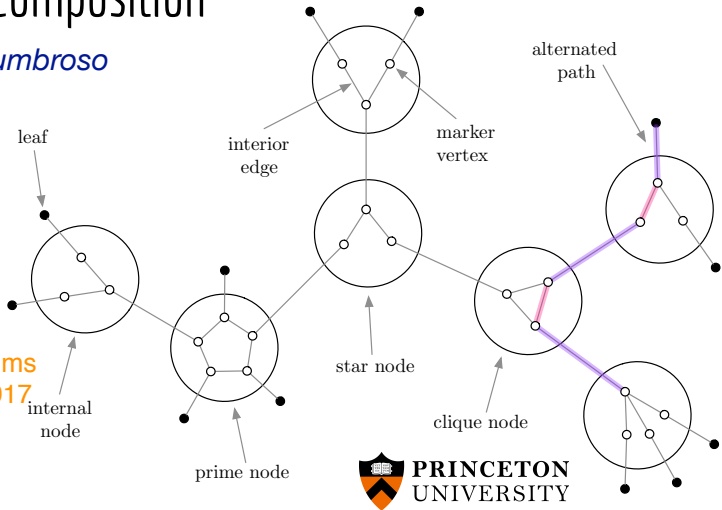


# Graph Enumeration with the Split-Decomposition

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**An Exact Enumeration of Distance-Hereditary Graphs**  
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# 0. Motivation and Outline

## Motivation:

- ▶ in this talk: precisely enumerate large classes of graphs
- ▶ we combine in novel way:
  - ▶ classical characterization of **graphs by tree-decompositions**—because trees are **easier to count**
  - ▶ “graph labeled tree” framework (Gioan and Paul, 2012)
  - ▶ techniques in analytic combinatorics (symbolic method + asymptotic theorems)
  - ▶ technique from species theory (dissymmetry theorem on trees)
- ▶ obtain exact and asymptotic enumerations + more

## Outline:

- ▶ present definitions (graph decomposition, split decomposition, symbolic method)
- ▶ illustrate our approach for a simpler class of graphs (3-leaf power graphs)
- ▶ results for distance-hereditary graphs
- ▶ perspectives

## context: some direct predecessors of our method

this work is informed by a long line of research on graph decomposition (see Gioan and Paul especially), but two prior works are particular relevant:

- ▶ **Thimonier and Ravelomanana 2002:** asymptotic enumeration of cographs (totally decomposable graphs for modular decomposition) using analytic combinatorics techniques
- ▶ **Nakano *et al.* 2007:** encoding and upper-bound for enumeration of distance-hereditary graphs (totally decomposable graphs for split decomposition) using algorithmic construction
- ▶ **Gioan and Paul, 2009-2012:** introduced the notion of graph-labeled tree and way to characterize split-decomposition output

# context: distance-hereditary graphs (1)

**goal:** develop general methods cover vast subsets of **perfect graphs**<sup>1</sup>

starting point **distance-hereditary graphs**: [all as of Jan. 16th]

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HJ Bandelt, HM Mulder - *Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B*, 1986 - Elsevier  
Abstract Distance-hereditary graphs (sensu Howorka) are connected graphs in which all induced paths are isometric. Examples of such graphs are provided by complete multipartite graphs and ptolemaic graphs. Every finite distance-hereditary graph is obtained from  $K_1$  by Cited by 385 Related articles All 8 versions Cite Save
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E Howorka - *The quarterly journal of mathematics*, 1977 - Oxford Univ Press  
THE graphs considered are undirected, without loops or multiple edges. The distance  $d_a(u, v)$  between two vertices  $u, v$  of a connected graph  $G$  is the length of a shortest  $uv$  path of  $G$ . ( $G, d_a$ ) is the metric space associated with  $G$ . The present note deals with graphs whose Cited by 250 Related articles All 2 versions Cite Save

- ▶ planar graphs: 44 500 results
- ▶ interval graphs: 11 600 results [imperfect: incl. in perf. gr.]
- ▶ perfect graphs: 9 990 result
- ▶ chordal graphs: 8 860 results
- ▶ series-parallel graphs: 4 720 results
- ▶ cographs: 2 690 results
- ▶ block graphs: 1940 results

<sup>1</sup>chromatic number of every induced subgraph = size of max-clique of subgraph

