

A Perfect Path from Computational Biology to Quantum Computing

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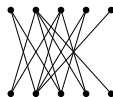
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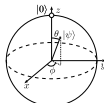
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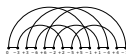
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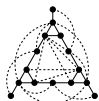
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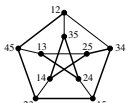
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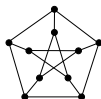
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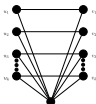
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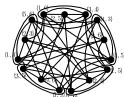
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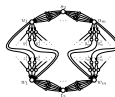
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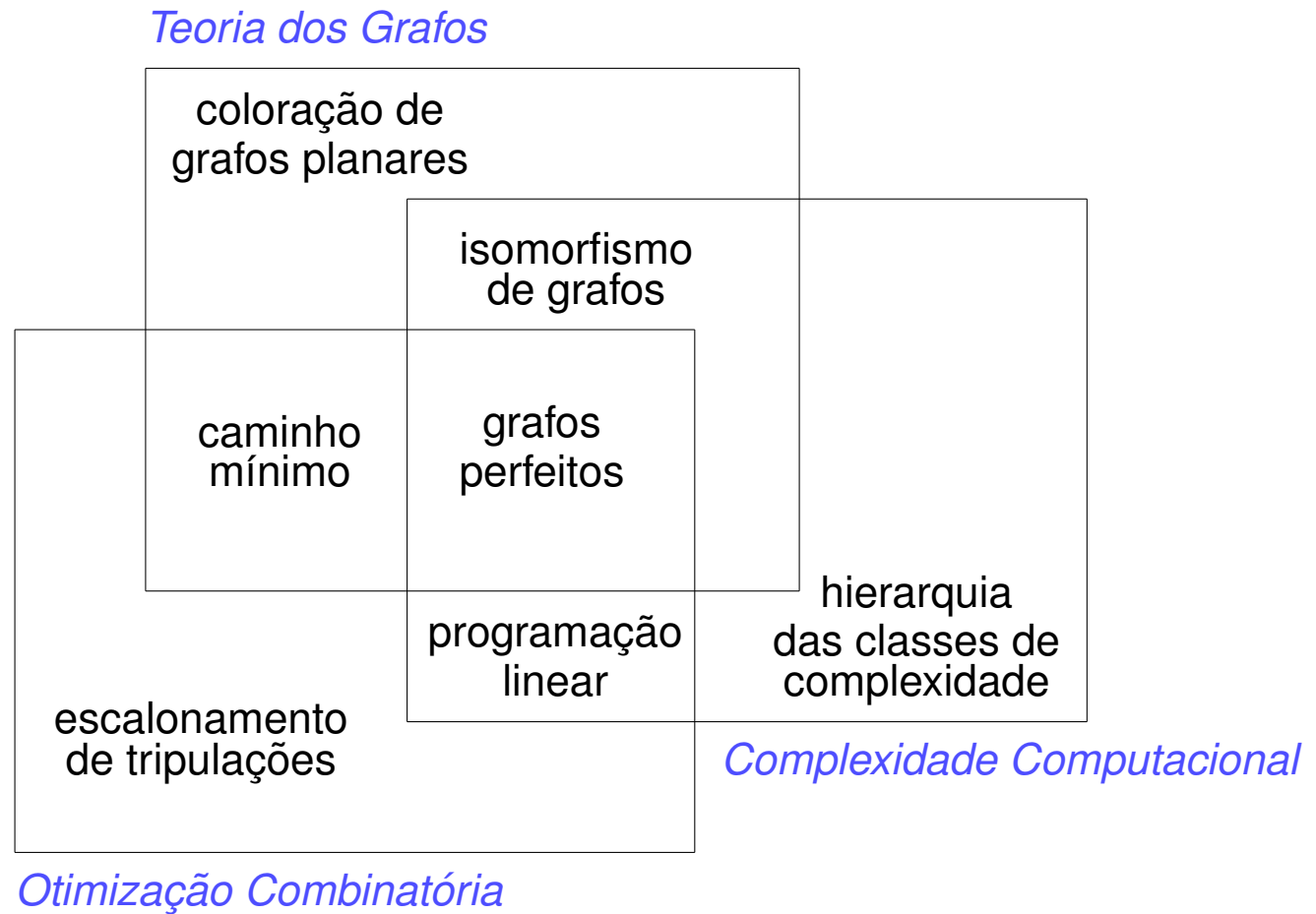


