

Enumerating minimal dominating sets in K_t -free graphs and variants

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Typical question:

Given *input* I , list all *objects of type* X in I .

Examples:

- cycles, cliques, stable sets, dominating sets of a **graph**
- transversals of a **hypergraph**
- antichains of a **partial order**
- variable assignments satisfying a **formula**
- answers to a **query**
- trains to Paris leaving tomorrow before 10:00
- ...

Remark: possibly many objects!

$$3^{n/3} \approx 1.4422^n$$



Two perspectives about complexity

Input-sensitive: in terms of input size

Theorem (Fomin, Grandoni, Pyatkin, and Stepanov, 2008)

*There is an $O(1.7159^n)$ -time algorithm enumerating all **minimal dominating sets** in n -vertex graphs.*

→ *basically upper-bounds the number of objects*

Output-sensitive: in terms of input+output size

Theorem (Fredman and Khachiyan, 1996)

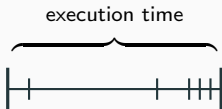
*There is a $N^{o(\log N)}$ -time algorithm enumerating all **minimal dominating sets** in n -vertex graphs, where $N = n + |\mathcal{D}(G)|$.*

→ *many techniques (reverse search, backtrack search, ordered generation, proximity search, etc.)*

“Fast” output-sensitive algorithms

Let n be **input size**, e.g., number of vertices of a graph G

Let d be **output size**, e.g., number of maximal cliques in G



output-polynomial

algo. stops in $\text{poly}(n + d)$ -time



incremental-polynomial

outputs i^{th} solution in $\text{poly}(n + i)$ -time

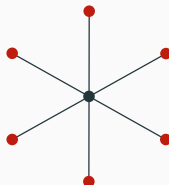
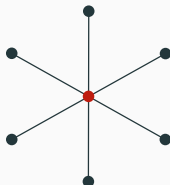


polynomial-delay

$\text{poly}(n)$ -time between two cons. outputs

Minimal dominating sets

- $N(v)$: neighborhood of vertex v
- **dominating set** (DS): $D \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. $V(G) = D \cup N(D)$
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Private neighbors and irredundant sets

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- **private neighbor** of $v \in D$:
vertex that is $\begin{cases} \text{dominated by } v, \text{ and} \\ \text{not dominated by } D \setminus \{v\} \end{cases}$ (possibly v)
- **irredundant set**: $S \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. every $x \in S$ has a priv. neighbor

Observation

A DS is **minimal** if and only if it is **irredundant**.

if all its vertices have a private neighbor.

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input: a n -vertex graph G .

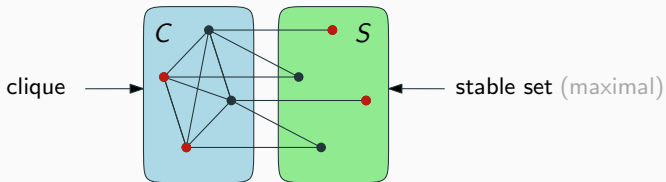
output: the set $\mathcal{D}(G)$ of minimal DS of G .

Dream goal: an output-poly. $\text{poly}(N)$ algorithm, $N = n + |\mathcal{D}(G)|$

General case: open, best is quasi-polynomial $N^{o(\log N)}$

Known cases:

- **output poly.**: $\log(n)$ -degenerate graphs
- **incr. poly.**: chordal bipartite graphs, bounded conformality graphs
- **poly. delay**: degenerate, line, and chordal graphs
- **linear delay**: permutation and interval graphs, graphs with bounded clique-width, split and P_7 -free chordal graphs



Proposition (Kanté, Limouzy, Mary, and Nourine, 2014)

A set $D \subseteq V(G)$ is a **minimal DS** of G iff D **dominates** S and every $v \in D$ has a **private neighbor** in S .

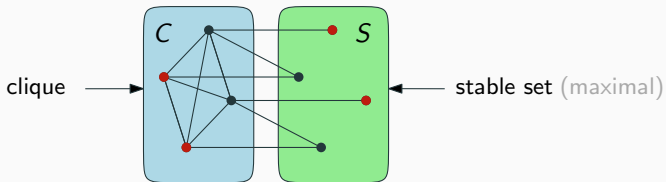
Then: $D \cap S = \{\text{all vertices not dominated by } D \cap C\}$

Enumeration: complete every **irredundant set** $X \subseteq C$ in S

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→ can be enumerated with linear delay

Dom-Enum in split graphs (Kanté et al., 2014)



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There is a *linear-delay* (and *poly. space*) *algorithm* enumerating *minimal dominating sets* in *split graphs*.

