

Locating domination in graphs¹

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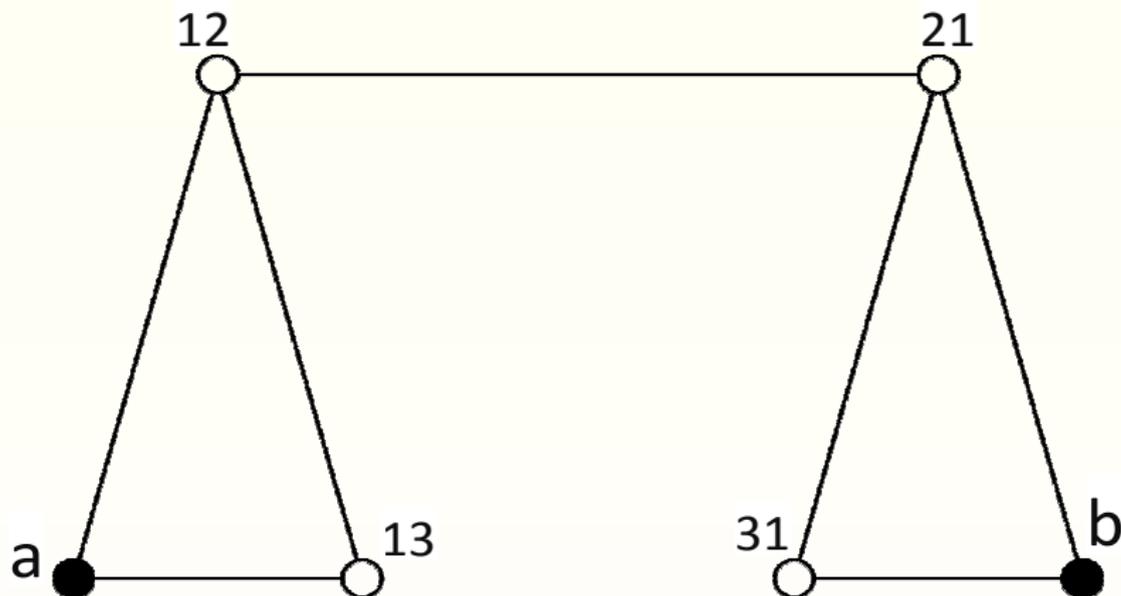
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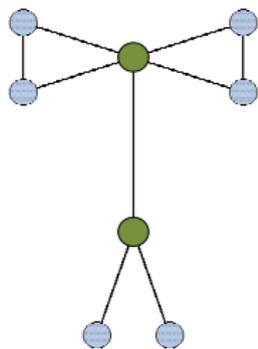
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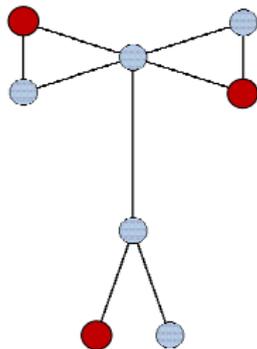
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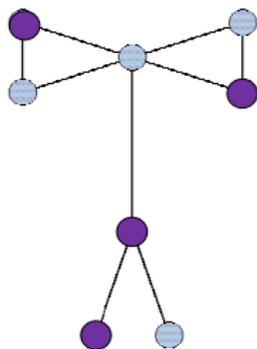
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In this example: $\max\{\gamma(G), \beta(G)\} = 3 \leq \eta(G) = 4 \leq \gamma(G) + \beta(G) = 5$

