

# Decomposition techniques applied to the Cliques-Stable set Separation problem

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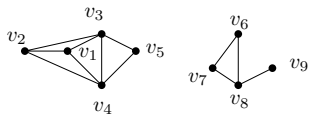
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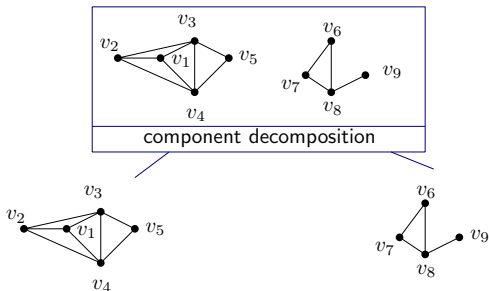
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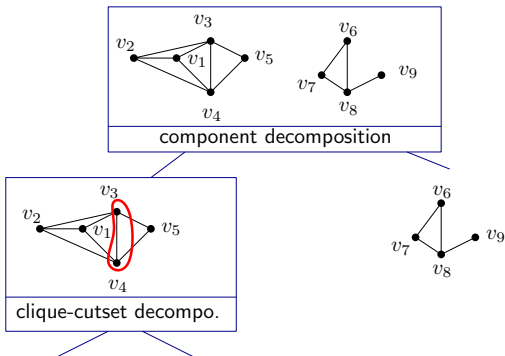
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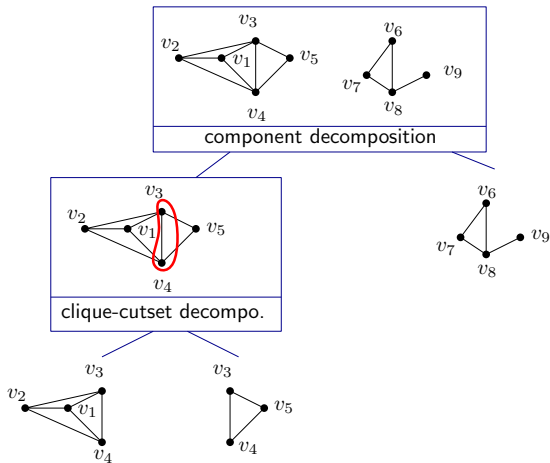
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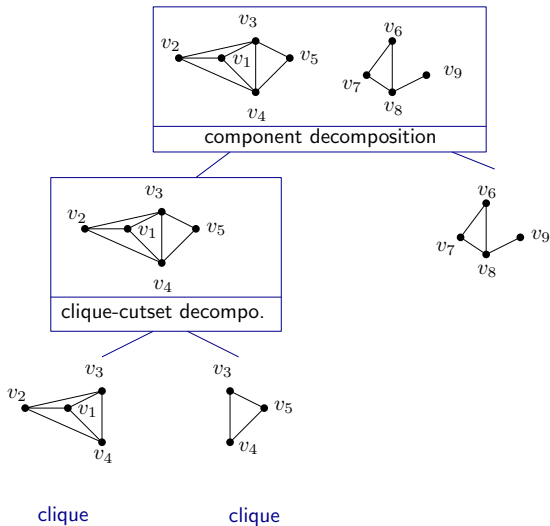
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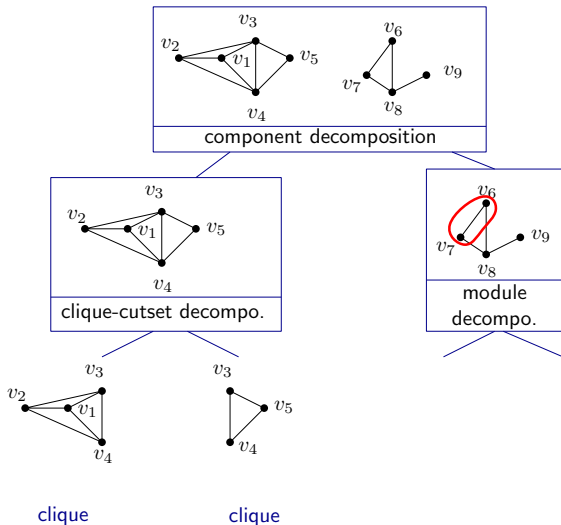
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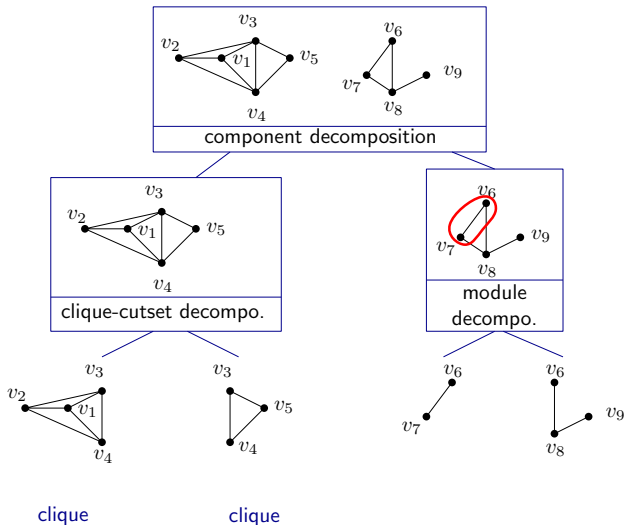


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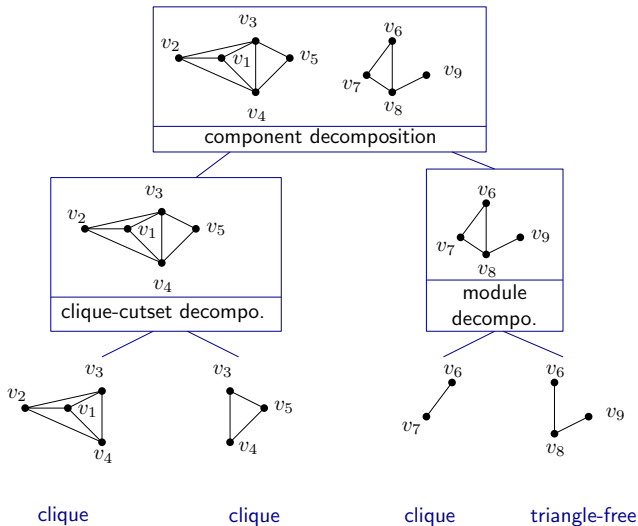




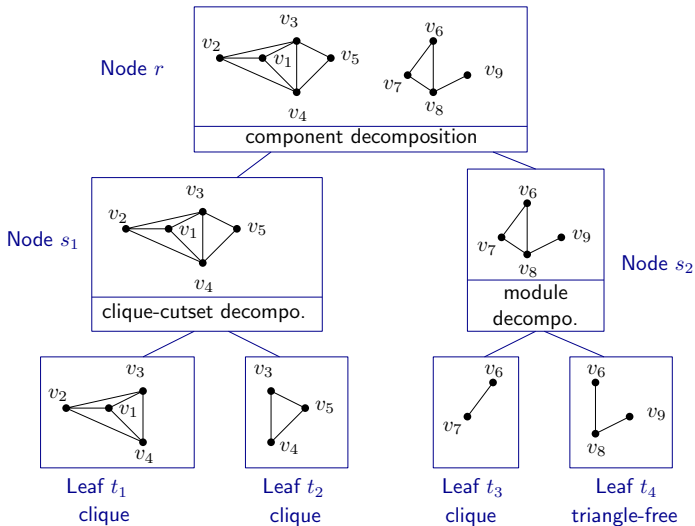
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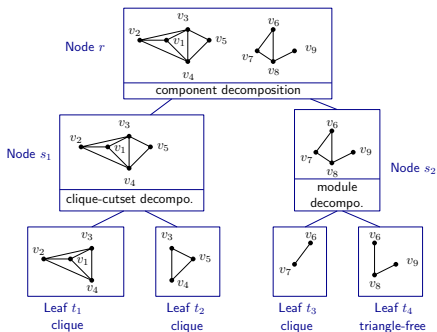
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$G$  is decomposed along:

- connected components
- clique-cutset
- modules

into leaves which are:

- cliques, or
- triangle-free graphs.

