Unfolding MWIS on PTASGIG

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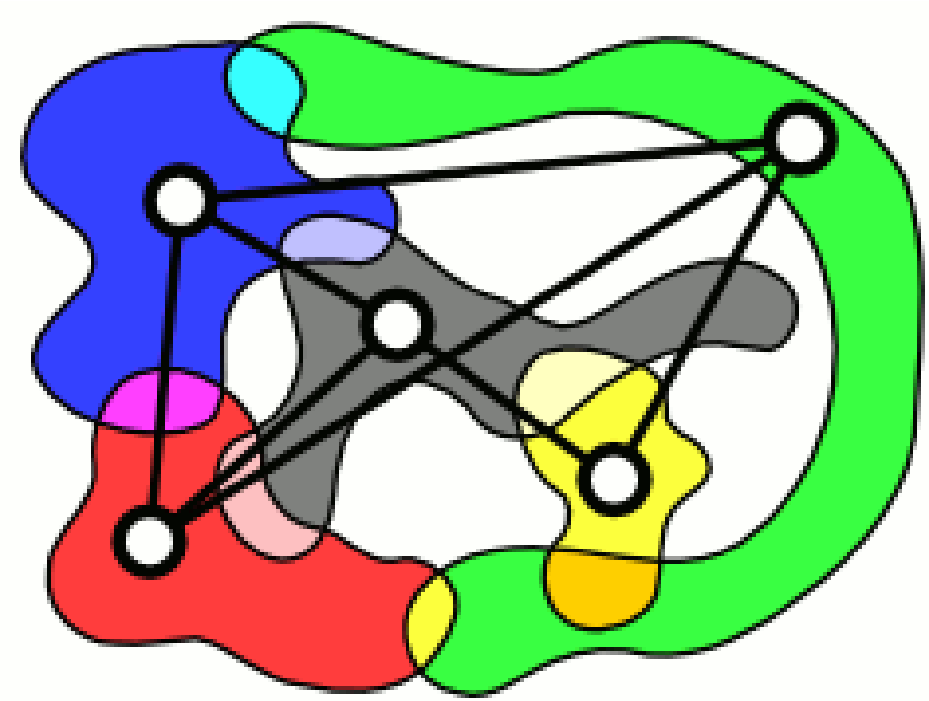

$$\frac{1}{1+\epsilon} OPT_{IS}(\mathcal{D})$$

$$\epsilon > 0$$

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POLYNOMIAL-TIME APPROXIMATION SCHEMES FOR GEOMETRIC INTERSECTION GRAPHS*

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Abstract. A disk graph is the intersection graph of a set of disks with arbitrary diameters in the plane. For the case that the disk representation is given, we present polynomial-time approximation schemes (PTASs) for the maximum weight independent set problem (selecting disjoint disks of maximum total weight) and for the minimum weight vertex cover problem in disk graphs. These are the first known PTASs for $\mathcal{NP}$-hard optimization problems on disk graphs. They are based on a novel recursive subdivision of the plane that allows applying a shifting strategy on different levels simultaneously, so that a dynamic programming approach becomes feasible. The PTASs for disk graphs represent a common generalization of previous results for planar graphs and unit disk graphs. They can be extended to intersection graphs of other "disk-like" geometric objects (such as squares or regular polygons), also in higher dimensions.

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Applications

Automatic label placement, sometimes called **text placement** or **name placement**, comprises the computer methods of placing labels automatically on a map or chart. This is related to the typographic design of such labels.

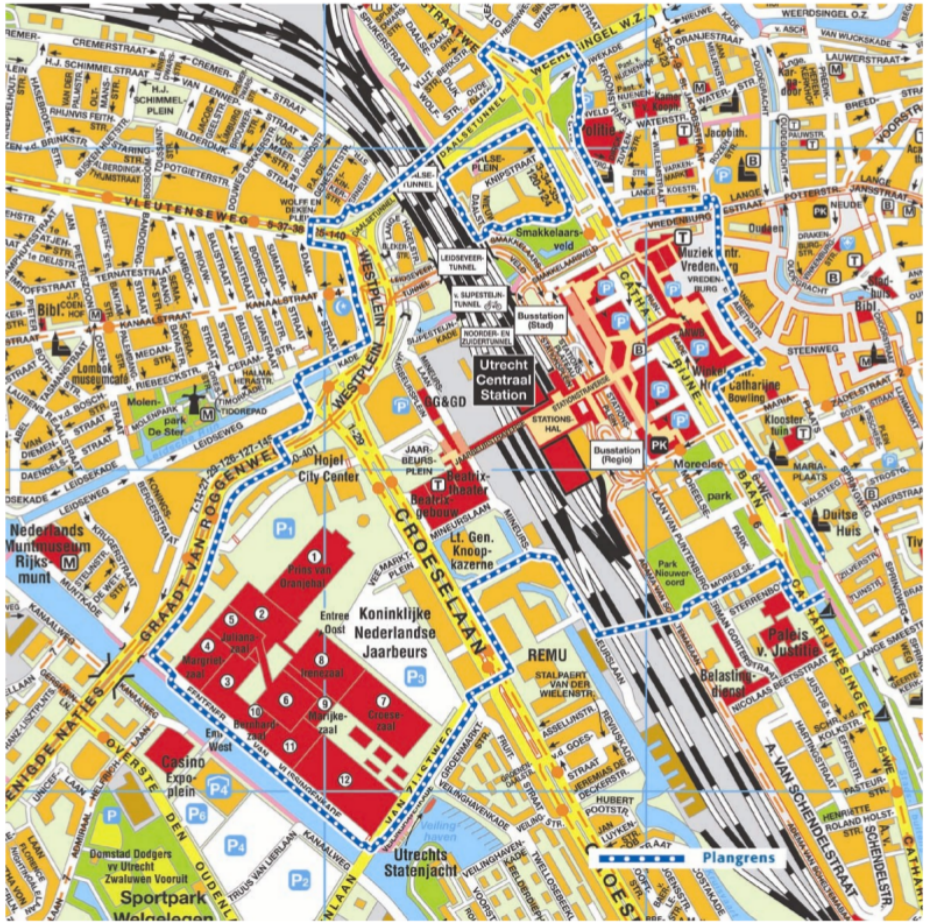
The typical features depicted on a geographic map are line features (e.g. roads), area features (countries, parcels, forests, lakes, etc.), and point features (villages, cities, etc.). In addition to depicting the map's features in a geographically accurate manner, it is of critical importance to place the names that identify these features, in a way that the reader knows instantly which name describes which feature.