## context: distance-hereditary graphs (2)

- ▶ **1977, Howorka:** defines DH graphs (respect isometric distance: all induced paths between two vertices are same length)
- ▶ **1982, Cunningham:** introduces split-decomposition (as “join decomposition”)
- ▶ **1986, Bandelt and Mulder:** vertex-incremental characterization
- ▶ **1990, Hammer and Maffray:** DH graphs are totally decomposable by the split-decomposition
- ▶ **2003, Spinrad:** upper-bound of enumeration sequence  $2^{O(n \log n)}$
- ▶ **2009, Nakano *et al.*:** upper-bound of  $2^{\lceil 3.59n \rceil}$  (approx. within factor 2)
- ▶ **2014-16, Chauve, Fusy, L.:** exact enumeration + full asymptotic (= constant, polynomial and exp. terms)

# 1. Graph decompositions

**Def:** a *graph-labeled tree* (GLT) is a pair  $(T, \mathcal{F})$ , with  $T$  a tree and  $\mathcal{F}$  a set of graphs such that:

- ▶ a node  $v$  of degree  $k$  of  $T$  is labeled by graph  $G_v \in \mathcal{F}$  on  $k$  vertices;
- ▶ there is a bijection  $\rho_v$  from the tree-edges incident to  $v$  to the vertices of  $G_v$ .

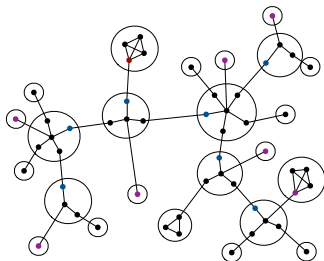
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**Def:** a *rooted graph-labeled tree* is a graph-labeled tree of which one internal node is distinguished.

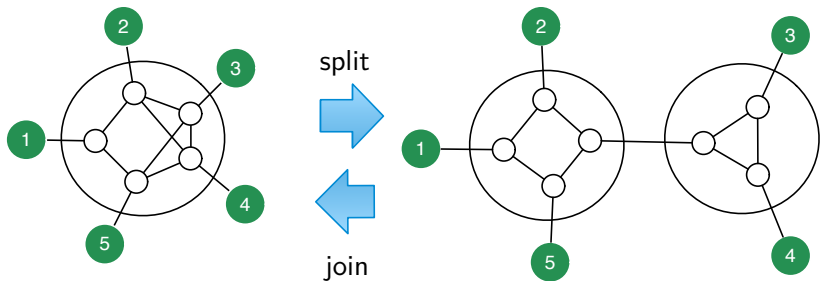
**Remark:** several types of decompositions of graphs (modular, split...); each decomposition has **totally decomposition graphs** for which the decomposition does not contain internal prime graphs.



## split decomposition (1)

**Def:** a bipartition  $(A, B)$  of a the vertices of a graph is a *split* iff

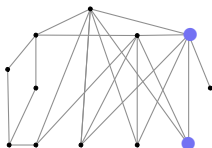
- ▶  $|A| \geq 2, |B| \geq 2$ ;
- ▶ for  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B, xy \in E$  iff  $x \in N(B)$  and  $y \in N(A)$ .



- $x$  actual nodes of the graph
- $\circ$  internal nodes of the decomposition



## split decomposition (2)



Gives a *graph-labeled tree* representation of a graph via a series of *split* operations

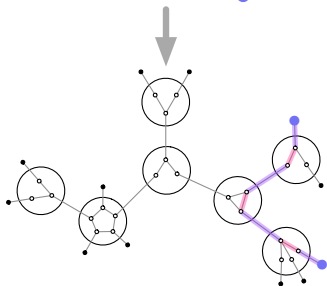
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**Decomposition base cases:**

*degenerate nodes:*



*prime nodes:*



**Theorem** (Cunningham '82):

The split decomposition tree into *prime* and *degenerate* nodes is unique as long as certain conditions are met.

**Theorem:**

Cycles of size at least 5 are prime nodes.

### Remark:

- ▶ *distance-hereditary graphs*: graphs that are **totally decomposable** by split decomposition: **internal nodes** are **star-nodes** or **clique-nodes**;
- ▶ *3-leaf power graphs*: **subset** of distance-hereditary graphs, with additional constraint that **star nodes** form **connected subtree**.

