Multi-Approximate-Keyword Routing Query

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- Our work: Multi-Approximate-Keyword Routing (MAKR) query.
 - A combination of shortest path search and approximate keyword search
 - Given a source and destination pair (s, t) and a query keyword set ψ on a road network, the goal is to find the shortest path that passes through at least one matching object per keyword.

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Approximate string similarity: edit distance $\epsilon(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \tau$.

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Data structure: FilterTree for Approximate Keywords-Matching



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 $s \bullet \bigcirc p_1 : ee \qquad f_2 : ch \qquad f_3, p_1, t \\ 0 \qquad f_3 : yb \qquad f_3 : y$

IO efficient priority queue of candidate paths: initialized with c's tha each covers a dinstinct, single $w \in \psi$

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Exact solution overview

Improvement.

- use Landmarks to estimate distances when finding points;
- modify and then combine with FilterTree to find p ∈ P(w) incrementally;
- refine d(c) when c becomes a qualified path.
 - two methods to refine d(c): PER-full and PER-partial

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 - The local minimum path algorithms: A_{LMP1} and A_{LMP2} .
 - The global minimum path algorithm: A_{GMP}.

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• Theorem 2: The A_{GMP} algorithm gives a κ -approximate path. This bound is tight.

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- Challenges in all approximate methods:
 - how to find p ∈ P(w) incrementally for each type of objective function (instead of finding P(w) all at once and iterate through points in P(w) one by one)?
 - how to avoid exact distance computation as much as possible?

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 $d^{-}(p, G_i)$: lower bound distance from p to the boundary of G_i , computed using the landmarks.

$$d^-(s,G_i)+d^-(G_i,t)\leq d^-(s,p)+d^-(p,t), orall p\in G_i.$$

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- The default experimental parameters:

Symbol	Definition	Default Value
P	number of points for exact solution	10,000
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κ	number of query strings	6
au	edit distance threshold	2
	road network	CA



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- In MAKR queries, "categories" are dynamically decided only at the query time.

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