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CCS Concepts:  $\bullet$  Theory of computation  $\rightarrow$  Graph algorithms analysis; Branch-and-bound; Approximation algorithms analysis.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: minimum vertex cover, spanning, topology, heuristics

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

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### 2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

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#### 3 RELATED WORK

a short survey of existing work on the same problem, and important results in theory and practice

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### 4 ALGORITHMS

Detailed description of each algorithm you have implemented, with pseudo-code, approx- imation guarantee (if any), time and space complexities, etc. What are the potential strengths and weaknesses of each type of approach? Did you use any kind of automated tuning or configuration for your local search? Why and how you chose your local search approaches and their components? Please cite any sources of information that you used to inform your algorithm design

### 4.1 Branch and Bound

4.1.1 Description. The branch and bound approach is a non-polynomial time algorithm which is guaranteed to return an optimal solution. The BnB algorithm at worst does not perform any better than a brute force search, but can have significant performance gains where portions of the search space can be pruned. This pruning is performed by iteratively defining sub-problems and determining lower bounds on the cost to go for these sub-problems. If the best possible cost for a sub-problem exceeds the current best cost that subproblem (and therefore all it's derivatives) can be pruned from the search space. The sub-problems presented in this algorithm are defined based on inclusion or exclusion of nodes from the cover set.

#### 4.1.2 Pseudo Code. -

The overall branch and bound algorithm has the following structure:

```
Data: P
 \mathbf{1} \ F \leftarrow (\emptyset, P);
 \mathbf{2} \ B \leftarrow (+\infty, (\emptyset, P));
 з while F not empty do
        choose (X,Y) in F;
        expand (X,Y);
 5
        let (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) be new configurations;
 6
 7
        foreach (x_i, y_i) do
            if solution found then
                 if cost(x_i) < B then
 9
                     B \leftarrow (\cot(x_i), (x_i, y_i));
10
11
                 end
12
            end
            if not dead end then
13
                 if lowerBound(x_i) < B then
14
                     F \leftarrow F \cup (x_i, y_i);
15
                 end
16
            end
17
        end
18
19 end
20 return (B)
```

**Algorithm 1:** Branch and Bound

where P is the graph,  $x_i$  are all the vertices in the cover set, and  $y_i$  are the vertices remaining for selection. There are four sub functions, "choose", "expand", "checkSolution", "checkDeadEnd", and "lowerBound". In the implementation presented here, choose selects the subproblem in F with the lowest lowerBound on cost to go. Expand takes that subproblem and returns two subproblems, one with the node with fewest unique edges selected and one without that node as a possible selection, checkSolution checks to see if all edges are covered by  $x_i$ , checkDeadEnd checks if  $x_i \cup y_i$  covers all edges. Finally lowerBound runs the heuristic algorithm described in this report on  $y_i$  then divides by the approximation ratio (2) to get a lower bound on the possible additional nodes required to cover all edges. This is then added to the number of nodes already in  $x_i$ .

#### 4.1.3 Algorithm Analysis. Additional description

Gives exact solution

Time and space complexity

#### 4.2 Construction Heuristic

Description. The construction heuristic approach implemented here is the Greedy Independent Cover (GIC) algorithm, presented in Halldórsson and Radhakrishnan [1994] [3] for the independent set problem. This is an approximation approach which runs in polynomial time and yields an answer within a bound of the optimal solution. Runtime and Approximation Ratio analysis is provided in 4.2.3. This algorithm lends itself well to use with priority queues. All vertices in the graph are stored in a priority queue, ordered by the number of adjacent edges remaining in G: q[nodeLabel] = [nEdges,destinationNodes]. At each iteration the vertex with the fewest remaining edges is popped from the queue. Each of it's neighbors is then removed from the queue and added to the cover set. For each remaining edge in each neighbor, the source node is removed from the list of edges in the destination node and the number of edges in the destination node is lowered by one. This process continues until all edges are covered.

