



Minimizando comprimentos distintos em modelos de grafos de intervalo

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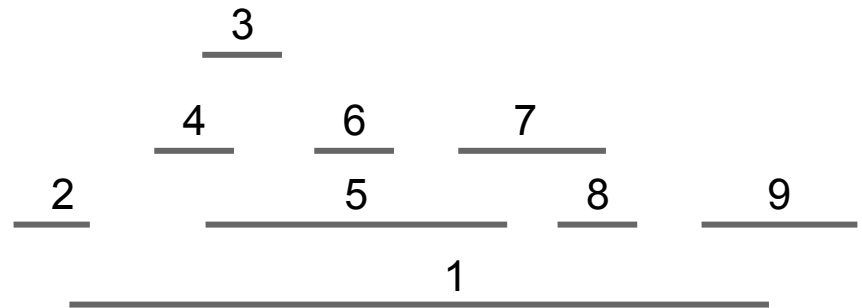
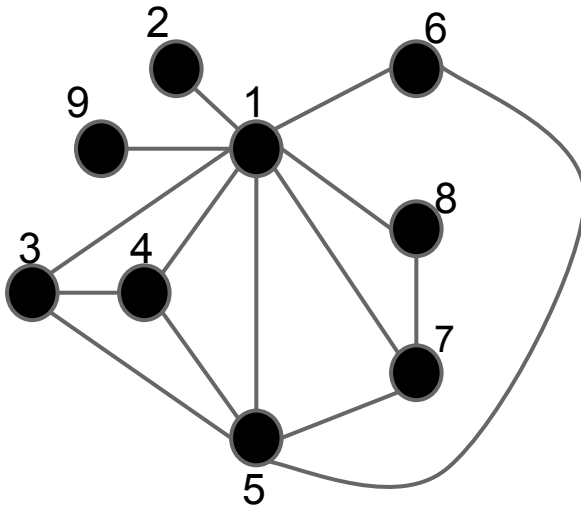
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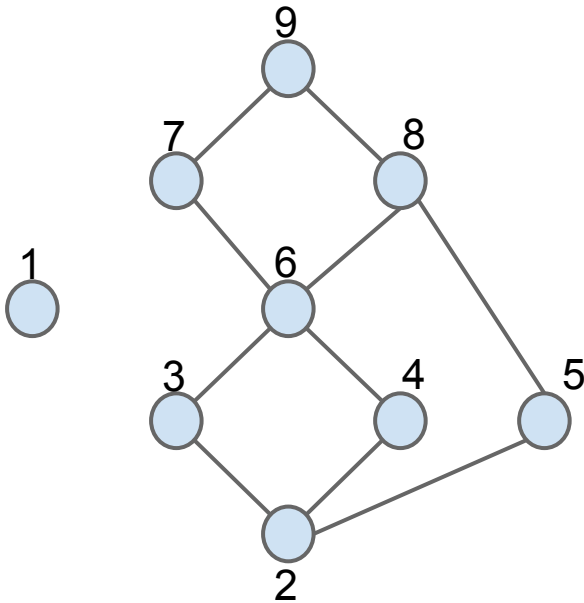
Interval Graphs

A graph G is *interval* if \exists model $\{I_v : v \in V(G)\}$ such that, for all $u \neq v$, $uv \in E(G) \Leftrightarrow I_u \cap I_v \neq \emptyset$

