

COLORING SOME PERFECT
GRAPHS

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$G(V, E)$
↓ ↓
VERTICES EDGES

$\chi(G)$ CHROMATIC NUMBER

SMALLEST # OF COLORS NEEDED
TO COLOR $V(G)$

$\omega(G)$ CLIQUE NUMBER

MAX SIZE OF A CLIQUE IN G

$$\chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$$

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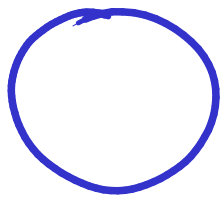
WHEN IS $\chi(G) = \omega(G)$?

BIPARTITE GRAPHS

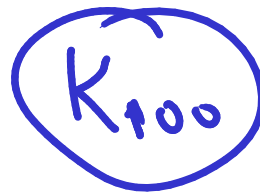
COMPLEMENTS OF BIP

COMPARABILITY GRAPHS

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≤ 1 VERT



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G IS PERFECT IF

$\chi(H) = \omega(H)$ FOR EVERY

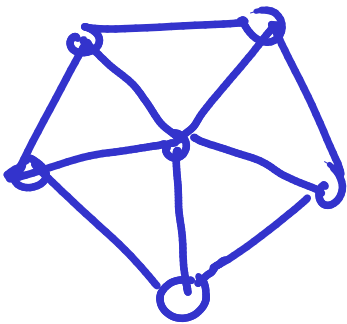
INDUCED SUBGRAPH H OF G

(BERGE, 1961)

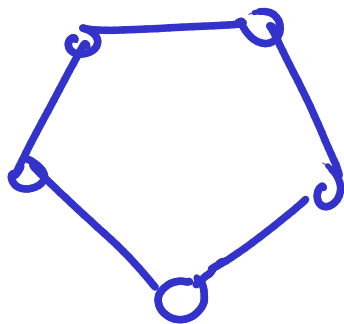
H IS AN INDUCED SUBGRAPH
OF G IF

$V(H) \subseteq V(G)$, AND

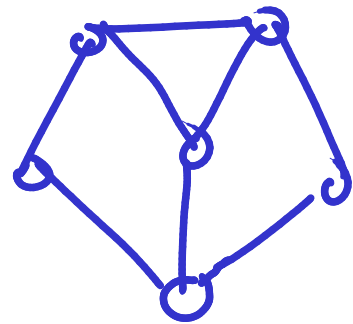
$uv \in E(H)$ IFF $uv \in E(G)$
& $u, v \in V(H)$



G



INDUCED
S.G. OF G



NOT AN
INDUCED S.G.
OF G

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THM (LOVASZ, 1972)

THE WEAK PERFECT GRAPH THM

G IS PERFECT IFF G^c IS PERFECT

THM (C., ROBERTSON, SEYMOUR, THOMAS)
2006

THE STRONG PERFECT GRAPH THM

G IS PERFECT IFF NO INDUCED

SUBGRAPH OF G IS ISOMORPHIC

TO AN ODD CYCLE OF LENGTH ≥ 5 ,

OR THE COMPLEMENT OF ONE

THM (C., WRNMEJLS, LI, SEYMOUR,
VU'SKOVIC, 2005)

THERE IS A POLY-TIME ALGORITHM

TO TEST IF A GRAPH IS PERFECT

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OPEN QUESTION:

FIND A POLY-TIME COMBINATORIAL
COLORING ALGORITHM FOR PERFECT
GRAPHS

(THERE IS A POLY-TIME ALG
USING THE ELLIPSOID METHOD)

REMARK (KRATOCHVIL & SEBO;
TROTIIGNON & VUSKOVIC)

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LET \mathcal{C} BE A CLASS OF
PERFECT GRAPHS. TO FIND
A COLORING ALG FOR \mathcal{C} ,
ENOUGH TO FIND $\omega(G)$
AND $\alpha(G)$ FOR EVERY
WEIGHTED $G \in \mathcal{C}$.

COR IF \mathcal{C} IS CLOSED UNDER
COMPLEMENTATION, ENOUGH
TO FIND $\omega(G)$ FOR EVERY
WEIGHTED $G \in \mathcal{C}$.

A DECOMPOSITION THM FOR

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PERFECT GRAPHS

(C., ROBERTSON, SEYMOUR, THOMAS)

IF G IS PERFECT, THEN EITHER

- (1) G OR G^c IS BIPARTITE, OR
- (2) G OR G^c IS THE LINE GRAPH OF A BIPARTITE GRAPH, OR
- (3) G IS A DOUBLE SPLIT GRAPH, OR
- (4) G ADMITS A BALANCED SKEW PARTITION, OR
- (5) G OR G^c ADMITS A 2-JOIN, OR
- (6) G ADMITS A HOMOGENEOUS PAIR (NOT NEEDED, C.)

(1), (2), (3)

BASIC

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THE COMPLEMENT G^c OF G :

- $V(G^c) = V(G)$

- $uv \in E(G^c)$ IFF $uv \notin E(G)$

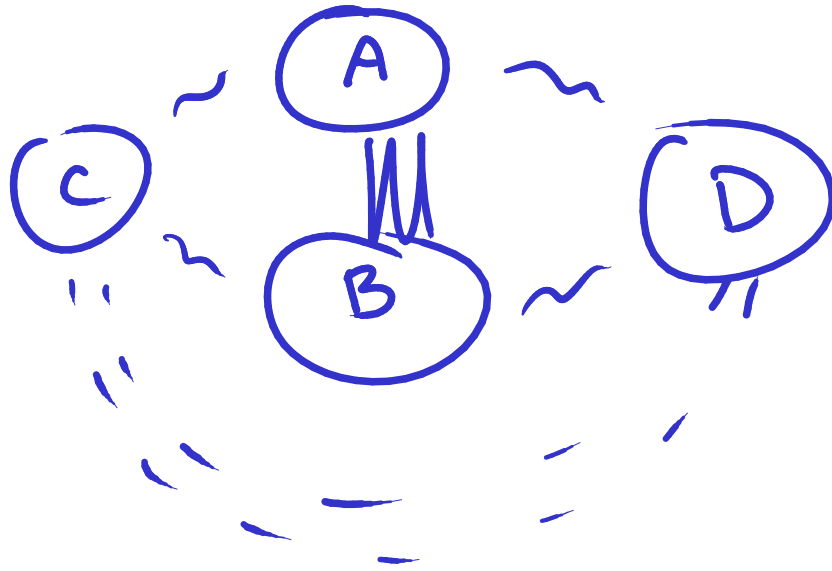
THE LINE GRAPH $E(G)$ OF G :