## 2. Specifiable Combinatorial Classes

a class  $\mathcal{A}$  is a specifiable combinatorial class if:

- ▶ described by **symbolic rules** (= grammar)

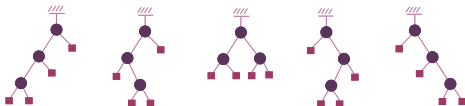
$\mathbb{Z}, \varepsilon$                      $+, \times, \text{Seq}, \text{Set}, \text{Cyc}, \dots$   
 building blocks            ways to combine them

- ▶ possible **recursive** (defined using itself)
- ▶ the number  $a_n$  of objects of **size**  $n$  is **finite**

**Example:** class  $\mathcal{B}$  of binary trees specified by

$$\mathcal{B} = \varepsilon + \mathcal{B} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathcal{B}$$

all binary trees of size 3 (with 3 internal nodes ●):

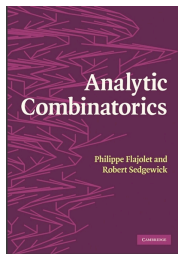


the **generating function**  $A(z)$  of class  $\mathcal{A}$  encodes, within a function, the **complete enumeration** (the number of objects for each size) of the class:

$$A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

- ▶ in the general case, this generating function (GF) is a formal object; however the **GF of decomposable classes** is often **convergent**
- ▶ **dictionary**: correspondence which exactly relates specific. and GF

construction	specification	GF
neutral element	$\varepsilon$	1
atome	$\mathcal{Z}$	$z$
union	$\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$	$A(z) + B(z)$
Cartesian product	$\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$	$A(z) \cdot B(z)$
sequence	$\text{Seq}(\mathcal{A})$	$\frac{1}{1-A(z)}$



**example:** class  $\mathcal{B}$  of binary trees

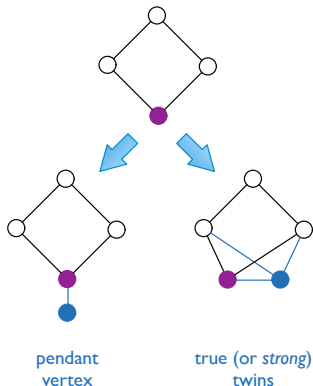
$$\mathcal{B} = \varepsilon + \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{B} \quad \Rightarrow \quad B(z) = 1 + B(z) \cdot z \cdot B(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z}}{2}$$

### 3. 3-LEAF POWER graphs

**(One Possible) Def:** a connected graph is a 3-leaf power graphs (3LP) iff it results from a tree by replacing every vertex by a clique of arbitrary size.

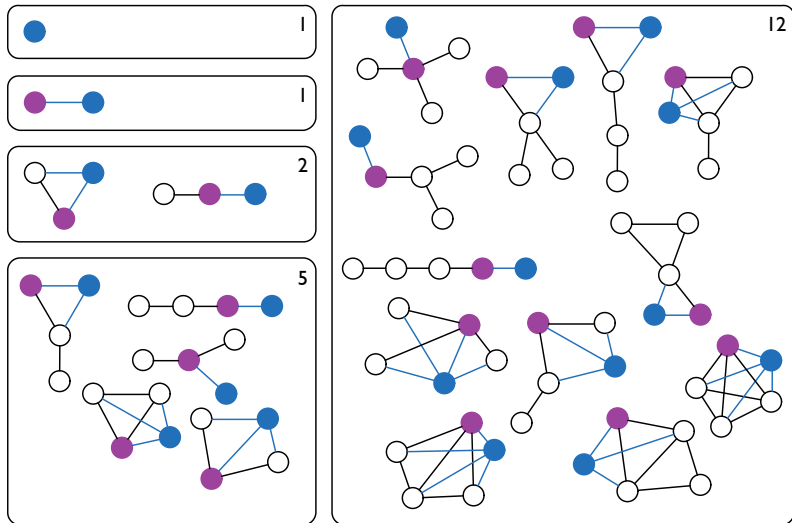
**Algorithmic Characterization:** 3LP graphs are obtained from a single vertex by

- ▶ **first** iterating arbitrary additions of pendant vertex;
- ▶ **then** iterating arbitrary additions of true twins.



(This characterization is especially useful when establishing a reference, brute-force enumeration of these graphs!)

## the first few 3-leaf power graphs



if these graphs were to be constructed by incremental construction, the **blue vertex** represents the vertex added from a smaller graph

## Split-tree characterization of 3LP graphs (Gioan & Paul 2009):

1. its split tree  $ST(G)$  has only of clique-nodes and star-nodes;
2. the set of star-nodes forms a connected subtree of  $ST(G)$ ;
3. the center of a star-node is incident either to a leaf or a clique-node.

