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Abstract

W pracy przedstawiono prototypową implementację blabalizatora różnicowego bazującą na teorii fektorów σ - ρ 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 σ - ρ 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. □

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

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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