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• Temporal Graphs

- Initiated by Berman [Be96] and Kempe, Kleinberg, and Kumar [JCSS00]
- Kostakos [Ko09]
- Multi-labeled, Mertzios, Michail, Chatzigiannakis and Spirakis [ICALP13]
- Recent work: Molter, Renken, and Zschoche [MFCS21], Enright, Meeks, Mertzios and Zamaraev [JCSS21], Deligkas and Potapov [AAAI20], Akrida, Mertzios, Spirakis and Raptopoulos [JCSS21], Mertzios, Molter, Renken, Spirakis and Zschoche [MFCS21].



• Distributed Computation in Passively Dynamic Networks

- Population Protocols: Angluin, Aspnes, Diamadi, Fischer and Peralta [DC06], Michail and Spirakis [DC14], Michail, Spirakis, Theofilatos [SSS18], Doty, Eftekhari, Gasieniec, Severson, Stachowiak Uznanski [FOCS21]
- More powerful devices: Kuhn, Lynch, Oshman [STOC10], Michail, Chatzigiannakis and Spirakis [TCS11]



• Construction of Overlay Networks

- Stoica, Morris, Karger, Kaashoek and Balakrishnan [SIGCOMM01]: Chord (distributed hash table)
- Aspnes and Shah [TALG07]: Skip Graphs (distributed data structure, balanced tree)
- Construction: Angluin, Aspnes, Chen, Wu and Yi [SPAA05], Aspnes and Wu [OPODIS07], Gmyr, Hinnenthal Scheideler and Sohler, [ICALP17], Gotte, Hinnenthal and Scheideler, [SIROCCO19] Gilbert, Pandurangan, Robinson, and Trehan [PODC20]



• Programmable Matter

- Geometry plays a big role.
- Derakhshandeh, Dolev, Gmyr, Richa, Scheideler and Strothmann [SPAA14], Michail, Skretas and Spirakis [JCSS19], Akitaya *et al.* [ESA19]



Distributed Computation and Reconfiguration

- Static set of nodes, dynamic set of edges
- Edge activations/deactivations
- Transform the initial network G_s into a target network G_f from a family of target networks
- Exploit some good properties of G_f in order to more efficiently solve a distributed task
- The Complexity of Growing a Graph
 - Dynamic set of nodes and edges
 - Node generations and edge activations/deactivations
 - Construct an input graph G starting from graph G_0 (graph with a single node) via node generations and edge activations

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• Activating and maintaining a connection does not come for free





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Give $(\text{poly})\log(n)$ time algorithms for the general task of transforming any G_s into a G_f of diameter $(\text{poly})\log(n)$, while minimizing the edge-complexity, and solve leader election, depth- $(\text{poly})\log(n)$ tree, and token dissemination at the same time.

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GraphToStar	$O(\log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	O(n)	O(n)
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• Selection: Each committee leader u selects the neighboring committee leader v with the highest UID, where $UID_v > UID_u$.

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• Partitioning: We can partition the graph into directed trees

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Theorem: For any initial connected graph G_s , the GraphToStar algorithm solves the Depth-1 Tree problem in $O(\log n)$ time with at most $O(n \log n)$ total edge activations and O(n) active edges per round

$\operatorname{Correctness}$

- Committees keep merging
- Can't get isolated indefinitely Time Complexity
 - Committees "double" in size
 - Isolated

Edge Complexity

• Very simple



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- Motivation: Abstraction of networked systems which, starting from a single entity, can grow into well-defined global networks and structures
- Not well studied apart from the Nubot model of Woods *et al.* [WCG13], which is a geometric model



- Construct an input graph G starting from graph G_0 (graph with a single node) via node generations and edge activations
- Active Dynamics and Distributed Control
- BUT the centralized case is still unknown (and hard as it seems). So we will focus on the centralized case for now.



- Initial graph G_0
- Node generation: In every round, each node *u* can generate(give birth) another node *v* and activate edge *uv*
- Edge activation: At the time of its birth, node v can activate edges with nodes that are within its edge-activation distance d at the time of its birth
- Edge deletion. In every round, any node *u* can decide to delete some of its incident edges




































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- Based on the previous example, we can see that there is a trade off between time slots and excess edges
- Construction Schedule Problem: Given an input graph G, compute in polynomial time a construction schedule of length at most k slots and with at most l excess edges, if it exists.
- Zero Waste Construction Schedule Problem: Given a input graph G, compute in polynomial time a construction schedule of length at most k slots and l = 0 excess edges, if it exists.

- Theorem: For d = 1, we provide an algorithm computes in polynomial time an optimal construction schedule with k slots for any tree graph G.
- Lemma: For $d \ge 4$, a graph G = (V, E) with n nodes can be generated with a construction schedule with $\log n$ slots and with O(n) excess edges.
- We will focus on d = 2 since its more natural and interesting



Properties:

- The nodes generated in a time slot form an independent set in the final graph.
- The progenies of two non adjacent nodes are independent from each other in the final graph.

Lower Bounds:

- Chromatic Number $\chi(G)$
- Size of largest clique c

- The Efficient Schedule for Trees algorithm computes, in polynomial time, a construction schedule for any given tree graph G with $O(\log^2 n)$ slots and with O(n) excess edges.
- Decomposition strategy where nodes are removed in phases until a single node is present
- The phases can be reversed using $O(\log^2 n)$ slots and O(n) excess edges



- The Planar Graph algorithm computes, in polynomial time, a construction schedule for any given planar graph G with $O(\log n)$ slots and with $O(n \log n)$ excess edges.
- Compute a 5-coloring of the input planar graph
- Construct the nodes of each color class one by one using a line construction schedule for each color.
- $O(\log n)$ slots for each color class and $O(\log n)$ excess edges for each node.

Cop-win graphs: Undirected graph on which the pursuer (cop) can always win a pursuit-evasion game against a robber.

- A graph can be constructed with l = 0 iff it is a cop-win graph.
- The Recognition of Cop-win Graphs algorithm can decide in polynomial time, whether a given graph G is cop-win, and if so, it also produces a construction schedule with n 1 slots and l = 0 excess edges.
- The Fast Cop-win algorithm computes in polynomial time a construction schedule σ for any graph G = (V, E), where $|V| = 2^{\delta}$, with log *n* slots and l = 0 excess edges, if and only if such a σ exists for *G*.

Theorem: The decision version of the zero-waste construction schedule problem is NP-complete.

- The reduction is from the coloring problem.
- Construct graph G' by adding a clique of size n whose nodes connect with every node in graph G.
- Show that the construction schedule for G' has $\kappa(G')$ slots such that $\kappa(G') = \chi(G) + n$.

Theorem: Let $\epsilon > 0$. If there exists a polynomial-time algorithm, which, for every graph G, computes a $n^{1-\epsilon}$ -approximate construction schedule, then P=NP.

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