset) such that all edges in the same partition are approxi-

mately of equal length.<sup>1</sup> Since its introduction by Callahan and Kosaraju [8, 9], the WSPD and WSPD-based spanners have found a plethora of applications in solving distance problems [17]. The main difficulty about local routing in these spanners stems from the fact that WSPD-spanners are based on WSPDs that are built globally and capture global distance properties of the given pointset. As such WSPD-spanners pose a challenge in designing local routing strategies.

WSPDs have been used before as an aid to routing in unit-disk graphs by Kaplan et al. [14]. Their scheme applies to our setting when the unit distance is the diameter of the point set. However, in that case, they route on an  $\epsilon$ -net of the point set. Therefore, they are not routing purely on a WSPD-spanner of the complete graph of the point set but they are routing on the subset of the points that forms the  $\epsilon$ -net. In the case where the unit disk graph has diameter at least 2, their routing scheme requires a header of  $O(\log n \log D)$  bits, where  $D$  is the diameter. It also requires routing tables of size  $O(\epsilon^{-5} \log^2 n \log^2 D)$  bits per vertex and, therefore, the total size of the routing tables is  $O(n\epsilon^{-5} \log^2 n \log^2 D)$  bits. Their routing ratio is  $1 + \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon = (\alpha/s) \log |pq|$  (or  $s = (\alpha/\epsilon) \log |pq|$ ) with  $\alpha \geq 192$  and  $|pq| \leq D \leq n$ . Note that our scheme is slightly different and therefore incomparable since it is routing on a WSPD-spanner.

Given a pointset and a separation ratio  $s$ , a WSPD with separation ratio  $s$  is (typically) not unique. Callahan and Kosaraju's original construction of a WSPD is based on fair split-trees and it computes a WSPD containing  $O(s^2n)$  edge partitions [9]. From this WSPD, we show how to construct a WSPD-spanner that facilitates local routing by selecting a well-chosen edge from each partition rather than picking an arbitrary edge (see Section 3). Moreover, we prove a lower bound of  $1 + 8/s$  on the spanning ratio of our WSPD-spanner, thereby proving the near-optimality of the spanning ratio of our WSPD-spanner and the near-optimality of the routing ratios of both our routing algorithms (refer to Theorem 3). As a side benefit, our WSPD-spanner has a slightly improved spanning ratio,  $1 + 4/s + 4/(s - 2)$ , over the original one,  $1 + 8/(s - 4)$  [8]. This improvement stems from the additional properties of our well-chosen edges. On this WSPD-spanner, we present a 2-local and a 1-local routing algorithm with competitive routing ratios of  $1 + 6/(s - 2) + 4/s$  and  $1 + 8/(s - 2) + 4/s + 8/s^2$ , respectively (see Sections 4 and 5). A routing algorithm on a graph  $G$  is  $k$ -local for  $k \geq 1$  if each vertex  $v$  of  $G$  stores information about vertices that are at a hop distance of at most  $k$  from  $v$ . The hop distance between two vertices  $p$  and  $q$  is  $k$  if the minimum number of edges to traverse in order to reach  $q$  from  $p$  is  $k$ . Our local routing algorithms do not use a header. Our 2-local and 1-local routing algorithms require routing tables of total size  $O(s^2n^2B)$  and  $O(s^2nB)$  bits, respectively, where  $B$  is the maximum number of bits to store a bounding box. Ideally, one would like the routing ratio to be identical to the spanning ratio, however, this is rarely the case when routing locally since an adversary can often force an algorithm to stray from the actual shortest path.

<sup>1</sup>See the next section for the formal definition.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Definitions

A *network* (or *graph*)  $G = (V, E)$  is represented by its set of vertices  $V$  and its set of edges  $E$ . A *local routing algorithm* in a network  $G$  routes a message (or packet) by finding a path from a vertex  $p \in V$  to a vertex  $q \in V$  by making a sequence of local decisions. A decision from a vertex  $v$  is said to be *local* if the choice of the next vertex to forward the message depends only on information accessible from  $v$ . The goal is to design a local routing algorithm that uses the smallest amount of local information.

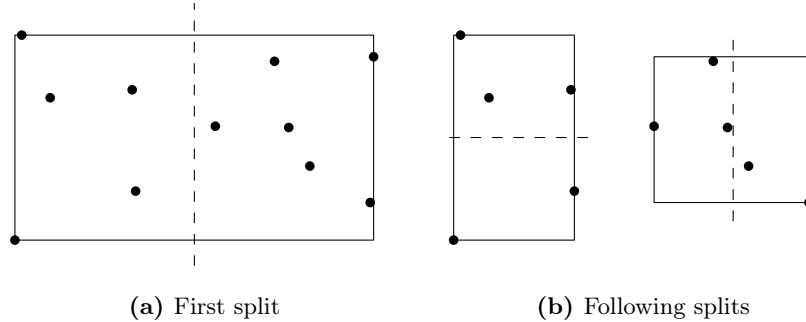
Formally, a 1-local routing algorithm as defined in [4] is a function  $f : V \times V \times V \times \mathcal{P}(V) \rightarrow V$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(V)$  is the power set of  $V$ . The arguments of the function  $f(v, p, q, \mathcal{N}(v)) = w$  are the current vertex  $v$  in the path, the source  $p$  of the path, the destination  $q$  of the path, the set of neighbors  $\mathcal{N}(v)$  of  $v$ , and the next vertex  $w$  on the current path. Our definition of 1-local deviates slightly since in addition to the coordinates of the neighbors in  $\mathcal{N}(v)$ , we require some additional information to be stored based on the construction of the WSPD. In Section 4.1, we define precisely what additional information is stored. For the remainder of the paper, when we refer to 1-local, we will refer to this enhanced definition. Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer. We say that a local routing algorithm is *k-local* if each vertex  $v$  has access to the graph  $G_k(v)$  which consists of the subgraph of  $G$  induced by all vertices at hop-distance at most  $k$  from  $v$ .

In this paper, we follow the notation and definition as outlined in [17]. Let  $S$  be a set of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . A *bounding box* of  $S$ , denoted  $R(S)$ , is the smallest axis-parallel rectangle containing  $S$ . Let  $s > 0$  be a real number, and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two finite sets of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We say that  $A$  and  $B$  are *well-separated with respect to  $s$*  if there are two disjoint balls  $C_A$  and  $C_B$ , such that (1)  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  have the same radius, (2)  $C_A$  contains the bounding box  $R(A)$  of  $A$ , (3)  $C_B$  contains the bounding box  $R(B)$  of  $B$  and (4) the distance between  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  is greater than or equal to  $s$  times the radius of  $C_A$ . A *well-separated pair decomposition (WSPD) for  $S$ , with respect to  $s$* , is a sequence  $\{A_1, B_1\}, \{A_2, B_2\}, \dots, \{A_m, B_m\}$  of pairs of nonempty subsets of  $S$ , for some integer  $m$ , such that (1) for each  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are well-separated with respect to  $s$ , and (2) for any two distinct points  $p$  and  $q$  of  $S$ , there is exactly one index  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , such that (a)  $p \in A_i$  and  $q \in B_i$ , or (b)  $p \in B_i$  and  $q \in A_i$ . The integer  $m$  is called the size of the WSPD.

### 2.2 Construction of the WSPD

For the rest of this paper, our setting is the Euclidean plane i.e.,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . There are many ways to construct a WSPD (for instance, using quadtrees [13]). In our setting, we use the construction by Callahan and Kosaraju [9] which is based on a data structure called the *split tree*.

The split tree is a binary tree defined as follows. Take the bounding box  $R(S)$  of the point set  $S$  and store it at the root  $u$  of the split tree. Then, split  $R(S)$  equally on its longest side and store the bounding boxes of the two resulting subsets of  $S$  in the children of  $u$ . Repeat this recursively for each child until the leaves are the points of  $S$ . The set of points



**Figure 1:** Illustration of the split tree.

in the subtree rooted at node  $u$  is denoted  $S_u$ . We also use the notation  $R_u$  interchangeably with  $R(S_u)$  to talk about the bounding box of  $S_u$ . To summarize, each internal node  $u$  of the split tree stores its bounding box  $R_u$ , and pointers to its two children. Each leaf stores a point of  $S$  which will be considered as the bounding box of  $u$ . See Algorithm 1 for the construction of a split tree.

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**Algorithm 1** SPLITTREE( $S$ )

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**Input:** A point set  $S$ .

**Output:** The (root of the) split tree of  $S$ .

Let  $u$  be an empty node.

**if**  $|S| = 1$  **then**

    Store the only point of  $S$  in  $u$ . // Note that we consider this point to be the bounding box  $R_u$

**else**

    Compute the bounding box  $R(S)$

    Split  $R(S)$  along its longest side into two same-size rectangles  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

$S_v := S \cap R_1$

$S_w := S \setminus S_v$

$v := \text{SPLITTREE}(S_v)$

$w := \text{SPLITTREE}(S_w)$

    Store  $v$  and  $w$  as the left and right children of  $u$ , respectively.

$R_u := R(S)$

**end if**

**return**  $u$

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A WSPD of a point set  $S$  is then computed using the split tree of  $S$ . Let  $T$  be the split tree of  $S$  and  $s > 0$  be the desired separation ratio. Let  $v$  and  $w$  be two nodes of  $T$ . We compute whether  $S_v$  and  $S_w$  are well-separated with respect to  $s$  by using the bounding boxes  $R_v$  and  $R_w$  instead of  $S_v$  and  $S_w$ . Then, a WSPD for  $S$  is computed by calling COMPUTEWSPD( $T, s$ ) (refer to Algorithm 2), which calls FINDPAIRS( $v, w$ ) (refer to Algorithm 3). In FINDPAIRS( $v, w$ ), the function  $L_{max}(\cdot)$  denotes the longest side of a bounding box. Callahan and Kosaraju proved that this algorithm produces a linear number

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**Algorithm 2** COMPUTEWSPD( $T, s$ )

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**Input:** The split tree  $T$ , and the separation ratio  $s$ .**Output:** A WSPD.**for each** internal node  $u$  of the split tree  $T$  **do**    Let  $v$  and  $w$  be the left and right children of  $u$ , respectively.    FINDPAIRS( $v, w, s$ )**end for**

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**Algorithm 3** FINDPAIRS( $v, w, s$ )

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**Input:** Two nodes  $v$  and  $w$  of a split tree, and the separation ratio  $s$ .**Output:** A set of well-separated pairs  $\{\{A_1, B_1\}, \{A_2, B_2\}, \dots, \{A_m, B_m\}\}$  such that for any point  $p \in S_v$  and any point  $q \in S_w$ , there is a unique pair  $\{A_i, B_i\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , such that  $p \in A_i$  and  $q \in B_i$ .**if**  $S_v$  and  $S_w$  are well-separated with respect to  $s$  **then**    Report the pair  $\{S_v, S_w\}$ **else if**  $L_{max}(R_v) \leq L_{max}(R_w)$  **then**    Let  $w_l$  and  $w_r$  be the left and right children of  $w$ , respectively.    FINDPAIRS( $v, w_l$ )    FINDPAIRS( $v, w_r$ )**else**    Let  $v_l$  and  $v_r$  be the left and right children of  $v$ , respectively.    FINDPAIRS( $v_l, w$ )    FINDPAIRS( $v_r, w$ )**end if**

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of pairs [9]. The following lemma gives properties about the points in a pair of a WSPD.