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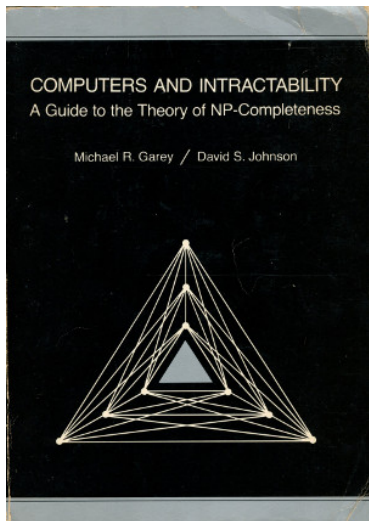


Alexander, 2022

Origem e desenvolvimento da área de pesquisa



The Guide – Computers and Intractability



“Despite that 23 years have passed since its publication, I consider Garey and Johnson the single most important book on my office bookshelf. Every computer scientist should have this book on their shelves as well. NP-completeness is the single most important concept to come out of theoretical computer science and no book covers it as well as Garey and Johnson.”

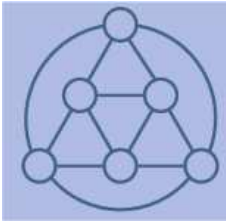
Lance Fortnow, “Great Books: Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness”

Ongoing Guide – Graph Restrictions and Their Effect

GRAPH CLASS	MEMBER	INDSET	CLIQUE	CLIPAR	CHRNUM	CHRIND	HAMCIR	DOMSET	MAXCUT	STTREE	GRAISO
Trees/Forests	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]
Almost Trees (k)	P	P [24]	P [T]	P?	P?	P?	P?	P [45]	P?	P?	P?
Partial k -Trees	P [2]	P [1]	P [T]	P?	P [1]	O?	P [3]	P [3]	P?	P?	O?
Bandwidth- k	P [68]	P [64]	P [T]	P?	P [64]	P?	P?	P [64]	P [64]	P?	P [58]
Degree- k	P [T]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [49]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [58]
Planar	P [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [10]	N [GJ]	O	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [GJ]	N [35]	P [GJ]
Series Parallel	P [79]	P [75]	P [T]	P?	P [74]	P [74]	P [74]	P [54]	P [GJ]	P [82]	P [GJ]
Outerplanar	P	P [6]	P [T]	P [6]	P [67]	P [67]	P [T]	P [6]	P [GJ]	P [81]	P [GJ]
Halin	P	P [6]	P [T]	P [6]	P [74]	P [74]	P [T]	P [6]	P [GJ]	P?	P [GJ]
k -Outerplanar	P	P [6]	P [T]	P [6]	P [6]	O?	P [6]	P [6]	P [GJ]	P?	P [GJ]
Grid	P	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [51]	N [55]	P [T]	N [35]	P [GJ]
$K_{3,3}$ -Free	P [4]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [10]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [5]	N [GJ]	O?
Thickness- k	N [60]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [10]	N [GJ]	N [49]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [7]	N [GJ]	O?
Genus- k	P [34]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [10]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	P [61]
Perfect	O!	P [42]	P [42]	P [42]	P [42]	O?	N [1]	N [14]	O?	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Chordal	P [76]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	N [22]	N [14]	O?	N [83]	I [GJ]
Split	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	N [22]	N [19]	O?	N [83]	I [15]
Strongly Chordal	P [31]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	O?	P [32]	O?	P [83]	O?
Comparability	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	N [1]	N [28]	O?	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Bipartite	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [1]	N [28]	P [T]	N [GJ]	I [GJ]
Permutation	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	O	P [33]	O?	P [23]	P [21]
Cographs	P [T]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	P [25]	P [33]	O?	P [23]	P [25]
Undirected Path	P [39]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	O?	N [16]	O?	O?	I [GJ]
Directed Path	P [38]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	P [40]	O?	O?	P [16]	O?	P [83]	O?
Interval	P [17]	P [44]	P [44]	P [44]	P [44]	O?	P [53]	P [16]	O?	P [83]	P [57]
Circular Arc	P [78]	P [44]	P [50]	P [44]	N [36]	O?	O?	P [13]	O?	P [83]	O?
Circle	P [71]	P [GJ]	P [50]	O?	N [36]	O?	P [12]	O?	O?	P [70]	O?
Proper Circ. Arc	P [77]	P [44]	P [50]	P [44]	P [66]	O?	P [12]	P [13]	O?	P [83]	O?
Edge (or Line)	P [47]	P [GJ]	P [T]	N [GJ]	N [49]	O?	N [11]	N [GJ]	O?	N [70]	I [15]
Claw-Free	P [T]	P [63]	O?	N [GJ]	N [49]	O?	N [11]	N [GJ]	O?	N [70]	I [15]

