

# An improved kernelization algorithm for Trivially Perfect Editing

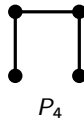
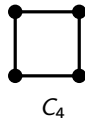
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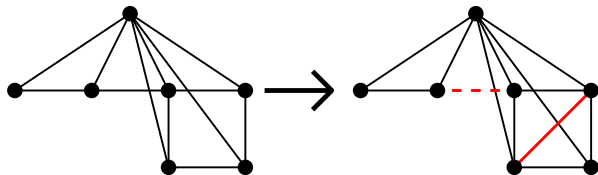
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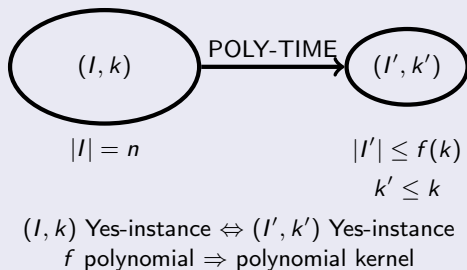
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- **Input:** an arbitrary graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a parameter integer  $k$ .
- **Question:**  $\exists F \subseteq [V]^2$  of size at most  $k$  such that  $G \Delta F$  is trivially perfect?  
 $G \Delta F = (V, (E \cup F) \setminus (E \cap F)) - F$  is an edition of  $G$



**Completion (Deletion)** : only allowed to add (delete) edges.

## Kernel



## Theorem

A problem  $\mathcal{Q}$  is Fixed-Parameter Tractable  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  admits a kernel.

## Existing vertex-kernels :

- Completion:  $O(k^3)$  (announced, never published) [Guo - ISAAC 2007]
- Editing, deletion, completion:  $O(k^7)$  [Drange, Pilipczuk - ESA 2015]
- Editing, deletion, completion:  $O(k^3)$  [Dumas, Perez, Todinca - MFCS 2021]
- Completion:  $O(k^2)$  [Bathie, Bousquet, Pierron - IPEC 2021]  
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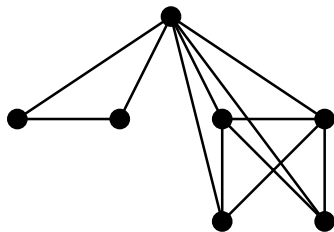
## Our result :

Editing, deletion :  $O(k^2)$  vertex-kernel

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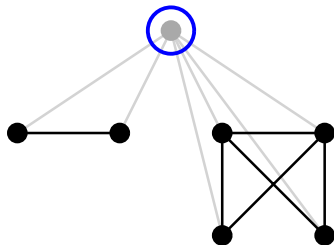
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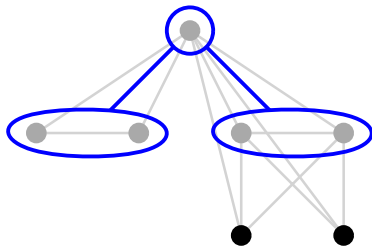
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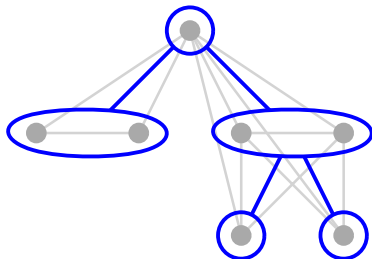




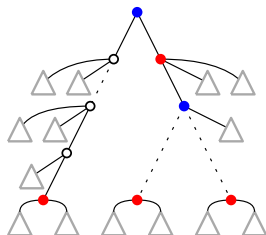
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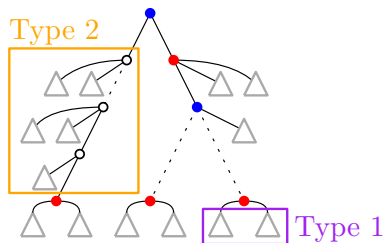






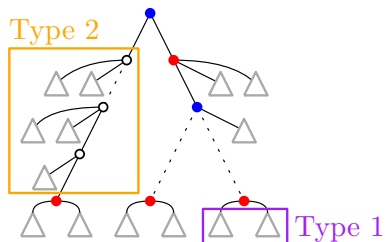
For an edition  $F$  of  $G$ , we consider  $T$  the UCD of  $H = G \triangle F$  :

- $A$  the set of nodes that contains vertices affected by  $F$ ,
- $A'$  lowest common ancestor closure of  $A$ ,
- $|A| \leq 2k$  and  $|A'| \leq 2k$ .



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$\Rightarrow$  We show:  $g(k) = O(k)$  and  $h(k) = O(k)$ .

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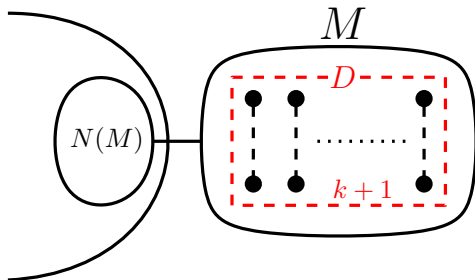
## Rule 2

Let  $K \subseteq V$  be a critical clique of  $G$  such that  $|K| > k + 1$ . Remove arbitrarily  $|K| - (k + 1)$  vertices of  $K$  from  $G$ .

