

# Linear bounds between Cliquewidth and Component twin-width and applications

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# k-COLORING

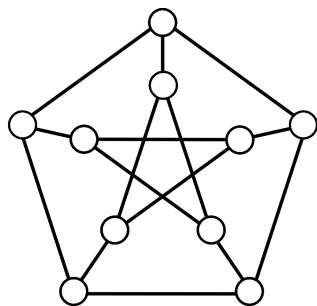


Figure: Instance of  
3-COLORING

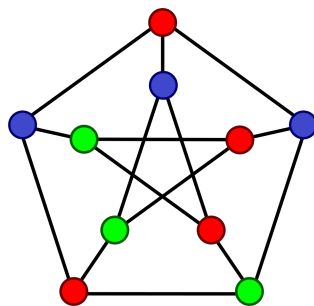
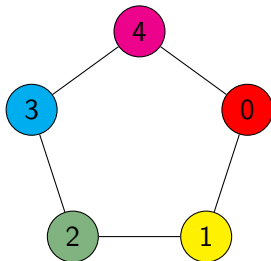
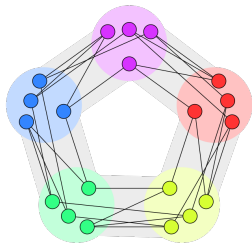
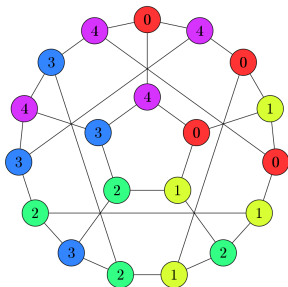


Figure: Solution of the  
instance

$$c : V_G \mapsto [k] \text{ such that } \forall (u, v) \in E_G, c(u) \neq c(v)$$

## H-COLORING



Example of a  $C_5$ -COLORING

$$f: V_G \rightarrow V_H$$

$$\forall (u, v) \in E_G, (f(u), f(v)) \in E_H$$

$f$  is an **Homomorphism**

$k$ -COLORING =  $K_k$ -COLORING

# Hard problem

Naive algorithm in time  $|V_H|^{|V_G|}$

No algo in time  $F(H) \times |V_G|^{F(H)}$  unless  $P=NP$  ( $H = K_3$ )

No algo in time  $F(G) \times |V_H|^{O(1)}$  unless  $FPT=W[1]$  ( $G = K_k$ )

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Use structural properties of the graphs involved

# Clique-width

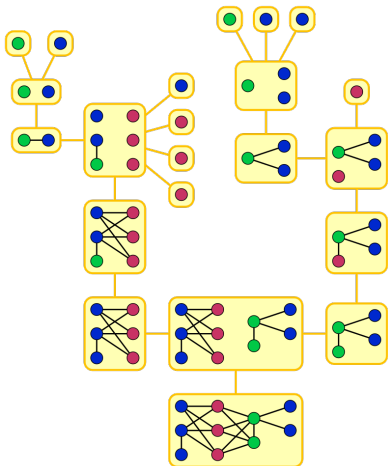


Figure: 3-expression of a graph

$\bullet_i$ : vertex labelled by  $i$

$G_1 \oplus G_2$ : disjoint union

$\rho_{j \rightarrow i}(G)$ : relabel the  $j$  with  $i$

$\eta_{i,j}(G)$ : construct an edge between every  $i$  and  $j$

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$\text{cw}(G)$ : number of labels

$\text{linearcw}(G)$ : number of labels where every  $\oplus$  contains a  $\bullet_i$  member

# Application to counting homomorphisms

## Parameterized complexity:

$k$ -COLORING in time  $(2^{|V_H|} - 2)^{cw(G)}$  [Lam20]<sup>1</sup>

## Fine-grained complexity:

# $H$ -COLORING in time:  
 $(2cw(H) + 1)^{|V_G|}$  and  $(\text{linear}cw(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$  [Wah11]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Lampis

