

Connected tree-width of a series-parallel graphs

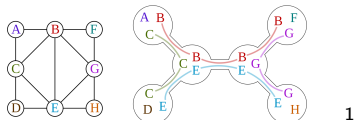
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Treewidth

Definition

A **tree decomposition** T of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a tree where nodes are subset of V_G . Each vertex and each edge appear in T and $\forall x \in V$, the set of nodes containing x has to induce a connected sub-tree of T .



Treewidth

Let G be a graph. The width of a tree decomposition T of G is

$$\text{width}(T) = \max\{|X| - 1 \mid X \in T\}.$$

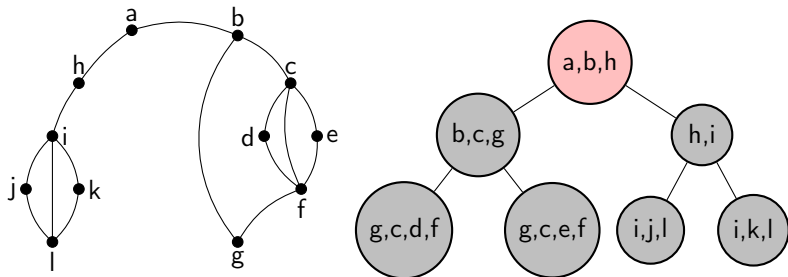
The **treewidth** of the graph G is $\text{tw}(G) = \min_T \{\text{width}(T) \text{ with } T \text{ a tree decomposition of } G\}$.

¹Source: Wikipedia

Connected treewidth

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A tree decomposition T is **connected** if there exists r such that for every path p from r , the subgraph of G induced by the vertices in p is a connected subgraph of G . The **connected treewidth** of a graph G is $\text{ctw}(G) = \min_T \{\text{width}(T) \mid T \text{ a connected tree decomposition of } G\}$.



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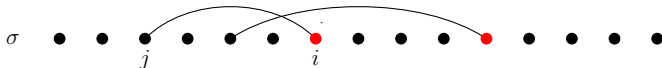
We denote $\text{tvs}(G) = \min_\sigma \max_{i \in [1, n]} |S_\sigma(i)|$.

Connected layout

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Let G be a connected graph. A layout σ is a **connected layout** if one of the two following equivalent properties are satisfied:

- $\forall i \in V_G, G[\sigma_{\leq i}]$ induces a connected subgraph of G .
- $\forall i \in V_G, \exists j$ such that σ_j is a neighbour of σ_i with $j < i$.



Connected tree vertex separation number

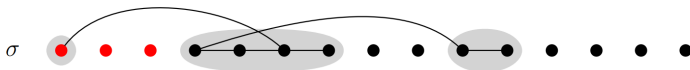
We denote $\text{ctvs}(G) = \min_{\sigma} \max_{i \in [1, n]} |S_{\sigma}(i)|$ with σ a connected layout.

By definition, we have $\text{tvs}(G) \leq \text{ctvs}(G)$.

Connected rooted layout

Rooted layout

Let (G, R) a rooted graph where $R \subset V_G$. A **rooted layout** σ on (G, R) is a layout where R is a prefix of σ .



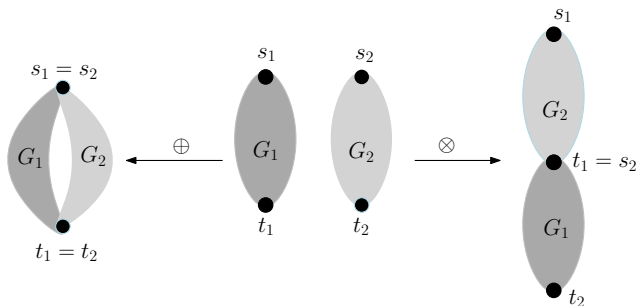
Connected rooted layout

A rooted layout σ is **connected** if, $\forall i \in [1, n]$, every connected component of the subgraph $G[\sigma_{\leq i}]$ contains a root vertex.

Series-parallel graphs

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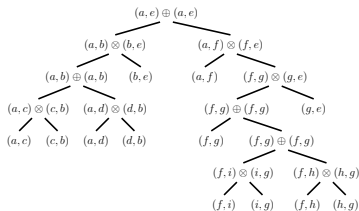
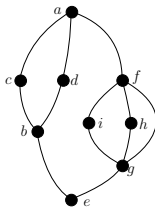
A graph G is a **series-parallel** graph if it is an edge $\{x, y\}$ or it can be built from two other series-parallel graphs G_1 and G_2 by the series composition \otimes or by the parallel composition \oplus .



