Minimum Connected Dominating Set in Multihop Wireless Networks

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Virtual Backbone (CDS)

Virtual backbone/CDS: a subset U of nodes such that any pair of non-adjacent nodes can communicate with each other though the nodes in U.



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- T_2 : a spanning inward *s*-arborescence in D

Lemma

All non-sink nodes of T_1 and all non-source nodes of T_2 form a CDS of D.



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Reduction to Min-Power Routing for Broadcast

 \mathcal{A} : a μ -approximation algorithm for SAFIN

- s: a node in $OPT \cap S$.
- D^R : reverse of D
- \mathcal{T}_1 : spanning *s*-arborescence of D output by \mathcal{A}
- T_2 : spanning *s*-arborescence of D^R output by \mathcal{A}

$$|I(T_1) \cup I(T_2)| \le 1 + |I(T_1) \setminus \{s\}| + |I(T_2) \setminus \{s\}|$$

$$\le 1 + 2\mu (\gamma_c - 1)$$

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S: candidates of root

$$\begin{array}{l} u \leftarrow \arg\min_{v \in V} \min\left(\delta^{in}\left(v\right), \delta^{out}\left(v\right)\right); \\ \text{If } \delta^{in}\left(u\right) \leq \delta^{out}\left(u\right) \text{ then } S \leftarrow N^{in}\left[u\right]; \\ \text{ else } S \leftarrow N^{out}\left[u\right]; \end{array}$$

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Algorithm \mathcal{A}^*:

U \leftarrow V;

for each s \in S,

T_1 \leftarrow spanning s-arborescence in D output by \mathcal{A};

T_2 \leftarrow spanning s-arborescence in D^R output by \mathcal{A};

if |I(T_1) \cup I(T_2)| < |U| then

U \leftarrow I(T_1) \cup I(T_2);

output U.
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$$\mathcal{T}(B, u) = \{T_h(B, u) : 1 \le h \le f(B)\};$$

otherwise,

$$\mathcal{T}(B, u) = \{T_h(B, u) : 2 \le h \le f(B)\}$$

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So we assume that $\Delta \geq 3$ from now on.

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 $|W| \leq 2(|U|-1) \Rightarrow |U \cup W| \leq 3|U|-2 \leq 3H(\Delta)\gamma_c-2.$

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Then, the potential of U is $f(U) = f_1(U) + f_2(U) - 1$.



Figure: U consists of black nodes. In both (a) and (b), $f_1(U) = 2$, $f_2(U) = 1$, and f(U) = 2.

Clearly,

$$f_{1}(\emptyset) = 0, f_{2}(\emptyset) = n \Rightarrow f(\emptyset) = n - 1;$$

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 $\forall \emptyset \neq U \subseteq V,$

$$\begin{split} f_1\left(U
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The gain of $v \in V$ w.r.t. $U \subseteq V$ is defined to be

$$\partial_{v}f(U) = f(U) - f(U \cup \{v\}).$$



Figure: U consists of black nodes. (a) $\partial_{v} f(U) = 0$; (b) $\partial_{v} f(U) = 1$.



Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{v} f_{1}\left(U\right) &= f_{1}\left(U\right) - f_{2}\left(U \cup \{v\}\right), \\ \partial_{v} f_{2}\left(U\right) &= f_{2}\left(U\right) - f_{2}\left(U \cup \{v\}\right), \end{aligned}$$

Then

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else

$$\partial_{v} f_{1}(U) = (\# \text{ of components of } G[U] \text{ adj. to } v) - 1,$$

 $\partial_{v} f_{2}(U) = \# \text{ of components of } G\langle U \rangle \text{ adj. to } v.$

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$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{GCDS} \\ B \leftarrow \emptyset; \\ \text{While } f(B) > 1 \text{ do} \\ \text{ select } v \in V \setminus B \text{ with maximum } \partial_v f(B); \\ B \leftarrow B \cup \{v\}; \\ \text{Output } B. \end{array}$

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Theorem

The algorithm **GCDS** runs in at most n - 2 iterations and has approximation bound of at most $2 + \ln (\Delta - 2)$.

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If U is not a CDS, then at least one node v has a positive gain w.r.t. U.



Figure: A node v with positive gain w.r.t. U. (a) $U = \emptyset$; (b) $U \neq \emptyset$ but is not a DS; (c) and (d) U is a DS.

