

# THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE TUTORING (6)

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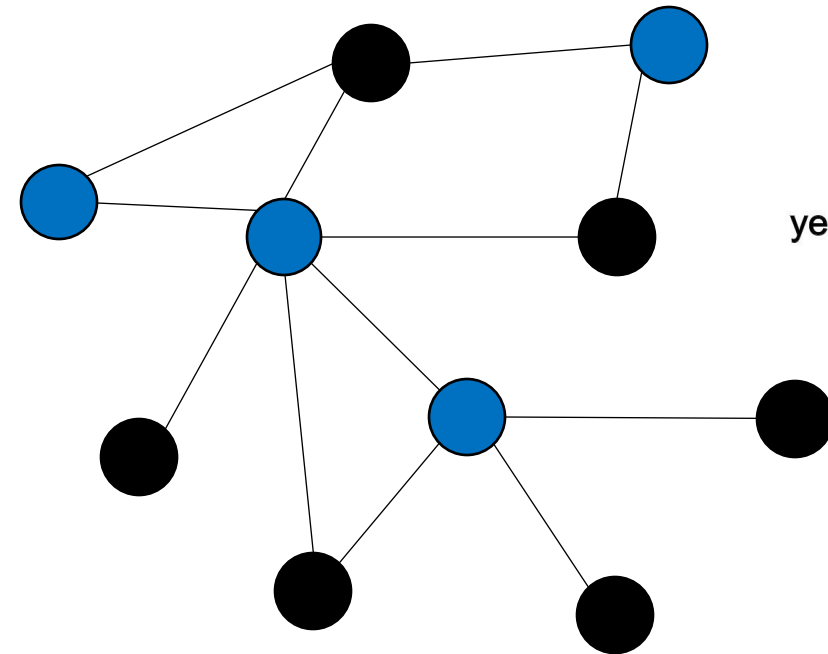
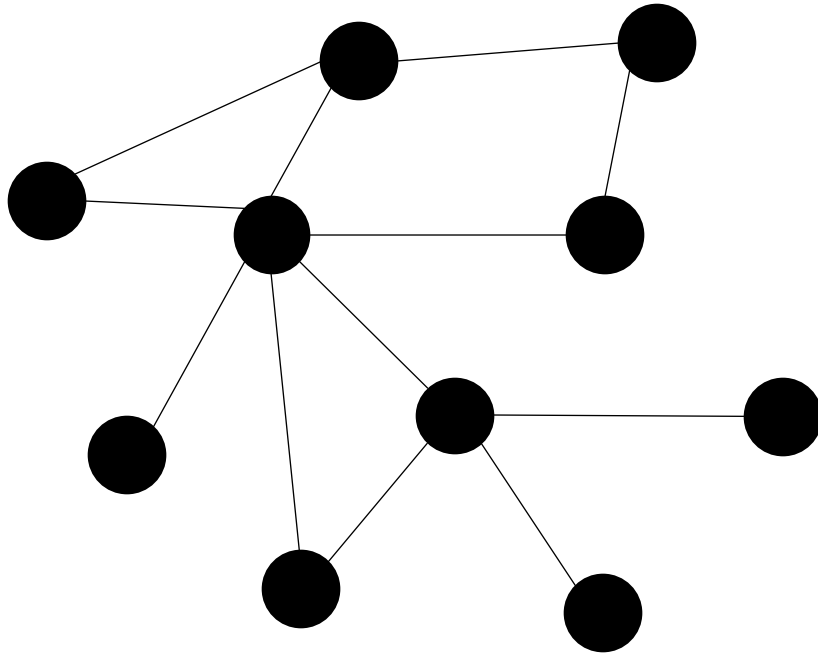
