

# Iterated Type Partitions

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# *Fixed Parameter Tractable (FPT)*

A parameterized problem with input size  $n$  and parameter  $t$  is called *fixed parameter tractable (FPT)* if it can be solved in time  $f(t) \cdot \text{poly}(n)$ , where  $f$  is a computable function only depending on  $t$ .

# Parameters

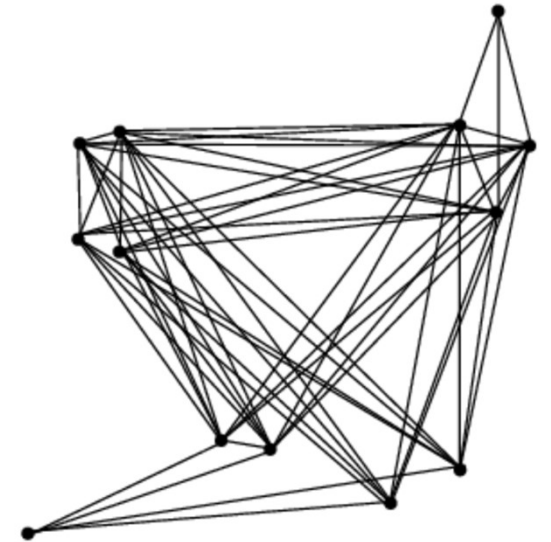
An important quality of a parameter is that it is **easy to compute**.

- **Clique-width**: the parameterized complexity of computing it is still an open problem
- **Treewidth, rankwidth, and vertex cover**: computing them are all NP-hard problems but they are computable in FPT time when their respective parameters are bounded
- **Modular-width** and **neighborhood diversity**: they are computable in polynomial time

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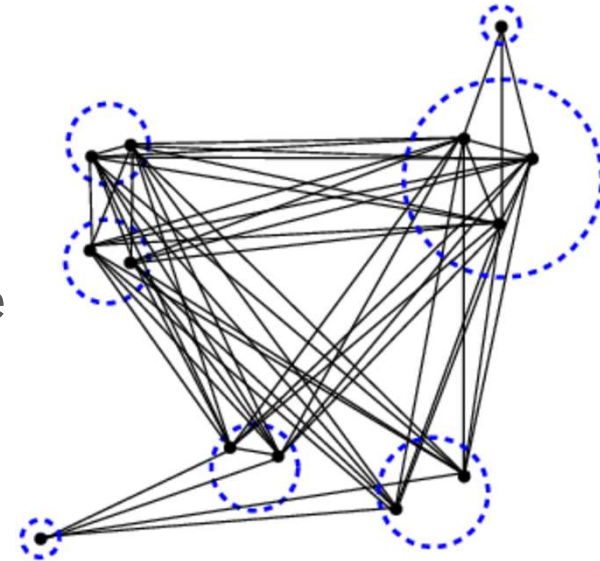


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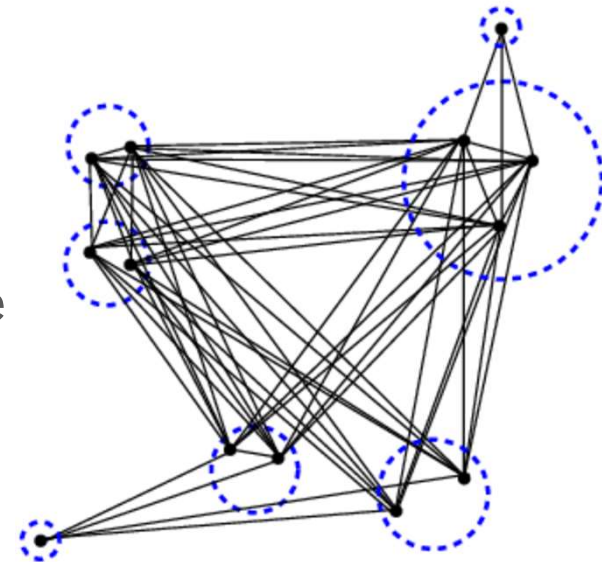
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- Note that by definition, each  $V_i$  induces either a *clique* or an *independent set* in  $G$



$$nd(G) = 7$$

The *neighborhood diversity* of  $G$ ,  $nd(G)$ , introduced by Lampis, is the minimum number  $t$  of sets in a type partition  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t$  of  $G$

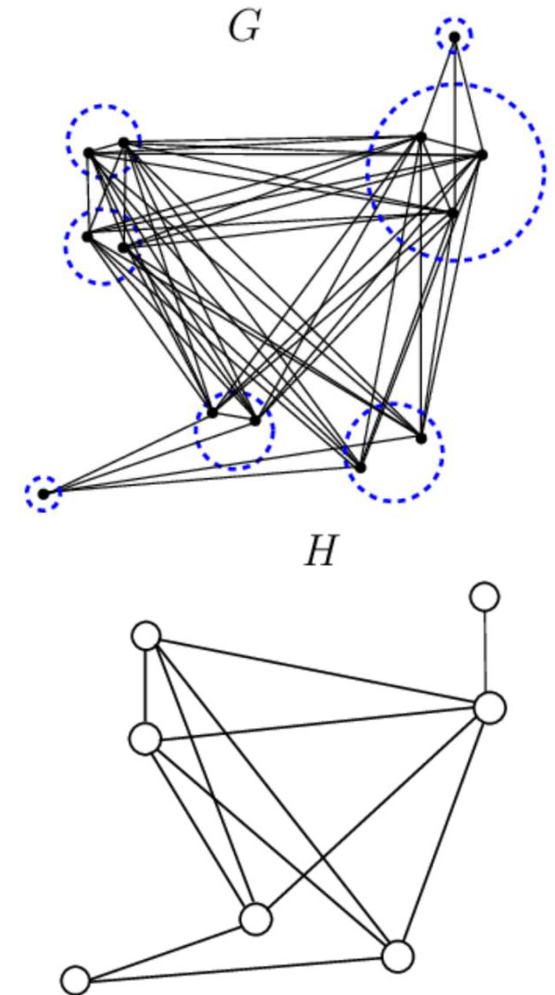
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The *type graph*  $H$  of  $G$  is defined as

- $V(H) = \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$
- $E(H) = \{(x, y) \mid x \neq y \text{ and for each } u \in V_x, v \in V_y \text{ it holds that } (u, v) \in E(G)\}$

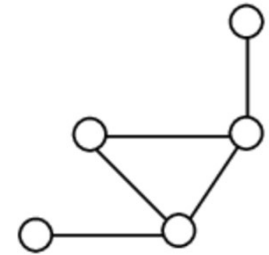


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$$G = (V, E)$$

$G$  is a *base graph* if it matches its type graph

- that is, the type partition of  $G$  consists of singletons, each representing a node in  $V(G)$ , and  $nd(G) = |V(G)|$





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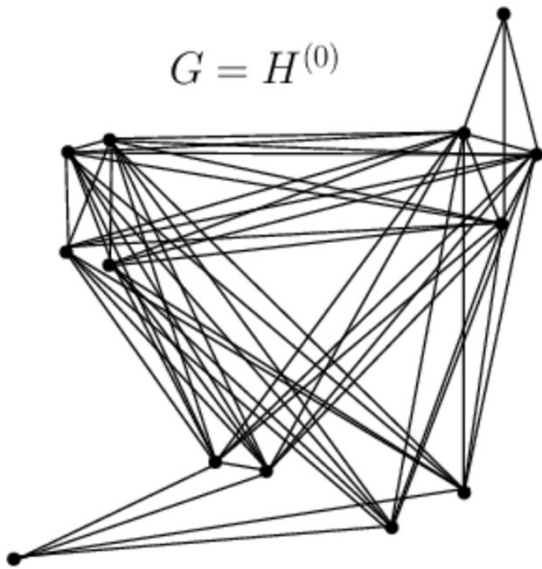
$$H^{(0)} = G$$

The *type graph sequence* of  $G$  is the graph sequence  $H^{(0)} H^{(1)} \dots H^{(d)}$

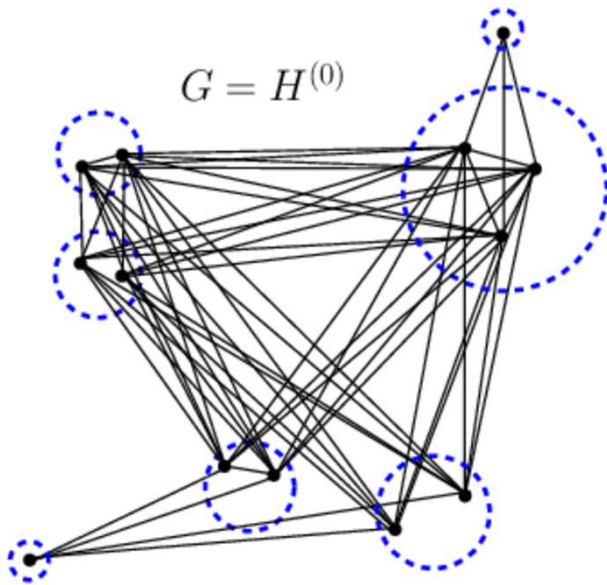
- $H^{(i)}$  denotes the type graph of  $H^{(i-1)}$ , for  $i \geq 1$
- $d$  is the smallest integer such that  $H^{(d)}$  is a base graph