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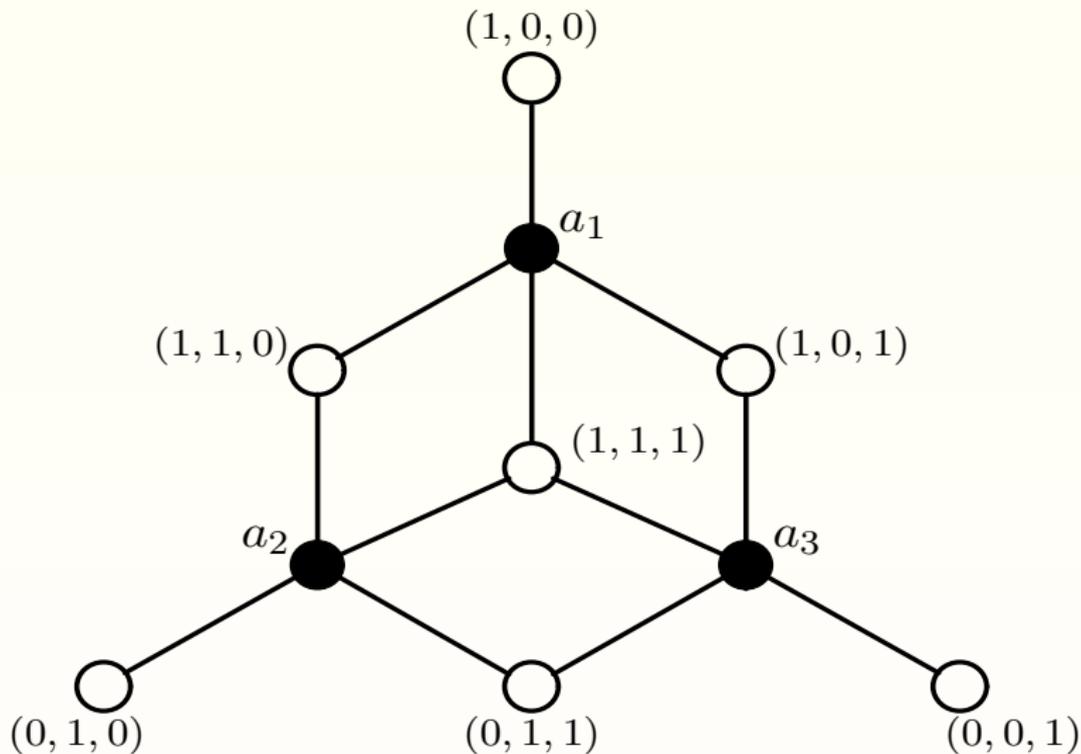
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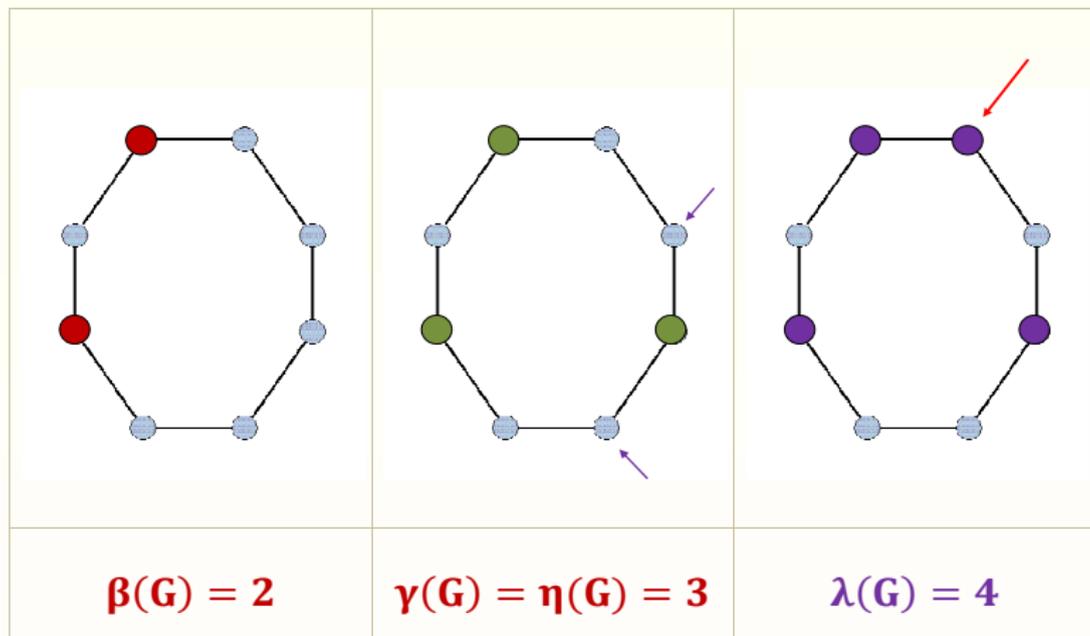
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$K_{1,n-1}, n > 2$	1	$n - 2$	$n - 1$	$n - 1$
$K_{r,n-r}, n - r \geq r > 1$	2	$n - 2$	$n - 2$	$n - 2$
$W_{1,n-1}, n > 7$	1	$\lfloor \frac{2n}{5} \rfloor$	$\lceil \frac{2n-2}{5} \rceil$	$\lceil \frac{2n-2}{5} \rceil$

