

Local certification of/on sparse graph classes

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All graphs are connected !

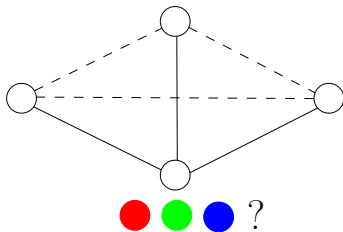
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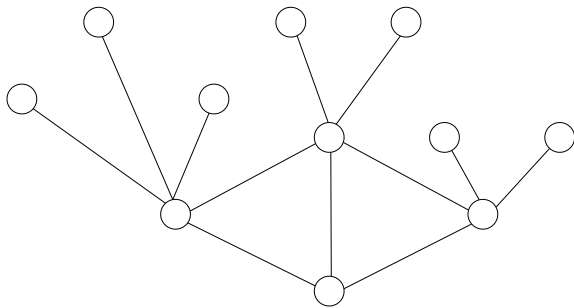
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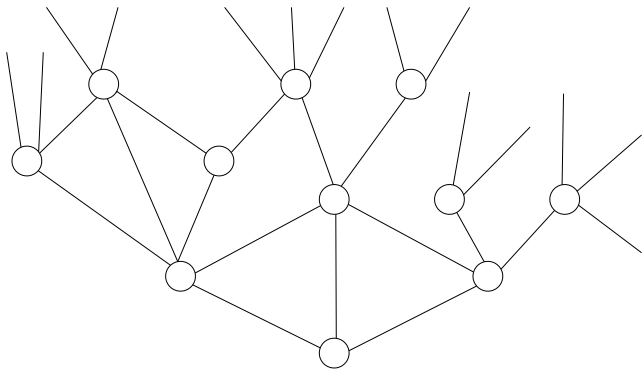
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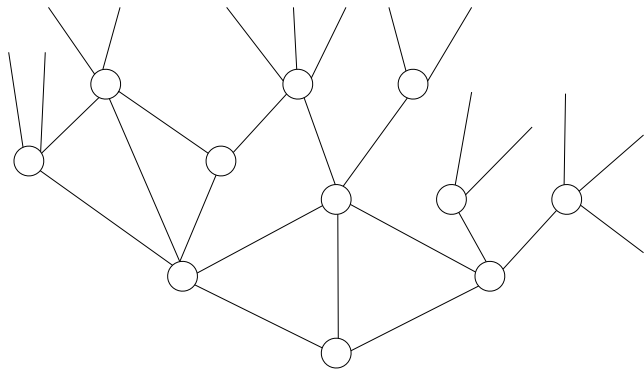
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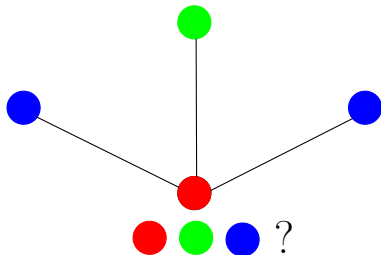
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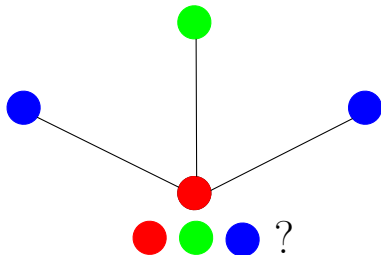
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If vertices receive as a label their colors, we can check the coloring in the future by looking at distance 1!

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- If Π is positive, there exists a certificate assignment to the nodes, each of size at most $f(n)$, such that **all** the nodes accept.
- If Π is negative, **at least one** node rejects for any possible certificate assignment.

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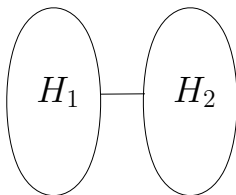
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→ $\Omega(\log n)$ (size of labels).