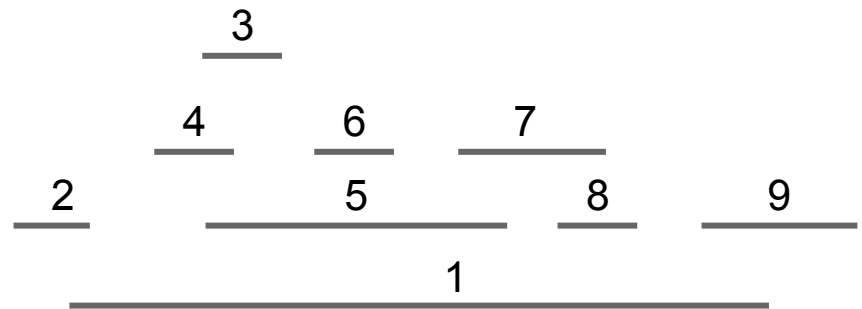


Interval Orders

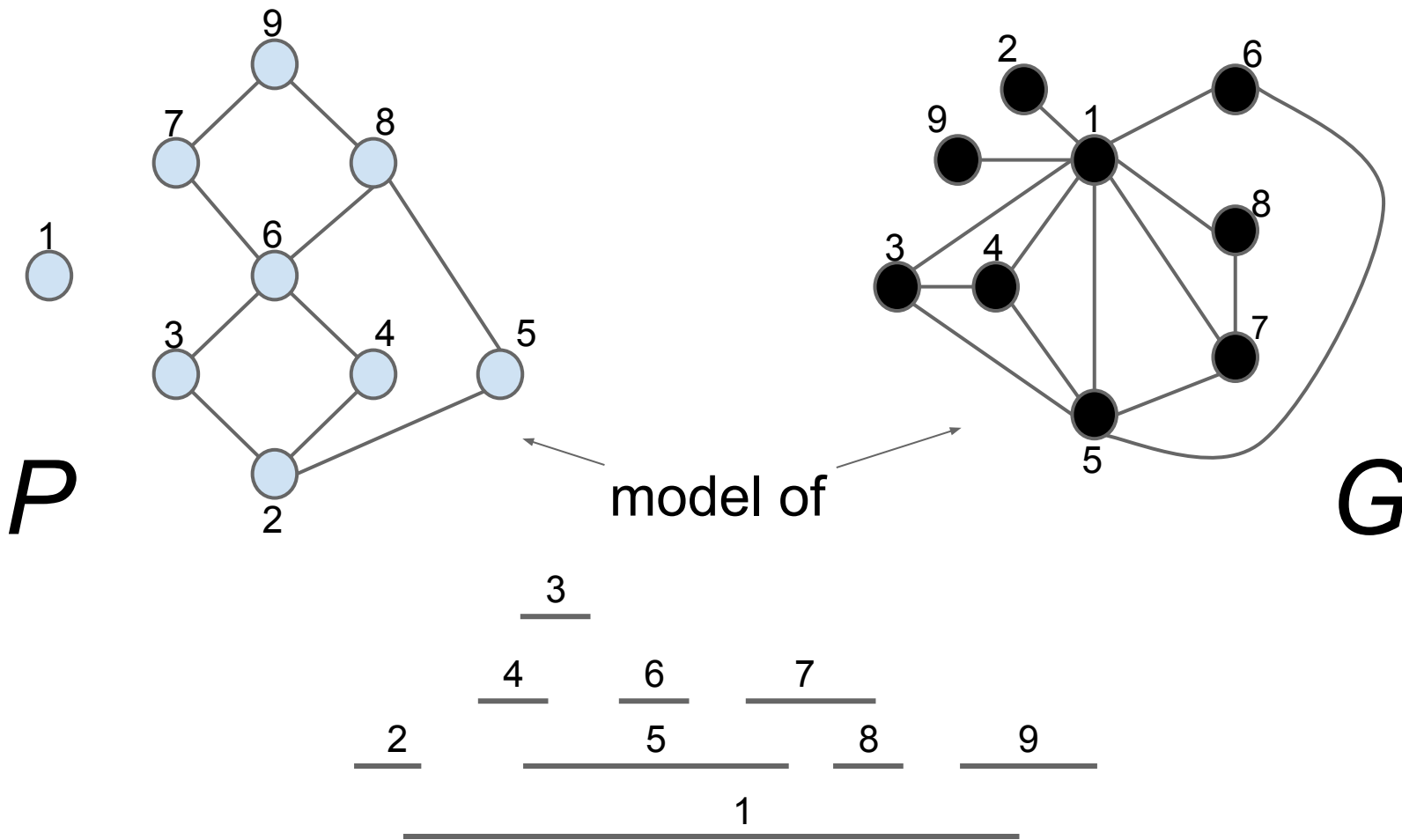
An order $P = (X, <)$ is *interval* if \exists model $\{I_v : v \in X\}$ such that $u < v \Leftrightarrow I_u$ precedes I_v



(Hasse diagram)



P agrees with *G*

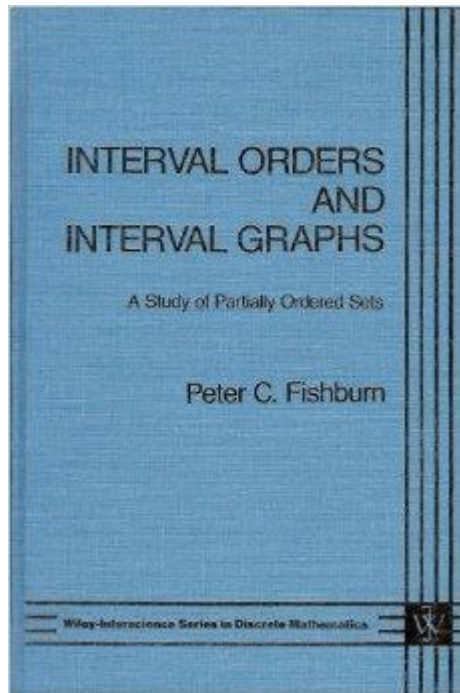


Applications

- planning [Allen '93]
- task allocation [Papadimitriou '79]
- archeology [Kendall '69]
- temporal logic [Allen '90]
- medical diagnosis [Klaus '91]
- VLSI design [Ward '90]
- genetics [Seymour, Benzer '59]
[Carrano '88, Karp '93]
- behavioral psychology [Coombs, Smith '73]