Automatic text placement is one of the most difficult, complex, and time-consuming problems in mapmaking and GIS (Geographic Information System). Other kinds of computer-generated graphics – like charts, graphs etc. – require good placement of labels as well, not to mention engineering drawings, and professional programs which produce these drawings and charts, like spreadsheets (e.g. Microsoft Excel) or computational software programs (e.g. Mathematica).

Naively placed labels overlap excessively, resulting in a map that is difficult or even impossible to read. Therefore, a GIS must allow a few possible placements of each label, and often also an option of resizing, rotating, or even removing (suppressing) the label. Then, it selects a set of placements that results in the least overlap, and has other desirable properties. For all but the most trivial setups, the problem is NP-hard.

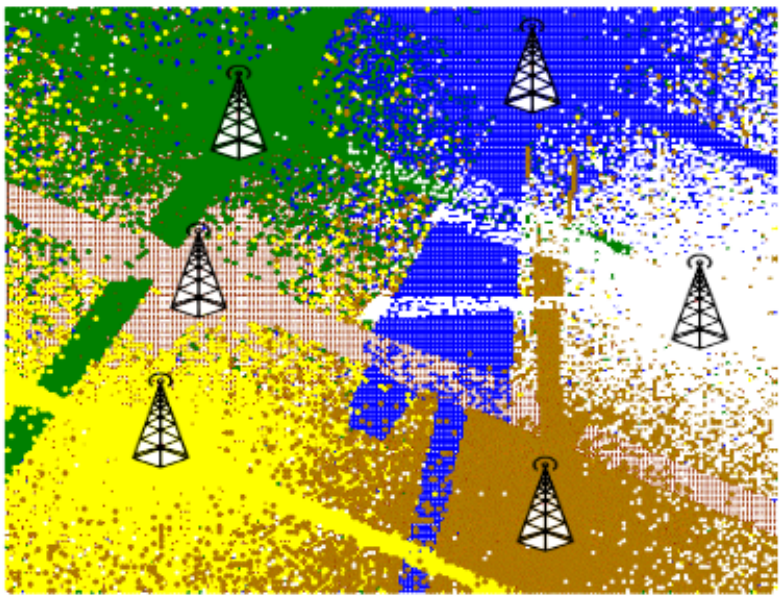
A **cellular network** or **mobile network** is a wireless network distributed over land areas called cells, each served by at least one fixed-location transceiver, known as a cell site or base station. In a cellular network, each cell uses a different set of frequencies from neighboring cells, to avoid interference and provide guaranteed bandwidth within each cell.

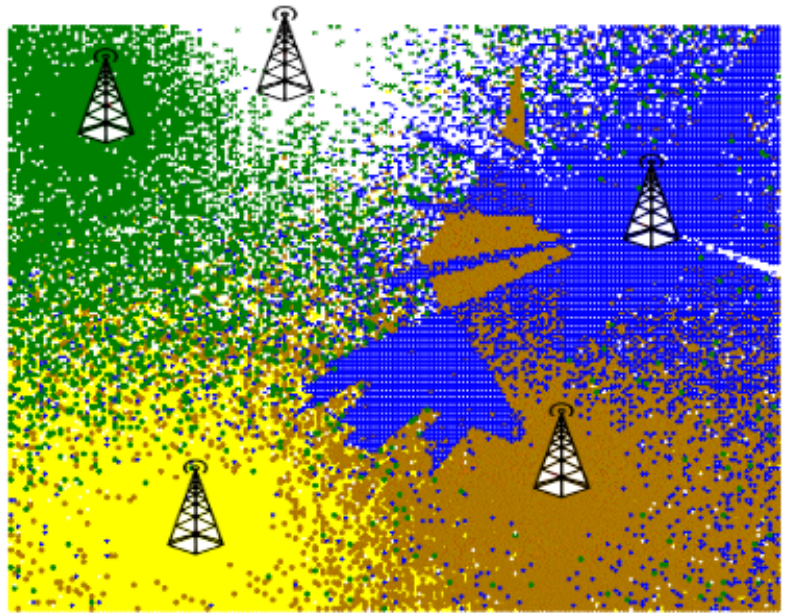
Automatic Label Placement



Given features on a map and the labels that belong to these features, place the labels near the features without labels overlapping other labels or overlapping features on the map

Cellular Network





The call control problem in a network that supports a spectrum of w available frequencies is to assign frequencies to users so that signal interference is avoided, while maximizing the number of users served.

Problems and Results

PTAS for MWIS and MWVC in the intersection graphs of disks, squares and other *disk-like* objects, also in higher dimensions.

Maximum Weight Independent Set

The Chosen Problem for this Seminar. Wait for the next slide. ;∧)

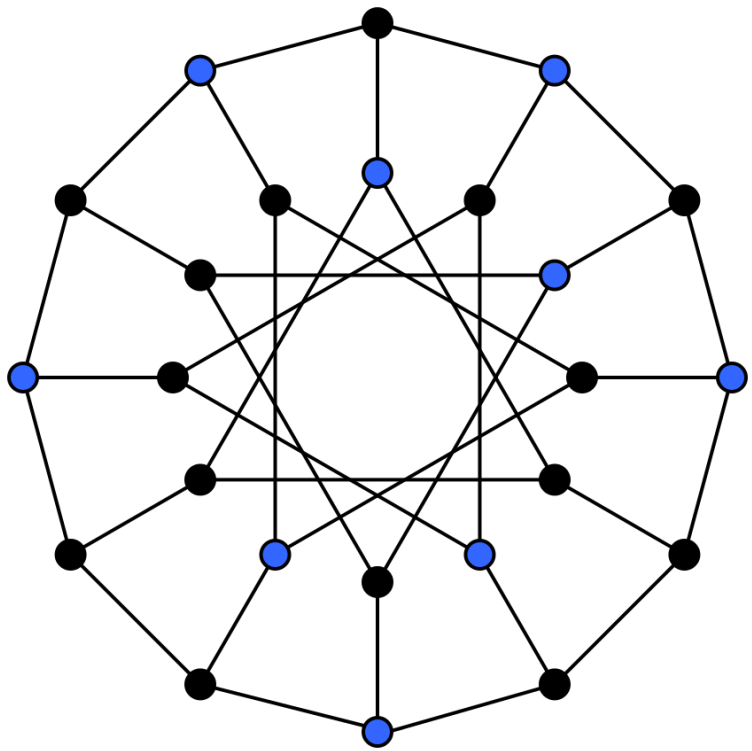
Minimum Weight Vertex Cover

Compute a subset of the given objects with minimum total weight such that, for any two intersecting objects, at least one of the objects is contained in the subset.

