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# 1 Definitions

We use standard definitions, sourced from the book by **BB98 BB98**, modified and extended as needed.

**Definition 1.1** (graph). A graph  $G$  is an ordered pair of disjoint sets  $(V, E)$  such that  $E$  is the subset of the set  $\binom{V}{2}$  that is of unordered pairs of  $V$ .

We will only consider finite graphs, that is  $V$  and  $E$  are always finite. If  $G$  is a graph, then  $V = V(G)$  is the *vertex set* of  $G$ , and  $E = E(G)$  is the *edge set*. The size of the vertex set of a graph  $G$  will be called the *cardinality* of  $G$ .

An edge  $\{x, y\}$  is said to *join*, or be between vertices  $x$  and  $y$  and is denoted by  $xy$ . Thus  $xy$  and  $yx$  mean the same edge (all our graphs are *unordered*). If  $xy \in E(G)$  then  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent, connected or neighboring. If  $xy \notin E(G)$  then  $xy$  is a *nonedge* and  $x$  and  $y$  are *anticonnected*.

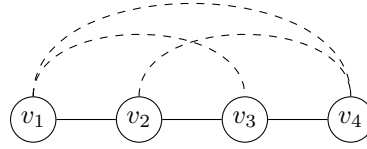


Figure 1: An example graph  $G_0$

Figure 1 shows an example of a graph  $G_0 = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  and  $E = \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4\}$ . We will mark edges as solid lines on figures. Nonedges significant to the ongoing reasoning will be marked as dashed lines.

**Definition 1.2** (subgraph).  $G' = (V', E')$  is a subgraph of  $G = (V, E)$  if  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$ .

**Definition 1.3** (induced subgraph). If  $G' = (V', E')$  is a subgraph of  $G$  and it contains all edges of  $G$  that join two vertices in  $V'$ , then  $G'$  is said to be induced subgraph of  $G$  and is denoted  $G[V']$ .

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a set  $X \subseteq V$  by  $G \setminus X$  we will denote a induced subgraph  $G[V \setminus X]$ .

For example  $(\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1v_2\})$  is *not* an induced subgraph of the example graph  $G_0$ , while  $(\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1v_2, v_2v_3\}) = G_0[\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}] = G_0 \setminus \{v_4\}$  is.

**Definition 1.4** ( $X$ -completeness). Given set  $X \subseteq V$ , vertex  $v \notin X$  is  $X$ -complete if it is adjacent to every node  $x \in X$ . A set  $Y \subseteq V$  is  $X$ -complete if  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$  and every node  $y \in Y$  is  $X$ -complete.

**Definition 1.5** (path). A path is a graph  $P$  of the form

$$V(P) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l\}, \quad E(P) = \{x_1x_2, x_2x_3, \dots, x_{l-1}x_l\}$$

This path  $P$  is usually denoted by  $x_1x_2 \dots x_l$  or  $x_1 - x_2 - \dots - x_l$ . The vertices  $x_1$  and  $x_l$  are the *endvertices* and  $l - 1 = |E(P)|$  is the *length* of the path  $P$ .  $\{x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}\}$  is the *inside* of the path  $P$ , denoted as  $P^*$ .

Graph  $G_0$  is a path of length 3, with the inside  $G_0^* = \{v_2, v_3\}$ . If we would add any edge to  $G_0$  it would stop being a path (sometimes we call such an edge a *chord*).

**Definition 1.6** (connected graph). A graph  $G$  is connected if for every pair  $\{x, y\} \subseteq V(G)$  of distinct vertices, there is a path from  $x$  to  $y$ .

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enough?

**Definition 1.7** (component). A component of a graph  $G$  is its maximal connected induced subgraph.

**Definition 1.8** (cycle). A cycle is a graph  $C$  of the form

$$V(C) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l\}, \quad E(C) = \{x_1x_2, x_2x_3, \dots, x_{l-1}x_l, x_lx_1\}$$

This cycle  $C$  is usually denoted by  $x_1x_2 \dots x_lx_1$  or  $x_1 - x_2 - \dots - x_l - x_1$ .  $l = |E(C)|$  is the *length* of the cycle  $C$ . Sometimes we will denote the cycle of length  $l$  as  $C_l$ .