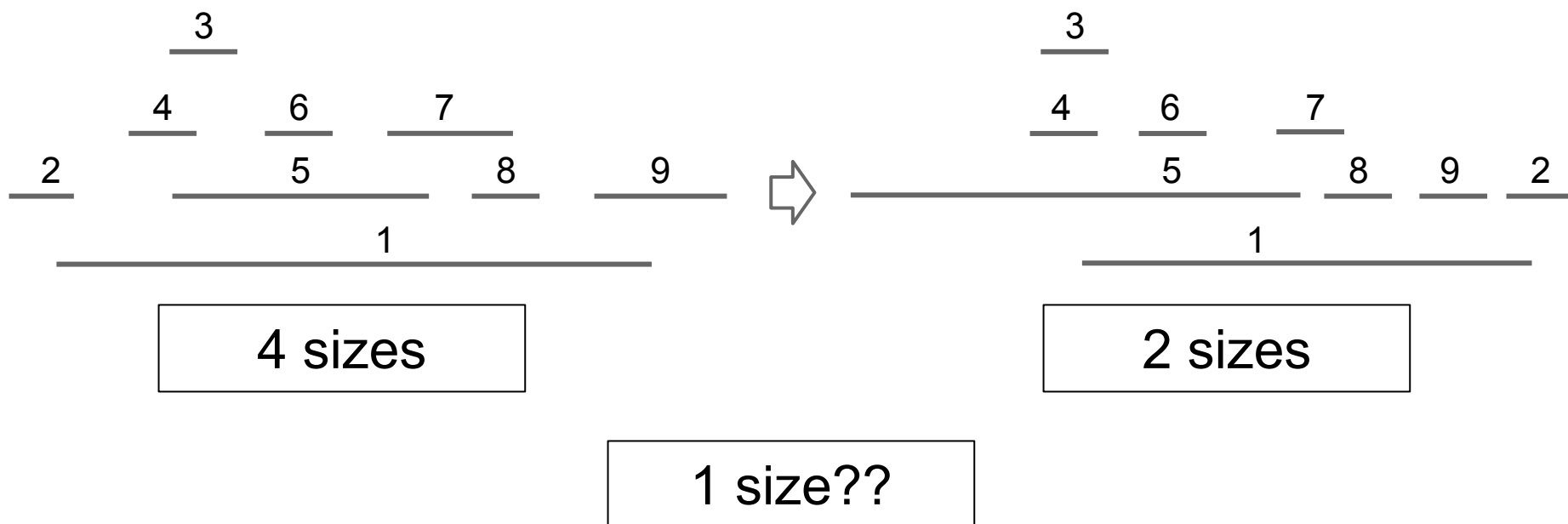
Well studied

- dozens of articles about interval orders and interval graphs
- a book only about them!



Interval Count

- Models of a given graph G may use many different interval sizes — but **how many is the minimum?** (= *interval count* $IC(G)$)

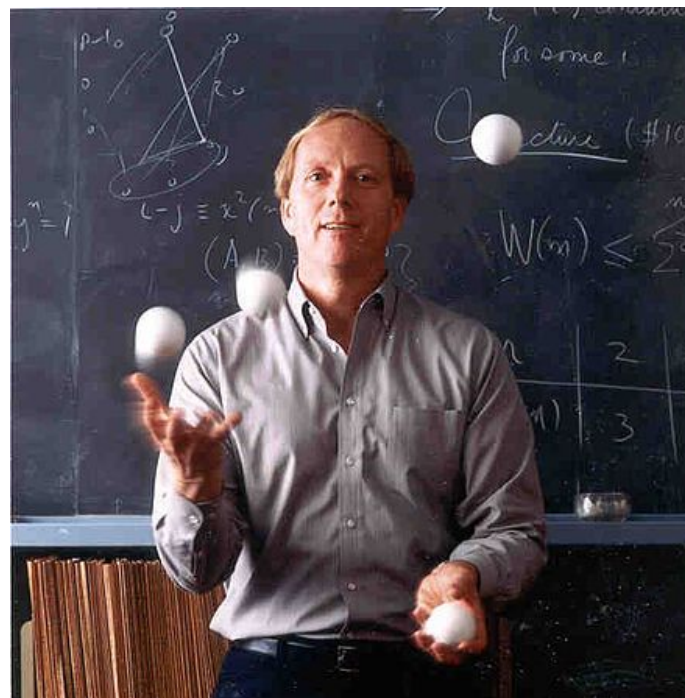


Interval Count

- history
- interval count one
- interval count two+
- forbidden subgraphs
- extremal problems
- algorithmic upper bounds
- problems on graphs with limited interval count

Interval Count

- Problem suggested by R. Graham to R. Leibowitz during her PhD thesis



Interval Count

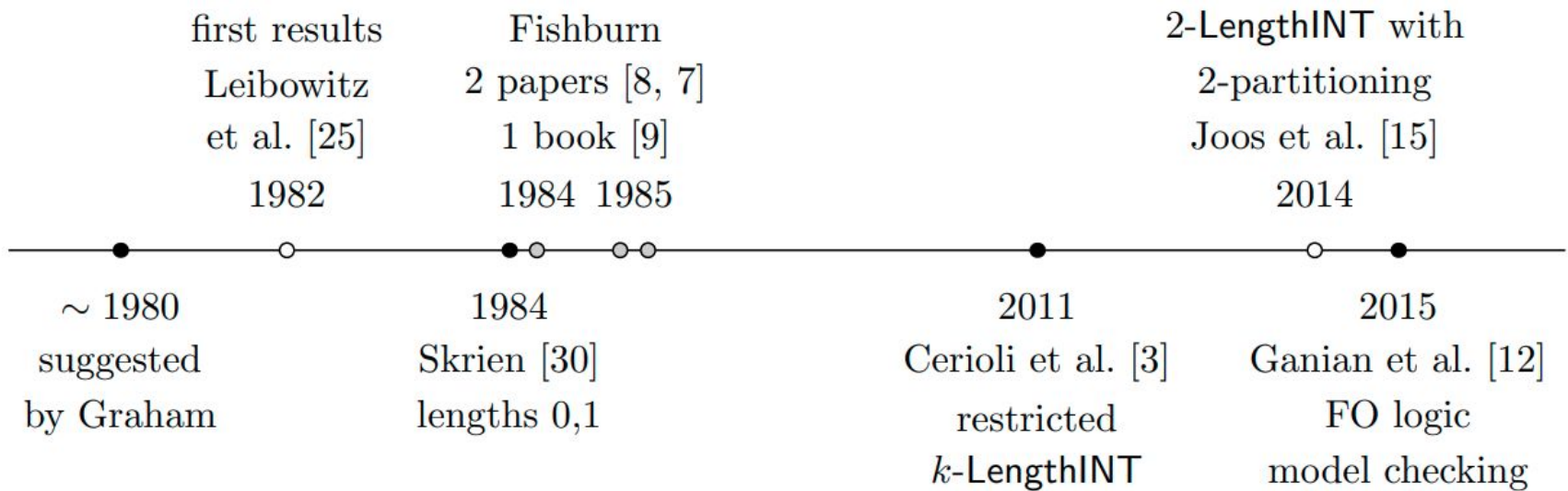


Fig. 3. Timeline of results for k -LengthINT. Notice a big gap between 1985 and 2011.

