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Combinatorial Optimization

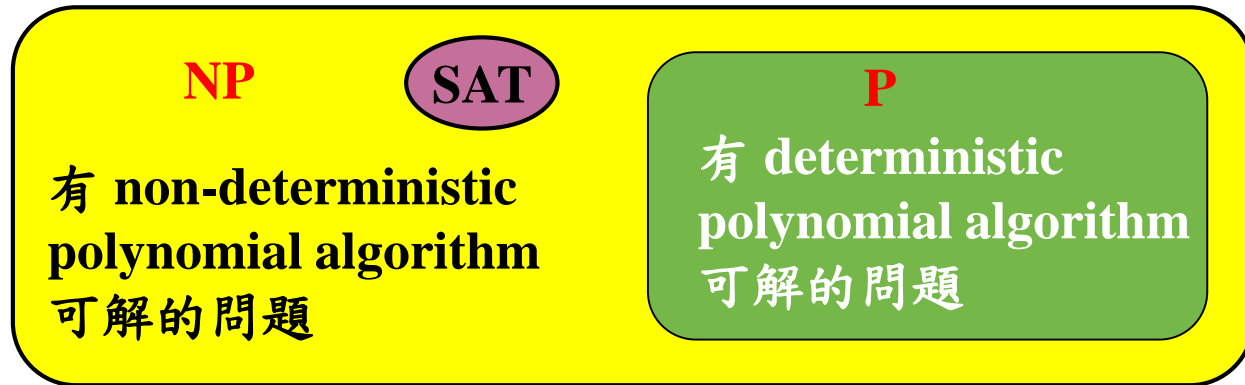
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Lecture 6. NP-Completeness

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- Def:



- **Question: Domination problem 是否 $\in P$?**

想法: $\forall D \subseteq V$, Step 1: check D 是否為 dominating set

Step 2: 若是, 算出 $|D|$

Step 3: 求其中最小 $|D|$

有 2^n 種可能 \therefore 此法不可得証 $\in P$

但仍不曉得 $\in P$ 或 $\notin P$!

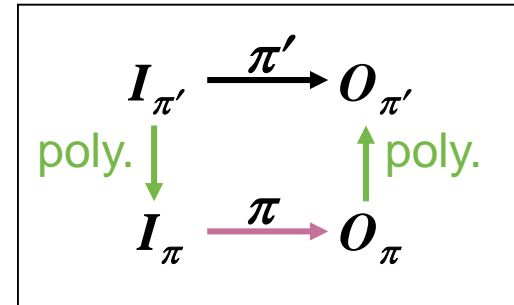
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- Def: π is called **NP-complete** if

① $\pi \in \text{NP}$

② $\forall \pi' \in \text{NP}, \pi' \propto \pi$

其中 \propto 為 polynomial reduction.



- Note: ① \propto 具有遞移性, i.e. $\pi_1 \propto \pi_2$ and $\pi_2 \propto \pi_3 \Rightarrow \pi_1 \propto \pi_3$.
② If π^* is NP-complete and $\pi^* \in \text{P}$, then $\text{NP} = \text{P}$.
③ If π^* is NP-complete and $\pi^* \propto \pi$ where $\pi \in \text{NP}$,
then π is NP-complete.

- Def: **Optimization** problem v.s. **Decision** problem

- Ex: ① Given G , 回答 $\chi(G)$ ($=\min\{|D|: D \text{ is a dominating set of } G.\}$)
② Given k, G , 回答 $\begin{cases} \text{yes, if } \chi(G) \leq k \text{ (if } \exists \text{ dom. set of size } \leq k); \\ \text{no, otherwise.} \end{cases}$

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- Def: **SAT** problem:

Input: $f = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq m} (x_{i,1} + x_{i,2} + \dots + x_{i,a_i})$ (+: or, \cdot : and)

where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n : logical variables,

and $x_{i,j}$ is x_k or $\neg x_k$ for some $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Output: $\begin{cases} \text{Yes, if we can assign } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ such that } f \text{ is true;} \\ \text{No, otherwise.} \end{cases}$

- Ex: $f = x \cdot y \cdot z$ ($m = 3, a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1$)

Solve: assign $x \leftarrow 1, y \leftarrow 1, z \leftarrow 1$

$\Rightarrow f = 1 \quad \therefore \text{Yes!}$

- Ex: $f = (x + \neg x)(x)(\neg x)$ ($m = 3, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 1, a_3 = 1$)

Solve: No!



