

# Isomorph-free generation of 2-connected graphs with applications

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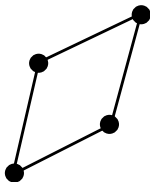
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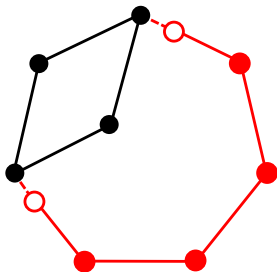
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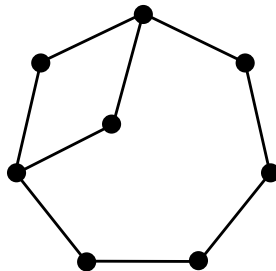
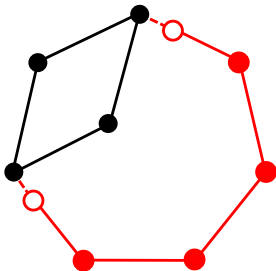




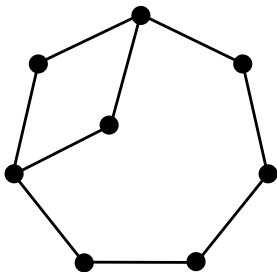
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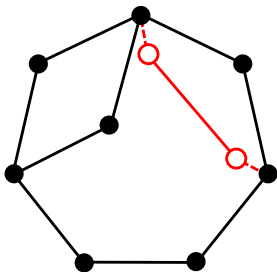
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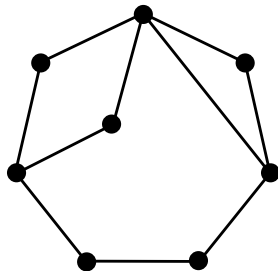
