# Achromatic number of signed graphs

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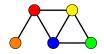


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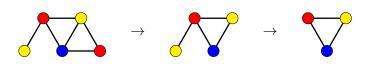




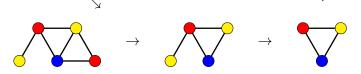
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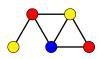
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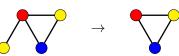
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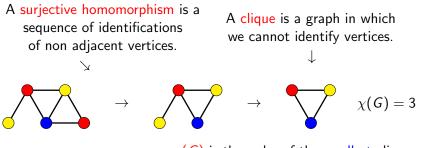
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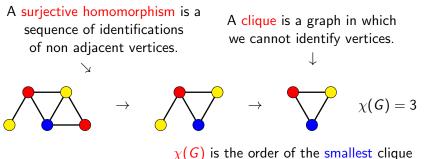
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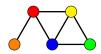
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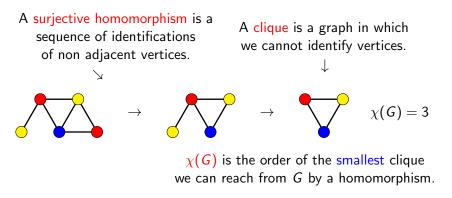


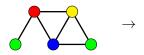
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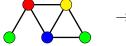


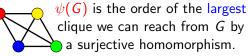


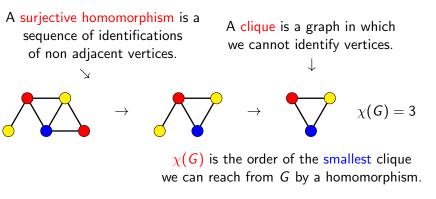


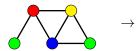


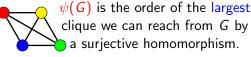
A surjective homomorphism is a A clique is a graph in which sequence of identifications we cannot identify vertices. of non adjacent vertices.  $\chi(G) = 3$  $\chi(G)$  is the order of the smallest clique we can reach from G by a homomorphism.







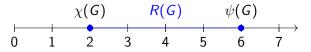




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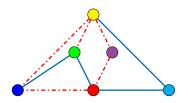
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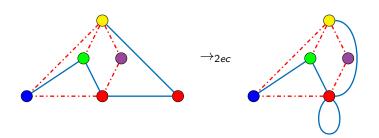
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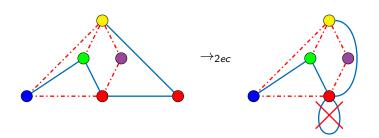
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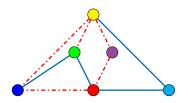
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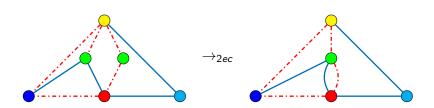


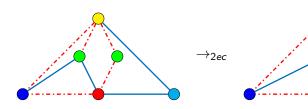


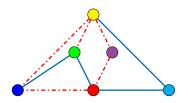


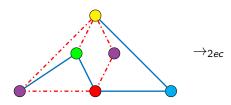


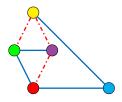




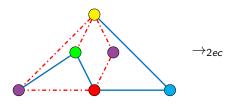


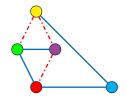






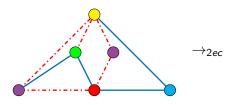
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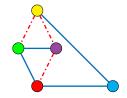




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Problem: 2-EDGE-COLORED GRAPH ACHROMATIC NUMBER [2EC-AN] Instance: A 2-edge-colored graph (G, C) and an integer kQuestion: Is  $\psi_2(G, C) \ge k$ ?

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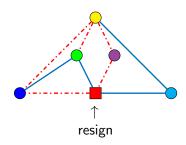
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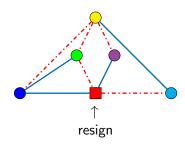
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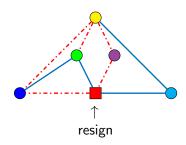
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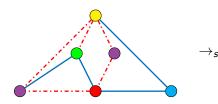


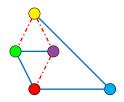
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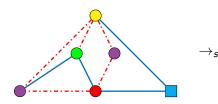


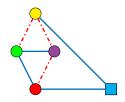
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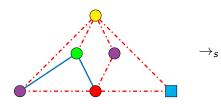


