

# Generalization of the Consecutive-ones Property

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# CHAPTER 2

## Consecutive-ones Property – A Survey of Important Results

This chapter surveys several results that are significant to this thesis or to COP in general. These predominantly pertain to characterizations of COP, algorithmic tests to check for COP (COT), optimization problems on binary matrices that do not have COP and some applications of COP.

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### 2.1 COP in Graph Theory

COP is closely connected to several types of graphs by way of describing certain combinatorial graph properties. There are also certain graphs, like convex bipartite graphs, that are defined solely by some of its associated matrix having COP. In this section we will see the relevance of consecutive-ones property to graphs. To see this we introduce certain binary matrices that are used to define graphs in different ways. While adjacency matrix is perhaps the most commonly used such matrix, Definition 2.1.1 defines this and a few more.

#### Definition 2.1.1

*Matrices that define graphs.* [Dom08, Def. 2.4] Let  $G$  and  $H$  be defined as follows.  $G = (V, E_G)$  is a graph with vertex set  $V = \{v_i \mid i \in [n]\}$  and edge set  $E_G \subseteq \{(v_i, v_j) \mid i, j \in [n]\}$  such that  $|E_G| = m$ .  $H = (A, B, E_H)$  is a bipartite graph with partitions  $A = \{a_i \mid i \in [n_a]\}$  and  $B = \{b_i \mid i \in [n_b]\}$ .

- 2.1.1–i. *Adjacency matrix* of  $G$  is the symmetric  $n \times n$  binary matrix  $M$  with  $m_{i,j} = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $(v_i, v_j) \in E_G$  for all  $i, j \in [n]$ .
- 2.1.1–ii. *Augmented adjacency matrix* of  $G$  is obtained from its adjacency matrix by setting all main diagonal elements to  $\mathbf{1}$ , i.e.  $m_{i,i} = \mathbf{1}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ .
- 2.1.1–iii. *Maximal clique matrix* or *vertex-clique incidence matrix* of  $G$  is the  $n \times k$  binary matrix  $M$  with  $m_{i,j} = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $v_i \in C_j$  for all  $i \in [n], j \in [k]$  where  $\{C_j \mid j \in [k]\}$  is the set of maximal cliques of  $G$ .

2.1.1–iv. *Half adjacency matrix* of  $H$  is the  $n_a \times n_b$  binary matrix  $M$  with  $m_{i,j} = 1$  if and only if  $(a_i, b_j) \in E_H$

Now we will see in Definition 2.1.2 certain graph classes that is related to COP or CROP.

### Definition 2.1.2

*Graphs that relate to COP.*[Dom08, Def. 2.5] Let  $G$  be a graph and  $H$  be a bipartite graph.

- 2.1.2–i.  $G$  is *convex-round* if its adjacency matrix has the CROP.
- 2.1.2–ii.  $G$  is *concave-round* if its augmented adjacency matrix has CROP. <sup>c1 c2</sup>
- 2.1.2–iii.  $G$  is an *interval graph* if its vertices can be mapped to intervals on the real line such that two vertices are adjacent if and only if their corresponding intervals overlap <sup>c3</sup>.  $G$  is an interval graph if and only if its maximal clique matrix has COP due to the result by [GH64] which states that the maximal cliques of interval graph  $G$  can be linearly ordered such that for all  $v \in V(G)$ , cliques containing  $v$  are consecutive in the ordering.
- 2.1.2–iv.  $G$  is a *unit interval graph* if it is an interval graph such that all intervals have the same length.
- 2.1.2–v.  $G$  is a *proper interval graph* if it is an interval graph such that no interval properly contains another.
- 2.1.2–vi.  $G$  is a *circular-arc graph* if its vertices can be mapped to a set of arcs on a circle such that two vertices are adjacent if and only if their corresponding arcs overlap.
- 2.1.2–vii.  $H$  is *convex bipartite* if its half adjacency matrix has COP on either rows or columns.
- 2.1.2–viii.  $H$  is *biconvex bipartite* or *doubly convex*[YC95] if its half adjacency matrix has COP on both rows and columns.
- 2.1.2–ix.  $H$  is *circular convex* if its half adjacency matrix has CROP.

