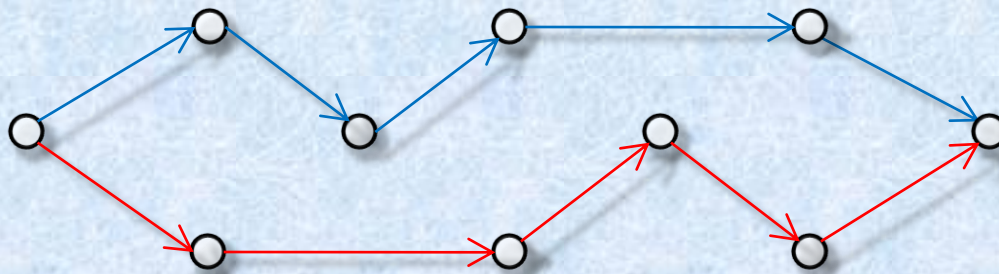


# Efficient Algorithms for Reachability and Path-Selection Problems

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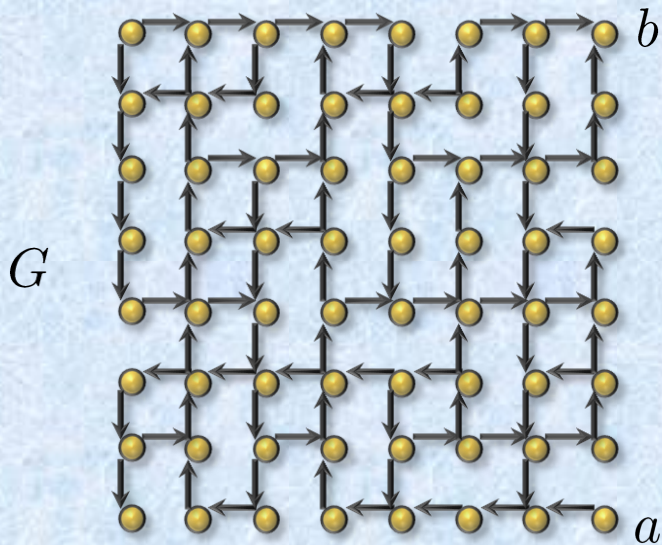
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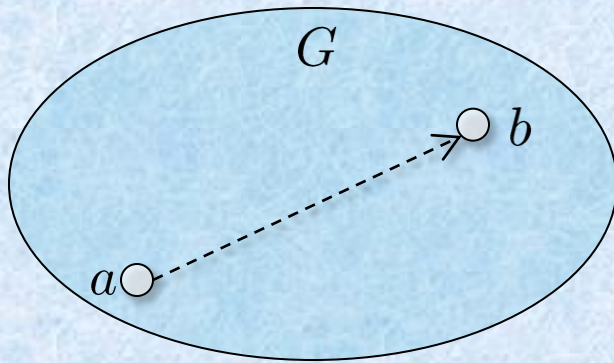
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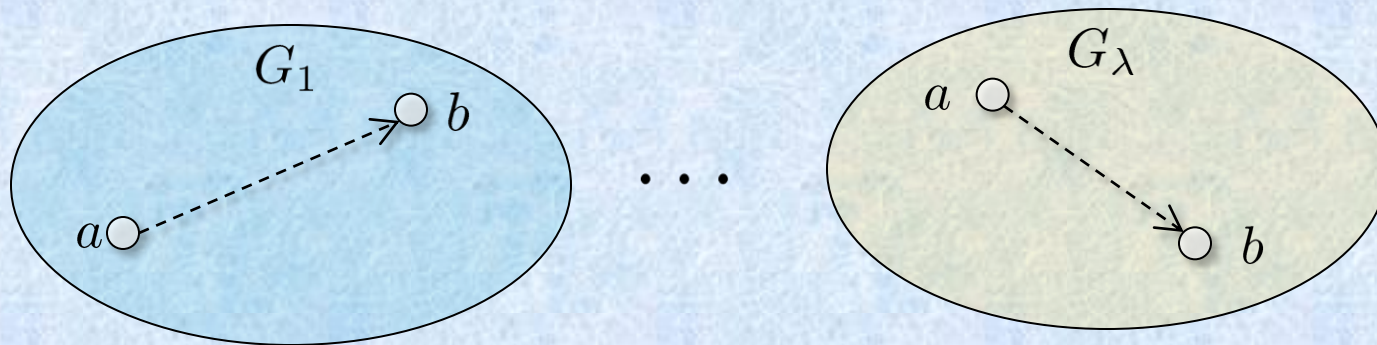
Easy : Efficiency  $\langle n^2, 1 \rangle$  or  $\langle m + n, m + n \rangle$

Hard : Efficiency close to  $\langle m + n, 1 \rangle$

So far achieved only for restricted graph classes (e.g., planar graphs)

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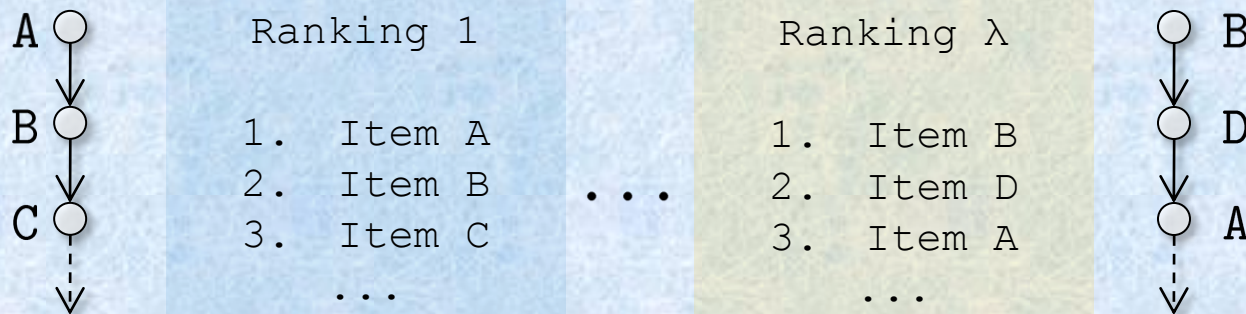
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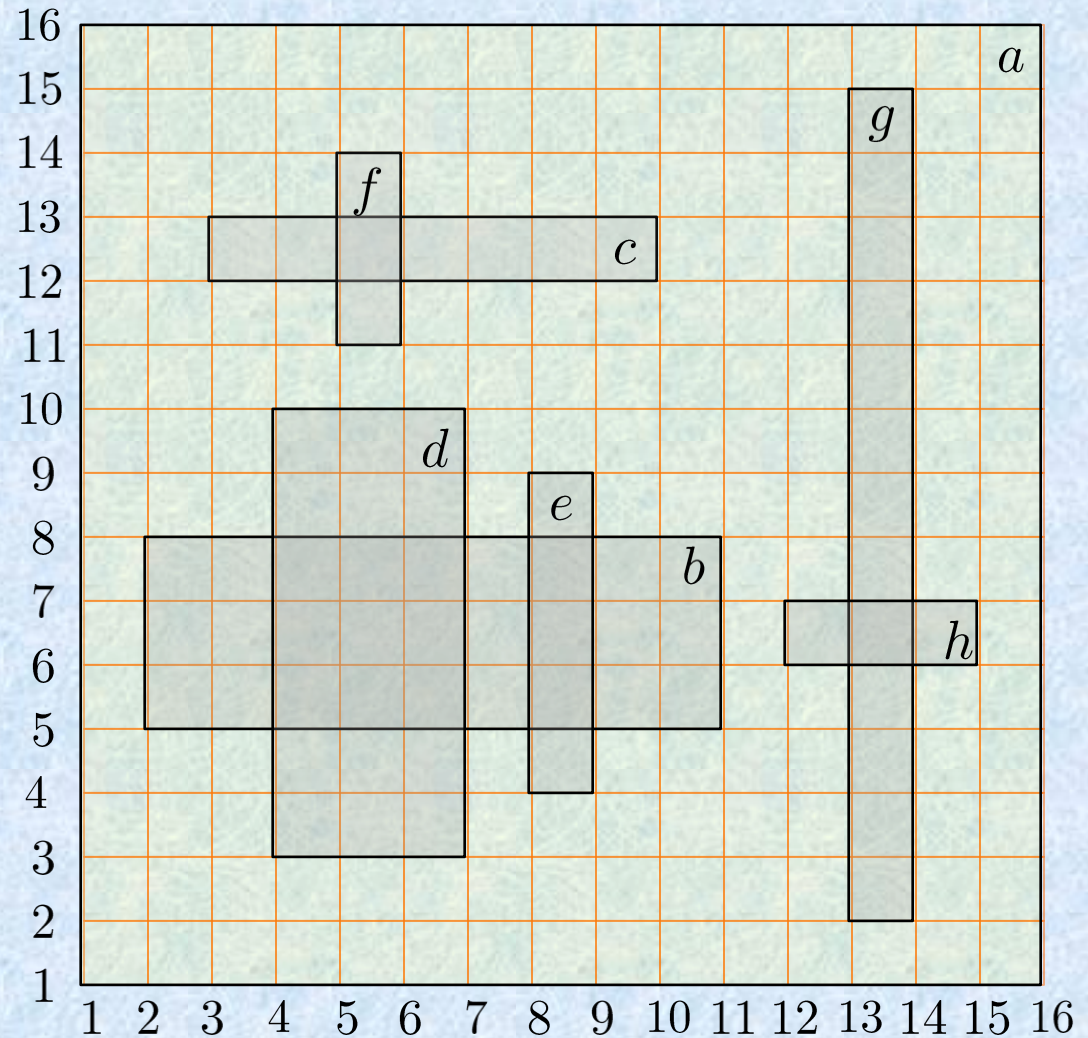
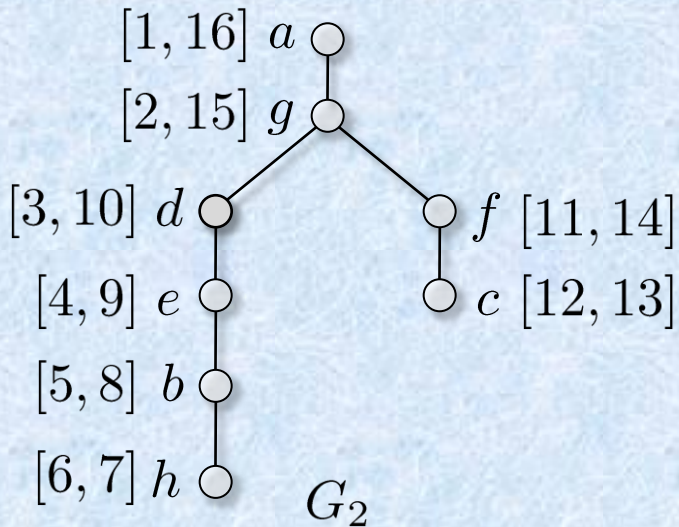
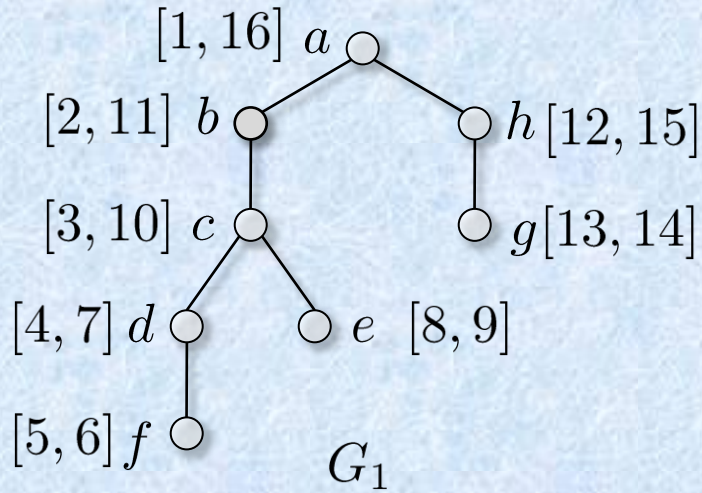
Applications: Graph Algorithms, Data Bases