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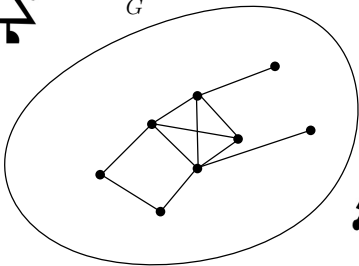
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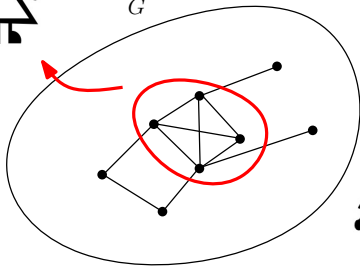
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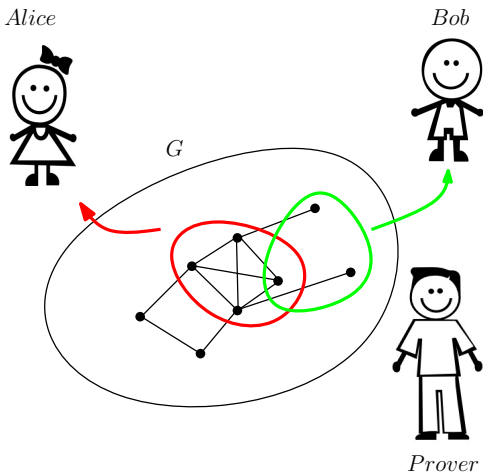


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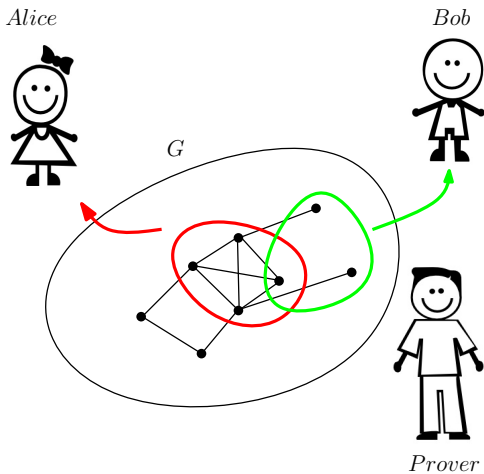


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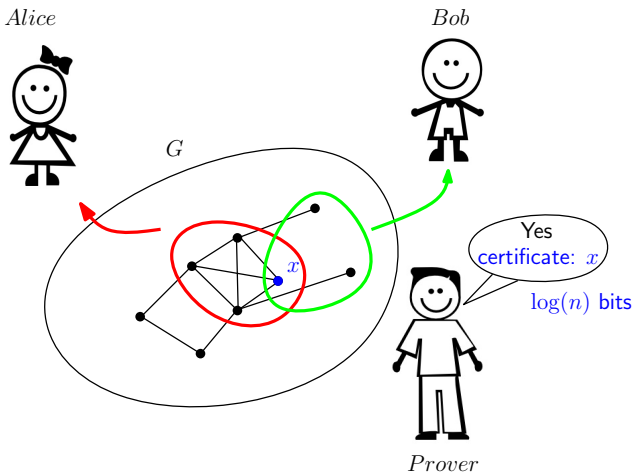
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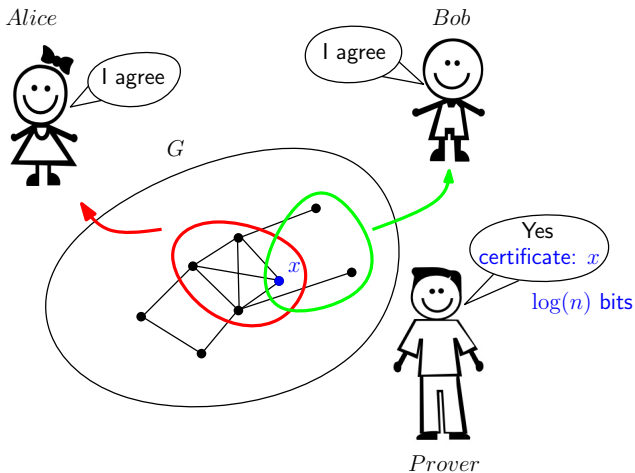


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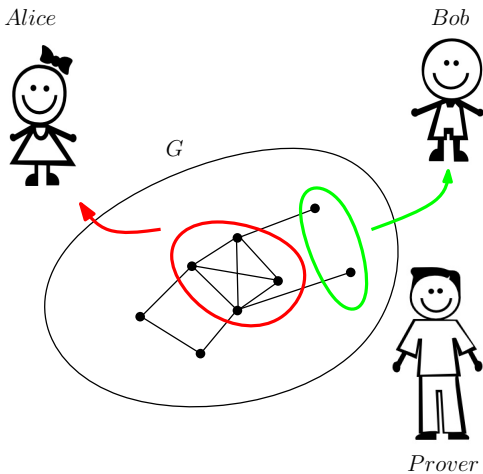
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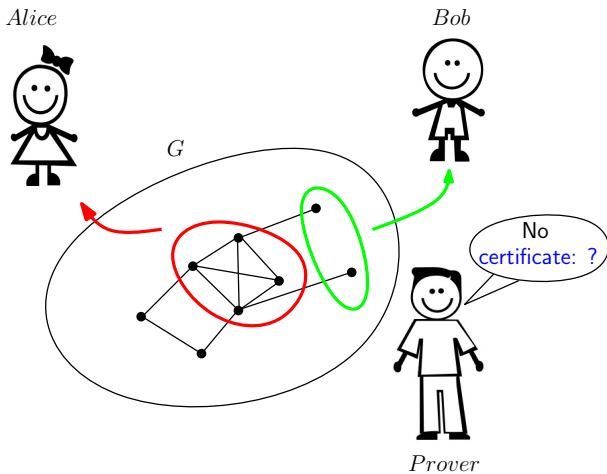
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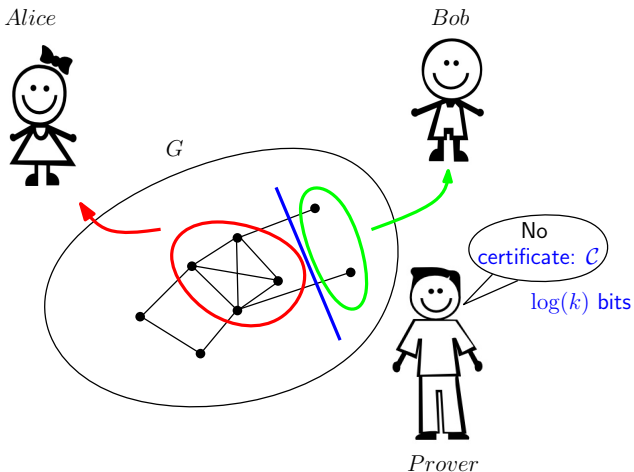
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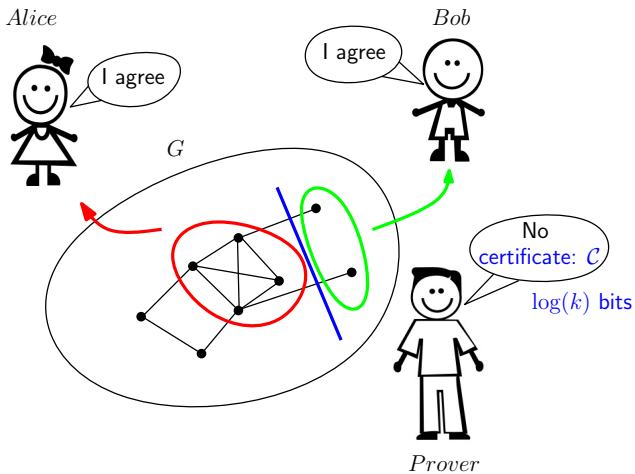
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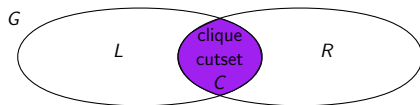
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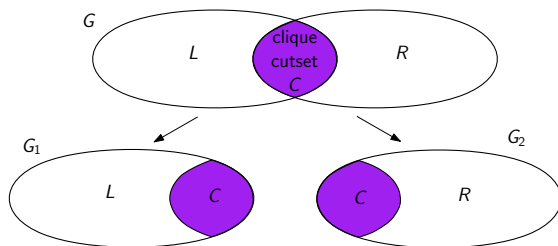
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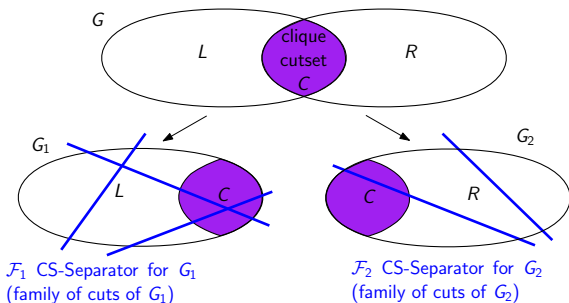
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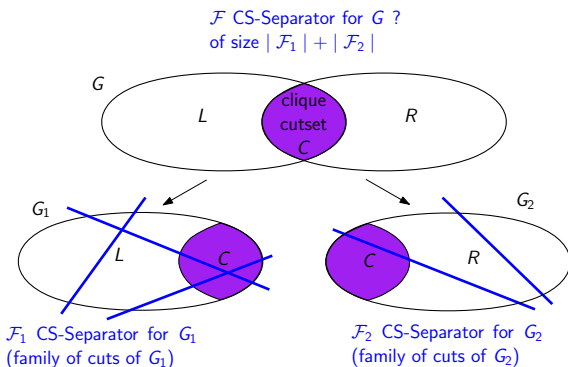
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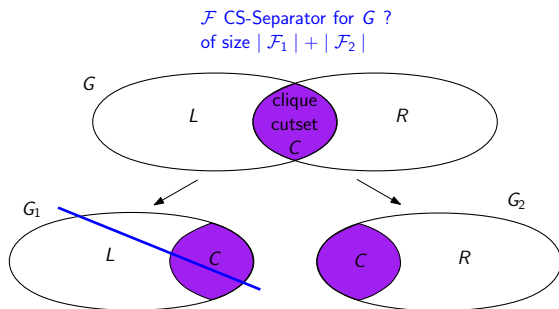


