

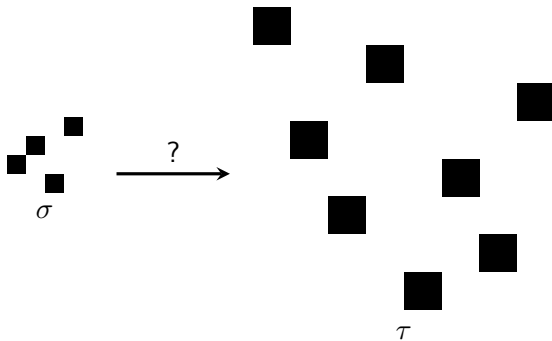
Introduction to twin-width

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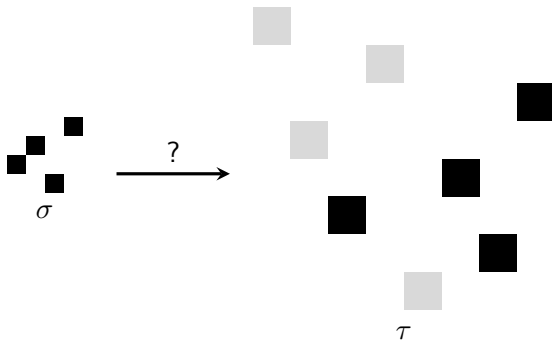
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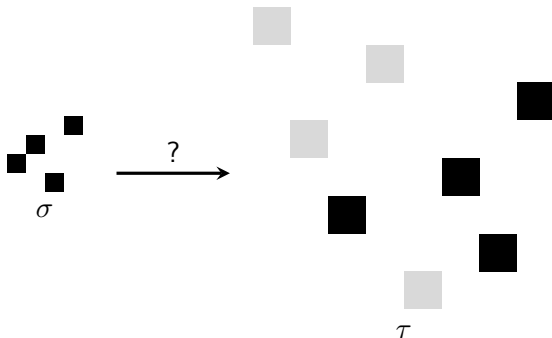
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Theorem (Guillemot, Marx '14)

PERMUTATION PATTERN *can be solved in time* $f(|\sigma|)|\tau|$.

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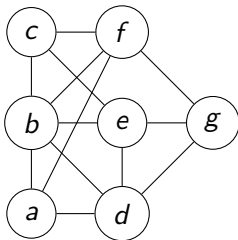
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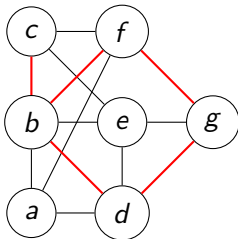
If the latter always holds: exploitable "decomposition" of τ

Graphs



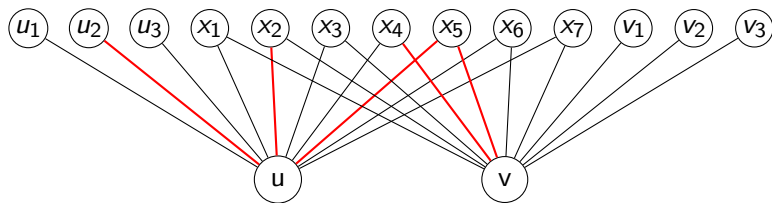
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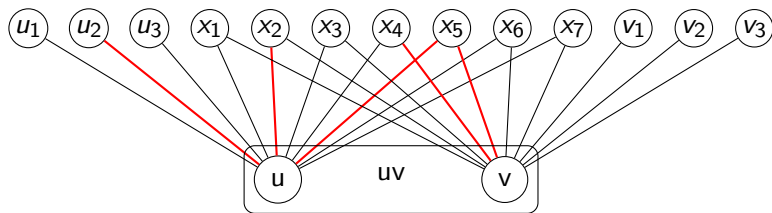
Three outcomes between a pair of vertices:
edge, or non-edge, or red edge (error edge)

Contractions in trigraphs



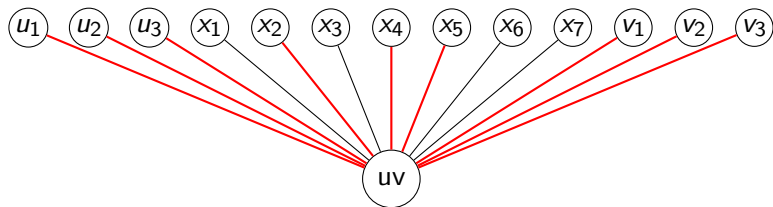
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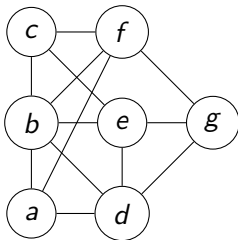
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edges to $N(u) \Delta N(v)$ turn red, for $N(u) \cap N(v)$ red is absorbing

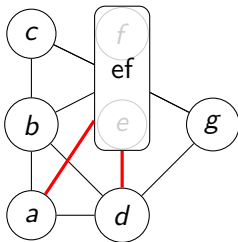
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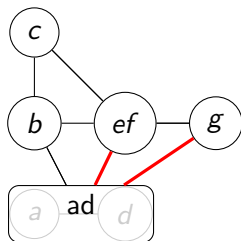
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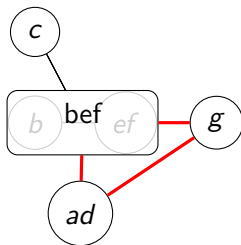
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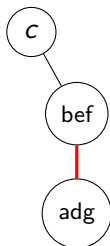
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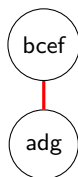
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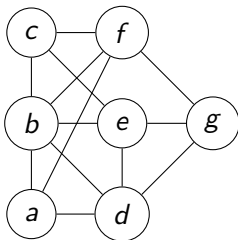


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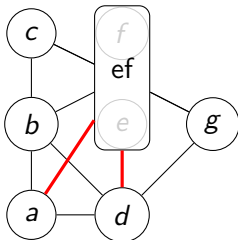
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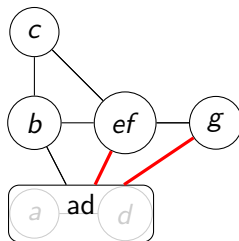
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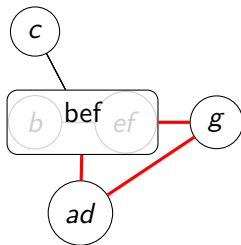
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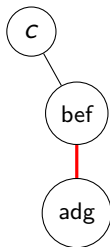
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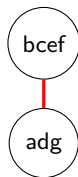
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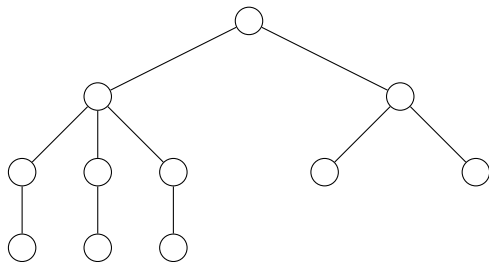
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Extension to binary structures over a finite signature

- ▶ Red edges appear between two vertices X, Y such that, for some binary relation R , $R(x, y)$ holds for some $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, and $R(x', y')$ does not, for some $x' \in X$ and $y' \in Y$.
- ▶ Contraction only allowed within vertices satisfying the same unary relations.

