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Generalized cover ideals and the persistence property.

Let I be a square-free monomial ideal in $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, and consider the sets of associated primes $\text{Ass}(I^s)$ for all integers $s \geq 1$. We introduce a family of square-free monomial ideals that can be associated to a finite simple graph G that generalizes the cover ideal construction. When G is a tree, we show our ideals satisfy the persistence property. We also describe the elements of $\text{Ass}(I^s)$, and explicitly determine the index of stability. (Received August 10, 2013)