#### **Outline: Transitive Closure Compression**

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### Motivation

#### • A simple method

- store a transitive closure as a matrix



## DAG Decomposition into Node-Disjoint Chains

A DAG is a directed acyclic graph (a graph containing no cycles). On a chain, if node v appears above node u, there is a path from v to u in G.



# **Decomposition of a DAG into a set of node-disjoint chains**



Based on such a chain decomposition, we can assign each node an index as follows:

- (1) Number each chain and number each node on a chain.
- (2) The *j*th node on the *i*th chain will be assigned a pair (*i*, *j*) as its index.



Each node *v* on the *i*th chain will also be associated with an index sequence of length  $k : (1, j_1) \dots (i - 1, j_{i-1}) (i + 1, j_{i+1}) \dots (k, j_k)$  such that any node with index (x, y) is a descendant of *v* if x = i and y < j or  $x \neq i$  but  $y \leq j_x$ , where *k* is the number of the disjoint chains.

$$(1, 1) \bullet {}^{a} (2, 2)(3, 3) \qquad (2, 1) \bullet {}^{f} (1, 2)(3, 3) \qquad (3, 1) \bullet {}^{g} (1, \_)(2, 3)$$

$$(1, 2) \bullet {}^{c} (2, 3)(3, \_) \qquad (2, 2) \bullet {}^{b} (1, 3)(3, 3) \qquad (3, 2) \bullet {}^{h} (1, 3)(2, \_)$$

$$(1, 3) \bullet {}^{e} (2, \_)(3, \_) \qquad (2, 3) \bullet {}^{d} (1, \_)(3, \_) \qquad (3, 3) \bullet {}^{i} (1, \_)(2, \_)$$

The space complexity is bounded by O(kn).

#### **Construction of Index Sequences**

- Each leaf node is exactly associated with one index, which is trivially sorted.
- Let v<sub>1</sub>, ..., v<sub>l</sub> be the child nodes of v, associated with the index sequences L<sub>1</sub>, ..., L<sub>l</sub>, respectively. Assume that |L<sub>i</sub>| ≤ b (1≤ i ≤ l) and the indexes in each L<sub>i</sub> are sorted according to the first element in each index. We will merge all L<sub>i</sub>'s into a new index sequence and associate it with v. This can be done as follows. First, make a copy of L<sub>1</sub>, denoted L. Then, we merge L<sub>2</sub> into L by scanning both of them from left to right. Let (a<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>) (from L) and (a<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>) (from L<sub>2</sub>) be the index pair encountered. We will do the following checkings:

- If  $a_2 > a_1$ , we go to the index next to  $(a_1, b_1)$  and compare it with  $(a_2, b_2)$  in a next step.
- If  $a_1 > a_2$ , insert  $(a_2, b_2)$  just before  $(a_1, b_1)$ . Go to the index next to  $(a_2, b_2)$  and compare it with  $(a_1, b_1)$  in a next step.
- If  $a_1 = a_2$ , we will compare  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ . If  $b_1 > b_2$ , nothing will be done. If  $b_2 > b_1$ , replace  $b_1$  with  $b_2$ . In both cases, we will go to the indexes next to  $(a_1, b_1)$  and  $(a_2, b_2)$ , respectively.

We will repeatedly merge  $L_2$ , ...,  $L_l$  into L. Obviously,  $|L| \le b$  and the indexes in L are sorted. The time spent on this process is  $O(d_v k)$ , where  $d_v$  represents the outdegree of v. So the whole cost is bounded by

$$O(\sum_{v} d_{v}k) = O(ke),$$

where e is the number of edges of G.

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#### **Graph Stratification**

**Definition** (*DAG stratification*) Let G(V, E) be a DAG. The stratification of *G* is a decomposition of *V* into subsets  $V_1, V_2, ..., V_h$  such that  $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup ... V_h$  and each node in  $V_i$  has its children appearing only in  $V_{i-1}, ..., V_1$  (i = 2, ..., h), where *h* is the height of *G*, i.e., the length of the longest path in *G*.