<sup>2</sup>Wahlström



# Exemple of a contraction sequence

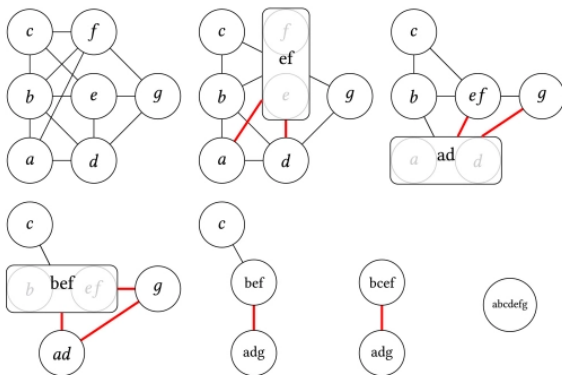


Figure: A contraction sequence of a graph

## (Component) twin-width

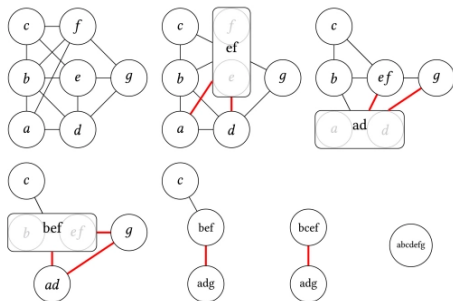


Figure: Contraction sequence of a graph

$\text{tw}(G)$ : Maximal red-degree [BKTW20]<sup>a</sup>

$\text{ctw}(G)$ : Max red-component size [BKRT22]<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Bonnet, Kim, Thomassé, Watrigant

<sup>b</sup>Bonnet, Kim, Reinald, Thomassé

No FPT algo for 3-COLOR  
param by  $\text{tw}(G)$ :

3-COLOR is NP-hard on  
planar graphs

$\text{tw}$  is bounded on planar  
graphs

# Applications to counting homomorphisms

Naive use of component twin-width for #H-COLORING:

**Parameterized complexity:**

$$(2^{|V_H|} - 1)^{\text{ctww}(G)}$$

**Fine-grained complexity:**

$$(\text{ctww}(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$$

# Comparing complexities

Which approach is the best ?

**Parameterized complexity:**

$$(2^{|V_H|} - 1)^{\text{ctww}(G)} \text{ VS } (2^{|V_H|} - 2)^{\text{cw}(G)}$$

**Fine-grained complexity:**

$$(\text{ctww}(H) + 2)^{|V_G|} \text{ VS } (2\text{cw}(H) + 1)^{|V_G|} \text{ and } (\text{linear}\text{cw}(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$$

We need to compare the two parameters cw and ctww.

# Functional Equivalence

Using boolean-width (func equiv to cliquewidth) [BKRT22]<sup>3</sup>

$$\text{ctww}(G) \leq 2^{\text{boolw}(G)+1} \leq 2^{\text{cw}(G)+1}$$

AND

$$\text{cw}(G) \leq 2^{\text{boolw}(G)} \text{ and } \text{boolw}(G) \leq 2^{\text{ctww}(G)}$$

SO

$$\text{cw}(G) \leq 2^{2^{\text{ctww}(G)}}$$

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<sup>3</sup>Bonnet, Kim, Reinald, Thomassé

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# Functional equivalence

We already know:

$$cw(G) \leq 2^{2^{ctww(G)}}$$

# First contribution: Improved bound

I will prove

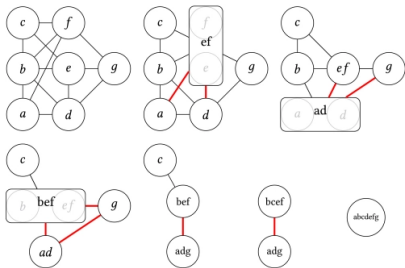
$$cw(G) \leq ctww(G) + 1$$

Take a contraction sequence of  $G$  of  $ctww$   $k$

Build a  $(k + 1)$ -expression of  $G$



# Exemple of a contraction sequence



**Figure:** A contraction sequence of a graph

For  $C = \{S_1, \dots, S_p\}$  red-component  
Build  $\varphi_C$  a  $(k+1)$ -expression of  
 $G[S_1 \uplus \dots \uplus S_p]$  with  $\forall i, \text{label}(S_i) = i$

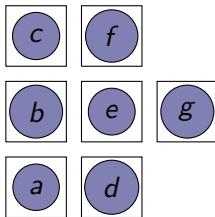
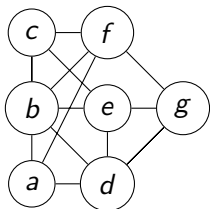
Same red-component = Same  
formula

