

# Graph Decomposition

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# Recursively Decomposable Graph

- Graphs are composed or decomposed in such a way that interactions between the graph is localized to a small subset of vertices, which are called *terminals*. A *k-terminal graph* is a graph in which at most  $k$  vertices are designated as terminals.

# Recursively Decomposable Graph

- **Composition operation:** Combine  $k$ -terminal graphs according to one of a fixed set of rules. The composition rules may combine the graphs by identifying terminals of one graph with terminals of the other graph, and choosing a new set of terminals from the set of terminals of the two subgraphs. Edges in each of the original subgraphs are preserved in the new graph. A graph class is defined by allowing all graphs which can be built up using these rules from a finite set of base graphs.

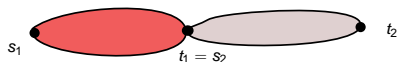
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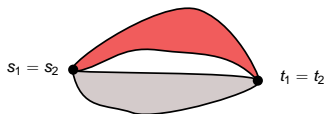
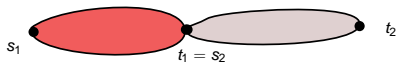
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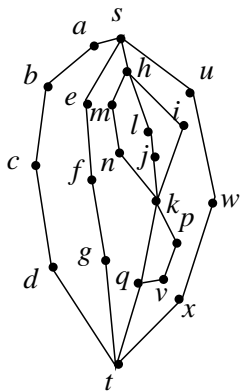


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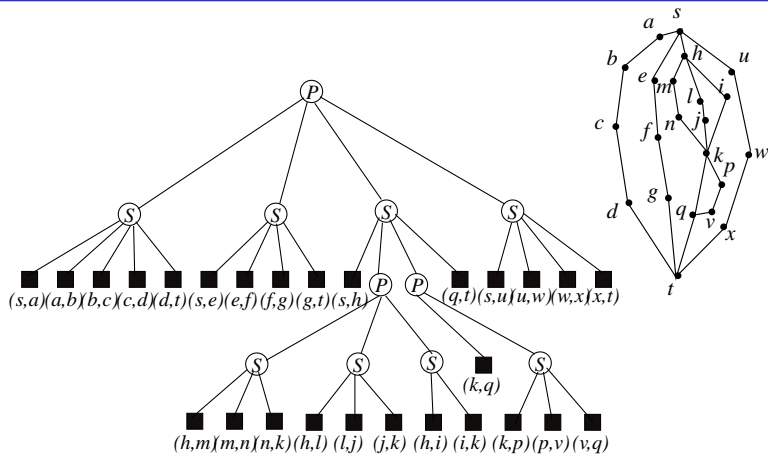
**Decomposition:** A graph  $G$  to be decomposed into  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  can be combined to get  $G$  using a composite rule. We can get a natural decomposition tree. Internal nodes indicate type of rules and all leaves are base graphs.



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# Application of Recursive Decomposition

Clique separator decomposition is used to devise dynamic programming or divide and conquer technique to deal with optimization problems which are hard for general graphs.

- Independent set problem
- Coloring
- Ranking
- Graph Drawing

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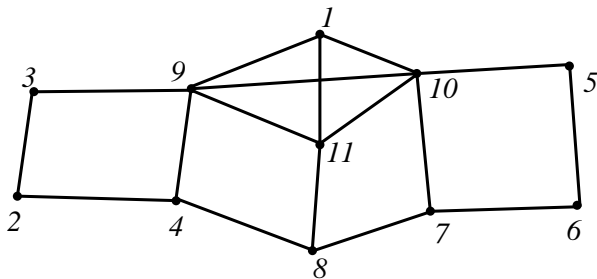
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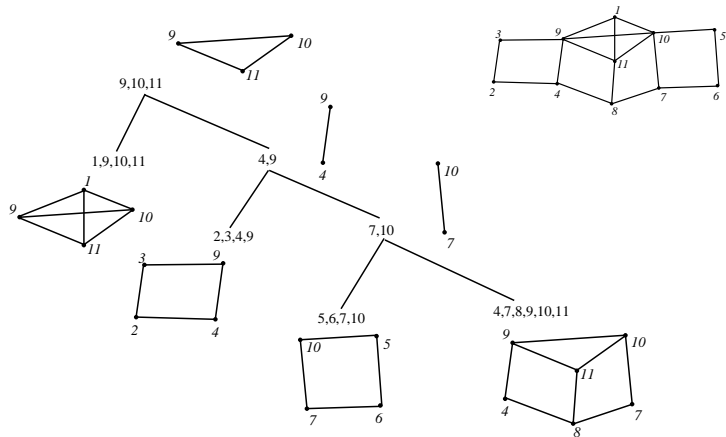
A *clique separator* is a clique  $C$  such that the subgraph induced by  $G - C$  is disconnected.

