

# Identification problems in graphs

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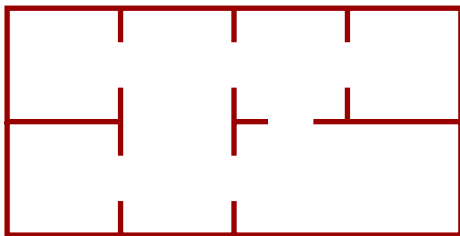
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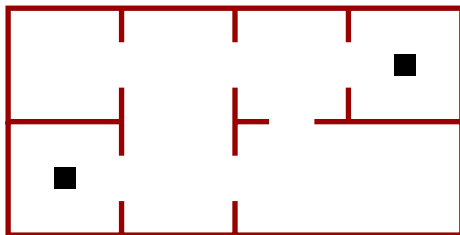
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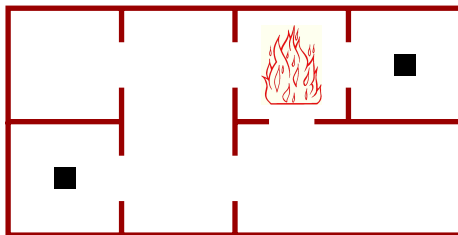
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# Part I: location-domination

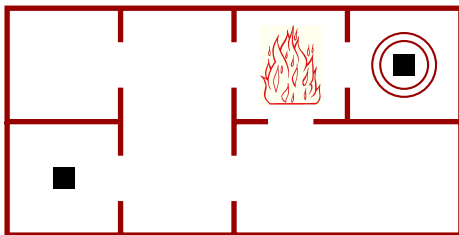




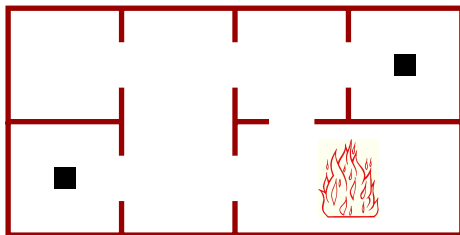
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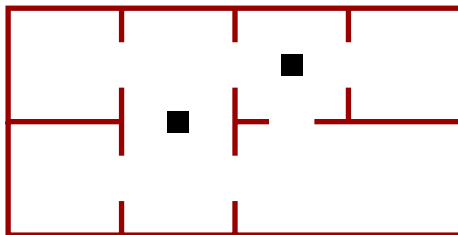


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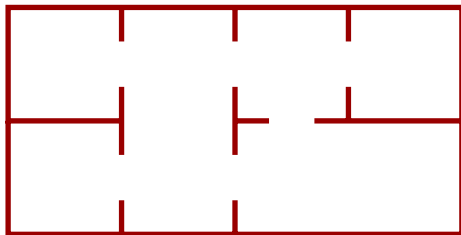


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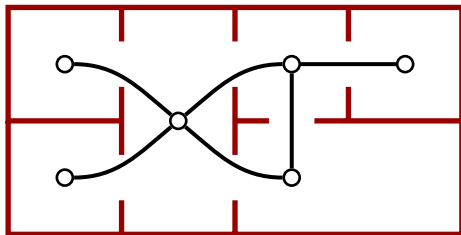




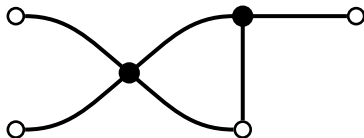
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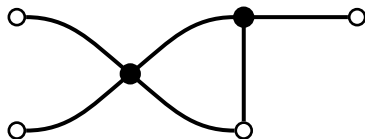
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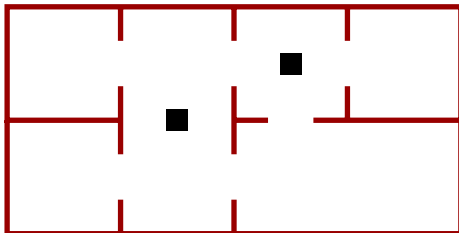
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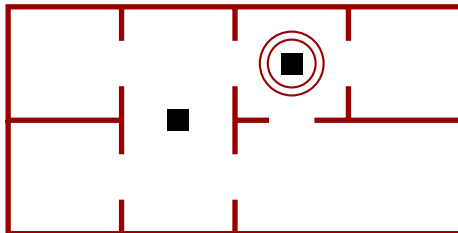


