

On The Complexity of Distance- d Independent Set Reconfiguration

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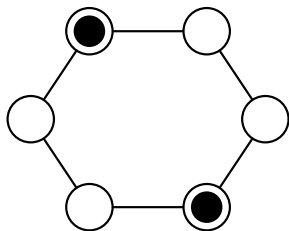
Distance- d Independent Set Reconfiguration
(D_d ISR)

Distance- d Independent Sets (D d ISs)

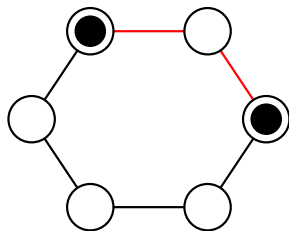
Let G be a simple, undirected graph and let $d \geq 2$ be a fixed integer.

- An *independent set (IS)* of G is a vertex subset where *no two members are joined by an edge*.
- A *distance- d independent set (D d IS)* of G is a vertex subset where *no two members are joined by a path on at most d vertices*.
- Any IS is a D2IS and vice versa.
- Any D d IS is an IS, but an IS may not be a D d IS for $d \geq 3$.

Figure: Some size-2 D d ISs of C_6 for $d \in \{2, 3\}$.



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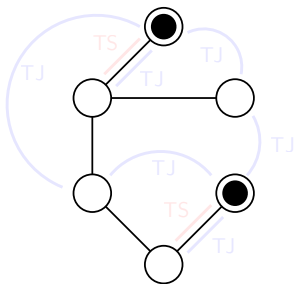
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- For other graph classes, see [Katsikarelis et al. 2020]; [Yamanaka et al. 2019]; [Montealegre and Todinca 2016]; [Jena et al. 2018].

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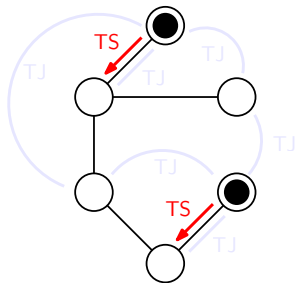


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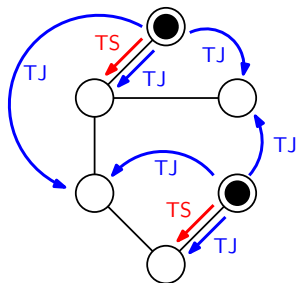


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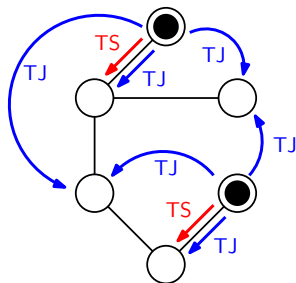


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DISTANCE- d INDEPENDENT SET RECONFIGURATION ($DdISR$) ($d \geq 2$) under $R \in \{TS, TJ\}$

Input: (G, I, J, R, d)

Question: Is there a sequence of adjacent $DdIS$ s under R between I and J ?

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claw-free	P [Bonsma et al. 2014]			
tree	P [Demaine et al. 2015]	P (\subseteq even-hole-free)		
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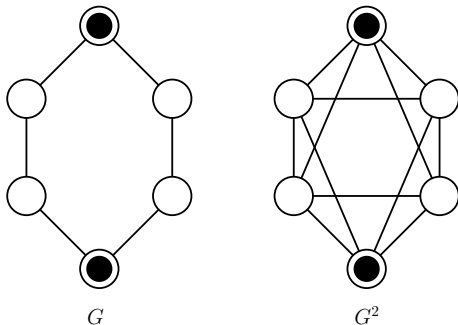
Observations

Graph Powers

- The s -th power of a graph G is the graph G^s with $V(G^s) = V(G)$ and $E(G^s) = \{uv : u, v \in V(G^s) = V(G) \text{ and } \text{dist}_G(u, v) \leq s\}$.
- I is a DdIS of $G \Leftrightarrow I$ is an independent set (\equiv D2IS) of G^{d-1} .

Figure: A graph G and its 2-nd power G^2 .

$d = 3$



Observation

MAXDdIS on G is YES \Leftrightarrow MAXD2IS on G^{d-1} is YES.

