

Graphs' decompositions and resolutions of combinatorial problems

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Objectives (of my project)

- *The first goal of this project is, starting from a graph whose tree representation is known, to solve corresponding combinatorial problems.
The k -coloring problem, the max clique problem or the Hamilton path problem can be explored.*
- *The second purpose is to implement a graph decomposition calculator.*
- *Finally, it can be considered extensions by working on the efficiency of implementations on large-size structures, or improving the shape of displayed results.*

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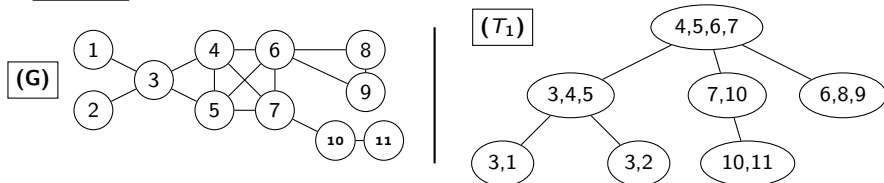
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- 2 For every vertex v of G , the bags of T containing v form a connected subtree

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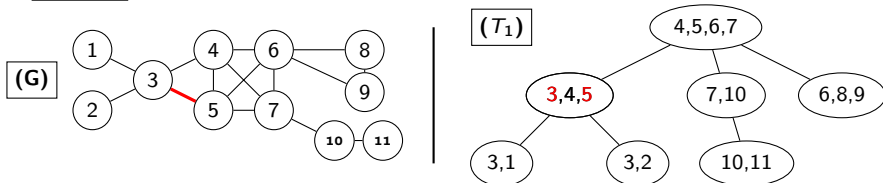
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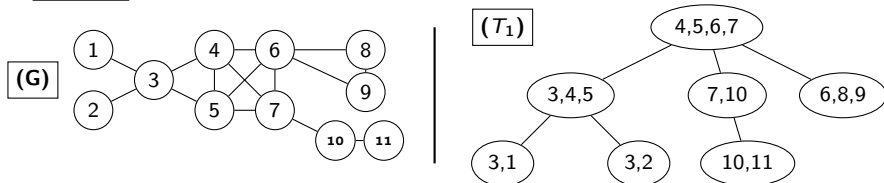
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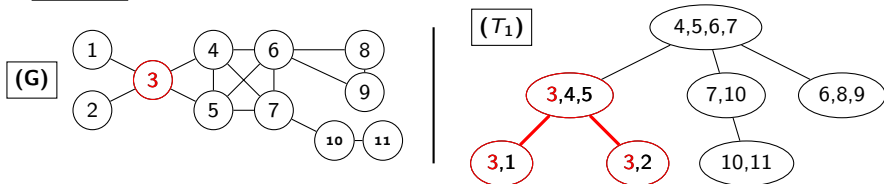
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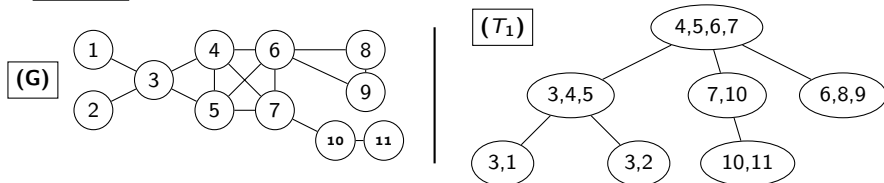
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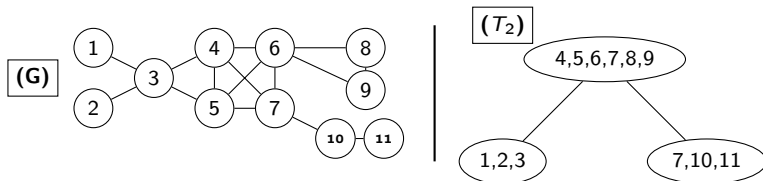
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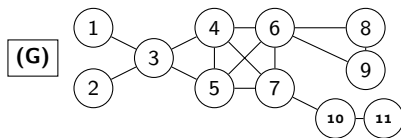
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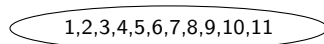