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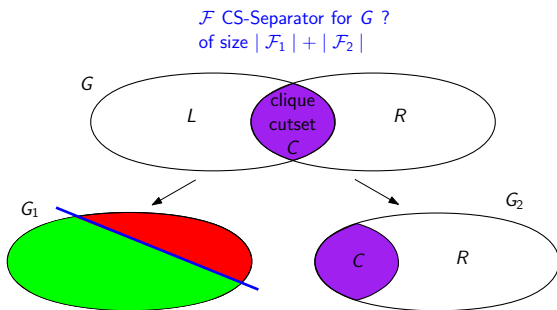




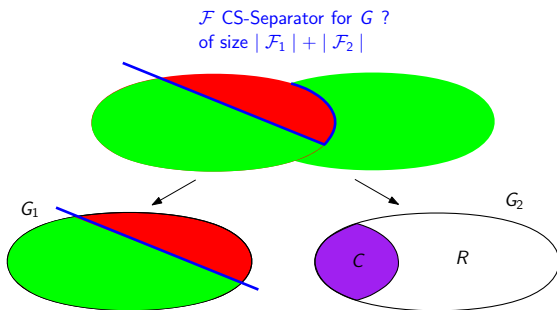
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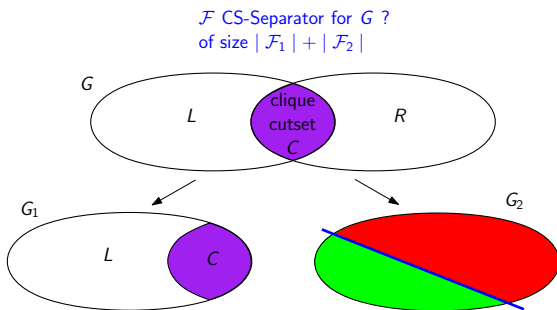
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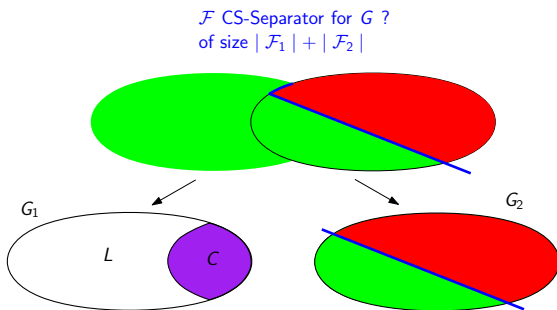
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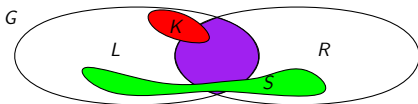


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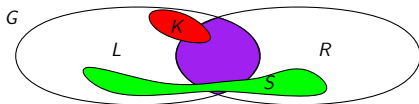
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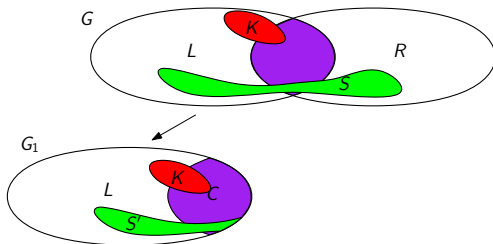
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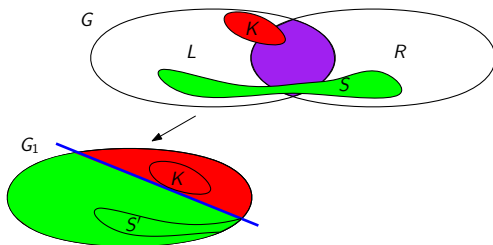
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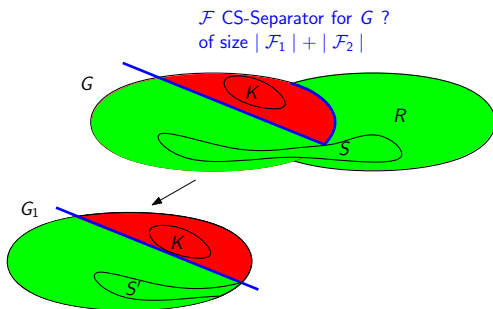