Graph Powers

Question

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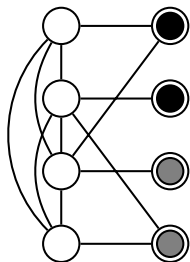
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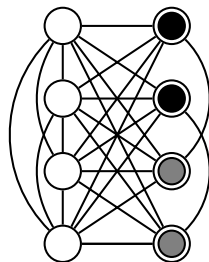
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Answer

- $R = TJ$: **TRUE** (edges in G^{d-1} are “irrelevant”)
- $R = TS$: **FALSE** (edges in G^{d-1} are “relevant”)



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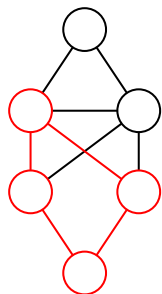


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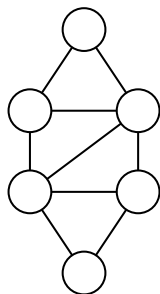
Remind: Chordal Graphs and Split Graphs

- G is a *chordal graph* if every cycle C on four or more vertices in G has a *chord*—an edge joining two non-adjacent vertices in C .
- G is a *split graph* if $V(G)$ can be partitioned into two sets K and S which respectively induce a *clique* and an *independent set*.
- Any split graph is also chordal.

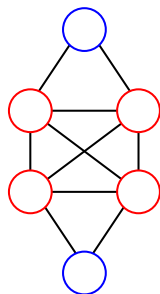
Figure: Examples of graphs that are (not) chordal/split.



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Graphs With Bounded Diameter Components

Proposition 1

Suppose that *any component of G has diameter at most c* . $DdISR$ under $R \in \{TS, TJ\}$ on G is in \mathbf{P} for any $d \geq c + 1$.

- Any $DdIS$ of G where $d \geq c + 1$ is of size exactly 1.

Corollary 2

$DdISR$ under $R \in \{TS, TJ\}$ on *split graphs* (whose components having diameter ≤ 3) is in \mathbf{P} for any $d \geq 4$.