Notice, that a cycle is not a path (nor is a path a cycle). If we add an edge  $v_1v_4$  to the path  $G_0$  it becomes an even cycle  $C_4$ .

**Definition 1.9** (hole). A hole is a cycle of length at least four.

If a path, a cycle or a hole has an odd length, it will be called *odd*. Otherwise, it will be called *even*.

**Definition 1.10** (complement). A complement of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph  $\bar{G} = (V, \binom{V}{2} \setminus E)$ , that is two vertices  $x, y$  are adjacent in  $\bar{G}$  iff they are not adjacent in  $G$ .

Sometimes, we will call a complement of a member of a class  $\Gamma$  an *anti- $\Gamma$* , e.g. graph  $G = (\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, \{v_1v_3, v_2v_4\})$  is an anticlique.

**Definition 1.11** (anticomponent). An anticomponent of a graph  $G$  is an induced subgraph whose complement is a component in  $G$ .

**Definition 1.12** (clique). A complete graph or a clique is a graph of the form  $G = (V, \binom{V}{2})$ , that is every two vertices are connected.

Therefore an *anticlique* is a graph in which there are no edges. We will also call anticliques *independent sets*. In a similar fashion, given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a subset of its vertices  $V' \subseteq V$  will be called *independent* (in the context of  $G$ ) iff  $G[V']$  is an anticlique.

**Definition 1.13** (clique number). A clique number of a graph  $G$ , denoted as  $\omega(G)$ , is a cardinality of its largest induced clique.

**Definition 1.14** (coloring). Given a graph  $G$ , its coloring is a function  $c : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ , such that for every edge  $xy \in E(G)$ ,  $c(x)$  is different from  $c(y)$ . A  $k$ -coloring of  $G$  (if exists) is a coloring, such that for all vertices  $x \in V(G)$ ,  $c(x) \leq k$ .

**Definition 1.15** (chromatic number). A chromatic number of a graph  $G$ , denoted as  $\chi(G)$ , is a smallest natural number  $k$ , for which there exists a  $k$ -coloring of  $G$ .

**Definition 1.16** (Berge graph). A graph  $G$  is Berge if both  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$  have no odd hole.

**Definition 1.17** (perfect graph). A graph  $G$  is perfect if for its every induced subgraph  $G'$  we have  $\chi(G') = \omega(G')$

**Definition 1.18** (C-major vertices). Given a shortest odd hole  $C$  in  $G$ , a node  $v \in V(G) \setminus V(C)$  is  $C$ -major if the set of its neighbors in  $C$  is not contained in any 3-node path of  $C$ .

a picture of this, clean odd hole, amenable hole

**Definition 1.19** (clean odd hole). An odd hole  $C$  of  $G$  is clean if no vertex in  $G$  is  $C$ -major.

**Definition 1.20** (cleaner). Given a shortest odd hole  $C$  in  $G$ , a subset  $X \subseteq V(G)$  is a cleaner for  $C$  if  $X \cap V(C) = \emptyset$  and every  $C$ -major vertex belongs to  $X$ .

Let us notice, that if  $X$  is a cleaner for  $C$  then  $C$  is a clean hole in  $G \setminus X$ .

**Definition 1.21** (near-cleaner). Given a shortest odd hole  $C$  in  $G$ , a subset  $X \subseteq V(G)$  is a near-cleaner for  $C$  if  $X$  contains all  $C$ -major vertices and  $X \cap V(C)$  is a subset of vertex set of some 3-node path of  $C$ .

**Definition 1.22** (amenable odd hole). An odd hole  $C$  of  $G$  is amenable if it is a shortest odd hole in  $G$ , it is of length at least 7 and for every anticonnected set  $X$  of  $C$ -major vertices there is a  $X$ -complete edge in  $C$ .

