

# Subgraph isomorphism problems

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## Problem

*For two graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ , we want to find an induced subgraph of  $G_2$  that is isomorphic to  $G_1$ .*

*In the weighted case, for a given weight function  $w : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we want to find an embedding of  $G_1$  into  $G_2$  with maximum weight.*

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If  $|V_1| = k$ , then  $G$  is  $k$ -partite, and the  $k$ -cliques in  $G$  correspond to the embeddings of  $G_1$  into  $G_2$ .

Finding a maximum-weight embedding is therefore equivalent to finding a maximum-weight  $k$ -clique in the product graph.

# Protein docking

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# Backtracking step

- 1 Greedily color the vertices to obtain color classes  $C_1, \dots, C_k$ .
- 2 Sort the color classes by non-increasing size.
- 3 For  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and every  $v \in C_i$ :

$$UB_1(v) = \sum_{j=1}^i \max\{w(u) : u \in C_j \cap N(v)\},$$
$$UB_2(v) = |\{j \in [i] : C_j \cap N(v) \neq \emptyset\}|.$$

- 4 Use  $UB_1$  and  $UB_2$  to prune the search tree.

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Throughout the project, no AI tools were used.