

# Courcelle's Theorem II

**Theorem** Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  of tree width  $w$  and an MSO sentence  $\varphi$ ,  $G \models \varphi$  can be determined in  $O(f(|\varphi|, w) |V|)$

- Construct a  $\Sigma$ -labeled binary tree  $T$

Depends on  $w$  and  $\varphi$ .

and MSO sentence  $\varphi'$  over

$\mathcal{T} = (\Sigma, S_1, S_2, \langle, \{Q_a\}_{a \in \Sigma})$  such that

$G \models \varphi$  iff  $T \models \varphi'$ .

- Use Doner, Thatcher-Wright Theorem to construct a tree automaton  $A_{\varphi'}$  and run  $A_{\varphi'}$  on  $T$ .

**Tree Decomposition of width  $w$  of  $G$**  is a binary labeled tree  $\mathcal{T}(G) = (V_T, E_T, L_T)$

where  $L_T: V_T \rightarrow V^{w+1}$  such that

- (Node Coverage) For every  $v \in V$ , there is

a  $t \in V_T$  and  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, w\}$  such that

$$L_T(t)[i] = v$$

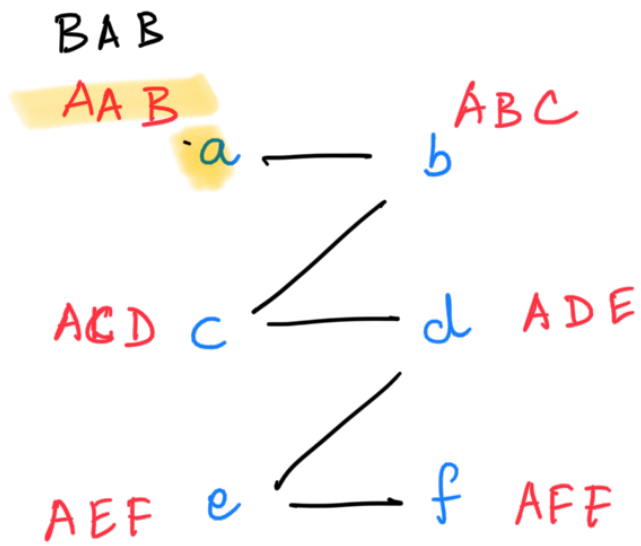
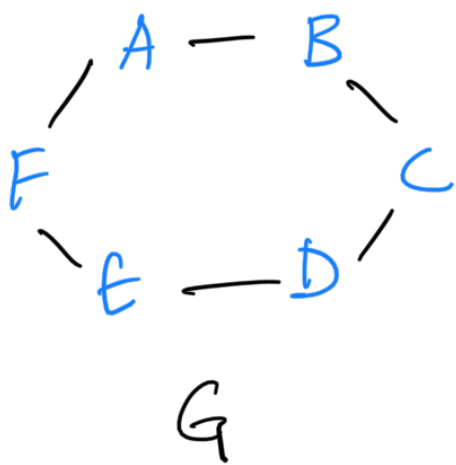
- (Edge Coverage) For every  $(u, v) \in E$ , there

is a  $t \in V_T$  and  $i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, w\}$  s.t.

