Chapter 6
GEOMETRIC ROUTING
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Overview

• Geometric routing
• Greedy geometric routing

• Euclidian and planar graphs
• Unit disk graph
• Gabriel graph, and other planar graphs

• Face routing
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Geometric (Directional, Position-based) routing

• …even with all the tricks there will flooding every now and then.

• In this chapter we will assume that the nodes are location aware (they have GPS, Galileo, or an ad-hoc way to figure out their coordinates), and that we know where the destination is.

• Then we simply route towards the destination
Geometric routing

- Problem: What if there is no path in the right direction?

- We need a guaranteed way to reach a destination even in the case when there is no directional path…

- Hack: as in flooding nodes keep track of the messages they have already seen, and then they backtrack* from there

*backtracking? Does this mean that we need a stack?!?
Greedy routing

- Greedy routing looks promising.

- Maybe there is a way to choose the next neighbor and a particular graph where we always reach the destination?
Examples why greedy algorithms fail

- We greedily route to the neighbor which is closest to the destination: But both neighbors of $x$ are not closer to destination $D$

- Also the best angle approach might fail, even in a triangulation: if, in the example on the right, you always follow the edge with the narrowest angle to destination $t$, you will forward on a loop $v_0, w_0, v_1, w_1, \ldots, v_3, w_3, v_0, \ldots$
Euclidean and Planar Graphs

• Euclidean: Points in the plane, with coordinates
• Planar: can be drawn without “edge crossings” in a plane

• Euclidean planar graphs (planar embedding) simplify geometric routing.
Unit disk graph

- We are given a set $V$ of nodes in the plane (points with coordinates).
- The unit disk graph $UDG(V)$ is defined as an undirected graph (with $E$ being a set of undirected edges). There is an edge between two nodes $u,v$ iff the Euclidian distance between $u$ and $v$ is at most 1.
- Think of the unit distance as the maximum transmission range.

- We assume that the unit disk graph $UDG$ is connected (that is, there is a path between each pair of nodes)
- The unit disk graph has many edges.
- Can we drop some edges in the $UDG$ to reduced complexity and interference?
Planar graphs

• Definition: A planar graph is a graph that can be drawn in the plane such that its edges only intersect at their common end-vertices.

• Kuratowski’s Theorem: A graph is planar iff it contains no subgraph that is edge contractible to $K_5$ or $K_{3,3}$.

• Euler’s Polyhedron Formula: A connected planar graph with $n$ nodes, $m$ edges, and $f$ faces has $n - m + f = 2$.

• Right: Example with 9 vertices, 14 edges, and 7 faces (the yellow “outside” face is called the infinite face)

• Theorem: A simple planar graph with $n$ nodes has at most $3n - 6$ edges, for $n \geq 3$. 
Gabriel Graph

- Let disk\((u,v)\) be a disk with diameter \((u,v)\) that is determined by the two points \(u,v\).
- The Gabriel Graph \(GG(V)\) is defined as an undirected graph (with \(E\) being a set of undirected edges). There is an edge between two nodes \(u,v\) iff the disk\((u,v)\) inclusive boundary contains no other points.
- As we will see the Gabriel Graph has interesting properties.
Delaunay Triangulation

- Let $\text{disk}(u,v,w)$ be a disk defined by the three points $u,v,w$.
- The Delaunay Triangulation (Graph) $\text{DT}(V)$ is defined as an undirected graph (with $E$ being a set of undirected edges). There is a triangle of edges between three nodes $u,v,w$ iff the $\text{disk}(u,v,w)$ contains no other points.

- The Delaunay Triangulation is the dual of the Voronoi diagram, and widely used in various CS areas; the DT is planar; the distance of a path $(s,\ldots,t)$ on the DT is within a constant factor of the $s$-$d$ distance.
Other planar graphs

- Relative Neighborhood Graph RNG(V)

An edge $e = (u,v)$ is in the RNG(V) iff there is no node $w$ with $(u,w) < (u,v)$ and $(v,w) < (u,v)$.

- Minimum Spanning Tree MST(V)

A subset of $E$ of $G$ of minimum weight which forms a tree on $V$. 

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Properties of planar graphs

• Theorem 1:
  \[ \text{MST}(V) \subseteq \text{RNG}(V) \subseteq \text{GG}(V) \subseteq \text{DT}(V) \]

• Corollary:
  Since the \text{MST}(V) is connected and the \text{DT}(V) is planar, all the planar graphs in Theorem 1 are connected and planar.

• Theorem 2:
  The Gabriel Graph contains the Minimum Energy Path (for any path loss exponent \( \alpha \geq 2 \))

• Corollary:
  \( \text{GG}(V) \cap \text{UDG}(V) \) contains the Minimum Energy Path in \( \text{UDG}(V) \)
Routing on Delaunay Triangulation?

