Gossiping with interference in radio chain networks (upper bound algorithms)

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In this paper, we study the problem of gossiping with interference constraint in radio chain networks. Gossiping (or total exchange information) is a protocol where each node in the network has a message and wants to distribute its own message to every other node in the network. The gossiping problem consists in finding the minimum running time (makespan) of a gossiping protocol and efficient algorithms that attain this makespan.

Transmission model The radio chain network is modeled as a symmetric dipath P_n , where the vertices represent the nodes and the arcs represent the possible communications. A call (s, r) is defined as the transmission from the node s to the node r, in which s is the sender and r is the receiver and (s, r) is an arc of the dipath. The network is assumed to be synchronous and the time is slotted into steps. We suppose that each device is equipped with a half duplex interface, and therefore, a node cannot both receive and transmit during a step.

Interference model Furthermore, communication is subject to interference constraints. We use a binary asymmetric model of interference based on the distance in the communication digraph like the ones used in [1, 2, 5]. Let d(s,r) denote the distance, that is the length of a shortest directed path, from s to r in P_n and d_I be a non-negative integer. We assume that when a node s transmits, all nodes v such that $d(s,v) \leq d_I$ are subject to the interference from the transmission at s. So two calls (s,r) and (s',r') do not interfere if $d(s,r') > d_I$ and $d(s',r) > d_I$. During a given step only non-interfering (or compatible) calls can be done and we will define a round as a set of such compatible calls. We focus here on the case where $d_I = 1$.

Main result Within this model, the problem has been studied in general in [4] where approximation results are given in particular for ring and chain networks (see also the survey [3]). We solved completely the gossiping problem in radio ring networks (work presented at JCDCG³ 2017), and presented partial results for radio chain networks (work presented at JCDCG³ 2018).

In this talk, we present new gossiping algorithms for chain networks which meet the lower bounds enabling us to prove the following theorem: **Theorem 1** The minimum number R of rounds needed to achieve a gossiping in a chain network P_n $(n \ge 3)$, with the interference distance $d_I = 1$ is

$$R = \begin{cases} 3n - 5 & \text{if } n \ge 4 \\ 5 & \text{if } n = 3 \end{cases}$$

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