Maximum Clique on Disks

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Find a largest collection of disks that pairwise intersect





Guess two farthest disks in an optimum solution S.



Hence, all the centers of S lie inside the bold digon.



Two disks centered in the same-color region intersect.



We solve Max Clique in a co-bipartite graph.



We solve Max Independent Set in a bipartite graph.

Disk graphs

Unweighted problems

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Feedback vertex set [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Graph isomorphism [?]	Unknown to ISGCI	[+]Details
Hamiltonian cycle [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Hamiltonian path [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Independent dominating set [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
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Maximum bisection [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Maximum cut [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Minimum bisection [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Monopolarity [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Polarity [?]	NP-complete	[+]Details
Recognition [?]	NP-hard	[+]Details

Inherits the NP-hardness of planar graphs.

So what is known for Max Clique on disk graphs?

- Polynomial-time 2-approximation
 - ► For any clique there are 4 points hitting all the disks.
 - Guess those points.
 - Solve exactly in each of the $\binom{4}{2}$ co-bipartite graphs.
 - Output the best solution.
- No non-trivial exact algorithm known.



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Reformulation: either

- the line $\ell(c_1, c_2)$ crosses the segment c_3c_4 , or
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- both; equivalently, the segments c_1c_2 and c_3c_4 cross.



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It should be that $a_i + b_i - c_i = t$.

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Hence *s* and *t* cannot be both odd.

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Are there other graphs of co-degree 2 which are not disk?

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Disks of different cycle complements intersect





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Different representation with non-unit disks



Same construction except \mathcal{D}'_1 intersects \mathcal{D}'_{2s} and \mathcal{D}'_{2s+1} is "co-tangent" to \mathcal{D}'_1 and \mathcal{D}'_{2s} .

Complement of many even cycles and one odd cycle



Sanity check: trying to stack complements of odd cycles



 $\mathcal{D}_{2s'+1}''$ cannot possibly intersect \mathcal{D}_1'

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Another way to see it:

at least one edge between two vertex-disjoint odd cycles



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Graphs of filled ellipses or filled triangles contain all the co-2-subdivisions.







Thank you for your attention!