

# (Approximate) Graph Products

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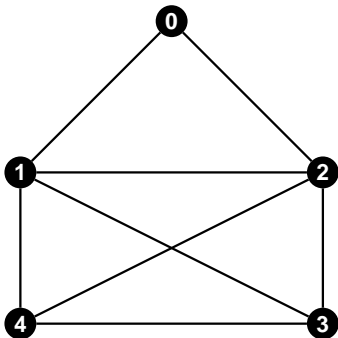
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# Basics

A **graph** is a pair  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V \neq \emptyset$  and edge set  $E$ .

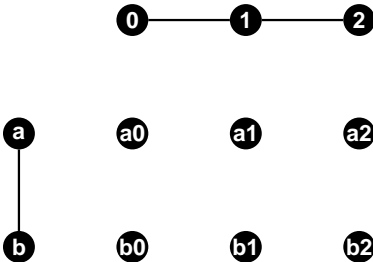
here: simple, connected, undirected graphs



## Strong and Cartesian Product

The vertex set of the **Cartesian product** ( $\square$ ) and **strong product** ( $\boxtimes$ ) is defined as follows:

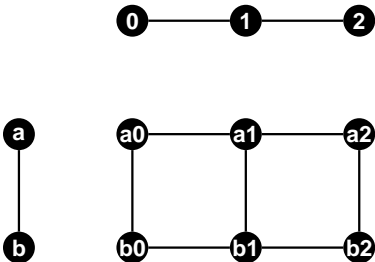
$$V(G_1 \square G_2) = V(G_1 \boxtimes G_2) = \{(v_1, v_2) \mid v_1 \in V(G_1), v_2 \in V(G_2)\}$$



## Cartesian Product

Two vertices  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $(y_1, y_2)$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \square G_2$  if

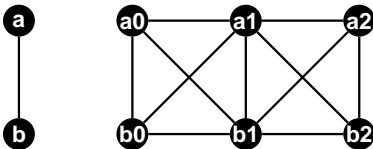
1.  $(x_1, y_1) \in E(G_1)$  and  $x_2 = y_2$  or if
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## Strong Product

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# Decomposition

## Definition

$G$  is prime, if  $\nexists A * B = G$  with  $A, B$  nontrivial, i.e.  $|V(A)|, |V(B)| > 1$ .  
(\* =  $\square, \boxtimes$ )

**Aim:** Prime factor decomposition (PFD) of given  $G$ .

# Prime Factor Decomposition

## Theorem (Sabidussi (1959))

*PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the Cartesian product is unique.*

## Theorem (Dörfler and Imrich (1969), McKenzie (1971))

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## Theorem (Imrich and Peterin (2007))

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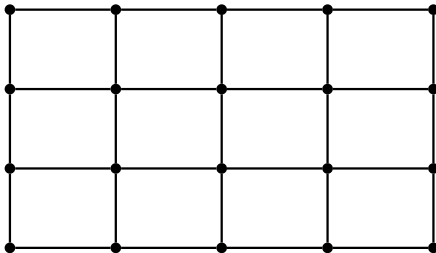
## Theorem (Hammack and Imrich (2009))

*PFD of every connected graph w.r.t. the strong product can be computed in  $O(|E(G)|\Delta^2)$  time.*

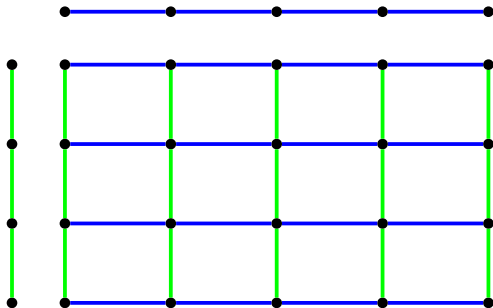




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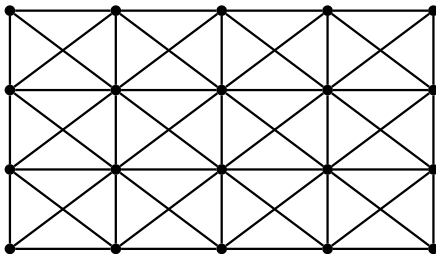
Copies of Factors in a Product are called **layer** or **fiber**.

