Dynamic graphs & vertex coloring

Daniel Gonçalves, LIRMM, Univ. Montpellier & CNRS

JCRAALMA, 15th January 2024 based on

[BCHN18] Dynamic algorithms for graph coloring, by Sayan Bhattacharya, Deeparnab Chakrabarty, Monika Henzinger, and Danupon Nanongkai, SODA 2018.

[BCK+19] *Dynamic graph coloring*, by Luis Barba, Jean Cardinal, Matias Korman, Stefan Langerman, André van Renssen, Marcel Roeloffzen, and Sander Verdonschot, Algorithmica, 2019.

[HNW20] Explicit and implicit dynamic coloring of graphs with bounded arboricity, by Monika Henzinger, Stefan Neumann, and Andreas Wiese, ArXiv 2020.

[CNR23] *Improved Dynamic Colouring of Sparse Graphs*, by Aleksander B.G. Christiansen, Krzysztof Nowicki, and Eva Rotenberg, STOC 2023.

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup

Algorithm with Hierarchical Partition

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

Dynamic graph

Dynamic graph G:

- A fixed vertex set V, with n = |V|.
- ▶ A sequence of updates (edge additions/deletions): $(\pm e_i)_{1 \le i \le t}$

Initially, the edge set is empty : E₀ = Ø.
If the *i*th update is a +e_i, then E_i = E_{i-1} ∪ {e_i}.
If the *i*th update is a -e_i, then E_i = E_{i-1} \ {e_i}.

 \implies a sequence of graphs: $((V, E_i))_{0 \le i \le t}$

Dynamic graph

Dynamic graph G:

- A fixed vertex set V, with n = |V|.
- ▶ A sequence of updates (edge additions/deletions): $(\pm e_i)_{1 \le i \le t}$
- Initially, the edge set is empty : E₀ = Ø.
 If the *i*th update is a +e_i, then E_i = E_{i-1} ∪ {e_i}.
 If the *i*th update is a -e_i, then E_i = E_{i-1} \ {e_i}.

 \implies a sequence of graphs: $((V, E_i))_{0 \le i \le t}$

Combinatorial Problem Π

- We want solutions of Π for the graphs (V, E_i) .
- Computing a solution for (V, E_i), should be easier given a solution of (V, E_{i-1}).

- Given a preset sequence of updates
- Start with a solution $Sol_0 \in \Pi((V, E_0))$.
- ▶ Goal: correct *Sol*₀ after *i* updates to obtain *Sol*_{*i*}.

- Given a preset sequence of updates (oblivious adversary).
- Start with a solution $Sol_0 \in \Pi((V, E_0))$.
- ▶ Goal: correct *Sol*₀ after *i* updates to obtain *Sol*_{*i*}.

- Given a preset sequence of updates (oblivious adversary).
- Start with a solution $Sol_0 \in \Pi((V, E_0))$.
- ▶ Goal: correct *Sol*₀ after *i* updates to obtain *Sol*_{*i*}. Two ways:
 - Explicitly: a current solution is stored in memory. Update the solution (Sol_{i−1} → Sol_i) so that Sol_i ∈ Π(V, E_i).
 - Implicitly: a solution can be retrieved from queries.

- Given a preset sequence of updates (oblivious adversary).
- Start with a solution $Sol_0 \in \Pi((V, E_0))$.
- ▶ Goal: correct *Sol*₀ after *i* updates to obtain *Sol*_{*i*}. Two ways:
 - **Explicitly**: a current solution is stored in memory. Update the solution $(Sol_{i-1} \rightarrow Sol_i)$ so that $Sol_i \in \Pi(V, E_i)$.
 - Implicitly: a solution can be retrieved from queries.

Time complexity measures

Case of explicit algorithms

Time complexity **per update**.

It can be

Worst-case: maximum complexity for $Sol_{i-1} \longrightarrow Sol_i$,

or

Amortized: Complexity(Sol₀ \longrightarrow Sol_t) / t for a suff. large t.

Time complexity measures

Case of explicit algorithms

Time complexity per update.
 It can be
 Worst-case: maximum complexity for Sol_{i-1} → Sol_i, or

Amortized: Complexity(Sol₀ \longrightarrow Sol_t) / t for a suff. large t.