Maximum Weight Independent Set

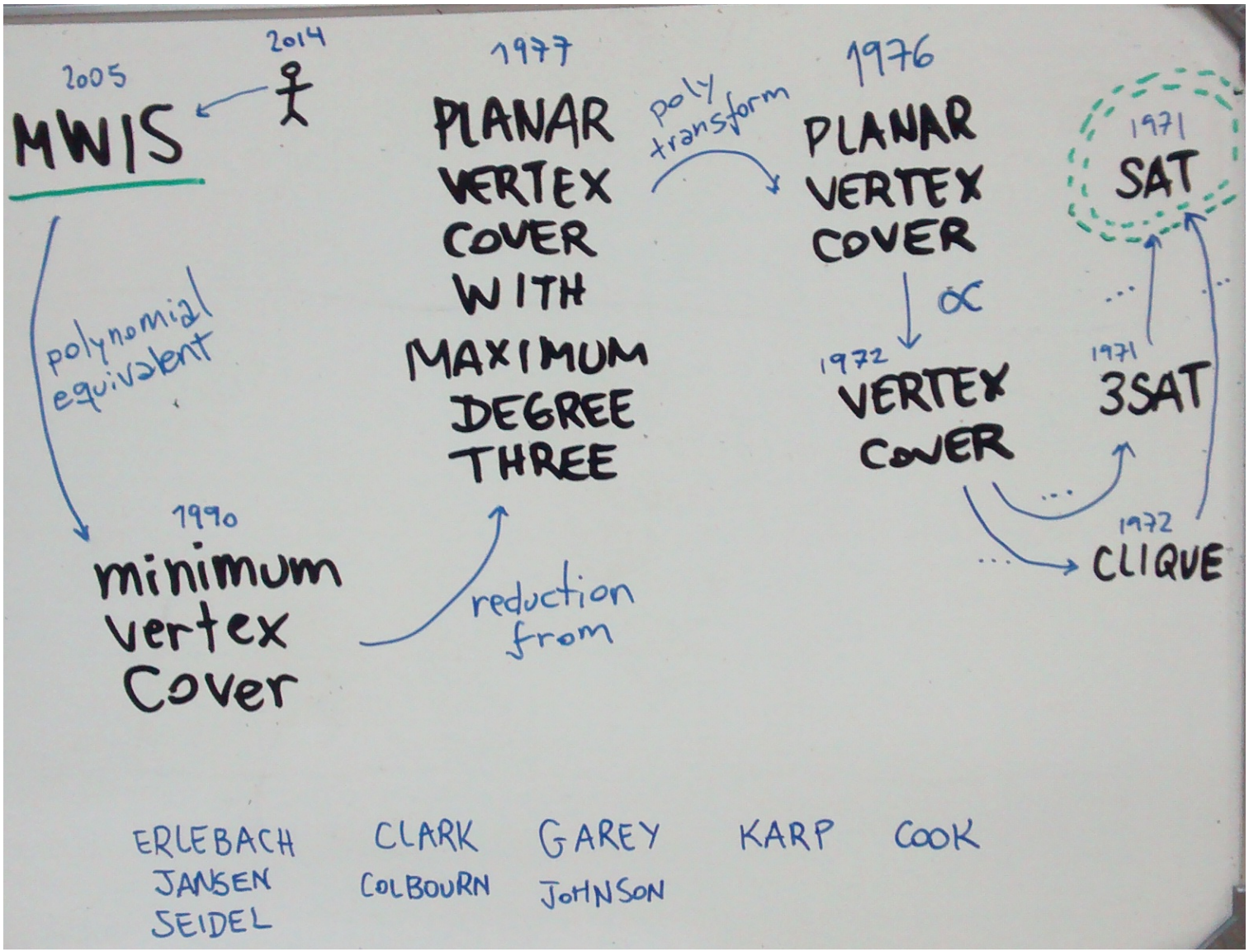
Goal

Compute, for a given set of geometric objects with certain weights, a subset of disjoint (**non-overlapping**) objects with maximum total weight.

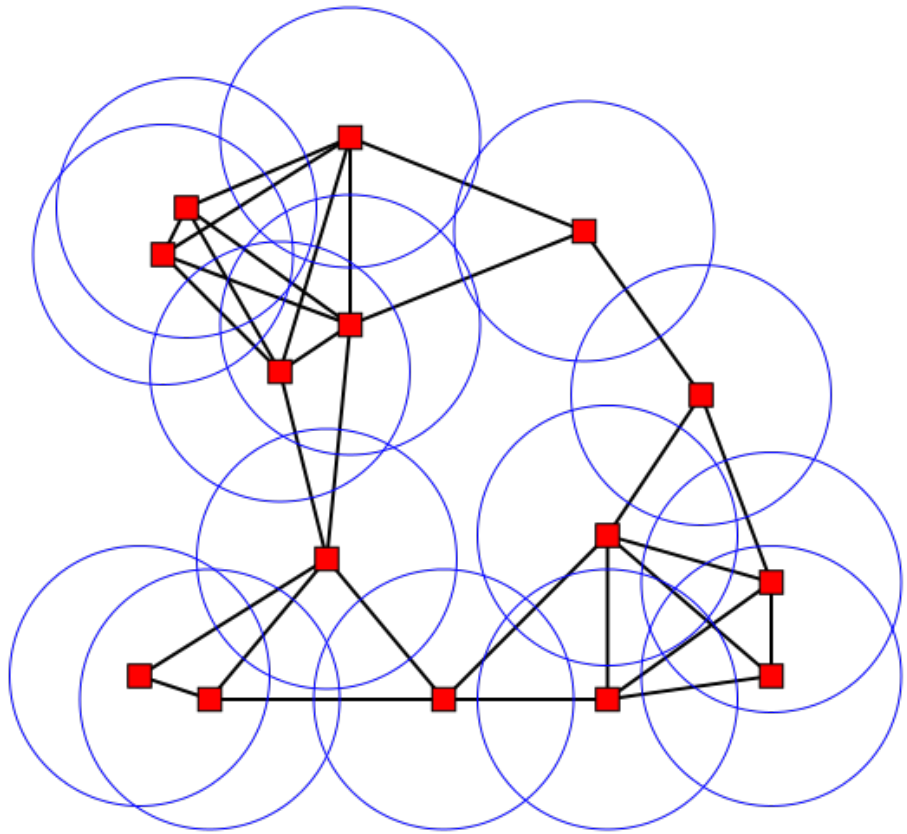


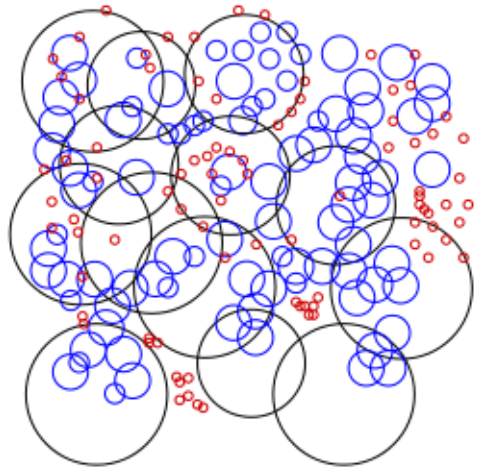
Generalized Petersen graph GP(12,4)

NP-Completeness



For a set V of geometric objects, the corresponding intersection graph is the undirected graph with vertex set V and an edge between two vertices if the corresponding objects intersect.





