

# Graph Algorithms : Home Assignment

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## Exact exponential algorithms for Graph Coloring Problem

1. The first non-trivial algorithm for 3-Colour.

- (a) Intuitively the root has 3 options then the children are constrained by their parents, so they only have 2 as we have a root and  $n-1$  children then, there are  $3 \times 2^{n-1}$  coloring options.

We can proof this property by induction on  $n$ .

- $n = 0$ , the case where the tree contains no vertex is not interesting
- $n = 1$ , if we have one vertex, so we have  $3 = 3 \times 2^{1-1}$  3-coloring options
- $n + 1$ , by hypothesis induction, we know that a tree with  $n$ -vertices has  $3 \times 2^{n-1}$  3-coloring options.  
If we had a vertex on a tree, then it has two possible color options, so there is  $3 \times 2^{n-1} \times 2 = 3 \times 2^n$  3-coloring options.

- (b) The 3-coloring algorithm Which uses the *spanning\_tree* which returns the spanning tree :  $S$ . We define *top* and *child*, the function who return the top of the tree and the child of a vertex. The function return a map with vertex key and color ( $C = \{c_1, c_{2,3}\}$ ).

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**Algorithm 1**  $\mathcal{O}^*(3^n)$  algorithm for 3-coloring with spanning tree

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1: function REC_COLORING( $G$  : graph,  $S$ : spanning_tree,  $v$ :vertex,  $\phi$ : color)
2:   for  $n \in \text{CHILD}(S, v)$  do
3:     colors = possible_colors( $G, n$ )
4:     for  $c \in \text{colors}$  do
5:        $\phi[n] \leftarrow c$ 
6:       if REC_COLORING( $G, S, n, \phi$ ) then
7:         break
8:       return false
9:   return true
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11: function 3-COLORING( $G$  : graph)
12:    $S = \text{SPANNING\_TREE}(G)$ 
13:   top = TOP( $S$ )
14:    $\phi = \{\text{top} \rightarrow c_1\}$ 
15:   return REC_COLORING( $G, S, \text{top}(S), \phi$ )
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2. (a) To reduce to 2-Sat, we want to find clauses containing exactly 2 literals that allow us to find the colors of the nodes outside the dominating set ( $X$  : the dominating set and  $C$  : the set of colors).  
We define the variable:

$$\mathcal{V} = \bigcup_{v \in V(G) \setminus X} \{v_c | \forall c \in C\}$$

All vertices have 3 variables representing if variable  $i$  is true then the node can have the color  $i$ .

We define a function  $Cl$  which return a set of clauses for a vertex  $v$  (represent the possible colors for  $v$ ) :

$$Cl(v) = \begin{cases} \{(v_1 \vee v_1), (\neg v_1 \vee \neg v_1)\} & |\phi(X \cap N_G(v))| = 3 \\ \{(v_y \vee v_y) | \{y\} = \phi(X \cap N_G(v)) \setminus C\} & |\phi(X \cap N_G(v))| = 2 \\ \{(v_i \vee v_j) | \{i, j\} = \phi(X \cap N_G(v)) \setminus C\} & |\phi(X \cap N_G(v))| = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\phi(X \cap N_G(v))$  is the set of colors link to a vertex  $v$ .

The first case is here to make the formula false (we can not choose a color if the node is already linked to 3 different colors in  $X$ ). In the second case  $y$  represent the last color.

Finally, we define the set  $\mathcal{C}$  of clauses :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{v \in V(G) \setminus X} & Cl(v) \cup \{(\neg v_c \vee \neg n_c) | \forall n, c \in (N_G(v) \setminus X) \times (\phi(X \cap N_G(v)) \setminus C)\} \\ & \cup \{(\neg v_c \vee \neg v_c) | \forall c \in \phi(N_X(v))\} \end{aligned}$$

The middle union represents the constraints between the external nodes of  $X$ . The last union prevents an external node to have the same colors that a neighbor in  $X$ .

*Proof :*

- Coloring  $\Rightarrow$  2-Sat :

We assume that the vertices  $V(G) \setminus X$  can be colored.

