

14.1 Maximal Independent Set

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, an independent set is a set of vertices $S \subseteq V$ such that if $u, v \in S$, then $(u, v) \notin E$. A maximal independent set is an independent set to which no more vertices can be added without violating the independence property. Let $d(v)$ denote the degree of a vertex v .

Algorithm 1 MaxIndSet(V, E)

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1: MIS  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2: repeat
3:   Select  $v \in V$  with probability  $1/2d(v)$  into set  $S$ 
4:   for  $(u, v) \in E$  do
5:     if  $u, v$  are in  $S$  then
6:       if  $d(u) > d(v)$  then
7:         remove  $v$ 
8:       end if
9:       if  $d(u) = d(v)$  then
10:        remove one of  $u, v$  from  $S$ 
11:      end if
12:    end if
13:  end for
14:  Call this reduced set  $I$ 
15:  Add  $I$  to MIS
16:  Remove  $I$  and all its neighboring vertices and all incident edges from  $G$ 
17:   $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
18: until  $E = \emptyset$ 
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You can find more details for the proof in the link on the course webpage.

We define good vertices and edges as follows:

- $D(v) = \{u : (u, v) \in E \mid d(u) \leq d(v)\}$
- Good Vertices : $V_G = \{v \in V \mid |D(v)| > d(v)/3\}$
- Good Edges : $E_G = \{(u, v) \in E \mid u \in V_G \text{ OR } v \in V_G\}$

Proof outline: 1/2 the edges are good for good vertices a constant probability that will be deleted therefore a constant probability that an edge will be deleted

Lemma 14.1.1 $|E_G| \geq |E|/2$.

Proof: edges from smaller to larger. For bad nodes count two edges out for everyone in. By simple counting at most 1/2 the vertices can be bad. ■

Lemma 14.1.2 $\forall v \in V_G, \sum_{(u,v) \in E} d(u)/2 > 1/6$.

Proof: Just consider the neighbors u with $d(u) \geq d(v)$. $(d(u)/3)/2d(v) > (d(u)/3)/2d(u) > 1/6$. ■

Lemma 14.1.3 $Pr[v \in S \cap v \notin I] \leq 1/2$

Lemma 14.1.4 $p(v \in I) \geq 1/4d(v)$.

Lemma 14.1.5 $\forall v \in V_G, Pr(v \in N(I)) \geq 1/36$.

Proof: if $d < 3$ then simple otherwise... ■

Since half the edges are good, the probability that an edge is removed is at least 1/72.

14.2 Biconnected components

A biconnected component of an undirected graph G is a maximal set of edges such that any two edges in the set lie on a common simple cycle. A *bridge* is an edge that does not belong to any cycles.

Given a graph $G(V, E)$, the following procedure creates a graph $G'(V', E')$ on the edges E of G such that any pair of vertices $u_e, u_{e'} \in V'$ that correspond to edges u, u' that are in a cycle in G will be in the same connected component in G' .