[Klavík, '17]

Interval Count

$IC(R)$ is the *number of distinct sizes* in model R

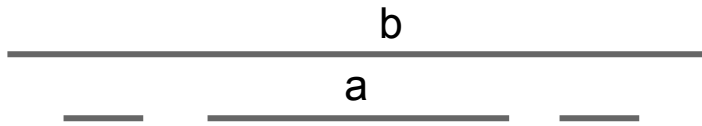
$$IC(P) = \min \{ IC(R) : R \text{ is a model of } P \}$$

$$IC(G) = \min \{ IC(R) \mid R \text{ is a model of } G \}$$

$$P \text{ agrees with } G \Rightarrow IC(G) \leq IC(P)$$

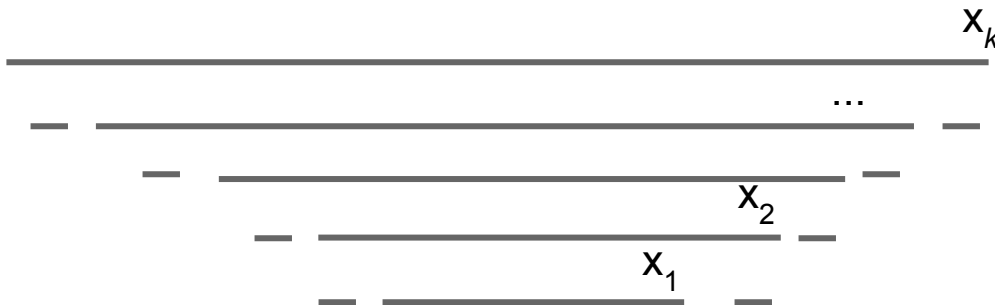
Interval Count

- *Nested intervals* must be assigned different sizes!



I_a is nested
into I_b

- nesting depth of $R = \max \{ k : x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \text{ is a chain of consecutively nested intervals in } R \}$



$$|I_{x_1}| < |I_{x_2}| < \dots < |I_{x_k}|$$

Interval Count

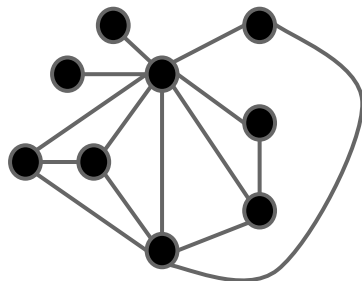
- *nesting depth of P* = nesting depth of a model R of P
- *nesting depth of G* =
 $\min \{ \text{nesting depth of } R : R \text{ is a model of } G \}$
- *k -nested interval graphs = interval graphs whose nesting depth is at most k*

Important relation to interval count:

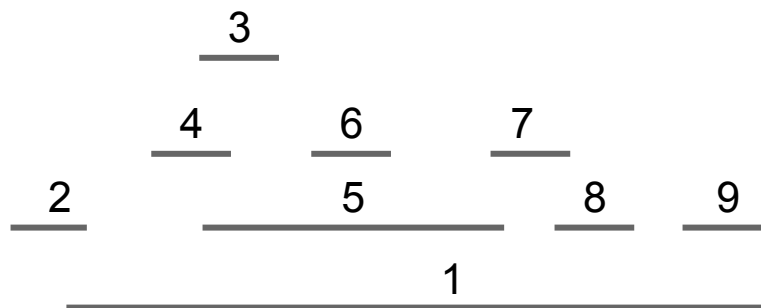
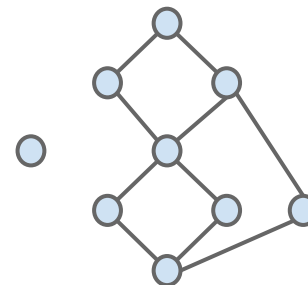
- $IC(P) \geq \text{nesting depth of } P$
- $IC(G) \geq \text{nesting depth of } G$

Interval Count

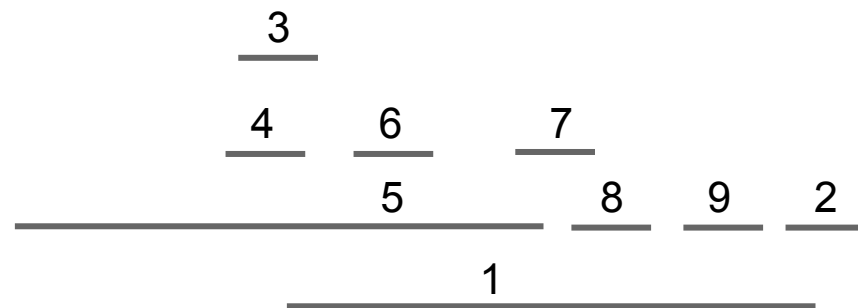
Let $G =$



and $P =$



model of P and G



model of G (but not of P !)

$$IC(P) = 3 \text{ (why?)}$$

$$IC(G) = 2 \text{ (why?)}$$

k -Nested Interval Graphs

- The nesting depth of a graph G can be determined in polynomial time [Cerioli, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter '12] (in linear time by [Klavík, Otachi, Sejnoha, '19])

Interval Count One

- deciding whether $IC(G) = 1$ is a well solved problem
 - $IC(G) = 1 \Leftrightarrow G$ is unit interval [Roberts '69]
[Figueiredo, Meidanis, Mello '95] [Corneil '04]
 - $IC(G) = 1 \Leftrightarrow G$ is $K_{1,3}$ -free [Roberts '69]

