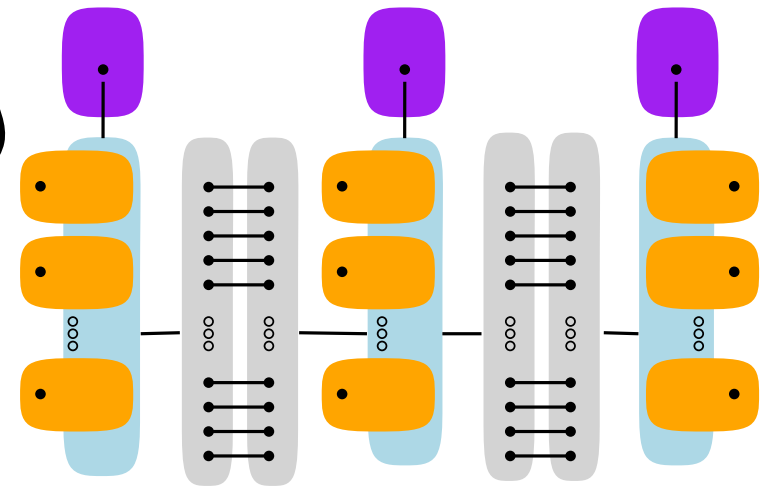


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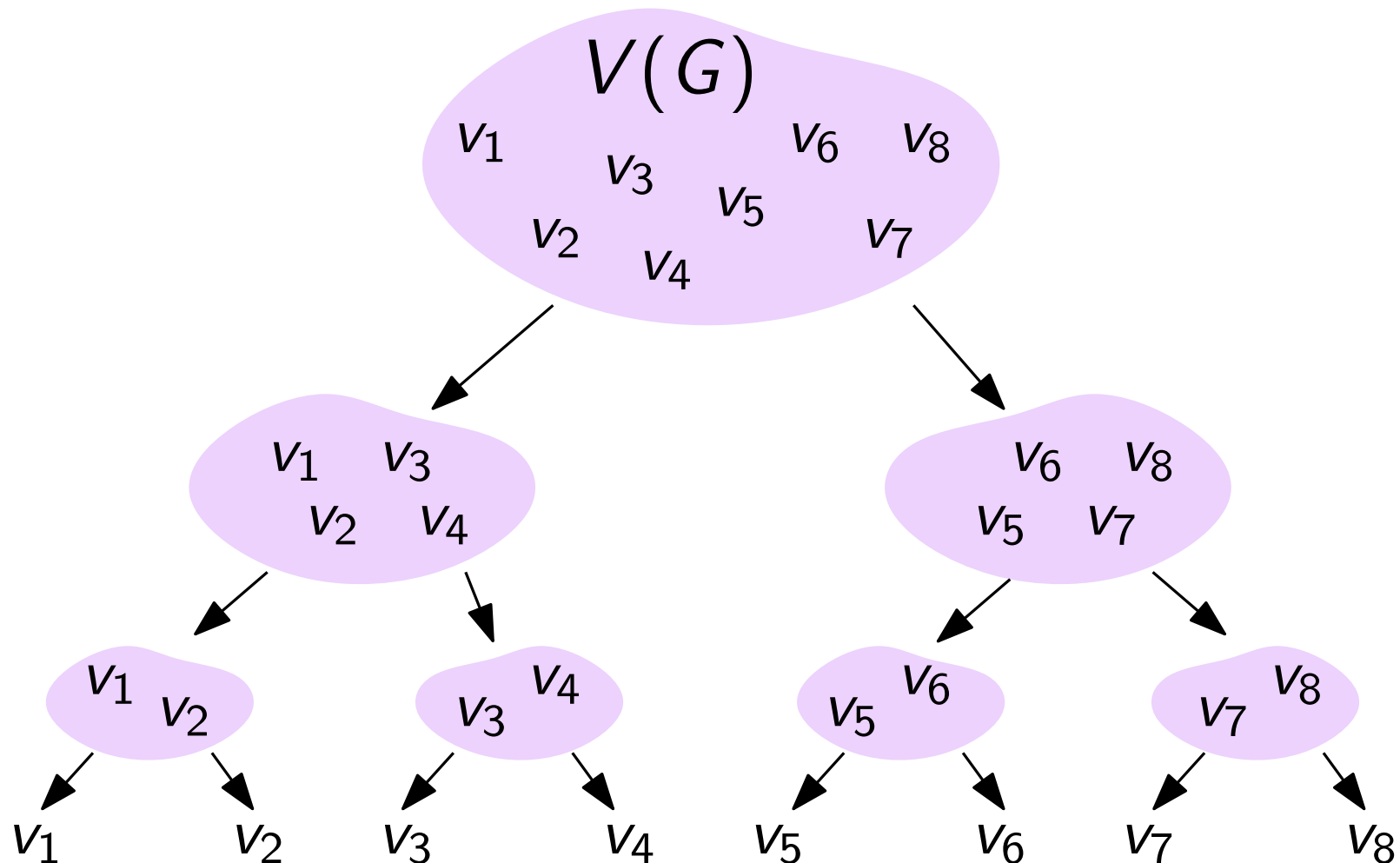
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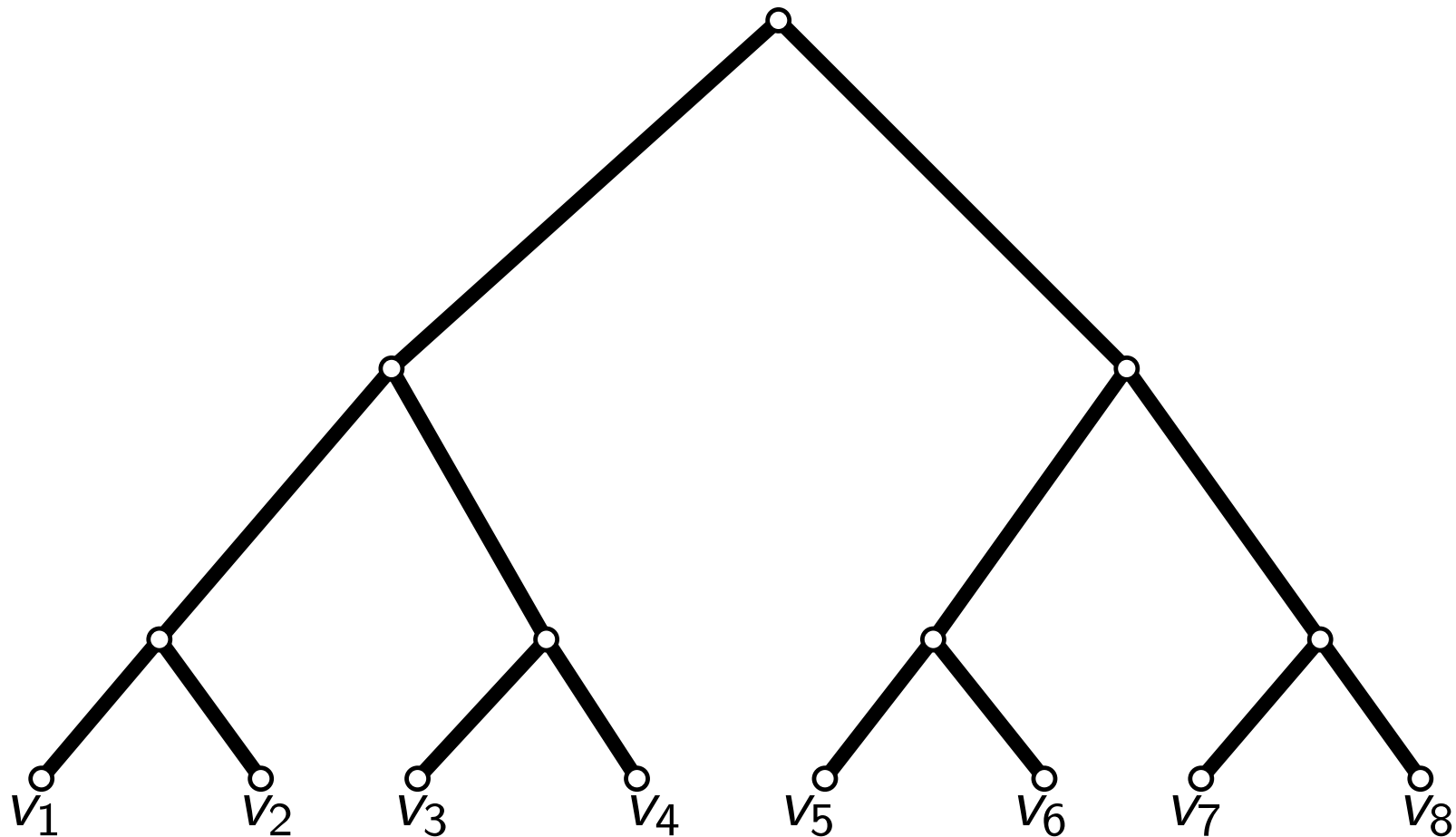
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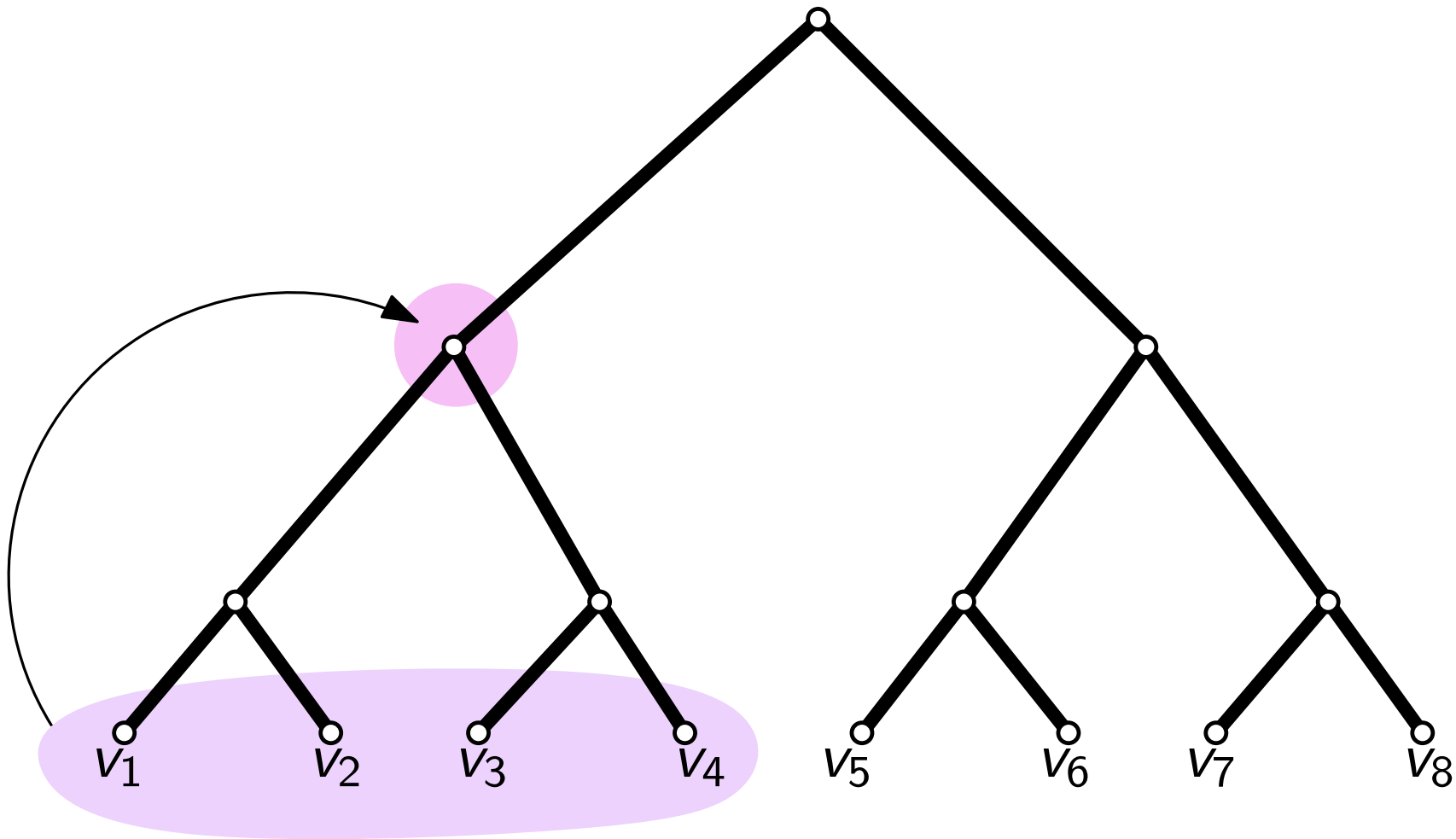
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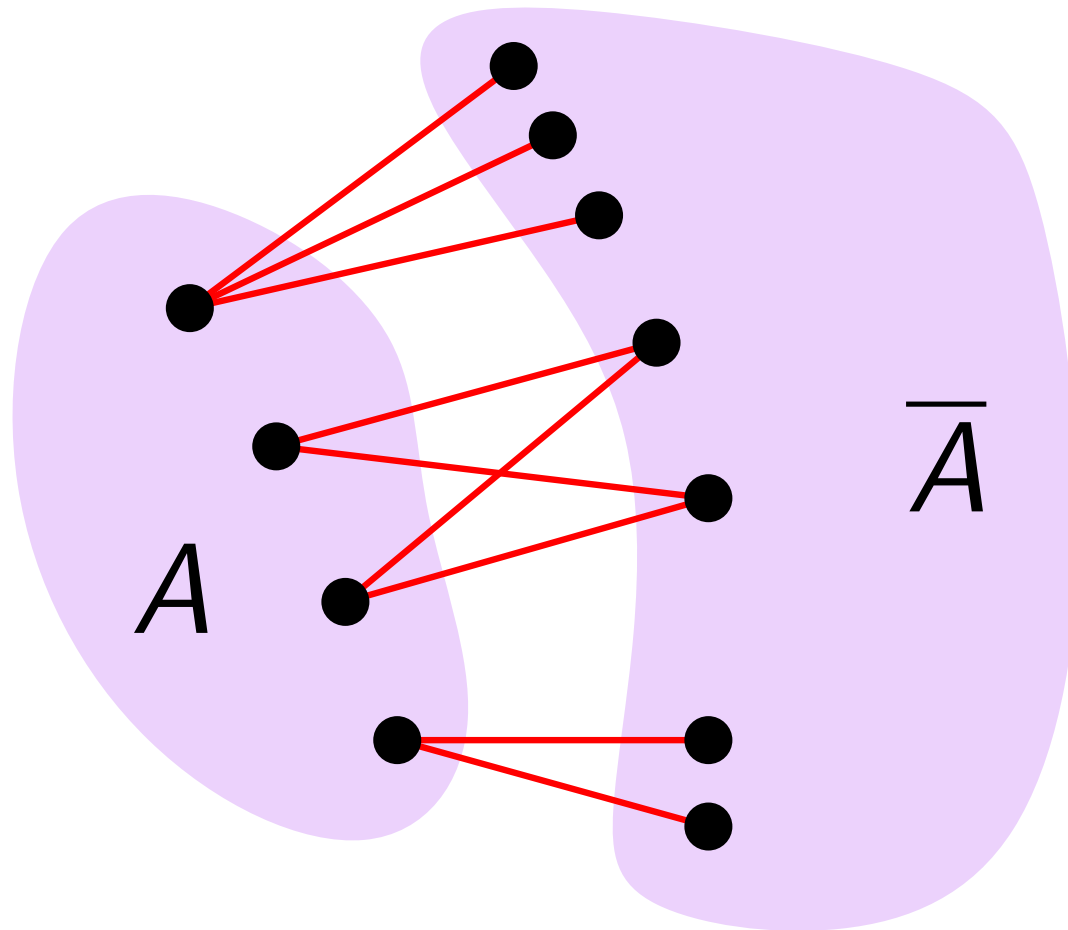
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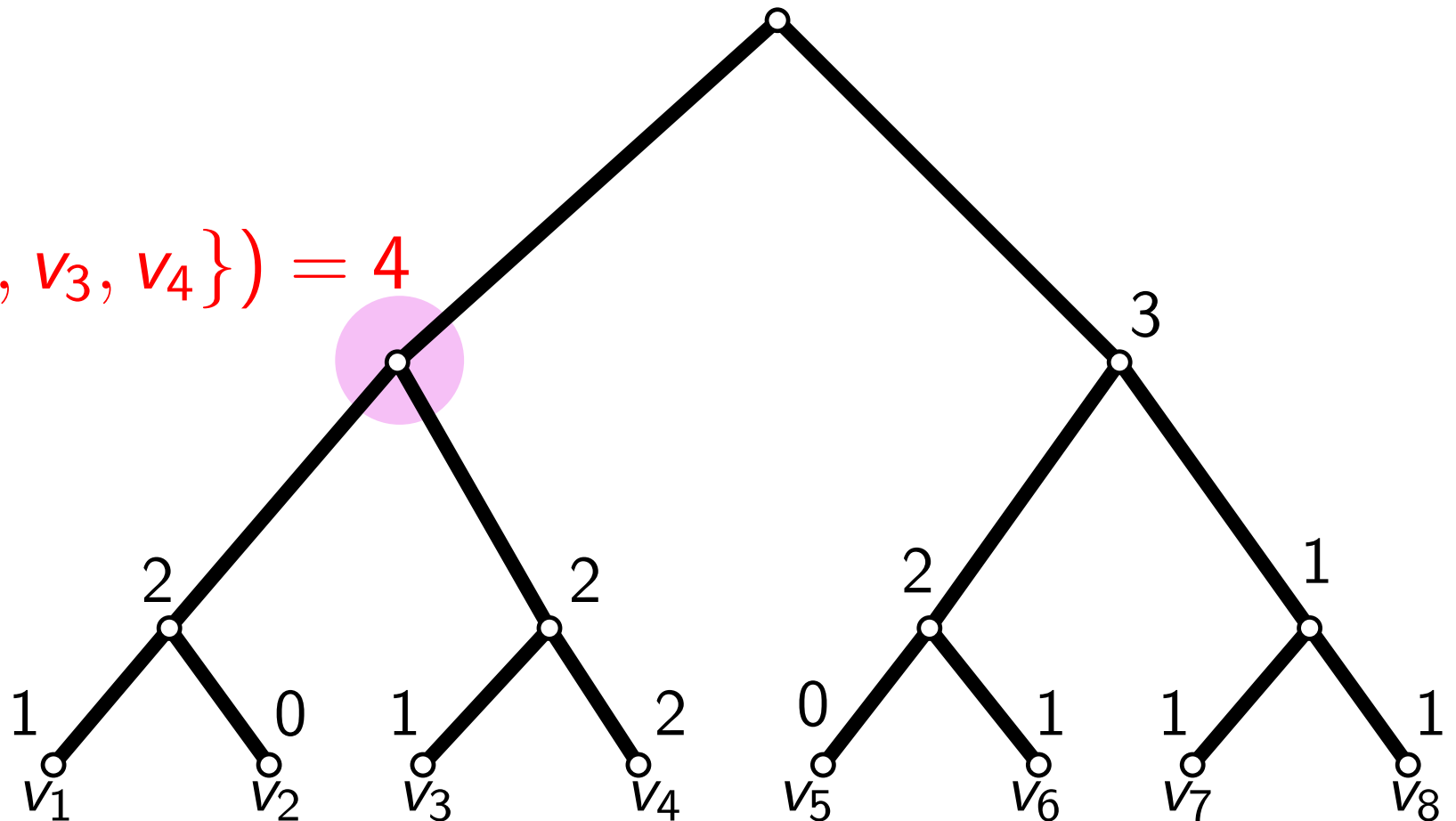


