

# Signed Tree Models

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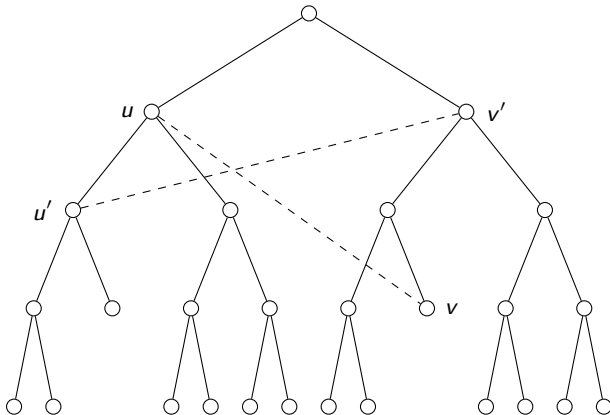
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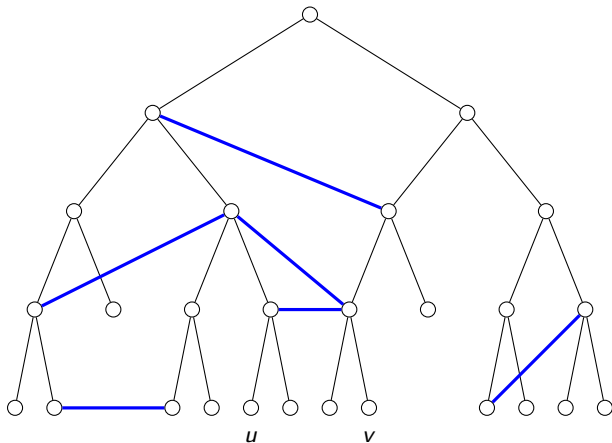
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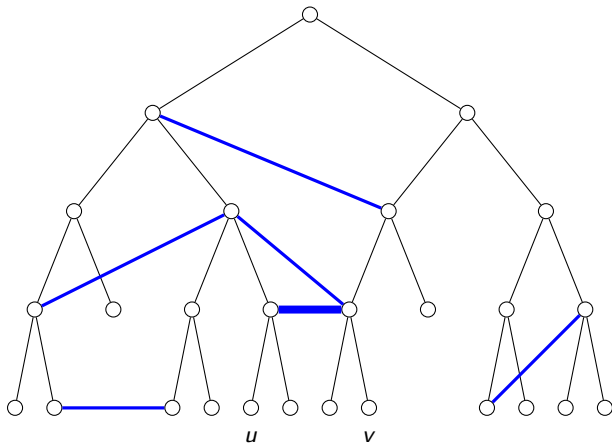


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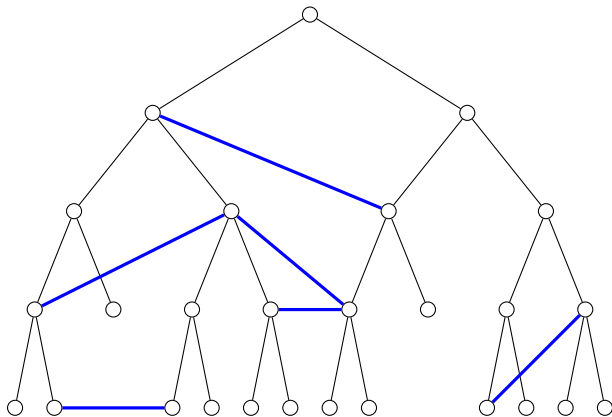


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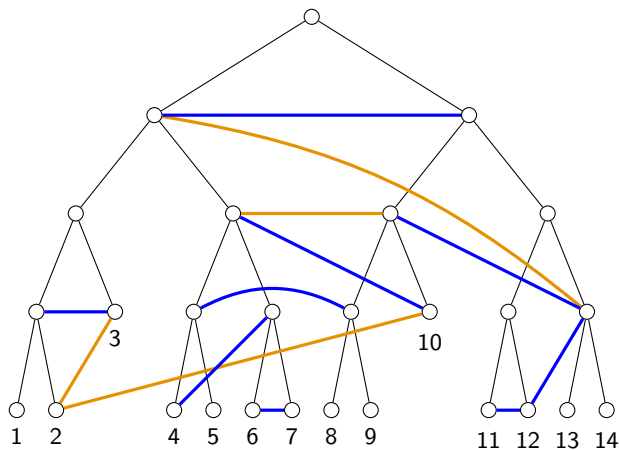


