

In this third project our objective is to introduce the box product of two simple graphs, and prove that  $G \square H$  is connected if and only if  $G$  and  $H$  are connected.

## 1 Graph connectivity

Lean's mathlib already includes simple graphs and some basic constructions such as walks and paths. However, it does not have a definition for connectivity and some corresponding important results which we first need to introduce.

A graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V_G$  is set to be connected if  $V_G \neq \emptyset$  and  $\forall u, v \in V_G$  there exists a path from  $u$  to  $v$ . In Lean this is written as:

```
def is_connected {V : Type} (G : simple_graph V) : Prop :=
  nonempty V ∧ ∀ u v : V, ∃ p : G.walk u v, p.is_path
```

The next thing is that graph isomorphisms preserve walks and thus connectivity. This is rather obvious as a graph isomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  preserves the vertex and edge set. To show this in Lean we recursively decompose the walk in  $G$  to reconstruct it in  $H$  using the mapping of the adjacency relation of the vertices from  $G$  to  $H$ :

```
/-- Graph isomorphisms preserve walks -/
def graph_iso.walk {V W : Type} {G : simple_graph V} {H : simple_graph W}
  (e : G ≃g H) : Π {a b : V}, G.walk a b → H.walk (e(a)) (e(b))
| _ _ simple_graph.walk.nil := walk.nil
| _ _ (simple_graph.walk.cons hGadj Gwalk) :=
  walk.cons (e.map_adj_iff.mpr hGadj) (graph_iso.walk Gwalk)
```

The proof for connectivity follows from this, as if we have a walk one can always produce a path. This is done using the mathlib `simple_graph.walk.to_path` function. The other part of connectivity is to show that the vertex set of  $H$  is non empty. Which is obvious as if there exists a vertex  $v \in G$  then  $\phi(v) \in H$

Currently, the proof for connectivity relies on the `classical` tactic as the function `simple_graph.walk.to_path` relies on the vertex set of  $H$  to be an instance of `decidable_eq`. One improvement might be to remove this dependency by creating a lemma that states graph isomorphism preserve paths without needing to rely on the `simple_graph.walk.to_path` function.

## 2 The box product

The box product,  $G \square H$ , of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is defined as follows:

- $G \square H$  has vertex set  $V_{G \square H} = V_G \times V_H$
- There is an edge between  $(g_1, h_1)$  and  $(g_2, h_2)$  iff
  - Either  $h_1 = h_2$  and there is an edge between  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  in  $G$ ,
  - Or  $g_1 = g_2$  and there is an edge between  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  in  $H$ .

Which in Lean is defined as a `simple_graph` structure:

```
def box_product {V W : Type} (G : simple_graph V) (H : simple_graph W) :
  simple_graph (V × W) :=
{
  -- a b : V × W;
  -- `.1` corresponds to an element of G `.2` corresponds to an element of H
  adj := λ (a b), (a.2 = b.2 ∧ G.adj a.1 b.1) ∨ (a.1 = b.1 ∧ H.adj a.2 b.2),
  symm := -- ...
  loopless := -- ...
}
```

To be able to use the notation  $G \square H$  in Lean we need to define a new infix operator:

```
infix ` □ `:70 := box_product
```

We use 70 as the precedence so that it has a higher precedence compared to graph (iso)morphisms. This doesn't allow us to remove the brackets when we use the field dot notation, and we don't know if there is a way to fix this.

We proceed to write a basic API to be able to rewrite the adjacency relation of the box product whose proofs are `refl`. Following up by proving that the box product is commutative and associative up to isomorphism. The proofs are rather straightforward albeit tedious. They are defined as followed:

```
/-- The box product is commutative up to isomorphism -/
def box_product_comm {V W : Type} (G : simple_graph V) (H : simple_graph W) :
  G □ H ≅g H □ G := -- ...

/-- The box product is associative up to isomorphism -/
def box_product_assoc {U V W : Type} (G : simple_graph U) (H : simple_graph V)
  (K : simple_graph W) : (G □ H) □ K ≅g G □ (H □ K) := -- ...
```

