

# Parameterized Complexity

or “what I do for a living”

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# Outline of the talk

- Short introduction to Parameterized Complexity.
- Some concepts, some problems, and some solutions.
  - Graph modification problems.
  - Treewidth, tree decompositions, and their algorithmic usage.
  - Network problems on planar graphs.
- Commercial break!

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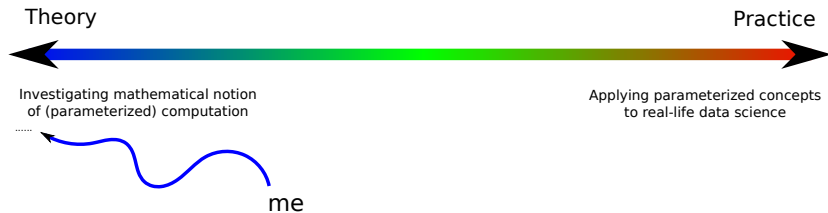
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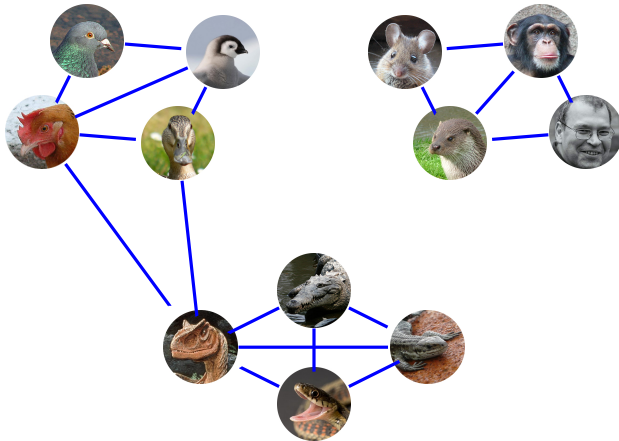
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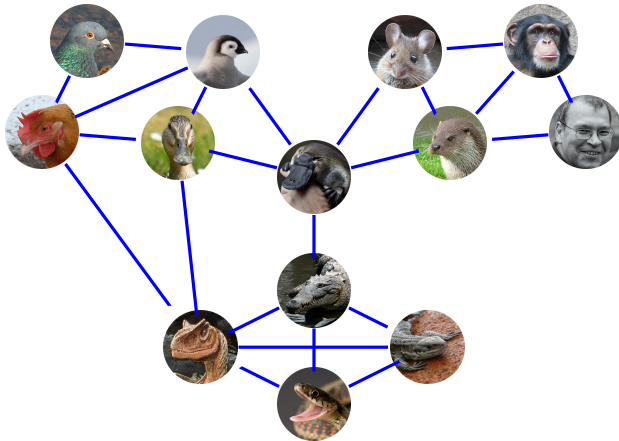
