

# A NOTE ON THE DERIVATION OF MAXIMAL COMMON SUBGRAPHS OF TWO DIRECTED OR UNDIRECTED GRAPHS

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**ABSTRACT** - In this note the problem is considered of finding maximal common subgraphs of two given graphs. A technique is described by which this problem can be stated as a problem of deriving maximal compatibility classes. A known « maximal compatibility classes » algorithm can then be used to derive maximal common subgraphs. The same technique is shown to apply to the classical subgraph isomorphism problem.

## 1. Statement of problem.

A graph  $G(N, E)$  consists of a non-empty set  $N$  (whose elements are called *nodes*) and a (possibly empty) set  $E$  (whose elements are called *edges*), such that  $E \subset N \times N$ . The *order* of  $G$  is the cardinality of set  $N$ .

A graph is *undirected*, if, for every pair of nodes  $n_i, n_j (n_i, n_j) \in E$ ; it is *directed*, otherwise.

A (directed or undirected) graph  $G$  (of order  $n$ ) can be represented by means of its *adjacency matrix*  $A$ , which is an  $n \times n$  matrix, having the nodes of  $G$  on its rows and its columns. An element  $A(i, j)$  has the value 1, if there is an edge from node  $n_i$  to node  $n_j$ ; it has the value 0 otherwise. An element on the main diagonal  $A(i, i)$  has the value 1 if graph  $G$  has a loop<sup>(2)</sup> on node  $n_i$ . The adjacency matrix of an undirected graph is symmetric.

Several problems can be represented by means of *labeled graphs*, i. e. graphs in which labels are associated to nodes and/or edges. The value of

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<sup>(2)</sup> A *loop* is a pair of coincident nodes, i. e. an edge closing on itself.

the element  $A(i, j)$  of the adjacency matrix is the label of edge  $(n_i, n_j)$ , while the value of the element  $A(i, i)$  is the label of node  $n_i$ . The matrix in fig. 1b) is the adjacency matrix of graph shown in fig. 1a).

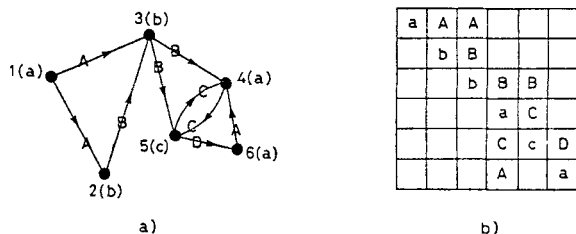


Fig. 1a) A labeled and directed graph: node labels are shown in brackets after the node name.

b) Adjacency matrix of graph of a).

Two concepts that are relevant to the present problem are the concepts of «subgraph» and «graph isomorphism».

A subgraph  $H(P, F)$  of  $G(N, E)$  is a graph  $H$ , such that  $P \subset N$  and  $F = E \cap P \times P$ . Subgraphs of  $G$  are obtained from  $G$  by removing some nodes and all the edges having a removed node as initial or final node.

Graph  $G_1(N^1, E^1)$  is isomorphic to graph  $G_2(N^2, E^2)$  if there exists a 1 to 1 mapping  $\sigma$  of  $N^1$  onto  $N^2$  (isomorphism of  $G_1$  onto  $G_2$ ), such that  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \in E^1$  if and only if  $(\sigma n_i^1, \sigma n_j^1) \in E^2$ , for every pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^1$  belonging to  $N^1$ . If graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are labeled, the further condition must hold for isomorphism that nodes and pairs of adjacent nodes (edges) of  $G_1$  be mapped by  $\sigma$  onto nodes and edges of  $G_2$  having the same labels.

The subgraph isomorphism problem is the following: Given two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , such that the order of  $G_1$  is not greater than the order of  $G_2$ , derive all the subgraphs (if any) of  $G_2$  which are isomorphic to  $G_1$ .