Assume that we are given a set $\mathcal{D} = \{D_1, \ldots, D_n\}$ of n (topologically closed) disks in the plane, where D_i has diameter d_i, center $c_i = (x_i, y_i)$, and weight w_i. For a subset $U \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, $w(U)$ denotes the sum of the weights of the disks in U. Disks D_i and D_j *intersect* if $dist(c_i, c_j) \leq (d_i + d_j)/2$, where $dist(p_1, p_2)$ denotes the Euclidean distance between two points p_1 and p_2 in the plane. A *disk graph* is the intersection graph of a set of disks. We assume that the input to our algorithms is the set $\mathcal{D}$ of disks, not only the corresponding intersection graph. This is an important distinction, because determining for a given graph whether it is a disk graph is known to be $\mathcal{NP}$-hard [16], and hence no efficient method is known for computing a disk representation if only the intersection graph is given.

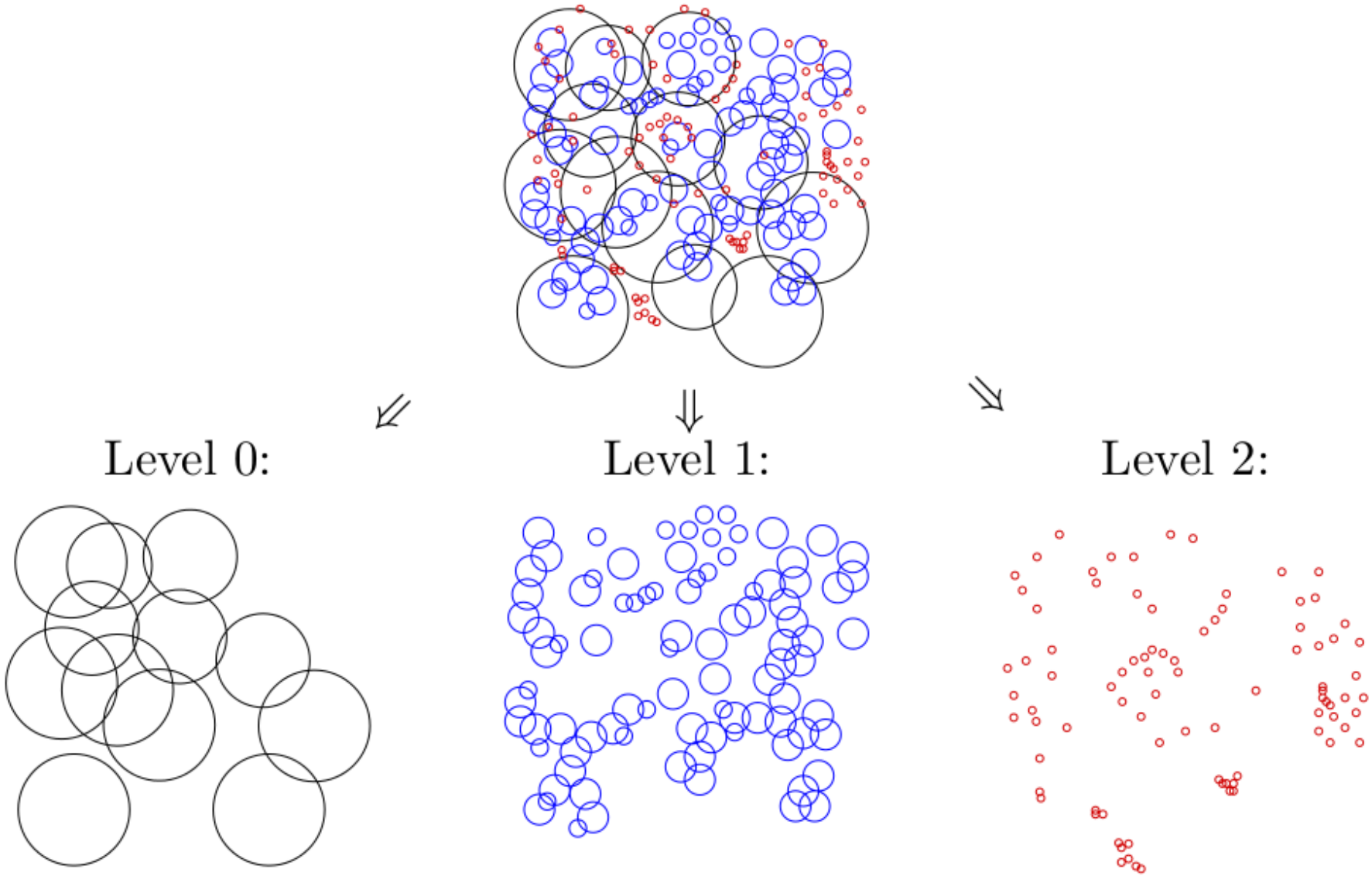


FIG. 2.1. *Partitioning the disks into levels* ($k = 2$).

