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We present a distributed protocol for obtaining the shortest paths between all pairs of nodes in a network with weighted links. The protocol is based on an extension of the Dijkstra (centralized) shortest path algorithm and uses collaboration between neighboring nodes to transfer the information needed at the nodes for the successive construction of the shortest paths. A formal description of the protocol is given by indicating the exact algorithm performed by each node. The

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validation proofs are greatly simplified by separating the communication mechanism from the computation at the nodes, the latter being the transposition of the Dijkstra shortest path algorithm to the decentralized protocol. (Author).

An All-pairs Shortest Path  
Distributed AlgorithmA Distributed  
Shortest - Path Algorithm

This volume presents the proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Distributed Algorithms, held July 8-10, 1987, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. It contains 29 papers on new developments in the area of the design and analysis of distributed algorithms. The topics covered include, e.g. algorithms for distributed consensus and

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agreement in networks, connection management and topology update schemes, election and termination detection protocols, and other issues in distributed network control.

In *Distributed Algorithms*, Nancy Lynch provides a blueprint for designing, implementing, and analyzing distributed algorithms. She directs her book at a wide audience, including students, programmers, system designers, and researchers. *Distributed Algorithms* contains the most significant algorithms and impossibility results in the area, all in a simple automata-theoretic setting. The algorithms are proved correct, and their complexity is analyzed according to precisely defined complexity measures. The

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problems covered include resource allocation, communication, consensus among distributed processes, data consistency, deadlock detection, leader election, global snapshots, and many others. The material is organized according to the system model—first by the timing model and then by the interprocess communication mechanism. The material on system models is isolated in separate chapters for easy reference. The presentation is completely rigorous, yet is intuitive enough for immediate comprehension. This book familiarizes readers with important problems, algorithms, and impossibility results in the area: readers can then recognize the problems when they arise in

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practice, apply the algorithms to solve them, and use the impossibility results to determine whether problems are unsolvable. The book also provides readers with the basic mathematical tools for designing new algorithms and proving new impossibility results. In addition, it teaches readers how to reason carefully about distributed algorithms—to model them formally, devise precise specifications for their required behavior, prove their correctness, and evaluate their performance with realistic measures.

Fundamentals of Brooks – Iyengar  
Distributed Sensing Algorithm  
Distributed Decomposition of P-  
plane Networks, Single-source  
Shortest Paths, and Adaptive  
Message Routing

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6th International Workshop,  
Kolkata, India, December 27-30,  
2004, Proceedings

A Distributed Algorithm for  
Finding the Shortest Paths in an  
Undirected Graph

A Locality-Sensitive Approach

*Many applications in  
different domains need  
to calculate the*

*shortest-path between  
two points in a graph.*

*In this paper we  
describe this shortest  
path problem in detail,*

*starting with the*

*classic Dijkstra's*

*algorithm and moving to  
more advanced solutions*

*that are currently*

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*applied to road network routing, including the use of heuristics and precomputation techniques. Since several of these improvements involve subtle changes to the search space, it may be difficult to appreciate their benefits in terms of time or space requirements. To make methods more comprehensive and to facilitate their comparison, this book presents a single case study that serves as a*

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*common benchmark. The paper also compares the search spaces explored by the methods described, both from a quantitative and qualitative point of view, and including an analysis of the number of reached and settled nodes by different methods for a particular topology.*

*This volume contains the proceedings of the fifth International Workshop on Distributed Algorithms. The workshop was a forum for*



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*researchers in distributed algorithms, communication networks, and decentralized systems.*

*The objective of our monograph is to cover the developments on the theoretical foundations of distributed symmetry breaking in the message-passing model. We hope that our monograph will stimulate further progress in this exciting area.*

*This book constitutes the proceedings of the 27th International*

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*Symposium on Distributed Computing, DISC 2013, held in Jerusalem, Israel, in October 2013. The 27 full papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 142 submissions; 16 brief announcements are also included. The papers are organized in topical sections named: graph distributed algorithms; topology, leader election, and spanning trees; software transactional memory; shared memory*

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*executions; shared  
memory and storage;  
gossip and rumor; shared  
memory tasks and data  
structures; routing;  
radio networks and the  
SINR model; crypto,  
trust, and influence;  
and networking.*