The *iterated type partition* of  $G$ , denoted by  $itp(G)$ , is the number of nodes of  $H^{(d)}$

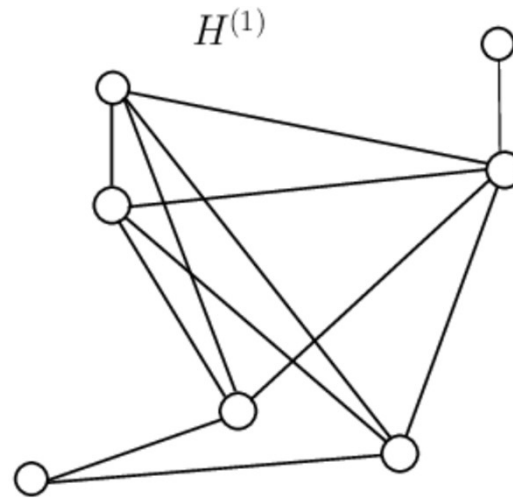
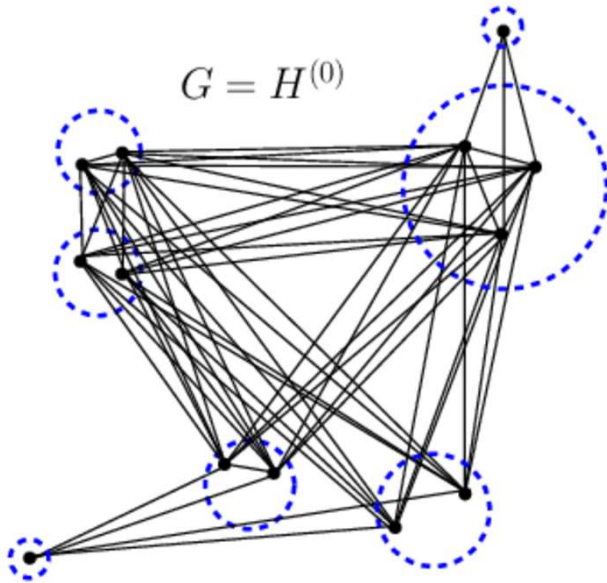
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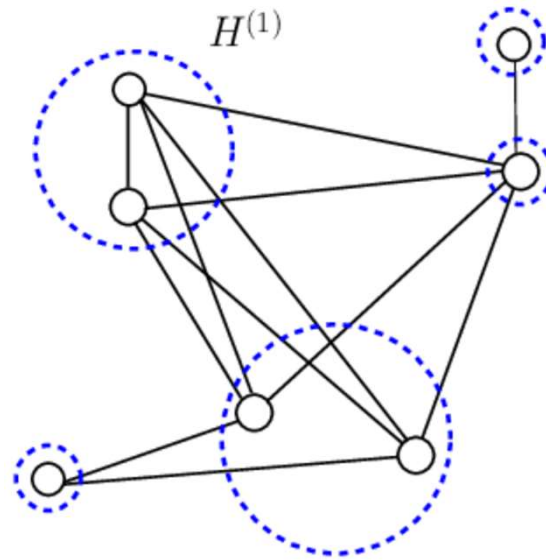
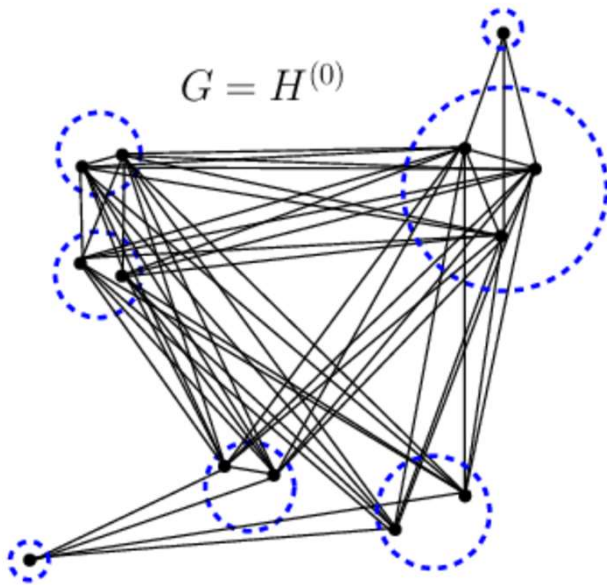
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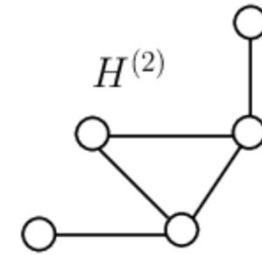
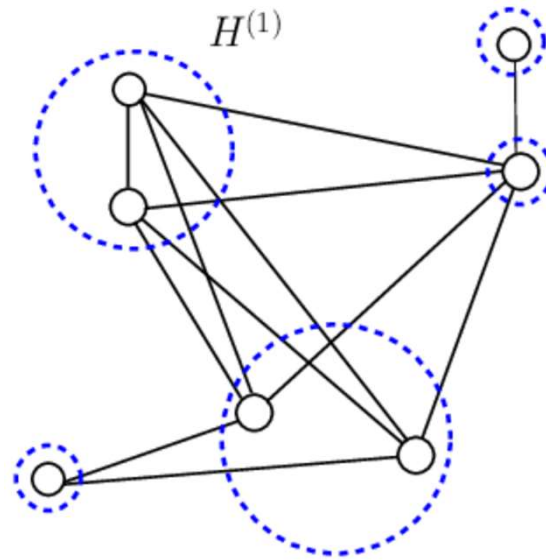
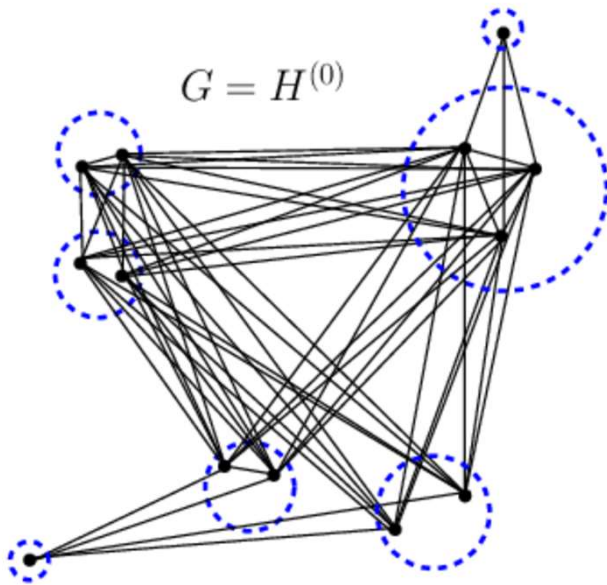
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$$itp(G) = 5$$

# Iterated type partition and the other parameteres

$$itp(G) \leq nd(G)$$

$itp(G)$  can be much smaller than  $nd(G)$

# Iterated type partition and the other parameteres

$$mw(G) \leq itp(G)$$

Iterated type partition is a “special case” of modular-width in which the modules can only be independent sets or cliques



# Iterated type partition and the other parameteres

$$itp(G) \leq 2^{vc(G)} + vc(G)$$

$$cw(G) \leq itp(G) + 1$$

$itp(G)$  is incomparable to  $tw(G)$

# Iterated type partition our results

**Theorem 1.** *There exists a polynomial time algorithm which, for any input graph  $G$  computes the type graphs sequence of  $G$  and, consequently, finds the value  $itp(G)$ .*

# Iterated type partition

## our results

	EQC	DS, VC	Coloring
<i>cw</i>	W[1]-hard	FPT	W[1]-hard
<i>mw</i>	W[1]-hard	FPT	FPT
<i>itp</i>	W[1]-hard	FPT $O(2^{itp(G)} + poly(n))$	FPT $O(itp(G)^{2,5 itp(G)+o(itp(G))} \log n + poly(n))$
<i>nd</i>	FPT	FPT	FPT
<i>vc</i>	FPT	FPT	FPT

# Equitable Coloring: W[1]-hardness

## Equitable Coloring

**Instance:** A graph  $G = (V, E)$  and an integer  $k$ .

**Question:** Is it possible to color the nodes of  $G$  with exactly  $k$  colors in such a way that nodes connected by an edge receive different colors and each color class has either size  $\lfloor |V|/k \rfloor$  or  $\lceil |V|/k \rceil$ ?