The clique separator decomposition takes any clique separator  $C$  of  $G$ , splits  $G$  into subgraphs consisting of  $C$  plus each connected component of  $G - C$ , and decomposes each subgraph recursively.

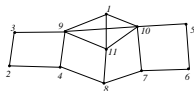
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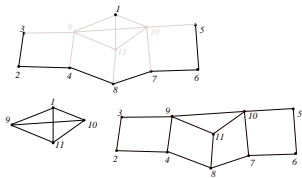
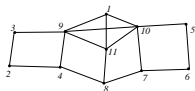


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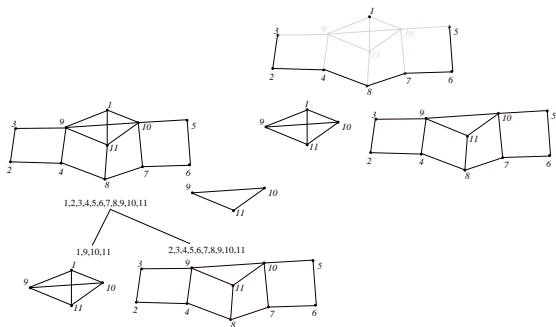




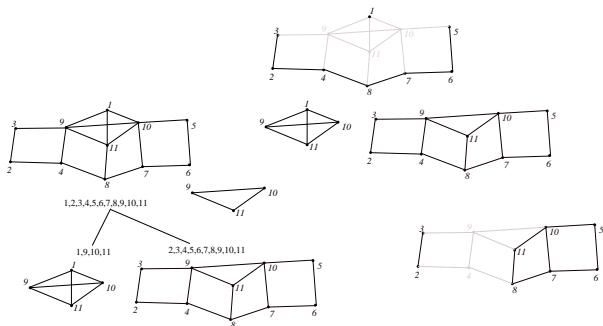
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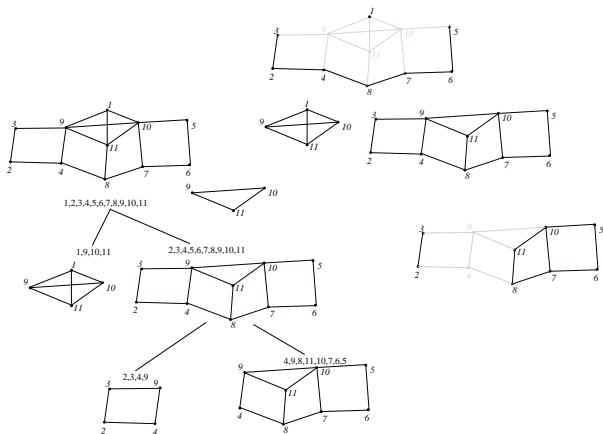
