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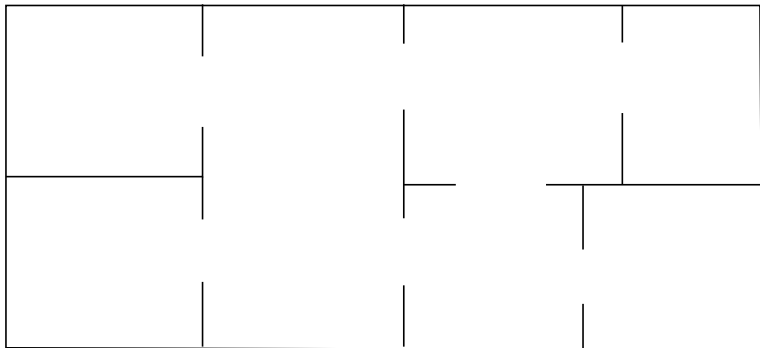
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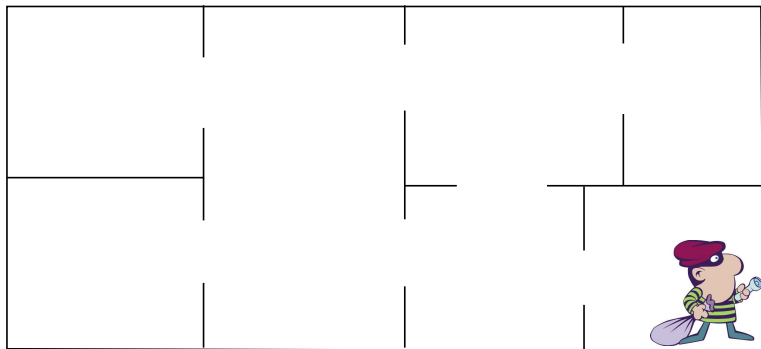


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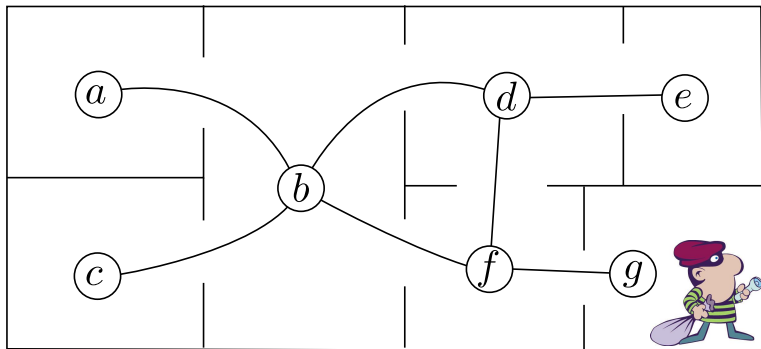




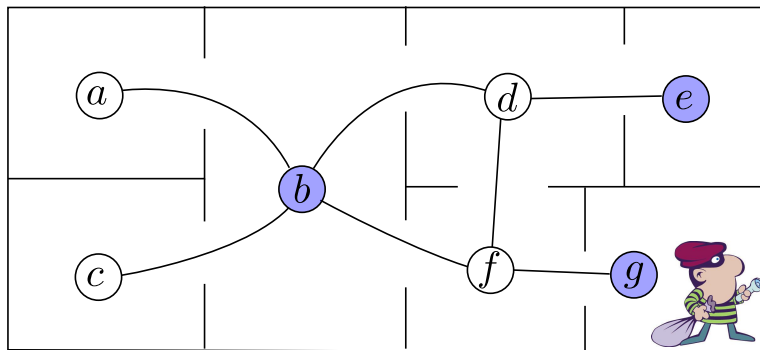
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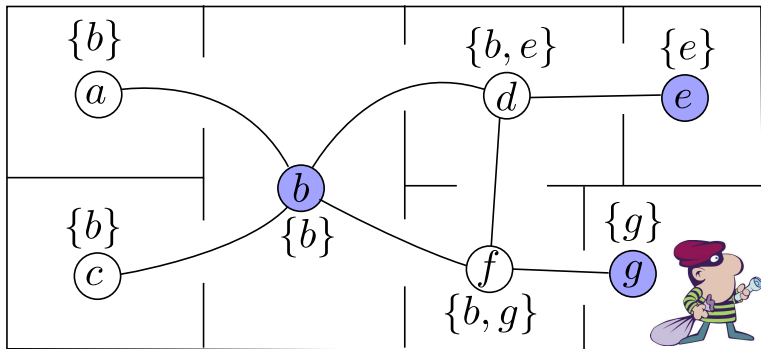


