

# Quasiperfect Domination in Trees <sup>1</sup>

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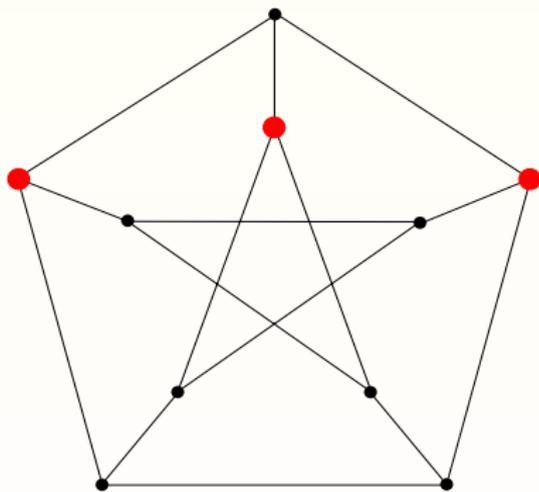


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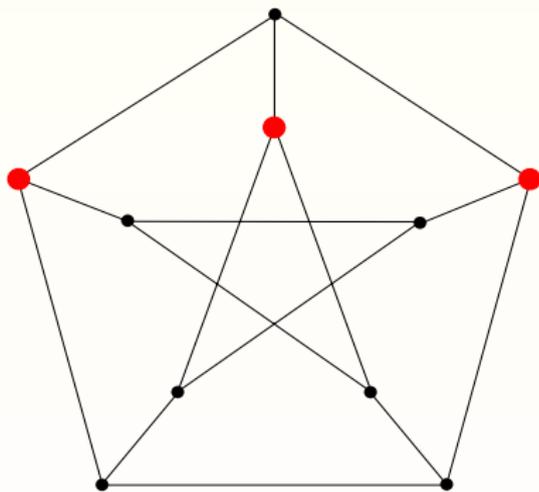
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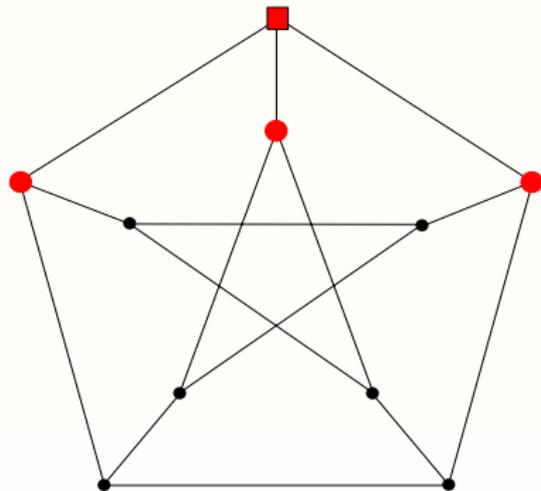


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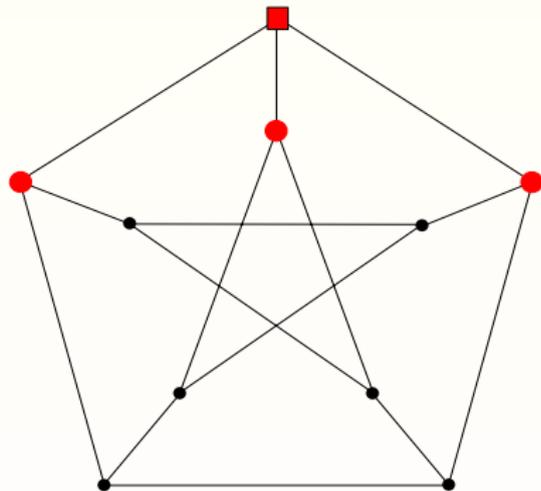
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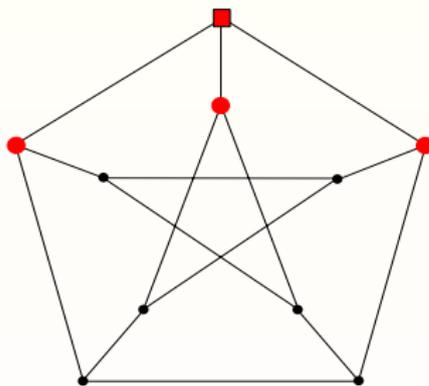