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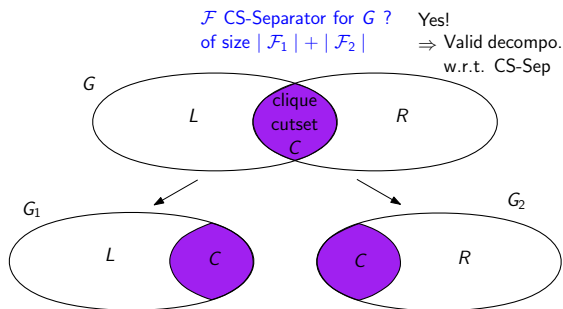
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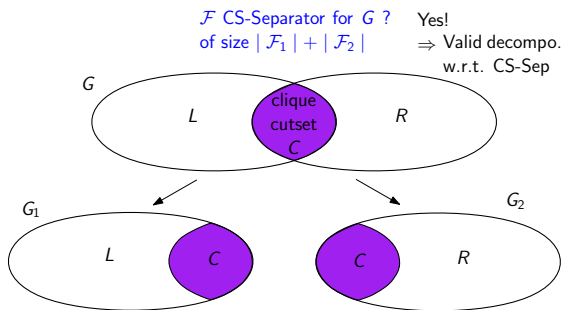
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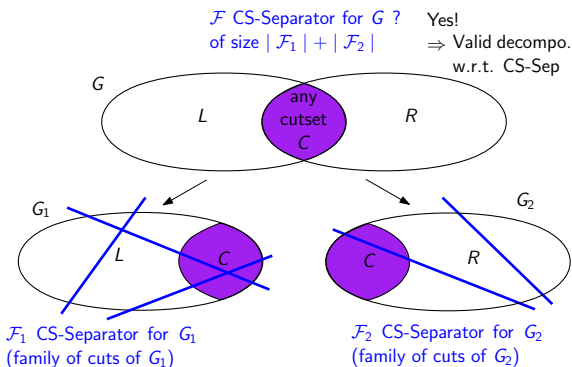


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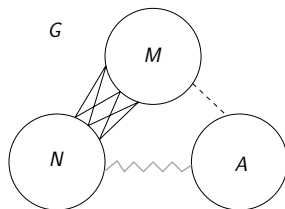
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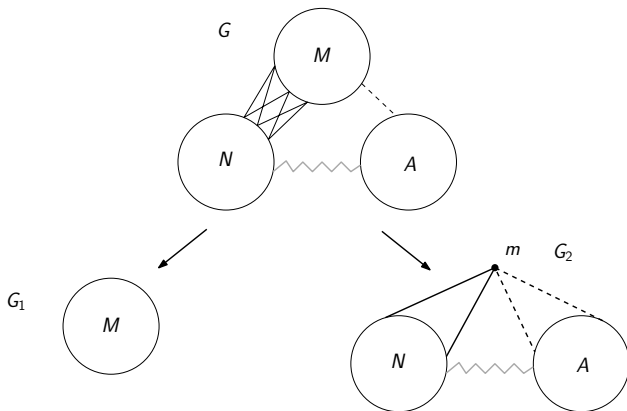
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Any cutset gives a valid decomposition into two children!

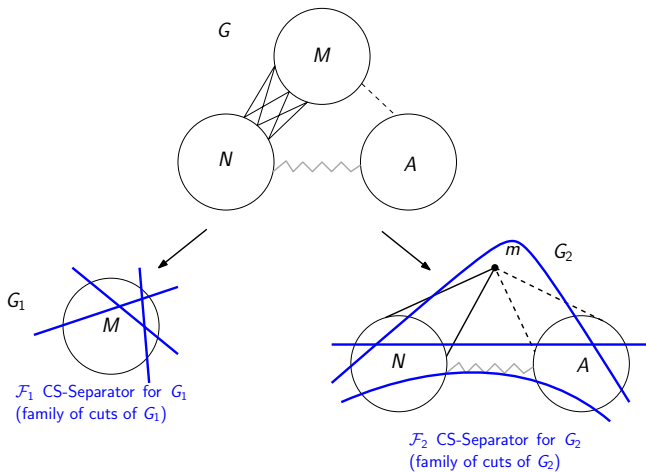
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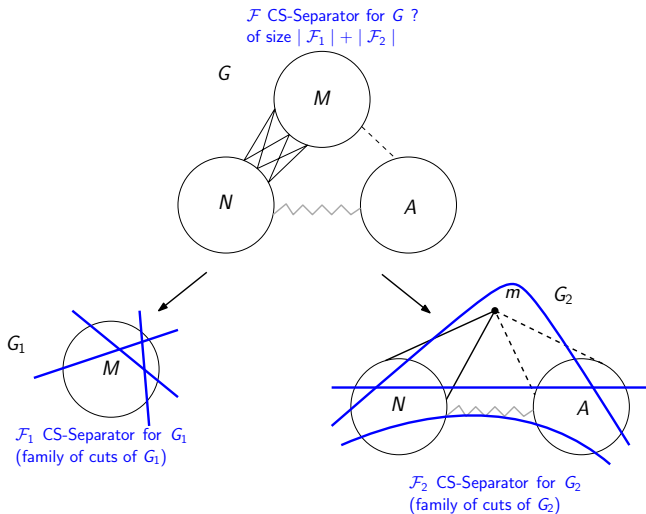


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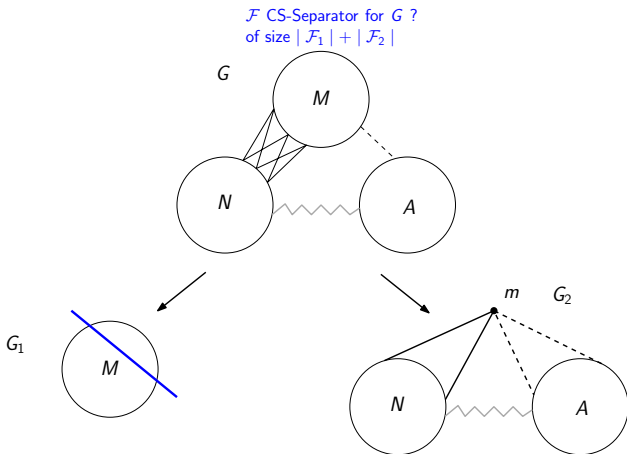