Interval Count Two+

- for all $k \geq 2$, it is **open** the complexity of deciding whether

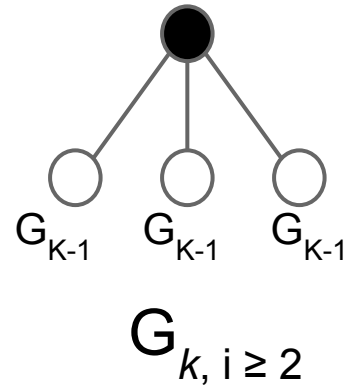
$$IC(G) = k \text{ or } IC(P) = k$$

Interval Count

- $IG(G)$ can be arbitrarily large



G_1



$$IC(G_k) = k$$

Interval Count

- $IG(G)$ can be arbitrarily large even with constant nesting depth

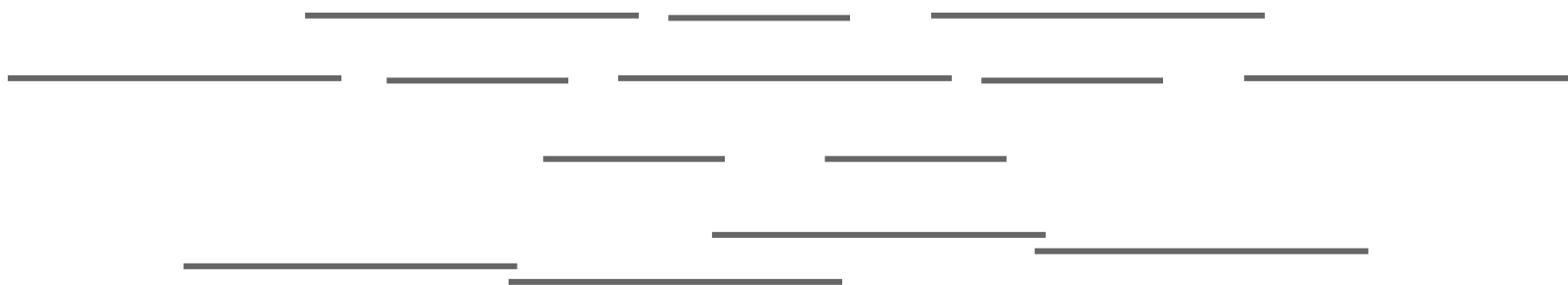
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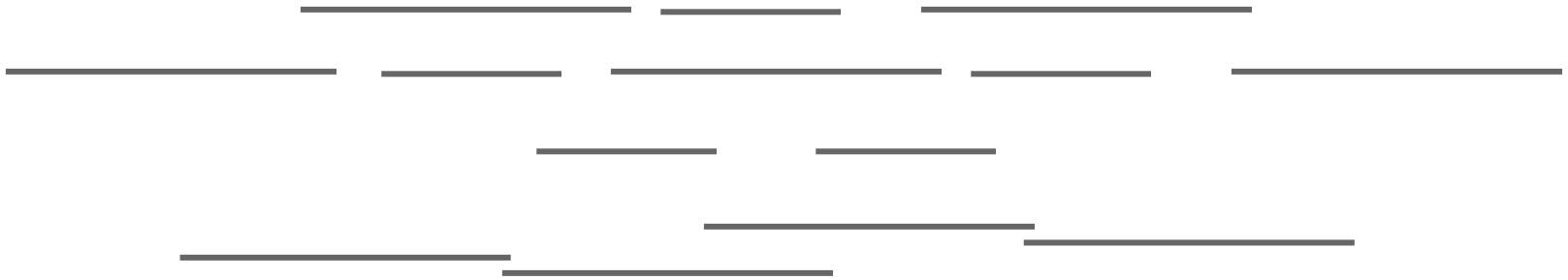
$$|\text{shorter}| < \frac{1}{4} |\text{longer}|$$



(a different component)

Interval Count

$IC(G) = 3$, nesting depth = 2



(a different component)

Interval Count

- There are examples of graphs having nesting depth 2 with arbitrarily large interval count [[Fishburn '85](#)]

Interval Count Two

- $IC(G) \leq 2$ if G is a tree, threshold, or $K_{1,3}$ -free except for one-vertex removal
[Leibowitz '82]

Interval Count Two

- A $\{a,b\}$ -model has only intervals of sizes a or b
LEN(a,b) is the class of graphs admitting $\{a,b\}$ -models
- Recognition of LEN($0,1$) in time $O(n^3)$ [Skrien '84] and $O(n + m)$ [Rautenbach, Szwarcfiter '11]
- Characterization of orders agreeing with graphs in LEN($1,2$) by forbidden subgraphs assuming a preassignment of sizes to vertices
[Boyadzhiyska, Isaak and Trenk '17]

Interval Count Two

- Of course, $\text{LEN}(a,b) = \text{LEN}(ak,bk)$ for all $k > 0$...
- ... but $\text{LEN}(a',b') \not\subseteq \text{LEN}(a,b)$ when $b'/a' \neq b/a$
[Francis, Medeiros, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter (*to appear*)]

Interval Count Two

- Let:

$AS(G) = \{ \text{the longest size in } R : \\ R \text{ is a model of } G \text{ with } IC(R) = 2 \text{ and} \\ \text{smaller size} = 1 \}$

Ex.: $AS(K_{1,r}) = (r-2, \infty)$

Characterization for $LS(G)$ in general?

