

# A Polynomial Algorithm for the Minimum Bandwidth of Interval Graphs

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a connected graph with vertex set  $X$  and edge set  $U$ . A layout of  $G$  is a one-to-one map  $\varphi$  from  $X$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |X|\}$ . The bandwidth of  $\varphi$  is  $B_\varphi(G) = \max |\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$ , where  $(u, v)$  ranges over all edges of  $G$ . The bandwidth of  $G$ , denoted by  $B(G)$ , is defined as  $B(G) = \min B_\varphi(G)$  where  $\varphi$  ranges over all layouts of  $G$ . Interval graphs are the intersection graphs of a family of intervals over the real line. In this paper we show that the Bandwidth Minimization problem for interval graphs can be solved in time  $O(n\Delta^2 \log(\Delta))$ , where  $n$  is the vertex number and  $\Delta$  is the maximal degree of vertex of the interval graph.

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## 1. Introduction

The bandwidth minimization problem for graphs was first stated in 1966 by Harper ([1]), where the problem was solved for hypercubes.

Finding the bandwidth of an arbitrary graph is an NP-complete problem ([2]) and it remains NP-complete for many simple structures, e.g., for cyclic caterpillars with hair length 1, graphs in which the removal of all pendant vertices results in a simple cycle ([3]).

There are only few classes of graphs for which an efficient solution (i.e., a polynomial algorithm or analytic result) to the bandwidth problem is known. Classes of graphs the bandwidth of which can be computed efficiently are butterflies ([4]), chain graphs ([5]), caterpillars with hair length at most 2 ([6]). Another nontrivial class, for which the problem was solved efficiently, is the class of interval graphs, graphs which are the intersection graphs of a family of intervals over the real line.

The first polynomial algorithm for interval graphs was given in 1986 by the author ([7]). It was published in the Reports of NAS RA, where the algorithm is described in detail, and besides a brief proof of its correctness is given. Since this result was obtained independently and published in the following years ([8], [9], [10]), we consider it reasonable to publish the full proof of our algorithm's correctness.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $G$  be a connected graph with vertex set  $X$  and edge set  $U$ . A numbering of  $G$  is a one-to-one map  $\varphi$  from  $X$  onto  $\{1, 2, \dots, |X|\}$ . The bandwidth of  $\varphi$  is  $B_\varphi(G) = \max |\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$ , where  $(u, v)$  ranges over all edges of  $G$ . The bandwidth of  $G$ , denoted by  $B(G)$ , is defined as  $B(G) = \min B_\varphi(G)$ , where  $\varphi$  ranges over all numberings of  $G$ . Length of an edge  $(u, v)$  is defined as  $|\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$ .

Given a graph  $G(X, U)$  and its some layout  $\varphi$ . Let's define a new layout  $\varphi_{A,B}$  – swap of two disjoint subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $X$  as follows. If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint subsets of vertices of  $G$ , at that for any  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  we have  $\varphi(x) < \varphi(y)$  and  $\max_{z \in B} \varphi(z) - \min_{z \in A} \varphi(z) = |A| + |B| - 1$ , then

$$\varphi_{A,B}(z) = \begin{cases} \varphi(z) / z \in X \setminus (A \cup B) \\ \varphi(z) + |B| / z \in A \\ \varphi(z) - |A| / z \in B \end{cases}$$

Let's denote  $X_\varphi[k, l] = \{x \in X / k \leq \varphi(x) \leq l\}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq l \leq n$ .

Let's consider an interval graph  $G = (X, U)$ . Let's denote by  $\hat{x}$  an interval corresponding to the vertex  $x \in X$ . We say that an interval  $\hat{x} = (a, b)$  is entirely on the left side (right side) of an interval  $\hat{y} = (c, d)$  if  $b < c$  (correspondingly  $a < d$ ). Let's denote by  $\Gamma^-(\hat{x})$  ( $\Gamma^+(\hat{x})$ ) the set of intervals which entirely are on the left side (correspondingly - on the right side) of  $\hat{x}$ .