- $V(L(G)) = E(G)$

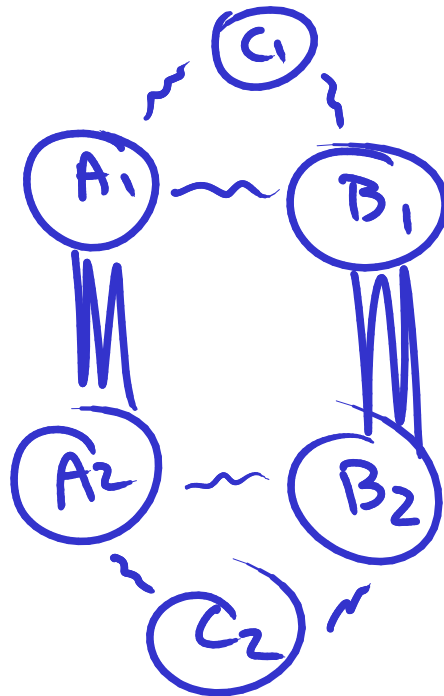
- $uv \in E(L(G))$ IFF

u, v SHARE AN END IN G

SKEW PARTITION



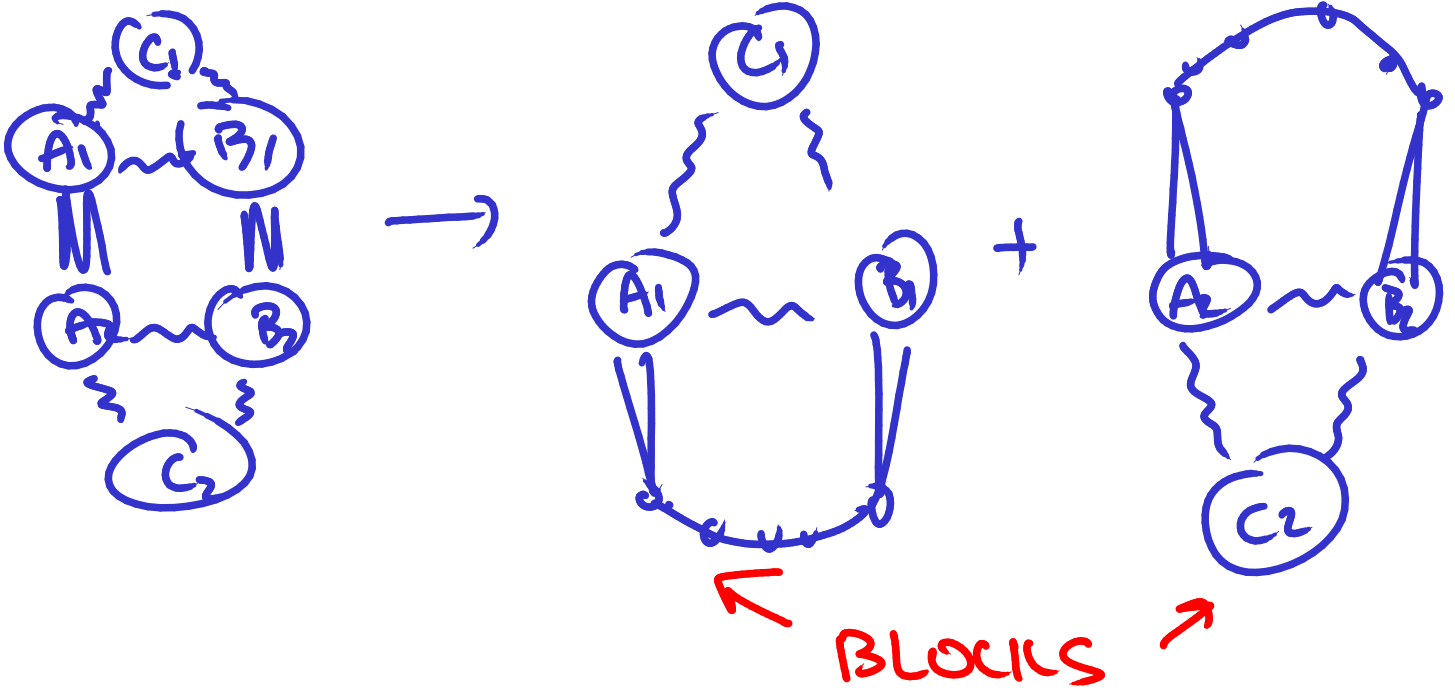
2-JOIN



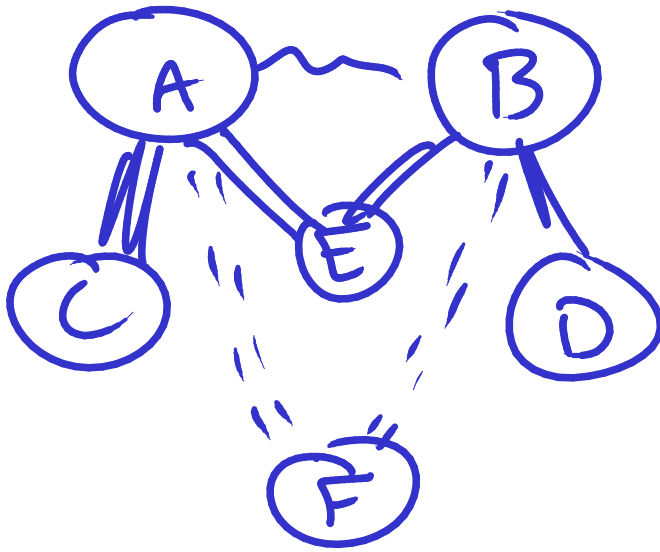
- EVEN
- ODD

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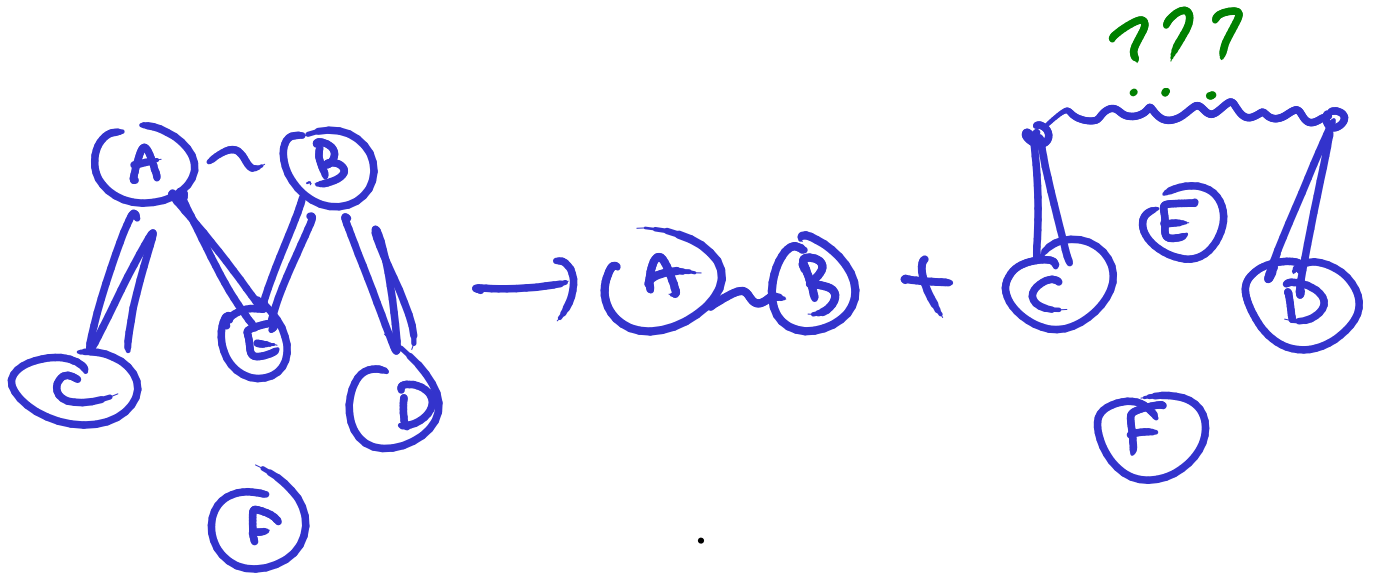
DECOMPOSING BY 2-JONS:



HOMOGENEOUS PAIR



DECOMPOSING BY H. PAIRS



SKEW PARTITIONS ARE "BAD"
FOR COLORING

WHAT ABOUT PERFECT GRAPHS
THAT DO NOT ADMIT BALANCED
SKEW PARTITIONS? \mathcal{P}

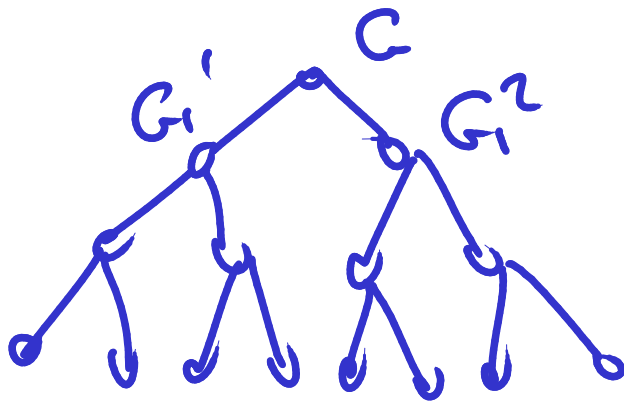
THM THERE IS A POLY-TIME ALG