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Find a spanning subgraph with special properties in  $G$ , the so called **cartesian skeleton**.

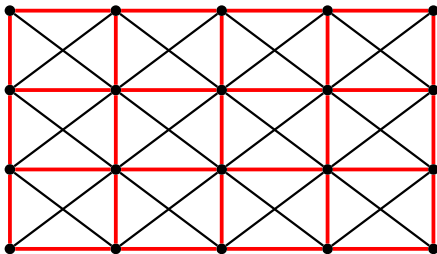
The decomposition of the cartesian skeleton w.r.t. cartesian product together with some additional operations leads to the possible factors of the strong product.

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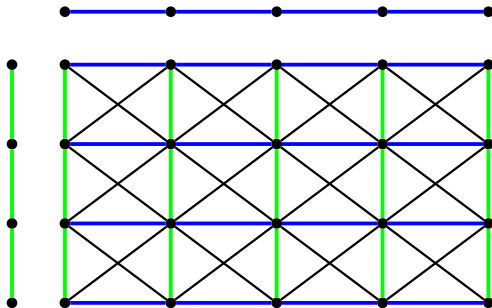




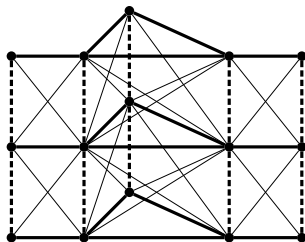
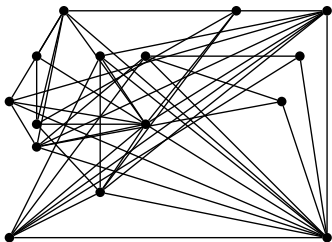
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## Motivation



Two isomorphic product graphs.



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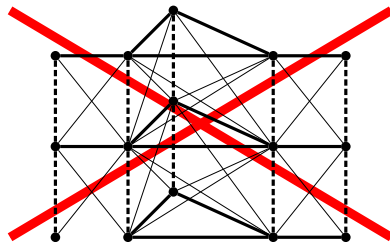
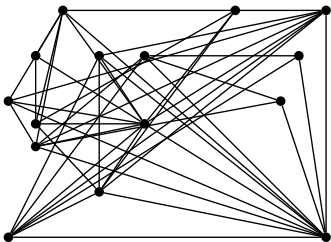
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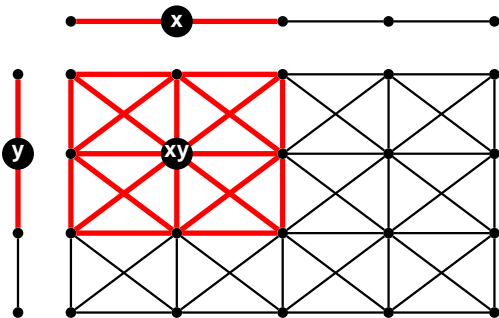
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- How can we recognize original factors of disturbed products?
- How can we recognize at least some parts of a disturbed product as a product?

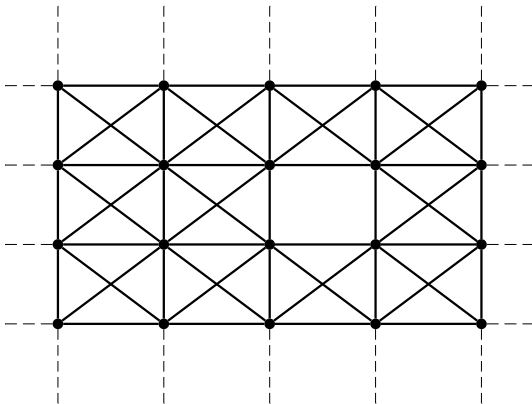
## What if prime?

