

# Identifying codes and VC-dimension

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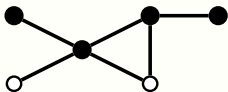
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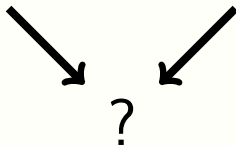
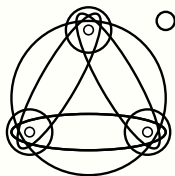
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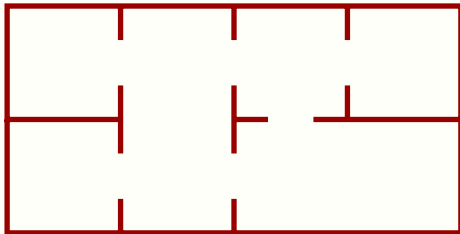
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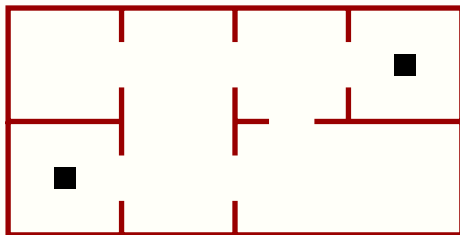
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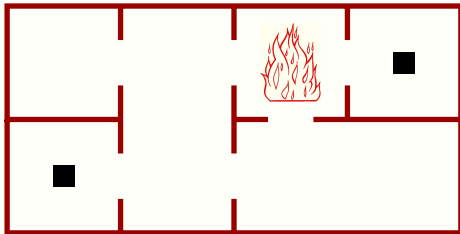


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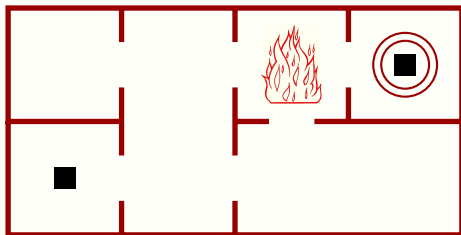
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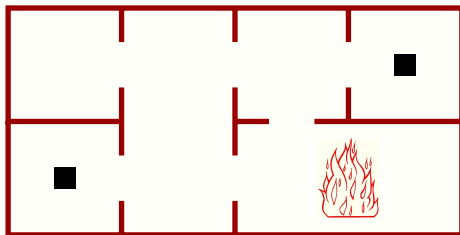
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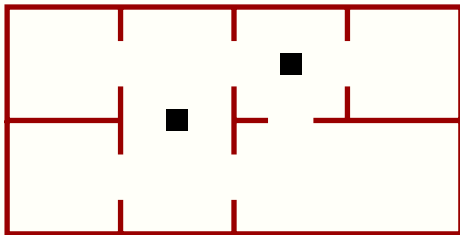


