



DISCRETE MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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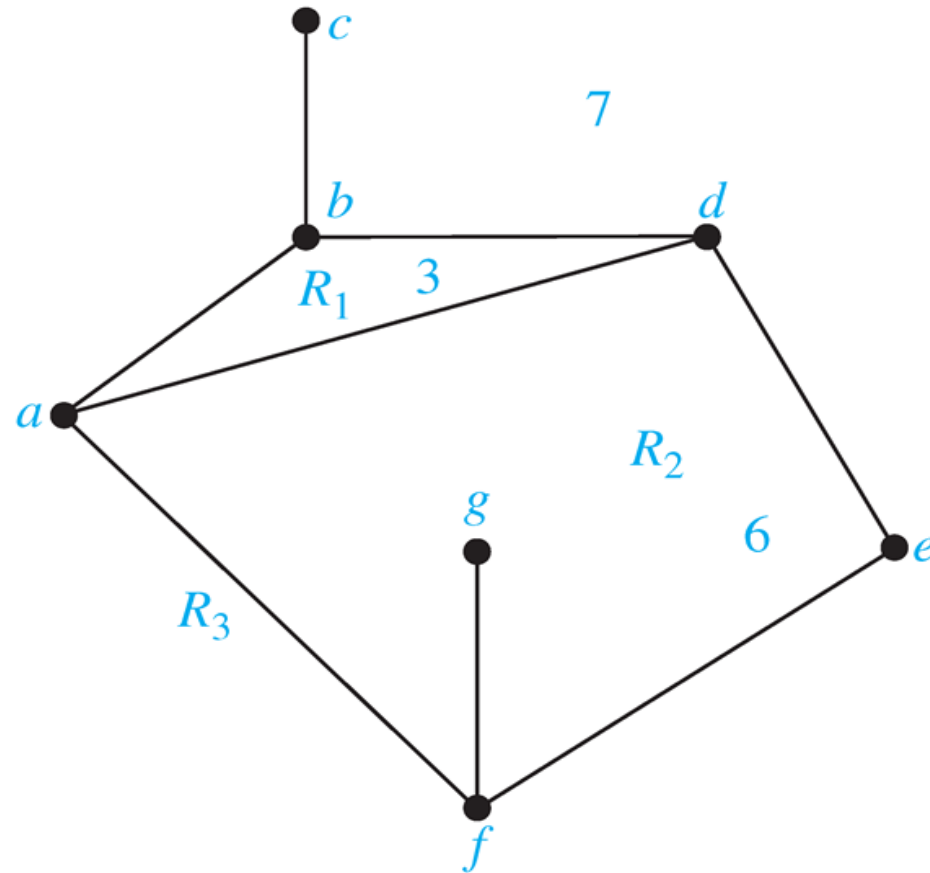
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The sum of the degrees of the regions is exactly twice the number of edges in the graph.

$$2e = \sum_{\text{all regions } R} \deg(R) \geq 3r$$

By Euler's formula, the proof is completed.



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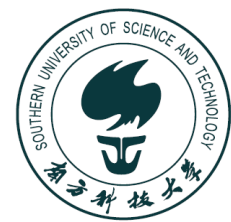
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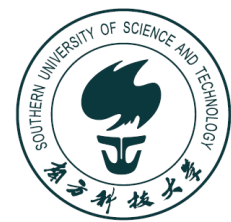
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Corollary 2 is used in the proof of Five Color Theorem.



