On The Colouring Problem In The Physical Local Model

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Centralised protocol



A distributed protocol may use :

- no randomness: $\mathbb{P}(y_i^*|x_i^*) = 1$, $\mathbb{P}(y_i^*|x_i) = 0$ for all $x_i \neq x_i^*$.
- local randomness: $\mathbb{P}(y_1, ..., y_n | x_1, ..., x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n (y_i, |x_i, \lambda_i).$
- shared randomness: $\mathbb{P}(y_1, ..., y_n | x_1, ..., x_n) = \sum_{\lambda} \mathbb{P}(\lambda) \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(y_i | x_i, \lambda).$
- quantum entanglement

[Bell 64] : Existence of correlation arising from quantum mechanics that cannot be modelled by a "local hidden variable theory", i.e.

"shared randomness < quantum entanglement"

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Probability of winning :

- Using shared randomness : at most 0.75.
- Using a quantum "Bell state" : $\cos^2(\pi/8) \approx 0.86$.

Correlations arising from the quantum solution are **non-signaling**, i.e. the output of Alice doesn't give any information on the input of Bob and vice-versa. Mathematically :

$$\sum_{y_b} \mathbb{P}(y_a, y_b | x_a, x_b) = \sum_{y_b} \mathbb{P}(y_a, y_b | x_a, x_b') = \mathbb{P}(y_a | x_a)$$

and

$$\sum_{y_a} \mathbb{P}(y_a, y_b | x_a, x_b) = \sum_{y_a} \mathbb{P}(y_a, y_b | x_a', x_b) = \mathbb{P}(y_b | x_b)$$

We have

$\mathbf{Classical} \subsetneq \mathbf{Quantum} \subsetneq \mathbf{Non}\textbf{-Signaling}$

 \Rightarrow Not Non-Signaling implies not Quantum

 \Rightarrow [Arfaoui 14] showed that for 2 players with binary input and output condition $\neq y_a \oplus y_b$ the best non-signaling probability distribution is classical.

Suppose we have a graph G = (V, E) modelling a communication network.

LOCAL model

- Every node has a (unique) **identifier**.

- One \mathbf{round} of communication: send & receive information to neighbours & do computation.

- k rounds of communication \Leftrightarrow exchange with neighbours at distance $\leq k$ and do computation

-"Infinite" local computing power and bandwith.

Introduction Colouring Problem



Distributed Colouring Problem in the LOCAL model

How many rounds of communication are necessary and sufficient for q-colouring a graph ?

E.g. $q = \Delta + 1$ and graph=cycle or path.

[Cole & Vishkin 86] : $\log^*(n)$ rounds of communication are sufficient.

[Linial 92] : $\log^*(n)$ rounds of communication are necessary.

Physical Locality

$[\textbf{Gavoille, Kosowki \& Markiewicz 09}]: \text{Non-Signaling} + \text{LOCAL} = \phi \text{-local} \\ \textbf{Non-Signaling} \\$



[Barrett, Noah Linden, Massar, Pironio, Sandu, Popescu & Roberts 05] : if the non-signaling property is satisfied for a coalition of n-1 players, then it is satisfied for any sub-coalition of k < n-1 players.

$$\sum_{y_2,y_3} \mathbb{P}(y_1, y_2, y_3 | x_1, x_2, x_3) = \sum_{y_2} \sum_{y_3} \mathbb{P}(y_1, y_2, y_3 | x_1, x_2, x'_3)$$
$$= \sum_{y_3} \sum_{y_2} \mathbb{P}(y_1, y_2, y_3 | x_1, x'_2, x'_3)$$
$$= \sum_{y_2,y_3} \mathbb{P}(y_1, y_2, y_3 | x_1, x'_2, x'_3)$$

If a coalition of $m \le n-1$ players such that there is more than one global output corresponding to their inputs satisfies ϕ -local, so does any sub-coalition of k < m players. \Rightarrow To check for non-signaling/ ϕ -local, need only look at biggest coalitions. \Rightarrow To show non-signaling/ ϕ -local isn't satisfied, small coalitions are sufficient. **Example** : 2-colouring in an undirected *n*-path is ϕ -local($\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$). E.g. $n = 9, \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor = 3$



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Physical Locality A formal definition

We define the k-neighbourhood $\mathcal{N}_k(v)$ of a vertex v as the set of vertices at distance less than or equal to k.



Definition

Let G = (E, V) be a directed or undirected graph and let $(X_v)_{v \in V}$ be a stochastic process. $(X_v)_{v \in V}$ is said to be ϕ -local(k) if, for every $m \leq |V|$ and sets of vertices $S = \{s_1, ..., s_m\}$ and $T = \{t_1, ..., t_m\}$ such that the graphs induced by $S \cup \mathcal{N}_k(S)$ and $T \cup \mathcal{N}_k(T)$ are isomorphic, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(X_S) = \mathbb{P}(X_T)$$

Let $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stochastic process on \mathbb{Z} .