We present a reduction from the following Bin Packing problem

## Bin Packing

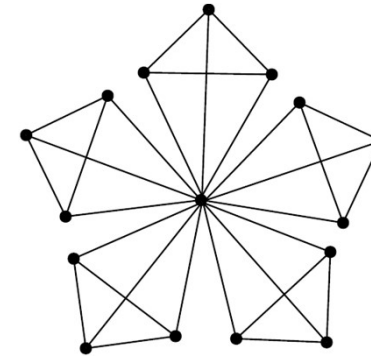
**Instance:** A collection of  $\ell$  items having sizes  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell$ , a number  $k$  of bins, and a bin capacity  $B$ .

**Question:**  $\exists$  a  $k$ -partition  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  of  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell\}$  such that  $\sum_{a_j \in P_i} a_j = B$ ,  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

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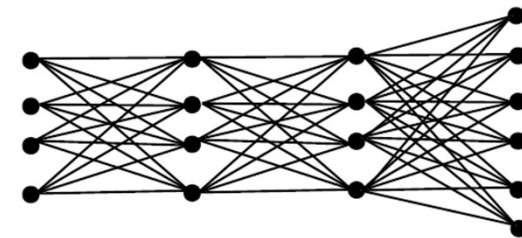
Gadgets:

$F_{a,k}$ -flower is a graph obtained by joining  $a + 1$  cliques of size  $k$  to a central node



$F_{4,3}$ -flower

$(k, \ell, B)$ -chain is a sequence of  $k + 1$  independent sets  $S_1, \dots, S_k, S_{k+1}$  with  $|S_i| = B$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $|S_{k+1}| = \ell + 1$  where between each pair of consecutive sets in the sequence  $S_i, S_{i+1}$  there is a complete bipartite graph



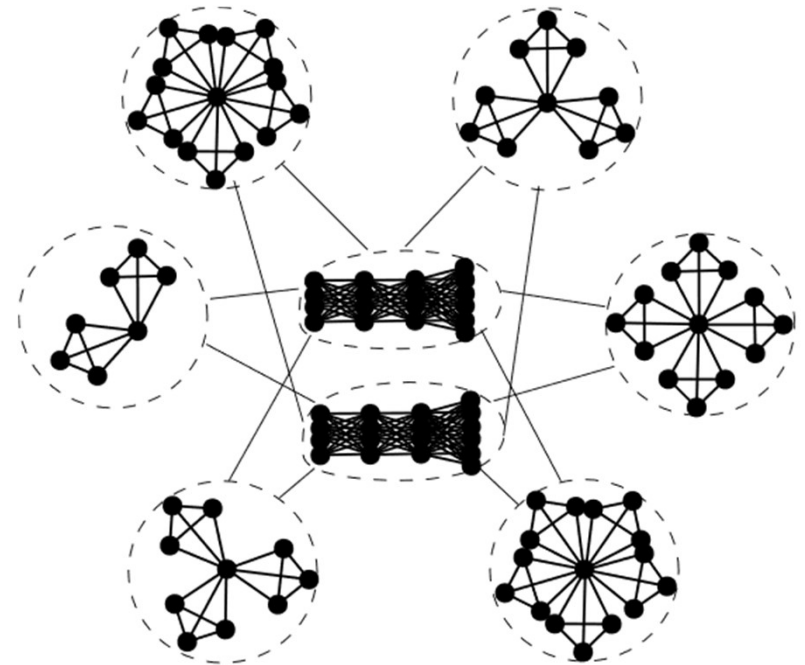
$(3, 5, 4)$ -chain

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Let  $\langle A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell\}, k, B \rangle$  be an instance of Bin-Packing

A graph  $G$  is defined as follows:

- consider the disjoint union of two  $(k, \ell, B)$ -chains plus the flowers  $F_{a_1, k}, \dots, F_{a_\ell, k}, F_{B, k}$
- join each node in the flowers to each node in the chains.



The graph  $G$  obtained by  $\langle A = \{2, 1, 4, 2, 3\}, k = 3, B = 4 \rangle$

# Equitable Coloring: $W[1]$ -hardness

**Lemma**  $\langle A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell\}, k, B \rangle$  is a YES instance of Bin-Packing iff  $G$  is equitably  $(k + 3)$ -colorable.

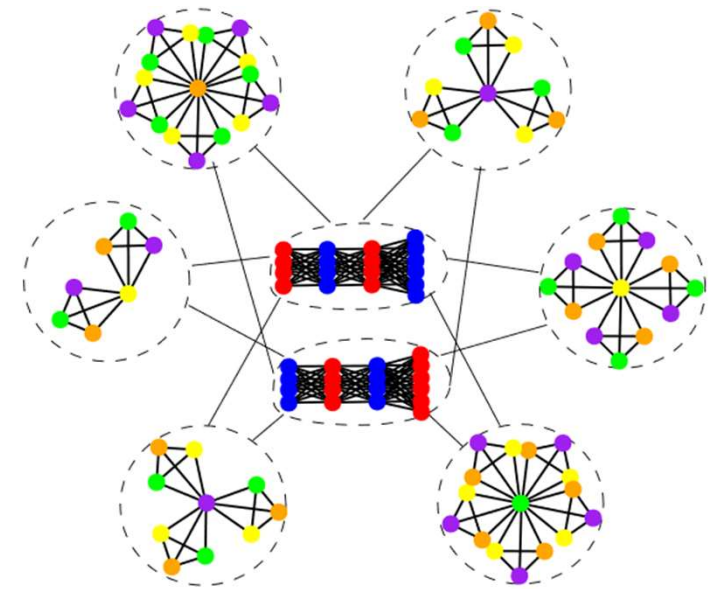
*Proof.*

Given a  $k$ -partition  $P_1, \dots, P_k$  of  $A$  that solves the Bin-Packing instance, i.e.  $\sum_{a_j \in P_i} a_j = B$ , we can construct an equitable  $(k + 3)$ -coloring  $c$  of the nodes of  $G$ .

- We use colors  $k + 2$  and  $k + 3$  to properly color the nodes in the two  $(k, \ell, B)$ -chains
- Use colors  $1, \dots, k + 1$  to properly color the nodes in the flowers  $F_{a_1, k}, \dots, F_{a_\ell, k}, F_{B, k}$
- We can prove that each class of colors contains exactly  $Bk + \ell + 1 = \frac{|V(G)|}{k+3}$  nodes.

$$A = \{2, 1, 4, 2, 3\} \quad B = 4 \quad k = 3$$

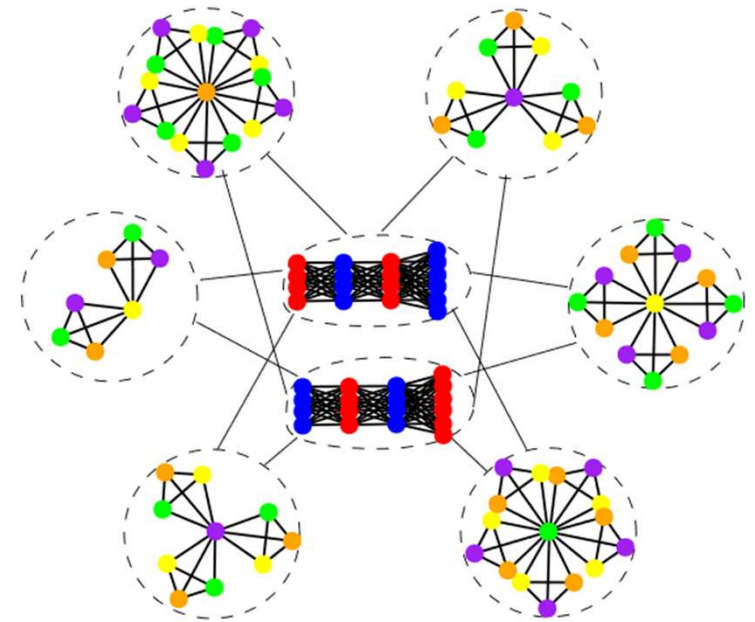
$$P_1 = \{1, 3\} \quad P_2 = \{2, 2\} \quad P_3 = \{4\}$$



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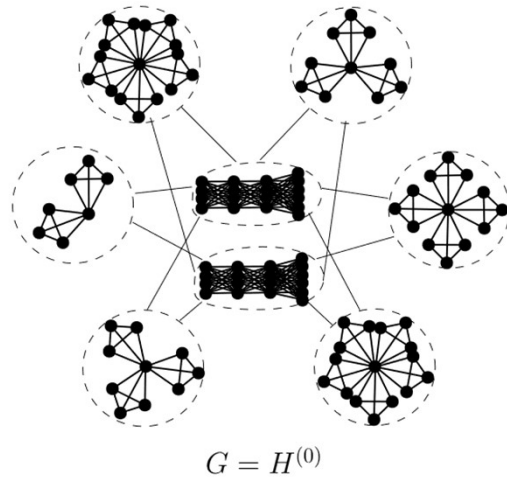
Now, let  $c$  be an equitable  $(k + 3)$ -coloring of  $G$ .

