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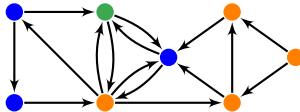
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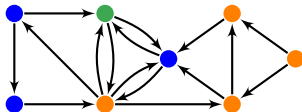
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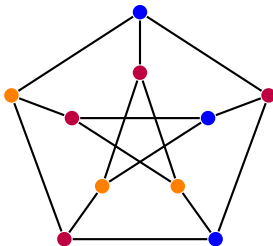
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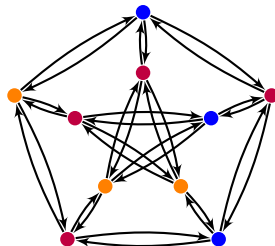
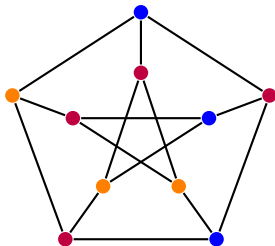
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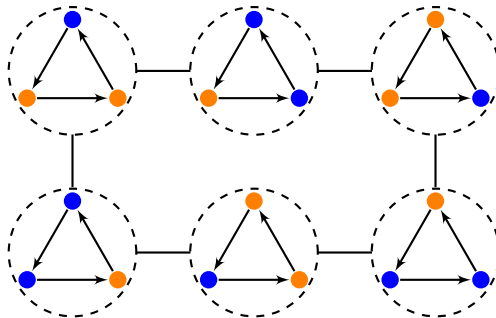
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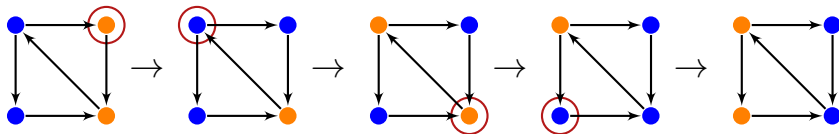
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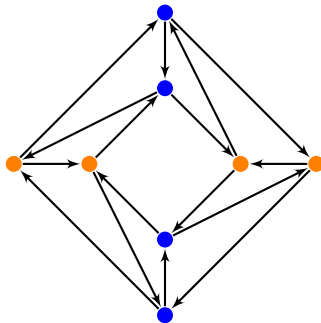
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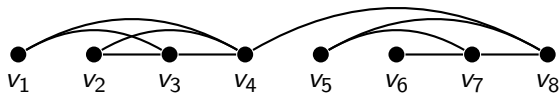
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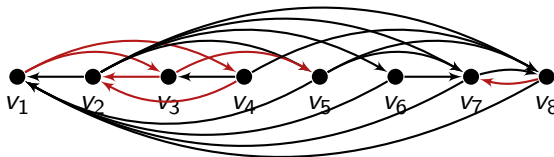
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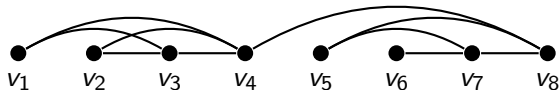
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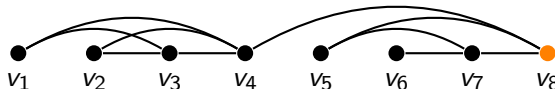
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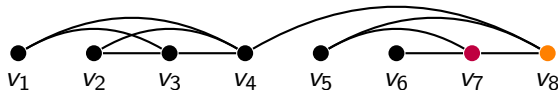
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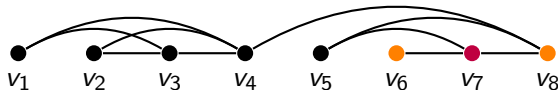