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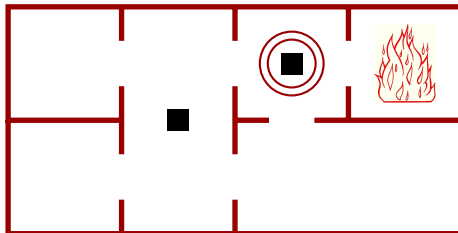


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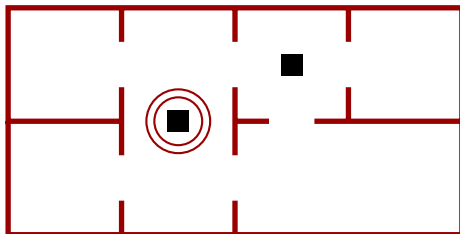


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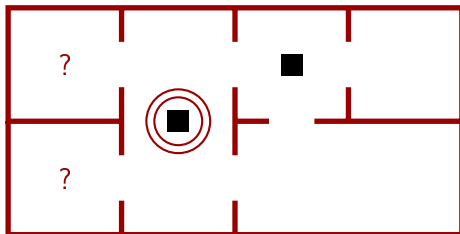


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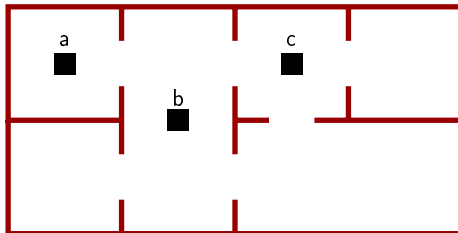


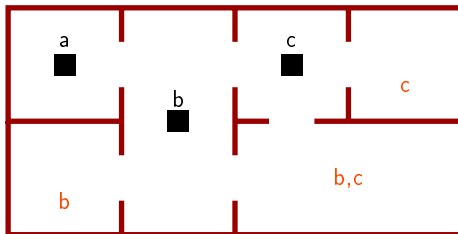
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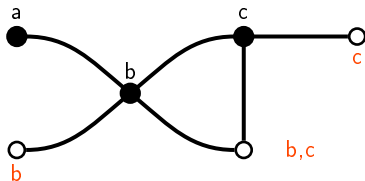
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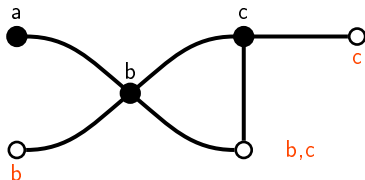


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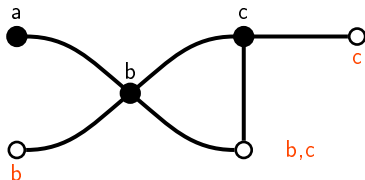
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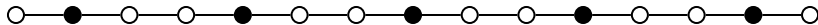
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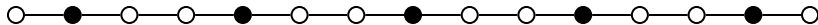
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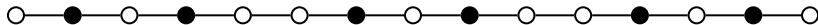