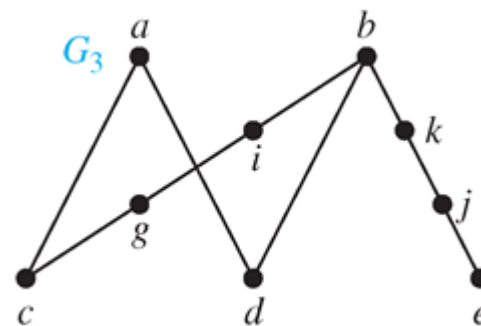
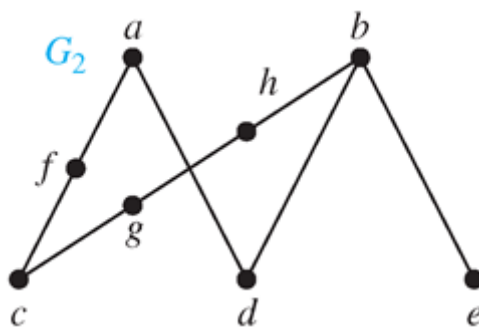
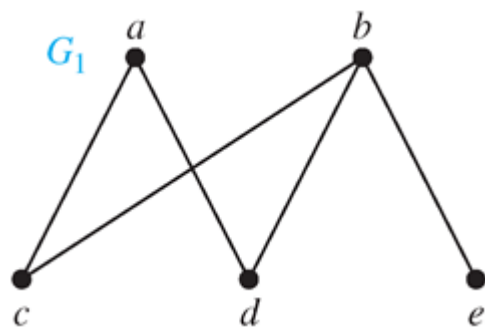
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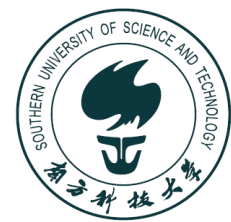
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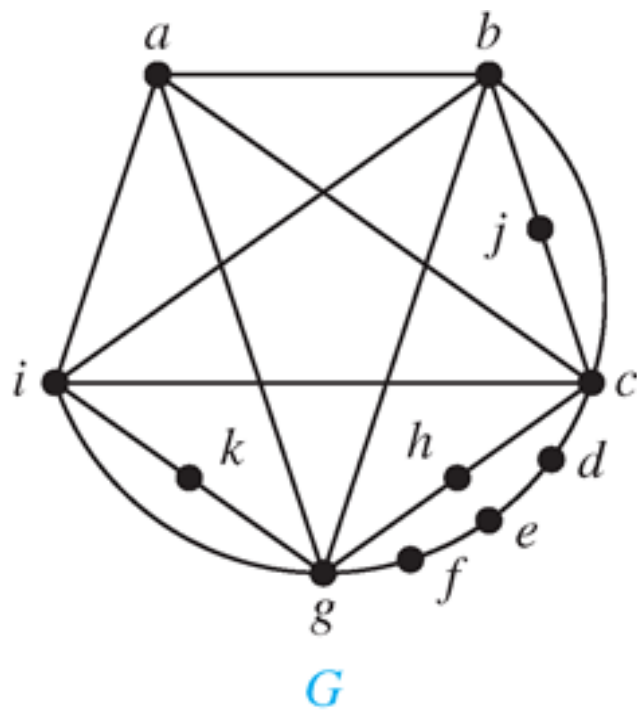
