The Complexity of Distance-r Dominating Set Reconfiguration

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Model: Graph Reconfiguration

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• REACHABILITY: Is there a path between two given solutions? Can we transform S into T via a sequence of feasible solutions.

Such a sequence, if exists, is called a *reconfiguration sequence*.

• SHORTEST PATH: If REACHABILITY is yes, can we find a shortest path between S and T?

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- **Token Jumping** (*TJ*): one can move a token to any unoccupied vertex as long as the resulting token-set forms a feasible solution.
- Token Addition/Removal (TAR(k)): one can either add or remove a token as long as the resulting token-set forms a feasible solution of size at most some threshold k ≥ 0.

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We prove hardness results of DrDSR in different graph classes for $r \ge 2$ under reconfiguration rule of Token Sliding (TS) and Token Jumping (TJ).

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Proof Sketch:

Let (G, C_s, C_t) be an instance of M-VCR where C_s, C_t are two minimum VCs of a graph G.

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Figure: Lower Bound on Bipartite Graphs

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- **c** Attach a new path P_x of length r to x.

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Figure: A tree T_u rooted at u = 1. For r = 2, Algorithm returns $D^* = \{7, 5, 1\}$. A partition $\mathbb{P}(T_u) = \{C_7, C_5, C_1\}$ of T_u is also constructed.

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The key idea is one can transform both D_s and D_t into some DrDS D that contains D^{*}. For instance, to transform D_s into D, for each subtree C_x ∈ P(T) for x ∈ D^{*}, we move any token in D_s ∩ V(C_x) to x.

Open Questions:

- What is the complexity of DrDSR, $r \ge 2$ under TS on trees?
- What is the complexity of DrDSR, $r \ge 2$ under TS on interval graphs?

Thank You!