

# Reachability in arborescence packings

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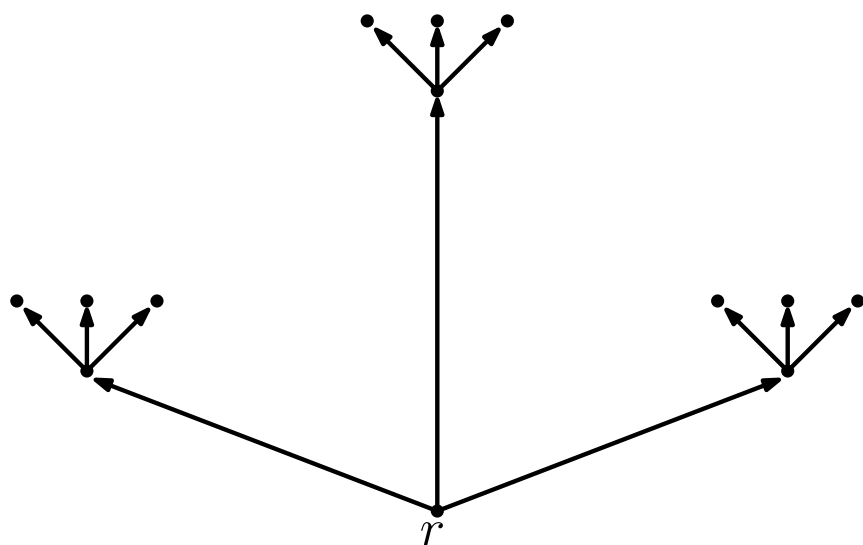
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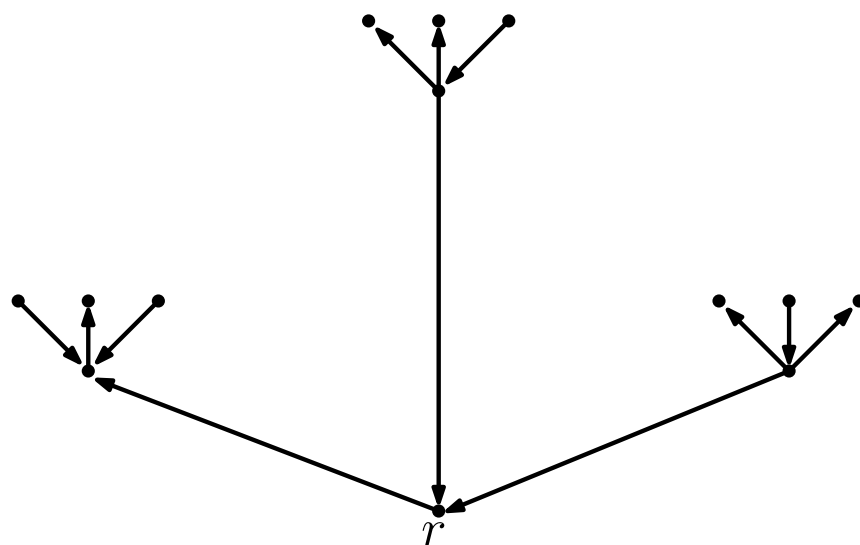
# Arborescences

## Definition

A digraph  $B$  is called an  $r$ -arborescence for some vertex  $r \in V(B)$  if the underlying graph of  $B$  is a tree and all arcs are directed away from  $r$ .



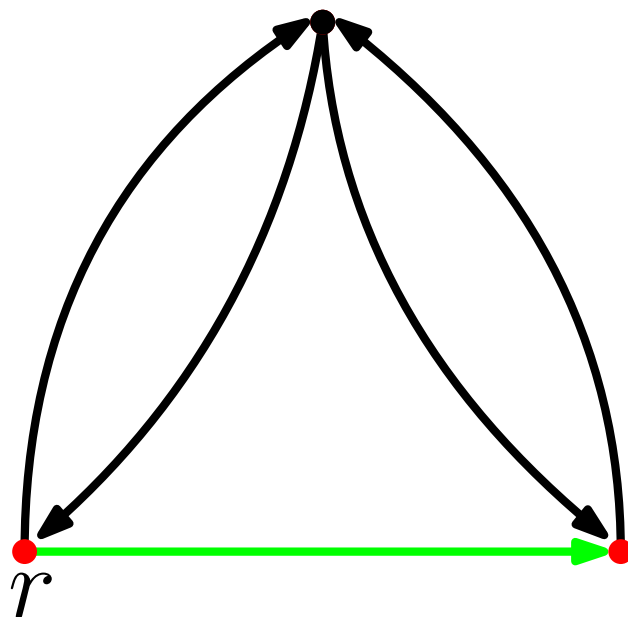
An  $r$ -arborescence



No arborescence

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Given a digraph  $D$  and a subgraph  $B$  of  $D$  which is an  $r$ -arborescence for some  $r \in V(D)$ , we say that  $B$  **spans**  $V(B)$ .