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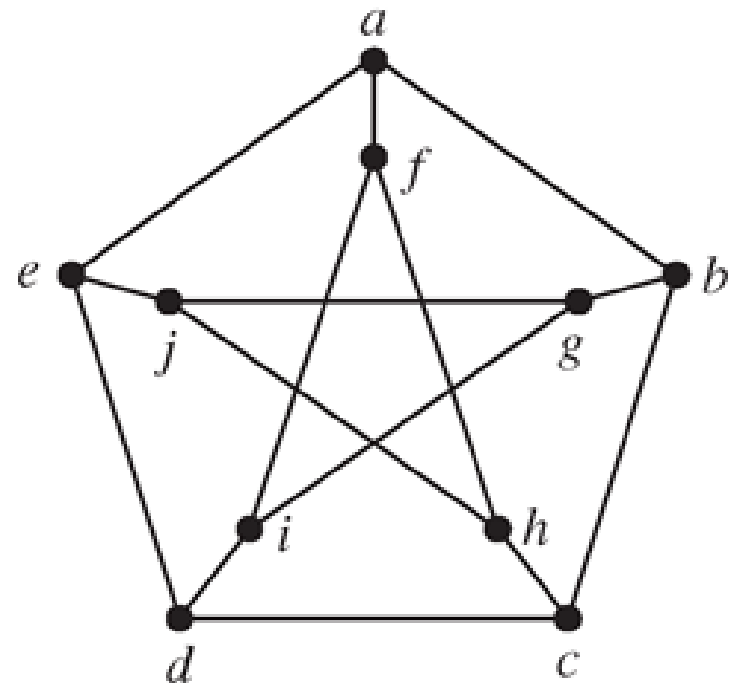
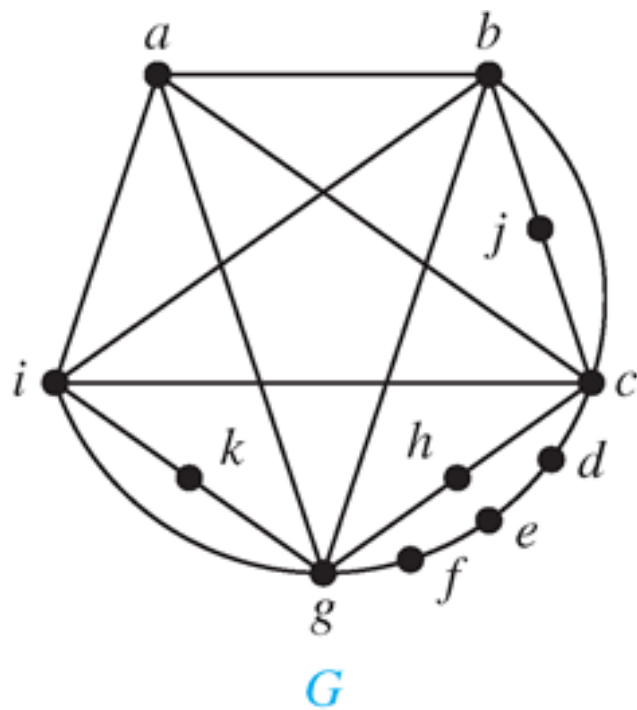
Theorem A graph is **nonplanar** if and only if it contains a subgraph **homomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ or K_5** .