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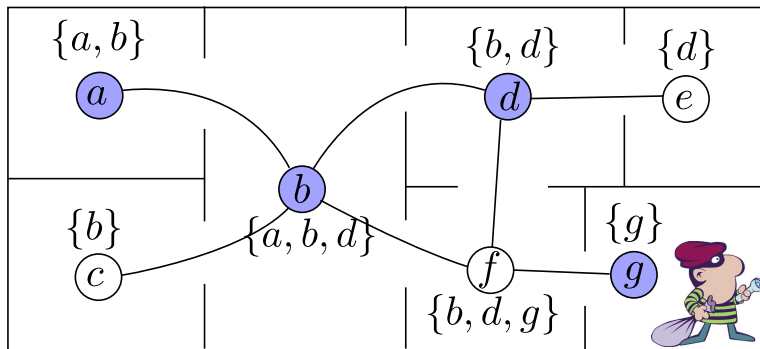
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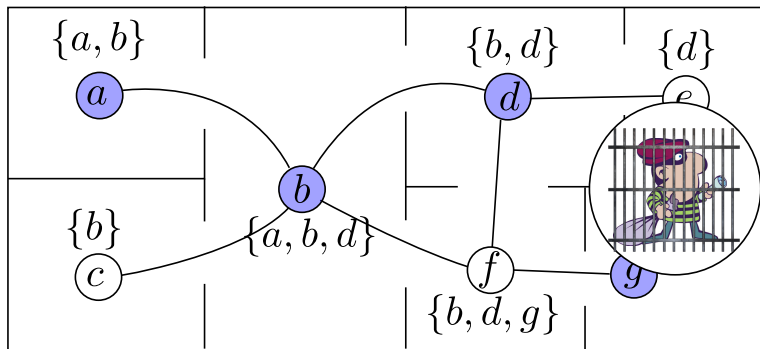
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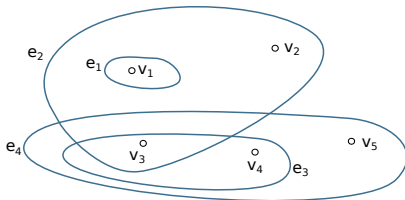
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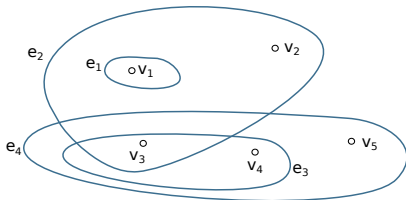
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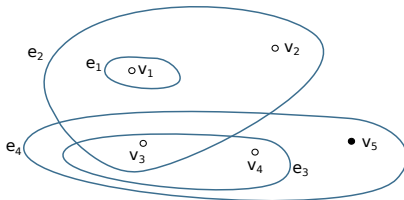
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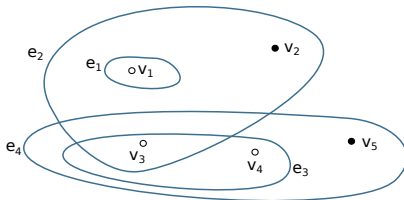
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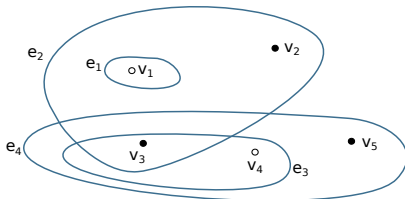
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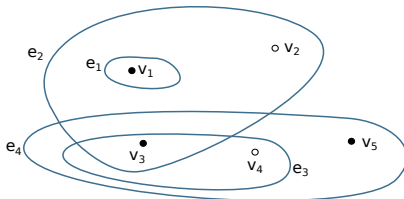
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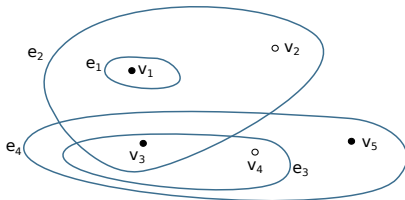
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Also known as Separating system, Distinguishing set, Test cover, Distinguishing transversal, Discriminating code...

