



OBLIVIOUS ROUTING

AN EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF
MODELING, CONSTRUCTION & ANALYSIS

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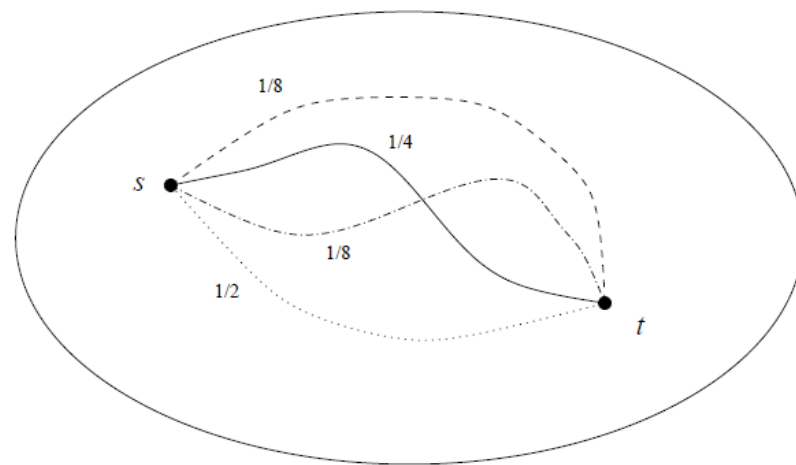
Oblivious Routing - Definitions

Basic Definition: *Oblivious routing is the problem of picking a routing between each pair of nodes (or a set of flows), without knowledge of the traffic or demand between each pair, with the goal of minimizing the maximum congestion on any edge in the graph.*

Definition (In terms of Probability):

An oblivious routing strategy is specified by a path system P and a function w assigning a weight to every path in P . w has the property that for every source-destination pair $(s; t)$, the system of flow paths $P_{s;t}$ for $(s; t)$ fulfills

$$\sum_{q \in P_{s;t}} w(q) = 1$$



|| Oblivious Routing: Motivation

- Tremendous expansion of the Internet – millions of nodes interconnected in a complex web & thousands of nodes added each day.
- Ideal but impractical to route optimally considering current load on the entire network (considering the astronomical scales)
- Hence, Oblivious Routing – the trick of selecting routes based on a probability distribution over all possible paths.
- Probability of a link to be selected is correlated with the bandwidth of that link.
- Oblivious Routing is memory-less.

|| Oblivious Routing: Benefits/Merits

- Can be implemented easily in a Distributed scenario and therefore Scalable
- Doesn't need global co-ordination
- Appropriate for dynamic packet arrivals (i.e. online arrival of streaming packets)

Big Picture: Major Research Works (Classic)

CLASSIC/OLD RESULTS:

- Kaklamanis Et Al. (SPAA 1990): Established tight lower bounds of $\Omega(\sqrt{N}/d)$ on deterministic oblivious routing on Hyper-cubes.
- Aspnes, Azar Et Al. (STOC 1993): General logarithm factor bounds on competitive ratio for online algorithms w.r.t. load balancing problems
- **Valiant, Brebner (STOC 1981):** Proposed/Examined Parallel Algorithm for Routing permutations in a Hypercube
- **Borodin, Hopcroft (STOC 1982):** Among other things, established a lower bound on the number of overlapping paths due to a permutation, which they used to establish $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$ bounds on congestion.

Big Picture: Major Research Works (Recent)

RECENT RESULTS:

- Maggs Et Al. (FOCS 1997) gave an algorithm with $C = O(C^* \cdot d \cdot \log n)$ & also established lower bound on 'C' as: $\Omega(C^* \cdot \frac{1}{d} \cdot \log n)$ - these results are for d-dim mesh networks
- **Racke (FOCS 2002)** – Existential Result: $O(\log^3 n)$ (gen. undir. N/W or arbitrary graphs & w.r.t. EDGE congestion) – Hierarchical Decomposition Method (non-polynomial time construction algorithm)
- Bienkowski, Racke Et Al. (SPAA 2003): Polynomial Time construction algorithm for Hierarchical Decomposition Method.
- **Azar Et Al. (STOC 2003)**: Polynomial Time Optimal Oblivious Algorithm (constructive) using Ellipsoid Algorithm to solve an LP formulation.
- **Bansal Et Al. (SPAA 2003)**: Online Version with Optimal Oblivious Routing over multiple demand matrices over multiple days. Modeled & solved using Convex Optimization.
- **Busch Et Al. (SPAA 2005)**: Various strategies for Oblivious Routing on Geometric Networks (i.e. networks lying in Euclidian plane).
- Hajiaghayi, Racke Et Al. (STOC 2005): Proposed algorithm with competitive bound of $O(\log^2 n)$ w.h.p. for oblivious routing in dir. Graphs with random demands & proved Obl Rout not possible in $o(\log(n)/\log(\log(n)))$ with constant probability.

