Online Algorithms with Lookaround





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⊊ LOCAL ⊊

LCLs[†] in paths and trees: LOCAL \approx Online-LOCAL

Pumping lemma on paths:

Path segments can be pumped into longer segments without affecting the result near endpoints:



LCLs[†] in grids: LOCAL \neq Online-LOCAL

3-coloring a grid in Online-LOCAL:

1. Greedily 2-color the grid:



2. Draw border around incompatible regions:

[†]Locally Checkable Labeling Problems (LCLs)

Every node (or edge) needs to be assigned a label from a finite set of labels. A labeling is valid for the whole graph if and only if it is valid around every node. For example, coloring with k colors, maximal independent set, minimal dominating set and maximal matching are all LCL problems.

- $O(\log n)$ view suffices for Online-LOCAL.
- Requires $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ view in LOCAL.