

Master's Thesis Presentation

On the Parameterized Complexity of SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET On Graph Classes

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DOMINATING SET

Input

Graph $G = (V, E)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Question

Is there a set $D \subseteq V$ of size at most k such that $N[D] = V$?

- The domination number is the minimum cardinality of a ds of G , denotes as $\gamma(G)$
- **Observation:** In connected G every $v \in D$ has another $z \in D$ with $d(v, z) \leq 3$.

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TOTAL DOMINATING SET

Input

Graph $G = (V, E)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Question

Is there a set $D \subseteq V$ of size at most k such that for all $d_1 \in X$ exists $d_2 \in X \setminus \{d_1\}$ s.t. $d(d_1, d_2) \leq 1$?

- The total domination number is the minimum cardinality of a tds of G , denoted as $\gamma_t(G)$.

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SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET

Input

Graph $G = (V, E)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Question

Is there a subset $D \subseteq V$ with $|D| \leq k$ such that $N[D] = V$ and for all $d_1 \in D$ there exists another $d_2 \in D$ such that $d(d_1, d_2) \leq 2$?

- The semitotal domination number is the minimum cardinality of a sds of G , denoted as $\gamma_{2t}(G)$.
- **Observation:** $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{2t}(G) \leq \gamma_t(G)$

Example: $\gamma(G) < \gamma_{2t}(G) < \gamma_t(G)$

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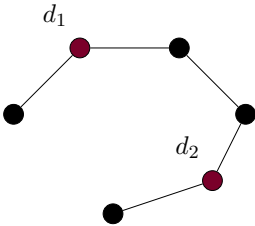
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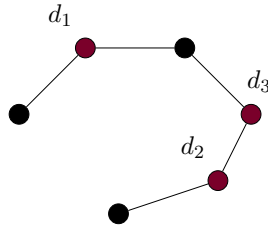
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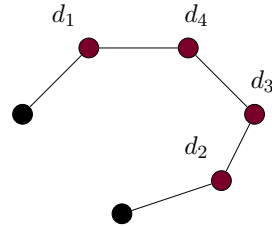
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Parameterized Complexity

- NP-hard? We expect problem to be **at least** exponential
- **Idea:** Limit combinatorial explosion to some aspect of the problem
- **Goal:** Find an algorithm running in time $\mathcal{O}(f(k) \cdot n^c)$ for **some** parameter k
- In this work: by solution size
- **Techniques:** Kernelization, Bounded Search Trees, ...

If possible, the problem is **fixed-parameter tractable**.

Complexity Comparison

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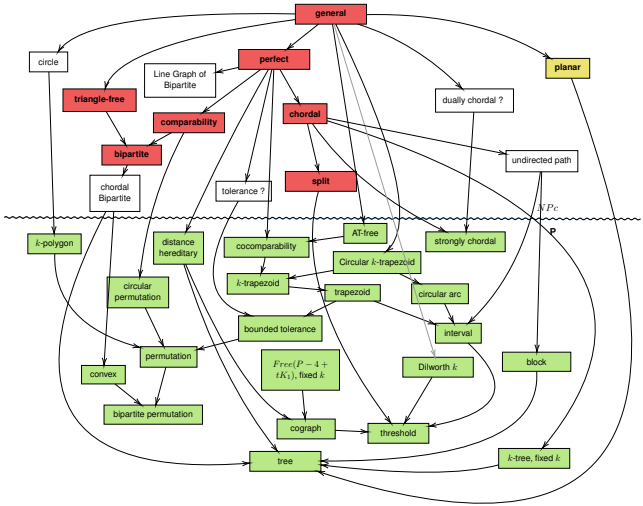
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Graph Class	DOMINATING SET		SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET		TOTAL DOMINATING SET	
	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized	classical	Parameterized
bipartite	NPc [4]	W_2 [39]	NPc [25]	W_2 (this)	NPc [32]	W_2 (cite!)
line graph of bipartite	NPc [28]	?	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 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 [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]
bounded mim-width		P [3, 9]		P [19]		P [3, 9]

Status SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET



Fixed-Parameter Intractability

- Class NP corresponds to whole hierarchy $W[i]$ in parameterized setting.
- Problems at least $W[1]$ -hard considered **fixed-parameter intractable**
- DOMINATING SET is $W[2]$ -complete
- **Tool for Proving Hardness:** FPT Reductions, preserving the parameter

