Telling 3-manifolds apart: new algorithms to compute Turaev-Viro invariants

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- Can we distinguish between manifolds?
 - Dimension 1:
 - Dimension 2:
 - Dimension 3: Yes in theory. No in general in practice.
 - Dimension \geq 4: No.
- I.e., its trivial, extremely difficult, or impossible to distinguish between manifolds.
- Partial solution: topological invariants, properties of a manifold which do not change under continuous deformation
- Turaev-Viro invariants: particularly powerful family of topological invariants for 3-manifolds^{1 2}
- Method of choice when, for example, enumerating 3-manifolds

 $^{^1}$ Matveev, Algorithmic Topology and Classification of 3-manifolds, 2003 2 Kauffmann and Lins, Computing Turaev-Viro inv. for 3-manifolds, 1991 \gtrsim

Turaev-Viro invariants

The Turaev-Viro invariant with parameters r and q is a function

$$\mathsf{TV}_{r,q}: \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{Q}[\zeta] \cap \mathbb{R}$$

where

► Can be computed via purely combinatorial formulae.

- $M \in \mathcal{M}$ triangulated 3-manifold
- ▶ V, E, F, T its set of vertices, edges, triangles, and tetrahedra
- ▶ $\varphi: E \rightarrow \{0, 1, ..., r-2\}$ edge colouring satisfying the following conditions at all triangles *t* of *M*:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & e_1 \\ & & e_2 \\ & & e_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cccc} \varphi(e_i) + \varphi(e_j) & \geq & \varphi(e_k) \\ & & \sum \varphi(e_i) \\ & \equiv & 0 \mod 2 \\ & \text{and} \\ & \leq 2r - 4 \end{array}$$

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³Kirby, Melvin, Local surgery formulas for quantum invariants and the Arf invariant, 2004.

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- The treewidth of a graph measures how "treelike" a graph is (trees have treewidth 1)
- The treewidth of a triangulated manifold M is the treewidth of its dual graph
- Low treewidth \Rightarrow can arrange tetrahedra of M in a tree with few tetrahedra grouped together per node of the tree (\Rightarrow thin tree decomposition)



Suitable for dynamic programming

Idea :

 Given a triangulation, compute a tree decomposition with few tetrahedra per node (if possible)

 Enumerate admissible colourings and weights from the leave nodes up

 Grouping partial colourings together wherever they look the same at the current node

Theorem (Burton, Maria, S. 2015)

Given a triangulated 3-manifold M with n tetrahedra, and a tree decomposition of M with largest node of size k, we can compute $TV_{r,q}$ in

$$O\left(n\cdot(r-1)^{6k}\cdot k^2\cdot\log r\right).$$

- Running time is of type g(k) × poly(n). In the literature such an algorithm is referred to as fixed parameter tractable (FPT)⁴ in k ("treewidth")
- Common for FPT algorithms is a very bad parameter function $g: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ (tower of exponentials)
- Here: $g(k) = (r-1)^{6k} \cdot k^2 \cdot \log r$ vs. $(r-1)^{|E|}$
- This is why we implemented the algorithm (also very rare for FPT algorithms)

⁴Downey, Fellows, Parameterized complexity, Springer () + () + () + () + ()



Running times for $TV_{7,1}$ for the minimal 11-tetrahedra triangulations of closed prime orientable 3-manifolds.

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Observations

GOOD:

- works for all parameters r and q
- faster than naive enumeration

NOT GOOD:

properties of triangulation, not manifold, determine running time: "every manifold admits a triangulation with arbitrarily high treewidth"

- exact treewidth might be difficult to determine
- algorithm requires large amounts of memory

BETTER:

- Use parameter which is also a topological invariant
- Easy to compute, even if large

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Proof (sketch):

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Theorem (Maria, S. 2017)

M 1-vertex, n-tetrahedra triangulated 3-manifold with first Betti number $\beta_1(M, \mathbb{Z}_2)$. Then there exists an algorithm to compute $TV_{4,q}(M)$ with running time

 $O(2^{\beta_1(M,\mathbb{Z}_2)}n^3)$

in $O(n^2)$ memory and with $O(2^{\beta_1(M,\mathbb{Z}_2)})$ cyclotomic field operations.

Practical improvements:

	New algo.	Treewidth algo. ⁶	\mathbb{Z} -hom. in Regina
≤ 11 tet. census	10.96 sec.	498 sec.	7.72 sec.

Theoretical improvements: Distinguishes roughly twice as many manifolds as Z-homology on its own

⁶Burton, Maria, S., Algorithms and complexity for Turaev-Viro-inv's., 2015

Algorithm II: $\beta_1(M, \mathbb{Z}_2)$



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Thank you

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