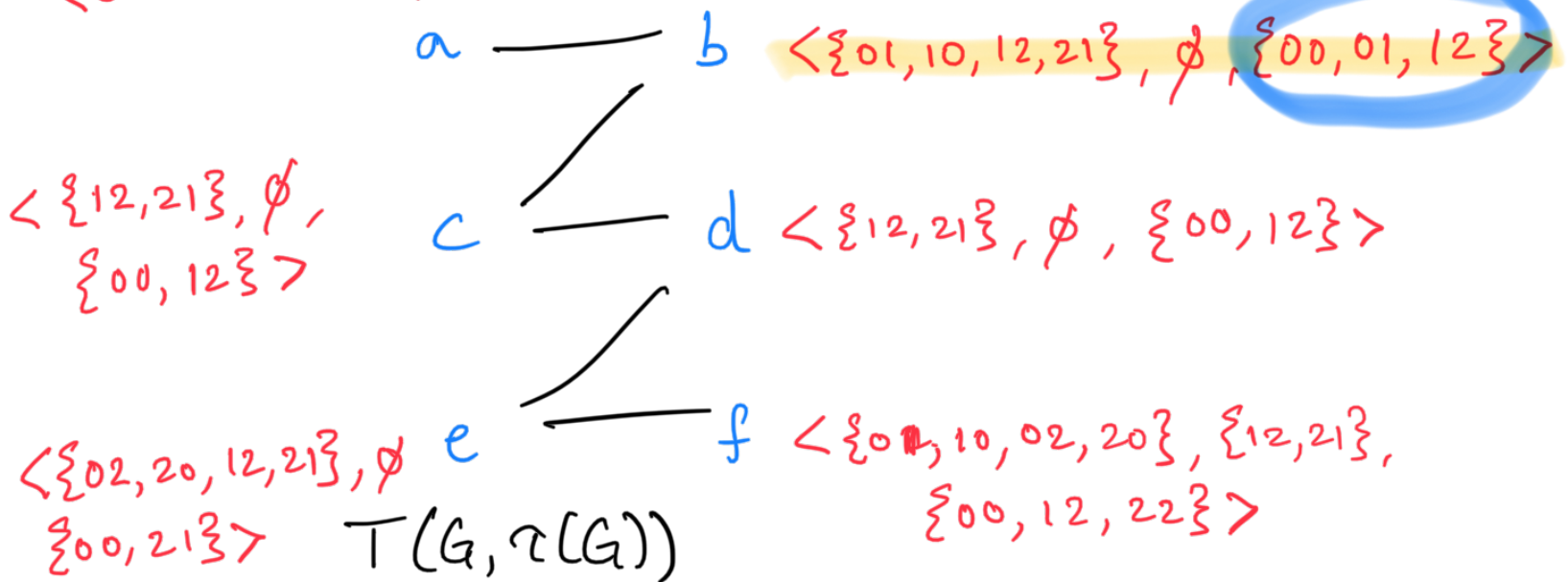
$$L_T(t)[i] = u \text{ and } L_T(t)[j] = v$$

- (Coherence) For any  $x, y \in V_T$  such that there is  $i$  and  $j$  with  $L_T(x)[i] = L_T(y)[j]$  then for every  $z$  on path from  $x$  to  $y$   $\exists k$  s.t.  $L_T(z)[k] = L_T(x)[i]$ .

and  $|V_T| = O(|V|)$



Tree  $(\{A, B\}) = \langle \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}, \{a, b\}, \{a\} \rangle$   $\tau(G)$   $\left[ \langle \{b\}, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \right.$   
 $\langle \{02, 20, 12, 21\}, \{01, 10\}, \emptyset \rangle$   $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{is not an encoding} \\ \text{of any vertices} \end{array} \right]$



Constructing tree with finite label set.

Given  $G = (V, E)$  and tree decomposition

$\tau(G) = (V_T, E_T, L_T)$  of width  $w$ . The

tree  $T(G, \tau(G)) = (V_T, E_T, L)$  s.t.

$$l : V_T \rightarrow (\{0, 1, \dots, w\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, w\})^3$$

where  $L(t) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$

- $\lambda_1 = \{ (i, j) \mid (L_T(t)[i], L_T(t)[j]) \in E \}$
- $\lambda_2 = \{ (i, j) \mid L_T(t)[i] = L_T(t)[j], i \neq j \}$
- $\lambda_3 = \{ (i, j) \mid L_T(t)[i] = L_T(x)[j] \text{ where } x \text{ is the parent of } t \}$

$G \models \varphi$  iff

variables refer to vertices and sets of vertices of  $G$ , and edges of  $G$

$T(G, \tau(G)) \models \varphi'$

$\tau = \{ S_1, S_2, \dots, \{ Q_a \}_{a \in E} \}$

variables refer to nodes / sets of nodes of  $T(G, \tau(G))$ , edges and labels of  $T$ .

