

Midterm 2 S22

Base Cases:

- The first base case would be if you were given 1 vertex which is both the root and one electron

Case 1:

- If we make the root of the tree v an electron then its children (v) are not electrons, thus we recurse on its grandchildren (v).

let $v' = \text{grandchildren}(v)$

$$1 + \sum L[v'], \text{ where } v' \in \text{grandchildren}(v)$$

Case 2:

- If the root of the tree is not an electron, then its children (v) is an electron, such that the grandchildren (v) is not an electron, thus we would recurse on children (v).

let $v'' = \text{children}(v)$

$$\sum L[v''], \text{ where } v'' \in \text{children}(v)$$

From this our recurrence relation will be:

$$L[v] = \begin{cases} 1 & : |\text{children}(v)| = 0 \\ \max(1 + \sum L[v'], \sum L[v'']) & : |\text{children}(v)| > 0 \end{cases}$$