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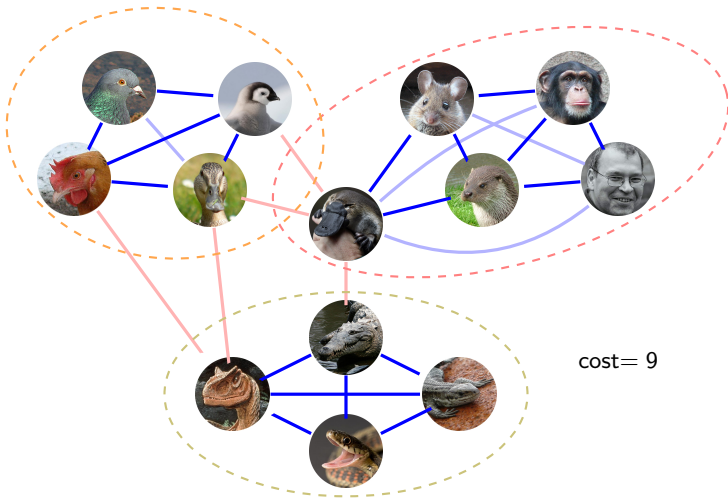
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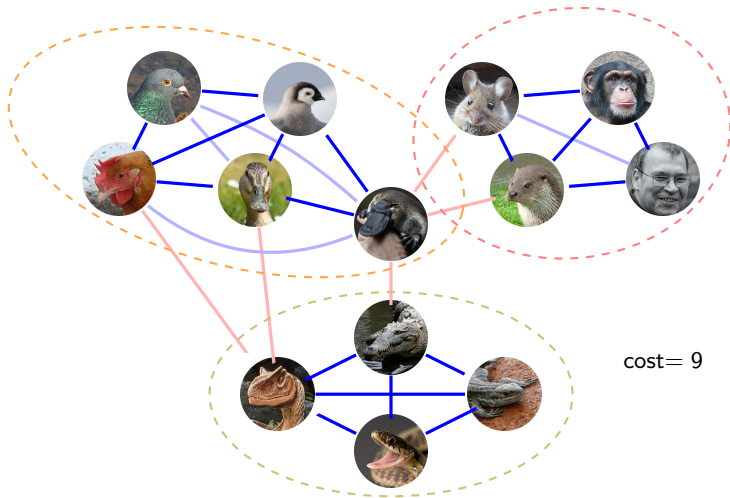
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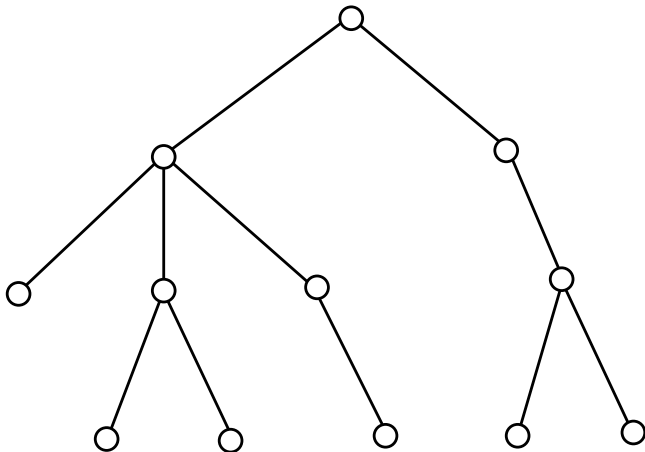
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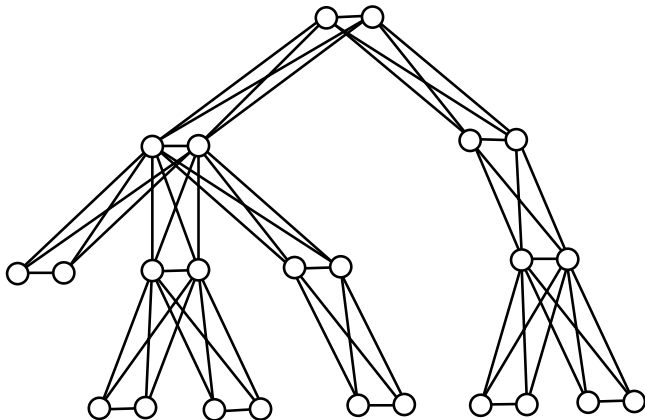
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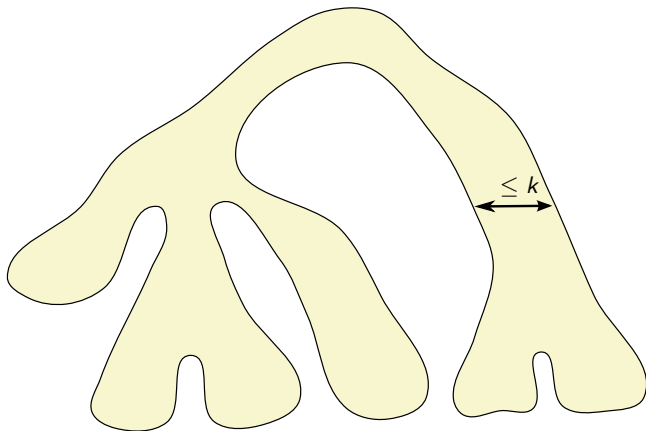
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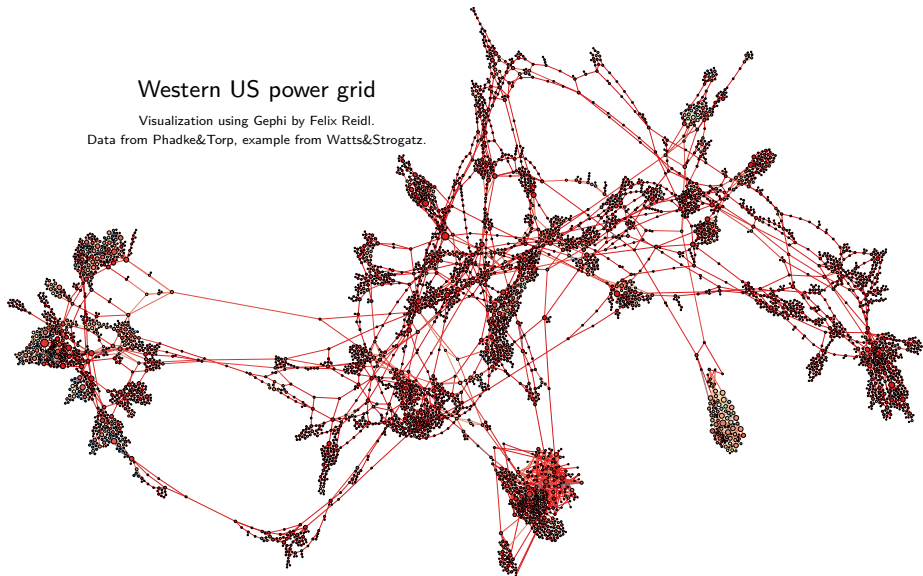
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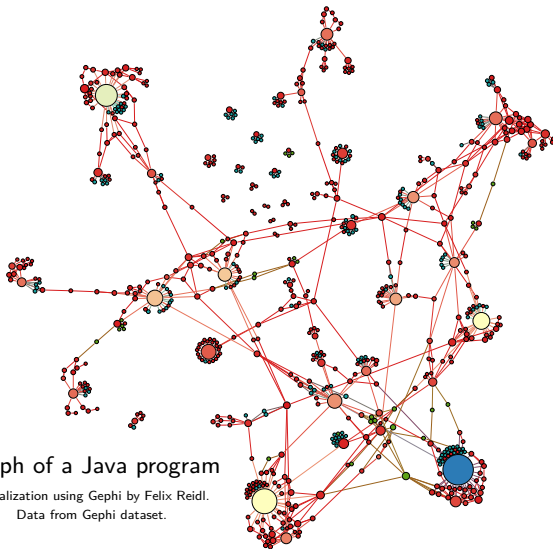
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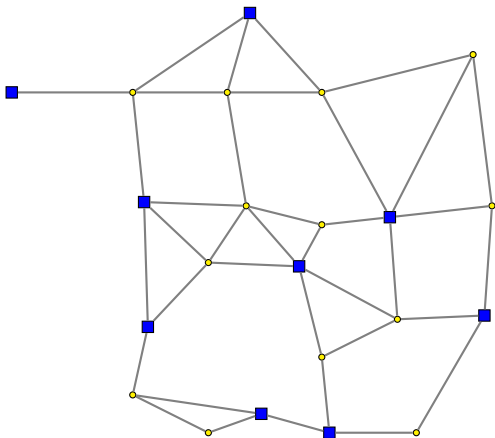