*Design and Analysis of  
Distributed Routing  
Algorithms*

*Trends, Advances, and  
Future Prospects*

*Distributed Computing --  
IWDC 2004*

*2nd International  
Workshop, Amsterdam, The  
Netherlands, July 8-10,*

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1987. Proceedings

**Route assignment is one of the operational problems of communication network, and adaptive routing schemes are required to achieve real time performance. This thesis introduces, verifies and analyses two new distributed, shortest-path routing algorithms, which are called, Path-Finding Algorithm (PFA) and Loop-Free Path-Finding Algorithm (LPA). Both algorithms require each routing node to know only the distance and the second-to-last-hop (or predecessor) node to each destination. In addition to the above**

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***information, LPA uses an efficient inter-neighbor coordination mechanism spanning over a single hop. PFA reduces the formation of temporary loops significantly, while LPA achieves loop-freedom at every instant by eliminating temporary loops. The average performance of these two algorithms is compared with the Diffusing Update Algorithm (DUAL) and an ideal link state (ILS) using Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm by simulation; this performance comparison is made in terms of time taken for convergence, number of packets exchanged and the total number of operations required for convergence by***

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**each of the algorithms. The simulations were performed using a C-based simulation tool called Drama, along with a network simulation library. The results indicated that the performance of PFA is comparable to that of DUAL and ILS and that a significant improvement in performance can be achieved with LPA over DUAL and ILS. Distributed computing is at the heart of many applications. It arises as soon as one has to solve a problem in terms of entities -- such as processes, peers, processors, nodes, or agents -- that individually have only a partial knowledge of the many input parameters**

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***associated with the problem. In particular each entity cooperating towards the common goal cannot have an instantaneous knowledge of the current state of the other entities. Whereas parallel computing is mainly concerned with 'efficiency', and real-time computing is mainly concerned with 'on-time computing', distributed computing is mainly concerned with 'mastering uncertainty' created by issues such as the multiplicity of control flows, asynchronous communication, unstable behaviors, mobility, and dynamicity. While some distributed algorithms consist of a few lines only, their***

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**behavior can be difficult to understand and their properties hard to state and prove. The aim of this book is to present in a comprehensive way the basic notions, concepts, and algorithms of distributed computing when the distributed entities cooperate by sending and receiving messages on top of an asynchronous network. The book is composed of seventeen chapters structured into six parts: distributed graph algorithms, in particular what makes them different from sequential or parallel algorithms; logical time and global states, the core of the book; mutual exclusion and**



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**resource allocation; high-level communication abstractions; distributed detection of properties; and distributed shared memory. The author establishes clear objectives per chapter and the content is supported throughout with illustrative examples, summaries, exercises, and annotated bibliographies. This book constitutes an introduction to distributed computing and is suitable for advanced undergraduate students or graduate students in computer science and computer engineering, graduate students in mathematics interested in distributed computing, and practitioners and engineers**

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***involved in the design and implementation of distributed applications. The reader should have a basic knowledge of algorithms and operating systems.***

***A comprehensive guide to distributed algorithms that emphasizes examples and exercises rather than mathematical argumentation. Gives a thorough exposition of network spanners and other locality-preserving network representations such as sparse covers and partitions.***

***An Intuitive Approach  
Modeling and Analysis with  
Petri Nets***

***Communication Complexity of  
Distributed Shortest Path***

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## **Algorithms**

### ***Distributed Algorithms for File Sorting and Shortest Path Finding***

### ***Parallel and Distributed Processing and Applications***

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of Brooks-Iyengar Distributed Sensing Algorithm, which brings together the power of Byzantine Agreement and sensor fusion in building a fault-tolerant distributed sensor network. The authors analyze its long-term impacts, advances, and future prospects. The book starts by discussing the Brooks-Iyengar algorithm, which has made significant impact since its initial publication in 1996. The authors show how the technique has been applied in many domains such as software reliability,

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distributed systems and OS development, etc. The book exemplifies how the algorithm has enhanced new real-time features by adding fault-tolerant capabilities for many applications. The authors posit that the Brooks-Iyengar Algorithm will to continue to be used where fault-tolerant solutions are needed in redundancy system scenarios. This book celebrates S.S. Iyengar's accomplishments that led to his 2019 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' (IEEE) Cybermatics Congress "Test of Time Award" for his work on creating Brooks-Iyengar Algorithm and its impact in advancing modern computing.

