Algebraic Path Problems and GraphBLAS: a Way to High-Performance Network Analysis

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- Compositionality
  - Having two semirings one can create a new one
  - Single solution for similar problems
    - Generic solution
    - Configurable solution

Expressivity of the Framework

- Semiring with typical associativity and distributivity laws
  - Path Problems in Networks[1]
    - Most reliable path
    - *k*-shortest paths
    - Reachability under edge failures
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- Less restrictive structures
  - Without associativity and/or distributivity laws
  - Nonassociative, nonmonotonic, partially ordered, not antisymmetric
  - Negative cycles
    - Unstructured path problems and the making of semirings[2]
    - Efficient Algorithms for Path Problems with Gernal Cost Citeria[3]

[1] https://www.morganclaypool.com/doi/abs/10.2200/S00245ED1V01Y201001CNT003
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  - GraphBLAS-related resources: `https://graphblas.org/GraphBLAS-Pointers/`
  - Introduction to GraphBLAS: `http://mit.bme.hu/~szarnyas/grb/graphblas-introduction.pdf`

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- LAGraph: collection of GraphBLAS-based algorithms
  - GitHub: `https://github.com/GraphBLAS/LAGraph`
  - Latest report: `https://arxiv.org/pdf/2104.01661.pdf`

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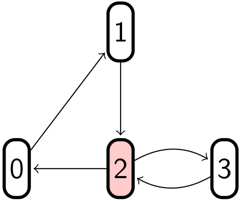

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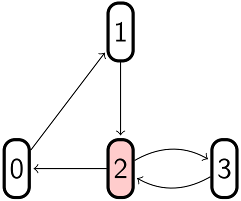

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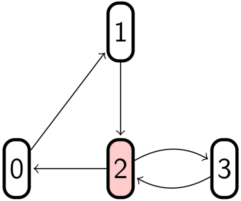

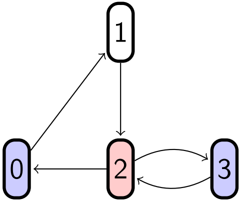

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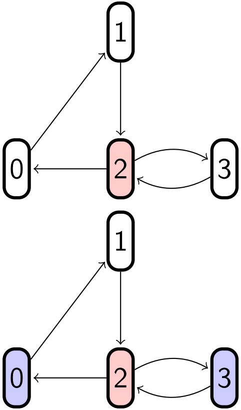

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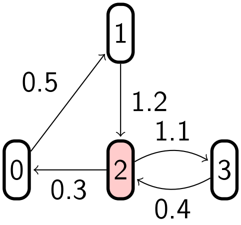

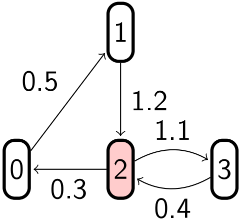

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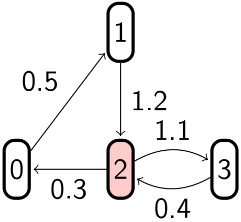

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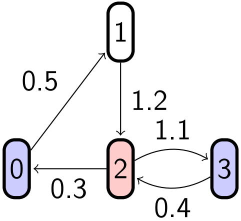

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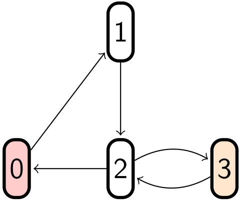

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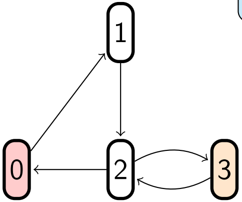

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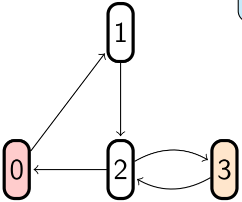

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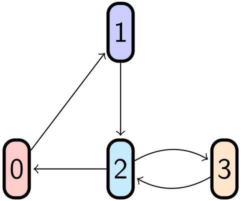

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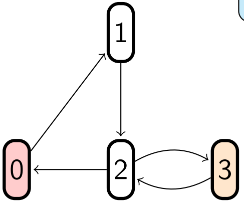

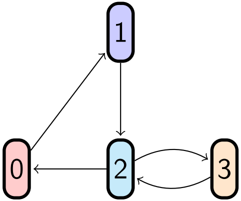

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  - High-performance graph analysis
  - Graph databases
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  - Multiple-Source Context-Free Path Querying in Terms of Linear Algebra (EDBT, Core A)
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Possible Ways for Collaboration

- Algebraic Path Problem framework applicability for network analysis
  - Which constraints can be specified in terms of semirings?
    - Length minimality
    - Nodes to visit
    - ...
  - Is it flexible enough?
- High-performance network analysis
  - GraphBLAS-based solution
  - Algorithms development and analysis
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