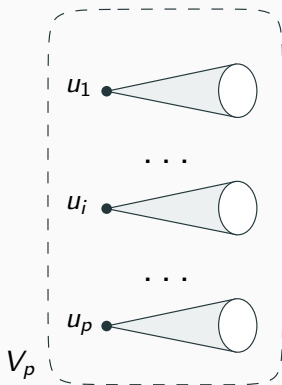
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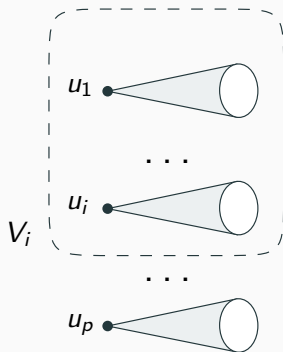
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Peeling: sequence (V_0, \dots, V_p) s.t.

1. $V_p = V(G)$
2. for $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$:
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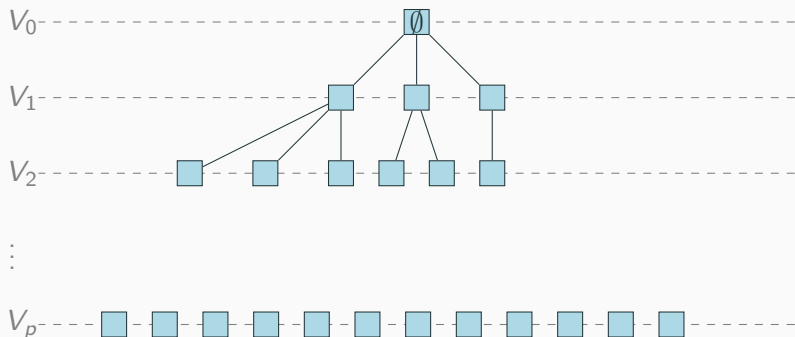
Dominating set (DS) of V_i :

- $D \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. $V_i \subseteq D \cup N(D)$
“ D can see everybody else in V_i ”

Plan:

1. given minimal DS of V_i
allowing vertices of $G - V_i$
2. enumerate those of V_{i+1}
allowing vertices of $G - V_{i+1}$

The algorithm

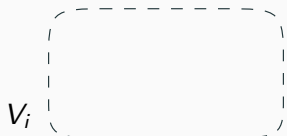


Important wanted properties:

- no **cycle** (using a *parent relation*: lexicographical order)
- no **leaf before level p** (no *exponential blowup*)

Minimal DS of V_{i+1} from those of V_i

Goal: extend each **minimal DS** D of V_i to a **minimal DS** of V_{i+1}



Observation:

- possibly D **minimally** dominates V_{i+1}
- if not then $D \cup \{u_{i+1}\}$ does

extension is always possible, hence

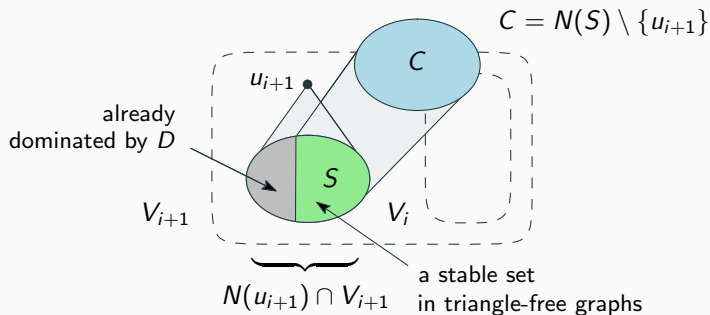
$$\begin{aligned} |\text{minimal DS of } V_i| &\leq |\text{minimal DS of } V_{i+1}| \\ &\leq |\text{minimal DS of } G| \end{aligned}$$

candidate extension of D : minimal set X s.t. $D \cup X$ dominates V_{i+1}

Lemma

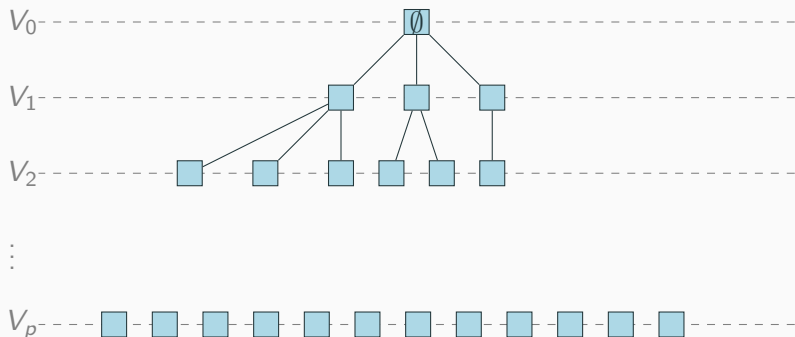
$$|\text{candidate extensions of } D| \leq |\text{minimal DS of } G|$$

Which are the candidate extensions? The triangle-free case



- if u_{i+1} dom. by D : they only have to dominate S
 \rightarrow exactly the minimal DS of $\text{Split}(C, S)$
- if u_{i+1} not dom. by D : they should also dom. u_{i+1}
 irredundant $\{t\} \cup Q$ s.t. $\begin{cases} t \in N(u_{i+1}) \\ Q \text{ minimal DS of } \text{Split}(C, S) \end{cases}$

