

# Complex networks & sparsity

## Part III: Application



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Larger classes



Less

Structure

More



Algorithmic tractability



# Structural sparseness

A **graph measure** is an isomorphism-invariant function that maps graphs to  $\mathbb{R}^+$

e.g. density, average degree, clique number, degeneracy treewidth, etc.

A **parameterised graph measure** is a family of graph measures  $(f_r)_{r \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ .

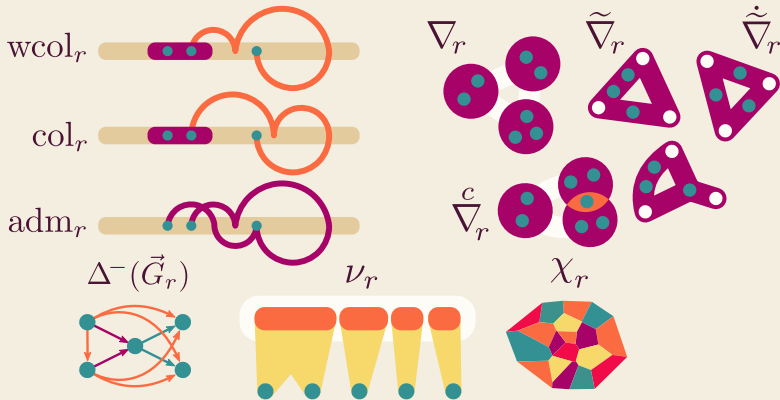
A graph class  $\mathcal{G}$  is  **$f_r$ -bounded** if there exists  $g$  s.t.

$$f_r(\mathcal{G}) = \sup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} f_r(G) \leq g(r) \quad \text{for all } r$$

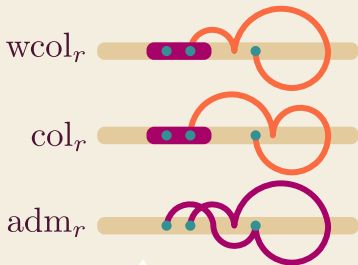
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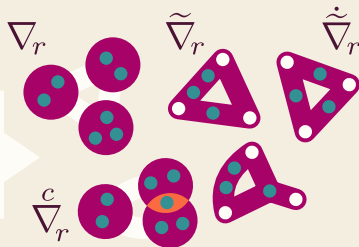
Many notions of  $f_r$ -boundedness are equivalent!



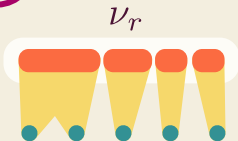
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Density of shallow minors



Size of  $r$ -reachable sets in ordering



Normalized number of traces  $r$ -neighbourhoods leave in any subset

$$\Delta^-(\vec{G}_r)$$



In-degree of  $r$ -step (d)tf-augmentation

Number of colours in  $r$ -treedepth colouring

$$\chi_r$$



# Close-to-Closeness Centralities

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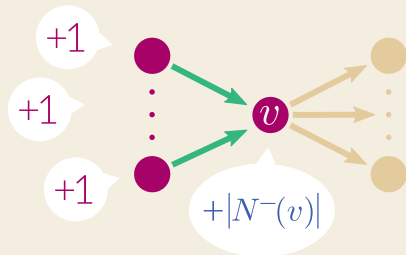
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# Warm-up: Counting with degeneracy

Let  $G$  be  $(d-1)$ -degenerate.

- 1 Compute orientation  $\vec{G}$  with  $\Delta^-(\vec{G}) \leq d$  in linear time.
- 2 Initialize counter  $C[v] = 0$  for all  $v \in G$ .
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Generalizing degeneracy

