

A polynomial-time partitioning algorithm for weighted cactus graphs

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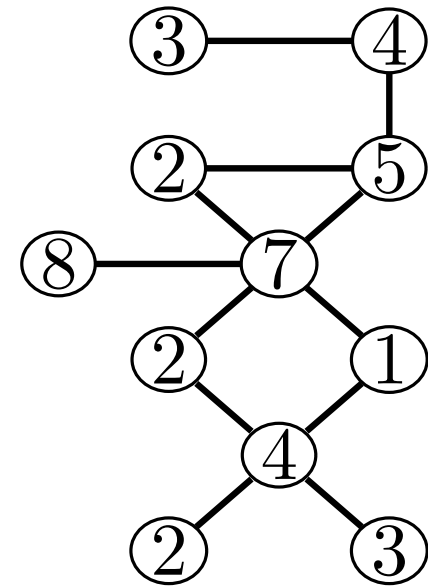
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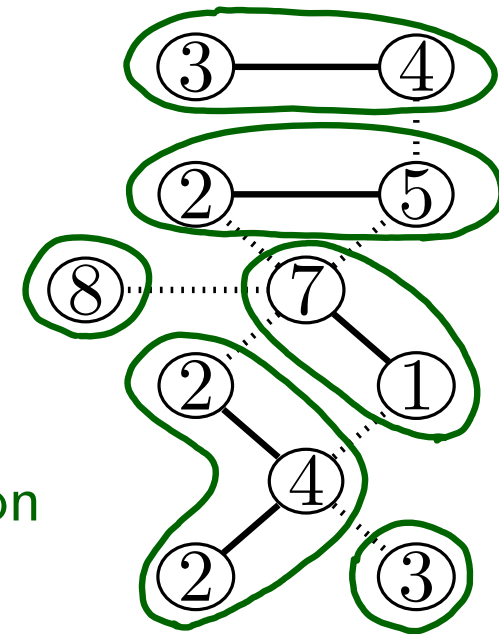
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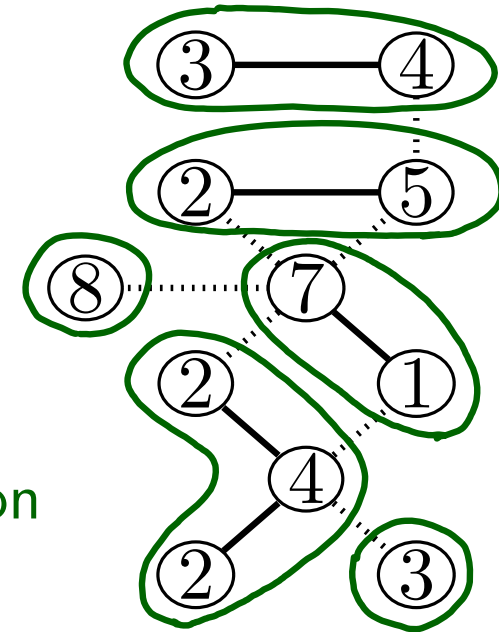
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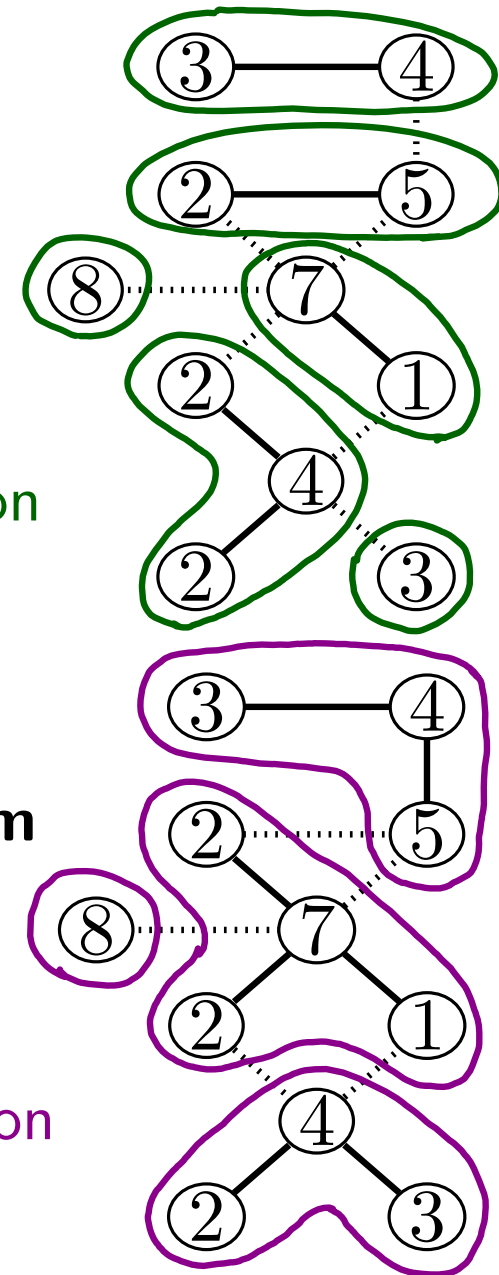