**Thm (Chauve et al.)** From this, we describe **rooted** tree decomposition, by walking through the tree

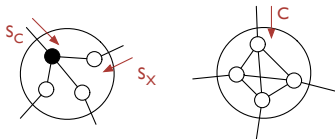
$$3\mathcal{LP}_\bullet = \mathcal{L}_\bullet \times (\mathcal{S}_C + \mathcal{S}_X) + \mathcal{C}_\bullet \qquad \mathcal{S}_C = \text{Set}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{S}_X)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_X = \mathcal{L} \times \text{Set}_{\geq 1}(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{S}_X) \qquad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{Z} + \text{Set}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\bullet = \mathcal{Z}_\bullet + \mathcal{Z}_\bullet \times \text{Set}_{\geq 1}(\mathcal{Z}) \qquad \mathcal{C}_\bullet = \mathcal{Z}_\bullet \times \text{Set}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z})$$

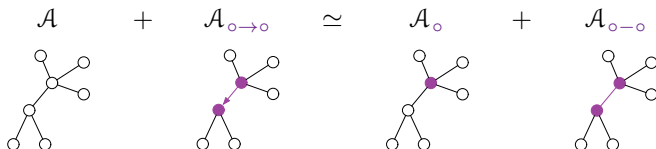
where

- ▶  $\mathcal{S}_C$  are star-nodes entered through their center;  $\mathcal{S}_X$ , their extremities;
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_\bullet$  is a class where one vertex is distinguished;
- ▶  $\mathcal{L}$  are leaves (either cliques or single vertices) and  $\mathcal{C}$  (clique).



## from rooted to **unrooted**: dissymmetry theorem for trees

- ▶ the grammars obtained describe a class of **rooted** trees; so the identical graphs are counted several times
- ▶ we need a tool to transform these grammars into grammars for the **equivalent unrooted class**;
- ▶ one such tool, the **Dissymmetry Theorem for Trees** [Bergeron *et al.* 98] states



with

- ▶  $\mathcal{A}$ , unrooted class (which we are looking for)
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_{\circ}$ , class rooted **node** (which we have)
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_{\circ - \circ}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\circ \rightarrow \circ}$ , class respectively rooted in **undirected edge** and **directed edge** (easy to obtain from  $\mathcal{A}_{\circ}$ )
- ▶ **alternate tool**: cycle pointing, Bodirsky et al. 2011 (more difficult but preserves combinatorial grammar)

## unrooted grammar — just for your information

- ▶ from dissymmetry theorem, we deduce  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_o + \mathcal{A}_{o-o} - \mathcal{A}_{o \rightarrow o}$  for the purposes of enumeration
- ▶ thus the *unrooted* 3LP graphs are described by

$$3\mathcal{LP} = \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{T}_S + \mathcal{T}_{S-S} - \mathcal{T}_{S \rightarrow S}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_S = \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{S}_C$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{S-S} = \text{Set}_2(\mathcal{S}_X)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{S \rightarrow S} = \mathcal{S}_X \times \mathcal{S}_X$$

$$\mathcal{S}_C = \text{Set}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{S}_X)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_X = \mathcal{L} \times \text{Set}_{\geq 1}(\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{S}_X)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{Z} + \text{Set}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z})$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}_{\geq 3}(\mathcal{Z}).$$

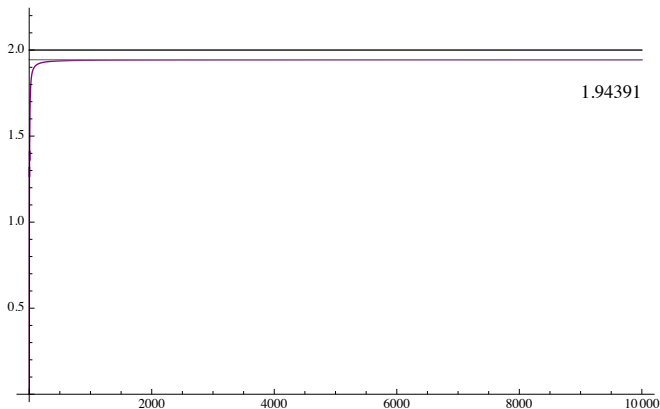
### ▶ remark:

- ▶ original terms:  $\mathcal{S}_C, \mathcal{S}_X, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{C}$
- ▶ terms from the dissymmetry theorem:  $\mathcal{T}_S, \mathcal{T}_{S-S}, \mathcal{T}_{S \rightarrow S}$
- ▶ main term in the form of  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_o + \mathcal{A}_{o-o} - \mathcal{A}_{o \rightarrow o}$