Case of implicit algorithms

Twofold complexity: per update & per query. Also, worst-case/amortized options.

Time complexity measures

Case of explicit algorithms

Time complexity per update.
 It can be
 Worst-case: maximum complexity for Sol_{i-1} → Sol_i, or

Amortized: Complexity(Sol₀ \longrightarrow Sol_t) / t for a suff. large t.

Case of implicit algorithms

Twofold complexity: per update & per query. Also, worst-case/amortized options.

For **randomized algorithms**, the measures can be weakened : e.g. provided in expectation, or with high probability.

Coloring with respect to Δ or the arboricity α

Brooks theorem

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta + 1$$

Arboricity $\alpha(G)$

• $\alpha(G)$: min k s.t. G decomposes into k forests.

Coloring with respect to Δ or the arboricity lpha

Brooks theorem

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta + 1$$

Arboricity $\alpha(G)$

• $\alpha(G)$: min k s.t. G decomposes into k forests.

• Every graph G has at most $\alpha(G) \times (n-1)$ edges.

Coloring with respect to Δ or the arboricity lpha

Brooks theorem

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta + 1$$

Arboricity $\alpha(G)$

- $\alpha(G)$: min k s.t. G decomposes into k forests.
- Every graph G has at most $\alpha(G) \times (n-1)$ edges.
- Every graph G is $(2\alpha(G) 1)$ -degenerate.

Coloring with respect to Δ or the arboricity lpha

Brooks theorem

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta + 1$$

Arboricity $\alpha(G)$

- $\alpha(G)$: min k s.t. G decomposes into k forests.
- Every graph G has at most $\alpha(G) \times (n-1)$ edges.
- Every graph G is $(2\alpha(G) 1)$ -degenerate.

 $\chi(G) \leq 2\alpha(G)$

Explicit ($\Delta + 1$)-coloring

• $O(\log \Delta)$ expected amortized update time

[BCHN18]

Explicit $(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring

• $O(\log \Delta)$ expected amortized update time

$f(\alpha, n)$ -colorings

Explicit O(α log n)-coloring, with
 O(log² n) expected amortized update time.

[HNW20]

[BCHN18]

Explicit $(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring • $O(\log \Delta)$ expected amortized update time [BCHN18] $f(\alpha, n)$ -colorings Explicit $O(\alpha \log n)$ -coloring, with $O(\log^2 n)$ expected amortized update time. [HNW20] For explicit $f(\alpha)$ -coloring, the update time is $\Omega(poly(n))$. [BCK+19]

Explicit $(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring \triangleright $O(\log \Delta)$ expected amortized update time [BCHN18] $f(\alpha, n)$ -colorings Explicit $O(\alpha \log n)$ -coloring, with $O(\log^2 n)$ expected amortized update time. [HNW20] For explicit $f(\alpha)$ -coloring, the update time is $\Omega(poly(n))$. [BCK+19] lmplicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring, with $O(\log^3 n)$ amortized update time, and $O(\alpha \log n)$ query time. [HNW20]

Explicit $(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring • $O(\log \Delta)$ expected amortized update time [BCHN18] $f(\alpha, n)$ -colorings Explicit $O(\alpha \log n)$ -coloring, with $O(\log^2 n)$ expected amortized update time. [HNW20] For explicit $f(\alpha)$ -coloring, the update time is $\Omega(poly(n))$. [BCK+19] lmplicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring, with $O(\log^3 n)$ amortized update time, and $O(\alpha \log n)$ query time. [HNW20] lmplicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring, with $O(\log \alpha \log^3 n)$ worst-case update time, and $O(\alpha^5 \log n)$ query time. [CNR23]

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup

Algorithm with Hierarchical Partition

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

2Δ -coloring with O(1) expected amortized update time

Current coloring stored in a table $c[\cdot]$.

Update algorithm after deleting (u, v)

Do nothing

Update algorithm after adding (u, v)

2Δ -coloring with O(1) expected amortized update time

Current coloring stored in a table $c[\cdot]$.