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$$f(U) - 1 = f(U) - f(U \cup W) = \partial_{v_1} f(U) + \sum_{j=2}^{\gamma_c} \partial_{v_j} f(U \cup W_{j-1})$$

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Hence,

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq \gamma_{c}} \partial_{v_{j}} f\left(U\right) \geq \frac{f\left(U\right)}{\gamma_{c}} - 1.$$

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Lower Bound on Optimum

Lemma

$$\gamma_c \geq \frac{n-2}{\Delta-1}$$

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$$n \leq (\Delta + 1) + (\Delta - 1) (\gamma_c - 1)$$

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Each node in $B \setminus B_k$ has gain ≥ 1 .

Case 1: $f(B_k) \leq 2\gamma_c$.

$$|B \setminus B_k| \leq f(B_k) - 1 \leq 2\gamma_c - 1.$$

Case 2: $f(B_k) = 2\gamma_c + 1$. Then the first node in $B \setminus B_k$ has gain ≥ 2 .

$$2 + (|B \setminus B_k| - 1) \le f(B_k) - 1 = 2\gamma_c \Rightarrow |B \setminus B_k| \le 2\gamma_c - 1.$$

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$$\ell_{i-1}-\ell_{i} \ge \frac{f(\mathcal{C}_{i-1})}{\gamma_{c}} - 1 = \frac{\ell_{i-1}}{\gamma_{c}} \Rightarrow \frac{\ell_{i-1}-\ell_{i}}{\ell_{i-1}} \ge \frac{1}{\gamma_{c}}.$$

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$$\ell_{i-1}-\ell_{i} \ge \frac{f(\mathcal{C}_{i-1})}{\gamma_{c}} - 1 = \frac{\ell_{i-1}}{\gamma_{c}} \Rightarrow \frac{\ell_{i-1}-\ell_{i}}{\ell_{i-1}} \ge \frac{1}{\gamma_{c}}.$$

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$$\begin{split} \frac{k-1}{\gamma_c} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{\ell_{i-1} - \ell_i}{\ell_{i-1}} \leq \ln \frac{\ell_0}{\ell_{k-1}} \leq \ln \frac{n-1-\gamma_c}{\gamma_c+2} \\ &\leq \ln \frac{(\Delta-1)\gamma_c + 2 - 1 - \gamma_c}{\gamma_c+2} \\ &= \ln \left(\Delta - 2 - \frac{2\Delta - 5}{\gamma_c+2}\right) < \ln \left(\Delta - 2\right). \end{split}$$

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Independence Number vs. Connected Domination Number

 α : independence number of *G*

 γ_c : connected domination number of G

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A Conjecture

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 u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k : sequence of nodes added to *I*. H_j for $1 \le j \le k$: the graph over $\{u_i : 1 \le i \le j\}$ in which a pair of nodes is connected by an edge if and only if their graph distance in *G* is two.

Claim: H_j is connected (by induction on j)

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$$C \leftarrow \emptyset;$$
While $f(C) > 1$ do
select $v \in V \setminus (I \cup C)$ with maximum $\partial_v f(C)$;
 $C \leftarrow C \cup \{v\};$
Output C.

For any subset U ⊆ V \ I, f (U) = # of components in G [I ∪ U].
Gain of a node v w.r.t. U: ∂_wf (U) = f (U) - f (U ∪ {x}).

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We will prove that

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Upper Bound on $|C_1|$

Trivial if $C_1 = \emptyset$. So we assume that $C_1 \neq \emptyset$ and let u be the last node in C_1 . Then,

$$f(C_1 \setminus \{u\}) \geq 3\gamma_c + 3.$$

Case 1: $f(C_1) \le 3\gamma_c + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3\left(|\mathcal{C}_1|-1\right) &\leq |\mathcal{I}| - f\left(\mathcal{C}_1 \setminus \{u\}\right) \leq |\mathcal{I}| - (3\gamma_c + 3) \\ \Rightarrow |\mathcal{C}_1| &\leq \frac{|\mathcal{I}|}{3} - \gamma_c. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow |C_1| \le \frac{|I| - 2}{3} - \gamma_c.$$

Upper Bound on $|C_2|$

Trivial if $|C_2| \leq 1$. So, assume $|C_2| \geq 2$ and let v be the last node in C_2 . Then,

$$f(C_1 \cup C_2 \setminus \{v\}) \geq 2\gamma_c + 2.$$

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$$2(|C_2|-1) \le f(C_1) - f(C_1 \cup C_2 \setminus \{v\}) \le 3\gamma_c - (2\gamma_c + 2)$$

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