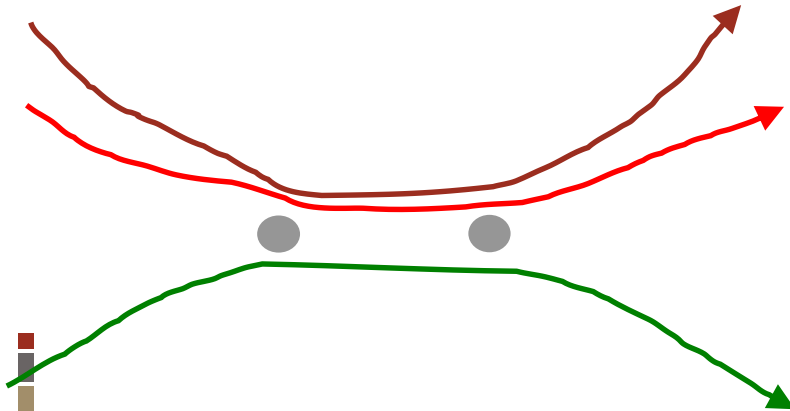
Graph Formulation: Informal Definitions

- **Input Sequence:** A sequence of online routing requests σ to route messages between the nodes have to be served by specifying a path connecting the nodes.
- **Absolute load:** For an edge $e \in E$ for an input sequence, for a given algorithm, it is the **amount of data that is transferred across e when σ is processed** by the algorithm.
- **Relative load:** For an edge $e \in E$ for an input sequence σ , for a given algorithm, it is the **absolute load in the link divided by its bandwidth**.
- **Congestion:** It is the **maximum over the relative loads** of all edges in the network
- **Algorithm Goal:** Design an (efficient) algorithm to minimize congestion.