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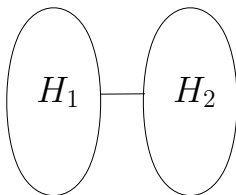
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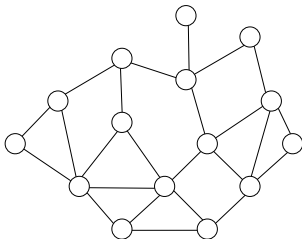
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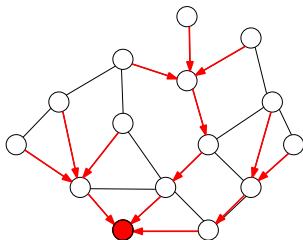
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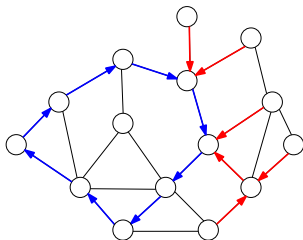
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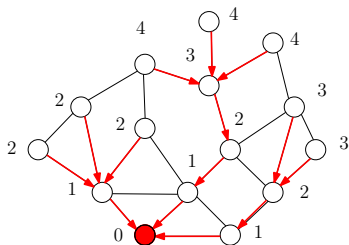
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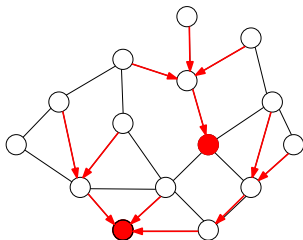
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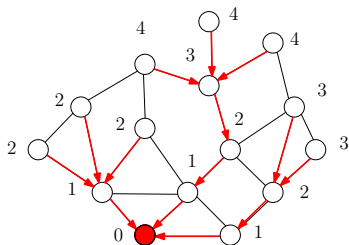
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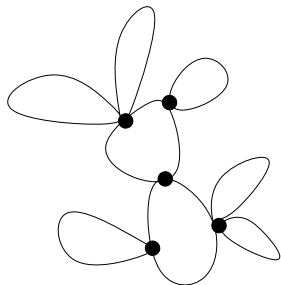
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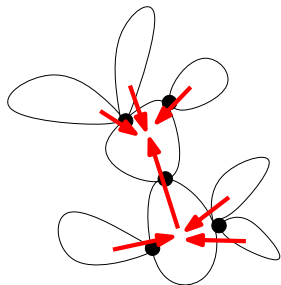
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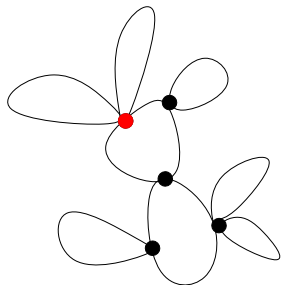
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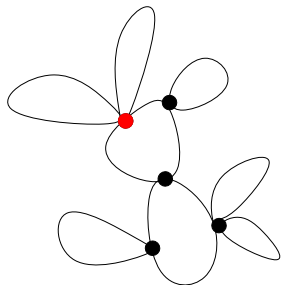
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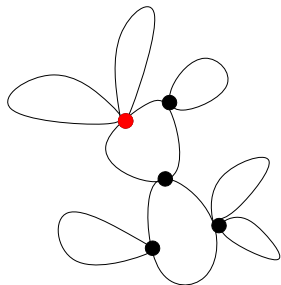
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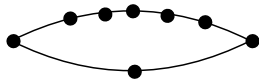
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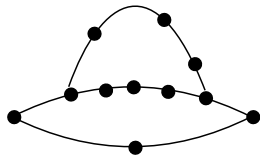
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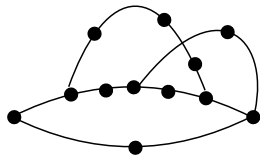
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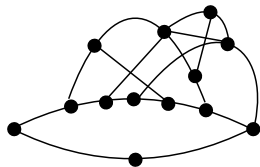
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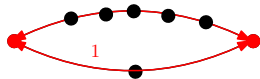
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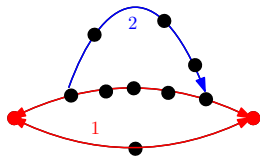
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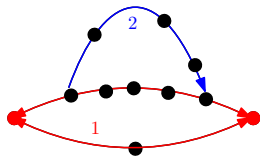
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Theorem (Eppstein)

The following are equivalent :

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- G is a 2-connected series-parallel graphs,
- G has a nested ear decomposition.

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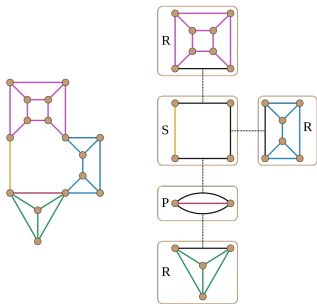
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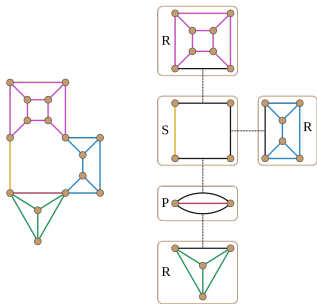
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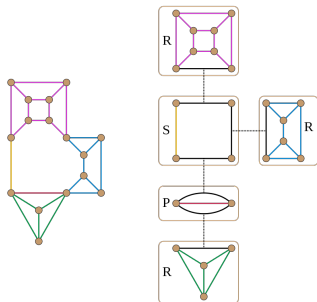
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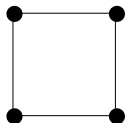


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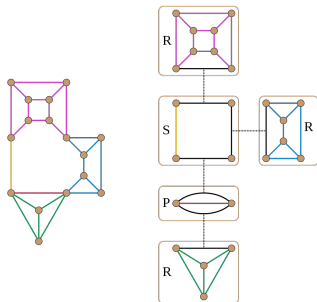
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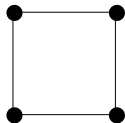