Example: Rank Aggregation



Given a collection of rankings of some items, we would like to report fast all items ranked higher than a query item in all rankings.

# Join-Reachability



Main Idea: Geometric mapping of simple graphs

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Given two digraphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  with  $n$  vertices we can construct join-reachability data structures with the following efficiency:

- (a)  $\langle n, k \rangle$  when  $G_1$  is an unoriented tree and  $G_2$  is an unoriented dipath.
- (b)  $\langle n, \log n + k \rangle$  when  $G_1$  is an out-tree and  $G_2$  is an unoriented tree.
- (c)  $\langle n \log^\varepsilon n, \log \log n + k \rangle$  (for any constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ ), when  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are unoriented trees.
- (d)  $\langle n \log n, k \log n \rangle$  when  $G_1$  is planar digraph and  $G_2$  is an unoriented tree.
- (e)  $\langle n \log^2 n, k \log^2 n \rangle$  when both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are planar digraphs.
- (f)  $\langle n\kappa_1, k \rangle$  when  $G_1$  is a general digraph that can be covered with  $\kappa_1$  vertex-disjoint dipaths and  $G_2$  is an unoriented tree.
- (g)  $\langle n(\kappa_1 + \log n), k\kappa_1 \log n \rangle$  or  $\langle n\kappa_1 \log n, k \log n \rangle$  when  $G_1$  is a general digraph that can be covered with  $\kappa_1$  vertex-disjoint dipaths and  $G_2$  is planar digraph.

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- (h)  $\langle n(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2), \kappa_1\kappa_2 + k \rangle$  or  $\langle n\kappa_1\kappa_2, k \rangle$  when each  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is a digraph that can be covered with  $\kappa_i$  vertex-disjoint dipaths.



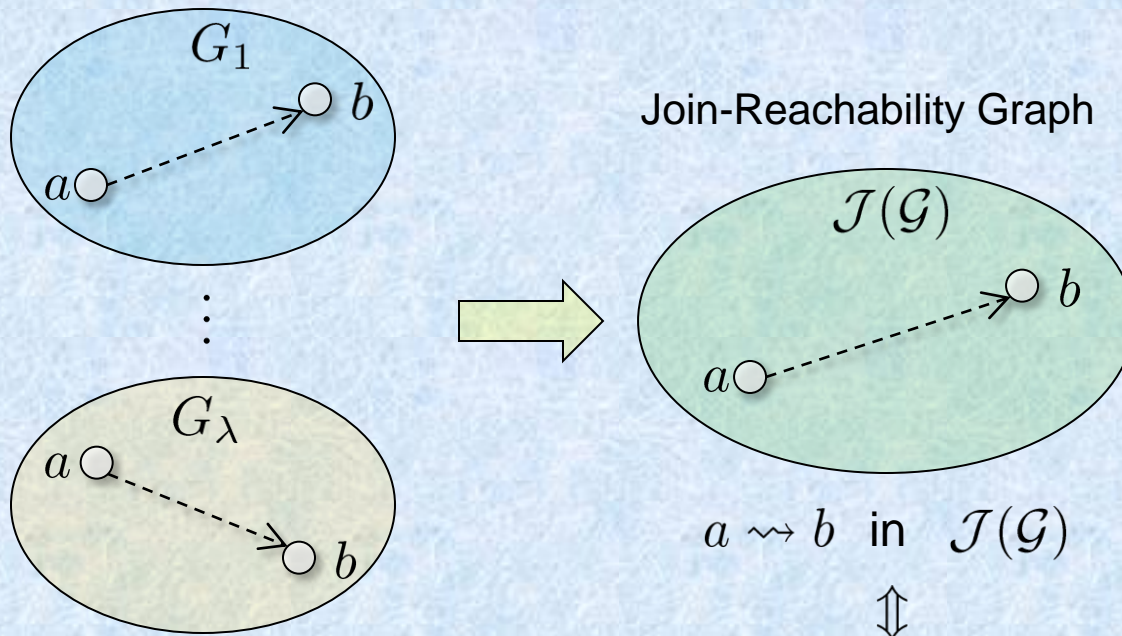
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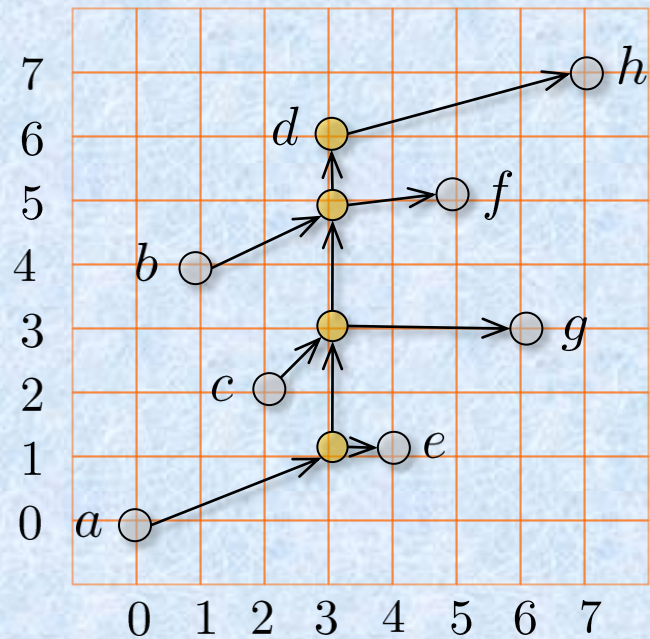
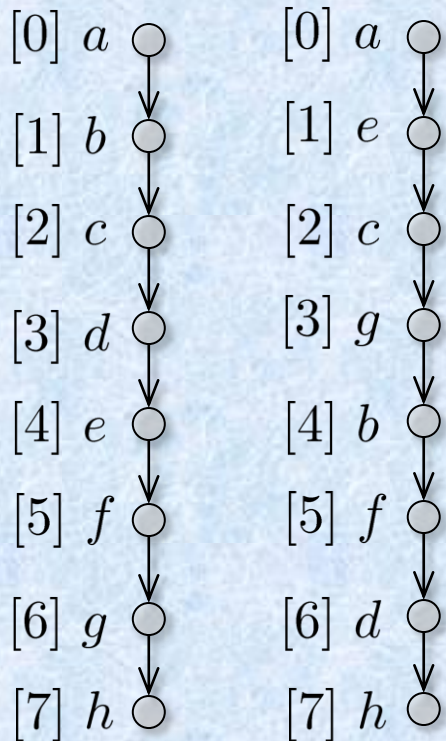
Computing the smallest  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{G})$   
(in terms of the number of arcs  
plus vertices) is **NP-hard**

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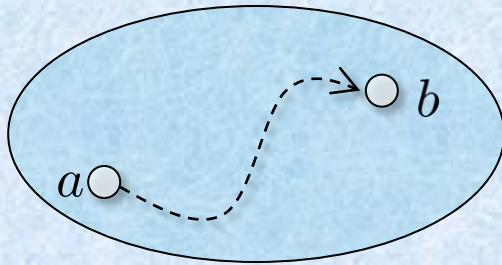


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Given two digraphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  with  $n$  vertices, the following bounds on the size of the join-reachability graph  $\mathcal{J}(\{G_1, G_2\})$  hold:

- (a)  $\Theta(n \log n)$  in the worst case when  $G_1$  is an unoriented tree and  $G_2$  is an unoriented dipath.
- (b)  $O(n \log^2 n)$  when both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are unoriented trees.
- (c)  $O(n \log^2 n)$  when  $G_1$  is a planar digraph and  $G_2$  is an unoriented dipath.
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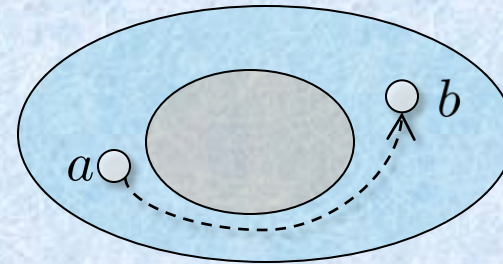
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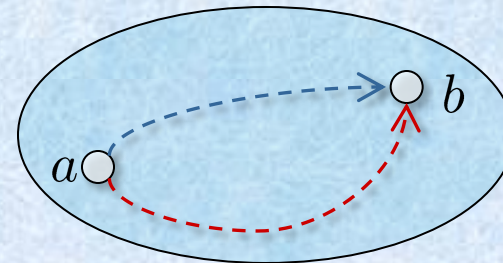
Compute paths in a graph  $G$  so that certain requirements are satisfied

E.g.

