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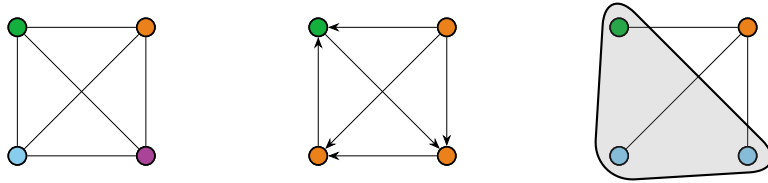
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# ABSTRACT

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An important part of a successful thesis is always the abstract that should be provided in both german and english. Also, everybody likes colorful pictures.

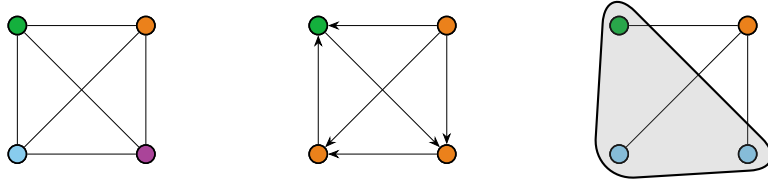


*Colorings of a graph, a digraph, and a hypergraph.*

# ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

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Und jetzt dasselbe nochmal auf deutsch.



*Färbungen eines Graphen, gerichteten Graphen, und eines Hypergraphen.*

# DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

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# Introduction

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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT AND WHY SHOULD I  
CARE?

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Welcome to my awesome thesis. Please feel free to skip this part.

Look at the very nice Kopfzeile!

# Part I

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MY THESIS IS SO SUBSTANTIAL THAT  
IT EVEN HAS TWO PARTS!

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# Chapter 1

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## PRELIMINARIES: GRAPHS

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### 1.1. Basic Terminology

As usual,  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of positive integers and  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is the set of non-negative integers. For  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$  let  $[k, \ell] = \{h \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid k \leq h \leq \ell\}$ . Given a set  $V$ , we denote the **cardinality** of  $V$  by  $|V|$  and the **power set** of  $V$  by  $2^V$ . The empty set is denoted by  $\emptyset$ .

### 1.2. Structure of the Following Chapters

In Chapter blabla we will do blablubb. Then, ...

## Part II

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AS PROMISED: ANOTHER VERY  
FABULOUS PART!

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# Chapter 2

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## PRELIMINARIES: DIGRAPHS

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### 2.1. Basic Digraph Terminology

The digraph terminology used in this thesis is mostly based on the book of BANG-JENSEN and GUTIN [1]. A digraph  $D = (V(D), A(D))$  consists of a finite set  $V(D)$  of so called **vertices** and a finite set  $A(D)$  of ordered pairs of distinct vertices of  $D$ , so called **arcs** of the digraph  $D$ .

At this point, we would like to cite the following material, which—with certainty—is very enjoyable to read: [2, 3, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7]

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# LIST OF SYMBOLS

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The number at the end of each line refers to the page where the term is defined.

The items are sorted according to content as far as possible.

## Basic Terminology

$\mathbb{N}$  set of positive integers, [4](#)

$\mathbb{N}_0$  set of non-negative integers, [4](#)

$[k, \ell]$  all  $h \in \mathbb{N}_0$  with  $k \leq h \leq \ell$ , [4](#)

$\emptyset$  empty set, [4](#)

$2^V$  power set of  $V$ , [4](#)

$|V|$  cardinality of the set  $V$ , [4](#)

## More Fancy Terminology

$D, D', \tilde{D}$  digraphs, [6](#)

$V(D)$  vertex set of a digraph  $D$ , [6](#)

$A(D)$  arc set of a digraph  $D$ , [6](#)