- Exactly two colors among the  $k + 3$  are used to color the nodes in the  $(k, \ell, B)$ -chains
- The color used to color the central node of the flower  $F_{B,k}$  is not used to color the central nodes of any other flower
- By using these results and counting arguments, we can prove that the  $k$  classes of colors involving the central nodes of the flowers  $F_{a_1,k}, \dots, F_{a_\ell,k}$  induce a  $k$ -partition of  $A$

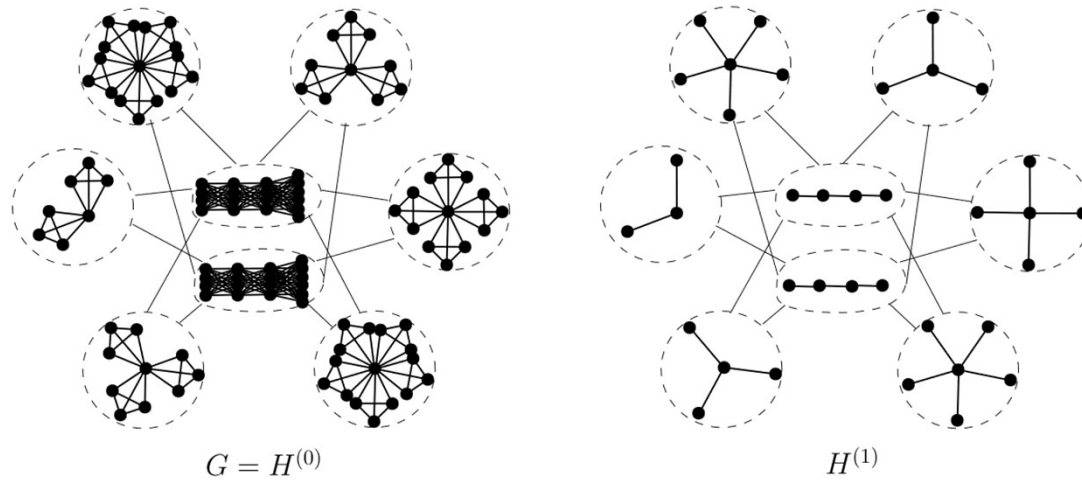




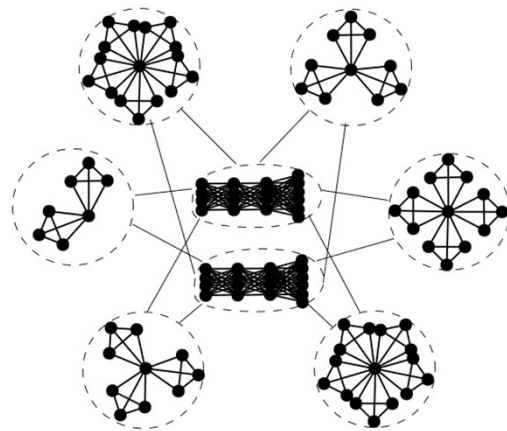
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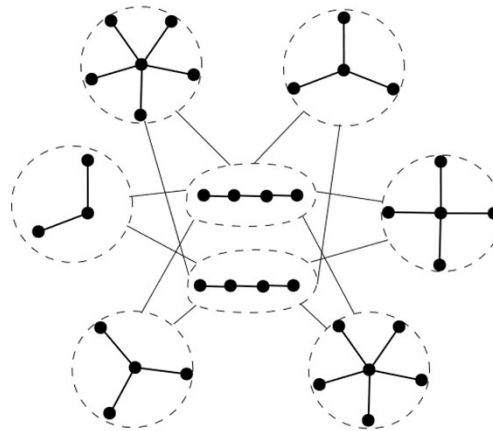
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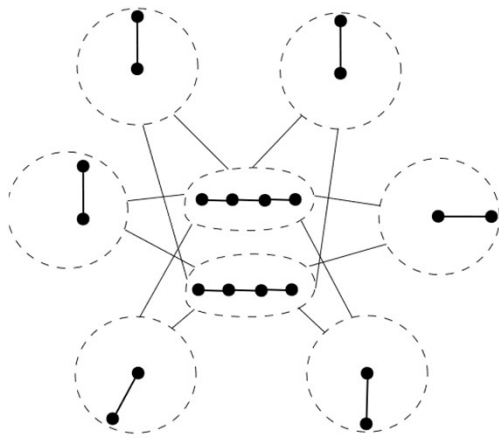
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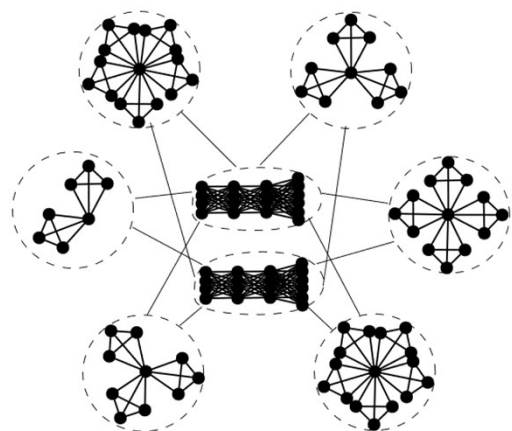


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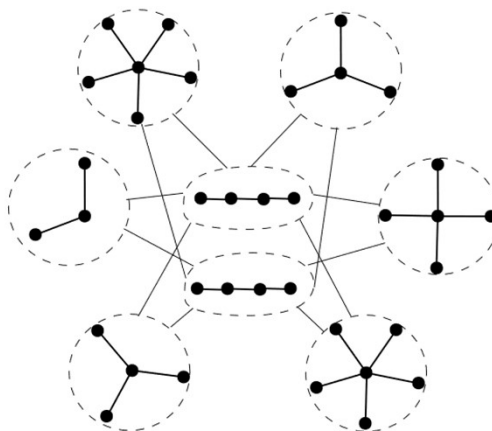


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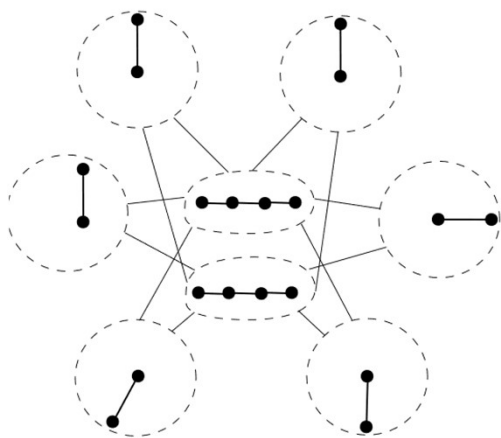
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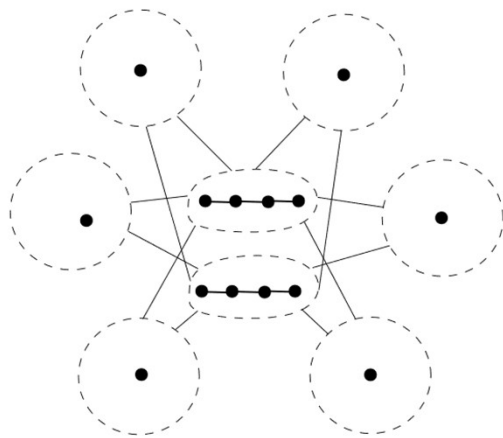
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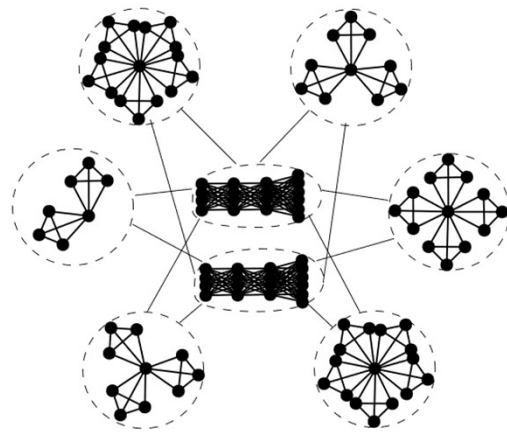


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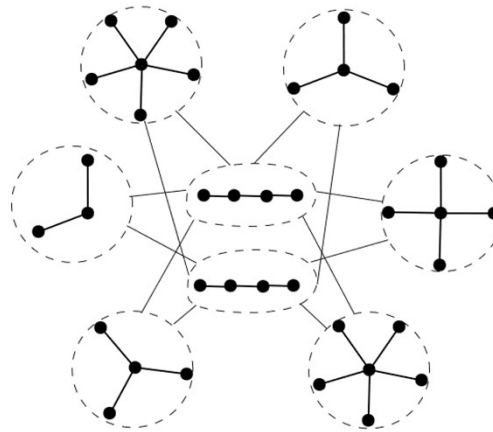


