

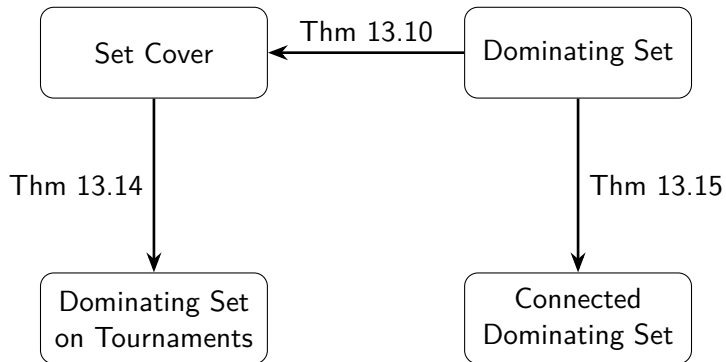
Problems at least as hard as Clique

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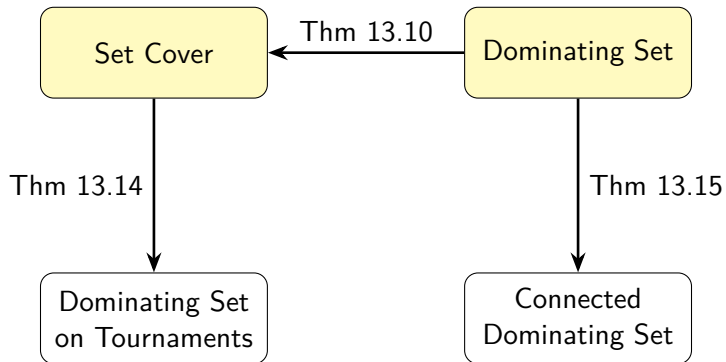
Outline

- We will see 3 Parameterized Reductions.



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■ From Dominating Set to Set Cover.



Theorem 13.10

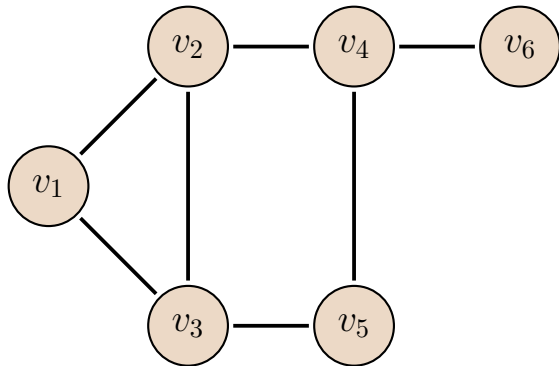
Theorem

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Theorem 13.10: Construction

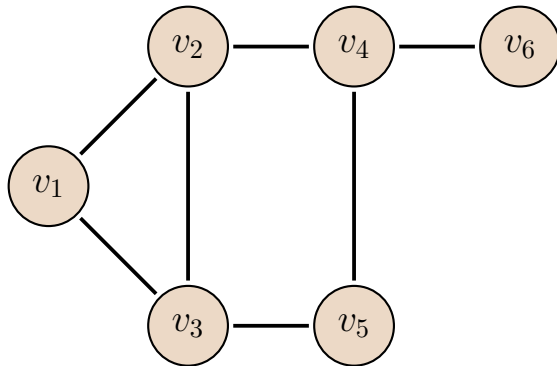
The reduction starts with an instance (G, k) of Dominating Set, and outputs an equivalent instance (\mathcal{F}, U, k) of Set Cover.

■ Let G be an undirected graph. We create an instance (\mathcal{F}, U, k) of Set Cover as follows.



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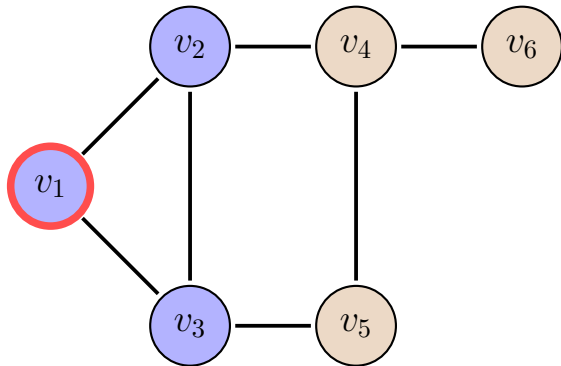
■ We let $U := V(G)$.



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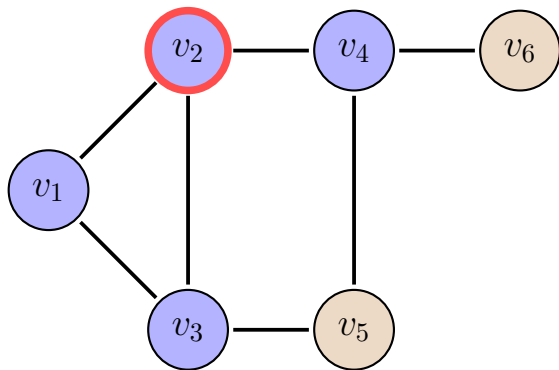


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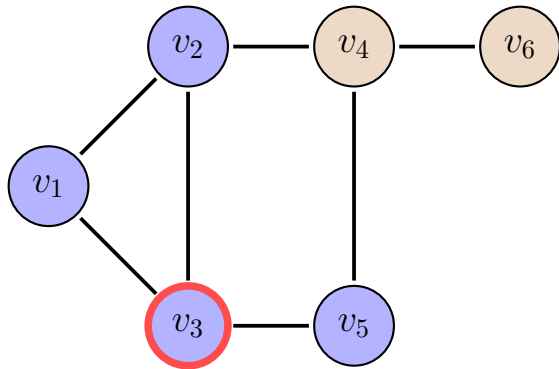
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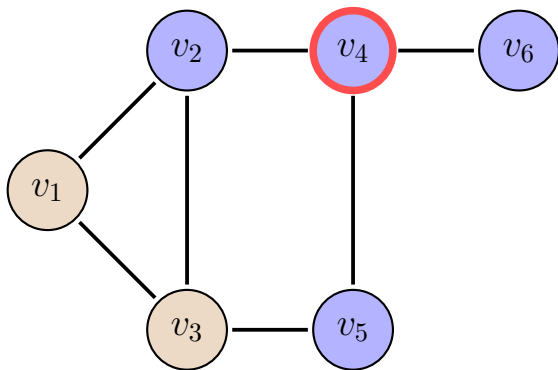
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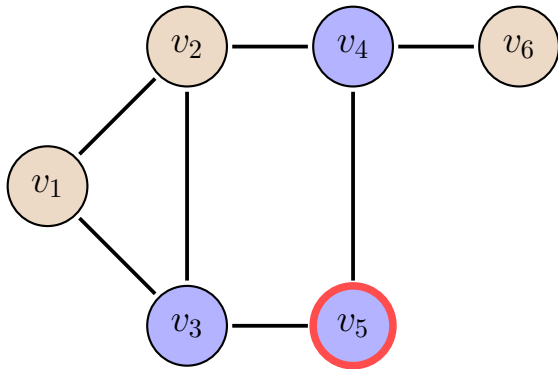
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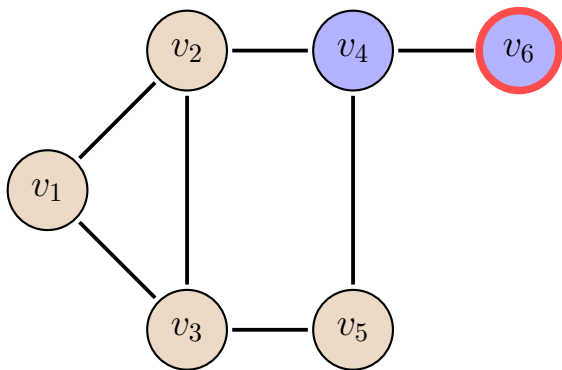
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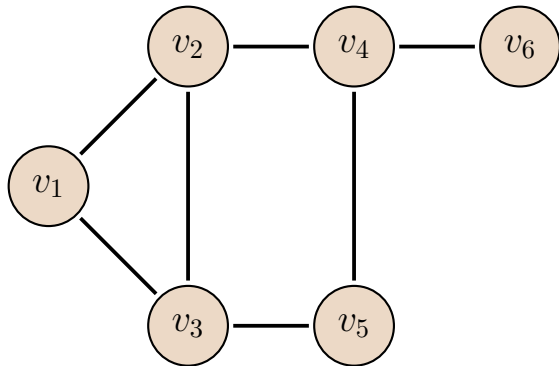
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(G, k)