For each node v in  $V_i$ , its level is said to be i, denoted l(v) = i. In addition,  $C_j(v)$  (j < i) represents a set of links with each pointing to one of v's children, which appears in  $V_j$ . Therefore, for each v in  $V_i$ , there exist  $i_1, ..., i_k$   $(i_l < i, l = 1, ..., k)$  such that the set of its children equals  $C_{i_1}(v) \cup ... \cup C_{i_k}(v)$ . Assume that  $V_i = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_k\}$ . We use  $C_j^i(j < i)$  to represent  $C_j(v_1) \cup ... \cup C_j(v_l)$ .

Such a DAG decomposition can be done in O(e) time, by using the following algorithm.

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 $G_1/G_2$  - a graph obtained by deleting the edges of  $G_2$  from  $G_1$ .  $G_1 \cup G_2$  - a graph obtained by adding the edges of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  together. (v, u) - an edge from v to u. d(v) - v's outdegree.

# **Algorithm** graph-stratification(G) **begin**

- 1.  $V_1 :=$  all the nodes with no outgoing edges;
- 2. **for** i = 1 to h 1 **do**
- 3. { W := all the nodes that have at least one child in  $V_i$ ;
- 4. **for** each node v in W **do**
- 5. { let  $v_1, ..., v_k$  be v's children appearing in  $V_i$ ;

6. 
$$C_i(v) := \{ \text{links to } v_1, ..., v_k \};$$

7. **if** d(v) > k **then** remove v from W;

8. 
$$G := G/\{(v, v_1), ..., (v, v_k)\};$$

9. 
$$d(v) := d(v) - k;$$

10. 
$$V_{i+1} := W;$$

#### 11. }

#### end

- In the above algorithm, we first determine  $V_1$ , which contains all those nodes having no outgoing edges (see line 1).
- In the subsequent computation, we determine  $V_2$ , ...,  $V_h$ . In order to determine  $V_i$ (i > 1), we will first find all those nodes that have at least one child in  $V_{i-1}$ (see line 3), which are stored in a temporary variable W. For each node v in W, we will then check whether it also has some children not appearing in  $V_{i-1}$ , which can be done in a constant time as demonstrated below. During the process, the graph Gis reduced step by step, and so does d(v) for each v (see lines 8 and 9).
- First, we notice that after the *j*th iteration of the out-most for-loop, V<sub>1</sub>, ..., V<sub>j+1</sub> are determined. Denote G<sub>j</sub>(V, E<sub>j</sub>) the reduced graph after the *j*th iteration of the out-most for-loop. Then, any node v in G<sub>j</sub>, except those in V<sub>1</sub> ∪ ... ∪ V<sub>j+1</sub>, does not have children appearing in V<sub>1</sub> ∪ ... ∪ V<sub>j</sub>. Denote d<sub>j</sub>(v) the outdegree of v in G<sub>j</sub>. Thus, in order to check whether v appearing in G<sub>i-1</sub> has some children not appearing in V<sub>i</sub>, we need only to check whether d<sub>i-1</sub>(v) is strictly larger than k, the number of the child nodes of v appearing in V<sub>i</sub> (see line 7).



The nodes of the DAG are divided into four levels:  $V_1 = \{d, e, i\}$ ,  $V_2 = \{c, h\}, V_3 = \{b, g\}$ , and  $V_4 = \{a, f\}$ . Associated with each node at each level is a set of links pointing to its children at different levels.

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Find a minimum set of node disjoint chains for a given DAG *G* such that on each chain if node *v* is above node *u*, then there is a path from *v* to *u* in *G*.

Step 1: Stratify *G* into a series of bipartite graphs.

Step 2: Find a maximum matching for each bipartite graph (which may contain the so-called virtual nodes.) All the matchings make up a set of node-disjoint chains.

Step 3: resolve all the virtual nodes.

Example.





