

Graph clustering: Algorithms for partitioning a graph into well-connected pieces (e.g. spectral partitioning, sparsest-cuts, multi-way cuts, and so on).

Distances in graphs: Algorithmic methods for geometric problems in graphs, such as the Traveling Salesperson Problem, Minimum Spanning Trees, shortest paths, and so on.

Flows in graphs: Min-cut/max-flow duality, and its extensions to multi-commodity flows. Applications to divide & conquer.

Graph compression: Methods for representing succinctly large graphs (e.g. spectral sparsifiers, vertex sparsifiers, graph spanners, and so on).

Algorithmic graph-minor theory: Dynamic programming on graphs via tree decompositions. Algorithms for graphs on surfaces.

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