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## 2.2 Matrices with COP

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<sup>c2</sup> *minor*: add CROP to glossary

<sup>c3</sup> cite Ben59, Haj57

<sup>c4</sup> *pressing*: ADD: As it will be described in detail later in this document, isomorphism of certain

<sup>c5</sup> *pressing*: ADD: peo exists iff chordal. lexicographic BFS [tag:chordalGraph]

<sup>c6</sup> *pressing*: ADD: A well known result in

<sup>c7</sup> *pressing*: verify from paper the statement of claim.

$M_1$ :				$M'_1$ :				$M_2$ :			
$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_3$	$c_1$	$c_4$	$c_2$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1

Figure 2.1: Matrices with and without COP.  $M_1$  has COP because by permuting its columns,  $c_1$ - $c_4$ , one can obtain  $M'_1$  where the 1s in each row are consecutive.  $M_2$ , however, does not have COP since no permutation of its columns,  $d_1$ - $d_4$ , will arrange 1s in each row consecutively [Dom08].

Figure 2.1 shows examples of consecutive-ones property. <sup>c16</sup>

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## 2.3 Optimization problems in COP

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## 2.4 \*\*\*\*\* COP in Relational Database Model

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<sup>c2</sup> Expand on  
sec:apprdbm

## 2.5 \*\*\*\*\* COP in Graph Isomorphism

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<sup>c3</sup> (set  
systems  
theme)

<sup>c4</sup> Expand on  
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<sup>c5</sup> (canonization  
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## 2.6 \*\*\*\*\* Certifying Algorithms

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sec:appcertalgo

<sup>c7</sup> (certification  
McC04 theme)

# – REFERENCE CONTENT –

### 2.6.1 Matrices with COP

As seen earlier, the interval assignment problem (illustrated as the course scheduling problem in Section 1.2), is a special case of the problem we address in this thesis, namely the tree path labeling problem (illustrated as the study group accommodation problem). The interval assignment problem and COP problem are equivalent problems. In this section we will see some of the results that exists in



the literature today towards solving the COP problem and optimization problems surrounding it.

Recall that a matrix with COP is one whose rows (columns) can be rearranged so that the 1s in every column (row) are in consecutive rows (columns). COP in binary matrices has several practical applications in diverse fields including scheduling [HL06], information retrieval [Kou77] and computational biology [ABH98]. Further, it is a tool in graph theory [Gol04] for interval graph recognition, characterization of Hamiltonian graphs, planarity testing [BL76] and in integer linear programming [HT02, HL06].

The obvious first questions after being introduced to the consecutive ones property of binary matrices are if COP can be detected efficiently in a binary matrix and if so, can the COP permutation of the matrix also be computed efficiently? Recognition of COP in a binary matrix is polynomial time solvable and the first such algorithm was given by [FG65]. A landmark result came a few years later when [Tuc72] discovered the families of forbidden submatrices that prevent a matrix from having COP and most, if not all, results that came later were based on this discovery which connected COP in binary matrices to convex bipartite graphs. In fact, the forbidden submatrices came as a corollary to the discovery that convex bipartite graphs are AT-free in [Tuc72]<sup>c1</sup>. The first linear time algorithm for COP testing (COT) was invented by [BL76] using a data structure called PQ trees. Since then several COT algorithms have been invented – some of which involved variations of PQ trees [MM96, Hsu01, McC04], some involved set theory and ICPIA [Hsu02, NS09], parallel COT algorithms [AS95, BS03, CY91] and certifying algorithms [McC04].

