Introduction to Approximation Algorithms - 2014/2 Practical Project Proposal

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Abstract

The main objective of this Practical Project is to extend and validate the propositions of the Seminar chosen paper. The extension proposed is to solve other problem with the approximation algorithm studied and the validation will be obtained through simulations on both best and worst case scenarios.

I. Introduction

The chosen paper [2] solves the Maximum-Weighted Independent Set of Links Problem (**MWIS**) using algorithms designed under the *protocol* interference model. In general, a protocol interference model specifies a pairwise conflict relations among all links. A subset is independent if all links are pairwise conflict-free. This paper describes several algorithms, we are interested in the greedy one named **gWIS**.

There is a related work on Wireless Communications [1] in which the authors made a proof (Theorem 4.5) that any algorithm to solve **MWIS** is a constant approximation for the Multi-Rate Scheduling Problem (**MRS**).

So, our proposed contributions are:

1) obtains a constant approximation algorithm to **MRS**
2) implements **gWIS**
3) simulates both best and worst case scenarios

II. Practical Project Tasks

This project is divided in two parts: analytical and experimental.

A. Analytical

Into this part, the main task will be map the **MRS** [1] into a kind of input to the **gWIS** described at [2]. This map must preserve the approximation guarantees.

B. Experimental

Simulations will be used to validate **gWIS** in best and worst case scenarios. The implementation code will be available at github [3].

References

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