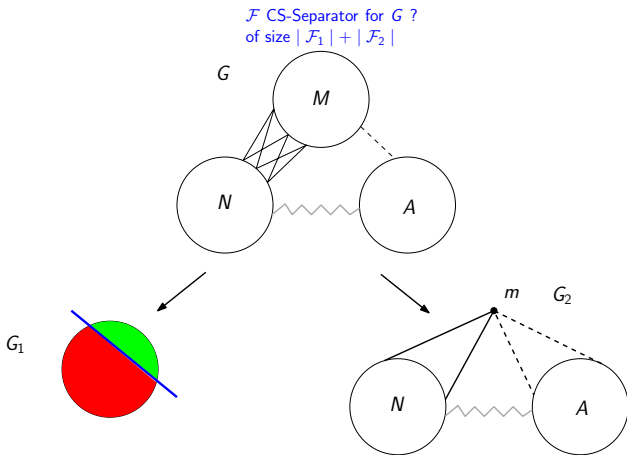
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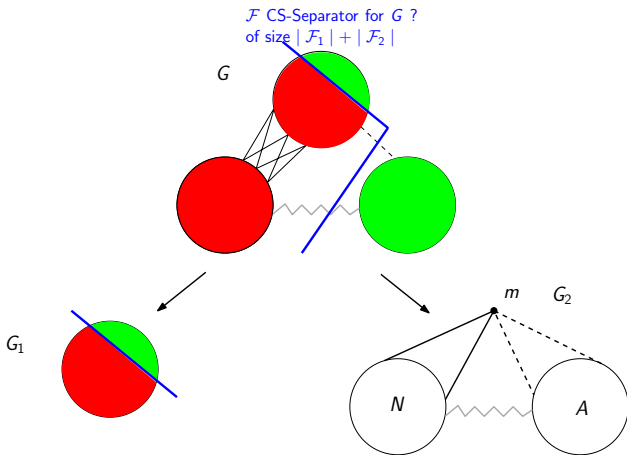
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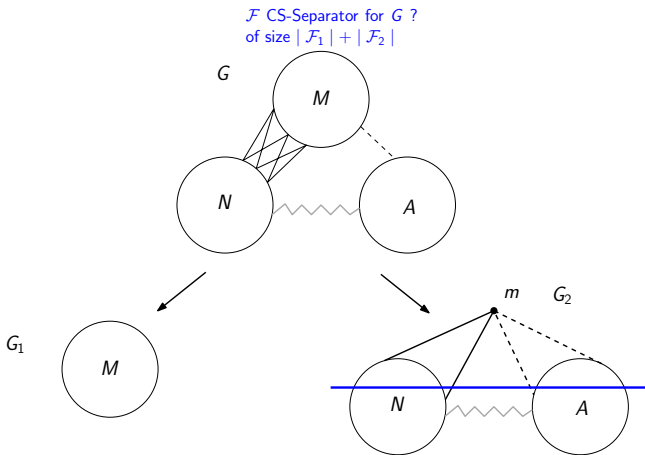
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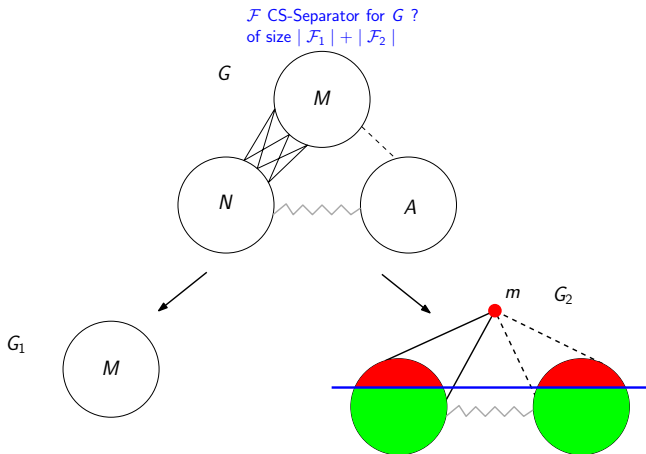
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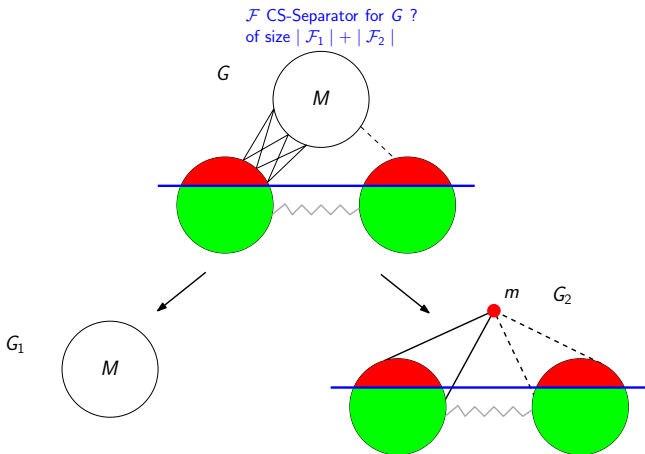
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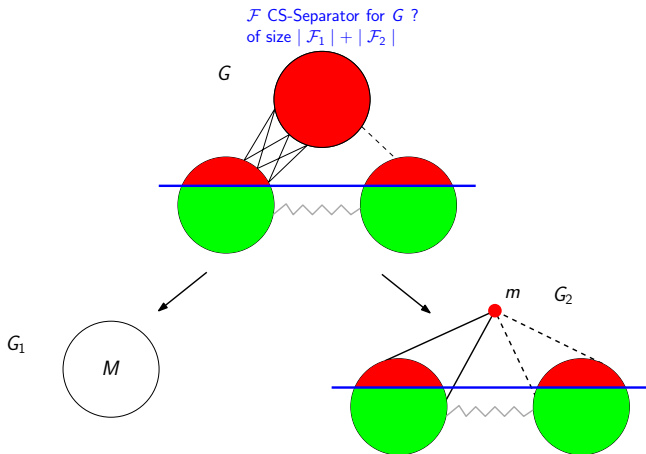
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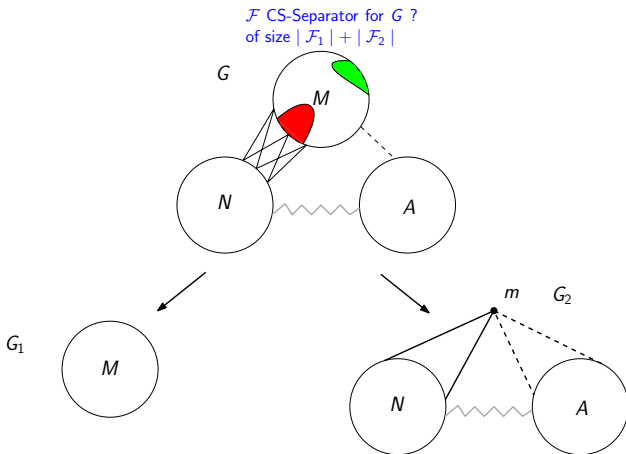


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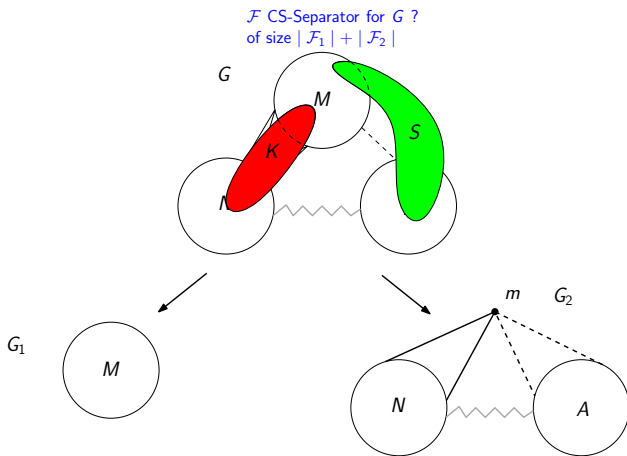


