

Probably Optimal Graph Motifs

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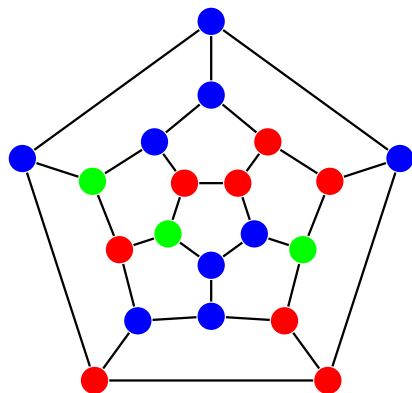
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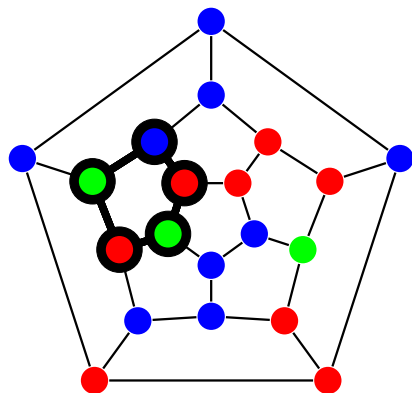
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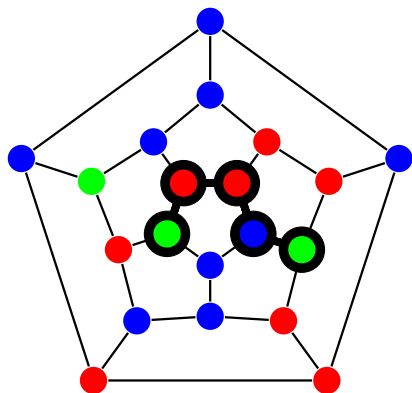
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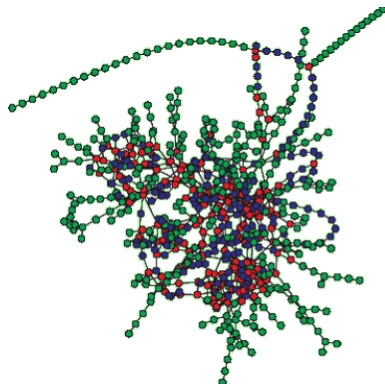
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Graph Motif: motivation, complexity

- Introduced in 2006 by Lacroix et al. as a model of functional motif search in metabolic networks
- NP-complete (even when G is a tree and M is a set)
- In bioinformatics applications $|V| < 10\,000$, $|M| < 20$.
- So, maybe FPT?



FPT algorithms for Graph Motif

Let k be the size (number of vertices) of the solution (here: $k = |M|$).
Denote $O^*(f(k)) = O(f(k)\text{poly}(n))$.

Previous results

- $O^*(87^k)$ [Fellows, Fertin, Hermelin and Vialette 2007]
- $O^*(4.32^k)$ [Betzler, Fellows, Komusiewicz and Niedermeier 2008]
- $O^*(4^k)$ [Guillemot and Sikora 2010]
- $O^*(2.54^k)$ [Koutis 2012]

Our result (to be continued...)

- An $O(2^k mk)$ -time algorithm for GRAPH MOTIF,
- An $O^*((2 - \epsilon)^k)$ -time algorithm for GRAPH MOTIF gives a $O((2 - \epsilon')^n)$ -time algorithm for SET COVER

Note: All the algorithms above are randomized Monte-Carlo.

What if there is no motif in the graph?

Is there something **close** to the motif?

There are three optimization versions
(introduced by Dondi, Fertin, Vialette CPM'09, CPM'11):

- MAX MOTIF,
- MIN-ADD,
- MIN-SUBSTITUTE

MAX MOTIF problem

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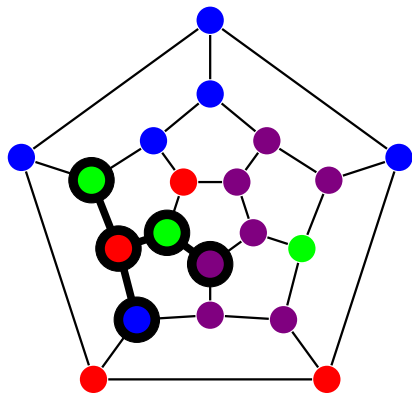
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Find **the largest** subset $S \subseteq V$ s.t.

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(**Remove** as few elements from M as possible to get a YES-instance.)