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Proposition 3

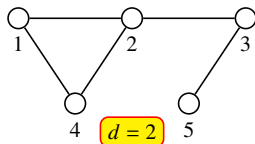
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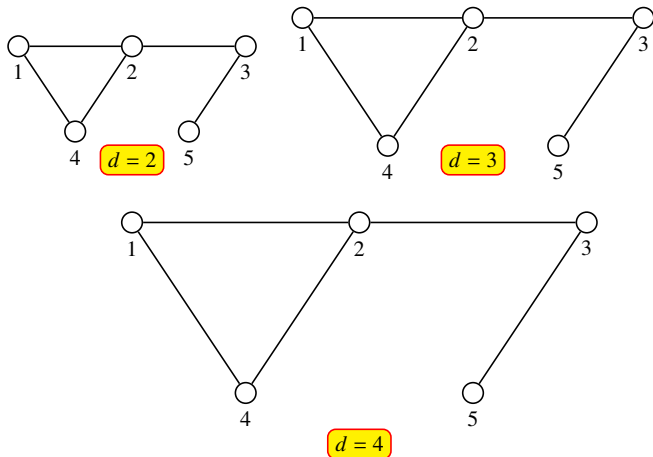
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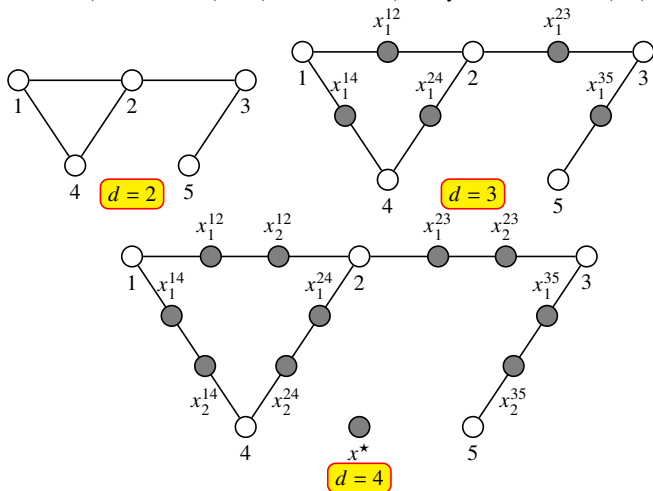
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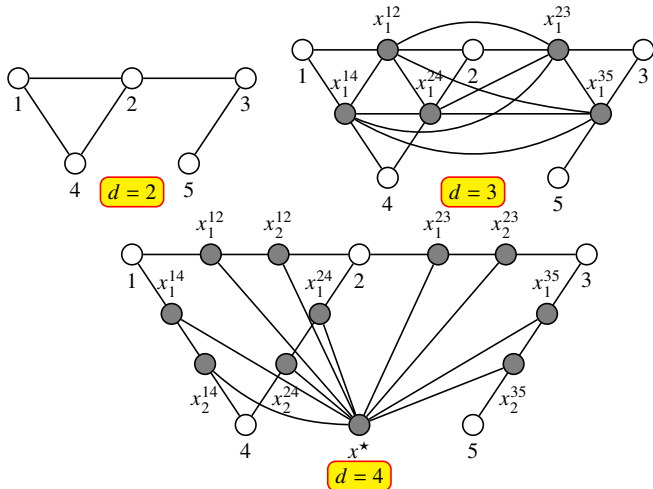
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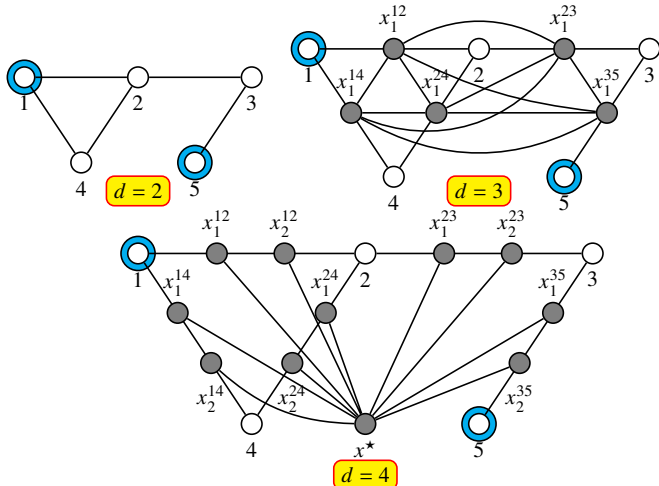
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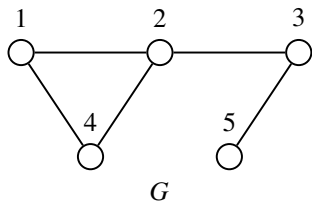
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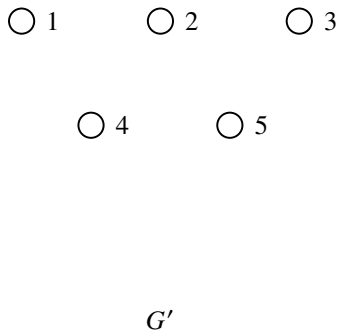
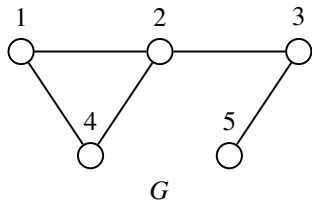
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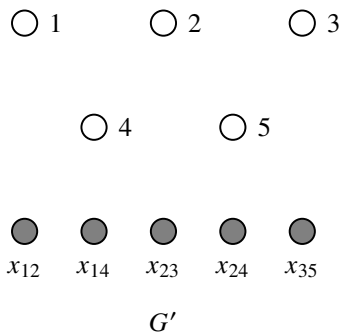
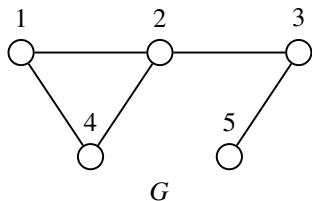
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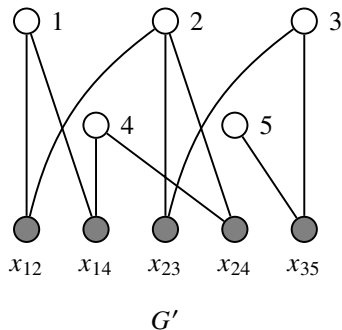
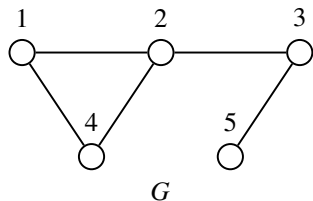
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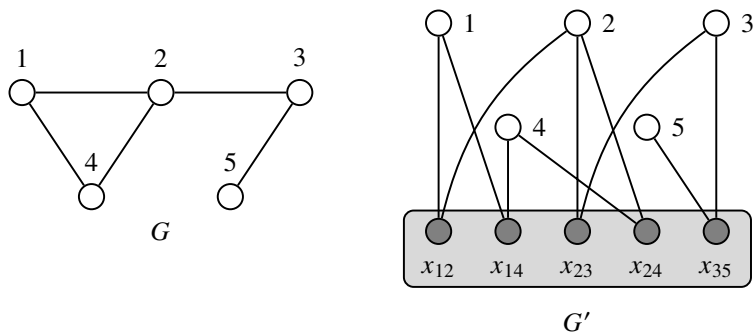
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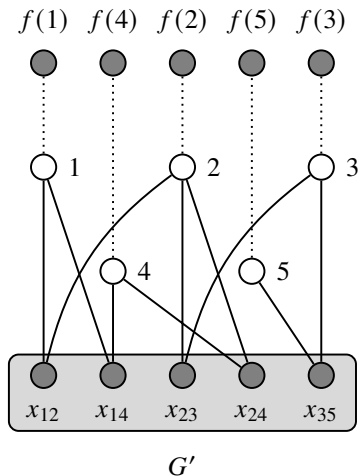