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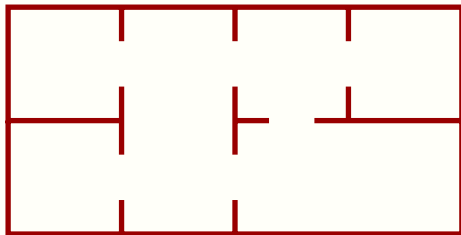
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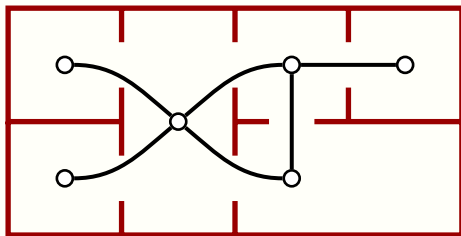
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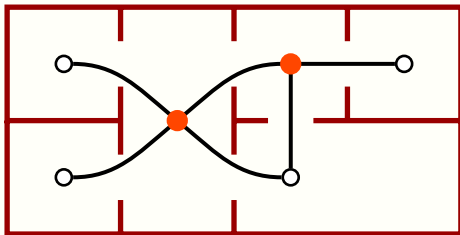
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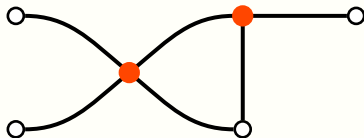
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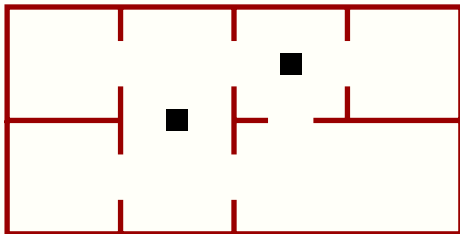
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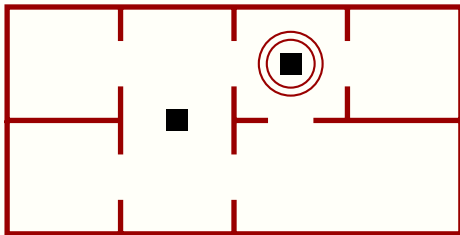
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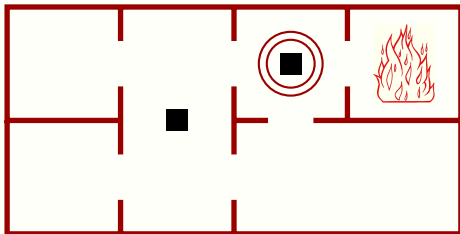
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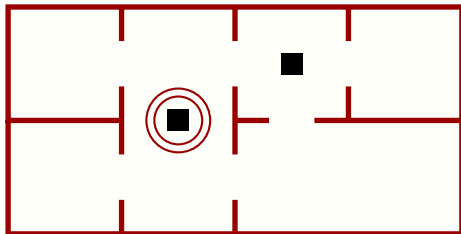


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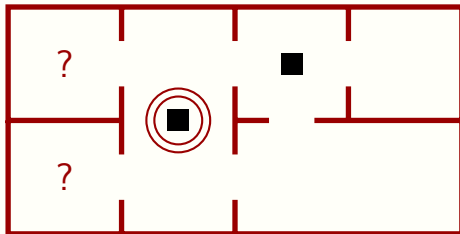
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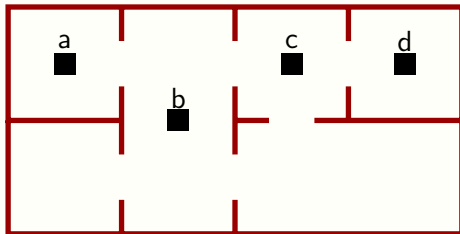
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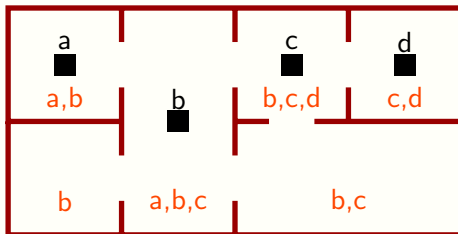
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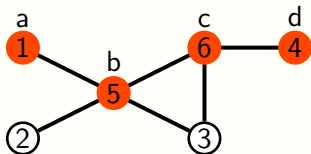


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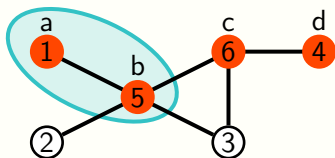
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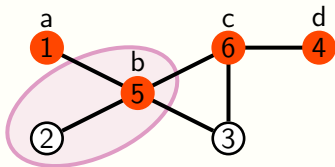
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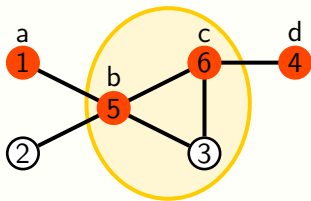
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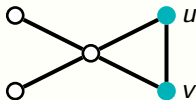


