

# Identifying codes and metric dimension on selected graph classes

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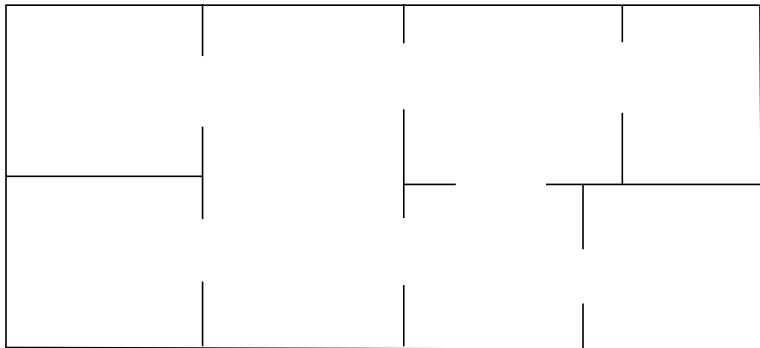
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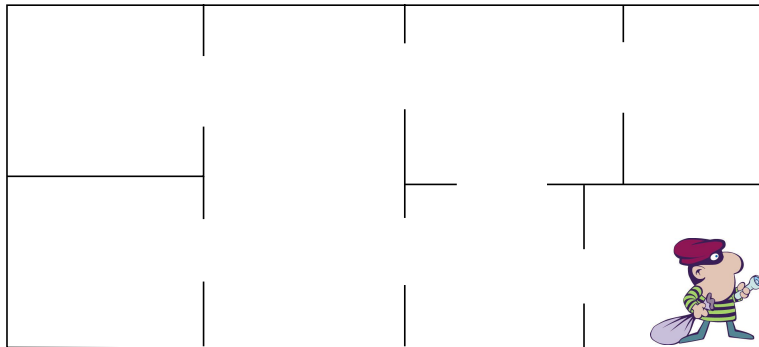
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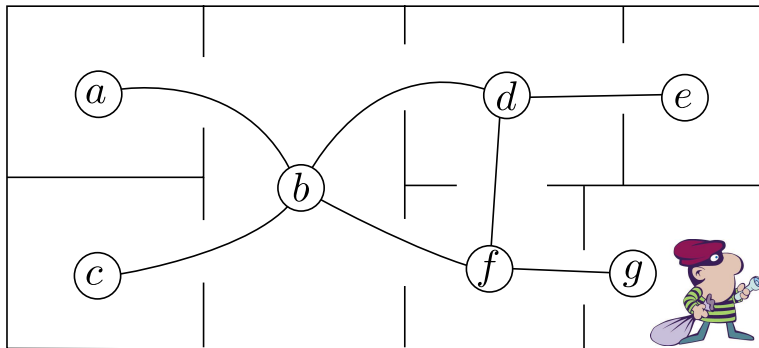
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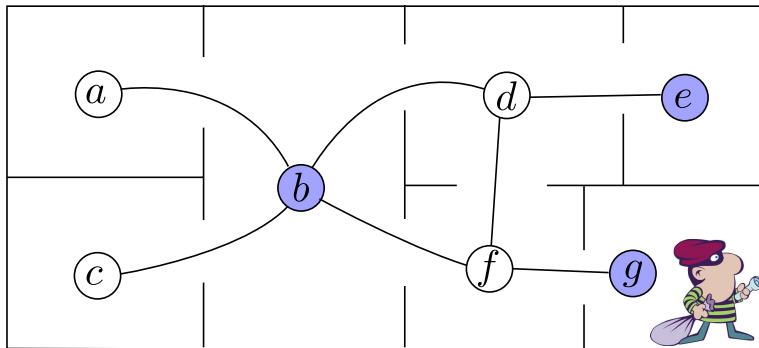
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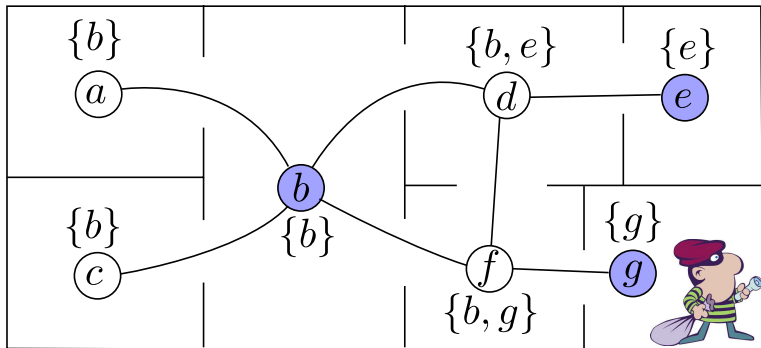
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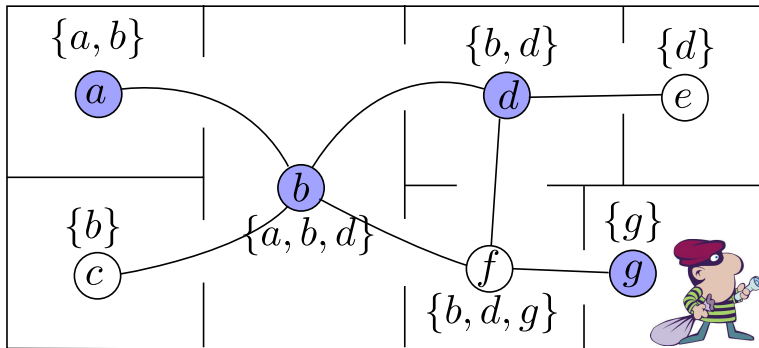
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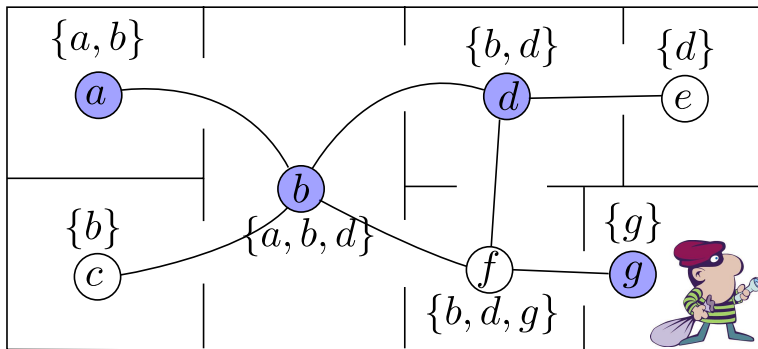