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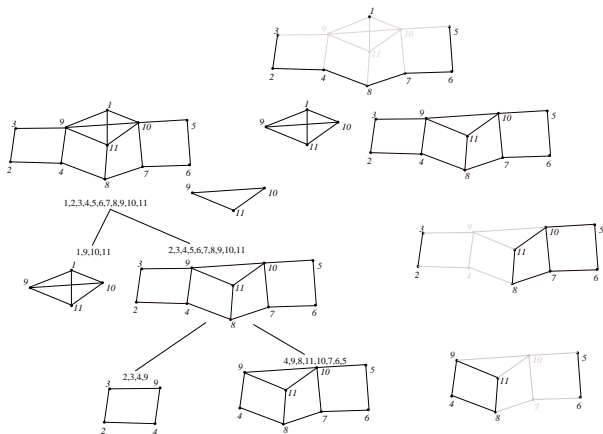
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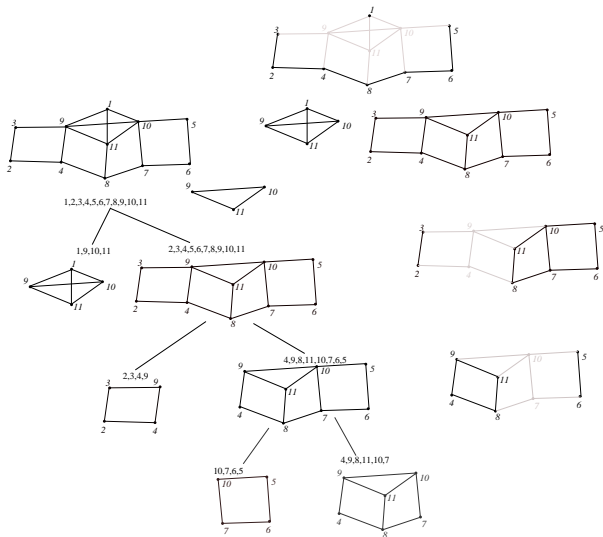
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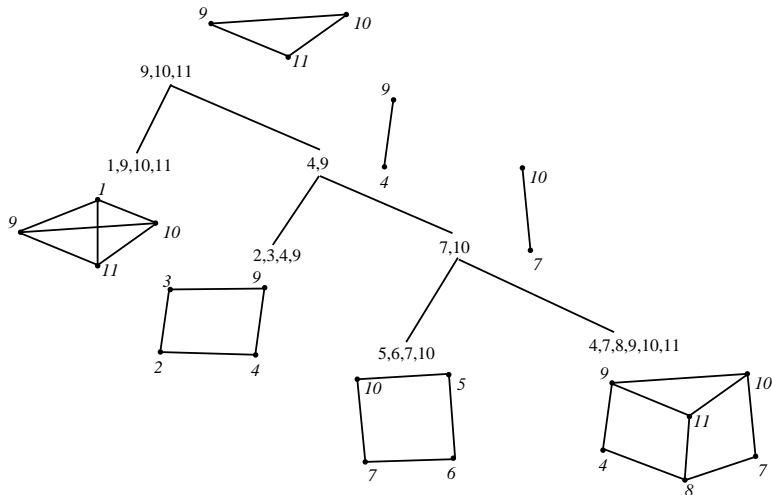
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## Fill Edges Technique

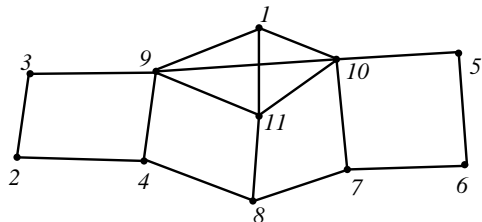
Given an ordering of the vertices, one computes fill by stepping through vertices in order, and adding edges between all neighbors of the current vertex which occur after the vertex in the ordering.