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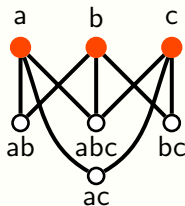


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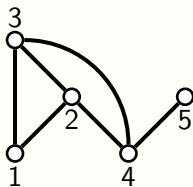
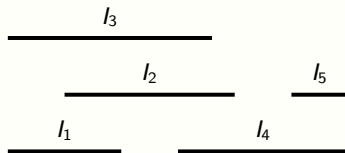
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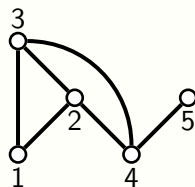
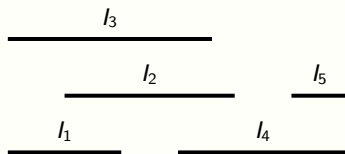
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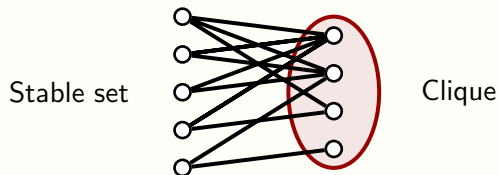
**Proposition** Foucaud, Naserasr, P., Valicov, 2012+

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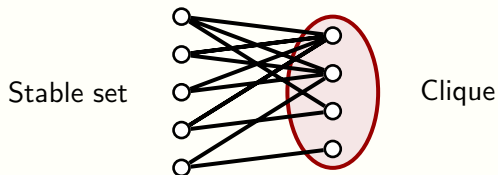
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### Proposition Foucaud, 2013

MIN-ID-CODE is log-APX-hard for split graphs.

## Some known results in restricted classes of graphs

Restriction: classes of graphs closed by induced subgraphs

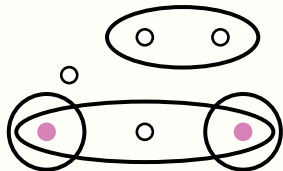
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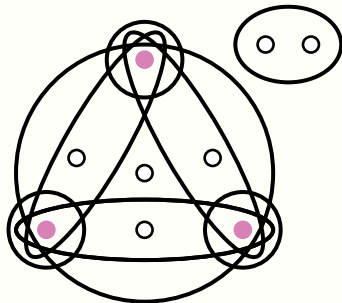
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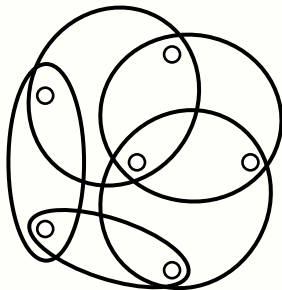
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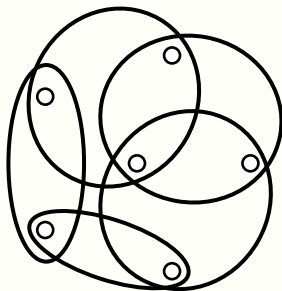
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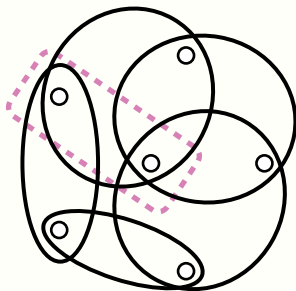
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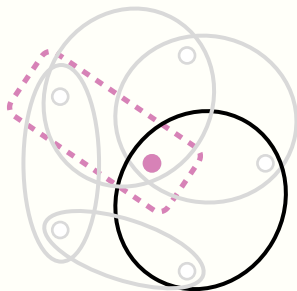
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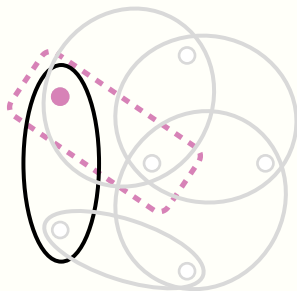


