# Locally finding small dominating sets in $K_{2, t}-$ minor-free graphs 

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Focused on computing

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## Complexity differences between LOCAL and centralized

Maximum Independent Set when $\exists$ universal vertex

## Detecting Cycles



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## Graph minors



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- (2t - 1)-approximation
- Generalizes the outerplanar result


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Theorem
Let $D$ a MDS of $G$. If $G$ is $K_{2, t}$-minor-free, then $\left|D_{2}\right| \leq(2 t-1)|D|$.

## Part 1: approximation factor

## Lemma

Let D a MDS of $G$. Then $\exists H$ minor of $G$ of the form:

with:

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\begin{gathered}
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- Contract some edges so that every vertex left in $D_{2} \backslash D$ has 2 neighbors in $D$


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