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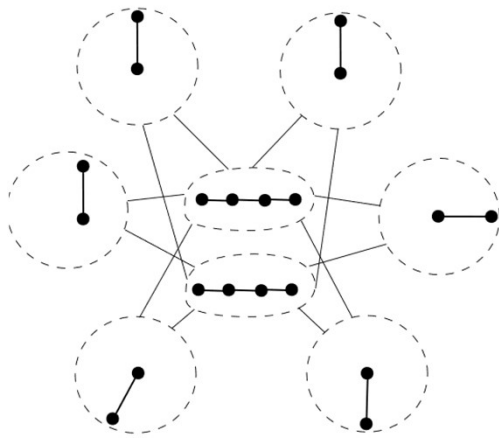
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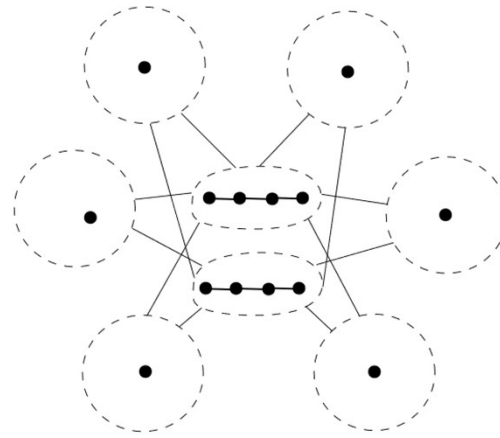
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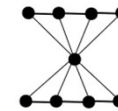
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$H^{(4)}$

$$itp(G) = 2k + 3$$

# Equitable Coloring: $W[1]$ -hardness

**Theorem 2.** *The Equitable Coloring problem is  $W[1]$ -hard parametrized by  $itp(G)$*

**Corollary 1.** *The Equitable Coloring problem is  $W[1]$ -hard parametrized by  $mw(G)$*

# Algorithms: a general scheme

Let  $P$  be a problem to be solved on an input graph  $G$ .

1. Iterate by generating the whole type graph sequence of  $G$ .
2. On each graph  $G'$  in the type graph sequence, a generalized version  $P'$  of the original problem is defined
  - with  $P'$  in  $G'$  being equivalent to  $P$  in  $G$
3. Optimally solve  $P'$  on the base graph and reconstruct the solution on the reverse type graph sequence (hence solving  $P$  in  $G$ ).

If the time to solve  $P'$  on the base graph is  $f$  and the construction of the solution for  $P'$  can be done in  $poly(n)$  time, then the whole algorithm needs  $O(f + poly(n))$  time.

# Algorithms: minimum dominating set

$$G = (V, E) \quad Q \subseteq V$$

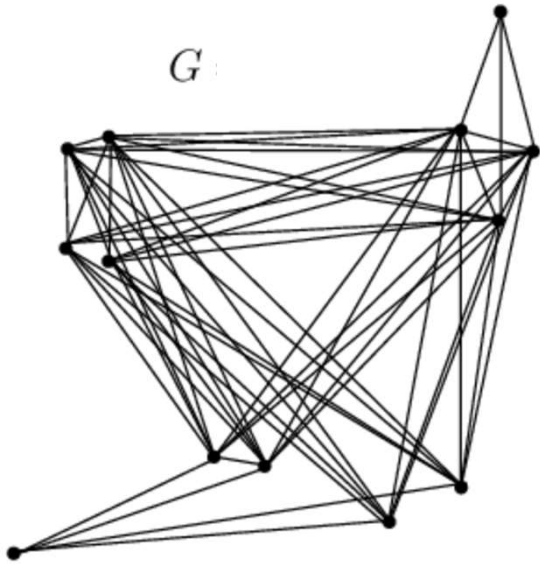
A **semi-total Dominating Set** of  $G$  with respect to  $Q$ , called  **$Q$ -stds** of  $G$ , is a set  $D \subseteq V$  such that every node in  $Q$  is adjacent to a node in  $D$ , and every other node is either a node in  $D$  or is adjacent to a node in  $D$ .

The set  $D$  is called an **optimal  $Q$ -stds** of  $G$ , if its size is minimum among all the  $Q$ -stds of  $G$ .

Note that  $\emptyset$ -stds of  $G$  becomes the Dominating Set of  $G$



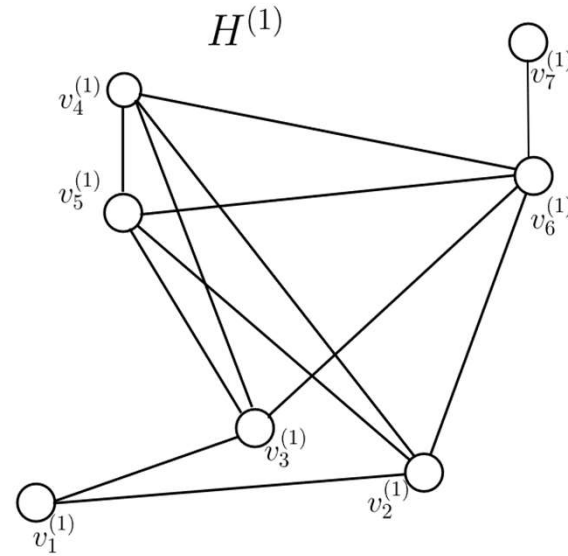
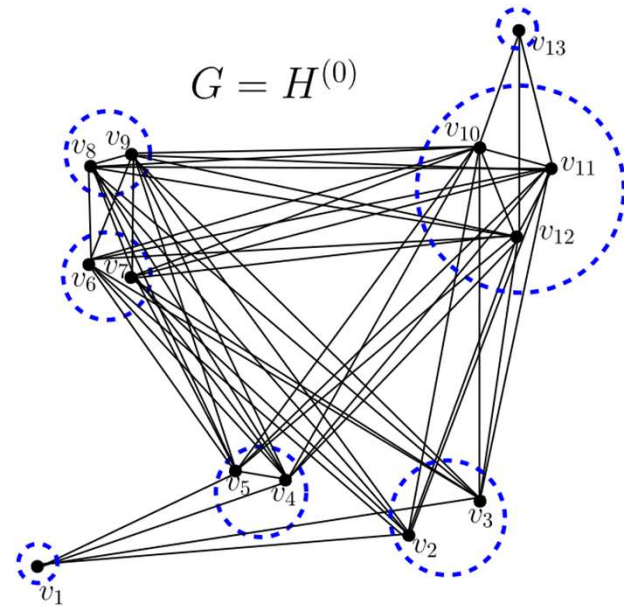
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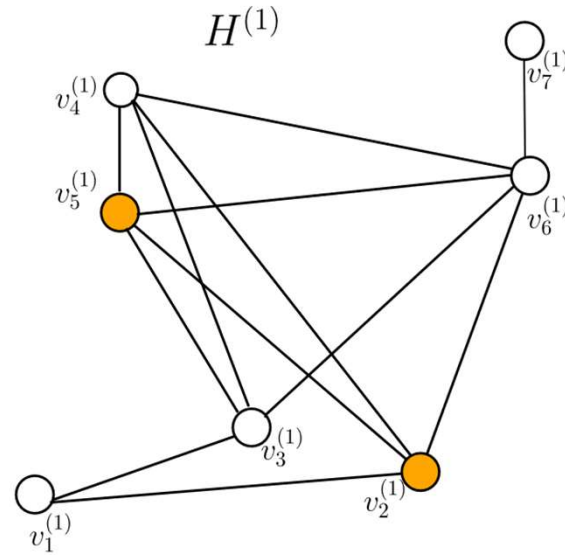
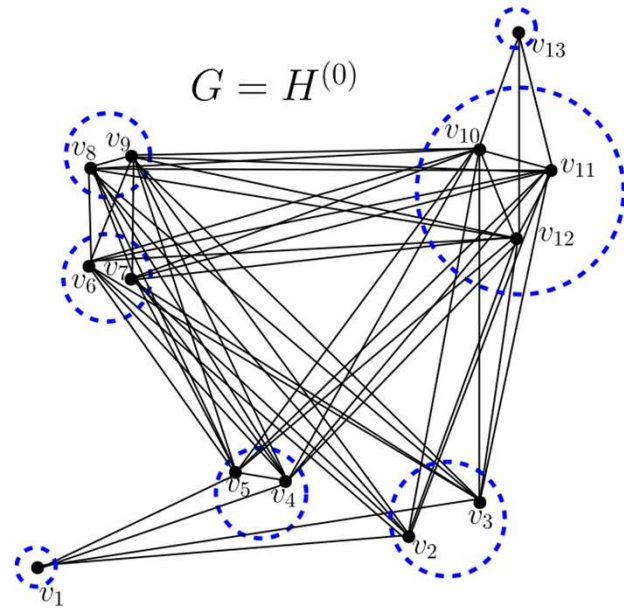
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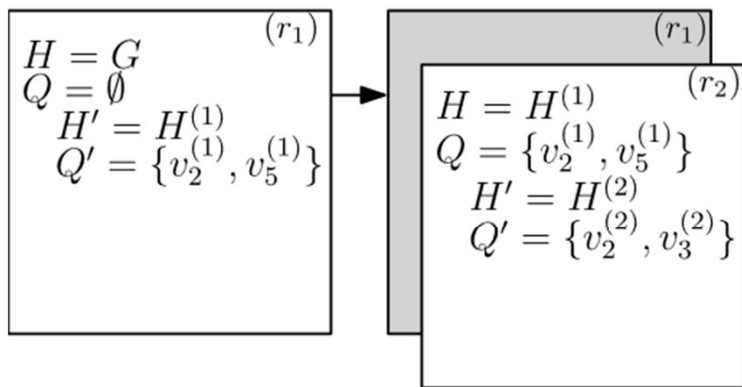
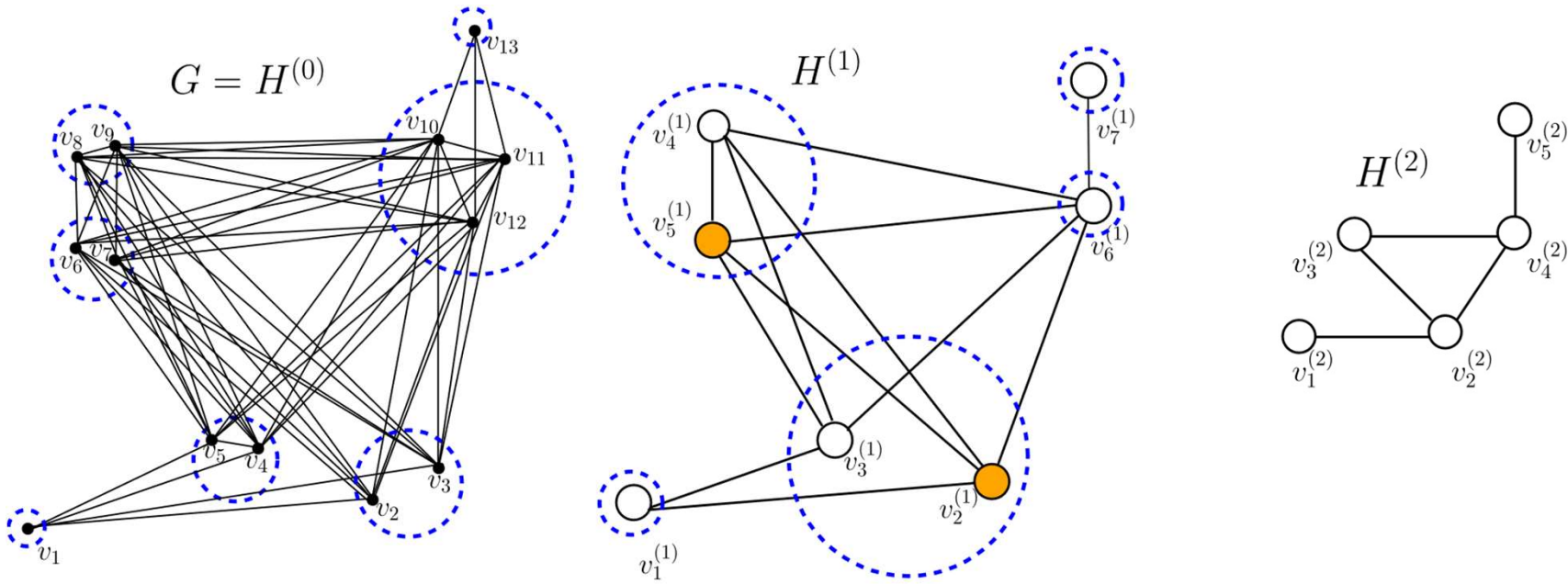
$$Q' = \{x \in V(H') \mid (V_x \cap Q \neq \emptyset \text{ or } V_x \text{ is an independent set})\}$$

