Kernel lower bound for the *k*-DOMATIC PARTITION problem

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Theorem

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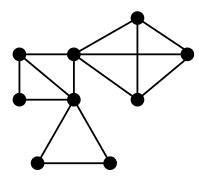
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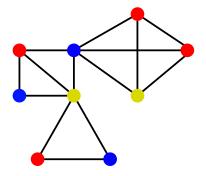
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Sketch of proof:

- cross-composition of HYPERGRAPH-2-COLORABILITY to itself
 ⇒ no polynomial kernel for HYPERGRAPH-2-COLORABILITY
 (parameterized by the number of vertices)
- polynomial time and parameter transformation to k-DOMATIC PARTITION

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Equivalence relation:

- computable in polynomial time
- partition a set S into less than $\max_{x \in S} |x|^{O(1)}$ classes

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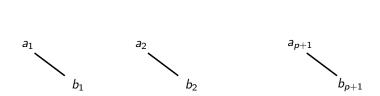
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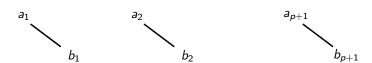


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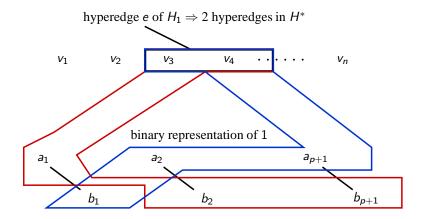
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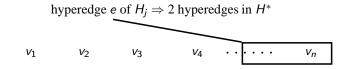
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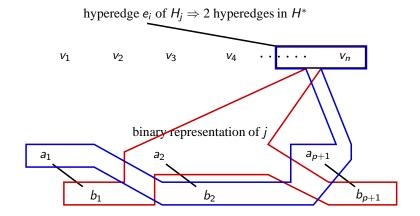


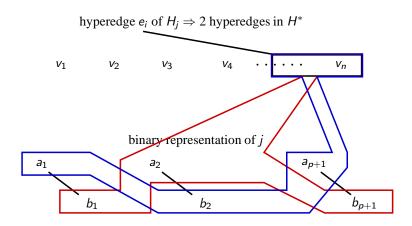


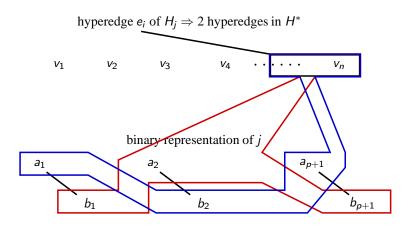


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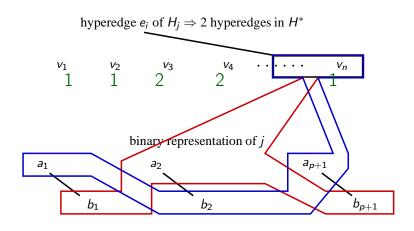
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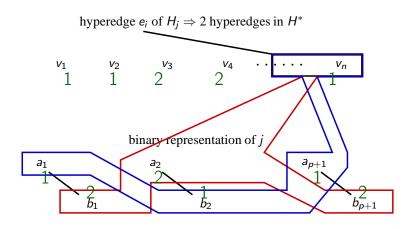




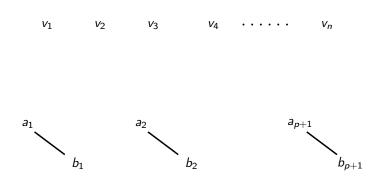
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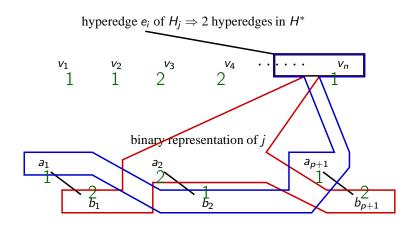


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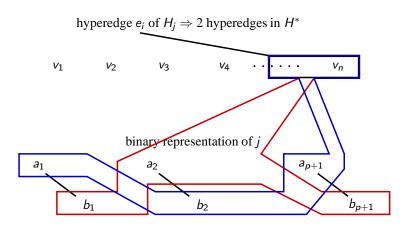


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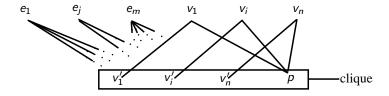
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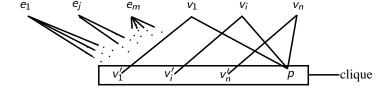
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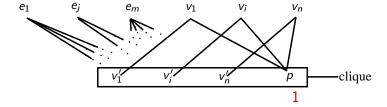
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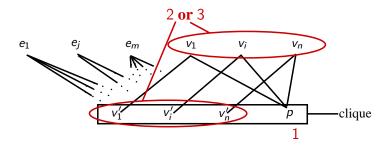
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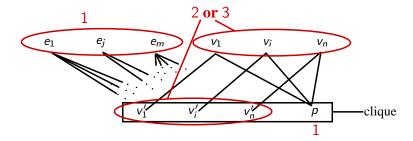
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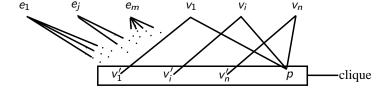








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