

# Covering and partitioning with bicliques

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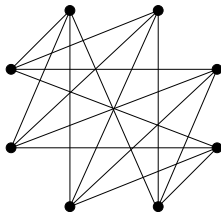
## Plan :

- 1 Covering with bicliques
- 2 Partitioning with bicliques
- 3 Optimization

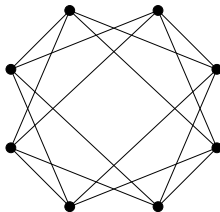
*Ô mathématique sévère, vous m'apparûtes, avec votre longue robe, flottante comme une vapeur, et vous m'attirâtes vers vos fières mamelles, qui ont existé avant l'univers et qui se maintiendront après lui. Alors, j'accourus avec empressement, mes mains crispées sur votre gorge blanche.*

Lautréamont, Maldoror II.10

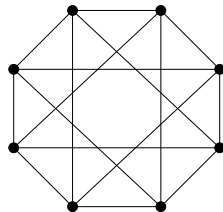
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**Def.** Given a simple undirected graph  $G$ ..

$bc(G)$

is the minimum number of *bicliques covering* the edge-set of  $G$   
 ( $K_n$  is the complete graph on  $n$  vertices)

**Thm.**  $bc(K_n) = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  (Harary, Hsu, Miller, JGT1 (77))

**Cor.** Any  $G$  can be covered by  $\lceil \log_2 \chi(G) \rceil$  bipartite subgraphs

$n$	16	32	64	128	256	512	1024	2048	4096	8192	16384
$\log$	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

**Pf.**  $bc(K_n) \leq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$

$$bc(K_n) \leq bc(K_{2^{\lceil \log_2 n \rceil}})$$

$$bc(K_{2^p}) \leq p \text{ since } bc(K_{2^0}) = 0 \text{ and } bc(K_{2^p}) \leq 1 + bc(K_{2^{p-1}})$$

**Pf.**  $bc(K_n) \geq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$

Construct  $M \in \{0, 1\}^{k \times n}$  from a  $k$ -biclique-covering of  $K_n$

Two distinct columns of  $M$  must be different

Hence  $n \leq 2^k$

**Def.** Given a simple undirected graph  $G$ ..

$bp(G)$

is the minimum number of *bicliques partitioning* the edges of  $G$

**Thm.**  $bp(K_n) = n - 1$

(Tverberg, JGT6 (82))

( $K_n$  is the complete graph on  $n$  vertices)

**Pf.**  $bp(K_n) \leq n - 1$

It follows from  $bp(G) \leq \tau(G) \leq |V(G)| - 1$   
(In other words, we can always partition with stars)



**Pf.**  $bp(K_n) \geq n - 1$

Construct  $k$  polynomials from a  $k$ -biclique-partition of  $K_n$

$$p_i(x)q_i(x) := \left( \sum_{v \in 0} x_v \right) \left( \sum_{v \in 1} x_v \right) \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

For any solution  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of

$$p_1(x) = p_2(x) = \dots = p_k(x) = \sum_v x_v = 0$$

then

$$\|\bar{x}\|^2 = \left( \sum_v \bar{x}_v \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{uv} \bar{x}_u \bar{x}_v = 0 - 2 \sum_i p_i(\bar{x})q_i(\bar{x}) = 0$$

Hence  $k + 1 \geq n$

# Approximating Max-Cut

(Max-Cut) Given a weight-vector  $w \in \mathbb{R}_+^{E(K_n)}$  ..

Find a biclique of  $K_n$  maximizing

$$\sum_{\substack{u \in 0 \\ v \in 1}} w_{uv}$$

**Obs.**  $\frac{1}{2}^\top w \leq \text{Max-Cut} \leq \mathbf{1}^\top w$

$(x_u, x_v) = (0, 0)$  or  $(0, 1)$  or  $(1, 0)$  or  $(1, 1)$   
 for any biclique  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  of  $K_n$

# Approximating Max-Cut

## Max-Cut Formulation

$$\max_{x \in \{-1, +1\}^n} \sum_{uv} \frac{1}{2} w_{uv} (1 - x_u x_v)$$

## Relaxation

$$\max_{x \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n: \|x_v\|=1} \sum_{uv} \frac{1}{2} w_{uv} (1 - x_u^\top x_v)$$

**Thm.** 0.87856 approximation (Goemans, Williamson, STOC (94))

$$\left( \min_{\theta \in (0, \pi]} \frac{\theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \frac{2}{\pi} \right) \times \text{Relaxation} \leq \text{Max-Cut} \leq \text{Relaxation}$$

# Approximating Max-Cut

**Pr.** Let  $\bar{x} = \arg \max_{x \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n: \|x_v\|=1} \sum_{uv} \frac{1}{2} w_{uv} (1 - x_u^\top x_v)$

There is a biclique with weight at least :

$$\sum_{uv} \frac{\theta(\bar{x}_u, \bar{x}_v)}{\pi} w_{uv} \geq \rho \times \sum_{uv} \frac{1}{2} w_{uv} (1 - \cos \theta(\bar{x}_u, \bar{x}_v))$$

where  $\rho := \min_{\theta \in (0, \pi]} \frac{\theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \frac{2}{\pi}$

# Chromatic characterization of biclique covers

**Obs.**  $bc(G) = \chi(H(G))$

$$V(H(G)) = E(G)$$

$$E(H(G)) = \{C \subseteq E(G) : \text{no biclique of } G \text{ contains } C\}$$

**Rk.** We can do  $H(G) := H^{\min}(G)$

$$V(H^{\min}) = V(H)$$

$$E(H^{\min}) = \{C \in E(H) : \text{there is no } D \in E(H) \text{ with } D \subset C\}$$

# Chromatic characterization of biclique covers

**Thm.** No triangle  $\Rightarrow H(G)$  is a graph (Fishburn, Hammer DM160 (96))

In other words, every edge of  $H(G)$  has size 2, if the maximum clique of  $G$  has size  $\omega(G) = 2$

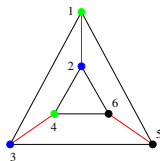
**Thm.** Max edge-size of  $H(G)$  is  $\omega(G)$  (Conjecture Fishburn, Hammer)

Formally,  $C \subseteq E(G)$  is an edge of  $H(G)$  if

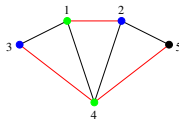
- (i)  $C \not\subseteq B$  ( $\forall B$  biclique of  $G$ )
- (ii)  $C' \subseteq B$  ( $\forall C' \subset C$ ,  $\exists B$  biclique of  $G$ )

## Pr. Step 1

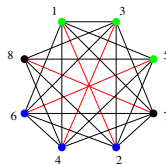
1. Recognize subset of edges which are contained in the edge-set of some biclique



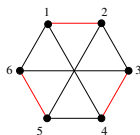
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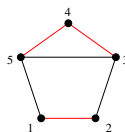
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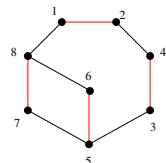
(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

## Pr. Step 2 and 3

2. Characterize the inclusion-wise minimal edge-subsets which are not contained in the edge-set of some biclique
3. Find the big clique