Given two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , if there exists a subgraph of order  $k$   $G_r^1$  of  $G_1$  isomorphic to a subgraph  $G_s^2$  of  $G_2$ , the pair of isomorphic subgraphs  $(G_r^1, G_s^2)$  is called a common subgraph of order  $k$  of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . A common subgraph  $(G_r^1, G_s^2)$  is maximal, if there is no common subgraph  $(G_i^1, G_j^2)$ , such that  $G_r^1$  is a subgraph of  $G_i^1$  and  $G_s^2$  is a subgraph of  $G_j^2$ . If there exists a maximal common subgraph of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  $(G_i^1, G_j^2)$  of order  $k^*$ , such that  $G_i^1 \equiv G_1$  (or  $G_j^2 \equiv G_2$ ),  $G_1$  is isomorphic to a subgraph of  $G_2$  ( $G_2$  is isomorphic to a subgraph of  $G_1$ ). All the subgraph isomorphisms of  $G_1$  onto  $G_2$  ( $G_2$  onto  $G_1$ ) correspond to maximal common subgraphs of order  $k^*$ .

Deriving subgraph isomorphisms and maximal common subgraphs, is relevant in several problems, characterized by structured data (items) stored

as (possibly) labeled graphs (library). Given a new item, the problem is that of testing whether it does exist in the library, possibly as a part of some known item, or whether it has some meaningful part in common with known items. Such problems arise in many different fields such as information retrieval, chemistry (chemical compounds library), artificial intelligence (question-answering systems or learning systems working on a relational data base). For example, in a chemical compounds library, the problem could be the one of testing whether a new compound is a known compound (graph isomorphism) or subcompound (subgraph isomorphism) or contains known subcompounds (common subgraphs).

Common subgraphs of order  $k$  (if any) for given graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , of order  $m$  and  $n$  respectively, can be derived by the following two-step procedure:

i) Derive sets of subgraphs of order  $k$   $G_1^1$  and  $G_2^1$  of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.

ii) Test all pairs  $(G_1^1, G_2^1)$  for isomorphism.

Step ii) can be realized by a trivial algorithm, known as Node Reordering Algorithm [4], which is based on node permutations and adjacency matrix comparisons. If this algorithm is used, deriving common subgraphs of order  $k$  requires  $\frac{m!n!}{k!(m-k)!(n-k)!}$  matrix comparisons. The efficiency of the overall algorithm cannot be substantially increased even if more efficient heuristic procedures for testing isomorphism [1, 2, 4, 5, 6] are used. The above mentioned procedures succeed in decreasing the number of comparisons in step ii) by computing node attributes which are invariant under isomorphism. A node  $n_i^1$  can be mapped onto a node  $n_j^2$  by an isomorphism only if the set of attributes of  $n_j^2$  and  $n_i^1$  are identical. Equality of attribute sets is a necessary condition that can be exploited in order to decrease the computation time.

A few necessary conditions for node correspondence can also be found for the subgraph isomorphism problem [see 2, 3]. However, taking them efficiently into account can be quite complex.

In this note a general method is devised, which is applicable to the isomorphism, subgraph isomorphism and maximal common subgraphs problems. The algorithm, while certainly not efficient in the isomorphism problem is quite convenient in the last two problems. Its main feature is that it allows to take into account necessary conditions very simply. In the next section, the only problem of maximal common subgraphs will be considered, while in section 3 properties that can be exploited in the subgraph isomorphism problem will be illustrated.

## 2. Node Correspondence Table, list of incompatible pairs and compatibility table.

The technique for deriving common subgraphs of given graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$ , of order  $m$  and  $n$  respectively, is based on a table  $N$ , called *Node correspondence Table*. This table has  $m$  rows, corresponding to nodes of graph  $G_1$  and  $n$  columns corresponding to nodes of graph  $G_2$ . An element of the table  $N(i, j)$  relates to the possible mapping of  $i$ -th node of  $G_1$ ,  $n_i^1$ , onto  $j$ -th node of  $G_2$ ,  $n_j^2$ , and is considered to be the value of the cell  $(i, j)$ . A cell  $(i, j)$ , having the value 0, called *zero cell*, indicates that  $n_i^1$  cannot be mapped onto  $n_j^2$ .