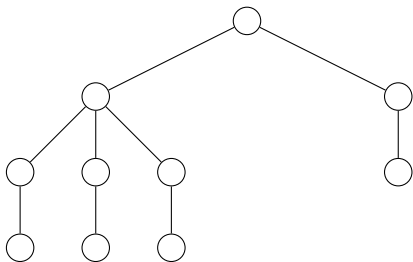
We now contract to up to 2^h remaining vertices, with h the number of unary relations.

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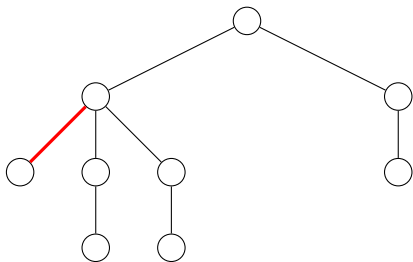
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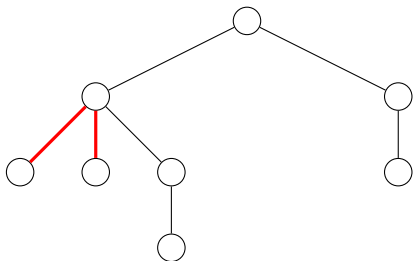
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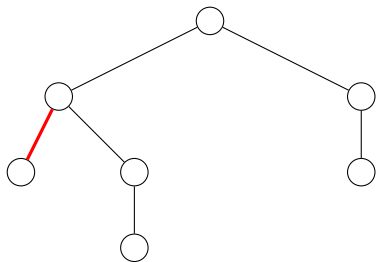
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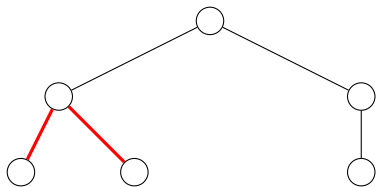
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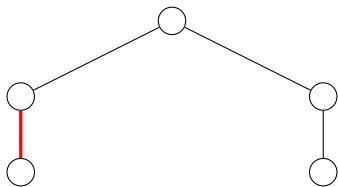
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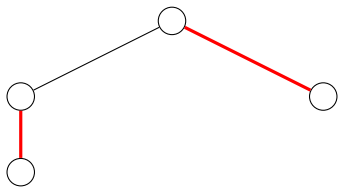
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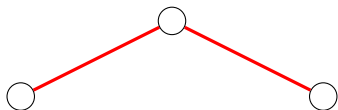
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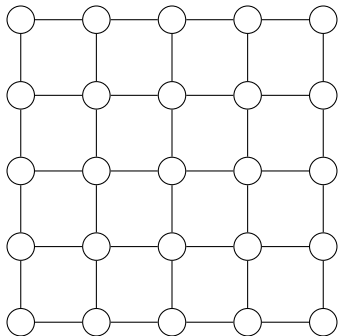
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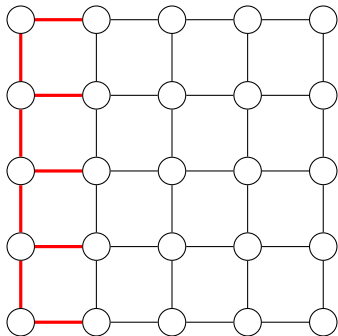


Generalization to bounded *treewidth* and even bounded *rank-width*

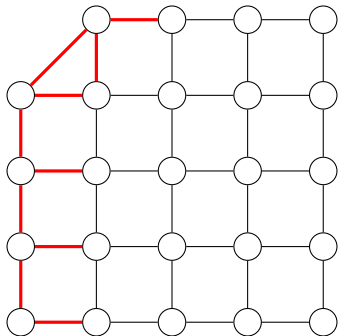
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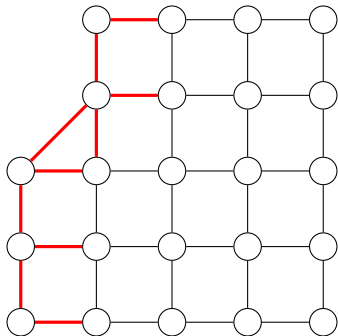
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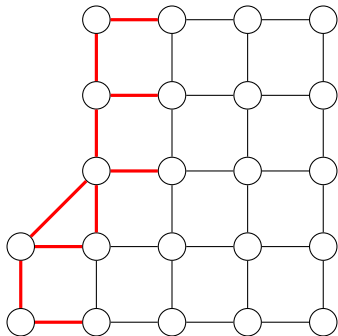
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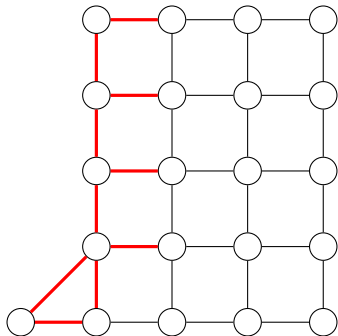
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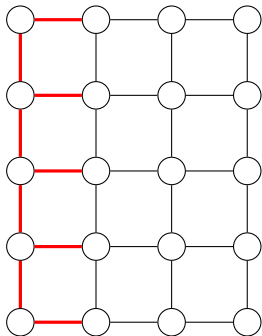
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4-sequence for planar grids

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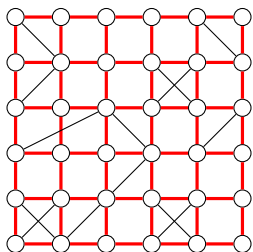
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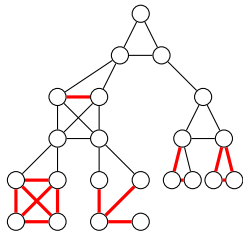
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Ok, but do bounded twin-width classes have good properties?

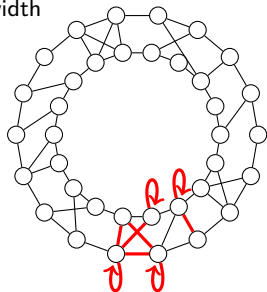
Different conditions imposed in the sequence of red graphs



bd degree: defines bd twin-width



bd component: redefines bd cliquewidth



bd #edges: redefines bd linear cliquewidth

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$G \models \varphi? \Leftrightarrow$ 3-COLORING

The lens of contraction sequences

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We will reprove the result in bold, and fill the ?