- network-monitoring, fault detection (burglar)
- medical diagnostics: testing samples for diseases (*test cover*)
- biological identification (attributes of individuals)
- learning theory: teaching dimension
- machine learning: V-C dimension (Vapnik, Červonenkis, 1971)
- graph isomorphism: canonical representation of graphs (Babai, 1982)
- logic definability of graphs (Kim, Pikhurko, Spencer, Verbitsky, 2005)

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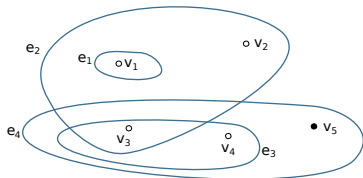
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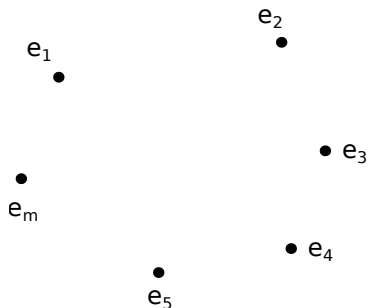
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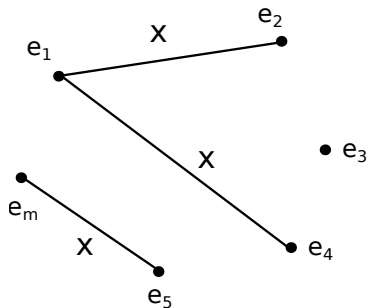
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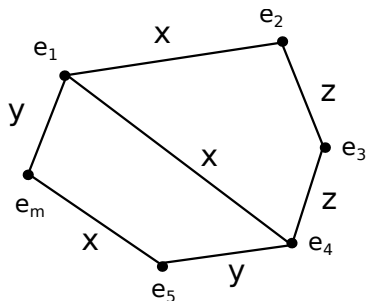
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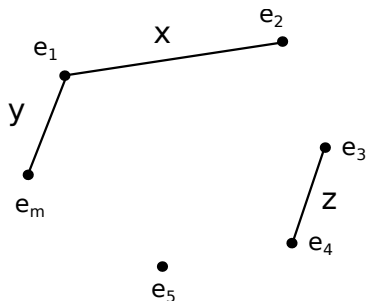
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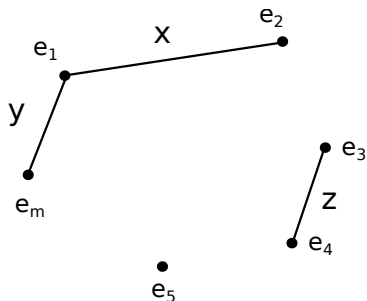
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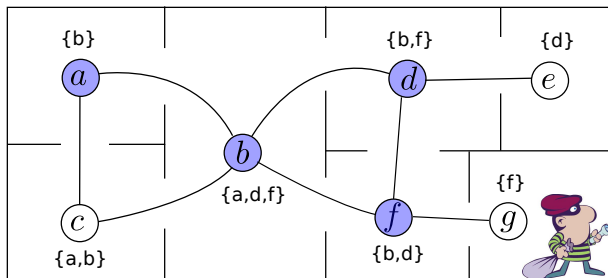
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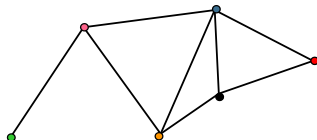
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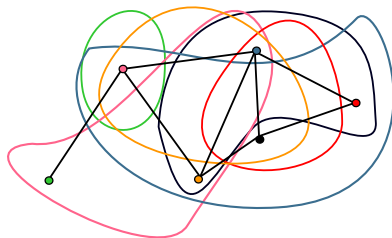
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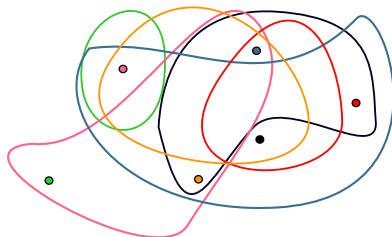
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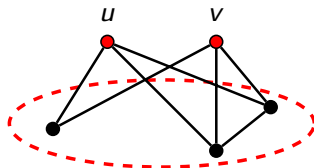
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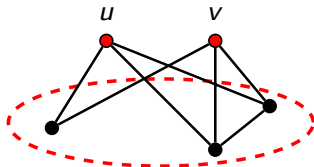