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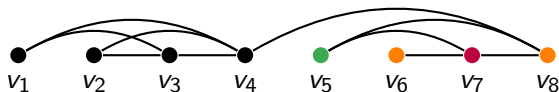
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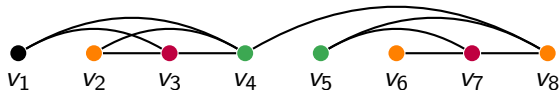
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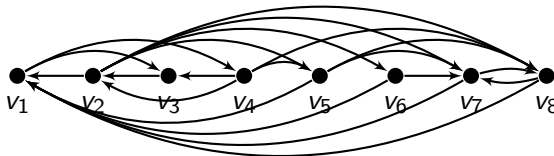
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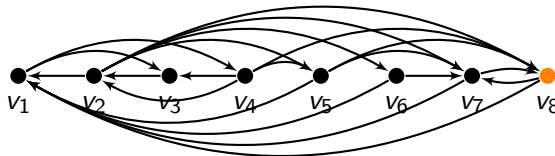
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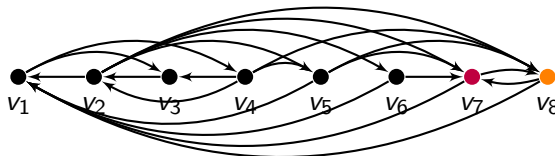
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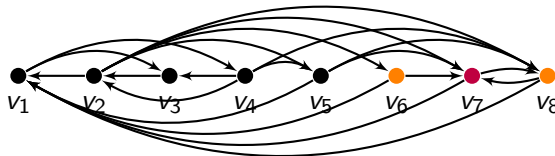
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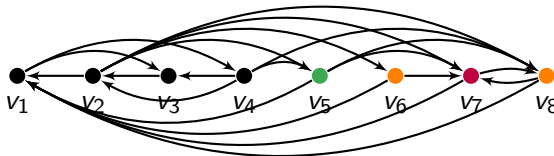
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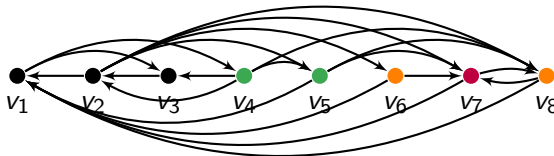
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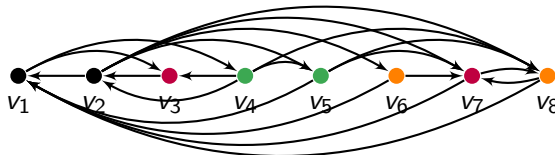
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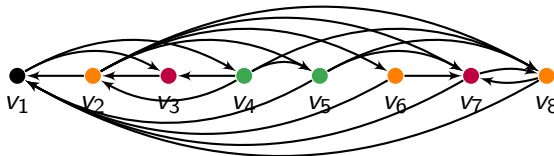
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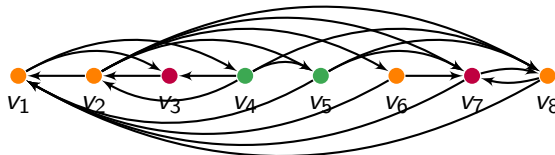
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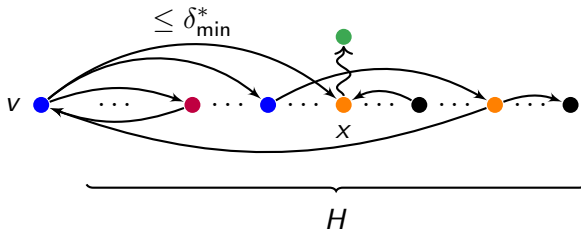
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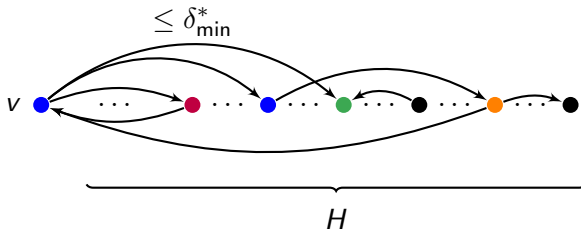