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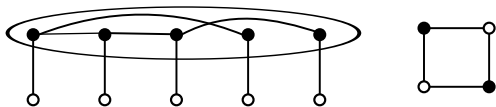
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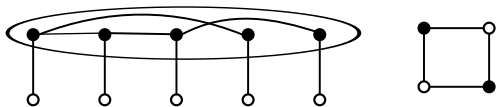
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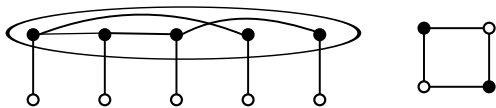
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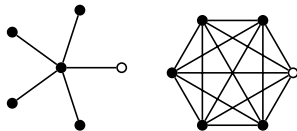
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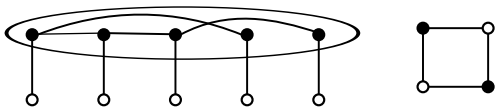
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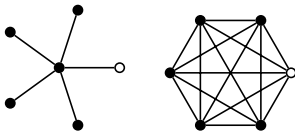
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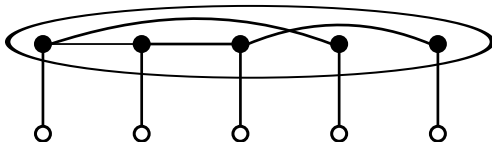
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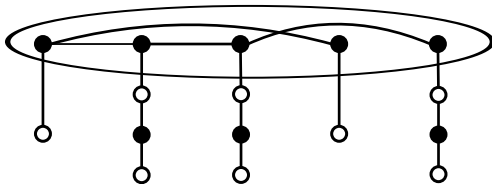
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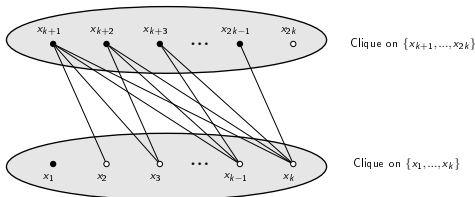
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**Remark:** Nontrivial proofs using very different techniques!  
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## Lower bounds on the location-domination number



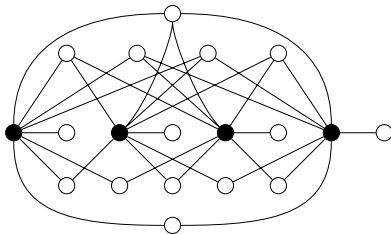
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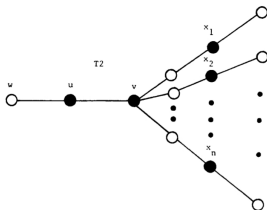


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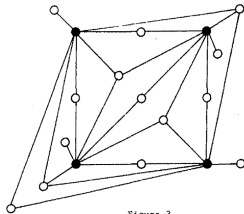
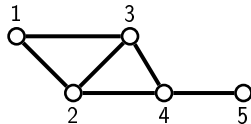
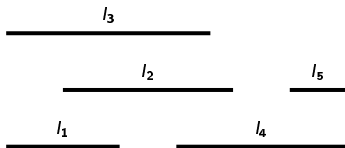


Figure 3.

Tight examples:

## Definition - Interval graph

Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.



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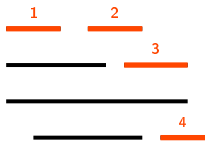
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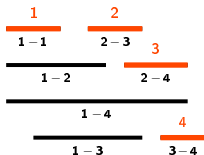