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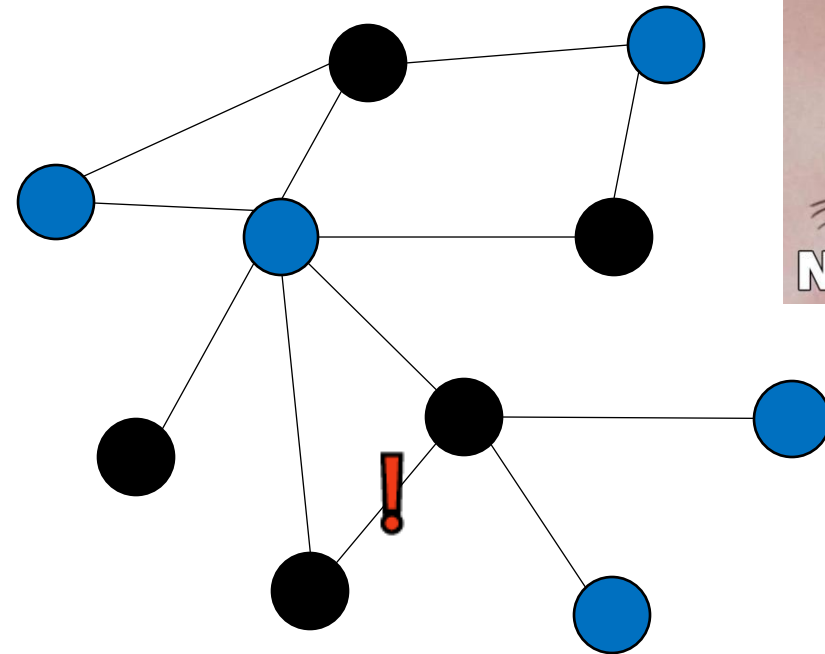
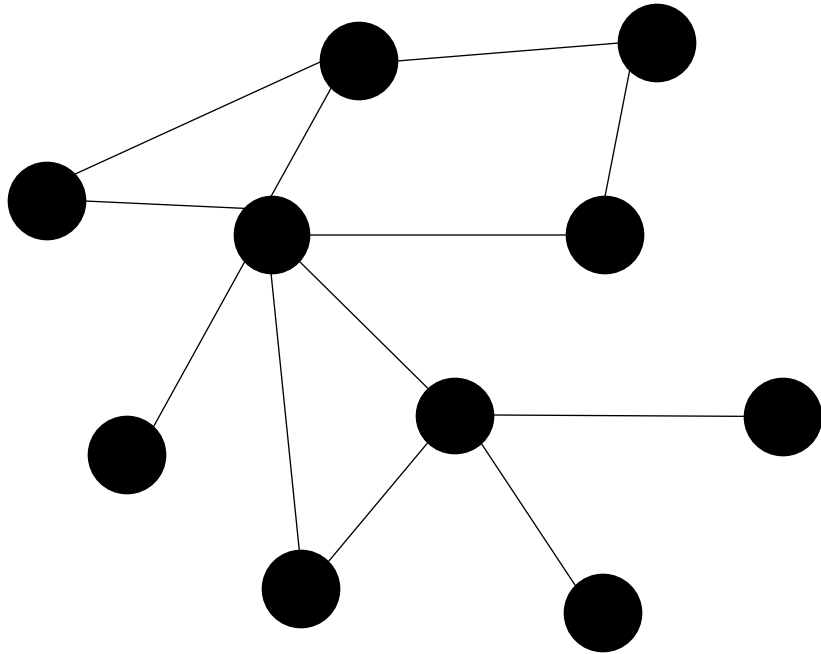
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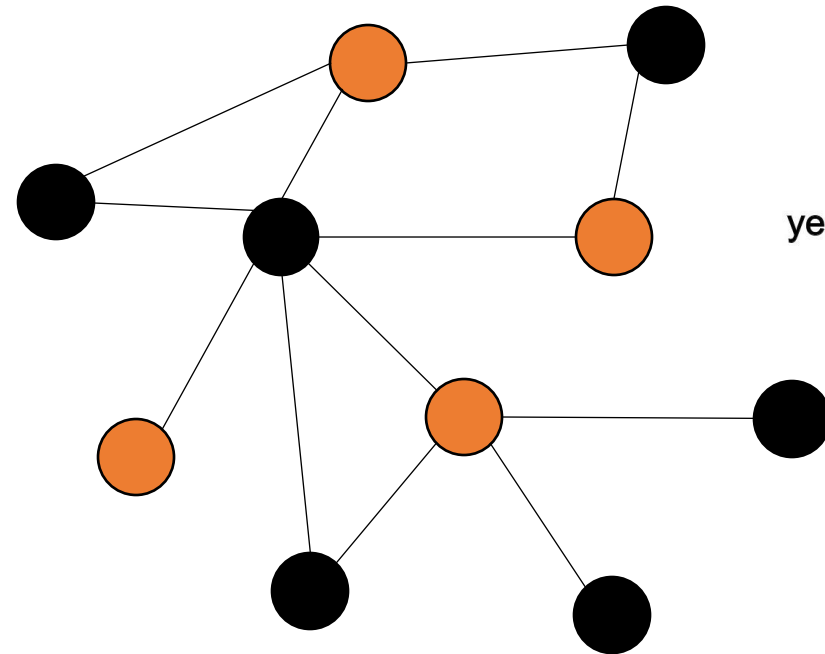
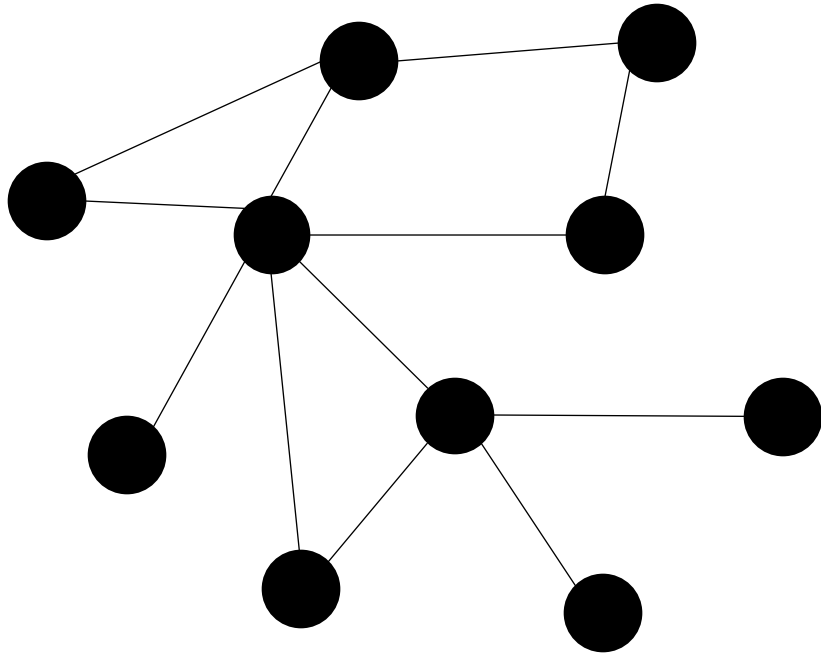
