

Convexity of induced paths of order 3

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Decision Problem ($hn_{P_3}(G) \leq k?$)

Given a graph G and an integer k ,
the P_3 -hull number $hn_{P_3}(G)$ is at most k ?

Reduction from SAT with the following restrictions:

- ▶ Every clause has at most 3 variables,
- ▶ Every literal is in some clause and,
- ▶ For every variable x_i , there are at most 3 clauses containing either x_i or \bar{x}_i .

Example

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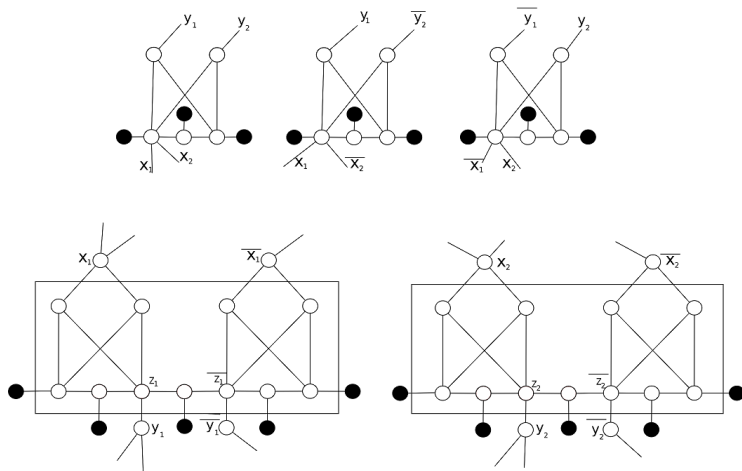
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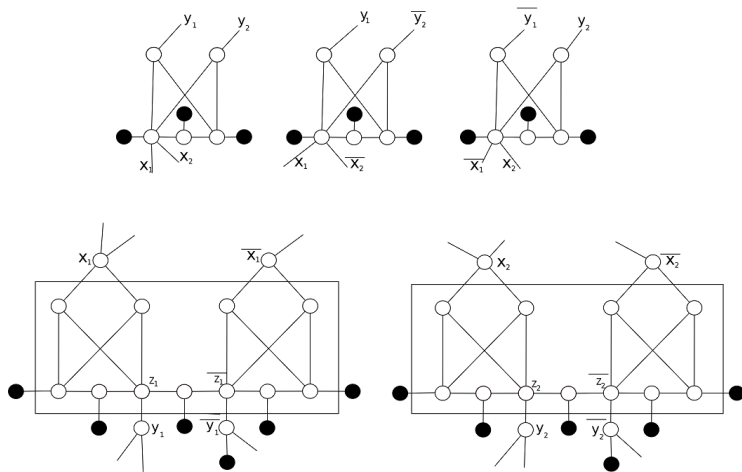
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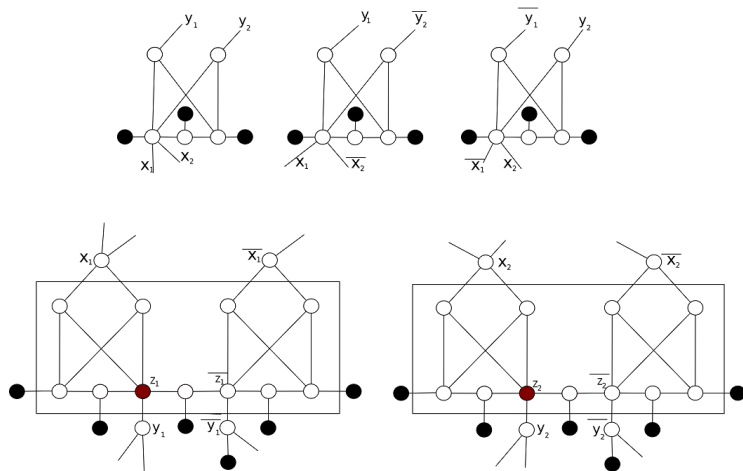
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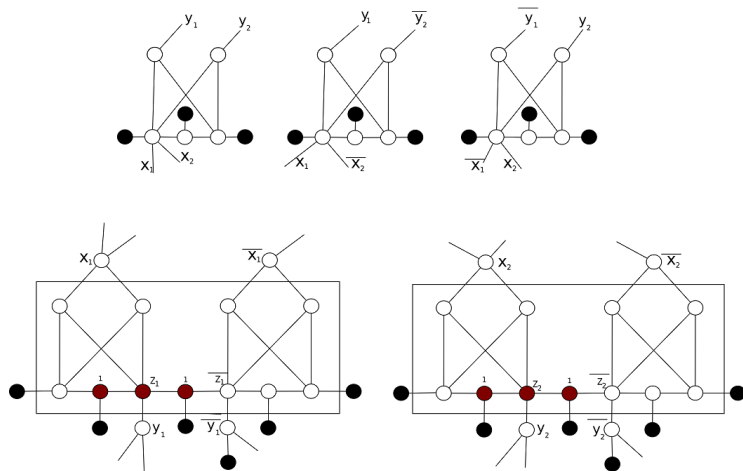


