Scalable and Distributed Self-Healing Algorithms for Reconfigurable Networks

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Our Problem

- Given: a connected network.
- Goal: Keep the network connected and "small".
- Problem: An adversary deletes nodes in the network.
- Technique: Add edges.

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- The network: a Graph G(V,E)
- The attack: Deletion of nodes.
- Self-healing goals:
 - Maintain connectivity.
 - Ensure degrees of all nodes stay small.
 - The algorithm must be efficient.

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Non-adaptible networks.

- Spare capacity and rerouting.[XM 1999]
- Redundant trees. [MFB 1999]
- Resilient Overlay networks. [ABKM '01]
- Independent redundant network components. [GBI '04]



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Line Algorithm

 Reconnecting neighbours of deleted nodes in a line. [BASS '06].





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- Keeps degrees small.
- Ensures connectivity.
- Simple algorithm.

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Problems

- Not scalable.
- Too many messages exchanged O(n).
- Too slow *O*(*n*).
- Diameter can increase.

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Our Model

- The Adversary:
 - Eats Nodes.
 - Omniscient: has knowledge of our network and algorithms.

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- Eats one node at a time.
- The Home team (Nodes):
 - Have a small time to recover after each attack.
 - Can set up new links (reconfigure).
 - Maintain Neighbour-of-Neighbour information.

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Some definitions

For a fixed time *t*:

- G(V, E): The actual network.
- E': The edges added by algorithm.($E' \subseteq E$).
- G' = (V, E'): G' will be a forest.
- N(v, G'): neighbors of v in G'.
- *UN*(*v*, *G*) (*Unique Neighbours*): Set of neighbours of *v* in *G* such that no subtree in *G'* has more than one representative.



DaSH: Degree-Based Self-Healing.

- Init: for given network G(V, E), Initialise each vertex with a random number *ID* between [0,1] selected uniformly at random.
- While true do
- If a vertex v is deleted, do
- Solution Nodes in UN(v, G) ∪ N(v, G') are reconnected into a complete binary tree. To connect the tree, go right to left, bottom up, mapping nodes to the complete binary tree in decreasing order of degree value.
- S Let *MINID* be the minimum *ID* of any node in UN(v, G) ∪ N(v, G'). Propagate *MINID* to all the nodes in the tree of UN(v, G) ∪ N(v, G') in G'.

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DaSH Demo.



Figure: Reconfiguration on deletion of node *V*.

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DaSH Timeline.



N=100



N=50



N=30

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DaSH Properties.

Theorem

DaSH has the following properties:

- The degree of any vertex is increased by at most 2(logn) + 1.
- The latency to do healing after a deletion is constant.
- The number of messages any node sends out and receives is O(logn) with high probability.
- The algorithm is completely distributed.

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- Attack strategies:
 - Max degree: Delete node of maximum degree.
 - Max Degree Neighbour: Keep deleting neighbours of maximum degree node.
- Healing strategies:
 - Binary Graph: reconnect all neighbours; naive.
 - Binary Tree: reconnect neighbours keeping G' as forest.

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• Degree based Binary Tree (DaSH)





Figure: Self-healing demonstrated by *DaSH* and related Algorithms.

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- Concrete definition of self-healing: maintaining an invariant over multiple attacks.
- Provably efficient algorithm for maintaining networks.

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• Additionally, keep Stretch¹ of the network low.

¹maximum $\frac{\delta'(u,v)}{\delta(u,v)}$ for all nodes u, v, where δ' is distance in new graph, δ distance in original graph.

Question Time



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