

The recent development of dependency graphs

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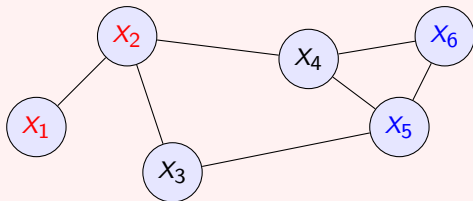
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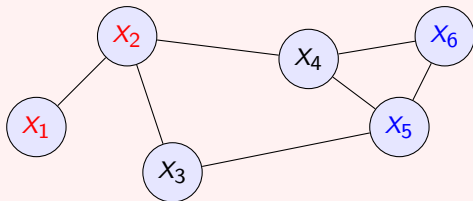
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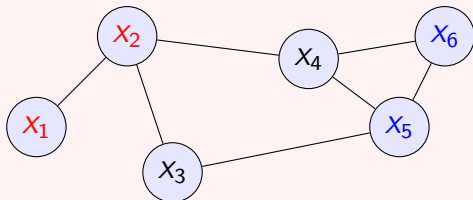


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- There are ones with weaker assumptions, such as the one used in Lovász local lemma.
- The dependency graph for variables may not necessarily be unique, and the sparser ones are the more interesting ones.

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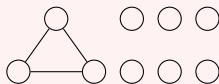
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- It generalises to certain decomposable Lipschitz functions, extending McDiarmid's.

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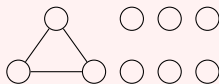
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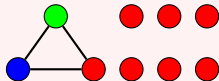
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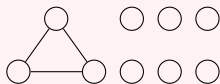
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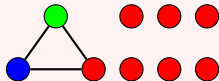
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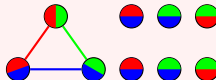
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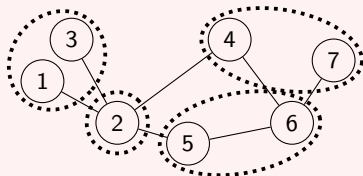
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where $C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_k = S$ and C_1, \dots, C_k induce maximal pairwise non-adjacent 'polymers' (that is, connected subgraphs; also called 'animals', suggested by Dobrushin, 1996).

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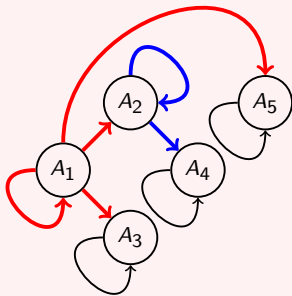
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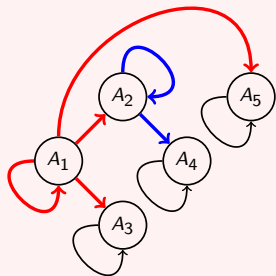


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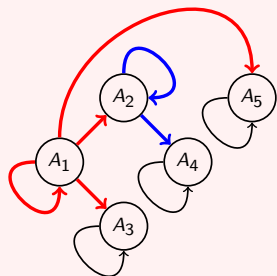


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