Maximum colorful cycles in vertex-colored graphs

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Figure: Reduction of the MAX SAT problem to MCCP for interval graphs.

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- Key lemma: Let K be a maximum colorful cycle of G^c , then there exists another maximum colorful cycle K' where $V(K') = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m\} \cup X_{m,n}^{\ell} \cup \{y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n\} \cup Y_{m,n}^{\ell'}$, with $1 \le m \le |X|, 1 \le n \le |Y|$ and $0 \le \ell = |X_K| - m, 0 \le \ell' = |Y_K| - n$.

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• Easily construct a cycle with $C_m - 1$ colors from any maximum colorful matching based on the order of dominating vertices

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matching based on Lemma 1 # Case 3

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 - Parameters: the number of colors, degrees of vertices, the number of vertices and edges, etc.
- Work on others unsolved maximum colorful problems such as maximum colorful independent set/cliques, or for edge-colored graphs.

Thank you for your attention!