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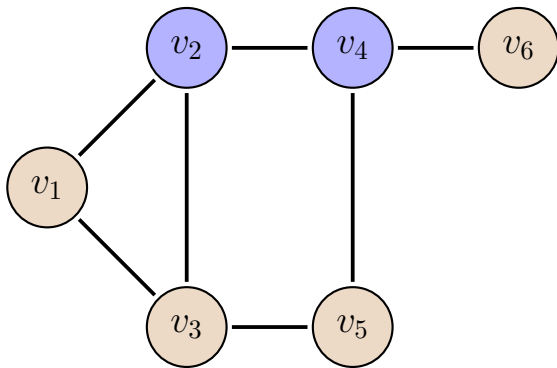
Theorem 13.10

We now claim that G admits a dominating set of size k if and only if (\mathcal{F}, U, k) is a yes-instance.

Theorem 13.10: Necessity

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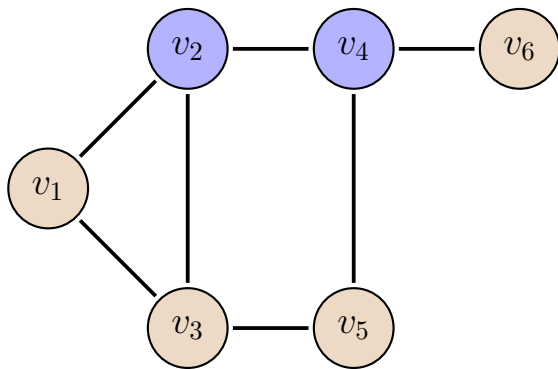
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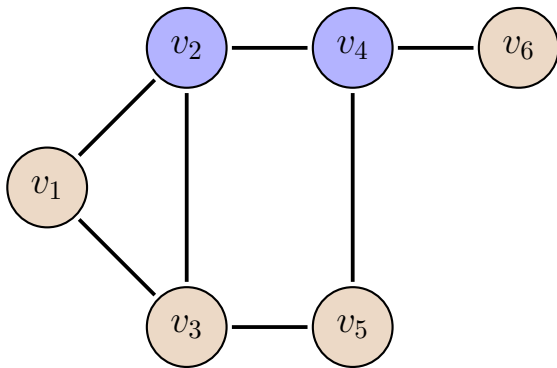
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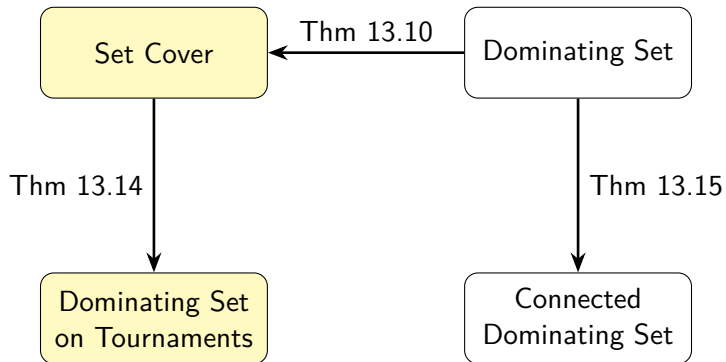
$$S_b \cup S_d = \{a, b, c, d\} \cup \{b, d, e, f\} = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\} = U$$

Theorem 13.10: Sufficiency

- ▶ Suppose that the union of k sets in F is U .
- ▶ Then the corresponding k vertices of G dominate every vertex.
- ▶ A vertex not dominated in G would correspond to an element of U not covered by the k sets.

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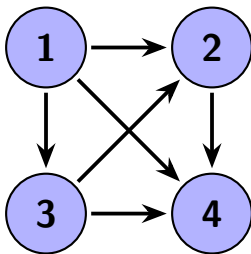
■ From Set Cover to Dominating Set on Tournaments.



Tournament

Definition

A tournament is a directed graph T such that for every pair of vertices $u, v \in V(T)$, exactly one of (u, v) or (v, u) is a directed edge (also often called an arc) of T .



k-paradoxical tournament

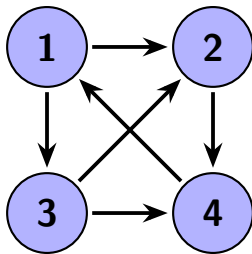
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The reduction starts with an instance (\mathcal{F}, U, k) of Set Cover, and outputs an equivalent instance $(T, k + 1)$ of Dominating Set on Tournaments.

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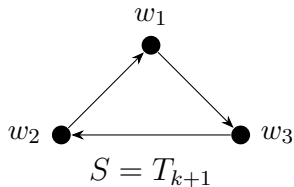
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■ The first step is a construction of a $(k+1)$ -paradoxical tournament $S = T_{k+1}$ on r_{k+1} vertices.

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Theorem 13.14: Vertex Set

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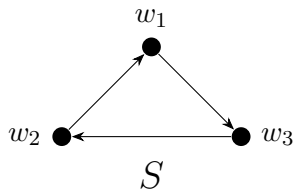
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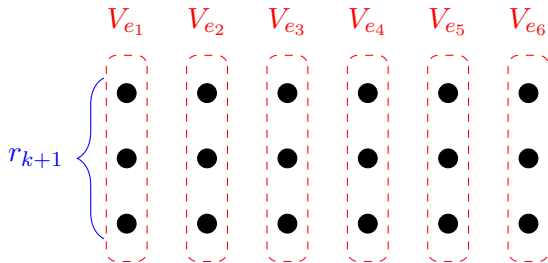
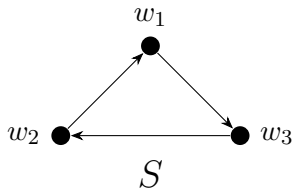


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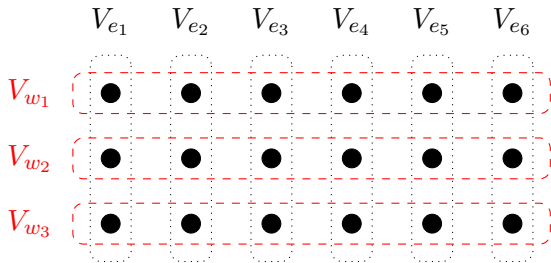
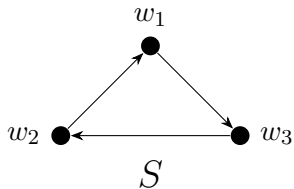


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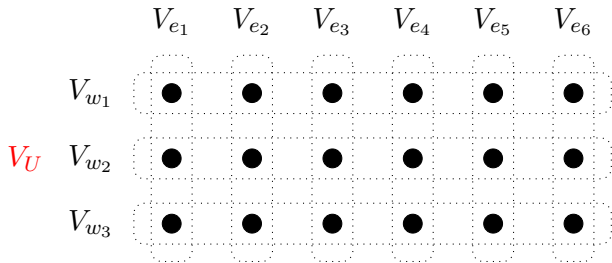
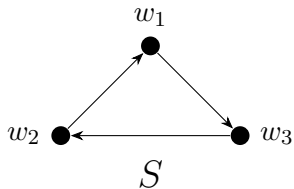