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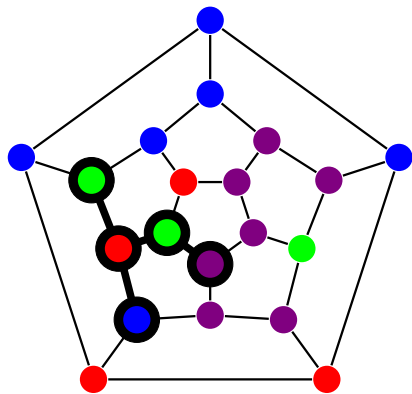
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Decision Version

Is there a subset $S \subseteq V$ s.t.

- $|S| = k$,
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MIN-ADD problem

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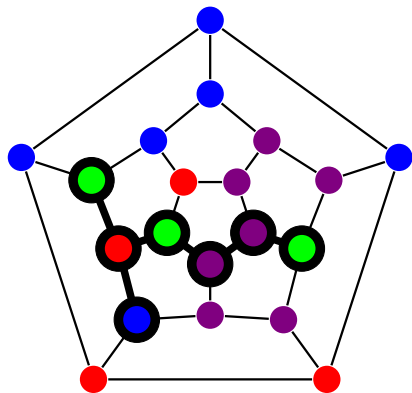
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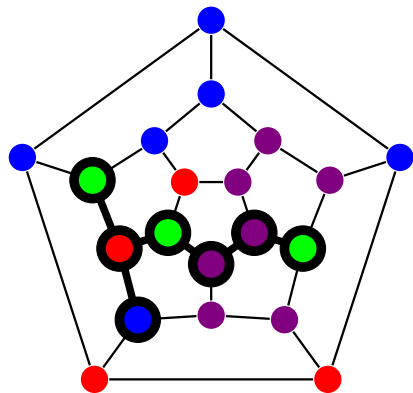
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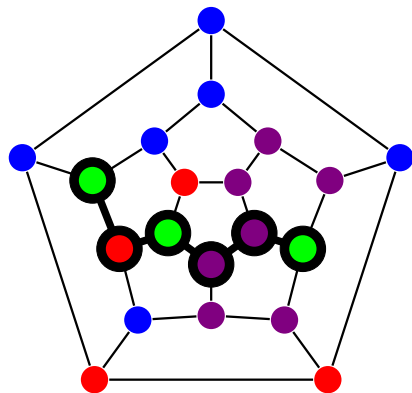
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- $G[S]$ is connected,
- $c(S)$ can be obtained from M by a minimum number of substitutions.



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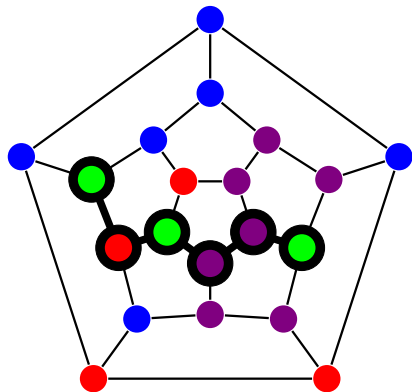
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Previous best results for optimization versions (all by Koutis 2012):

- MAX MOTIF = MIN-DELETE $O^*(2.54^k)$
- MIN-ADD $O^*(2.54^k)$
- MIN-SUBSTITUTE $O^*(5.08^k)$

- 1 We introduce a new variant, CLOSEST MOTIF:
minimize the **edit distance** between M and $c(S)$,
- 2 CLOSEST MOTIF encompasses all the three optimization versions,
- 3 We show a $O^*(2^k)$ -time algorithm for CLOSEST MOTIF.

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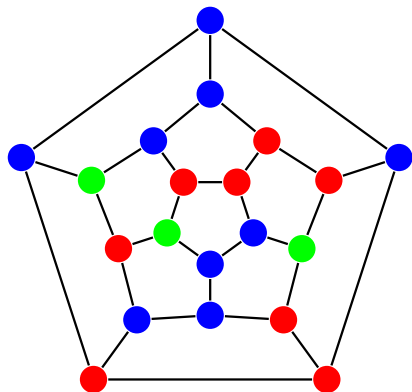
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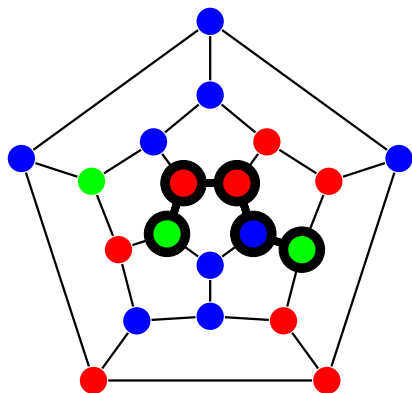
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Approach: testing whether a polynomial is nonzero

The plan

We construct a multivariate polynomial P over $GF(2^\beta)$ such that:

- $P \neq 0$ iff YES-instance.
- We can evaluate P at a given point (vector) fast.