Divide and Conquer

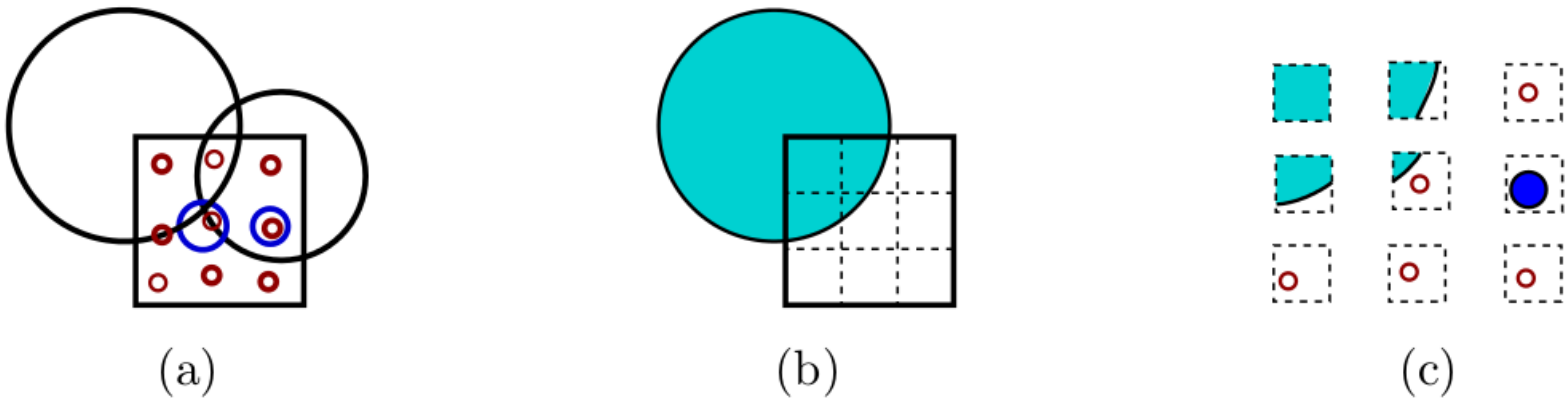


FIG. 2.5. *Example of table lookups for a square S at level j in case $k = 2$.* (a) *shows* 13 *disks in $\mathcal{D}(r, s)$ that intersect S:* 2 *disks of level less than j,* 2 *disks on level j, and* 9 *disks on level $j + 1$.* (b) *displays an independent set I consisting of* 1 *disk of level less than j.* (c) *illustrates that lookups are performed in* 9 *tables $T_{S'_{g,h}}$ during the computation of the table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, *)$.*

Running-time

$$\underbrace{k^2 \cdot n^{O(1)}}_{relevantSquare} \cdot \underbrace{(\underbrace{O(k^2) \cdot n^{O(k^2)}}_{missingTable} + \underbrace{n^{O(k^2)}}_{enumerateSet} \cdot \underbrace{O(k^2) \cdot n^{O(k^2)}}_{computeAuxTable})}_{computeTable}$$

Procedures

relevantSquare Compute relevant squares and their forest structure

missingTable Compute missing tables $T_{S'_{g,h}}$

enumerateSet Enumerate sets I for which $T_S(I)$ has to be computed

computeAuxTable Compute $AT_{S,I}()$ for each $S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}$

Dividing into Squares

Input: square S on level j,
set I of disjoint disks of level $< j$ intersecting S,
integers g, h with $0 \leq g, h \leq k$
Output: table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ for all J
$AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, *) \leftarrow$ undefined;
$Q \leftarrow$ all disks in $\mathcal{D}(r, s)$ of level j intersecting $S'_{g,h}$;
for all $U \subseteq Q$ such that $|U| \leq Ck^2$ **do**
  if the disks in $I \cup U$ are disjoint **then**
    $I' \leftarrow \{D \in I \mid D$ intersects $S'_{g,h}\}$;
    $X \leftarrow T_{S'_{g,h}}(I' \cup U)$;
    $X \leftarrow X \cup \{D \in U \mid D$ is contained in $S'_{g,h}\}$;
    $J \leftarrow \{D \in U \mid D$ intersects the boundary of $S'_{g,h}\}$;
    if $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ is undefined **or**
      $w(X) > w(AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J))$ **then**
        $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J) \leftarrow X$;
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FIG. 2.4. *Computing the auxiliary table* $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, *)$.

Split

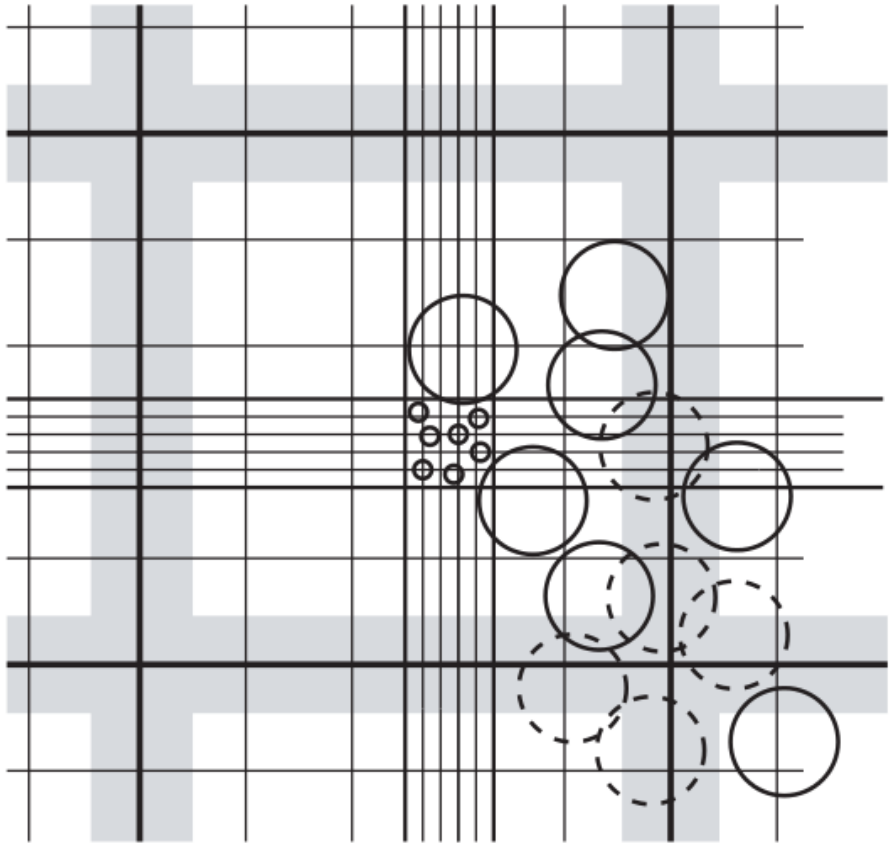

FIG. 2.3. *Example of grid and active lines on level j (coarse grid) and on level $j+1$ (fine grid) for $k = 5$. The big disks have level j, and the small disks have level $j+1$. All disks shown have the maximum possible diameter on their level. Active lines are drawn bold. Disks that hit active lines are drawn dashed. Note that a disk on level j can hit an active line only if its center is in the shaded strip along that active line.*