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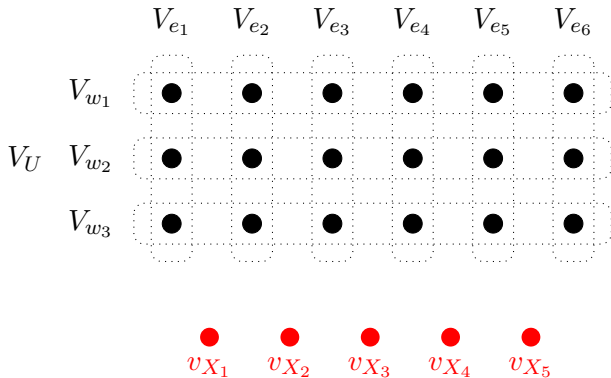
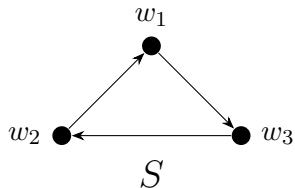


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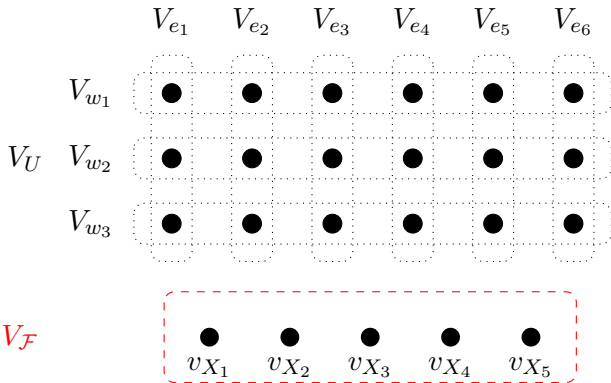
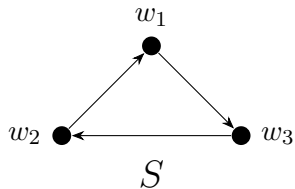


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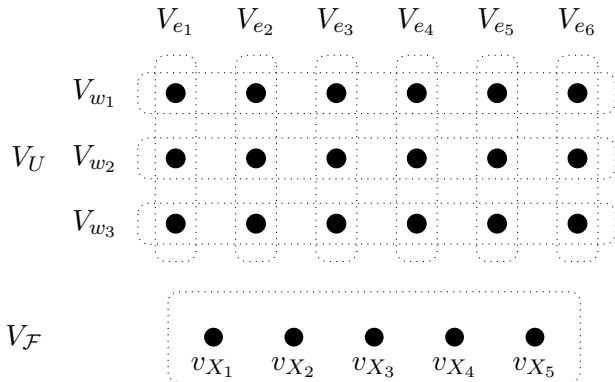
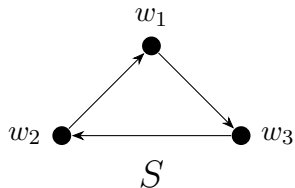


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Theorem 13.14: Edge Set

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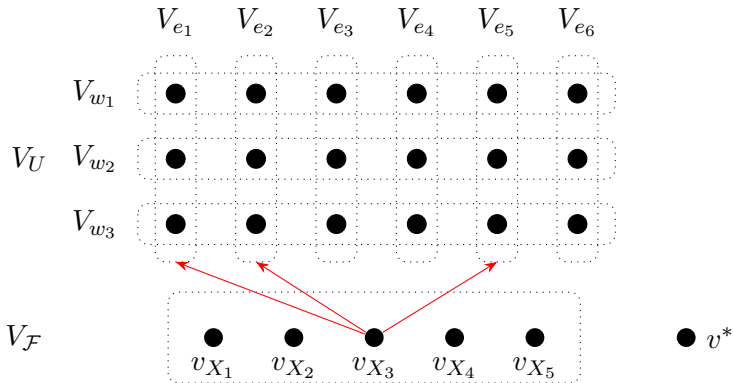
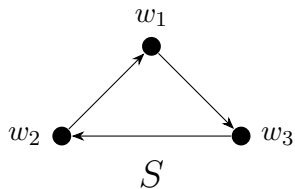
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- (vi) Finally, put the edges between vertices of $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ arbitrarily.

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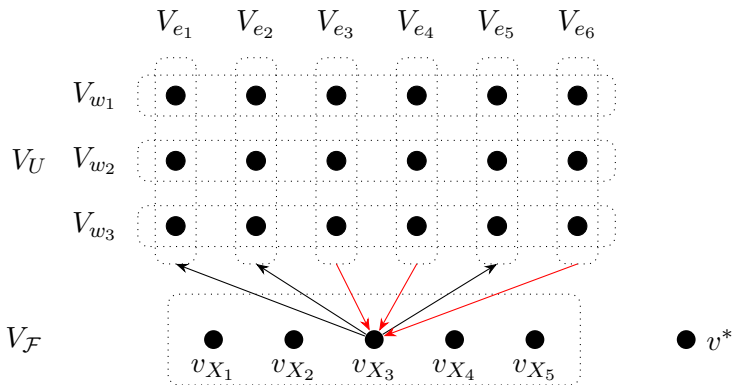
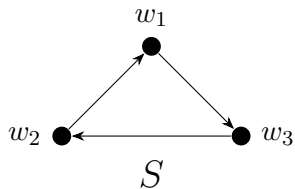


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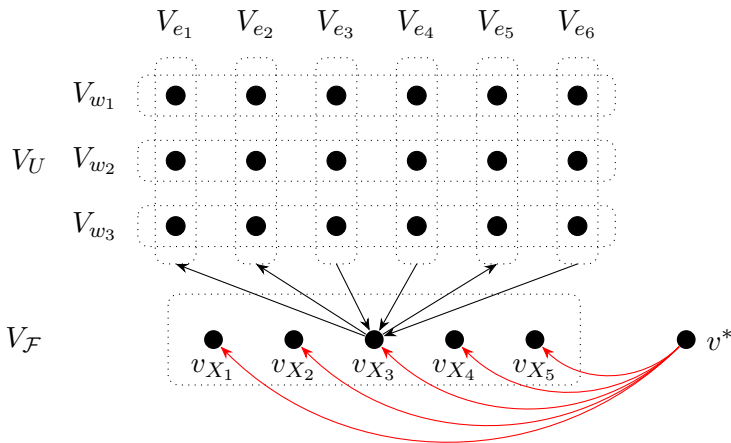
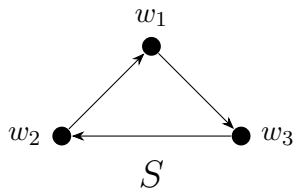


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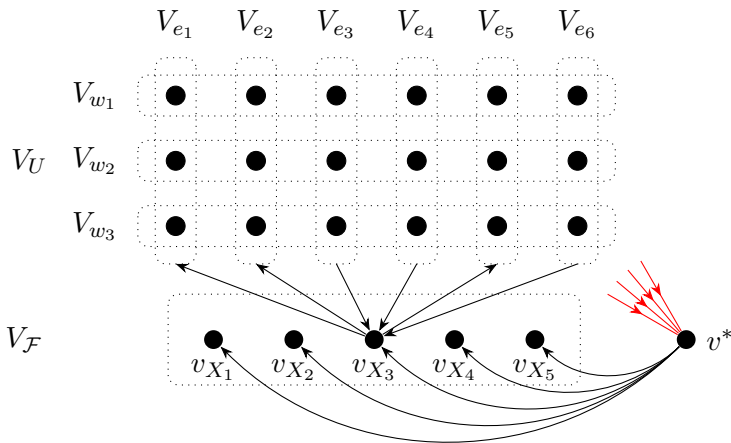
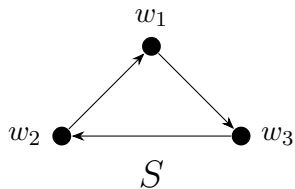


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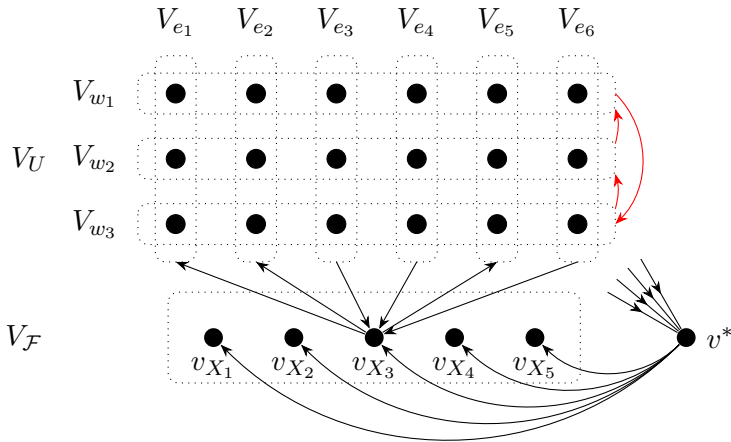
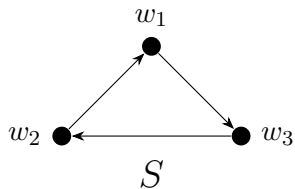