Abstract: "In an execution of a distributed program, processes

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communicate among themselves by exchanging messages. The execution speed of the program could be expedited by a faster message delivery system, transmitting messages to their destinations through their respective shortest paths. Some distributed algorithms have been proposed in recent years for determining all pairs shortest paths for an arbitrary computer network. The best known algorithm uses  $O(n^2 \log n)$  messages, where  $n$  is the number of computers in the network. This paper presents a new distributed algorithm for the same problem using  $2n^2$  messages in the worst case. This algorithm uses a strategy quite different from those of the other algorithms for the same problem."

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Introduction : distributed systems - The model - Communication protocols - Routing algorithms - Deadlock-free packet switching - Wave and traversal algorithms - Election algorithms - Termination detection - Anonymous networks - Snapshots - Sense of direction and orientation - Synchrony in networks - Fault tolerance in distributed systems - Fault tolerance in asynchronous systems - Fault tolerance in synchronous systems - Failure detection - Stabilization.

A new distributed shortest path algorithm for an asynchronous communication network with unit edges, of the number of elementary messages used in finding shortest paths from a given root to all other nodes is  $O(V^{1.6} + E)$  where  $V$  is the number of

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nodes and  $E$  the number of edges. For dense networks, with  $E > \text{or} = V$  to 1.6 power, this order of complexity is optimum. (Author).

5th International Symposium, ISPA 2007, Niagara Falls, Canada, August 29-31, 2007, Proceedings

A New Responsive Distributed Shortest-path Routing Algorithm  
Systematic Building of a Distributed Recursive Algorithm. Example : the Shortest Path Algorithm

Distributed Algorithms for Multicast Path Setup in Data Networks

5th International Workshop, WDAG 91, Delphi, Greece, October 7-9, 1991. Proceedings

*This paper presents two distributed algorithms for finding shortest paths from a source node to all other nodes in an N-node*

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*network. These algorithms are executed at individual nodes using only local information. Algorithm 1 works in networks where there are no topological changes such as link failures, link recoveries or changes of link lengths. Algorithm 2 is a modification of Algorithm 1 for networks where there are topological changes.*

*Algorithm 1 determines the optimal shortest paths in at most  $N^{3/4}$  steps, which is only one-half of the computational upper bounds of Abram and Rhodes' and Segall, Merlin and Gallager's algorithms. After the last topological change, Algorithm 2 determines the optimal shortest paths in the same number of steps as Algorithm 1. There are many situations where the present algorithms will work up to  $N/2$  times faster than the algorithms proposed by these authors. (Author).*

*The new edition of a guide to distributed algorithms that emphasizes examples and*



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*exercises rather than the intricacies of mathematical models. This book offers students and researchers a guide to distributed algorithms that emphasizes examples and exercises rather than the intricacies of mathematical models. It avoids mathematical argumentation, often a stumbling block for students, teaching algorithmic thought rather than proofs and logic. This approach allows the student to learn a large number of algorithms within a relatively short span of time. Algorithms are explained through brief, informal descriptions, illuminating examples, and practical exercises. The examples and exercises allow readers to understand algorithms intuitively and from different perspectives. Proof sketches, arguing the correctness of an algorithm or explaining the idea behind fundamental results, are also included. The algorithms presented in the book are for the most part “classics,”*

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*selected because they shed light on the algorithmic design of distributed systems or on key issues in distributed computing and concurrent programming. This second edition has been substantially revised. A new chapter on distributed transaction offers up-to-date treatment of database transactions and the important evolving area of transactional memory. A new chapter on security discusses two exciting new topics: blockchains and quantum cryptography. Sections have been added that cover such subjects as rollback recovery, fault-tolerant termination detection, and consensus for shared memory. An appendix offers pseudocode descriptions of many algorithms. Solutions and slides are available for instructors. Distributed Algorithms can be used in courses for upper-level undergraduates or graduate students in computer science, or as a reference for researchers in the field.*

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*Abstract: "Designers of distributed algorithms must deal with a variety of issues including sequential algorithms design, communication protocols, fault tolerance. The distributed design must also include a proof step of the whole algorithm features. This paper gives a new scheme for the design of distributed algorithms. In this approach the design step is performed simultaneously with the proof step. Our distributed design method is mainly based upon parallel recursive schemes, but recursivity is used in a distributed environment so we use two existing and widely available tools: remote procedure call, and the PAR instruction parallel execution of threads."*

