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Recognition of (r, ℓ)-partite Graphs

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Abstract

The complexity to recognize if a graph has an (r, ℓ)-partition, i.e. if it can be partitioned into r cliques and ℓ independent sets, is well defined(1). However, as we will demonstrate, the literature-stabilished values for those on the P class can be improved. The following work provides a set of strategies and algortihms that pushes the previous results for the $(2, 1)$-partite (from n^4 to $n * m$), $(1, 2)$-partite (from n^4 to $n * m$) and $(2, 2)$-partite (from n^{12} to $n^2 * m$) recognition.
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1 Introduction

1.1 Current results

In this section we will explore the current state of the complexity analysis as r and ℓ grows. As we fullfill the following table we expose the strategies and how those can be used to enlight the more complex results.

The most trivial result is the recognition of the $(1, 0)$-graphs, as in order to recognize it we just need to know if $|E(G)| > 0$. Therefore it's complexity is $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

$r \backslash \ell$	0	1	2	3	4	...
0	-	?	?	?	?	...
1	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	?	?	?	?	...
2	?	?	?	?	?	...
3	?	?	?	?	?	...
4	?	?	?	?	?	...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

Table 1 – Incomplete complexity analysis of the (r, ℓ)-partite recognition problem

1.1.1 m-bounded results

Naturally, we wish to find the complexity for those problems of small partition cardinality.

At (2), König showed that it takes $\mathcal{O}(m)$ steps to recognize a bipartite graph. For complete graphs, is enough to check if $|E(G)| = n(n-1)/2$, if it doesn't then we have an answer; If it does, checking vertex by vertex if it's neighborhood contains all other vertex is $\mathcal{O}(m)$.

For co-bipartite graphs recognition, we need only to verify if it's complement is a bipartite graph. The recognition of a split graph can be done using their vertex degrees (**??**), obtaining all vertices degrees is $\mathcal{O}(m)$ therefore the recognition of split graphs is $\mathcal{O}(m)$

1.1.2 NP-Complete results

A adequate strategy at this moment is to find when the recognition problem gets NP-Complete.

At (3) is shown that 3-coloring a graph (i.e. assign a color between three possibles to each vertex such that no neighborhood repeats a color) is NP-Complete, it's trivial to see how the 3-coloring of a graph can be reduced to the problem of finding if a graph is a $(3,0)$-graph, therefore the recognition of $(3,0)$-graphs is NP-Complete.

It's noticible that the recognition of (r,ℓ)-graphs is monotonic, and therefore if the recognition of $(3,0)$-graphs are NP-Complete then the recognition of any $(r,0)$-graph or $(3,\ell)$-graph is NP-Complete for $r > 3$ and $\ell > 0$.

We can extrapolate these findings and argument that the recognition of a $(0,3)$-graph is also NP-Complete, as it is the same as recognize it's complement as a $(3,0)$-graph, and use the property of monotonicity to state that the recognition of any $(r,3)$-graph or $(0,\ell)$-graph is NP-Complete for $r > 0$ and $\ell > 3$.

$r \backslash \ell$	0	1	2	3	4	...
0	-	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	NPc	NPc	...
1	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	?	NPc	NPc	...
2	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	?	?	NPc	NPc	...
3	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	...
4	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

Table 2 – Incomplete complexity analysis of the (r,ℓ)-partite recognition problem

1.1.3 Frontier results

Finally, the frontier cases $(1,2)$,$(2,1)$ and $(2,2)$ were subject of studies by Brandstädt(1, 4). He's findings show that:

- Recognition of $(1,2)$-graphs are $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$.
- Recognition of $(2,1)$-graphs are $\mathcal{O}(n^4)$.
- Recognition of $(2,2)$-graphs are $\mathcal{O}(n^{12})$.

$r \backslash \ell$	0	1	2	3	4	...
0	-	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	NPc	NPc	...
1	$\mathcal{O}(1)$	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^4)$	NPc	NPc	...
2	$\mathcal{O}(m)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^4)$	$\mathcal{O}(n^{12})$	NPc	NPc	...
3	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	...
4	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	NPc	...
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\ddots$

Table 3 – Current complexity analysis of the (r,ℓ)-partite recognition problem

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