Update algorithm after deleting (u, v)

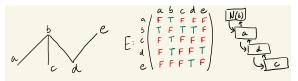
Do nothing

Time O(1)

Update algorithm after adding (u, v)

2Δ -coloring with O(1) expected amortized update time

Neighborhoods stored with two tables $N[\cdot]$ and $E[\cdot, \cdot]$.



Update algorithm after deleting (u, v)

Remove
$$u$$
 from $N(v) \& v$ from $N(u)$

Time O(1)

Update algorithm after adding (u, v)

 Add u in N(v) & v in N(u) Time O(1)
 If c[u] ≠ c[v]: do nothing. Time O(1)
 If c[u] = c[v]: This case happen with proba. ≤ 1/Δ. c(v) ← pick a color absent from N(v) u.a.r.. Time O(Δ) $(1+\epsilon)\Delta$ -coloring with $O(1/\epsilon)$ exp. amortized update time

Current coloring stored in a table $c[\cdot]$.

Update algorithm after deleting (u, v)

Do nothing

Time O(1)

Update algorithm after adding (u, v)

 If c[u] ≠ c[v]: do nothing. Time O(1)
 If c[u] = c[v]: This case happen with proba. ≤ 1/εΔ. c(v) ← pick a color absent from N(v) u.a.r.. Time O(Δ)

When recoloring, the algorithm picks among at least $(1 + \epsilon)\Delta - |N(v)| \ge \epsilon\Delta$ colors.

 $(1+\epsilon)\Delta$ -coloring with $O(1/\epsilon)$ exp. amortized update time

Current coloring stored in a table $c[\cdot]$.

Update algorithm after deleting (u, v)

Do nothing

Time O(1)

Update algorithm after adding (u, v)

 If c[u] ≠ c[v]: do nothing. Time O(1)
 If c[u] = c[v]: This case happen with proba. ≤ 1/εΔ. c(v) ← pick a color absent from N(v) u.a.r.. Time O(Δ)

When recoloring, the algorithm picks among at least $(1 + \epsilon)\Delta - |N(v)| \ge \epsilon\Delta$ colors.

Setting $\epsilon = 1/\Delta$, we have a $(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\Delta)$ expected amortized update time.

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring When recoloring a vertex v: pick among $O(\Delta)$ colors.

- Maybe few vertices in $\{1, \ldots, \Delta + 1\} \setminus c(N(v))$
- But in that case, many colors of c(N(v)) are used only once.

When recoloring a vertex v: pick among $O(\Delta)$ colors.

- Maybe few vertices in $\{1, \ldots, \Delta + 1\} \setminus c(N(v))$
- But in that case, many colors of c(N(v)) are used only once.
- Pick among the colors used at most once in N(v), there are Δ/2.
- ► May create a "path of recolorings".
- How to bound the length of this path?

Tool : Hierarchical Partition

Partition of the vertices into levels.

• L levels:
$$V_1, \ldots, V_L$$
, with $L = \log_{\beta} \Delta$ for some $\beta > 20$.

► Level of v:
$$\ell(v)$$

 $N^{<}(v) = \{u \in N(v) \mid \ell(u) < \ell(v)\}$
 $N^{\leq}(v) = \{u \in N(v) \mid \ell(u) \le \ell(v)\}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} [\mathsf{Large} \ N^{<}(v)]: & |N^{<}(v)| \geq \beta^{\ell(v)} & \forall v \in V \text{ unless } \ell(v) = 0. \\ [\mathsf{Small} \ N^{\leq}(v)]: & C\beta^{\ell(v)} \geq |N^{\leq}(v)| \end{array}$$

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring algorithm based on hierarchical partition

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring : After an update $\pm(u, v)$

1) Insert(u,v) or Delete(u,v) 2) Maintain_HP() assume $\ell(v) \le \ell(u)$ w.l.o.g. 3) If necessary (i.e. +(u, v) & c(u) = c(v)) : RECOLOR(v)

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring algorithm based on hierarchical partition

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring : After an update $\pm(u, v)$