Let's define a layout  $\varphi_0$  for the graph  $G$ . For any vertices  $x, y \in X$  if  $\Gamma^-(\hat{x}) = \Gamma^-(\hat{y})$  and  $\Gamma^+(\hat{x}) = \Gamma^+(\hat{y})$ , then  $\varphi_0(x) < \varphi_0(y)$  or  $\varphi_0(x) > \varphi_0(y)$ . Otherwise,  $\varphi_0(x) < \varphi_0(y)$  if and only if  $\Gamma^-(\hat{x}) \subset \Gamma^-(\hat{y})$  or  $\Gamma^-(\hat{x}) = \Gamma^-(\hat{y})$  but  $\Gamma^+(\hat{x}) \subset \Gamma^+(\hat{y})$ .

It is easy to check that  $\varphi_0$  is well-defined by the above conditions and has the following properties.

1. If  $\hat{x}$  is entirely on the left side of  $\hat{y}$ , then  $\varphi_0(x) < \varphi_0(y)$ . It is obvious by the definition.
2. If  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  and the vertices  $x = \varphi_0^{-1}(i)$ ,  $y = \varphi_0^{-1}(j)$  are adjacent, then  $x$  is adjacent to any vertex  $z = \varphi_0^{-1}(k)$ , where  $i < k \leq j$ . Really, let's assume that  $x, z$  are not adjacent. Then  $\hat{x}$  is entirely on the left side of  $\hat{z}$ . The vertices  $z, y$  should be adjacent, otherwise as  $x, y$  are adjacent, then  $\hat{y}$  should be entirely on the left side of  $\hat{z}$  and therefore should have a smaller number in the layout  $\varphi_0$ . If  $z, y$  are adjacent, then again  $\hat{y}$  should have a smaller number than  $\hat{z}$  because  $\Gamma^-(\hat{y}) \subset \Gamma^-(\hat{z})$  (at least on account of  $\hat{x}$ ), which leads to a contradiction.
3. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be vertices for which we have  $\Gamma^-(\hat{y}) \subset \Gamma^-(\hat{x})$  and  $\Gamma^+(\hat{y}) \subset \Gamma^+(\hat{x})$ . Then two disjoint intervals exist, one of which is entirely on the left side and the other – entirely on the right side of  $\hat{x}$  and both are overlaps with  $\hat{y}$ . It is obvious by definition.

Let  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}_1$  and  $\hat{z}_2$  be intervals where  $\hat{z}_1$  is entirely on the left side of  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{z}_2$  – entirely on the right side of  $\hat{x}$  and all of them overlap with  $\hat{y}$ . Then we will say that  $\hat{x}$  is a proper interval for  $\hat{y}$  and record this fact as  $x \dot{\subset} y$ .

For any vertex  $x \in X$ , we will name  $\varphi_0(x)$  as its index.

### 3. Algorithm

Step  $i$  ( $i \geq 1$ ). At step  $i$  the algorithm having as an input the layout  $\varphi = \varphi_{i-1}$ , creates a layout  $\varphi_i$  or stops, claiming that  $B(G) > K$ .

Let  $y$  be a vertex with the greatest number at  $\varphi$ , which is incident to an edge with a length above  $K$ , and let  $(x, y)$  have the greatest length among them (i.e.,  $y$  is not adjacent to vertices, the numbers of which are less than  $\varphi(x)$ ). Then the algorithm tries to find a vertex with the smallest number from  $X_\varphi[\varphi(x) + 1, \varphi(y) - 1]$ , which is not adjacent to  $y$ . If such vertex does not exist, then it claims that  $B(G) > K$ .