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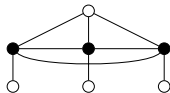
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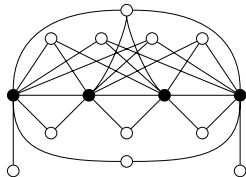
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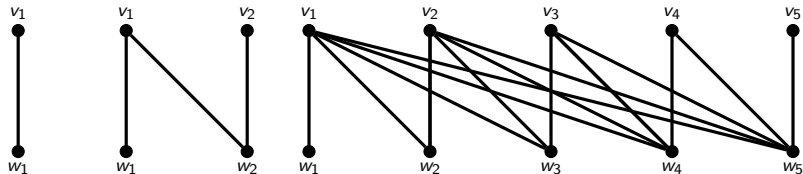


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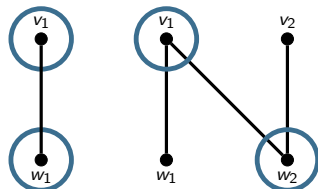


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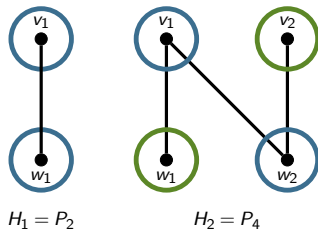
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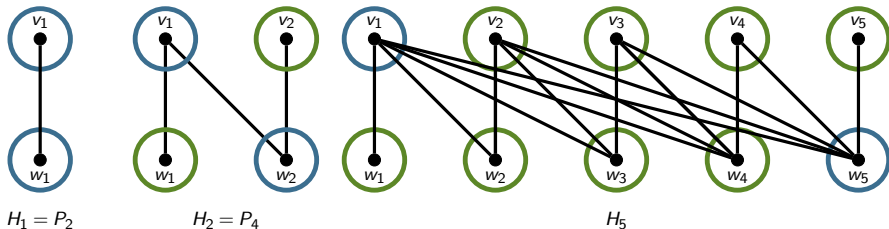
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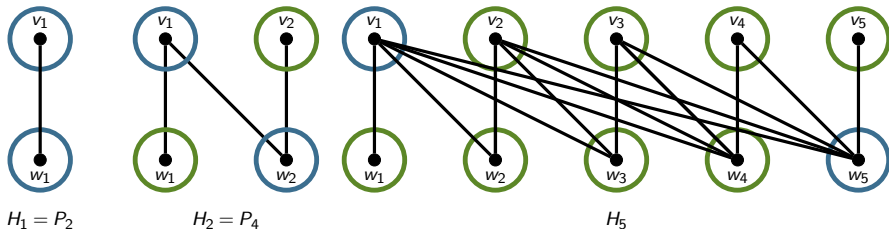
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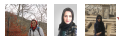


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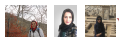
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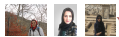
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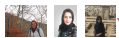
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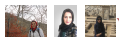
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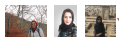
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Location-domination in graphs

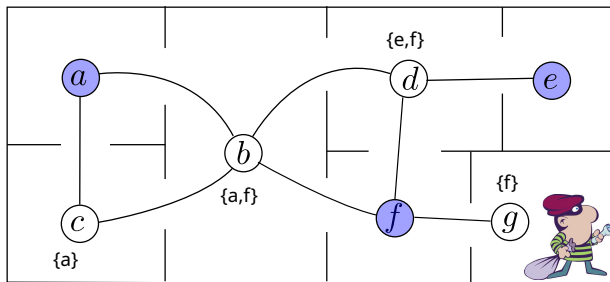
Definition - Locating-dominating set (Slater, 1980's)