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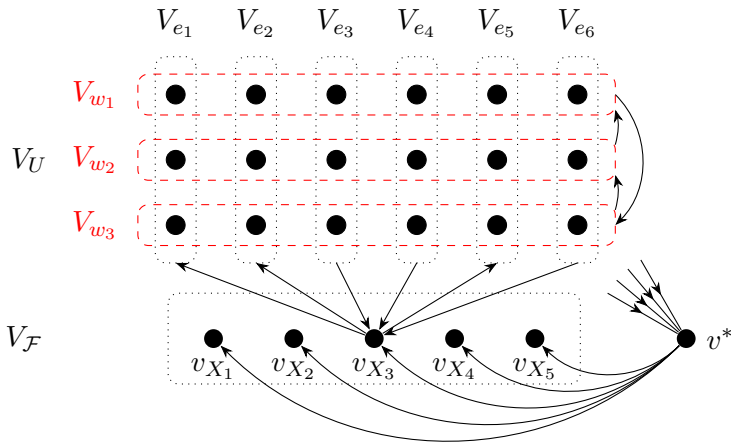
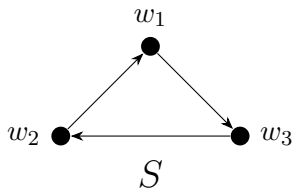


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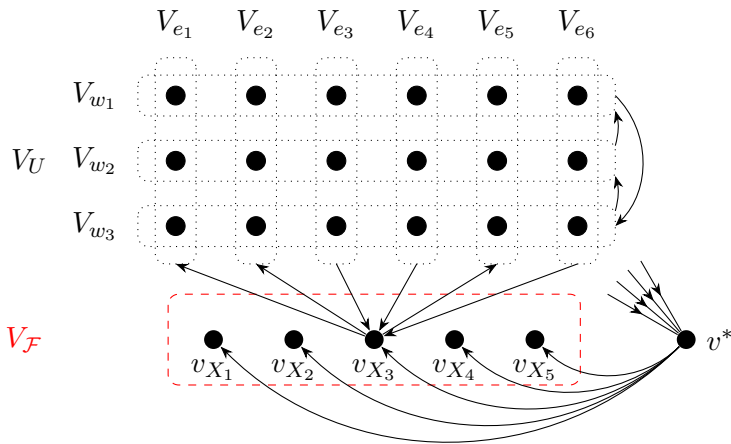
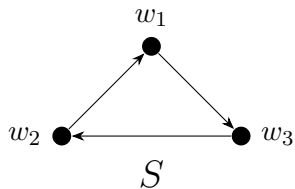


(vi) Finally, put the edges between vertices of $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ arbitrarily (To make tournament).

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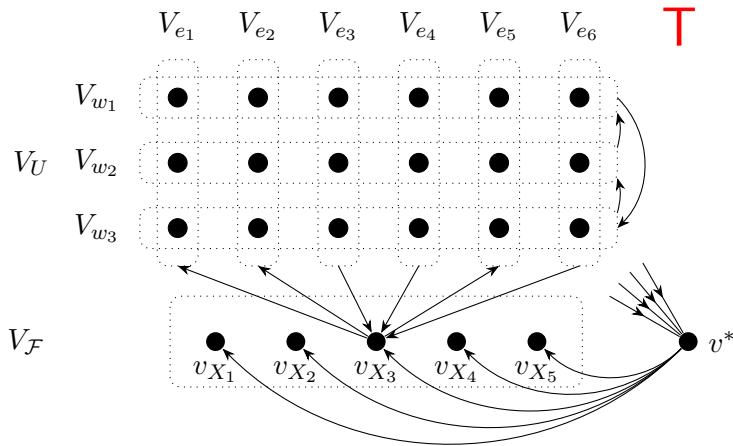
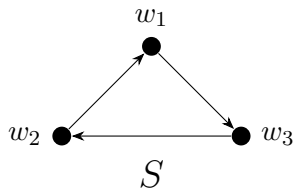


■ It is easy to see that the constructed digraph \mathcal{T} is indeed a tournament.

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Theorem 13.14

We now claim that (\mathcal{F}, U, k) is a yes-instance if and only if T admits a dominating set of size $k + 1$.

Theorem 13.14: Necessity

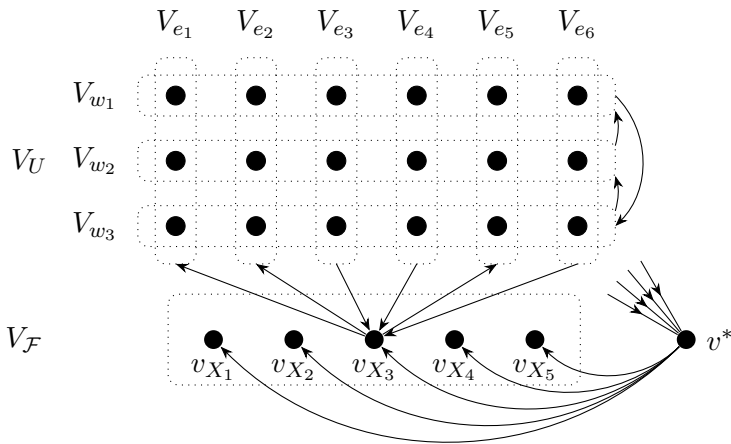
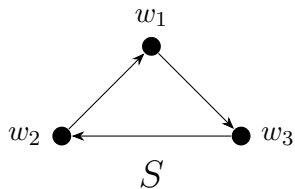
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- ▶ Clearly $|D| \leq k + 1$, and observe that D is a dominating set of T : each vertex of $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ is dominated by v^* , while each vertex $v_{e,w} \in V_U$ is dominated by a vertex $v_X \in D$ for $X \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $e \in X$.

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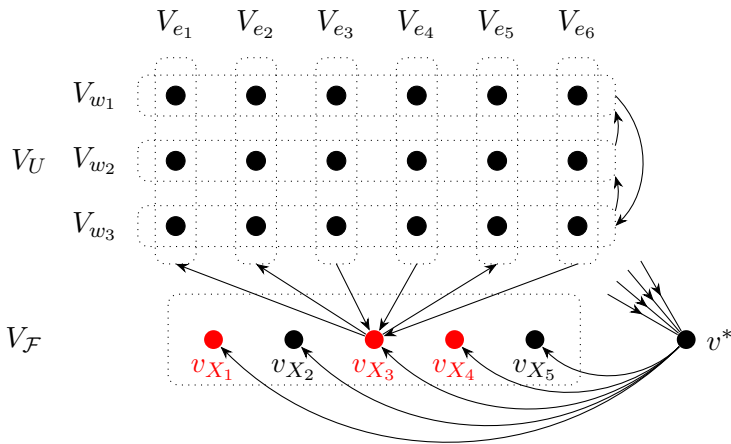
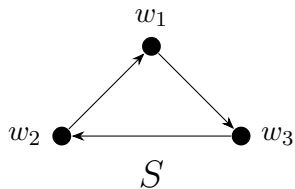