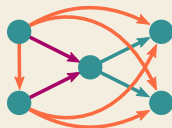
# 'Lifting' degeneracy



degeneracy



$$\Delta^-(\vec{G}_r)$$

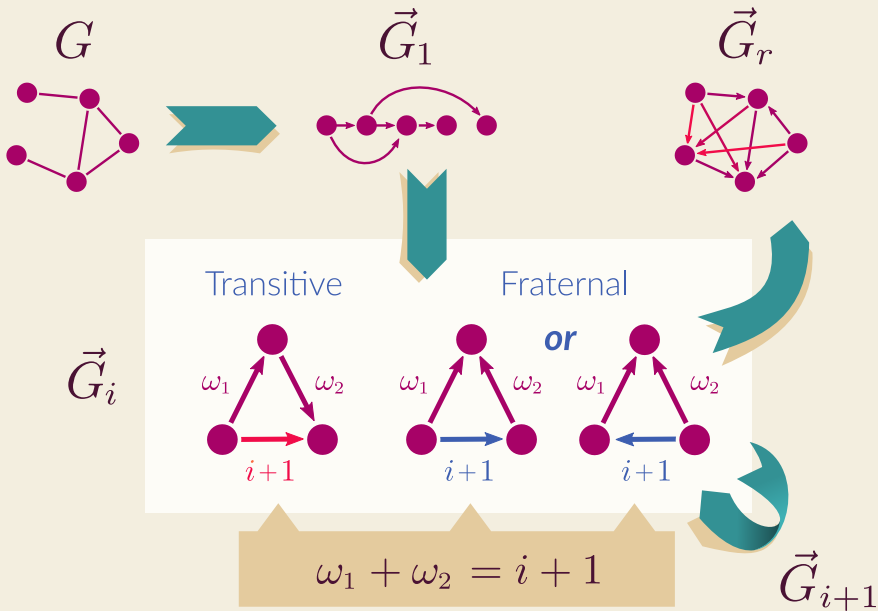


$$\chi_r$$



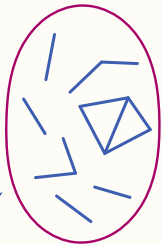
Pick your poison

# dtf-augmentations

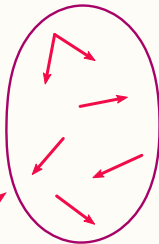


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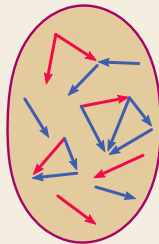
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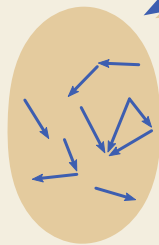
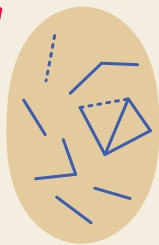
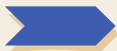
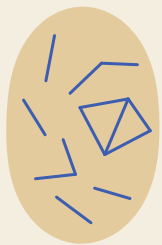
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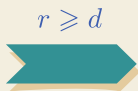
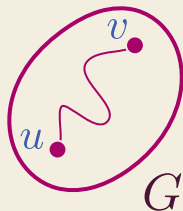
$\vec{G}_i$





# Distances under dtf-augmentations

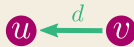
Let  $u$  and  $v$  be at distance  $d$  in  $G$  :



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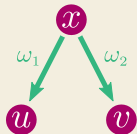


2



$\vec{G}_r$

3



$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = d$$

Pairs at distance at most  $r$  in the original graph have distance at most two in the  $r^{\text{th}}$  augmentation.

## B.E. & dtf-augmentations

There exist two (horrible) polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$  such that:

$$\chi_r(G) \leq P(\tilde{\nabla}_{(2 \log r)^r}(G))$$
$$\Delta^-(\vec{G}_r) \leq Q(\tilde{\nabla}_r(G) \Delta^-(\vec{G}_1))$$



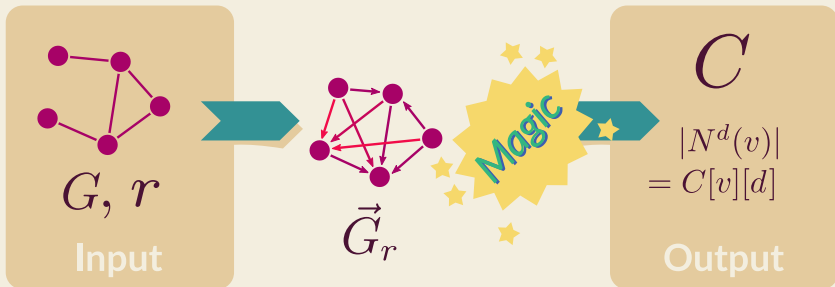
A graph class has bounded expansion iff it is  $\Delta^-(\vec{G}_r)$ -bounded.