Let  $z$  be the sought-for vertex. Let's denote  $M = X_\varphi[\varphi(x), \varphi(z) - 1]$ . Let  $a_j$  be a vertex from the set  $M \setminus X_\varphi[\varphi(a_{j-1}), \varphi(z) - 1]$  having the greatest index there (with an agreement, that  $X_\varphi[\varphi(a_0), \varphi(z) - 1] = \emptyset$ ). Denote  $S_j = X_\varphi[\varphi(a_j) + 1, \varphi(a_{j-1}) - 1]$ . Note that for some  $j$ -s sets  $S_j$  may be empty. The layout  $\varphi_i$  is defined as follows:

$$\varphi_i(a) = \begin{cases} \varphi_{i-1}(x) / a = z \\ \varphi_{i-1}(a) / a \in \cup_j S_j \cup (X \setminus (M \cup \{z\})) \\ \varphi_{i-1}(a) + 1 + |S_j| / a = a_j \end{cases}$$

In other words  $\varphi_i$  is obtained from  $\varphi_{i-1}$  via successive swaps:  $(M, \{z\})$ ,  $(\{a_1\}, S_1)$ ,  $(\{a_2\}, S_2)$ , ... Then the algorithm checks if there is an edge with the length above  $K$  at  $\varphi_i$ . If not, then it stops, claiming that  $\varphi_i$  is the sought-for layout with the bandwidth no more than  $K$ . If yes, then the algorithm turns to the step  $i + 1$ .

### 4. Proof of the Algorithm's Correctness

Let's define a class of layouts  $\Phi_0$  for the graph  $G$ :  $\varphi \in \Phi_0$  if and only if for any vertices  $a$  and  $b$ , for which  $\varphi(a) < \varphi(b)$  and  $\varphi_0(a) > \varphi_0(b)$ , will take place  $a \dot{c} b$ .

From the definition of  $\Phi_0$  it follows immediately that for any  $\varphi \in \Phi_0$  and two non-adjacent vertices  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $\varphi_0(x) < \varphi_0(y)$ , then  $\varphi(x) < \varphi(y)$ . It is easy to see that  $\varphi_0 \in \Phi_0$ . Moreover, the algorithm, beginning with  $\varphi_0$ , never leaves the class  $\Phi_0$ .

**Lemma 1:**  $\varphi_i \in \Phi_0$  in each step  $i$ .

**Proof:** We will prove the statement by induction. For  $i = 0$  the statement obviously is true, let it be true for each step until  $i - 1$ . Let's show that  $\varphi_i \in \Phi_0$ . Then it is sufficient to show that  $z \dot{c} q$  any  $q \in M$ , and  $a_t \dot{c} q_t$  for all  $q_t \in S_t$ .

Since  $(q, y) \in U$  and  $(z, y) \notin U$ , then naturally  $q$  cannot be a proper interval for  $z$ , and by the fact that  $\varphi_{i-1} \in \Phi_0$ , we will have  $\varphi_0(q) < \varphi_0(z)$ . But as  $\Gamma^+(\hat{q}) \subset \Gamma^+(\hat{z})$ , it follows immediately that  $\Gamma^-(\hat{q}) \subset \Gamma^-(\hat{z})$ , i.e.,  $z \dot{c} q$ . Then the layout obtained by the swap of  $M$  and  $\{z\}$  certainly belongs to  $\Phi_0$ , and therefore,  $a_t \dot{c} q_t$  for all  $q_t \in S_t$ . This proves the lemma.

In the next two lemmas several new properties of the layout  $\varphi_i$  are proved.

**Lemma 2:** In the step  $i$ , the length of the edge  $(x, y)$  decreases by 1 and none of vertices from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(y) + 1, n]$  is incident to an edge with the length above  $K$ .

