

Uniform Kernelization Complexity of Hitting Forbidden Minors

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Examples:

- VERTEX COVER
- FEEDBACK VERTEX SET
- VERTEX PLANARIZATION
- TREEWIDTH- η DELETION
- TREEDEPTH- η DELETION

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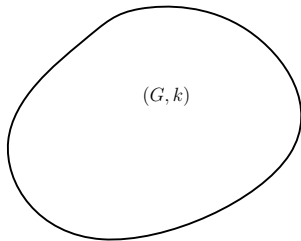
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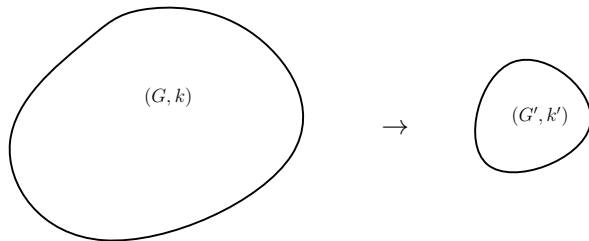
Open problem

Can we find a kernel for PLANAR \mathcal{F} -MINOR-FREE DELETION of size $f(\mathcal{F})k^c$?

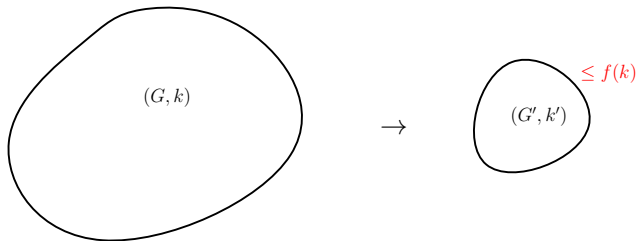
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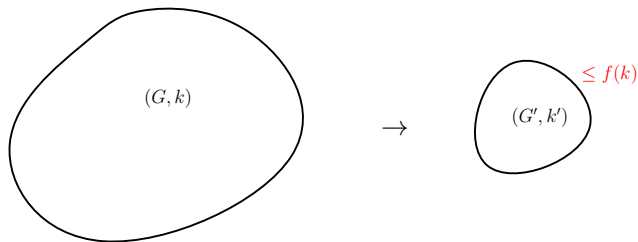
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Our Results (Lower Bounds)

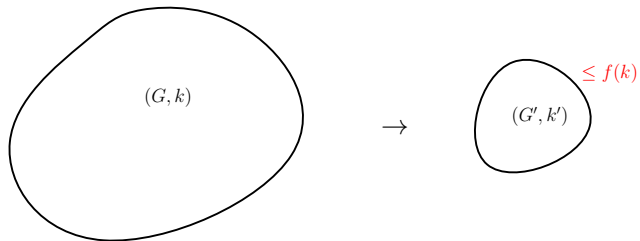
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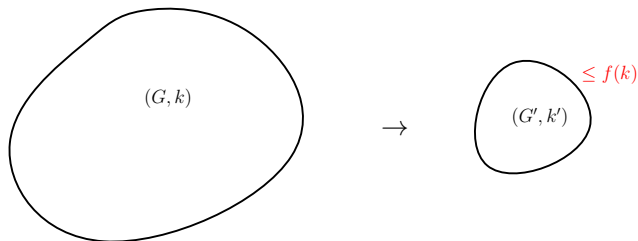
- 1 $\{K_{d+1}\}$ -MINOR-FREE DELETION,
- 2 $\{K_{d+1}, P_{4d}\}$ -MINOR-FREE DELETION, and
- 3 TREEWIDTH- $(d - 1)$ DELETION

admits a kernel with $\mathcal{O}(k^{\frac{d}{4}-\epsilon})$ vertices, then $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{coNP}/\text{poly}$.