Courcelle's theorems

We will reprove with contraction sequences:

Theorem (Courcelle, Makowsky, Rotics '00)

MSO model checking can be solved in time $f(|\varphi|, d) \cdot |V(G)|$ given a witness that the clique-width/component twin-width of the input G is at most d .

generalizes

Theorem (Courcelle '90)

MSO model checking can be solved in time $f(|\varphi|, t) \cdot |V(G)|$ on incidence graphs of graphs G of treewidth at most t .

Rank- k m -types

Sets of non-equivalent formulas/sentences of quantifier rank at most k satisfied by a fixed structure:

$$\text{tp}_k^{\mathcal{L}}(\mathcal{A}, \vec{a} \in A^m) = \{\varphi(\vec{x}) \in \mathcal{L}[k] : \mathcal{A} \models \varphi(\vec{a})\},$$

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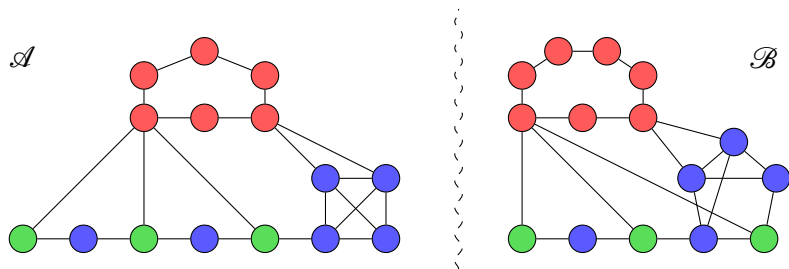
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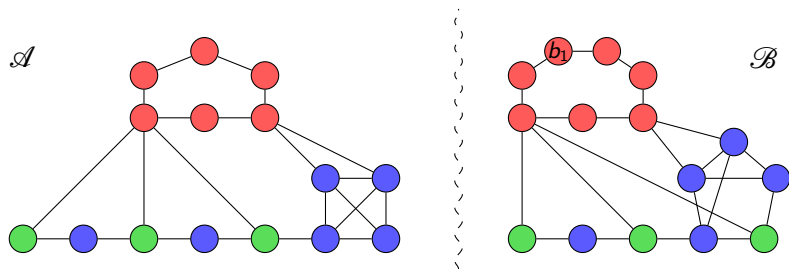
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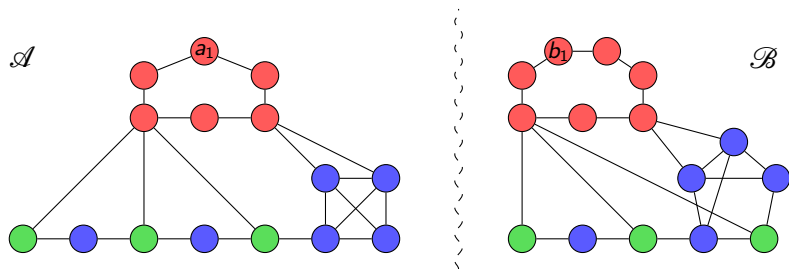
2-player game on two σ -structures \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} (for us, colored graphs)

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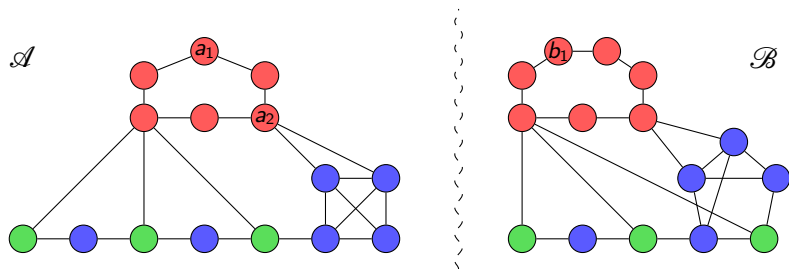
At each round, Spoiler picks a structure (\mathcal{B}) and a vertex therein

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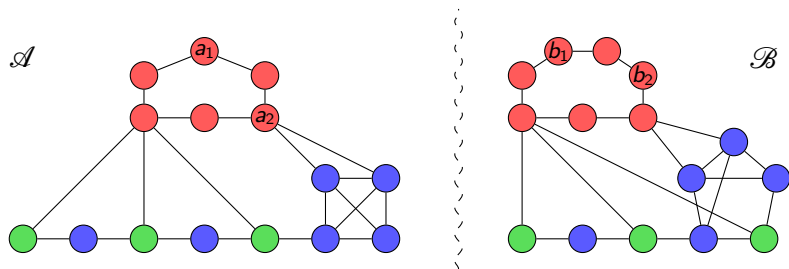
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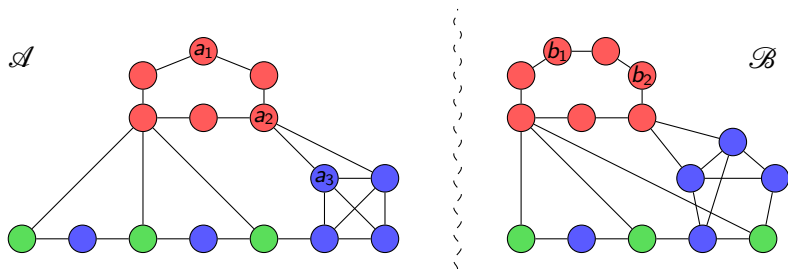
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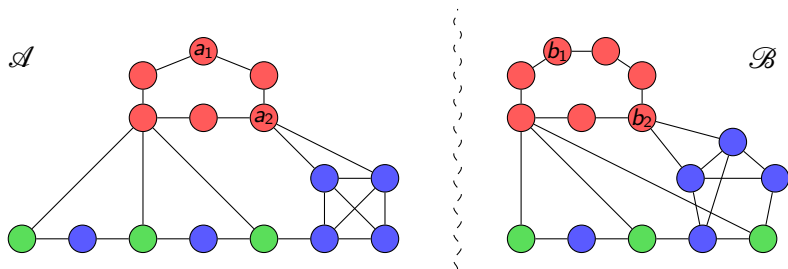
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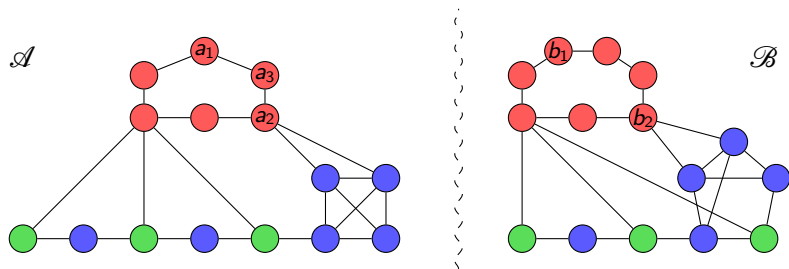
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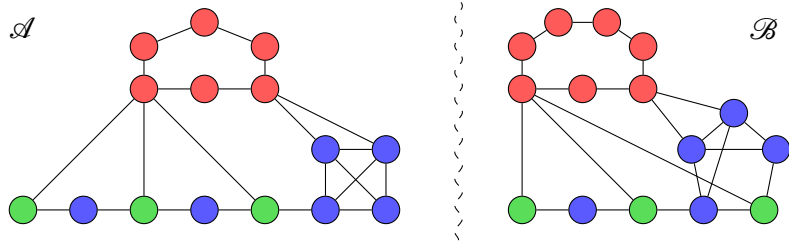
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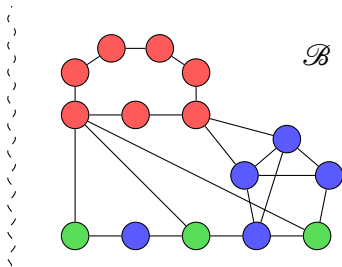
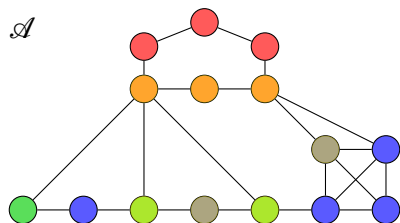
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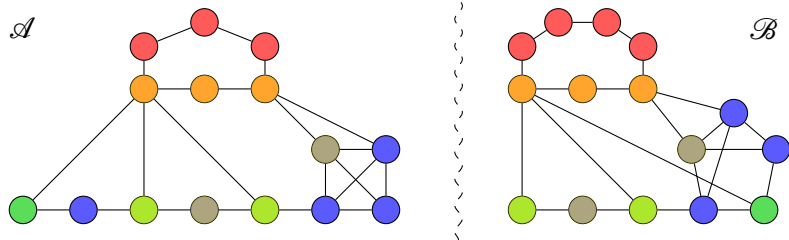
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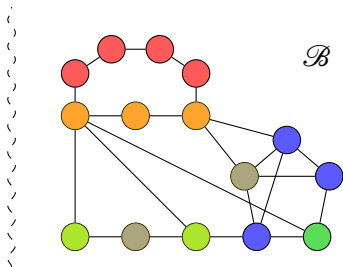
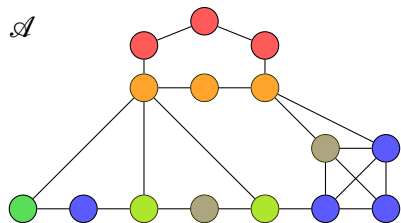
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MSO Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game



