

BDCAT: Balanced Dynamic Content-Addressing in Trees

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What do we want to do?

- *Build a secure, low-delay darknet*

Why is that difficult?

- Publish/access without fear of retribution/censorship
- -> Routing/content addr. in restricted environments

What's this paper about?

- Content addressing on a
 - tree-shaped (efficient routing!) overlay
 - with fair load balancing
- log* (arrow pointing to 'tree-shaped')
- polylog* (arrow pointing to 'tree-shaped')
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- Derive identifier from resources that map to a (zone within the) network address
- Register and retrieve information at respective node

A bit more formal, in a network $G=(V,E)$ with resources O :

id: $V \rightarrow ID$	map: $O \rightarrow ID$
store: $O \rightarrow V$	retrieve: $ID \rightarrow O$

- *First-term CS students: Hash tables*
- *Cloud/datacenter people: memcached*
- *P2P people: DHT*
- *Everybody else: DNS*

Find a path of links to a destination (store, retrieve)

1. Assign node addresses and connectivity
2. Disseminate connectivity information
3. Calculate distances via neighbors (*DV/LS*)
4. Minimize distance to destination (greedy)

2 degrees of freedom: addresses / connections

- IP: centralized addressing, strategic connections
- DNS: centralized addressing, connect to tree
- DHT: random addresses, connect to routable structure



Information is restricted, connections are fixed! ¹

Single degree of freedom

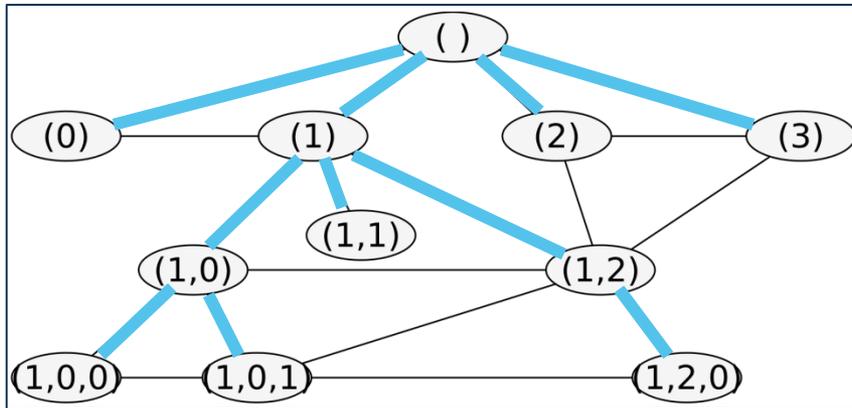
1. *Adapt addresses*
2. Estimate distances
3. Minimize distance

A bit more formal, let $ID(v)$ be address of $v \in V$.
 A *network embedding* on graph G is a function

$$ID : V \rightarrow M$$
 to metric space M equipped with a distance

$$d : M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+.$$

(1): Approx. routable structure (*greedy?*), eg a **tree**



PIE embedding^{1,2}

$$d(s, t) := |s| + |t| - 2(\text{cpl}(s, t))$$

Map resources to nodes, $map : O \rightarrow M$

Assume max depth of tree to be L :

Define metric space to be vectors (of L components):

$$map(o) = (h_1(o), h_2(o), h_3(o), \dots, h_L(o))$$

distance measured as above.

Maps uniform into components \rightarrow overall namespace

Trees determined by social graph, unbalanced, **static**.

Task is to guarantee (f, δ) -balance:

for all $v \in V$ less than $f \frac{1}{|V|} + \delta$ assigned.

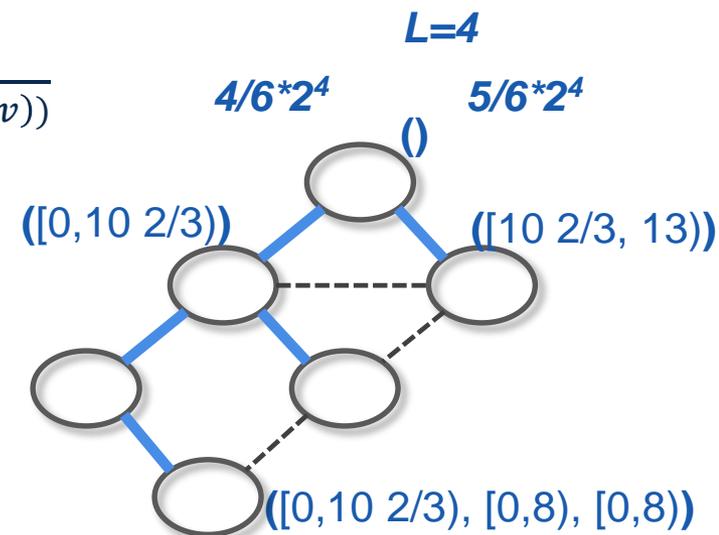
Intervals (zones) assigned to each component:

1. Estimate #nodes in branch $\text{succ}(v)$
2. Allocate zones $z(v)$ accordingly:

assign, width: $|z(v)| = 2^L \frac{\text{succ}(v)}{\text{succ}(\text{parent}(v))}$

Distance metric considering zones:

- $d(x, y) = |x| + |y| - 2\text{con}(x, y)$
- with: $\text{con}(x, y) = \max\{i : x_j \in y_j \ \forall j \leq i\}$



Churn: nodes are unreliable, *trees are delicate*

monitoring *embedding* *content reassignment*



Guarantee polylog stabilization complexity (+ *balance*)

- Tree: Stabilize underlying branches locally
 - Join (or: depart/reconnect)
 - a: local reassignment possible
 - b: escalate to parent

Paper: slightly different algorithm, disseminating estimate of $|V|$

Results:

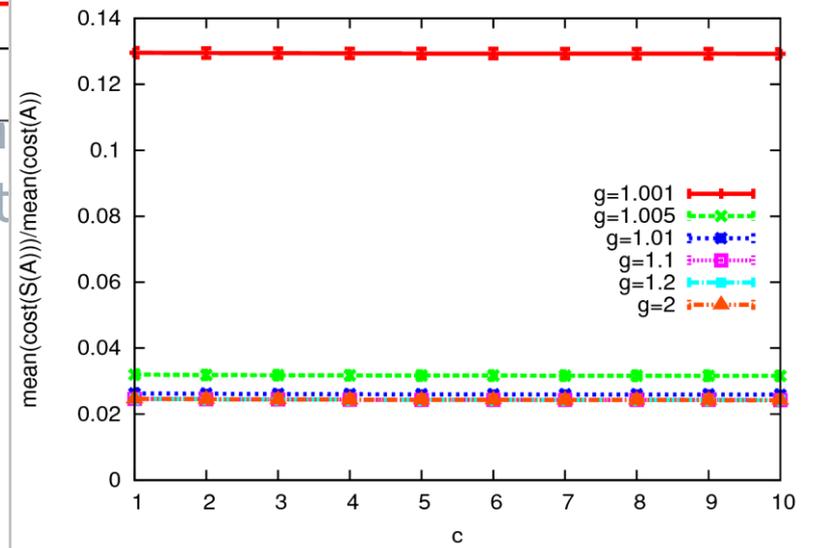
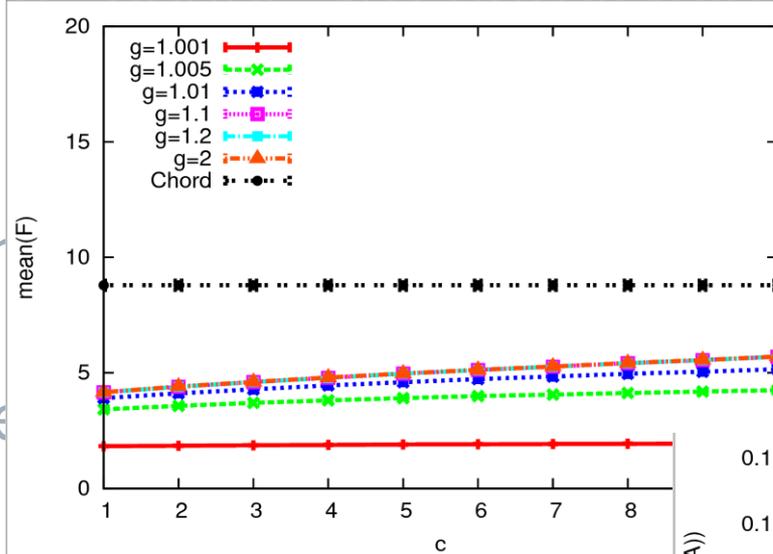
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Guarantee: low complexity (+ balance)

• Tree rebalancing: branches locally



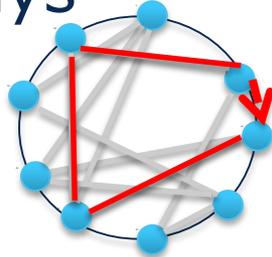
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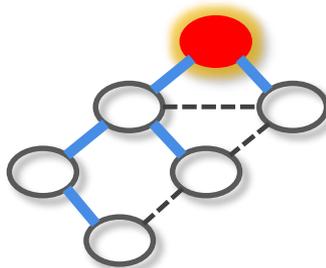
Virtual Overlays



- Long routes
 - Voute: polylog^1
 - Others: $> \text{polylog}^2$

Kleinberg, Prefix Emb. ^{3,4}

- Unfair load:

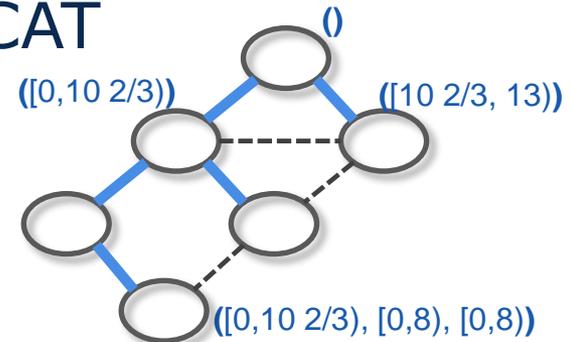


Topology-aware hashes ⁵

$$h\left(\text{[Network Graph]}, \text{[Cat Image]} \right)$$

- Churn: Reassign everything

BDCAT



- $\log / \log / \text{polylog}$

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