## Localization GameS in Graphs

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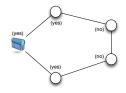


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Question: How to place a minimum amount of cameras to detect the location of any "intruder" (according to some precision)?

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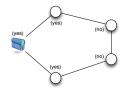


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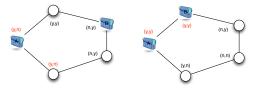


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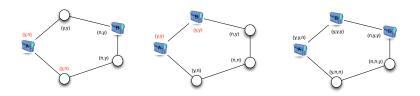


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IC introduced in [Karpovsky,Chakrabarty,Levitin 98]. Computing a smallest IC is NP-complete [Charon,Hudry,Lobstein 03]. IC has been studied a lot [Foucaud,Mertzios,Naserasr,Parreau,Valicov 17; Dantas,Havet,Sampaio 17...]. Here, we consider "more powerful cameras".

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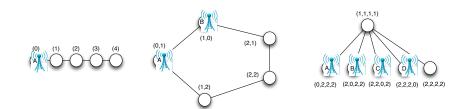
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In the plane, 3 antennas (non-colinear) are sufficient to locate any target!

What if the metric space is a graph?

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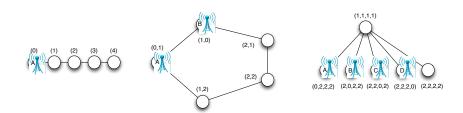


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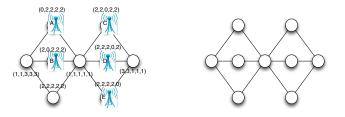
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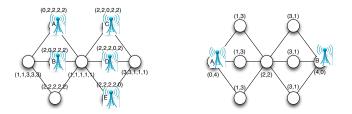
Computing MD(G) [Harary,Melter 76, Slater 75] is NP-c in planar graphs [Díaz et al. 17], W[2]-hard [Hartung,Nichterlein 13], FPT in tree-length [Belmonte et al. 17]...

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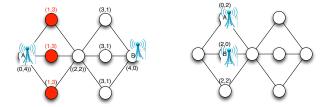
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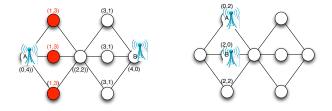
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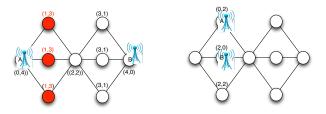


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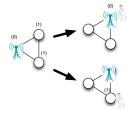
[Bensmail, Mazauric, Mc Inerney, N., Pérennes 2018]

 $\lambda_k(G) = \min$ . # of steps probing  $\leq k$  vertices per step to locate the target.  $\kappa_\ell(G) = \min$ . # of vertices probed per step during at  $\leq \ell$  steps to locate the target.

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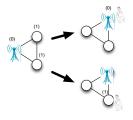


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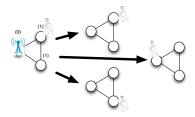
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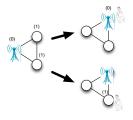


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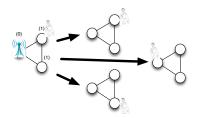
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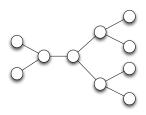
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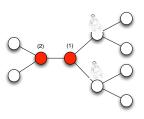
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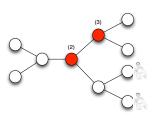
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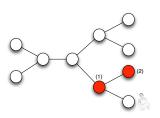
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### Our results (1/2) [Bosek, Gordinowicz, Grytczuk, N., Sokó, Śleszyńska-Nowak 2017]

#### Complexity

Given G, k, deciding if  $\zeta(G) \leq k$  is NP-hard in the class of graphs with diameter 2.

#### Classes of graphs G with bounded $\zeta(G)$

- for any graph G,  $\zeta(G) \leq pw(G)$  where pw(G) is the pathwidth of G. (equality in interval graphs)
- Let  $R^2=(V,E)$  be the graph with  $V=\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\{u,v\}\in E$  iff  $dist_{\mathbb{R}^2}(u,v)=1$ . Then,  $\zeta(R^2)=2$ . Moreover,
  - probing 2 vertices/step locates the target in 2 steps;
  - probing 3 vertices/step locates the target in 1 step;
  - $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , probing 1 vertex/step locates the target up to distance  $\epsilon$ .
- for any outer-planar *n*-node graph G,  $\zeta(G) \leq 3$  (in  $O(n^2)$  steps)

Given a graph G, let  $\dot{G}$  be the graph obtained from G by adding a universal vertex.

#### Unbounded $\zeta$

There is a family  $(T_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  of trees such that  $\zeta(\dot{T}_k)\geq k$  for all  $k\in\mathbb{N}$ .