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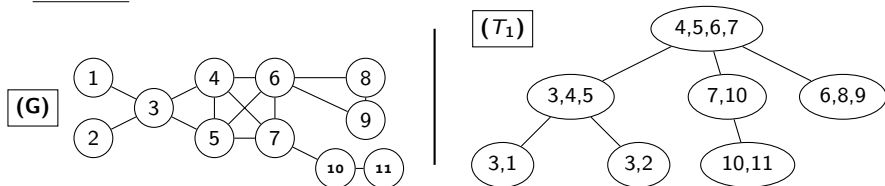
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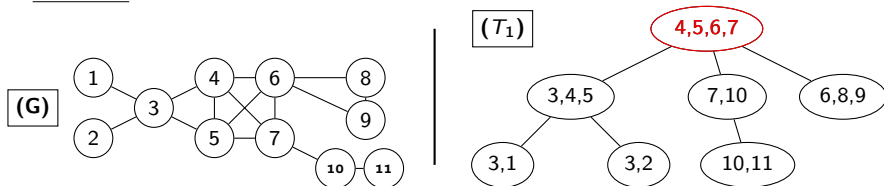
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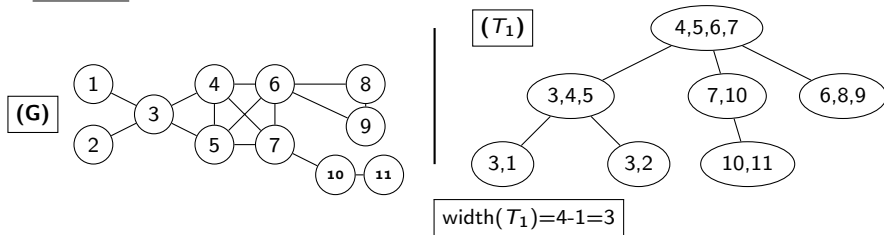
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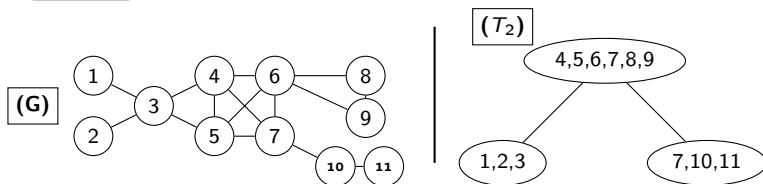
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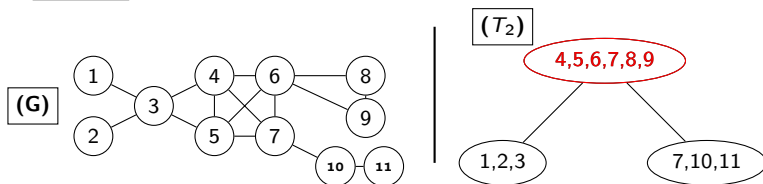
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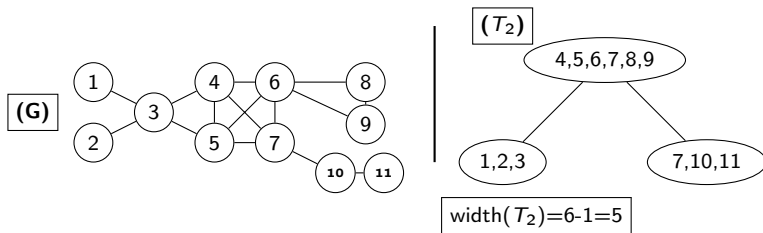
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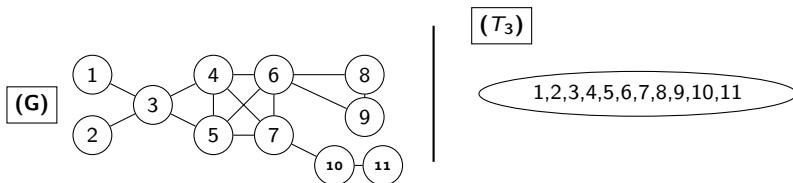
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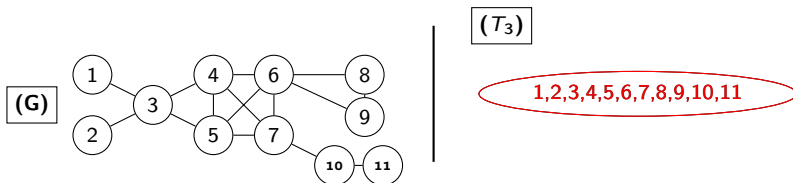
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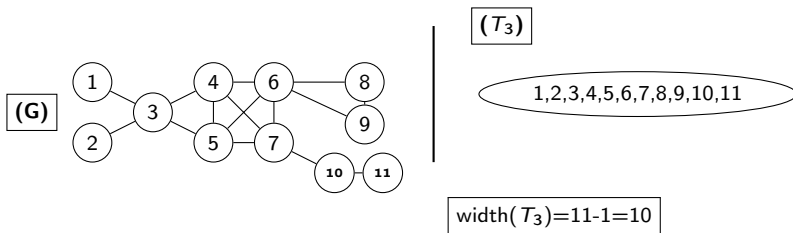
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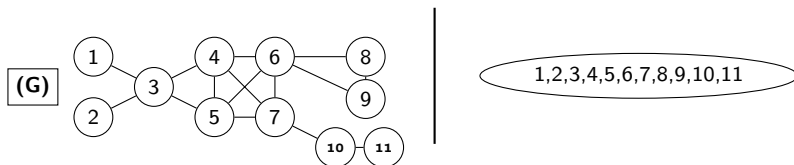
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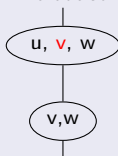
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A tree decomposition is *nice* if every node is one of the following 4 types :

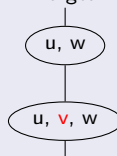
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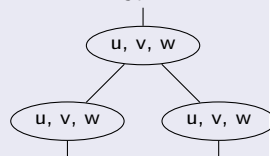
Introduce



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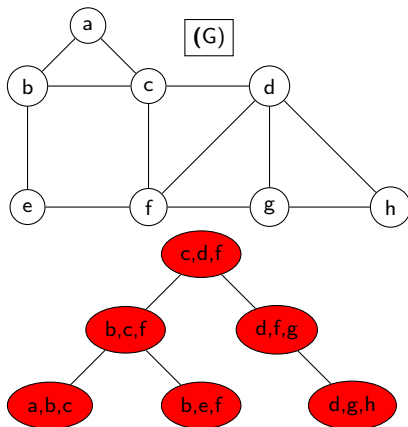


Remark

- A tree decomposition can be turned into a nice tree decomposition
- A nice tree can be used to simplify a proof, or to find an easy program to solve a problem (as we will see later on).