We can compute dtf-augmentations in linear time (in bounded expansion classes)

Algorithm

# Degeneracy to dtf-augmentations

**Thm.** Given a graph  $G$  and an integer  $r$ , we can compute the size of  $|N^d(v)|$  for all  $v \in G$  and  $1 \leq d \leq r$  in total time  $O(2^{\Delta^-(\vec{G}_r)} n)$ .



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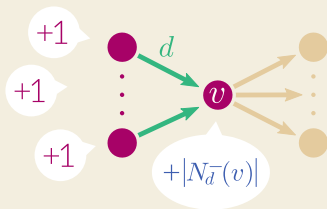
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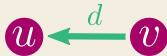
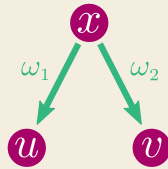
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The counting so far takes care of the first two cases, but what about the *indirect* neighbours?

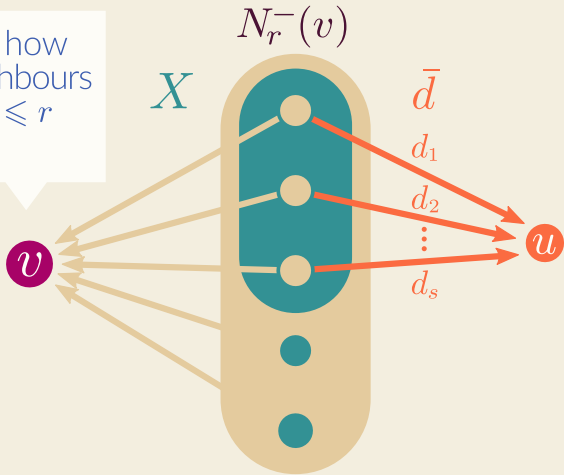
This is where the algorithm becomes **interesting**.



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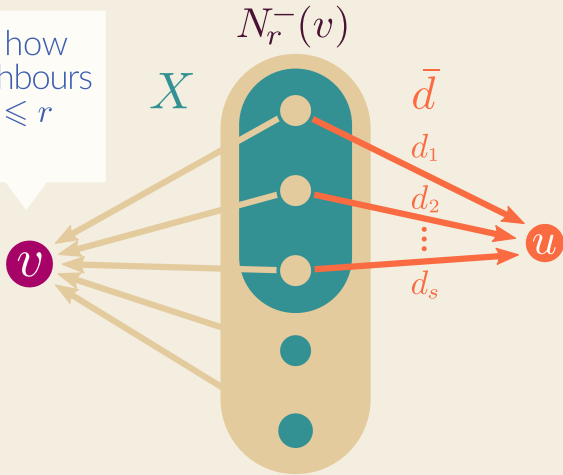
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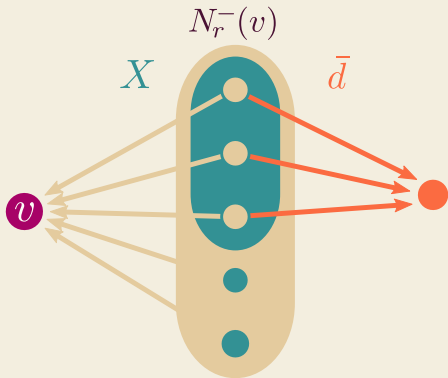
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We compute the distance between  $v, u$  as follows:

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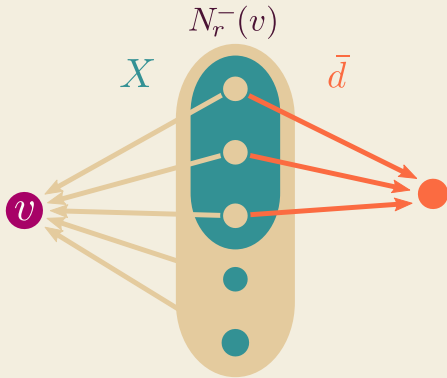
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Let us call this number  $c(v, X, \vec{d})$ . Our first goal is to compute it for every vertex.

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Then the above sum counts it exactly once, namely when  $Y = X$  and  $\bar{d}' = \bar{d}$ , since it only contributes to  $R[X][\bar{d}]$ .

