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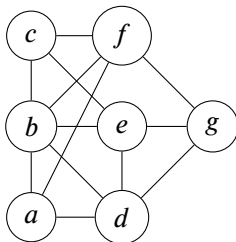
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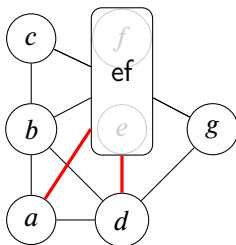
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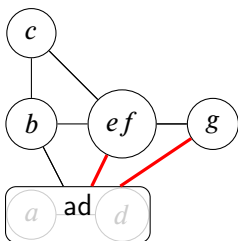
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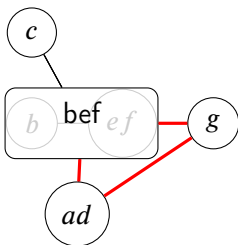


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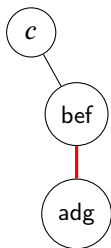
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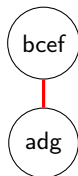
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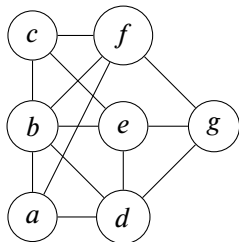
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- Also true for FO+MOD interpretations;
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Graphs are given together with a total order on their vertices.  
Equivalent to work on an adjacency matrix of  $G$ .

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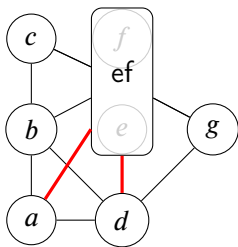
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Left: Total order on  $V(G)$ :  $a < b < c < d < e < f < g$ . Right: the associated ordered adjacency matrix.

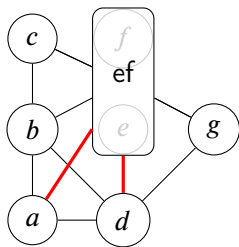


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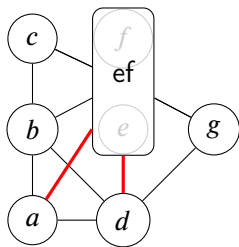
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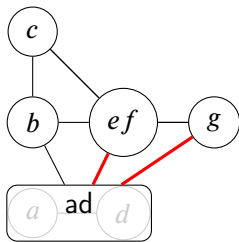
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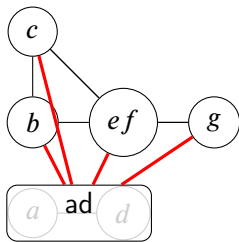
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Definition of twin-width can be extended to matrices with entries on a finite alphabet (e.g.  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ).

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# Characterizations of twin-width boundedness in the ordered case

## Theorem (Graph version)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a hereditary class of ordered graphs. The following are equivalent.

- 1  $\mathcal{C}$  has bounded twin-width;
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- 4  $\mathcal{C}$  is dependent;
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- 6  $\mathcal{C}$  contains  $2^{O(n)}$  ordered  $n$ -vertex graphs.
- 7  $\mathcal{C}$  contains less than  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{2k} k!$  ordered  $n$ -vertex graphs, for some  $n$ .

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allows to reduce to the problem of squaring a matrix.

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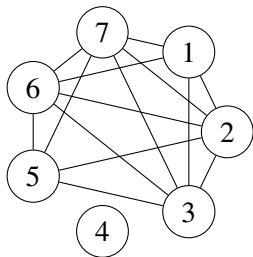
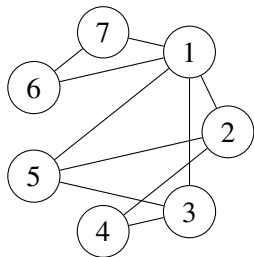
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Thanks