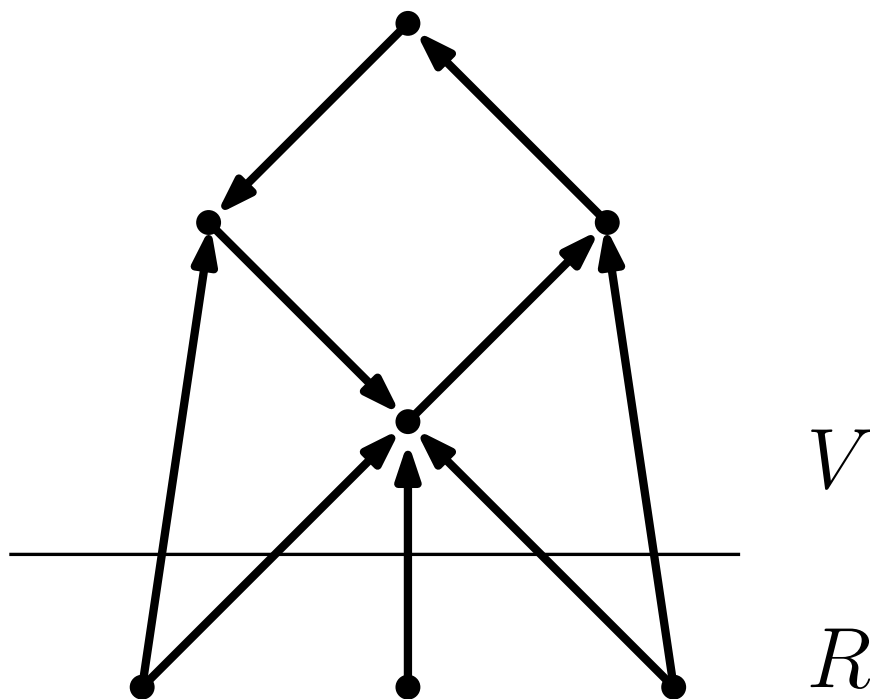
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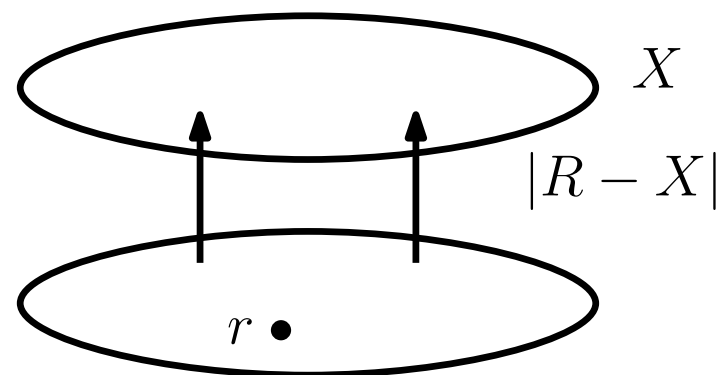
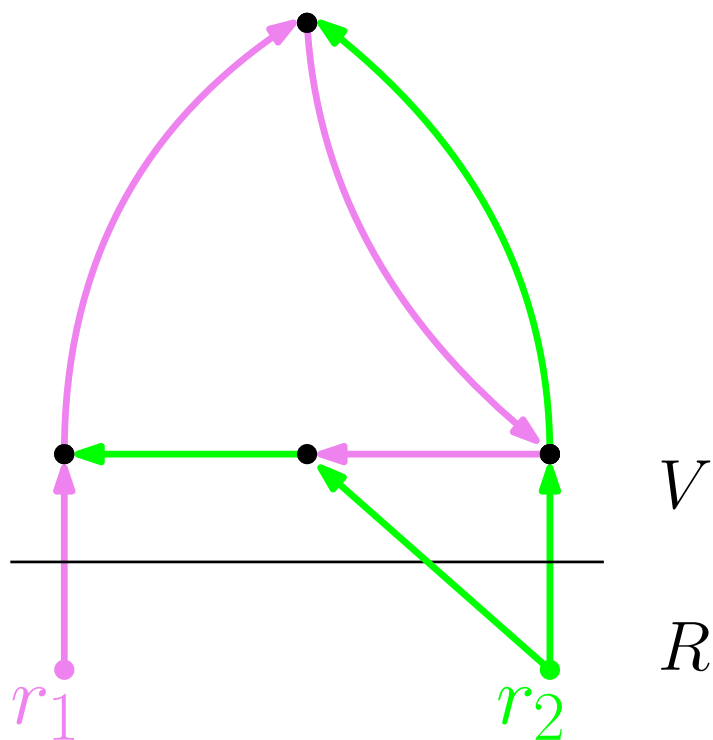
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# Spanning arborescences

