# Compact and Distributed Data Structures

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## **Information & Locality**

Understanding what information are needed to achieve a computational task is a central question not only in DC (eg., data structure theory, communication complexity,...)

The ultimate goal in Labeling Schemes is to understand how localized and how much information are required to solve a given task on a network.

#### Task1: Routing in a physical network



Routing query: next hop to go from x to y?

- pre-processing to compute routing information
- a node x stores only routing information involving x ⇒ distributed data structure

#### Task2: Ancestry in rooted trees

#### Motivation: [Abiteboul,Kaplan,Milo '01]

The <TAG> ... </TAG> structure of a huge XML data-base is a rooted tree. Some queries are **ancestry** relations in this tree.

Ex: Is <"distributed computing"> descendant of <booktitle>?

Use compact index for fast query XML search engine. Here the constants do matter. Saving 1 byte of fast memory on each entry of the index table is important. Here n is large,  $\sim 10^9$ .

#### Folklore solution: DFS labelling



#### $\Rightarrow$ 2logn bit labels

# Best solution: logn + $\theta$ (loglogn) bit labels

[Alstrup,Rauhe – Siam J.Comp. '06] [Fraigniaud,Korman – STOC'10]



### A distributed data structure



- Get the labels of nodes involved in the query
- Compute/decode the answer from the labels
- No other source of information is required

## Some labelling schemes

#### Adjacency

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- Distance (exact or approximate)
- First edge on a (near) shortest path
- Ancestry, parent, nca, sibling relations in trees
- Edge/vertex connectivity, flow
- Proof labelling systems

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## The Distance Labelling Problem

Given a graph, find a labelling of its nodes such that the distance between any two nodes can be computed by inspecting only their labels.



#### Subject to:

label the nodes of every graph of a family (scheme),
using short labels (size measured in bits), and
with a fast distance decoder (algorithm)

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### Label Size: a trivial upper bound

There is a labelling scheme using labels of O(*n*log*n*) bits for every (unweighted) graph *G* with *n* nodes, and constant time decoding.

 $L_{G}(i) = (i, [dist(i,1),...,dist(i,j),...,dist(i,n)])$ 

distance vector

### Label Size: a trivial lower bound

No labelling scheme can guarantee labels of less than 0.5*n* bits for all *n*-node graphs (whatever the distance decoder complexity is)

**Proof.** The sequence  $\langle L_{g}(1),...,L_{g}(n) \rangle$  and the decoder  $\delta(.,.)$  is a representation of *G* on  $n \cdot k + O(1)$  bits if each label has size *k*: *i* adjacent to *j* iff  $\delta(L_{g}(i),L_{g}(j))=1$ .

 $n \cdot k + O(1) \ge \log_2(\# \operatorname{graphs}(n)) = n \cdot (n-1)/2$ 

#### Squashed Cube Dimension [Graham,Pollack '71]

Labeling: word over {0,1,\*} Decoder: Hamming distance (where \*=don't care) (graphs must be connected)

 $SC_{dim}(G) \ge max\{n^+, n^-\}$ 

 $n^{+/-}=$ #positive/negative eigenvalues of the distance matrix of *G* 

 $SC_{dim}(K_n) = n - 1$ 



#### Squashed Cube Dimension [Winkler '83]

**Theorem.** Every connected *n*-node graph has squashed cube dimension at most *n*-1.

Therefore, for the family of all connected *n*-node graphs:

**Label size**: O(n) bits, in fact  $n\log_2 3 \sim 1.58n$  bits **Decoding time**:  $O(n/\log n)$  in the RAM model

Rem: all graphs = connected graphs + O(logn) bits

#### **Current best solution**

**Label size**:  $n(\log_2 3)/2 \sim 0.793n$  bits **Decoding time**: O(1)



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#### Décodage de la distance et analyse

Le nœud x stocke :  $(r_1, d_1, h_1), \ldots, (r_k, d_k, h_k)$  où  $d_k = 0$ Distance entre x et y :

- 1. Calculer le plus grand i tq  $r_i(x) = r_i(y)$
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Complexité :  $O(k) = O(\log n)$ [O(1) possible]Pré-calcul :  $O(nk) = O(n \log n)$ [O(n) possible]

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#### Problem

To route a message from x to y in an n-node tree,  $\forall x, y$ 



Constraints :

- shortest paths;
- <u>local</u> and <u>compact</u> routing tables;
- <u>fast</u> routing decision.