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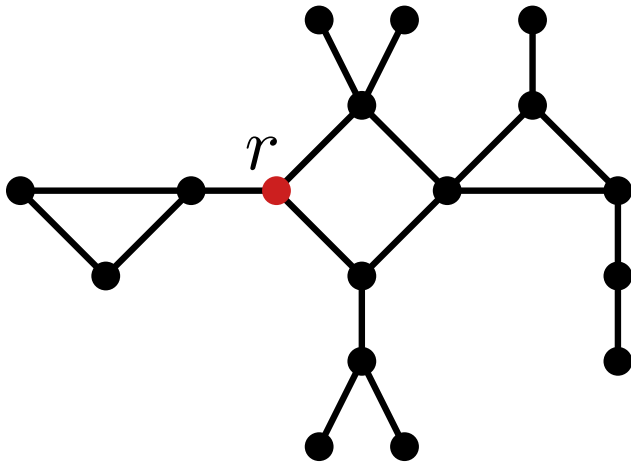


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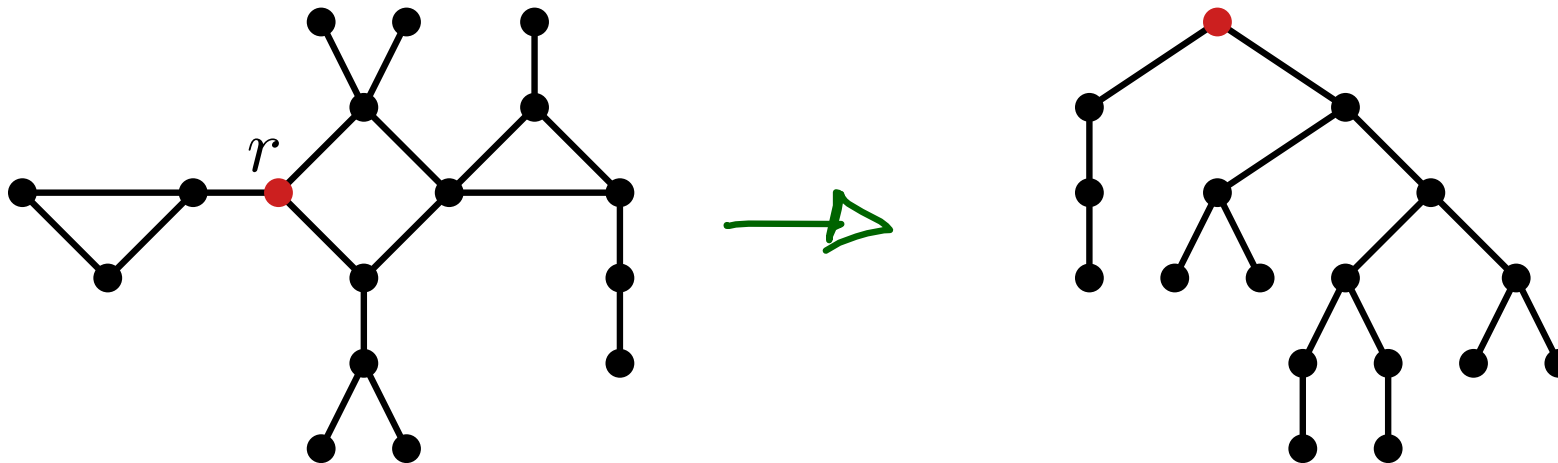
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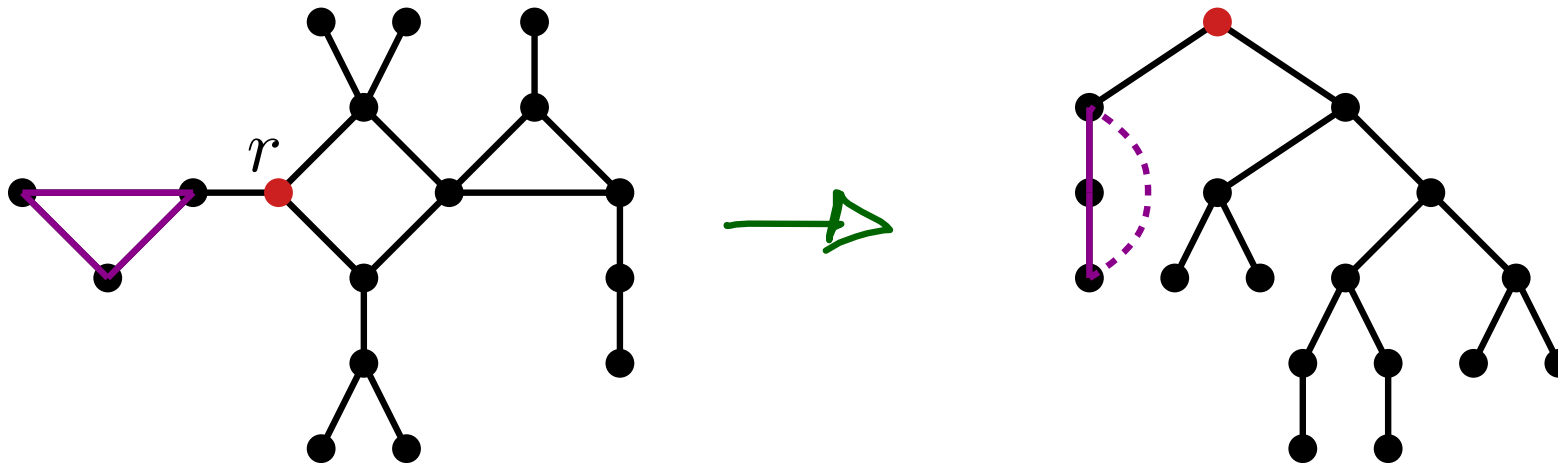
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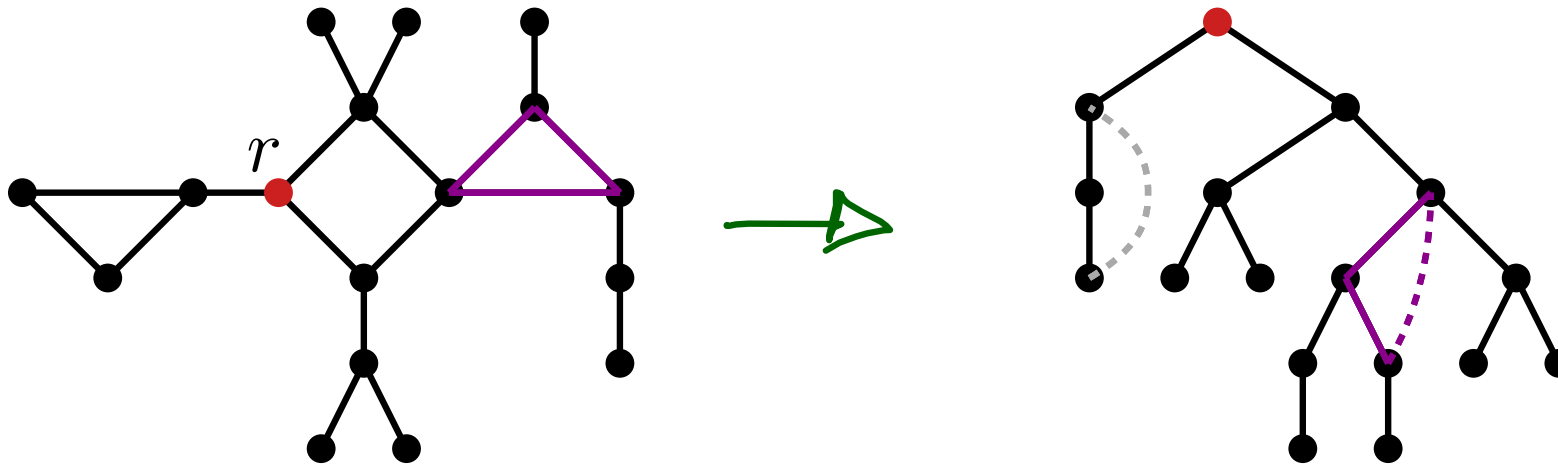
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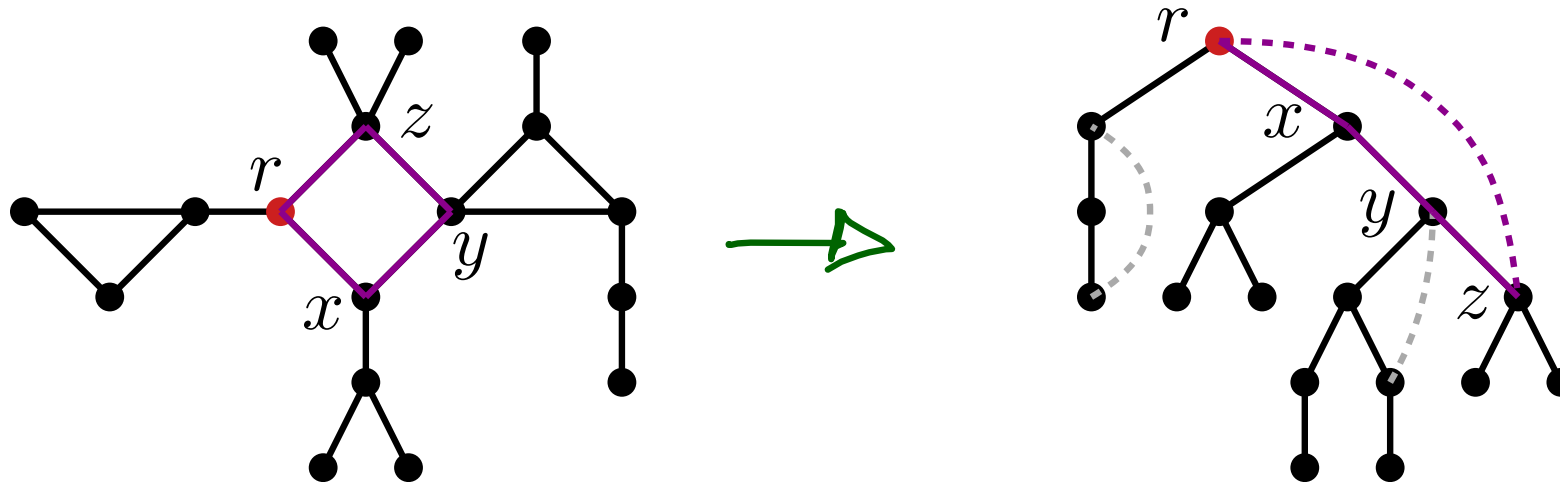
