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 $O(n^2)$ isomorphism algorithms is not just theoretical importance.

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Starting from the next slide tree means rooted tree!

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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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There is algorithm ${\rm Assign-Knuth-Tuples}(\textit{v})$ that visits every vertex once or twice.

Assign-Knuth-Tuples(v)

- 1: if v is a leaf then
- 2: Give v the tuple name (0)
- 3: **else**
- 4: for all child w of v do
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AHU-TREE-ISOMORPHISM($T_1(V_1, E_1, r_1), T_2(V_2, E_2, r_2)$)

- 1: Assign-Canonical-Names (r_1)
- 2: Assign-Canonical-Names (r_2)
- 3: if $name(r_1) = name(r_2)$ then
- 4: return True
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The idea 2

Assign canonical names level and if canonical level names agree than replace canonical names with integers.

AHU algorithm example
















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- We have three unsuccessful tries to construct complete tree isomorphism invariant.
- We discussed $O(|V|^2)$ 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?