Edge Congestion & Node Congestion

Edge congestion

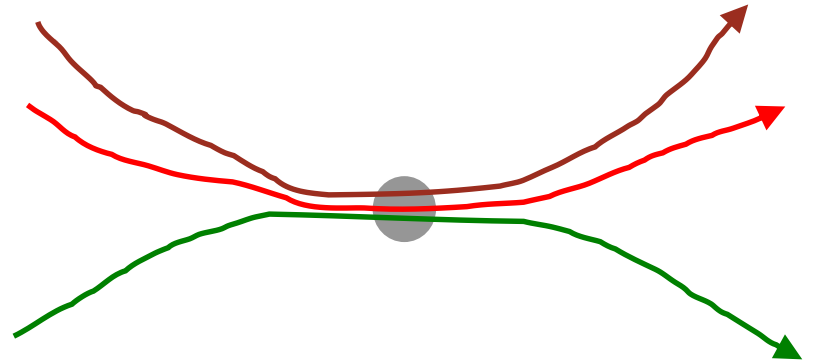
C_{edge}



maximum number of
paths that use any edge

Node congestion

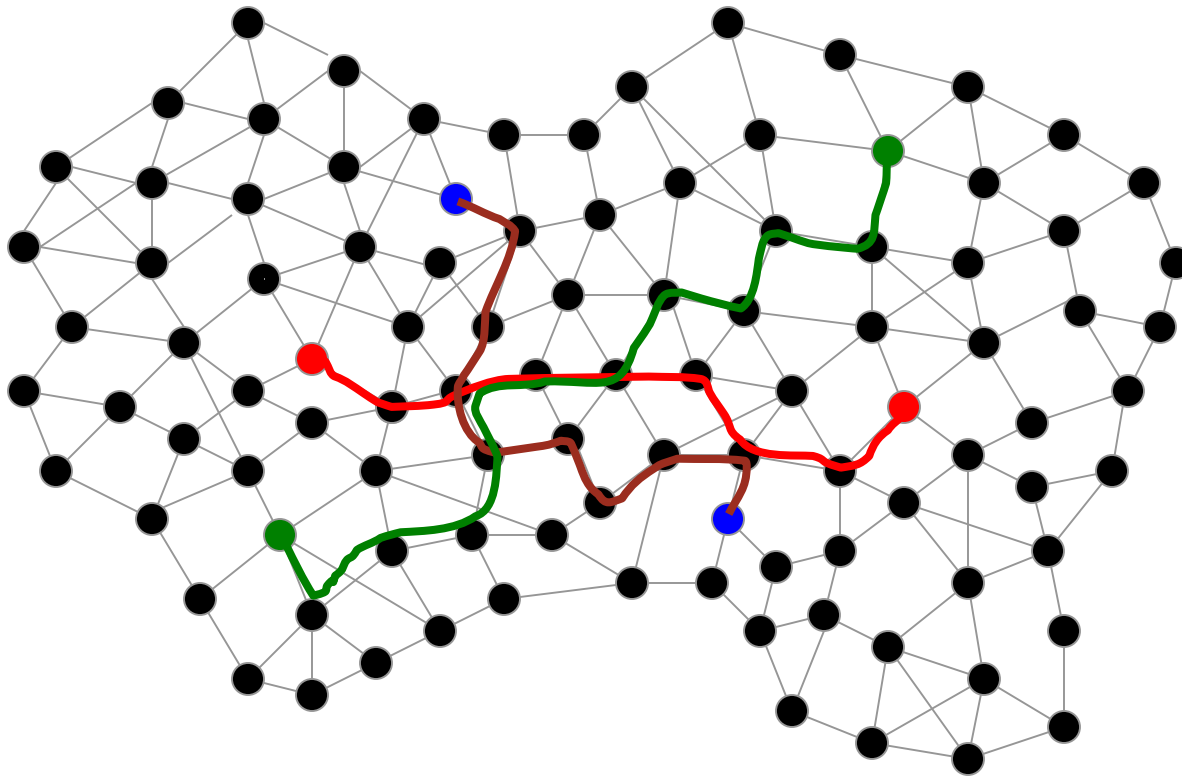
C_{node}



maximum number of
paths that use any node

Oblivious Routing – Sample Graph Demo

Each packet path choice is independent of other packet path choices



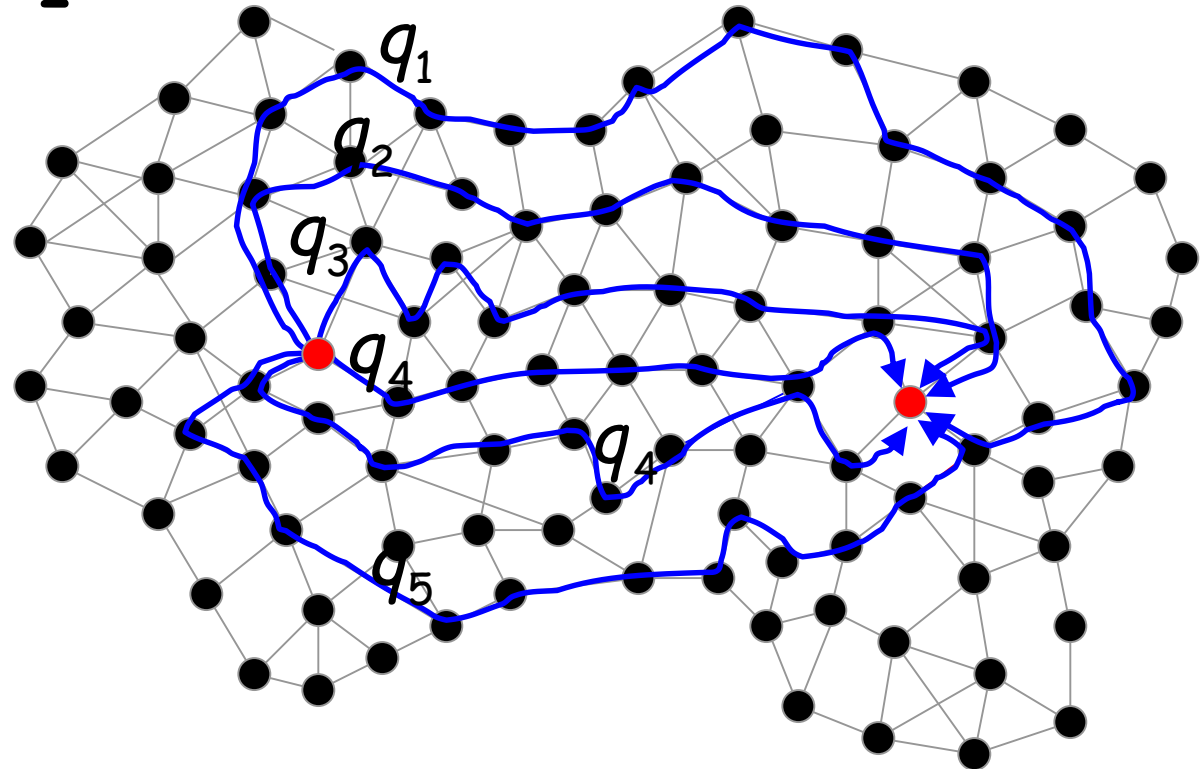
Oblivious Routing – Sample Graph Demo

Probability of choosing a path: $\Pr[q_i]$

Path choices:

q_1, \dots, q_k

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \Pr[q_i] = 1$$





MODELLING AS MULTI COMMODITY FLOW AND SOLVING USING ELLIPSOID ALGORITHM

"OPTIMAL OBLIVIOUS ROUTING IN POLYNOMIAL TIME"
AZAR ET AL (STOC 2003)

Formulation as a MCFP: Constraints & Definitions

- A routing from i to j = unit flow from i to j , say $f_{ij}(e)$
- Routing subject to linear constraints:

$$\forall e \in E \quad \forall i \forall j \neq i:$$

$$f_{ij}(e) \geq 0$$

$$\forall i \forall j \neq i:$$

$$\sum_{e \in \text{OUT}(i)} f_{ij}(e) - \sum_{e \in \text{IN}(i)} f_{ij}(e) = 1$$

$$\forall k \forall i \neq k \forall j \neq k, i:$$

$$\sum_{e \in \text{OUT}(k)} f_{ij}(e) - \sum_{e \in \text{IN}(k)} f_{ij}(e) = 0$$

- Flow on an edge given a demand matrix 'D':

$$\text{FLOW}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D}) = \sum_{ij} D_{ij} * f_{ij}(e).$$

- Congestion on an edge, given a demand matrix 'D':

$$\text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D}) = \frac{\text{FLOW}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})}{c(e)}$$

- Overall Congestion:

$$\text{CONGESTION}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D}) = \max_{e \in E} \text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})$$

