

On Computing Large Temporal (Unilateral) Connected Components

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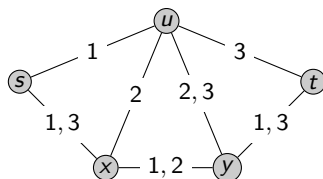
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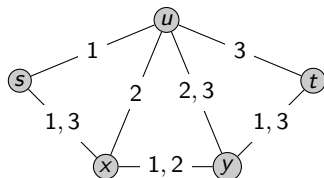
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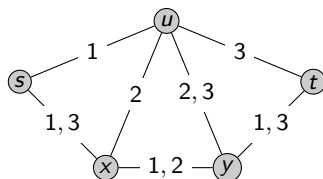


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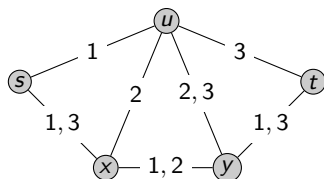


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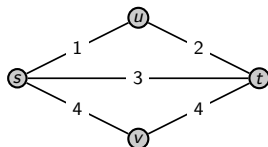


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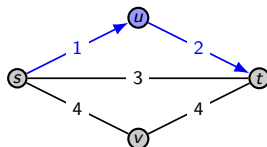
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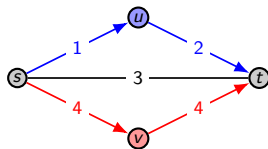
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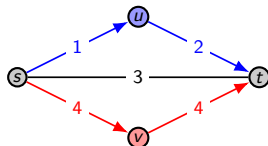
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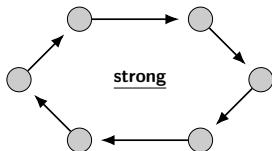


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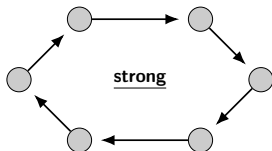
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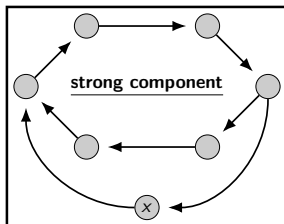
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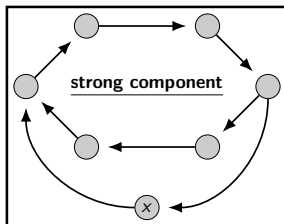
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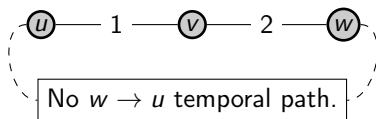
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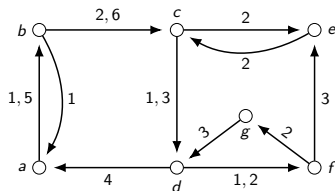
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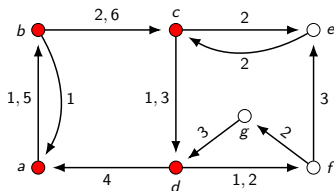


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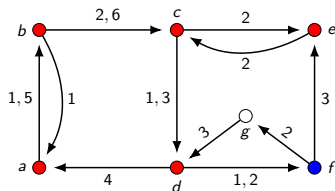


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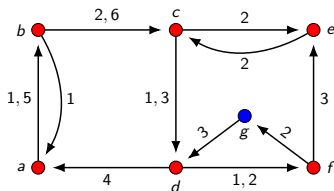


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- **Unilateral (closed) TCC (or TUCC)**: $v \in R(u) \vee u \in R(v)$.

Strict vs non-Strict Components

Recall: Strict walks are the ones with labels strictly increasing. Non-strict are the ones with labels non-decreasing.

- **Strict:** Easy reduction from k-Clique, for every def of C . Given static G , give time 1 to all the edges. There is component of size $\geq k$ iff there is a clique of size $\geq k$ in G .
- **Non-Strict:** this reductions does not work. It is enough a vertex of degree at least k to make it fail. We work in this case!

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Theorem

For any fixed $\tau \geq 2$, given a temporal graph \mathcal{G} and an integer k , it is NP-complete to decide if \mathcal{G} has a (closed) TCC or a (closed) TUCC of size at least k , even if G is the line graph of a bipartite graph.

Reduction from the Maximum Edge Biclique Problem: given a bipartite graph G and an integer k , deciding whether G has a biclique with at least k edges.

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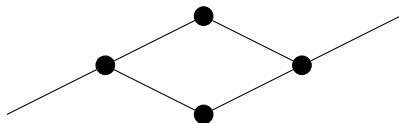
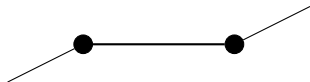


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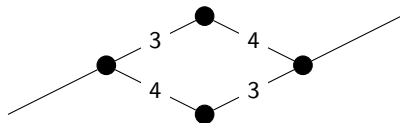
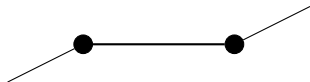


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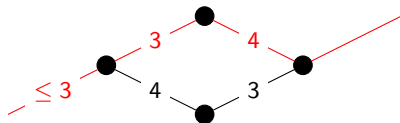
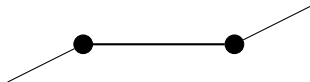


