

Searching for uniquely saturated and strongly regular graphs with coupled augmentations¹

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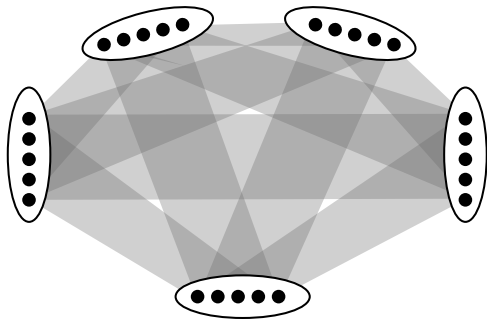
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- For every $e \in E(\overline{G})$, $G + e$ contains H as a subgraph.

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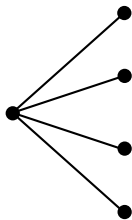


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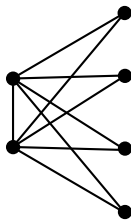
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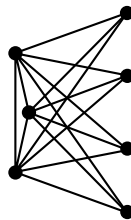
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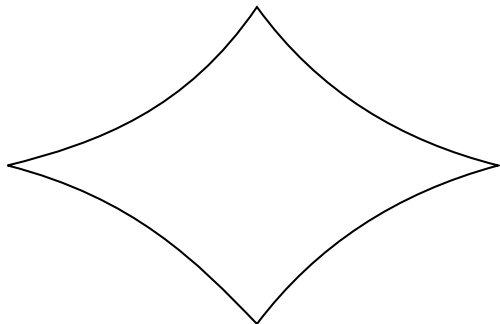
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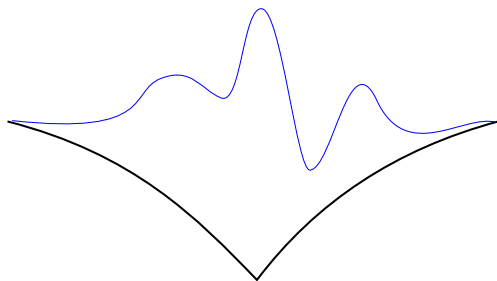


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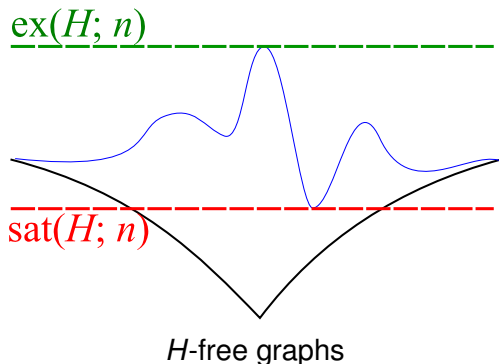


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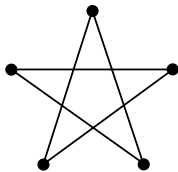
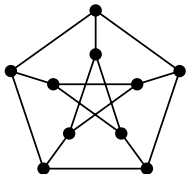
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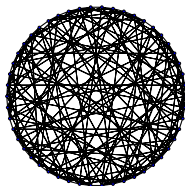
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Conjecture (Wenger, 2010) For $k \geq 6$, no uniquely C_k -saturated graph exists.

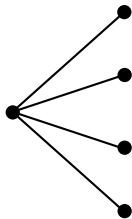
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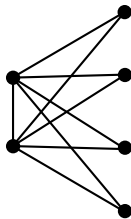
- Prove that (except for a finite number of counterexamples) these graphs are **regular**.
- Develop constraints on **powers of adjacency matrix** using unique saturation.
- Prove the **eigenvalues** satisfy certain polynomial equations.
- Due to **integrality**, there are a finite set of possible matrices.

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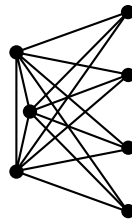
Let's consider $H = K_r$.



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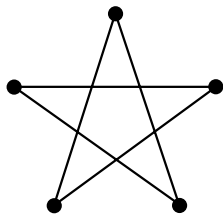
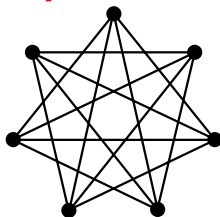
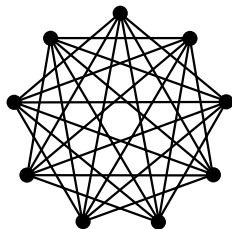
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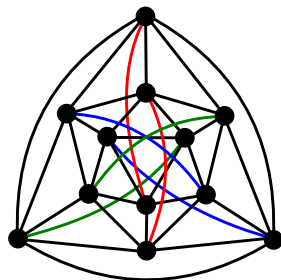
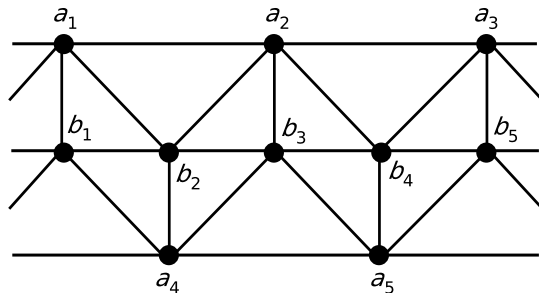
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For $r \geq 1$, $\overline{C_{2r-1}}$ is r -primitive.

Uniquely K_4 -Saturated Graphs



Previously known 4-primitive graphs (Cooper, unpublished)

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NO! Exists an irregular 5-primitive graph on 16 vertices!

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Value-preserving permutations reflect the automorphisms of a partial assignment.

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Generalizes **branch-and-bound** strategy.

Introduced by Ostrowski, Linderoth, Rossi, and Smriglio (2007) for **symmetric** optimization problems such as covering and packing.

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i.e. for every non-edge we add, we add a **K_r -completion**.

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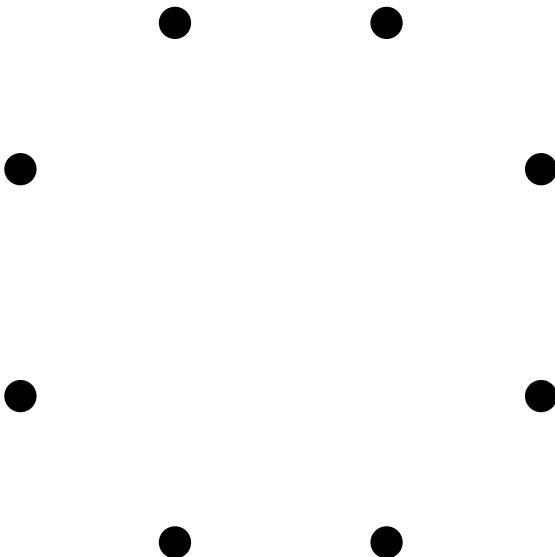
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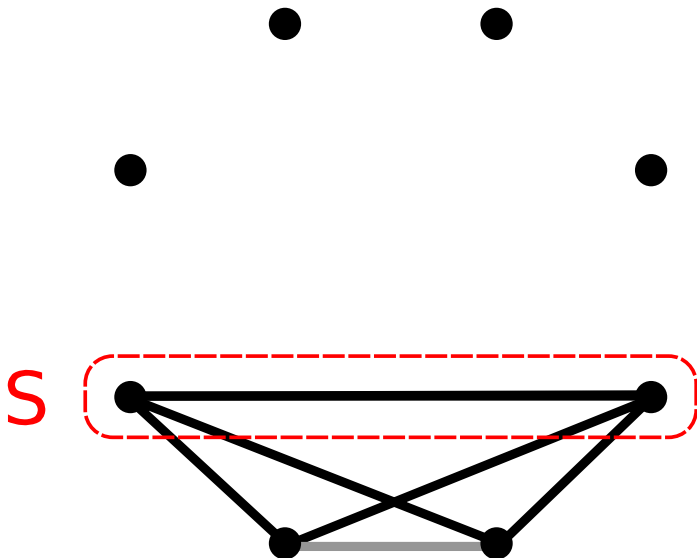
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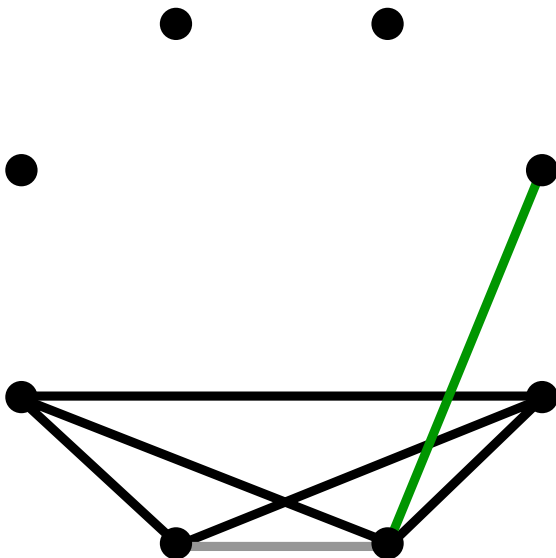
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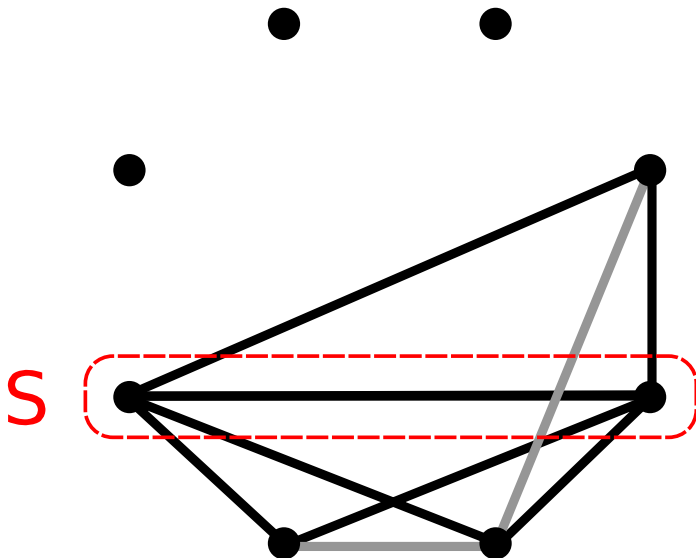
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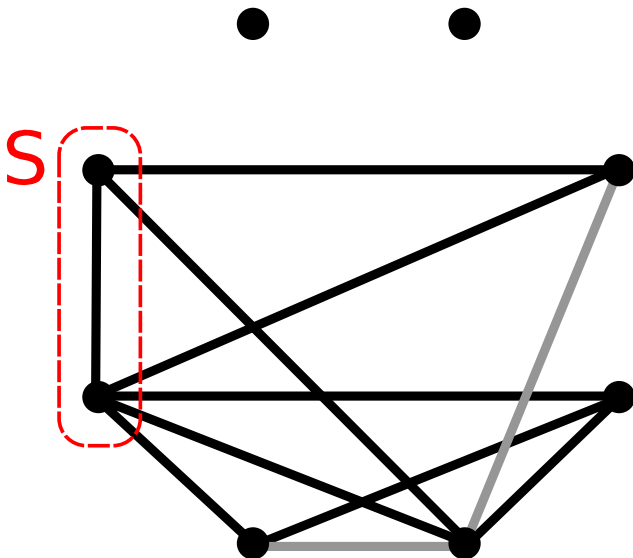
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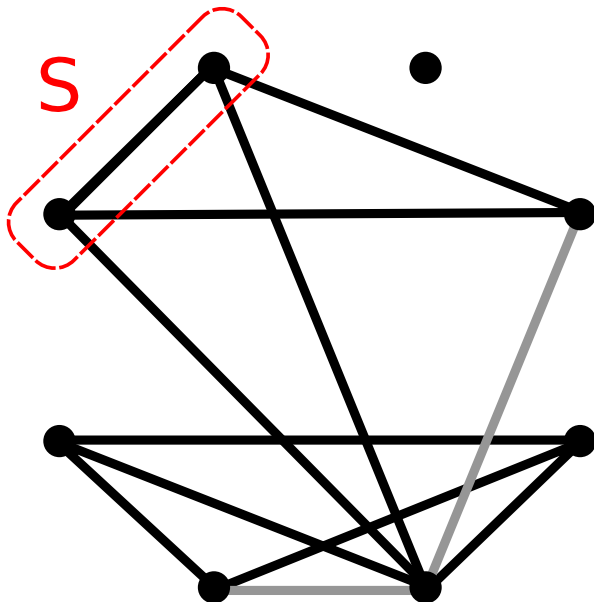


