

# Oracles for timetable graphs

Orákula pre grafy reprezentujúce cestovné poriadky

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# Introduction

- It is about: **Earliest arrival problem** (EAP) given a timetable



Figure : **Connection, elementary connection** and **earliest arrival**

- Motivation: large-scale timetable search engines (*cp.sk*, *imhd.sk...*)
- Approach: Oracle-based approach - pre-computation
- Goals:
  - Devise methods to tackle EAP
  - Analyse properties of timetables

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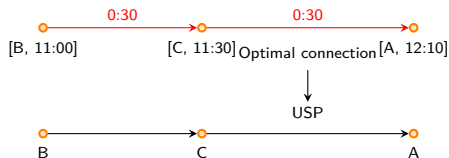


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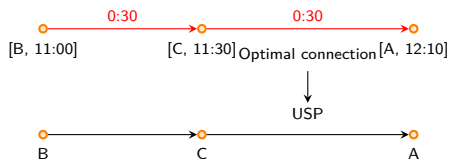


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Name	avg $\tau_{A,B}$	max $\tau_{A,B}$
air01	18.3	126
cpur	10.25	53
cpza	5.87	45
montr	4.09	30
zsr	8.9	85

Table :  $\tau_{A,B}$  - number of USPs between A and B

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- Pre-compute only some USPs?

# USP-OR-A

- **Access nodes** - set  $A$  of cities in  $UG$ 
  - Size  $|Acc| = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$
  - Small node neighbourhoods  $\forall v \ |neigh_{Acc}(v)| = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$
  - Few local access nodes ( $\forall v \ |Acc_v| = \mathcal{O}(f(n))$ )
- Space  $\mathcal{O}(\tau n^2)$

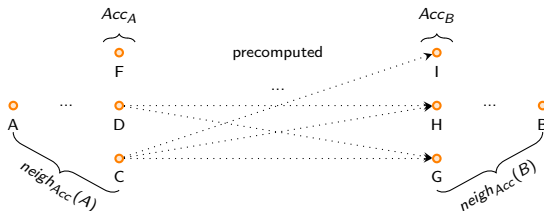


Figure : Principle of access nodes

# Other contribution

- **Neural networks oracle** - problem too challenging for NN/try different types of network
- **Analysis** of various real-world timetables
- Useful and easily extendible **application** for analysis and oracle tests

Name	Description	El. conns.	Cities	Time range	Height ( $h$ )
air01	domestic flights (US)	592767	250	1 month	24374
cpru	regional bus (SVK)	10011	250	1 day	239
cpza	regional bus (SVK)	15776	250	1 day	370
montr	public transport (Montreal)	7118	211	1 day	363
zsr	country-wide rails (SVK)	931647	233	1 year	59928

Table : Data - timetable properties

# Conclusion

- **Other techniques** [Del08], [BDSV09], [DPW09]
  - different ideas
  - meant for different scenarios
- Trying out novel approaches to solve EAP in timetables
- Better insight on properties of timetables
- **To-do:**
  - Find a good access node set
  - Train and test properly neural network oracles

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# Thank you for the attention

