## Distance Labelings

# Ferienakademie im Sarntal - Course 2 <br> Distance Problems: Theory and Praxis 

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For an $n$-vertex graph $G=(V, E)$ the previous example uses

- labels $L(u, G)$ of length $|L(u, G)| \in \mathcal{O}(|n \cdot \log n|)$
- containing the distances $d(u, v)$ to all other vertices $v \in V$
- which makes decoding possible in $\mathcal{O}(1)$.


## Are better labeling schemes available?

- Label size linear in $n$ at cost of decoding time?
- What about upper and lower bounds for label length?


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Instead, find a dominating set which is "small enough":

- Using a BFS, construct a spanning tree $T$ on $G=(V, E)$.
- Let $h$ denote the height of $T$. Divide $V$ into disjoint sets $T_{i}$ for $i \in\{0, \ldots, h\}$ according to their level in $T$
- Merge $T_{i}$ into $\rho+1$ disjoint sets $D_{i}=\bigcup_{j \in\{0, \ldots, h\}} T_{i+j(\rho+1)}$.


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## Proof:

- Each element in $S$ dominates at least $\rho+1$ vertices in $V$ :

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- For $\rho \geq n-1$, any single vertex $v \in V$ forms a $\rho$-dominating set $\Rightarrow|S| \geq 1$


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Note: The sequence of $\rho_{i}$ decreases $\left(\rho_{k}=0\right)$ while $\left|S_{i}\right|$ increases.

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We now discuss a labeling scheme which allows for

- labels in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ and
- decoding in $\mathcal{O}(\log \log n)$.


## Building the labels



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Define (don't ask why):

- $k=\lceil\log \log n\rceil$
- $I=\{0,1, \ldots, k\}$
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Let's do it by example step by step...

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- $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ for bounded degree graphs.


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=n \cdot\left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{i}{2^{i}}+3 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^{i}}\right) & =n \cdot\left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x^{i+1}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{2}}-\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^{i}}+3 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^{i}}\right) \\
& =n \cdot\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x^{i+1}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{2}}+2 \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{2^{i}}\right) \\
& \leq n \cdot\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^{i+1}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{2}}+2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i}}\right) \\
& =n \cdot\left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{1-x}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{2}{1-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\
& =n \cdot\left(\left[\frac{1}{(1-x)^{2}}\right]_{x=\frac{1}{2}}+4\right)=8 n
\end{aligned}
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