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- Thm: (Cook) SAT is NP-complete.
- Remark: R. Karp 列出許多 Combinatorial problem 証其為 NP-complete.
- Def: **VC** problem:
Input: $G = (V, E)$ and $k \leq |V|$.
Output: $\begin{cases} \text{Yes, if } \exists \text{ vertex covering of size } \leq k; \\ \text{No, otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- Def: **Dom** problem:
Input: $G = (V, E)$ and $k \leq |V|$.
Output: $\begin{cases} \text{Yes, if } \exists \text{ dominating set of size } \leq k; \\ \text{No, otherwise.} \end{cases}$

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- Thm: VC is NP-complete.
- Thm: Dom is NP-complete.

Proof. (1/2)

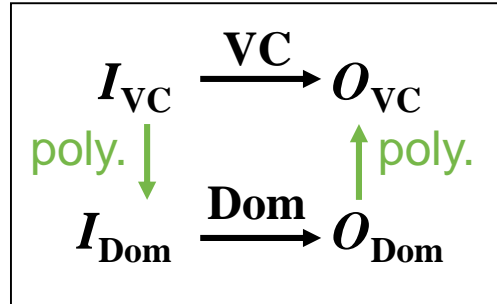
欲証: $VC \propto Dom$

$\forall G = (V, E)$ and $k \leq |V|$

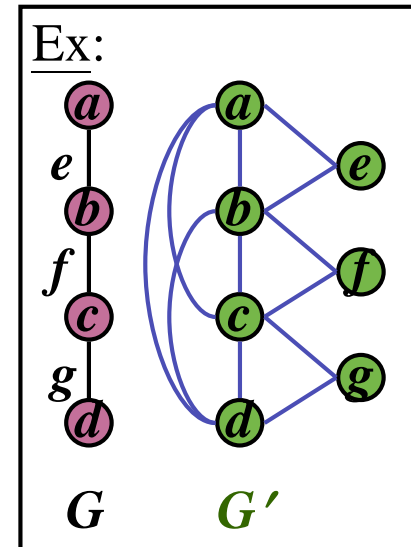
Construct $G' = (V', E')$ and $k' \leq |V'|$ such that

$$\begin{cases} V' = V \cup E \\ E' = \{xy: x \neq y \text{ in } V\} \cup \{xe: x \in V, e \in E, x \in e\} \\ k' = k \end{cases}$$

Claim: G has a vertex cover C of size at most $k \Leftrightarrow G'$ has a dominating set D of size at most k' .



- ① Construct $\downarrow \uparrow$
- ② Prove 正確性



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- Thm: Dom is NP-complete.

Proof. (2/2) Claim: G has a vertex cover C of size at most $k \Leftrightarrow G'$ has a dominating set D of size at most k' .

<pf> (\Rightarrow) Suppose C is a vertex cover of G , $|C| \leq k$.

Then, by the definition of G' ,

$D = C$ is also a dominating set of G' with $|D| \leq k = k'$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose D is a dominating set of G' , $|D| \leq k' = k$.

If \exists some $e = xy \in D \cap E$, where $x, y \in V$,

then $D' = (D \setminus \{e\}) \cup \{x\}$ is also a dominating set of G' with

$|D'| \leq |D| \leq k$, since $N_G[e] \subseteq N_G[x]$.

In this way, we may assume that $D \subseteq V$.

Then $C = D$ is a vertex cover of G with $|C| \leq k$.

Therefore, VC is NP-complete implies that Dom is NP-complete by Note ③.



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- **Def:** $G = (V, E)$ is called a **split** graph if $V = C \cup S$, where G_C is a clique and G_S is a stable set.
- **Corollary:** The domination (total domination, connected domination) problem is NP-complete in split graphs.
- **Def:** $G = (V, E)$ is called a **bipartite** graph if $V = A \cup B$, where G_A and G_B both are stable sets.
- **Thm:** The domination problem is NP-complete in bipartite graphs.

