

# On the Bi-Enhancement of Chordal-Bipartite Probe Graphs



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# Definitions

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- $C_k$  – chordless cycle of size  $k$ .
- Chordal graph – a graph with no induced  $C_k$ , for  $k > 3$ .
- Chordal-bipartite graph – a bipartite graph that has no induced  $C_k$ , for  $k > 4$ .
- Interval graph is the intersection graph of a set of intervals on the real line.

# The $\mathcal{C}$ -probe problem

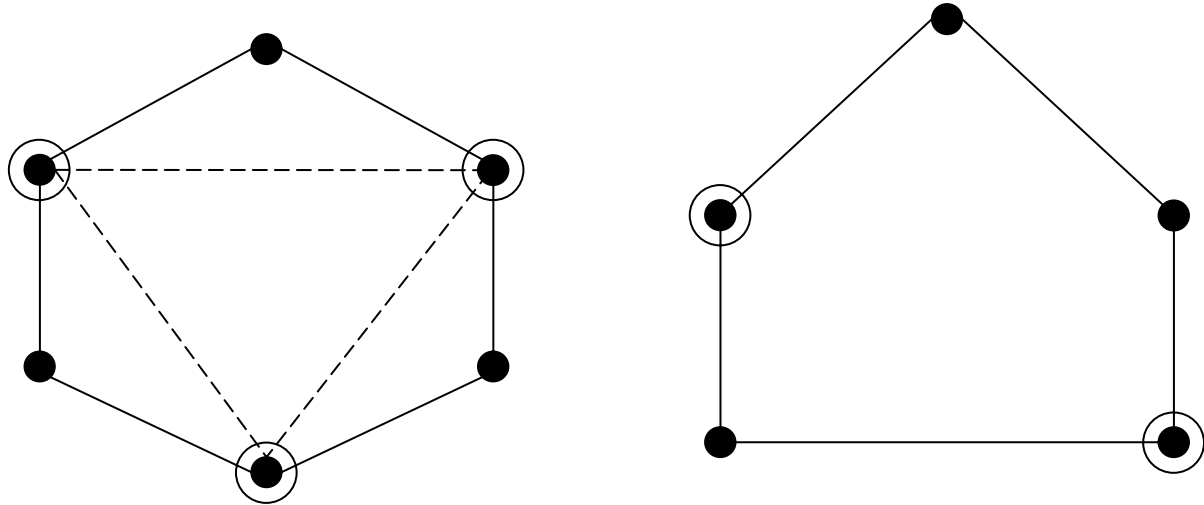
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- Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a graph family.
- A graph  $G=(V,E)$  is called  $\mathcal{C}$ -*probe* if
  1.  $\exists$  partition  $V=P(\text{probes}) \cup N(\text{non-probes})$ ,  $N$  is a stable set
  2.  $\exists$  completion  $E' \subseteq \{(u,v) | u,v \in N\}$  such that  $G'=(V,E \cup E')$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ .(Clearly  $G_p$  is in  $\mathcal{C}$ )
- In the *partitioned* version the partition into probes and non-probes is given and fixed.

# The $\mathcal{C}$ -probe problem - example

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□ Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the chordal graphs family.



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# Previous work

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- “Probe interval graphs and their application to physical mapping of DNA” [Zhang, 1994]
- “Chordal probe graphs” [Golumbic, Lipshteyn, 2004]
- “Cycle-bicolorable graphs and triangulating chordal probe graphs” [Berry, Golumbic, Lipshteyn, 2007]

