

# Elimination Distance to Dominated Clusters

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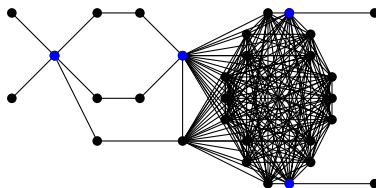
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# Dominating Set

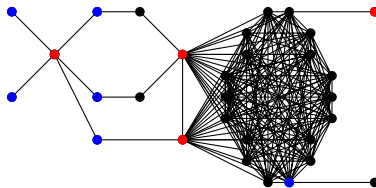
- vertex set  $D \in V(G)$
- every vertex is in  $D$  or has a neighbor in  $D$



$$d = 4$$

# DOMINATED CLUSTER DELETION

- given an undirected graph  $G$  and integers  $k$  and  $d$
- can we delete  $k$  vertices such that every remaining connected component has a dominating set of size at most  $d$



$$k = 4, d = 1$$

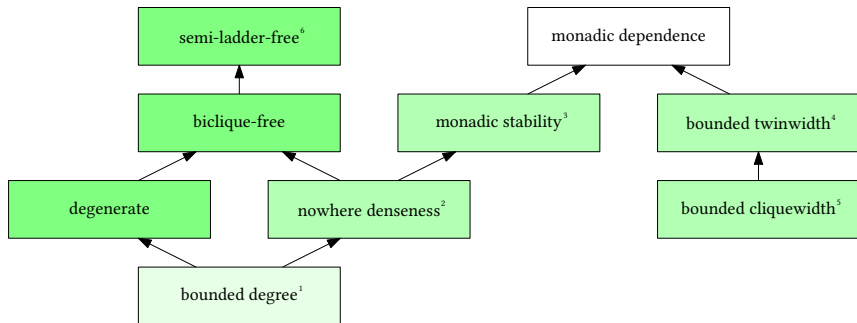
# DOMINATED CLUSTER DELETION

Theorem [Bentert, Fellows, Golovach, Rosamond, Saurabh, 24]

The DOMINATED CLUSTER DELETION problem can be solved in time  $f(k, d) \cdot n^{\mathcal{O}(d)}$  for a function  $f$  depending on  $k$  and  $d$ .

- fpt by  $k + d + \Delta$  (maximum degree  $\Delta$ )
- fpt by  $k + d + c$  (degeneracy  $c$ ) left as open question

# Graph Classes Overview



[1]Bentert, Fellows, Golovach, Rosamond, Saurabh, 24

[2]Grohe, Kreutzer, Siebertz, 17

[3]Dreier, Eleftheriadis, Mählmann, McCarty, Pilipczuk, Torunczyk, 23

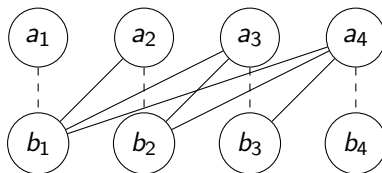
[4]Bonnet, Kim, Thomassé, Watrigan, 21

[5]Courcelle, Makowsky, Rotics, 00

[6]Schirmacher, Siebertz, Vigny, 25

# Semi-Ladder

- $2n$  distinct vertices  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$
- $\{a_i, b_j\} \in E(G)$  for all  $i, j \leq n$  with  $i > j$
- $\{a_i, b_i\} \notin E(G)$  for all  $i \leq n$



- a class of graphs is *semi-ladder-free* if there exists a constant  $\ell$  such that the graphs do not contain a semi-ladder of order  $\ell$

# Domination-Type Problems

## Theorem [Fabianski, Pilipczuk, Siebertz, Torunczyk, 19]

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of graphs with semi-ladder index  $\ell$  and let  $\delta$  be a domination-type problem. Then, there is an algorithm that solves the domination-type problem  $\delta$  on graphs  $G$  from  $\mathcal{C}$  in time  $f(\ell, |\delta|) \cdot m$ .

- Partial Domination Set

- ▶ vertex set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  and integer  $k$
- ▶ every vertex is either one of at most  $k$  deleted vertices or dominated by  $D$

# Main Results

## Theorem 1 [S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

The DOMINATED CLUSTER DELETION problem can be solved in time  $f(k, d, \ell) \cdot n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$  for a computable function  $f$  where  $\ell$  is the semi-ladder index of the input graph.