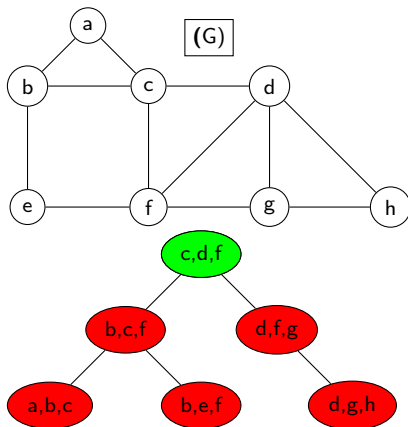
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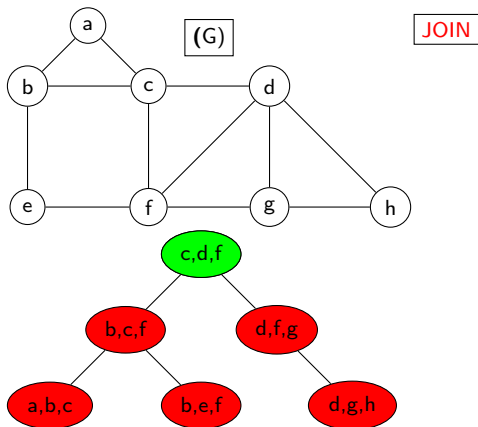
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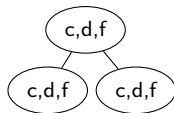
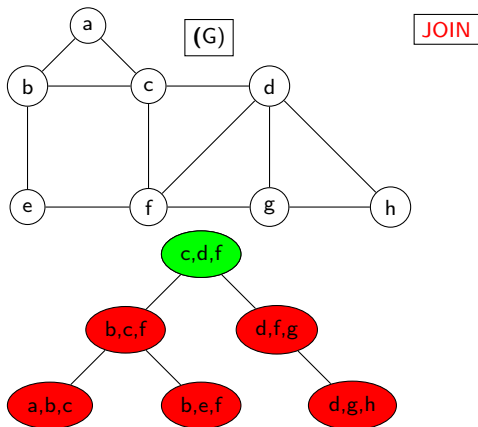
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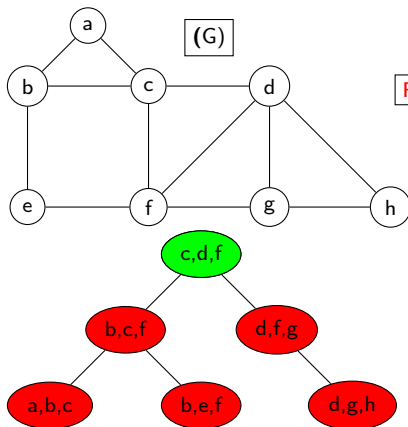
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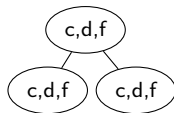
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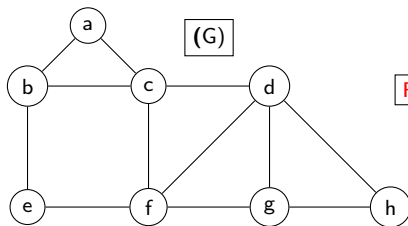
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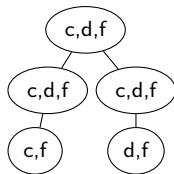
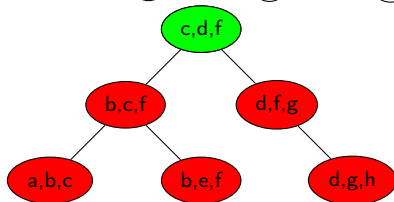
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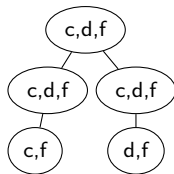
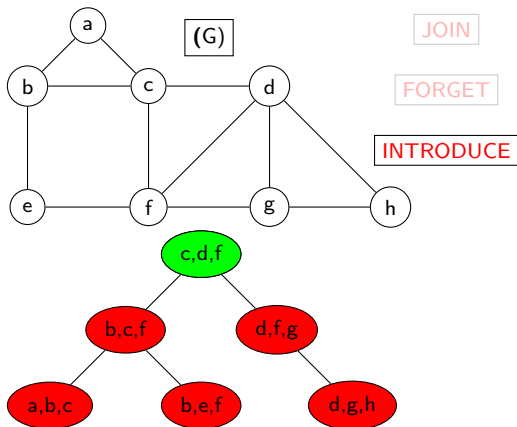
