Bounding the broadcast domination number by the multipacking number

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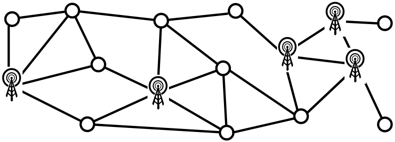

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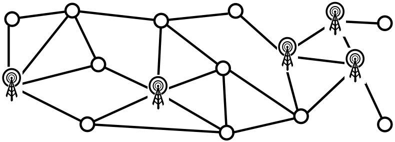

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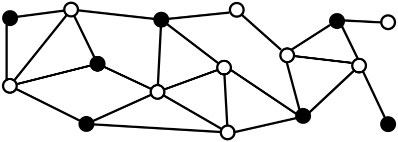

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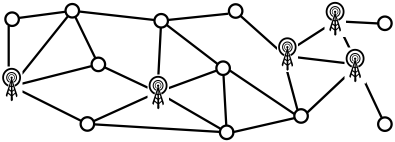

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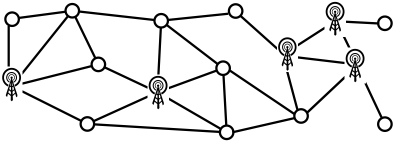

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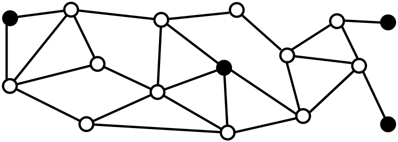

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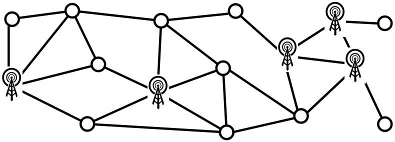

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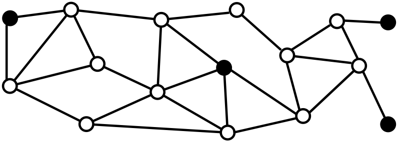

These problems are dual (in the sense of LP) and $\rho_2(G) \leq \gamma(G)$.

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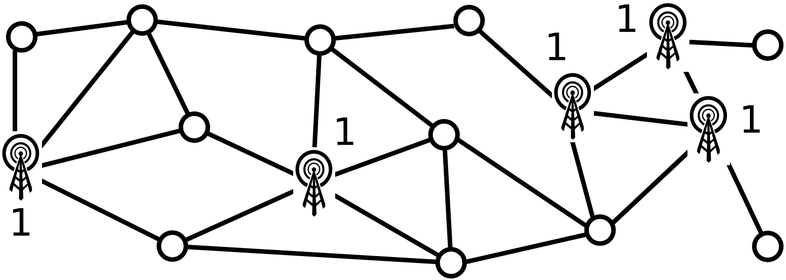

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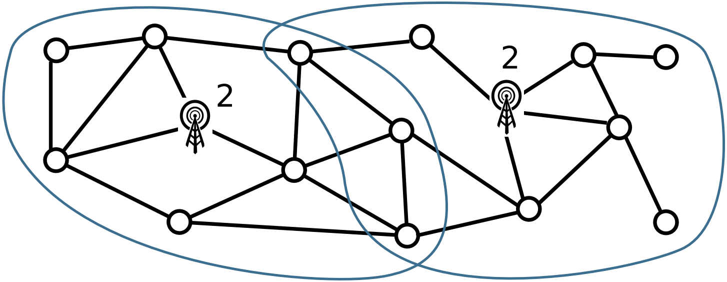

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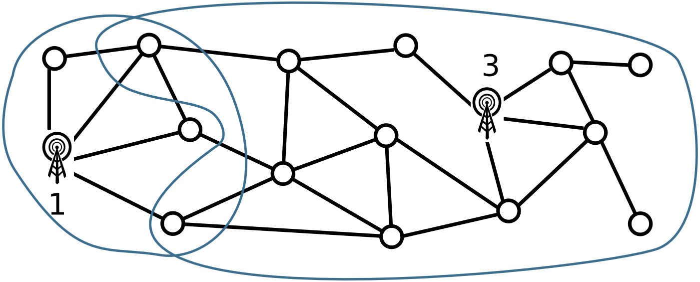

