# Edge identifying codes (identifying codes in line graphs) 

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Both bounds are tight, and all extremal examples are known:

- lower bound: Moncel, 2006
- upper bound: F., Guerrini, Kovše, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov, 2011


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Pendant $=$ pair of twin edges.
A graph is edge identifiable iff it is pendant-free (and simple).


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Let $G^{\prime}=G\left[C_{E}\right]$. Each edge $u v \in G$ is determined by two sets:

- set of edges of $G^{\prime}$ incident to $u$
- set of edges of $G^{\prime}$ incident to $v$

At most $\left|V\left(G^{\prime}\right)\right|+\binom{\left|V\left(G^{\prime}\right)\right|}{2}=\binom{\left|V\left(G^{\prime}\right)\right|+1}{2}$ such sets.

- $G^{\prime}$ not a tree $\Rightarrow\left|V\left(G^{\prime}\right)\right| \leq\left|C_{E}\right|$
- $G^{\prime}$ tree: we show that at least 4 of these sets cannot be used.


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The bound does not hold for claw-free graphs.

## Question

Does the bound hold for a class defined by a smaller subfamily of the list?

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This is almost tight since $\gamma^{\mathrm{ED}}\left(K_{2, n}\right)=2 n-2=2\left|V\left(K_{2, n}\right)\right|-6$.

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## Conjecture (F., Klasing, Kosowski, Raspaud, 2009)

Let $G$ be a connected identifiable graph on $n$ vertices and of maximum degree $\Delta$. Then $\gamma^{\text {ID }}(G) \leq n-\frac{n}{\Delta}+O(1)$.

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EDGE IDCODE is NP-complete, even for planar subcubic bipartite graphs of arbitrarily large girth.

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Proof by reduction from:

## Problem PLANAR ( $\leq 3,3$ )-SAT

INSTANCE: A set $\mathcal{Q}$ of clauses over a set $X$ of boolean variables such that:

- Each clause contains at least two and at most three distinct literals
- Each variable appears exactly once negated, twice non-negated
- The bipartite incidence graph $B(\mathcal{Q})$ is planar

QUESTION: Can $\mathcal{Q}$ be satisfied, i.e. is there a truth assignment of the variables of $X$ such that each clause contains at least one true literal?

Theorem (Dahlhaus, Johnson, Papadimitriou, Seymour, Yannakakis, 1994)
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Reduction


Clause gadget

$\mathcal{Q}$ is satisfiable if and only if $G$ contains an edge identifying code $C_{E}$ of size $k=25|\mathcal{Q}|+22|X|$.

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IDCODE is NP-complete even when restricted to perfect 3-colorable planar line graphs of maximum degree 4.

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## Theorem (Courcelle, 1990)

Every graph property expressable in monadic second-order logic is solvable in linear time in classes of graphs having bounded tree-width.

## Corollary

EDGE IDCODE is linear time sovable in trees, $k$-outerplanar graphs, seriesparallel graphs, ...

Graph: set $V$ of vertices, set $E$ of edges, unary predicates $a, b: E \rightarrow V$

- $e \neq f:=(a(e) \neq a(f) \wedge a(e) \neq b(f)) \vee(b(e) \neq a(f) \wedge b(e) \neq b(f))$
- $e \mathcal{I}^{*} f:=a(e)=a(f) \vee a(e)=b(f) \vee b(e)=b(f) \vee b(e)=a(f)$

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\begin{gathered}
\exists C, C \subseteq E,|C| \leq k,\left(\forall e \in E, \exists f \in C \wedge e \mathcal{I}^{*} f\right) \wedge \\
\left(\forall e \in E, \forall f \in E, e \neq f, \exists g \in C,\left(\left(e \mathcal{I}^{*} g \wedge \neg\left(f \mathcal{I}^{*} g\right)\right) \vee\left(f \mathcal{I}^{*} g \wedge \neg\left(e \mathcal{I}^{*} g\right)\right)\right)\right)
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## Gràcies!



