

On full-separating sets in graphs

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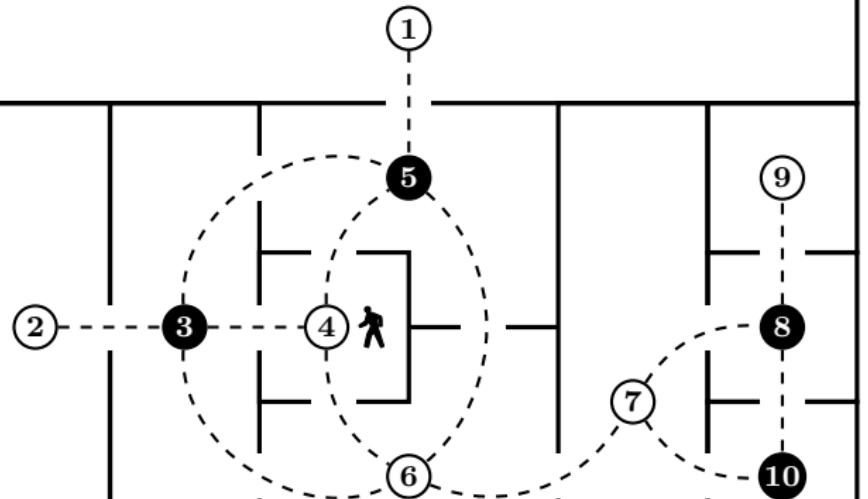
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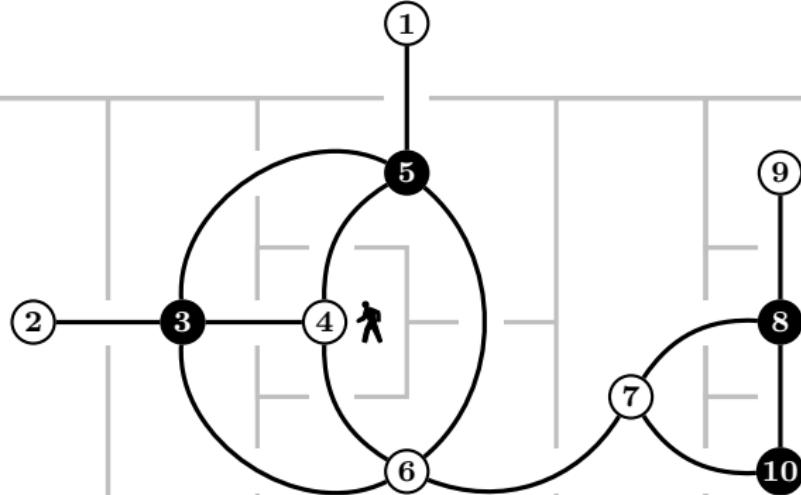
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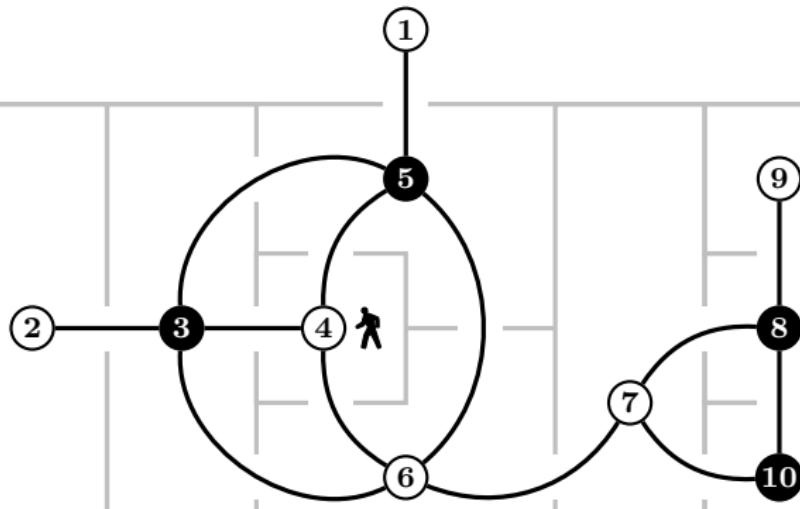