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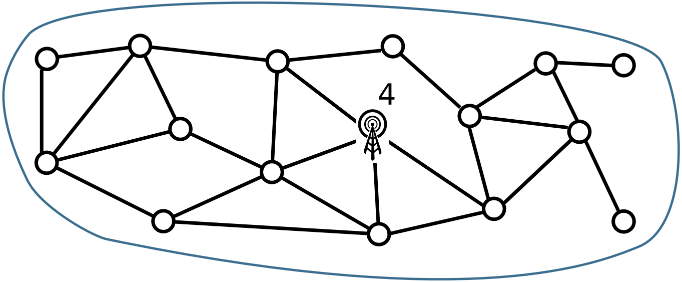

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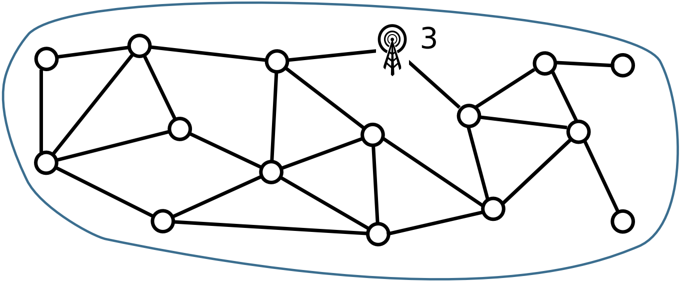

Theorem (Heggernes-Lokshtanov, 2006)

We can find a minimum-cost dominating broadcast in polynomial time $O(n^6)$.

Proof idea:

- find an efficient dominating broadcast (Erwin, 2001)
- The structure of covering balls is a path or a cycle
- Dynamic programming on this structure

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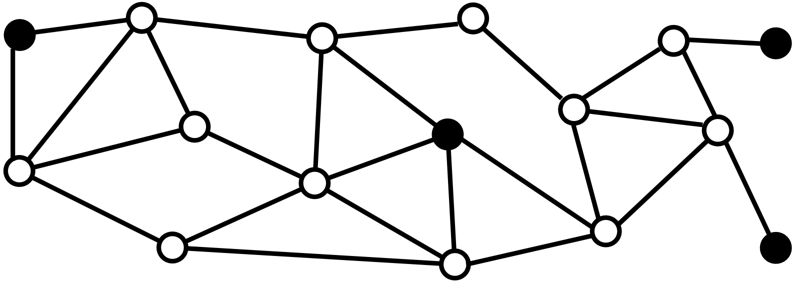

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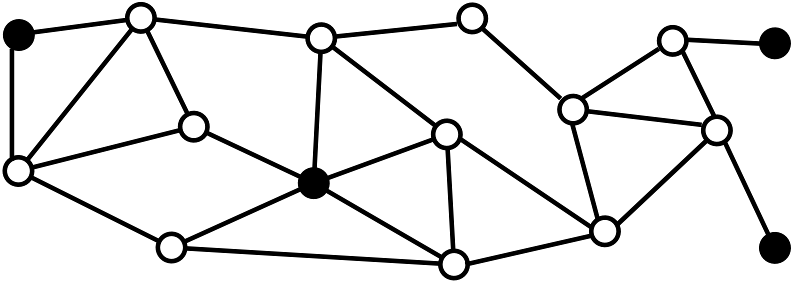

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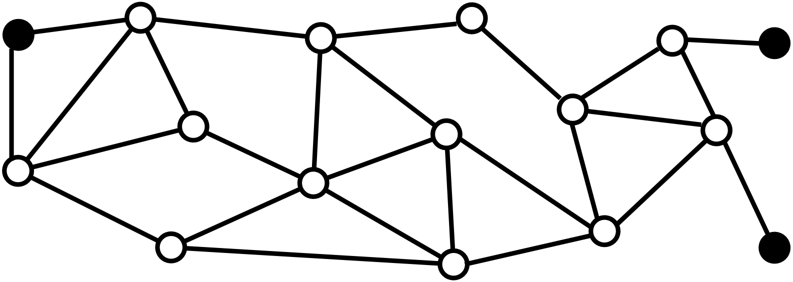

The two problems are dual (in the sense of LP).