A  $k$ -cover of table  $N$ , is a cover of a square subtable  $T$  of  $N$  with  $k$  rows, i. e. a set  $S$  of  $k$  non-zero cells, such that there is exactly one cell of  $S$  in every row and every column of  $T$ . Subtable  $T$  defines two subgraphs of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  of order  $k$ ,  $G_T^1$  and  $G_T^2$ , respectively. The  $k$ -cover can be considered a 1-to-1 mapping  $M_T$  of nodes of  $G_T^1$  onto nodes of  $G_T^2$ .  $M_T$  is an isomorphism of  $G_T^1$  onto  $G_T^2$  if it maintains incidence relationships, i. e. if it maps pairs of adjacent nodes (edges) of  $G_T^1$  onto pairs of adjacent nodes of  $G_T^2$ , and pairs of non-adjacent nodes (non-edges) of  $G_T^1$  onto pairs of non-adjacent nodes of  $G_T^2$ . Any  $k$  cover satisfying this condition defines a common subgraph of order  $k$ , i. e. all common subgraphs of order  $k$  (if any) of two non-labeled graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$  are defined by those  $k$ -covers of table  $N$  that map edges of  $G_1$  onto edges of  $G_2$  and non-edges of  $G_1$  onto non-edges of  $G_2$ .

Let

$$(1) \quad (n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$$

state that pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^1$  (edge or non-edge) of  $G_1$  is not mapped on pair of nodes  $n_k^2, n_l^2$  of  $G_2$ .

The following proposition can now be stated.

**PROPOSITION 1.** Two non-labeled graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$  have a common subgraph of order  $k$  if and only if there exists a  $k$ -cover of their Node Correspondence Table, satisfying the lists of constraints:

(2)  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$ , for all  $i, j$ , such that  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \in E_1$ , and all  $k, l$  such that  $(n_k^2, n_l^2) \notin E_2$ .

(3)  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$ , for all  $i, j$ , such that  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \notin E_1$ , and all  $k, l$ , such that  $(n_k^2, n_l^2) \in E_2$ .

It was shown elsewhere [7, 8] that the above considered constraints generate incompatibilities between cells of the Node Correspondence Table. The constraint  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$  states that  $n_j^1$  cannot be mapped onto  $n_l^2$  if  $n_i^1$  is mapped onto  $n_k^2$  (this is true only for directed graphs). Two cells  $(i, k)$  and  $(j, l)$  are incompatible, i. e. they cannot belong to the same  $k$ -cover. The pair of cells  $((i, k), (j, l))$  is called *incompatible pair*. If graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are undirected, the constraint  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$  generates two incompatible pairs, namely  $((i, k), (j, l))$ , and  $((i, l), (j, k))$ . The *list of incompatible pairs* is the set of all the incompatible pairs derived from constraints (2) and (3). A  $k$ -cover  $S$  is a *compatible  $k$ -cover*, if no pair of cells in  $S$  belongs to the list of incompatible pairs. Proposition 1 can now be stated in a different form.

**PROPOSITION 2.** Two non-labeled graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$  have a common subgraph of order  $k$  if and only if there exists a compatible  $k$ -cover of their Node Correspondence Table.

An algorithm for deriving compatible  $k$ -covers (common subgraphs of order  $k$ ) can be obtained by a suitable generalization of the procedure described in [7], which is a partially enumerative procedure based on cell selections and table reductions. A different approach is suggested here. Let us consider a binary square table  $C$ , called *Compatibility Table*, having the non-zero cells of the Node Correspondence Table on its rows and its columns.  $C(i, j)$  has the value 1 if cells  $i$  and  $j$  are compatible, 0 otherwise. The table is obviously symmetric. The problem of deriving compatible  $k$ -covers can be very easily represented on the Compatibility Table. A first set of incompatibilities is immediately derived from the list of incompatible pairs. In addition, a cell is incompatible with any other cell lying on the same row or the same column, due to the definition of  $k$ -cover ( *$k$ -cover incompatible pairs*). Let  $\alpha$  be the set of non-zero cells of the Node Correspondence Table. A *compatibility  $k$ -class*  $\gamma$  is a subset (of cardinality  $k$ ) of  $\alpha$ , such that all the elements of  $\gamma$  are pairwise compatible. The existence of a compatible  $k$ -cover of the Node Correspondence Table is equivalent to the existence of a compatibility  $k$ -class on the Compatibility Table. Therefore, the following proposition is true.