## experimental enumerations for graphs of size up to 10 000 (1)

- ▶  $t_n$ : # of unlabeled and unrooted 3LP graphs of size  $n$
- ▶ we know that  $t_n = O(\alpha^n)$ , want to find  $\alpha$
- ▶ here, plot of  $\log_2(t_n/t_{n-1})$
- ▶ suggests growths of  $\alpha = 2^{1.943\dots}$  for 3-Leaf Power Graphs



## experimental enumerations for graphs of size up to 10 000 (2)

Maple code to obtain previous plot, which allows to conjecture the asymptotic enumeration, once a grammar for the trees is found.

```
with(combstruct): with(plots):
TLP_UNROOTED_PARTS := {
  z = Atom,
  G_SUPERSET = Union(C, Union(TS, TSSu)),
  TS         = Prod(L, SC),
  TSSu       = Set(SX, card=2),
  TSSd       = Prod(SX, SX),
  SC         = Set(Union(L, SX), card >= 2),
  SX         = Prod(L, Set(Union(L, SX), card >= 1)),
  L          = Union(z, Set(z, card >= 2)),
  C          = Set(z, card >= 3)
}:
N := 10000:
OGF_TLP_SUPERSET := add(count([G_SUPERSET, TLP_UNROOTED_PARTS, unlabeled],
                             size = n) * x^n, n = 1 .. N):
OGF_TLP_TSSd := add(count([TSSd, TLP_UNROOTED_PARTS, unlabeled], size = n) *
                    x^n, n = 1 .. N):
OGF_TLP := OGF_TLP_SUPERSET - OGF_TLP_TSSd:
TLP_RATIOS := [seq([i, evalf(log(coeff(OGF_TLP, x, i)/coeff(OGF_TLP, x, i-1)))
                    /log(2)], i = 10 .. N)]:
plot(TLP_LOGS);
```



## asymptotic enumeration: practice

### Practical tweaks:

- ▶ our grammars involve unlabeled set operations, which result in infinite Polya series: these must be truncated
- ▶ additionally, singularity (= inverse of exponential growth) of rooted and unrooted classes is same: so work on (simpler) rooted grammar

**Result:** implemented algorithm in Maple, to obtain asymptotic of graph-decomposition with **arbitrary precision**:

```
TLP_ROOTED := {  
  Gp = Union(Prod(Lp, Union(SC, SX)), Cp),  
  SC = Set(Union(L, SX), card >= 2),  
  SX = Prod(L, Set(Union(L, SX), card >= 1)),  
  Cp = Prod(v, Set(v, card >= 2)), v = Atom, # [... snipped ...]  
};  
fsolve_combsys(TLP_ROOTED, 100, z);  
  
Eq1 = 0.02370404136, Eq2 = 0.5329652240, Eq3 = 0.3510690027,  
Eq4 = 0.3510690027, Eq5 = 0.8016703909, Eq6 = 0.6489309973,  
Eq7 = 0.2598453536, z = 0.2598453536
```

asymptotic exponential growth =  $1/z$

## summary of 3LP and DH enumerations

We have used the example of 3-Leaf Power Graphs, because it is simpler to present, but **all results obtained for Distance-Hereditary graphs**.

Exact and asymptotic results for two major classes, previously unknown.

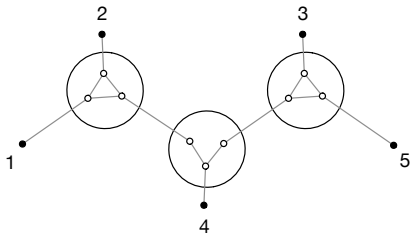
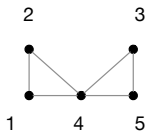
### 3-Leaf Power Graphs:

- ▶ exact enumeration: 1, 1, 2, 5, 12, 32, 82, 227, 629, 1840, 5456, 16701, 51939, 164688, ... (calculated linearly as function of size  $n$ )
- ▶ **asymptotics**:  $c \cdot 3.848442876 \dots^n \cdot n^{-5/2}$  with  $c \approx 0.70955825396 \dots$  (bound:  $2^{1.9442748333}$ )

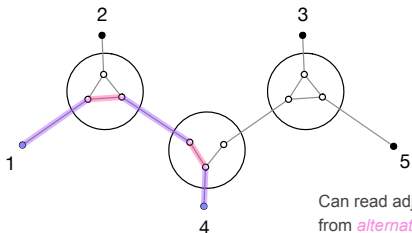
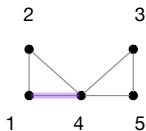
### Distance-Hereditary Graphs:

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- ▶ **asymptotics**:  $c \cdot 7.249751250 \dots^n \cdot n^{-5/2}$  with  $c \approx 0.02337516194 \dots$  (bound:  $2^{2.857931495}$ )

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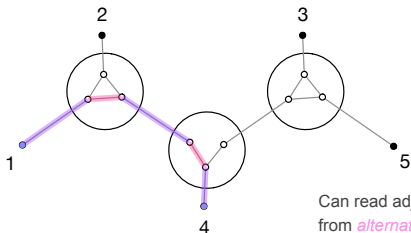
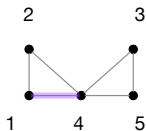


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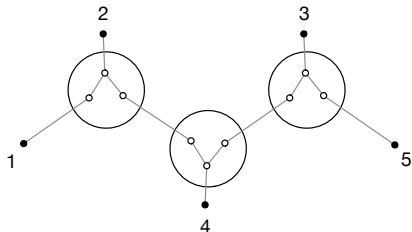
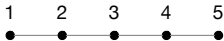


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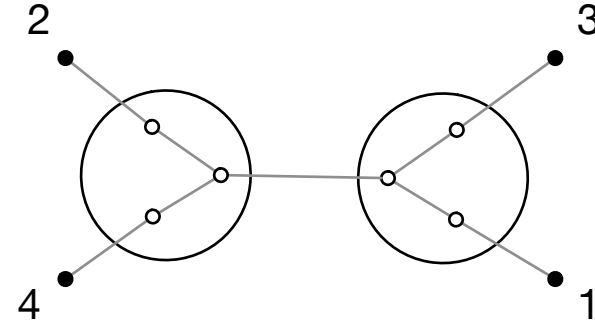
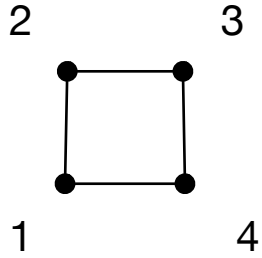


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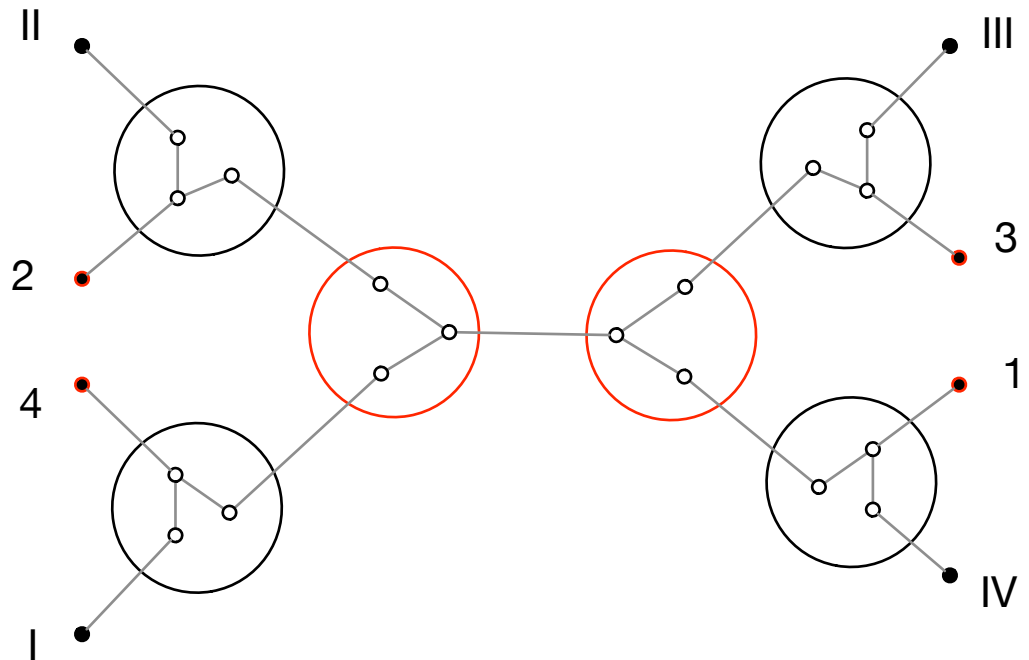
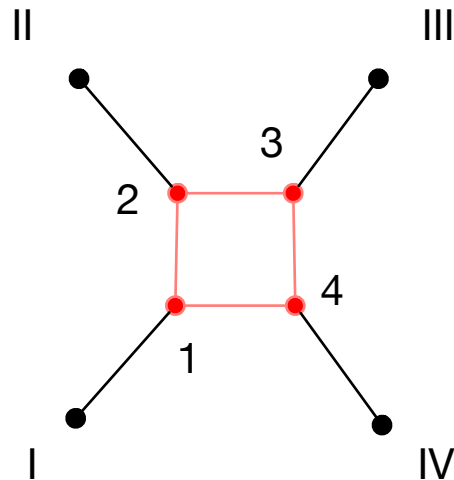
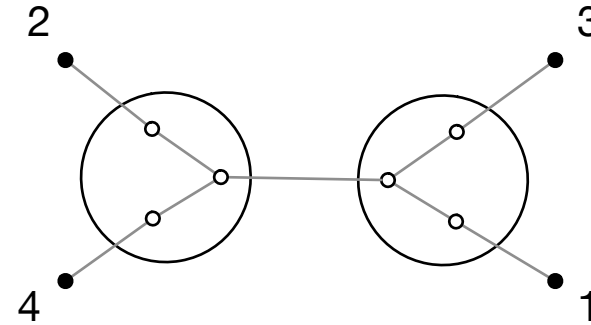
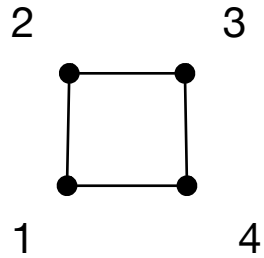




