

# **Master's Thesis Presentation**

## **On the Parameterized Complexity of SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET on Graph Classes**

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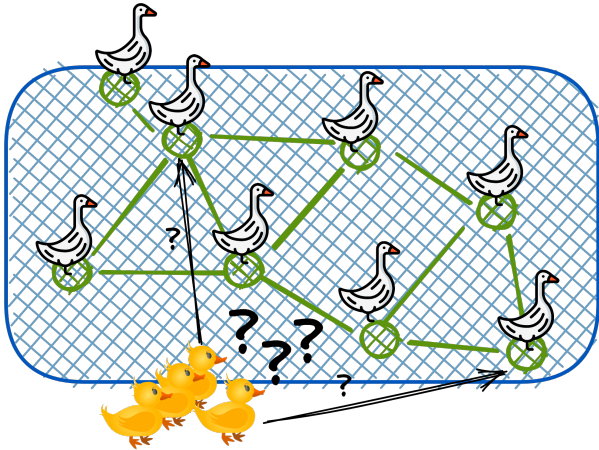
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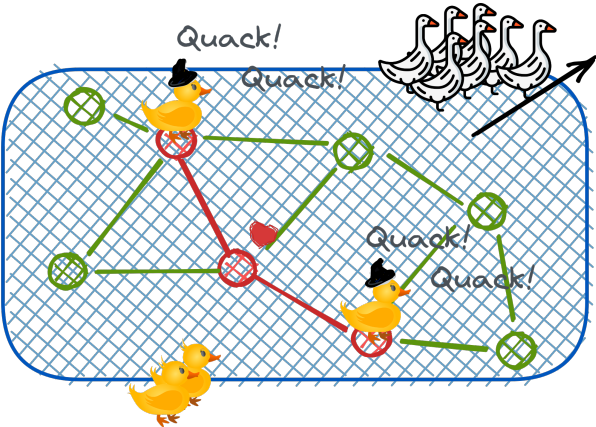
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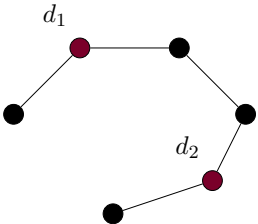
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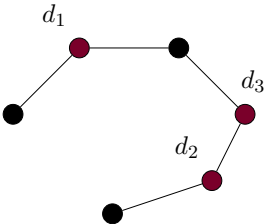
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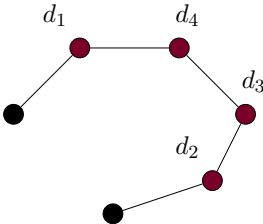
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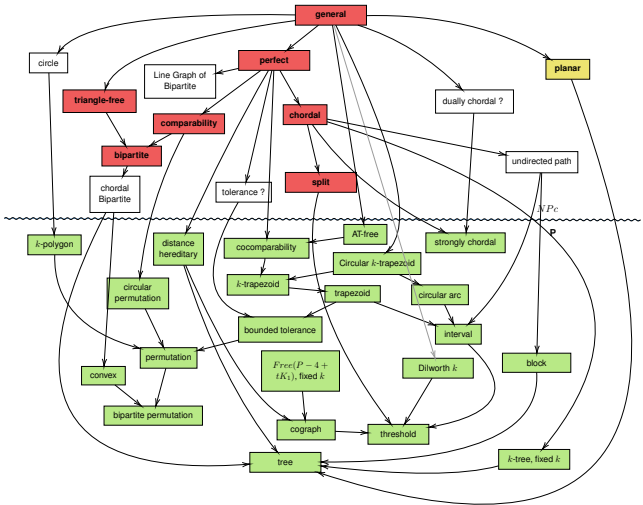
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Graph Class	DOMINATING SET		SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET		TOTAL DOMINATING SET	
	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized
bipartite	NPc [4]	$W[2]$ [40]	NPc [26]	$W[2]$ (We)	NPc [33]	?
line graph of bipartite	NPc [29]	?	NPc [19]	?	NPc [36]	?
circle	NPc [27]	$W[1]$ [7]	NPc [28]	?	NPc [36]	$W[1]$ [7]
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chordal bipartite	NPc [37]	?	NPc [26]	?		P [15]
planar	NPc [20]	FPT [2]	NPc	FPT (We)	NPc	FPT [21]
undirected path	NPc [6]	FPT [18]	NPc [25]	?	NPc [32]	?
dually chordal		P [8]		? <sup>1</sup>		P [31]
strongly chordal		P [17]		P [41]	NPc [17]	
AT-free		P [30]		P [28]		P [30]
tolerance		P [23]		?		?
block		P [17]		P [25]		P [10]
interval		P [12]		P [39]		P [5]
bounded clique-width		P [13]		P [13]		P [13]
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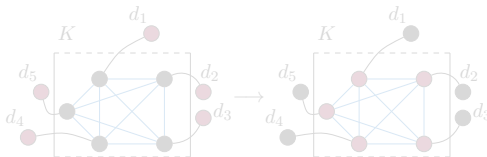
## Warmup: Intractability Results

