# GEOMETRIC ROUTING An introduction 

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## A tourist at Paris



Local information (coordinates of v , target, and neighbors $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{v})$ ) Limited memory allocation Ecologically sound algorithms

## Mobile ad hoc Wireless Networks (MANET)

- Sometimes there is no infrastructure remote areas, unplanned meetings, disaster areas, ships in ocean

- Sometimes not every station can hear every other station Data needs to be forwarded in a multihop manner



## Mobile ad hoc Wireless Networks (MANET)

Manet's consist of wireless hosts that communicate with each other in the absence of fixed infrastructure


Nodes move!!

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A MANET as a graph

- A node is a mobile station
- If node $v$ can "hear" node $u$ there is an edge ( $u, v$ )
- The graph is euclidean (there is a link between two nodes iff the distance is less than their two broadcast
 ranges)


## Mobile ad hoc Wireless Networks (MANET)

Unit disk graphs

Given a set of points $V$, $\operatorname{UDG}(\mathrm{V})$ is a geometric graph, in which there is an edge ( $u, v$ ) iff $\operatorname{dist}(u, v) \leq 1$

If all nodes have the same broadcast ranges, UDG are a model of MANETs


UDG has many edges

## Overview

- Classic routing
- Geometric graphs
- Memoryless algorithms: greedy, compass, ..
- O(1)-memory algorithms: face, ..
- Competitive algorithms


## Classic Routing

## Flooding

A source $s$ sends the message to all its neighbors; when a node receive the message the first time it resends it to all its neighbors

## Problems

- a node might see the same message more than once
- what if the network is huge and the target is next to $s$ ?



## Classic Routing

## Distance Vector

- Each node store a routing table that has an entry to each target
- If a node notices a change, it updates its routing table and sends an update to all neighbors, and their ....
- Message follows shortest path

Problems

- every node needs to store a big table



## Geometric Routing

- Each node is equipped with a location service (they have GPS, Galileo, or an ad-hoc way to know their coordinates)
- Each node knows all the neighbor nodes and their coordinates
- The messenger knows the coordinates of the target

The messages travel in a
geometric graph

What is geometric graph?


## GEOMETRIC GRAPHS

Vertices $\rightarrow$ Points
Edges $\rightarrow$ Segments


## GEOMETRIC GRAPHS

Triangulation of a set of points


Delaunay triangulation

## GEOMETRIC GRAPHS

Subgraphs of Delaunay Triangulation


Relative Neighborhood Graph
Gabriel Graph

## GEOMETRIC GRAPHS

Convex subdivision



## Voronoi Diagram



Dual of DT

## MEMORYLESS ALGORITHM

A routing algorithm is memoryless if the decision about which vertex to visit when we are situated at vertex $v$ and destinated for $t$ only depends of $v, t$, and $N(v)$

An algorithm $A$ is defeated by a graph $G$ if there exists a pair of vertices $s, t$ such that a packet stored at $s$ never reaches $t$ when being routed using $\mathbf{A}$.
Otherwise, we say that A works for G

## Memoryless algorithm

## Greedy routing



We greedily route to the neighbor which is closest to the target

## Memoryless algorithm



Geometric Routing

## Memoryless algorithm



## Memoryless algorithm

## Greedy routing

- Fails on some graphs
- Fails on some triangulations
- Always works for Delaunay Triangulations



## Bose, Morin 99

Every vertex $v$ of DT has a neighbor that is strictly closer to $t$ than $v$

## Memoryless algorithm

## Compass Routing

Kranakis, Urrutia 99


CR always moves a packet situated at the vertex $v$ to the neighbor $u$ of $v$ that minimizes the angle $\alpha=\angle u, v, t$

## Memoryless algorithm

Compass Routing
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Geometric Routing

## Memoryless algorithm

## Compass Routing

Kranakis, Urrutia 99

- Might fail, even in a triangulation.
When we try to go from $s$ to $t$, we travel around the cycle $v_{0}, w_{0} v_{1} w_{1} v_{2} w_{2} v_{3} w_{3} v_{0} w_{0} \ldots$ shown in red.
- Works well for Delaunay triangulations.



## Memoryless algorithm

## Greedy-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99



GCR always moves a packet situated at the vertex $v$ to $u \in\left\{b^{+}(v), b^{-}(v)\right\}$ such that $\operatorname{dist}(u, t)$ is minimized

## Memoryless algorithm

## Greedy-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99



Geometric Routing

## Memoryless algorithm

## Greedy-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99

Greedy-Compass Routing is a memoryless algorithm that is not defeated by any triangulation.

But, what happen for general graphs?

> There is no deterministic memoryless routing algorithm that works for all convex subdivisions

## Memoryless algorithm

## Random-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99



RCR moves a packet situated at the vertex $v$ to one of $\left\{b^{+}(v), b^{-}(v)\right\}$ with equal probability

## Memoryless algorithm

## Randomized

Random-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99


Geometric Routing

## Memoryless algorithm

## Random-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99

- Works for any triangulation
- Works for any convex subdivision



## Memoryless algorithm Randomized

## Random-Compass Routing Bose, Morin 99

Works for any convex subdivision
Assume that there is a convex subdivision G with $s, t$ such that the probability of reaching $s$ from $t$ using RCR is 0

Then there is a subgraph $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s} \in \mathrm{H}, t \notin \mathrm{H}$
with $b^{+}(v)$ and $b^{-}(v)$ en H for all $v \in \mathrm{H}$