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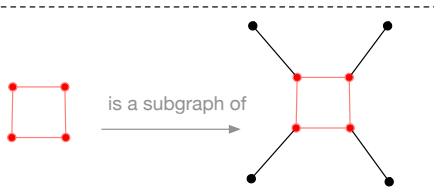
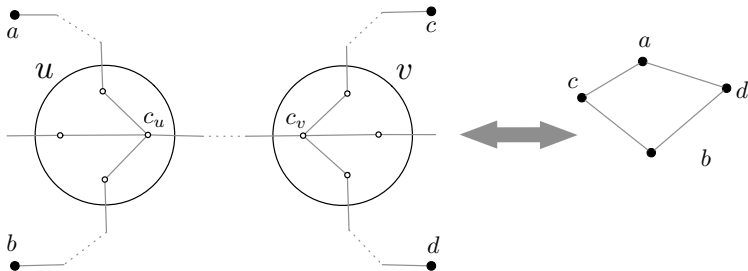


# Split-Tree Examples (2)



# C4 as a subgraph

THM (Bahrani, L.). In a clique-star split-decomposition tree:

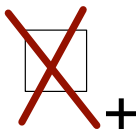
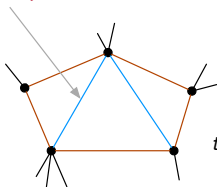
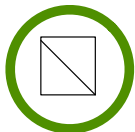


+ analog results for diamond, bridge, etc.

# Ptolemaic graphs =

(Howorka 1981, Kay and Chartrand 1965)

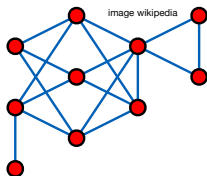
chord of (among others) the red cycle



there are no  $C_4$ 's

*chordal graphs*

(every cycle of size 4 has a chord)



distance hereditary  
(all distances preserved in induced subgraph)

=> forbidding that two **star** nodes be connected by their center

=> restricting split-decomposition tree to only use **star** and **clique** nodes

**result: grammar + enumerations in labeled and unlabeled cases**



*All ptolemaic graphs with at most four vertices.*

	Rooted	Labeled	EIS	Enumeration
Ptolemaic graphs	✓	✓		1, 2, 12, 140, 2405, 54252, 1512539, 50168456, 1928240622, 84240029730, 4121792058791, 223248397559376, ...
Ptolemaic graphs		✓		1, 1, 4, 35, 481, 9042, 216077, 6271057, 214248958, 8424002973, 374708368981, 18604033129948, 1019915376831963, ...
Ptolemaic graphs	✓			1, 1, 3, 10, 40, 168, 764, 3589, 17460, 86858, 440507, 2267491, 11819232, 62250491, 330794053, 1771283115, 9547905381, ...
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Family Characterization	Split-Decomposition Tree Characterization
Distance hereditary with no induced $C_4$	Clique-star tree with no center-center paths ( <i>i.e.</i> paths connected the centers of two star nodes).