The updated NP-Completeness Column: An Ongoing Guide table 35 years later

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ALMOST TREES (K)	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [105]	P [5]	P [17]	P [5]	P [5]	P [20]	P [76]	P [17]
PARTIAL K-TREES	P [OG]	P [5]	P [T]	P [105]	P [5]	P [17]	P [5]	P [5]	P [20]	P [76]	P [17]
BANDWIDTH-K	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [105]	P [5]	P [17]	P [5]	P [5]	P [OG]	P [76]	P [OG]
DEGREE-K	P [T]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [29]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [OG]
PLANAR	P [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [78]	N [GJ]	O	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	P [GJ]
SERIES PARALLEL	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [105]	P [5]	P [17]	P [5]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	P [GJ]
OUTERPLANAR	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	P [GJ]
HALIN	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [5]	P [17]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [118]	P [GJ]
K-OUTERPLANAR	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [T]	P [OG]	P [5]	P [17]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [76]	P [GJ]
GRID	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	N [32]	P [T]	N [OG]	P [GJ]
K _{3,3} -FREE*	P [OG]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [78]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	P [OG]	N [GJ]	P [40]
THICKNESS-K	N [OG]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [78]	N [GJ]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	N [119]	N [GJ]	I [RJ]
GENUS-K	P [OG]	N [GJ]	P [T]	N [78]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	N [GJ]	O?	N [GJ]	P [OG]
PERFECT	P [34]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [28]	N [OG]	N [OG]	N [20]	N [GJ]	I [84]
CHORDAL	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [93]	N [OG]	N [20]	N [OG]	I [84]
SPLIT	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [93]	N [OG]	N [20]	N [OG]	I [108]
STRONGLY CHORDAL	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [93]	P [OG]	N [109]	P [OG]	I [111]
COMPARABILITY	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [28]	N [OG]	N [94]	N [102]	N [GJ]	I [22]
BIPARTITE	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	P [T]	P [GJ]	N [OG]	N [94]	P [T]	N [GJ]	I [22]
PERMUTATION	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [44]	P [OG]	N [120]	P [OG]	P [OG]
COGRAPHS	P [T]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [20]	P [OG]	P [OG]
UNDIRECTED Path	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [13]	N [OG]	N [20]	N [RJ]	I [22]
DIRECTED PATH	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	N [99]	P [OG]	N [11]	P [OG]	P [7]
INTERVAL	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [11]	P [OG]	P [OG]
CIRCULAR ARC	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	N [OG]	O?	P [106]	P [OG]	N [11]	P [11]	P [80]
CIRCLE	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [OG]	N [73]	N [OG]	O?	N [39]	N [71]	N [26]	P [OG]	P [68]
PROPER CIRC. ARC	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [OG]	P [OG]	O?	P [11]	P [82]
EDGE (OR LINE)	P [OG]	P [GJ]	P [T]	N [95]	N [OG]	N [28]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	P [59]	N [19]	I [OG]
CLAW-FREE	P [T]	P [OG]	N [103]	N [85]	N [OG]	N [28]	N [OG]	N [GJ]	N [20]	N [19]	I [OG]



