# Fixed-Parameter Algorithms for Consecutive Ones Submatrix Problems 

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\begin{array}{lllll}
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\end{array}
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Examples for matrices not having the C1P:

| 1 | 1 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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The Consecutive Ones Property. . .

- ...expresses "locality" of the input data.
- ....appears in many applications, e.g.
- in railway system optimization
[Ruf, Schöbel, Discrete Optimization, 2004;
Mecke, Wagner, ESA '04],
- bioinformatics [Christof, Oswald, Reinelt, IPCO '98; Lu, Hsu, J. Comp. Biology, 2003].
- ...can be recognized in polynomial time [Booth, Lueker, J. Comput. System Sci., 1976; Meidanis, Porto, Telles, Discrete Appl. Math., 1998; Habib, McConnell, Paul, Viennot, Theor. Comput. Sci., 2000,
Hsu, J. Algorithms, 2002; McConnell, SODA '04].
- ... is subject of current research
[Hajiaghayi, Ganjali, Inf. Process. Lett., 2002;
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## Problem Definition

## Min-COS-C (Min-COS-R)

Given: A matrix $M$ and a positive integer $k$.
Question: Can we delete at most $k$ columns (at most $k$ rows) such that the resulting matrix has the C1P?

Min-COS-C is NP-complete even on $(2,3)$ - and (3,2)-matrices [Hajiaghayi, Ganjali, Inform. Process. Letters, 2002;
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## Problem Kernel for IDPS

Theorem: IDPS with parameter $k$ admits a problem kernel with $O\left(k^{2}\right)$ vertices and $O\left(k^{2}\right)$ edges.

Data reduction rules:

1. If a degree-two vertex $v$ has two degree-at-most-two neighbors $u, w$ with $\{u, w\} \notin E$, remove $v$ from $G$ and connect $u, w$ by an edge.
2. If a vertex $v$ has more than $k+2$ neighbors, then remove $v$ from $G$, add $v$ to the solution, and decrease $k$ by one.


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Theorem: A matrix has the C1P iff it contains none of the shown matrices.
[Tucker, Journal of Combinatorial Theory (B), 1972]

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \overbrace{\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{|ccccc|c}
\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \cdots & & 0 \\
0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \cdots & \\
0 & \ldots & \cdots & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\
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\mathbf{1} & & \ldots & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\
M_{\mathrm{II}_{p}}, & p \geq 1
\end{array}\right.}^{p+3}\} p+3 \\
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0 & \mathbf{1} & \cdots & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1}
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Approach: Use a search tree algorithm.

Repeat:

1. Search for a "forbidden submatrix".
2. Branch on which of its columns has to be deleted.

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| $p+2$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0\end{array}$ |  |
| 0 1 1 0 $\cdots$  | $p+2$ |
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| $M_{\mathrm{I}_{p}}, p \geq 1$ |  |

$\overbrace{\begin{array}{|ccccc|c}\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \ldots & & 0 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \hline 0 & \mathbf{1} & & \cdots & 0 \\ \mathbf{1} & \ldots & \mathbf{1} & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ M_{\mathrm{II}_{p}}, & p \geq 1\end{array}}^{p+3}\} p+3$

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A $(\infty, \Delta)$-matrix can contain

- $M_{1_{p}}$ with unbounded size,
- $M_{I_{p}}$ with $1 \leq p \leq \Delta-2$,
- $M_{\text {III }_{p}}$ with $1 \leq p \leq \Delta-1$,
- $M_{\mathrm{IV}}$, and $M_{\mathrm{V}}$.


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Forbidden subgraphs for vertex-disjoint unions of paths:


## Min-COS-C / Min-COS-R on $(\infty, \Delta)$-Matrices

Algorithmic framework for Min-COS-C / Min-COS-R:

1. Destroy the submatrices from

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\begin{aligned}
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& \cup\left\{M_{\mathrm{III}}^{p}|~| 1 \leq p \leq \Delta-1\right\} \cup\left\{M_{\mathrm{IV}}, M_{\mathrm{V}}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

2. Destroy the remaining $M_{l_{p}}(p \geq \Delta)$.

We show:

- We can find a submatrix from $X$ in polynomial time.
- If a $(\infty, \Delta)$-matrix $M$ contains none of the matrices in $X$ as a submatrix, then $M$ can be divided into submatrices that have the "circular ones property".
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If a $(\infty, \Delta)$-matrix $M$ contains none of the matrices in $X$ as a submatrix, then every component of $M$ has the circular ones property.

Components of a matrix:

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $r_{1}$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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If a $(\infty, \Delta)$-matrix $M$ contains none of the matrices in $X$ as a submatrix, then every component of $M$ has the circular ones property.

Proof by contraposition:

If a component $B$ of a $(\infty, \Delta)$-matrix does not have the circular ones property, then it contains one of the submatrices from $X$.

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$\Rightarrow$ We can always find a submatrix from $X$ in $B$.


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Also open: Deletion of entries instead of columns or rows?

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