THAT GIVEN A WEIGHTED GRAPH G
WITH NO BALANCED SKEW PARTITION
OUTPUTS $w(G)$

$G \in \mathcal{P}$ IFF $G^c \in \mathcal{P}$, SO CAN
ALSO COMPUTE $\lambda(G)$

\Rightarrow CAN COLOR

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PROOF IDEA: DECOMPOSE INTO
BASIC GRAPHS BY 2-JOINS AND
COMPLEMENT 2-JOINS



PROBLEMS :

- (1) TOO MANY NODES IN THE
DECOMPOSITION TREE
- (2) MAY INTRODUCE BALANCED
SKEW PARTITIONS

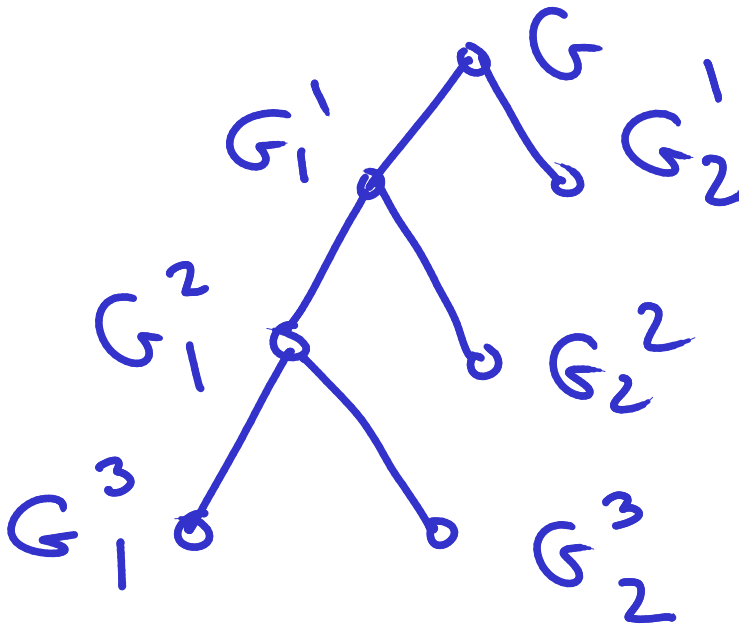
SOLUTIONS :

(1) EXTREME DECOMPOSITIONS

$$G \rightarrow G_1 + G_2$$

ONE OF G_1, G_2 IS BASIC

DECOMP TREE:



G_2^i BASIC

② TRIGRAPHS

GRAPH → EDGES
 ↘ NON-EDGES

TRIGRAPH → EDGES
 ↘ NON-EDGES
 ↘ UNDECIDED PAIRS
 SWITCHABLE EDGES

$T(V, E, N, S)$
 ↓ ↓ ↓
EDGES NON-EDGES SWITCHABLE EDGES

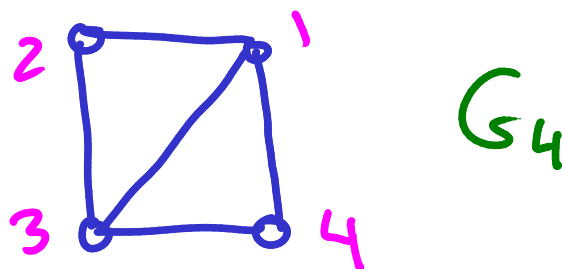
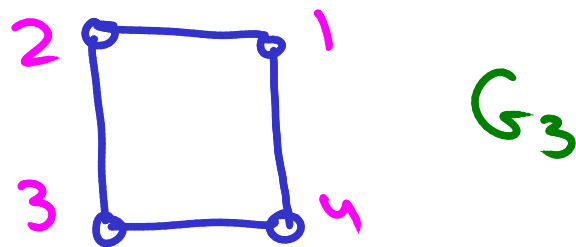
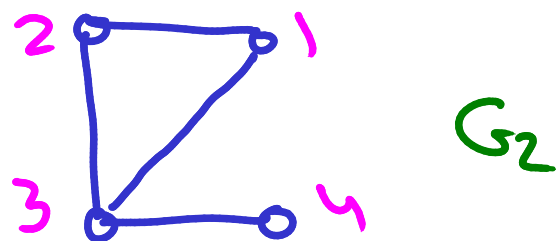
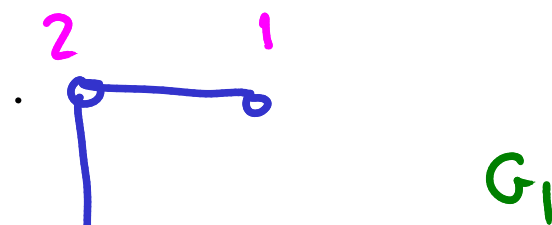
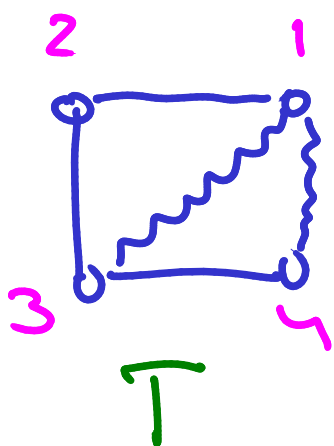
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A REALIZATION G OF A TRIGRAPH T

IS A GRAPH S.T.

$$V(G) = V(T)$$

$$E(T) \subseteq E(G) \subseteq E(T) \cup E(S)$$



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A TRIGRAPH T IS PERFECT IF
EVERY REALIZATION OF T IS
PERFECT

THE COMPLEMENT T^c OF T
IS A TRIGRAPH

$$V(T^c) = V(T)$$

$$E(T^c) = N(T)$$

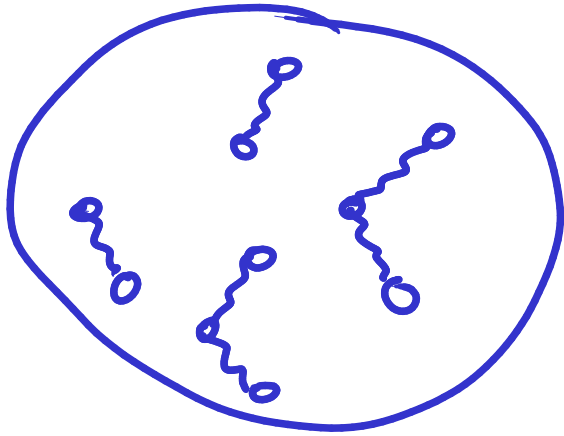
$$N(T^c) = E(T)$$

$$S(T^c) = S(T)$$

$$\deg_T(v) = \left| \left\{ u : uv \in E(T) \cup S(T) \right\} \right|$$

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T IS TAME IF



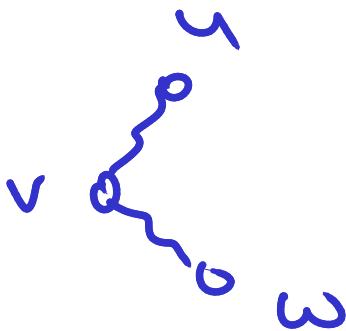
$$H : V(H) = V(T)$$

$$E(H) = S(T)$$

EVERY COMPONENT
OF H IS AN EDGE
OR A 2-EDGE PATH

AND IF $\deg_H(v) = 2$, THEN

EITHER



$$\deg_T(v) = 2 \text{ \& } uw \in E(T)$$



$$\deg_{T_c}(v) = 2 \text{ \& } uw \in E(T)$$

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THM 1 LET T BE A TAME
PERFECT TELGRAPH. THEN
EITHER

- ① T IS BASIC, OR
- ② T ADMITS A BALANCED
SKEW PARTITION, OR
- ③ T OR T^c ADMITS A 2-JOIN, OR
- ④ T ADMITS A HOMOGENEOUS
PAIR (NOT NEEDED)

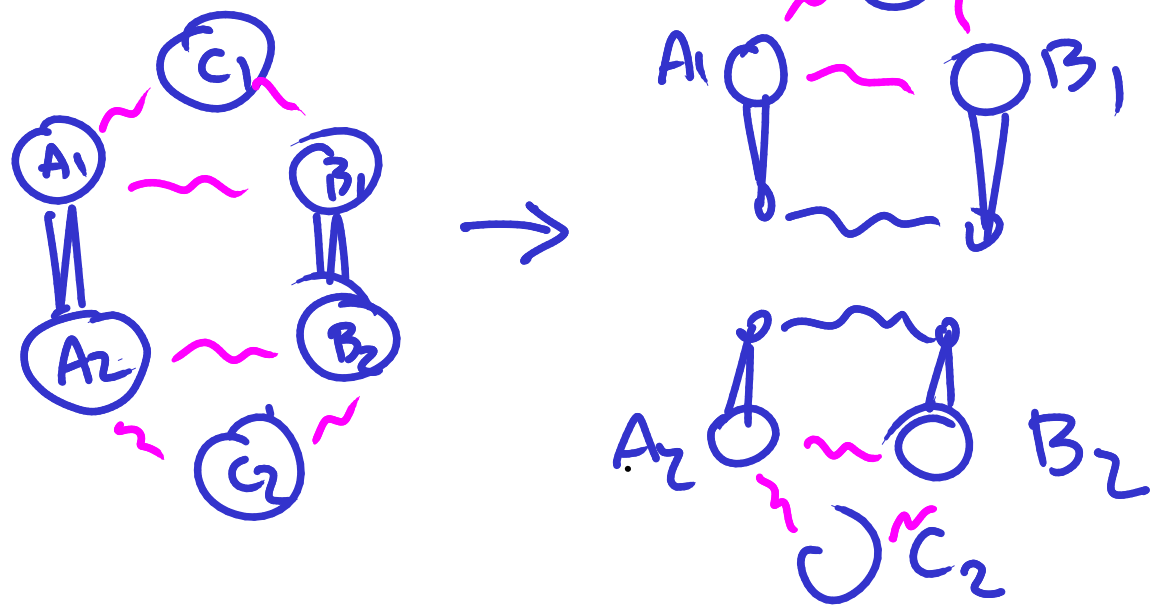
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THM 2 LET T BE A TAME
PERFECT TRIGRAPH. THEN
EITHER