**Lemma 1** (Callahan and Kosaraju [8]). *Let  $\{A, B\}$  be a well-separated pair with respect to the separation ratio  $s > 0$ . Let  $p, p', p'' \in A$  and  $q, q' \in B$ . Then,*

- $|p'p''| \leq (2/s)|pq|$ ,
- $|p'q'| \leq (1 + 4/s)|pq|$ .

### 3 Construction of $t$ -Spanners Using WSPDs

In this section, we show how to construct a WSPD-spanner on which our routing results are based. We also prove some useful geometric lemmas concerning these spanners. Callahan and Kosaraju’s [9] classical construction of a spanner given a WSPD proceeds as follows: for each well-separated pair  $\{A, B\}$ , select an arbitrary point  $a \in A$  as a *representative* of the set  $A$  and an arbitrary point  $b \in B$  as a representative of the set  $B$  and add the edge  $ab$  to the graph. Callahan and Kosaraju [8] proved that any WSPD-spanner constructed this way has a spanning ratio of at most  $1 + 8/(s - 4)$ , where  $s$  is the separation ratio of the WSPD.

To facilitate the design of our routing algorithm, rather than selecting an arbitrary point as the representative of a set in a pair, we choose the rightmost point as the representative. If there is more than one rightmost point, we choose the topmost point among the rightmost ones. The following definitions define three types of spanners based on WSPDs, depending on how the WSPD was constructed and how the representatives are chosen.

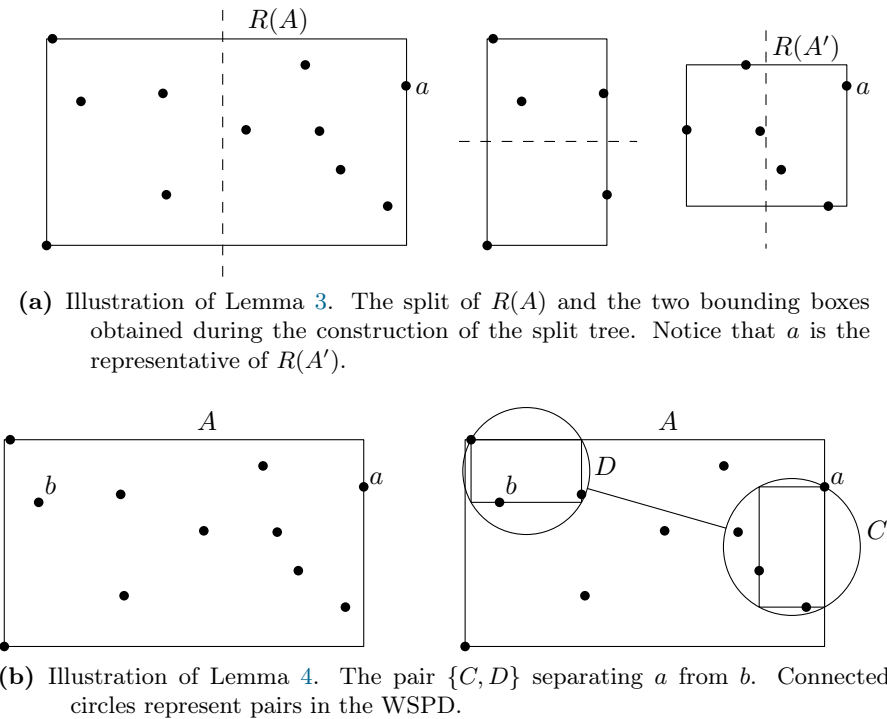
**Definition 1** (AW-Spanner). An AW-Spanner (AW for “**A**rbitrary **W**SPD”) is a spanner based on a WSPD where the choice of the representative of each set in a well-separated pair of the WSPD is arbitrary.

**Definition 2** (ASW-Spanner). An ASW-Spanner (ASW for “**A**rbitrary representative, **S**plit tree, **W**SPD”) is a spanner based on a WSPD computed with a split tree where the choice of the representative of each set in a well-separated pair of the WSPD is arbitrary.

**Definition 3** (RSW-Spanner). An RSW-Spanner (RSW for “**R**ightmost representative, **S**plit tree, **W**SPD”) is a spanner based on a WSPD computed with a split tree. Moreover, the representative of each set in a well-separated pair of the WSPD is chosen such that it is the rightmost point of the set. If there is more than one rightmost point, the topmost point among the rightmost ones is chosen.

In this paper, we explain how to do local routing in RSW-Spanners. One reason for using the pairs of a WSPD constructed with a split tree is the fact that the number of pairs is linear in the number of points in  $S$ , if we assume that  $s$  is a constant [9]. This implies that the resulting spanner has a linear number of edges. Moreover, the way that representatives are chosen in a RSW-Spanner gives us several geometric properties that can be exploited. Thus, in the remainder of the chapter, unless stated otherwise, we focus on RSW-Spanners.

In Theorem 1, by exploiting properties of the split tree, we prove that the spanning ratio of ASW-Spanners is at most  $1 + 4/(s - 4) + 4/s$  which is a slight improvement over the



**Figure 2:** Illustration of Lemma 3 and Lemma 4.

spanning ratio of  $1 + 8/(s - 4)$ , shown for AW-Spanners. In Theorem 2, we make a further improvement to  $1 + 4/(s - 2) + 4/s$  for RSW-Spanners. Before proving this, we begin with some helper lemmas.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $u$  and  $v$  be any two nodes in a split tree. If  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$ , then  $S_v \subset S_u$ . Otherwise,  $S_v \cap S_u = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* When the bounding box of a node  $x$  is split into two in the construction of the split tree (refer to Algorithm 1), the sets associated to the two children of  $x$  are disjoint and are subsets of the set associated to  $x$ . Hence,  $S_u$  and  $S_v$  are either disjoint sets or one is a subset of the other. □

**Lemma 3.** *In an RSW-Spanner, consider two sets  $A$  and  $C$  each from a different pair of the WSPD. Let  $a$  be a representative of  $A$ . If  $C \subseteq A$  and  $a \in C$ , then  $a$  is also the representative of  $C$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $C \subseteq A$  and  $a$  is the rightmost, topmost point of  $A$ , then  $a$  is also the rightmost, topmost point in  $C$ . Thus,  $a$  is the representative of  $C$  (refer to Figure 2a). □

**Lemma 4.** *In an RSW-Spanner, let  $A$  be a set in a pair from the WSPD and let  $a, b \in A$  be two points such that  $a$  is the representative of  $A$  and  $b \neq a$ . There is a well-separated pair  $\{C, D\}$  such that:*

- $a \in C$ ;
- $b \in D$ ;
- $a$  is the representative of  $C$ ;
- $C$  is a proper subset of  $A$ ;
- $D$  is a proper subset of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{C, D\}$  be the pair that separates  $a$  from  $b$  (refer to Figure 2b). Therefore,  $C$  and  $D$  must be disjoint. Since  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $A$ , we have that  $C$  and  $D$  are both disjoint subsets of  $A$  by Lemma 2. We have that  $a$  is the representative of  $C$  by Lemma 3. See Figure 2b for an illustration.  $\square$

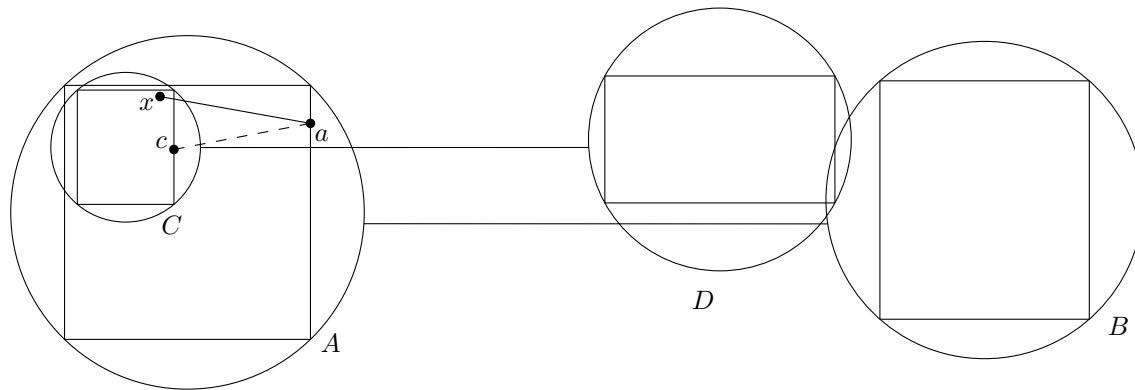
Let  $[x, a]$  be an edge in an RSW-Spanner such that  $a$  is the representative of a bounding box  $A$  containing  $x$ . Let  $C$  be a bounding box smaller than  $A$  that contains  $x$  in the WSPD. Lemma 5 states that the representative  $c$  of  $C$  has an edge to the representative  $a$  of  $A$ . Lemma 6 states that  $a$  has an edge to the representatives of some bounding boxes such that their union contains all the points of which  $C$  is well-separated from.

**Lemma 5.** *In an RSW-Spanner, let  $C$  be a set in a pair from the WSPD and let  $c, x \in C$  be two points such that  $c$  is the representative of  $C$  and  $x \neq c$ . Let  $A$  be a set in a pair from the WSPD such that  $C \subset A$  and a point  $a \in A$  is the representative of  $A$ . If  $[x, a]$  is an edge, then  $[c, a]$  is an edge.*

*Proof.* We claim that during the construction of the WSPD, there is a call to FINDPAIRS( $u, v$ ), where  $R_u = R(C)$ ,  $a \in S_v$  and  $S_v \subset A$  (refer to Figure 3). Before proving our claim, let us show how applying the claim proves the lemma. By Lemma 3,  $a$  is the representative of all sets containing  $a$  in all pairs reported from this call since  $a$  is a representative of  $R_v$ . Similarly, the representative  $c$  of  $C$  is also the representative of all sets containing  $c$  in all pairs reported from this call. Thus, the representative  $c$  of  $C$  has an edge to  $a$ .

Let us now prove our claim. Let FINDPAIRS( $u', v'$ ) be the call where the pair separating  $x$  from  $a$  is reported such that  $x \in S_{u'}$  and  $a \in S_{v'}$  without loss of generality. Since  $x$  is not the representative of  $R(C)$ ,  $x$  is not the rightmost, topmost point of  $R(C)$ . Therefore,  $R(C)$  must be the bounding box of an ancestor of  $u'$ , and  $S_{u'} \subset C$ . Thus, since  $S_{u'} \subset C$ , and  $a \notin C$ , there must have been a call to FINDPAIRS( $u, v$ ) where  $R_u = R(C)$ , and  $a \in S_v$ . By Lemma 2, since  $C \subset A$ ,  $a \in A$ , and two sets in a pair are disjoint, we get  $S_v \subset A$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *In an RSW-Spanner, let  $\{A, B\}$  and  $\{C, D\}$  be two distinct pairs from the WSPD, such that  $C \subset A$ . Let  $a$  be the representative of  $A$ . Let  $x$  be any point in  $D$  and let  $\{E, F\}$  be the unique pair from the WSPD separating  $a \in E$  from  $x \in F$ . Then,  $a$  is the representative of  $E$ .*



**Figure 3:** Illustration of Lemma 5. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

*Proof.* We consider two cases (refer to Figure 4). Either  $x \in A$  or  $x \notin A$ . If  $x \in A$ , the result follows from Lemma 4. Otherwise, if  $x \notin A$ , consider the call to  $\text{FINDPAIRS}(u', v')$  that reports the pair  $\{C, D\}$ . From the algorithm  $\text{FINDPAIRS}$ , we know that  $R_{u'} = R(C)$  and  $R_{v'} = R(D)$ . By Lemma 2, since  $x \notin A$ , we know that  $D \cap A = \emptyset$ . Since  $C \subset A$ ,  $D \cap A = \emptyset$  and  $R_{v'} = R(D)$ , there must have been a call to  $\text{FINDPAIRS}(u, v)$  that led to the call  $\text{FINDPAIRS}(u', v')$ , where  $u$  is an ancestor of  $u'$ ,  $R_u = R(A)$  and  $D \subset S_v$ . By Lemma 3, since  $a$  is the representative of  $A$ , we get that  $a$  is the representative of all sets containing  $a$  in all pairs reported from the call to  $\text{FINDPAIRS}(u, v)$ . Thus,  $a$  is representative of the set separating  $a$  from  $x \in D$ .  $\square$

Algorithm 4 finds a path between  $p$  and  $q$  in an AW-Spanner and is derived from a proof by Narasimhan and Smid in [17, Theorem 9.2.1, Page 155].

