

Edge-weighted edge ideals of very well-covered graphs

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K : a field.

$S = K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ($= K[x_1, \dots, x_h, y_1, \dots, y_h]$): a polynomial ring.

$G = (V(G), E(G))$: a simple graph without isolated vertices, and

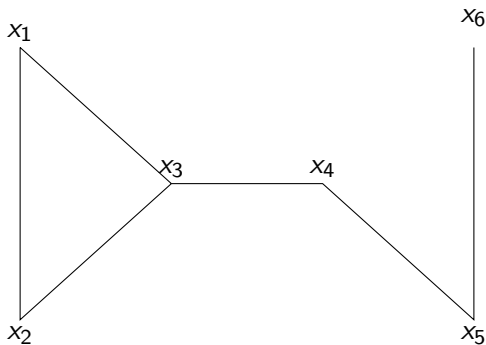
$V(G) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

$I(G) := (x_i x_j \mid \{x_i, x_j\} \in E(G)) \subset S$: the edge ideal of G .

G is called unmixed if $I(G)$ is unmixed.

G is called Cohen-Macaulay (CM for short) if $S/I(G)$ is CM.

Example 1.1



$$I(G) = (x_1x_2, x_1x_3, x_2x_3, x_3x_4, x_4x_5, x_5x_6)$$

Theorem 1.2 (Gitler-Valencia, 2005)

Suppose G is an unmixed graph. Then $2 \text{ ht } I(G) \geq \#V(G)$

Definition 1.3

Suppose G is an unmixed graph. Then G is called **very well-covered** if $2 \text{ ht } I(G) = \#V(G)$.

(*) $V(G) = X \cup Y$, $X \cap Y = \emptyset$, where $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_h\}$ is a minimal vertex cover of G and $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_h\}$ is a maximal independent set of G such that $\{x_1y_1, \dots, x_hy_h\} \subset E(G)$.

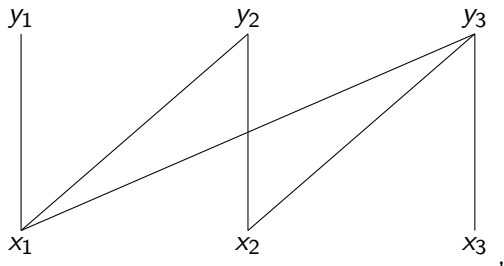
Proposition 1.4 (Morey-Reyes-Villarreal, 2008, Crupi-Rinaldo-Terai, 2011)

Let $\#V(G) = 2h$, and assume that the vertices of G are labeled such that the condition (*) is satisfied. Then G is very well-covered if and only if the following conditions hold.

- (i) If $x_iy_j, x_jz_k \in E(G)$ then $x_iz_k \in E(G)$ for distinct i, j and k and for $z_k \in \{x_k, y_k\}$.
- (ii) If $x_iy_j \in E(G)$ then $x_ix_j \notin E(G)$.

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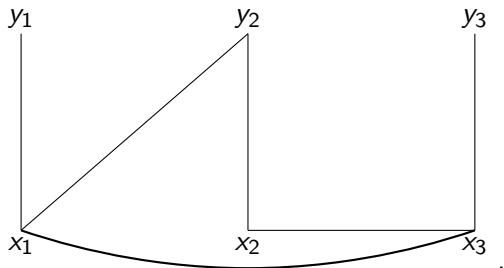
Example 1.5



is very well-covered.

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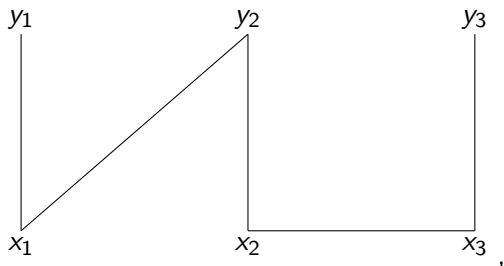
Example 1.6



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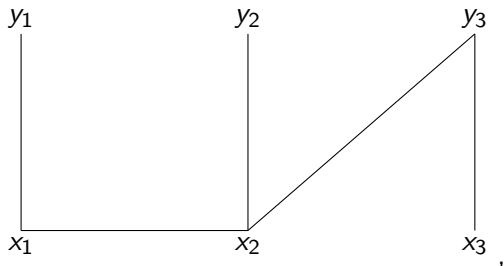
Example 1.7



is not unmixed.

