

REU Problems of the Czech Group

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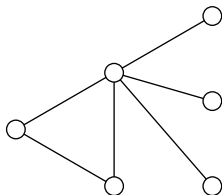
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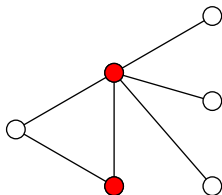
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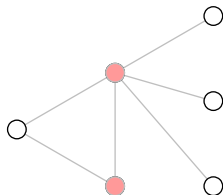
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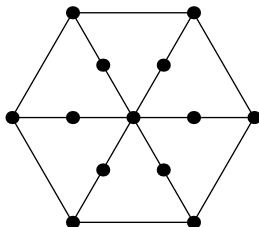
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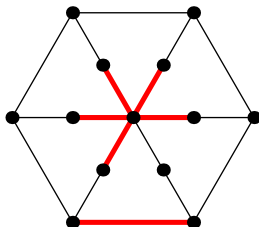
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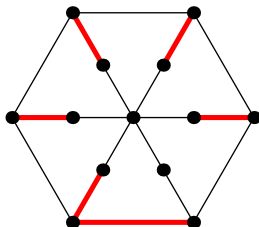


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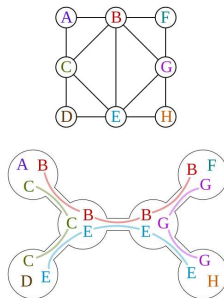
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If we restrict ourselves to the graphs of **bounded** tree-width, we can get algorithms **polynomial** with respect to the size of a graph. (e.g. with running time $2^k n^3$, where k is the tree-width and n the size of a graph)

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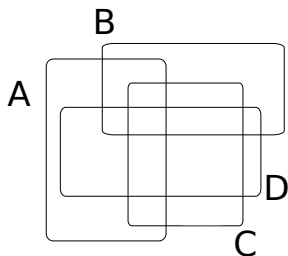
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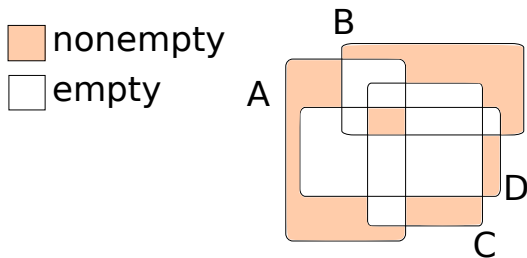
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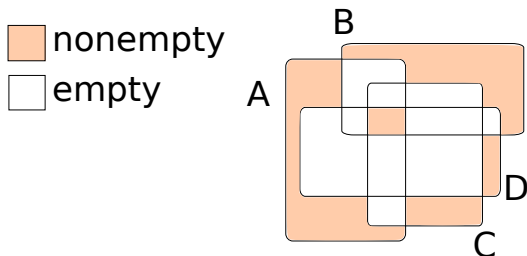
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Known results (Tancer et al.):

Lower Bound: There are families of sets requiring $\Omega(m^{2-\varepsilon})$ terms.

Upper Bound: There is an algorithm which finds a formula of size $m^{O(\log^2(n))}$ in expected running time $m^{O(\log^2(n))}$.

Stronger results for specific families of sets (e.g. disks in a plane).

