

## 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  $v$ .

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**Algorithm 1** MaxIndSet( $V, E$ )

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1: MIS  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2: repeat
3:   Select  $v \in V$  with probability  $1/2d(v)$  in to 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  $G'$ .

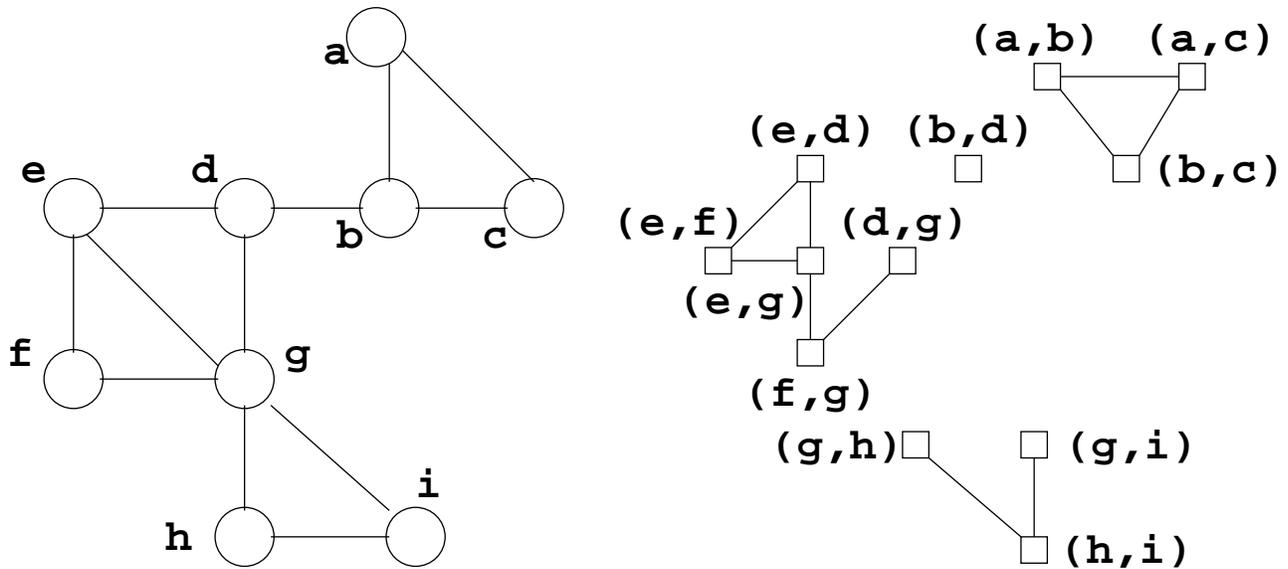


Figure 14.2.1: An example graph  $G$  and its associated  $G'$

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  $G'$

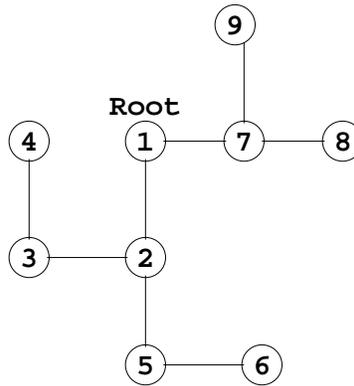


Figure 14.2.2: A rooted tree of  $G$  with prefix labels

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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