

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

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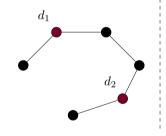
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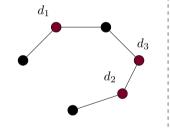


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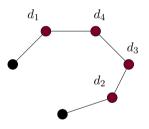
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## **Complexity Comparison**



Graph Class	DOMINATING SET		SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET		TOTAL DOMINATING SET	
	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized
bipartite	NPc [4]	W[2] [39]	NPc [25]	W[2] (this)	NPc [32]	W[2] (cite!)
line graph of bipartite	NPc [28]	?	NPc [19]	? (?)	NPc [35]	?
circle	NPc [26]	W[1][7]	NPc [27]	? (?)	NPc [35]	W[1][7]
chordal	NPc [6]	W[2] [39]	NPc [25]	W[2] (this)	NPc [37]	W[1] [11] by split
s-chordal , $s>3$	NPc [33]	W[2] [33]	? (?)	? (?)	NPc [33]	W[1] [33]
split	NPc [4]	W[2] [39]	NPc [25]	W[2] this	NPc [37]	W[1] [11]
3-claw-free	NPc [14]	FPT [14]	Prob. Unk	Prob. Unk	NPc [35]	Unknown
t-claw-free, $t > 3$	NPc [14]	W[2] [14]	Prob. Unknown	Unknown	NPc [35]	Prob. Unknown
chordal bipartite	NPc [36]	? (?)	NPc [25]	?		P [15]
planar	NPc (Sources!)	FPT [2]	NPc	FPT (this)	NPc	FPT [20]
undirected path	NPc [6]	FPT [18]	NPc [24]	?	NPc [31]	?
dually chordal	P [8]		? (attempted [19])			P [30]
strongly chordal	P [17]		P [40]		NPc [17]	
AT-free	P (29) P (22) P (17) P (12)		P [27] ? P [24] P [38]			P [29]
tolerance						?
block						P [10]
interval					P [5]	
bounded clique-width	P [13]		P [13]		P [13]	
bounded mim-width	P [3, 9]		P [19]		P [3, 9]	

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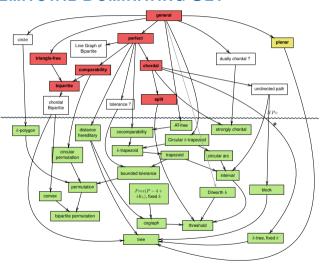
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## Warmup: Intractability Results

 $\omega_2$  hard on split, chordal and bipartite graphs

• Split Graph: G = Clique + IndependentSet

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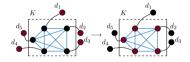
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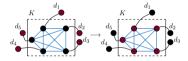
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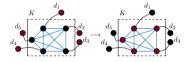
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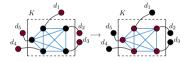
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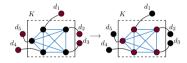
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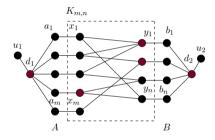
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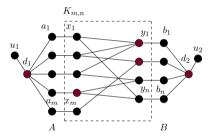
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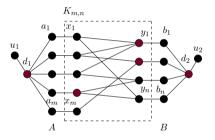
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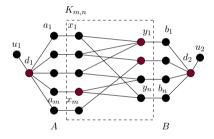
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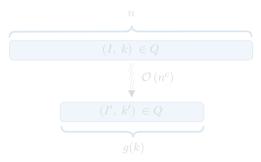
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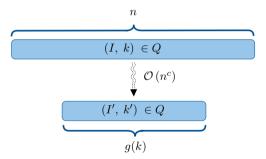
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PLANAR EDGE DOMINATING SET PLANAR EFFICIENT DOMINATING SET PLANAR RED-BLUE DOMINATING SET PLANAR CONNECTED DOMINATING SET	14k $84k$ $43k$ $130k$	[23] [23] [21] [34]
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### **Main Theorem**



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PLANAR SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET parameterized by solution size admits a linear kernel. There exists a polynomial-time algorithm that, given a planar graph (G,k), either correctly reports that (G,k) is a NO-instance or returns an equivalent instance (G',k) such that  $|V(G')| \leq 359 \cdot k$ .