#### **Virtual Nodes**

- $V_i' = V_i \cup \{ \text{virtual nodes introduced into } V_i \}.$
- $C_i = C_j^i \cup \{\text{all the new edges from the nodes in } V_i \text{ to the virtual}$ nodes introduced into  $V_{i-1}\}.$
- $G(V_i, V_{i-1}', C_i)$  represents the bipartite graph containing  $V_j$  and  $V_{j-1}'$ .

**Definition** (*virtual nodes for actual nodes*) Let G(V, E) be a DAG, divided into  $V_0, ..., V_{h-1}$  (i.e.,  $V = V_0 \cup ... \cup V_{h-1}$ ). Let  $M_i$  be a maximum matching of the bipartite graph  $G(V_i, V_{i-1}; C_i)$  and v be a free actual node (in  $V_{i-1}$ ') relative to  $M_i$  (i = 1, ..., h - 1). Add a virtual node v' into  $V_i$ . In addition, for each node  $u \in V_{i+1}$ , a new edge  $u \rightarrow v'$  will be created if one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

- 1.  $u \rightarrow v \in E$ ; or
- 2. There exists an edge  $(v_1, v_2)$  covered by  $M_i$  such that  $v_1$  and v are connected through an alternating path relative to  $M_i$ ; and  $u \in B_{i+1}(v_1)$  or  $u \in B_{i+1}(v_2)$ .
- v is called the source of v', denoted s(v').

 $B_j(v)$  represents a set of links with each pointing to one of v's parents, which appears in  $V_i$ .

#### Example.





To obtain the final result, the virtual nodes have to be resolved.

#### • Virtual node resolution

**Definition** (*alternating graph*) Let  $M_i$  be a maximum matching of  $G(V_i, V_{i-1}'; C_i)$ . The alternating graph  $\vec{G}_i$  with respect to  $M_i$  is a directed graph with the following sets of nodes and edges:

 $V(\vec{G}_i) = V_i \cup V_{i-1}', \text{ and}$   $E(\vec{G}_i) = \{u \to v \mid u \in V_{i-1}', v \in V_i, \text{ and } (u, v) \in M_i\} \cup$  $\{v \to u \mid u \in V_{i-1}', v \in V_i, \text{ and } (u, v) \in C_i \setminus M_i\}.$   $\vec{G}_2$ :

#### Example.











#### Combined graph:

Combine  $\vec{G}_{i+1}$  and  $\vec{G}_i$  by connecting some nodes v' in  $\vec{G}_{i+1}$  to some nodes u in  $\vec{G}_i$  if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (i) v' is a virtual node appearing in  $V'_i$ . (Note that  $V(\vec{G}_{i+1}) = V_{i+1} \cup V'_i$ .)
- (ii) There exist a node x in  $V_{i+1}$  and a node y in  $V_i$  such that (x, y')

 $\in M_{i+1}, x \rightarrow y \in C_{i+1}, and (y, u) \in M_i.$ 



Example.



In order to resolve as many virtual nodes (appearing in *V*i') as possible, we need to find a maximum set of node-disjoint paths (i.e., no two of these paths share any nodes), each starting at virtual node (in  $\vec{G}_{i+1}$ ) and ending at a free node in  $\vec{G}_{i+1}$ , or ending at a free node in  $\vec{G}_i$ .





- The problem of finding a maximal set of node-disjoint paths can be solved by transforming it to a maximum flow problem.
- Generally, to find a maximum flow in a network, we need  $O(n^3)$  time. However, a network as constructed above is a 0-1 network. In addition, for each node v, we have either  $d_{in}(v) \leq 1$  or  $d_{out}(v) \leq 1$ , where  $d_{in}(v)$  and  $d_{out}(v)$  represent the indegree and outdegree of v in  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$ , respectively. It is because each path in  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$  is an alternating path relative to  $M_{i+1}$  or relative to  $M_i$ . So each node except sources and sinks is an end node of an edge covered by  $M_{i+1}$  or by  $M_i$ . As shown in ([14]), it needs only  $O(n^{2.5})$  time to find a maximum flow in such kind of networks.

 $M_1 \cup M_2$ :







Virtual nodes will be removed.