**Aim:** Get a product of graphs that is "near" a given prime graph (approximate products).

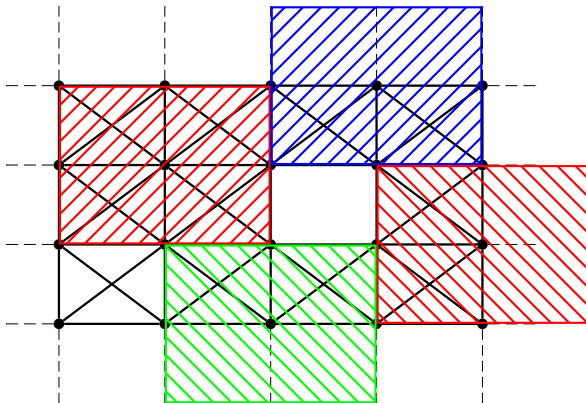
**Remark:** Induced neighborhoods in products are products.



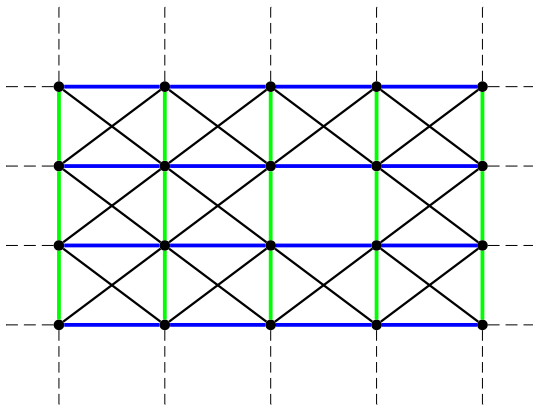
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# Tools

1. **s=1-condition**
2. Backbone  $\mathbb{B}(G)$
3. Color-Continuation

## Thinness ( $S=1$ -condition)

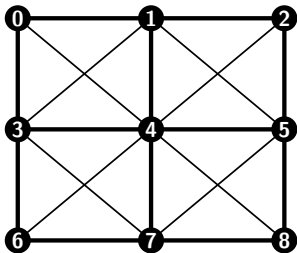
Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v, w \in V(G)$ .

- $v, w$  are in Relation  $S$  if  $N[v] = N[w]$
- We call a graph  $S$ -thin if no two vertices  $v, w$  are in Relation  $S$ .

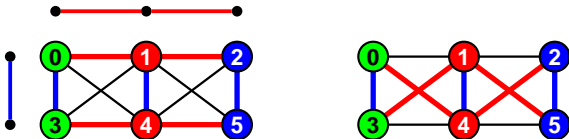
If  $G$  is  $S$ -thin the Cartesian edges are uniquely determined



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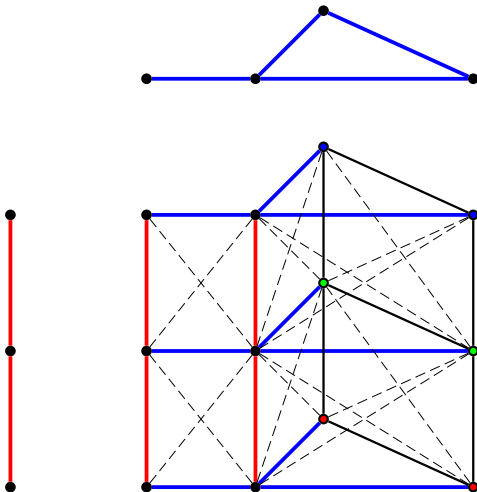


WHAT ARE THE FIBERS ?





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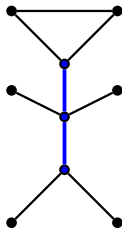


## The Backbone $\mathbb{B}(G)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{B}(G) &:= \{v \in V(G) \mid |S_v(v)| = 1\} \\ &= \{v \in V(G) \mid N[v] \text{ is strictly maximal in } G\}\end{aligned}$$

### Theorem

$\mathbb{B}(G)$  is a connected dominating set.



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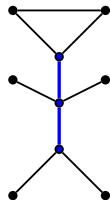
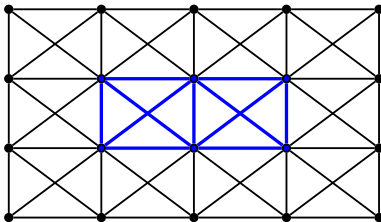
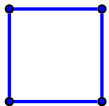


Figure: Examples

## The Backbone $\mathbb{B}(G)$

For a local covering we consider neighborhoods of vertices of  $\mathbb{B}(G)$  only.

