

Basic Techniques II: Iterative Compression

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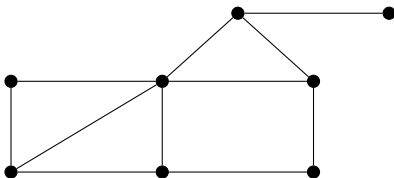
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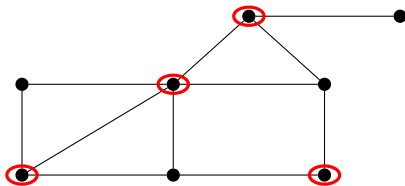


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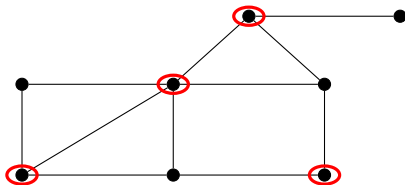


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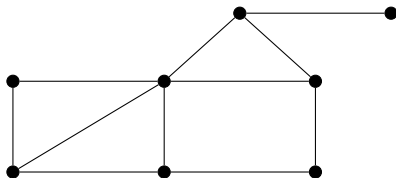
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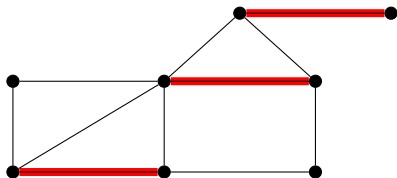


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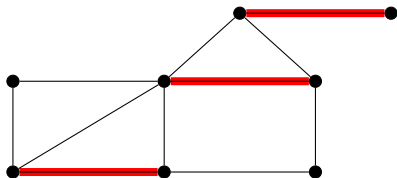


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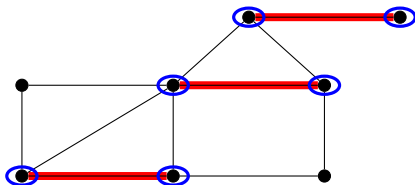


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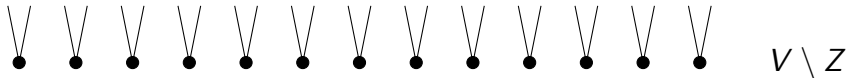
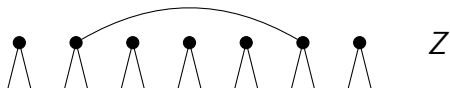
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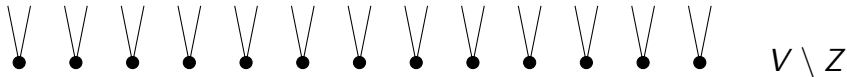
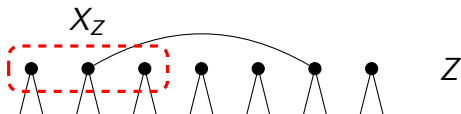
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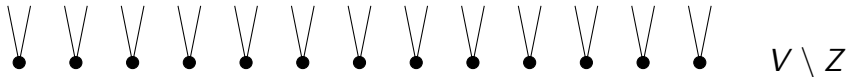
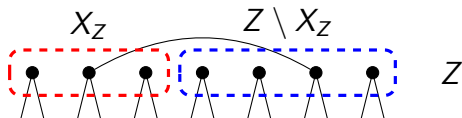
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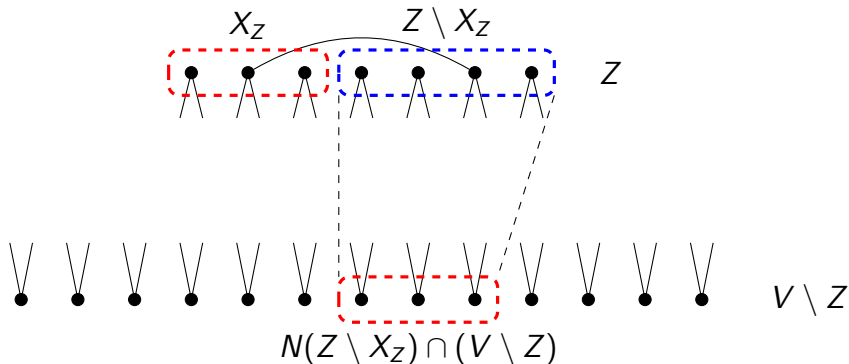
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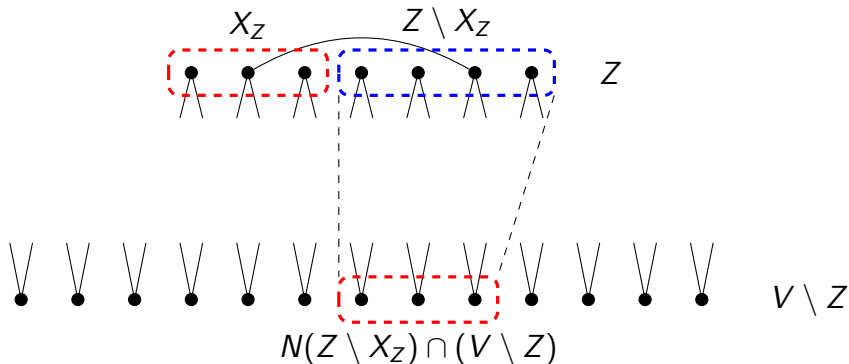
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Outline