Avoid a forbidden part of  $G$



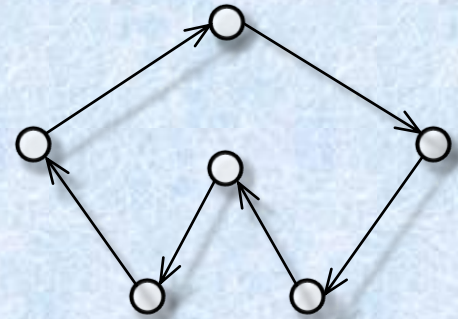
Disjoint paths



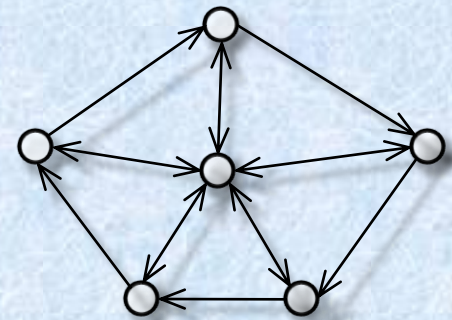
Applications: Communications, Scheduling, VLSI design

# Vertex Connectivity

**Strongly connected** digraph  $G = (V, E)$   
contains an  $s \rightsquigarrow t$  path for any pair  $s, t \in V$



**k-vertex connected** digraph  $G = (V, E)$   
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$$O((n + \min\{\kappa^{5/2}, \kappa n^{3/4}\})m) \quad [\text{Gabow 2006}]$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} O(\min\{k^3 + n, kn\}m) \\ O(mn) \text{ with error probability } 1/2 \end{array} \right\} [\text{Henzinger, Rao and Gabow 2000}]$$

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$$n = |V|, m = |A|$$

$$M(n) = \text{matrix multiplication time } (= O(n^{2.376}))$$

# Vertex Connectivity

Undirected graphs:  $O(m + n)$  algorithms for testing

$k = 2$  [Tarjan 1972]

$k = 3$  [Hopcroft and Tarjan 1973]

Directed graphs:  $O(m + n)$  algorithm for testing  $k = 2$  ?

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# Results

$O(m + n)$ -time algorithm for testing 2-vertex connectivity



$O(n)$ -space data structure :

compute two vertex-disjoint  $s$ - $t$  paths in  $O(\log^2 n)$  time  
report the two paths,  $P$  and  $Q$ , in  $O(|P| + |Q|)$  time

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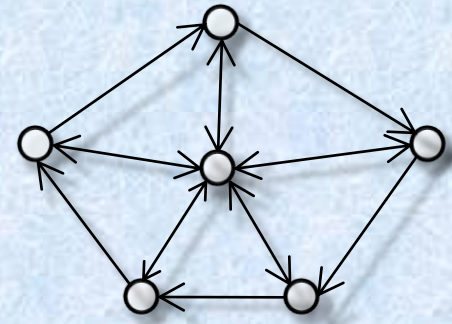


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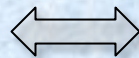
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From Menger's theorem :

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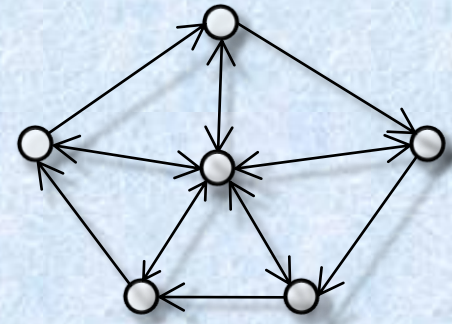
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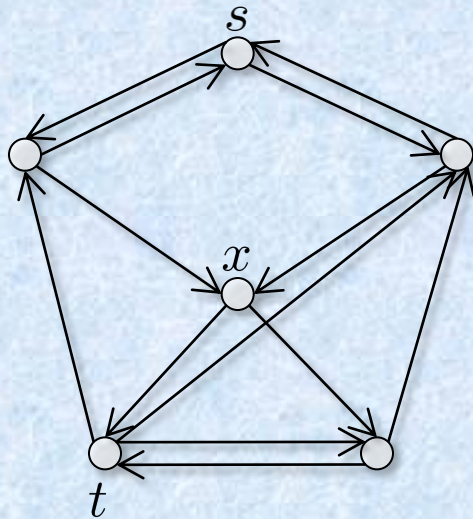
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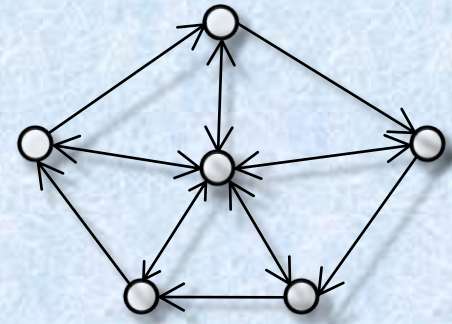
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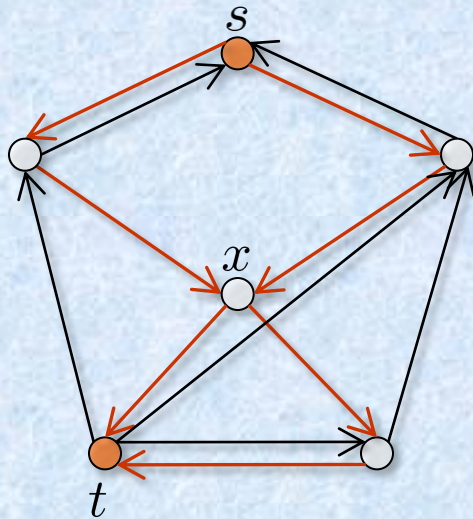
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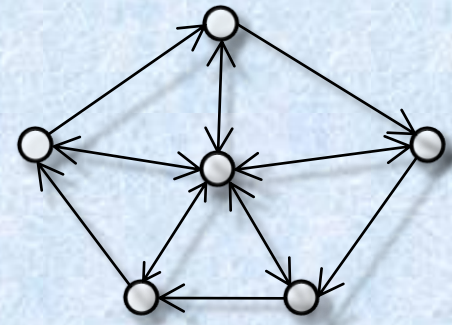
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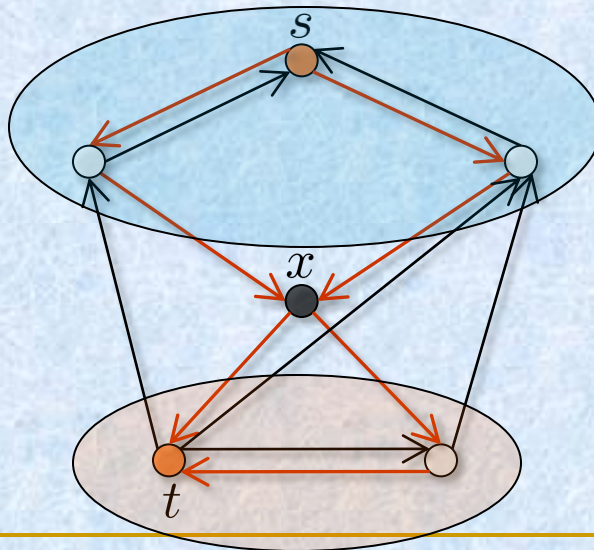
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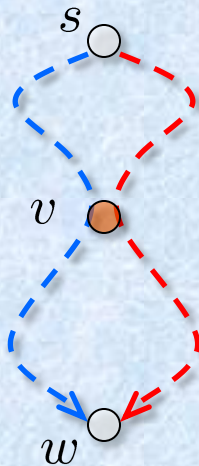


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$dom(w)$  : set of vertices that dominate  $w$

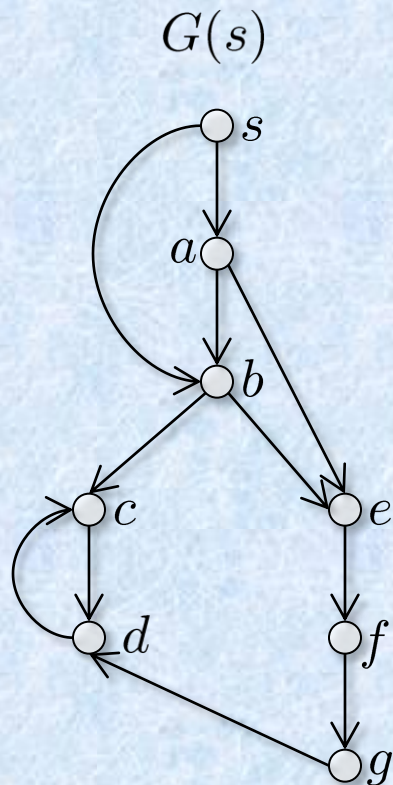
Trivial dominators :  $s, w \in dom(w)$

Application areas : Program optimization, VLSI testing, theoretical biology, distributed systems, constraint programming