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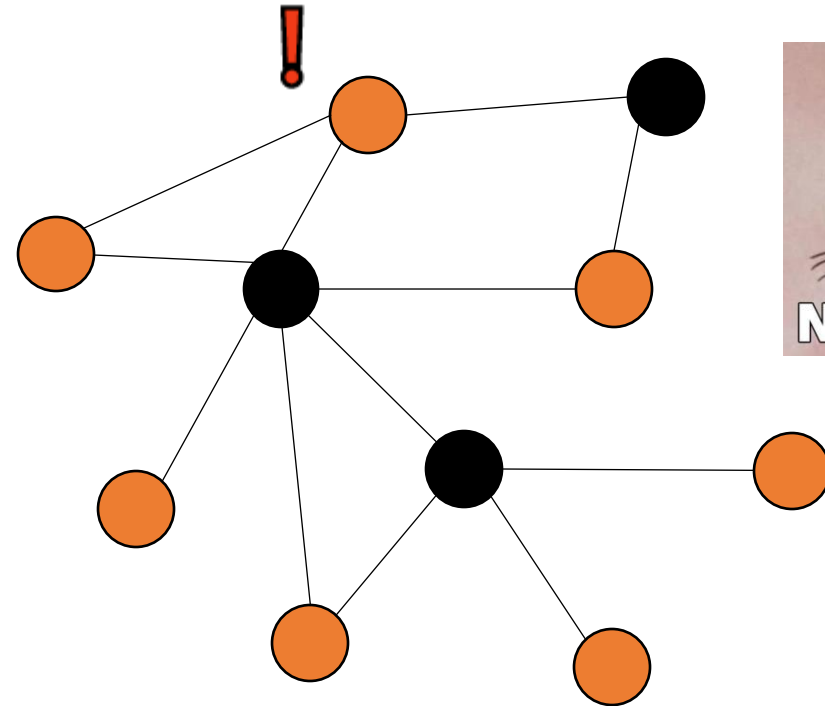
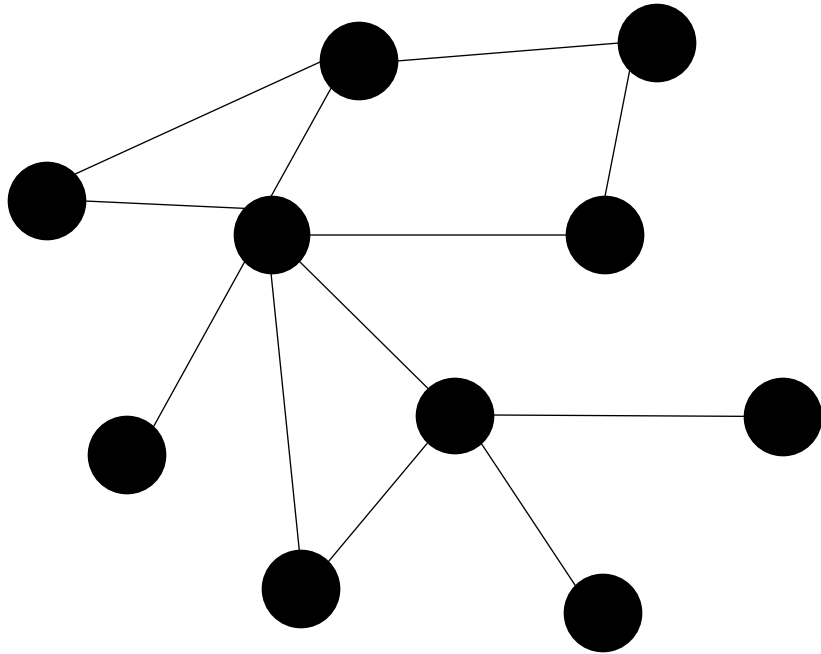
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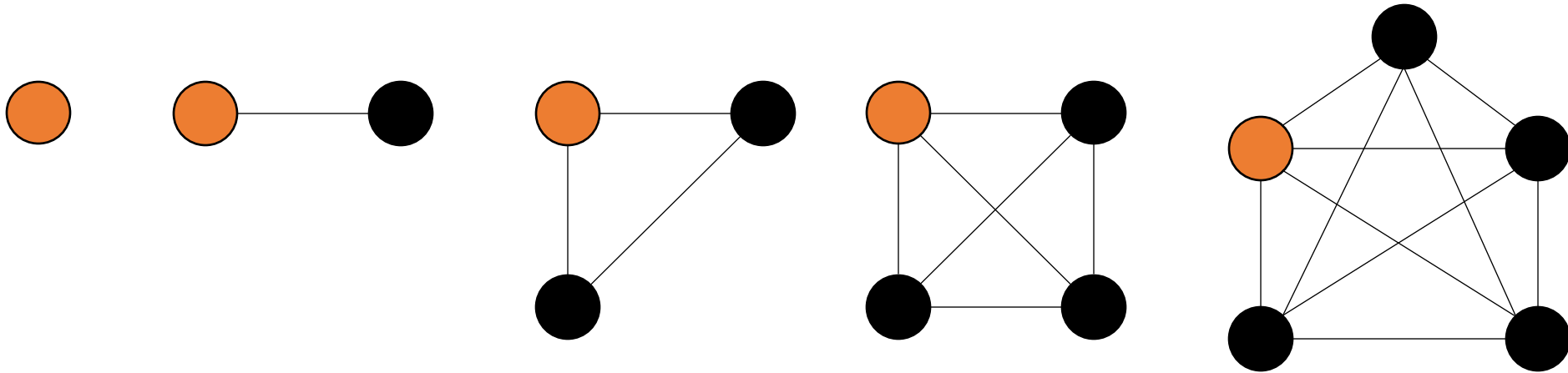