$W[2]$ -hard on *split, chordal and bipartite graphs*

- **Split Graph:**  $G = \text{Clique} + \text{IndependentSet}$

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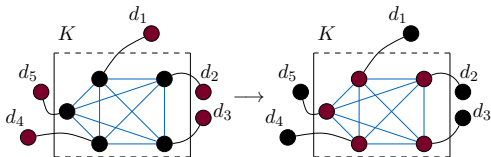


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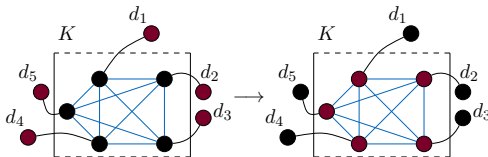


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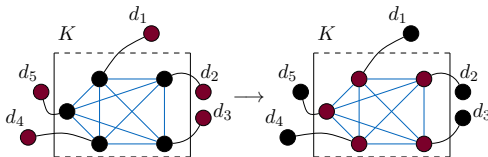
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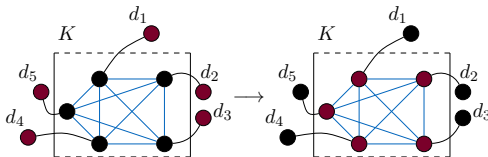


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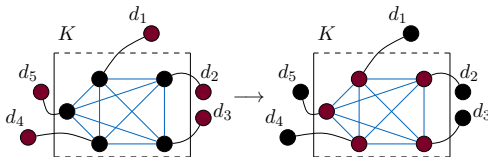


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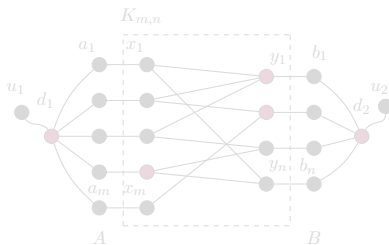


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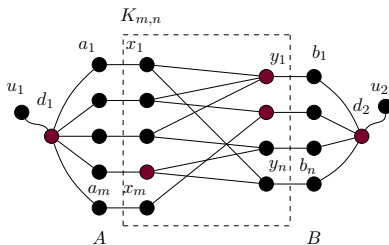


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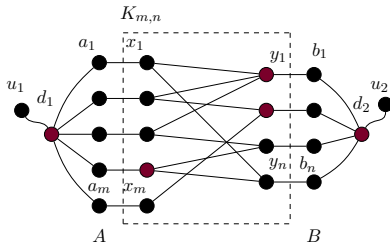


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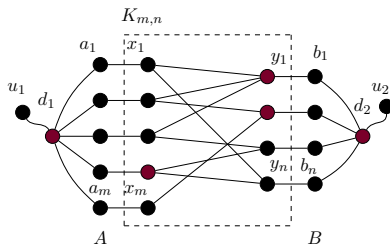


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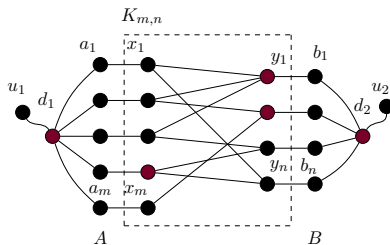


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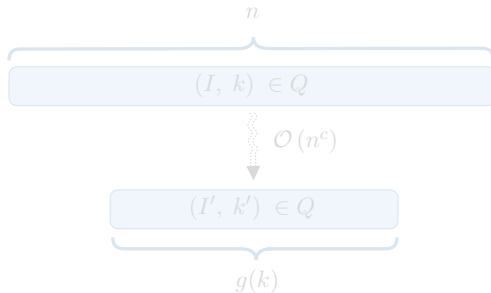
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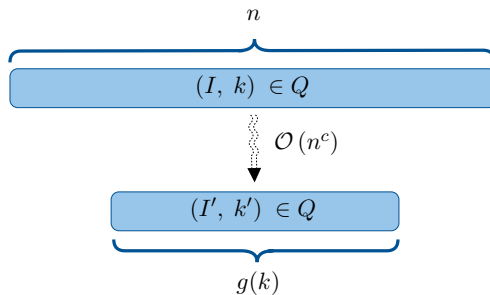
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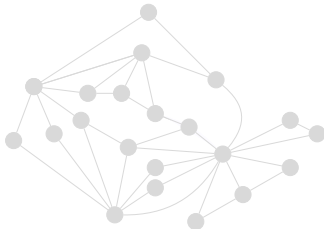
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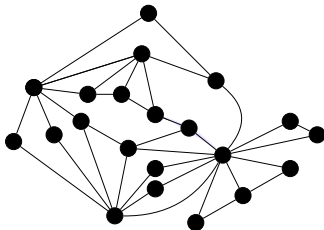