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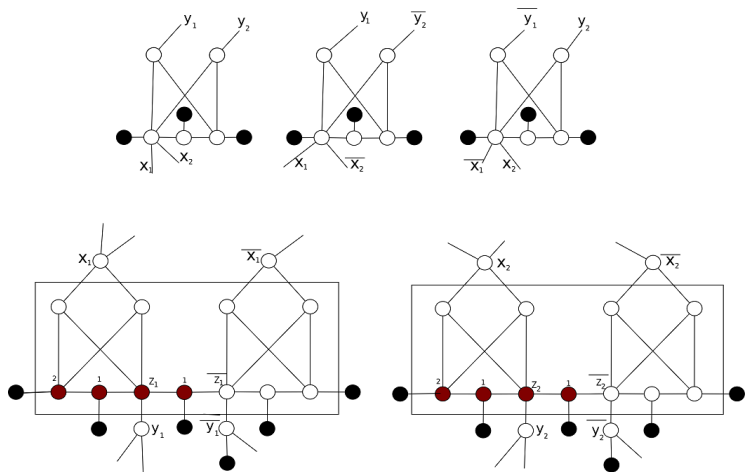
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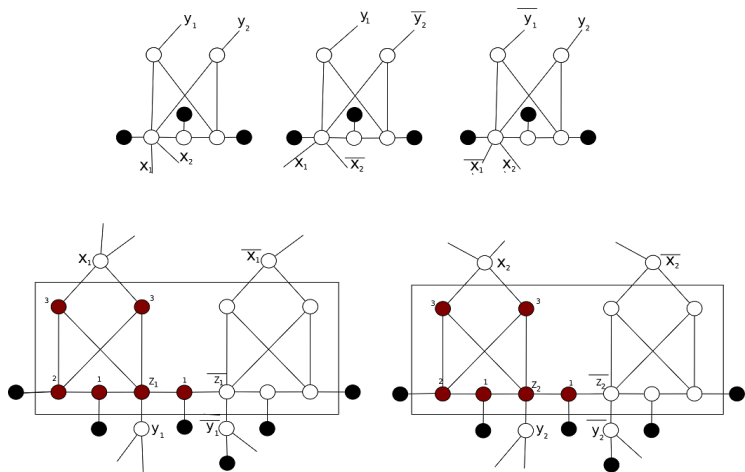
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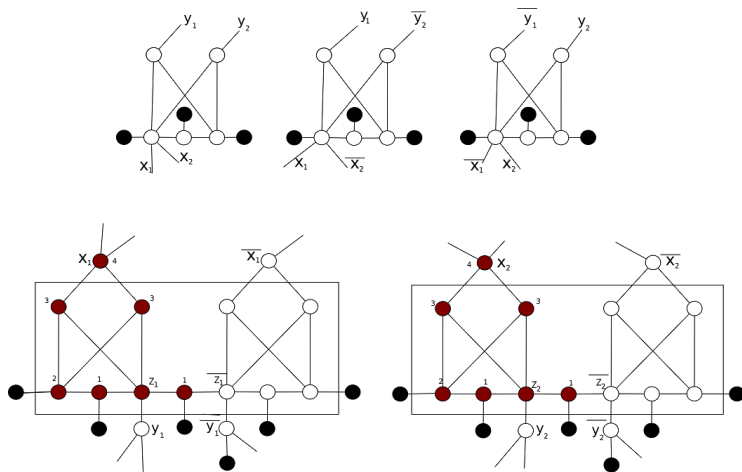
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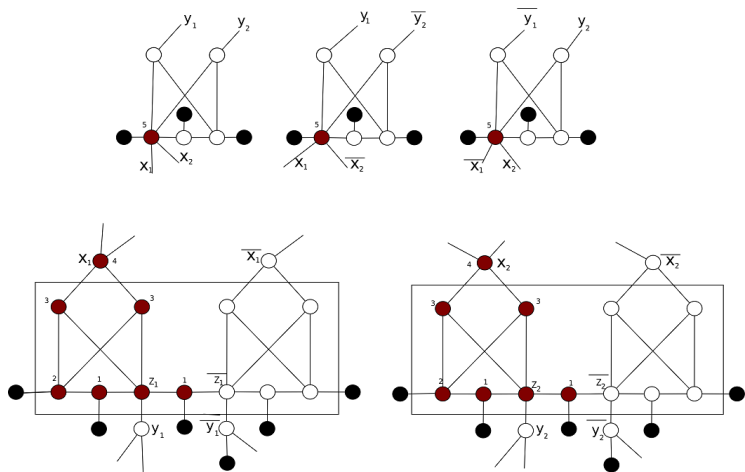
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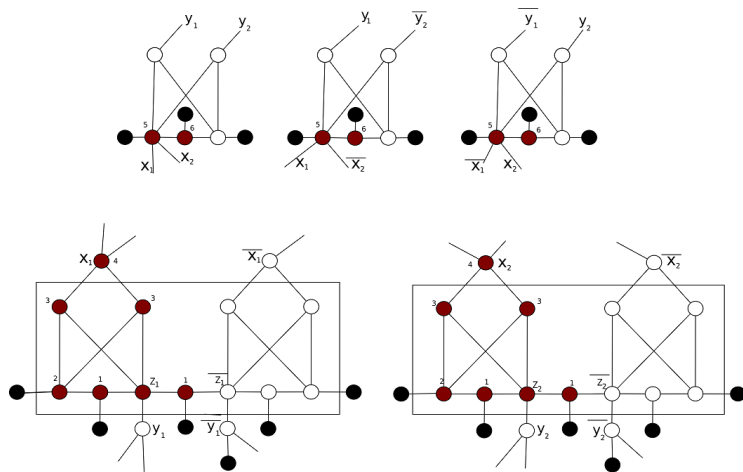