Combining Rectangles

Input: square S on level j,
set I of disjoint disks of level $< j$ intersecting S,
integers g_1, g_2, g_3 with $0 \leq g_1 \leq g_2 < g_3 \leq k$,
integers h_1, h_2 with $0 \leq h_1 \leq h_2 \leq k$,
previously computed table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}, *)$
and $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_2+1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, *)$
Output: table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, J)$ for all J
$R_1 \leftarrow S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}$;
$R_2 \leftarrow S'_{g_2+1..g_3,h_1..h_2}$;
$AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, *) \leftarrow$ undefined;
$Q \leftarrow$ all disks in $\mathcal{D}(r,s)$ of level j intersecting the boundary of R_1 or R_2;
for all $U \subseteq Q$ such that $|U| \leq 2C'k^2$ **do**
  if the disks in $I \cup U$ are disjoint **then**
    for $i = 1$ **to** 2 **do**
      $U_i \leftarrow \{D \in U \mid D$ intersects the boundary of $R_i\}$;
      $X_i \leftarrow AT_{S,I}(R_i, U_i)$;
    od;
    $X \leftarrow X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \{D \in U \mid D$ does not intersect the boundary of $S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}\}$;
    $J \leftarrow \{D \in U \mid D$ intersects the boundary of $S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}\}$;
    if $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, J)$ is undefined **or**
      $w(X) > w(AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, J)$ **then**
      $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, J) \leftarrow X$;
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FIG. 2.7. *Computing the auxiliary table* $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_3,h_1..h_2}, *)$.

Merge

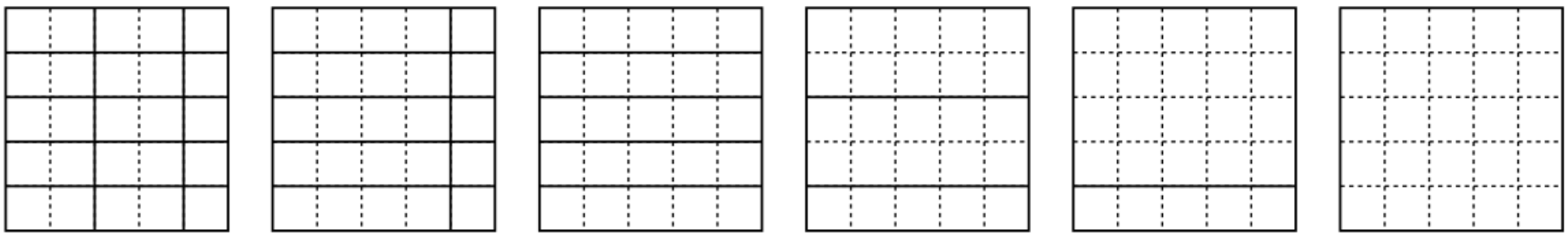


FIG. 2.6. *Combining subsquares into rectangles.*

Running-time

Polynomial for fixed $k > 1$

$$k^2 \cdot n^{O(1)} \cdot \left(O(k^2) \cdot n^{O(k^2)} + n^{O(k^2)} \cdot O(k^2) \cdot n^{O(k^2)} \right) = n^{O(k^2)}$$

Subdividing the plane

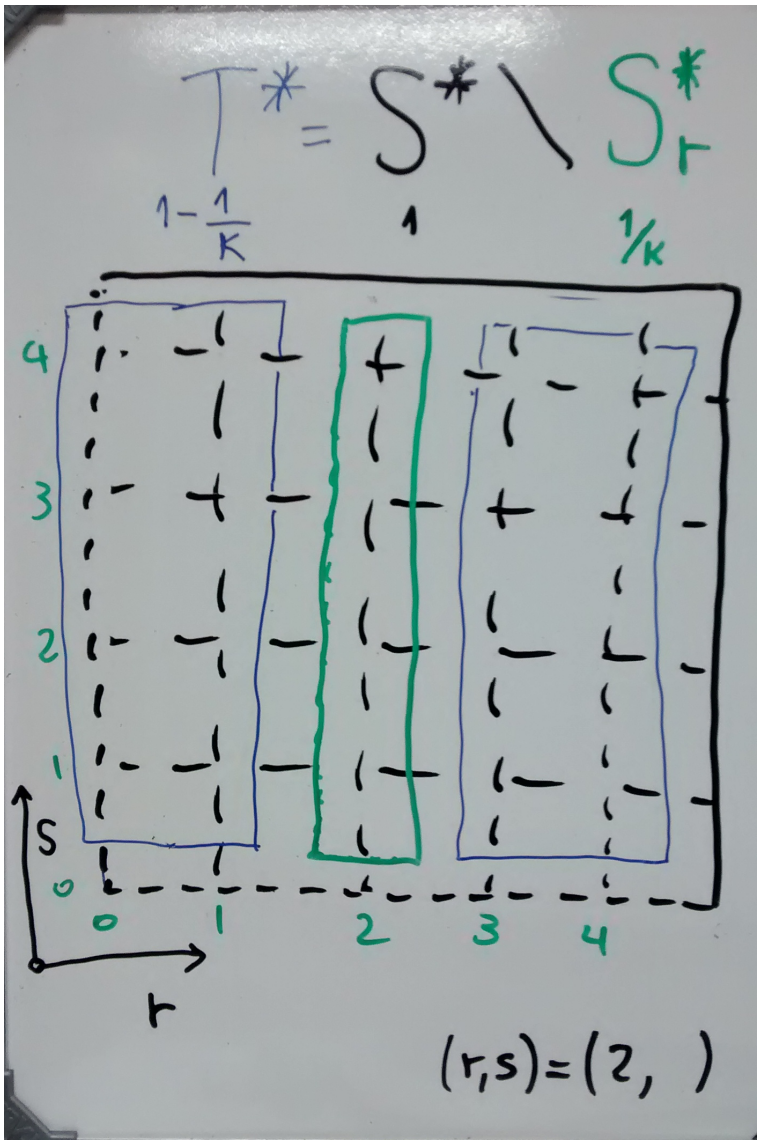
LEMMA 2.1. *For at least one pair* (r, s), $0 \leq r, s < k$, *we have* $OPT(\mathcal{D}(r, s)) \geq (1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 OPT(\mathcal{D})$.

Proof. Let $S^* \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ be any set of disjoint disks with total weight $OPT(\mathcal{D})$.

For $0 \leq r < k$, let S^*_r be the set of all disks in S^* that hit a vertical line on their level whose index modulo k is r. As the sets S^*_r are disjoint, the weight of at least one of them must be at most a $\frac{1}{k}$-fraction of the weight of S^*. For this set S^*_r, let $T^* = S^* \setminus S^*_r$ and note that the weight of T^* is at least $(1 - \frac{1}{k}) OPT(\mathcal{D})$.