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**IS** on complete graphs



The Maximum Independent Set on a complete graph consists of a single vertex

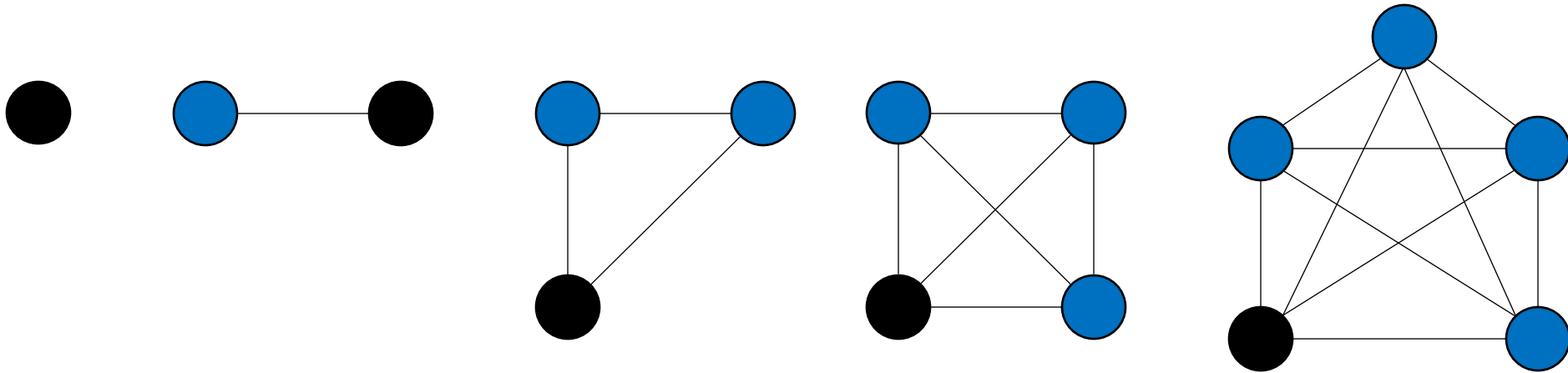


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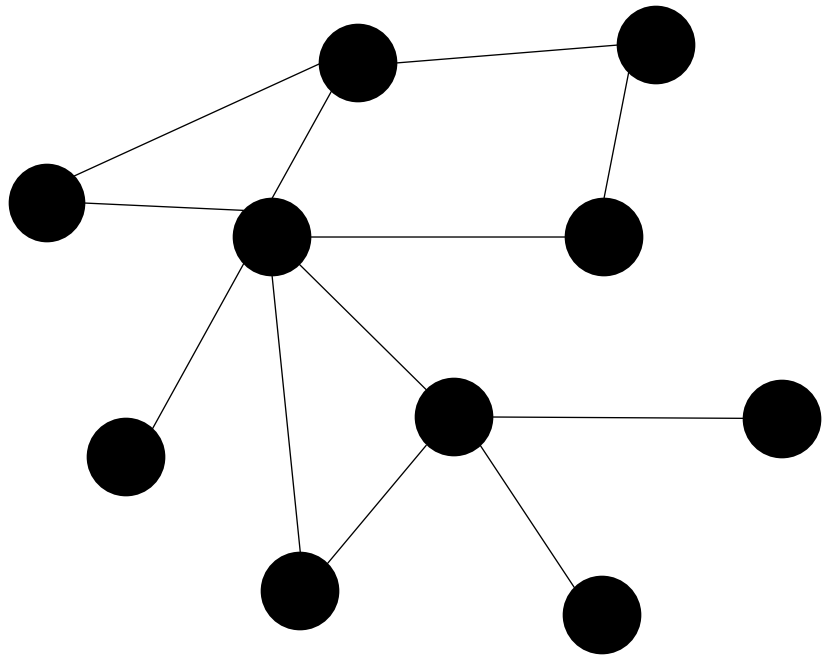
VC on complete graphs