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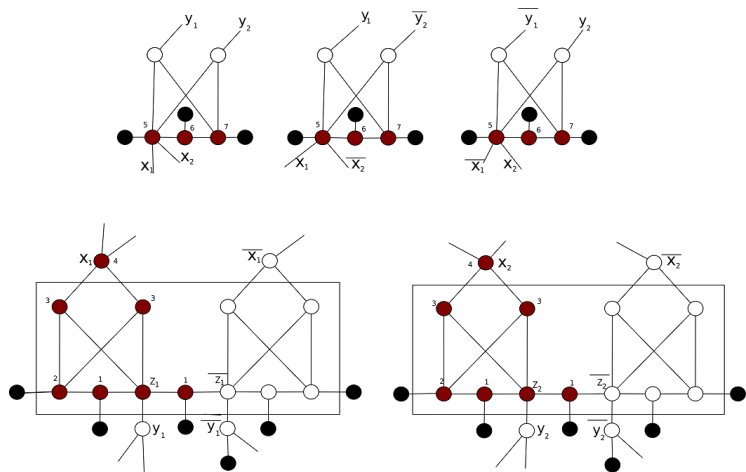


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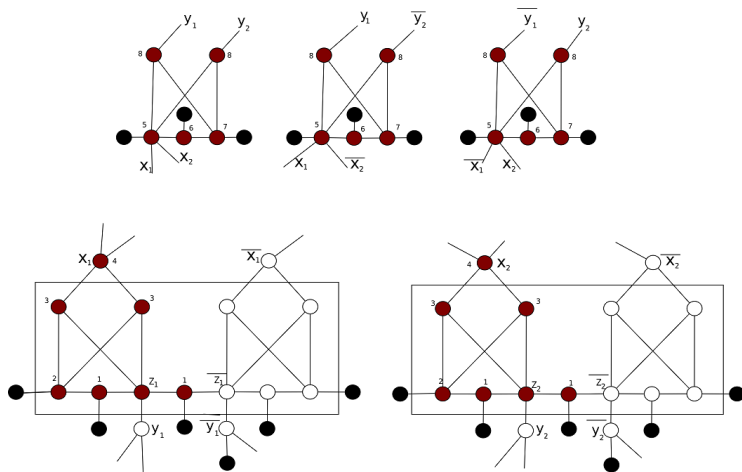
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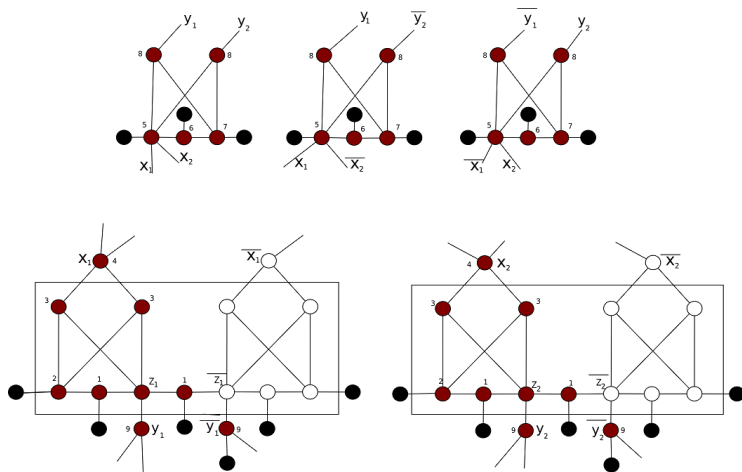