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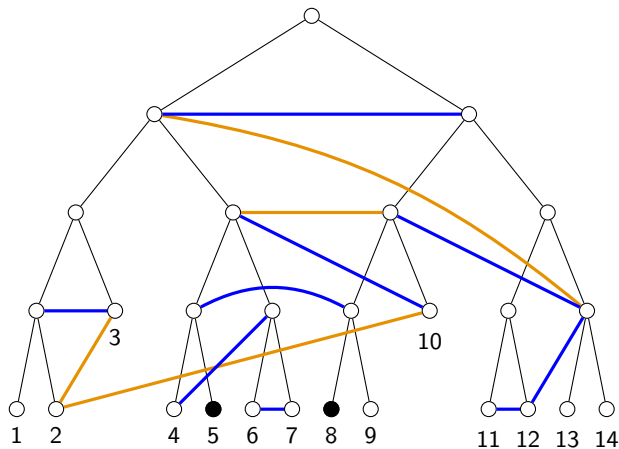


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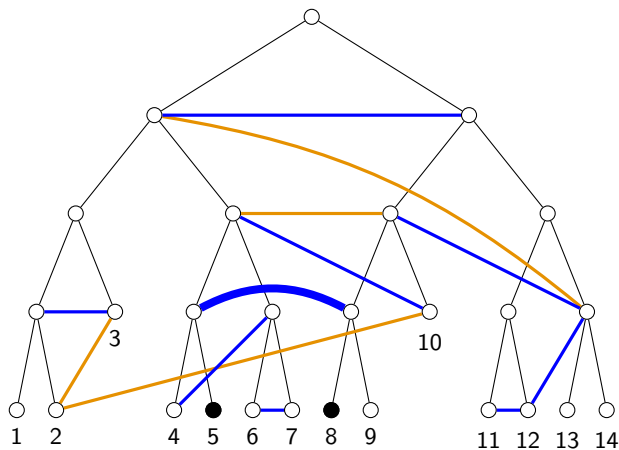


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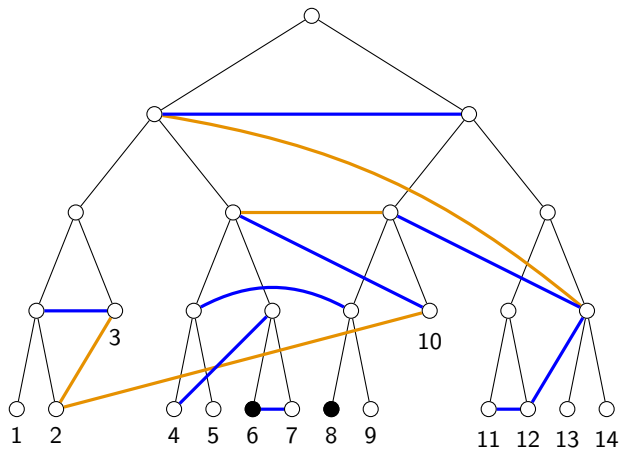


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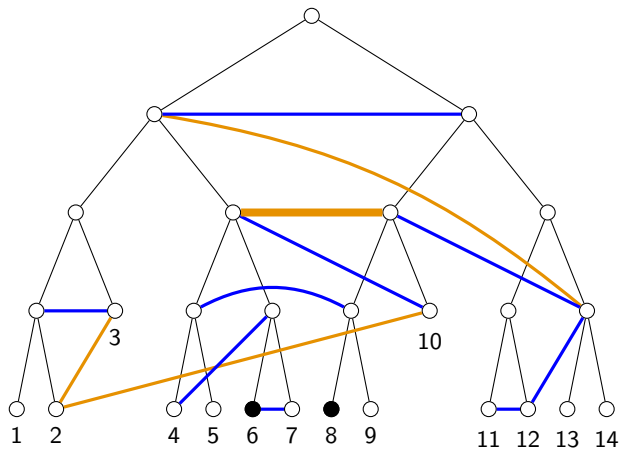


