Distributed Approximation for Tree Augmentation

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## Consider a Communication Network



# We can communicate over a spanning tree



There are many constructions of minimum spanning trees (MST)

[Gallager, Humblet and Spira 83, Kutten and Peleg 95, Garay, Kutten and Peleg 98, Pandurangan, Robinson and Scquizzato 17, Elkin 17,...]



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- A central problem in network design
- Has many sequential algorithms:
  - [Frederickson and JáJá 81, Khuller and Thurimella 93, Goemans et al. 94, Jain 01, Kortsarz and Nutov 16, Adjiashvili 17...].
- Goal: solve TAP in the distributed setting.

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Sequential Approximation for TAP [Khuller and Thurimella 93]

- Builds a new virtual graph G'
  Finds a directed MST in G'
- This gives a 2-approximation in G

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The corresponding edges in G' cover exactly the same tree edges:

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We can build G' in O(h) rounds using LCA labels of O(log n) bits [Alstrup et al. 2004]

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- What about the weighted case?

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## Problem: how to compare edges?



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## Is This Optimal?

- TAP is a global problem which requires  $\Omega(D)$  rounds, where D = diameter of G
- If h = O(D) our algorithms are optimal up to a constant factor

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We show a 4-approximation for unweighted TAP in  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n} + D)$  rounds



### Main Results

- 2-approximation for unweighted or weighted TAP in O(h) rounds, where h = height of T
- ▶ 4-approximation for unweighted TAP in  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n} + D)$  rounds, where D = diameter of G
- $\Omega(D)$  lower bound
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Using our TAP algorithm:

2-approximation in O(D) rounds

Previous algorithms:

3-approximation in O(nlog n) rounds
 [Krumke et al. 07]

Using our TAP algorithm:

- ▶ 3-approximation in  $\tilde{O}(h_{MST} + \sqrt{n})$  rounds
- Lower bound of  $\widetilde{\Omega}(D + \sqrt{n})$  rounds for any polynomial approximation

## Future Work

- Design efficient algorithms for weighted TAP and weighted 2-ECSS.
- Design distributed algorithms for additional connectivity problems:
- Higher connectivity
- Vertex connectivity