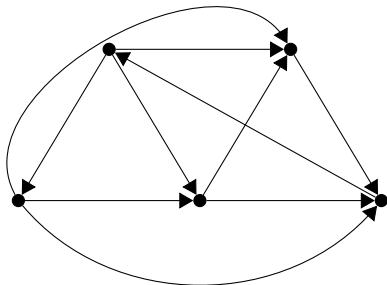
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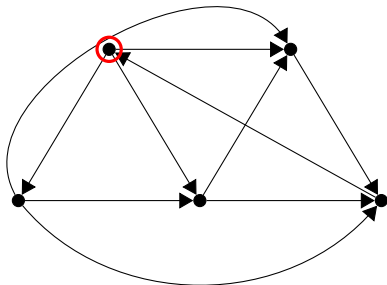


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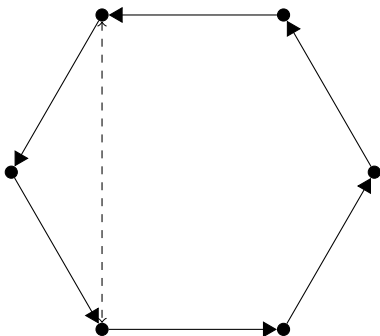
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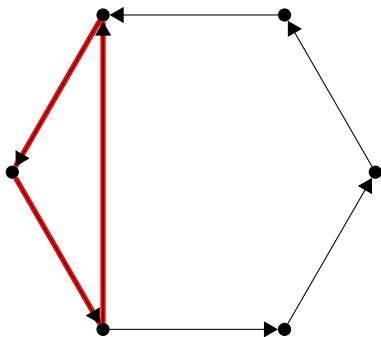
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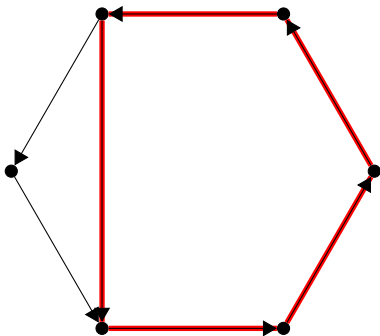
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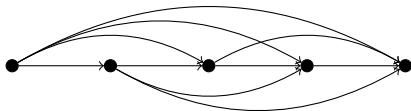
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Poly time algorithm for Disjoint FVST Compression implies $2^k n^{O(1)}$ time algorithm for FVST Compression.

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Observation

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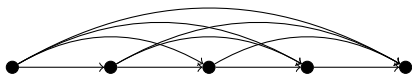
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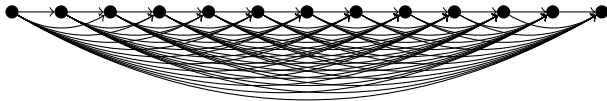
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If for $v \in A$ the graph $T[W \cup \{v\}]$ contains a cycle, then remove v and reduce k by one.

