

Recall: Fixed Parameter Tractable Algorithm (FPT)
has run time $O(f(k)n^c)$

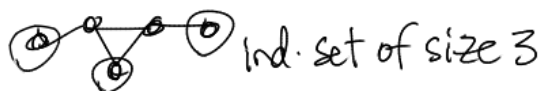
n - input size

k - a parameter of the input.

$f(k)$ - function of k , independent of n

c - constant, independent of k .

Ex. Ind. Set - Given a graph G , does it have an ind. set $\geq k$?



Brute force $O(\underbrace{n^k}_{\# \text{ k subsets of n vertices}} \cdot (n+m))$

k subsets of n vertices

NOT Fixed parameter tractable.

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Note: corrected from last day)

Ex. Vertex Cover parameter = size of min V.C.

FPT alg. $O(2^k \cdot n)$ - using branching alg.

$O(2^k \cdot k^2 + m+n)$ - kernelization.

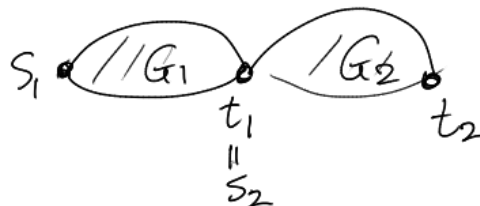
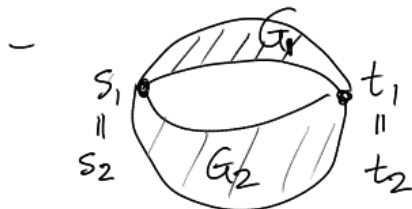
Today: Ind. Set and FPT with a parameter that measures how "tree-like" is our graph.

Can use same idea for graphs that are "close to" trees.

Series-parallel graphs (SP graphs)

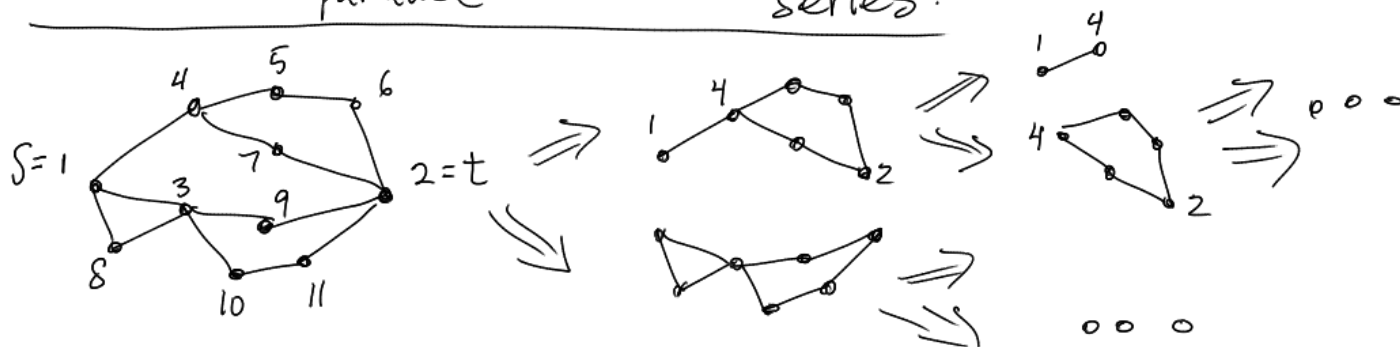
defined recursively - graph + two "terminal" nodes s, t .

- $s \text{ --- } t$ is SP



parallel

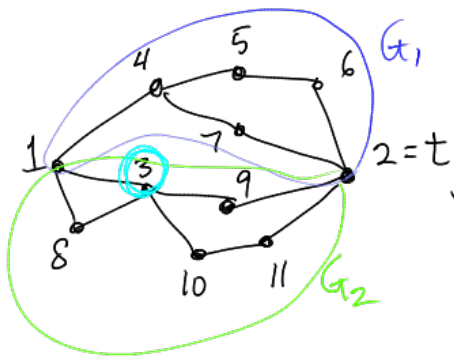
series.