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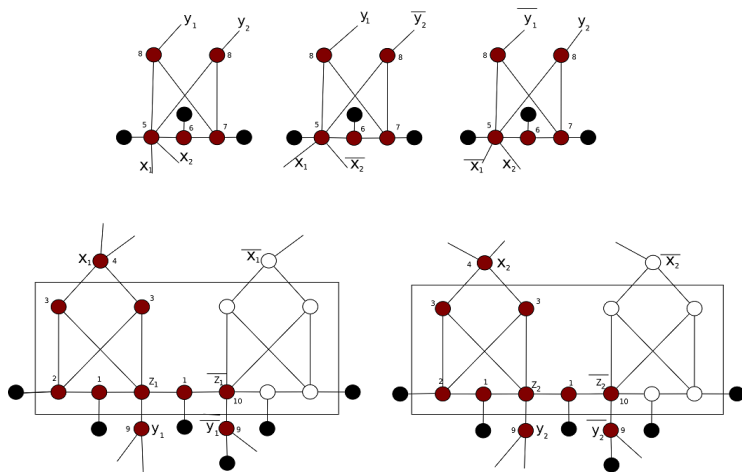
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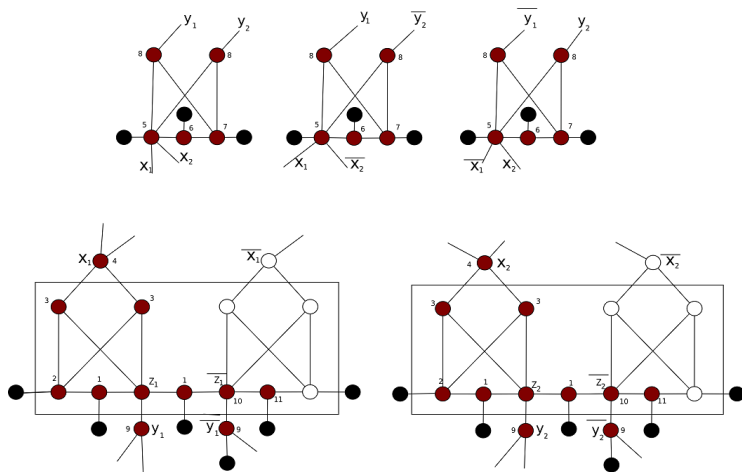
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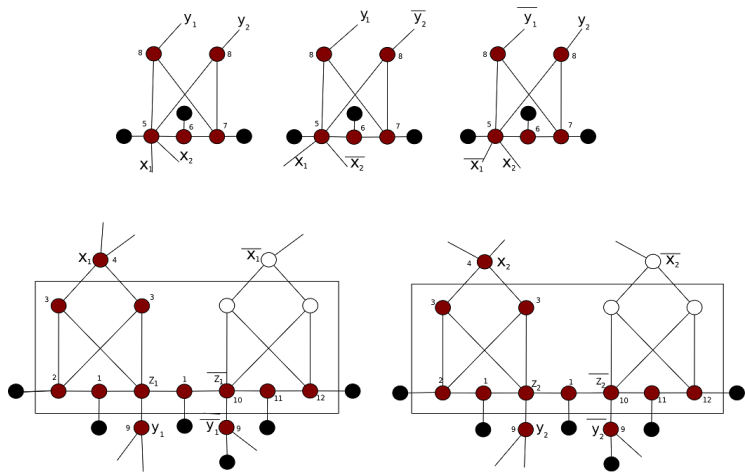
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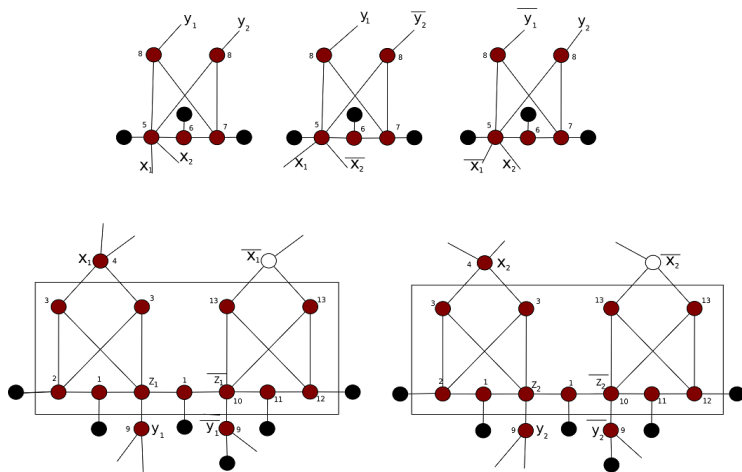