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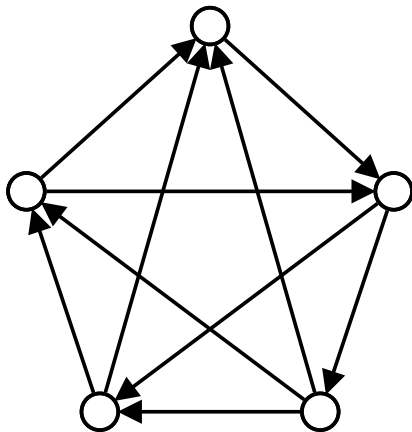
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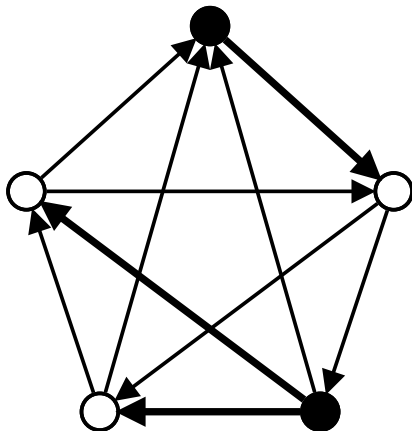
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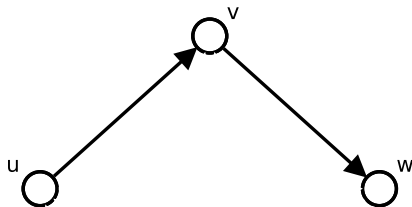
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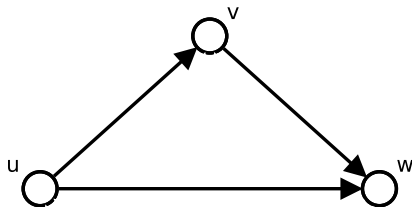
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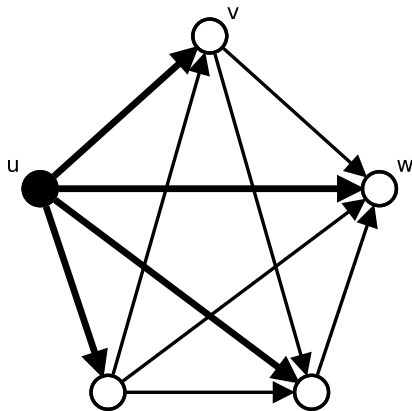
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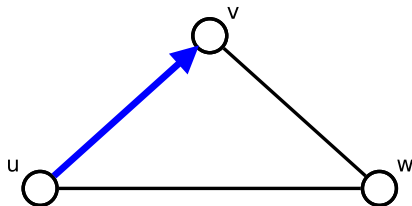
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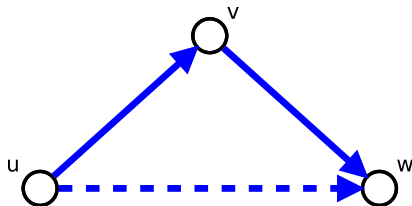
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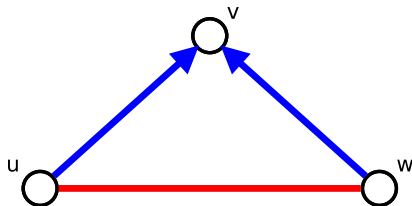
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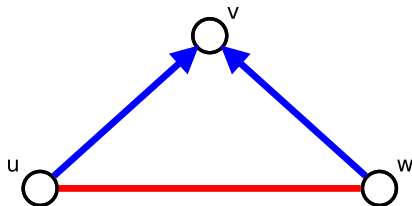
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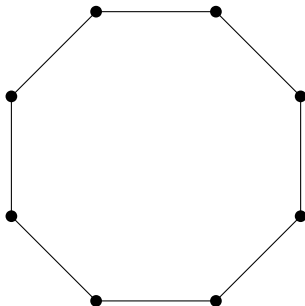
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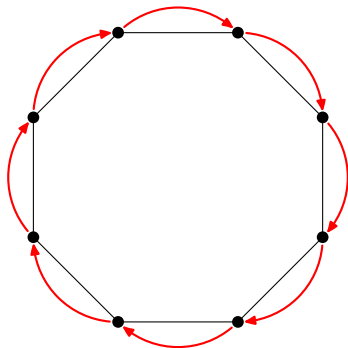
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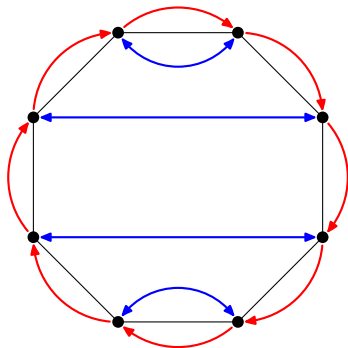
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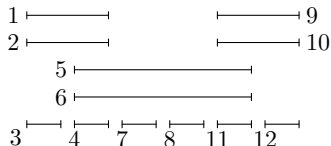
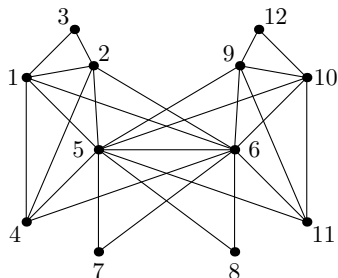
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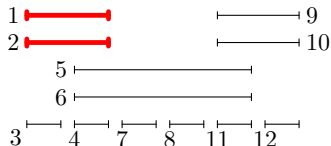
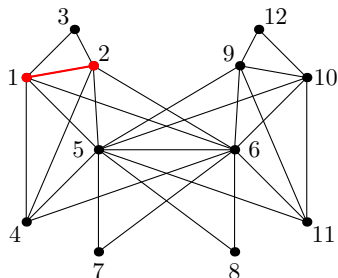
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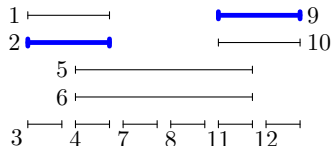
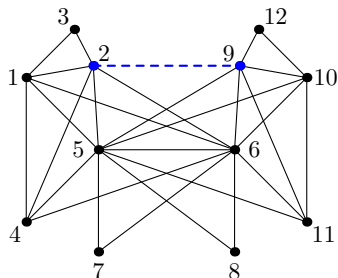
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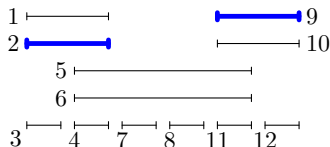
