

# Parameterized Complexity of Cardinality-Constraint Problems in Bipartite Graphs

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## Introduction

Cardinality-Constraint Graph Problems

Known Results

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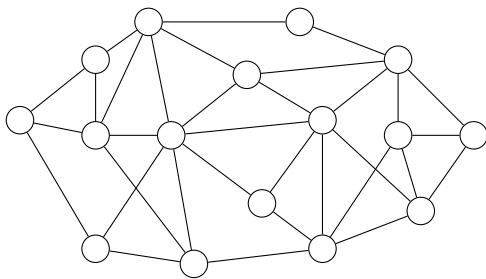
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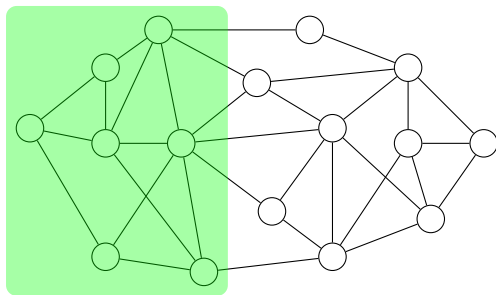
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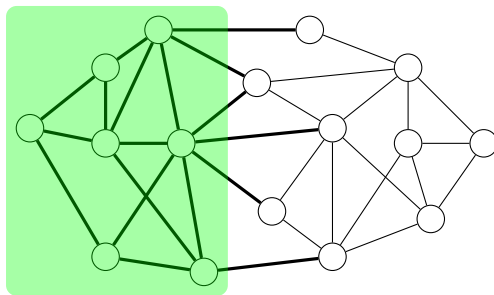
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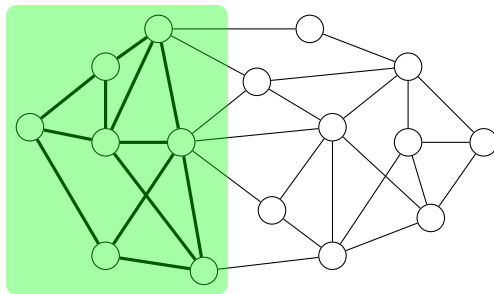
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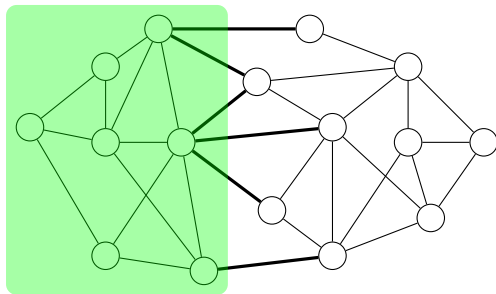
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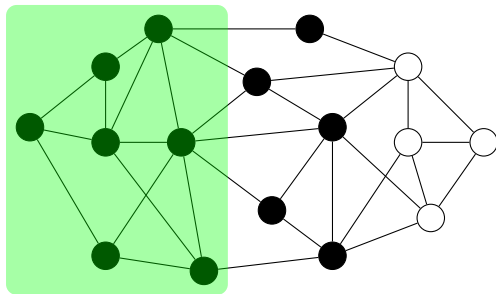
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We will show the following result:

### Theorem

*Generalized Max  $k$ -Vertex Cover is FPT in bipartite graphs.*

where the  $k$  vertices should be picked in  $V' \subseteq V$ .

