

Counting the Independent Sets of a Chordal Graph in Linear Time

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- (5) # minimum maximal independent sets of G





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Fact

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A clique tree can be computed in linear time.





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Leads to a recursive formula...



Recursive formula

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The independent sets in a chordal graph G = (V, E) can be counted in O(|V| + |E|) time.





We use the following counting problem (a counting version of the set cover problem).



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Köszönöm szépen!

