

# On identifying codes and Bondy's theorem on “induced subsets”

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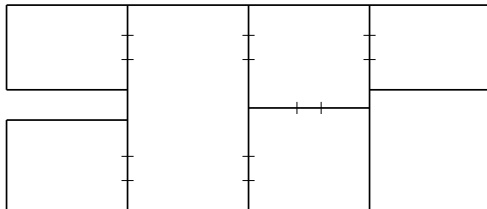
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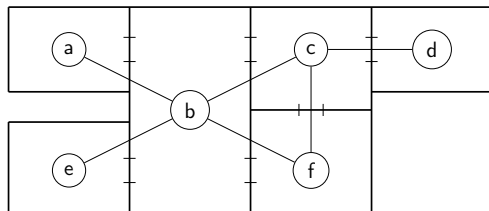
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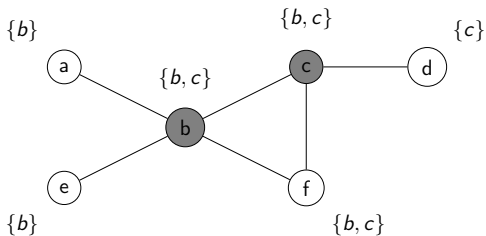
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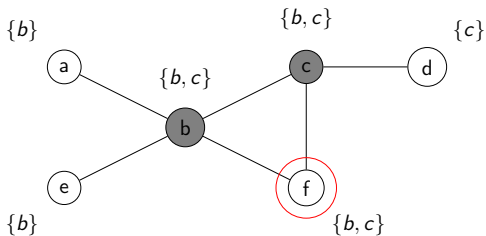
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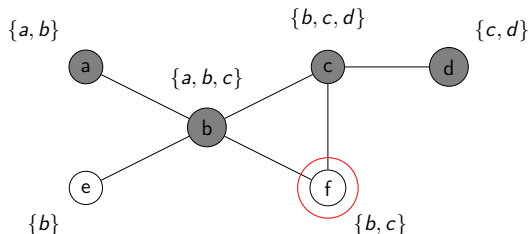
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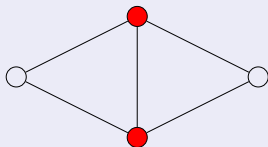
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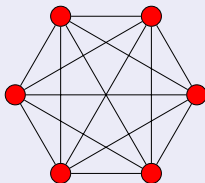
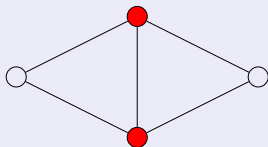
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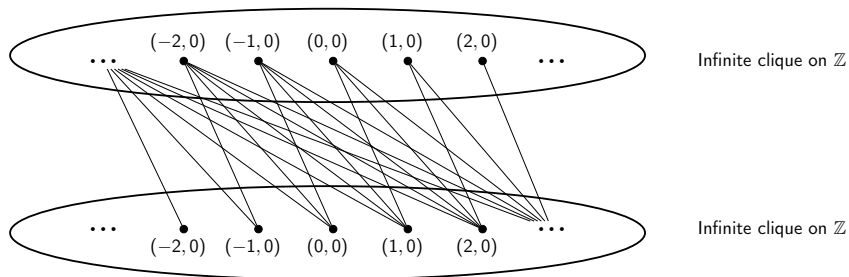
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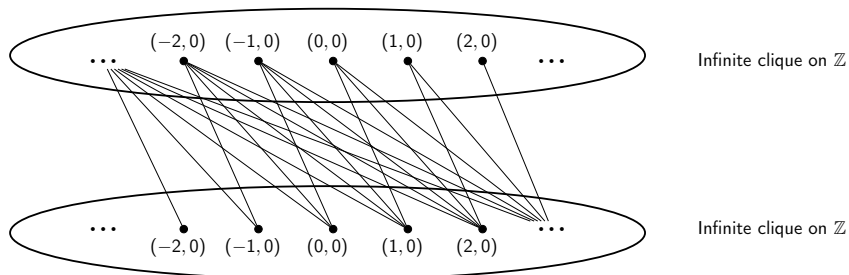
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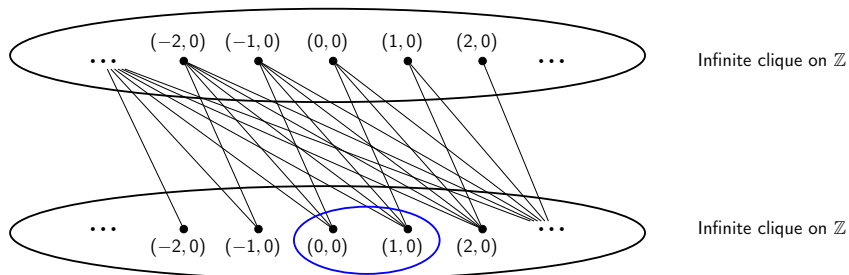