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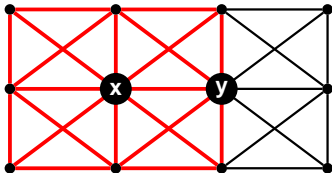
### Theorem

*All Cartesian edges that satisfy the **S=1-condition** in an arbitrary induced neighborhood also satisfy the **S=1-condition** in the induced neighborhood of a vertex of the backbone  $\mathbb{B}(G)$ .*

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### Color-continuation from $H_1$ to $H_2$ :

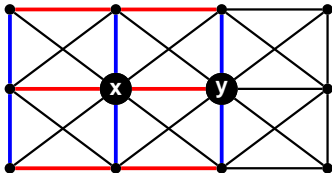
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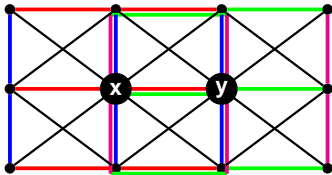
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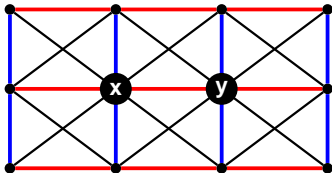




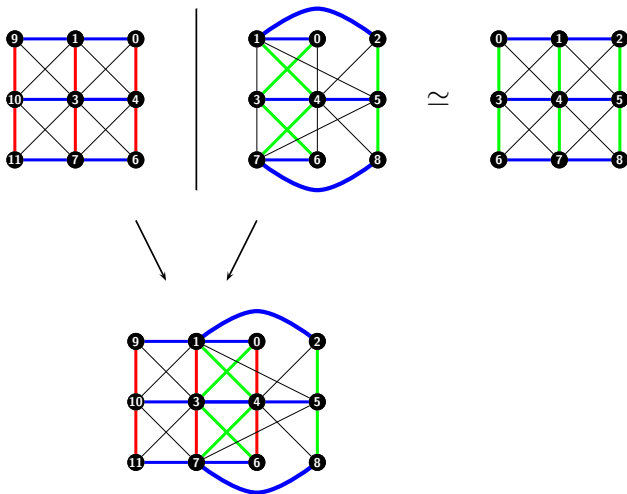
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## Example: Color-Continuation fails



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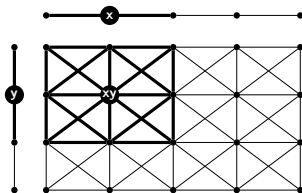
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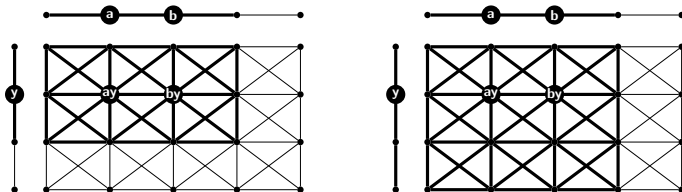
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# Local Approach

## Used Subproducts



$$1\text{-neighborhood } \langle N[(x, y)] \rangle = \langle N[x] \rangle \boxtimes \langle N[y] \rangle$$