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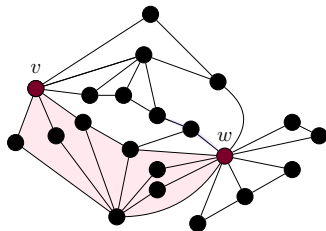


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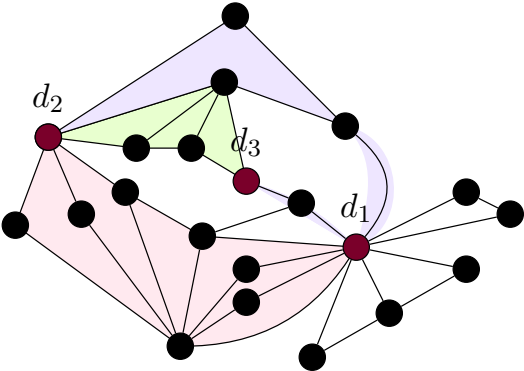
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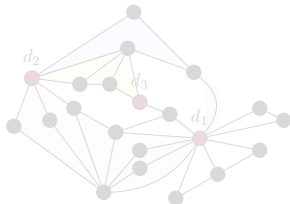
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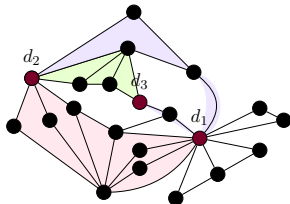
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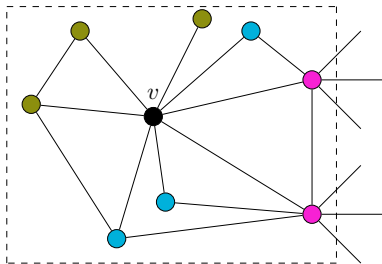
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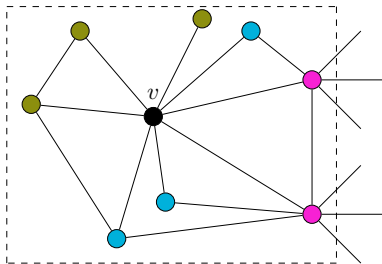
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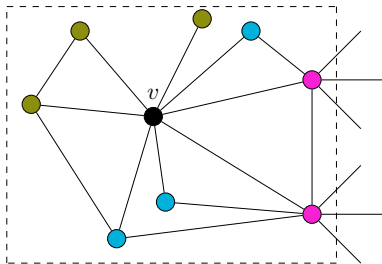
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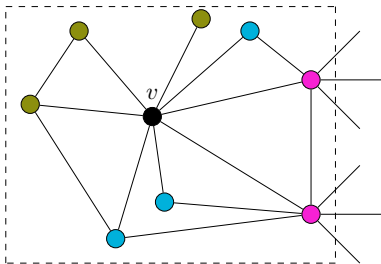
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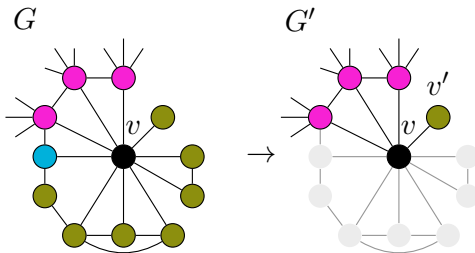
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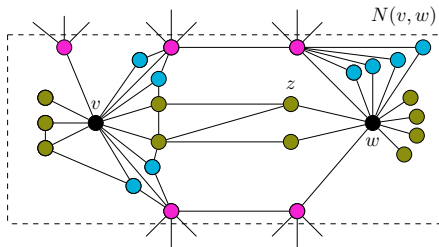
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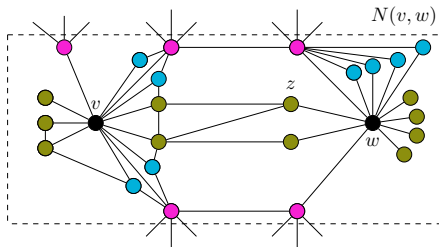
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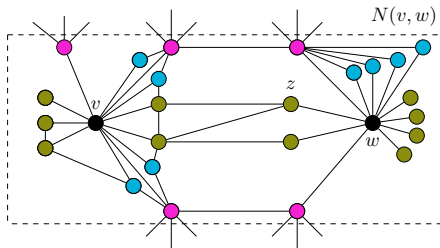
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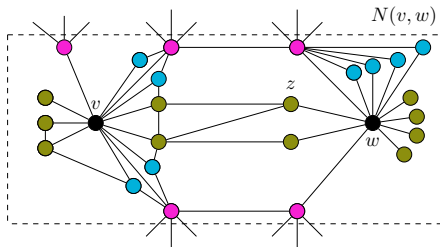
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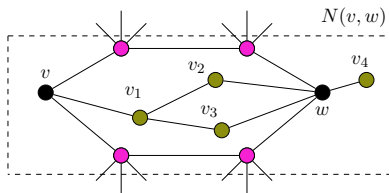
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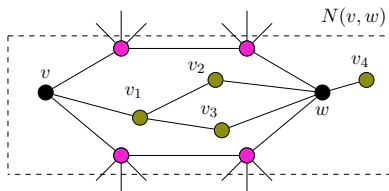
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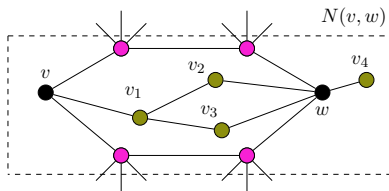
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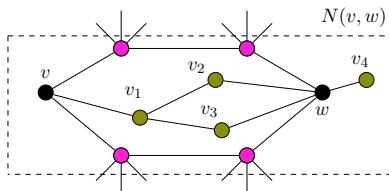
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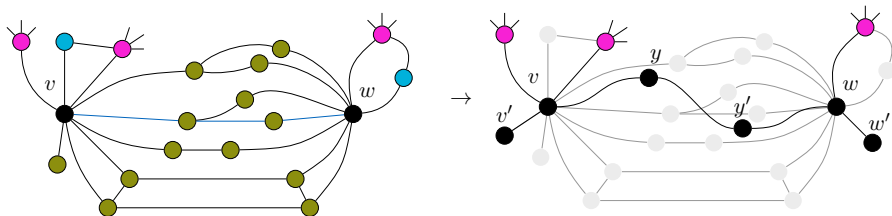
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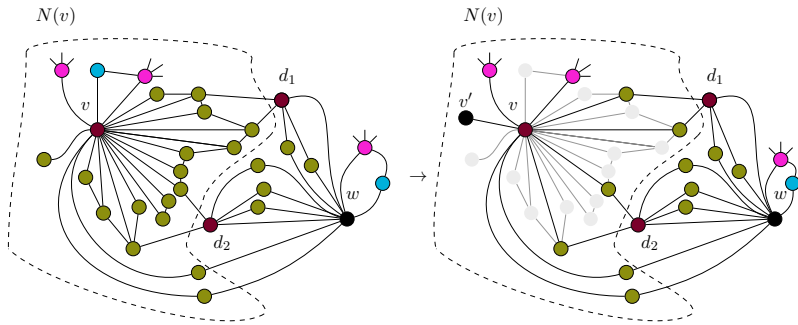