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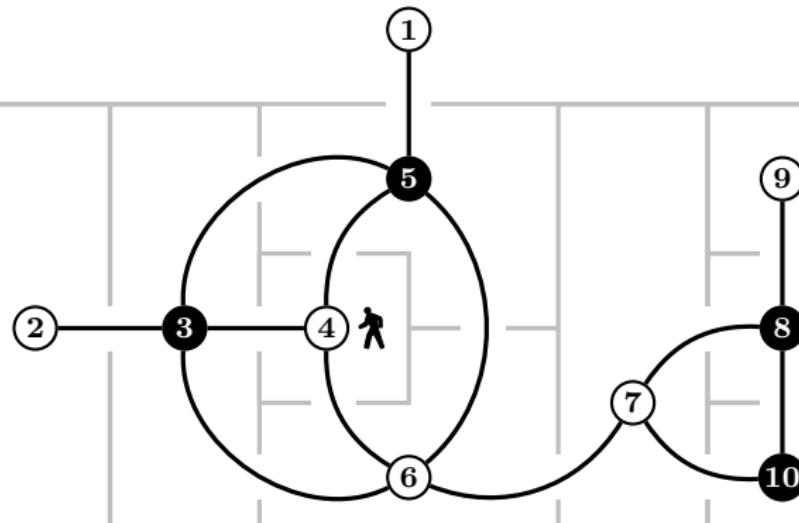


