

TOTAL DOMINATING SEQUENCES IN TREES,  
SPLIT GRAPHS, AND UNDER MODULAR  
DECOMPOSITION

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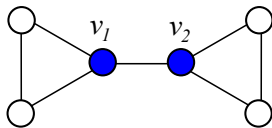
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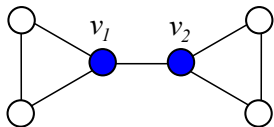
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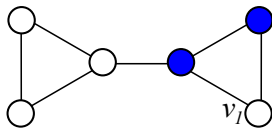


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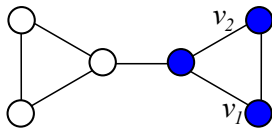
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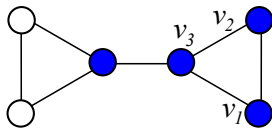
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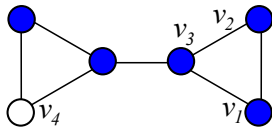
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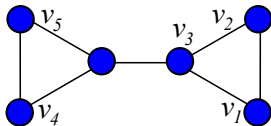
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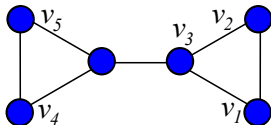
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- $n$  even,  $\gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(P_n) = n$ .  
 $n \geq 3$  odd,  $\gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(P_n) = n - 1$ .
- $n \geq 4$  even,  $\gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(C_n) = n - 2$ .  
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- $\gamma_t(G) \leq \gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(G) \leq n - \delta(G) + 1$ .
- If  $T$  is a tree,  $\gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(T) = n$  iff  $T$  has a perfect matching.
- $\frac{n}{\Delta} \leq \gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(G)$ .
- If  $G$  is connected and  $\frac{n}{\Delta} = \gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(G)$  then  $G = K_{\Delta, \Delta}$ .
- $\gamma_{\text{gr}}^t(G) = 2$  iff  $G$  is a complete multipartite graph.

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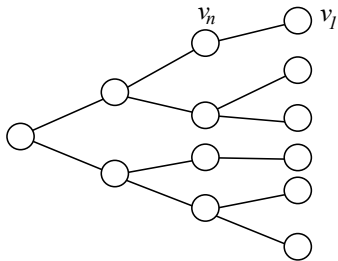
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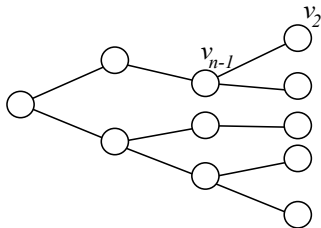


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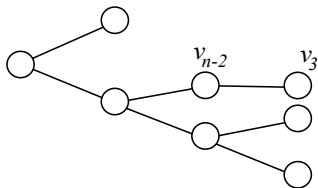


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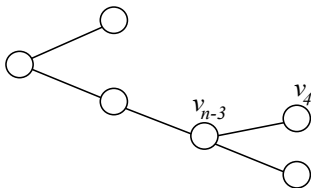


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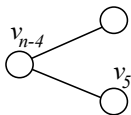


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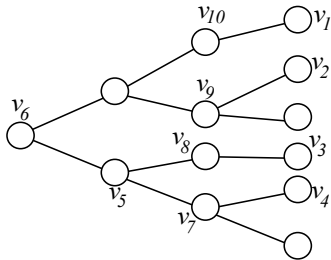


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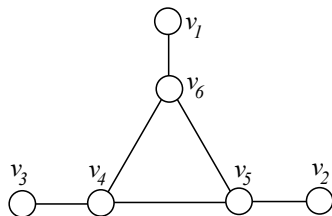
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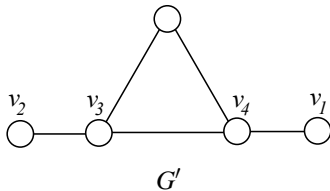
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  - 2 DH graphs can be recognized in  $O(|V(G)| + |E(G)|)$  (Damiand, Habib, Paul, 2001).
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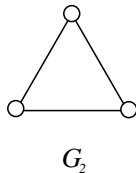
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## THEOREM

*Algorithm GrundyBDH returns a Grundy total dominating sequence of an arbitrary bipartite distance-hereditary graph  $G$ . The complexity of Algorithm GrundyBDH is  $O(|V(G)|(|V(G)| + |E(G)|))$ .*

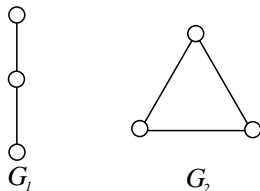
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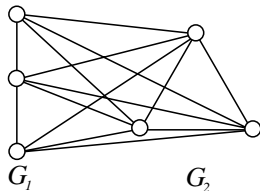


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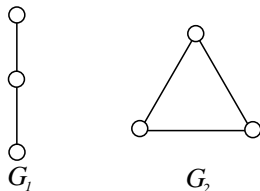
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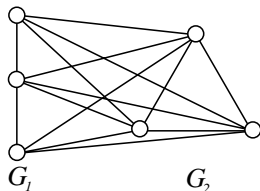


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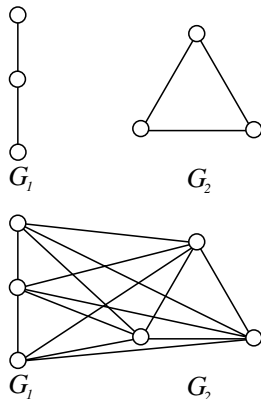


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# DISJOINT UNION AND JOIN

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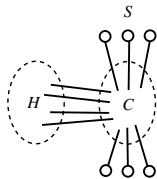
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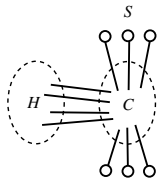
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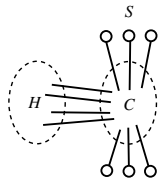


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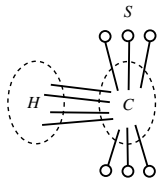
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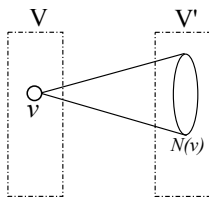
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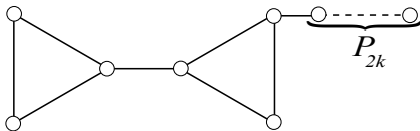
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