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**Algorithm 4**  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$

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**Precondition:**  $p \neq q$

Let  $\{A, B\}$  be the unique pair in the WSPD separating  $p \in A$  from  $q \in B$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the representatives of  $A$  and  $B$ .

**return**  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(p, a, A), [a, b], \text{FINDPATHREC}(b, q, B)$

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**Algorithm 5**  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(v, w, E)$

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**Precondition:**  $v, w \in E$ ,

either  $v$  or  $w$  is the representative of  $E$ .

**if**  $v = w$  **then**

**return**  $v$

**else**

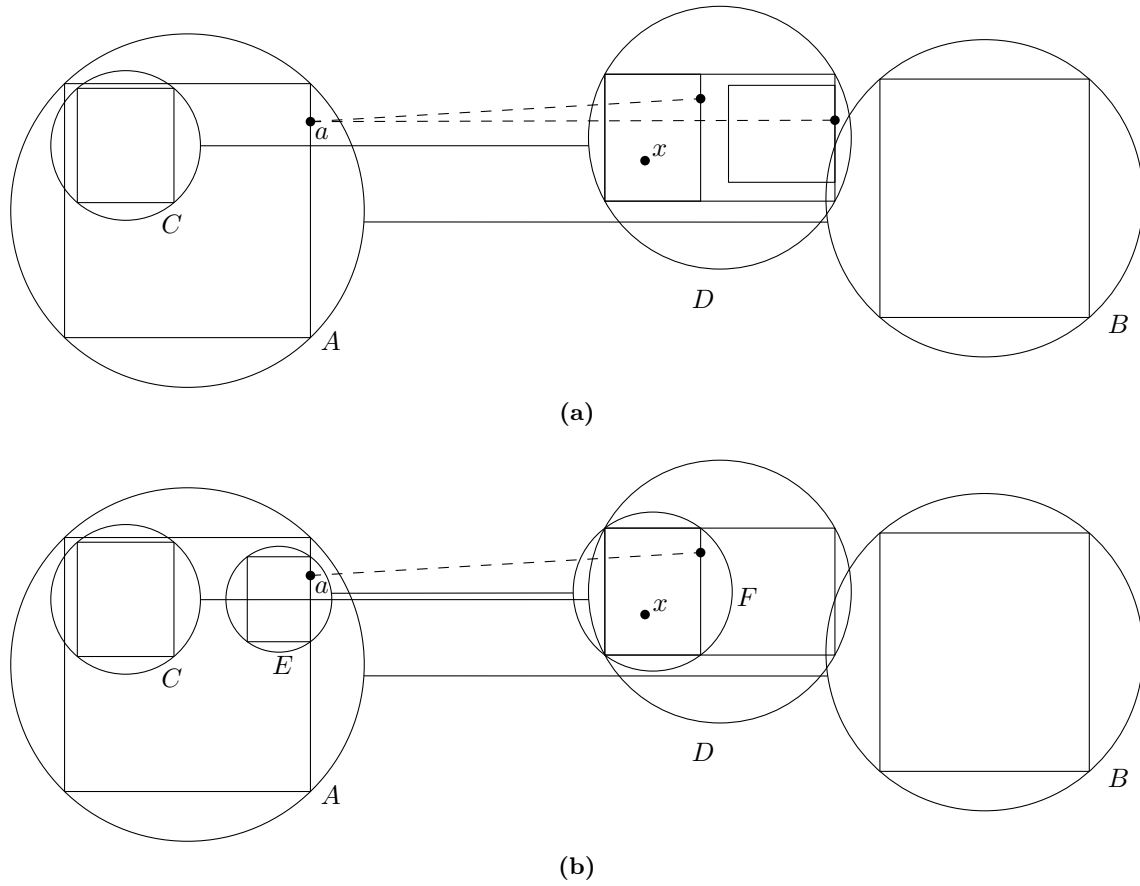
    Let  $\{C, D\}$  be the pair in the WSPD separating  $v \in C$  from  $w \in D$ .

    Let  $c$  and  $d$  be the representatives of  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively.

**return**  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(v, c, C), [c, d], \text{FINDPATHREC}(d, w, D)$

**end if**

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**Figure 4:** Illustration of Lemma 6. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD. (a) Shows relationship between  $C$  and  $D$  when  $x \notin A$ . (b) Shows relationship between  $E$  and  $F$  when  $x \notin A$ .

We consider the level of recursion to be 1 during the execution of the first call of `FINDPATHREC` and  $k$  when executing the  $k$ -th call in the execution stack of `FINDPATHREC` from an initial call of `FINDPATH`.

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $p, q \in S$ . Consider a call to `FINDPATH`( $p, q$ ) in an ASW-Spanner of  $S$ . Consider the call to `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ) at recursion depth  $k \geq 1$ . For any two points  $e, f \in E$ ,  $|ef| \leq (2/s)^k |pq|$ .*

*Proof.* We prove this lemma by induction.

**Base case:**  $k = 1$

Let  $\{A, B\}$  be the pair that separates  $p \in A$  from  $q \in B$ . Since  $k = 1$ ,  $E = A$  or  $E = B$ ,  $e$  and  $f$  are either both in  $A$  or both in  $B$ . By Lemma 1, we get that  $|ef| \leq (2/s)|pq|$ .

**Induction step:** Let  $k > 1$ . Let `FINDPATHREC`( $v', w', E'$ ) be the parent call of `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ). Thus, the call `FINDPATHREC`( $v', w', E'$ ) is at level  $k - 1$ . Consider two arbitrary points  $e', f' \in E'$ . By the induction hypothesis, we have  $|e'f'| \leq (2/s)^{k-1} |pq|$ .

Let  $\{C', D'\}$  be the pair in the WSPD separating  $v' \in C'$  from  $w' \in D'$ . By definition of `FINDPATHREC`,  $E = C'$  or  $E = D'$ . Thus,  $e$  and  $f$  are either both in  $C'$  or both in  $D'$ . Observe that  $v', w' \in E'$  according to the preconditions of `FINDPATHREC`( $v', w', E'$ ). By Lemma 1, we get that  $|e'f'| \leq (2/s)|v'w'|$ . From the induction hypothesis, we have that  $|v'w'| \leq (2/s)^{k-1} |pq|$ . Thus, we get that  $|ef| \leq (2/s)(2/s)^{k-1} |pq| = (2/s)^k |pq|$ .  $\square$

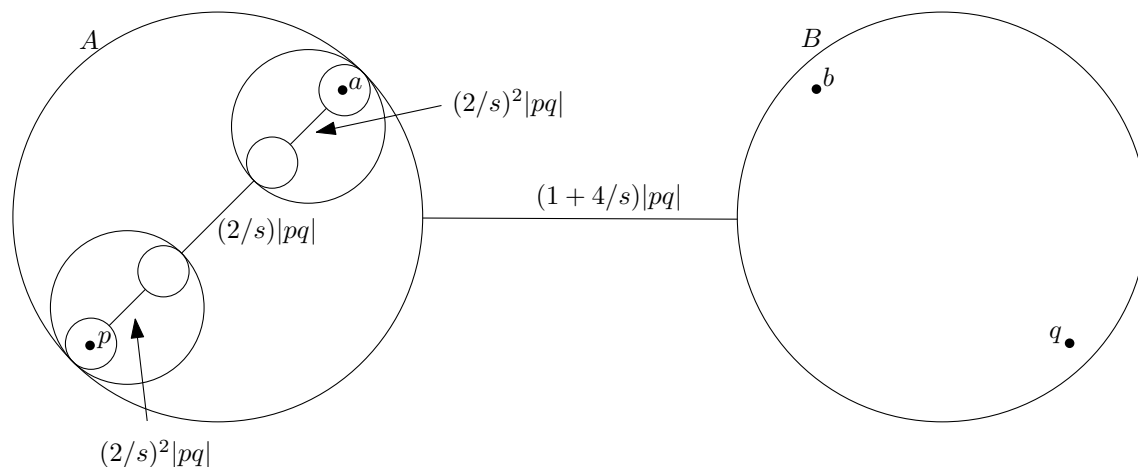
The following two theorems give upper bounds on the spanning ratios of ASW-Spanners (Theorem 1) and RSW-Spanners (Theorem 2). The only difference is in the choice of representatives. The proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 are similar.

**Theorem 1.** *The spanning ratio  $t$  of an ASW-Spanner is at most  $4/(s - 4) + 4/s + 1$ .*

*Proof.* We find an upper bound on the spanning ratio of a path from  $p$  to  $q$  by analyzing the path found by `FINDPATH`( $p, q$ ). Consider only one of the two calls to `FINDPATHREC` in `FINDPATH`( $p, q$ ). Let `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ) be the considered call. Notice that we are considering all subsequent calls to `FINDPATHREC` following the call to `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ) in `FINDPATH`( $p, q$ ). Since we are only considering one call to `FINDPATHREC` in `FINDPATH`( $p, q$ ), each level  $k \geq 1$  of recursion in `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ) can have at most  $2^{k-1}$  instances, i.e., there are at most  $2^{k-1}$  edges  $[c, d]$  at depth  $k$  in the recursion. Notice that  $v, w \in E$  according to the preconditions of `FINDPATHREC`( $v, w, E$ ). Therefore, by Lemma 2,  $c$  and  $d$  are also both in  $E$ . From Lemma 7, we get  $|cd| \leq (2/s)^k |pq|$ . Thus, the sum of the length of all edges  $[c, d]$  at level  $k$  is bounded by  $2^{k-1} \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^k |pq|$ . Then, if we sum up the lengths of all edges  $[c, d]$  from level 1 to a maximum depth  $m$ , we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^m 2^{i-1} \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{i-1} \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| = \frac{2}{s-4} |pq|.$$

Let  $\{A, B\}$  be the pair separating  $p \in A$  and  $q \in B$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  be the representatives of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. From Lemma 1, we have that  $|ab| \leq (1 + 4/s)|pq|$ .