For $0 \leq s < k$, let T^*_s be the set of all disks in T^* that hit a horizontal line on their level whose index modulo k is s. The weight of at least one of these sets T^*_s must be at most a $\frac{1}{k}$-fraction of the weight of T^*. For this set T^*_s, let $U^* = T^* \setminus T^*_s$. Note that $U^* \subseteq \mathcal{D}(r, s)$ and the weight of U^* is at least $(1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 OPT(\mathcal{D})$. □

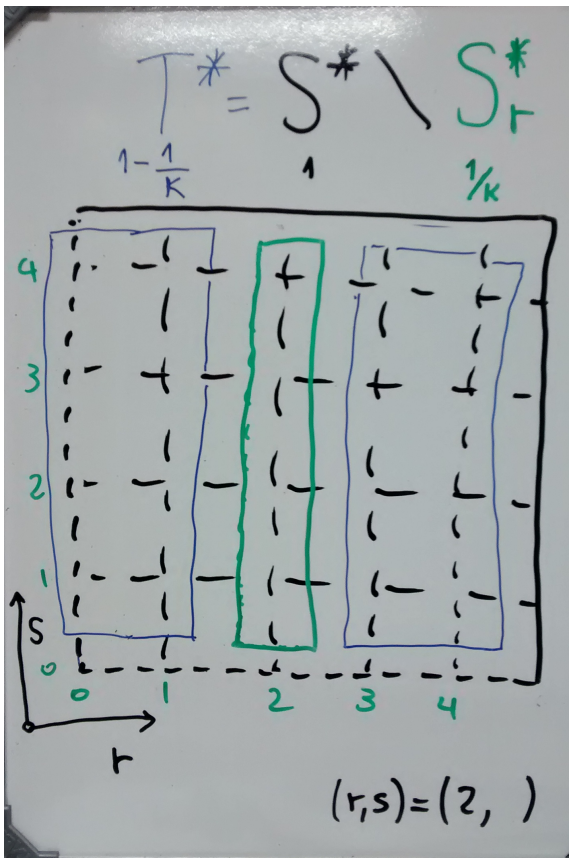
$$w(T^*) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) OPT(\mathcal{D})$$

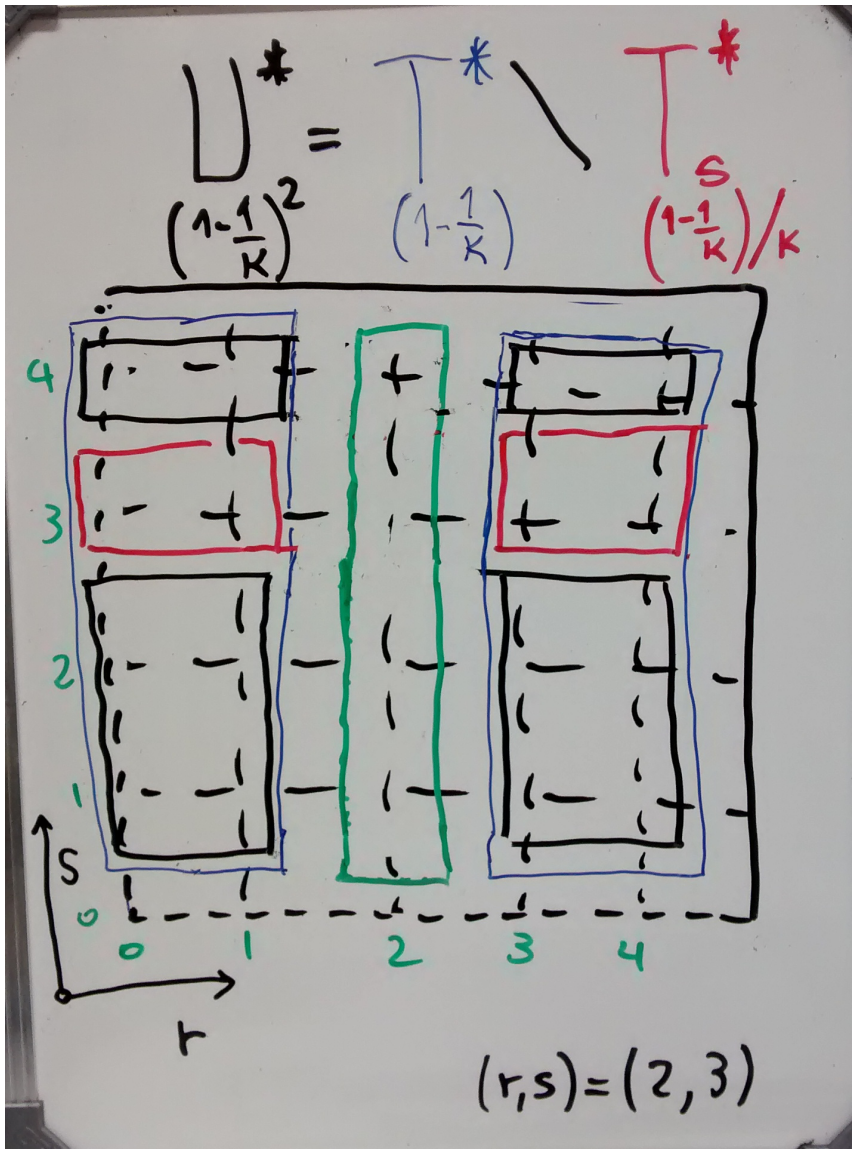


Let $S^* \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ be any set of disjoint disks with total weight $OPT(\mathcal{D})$.

And $\mathcal{D}(r, s)$ defined as the set o disks that is obtained from $\mathcal{D}$ by deleting all disks that hit a line that is on the same level as the disk and that is active for (r, s).

$U^* \subseteq \mathcal{D}(r,s)$ **and** $w(U^*) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^2 OPT(\mathcal{D})$





Approximation Ratio ρ

The algorithm considers all k^2 possible values for r and s such that $0 \leq r, s < k$. For each possibility, an optimal independent set in $\mathcal{D}(r, s)$ is computed using dynamic programming. Among the k^2 sets obtained in this way, the one with largest weight is output. By Lemma 2.1, this set has total weight at least $(1 - \frac{1}{k})^2 OPT(\mathcal{D})$. Therefore, the algorithm achieves approximation ratio $(1 + \frac{1}{k-1})^2$. As k gets larger, the approximation ratio gets arbitrarily close to 1.

$$\rho = \left(1 + \frac{1}{k-1}\right)^2 \leq 1 + \frac{3}{k-1} = 1 + \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{3}{k-1}$$

Running-time function of ϵ

$$\epsilon = \frac{3}{k-1} \Rightarrow k = \left\lceil \frac{3}{\epsilon} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$n^{O(k^2)} \Longrightarrow n^{O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)}$$

An optimal independent set set can be computed

DEFINITION 2.4. *Let S be a relevant j-square and let I be a set of disjoint disks of level less than j that intersect S. Then the table entry $T_S(I)$ is called* good *if it satisfies the following properties:*

(a) *$T_S(I) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(r,s)$ consists of disks that are contained in S and have level at least j.*
(b) *$I \cup T_S(I)$ is an independent set.*
(c) *$w(T_S(I))$ is maximum among all sets that satisfy* (a) *and* (b).