#### **A** Tool for Universal Routing Schemes

Hierarchical routing schemes applicable to <u>all</u> the networks [Awerbuch,Cowen,Eilam,Frederickson,Peleg,Upfal,...]



#### **Standard Techniques** [Santoro-Khatib/van Leeuwen-Tan]



- @ = DFS numbering
- interval routing based
- $O(n \log n)$  bits in total!

4:([5,6]:1,[7,9]:2,[10,3]:3)

Binary search  $\Rightarrow O(\log n)$  routing time

Memory Space  $\Rightarrow O(d \log n)$  bits, d = degree

Problem: Space  $\Omega(n)$  bits whenever  $d \ge n/\log n$ 



Routing algorithm (local): compute the number of 1's (mod d) before position y.

 $\Rightarrow$  *n* bit space, but  $\Omega(n)$  time! (In fact, this problem can be solved with n + o(n) bits and constant time on a  $O(\log n)$  bit word-RAM machine.)

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Can we do better than n bits?

Lower bound:  $c\sqrt{n}$  bits at least,  $c \approx 3.7$ 



- test in x its local routing table towards all the possible destinations  $y \in \{1, \ldots, n\} \setminus \{x\}$
- sort answers by frequency  $n_i = |T_i|$ ,  $n_1 \leqslant \cdots \leqslant n_d$

 $\sum_{i=1}^{d} n_i = n - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leqslant n_1 \leqslant \dots \leqslant n_d.$  *x* "computes"  $(n_1, \dots, n_d)$  knowing *n* and *x*. The number of partitions of *n* is  $\sim 2^{c\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow c\sqrt{n}$  bits for *x*.  $\Box$
#### Can we do better than n bits? (cond't): YES!



4: (2,3)  $\Rightarrow$  description with  $O(\sqrt{n})$  bits (partition enumeration).  $y \in [4, 4+2]$ ?  $y \in [6, 6+3]$ ? otherwise route on port 3.

Problem: Routing time? What happens if addresses  $\notin \{1, ..., n\}$  and coded on more than  $\log_2 n$  bits? #ports numbering?

#### **Results (for** *n***-node trees)**

Port permut.?	Address size	Local Table size	Routing time	Preprocessing time
yes yes	$\log n$ $\log n$	$\geqslant 3.7\sqrt{n} \ \leqslant 3.7\sqrt{n}$	$2^{O(\sqrt{n})}$	$2^{O(\sqrt{n})}$
no no	$\log n$ $\log n$	$\geq n - o(n)$ $\leq n + o(n)$	<i>O</i> (1)	$O(n^2)$
no	$O\left(\frac{\log^2 n}{\log\log n}\right)$	$O\left(\frac{\log^2 n}{\log\log n}\right)$	<i>O</i> (1)	$O(n \log n)$
yes	$\leqslant$ 5 log $n$	$\leqslant$ 3 log $n$	O(1)	$O(n \log n)$

### **Principle** (some notations)

r = root of the treeweight(x) = number of descendents of x id(x) = identifier for x using a DFS w.r.t. the heaviest children port(x, child(x)) = p + 1 for the p-th <u>heaviest</u> child of x (p=rank)  $\ell path(x) = \text{list of large ports (rank} \geq 2)$  on the path from r to x

#### **Routing Algorithm**



Routing algorithm from x to y:

- 0 (=stop) if id(y) = id(x)
- 1 if  $id(y) \notin [id(x), id(x) + weight(x)]$
- 2 if  $id(y) \in [id(x), id(x) + weight(child_1(x))]$
- p+1 otherwise, p-th item of  $\ell path(y)$

<12,2,1,1> 
$$\ell$$
path(12) = (2,2,2)  
<3,6,3,0>  $\ell$ path(3) = (1,2)

#### **Bit Counting**

rank(x,y) = rank of the weight of the child y of x( $\approx port(x,y) - 1: 1, 2, ...$ )

Observation:

• If y child x, rank $(x, y) \leq weight(x)/weight(y)$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  If  $\ell$ path $(x) = (p_1, \ldots, p_k)$ ,  $\prod p_i \leqslant n$  and  $k \leqslant \log n$ 

#### Coding of $\ell$ path(x)

Ex:  $\ell path(x) = (3, 9, 2, 5, 2, 4, 6) \longrightarrow (A, B)$ 

$$\ell \text{path}(x) = 3 \quad 9 \quad 2 \quad 5 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 6$$
  
binary writing: A = 11 1001 10 101 10 100 110  
field separator: B = 10 1000 10 100 10 100 100

$$|B| = |A|$$
 and  $|A| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k} \lceil \log p_i \rceil \leq \log \left(\prod p_i\right) + k \leq 2 \log n$ 

 $\Rightarrow \ell \text{path}(x) = (A, B) \text{ on } 4 \log n \text{ bits}$ 

 $\Rightarrow @(x) \text{ on } 5 \log n \text{ bits} \\\Rightarrow table(x) \text{ on } 3 \log n + O(\log \log n) \text{ bits}$ 

#### Extracting the *p*-th item

select<sub>B</sub>(t) = position of the t-th "1" in B. If B is fixed, select<sub>B</sub>(·) can be implemented with |B| + o(|B|) bit space and constant time (word-RAM model) [Munro-Raman FOCS'97]

Ex:  $\ell path(x) = (3, 9, 2, 5, 2, 4, 6), p = 4.$ 

A = 11100110 10110100110B = 10100010 100100100

$$a := select_B(p),$$
  
 $b := select_B(p+1),$   
 $s := (A \ll (a-1)) \gg (|A| + a - b) = "101" \rightarrow 5$ 

#### Improving the Constants ...

**Lemma (Kalmár 1930).** Let Z(n) be the number of integer sequences  $p_1, p_2, ...$  such that  $p_i \ge 2$  and  $\prod p_i \le n$ . Then,

 $Z(n) \sim n^{1.7286...}$  (as  $n \to +\infty$ )

(where 1.7286... is the real root of  $\zeta(x) = 2$ ,  $\zeta(x) = \sum_{i \ge 1} i^{-x}$ ).

Thus, Q(x) on 2.7286 log n bits and table(x) on 3 log n bits.

Independently, [Thorup-Zwick, SPAA'01]: @(x) on  $(1 + o(1)) \log n$  bits and table(x) on  $(1 + o(1)) \log n$  bits.

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# **Theorem.** There is a linear time algorithm that labels the n nodes of a rooted tree T with labels of length $O(\log n)$ bits such that from the labels of nodes $x, y \in T$ alone, one can compute the label of nca(x,y) in O(1) time.

**Corollary.** Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be a sequence of n real numbers. We can assign in linear time a label of length  $O(\log n)$  bits to each element, such that, given the labels of  $x_i, x_j$ , the label of a maximum among  $x_i, \ldots, x_j$  can be computed in O(1) time from the labels of  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  alone.





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HP(w)=Heavy Path containing w. apex(v)=closest light ancestor of v.