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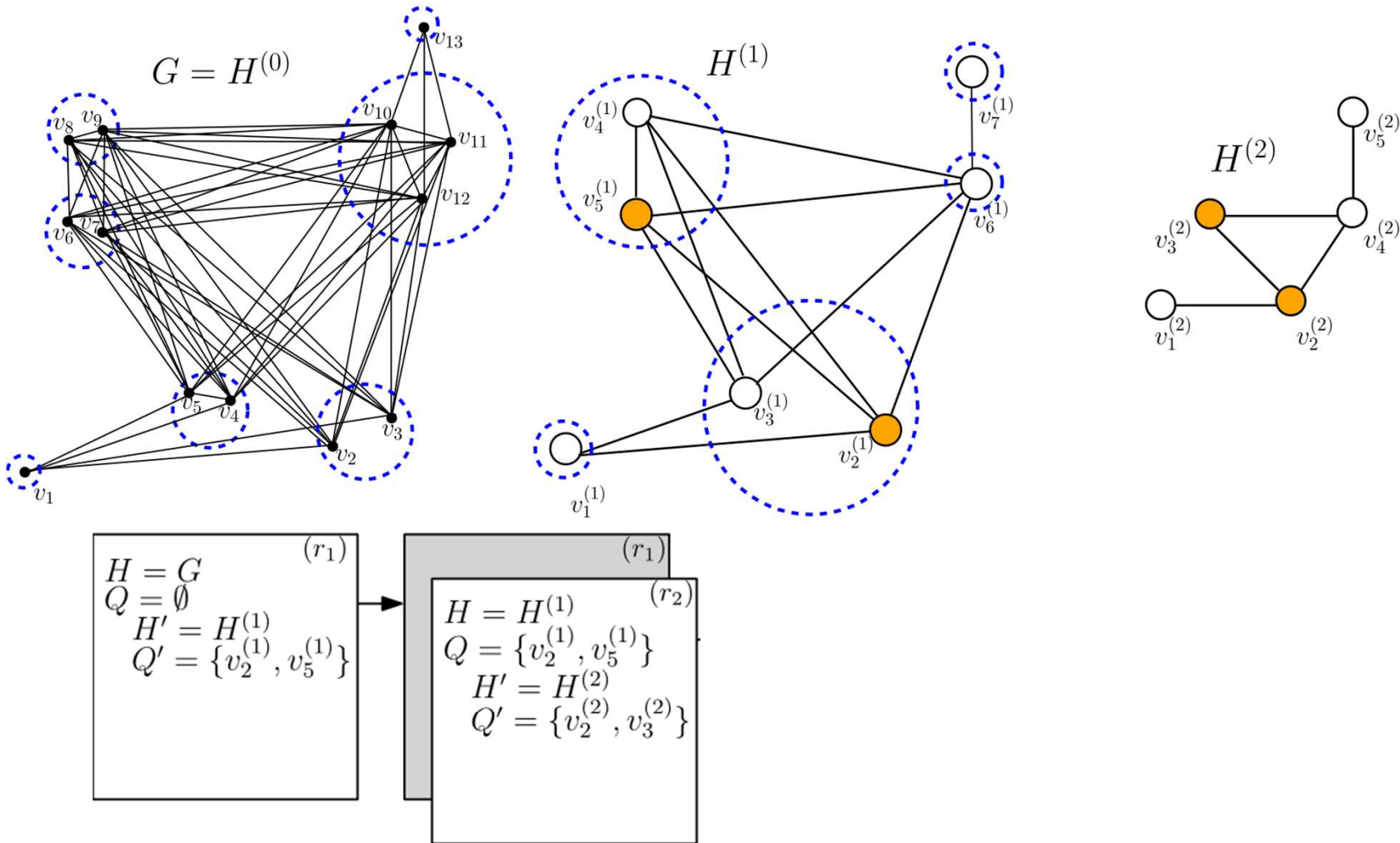


