

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)

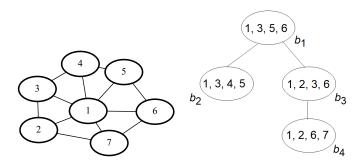
Recent promising results for Projected Model Counting by Markus Hecher¹.

¹ Hecher 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. SAT 2020. 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





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

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- #sTab#:
                             SELECT 1 AS ont
– #intrTab#:
                             SELECT 1 AS val UNION ALL O
- #localProbFilter#: (l_{1,1} 	ext{ OR } ... 	ext{ OR } l_{1,k_1}) 	ext{ AND } ... 	ext{ AND } (l_{n,1} 	ext{ OR } ... 	ext{ OR } l_{n,k_n})
#aggrExp#:
                             SUM(cnt) AS cnt
- #extProj#:
                             \tau_1.cnt * ... * \tau_\ell.cnt AS cnt
                                       (a) Problem #SAT
- #εTab#:
                        SELECT 0 AS card
                        SELECT 1 AS val UNION ALL O
- #localProbFilter#: ([u<sub>1</sub>] OR [v<sub>1</sub>]) AND ... AND ([u<sub>n</sub>] OR [v<sub>n</sub>])
- #aggrExp#:
                        MIN(card) AS card
                        \tau_1.card + ... + \tau_\ell.card - (\Sigma_{i=1}^{\ell} | \chi(t_i) \cap \{a_1\} | - 1) *
                        \tau_1 \cdot [a_1] - \dots - (\Sigma_{i-1}^{\ell} | \chi(t_i) \cap \{a_k\} | -1) * \tau_1 \cdot [a_k]
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(b) Problem MinVC



Diff. debug information and problem types

Display user-defined strings where applicable Different ?????? Grafik bag, Grafik solution



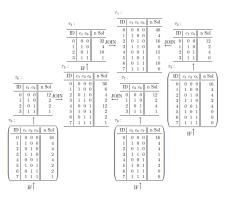
Challenge2

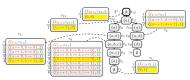
- Wie robust ist die Datenverarbeitung in der Visu Restrictions in strings for ids - Was Gedanken bei der Visu waren



Visualization

Manually for one run





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

¹ "Solving #SAT on the GPU with Dynamic Programming and OpenCL", Diploma Markus Zisser 2018 Technische Universität Wien, p.33





© Gephi.org - a tool for data analysts and scientists keen to explore and understand graphs.²



Tulip - Better Visualization Through Research. 3



Nicht speziell Angeschaut / Format aus Solvern extrahiert - kann trotzdem sehr generisch sein (dpdb speziell)

²https://gephi.org/

³https://tulip.labri.fr/TulipDrupal/

⁴https://neo4i.com/developer/tools-graph-visualization/



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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Outlook

Static → Dynamic

- ► 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

Interesting Questions

- Bottlenecks of different architectures
- Preselection of interesting areas/data to visualize
- Utilizing graph databases for visualization and queries for debugging

Summary

This thesis created tovisu as a tool that

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

For further research it provides

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



Bibliography

See the citations in the thesis.

Benchmark

Performance of all three programs on #SAT instances:





Visualization

Manually for dpdb

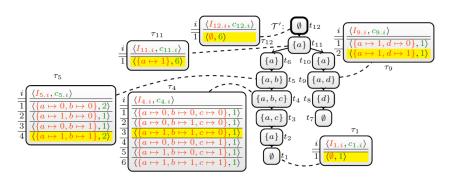


Figure: Handcrafted #SAT example-run from dpdb⁶

⁶"Exploiting Database Management Systems and Treewidth for Counting", Fichte, Hecher, Thier, Woltran