## Theorem[Edmonds' strong theorem(1973)]

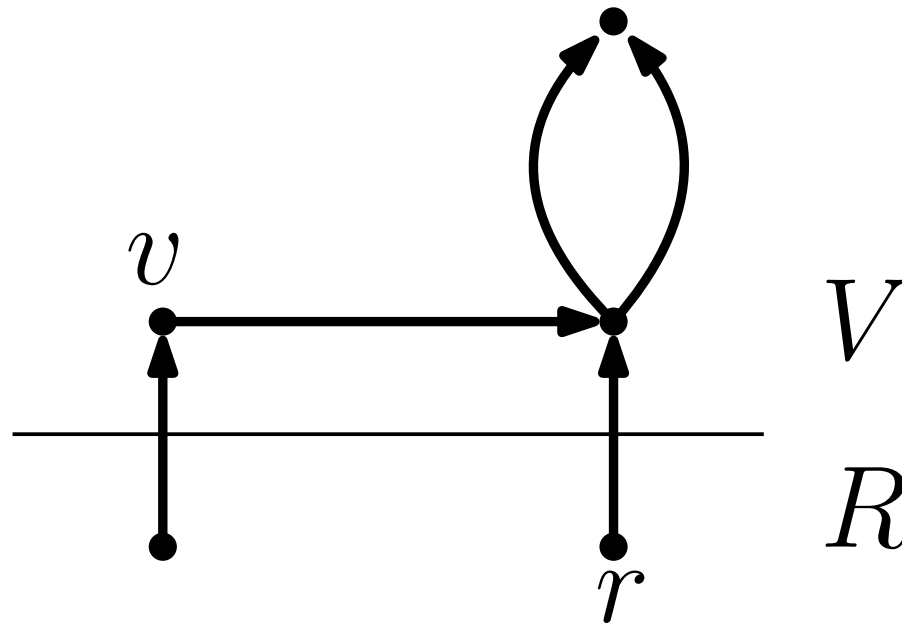
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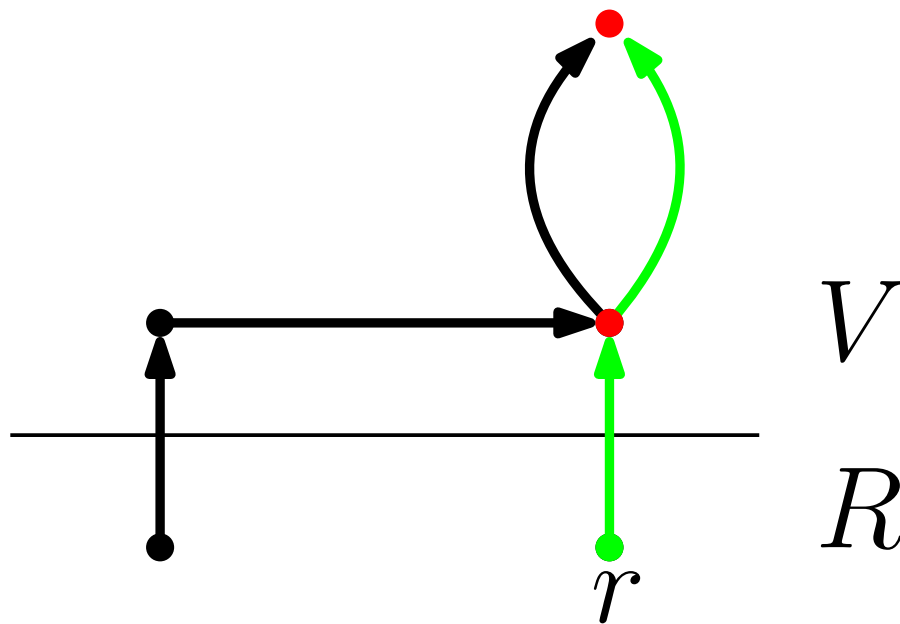
Little information is obtained when some  $v \in V$  is not reachable from some  $r \in R$ .



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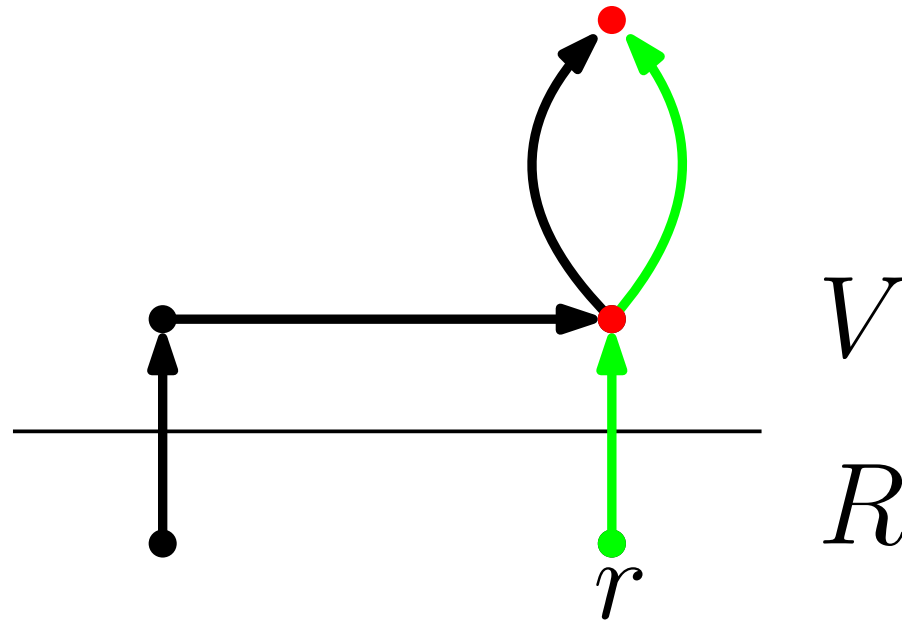