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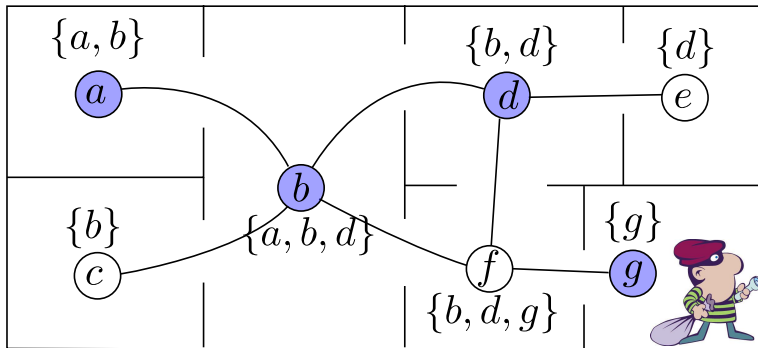


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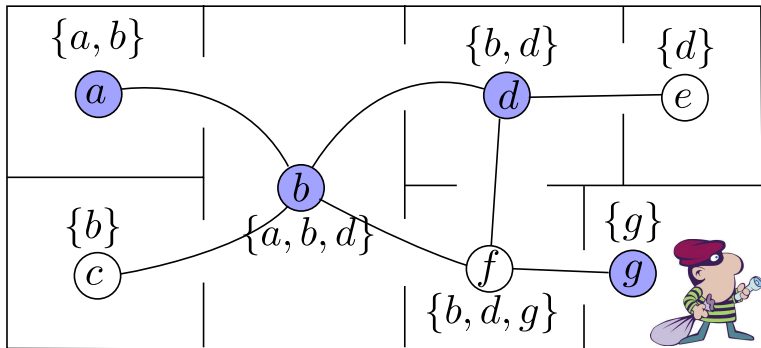
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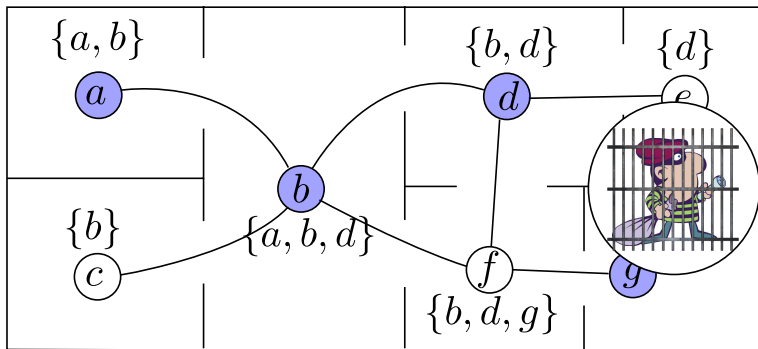
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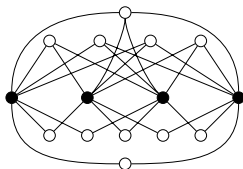
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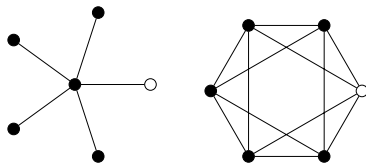
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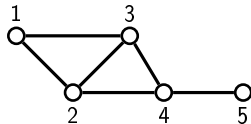
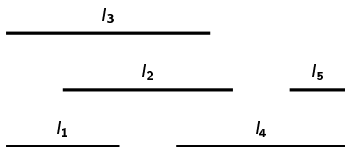


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Intersection graph of intervals of the real line.