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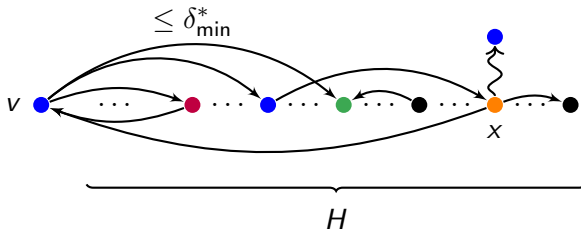


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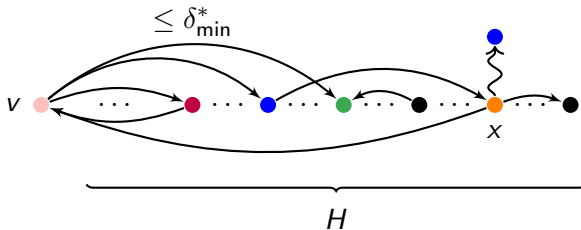


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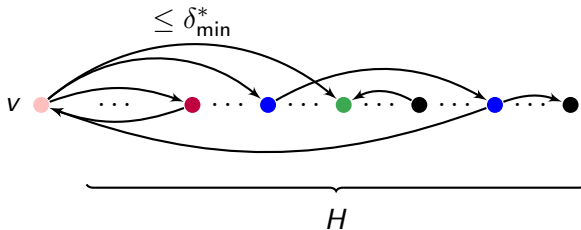


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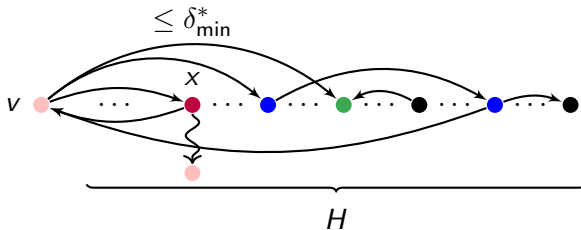


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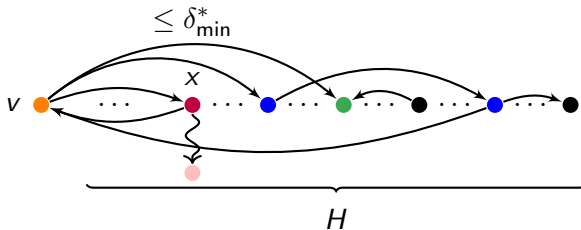


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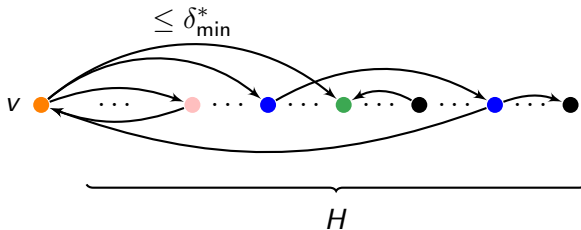


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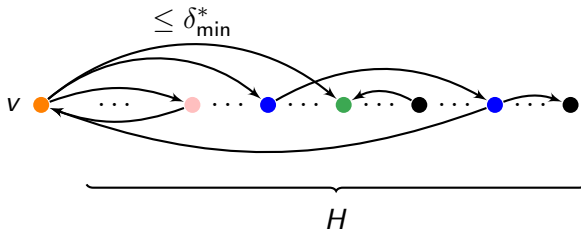


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By **induction** $\exists \alpha|_H \xrightarrow{2^{n-1}-1} \beta|_H$.

When **x is recoloured in H** , either we can recolour it in D , or we can first recolour v and then recolour x :



At the end we find $\alpha \longrightarrow \beta$ of length $\leq 2(2^{n-1} - 1) + 1 = 2^n - 1$

An analogue of Cereceda's conjecture.

Conjecture (Cereceda, 2007)

If $k \geq \delta^(G) + 2$, then $\text{diam}(\mathcal{C}_k(G)) = O(n^2)$.*

We posed the analogue for digraphs :

Conjecture

If $k \geq \delta_{\min}^(D) + 2$, then $\text{diam}(\mathcal{D}_k(D)) = O(n^2)$.*

A partial result

Theorem (Bousquet, Heinrich)

If $k \geq \frac{3}{2}(\delta^(G) + 1)$, then $\text{diam}(\mathcal{C}_k(G)) = O(n^2)$.*

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Using the Maximum Average Degree

$$MAD(D) = \max \left\{ \frac{2|A(H)|}{|V(H)|} \mid H \text{ subdigraph of } D \right\}$$

Theorem

If an oriented graph D satisfies $MAD(D) < \frac{7}{2}$ then it is 2-mixing.

Conjecture

It is also true when $MAD(D) < 4$.

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About complexity

Theorem

For every $k \geq 2$, given a digraph D together with two k -dicolourings α, β of D , deciding if there is a recolouring sequence (with k colours) between α and β is PSPACE-complete.

Problem

What is the complexity of deciding if D is k -mixing for any fixed $k \geq 2$?

Thanks for your attention.