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# **Combinatorial Optimization**

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## **Lecture 2. Mathematical Preliminaries**

### **§ 2.3 Linear Programming**

**Slides for a Course Based on the Text**

***1. Combinatorial Optimization***

**by Cook, Cunningham, Pulleyblank and Schrijver**

***2. Combinatorial Optimization - Algorithms and Complexity***

**by Papadimitriou and Steiglitz**

## 2.3 Linear Programming

■ Def:

1. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix, and let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . A **linear programming (LP)** problem is

$$\begin{cases} \text{Maximize } c^T x & \text{(A.1)} \\ \text{subject to } Ax \leq b \end{cases}$$

that is, to determining:  $\max\{c^T x: Ax \leq b\}$  (A.2)

2.  $x$  is a **feasible solution** of (A.2) if  $x$  satisfies  $Ax \leq b$ .

3.  $x$  is called an **optimum(optimal) solution** of (A.2) if  $x$  is a feasible solution and attains the maximum.

4.  $c^T = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  is the **cost vector**.

$c^T x$  is the **objective function**.

$A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $m \times n$  **coefficient matrix**

$b^T = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$  is the **constraint vector**

$a_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in})$ ,  $A_j^T = (a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{mj})$

5. The **dual LP** problem of (A.2) is:

$$\min\{y^T b: y \geq 0, y^T A = c^T\} \text{ where } y \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$

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■ **Ex:**

1.  $\max 2x_1 + 3x_2$

subject to  $\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 8 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 12 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$  when  $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3$

$2x_1 + 3x_2 = 4 + 9 = 13$  is max.

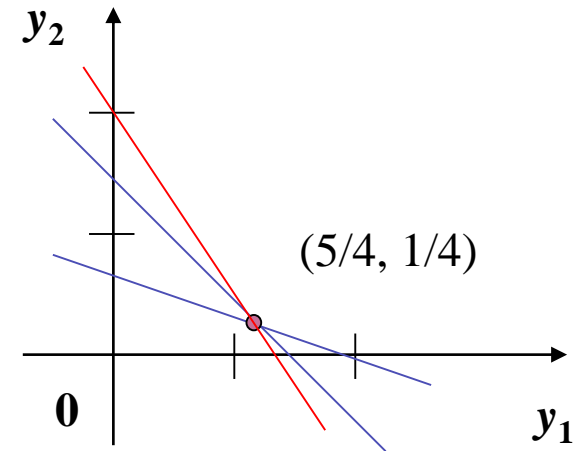
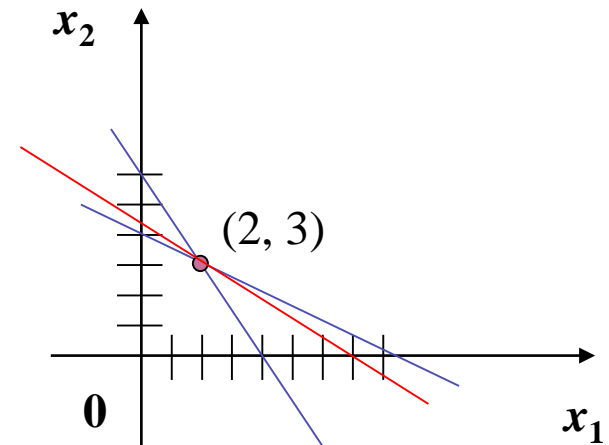
i.e.  $(2, 3)$  is an optimum solution.

2.  $\min 8y_1 + 12y_2$

subject to  $\begin{cases} y_1 + 3y_2 = 2 \\ 2y_1 + 2y_2 = 3 \\ y_1 \geq 0 \\ y_2 \geq 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$  when  $y_1 = 5/4, y_2 = 1/4$ .

$8y_1 + 12y_2 = 10 + 3 = 13$  is min.





## 2.3 Linear Programming

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- Def:
- Theorem A.4: (Weak Duality Theorem)

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose  $\tilde{x}$  is a feasible solution to  $Ax \leq b$  and  $\tilde{y}$  is a feasible solution to  $y \geq 0$ ,  $y^T A = c^T$ . Then  $c^T \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{y}^T b$ .