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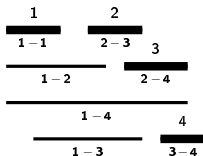
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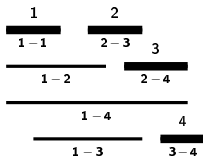
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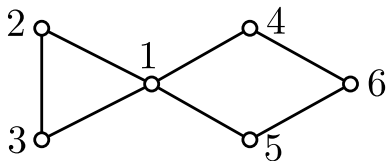
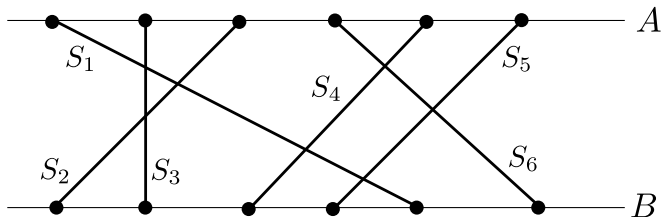
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Given two parallel lines  $A$  and  $B$ :  
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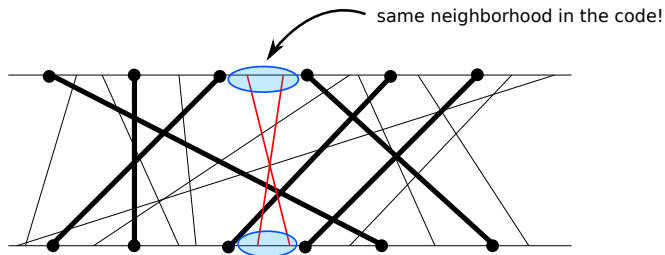
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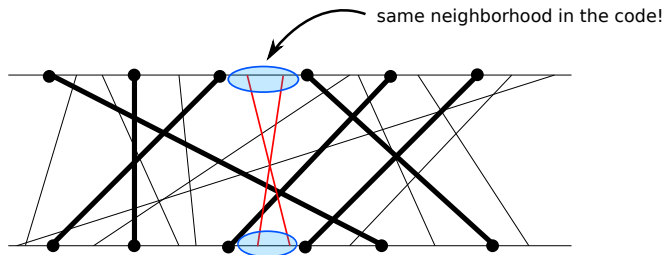
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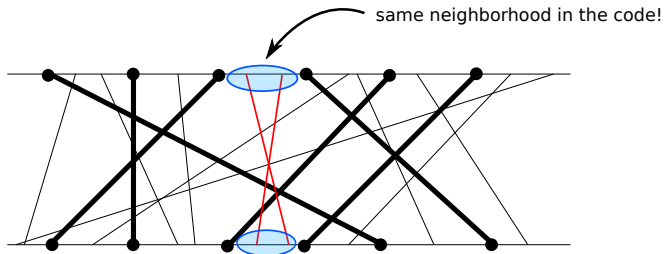
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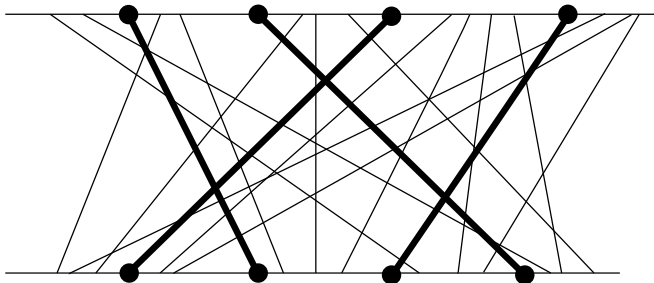