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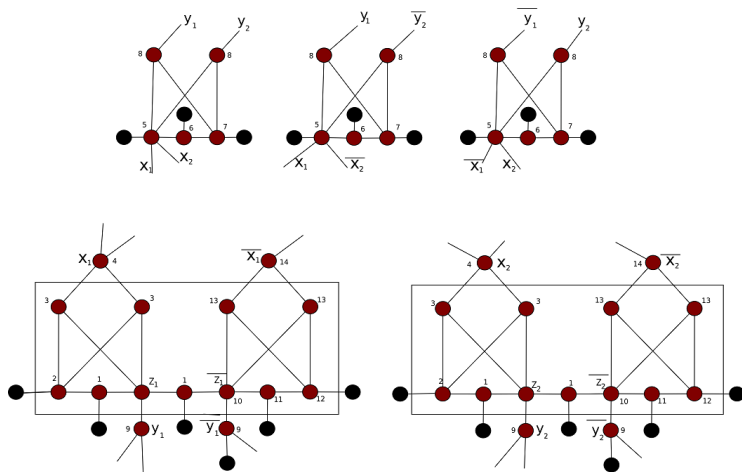
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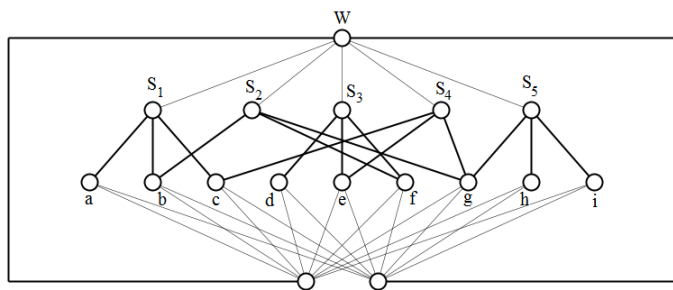