## 2 Perfect Graphs

All graphs in this paper are finite, undirected and have no loops or parallel edges. We denote the chromatic number of graph  $G$  by  $\chi(G)$  and the cardinality of the largest clique of  $G$  by  $\omega(G)$ . *Coloring* of a graph means assigning every node of a graph a color. A coloring is *valid* iff every two nodes sharing an edge have different colors. An *optimal* coloring (if exists) is a valid coloring using only  $\omega(G)$  colors.

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , sometimes by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  we will denote a set of nodes and edges of  $G$ . Given a set  $X \subseteq V$  by  $G[X]$  we will denote a graph induced on  $X$ . A graph  $G$  is *perfect* iff for all  $X \subseteq V(G)$  we have  $\chi(G[X]) = \omega(G[X])$ .

node  $\rightarrow$  vertex everywhere (seems to be more common name)

### Definitions and conventions

- By solid lines we will mark edges, by dashed lines we will mark nonedges, when significant. Sometimes nonedges will not be marked in order not to clutter the image.
- A node is  $X$ -complete in  $G$  iff it is adjacent to all nodes in  $X$ .

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- Given a path  $P$ , by  $P^*$  we will denote its inside.

Give some examples why perfect graphs are interesting, some subclasses, and problems that are solvable for perfect graphs, including recognition and coloring

Given a graph  $G$ , its *complement*  $\overline{G}$  is a graph with the same vertex set and in which two distinct nodes  $u, v$  are connected in  $\overline{G}$  iff they are not connected in  $G$ . For example a clique in a graph becomes an independent set in its complement. A perfect graph theorem, first conjured by Berge in 1961 [CB61] and then proven by Lovász in 1972 [LL72] states that a graph is perfect iff its complement graph is also perfect.

A *hole* is an induced chordless cycle of length at least 4. An *antihole* is an induced subgraph whose complement is a hole. A *Berge* graph is a graph with no holes or antiholes of odd length.

In 1961 Berge conjured that a graph is perfect iff it is Berge in what has become known as a strong perfect graph conjecture. In 2001 Chudnovsky et al. have proven it and published the proof in an over 150 pages long paper MC06 [MC06]. The following overview of the proof will be based on this paper and on an article with the same name by Cornuéjols [GC03].

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## 2.1 Strong Perfect Graph Theorem

Odd holes are not perfect, since their chromatic number is 3 and their largest cliques are of size 2. It is also easy to see, that an odd antihole of size  $n$  has a chromatic number of  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  and largest cliques of size  $\frac{n-1}{2}$ . It is therefore clear, that if a graph is not Berge it is not perfect. To prove that every Berge graph is perfect is the proper part of the strong perfect graph theorem.

How long and detailed overview of the proof should we provide?

## 3 Recognizing Berge Graphs

The following is based on the paper by Maria Chudnovsky et al. MC05. We will not provide full proof of its correctness, but will aim to show the intuition behind the algorithm.

### 3.1 Recognition algorithm Overview

Berge graph recognition algorithm could be divided into two parts: first we check if either  $G$  or  $\overline{G}$  contain any of a number of simple structures as a induced subgraph (3.1.1). If they do, we output that graph is not Berge and stop. Else, we check if there is a near-cleaner for a shortest odd hole.(3.1.2).

### 3.1.1 Simple structures

**Pyramids** A *path* in  $G$  is an induced subgraph that is connected, with at least one node, no cycle and no node of degree larger than 2 (sometimes called chordless path). The *length* of a path or a cycle is the number of edges in it. A *triangle* in a graph is a set of three pairwise adjacent nodes.

A *pyramid* in  $G$  is an induced subgraph formed by the union of a triangle  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ , three paths  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  and another node  $a$ , so that:

- $\forall_{1 \leq i \leq 3} P_i$  is a path between  $a$  and  $b_i$
- $\forall_{1 \leq i < j \leq 3} a$  is the only node in both  $P_i$  and  $P_j$  and  $b_i b_j$  is the only edge between  $V(P_i) \setminus \{a\}$  and  $V(P_j) \setminus \{a\}$ .
- $a$  is adjacent to at most one of  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ .