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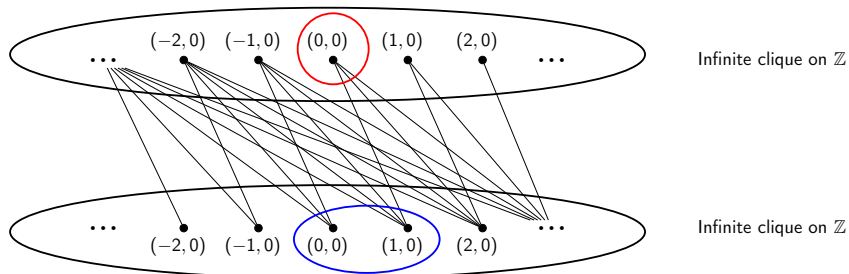
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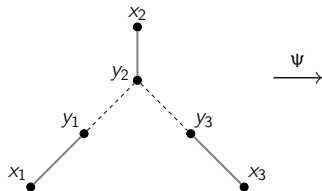
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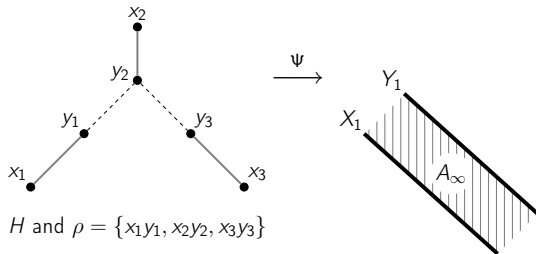
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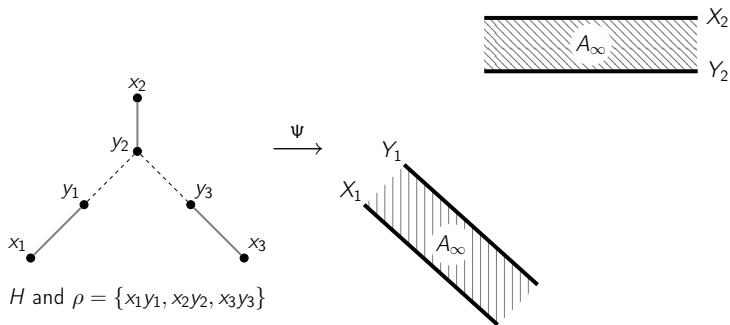
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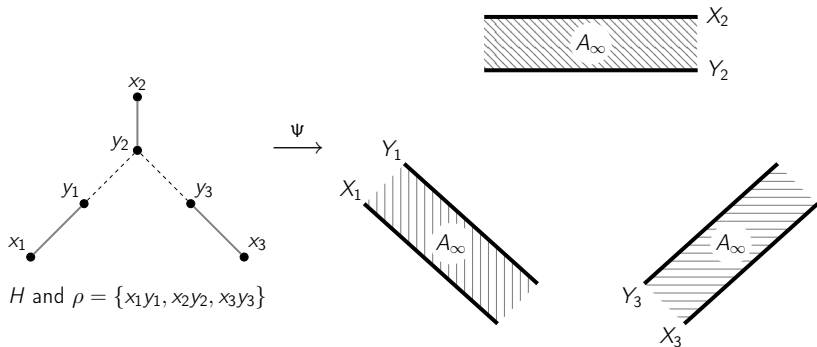
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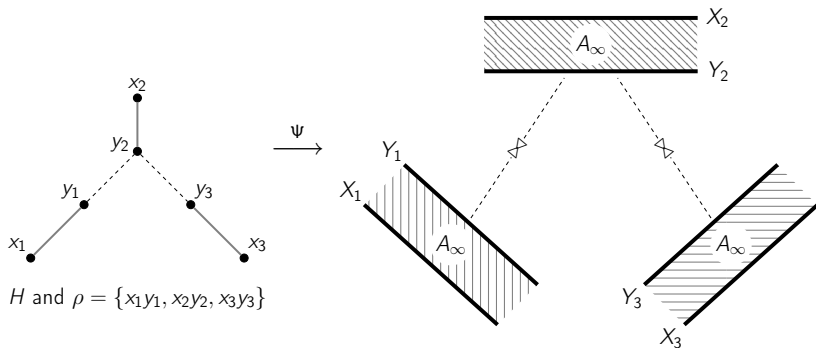
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## Theorem (F., Guerrini, Kovše, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov, 2010)