Formulation as a MCFP: Constraints & Definitions

- Given D , the minimum congestion possible is “opt(D)”, which is:

minimize Z such that

f is a routing



$\forall e \in E$

EDGE-CONG(e, f, D) $\leq z_{OPT}(D)$

$\forall e \in E, \text{EDGE-CONG}(e, f, D) \leq Z.$

- Performance Ratio for a given ‘ D ’: congestion(f, D)/opt(D)
- Oblivious Performance Ratio of a routing ‘ f ’:

$$\text{OBLIV-PERF-RATIO}(f) = \sup_D \frac{\text{CONGESTION}(f, D)}{\text{OPT}(D)}$$

- Optimal Oblivious Performance Ratio:

$$\text{OBLIV-OPT}(G) = \min_f \text{OBLIV-PERF-RATIO}(f)$$

- For General Graphs: OBLIV-OPT(G) $\in O(n^2)$
- For Undirected Graphs: OBLIV-OPT(G) $\in O(\text{polylog}(n))$

LEMMA: RESTRICTION OF DEMAND MATRIX

LEMMA: There exists an (exponential size) set $V(H_1)$ of demand matrices such that:

- $\forall \mathbf{D} \in V(H_1)$ has $\text{OPT}(\mathbf{D}) = 1$ & coefficients of size polynomial in n and $\text{REP}(C)$
- New Constraint: $\forall e \in E, \forall \mathbf{D} \in V(H_1), \text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D}) \leq z$

LEMMA PROOF OUTLINE:

- Scaling 'D' has no effect on: $\frac{\text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})}{\text{OPT}(\mathbf{D})}$
- We therefore normalize 'D' to be restricted to: $H_1 = \{\mathbf{D} | \text{OPT}(\mathbf{D}) \leq 1\}$
- H_1 is a polyhedron on $n(n-1)$ dimensional space, defined by a polynomial number of inequalities, with coefficients in the set $\{\pm 1, c(e) \mid e \in E\}$
- $V(H_1)$ contains the vertices of the polyhedron H_1 . Since the polyhedron has $\text{poly}(n)$ constraints and variables, with coefficients of size $\text{rep}(C)$, each vertex has representation of size $\text{poly}(n, \text{rep}(C))$.
- For any routing \mathbf{f} and an edge e , $\arg \max_{\mathbf{D} \in H_1} \text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})$ includes a vertex of H_1 .

SEPARATION ORACLE/ELLIPSOID ALGORITHM

- A binary search on 'T', a scalar value in the interval: $T \in [1, n^2]$

Separation Oracle.

- **Input:** A network G , capacities $c(e)$, and a routing \mathbf{f} .
- **Output:**
 - OBLIV-PERF-RATIO(\mathbf{f})
 - A demand matrix $\mathbf{D} \in V(H_1)$ and an edge e , such that

$$\text{OBLIV-PERF-RATIO}(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{\text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})}{\text{OPT}(\mathbf{D})}$$

If $\text{OBLIV-PERF-RATIO}(\mathbf{f}) \leq T$, then \mathbf{f} is a feasible point of $\text{LI}(T)$ and the algorithm terminates.
Otherwise,

$$\text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D}) \leq T$$

is a constraint of $\text{LI}(T)$ violated by \mathbf{f} .

- Algorithm works by solving $|E|$ instances of LP. For each edges, it solves: $\text{OLI}(e, G, \mathbf{f})$ whose objective is to locate $\mathbf{D} \in H_1$ and Maximize $\text{EDGE-CONG}(e, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{D})$
- It is evident: $\text{OBLIV-PERF-RATIO}(\mathbf{f}) = \max_{e \in E} \text{OLI}(e, G, \mathbf{f})$
- It is well known that (at least one) of the maxima of a linear objective function over a polyhedron are obtained on a vertex of the polyhedron and that polynomial time LP algorithms can obtain such a vertex maximum.



