# Generating functions in algebraic complexity A criterion for VNP-completeness

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A graph property is a set of graphs closed by isomorphism.

### Definition

Let R be a graph,  $\mathcal{P}$  a graph property and  $\omega:V_E\to\mathcal{V}\cup\mathbb{Q}$  a weight function. The *generating function* on these parameters is:

$$\mathrm{GF}_{\omega}(\mathcal{P},R) = \sum_{\substack{E \subset E_R \ (V_E,E) \in \mathcal{P}}} \prod_{e \in E} \omega(e)$$

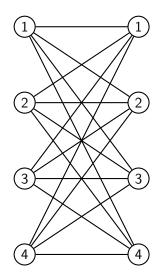
$$\mathrm{FG}_{\mathcal{V}^d}(\mathcal{P},R) = \sum_{\substack{E \subset E_R \\ (V_E,E) \in \mathcal{P}}} \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle \in E} x_{\langle i,j \rangle} \text{ and } \mathrm{FG}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{P},R) = \sum_{\substack{E \subset E_R \\ (V_E,E) \in \mathcal{P}}} \prod_{(i,j) \in E} x_{(i,j)}$$

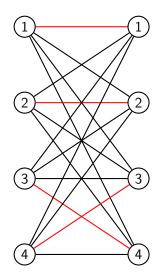
Let  $\mathcal{PM}$  the property of being a perfect matching: every connected component has exactly two vertices. Let  $k_{n,n}$  the complete balanced bipartite graph. The

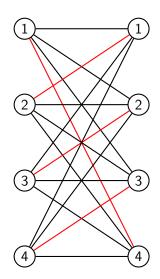
$$\operatorname{FG}_{\mathcal{V}^d}(K_{n,n},\mathcal{PM})=\operatorname{\mathsf{per}}^*$$

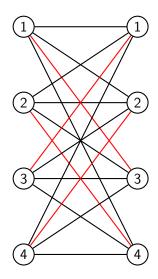
Where

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{per}}_n^* = \sum_{\substack{\pi: [n] \to [n] \\ \operatorname{\mathsf{partial bijection}}} \prod_{i \in \operatorname{\mathsf{def}}(\pi)} x_{i,\pi(i)}$$









A clique C in a graph R is a subset of its vertices such that its induced subgraph is complete. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  the property of being a clique (i.e. of being complete). Then the family,

$$(\operatorname{FG}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{C},K_n))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$$

is VNP-complete

A complete bipartite graph G is a graph which vertices can be split into two subsets  $V_1 \cup V_2 = E_G$  and which edges are  $V_1 \times V_2$ . Let BIPCOMP the property of being a bipartite complete graph. Then the family

$$(GF(BipComp, K_n))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$$

is VNP-complete.

# Proposition (Valiant criterion)

If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a graph property such that the test of knowing is a graph G is in  $\mathcal{P}$  is in P/poly, then the family of generating functions  $(GF(\mathcal{P}, K_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is in VNP.

## conjecture (Lyaudet)

If the property  $\mathcal P$  can be written in a logic  $\mathcal L$ , then the generating function of  $\mathcal P$  is VNP-complete if and only if  $\mathcal P$  satisfies a condition  $\mathcal C$ .

A property  $\mathcal{P}$  is *homomorphisable* is there is a graph H such that for any graph G,

 $G \in \mathcal{P}$  if and only if G is homomorphic to H

#### Theorem

If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a property homomorphisable, then the family  $(\mathrm{FG}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{P},K_n))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is  $\mathrm{VNP}$ -complete.

## Corollary

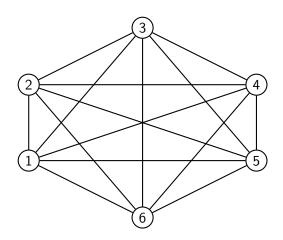
- Let  $Col_k$  the property of being k-colourable. Then the family  $(FG_{\mathcal{V}}(Col_n, K_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is VNP-complete for any k > 1.
- Let Bip the property of being a bipartite graph, then the family  $(FG_{\mathcal{V}}(Bip, K_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is VNP-complete for any k > 1.

#### Definition

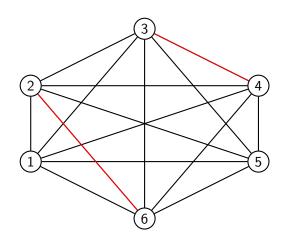
Let  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{P}}$  be a graph property. The  $\ensuremath{\textit{enumarating function}}$  associate to this property is

$$\mathrm{EF}(\mathcal{P},n) = \sum_{G \in \mathcal{P}, |G| = n} \prod_{e \in E_G} x_e$$

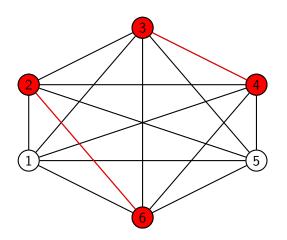
Let  $\mathcal{PM}$  the property of being a perfect matching. Then  $\mathrm{EF}(\mathcal{PM},n)=\mathrm{per}_n.$ 



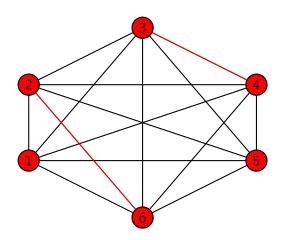
$$G=(V_G,E_G)$$







 $(V_E, E)$  is a perfect matching and is in  $GF(\mathcal{PM}, K_n)$ 



 $(V_G, E)$  is not a perfect matching and is not in  $EF(\mathcal{PM}, n)$ 

A *cut* in a graph G is a partition of its vertices  $A \cup B = V_G$ . A graph is a cut if its vertices can be split into a partition  $A \cup B = V_G$  and its directed edges are  $A \times B$ .

#### **Proposition**

Let Cut the property of being a cut. Then the family

$$\mathrm{EF}(\mathrm{Cut},n))_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$$

is VNP-complete.

## Theorem (Bürgisser)

Over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , the family  $(\mathrm{EF}(\mathrm{Cut}, n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is neither in  $\mathrm{VP}$  nor  $\mathrm{VNP}$ -complete, provided that  $\mathrm{Mod}_2\mathrm{NP} \not\subseteq P/\mathrm{Poly}$ .

## Theorem (Engels 2014)

For a graph H and a class of graphs  $\mathcal{E}$ , let  $\mathcal{P}(H,\mathcal{E})$  the property of being homomorphic to H and in  $\mathcal{E}$ . Then for  $\mathcal{E}$  the set of cycles, of cliques, of trees, of outerplanar graphs, of planar graphs or of graph of genus k, the family

$$(\mathrm{GF}(\mathcal{P}(H,\mathcal{E}),K_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$$

is VNP-complete in most of the cases.

#### Definition

Let  $\mathcal C$  be a class of circuit,  $(f_n)_{n\in\mathbb N}$  and  $(g_n)_{n\in\mathbb N}$  two families of polynomials. We say that  $(f_n)_{n\in\mathbb N}$  is a  $\mathcal C$  of  $(g_n)_{n\in\mathbb N}$  if there exists a family of circuit  $\mathcal C_n$  of polynomial size such that:

- $C_n$  is in C
- $C_n$  use oracle gates  $g_n$
- $C_n$  computes  $f_n$ .

For examples, classical *c*-reductions are VP-reductions. Projections are  $VP_{depth2}$ -reduction (the set of circuit of depth 2).

Merci!