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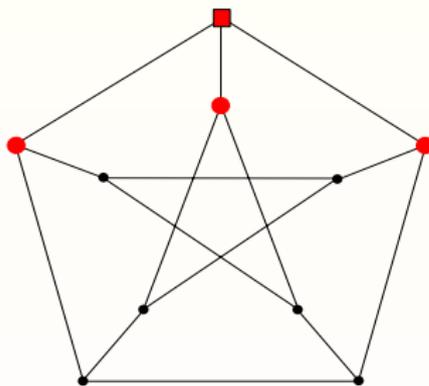
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<b>QP-chain of some basic graph families</b>
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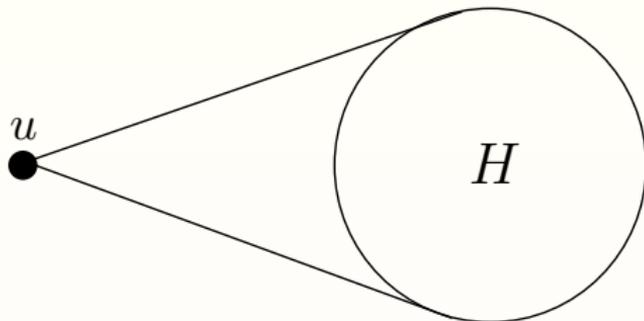
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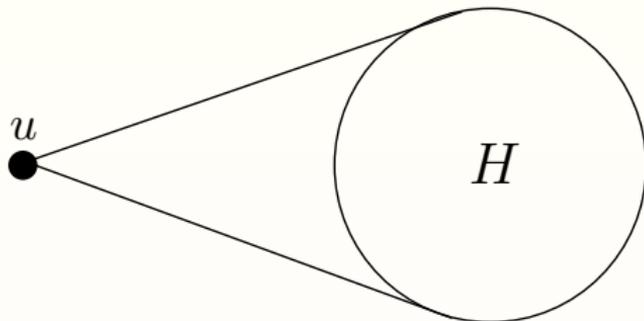
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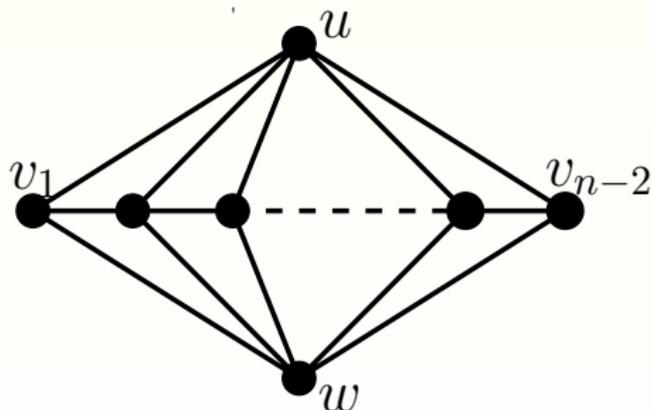
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- ▷ Case  $k = n$ : Take  $G = P_{n-2} \vee \bar{K}_2$



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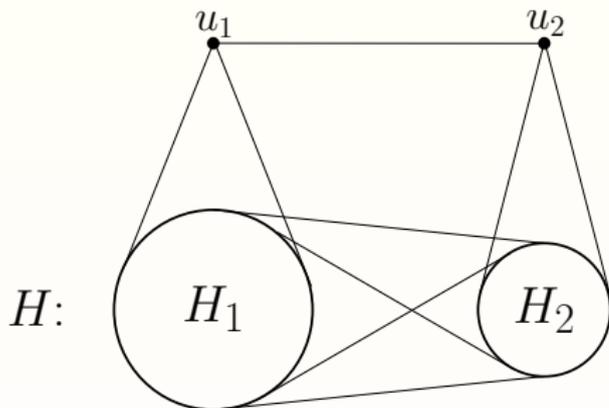


Figure:  $H = H_1 \vee H_2$ ,  $N_G(u_1) = V(H_1) + u_2$ ,  $N_G(u_2) = V(H_2) + u_1$ .

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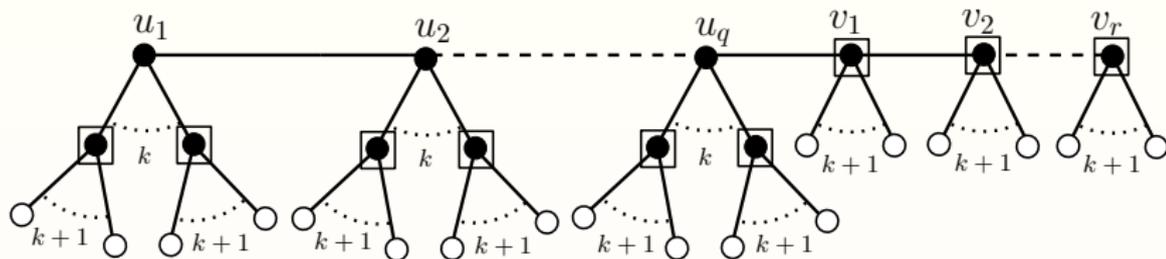


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