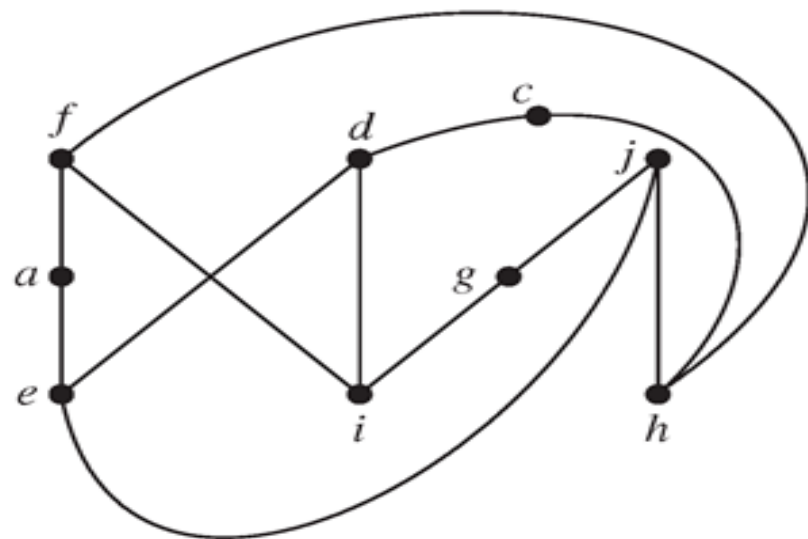
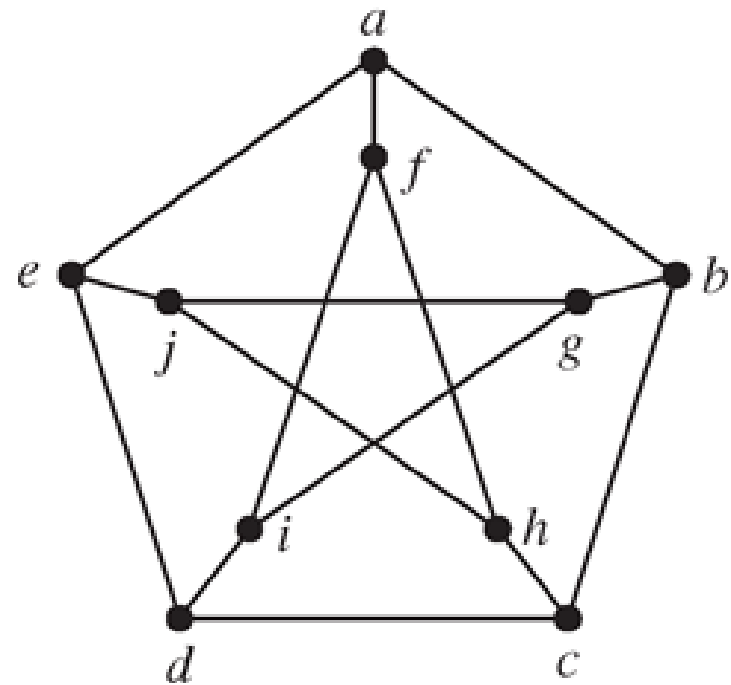
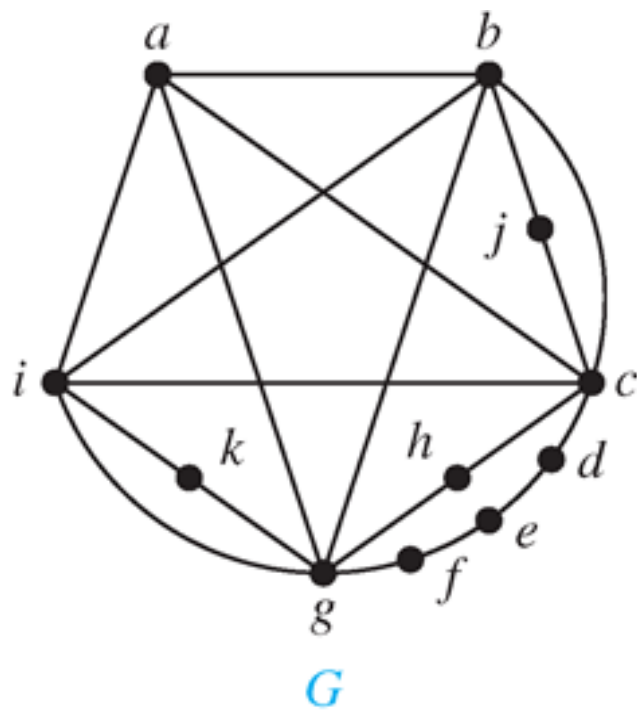
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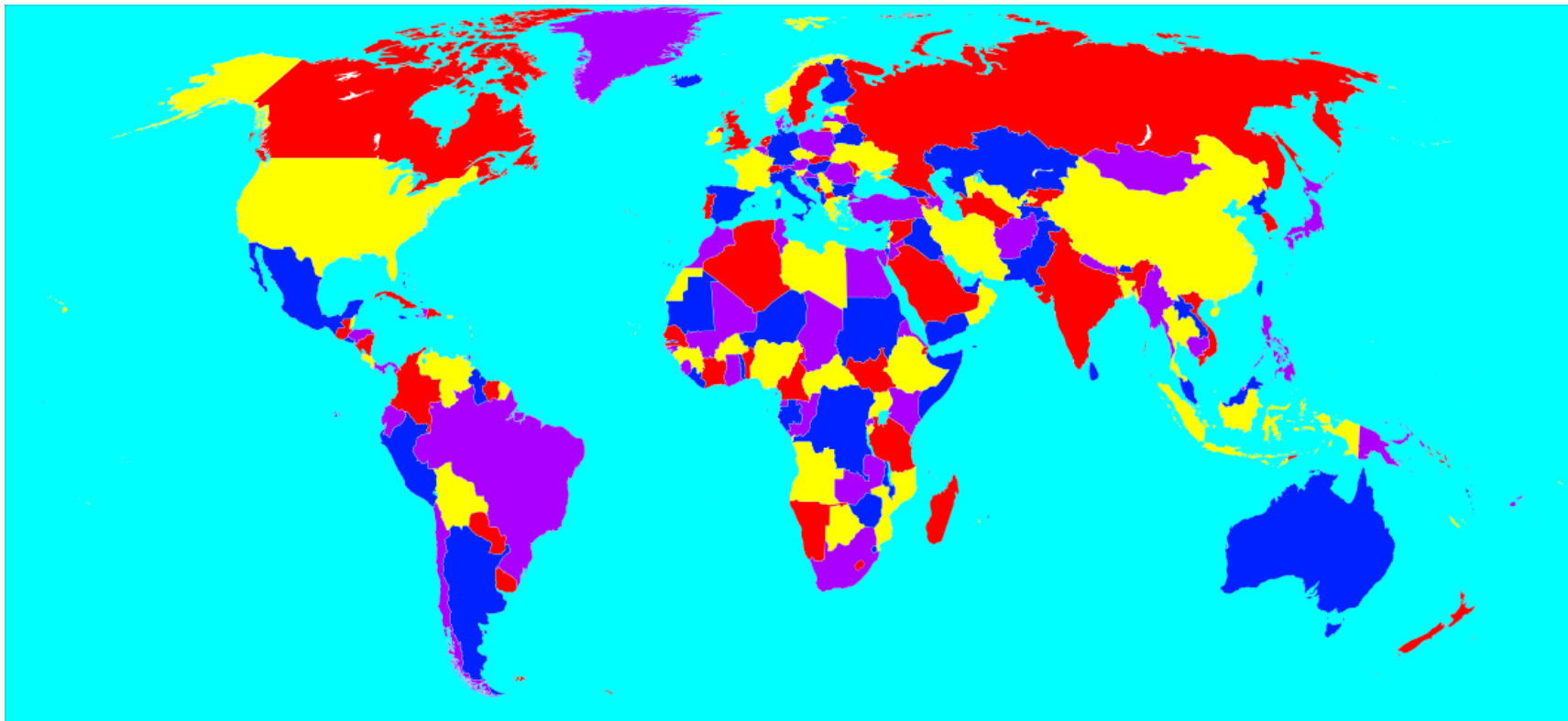


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- **Four-color theorem** Given any separation of a plane into contiguous regions, producing a figure called a *map*, no more than four colors are required to color the regions of the map so that no two adjacent regions have the same color.



