

# ALGORITMICA GRAFURILOR

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- ① **Tree decomposition and its uses**
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## Definition

A **tree decomposition** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a pair  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$ , where  $T$  is a tree and  $\{V_t : t \in T\}$  denotes a family of subsets of the **vertices** of  $G$ ,  $V_t \subseteq V$  for every **node**  $t \in T$  such that:

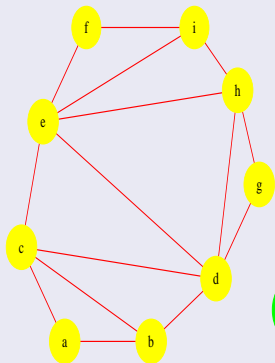
- (*Node coverage*) For every  $v \in V$ , there is some node  $t$  in  $T$  such that  $v \in V_t$ .
- (*Edge coverage*) For every  $e \in E$ , there is some node  $t$  in  $T$  such that  $V_t$  contains both endpoints of  $e$ .
- (*Coherence*) Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  be three nodes in  $T$  such that  $t_2$  lies on the path between  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  in  $T$ . Then, if  $v \in V$  belongs to both  $V_{t_1}$  and  $V_{t_3}$ ,  $v$  must also belong to  $V_{t_2}$ .

## Definition - Comment

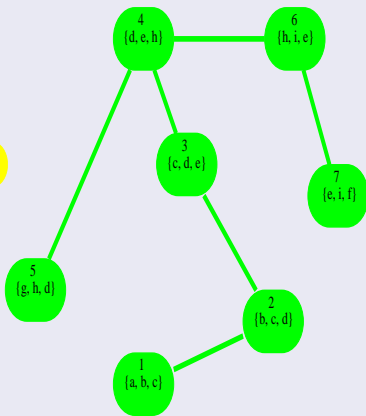
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- (*Coherence'*) Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  be three nodes in  $T$  s.t.  $t_2$  lies on the path between  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  in  $T$ . Then,  $V_{t_1} \cap V_{t_3} \subseteq V_{t_2}$ .
- (*Coherence''*) For every  $x \in V$ , the subgraph of  $T$  induced by  $\{t \in T : x \in V_t\}$  is connected.

The sets  $V_t$  are called the **bags** of the tree decomposition.

## Definition - Example



Graful  $G$



Arborele  $T$

## Definition

Let  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  be a tree decomposition of  $G$ .  
The **width** of tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is

$$\text{width}(T, \{V_t : t \in T\}) = \max_{t \in T} |V_t| - 1.$$

## Definition

The **tree-width** of  $G$ , denoted  $\text{tw}(G)$ , is *the minimum width of a tree decomposition of  $G$ .*

**Observation.**  $tw(G) = 0$  if and only if  $E(G) = \emptyset$ .

**Proposition.** *If  $G$  is a forest with  $E(G) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $tw(G) = 1$ .*

**Proof:**  $tw(G) \geq 1$ , by the above observation.

**If  $G$  is a tree** then let  $T$  be obtained from  $G$  by renaming  $t_v$  each vertex  $v \in V(G)$  and, after that, inserting on each edge  $t_u t_v$  ( $uv \in E(G)$ ) a new vertex  $t_{uv}$ .

Set  $V_{t_u} = \{u\}$  for all  $t_u$  associated to  $u \in V(G)$ , and  $V_{t_{uv}} = \{u, v\}$  for all  $t_{uv} \in T$  associated to  $uv \in E(G)$ .

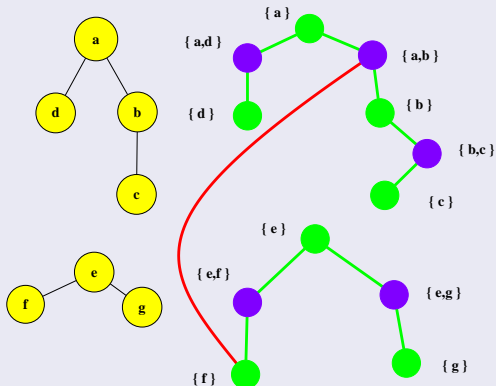
$(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is a tree decomposition of  $G$  with width 1.

**A tree decomposition of a forest with  $k$  components** can be obtained by adding  $k - 1$  arbitrary edges to tree decompositions for the components (without creating circuits). □



# Tree-width

## Tree decomposition with width 1 of a forest



## Small tree decompositions

A tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is **small** if there are no distinct  $t_1, t_2 \in T$  such that  $V_{t_1} \subseteq V_{t_2}$ .

**Proposition.** *Given a tree decomposition of  $G$ , a small tree decomposition of  $G$  with the same width can be constructed in polynomial time.*

Proof. Let  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  be a tree decomposition of  $G$  with  $V_{t_1} \subseteq V_{t_2}$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in T$ . We can suppose that  $t_1 t_2 \in E(T)$  (otherwise, we find adjacent nodes with this property, by considering a path from  $t_1$  to  $t_2$ ).