## Theorem 2 [S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

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# Dominated Cluster Problems

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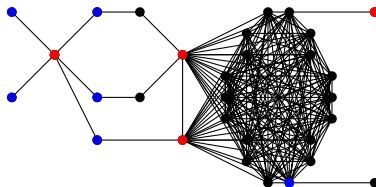
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- ▶ can we delete  $k$  vertices such that every remaining connected component has a dominating set of size  $d$

- ELIMINATION DISTANCE TO DOMINATED CLUSTERS

- ▶ given an undirected graph  $G$  and integers  $k$  and  $d$
- ▶ can we *recursively* delete vertices up to depth  $k$  such that every remaining connected component has a dominating set of size at most  $d$

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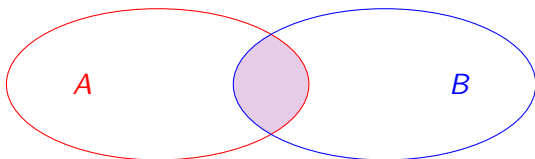
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$$k = 3, d = 1$$

# Unbreakable Graphs

- **separation of  $G$** : pair  $(A, B)$  of vertex subsets such that  $A \cup B = V(G)$  and there are no edges between  $A - B$  and  $B - A$



- a graph  $G$  is  **$(q, k)$ -unbreakable** if there is no separation  $(A, B)$  of order at most  $k$  such that  $|A| \geq q$  and  $|B| \geq q$

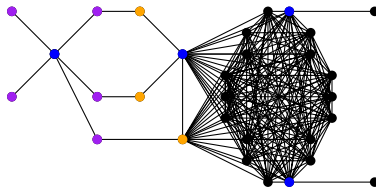
# ELIMINATION DISTANCE TO DOMINATED CLUSTERS on Unbreakable Graphs

- **skeleton**: vertices of the solution that break the graph in connected components

**X** dominating set of size at most  $q + d$

**Y** neighborhood of the small degree vertices of **X**

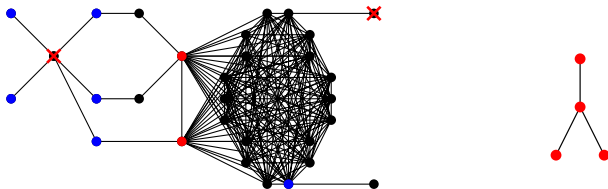
**Z** neighborhood of the small degree vertices of **Y**



$$q = 12, k = 3, d = 1$$

# ELIMINATION DISTANCE TO DOMINATED CLUSTERS on Unbreakable Graphs

- pick vertices for the skeleton
- compute (partial) dominating set for the large connected component
- brute-force in small connected components
- guess the tree order of the skeleton



$$q = 12, \text{ } k = 3, \text{ } d = 1$$

## Theorem [Cygan, Lokshtanov, Pilipczuk, Pilipczuk, Saurabh, 19]

For every  $k$ , there exists  $q = f(k)$  such that for every  $G$ , there is a tree decomposition of  $G$  such that:

- Every bag is  $(q, k)$ -unbreakable in the subgraph  $G'$  of  $G$  induced by the union of all descendant bags.
- Adjacent bags have intersection of size at most  $q$ .

Such a decomposition is computable in time  $f(k) \cdot nm$ .

# ELIMINATION DISTANCE TO DOMINATED CLUSTERS

- unbreakable graphs
  - ▶ compute skeleton
  - ▶ compute (partial) dominating sets
- dynamic programming
  - ▶ unbreakable tree decomposition
  - ▶ annotated versions of the dominated cluster problems

## Theorem [S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

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# Treewidth

## Conjecture [S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

Treewidth is NP-hard on some graph class with bounded maximum degree.

## Theorem [Dirks, S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

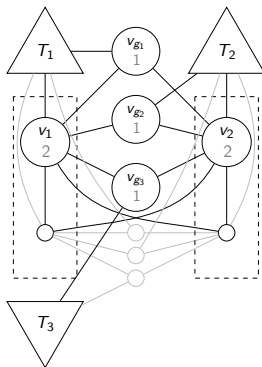
Weighted treewidth is NP-hard on graph classes with maximum degree 10.



# Weighted Treedepth on Bounded Degree Graphs

Theorem [Dirks, S., Siebertz, Vigny, 25]

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reduction from the vertex cover problem on cubic graphs

# Conclusion

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Thank you very much for your attention!