■ Four-color theorem

- ◇ first proposed by Francis Guthrie in 1852
- ◇ his brother Frederick Guthrie told Augustus De Morgan
- ◇ De Morgan wrote to William Hamilton
- ◇ Alfred Kempe proved it **incorrectly** in 1879
- ◇ Percy Heawood found an error in 1890 and proved the *five-color theorem*
- ◇ Finally, Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken proved it with case by case analysis by computer in 1976 (*the first computer-aided proof*)
- ◇ Kempe's incorrect proof serves as a basis



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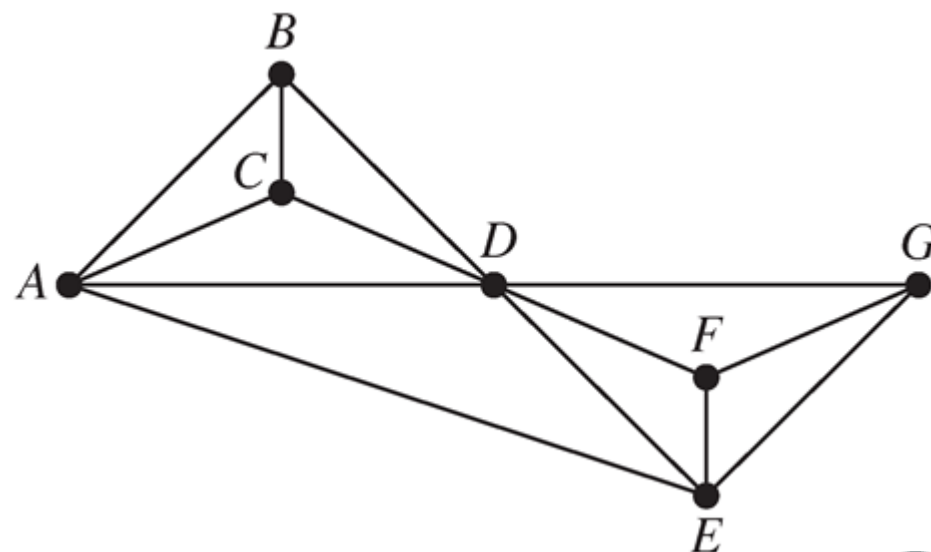
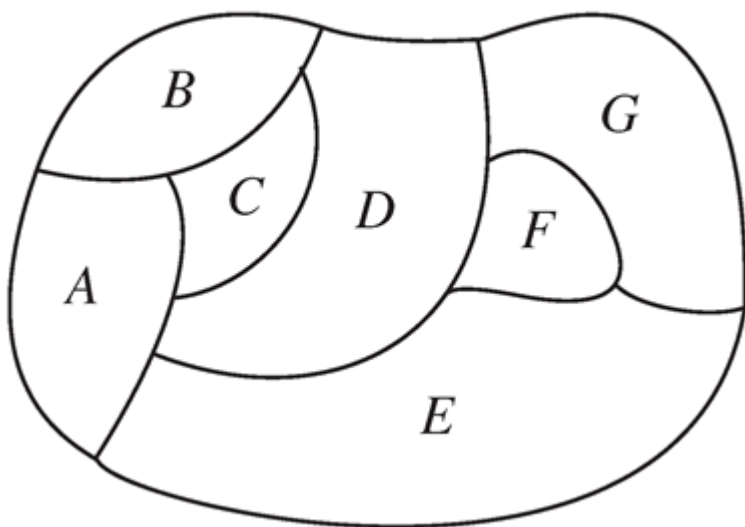
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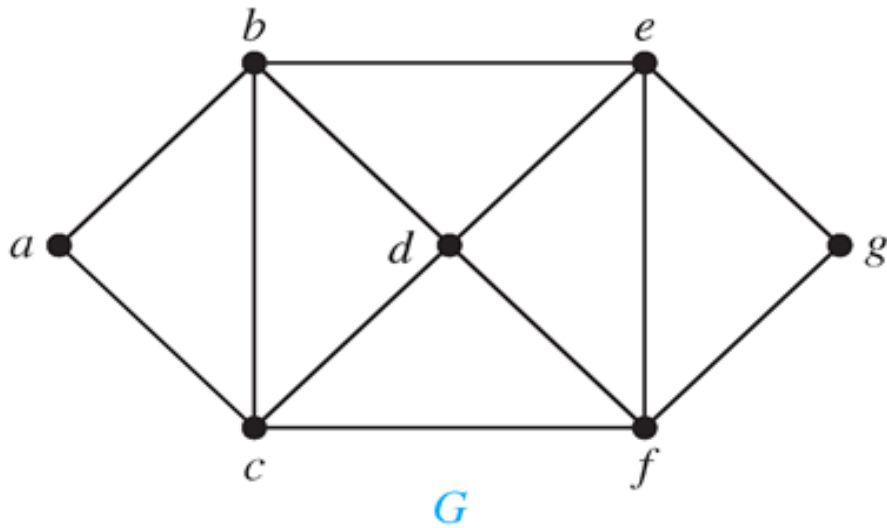
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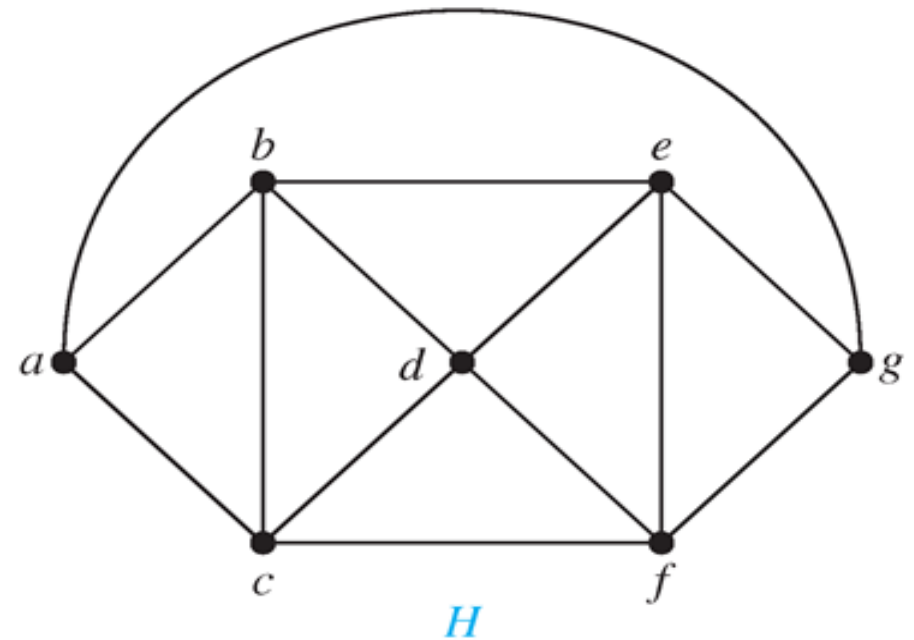
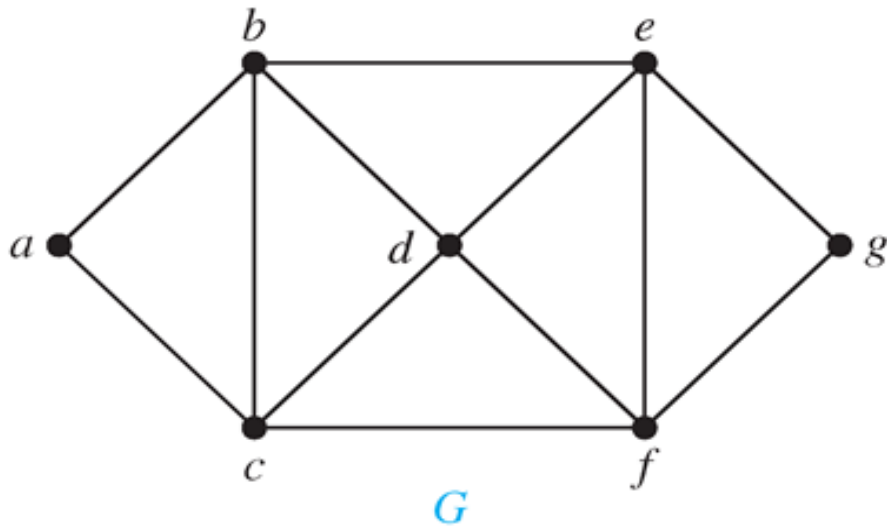
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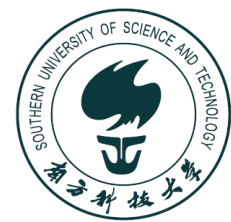