Different notions of **simplicity** = different **width parameters**

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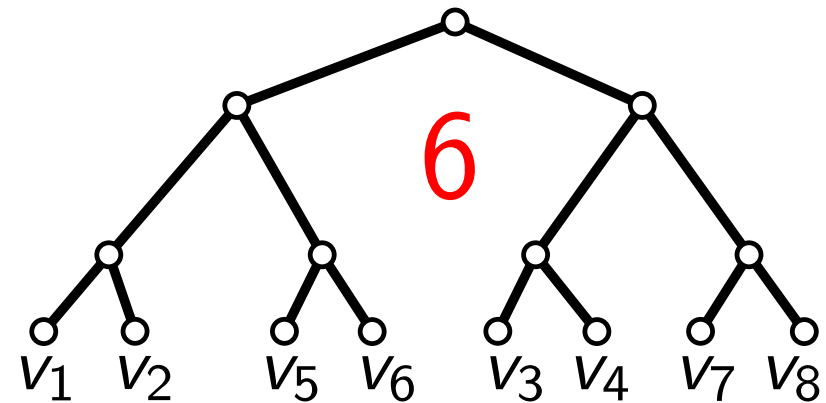
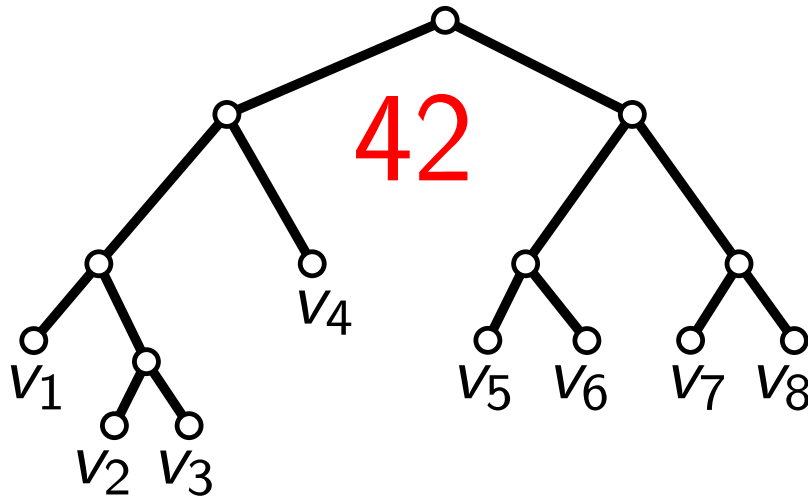
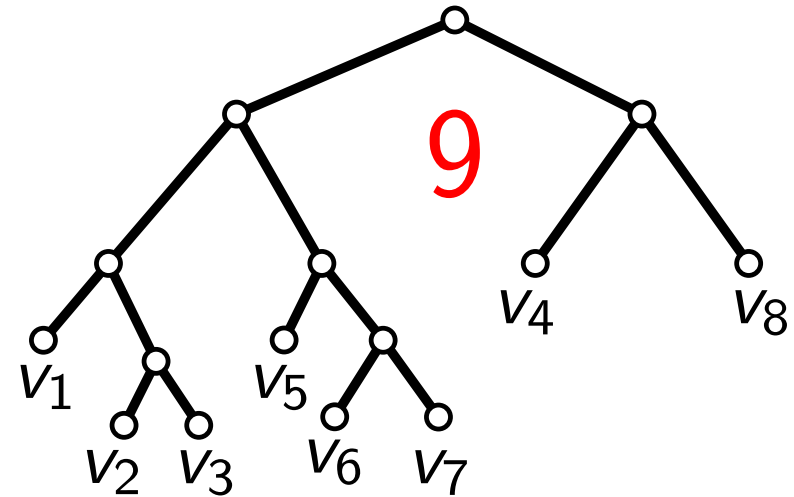
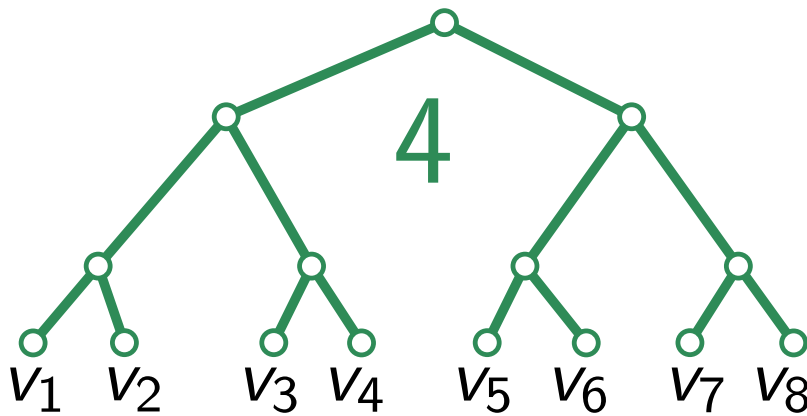
**Width** of a **decomposition**  $D = \max$   $f(\text{cut})$  over the **cuts** of  $D$

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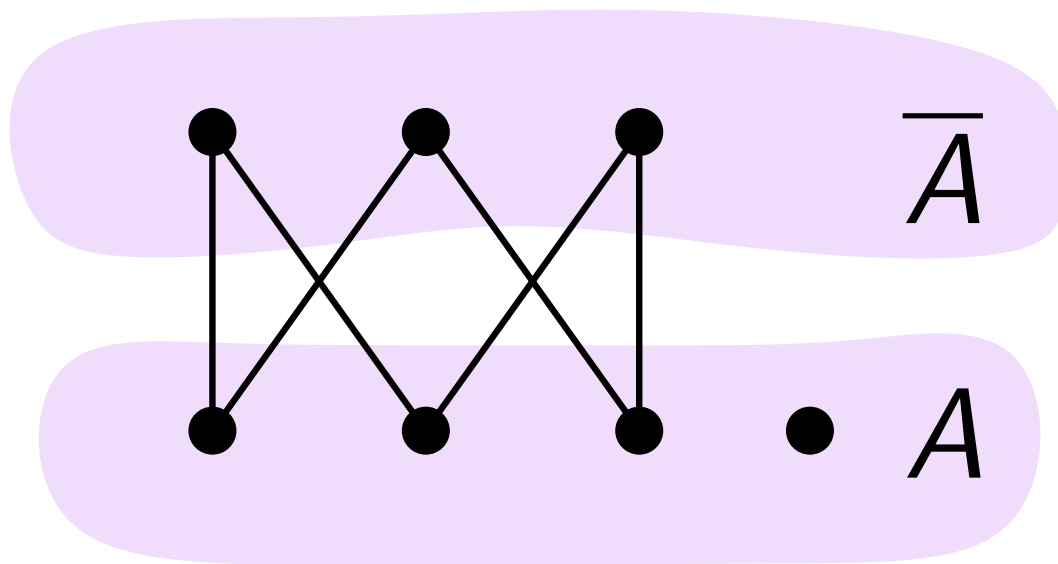
Width of a **graph** = **min widths** of its **decompositions**



Width of a graph **class** = **max widths** of its **graphs**

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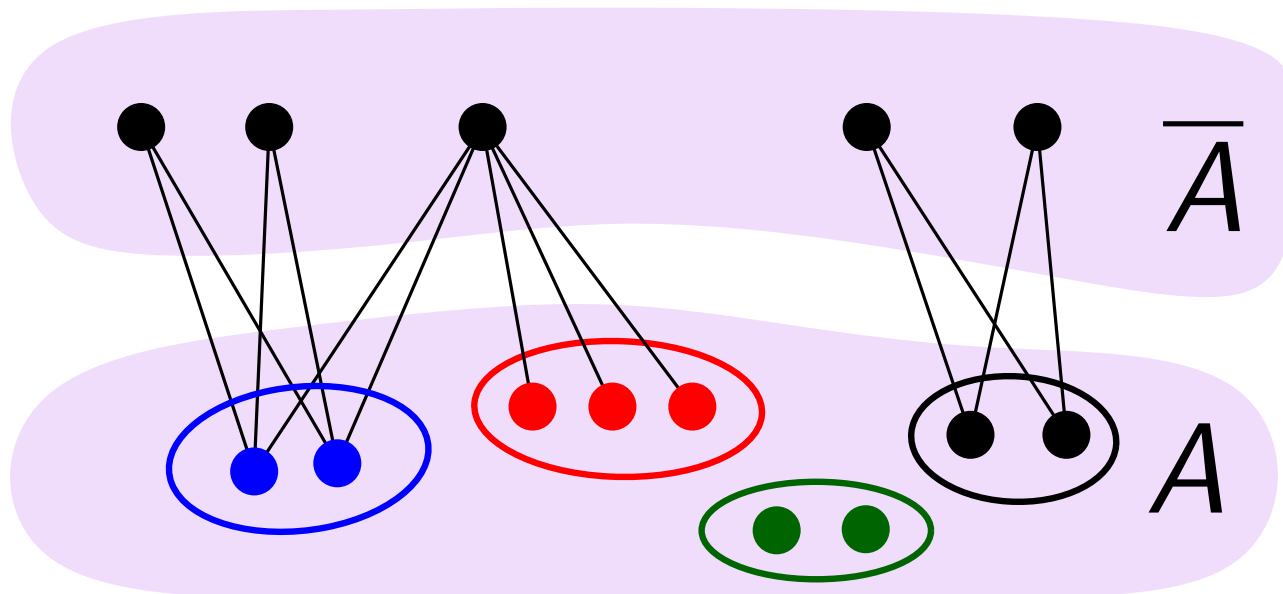


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## Module-width [Rao, 2006]

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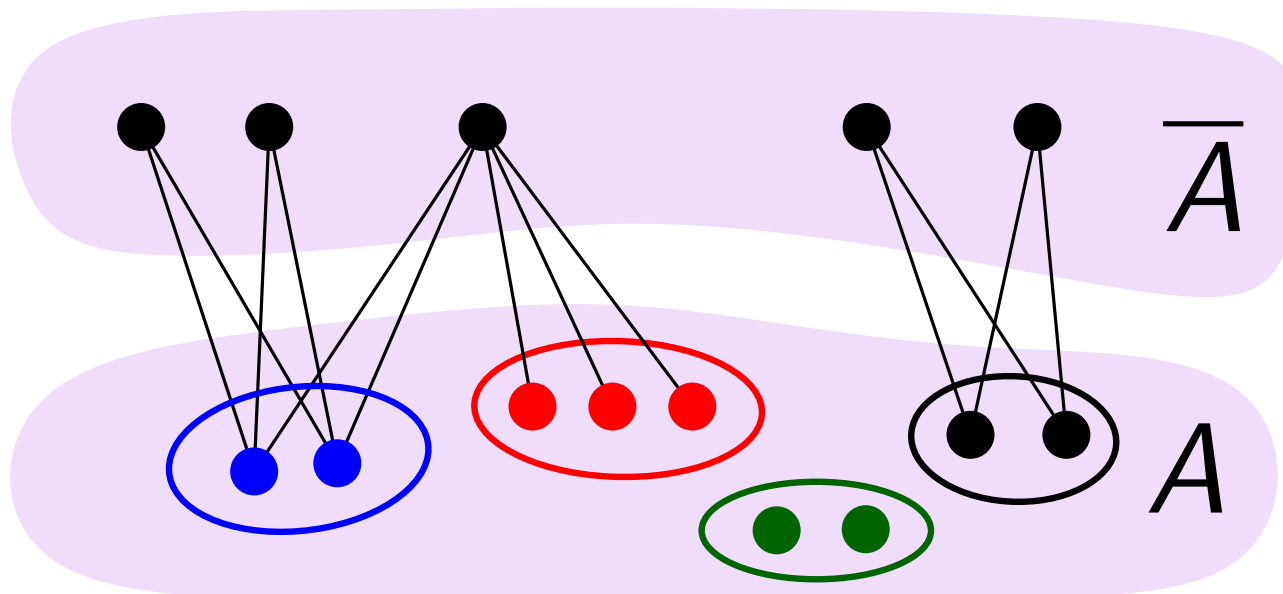
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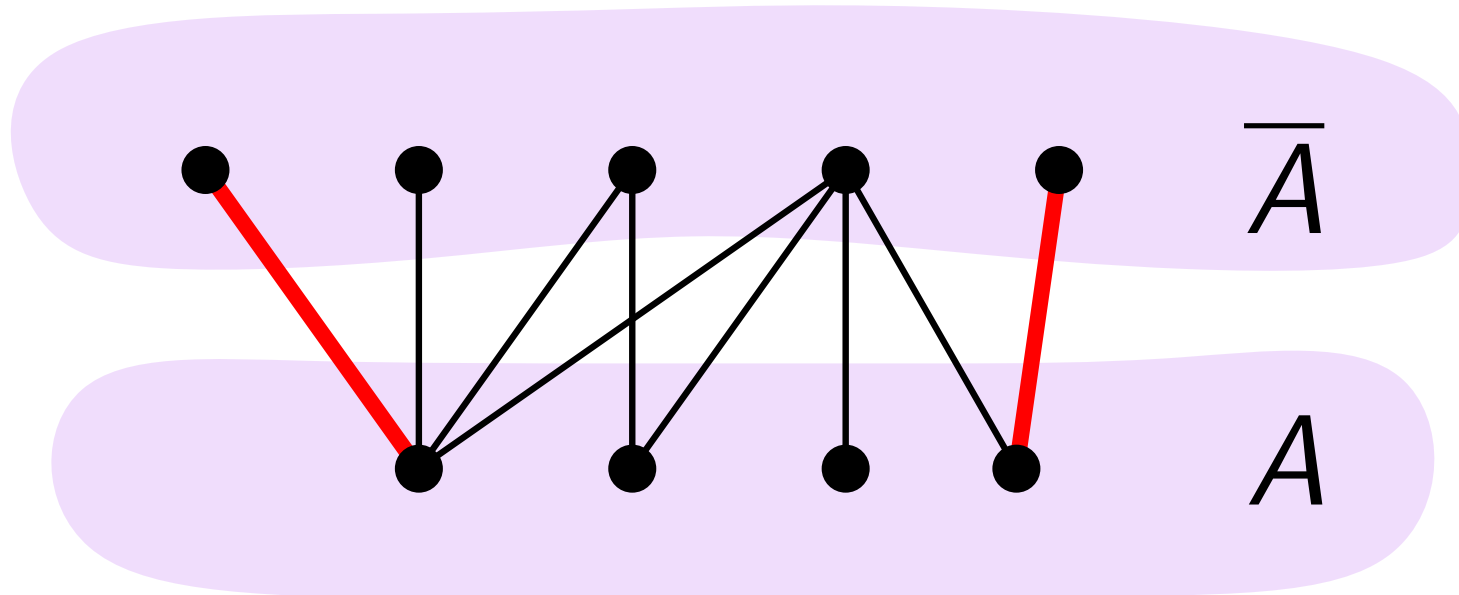
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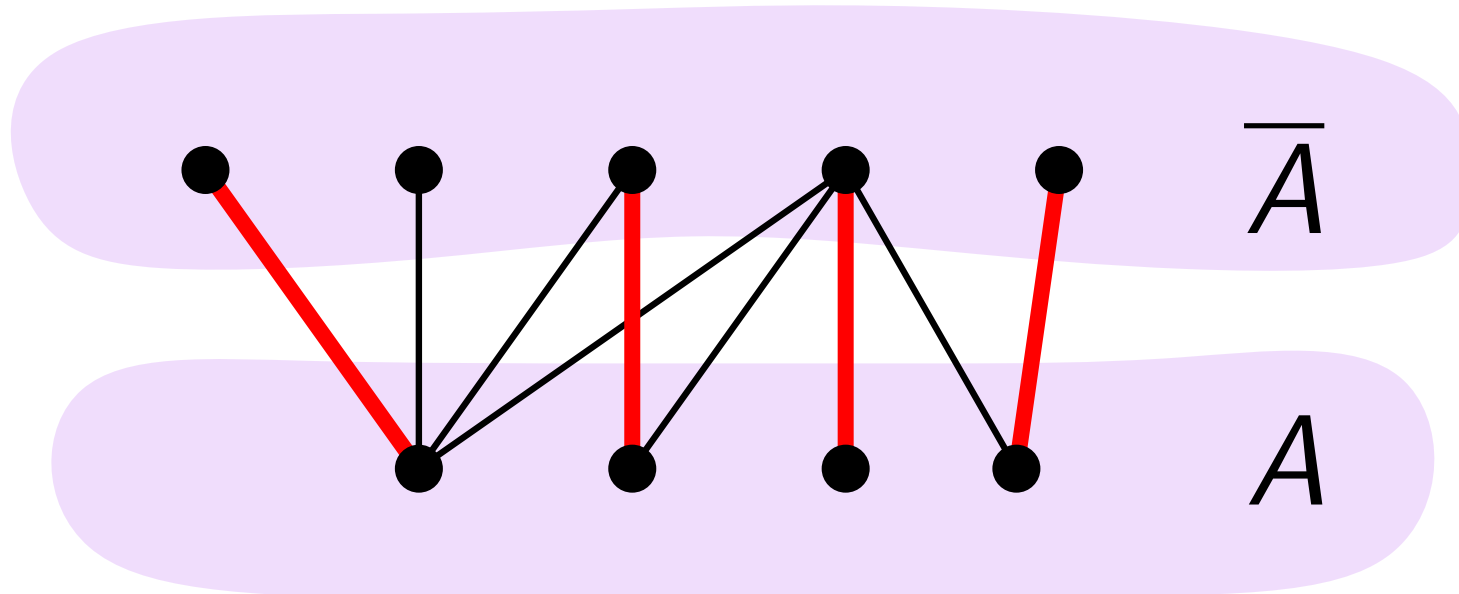
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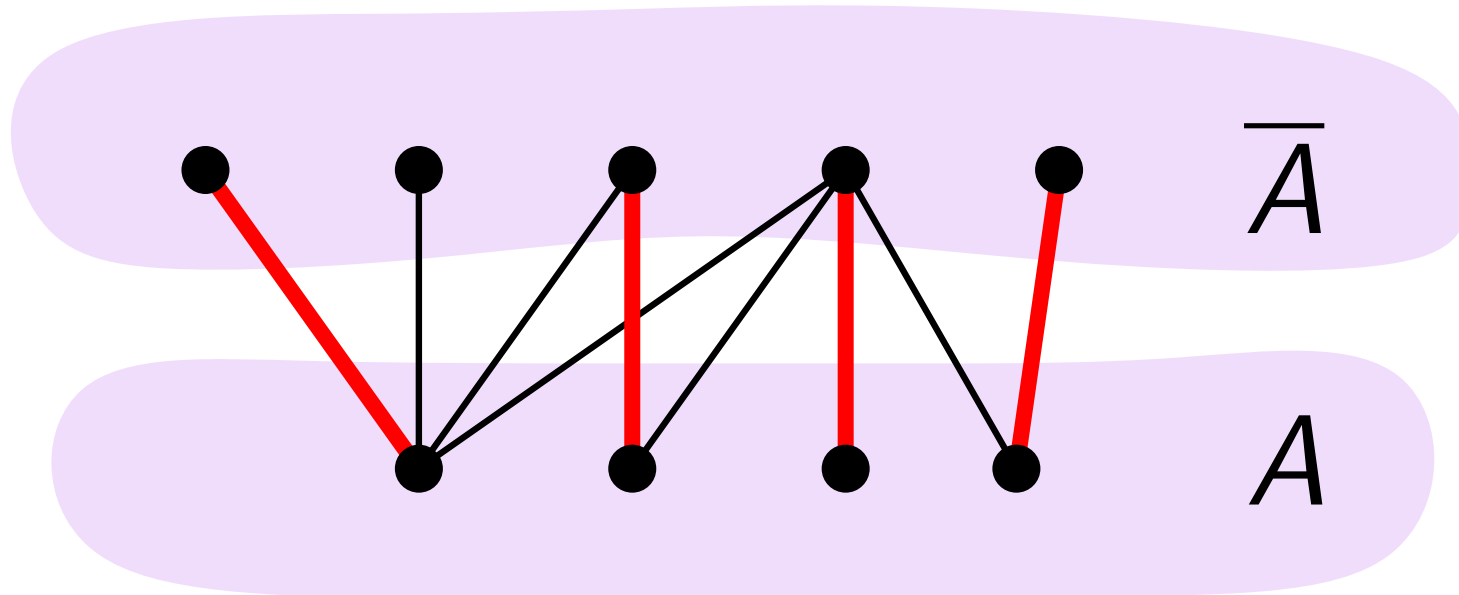
**Linearly** equivalent to **tree-width**!