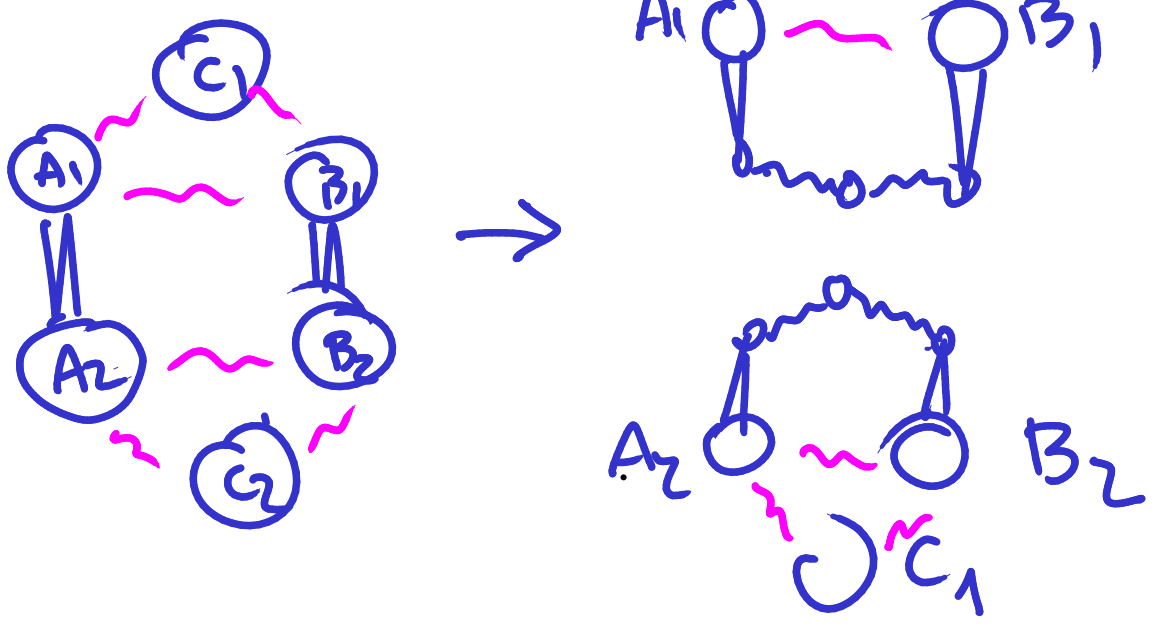
- ① T IS BASIC, OR
- ② T ADMITS A BALANCED
SKEW PARTITION, OR
- ③ T OR T^c ADMITS AN EXTREME
2-JOIN, OR
- ④ T ADMITS AN EXTREME
HOMOGENEOUS PAIR

DECOMPOSITION BLOCKS

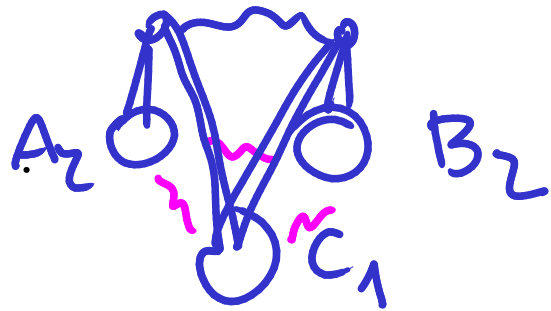
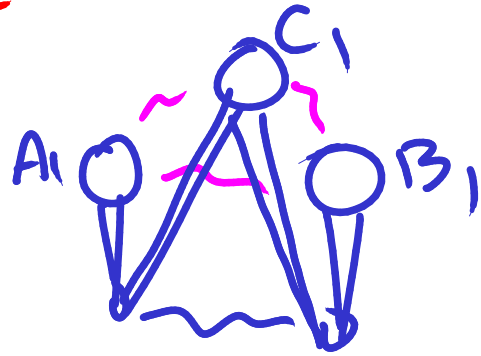
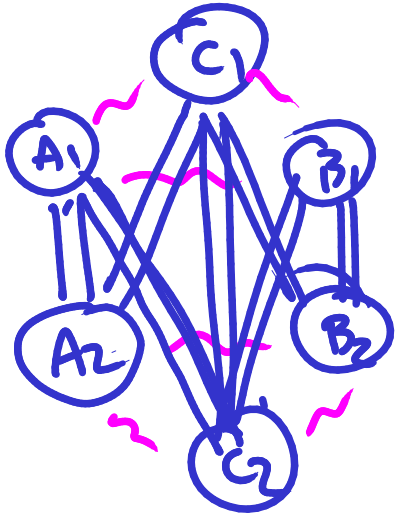
ODD 2-JOIN