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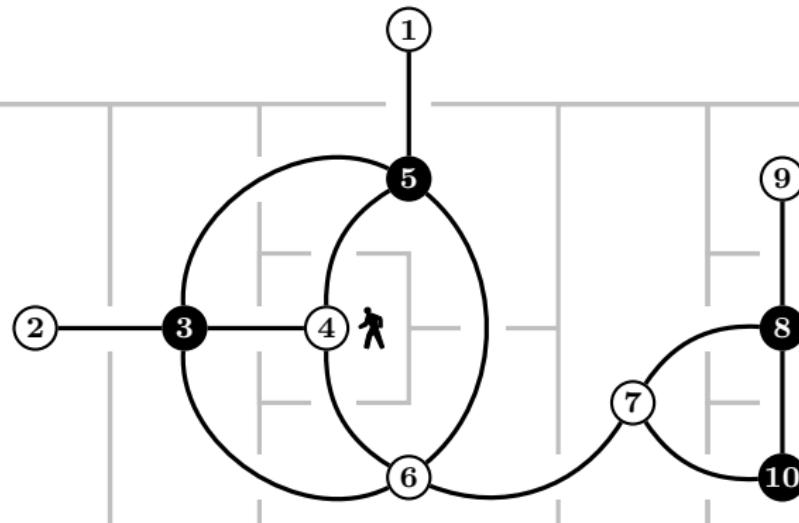
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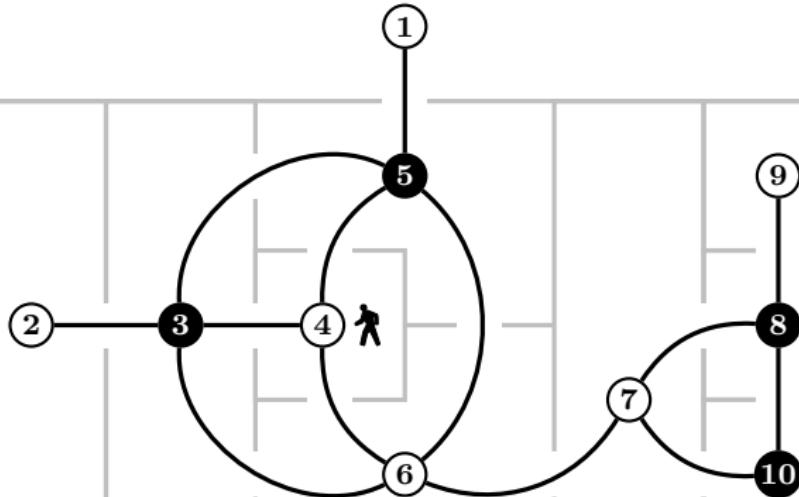
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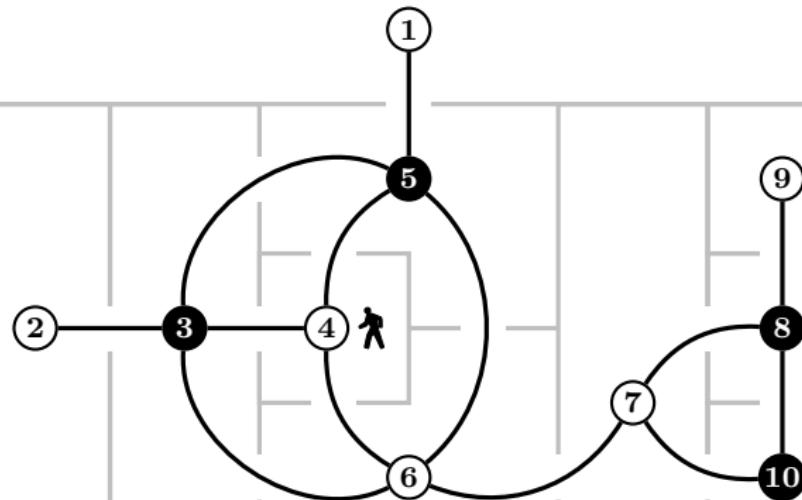
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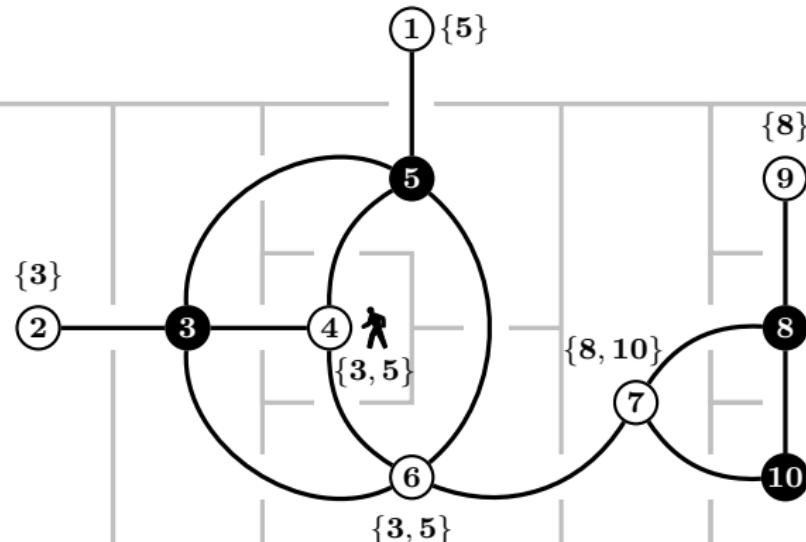