We define for all  $v$ ,  $v_{c(v)} = true$  and for other color  $c$  we define  $v_c = false$ .

All clauses generated by  $Cl$  are satisfied (the first case does not occur because the graph can be colored).

We need to make a case disjunction for the other clauses of the form  $(\neg v_c \vee \neg n_c)$ . If we have  $v_c = true$  then  $v$  has the color  $c$  has the color  $c$  and  $n$  cannot have the color  $c$  because they are neighbors, then  $n_c = false$ . Otherwise,  $v$  has not the color  $c$ , so  $v_c = false$ .

Finally, the clauses of the form  $(v_c \wedge v_c)$  (last union) is true because  $v$  is linked to a vertex in  $X$  which has the color  $c$ , so  $v(x) \neq c$ .

- 2-Sat  $\Rightarrow$  Coloring :

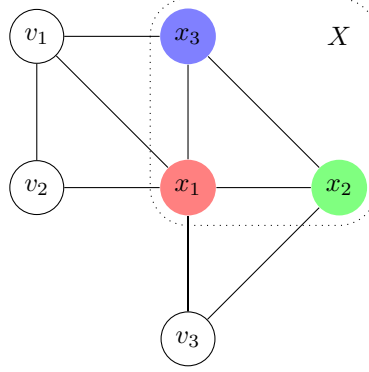
We assume that the formula for a dominating set  $X$  is satisfiable.

So we have for all variable  $v$  in  $V(G) \setminus X$  a  $c$  such that  $v_c = true$ , thanks to the function  $Cl$ .

The same vertex  $v$  has no neighbor  $n$  such that  $n_c = true$ . Because we have the clause  $(\neg v_c \vee \neg n_c)$ , if  $v_c = true$  then  $n_c = false$ .

And thanks to the last union we can not have  $v_c$  is  $v$  is linked to a vertex who has the color  $c$  in  $X$ .

Example :  $C = \{R, G, B\}$  (R : Red, G : Green, B : Blue)



For this graph we have the formula :

$$\begin{aligned} & (v_{1_G} \vee v_{1_G}) \wedge (\neg v_{1_B} \vee \neg v_{1_B}) \wedge (\neg v_{1_R} \vee \neg v_{1_R}) \wedge (\neg v_{1_G} \vee \neg v_{2_G}) \wedge \\ & (v_{2_G} \vee v_{2_B}) \wedge (\neg v_{2_R} \vee \neg v_{2_R}) \wedge (\neg v_{2_G} \vee \neg v_{1_G}) \wedge (\neg v_{2_B} \vee \neg v_{1_B}) \wedge \\ & (v_{3_B} \vee v_{3_B}) \wedge (\neg v_{3_R} \vee \neg v_{3_R}) \wedge (\neg v_{3_G} \vee \neg v_{3_G}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can construct  $c : V(G) \rightarrow [3]$ . If the formula is not satisfiable then  $c$  can not be constructed. Otherwise, we can define  $c$  like that :

$$c(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(x) & \text{if } x \in X \\ c & x_c = \text{true} \end{cases}$$

If the formula is satisfiable we necessarily have  $c$  such that  $x_c = \text{true}$  (by construction).

- (b) Let  $G$  a graph such as  $V(G) \geq 2$  and  $T$  the corresponding BFS tree. We have  $S_i$  the set of vertices at layer  $i$  of tree  $T$ .

We define the sets  $D_e = \{v | v \in S_i, \exists k, i = 2 \times k\}$  (vertices in an even layer) and

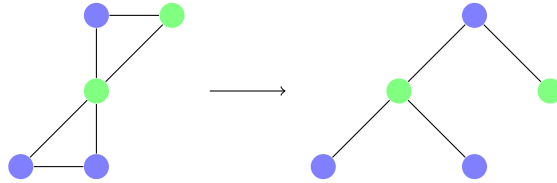
$D_o = \{v | v \in S_i, \exists k, i = 2 \times k + 1\}$  (vertices in an odd layer).