**Proof:** By Lemma 1 we have  $z \dot{c} x$ , and  $z$  together with  $x$  don't have adjacent vertices in  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(y) + 1, n]$ . Therefore, there is no vertex from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(y) + 1, n]$ , incident to an edge with length above  $K$ . Now we will show that the length of the edge  $(x, y)$  decreases exactly by 1. If

not, then denoting  $u = \varphi_{i-1}^{-1}(\varphi_{i-1}(x) + 1)$ , we will have  $x \dot{c} u$ . By definition  $u$  doesn't have adjacent vertices in  $X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(y) + 1, n]$ . Let  $j$  be the greatest number, for which  $\varphi_j(u) < \varphi_j(x)$  and  $\varphi_{j+1}(u) > \varphi_{j+1}(x)$ . It is clear that  $j \leq i-2$ . In the sub-step  $j+1$  some set  $U$  swaps with  $\{x\}$ , where  $u \in U$ , at that there exists a vertex  $v$ , which is not adjacent to  $x$ , but is adjacent to all vertices from  $U$ , and therefore,  $v \in X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(y) + 1, n]$ . Obtained contradiction proves the lemma.

**Lemma 3:** Let vertices  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy the conditions:

$$\varphi_i(a) < \varphi_i(b) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_0(a) > \varphi_0(b). \quad (1)$$

Then there are vertices  $D$  and  $d$ , such that:

$$D \in X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(a) + 1, \varphi_i(b)] \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_i(d) - \varphi_i(D) \geq K, \quad (2)$$

**Proof:** We will prove the statement by induction. For  $i = 0$  the statement obviously is true, let it is true from 1 to  $i-1$  step inclusive. Consider the step  $i$ . Denote  $M_1 = X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[1, \varphi_{i-1}(x) - 1]$  and  $M_2 = X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(z) + 1, n]$ .

We will show, that if for some vertices  $a$  and  $b$  conditions (1) are fulfilled, then there should exist vertices  $D'$  and  $d'$  which satisfy the conditions (2).

The only possible case, when  $\varphi_{i-1}(a) > \varphi_{i-1}(b)$  can hold when  $a = z$  and  $b \in M$ . In this case vertices  $x$  and  $y$  can be taken instead of  $D$  and  $d$ . Really, any vertex from  $M$  is adjacent to  $d = y$  and  $\varphi_i(d) - \varphi_i(D) = \varphi_i(y) - \varphi_i(x) \geq K$ . In other cases  $\varphi_{i-1}(a) < \varphi_{i-1}(b)$ .

Let's analyze possible cases.

**Case 1.**  $b \in M_1$ .

Then  $a \in M_1$ . Since at the step  $i$  only the numbers of vertices from  $M \cup \{z\}$  can be changed, then at  $d' \in M_1 \cup M_2$  taking  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ , it is easy to see that for  $D$  and  $d$  at  $\varphi_i$  conditions (2) are fulfilled. If  $d' = z$ , then from the fact that  $z \dot{c} q$  for any  $q \in M$ , it follows that each vertex from  $X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(D'), \varphi_{i-1}(b)]$  is adjacent to each vertex from  $M$ . Note that some vertex from  $M$  receives the number  $\varphi_{i-1}(z)$  at  $\varphi_i$ . Then taking  $D = D'$  and  $d = \varphi_i^{-1}(\varphi_{i-1}(z))$ , one can observe, that for  $D$  and  $d$  conditions (2) will be fulfilled. If  $d' \in M$ , then as  $\varphi_i(q) \geq \varphi_{i-1}(q)$  for each  $q \in M$ , we will have  $\varphi_i(d') - \varphi_i(D') \geq \varphi_{i-1}(d') - \varphi_{i-1}(D')$  and we can take  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ .

**Case 2.**  $b = z$ .

Then  $a \in M_1$ . If  $D' \in M_1$ , then we will put  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ , and if  $D' \in M$ , then  $D = b = z$  and  $d = d'$ . Then from the fact that  $z \dot{c} q$  for each  $q \in M$ , it follows that for  $D$  and  $d$  at  $\varphi_i$  conditions (2) are fulfilled.