*Abstract: "Efficient distributed algorithms are presented for three closely-related problems on asynchronous  $p$ -plane networks, i.e., plane networks in which a set of  $p > 1$  faces cover all the nodes. An*

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*optimal algorithm is given for decomposing a p-plane network into outerplane networks. The algorithm uses  $O(n)$  messages and time for an n-node network. The decomposition is used with an efficient single-source shortest path algorithm for outerplace networks to design a single-source algorithm for p-plane networks, which uses  $O(pn)$  messages and time. The latter algorithm and certain other properties of p-plane networks are then incorporated in the design of a communication-, time-, and space-efficient message routing scheme which adapts to changing link conditions and still routes along near-shortest paths."*

*An 'all Pairs Shortest Paths' Distributed  
Algorithm Using  $2n^2$  Messages  
Principles, Algorithms, and Systems  
A Distributed Shortest Path Protocol  
A Comparison of Two Distributed Shortest  
Path Algorithms Based on Dijkstra's  
Algorithm*

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## *An Adaptive Distributed Dijkstra Shortest Path Algorithm*

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 6th International Workshop on Distributed Computing, IWDC 2004, held in Kolkata, India in December 2004. The 27 revised full papers and 27 revised short papers presented together with 3 invited contributions and abstracts of 11 reviewed workshop papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 157 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on distributed algorithms,

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high-performance computing, distributed systems, wireless networks, information security, network protocols, reliability and testing, network topology and routing, mobile computing, ad-hoc networks, and sensor networks.

Designing distributed computing systems is a complex process requiring a solid understanding of the design problems and the theoretical and practical aspects of their solutions. This comprehensive textbook covers the fundamental principles and

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models underlying the theory, algorithms and systems aspects of distributed computing. Broad and detailed coverage of the theory is balanced with practical systems-related issues such as mutual exclusion, deadlock detection, authentication, and failure recovery. Algorithms are carefully selected, lucidly presented, and described without complex proofs. Simple explanations and illustrations are used to elucidate the algorithms. Important emerging topics such as peer-

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to-peer networks and network security are also considered. With vital algorithms, numerous illustrations, examples and homework problems, this textbook is suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students of electrical and computer engineering and computer science. Practitioners in data networking and sensor networks will also find this a valuable resource. Additional resources are available online at [www.cambridge.org/9780521876346](http://www.cambridge.org/9780521876346).

An Introduction to



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Distributed Algorithms takes up some of the main concepts and algorithms, ranging from basic to advanced techniques and applications, that underlie the programming of distributed-memory systems such as computer networks, networks of workstations, and multiprocessors. Written from the broad perspective of distributed-memory systems in general it includes topics such as algorithms for maximum flow, program debugging, and simulation that do not appear in more orthodox

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texts on distributed algorithms. Moving from fundamentals to advances and applications, ten chapters—with exercises and bibliographic notes—cover a variety of topics. These include models of distributed computation, information propagation, leader election, distributed snapshots, network synchronization, self-stability, termination detection, deadlock detection, graph algorithms, mutual exclusion, program debugging, and simulation. All of the algorithms are presented in a clear,

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template-based format for the description of message-passing computations among the nodes of a connected graph. Such a generic setting allows the treatment of problems originating from many different application areas. The main ideas and algorithms are described in a way that balances intuition and formal rigor—most are preceded by a general intuitive discussion and followed by formal statements as to correctness complexity or other properties.

Nine papers on graph

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colourings, presented by speakers at a one-day meeting at the Open University in December 1988. The topics presented have been chosen to cover as wide a field as possible within the area of graph colourings. Each paper contains a certain amount of survey material to put the results of the paper into perspective, as well as a discussion of new results. It is not the aim of this book to present a succession of highly technical research papers which would be better in a specialized

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Shortest Path Problems in  
Sparse Graphs  
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Developments  
Ninth DIMACS  
Implementation Challenge  
Distributed Algorithms,  
second edition

***This book offers advanced  
parallel and distributed  
algorithms and  
experimental laboratory  
prototypes of  
unconventional shortest  
path solvers. In addition,***