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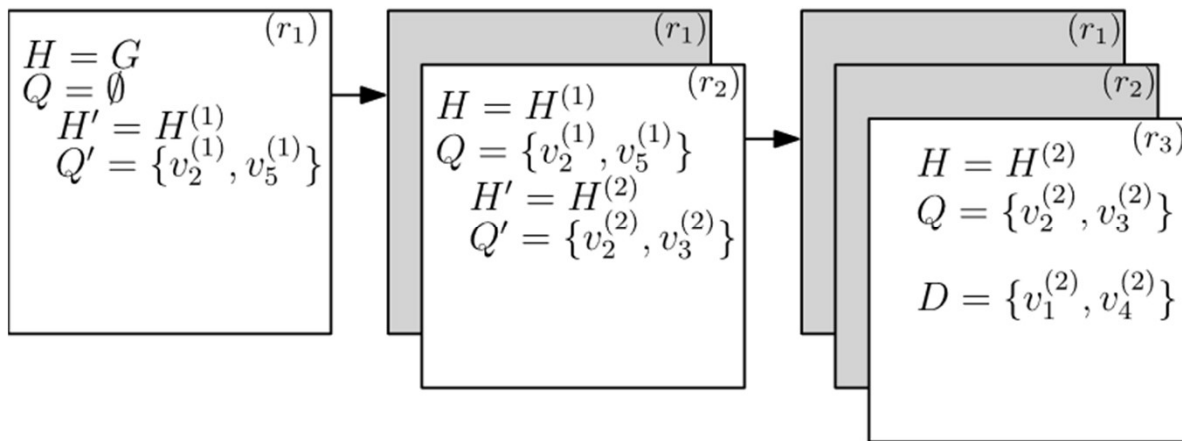
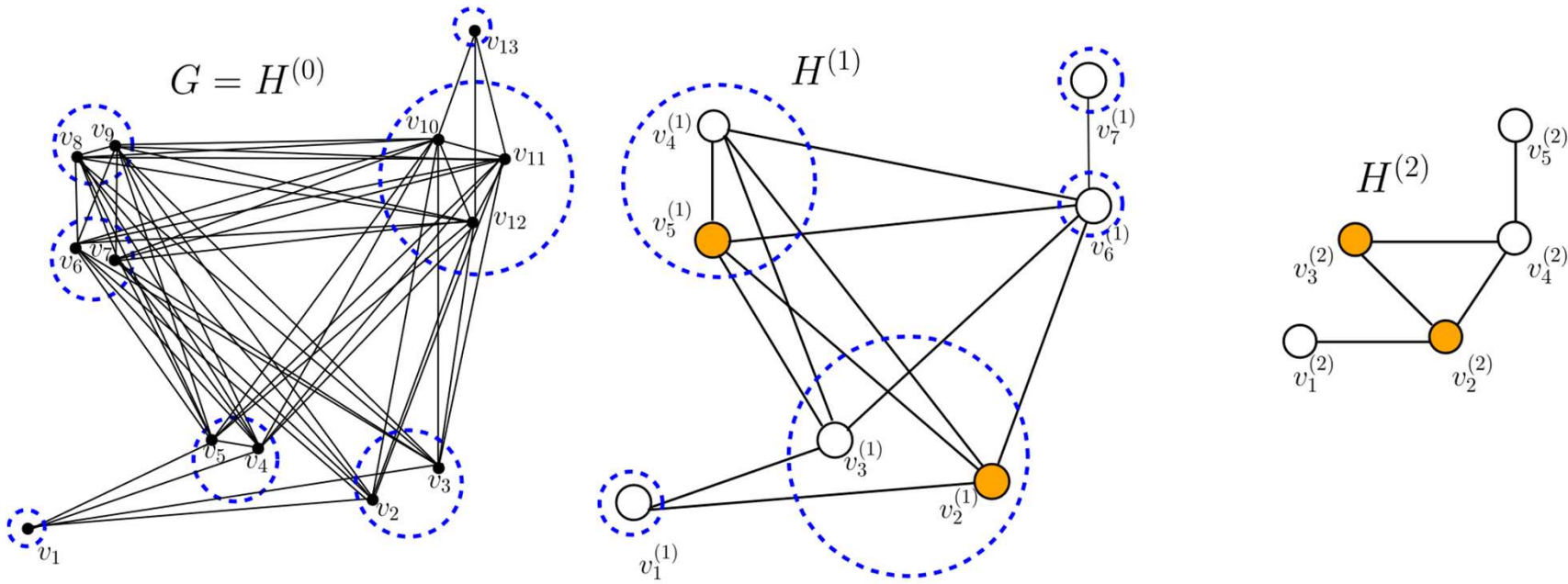
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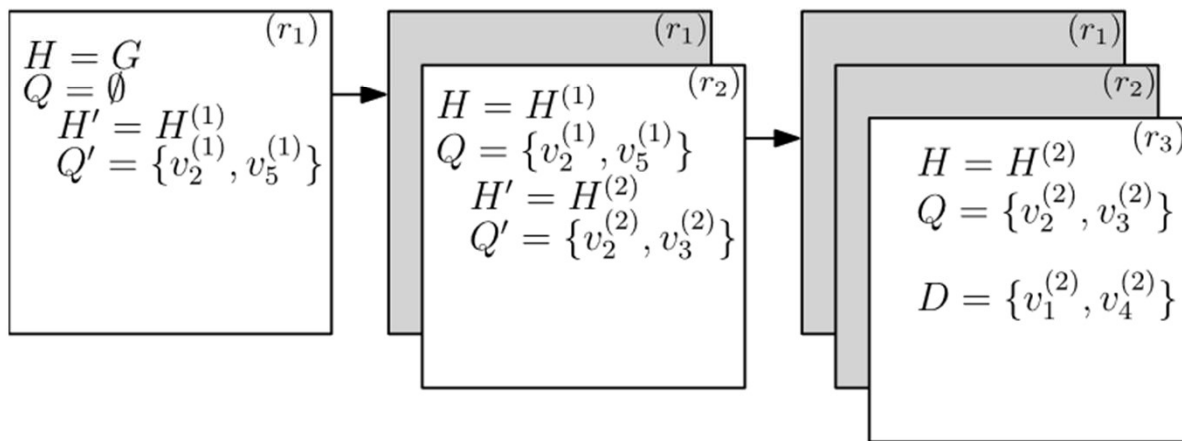
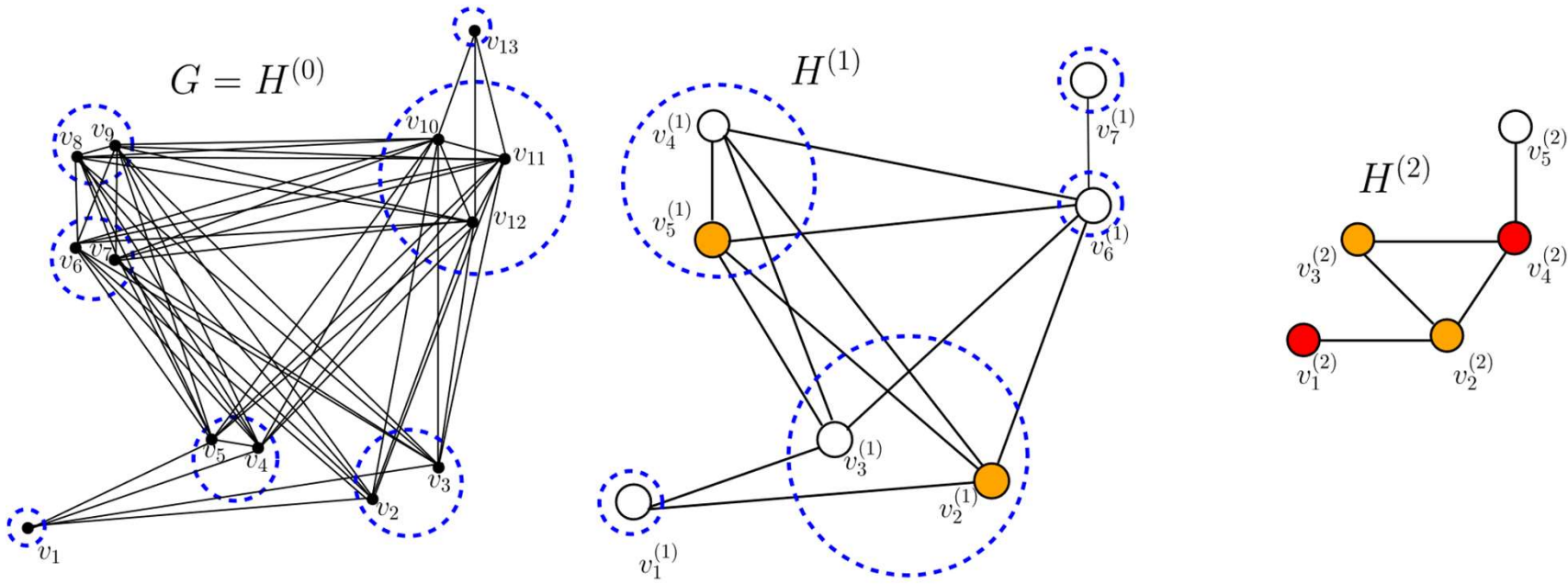


