#### When Should You Wait Before Updating?

Toward a Robustness Refinement

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#### General goal

Identify instances and solutions that are more robust than others

#### **Necessary restrictions**

In some situations there is no hope to get any sort of robustness.

 $\rightarrow$  Very sensitive problems, eg maintain the number of edges

 $\rightarrow$  Arbitrary dynamic.



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Motivations:

- Decaying networks
- More promising
- Eventual footprint.



[CDPR20] Robustness: A new form of heredity motivated by dynamic networks by Casteigts, Dubois, Petit, Robson. 2020.

## Granularity of edge-removals

New parameter: k = number of edges removed.

A solution is k-robust if it is still correct after k edge removals.



## Focus on local problems

Locally checkable problems (LCL): the solution is correct if and only if it is locally correct everywhere.

Our three problems:



#### Two basic questions

For a problem P and a parameter k:

**Universal question**: What is the set of graphs such that <u>all</u> <u>solutions</u> are k-robust,  $U_k^P$ ?

**Existential question**: What is the set of graphs such that there exists a solution that is k-robust,  $\mathcal{E}_k^P$ ?

 $\rightarrow$  Examples with P = maximal matching and k = 1.



#### **Basic building blocks**



Trees

Sputnik graphs

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 $\rightarrow \underline{A}$  question for you: What are the graphs where all maximal matchings are perfect?

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**Theorem** [Summer79]: Randomly matchable graphs = { $K_{tt}$ ,  $K_{2n}$ }.

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## About the existential question

**Theorem** [CDPR20]: There exists a polynomial time algorithm to decide if a graph belongs to  $\mathcal{E}_{\infty}^{MIS}$ .

**Theorem**: Deciding  $\mathcal{E}_1^{MIS}$  is NP-hard.

Proof: Focus on the 2-connected case where is it equivalent to "perfect stable" (= every node not in the set is dominated at least twice).



**Theorem** [Croitoru-Suditu 83] Deciding if there exists a perfect stable is NP-hard.

## Conclusion

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- Universal question: Good understanding, but small classes.
- Existential question: Large classes but difficult to recognize and use.
- Maybe the right question is in between: graphs such that there exist robust solutions that are easy to find/maintain.
- Even better: new criteria to quickly measure the robustness of subgraphs, in order to guide algorithms.