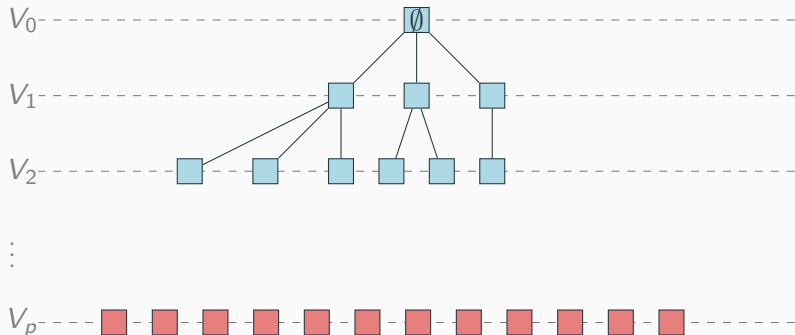
Complexity: the triangle-free case



For each minimal DS of V_i :

- compute all candidate extensions; in time $O(\text{poly}(n) \cdot |\mathcal{D}(G)|)$
- only keep the $X \cup D$'s that are minimal and children of D

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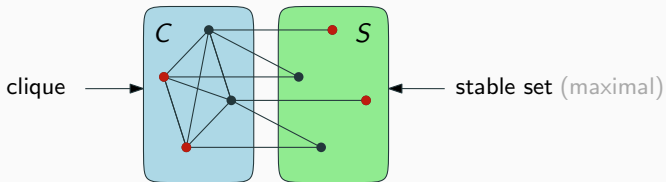
Theorem (Bonamy, D., Heinrich, and Raymond, 2019)

The set $\mathcal{D}(G)$ of minimal DS of any *triangle-free graph* G can be enumerated in time $O(\text{poly}(n) \cdot |\mathcal{D}(G)|^2)$ and *polynomial space*.

Bicolored graph

Bicolored graph: graph G with a bipartition A, B of $V(G)$

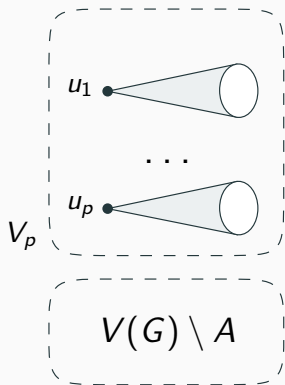
- $G(A)$: bicolored graph of bipartition $(A, V(G) \setminus A)$
- **dominating set (DS) of $G(A)$:** $D \subseteq V(G)$ s.t. $A \subseteq D \cup N(D)$
“ D can see everybody else in A ”
- $\mathcal{D}(G, A)$: inclusion-wise minimal DS of $G(A)$



On split graphs of (maximal) stable set S , $\mathcal{D}(G) = \mathcal{D}(G, S)$

Peeling of a bicolored graph

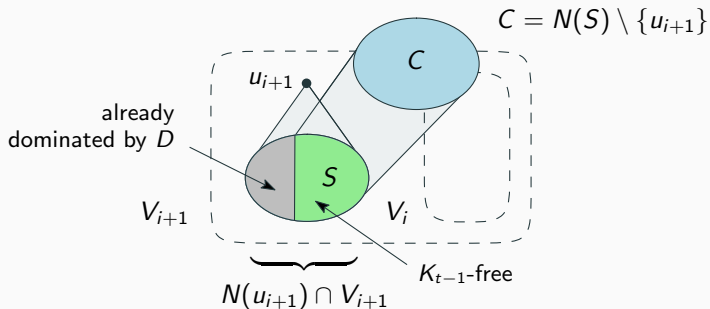
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Theorem (Bonamy, D., Heinrich, Pilipczuk, and Raymond)

The set $\mathcal{D}(G)$ of minimal DS of any graph G can be enumerated in time $O(n^{2^{t+1}} \cdot |\mathcal{D}(G)|^{2^t})$ and poly. space where $t = \omega(G) + 1$.

Future work:

- complexity improvements? delay is still open for bipartite graphs

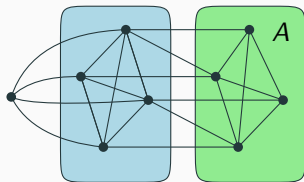
Theorem (Bonamy, D., Heinrich, and Raymond, 2019)

Deciding if a vertex set S can be extended into a minimal DS is NP-complete in bipartite graphs.

- extensions to other classes?
 - $K_t + K_2$ -free, paw-free, diamond-free ✓
 - C_4 -free ? ✗
 - comparability and unit disk ? ✗

Observation

Enumerating the *minimal DS* of $G(S)$ is *harder than Dom-Enum* whenever A can contain an *arbitrary large clique*.



Dom-Enum is as hard in *co-bipartite graphs* as in *general graphs* (Kanté et al., 2014)