1) Insert(u,v) or Delete(u,v) 2) Maintain_HP() assume $\ell(v) \leq \ell(u)$ w.l.o.g. 3) If necessary (i.e. +(u, v) & c(u) = c(v)) : RECOLOR(v)

$\operatorname{Recolor}(v)$

 $\begin{array}{l} c(v) \leftarrow \mbox{Pick u.a.r. among colors used at most once in } N(v) \\ & \& \mbox{ not used in } N(v) \setminus N^<(v) \\ \mbox{If } \exists w \in N^<(v) \mbox{ s.t. } c(w) = c(v) : & \mbox{Recolor}(w) \end{array}$

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring algorithm based on hierarchical partition

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring : After an update $\pm(u, v)$

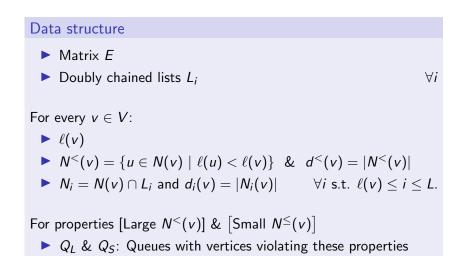
1) Insert(u,v) or Delete(u,v) 2) Maintain_HP() assume $\ell(v) \leq \ell(u)$ w.l.o.g. 3) If necessary (i.e. +(u, v) & c(u) = c(v)) : RECOLOR(v)

$\operatorname{Recolor}(v)$

$$\begin{split} c(v) &\leftarrow \text{Pick u.a.r. among colors used at most once in } N(v) \\ & \& \text{ not used in } N(v) \setminus N^{<}(v) \\ \text{If } \exists w \in N^{<}(v) \text{ s.t. } c(w) = c(v) : & \text{Recolor}(w) \end{split}$$

Among consecutive recolorings, the level decreases.

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (1)



Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (2)

Insert(u,v)

- ▶ neighb_{*u*} ← New_Neighbor(*u*)
- ▶ neighb_v ← New_Neighbor(v)
- $E[u, v] \leftarrow (TRUE, neighb_u, neighb_v)$

▶ If
$$\ell(u) \ge \ell(v)$$
:
then: $N_{\ell(u)}(v)$.add(neighb_u), $d_{\ell(u)}(v) + +$
else: $N^{<}(v)$.add(neighb_u), $d^{<}(v) + +$

▶ If $d^{<}(v) + d^{+}_{\ell(v)}(v) > C\beta^{\ell(v)}$ then $Q_{S}.\mathsf{push}(v)$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (3)

Maintain_HP()

If Q_S is not empty, then

- ▶ $v \leftarrow Q_{S}.pop()$
- $k \leftarrow \min$. level $> \ell(v)$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^k d_i(v) \le C\beta^k$

• Move v up to level k, and update data structure Elseif Q_L is not empty, then

- ▶ $v \leftarrow Q_L.pop()$
- ▶ $k \leftarrow \max$. level $< \ell(v)$ s.t. $C\beta^{k-1} \le \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d_i(v)$ or level 1

Move v down to level k, and update data structure

Else return

 $Maintain_HP()$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (3)

$Maintain_HP()$

If Q_S is not empty, then

- ▶ $v \leftarrow Q_{S}.pop()$
- $k \leftarrow \min$. level $> \ell(v)$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^{k} d_i(v) \le C\beta^k$

• Move v up to level k, and update data structure Elseif Q_L is not empty, then

- ▶ $v \leftarrow Q_L.pop()$
- ▶ $k \leftarrow \max$. level $< \ell(v)$ s.t. $C\beta^{k-1} \le \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d_i(v)$ or level 1

Move v down to level k, and update data structure

Else return MAINTAIN_HP()

Property

In both cases we have $eta^k < Ceta^{k-1} \leq d^<(v) \leq d^\leq(v) \leq Ceta^k$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (4)

GOAL: $O(\log \Delta) = O(L)$ amortized update time

Budget function

•
$$Budg(uv) = L - \max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max\left(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v)\right)$$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (4)

GOAL: $O(\log \Delta) = O(L)$ amortized update time

Budget function

$$Budg(uv) = L - \max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max\left(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v)\right)$$