We will say that  $a$  can be *linked onto* the triangle  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  *via* the paths  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ . Let us notice, that a pyramid is determined by its paths  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ .

It is easy to see that every graph containing a pyramid contains an odd hole – at least two of the paths  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  will have the same parity.

We will give an algorithm finding pyramid, but first we need some additional definitions. If  $K$  is a pyramid  $(a, b_1, b_2, b_3, P_1, P_2, P_3)$  we say its *frame* is the 10-tuple iff

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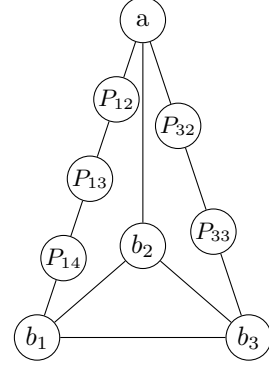


Figure 2: An example of a pyramid.

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**Finding Pyramids** First, let us enumerate all 6-tuples  $b_1, b_2, b_3, s_1, s_2, s_3$  such that:

- $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  is a triangle
- for  $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$ ,  $b_i, s_i$  is disjoint from  $b_j, s_j$  and  $b_i b_j$  is the only edge between them
- there is a node  $a$  adjacent to all of  $s_1, s_2, s_3$  and to at most one of  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ , such that if  $a$  is adjacent to  $b_i$ , then  $s_i b_i$ .

There are  $O(|V(G)|^6)$  sextuples, and it takes  $O(|V(G)|)$  time to check each one. For each such sextuple we follow with the rest of the algorithm.

We define  $M = V(G) \setminus \{b_1, b_2, b_3, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$ . Now, for each  $m \in M$ , we set  $S_1(m)$  equal to the shortest path between  $s_1$  and  $m$  such that  $s_2, s_3, b_2, b_3$  have no neighbors in its interior, if such a path exists. We set  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  similarly. Then similarly we set  $T_1(m)$  to be the shortest path between  $m$  and  $b_1$ , such that  $s_2, s_3, b_2, b_3$  have no neighbors in its interior, if such a path exists. We do



similar for  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ . It takes  $O(|V(G)|^2)$  time to calculate paths  $T_i(m)$  for all  $i$  and  $m$ .

Now, we will calculate all possible paths  $P_i$ . For each  $m \in M \cup \{b_1\}$  we will define a path  $P_1(m)$  and paths  $P_2(m)$ ,  $P_3(m)$  will be defined in a similar manner.

If  $s_1 = b_1$  let  $P_1(b_1)$  be the one-node path with node  $b_1$ , and let  $P_1(m)$  be undefined for each  $m \in M$ .

If  $s_1 \neq b_1$ , then  $P_1(b_1)$  is undefined and for all  $m \in M$  we will check if all the following are true:

- $m$  is nonadjacent to all of  $b_2, b_3, s_2, s_3$
- $S_1(m)$  and  $T_1(m)$  both exist
- $V(S_1(m) \cap T_1(m)) = \{m\}$
- there are no edges between  $V(S_1(m) \setminus m)$  and  $V(T_1(m) \setminus m)$

If so, then we assign a path  $s_1 - S_1(m) - m - T_1(m) - b_1$  to  $P_1(m)$ , otherwise we let  $P_1(m)$  be undefined. It takes  $O(|V(G)|^2)$  to check this, given  $m$ . We assign  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  in a similar manner. Total time of finding all  $P_i(m)$  paths for a given sextuple is  $O(|V(G)|^3)$ .

Now we want to check if there is a triple  $m_1, m_2, m_3$ , so that  $P_1(m_1)$ ,  $P_2(m_2)$ ,  $P_3(m_3)$  form a pyramid. A most obvious approach of enumerating them all would be too slow, so we do it carefully.

