Random Walks, a Paradigm to design Distributed Algorithms for Dynamic Networks

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In this talk, we give an overview of the use of random walks as a traversal scheme to derive distributed control algorithms. Such algorithms are adaptive to dynamic networks as ad-hoc networks or peer-to-peer networks. We will first present a way for complexity computation by using electric network theory. Secondly we will propose an algorithm solving the fault tolerant token circulation in decentralized environment. To finish, we give a solution to the main Random Walks drawback : Scalability. We will propose a network decomposition with random walk based agent.

Short CV :
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