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## Distributed Low Tree-Depth Decompositions

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### Topological resolution of a class $\mathcal{C}$

 $G \,\widetilde{\lor} \, t = \text{set of } shallow \ topological \ minors \ \text{at depth} \ t:$ 



Topological resolution:

$$\mathcal{C} \ \subseteq \ \mathcal{C} \ \widetilde{\triangledown} \ 0 \ \subseteq \ \mathcal{C} \ \widetilde{\triangledown} \ 1 \ \subseteq \ \ldots \ \subseteq \ \mathcal{C} \ \widetilde{\triangledown} \ t \ \subseteq \ \ldots \ \subseteq \ \mathcal{C} \ \widetilde{\triangledown} \ \infty$$



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#### Taxonomy of Classes

A class C is *nowhere dense* if

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{N}: \quad \omega(\mathcal{C} \,\widetilde{\nabla} \, t) < \infty$$

 $\dots$  otherwise C is *somewhere dense* 

 $\mathcal{C}$  has *bounded expansion* if

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{N} : \quad \bar{\mathrm{d}}(\mathcal{C} \,\widetilde{\nabla} \, t) < \infty$$

Remark: bounded expansion  $\implies$  nowhere dense.

Notation:  $\widetilde{\nabla}_t(G) = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\mathrm{d}}(G \,\widetilde{\nabla}\, t) = \max\{\frac{\|H\|}{|H|} : H \in G \,\widetilde{\nabla}\, t\}.$ 



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Theorem (Nešetřil, POM 2012)				



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#### Tree-depth



The *tree-depth* td(G) of a graph G is the minimum height of a rooted forest Y s.t.

 $G \subseteq \text{Closure}(Y).$ 

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#### Stronger

(p+1)-centered coloring, s.t. in any connected subgraph:

- either  $\geq p+1$  distinct colors appear,
- or some color appears exactly once.



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### Low tree-depth decompositions

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#### Remark

Similar results for (p+1)-centered coloring.



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 $\begin{array}{l} \forall p \in \mathbb{N} \hspace{0.2cm} \exists \hspace{0.2cm} \text{polynomial} \hspace{0.2cm} P_p \hspace{0.2cm} (\text{of degree about} \hspace{0.2cm} 2^{2^p}) \hspace{0.2cm} \text{such that} \hspace{0.2cm} \forall G \\ \text{Procedure A computes a} \hspace{0.2cm} (p+1)\text{-centered coloring of} \hspace{0.2cm} G \hspace{0.2cm} \text{with} \\ N_p(G) \leq P_p(\widetilde{\nabla}_{2^{p-2}+\frac{1}{2}}(G)) \hspace{0.2cm} \text{colors in time} \hspace{0.2cm} O(N_p(G)n)\text{-time}, \end{array}$ 

where 
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### Model Checking

Theorem (Dvořák, Kráľ, and Thomas 2009; Grohe and Kreutzer 2011)

First-order properties may be checked in

- O(n) time for G in a class with bounded expansion,
- $n^{1+o(1)}$  time for G in a class with locally bounded expansion.

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#### Problem

Can first-order properties be checked in  $O(n^c)$  time for G in a **nowhere dense class**?



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- + every vertex knows n



### Orientation and Coloring of Degenerate Graphs

#### Theorem (Barenboim and Elkin 2008)

There are distributed procedures Partition and Arb-Color, such that for G with arboricity a and a positive parameter  $\epsilon$ ,  $0 < \epsilon \leq 2$ :

- Partition $(a, \epsilon)$  computes an acyclic orientation of G with maximum outdegree  $\leq (2 + \epsilon)a$  in time  $O(\log n)$ .
- Arb-Color $(a, \epsilon)$  computes an coloring of G into  $(\lfloor (2 + \epsilon)a \rfloor + 1)$  colors in time  $O(a \log n)$ ;

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#### Distributed Low Tree-depth Decomposition





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### The Distributed Algorithm (sketch)

#### Procedure D

Orient the graph with indegree bounded by degeneracy (within a constant factor)

for k = 1 to  $2^{p-1} + 1$  do

Compute the edges of the set of fraternal edges to be added. These edges are routed as paths of length k + 1Orient these edges with indegree bounded by degeneracy (within a constant factor)

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### Bounding the Congestion

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#### Corollary (Example $\bigcirc$ )

There is a procedure such that for every graph G in a fixed bounded expansion class C, the procedure computes in time  $O(\log n)$  a coloring of the vertices of G with f(C) colors, such that any two vertices of G at distance 3 get different colors.



#### Discussion



- What about non-sparse graphs?
- Stronger models of distributed computation?



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# Thank you for your attention.