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Therefore the contribution of  $u$  cancels out!

$$\sum_{X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z} (-1)^{|Y \setminus X|} R[Y][\text{dist}(u, Z)|_Y]$$

$$\sum_{X \subseteq Y \subseteq Z} (-1)^{|Y \setminus X|} = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq |Z \setminus X|} (-1)^k \binom{|Z \setminus X|}{k} = 0$$

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Since the above counts  $v$  as a neighbour of itself, we apply the following correction:

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There are a few more corrections concerning direct neighbours, see paper.



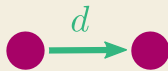
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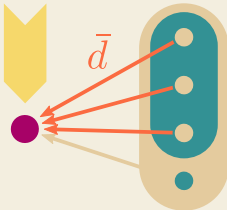
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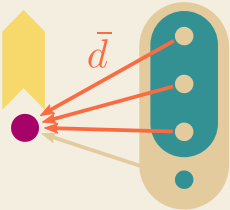
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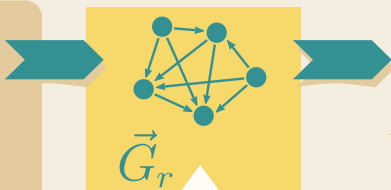


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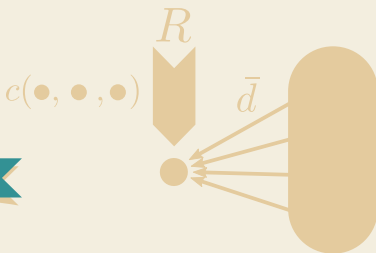


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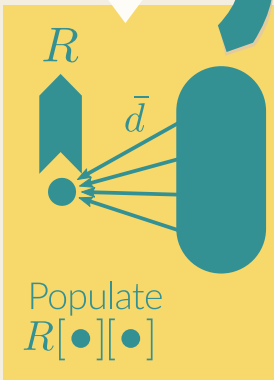
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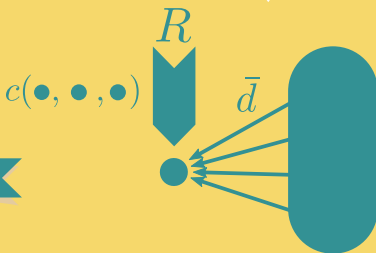
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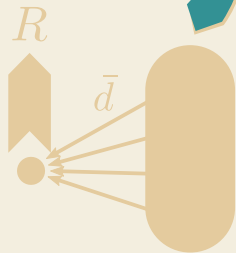
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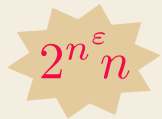
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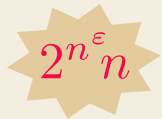
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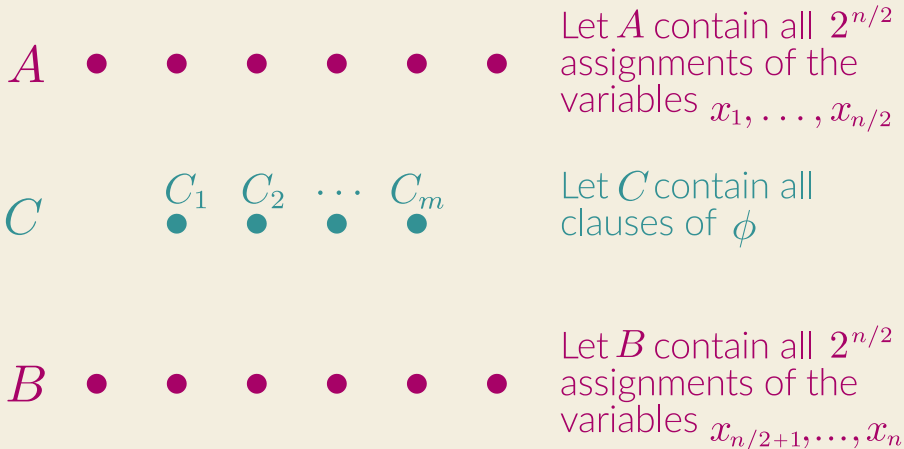
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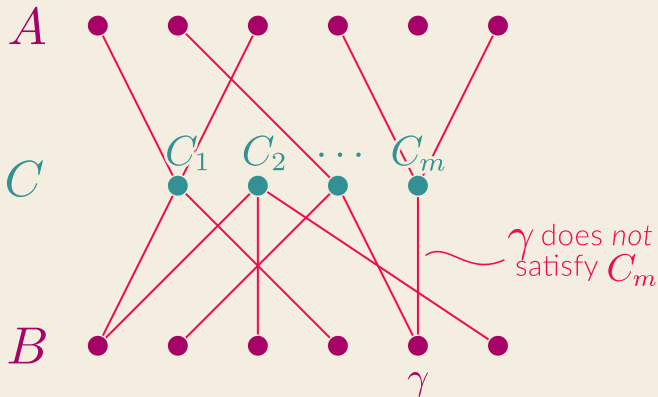
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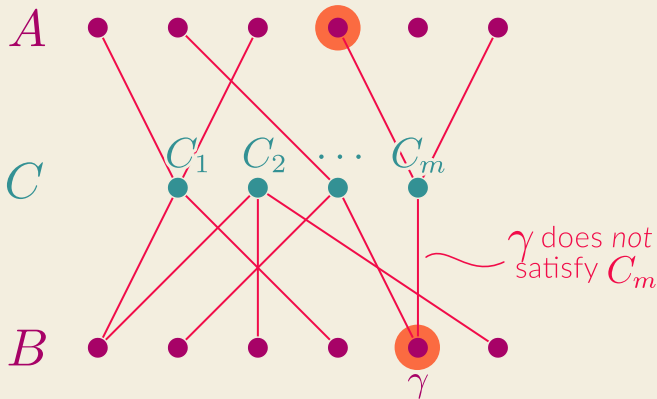


