

## ISOMORPHISM OF UNIDIRECTED PLANE GRAPHS USING MARCOV CHAIN

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### Abstract

The graph isomorphism problem for undirected plane graphs is to determine whether two given undirected plane graphs are isomorphic or not. The motivation behind the isomorphism of undirected plane graphs is Marcov chain. In this paper, develop and use probabilistic finite automaton approach for graph invariant [1, 4] called the probability propagation matrix for isomorphism of undirected plane graphs having six vertices by using the Marcov chain. It may be extended for ' $n$ '-number of vertices where ' $n$ ' is a positive integer.

### 1. Introduction

The graph isomorphism problem is to determine if there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the vertices of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  that preserves the adjacency of

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vertices. Two undirected plane graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  are isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one mapping  $\pi$  from  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $(x, y) \in E_1$  if and only if  $(\pi(x), \pi(y)) \in E_2$ . The problem of graph isomorphism arises many fields such as chemistry, switching theory, information retrieval, and linguistics [3,5].

Theoretically, it is always possible to determine whether or not two undirected plane graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic by keeping  $G_1$  fixed and reordering vertices of  $G_2$  to check if their adjacency matrices become identical. This process may require all  $(n)!$  reordering and comparisons,  $1n'$  being the number of vertices. Such an inefficient procedure, in which the running time grows factorially with ' $n$ ', is of limited use of practical problems [3].

In the present paper, develop and use probabilistic finite approach by using graph invariant that is probability propagation matrix which extracts information from degrees and adjacent conditions of vertices simultaneously. After some operations on the matrix, this kind of information about vertices is propagated to their adjacent vertices. Since probability propagation matrices can be computed using elementary operations of vectors and matrices only, therefore this property can be practically used in parallel computing.

## 2. Basics about the Probabilistic Finite Automaton Approach

Assume that all plane graphs  $G = (V, E)$  are directed and strongly connected. If  $G$  is not directed, it can direct each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  into two directed edges  $(u, v)$  and  $(v, u)$  to make  $G$  directed. If  $G$  is not strongly connected, it can add a new vertex  $w$  into  $v$  and for each vertex  $v \in V$ , add two directed edges  $(w, v)$  and  $(v, w)$  into  $E$  to make  $G$  strongly connected. For a plane graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let  $A$  be its adjacency matrix such that  $A[i, h]$  is 1 iff  $(i, j) \in E$ , where  $A[i, j]$  is the  $(i, j)$ -entry of  $A$ . Let  $d_i$  be the out degree of vertex  $i$  [3].

### 2.1 Probability Distribution Matrix (PDM)

The PDM  $B$  of plane graph  $G$  is defined as, for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $B[i, j] = \frac{A[i, j]}{d}$ .

The  $B$  is used as follows. Let vertex  $i \in V$  have  $d_i = h$  and be adjacent to vertices  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_h$ , where the direction is from  $i$  to  $i_k, 1 \leq k \leq h$ . Suppose that moving from vertex  $i$  to the next vertex  $i_k, 1 \leq k \leq h$ , is random and equally likely. Then, the probability of moving from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $i_k$  is  $\frac{1}{h}$  for each  $1 \leq k \leq h$ . Therefore

the iterative power  $B^{(k)}$  of  $B$  represents the probability of moving from one vertex to another after  $k$  random walks.  $B^k[i, j]$  is the probability of moving from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  after  $k$  random walks [10].

### 2.2 Probabilistic Finite Automaton (PFA)

A PFA  $U$  is a 4-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, M, \Gamma)$  with the following:

- (i)  $Q = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \}$  is a finite set of states.
- (ii)  $\Gamma$  is the input alphabet.
- (iii)  $M$  is a transition function from  $\Sigma$  into  $(n \times n)$ -dimensional matrices such that  $M(\sigma)[i, j]$  is the probability that  $U$  moves from state  $i$  to state  $j$  after reading a symbol  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ .  $M(\sigma)$  is stochastic [8] that is for any  $i$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n M(\sigma)[i, j] = 1$ .

