# Tree isomorphism 

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## Motivation

In some applications the chemical structures are often trees with millions of vertices:

- gene splicing,
- protein analysis,
- molecular biology.

Difference between $O(n), O(n \log n)$, and $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ isomorphism algorithms is not just theoretical importance.

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The number of leaf descendants of a vertex and the level number of a vertex are both tree isomorphism invariants.

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- We discussed $O\left(|V|^{2}\right)$ version of AHU algorithm.
- We discussed ways of improvement of AHU algorithm to make it work in $O(|V|)$ time.


## Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