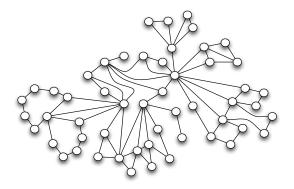
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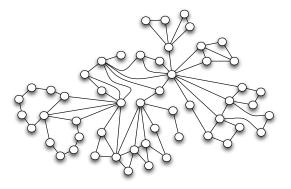




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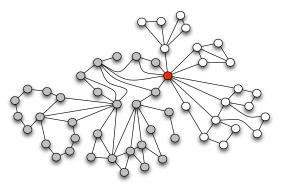


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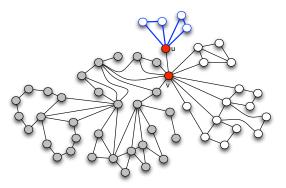


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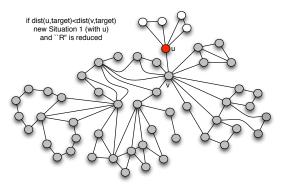


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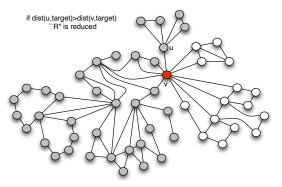


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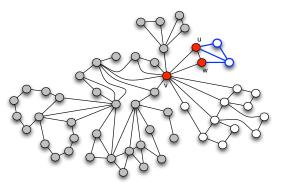


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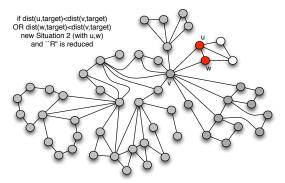


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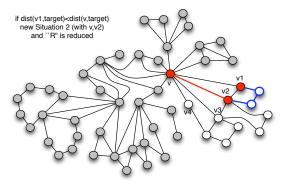


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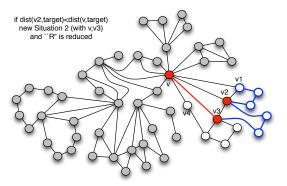


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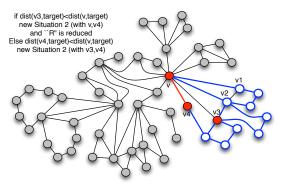


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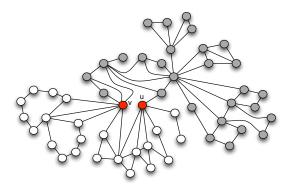


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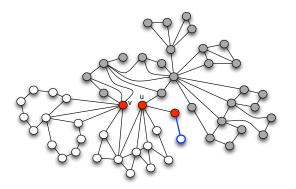


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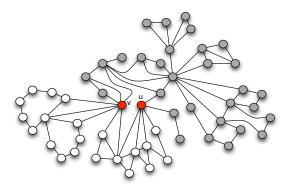


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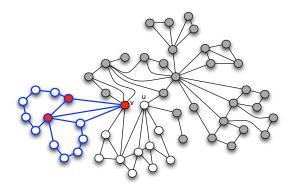


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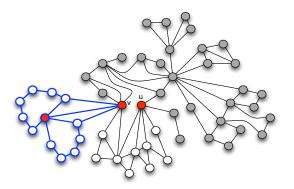
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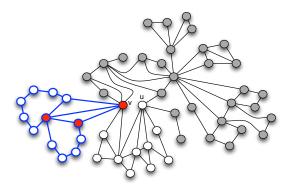
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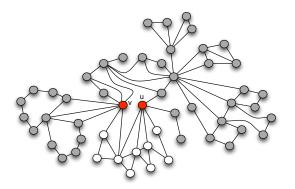
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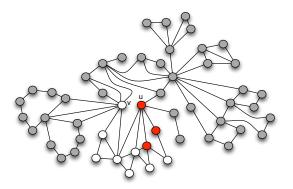
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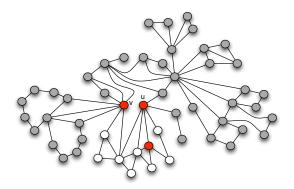
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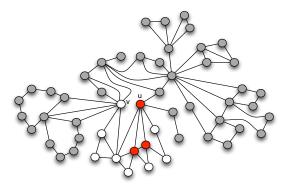
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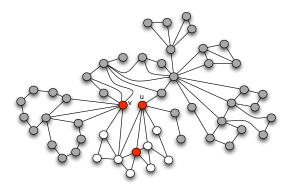
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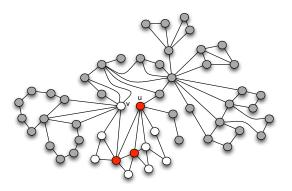
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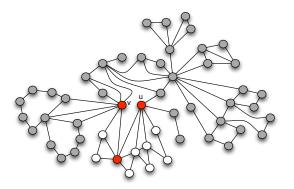
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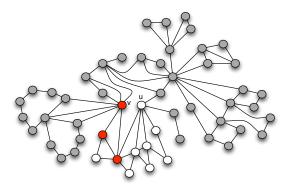
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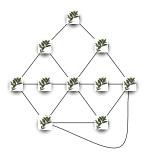
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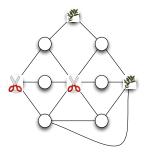


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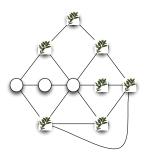


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