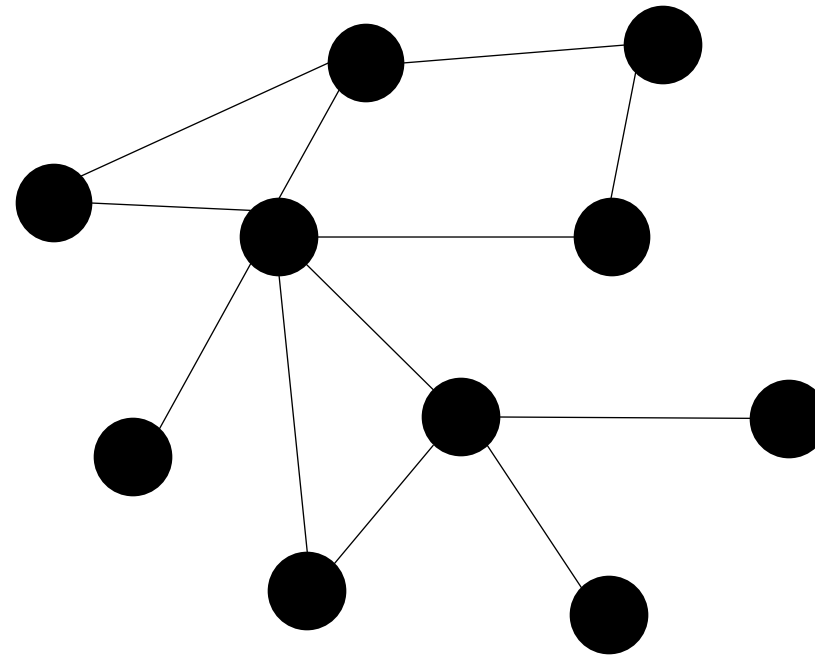
The minimum vertex cover on a complete graph with  $k$  nodes is of  $k-1$  nodes



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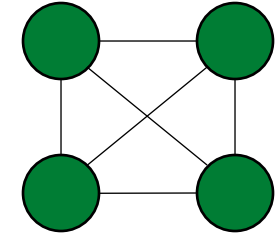
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Instance of our problem

**VC**  $\vee$  **IS**

$k + 3$  clique



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Instance of **VC**  $\vee$  **IS**

$$I_{ex} = \{\langle G_{ex} = (V_{ex}, E_{ex}), k + 1 \rangle : G_{ex} \text{ is an undirected graph} \wedge k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$G_{ex}$  is obtained by adding a clique of  $k + 3$  nodes to  $G$

\*  $G_{ex}$  doesn't have a **VC** of at most  $k + 1$  vertices  $\Rightarrow$  ~~**VC**~~  $\vee$  **IS**

