# Near-Optimal Approximate Dual-Failure Replacement Paths 

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## Today's focus:

1. Recover shortest paths info
2. Precompute all answers, so recovery time is poly-log

## Other settings:

1. Connectivity / reachability
2. Preprocessing vs. recovery

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- Total size of output $\leq n^{f}$ (exercise: why not $m^{f}$ )
- Trivial algorithm takes time $m n^{f} \leq n^{f+2}$
- Main question: How to save the quadratic overhead?


## Single-failure replacement paths

- Trivial algorithm takes cubic runtime $m n \leq n^{3}$
- [VW, 2010] showed this is the best possible under a widely believed conjecture
- $(1+\epsilon)$-approximations in runtime $m \leq n^{2}$ [Bernstein, 2010]
- Corollary: $(1+\epsilon)$-approximations for $f$-failures in $m n^{f-1} \leq n^{f+1}$ time


## Dual-failure replacement paths

- Optimal exact algorithm in runtime $n^{3}$ [VWX, 2022]
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Our result [CZ, 2024]

- $(1+\epsilon)$-approximations in runtime $n^{2}$, optimal runtime
- Corollary: $(1+\epsilon)$-approximations for f-failures in $n^{f}$ time when $f \geq 2$
- Open: exact solutions for 3 -failures in $n^{3}$ time?


## Summary of results

|  | $f=1$ | $f=2$ | $f \geq 3$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exact | $n^{3}$ <br> $[\mathrm{VW}, 2010]$ | $n^{3}$ <br> $[\mathrm{VW}, 2022]$ <br> $\mathrm{VW}, 2010]$ | $n^{f+1}$ <br> $[\mathrm{VWX}, 2022]$ |
| Approximate | $n^{2}$ <br> [Bernstein, 2010] | $n^{2}$ <br> New | $n^{f}$ <br> New |

## Different variants of RP (exact)

## Special cases of single-failure RP

- Undirected RP in linear time [NPW, 2001]
- Unweighted RP in $m \sqrt{n}$ time [RZ, 2012]
- Small edge weights RP in $W n^{\omega}$ time [CN, 2020]

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- Unweighted single-source RP in $m \sqrt{n}$ time [CM, 2020]
- Small edge weights single-source RP in $W^{0.805} n^{2.496}$ time [GPWX, 2021]


## :Single-failure all-pairs RP

- All-pairs RP in $W n^{2.58}$ time [GR, 2021]


## Today's plan

- Review of single-failure approximate st-RP [Bernstein, 2010]
- Two main cases for dual-failure approximate st-RP
- Only one failure is on the st-path
- Both failures are on the st-path


## Single-Failure Approx-RP [Bernstein'10]

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## Runtime:

- Each out-neighbor scanned $\log _{1+\epsilon}(n W)$ times
- Total runtime $=n^{2} \log _{1+\epsilon}(n W)$
this node if $\mathrm{d}(\mathrm{v})$ does not decrease
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Dijkstra finds a new path

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| Second idea: | 2-iter | $0$ |  | O |
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Two overlapping detours, two failures on two intervals

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Simplified goal:
Enumerate pairs of failures in both intervals, and compute dual-failure RP

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- Quadratic time for approximate dual-failure st-shortest paths
- How about approximate single-source RP?
- Approximate single-failure single-source RP in linear time?

