

# Linear Time Algorithm for Maximum Weighted Independent Set on Probe Interval Graphs

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## Abstract

In this paper, we linear time algorithm for maximum weighted independent set problem on probe interval graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

## 2. Preliminary

Suppose  $G = (P, N, E)$  is a probe interval graph.  $P$  is the set of Probe vertices,  $N$  is the set of Non-Probes and  $V = P \cup N$ . Every vertex  $i$  is labelled with weight  $w_i$ . McConnell's recognition algorithm gave an layout of the intervals in linear time. In the layout, each vertex  $i$  will be labelled as a Non-probe or Probe. Let  $(l_i, r_i)$  be the left endpoint and right endpoint for each vertex  $V_i$  in the layout. We can assume that all starting and ending points are unique and ranged from 1 to  $2n$ .

A clique is a set of intervals that intersect pairwise. A maximal clique is one that is not contained in any clique. If a clique  $C$  is maximal, then there exists a interval intersects  $C$  and  $C$  is its leftmost intersected clique, similarly, there exists a interval intersects  $C$  and  $C$  is its rightmost intersected clique. The number of maximal cliques in  $P$  is  $O(n)$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all maximal cliques in  $P$ .

### 3. Algorithm

We compute non-negative values  $w_{ij}$  for every edge (i,j) and (i,i), such that

$$\sum_j w_{ij} = w_i$$

We can separate interval  $[1, 2n]$  into segments by start points. There are  $n$  starting points, so we can separate  $[1, 2n]$  into  $n$  segments (1 must be a left endpoint). Let's define  $seg(i)$  to be segment starts from  $l_i$ . Also for each  $seg(i)$ , we get a value  $y_i$  such that

$$y_i = \max(\sum_{j \in N} w_{ji}, \max_{k \in P} w_{ki})$$

We'll show in next section that  $\sum_i y_i$  is the solution. The method for assigning  $w_{ij}$  and  $y_i$  as follows:

**Result:** Assign  $w_{ij}$  and  $y_i$  values  
 Make a copy  $w'_i$  for each  $w_i$ ,  $w'_i = w_i$  at the beginning  
**for**  $Seg(i)$  from right to left **do**  
     Let  $S_P(i)$  be the set of all Probes that intersects  $i$ .  
     Let  $S_N(i)$  be the set of all Non-Probes that intersects  $i$ .  
      $y_i \leftarrow w'_i$   
      $w_{ii} \leftarrow y_i$   
     **for**  $j$  in  $S_P(i)$  **do**  
          $w_{ji} \leftarrow \min(w'_j, y_i)$   
          $w'_j \leftarrow w'_j - w_{ji}$   
     **end**  
     **if**  $I$  is a Probe **then**  
          $y'_i \leftarrow y_i$   
         **for**  $k$  in  $S_N(i)$  from right to left by starting point **do**  
              $w_{ki} \leftarrow \min(w'_k, y'_i)$   
              $w'_k \leftarrow w'_k - w_{ki}$   
              $y'_i \leftarrow y'_i - \min(w_{ki}, y'_i)$   
         **end**  
     **end**  
**end**

**Algorithm 1:** Assigning  $w_{ij}$  and  $y_i$  values

The process goes from right to left,  $w_{ij}$  can be seen as the weight interval  $i$  unloaded into  $seg(j)$ . Every time we see a starting point of an interval  $i$ .  $w'_i$  is the remaining part of original  $w_i$ , we set  $y_i = w'_i$ , unloading. No matter whether  $i$  is a probe or a non-probe, every probe  $j$  that intersects  $i$  will spend  $y_i$  weight on  $i$ , thus  $w'_j$  will be decre

#### 4. Analysis

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any independent set  $I$ :  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \leq \sum_C y_C$*

**Proof**

$$\sum_{i \in I} w_i = \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{C: i \in C} w_{iC} = \sum_C \sum_{i \in I \cap C} w_{iC} \leq \sum_C \max\left(\sum_{i \in N} w_{iC}, \max_{i \in P} w_{iC}\right) = \sum_C y_C$$

The third inequality follows from the fact that  $I$  can only intersect clique  $C$  with a Probe or a set of Non-probes, which has less weight than sum of all weights of Non-probes or the Probe with largest weight in that clique.