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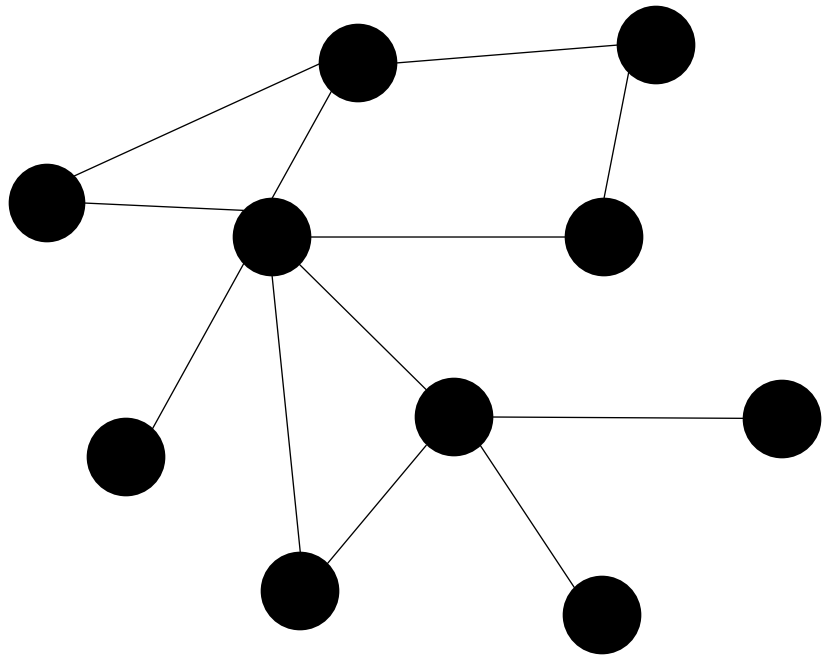
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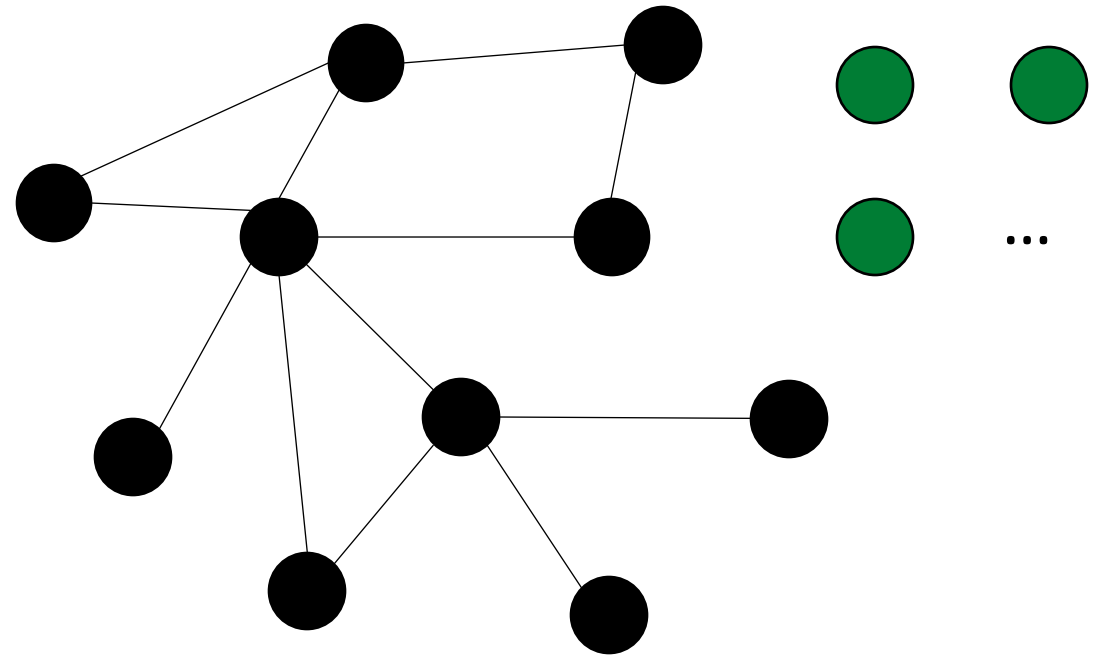