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Proof. (1/2)

$\forall G = (V, E)$ and $k \leq |V|$

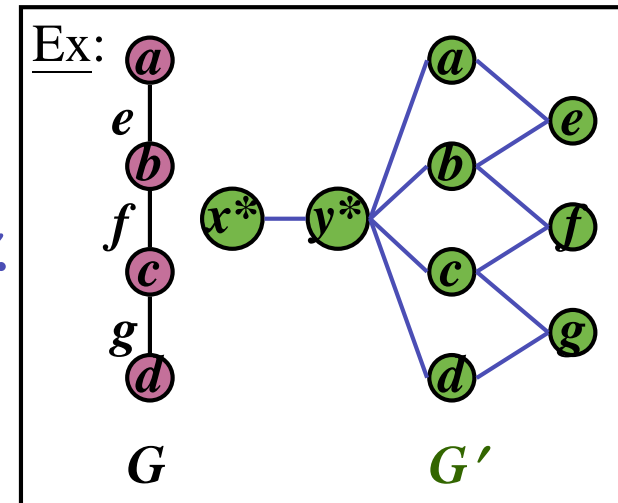
construct $G' = (V', E')$ and $k' \leq |V'|$ such that

$$\begin{cases} V' = V \cup E \cup \{x^*, y^*\} \\ E' = \{xe : x \in V, e \in E, x \in e\} \cup \{x^*y^*\} \cup \{y^*x : x \in V\} \\ k' = k + 1 \end{cases}$$

Claim:

G has a vertex cover C of size at most $k \Leftrightarrow$

G' has a dominating set D of size at most k' .



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- **Thm:** The domination problem is NP-complete in bipartite graphs.

Proof. (2/2) Claim: G has a vertex cover C of size at most $k \Leftrightarrow$

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<pf> (\Rightarrow) Suppose C is a vertex cover of G and $|C| \leq k$.

Then, by the definition of G' ,

$D = C \cup \{y^*\}$ is a dominating set of G' with $|D| \leq k+1 = k'$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose D is a dominating set of G' and $|D| \leq k'$.

Since $N_G[x^*] \subseteq N_G[y^*]$, So we may assume $x^* \notin D$ and $y^* \in D$
(Otherwise, replace D by $(D \setminus \{x^*\}) \cup \{y^*\}$)

If $\exists e = xy \in D$, then $D' = (D \setminus \{e\}) \cup \{x\}$ is also a dominating set of size $\leq k'$, since $N_G[e] \subseteq (N_G[x] \cup N_G[y^*])$.

In this way, we may assume $D = C \cup \{y^*\}$ where $C \subseteq V$.

Then C is a vertex cover of size at most $k'-1 = k$.



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- **Exercise 4 (4/26)**: Prove that the independent domination problem is NP-complete for bipartite graphs.

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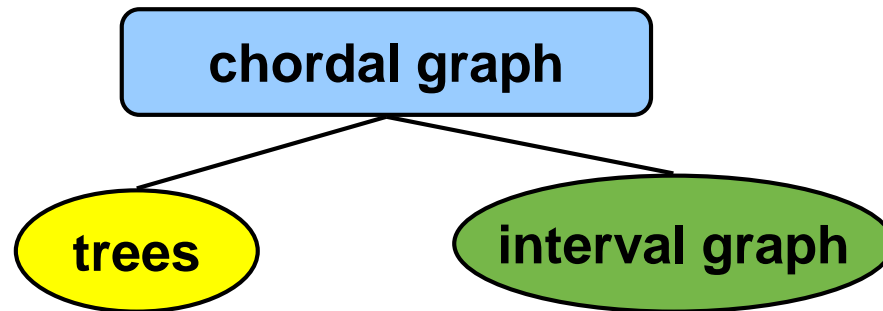
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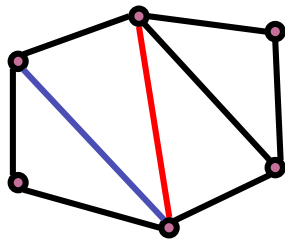
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- Def: A graph G is called a **chordal graph** if every cycle of length greater than 3 has a chord.

- Ex:



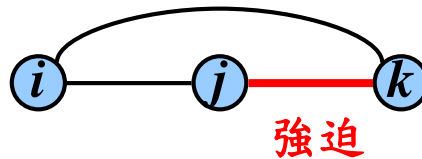
no no yes

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- **Def:** An ordering of V , $\sigma = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ in graph $G = (V, E)$, is called a **perfect elimination ordering (PEO)** if $\forall 1 \leq i < j < k \leq n, v_i v_j \in E$ and $v_i v_k \in E \Rightarrow v_j v_k \in E$.
- (Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff we can order V into (PEO).)

- **Note:** ① 其中 $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$ 可改成 $1 \leq i < j \leq n, 1 \leq i < k \leq n, j \neq k$.

② 圖示:



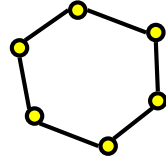
- **Recall: Interval ordering (IO):** 

- **Note:** A vertex ordering σ of $G = (V, E)$ is (IO) $\Rightarrow \sigma$ is (PEO).