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*it presents novel and unique algorithms of solving shortest problems in massively parallel cellular automaton machines. The shortest path problem is a fundamental and classical problem in graph theory and computer science and is frequently applied in the contexts of transport and logistics, telecommunication networks, virtual reality and gaming, geometry, and social networks analysis. Software implementations include distance-vector algorithms for distributed*

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*path computation in  
dynamics networks,  
parallel solutions of the  
constrained shortest path  
problem, and application  
of the shortest path  
solutions in gathering  
robotic swarms. Massively  
parallel algorithms  
utilise cellular automata,  
where a shortest path is  
computed either via matrix  
multiplication in  
automaton arrays, or via  
the representation of data  
graphs in automaton  
lattices and using the  
propagation of wave-like  
patterns. Unconventional  
shortest path solvers are*

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*presented in computer models of foraging behaviour and protoplasmic network optimisation by the slime mould Physarum polycephalum and fluidic devices, while experimental laboratory prototypes of path solvers using chemical media, flows and droplets, and electrical current are also highlighted. The book will be a pleasure to explore for readers from all walks of life, from undergraduate students to university professors, from mathematicians, computers scientists and*



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*engineers to chemists and biologists.*

*Computation of shortest paths is one of the classical problems in theoretical computer science. Given a pair of nodes  $s$  and  $t$  in a graph  $G$ , the goal is to find a path of minimum weight from  $s$  to  $t$ . Most graphs that commonly occur in practice are sparse graphs. In this work, we deal with several computational problems related to shortest paths in sparse graphs and we present algorithms that provide significant*

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*improvements in performance in both sequential and distributed settings. We also present fine-grained reductions that establish fine-grained hardness for several problems related to shortest paths. In the sequential context, we consider the fine-grained complexity of sparse graph problems whose time complexities have stayed at  $\tilde{O}(mn)$  over the past several decades, where  $m$  is the number of edges and  $n$  is the number of vertices in the input graph. All of these*

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problems are known to be subcubic equivalent and this shows that achieving sub- $mn$  running time is hard, but only for dense graphs where  $m = \Theta(n^2)$ . We introduce the notion of a sparse reduction which preserves the sparsity of graphs, and we present near linear-time sparse reductions between various pairs of graph problems in the  $\tilde{O}(mn)$  class. We also introduce the MWC-hardness conjecture, which states that Minimum Weight Cycle problem cannot be solved in sub- $mn$  time. We

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establish that several important graph problems in the  $\tilde{O}(mn)$  class such as APSP, second simple shortest path (2-SiSP), Radius, and Betweenness Centrality are MWC-Hard, establishing sub- $mn$  fine-grained hardness for these problems. A well-known generalization of the shortest path problem is the  $k$ -simple shortest paths ( $k$ -SiSP) problem, where we want to find  $k$  simple paths from  $s$  to  $t$  in a non-decreasing order of their weight. In this thesis we present a new approach for computing all

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*pairs  $k$  simple shortest paths ( $k$ -APSiSP), which is based on forming suitable path extensions to find simple shortest paths; this method is different from the 'detour finding' technique used in all prior work on computing multiple simple shortest paths, replacement paths, and distance sensitivity oracles. The  $\tilde{O}(mn)$  time bound of our 2-APSiSP algorithm matches the fine-grained time complexity for the simpler 2-SiSP problem, which is the single source-sink version of this problem. Computing*

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*APSP is one of the most fundamental problems in distributed computing. We present a simple  $\tilde{O}(n^{\lceil 3/2 \rceil})$  rounds deterministic algorithm for computing APSP in the well-known CONGEST model which is the first  $\tilde{O}(n^2)$  round deterministic algorithm for this problem. We then improve this further by reducing the round complexity to  $\tilde{O}(n^{\lceil 4/3 \rceil})$ . We also present a faster algorithm for graphs with moderate integer edge weights. We develop several derandomization*

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*techniques for our deterministic APSP algorithms. These include efficient deterministic distributed algorithms for computing a small blocker set, which is a set that intersects a desired collection of shortest paths, and several deterministic pipelined approaches for computing the shortest path distance values as well as for propagating the messages in the network. Aside from our deterministic results, all non-trivial distributed algorithms currently known for*

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*computing APSP are  
randomized*

*Distributed Computing is  
rapidly becoming the  
principal computing  
paradigm in diverse areas  
of computing,  
communication, and  
control. Processor  
clusters, local and wide  
area networks, and the  
information highway  
evolved a new kind of  
problems which can be  
solved with distributed  
algorithms. In this  
textbook a variety of  
distributed algorithms are  
presented independently of  
particular programming*