**Definition** (*virtual nodes for virtual nodes*) Let  $M_i$  be a maximum matching of the bipartite graph  $G(V_i, V_{i-1}; C_i)$  and v'be a free virtual node (in  $V_{i-1}$ ') relative to  $M_i$  (i = 1, ..., h - 1). Add a virtual node v" into  $V_i$ . Set s(v") to be w = s(v'). Let l(w) = j. For each node  $u \in V_{i+1}$ , a new  $u \to v$ ' will be created if there exists an edge  $(v_1, v_2)$  covered by  $M_{j+1}$  such that  $v_1$  and w are connected through an alternating path relative to  $M_{i+1}$ ; and  $u \in B_{i+1}(v_1)$  or  $u \in B_{i+1}(v_2)$ .



#### Example.







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#### **Node-disjoint Paths in Combined Graphs**

Now we discuss an algorithm for finding a maximal set of node-disjoint paths in a combined graph  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$ . Its time complexity is bounded by  $O(e \cdot n^{1/2})$ , where  $n = V(\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i)$  and  $e = E(\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i)$ . It is in fact a modified version of Dinic's algorithm [6], adapted to combined graphs, in which each path from a virtual node to a free node relative to  $M_{i+1}$  or relative to  $M_i$  is an alternating path, and for each edge  $(u, v) \in M_{i+1} \cup M_i$ , we have  $d_{out}(u) = d_{in}(v) = 1$ . Therefore, for any three nodes v, v', and v'' on a path in  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$ , we have  $d_{out}(v) = d_{in}(v') = 1$ , or  $d_{out}(v') = d_{in}(v'') = 1$ . We call this property the *alternating property*, which enables us to do the task efficiently by using a dynamical arc-marking mechanism. An arc  $u \to v$  with  $d_{out}(u) = d_{in}(v) = 1$  is called a *bridge*.

- Our algorithm works in multiple phases.
- In each phase, the arcs in  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$  will be marked or unmarked.
- We also call a virtual node in  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$  an origin and a free node a terminus.
- An origin is said to be saturated if one of its outgoing arcs is marked; and a terminus is saturated if one of its incoming arcs is marked.

In the following discussion, we denote  $\vec{G}_{i+1} \oplus \vec{G}_i$  by *A*. At the very beginning of the first phase, all the arcs in *A* are unmarked. In the *k*th phase ( $k \ge 1$ ), a subgraph  $A^{(k) \text{ of }}A$  will be explored, which is defined as follows.

- Let  $V_0$  be the set of all the unsaturated origins (appearing in ).
- Define  $V_j$  (j > 0) as below:

$$\begin{split} E_{j\cdot 1} &= \{ \begin{array}{l} u \rightarrow v \in E(A) \mid u \in V_{j\cdot 1}, v \notin V_0 \cup V_1 \cup \ldots \cup V_{j\cdot 1}, \\ u \rightarrow v \text{ is unmarked} \} \cup \\ \{ \begin{array}{l} v \rightarrow u \in E(A) \mid u \in V_{j\cdot 1}, v \notin V_0 \cup V_1 \cup \ldots \cup V_{j\cdot 1}, \\ v \rightarrow u \text{ is marked} \}, \end{array} \\ V_j &= \{ \begin{array}{l} v \in V(A) \mid \text{for some } u, u \rightarrow v \text{ is unmarked and} \\ u \rightarrow v \in E_{j\cdot 1} \} \cup \\ \{ \begin{array}{l} v \in V(A) \mid \text{for some } u, v \rightarrow u \text{ is marked and} \\ v \rightarrow u \in E_{j\cdot 1} \}. \end{split} \end{split}$$

Define  $j^* = \min\{j \mid V_j \cap \{\text{unsaturated terminus}\} \neq \phi\}$ . (Note that the terminus appearing in  $\vec{G}_{i+1}$  are the free nodes relative to  $M_{i+1}$ ; and those appearing in  $\vec{G}_i$  are the free nodes relative to  $M_i$ .)