**Case 3.**  $b \in M \cup M_1$ .

At first let's assume that for any vertex from  $X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(x), \varphi_{i-1}(b) - 1]$  occurs  $\varphi_0(q) < \varphi_0(b)$ . Then  $a \in M_1$ . If  $b \in M$ , then in place of  $D$  one can take the vertex  $x$  and in place of  $d$  - vertex  $y$ , i.e., all vertices from  $M$  are adjacent to  $y$ . If  $b \in M_2$  and  $D' \in M_2$ , then during the transition from  $\varphi_{i-1}$  to  $\varphi_i$ , nothing is changed for  $a$  and  $b$ , therefore we can take  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ . Let  $b \in M_2$  and  $D' \in M$ . Since  $z$  is adjacent to  $d'$ , then all vertices from  $M$  will be adjacent to  $d'$ , and one can take  $D = z$  (certainly only after receiving the number  $\varphi_{i-1}(x)$  by  $z$ ) and  $D = D'$ .

Now let  $q$  be a vertex from  $X_{\varphi_{i-1}}[\varphi_{i-1}(x), \varphi_{i-1}(b) - 1]$ , the index of which is greater than the index of  $b$ , and let  $c$  be the vertex with the greatest number among them at  $\varphi_{i-1}$ .

Let  $b \in M_2$ . Then  $b \in M_2 \cup \{z\}$ . Really, if  $c \in M$ , then from  $z \dot{c} c$  we will have  $\varphi_0(z) > \varphi_0(c)$  and therefore  $-\varphi_0(z) > \varphi_0(b)$ , which will be at odds with the selection of  $c$ . But if  $c \in M_2 \cup \{z\}$ , then at  $\varphi_{i-1}$  there are  $D'$  and  $d'$ , satisfying (2), at that  $D' \in M_2$ , and as their

numbers are not changed during the transition from  $\varphi_{i-1}$  to  $\varphi_i$ , then one can take  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ .

Let  $b \in M$ . If  $a \in M_1$ , then one can take  $D = x$  and  $d = y$ . Let  $a \in M$ . Let's analyze the step  $i$ . The inequality  $\varphi_i(a) < \varphi_i(b)$  means that at  $\varphi_{i-1}$  there was a vertex  $c'$ , such that  $\varphi_{i-1}(a) < \varphi_{i-1}(c') < \varphi_{i-1}(b)$ , whereas at  $\varphi_i$ :  $\varphi_i(c') > \varphi_i(b)$ , i.e., the vertex was belonging to some nonempty set  $S_r$ , and  $c' = a_r$ . Therefore, considering the pair of vertices  $(c', b)$  at  $\varphi_{i-1}$ , by the inductive conjecture there are vertices  $D'$  and  $d'$ , satisfying (2), the numbers of which are not changed during the transition from  $\varphi_{i-1}$  to  $\varphi_i$ , i.e., one can take  $D = D'$  and  $d = d'$ . This proves the lemma.

Before proving that the algorithm stops without creating a layout with the bandwidth  $K$  only on graphs having the bandwidth above  $K$ , we will define a graph called a generalized 1-caterpillar.

**Definition:** Let  $A_i, V_i (i \in \overline{1, m})$  be disjoint sets and  $A_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $(i \in \overline{1, m})$ . A graph  $H = (F, E)$  with the set of vertices  $F = \bigcup_{i=1}^m A_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^m V_i$  is called a generalized 1-caterpillar if  $(x, y) \in E$  if and only if  $x \in V_i, y \in A_i (i \in \overline{1, m})$ , or  $x \in A_i, x \in A_{i+1} (i \in \overline{1, m-1})$ , or  $x, y \in A_i (i \in \overline{1, m})$ .

**Lemma 4:** If the number of vertices of the graph  $H$  is more than  $(m+1)(K+1) - \sum_{i=1}^m |A_i|$ , then  $B(H) > K$ .