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*languages or hardware, using the graphically suggestive technique of Petri nets which is both easy to comprehend intuitively and formally rigorous. By means of temporal logic the author provides surprisingly simple yet powerful correctness proofs for the algorithms. The scope of the book ranges from distributed control and synchronization of two sites up to algorithms on any kind of networks. Numerous examples show that description and analysis of distributed*

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*algorithms in this  
framework are intuitive  
and technically  
transparent.*

*The problem of routing in  
a data network is often  
treated by assigning  
traffic dependent lengths  
to the links of the  
network and routing  
traffic from node  $i$  to  
node  $j$  along the shortest  
path from  $i$  to  $j$ . A  
distributed algorithm is  
presented in which the  
nodes cooperate to find  
all shortest paths. It  
runs asynchronously in  
every node and does not  
require the network*

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*topology, or even the number of nodes in the network, to be known a priori by the nodes.*

*An All-pairs Shortest Path  
Distributed Algorithm*

*The Shortest Path Problem  
Distributed Algorithms  
Rapport*

*Distributed Shortest Path  
Algorithms for Computer  
Networks*

Abstract: "This report experimentally compares two distributed implementations of Dijkstra's algorithm for the single-source shortest path problem. Both are intended for distributed systems, consisting of a fixed, small number

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of processors without shared memory that communicate by message passing. Communication is assumed to be costly. Both algorithms efficiently utilize distributed memory, ie. for graphs with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges the total space consumption per processor is  $O(m/p+n)$ . Dijkstra's algorithm maintains a tentative distance for all vertices in the given graph, and repeatedly selects a vertex of minimum tentative distance from which it updates the tentative distance of adjacent vertices. In the update-driven algorithm updates from a selected vertex are performed by only one processor, but more than one vertex may be selected at

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any instant. Speed-up depends on the problem instance, and no worst-case guarantee better than the sequential algorithm can be given. In the minimum-driven algorithm updates from a selected vertex are done by the processors in parallel. Ideally, this algorithm has linear speed-up for dense graphs, but this is compromised by the fact that the selected vertex has to be broadcast to all processors before they can proceed with the update. Implemented naively both algorithms perform poorly. However, both can be improved by appropriate relaxations and local approximations to the global state, which serve to cut down on

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communication volume.

Surprisingly, the theoretically less attractive, update-driven algorithm turns out to perform much better than the apparently better minimum-driven algorithm. The algorithms have been implemented in OCCAM and results from experiments performed on a 16 processor transputer system with randomly generated graphs of different types with up to 20000 vertices and 250000 edges are reported. For the update-driven algorithm speed-up of about 4 has been achieved for random, unstructured graphs, whereas the minimum-driven exhibited slow-down. For grid graphs with shortest paths crossing

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many processor boundaries, slow-down could (almost) be avoided with the update-driven algorithm. The minimum-driven algorithm exhibited a considerable slow-down in this case."

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 5th International Symposium on Parallel and Distributed Processing and Applications, ISPA 2007, held in Niagara Falls, Canada, in August 2007. The 83 revised full papers presented together with 3 keynote speeches were carefully reviewed and selected from 244 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on algorithms and applications, architectures and

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systems, datamining and databases, fault tolerance and security, middleware and cooperative computing, networks, as well as software and languages.

The thesis consists of four chapters. Chapter one lays out the foundations of distributed computing. Chapter two presents new decentralized algorithms for sorting files of integers stored in a distributed and asynchronous network. An optimal communication complexity  $O(n \log^2 d)$  is obtained under the assumption that extra memory is available at each site in an almost balanced binary tree network, where  $n$  is the file size and  $d$  is the number of nodes in the network. When extra



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memory is removed from the nodes, our algorithm still manages to have a very good complexity of  $O(n \log^2 d)$ . Chapter three presents a new decentralized algorithm in shortest path finding in a distributed and synchronous network, in particular we focus on the termination detection problem. The analysis of this algorithm shows an improved complexity over previous methods. Moreover, in chapters two and three we discuss some tradeoffs in the design of these two algorithms. Finally in chapter four we summarize our results and present some unsolved problems arising from this work. (Abstract shortened by UMI.).

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