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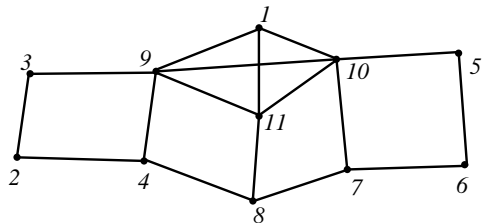


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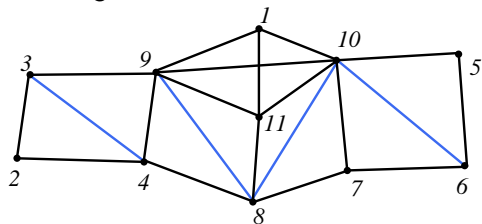


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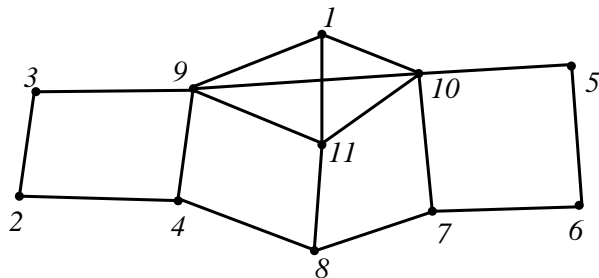
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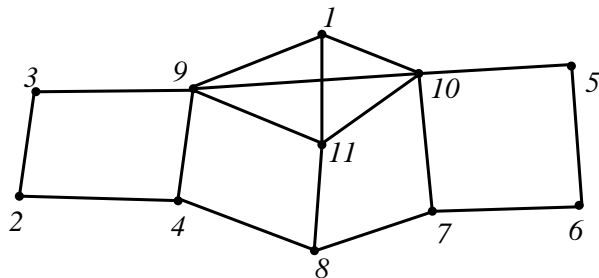
- Start with all vertices in a single set. Repeatedly remove a vertex  $v$  from the last set, and place it in the output list.
- Let  $\text{knownfilled}(v)$  be the set of vertices  $w$  such that there is a path from  $v$  to  $w$  in  $G$  using only intermediate vertices which come from sets which precede  $w$  in the current ordering; note that all neighbors of  $v$  are included in this group.
- Divide each of the current set  $S$  into  $S - \text{knownfilled}(v)$  and  $\text{knownfilled}(v) \cap S$ . and place the former set before the latter.

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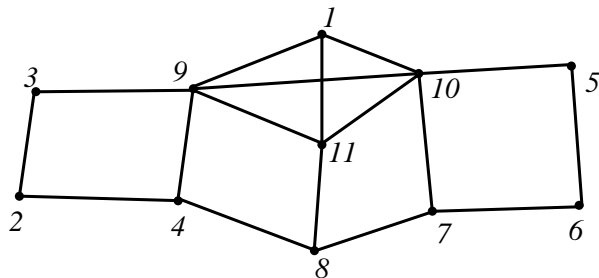
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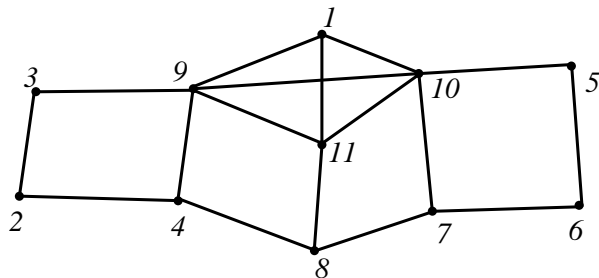
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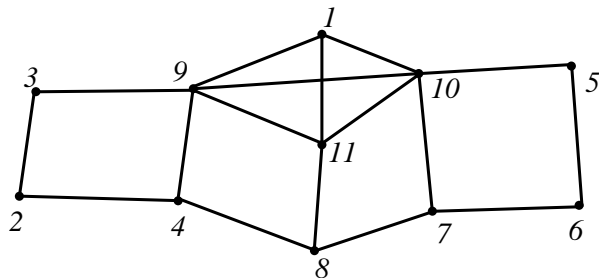
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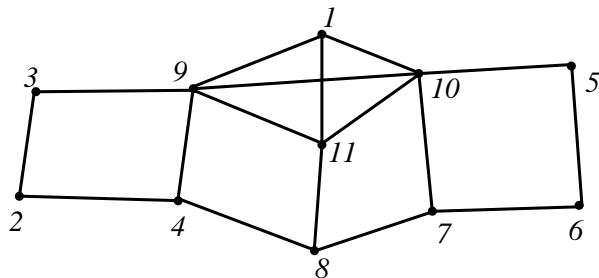
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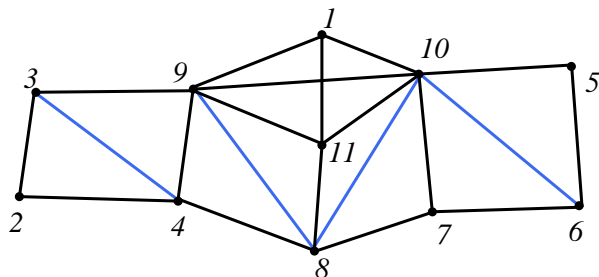
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## Finding Clique Separators