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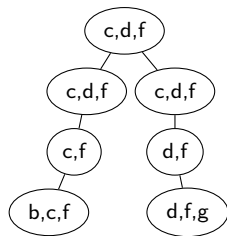
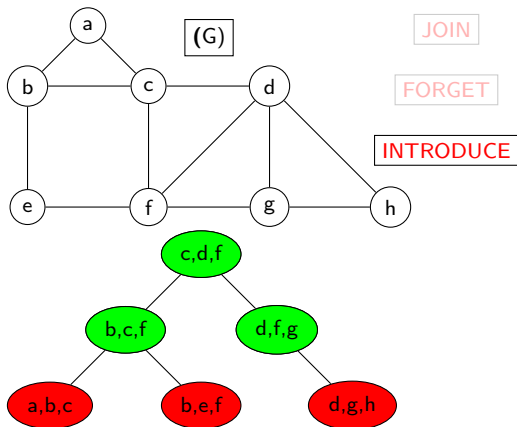
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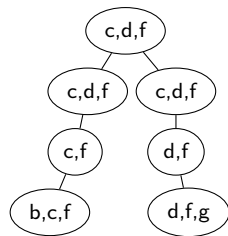
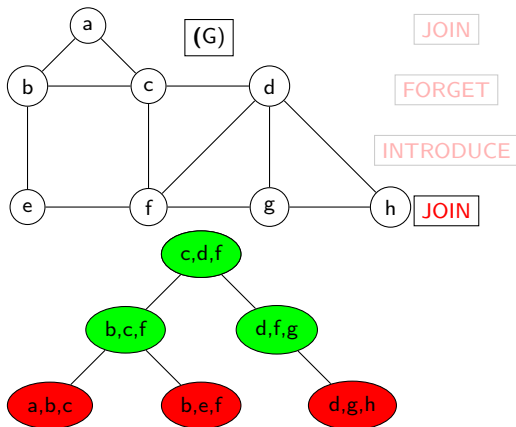
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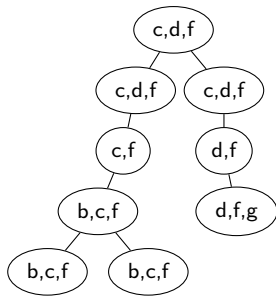
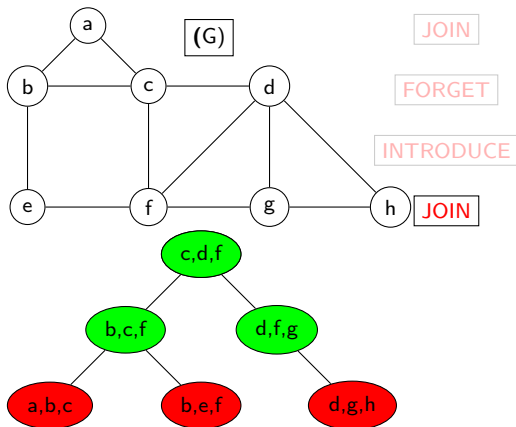
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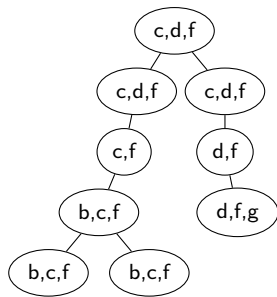
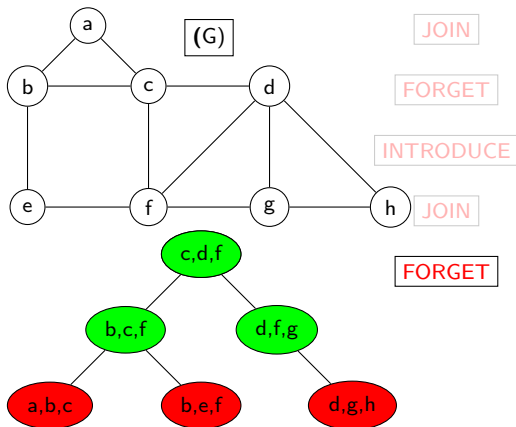
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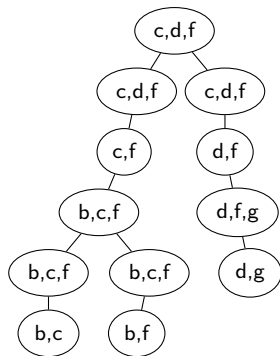
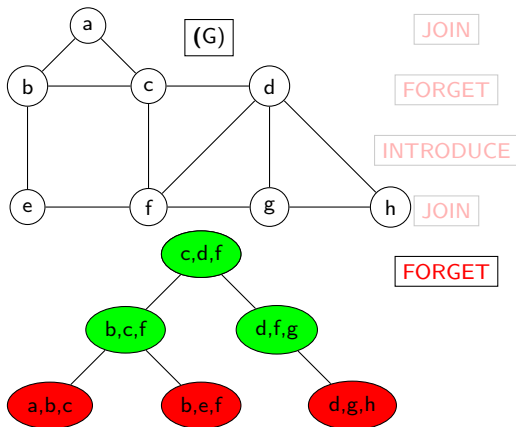
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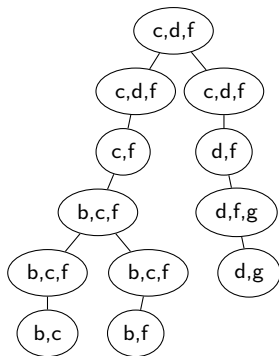
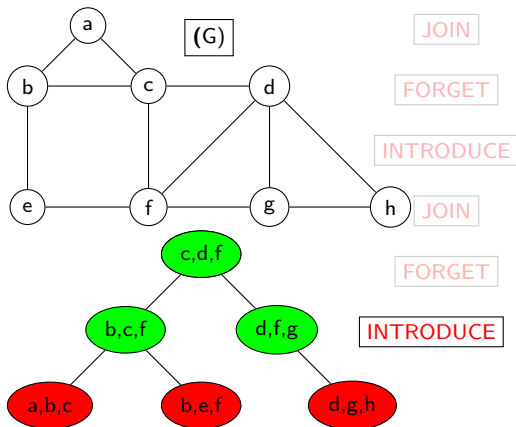
