Distributed Algorithms

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• Network with n computers (nodes) connected via communication channels (edges).



- Identifiers. Nodes has a unique identifier id: $V \rightarrow \{1, 2, ..., n^c\}$ for some constant c.
- Messages. Nodes can exchange messages with neighbors.
- Communication rounds. All nodes perform the same algorithm synchronously in parallel:
 - Receive messages
 - Process
 - Send
- Message size. In each round over each edge send message of size O(logn) bits.





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- Algorithm.
 - BFS tree from a specific node (leader)
 - Use BFS tree without a leader
 - Pipeline BFS computations.

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- Algorithm.
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 - When receiving "wave" request, choose one to accept and send accept back.



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Electing a Leader

- Use BFS!?
- Algorithm.
 - Run Wave(v) from every node.
 - Augment messages with identity of root node.
 - A node only sends messages related smallest id seen so far.
 - When a node has received acknowledgment from all its children it sends a message (using the BFS tree) to all other nodes that it is the leader.



Electing a Leader

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Electing a Leader

- Correctness.
 - Exactly one node will receive acknowledgment from all its children in its BFS tree (namely s = min V).
- Number of rounds.
 - O(diam(G))
- CONGEST model.
 - Every node sends only messages related to one BFS process in each round.

- Local output. Every node knows the identity of all other nodes and the distance to them.
- Run Wave(v) from all nodes:
 - In parallel? Messages too large!
 - Sequentially? O(n diam(G)) rounds
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- Claim. Two waves Wave(*u*) and Wave(*v*) never collides.
 - Assume Wave(*u*) starts before Wave(*v*).
 - $d = d_G(u, v)$
 - T_s is a subgraph of G.
 - It takes at least 2d rounds to move the token from u to v.
 - It takes *d* rounds for Wave(*u*) to reach *v*.
 - When Wave(v) is started Wave(u) has already passed.
 - Wave(v) never catches up with Wave(u) (move at same speed).

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- Rounds.
 - After O(n) rounds all Waves have been started.
 - Number of rounds: O(n + diam(G)) = O(n).