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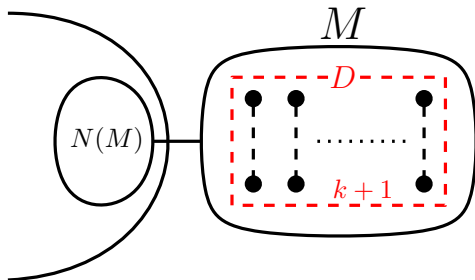
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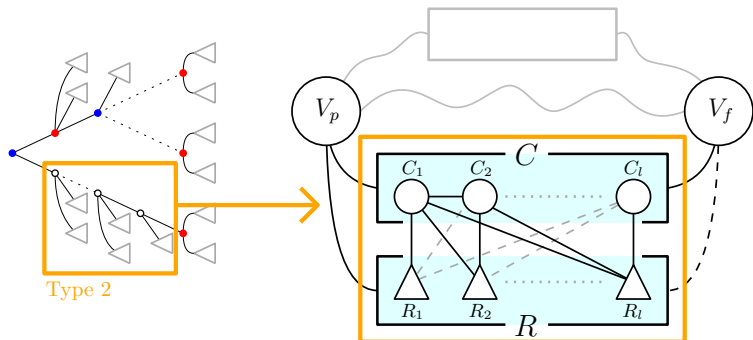


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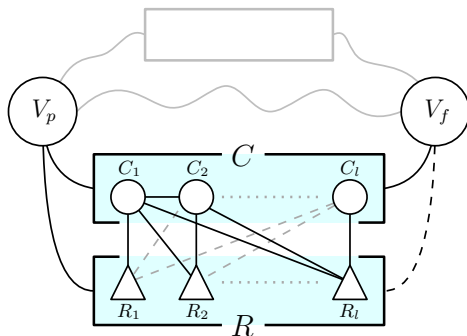


**Question :** how to bound the size of modules with small anti-matching ?



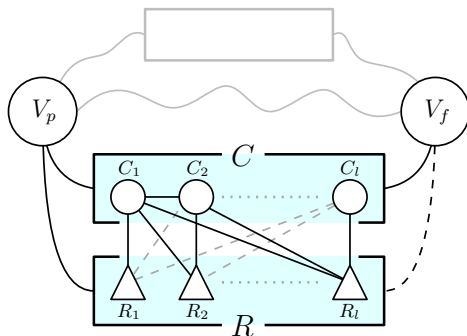
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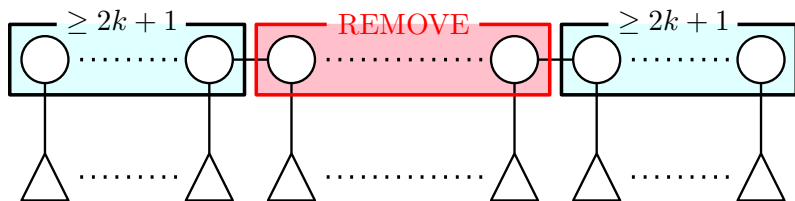
### Goal

Bound to  $O(k)$  the number of vertices in a comb.

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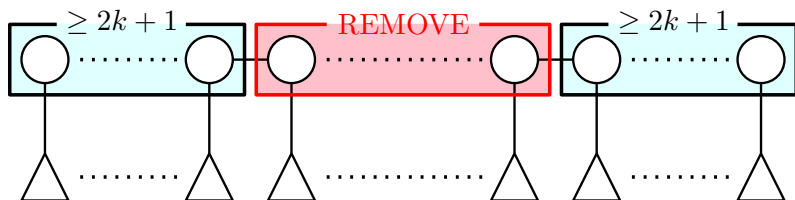
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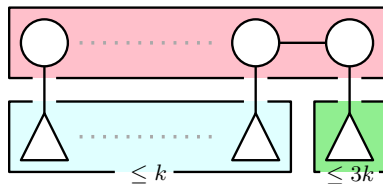
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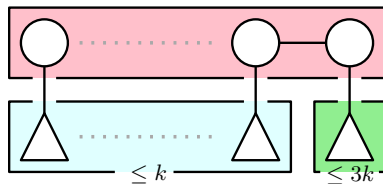
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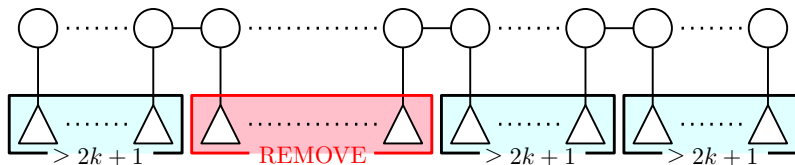
- large anti-matching : Rule 3 ⇒  $\leq 2k + 2$  vertices
- small anti-matching : Rule 4 ⇒  $O(k)$  vertices
- Hence  $g(k) = O(k)$



## Bound the number of vertices in the teeth

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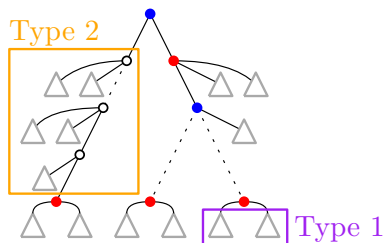


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- Conclusion : combs contains at most  $h(k) = O(k)$  vertices.

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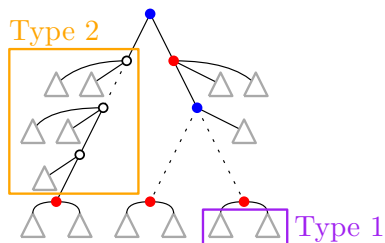


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⇒ Trivially Perfect Deletion and Completion admit a kernel with  $O(k^2)$  vertices

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