• Let $d$ be the Euclidean distance of source $s$ and destination $t$.
• Let $c$ be the sum of the distances of the links of the shortest path in the Delaunay Triangulation.
• It was shown that $c = \Theta(d)$

• Two problems:
  1) How do we find this best route in the DT? With flooding?!?
  2) How do we find the DT at all in a distributed fashion?
    … and even worse: The DT contains edges that are not in the UDG, that is, nodes that cannot hear each other are “neighbors.”
Breakthrough idea: route on faces

- Remember the faces...

- Idea: Route along the boundaries of the faces that lie on the source–destination line
Face Routing

0. Let \( f \) be the face incident to the source \( s \), intersected by \((s,t)\).

1. Explore the boundary of \( f \); remember the point \( p \) where the boundary intersects with \((s,t)\) which is nearest to \( t \); after traversing the whole boundary, go back to \( p \), switch the face, and repeat 1 until you hit destination \( t \).
Face routing is correct

- Theorem: Face routing terminates on any simple planar graph in $O(n)$ steps, where $n$ is the number of nodes in the network.

- Proof: A simple planar graph has at most $3n-6$ edges. With the Euler formula the number of faces is less than $2n$. You leave each face at the point that is closest to the destination, that is, you never visit a face twice, because you can order the faces that intersect the source—destination line on the exit point. Each edge is in at most 2 faces. Therefore each edge is visited at most 4 times. The algorithm terminates in $O(n)$ steps.
Is the something better than Face Routing

• How to improve face routing? Face Routing 2 😊

• Idea: Don’t search a whole face for the best exit point, but take the first (better) exit point you find. Then you don’t have to traverse huge faces that point away from the destination.

• Efficiency: Seems to be practically more efficient than face routing. But the theoretical worst case is worse – $O(n^2)$.

• Problem: if source and destination are very close, we don’t want to route through all nodes of the network. Instead we want a routing algorithm where the cost is a function of the cost of the best route in the unit disk graph (and independent of the number of nodes).
Adaptive Face Routing (AFR)

- Idea: Use face routing together with ad-hoc routing trick 1!!

- That is, don’t route beyond some radius $r$ by branching the planar graph within an ellipse of exponentially growing size.
AFR Example Continued

- We grow the ellipse and find a path
AFR Pseudo-Code

0. Calculate $G = GG(V) \cap UDG(V)$
   Set $c$ to be twice the Euclidean source—destination distance.

1. Nodes $w \in W$ are nodes where the path $s$-$w$-$t$ is larger than $c$. Do
   face routing on the graph $G$, but without visiting nodes in $W$. (This is
   like pruning the graph $G$ with an ellipse.) You either reach the
   destination, or you are stuck at a face (that is, you do not find a
   better exit point.)

2. If step 1 did not succeed, double $c$ and go back to step 1.

- Note: All the steps can be done completely local, and the nodes need no local storage.
The $\Omega(1)$ Model

- We simplify the model by assuming that nodes are sufficiently far apart; that is, there is a constant $d_0$ such that all pairs of nodes have at least distance $d_0$. We call this the $\Omega(1)$ model.

- This simplification is natural because nodes with transmission range 1 (the unit disk graph) will usually not “sit right on top of each other”.

- Lemma: In the $\Omega(1)$ model, all natural cost models (such as the Euclidean distance, the energy metric, the link distance, or hybrids of these) are equal up to a constant factor.
Analysis of AFR in the $\Omega(1)$ model

- Lemma 1: In an ellipse of size $c$ there are at most $O(c^2)$ nodes.

- Lemma 2: In an ellipse of size $c$, face routing terminates in $O(c^2)$ steps, either by finding the destination, or by not finding a new face.

- Lemma 3: Let the optimal source—destination route in the UDG have cost $c^*$. Then this route $c^*$ must be in any ellipse of size $c^*$ or larger.

- Theorem: AFR terminates with cost $O(c^{*2})$.
  - Proof: Summing up all the costs until we have the right ellipse size is bounded by the size of the cost of the right ellipse size.
Lower Bound

• The network on the right constructs a lower bound.

• The destination is the center of the circle, the source any node on the ring.

• Finding the right chain costs $\Omega(c^2)$, even for randomized algorithms

• Theorem: AFR is asymptotically optimal.
Non-geometric routing algorithms

- In the $\Omega(1)$ model, a standard flooding algorithm enhanced with trick 1 will (for the same reasons) also cost $O(c^2)$.

- However, such a flooding algorithm needs $O(1)$ extra storage at each node (a node needs to know whether it has already forwarded a message).

- Therefore, there is a trade-off between $O(1)$ storage at each node or that nodes are location aware, and also location aware about the destination. This is intriguing.