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4.2.2 Pseudo Code. -
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```
Data: G = (V,E)
1 C \leftarrow \emptyset;
2 while E \neq \emptyset do
      select a vertex u of minimum degree;
      C \leftarrow C \cup N(u);
      V \leftarrow V - (N(u) \cup u);
5
6 end
7 return C:
                              Algorithm 2: Greedy Independent Cover (GIC)
  Where N(u) is the neighborhood (all adjacent vertices to) u.
  Data: q,nEdges
1 \text{ C} \leftarrow 0;
2 while C < nEdges do
      u \leftarrow q.peek();
4
      foreach neighbor i in N(u) do
          C \leftarrow C + q[i][0];
5
          foreach edge (i,j) in neighbor do
6
               q[j][0] \leftarrow q[j][0] - 1;
```

Algorithm 3: Detailed Implementation

# 4.2.3 Algorithm Analysis. -

end

q = q - u;

 $\mathbf{end}$ 

 $q[j][1] \leftarrow q[j][1] - \{i\};$ 

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11 12 end 13 return C;

As discussed in Delbot and Laforest [2010] [2] the Greedy Independent Cover algorithm performs extremely well. As can be seen in table 1 the relative error for GIC never exceeds 6% (and this is on

the Jazz graph where the estimated solution is only 1 node larger than the optimal solution). However, the disadvantage of GIC is that the worst case performance is relatively poor. As shown in Avis and Imamura [2007] [1], the approximation ratio is at least  $\frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$  where  $\Delta$  is the maximum degree in G.

Figure 1 shows a comparison between the approximation ratios of several common algorithms described in [2]. Note that while GIC performs quite well, it's approximation ratio exceeds Depth First Search, or either of the Edge Deletion bounds for any  $\Delta$  above 16.

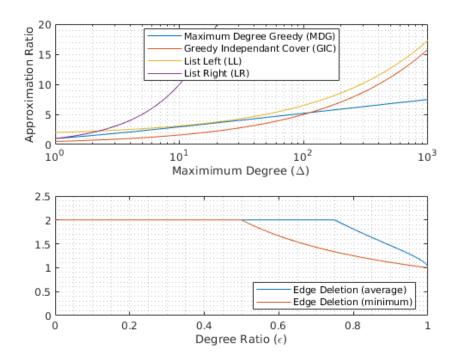


Fig. 1. Comparison of approximation ratios between several Vertex Cover heuristics

The time complexity of the GIC algorithm as implemented is  $O(n^2)$  where n is the number of nodes. As each node is selected via the minimum cardinality, at worst it has zero neighbors, so there would be at worst n node selections. However in this case there would be 0 edge updates. For every neighbor that is present there are edge updates equal to the neighbors' cardinality. This can be at most n-i, where i is the number of previous node selections. The complete complexity is then  $O(\frac{n}{2}(n+1))$ .

# 4.3 Local Search 1 (specific descriptor)

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Data: B.C
                          1 n_a = 0;
                          \mathbf{i} = \operatorname{len}(\mathbf{B});
                          \mathbf{3} \mathbf{j} = \operatorname{len}(\mathbf{C});
                          4 A = [0]*(i+j-2);
                          5 for l = i+j-2; l \ge 0; l-=1 do
                                 if i == 0 then
                                     A[0:1] = C[0:j];
                          7
                                     return (A, n_a)
                          8
                                 else if i == 0 then
                                     A[0:1] = B[0:i];
4.3.2 Pseudo Code.
                                     return (A, n_a)
                                 if C[j-1] \ge B[i-1] then
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                                     A[l] = C[j-1];
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                                    j = j-1;
                        14
                                 else
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                                     A[l] = B[i-1];
                        16
                                     n_a = n_a + j;
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                                     i = i-1;
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                        19 end
                        20 return (A, n_a)
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Algorithm 4: merge

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# 4.4 Local Search 2 (specific descriptor)

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                         \mathbf{i} = \operatorname{len}(\mathbf{B});
                         \mathbf{3} \mathbf{i} = \operatorname{len}(\mathbf{C});
                         4 A = [0]*(i+j-2);
                         5 for l = i+j-2; l \ge 0; l-=1 do
                                if i == 0 then
                                     A[0:1] = C[0:j];
                                     return (A, n_a)
                                else if i == 0 then
                                     A[0:1] = B[0:i];
4.4.2 Pseudo Code.
                                    return (A, n_a)
                                if C/j-1/ \ge B/i-1/ then
                        12
                                    A[l] = C[j-1];
                        13
                                    j = j-1;
                        14
                                else
                        15
                                     A[l] = B[i-1];
                        16
                                    n_a = n_a + j;
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                                    i = i-1;
                        19 end
                        20 return (A, n_a)
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Algorithm 5: merge

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# 5 EMPIRICAL EVALUATION

a detailed description of your platform (CPU, RAM, language, compiler, etc.), experimental procedure, evaluation criteria and obtained results (plots, tables, etc.). What is the lower bound on the optimal solution quality that you can drive from the results of your approximation algorithm and how far is it from the true optimum? How about from your branch-and-bound?

Table 1. Algorithm Performance

	Branch and Bound			Construction Heuristic			Local Search 1			Local	
Dataset	Time(s)	VC Value	RelErr	Time(s)	VC Value	RelErr	Time(s)	VC Value	RelErr	Time(s)	V
jazz				0.0037	159	0.063					
karate			1	0.0005	14	0.00					
football			1	0.0014	95	0.011					
as-22july06			1	0.21	3303	0.00					
hep-th				0.098	3943	0.0043					
star				0.24	7069	0.024					
star2				0.21	4674	0.029					
netscience			1	0.017	901	0.0022					
email				0.015	604	0.017					
delaunay n10			1	0.012	733	0.043					
power				0.051	2226	0.010					

# 6 DISCUSSION

a comparative analysis of how different algorithms perform with respect to your evaluation criteria, or expected time complexity, etc

#### 7 CONCLUSION

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$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x = 0 \tag{1}$$

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$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x + 1$$

and follow it with another numbered equation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i = \int_0^{\pi+2} f$$
 (2)

just to demonstrate LATEX's able handling of numbering.

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