Extension of vertex cover and independent set in some classes of graphs and generalizations

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Conclusion

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- EXT VC and EXT IS are W[1]-complete in bipartite graphs and are in FPT in planar graphs parameterized by |U| and $|V \setminus U|$ respectively.
- ► EXT_{MAX}VC and EXT_{MIN}IS are equivalent and difficult to approximate in general, but easier on special graph classes (most notably, exactly solvable in polynomial time on chordal graphs).

Thanks for your attention!