Interval Count Two

- W. Trotter conjectured $LS(G)$ to be a real interval
- Fishburn disproved the conjecture, by showing a family of graphs for which $LS(G)$ is a disjoint union of an arbitrary number of intervals [[Fishburn '85](#)]

Arbitrary Interval Count

- Graham initially conjectured that $IC(G \setminus x) = k \Rightarrow IC(G) \leq k+1$
- [Leibowitz '82] demonstrated that the conjecture holds for $k = 1$

Arbitrary Interval Count

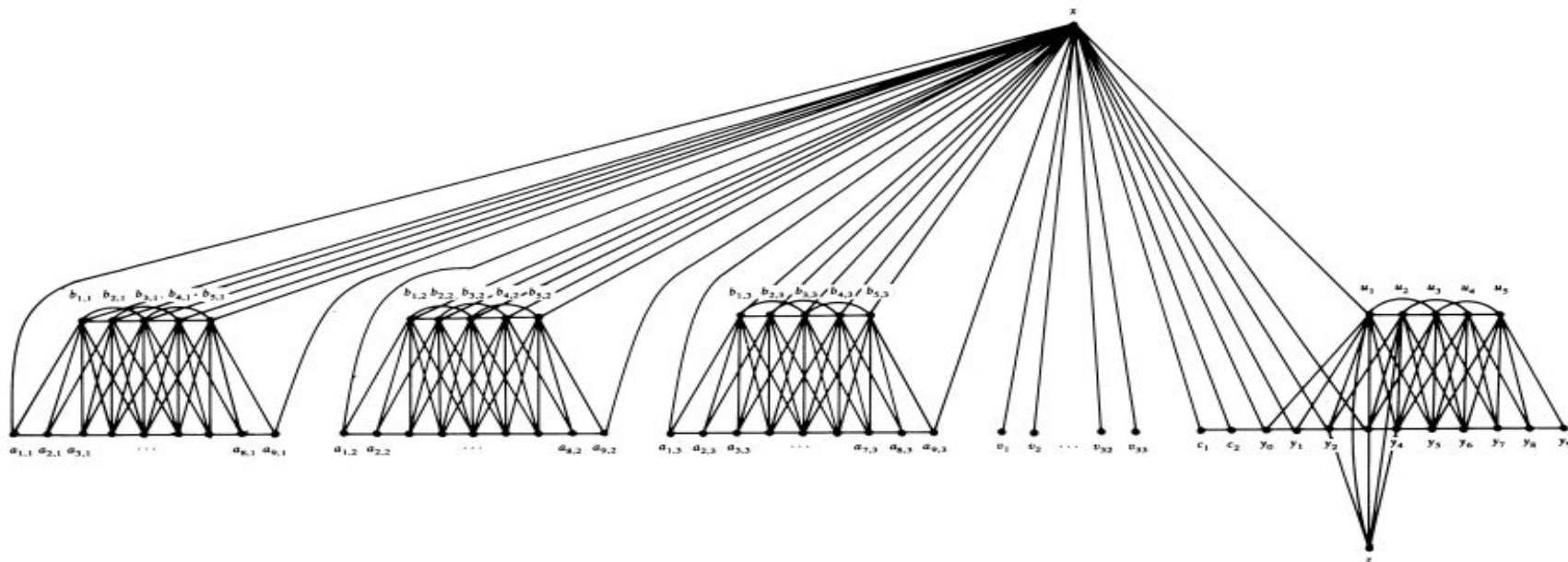
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G. W. Peck

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G. W. Peck is a [pseudonymous](#) attribution used as the author or co-author of a number of published [mathematics academic papers](#). Peck is sometimes humorously identified with [George Wilbur Peck](#), a former governor of the [US](#) state of [Wisconsin](#).^[1]

Peck first appeared as the official author of a 1979 paper entitled "Maximum [antichains](#) of rectangular arrays".^[2] The name "G. W. Peck" is derived from the initials of the actual writers of this paper: [Ronald Graham](#), [Douglas West](#), [George B. Purdy](#), [Paul Erdős](#), [Fan Chung](#), and [Daniel Kleitman](#). The paper initially listed Peck's affiliation as [Xanadu](#), but the editor of the journal objected, so Ron Graham gave him a job at [Bell Labs](#). Since then, Peck's name has appeared on some sixteen publications,^[3] primarily as a pseudonym of [Daniel Kleitman](#).^[1]

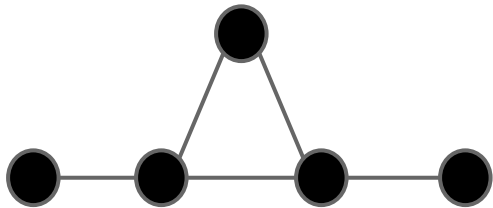
Arbitrary Interval Count

- If $IC(G) = k \Leftrightarrow G$ does not have any graph in L as an induced subgraph, then L is infinite, for $k \geq 2$ [Fishburn '85]

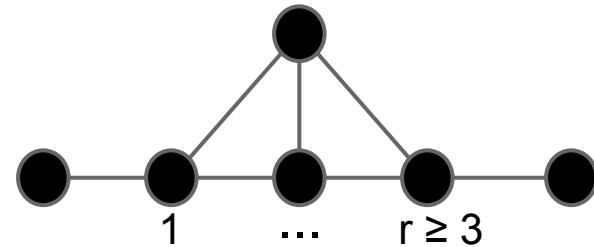
(Note the characterization of unit interval graphs by forbidden subgraphs)

