Twin-width and ordered binary structures

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Trigraphs



Three outcomes between a pair of vertices: edge, or non-edge, or red edge (error edge)

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edges to $N(u) \triangle N(v)$ turn red, for $N(u) \cap N(v)$ red is absorbing















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Simple operations preserving small twin-width

- complementation: remains the same
- taking induced subgraphs: may only decrease
- adding one apex: at most "doubles"
- ▶ substitution $G(v \leftarrow H)$: max of the twin-width of G and H

Theorem (B., Geniet, Kim, Thomassé, Watrigant '20 & '21)

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- Bounded rank-width, and even, boolean-width graphs,
- every hereditary proper subclass of permutation graphs,
- posets of bounded antichain size,
- unit interval graphs,
- K_t-minor free graphs,
- map graphs with embedding,
- d-dimensional grids,
- K_t-free unit d-dimensional ball graphs,
- Ω(log n)-subdivisions of all the n-vertex graphs,
- cubic expanders defined by iterative random 2-lifts from K₄,
- flat classes,
- subgraphs of every K_{t,t}-free class above,
- first-order transductions of all the above.

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FO transduction: color by O(1) unary relations, interpret, delete



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Theorem (Downey, Fellows, Taylor '96) FO model checking is AW[*]-complete on general graphs, thus unlikely FPT on independent classes

Could it be that on every dependent class, it is FPT?
Classes with known tractable FO model checking



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FO MODEL CHECKING solvable in $f(|\varphi|, d)n$ on graphs with a d-sequence.

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Unifies and extends the same result for: σ -free permutations [Marcus, Tardos '04] K_t -minor free graphs [Norine, Seymour, Thomas, Wollan '06]

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Subcubic graphs, interval graphs, triangle-free unit segment graphs have *unbounded* twin-width

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We answer all these questions positively in the case of ordered binary structures \equiv matrices on a finite alphabet



Encode a bipartite graph (or, if symmetric, a graph)



Contraction of two columns (similar with two rows)



The red degree is now the max number of r per row/column



In the non-bipartite case, we force symmetric pairs of contractions



That was not the twin-width of ordered matrices



Let's also record the columns disagreeing with the contration



max (number of red entries + red degree)
row,column



If you find it too clumsy, encode the linear order



and we're back to the unordered definition

Matrix partition: partitions of the row set and of the column set Matrix division: same but all the parts are *consecutive*

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
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Maximum number of non-constant zones per column or row part ... until there are a single row part and column part

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Twin-width as maximum error value of a contraction sequence

Matrix FO model checking

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tractable class: FO model checking solvable in time $f(\varphi)|M|^{O(1)}$

Growth of classes

Our matrix *classes* are closed under taking submatrices

- Small class: $\#n \times n$ matrices is $2^{O(n)}$
- Subfactorial: ultimately, $\#n \times n$ matrices < n!

No non-trivial automorphism in totally ordered structures, so no need for labels

Equivalences in the matrix language

Theorem

For every matrix class \mathcal{M} , the following are equivalent.

- (i) \mathcal{M} has bounded twin-width.
- (*ii*) *M* has bounded grid rank. (division property)
- (iii) *M* is pattern-avoiding.
 (not including any of 6 "permutation-universal" classes)
- (iv) \mathcal{M} is dependent.
- (v) \mathcal{M} is monadically dependent.
- (vi) \mathcal{M} has subfactorial growth.

(vii) \mathcal{M} is small.

(viii) \mathcal{M} is tractable. (only if $\mathsf{FPT} \neq \mathsf{AW}[*]$.)

(ix) \mathcal{M} has no large rich division. (division property)

Roadmap



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Let \mathscr{C} be a hereditary class of ordered graphs. The following are equivalent.

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- (2) C is monadically dependent.
- (3) C is dependent.
- (4) \mathscr{C} is small.
- (5) \mathscr{C} contains $2^{O(n)}$ ordered n-vertex graphs.
- (6) \mathscr{C} contains less than $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} {n \choose 2k} k!$ ordered n-vertex graphs, for some n.
- (7) *C* does not include one of 25 hereditary ordered graph classes with unbounded twin-width.
- (8) FO-model checking is fixed-parameter tractable on \mathscr{C} .



Division



Division such that for each, say, column part C



Division such that for each, say, column part ${\cal C}$ no removal of k row parts



Division such that for each, say, column part C no removal of k row parts leaves C with less than k distinct column vectors



Fix an 2k(k+1)-rich division \mathcal{D} , and assume there is a k-sequence \mathcal{S}



Consider the first time a part of ${\mathcal S}$ intersects 3 parts of ${\mathcal D}$



There are at most k other column parts intersecting C'_{b} (red degree of C_{j})



Each such part C_z is non-vertical in at most 2k zones of $\mathcal D$
Large rich division \Rightarrow unbounded twin-width



Thus removing 2k(k+1) row parts of $\mathcal{D} \to \leqslant k+1$ distinct columns

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- \rightarrow approximation of twin-width for ordered binary structures

Theorem

There is a fixed-parameter algorithm, which, given an ordered binary structure G and a parameter k, either outputs

- ▶ a $2^{O(k^4)}$ -sequence of G, implying that tww(G) = $2^{O(k^4)}$, or
- ▶ a 2k(k+1)-rich division of M(G), implying that tww(G) > k.

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k-rank division

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k-by-k division where every cell has rank at least k

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Grid rank of M =largest k such that M admits a k-rank division



Fix a large rich division ${\cal D}$



Red zones = large rank; Blue zones = first of its column to contain a particular row vector



Marcus-Tardos theorem applied to the colored zones ightarrow division \mathcal{D}'



Coarser division \mathcal{D}'' , 1 zone of $\mathcal{D}'' \equiv 2^k \times 2^k$ zones of \mathcal{D}'



A zone of $\mathcal{D}^{\prime\prime}$ containing a red zone has large rank



Other zones have diagonals of blue zones





Latin rank division: high-rank zones are boxed (red) in a universal permutation pattern,



...they are the usual suspects: diagonal, anti-diagonal, upper triangular, upper anti-triangular, and their *complements*



...while every other subzones are constant



Reversible encoding of $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ by a 6×6 matrix



Injection from \mathfrak{S}_n to $\mathcal{M}_{2n} \to |\mathcal{M}_n| \ge \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor!$

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Further extractions in the rank Latin division



Submatrix agreeing on 1 of 16 patterns for the constant zones $\eta: \{-1,1\}^2 \cup \{(0,0)\} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ with $\eta(0,0) = 1 - \eta(1,1)$

Large rank Latin division \Rightarrow permutation-universal



An example of a pattern with $\eta(x, y) = 0$ iff x = y = 1

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Another example

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Now injection from \mathfrak{S}_n to \mathcal{M}_n , so $|\mathcal{M}_n| \ge n!$

Only 6 minimal permutation-universal classes



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- A bit more work to get the fine-grained bound





Thank you for your attention!