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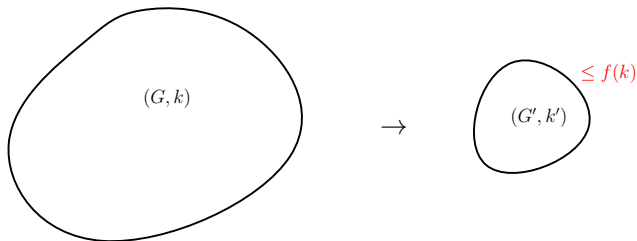
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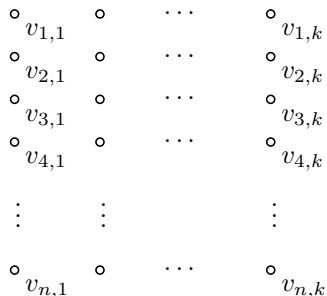
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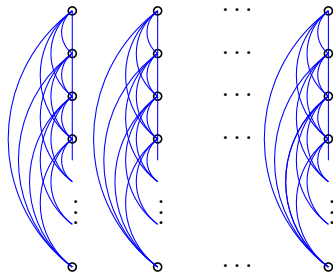
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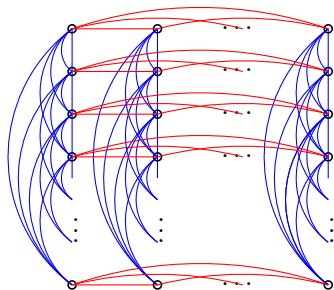
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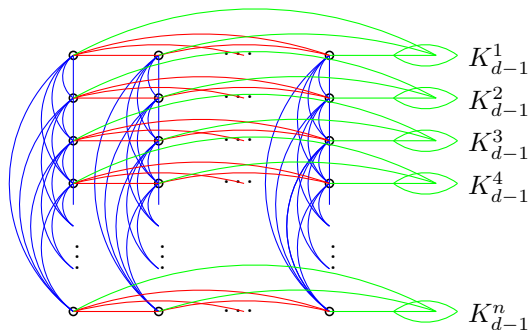
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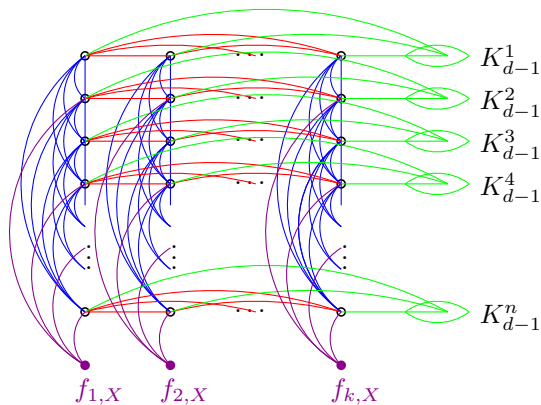
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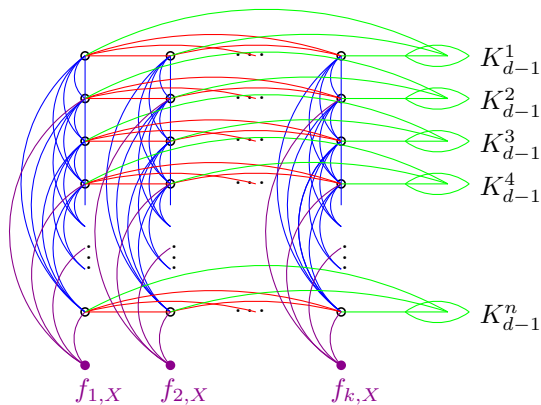
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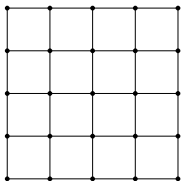
Our Results (TREEDEPTH- η DELETION)

Theorem

For each fixed η , TREEDEPTH- η -DELETION has a polynomial kernel with $\mathcal{O}(k^6)$ vertices: an instance (G, k) can be efficiently reduced to an equivalent instance (G', k) with $2^{\mathcal{O}(\eta^2)} k^6$ vertices.

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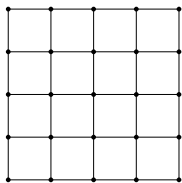
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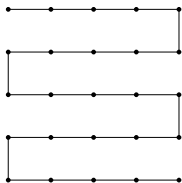
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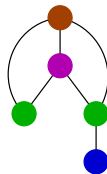
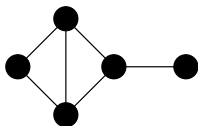


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Definition

$\text{td}(G) \leq k$ if and only if there exists a rooted forest F of height at most k such that $G \subseteq \text{clos}(F)$.