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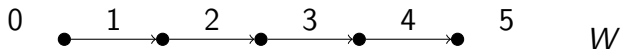


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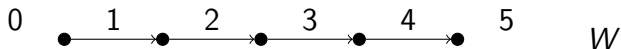


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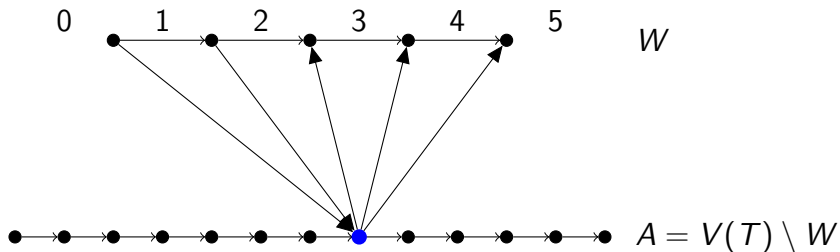
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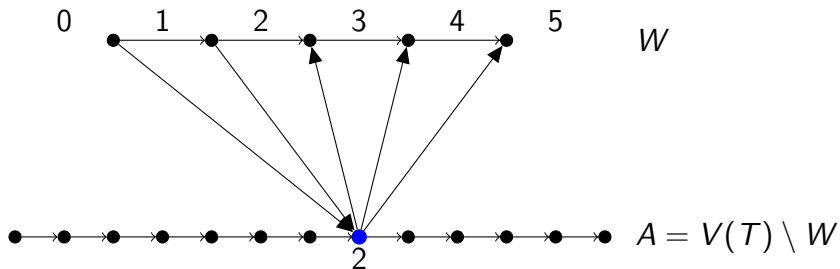
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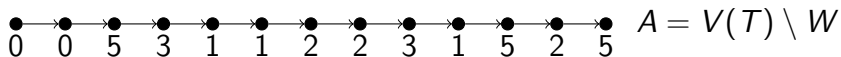
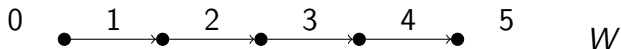
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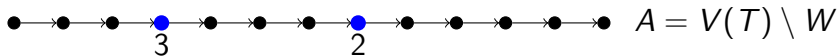
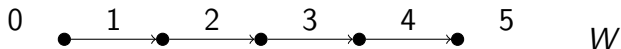
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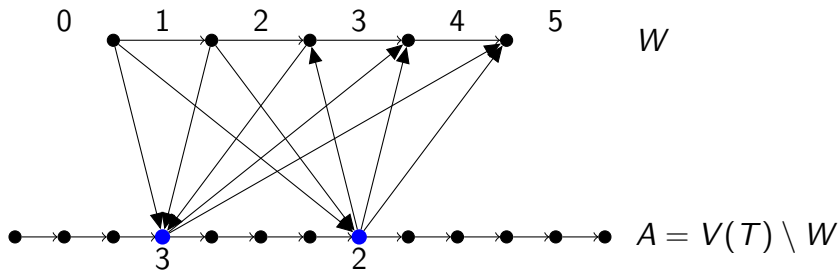
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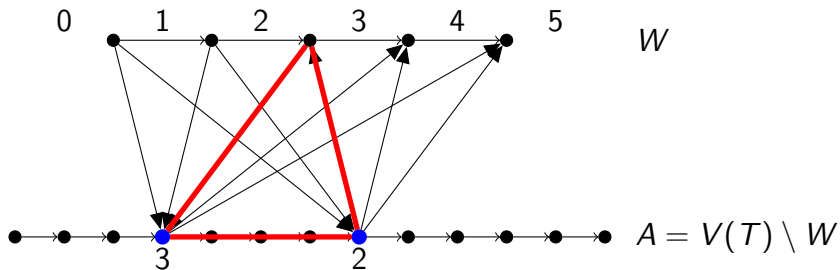
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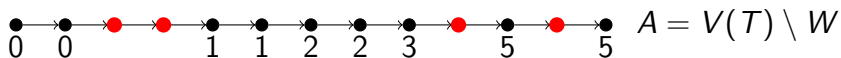
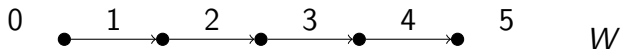
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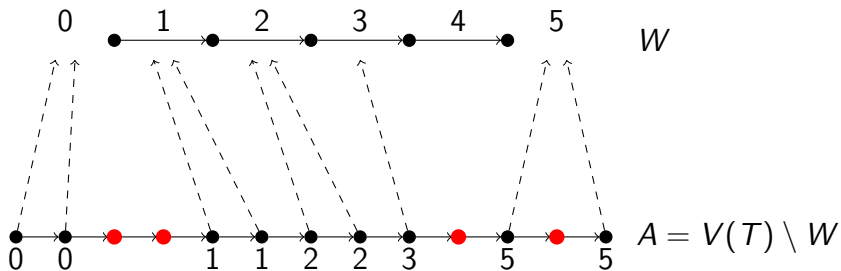
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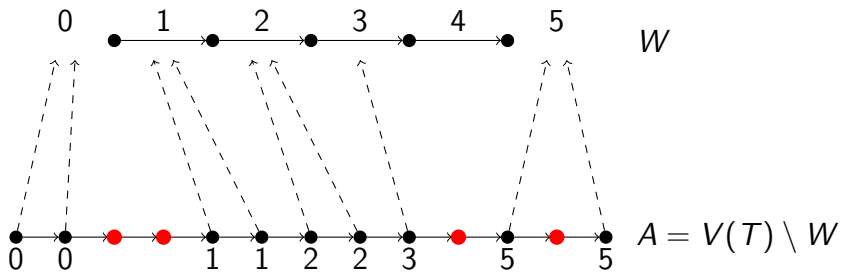
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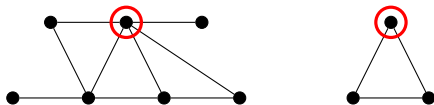
- To make induction work, we need to find a solution (answering YES/NO is not enough).
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Feedback Vertex Set (FVS)