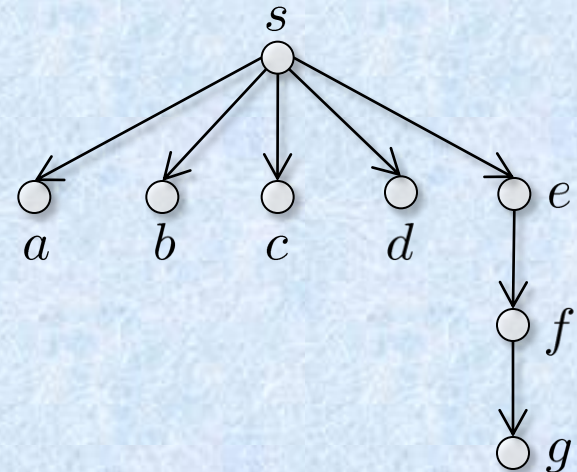
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$O(m\alpha(m, n))$  algorithm: [Lengauer and Tarjan '79]

$O(m + n)$  algorithms:

[Alstrup, Harel, Lauridsen, and Thorup '97]

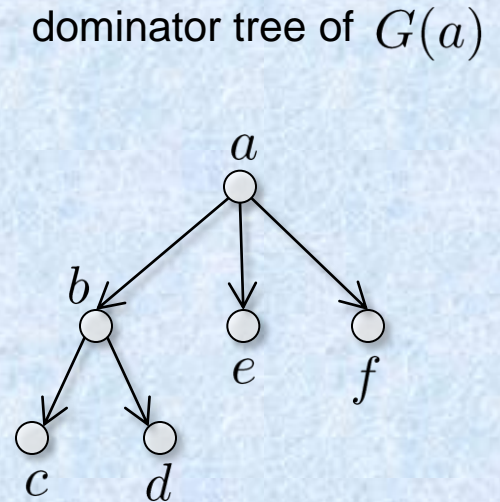
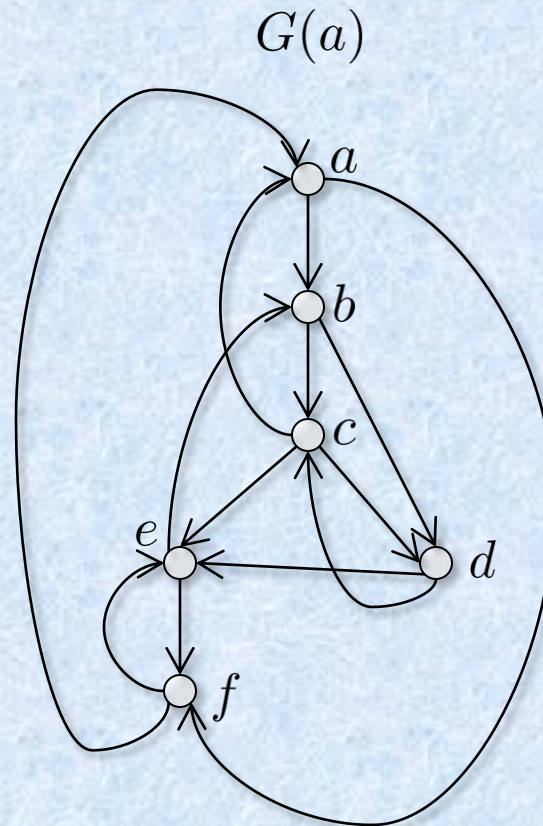
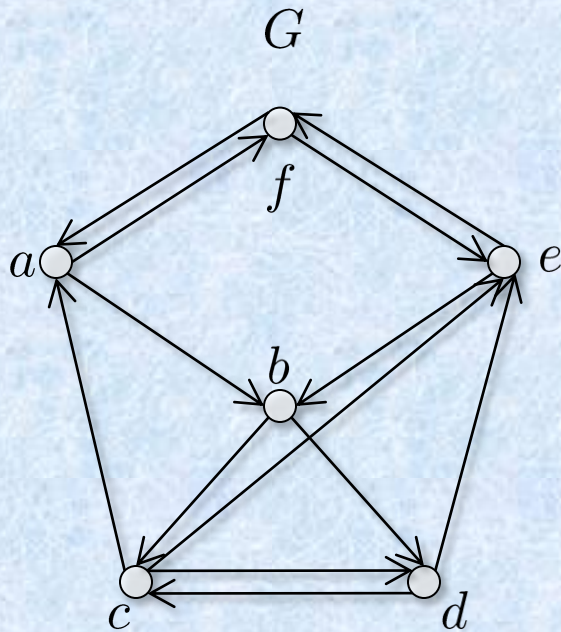
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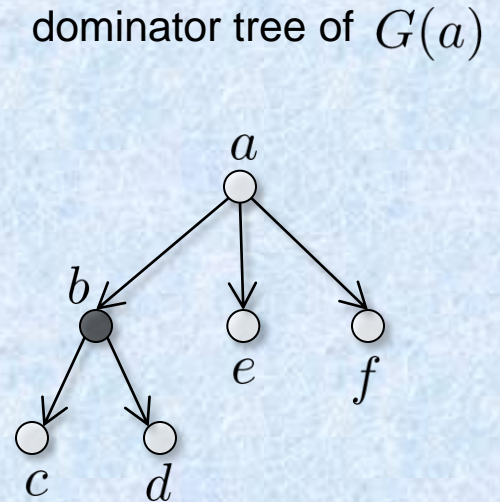
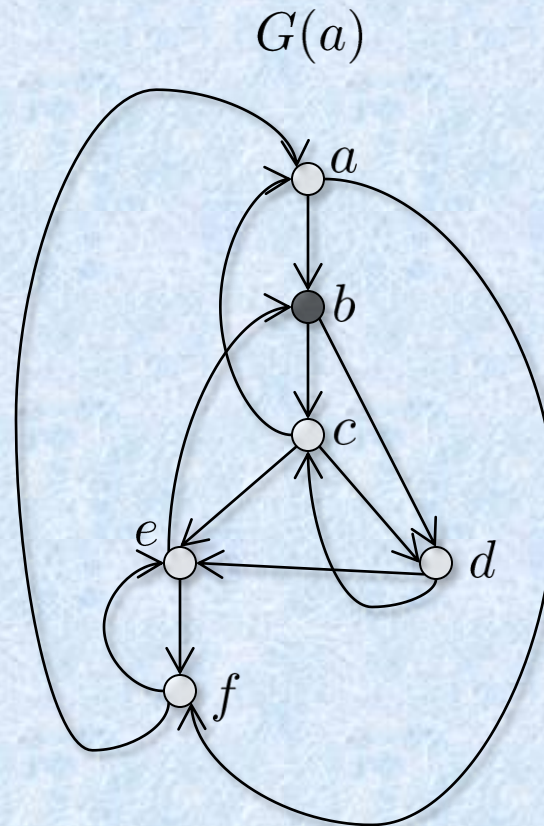
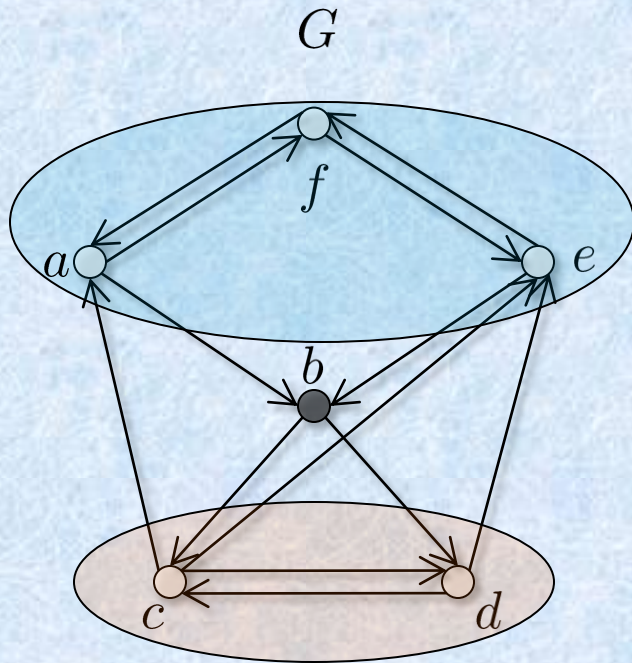
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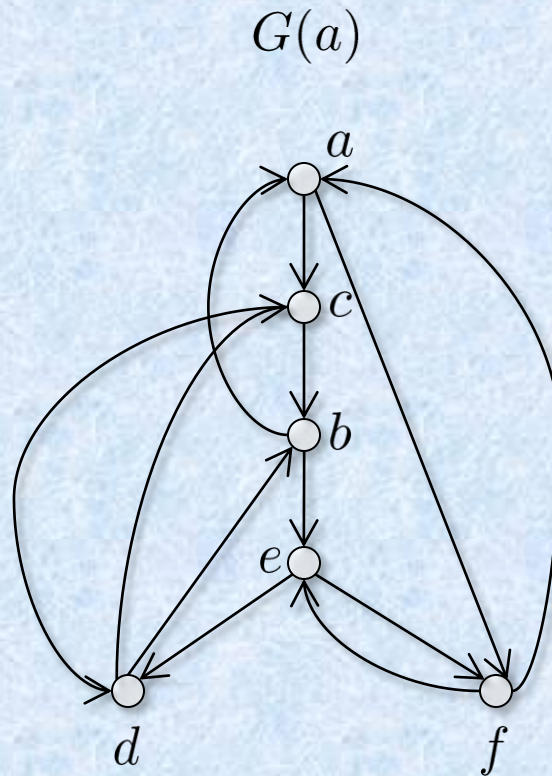
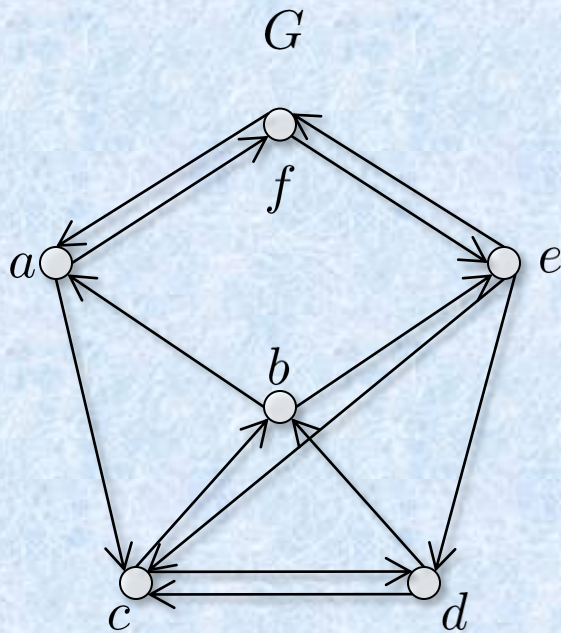