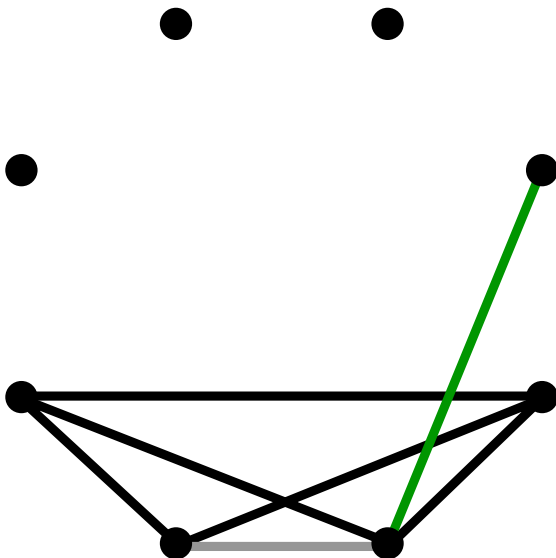


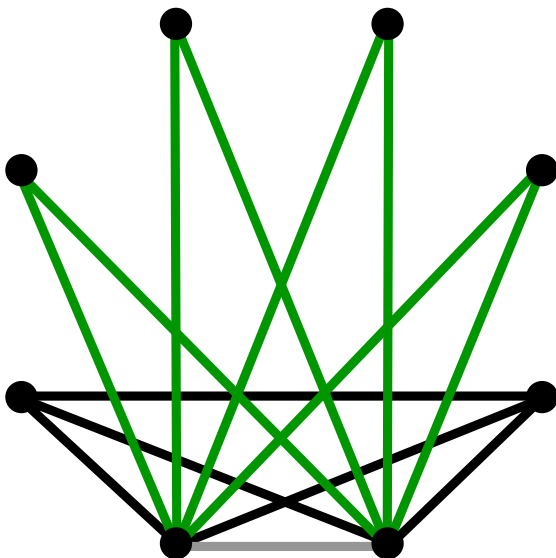


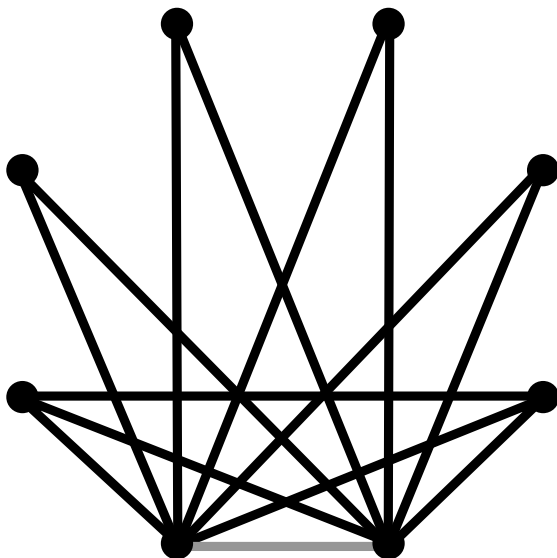








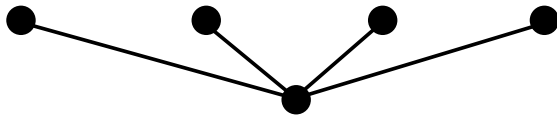




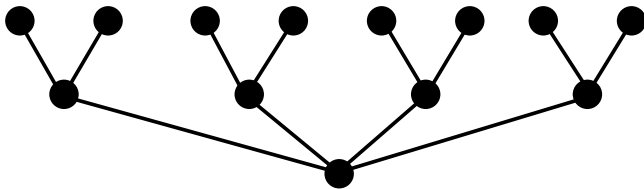
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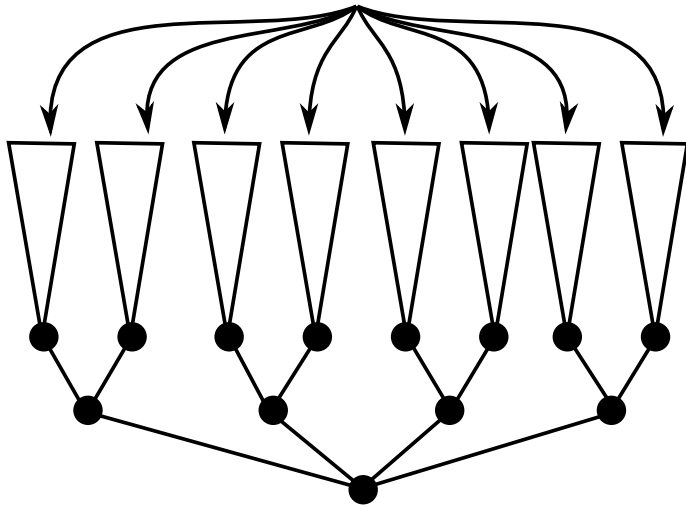


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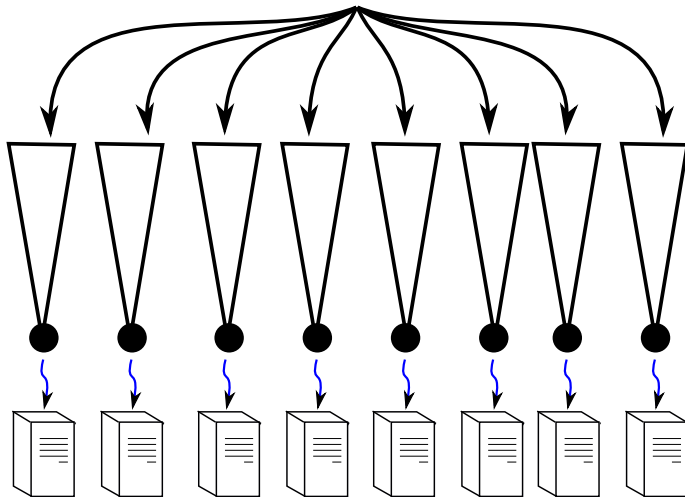
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Implementation

Implemented in the **TreeSearch** library for parallelization in the Condor scheduler.