# Chordal probe – a necessary condition

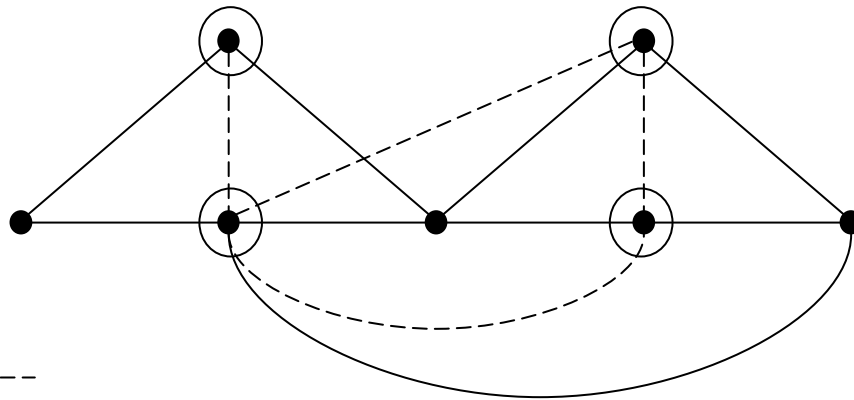
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- *Lemma 1* – If  $G$  is a *chordal probe* graph with respect to the partition  $P \cup N$ , then probes and non-probes must alternate on every chordless cycle.

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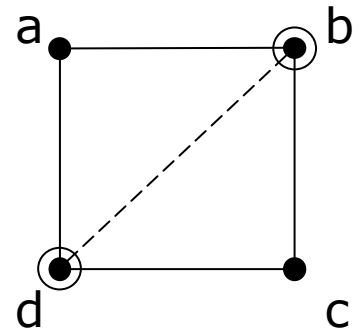
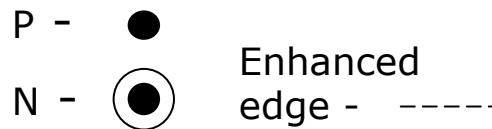
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Edges of a chordal completion - - - - -



# Chordal probe - $C_4$ case

- The  $C_4$  graph is a special case of chordal probe graphs where it has:
  1. Alternating probe/non-probe vertices.
  2. An edge is forced between the two non-probe vertices, called an *enhanced edge*, for the  $C_4$  to be completed into chordal graph.



- Let  $G$  be a graph, the *enhanced graph*  $G^*$  is the graph  $G$  together with all the enhanced edges.



# Chordal probe - $C_4$ enhancing

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- Let  $G$  be a graph containing no induced chordless cycles  $C_k$ , for  $k > 4$ :

*Lemma 2*[GL04][Z94] – If  $G$  has a probe/non-probe partition in which probes and non-probes alternate on every chordless 4-cycle, then the enhanced graph  $G^*$  is a chordal completion of  $G$ .

- *Theorem 3* – If  $G$  is a  $C_k$ -free graph for  $k > 4$ , then  $G$  is chordal probe  $\Leftrightarrow G^*$  is chordal.

# Chordal-bipartite probe graphs

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- A graph  $G=(V,E)$  is called *chordal bipartite probe* if
  1.  $\exists$  partition  $V=P(\text{probes}) \cup N(\text{non-probes})$ ,  $N$  is a stable set
  2.  $\exists$  completion  $E' \subseteq \{(u,v) | u,v \in N, u \text{ and } v \text{ are in different biparts}\}$   
such that  $G'=(V,E \cup E')$  is bipartite.
- Since  $G_p$  is a chordal bipartite graph and  $N$  is a stable set, clearly  $G$  is a bipartite graph. Since there is only one bipartition, we keep the same bipartition by adding edge only between vertices from different biparts.

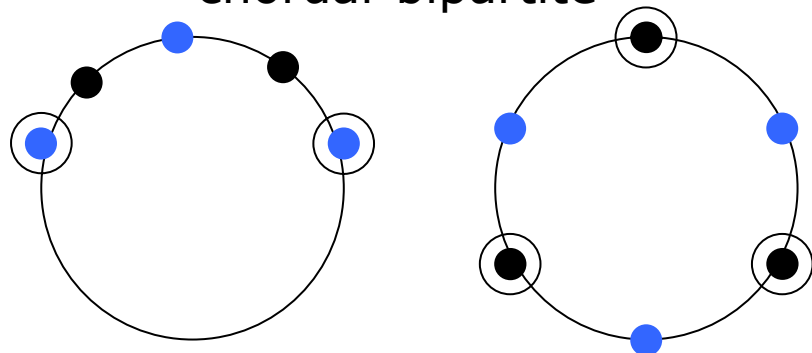
# Chordal-bipartite probe – a necessary condition

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- *Lemma 4* [BCGLPSS07] – In every induced  $C_k$ , for  $k \geq 6$ , of a chordal-bipartite probe graph the following properties must hold:
1. Every probe sees at most one other probe.
  2. There is at least one edge of the cycle whose endpoints are probes.

