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Novel Architectures and Algorithms for Adaptive Scheduling and Routing in Wireless Networks

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Abstract: The back-pressure algorithm is a well-known adaptive scheduling and routing algorithm that achieves maximum throughput in wireless networks. However, its delay performance may be quite poor even when the traffic load is not close to network capacity due to the following two reasons. First, each node has to maintain a separate queue for each commodity in the network, and only one queue is served at a time. Second, the backpressure routing algorithm may



route some packets along very long routes. We will present solutions to address both of the above issues, and hence, dramatically improve the delay performance of back-pressure-type adaptive algorithms. One of the suggested solutions also decreases the complexity of the queueing data structures to be maintained at each node.

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