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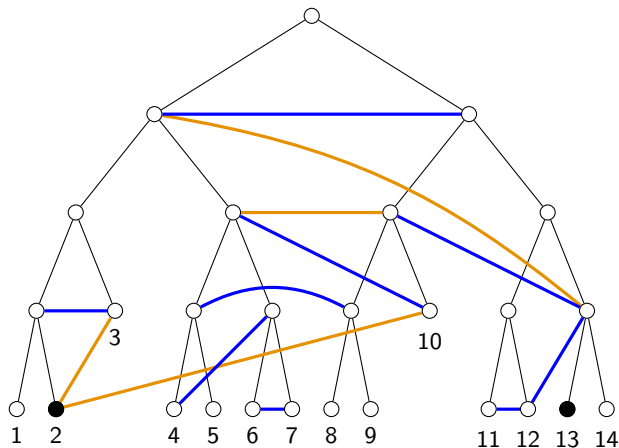


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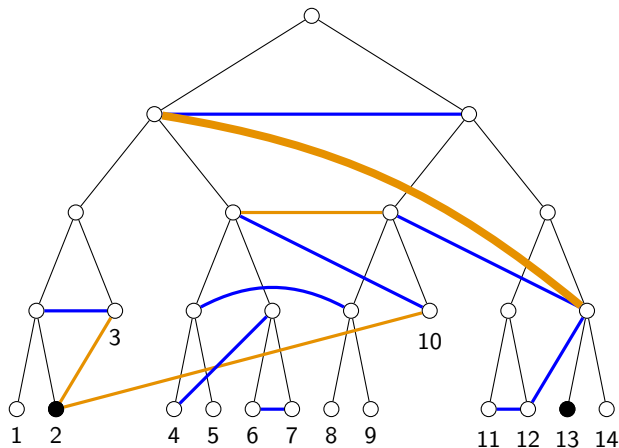


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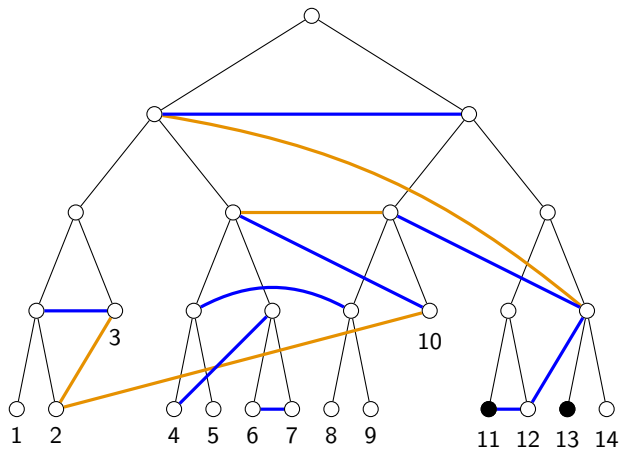


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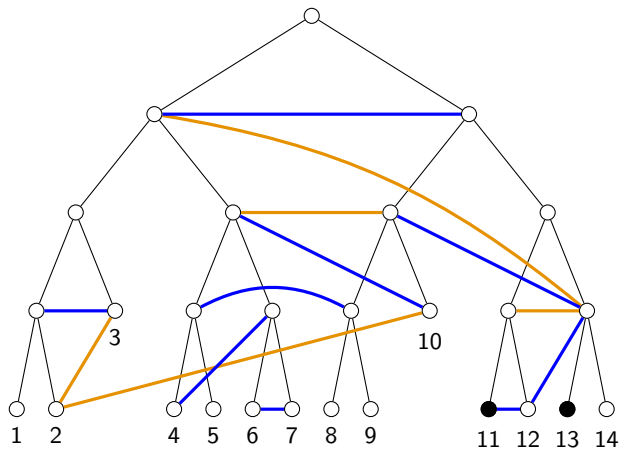


