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# Το Πρόβλημα Routing and Path Coloring και οι εφαρμογές του σε πλήρως οπτικά δίκτυα

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### **Optical Fibers**

- High transmission rate
- Low bit error rate
- The bottleneck lies in converting an electronic signal to optical and vice versa

### All-Optical Networks

- All physical connections are optical
- Multiplexing is achieved through *wavelength division multiplexing (WDM)*: in each fiber multiple *colors* are used
- Switching on routers is done passively and thus more effectively (no conversion from electrical to optical)
- Two network nodes communicate using *one light beam*: a single wavelength is used for each connection

### Graph Representation

- All physical links are represented as graph edges
- Communication among nodes is indicated by paths
- Paths are assigned colors (wavelengths)
- Overlapping paths (i.e. sharing at least one edge) are assigned different colors





### Graph Coloring (GC)

- Input: Graph *G*
- Feasible solution: Coloring of *V* using different colors for adjacent vertices
- Goal: Minimize the number of colors used, i.e. find chromatic number  $\chi(G)$
- NP-hard
- There is no approximation algorithm of ratio  $n^{\varepsilon}$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  (*polyAPX*-hard)
- Lower bound for  $\chi(G)$ : order (size)  $\omega$  of maximum clique of G

## Edge Coloring (EC)

- Input: Graph *G*
- Feasible solution: Coloring of *E* using different colors for adjacent edges
- Goal: Minimize the number of colors used, i.e. find *chromatic index*  $\chi'(G)$
- Lower bound for  $\chi'(G)$ : maximum degree  $\Delta(G)$
- [Vizing'64]: between  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)+1$  (simple graphs) between  $\Delta(G)$  and  $3\Delta(G)/2$  (multigraphs)
- [Holyer'80]: NP-complete whether  $\Delta(G)$  or  $\Delta(G)+1$
- 4/3 -approximable in simple graphs and multigraphs
- Best possible approximation unless P=NP

### Path Coloring (PC)

- Input: Graph G, set of paths P
- Feasible solution: Coloring of paths s.t. overlapping paths are not assigned the same color
- Goal: Minimize the number of colors used
- Lower bound: maximum load L
- We can reduce it to GC by representing paths as vertices and overlapping paths as edges (*conflict graph*)
- Improved lower bound: order  $\omega$  of the maximum clique of the conflict graph



### Path Coloring (PC)

- Corresponding decision problem is NP-complete
- In general topologies the problem is *poly-APX*-hard
- Proof: Reduction of GC to PC in meshes [Nomikos'96]





### Chain PC

• Solved optimally in polynomial time with exactly L colors

### Ring PC

- Also known as Arc Coloring
- NP-complete [GJMP 80]
- Easily obtained appr. factor 2: Remove edge *e* and color resulting chain. Color all remaining paths that pass through e with new colors (one for each path)

 $SOL_C \le L$  $SOL \le SOL_C + L \le 2 \cdot OPT$ 

- W. K. Shih, W. L. Hsu: appr. factor 5/3
- I. Karapetian: appr. factor 3/2
- Idea: Use of maximum clique of conflict graph

### Ring PC

- V. Kumar: With high probability appr. factor 1.36
- Idea: Use of *multicommodity flow problem*







#### Star PC

#### NP-completeness: Reduction of EC to Star PC



Approximation ratio: at least 4/3

#### Star PC: Approximability

Reduction of Star PC to EC in multigraphs



Approximation ratio: 4/3

#### Tree PC

#### **Recursive Algorithm**

if tree is a star then color it approximately else

- Subdivide the tree by "breaking" one of its internal edges
- Color the resulting subtrees
- Join sub-instances by rearranging colors

#### Tree PC (ii)



Approximation ratio equal to the one achieved by the approximate Star PC algorithm, thus 4/3

#### Bounded Degree Tree PC

• Trees of bounded degree are reduced by the above reduction to multigraphs of bounded size

• EC in bounded size multigraphs can be solved optimally in polynomial time

### Generalized Tree (S,d) PC

- Finite set of graphs S
- Tree of degree at most d
- Optimally (exactly) solvable in polynomial time

Idea:

- Since graphs are finite, coloring can be done in  $|P|^{f(S,d)}$
- Recursive algorithm, color rearrangement
- Application: Backbone Networks of customized LANs

#### Directed Graphs



## PC in directed graphs

- D-Chain PC: Reduced to two undirected instances
- D-Ring PC: As above
- D-TreePC: Approximated within a 5/3 factor. Least possible factor is 4/3, though the algorithm known is the best possible among all greedy algorithms [Erlebach, Jansen, Kaklamanis, Persiano'97]
- D-TreePC: Not solved optimally in bounded degree trees



## Routing and Path Coloring (RPC)

- Input: Graph *G*, set of requests  $R \subseteq V^2$
- Feasible solution: Routing of requests in *R* via a set of paths *P* and color assignment to *P* in such a way that overlapping paths are not assigned the same color
- Goal: Minimize the number of colors used

In acyclic graphs (trees, chains) RPC and PC coincide

## Ring RPC

- "Cut-a-link" technique [Raghavan-Upfal'94]
- Pick an edge e
- Route all requests avoiding edge e
- Solve chain instance with *L* colors

Thm: The above is a 2-approximation algorithm

Proof: 
$$L \le 2 L_{opt} \le 2 OPT$$

V. Kumar: 1.68-approximation with high probability

### Tree of Rings RPC

#### Approximation ratio 3



### RPC in (bi)directed topologies

• In acyclic topologies PC and RPC coincide

• In rings there is a simple 2-approximation algorithm.

• In trees of rings the same as before technique gives approximation ratio  $10/3 (=2 \times 5/3)$