# Algorithms and complexity for metric dimension and location-domination on interval and permutation graphs 

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Motivation: fault-detection in networks.
$\rightarrow$ The set $D$ of grey processors is a set of fault-detectors.


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Domination number: $\gamma\left(P_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{n}{3}\right\rceil$


Location-domination number: $L D\left(P_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{2 n}{5}\right\rceil$


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Notion related to test covers in hypergraphs (also known as separating systems, distinguishing transversals...)

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- chain graphs (Fernau, Heggernes, van't Hof, Meister, Saei, 2015)
- NP-complete for:
- bipartite graphs (Charon, Hudry, Lobstein, 2003)
- planar bipartite unit disk graphs (Müller \& Sereni, 2009)
- planar graphs, arbitrary girth (Auger, 2010)
- planar bipartite subcubic graphs (F. 2013)
- co-bipartite graphs, split graphs (F. 2013)
- line graphs (F., Gravier, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov, 2013)


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$\longrightarrow n^{O(k)}=2^{k^{O(k)}}$-time brute-force algorithm


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## Definition - Interval graph

Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.


Given two parallel lines $A$ and $B$ : intersection graph of segments joining $A$ and $B$.


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Main idea: an interval can separate pairs of intervals far away from each other (without affecting what lies in between)


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Dominating gadget: ensure all intervals are dominated and most, separated.


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## Complexity - reduction

3DM instance on $3 n$ elements, $m$ triples.
$\exists$ 3-dimensional matching $\Longleftrightarrow L D(G) \leq 94 m+10 n$

triple gadget for triple $\{a, b, c\}$
three element gadgets for $a, b$ and $c$

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Motivation ("GPS" system): position determined by distances to 4 satellites


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M D(G)=1 \Longleftrightarrow G \text { is a path }
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- trees (simple leg rule: Slater, 1975)
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- bounded cyclomatic number (Epstein, Levin, Woeginger, 2012)
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- chain graphs (Fernau, Heggernes, van't Hof, Meister, Saei, 2015)
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- general graphs (Garey \& Johnson, 1979)
- planar graphs (Díaz, van Leeuwen, Pottonen, Serna, 2012)
- bipartite, co-bipartite, line, split graphs (Epstein, Levin, Woeginger, 2012)
- Gabriel unit disk graphs (Hoffmann \& Wanke, 2012)


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- W[2]-hard for parameter $k$, even for bipartite subcubic graphs (Hartung \& Nichterlein, 2013)
- Trivially FPT when diameter $D=f(k)$ since $n \leq D^{k}+k$ :
$\rightarrow$ whole graph is kernel (example: split graphs, co-bipartite graphs)


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Reduction from LOCATING-DOMINATING SET to METRIC DIMENSION:


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M D(G)=L D(G)+2
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$G^{4}$ is an interval graph (with same left and right endpoint orders as $G$ ).
Each bag of a path-decomposition of $G^{4}$ is a clique in $G^{4}$.
Lemma: If $H \subset G$ has diameter $D$, then $|V(H)|=O\left(D \cdot k^{2}\right)$.
Note: in general graphs, $|V(H)|=O\left(D^{k}\right)$


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Definition (distance 2 resolving set): set that separates all pairs $u, v$ with $d(u, v) \leq 2$.

Lemma: In an interval graph $G, R \subseteq V(G)$ is a resolving set if and only if $R$ a distance 2 resolving set.
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Definition (rightmost path $v, v^{1}, v^{2}, \ldots$ of $v$ ):


Lemma: vertex $x$ separates $u, v$ if and only if (for some/all i) $x$ separates $u^{i}, v^{i}$.
$\rightarrow$ Information about (non-)separation transmitted from bag to bag

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