



Enhancements to the Perfect Matching Approach for Graph Enumeration-based Engineering Challenges

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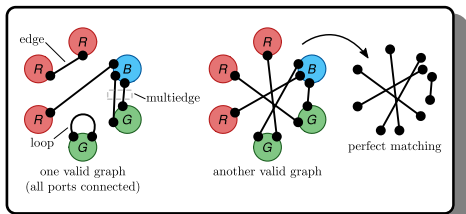
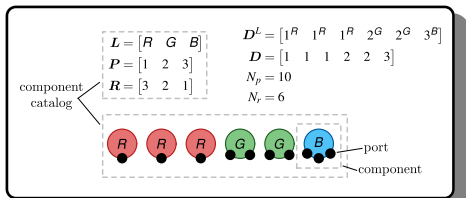


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- **Graphs** can be used to represent many engineering systems and decisions because of their ability to capture **discrete compositional and relational information**
- Here, **improved methods are presented for effectively representing and generating all graphs** in a space defined by certain complex specifications
- Builds on previous work¹
- Used in engineering design optimization of mechanical, electrical, and thermal systems²

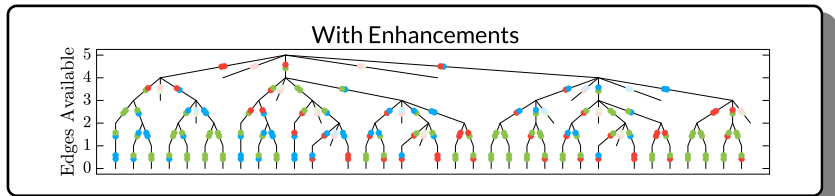
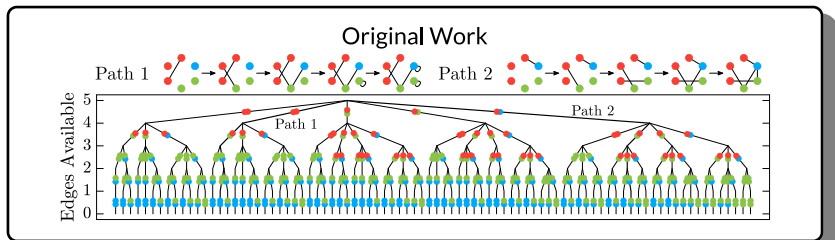


¹ Herber, Guo, and Allison 2017
and Allison 2019; Peddada et al. 2019

² Herber 2017; Herber, Allison, et al. 2020; Herber

→ Introduction (continued)

- Tree-like structure to the algorithms



Links to the code on GitHub:

github.com/danielrherber/pm-architectures-project

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Brief Overview of the Enhancements

→ Enhancement: Subcatalogs

- The **set of all subcatalogs** \mathcal{C} of (L, P, R) is all possible valid combinations
- With no additional constraints, the number of subcatalogs is:

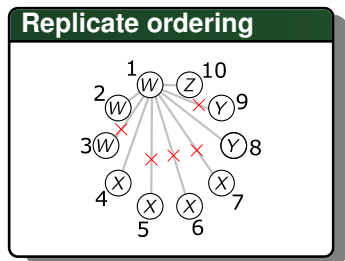
$$|\mathcal{C}| = \prod_{i=1}^{|L|} \left[\sum_{j=\underline{R}_i}^{\bar{R}_i} \binom{j + \bar{P}_i - \underline{P}_i}{j} \right] \quad (1)$$

- Graph enumeration for each subcatalog is fully parallelizable
- We may also want to add **subcatalog constraints**
 - **Linear penalty constraints** where $\rho \cdot R \leq \alpha$ and ρ defines the penalty for each replicate. Some common penalty functions include a maximum system cost or mass.
 - Many other constraint forms defined including some based on well-known graph theory results¹

¹ Choudum 1986; Brualdi and Ryser 1991

→ Enhancement: Enumeration of a Single Catalog

- Many enhancements for the **enumeration of a single catalog**
 - Alternative spanning tree traversals (DFS vs. BFS, sorting, touched vertex promotion)
 - Replicate ordering
 - Loops
 - Multiedges
 - Line-connectivity constraints
 - Connected saturated subgraphs
- **Capitalize on problem structure** and expand what classes of graphs can be efficiently enumerated
- Some inspired by techniques found in the literature¹