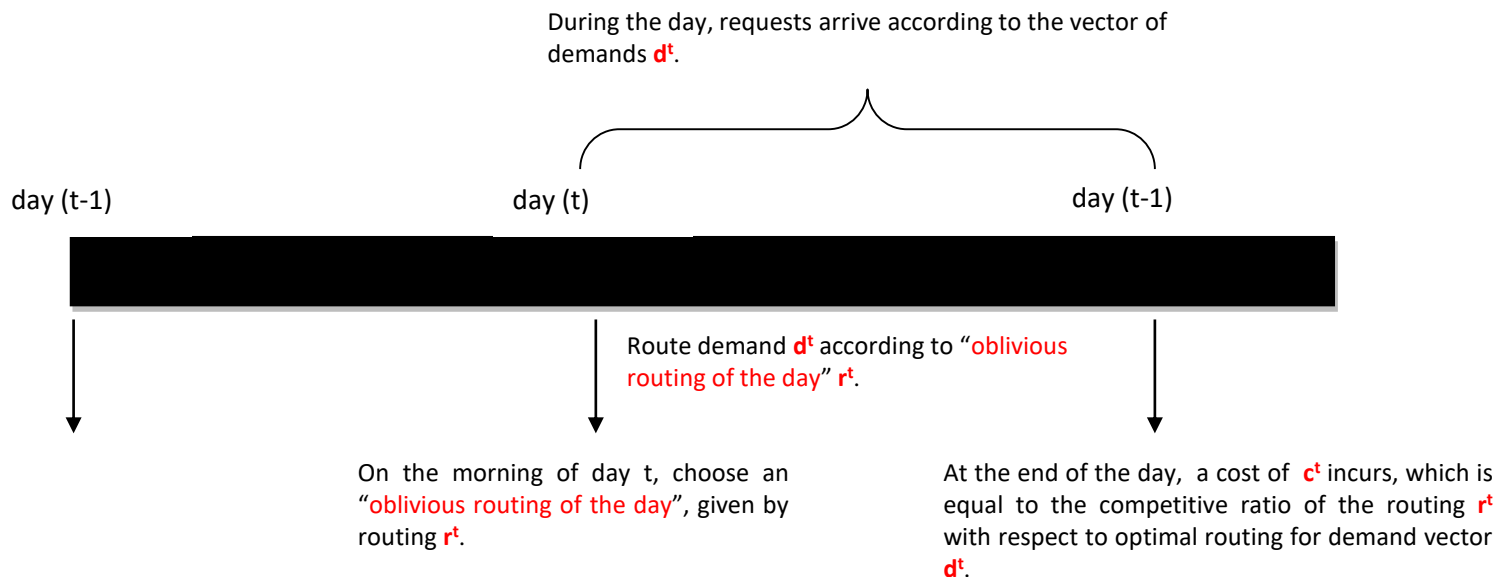
CONSIDERING ONLINE VERSION OF THE PROBLEM AND SOLVING USING CONVEX OPTIMIZATION



"ONLINE OBLIVIOUS ROUTING"
BANSAL ET AL (SPAA 2003)

Formulation as an Online Game

- Network where requests are to be routed obliviously.
- The routing can be changed from day to day.



- **Goal:** minimize the average competitive ratio over all days.

Framework and Notation

$(r_{i,j})$: a route for commodity $(i,j) \in V^2$ is a unit flow from vertex i to vertex j

$r = (r_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in V^2}$ is a routing

$d(i,j)$: demand vector for $(i,j) \in V^2$

$f_{d,r}(e) = \sum_{(i,j) \in V^2} d(i,j) r_{i,j}(e)$ flow on an edge $e \in E$

$C_d(r) = \max_{e \in E} f_{d,r}(e)$ congestion of a routing r , given a demand vector d

$COST_d(r) = \frac{C_d(r)}{\min_{r'} C_d(r')}$ cost incurred by a routing r on demand vector d

$\rho = \operatorname{argmin}_r \max_d COST_d(r)$ minimax optimal routing

The oblivious routing problem is to find a routing ρ that achieves the minimum possible cost over all demand vectors. Azar et al developed a polynomial time algorithm to find a routing for general networks on a given time t .

Online oblivious routing problem minimizes $\sum_t COST_{d^t}(r^t)$ where t denotes each time step

$D = \{d^t\}$, let r_D^* (static optimal routing for demand sequence D) minimize $\sum_t COST_{d^t}(r^t)$.

Online Convex Programming Notation

The greedy projection algorithm:

Start with an arbitrary vector $x_0 \in F$ (feasible region).

At each step $t + 1$, the algorithm first performs a gradient descent.

If point lies outside F , project it back to F , by picking a point closest to this point.

$$y^t = x^t - \eta_t \nabla g^t(x^t)$$

$$x^{t+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in F} \delta(x, y^t)$$

Let $\kappa(d^t) = \min_r C_{d^t}(r)$. Consider the demand vector $\bar{d}^t = \frac{d^t}{\kappa(d^t)}$.

Note that optimal congestion on the demand vector \bar{d}^t is exactly 1.

Flow is reduced by $\kappa(d^t)$, the cost remains same $COST_{d^t}(r^t) = COST_{\bar{d}^t}(r^t)$.

$e^t = \operatorname{argmax}_{e \in E} f_{\bar{d}^t, r}(e)$ maximum congested edge at time t

$$c^t_{e,i,j} = \begin{cases} \bar{d}^t(i,j), & \text{if } e^t = e \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$COST_{d^t}(r^t) = c^t \cdot r^t$ cost of algorithm at step t

Greedy Projection Algorithm

- Apply greedy projection algorithm to the problem (F, c) .

1. Pick $r_0 \in F$ arbitrarily

2. At step $t + 1$

(a) Compute c^t from d^t using $c^t_{e,i,j}$ equation.

(b) Let $y^t = r^t - \eta_t c^t$ with $\eta_t = \frac{2}{\sqrt{t}}$.

(c) Pick $r^{t+1} \in F$ to be a $(1 + \epsilon_t)$ approximation to $\log_{x \in F} \|x - y^t\|^2$

using the Projection algorithm defined below, where $\epsilon_t = \frac{1}{t}$.

Theorem: After $\frac{n^6}{\epsilon^2}$ steps, the Greedy projection algorithm is $(1 + 4\epsilon)$ – competitive with respect to the optimal static routing.

