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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Vertices are placed in buckets



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



Initially, all vertices are in the reset bucket











· When a bucket fills up, it is emptied in the next one



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



Upper bound: small-buckets

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



• Warm-up: 2-coloring a forest



• Build 3 stars of size n/3



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3-coloring a forest



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



Assign most common leaf colour to trees



• 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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Roots of small trees are orange or red



Connect two big trees with same root color



• Forces $\Omega(n^{1/3})$ recolorings



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



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



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



Theorem

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

$$\Omega(n^{\frac{2}{c(c-1)}}).$$



Summary

- Maintain an O(d)-approximate coloring with $O(dn^{(1/d)})$ vertex recolorings per update
- Maintain an $O(dn^{(1/d)})$ -approximate coloring with O(d) vertex recolorings per update
- Maintaining a *c*-coloring requires $\Omega(n^{\frac{2}{c(c-1)}})$ recolorings per update

Questions?