7. Parameterized branching algorithms
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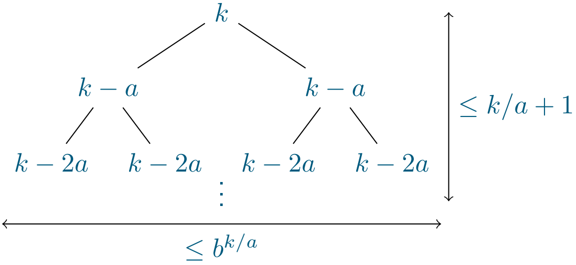
Search trees

Recall: A search tree models the recursive calls of an algorithm.
For a b-way branching where the parameter k decreases by a at each recursive call, the number of nodes is at most $b^{k/a} \cdot (k/a+1)$.



If k/a and b are upper bounded by a function of k, and the time spent at each node is FPT (typically, polynomial), then we get an FPT running time.

Recall: Measure Based Analysis

For more precise running time upper bounds:

Lemma 1 (Measure Analysis Lemma)

Let

- A *be a branching algorithm*
- $c \geq 0$ *be a constant, and*
- $\mu(\cdot), \eta(\cdot)$ *be two measures for the instances of* A,

such that on input I, A *calls itself recursively on instances* $I_1, \ldots, I_k$, *but, besides the recursive calls, uses time* $O(|I|^c)$, *such that*

$$(\forall i) \quad \eta(I_i) \leq \eta(I) - 1, \text{ and} \tag{1}$$

$$2^{\mu(I_1)} + \ldots + 2^{\mu(I_k)} \leq 2^{\mu(I)}. \tag{2}$$

Then A *solves any instance* I *in time* $O(\eta(I)^{c+1}) \cdot 2^{\mu(I)}$.

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Feedback Vertex Set

A feedback vertex set of a multigraph $G = (V, E)$ is a set of vertices $S \subseteq V$ such that $G - S$ is acyclic.

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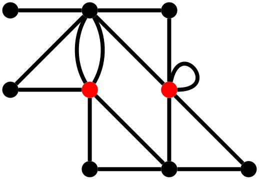

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(Budget-exceeded)

If $k < 0$, then return $\textsc{No}$.

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Simplification Rules II

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If $\exists v \in V$ with $d_G(v) = 2$, then denote $N_G(v) = \{u, w\}$ and set $G \leftarrow G' = (V \setminus \{v\}, (E \setminus \{vu, vw\}) \cup \{uw\})$.

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Lemma 2

(Degree-2) is sound.

Proof.

Suppose S is a feedback vertex set of G of size at most k. Let

$$S' = \begin{cases} S & \text{if } v \notin S \\ (S \setminus \{v\}) \cup \{u\} & \text{if } v \in S. \end{cases}$$

Now, $|S'| \leq k$ and S' is a feedback vertex set of G' since every cycle in G' corresponds to a cycle in G, with, possibly, the edge uw replaced by the path (u, v, w).

Suppose S' is a feedback vertex set of G' of size at most k. Then, S' is also a feedback vertex set of G. $\square$

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Idea:

- An acyclic graph has average degree < 2
- After applying simplification rules, G has average degree ≥ 3
- The selected feeback vertex set needs to be incident to many edges
- Does a feedback vertex set of size at most k contain at least one vertex among the $f(k)$ vertices of highest degree?

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Lemma 3

If S is a feedback vertex set of $G = (V, E)$, then

$$\sum_{v \in S} (d_G(v) - 1) \geq |E| - |V| + 1$$

Proof.

Since $F = G - S$ is acyclic, $|E(F)| \leq |V| - |S| - 1$.
Since every edge in $E \setminus E(F)$ is incident with a vertex of S, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|E| &= |E| - |E(F)| + |E(F)| \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{v \in S} d_G(v) \right) + (|V| - |S| - 1) \\
&= \left(\sum_{v \in S} (d_G(v) - 1) \right) + |V| - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 4

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Proof.

Suppose not. Let S be a feedback vertex set with $|S| \leq k$ and $S \cap H = \emptyset$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 2|E| - |V| &= \sum_{v \in V} (d_G(v) - 1) \\ &= \sum_{v \in H} (d_G(v) - 1) + \sum_{v \in V \setminus H} (d_G(v) - 1) \\ &\geq 3 \cdot (\sum_{v \in S} (d_G(v) - 1)) + \sum_{v \in S} (d_G(v) - 1) \\ &\geq 4 \cdot (|E| - |V| + 1) \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad 3|V| &\geq 2|E| + 4. \end{aligned}$$

But this contradicts the fact that every vertex of G has degree at least 3. □

Algorithm for Feedback Vertex Set

Theorem 5

FEEDBACK VERTEX SET *can be solved in* $O^*((3k)^k)$ *time.*

Proof (sketch).

- Exhaustively apply the simplification rules.
- The branching rule computes H of size $3k$, and branches into subproblems $(G - v, k - 1)$ for each $v \in H$.