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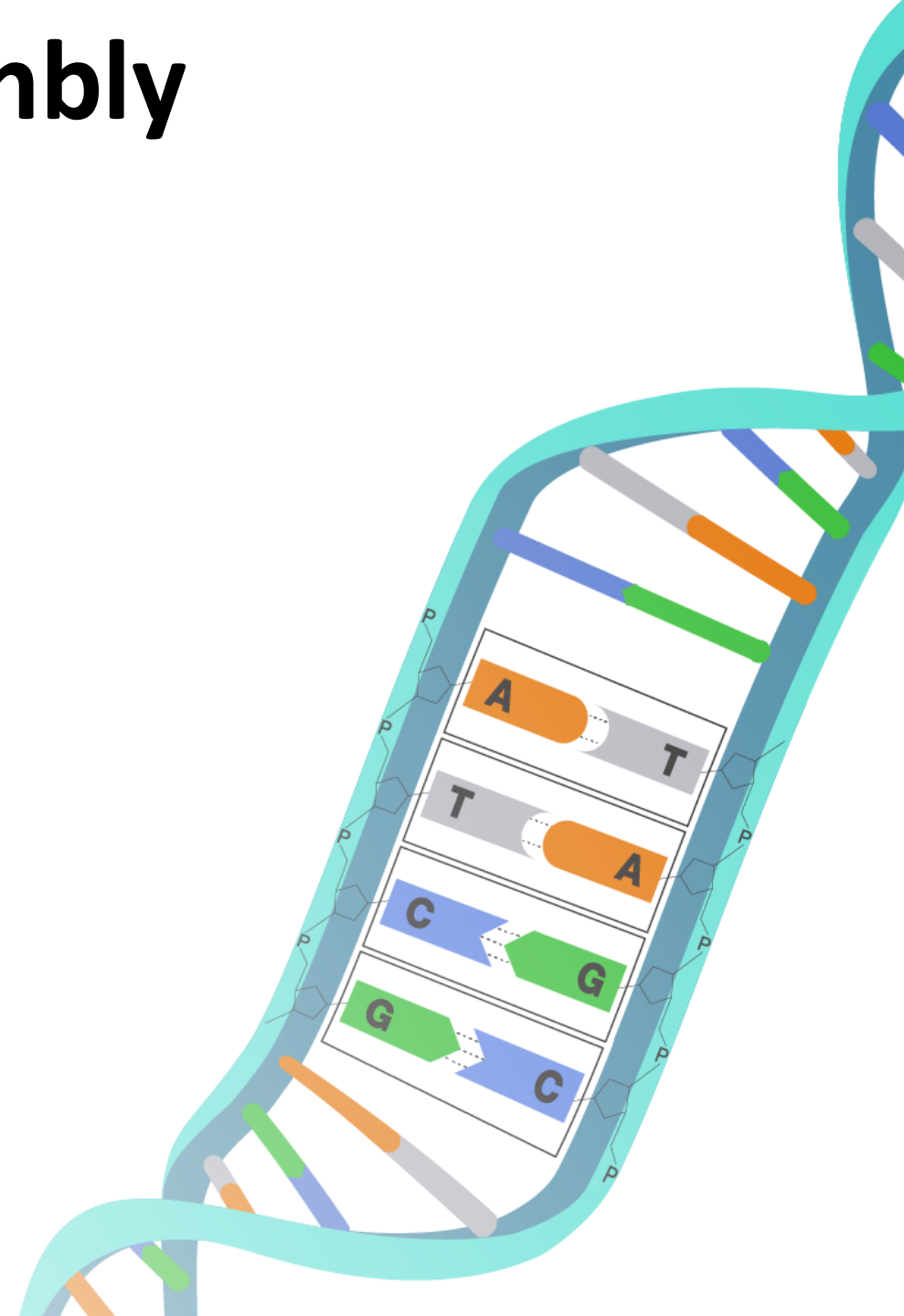
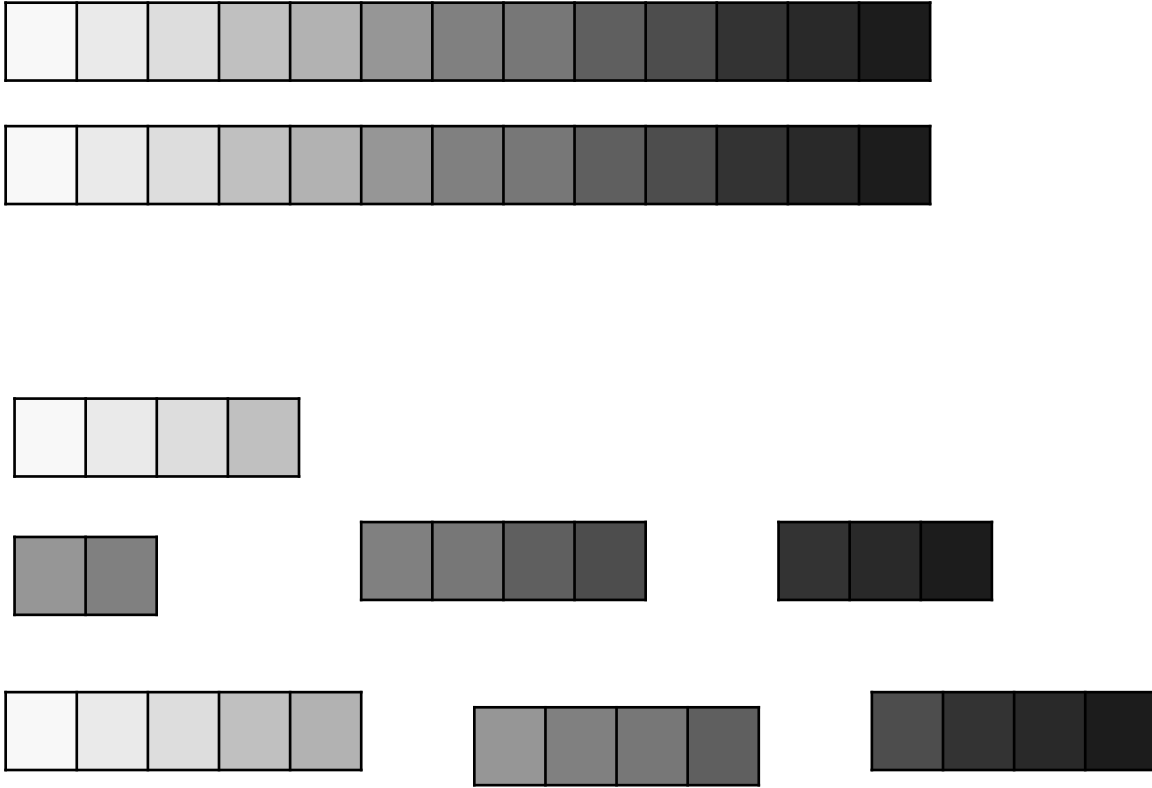
$$V_{exam} = V \cup \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$$