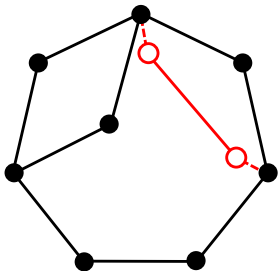
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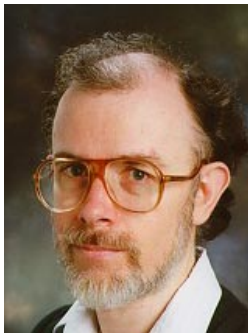
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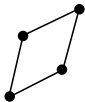
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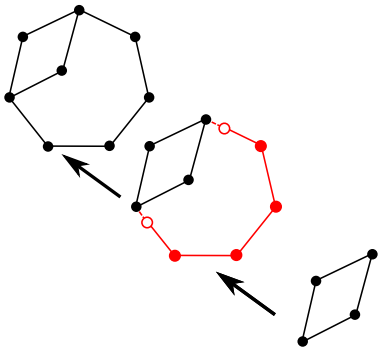
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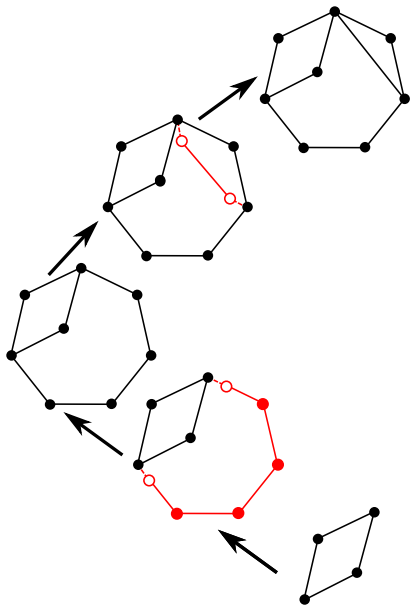
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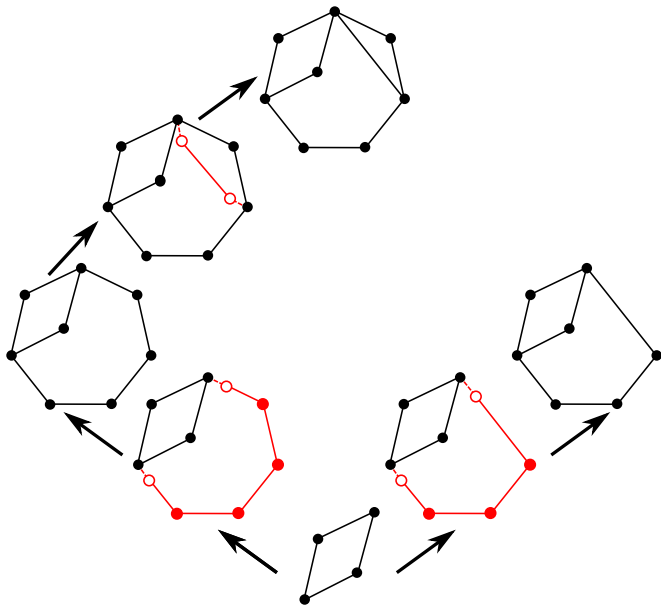
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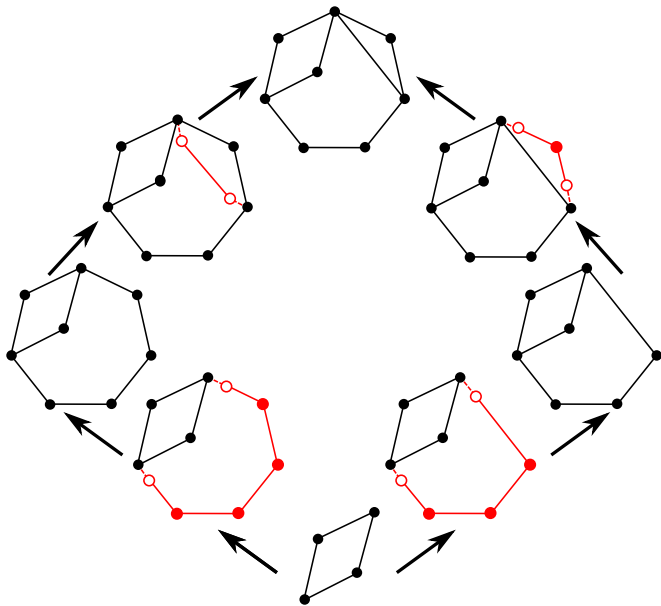