Same set = Same label

## Base case

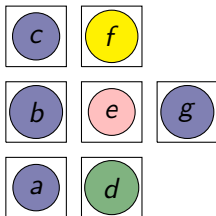
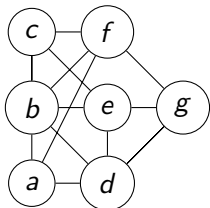
Contraction sequence of  $ctww=3$

We will use 4 labels: ●, ●, ●, ●: proves  $cw \leq 4$

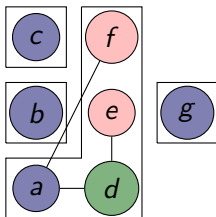
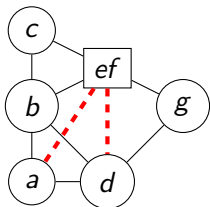


$\varphi_a = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_b = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_c = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_d = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_e = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_f = \bullet$   
 $\varphi_g = \bullet$

Red-component are singletons  $\{a\}, \{b\}, \dots$

Contracting  $e$  and  $f$ 

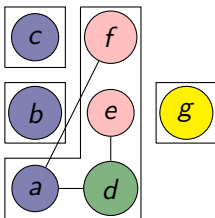
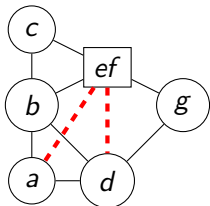
$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_a &= \bullet \\ \varphi_b &= \bullet \\ \varphi_c &= \bullet \\ \varphi_d &= \bullet \\ \varphi_e &= \bullet \\ \varphi_f &= \bullet \\ \varphi_g &= \bullet\end{aligned}$$



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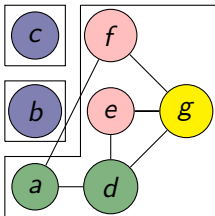
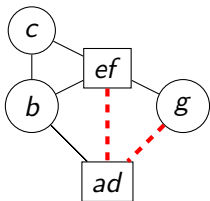
$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\bullet, \bullet} &= \bullet \\ \eta_{\bullet, \bullet}, \eta_{\bullet, \bullet}, \eta_{\bullet, \bullet} &= \bullet \\ (\varphi_a \oplus \varphi_d \oplus \varphi_e \oplus \varphi_f) &= \bullet\end{aligned}$$

# Contracting $a$ and $d$



$$\varphi_{adef}$$

$$\varphi_g = \bullet$$

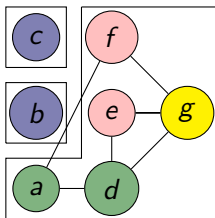
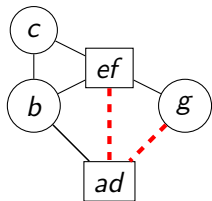


$$\varphi_{adefg} =$$

$$\rho_{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet}$$

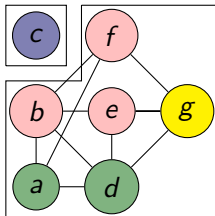
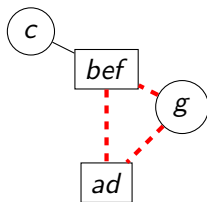
$$\eta_{\bullet, \bullet} \eta_{\bullet, \bullet}$$

$$(\varphi_{adef} \oplus \varphi_g)$$

Contracting  $b$  and  $ef$ 

$$\varphi_{adefg}$$

$$\varphi_b$$



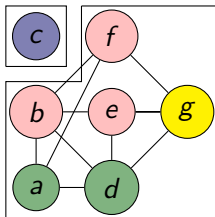
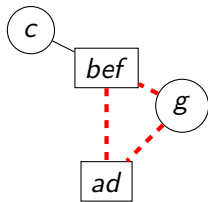
$$\varphi_{adbefg} =$$

$$\rho_{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet}$$

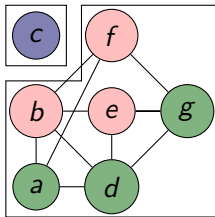
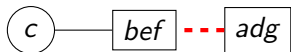
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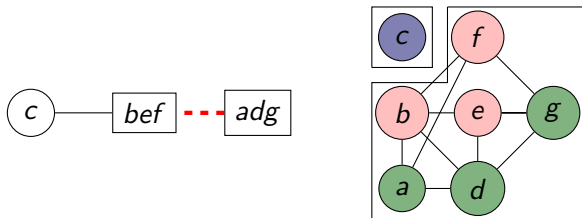