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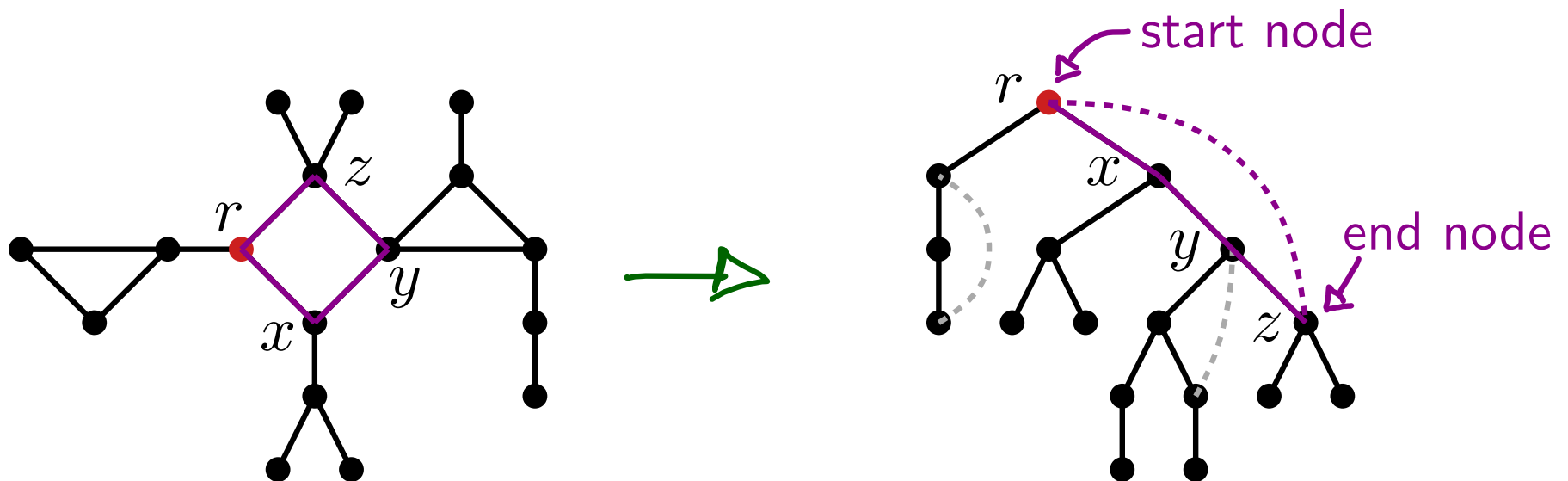
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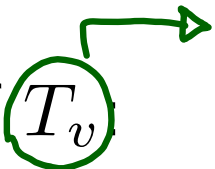
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- $l \leq w(C') \leq u$ for every cluster $C' \neq C_v$

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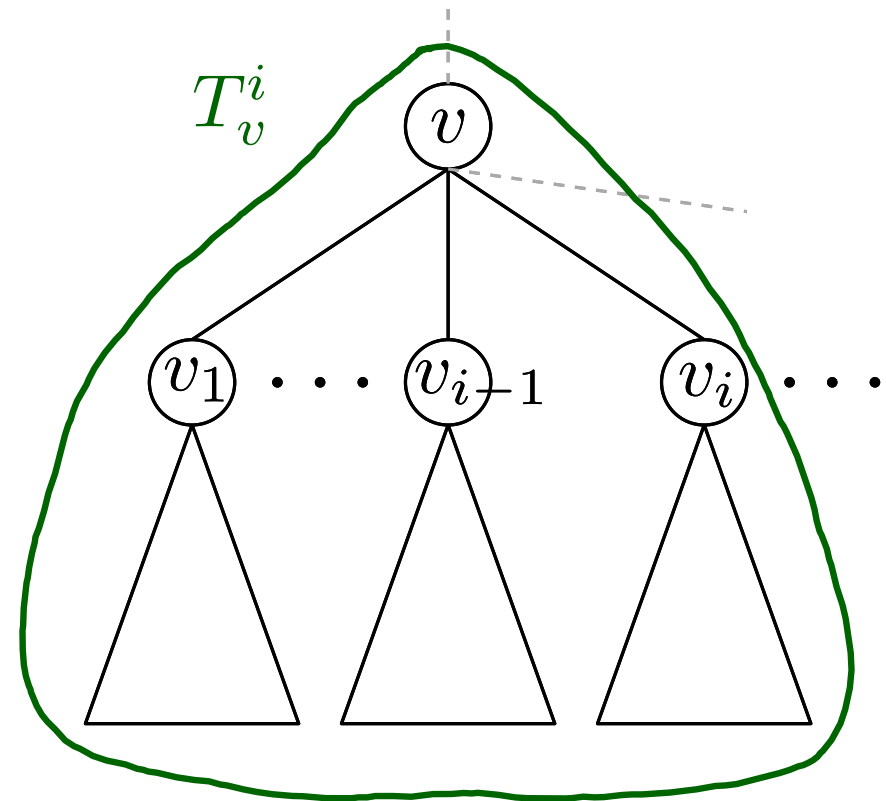