Executed on the **Open Science Grid**, a collection of supercomputers around the country.



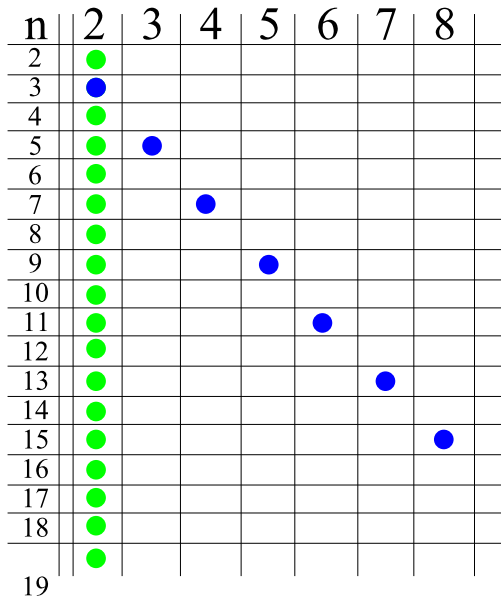
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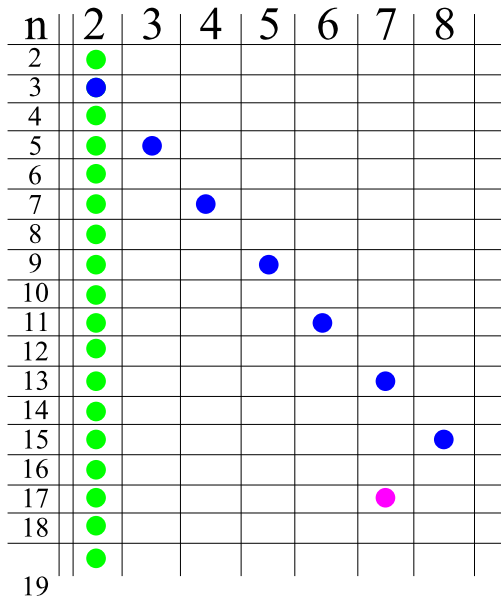
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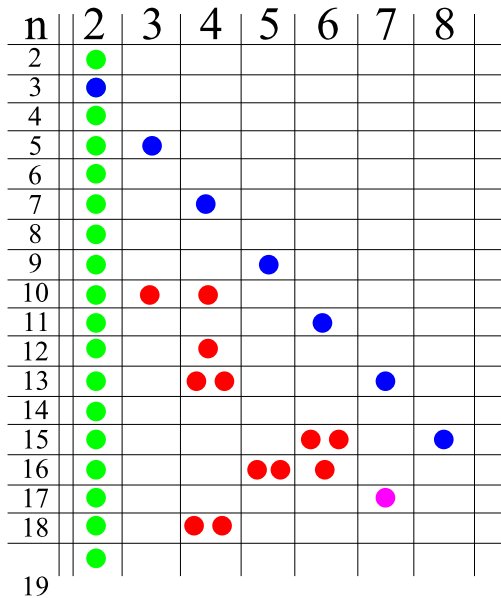
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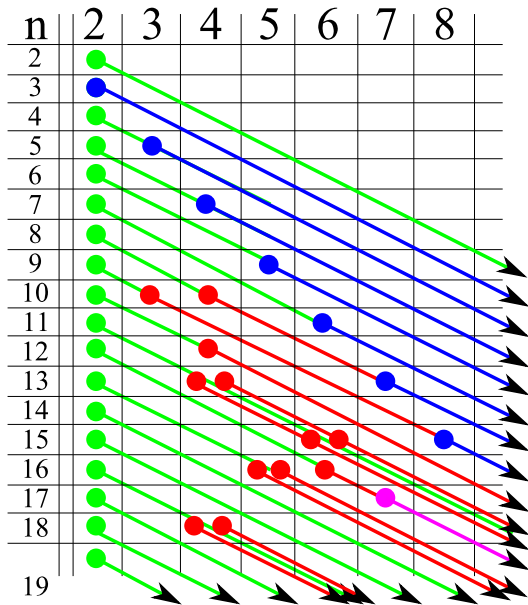
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Exhaustive Search Times

n	$r = 4$	$r = 5$	$r = 6$	$r = 7$	$r = 8$
10	0.10 s	0.37 s	0.13 s	0.01 s	0.01 s
11	0.68 s	5.25 s	1.91 s	0.28 s	0.09 s
12	4.58 s	1.60 m	25.39 s	1.97 s	1.12 s
13	34.66 s	34.54 m	6.53 m	59.94 s	20.03 s
14	4.93 m	10.39 h	5.13 h	20.66 m	2.71 m
15	40.59 m	23.49 d	10.08 d	12.28 h	1.22 h
16	6.34 h	1.58 y	1.74 y	34.53 d	1.88 d
17	3.44 d			8.76 y	115.69 d
18	53.01 d				
19	2.01 y				
20	45.11 y				

Total CPU times using Open Science Grid.

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We use the λ and μ constraints for custom augmentations.

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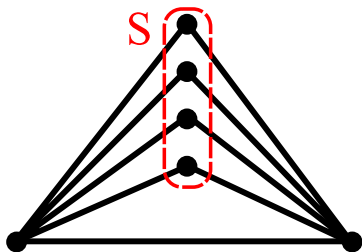
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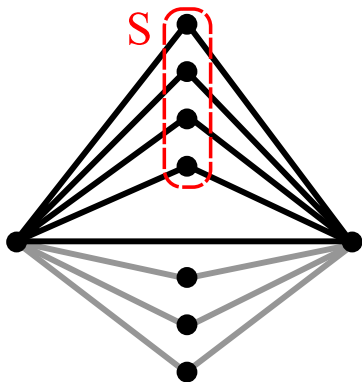
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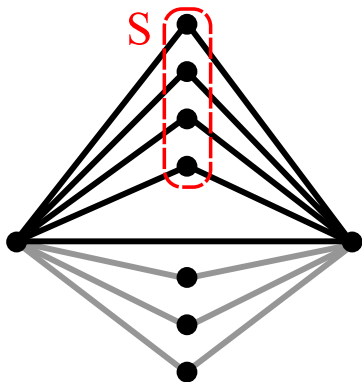
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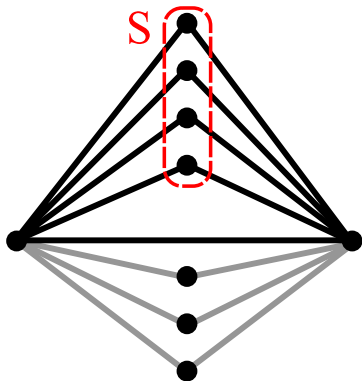
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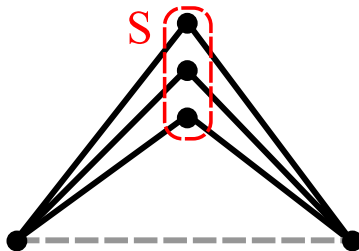
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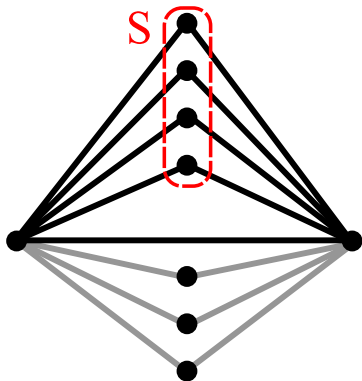
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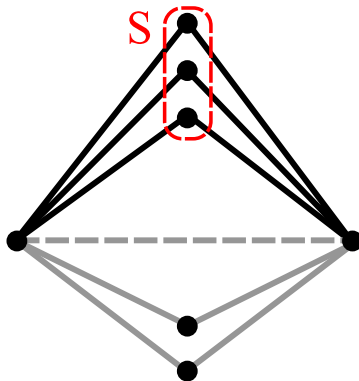
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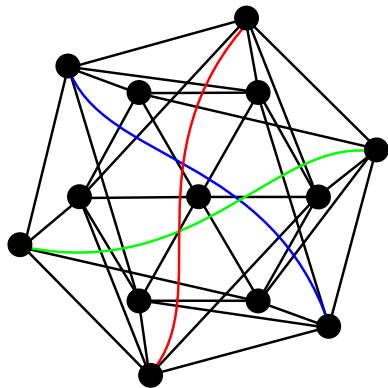
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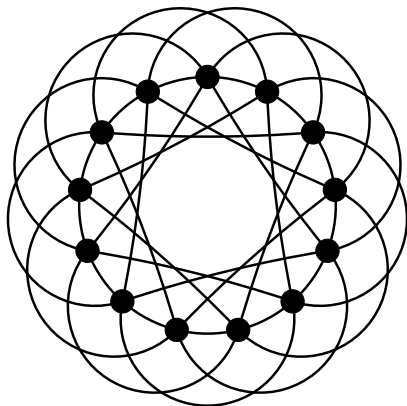
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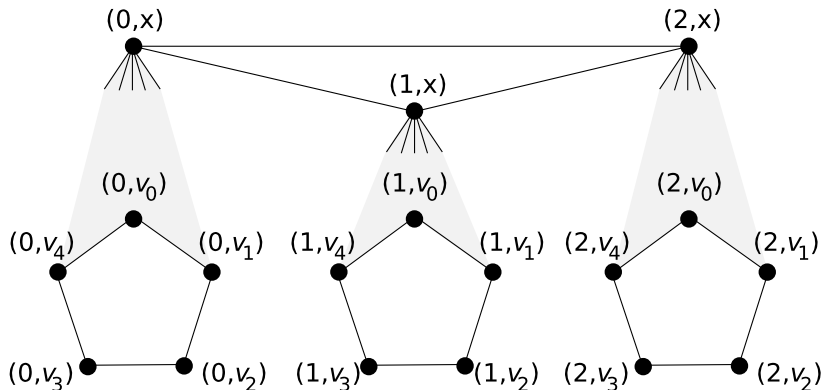