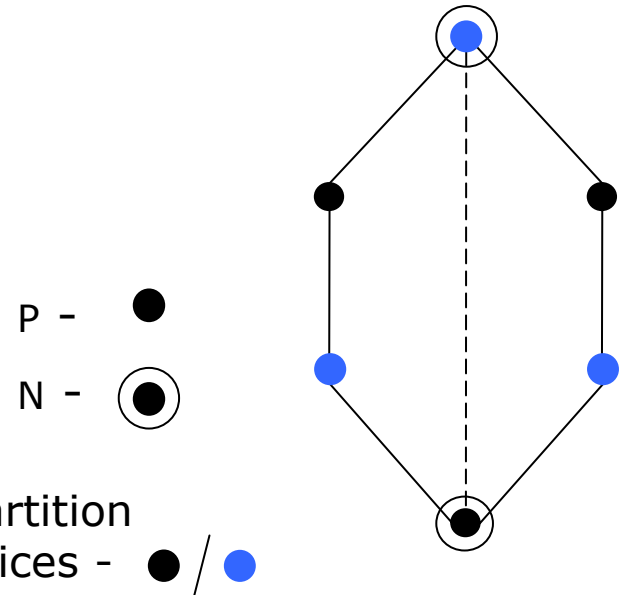
No possible  
completion into  
chordal-bipartite

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Bipartition  
vertices – ● / ●



# Chordal-bipartite probe - $C_6$ case

- $C_6$  is a special case of chordal-bipartite probe graphs where:
  1. There are exactly two non-probes, one black and the other blue, opposite each other.
  2. An edge is forced between the two non-probe vertices, called a *bi-enhanced edge*, for  $C_6$  to be completed into a chordal-bipartite graph.



- Let  $B$  be a bipartite graph, the *bi-enhanced graph*  $B^*$  is the graph  $B$  together with all the bi-enhanced edges.

# Chordal-bipartite probe - $C_6$ enhancing

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- Let  $B$  be a bipartite graph with no induced chordless cycles  $C_k$ , for  $k > 6$ :

**Lemma 5** – If  $B$  has a probe/non-probe partition in which there are exactly two non-probes opposite each other on every chordless 6-cycle, then the bi-enhanced graph  $B^*$  is a chordal-bipartite completion of  $B$ .

## **Proof:**

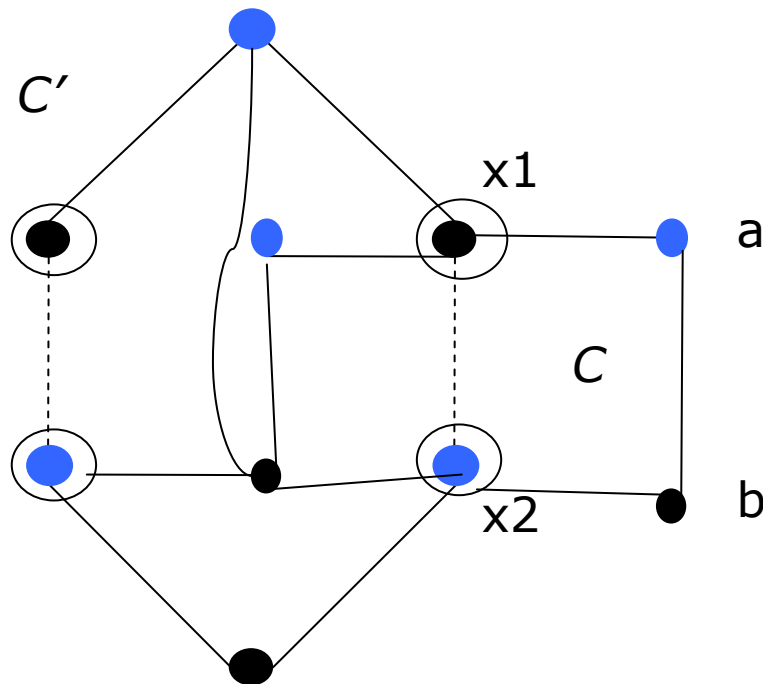
Suppose  $B^*$  is not a chordal-bipartite graph.