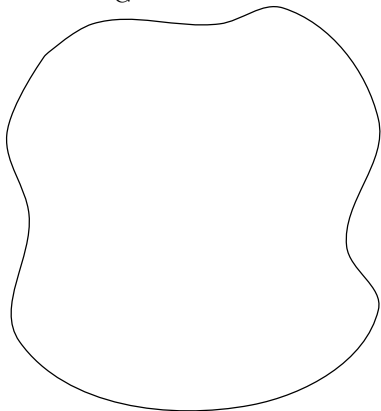


**lhs.:** The edge-neighborhood  $\langle N[(a, y)] \cup N[(b, y)] \rangle$

**rhs.:** The  $N^*$ -neighborhood  $N_{(ay),(by)}^* = \langle \cup_{z \in N[(ay)] \cap N[(by)]} N[z] \rangle$

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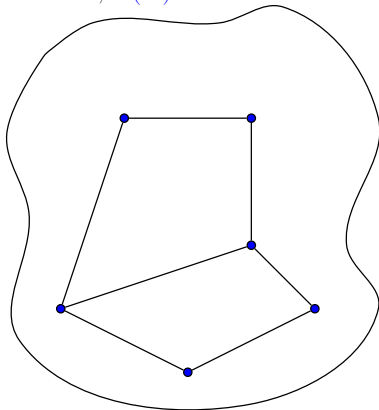
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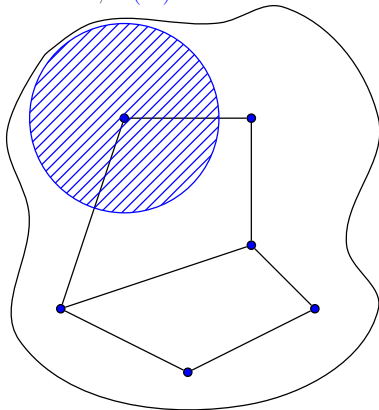
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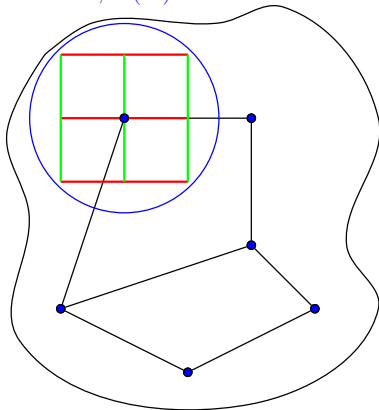
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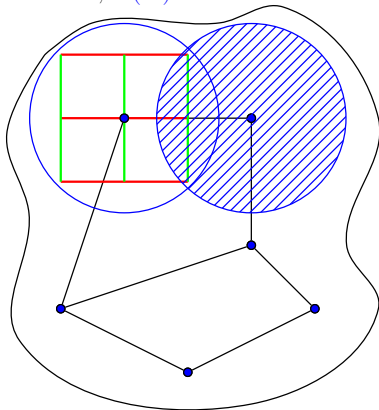
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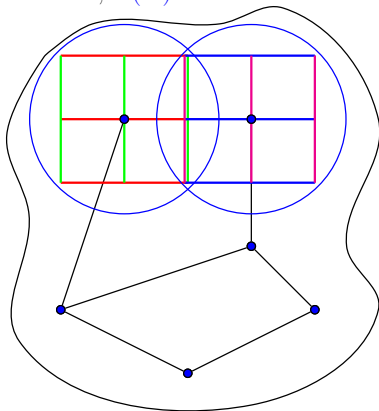
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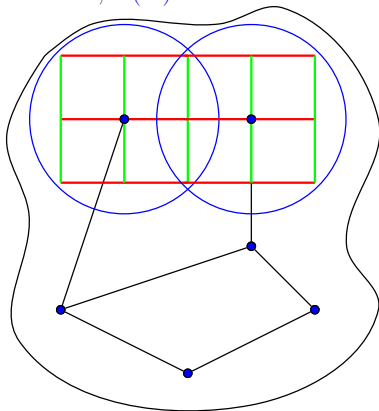
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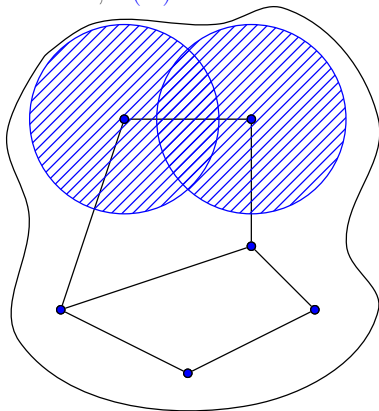
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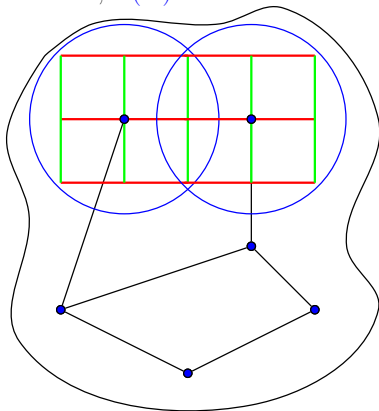
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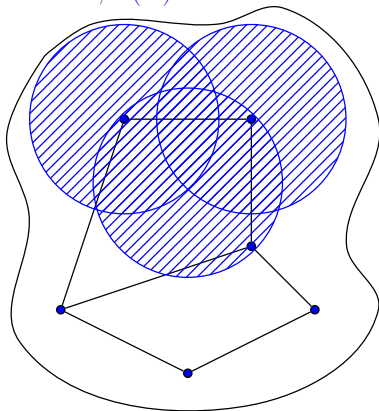
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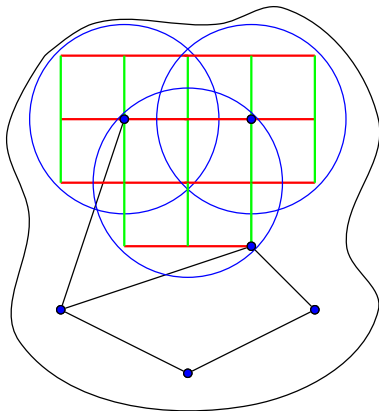
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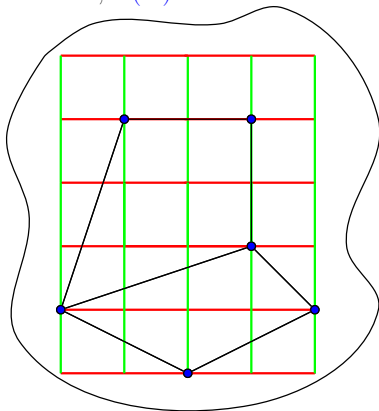
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**OUTPUT:** Product-colored graph  $G$  and  
Primefactors of  $G$ ;