We then create an API to move adjacency relations of  $G$  from itself to the graph  $G \boxtimes H$ :

```

/- Adjacency relations to move between the simple graph and the box product -/
lemma adj_lhs_equiv {V W : Type} {a b : V} {y : W} {G : simple_graph V}
  {H : simple_graph W} : G.adj a b  $\leftrightarrow$  (G  $\boxtimes$  H).adj (a, y) (b, y) :=
begin
  split, {
    -- Lift from G to G  $\boxtimes$  H
    intro hGadj,
    left,
    rw [eq_self_iff_true, true_and],
    exact hGadj,
  }, {
    -- Projection from G  $\boxtimes$  H to G
    intro hGHadj,
    cases hGHadj with hGB hHB, {
      exact hGB.2,
    }, {
      -- H is a simple graph so there is no edge between w and w
      -- This is the condition irrefel,
      -- and_false simplifies the hyp as if one side of an AND
      -- is false than the prop is false
      simp only [irrefl, and_false] at hHB,
      exfalso,
      exact hHB,
    }
  }
end

```

The same is done for adjacency relations between  $H$  and  $G \boxtimes H$ .

The lifting of a walk from  $G$  to  $G \boxtimes H$  is straightforward as one can just trace the walk in  $(g_1, \dots, g_n)$  for a constant vertex  $h \in H$ , by using the adjacency relation between  $G$  and  $G \boxtimes H$ .

```

def lift_walk_lhs {V W : Type} {G : simple_graph V} {H : simple_graph W}
  (y : W) :  $\Pi$  {a b : V}, (G.walk a b)  $\rightarrow$  (G  $\boxtimes$  H).walk (a, y) (b, y)
| _ _ simple_graph.walk.nil := walk.nil
| a b (simple_graph.walk.cons hGadj Gwalk)
:= walk.cons (adj_lhs_equiv.mp hGadj) (lift_walk_lhs Gwalk)

```

Lifting a walk from  $H$  is done similarly.

The projection/descent of a walk from  $G \boxtimes H$  to  $G$  is more complicated. The basic idea is that if we are moving along an edge in  $H$  we discard this step of the walk and only keep the components which move along edges in  $G$ .

In Lean we managed to do the part which kept the edges moving along in  $G$  in tactic mode, but could not figure out how to discard the edges along  $H$ . Thanks to Kenny Lau showing us `or.by_cases`, which is how one can do the `cases` tactic in term mode,

and `show ... by rw ...` which allows to do some rewrite in term mode, we could finalise and convert to term mode the projection of a walk. The use of `or.by_cases` requires the types and adjacency relations to be decidable, therefore requiring us to add some instance of `[decidable_eq T]` and `[decidable_rel G.adj]`.

Put all together we get the following Lean code:

```
def descend_walk_lhs {V W : Type} [decidable_eq V] [decidable_eq W]
  {G : simple_graph V} [decidable_rel G.adj]
  {H : simple_graph W} [decidable_rel H.adj]
  :  $\Pi$  {vw1 vw2 : V  $\times$  W}, (G  $\square$  H).walk vw1 vw2  $\rightarrow$  (G.walk vw1.1 vw2.1)
| _ _ simple_graph.walk.nil := walk.nil
| vw1 vw3 (simple_graph.walk.cons hGHadj p) :=
  or.by_cases hGHadj ( $\lambda$  hBG, walk.cons hBG.2 (descend_walk_lhs p))
  ( $\lambda$  hBH, show G.walk vw1.1 vw3.1, by rw hBH.1; exact descend_walk_lhs p)
```

The projection of a walk from  $G \square H$  to  $H$  is done similarly.

### 3 $G \square H$ is connected if and only if $G$ and $H$ are connected

We are now ready to show that  $G \square H$  is connected  $\iff G$  and  $H$  are connected.

#### 3.1 $G \square H$ is connected if $G$ and $H$ are connected

The proof is straightforward:

Proof 1

Let  $(g, h) \in V_{G \square H} = V_G \times V_H$ . By the connectedness of  $H$ ,  $\forall k, l \exists$  path from  $(g_i, h_k)$  to  $(g_i, h_l)$ . Similarly, by the connectedness of  $G$ ,  $\forall i, j \exists$  path from  $(g_i, h_k)$  to  $(g_j, h_k)$ .

Therefore, there exists a walk (and thus a path) from  $(g_i, h_k)$  to  $(g_j, h_l)$  by concatenating the path from  $(g_i, h_k)$  to  $(g_j, h_k)$  and the path from  $(g_j, h_k)$  to  $(g_j, h_l)$ .

The Lean proof follows this structure, with the additional easy proof that the vertex set of the box product  $V_G \times V_H$  is not empty.

#### 3.2 $G \square H$ is connected only if $G$ and $H$ are connected

The tricky aspect of the proof for this direction has already been solved with the projection of the walks from  $G \square H$  to  $G$  (respectively  $H$ ).