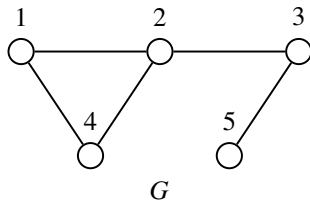
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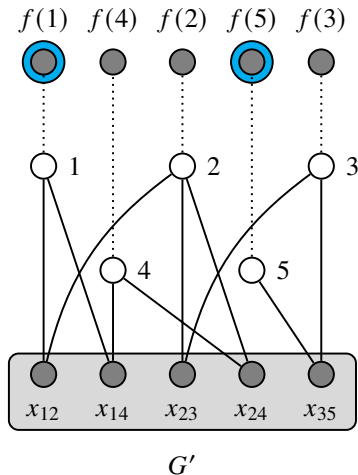
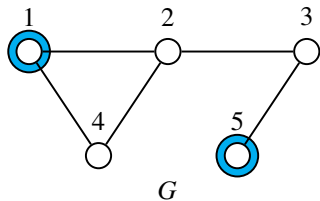
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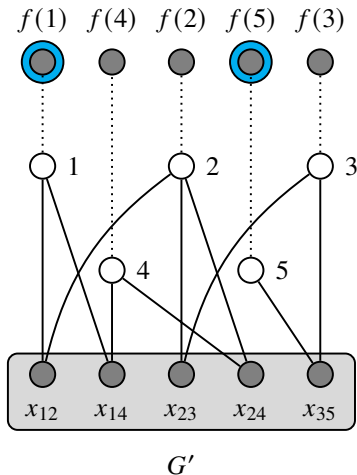
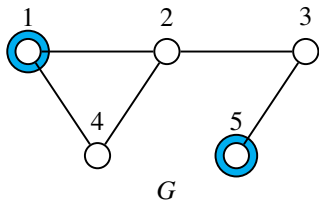
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Proposition 9

DdISR under TJ on trees is in P.

- The power of a tree is a chordal graph [Lin and Skiena 1995].
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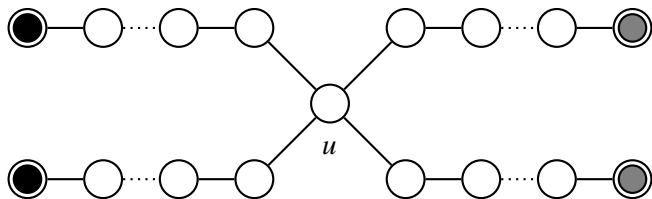
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Observation

There are two Dd ISs I and J ($d \geq 3$) such that I cannot be reconfigured to J under TS even when the sets of (T, I) -rigid tokens and (T, J) -rigid tokens are both empty.





Figure: I cannot be reconfigured into J under TS ($d \geq 3$) even when there are no (T, I) -rigid and (T, J) -rigid tokens. Tokens in I (resp., J) are marked with the black (resp. gray) color. All tokens are of distance $d - 1$ from u .







Note

Demaine et al.'s approach *cannot* be applied.





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