

# **Scalable Kernelization for Maximum Independent Sets**

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Independent Set (IS) Given a graph G = (V, E), find  $I \subseteq V$  such that  $\forall u, v \in I : \{u, v\} \notin E$ 

Find **Maximum** IS (MIS) *I*: for all IS *I'* of  $G: |I| \ge |I'|$ 



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 $I \subseteq V$  is a Maximum Independent Set  $\Leftrightarrow V \setminus I$  is a Minimum Vertex Cover  $I \subseteq V$  is a Maximum Independent Set of  $G = (V, E) \Leftrightarrow I$  is a Maximum Clique of  $\overline{G} = (V, \overline{E})$ 

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No reduction in *G* and  $N_G(v) = N_{G'}(v) \Rightarrow$  No reduction in *G*'

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 Degree 2 Fold Reduction 
 Twin Reduction
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 LP Reduction



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  Parallelize LP reduction with parallel maximum bipartite matching [Azad et al., TPDS'17]



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#### **Reduction Tracking: Results**





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### **Using the Kernel for Local Search**





#### Conclusion



- Orders of magnitude smaller than fast methods
- Orders of magnitude faster than algorithms with similar-sized kernels
- Local search shows: Small kernels matter!
  - We find *larger* independent sets *faster*

#### **Future Work**

- Distributed memory
- Use faster parallel partitioning
- What about other MIS algorithms that use kernelization?
- Other problems that use kernelization
  - e.g., undirected feedback vertex set, graph coloring problems