$$\varphi_{adgbef} =$$

$$\rho_{\bullet \mapsto \bullet}$$

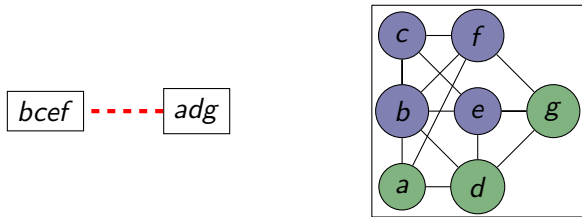
$$\varphi_{adbefg}$$

# Contracting $c$ and $bef$



$$\varphi_{adgbef}$$

$$\varphi_c$$



$$\varphi_{adgbcef} =$$

$$\rho_{\bullet, \bullet}$$

$$\eta_{\bullet, \bullet}$$

$$(\varphi_{adgbef} \oplus$$

$$\varphi_c)$$

# Consequence

Contraction of comp.width  $k \implies (k+1)$ -expression

$$\boxed{cw(G) \leq ctww(G) + 1}$$

Tight for cographs ( $cw = 2$ ,  $ctww = 1$ )



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Build a contraction sequence of  $G$ , where every red-component has size  $\leq 2k - 1$  (resp.  $\leq k$ ).

# k-expression

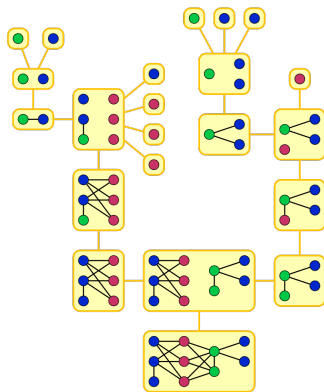
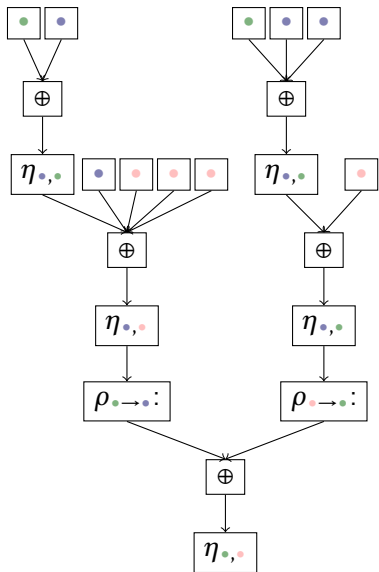
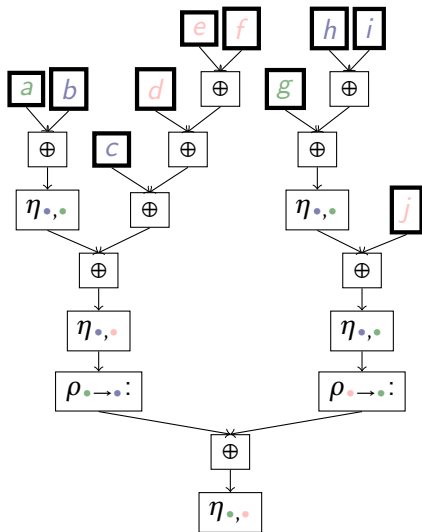


Figure: k-expression tree structure

Severe abuse of notation:  $\oplus$  must be binary

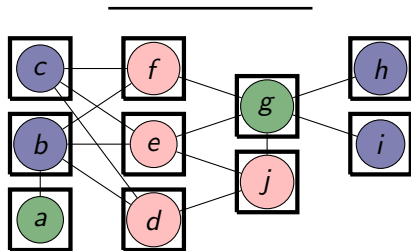
# Intuition: contract same colors in $\oplus$



Build larger and larger "parks"  
following the  $k$ -expressions.