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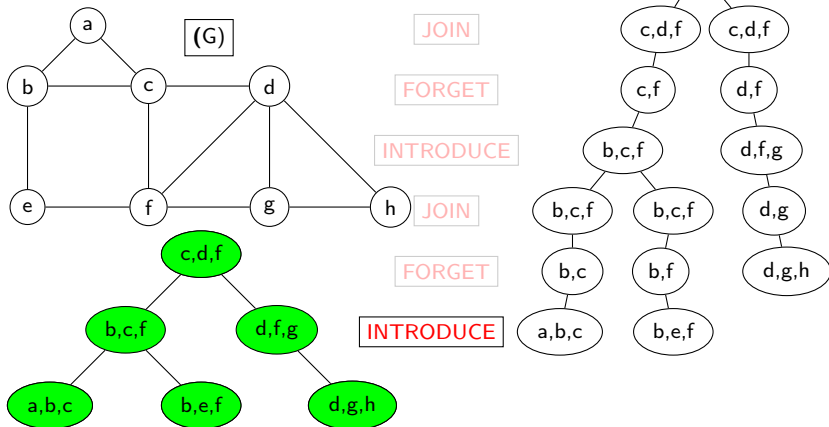
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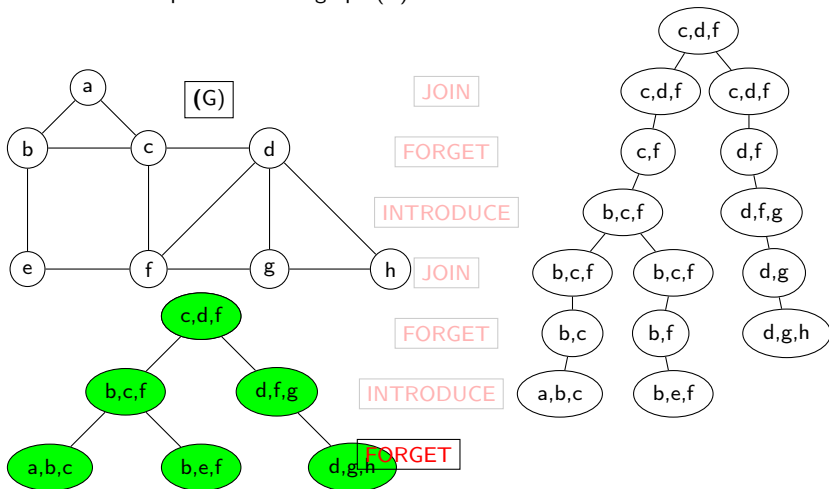
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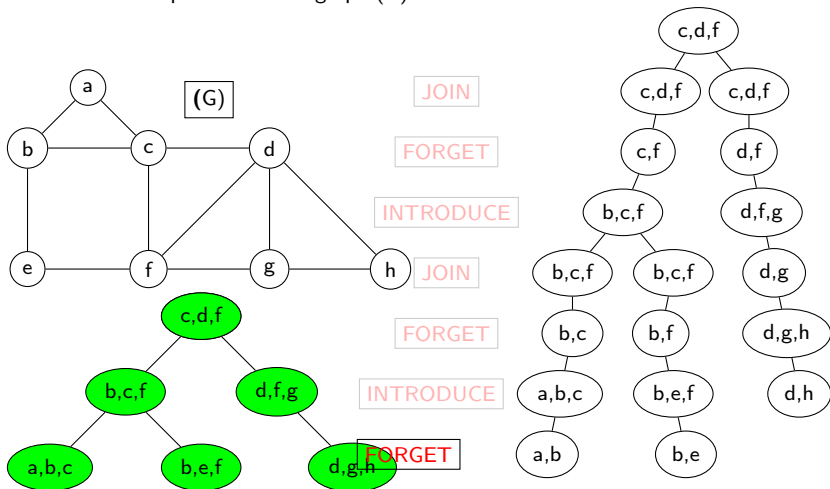
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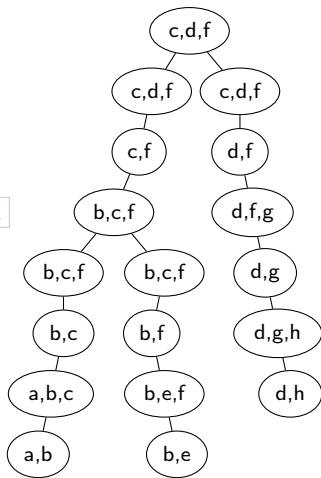
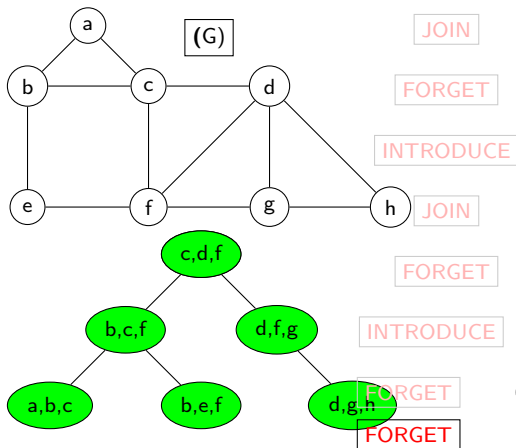
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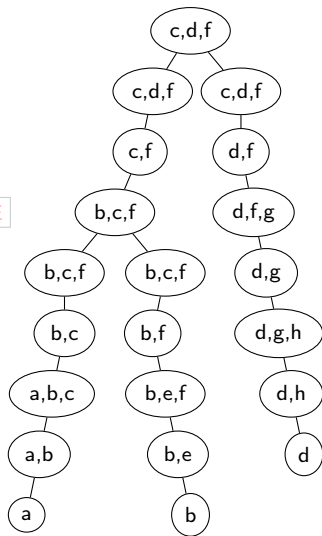
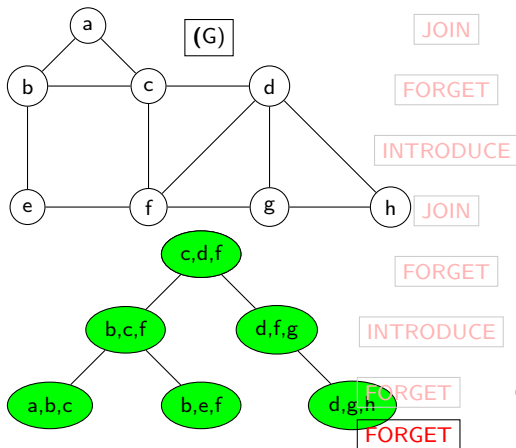
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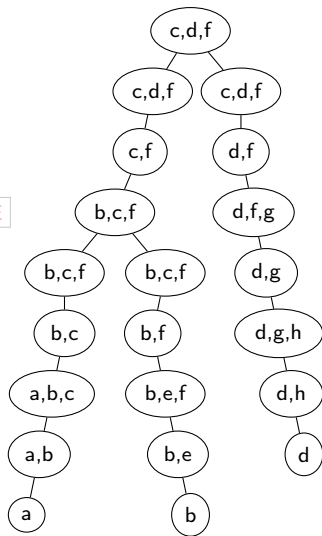
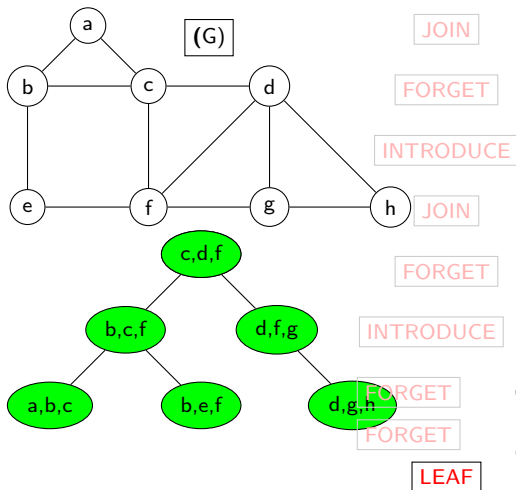
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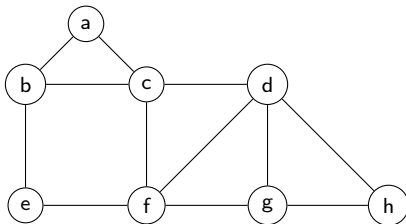
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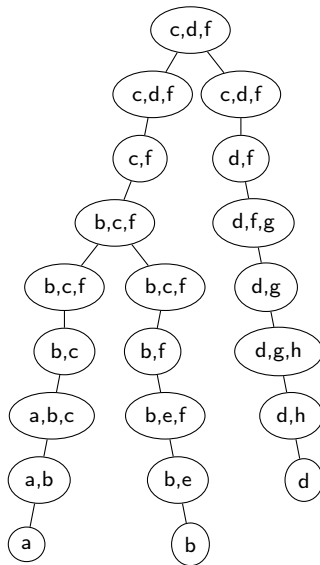
