

# Chapter 1 - Vertex Coloring

## Problem 1.1 - Vertex Coloring

Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , assign a color  $c_u$  to each vertex  $u \in V$  such that the following holds:  
 $e = (v, w) \in E \Rightarrow c_v \neq c_w$ .

## Definition 1.2 - Node Identifiers

Each node has a unique identifier, e.g., its IP address. We usually assume that each identifier consists of only  $\log n$  bits if the system has  $n$  nodes.

## Definition 1.3 - Chromatic Number

Given an undirected Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , the chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  is the minimum number of colors to solve Problem 1.1.

## Algorithm 1 - Greedy Sequential (*see page 6*)

- **Vertex Coloring**
- Non-distributed
- Centralized
- **Theorem 1.5** is correct and terminates in  $n$  “steps”. The algorithm uses at most  $\Delta + 1$  colors.

## Definition 1.4 - Degree

The number of neighbors of a vertex  $v$ , denoted by  $\delta(v)$ , is called the degree of  $v$ . The maximum degree vertex in a graph  $G$  defines the graph degree  $\Delta(G) = \Delta$ .

## Definition 1.6 - Synchronous Distributed Algorithm

In a synchronous algorithm, nodes operate in synchronous rounds. In each round, each processor executes the following steps:

1. Do some local computation (of reasonable complexity).
2. Send messages to neighbors in graph (of reasonable size).
3. Receive messages (that were sent by neighbors in step 2 of the same round).

## Algorithm 3 - Reduce (*see page 7*)

- **Theorem 1.8:** is correct and has time complexity  $n$ . The algorithm uses at most  $\Delta + 1$  colors.

## Definition 1.7 - Time Complexity

For synchronous algorithms (as defined in 1.6) the time complexity is the number of rounds until the algorithm terminates.

## Lemma 1.9

$$\chi(\text{Tree}) \leq 2$$

## Algorithm 4 - Slow Tree Coloring (*see page* *)*

- Time Complexity: Height of tree (up to  $n$ )
- Does not need to be synchronous

**Definition 1.10 - Asynchronous Distributed Algorithm**

In the asynchronous model, algorithms are event driven (“upon receiving message . . . , do . . .”). Processors cannot access a global clock. A message sent from one processor to another will arrive in finite but unbounded time.

**Definition 1.11 - Time Complexity**

For asynchronous algorithms (as defined in 1.6) the time complexity is the number of time units from the start of the execution to its completion in the worst case (every legal input, every execution scenario), assuming that each message has a delay of at most one time unit.

**Definition 1.12 - Message Complexity**

The message complexity of a syn-chronous or asynchronous algorithm is determined by the number of messages exchanged (again every legal input, every execution scenario).

**Theorem 1.13 - Slow Tree Coloring**

Algorithm 4 (Slow Tree Coloring) is correct. If each node knows its parent and its children, the (asynchronous) time complexity is the tree height which is bounded by the diameter of the tree; the message complexity is  $n - 1$  in a tree with  $n$  nodes.

**Definition 1.14 - Log-Star**

$\forall x \leq 2 : \log^* x := 1 \forall x > 2 : \log^* x := 1 + \log^*(\log(x))$

**Algorithm 5 - “6-Color”** (*see page 10*)

- Time Complexity:  $O(\log^*(n))$

**Theorem 1.15 - 6-Color**

Algorithm 5 (“6-Color”) terminates in  $\log^*(n)$  time.

**Algorithm 6 - Shift Down** (*see page 11*)

- **Lemma 1.16:** Preserves coloring legality: also siblings are monochromatic

**Algorithm 7 - Six-2-Three** (*see page 11*)

- **Theorem 1.17:** colors a tree with three colors in  $O(\log^*(n))$ .

# Chapter 2 - Leader Election

## Setup:

- Ring topology

### **Problem 2.1 - Leader Election**

Each node eventually decides whether it is a leader or not, subject to the constraint that there is exactly one leader.

# Chapter 3 - Tree Algorithms

# Chapter 4 - Distributed Sorting

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# Chapter 6 - Locality Lower Bounds

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