**Proof:** Let  $p$  be the number of vertices of  $H$  and  $p > (m+1)(K+1) - \sum_{i=1}^m |A_i|$ . Let's assume that  $B(H) \leq K$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a layout with the smallest bandwidth for  $H$ , and without losing generality, let's assume that  $\varphi^{-1}(1) \in A_i \cup V_i$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(p) \in A_j \cup V_j$  at some  $i, j (1 \leq i \leq j \leq m)$ .

Using the assumption  $B(H) \leq K$ , it is easy to prove the following statement: if  $z_1 \in A_t$  for some  $t$ , and  $z_2$  - vertex from  $A_{t+1}$  with the smallest number, then  $\varphi(z_2) \leq \varphi(z_1) + K - |A_{t+1}| + 1$ .

Solving this recurrent inequalities we will obtain that if  $z$  is a vertex from  $A_j$  with the smallest number, then  $\varphi(z) \leq (j-i+1)(K+1) - \sum_{t=i}^j |A_t| + 1$ . But  $z$  is adjacent to  $\varphi^{-1}(p)$ , therefore

$$K \geq p - \varphi(z) > (m+1)(K+1) - \sum_{t=1}^m |A_t| - (j-i+1)(K+1) + \sum_{t=i}^j |A_t| = \\ (m-j+i)(K+1) - \sum_{t=1}^{i-1} |A_t| - \sum_{t=j+1}^m |A_t| - 1.$$

Besides  $|A_t| \leq K+1$  for all  $t \in \overline{1, m}$ , therefore:

$$K \geq p - \varphi(z) > (m-j+i)(K+1) - (m-j+i-1)(K+1) - 1 = K,$$

which leads to a contradiction. This proves the lemma.

Now we will state the last necessary property of layouts from  $\Phi_0$ .

**Lemma 5:** Let  $\varphi \in \Phi_0$  and let  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  be vertices with the following properties:  $\varphi(u_1) < \varphi(u_2) < \varphi(u_3)$ ,  $(u_1, u_3) \in U$  and  $\varphi_0(u_2) < \varphi_0(u_3)$ . Then  $(u_1, u_2) \in U$ .

**Proof:** Let's assume that  $u_1, u_2$  are not adjacent. Then from  $\varphi(u_1) < \varphi(u_2)$  we will have  $\varphi_0(u_1) < \varphi_0(u_2)$ . But  $(u_1, u_3) \in U$  and therefore  $\Gamma^-(\widehat{u}_3) \subset \Gamma^-(\widehat{u}_2)$  and  $\varphi_0(u_3) < \varphi_0(u_2)$ , which contradicts the conditions of the lemma. This proves the lemma.

**Theorem:** If the algorithm at some step stops without creating for the graph  $G$  a layout with bandwidth  $K$ , then  $B(G) > K$ .

**Proof:** Let's assume that the situation described in the formulation of the theorem occurs at step  $i+1$ : each vertex from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(x), \varphi_i(y)]$  is adjacent to  $y$ . If there is no any vertex among them, the index of which is greater than  $\varphi_0(y)$ , then by Lemma 5, the subgraph induced by the set  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(x), \varphi_i(y)]$  is a clique with the vertex number over  $K+1$  and therefore  $B(G) > K$ .

Let's assume that there is a vertex in  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(x), \varphi_i(y) - 1]$ , the index of which is greater than  $\varphi_0(y)$  and let  $a_1$  have the greatest number among them. Denote  $b_1 = y$ . Then for  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  conditions (1) are fulfilled and therefore there exist vertices  $D_1$  from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(a_1) + 1, \varphi_i(b_1)]$  and  $b_2$ , such that  $\varphi_i(b_2) - \varphi_i(D_1) \geq K$  and all vertices from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(D_1), \varphi_i(b_1)]$  are adjacent to  $b_2$ . Denote  $R_0 = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(x), \varphi_i(D_1) - 1]$  and  $A_1 = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(D_1), \varphi_i(b_1)]$ .