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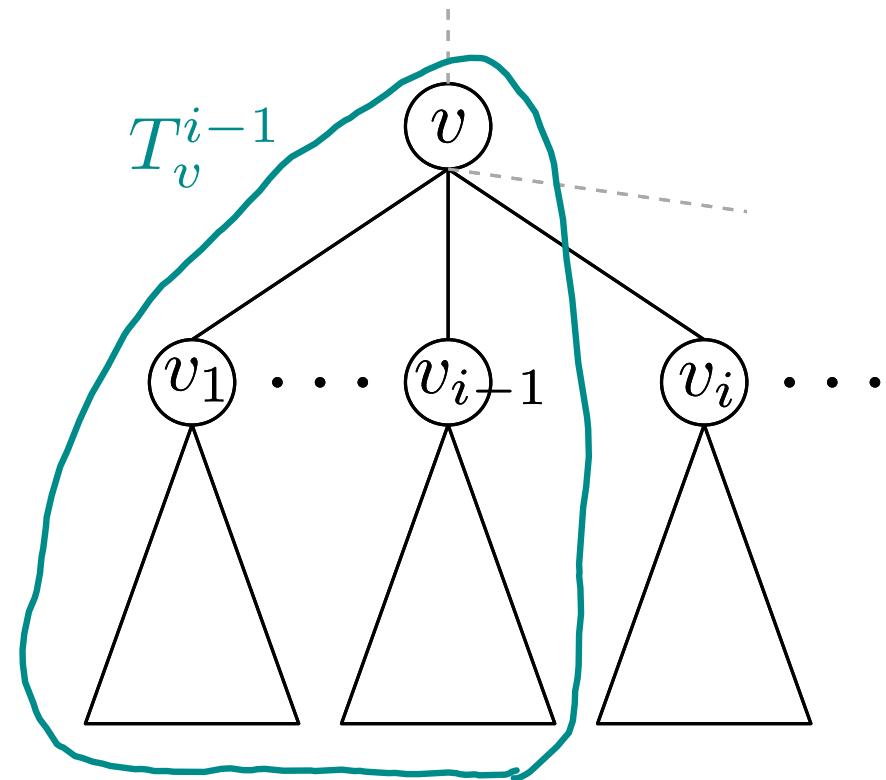
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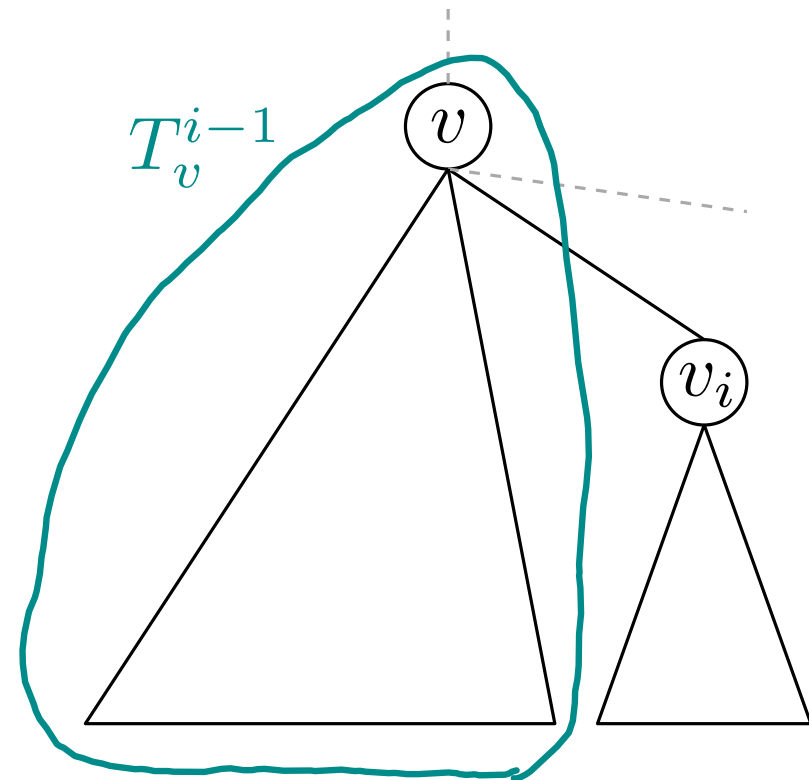
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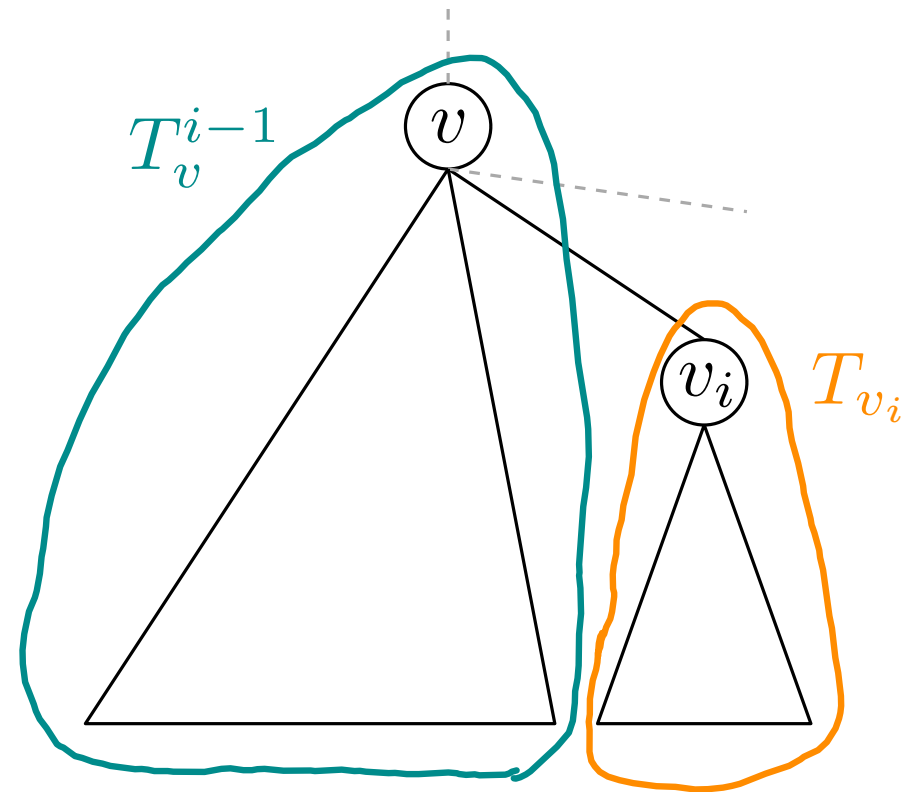
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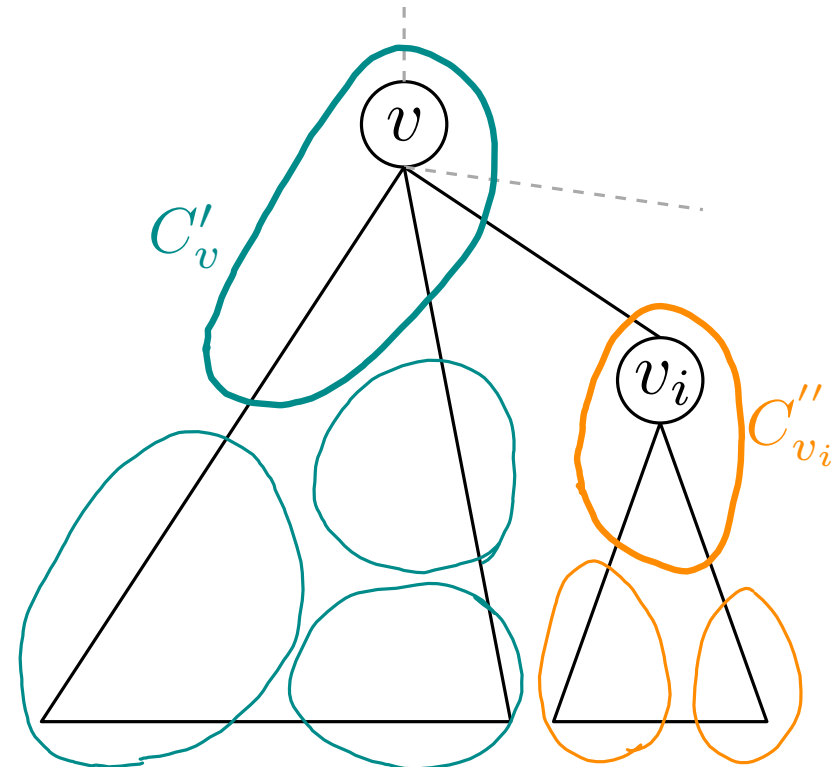


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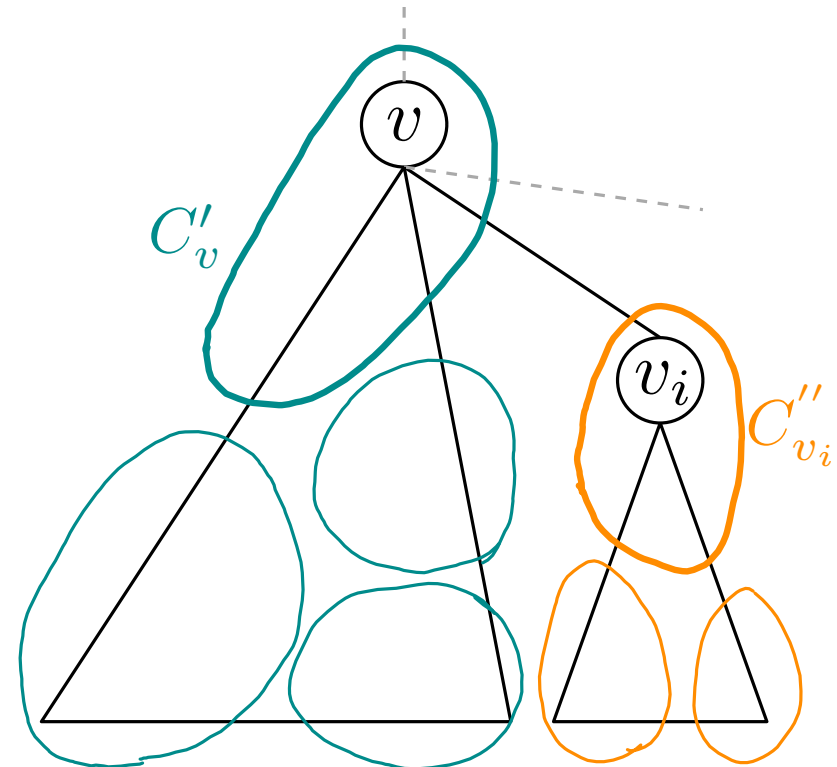