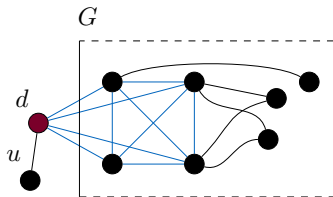
Warmup: Intractability Results

ω_2 *hard on split, chordal and bipartite graphs*

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

Split Graphs

SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET on *split* and *chordal* graphs is ω_2 -hard

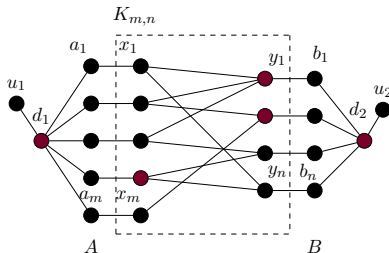


Proof by fpt-reduction from PLANAR DOMINATING SET on split graphs:

- 1 **Construct** G^* by adding v with pendant z to clique. G^* split
- 2 If ds D in G , $D^* = D \cup \{v\}$ is sds D^* .
- 3 If sds D^* in G^* , $D \setminus \{v\}$ is D in G
- 4 Parameter k only changed by constant

Bipartite Graphs

SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET on *bipartite* graphs is ω_2 -hard



Proof by fpt-reduction from PLANAR DOMINATING SET on bipart. graphs:

- 1 **Construct** Add new neighbor to each vertex and add d_1, d_2, u_1, u_2
- 2 If $d \in D$ in G , then $D^* = D \cup \{d_1, d_2\}$ is sds in G^*
- 3 Assume sds D^* in G^* . If $a_i \in D^* (b_i)$, flip. $D = D^* \setminus \{d_1, d_2\}$ is ds in G

A Linear Kernel for PLANAR SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET

Another Explicit kernel for a Dominating Problem

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- **Idea:** Preprocess an instance using *Reduction Rules* until hard *kernel* is found.



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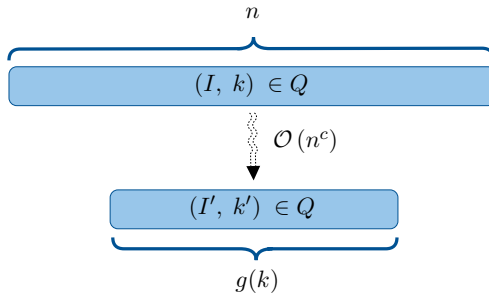
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Related Works

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Problem	Size	Source
PLANAR DOMINATING SET	67k	[16]
PLANAR TOTAL DOMINATING SET	410k	[20]
PLANAR SEMITOTAL DOMINATING SET	xxxxk	This work
PLANAR EDGE DOMINATING SET	14k	[23]
PLANAR EFFICIENT DOMINATING SET	84k	[23]
PLANAR RED-BLUE DOMINATING SET	43k	[21]
PLANAR CONNECTED DOMINATING SET	130k	[34]
PLANAR DIRECTED DOMINATING SET	Linear	[1]

Main Theorem

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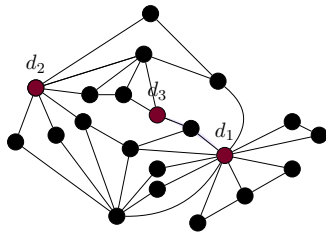
The xxxStone: Regions

Introduced by Alber et al. [2], decomposition technique for planar graph.

Region (Simplified)

Given plane G and $v, w \in V$, a region is a closed subset, such that

- there are two non-crossing (but possibly overlapping) boundary paths
- Every vertex in R belongs to $N(v, w)$



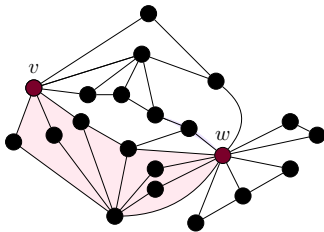
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Introducing *D-region decomposition*

D-region decomposition [2]

Given $G = (V, W)$ and $D \subseteq V$, a *D-region decomposition* is a set \mathfrak{R} with poles in D such that:

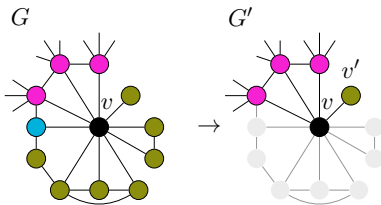
Splitting up $N(v)$

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Rule 1, Appetizer: Shrinking $N_3(v)$

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph and let $v \in V$. If $|N_3(v)| \geq 1$:

- remove $N_{2,3}(v)$ from G ,
- add a vertex v' and an edge $\{v, v'\}$.