- **Remark:** ① Interval graphs are chordal graphs.
② \exists example that are chordal graph but not interval graph.

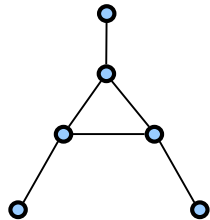
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■ Ex: ①



$C_n, n \geq 4$ 不是 interval graph.

②



是 chordal graph (by definition)

不是 interval graph

(\because 畫不出 interval intersection representation)

■ Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff we can order V into (PEO).

Proof. (1/5)

(\Leftarrow) Suppose G has a (PEO) $\sigma = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$

$\forall k$ -cycle ($k \geq 4$), say $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{k-1} x_k (=x_0) x_1 (=x_{k+1})$ in G

Let $x_j = v_{a_j}, \forall 1 \leq j \leq k$.

Let $a_{j^*} = \min_{1 \leq j \leq k} a_j$ ($a_{j^*} < a_{j^*+1}, a_{j^*} < a_{j^*-1}$)

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- Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff we can order

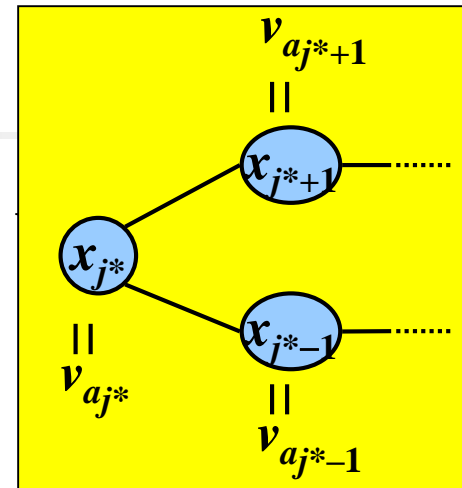
Proof. (2/5)

$(\Leftarrow) \because x_{j^*}x_{j^*-1}, x_{j^*}x_{j^*+1} \in E, \therefore x_{j^*-1}x_{j^*+1} \in E$ by (PEO)

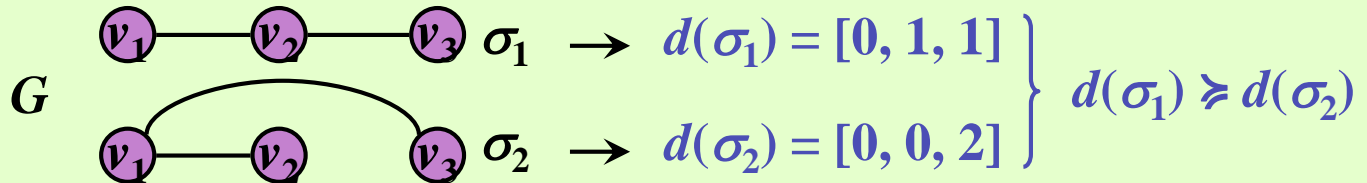
So the cycle has a chord. ($\because k \geq 4$)

(\Rightarrow) For any ordering $\sigma = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$

Let $d(\sigma) = [d_n, d_{n-1}, \dots, d_1]$ where $d_i = |\{j: j > i \text{ and } v_j \in N[v_i]\}|$.



Ex:



Def: For two sequences $s_1 = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n], s_2 = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$, we say $s_1 \succcurlyeq s_2$ if $\exists 1 \leq k \leq n$ s.t. $a_i = b_i \forall 1 \leq i < k$ and $a_k > b_k$.

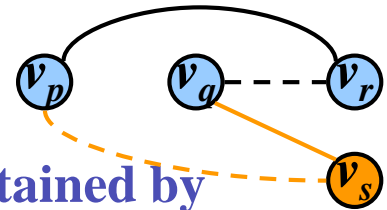
Choose an ordering σ^* such that $d(\sigma^*)$ is **lexicographically** largest.

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- **Thm:** $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff we can order V into (PEO).

Proof. (3/5)

(\Rightarrow) **Claim ①:** for $p < q < r$ and $v_p v_r \in E$ and $v_q v_r \notin E$
 $\Rightarrow \exists s > q$ s.t. $v_q v_s \in E$ and $v_p v_s \notin E$



<pf> Let $\sigma' = [v_1', v_2', \dots, v_n']$ be an ordering of V obtained by interchanging v_p and v_q , i.e.
$$\begin{cases} v_i' = v_i, & \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq p, i \neq q. \\ v_p' = v_q \\ v_q' = v_p \end{cases}$$

Let $d_i' = d_i$ in σ'

$\forall s > q, d_s' = d_s$ since $\forall s > q, v_s' = v_s$

$d_q = |\{t: t > q \text{ and } v_t \in N(v_q)\}|$

$d'_q = |\{t: t > q \text{ and } v_{t'} (= v_t) \in N(v'_q)\}| = |\{t: t > q \text{ and } v_t \in N(v_p)\}|$

Since $d(\sigma) \not\approx d(\sigma')$, we have $d_q \geq d'_q$.