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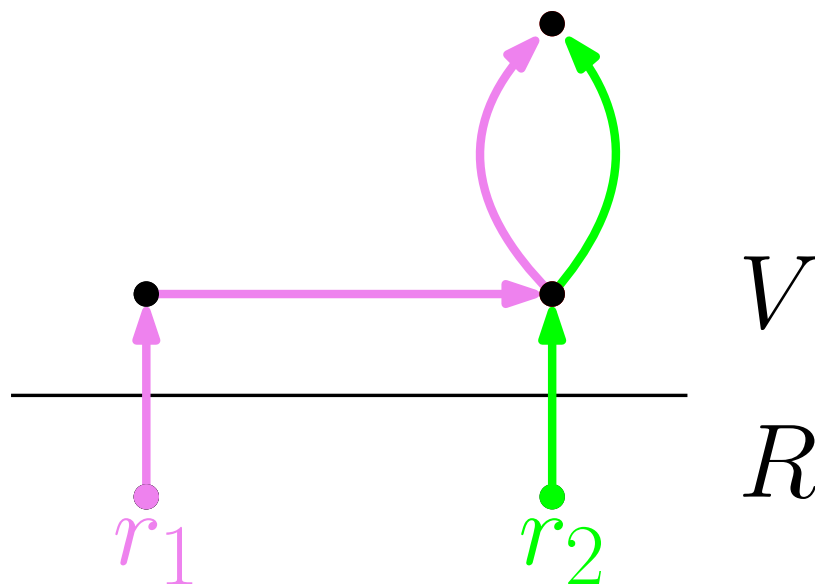
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For  $X \subseteq V \cup R$ ,  $P_D^X$  is the set of vertices in  $R$  from which  $X$  is reachable.

# Packing reachability arborescences

Theorem[Kamiyama, Katoh, Takizawa(2009)]

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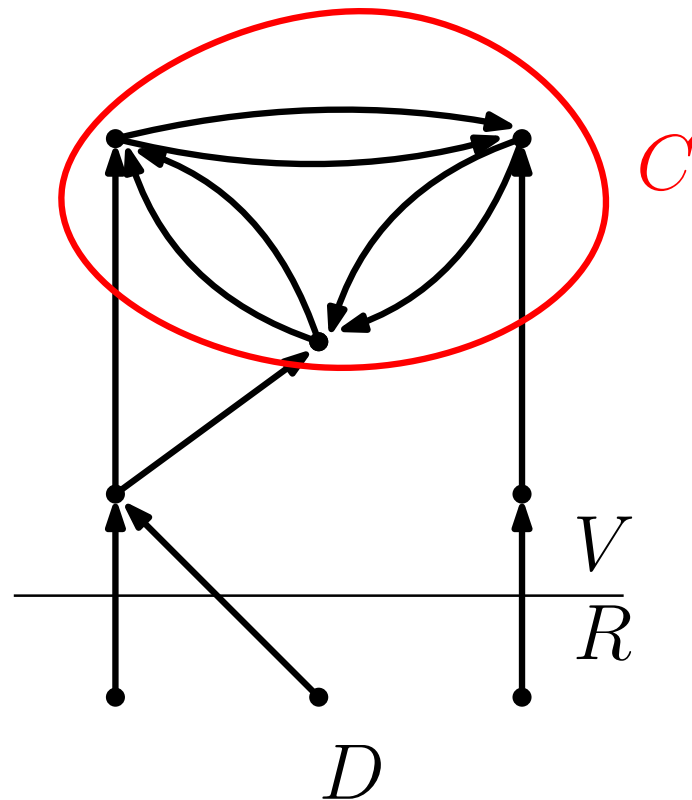
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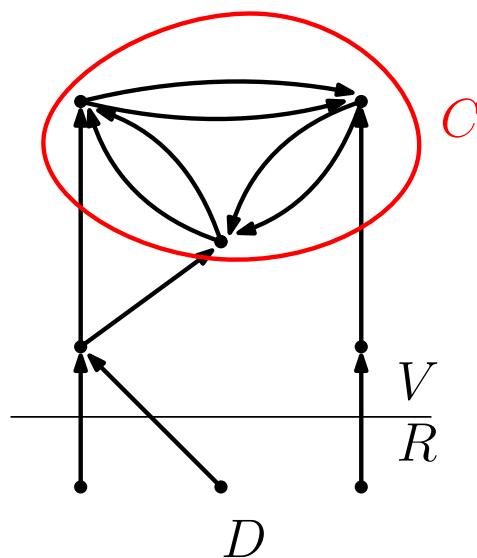
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- We choose a strongly connected component  $C \subseteq V$  which has no arc leaving.