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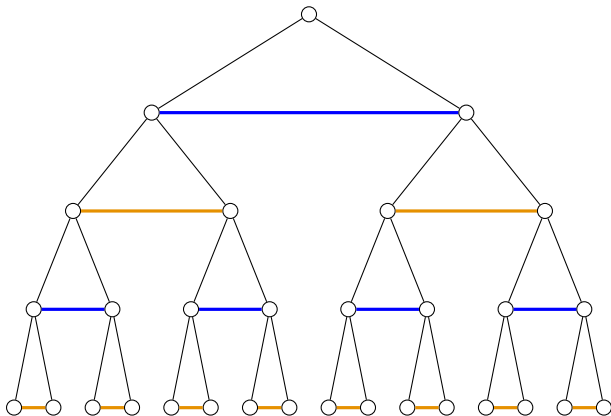
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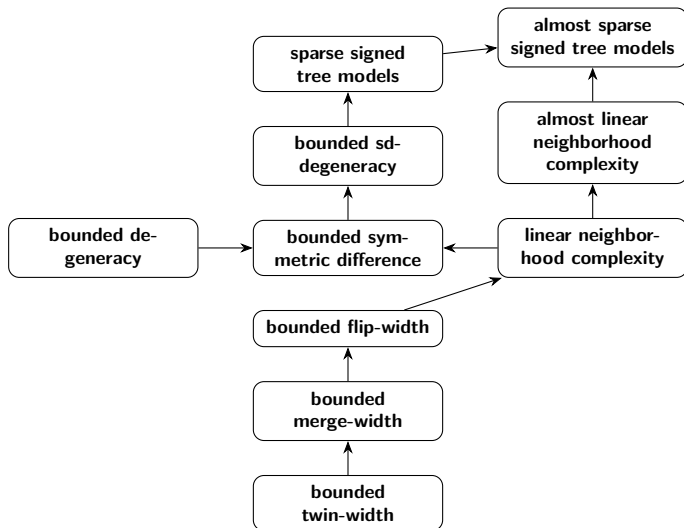
**Almost sparse** signed tree model  $n^{1+o(1)}$  transversal pairs



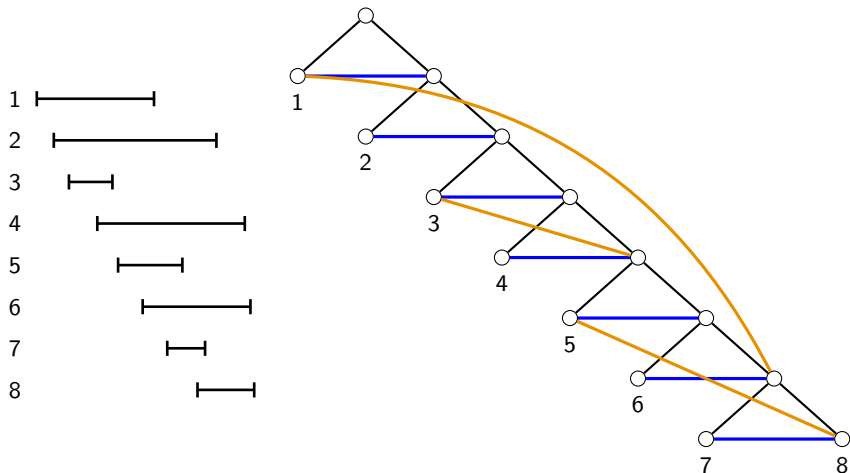
## Examples of sparse signed tree models



# Hasse diagram of our families of interest



## Interval graphs admit sparse signed tree models



sort by left endpoints; each interval represents its *right* neighborhood by stopping adjacencies with an negative edge

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Sd-degeneracy sequence of width  $d$ :  $(u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})$  s.t.

$$\text{sd}_{G - \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{i-1}\}}(u_i, v_i) \leq d,$$

and  $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, v_{n-1}\}$

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- ▶ Sample a linear-sized set  $X$
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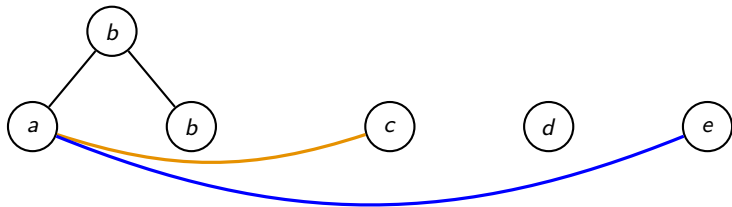


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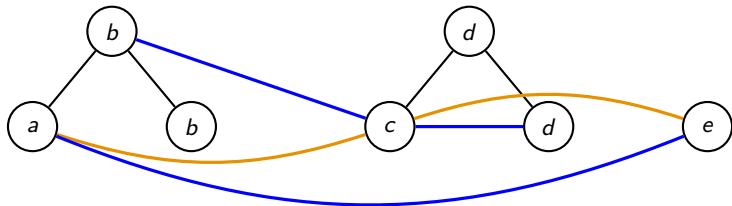