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Disjoint FVS Compression

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a FVS $W \subseteq V(G)$ of size at most $k + 1$

Question: is there a subset $X \subseteq V(G)$ of size at most k , disjoint with W , such that $G \setminus X$ is a forest

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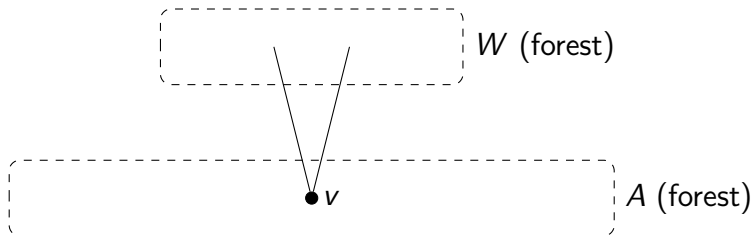
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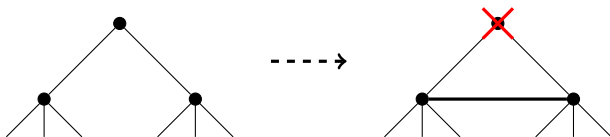
Remove all degree at most 1 vertices from G .



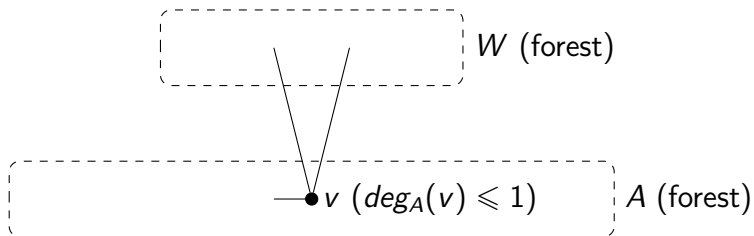
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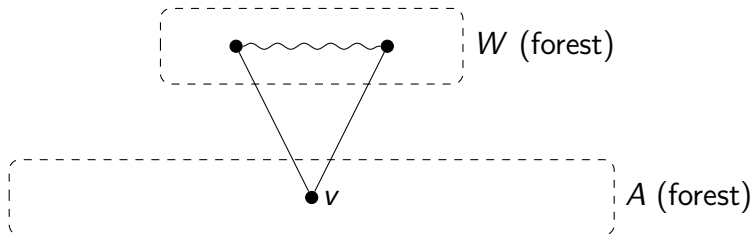
If there is $v \in A$ with $\deg(v) = 2$ and at least one neighbor in A , then add an edge between neighbours of v (even if there was one) and remove v .



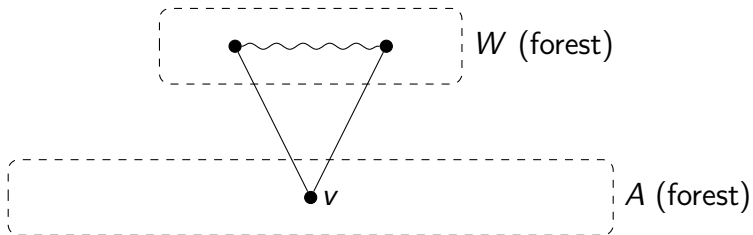
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FVS - one more reduction rule