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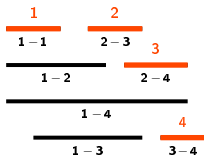
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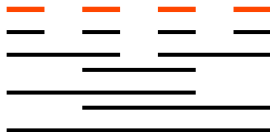
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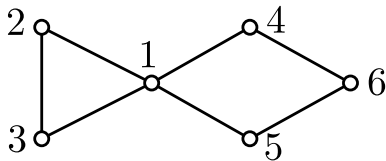
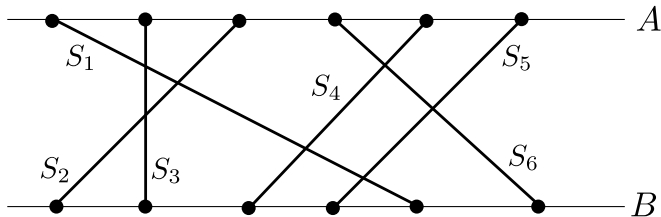
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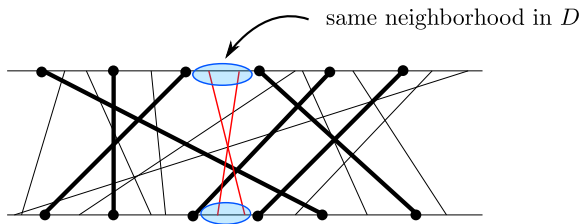
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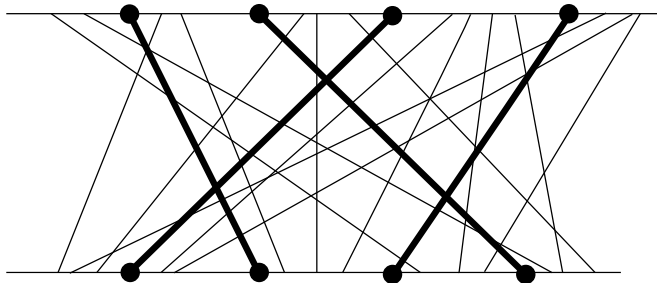
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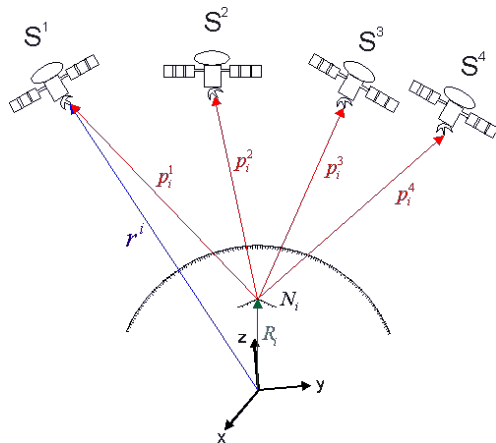
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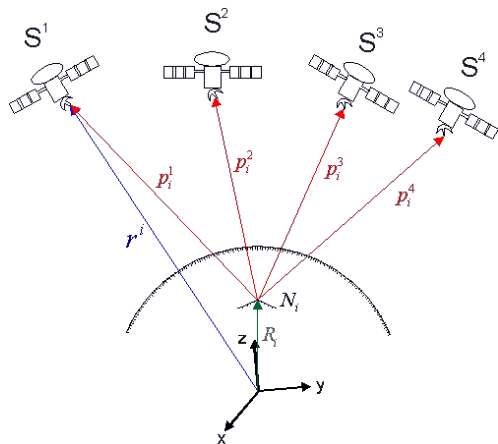
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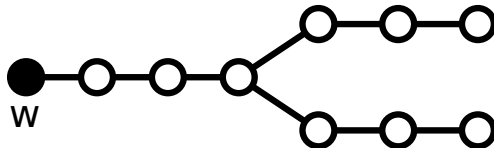
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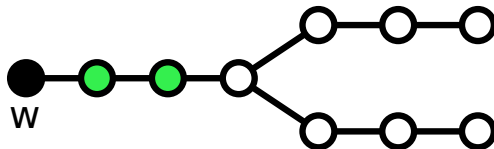


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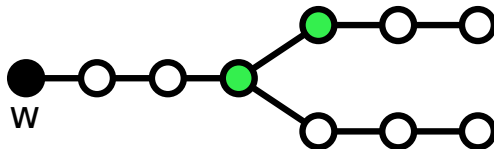


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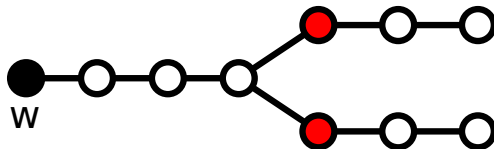


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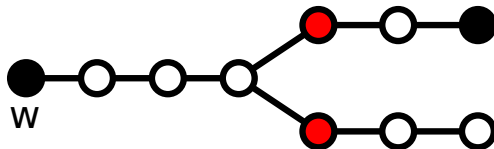


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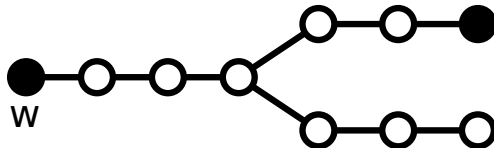


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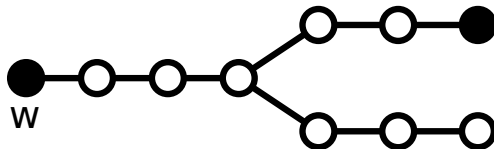


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