Series-parallel tree

Series-parallel tree

A series-parallel graph G can be represented by a series-parallel tree where each node is \otimes or \oplus composition.



Theorem

If G is a bi-connected series-parallel graph, then:

$$\forall (x, y) \in E_G, (G, (x, y)) = (G_1, (x, y)) \oplus (G_2, (x, y)) \text{ with } G_2 = K_2.$$

Results

Theorem

- [Dendris N., Kirousis L., Thilikos D. TCS'97]: $\text{tw}(G) = \text{tvs}(G)$.
- [Adler I., Paul C., Thilikos D. FST-TCS'19]: $\text{ctw}(G) = \text{ctvs}(G)$.
- Price of connectivity: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists G such that
$$\text{ctw}(G) - \text{tw}(G) \geq k.$$

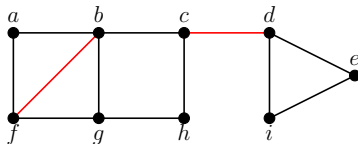
Our result

[Mescoff G., Paul C., Thilikos D.]: We can compute the connected treewidth of series-parallel graphs in $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \cdot \log n)$ time where n is the number of vertices of G .

Extended graph

Extended graph

Let $G = (V, E)$ a graph and F a set of edges disjoint from E_G . We denote G^{+F} the **extended graph** G with with fictive edges from F . We said that G is the solid graph of G^{+F} .



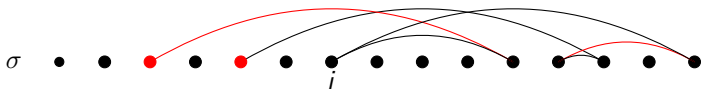
Connexity of G^{+F}

Fictive edges do not increase connexity of G^{+F} . Connected components of G^{+F} are exactly the connected components of the solid graph G .

Extended Path

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An **extended path** is a path of G^{+F} containing fictive edges.



Extended cost

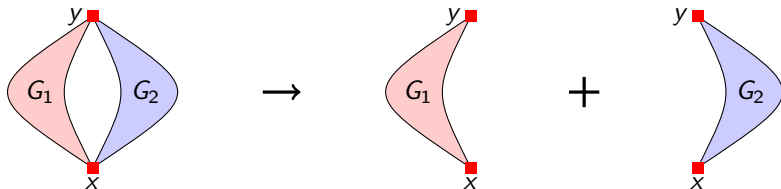
- $\forall i \in V_G$ we define $S_{\sigma}^{+F}(i) = \{x \in V_G \mid \sigma(x) < \sigma(i) \wedge \exists \text{ a extended path } p \text{ from } i \text{ to } x \text{ with internal vertices in } \sigma_{>i}\}$.
- $ectvs(G) = \min_{\sigma} \max_{i \in [1, n]} |S_{\sigma}^{+F}(i)|$ with σ a connected layout.

Parallel composition without fictive edges

Lemma

Let $(G^{+\emptyset}, R)$ be a rooted extended graph such that $R = \{x, y\}$ and $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$ with $G_1 = (G_1, (x, y))$ and $G_2 = (G_2, (x, y))$. Then,

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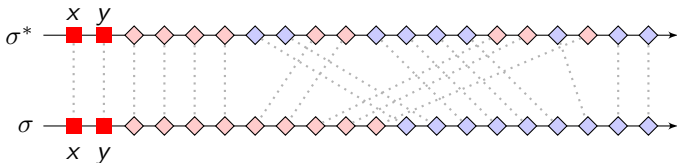
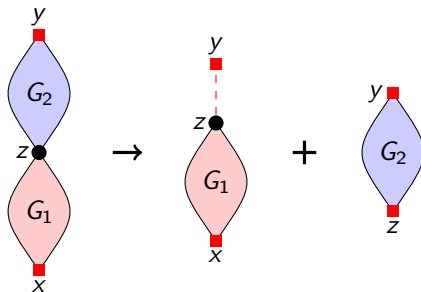


Figure: Rearranging a layout of minimum cost of an extended graph $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$. Red vertices belongs to $V_1 \setminus \{x, y\}$ and blue vertices belong to $V_2 \setminus \{x, y\}$.