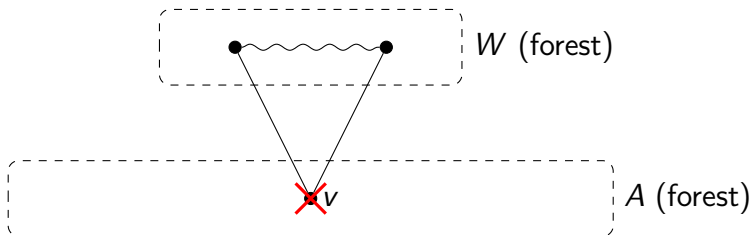
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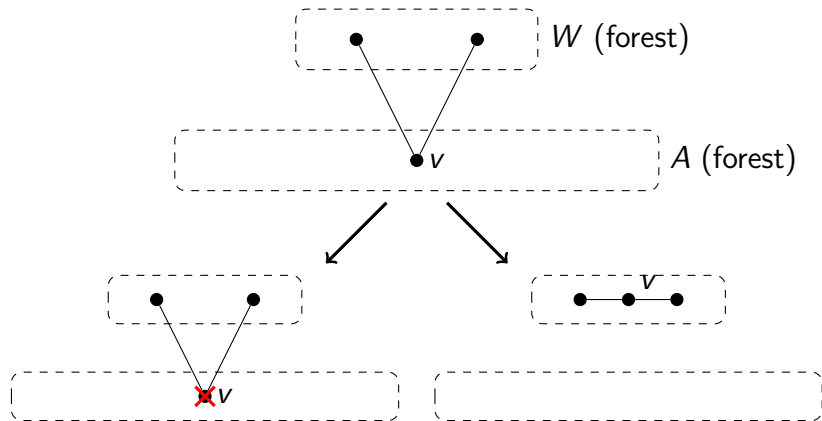
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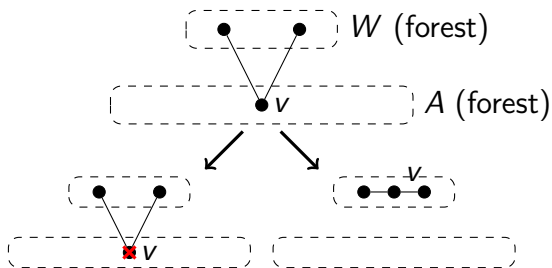
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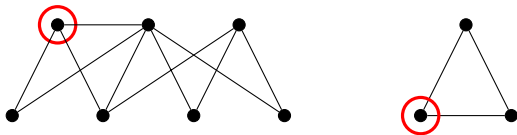
Disjoint FVS Compression can be solved in time $4^k n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$, consequently there is $5^k n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$ time algorithm for FVS.

OCT

Odd Cycle Transversal (OCT)

Input: undirected G , integer k

Question: is there a subset $X \subseteq V(G)$ of size at most k ,
such that $G \setminus X$ is bipartite



OCT

The heart of the solution for OCT by iterative compression is the following problem, which can be solved in polynomial time!

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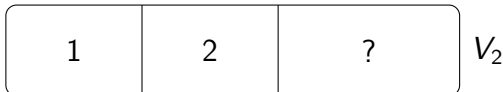
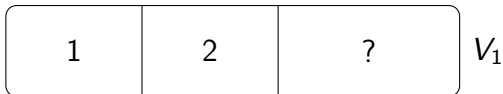
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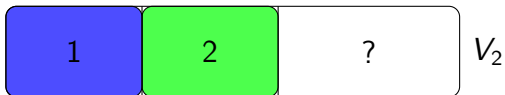
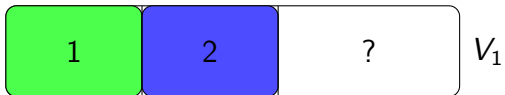
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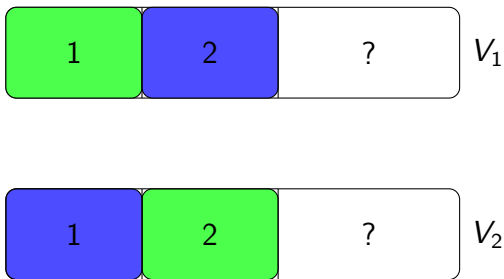
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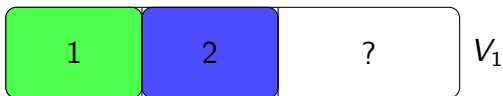


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- algorithm: find min cut between green and blue!

Summary

Iterative compression

Recursive approach exploiting instance structure exposed by a bit oversized solution.

We have seen it applied to:

- Vertex Cover,
- FVS in Tournaments,
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- OCT (sketch).

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