Decremental Optimization of Dominating Sets Under the Reconfiguration Framework

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Dominating sets

Definition

A **dominating set** is a subset of vertices whose neighborhood contains all the vertices.



Dominating set problem

- Instance : A graph G, an integer s
- Question : Does G have a dominating set of size at most s ?

This problem is NP-complete.

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Without a bound on the size of the dominating sets, they are all reachable through successive additions and removals:



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We restrict the size of the authorized dominating sets with a bound k:



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Optimization problem

OPT-DSR (OPTimization variant of Dominating Set Reconfiguration)

- Input : A graph G, two integers k,s, a dominating set D₀ of size |D₀| ≤ k.
- Question : Does G have a dominating set D_s of size $|D_s| \le s$, such that $D_0 \stackrel{k}{\longleftrightarrow} D_s$?



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Corollary

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Proof : By adapting a result on **independent sets** and the **OPT-ISR** problem, analogous to OPT-DSR.

OPT-ISR deals with independent set reconfiguration.



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Theorem [Ito, Mizuta, Nishimura, Suzuki (2018)]

OPT-ISR is PSPACE-hard when the input graph has bounded pathwidth.

Idea of the reduction



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OPT-ISR is PSPACE-hard \Rightarrow **OPT-VCR** is PSPACE-hard

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Lemma [Haddadan *et al.* (2015)] We can reconfigure *D* in *D'*, s.t. $D_m \subseteq D'$,

under the bound |D| + 1, in linear time in |G|.

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- We thus have D ↔ D' ↔ Dm.
 We can answer yes if |Dm| ≤ s and produce the corresponding sequence in linear time in |G|.

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- If |D| = k and D is **not minimal**, then we can remove a vertex of D and reduce to the last case, |D| < k.

From now on we assume that |D| < k.

 \rightarrow We can add at least 1 vertex to D without getting above k

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 - Or τ ≤ s : The instance is a **positive instance** in this case. To prove it, we will reconfigure D into a dominating set D' that satisfies |D'| ≤ τ.



Let G be a graph.



We build a minimum vertex cover in time $FPT(\tau)$.



Let D be an initial dominating set.



We associate to each $v \in X \setminus D$ a neighbor t(v). Let $T = \{t(v) \mid v \in X \setminus D\}$.





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Hence we have :

$$\begin{array}{rcl} |D'| & = & |I \cap D'| + |X \cap D'| \\ & \leq & \tau \\ & \leq & s \end{array}$$

Thus D' is a solution : the instance is positive.



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Thanks for your attention.