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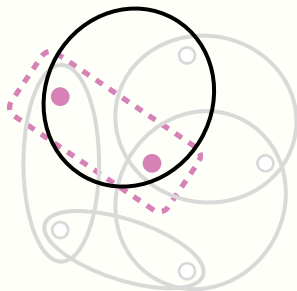


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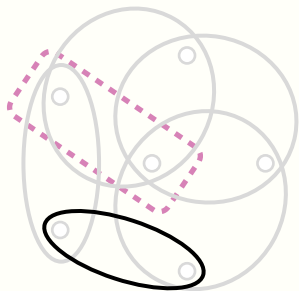


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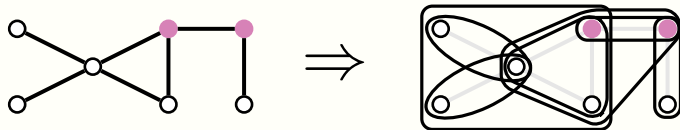


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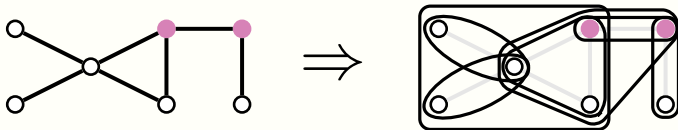
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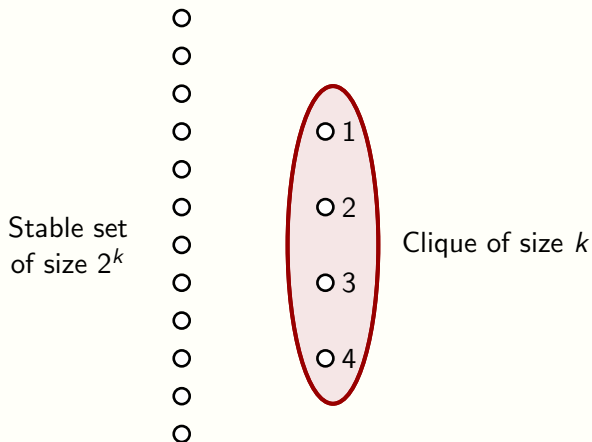


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- VC-dimension of a class  $\mathcal{C}$ : maximal VC-dimension over  $\mathcal{C}$ 
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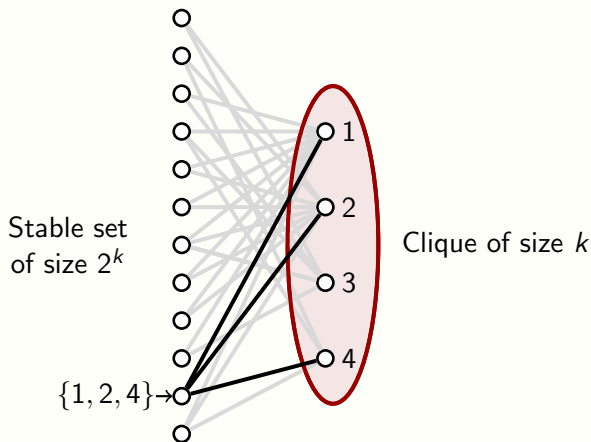
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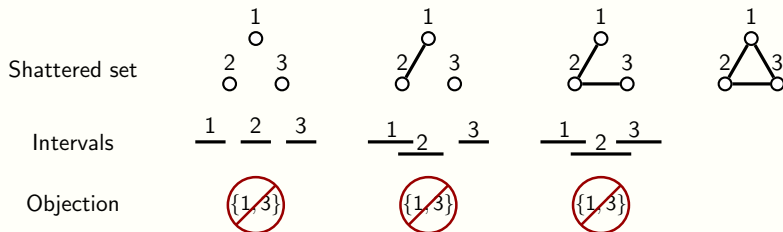