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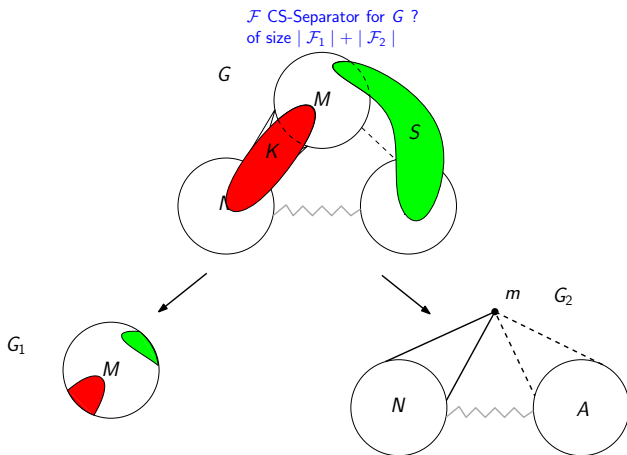
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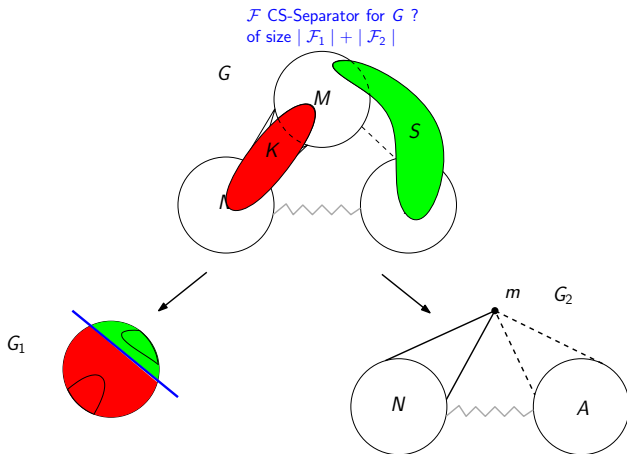
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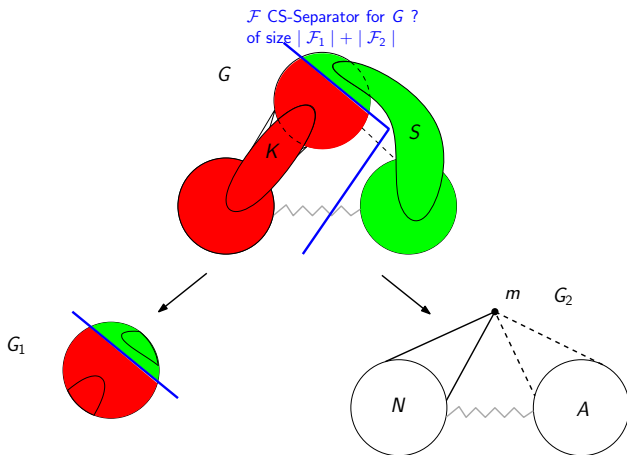
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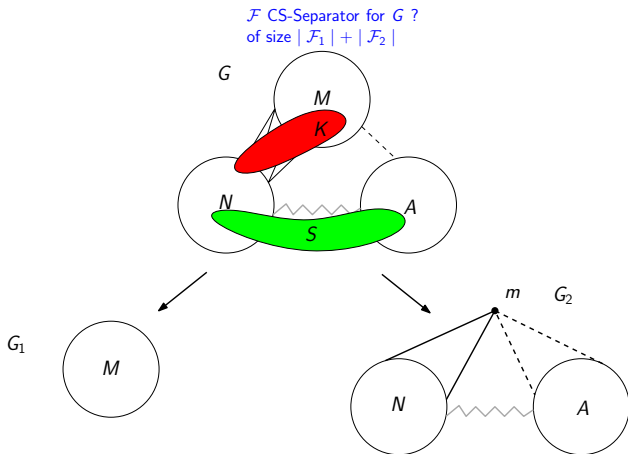
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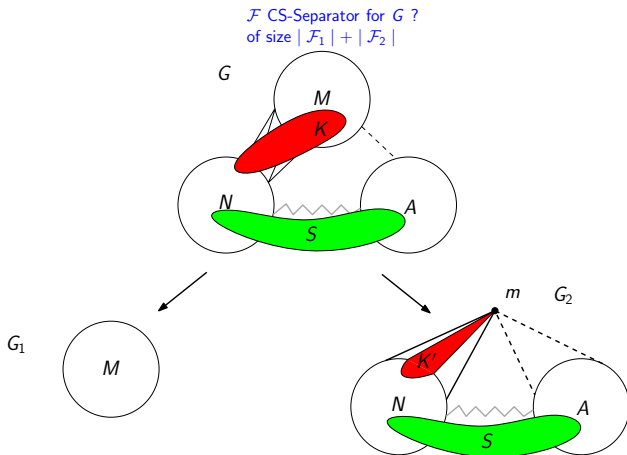
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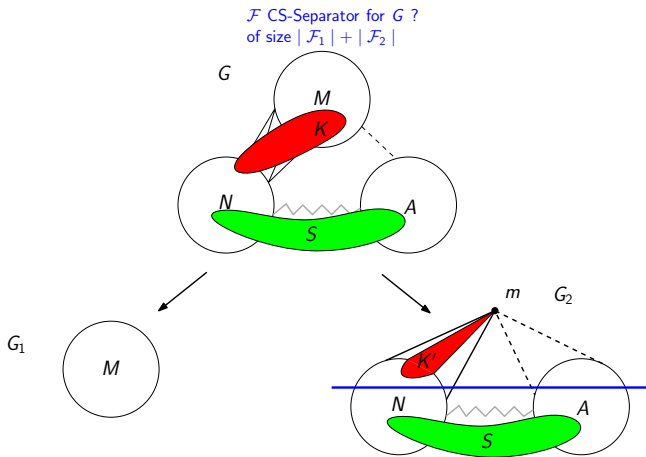
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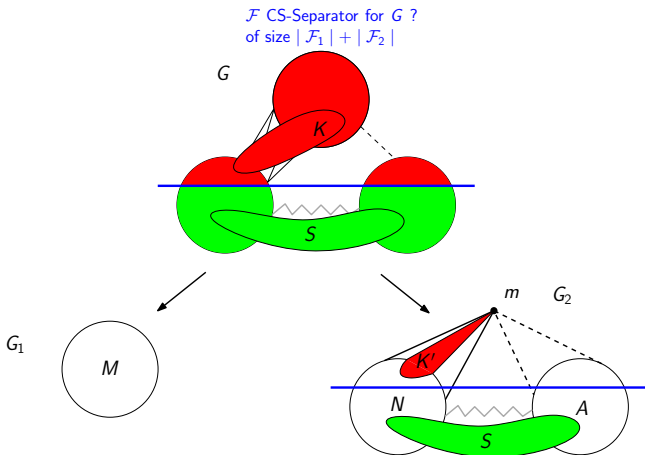
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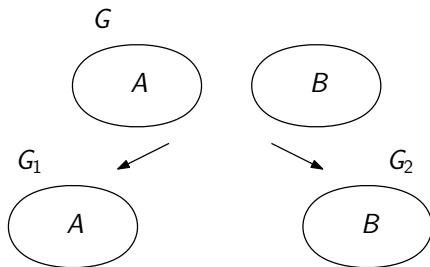


