

Algorithmic Graph Theory: How hard is your combinatorial optimization problem?

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Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph and k integer. The $(k + 1)$ -neighbor improved graph $G' = (V, E')$ can be constructed as follows: take G and add edge uv as long as two non-adjacent vertices u, v exist, having $k + 1$ joint neighbors.

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Corollary

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph and ℓ a lower bound on $tw(G)$. Further, let G' be the $(\ell + 1)$ -neighbor improved graph and ℓ' be a further lower bound on $tw(G')$. If $\ell' > \ell$, then it holds that $tw(G) \geq \ell + 1$.



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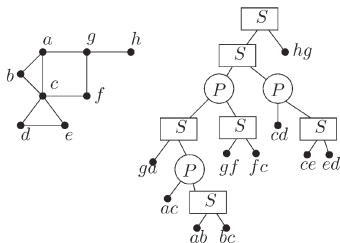
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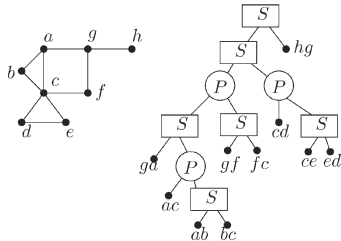


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Lemma

If G has treewidth at most k , then G also has a nice tree decomposition of width at most k which has $O(n)$ tree nodes.

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Number of entries to compute for node $i \in I$: $2^{|X_i|}$

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Introduce node i with child j

Suppose $X_i = X_j \cup \{v\}$. Let $S \subseteq X_j$.

1. $C_i(S) = C_j(S)$.
2. If there is a vertex $w \in S$ with $\{v, w\} \in E$, then $C_i(S \cup \{v\}) = -\infty$.
3. If for all $w \in S$, $\{v, w\} \notin E$, then $C_i(S \cup \{v\}) = C_j(S) + c(v)$.

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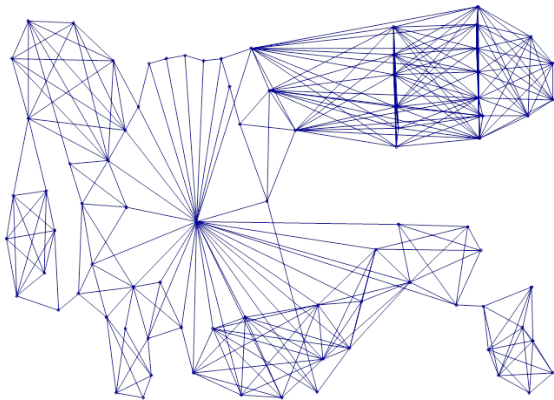
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If $tw(G) = k$, the running time is $O(2^k \cdot n)$

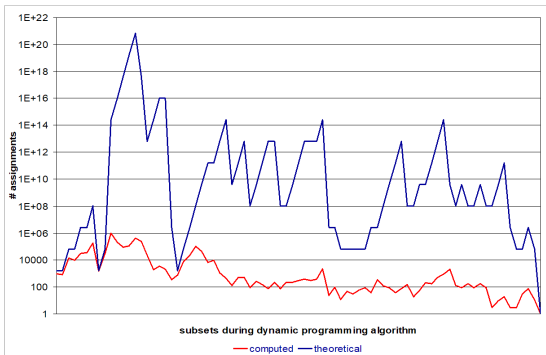


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- each vertex $v \in V$ is colored with a **color** $f(v)$ from its domain $F(v)$,
- the sum of assignment cost $\sum_{v \in V} c_v(f(v))$ and interference cost $\sum_{vw \in E} c_{vw}(f(v), f(w))$ is minimized.



Theoretical number of assignments vs. actual number

Actual number of assignments achieved by

- graph reduction
- upper bounding techniques, dominance techniques

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