**PROPOSITION 3.** Two non-labeled graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$  have a common subgraph of order  $k$  if and only if there exists a compatibility  $k$ -class on their Compatibility Table.

Table  $C$  can be considered the adjacency matrix of an undirected graph  $\Gamma$ . A compatible  $k$ -class is a complete subgraph of order  $k$  of  $\Gamma$ <sup>(3)</sup>.

PROPOSITION 4. Two non-labeled graphs  $G_1(N_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(N_2, E_2)$  have a common subgraph of order  $k$  if and only if graph  $\Gamma$  has a complete subgraph of order  $k$ .

Therefore, procedures for deriving maximal common subgraphs (and for testing subgraph isomorphism) can be based on the derivation of compatibility classes or complete subgraphs, for which several algorithms exist [9, 10, 11].

### 3. Compatibility Table reduction.

When no zero cells exist in the Node Correspondence Table, the Compatibility Table has  $m \times n$  rows and columns: its size can be very large, hence the «compatibility classes» algorithm computation time is bound to become substantial. However, Compatibility Table size can be reduced, by creating zero cells in the Node correspondence Table, if graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are labeled, if they have loops or if the only subgraph isomorphism problem is considered. In the following, rules will be given for table reduction: such rules are based on necessary conditions for node correspondence which can be very easily verified.

Rule 1. (Labeled graphs). A zero cell is created in table  $N$  for a pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^2$  if  $n_i^1$  and  $n_j^2$  have different labels.

Rule 2. (Graphs with loops). A zero cell is created in table  $N$  for a pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^2$ , if  $(n_i^1, n_i^1) \in E_1$  and  $(n_j^2, n_j^2) \notin E_2$  or  $(n_i^1, n_i^1) \notin E_1$  and  $(n_j^2, n_j^2) \in E_2$ .

If we confine ourselves to the subgraph isomorphism problem, the following rules 3 and 4 can be applied to (possibly) reduce the Compatibility Table size. These rules are based on comparisons of *degrees* of nodes of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ <sup>(4)</sup>.

<sup>(3)</sup> A graph  $G(N, E)$  is *complete* if, for any pair of elements  $x, y$  belonging to  $N$ ,  $(x, y) \in E$ .

<sup>(4)</sup> Let  $G$  be an unlabeled directed graph. The *inward semi-degree* of a node  $x$  is the number of edges leading to  $x$ , while the *outward semi-degree* is the number of edges leaving  $x$ . If  $G$  is undirected the above semi-degrees have the same value (*degree*). If graph  $G$  is labeled, degree and semi-degrees can be defined as sets of edge labels.

**Rule 3.** (non-labeled graphs) A zero cell is created in table  $N$  for a pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^2$ , if the degree of  $n_j^2$  is less than the degree of  $n_i^1$ .

**Rule 4** (labeled graphs). A zero cell is created in table  $N$  for a pair of nodes  $n_i^1, n_j^2$ , if the degree of  $n_i^1$  is not a subset of the degree of  $n_j^2$ .

Conditions in rules 3 and 4 need only be satisfied by one of the semi-degrees when applied to directed graphs.

Propositions in Section 2 hold for non-labeled graphs only. If labeled graphs are considered, a different list of constraints appears in proposition 1.

(4)  $(n_i^1, n_j^1) \sim (n_k^2, n_l^2)$ , for all  $i, j, k$  and  $l$  such that edges  $(n_i^1, n_j^1)$  and  $(n_k^2, n_l^2)$  have different labels (see definition of isomorphism for labeled graphs). If the list of incompatible pairs is derived from constraints (4), propositions 2,3 and 4 are valid for labeled graphs also.