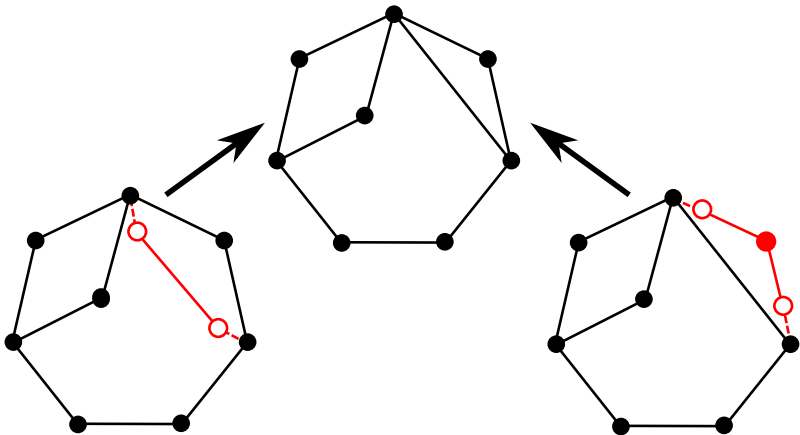


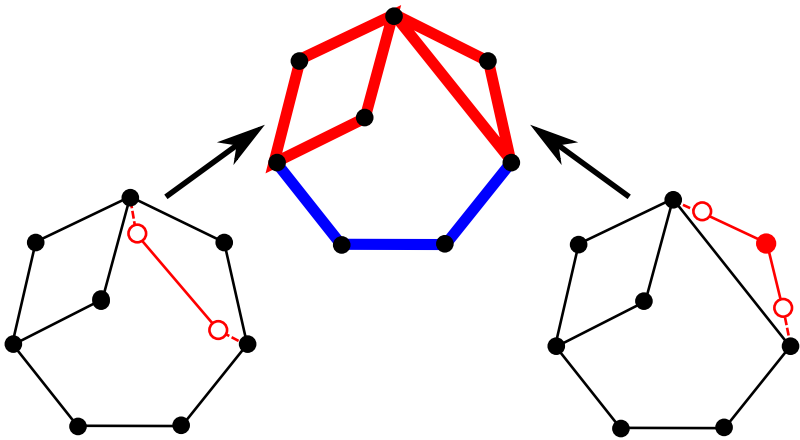


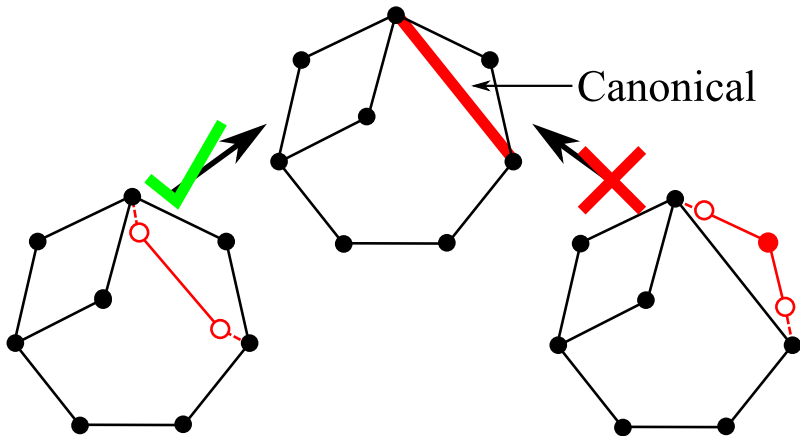




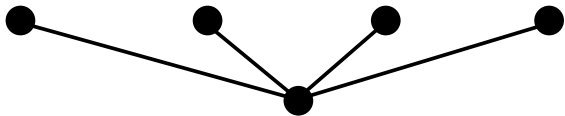


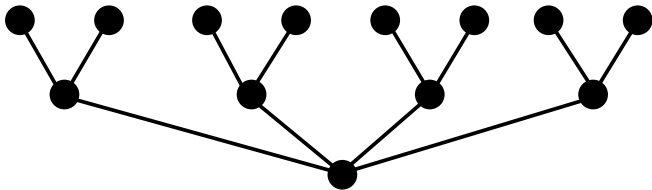






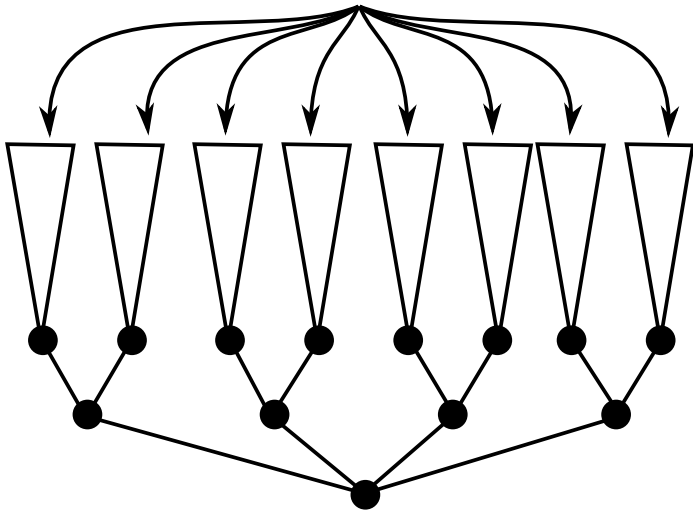








# Independent sub-trees



# 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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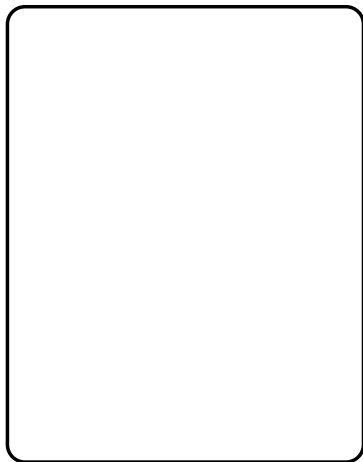