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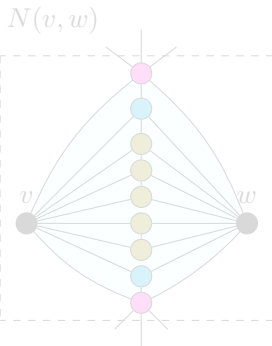


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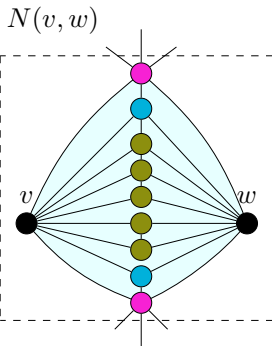


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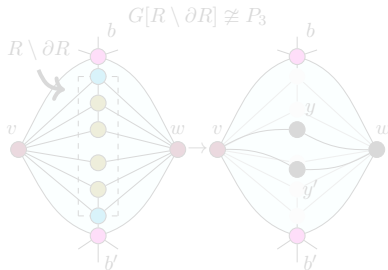


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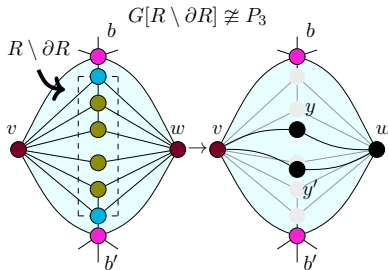