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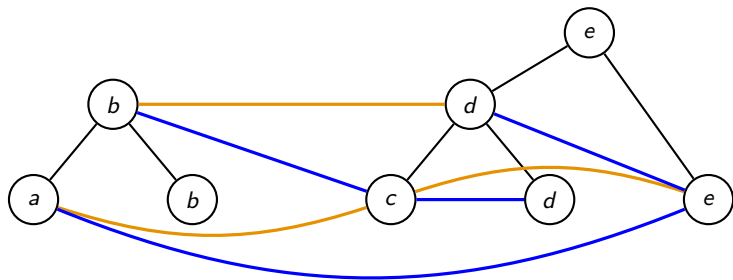


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# SHORTEST PATH for graphs with a signed tree model

Our goal now:

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*There is an  $O(p \log n)$ -time algorithm that, given a signed tree model with  $p$  transversal pairs of an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  and  $v \in V(G)$ , outputs a shortest-path tree of  $G$  rooted at  $v$ .*

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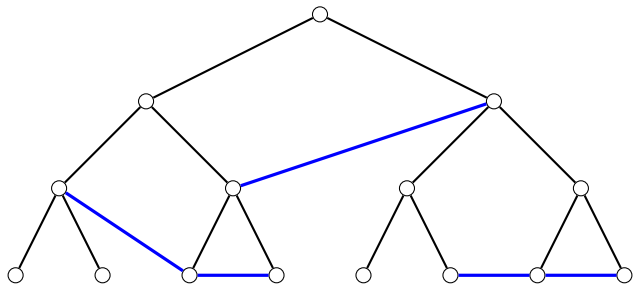
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### Observation

*Given a digraph compression of  $G$  of size  $m$ , one can solve SINGLE-SOURCE SHORTEST PATH in  $G$  in time  $O(m)$ .*

