

# **Master's Thesis Presentation**

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

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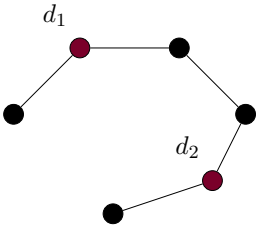
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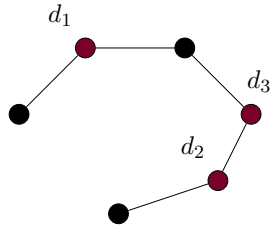
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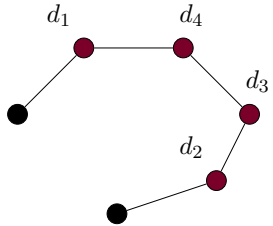
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Graph Class	DOMINATING SET		SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET		TOTAL DOMINATING SET	
	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized
bipartite	NPc [4]	$W_2$ [39]	NPc [25]	$W_2$ (this)	NPc [32]	$W_2$ (cite!)
line graph of bipartite	NPc [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 <i>split</i>
$s$ -chordal, $s > 3$	NPc [33]	$W_2$ [33]	? (?)	? (?)	NPc [33]	$W_1$ [33]
split	NPc [4]	$W_2$ [39]	NPc [25]	$W_2$ <b>this</b>	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	<b>FPT (this)</b>	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 [27]		P [29]
tolerance		P [22]		?		?
block		P [17]		P [24]		P [10]
interval		P [12]		P [38]		P [5]
bounded clique-width		P [13]		P [13]		P [13]
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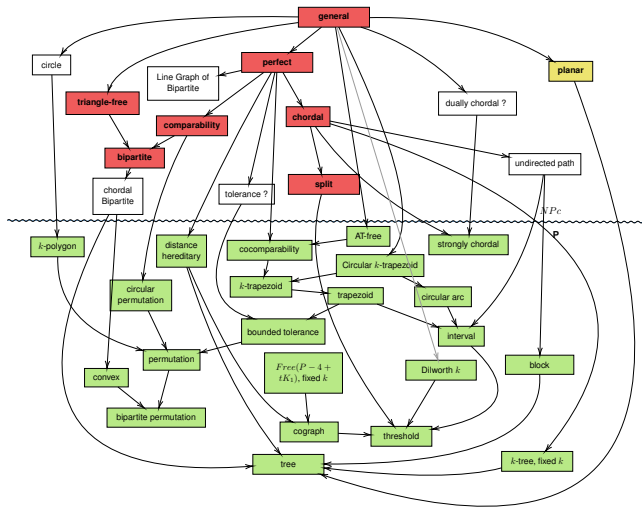
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## Warmup: Intractability Results

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

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

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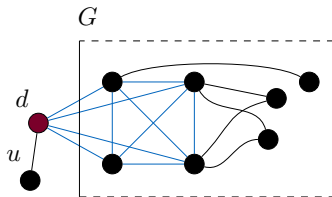
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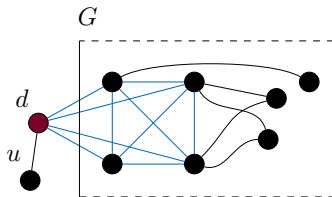
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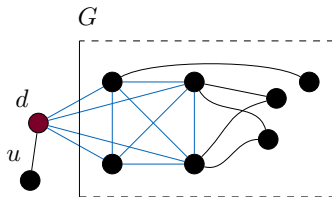
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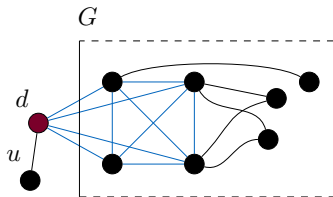
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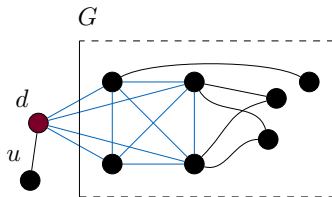
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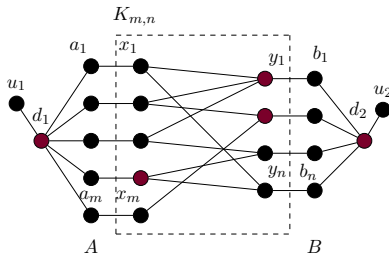