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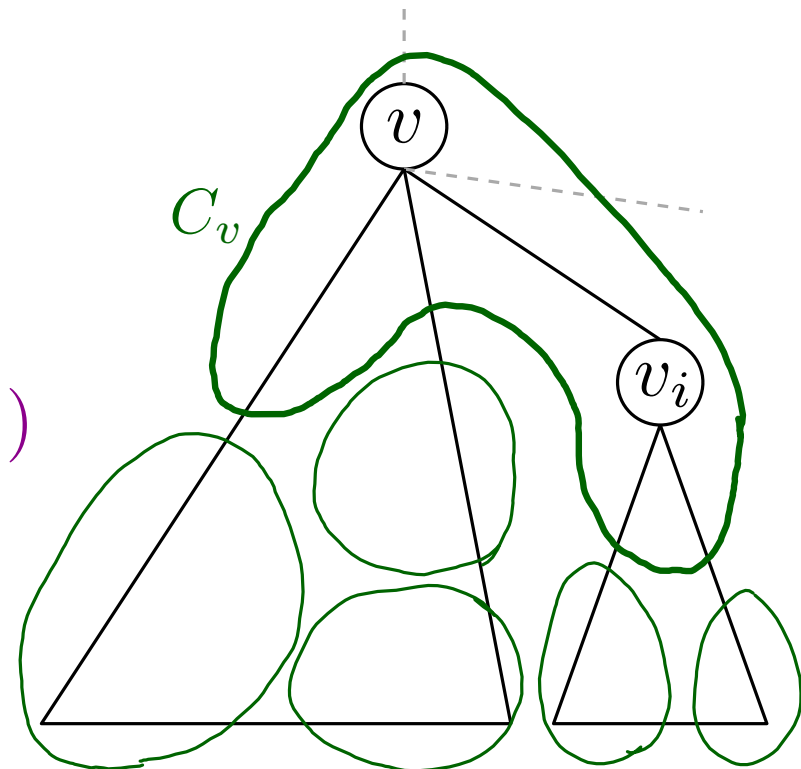
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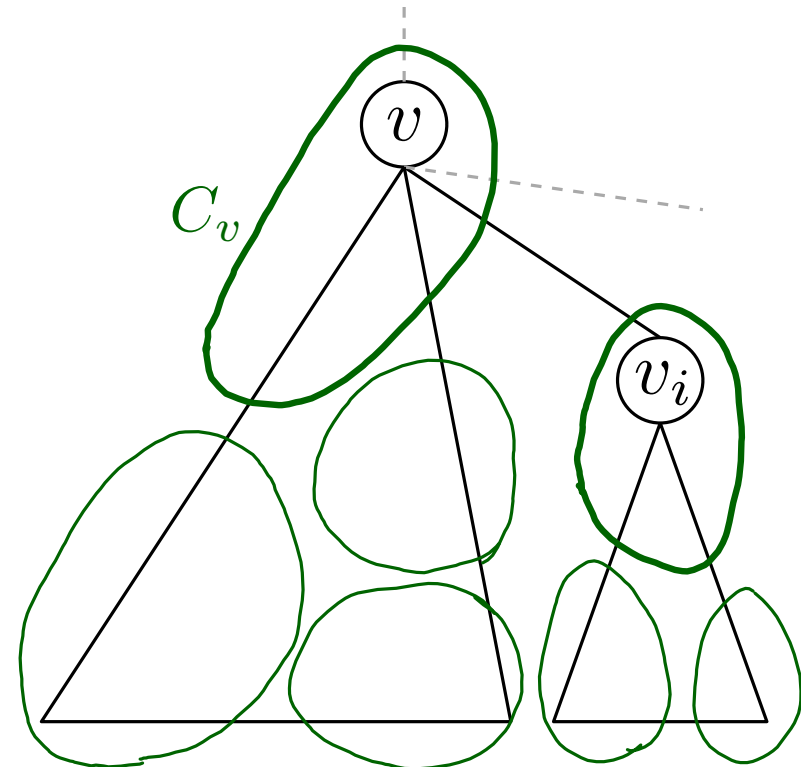
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Dynamic approach

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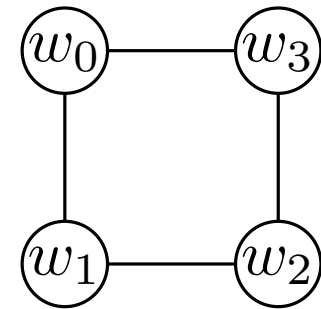
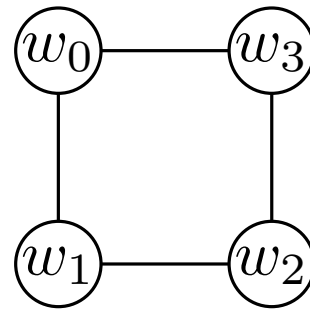
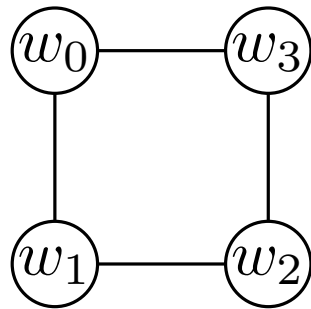
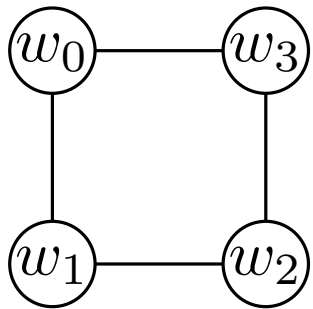
