

Kernelization for Finding Lineal Topologies (Depth-First Spanning Trees) with Many or Few Leaves

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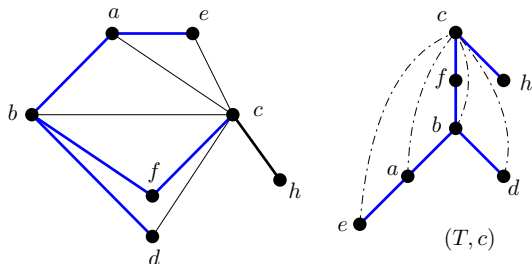
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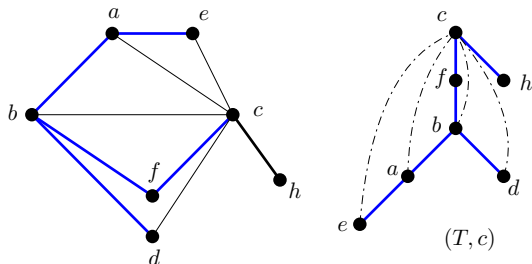
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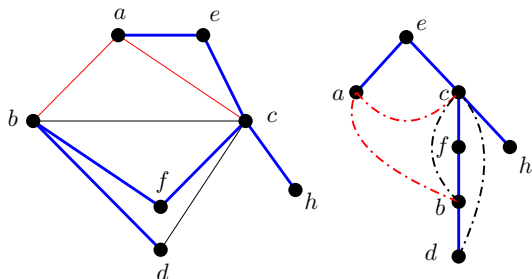
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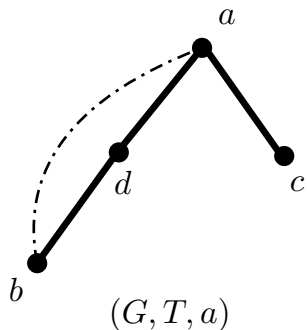


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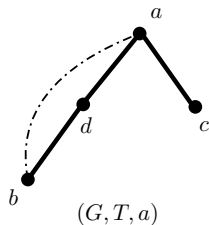
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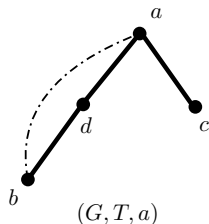
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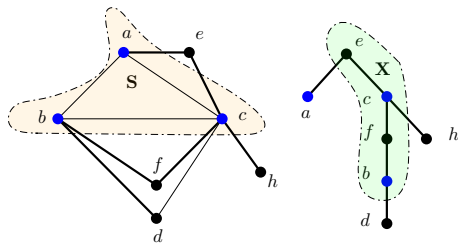
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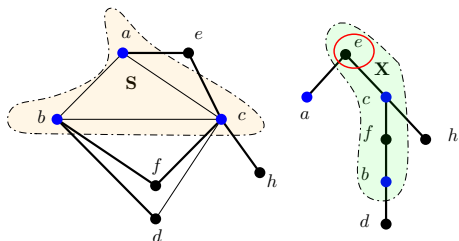
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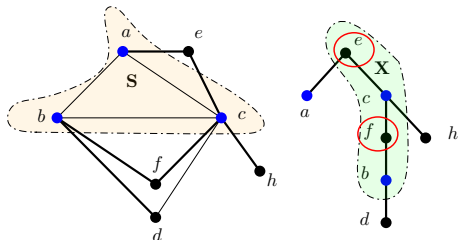
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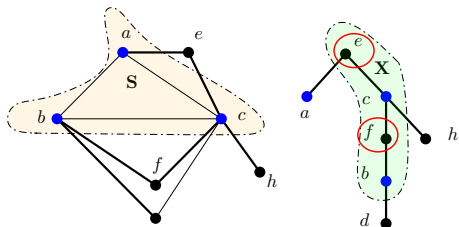
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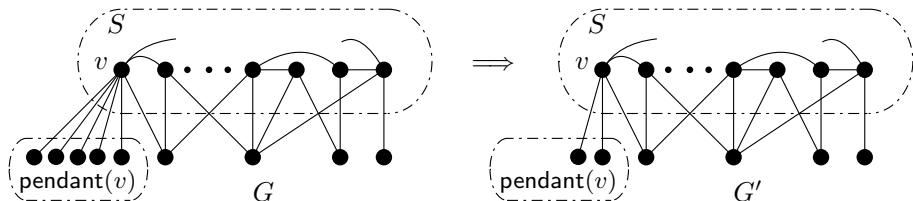
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- $|X \setminus S| \leq s$ and $|X| \leq 2s$.

