

# $L(2, 1, 1)$ -Labeling Is NP-Complete for Trees

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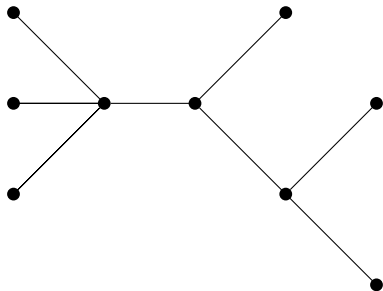
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The minimum span for which an  $L(p_1, \dots, p_k)$ -labeling exists is denoted by  $\lambda_{p_1, \dots, p_k}(G)$ .

$L(1)$ -labeling is classical coloring.

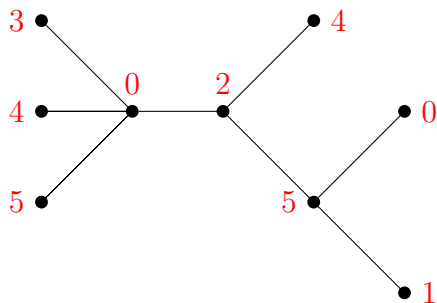
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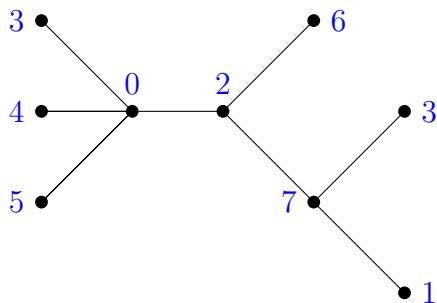
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Parameters: *positive integers*  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ .

Instance: *a graph*  $G$  *and a positive integer*  $\lambda$ .

Question: *does*  $G$  *have an*  $L(p_1, \dots, p_k)$ -*labeling with span*  $\lambda$ ?

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- Exact algorithms for  $L(2, 1)$ -labeling of graphs (Kráľ; '05 and Havet, Klazar, Kratochvíl, Kratsch, Liedloff; '11).

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## Theorem

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# Main result

Theorem (Golovach, L., Paulusma)

*The  $L(2, 1, 1)$ -labeling problem is NP-complete for the class of trees.*

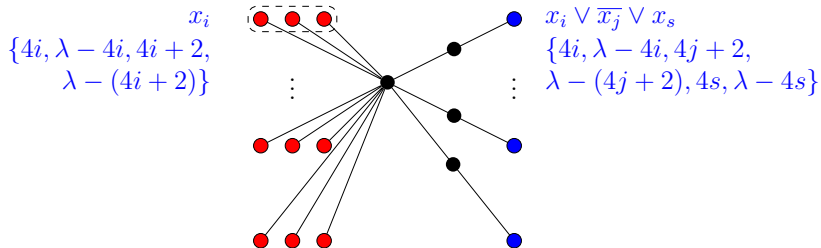
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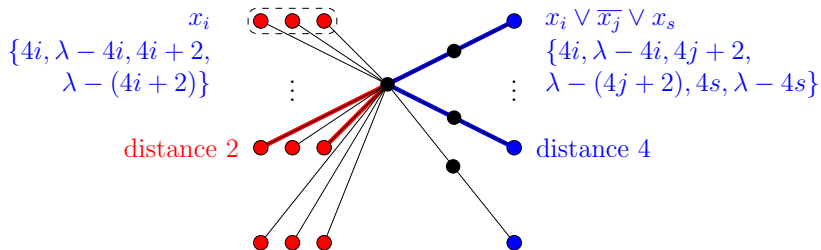
Instance: *variables*  $x_1, \dots, x_x$  *and clauses*  $C_1, \dots, C_m$ .

