

The Local Queue Number of Graphs with Bounded Treewidth

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Queue Number

qn(G) = min k such that there is a k-queue layout for G



Local Queue Number

 $qn_{\ell}(G) = min k$ such that there is a k-local queue layout for G



vertex ordering

Theorem 1 For any $d \ge 3$ and infinitely many *n*, there exist *n*-vertex graphs with local queue number at most d + 2 but queue number $\Omega(\sqrt{d}n^{1/2-1/d})$.

Maximum (Local) Queue Number

	max qn	$\max qn_\ell$
planar graphs	$\geqslant 4$ (Alam et al., 2020)	≥ 3
	≪ 49 (Dujmović et al., 2019)	≪ 4
treewidth 1	1 (Heath and Rosenberg, 1992)	1
treewidth 2	${f 3}$ (Rengarajan and Veni Madhavan, 1995;	3
	Wiechert, 2017)	F. (-7
treewidth $k \ge 3$	$\geq k+1$ (Wiechert, 2017)	$\geq k/2 + 1$
	$\leqslant 2^k-1$ (Wiechert, 2017)	$\leqslant k+1$

k-Trees

maximal graphs with treewidth k





attach vertex to K_k

Theorem 3

Every k-tree admits a (k + 1)-local queue layout.



k queues to parent clique

+ 1 queue to children



The local queue number is tied to the maximum average degree.

series of two-player games

Theorem 4

There is a graph with treewidth 2 and local queue number 3.

Theorem 5

For every k > 1, there is a graph G with treewidth k and $qn_{\ell}(G) \ge \lceil k/2 \rceil + 1$.

Corollary 6

The maximum local queue number of planar graphs is either 3 or 4.

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Game (i): the layout is ℓ -local



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Game (iii): new vertices consecutively

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Game (iv): twin edges in the same queue

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Game (v): all children to the right and edges to parents pw different plus all previous rules



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Game (v'): new edges not in the same queue as parent edge $${\rm plus}$$ all previous rules



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... two more games

Lemma

If there is a k-tree such that every ℓ -local queue layout contains a k'-clique with \leftarrow non-nesting children,

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then there is a k-tree with local queue number at least $\ell + 1$, where $1 < k' \leq k$ and $\ell \leq k'$. true for $k = \ell = 2$ — true for $\ell \leq \lceil k/2 \rceil$ true for all $\ell \leq k$? otherwise:



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 → find a clique with non-nesting children
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