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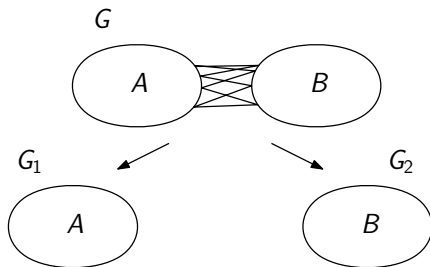
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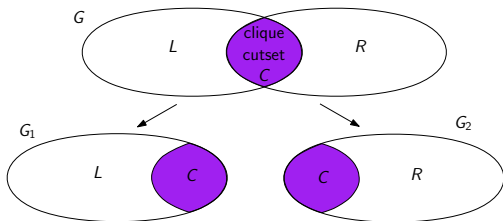
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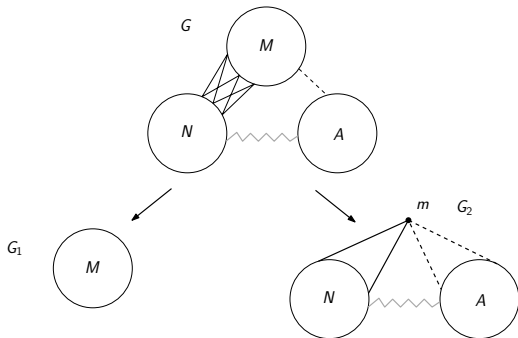
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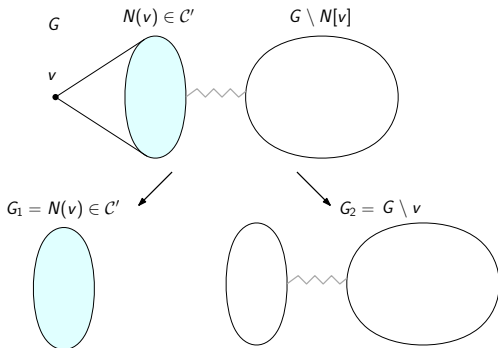
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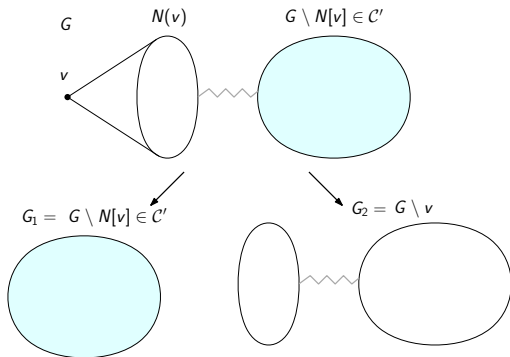
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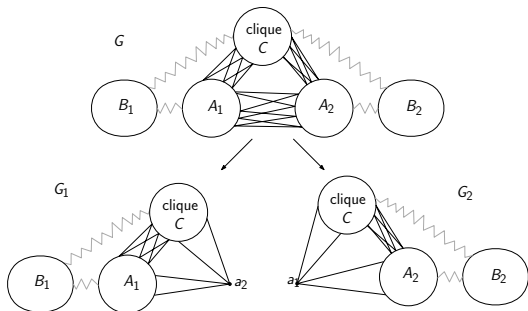
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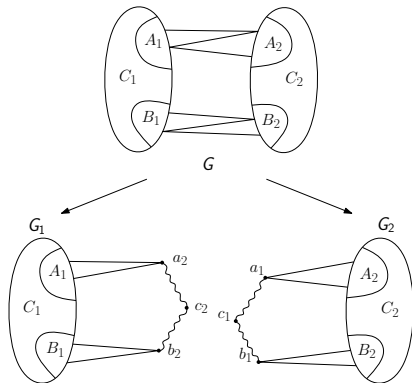
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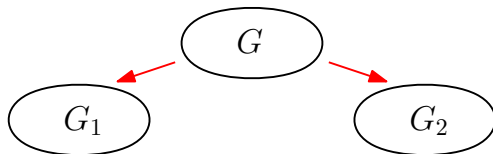
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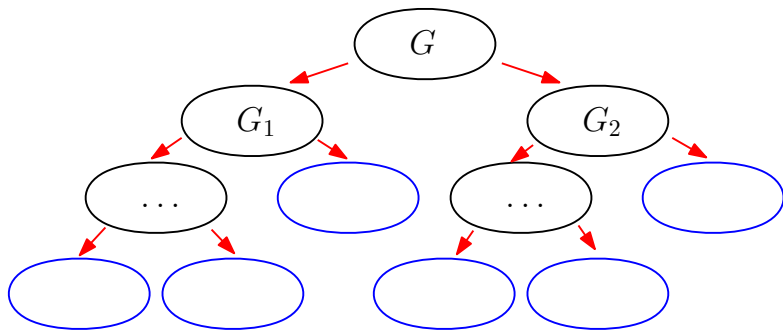
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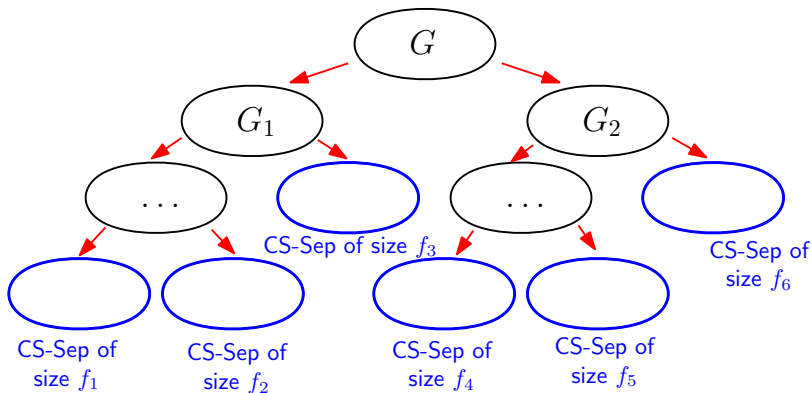
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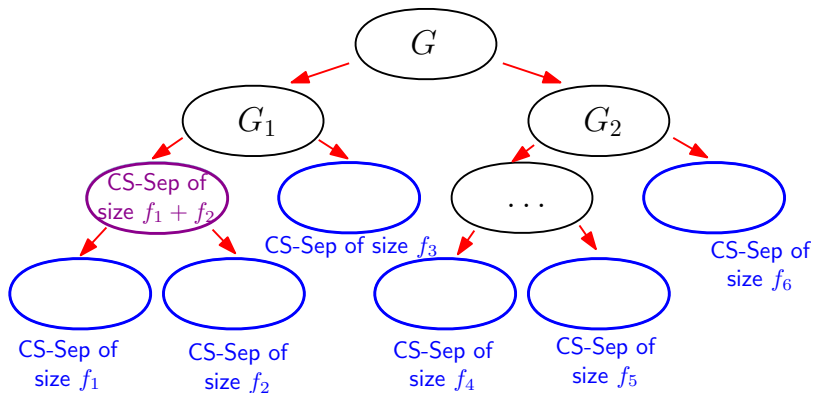
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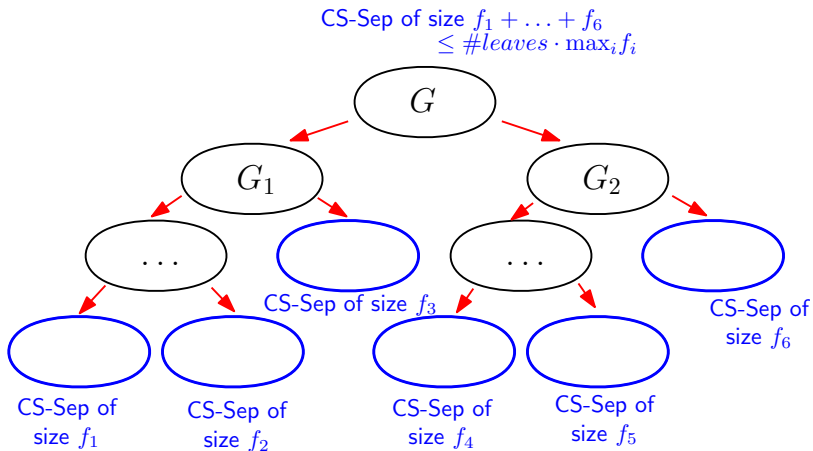
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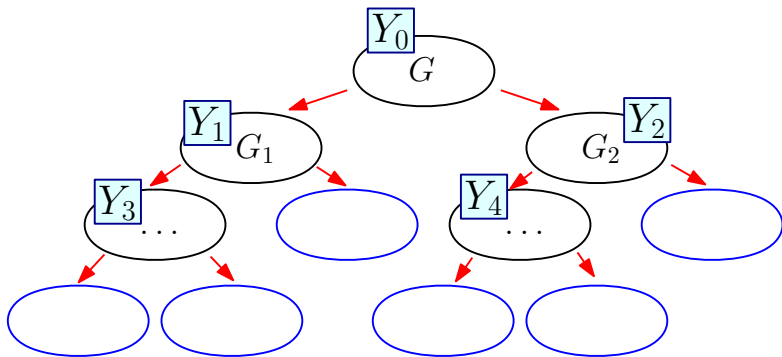
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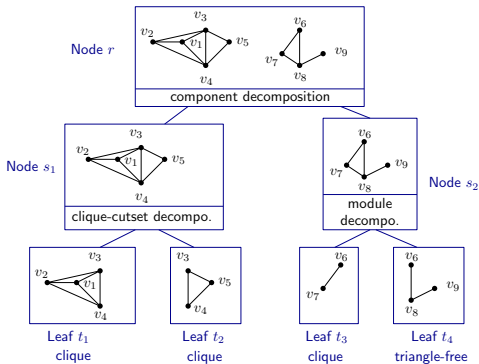
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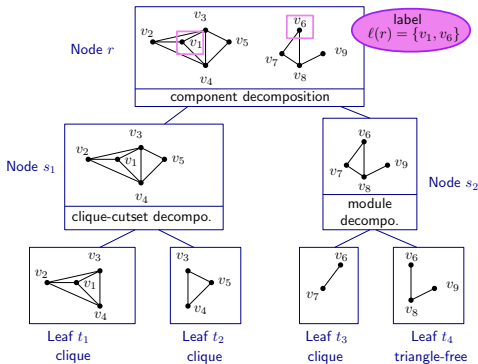
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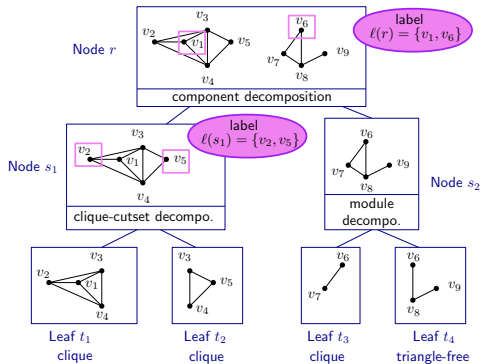
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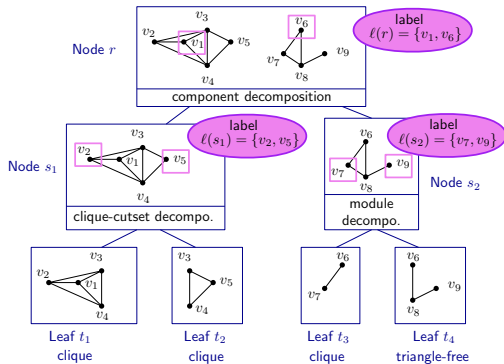
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# The framework