**Proof.**

$$c^T \tilde{x} = (\tilde{y}^T A) \tilde{x} = \tilde{y}^T (A\tilde{x}) \leq \tilde{y}^T b.$$

## 2.3 Linear Programming

- **Theorem A.5: (Duality Theorem)**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b\} = \min\{y^T b : y \geq 0, y^T A = c^T\}$$

provided that both sets are nonempty.

- **Def:** Given an LP in general form, called the **primal**, the **dual** is defined as follows:

Primal		Dual
$\max c^T x$		$\min y^T b$
s.t. $a_i^T x = b_i$	$i \in M$	s.t. $y_i$ unrestricted
$a_i^T x \leq b_i$	$i \in \overline{M}$	$y_i \geq 0$
$x_j \geq 0$	$j \in N$	$y^T A_j \geq c_j$
$x_j$ unrestricted	$j \in \overline{N}$	$y^T A_j = c_j$



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- **Theorem 3.1: If an LP has an optimal solution, so does its dual, and at optimality their costs are equal.**
- **Theorem 3.2: The dual of the dual is the primal.**

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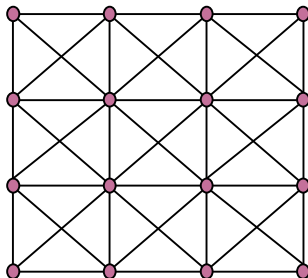
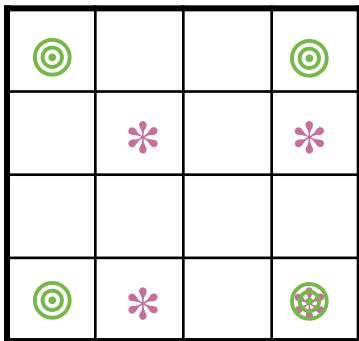
## **Lecture 2. Mathematical Preliminaries**

### **§ 2.4 Domination Problem**

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## 2.4 Domination Problem

- Source: chessboard problem, firehouse problem, location problem.
- Ex: In  $m \times n$  chessboard, need  $\lceil m/3 \rceil \times \lceil n/3 \rceil$  kings to “dominate” all.



(1)  $x \leq \lceil m/3 \rceil \lceil n/3 \rceil$ : 找一個方法 (easy)

(2)  $x \geq \lceil m/3 \rceil \lceil n/3 \rceil$ : 找最多格子使得沒有任  
兩格可能被同一個kings控制到

**Primal-dual**

格子  $\rightarrow$  vertex

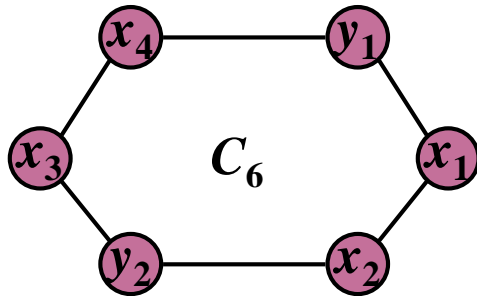
可控制  $\rightarrow$  edge



## 2.4 Domination Problem

- **Def:** A **dominating set** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a subset  $D$  of  $V$  such that  $\forall x \in V - D, \exists y \in D$  with  $xy \in E$ .

- **Ex.**



Let  $D_1 = \{y_1, y_2\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{x_1, y_2, x_4\}$ ,  
then  $D_1, D_2$  are dominating sets of  $C_6$ .

- **Notation:** **domination number** of  $G$   $\gamma(G) = \min\{|D| : D \text{ is a dominating set of } G\}$ .
- **The Minimum Dominating Set Problem in general graph  $G$  is NP-complete.**

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## Lecture 3. Domination Problem in Tree

### § 3.1 Method 1 : $L$ -dominating

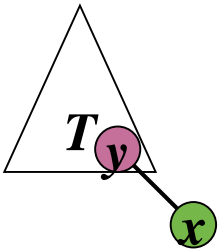
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# 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

■ Note :

Suppose  $D$  is an optimal dominating set of tree  $T$ .