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There is a *polynomial-time algorithm* that, given a *vertex cover* S of G of size s , outputs a graph G' with at most $s^2(s - 1) + 3s$ vertices such that for every integer $t \geq 0$:

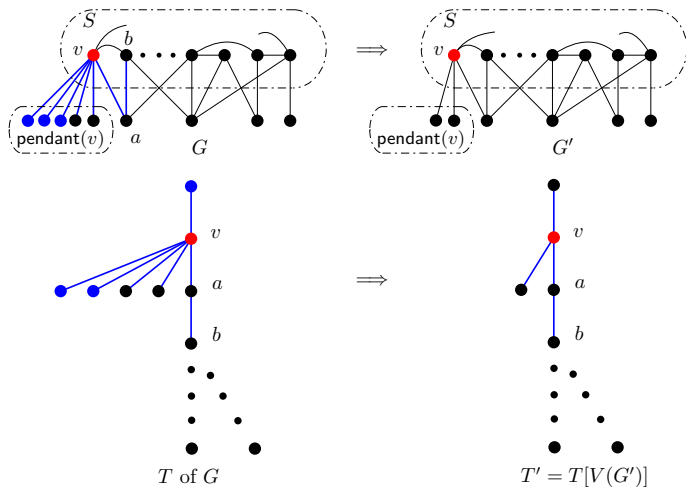
- G has a DFS tree with exactly t internal vertices if and only if G' has a DFS tree with exactly t internal vertices.

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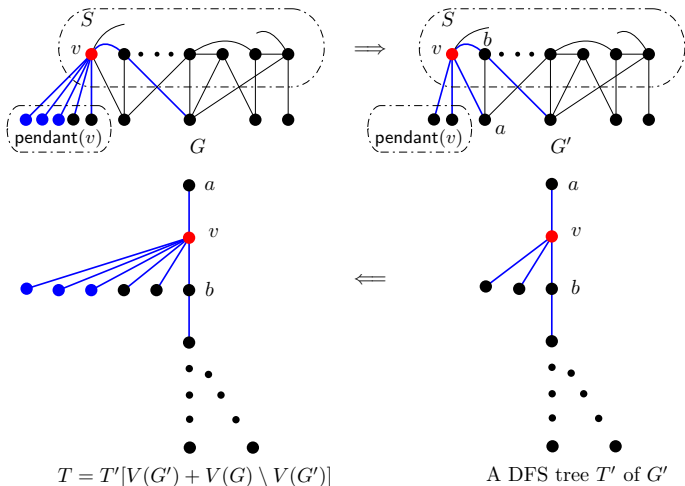


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foreach  $v \in S$  do
  | if  $|\text{pendant}(v)| > 2$  then
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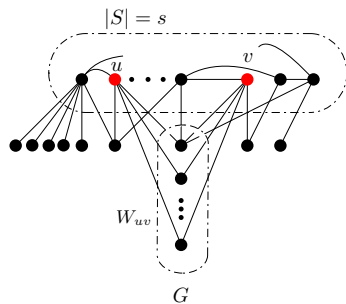


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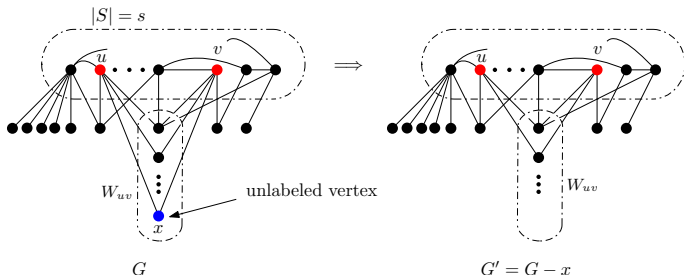
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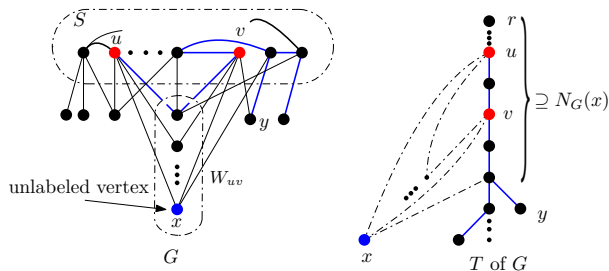
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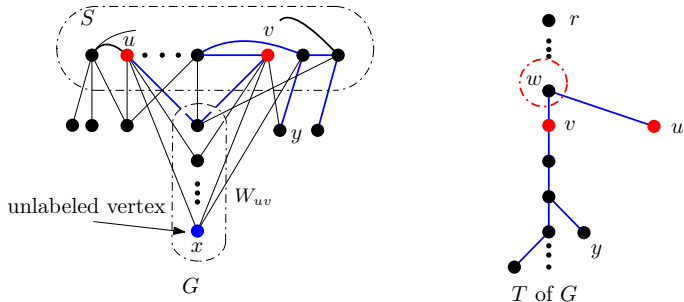