**Figure 5:** Illustration of Theorem 1. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

To bound the path found by  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$ , we take the length of the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(p, a, A)$ , add the length of the edge  $[a, b]$ , and add the length of the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(q, b, B)$ . Thus, the path found by  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$  has a length of at most

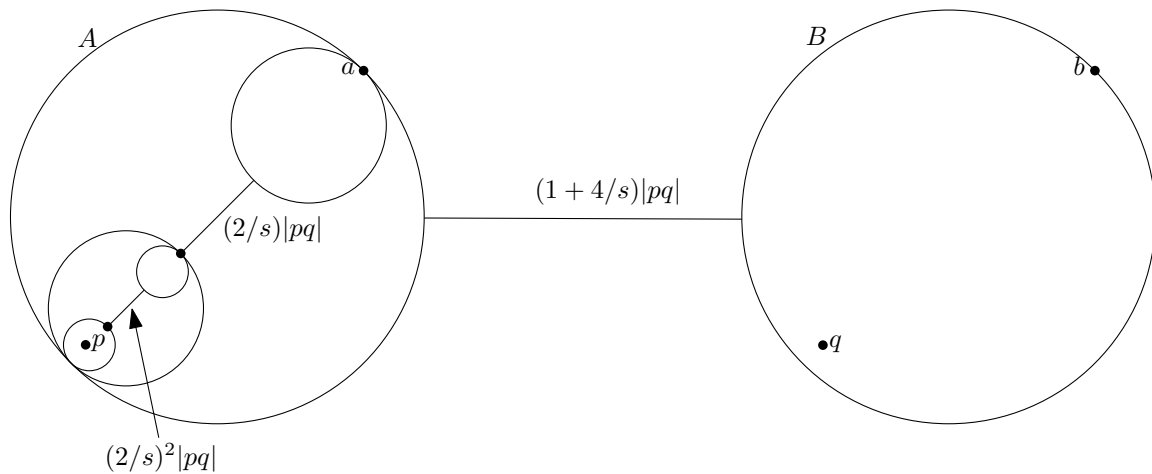
$$2 \cdot \frac{2}{s-4}|pq| + \left(1 + \frac{4}{s}\right)|pq| = \left(\frac{4}{s-4} + \frac{4}{s} + 1\right)|pq|.$$

□

The following theorem is similar to Theorem 1. Essentially, using Lemma 4, we show that each level  $k$  has only one edge instead of  $2^{k-1}$  in the previous proof. Thus, we calculate the spanning ratio according to the choice of representatives of RSW-Spanners. In the following sections, we will take the path found by  $\text{FINDPATH}$  on RSW-Spanners to prove the correctness and find the routing ratio of our local routing algorithm.

**Theorem 2.** *The spanning ratio  $t$  of an RSW-Spanner is at most  $4/(s-2) + 4/s + 1$ .*

*Proof.* We find an upper bound on the spanning ratio of a path from  $p$  to  $q$  by analyzing the path found by  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$ . Consider only one of the two calls to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}$  in  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$ . Let  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(v, w, E)$  be the considered call. Notation to follow refers to that in Algorithm 5. Since either  $v$  or  $w$  is the representative of  $E$ , by Lemma 4, we know that either  $v$  or  $w$  is the representative of  $C$  or  $D$  and, thus, either  $v = c$  or  $w = d$ . This means that for each level  $k \geq 1$ , the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(w, d, D)$  returns immediately. In other words, for all  $k \geq 1$ , there is exactly one edge of level  $k$ . Notice that  $v, w \in E$  according to the preconditions of  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(v, w, E)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2,  $c$  and  $d$  are also both in  $E$ . From Lemma 7, we get  $|cd| \leq (2/s)^k|pq|$ . The fact that there is exactly one edge of level  $k$  allows us to get only  $(2/s)^k$  as the sum of the length of all edges at level  $k$ . This contrasts with Theorem 1 where this sum is  $2^{k-1}(2/s)^k$ . Then, if we sum up the



**Figure 6:** Illustration of Theorem 2. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

length of all edges  $[c, d]$  from level 1 to a maximum depth  $m$ , we find

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| = \frac{2}{s-2} |pq|.$$

Let  $\{A, B\}$  be the pair separating  $p \in A$  and  $q \in B$ . Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  be the representatives of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. From Lemma 1, we have that  $|ab| \leq (1 + 4/s)|pq|$ .

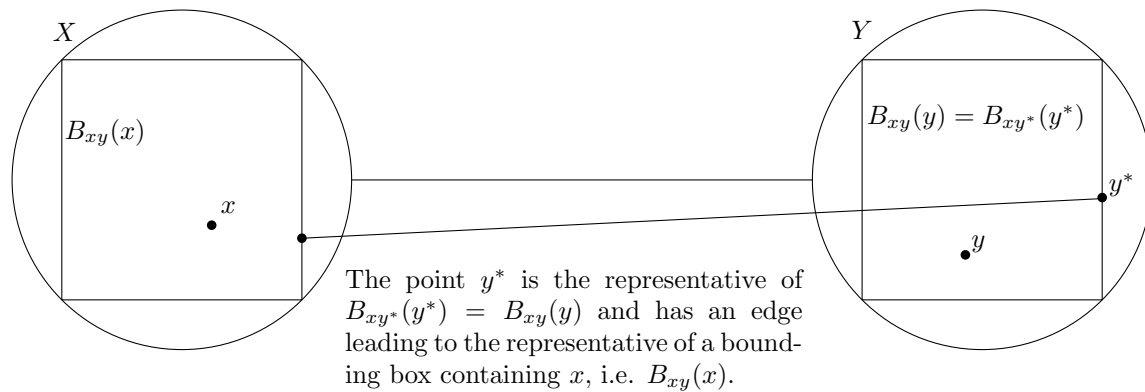
To bound the path found by  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$ , we take the length of the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(p, a, A)$ , add the length of the edge  $[a, b]$ , and add the length of the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(q, b, B)$ . Thus, the path found in  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$  has a length of at most

$$2 \cdot \frac{2}{s-2} |pq| + \left(1 + \frac{4}{s}\right) |pq| = \left(\frac{4}{s-2} + \frac{4}{s} + 1\right) |pq|.$$

□

We now define some notation that will be useful throughout the rest of this paper. Each pair of sets in a WSPD is associated with a pair of bounding boxes. Let  $\{X, Y\}$  be the unique pair in the WSPD that separates a point  $x \in X$  from a point  $y \in Y$ . There are two bounding boxes defined with respect to  $X$  and  $Y$ , namely  $R(X)$  and  $R(Y)$ . To refer to these bounding boxes from the perspective of  $x$  and  $y$ , we use the following notation:  $R(X)$  is referred by  $B_{xy}(x)$ , and  $R(Y)$  is referred by  $B_{xy}(y)$ . Notice that  $B_{xy}(x) = B_{yx}(x) = R(X)$ ,  $B_{xy}(y) = B_{yx}(y) = R(Y)$  and  $B_{xy}(y) \neq B_{xy}(x)$ . Let  $y^*$  be the representative of  $Y$ . We can say that  $y^*$  is the representative of  $B_{xy^*}(y^*) = B_{xy}(y) = R(Y)$ . Therefore,  $y^*$  has an edge to the representative of  $B_{xy}(x)$ . See Figure 7 for illustration.

Furthermore, we denote by  $P_t(p, q)$  the path from a point  $p$  to a point  $q$  with spanning ratio  $t$ , found by the  $\text{FINDPATH}$  algorithm in an RSW-Spanner. Let  $v$  be a point of  $P_t(p, q)$  in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Note that every vertex  $v$  is a representative of at



**Figure 7:** Illustration of the notation. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

least one bounding box corresponding to the leaf node that contains only  $v$ . Let  $B_v$  be the largest bounding box with  $v$  as representative. Suppose that  $p$  is in  $B_v$ . Lemma 8 establishes a relation between  $B_v$  and the bounding boxes containing  $p$  of the points of  $P_t(p, q)$ .

**Lemma 8.** *Consider any RSW-Spanner. Let  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $v$  be three points such that:*

- $v$  is inside  $B_{pq}(p)$ ;
- $v$  is not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ ;
- $p$  is in  $B_v$  (the largest bounding box that  $v$  is representative of).

*There must exist an edge  $[d, e]$  of  $P_t(p, q)$  such that  $B_{de}(d)$  is the smallest bounding box containing  $p$  that strictly contains  $B_v$ . The existence of  $[d, e]$  implies that there is an edge between  $v$  and  $d$ .*

*Proof.* We first argue that the edge  $[d, e]$  is well-defined. Since  $v$  is inside  $B_{pq}(p)$  but is not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , we know that  $B_v$  is smaller than and inside of  $B_{pq}(p)$  by Lemmas 2 and 3, respectively. Since  $B_{pq}(p)$  is the unique box containing  $p$  that is separated from  $B_{pq}(q)$ , the unique box containing  $q$ , let  $[a, b]$  be the edge between the two representatives as outlined in Algorithm 4. Since  $B_{pq}(p)$  contains  $B_v$ , we note that the edge  $[d, e]$  is well-defined since  $[a, b]$  is a potential edge.

Let  $c$  be the point before  $d$  in  $P_t(p, q)$ . Since  $d$  is in  $P_t(p, q)$ , then  $d$  is representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 4, we know that  $d$  is the representative of  $B_{pd}(p)$  and  $c$  is the representative of  $B_{pd}(p)$  since it is the unique pair separating  $p$  from  $d$ . Then,  $c$  is the representative of  $B_{cd}(c) = B_{pd}(p)$  which implies that  $p$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$ . Refer to Figure 8 for illustration.

Because  $B_{de}(d)$  is the smallest bounding box containing  $p$  larger than  $B_v$ ,  $c \in B_{cd}(c) \subseteq B_v$ . If  $v = c$  is the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$ , then  $v$  has an edge to  $d$ . Otherwise,  $B_{cd}(c) \subset B_v$  and we apply Lemma 5 in the following way. We have that  $c$  is in  $B_v$ ,  $B_v \subset B_{de}(d)$ ,  $d$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$  and there is an edge between  $c$  and  $d$ . Therefore, there is an edge from  $v$  to  $d$  by Lemma 5.  $\square$