For  $1 \leq i < j \leq 3$ , we say that  $(m_i, m_j)$  is a *good*  $(i, j)$ -pair, iff  $m_i \in M \cup \{b_i\}$ ,  $m_j \in M \cup \{b_j\}$ ,  $P_i(m_i)$ ,  $P_j(m_j)$  both exist and the sets  $V(P_i(m_i)), V(P_j(m_j))$  are both disjoint and  $b_i b_j$  is the only edge between them.

We show how to find the list of all good  $(1, 2)$ -pairs, with similar algorithm for all other good  $(i, j)$ -pairs. For each  $m_1 \in M \cup \{b_1\}$ , we find the set of all  $m_2$  such that  $(m_1, m_2)$  is a good  $(1, 2)$ -pair as follows.

If  $P_1(m_1)$  does not exist, there are no such good pairs. If it exists, color black the nodes of  $M$  that either belong to  $P_1(m_1)$  or have a neighbor in  $P_1(m_1)$ . Color all other nodes white. (We can do this in  $O(|V(G)|^2)$ ) Then for each  $m_2 \in M \cup \{b_2\}$ , test whether  $P_2(m_2)$  exists and contains no black nodes. We do this for all  $m_1$  and get a set of all  $(1, 2)$ -good pairs. In similar way we calculate all good  $(1, 3)$ -pair and  $(2, 3)$ -pairs (in  $O(|V(G)|^3)$  time).

Now, we examine all triples  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  such that  $m_i \in M \cup \{b_i\}$  and test whether  $(m_i, m_j)$  is a good  $(i, j)$ -pair. If we find a triple such that all three pairs are good, we output that  $G$  contains a pyramid and stop.

If after examining all choices of  $b_1, b_2, b_3, s_1, s_2, s_3$  we find no pyramid, output that  $G$  contains no pyramid. Since there are  $O(|V(G)|^6)$  such choices and it takes a time of  $O(|V(G)|^3)$  to analyze each one, the total time is  $O(|V(G)|^9)$ .

some proofs

**Jewels** Five nodes  $v_1, \dots, v_5$  and a path  $P$  is a *jewel* iff:

- $v_1, \dots, v_5$  are distinct nodes.
- $v_1v_2, v_2v_3, v_3v_4, v_4v_5, v_5v_1$  are edges.
- $v_1v_3, v_2v_4, v_1, v_4$  are nonedges.
- $P$  is a path between  $v_1$  and  $v_4$ , such that  $v_2, v_3, v_5$  have no neighbors in its inside.

Most obvious way to find a jewel would be to enumerate all choices of  $v_1, \dots, v_5$ , check if a choice is correct and if it is try to find a path  $P$  as required. This gives us a time of  $O(|V|^7)$ . We could speed it up to  $O(|V|^6)$  with more careful algorithm, but since whole algorithm takes time  $O(|V|^9)$  and our testing showed that time it takes to test for jewels is negligible we decided against it.

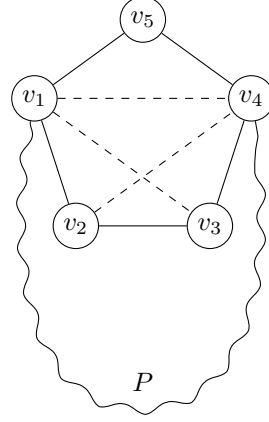


Figure 3: An example of a jewel.

**Configurations of type  $\mathcal{T}_1$**  A configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is a hole of length 5. To find it we simply iterate all choices of paths of length of 4, and check if there exists a fifth node to complete the hole. See paragraph 3.2.1 for more implementation details.

**Configurations of type  $\mathcal{T}_2$**  A configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is a six  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, P, X)$ , such that:

- $v_1v_2v_3v_4$  is a path in  $G$ .
- $X$  is an anticomponent of the set of all  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$ -complete nodes.
- $P$  is a path in  $G \setminus (X \cup \{v_2, v_3\})$  between  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  and no vertex in  $P^*$  is  $X$ -complete or adjacent to  $v_2$  or adjacent to  $v_3$ .