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- If  $G$  is a *cograph*, then  $\gamma^{\text{ID}}(G) \geq \frac{n+2}{2}$ .

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But better bounds exist:

- planar graphs:  $\gamma^{\text{DP}}(G) \geq \frac{n}{7}$  (Slater & Rall, 1984)
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- NP-complete for:
  - bipartite (Charon, Hudry, Lobstein, 2003)
  - planar bipartite unit disk (Müller & Sereni, 2009)
  - planar arbitrary girth (Auger, 2010)
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- constant  $c$ -approximation for:
  - planar,  $c = 7$  (Slater, Rall, 1984)
  - line,  $c = 4$  (F., Gravier, Naserasr, Parreau, Valicov, 2013)
  - interval,  $c = 2$  (Bousquet, Lagoutte, Parreau, Thomassé, Trunck, 2014+)
  - unit interval, PTAS
- hard to approximate within  $o(\log n)$  for:
  - general graphs (Laifenfeld, Trachtenberg + Suomela 2007)
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- Trivial *polynomial* kernel for interval, permutation, line, planar...

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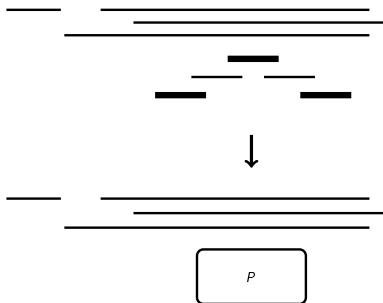
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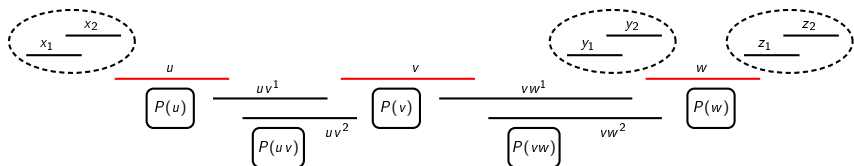
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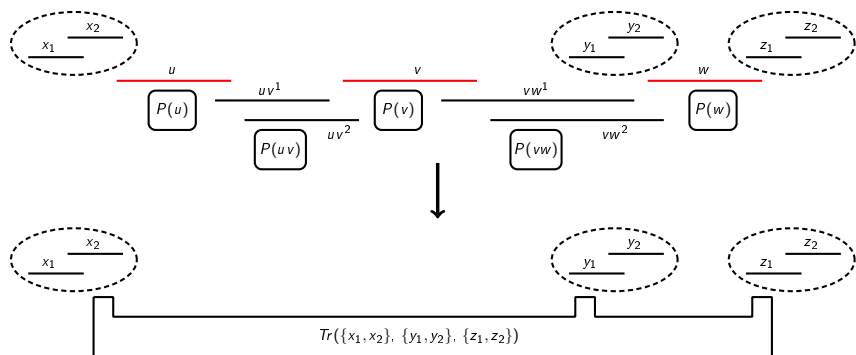
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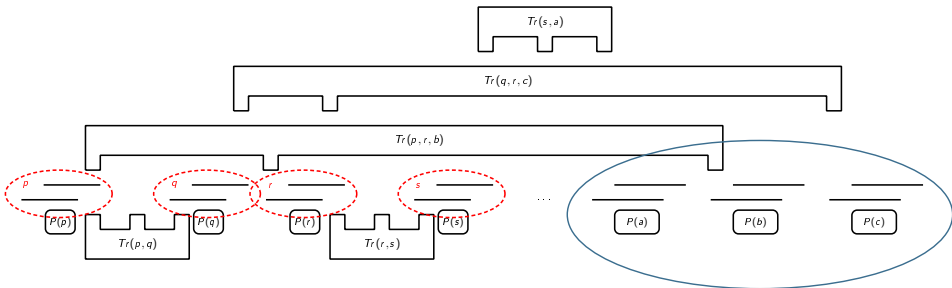
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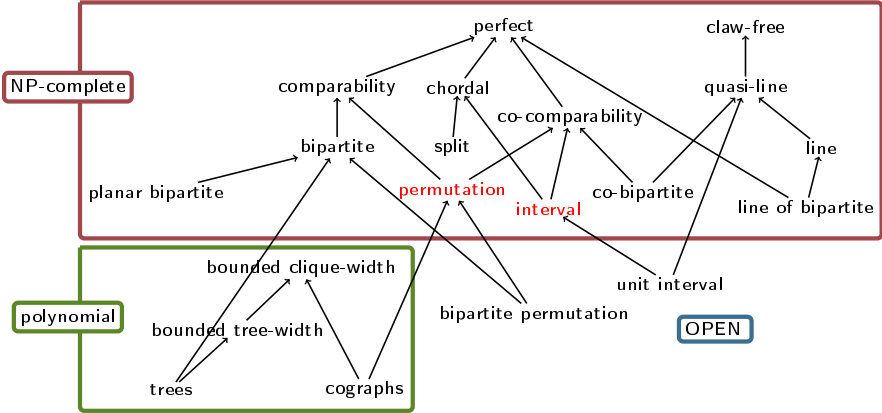
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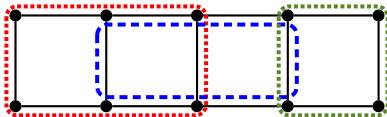
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# Complexity of IDENTIFYING CODE



