Domination-like problems parameterized by tree-width

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k-VERTEX COVER can be solved in time $\mathcal{O}(1.2738^k \cdot k \cdot n)$. [Chen, Kanj, Xia, 2010]

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A problem \mathcal{P} is $\mathbf{W}[t]$ -hard parameterized by k if there exists an *fpt*-reduction from any known $\mathbf{W}[1]$ -hard problem \mathcal{Q} to \mathcal{P} , that is:

 $\mathcal{Q} \preceq_{\mathrm{fpt}} \mathcal{P}$

Examples *k*-INDEPENDENT SET is W[1]-hard. *k*-DOMINATING SET is W[2]-hard.

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Remark

A graph G does not always admit a $[\sigma, \varrho]$ -dominating set.

Known domination-like problems

Problem	σ	ρ
DOMINATING SET	\mathbb{N}	\mathbb{N}^*
INDEPENDENT SET	{0}	\mathbb{N}
Perfect code	{0}	{1}
INDEPENDENT DOMINATING SET	{0}	\mathbb{N}^*
TOTAL DOMINATING SET	\mathbb{N}^*	\mathbb{N}^*
INDUCED MATCHING	$\{1\}$	\mathbb{N}

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A tree decomposition $(T, \{X_i \subseteq V\})$ of a graph G = (V, E) is such that:

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Width of a decomposition $= \max |X_i| - 1$.

Tree-width of G, tw(G) = smallest width over all decompositions of G.



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Under **SETH** hypothesis, this time complexity is optimal.

[Lokshtanov, Marx, Saurabh, 2010]

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$$\exists S, \overline{S} \ \forall v \in V : \qquad (v \in S \land v \notin \overline{S}) \lor (v \notin S \land v \in \overline{S}) \\ \land \ v \in S \Rightarrow |N(v) \cap S| \in \sigma \\ \land \ v \in \overline{S} \Rightarrow |N(v) \cap S| \in \rho$$

$$\begin{split} |N(v) \cap S| &\in \sigma \quad \equiv \quad \bigvee_{i \in \{1, \dots, k_{\sigma}\}} \exists \mathsf{Y}_{\mathcal{S}} \left(\operatorname{Card}_{t_{i}^{\sigma}}(\mathsf{Y}_{\mathcal{S}}) \land \lor_{p \in \sigma, p \leq p_{\sigma}} \exists u_{1}, \dots, u_{p} \zeta \right) \\ \text{avec} \quad \zeta \quad \equiv \quad \left[\left(u_{i} \in (N(v) \cap S) \land u_{i} \notin \mathsf{Y}_{\mathcal{S}} \right) \land \forall u \ (u \neq u_{i}) \right] \Rightarrow \left(u \in \mathsf{Y}_{\mathcal{S}} \Leftrightarrow u \in (N(v) \cap S) \right) \end{split}$$

Theorem

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 $s = |\sigma_0| + |\varrho_0| + \operatorname{maxperiod}(\sigma)^2 + \operatorname{maxperiod}(\varrho)^2$

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Lemma

For any polytime decidable sets σ and ρ , $[\sigma, \rho]$ -DOMINATING SET is in **XP** when parameterized by tree-width.

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Theorem If σ exclude arbitrary long intervals and ρ is cofinite, then $[\sigma, \rho]$ -DOMINATING SET is W[1]-hard when parameterized by tw.



Technical condition on σ :

We require that an excluded interval of length t can be found at distance poly(t).

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k-CAPACITATED DOMINATING SET is W[1]-hard when parameterized by the tree-width of the input graph + the size *k* of the expected solution.

[Dom, Lokshtanov, Saurabh, Villanger, 2008]

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k-CAPACITATED DOMINATING SET Input: G = (V, E) of tree-width tw, and cap : $V \to \mathbb{N}$. Parameter: k + tw. Question: Decide whether G admits a capacitated dominating set (C, dom) such that $|C| \le k$.

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Reduction (second step)

Let *H* be an instance of $[\sigma, \rho]$ -DOMINATING SET WITH **PRESELECTED VERTICES**. We construct *H'* as follows:



$$\beta = \min\{p-1 \mid \sigma_{\min} + p \in \sigma\}$$

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