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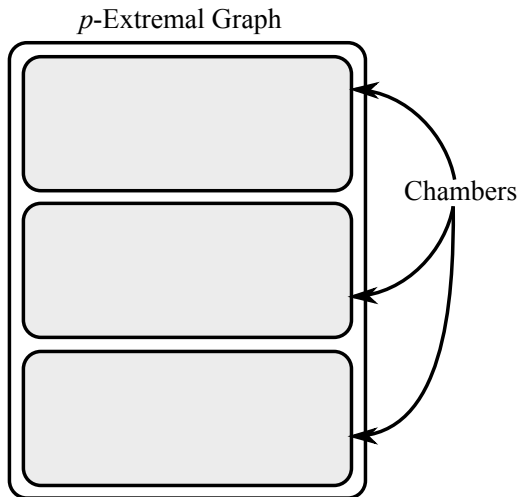
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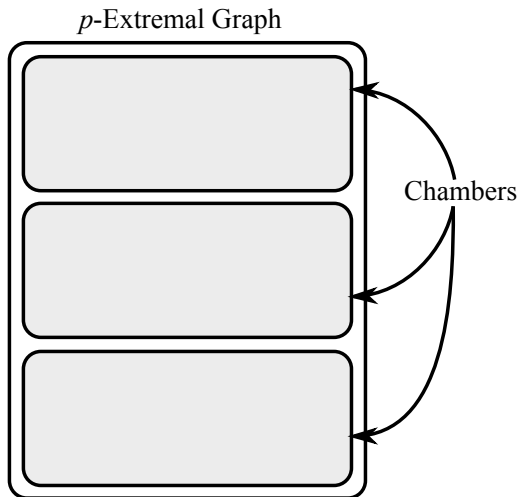
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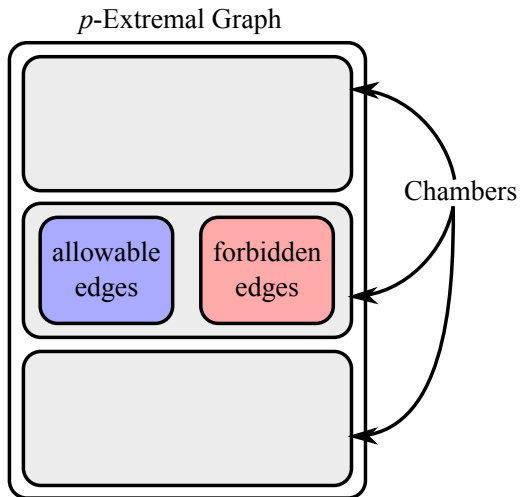
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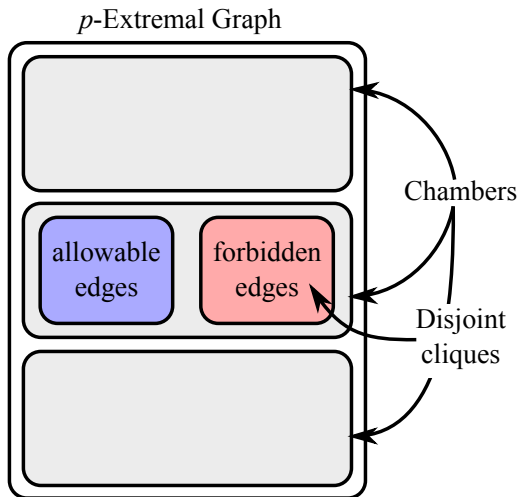
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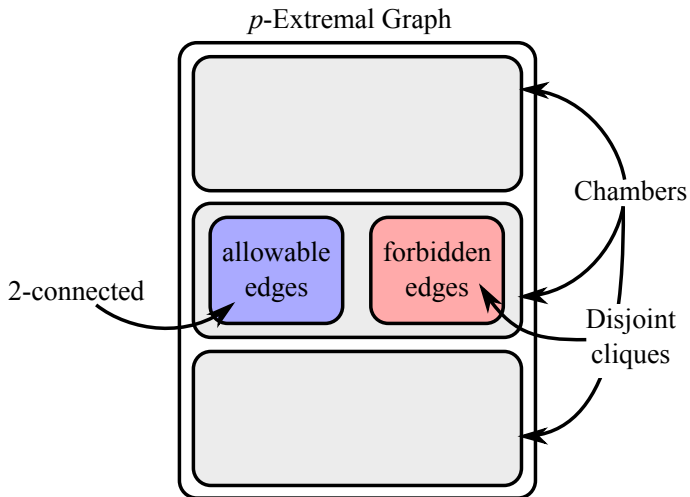