Semi-definite formulation and Ellipsoid Algorithm

Semi – definite program

min t subject to $x \in F$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & (x - y) \\ (x - y)^T & t \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

Theorem: *Let K be a convex body in R^n with $B(r) \subseteq K \subseteq B(R)$, for some $0 \leq r \leq R$, where $B(r)$ is a ball of radius r around the origin.*

Assume that we have a separation oracle for K .

Let $c \in R^n$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then, we can find $x \in K$ with $c^T x \geq c^T z - \varepsilon, \forall z \in K$, using the ellipsoid algorithm, with the number of calls to the oracle computation time bounded by a polynomial in $\log\left(\frac{R}{r}\right), \log\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$, and n .



MODELLED AS MULTI COMMODITY FLOW & HIERARCHICAL DECOMPOSITION INTO TREE



"MINIMIZING CONGESTION IN GENERAL NETWORKS"
RACKE (FOCS 2002)

Basic Idea Concept

- Given Network – Weighted Graph: $G = (V, E)$ with $|V| = n$ nodes and $|E|$ edges
- Each e in E has an associated bandwidth capacity function $b : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
- **Centralized** Routing Algorithm – Global Authority
- Initial Phase – Construction of Decomposition Tree: $T_G = (V_t, E_t)$ with $b_t : E_t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
- Each Routing Request σ processed in two steps (Bi-Simulation):
 - **Step 1: σ in G is converted to σ in T_G**
 - **Obvious** Routing used to obtain a path in T_G (routing in a tree is trivial)
 - σ in G processed with congestion ' C ' \rightarrow σ in T_G processed with congestion ' C '
 - **Step 2: Path in T_G converted to Path in G**
 - Achieved using “simulation” – tweaked to obtain good competitive ratio
 - σ in T_G processed with congestion ' C_t ' \rightarrow σ in G processed w.h.p. congestion ' c ' such that: **congestion in G $< c C_t + K$** (K being a constant)
 - Each v in V may require simulation of multiple nodes in T_G (Randomized Mapping)
- Let $\pi_1 : V \rightarrow V_t$ & $\pi_2 : V_t \rightarrow V$ be mapping in Steps 1 & 2, then we must ensure:
 $\pi_2(\pi_1(v)) = v \ \forall v \in V$

Competitive Ratio & Laminar Set Systems

Competitive Ratio:

- Let us assume the following notations and/or situations:

- there exists c_t -competitive online algorithm for routing in T_G
- $C_{opt}(G)$ be the Optimal Congestion in G
- $C_{opt}(T_G)$ be the Optimal Congestion in T_G
- $C_{onl}(T_G)$ be the Congestion using Online Algorithm in T_G
- $C_{onl}(G)$ be the Congestion using Online Algorithm in G

- Competitive Ratio Summary for Step 1:**

$$C_{opt}(G) \geq C_{opt}(T_G) \geq \frac{1}{c_t} C_{onl}(T_G) - K_t$$

- Competitive Ratio Summary for Step 2:**

$$C_{onl}(G) \leq c \cdot C_{onl}(T_G) + K \leq c \cdot (c_t \cdot C_{opt}(G) + K_t) + K$$

Decomposition Tree – Laminar Set System:

- Given $G = (V, E)$ & each $v \in V_t$ of $T_G = (V_t, E_t)$ \longleftrightarrow a subset of V
- Subsets of V form a Laminar Set System**, which is defined as:
"Two subsets X & Y are called intersecting if neither $X \setminus Y$, $Y \setminus X$ & XY are empty. A set system is called laminar if it contains no intersecting pair. A Laminar Set System of subsets of V is 'complete' if it contains the set V and all sets $\{v\}$, $v \in V$ "

Decomposition Tree & Laminar Set Systems

- Let \mathcal{S} be a Laminar Set System for the set V . Then:
 - Each set $S \in \mathcal{S}$ corresponds to a node v_t in T_G ; such a set S is called the cluster corresponding to v_t and to identify S using v_t , we use the notation S_{v_t} .
 - Two nodes u_t and v_t are connected in T_G if $S_{u_t} \subset S_{v_t}$ or $S_{v_t} \subset S_{u_t}$. To satisfy the tree property, we also require that there exists no $S \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $S_{u_t} \subset S \subset S_{v_t}$ or $S_{v_t} \subset S \subset S_{u_t}$.
 - The bandwidth of the edge (u_t, v_t) is the total bandwidth of the edges connecting the nodes of S_{v_t} to $V \setminus S_{v_t}$.

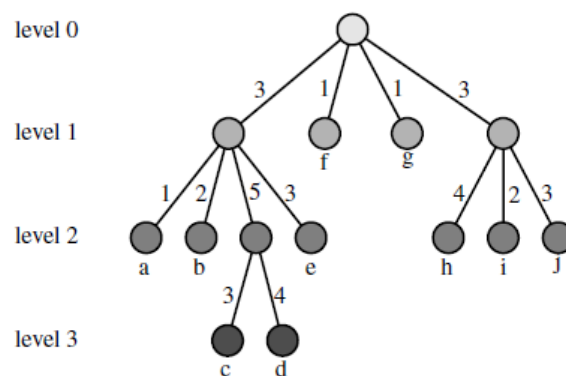
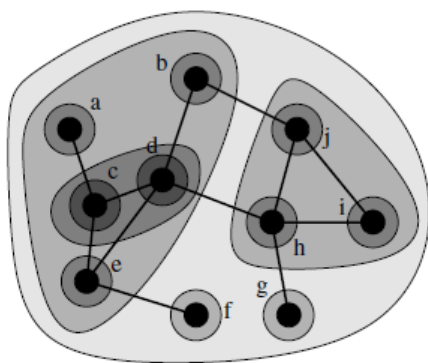


Figure 1. A set system for a graph and the associated decomposition tree. Edge labels in the right figure indicate the bandwidth of the respective edge. (Edges in the left figure have bandwidth 1.)