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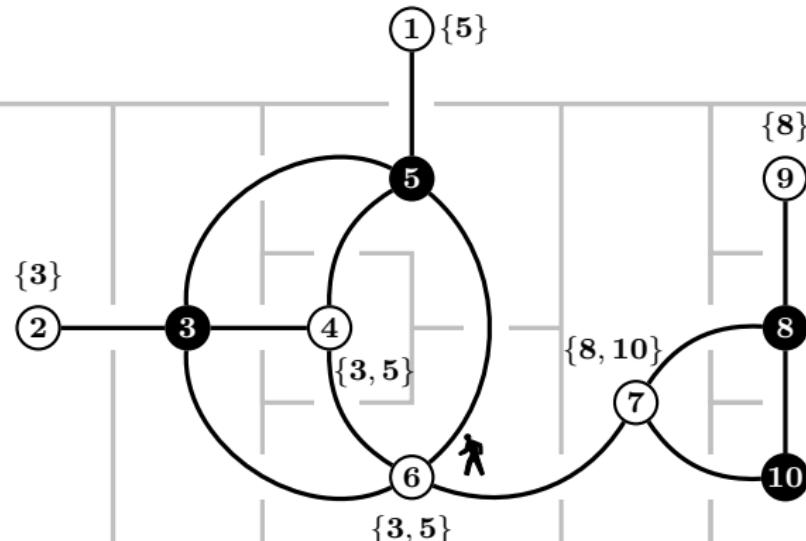
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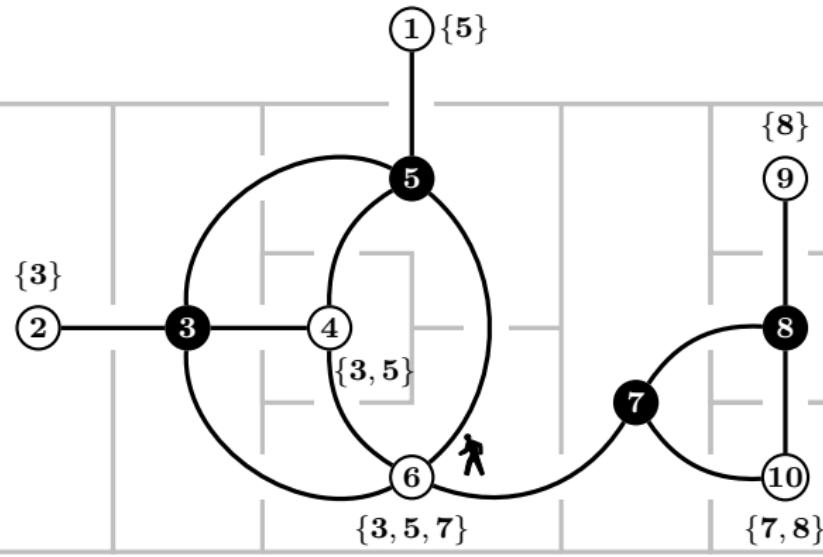
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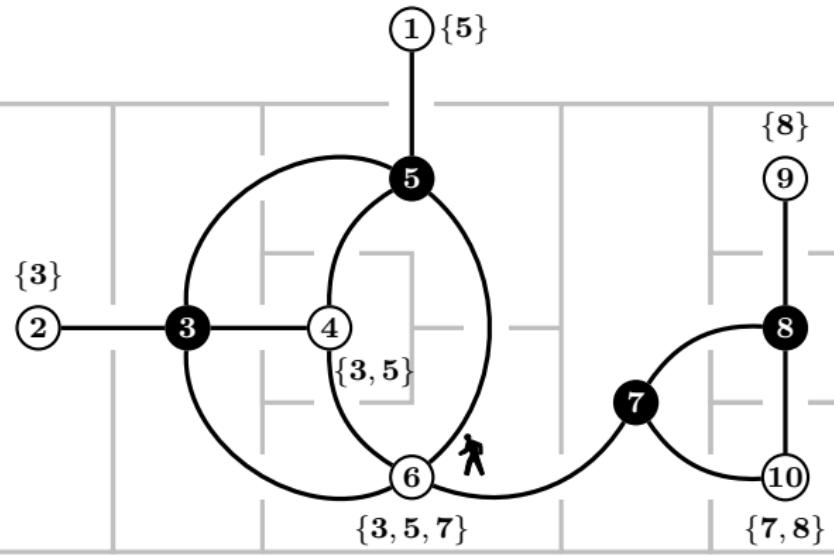
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Separating set (locating): A set $C \subseteq V$ such that