$\forall x$ : a leaf, adjacent to vertex  $y$  :



①  $y \in D \Rightarrow x \notin D$

(o.w.  $D - \{x\}$  is also a dominating set with  $|D - \{x\}| < |D| \rightarrow \leftarrow$ )

②  $y \notin D \Rightarrow x \in D$

$\Rightarrow$  let  $D' = (D - \{x\}) \cup \{y\}$  is also a dominating set as  $N[x] \subseteq N[y]$

So, always  $\exists$  an optimal dominating set  $D$  such that  $y \in D$  and  $x \notin D$ , for any leaf  $x$  adjacent to vertex  $y$

$\Rightarrow$  Step 1: 配合 “bound” vertex  $N[y]$      $B$

Step 2: 產生 “free” vertex  $x$      $F$

Step 3: 再產生 “required” vertex  $y$      $R$



# 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

- Def:  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph,  $L : V \rightarrow \{B, R, F\}$ , (i.e., each vertex  $x$  has a label  $L(x) \in \{B, R, F\}$ .)

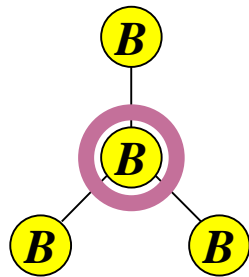
An  **$L$ -dominating (mixed dominating) set** of  $G$  is a subset  $D \subseteq V(G)$

s.t. ①  $L(x) = R \Rightarrow x \in D$

②  $L(x) = B \Rightarrow N[x] \cap D \neq \emptyset$

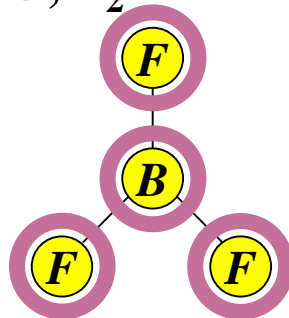
- Notation:  $\chi(G, L) = \min\{|D| : D \text{ is a } L\text{-dominating set of } G\}$ .

- Ex:  $G, L_1$



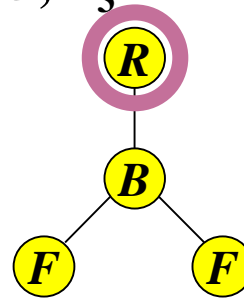
$$\chi(G, L_1) = 1$$

- $G, L_2$



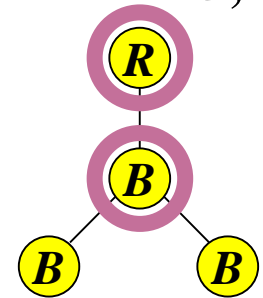
$$\chi(G, L_2) = 1$$

- $G, L_3$



$$\chi(G, L_3) = 1$$

- $G, L_4$



$$\chi(G, L_4) = 2$$

# 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

- **Note:** If  $L(v) = B, \forall v \in V(G)$ , an  $L$ -dominating set = dominating set and  $\chi(G) = \chi(G, L)$ .

- **Thm:** A tree  $T$  has a leaf  $x$  adjacent to vertex  $y$ , let  $T' = T - x$  then

(1)  $L(x) = F \Rightarrow \chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L)$

(2)  $L(x) = B \Rightarrow \chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L')$  where  $L'(v) = \begin{cases} L(v), & \forall v \neq y \\ R, & v = y \end{cases}$

(3)  $L(x) = L(y) = R \Rightarrow \chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L) + 1$

(4)  $L(x) = R$ , but  $L(y) \neq R \Rightarrow \chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L') + 1$  where  $L'(v) = \begin{cases} L(v), & \forall v \neq y \\ F, & v = y \end{cases}$



# 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

- **Thm:** A tree  $T$  has a leaf  $x$  adjacent to vertex  $y$ , let  $T' = T - x$  then  
(1)  $L(x) = F \Rightarrow \gamma(T, L) = \gamma(T', L)$

**Proof.**

Choose a  $L$ -dominating set  $D$  of  $T - x$  such that  $|D| = \gamma(T', L)$ ,  
then  $D$  is also a  $L$ -dominating set of  $T$ .

