Distributed Computing 11 - LOCAL Algorithms

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Creating Complexities

Complexities on Graphs with the LOCAL Model



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Chang, Pettie (2019) For any k > 0, there exists a problem P_k that is solvable in time $\Theta(n^{1/k})$.

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ -coloring Example



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- V_1 nodes accept if, in regard to its neighbors in V_1 :
 - They are 2-colored with colors 1 and 2
 - They all are in color 3
 - They are on an oriented cycle
- $D_2 = \{v \in V_2 : \text{ its } V_1 \text{ neighbors are 2-colored}\}$
 - D_2 nodes accept if they are in color 4
- $V_2 \setminus D_2$ nodes accept if, in regard to its neighbors in $V_2 \setminus D_2$:
 - They are 2-colored with colors 1 and 2
 - They have 2 neighbors and they all are in color 3
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Generalization to $n^{1/k}$

- G₁ : input graph
- $V_i = \{v \in V(G_i) : degree(v) \leq 2\}$
- $G_i = G_{i-1} \setminus V_{i-1}$
- $V_{k+1} = V(G_{k+1})$
- A vertex in V(G) is **exempted** if
 - It has a lower level exempted neighbor
 - It has a lower level 2-colored neighbor
 - It is on an oriented cycle on its level
 - It is in V_{k+1}
- $D_i \subseteq V_i$ are the exempted nodes of level i
- $V_i \setminus D_i$ nodes $(i \le k)$ accept if, in regard to its neighbors in $V_i \setminus D_i$:
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 - They all are in color 3 (and have degree=2 if i = k)
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Panconesi, Rizzi (2001) There exists a LCL algorithm to produce a Maximal Matching in $O(\log^* n + \Delta)$ communications.





















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- No cycles

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 - For Color c = 1 to 3 do :
 - For all node, add if possible an edge connecting it to one of its children of Color *c* in Forest *f*.

3-Coloring Trees

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- Compute a 3-coloring for each paths of nodes with the same label
- Build the MIS by considering labels decreasingly.





































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