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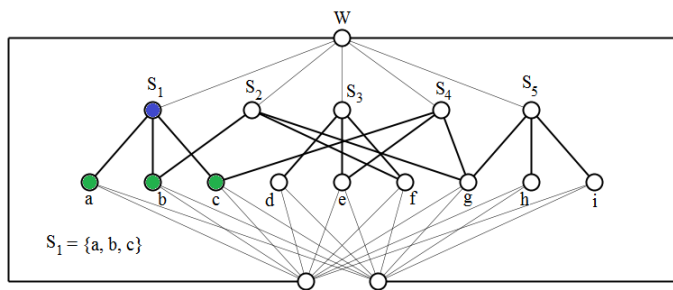


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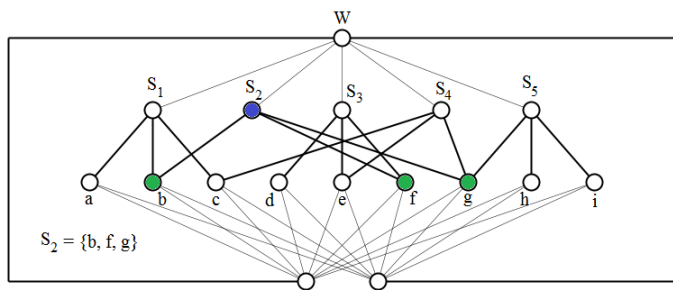


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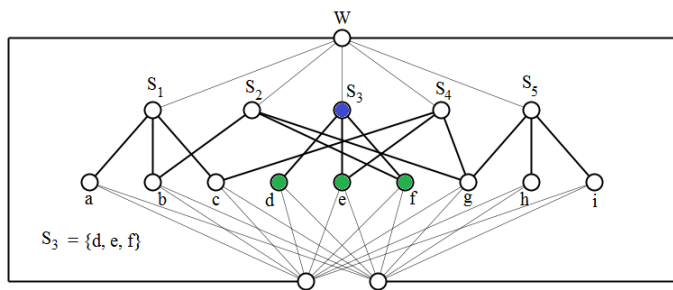


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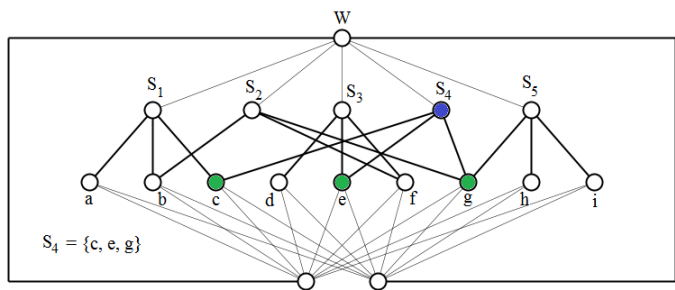


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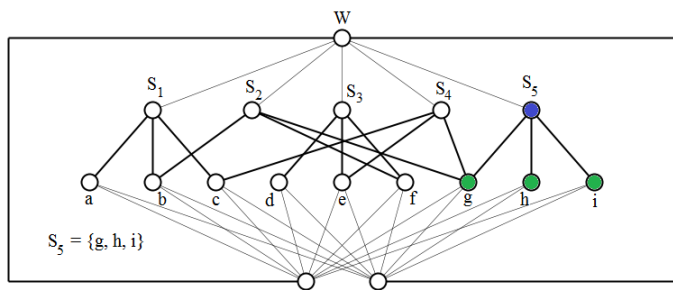