Hence  $\gamma(T, L) \leq |D| = \gamma(T', L)$ .

Choose a  $L$ -dominating set  $D$  of  $T$  such that  $|D| = \gamma(T, L)$ ,

Case 1:  $x \notin D \Rightarrow D$  is also a  $L$ -dominating set of  $T - x$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(T, L) = |D| \geq \gamma(T', L).$$

Case 2:  $x \in D$ , consider  $D' = (D - \{x\}) \cup \{y\}$

$D'$  is a  $L$ -dominating set of  $T - x$

$(\forall v \in V(T - x):$  1.  $v \neq y, L(v) = B : \exists u \in D - \{x\} \subseteq D', \text{ s.t. } uv \in E(T).$

2.  $v \neq y, L(v) = R : \because v \in D \Rightarrow v \in D' = (D - \{x\}) \cup \{y\}.$

3.  $v = y : \because y \in D', \therefore N[y] \cap D' \neq \emptyset$  )

Also,  $|D'| \leq |D|, \gamma(T, L) = |D| \geq |D'| \geq \gamma(T', L)$ .

So,  $\gamma(T, L) = \gamma(T', L)$ .

# 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

- **Thm:** A tree  $T$  has a leaf  $x$  adjacent to vertex  $y$ , let  $T' = T - x$  then  
(4)  $L(x) = R$ , but  $L(y) \neq R \Rightarrow \chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L') + 1$  where
$$L'(v) = \begin{cases} L(v), & \forall v \neq y \\ F, & v = y \end{cases}$$

**Proof.**

Let  $D$  be a minimum  $L'$ -dominating set of  $T - x$ .

$D \cup \{x\}$  is a  $L$ -dominating set of  $T$ ,

$$\therefore \chi(T, L) \leq |D| + 1 = \chi(T', L') + 1.$$

Let  $D$  is a minimum  $L$ -dominating set of  $T$ . By definition,  $x \in D$ .

$\because L'(y) = F \Rightarrow \therefore$  no matter  $y \in D$  or  $y \notin D$ ,

$D' = D - \{x\}$  is a  $L'$ -dominating set of  $T - x$ .

$$\chi(T', L') \leq |D'| = |D| - 1 = \chi(T, L) - 1.$$

Hence  $\chi(T, L) = \chi(T', L') + 1$ .





## 3.1 Method 1: *L*-dominating

- Algorithm 3.1:

Given tree ordering  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  of  $T$

$D \leftarrow \phi$ ;

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do  $L(x_i) = B$ .

for  $i = 1$  to  $n - 1$  do

    choose  $j > i$  such that  $x_i x_j \in E$ ;

    if  $(L(x_i) = B)$  then  $L(x_j) \leftarrow R$ ;

    if  $(L(x_i) = R)$  then

$D \leftarrow D \cup \{x_i\}$ ;

        if  $(L(x_j) = B)$  then  $L(x_j) \leftarrow F$ ;

if  $(L(x_n) \neq F)$  then  $D \leftarrow D \cup \{x_n\}$ ;

- Time complexity =  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ .

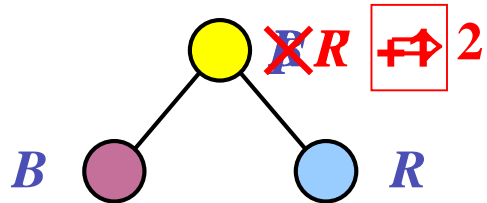
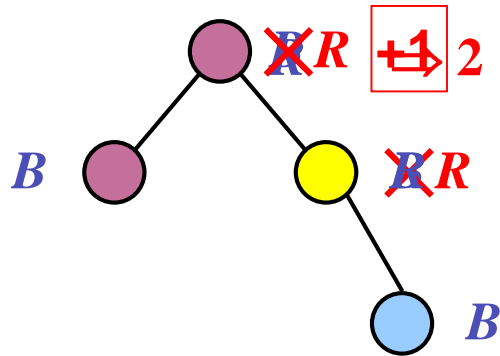