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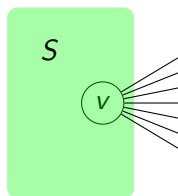
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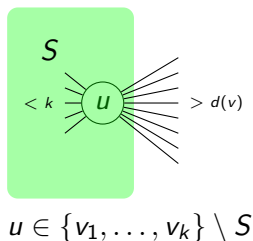
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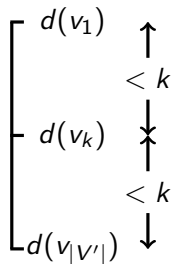
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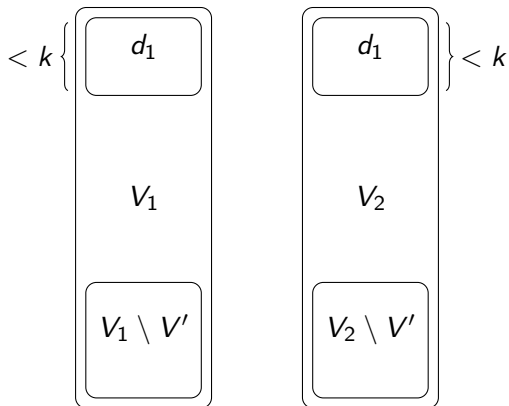
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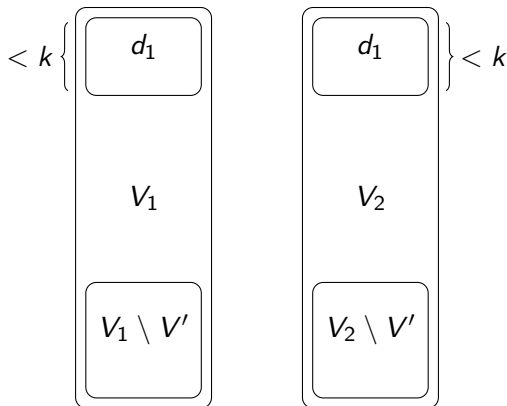
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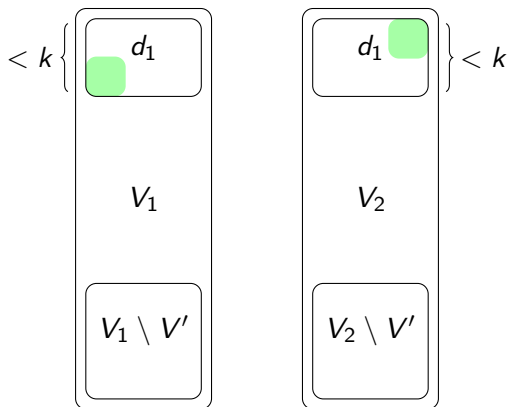


Max  $k$ -Vertex Cover

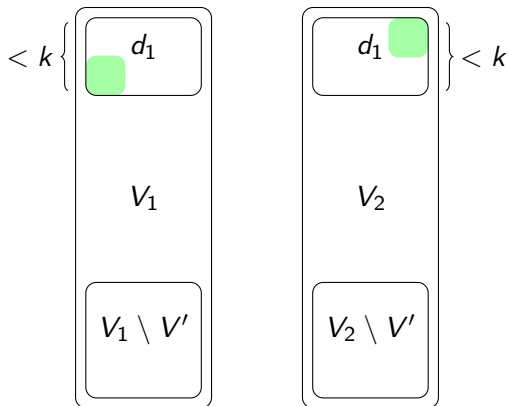
Otherwise, we take  $k$  vertices in one part and gets  $kd_1$  edges.



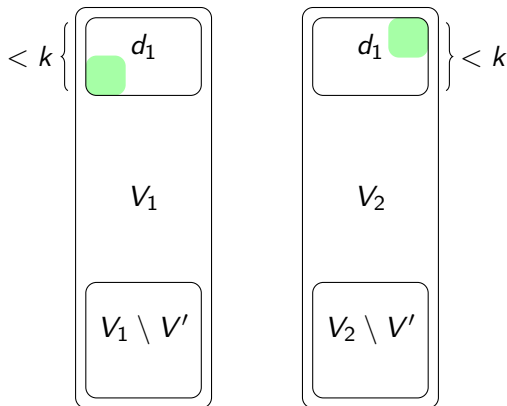
We guess the part of an optimal solution in  $2^{2k}$ .