Series composition without fictive edges

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$$\text{ectvs}(G^{+\emptyset}, R) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max \left\{ \text{ectvs}(\tilde{G}_1^{+\{zy\}}, R), \text{ectvs}(G_2^{+\emptyset}, R_2) \right\} \\ \max \left\{ \text{ectvs}(\tilde{G}_2^{+\{zx\}}, R), \text{ectvs}(G_1^{+\emptyset}, R_1) \right\} \end{array} \right\}.$$



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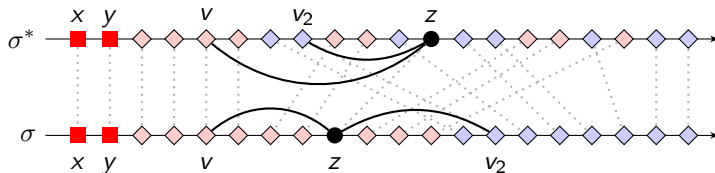
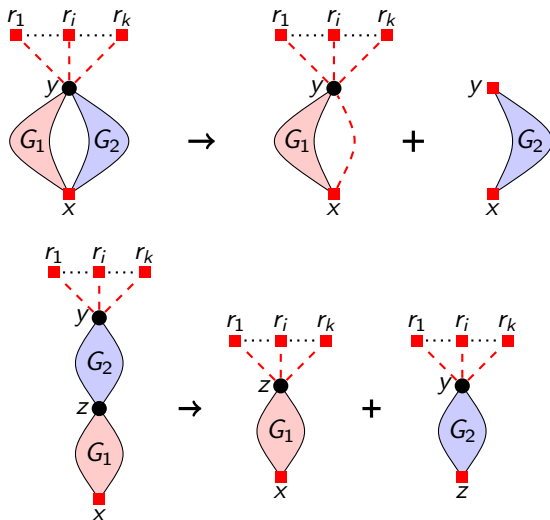
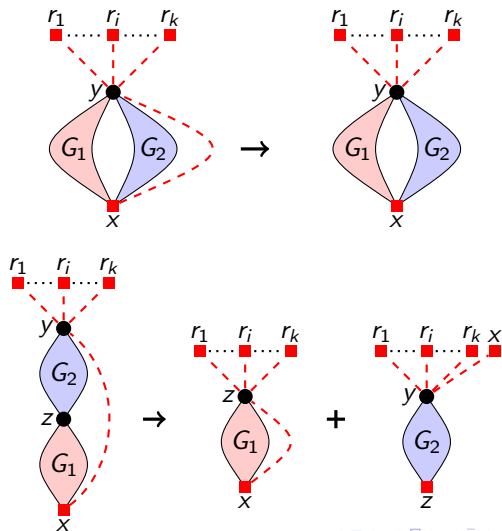


Figure: Rearranging a layout σ^* of $G = G_1 \otimes G_2$ of minimum cost into $\sigma = \langle x, y \rangle \odot \sigma^*[V_1 \setminus \{x\}] \odot \sigma^*[V_2 \setminus \{y, z\}]$.

Parallel and series composition with extended graph



Composition with the fictive edge (x,y)



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Let G a biconnected graph.

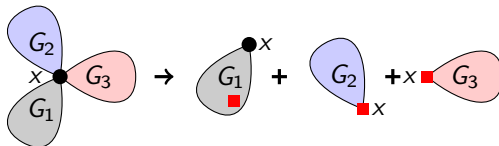
- $\text{ctw}(G) = \min_{(x,y) \in G} (G^{+\emptyset}, \{x,y\}) \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(n)$.
- We have at most $2n$ steps in our algorithm $\leftarrow \mathcal{O}(n)$.
- For each step, we compute at most αn results with some constant $\alpha \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(n)$.

Which gives a total time complexity in $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$. With a better complexity analysis, we can show that the real time complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \cdot \log n)$.

Generalization

Treewidth at most 2

A graph G has treewidth at most 2 iff its biconnected components are series-parallel graphs. So, G contain a cut vertex or G is a biconnected series-parallel graph.



Complexity

Since the complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \cdot \log n)$ for every biconnected component and since we try for every starting vertex, the total time complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n^3 \cdot \log n)$.

Conclusion

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We see in this presentation how compute the connected treewidth for graph with treewidth at most 2. The complexity of the general problem is still open:

- **Conjecture 1:** Connected treewidth can be computed by an $\mathcal{O}(n^{f(\text{tw}(G))})$ -time algorithm.
- **Conjecture 2:** Connected treewidth bounded by k can be decided by an $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot f(k, \text{tw}(G)))$ -time algorithm.
- **Conjecture 3:** Connected treewidth bounded by k can be decided by an $\mathcal{O}(n^{f(k)})$ -time algorithm.