Extend the domain of  $M$  from  $\Sigma$  to  $\Sigma^*$  as  $M(\epsilon) = I_n$  and  $M(x\sigma) = M(x)M(\sigma)$  for  $x \in \Sigma^*$  and  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the empty string and  $I_n$  is the  $(n \times n)$ -dimensional identity matrix. Then,  $M(x)[i, j]$  is the probability that  $U$  will move from state  $i$  to state  $j$  after reading string  $x$ .

- (iv)  $\Gamma = [\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n]$  with  $\gamma_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i = 1$ .  
 $\Gamma$  is called the initial state distribution vector with the  $i$ -th element denoting the probability of state  $i$  being the initial state, let  $\Gamma^i$  denote the row vector with  $\gamma_i = 1$  and  $\gamma_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- (v) The state distribution vector of  $U$  with initial state  $i$  and reading string  $x$  is  $P_U^i(x) = \Gamma^i \cdot M(x)$ .

### 2.3 Probability Propagation Matrix (PPM)

For  $U$  with initial state  $i$  reading string  $x = \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma_k$  the PPM  $P_U^i[x]$  is a collection of state distribution vectors  $P_U^i(\epsilon), P_U^i(\sigma_1), \dots, P_U^i(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k)$ ; that is

$$P_U^i[x] = \begin{bmatrix} P_U^i(\epsilon) \\ P_U^i(\sigma_1) \\ P_U^i(\sigma_1\sigma_2) \\ \vdots \\ P_U^i(\sigma_1\sigma_2 \dots \sigma_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

A digraph  $G = (V, E)$  can be transformed to a  $U = (Q, \Sigma, M, \Gamma)$  according to following rules. Each vector in  $V$  is viewed as a state in  $Q$  so that  $Q = V$ . Since edges in  $E$  are

not labeled, it can label by using symbol  $a$ . Thus  $\Sigma = \{a\}$ . The transition function  $M$  is defined by  $M(a) = B$ , where  $B$  is the PDM of  $G$ .

### 3. Probabilistic Finite Automaton Approach

**Theorem 3.1 :** If  $P$  is the transition matrix of a Markov chain and  $\vec{p}^{(m)}$  denotes the probability distribution vector after the first  $m$  steps, then  $\vec{p}^{(m)} = \vec{p}^{(0)} P^m$ , where  $\vec{p}^{(0)}$  is the initial probability distribution vector [8].

**Theorem 3.2 :** If  $P$  denotes the transition matrix of a Markov chain in one step and  $P^{(m)}$  denotes the  $m$ -th step transition matrix, then  $P^{(m)} = P^m$ , that is, the  $m$ -th step matrix is the  $m$ -th power of  $P$  [8].

**Main Theorem 3.3 :** Graph  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  is isomorphic to graph  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  only if for any fixed  $i$ , there exists some  $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$  such that  $P_1^i$  and  $P_2^j$  are isomorphic.

**Proof :** Since  $G_1$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$ , there exists a bijective mapping  $\pi$  from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  such that  $(i, j) \in E_1$  iff  $(\pi(i), \pi(j)) \in E_2$ . Therefore  $B_1[i, j] = B_2[\pi(i), \pi(j)]$ .

Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be the PFAs, corresponding to  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively. It is obvious that state  $i$  of the  $U_1$  mapping to state  $\pi(i)$  of  $U_2$  witnesses the equivalence of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

It can be shown that  $\pi$  is the isomorphic mapping of  $P_1^i[a^{2n-1}]$  and  $P_2^j[a^{2n-1}]$  by induction on the length of the input string  $x$ . Let  $g_{s,t}$  and  $h_{s,t}$  be the  $(s, t)$ -entry of  $P_1^i[x]$  and  $P_2^j[x]$  respectively.

1. Basis of Induction :  $|x| = 0$ . Let the initial states of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be  $i$  and  $\pi(i)$  respectively. Then,  $P_1^i[\epsilon] = [g_{0,1}, g_{0,2}, \dots, g_{0,n}]$  with  $g_{0,i} = 1$  and  $g_{0,t} = 0$  if  $i \neq t$ , and  $P_2^j[\epsilon] = [h_{0,1}, h_{0,2}, \dots, h_{0,n}]$  with  $h_{0,\pi(i)} = 1$  and  $h_{0,t} = 0$  if  $\pi(i) \neq t$ . Thus,  $P_1^i[\epsilon]$  is isomorphic to  $P_2^j[\epsilon]$  via permutation.