$D \subseteq V(G)$ locating-dominating set of G :

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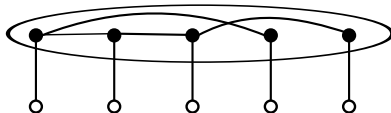
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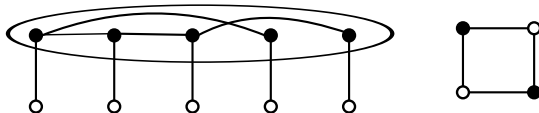
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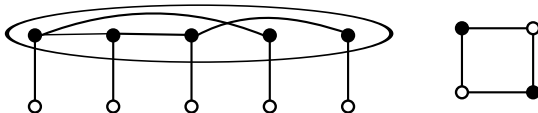
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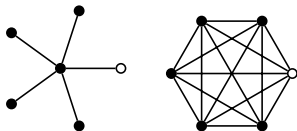
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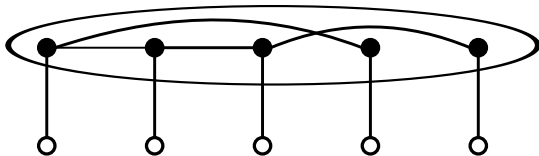
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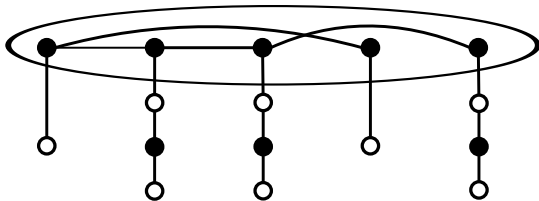
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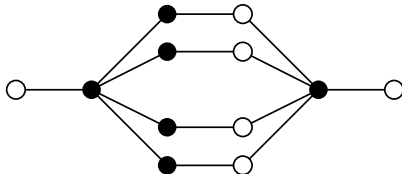
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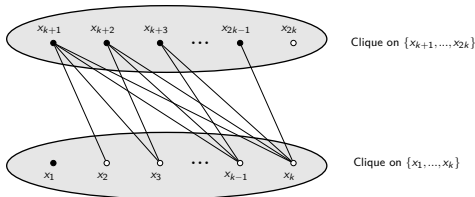
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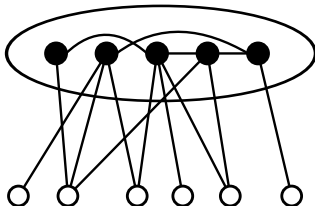
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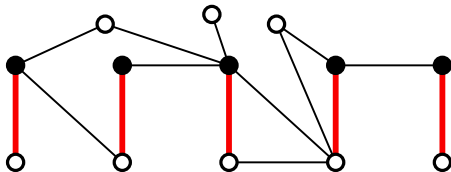
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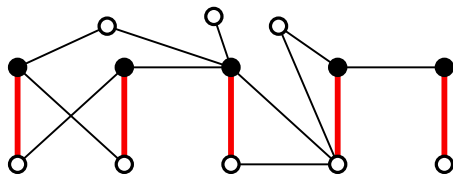
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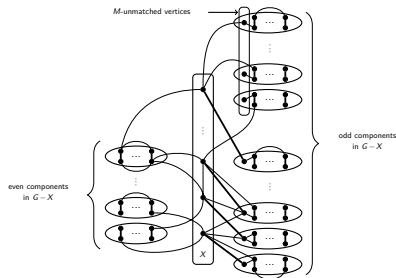
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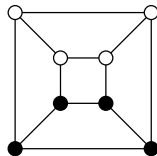
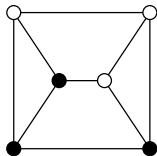
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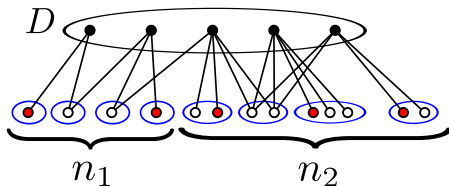
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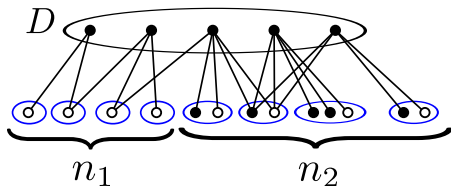
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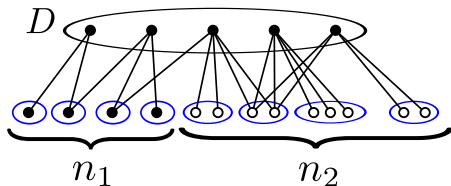
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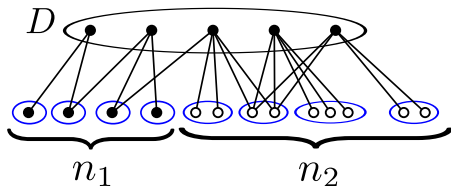
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Lower bounds (neighbourhood complexity)