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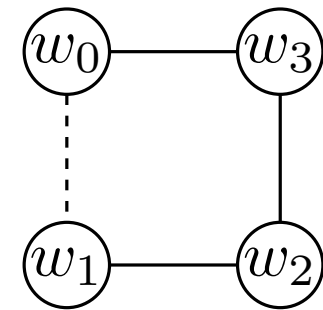
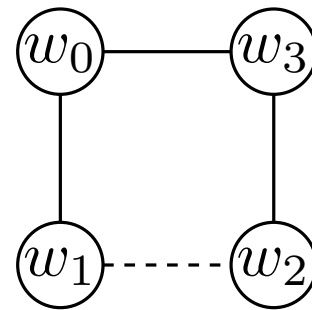
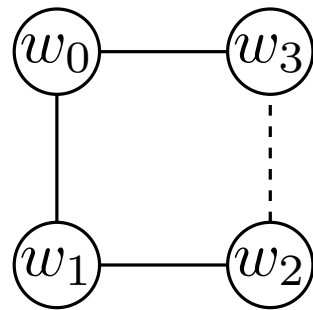
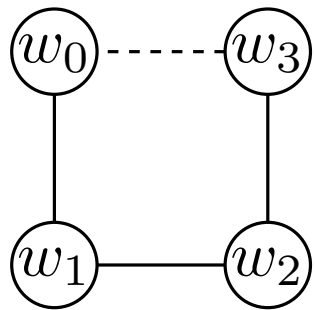
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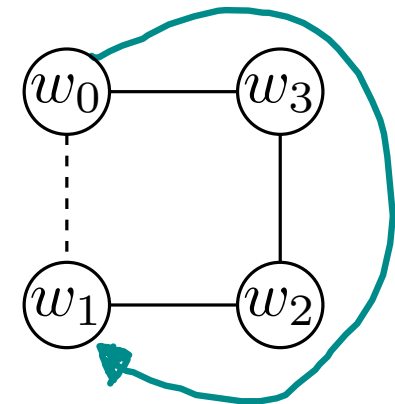
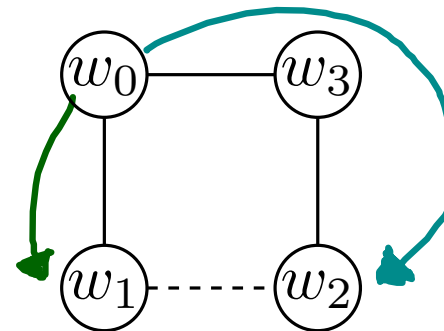
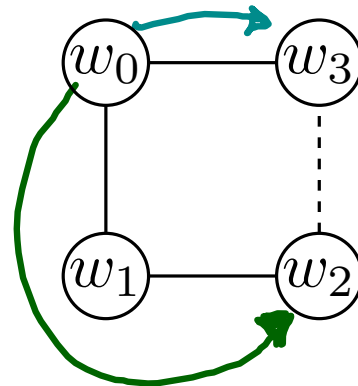
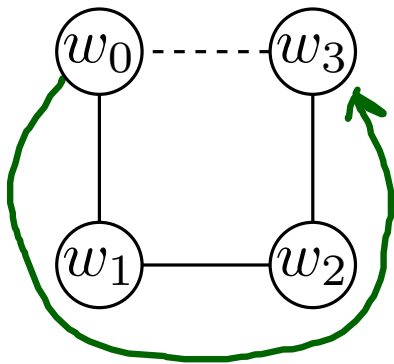