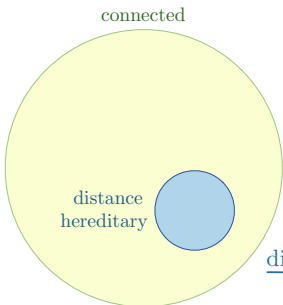
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Rooted Grammar	Unrooted Grammar
$\mathcal{PG}_\bullet = \mathcal{Z}_\bullet \times (\mathcal{S}_C + \mathcal{S}_X + \mathcal{K})$	$\mathcal{PG} = \mathcal{T}_K + \mathcal{T}_S + \mathcal{T}_{S-S} - \mathcal{T}_{S \rightarrow S} - \mathcal{T}_{S-K}$
$\mathcal{S}_C = \text{SET}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{S}_X)$	$\mathcal{T}_K = \mathcal{S}_C \times \text{SET}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{S}_X) + \text{SET}_{\geq 3}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{S}_X)$
$\mathcal{S}_X = (\mathcal{Z} + \overline{\mathcal{K}}) \times \text{SET}_{\geq 1}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{S}_X)$	$\mathcal{T}_S = \mathcal{S}_C \times (\mathcal{Z} + \overline{\mathcal{K}})$
$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{S}_C \times \text{SET}_{\geq 1}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{S}_X) + \text{SET}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{S}_X)$	$\mathcal{T}_{S-S} = \text{SET}_2(\mathcal{S}_X)$
$\overline{\mathcal{K}} = \text{SET}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{S}_X)$	$\mathcal{T}_{S \rightarrow S} = \mathcal{S}_X \times \mathcal{S}_X$
	$\mathcal{T}_{S-K} = \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{S}_X + \overline{\mathcal{K}} \times \mathcal{S}_C$

**Table 2.** Characterization, grammar, and the first few terms of the enumeration of ptolemaic graphs.

# Relative “densities”

Logarithmic plot of the number of graphs of each class for a given size.



distance hereditary

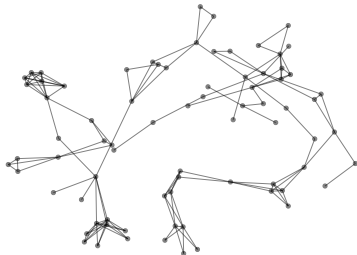
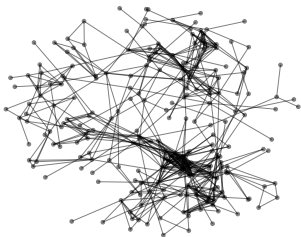
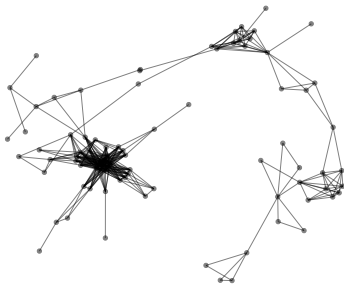
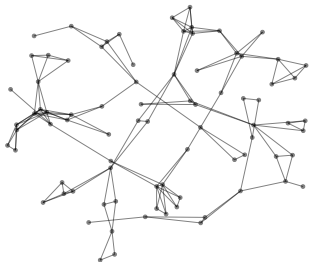
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3-cactus

2-3-cactus

block

$n = 73$



*Images by Alex Iriza, obtained by Boltzmann generator using cycle pointing. Implementation on [GitHub](#). 27/28*

## 5. Perspectives and upcoming results

### Analyses:

- ▶ **Parameter analysis:** analyzing, either theoretically or experimentally (already possible using random generation) various parameters of these graphs; such as distribution of star-nodes, clique-nodes, etc.
- ▶ **Other classes:** extending methodology to non-totally decomposable classes of graphs—either for modular decomposition or split decomposition (challenge is characterizing prime graphs in grammars).
  - ▶ bounds on parity graphs with bipartite prime [Shi, 2016 + ongoing]
  - ▶ forbidden subgraph characterizations [Bahrani and L., 2016]
  - ▶ cactus graphs [Bahrani and L., 2017]

### Applications:

- ▶ **Encoding:** asymptotic result suggests more efficient encoding than the one provided by Nakano *et al.* 2007 (which uses  $2^{4n}$  bits)?
  - ▶ automatic bounds given any vertex-incremental characterization [Shi, 2016]
- ▶ **Random generation:** efficient random generation already possible using cycle pointing [Fusy *et al.* 2007] [Iriza *et al.* 2015].