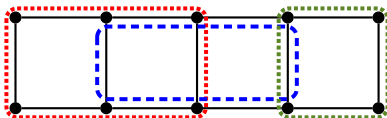
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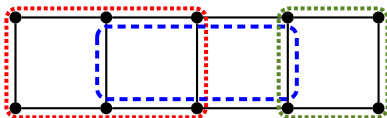
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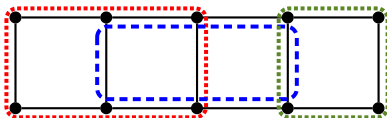
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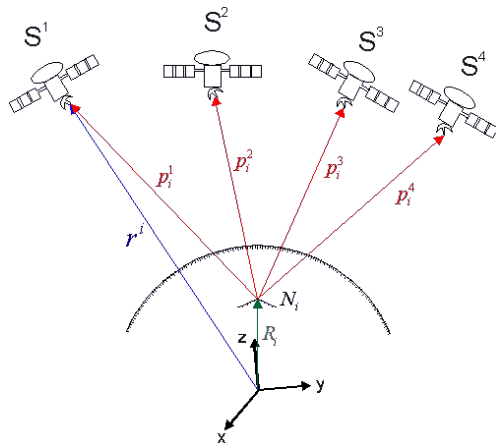
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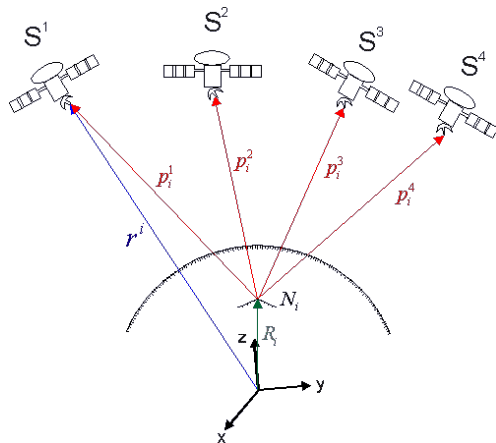
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Does the “GPS” approach also work in undirected unweighted graphs?