Domination parameters of some basic families

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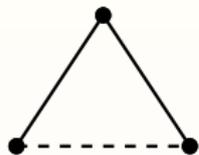
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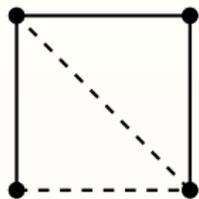
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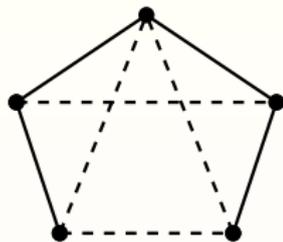
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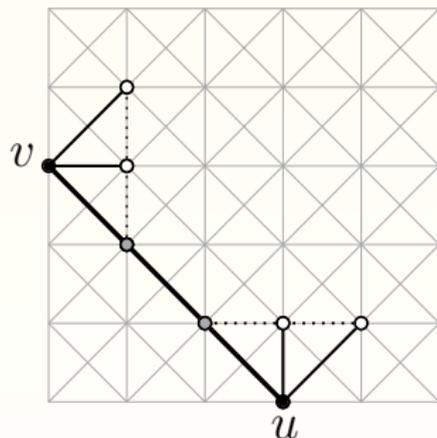
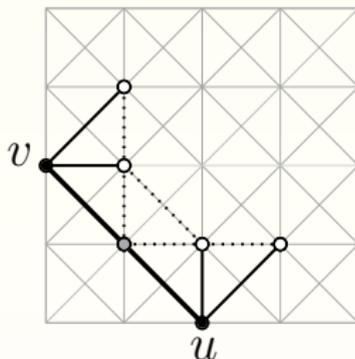
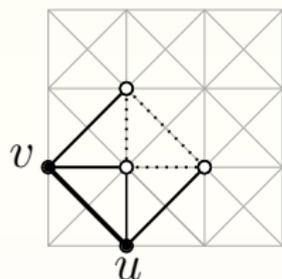
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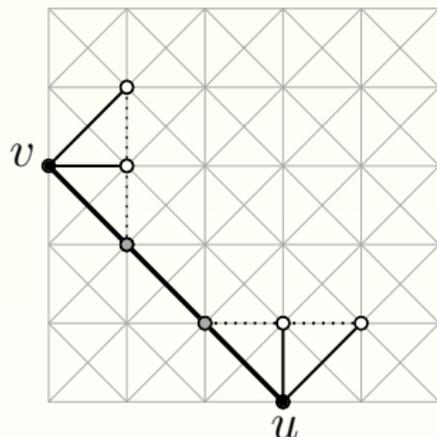
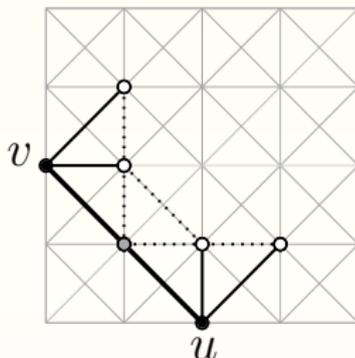
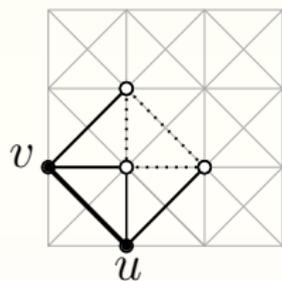


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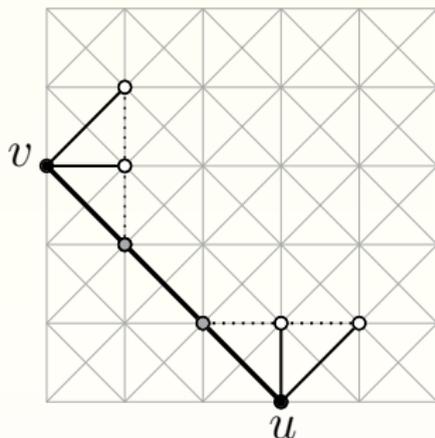
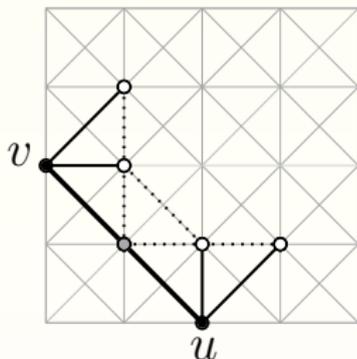
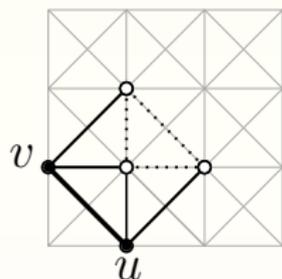