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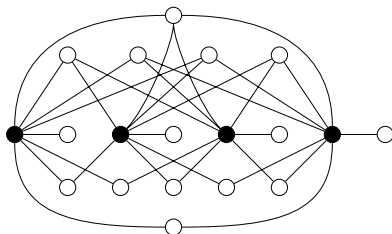
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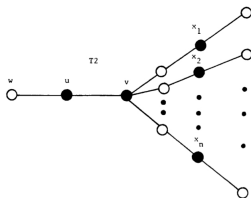


FIG. 2. Tree T2

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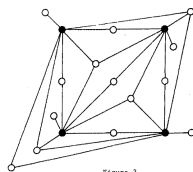
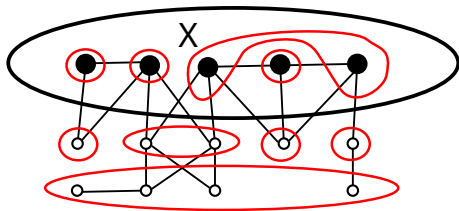


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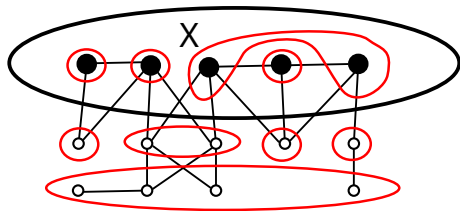
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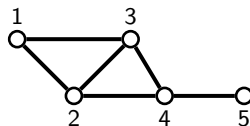
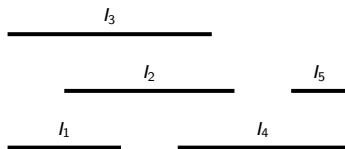


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- General graphs : exponential neighbourhood complexity 2^k
- Trees/planar graphs : linear neighbourhood complexity $O(k)$

Definition - Interval graph

Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.



Theorem (F., Mertzios, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov, 2017



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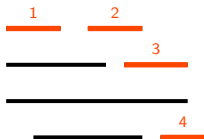
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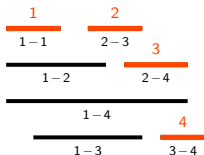
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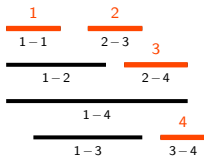
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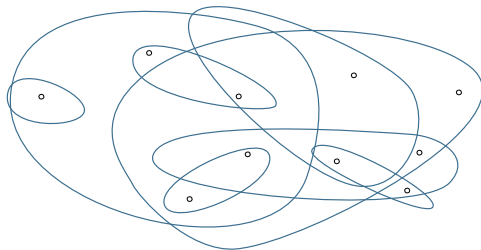