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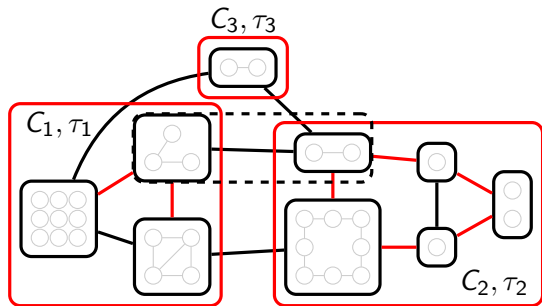
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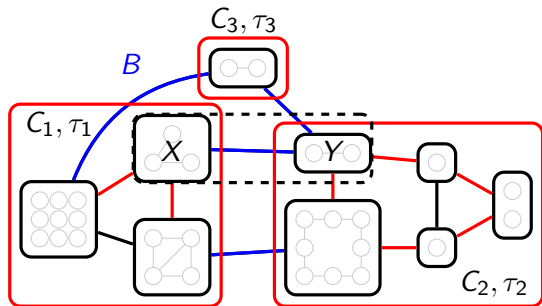
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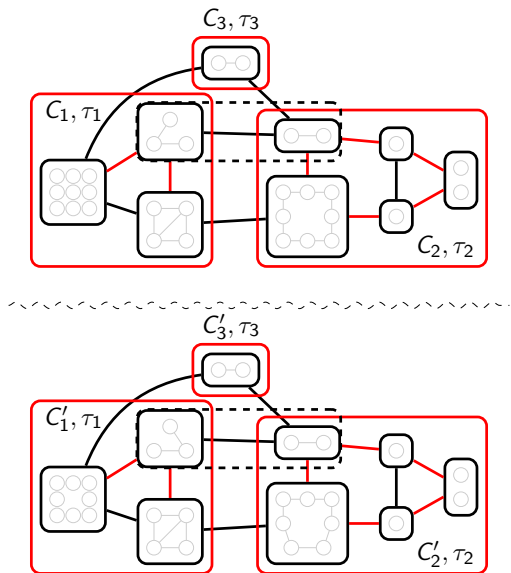
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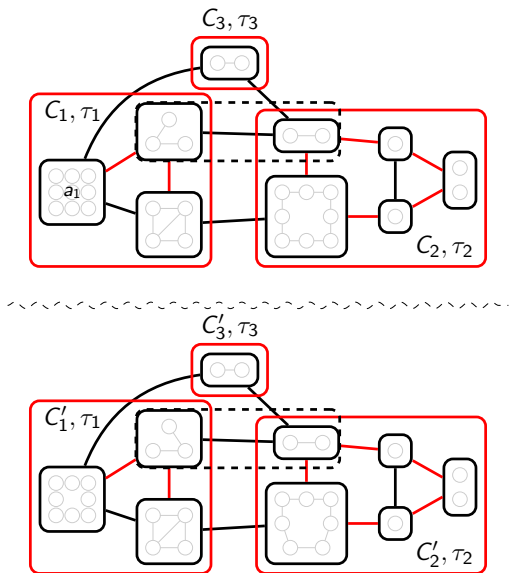
C arises from $C_1, \dots, C_{d'}$: $\tau = F(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{d'}, B, X, Y)$