$\forall x \exists y E(x, y) \mapsto ? \forall \bar{x} \exists \bar{y} \bar{x} \in \bar{y}$   
 correspond to vertices with an edge.

Encoder sets of vertices of  $G$  as

Something in  $T(G, \tau(G))$

$\text{Tree}(S) = \langle U_0, U_1, \dots, U_w \rangle$

where  $U_i \subseteq V_T$

$U_i = \{ t \mid L_T(t)[i] \in S \}$

**Proposition**  $\langle U_0, U_1, U_2, \dots, U_w \rangle = \text{Tree}(S)$

for some  $S \subseteq V$  iff

(a) If  $t \in U_i$  and  $L(t) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$   
and  $(i, j) \in \lambda_2$  then  $t \in U_j$ .

(b) If  $t \in U_i$ ,  $L(t) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$  and  $x$  is  
parent of  $t$ ,  $(i, j) \in \lambda_3 \Rightarrow x \in U_j$ .

**Proposition**  $\langle U_0, U_1, \dots, U_w \rangle = \text{Tree}(\{u\})$

iff (a), (b) and

(c) If  $t \in U_i \cap U_j$  then  $(i, j) \in \lambda_2$   
where  $L(t) = \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \rangle$

(d) If  $t \in U_i$  and  $\text{parent}(t) \in U_j$  then  
 $(i, j) \in \lambda_3$  where  $L(t) = \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \rangle$

(e)  $\bigcup_{i=0}^w U_i$  must form a connected set  
in  $T(G, \tau(G))$

**Proposition** Properties (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

can be expressed in MSO over

$$\tau = \{s_1, s_2, <, \{Q_a\}_{a \in \Sigma}\}$$

$$\varphi_a(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_w) =$$

$$\bigwedge_{i \neq j} \bigwedge_{\substack{\alpha = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \\ (i, j) \in \lambda_2}} \forall x \quad x_i(\alpha) \wedge Q_a(x) \rightarrow x_j(x)$$

**Invariant**



$$G \models \Psi(x_1, x_2 \dots x_k, Y_1, \dots, Y_l) [x_i \mapsto u_i, Y_j \mapsto S_j]$$

iff

$$T(G, \tau(G)) \models t(\Psi)(\bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2 \dots \bar{X}_k, \bar{Y}_1, \dots, \bar{Y}_l) \\ [\bar{X}_i \mapsto \text{Tree}(u_i), \bar{Y}_j \mapsto \text{Tree}(S_j)]$$

Build  $t(\Psi)$  by structural induction.

$$\Psi = x = y : \bigwedge_{i=0}^{\infty} \cancel{X_i = Y_i} \quad \forall z \quad X_i(z) \Leftrightarrow Y_i(z) \\ \begin{array}{c} \downarrow X \\ \downarrow Y \end{array} \quad \hookrightarrow \text{nodes of } T$$

$$\Psi: Y(x) : \bigwedge_{i=0}^{\infty} "X_i \subseteq Y_i"$$

$$\Psi: E_{xy} : \bigvee_{\substack{i,j \\ (i,j) \in \lambda_1}} \bigvee_{a=(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)} \exists t \quad X_i(t) \wedge Y_j(t) \wedge Q_a(t)$$

$$\Psi: \Psi_1 \wedge \Psi_2 : t(\Psi_1) \wedge t(\Psi_2)$$

$$\Psi: \exists x \Psi' : \exists \bar{x} \quad t(\Psi')(\bar{x}) \wedge \\ \varphi_a(\bar{x}) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_e(\bar{x})$$

$$\Psi: \exists Y \Psi' : \exists \bar{Y} \quad t(\Psi')(\bar{Y}) \wedge \\ \varphi_a(\bar{Y}) \wedge \varphi_b(\bar{Y}).$$