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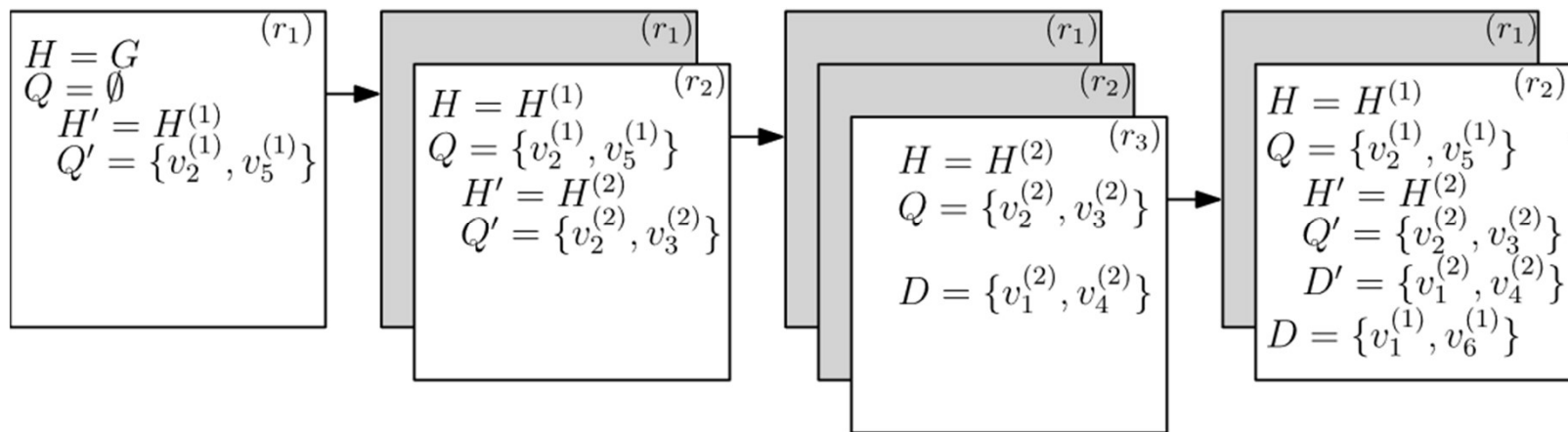
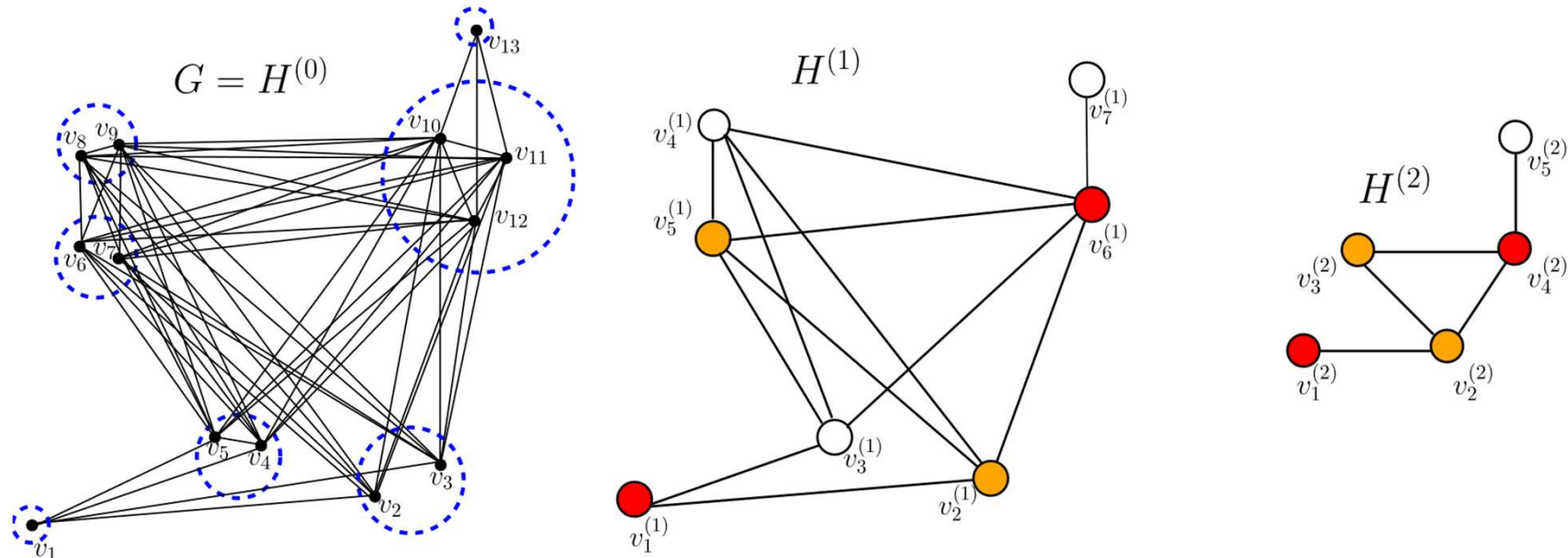




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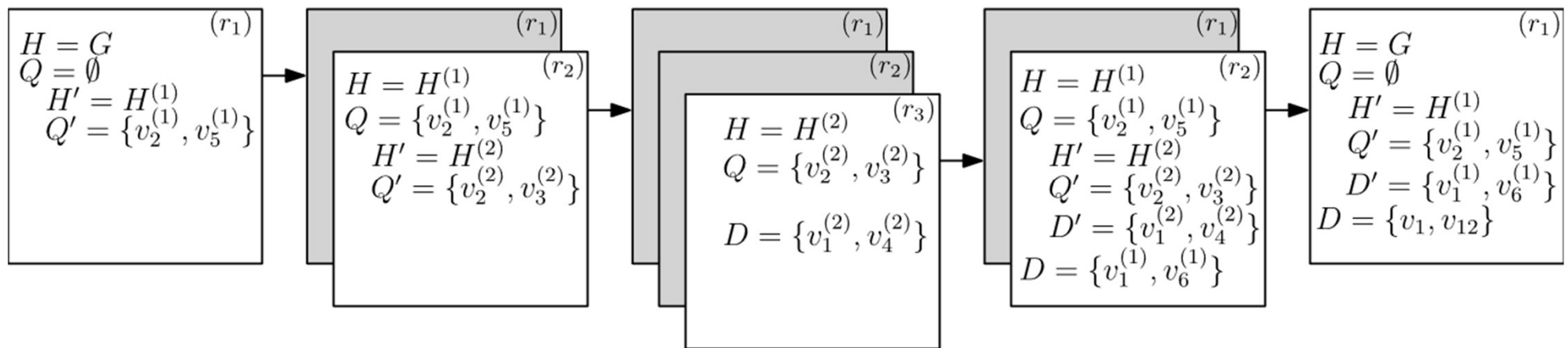
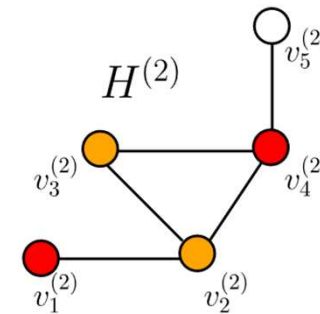
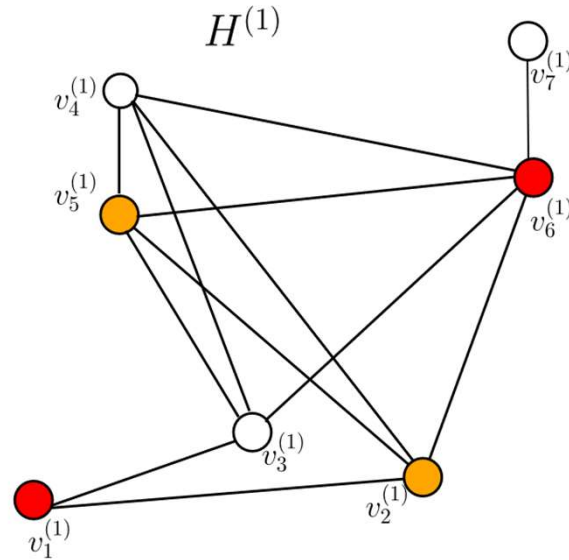
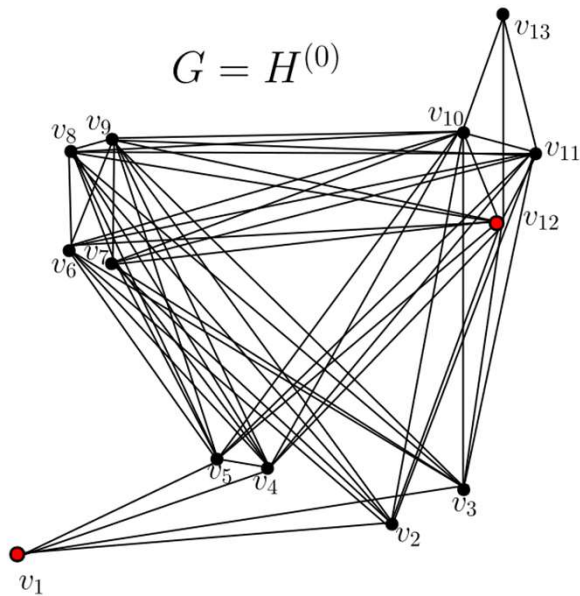


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**Theorem 4.** *There is an algorithm that returns a minimum dominating set of a graph  $G$  in time  $O(2^{itp(G)} + \text{poly}(n))$ .*

# Conclusion and future work

## Iterated type partition

- EQC is  $W[1]$ -hard w.r.t.  $itp(G)$ 
  - EQC is  $W[1]$ -hard w.r.t.  $mv(G)$
  - Hardness drops for  $nd(G)$
- FPT algorithms for DS, VC, Coloring w.r.t.  $itp(G)$

## Future work

- General algorithmic scheme  $\rightarrow$  meta-algorithm
- FPT algorithm for Edge Dominating Set w.r.t.  $itp(G)$

Thank you!