Then  $B^*$  is bipartite graph that has a cycle of size  $> 4$ .

Choose  $C'$  to be such a cycle in with minimal number  $h$  of bi-enhanced edges.

# Proof of Lemma 5 –cont.

- ▣  $h=0$ :  $C'$  is a cycle of size  $>4$  in  $G$ , a contradiction.
- ▣  $h>0$ :



Let  $[x1, a, b, x2]$  be a chordless path in  $B^*$ , where  $a, b$  are probes

The pair  $\{a, b\}$  is a **bypass** of the edge  $(x1, x2)$  if and only if  $a, b$  not on  $C'$  and have no other neighbors on  $C'$ .

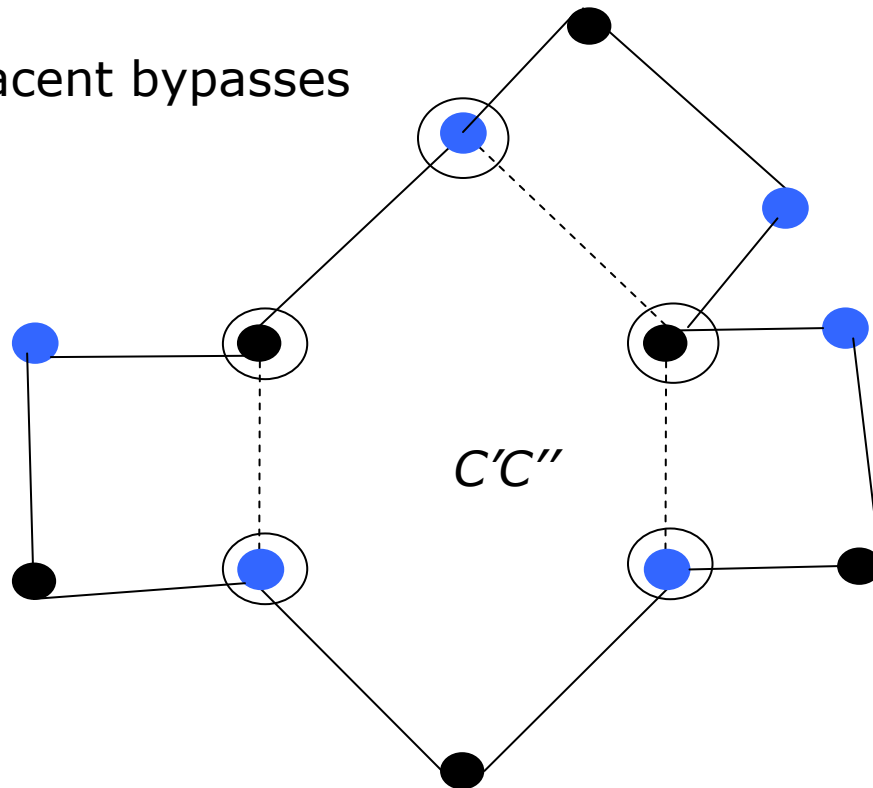
**Claim 1:** Every bi-enhanced edge on  $C'$  has a bypass.

**Claim 2:** a vertex can be in at most one bypass on  $C'$ .

# Proof of Lemma 5 –cont.

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Case 1: no adjacent bypasses