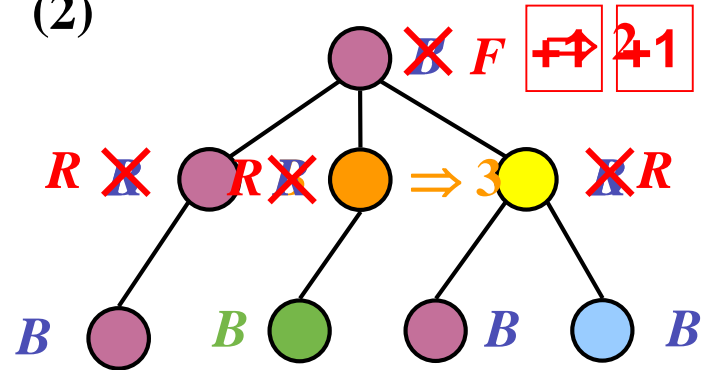
# 3.1 Method 1: *L*-dominating

■ Ex:

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## 3.1 Method 1: $L$ -dominating

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- **Exercise 1 (3/15):** Develop a labeling algorithm for the vertex covering program on a tree.
- **Def:** A **vertex cover** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a subset  $C \subseteq V$  such that  $\forall$  edge  $xy \in E, \{x, y\} \cap C \neq \phi$ .
- **Notation:**  $\beta(G) = \min\{|C|: C \text{ is a vertex cover of } G\}$

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## **Lecture 3. Domination Problem in Tree**

### **§3.2 Method 2 : Primal-dual method**

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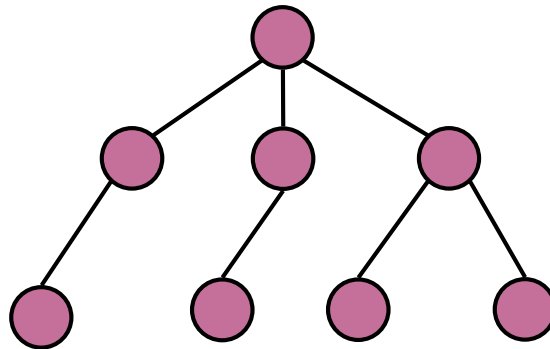
- Def:  $I$  is a **2-stable set** in a graph  $G(V, E)$  if

$$\forall x \neq y \text{ in } I, d(x, y) > 2$$

- Def:  $\gamma(G) = \min\{|D| : \bigcup_{x \in D} N[x] = V\}$

$$\alpha_2(G) = \max\{|I| : I \text{ is a 2-stable set}\}$$

- Ex:



## 3.2 Method 2 : Primal-dual method

- Weakly duality inequality:  $\forall$  2-stable set  $I$ ,  $\forall$  dominating set  $D$ ,  
 $|I| \leq |D|$ .

**Proof.**

Define  $f: I \rightarrow D$  by

$f(x) = \text{some } y \text{ with } x \in N[y] \text{ for some } y \in D$

Suppose  $x, x' \in I, f(x) = y = y' = f(x')$

$d(x, y) \leq 1, \because x \in N[y]$

$d(x', y') \leq 1, \because x' \in N[y']$

$d(x, x') \leq d(x, y) + d(x', y) = d(x, y) + d(x', y') \leq 2$ .

By the fact that  $I$  is a 2-stable set,  $x = x'$

Hence  $f$  is 1-1 function

So  $|I| \leq |D|$ .

- Corollary:  $\alpha_2(G) \leq \chi(G)$



## 3.2 Method 2 : Primal-dual method

- **Note:** If we find a 2-stable set  $I^*$  and a dominating set  $D^*$  such that  $|D^*| = |I^*|$ ,  
then  $|I^*| \leq \alpha_2(T) \leq \chi(T) \leq |D^*| = |I^*|$ .  
That imply all “ $\leq$ ” are “ $=$ ”. i.e.
  1.  $I^*$  is a maximum 2-stable set,  $|I^*| = \alpha_2(G)$ .
  2.  $D^*$  is a minimum dominating set,  $|D^*| = \chi(G)$ .
  3.  $\chi(G) = \alpha_2(G) = |D^*| = |I^*|$ .