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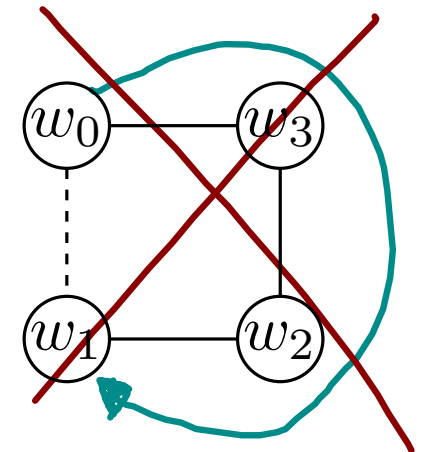
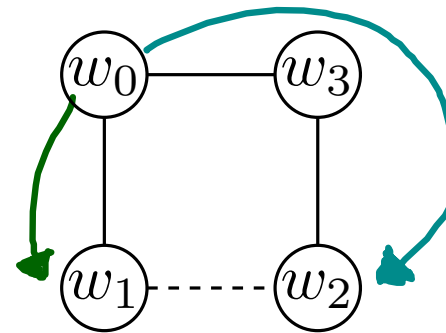
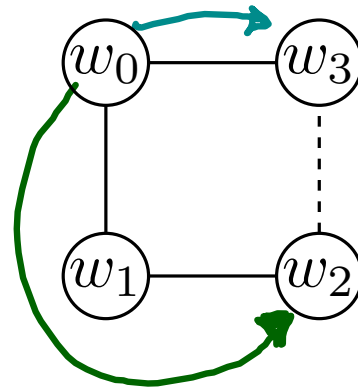
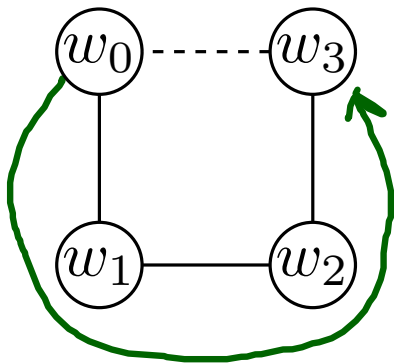
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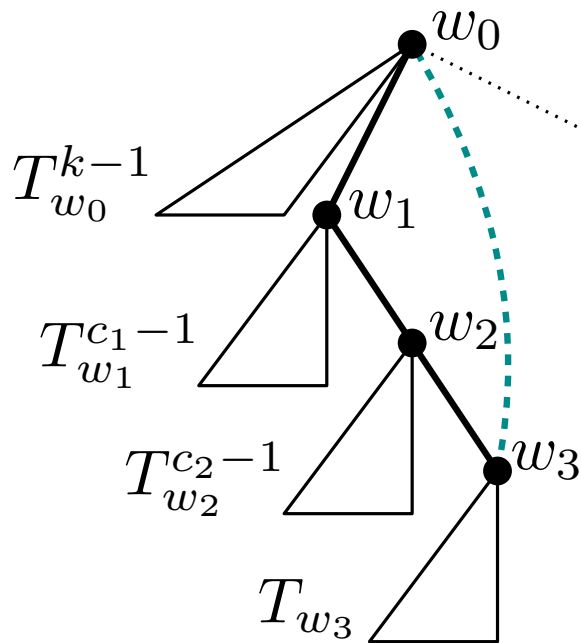


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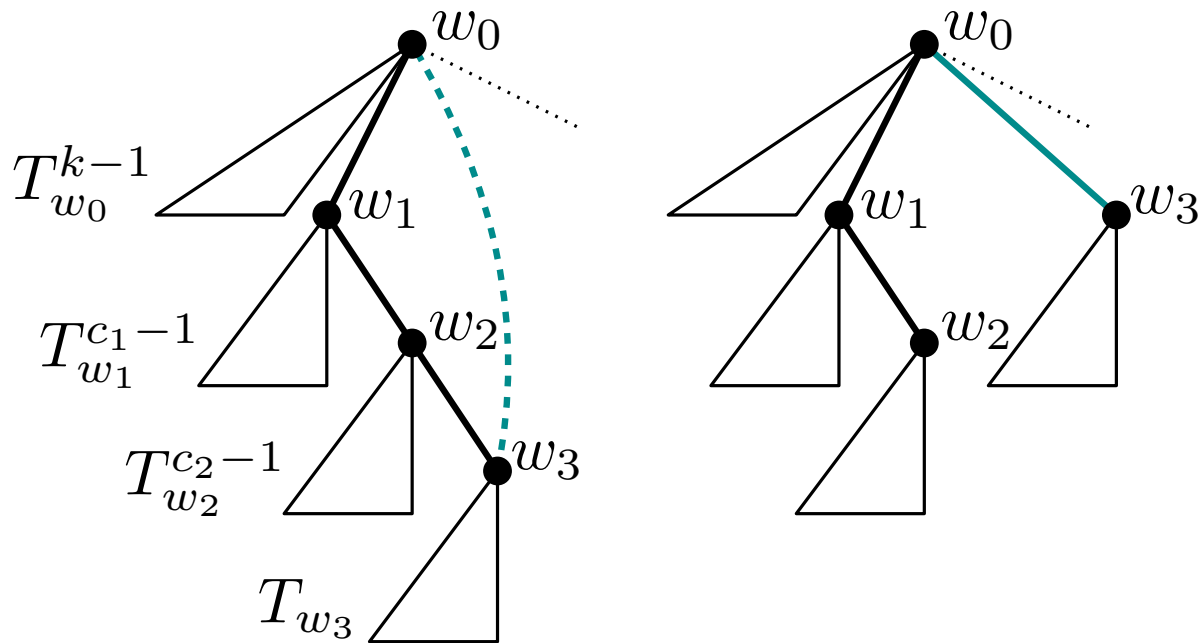
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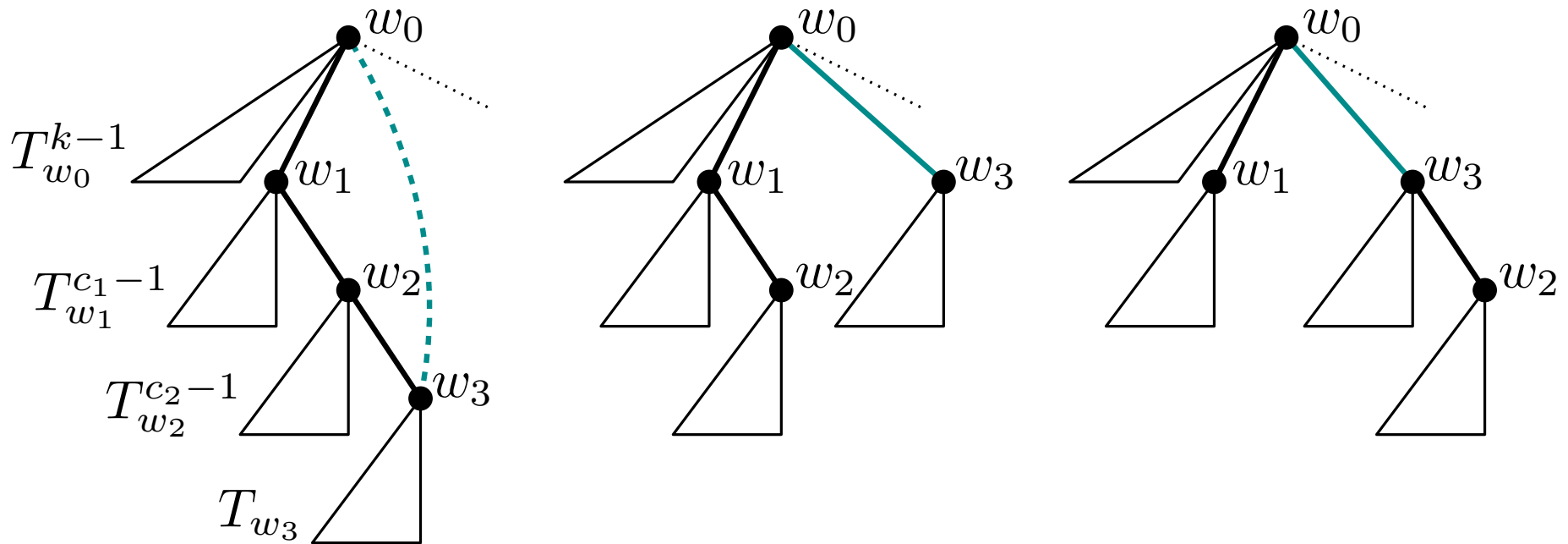