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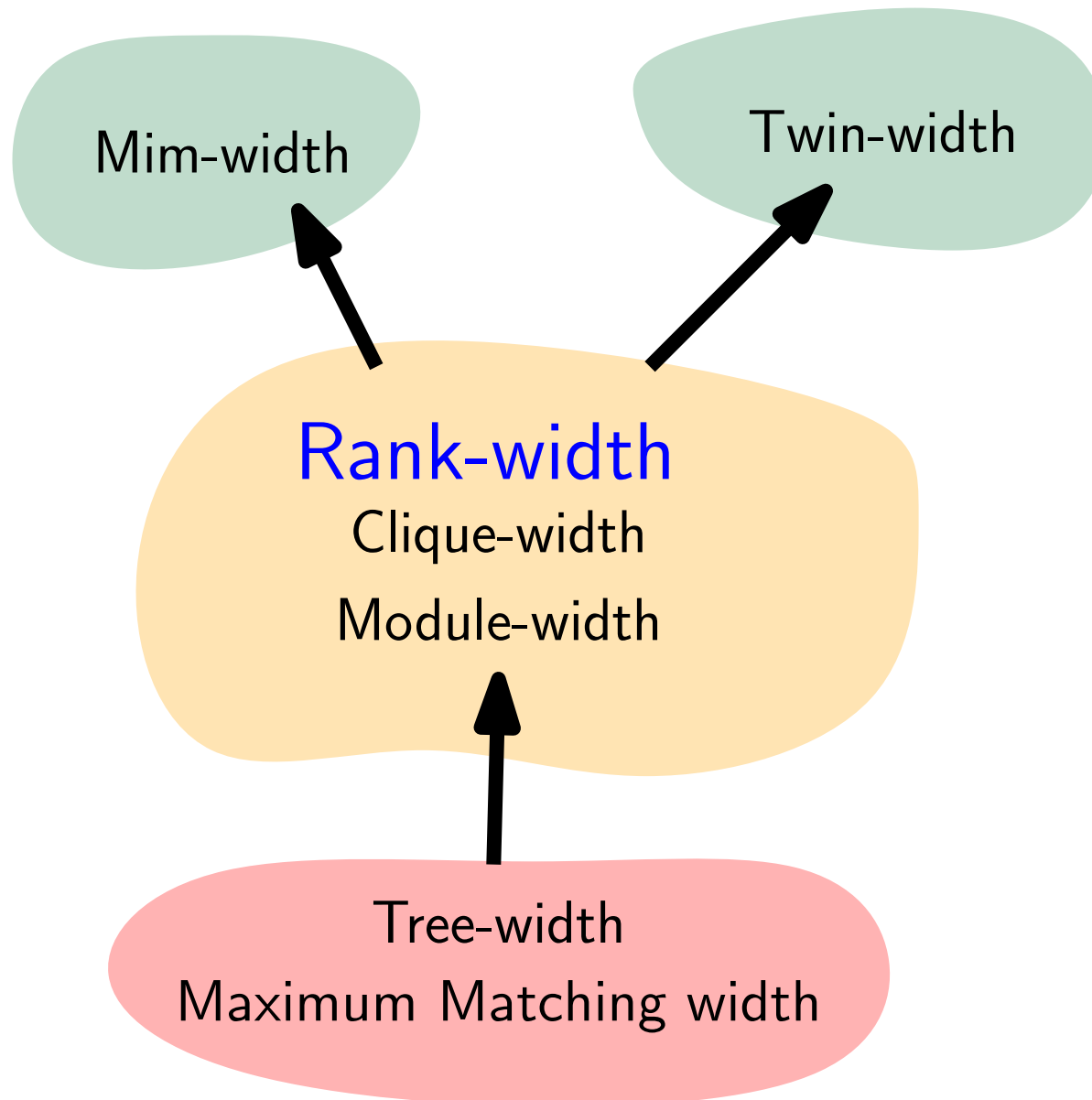
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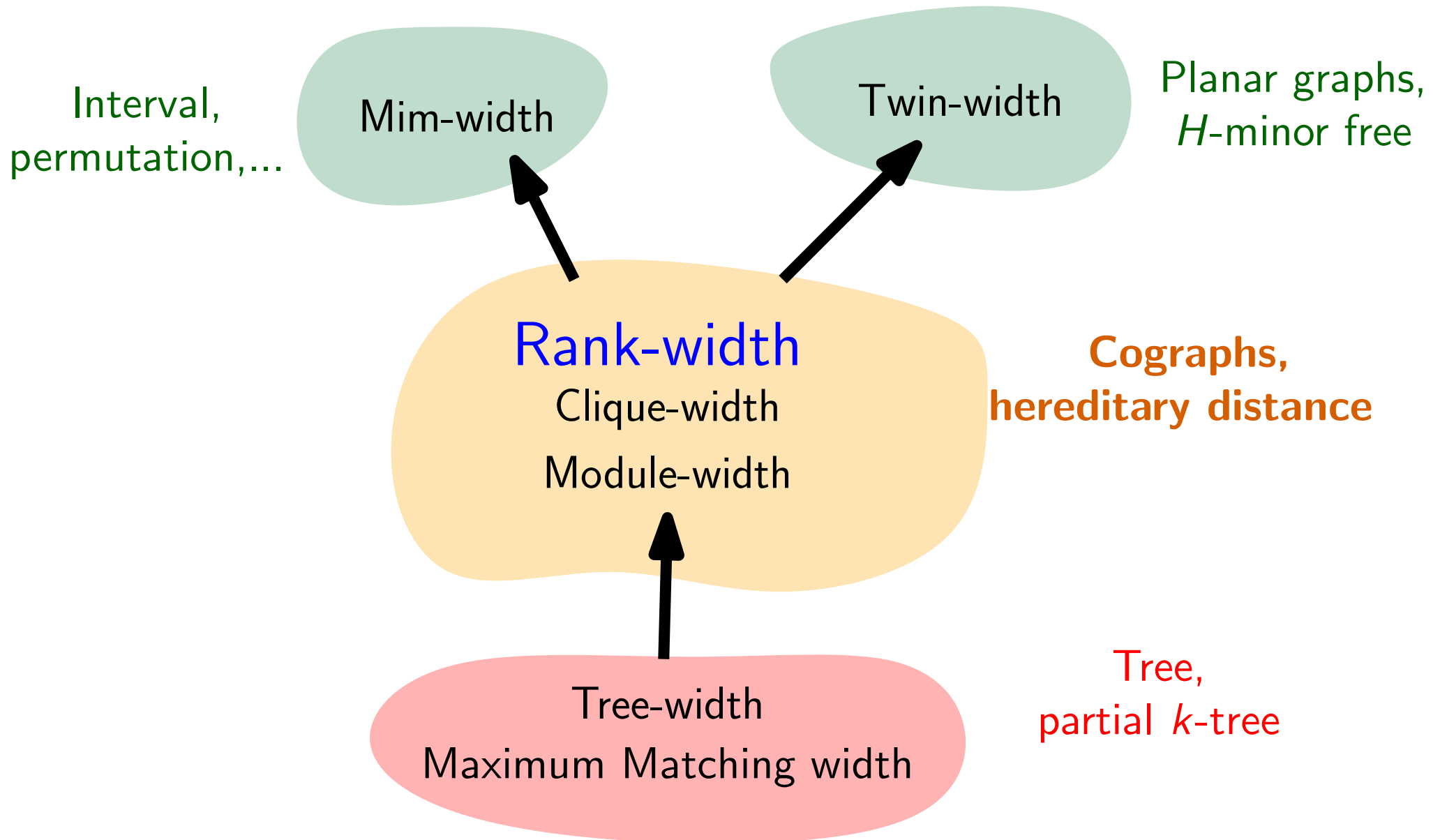
# Comparing widths

- Modeling power
- Complexity of computing a good decomposition
  - NP-hardness everywhere
  - We know **efficient FPT** approximation algorithms for **tree-width** and **rank-width**
- Algorithmic applications

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# Computing Good Decomposition

**Theorem** [Oum, 2009]

Rank-width can be **3-approximated** in time  $8^{\text{rw}} n^4$ .

**Theorem** [Korhonen and Fomin, 2021]

Rank-width can be **2-approximated** in time  $2^{2^{O(\text{rw})}} n^2$ .

$\text{rw}(A)$  is **symmetric** and **submodular**

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**Theorem** [Belmonte and Sau, 2021]

Some problems based on **parity** can be solved in time  $2^{O(rw)} n^{O(1)}$  (e.g. finding large odd induced subgraphs and odd colorings).

**Theorem** [B., Papadopoulos and Telle 2020]

**Subset Feedback Vertex Set** and **Node Multiway Cut** can be solved in time  $2^{O(rw^3)} n^4$ .

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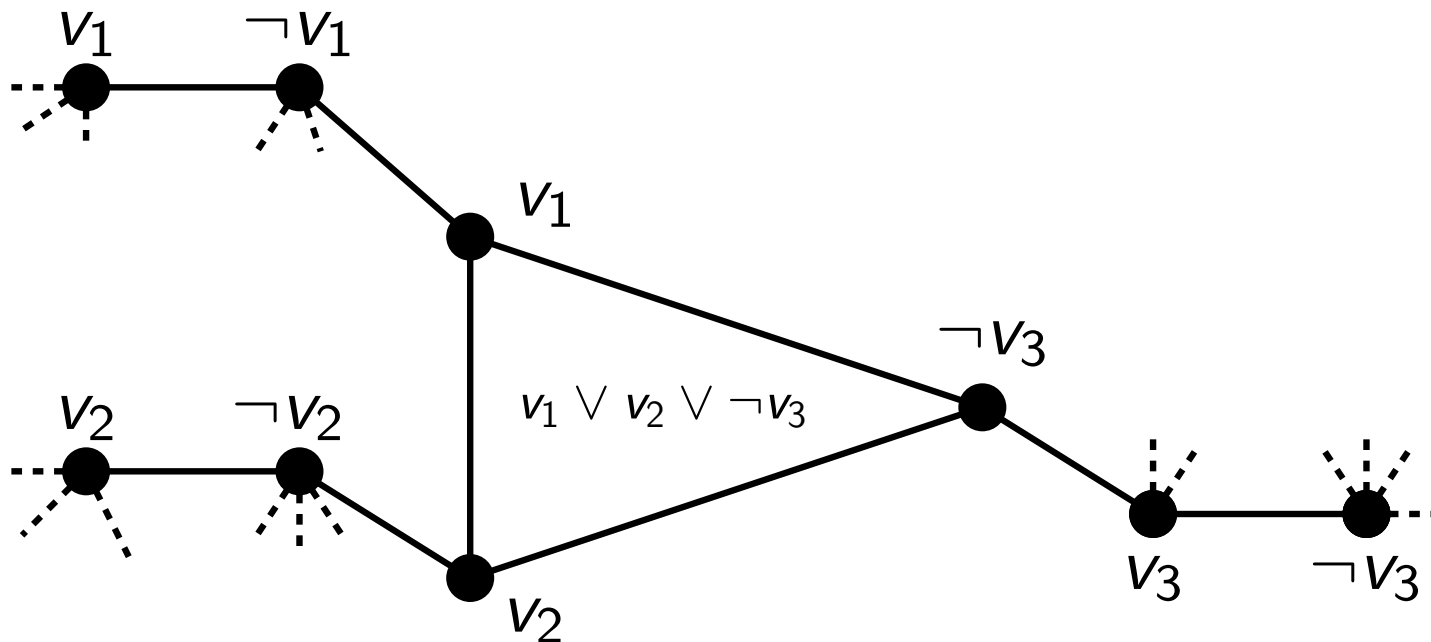
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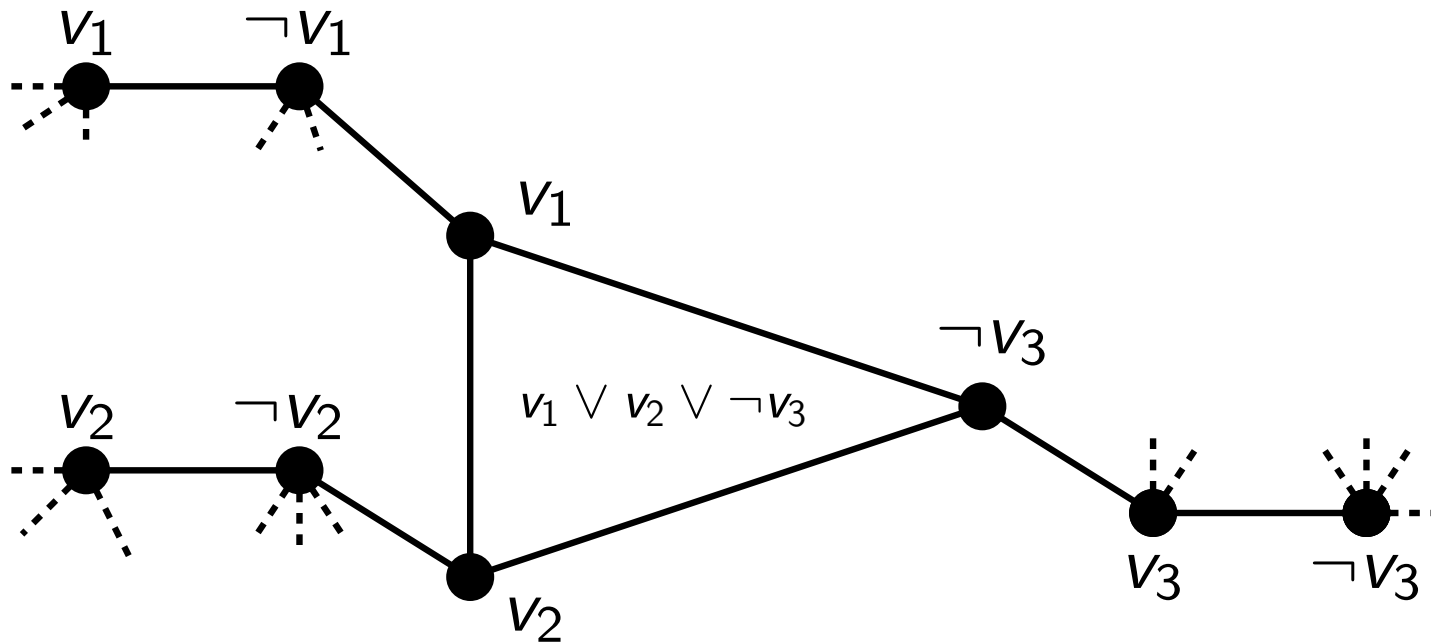
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## Linear reductions [Folklore]

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$$\text{tw}, \text{cw}, \text{rw} \leq |V(G)|$$

## Corrolary

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# Our results

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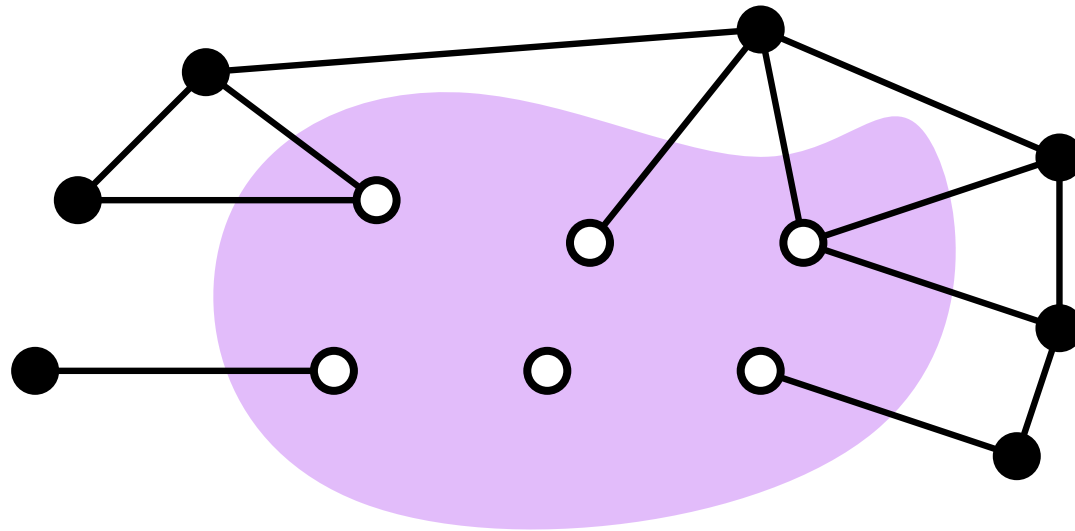
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⇒ The best known algorithms for these problems are **optimal** under ETH.