$N(u) \cap C \neq N(v) \cap C \iff (N(u) \triangle N(v)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for all $u, v \in V \setminus C$

A vertex subset C of a graph G is called...

Locating set: if $(N(u) \Delta N(v)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for all $u, v \in V \setminus C$

No faults in detectors: Detectors can distinguish between its vertex and its neighbor
(Slater, 1988)

Closed-separating set: if $(N[u] \Delta N[v]) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for all $u, v \in V$

Detector fault type 1: Detector cannot distinguish between itself and its neighbors
(Karpovsky et al., 1998)

Open-separating set: if $(N(u) \Delta N(v)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for all $u, v \in V$

Detector fault type 2: Detector is completely disabled / destroyed
(Honkala et al., 2002 and Seo et al., 2010)

C. and Wagler, 2024:

Full-separating set: if $(N[u] \Delta N[v]) \cap C = (N(u) \Delta N(v)) \cap C \neq \emptyset$
for all $u, v \in V$

Detector fault type 1 and detector fault type 2

Full-separating dominating code (FD-code):

A set with full-separating property + dominating property

Full-separating total-dominating code (FTD-code):

A set with full-separating property + total-dominating property

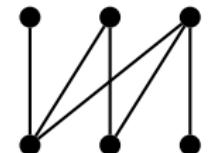
Sep	C-Sep		O-Sep		L-Sep		F-Sep	
Code	CD	CTD	OD	OTD	LD	LTD	FD	FTD
adj	$N[u] \triangle N[v]$		$N(u) \triangle N(v)$		$N(u) \triangle N(v)$		$N[u] \triangle N[v]$	
non-adj					$N[u] \triangle N[v]$		$N(u) \triangle N(v)$	
D/TD	$N[u]$	$N(u)$	$N[u]$	$N(u)$	$N[u]$	$N(u)$	$N[u]$	$N(u)$

Existence of full-separating sets:

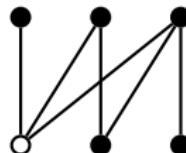
The graph must be twin-free = open-twin-free + closed-twin-free

$$X \in \text{CODES} = \{\text{LD}, \text{LTD}, \text{ID}, \text{ITD}, \text{OD}, \text{OTD}, \text{FD}, \text{FTD}\}$$

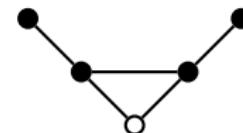
X-number of a graph G : $\gamma^X(G) = \min\{|C| : C \text{ is an } X\text{-code of } G\}$



$$\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(H_3) = 6$$



$$\gamma^{\text{FD}}(H_3) = 5$$



$$\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(B) = \gamma^{\text{FD}}(B) = 4$$

Our results...

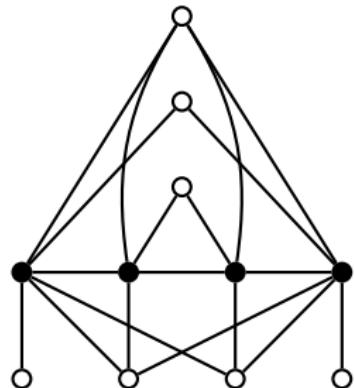
General (tight) bounds...

A twin-free graph G on n vertices with an FD-code C implies

- $n \leq 2^{|C|} - |C|$.
- $\gamma^{\text{FD}}(G) \geq 1 + \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$.

A twin-free and isolate-free graph G on n vertices with an FTD-code C implies

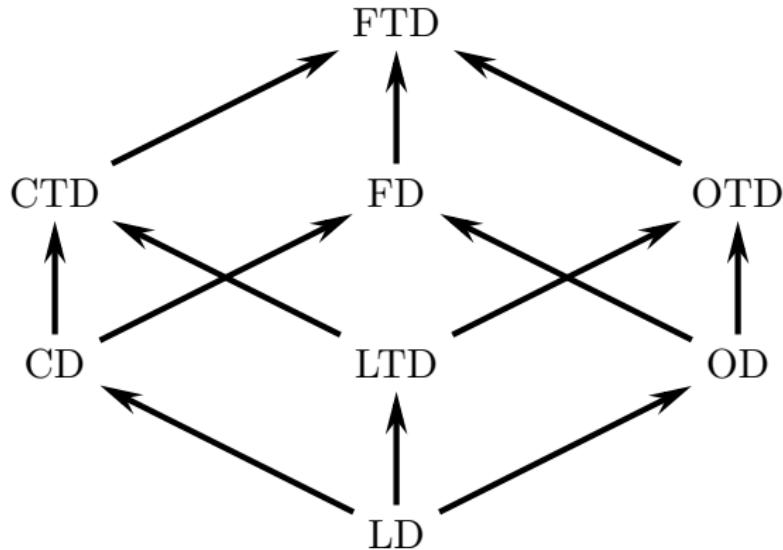
- $n \leq 2^{|C|} - |C| - 1$.
- $\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G) \geq 1 + \lfloor \log_2(n+1) \rfloor$.