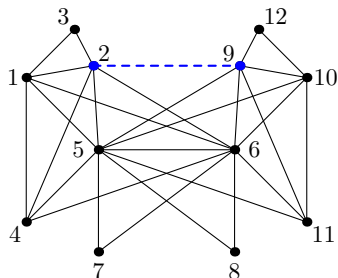
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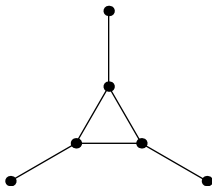
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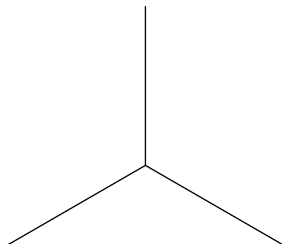
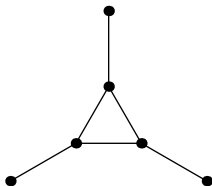
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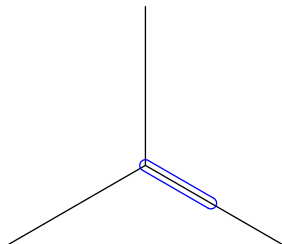
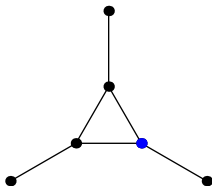
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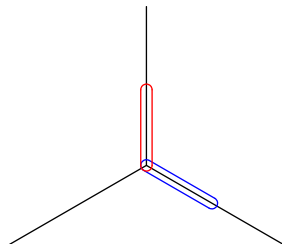
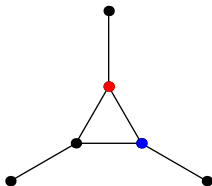
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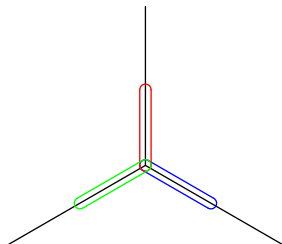
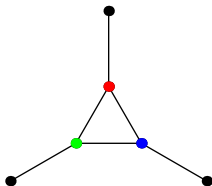
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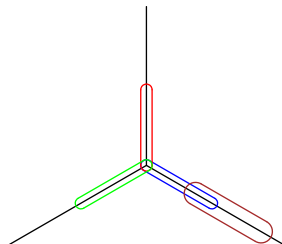
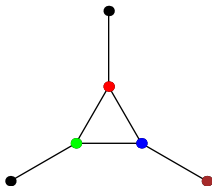
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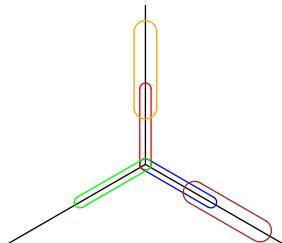
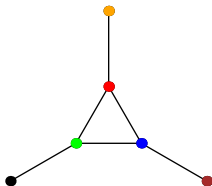
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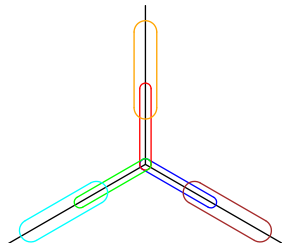
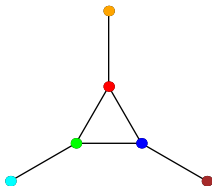
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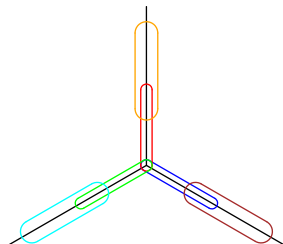
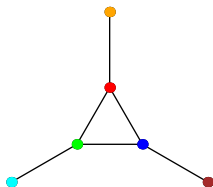
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Concerning the class T-GRAPH, not much is known in comparison to INT and CHOR.

Main Aim

Our **main aim** is to study the structural and computational properties of the classes T -GRAPH.

First, we will try to understand the classes T -GRAPH, for some special tree T (for example $K_{1,n}$).

It is possible that some techniques developed for interval graphs could be used.

Thank you!