If v is light then:

⇒ size(v) <  $\frac{1}{2}$ size(parent(v)) ⇒ v has at most log<sub>2</sub> n light ancestors (or apex)

#### Labels

v has: a light label: llabel(v)a heavy label: hlabel(v)

- 1.  $llabel(root) := \epsilon$
- 2. light label,  $v \neq \text{root}$

 $||abel(v) \notin \{||abel(z)| \ z \neq v, z \in children(parent(v))\}$ 

3. heavy label,  $v \neq \text{root}$ 

hlabel(v)  $<_{\text{lex}} \min \{ \text{hlabel}(z) \mid z \neq v, z \in T_v \cap \text{HP}(v) \}$ (lex: lexicographic order on binary strings)



 $\begin{aligned} \text{label}(v) &:= \text{label}(\text{parent}(\text{apex}(v))) \cdot \text{llabel}(\text{apex}(v)) \cdot \text{hlabel}(v) \\ &= h_0 \cdot l_1 \cdot h_1 \cdot l_2 \cdot h_2 \cdots l_t \cdot h_t \quad (t \leq \log_2 n) \\ & (\text{with label}(\text{parent}(\text{root})) := \epsilon) \end{aligned}$ 

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#### Label length



Let  $s_1, ..., s_k$  be numbers  $\ge 1$  with  $\sum_i s_i = n$ 

There exists:  $s_i \mapsto \operatorname{code}(s_i)$  a binary string such that  $\operatorname{code}(s_1) <_{\operatorname{lex}} \cdots <_{\operatorname{lex}} \operatorname{code}(s_k)$  and  $1 \leq |\operatorname{code}(s_i)| \leq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil - \lfloor \log_2 s_i \rfloor$  bits





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[By induction]

True if apex(w) = root since label(w) = hlabel(w).

Otherwise, by hypothesis we have:
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|label(parent(apex(w)))| < log_2 n - log_2 lsize(parent(apex(w)))
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\begin{aligned} ||label(apex(w))| &< \log_2 lsize(parent(apex(w))) - \log_2 size(apex(w)) \\ And, \ |hlabel(w)| &< \log_2 size(w) - \log_2 lsize(w) \ using \\ \sum_{v \in \mathsf{HP}(w)} lsize(v) < size(apex(w)) \end{aligned}
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 $\Rightarrow$  label(nca(x,y)) extracted in constant time on a RAM computer with  $\Omega(\log n)$  bit words.

 $A = O(\log n)$   $A = h_0 \quad l_1 \quad h_1 \quad l_2 \quad h_2 \quad \cdots$   $100 \quad 1000 \quad 10 \quad 1000 \quad (field \ delimiter)$   $000 \quad 1111 \quad 00 \quad 111 \quad 00000 \quad (mask \ for \ light \ label \ test)$ 

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 Challenge: Given (u,v,w<sub>1</sub>,...,w<sub>k</sub>): is there a path from u to v in G\{w<sub>1</sub>,...,w<sub>k</sub>}?



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How to find efficiently the connected component of any node u in  $G \setminus \{x\}$ ?

 $\Rightarrow$  Update all the component labels with a linear time traversal of  $G \setminus \{x\}$ , and then answer in O(1) for each query node **u**.



Main issue: G is *extremely* large, and even linear time is too much in case of emergency! We would like the answer *immediately*.

If we pre-process G *accordingly*, can we then quickly answer queries "is there a path from **u** to **v** in  $G \{x\}$ "?



Pre-process G in a more clever way. Identify cut-vertices, the componenttree and design an efficient NCA data structure (all take linear time).



u,v are not connected in  $G \{x\}$  iff x is a cut-vertex on the path from c(u) to c(v) in the component-tree.

# Forbidden-set labelling scheme

[Courcelle, Twigg - STACS'07]

Let  $P\,$  be a graph property defined on pairs of vertices, and let  $F\,$  be a graph family.

A P –forbidden-set labeling scheme for F is a pair (L,f) s.t.  $\forall G \in F, \forall u,v \in G, \forall X \subseteq G$ :

L(u,G) is a binary string
f(L(u,G),L(v,G),L(X,G)) = P (u,v,X,G)

where  $L(X,G):=\{L(w,G):w \in X\}$ 

#### FS connectivity labelling

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**Notes:** same (optimal) bounds for distances in trees for the static case, but do not include planar ...