Example of a graph whose FD- and FTD-numbers attain their logarithmic lower bounds.

(NOTE: This is not an example of $n = 2^{|C|} - |C|$, where C is an FD-code)

Relations to other codes...



$X' \rightarrow X$ stands for $\gamma^{X'}(G) \leq \gamma^X(G)$

An interesting result...

Theorem (C. and Wagler, 2024)

For a twin-free and isolate-free graph $G = (V, E)$, we have

$$\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G) - 1 \leq \gamma^{\text{FD}}(G) \leq \gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G).$$

Proof sketch.

Clearly, $\gamma^{\text{FD}}(G) \leq \gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G)$ since any FTD-code is also an FD-code.

To prove the other inequality, take a minimum FD-code C of G .

Notice that there exists at most one $v \in V$ such that $N(v) \cap C = \emptyset$.
Thus C is “almost” total-dominating.

To turn C into an FTD-code, we may have to include in C one neighbor of v . This implies $\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G) \leq |C| + 1 = \gamma^{\text{FD}}(G) + 1$.

Computational complexities...

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Problem: Does there exist an FD-code C of G with $|C| \leq k$?

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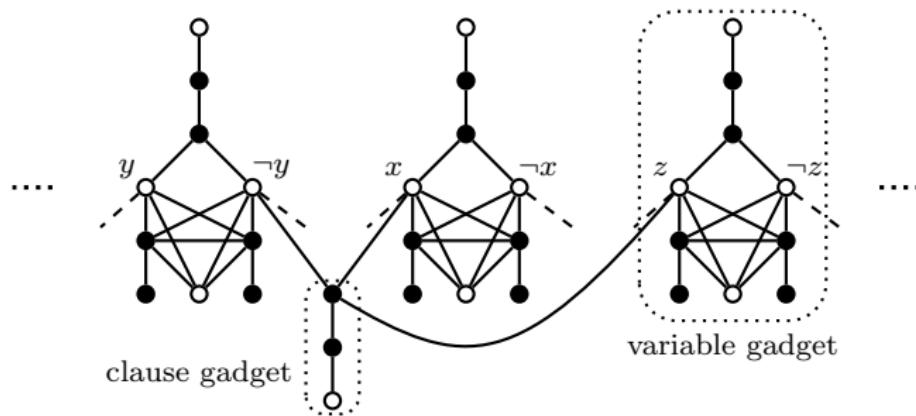
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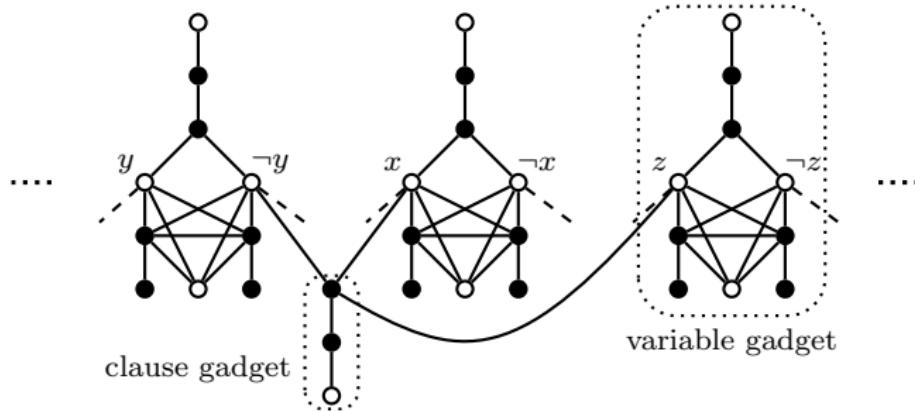