#### 4. The Algorithm.

Common subgraphs of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  can be derived in a 2-step procedure:

- i) Construct the Compatibility Table  $C$ .
- ii) Apply to  $C$  a procedure for deriving compatibility classes (or complete subgraphs).

In order to obtain the Compatibility Table, we don't need to go through the Node Correspondence Table construction. Candidate node correspondences, according to rules 1,2,3 and 4 are stored in a list  $L$ , which associates pairs of corresponding nodes to Compatibility Table rows and columns. Zero entries could be derived from the list of incompatible pairs and from the  $k$ -cover incompatible pairs. However, an incompatible pair can relate to a pair of corresponding nodes which actually does not exist in  $L$ . In fact,  $L$  does not contain, in general, all the possible node correspondences, due to the application of rules 1 to 4. As an example, assume our problem is testing subgraph isomorphism for graphs in Fig 2. According to rule 3,

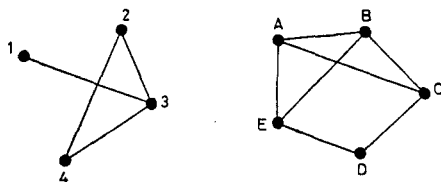


Fig. 2

A pair of graphs tested for subgraph isomorphism; node 3 cannot be mapped onto node  $D$ .

node 3 cannot correspond to node  $D$ , so that node correspondence  $(3, D)$  does not appear in  $L$ . On the other hand, the list of incompatible pairs contains the incompatible pair  $((1, A), (3, D))$ , generated from constraint  $(1, 3) \sim (A, D)$ . The incompatibility given by  $((1, A), (3, D))$  cannot be represented on the Compatibility Table, because no row is associated to cell  $(3, D)$ . As a matter of fact, the incompatible pair  $((1, A), (3, D))$  can be disregarded. Actually, zero entries in the Compatibility Table are created by testing for compatibility every pair against all other pairs in  $L$ . Let  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  denote that pairs of nodes  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  (edges or non edges of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively) have different labels or that only one of them is an edge. Pair  $((i, j), (k, l))$  is incompatible (a zero is entered in the Compatibility Table) if one of the following conditions is verified.

a) (directed graphs)

- i)  $(i, k) \sim (j, l)$  or  $(k, i) \sim (l, j)$  (List of incompatible pairs), or
- ii)  $i = j$  or  $k = l$  ( $k$ -cover incompatible pairs)

b) (undirected graphs)

- i)  $(i, k) \sim (j, l)$  List of incompatible pairs), or
- ii)  $i = j$  or  $i = l$  or  $k = j$  or  $k = l$  ( $k$ -cover incompatible pairs)

The algorithm in [10] was chosen for the derivation of compatibility classes, because of its simplicity and its efficiency for medium-size compatibility tables. This algorithm derives compatibility classes by a tree-branching technique. A compatibility class of cardinality  $k$  corresponds to a path of length  $k$  on the tree. The basic operation is:

i) Search for a «1» in a column of the table.

ii) Execute the logical AND of corresponding elements of two table columns<sup>(5)</sup>.

Graph  $G_1$ , of order  $m$ , is isomorphic to a subgraph of  $G_2$ , if there exists a maximal compatibility  $m$ -class (complete subgraph of  $I'$  of order  $m$ ). Therefore the algorithm searches for compatibility classes whose cardinality is exactly  $m$ . Compatibility classes corresponding to paths whose length is less than  $m$  can be disregarded. A parameter, the maximum expected length, is associated to every new branch. When its value is less than  $m$ , the branch is on a «dead-end path» and the branching process along that path is stopped.

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<sup>(5)</sup> Note that it can be convenient to store binary table  $C$  in a packed form, because of its size. AND-ing of corresponding elements can be efficiently executed on packed columns.



As far as the derivation of maximal common subgraphs is concerned, let us first note that an upper bound for the cardinality of compatibility classes is given by the least (say  $m$ ) of the orders of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

Therefore branching is carried on down to the  $m$ -th level, in the worst case.

