

# Lecture 1: Trees and Extensions

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## 1 References

[TAOCP] The Art of Computer Programming, D. E. Knuth

[RLCS] Introduction to algorithms, T. H. Cormen, C. E. Leiserson, and R. L. Rivest.

[GTA] Graph Theoretical Algorithms, Lecture notes, U of Waterloo.

[AGTCO] Advance Graph Theory and Combinatorial Optimization.

[CO] Combinatorial Optimization, theory and algorithms. B. Korte, J. Vygen, springer, 1991

[CCOM] A course in Combinatorics. J.H.van Lint, R.M.Wilson.

## 2 Trees

### 2.1 Enumeration of trees

1. free tree, orient tree, ordered tree

free tree = unrooted tree

orient tree = rooted tree

order tree = rooted tree + children have orders.

2. Dynamic programming on trees

2.1 Independent set

exercise: given a tree, every nodes has a weight  $w(v) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , find a connected induced subgraph (of course also a tree) of maximum weight.

exercise: given a undirected graph, every nodes has a weight  $w(v) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , find a connected induced subgraph (of course also a tree) of maximum weight. Try to find a polynomial time algorithm or prove it is NP-hard.

3. The matrix tree theorem [TAOCP] pp.378 exercise 18,19

4. graceful tree

See *Towards the Graceful Tree Conjecture: A Survey*

## 2.2 Relation between Trees and Euler Tours

[TAOCP]pp.372-376,section 2.3.4.2

For a more comprehensive treatise, see *counting spanning trees*, Martin Rubey, 2000

## 2.3 Minimum Weight Arborescence

In fact, in this subsection, we solve maximum weight branching problem, which is equivalent to minimum weight arborescence problem.

We use the argument from [CO]pp-122, **Edmonds Branching algorithms**.

See also [AGTCO]pp-5.

## 3 Extension of Trees

The contents of this section are mainly drawn from [GTA] Lecture 13,14,15,27

### 3.1 K-trees

### 3.2 Partial k-trees

### 3.3 Dynamic Programming on Partial k-trees

### 3.4 Bounded Treewidth

### 3.5 K-Outerplanar Has Small Treewidth