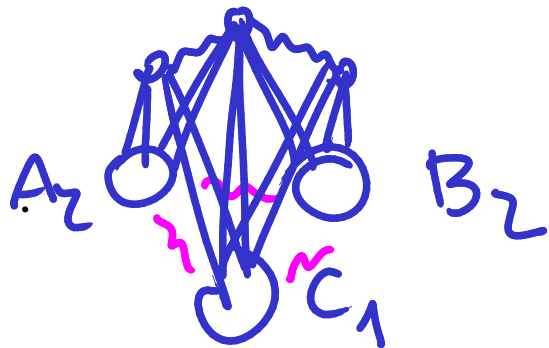
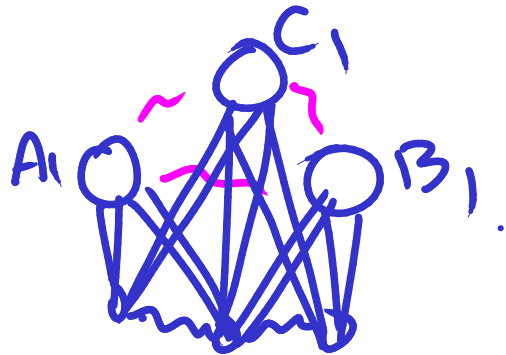
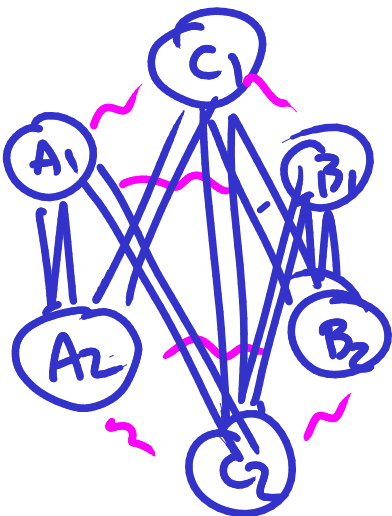
EVEN 2-JOIN



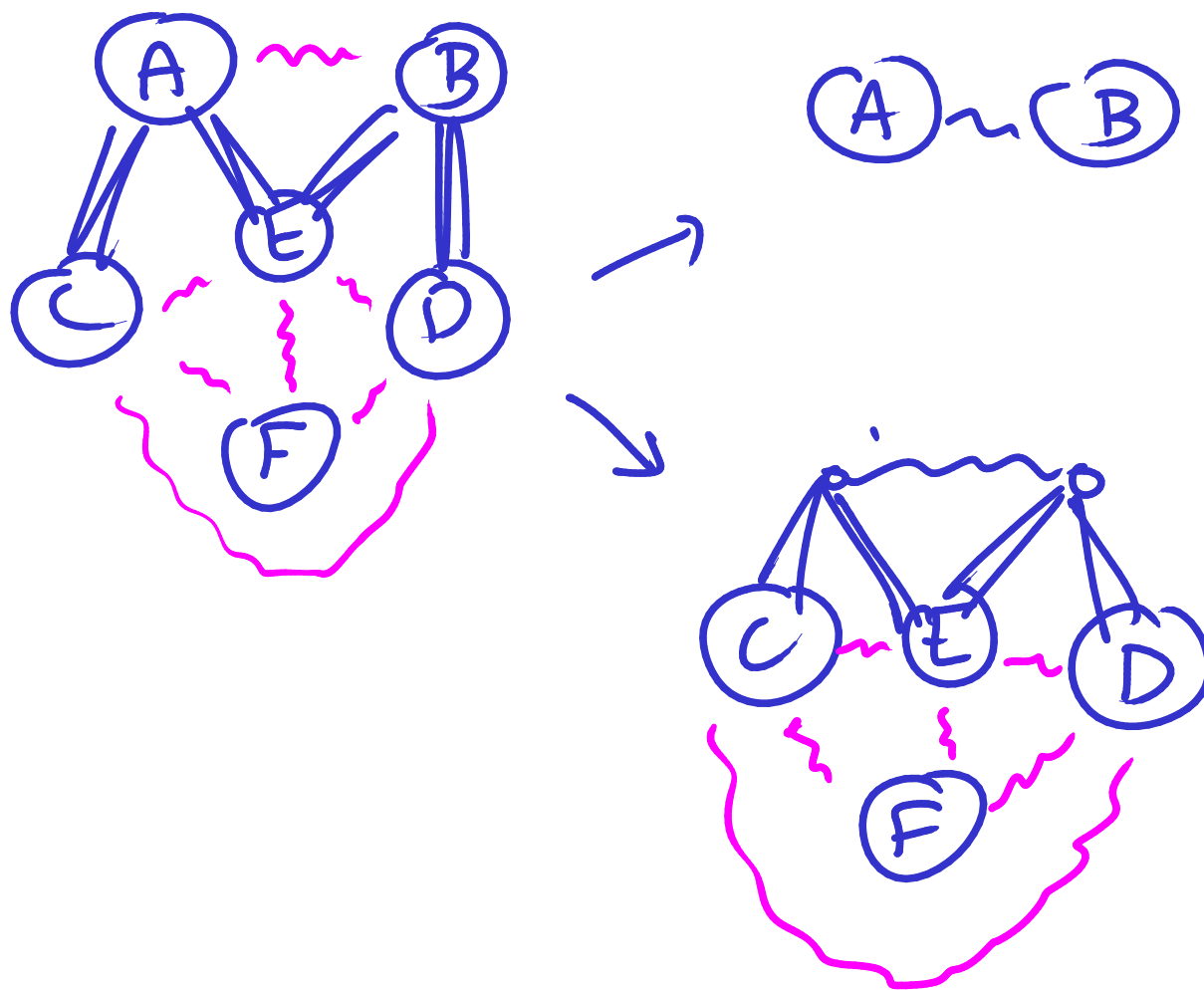
ODD 2-JOIN IN T^C



EVEN 2-JOIN



HOMOGENEOUS PAIR



THE H. PAIR IS **EXTREME**
IF $T|(A \cup B)$ IS BASIC

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THM 3 IF G DOES NOT
ADMIT A BALANCED
SKEW-PARTITION, THEN
NEITHER DO THE BLOCKS