Checking if configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_2$  exists in our graph is straightforward: we enumerate all paths  $v_1 \dots v_4$ , calculate set of all  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$ -complete nodes and its anticomponents. Then, for each anticomponent  $X$  we check if required path  $P$  exists.

To prove that existence of  $\mathcal{T}_2$  configuration implies that the graph is not berge, we will need the Roussel-Rubio lemma [RR01] as stated in [MC05] that says:

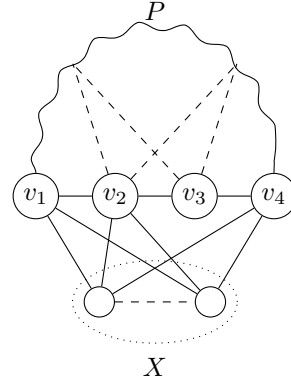


Figure 4: An example of a  $\mathcal{T}_2$ .

**Lemma 3.1** (Roussel-Rubio Lemma). *Let  $G$  be Berge,  $X$  be an anticonnected subset of  $V(G)$ ,  $P$  be an odd path  $p_1 \dots p_n$  in  $G \setminus X$  with length at least 3, such that  $p_1$  and  $p_n$  are  $X$ -complete and  $p_2, \dots, p_{n-1}$  are not. Then:*

- *$P$  is of length at least 5 and there exist nonadjacent  $x, y \in X$ , such that there are exactly two edges between  $x, y$  and  $P^*$ , namely  $xp_2$  and  $yp_{n-1}$ ,*
- *or  $P$  is of length 3 and there is an odd antipath joining internal nodes of  $P$  with interior in  $X$ .*

Now, we shall prove the following:

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $G$  contains configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_2$  then  $G$  is not Berge.*

*Proof.* Let  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, P, X)$  be a configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_2$ . Let us assume that  $G$  is not Berge and consider the following:

- If  $P$  is even, then  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, P, v_1$  is an odd hole,
- If  $P$  is of length 3. Let us name its nodes  $v_1, p_2, p_3, v_4$ . It follows from Lemma 3.1, that there exists an odd antipath between  $p_2$  and  $p_3$  with interior in  $X$ . We can complete it with  $v_2p_2$  and  $v_2p_3$  into an odd antihole.
- If  $P$  is odd with the length of at least 5, it follows from Lemma 3.1 that we have  $x, y \in X$  with only two edges to  $P$  being  $xp_2$  and  $yp_{n-1}$ . This gives us an odd hole:  $v_2, x, p_2, \dots, p_{n-1}, y, v_2$ .

□

I merged a couple of proofs from [MC06], check in the morning if this is correct.

**Configurations of type  $\mathcal{T}_3$**  A configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_3$  is a sequence  $v_1, \dots, v_6, P, X$ , such that:

- $v_1, \dots, v_6$  are distinct nodes.
- $v_1v_2, v_3v_4, v_1v_4, v_2v_3, v_3v_5, v_4v_6$  are edges, and  $v_1v_3, v_2v_4, v_1v_5, v_2v_5, v_1v_6, v_2v_6, v_4v_5$  are nonedges.
- $X$  is an anticomponent of the set of all  $\{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$ -complete nodes, and  $v_3, v_4$  are not  $X$ -complete.
- $P$  is a path of  $G \setminus (X \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\})$  between  $v_5$  and  $v_6$  and no node in  $P^*$  is  $X$ -complete or adjacent to  $v_1$  or adjacent to  $v_2$ .
- If  $v_5v_6$  is an edge, then  $v_6$  is not  $X$ -complete.

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picture?

The following algorithm with running time of  $O(|V(G)|^6)$  checks whether  $G$  contains a configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_3$ :

For each triple  $v_1, v_2, v_5$  of nodes such that  $v_1v_2$  is an edge and  $v_1v_5, v_2v_5$  are nonedges find the set  $Y$  of all  $\{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$ -complete nodes. For each anticomponent  $X$  of  $Y$  find the maximal connected subset  $F'$  containing  $v_5$  such that

$v_1, v_2$  have no neighbors in  $F'$  and no node of  $F' \setminus \{v_5\}$  is  $X$ -complete. Let  $F$  be the union of  $F'$  and the set of all  $X$ -complete nodes that have a neighbor in  $F'$  and are nonadjacent to all of  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_5$ .

