

Path Color Switching

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Input An oriented graph whose arcs are colored with a set of colors, two nodes of the graphs s and t .

Output A path \mathcal{P} going from s to t and which minimizes the number of color switch.

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$w(\mathcal{P})$: The cost of the path \mathcal{P} which is given by the sum of its CS.

Problem decomposition

The problem can be decomposed in small parts:

- Minimize CS on paths;
- Minimize CS on graphs.

Minimize CS on Paths

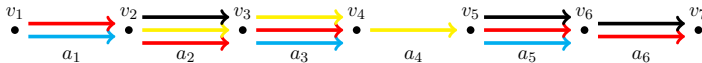


Figure: A path \mathcal{P}

What is the color assignment minimizing $w(\mathcal{P})$?

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Example run

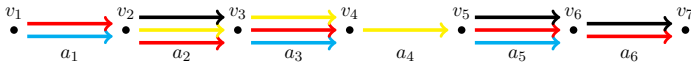


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Start to compute $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})$

Example run



Figure: Computing $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{P})$

$$\mathcal{T}(a_1) = \mathcal{F}(a_1)$$

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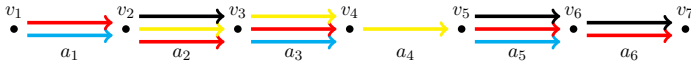


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$$\mathcal{T}(a_2) = \mathcal{F}(a_2) \cap \mathcal{T}(a_1) \text{ since not empty}$$

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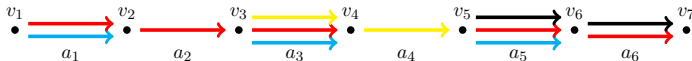


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$$\mathcal{T}(a_4) = \mathcal{F}(a_4) \text{ since } \mathcal{F}(a_4) \cap \mathcal{T}(a_3) = \emptyset$$

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$$\mathcal{T}(a_5) = \mathcal{F}(a_5) \text{ since } \mathcal{F}(a_5) \cap \mathcal{T}(a_4) = \emptyset$$

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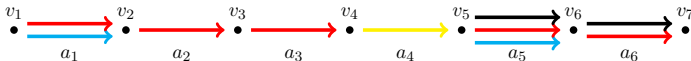


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Example run



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Start to compute $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})$

Example run



Figure: Computing $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})$

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Nothing to do for a_4, a_3 and a_2 since they only have 1 color

Example run



Figure: Computing $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{P})$

$$\mathcal{H}(a_1) = \mathcal{H}(a_2) \text{ since } red \in \mathcal{T}(a_1)$$

Example run



Figure: Minimum cost assignation

End

Example run



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$$w(\mathcal{P}) = 2$$

Proof sketch

Time Complexity

The algo is made by two sub-procedures:

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Global complexity: $\mathcal{O}(k * |\mathcal{C}|)$.

This complexity is optimal wrt the entry of the problem.

Minimize CS in Graph

- Example

Algorithm with Matrixes

- Complexity

Algo with *MDD*

- Complexity

Proof

The *allDiff* variant

My Implementation

Another representation of the problem

Benchmark

- Sample of Spotify

Conclusion

- Perspective