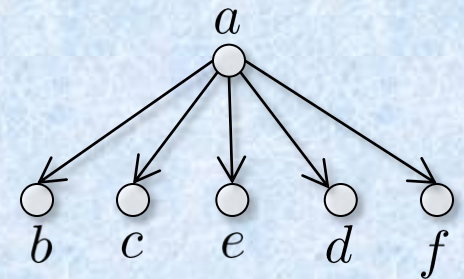
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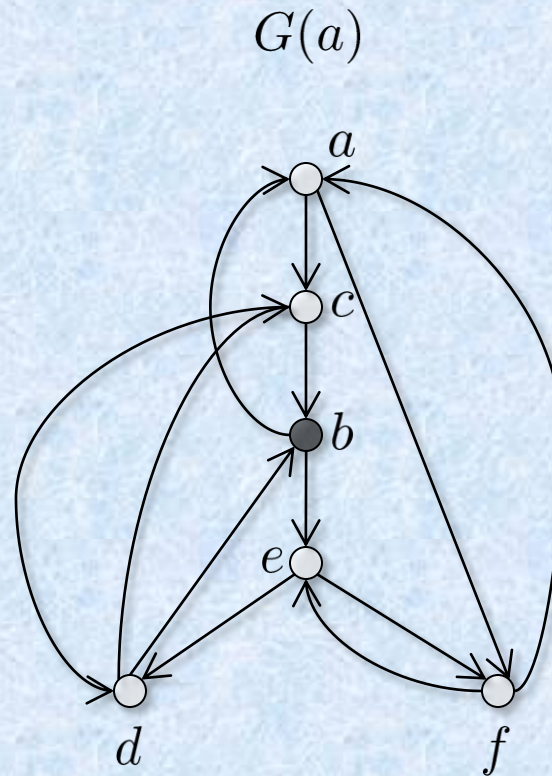
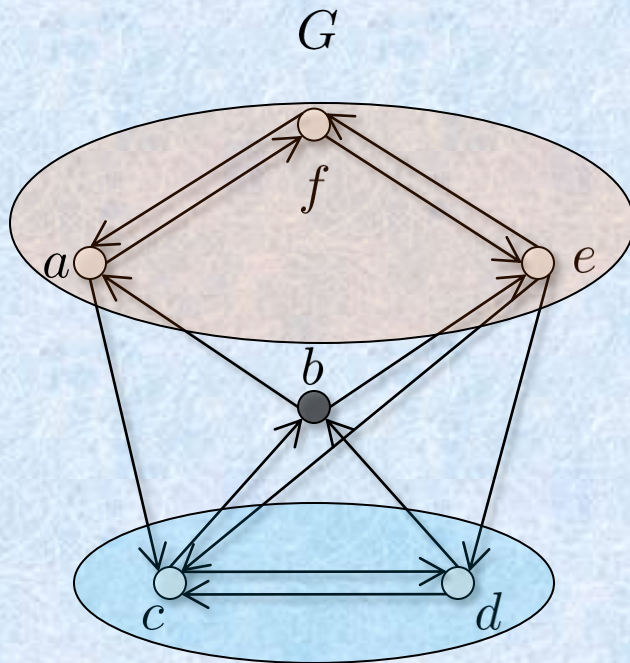
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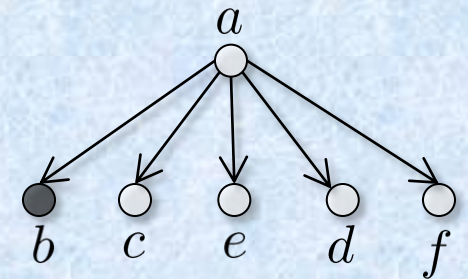
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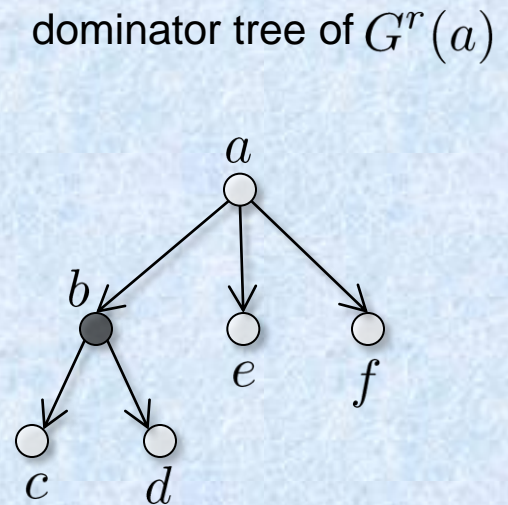
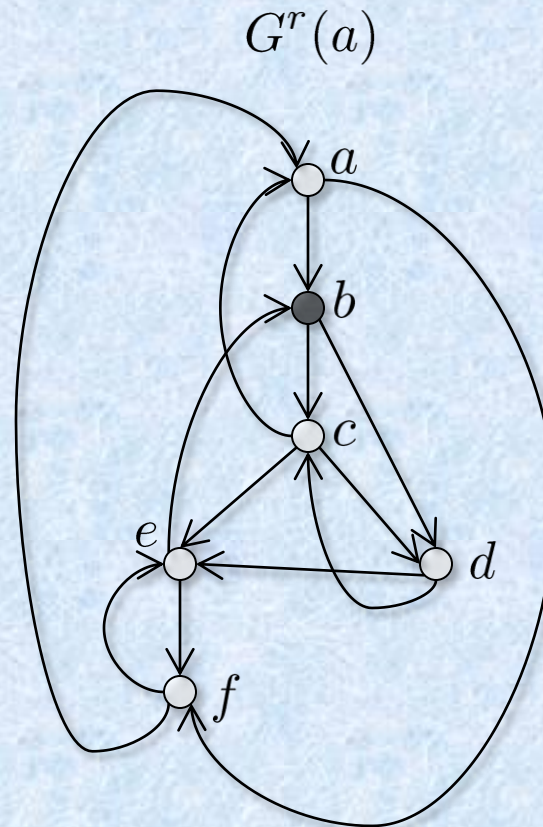
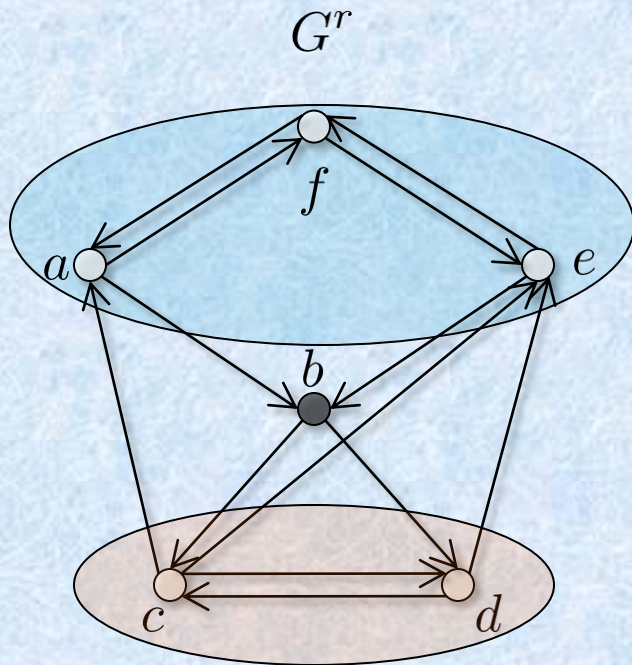
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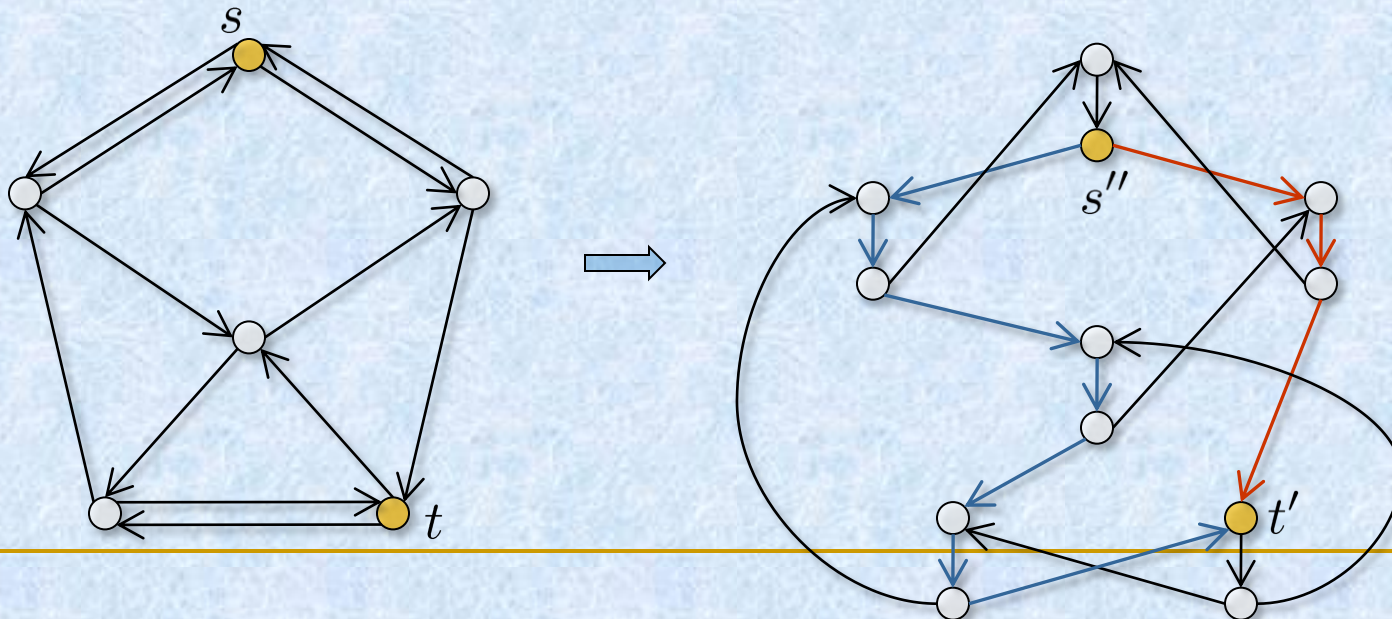
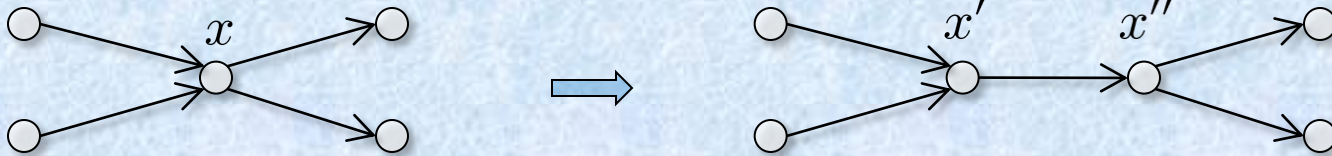
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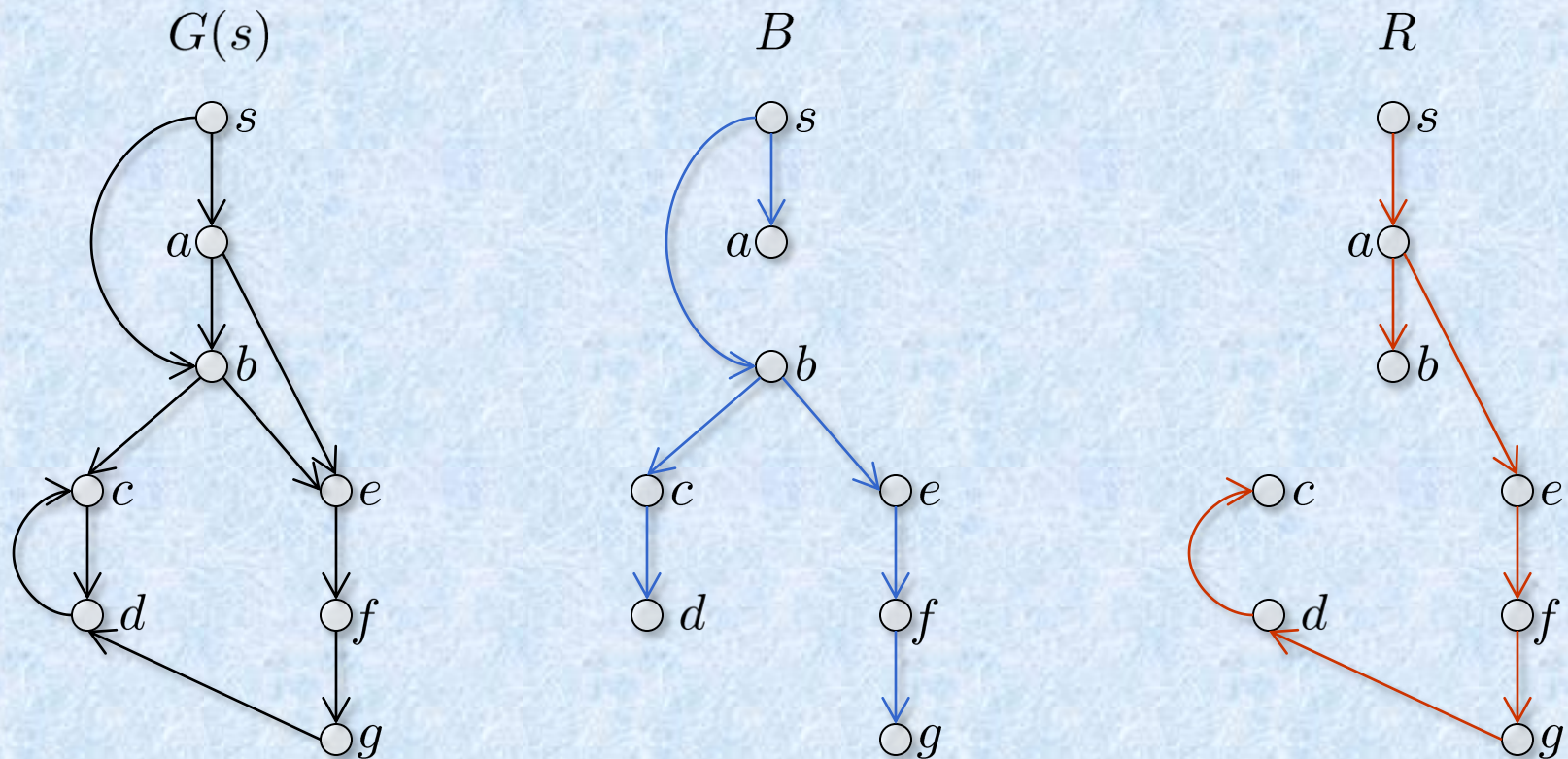
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- Use pairs of independent trees
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Any flowgraph  $G(s) = (V, A, s)$  has two spanning trees,  $B$  and  $R$ , such that for any  $v \in V$