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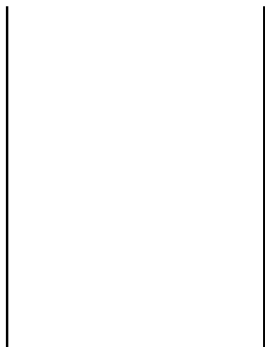
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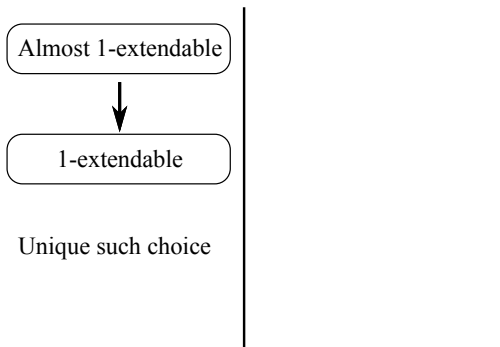
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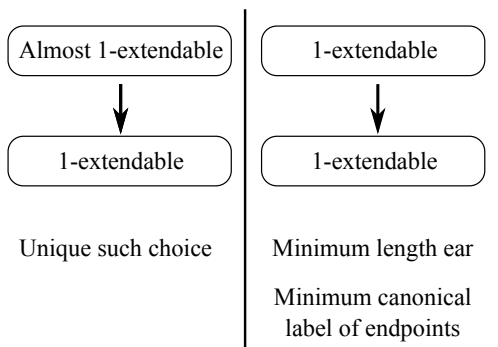
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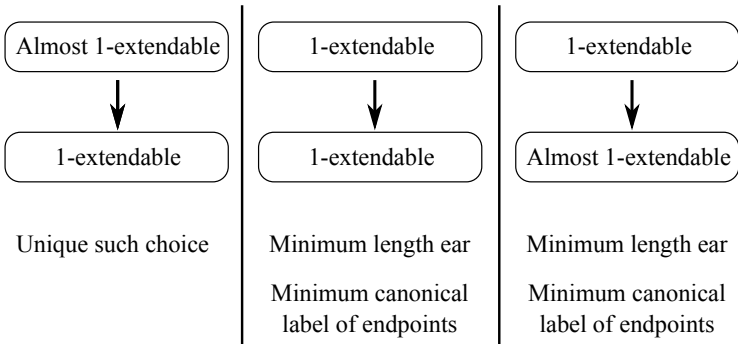
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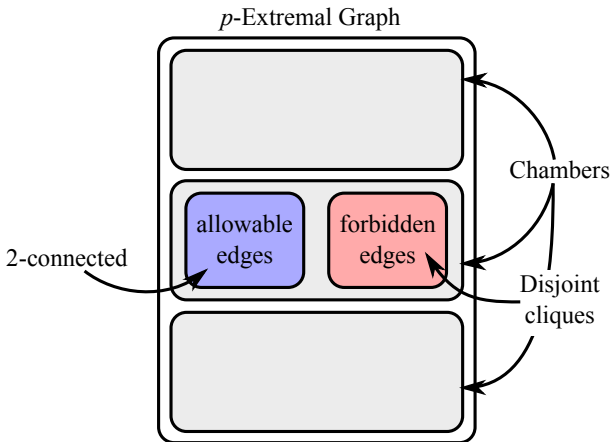


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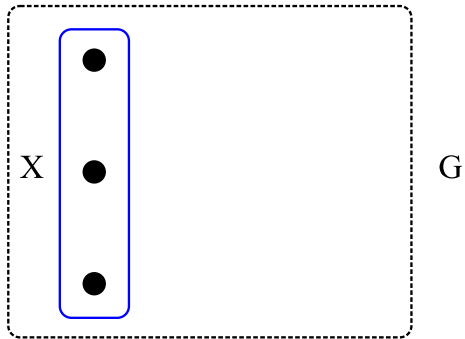
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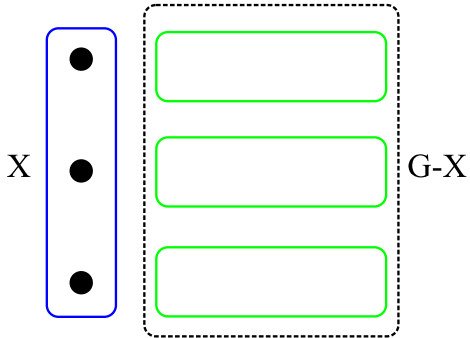
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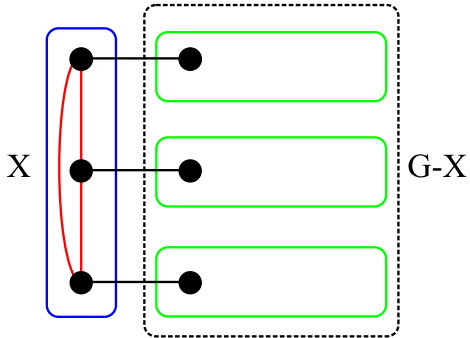
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A *barrier* in a graph  $G$  with  $\Phi(G) > 0$  is a set  $X \subset V(G)$  so that  $c_o(G - X) = |X|$ .