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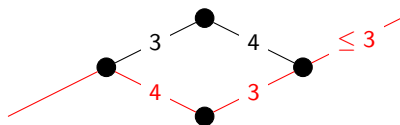
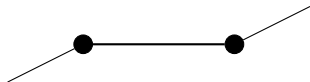


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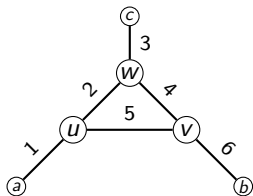


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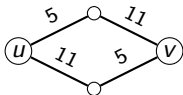
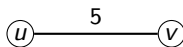
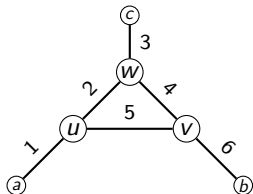
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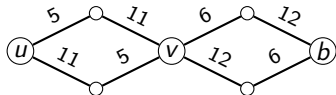
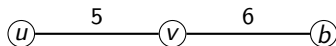
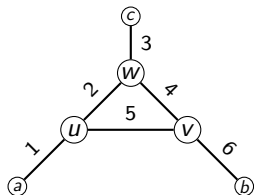
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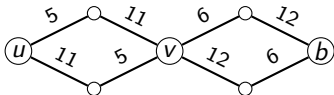
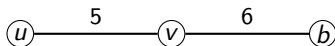
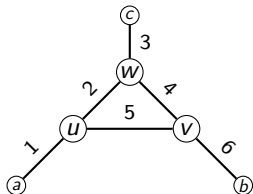
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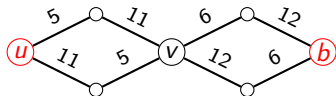
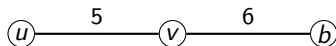
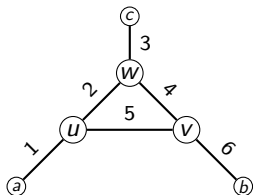
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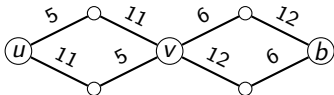
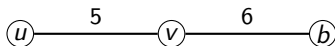
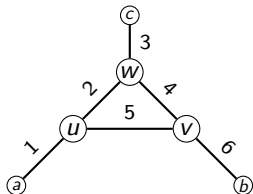
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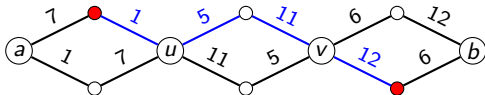
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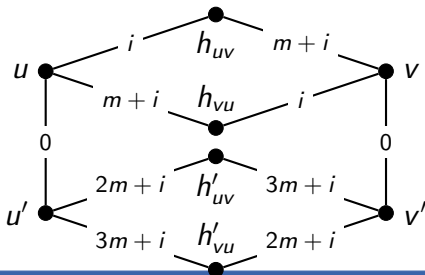
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► Cliques in G are temporal connected sets in (G, λ) .

This is not enough because we can risk to have a component made of an uncontrolled number of dummy vertices.



We solve this issue, creating a copy \mathcal{G}' of the temporal graph \mathcal{G} and connecting their corresponding vertices at time 0. Then we ask for a component of size at least $2k$ instead of k .



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Using the reduction we have just seen

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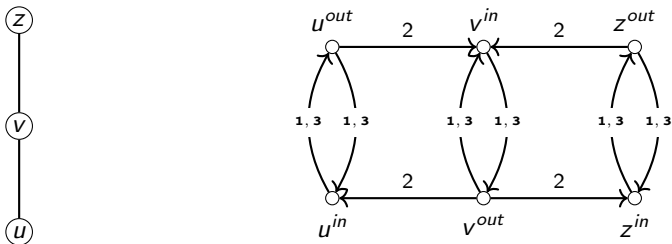
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For this we can split the nodes.



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Results

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closed TCC		W[1]-h Dir. $\tau \geq 3$	W[1]-h Dir. FPT Undir.
closed TUCC		W[1]-h Dir. $\tau \geq 3$ FPT Undir.	



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Other results

	Check whether $X \subseteq V$ is a connected set	Check whether $X \subseteq V$ is a component
TCC	$\Theta(M^2)$	$O(n^2 \cdot M)$
TUCC		
closed TCC		NP-c
closed TUCC		



Checking connectivity cannot be subquadratic

(Notation $\tilde{O}(\cdot)$ ignores polylog factors).

Theorem

Consider a temporal graph \mathcal{G} on M temporal edges. There is no algorithm running in time $\tilde{O}(M^{2-\epsilon})$, for some ϵ , that decides whether G is temporally (unilaterally) connected, unless SETH fails.

In the k -SAT* problem, we have the formula, two sets X and Y each of half variables, and all the possible assignments for X and Y . We build a temporal graph not connected iff the formula is satisfiable.

It works both for strict and non-strict case.

Checking maximality is hard

Theorem

Let \mathcal{G} be a (directed) temporal graph, and $Y \subseteq V(\mathcal{G})$. Deciding whether Y is a closed TCC is NP-complete. The same holds for closed TUCC.

Reduction from k -Club. We reduce from the problem of deciding whether a subset of vertices X of a given a graph G is a maximal 2-club, where a 2-club is a set of vertices C such that $G[C]$ has diameter at most 2.

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Thanks for the attention!

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