

Decomposition of graphs in given factors

Decomposition in factors

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Graphs setting

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$$a(v) := |\{e \in E : v \in e\}|$$

is the **degree function** of G

- The degree function is denoted by d_G .

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Decomposition

The computational problem

- p -decomposition problem.

Input: A graph $G = (V, E)$ and a set of functions A with $|A| = p$.

Question: Does G have a A -decomposition?.

Decomposition

Two parts

Definition (Factors)

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- A (a, b) -factor of G is a subgraph (V, F) of G such that $a \leq d_G \leq b$, where d_G is the degree function of (V, F) .

Two parts: (a, b) -factors

Known results

- **Tutte** (1970): NSC for perfect matching and for a -factors.
- **Lovász** (1970): NSC for (a, b) -factors.
- **Anstee** (1985, 1990, 1994): S conditions and a $O(n^3)$ algorithm for (a, b) -factors.
- **Heinrich, Hell, Kirkpatrick, Liu.** (1990). *Simpler* conditions when $a < b$ or $G_{a=b}$ bipartite.
- **Correa, M.** (2006) *new* NSC for (a, b) -factors.

Three or more parts

Polynomial

- **Guiñez, M.** (2007), Any G and $|A| \geq 3$ such that at most two function assign to v a nonzero value.
- **Kundu** (1970), **Kleitman, Koren and Li** (1973), **Guiñez, M.** (2007), G a complete graph, $|A| = 3$ and at least one function a has span 1.
- **Guiñez, M.** (2007), G acyclic (forest) and $|A| \geq 3$.

Three or more colors

NP-completeness

- Dürr, Marek (2001), Bipartite graphs and $|A| = 3$.
- Guiñez, M. (2007), $|A| \geq 3$ and G a $|A|$ -regular graph.
- Dürr, Marek (2001), $|A| = 4$ and G a complete or a complete bipartite graph.
- Open for G complete or complete bipartite and $|A| = 3$.

Scaled factors

Known scaled factors

- **Lovász** (1970): If $G = (V, E)$ has maximum degree k and $k_1 + k_2 = k + 1$, then E can be partitioned into a $(0, k_1)$ -factor and a $(0, k_2)$ -factor.
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