F convex face of $t$
Since G is connected, it must be $u$ on the boundary of $F$, such that $b^{+}(v)$ or $b^{-}(v)$ is in the interior of $F$

## O(1)-Memory algorithm

## Face Routing

Kranakis, Urrutia 99



Route along the boundaries of the faces that lie on the source-target line

## $\mathrm{O}(1)$-Memory algorithm

## Face Routing

## Kranakis, Urrutia 99

1. Let F be the face incident to the source $s$, intersected by line $s, t$

2. Explore the boundary of F ; remember the point $p$ where the boundary intersects with $(s, t)$ which is nearest to $t$. Go back to $p$, switch the face and repeat 2 until you hit the target $t$

## $\mathrm{O}(1)$-Memory algorithm

## Face Routing

## Kranakis, Urrutia ‘99

Theorem: Face routing terminates on any simple planar graph in $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n})$ steps, where n is the number of the nodes in the network.

Proof: It is straightforward to see that we reach the the destination $t$ We can order the faces that intersect the $(s, t)$ line, therefore we never visit a face twice. Each edge is in at most two faces, therefore each edge is visited at most 4 times.
Since a simple planar graph has at most $3 n-6$ edges, the algorithm terminates in $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n})$ steps.

## $\mathrm{O}(1)$-Memory algorithm

## Face Routing 2

Bose, Morin, Sojmenovic, Urrutia ‘99

Idea: Traverse F until reaching an edge that intersects ( $s, t$ ) line at some point $p$, switch the face and repeat until to reach $t$


## O(1)-Memory algorithm

## Face Routing 2

Efficiency: Face-2 reaches $t$ in a finite number of steps, seems to be practicallymore efficient than face routing, but in pathological cases it may visit $\Omega\left(\mathrm{n}^{2}\right)$ edges of G


## GOAFR - Greedy Other Adaptive Face Routing



1. Route greedily as long as possible
2. Circumvent "dead ends" by use of face routing
3. Then route greedily again

## Competitiveness of paths (and routing algorithms)

## Greedy Routing

Compass Routing

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are "good"?
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## Random-Compass Routing

Now, we must consider the length of the path found by every routing algorithm
An algorithm $A$ is $c$-competitive for $G$ if $\frac{A(s, t)}{S P(s, t)} \leq c$
A(s,t) length of the path found by A
$\mathrm{SP}(\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{t})$ length of the shortest path between $s$ and $t$

## Competitiveness of paths (and routing algorithms)

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Random-Compass Routing
Euclidean metric or Link metric?

## Theorem <br> For any constant $c$, there exist Delaunay triangulations for which none of the GREEDY, COMPASS, GREEDY-COMPASS and RANDOM-COMPASS algorithms are $c$-competitive

## Competitiveness of paths (and routing algorithms)

## Greedy Routing <br> Compass Routing

Randomized Compass Routing

Greedy routing
$\mathrm{SP}(s, t)=(\pi / 2) \operatorname{dist}(s, t)$
$\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{t})=\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n}) \operatorname{dist}(\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{t})$


Geometric Routing

## Is there exists any competitive algorithm?

## Bose, Morin ‘99

Parallelal Voronoi Routing is an $\mathrm{O}(1)$-memory routing that is c-competitive for all Delaunay triangulations under the euclidean distance metric.

Bose, Morin , + ‘00
Under the link distance metric, no routing is $c$-competitive for all Delaunay triangulations.

And for all greedy or minimum weight triangulations

## Competitive algorithms

Voronoi routing


Segment st intersects the Voronoi regions $\mathrm{R}_{1}, \mathrm{R}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{m}}$ (in order)
VR moves the packet along the path $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{V}}: \quad s=v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{\mathrm{m}}=t$ where $v_{\mathrm{i}}$ is the vertex defining $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$

## Competitive algorithms

## Voronoi routing

Voronoi routing is an $\mathrm{O}(1)$-memory routing algorithm


VR is not $c$-competitive for all Delaunay triangulations

## Competitive algorithms

## Parallelal Voronoi routing

## Properties of DT (Dobkin et al. ‘90)

1. DT approximates the complete euclidean graph, i.e.
$\operatorname{SPDT}(a, b) \leq \mathrm{k} \cdot \operatorname{dist}(a, b)$
$\operatorname{SPDT}(a, b)$ length of the shortest path between $a$ and $b$ in DT


## Competitive algorithms

## Parallelal Voronoi routing

Assume that $s$ and $t$ both lie on the x -axis

2. The path $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{V}}$ is x -monotone
3. The length of the subpaths above the x -axis is $\leq(\pi / 2) \operatorname{dist}(s, t)$

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## Parallelal Voronoi routing



What happens between two vertices $b_{i} b_{i+1}$ of $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{V}}$ situated above x -axis, when the Voronoi path is not a direct edge?

## Competitive algorithms

## Parallelal Voronoi routing



PVR travels an overall distance of, at most

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\left(9 c^{*}+\pi / 2\right) \operatorname{dist}(s, t)
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## Open problems

There is competitive routing algorithms for Delaunay, Greedy and Minimum Weight Triangulations (EUCLIDEAN METRIC)

1. For what other classes of geometric graphs do competitive routing algorithms exist?

There is no competitive routing algorithms for Delaunay, Greedy and Minimum Weight Triangulations ( LINK METRIC)
2. Is there a class of geometric graph that admits a competitive routing algorithm ? (meshes don't count)

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