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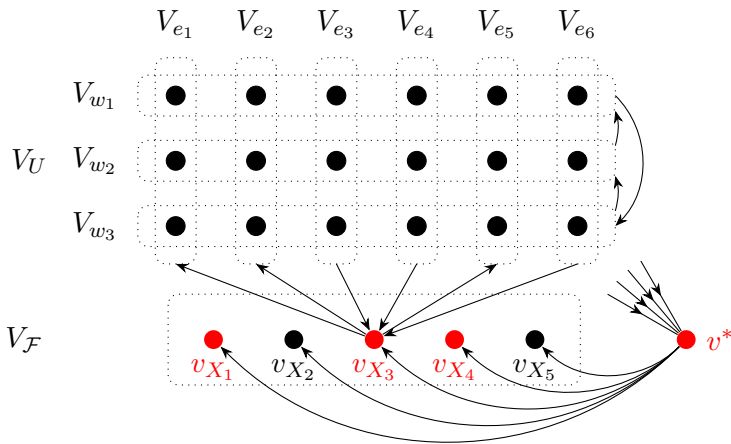
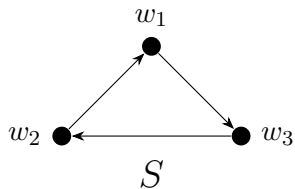


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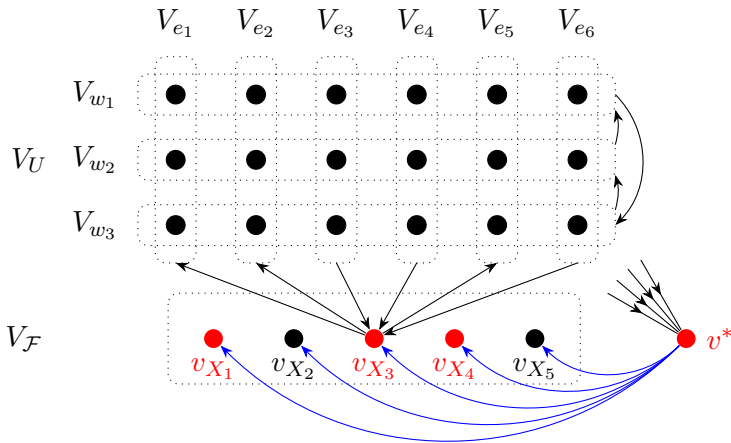
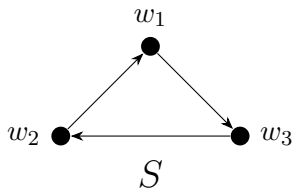


■ Observe that D is a dominating set of T : each vertex of $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ is dominated by v^* .

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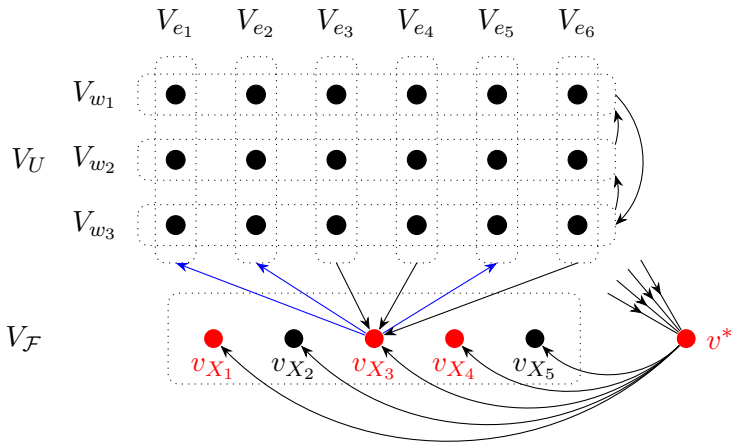
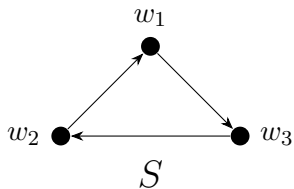


■ While each vertex $v_{e,w} \in V_U$ is dominated by a vertex $v_X \in D$ for $X \in G$ such that $e \in X$.

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Theorem 13.14: Sufficiency

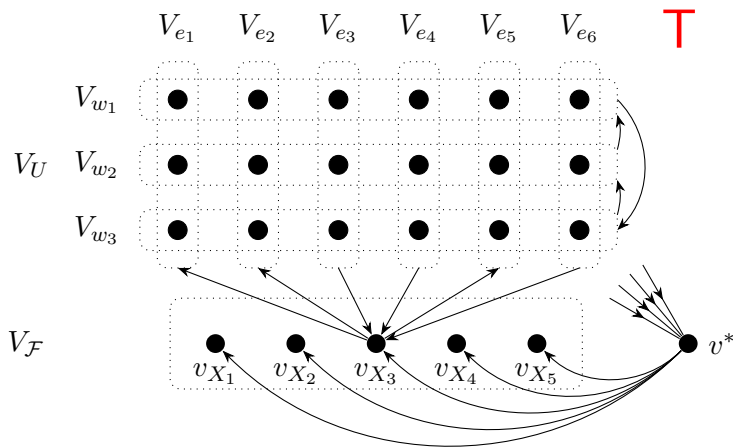
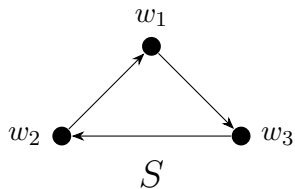
- ▶ Conversely, suppose that T admits a dominating set D such that $|D| \leq k + 1$.
- ▶ Since D has to dominate v^* , either D contains v^* or at least one vertex of V_U .
- ▶ Consequently, $|D \cap V_{\mathcal{F}}| \leq k$. Let $\mathcal{G} = \{X \in \mathcal{F} : v_X \in D\}$. Clearly $|\mathcal{G}| \leq k$, so it suffices to prove that $\bigcup \mathcal{G} = U$.

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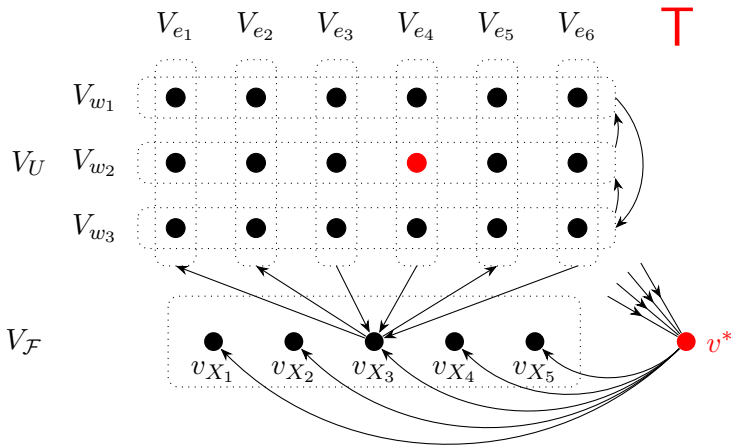
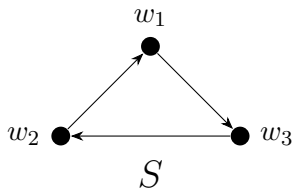


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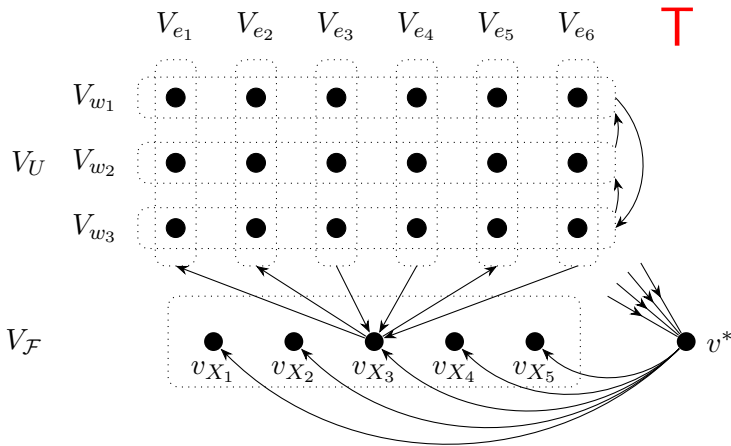
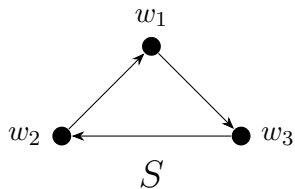


■ Consequently, $|D \cap V_{\mathcal{F}}| \leq k$. Which means $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ contains at most k vertices of D .