Arbitrary Interval Count

- If the graph G (resp. order P) is extended-bull-free, then $IC(G)$ (resp. $IC(P)$) equals to the nesting depth of G
[Cerioli, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter '06]



bull



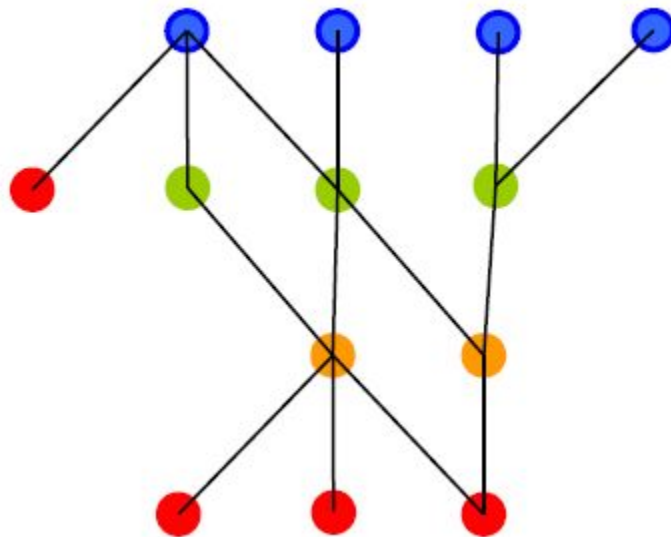
extended-bull

Arbitrary Interval Count

- **Lemma:** In a model R of an extended-bull-free graph, an interval I can have its size increased arbitrarily in R , increasing as a consequence only a subset of intervals in which I is nested

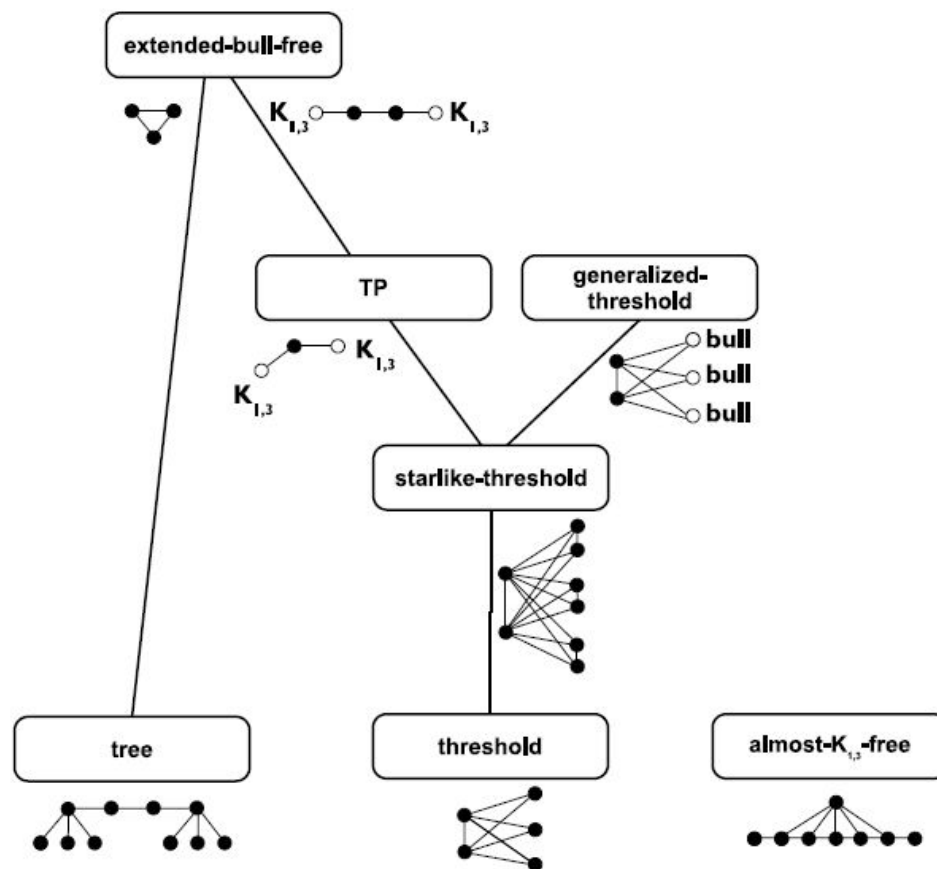
Arbitrary Interval Count

- Take any model R of G . Let the order $(V(G), <)$ be such that $u < v \Leftrightarrow I_u$ is included in I_v
- For each height $h = 1, 2, \dots$, take a smallest interval of height h . Increase it until its size becomes the size of the largest of that level. Take a next smallest interval until all intervals of height h have the same size



Arbitrary Interval Count

- IC restricted to classes (inclusion diagram)



Arbitrary Interval Count

SizeAssignment($G, \{S_v : v \in V(G)\}$)

Input:

an interval graph G and, for each $v \in V(G)$, a real value S_v

Question:

is there an interval model $\{I_v : v \in V(G)\}$ of G such that $|I_v| = S_v$?

- **SizeAssignment** is NPC [Pe'er, Shamir '97]

Interval Count with Partition

IC2-Part(G, A, B):

Input:

a graph G and a bipartition $A \cup B = V(G)$

Question:

are there a model $\{I_x : x \in V(G)\}$ of G and real numbers $L_A < L_B$ such that $|I_a| = L_A$ for all $a \in A$ and $|I_b| = L_B$ for all $b \in B$?

Interval Count with Partition

Theorem (Joos, Löwenstein, Oliveira, Rautenbach, Schwarcfiter '14):

IC2-Part(G, A, B) is efficiently solvable when $G[A]$ and $G[B]$ are connected.

Interval Count with Partition

Lemma (Cerioli, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter '11):

If $IC(G) = k$, there is a model R of G with $IC(R) = k$ such that all extreme points of intervals in R are distinct integer points.

