Approximation and Fixed-Parameter Algorithms for Consecutive Ones Submatrix Problems

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Examples for matrices **not** having the C1P:



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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; Tan, Zhang, Algorithmica, 2007].

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; Tan, Zhang, Algorithmica, 2007]. Min-COS-R is NP-complete even on (3, 2)-matrices [Hajiaghayi, Ganjali, Inform. Process. Letters, 2002].

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Theorem: A matrix has the C1P iff it contains none of the shown matrices.

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[Tucker, Journal of Combinatorial Theory (B), 1972]



Approach: Use a search tree algorithm.

Repeat:

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

Search Tree Algorithm:



Finite size c of forbidden matrices \Rightarrow search tree of size $O(c^k)$. (Alternatively: Factor-c approximation algorithm.)

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- A ($*, \Delta$)-matrix can contain
 - M_{I_p} with unbounded size,
 - $M_{{\sf II}_p}$ with $1 \le p \le \Delta 2$,
 - M_{Π_p} with $1 \le p \le \Delta 1$,
 - ► M_{IV}, and M_V.

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Idea: First destroy all "small" forbidden submatrices (search tree algorithm), and then see what happens...

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

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2. Destroy the remaining M_{l_p} $(p \ge \Delta)$.

We show:

- We can find a submatrix from X in polynomial time.
- If a (*, Δ)-matrix M contains none of the matrices in X as a submatrix, then M can be divided into "independent" submatrices that have the "circular ones property (Circ1P)".
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Proof by contraposition:

If a component B of a $(*, \Delta)$ -matrix does not have the Circ1P, then it contains one of the submatrices from X.

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Theorem: Let M be a matrix and c_j be a column of M. Form the matrix M' from M by complementing all rows with a 1 in column c_j . Then M has the Circ1P iff M' has the C1P.

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Case study 1: A' is an M_{IV} , row 2 has been complemented.



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Case study 2: A' is an M_V , row 3 has been complemented.



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Then we can find an $M_{\rm IV}$ in B.

Min-COS-C / Min-COS-R on $(*, \Delta)$ -Matrices Most complicated case: A' is an M_{l_p} with $p \ge \Delta$.



Then we can find an M_{III_1} or an M_{IV} in B.

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(Circ1P/C1P means: Strong Circ1P/strong C1P can be obtained by column permutations.)

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Obs.: Deleting a consecutive set of columns is always optimal.

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We hope: Does "strong Circ1P + C1P" imply "strong C1P"?



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Now to be proven: Let M be a matrix with with $\geq 2\Delta - 1$ columns that has the strong Circ1P and the strong C1P. Reversing an arbitrary circular module of M does not affect these properties.

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Algorithm for Min-COS-C on matrices with Circ1P:

- 1. Permute the columns to get the strong Circ1P.
- 2. Search for a set of *consecutive* consecutive columns whose deletion yields the strong C1P.

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[Dom, Niedermeier, ACiD '07]

Results for Min-COS-C and Min-COS-R

FPT algorithm:

 $\begin{array}{rll} & \operatorname{Running time:} \\ & \underline{(|\mathsf{submatrix}|)^k} & \cdot & (\mathsf{search} & + & ``\mathsf{Circ1P} \rightarrow \mathsf{C1P'' time}) \\ & \underline{(\Delta+2)^k} & \cdot & (n^{O(1)} & + & O(\Delta mn)) \end{array}$

Approximation algorithm:

Approximation factor:|submatrix|Running time: $k \cdot (search + "Circ1P \rightarrow C1P" time)$

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How can a matrix that has the (strong) Circ1P be modified by deleting a minimum number of 1-entries such that the resulting matrix has the C1P?

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Problem Kernel: Given a parameterized problem instance (X, k). Transform it in polynomial time into an instance (X', k')with $|X'| \le f(k)$ and $k' \le k$.

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Theorem: IDPS with parameter k admits a problem kernel with $O(k^2)$ vertices and $O(k^2)$ 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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