# Exponential Time Algorithms 

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## Perfect Matchings

## Perfect Matchings in Bipartite Graphs




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## All ways of placing 1 rook per row



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## Vertex colouring



Picking 3 independent sets


| A | B | C | D | AB | AC | AD | BC | BD | CD | ABC | ABD | ACD | BCD | ABCD |
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© ${ }_{8}^{8}$ ® $^{3}=27$


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Vertex subset $S$ \# indep. subsets, $g(S) \quad(g(S))^{3}$

| A | 1 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | 1 | 1 |
| C | 1 | 1 |
| D | 1 | 1 |
| AB | 2 | 8 |
| AC | 2 | 8 |
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| BC | 2 | 8 |
| BD | 3 | 27 |
| CD | 3 | 27 |
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| ACD | 5 | 64 |
| BCD | 6 | 125 |
| ABCD |  | 216 |





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$$
\sum_{S \subseteq N} 2^{|S|}=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\binom{n}{i} 2^{i}=3^{n}
$$

polynomial space


## Graph colouring

## Compute $\sum_{S \subseteq N}(-1)^{n-|S|}(g(S))^{k}$

$O^{*}\left(3^{n}\right)$ time
polynomial space
$O *\left(2^{n}\right)$ time
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Can't do 3-Sat in time $\exp (o(n))$

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# Independent set n vertices m edges 

## Clique

 n vertices m edges$1.1888^{n}$
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$c^{m}$
$2^{\sqrt{m} \log n}$

## Sparsification

## Hitting Set



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## $\exp (o(n)) \cdot 2^{n}=\exp (n)$

## $2^{n}$ leaves



## $\exp (o(n)) \cdot \exp (H(1 / r) n)=$ $\exp (o(n))$

$C(n, 1)+\ldots+C(n, n / r)$
leaves

## Exponential Time Hypothesis

## Can't do 3-Sat in time $\exp (o(n))$



Why No Dependency on \# Colours is Surprising

## $\operatorname{CSP}(q, 2)$

## q states, pairwise constraints



Traxler






$n$ verts $n / 2$ verts
d states $\quad d^{2}$ states

Must have $d^{n}=\left(d^{2}\right)^{n / 2}$

## Path through specified vertices


,DEAR VANITY,-Just a year ago last Christmas, two young ladies - smarting under that sorest scourge of feminine humanity, the having " nothing to do"-besought me to send them "some riddles." But riddles ${ }^{T}$ had none at hand, and therefore set muacle A. Torige some

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## April 5.-Dip PEN into INK. <br> Touch CHIN with NOSE. Change TEARS into SMILE.

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- Algorithm in $\exp \left(\exp \left(k^{10}\right)\right)$


Robertson-Seymour

Kawarabayashi
$k$ specified vertices, $n$ vertices


New result [SODA12]: randomised algorithm in time $\exp (k) \operatorname{poly}(n)$

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Thm: Shortest(!) cycle through $k$ given vertices or edges in time $2^{k}$ poly $(n)$ with exponentially small onesided error.


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Koutis


Williams


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## monomial for every walk

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a \cdot b \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h \cdot d
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monomial for every walk sum over all walks

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a \cdot b \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h \cdot d \quad a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot e \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h
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a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot e \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h
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## Trick: Look at Polynomials Instead


monomial for every walk sum over all walks mod 2

$$
a \cdot b \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h \cdot d
$$

$a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot e \cdot f \cdot g \cdot h$
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## Constructing all Walks:

Dynamic Programming for Sequencing Problems


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W(r, S, v)= \begin{cases}\bigcup_{u v \in E} W(r-1, S, u) & v \notin S \\ \bigcup_{u v \in E} W(r-1, S-v, u) & v \in S\end{cases}
$$

Time: $2^{K} p o l y(n)$

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SELUNG ON EBAY:

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Held-Karp
Bellman


## Some pitfalls...


does not cancel

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x y^{2} z
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x y^{2} z
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# (solved in the dynamic program: just avoid "digons") 



Some pitfalls...

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x^{2} x+x
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$k$ specified vertices, $n$ vertices


1. Associate random value from $\mathrm{GF}\left(2^{9}\right)$ to each edge
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Theorem: Shortest cycle through $k$ given vertices or edges in time $2^{k} \operatorname{poly}(n)$ with exponentially small one-sided error.

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## Edge Colouring

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k: \# colours
d: degree
Vizing: $k=d$ or $k=d+1$

Brute force: check all $d^{m}$ possibilities
Vertex colour the line graph: time $2^{m}=2^{n d} / 2$


## k: \# colours $d$ : degree

| Brute force | $d^{m}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vertex colour the line graph | $2^{m}=2^{\text {nd/2 }}$ |
| "Narrow sieves" $[B H K K]$ | $2^{n(d-1) / 2}$ |

Under ETH: not in $\exp (o(n))$

## OPEN

Edge Colouring takes

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\begin{array}{ll}
\square & \exp (n) \\
\square & d^{n}=\exp (n \log d) \\
\square & \exp (m)=\exp (n d)
\end{array}
$$

## Tak fordi I kom