$$B[s, v] \cap R[s, v] = \text{dom}(v)$$



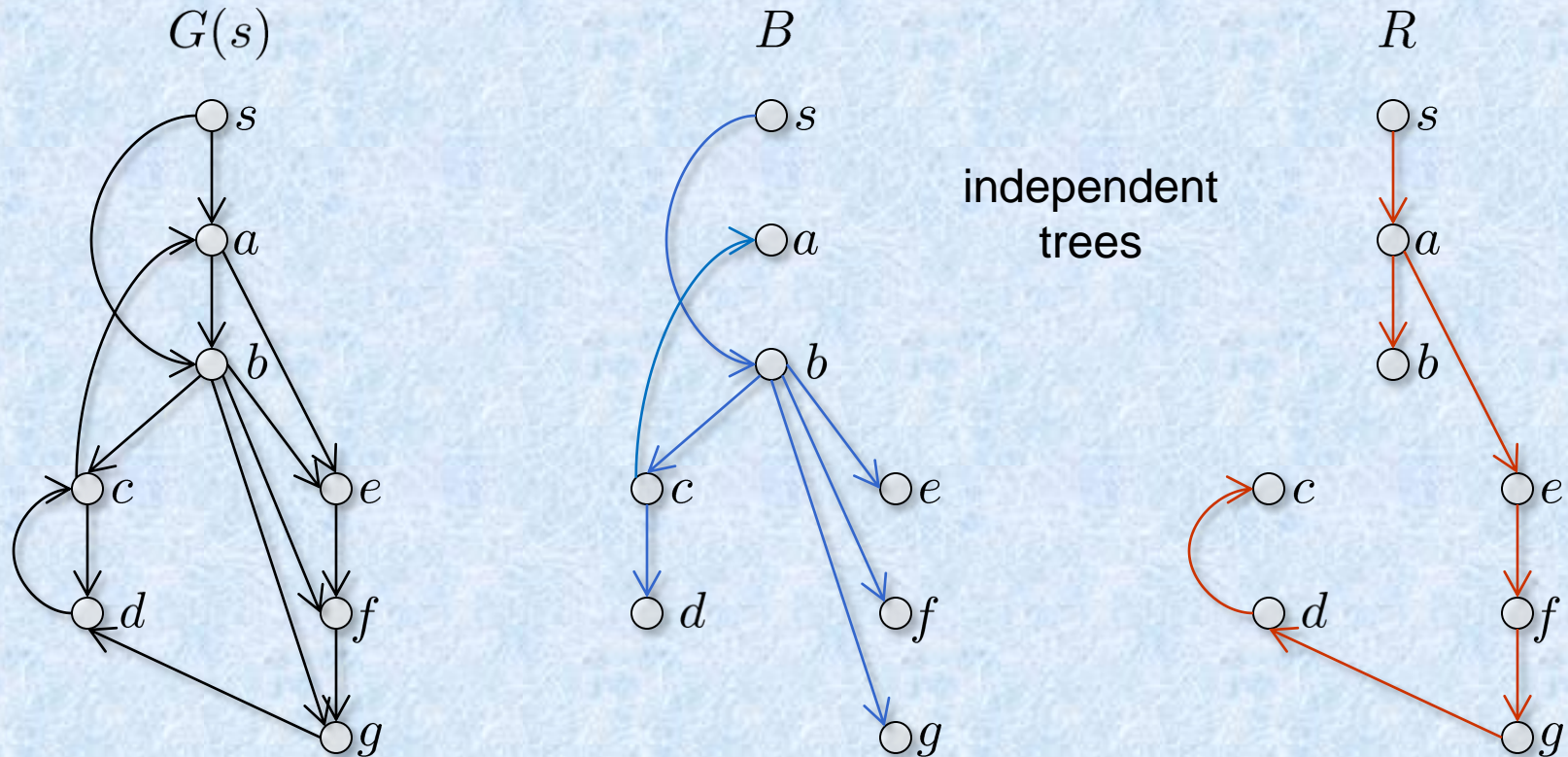
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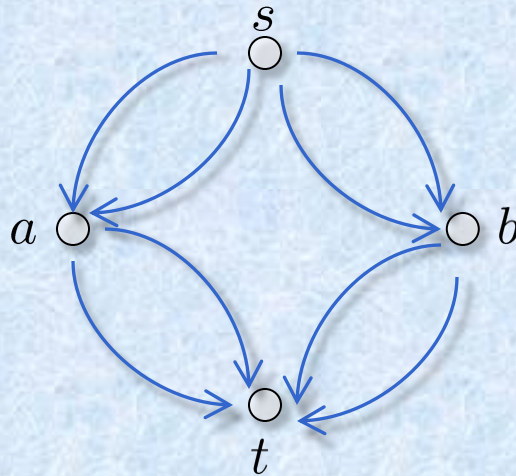
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Corollary : A digraph  $G = (V, A)$  is 2-vertex connected if and only if for two arbitrary vertices  $a, b \in V$  ( $a \neq b$ ) the flowgraphs  $G(a), G^r(a), G(b)$  and  $G^r(b)$  have trivial dominators only.