Then let  $a_2$  be the vertex with the greatest number from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(b_1) + 1, \varphi_i(b_2)]$ , the index of which is equal or greater than  $\varphi_0(b_2)$  (equality of indices is understood as a simple coincidence:  $a_2 = b_2$ ). Let  $a_2 \neq b_2$ . Then  $a_2, b_2$  satisfy the conditions (1) and therefore there exist vertices  $D_2$  from  $X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(a_2) + 1, \varphi_i(b_2)]$  and  $b_3$ , for which the conditions (2) are fulfilled (after taking  $D = D_1, d = b_3$  in (2)). Denote  $R_1 = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(b_1) + 1, \varphi_i(D_2) - 1]$  and  $A_2 = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(D_2), \varphi_i(b_2)]$ .

Let's continue this procedure. As the graph is finite, then the sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  and  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_m$  will be obtained, such that  $R_j = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(b_j) + 1, \varphi_i(D_{j+1}) - 1]$  at  $m \geq 1$ ,  $A_j = X_{\varphi_i}[\varphi_i(D_j), \varphi_i(b_j)]$  at  $j \in \overline{1, m}$ , at that  $\varphi_i(b_j) - \varphi_i(D_{j-1}) \geq K$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m+1}, D_0 = x$ ), every vertex from  $A_j$  is adjacent to  $b_{j+1}$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m}$ ), every vertex from  $R_0$  is adjacent to  $b_1$  and there are no vertices in  $R_0$ , the indices of which are above  $\varphi_0(b_{m+1})$ .

From Lemma 5 we know that every vertex from  $R_0$  is adjacent to every vertex from  $A_1$ , every vertex from  $A_j$  is adjacent to every vertex from  $A_{j+1}$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ ) and every vertex from  $A_m$  is adjacent to every vertex from  $R_m$ .

Let  $u$  be an arbitrary vertex from  $R_j$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ ). We will show, that if  $u$  is not adjacent to any vertex from  $A_j$  ( $A_{j+1}$ ), then it is adjacent to all vertices from  $A_{j+1}$  (correspondingly:  $A_j$ ), where  $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ . Really, assume the contrary:  $u_1 \in A_j$ ,  $u_2 \in A_{j+1}$  and both are adjacent to  $u$ . From  $\varphi_i(u) < \varphi_i(u_2)$  we have  $\varphi_0(u) < \varphi_0(u_2)$ . Then applying Lemma 5 to the triple  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ , we will get that  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $u$ , which leads to a contradiction. Therefore every vertex  $u \in R_j$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ ) is adjacent to all vertices of at least one of the sets  $A_j, A_{j+1}$ .

Let  $V_1$  be a set consisting of all vertices of  $R_0$  and those vertices from  $R_1$ , which are adjacent to all vertices of  $A_1$ . Let  $V_j$  be a set consisting of all vertices of  $R_{j-1} \setminus V_{j-1}$  and those vertices from  $R_j$ , which are adjacent to all vertices of  $A_j$  ( $j \in \overline{1, m-1}$ ), and  $V_m = (R_{m-1} \setminus V_{m-1}) \cup R_m$ . It is easy to see that the graph  $G$  contains as a subgraph a generalized 1-caterpillar satisfying the conditions of Lemma 4. This proves the theorem.

## 5. Estimation of Algorithm Complexity

From the definition of  $\varphi_0$  and its second property we have  $B_{\varphi_0}(G) \leq \Delta - 1$ , where  $\Delta$  is the maximal degree of vertices. On the other hand we have a trivial lower bound:

$$B_{\varphi_0}(G) \geq B(G) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{2} \right\rfloor. \text{ Therefore } \left\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{2} \right\rfloor \leq B(G) \leq \Delta - 1.$$