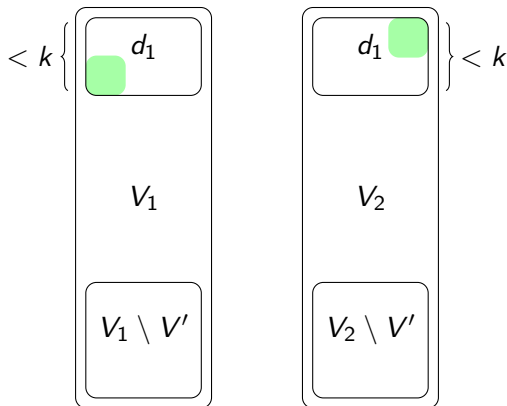
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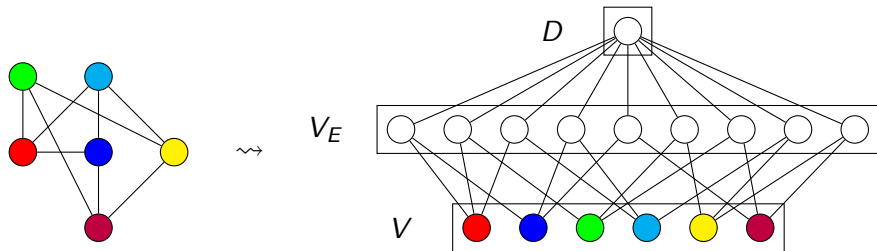
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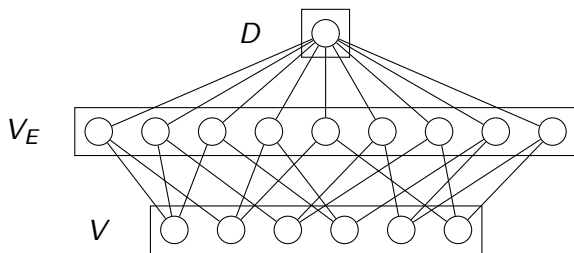
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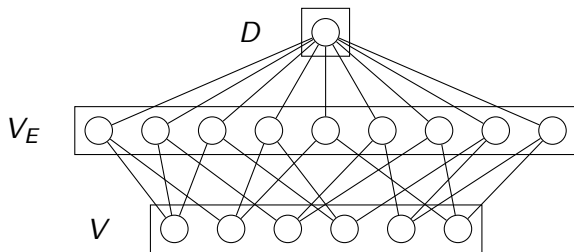
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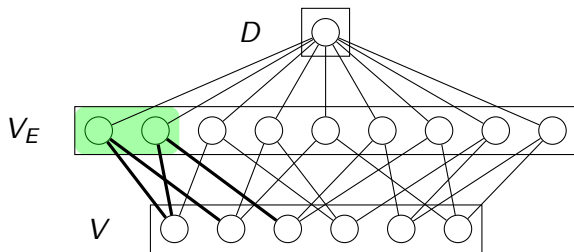
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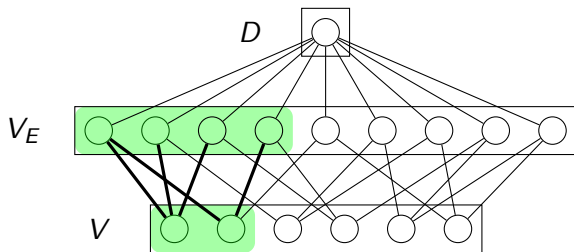
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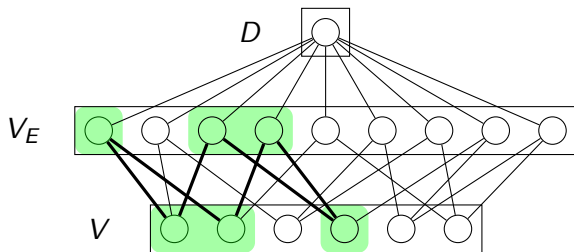


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