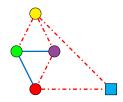


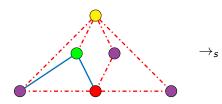






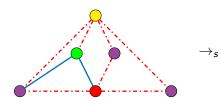


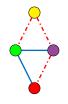






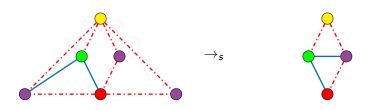
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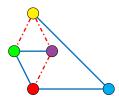
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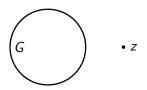
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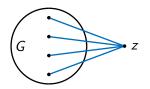
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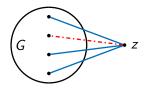
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$$\chi_{s}[G,\Sigma] \xrightarrow{R[G,\Sigma]} \psi_{s}[G,\Sigma] \xrightarrow{\psi_{\max}[G,\Sigma]} 0 \xrightarrow{1} 2 \xrightarrow{3} 4 \xrightarrow{5} 6 \xrightarrow{7} 8$$

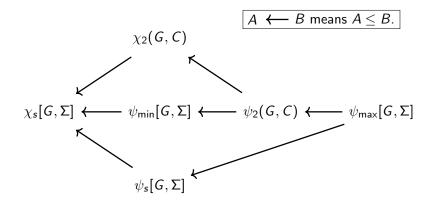


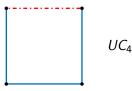
Figure: Relationship between some numbers for every signed graph  $[G, \Sigma]$  and every 2-edge-colored graph  $(G, C) \in [G, \Sigma]$ .

#### Observation

In a 2-edge-colored clique (K, D), every two vertices u and v verify at least one of the following: either  $uv \in E(K)$  or u and v are joined by a path +- or -+.

#### Theorem (Naserasr, Rollová and Sopena, 2014)

In a signed clique  $[K,\Pi]$ , every two vertices u and v verify at least one of the following: either  $uv \in E(K)$  or u and v belong to an  $UC_4$ .



## Corollary

## A 2-edge-colored clique (K, D) has diameter 2.

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Problem: SIGNED GRAPH MAX-ACHROMATIC NUMBER

[SIGNED-MAX-AN]

Instance: A signed graph [G, \Sigma] and an integer k

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[MAX-2EC-AN]

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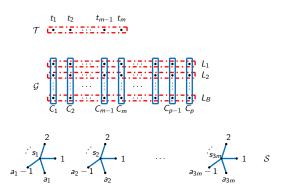
The following problems are NP-complete:

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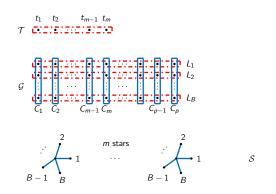
Problem: 3-PARTITION Instance: A set  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_{3m}\} \in \mathbb{N}^{3m}$  and an integer B such that  $\frac{B}{4} < a_i < \frac{B}{2}$  for every  $i, 1 \le i \le m$ . Question: Is there a partition  $\{P_1, \dots, P_m\}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $|P_i| = 3$  and  $\sum_{a_j \in P_i} a_j = B$  for every  $i, 1 \le i \le m$ ?

Theorem (Garey and Johnson, 1990)

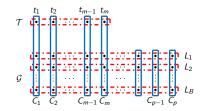
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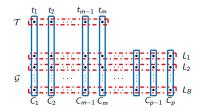
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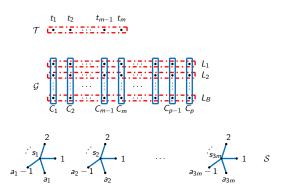


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If 3-PARTITION has a solution then  $\psi_{\max}[G, \Sigma] \geq |\mathcal{T}| + |\mathcal{G}|$ .

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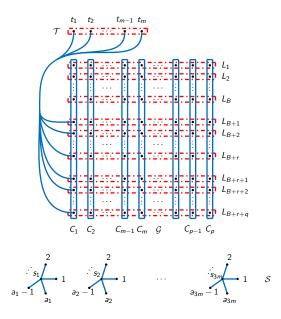


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#### Claim

If  $(G, C) \rightarrow_{2ec} (K, D)$  where (K, D) is a 2-edge-colored clique of size greater than  $|\mathcal{T}| + |\mathcal{G}|$  then  $G \rightarrow K'$  where K' has order greater than  $|\mathcal{T}| + |\mathcal{G}|$  and K' has diameter 2.

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