- (i) If $x_i y_j, x_j z_k \in E(G)$ then $x_i z_k \in E(G)$ for distinct i, j and k and for $z_k \in \{x_k, y_k\}$.
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(*) $V(G) = X \cup Y$, $X \cap Y = \emptyset$, where $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_h\}$ is a minimal vertex cover of G and $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_h\}$ is a maximal independent set of G such that $\{x_1y_1, \dots, x_hy_h\} \subset E(G)$.

Lemma 1.9

Let $\#V(G) = 2h$, and assume that the vertices of G are labeled such the condition () is satisfied.*

If G is a CM, then there exists a suitable simultaneous change of labeling on both $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^h$ and $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^h$ such that $x_iy_j \in E(G)$ implies $i \leq j$.

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Proposition 1.10 (Crupi, Rinaldo, Terai, 2011)

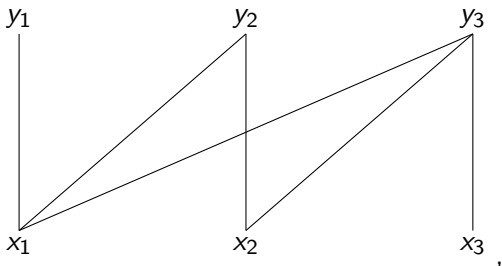
Let $\#V(G) = 2h$ and assume the conditions (*) and (**).

Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- ① G is Cohen-Macaulay;
- ② G is unmixed;
- ③ The following conditions hold:
 - (i) If $x_iy_j, x_jz_k \in E(G)$ then $x_iz_k \in E(G)$ for distinct i, j, k and for $z_k \in \{x_k, y_k\}$;
 - (ii) If $x_iy_j \in E(G)$ then $x_ix_j \notin E(G)$.

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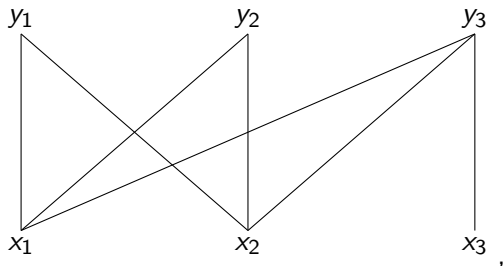
Example 1.11



is CM very well-covered.

- (i) If $x_i y_j, x_j z_k \in E(G)$ then $x_i z_k \in E(G)$ for distinct i, j, k and for $z_k \in \{x_k, y_k\}$;
- (ii) If $x_i y_j \in E(G)$ then $x_i x_j \notin E(G)$.

Example 1.12



is unmixed and very well-covered, but not CM .

Definition 1.13

Let $w : E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ be an edge weight on G and $G_w := (G, w)$ be an edge weighted graph.

$$I(G_w) := ((x_i x_j)^{w(x_i x_j)} \mid x_i x_j \in E(G))$$

G_w is called unmixed if $I(G_w)$ is unmixed.

G_w is called CM if $S/I(G_w)$ is CM.

Remark 1.14

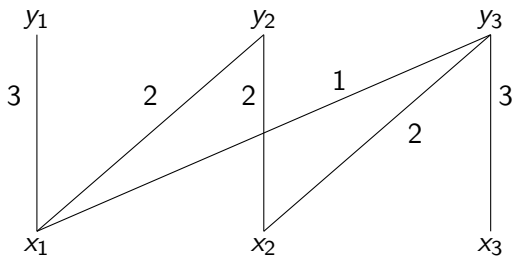
$$\sqrt{I(G_w)} = I(G)$$

$I(G_w)$ is unmixed $\implies I(G)$ is unmixed.

$I(G_w)$ is CM $\implies I(G)$ is CM.