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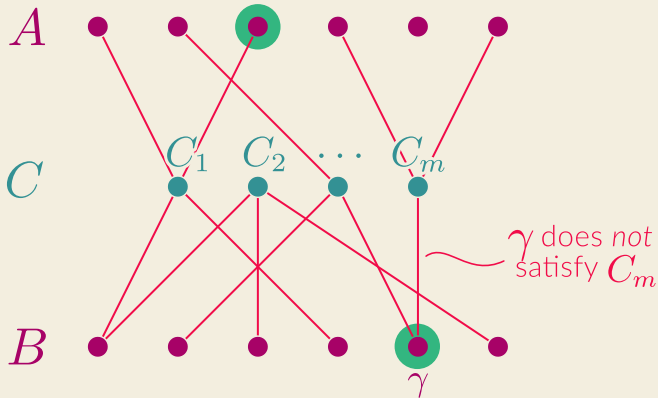


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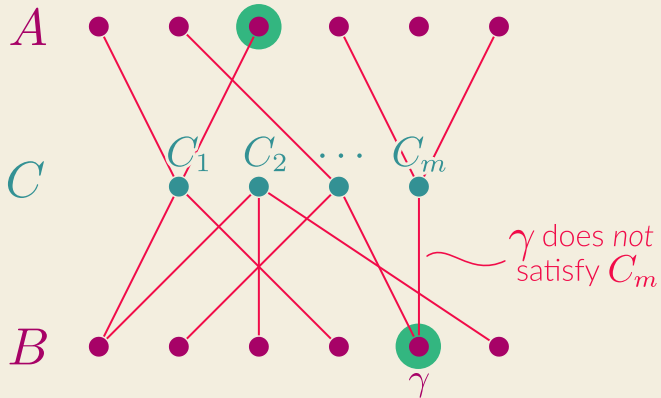
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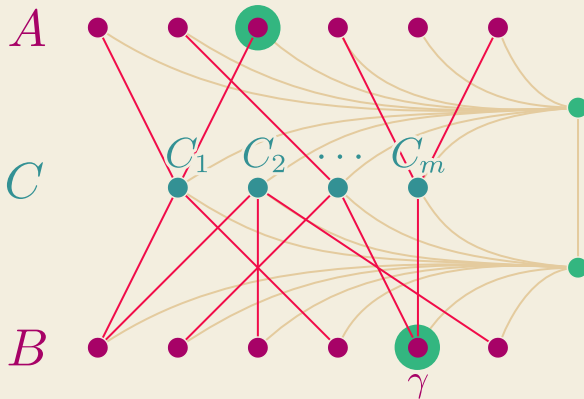