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The P vs. NP-complete dichotomy of some challenging problems in graph theory

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Two long-standing problems in graph theory

Perfect graphs: Chvátal's SKEW PARTITION is polynomial

Intersection graphs: Roberts–Spencer's CLIQUE GRAPH is NP-complete

Both SKEW PARTITION and CLIQUE GRAPH proved to be in NP when their classification into P or NP-complete was proposed

V. Chvátal – *J. Combin. Theory Ser. B* 1985

F. Roberts, J. Spencer – *J. Combin. Theory Ser. B* 1971

The three nonempty part problem

Full dichotomy for the RECOGNITION PROBLEM:

STABLE CUTSET, 3-COLORING are the only NP-complete

T. Feder, P. Hell, S. Klein, R. Motwani – *SIAM J. Discrete Math.* 2003

Full dichotomy for the SANDWICH PROBLEM:

61 interesting problems: 19 NP-complete, 42 polynomial

HOMOGENEOUS SET SANDWICH PROBLEM is polynomial

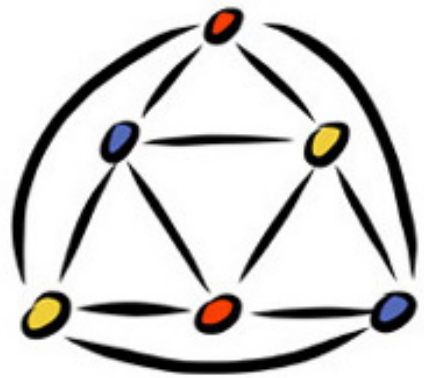
CLIQUE CUTSET SANDWICH PROBLEM is NP-complete

Full dichotomy for the GENERALIZED SPLIT GRAPH SANDWICH PROBLEM:

(2,1)-GRAPH SANDWICH PROBLEM is NP-complete

“The polynomial dichotomy for three nonempty part sandwich problems”

Discrete Appl. Math. 2009 (with Rafael Teixeira, Simone Dantas)