Contracting  $t_1 t_2$  into a **new node**  $t_{12}$  with  $V_{t_{12}} = V_{t_2}$ , gives a smaller tree decomposition of  $G$ . Repeat this reduction until a small tree decomposition is obtained. □

## Small tree decompositions

**Proposition.** *If  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is a small tree decomposition of  $G$ , then  $|T| \leq |G|$ .*

Proof. By induction over  $n = |G|$ . If  $n = 1$  then  $|T| = 1$ .

For  $n \geq 2$ , consider a leaf  $t_1$  of  $T$  with neighbor  $t_2$ .

$(T - t_1, \{V_t : t \in T - t_1\})$  is a small tree decomposition of  $G' = G - (V_{t_1} - V_{t_2})$ . Since  $V_{t_1} - V_{t_2} \neq \emptyset$ , by induction

$$|T| = |T - t_1| + 1 \leq |G'| + 1 \leq |G|.$$



## Minors

### Observations.

- If the graph  $H$  is obtained from  $G$  by contracting an edge  $uv$  into  $z$ , then  $tw(H) \leq tw(G)$ . In a tree decomposition of  $G$ , insert  $z$  in every bag containing  $u$  or  $v$ , and then remove  $u$  and  $v$  from every bag to obtain a tree decomposition of  $H$ .
- If  $H$  is a subgraph  $G$ , then  $tw(H) \leq tw(G)$ .

**Definition.**  $H$  is a **minor** of a graph  $G$  if it can be obtained from  $G$  by iteratively **deleting and contracting** edges.

**Corollary.** *If  $H$  is a minor of a graph  $G$  then  $tw(H) \leq tw(G)$ .*

Let  $\mathbf{TW}(k)$  be the class of graphs  $G$  such that  $tw(G) \leq k$ .

## Tree-Width (Decision Version)

*Input:* Graph  $G$  and integer  $k$ .

*Question:*  $G \in \mathbf{TW}(k)$ ?

## Theorem

*Tree-width (decision version) is NP-complete.*

## Tree-Width is FPT

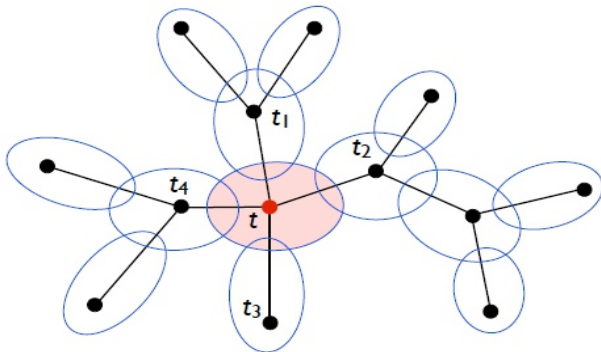
**Lemma.** *For every positive integer  $k$ ,  $\mathbf{TW}(k)$  is minor closed.*

**Theorem (Bodlaender).** *For every fixed  $k$ , the problem of determining whether or not  $G \in \mathbf{TW}(k)$  can be solved in  $\mathcal{O}(f(k) \cdot n)$  time.*

**Notation.** Let  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  be a tree decomposition of  $G$ . Then, if  $T'$  is a subgraph of  $T$ ,  $G_{T'}$  denotes the subgraph of  $G$  induced by the set  $\bigcup_{t \in T'} V_t$ .

## Node Separation Property

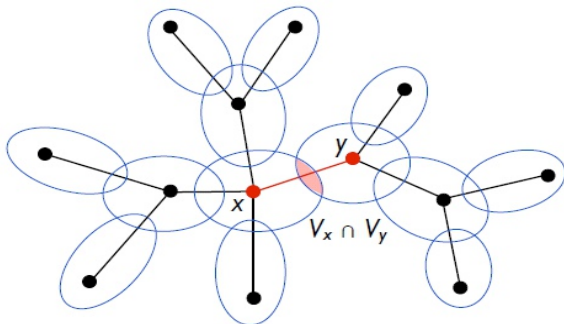
**Theorem.** Suppose  $T - t$  has components  $T_1, \dots, T_d$ . Then, the subgraphs  $G_{T_1} - V_t, G_{T_2} - V_t, \dots, G_{T_d} - V_t$  have no nodes in common, and there are no edges between them.



# Tree decomposition properties

## Edge Separation Property

**Theorem.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be the two components of  $T$  after the deletion of edge  $xy$ . Then, deleting  $V_x \cap V_y$  disconnects  $G$  into two subgraphs  $H_X = G_X - (V_x \cap V_y)$  and  $H_Y = G_Y - (V_x \cap V_y)$ . That is,  $H_X$  and  $H_Y$  share no nodes and there is no edge in  $G$  with one endpoint in  $H_X$  and the other in  $H_Y$ .