The **closure** of a rooted forest F is obtained the graph $\text{clos}(F)$ obtained from F after adding edges between each vertex and its proper ancestors.

Properties of Treedepth

- \mathcal{D}_η is minor-closed.
- The class $\mathcal{F}_\eta = \mathbf{obs}(\mathcal{D}_\eta)$ consisting of the minor-obstructions of \mathcal{D}_η is finite. Thus TREEDEPTH- η DELETION is equivalent to \mathcal{F}_η -MINOR-FREE DELETION.
- In particular, $P_{2\eta} \in \mathcal{F}_\eta$ and TREEDEPTH- η DELETION is equivalent to PLANAR \mathcal{F}_η -MINOR-FREE DELETION.

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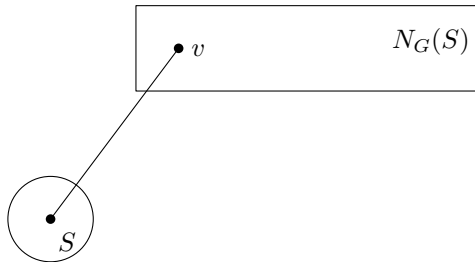
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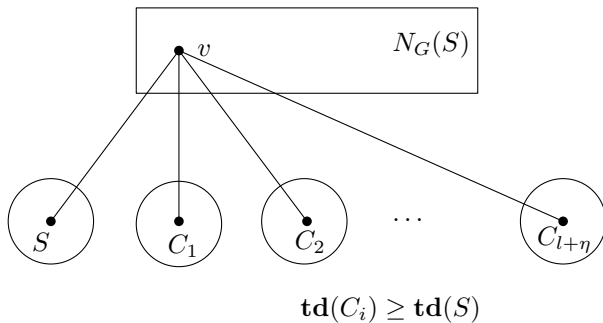
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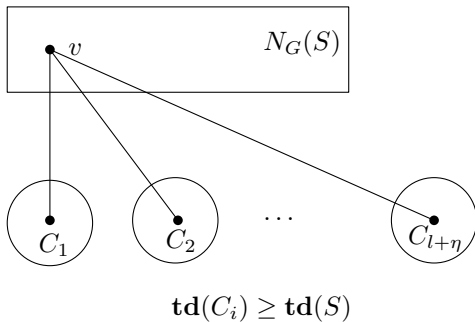
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- 1 the graph $G[X \cup \{u, v\}]$ contains at least $\ell + \eta$ internally vertex-disjoint paths between u and v , and
- 2 G has a minimum treedepth- η modulator containing $\leq \ell$ vertices of X ,