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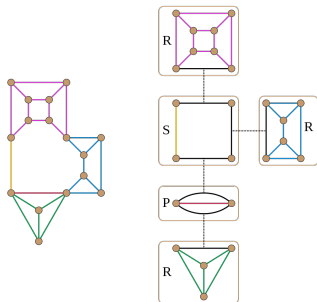
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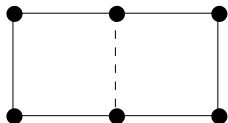


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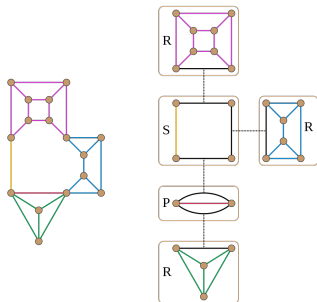
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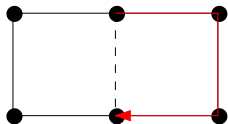


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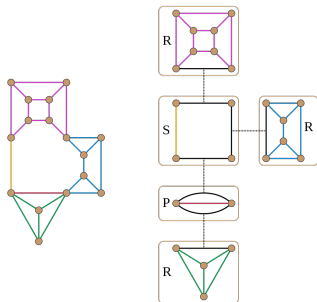
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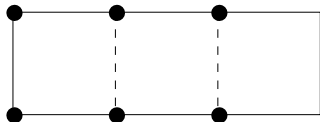


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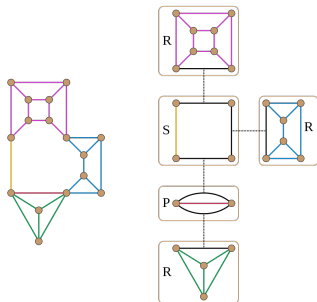
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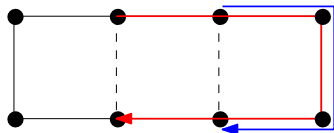


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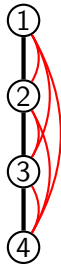
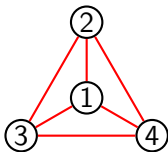
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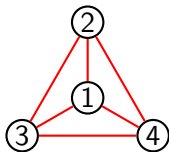
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$$\text{tw}(G) \leq \text{pw}(G) \leq \text{td}(G)$$

Advantages of treedepth :

- Diameter is bounded.
- [Gajarský and Petr Hlinený '16] For every graph of bounded schrubdepth we can construct a kernel that satisfies the same FO formulas.

And bounded schrubdepth \Rightarrow Bounded treedepth.

- For bounded schrubdepth graphs, (informally) **FO = MSO**.

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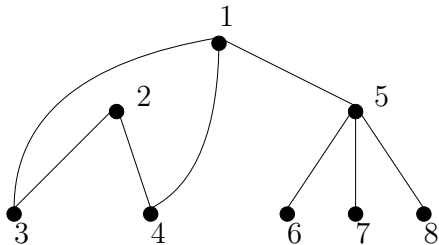
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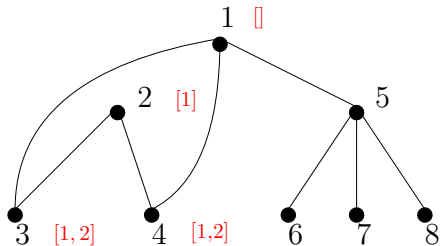


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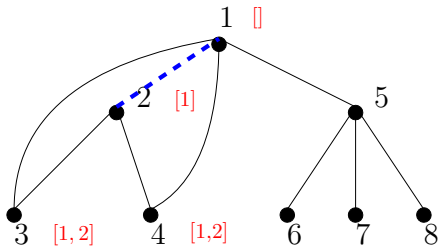
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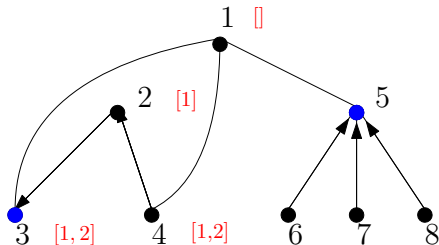
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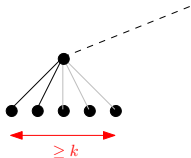
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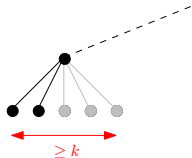
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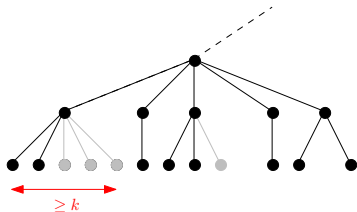
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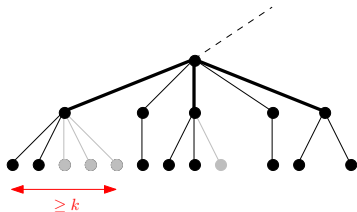
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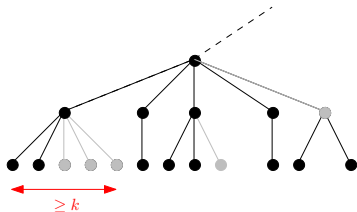
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