$D_e$  and  $D_o$  are distinct sets because in a BFT tree we can not have the same vertex several times, so the layer where the even and odd layers intersect is empty.

$D_e$  is a dominating set, because each layer is linked to the layer below and above it, so it is linked to all the other remaining vertices. We apply the same argument to  $D_o$ .

We can deduce that the upper bound of the smallest dominating set is  $\frac{n}{2}$  ( $n = |V(G)|$ ). If  $|D_e| < |D_o|$ , then the smallest is  $D_e$  otherwise the smallest is  $D_o$ . So the worst case is when  $|D_e| = |D_o| = \frac{n}{2}$ .

Example :



- (c) The *BFS tree*, *bi\_party* and *2-Sat* functions have a polynomial complexity. We use *3-coloring* (Algorithm-1) on a graph such that  $|V(G)| = \frac{n}{2}$ , then the complexity is  $\mathcal{O}^*(3^{\frac{n}{2}}) = \mathcal{O}^*((\sqrt{3})^n)$ . Therefor, the algorithm below has a complexity of  $\mathcal{O}^*((\sqrt{3})^n)$ .

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**Algorithm 2**  $\mathcal{O}^*((\sqrt{3})^n)$  algorithm for 3-coloring with the smallest dominating set

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1: function 3-COLORING-OPT( $G$  : graph)
2:    $T = \text{BFS\_TREE}(G)$ 
3:    $D_e, D_o = \text{BI\_PARTY}(T)$ 
4:    $X = D_e$ 
5:   if  $|D_o| < B$  then
6:      $X \leftarrow D_o$ 
7:    $\phi = \text{3-COLORING}(X)$ 
8:    $\phi \leftarrow \text{2-SAT}(G, X, \phi)$ 

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3. (a) We have  $X \subseteq V(G)$  and  $1 \leq j < k$  such that  $\chi(G[X]) \leq j$ . We want to compute  $Y \subseteq V(G)$  such that  $\chi(G[Y]) \leq j + 1$ . The function  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  give all possible subset of a set  $X$ . So for all  $S \in \mathcal{P}(V(G))$  if  $S$  is on  $X$  then  $\chi(G[S]) \leq j \leq j + 1$ . Otherwise, if we find  $S_p \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  such as  $S_p \in X$  ( $\phi_p$ ,  $j$ -coloring of  $S_p$ ) and  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(x) = \phi_p(x)$  if  $x \in S_p$  else  $\phi(x) = j + 1$  is a  $j + 1$ -coloring of  $S$ , then  $S$  is in  $Y$ . For all subset we have to potentially calculate all the subset of a subset of cardinal  $t(\mathcal{O}^*(2^n))$ . We did this operation for all the subsets of vertices in the graph.

So we have a complexity of

$$\sum_{t=0}^n \binom{n}{t} \mathcal{O}^*(2^t) = \mathcal{O}^*(3^n)$$

- (b) The final algorithm :

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**Algorithm 3**  $\mathcal{O}^*(3^n)$  algorithm for k-coloring

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1: function K-COLORING( $G$  : graph)
2:    $k = 0$ 
3:    $X = \{\}$ 
4:   while  $V(G)$  not in  $M$  do
5:      $k = k + 1$ 
6:     for all  $C \subseteq V(G)$  do
7:       if  $C \in X$  then
8:         Continue
9:       for all  $S \subseteq C$  do
10:      if  $S \notin X$  then
11:        Continue
12:       $\phi_s = X[S] \cup \{v \rightarrow k \mid \forall v \in C \setminus S\}$ 
13:      if IS-COLORING( $C, \phi_s$ ) then
14:         $X[C] \leftarrow \phi_s$ 
15:        Break
16:   return  $k$ 

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The algorithms above finished, because a graph always has a colouring ( $\leq n$ ). It repeats the algorithm detailed in the previous question at most  $n$  times, so it has a complexity of  $\mathcal{O}^*(3^n)$ .

The dictionary  $X$  containing, at worst, all the parts of the set of vertices. So the space complexity is  $\mathcal{O}^*(2^n)$