When adding an edge uv the budget increase is: $\Delta Budg(uv) + \Delta Budg(u) + \Delta Budg(v) \le +L - \frac{1}{2\beta} - \frac{1}{2\beta} < L$

When deleting an edge uv the budget increase is: $\Delta Budg(uv) + \Delta Budg(u) + \Delta Budg(v) \le 0 + \frac{1}{2\beta} + \frac{1}{2\beta} < L$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (4)

GOAL: $O(\log \Delta) = O(L)$ amortized update time

Budget function

•
$$Budg(uv) = L - \max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max\left(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v)\right)$$

When adding an edge uv the budget increase is: $\Delta Budg(uv) + \Delta Budg(u) + \Delta Budg(v) \le +L - \frac{1}{2\beta} - \frac{1}{2\beta} < L$

When deleting an edge uv the budget increase is: $\Delta Budg(uv) + \Delta Budg(u) + \Delta Budg(v) \le 0 + \frac{1}{2\beta} + \frac{1}{2\beta} < L$

Remaining to prove

One call to MAINTAIN_HP() is done in time $O(\beta^{\max(\ell(v),k)})$. Show that this is $O(-\Delta Budg)$.

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (5)

Budget function

•
$$Budg(uv) = L - max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v))$$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (5)

Budget function

•
$$Budg(uv) = L - \max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max\left(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v)\right)$$

When moving up v from level $\ell(v)$ to k, the budget decrease is:

-

$$\begin{split} \Delta Budg(v) + \sum_{u \in N(v)} \Delta Budg(uv) &\geq 0 + \sum_{u \in N(v) \text{ with } \ell(u) < k} \frac{1}{2\beta} \\ &\geq C\beta^{k-1} \frac{1}{2\beta} \\ &\geq O(\beta^{\max(\ell(v),k)}) \end{split}$$

Maintaining the Hierarchical Partition (5)

Budget function

•
$$Budg(uv) = L - \max(\ell(u), \ell(v))$$

•
$$Budg(v) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \max\left(0, C\beta^{\ell(v)-1} - d^{<}(v)\right)$$

When moving up v from level $\ell(v)$ to k, the budget decrease is:

$$egin{aligned} \Delta Budg(v) + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v)} \Delta Budg(uv) &\geq 0 + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{N}(v) ext{ with } \ell(u) < k} rac{1}{2eta} \ &\geq & Ceta^{k-1}rac{1}{2eta} \ &\geq & O(eta^{ ext{max}(\ell(v),k)}) \end{aligned}$$

When **moving down** v from level $\ell(v)$ to k: similar ;-)

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

Introduction

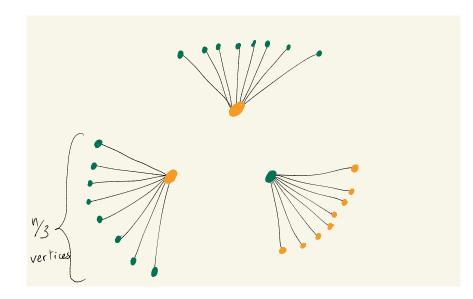
$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time

Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

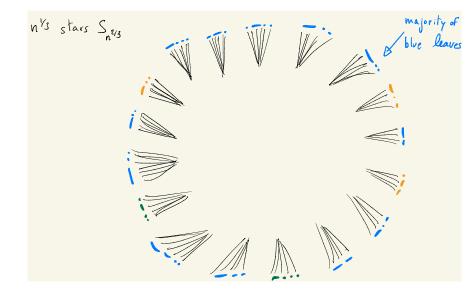
Coloring with arboricity α

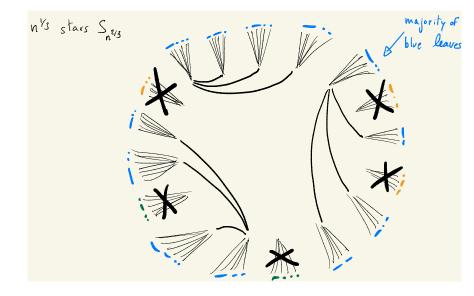
Limits of explicit colorings

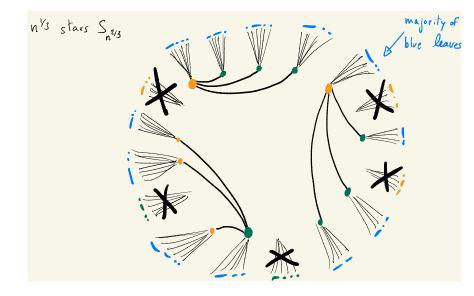
Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