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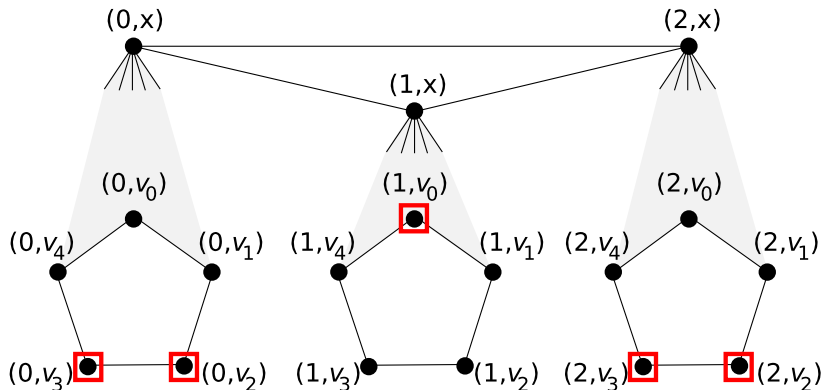


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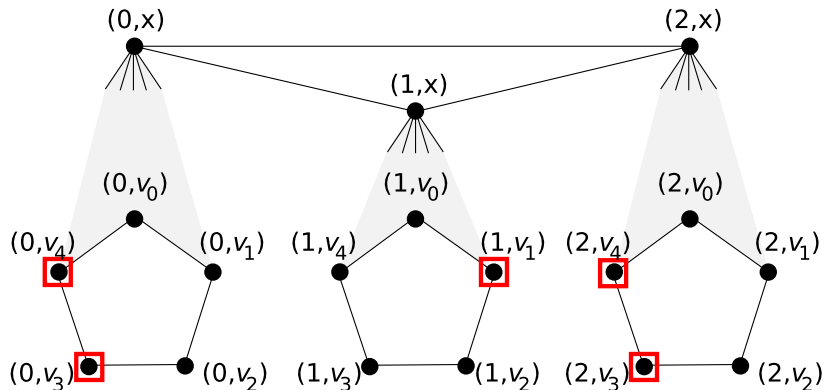
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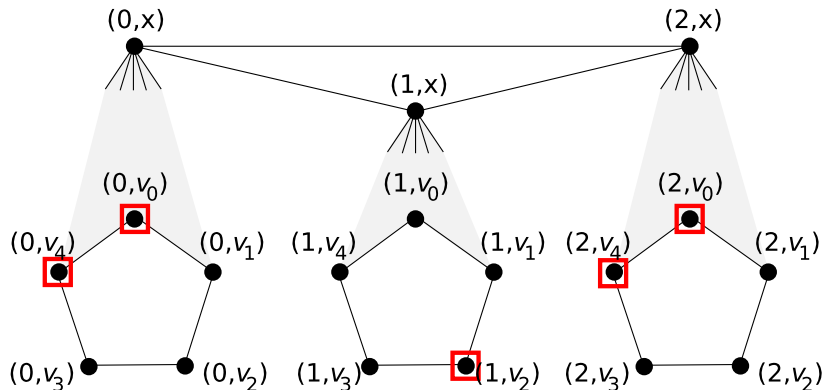
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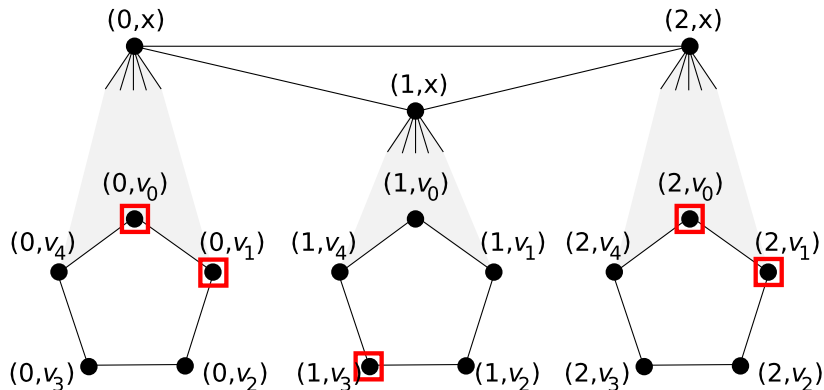
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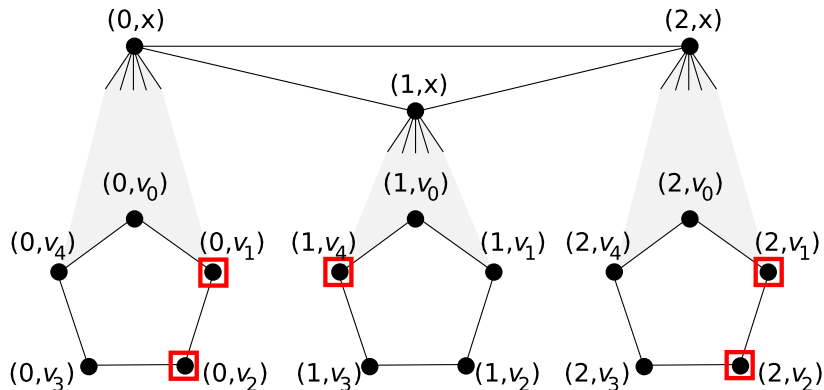
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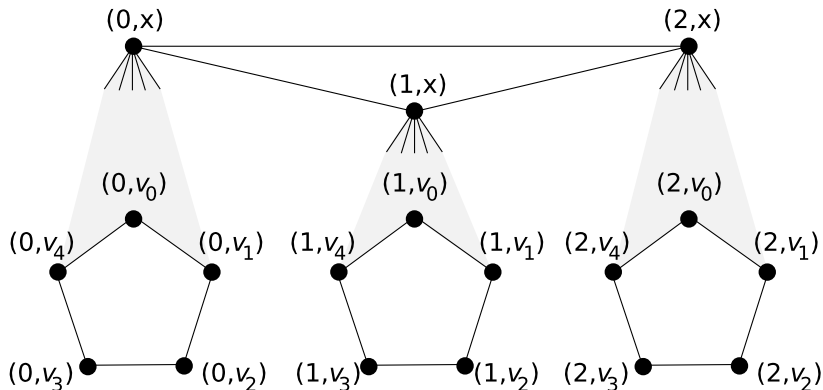