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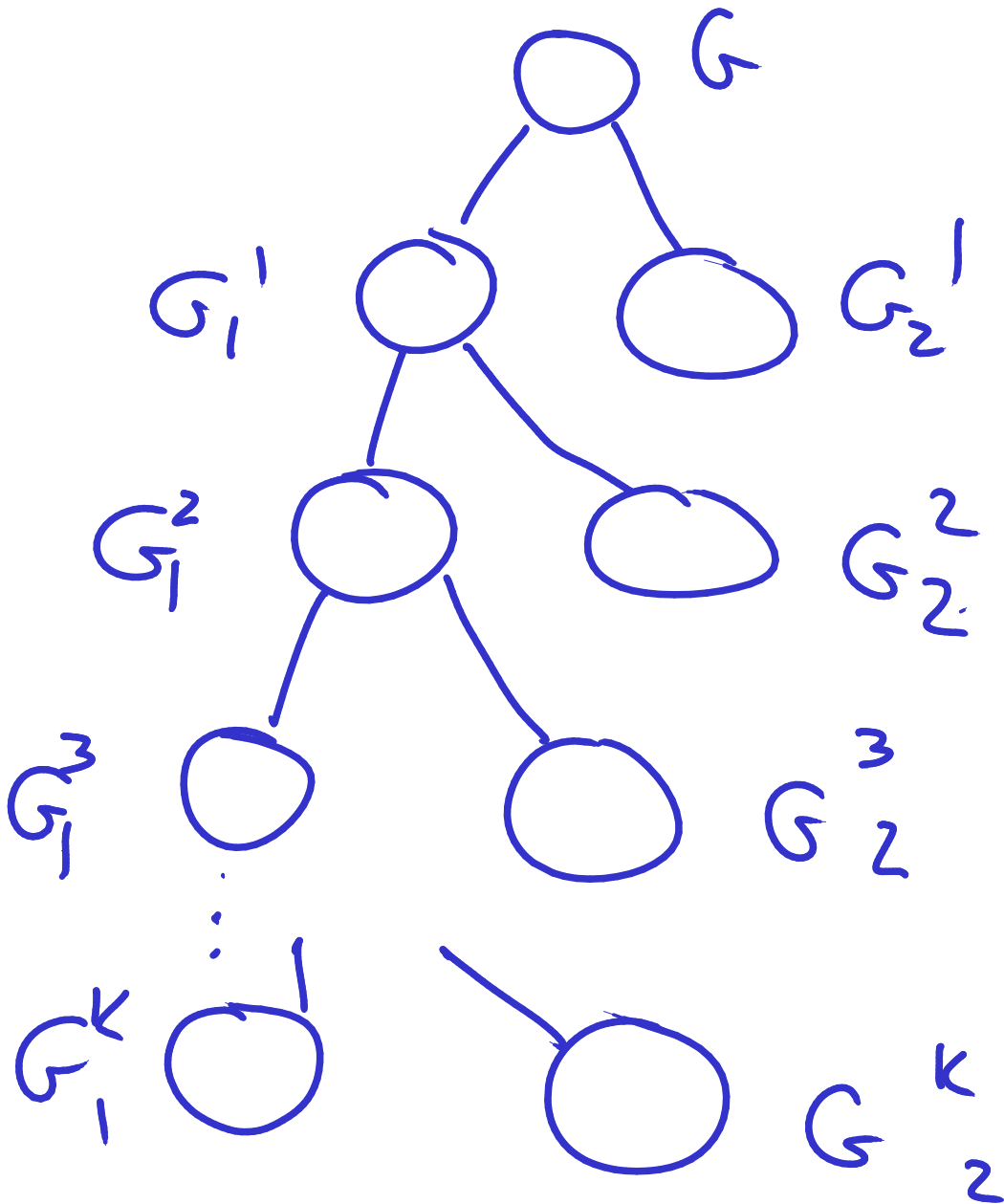
THM 4, LET T BE A TAME
PERFECT TRIGRAPH WITH NO
BALANCED SKEW PARTITION.
THEN T CAN BE DECOMPOSED
INTO BASIC TRIGRAPHS BY

EXTREME 2-JOINS IN T ,
EXTREME 2-JOINS IN T^c , AND
EXTREME H. PAIRS

TO GET EXTREME DECOMPOSITIONS,
CHOOSE $A, \cup B, \cup C$, AND
 $A \cup B$ MINIMAL

DECOMPOSITION TREE

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$G_1^k, G_2^1, \dots, G_2^k$ ARE BASIC

$$|V(G_1^i)| < |V(G_1^{i-1})|$$

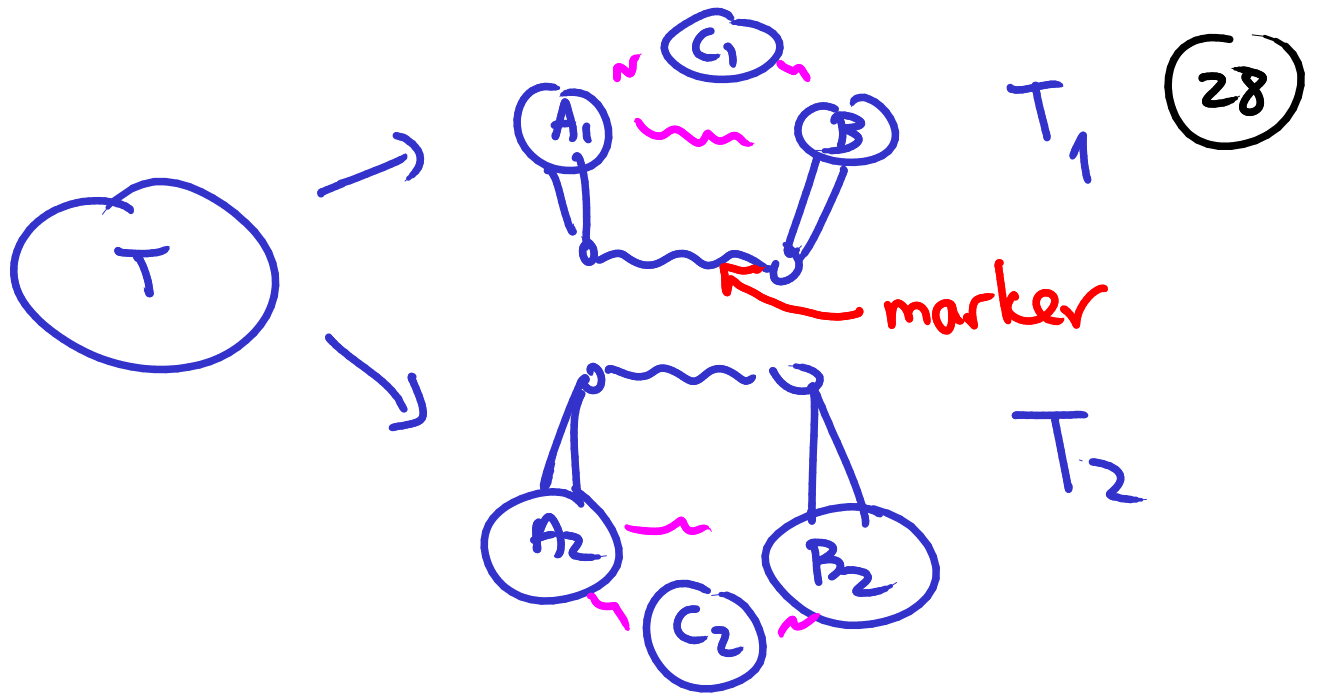
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COMPUTING $w(T)$

