Weekplan: Distributed Algorithms I

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References and Reading

[1] Distributed Algorithms Chapter 1. By Jukka Suomela.

Exercises

1 PC3 algorithm

1.1 [w] Run the P3C algorithm on the following example:



- **1.2** [w] Give an instance where the algorithm PC3 runs in n rounds.
- **1.3** Rewrite the algorithm so nodes do not keep sending messages.
- **2 Simpler path coloring algorithm** Consider a simpler algorithm idea for 3-coloring a path: all nodes pick the smallest color that is not used by their neighbors. Construct an example in which this algorithm fails.
- **3** Faster coloring algorithm Consider the following questions about the faster path coloring algorithm:
- **3.1** What would go wrong if the new color was just *b*? Construct an example in which it fails.
- **3.2** What would go wrong if the new color was just *i*? Construct an example in which it fails.
- **4** Exercises from the book Solve the following exercises from the book [1]: Quiz 1.7, exercise 1.1, 1.3, and 1.5.
- **5 LOCAL** model In the LOCAL model we have each node $v \in V$ has *unique* identifier $id(v): V \to \{1, 2, ..., |V^c|\}$ for some constant c > 1. In the CONGEST model we further have the following *bandwidth restriction*: in each communication round, over each edge, we can only send $O(\log n)$ -bit messages, where n is the number of nodes in V.

Assume the network is connected.

- **5.1** Give an algorithm in the LOCAL model that ensures that after O(diam(G)) rounds every node in the network knows everything about the graph G.
- **5.2** Explain how the algorithm from exercise **5.1** can be used to solve any graph problem for which there is a non-distributed algorithm in $O(\operatorname{diam}(G))$ rounds in the LOCAL model.
- **5.3** Give an example of a graph where the algorithm from exercise **5.1** does not work in the CONGEST model.