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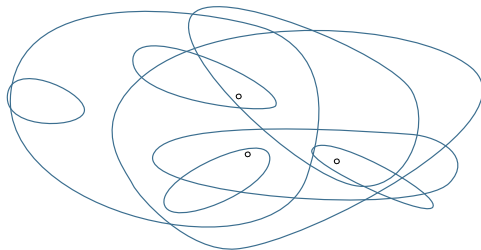
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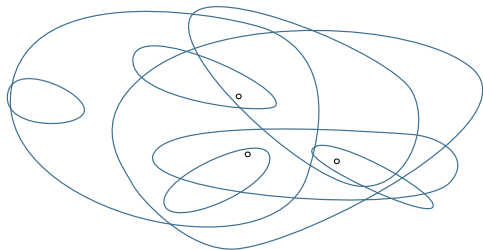
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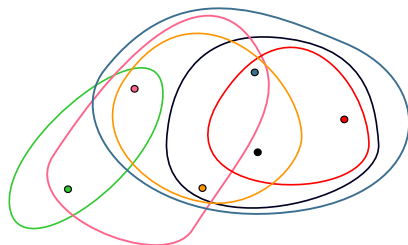
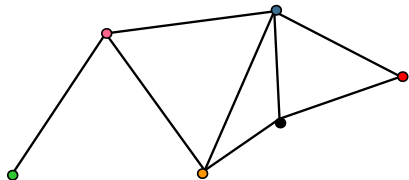


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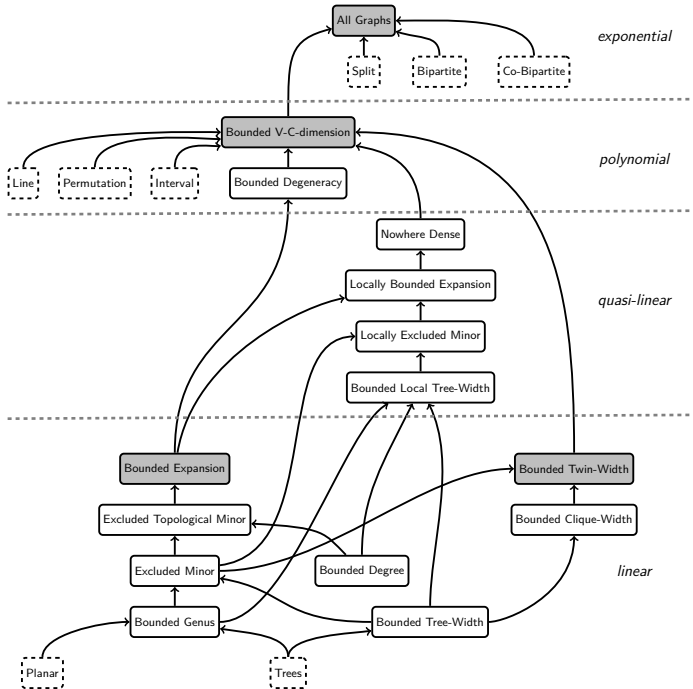
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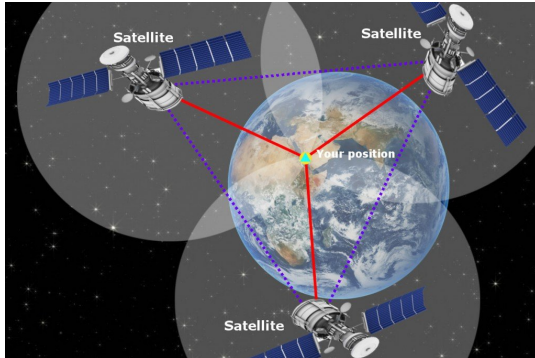
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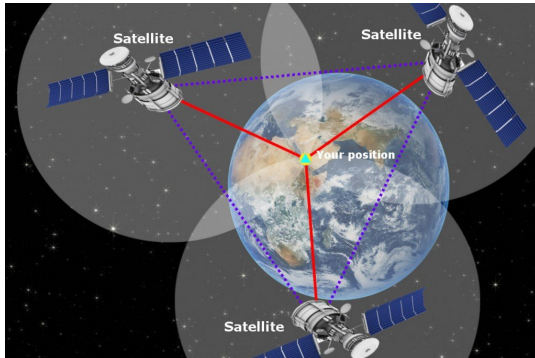


