

The PACE 2023 Challenge: Twin-Width

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Outline

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Computing Twin-width

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Section 1

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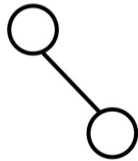
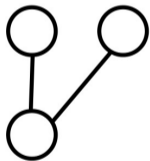
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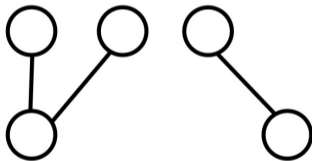
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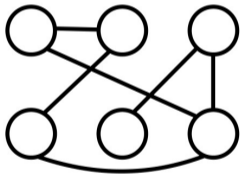
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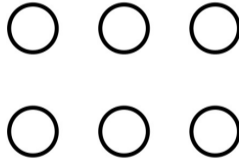
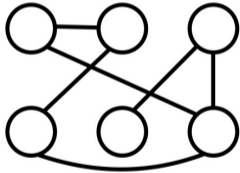
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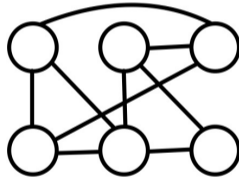
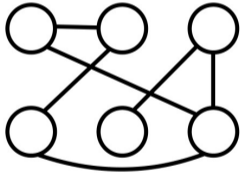
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This is called *twin-width* [BKTW20]



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- | Our edges in E will have a color associated with them: black or **red**.
 - | The red edges will be our **error** that we want
- | Vertices are black neighbors if linked by a black edge, and red neighbors if linked by a red edge

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All other edges are left alone and maintain their color

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The **twin-width** of G is the minimum d such that there exists a d -sequence of G

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If we have the d -sequence for a graph, we can decompose the graph into complete bipartite graphs and do breadth-first-search in $O(n \log n)$ time [BGK⁺ 20]

This works even if the number of edges is $\Theta(n^2)$

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Computing Twin-width

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There are some things known for special cases

- | Cographs are the graphs with twin-width zero
- | d -dimensional graphs have twin-width $\leq 3d$ [BKTW20]
- | Planar graphs have twin-width ≤ 9 , and bipartite planar graphs have twin-width ≤ 6 [Hli22]
- | Graphs with 4 vertices have twin-width ≤ 1 and graphs with 5 vertices have twin-width ≤ 2 [Das22]
- | In general, bipartite graphs may have arbitrarily large twin-width



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[SS21] found a way to encode twin-width into a SAT formula

This is one of the only ways we can reasonable compute twin-widths



Section 3

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A Programming Competition

Parameterized **A**lgorithms and **C**omputational **E**xperiments is a long-term programming competition

Our goal will be to devise an efficient algorithm to compute the twin-width d of arbitrary graphs and their d -sequence

- | Exact Track: Compute the exact sequence
- | Heuristic Track: Compute an approximate sequence



The Club Submission

I only found out about this recently so we are a bit behind

We should make one submission on one track

- | I was thinking about focusing on the exact track






There are 100 public test cases + 100 test cases

Score = the number of test cases we can solve in a given time limit

My goal is just to put together something and see how well we do



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