Distributed Derandomization via Network Decomposition

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We will see...

...distributed deterministic algorithm for network decomposition.

This is a key technical tool for a lot of theory built in past few years.

Plan:

1. Define the distributed LOCAL model
2. Survey implications of the algorithm
3. Give definition of net. decomposition and algorithm for it
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Luby’s algorithm

[Luby STOC’85; Alon, Babai, Itai JoA’86]
Maximal independent set

Each node samples a random number from \([0, 1]\)
Maximal independent set

Luby’s algorithm [Luby STOC’85]

Local minima form an independent set.
Maximal independent set

Luby’s algorithm [Luby STOC’85]

Let’s add them to current solution.
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0.7508

0.9356

Continue!
Maximal independent set

Luby’s algorithm [Luby STOC’85]

Trust me, the procedure finishes in $O(\log n)$ iterations w.h.p.
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Let me tell you now what the model is.
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[LOCAL model [Linial FOCS’87]]
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We neglect: computation, congestion, asynchronicity, fault-tolerance, ...
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Wait a minute!
[Fischer DISC’17]
Derandomization

[Ghaffari, Kuhn, Maus STOC’17] + [Ghaffari, Harris, Kuhn FOCS’18] + [R., Ghaffari ‘19+]:

“For all problems that allow polylogarithmic-round randomized algorithm*, there is also a polylogarithmic-round deterministic algorithm. “

*whose solution can be checked deterministically in polylogarithmic number of rounds
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Principled approach for MIS
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Easy case for our quest: the underlying graph has small (polylogarithmic) diameter.
Principled approach

Interesting case: a graph with huge diameter.
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Cluster are not neighbouring!
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We need to...

...partition the underlying graph into non-neighbouring poly(log n)-diameter clusters that cover at least half of the vertices.

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...satisfies that any two of its vertices are at most $D$ hops apart in the original graph.
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Since we have $O(\log n)$ phases in total, we set the threshold to $O(1/\log n)$.

This yields $O(\log^7 n)$ round algorithm.
Conclusion

We have seen very simple algorithm that was needed for lot of theory in the LOCAL model.

Reasonable problems can now be solved deterministically in poly(log n) rounds.

Many of the can be solved randomized in poly(log log n) rounds.
Outlook: CONGEST model

Since our algorithm works also in the CONGEST model, we get some more results:

[Censor-Hillel, Parter, Schwartzman DISC‘17] + [R., Ghaffari 19+]:

“There is also deterministic $O(\text{poly}(\log n))$-round algorithm for MIS in the CONGEST model.”
Beyond distributed models

[Ghaffari, Kuhn, Uitto ‘19+] + [Chang, Fischer, Ghaffari, Uitto, Zheng PODC’19]

To get faster randomized algorithm for \(\Delta+1\)-coloring in the MPC model, it is both necessary and sufficient to improve deterministic distributed algorithm for the same problem.