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GEOMETRIC ROUTING An introduction

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A tourist at Paris



Local information (coordinates of v, target, and neighbors N(v)) Limited memory allocation Ecologically sound algorithms

• 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



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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)



Unit disk graphs

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

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



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



- 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



- 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



GEOMETRIC GRAPHS

Vertices \rightarrow PointsEdges \rightarrow Segments



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Triangulation of a set of points



Delaunay triangulation

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Subgraphs of Delaunay Triangulation





Relative Neighborhood Graph

Gabriel Graph



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 tonly 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 **A**. Otherwise, we say that **A** works for G

Greedy routing



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









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



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

 $v_{0,}w_{0}v_{1}w_{1}v_{2}w_{2}v_{3}w_{3}v_{0}w_{0}$ shown in red.

• Works well for Delaunay triangulations.



Greedy-Compass Routing

 $b^+(v)$ $b^-(v)$

Bose, Morin 99

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



Greedy-Compass Routing

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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



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





- Works for any triangulation
- Works for any convex subdivision





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 H, $s \in H$, $t \notin H$

with $b^+(v)$ and $b^-(v)$ en H for all $v \in H$

F t • u

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



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



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*

Face Routing

Kranakis, Urrutia '99

Theorem: Face routing terminates on any simple planar graph in O(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 3n-6 edges, the algorithm terminates in O(n) steps.

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



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Bose, Morin, Sojmenovic, Urrutia '99

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 $\Omega(n^2)$ edges of G



Hybrid strategie

GOAFR - Greedy Other Adaptive Face Routing



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

Competitiveness of paths (and routing algorithms)

Greedy Routing

Compass Routing

are "good"?

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



A(s,t) length of the path found by ASP(s,t) length of the shortest path between *s* and *t*

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Euclidean metric or Link metric?

Theorem For any constant *c*, there exist Delaunay triangulations for which none of the GREEDY, COMPASS, GREEDY-COMPASS and RANDOM-COMPASS algorithms are *c*-competitive



Is there exists any competitive algorithm?

Bose, Morin '99 Parallelal Voronoi Routing is an 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



Segment st intersects the Voronoi regions $R_1, R_2, ..., R_m$ (in order)

VR moves the packet along the path P_V : $s = v_1, v_2, ..., v_m = t$ where v_i is the vertex defining R_i

Voronoi routing

Voronoi routing is an O(1)-memory routing algorithm



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

Parallelal Voronoi routing

Properties of DT (Dobkin et al. '90)

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



Parallelal Voronoi routing

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



 $|P_V| \le c^* (x_{i+1} - x_i)$ or $|P_F| \le c^* (x_{i+1} - x_i)$

PVR travels an overall distance of, at most

 $(9c*+\pi/2)$ *dist*(*s*,*t*)

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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