

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



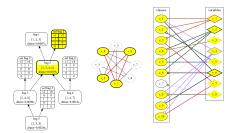
Motivation

- DP-on-TD-algorithms can solve various combinatorial problems like model counting
- Efficient (if the treewidth is small)
- Competitive with other modern solvers
- But tedious and hard to implement if done efficiently
- Often bugs in the implementation
- ▶ DP for Model Counting is extremely space demanding (much more than SAT)



Ideas

- ► Inspect intermediate data during solving process
- ▶ Represent the input, tree decomposition and created solutions
- ► Lightweight but customizable output format





Contribution

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

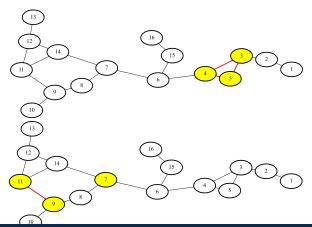


Background

The algorithms of interest solve problems of:

- ► NP-complete
- ▶ #P-complete problems instead of one solution we want to count all solutions

Example of two snapshots of getting a minimal vertex cover via DP:

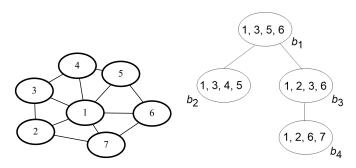




Tree Decomposition

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. Subgraph of bags containing a given vertex must be connected



Width of a TD is: size of largest bag -1 width = 3



Graphs for Boolean Formulas

► Example set of CNF-clauses:

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

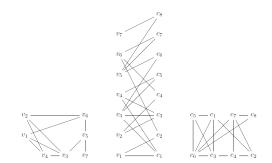
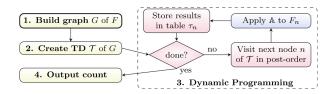


Figure: The primal (left), incidence (middle) and dual (right) graph



gpusat2 - Solving #SAT on GPU



Customized tree decompositions

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

(a) Problem #SAT

(b) Problem MinVC

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

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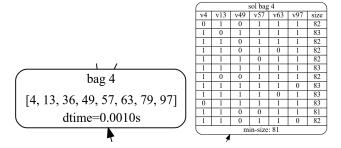
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Running tdvisu



TDVisu producing flexible and further processable formats





Capabilities and Limitations

Integration of solvers via TDVisu.schema.json 1

Capabilities:

- Extracting basic (extendable) information (TD, solution nodes, order+time of processing...) from gpusat + dpdb
- Constructing and enriching the with solver information
- Adding multiple graphs for e.g. problems on Boolean formulas
- Providing a discrete timeline
- Parameters to control the layout and coloring of the data

Limitations:

- Can not further animate for example the origin of solutions
- Maneuvering in very large graphs is not very ergonomic with static content
- ▶ In the optimal case, a comprehensive test suite should be run prior to this.



Visualization in Action

MinVC example size 90 (expected 82)

Debugging with Visualization

- 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 on the Algorithms

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Related Work on Visualizations

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Gephi.org1 Tulip 2



3 Vis.js



Sigma.js



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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.

Martin Röbke, 20th September 2020

https://gephi.org/ - Tool for data analysts and scientists keen to explore and understand graphs. tulip.labri.fr/TulipDrupal/ - Better Visualization Through Research.

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



Outlook

Static → Dynamic

Interesting Questions:

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



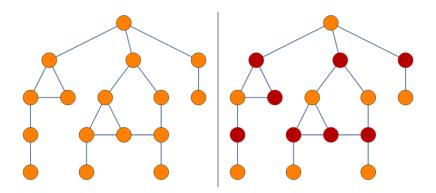
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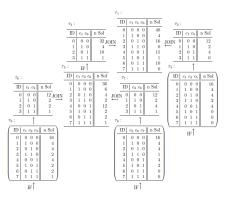
MinVC for example graph

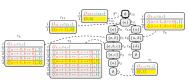




Visualization

Manually for one run

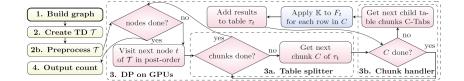




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Benchmark

Performance of all three programs on #SAT instances:





ELVIZ - Query based approach to software visualization

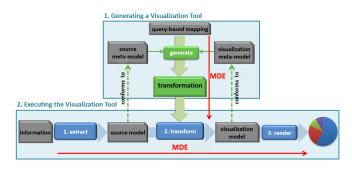


Figure: Overview of the ELVIZ-approach⁵

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