

Define  $\gamma = \frac{\epsilon c(T)}{(1+\epsilon)n\alpha}$

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**Algorithm 1** pseudocode for approximate Nash Equilibrium

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 $c(e) \leftarrow c(e) - \gamma \quad \forall e \in T$ 
2: Run Algorithm 3.3 to attempt to pay for on  $T$  under modified cost
   while  $e \in T$  do
4:   if  $e$  is not fully paid then
       Adjust  $T$  by replacing  $T_e$  with  $\bigcup_{i \in T_e} A_i$  to get  $T'$ 
6:    $c(e) \leftarrow c(e) - \gamma \quad \forall e \in T'$ 
       Run Algorithm 3.3 to pay for  $T'$  under modified cost
8:    $P(T') \leftarrow \sum_i p_i(T')$ 
        $p'_i(e) \leftarrow p_i(e) + \gamma \frac{p_i(T')}{P(T')}$  for all players and every  $e \in T'$ 
10:  end if
   end while

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$T'$  is fully paid as  $\sum_i p'_i(e) = \sum_i p_i(e) + \gamma$

Whenever  $e \in T$  is not fully paid, we form a new tree  $T'$ , and  $c(T') \leq c(T) - \gamma$ .  
Therefore, we need to reconstruct our Steiner tree most  $\frac{c(T)}{\gamma} = \frac{(1+\epsilon)n\alpha}{\epsilon}$  times. Thus the algorithm runs in polynomial time.

**Proof  $P'$  being  $(1 + \epsilon)$  Nash Equilibrium**

$$p'_i(e) = p_i(e) + \gamma \frac{p_i(T')}{P(T')}$$

Suppose  $T'$  has  $m$  edges:

$$p'_i(T') = p_i(T') + \gamma \frac{p_i(T')}{P(T')} m = p_i(T') + \gamma \frac{p_i(T')}{c(T') - m\gamma}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p'_i(T') - p_i(T') &= \gamma \frac{p_i(T')}{c(T') - m\gamma} m \\
&= \frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T') m}{(1 + \epsilon) n \alpha (c(T') - m\gamma)} \\
&= \frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T')}{(1 + \epsilon) \alpha n \left( \frac{c(T')}{m} - \gamma \right)} \\
&= \frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T')}{(1 + \epsilon) \alpha \left( \frac{n}{m} - \frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \right) c(T')}
\end{aligned}$$

There in the paper, the proof simply goes as

$$\frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T') m}{(1 + \epsilon) n \alpha (c(T') - m\gamma)} \leq \frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T')}{(1 + \epsilon) \alpha (1 - \epsilon) c(T')}$$

which implies that  $\frac{n}{m} - \frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \geq (1 - \epsilon)$

However, I believe that  $\frac{n}{m}$  would be less or equal to 1. And here I found that  $\frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \geq \epsilon$ . This means  $\frac{n}{m} - \frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \leq (1 - \epsilon)$ . So I'm not sure how they get into this step and also the later part  $\frac{\epsilon c(T) p_i(T')}{(1+\epsilon)\alpha(1-\epsilon)c(T')} \leq \epsilon p_i(T')$ .

$$\frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} = \frac{\epsilon c(T)n}{(1+\epsilon)n\alpha c(T')} = \frac{\epsilon c(T)}{(1+\epsilon)\alpha c(T')}$$

$$c(T) \geq c(T')$$

$$\frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \geq \frac{\epsilon}{(1+\epsilon)\alpha}, \alpha \geq 1$$

$$\frac{n\gamma}{c(T')} \geq \epsilon$$