Holds also for **linear** rank-width

# Algorithm and lower-bound for Independent Set





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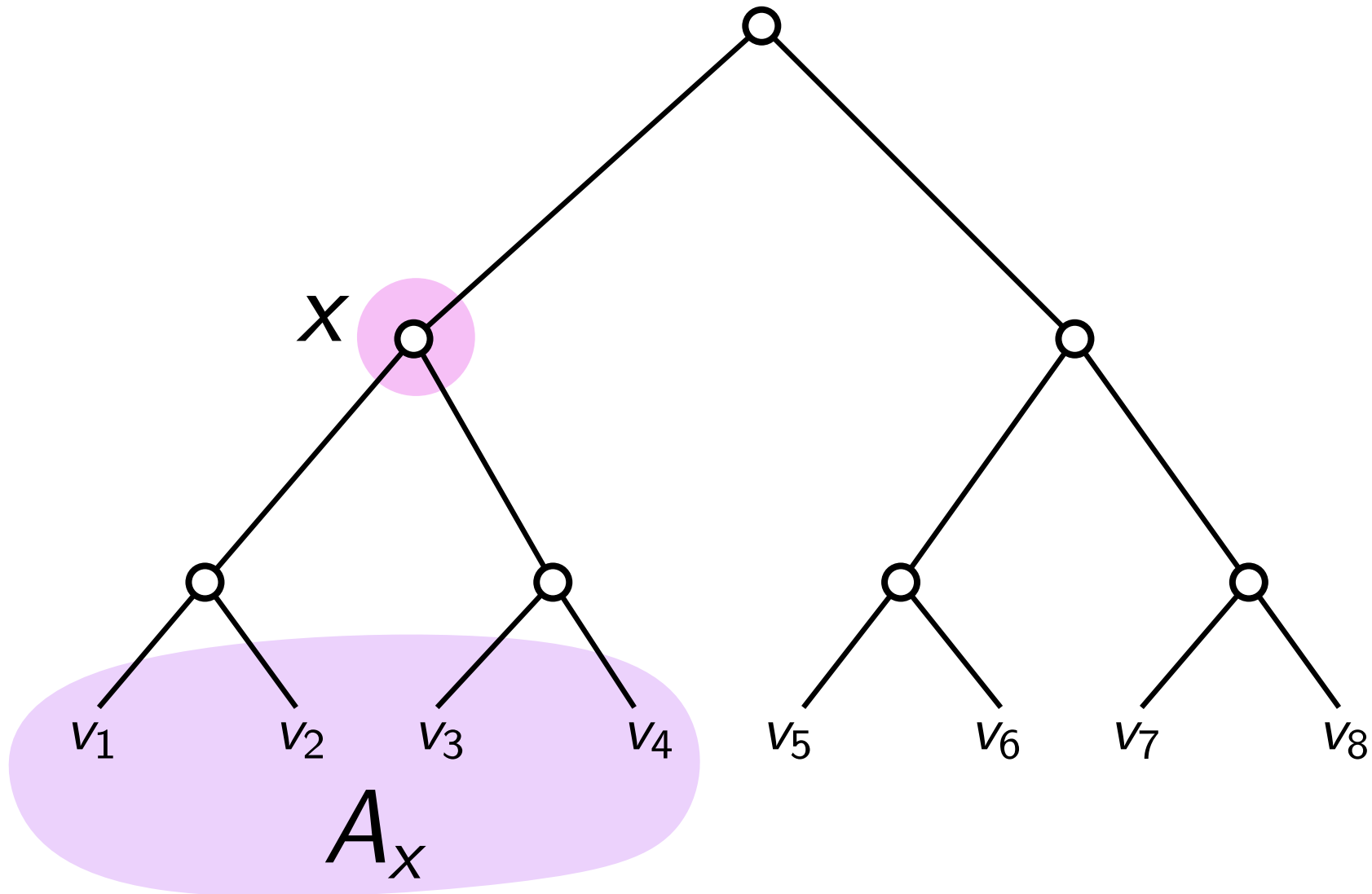
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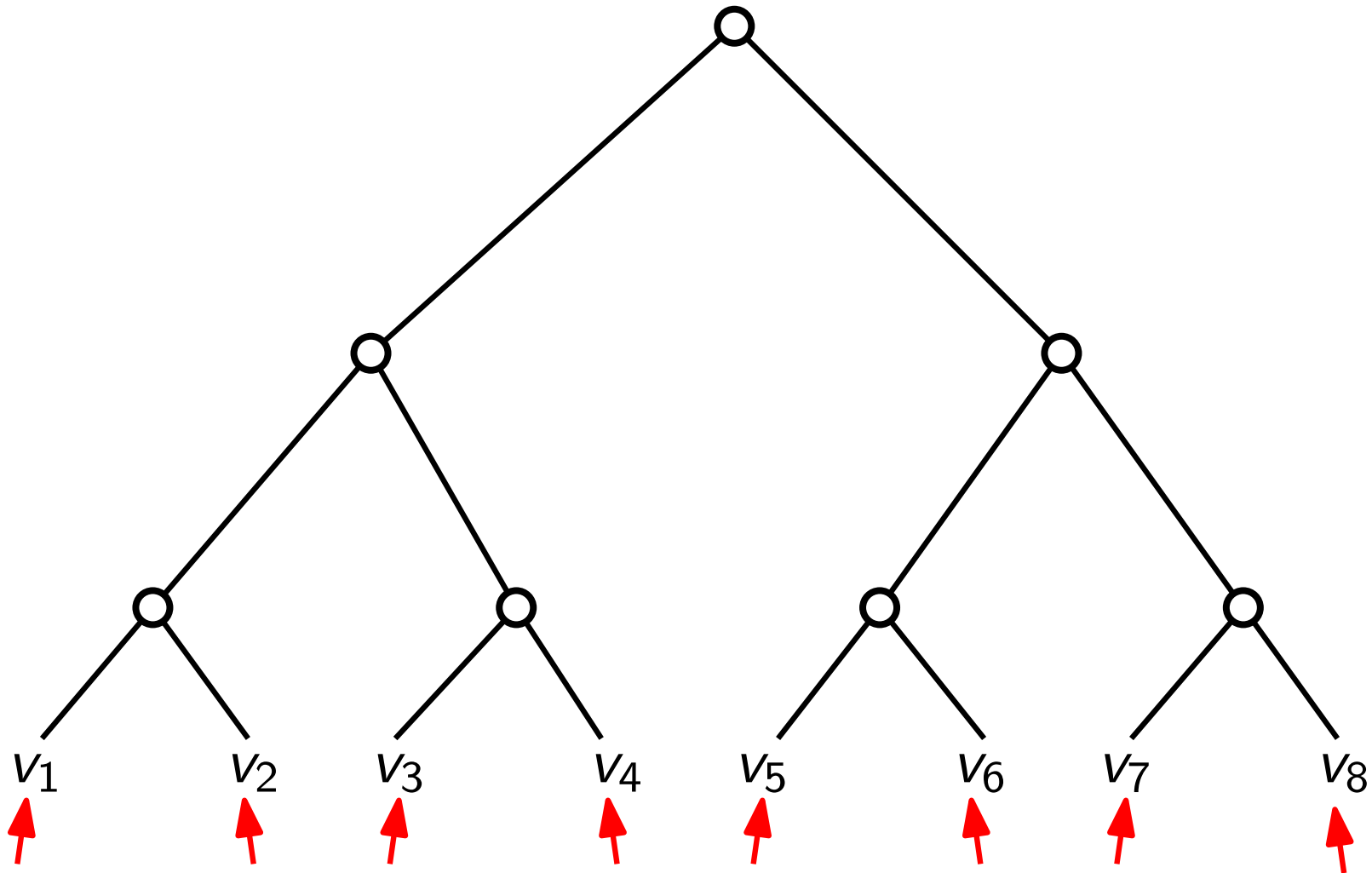
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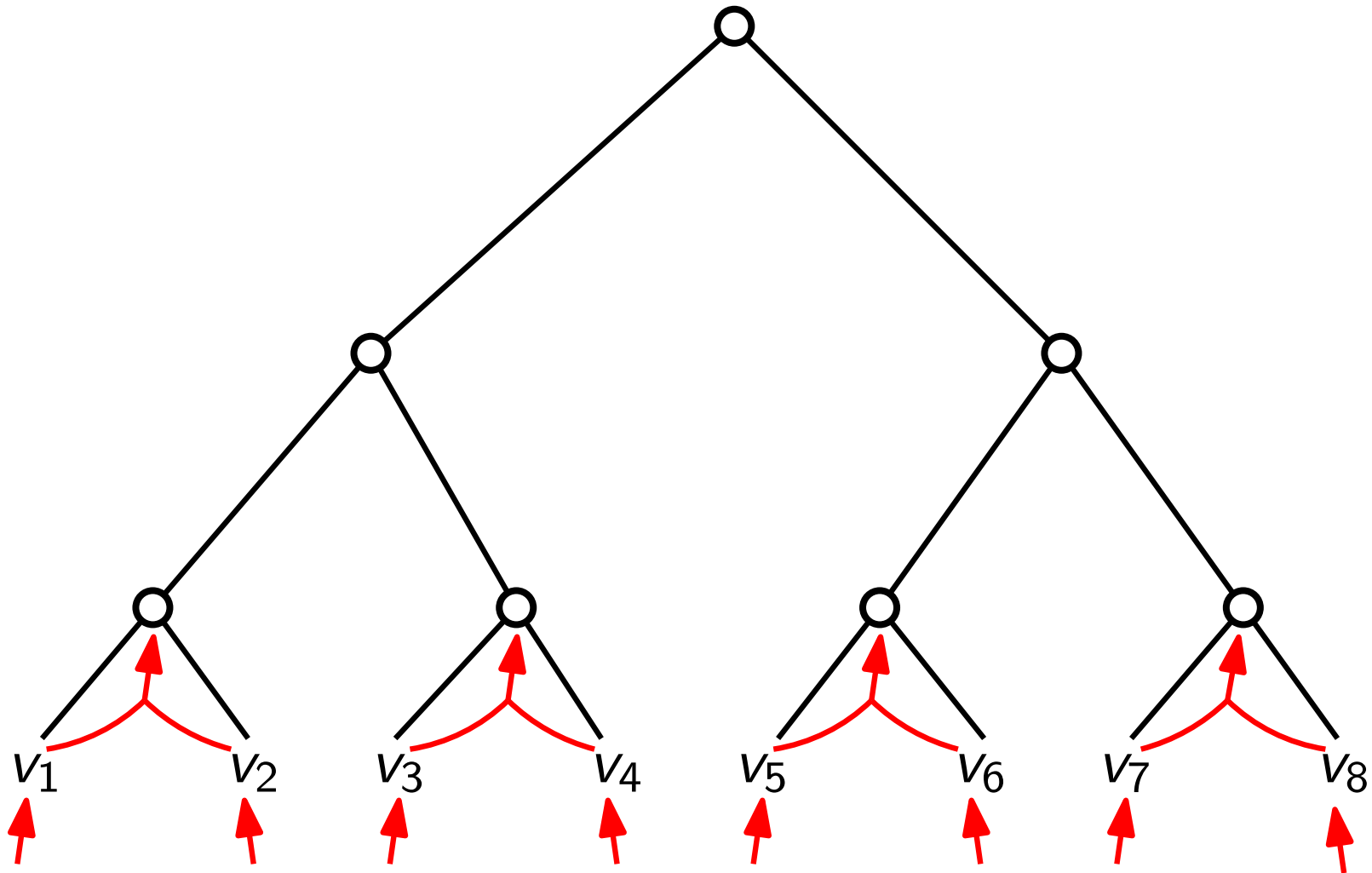
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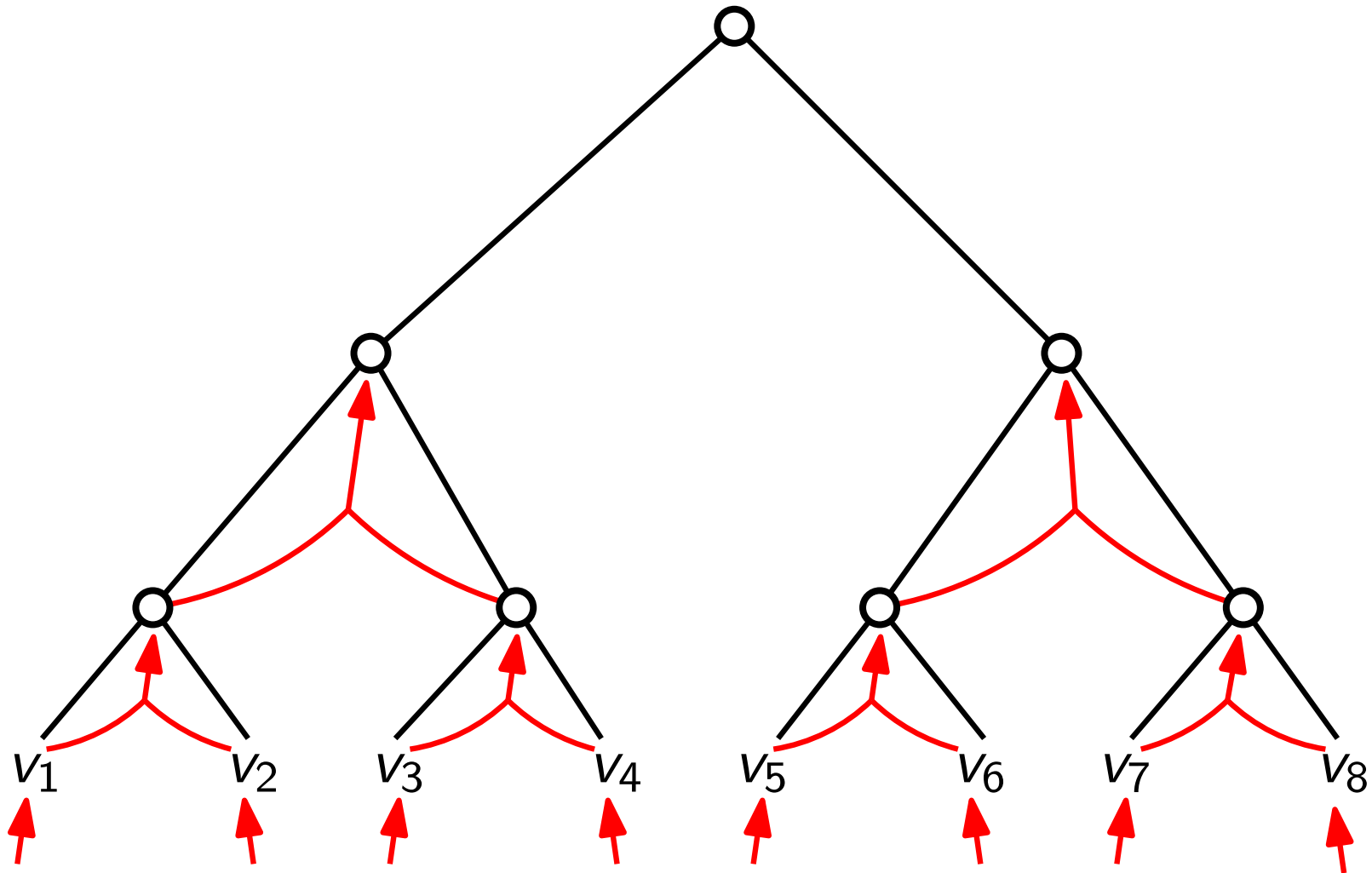
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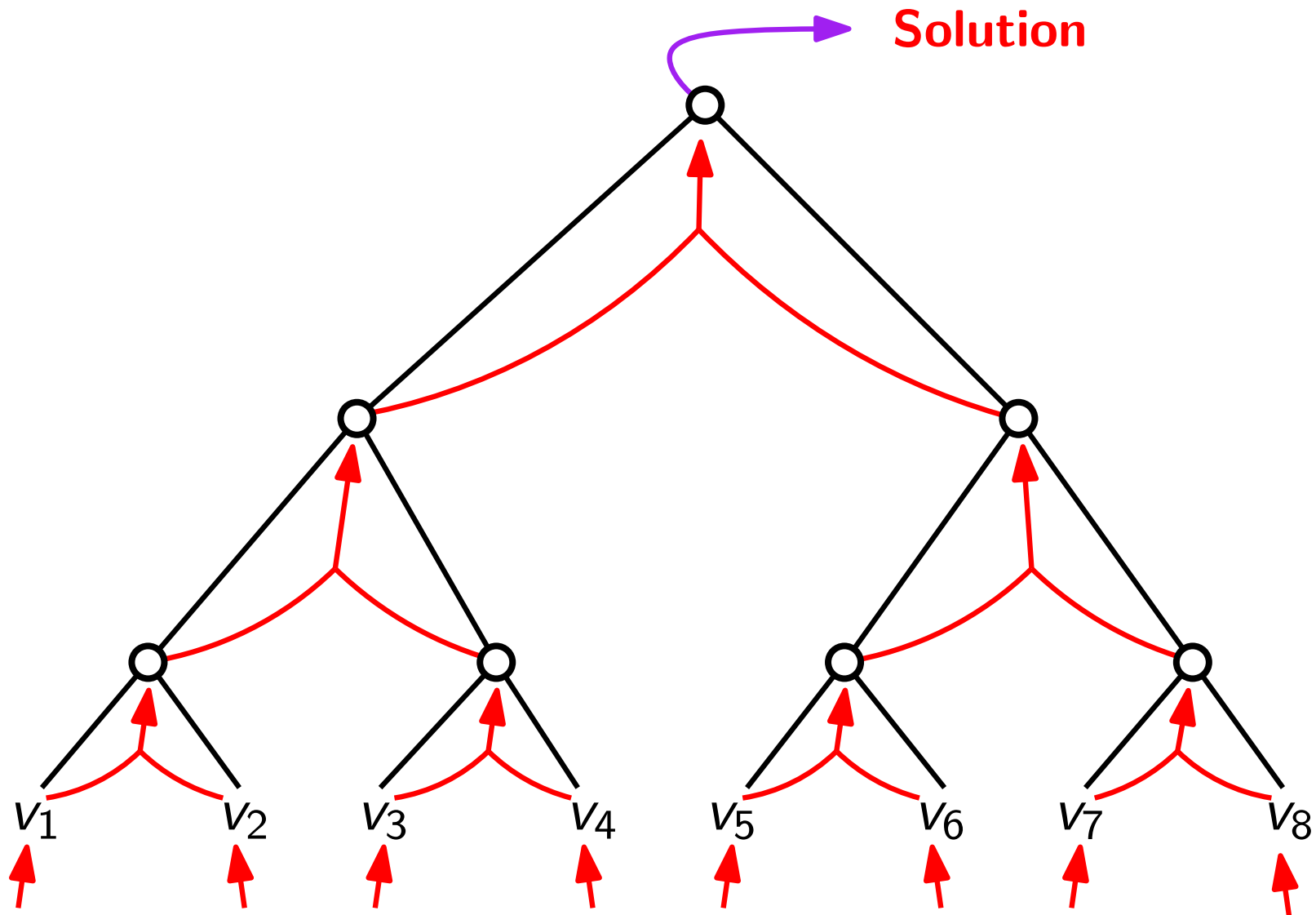
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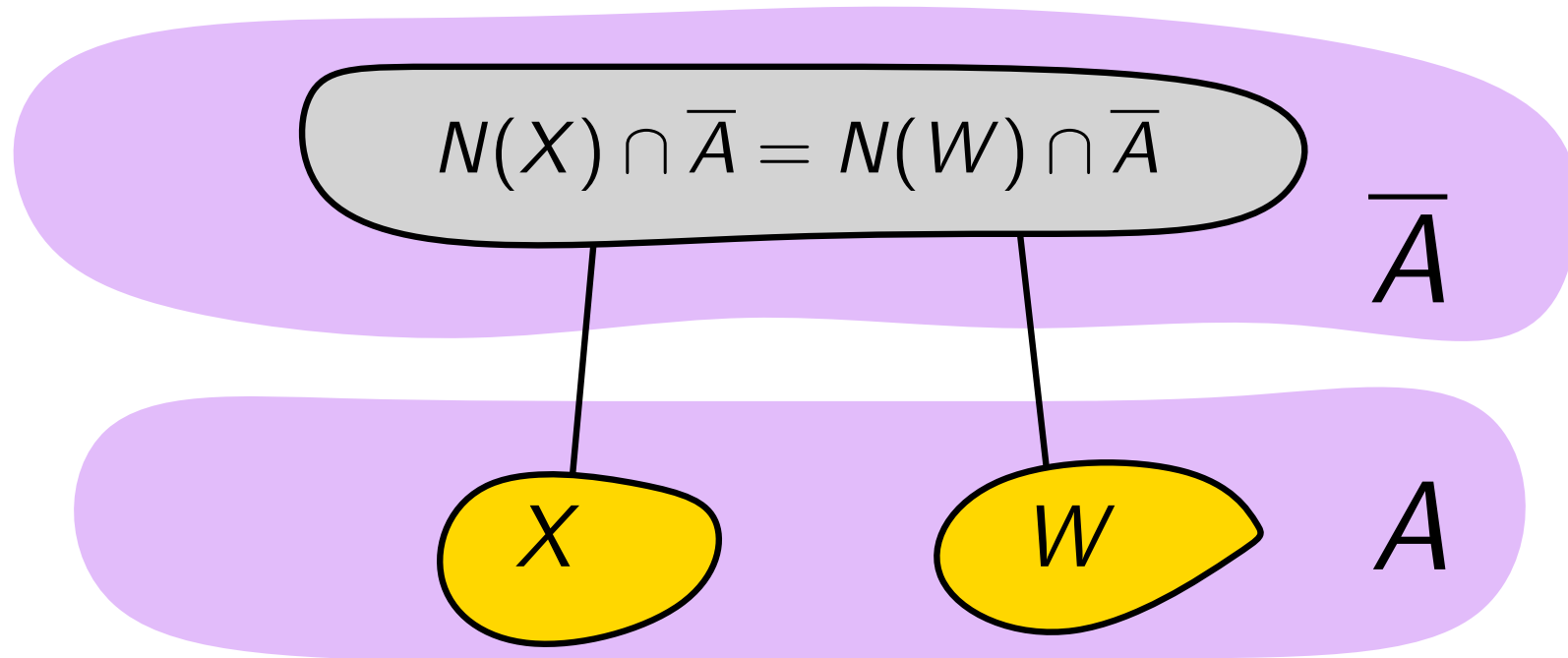