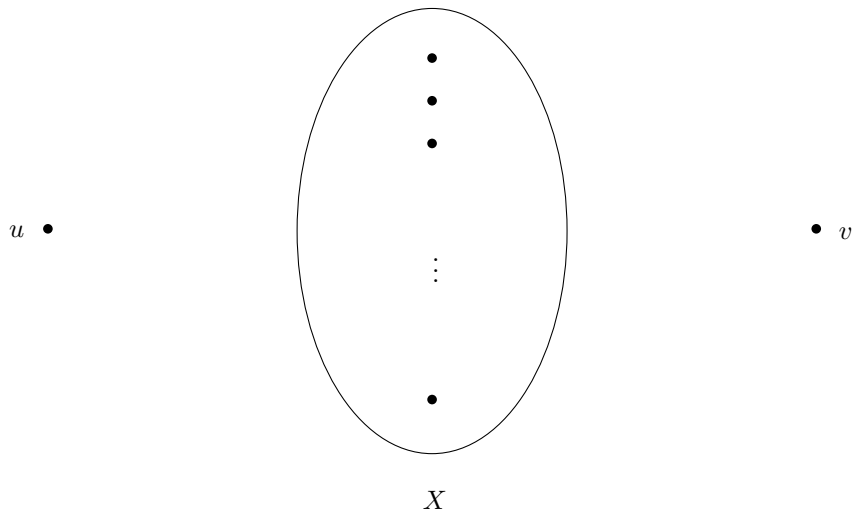
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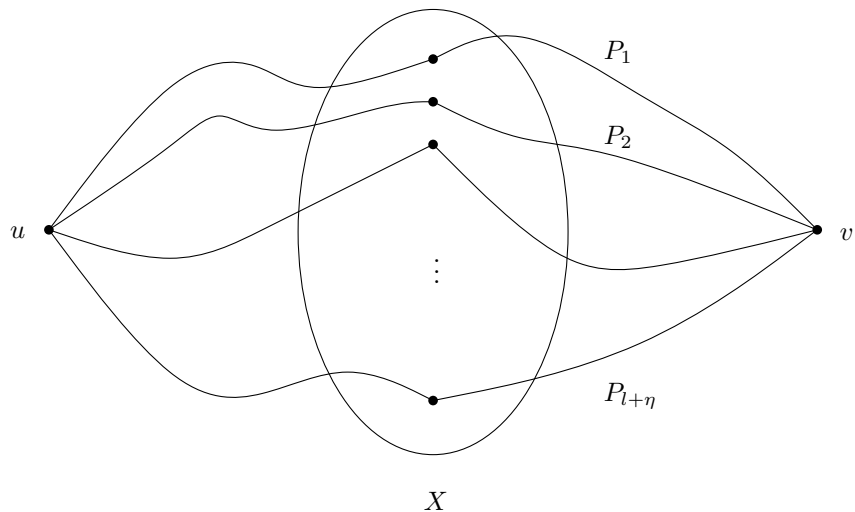
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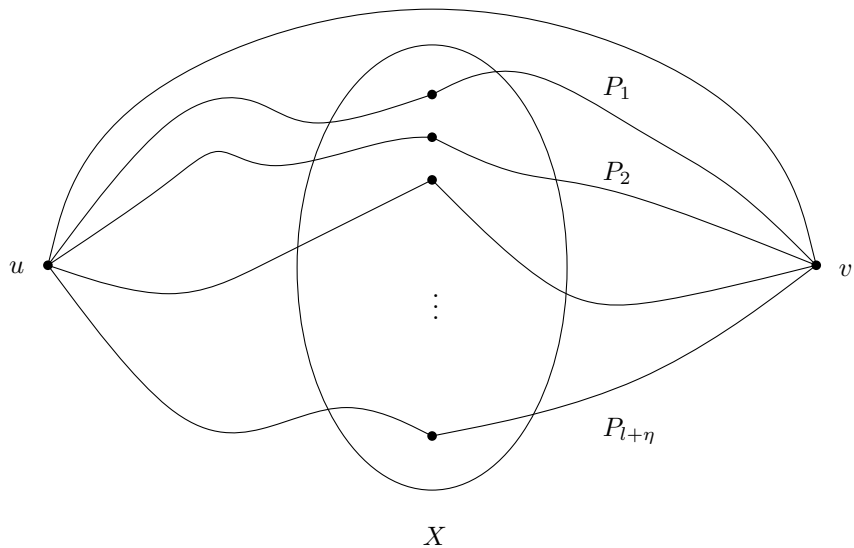
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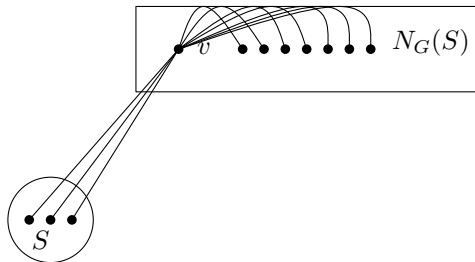
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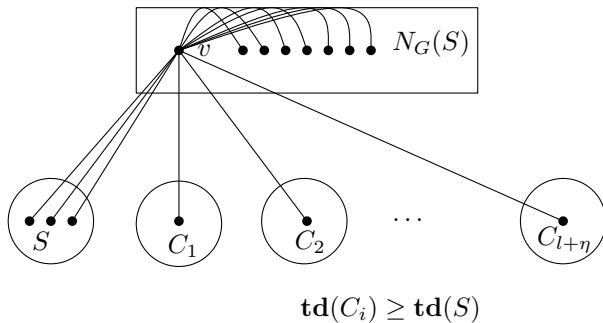
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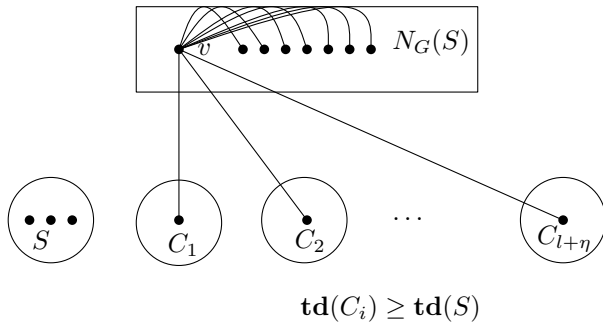
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Approximation Algorithm