In a  $p$ -extremal chamber, every barrier is a clique of forbidden edges.

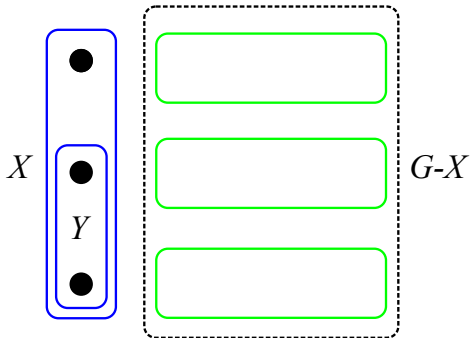
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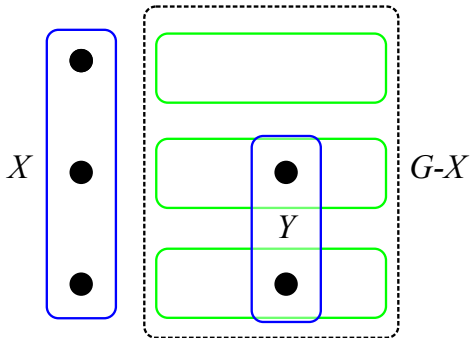
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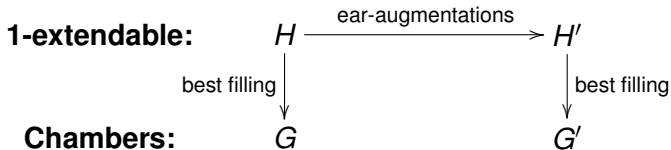
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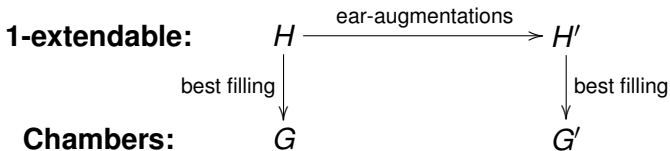
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# Results

|       |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $p$   | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        | 7        | 8        | 9        | 10       |
| $c_p$ | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> |
| $n_p$ | 2        | 4        | 4        | 6        | 6        | 6        | 6        | 6        | 6        | 6        |

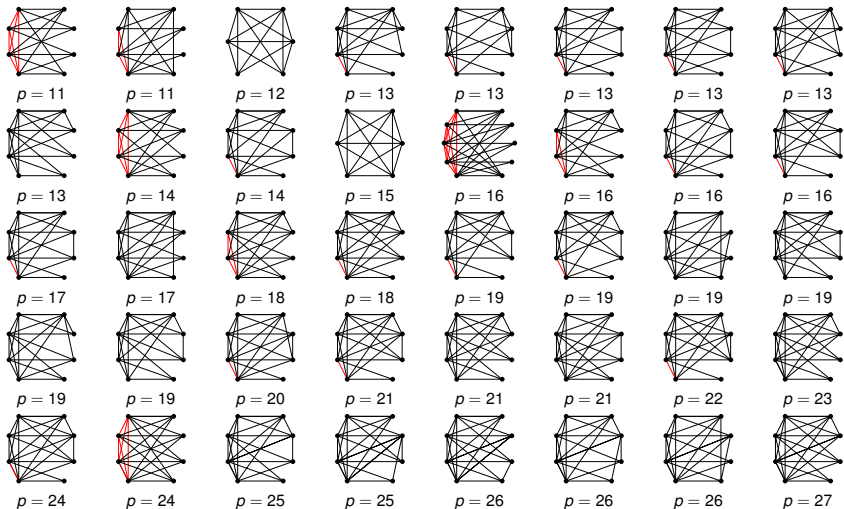
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| $p$   | 11 | 12       | 13 | 14 | 15       | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| $c_p$ | 3  | <b>5</b> | 3  | 4  | <b>6</b> | 4  | 4  | 5  | 4  | 5  |
| $n_p$ | 8  | 6        | 8  | 8  | 6        | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8  |

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|-------|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----------|--|--|--|
| $p$   | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24       | 25 | 26 | 27       |  |  |  |
| $c_p$ | 5  | 5  | 5  | <b>6</b> | 5  | 5  | <b>6</b> |  |  |  |
| $n_p$ | 8  | 8  | 8  | 8        | 8  | 8  | 8        |  |  |  |