We use a pair of independent spanning trees for each of the flowgraphs

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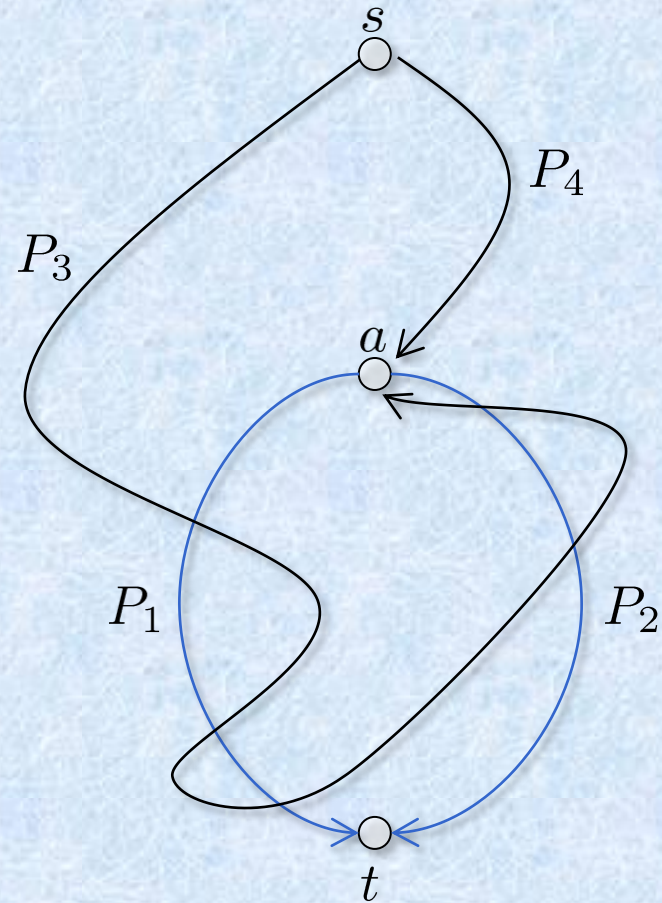
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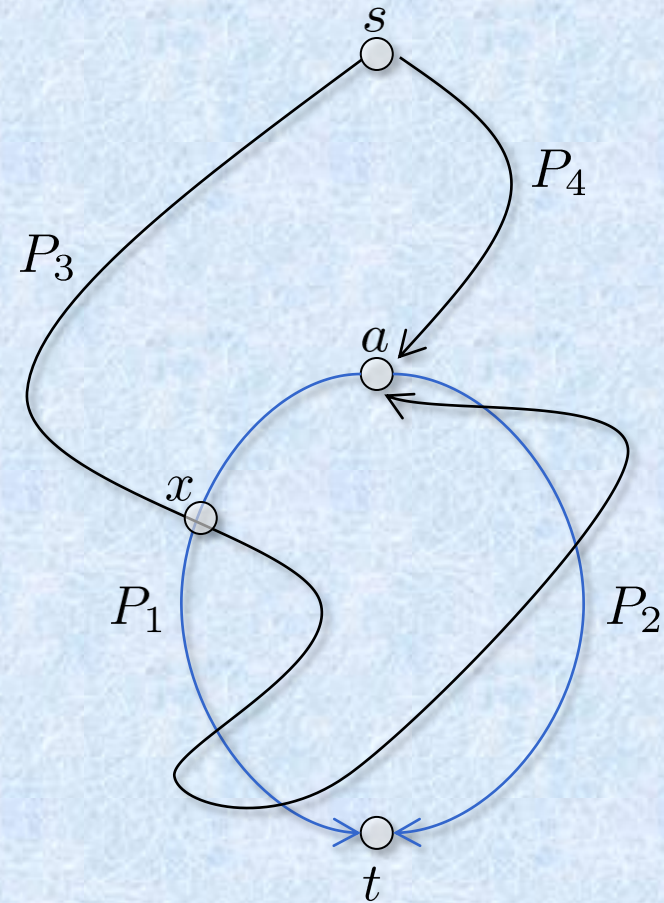
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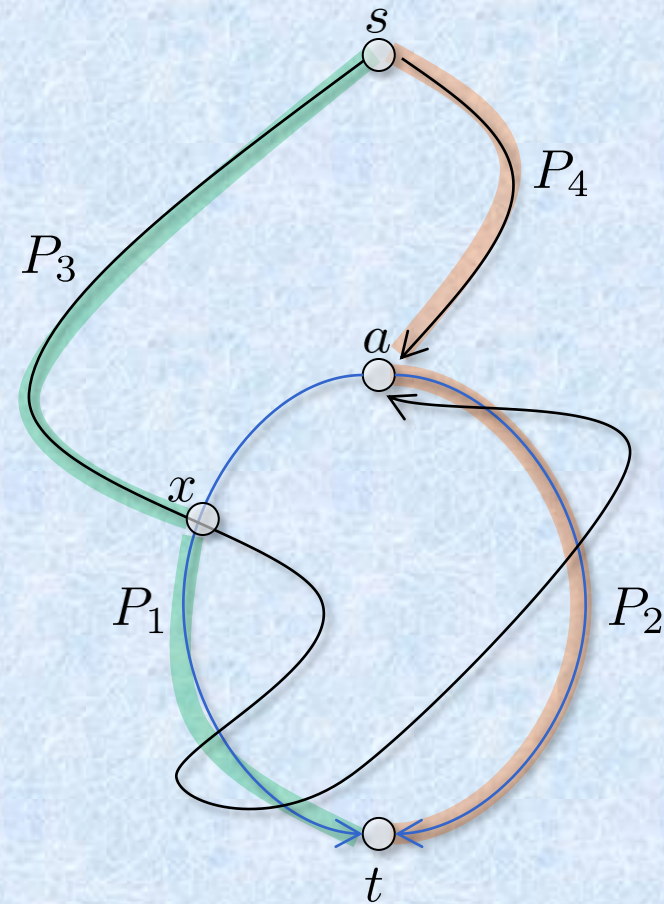
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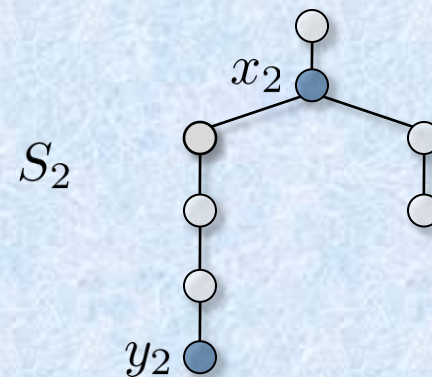
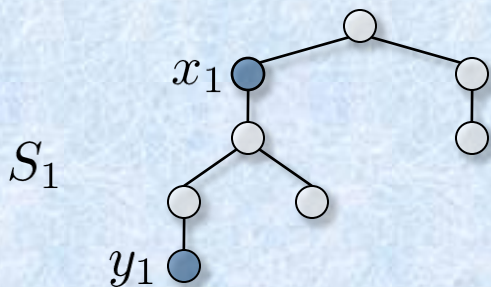
$P_3[s, x] \cdot P_1[x, t]$  and  $P_4[s, a] \cdot P_2[a, t]$  are vertex-disjoint  $s-t$  paths