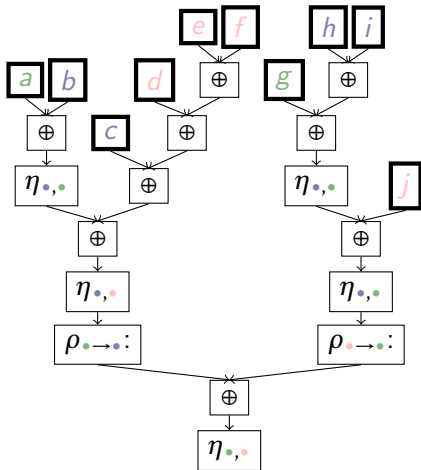
Contract similar colors:

- Parks size  $\leq 2k$
- No red-edges crossing parks

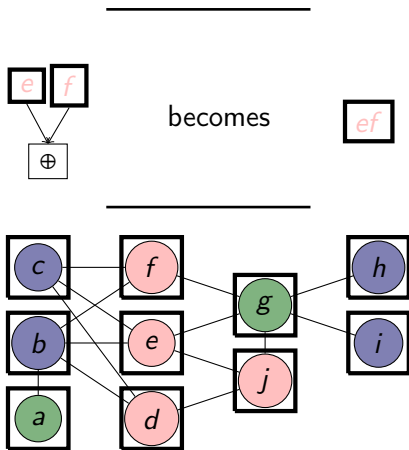


Initial parks are single vertices

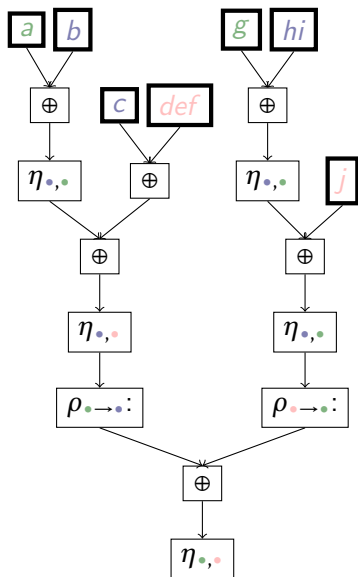
# Free contraction of twins



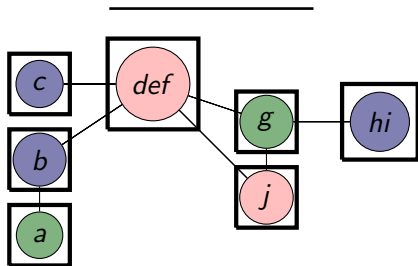
Here,  $d$ ,  $e$  and  $f$  (as well as  $h$  and  $i$ ) are introduced together with the same labels: they are twins



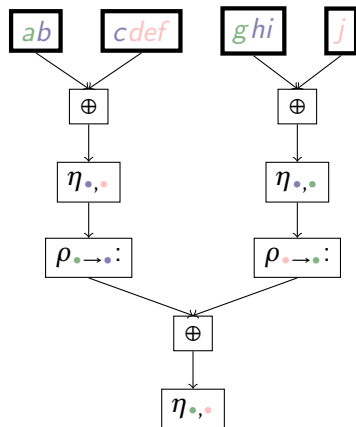
# Contracting similar colors in a park



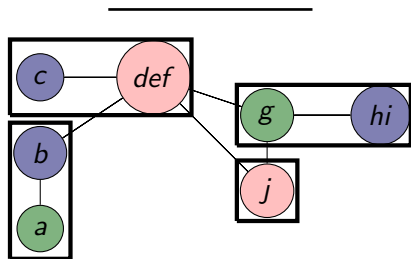
- Merge the parks of  $a$  and  $b$ , of  $c$  and  $def$  and of  $g$  and  $hi$ .
- Collapse the  $k$ -expression
- No 2 different colors in the same park: no contraction.



# Joining different colors in a park

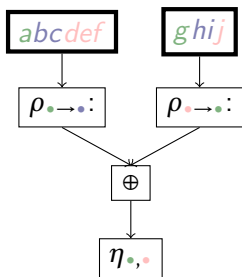


- Merge the parks of  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{c, def\}$  and of  $\{g, hi\}$  and  $\{j\}$ .
- $b$  and  $c$  are both blue in the same park: contract them.