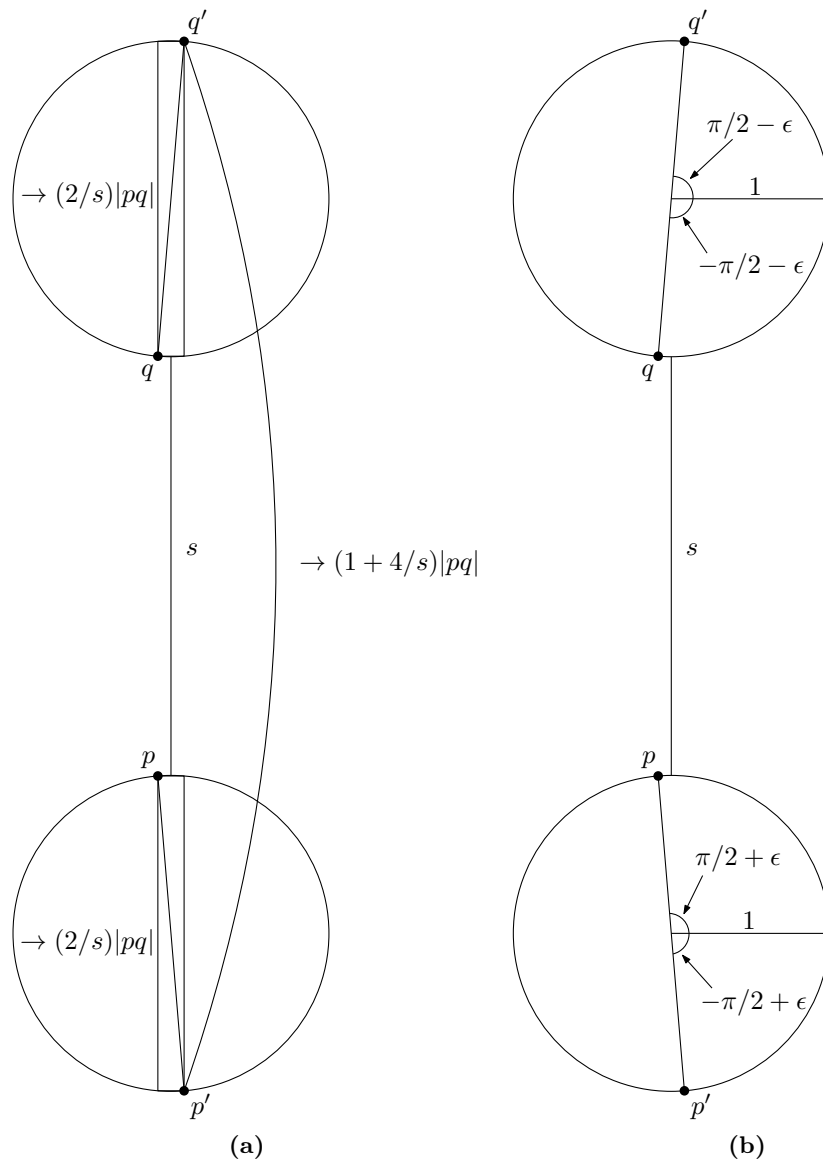
Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} |qq'| &= 2, \\ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} |p'q'| &= s + 4, \\ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} |pq| &= s.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the spanning ratio of the path between  $p$  and  $q$  and, therefore, the spanning ratio of the graph approaches

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|pp'| + |p'q'| + |q'q|}{|pq|} = \frac{2 + s + 4 + 2}{s} = \frac{s + 8}{s} = 1 + \frac{8}{s}$$

as  $\epsilon$  approaches 0. □



**Figure 9:** Illustration of Theorem 3 (a) with the bounding boxes with the lengths of the edges and (b) with the angles. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

## 4 2-Local Routing Algorithm

### 4.1 The Algorithm

Recall that we defined local routing as a function  $f(v, p, q, \mathcal{N}(v)) = w$  that takes the current point  $v$  on the path and decides the next point  $w$  on the path using information about the source  $p$ , the destination  $q$  and the neighbors  $\mathcal{N}(v)$  of  $v$ . In our setting, we allow additional information to be stored. In this section, we define this additional information and then

define our algorithm. Essentially, a local routing algorithm finds a path from  $p$  to  $q$  by making choices using only local information available at each point of the graph. The goal of this paper is to do local routing in spanners constructed using WSPDs. To that end, we chose to work on RSW-Spanners since they satisfy useful geometric properties we can exploit. We now describe the additional information that is available at each point, then we describe our local routing algorithm.

Let  $v$  be the current point of the routing path. For all neighbors  $d$  of  $v$ , and for all neighbors  $e$  of  $d$ , we suppose that the following information is available at  $v$ :

- the edge  $[v, d]$  together with  $B_{vd}(v)$  and  $B_{vd}(d)$ ;
- the edge  $[d, e]$  together with  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $B_{de}(e)$ .

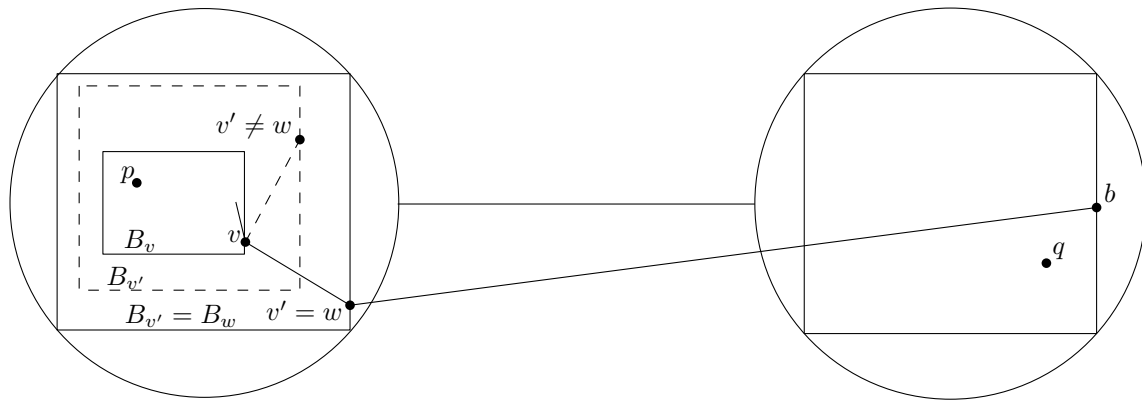
Notice that the algorithm knows  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $B_{de}(e)$  even though the current point is  $v$ . The fact that we know  $B_{de}(e)$  makes our algorithm 2-local since  $e$  is 2 hops away from  $v$ . In Section 5, we will modify our algorithm so that it does not need to know  $B_{de}(e)$ . This will lead to a 1-local routing algorithm with a slightly larger routing ratio.

We want to find a path between two points  $p \in S$  and  $q \in S$ . Let  $\{A, B\}$  be the unique pair in the WSPD separating  $p$  from  $q$ . Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the representatives of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. The goal for our algorithm is to find a path from  $p$  to  $a$ , take the edge  $[a, b]$ , and then, find a path  $b$  from  $q$  such that the length of the path from  $p$  to  $q$  is at most  $t|pq|$ , where  $t > 1$  is a spanning ratio. The main difficulty in the algorithm is finding a path from  $p$  to  $a$ . The problem is that  $p$  may be adjacent to many different vertices, none of which are  $a$ . As such, the difficulty comes from determining which, among the many edges adjacent to  $p$ , is the appropriate one to bring us closer to  $a$  since at the outset of the algorithm, we have no knowledge of which vertex is  $a$ . We are only aware of  $p, q$  and the neighbors of  $p$ .

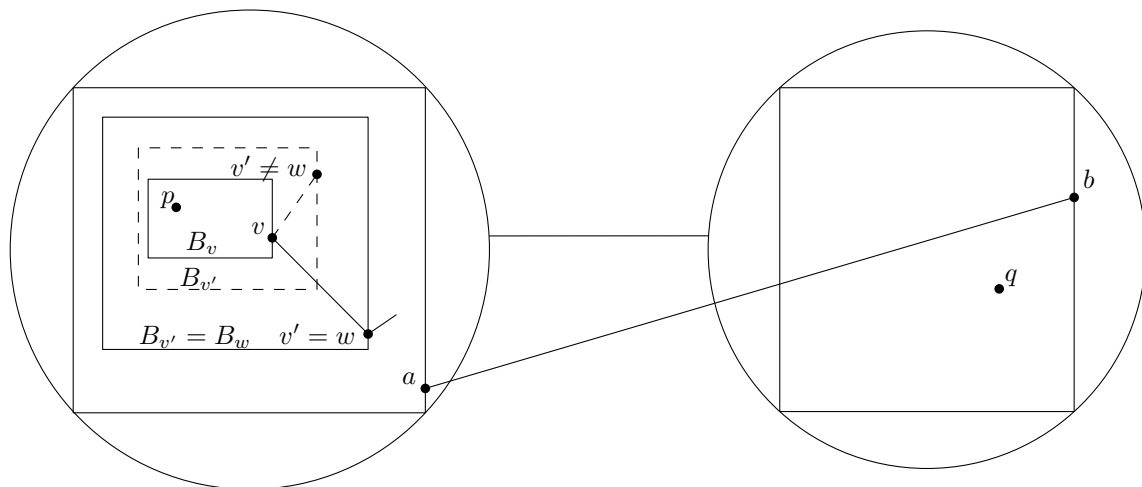
To find a path from  $p$  to  $a$  (what we call the Enlarging step), we use the following strategy. Let  $v$  be the current point on the path from  $p$  to  $a$  produced by our algorithm (at the beginning  $v = p$ ). Here is how our algorithm selects the next edge. The algorithm verifies if  $v$  has a neighbor  $w$  such that  $w$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . How can we do this locally? Basically, if  $w$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , then there must exist an edge from  $w$  to a vertex  $z$ , such that  $z$  is the representative of  $B_{wz}(q) = B_{pq}(q)$ , by the uniqueness of the separating pairs in a WSPD. This is where we use the fact that the algorithm is 2-local. We need to know about the edges out of  $w$ . Now, if such a  $w$  exists, then the edge  $[v, w]$  is chosen by the algorithm. See Figure 10a for illustration. Otherwise, consider the following set:

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid p \in B_{v'}, v' \text{ is not the representative of } B_{v'q}(v')\}$$

where  $\mathcal{N}(v)$  denotes the set of neighbours of  $v$ . In the proof of Lemma 11, we prove that  $\mathcal{V}$  is non-empty and that for any  $v' \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $B_{v'}$  is contained in  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Then, the next edge chosen by our algorithm is the edge  $[v, w]$  such that the size of  $B_w$  is maximized among all  $w \in \mathcal{V}$ . This is precisely where we need to know the sizes of the bounding boxes which we store using the coordinates of the points on its boundary. Otherwise we may go too far up the split tree and our path may no longer be a spanning path. See Figure 10b for illustration.



(a) Illustration of the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6, where  $w$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$



(b) Illustration of the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6, where  $w$  has no edge leading to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ .

**Figure 10:** Illustration of the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6. Connected circles represent pairs in the WSPD.

Upon reaching  $a$ , we take the edge  $[a, b]$ . Next, to find a path from  $b$  to  $q$  (what we call the Reducing step), notice that  $b$  must be the representative of  $B_{bq}(b)$ . Moreover,  $b$  must be adjacent to a vertex  $w$  that is the representative of  $B_{bw}(q) = B_{bq}(q)$ , by the uniqueness of the separating pairs in a WSPD. The algorithm takes the edge  $[b, w]$ . Then, we repeat this procedure until the algorithm arrives at  $q$ .

Our algorithm is summarized in Algorithm 6. Note that  $\text{sizeof}(B_{v'})$  denotes the area of  $B_{v'}$ .