 $A^{(k)}$  is formed with  $V(A^{(k)})$  and  $E(A^{(k)})$  defined below.

If 
$$j^* = 1$$
, then  
 $V(A^{(k)}) = V_0 \cup (V_{j^*} \cap \{\text{unsaturated terminus}\}),$   
 $E(A^{(k)}) = \{u \rightarrow v \mid u \in V_{j^{*-1}}, \text{ and } v \in \{\text{unsaturated terminus}\}\}.$   
If  $j^* > 1$ , then  
 $V(A^{(k)}) = V_0 \cup V_1 \cup \ldots \cup V_{j^{*-1}} \cup (V_{j^*} \cap \{\text{unsaturated terminus}\}),$   
 $E(A^{(k)}) = E_0 \cup E_1 \cup \ldots \cup E_{j^{*-2}} \cup \{u \rightarrow v \mid u \in E_{j^{*-1}}, \text{ and} v \in \{\text{unsaturated terminus}\}\}.$ 

The sets  $V_i$  are called *levels*.

In , a node sequence  $v_1, ..., v_j, v_{j+1}, ..., v_l$  is called a complete sequence if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (1)  $v_1$  is an origin and  $v_l$  is a terminus.
- (2) For each two consecutive nodes  $v_j$ ,  $v_{j+1}$  (j = 1, ..., l 1), we have an unmaked arc  $v_i \rightarrow v_{j+1}$  in  $A^{(k)}$ , or a marked arc  $v_{j+1} \rightarrow v_j$  in  $A^{(k)}$ .

Our algorithm will explore to find a set of node-disjoint complete sequences (i.e., no two of them share any nodes.) Then, we mark and unmark the arcs along each complete sequence as follows. (i) If  $(v_j, v_{j+1})$  corresponds to an arc in  $A^{(k)}$ , mark that arc. (ii) If  $(v_{j+1}, v_j)$  corresponds to an arc in  $A^{(k)}$ , unmark that arc. Obviously, if for an  $A^{(k)}$  there exists *j* such that  $V_j = \Phi$  and  $V_i \cap$ {unsaturated terminus} =  $\Phi$  for i < j, we cannot find a complete sequence in it. In this case, we set  $A^{(k)}$  to  $\Phi$  and then the *k*th phase is the last phase.

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#### **Algorithm** subgraph-exploring() begin

- let v be the first element in V0; 1.
- 2. push(v, H); mark v 'accessed';
- while *H* is not empty do { 3.
- 4.  $v := top(\mathbf{H})$ ; (\*the top element of **H** is assigned to v.\*)
- while  $neighbor(v) \neq F$  do { 5.
- let *u* be the first element in *neighbor*(*v*); 6.
- 7. if *u* is accessed then remove *u* from *neighbor*(*v*)
- else {push(u, H); mark u 'accessed'; v := u;} 8.
- 9.
- 10. if v is neither in  $V_i^*$  nor in  $V_0$  then pop(H)
- else {if v is in  $V_i^*$  then output all the elements in H; 11.
  - (\*all the elements in *H* make up a complete sequence.\*)
- 12. remove all elements in *H*; 13.
  - let v be the next element in  $V_0$ ;
- 14. *push*(*v*, *H*); mark *v*;
- 15. }
- end
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#### Algorithm node-disjoint-paths(A) begin

- 1. k := 1;
- 2. construct  $A^{(1)}$ ;
- 3. while  $A^{(k)} \neq \Phi \operatorname{do} \{$
- 4. call *subgraph-exploring*( $A^{(k)}$ );
- 5. let  $P_1, \dots P_l$  be all the found complete sequences;
- 6. **for** j = 1 to l **do**

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7. { let 
$$P_j = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$$

8. mark 
$$v_i \rightarrow v_{i+1}$$
 or unmark  $v_{i+1} \rightarrow v_i$   $(i = 1, ..., m - 1)$   
according to (i) and (ii) above;

9.

10. 
$$k := k + 1$$
; construct  $A^{(k)}$ ;

11. }

end