Algorithms for Distributed Systems under Wireless Sensor Networks



Overview

- Library of DS algorithms
 - topology, broadcast, leader, etc
- Wireless Sensor Networks
 - unreliable communication
 - hundreds of nodes

- Abstractions in Céu?
- Simulation in Céu?

Abstractions

Overview of Céu

Sequences

```
• ... ; S1 ; S2 ; S3 ; ...
```

Await

```
• ... ; S1 ; await E1 ; S2 ; await E2 ; ...
```

Parallelism

Abstractions

```
par do
    ...; S11; await E11; S12; await E12; ...
with
    ... ; S21 ; await E21 ; S22 ; await E22 ; ...
end
function f1 = { S ; await E; }
par do
    ...; S11; await E11; f1(); ...
with
    ...; f1(); S22; await E22; ...
end
```

Macros

```
macro f1 = { S ; await E; }
par do
    ...; S11; await E11; f1(); ...
with
    ...; f1(); S22; await E22; ...
end
/*****/
par do
    ...; S11; await E11; S; await E; ...
with
    ... ; S ; await E ; S22 ; await E22 ; ...
end
```

Macros in Céu

- Text substitution prior to Céu compilation
 - "macro expansion"
 - GNU m4
- Advantages
 - minor changes to the language
 - Céu remains static (analysis + faster)
- Disadvantages
 - duplicates code (more memory)
 - error messages

```
// app.ceu
include(lib.m4)
par do
    ALIVE(1s);
with
end
// lib.m4
define(ALIVE, \ \ /*{-{*/
    loop do
        await $1;
        printf("I'm alive\n");
    end
/*}-}*/^)
```

```
// app.ceu m4
par do
    /*{-{*/
loop do
    await 1s;
    _printf("I'm alive\n");
end
/*}-}*/;
with
end
```

Simulation

I/O in Céu

- I/O events:
 - interface with the environment

```
input int A;
output int B;
```



- each run in an OS process
- link I/O: app1 B \rightarrow app2 A
- communicate through OS queues

Example

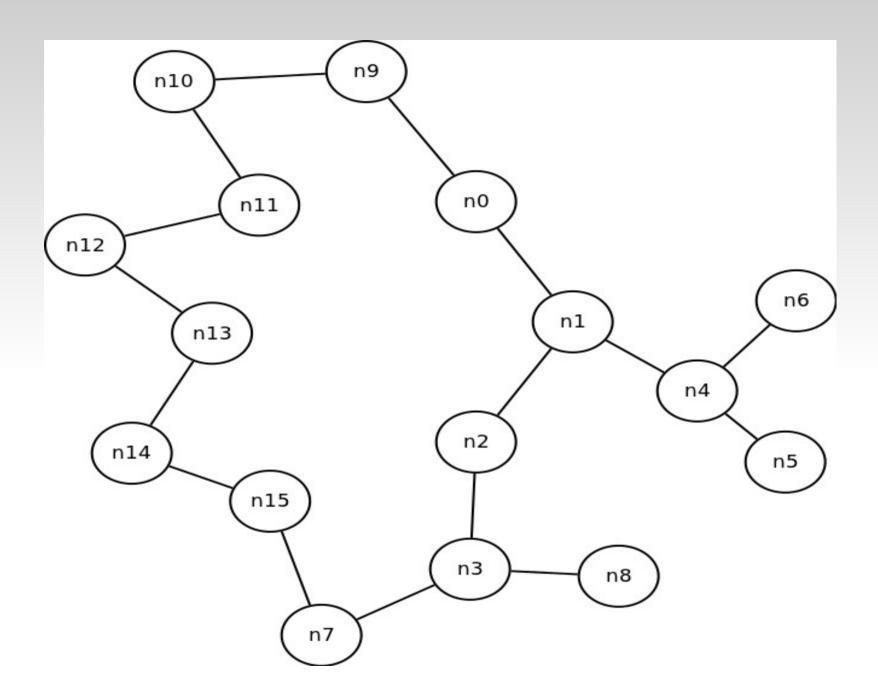
send_recv.lua

DS algorithms

Fault Tolerance

- Sends are unreliable
 - **never** trust it
 - Example: collisions.lua

- Buffers may overflow
 - avoid use of buffers



#1 - Neighbours

Discovers which nodes are within range

```
u8[2] nodes = b000000000000000;

DS_neighbours(nodes, n_nodes, am_type, retry)
```

- Sends an am_type broadcast message every retry event
- Receives am_type messages / saves src in nodes
- It never terminates!

#2 - Topology

Discovers the topology of the network

- Heartbeat algorithm
- Sends an am_type broadcast message with local knowledge
- Receives am_type messages with topology / ORs with local knowledge

#2 - Topology

• First variation:

```
DS_topology_hb_diam(nodes, n_nodes, am_type, hb, diam)
```

terminates after diam heartbeats

Second variation:

```
DS_topology_hb_ack(nodes, n_nodes, am_type, hb)
```

- terminates after
 - all nodes have a neighbour
 - all neighbours acknowledge

#3 - Broadcast

- Broadcast of messages in sequence to all network
 - single sender
 - multiple receivers
- Node broadcasts its frontier periodically to neighbours
- Node re-sends requests from neighbours
- Buffer to store received messages
 - tolerance: sender_period x buffer_size