But the converse is not always true.

Example 1.15



$$I(G) = (x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_3),$$

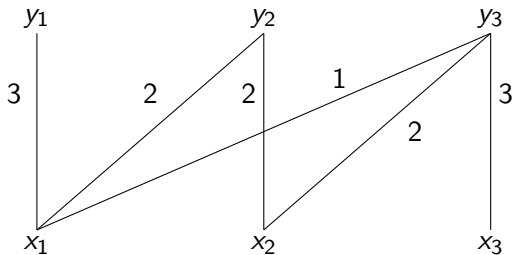
$$I(G_w) = (x_1^3y_1^3, x_2^2y_2^2, x_3^3y_3^3, x_1^2y_2^2, x_1y_3, x_2^2y_3^2)$$

Theorem 1

Let G be a very well-covered graph with $n = 2h$ vertices, and $\text{ht } I(G) = h$. We assume the condition (*). Let w is an edge weight of G . Then G_w is unmixed if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (i) If $x_i z_j \in E(G)$ then $w(x_i z_j) \leq w(x_i y_i)$ and $w(x_i z_j) \leq w(x_j y_j)$ for distinct i, j and for $z_j \in \{x_j, y_j\}$.
- (ii) If $x_i y_j, x_j z_k \in E(G)$ then $w(x_i z_k) \leq w(x_i y_j)$ and $w(x_i z_k) \leq w(x_j z_k)$ for distinct i, j and k and for $z_k \in \{x_k, y_k\}$, or for distinct j and $i = k$ and for $z_i = y_i$.

Example 2.1

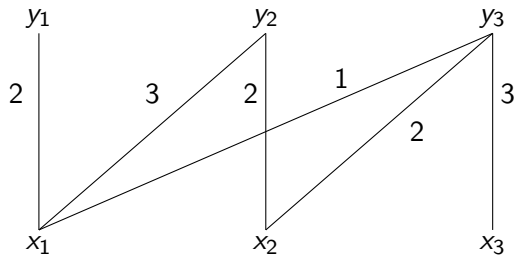


$$I(G) = (x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_3),$$

$$I(G_w) = (x_1^3y_1^3, x_2^2y_2^2, x_3^3y_3^3, x_1^2y_2^2, x_1y_3, x_2^2y_3^2)$$

Then $I(G)$ and $I(G_w)$ are unmixed

Example 2.2



$$I(G) = (x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3, x_1y_2, x_1y_3, x_2y_3),$$

$$I(G_w) = (x_1^2y_1^2, x_2^2y_2^2, x_3^3y_3^3, x_1^2y_2^2, x_1y_3, x_2^2y_3^2)$$

Then $I(G)$ is unmixed, but $I(G_w)$ is not unmixed.

Theorem 2

Let G be a Cohen-Macaulay very well-covered graph. Let w be an edge weight of G . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1 G_w is unmixed.
- 2 G_w is Cohen-Macaulay.

Conjecture 2.3

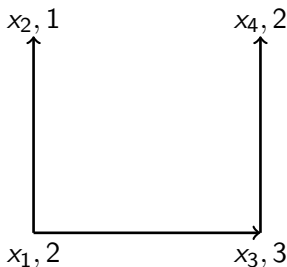
Let G be a Cohen-Macaulay very well-covered graph. Then G_w is sequentially Cohen-Macaulay.

Definition 2.4 (Pitones-Reyes-Toledo,2019)

Let $\mathcal{D} = (V(\mathcal{D}), E(\mathcal{D}))$ be an oriented graph with $V(\mathcal{D}) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, and let $\omega : V(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ be a *vertex-weighted* on \mathcal{D} and set $\omega_j = \omega(x_j)$. Then the *vertex-weighted edge ideal* of \mathcal{D} is defined by

$$I(\mathcal{D}) = (x_i x_j^{\omega_j} \mid (x_i, x_j) \in E(\mathcal{D})).$$

Example 2.5



$$I(\mathcal{D}) = (x_1 x_2, x_1 x_3^3, x_3 x_4^2)$$

Conjecture 2.6 (Pitones-Reyes-Toledo, 2019)

Let \mathcal{D} be a vertex-weighted oriented graph and let G be its underlying graph. If $I(\mathcal{D})$ is unmixed and $I(G)$ is CM, then $I(\mathcal{D})$ is CM.