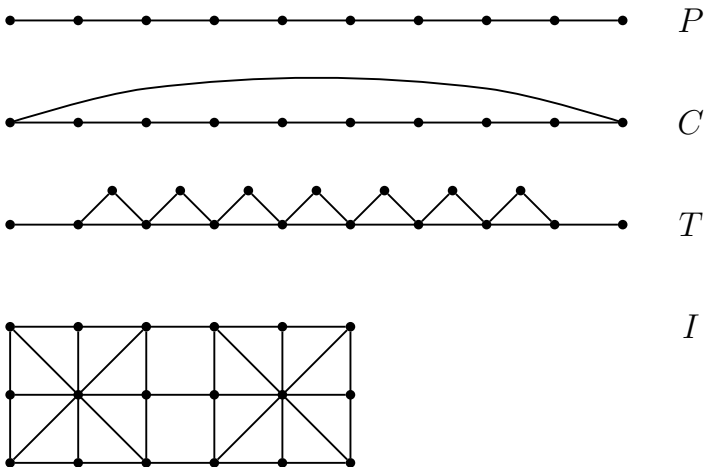
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## Theorem

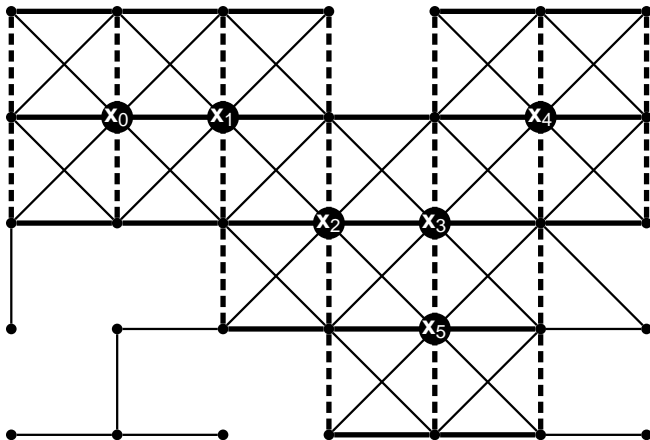
*The Local Approach determines the prime factors and the corresponding product coloring of a given graph  $G = (V, E)$  with bounded maximum degree in  $O(|V|\Delta^6)$  time.*

