

Partial Representation Extension Problem of Interval Graphs

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Abstract:

The recognition problems were studied for many graph classes, e.g., for interval graphs several linear-time algorithms are known. In this talk, I will describe a generalization of recognition called *partial representation extension*, introduced in [1]. For interval graphs, the input also gives several intervals which are *pre-drawn*, forming a partial representation. We ask whether we can add the remaining intervals to create an extending interval representation; see Figure 1.

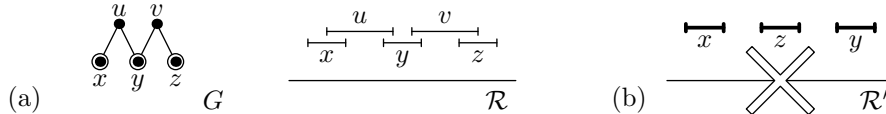


Figure 1: (a) An interval graph G with one of its interval representations. (b) A partial representation with pre-drawn intervals x , y and z . It is non-extendible since u cannot be placed.

I will give an overview of known results and techniques. For interval graphs, there are two linear-time algorithms solving partial representation extension [2, 3]. Extendible representations were characterized by partial orderings of maximal cliques [1, 3]. Also minimal obstructions are known [5], generalizing minimal induced subgraphs of interval graphs of Lekkerkerker and Boland. We will also discuss other variations of the problem [4].

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