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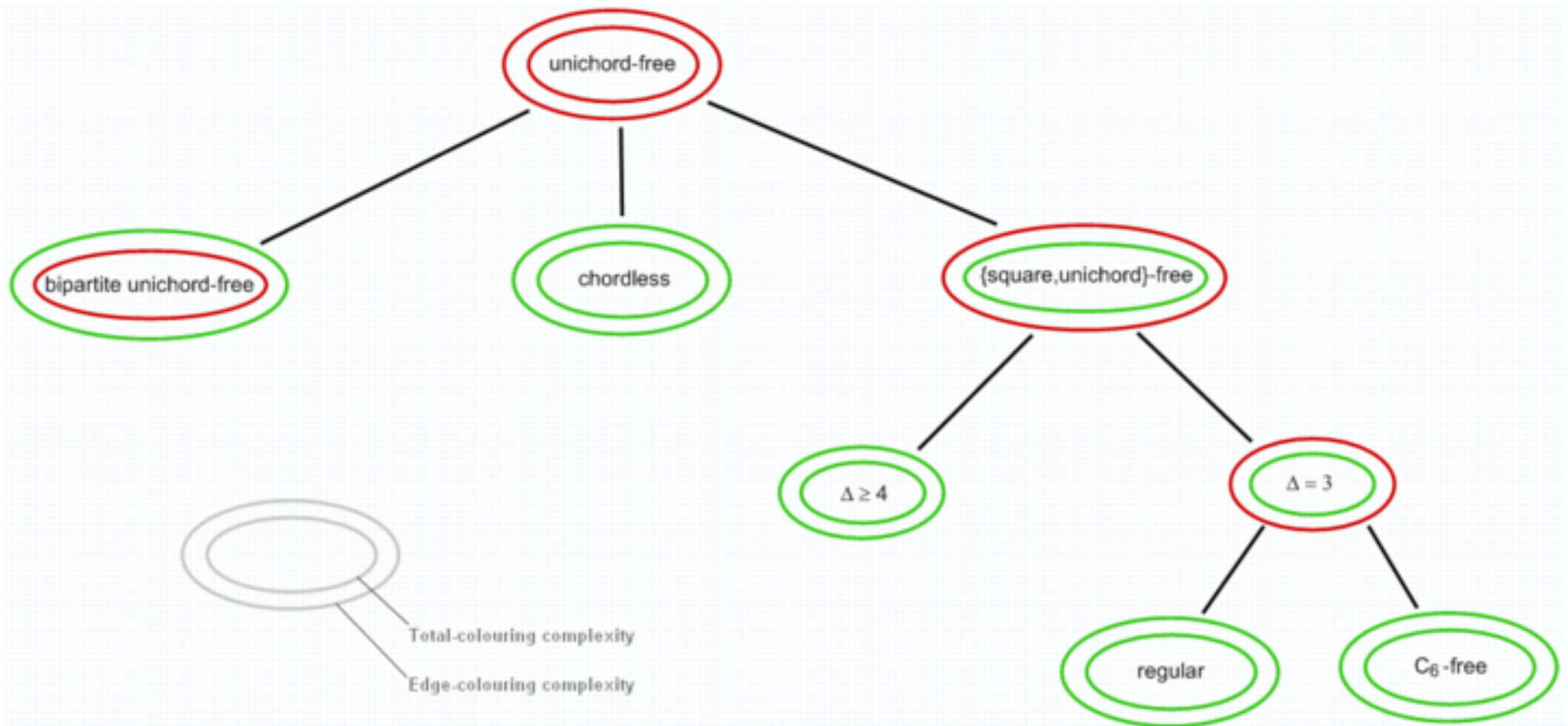
Complexity-separating graph classes for vertex, edge and total coloring

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Edge and total coloring complexity-separating classes



When restricted to {square, unichord}-free graphs, edge coloring is **NP-complete** whereas total coloring is **polynomial**

Complexity restricted to unichord-free and special subclasses

Colouring problem \ class	General	Unichord-free	$\{\square, \text{unichord}\}$ -free	$\{\Delta, \text{unichord}\}$ -free
Vertex-col.	\mathcal{NPC} [14]	\mathcal{P} [26]	\mathcal{P} [26]	\mathcal{P} [26]
Edge-col.	\mathcal{NPC} [13]	\mathcal{NPC} [18]	\mathcal{NPC} [18]	\mathcal{NPC} [18]
Total-col.	\mathcal{NPC} [21]	\mathcal{NPC} [17]	\mathcal{P} [16,17]	\mathcal{NPC} [17]
Clique-col.	$\Sigma_2^P \mathcal{C}$ [20]	\mathcal{P}	\mathcal{P}	$\mathcal{P} (\kappa = \chi)$
Biclique-col.	$\Sigma_2^P \mathcal{C}$ [10]	\mathcal{P}	\mathcal{P}	$\mathcal{P} (\kappa_{\mathbf{B}} = 2)$

[10] M. Groshaus, F. Soulignac, P. Terlisky – *J. Graph Algorithms Appl.* 2014

[20] D. Marx – *Theoret. Comput. Sci.* 2011

“Efficient algorithms for clique-colouring and biclique-colouring unichord-free graphs”
Algorithmica 2017 (with Hélio Macedo and Raphael Machado)