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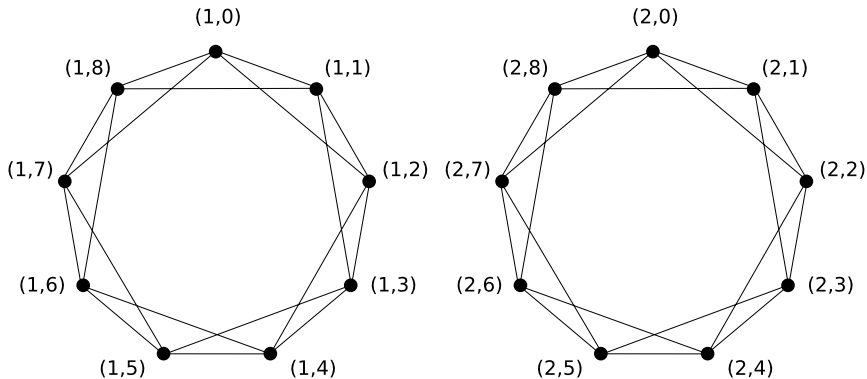
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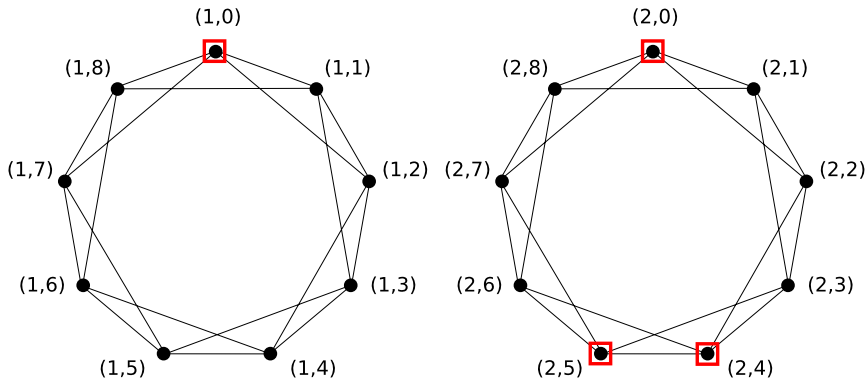
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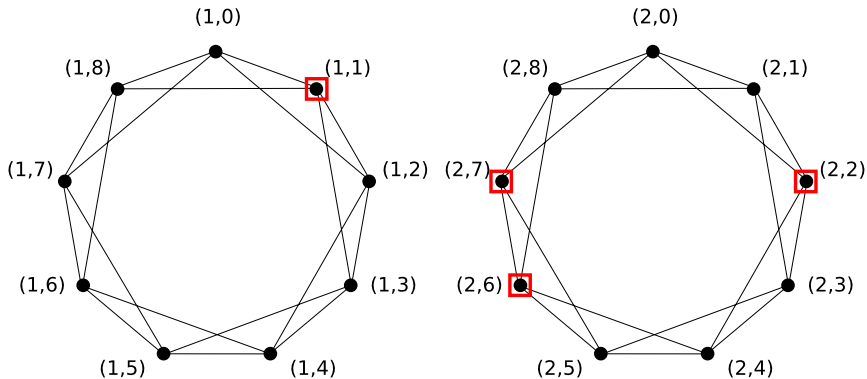
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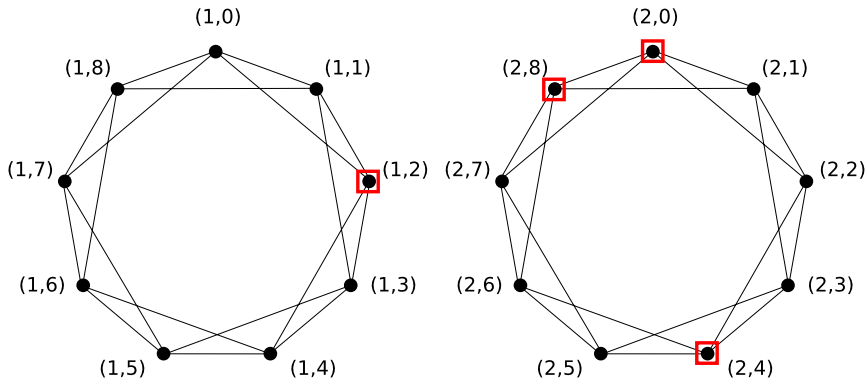


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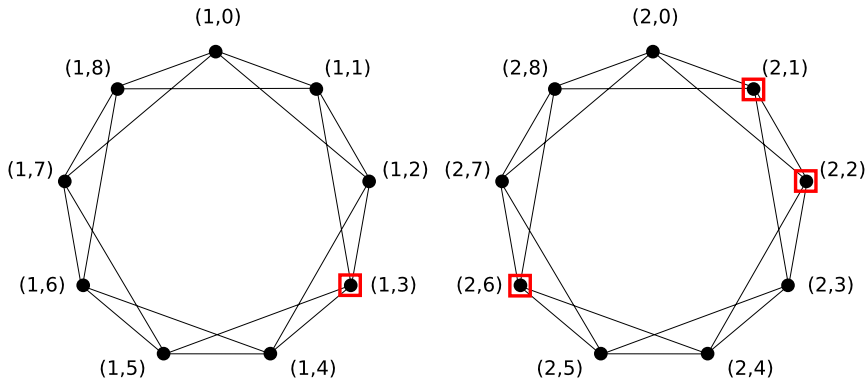