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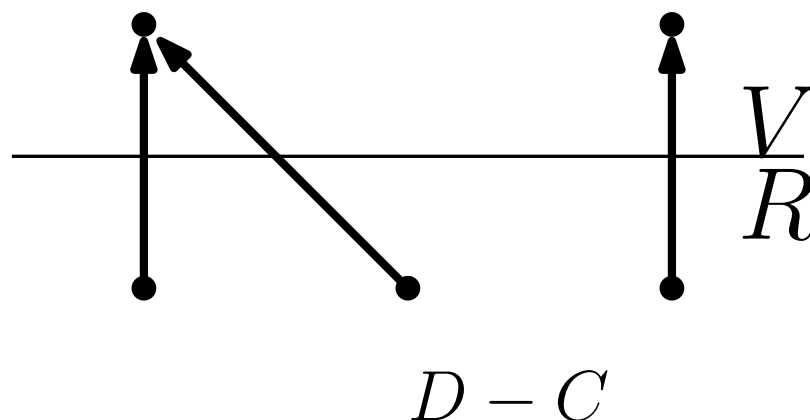
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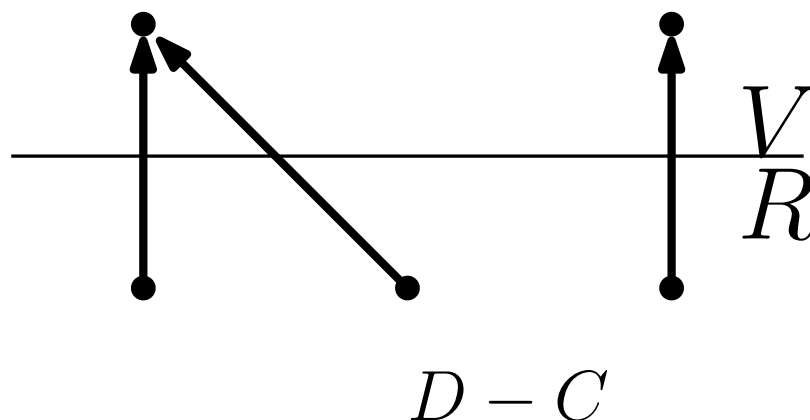
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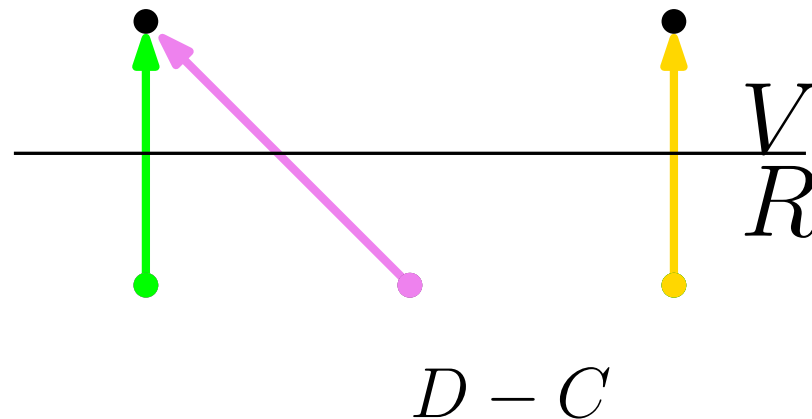
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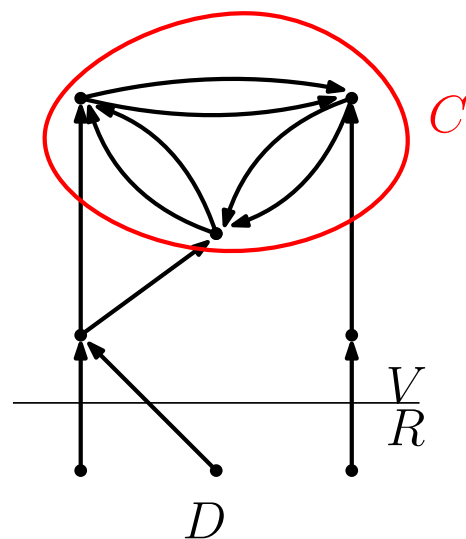
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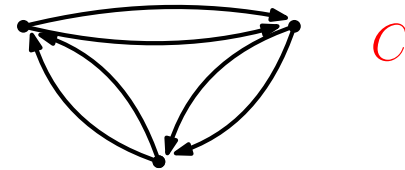
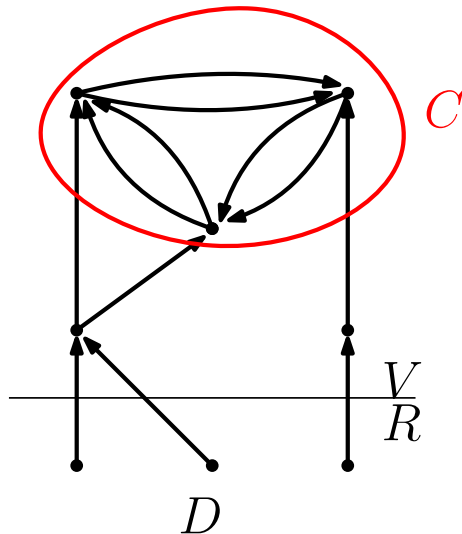
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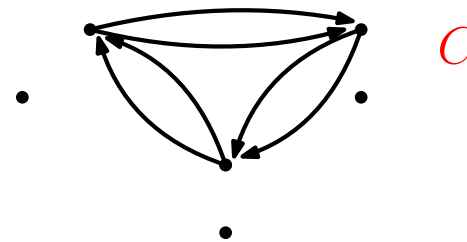
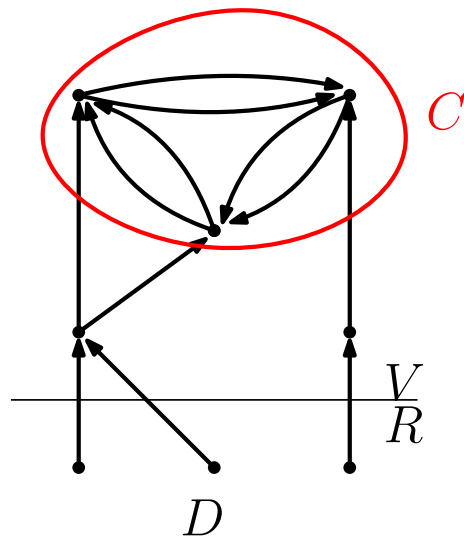
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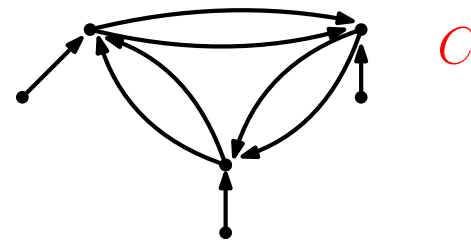
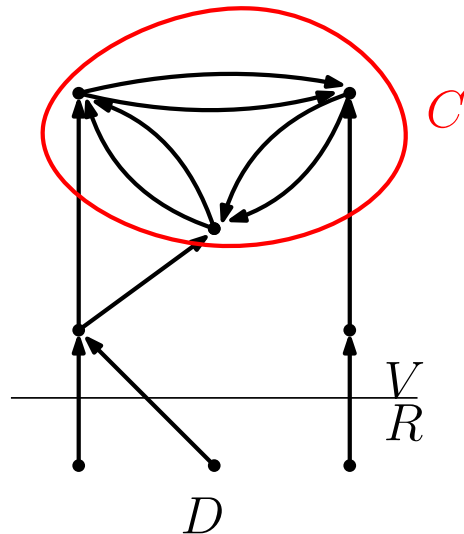




