## 1-Steiner Routing by Kahng/Robins

- Perform 1-Steiner Routing by Kahng/Robins
  - Need an initial MST: wirelength is 20
  - 16 locations for Steiner points





1-Steiner Algorithm (1/17)

#### First 1-Steiner Point Insertion

#### There are six 1-Steiner points

Two best solutions: we choose (c) randomly





1-Steiner Algorithm (2/17)

#### First 1-Steiner Point Insertion (cont)





1-Steiner Algorithm (3/17)

#### Second 1-Steiner Point Insertion

- Need to break tie again
  - Note that (a) and (b) do not contain any more 1-Steiner point: so we choose (c)



#### Third 1-Steiner Point Insertion

- Tree completed: all edges are rectilinearized
  - Overall wirelength reduction = 20 16 = 4





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1-Steiner Algorithm (5/17)

## 1-Steiner Routing by Borah/Owens/Irwin

- Perform a single pass of Borah/Owens/Irwin
  - Initial MST has 5 edges with wirelength of 20
  - Need to compute the max-gain (node, edge) pair for each edge in this MST





1-Steiner Algorithm (6/17)

#### Best Pair for (a,c)

We first let  $p_1 = b$  and  $e_1 = (a, c)$ . Next, we compute the shortest Manhattan distance between  $p_1$  and a "rectilinear layout" of  $e_1$ , which is 2 in this case. The node p is the nearest point on this rectilinear layout of  $e_1$  to  $p_1$ . Next, we look for  $e_2$ , the longest edge on  $p_1$ -to-apath, which is  $e_2 = (b, c)$ . Thus,

 $gain\{b, (a, c)\} = length(e_2) - length(p, p_1) = 4 - 2 = 2$ 



## Best Pair for (*b*,*c*)

• Three nodes can pair up with (b,c)

$$\begin{split} gain\{a,(b,c)\} &= length(a,c) - length(p,a) = 4 - 2 = 2\\ gain\{d,(b,c)\} &= length(b,d) - length(p,d) = 5 - 4 = 1\\ gain\{e,(b,c)\} &= length(c,e) - length(p,e) = 4 - 3 = 1 \end{split}$$



#### Best Pair for (b,c) (cont)

- All three pairs have the same gain
  - Break ties randomly



## Best Pair for (b,d)

- Two nodes can pair up with (*b*,*d*)
  - both pairs have the same gain



#### Best Pair for (c,e)

• Three nodes can pair up with (c,e)



#### Best Pair for (c,e) (cont)





1-Steiner Algorithm (12/17)

## Best Pair for (*e*,*f*)

• Can merge with *c* only





# Summary

- Max-gain pair table
  - Sort based on gain value

pair	gain	$e_1$	$e_2$
$\overline{\{b, (a, c)\}}$	2	(a, c)	(b,c)
$\{a, (b, c)\}$	2	(b,c)	(a, c)
$\{c, (b, d)\}$	1	(b,d)	(b,c)
$\{b, (c, e)\}$	1	(c,e)	(b,c)
$\{c, (e, f)\}$	1	(e, f)	(c, e)





1-Steiner Algorithm (14/17)

#### First 1-Steiner Point Insertion

- Choose  $\{b, (a,c)\}$  (max-gain pair)
  - Mark  $e_1 = (a,c), e_2 = (b,c)$
  - Skip  $\{a, (b,c)\}, \{c, (b,d)\}, \{b, (c,e)\}$  since their  $e_1/e_2$  are already marked
  - Wirelength reduces from 20 to 18



#### Second 1-Steiner Point Insertion

- Choose  $\{c, (e,f)\}$  (last one remaining)
  - Wirelength reduces from 18 to 17





1-Steiner Algorithm (16/17)

# Comparison

- Kahng/Robins vs Borah/Owens/Irwin
  - Khang/Robins has better wirelength (16 vs 17) but is slower





1-Steiner Algorithm (17/17)