(1) "Radius" of the information necessary to compute the value of a X_n ?

 $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is r-block factor of an iid process $(Y_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ if $X_n = f(Y_n, ..., Y_{n+r-1})$ for every n.

 \Rightarrow Distributed computability in LOCAL model.

(2) "Radius" beyond which no information on the value of X_n escapes?

k-dependence

r-block factor

 $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is k-dependent if the distributions $(X_{\leq n})$ and if $(X_{\geq m})$ are independent for every n, m with |m - n| > k.

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Question : is k-dependence the same as ϕ -local(ℓ) for some ℓ ?

It is easy to verify that: k-dependent \Rightarrow directed ϕ -local(k), undirected ϕ -local($\lfloor k/2 \rfloor$). [Holroyd & Liggett 15], [Holroyd & Liggett 16] proved the following

k-dependent colouring of \mathbb{Z}

There exists a 1-dependent q-colouring process for every $q \ge 4$ and a 2-dependent 3-colouring process but no 1-dependent 3-colouring process.

Directed ϕ -local(1) 4-colouring and undirected ϕ -local(1) or directed ϕ -local(2) 3-colouring of the infinite path is possible.

1-dependent colouring of other graphs

For the following graphs G, the least possible number q of colours such that G admits a 1-dependent colouring is:

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- $G=\mathbb{Z}^2$: 9
- $G=\mathbb{Z}^3$: 12
- $G = \text{infinite } \Delta \text{-regular tree}, \ \Delta \geq 2 : \frac{(\Delta 1)^{\Delta 1}}{\Delta^{\Delta}}$

Question

is k-dependence the same as ϕ -local(ℓ) for some ℓ ?

We studied this question by looking at the colouring problem on the path graph.

Our results:

- In general, no.

- In the case of the colouring problem: not exactly, but beyond a certain value of n, ϕ -local(1) 3-colouring of a directed n-path is not possible.

Our results

Idea : given a graph G = (E, V) along with a *q*-colouring, choose a colour q^* and replace all its occurrences by 1 and put 0 everywhere else. This induces a binary process $(J_v)_{v \in V}$ which is *k*-dependent if the original colouring is.



 $p^* = \sup\{p, \exists 1 \text{-dependent binary process s.t. for every } v \in V \mathbb{P}(J_v = 1) = p\}, \text{ then } q \geq \frac{1}{p^*}.$

Theorem [Holroyd & Liggett 2016]

Let G = (V, E) be a graph, p^* as above and $p \in [0, 1]$. We have $p \leq p^*$ iff $Z_A(-p) \geq 0$ for every finite $A \subset V$, where Z_A is the independence polynomial of the induced subgraph of A.

Thus on the *n*-path, $p^* < 1/3$ as soon as n = 5 and $\lim_{n \to \infty} p^* = \frac{1}{4}$.

Define $p_1 = \mathbb{P}(1), p_2 = \mathbb{P}(1 * 1), p_i = \mathbb{P}((1*)^i).$ Catalan numbers : $c_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$, in particular $\frac{c_n}{c_{n+1}} = \frac{n+2}{2(2n+1)}$ For the directed path graph of length $n = 2\ell$ or $n = 2\ell + 1$ in the ϕ -local(1) model - $p_1 \leq \frac{c_\ell}{c_{\ell+1}}$ - $p_2 \leq \frac{c_{\ell-1}}{c_\ell} p_1 \leq \frac{c_{\ell-1}}{c_{\ell+1}}$ - $p_i \leq \frac{c_{\ell-i+1}}{c_{\ell-i}} p_{i-1} \leq \frac{c_{\ell-i+1}}{c_{\ell+1}}$ Thus $p_1 < \frac{1}{3}$ as soon as $\ell = 5$, i.e. n = 10. Let $p_i^* = \sup(p_i)$, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} p_1^* = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} p_i^* = \frac{1}{4^i} = (p_1^*)^i$.

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The probabilities of each pattern is a linear function of the p_i . Goal : maximise p_1 such that every probability is between 0 and 1.



Duality theorem : objective function has same value for optimal solutions of dual and primal problems.

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We get $p_1 \leq \frac{c_\ell}{c_{\ell+1}} \Rightarrow$ remove first line of A, rearrange and solve again for p_2 , etc.

- $\phi\text{-local}$ model useful for finding if there might be a quantum-classical difference in number of rounds in distributed graph algorithms.

- k-dependence from probability theory is consistent with $\phi\text{-local}$ but stronger.

- $\log^*(n)$ classical rounds necessary and sufficient for solving the distributed graph colouring problem.

- There is a 1-dependent q-colouring probability distribution for $q \ge 4$ and a 2-dependent 3-colouring probability distribution on the path graph.

- Can barely do better in $\phi\text{-local.}$
- Not easy to study for other families of graphs.



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