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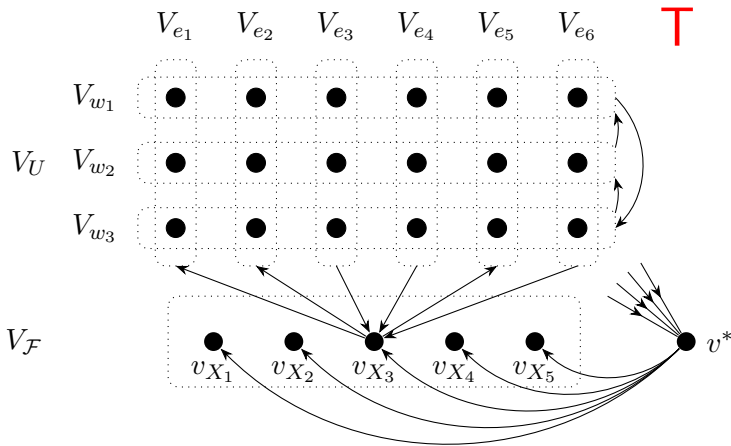
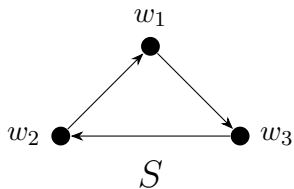


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Theorem 13.14: Sufficiency

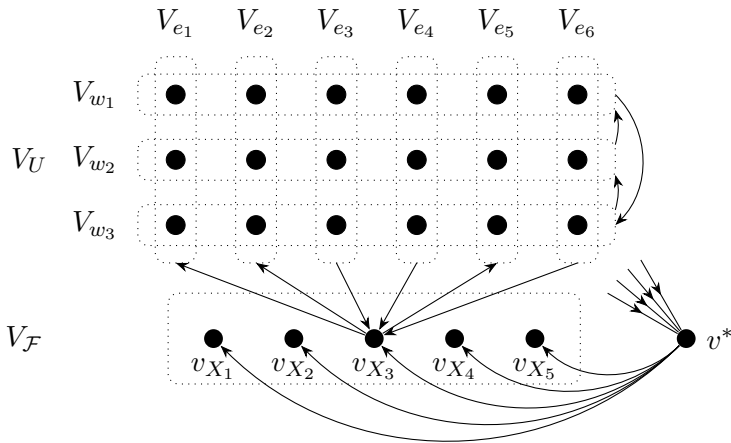
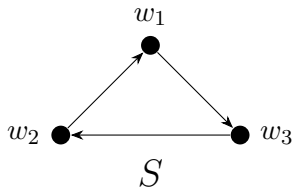
We will prove this by contradiction!!

■ For the sake of contradiction assume that there exists some $e_1 \in U$ that does not belong to any set of \mathcal{G} .

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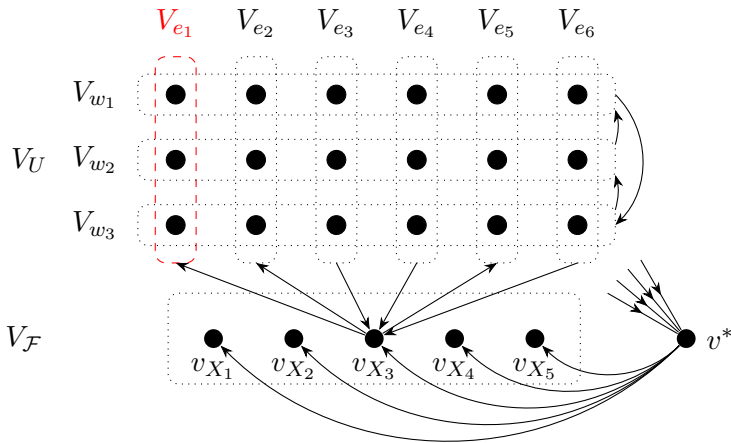
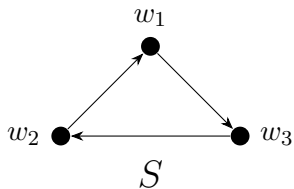


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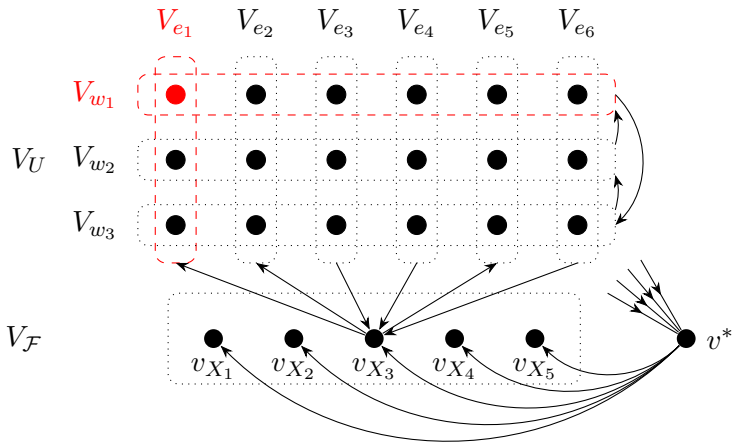
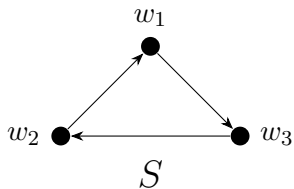


■ Since S is $(k + 1)$ -paradoxical, we have that there exists some vertex $w_1 \in V(S)$ that is not dominated by Z in S .

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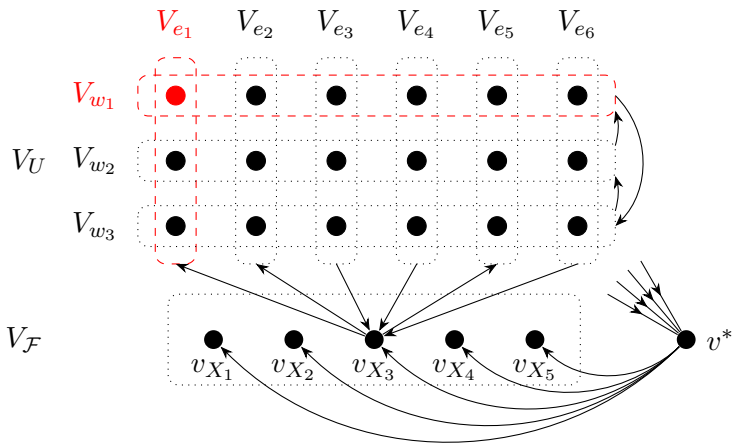
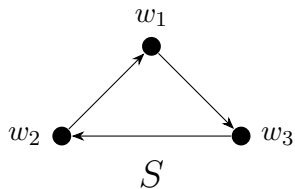


■ V_U can't dominate V_{w_1} and $V_{\mathcal{F}}$ can't dominate V_{e_1} .

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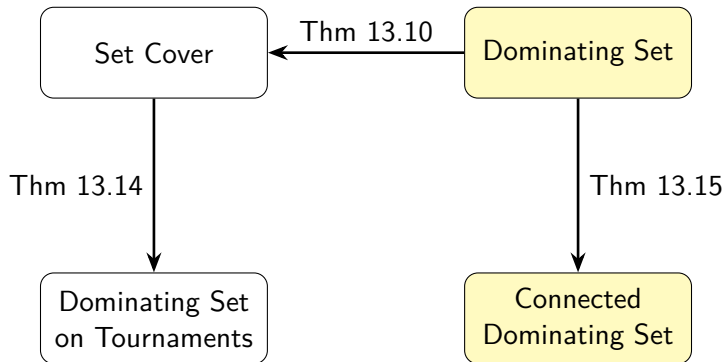


Theorem 13.14: Sufficiency

We infer that v_{e_1, w_1} is not dominated by D at all, which contradicts the assumption that D is a dominating set in T .

Outline

■ From Dominating Set to Connected Dominating Set.



Connected Dominating Set

Definition

Connected Dominating Set is the variant of Dominating Set where we additionally require that the dominating set induce a connected graph.