**Lemma 9.** *Algorithm 6 is 2-local.*

*Proof.* In Algorithm 6, the information used is the location of the neighbors of  $v$ , the bounding boxes of: the current point  $v$ , every neighbor  $v'$  of  $v$ , and every neighbor  $v''$  of every neighbor of  $v$ . Notice that the Algorithm 6 needs to know  $v''$  in order to test whether  $v'$  is the

**Algorithm 6** FINDPATHTWOLOCAL( $v, p, q$ )

**Input:** the current point  $v$ ,  
the source  $p$ ,  
the destination  $q$ .

**Output:** The next point  $w$  on the path.

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1: if there is an edge  $[v, v']$  where  $v'$  is the representative of  $B_{vq}(q)$  then // Reducing step
2:      $w \leftarrow v'$ 
3: else// Enlarging step
4:     if there is an edge  $[v, v']$  where  $v'$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  then
5:          $w \leftarrow v'$ 
6:     else
7:          $\forall v' \in \mathcal{N}(v)$ , let  $B_{v'}$  be the largest bounding box that  $v'$  is the representative of.
8:         Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid p \in B_{v'}$ ,  $v'$  is not the representative of  $B_{v'q}(v')\}$ 
9:          $w \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{v' \in \mathcal{V}} \operatorname{sizeof}(B_{v'})$ 
10:    end if
11: end if
12: return  $w$ 

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representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  or  $B_{v'q}(v')$ . The knowledge of  $v''$  makes the algorithm 2-local.  $\square$

**Lemma 10.** *In Algorithm 6, the total amount of information stored in the vertices is equal to  $O(s^2n^2B)$ , where  $B$  is the maximum number of bits to store a bounding box.*

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be the current point of the routing path. For all neighbors  $d$  of  $v$ , and for all neighbors  $e$  of  $d$ , the following information is available at  $v$ :

- the edge  $[v, d]$  together with  $B_{vd}(v)$  and  $B_{vd}(d)$ ;
- the edge  $[d, e]$  together with  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $B_{de}(e)$ .

Since there is a constant number of bounding boxes stored for each edge, we just need to count the number of edges stored at  $v$  and multiply it by the maximum number of bits  $B$  to store a bounding box.

Callahan and Kosaraju [9] proved that the number of pairs in a WSPD computed by the algorithm COMPUTEWSPD is  $O(s^2n)$ . Thus, there are  $O(s^2n)$  edges in the graph. Thus, the total size of the local information stored in all vertices is  $O(s^2n)O(n)B = O(s^2n^2B)$  bits.  $\square$

Observe that a bounding box is uniquely defined by at most four points. Thus, in the statement of Lemma 10,  $B$  is at most the number of bits required to store four points.

## 4.2 Correctness

In this section, we prove the correctness of Algorithm 6 (refer to Theorem 4). For the rest of this paper, we denote by  $P_t(p, q)$  the path from  $p$  to  $q$  with spanning ratio  $t$ , found by the FINDPATH algorithm, and, we denote by  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  the path from  $p$  to  $q$  found by Algorithm 6.

The following lemma is used to prove the correctness of Algorithm 6 and to establish an upper bound on the routing ratio of Algorithm 6 (refer to Theorem 5).

**Lemma 11.** *Algorithm 6 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from  $p$  to the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$  by repeatedly applying the Enlarging step (Lines 4 to 9 of Algorithm 6).*

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be the current point. If  $v$  has an edge leading to the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , then Line 5 of the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6 choose the edge  $[v, a]$ .

Otherwise, we prove that each edge  $[v, w]$  taken in Line 9 of the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6 leads to the representative of a bounding box  $B_w$  that contains  $p$  and is larger than  $B_v$  but not larger than  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Thus, Algorithm 6 finds a path from  $p$  to the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Recall that in Algorithm 6, we define

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid p \in B_{v'}, v' \text{ is not the representative of } B_{v'q}(v')\}.$$

Suppose that the current point  $v$  is inside but is not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . From Lemma 8, we get that  $v$  has an edge to the representative of a point of  $P_t(p, q)$  that has a bounding box larger than  $B_v$ . This proves that there is always a choice of edges in the Enlarging step such that  $B_w$  contains  $p$  and is larger than  $B_v$  but not larger than  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Since any point  $w$  inside but not representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  cannot be the representative of  $B_{wq}(w)$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  is non-empty. This proves that the next edge  $[v, w]$  is chosen such that  $w$  is inside  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

Because  $v = p$  is inside  $B_{pq}(p)$  in the first call of Algorithm 6, we then get that each edge  $[v, w]$  taken in the Enlarging step of Algorithm 6 leads to the representative of a bounding box  $B_w$  that is larger than  $B_v$  but not larger than  $B_{pq}(p)$ .  $\square$

Once the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$  is found, then Algorithm 6 follows the edge to the representative  $b$  of  $B_{pq}(q)$ .

**Lemma 12.** *Algorithm 6 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from the representative  $b$  of  $B_{pq}(q)$  to  $q$  by repeatedly applying the Reducing step (Lines 1 to 2 of Algorithm 6). Moreover, the path taken from  $b$  to  $q$  is the same as the path found by the algorithm FINDPATH.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4,  $b$  is the representative of  $B_{bq}(b)$ . Let  $x$  be the representative of  $B_{bq}(q)$ . Thus, the Reducing step takes the edge  $[b, x]$ . Furthermore, since  $b$  is the representative of  $B_{bq}(b)$ , the algorithm FINDPATH also takes the edge  $[b, x]$ . Then, both algorithms repeat this step until  $q$  is found.  $\square$

The following theorem follows from Lemmas 11 and 12.

**Theorem 4.** *Algorithm 6 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from  $p$  to  $q$ .*

### 4.3 Routing Ratio

In this section, we find an upper bound on the routing ratio of Algorithm 6.

**Lemma 13.** *Algorithm 6 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from the representative  $b$  of  $B_{pq}(q)$  to  $q$  by repeatedly applying the Reducing step. The sum of the lengths of the chosen edges is at most  $\frac{2}{s-2}|pq|$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 12, the Reducing step of Algorithm 6 follows exactly what the recursive algorithm FINDPATH does. In the proof of Theorem 2, we show that the length of the path between  $b$  and  $q$  is at most  $\frac{2}{s-2}|pq|$ . Therefore, the length of the path between  $b$  and  $q$  in the Reducing step is at most  $\frac{2}{s-2}|pq|$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 14.** *Algorithm 6 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from  $p$  to the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$  by repeatedly applying the Enlarging step. The sum of the lengths of the chosen edges is at most  $\frac{4}{s-2}|pq|$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the path  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  from  $p$  to  $q$  found by Algorithm 6. This is a directed path that starts at  $p$  and ends at  $q$ . Thus, for an edge  $[u, v]$  in this path, note that  $u$  precedes  $v$ . We call  $u$  the *source* of the edge and  $v$  the *target* of the edge.

Let  $cde$  be a subpath of  $P_i(p, q)$  such that  $c, d \in B_{pq}(p)$  and the edge  $[c, d]$  is at the  $i$ -th level of recursion of the call to FINDPATHREC( $p, a, A$ ) in FINDPATH( $p, q$ ), i.e.,  $|cd| \leq (2/s)^i|pq|$ . Consider the set  $T_i$  of edges  $[v, w]$  such that  $[v, w]$  is an edge of  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  and the target  $w$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$  but not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ . We claim that there can be at most 2 such edges and the sum of the lengths of the edges in  $T_i$  is at most  $2(2/s)^i|pq|$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{[v,w] \in T_i} |vw| \leq 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq|.$$

If we sum up the lengths of all edges  $[v, w]$  from level 1 to a maximum recursion depth  $m$ , we get that the length of the path from  $p$  to the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$  is at most

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{[v,w] \in T_i} |vw| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| = \frac{4}{s-2}|pq|.$$

We now prove our claims. If  $T_i$  is empty, then the sum is zero. Otherwise, let an edge  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  of  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  in  $T_i$ . From Lemma 7, we get  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq|$  since the edge  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$ . We consider two cases: either (1)  $w_j$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$  or (2) it is not.

1. Suppose that  $w_j$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ , i.e.,  $w_j = d$ .

Consider the edge  $[w_{j-2}, w_{j-1}]$  which precedes  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  in  $\Pi_6(p, q)$ . We consider two subcases: either (a)  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$  or (b) it is not.

(a) Suppose that  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Therefore, only  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  has its target in  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ . Notice that, in this case,  $w_{j-1}$  is the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$  (thus  $w_{j-1} = c$ ) because  $w_{j-1} = c$  can only belong to one pair separating it from  $w_j = d$ .

(b) Suppose that  $w_{j-1}$  is not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Since  $w_j = d$ ,  $w_{j-1}$  must be strictly inside  $B_{de}(d)$ . The point  $w_{j-2}$  must be in  $B_{cd}(c)$  since if it is outside  $B_{cd}(c)$  but inside  $B_{de}(d)$ , then by Lemma 8, there is an edge from  $w_{j-2}$  to  $d$  which contradicts the existence of  $w_{j-1}$ . Furthermore,  $w_{j-2}$  is not the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$  since this would also contradict the existence of  $w_{j-1}$ . Therefore, the sum of the lengths of all edges having their target in  $B_{de}(d)$  is  $|w_{j-2}w_{j-1}| + |w_{j-1}w_j| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

2. Suppose that  $w_j$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 8, we get that  $w_{j-1}$  must be in  $B_{cd}(c)$  but not the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$ . Otherwise, this would contradict the existence of  $w_j$ . Since  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$ , there is no other edge  $[w_{k-1}, w_k]$ ,  $k < j$ , of  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  preceding  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$ , where  $w_k$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$  but not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Now, consider the edge  $[w_j, w_{j+1}]$  which follows  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  in  $\Pi_6(p, q)$ . We consider two subcases: either (a)  $w_{j+1}$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$  or (b) it is not.

(a) Suppose that  $w_{j+1}$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 7, we get  $|w_jw_{j+1}| \leq (2/s)^i|pq|$ . Therefore, the sum of the lengths of all edges having their target in  $B_{de}(d)$  is  $|w_{j-1}w_j| + |w_jw_{j+1}| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

(b) Suppose that  $w_{j+1}$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 8, we get that  $w_j$  has an edge to  $d$ . Because  $w_{j+1}$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ ,  $w_{j+1}$  must be outside of  $B_{de}(d)$ . Therefore, only  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  has its target in  $B_{de}(d)$  and not in  $B_{cd}(c)$  and  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

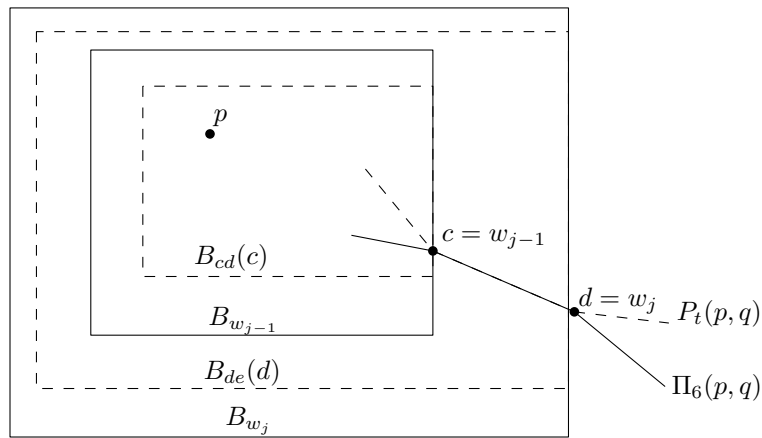
These cases cover all possibilities of edges in  $T_i$ . □