Together with the Reduction Rules we need the following algorithm to obtain the kernel for $\text{TREEDEPTH-}\eta$ DELETION.

Lemma

Fix $\eta \in \mathbb{N}$. Given a graph G , one can in polynomial time compute a subset $S \subseteq V(G)$ such that $\text{td}(G - S) \leq \eta$ and $|S|$ is at most 2^η times the size of an optimal treedepth- η modulator of G .

[Gajarsky et al., ESA 2013]

Overview

The kernel is obtained in two phases:

- Decomposition of (G, k) to an equivalent instance (G', k')
- Application of Reduction Rules to obtain an equivalent instance (G'', k) of reduced size.

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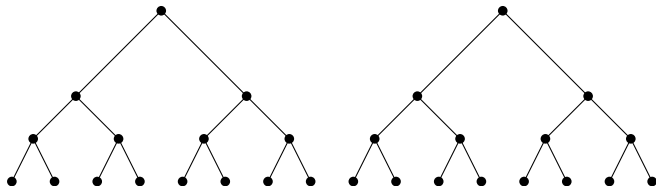
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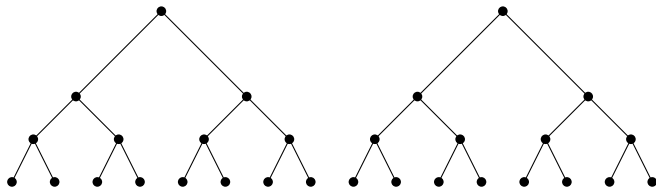
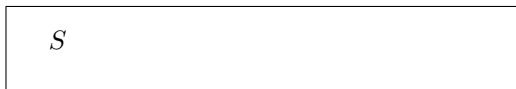
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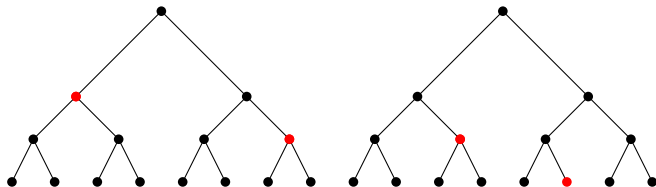
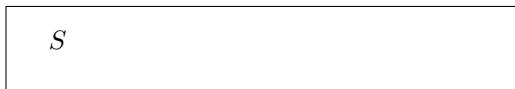
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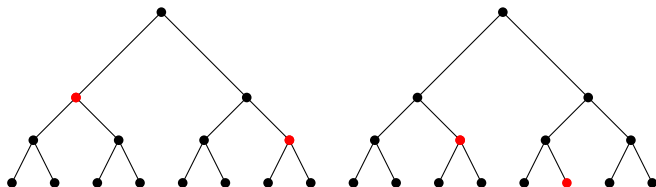
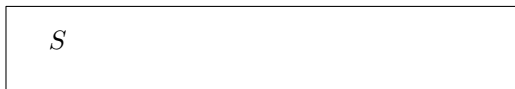
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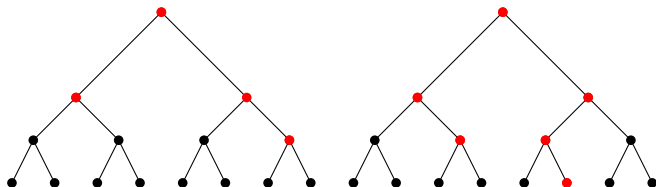
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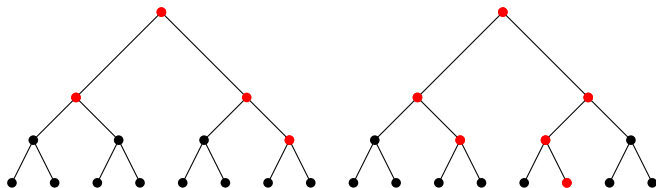
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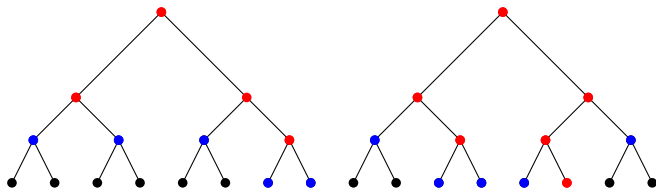
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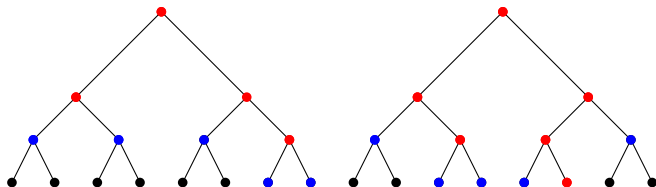
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- While there is a vertex $u_0 \in \mathcal{T}$, where for the set $V(F_{u_0})$ Reduction Rule 1 is applicable, apply Reduction Rule 1 and remove u_0 from \mathcal{T} .