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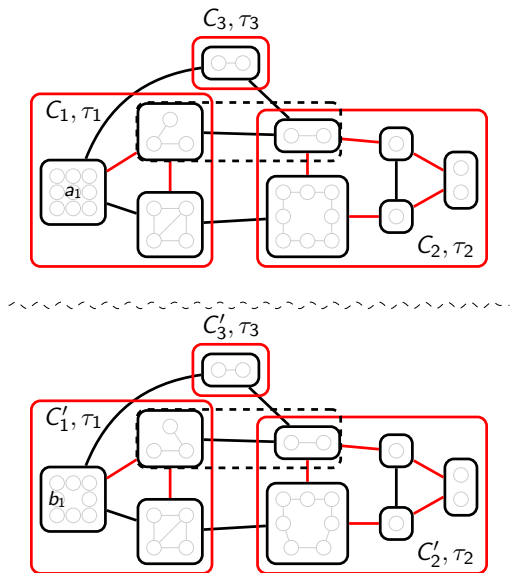
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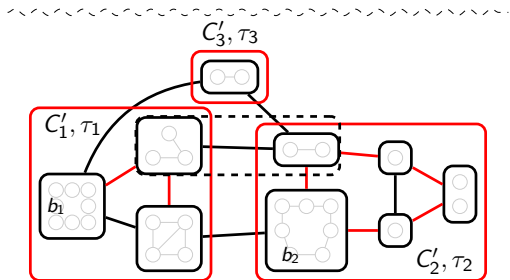
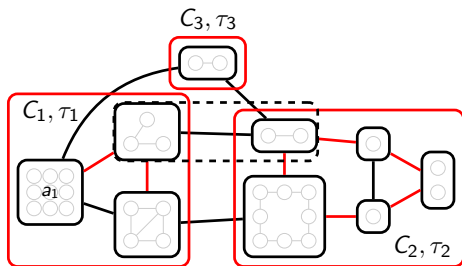
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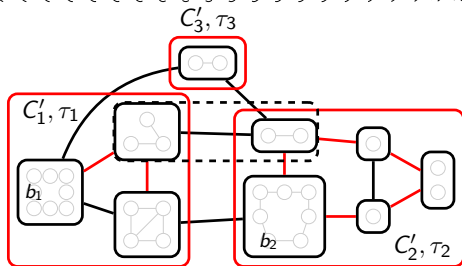
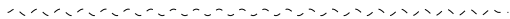
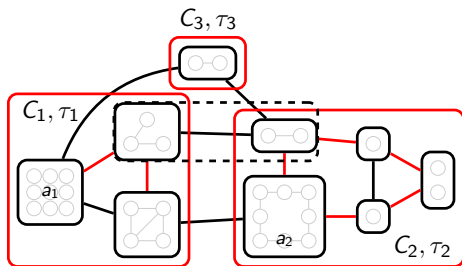
Duplicator answers the corresponding winning move