## Exercises

1. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $tw(G) = p$ . Prove that  $|V(G)| = p + 1$  or  $G$  has a  $p$ -cut.
2. Prove that if  $tw(G) = 1$ , then  $G$  is a forest.
3. Prove that  $tw(P_k \times P_l) = \min(k, l)$ .
4. Prove that  $tw(K_n) = n - 1$ .

## Definition

A **rooted tree decomposition** of  $G$  is a tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  of  $G$ , where some node  $r$  in  $T$  is declared to be the root.

**Notations.** Let  $t$  be a node in a rooted tree decomposition.

- $T_t$  is the subtree of  $T$  rooted at  $t$ .
- $G[t]$  is the subgraph of  $G$  induced by the vertices in  $\bigcup_{x \in T_t} V_x$  (i.e.  $G[t] = G_{T_t}$ ).

## Vertex coloring

- Recall: A  $k$ -vertex coloring ( $k$ -coloring) of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $\alpha : V \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$  such that for all  $uv \in E$ ,  $\alpha(u) \neq \alpha(v)$ .
- Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two subgraphs of  $G$ , with  $k$ -colorings  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  respectively.  $\alpha_2$  is  $\alpha_1$ -compatible if for all  $v \in V(H_1) \cap V(H_2)$ ,  $\alpha_1(v) = \alpha_2(v)$ .
- Let  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  be a rooted tree decomposition of  $G$ . For every  $t \in T$  and every  $k$ -coloring  $\alpha$  of  $G_t$ , define

$$\mathbf{Prev}_t(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } G[t] \text{ has an } \alpha\text{-compatible } k\text{-coloring } \beta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Vertex coloring

**Proposition.**  $\text{Prev}_u(\alpha) = 1$  if and only if for all children  $v$  of  $u$ , there is an  $\alpha$ -compatible coloring  $\beta$  of  $G_v$  with  $\text{Prev}_v(\beta) = 1$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$  If  $\gamma$  is an  $\alpha$ -compatible coloring of  $G[u]$ , since  $G_v$  is a subgraph of  $G[u]$ , the restriction of  $\gamma$  to  $G_v$  gives the required coloring  $\beta$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose that  $u$  has exactly two children  $v$  and  $w$  of  $u$ , and having  $\alpha$ -compatible colorings  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively (the proof is similar for more children). Since  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is a tree decomposition,  $V(G[v]) \cap V(G[w]) \subseteq V_u$ , so  $\beta$  is  $\gamma$ -compatible.

Combining  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  now gives  $\delta : V(G[u]) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Since  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  is a tree decomposition, there are no edges  $xy \in E(G)$  with  $x \in V(G[v]) - V_u$  and  $y \in V(G[w]) - V_u$ , so  $\delta$  is a  $k$ -coloring of  $G[u]$ . □

## Vertex coloring

**Theorem.** *If  $G$ , a graph of order  $n$ , has a small tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  of width  $w$ , we can decide if  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable in time  $k^{w+1} \cdot n^{O(1)}$ .*

*Proof.* Transform  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  in a rooted tree decomposition. For every  $v \in T$  and every  $k$ -coloring  $\alpha$  of  $G_v$ , we compute **Prev** $_v(\alpha)$ : start at the leaves of  $T$ , and use the above proposition for the other nodes, in the right order.

$G = G[r]$  is  $k$ -colorable iff **Prev** $_v(\alpha) = 1$  for some  $\alpha$ .

Testing whether  $\alpha$  is a  $G_v$  coloring and computing **Prev** $_v(\alpha)$  can be done in polynomial time  $n^{O(1)}$ , so the total complexity is mainly determined by the number of candidates for  $\alpha$ , which is  $k^{|V_v|}$ .

Complexity:  $|V(T)| \cdot k^{w+1} \cdot n^{O(1)} = k^{w+1} \cdot n^{O(1)}$ . □

## Similar approaches (more advanced dynamic programming)

**Theorem.** *If  $G$ , a graph of order  $n$ , has a small tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  of width  $w$ , the size of a minimum vertex cover of  $G$  can be computed in time  $2^{w+1} \cdot n^{O(1)}$ .*

**Theorem.** *If  $G$ , a vertex-weighted graph of order  $n$ , has a small tree decomposition  $(T, \{V_t : t \in T\})$  of width  $w$ , a maximum weight stable set in  $G$  can be computed in time  $4^{w+1} \cdot w \cdot n$ .*

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② Programare test final: 17,18 ianuarie; atenție la anunțurile de la orar

(sunt precizate orele pe grupe și sălile de examen; în situații excepționale, studenții pot veni la alte grupe decât cele programate, dar numai cu acordul meu prealabil).

③ Seminarul special de vineri seara se suspendă.



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