Polylogarithmic Time Algorithms for Shortest Path Forests in Programmable Matter

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Geometric Amoebot Model





Shortest Paths in the Amoebot Model



Kostitsyna, Peters, Speckmann: Fast Reconfiguration for Programmable Matter. DISC 2023























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Sources	Destinations	Runtime
1	l	$O(\log \ell)$
k	l	$O(\log n \log^2 k)$





Portal Graphs

$$\mathsf{dist}(u,v) = \mathsf{dist}_x(u,v) + \mathsf{dist}_y(u,v)$$



Coy, Czumaj, Scheideler, Schneider, Werthmann: Routing schemes for hybrid communication networks. Theor. Comput. Sci. 2024



$$2 \cdot \operatorname{dist}(u, v) = \operatorname{dist}_{x}(u, v) + \operatorname{dist}_{y}(u, v) + \operatorname{dist}_{z}(u, v)$$





Euler Tour Technique and PASC Algorithm





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Single Pair Shortest Path (SPSP)





Shortest Path Forest with a Multiple Sources





Thank you for your attention

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