Question: *can*  $\phi = C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$  *be satisfied?*

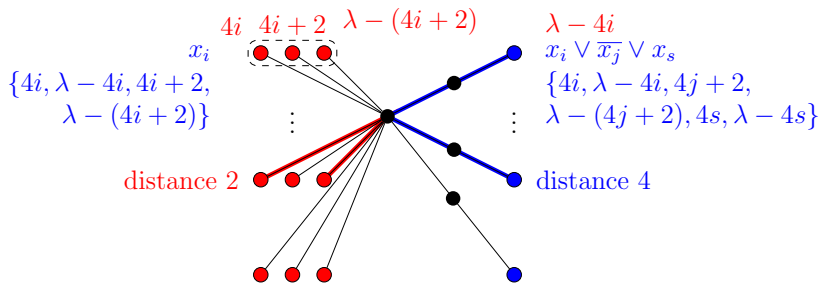
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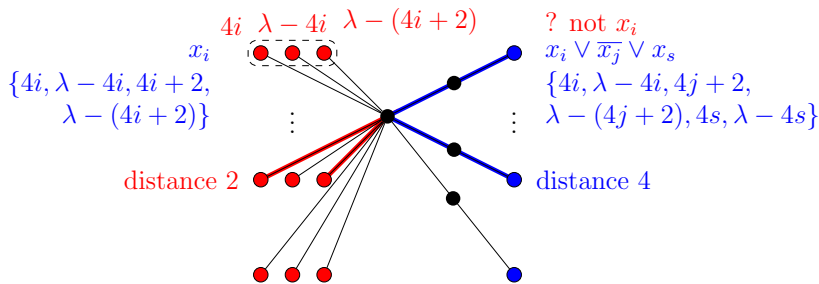


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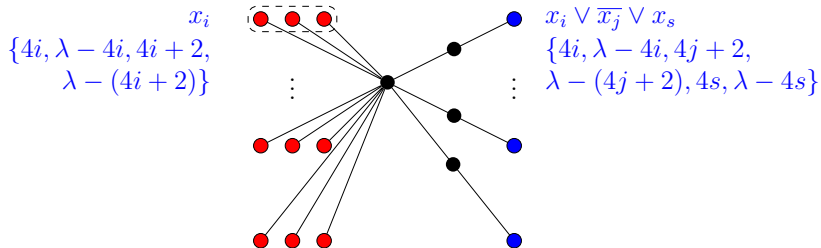
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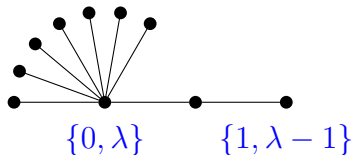
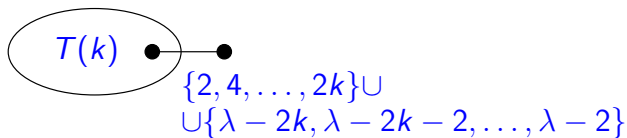
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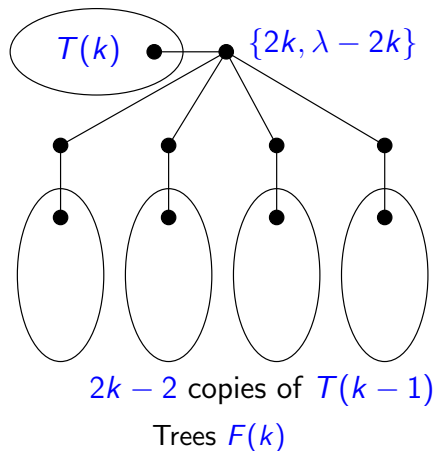
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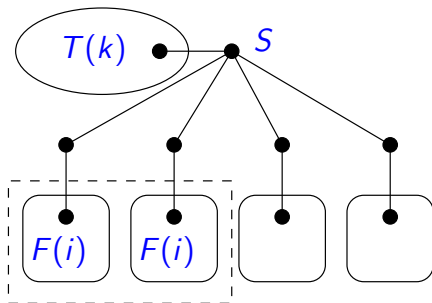
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Forcing of a list

$$S \subseteq \{2, 4, \dots, 2k\} \cup \{\lambda - 2k, \lambda - 2k - 2, \dots, \lambda - 2\} \text{ s.t. } \forall x \in S, \\ \lambda - x \in S.$$

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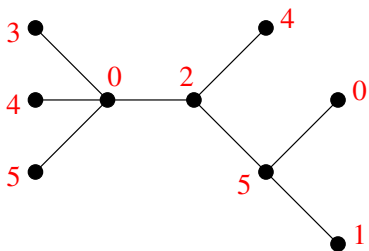
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What is the computational complexity of  $C(2, 1, 1)$ -LABELING on trees?



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