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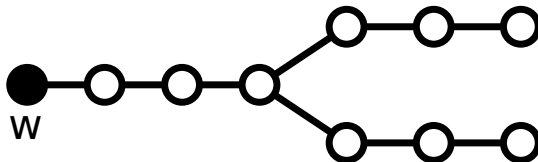
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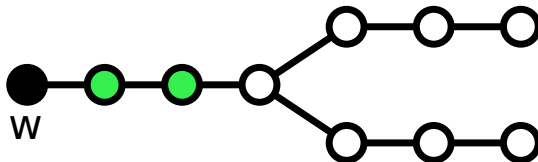
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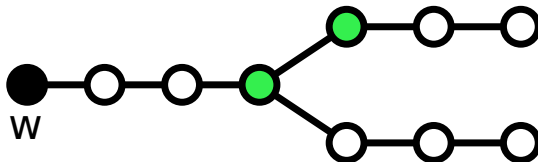
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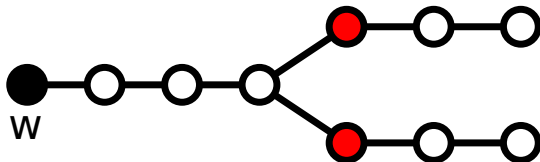
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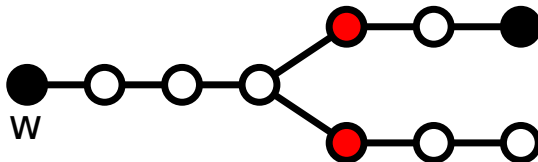
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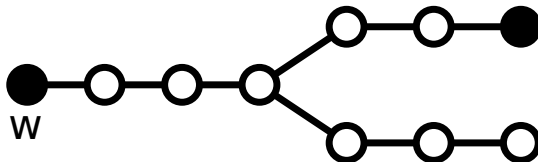
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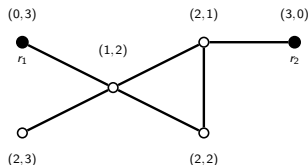
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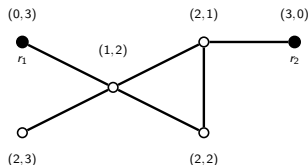
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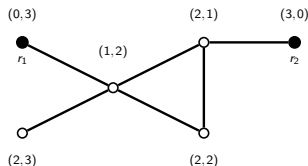
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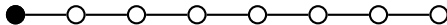
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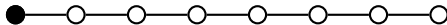
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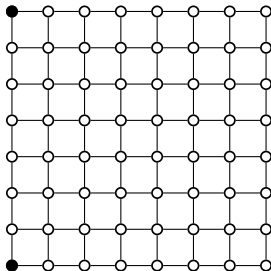
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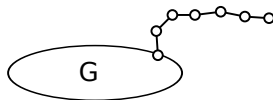
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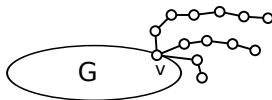
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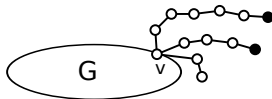
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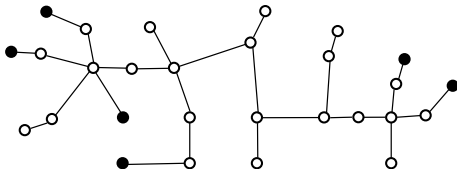
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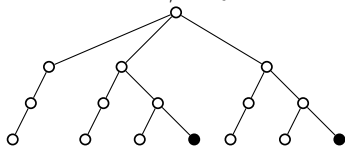


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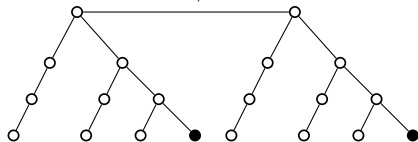
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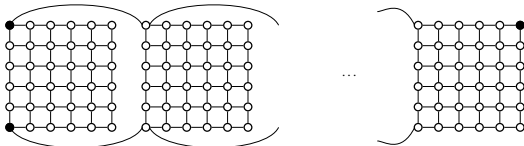
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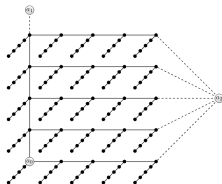
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