

01NQQOC - Operations research:

Theory and Applications to Networking

Lab 3- Greedy heuristic

Invent and implement a greedy heuristic algorithm for the solution of the LTD problem (you may use the graph library which has been provided):

- 1) (mandatory) Test it (against a randomly generated topology with the same number of edges) considering a uniform traffic matrix, in which the traffic sent from any source to any destination is a uniform random variable in the range $[0.5; 1.5]$, i.e., $t_{sd} = \text{Uniform}[0.5, 1.5]$. To test topologies you must route traffic over the topology and compute the maximum flow on links f_{max} (your objective function),
- 2) (mandatory) Consider also several scenarios in which the number of nodes, N , and the number of transmitters and receivers per node, δ , are given. Plot and briefly comment the values of f_{max} (for your topology and the random) in the different scenarios.

For example, plot

- $f_{max}(N)$ for $\delta=1, 2, 4$
- $f_{max}(\delta)$ for $N=20, 30, 40$
- ...

Suggestion: to estimate f_{max} repeat the experiment several times and plot the average values.

- 3) (mandatory) Repeat as above, considering a traffic matrix for which the traffic exchanged among nodes can belong to two possible classes:

Low traffic: $t_{sd} = \text{Uniform}[0.5, 1.5]$

High traffic: $t_{sd} = \text{Uniform}[5, 15]$

Consider the case for which 10% of traffic demands belongs to the high-traffic class (e.g., with probability 0.1).

- 4) (highly recommended) for the case $\delta=4$, develop and implement a new greedy heuristic algorithm, in

which the topology is a bidirectional Manhattan and nodes are smartly placed (how?)

- 5) (recommended) improve the performance of your solution (point 4) defining and implementing a simple meta-heuristic algorithm. What is a reasonable move?