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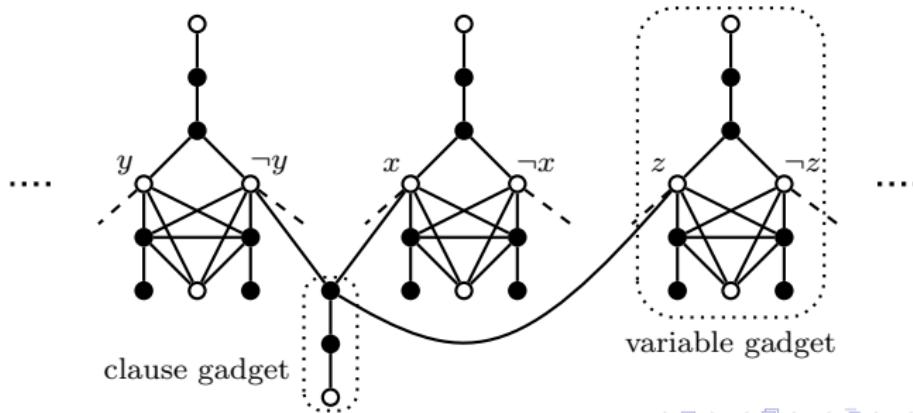
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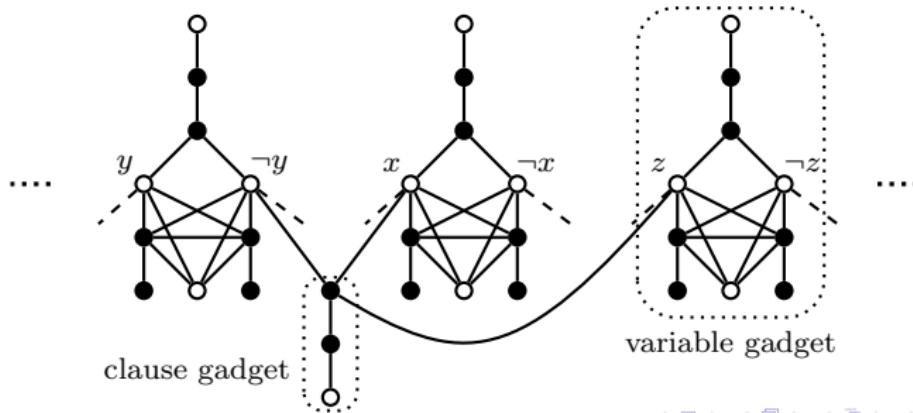
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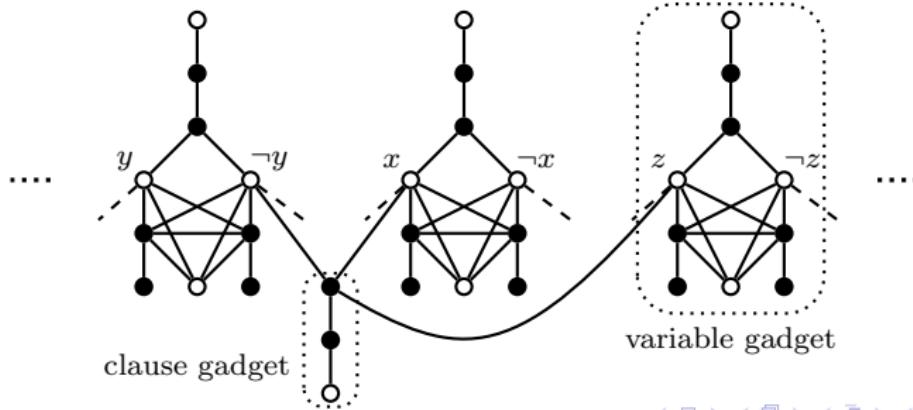
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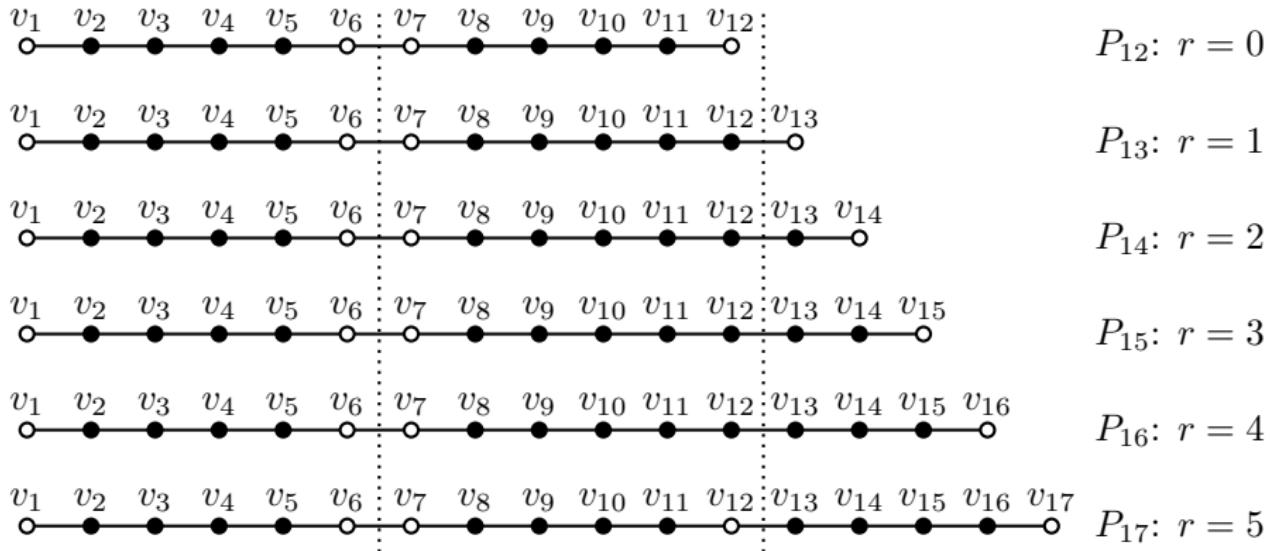
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Let G be either a path P_n for $n \geq 4$ or a cycle C_n for $n \geq 5$. Moreover, let $n = 6q + r$ for non-negative integers q and $r \in [0, 5]$. Then