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Illustration : we will use the previously nice tree to solve the problem with this graph :



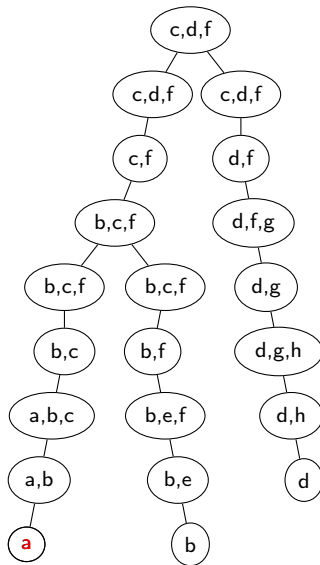
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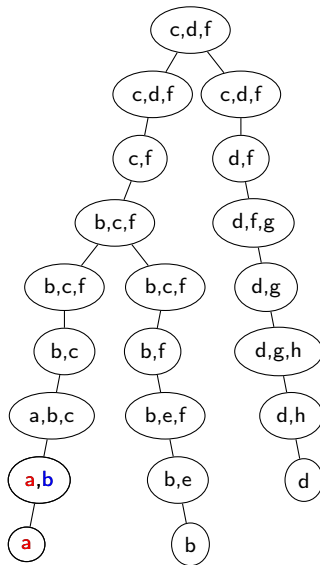
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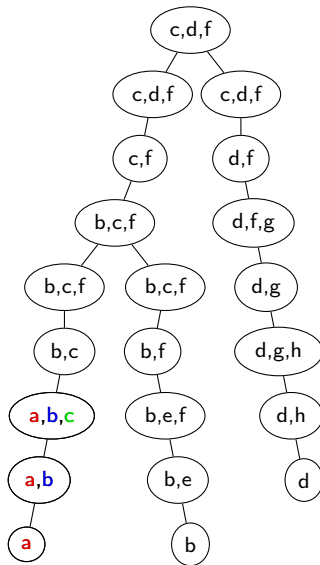
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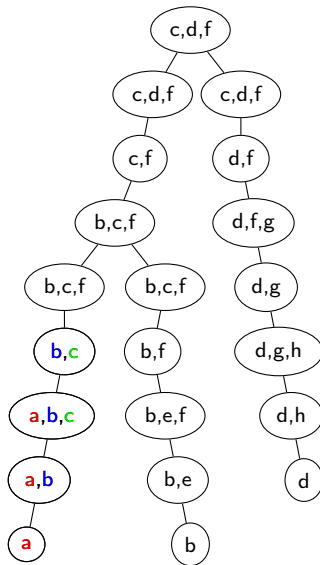
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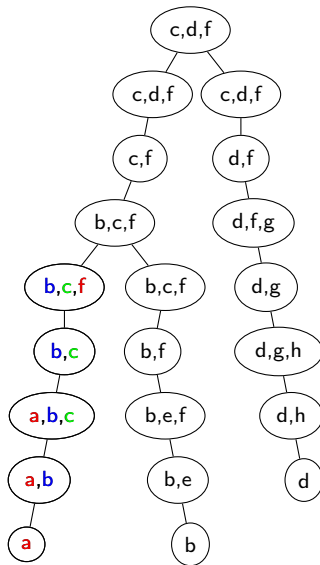
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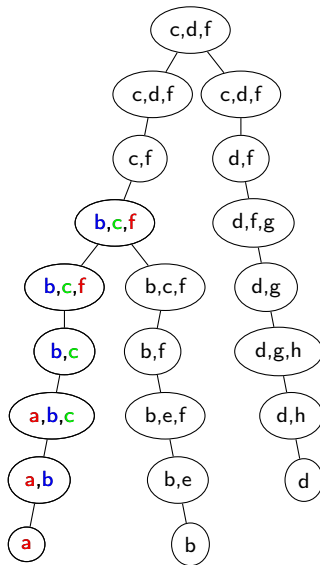
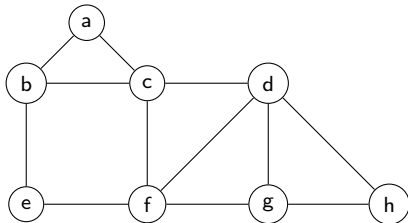
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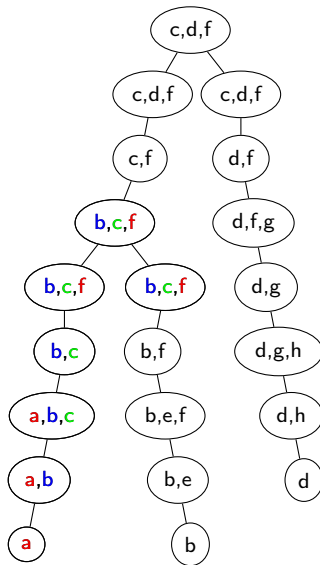