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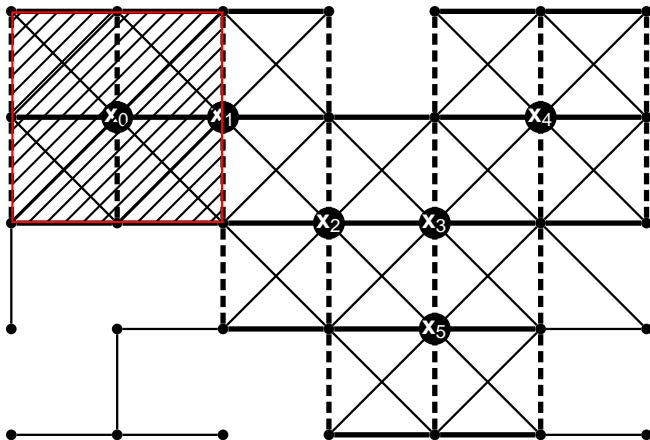
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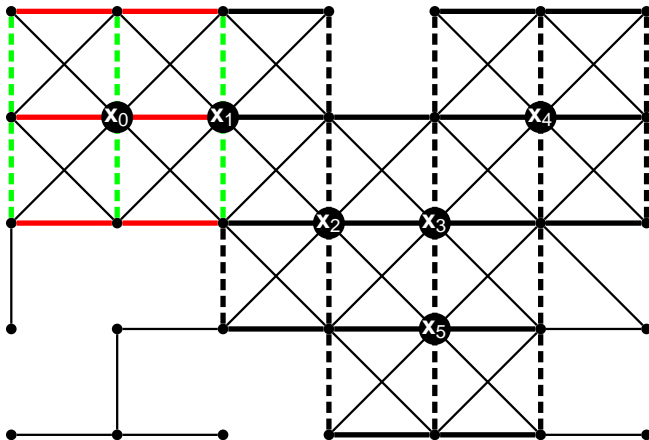
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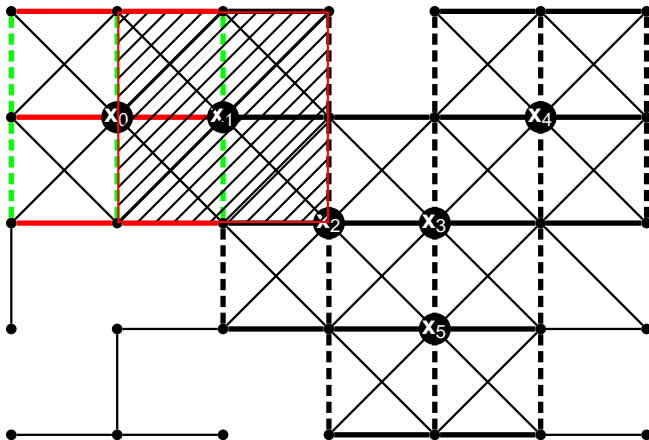
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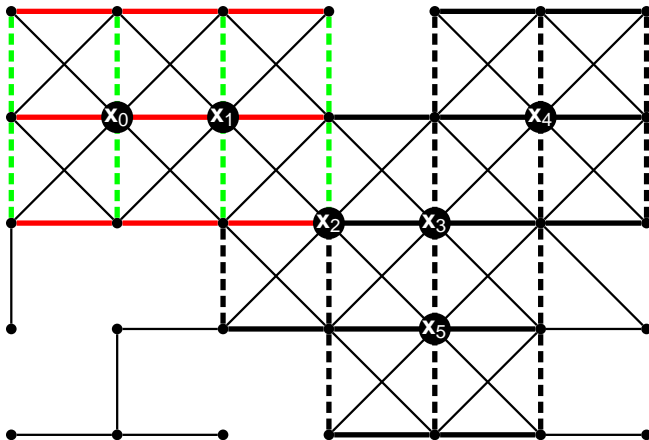
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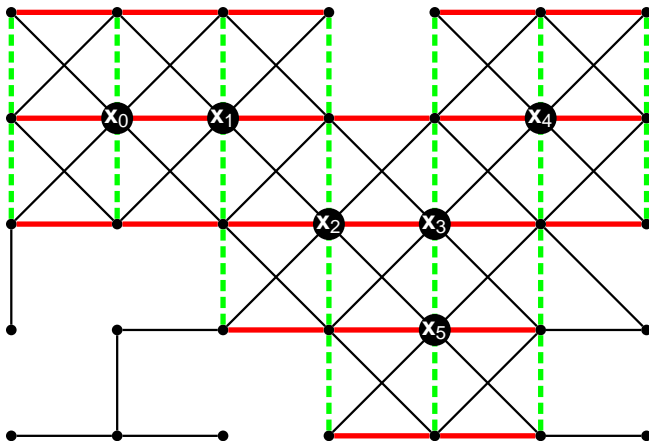