$$\gamma^{\text{FD}}(G) = \gamma^{\text{FTD}}(G) = \begin{cases} 4q + r, & \text{if } r \in [0, 4]; \\ 4q + 4, & \text{if } r = 5. \end{cases}$$

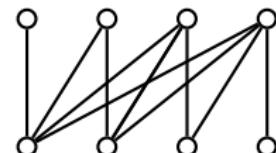


Results on some other selected graph classes...

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For a half-graph H_k with $k \geq 3$, we have

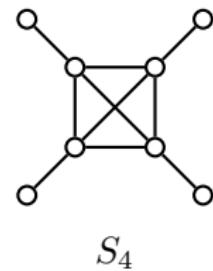
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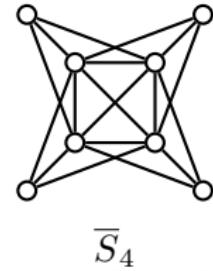
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- Study bounds and other combinatorial aspects of the FD- and FTD-codes on other well-known graphs classes.
- Study the new code numbers ($\gamma^{\text{FD}}(\cdot)$ and $\gamma^{\text{FTD}}(\cdot)$) with respect to other previously introduced code numbers like $\gamma^{\text{LD}}(\cdot)$, $\gamma^{\text{OTD}}(\cdot)$ etc.
- Explore the algorithmic aspects of FD-CODE and FD-CODE more.

Thank you!