An Overview on Compact Routing (in Discrete Domains)

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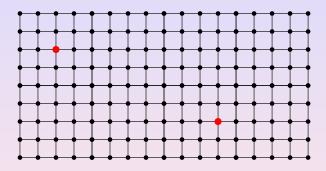
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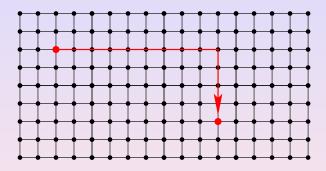
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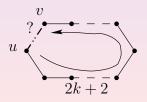
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Erdös-Simonovits Conjecture: \exists graph of girth 2k+2 with $\Omega(n^{1+1/k})$ edges (proved only for k=1,2,3,5). So, the extra $(\log n)^{1/k}$ term **cannot** be obtained with a girth approach.

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Rem 2: It makes a clear separation between labeled and name-independent routing, at least for the average stretch.

In the labelel model, schemes with $\operatorname{polylog}(n)$ space and constant average stretch do exsit for every graph! [Abraham, Bartal, Chan, Gupta, Kleinberg et al. (FOCS'05)]

In the name-indep model, if space is $\operatorname{polylog}(n)$, then the average stretch must be $\Omega(\log n/\log\log n)$ for some graphs.

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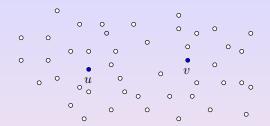
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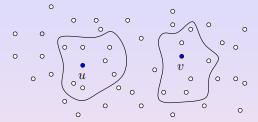
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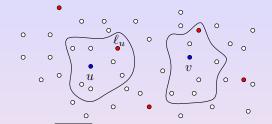
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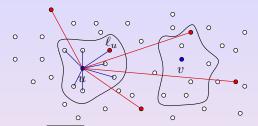




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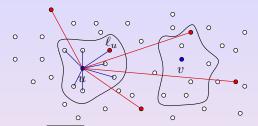


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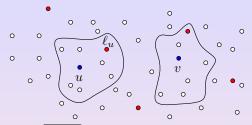
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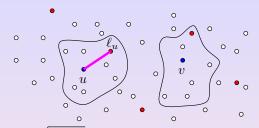
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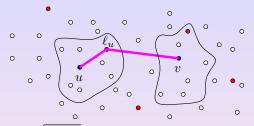
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stretch =
$$\frac{|\text{route}(u, v)| + |\text{route}(v, u)|}{\text{dist}(u, v) + \text{dist}(v, u)}$$

Rem: dist(u, v) + dist(v, u) is now a distance function

Some Results for Arbitrary Digraphs

Labeled: [Roditty,Thorup,Zwick - SODA '02]

stretch=3
$\operatorname{space} = \tilde{O}(\sqrt{n}\log \Delta)$
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Name-independent:

[Arias, Cowen, Laing - PODC '03]

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Q6: Shortest path in planar with polylog labels: space ranges between $\Omega(n^{1/3}) \ldots O(n)$.

Current best bound: 7.18n bits [Lu'02].

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- Q7: $\tilde{O}(\deg(u))$ with constant stretch for general graphs? What about bounded degree graphs? Sparse graphs are known to be non-compact. But, bounded degree nodes "increase" distances, so stretch tends to 1. No lower bounds are known. Bounded degree includes expanders ...
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- Q9: Distributed algorithms for constructing tables? Known for some speficic graphs (planar, [Frederickson'90]). Best $o(n^3)$ -message distributed implementation of stretch-3 space- \sqrt{n} name-indep. Abraham et al.'s scheme has stretch ... only 5.

Thank you!