Now,  $w \in V(G)$  separates  $\{u, v\}$  if  $\text{dist}(w, u) \neq \text{dist}(w, v)$

**Definition** - Resolving set (Slater, 1975 - Harary & Melter, 1976)

$R \subseteq V(G)$  resolving set of  $G$ :

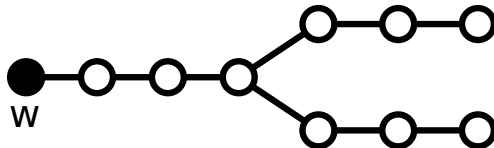
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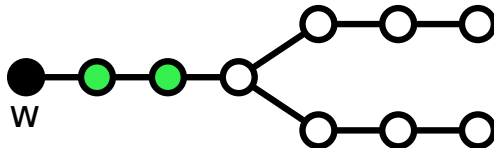


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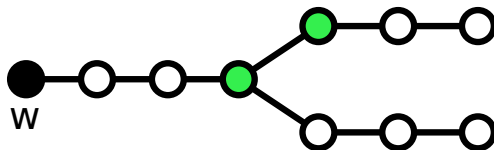


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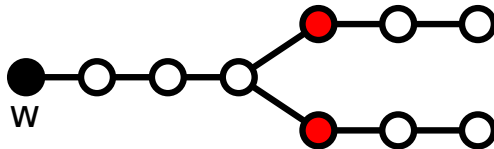


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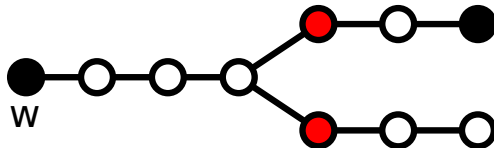


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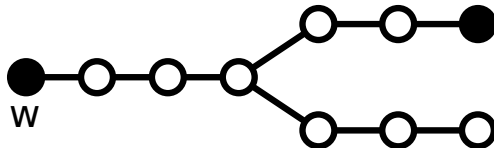


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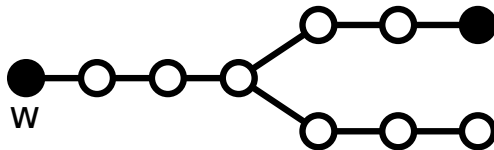


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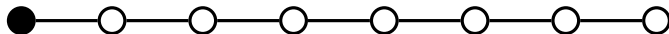
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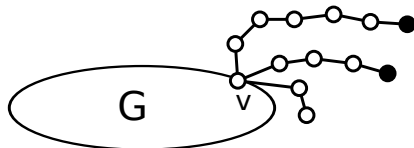
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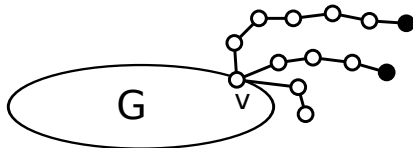


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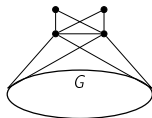
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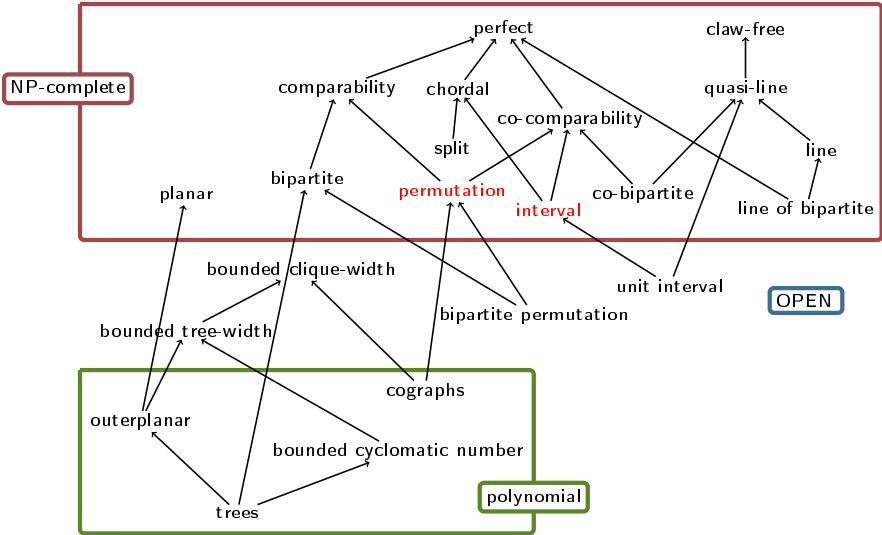