# Timing

| $p$ | $N_p$ | $c_p$ | Total CPU Time |      |     |        |        |
|-----|-------|-------|----------------|------|-----|--------|--------|
| 11  | 14    | 3     |                |      |     | 43.29s |        |
| 12  | 14    | 5     |                |      |     | 44.01s |        |
| 13  | 14    | 3     |                | 6m   |     | 39.80s |        |
| 14  | 16    | 4     |                | 12m  |     | 10.40s |        |
| 15  | 16    | 6     |                | 12m  |     | 42.72s |        |
| 16  | 16    | 4     | 2h             | 07m  |     | 58.60s |        |
| 17  | 16    | 4     | 6h             | 46m  |     | 07.72s |        |
| 18  | 18    | 5     | 11h            | 45m  |     | 01.95s |        |
| 19  | 18    | 4     | 2d             | 17h  | 12m | 31.85s |        |
| 20  | 18    | 5     | 4d             | 05h  | 28m | 11.79s |        |
| 21  | 18    | 5     | 13d            | 17h  | 29m | 12.45s |        |
| 22  | 20    | 5     | 42d            | 20h  | 40m | 30.41s |        |
| 23  | 20    | 5     | 118d           | 07h  | 38m | 36.84s |        |
| 24  | 20    | 6     | 209d           | 10h  | 09m | 54.98s |        |
| 25  | 20    | 5     | 2y             | 187d | 21h | 48m    | 46.31s |
| 26  | 20    | 5     | 7y             | 75d  | 13h | 55m    | 10.27s |
| 27  | 22    | 6     | 10y            | 247d | 21h | 03m    | 13.94s |

# $p$ -Extremal Chambers



# Future Work

## For $p$ -extremal graphs:

- 1 Find a “strong” upper bound on  $c_p$  for an infinite family of values of  $p$ .
- 2 A start: prove the complete graphs on  $2t$  vertices are  $p$ -extremal for  $p = (2t - 1)!!$ .
- 3 A lower bound on  $c_p$  which grows in the limit.

# Future Work

## For the technique:

- 1 More applications!
- 2 More optimizations?

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## For the tools:

- 1 Implement vertex/edge/leaf augmentations.
- 2 Apply to new problems.
- 3 Compare to current applications.



# Isomorph-free generation of 2-connected graphs with applications

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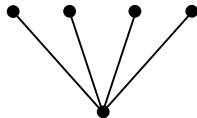
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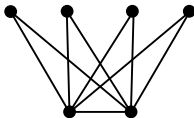
# Application 1: Uniquely $K_r$ -Saturated Graphs

## Definition

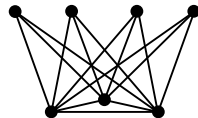
A graph  $G$  is *uniquely  $K_r$ -saturated* if  $G$  contains no  $K_r$  and for every edge  $e \in \overline{G}$  admits exactly one copy of  $K_r$  in  $G + e$ .



(a) 1-book



(b) 2-book



(c) 3-book

**Figure:** The  $(r - 2)$ -books are uniquely  $K_r$  saturated.



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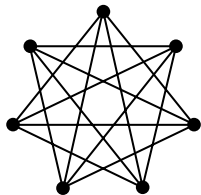
## Two Conjectures:

1. For each  $r$ , there are a finite number of uniquely  $K_r$ -saturated graphs with no dominating vertex.
2. For each  $r$ , every uniquely  $K_r$ -saturated graph with no dominating vertex is regular.

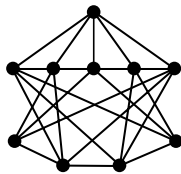
Previously verified to 9 vertices.

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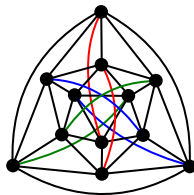
- 1 Uniquely  $K_r$ -saturated graphs have diameter 2 (and are 2-connected).
- 2 Strength:  $K_4$ -free is a sparse, monotone property.
- 3 Verified for  $r = 4$  and  $n \leq 12$ .
- 4 Verified for  $r \in \{5, 6\}$  and  $n \leq 11$ .



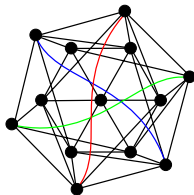
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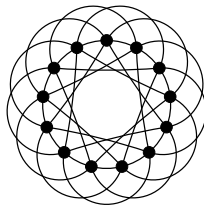
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