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The construction of PQ trees in [BL76] draws on the close relationship of matrices with COP to interval graphs. A PQ tree of a matrix is one that stores all row (column) permutations of the matrix that give the COP orders (there could be multiple orders of rows or columns) of the matrix. This is constructed using an elaborate linear time procedure and is also a test for planarity<sup>c2</sup>. PQR trees is a generalized data structure based on PQ trees [MM96, MPT98]. [TM05] describes an improved algorithm to build PQR trees. <sup>c3</sup>[Hsu02] describes the simpler algorithm for COT. Hsu also invented PC trees [Hsu01]<sup>c4</sup> which is claimed to be much easier to implement. [NS09] describes a characterization of consecutive-ones property solely based on the cardinality properties of the set representations of the columns (rows); every column (row) is equivalent to a set that has the row (column) indices of the rows (columns) that have one entries in this column (row). This is interesting and relevant, especially to this thesis because it simplifies COT

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to a great degree. <sup>c5</sup>

<sup>c5</sup> it reduces the solution search space. fill in the blanks.

[McC04] describes a different approach to COT. While all previous COT algorithms gave the COP order if the matrix has the property but exited stating negative if otherwise, this algorithm gives an evidence by way of a certificate of matrix even when it has no COP. This enables a user to verify the algorithm's result even when the answer is negative. This is significant from an implementation perspective because automated program verification is hard and manual verification is more viable. Hence having a certificate reinforces an implementation's credibility. Note that when the matrix *has* COP, the COP order is the certificate. The internal machinery of this algorithm is related to the weighted betweenness problem addressed<sup>c1</sup> in [COR98]. <sup>c2 c3</sup>

<sup>c1</sup> in what way??

## 2.6.2 Optimization problems in COP

<sup>c2</sup> expand on the COP order graph creation and it having to be bipartite for M to have COP, and thus an odd cycle being an evidence of no COP.

So far we have been concerned about matrices that have the consecutive ones property. However in real life applications, it is rare that data sets represented by binary matrices have COP, primarily due to the noisy nature of data available. At the same time, COP is not arbitrary and is a desirable property in practical data representation [COR98, JKC<sup>+</sup>04, Kou77]. In this context, there are several interesting problems when a matrix does not have COP but is “close” to having COP or is allowed to be altered to have COP. These are the optimization problems related to a matrix which does not have COP. Some of the significant problems are surveyed in this section.

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<sup>c4c5</sup> [Tuc72] showed that a matrix that does not have COP have certain substructures that prevent it from having COP. Tucker classified these forbidden substructures into five classes of submatrices. This result is presented in the context of convex bipartite graphs which [Tuc72] proved to be AT-free<sup>c6</sup>. By definition, convex bipartite graph have half adjacency matrices that have COP on either rows or columns (graph is biconvex if it has COP on both)[Dom08]. A half adjacency matrix is a binary matrix representing a bipartite graph as follows. The set of rows and the set of columns form the two partitions of the graph. Each row node is adjacent to those nodes that represent the columns that have 1s in the corresponding row. [Tuc72] proves that this bipartite graph has no asteroidal triple if and only if the matrix has COP and goes on to identify the forbidden substructures for these bipartite graphs. The matrices corresponding to these substructures are the forbidden submatrices.

<sup>c4</sup> - sect 4.1 in cite:d08phd has many results surveyed. hardness results, approx. results. results are usually for a class of matrices  $(a, b)$  where number 1s in columns and rows are restricted to  $a$  and  $b$ . - problem of flipping at most  $k$  entries of  $M$  to make it attain COP. this is NP complete cite:b75-phd

<sup>c5</sup> (1) scite:lb62 showed that interval graphs are AT-free. describe AT (2) show the close relationship b/w COP and graphs sec 2.2, pg 31