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⇒ Injective labeling

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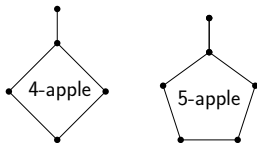
claw-free graph

Can be decomposed with:

- module
- clique-cutset
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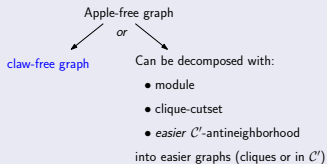
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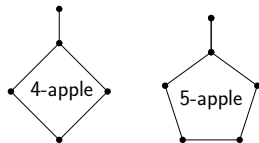


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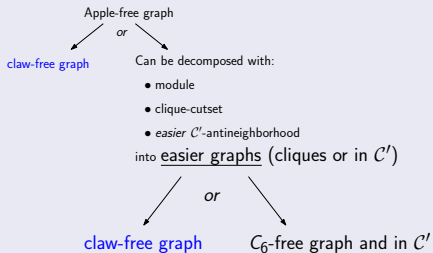


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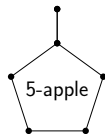
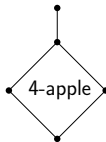


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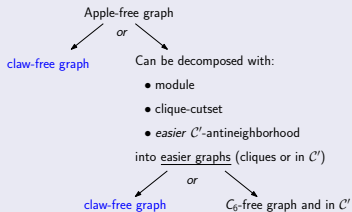


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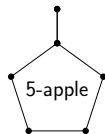
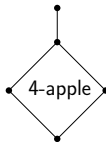


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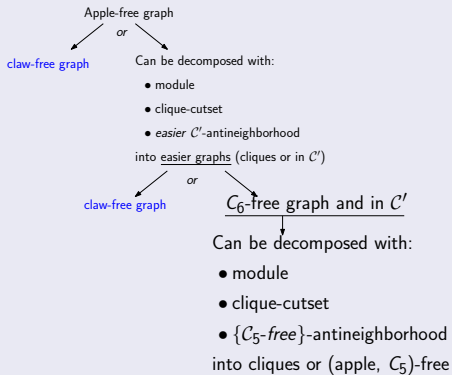
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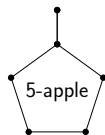
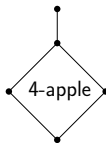


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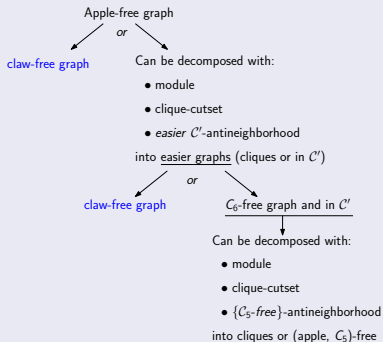


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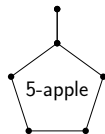
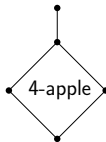


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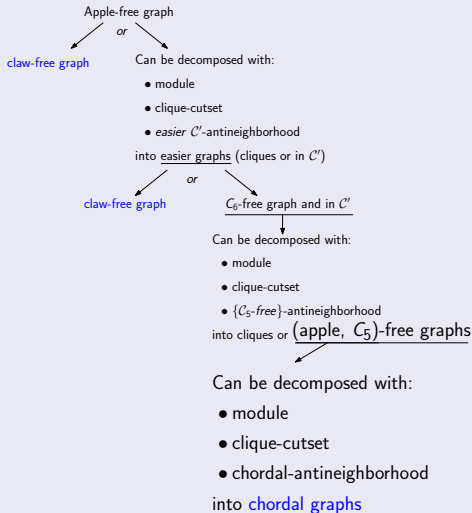


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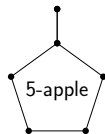
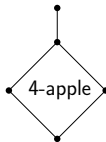


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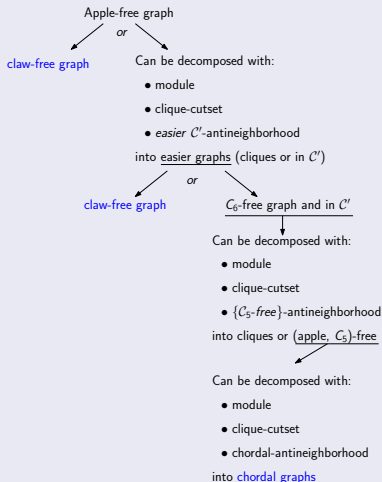


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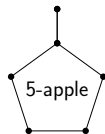
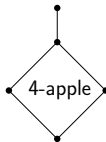


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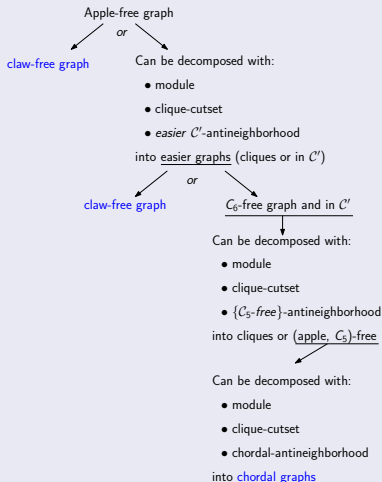
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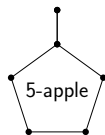
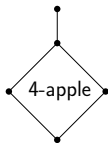
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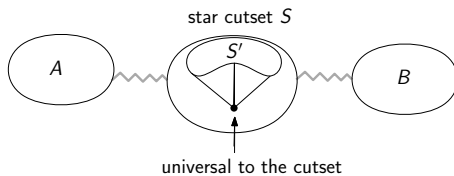
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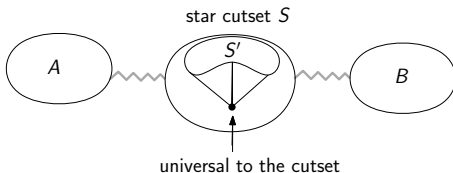
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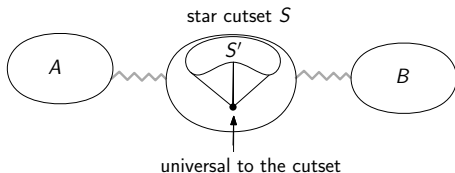


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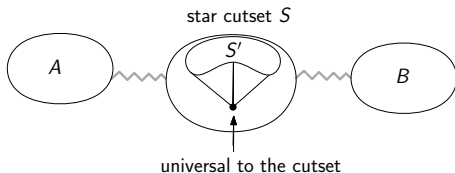
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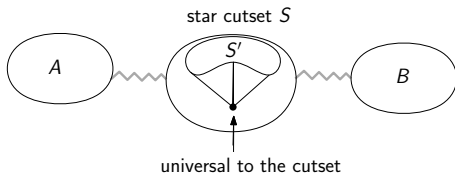
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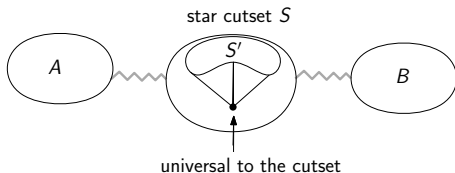
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