**Theorem 5.** *In an RSW-Spanner, the routing ratio of Algorithm 6 is at most  $\frac{4}{s} + \frac{6}{s-2} + 1$ .*

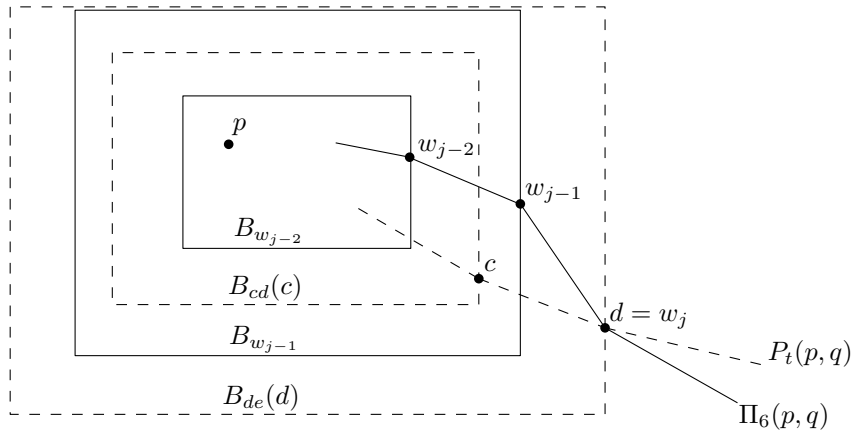
*Proof.* Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any two points. Let  $a$  be the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , and let  $b$  be the representative of  $B_{pq}(q)$ . Let  $P_{pa}$  be the subpath from  $p$  to  $a$  found in Algorithm 6 and  $P_{bq}$  be the subpath from  $b$  to  $q$  found by Algorithm 6. From Lemma 13 and 14, we get:

$$|P_{pa}| + |ab| + |P_{bq}| \leq \frac{4}{s-2}|pq| + \left(1 + \frac{4}{s}\right)|pq| + \frac{2}{s-2}|pq| = \left(\frac{4}{s} + \frac{6}{s-2} + 1\right)|pq|.$$

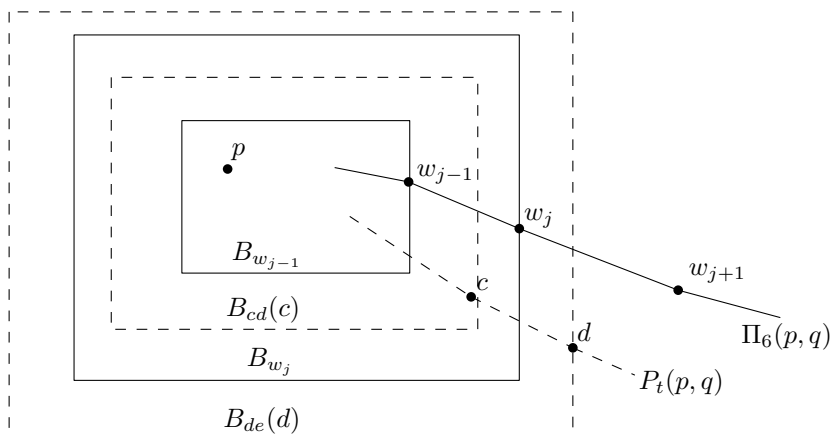
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(a) An illustration of the case 1a



(b) An illustration of the case 1b (and 2a)



(c) An illustration of the case 2b

**Figure 11:** Illustration of the cases of Lemma 14.

## 5 Improvement – 1-Local Routing Algorithm

An important aspect of routing algorithms is how much information each point needs to store. In this section, we present an algorithm that is slightly different from Algorithm 6. The main difference is that it is 1-local instead of 2-local. Let  $v$  be the current point of the routing path. For all neighbors  $d$  of  $v$ , and for all neighbors  $e$  of  $d$ , in the previous section, we supposed that the following information was available at  $v$ :

- the edge  $[v, d]$  together with  $B_{vd}(v)$  and  $B_{vd}(d)$ ;
- the edge  $[d, e]$  together with  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $B_{de}(e)$ .

In this section, we explain how to design a routing algorithm that does not need to know the edge  $[d, e]$  and the bounding boxes  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $B_{de}(e)$ . However, it requires some other information about  $d$ . Recall that  $B_v$  is the largest bounding box that  $v$  is the representative of. Let  $\mathcal{B}_d$  be the smallest bounding box that  $d$  is the representative of and that strictly contains  $B_v$ . Notice that  $d$  might not be the representative of a bounding box contains  $B_v$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{B}_d$  might not be defined for some  $d$ . See Figure 12 for an illustration. Then, the following information is now available at  $v$ :

- the edge  $[v, d]$  together with  $B_{vd}(v)$  and  $B_{vd}(d)$ ;
- the neighbor  $d$  of  $v$  together with the bounding box  $\mathcal{B}_d$  if any.

As a result, this increases the upper bound on the routing ratio by  $\frac{8}{s^2} + \frac{2}{s-2}$  (refer to Lemma 7). In our modified algorithm, only the Enlarging step differs from Algorithm 6 since the Reducing step in Algorithm 6 is already 1-local. This new algorithm does not necessarily find the representative  $a$  of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , but it finds a point  $a'$  that is the representative a bounding box  $B_{a'q}(a')$ . To find a path from  $p$  to some  $a'$ , we use the following modified strategy. Let  $v$  be the current point on the path from  $p$  to a point  $a'$  that is the representative of a box  $B_{a'q}(a')$  produced by our algorithm (at the beginning  $v = p$ ). Our new algorithm selects the next edge in the following way. The distance between a circle  $C$  and a point  $c$  is defined by the smallest distance between the boundary of  $C$  and the point  $c$ , and is denoted by  $|Cc|$ . Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid \mathcal{B}_{v'} \text{ is defined, } |C_{v'}q| \geq s\rho_{v'}\}$ , where  $\rho_{v'}$  is the radius of the enclosing circle  $C_{v'}$  of  $\mathcal{B}_{v'}$ , and  $s$  is the separation ratio of the WSPD. Then, the next edge chosen by our algorithm is the edge  $[v, w]$  such that the size of  $\mathcal{B}_w$  is maximized among all  $w \in \mathcal{V}$ .

The strategy to find a path from  $b$  to  $q$  stays the same. Algorithm 7 below outlines the modified algorithm.

**Lemma 15.** *In Algorithm 7, the amount of information stored at each point  $v_i$  is equal to  $O(s^2 |\mathcal{N}(v_i)| B)$ , where  $B$  is the maximum number of bits to store a bounding box. Moreover,  $\sum_{i=1}^n O(s^2 |\mathcal{N}(v_i)| B) = O(s^2 nB)$ .*

*Proof.* Callahan and Kosaraju [9] proved that the number of pairs in a WSPD computed by the algorithm COMPUTEWSPD is  $O(s^2 n)$ . Each point in Algorithm 7 knows its neighbors

(a) The WSPD of the point set  $\{v, d_1, d_2, q\}$ .(b) The bounding boxes of the split tree of the point set  $\{v, d_1, d_2, q\}$  (except the one of the root of the split tree).

**Figure 12:** Illustration of a point set  $\{v, d_1, d_2, q\}$  where  $v$  is the current point. Note that  $\mathcal{B}_{d_1}$  is not defined since  $B_v$  is not contained in any bounding box of which  $d_1$  is a representative. On the other hand,  $\mathcal{B}_{d_2}$  is defined.

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**Algorithm 7** FINDPATHONELOCAL( $v, p, q$ )
 

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**Input:** the current point  $v$ ,  
 the source  $p$ ,  
 the destination  $q$ .

**Output:** The next point  $w$  on the path.

- 1: **if** there is an edge  $[v, v']$  where  $v'$  is the representative of  $B_{vq}(q)$  **then** // Reducing step
  - 2:    $w \leftarrow v'$
  - 3: **else** // Enlarging step
  - 4:    $\forall v' \in \mathcal{N}(v)$ , let  $\mathcal{B}_{v'}$  be the smallest bounding box that  $v'$  is the representative of and that contains  $B_v$ , if any.
  - 5:   Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid \mathcal{B}_{v'} \text{ is defined, } |C_{v'q}| \geq s\rho_{v'}\}$
  - 6:    $w \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{v' \in \mathcal{V}} \operatorname{sizeof}(\mathcal{B}_{v'})$
  - 7: **end if**
  - 8: **return**  $w$
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and constant-size information about them. Since each set in a pair has only one representative, and the number of pairs is  $O(s^2n)$ , the total size of the local information stored in all vertices is  $O(s^2nB)$   $\square$

Notice that this new algorithm does not guarantee that the path stays inside  $B_{pq}(p)$ . However, as shown in the proof of Lemma 11, the endpoint of the first edge of the path from  $p$  to  $q$  that goes outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$  has an edge to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ . Thus, Algorithm 7 is entering the Reducing step right after this edge is taken. We prove the correctness (refer to Theorem 6) and an upper bound on the routing ratio (refer to Theorem 7) of Algorithm 7.

**Theorem 6.** *Algorithm 7 finds a path in an RSW-Spanner from  $p$  to  $q$ . Moreover, let  $u$  be the current point the first time that the Reducing step is applied. The path taken from  $u$  to  $q$  is the same as the path found by the algorithm  $\text{FINDPATH}(u, q)$ .*

*Proof.* We prove that each edge  $[v, w]$  taken in the Enlarging step of Algorithm 7 leads to the representative of a bounding box  $B_w$  that contains  $p$  and is larger than  $B_v$ . Furthermore, we prove that the source  $v$  of the edge  $[v, w]$  is always inside  $B_{pq}(p)$  in the Enlarging step. Then, we prove that Algorithm 7 enters the Reducing step which finds  $q$ . Thus, Algorithm 7 finds a path from  $p$  to  $q$ .

Recall that in Algorithm 7, we define  $\mathcal{B}_{v'}$  as the smallest bounding box that  $v'$  is the representative of and that contains  $B_v$ , and

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v' \in \mathcal{N}(v) \mid \mathcal{B}_{v'} \text{ is defined, } |C_{v'q}| \geq s\rho_{v'}\}.$$

Suppose that the current point  $v$  is inside but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . By Lemma 8, we note that  $v$  must have an edge to the representative of the point of  $P_t(p, q)$  that has a bounding box inside larger than  $B_v$ . This proves that there is always a choice of edges in the Enlarging step such that  $\mathcal{B}_{v'}$  is defined and  $|C_{v'q}| \geq s\rho_{v'}$ . Therefore, when  $v$  is inside  $B_{pq}(p)$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  is non-empty.

Let  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  be the path found by Algorithm 7 between two points  $p$  and  $q$ . Let  $[r, u]$  be the first edge of the path  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  such that either:

- $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ ; or
- $r$  is inside but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  and  $u$  is outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

If  $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , then  $u$  has an edge to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ . Otherwise, since  $B_{pq}(p) \subset \mathcal{B}_u$ , by Lemma 6,  $u$  still has an edge to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ .

Let  $\{U, Q\}$  be the pair separating  $u$  from  $q$  in the WSPD. Consider a call to  $\text{FINDPATH}(u, q)$ . This call performs two call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}$ :  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(u, u, U)$  and  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$ . The call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(u, u, U)$  terminates immediately. We show that the path taken from  $x$  to  $q$  in Algorithm 7 is the same as the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$ . By Lemma 4, since  $x$  is the representative of  $B_{uq}(q)$ ,  $x$  is

also the representative of  $B_{xq}(x)$ . Let  $y$  be the representative of  $B_{xq}(q)$ . Thus, the Reducing step takes the edge  $[x, y]$ . Furthermore, since  $x$  is the representative of  $B_{xq}(x)$ , the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$  also takes the edge  $[x, y]$ . Then, both algorithms repeat this step until  $q$  is found. Thus, the path taken from  $x$  to  $q$  is the same as the path found by the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 16.** *Consider any RSW-Spanner. In Algorithm 7, the diameter of the last enclosing circle in the Enlarging step is at most  $(2/s)|pq|$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $C_w$  be the last enclosing circle in the Enlarging step, and  $\rho_w$  be the radius of  $C_w$ . Since  $p$  is in  $C_w$ , and  $|C_w q| \geq s\rho_w$ , we also know that  $|pq| \geq s\rho_w$ . Thus, we get  $\rho_w \leq \frac{|pq|}{s}$ , from which  $2\rho_w \leq \frac{2}{s}|pq|$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** *In an RSW-Spanner, the routing ratio of Algorithm 7 is at most  $\frac{8}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s} + \frac{8}{s-2} + 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  be the path found by Algorithm 7 between two points  $p$  and  $q$ . Let  $[r, u]$  be the first edge of the path  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  such that either:

- $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ ; or
- $r$  is inside but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  and  $u$  is outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

If  $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , then  $u$  has an edge to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ . Otherwise, since  $B_{pq}(p) \subset \mathcal{B}_u$ , by Lemma 6,  $u$  still has an edge to the representative of a bounding box containing  $q$ . By Lemma 16, since  $[r, u]$  is in  $\mathcal{B}_u$ , we get that  $|ru| \leq (2/s)|pq|$ .

Let  $cde$  be a subpath of  $P_i(p, q)$  such that  $c, d \in B_{pq}(p)$  and the edge  $[c, d]$  is at the  $i$ -th level of recursion of the call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(p, a, A)$  in  $\text{FINDPATH}(p, q)$ . Let  $T_i$  be the set of edges  $[v, w]$  such that  $[v, w]$  is an edge of  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  and the target  $w$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$  but not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ . We prove that, for  $i \geq 1$ ,  $T_i$  contains at most 2 edges and the sum of the lengths of the edges in  $T_i$  is at most  $2(2/s)^i|pq|$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{[v,w] \in T_i} |vw| \leq 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq|.$$

If  $T_i$  is empty, then the sum is zero. Otherwise, let an edge  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  of  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  be in  $T_i$ . From Lemma 7, we get  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq|$  since the edge  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$ . We consider two cases: either (1)  $w_j$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$  or (2) it is not.

(1) Suppose that  $w_j$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ , i.e.,  $w_j = d$ .

Consider the edge  $[w_{j-2}, w_{j-1}]$  which precedes  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  in  $\Pi_7(p, q)$ . We consider two subcases: either (a)  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$  or (b) it is not.

(a) Suppose that  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Therefore, only  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  has its target in  $B_{de}(d)$  and  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ . Notice that, in this case,  $w_{j-1}$  is the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$  (thus  $w_{j-1} = c$ ) because  $w_{j-1} = c$  can only belong to one pair separating it from  $w_j = d$ .

(b) Suppose that  $w_{j-1}$  is not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Since  $w_j = d$ ,  $w_{j-1}$  must be strictly inside  $B_{de}(d)$ . The point  $w_{j-2}$  must be in  $B_{cd}(c)$  since if it is outside  $B_{cd}(c)$  but inside  $B_{de}(d)$ , then by Lemma 8, there is an edge from  $w_{j-2}$  to  $d$  which contradicts the existence of  $w_{j-1}$ . Furthermore,  $w_{j-2}$  is not the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$  since this would also contradict the existence of  $w_{j-1}$ . Therefore, the sum of the lengths of all edges having their target in  $B_{de}(d)$  is  $|w_{j-2}w_{j-1}| + |w_{j-1}w_j| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

(2) Suppose that  $w_j$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 8, we get that  $w_{j-1}$  must be in  $B_{cd}(c)$  but not the representative of  $B_{cd}(c)$ . Otherwise, this would contradict the existence of  $w_j$ . Since  $w_{j-1}$  is in  $B_{cd}(c)$ , there is no other edge  $[w_{k-1}, w_k]$ ,  $k < j$ , of  $\Pi_6(p, q)$  preceding  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$ , where  $w_k$  is in  $B_{de}(d)$  but not in  $B_{cd}(c)$ .

Now, consider the edge  $[w_j, w_{j+1}]$  which follows  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  in  $\Pi_7(p, q)$ . We consider two subcases: either (a)  $w_{j+1}$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$  or (b) it is not.

(a) Suppose that  $w_{j+1}$  is the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 7, we get  $|w_jw_{j+1}| \leq (2/s)^i|pq|$ . Therefore, the sum of the lengths of all edges having their target in  $B_{de}(d)$  is  $|w_{j-1}w_j| + |w_jw_{j+1}| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

(b) Suppose that  $w_{j+1}$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ .

From Lemma 8, we get that  $w_j$  has an edge to  $d$ . Because  $w_{j+1}$  is not the representative of  $B_{de}(d)$ ,  $w_{j+1}$  must be outside of  $B_{de}(d)$ . Therefore, only  $[w_{j-1}, w_j]$  has its target in  $B_{de}(d)$  and not in  $B_{cd}(c)$  and  $|w_{j-1}w_j| \leq (2/s)^i|pq| \leq 2(2/s)^i|pq|$ .

These cases cover all possibilities of edges in  $T_i$ .

Consider the set  $T_1$ . Notice that  $T_1$  is the set of edges  $[v, w]$  such that  $[v, w]$  is an edge of  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  and the target  $w$  is in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not in  $B_{pa}(p)$ , where  $a$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{[r, u]\} \cup T_1$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains at most 2 edges and the sum of the lengths of the edges in  $\mathcal{T}$  is at most  $2(2/s)|pq|$ . Recall that  $[r, u]$  is the first edge of the path  $\Pi_7(p, q)$  such that  $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ , or  $r$  is in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  and  $u$  is outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$ . We have two cases: (1)  $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ ; (2)  $r$  is in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  and  $u$  is outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

(1) Suppose that  $u$  is the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

Then, the edge  $[r, u]$  is in  $T_1$ , and  $\mathcal{T} = T_1$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{[v,w] \in \mathcal{T}} |vw| = \sum_{[v,w] \in T_1} |vw| \leq 2(2/s)|pq|.$$

(2) Suppose that  $r$  is in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not the representative of  $B_{pq}(p)$  and  $u$  is outside of  $B_{pq}(p)$ .

If  $r$  is in  $B_{pa}(p)$ , then  $T_1$  is empty and  $\mathcal{T}$  only contains the edge  $[r, u]$  of length at most  $(2/s)|pq|$ . Otherwise, consider the point  $r'$  preceding  $r$  in  $\Pi_7(p, q)$ . By Lemma 8, if  $r'$

was in  $B_{pq}(p)$  but not in  $B_{pa}(p)$ , then  $r'$  would have an edge to  $a$  which would contradict the existence of  $r$ . Thus,  $r'$  must be in  $B_{pa}(p)$ . Therefore, the edge  $[r', r]$  is the only edge in  $T_1$ , and the length of  $[r', r]$  is at most  $(2/s)|pq|$  by Lemma 1 since  $[r', r]$  is in  $B_{pq}(p)$ . Then,  $\mathcal{T} = \{[r', r], [r, u]\}$  and  $|r'r| + |ru| \leq 2(2/s)|pq|$ .

If we sum up the lengths of all edges  $[v, w]$  from level 2 to a maximum depth  $m$ , and the lengths of the edges in  $\mathcal{T}$ , we get that the length of the path found in the Enlarging step is at most

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{[v,w] \in \mathcal{T}} |vw| + \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{[v,w] \in T_i} |vw| \\
& \leq \\
& 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right) |pq| + \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{[v,w] \in T_i} |vw| \\
& \leq \\
& 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right) |pq| + \sum_{i=2}^m 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \\
& = \\
& \sum_{i=1}^m 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \\
& \leq \\
& \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{2}{s}\right)^i |pq| \\
& = \\
& \frac{4}{s-2} |pq|
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  has an edge to a bounding box containing  $q$ , Algorithm 7 enters the Reducing step. We bound the path found by Algorithm 7 by comparing its length to the distance  $|uq|$ . By Theorem 6, we know that the path taken from  $u$  to  $q$  is the same as the path found by the algorithm  $\text{FINDPATH}(u, q)$ . Let  $\{U, Q\}$  be the pair separating  $u$  from  $q$  in the WSPD. Consider the call to  $\text{FINDPATH}(u, q)$ . This call performs two call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}$ :  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(u, u, U)$  and  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$ . The call to  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(u, u, U)$  terminates immediately. By Lemma 1, the length of the edge  $[u, x]$  is at most  $(1 + 4/s)|uq|$ . In the proof of Theorem 2, we show that the length of the path found by  $\text{FINDPATHREC}(x, q, Q)$  is at most  $(2/(s-2))|uq|$ . Thus, the length of the path found by Algorithm 7 from  $u$  to  $q$  is at most  $|ux| + (2/(s-2))|uq| \leq (1 + 4/s + 2/(s-2))|uq|$ .

Since the diameter of the enclosing circle of  $\mathcal{B}_u$  is at most  $(2/s)|pq|$  from Lemma 16, and since  $p$  is in  $\mathcal{B}_u$ , we have  $|up| \leq (2/s)|pq|$ . By the triangle inequality, we get that  $|uq| \leq |up| + |pq| \leq (2/s)|pq| + |pq| = (1 + 2/s)|pq|$ . Let  $P_{pu}$  be the subpath from  $p$  to  $u$  of

$\Pi_7(p, q)$  and  $P_{uq}$  be the subpath from  $u$  to  $q$  of  $\Pi_7(p, q)$ . We then get that the length of the path is at most

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |P_{pu}| + |P_{uq}| \\
 & \leq \\
 & \quad \frac{4}{s-2}|pq| + \left(1 + \frac{4}{s} + \frac{2}{s-2}\right)|uq| \\
 & \leq \\
 & \quad \frac{4}{s-2}|pq| + \left(1 + \frac{4}{s} + \frac{2}{s-2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{2}{s}\right)|pq| \\
 & = \\
 & \quad \left(\frac{8}{s^2} + \frac{4}{s} + \frac{8}{s-2} + 1\right)|pq|.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

## 6 Conclusions

Callahan and Kosaraju [8,9] introduced the notion of a well-separated pair decomposition of a point set (WSPD). Using a WSPD, they showed how to construct a  $1 + 8/(s-4)$ -spanner, where  $s > 4$  is the separation ratio. We refine their analysis and present a slightly tighter upper bound of  $1 + 4/s + 4/(s-2)$ .

We then present a 2-local and a 1-local routing algorithm on this spanner with competitive routing ratios of  $1 + 6/(s-2) + 4/s$  and  $1 + 8/(s-2) + 4/s + 8/s^2$ , respectively. Moreover, we prove that there exists a point set for which our WSPD-spanner has a spanning ratio of at least  $1 + 8/s$ , thereby proving the near-optimality of its spanning ratio and the near-optimality of the routing ratio of both our routing algorithms.

There are several avenues of further investigation. Can the upper bound on the routing ratios be reduced to match the spanning ratio? Can one find a simpler 1-local routing algorithm by leveraging more properties of a WSPD? Can the amount of information stored at each vertex be reduced? Can one route on WSPD-spanners built using other metrics? A few steps have already been taken in these directions. Kaplan et al. [14] have studied routing on WSPD-spanners constructed on unit disk graphs. Baharifard et al. [1] have shown how to reduce the table size to  $O(s^2 \log \Delta)$  where  $\Delta$  is the maximum degree in the WSPD-spanner at the cost of an increase of  $\Omega(\log \Delta)$  in the overhead memory of the routing algorithm.

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