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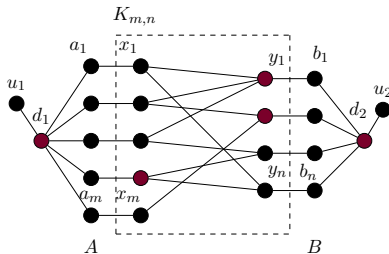


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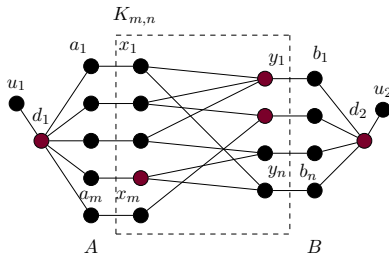


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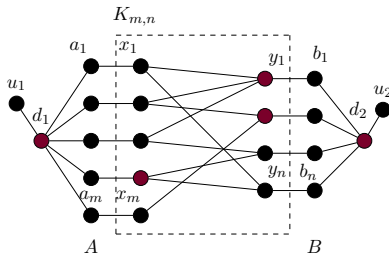


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*Another Explicit kernel for a Dominating Problem*

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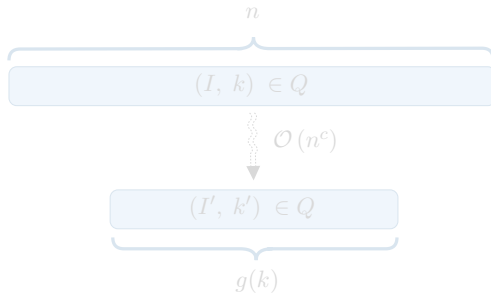
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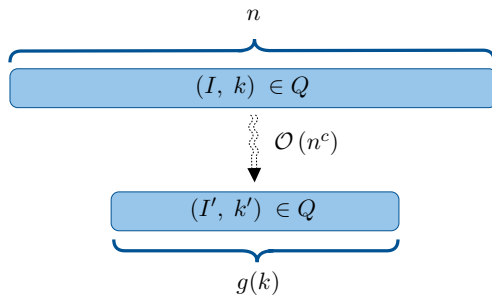
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PLANAR SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET	$359k$	<b>This work</b>
PLANAR EDGE DOMINATING SET	$14k$	[23]
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PLANAR RED-BLUE DOMINATING SET	$43k$	[21]
PLANAR CONNECTED DOMINATING SET	$130k$	[34]
PLANAR DIRECTED DOMINATING SET	Linear	[1]

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SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET 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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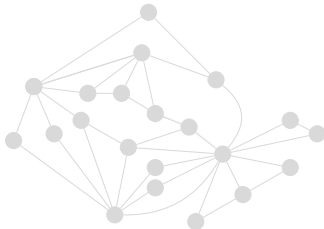
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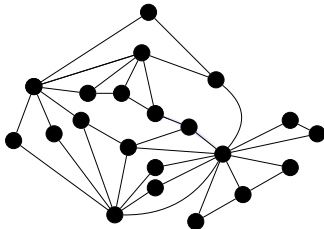


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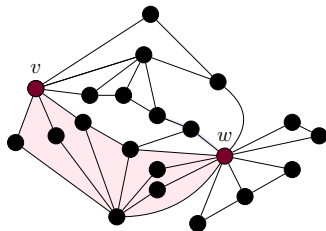