- **Idea:** Removing isolated vertices
- **Correctness:** Omitted

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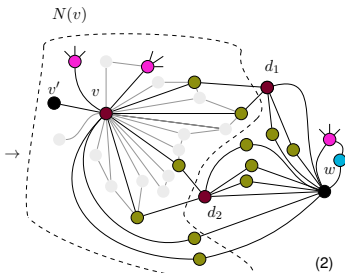
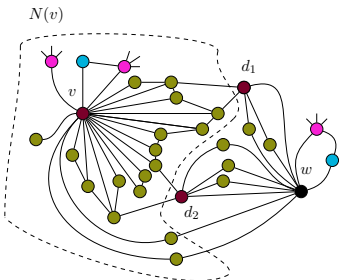
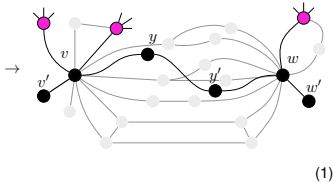
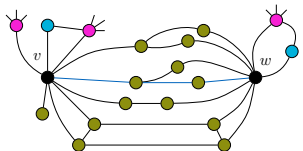
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Rule 3: Shrinking the size of simple regions

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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 $|V(R) \setminus \{v, w\}| \geq 5$ apply the following:

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

- remove $V(R \setminus \partial R)$
- add vertex y with edges $\{v, y\}$ and $\{y, w\}$

Case 2: If $G[R \setminus \partial R] \not\cong P_3$, then

- remove $V(R \setminus \partial R)$
- add vertices y, y' and four edges $\{v, y\}, \{v, y'\}, \{y, w\}$ and $\{y', w\}$

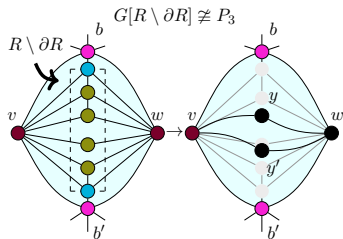
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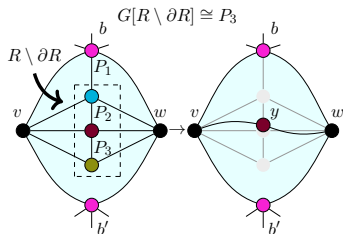
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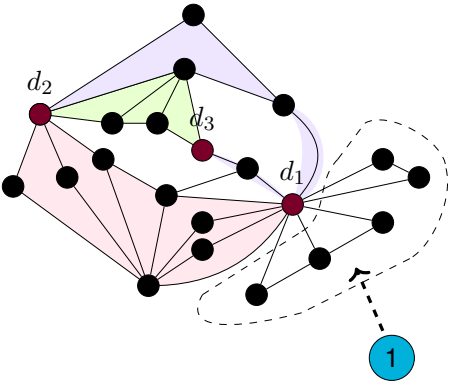
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- All the rule are sound
- and only change the solution size by a constant factor
- they can be applied in ppolynomial-time
- Rule 3 is a swiss-army-knife to be found on many surprising places

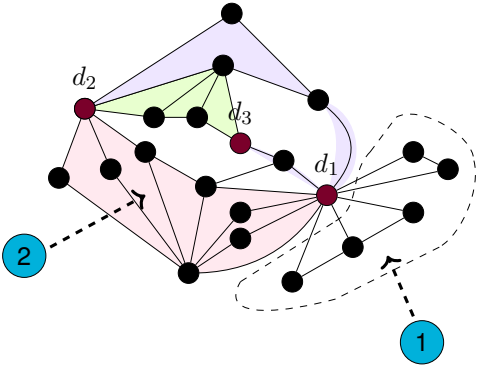
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Bounding the Kernel: Idea 3

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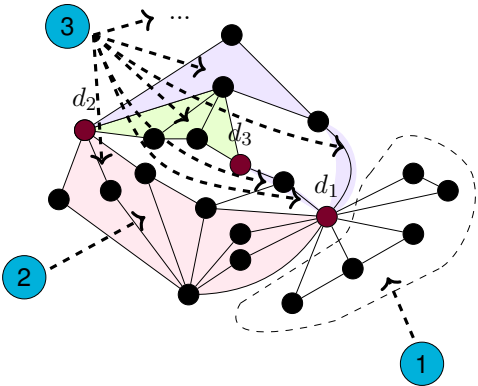
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Summary: Bounding Kernel Size

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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 $R \in \mathfrak{R}$ contains at most 87 vertices.

Hence: $87 \cdot (3k - 6) + 97 \cdot k + k < 359 \cdot k$

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Proof: Add Proof here.

Conclusions

Results:

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Future Work:

- Improve Kernel Size
- Solve complexities for...

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