Interval Count with Partition

- So, we can use Linear Programming (LP) for solving **IC2-Part**(P, A, B) for orders:

$$r_u + 1 \leq \ell_v \quad \forall u < v,$$

$$r_u \geq \ell_v \quad \forall u \parallel v,$$

$$r_a - \ell_a = L_A \quad \forall a \in A,$$

$$r_b - \ell_b = L_B \quad \forall b \in B,$$

$$L_A \geq 1, \quad L_B \geq L_A + 1,$$

$$\ell_u \geq 1, \quad r_u \geq 1$$

Interval Count with Partition

- The remaining of the proof is to completely characterize the precedence relation that can be assumed

Extremal Problems

- **[Fishburn '85]** proposed the functions:

$$\sigma(k) = \min \{ |P| : P \text{ is an order such that } IC(P) \geq k \}$$

$$\tau(k) = \min \{ |V(G)| : G \text{ is a graph such that } IC(G) \geq k \}$$

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and proved that

$$2k \leq \sigma(k) \leq 3k - 2 \quad \text{for all } k \geq 2$$

$$\therefore IC(P) \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \quad (n = |P|; q = \text{number of cliques})$$

$$IC(G) \leq \lfloor (q+1)/2 \rfloor \quad \text{[Cerioli, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter '11]}$$

Extremal Problems

- **[Fishburn '85]** conjectured:

$$\sigma(k) = 3k - 2 \quad \text{for all } k \geq 2$$

and prove the conjecture for all $k \leq 7$

- **[Francis, Medeiros, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter (to appear)]** proposed:

$$\sigma_C(k) = \min \{ |P| : P \text{ is an order of class } C \text{ such that } IC(P) \geq k \}$$

$$\tau_C(k) = \min \{ |V(G)| : G \text{ is a graph of class } C \text{ such that } IC(G) \geq k \}$$

Extremal Problems

Function \ C	TP	Split
$\sigma_C(k)$	$3k - 2$	$3k - 2$
$\tau_C(k)$	$7 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 3$	$3k - 1$

[Francis, Medeiros, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter (to appear)]

Algorithmic upper bound

- quadratic programming has been used to derive an algorithmic upper bound on the interval count of orders
- empirically very close to the actual values

[Medeiros, Oliveira, Szwarcfiter '21]

Algorithmic upper bound

- Given an order P:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{u=1, \dots, n} (s_u - 1)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & r_u + 1 \leq \ell_v \quad \forall u < v \\ & r_u \geq \ell_v \quad \forall u \parallel v \\ & r_u - \ell_u = s_u \quad \forall u \\ & \ell_u \geq 0, r_u \geq 0, s_u \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Algorithmic upper bound

Tabela 1: Resultados parciais sumarizados.

Classe de P	n	$IC(P)$	Limite Superior Algorítmico		Tempo de Execução (s)	
			$f_1(x)$	$f_2(x)$	$s_{f_1(x)}$	$s_{f_2(x)}$
1	13	2	3	4	0,031	0,047
2	9	2	2	2	0,031	0,062
3 (TP)	7	3	3	3	0,015	0,031
3 (TP)	43	15	15	15	0,150	0,310
3 (TP)	40	4	4	4	0,093	0,109
3 (TP)	121	5	5	6	0,921	1,249
3 (SPLIT)	14	5	5	6	0,015	0,031
3 (SPLIT)	74	25	25	26	0,340	1,658
3 (SPLIT)	16	6	6	7	0,031	0,032
3 (SPLIT)	28	10	10	10	0,059	0,046
4 (CL)	12	4	5	4	0,037	0,066
4 (CL)	18	6	6	6	0,037	0,045
4 (CL)	30	10	10	10	0,078	0,117
5	25	≥ 3	7	8	0,104	0,060

Problems on Limited IC Graphs

- There are several algorithms for problems on interval graphs and/or unit interval graphs

Problems on Limited IC Graphs

Interval

Problems

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Parameter decomposition

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booleanwidth decomposition [?]	Polynomial
cliquewidth decomposition [?]	Unknown to ISGCI
cutwidth decomposition [?]	Unknown to ISGCI
treewidth decomposition [?]	Polynomial

Unweighted problems

3-Colourability [?]	Linear
Clique [?]	Polynomial
Clique cover [?]	Linear
Colourability [?]	Linear
Domination [?]	Linear
Feedback vertex set [?]	Linear
Graph isomorphism [?]	Linear
Hamiltonian cycle [?]	Linear
Hamiltonian path [?]	Polynomial
<i>Independent dominating set [?]</i>	Linear
Independent set [?]	Linear
Maximum cut [?]	NP-complete
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Recognition [?]	Linear

Weighted problems

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Problems on Limited IC Graphs

Theorem [Adhikary et al, '21]:

MaxCut on interval graphs is NPC.

Theorem [de Figueiredo, Melo, Oliveira, Silva, '21]:

MaxCut on interval graphs G with $IC(G) = 4$ is NPC.

Open questions

Open Problems

- Leibowitz disproved the Graham conjecture by showing a graph whose IC decreases two units when one vertex is removed

How about the weaker version of Graham conjecture: is it true that

$$\text{IC}(G \setminus x) = k \Rightarrow \text{IC}(G) \leq k + r,$$

for some constant $r \geq 2$?

Open Problems

- Recognition of the interval count on more general interval graph subclasses (more general than extended bull free graphs)

Open Problems

- Characterization of the class of graphs G for which the $IC(G)$ equals its nesting depth
- Regarding **IC2-Part**, can we get rid of the LP and use a more theoretic graph approach?

Open Problems

- **MaxCut** on interval graphs G having $IC(G) \leq 3$?
- Is the empirical upper bound actually equal to the interval count on particular subclasses?

Obrigado
pela atenção!