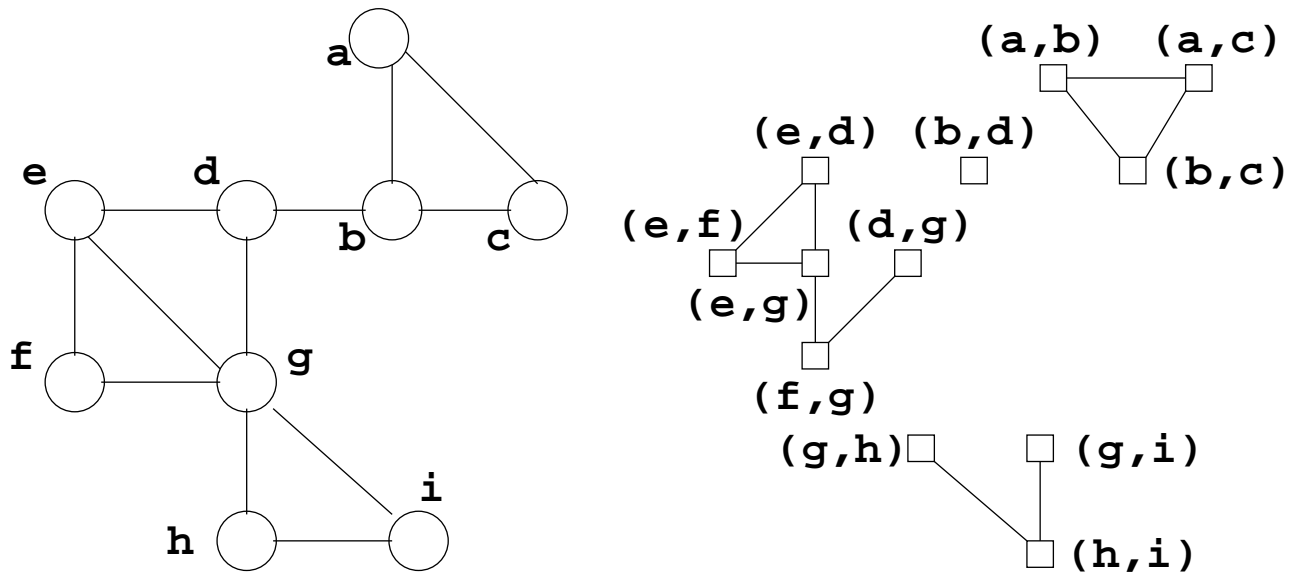


Figure 14.2.1: An example graph G and it's associated G'

Algorithm Outline:

- Generate spanning tree T of G and root it. Denote the parent of vertex v in this tree by $p(v)$
- Calculate preorder number, $pre(v)$, and size, $size(v)$, for every vertex
- For each vertex v , calculate the lowest neighbor, $low(v)$, of any vertex in its subtree.
- Similarly for highest, $high(v)$.
- Add edges to G' as follows:
 - **R1:** add $(v, p(v)), (p(v), p(p(v)))$ to G' if $(low(v) < pre(p(v)))$ OR $(high(v) > pre(p(v)) + size(p(v)))$
 - **R2:** add $(v, p(v)), (v, u)$ to G' if $(pre(u) < pre(v))$ OR $(pre(u) > pre(v) + size(v))$
- Find connected components of G'

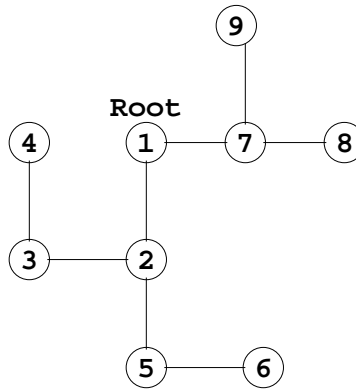


Figure 14.2.2: A rooted tree of G with prefix labels

Consider an arbitrary rooted spanning tree T on G . Note that any edge in $E - T$ cannot be a bridge. Generating a prefix label $pre(\cdot)$ for every vertex can be done with tree contraction. Computing the size of each subtree $size(\cdot)$ can also be done with tree contraction (leaffix).

Compute for every vertex u the minimum and maximum labels $min(v), max(v)$ over all neighbors v of u . Using this computation, we can calculate the $low(\cdot), high(\cdot)$ for all vertices as follows:

- Calculate leaffix min on the minimum to get $low(v)$
- Calculate leaffix max on the maximums to get $high(v)$

Consider the predicate $c(v) = low(v) < pre(v)$ OR $high(v) > pre(v) + size(v)$

Lemma 14.2.1 A tree edge $(v, p(v))$ is a bridge iff $c(v)$

Proof: If there is such a condition then there is an edge out of the tree rooted at v and we must have a cycle involving $(v, p(v))$. If there is not such a condition then there is no edge out of the tree and removing $(v, p(v))$ would disconnect the graph. ■

Now lets consider connecting the cycles. Recall:

- **R1:** add $(v, p(v)), (p(v), p(p(v)))$ to G' if $(low(v) < pre(p(v)))$ OR $(high(v) > pre(p(v)) + size(p(v)))$
- **R2:** add $(v, p(v)), (v, u)$ to G' if $(pre(u) < pre(v))$ OR $(pre(u) > pre(v) + size(v))$

Claim : this only connects pairs of edges that are in a cycle

Theorem 14.2.2 *The connected components in G' are biconnected components in G*

Proof: By claim, this only connects edges in cycle. We will now argue that vertices of G' that correspond to edges in a cycle in graph G are connected in G' . Note that the pair of edges at the least common ancestor of the cycle will not be connected.

look at cases

- cycle edges go up tree ... connected by R1
- cycle loops from a vertex to an ancestor ... connected by R2 and possibly R1
- Cycle crosses between two branches ... connected by R1 and R2

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