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# The Basic Principle: Regions



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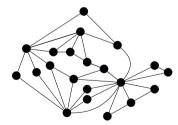
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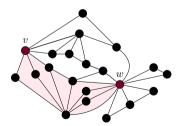
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## **D-region decomposition**



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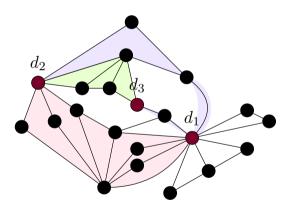
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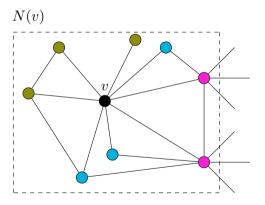
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$$N_3(v) = N(v) \setminus (N_1(v) \cup N_2(v)) \tag{3}$$

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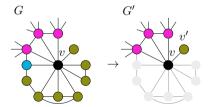
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• Idea: v better choice than  $N_{2,3}$ 

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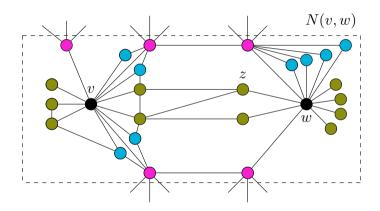
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$$\mathcal{D} = \{ \tilde{D} \subseteq N_{2,3}(v,w) \mid N_3(v,w) \subseteq \bigcup_{\tilde{D}} N(v), \ |\tilde{D}| \le 3 \}$$
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If  $\mathcal{D} = \emptyset$  we apply the following:

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- Preserve d(v, w)

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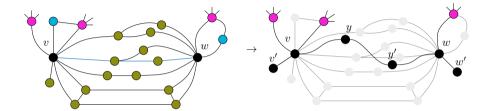
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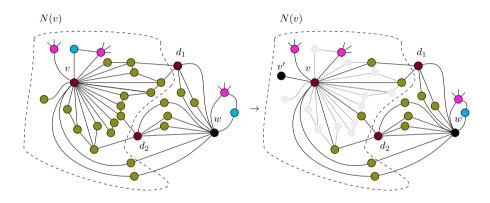
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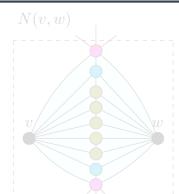
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# **Rule 3: Shrinking the Size of Simple Regions**



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Let G = (V, E) be a plane graph,  $v, w \in V$  and R be a simple region between v and w. If  $|V(R) \setminus \{v, w\}| \ge 5$  apply the following:

**Case 1:** If  $G[R \setminus \partial R] \cong P_3$ , then:

- remove  $V(R \setminus \partial R)$
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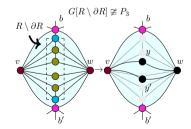


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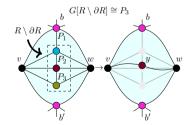


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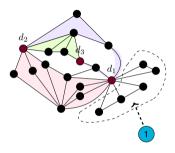
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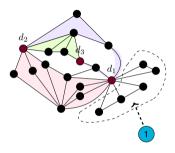
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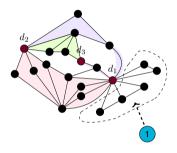
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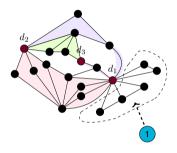
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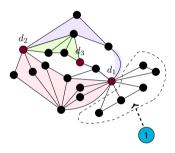
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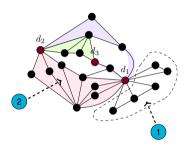
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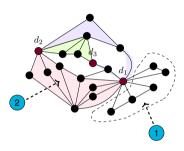
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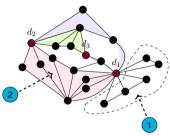
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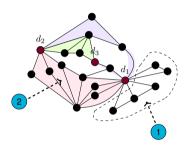
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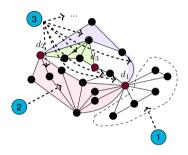
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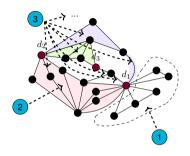
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# **Summary: Bounding Kernel Size**



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

- **1**  $\mathfrak{R}$  has only at most 3k-6 regions ([2]);
- 2 There are at most  $97 \cdot k$  vertices outside of any region;
- **3** Each region  $R \in \Re$  contains at most 87 vertices.

**Hence:** 
$$|V| = \bigcup_{v \in D} N(v) = 87 \cdot (3k - 6) + 97 \cdot k + k < 359 \cdot k$$

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# **Main Theorem**



All reduction rules can be applied in poly/time, hence:

# The Main Theorem

The Semitotal Dominating Set problem parameterized by solution size admits a linear kernel on planar graphs. There exists a polynomial-time algorithm that, given a planar graph (G,k), either correctly reports that (G,k) is a NO-instance or returns an equivalent instance (G',k) such that  $|V(G')| \leq 359 \cdot k$ .

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