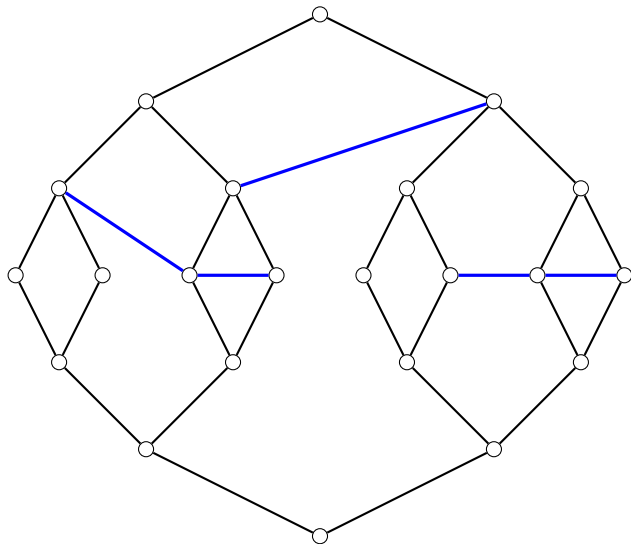
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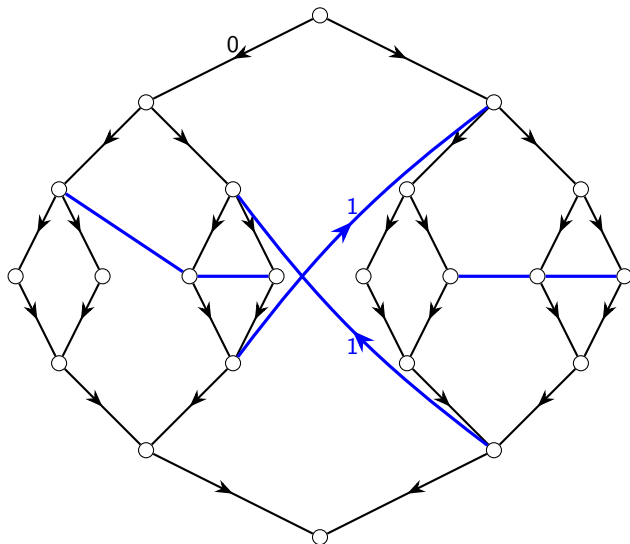
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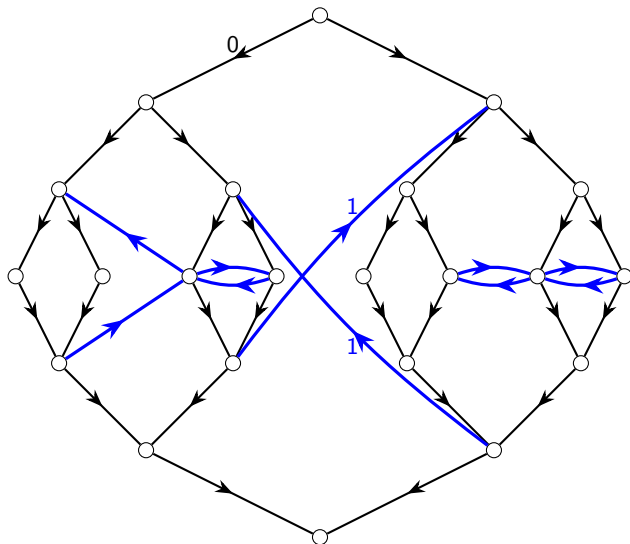
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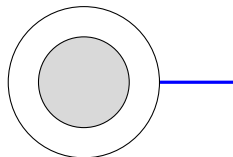
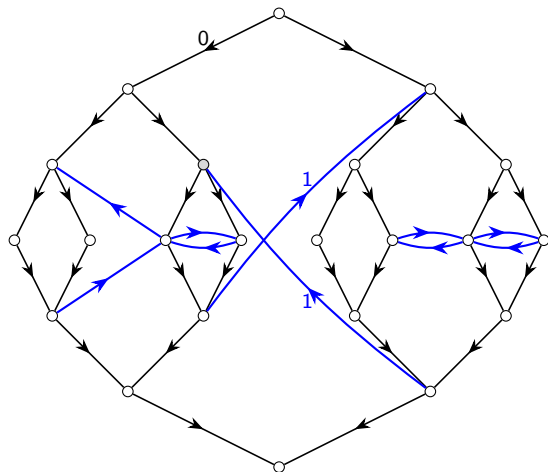
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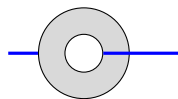
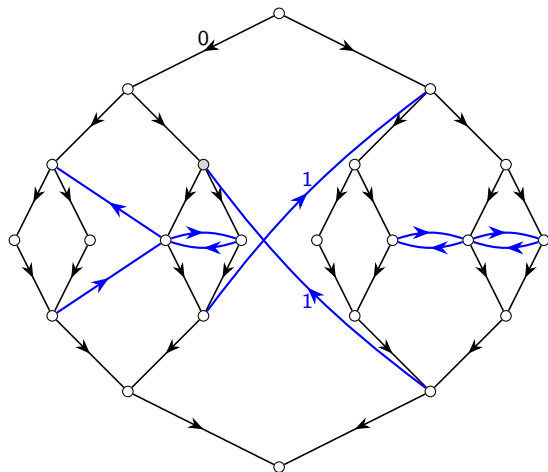
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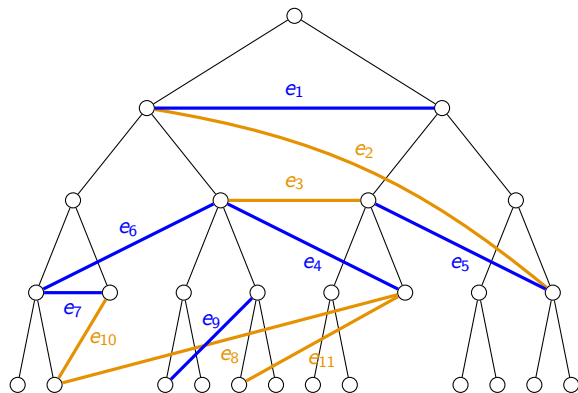
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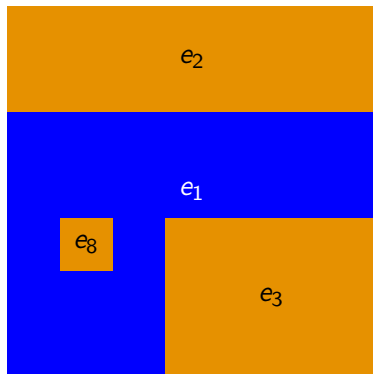
The cover relation on transversal pairs is a forest