Once a matrix has been detected to not have COP (using any of the COT

<sup>c6</sup> check this up. give details. - doms'

algorithms mentioned earlier), it is naturally of interest to find out the smallest forbidden substructure (in terms of number of rows and/or columns and/or number of entries that are 1s). [Dom08] discusses a couple of algorithms which are efficient if the number of 1s in a row is small. This is of significance in the case of sparse matrices where this number is much lesser than the number of columns.  $(*, \Delta)$ -matrices are matrices with no restriction on number of 1s in any column but has at most  $\Delta$  1s in any row. MIN COS-R (MIN COS-C), MAX COS-R (MAX COS-C) are similar problems which deals with inducing COP on a matrix. In MIN COS-R (MIN COS-C) the question is to find the minimum number of rows (columns) that must be deleted to result in a matrix with COP. In the dual problem MAX COS-R (MAX COS-C) the search is for the maximum number of rows (columns) that induces a submatrix with COP. Given a matrix  $M$  with no COP, [Boo75] shows that finding a submatrix  $M'$  with all columns<sup>c7</sup> but a maximum cardinality subset of rows such that  $M'$  has COP is NP complete. [HG02] corrects an error of the abridged proof of this reduction as given in [GJ79]. [Dom08] discusses all these problems in detail giving an extensive survey of the previously existing results which are almost exhaustively all approximation results and hardness results. Taking this further, [Dom08] presents new results in the area of parameterized algorithms for this problem<sup>c8</sup>.

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Another problem is to find the minimum number of entries in the matrix that can be toggled to result in a matrix with COP. [Vel85] discusses approximation of COP AUGMENTATION which is the problem of changing of the minimum number of zero entries to 1s so that the resulting matrix has COP. As mentioned earlier, this problem is known to be NP complete due to [Boo75]. [Vel85] also proves, using a reduction to the longest path problem,<sup>c1</sup> that finding a Tucker's forbidden submatrix of at least  $k$  rows is NP complete.<sup>c2 c3</sup>

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c2 how is this different from booth's 75 result??

c3 where should this go? cite—tz04 (approx submatrix with COP sparse matrices)

c4 Theorem 2.1 in jkckv

c5 (1) A connection of COP problem to the travelling salesman problem is also introduced. what does this mean? — COP can be used as a tool to reorder  $0.5T \leq runs(M) \leq$   
(2) The optimization version of the  $k$ -run problem, i.e. minimization of number of blocks of ones is proven to be NP complete by cite:k77

[JKC<sup>+</sup>04] discusses the use of matrices with almost-COP (instead of one block of consecutive 1s, they have  $x$  blocks, or *runs*, of consecutive 1s and  $x$  is not too large) in the storage of very large databases. The problem is that of reordering of a binary matrix such that the resulting matrix has at most  $k$  runs of 1s. This is proved to be NP hard using a reduction from the Hamiltonian path problem.<sup>c4</sup>

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## Chapter Notes

<sup>1</sup>The notion of *feasibility* is formally defined in Section 3.2.

<sup>2</sup>The terms *tree path labeling* and *tree path assignment* are, in informal language, synonyms.

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Formally, the former refers to the bijection  $\ell : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ . The latter refers to the set of ordered pairs  $\{(S, P) \mid S \in \mathcal{F}, P \in \mathcal{P}\}$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  is a set of paths on  $T$ .

<sup>3</sup>A *hypergraph* is an alternate representation of a set system and will be used in this thesis.

<sup>4</sup>See Section 3.2 for the formal definition.

<sup>5</sup>A *tree path labeling*  $\ell$  is a bijection of paths from the target tree  $T$  to the hyperedges in given hypergraph  $\mathcal{F}$ .

<sup>6</sup>See Section 3.3 for the definition of ICPPL.

<sup>7</sup>The path from a leaf to the root, the vertex with highest degree, is called a *ray* of the  $k$ -subdivided star.

<sup>8</sup>The vertex with maximum degree in a  $k$ -subdivided star is called *root*.

<sup>9</sup>If there exists an FTPL for a hypergraph  $\mathcal{F}$ , it is called a path hypergraph.

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