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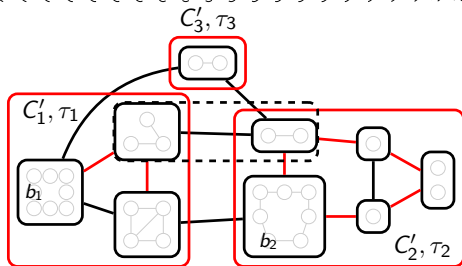
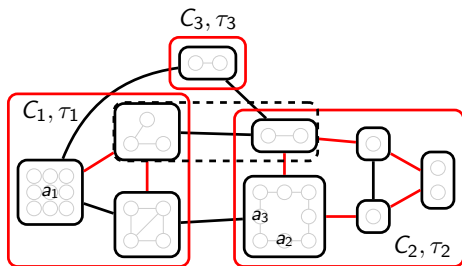
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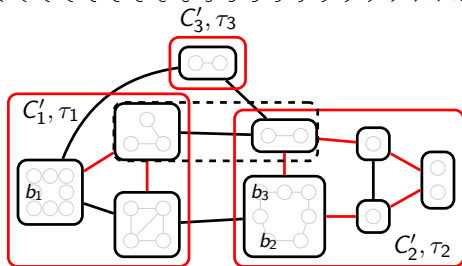
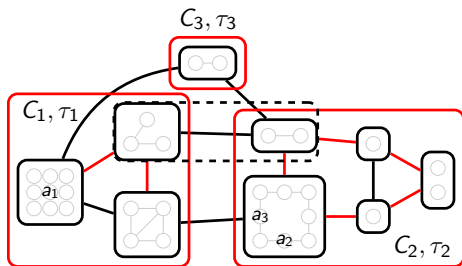
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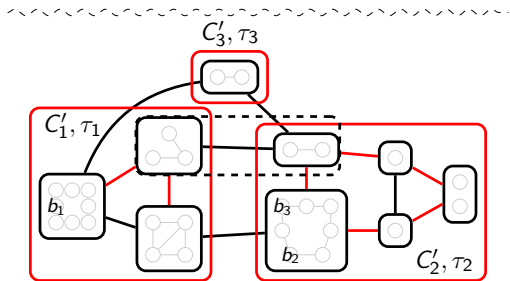
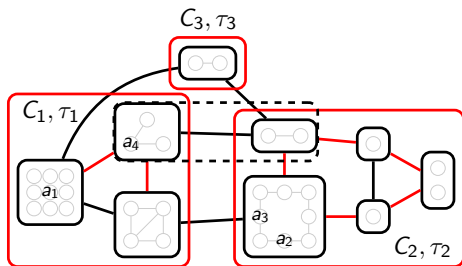
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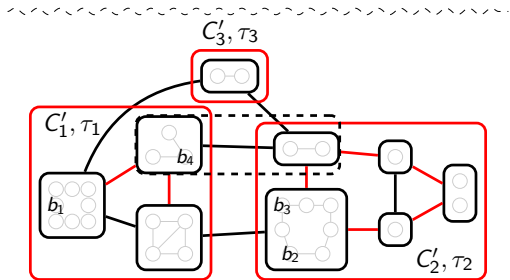
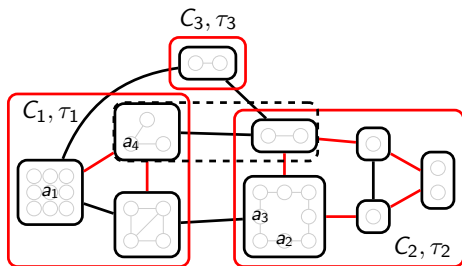
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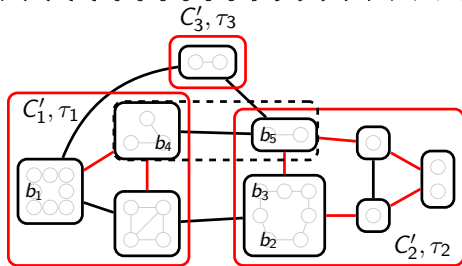
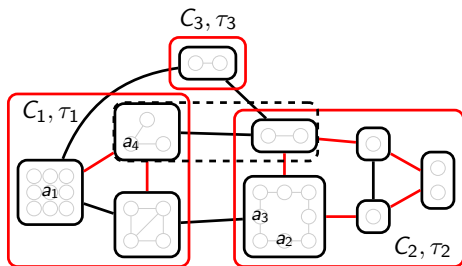
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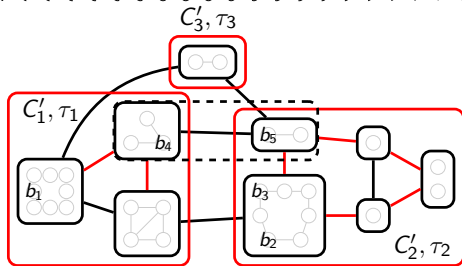
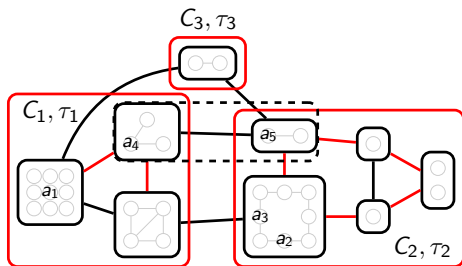
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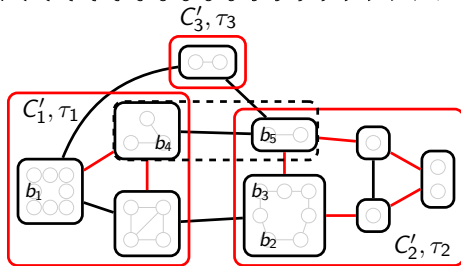
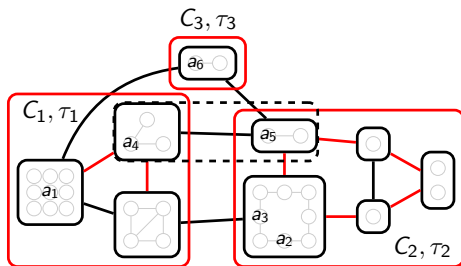
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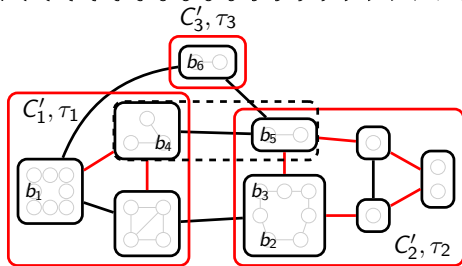
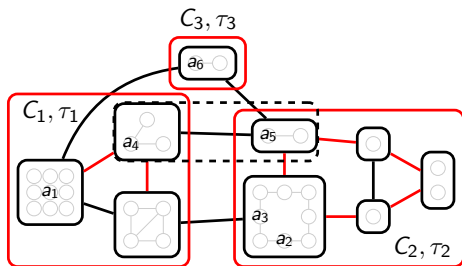
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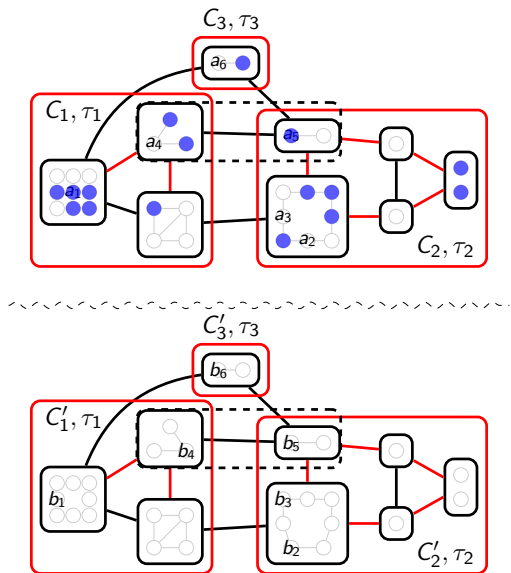
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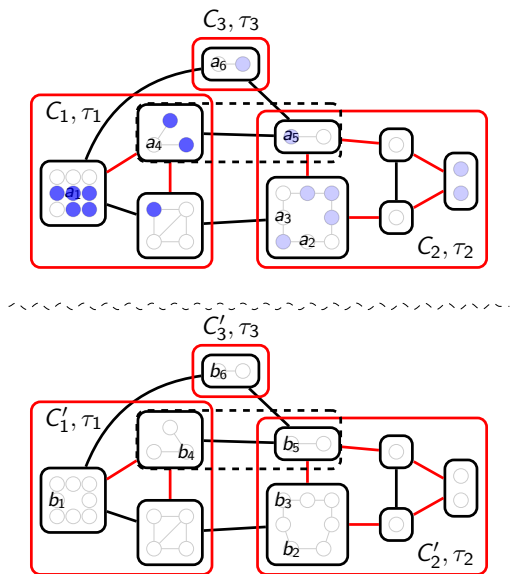