□

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Maximum Leaf Spanning Tree

A leaf of a tree is a vertex with degree 1. A spanning tree in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a subgraph of G that is a tree and has $|V|$ vertices.

MAXIMUM LEAF SPANNING TREE	
Input:	connected graph G, integer k
Parameter:	k
Question:	Does G have a spanning tree with at least k leaves?

Property

A k-leaf tree in G is a subgraph of G that is a tree with at least k leaves.
A k-leaf spanning tree in G is a spanning tree in G with at least k leaves.

Lemma 6

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph.
G has a k-leaf tree $\Leftrightarrow$ G has a k-leaf spanning tree.

Proof.

$(\Leftarrow)$: trivial
$(\Rightarrow)$: Let T be a k-leaf tree in G. By induction on $x := |V| - |V(T)|$, we will show that T can be extended to a k-leaf spanning tree in G.
Base case: $x = 0$ ✓.
Induction: $x > 0$, and assume the claim is true for all $x' < x$. Choose $uv \in E$ such that $u \in V(T)$ and $v \notin V(T)$. Since $T' := (V(T) \cup \{v\}, E(T) \cup \{uv\})$ has $\geq k$ leaves and $< x$ external vertices, it can be extended to a k-leaf spanning tree in G by the induction hypothesis. □

Strategy

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- The question is whether T can be extended to a k-leaf tree where all the vertices in L are leaves.

Simplification Rules

Apply the first applicable simplification rule:

(Halt-Yes)

If $|L| + |B| \geq k$, then return $\textsc{Yes}$.

(Halt-No)

If $|B| = 0$, then return $\textsc{No}$.

(Non-extendable)

If $\exists v \in B$ with $N_G(v) \cap X = \emptyset$, then move v to L.

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Proof.

Start from $T'' \leftarrow T'$ and perform the following operation for each $v \in N_G(u) \cap X$.
If $v \notin V(T')$, then add he vertex v and the edge uv.
Otherwise, add the edge uv, creating a cycle C in T and remove the other edge of C incident to v. This does not decrease the number of leaves, since it only increases the number of edges incident to u, and u was already internal. □

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Suppose not, and let T' be a k-leaf tree extending T where u is internal and v is a leaf. But then, $T - v$ is a k-leaf tree as well. □

Algorithm

- Apply simplification rules
- Select $u \in B$. Branch into
  - $u \in L$
  - $u \in I$. In this case, add $X \cap N_G(u)$ to B (Branching Lemma). In the special case where $|X \cap N_G(u)| = 1$, denote $\{v\} = X \cap N_G(u)$, make v internal, and add $N_G(v) \cap X$ to B, continuing the same way until reaching a vertex with at least 2 neighbors in X (Follow Path Lemma).

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- In one branch, a vertex moves from B to L; in the other branch, $|B|$ increases by at least 1.

Running time analysis

- Measure $\mu := 2k - 2|L| - |B| \geq 0$.
- Branch where $u \in L$:
  - $|B|$ decreases by 1, $|L|$ increases by 1
  - μ decreases by 1
- Branch where $u \in I$.
  - u moves from B to I
  - ≥ 2 vertices move from X to B
  - μ decreases by at least 1

- Binary search tree
- Height $\leq \mu \leq 2k$

Result for Maximum Leaf Spanning Tree

Theorem 9 ([Kneis, Langer, Rossmanith, 2011])

MAXIMUM LEAF SPANNING TREE *can be solved in* $O^*(4^k)$ *time.*

Current best: $O^*(3.72^k)$ [Daligault, Gutin, Kim, Yeo, 2010]

Exercise 1

Recall:
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Hint: We may restrict our attention to maximal independent sets, where we know: every maximal independent set contains at least one vertex from $N_G[v]$, where v is any vertex of G.

Solution sketch

- Select a vertex $v \in V$
- Do a $(d_G(v) + 1)$-way branching, recursively checking for each $u \in N_G[v]$, whether $G - N_G[u]$ has an independent set of size at least $k - 1$
- Since k decreases by at least 1 in each branch, and the number of branches is at most $\Delta(G) + 1$, we obtain a running time of $O^*((\Delta(G) + 1)^k)$
- This is an FPT algorithm

Exercise 2

A cluster graph is a graph where every connected component is a complete graph.

Cluster Editing
Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$, integer k
Parameter: k
Question: Is it possible to edit (add or delete) at most k edges of G so that it becomes a cluster graph?

Recall that G is a cluster graph iff G contains no induced P_3 (path with 3 vertices) and has a kernel with $O(k^2)$ vertices.

1. Design an algorithm for Cluster Editing with running time $3^k \cdot k^{O(1)} + n^{O(1)}$.

Solution sketch

- Kernelize to obtain an equivalent instance (G', k') on $O(k^2)$ vertices in $n^{O(1)}$ time
- As a branching strategy, select an induced P_3 (u, v, w) and recursively check whether any of the following graphs can be edited into a cluster graph with at most $k-1$ edge edits: the graph where we remove the edge uv, the graph where we remove the edge vw, and the graph where we add the edge uw to G'.

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Further Reading

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