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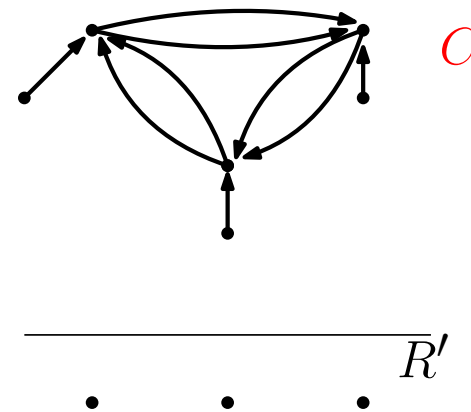
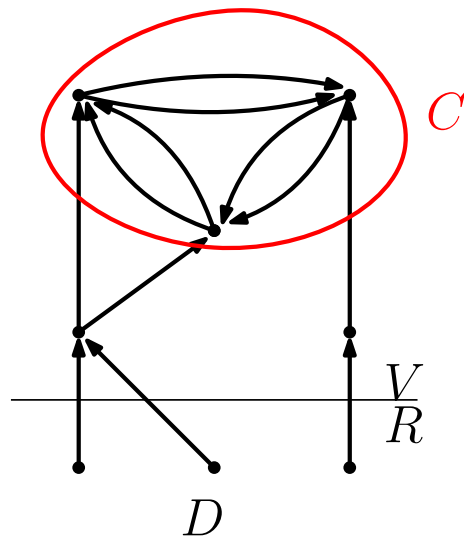
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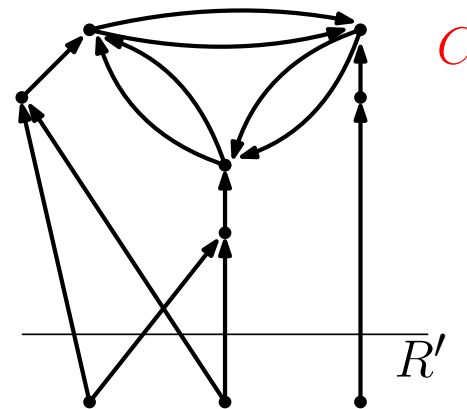
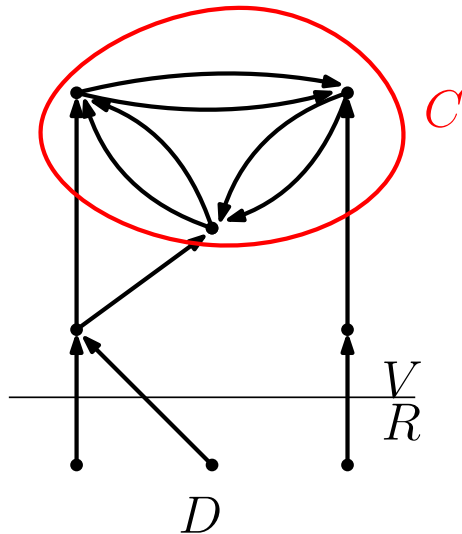
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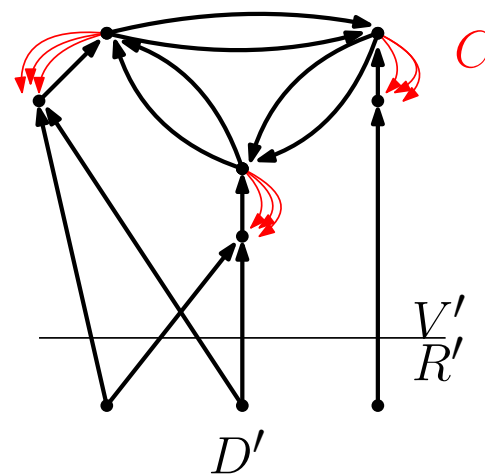
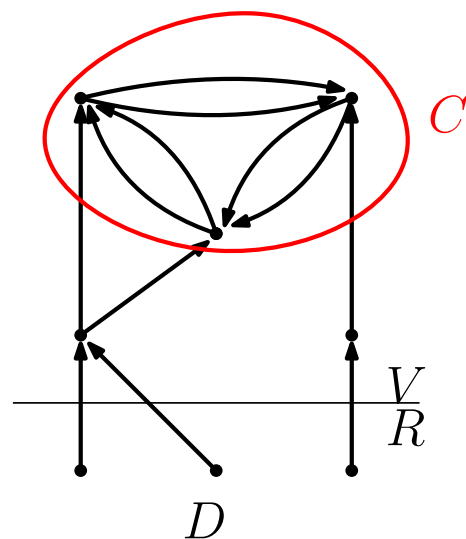