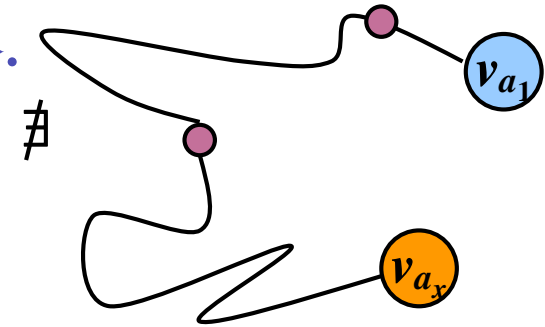
But $r > q, v_r \in N(v_p) \setminus N(v_q)$. Hence $\exists s > q$ such that $v_s \in N(v_q) \setminus N(v_p)$.

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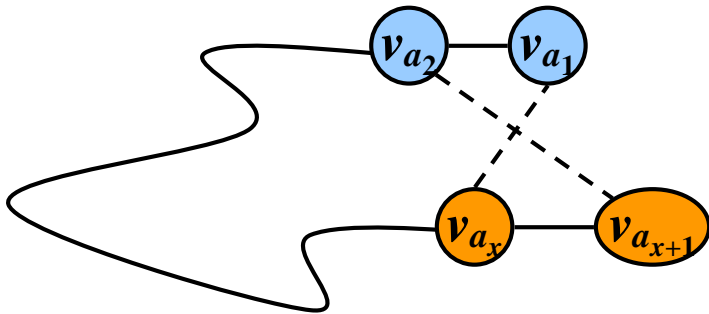
- Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff we can order V into (PEO).

Proof. (4/5)

(\Rightarrow) Claim ②: \nexists chordless path $P: v_{a_1}, v_{a_2}, \dots, v_{a_x}$ with $x \geq 3$ and $a_y < a_x < a_1$ for all $y \in \{2, 3, \dots, x-1\}$.



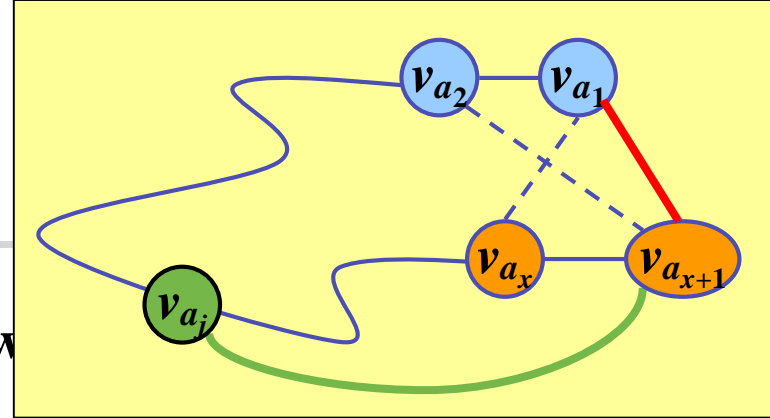
<pf> Suppose such a path exists,
choose one such P with max. a_x



By ①, $\exists v_{a_{x+1}}$ s.t. $a_x < a_{x+1}$
and $v_{a_{x+1}}v_{a_x} \in E, v_{a_{x+1}}v_{a_2} \notin E$
($\because a_2 < a_x < a_1$ and $v_{a_x}v_{a_1} \notin E, v_{a_2}v_{a_1} \in E$)

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- Thm: $G = (V, E)$ is chordal graph iff w
Proof. (5/5)



(\Rightarrow) Claim ②: \exists chordless path $P: v_{a_1}, v_{a_2}, \dots, v_{a_x}$ with $x \geq 3$ and $a_y < a_x < a_1$ for all $y \in \{2, 3, \dots, x-1\}$.