Proposition

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Equality holds for:

- trees (Mynhardt-Teshima, 2017)
- more generally, strongly chordal graphs (Brewster-MacGillivray-Yang, 2019)
- square grids (Beaudou-Brewster, 2018)

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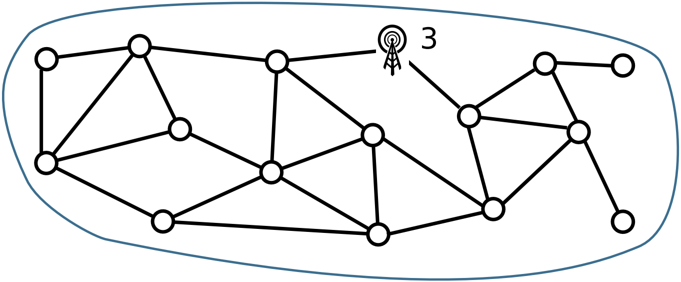

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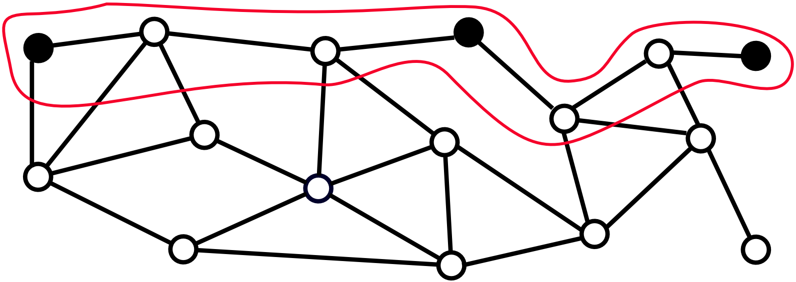

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Corollary

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Question (Hartnell-Mynhardt, 2014)

What is the largest possible ratio $\frac{\gamma_b(G)}{mp(G)}$?

Our theorem

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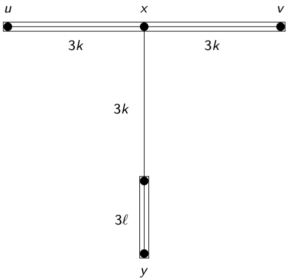

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Let $diam(G) = 6k + i$ and $rad(G) = 3k + 3\ell + j$ ($0 \leq i < 6$ and $0 \leq j < 3$)

Apply the lemma with x, a vertex of eccentricity $rad(G)$.

$$\begin{aligned} mp(G) &\geq 2k + \ell \\ &\geq \frac{diam(G)}{3} + \frac{rad(G)}{3} - \frac{diam(G)}{6} - c \\ &\geq \frac{rad(G)}{2} - c \\ &\geq \frac{\gamma_b(G)}{2} - c \end{aligned}$$

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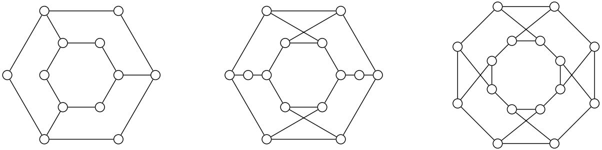

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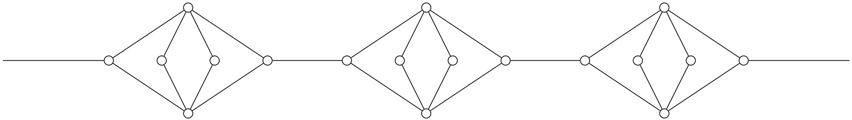

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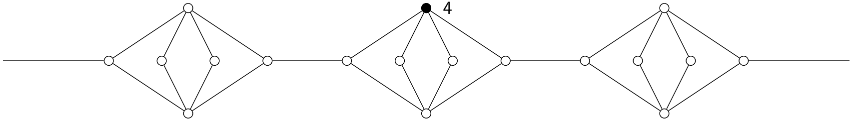

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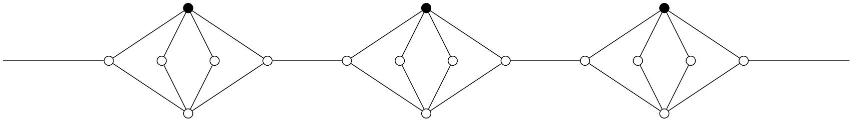

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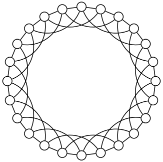

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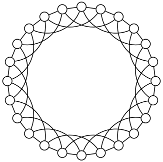

Question

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