## 3.2 Method 2 : Primal-dual method

- Algorithm 3.2:

Given tree ordering  $[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$  of  $T$

$D^* \leftarrow \phi;$

$I^* \leftarrow \phi;$

do  $i = 1$  to  $n$

    choose  $j > i$  which  $v_i v_j \in E$ ; (for  $i = n$  choose  $j = n$ )

    if  $N_T[v_i] \cap D^* = \phi$  then  $\begin{cases} D^* \leftarrow D^* \cup \{v_j\}; \\ I^* \leftarrow I^* \cup \{v_i\} \end{cases}$

end

- Time complexity =  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ .

## 3.2 Method 2 : Primal-dual method

- Thm:

①  $D^*$ : dominating set:

$\because$  若  $N_T[v_i] \cap D^* = \phi$  , 則把  $v_j$  放入  $D^*$  中  $\therefore D^*$  為 domination set

②  $|D^*| \leq |I^*|$ :

$\because$  每次加  $v_j \in D^*$  就加新的  $v_i \in I^*$   $\therefore |I^*| \geq |D^*|$

③  $I^*$  is 2-stable set:

If  $\exists v_i, v_{i'} \in I^*$ , such that  $d(v_i, v_{i'}) \leq 2$ . W.L.O.G., say  $i < i'$ .

當 algorithm 做到  $v_i$  時: 由 algorithm 知,

當時將  $v_j$  放入  $D^*$ ,  $v_i$  放入  $I^*$ .

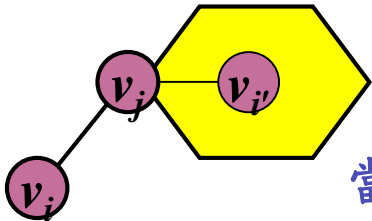
Since  $v_i$  is a leaf of  $T[v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n]$  and  $v_i v_j \in E$ ,

$d(v_i, v_{i'}) \leq 2 \Rightarrow d(v_j, v_{i'}) \leq 1$ , i.e.  $v_j \in N[v_{i'}]$

當 algorithm 做到  $i'$  時:  $\because v_j \in D^*$ , 此時  $N_T[v_{i'}] \cap D^* \neq \phi$

因此, 不能將  $v_{i'}$  放入  $I^*$  中  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

$\therefore I^*$  為 2-stable set.

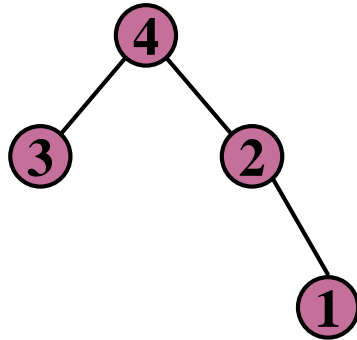




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■ Ex:

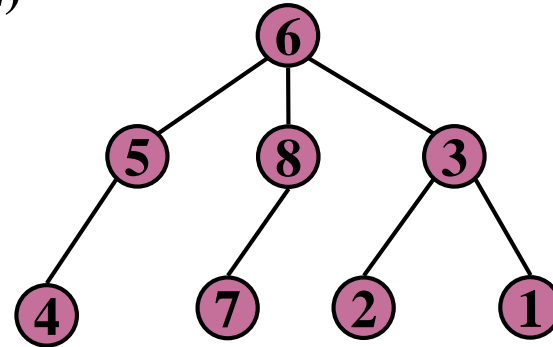
■ (1)



$$D^* = \{ \quad \quad \quad \}$$

$$I^* = \{ \quad \quad \quad \}$$

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$$D^* = \{ \quad \quad \quad \}$$

$$I^* = \{ \quad \quad \quad \}$$

choose  $j > i$  which  $v_i v_j \in E$ ; (for  $i = n$  choose  $j = n$ )  
 if  $N_T[v_i] \cap D^* = \emptyset$  then  $D^* \leftarrow D^* \cup \{v_j\}$ ;  
 $I^* \leftarrow I^* \cup \{v_i\}$