First we will estimate the running time of the step  $i$ . The vertex  $z$  can be found checking  $|M|$  vertices and  $|M|$  elementary operations are sufficient for the swap of sets  $(M, \{z\})$  (for the assignment of numbers). The rest part of the step  $i$ , i.e., the problem of finding vertices  $a_j$  as well as realization of swaps  $(\{a_j\}, S_j)$  is equivalent to one pass of known bubble algorithm, and

therefore will require no more than  $|M|$  comparisons of indices and  $|M|$  operations for the reassignments of numbers. Therefore the step  $i$  will require  $O(|M|)$  elementary operations. As the vertex set  $M$  forms a clique (the corresponding intervals contain the interval  $\hat{z}$ ), then  $|M| \leq K + 1$ . Besides the length of the edge  $(x, y)$  no more than  $2K$ , because  $\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{2} \rfloor \leq K \leq \Delta - 1$ . So, in order to decrease the length of the edge  $(x, y)$  to  $K$  no more than  $K$  steps are needed. Therefore, to achieve a situation where  $y$  is not adjacent to an edge with length over  $K$ ,  $O(K^2)$  elementary operations are sufficient. Finally, due to the fact that  $\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{2} \rfloor \leq K \leq \Delta - 1$ , the bandwidth minimization problem for an interval graph with number of vertices  $n$  and with maximal vertex degree  $\Delta$ , can be solved using  $O(\Delta^2 n \log_2 \Delta)$  elementary operations.

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## Պոլինոմիալ բարդությամբ ալգորիթմ ինտերվալ գրաֆների բարձրությունը գտնելու համար

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### Անփոփում

Դիցուք  $G$ -ն կապակցված գրաֆ է  $X$  գագաթների և  $U$  կողերի բարձրությամբ: Յուրաքանչյուր փոխամիարժեք  $\varphi$  համապատասխանություն, որ գագաթների  $X$  բազմությունը արտապատկերում է  $\{1, 2, \dots, |X|\}$  բազմության վրա, կոչվում է  $G$  գրաֆի համարակալում:  $B_\varphi(G) = \max |\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)|$  թիվը, որտեղ մաքսիմումը վերցվում է ըստ գրաֆի բոլոր կողերի, սահմանվում է որպես  $\varphi$  համարակալման բարձրություն:  $G$  գրաֆի բարձրությունը սահմանվում է որպես  $B(G) = \min B_\varphi(G)$ , որտեղ մինիմումը վերցվում է ըստ գրաֆի բոլոր համարակալումների: Ինտերվալ գրաֆը սահմանվում է որպես թվային առանցքի վրա տրված ինտերվալների ինչ-որ ընտանիքի հատումների գրաֆ:

Աշխատանքում բերվում է ինտերվալ գրաֆների բարձրությունը գտնող պոլինոմիալ բարդությամբ ալգորիթմ: Ալգորիթմն ունի  $O(n\Delta^2 \log(\Delta))$  բարդություն, որտեղ  $n$ -ը գրաֆի գագաթների քանակն է, իսկ  $\Delta$ -ն՝ գագաթների մեծագույն աստիճանը:

## Алгоритм полиномиальной сложности для нахождения высоты графов интервалов

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### Аннотация

Пусть  $G=(X, U)$  – граф со множеством вершин  $X$  и ребер  $U$ . Каждое взаимно-однозначное отображение  $\varphi: X \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |X|\}$  назовем его нумерацией. При этом число  $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|$  назовем длиной ребра  $(x, y)$ , а числа  $B_\varphi(G) = \max_{(x,y) \in U} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|$  и  $B(G) = \min_\varphi B_\varphi(G)$ , где минимум берется по всевозможным нумерациям графа  $G$ , соответственно – высотой нумерации  $\varphi$  и графа  $G$ . Граф интервалов определяется как граф пересечений семейства интервалов данных на числовой прямой.

В настоящей работе приводится алгоритм полиномиальной сложности для нахождения высоты произвольного графа интервалов. Алгоритм имеет сложность  $O(n\Delta^2 \log(\Delta))$ , где  $n$  – количество вершин, а  $\Delta$  – максимальная степень вершин графа.