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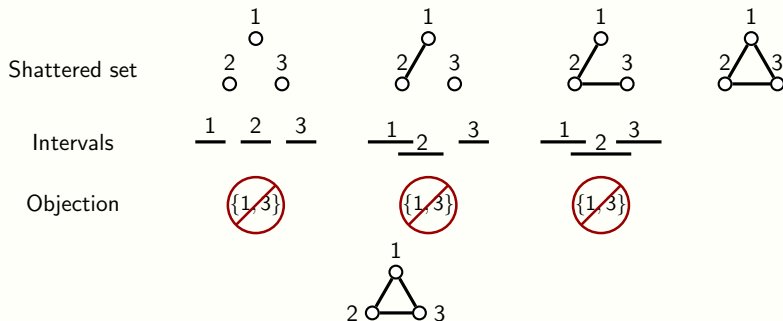
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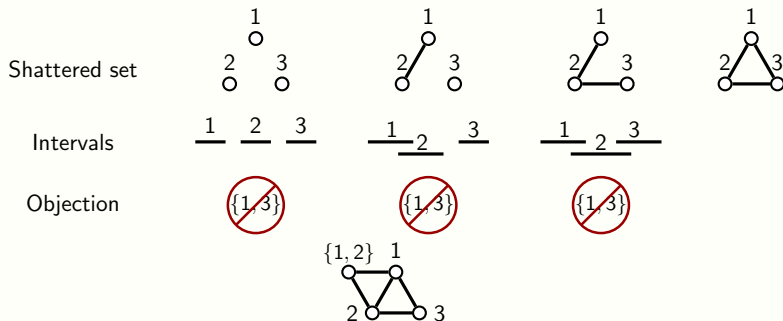
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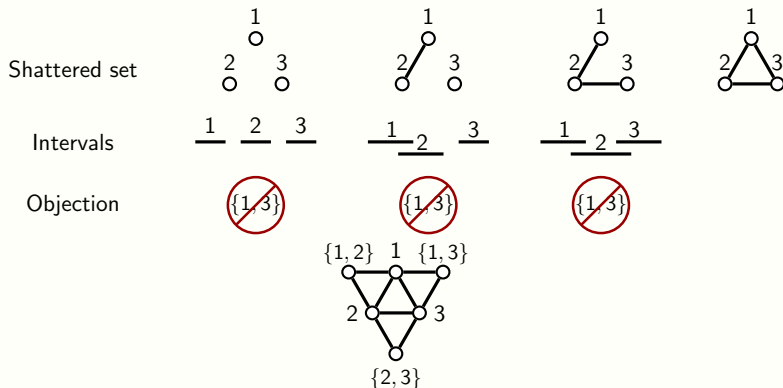
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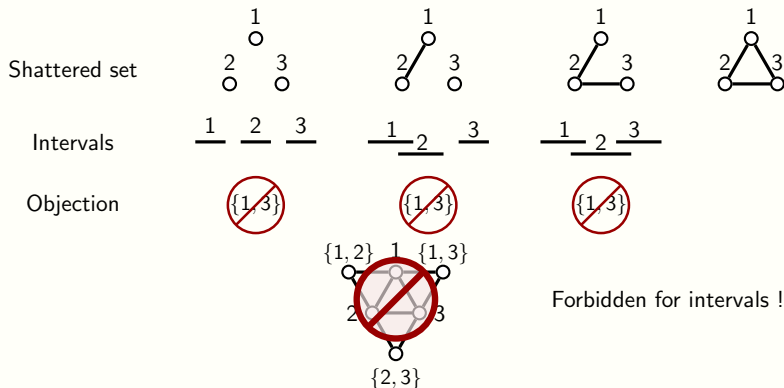
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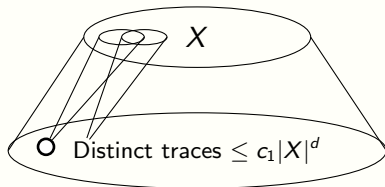
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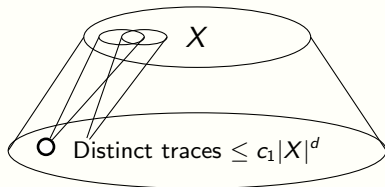
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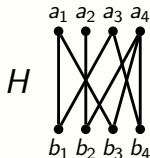
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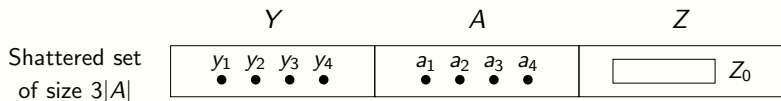