- One to One Relation between Nodes in 'G' and leaf nodes in T_G**

Quantitative Parametric Definitions

Basic Parameters:

- Total Bandwidth Available between nodes of X, Y subsets of V:

$$cap(X, Y) := \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} b((x, y))$$

- Total bandwidth of edges leaving 'X' (subset of V): $out(X) = cap(X, \bar{X})$
- Bandwidth of edge $(u_t, v_t) \in E_t$ defined as: $b_t((u_t, v_t)) = out(S_{v_t})$

Quality of Bi-Simulation Parameters:

- Height** of Tree T_G denoted as: $h(T_G)$, a level 'l' $\in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, h(T_G)\}$
- The subset $V_t^l \in V_t$ denotes the set of level 'l' nodes in V_t
- Weight Function** $w_l(X)$ evaluates cumulative bandwidth of all nodes adjacent to nodes in subset X but which are not connecting nodes of the same cluster of any V_t^l :

$$w_l(X) := cap(X, V) - \sum_{v_t \in V_t^l} cap(X \cap S_{v_t}, S_{v_t})$$

- Bandwidth Ratio** of $v_t \in V_T$ defined as:

$$\lambda_{v_t} := \max_{U \subset S_{v_t}, |U| \leq \frac{|S_{v_t}|}{2}} \left\{ \frac{out(U)}{cap(U, S_{v_t} \setminus U)} \right\}$$

Ratio between capacity of edges that leave a set U to those that connect U with the rest of the cluster.

Parametric Definitions (contd.) & Important Theorem

- For some level ' ℓ ' node $v_t \in V_T$, Weight Ratio δ_{v_t} defined as:

$$\delta_{v_t} := \max_{U \subset S_{v_t}, |U| \leq \frac{|S_{v_t}|}{2}} \left\{ \frac{w_{\ell+1}(U)}{\text{cap}(U, S_{v_t} \setminus U)} \right\}$$

- Bandwidth Ratio & Weight Ratio for the Tree T_G defined as:

$$\lambda(T_G) = \max_{v_t \in V_t} \{ \lambda_{v_t} \} \quad \& \quad \delta(T_G) = \max_{v_t \in V_t} \{ \delta_{v_t} \}$$

IMPORTANT THEOREM/RESULT:

Theorem 9 For any graph $G = (V, E)$ with $n = |V|$ nodes there exists a decomposition tree T_G that has height $h(T_G) = O(\log n)$, maximum bandwidth-ratio $\lambda(T_G) = O(\log n)$ and maximum weight-ratio $\delta(T_G) = O(\log n)$.

Proof. For the following proof we define $\lambda := 20 \cdot \log n + 1$ and $\delta := 24 \cdot \lambda$. We construct a decomposition tree T_G with $\lambda(T_G) \leq \lambda$ and $\delta(T_G) \leq \delta$. We say that a subset $S \subset V$ fulfills the bandwidth-property and the weight-property iff

$$\lambda \geq \max_{\substack{U \subset S \\ |U| \leq \frac{3}{4}|S|}} \left\{ \frac{\text{out}(U)}{\text{cap}(U, S \setminus U)} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta \geq \max_{\substack{U \subset S \\ |U| \leq |S|/2}} \left\{ \frac{w_{\ell+1}(U)}{\text{cap}(U, S \setminus U)} \right\},$$

NOTE – Minor Result:

■ If $v_i, i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ are children of level ' ℓ ' node v_t , then:

$$U \subset S_{v_t}, w_{\ell+1}(U) = \sum_{i=1}^d \text{cap}(U \cap S_{v_i}, \bar{S}_{v_i})$$

Important Result (contd.) & Lemmas

Important Lemmas:

Lemma 10 *Given a level ℓ cluster $S \subset V$ that fulfills the bandwidth property, it is possible to partition S into sub-clusters S_i with the following characteristics.*

- 1. The sets S_i are disjoint and form a partitioning of S , i.e., $\biguplus_i S_i = S$.*
- 2. Each sub-cluster S_i fulfills the bandwidth-property.*
- 3. For each sub-cluster S_i we have $|S_i| \leq \frac{5}{6} \cdot |S|$.*
- 4. The cluster S fulfills the weight-property, i.e., for each subset $U \subset S$ with $|U| \leq |S|/2$ we have $\sum_i \text{cap}(U \cap S_i, \overline{S_i}) \leq \delta \cdot \text{cap}(U, S \setminus U)$.*