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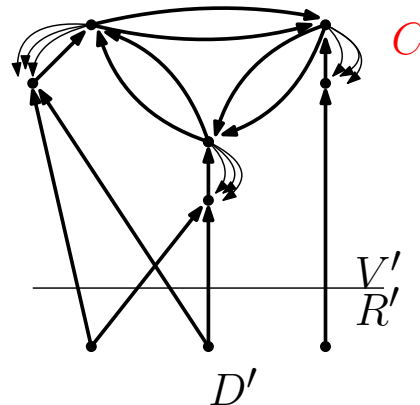
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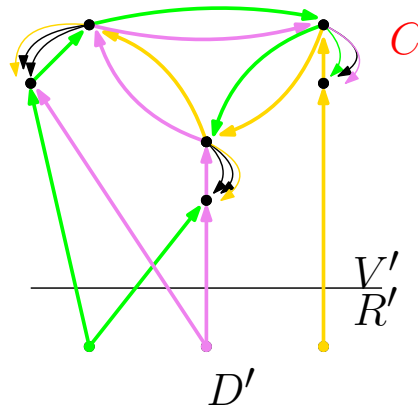
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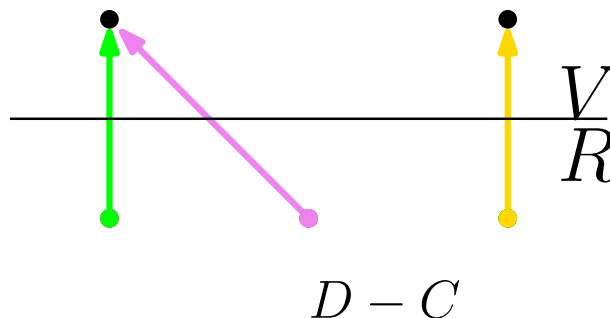
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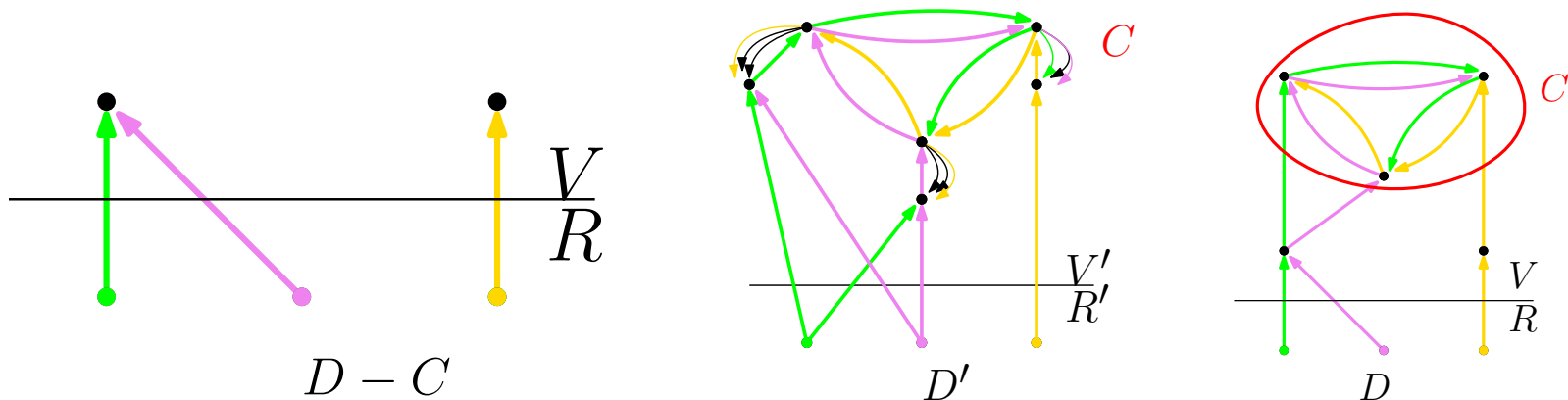
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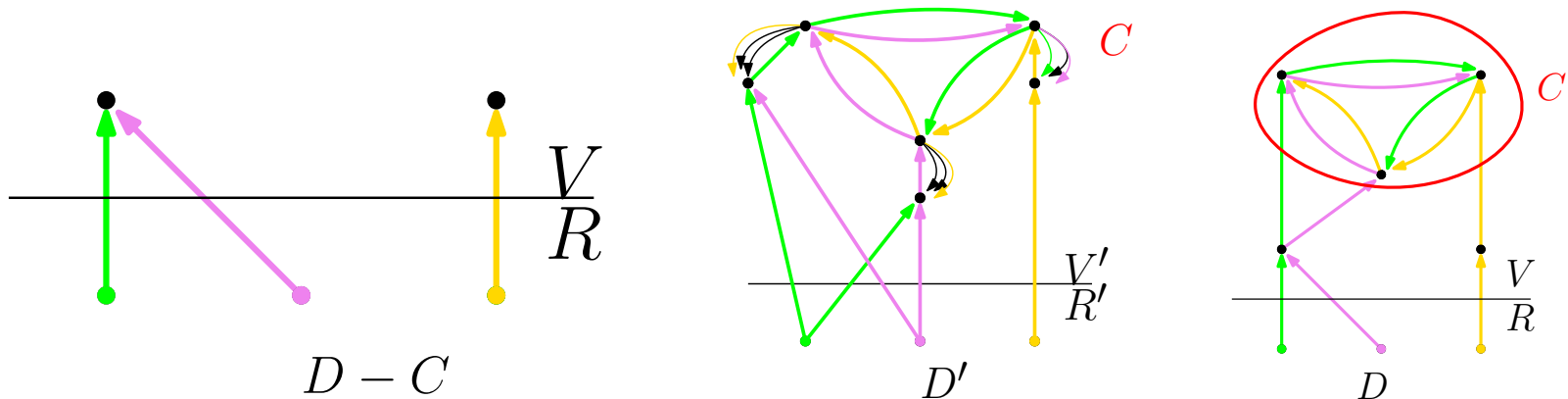