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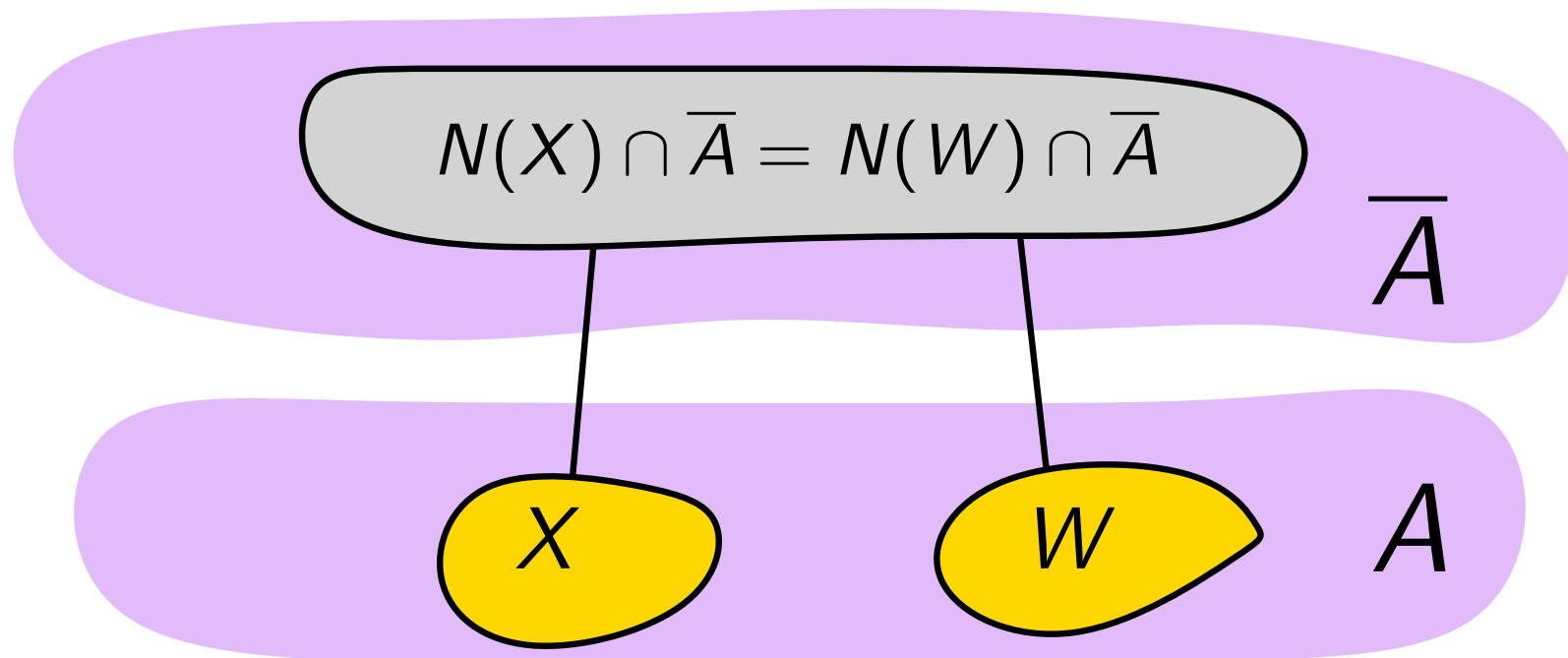
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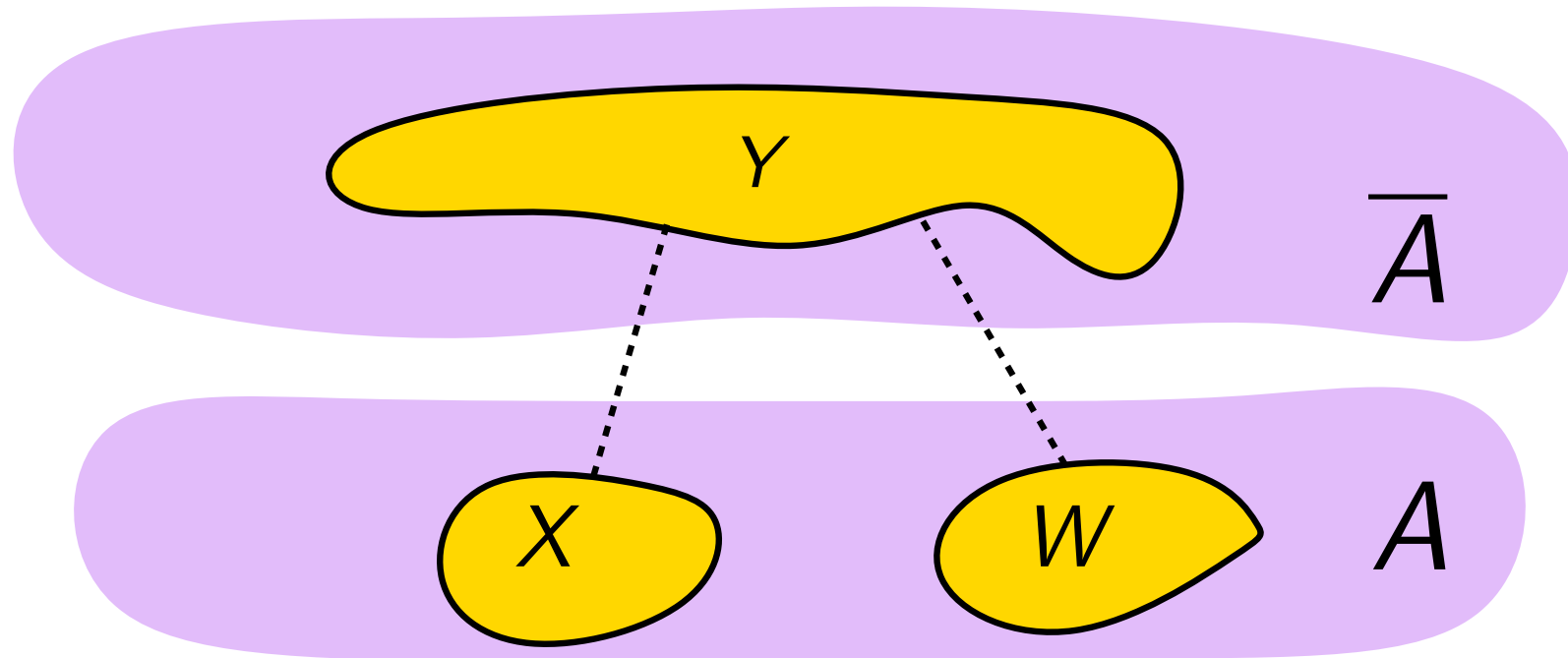
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### Theorem [Vatshelle, 2013]

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This is tight under ETH for each width parameter!

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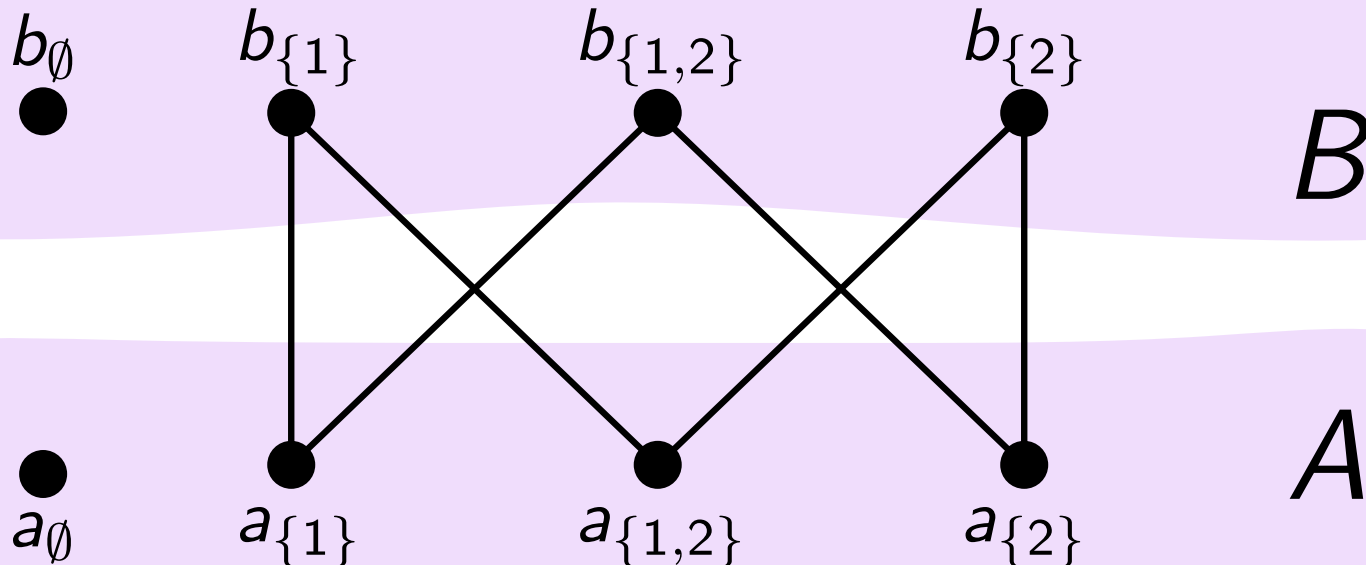
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# Overview