#### Routing with forbidden-sets

Design a routing scheme for **G** s.t. for every subset **X** of "forbidden" nodes (crashes, malicious, ...) routing tables can be updated efficiently provided **X**.

#### $\Rightarrow$ This capture routing policies



#### Some results for FS routing

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[Abraham,Chechik,G. – STOC'12] Planar: O(ε<sup>-1</sup>log<sup>3</sup>n) bit routing tables and O(ε<sup>-2</sup>log<sup>5</sup>n) bit labels for stretch 1+ε routing Focus on Connectivity (in planar graphs)

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(2) can be generalized to H-minor free graphs









[Here X subset of edges only ... much more tricky otherwise]



Query = PLANAR POINT LOCATION in  $O(\sqrt{\log n})$  time (polynomial coordinates) Note: space does NOT depend on |X|.



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[a(z),b(z)]=first/last visit time in Euler tour @(z)=routing label for routing to/from z







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[Patrascu,Thorup – STOC'06]
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Any data structure with space  $\tilde{O}(|X|)$  and supporting  $PRED_{X}$  queries requires query time  $\Omega(\log \log n)$  provided  $|X| \in [n^{\epsilon}, n^{1-\epsilon}]$ .

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Let P be any path  $s \to t$ .

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**Property 3.** If Q intersects P, then there are landmarks  $s_i, t_j$ st.  $d_G(s, s_i) + d_Q(s_i, t_j) + d_G(t_j, t) \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \cdot d_G(s, t)$ .

#### Conclusion

Properties 1, 2 & 3 show that each node only needs to store at most  $(1 + 4/\varepsilon) \times 3 \log n$  distances informations, that is  $O(\varepsilon^{-1} \log n \log \Delta)$  bits per node label, to  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximate any s, t-distance in the graph.  $\Box$ 

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- Outerplanar graphs are K<sub>2,3</sub>-minor free
- Series-Parallel graphs are K<sub>4</sub>-minor free
- Planar are K<sub>5</sub>-minor free (and also K<sub>3,3</sub>-minor free)
- Genus-g graphs are  $K_{5+|2\sqrt{3g}|}$ -minor free
- Treewidth-t graphs are  $K_{t+2}$ -minor free
- The graphs of any minor closed families \$\mathcal{F}\$ are H-minor free for some \$H = H(\$\mathcal{F}\$)\$.











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Wagner's Theorem :  $H = K_5$ , k = 3,  $\Sigma = \mathbb{S}_0$ .



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So excluding  $H = K_4$  leads to treewidth of at most  $400^{28^5}$ . In fact this is 2, such graphs are series-parallel. They have a 3-coloring.

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[Robertson et al. - 1993] 
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[Every minimal counter-example is a planar plus one vertex (83 pages)]

However, the structure of  $K_6$ -minor free graph is still unknown. Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi explains in SODA '07 why the problem is important and difficult.

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DeVos, Hegde, Kawarabayashi, Norine, Thomas, and Wollan have announced that [J94] is true if the graph has many vertices ...

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## Consequences of the Main Theorem

### Theorem (Object Location)

Let G be a weighted k-path separable graph of aspect ratio  $\Delta$ 

- stretch- $(1 + \varepsilon)$  distance labeling with  $O(k\varepsilon^{-1}\log n\log(\varepsilon^{-1}\log\Delta))$ -bit labels
- stretch- $(1 + \varepsilon)$  labeled routing scheme with  $O(k\varepsilon^{-1}\log^3 n/\log\log n)$ -bit headers and routing tables
- One can augment G with 1 directed edge per node such that greedy routing performs in O(k<sup>2</sup> log<sup>2</sup> n log<sup>2</sup> Δ) expected number of hops
- And others: reachability, distance oracles in digraphs, ...

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Q.E.D.