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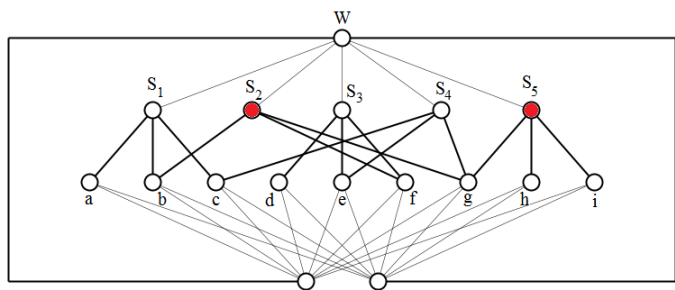


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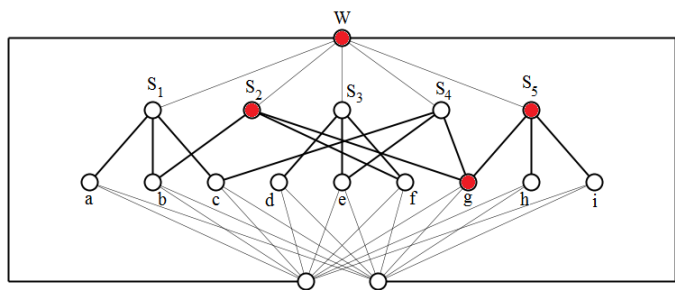


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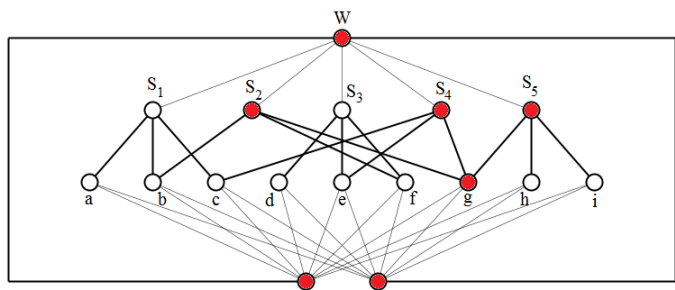


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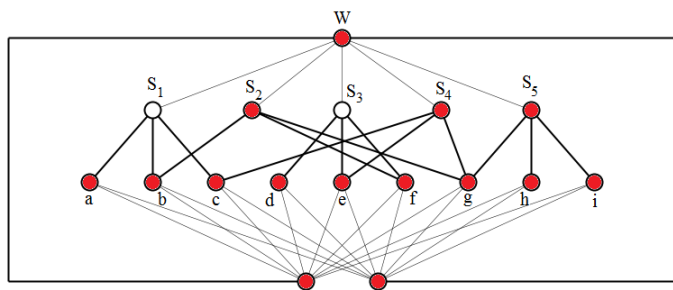


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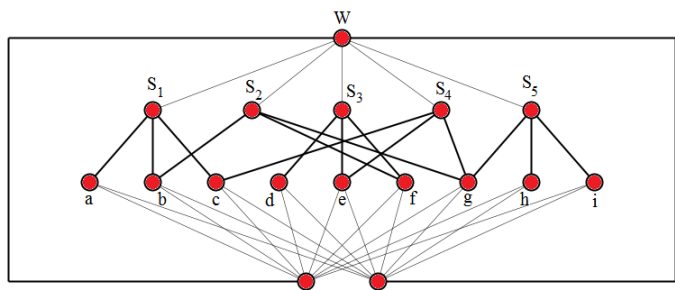


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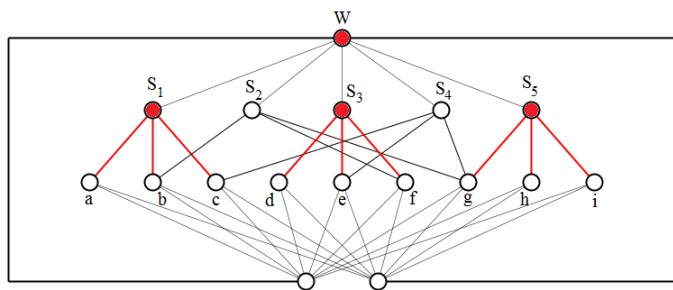


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