T TRIGRAPH WITH WEIGHTS ON VERTICES

$S \subseteq V(T)$ IS A STRONG CLIQUE IF
 $\forall u, v \in S, uv \in E(T)$

$w(T)$ MAX WEIGHT OF A STRONG CLIQUE



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T_2 BASIC

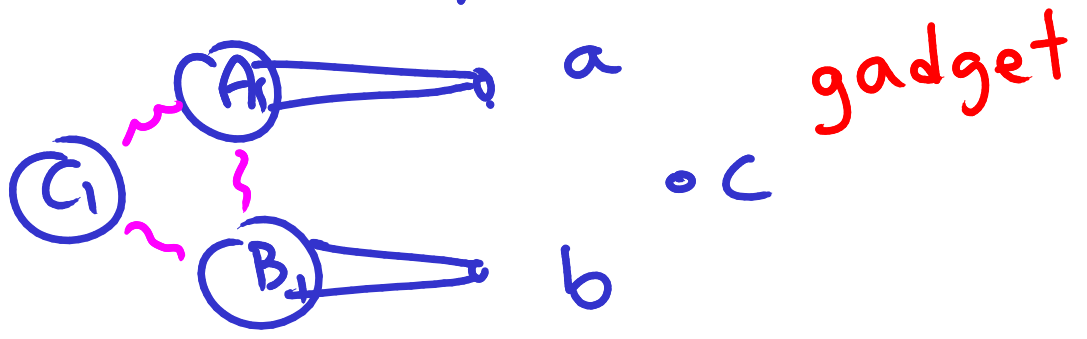
COMPUTE:

$$\omega(T_2 | A_2) = a$$

$$\omega(T_2 | B_2) = b$$

$$\omega(T_2 | (A_2 \cup B_2 \cup C_2)) = c$$

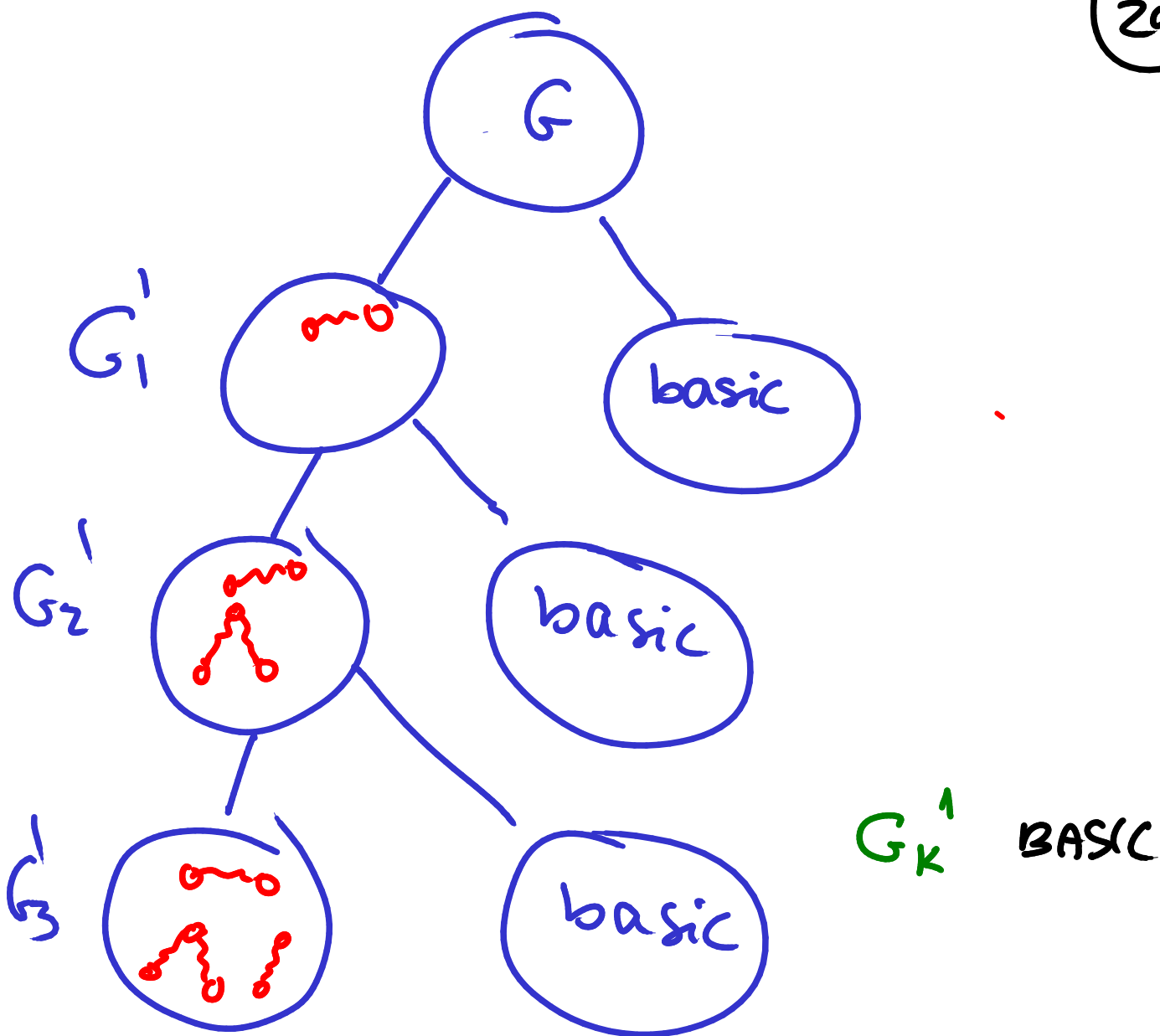
COMPUTE ω OF:



SIMILAR FOR OTHER DECOMPOSITIONS

DECOMPOSITION TREE

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IN G_k^1 REPLACE ALL markers
BY APPROPRIATE gadgets, GET \tilde{G} .

THM \tilde{G} IS BASIC.

$$\omega(\tilde{G}) = \omega(G)$$

