Bounds on the order of a graph of given metric dimension and diameter

studies for standard graph classes

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Question

How can we transpose the "GPS" approach for graphs?

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Definition - Resolving set (Slater, 1975 - Harary & Melter, 1976) 🗟 🚾 🙎

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MD(G): metric dimension of G, minimum size of a resolving set of G.

The resolving set $\{s_1, s_2\}$ assigns unique coordinates to each vertex:



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Theorem (Slater, 1975 📓)

For any tree, the simple leg rule produces an optimal resolving set.

See also:

- Harary-Melter, 1976 🏧 🙎
- Chartrand, Eroh, Johnson, Oellermann, 2000 🖳 🌆 🔳 🌆
- Khuller, Raghavachari & Rosenfeld, 2002 📖 闍 🚵

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Applications :

- chordal graphs : $\ell = 1 \longrightarrow n = O(kD^22^{O(w)}) = O(D^22^{2^{O(k)}})$
- tree-width $w \longrightarrow n = O(kD^{3w+3})$

Definition - Interval graph

Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.







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- Partition of \mathbb{R} into kD+1 parts
- Any interval is uniquely determined by beginning + end zone: $n-k \le (kD+1)^2$

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- \rightarrow C₄-free graphs (d = 2)
- \rightarrow line graphs (d = 4)
- \rightarrow permutation graphs (d = 3)
- \rightarrow unit disk graphs (d = 3)
- \rightarrow planar graphs (d = 4)

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Bounded for:

- graphs of bounded rank-width
- interval graphs
- graphs with no K_t -minor

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Tight? Example with k = 3 and $n = \Theta(D^3)$:



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