- Let  $L$  be the minimal fill ordering
- For Each  $v$ , let  $C(v)$  be the set of vertices  $w$  such that  $w$  comes after  $v$  in  $L$ , and  $(v, w)$  is either an edge in  $G$  or part of the fill caused by this ordering.
- Let  $A$  be the connected component of the graph induced by  $v - C(v)$  which contains  $v$ , and let  $B = V - (C(v) \cup A)$ .
- If  $C(v)$  is a clique in  $G$  and  $B$  is nonempty, then we have found a successful decomposition into  $A \cup C(v)$  and  $B \cup C(v)$ .

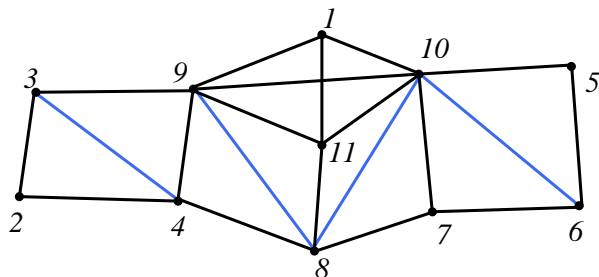
If there is a clique separator of  $G$ , some clique separator is of the form  $C(v)$  [Tarjan]  $O(nm)$  time algorithm for finding a clique separator.

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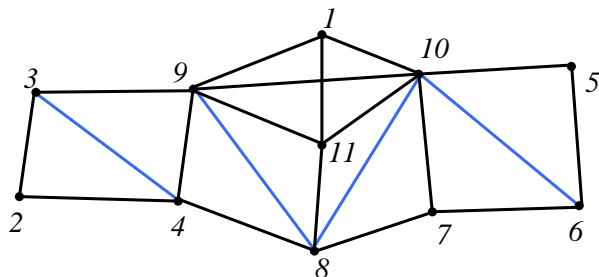
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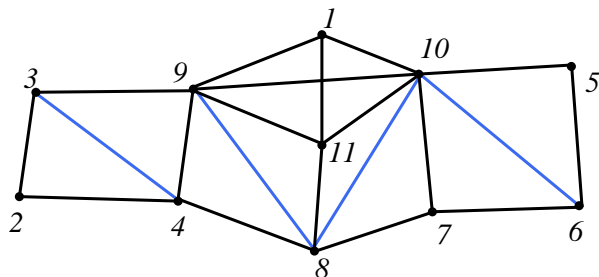
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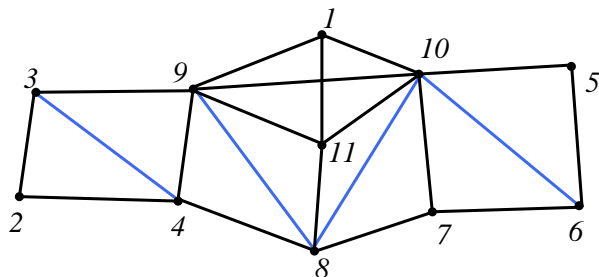
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- $C(6) = \{7, 10\}$  is a clique.

# Application of Clique Separator Decomposition

Clique separator decomposition is used to devise divide and conquer technique to deal with the following problems.

- Minimal and minimum triangulation
- Computing treewidth
- Coloring
- Maximum clique