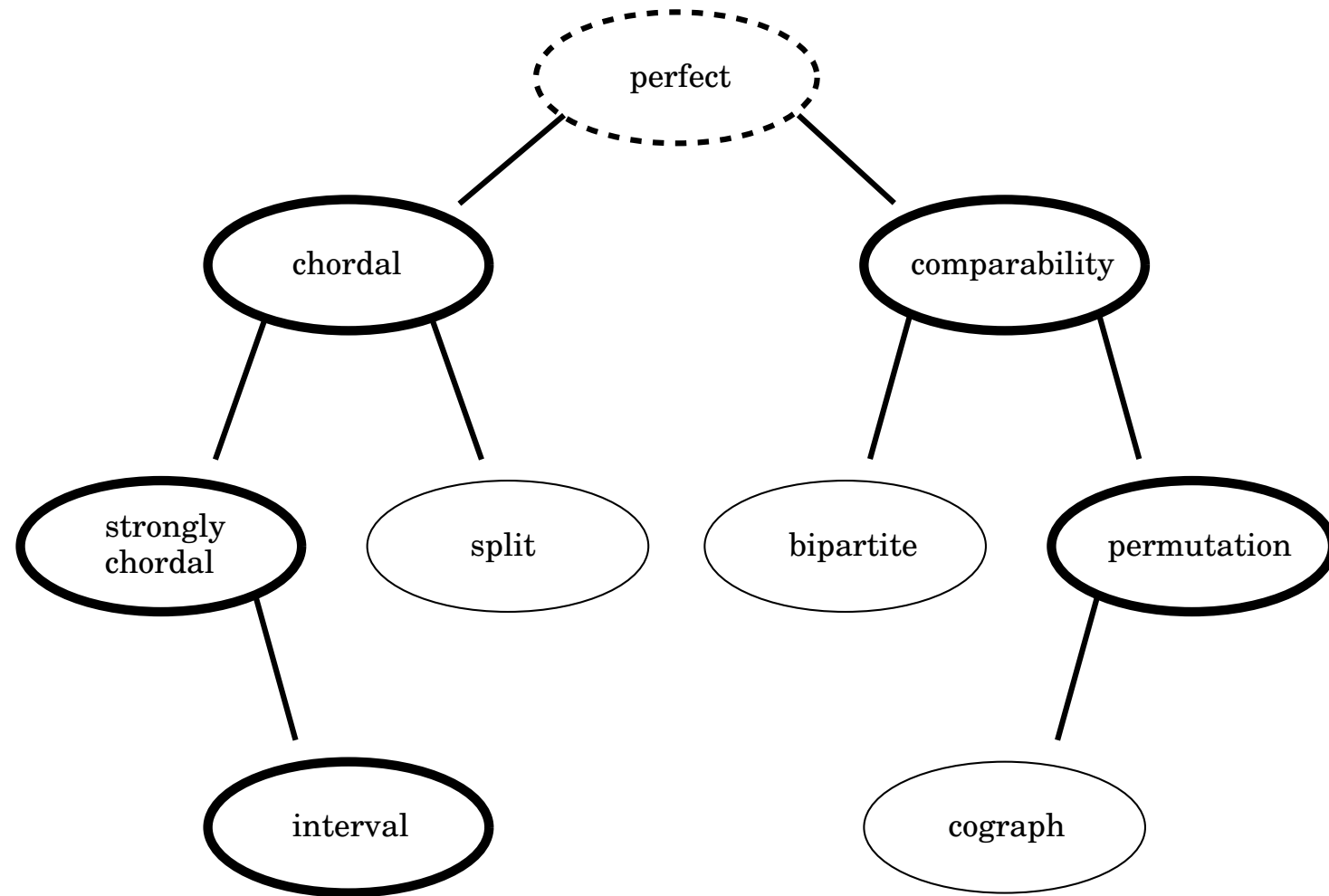
Every graph is easy or hard: dichotomy theorems for graph problems

