

Visualizing Dynamic Programming On Tree Decompositions

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- WHAT is the motivation
- WHO benefits from visualization?
- CHALLENGES and solutions
- ▶ WHAT could be used otherwise?
- OUTLOOK and ideas





Motivation

- DP-on-TD-algorithms can solve Model Counting and various combinatorial problems
- Implementations of those are competing with modern solvers
- ▶ But: those are fairly hard to implement efficiently
- Practical debug output quickly becomes very large (GB)
- Finding the cause of the problem is a time consuming challenge

The B.T. probably focused too much on the convenience features, and not on the urgent need for better debugging and visualization needs for those algorithms.

Background

The algorithms of interest solve problems of:

- combinatorics (NP-problems)
- model-counting (#P-problems)

Recent promising results for Projected Model Counting by Markus Hecher¹.

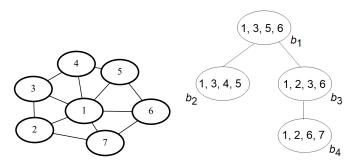
-¿ Show model counting in a tree example

¹Hecher M., Thier P., Woltran S. (2020) Taming High Treewidth with Abstraction, Nested Dynamic Programming, and Database Technology. In: Pulina L., Seidl M. (eds) Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing - SAT 2020. SAT 2020. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 12178. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51825-7_25

Tree Decomposition

Gives the DP algorithm a partial ordering for sub-problems.

- 1. Each vertex must occur in some bag
- 2. For each edge, there is a bag containing both endpoints
- 3. Connected: Subgraph "restricted" to any vertex must be connected



Width of TD = largest bag -1



Graphs for Boolean Formulas

► Example set of CNF-clauses:

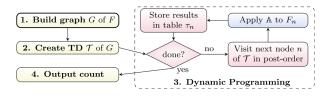
$$\{c1 = \{v1, v3, \neg v4\}, c2 = \{\neg v1, v6\}, c3 = \{\neg v2, \neg v3, \neg v4\}, c4 = \{\neg v2, v6\}, c5 = \{\neg v3, \neg v4\}, c6 = \{\neg v3, v5\}, c7 = \{\neg v5, \neg v6\}, c8 = \{v5, v7\}\}$$



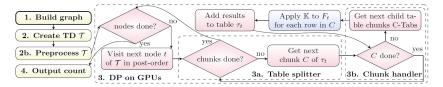
Figure: The primal (left), incidence (middle) and dual (right) graph



gpusat2 - Solving #SAT on GPU



- Customized tree decompositions
- Adapted memory-management
- Improved precision handling



¹ Images: Markus Zisser. *Solving the #SAT problem on the GPU with dynamic programming and OpenCL*. Technische Universität Wien. 2018.



dpdb

Database templates in Python Generating SQL queries

- Create graph representation
- 2. Decompose graph
- 3. Solve sub-problems
- 4. Combine rows

SELECT 1 AS val UNION ALL 0

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- SAT and #SAT
- #o-Coloring
- Vertex cover

1"Exploiting Database Management Systems and Treewidth for Counting", Johannes Fichte et al. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-39197-3 10.

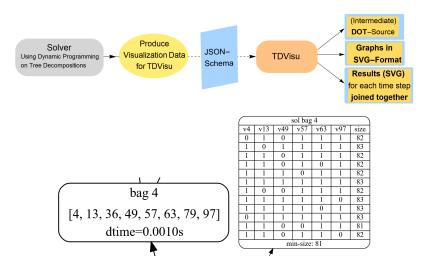
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Running tdvisu

Figure: TDVisu producing flexible and further processable formats.





Challenge2

- Wie robust ist die Datenverarbeitung in der Visu Restrictions in strings for ids - Was Gedanken bei der Visu waren



Visualization in Action

MinVC example size 90 (expected 82)

Visualization in Action

- 1. Inspect visualization
- 2. Verify findings in solver (in this case dpdb)



3. Cross reference with standalone tree-decomposition



4. Fix the root cause



Related Work

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Gephi.org² Tulip ³



Briefly looked up different formats and graph software. With the diverse / large node labels and special layout the creation of a lightweight and customizable exchange format took precedence over the integration into special layout software.

²https://gephi.org/ - Tool for data analysts and scientists keen to explore and understand graphs.

³tulip.labri.fr/TulipDrupal/ - Better Visualization Through Research.

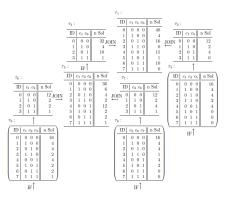
⁴https://neo4j.com/developer/tools-graph-visualization/

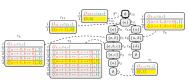
⁵https://github.com/vasturiano/3d-force-graph



Visualization

Manually for one run





⁵"Exploiting Database Management Systems and Treewidth for Counting", Johannes Fichte et al. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-39197-3-10.

⁵"Solving #SAT on the GPU with Dynamic Programming and OpenCL", Diploma Markus Zisser 2018 Technische Universität Wien, p.33



Outlook

Static → Dynamic

Interesting Questions:

- Utilizing graph databases for visualization and queries for debugging
- Enrich the visualization with debugging info for each node
- Cross reference the creation of rows in parent nodes
- For more advanced debugging tasks you may also need to revise the approach



Summary

This thesis created tovisu as a tool that

- integrates into existing implementations
- statically exports data from runs
- compiles simple DOT files and SVG graphics

For further research it provides

- starting point for more complex investigations of
 - bug spotting
 - and fixing by using visualizations

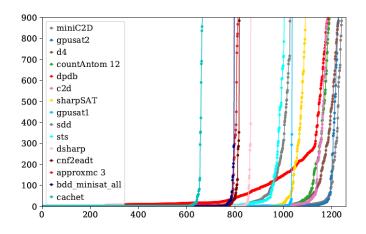


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Benchmark

Performance of all three programs on #SAT instances:





Visualization

Manually for dpdb

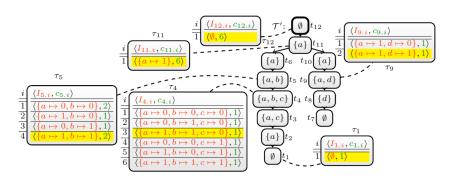


Figure: Handcrafted #SAT example-run from dpdb⁶

 $^{^{6}}$ "Exploiting Database Management Systems and Treewidth for Counting", Fichte, Hecher, Thier, Woltran