Then, for each choice of  $v_4$  that is adjacent to  $v_1$  and not to  $v_2$  and  $v_5$  and has a neighbor in  $F$  (call it  $v_6$ ) and a nonneighbor in  $X$ , we test whether there is a node  $v_3$ , adjacent to  $v_2, v_4, v_5$  and not to  $v_1$ , with a nonneighbor in  $X$ . If there is such a node  $v_3$ , find  $P$  – a path from  $v_6$  to  $v_5$  with interior in  $F'$  and return that  $v_1, \dots, v_6, P, X$  is a configuration of type  $\mathcal{T}_3$ . If we exhaust our search and find none, report that graph does not contain it.

To see that the algorithm below has a running time of  $O(|V(G)|^6)$ , let us note that for each triple  $v_1, v_2, v_5$  we examine, of which there are  $O(|V(G)|^3)$ , there are linear many choices of  $X$ , each taking  $O(|V(G)|^2)$  time to process and generating a linear many choices of  $v_4$  which take a linear time to process in turn. This gives us the total running time of  $O(|V(G)|^6)$ .

We will skip the proof that each graph containing  $\mathcal{T}_3$  is not Berge. See [MC05] for the proof.

Should we include it?

### 3.1.2 Amenable holes.

For a shortest odd hole  $C$  in  $G$ , we will call a node  $v \in V(G) \setminus V(C)$  *C-major* iff the set of its neighbors in  $C$  is not contained in any 3-node path of  $C$ . An odd hole  $C$  will be called *clean* if no vertex is  $C$ -major.

A hole  $C$  of  $G$  is *amenable* iff  $C$  is a shortest odd hole in  $G$  of length at least 7, and for every anticonnected set  $X$  of  $C$ -major nodes, there is an  $X$ -complete edge in  $C$  (an edge is  $X$ -complete iff both its ends are  $X$ -complete).

The rest of the algorithm rests upon the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be a graph, such that  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$  contain no Pyramid, no Jewel and no configuration of types  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  or  $\mathcal{T}_3$ . Then every shortest hole in  $G$  is amenable.*

Any ideas on what else to say here? List all 9 steps?

For a shortest odd hole  $C$  in  $G$ , a subset  $X$  of  $V(G)$  is a *near-cleaner* for  $C$  iff  $X$  contains all  $C$ -major nodes and  $X \cap V(C)$  is a subset of node set of some 3-node path of  $C$ .

Finding and Using Half-Cleaners.

Overview of proof of why algorithm using Half-Cleaners is correct.

## 3.2 Implementation

Anything interesting about algo/data structure?

### 3.2.1 Optimizations

Bottlenecks in performance (next path, are vectors distinct etc).

In our graph preprocessing we have a pointer to next edge in order to speed up generating next path.

We used callgrind to get idea of methods crucial for time.

In general enumerating all paths is crucial. As is checking if vector has distinct values.

Jewels – we iterate all possibly chordal paths and check if they are ok - much faster

$\mathcal{T}_1$  – we iterate all paths of length 4 and check if there exists a fifth node to complete the hole - much faster than iterating nodes.

Validity tests - unit tests, tests of bigger parts, testing vs known answer and vs naive.

### 3.3 Parallelism with CUDA (?)

TODO

### 3.4 Experiments

Naive algorithm - brief description, bottlenecks optimizations (makes huge difference).

Description of tests used.

Results and Corollary - almost usable algorithm.

## 4 Coloring Berge Graphs

### 4.1 Ellipsoid method

Description.

Implementation.

Experiments and results.

### 4.2 Combinatorial Method

Cite the paper.

On its complexity - point to appendix for pseudo-code.

# Appendices

## A Perfect Graph Coloring algorithm

TODO