Algorithmics of Modular Decomposition

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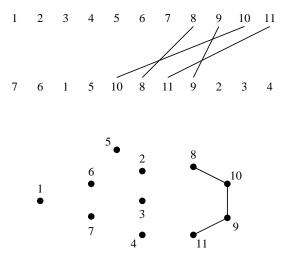
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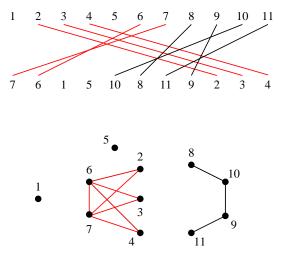
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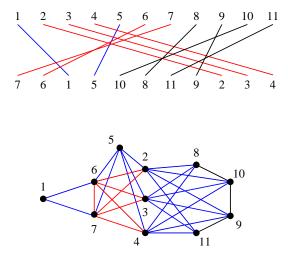
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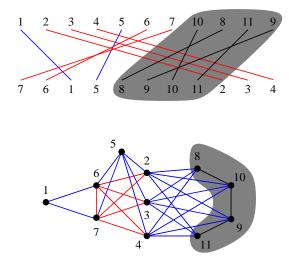


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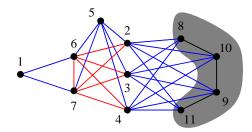
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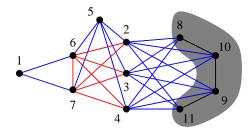
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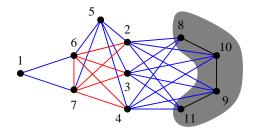
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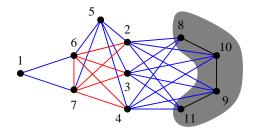
- connected components
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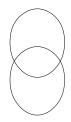
Theorem [McConnell and Spinrad'99]

The permutation graph recognition problem can be solved in O(n+m) time

▶ we need a linear time modular decomposition algorithm

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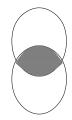
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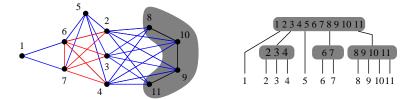
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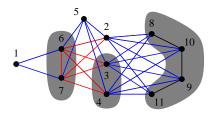
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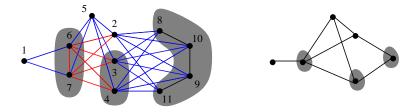
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If \mathcal{P} is a modular partition of G, the quotient graph $G_{/\mathcal{P}}$ is the induced subgraph obtained by choosing one vertex per part of \mathcal{P} .

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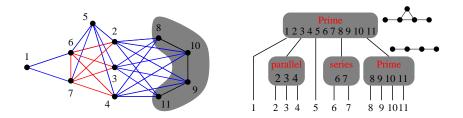
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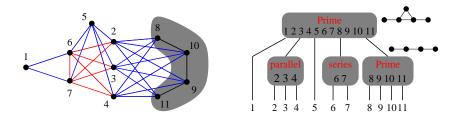
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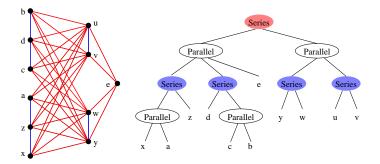
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- other many others for variants of modular decomposition

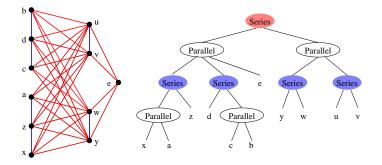
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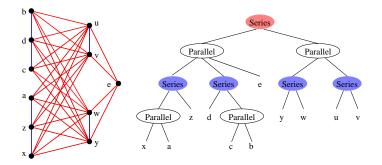


Cographs can be built from the single vertex with the disjoint union and series composition

Exercice: prove that cographs are permutation graphs

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Linear time recognition algorithms

- incremental [Corneil, Pearl, Stewart'85]
- partition refinement [Habib, P.'05]
- LexBFS [Bretscher, Corneil, Habib, P.'08]

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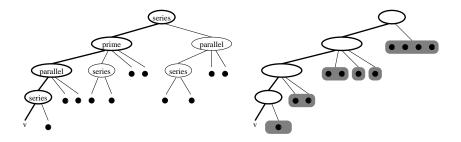
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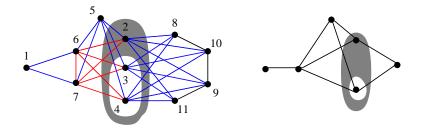


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- 1. Compute $\mathcal{M}(G, v)$
- 2. Compute $MD(G_{\mathcal{M}(G,v)})$
- 3. For each $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{M}(G, v)$ compute $MD(G[\mathcal{X}])$

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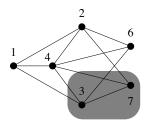