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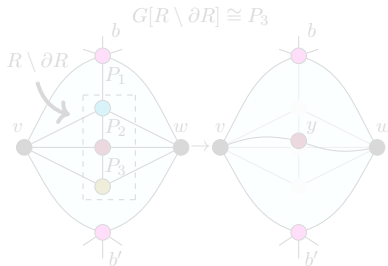


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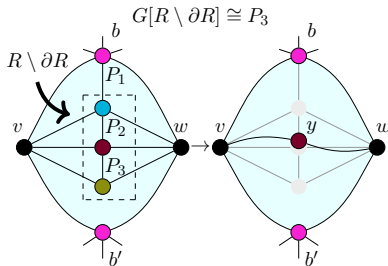


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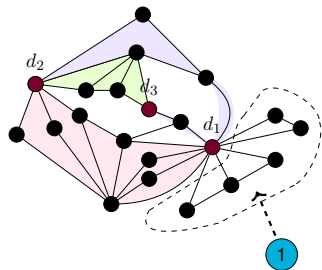
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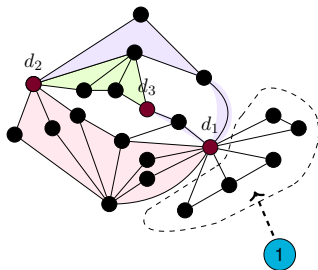
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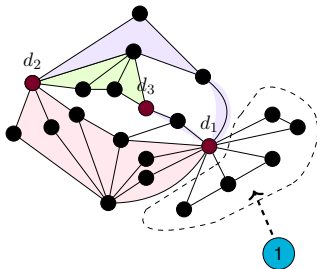
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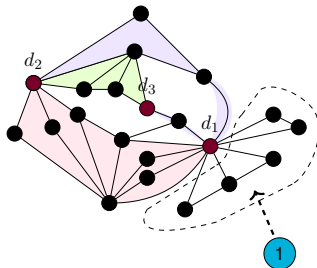
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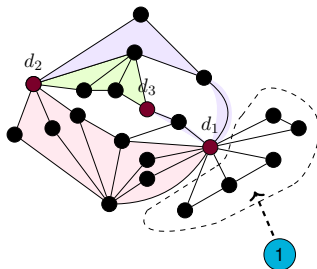
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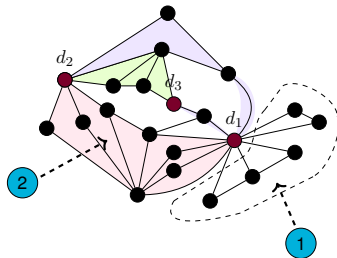
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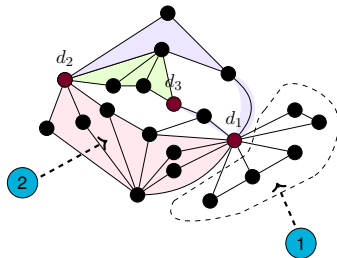
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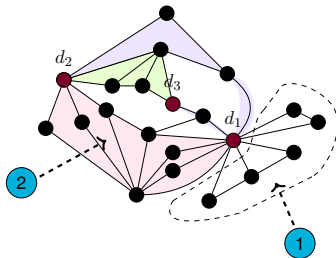
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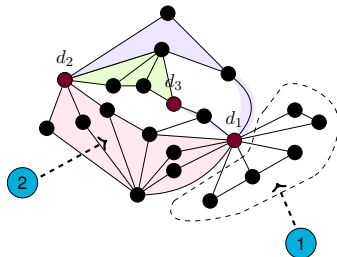


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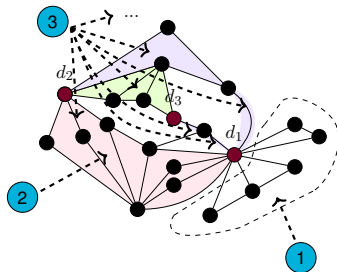


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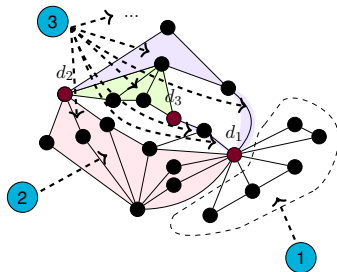
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Let  $D$  be sds of size  $k$ . There exists a maximal  $D$ -region decomposition  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that:

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- 2 There are at most  $97 \cdot k$  vertices outside of any region;
- 3 Each region  $R \in \mathfrak{R}$  contains at most 87 vertices.

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