# Location-domination and metric dimension in interval and permutation graphs 

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To locate the fire, we need more detectors.

## Locating the fire




In each room with no detector, set of dominating detectors is distinct.


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\text { Remark: } \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{L}(G)
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## Examples: paths



Location-domination number: $\gamma_{L}\left(P_{n}\right)=\left\lceil\frac{2 n}{5}\right\rceil$
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## Theorem (Rall \& Slater, 1980's)

$G$ planar graph, order $n, \gamma_{L}(G)=k$. Then $n \leq 7 k-10$, i.e. $\gamma_{L}(G) \geq \frac{n+10}{7}$.

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## Definition - Interval graph

Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.


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


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- Locating-sominating set $D$ of size $k$ : $k+1$ "top zones" and $k+1$ "bottom zones"
- Only one segment in $V \backslash D$ for one pair of zones

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\rightarrow n \leq(k+1)^{2}+k
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- Careful counting for the precise bound


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Does the "GPS" approach also work in undirected unweighted graphs?

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$M D(G)$ : metric dimension of $G$, minimum size of a resolving set of $G$.

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## Proposition

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M D(G)=1 \Leftrightarrow G \text { is a path }
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$G$ interval graph or permutation graph of order $n, M D(G)=k$, diameter $D$. Then $n=O\left(D k^{2}\right)$ i.e. $k=\Omega\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{D}}\right)$.
$\rightarrow$ Proofs are similar as for locating-dominating sets.
$\rightarrow$ Bounds are tight (up to constant factors).

## Algorithmic complexity

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Reduction from 3-DIMENSIONAL MATCHING.

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

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## Reduction from LOCATING-DOMINATING SET to METRIC DIMENSION:



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M D\left(G^{\prime}\right)=\gamma_{L}(G)+2
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Corollary (F., Mertzios, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov)
METRIC DIMENSION is NP-complete for graphs that are both interval and permutation (and have diameter 2).

## An FPT algorithm for METRIC DIMENSION on interval graphs

Note: METRIC DIMENSION W[2]-hard even for subcubic bipartite graphs $\longrightarrow$ probably no $f(k) p o l y(n)$-time algorithm

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METRIC DIMENSION can be solved in time $2 O\left(k^{4}\right) n$ on interval graphs.

Ideas:

- use dynamic programming on a path-decomposition of $G^{4}$.
- each bag has size $O\left(k^{2}\right)$.
- it suffices to separate vertices at distance 2
- "transmission" lemma for separation constraints
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