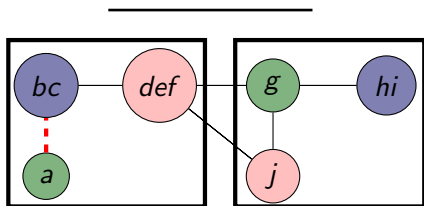
## Main argument: no red-edge crossing parks



*b* and *c* will have eternally the same label

*b* and *c* have exactly the same neighbors in  $\{g, h, i, j\}$ : no red-edge crossing parks

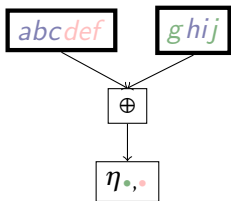
*b* and *c* have been contracted.



*a* will become blue: contract *a* and *bc*

*j* will become green: contract *j* and *g*

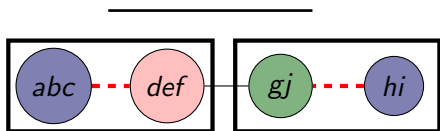
## Renaming in a park: no red-edge crossing parks



$g$  and  $j$  will have eternally the same label

$g$  and  $j$  have exactly the same neighbors in  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$

$a$  and  $bc$  have been contracted.

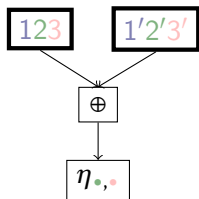


Next step: merge parks.

One park left: Ends.

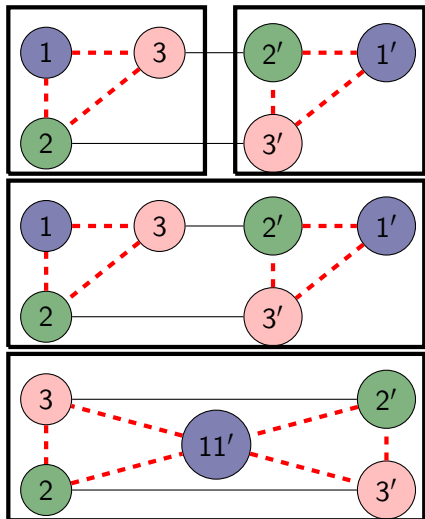
Finish the contraction sequence randomly

## Largest possible red-component



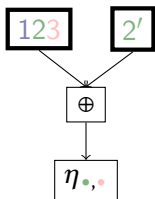
$k$  labels on both side.  
Red-comp of size  $k$  on both side.

Peak: Red-comp of size  $2k - 1$   
Then, contract by color until  $k$   
vertices left in the park  
Then, procede to the next  $\oplus$



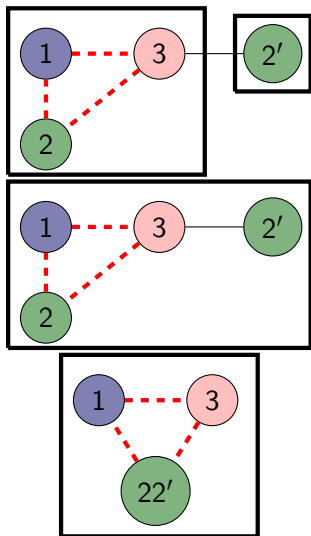
Case of a linear  $k$ -expression

Linear  $k$ -expression:  $G_1 \oplus G_2$  is used  $\Rightarrow G_2$  has one vertex



$k$  labels on one side.  
1 vertex (so 1 label) on the other side

Peak: Red-comp of size  $k$



# Consequence

(Linear)  $k$ -expression  $\implies$  contraction sequence with every red-comp having size  $\leq 2k - 1$  (resp.  $k$ )

$$\text{ctww}(G) \leq 2\text{cw}(G) - 1 \text{ and } \text{ctww}(G) \leq \text{linearcw}(G)$$

$$\text{tww}(G) \leq 2\text{cw}(G) - 2$$

Tight ?

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Clique-width approach wins... for the moment (very naive) !



# Fine grained complexity

Use the second bound:  $ctww \leq 2cw - 1$  and  $ctww \leq \text{linear}cw$

$(ctww(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$  VS  $(2cw(H) + 1)^{|V_G|}$  and  $(\text{linear}cw(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$

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$(\text{ctww}(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$  VS  $(2\text{cw}(H) + 1)^{|V_G|}$  and  $(\text{linearcw}(H) + 2)^{|V_G|}$

Component twin-width approach wins without effort

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# The End

Thank you for your attention !

Questions ?