

On the facial structure of the Common Edge Subgraph polytope

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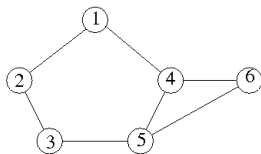
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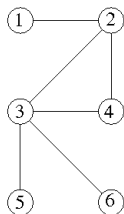
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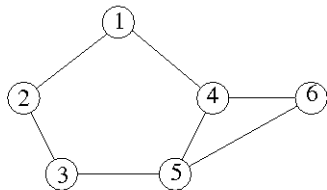


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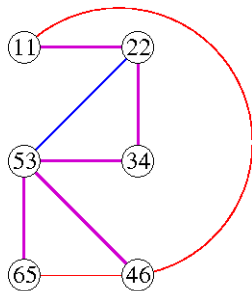


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Application 2: Graph isomorphism problem

When $|E_G| = |E_H|$, there exists a common subgraph with $|E_G|$ edges, iff, G and H are **isomorphic**.

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Goal:

Find **exact/optimal** solution of MCES instances using **integer programming (IP)** techniques and **polyhedral combinatorics**.

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new classes of valid inequalities for MCES,
but **no new computational experiments**.

IP formulation for MCES

$$y_{ik} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is mapped to } k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{ij} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if exists } kl \in E_H \text{ such that } i \text{ is mapped to } k \text{ and } j \text{ to } l \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

IP formulation presented by Marenco:

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{ij \in E_G} x_{ij} \\ & \sum_{k \in V_H} y_{ik} = 1, \quad \forall i \in V_G \\ & \sum_{i \in V_G} y_{ik} = 1, \quad \forall k \in V_H \\ & x_{ij} + y_{ik} \leq 1 + \sum_{l \in N(k)} y_{jl}, \quad \forall ij \in E_G, \forall k \in V_H \\ & y_{ik} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall i \in V_G, \forall k \in V_H; \quad x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall ij \in E_G \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem (Marengo 99):

$\dim(\text{conv}(S)) = (|V_G| - 1)^2 + |E_G|$, where S is the set of feasible integer solutions of the problem, and $\text{conv}(S)$ its convex hull.

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force that if ij is mapped to kl , then i is mapped to k and j to l , or vice versa.

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Proof:

Using standard techniques from Polyhedral Combinatorics.

Valid inequalities that involve degrees of the vertices

Theorem 2:

Following inequality that involves degrees of the vertices is **valid** in model given by [Marengo 99](#).

$$\sum_{j \in N(i)} x_{ij} \leq \sum_{k \in V_H} \min\{d_G(i), d_H(k)\} y_{ik}, \quad \text{for all } i \in V_G.$$

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Theorem 2*:

Let

i be a fixed vertex from G ,

k a fixed vertex from H ,

$I \subseteq N(i)$ and

$K \subseteq N(k)$.

Then, following inequalities are valid and **define facets** in our model.

$$\sum_{j \in I} \sum_{l \in K} c_{ijkl} \leq |I|y_{ik} + \sum_{p \in K} y_{ip}, \text{ if } |I| < |K|.$$

$$\sum_{j \in I} \sum_{l \in K} c_{ijkl} \leq |K|y_{ik} + \sum_{p \in I} y_{pk}, \text{ if } |I| > |K|.$$

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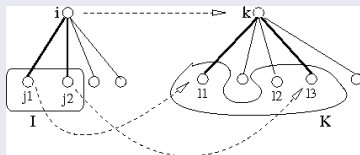
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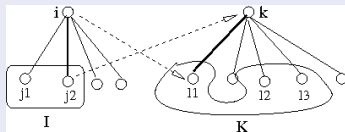
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If i is mapped to a $k' \in V_H$ s.t. $k' \neq k \implies$

$$\sum_{j \in I} \sum_{l \in K} c_{ijkl} \leq 1.$$

If $\sum_{j \in I} \sum_{l \in K} c_{ijkl} = 1$ then i is mapped to a vertex from K (that is, $k' \in K$), and some $j \in I$ must be mapped to k .



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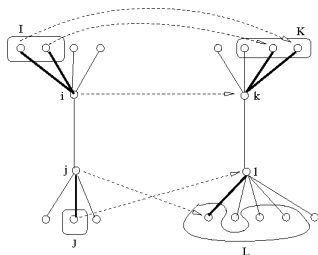
$$I \subseteq N(i) \setminus \{j\}, J \subseteq N(j) \setminus \{i\}, K \subseteq N(k) \setminus \{l\}, L \subseteq N(l) \setminus \{k\},$$

our inequality bounds the number of edges from the set

$$E_{ij} := \{ij\} \cup (\delta(i) \cap \delta(I)) \cup (\delta(j) \cap \delta(J))$$

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Let M be a maximal matching in H .

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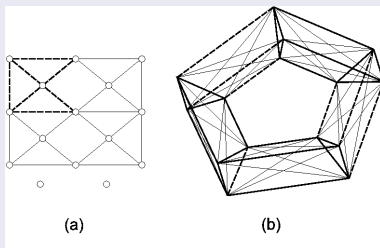
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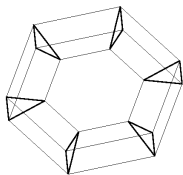
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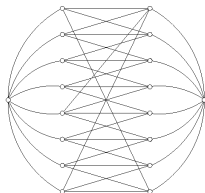
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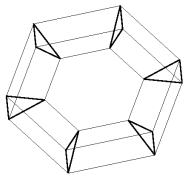


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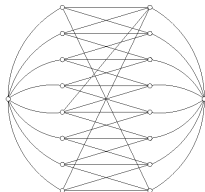
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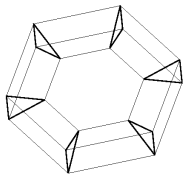
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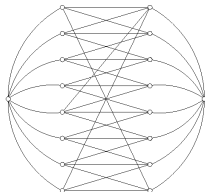
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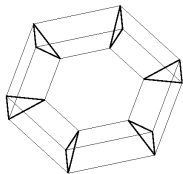
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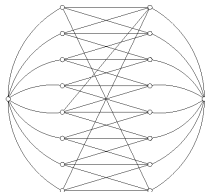
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By lifting technique, we obtained a few stronger valid inequalities than given in [Marengo 99](#).

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However, this inequality **does not define a facet in our model**.

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