Schwartz-Zippel Lemma

- Polynomials over fields have few zeroes.
- So, we can test whether a polynomial $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is nonzero w.h.p. by evaluating it in a random vector (x_1, \dots, x_n) .

The plan continued

So, we will get a randomized Monte-Carlo one-sided error algorithm running in time of evaluating P .

Shades

- Set of colors: $C = c(V)$
- Let $m : C \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the multiplicity function of M .
- For $c \in C$ let $D(c) = \{(c, i) : i = 1, \dots, m(c)\}$ be the set of **shades** of color c
- Let $D = \bigcup_c D(c)$.

Example:

$$M = \{ \text{blue}, \text{red}, \text{red}, \text{red}, \text{green}, \text{green} \}, \quad D = \{ \text{blue}, \text{pink}, \text{red}, \text{dark red}, \text{green}, \text{dark green} \}$$

Consistent labellings

- Let $W = v_1, \dots, v_k$ be a walk.
- Labelling $\ell : \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow D$ is **consistent** if for every $i = 1, \dots, k$ we have $\ell(i) \in D(c(v_i))$.

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- Since the field is of characteristic 2, $\text{mon}(W, \ell)$ and $\text{mon}(W, \ell')$ cancel out!

$P \neq 0$ iff a YES-instance



$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\text{walk } W = v_1, \dots, v_k} \sum_{\substack{\ell: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow D \\ \ell \text{ is bijective} \\ \ell \text{ is consistent}}} \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} x_{v_i, v_{i+1}} \prod_{i=1}^k y_{v_i, \ell(i)}}_{\text{mon}(W, \ell)}$$

We have proved that

if $P \neq 0$ then we have a YES-instance.

Observation

- Every labelled walk which is a path gets a **unique** monomial.
- So, monomials of simple paths **do not cancel-out**.
- So, if we have a YES-instance then $P \neq 0$.

Corollary

if there is a k -path in G then $P \neq 0$.

$$\text{Evaluating } P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\text{walk } W} \sum_{\substack{\ell: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow D \\ \ell \text{ is bijective} \\ \ell \text{ is consistent}}} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} x_{v_i, v_{i+1}} \prod_{i=1}^k y_{v_i, \ell(i)}$$

- By the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle one can show that

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{X \subseteq \{1, \dots, k\}} \underbrace{\sum_{\text{walk } W} \sum_{\substack{\ell: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow X \\ \ell \text{ is consistent}}} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} x_{v_i, v_{i+1}} \prod_{i=1}^k y_{v_i, \ell(i)}}_{P_X(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}$$

- By dynamic programming P_X can be evaluated in polynomial time.

Corollary

The toy problem can be solved by a $O^*(2^k)$ -time polynomial space one-sided error Monte-Carlo algorithm.

GRAPH MOTIF, equivalent formulation

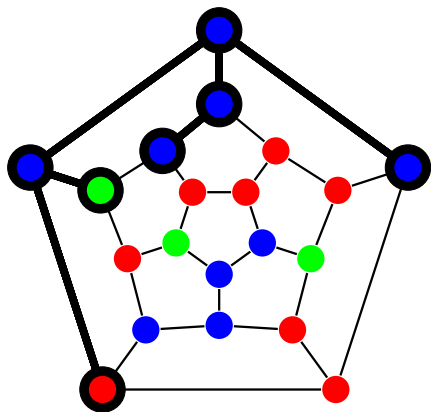
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Is there a **tree** $T \subseteq G$ such that

- $c(V(T))$ matches M ?



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It suffices to replace walks by “tree-like walks”. They are called branching walks.

Details skipped.

Maximum Graph Motif Hero (path version)

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{W = x_1, \dots, x_k} \sum_{\substack{s: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow D \\ s \text{ is consistent}}} \sum_{\substack{\ell: \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\} \\ \ell \text{ is bijective}}} \text{mon}(W, s, \ell)$$

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... and finally ...

the one everybody is waiting for ...

Closest Motif Hero

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{W = (T, h)} \sum_{f: V(T) \rightarrow \{0,1\}} \sum_{\substack{s: V(T) \rightarrow D \\ s \text{ is } f\text{-consistent}}} \sum_{\substack{\ell: V(T) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\} \\ \ell \text{ is bijective}}} \text{mon}(W, s, \ell, f) \eta^{\kappa(f, s)}$$

$$\text{mon}(W, s, \ell, f) = \prod_{\substack{uv \in E(T) \\ u = \text{parent}(v)}} x_{h(u), h(v)} \prod_{v \in V(T)} y_{h(v), s(v)} z_{s(v), \ell(v)} \prod_{u \in V(T)} w_{h(u)}^{f(u)}$$



Don't even try to parse it!