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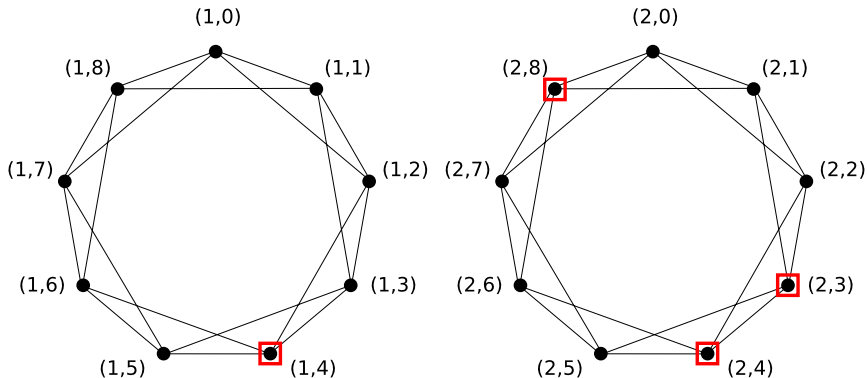
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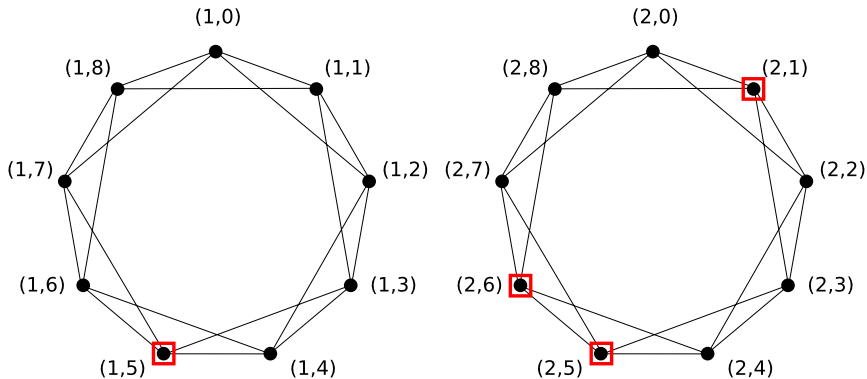
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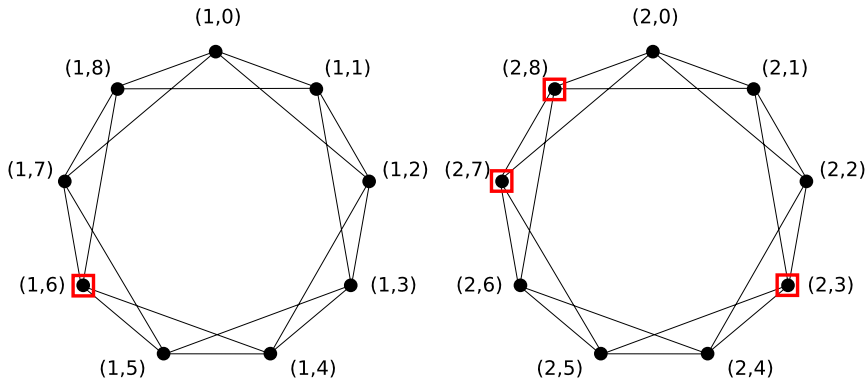
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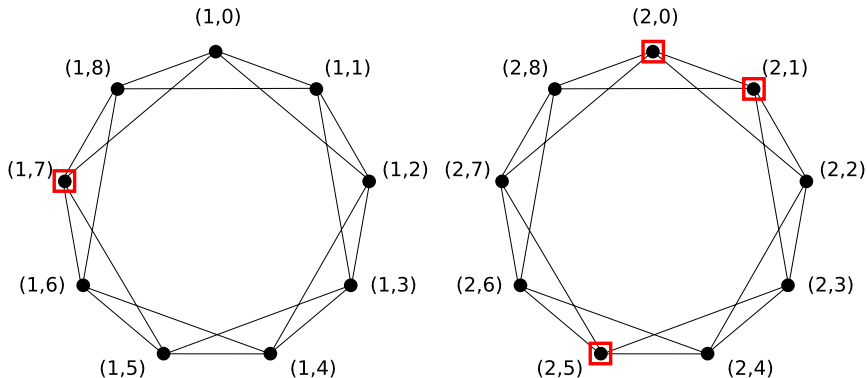
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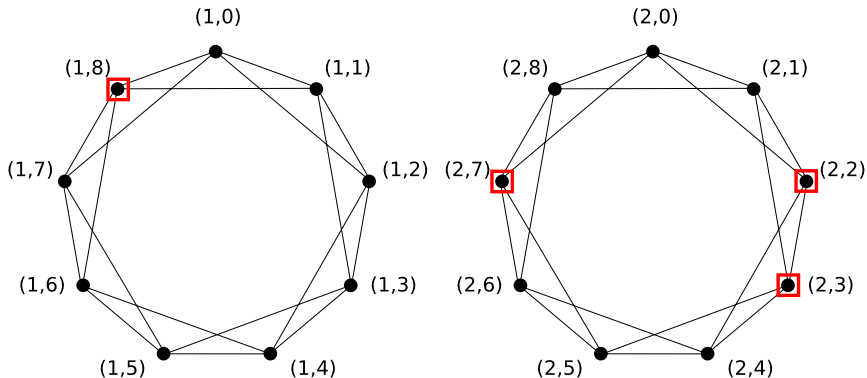
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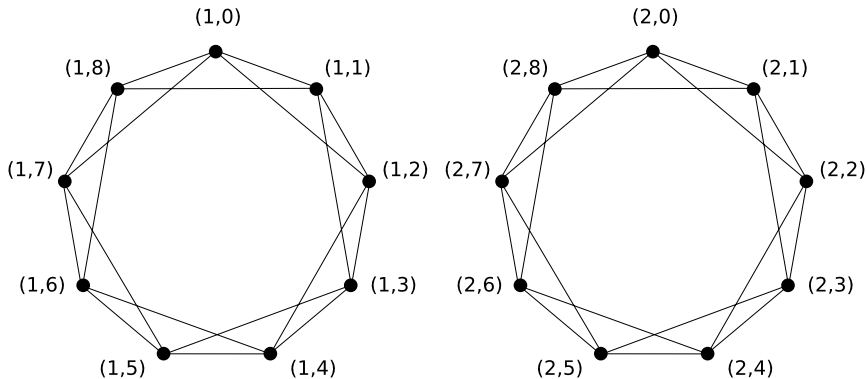
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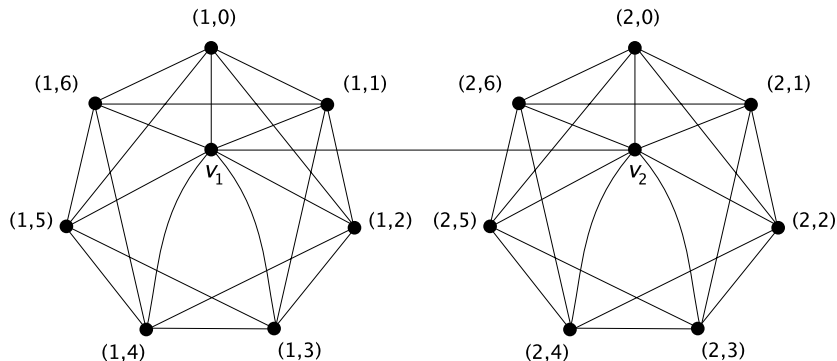
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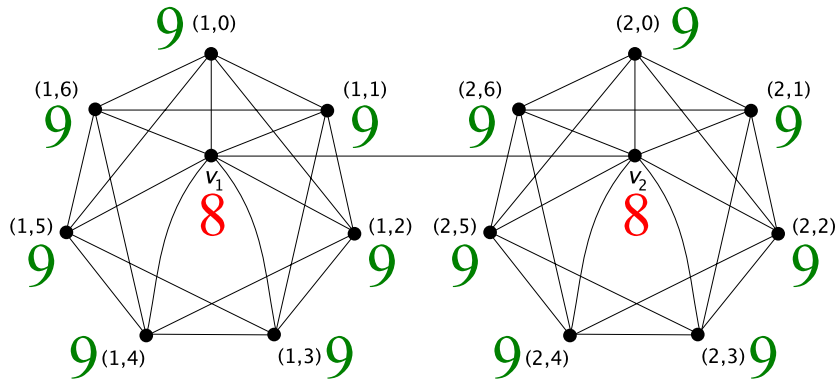
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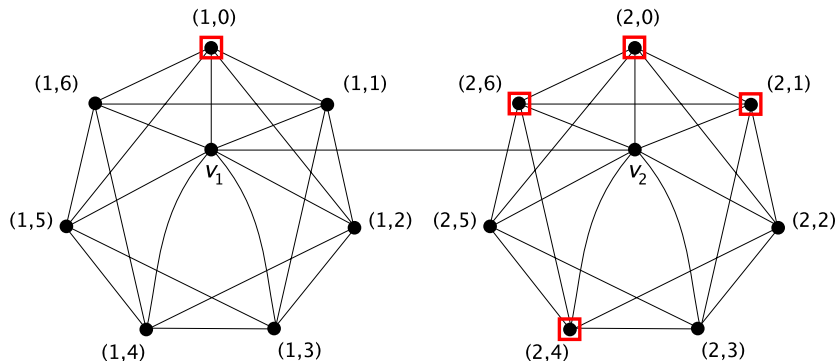
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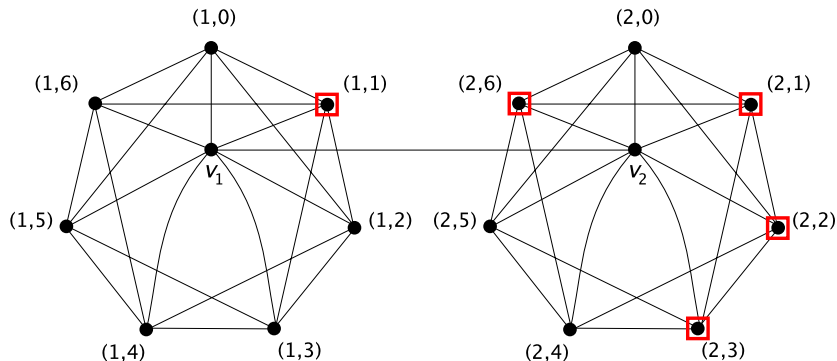
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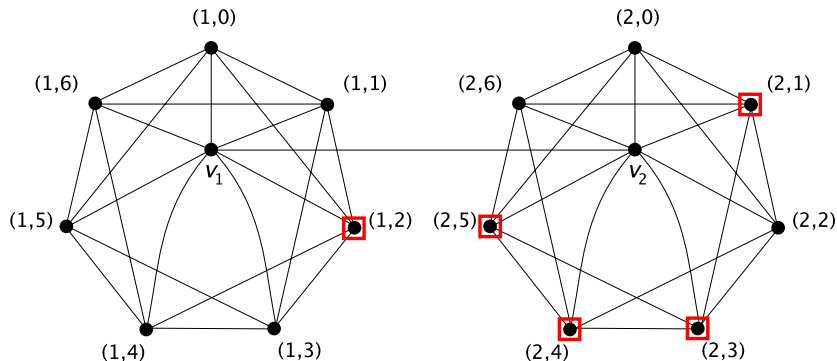
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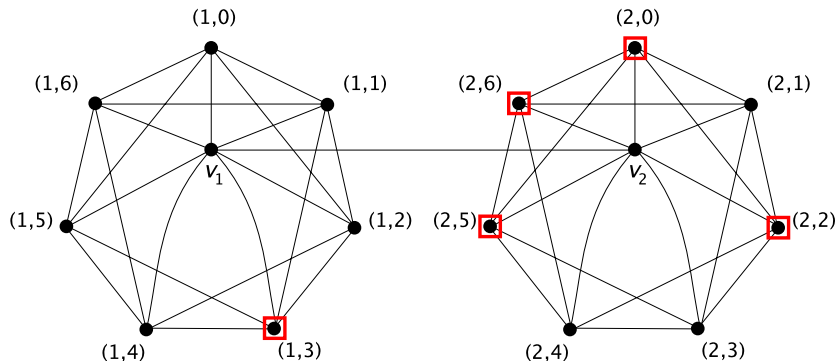
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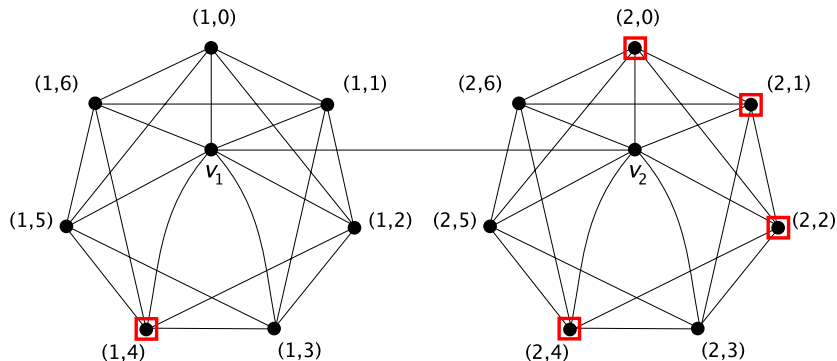
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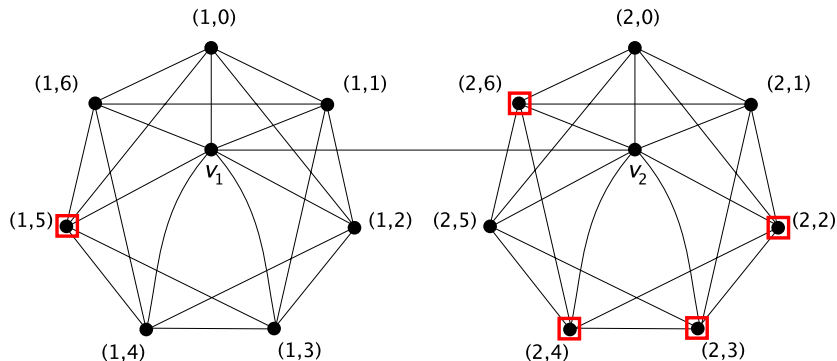
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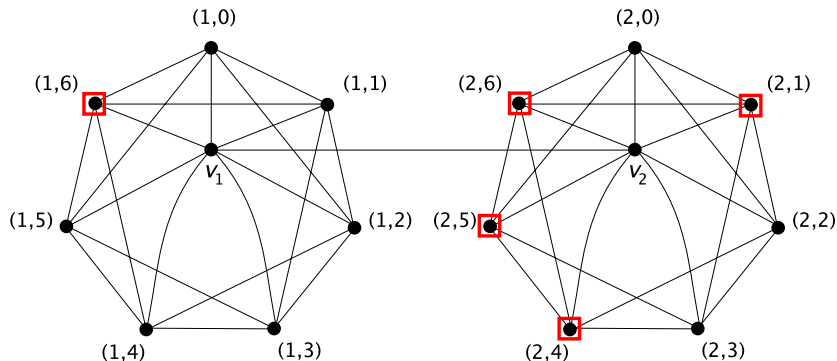
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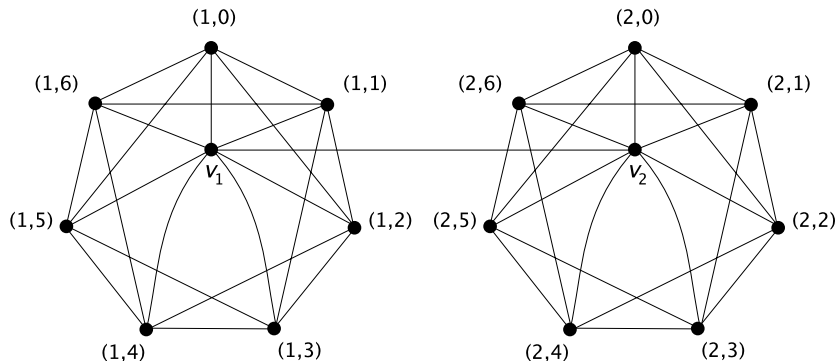
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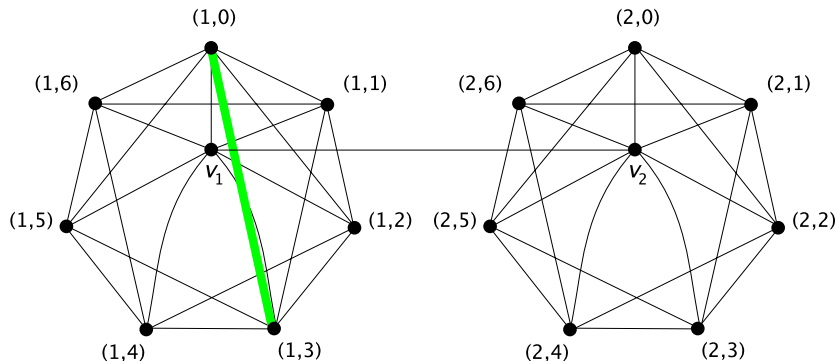
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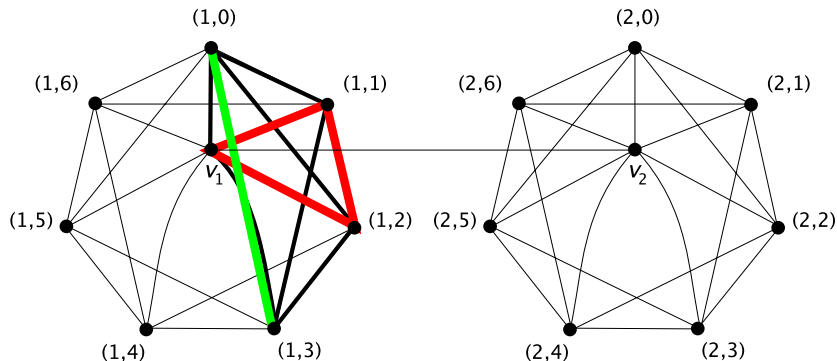
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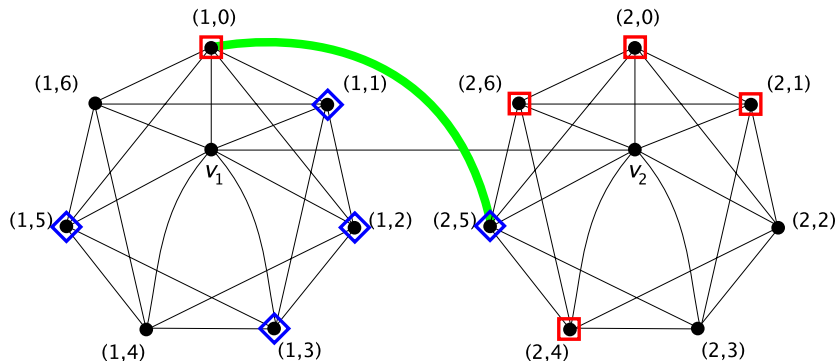
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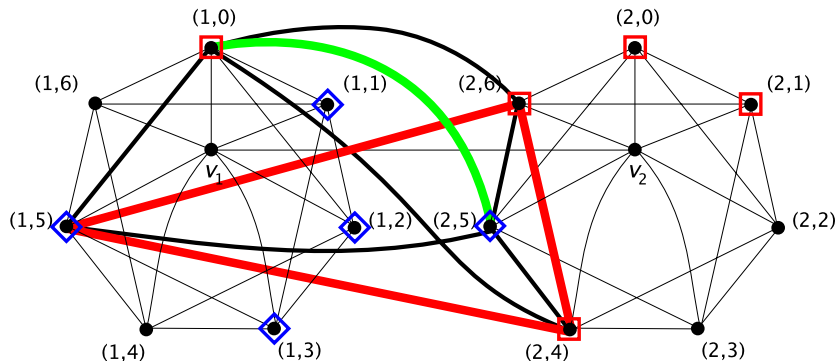