¹ Faulon, Churchwell, and Visco 2003

→ Enhancement: Set-based Labeled Graph Isomorphism Checking

- The graph generation algorithms may produce graphs that are identical in the context of **labeled graph isomorphisms**
- Has been discussed in the context of engineering applications¹
- Major improvements by using **graph invariants** to reduce isomorphism checking
 - Graph invariants are graph properties which are equivalent for isomorphic graphs (i.e., they are necessary conditions)²
 - **New graph invariant defined** combining L with the graph spectrum with perfect accuracy on the tested problems (but is generally limited by precision)

¹ Hartmann et al. 2018; Silvas et al. 2015; Bayrak, Ren, and Papalambros 2016; Wyatt, Wynn, and Clarkson 2014 ² Diestel 2017

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Graph Enumeration Examples

→ Case Studies from the Original Paper

- Major improvements to all the original case studies¹
- With all the enhancements in the suspension case study:
 - 751× reduction # of candidate graphs
 - 1019× reduction # of isomorphism checks
 - **971× reduction computational cost**

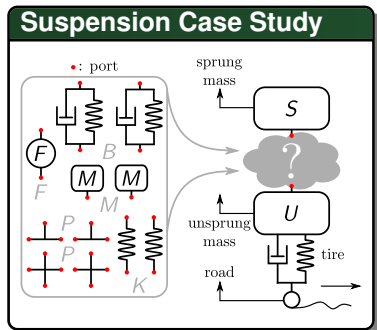


Table: Suspension case study comparisons.

	NST	CG	NIFG	UFG	LGIC	t (s)
original	1761015019	158154694	1943862	12480	28471024	17903
current	5230799	210637	40432	12480	27952	18

NST: nodes in spanning tree, CG: candidate graphs from enumeration algorithm, NIFG: non-trivially isomorphic and feasible graphs, UFG: unique feasible graphs, LGIC: labeled graph isomorphism checks

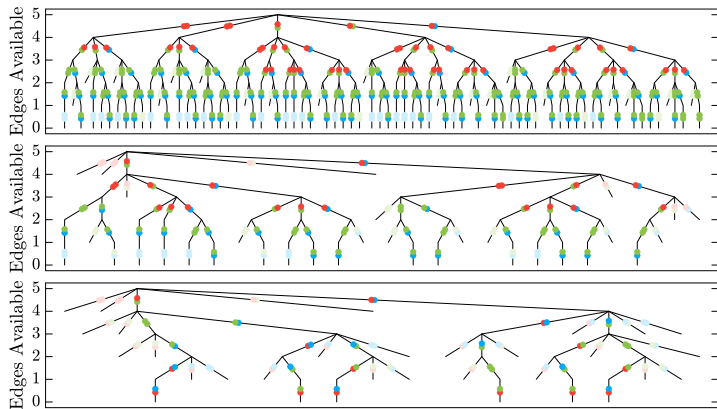
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→ Case Studies from the Original Paper (continued)

- Case study 1 component catalog:

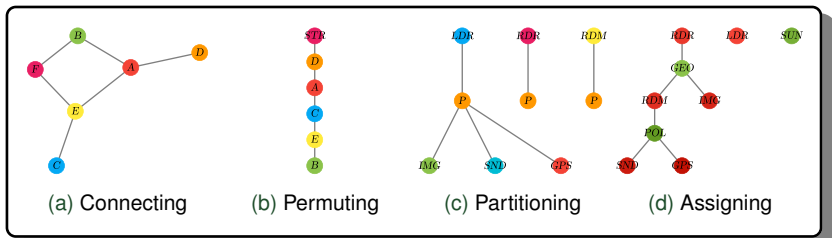
$$\underline{L} = [R \ G \ B], \quad \underline{P} = \bar{\underline{P}} = [1 \ 2 \ 3], \quad \underline{R} = \bar{\underline{R}} = [3 \ 2 \ 1] \quad (2)$$

Spanning Trees for Different Implementations



→ Other Examples

- (Six) Patterns in System Architecture Decisions¹ with NSCs



- The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (OEIS) representing known graph enumeration problems²
- Useful for validation, benchmarking performance, and discussing the pros and cons of the methods in this paper

¹ Selva, Cameron, and Crawley 2017

² *The on-line encyclopedia of integer sequences* (A000041, A000079, A000110, A000142, A000262, A001147, A005177, A006125, A056156, A289158) n.d.

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Questions?


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