# Approximation and Fixed-Parameter Algorithms for Consecutive Ones Submatrix Problems 

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Examples for matrices not having the C1P:

| 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| 0 | 1 | 1 |
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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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## Min-COS-C / Min-COS-R on $(*, \Delta)$-Matrices

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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]

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& \overbrace{\begin{array}{|ccccc|c}
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\end{array}\right. \\
M_{\mathrm{III}_{p},}, p \geq 1
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& \\
&
\end{aligned}
$$

Approach: Use a search tree algorithm.
Repeat:

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

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

Search Tree Algorithm:


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

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

- $M_{l_{p}}$ with unbounded size,
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- $M_{\text {III }_{p}}$ with $1 \leq p \leq \Delta-1$,
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Idea: First destroy all "small" forbidden submatrices (search tree algorithm), and then see what happens...

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2. Destroy the remaining $M_{1_{p}}(p \geq \Delta)$.

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Components of a matrix:

|  | $c_{1}$ | $c_{2}$ | $c_{3}$ | $c_{4}$ | $c_{5}$ | $c_{6}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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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 $M^{\prime}$ from $M$ by complementing all rows with a 1 in column $c_{j}$. Then $M$ has the Circ1P iff $M^{\prime}$ has the C1P.
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Most complicated case: $A^{\prime}$ is an $M_{1_{p}}$ with $p \geq \Delta$.


Then we can find an $M_{I I I_{1}}$ or an $M_{\mathrm{IV}}$ in $B$.

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## From Circ1P to C1P

| C1P: | 1's blockwise after column permutations |
| :--- | :--- |
| Circ1P: | 1's blockwise on a cylinder |
|  | after column permutations |

(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.

## From Circ1P to C1P

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.
[Dom, Niedermeier, ACiD '07]

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

## FPT algorithm:

Running time:

| $(\mid \text { submatrix } \mid)^{k}$ | $\cdot($ search + | "Circ1P $\rightarrow$ C1P" time $)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $(\Delta+2)^{k}$ | $\cdot\left(n^{O(1)}+O(\Delta m n)\right)$ |  |

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

## Open Question

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?

## More Open Questions

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## Problem Kernel for Min-COS-C on $(*, 2)$-Matrices

Problem Kernel:
Given a parameterized problem instance $(X, k)$.
Transform it in polynomial time into an instance ( $X^{\prime}, k^{\prime}$ ) with $\left|X^{\prime}\right| \leq f(k)$ and $k^{\prime} \leq k$.

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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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- They have at most $k \cdot(k+2)$ blue neighbors.
- At least every third blue vertex must be a neighbor of a red vertex.

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\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow k+3 \cdot k \cdot(k+2) \text { vertices. } \\
& \Rightarrow k \cdot(k+2)+3 \cdot k \cdot(k+2)-1 \text { edges. }
\end{aligned}
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