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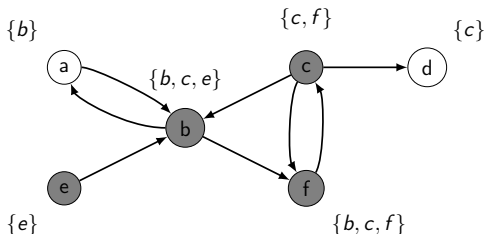
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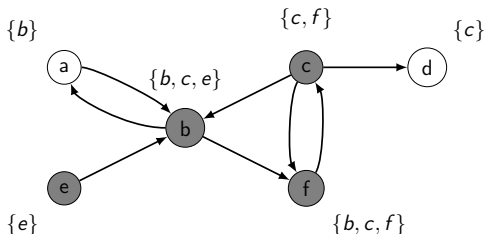
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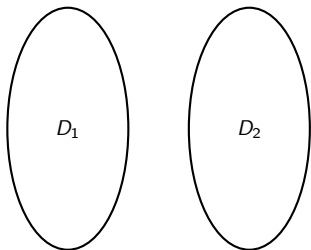
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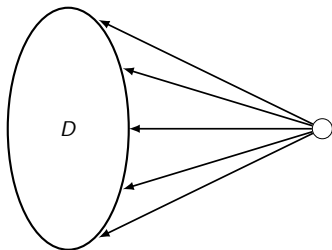
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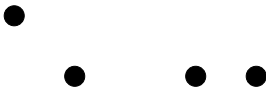
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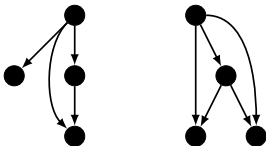
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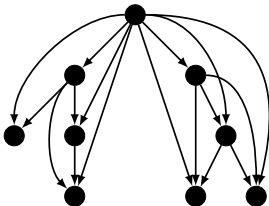
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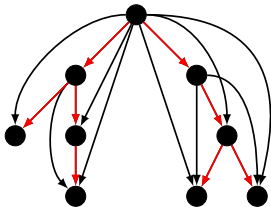
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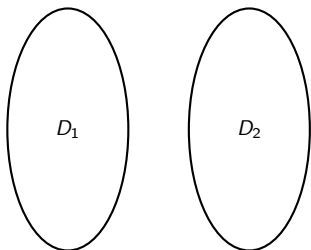
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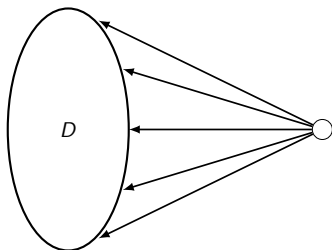
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## Proof of the Theorem

- By contradiction: take a minimum counterexample,  $D$
- By the proposition, there is a vertex  $x$  such that  $\overrightarrow{\gamma}^{\text{ID}}(D - x) = |V(D - x)| - 1$ . Hence  $D - x \in (K_1, \oplus, \overrightarrow{\Delta})$ .
- Show that by adding a vertex to  $D - x$ , we either stay in the family or decrease  $\overrightarrow{\gamma}^{\text{ID}}$ .

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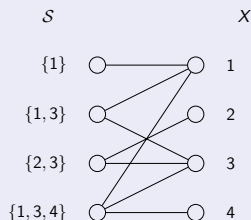
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We can build a bipartite graph  $B = (S + X, E)$  where  $S_i$  connected to  $x$  iff  $x \in S_i$ . Bondy's theorem states that there exists a code  $C \subseteq X$  which *separates*  $S$  of size at most  $|X| - 1$  in  $B$ .

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# Bipartite separating codes and identifying codes

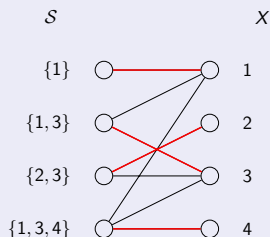
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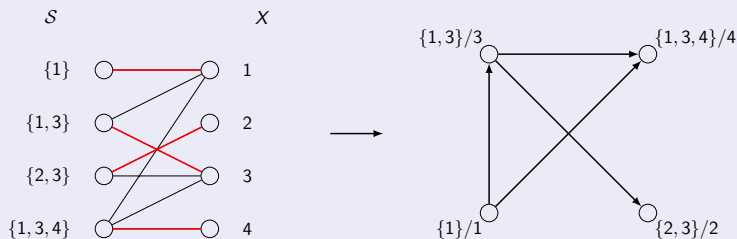
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If  $|X| > |S|$  ( $|X| = n + k$ ,  $k > 0$ ):

by Bondy's theorem we can remove  $k + 1 \geq 2$  elements of  $X$ .

At most one of them can create  $\emptyset$ , so we choose another one!

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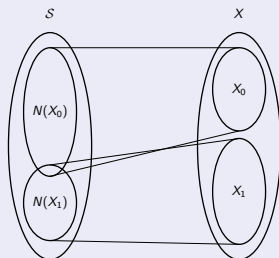
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# Application to Bondy's setting

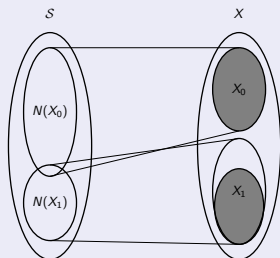
## Corollary (F., Naserasr, Parreau, 2010)

In Bondy's theorem, if for any good choice of  $x$  we have  $S_i - x = \emptyset$  for some  $S_i$ , then  $B$  is the neighbourhood graph of a digraph in  $(K_1, \oplus, \vec{\Delta})$ .

## Proof (2)

If  $|X| = |S|$

- If  $B$  has a perfect matching: use our theorem.
- Otherwise, by Hall's theorem, there is a subset  $X_1$  of  $X$  s.t.  $|X_1| > |N(X_1)|$ .



## Future work

- Classify infinite digraphs  $D$  with  $V(D)$  as their only identifying code
- What about graphs having  $V(D) - x$  as an only identifying code?