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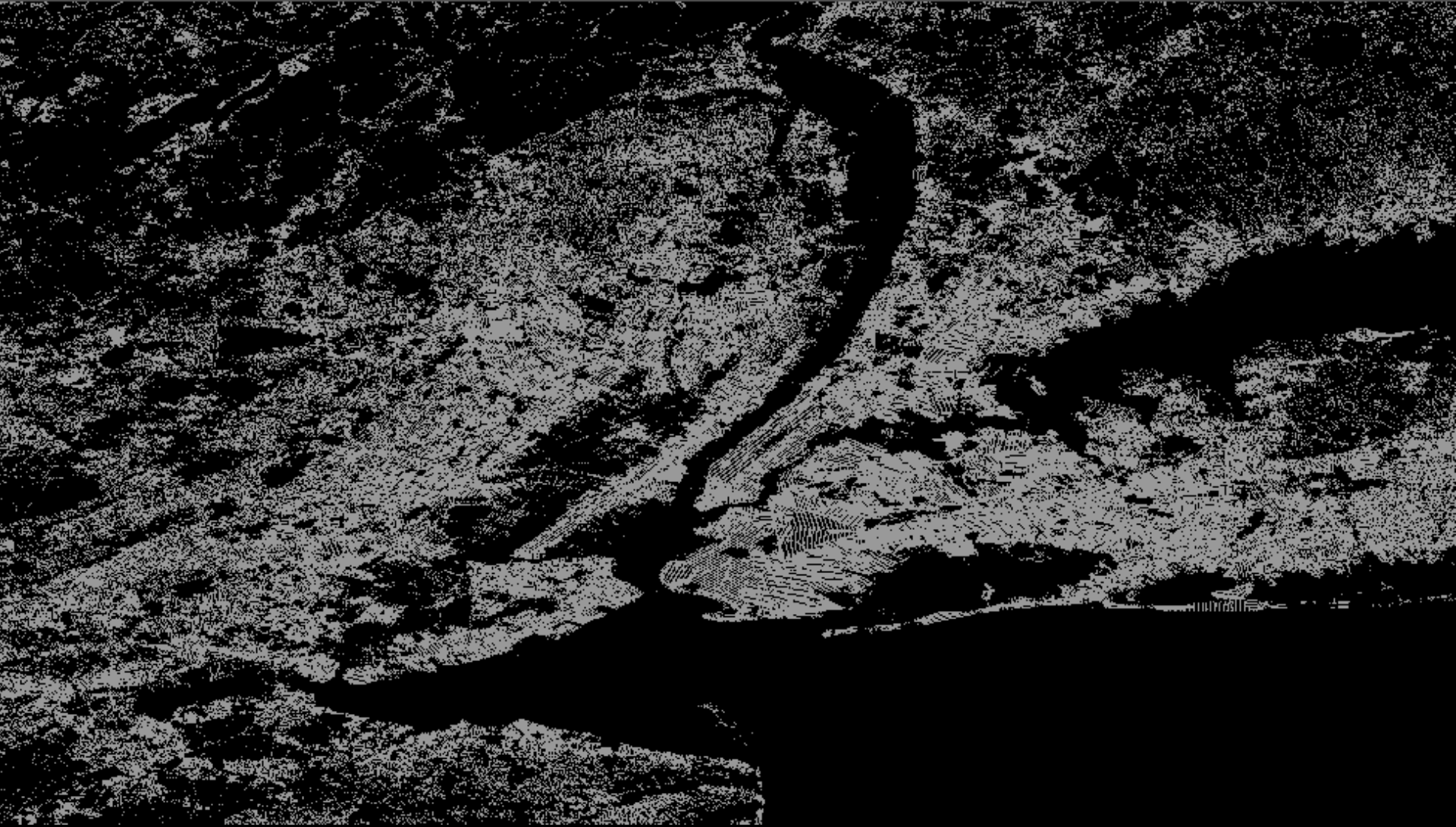
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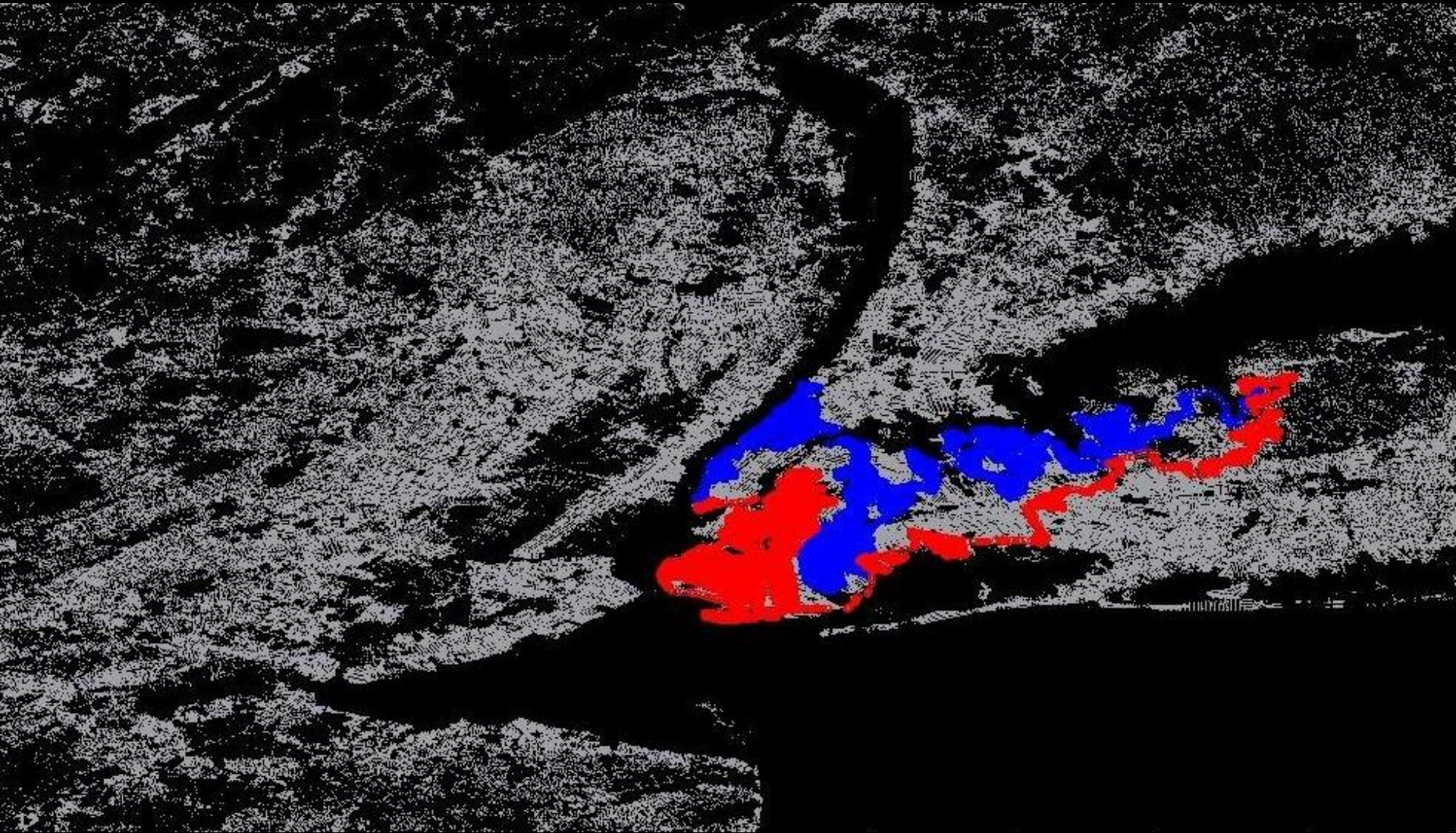




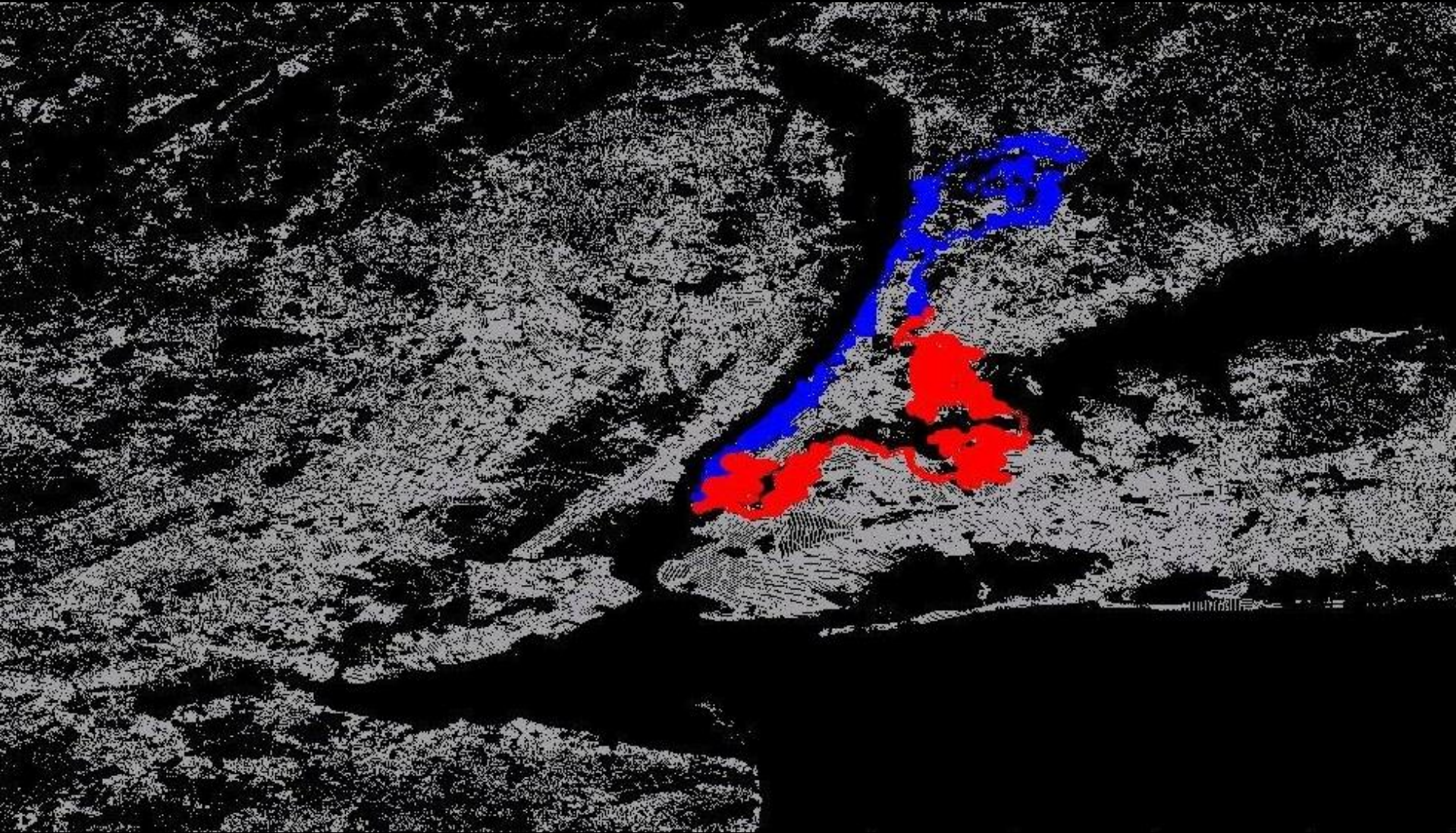
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# Computational Morphological Analysis

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**Fundamental Aim** : identification of the constituents of words and the properties they express.

e.g.	play	kind	read
	play-ed	kind-ness	read-ing
	play-ing		read-er
	play-er		read-er-s
	play-er-s		read-able

## Issues:

- What morphological units languages consist of?
- What features are represented in each morpheme?
- How do morphemes and features interact with one another?
- Are there any constraints in the selection of morphemes in specific environments?

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