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## **Abstract**

W pracy przedstawiono prototypową implementację blabalizatora różnicowego bazującą na teorii fektorów  $\sigma$ - $\rho$  profesora Fifaka. Wykorzystanie teorii Fifaka daje wreszcie możliwość efektywnego wykonania blabalizy numerycznej. Fakt ten stanowi przełom technologiczny, którego konsekwencje trudno z góry przewidzieć.

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# Introduction

Blabalizator różnicowy jest podstawowym narzędziem blabalii fetorycznej. Dlatego naukowcy z całego świata prześcigają się w próbach efektywnej implementacji. Opracowana przez prof. Fifaka teoria fetorów  $\sigma$ - $\rho$  otwiera w tej dziedzinie nowe możliwości. Wykorzystujemy je w niniejszej pracy.





# Chapter 1

## Basic definitions

### 1.1. Structures

A simple graph  $G$  is a pair  $(V, E)$  where  $V$  denotes a set of vertices and  $E$  denotes a set of undirected edges. Let  $\deg_G(v)$  denote a degree of vertex  $v$  in graph  $G$ . Let  $G \setminus \{v\}$  be the abbreviation for  $G' = (V(G) \setminus \{v\}, E(G) \setminus \{(u, v) : u \in V(G)\})$ . A *tree*  $T$  is a graph where two vertices are connected by exactly one path. A *spanning tree*  $T$  of a graph  $G$  is a graph which includes all of the vertices of  $G$ , with minimum possible number of edges. A *star*  $S$  is a tree of size at least 2 for which at most 1 vertex has a degree greater than 1.

### 1.2. Parameterized complexity

**Definition 1.1.** *Parameterized problem*

**Definition 1.2.** *FPT algorithm*

**Definition 1.3.** *Kernel*

**Definition 1.4.** *Kernelization algorithm*

### 1.3. Graph decomposition

**Definition 1.5.** *Path decomposition and pathwidth*

**Definition 1.6.** *Tree decomposition and treewidth*

**Definition 1.7.** *Nice tree decomposition*



## Chapter 2

# Spanning Star Forest Problem

For a given graph  $G$ , we say that  $S$  is a *Spanning Star Forest* if every connected component  $C$  is a star. In the *Spanning Star Forest Problem* given a graph  $G$ , the objective is to determine whether there exists a *Spanning Star Forest*.

It turns out that the problem formulated in such a way is relatively simple. Although, various parametrizations described in this paper make it more complex. The following lemma easily clarifies all the concerns.

**Lemma 2.1.** *A graph  $G$  has a Spanning Star Forest if and only if it does not contain any isolated vertices.*

*Proof.* If  $G$  has a Spanning Star Forest  $S$ , then trivially  $\forall_{v \in V(G)} 1 \leq \deg_S(v) \leq \deg_G(v)$ . Thus, none of the vertices is isolated.

For the opposite direction, we prove the lemma by induction on  $|V(G)|$ . Assume  $|V(G)| = 2$ . The statement trivially holds because a graph representing an edge is a correct Spanning Star Forest. Let  $|V(G)| > 2$  and let  $v$  be an arbitrary vertex. From the inductive assumption, let  $S$  be a Spanning Star Forest of a graph  $G \setminus \{v\}$ ,  $u$  be a vertex such that  $(u, v) \in E(G)$  and  $w$  be a vertex such that  $w \in N_S(u)$ . Consider the 3 following cases:

1. Let  $\deg_S(u) > 1$ . Then,  $S' = (V(S) \cup \{v\}, E(S) \cup \{(u, v)\})$  is a correct solution for graph  $G$ .
2. Let  $\deg_S(u) = \deg_S(w) = 1$ . Then,  $S' = (V(S) \cup v, E(S) \cup (u, v))$  is a correct solution for graph  $G$ .
3. Let  $\deg_S(w) > 1$ . The,  $S' = (V(S) \cup \{v\}, (E(S) \cup \{(u, v)\}) \setminus \{(u, w)\})$  is a correct solution for graph  $G$ .

Observe that in graph  $G$  there are no isolated vertices. Thus, one can always extend a solution inductively. □

Application of Lemma 2.1 yields the following result for Spanning Star Forest Problem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Decision version of Spanning Star Forest Problem can be solved in linear time.*

*Proof.* Given an input  $G = (V, E)$  we answer YES if  $\forall_{v \in V(G)} \deg_G(v) \neq 0$  and NO otherwise. □

## 2.1. Obtaining a solution

In this section the focus will be set on obtaining an arbitrary solution for a given instance of the *Spanning Star Forest Problem*.

**Theorem 2.2.** *A solution for a Spanning Star Forest Problem can be found in linear time.*

## 2.2. Spanning Star Forest parameterized by the number of stars

In the *Spanning Star Forest Problem* parameterized by the number of stars, given a graph  $G$  and a natural number  $k$ , the objective is to determine whether there exists a *Spanning Star Forest*  $S$  such that the number of components is less than  $k$ .

It is natural to ask whether one can find a solution that minimizes the number of connected components. Even though the problem looks slightly different than the previous one, *Spanning Star Forest* parameterized by the number of stars is NP-Complete. The following theorem proves the statement:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Spanning Star Forest Parameterized by the number of stars is NP-Complete.*

**Lemma 2.2.** *There exists a reduction from Spanning Star Forest parameterized by the number of stars to Dominating Set.*

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