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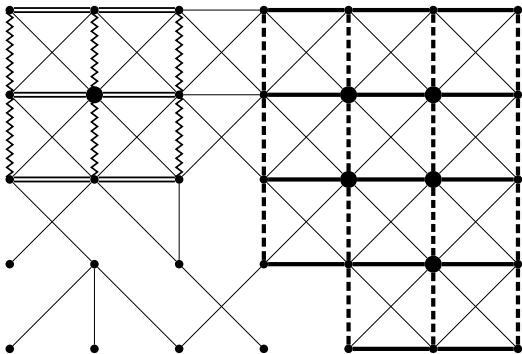








## Maximal Factorized Subgraph $H$



$$\text{Ratio of } H = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{|V(H)|}{|V(G)|} + \frac{|E(H)|}{|E(G)|} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{19}{35} + \frac{51}{106} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (0.54 + 0.48) = 0.51$$

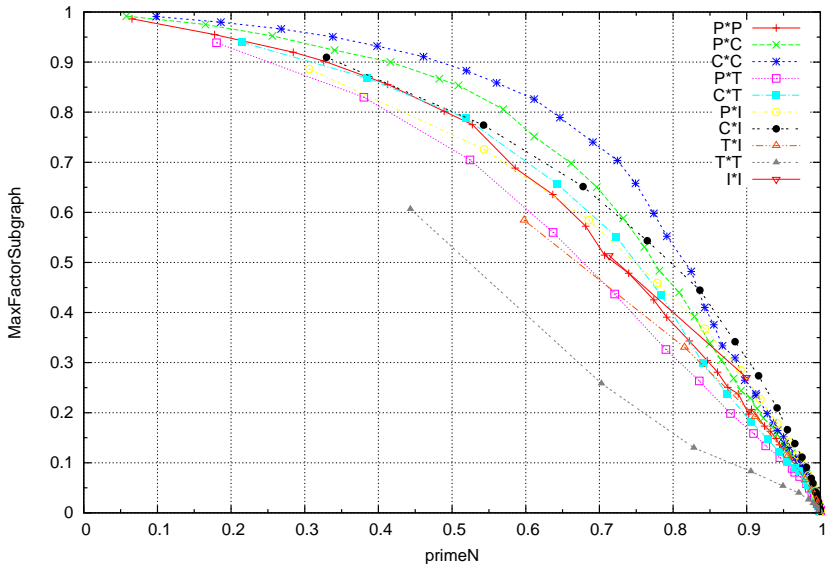
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primeN vs MaxSubGraph



## Summary

- New Local Approach for PFD that runs in  $O(|V|\Delta^6)$  time.
- Suitable Results for Approximate Graph Products.

## Outlook

- What if the subproducts are approximate products?
- Approximate products w.r.t. other products (Cartesian, direct, ...)
- Generalization (factorization of directed graphs, weighted graphs, hypergraphs) and Recognition of approximate graph products of those graphs.
- Preprocessing step via statistical approaches (degree distributions, shortest paths distributions, ...) that gives us (at least) necessary conditions to decide that a prime graph is either very similar to a product graph or not

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