Theorem 13.15

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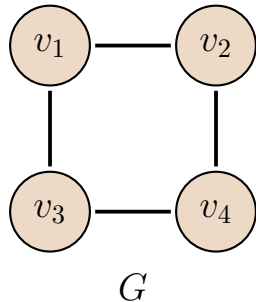
There is a parameterized reduction from Dominating Set to Connected Dominating Set.

Theorem 13.15: Construction

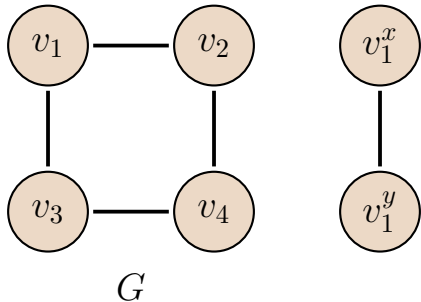
Let (G, k) be an instance of Dominating Set. We construct a graph G' the following way.

- (i) For every vertex $v \in V(G)$, two adjacent vertices v^x, v^y are created in G' .
- (ii) We make the set $\{v^x : v \in V(G)\}$ a clique K of size $|V(G)|$.
- (iii) We make v^x and u^y adjacent if v and u are adjacent in G .

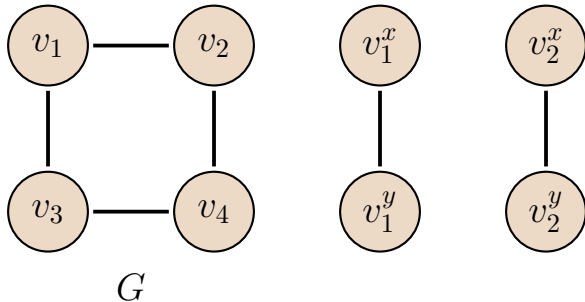
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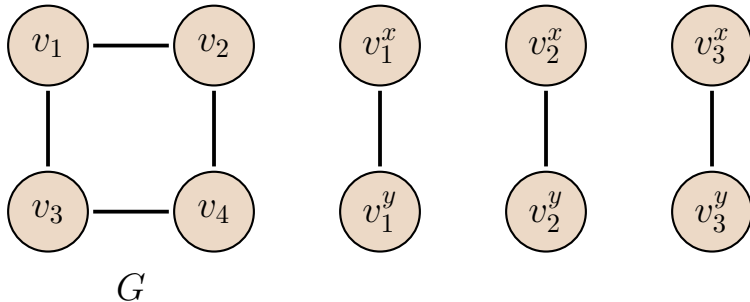
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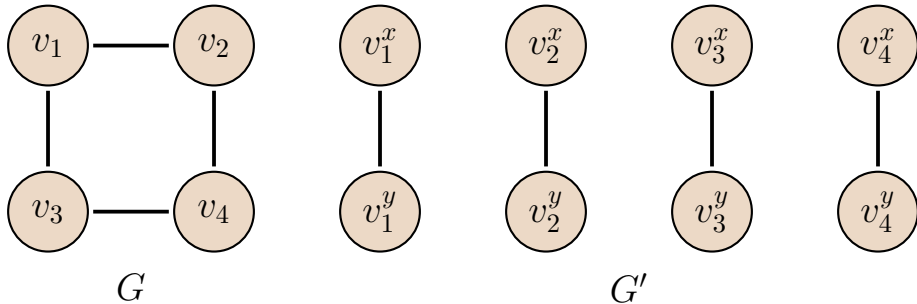
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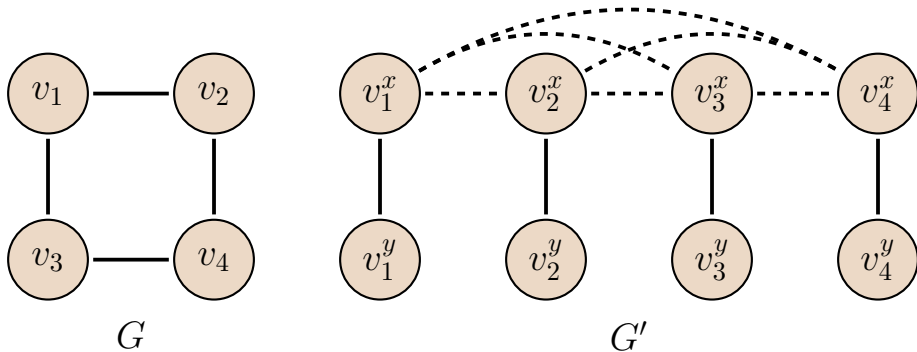
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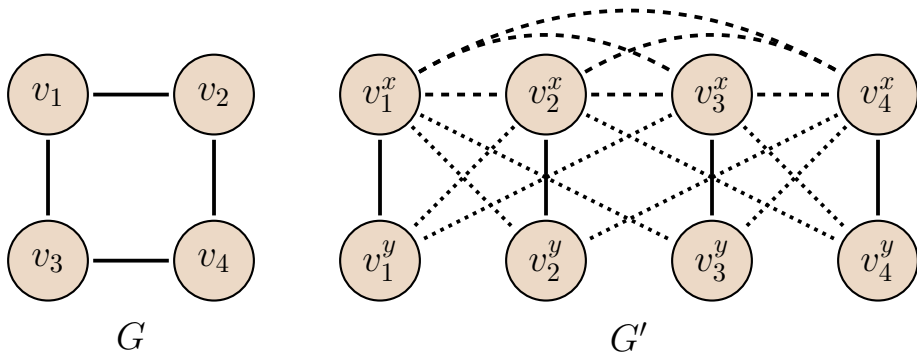
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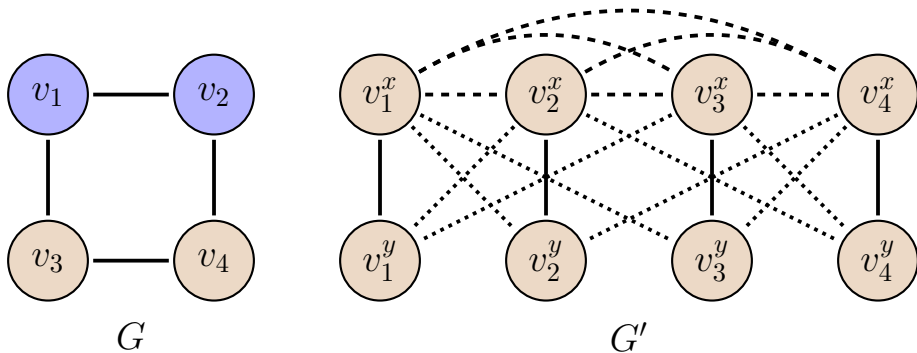
Theorem 13.15: Proof

We claim that (G, k) is a yes-instance of DOMINATING SET if and only if (G', k) is a yes-instance of CONNECTED DOMINATING SET.

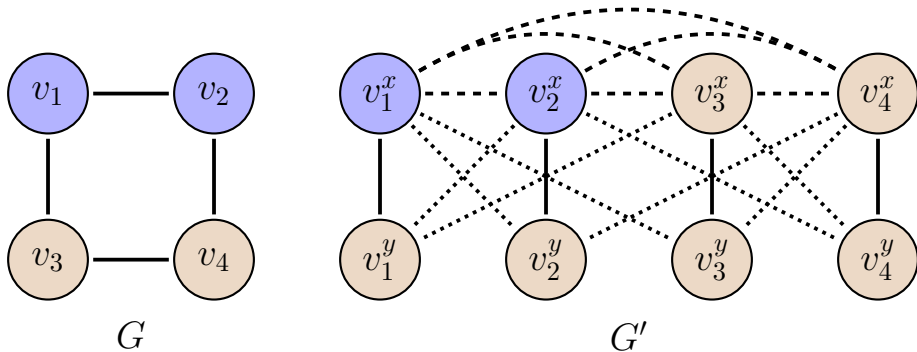
Theorem 13.15: Necessity

- ▶ Suppose first that $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ is a dominating set of size k in G .
- ▶ Then we claim that $S' = \{v_1^x, \dots, v_k^x\}$ is a connected dominating set of size k in G' .
- ▶ Clearly, $G'[S']$ is a clique and hence it is connected.
- ▶ To see that S' is a dominating set in G' , observe that v_1^x dominates K , and if u is dominated by v_i in G , then u^y is dominated by v_i^x in G' .

