# Algorithmics of Modular DECOMPOSITION 

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Examples of modules:

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- A graph (a module) is degenerate if every subset of vertices is a module: cliques and stables.


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Observation: If a $P_{4}$ on $\{a, b, c, d\}$ overlap a module $M$, then

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- other many others for variants of modular decomposition


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Cographs can be built from the single vertex with the disjoint union and series composition

Exercice: prove that cographs are permutation graphs

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Linear time recognition algorithms

- incremental [Corneil, Pearl, Stewart'85]
- partition refinement [Habib, P.'05]
- LexBFS [Bretscher, Corneil, Habib, P.'08]

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- $\{v\}$ and the maximal modules of $G$ not containing $v$.


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2. Compute $M D\left(G_{/ \mathcal{M}(G, v)}\right)$
3. For each $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{M}(G, v)$ compute $M D(G[\mathcal{X}])$

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- [Tedder, Corneil, Habib, P.'08] simple linear time algorithm

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- Computation of all common intervals in linear time - $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ [Uno, Yagura'00]


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Strong (common) interval doesn't overlap other common intervals
Lemma [de Montgolfier] A set $S$ is a strong interval of $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ iff it is a strong module of the permutation graph $G\left(\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{2}\right)$

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Theorem (see e.g. [Bergeron et al.'08])
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- a permutation is separable iff the permutation graph $G(\sigma, \mathbb{1})$ is a cograph ( $P_{4}$-free graph)


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- Modular decomposition tree from a factoring permutation in linear time [Capelle'97]

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- NP-Complete [Alon'06] [Charbit et al.'07]
- FTP [Raman, Saurabh'06] [Alon et al.'09]
- (1 $+\epsilon$ )-approximation scheme [Kenyon-Mathieu, Schudy'07]

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The span $s(\overrightarrow{u v})$ of a backward arc of a reduced tournament is $\leqslant 2 k+2$


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Theorem [Bessy et al. '09]: Every instance ( $T, k$ ) of $k$-FAST can be reduced in polynomial time to an equivalent instance ( $T, k^{\prime}$ ) such that

$$
|T| \leqslant 2 k+\sum t_{i}=O(k \sqrt{k}) \text { and } k^{\prime} \leqslant k
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- we described a $O(k \sqrt{k})$-vertex kernel for FAST based on modular decomposition
- best known result: $O(k)$-vertex kernel ([Bessy et al.'09], [P., Perez, Thomassé'11])


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Other modular decomposition kernelizations:

- $O\left(k^{2}\right)$-vertex kernel for CLUSTER EDITING
- $O\left(k^{3}\right)$-vertex kernel for COGRAPH EDIting
- also for min flip consensus tree, closest 3-leaf POWER...


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- Various generalizations
- bimodular decomposition (module adapted to bipartite graphs)
- bipartitive families: eg. split decomposition of graphs $O(n+\alpha(n, m) . m)$ circle graph recognition
- crossing families, union-difference families of sets...
- clique-width (cographs are clique-widht 2 graphs), rankwidth


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