Properties of the New Instance

Let (G, k) be an instance of TREEDEPTH- η DELETION.

- 1 (G, k) is equivalent to (G', k)
- 2 $|S| \leq 2^\eta \cdot k.$
- 3 $|Y| \leq \eta(2^\eta \cdot k)^2 \cdot (k + \eta).$
- 4 For every $u \in V(F') \setminus Y$ the graph $G'[F'_u]$ is connected.

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- 1 Let $\mathcal{T}' := \{u \in F' - Y \mid u \text{ is a root or } \pi(u) \in Y\}$. The vertex sets of the connected components of $G' - (S \cup Y)$ are exactly the vertex sets of the subtrees of F' rooted at members of \mathcal{T}' .
- 2 For every connected component C of $G' - (S \cup Y)$, the set $N_{G'}(C) \cap S$ is a clique and for every minimal treedepth- η modulator Z , $Z \cap V(C) \leq 2\eta$.
- 3 The number of connected components of $G' - (S \cup Y)$ is at most $(|S| + |Y| + |S|^2 + |S| \cdot |Y| + \eta \cdot |Y|) \cdot (\eta + k)$.

Bounding the Size of the Connected Components

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The Size of the Reduced Components

By counting arguments that depend on the properties of the connected components

$$|C| \leq \eta \cdot (2 \cdot 3\eta \cdot 2^\eta)^\eta (|S| + 1)$$

This implies that

$$V(G') \in \mathcal{O}(k^6)$$

Summarizing

- When \mathcal{F} is one the following three graph classes
 - ▶ $\{K_{d+1}\}$
 - ▶ $\{K_{d+1}, P_{4d}\}$
 - ▶ Obstructions to Treewidth- $(d - 1)$

the size of the kernel parameterized by the solution size is $\Omega(k^{\frac{d}{4}} - \epsilon)$ unless $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{coNP}/\text{poly}$.

- The problem $\text{TREEDEPTH-}\eta$ DELETION parameterized by the solution size admits a kernel with $2^{\mathcal{O}(\eta^2)} k^6$ vertices.

Open Problems

- Does there exist a family \mathcal{F} that does not contain planar graphs and admits a polynomial size kernel?
- Is it possible to obtain a dichotomy theorem characterizing for which families \mathcal{F} the problem $\text{PLANAR } \mathcal{F}\text{-MINOR-FREE DELETION}$ admits uniformly polynomial kernels?
- Obtain a kernel for $\text{VERTEX PLANARIZATION}$.

Thank you for your attention!