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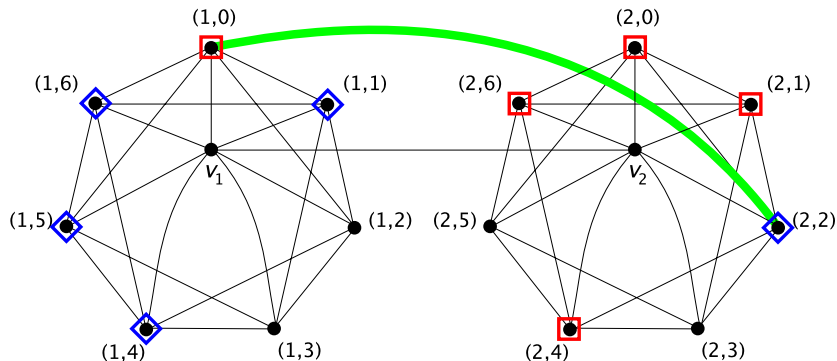
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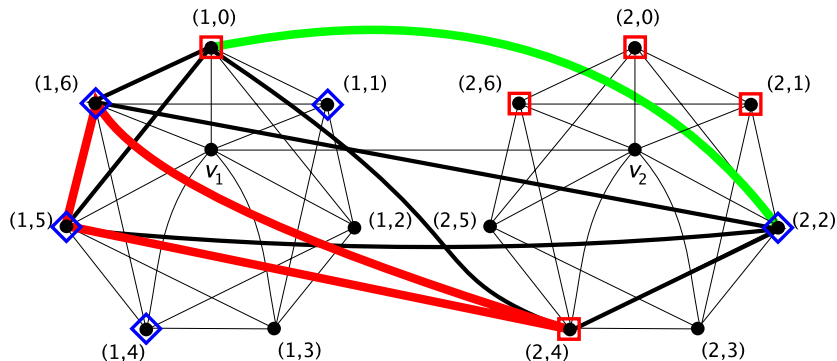
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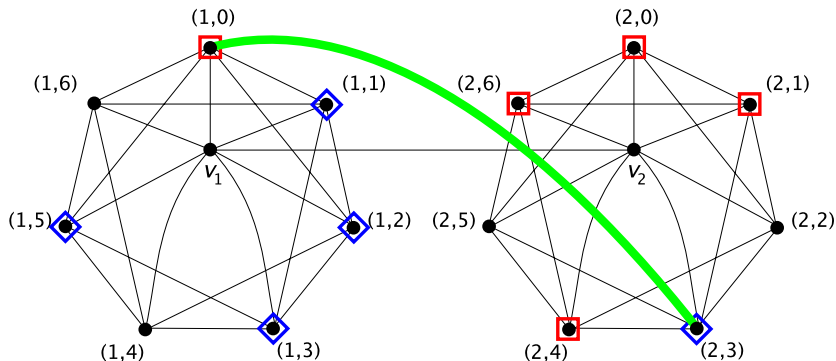
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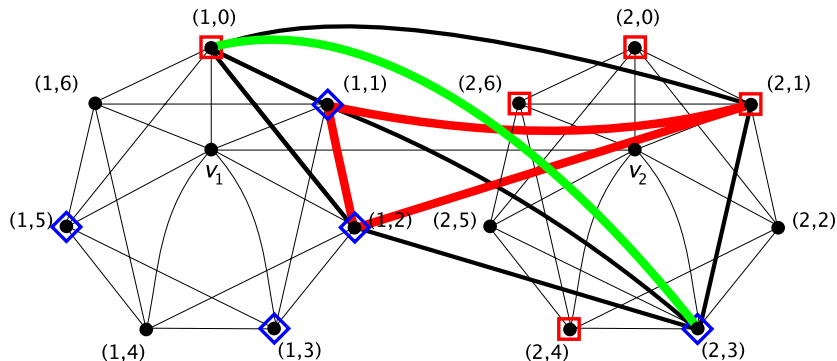
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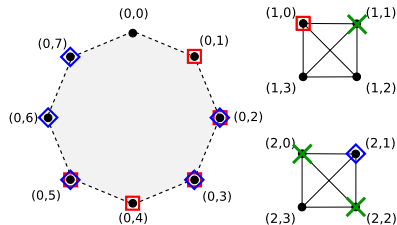
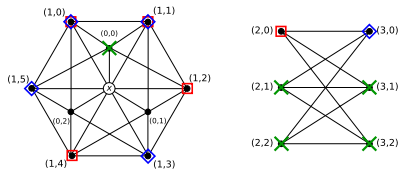
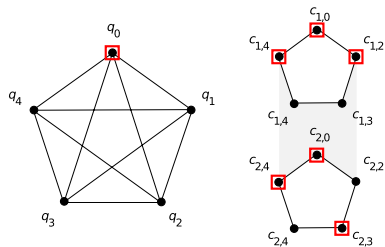
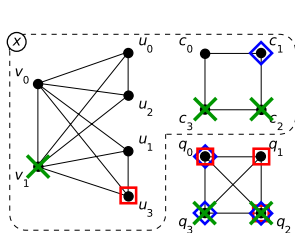
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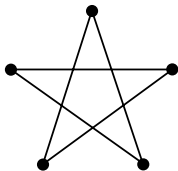
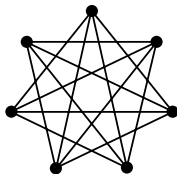
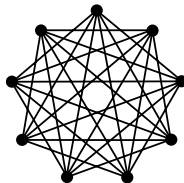
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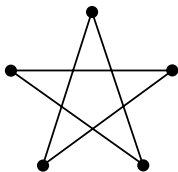
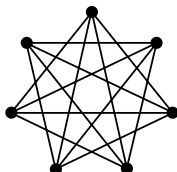
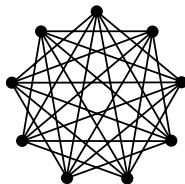
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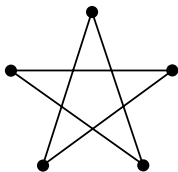
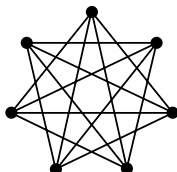
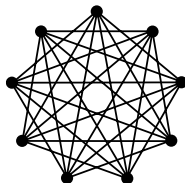
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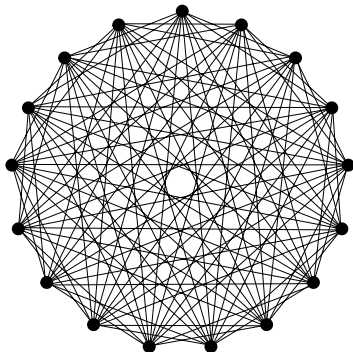
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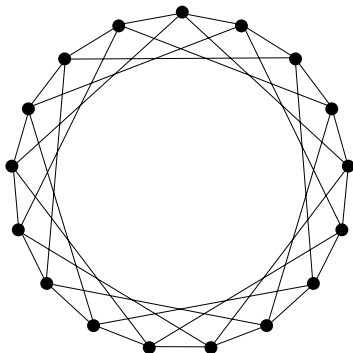
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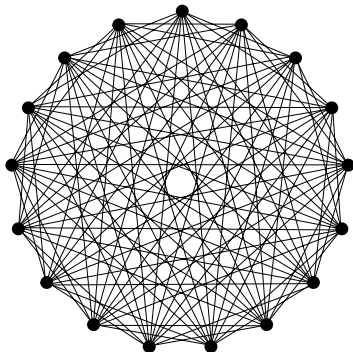
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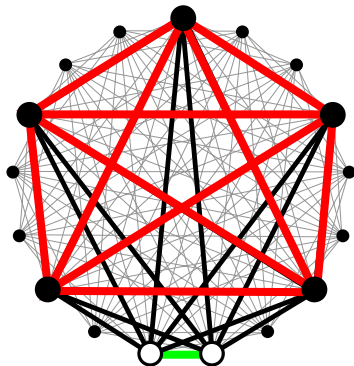
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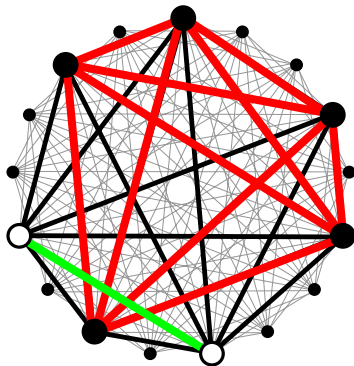
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t	S	r	n
1	$\{1, 2\}$	2	5
2	$\{1, 4\}$	7	17
3	$\{1, 6\}$	16	37
4	$\{1, 8\}$	29	65
5	$\{1, 10\}$	46	101
6	$\{1, 12\}$	67	145
7	$\{1, 14\}$	92	197
8	$\{1, 16\}$	121	257
9	$\{1, 18\}$	154	325
10	$\{1, 20\}$	191	401