2. Induction Hypothesis :  $|x| = k - 1$ . The hypothesis is

$$\forall 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad P_1^{i,j}[a^{k-1}] = P_2^{\pi(i),\pi(j)}[a^{k-1}].$$

By the hypothesis,  $g_{k-1,j} = h_{k-1,\pi(j)}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

3. Induction step :  $|x| = k$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} P_1^i(a^k) &= [g_{k,1}, g_{k,2}, \dots, g_{k,n}] = P_1^i(a^{k-1}), B_1 \\ &= [g_{k-1,1}, g_{k-1,2}, \dots, g_{k-1,n}], B_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{k,j} &= \sum_{h=1}^n g_{k-1,h} \cdot B_1(h,j) \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^n h_{k-1,\pi(h)} \cdot B_2(\pi(h),\pi(j)) = h_{k,\pi(j)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P_1^i = (a^k) = P_2^{\pi(i)} = (a^k)$  and, thus  $P_1^i[a^k] = P_2^{\pi(i)}[a^k]$ .

**Corollary 3.4** : For a fixed  $i$ , if  $P_1^i[a^{2n-1}]$  is not isomorphic to  $P_2^j[a^{2n-1}]$  for any  $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$  then graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are not isomorphic.

**Corollary 3.5** : If  $P_1^i[a^{2n-1}]$  and  $P_2^j[a^{2n-1}]$  are isomorphic via a permutation  $\pi(i) = j$ , then  $\pi$  is a possible isomorphic mapping for graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

#### 4. Illustrative and Motivational Example

Consider an undirected graph  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  given by adjacency matrix  $M_1$ .

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $G_1$  is connected undirected plane graph, transfer it to a strongly digraph by directing each edge  $(u, v) \in E_1$  into two directed edges  $(u, v)$  and  $(v, u)$  and corresponding PFA is  $U_1$ .

The PDM  $B_1$  of  $G_1 = V_1, E_1$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0 & 0.33 \\ 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 \\ 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let state 2 of  $U_1$  is selected as the initial state. PPM corresponding  $U_1$  is

$$P_1^2[a^3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0 & 0.33 \\ 0.08 & 0.27 & 0.08 & 0.27 & 0.08 & 0.19 \\ 0.25 & 0.09 & 0.21 & 0.13 & 0.09 & 0.21 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider another undirected graph  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  given by adjacency matrix  $M_2$ .

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $G_2$  is connected undirected plane graph, transfer it to a strongly digraph by directing each edge  $(u, v) \in E_2$  into two directed edges  $u, v$  and  $(v, u)$  and corresponding PFA is  $U_2$ .

The PDM  $B_2$  of  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 \\ 0.33 & 0.33 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.33 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 \\ 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let state 2 of  $U_2$  is selected as the initial state. PPM corresponding  $U_2$  is

$$P_2^2[a^3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.33 & 0 & 0.33 & 0 & 0 & 0.33 \\ 0.19 & 0.27 & 0.08 & 0.08 & 0.08 & 0.27 \\ 0.21 & 0.09 & 0.21 & 0.09 & 0.25 & 0.13 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is found that  $P_1^2[a^3]$  is isomorphic to  $P_2^2[a^3]$  via the permutation

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 34 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 & 36 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The permutation  $\pi$  witnesses that  $G_1$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  since

$$A_1[i, j] = A_2[\pi(i), \pi(j)], \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, graph invariant that is probability propagation matrix for graph isomorphism if undirected plane graphs have been used. This invariant consists simultaneously of information about the adjacency conditions and degree of vertices. Using this property, an efficient heuristic algorithm for the graph isomorphism problem can be designed. This property may be suitable for parallel computation. It can be also applicable to testing of labeled graphs.

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