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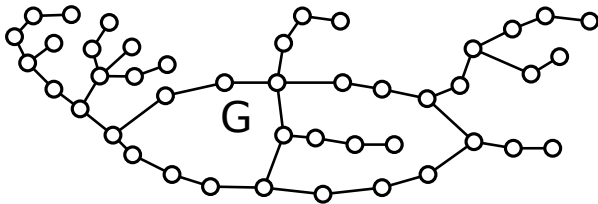
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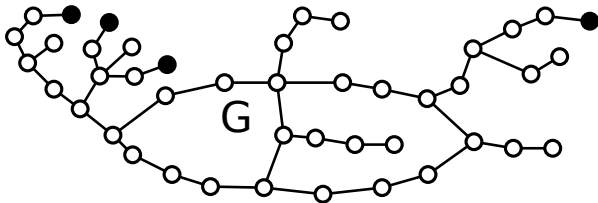
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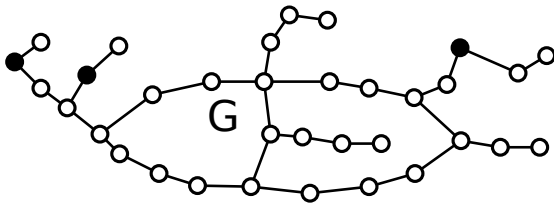
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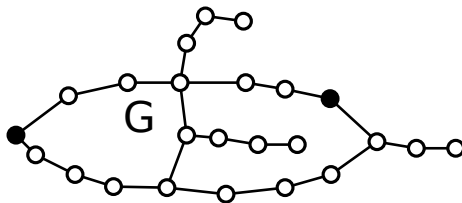
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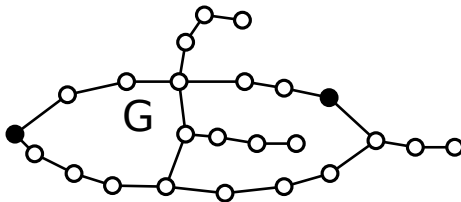
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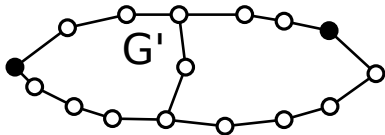


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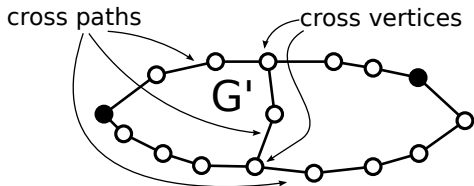
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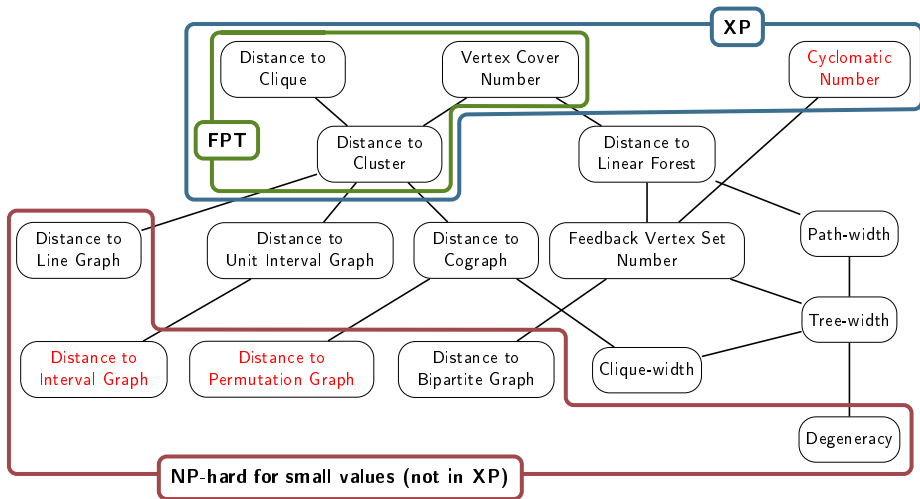
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