## Dynamic Graph Coloring

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- Maintain a proper coloring of a changing graph:
- Add \& remove edges
- Add \& remove vertices with incident edges



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## Upper bound: big-buckets

- Vertices are placed in buckets



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- Each bucket has a fixed size and its own set of colors



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- Initially, all vertices are in the reset bucket



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- New vertices also go to the first bucket ( $d+1$ )-approximate coloring with $O\left(d n^{1 / d}\right)$ recolorings per update



## Upper bound: small-buckets

- Split each big bucket into $n^{1 / d}$ smaller ones
- $O\left(d n^{1 / d}\right)$-approximate coloring with $d+2$ recolorings per update



## Lower bound

- Warm-up: 2-coloring a forest



## Lower bound

- Build 3 stars of size $n / 3$



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- Connect 2 with the same color root



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- Connect 2 with the same color root



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- Connect 2 with the same color root . Repeat



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- Maintaining a 2-coloring of a forest requires $\Omega(n)$ recolorings per update



## Lower bound

-3-coloring a forest


## Lower bound

- Build $n^{1 / 3}$ stars of size $n^{2 / 3}$



## Lower bound

- Assign most common leaf colour to trees



## Lower bound

- Keep at least $n^{1 / 3} / 3$ with the same color



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- Group into 3 big trees, each with $n^{1 / 3} / 9$ small trees



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- If at any point, a small tree has no blue children, reset



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## Lower bound

- Roots of small trees are orange or red



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- Connect two big trees with same root color



## Lower bound

- Forces $\Omega\left(n^{1 / 3}\right)$ recolorings



## Lower bound

- Repeat $n^{1 / 3}$ times or until we reset



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## Lower bound

- $\Omega\left(n^{2 / 3}\right)$ recolorings either way, for $O\left(n^{1 / 3}\right)$ updates



## Lower bound

- Maintaining a 3-coloring of a forest requires $\Omega\left(n^{1 / 3}\right)$ recolorings per update



## Lower bound

## Theorem

For constant c , the number of recolorings per update required to maintain a c-coloring of a forest is

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\Omega\left(n^{\frac{2}{व(c-1)}}\right) .
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## Summary

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## Questions?