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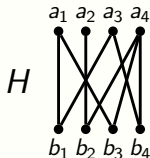
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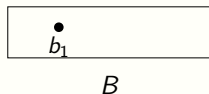
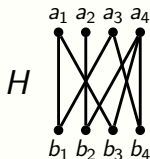
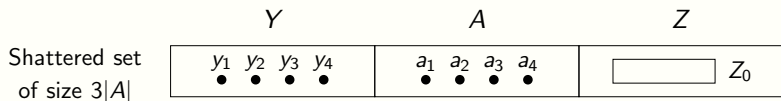
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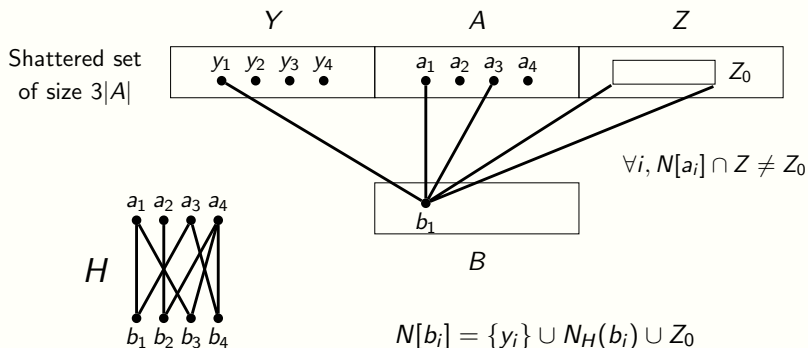
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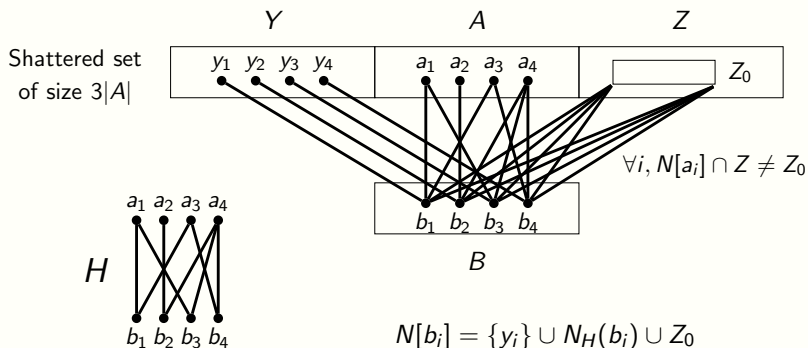
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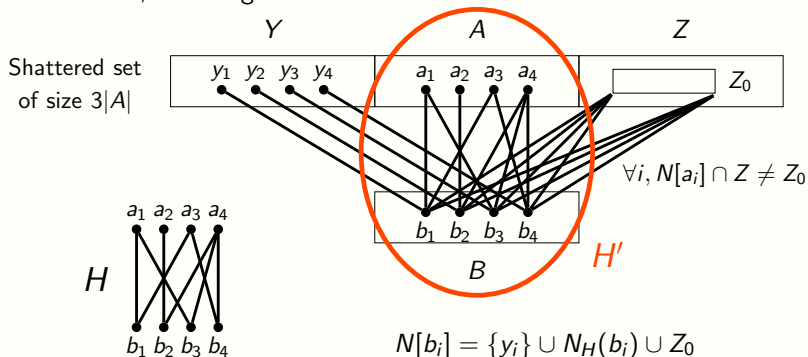
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


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