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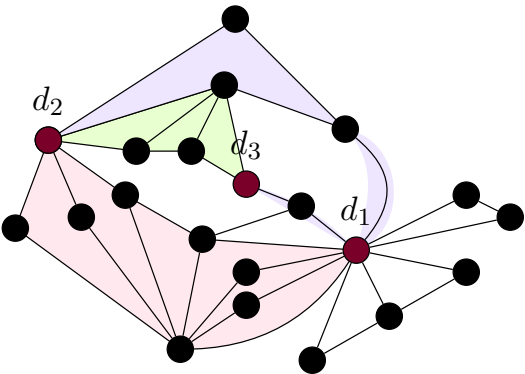
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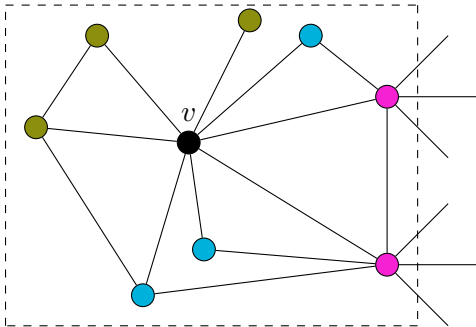
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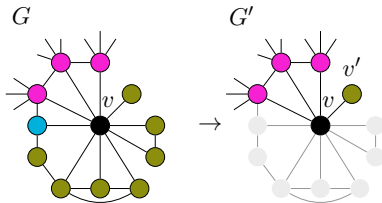
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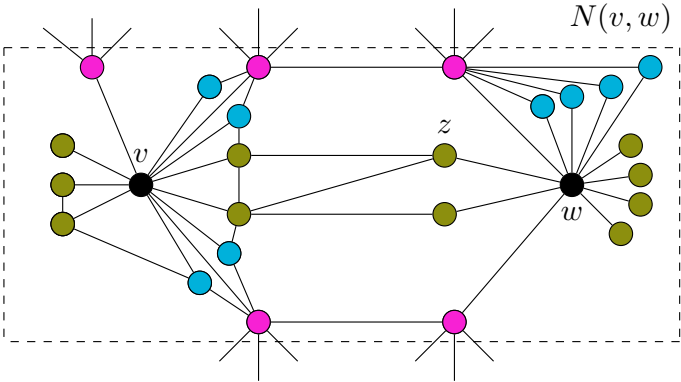
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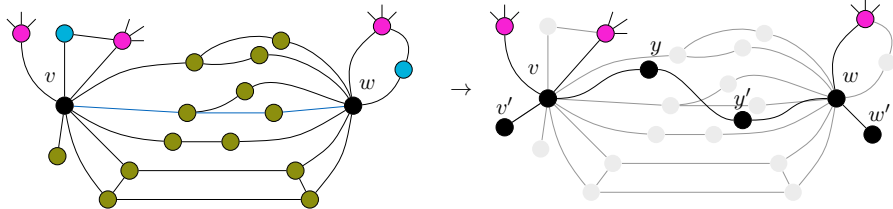
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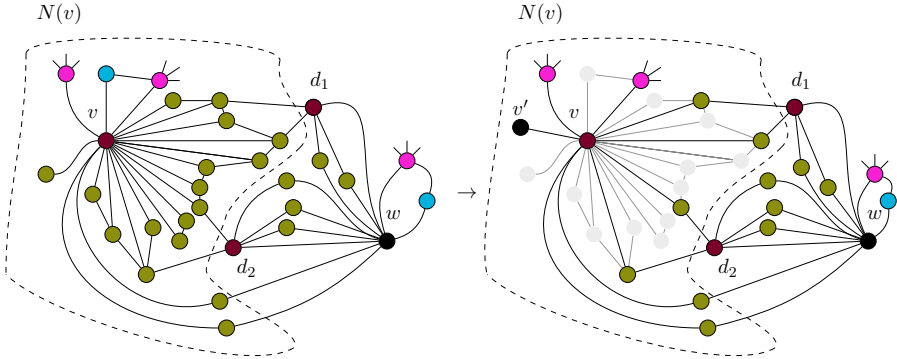
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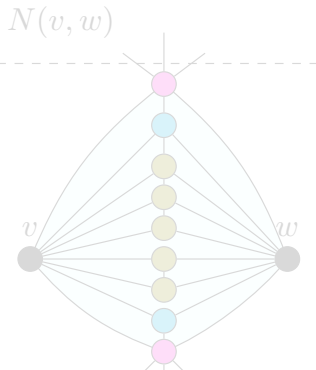


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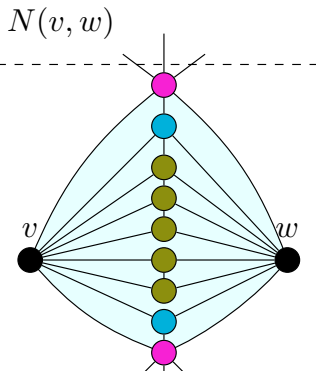


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Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a plane graph,  $v, w \in V$  and  $R$  be a simple region between  $v$  and  $w$ . If  $|V(R) \setminus \{v, w\}| \geq 5$  apply the following:

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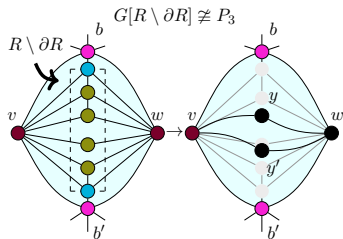
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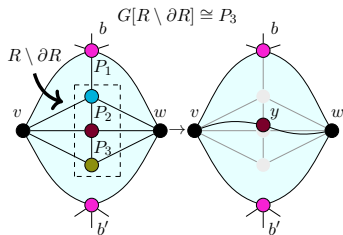
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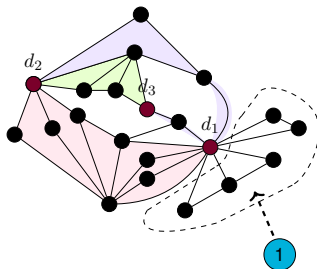
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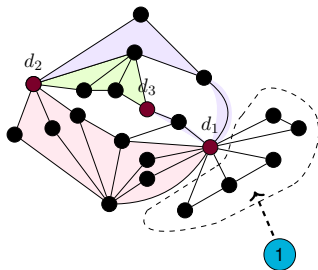
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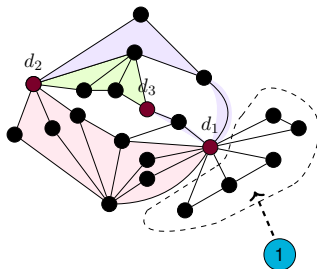
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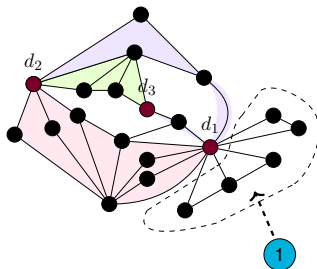
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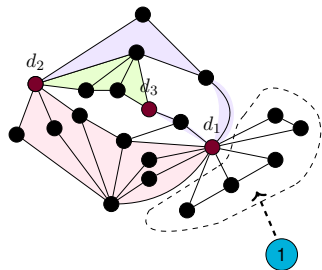
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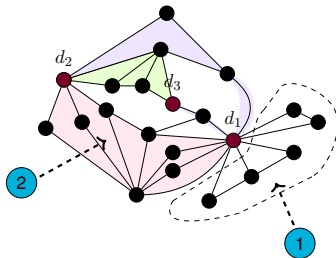
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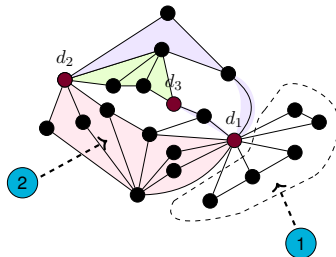
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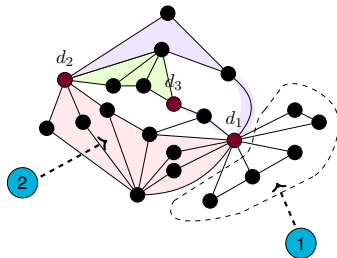
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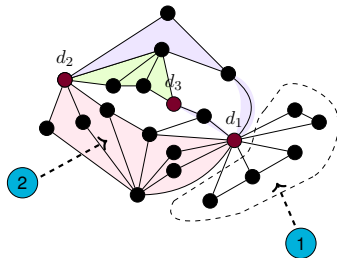
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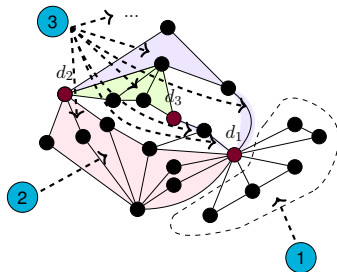
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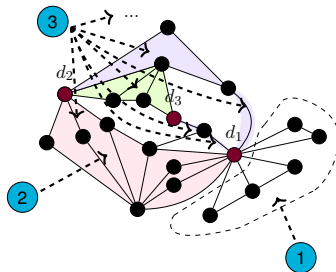
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Let  $D$  be sds of size  $k$ . There exists a maximal  $D$ -region decomposition  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that:

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