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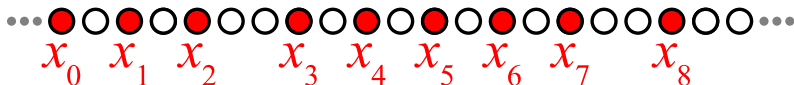
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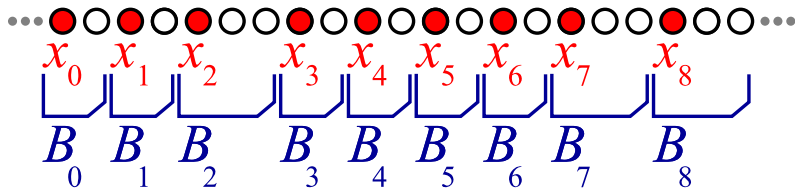
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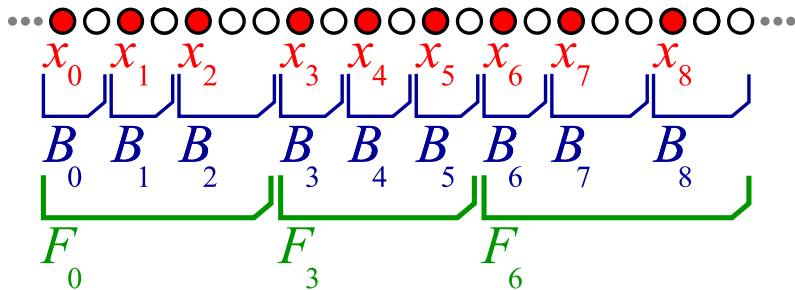
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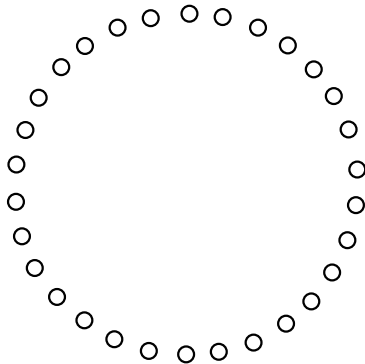
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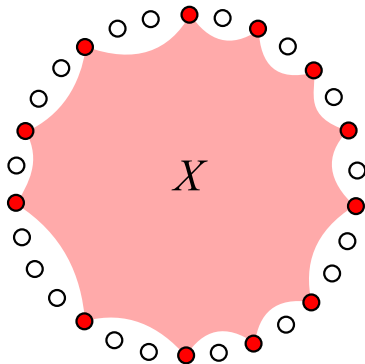
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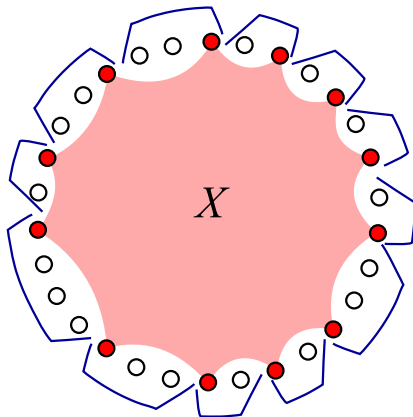
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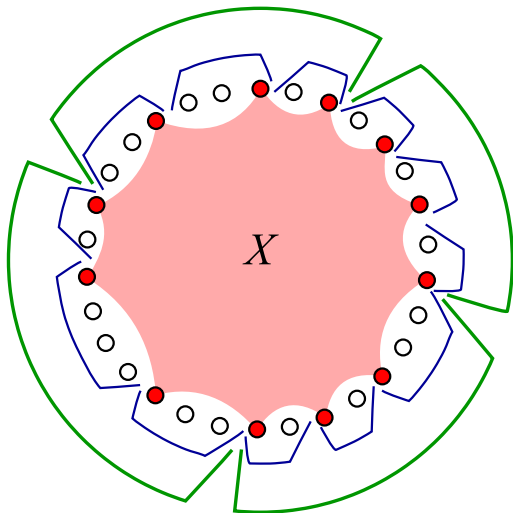
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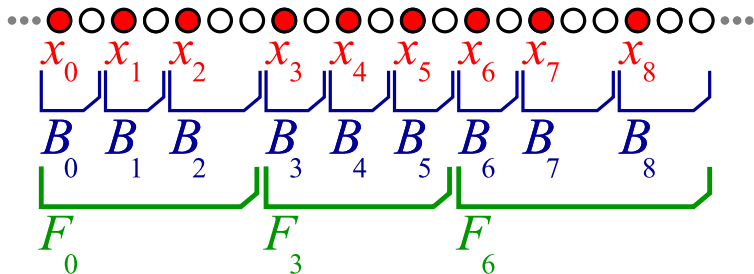
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