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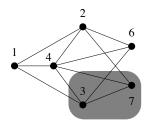
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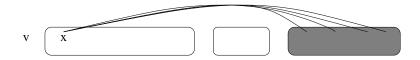
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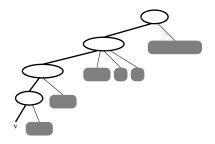
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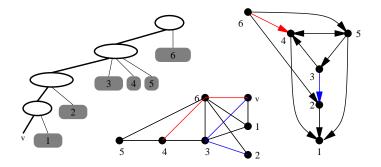
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► The modules of G_{/M(G,v)} are linearly nested: any non-trivial module contains v



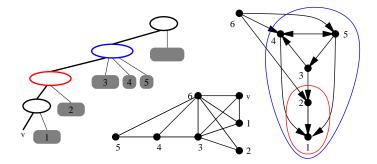
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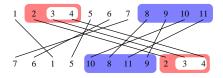
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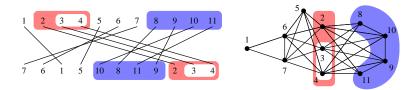
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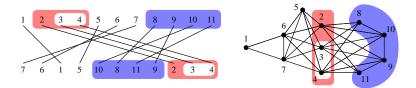


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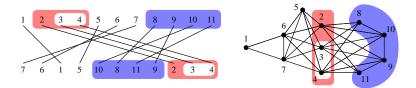
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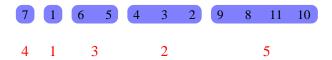
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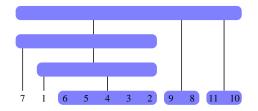
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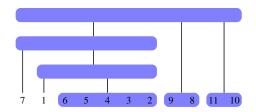
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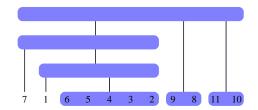


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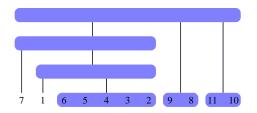
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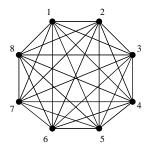
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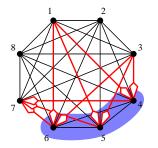
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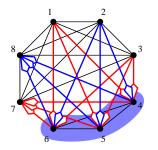
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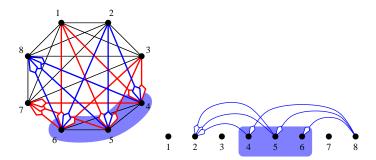
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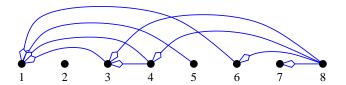
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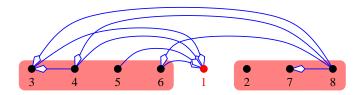
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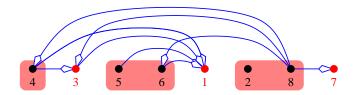
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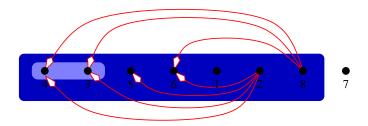
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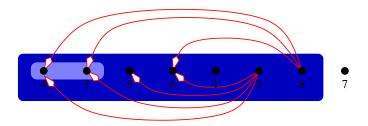
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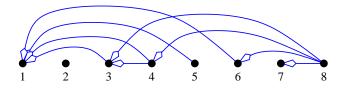
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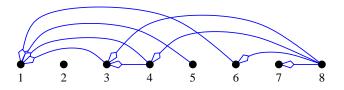
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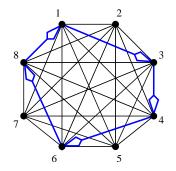
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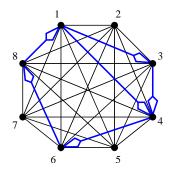
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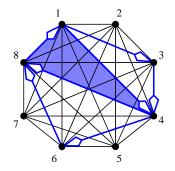
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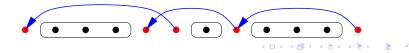
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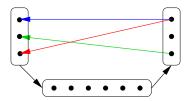
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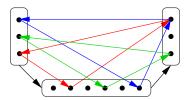
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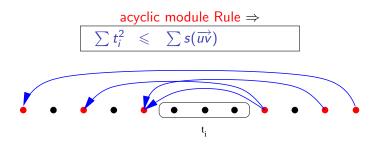


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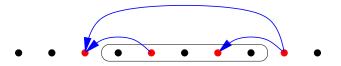
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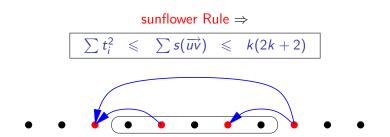
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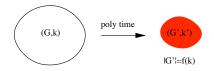
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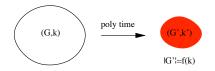
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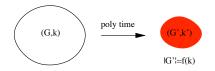


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