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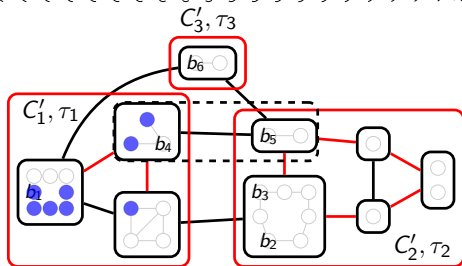
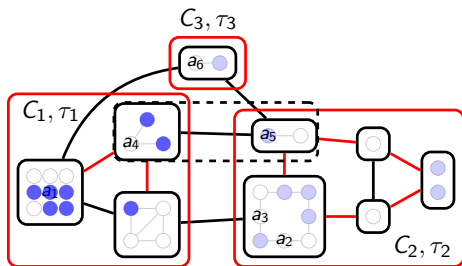
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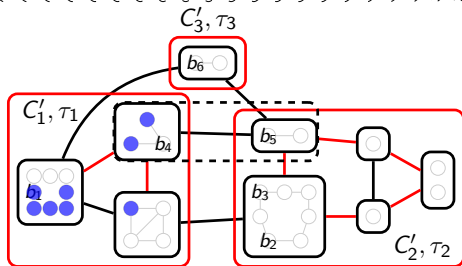
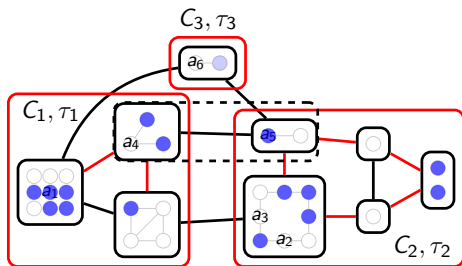
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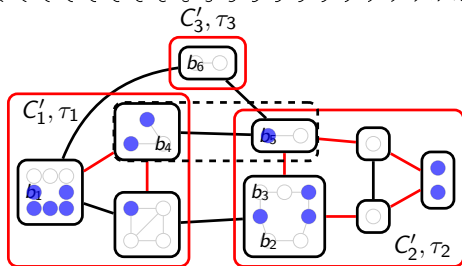
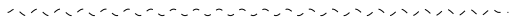
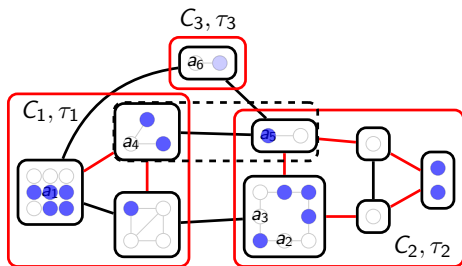
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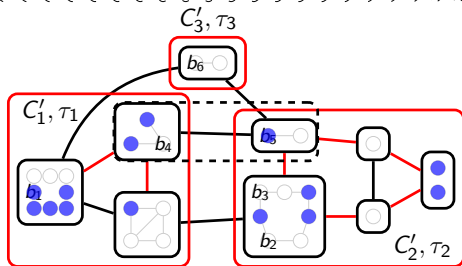
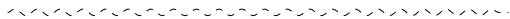
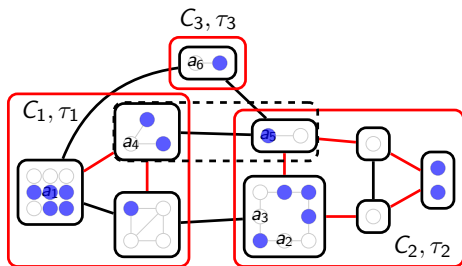
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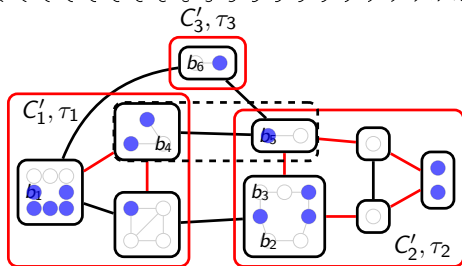
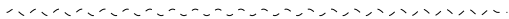
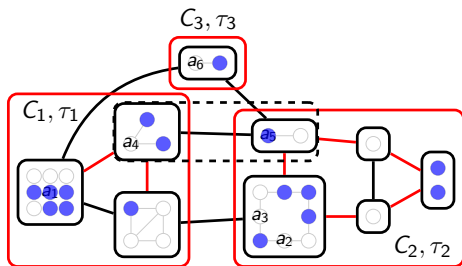
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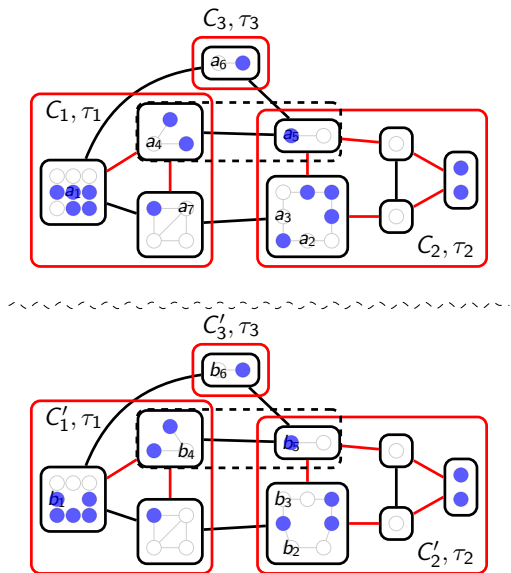
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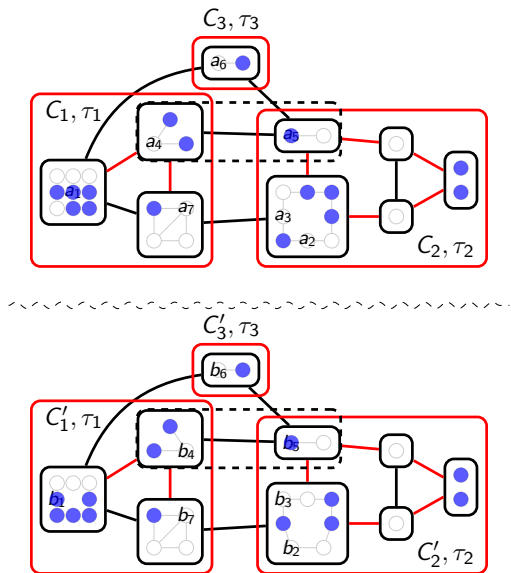
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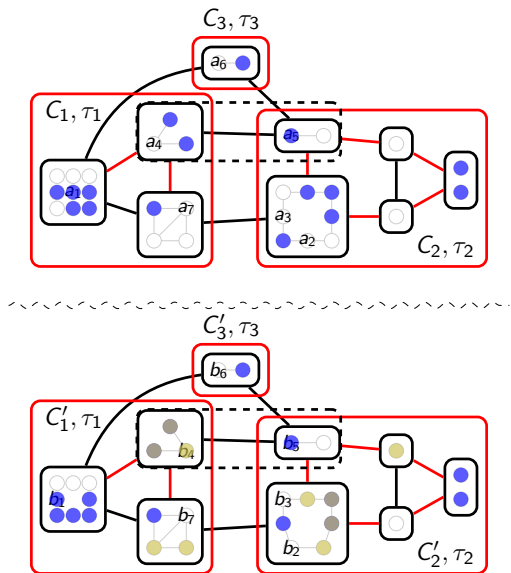
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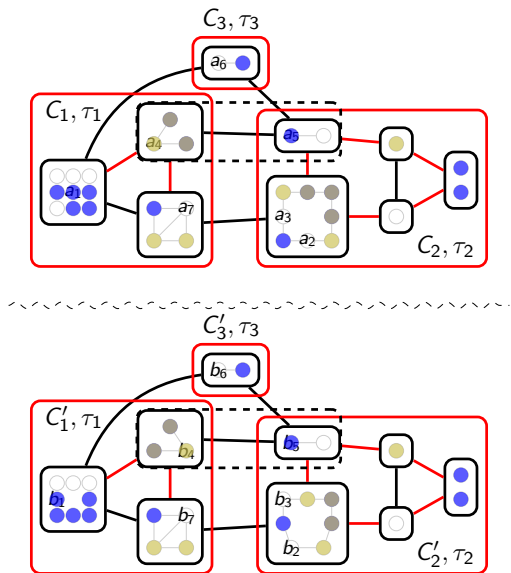
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Turning it into a uniform algorithm