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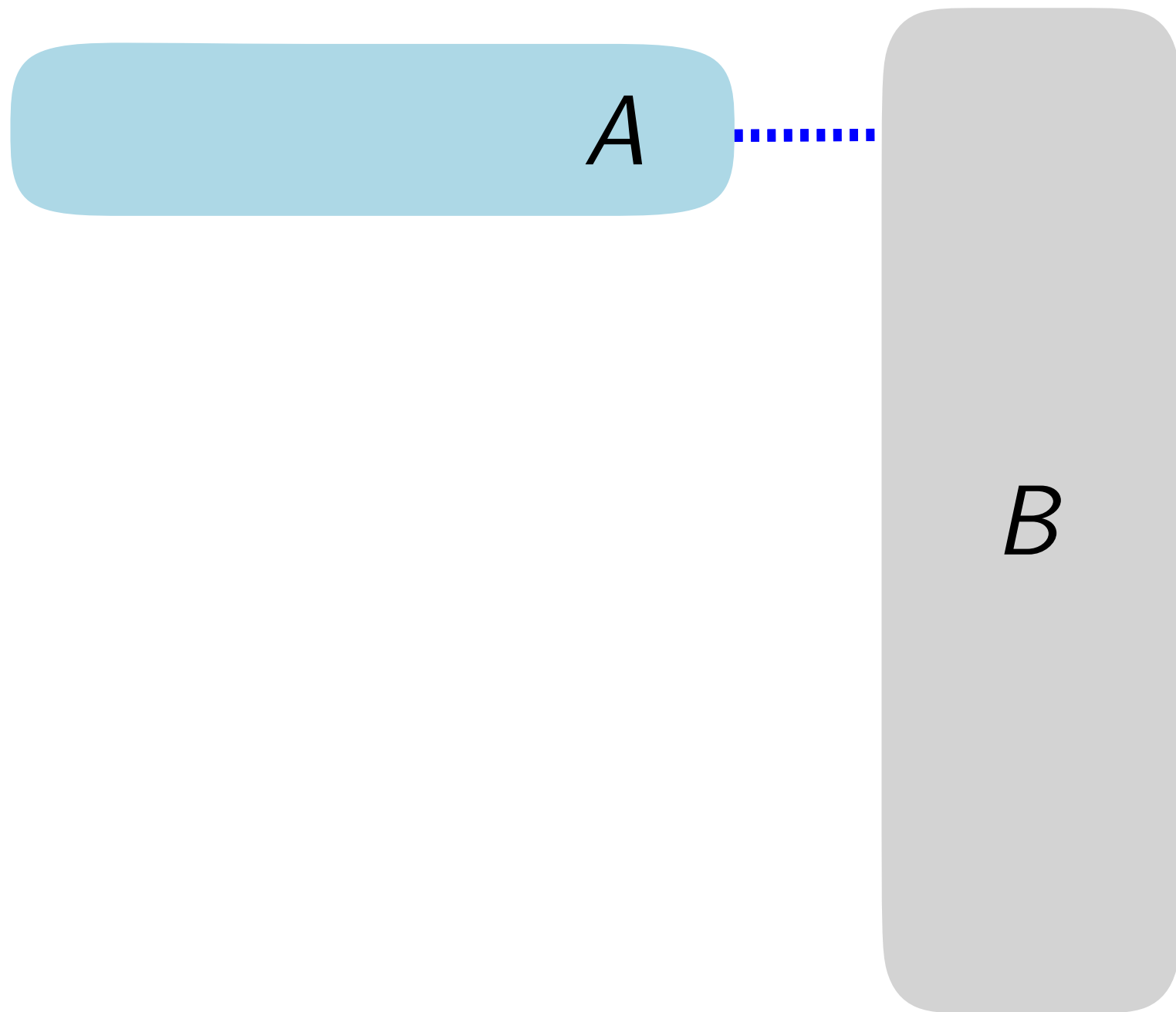
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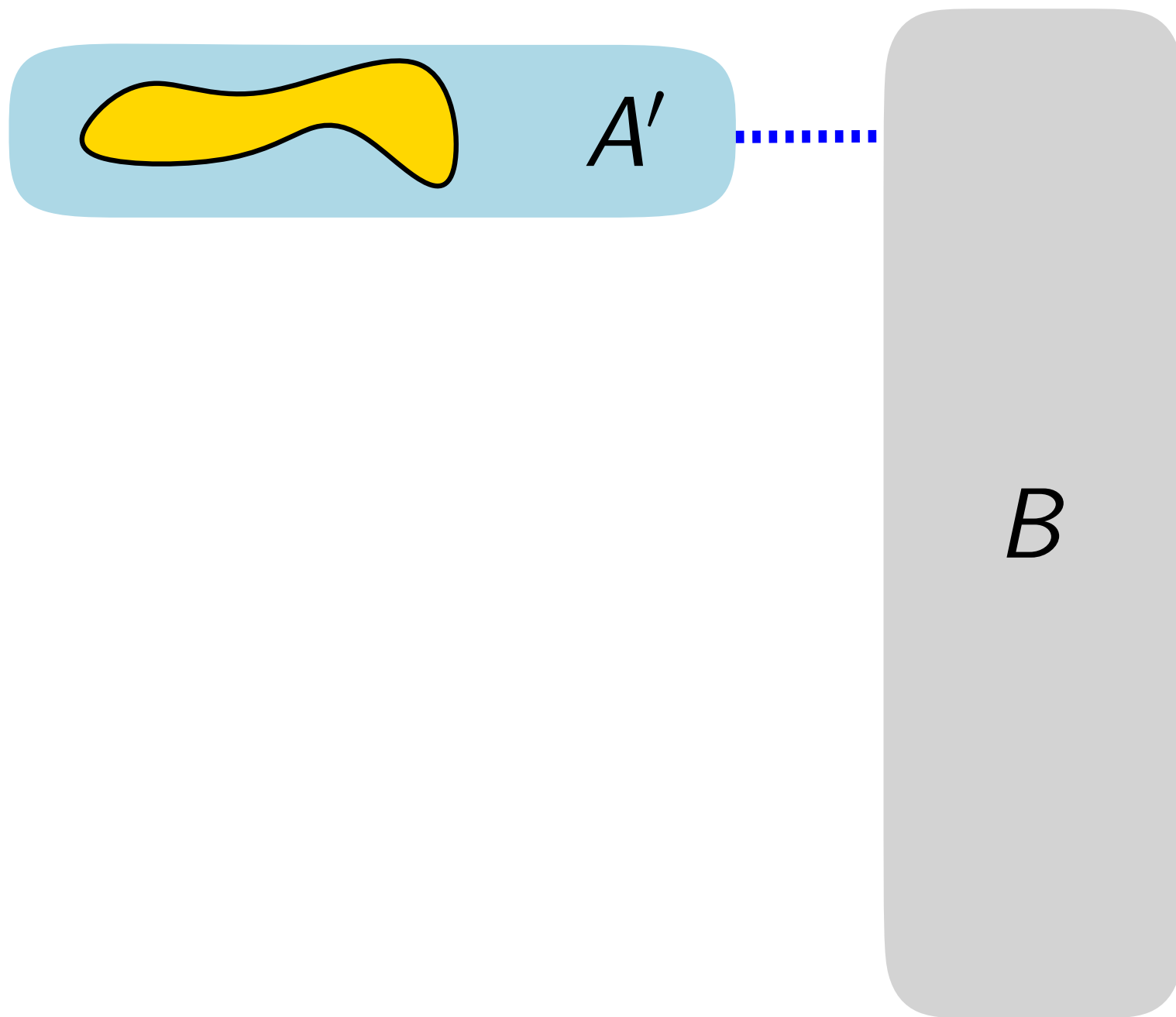
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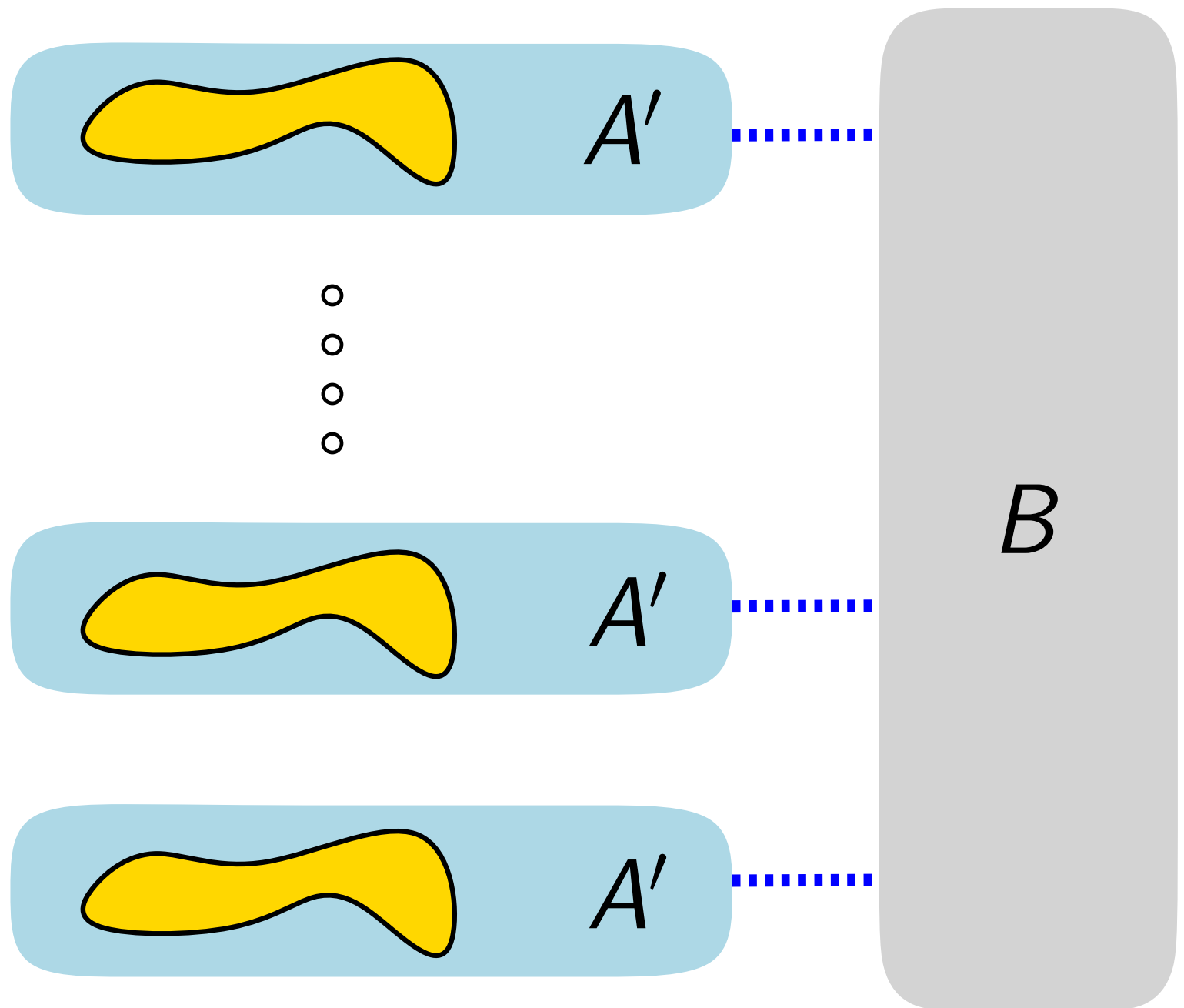
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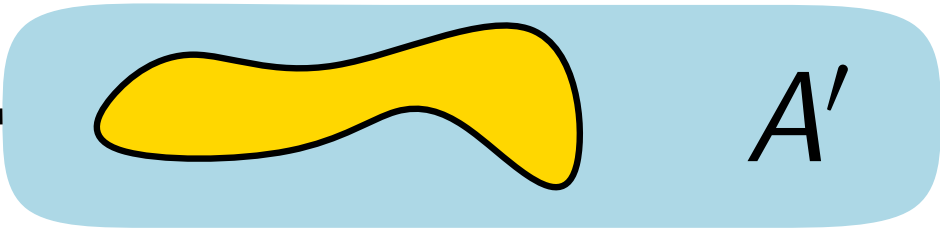


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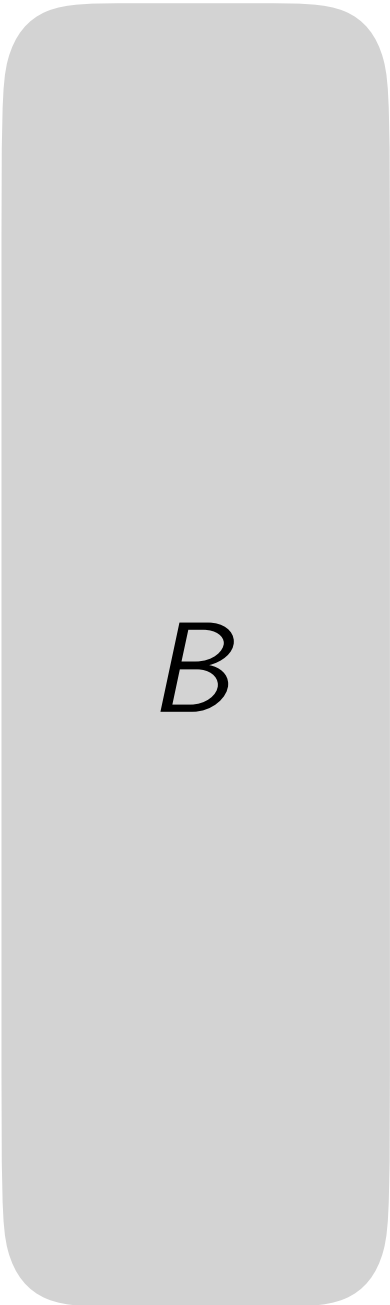
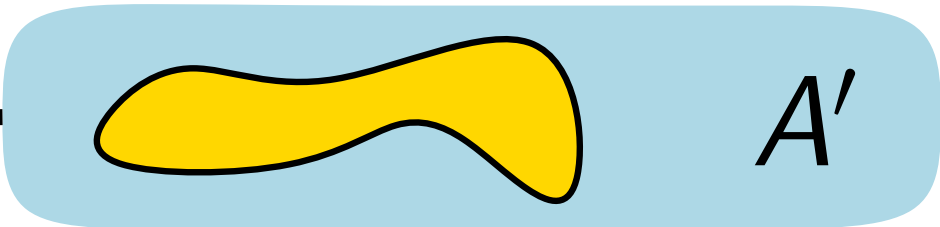
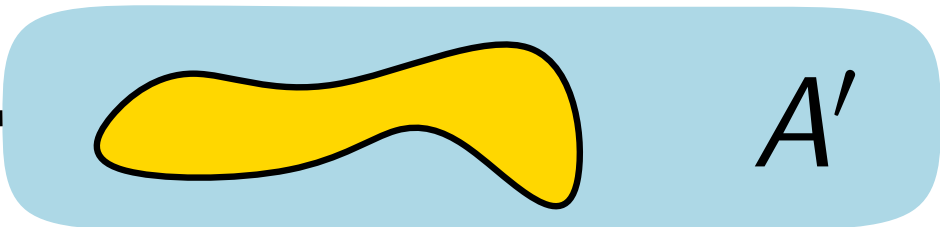
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$$\text{var}(\varphi) := \{v_{i,j} \mid i \in [1, k] \wedge j \in [k + 1, 2k]\}$$

with  $k = 3$

$V_{1,4}$	$V_{1,5}$	$V_{1,6}$
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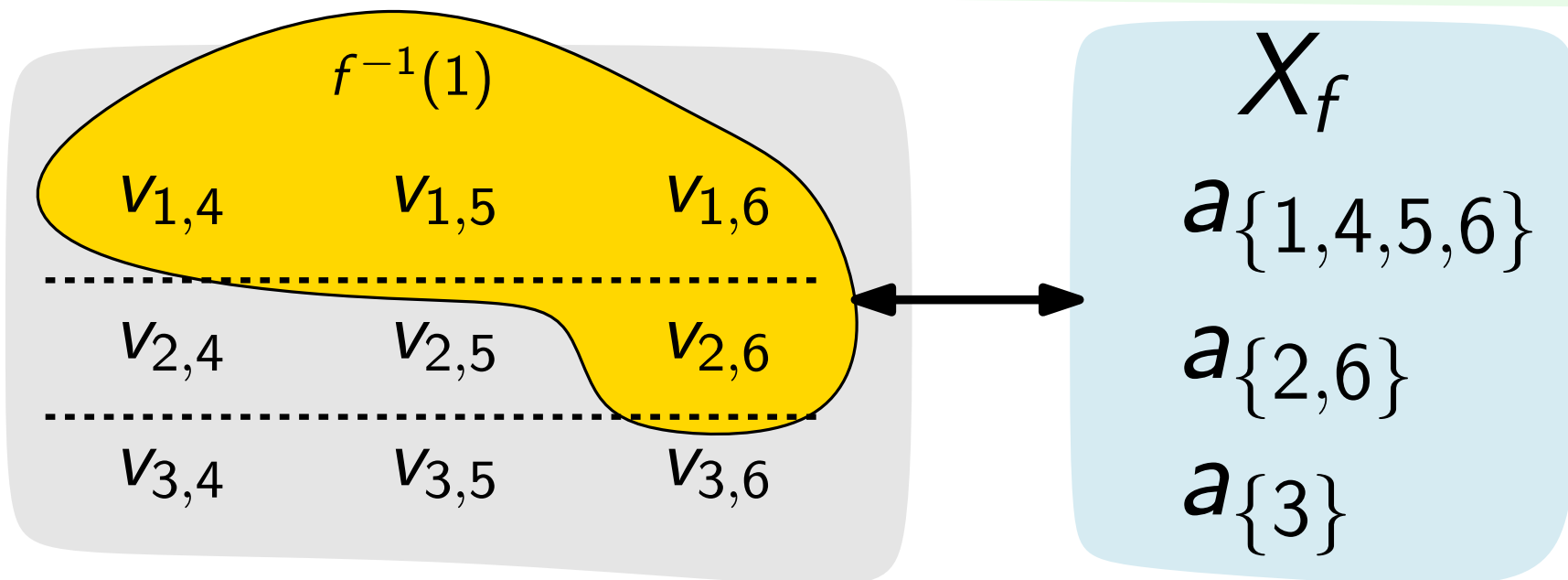
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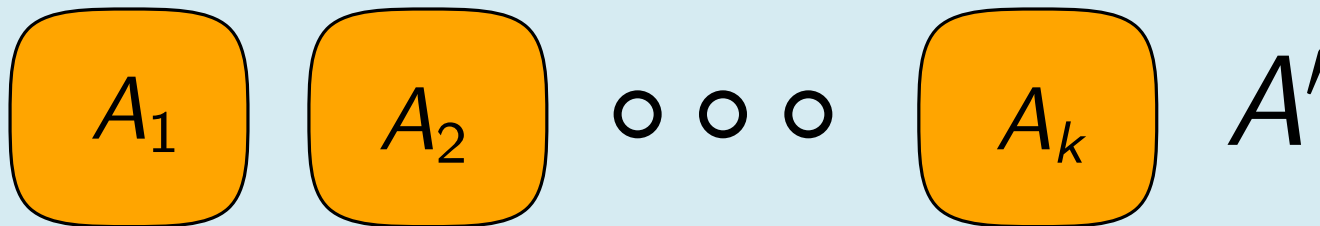
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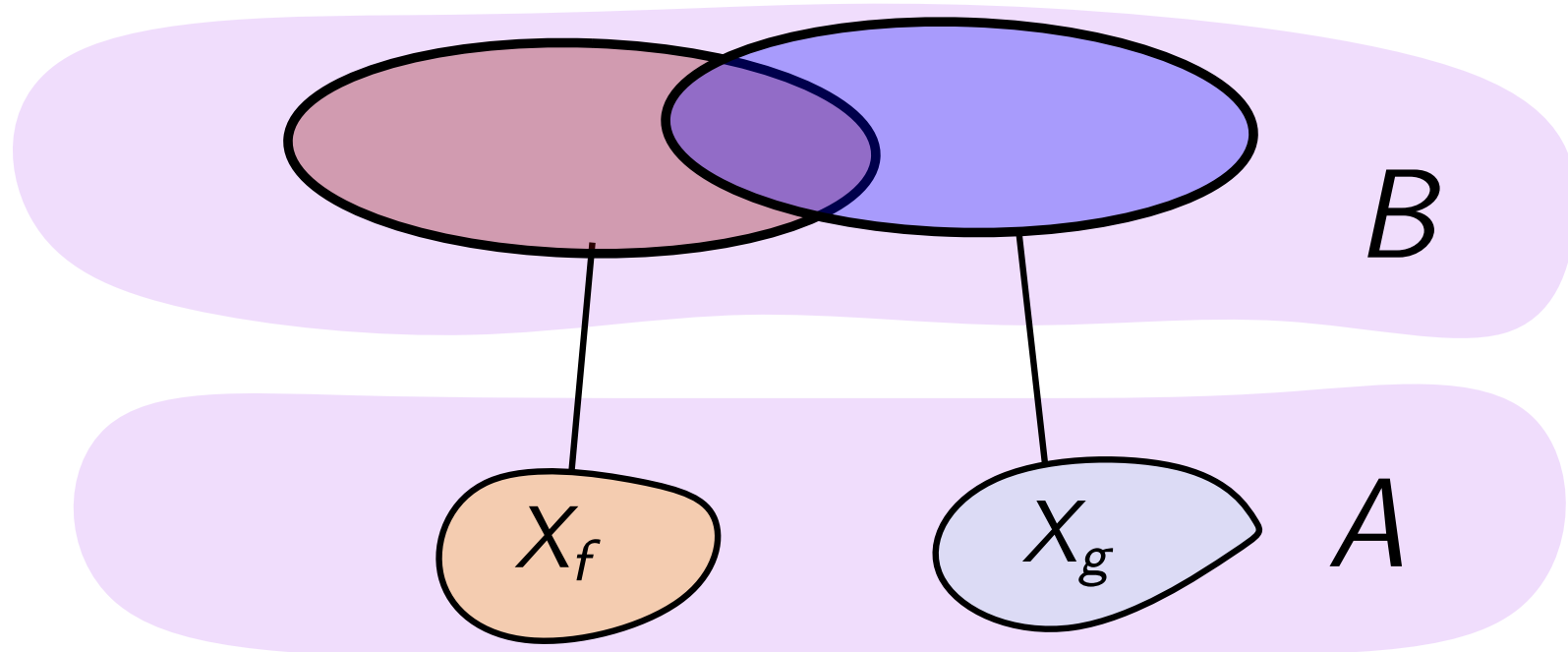
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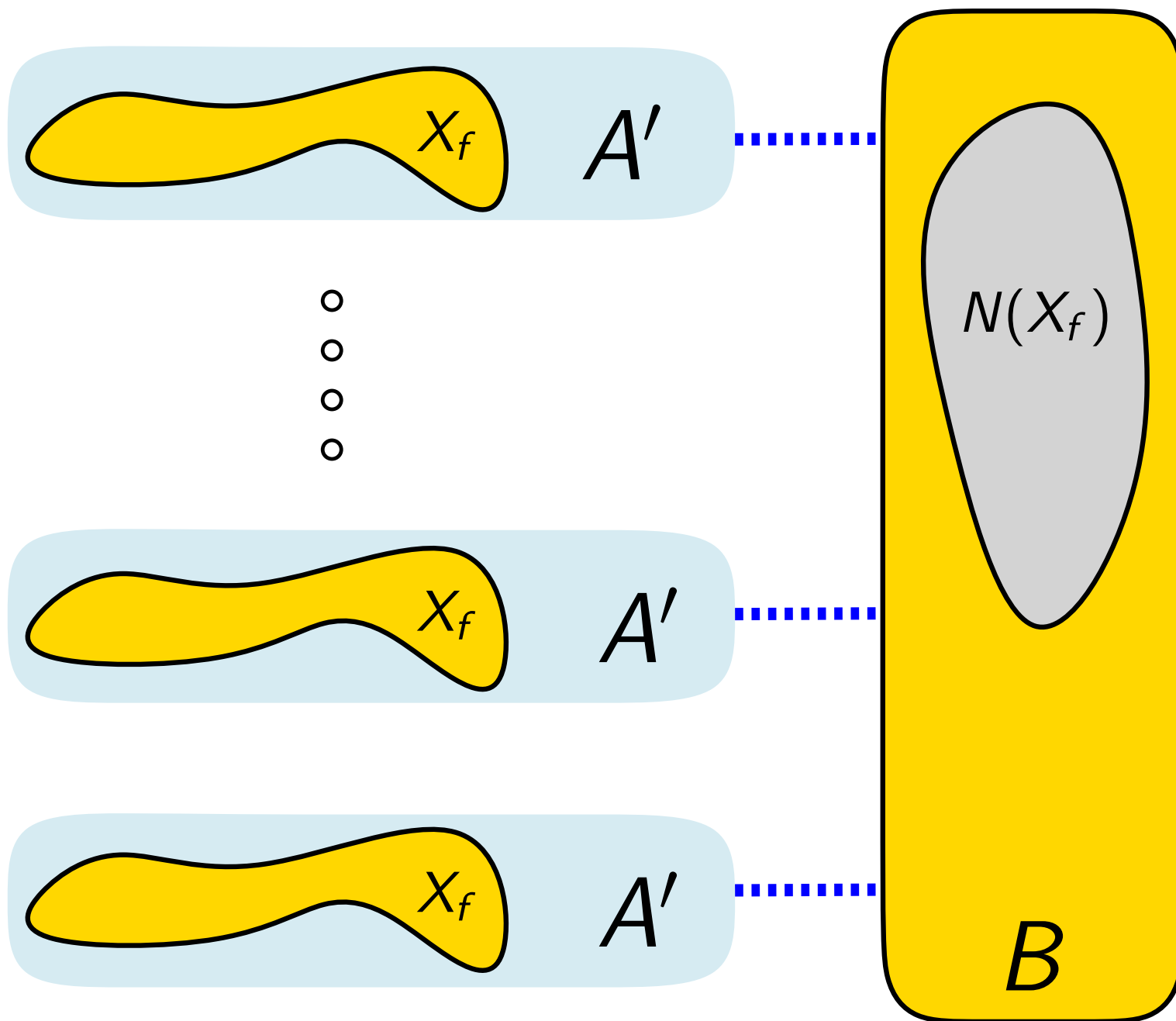
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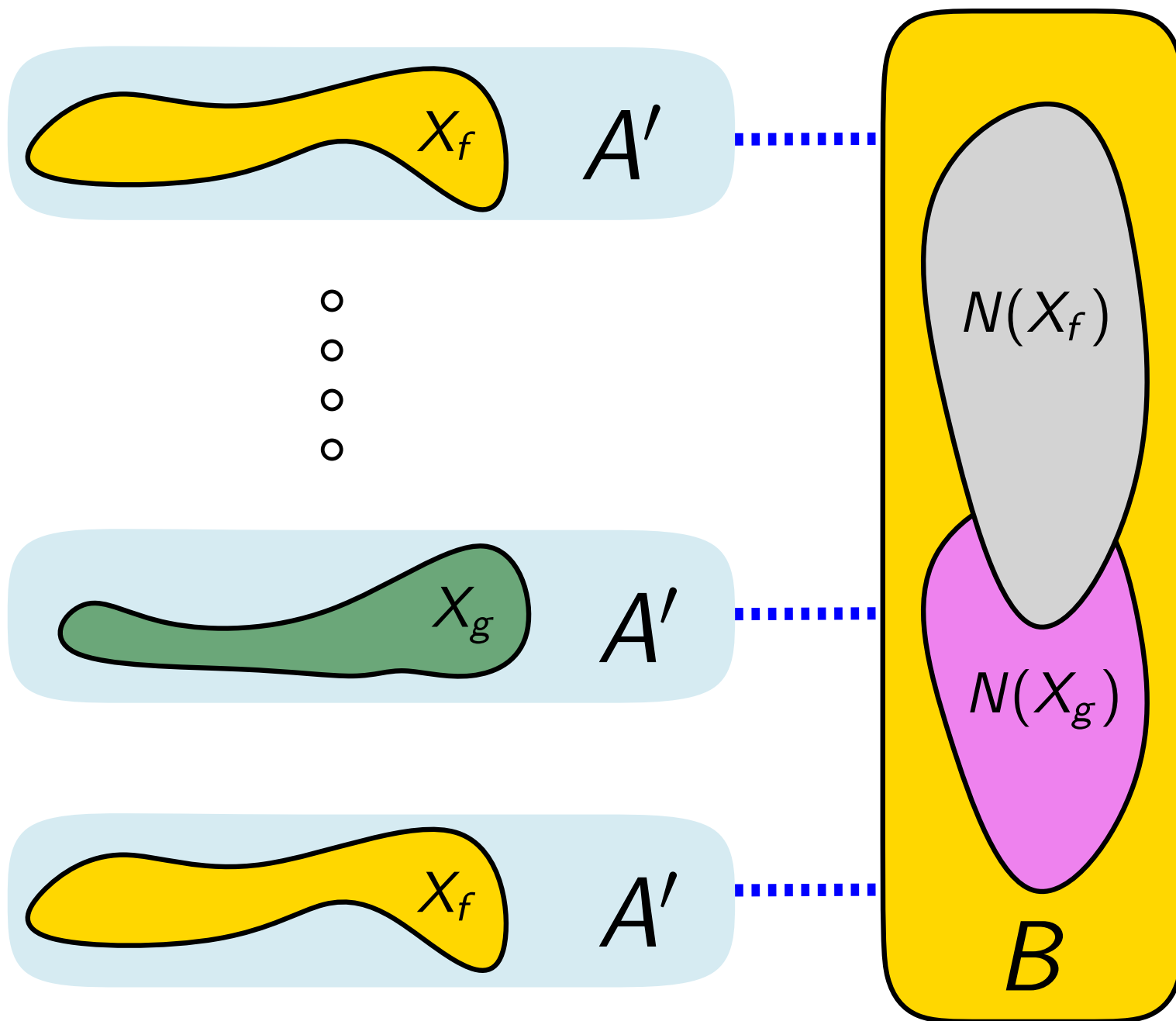




