

## Locating-dominating sets in twin-free graphs

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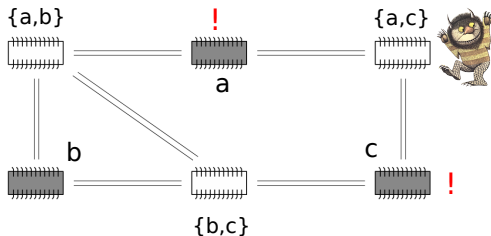
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**Motivation:** fault-detection in networks.

→ The set  $D$  of grey processors is a set of fault-detectors.



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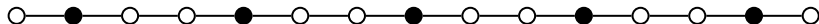
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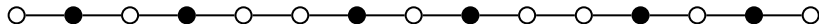
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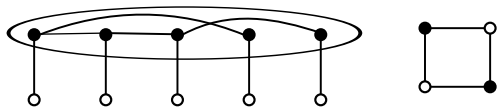
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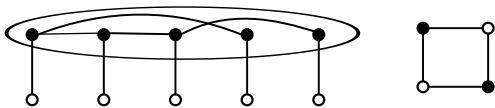
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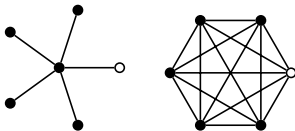
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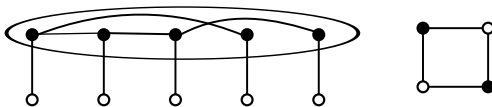
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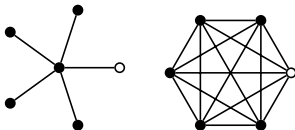
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**Remark:** tight examples contain many twin-vertices!!

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#### Remark:

- twins are **easy to detect**
- twins have a **trivial** behaviour w.r.t. location-domination

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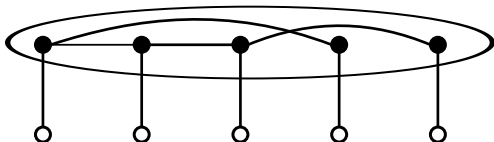
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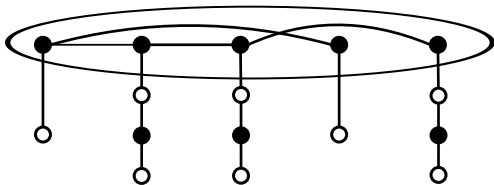
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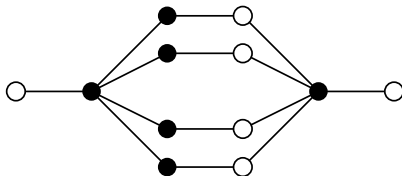
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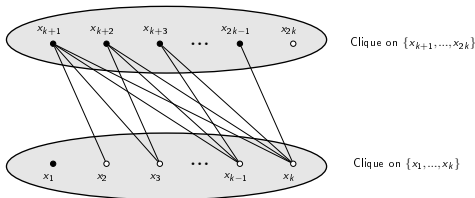
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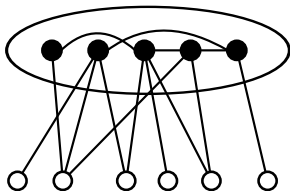
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(in particular, if bipartite)

**Proof:** every vertex cover is a locating-dominating set



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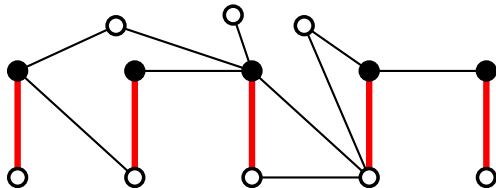
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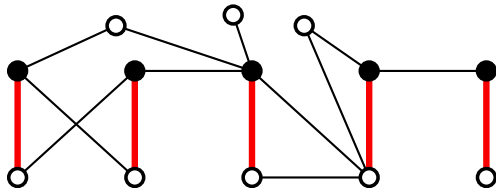
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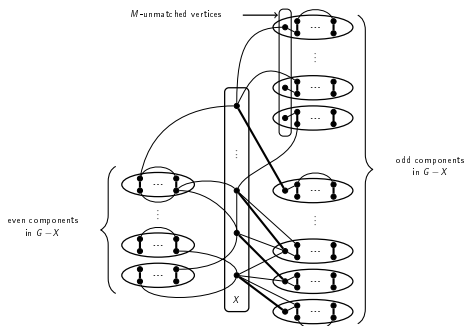
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**Proof:** Involved argument using maximum matching and Tutte-Berge theorem.



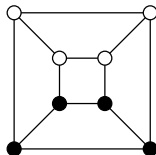
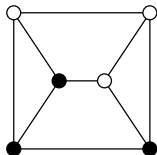
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Conjecture true if  $G$  is split graph or complement of bipartite graph.

Line graph of  $G$ : intersection graph of the edges of  $G$ .

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**Proof:** By induction on the order, using edge-locating-dominating sets

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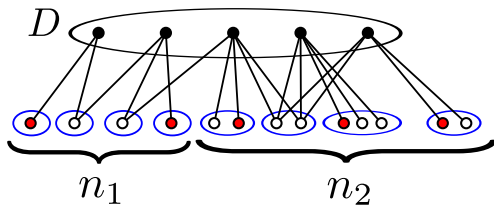
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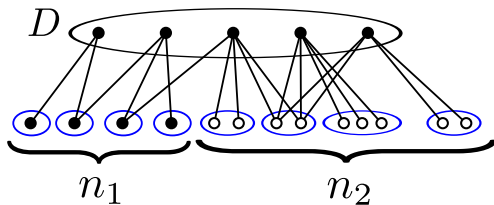
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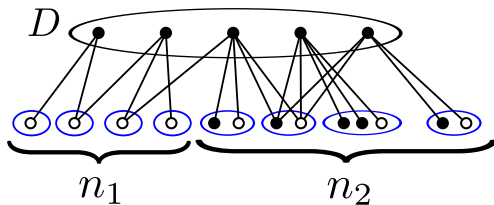
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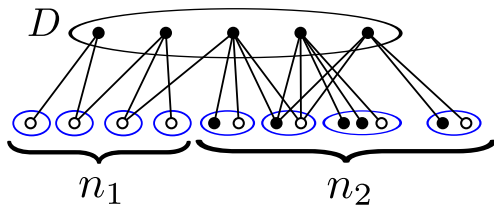
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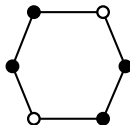
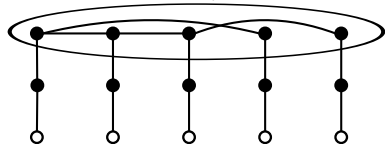
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