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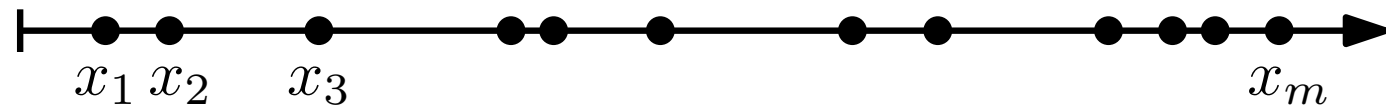
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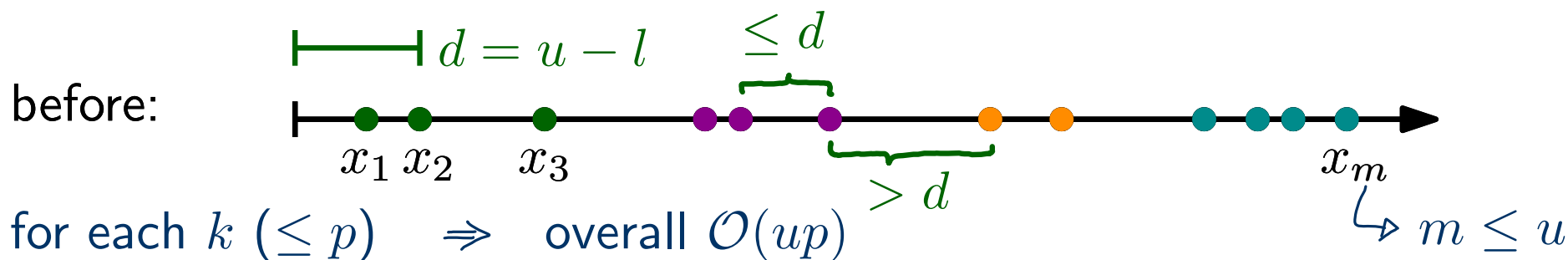
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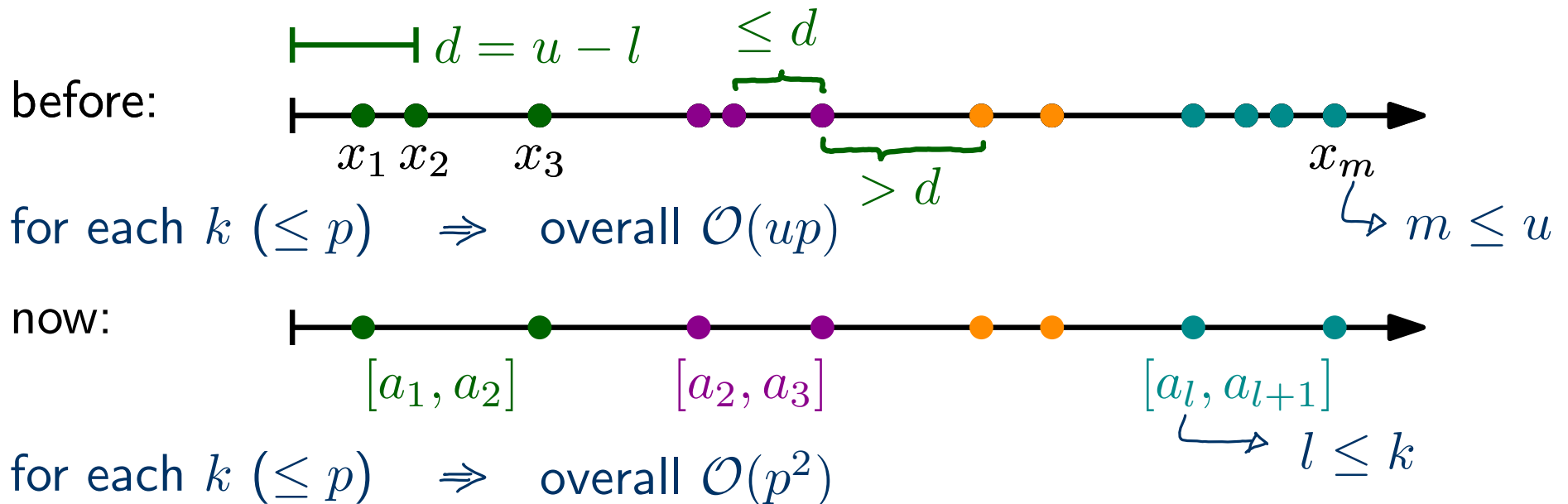


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Open problems

- NP-hard
- Polynomial-time algorithms for other graph classes?