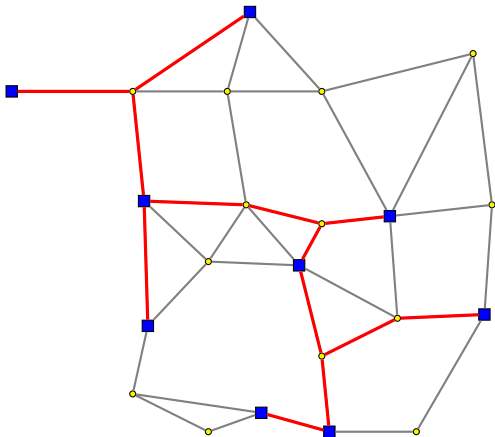




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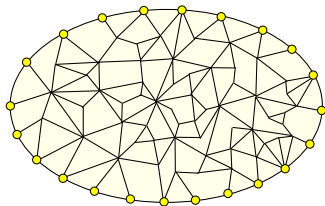
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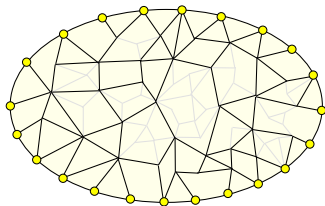
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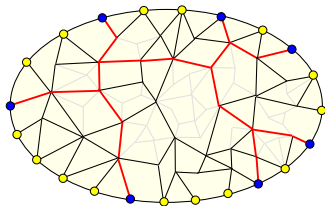
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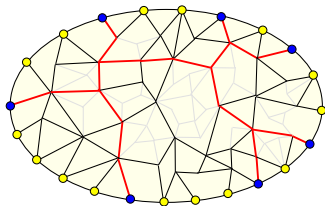
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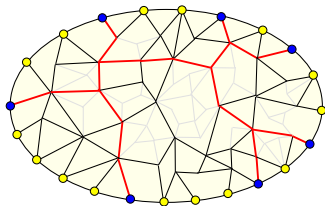
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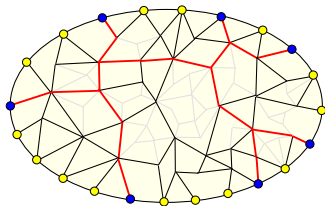
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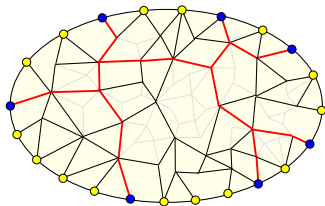
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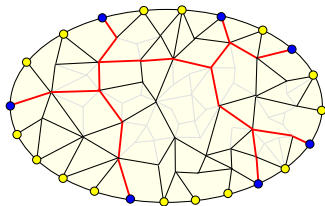
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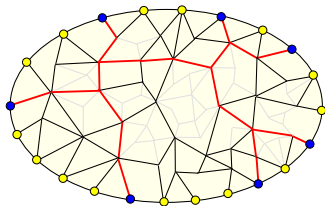
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Some of this, and many more in the new book

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