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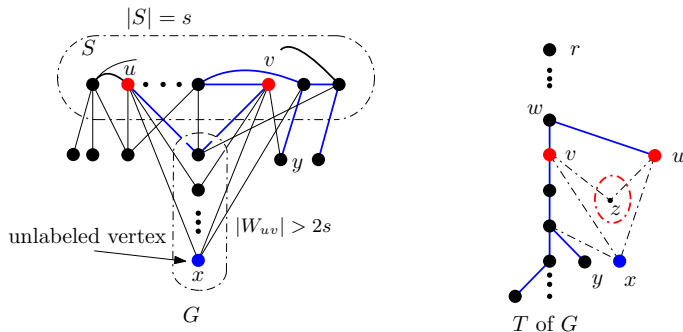


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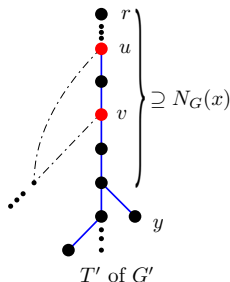
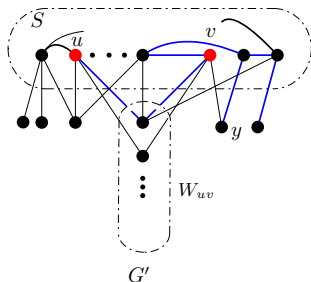
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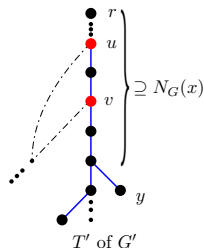
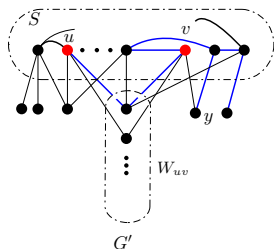
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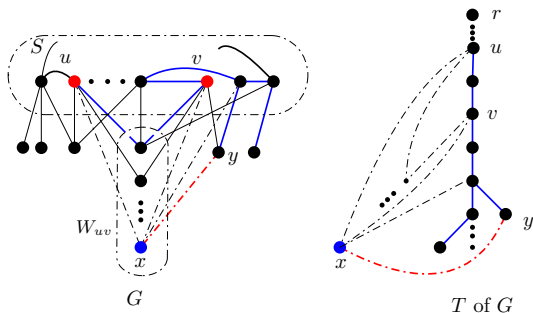


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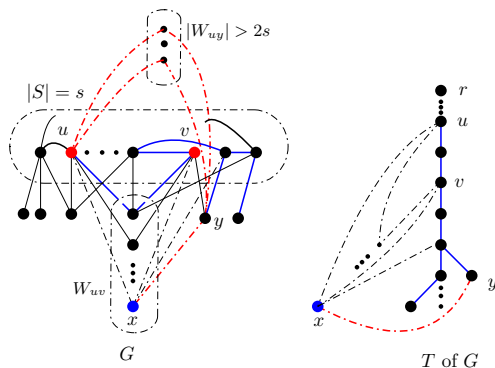


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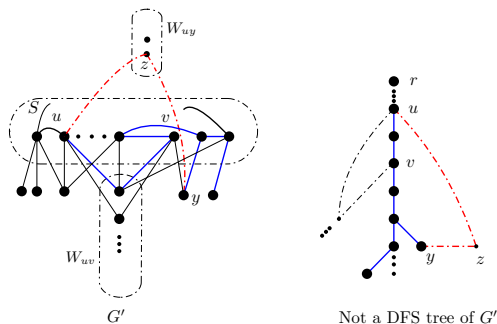


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Thank you!