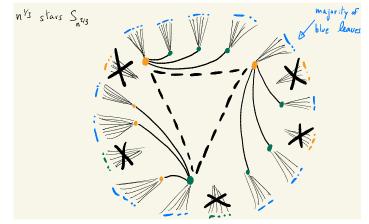


n's stars Snevs









After $O(n^{1/3})$ updates, either

the thick stars remain 2-colored:

 $O(n^{1/3}) \times O(n^{1/3})$ color changes.

some thin star has gets a blue root:

 $O(n^{2/3})$ color changes at leaves.

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time

Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

$O(\alpha)$ -forest decomposition

Data structure

Forests
$$F_1, \ldots, F_n$$

•
$$\alpha^* = O(\alpha)$$
 s.t. $F_i = \emptyset \ \forall i > lpha^*$

- ▶ $\forall F_i \forall T \in F_i$ is a rooted.
- Query : DIST_TO_ROOT(v, i)



$O(\alpha)$ -forest decomposition

Data structure

Forests
$$F_1, \ldots, F_n$$

•
$$\alpha^* = O(\alpha)$$
 s.t. $F_i = \emptyset \ \forall i > lpha^*$

 $\blacktriangleright \forall F_i \ \forall T \in F_i \text{ is a rooted.}$

• Query : DIST_TO_ROOT(v, i)

$O(\log n)$ time

Query: COLOR(v)

return (...,DIST_TO_ROOT(v, i) mod 2,...)

Introduction

$(\Delta + 1)$ -coloring with $O(\log n)$ amortized update time

Warmup Algorithm with *Hierarchical Partition*

Coloring with arboricity α

Limits of explicit colorings Implicit & deterministic $2^{O(\alpha)}$ -coloring Implicit & deterministic $O(\alpha^2)$ -coloring

Reducing to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$ colors

 $\alpha^*\text{-}\mathsf{out}$ orientations

$$\forall v \quad d^+(v) \leq \alpha^*$$

Reducing to $O(\alpha^4)$ colors

 α^* -out orientations $\forall v \quad d^+(v) \leq \alpha^*$

r-cover free family

There exists a family S of 2^{α^*} subsets of $\{1, \ldots, \alpha^{*4}\}$ such that:

 $\blacktriangleright \forall S \in S$

$$\blacktriangleright \forall S_1,\ldots,S_{\alpha^*} \in S$$

• There is a color
$$c \in S \setminus (\cup S_i)$$
.

Reducing to $O(\alpha^4)$ colors

 α^* -out orientations $\forall v \quad d^+(v) \le \alpha^*$

r-cover free family

There exists a family S of 2^{α^*} subsets of $\{1, \ldots, \alpha^{*4}\}$ such that:

$$\forall \ S \in S$$

$$\blacktriangleright \forall S_1,\ldots,S_{\alpha^*} \in S$$

• There is a color
$$c \in S \setminus (\cup S_i)$$
.

$$2^{\alpha^*}$$
-coloring c_1
 $\implies \alpha^{*4}$ -coloring c_2

Reducing to $O(\alpha^4)$ colors

 α^* -out orientations $\forall v \quad d^+(v) \leq \alpha^*$

r-cover free family

There exists a family S of 2^{α^*} subsets of $\{1, \ldots, \alpha^{*4}\}$ such that:

$$\forall \ S \in S$$

$$\blacktriangleright \forall S_1,\ldots,S_{\alpha^*} \in S$$

• There is a color
$$c \in S \setminus (\cup S_i)$$
.

$$2^{\alpha^*}$$
-coloring c_1
 $\implies \alpha^{*4}$ -coloring c_2

 $\implies \alpha^{*2}$ -coloring c_3

Thank you !