All maximal common subgraphs correspond to maximal compatibility classes while the converse is not true. Assume, for example, the following maximal compatibility classes have been derived:

$$A: \{(1,2), (2,4), (3,5)\}$$

$$B: \{(1,4), (4,2), (3,3), (2,5)\}.$$

Class  $A$  is maximal, since it is not contained in class  $B$ . However, sets of nodes (subgraphs)  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\{2, 4, 5\}$  defined by  $A$  are both subsets of sets of nodes  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  defined by  $B$ . Because of our definition of maximal common subgraphs, maximal compatibility class  $A$  does not define a maximal common subgraph. Therefore common subgraphs derived from maximal compatibility classes, must be tested for maximality.

In several applications it is also required that maximal common subgraphs be connected. In this case, subgraphs are splitted into connected components. Such components are then tested for maximality. Let us consider labeled directed graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  in Fig. 3. Their adjacency matrices are shown in Fig. 4 and their compatibility table is shown in

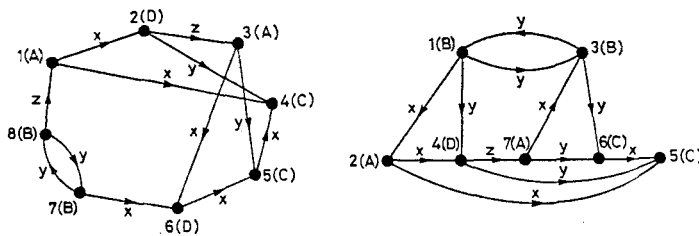


Fig. 3. Sample labeled directed graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A | x |   | x |   |   |   |   |
| 2 |   | D | z | y |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   |   | A |   | y | x |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | C |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   | x | C |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   |   | x | D |   |   |
| 7 |   |   |   |   |   | x | B | y |
| 8 | z |   |   |   |   |   | y | B |

|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | B | x | y | y |   |   |   |
| 2 |   | A |   | x | x |   |   |
| 3 | y |   | B |   |   | y |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | D | y |   | z |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | C |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   |   | x | C |   |
| 7 |   |   | x |   |   | y | A |

Fig. 4. Adjacency matrices of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  in Fig. 3.



dependent on table size and on number of 1's in the table. When applied to labeled graphs the computation time is reasonable even with large graphs.

A FORTRAN IV program implementing the above algorithm has been written and run on an IBM 360/67. The program is available at the Istituto di Elaborazione della Informazione, Pisa.

Table 1. Maximal compatibility classe derived from Compatibility Table in Fig. 5.

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 1.  | $\{(1,2), (2,4), (3,7), (4,5), (5,6)\}$ |
| 2.  | $\{(1,2), (2,4), (4,5), (7,3)\}$        |
| 3.  | $\{(3,7), (4,5), (5,6), (7,1)\}$        |
| 4.  | $\{(3,7), (4,5), (5,6), (8,1)\}$        |
| 5.  | $\{(1,7), (5,5), (7,1)\}$               |
| 6.  | $\{(2,4), (4,5), (8,3)\}$               |
| 7.  | $\{(3,2), (4,6), (6,4)\}$               |
| 8.  | $\{(3,2), (6,4), (8,3)\}$               |
| 9.  | $\{(4,5), (7,1), (8,3)\}$               |
| 10. | $\{(4,5), (7,3), (8,1)\}$               |
| 11. | $\{(5,5), (7,1), (8,3)\}$               |
| 12. | $\{(5,5), (7,3), (8,1)\}$               |
| 13. | $\{(1,7), (3,2)\}$                      |
| 14. | $\{(3,2), (7,3)\}$                      |
| 15. | $\{(4,6), (7,1)\}$                      |
| 16. | $\{(4,6), (8,1)\}$                      |

Table 2. Maximal (connected) common subgraphs of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  in Fig. 3.

|      |                     |                     |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| I.   | $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ | $\{2, 4, 7, 5, 6\}$ |
| II.  | $\{3, 6\}$          | $\{2, 4\}$          |
| III. | $\{7, 8\}$          | $\{1, 3\}$          |
| IV.  | $\{7, 8\}$          | $\{3, 1\}$          |

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