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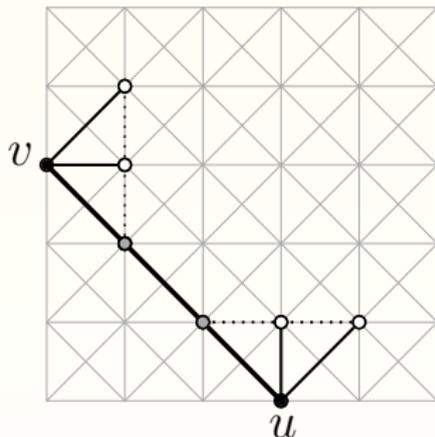
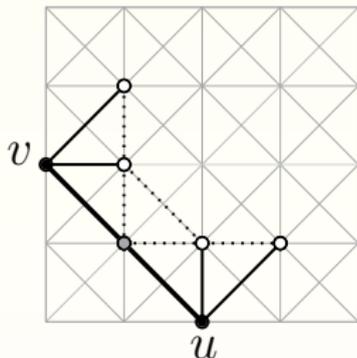
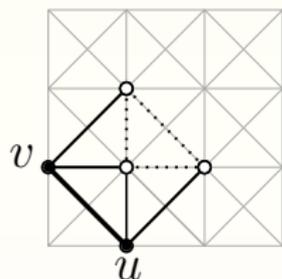


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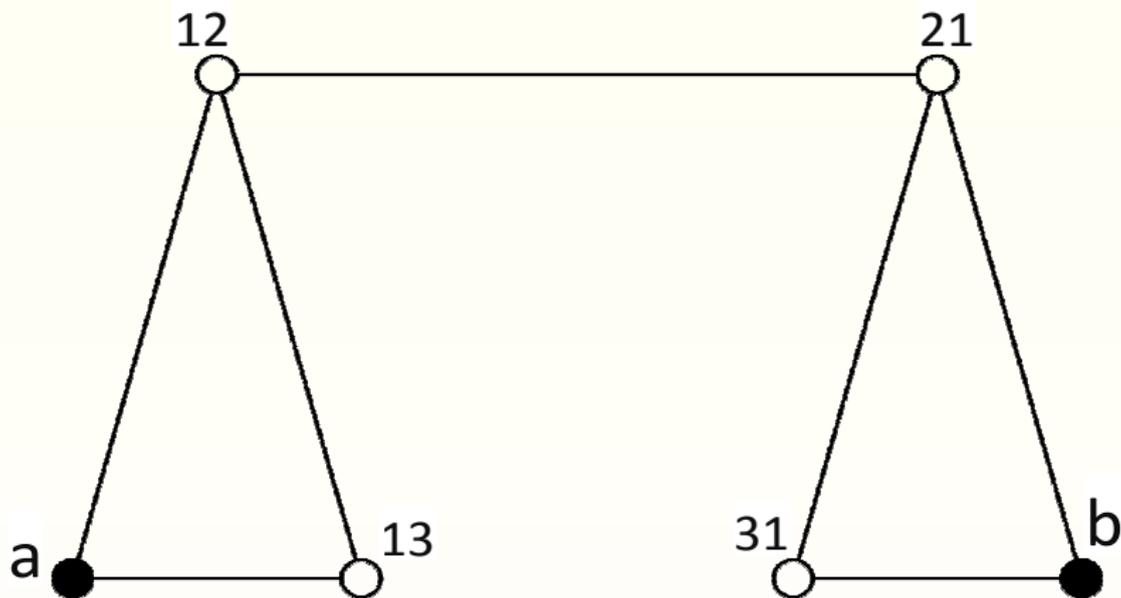
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