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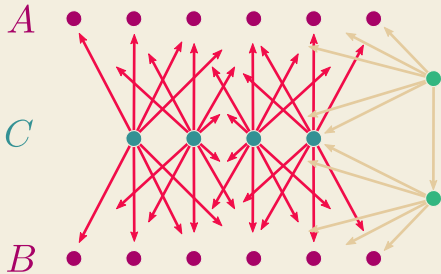
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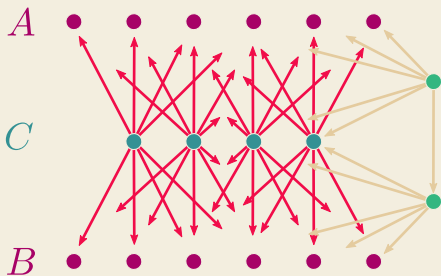
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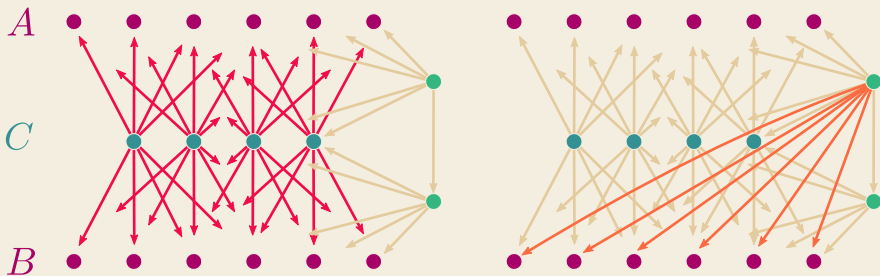
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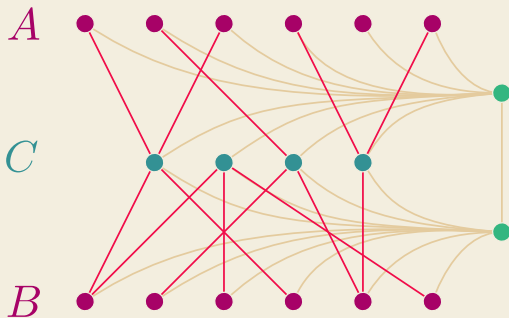
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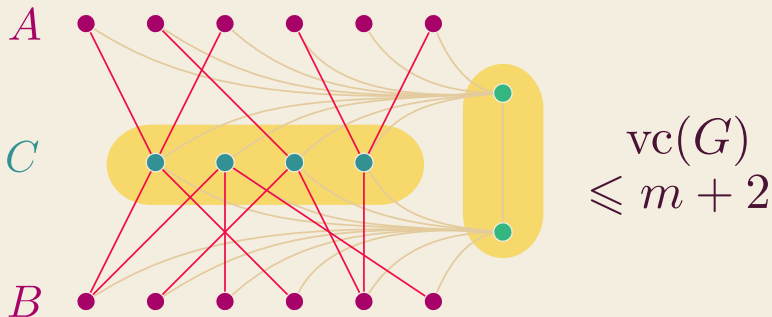
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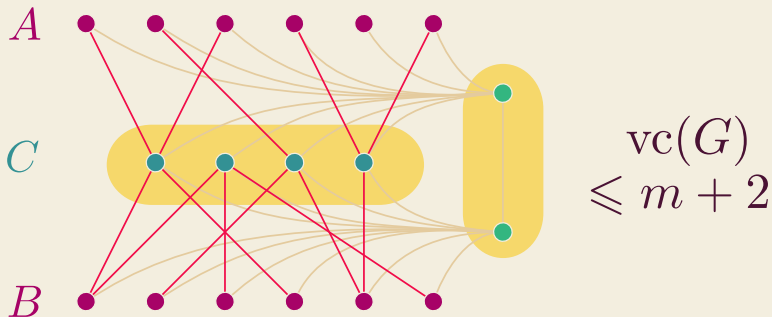
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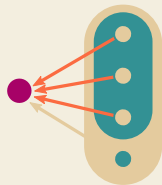
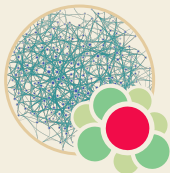
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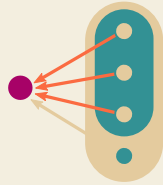
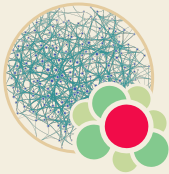
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