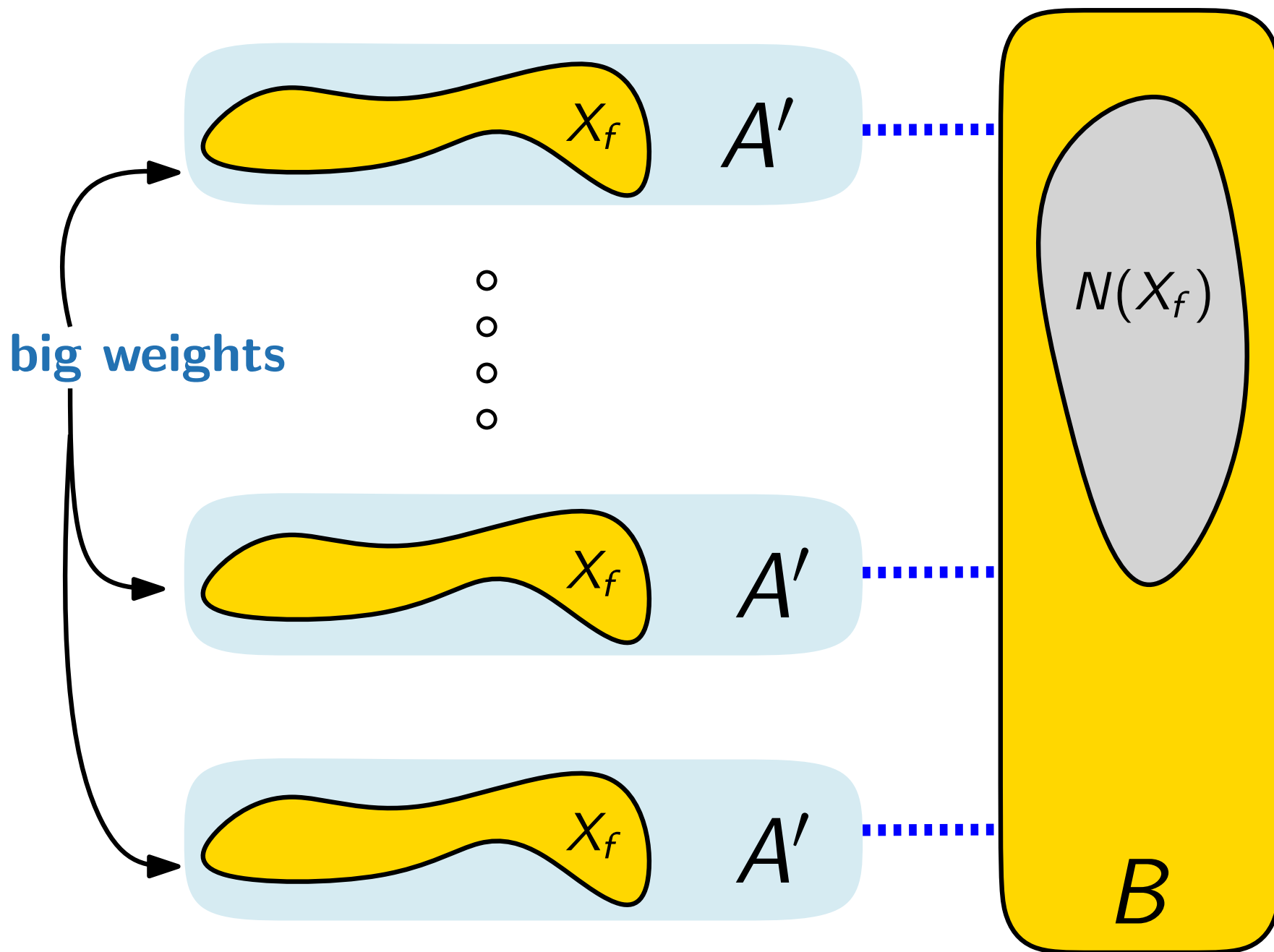
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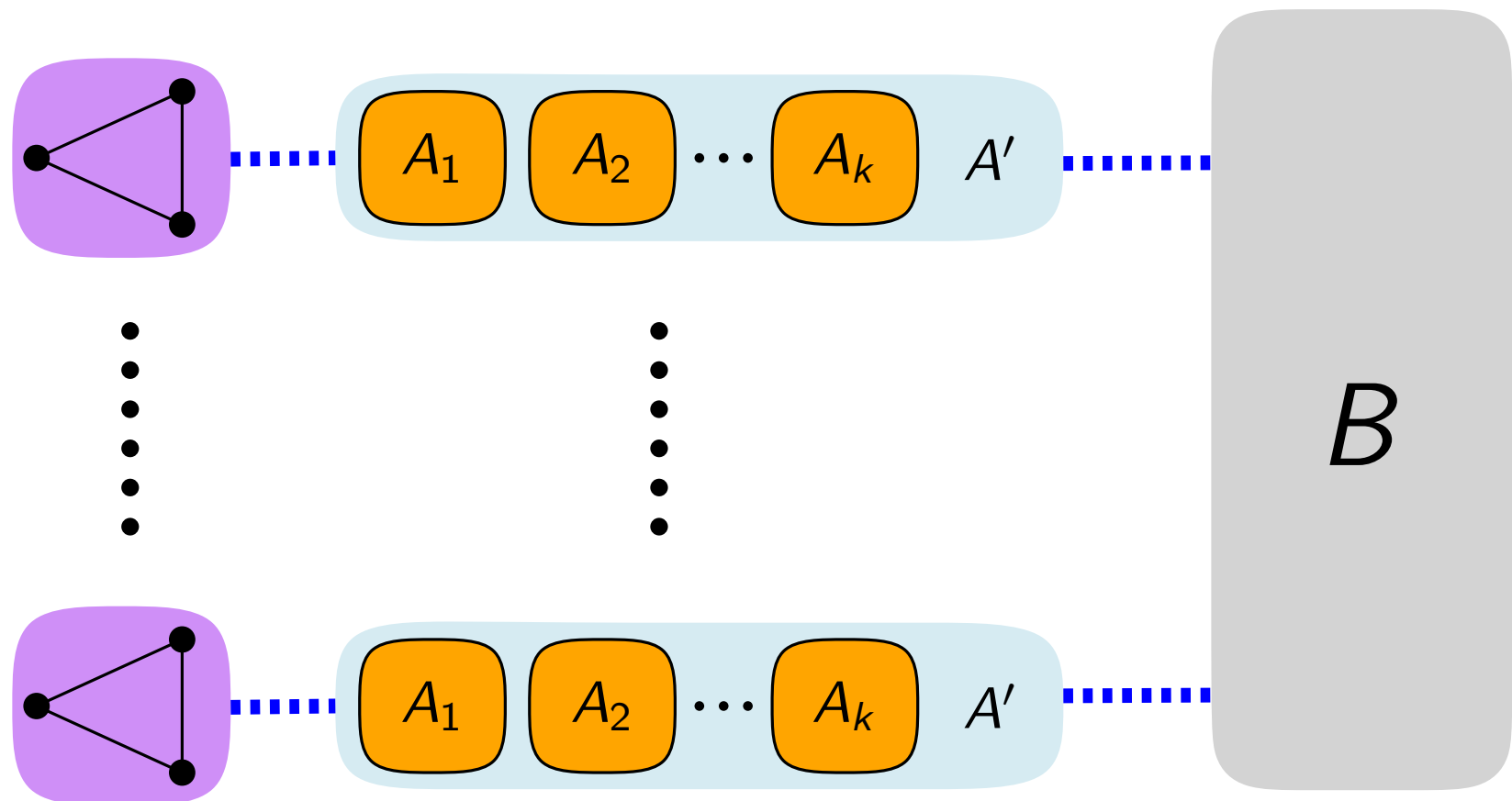


