Unit Interval Graphs & Maximum c-Independent Sets Maximizing the Number of Isolated Vertices

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 \blacktriangleright Theorem 1.1. There exists an algorithm that computes a max-iso c-IS for every unit interval graph on n vertices with a running time in O(n), even if c is part of the input.

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We should always isolate the leftmost candidate!

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Crucial Lemma: For the leftmost candidate v, G - N(v) contains a max-iso c-independent set in G.



Quadratic algorithm ${\mathcal U}$ $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{W}}$

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v	u_2	w_2					
		b_1^2 b_{c-1}^2					
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