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Summary: We present an on-line distributed reconfiguration algorithm for finding a new maximum matching incrementally after some nodes have failed. Our algorithm is deadlock-free and, with  $k$  failures, maintains at least  $M - k$  matching pairs during the reconfiguration process, where  $M$  is the size of the original maximum matching. The algorithm tolerates failures that occur during reconfiguration. The worst-case reconfiguration time is  $O(k \min(|A|, |B|))$  after  $k$  failures, where  $A$  and  $B$  are the node sets, but simulations show that the average-case reconfiguration time is much better. The algorithm is also simple enough to be implemented in hardware.

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