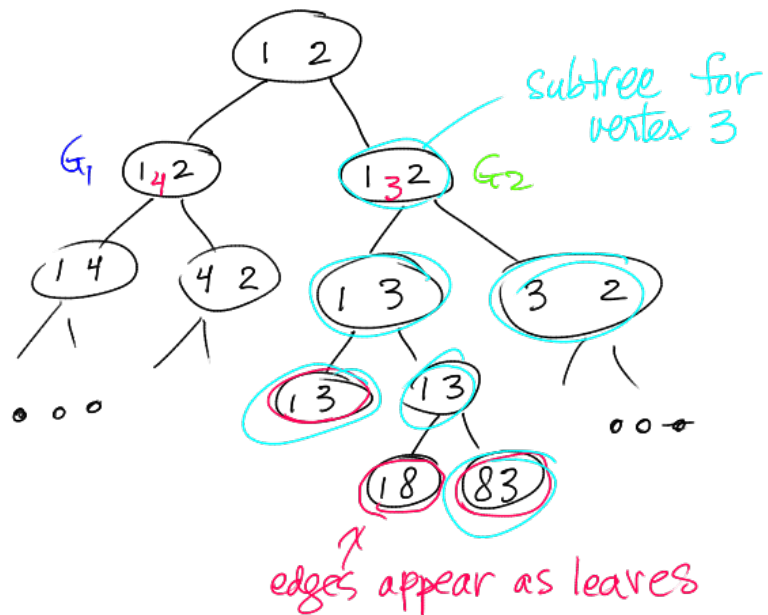
Ind. Set in series parallel graph.

We can do dyn. programming based on

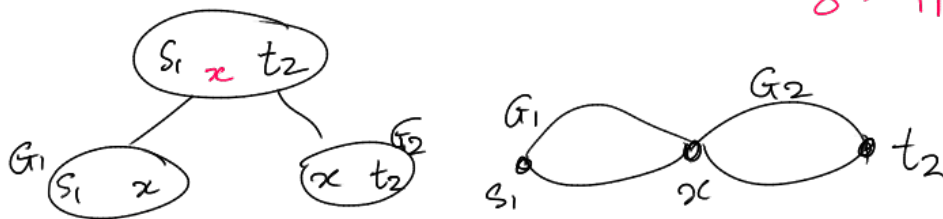
- max. ind. set including s and t
- - - - - s , not t
- - - - - not s , t
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We can model as a tree



For each "series" step,
include middle terminal
in parent node of tree:



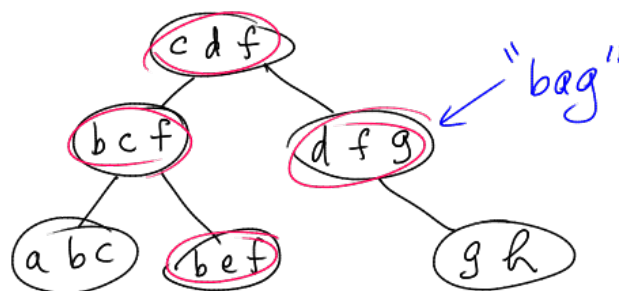
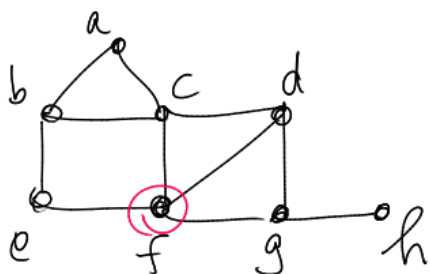
Properties

1. If $e = (u, v)$ is an edge of G then u and v appear together in a tree node
2. Every vertex v of G corresponds to a subtree of T

Generalization Tree-width. - Robertson & Seymour
Graph Minors Project

represent graph as a tree

20 papers, 500 pages.



We have properties 1 & 2

width of decomposition = size of largest bag - 1
tree-width of G = min. width of any tree
decomposition, $\leq n-1$
(put all vertices in one bag)

and we only need $\leq n$ bags in any tree decomposition.
(this is not hard to prove).

1 Graphs of tree-width 1 = forests (subgraphs of trees)
 2 - - - 2 = subgraphs of series-parallel

4 FACT: Finding tree-width of a graph is NP-hard.

6 But there is an FPT alg.
 7 $O(2^{O(k^3)} \cdot n)$

10 Thm Max Weight Ind. Set in graph of tree-width k
 11 can be found in time $O(2^k \cdot n)$

12 Idea: use dynamic programming, working up the tree.

14 For each bag B (size $\leq k+1$)

15 we find, for each subset $A \subseteq B$ (there are $O(2^k)$ of them)
 16 a max weight ind. set including A , excluding $B-A$.
 17 in subtree rooted at B .

19 Other problems FPT in tree-width

- 20 - 3-colouring
- 21 - min. colouring
- 22 - Hamiltonian cycle (more complicated - still dyn. prog.)

23 Hardness results.

24 all relative results of form:

26 FPT alg. for problem $X \Rightarrow$ FPT alg. for problem Y
 27 proved via reduction that preserves parameter
 28 & FPT.

29 (technical).