4.6 Symmetry Breaking

The following algorithm colors an n-node cycle with $\lceil \log n \rceil$ colors.

Algorithm 9 BasicColoring

1: **for** $1 \le i \le n$ **pardo**
2: $\quad \text{col}(i) \leftarrow i$
3: $\quad k_i \leftarrow$ smallest bitpos where $\text{col}(i)$ and $\text{col}(S(i))$ differ
4: $\quad \text{col}'(i) \leftarrow 2k_i + \text{col}(i)_{k_i}$

(bit positions are numbered starting with 0)

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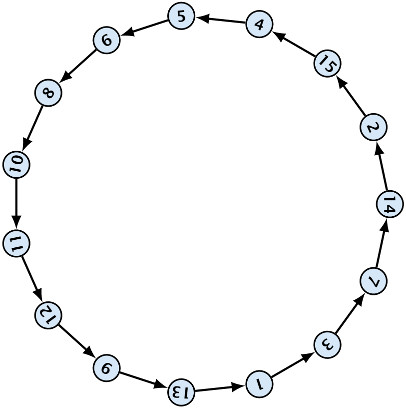

v	col	k	col′
1	0001	1	2
3	0011	2	4
7	0111	0	1
14	1110	2	5
2	0010	0	0
15	1111	0	1
4	0100	0	0
5	0101	0	1
6	0110	1	3
8	1000	1	2
10	1010	0	0
11	1011	0	1
12	1100	0	0
9	1001	2	4
13	1101	2	5

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Applying the algorithm to a coloring with bit-length t generates a coloring with largest color at most

$$2(t-1)+1$$

and bit-length at most

$$\lceil \log_2(2(t-1)+1)\rceil \leq \lceil \log_2(2t)\rceil = \lceil \log_2(t)\rceil + 1$$

Applying the algorithm repeatedly generates a constant number of colors after $\mathcal{O}(\log^* n)$ operations.

Note that the first inequality holds because $2(t-1)-1$ is odd.

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As long as the bit-length $t \geq 4$ the bit-length decreases.

Applying the algorithm with bit-length 3 gives a coloring with colors in the range $0, \ldots, 5 = 2t - 1$.

We can improve to a 3-coloring by successively re-coloring nodes from a color-class:

Algorithm 10 ReColor

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for ℓ ← 5 to 3
    for 1 ≤ i ≤ n pardo
        if col(i) = ℓ then
            col(i) ← min{{0,1,2} \ {col(P[i]), col(S[i])}}
```

This requires time $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and work $\mathcal{O}(n)$.

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Lemma 7
We can color vertices in a ring with three colors in $\mathcal{O}(\log^* n)$ *time and with* $\mathcal{O}(n \log^* n)$ *work.*

not work optimal

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Lemma 8
Given n integers in the range $0, \ldots, \mathcal{O}(\log n)$, there is an algorithm that sorts these numbers in $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time using a linear number of operations.

Proof: Exercise!

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Algorithm 11 OptColor

1: **for** $1 \leq i \leq n$ **pardo**
2: $\quad$ $\mathrm{col}(i) \leftarrow i$
3: apply BasicColoring once
4: sort vertices by colors
5: **for** $\ell = 2\lceil \log n \rceil$ **to** 3 **do**
6: $\quad$ **for** all vertices i of color ℓ **pardo**
7: $\quad\quad$ $\mathrm{col}(i) \leftarrow \min\{\{0,1,2\} \setminus \{\mathrm{col}(P[i]), \mathrm{col}(S[i])\}\}$

We can perform Lines 6 and 7 in time $\mathcal{O}(n_\ell)$ only because we sorted before. In general a statement like “**for** constraint **pardo**” should only contain a contraint on the id’s of the processors but not something complicated (like the color) which has to be checked and, hence, induces work. Because of the sorting we can transform this complicated constraint into a constraint on just the processor id’s.

Lemma 9

A ring can be colored with 3 colors in time $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ and with work $\mathcal{O}(n)$.

work optimal but not too fast