$G_{exam}$  has an **IS** of at least  $k$  vertices

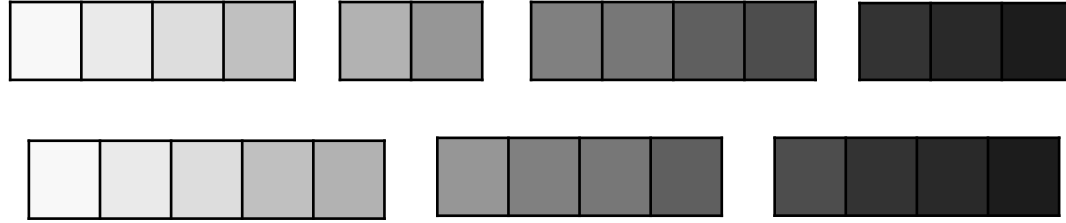
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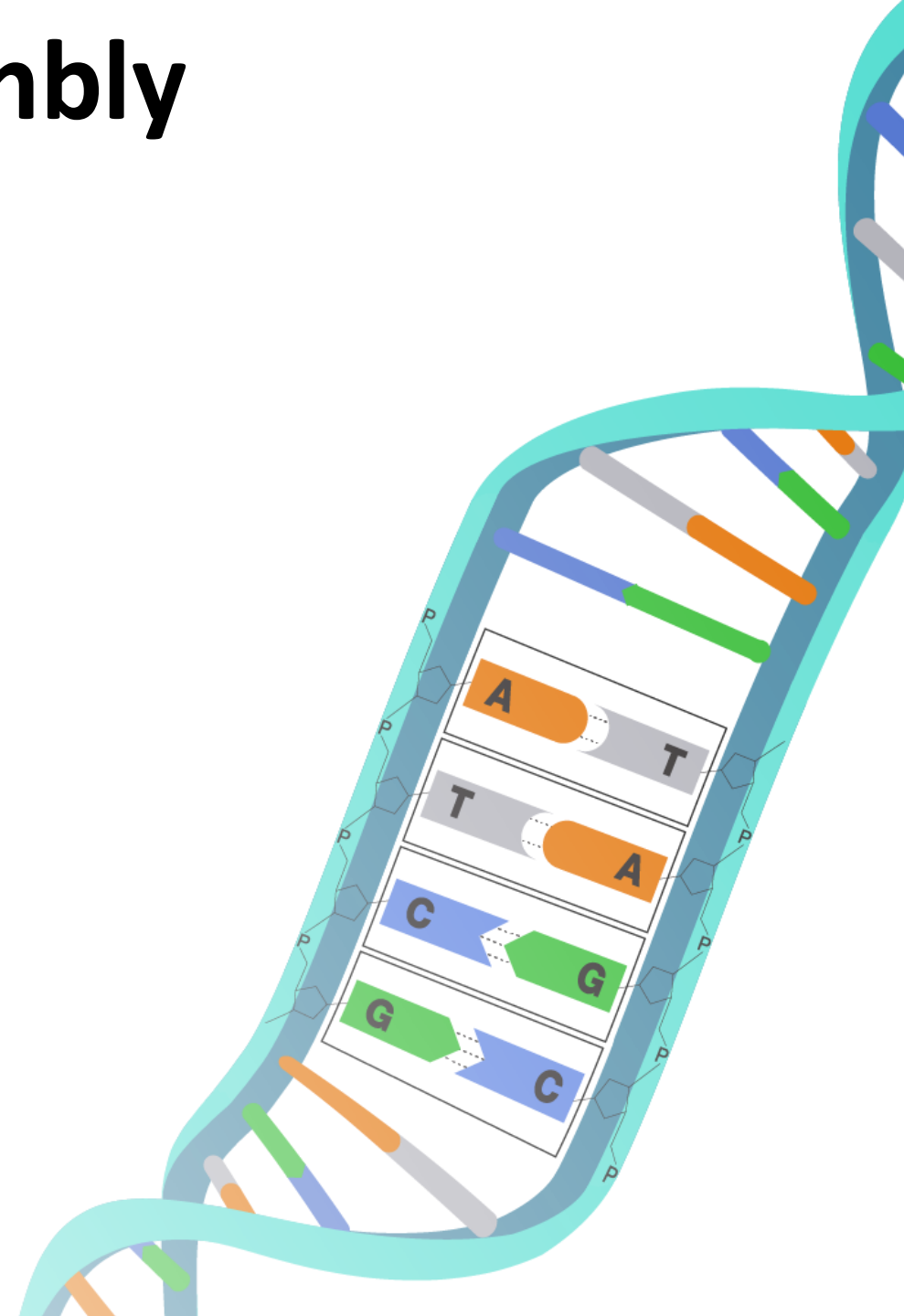
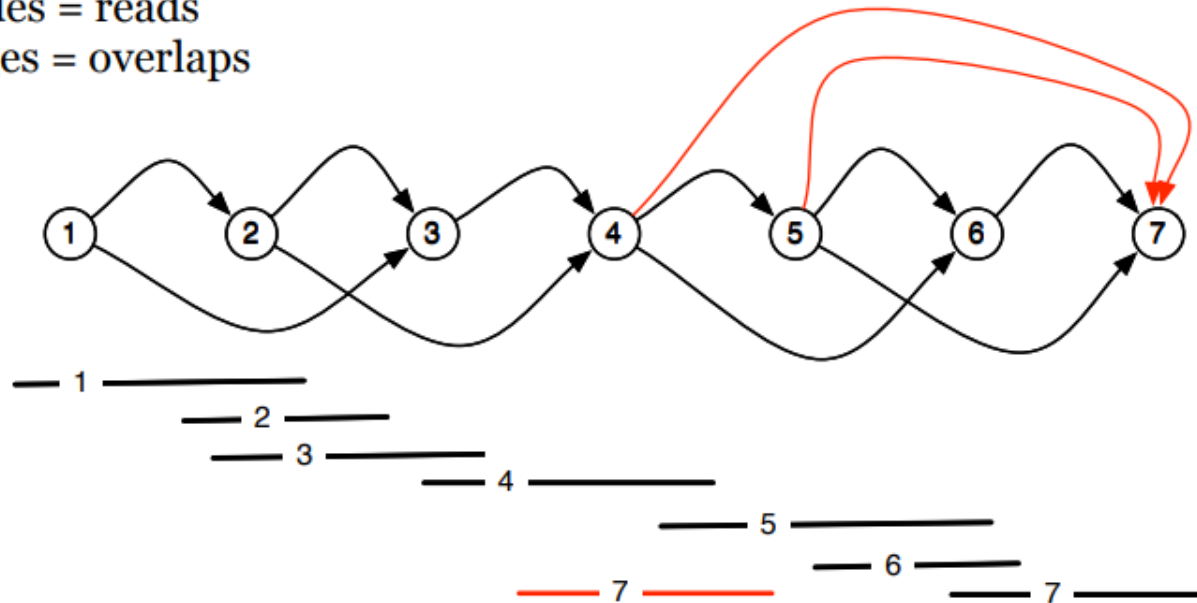
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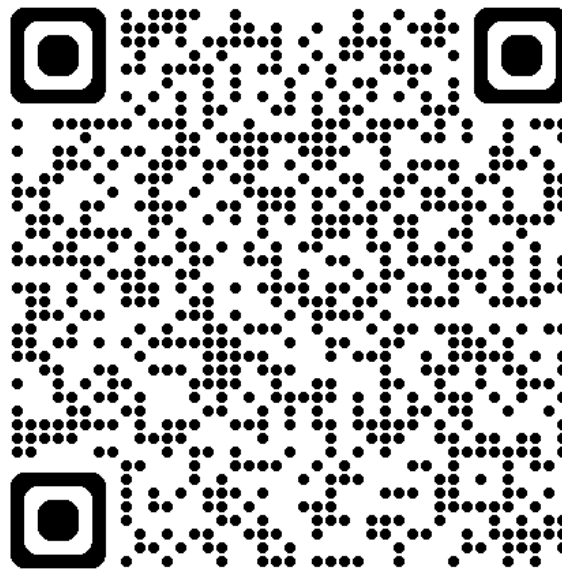
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Overlap graph:  
Nodes = reads  
Edges = overlaps



# GRAZIE A TUTTI



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