

Let us now try to find some lower bound on the term  $1 + P'_i(t)$  for  $t > d - 2$ . Observe that, for  $t > d - 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + P'_i(t) &= 1 + \sum_{\substack{k_1, k_2, \dots, \\ k_d \in [t+2] \setminus \{i\}}} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{D_{k_j}(t)}{2(t+1)} \right) \times \frac{1}{2(t+1) - S_t(\{k_1, \dots, k_d\})} \right] \\
&\geq 1 + \sum_{\substack{k_1, k_2, \dots, \\ k_d \in [t+2] \setminus \{i\}}} \left[ \left( \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{D_{k_j}(t)}{2(t+1)} \right) \times \frac{1}{2(t+1) - 1} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

by noting that the sum of the degrees of the taboo vertices, i.e.,  $S_t(\{k_1, \dots, k_d\})$  can be bounded below by 1.