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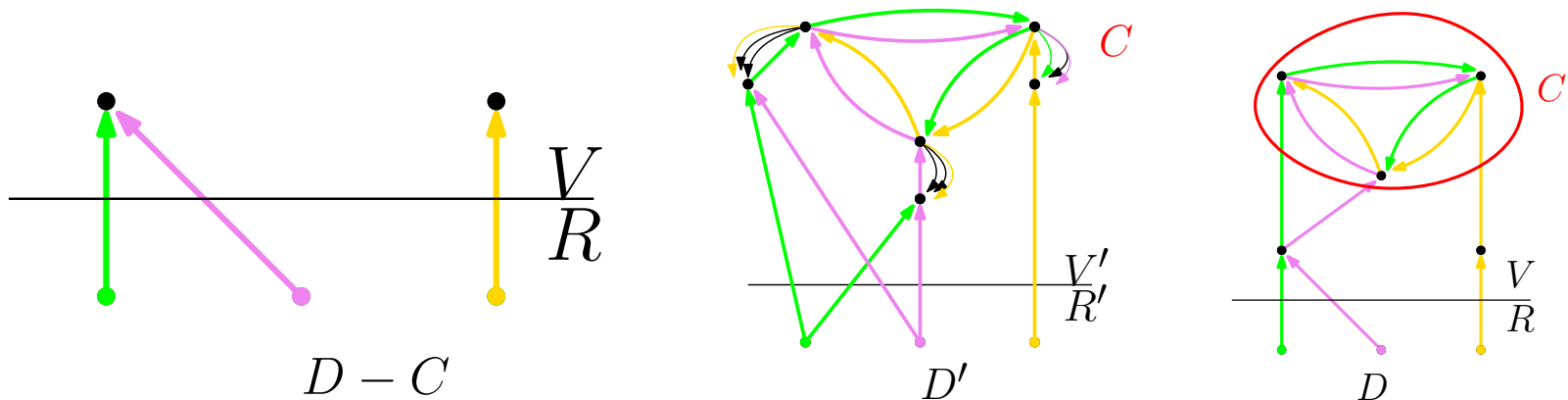
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