Reminder:

- ▶ #non-equivalent partitioned sentences of rank k : $f(d, k)$
- ▶ #rank- k partitioned types bounded by $g(d, k) = 2^{f(d, k)}$

For each newly observed type τ ,

- ▶ keep a representative $(H, \mathcal{P})_\tau$ on at most $(d+1)^{g(d, k)}$ vertices
- ▶ determine the 0, 1-vector of satisfied sentences on $(H, \mathcal{P})_\tau$
- ▶ record the value of $F(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{d'}, B, X, Y)$ for future uses

Turning it into a uniform algorithm

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- ▶ #non-equivalent partitioned sentences of rank k : $f(d, k)$
- ▶ #rank- k partitioned types bounded by $g(d, k) = 2^{f(d, k)}$

For each newly observed type τ ,

- ▶ keep a representative $(H, \mathcal{P})_\tau$ on at most $(d+1)^{g(d, k)}$ vertices
- ▶ determine the 0, 1-vector of satisfied sentences on $(H, \mathcal{P})_\tau$
- ▶ record the value of $F(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{d'}, B, X, Y)$ for future uses

To decide $G \models \varphi$, look at position φ in the 0, 1-vector of $\text{tp}_k^{\text{MSO}}(G)$

Back to twin-width

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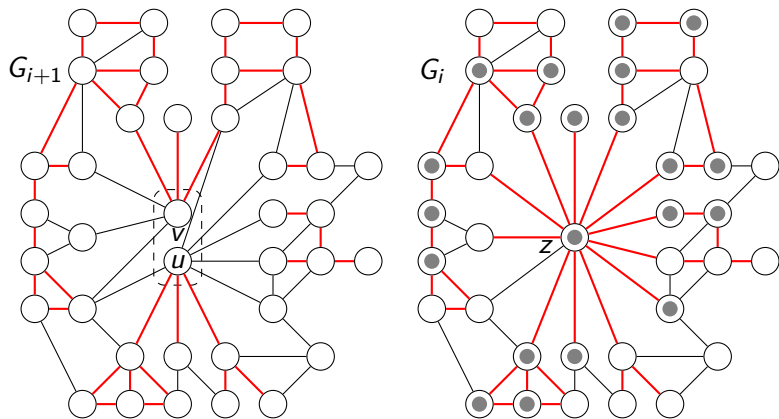
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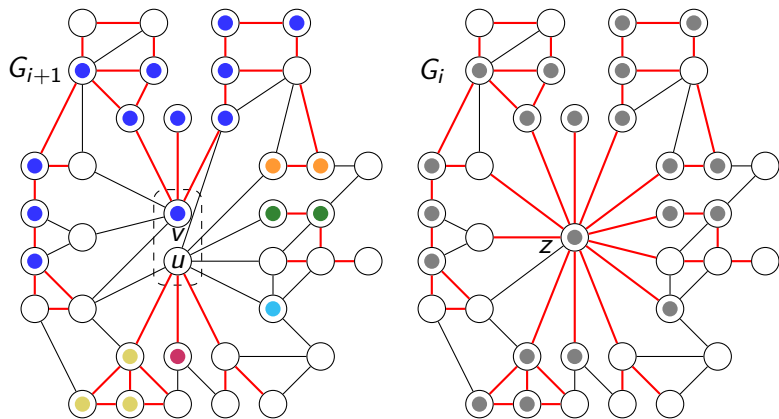
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k -INDEPENDENT SET: Update of partial solutions



Best partial solution inhabiting ●?

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3 unions of $\leq d + 2$ red connected subgraphs to consider in G_{i+1}
with u , or v , or both

FO model checking on graphs of bounded twin-width

Generalization of the previous algorithm to:

Theorem (B., Kim, Thomassé, Watrigant '20)

FO model checking can be solved in time $f(|\varphi|, d) \cdot |V(G)|$ on graphs G given with a d -sequence.

Gaifman's locality + MSO model checking algorithm

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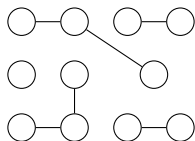
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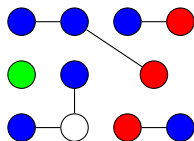
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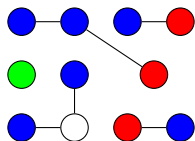
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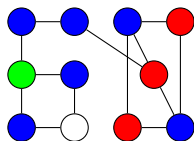
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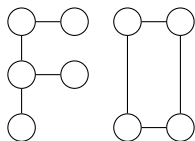
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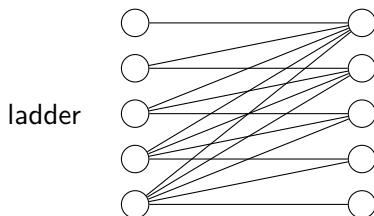


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Due to [Baldwin, Shelah '85; Braunfeld, Laskowski '22]

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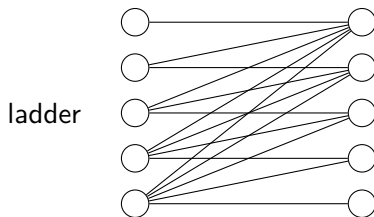
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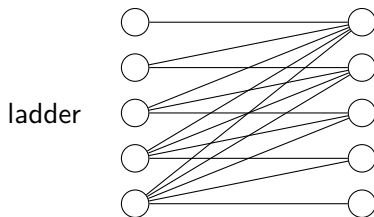
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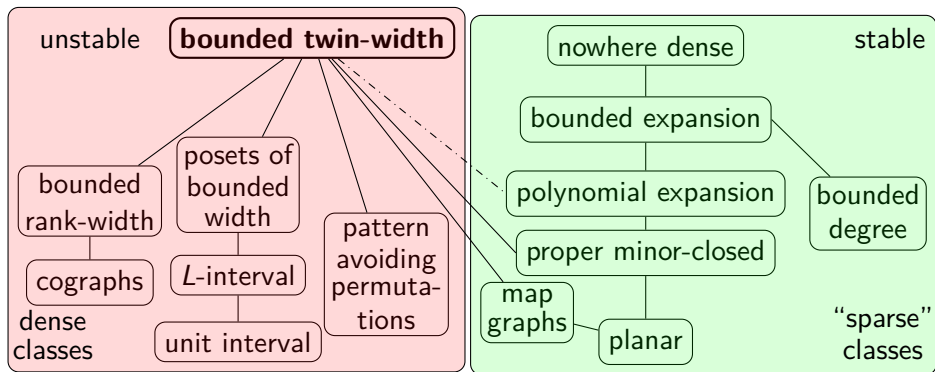
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Classes with known tractable FO model checking



FO MODEL CHECKING solvable in $f(|\varphi|, d)n$ on graphs with a d -sequence
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The lens of contraction sequences

Class of bounded	FO transduction of	constraint on red graphs	efficient MC
linear rank-width	linear order	bd $\#$ edges	MSO
rank-width	tree order	bd component	MSO
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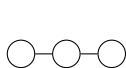
As a by-product of these two results,

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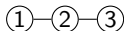
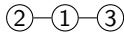
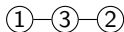
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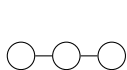


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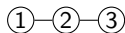
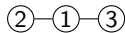
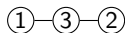


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Could the converse hold for hereditary classes?

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Twin-width of a group action

$\phi : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Bij}(X)$ and $g \in \Gamma$:

k_g , minimum grid number of the permutation matrix $M_{\phi(g)}^<$

Finite twin-width: for every $g \in \Gamma$, k_g is finite

Finite uniform twin-width: $\exists t$ s.t. for every $g \in \Gamma$, $k_g \leq t$

Twin-width of a group: use action of Γ on itself by left product

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Small hereditary class of unbounded twin-width

Ordered binary structures

Theorem (B., Giocanti, Ossona de Mendez, Simon, Thomassé, Toruńczyk '22)

Let \mathcal{C} be a hereditary class of ordered graphs. The following are equivalent.

- (1) \mathcal{C} has bounded twin-width.
- (2) \mathcal{C} is dependent.
- (3) \mathcal{C} contains $2^{O(n)}$ ordered n -vertex graphs.
- (4) \mathcal{C} contains less than $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} k!$ ordered n -vertex graphs, for some n .
- (5) \mathcal{C} does not include one of 25 hereditary ordered graph classes with unbounded twin-width.
- (6) FO-model checking is fixed-parameter tractable on \mathcal{C} .

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