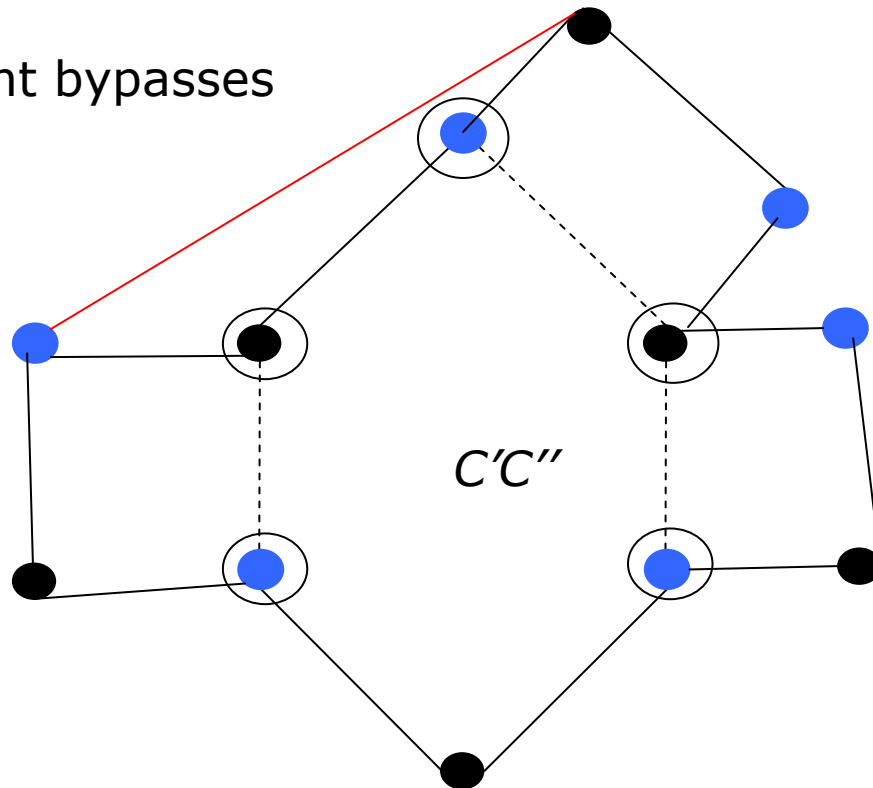


$C''$  is a chordless cycle of size  $>4$  in  $G$

# Proof of Lemma 5 –cont.

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Case 2: adjacent bypasses



$C''$  is a chordless cycle of size  $>4$  in  $G$



# Chordal-bipartite probe - $C_6$ enhancing

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- *Theorem 6* – If  $B$  is a bipartite  $C_k$ -free graph for  $k > 6$ , then  $B$  is chordal-bipartite probe  $\Leftrightarrow B^*$  is chordal-bipartite.

# Chordal-bipartite probe - example

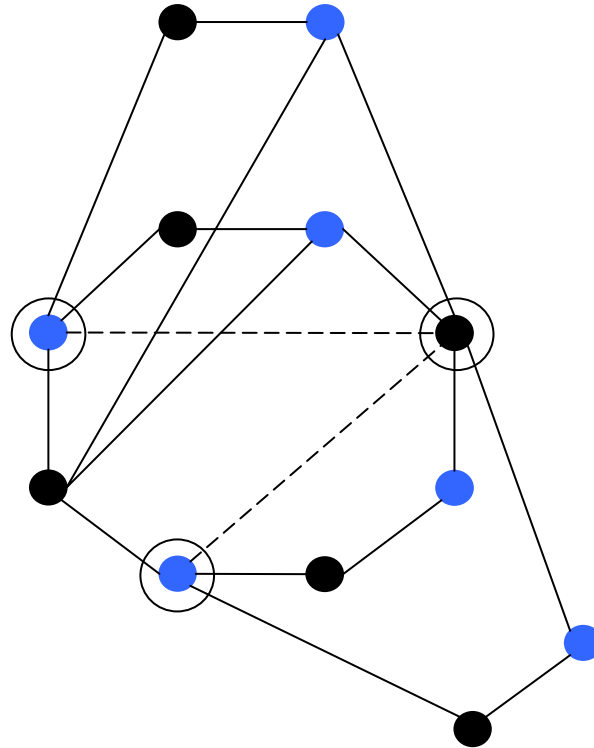
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Bipartition –  
black/red vertices ● / ●

Bi-enhanced  
edge - - - - -



# Open questions

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- Find necessary and sufficient conditions for completing  $C_k$  into a chordal-bipartite graph, for  $k > 6$ .
- Does a chordal-bipartite probe graph have a vertex or edge elimination algorithm ?
- Research the probe problem on other graph classes.