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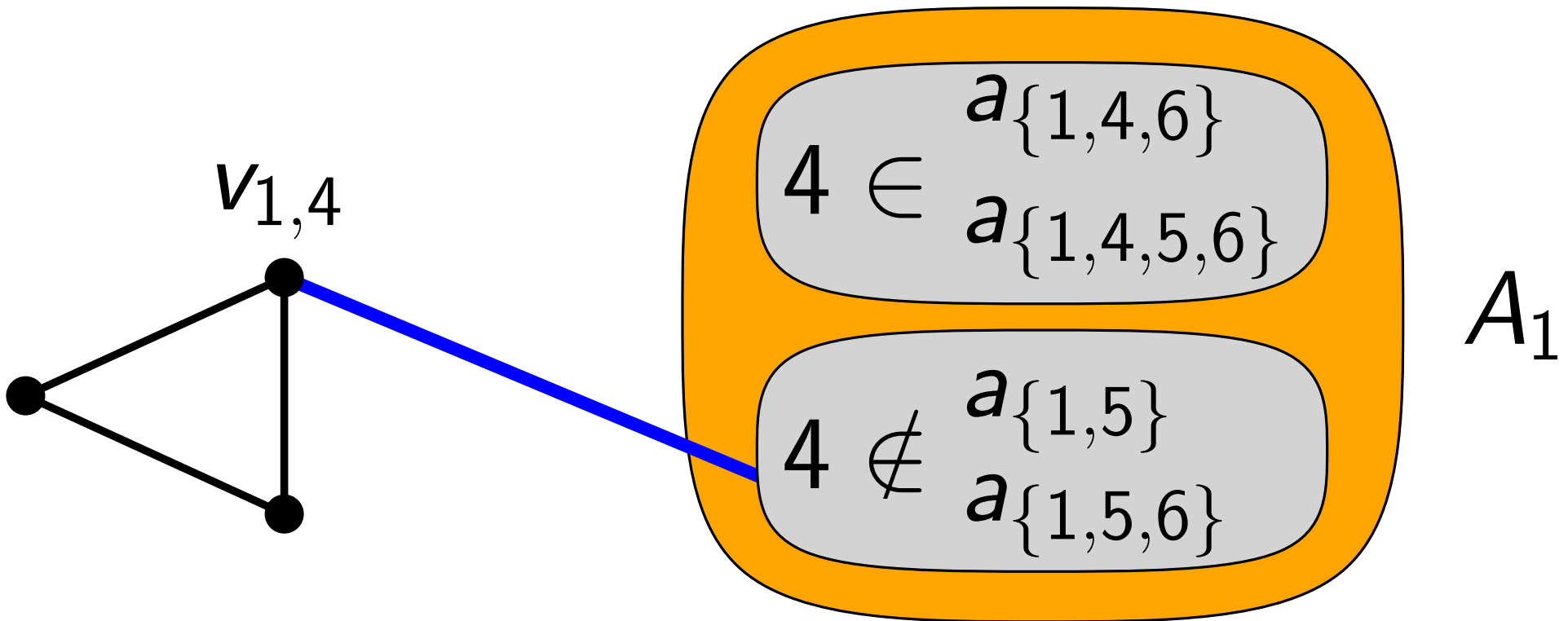
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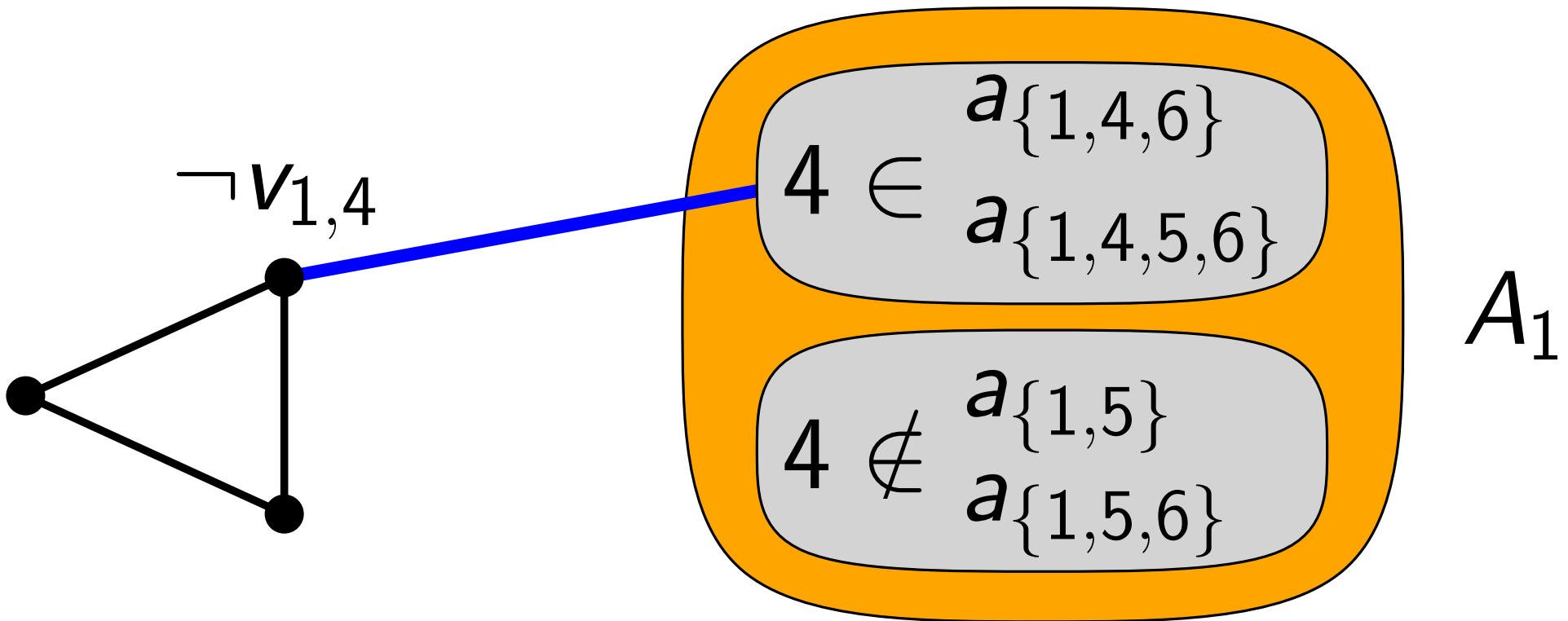
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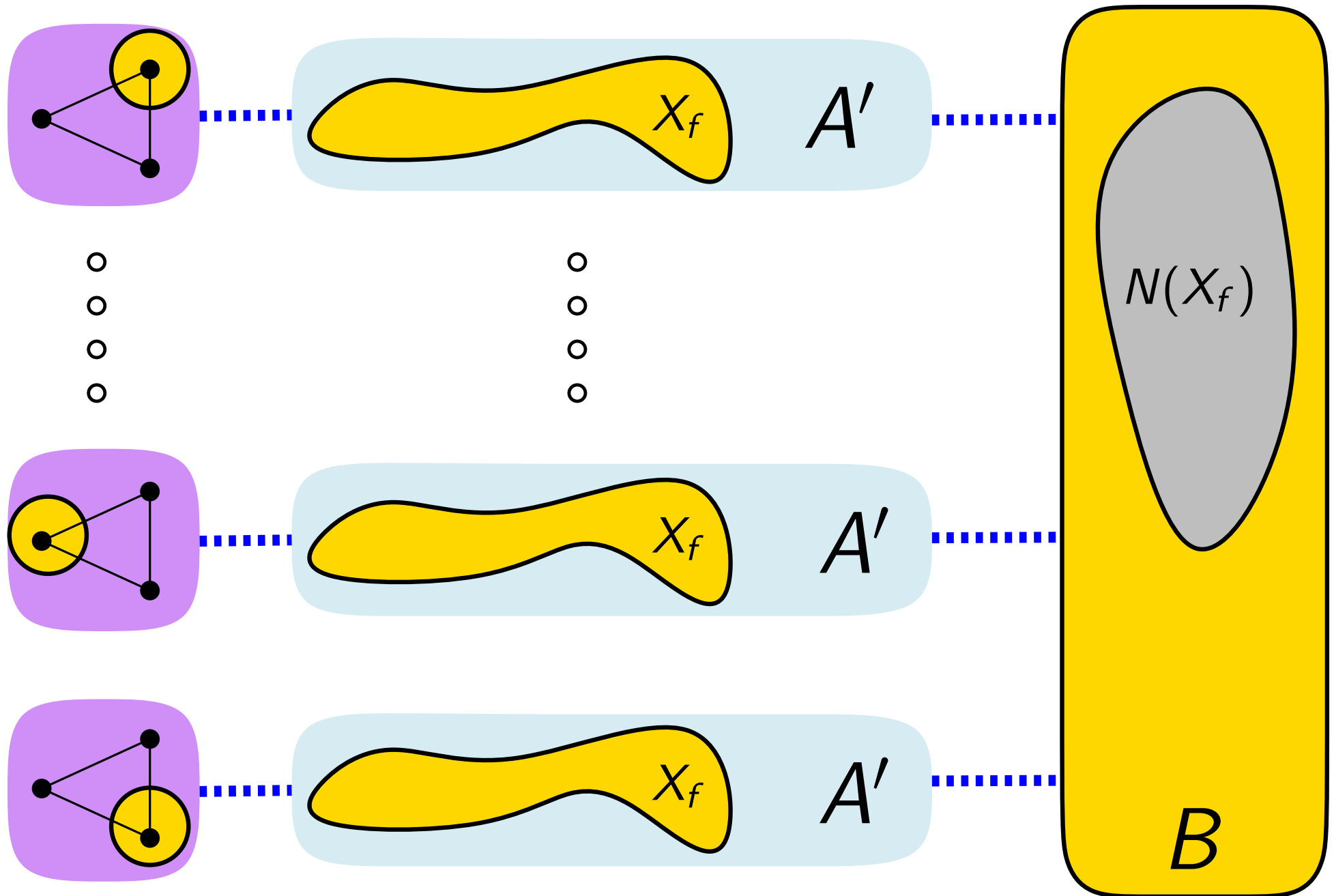
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$f$  satisfies  $C$  **iff**  $X_f$  can be completed with one vertex from the clause gadget

$\varphi$  is satisfiable **iff** there exists an independent set of weight  $W$





- The **linear rank-width** of this graph is at most  $2k + 4$ .
- This graph has  $2^{O(k)}m$  vertices and can be constructed in  $2^{O(k)}m$  time.

A  $2^{o(rw^2)}n^{O(1)}$  time algo. for **IS**  $\Rightarrow$  A  $2^{o(k^2)}(n+m)^{O(1)}$  time algo. for **3-CNF-SAT**  $\Rightarrow$  **ETH** is false

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# Other problems

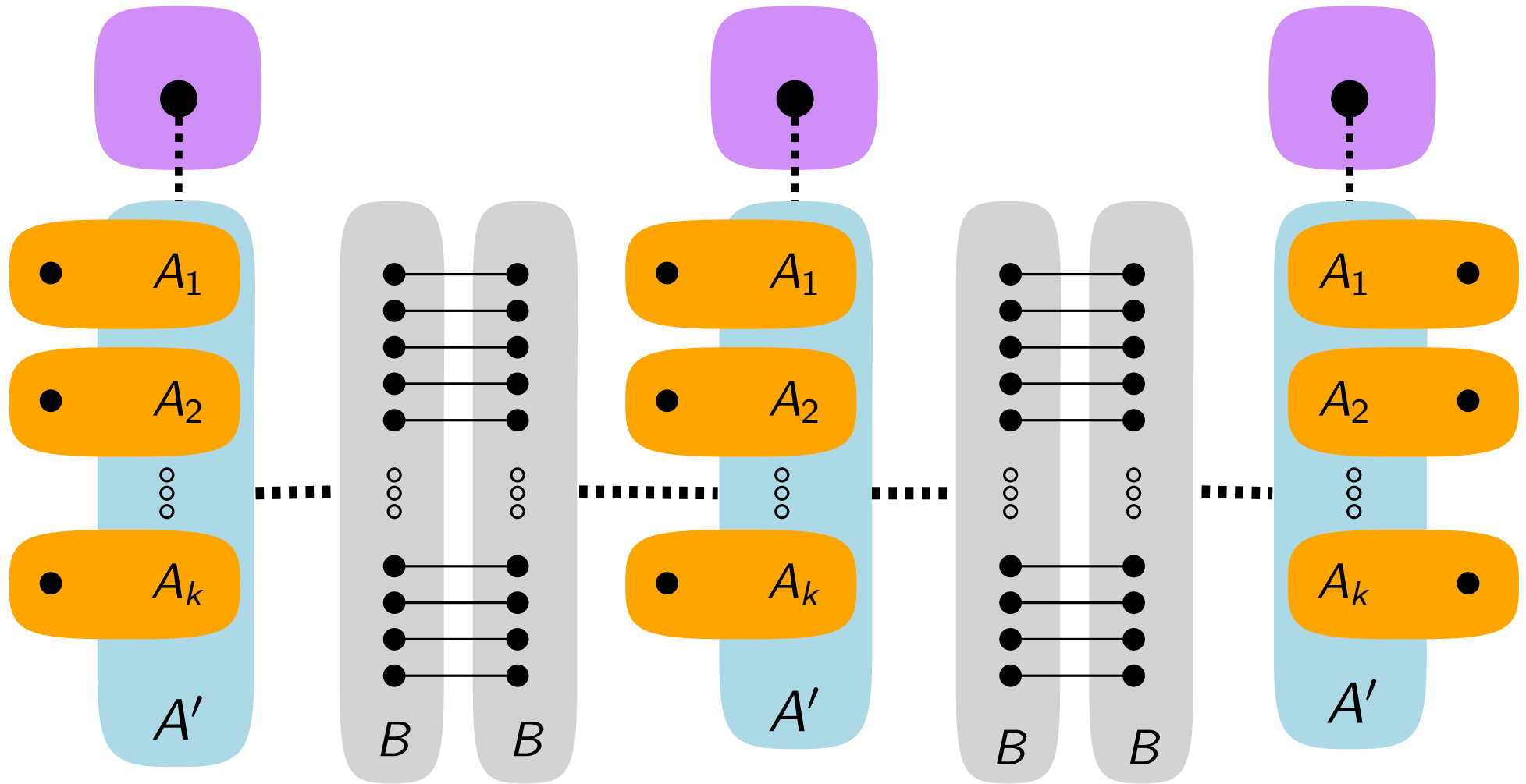
Given a graph  $G$ , we can construct  $G'$  such that  $\text{rw}(G') \leq \text{rw}(G) + 1$  and the following are equivalent:

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- $G'$  has an **induced matching** of size  $k$
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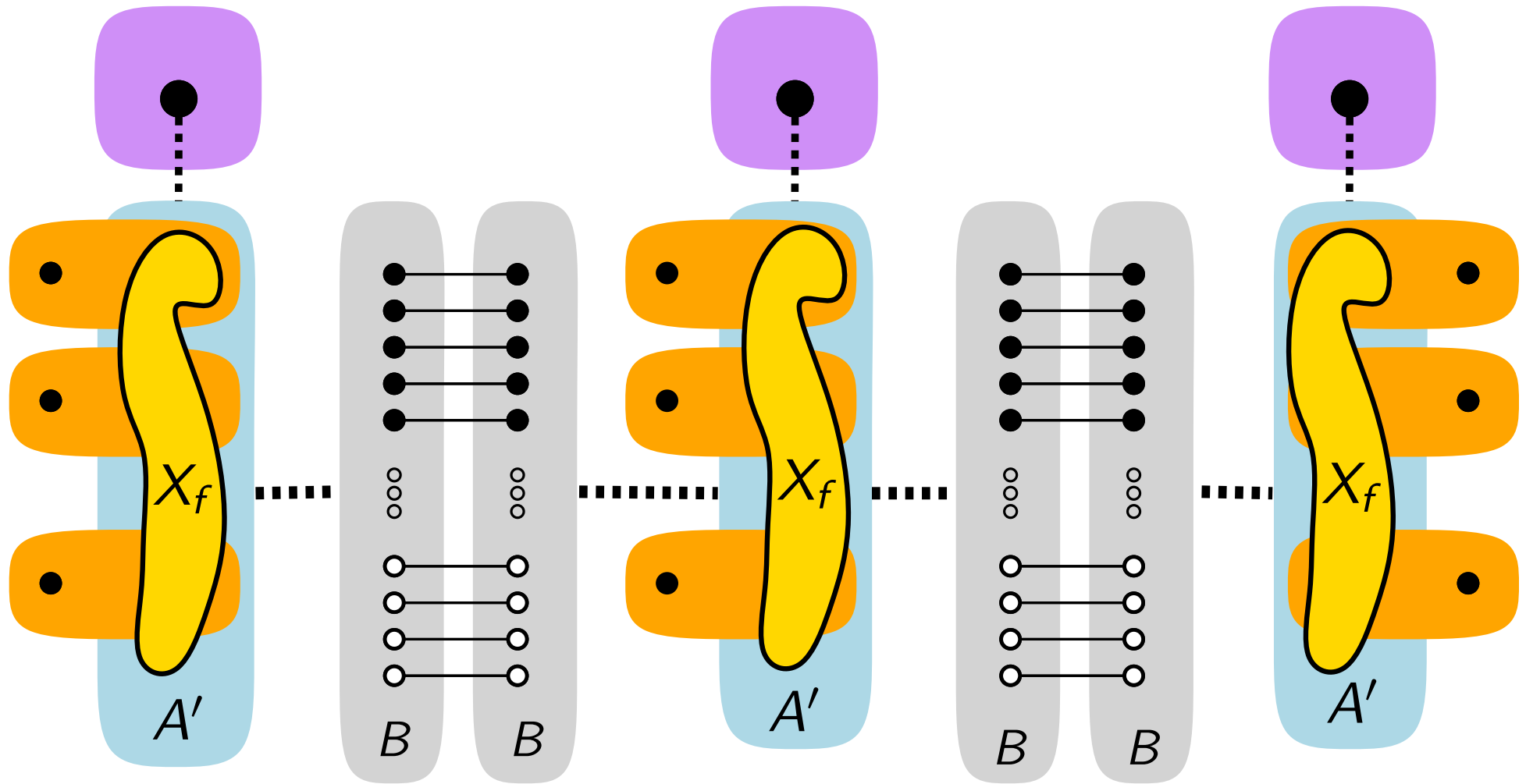
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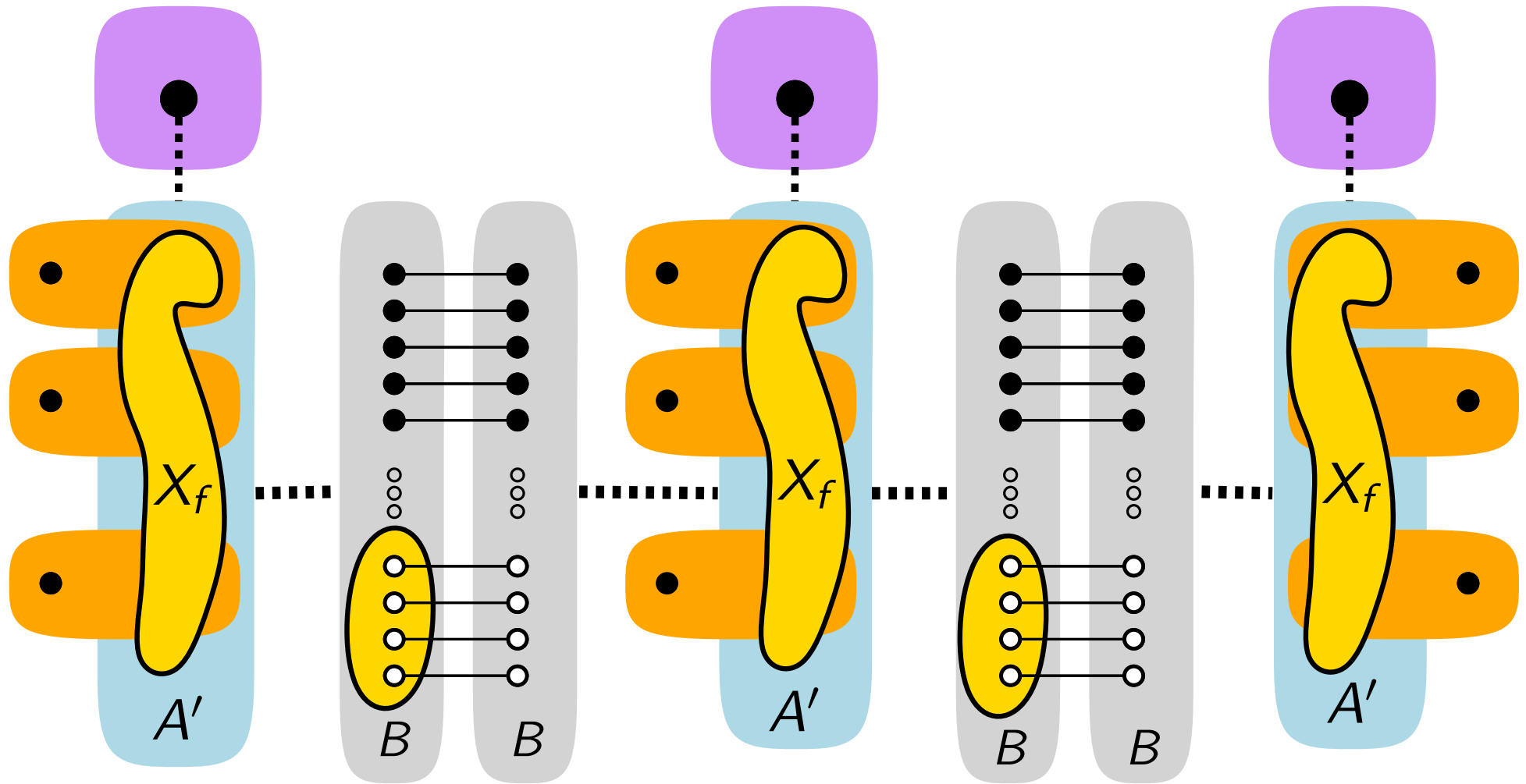
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# Conclusion

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Under ETH, there are no  $2^{o(rw^2)} n^{O(1)}$  time algorithms for

- Independent Set
- **Weighted** Dominating Set
- Maximum Induced Matching
- Feedback Vertex Set

First non-trivial ETH lower bounds for **rank-width**

Using  $|\{N(X) \cap \bar{A} \mid X \subseteq A\}|$  leads to optimal algorithms for several **problems** in terms of many **width parameters**: tree-width, clique-width, rank-width and mim-width!



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# Open questions

What about:

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- **$q$ -Coloring**?  $(2^{O(qrw^2)} n^{O(1)})$
- Chromatic Number?  $(n^{2^{O(rw^2)}})$

# Thank you!