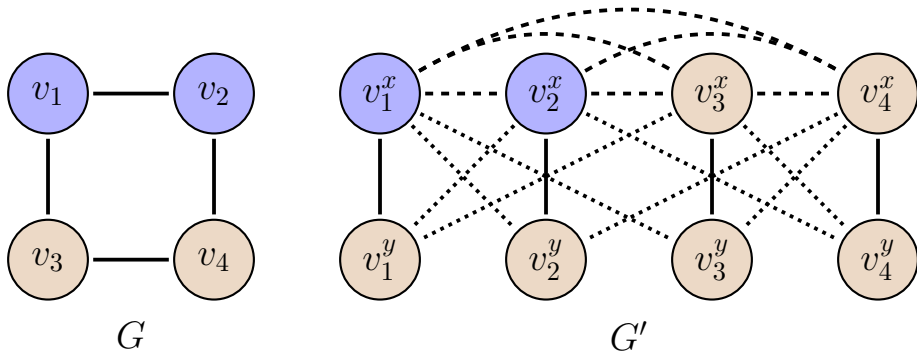
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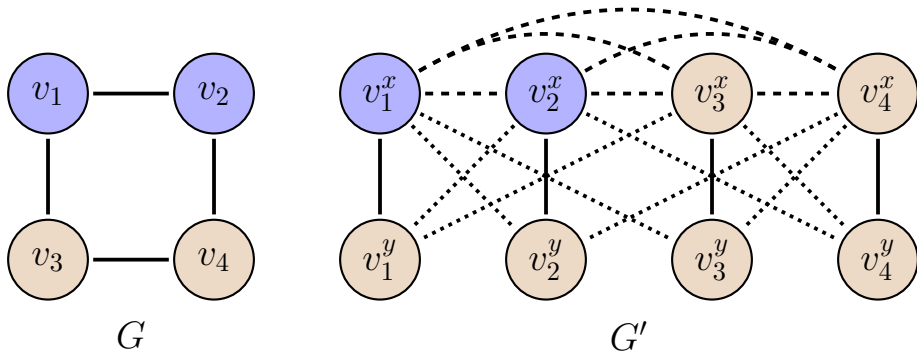
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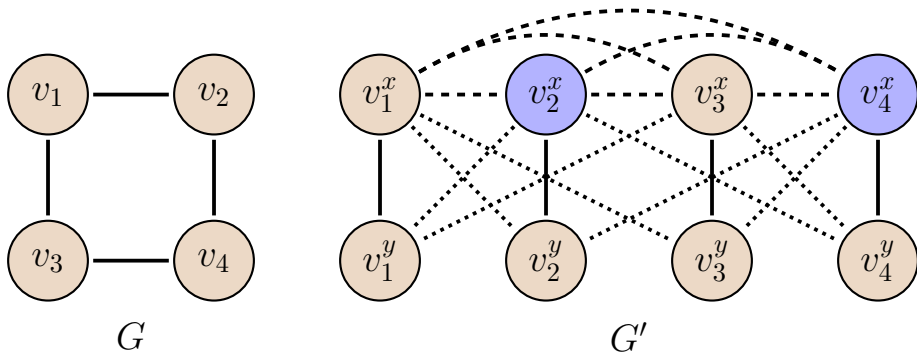
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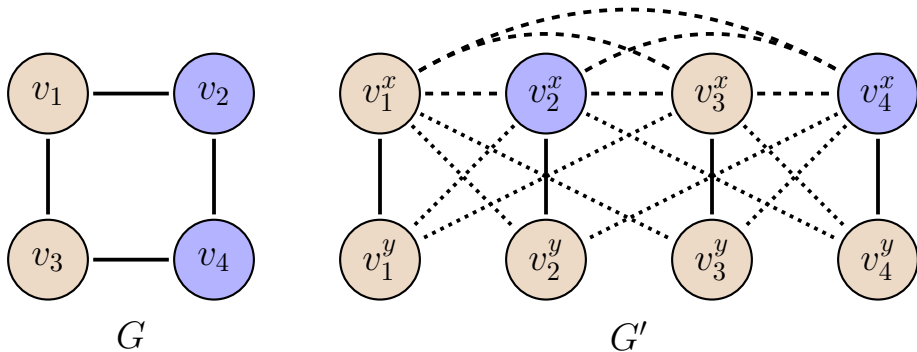
Theorem 13.15: Sufficiency

- ▶ Let S' be a connected dominating set of size k in G' .
- ▶ Let v be in S if at least one of v^x and v^y is in S' ; clearly, $|S| \leq |S'| = k$.
- ▶ We claim that S is a dominating set of G .
- ▶ Consider any vertex $u \in V(G)$.
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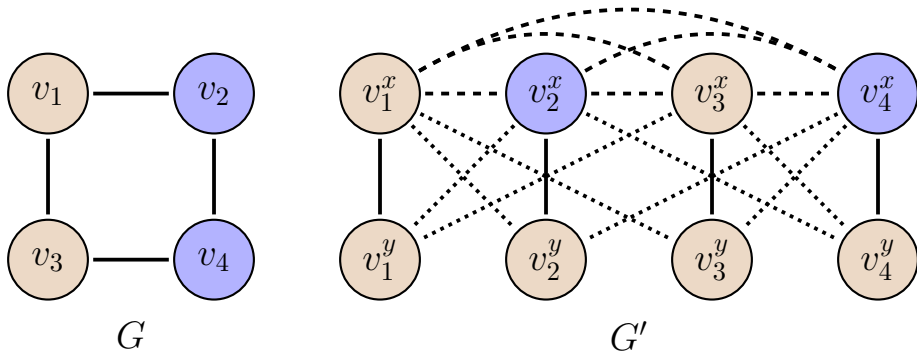
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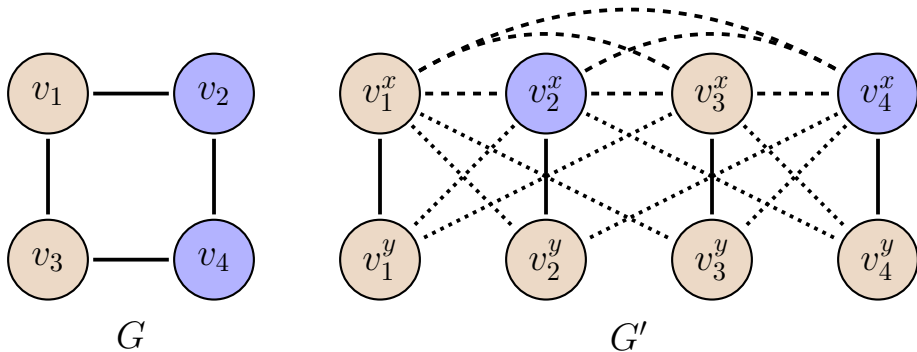
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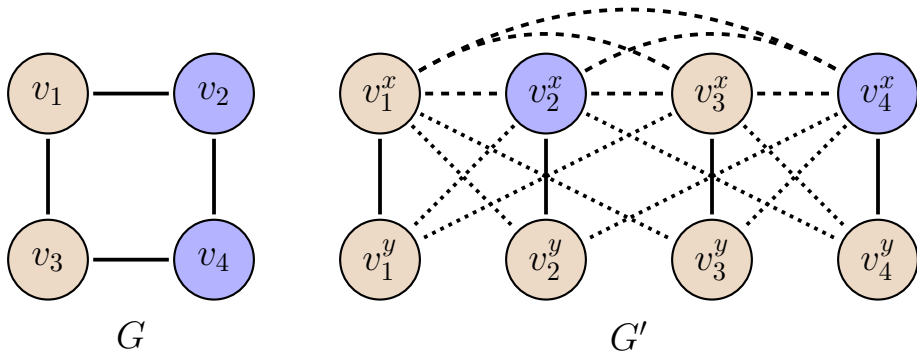
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Thank You :)