<pf> Choose a min $j \geq 3$ such that $v_{a_{x+1}}v_{a_j} \in E$

($\because a_x$ is max., $\therefore \exists$ such j)

Consider $P': v_{a_1}, v_{a_2}, \dots, v_{a_j}, v_{a_{x+1}}, |P'| \geq 4$

Case 1: $v_{a_1}v_{a_{x+1}} \notin E \Rightarrow (P')^{-1}$, the inverse of P' , is a chordless path with larger second max. vertex than P . $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

Case 2: $v_{a_1}v_{a_{x+1}} \in E \Rightarrow \exists$ chordless cycle of length ≥ 4
 ($\because G$ is a chordal graph) $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

If $i < j < k$, $v_i v_j \in E$ and $v_i v_k \in E$, but $v_j v_k \notin E$

then \exists chordless path $P: v_k, v_i, v_j \rightarrow \leftarrow$ (\because ②)

Hence, the ordering σ^* is a (PEO).

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- Thm: The **weighted independent domination problem** is NP-complete for chordal graphs.

Proof. (1/2)

欲証: $VC \propto \mathbf{WID}_{\text{chordal}}$

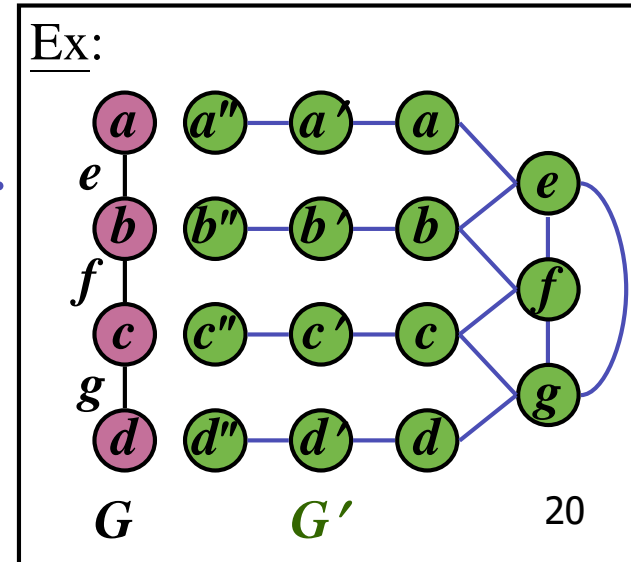
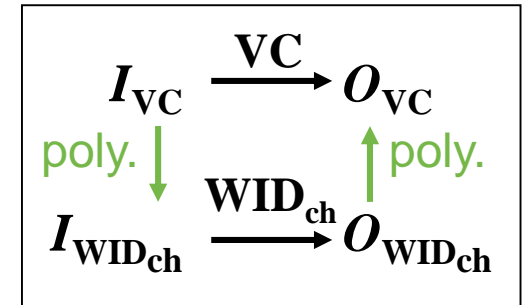
$\forall G = (V, E)$ and $k \leq |V|$

Construct $G' = (V', E')$ and k'

$$\text{by } \begin{cases} V' = \{x'', x', x \mid x \in V\} \cup E \\ E' = \{x''x', x'x \mid x \in V\} \cup \{xe \mid x \in V, e \in E, x \in e\} \cup \{e_1e_2 \mid e_1 \neq e_2 \text{ in } E\} \\ k' = k + |V| \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} w(e) = 3|V|, \forall e \in E \\ w(x) = w(x') = w(x'') = 1, \forall x \in V. \end{cases}$$

Note that G' is a chordal graph.



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- **Thm:** The weighted independent domination problem is NP-complete for chordal graphs.

Proof. (2/2)

Claim: G has a vertex cover of size at most $k \Leftrightarrow$

G' has an independent dominating set of weight at most k' .

<pf>(\Rightarrow) Suppose C is a vertex cover of G , $|C| \leq k$.

Then, $D = \{x, x'' \mid x \in C\} \cup \{x' \mid x \in V \setminus C\}$ is a independent dominating set of weight at most

$$|D| = 2|C| + (|V| - |C|) = |C| + |V| \leq k + |V| = k'.$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose D is a independent dominating set of G' and $w(D) \leq k'$.

$\because \forall e \in E, w(e) = 3|V|$ and the definition of G'

$$\therefore D \cap E = \emptyset$$

$\Rightarrow D = \{x, x'' \mid x \in C\} \cup \{x' \mid x \in V \setminus C\}$ for some $C \subseteq V$

then C is a vertex cover of G and

$$|C| = 2|C| + (|V| - |C|) - |V| = |D| - |V| \leq k' - |V| = k.$$



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- **Thm: (M. Farber) The independent domination problem is polynomially solvable for chordal graphs.**