Lemma 11 *For any subset $R \subset V$ it is possible to partition R into disjoint subsets $R_i \subset R$, such that each R_i fulfills the bandwidth-property and $\sum_i \text{out}(R_i) \leq 2 \cdot \text{out}(R)$.*

Algorithm Pseudo-codes: Bandwidth Partition

BANDWIDTHPARTITION(R)

$\mathcal{P}_R := \{R\}$

while $\exists R_i \in \mathcal{P}_R$ not fulfilling the bandwidth-property **do**

 find $U \subset R_i$ with $|U| \leq \frac{3}{4}|R_i|$
 and $\lambda \cdot \text{cap}(U, R_i \setminus U) < \text{out}(U)$

$\mathcal{P}_R := \mathcal{P}_R \setminus \{R_i\}$

$\mathcal{P}_R := \mathcal{P}_R \cup \{U, R_i \setminus U\}$

end

return \mathcal{P}_R

Figure 2. The algorithm BANDWIDTHPARTITION

Algorithm Pseudo-codes: Partition/Decomposition

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PARTITION( $S$ )  
  compute  $\frac{1}{6}$ -balanced mincut  $(A, B)$  of  $S$   
   $\mathcal{P}_S := \{\{v\} \mid v \in S\}$   
  while  $\exists U$  violating the sharpened weight condition do  
    /* i.e.  $|U| \leq \frac{2}{3}|S|$  and  $\exists Q \subset \mathcal{P}_S$  with  $U = \bigsqcup_{S_i \in Q} S_i$  */  
    for each  $S_i \in Q$  do  $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \setminus \{S_i\}$   
     $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \cup \text{BANDWIDTHPARTITION}(U \cap A)$   
     $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \cup \text{BANDWIDTHPARTITION}(U \cap B)$   
  end  
  return  $\mathcal{P}_S$ 
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Figure 3. The algorithm PARTITION.

Algorithm Pseudo-codes

BANDWIDTHPARTITION(R)

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 $\mathcal{P}_R := \{R\}$ 
while  $\exists R_i \in \mathcal{P}_R$  not fulfilling the bandwidth-property do
    find  $U \subset R_i$  with  $|U| \leq \frac{3}{4}|R_i|$ 
    and  $\lambda \cdot \text{cap}(U, R_i \setminus U) < \text{out}(U)$ 
     $\mathcal{P}_R := \mathcal{P}_R \setminus \{R_i\}$ 
     $\mathcal{P}_R := \mathcal{P}_R \cup \{U, R_i \setminus U\}$ 
end
return  $\mathcal{P}_R$ 

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- **Non-polynomial Run-time** as it solves **NP-hard problems**.
- Racke Et Al gave a polynomial time method in the paper ***"Practical Algorithm for constructing Oblivious Routing Schemes"***

Figure 2. The algorithm BANDWIDTHPARTITION

- Bandwidth Property Satisfaction implies $\lambda(T_G) = O(\log n)$
- Weight Property Satisfaction implies $\delta(T_G) = O(\log n)$
- The Intersection with 1/6 Min-Cut implies size of cluster decreases & hence the bound $h(T_G) = O(\log n)$

PARTITION(S)

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compute  $\frac{1}{6}$ -balanced mincut  $(A, B)$  of  $S$ 
 $\mathcal{P}_S := \{\{v\} \mid v \in S\}$ 
while  $\exists U$  violating the sharpened weight condition do
    /* i.e.  $|U| \leq \frac{2}{3}|S|$  and  $\exists Q \subset \mathcal{P}_S$  with  $U = \biguplus_{S_i \in Q} S_i$  */
    for each  $S_i \in Q$  do  $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \setminus \{S_i\}$ 
     $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \cup \text{BANDWIDTHPARTITION}(U \cap A)$ 
     $\mathcal{P}_S := \mathcal{P}_S \cup \text{BANDWIDTHPARTITION}(U \cap B)$ 
end
return  $\mathcal{P}_S$ 

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Figure 3. The algorithm PARTITION.

Bounds on Competitiveness

- Expectation of Relative Load on an edge $e \in E$ due to simulation of tree strategy on G is:

$$E(L(e)) \leq O(\log n \cdot h \cdot \max\{\delta, \lambda\} \cdot C_t)$$

- Given a Graph G and a decomposition tree T_G , there exists an oblivious routing algorithm that is strictly $O(\log n \cdot h \cdot \max\{\delta, \lambda\})$ competitive w.r.t. congestion.
- This gives a bound of $O(\log^3 n)$ for the competitive ratio of the algorithm w.r.t. congestion.



OBLIVIOUS ROUTING FOR GEOMETRIC NETWORKS (I.E. NETWORKS WITHIN EUCLIDIAN PLANE)

"OBLIVIOUS ROUTING IN GEOMETRIC NETWORKS"
BUSCH ET AL. (SPAA 2005)

Competitive Ratio Results

- This paper proposes a method that gives:

Constant stretch

Small congestion

$$\text{stretch} = O(1)$$

$$C_{\text{node}} = O(C_{\text{node}}^* \log n)$$

degree

$$C_{\text{edge}} = O(\Delta \cdot C_{\text{edge}}^* \log n)$$

REFER BUSCH ET AL PPT₁