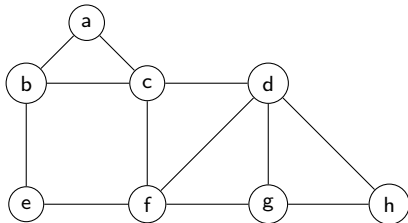
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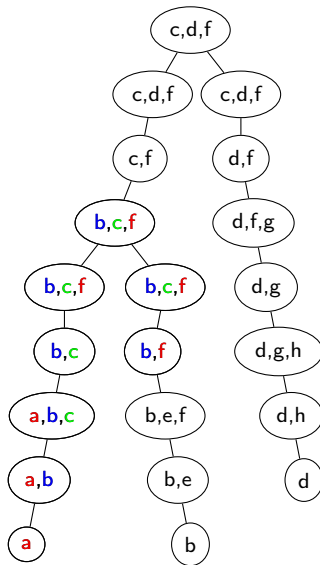
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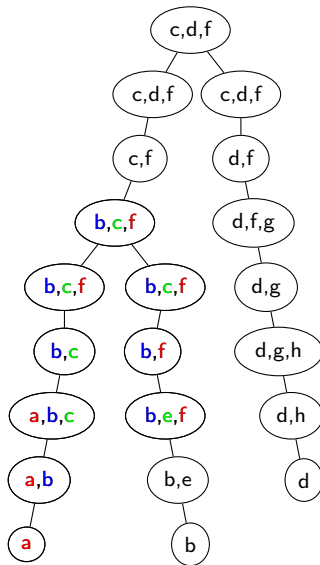
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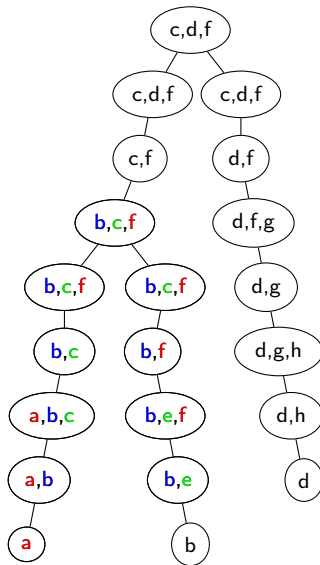
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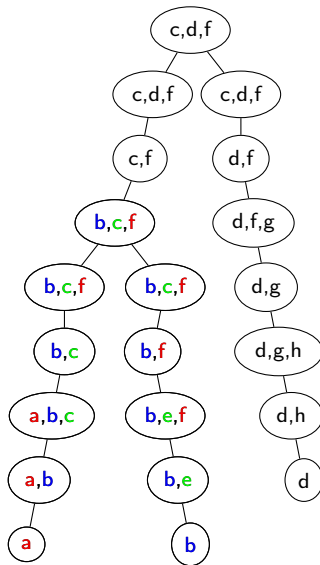
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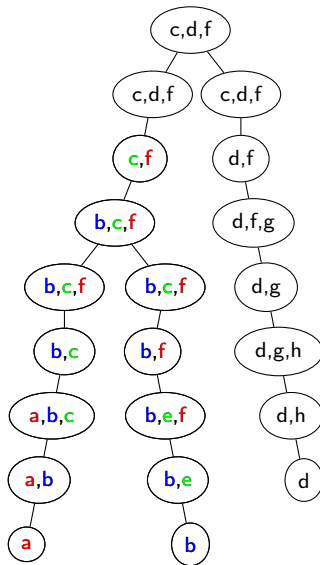
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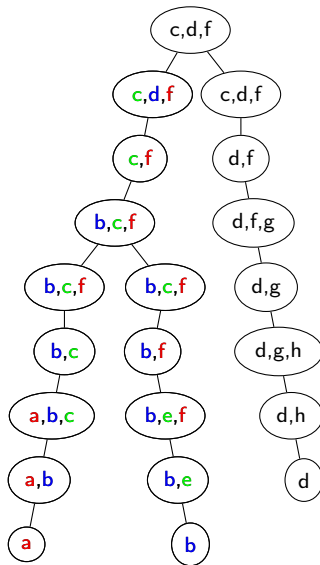
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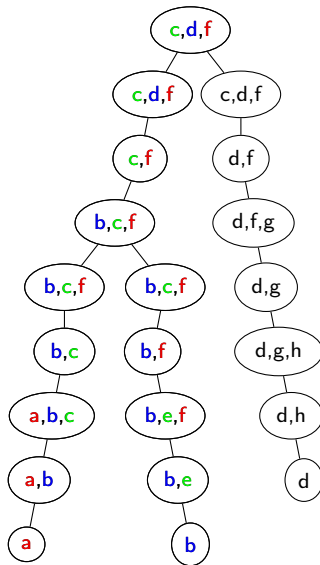
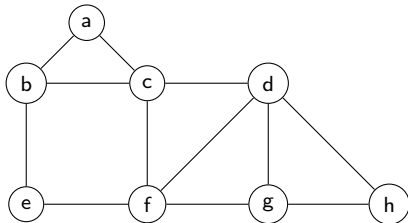
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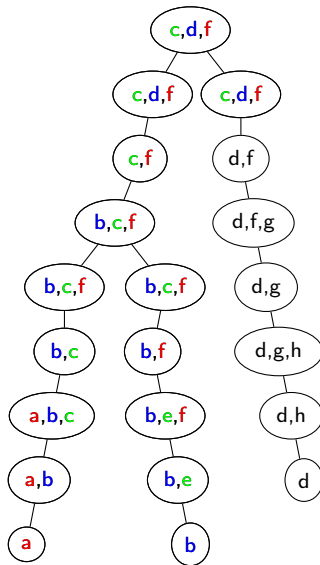