Example 2.7

Let $\text{char}(K) = 0$ and $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_{11}]$.

$$I(G) = (x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_1x_7, x_1x_{10}, x_1x_{11}, x_2x_4, x_2x_5, x_2x_8, x_2x_{10}, x_2x_{11}, \\ x_3x_5, x_3x_6, x_3x_8, x_3x_{11}, x_4x_6, x_4x_9, x_4x_{11}, x_5x_7, x_5x_9, x_5x_{11}, \\ x_6x_8, x_6x_9, x_7x_9, x_7x_{10}, x_8x_{10}).$$

This ideal comes from the triangulation of the real projective plane.

$$I(\mathcal{D}_1) = (x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_1x_7, x_1x_{10}, x_1x_{11}^2, x_2x_4, x_2x_5, x_2x_8, x_2x_{10}, x_2x_{11}^2, \\ x_3x_5, x_3x_6, x_3x_8, x_3x_{11}^2, x_4x_6, x_4x_9, x_4x_{11}^2, x_5x_7, x_5x_9, x_5x_{11}, \\ x_6x_8, x_6x_9, x_7x_9, x_7x_{10}, x_8x_{10}).$$

$$I(\mathcal{D}_2) = (x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_1x_7, x_1x_{10}, x_1x_{11}, x_2x_4, x_2x_5, x_2x_8, x_2x_{10}, x_2x_{11}, \\ x_3x_5, x_3x_6, x_3x_8, x_3x_{11}, x_4x_6, x_4x_9, x_4x_{11}, x_5x_7, x_5x_9, x_5x_{11}, \\ x_6x_8, x_6x_9, x_7^2x_9, x_7x_{10}, x_8x_{10}).$$

Then $I(G)$ is CM. However, *Macaulay2* computation shows that $I(\mathcal{D}_1)$ is unmixed and it satisfies (S_2) condition, but is not CM, and $I(\mathcal{D}_2)$ is unmixed, but does not satisfy (S_2) condition.

Example 2.8

Let $\text{char}(K) = 0$ and $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_{11}]$.

$$I(G_{w_1}) = (x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_1x_7, x_1x_{10}, x_1x_{11}, x_2x_4, x_2x_5, x_2x_8, x_2x_{10}, x_2x_{11}, \\ x_3x_5, x_3x_6, x_3x_8, x_3x_{11}, x_4x_6, x_4x_9, x_4x_{11}, x_5x_7, x_5x_9, x_5x_{11}, \\ x_6x_8, x_6x_9, x_7x_9, x_7x_{10}, x_8^2x_{10}^2).$$

$$I(G_{w_2}) = (x_1^2x_3^2, x_1^2x_4^2, x_1^2x_7^2, x_1^2x_{10}^2, x_1^2x_{11}^2, x_2^2x_4^2, x_2^2x_5^2, x_2^2x_8^2, x_2^2x_{10}^2, x_2^2x_{11}^2, \\ x_3^2x_5^2, x_3^2x_6^2, x_3^2x_8^2, x_3^2x_{11}^2, x_4^2x_6^2, x_4^2x_9^2, x_4^2x_{11}^2, x_5^2x_7^2, x_5^2x_9^2, x_5^2x_{11}^2, \\ x_6^2x_8^2, x_6^2x_9^2, x_7^2x_9^2, x_7^2x_{10}^2, x_8x_{10}).$$

Then $I(G)$ is Cohen-Macaulay.

However, *Macaulay2* computation shows that $I(G_{w_1})$ is unmixed, but does not satisfy (S_2) condition.

On the other hand, *Macaulay2* computation shows that $I(G_{w_2})$ is unmixed and it satisfies (S_2) condition, but it is not Cohen-Macaulay.