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July 3, 2014

Sandwich problems for perfect graph classes



— NP-complete

— polynomial

- - - - open

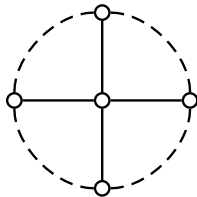
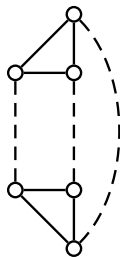
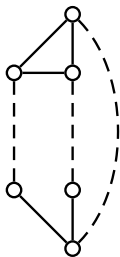
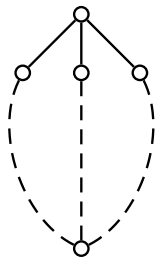
Is the not C-free easier than the C-free sandwich problem?

A trigraph (G_1, G_2) satisfies **property Π** if
there is no sandwich graph G for (G_1, G_2) which does not satisfy Π

The recognition of Berge graphs is polynomial
but
the recognition of Berge trigraphs was previously open

The imperfect graph sandwich problem is polynomial
Equivalently, recognizing Berge trigraphs is polynomial

Detecting 3-path configurations



theta and pyramid: **polynomial**

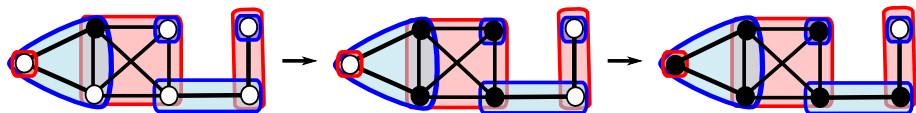
prism and wheel: **NP-complete**

The not pyramid-free sandwich problem is polynomial
but

the complexity of the pyramid-free sandwich problem is open

“The world of hereditary graph classes viewed through Truemper configurations”
by K. Vušković, in *Surveys in Combinatorics* (2013)

A quantum walker spreads across a 2-tessellation cover



The chromatic upper bound: $T(G) \leq \min\{\chi'(G), \chi(K(G))\}$

"The graph tessellation cover number: Chromatic bounds, efficient algorithms and hardness"
Theoretical Computer Science (2020) (with Alexandre Abreu, Luis Cunha, Luis Kowada,
Franklin Marquezino, Daniel Posner, Renato Portugal)

Most significant publications

- FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H. · KLEIN, S. · KOHAYAKAWA, Y. · REED, B.
Finding skew partitions efficiently
Journal of Algorithms (2000)
- FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H. · MAFFRAY, F.
Optimizing bull-free perfect graphs
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- FARIA, L. · FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H. · SYKORA, O. · VRTO, I.
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- ALCON, L. · FARIA, L. · FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H. · GUTIERREZ, M.
The complexity of clique graph recognition
Theoretical Computer Science (2009)
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- CUNHA, L. F. I. · KOWADA, L. A. B. · HAUSEN, R. A. · FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H.
A faster 1.375-approximation algorithm for sorting by transpositions
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- MACÊDO, H. B. · MACHADO, R. C. S. · FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H.
Hierarchical complexity of 2-clique-colouring weakly chordal graphs and perfect graphs having cliques of size at least 3
Theoretical Computer Science (2016)
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The sandwich problem for decompositions and almost monotone properties
Algorithmica (2018)
- MELO, A. A. · FIGUEIREDO, C. M. H. · SOUZA, U. S.
A multivariate analysis of the strict terminal connection problem
Journal of Computer and System Sciences (2020)
- ABREU, A. · CUNHA, L. · FIGUEIREDO, C. · KOWADA, L. · MARQUEZINO, F. · POSNER, D. · PORTUGAL, R.
The graph tessellation cover number: Chromatic bounds, efficient algorithms and hardness
Theoretical Computer Science (2020)

Advances in algorithms, machine learning, and hardware can help tackle many NP-hard problems once thought impossible.

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Fifty Years of P vs. NP and the Possibility of the Impossible