## Complementing $n$ disjoint rectangles with $O(n)$ rectangles



Theorem (Rezende, Lee, Wu '89)

*One can compute in  $O(n \log n)$  time the complement of  $n$  axis-parallel **disjoint** rectangles into  $O(n)$  rectangles.*

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- ▶ Sort the bicliques/rectangles  $R_1, \dots, R_h$  by increasing area
- ▶ Pick  $p_i \in R_i$ , and start with  $P = \emptyset$
- ▶ For  $i$  from 1 to  $h$ ,  $R_i$  is the parent of  $R_j$  for every  $p_j \in P \cap R_i$
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*ALL-PAIRS SHORTEST PATH can be solved in  $O(n^2 \log^* n)$  time on any  $n$ -vertex graph represented by a sparse signed tree model.*

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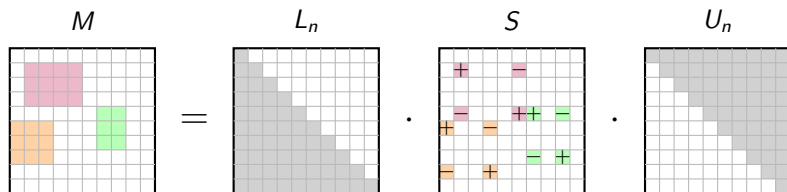
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*Given  $(\prec, \mathcal{B})$  an IBP of an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$ , one can multiply  $M := \text{Adj}_{\prec}(G)$  with a vector of size  $n$  in time  $O(n + |\mathcal{B}|)$ .*

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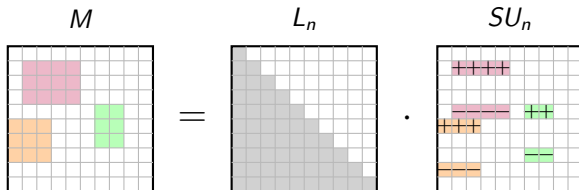
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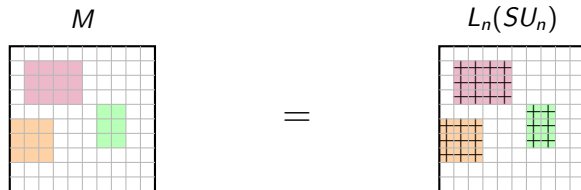
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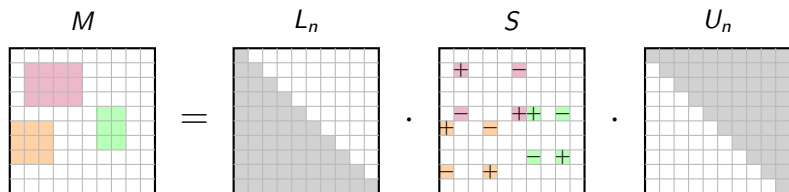
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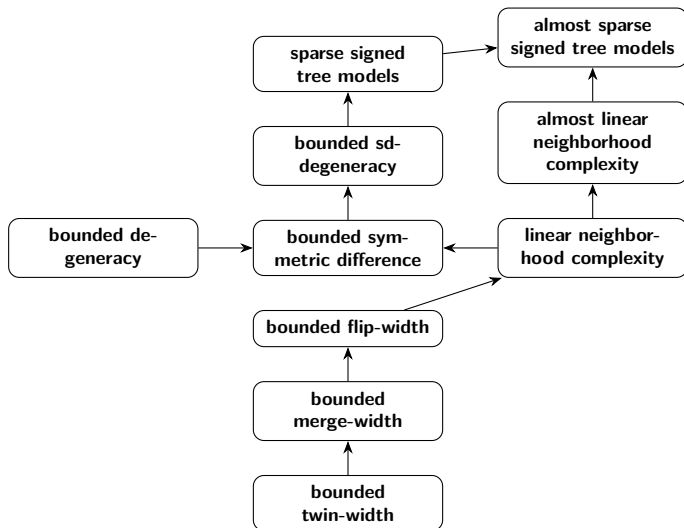
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