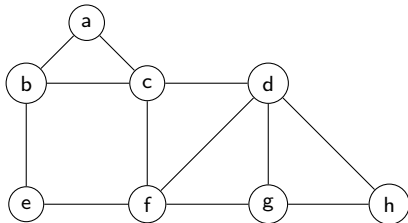
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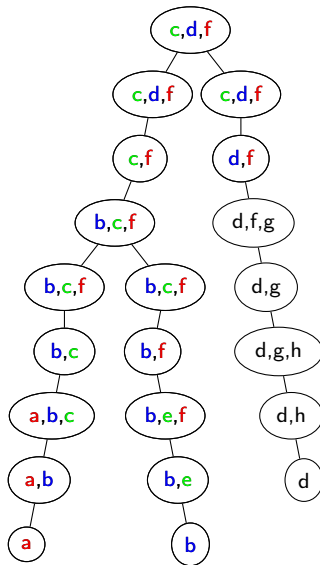
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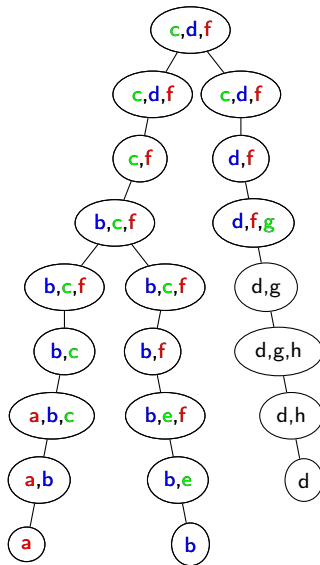
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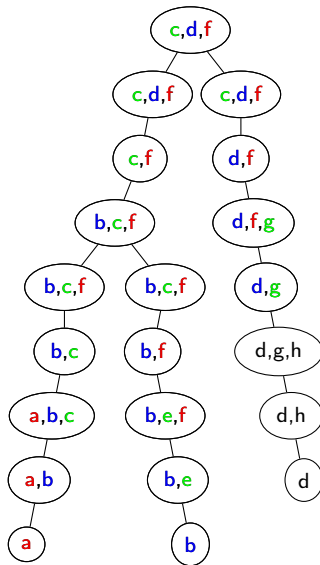
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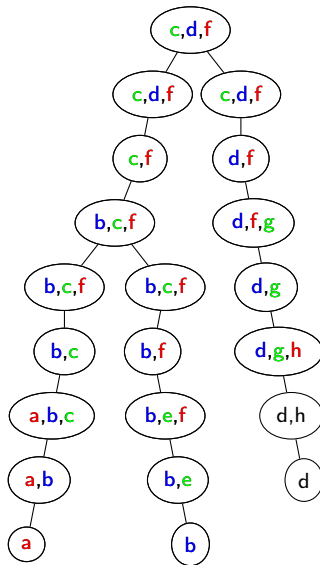
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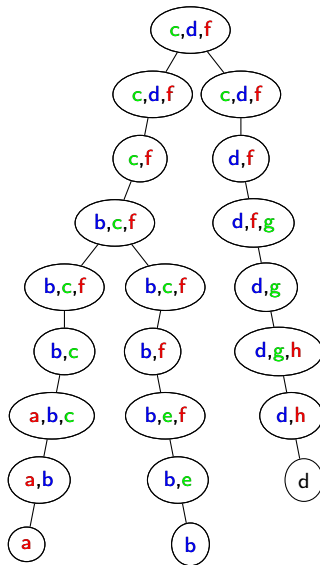
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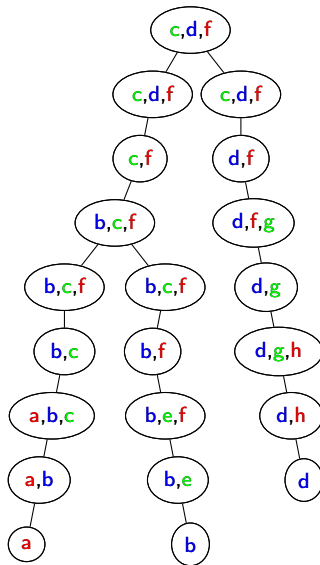
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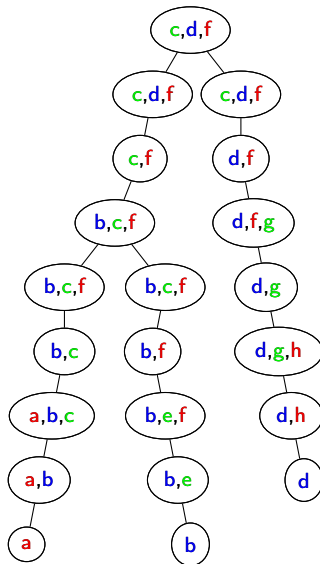
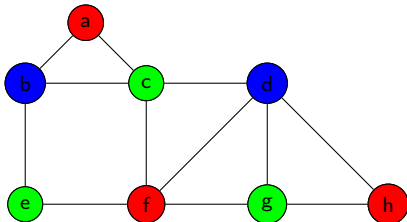
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