## (Approximate) Graph Products

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## Basics

A graph is a pair $G=(V, E)$ with vertex set $V \neq \emptyset$ and edge set $E$. here: simple, connected, undirected graphs


## Strong and Cartesian Product

The vertex set of the cartesian product ( $\square$ ) and strong product $(\boxtimes)$ is defined as follows:

$$
V\left(G_{1} \square G_{2}\right)=V\left(G_{1} \boxtimes G_{2}\right)=\left\{\left(v_{1}, v_{2}\right) \mid v_{1} \in V\left(G_{1}\right), v_{2} \in V\left(G_{2}\right)\right\}
$$


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## Cartesian Product

Two vertices $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right),\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)$ are adjacent in $G_{1} \square G_{2}$ if

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2. $\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in E\left(G_{2}\right)$ and $x_{1}=y_{1}$.


## Strong Product

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3. $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \in E\left(G_{1}\right)$ and $\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in E\left(G_{2}\right)$.


## Properties of $\square, \boxtimes$

- commutative
- associative
- unit $K_{1}$


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$$
\square_{i=1}^{n} K_{2}=Q_{n} \text { Hypercube of dimension } n
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\boxtimes_{i=1}^{n} K_{l_{i}}=K_{m} \text { with } m=\prod_{i=1}^{n} l_{i}
$$



Figure: $K_{3} \boxtimes K_{2}=K_{6}$

## Motivation

## Invariants

Invariants of Factors and invariants of the corresponding Product coincide or give at least an idea or an estimation to each other, e.g.:

- chromatic number:

$$
\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}
$$

- independent number:

$$
\alpha(G) \cdot \alpha(H) \leq \alpha(G \square H) \leq \min \{\alpha(G) \cdot|V(H)|, \alpha(H) \cdot|V(G)|\}
$$

- The Laplacian eigenvalues of $G \square H$ are equal to all possible sums of eigenvalues of the factors:

$$
\lambda_{i}(G)+\lambda_{j}(H), i=1, \ldots,|V(G)|, j=1, \ldots,|V(H)|
$$

## Visualization : TopoLayout



Two isomorphic product graphs.

## A Topological Theory of Characters ${ }^{1}$



## Characters

Idea:

Characters can vary independently
$\Longleftrightarrow$
Factors of phenotype space

Factors of graph product
${ }^{1}$ Quasi-Independence, Homology and the Unity of Type: A Topological Theory of Characters, Günter Wagner and Peter F. Stadler, J. theor. Biol., 2003

## Problem:

Often real data, that is represented by graphs, is disturbed and thus the corresponding "product graph" is disturbed.

- How can we recognize original factors of disturbed products?
- How can we recognize at least some parts of a disturbed product as a product?


## Decomposition

## Definition

$G$ is prime, if $\nexists A * B=G$ with $A, B$ nontrivial, i.e. $|V(A)|,|V(B)|>1$. $(*=\square, \boxtimes)$

Aim: Prime factor decomposition (PFD) of given $G$.

## Prime Factor Decomposition

Theorem (Sabidussi 1959)
PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the Cartesian product is unique.
Theorem (Dörfler and Imrich (1969))
PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the strong product is unique.
Theorem (Imrich and Peterin (2007))
PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the Cartesian product can be computed in linear time.

Theorem (Feigenbaum and Schäffer (1992))
PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the strong product can be computed in $O\left(n^{5}\right)$ time.

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Copies of Factors in Product are called layer or fiber.

## MAIN IDEA: Decomposition strong product

Find a spanning subgraph with special properties in $G$, the so called cartesian skeleton.

The decomposition of the cartesian skeleton w.r.t. cartesian product together with some additional operations leads to the possible factors of the strong product.

## MAIN IDEA: Decomposition strong product



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Algorithm [Feigenbaum and Schäfer, 1992]


G

$G / S$

$\longrightarrow \quad$ CartSkeleton $(G / S)$

$\longrightarrow$ Factors of CartSkeleton $(G / S)$

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Aim: Get a product of graphs that is "near" a given prime graph (approximate products).

Remark: Induced neighborhoods in products are products.


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## Tools

## 1. $\mathbf{S}=1$-condition

2. Backbone $\mathbb{B}(G)$

## S=1-condition

Let $G$ be a graph and $v, w \in V(G)$.

- $v, w$ are in Relation $S$ if $\mathrm{N}[\mathrm{v}]=\mathrm{N}[\mathrm{w}]$
- We call a graph S-thin if no vertices have the same closed neighborhood.

If $G$ is $S$-thin the Cartesian edges are uniquely determined

## S=1-condition



WHAT ARE THE FIBERS ?


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$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{v}(v)=\{v\} \\
& S_{v}(0)=\{0\} \\
& S_{v}(1)=S_{v}(2)=\{1,2\}
\end{aligned}
$$



## S=1-condition

$S_{v}(x)=\{y \in N[v]: N[y] \cap N[v]=N[x] \cap N[v]\}$ is the $S$ class in $\langle N[v]\rangle$ that contains $x$.

Lemma ( $\mathrm{S}=1$-condition)
Let $v \in V(G)$ be a vertex in a thin strong product graph $G$.
Furthermore let $\langle N(v)\rangle$ contain two different $S$-classes $S_{v}(x)$ and $S_{v}(y)$ s.t.

1. $\left|S_{v}(x)\right|=1$ or $\left|S_{v}(y)\right|=1$ and
2. $\left(S_{v}(x), S_{v}(y)\right)$ is a Cartesian edge $\langle N(v)\rangle / S$.

Then all edges in $\langle N(v)\rangle$ induced by the vertices of $S_{v}(x)$ and $S_{v}(y)$ are Cartesian and all are edges of a copy of the same factor.

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$\left|S_{6}(x)\right|=1, x=0,1,5,6,10,11$

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We call those $\mathbf{S = 1}$-condition satisfying Cartesian edges identificable.

Theorem
Whenever one edge of some $G_{i}^{X}$-fiber satisfies the $S=1$-condition (identificable) then all edges of this $G_{i}^{X}$-fiber can be determined as Cartesian in an unique way.

## Example



Depicted is the Cartesian Skeleton of 2 times Factor "Triangle with Feets".

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Figure: Examples

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All locally identificable edges of fibers are identificable in induced neighborhoods $\langle N[v]\rangle$ with $v \in \mathbb{B}(G)$.

## Local Approach

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All identified $G_{i}$-fibers are connected by a path of Cartesian edges.
Let $G_{i}^{X}$ and $G_{i}^{y}$ be different identified $G_{i}$-fibers that are connected by a Cartesian edge of some $G_{j}$-fiber.
Then there is (chordless) square ( $a, b, c, d$ ) consisting of Cartesian edges only, such that $(a, b) \in E\left(G_{i}^{X}\right)$ and $(c, d) \in E\left(G_{i}^{y}\right)$ and $(a, c) \in G_{j}^{a}$ and $(b, d) \in G_{j}^{b}$ with $G_{j}^{a}, G_{j}^{b}$ are identified via the approach above.


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## Definition

$$
\Gamma:=\{G \mid(G \text { locally unrefined }) \vee(G \text { can be covered by thin } N \text { only })\}
$$

Theorem
Let $G=(V, E)=\boxtimes_{j=1}^{n} G_{j} \in \Gamma$ with bounded maximum degree $\Delta$. Then the prime factors of $G$ can be determined in $O\left(|V|^{2} \cdot \Delta^{10}\right)$ time.

## Download

http://www.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de/~marc/download.html

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