DEFINITION 2.6. *Let S be a relevant j-square and let I be a set of disjoint disks of level less than j that intersect S. Let $S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}$ be a rectangle of child squares of S, and let J be a set of disks of level j that intersect the boundary of $S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}$ and have the property that $I \cup J$ is an independent set.*

Then the table entry $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}, J)$ is called good *if it satisfies the following properties:*

(a) *$AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}, J) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(r,s)$ consists of disks that are contained in $S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}$ and have level at least j.*
(b) *$I \cup J \cup AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}, J)$ is an independent set.*
(c) *$w(AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1..g_2,h_1..h_2}, J))$ is maximum among all sets that satisfy* (a) *and* (b).

Once a good table entry $AT_{S,I}(S'_{0..k,0..k}, \emptyset)$ is computed, it immediately yields $T_S(I)$.

Good Values

LEMMA 2.9. *The entries of all the tables T_S and $AT_{S,I}$ computed by the algorithm are good.*

Proof. First, it is clear that the table entries computed by the algorithm satisfy properties (a) and (b) of Definitions 2.4 and 2.6. It remains to show that the sets stored in the tables are indeed of maximum weight.

The proof is by induction on the number of squares processed by the algorithm. Initially, the claim of the lemma holds vacuously. Now assume that the algorithm processes a relevant j-square S and that good entries for the tables $T_{S'}$ have been computed for all relevant squares S' that were processed before S. Let I be a set of disjoint disks of level smaller than j that intersect S.

Map phase

Consider the computation of the table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ as shown in Figure 2.4. Fix some set J of disks at level j intersecting the boundary of $S'_{g,h}$ such that $I \cup J$ is an independent set. Let X^* be a maximum weight set of disks at level at least j that are contained in $S'_{g,h}$ such that $I \cup J \cup X^*$ is an independent set. Let $X^*_{=j}$ be the set of disks at level j in X^* and let $U^* = J \cup X^*_{=j}$. Then U^* is one of the sets U enumerated by the algorithm, and we consider the iteration of the for-loop when this set is processed. Since the entries of $T_{S'_{g,h}}$ are good, the lookup in $T_{S'_{g,h}}(I' \cup U)$ returns a set of weight at least $w(X^* \setminus X^*_{=j})$. Then the set

$$\begin{aligned} X &= T_{S'_{g,h}}(I' \cup U) \cup \{D \in U \mid D \text{ is contained in } S'_{g,h}\} \\ &= T_{S'_{g,h}}(I' \cup U) \cup X^*_{=j} \end{aligned}$$

computed by the algorithm has weight at least $w(X^* \setminus X^*_{=j}) + w(X^*_{=j}) = w(X^*)$. Hence, the table entry $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ contains a set X of weight at least $w(X^*)$ when the algorithm of Figure 2.4 terminates. Since $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ satisfies properties (a) and (b) of Definition 2.6 and X^* is a maximum weight set with this property, we get that $w(AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)) = w(X^*)$. Hence, the computed table entry $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g,h}, J)$ is good.

Reduce phase

Consider the computation of a table entry $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_3, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}, J)$ as shown in Figure 2.7. Assume that the previously computed entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_2, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}, *)$ and $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_2+1 \cdot\cdot g_3, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}, *)$ are good. Let $R_1 = S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_2, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}$ and $R_2 = S'_{g_2+1 \cdot\cdot g_3, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}$.

Fix some set J of disks at level j intersecting the boundary of $S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_3, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2} = R_1 \cup R_2$ such that $I \cup J$ is an independent set. Let X^* be a maximum weight set of disks at level at least j that are contained in $R_1 \cup R_2$ such that $I \cup J \cup X^*$ is an independent set. Let $X^*_{1,2}$ be the set of disks at level j in X^* that intersect the boundary of R_1 and the boundary of R_2. Let X^*_1 and X^*_2 be the set of disks in X^* that are contained in R_1 and in R_2, respectively.

Let $U^* = J \cup X^*_{1,2}$. Then U^* is one of the sets U enumerated by the algorithm. For this set U^*, the table lookups $AT_{S,I}(R_i, U_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$, with U_i calculated as shown in Figure 2.7, yield disjoint sets X_1 and X_2 of weight at least $w(X^*_1)$ and $w(X^*_2)$, respectively. Then the set

$$\begin{aligned} X &= X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \{D \in U \mid D \text{ does not intersect the boundary of } S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_3, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}\} \\ &= X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X^*_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$

calculated by the algorithm has weight at least $w(X^*_1) + w(X^*_2) + w(X^*_{1,2}) = w(X^*)$. Hence, the table entry $AT_{S,I}(R_1 \cup R_2, J)$ contains a set X of weight at least $w(X^*)$ when the algorithm of Figure 2.7 terminates, and is thus a good entry.

So we see that the computed auxiliary table entries $AT_{S,I}(S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_2, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}, *)$ are indeed good for the rectangles $S'_{g_1 \cdot\cdot g_2, h_1 \cdot\cdot h_2}$. Since the algorithm then sets $T_S(I)$ equal to $AT_{S,I}(S, \emptyset)$, this shows that the computed entries of $T_S(I)$ are good as well. □

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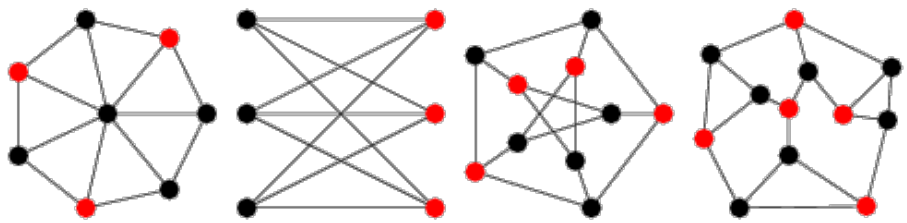
$$n^{O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^{2(d-1)}}\right)}$$

for a disk-like graph with n disk-like objects and any constant d.

Questions



Practical project - Possible approaches

1. I will implement a simulation of the proposed algorithm and present an analysis of its performance in different scenarios and problems instances.
2. And maybe, I will use the proposed algorithm to solve another problem.