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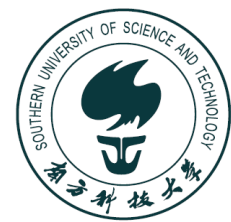
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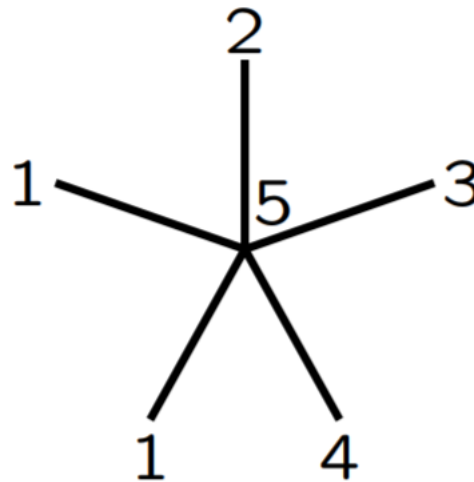
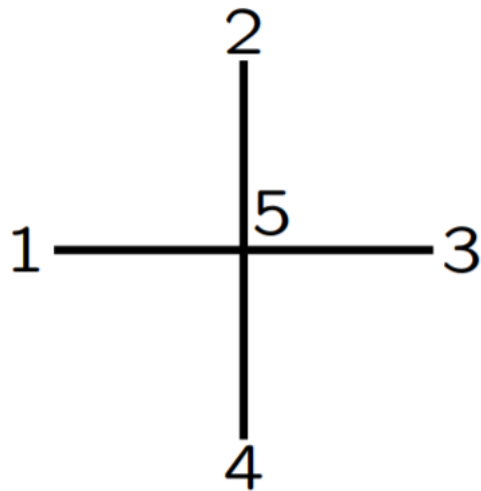


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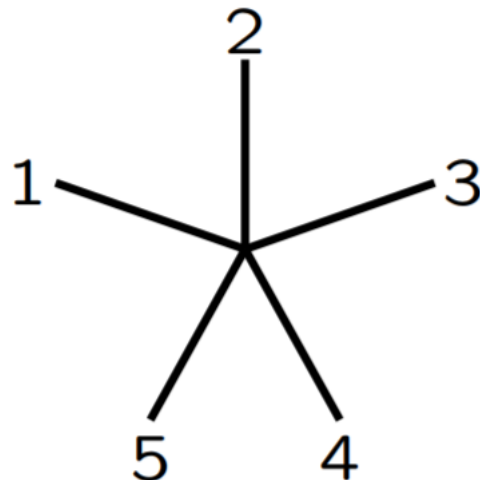


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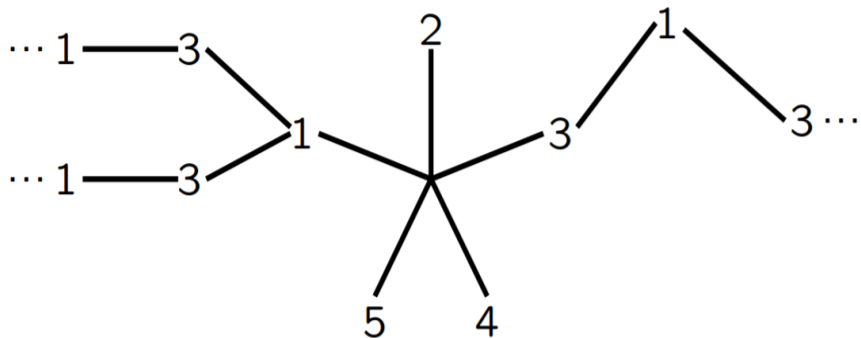


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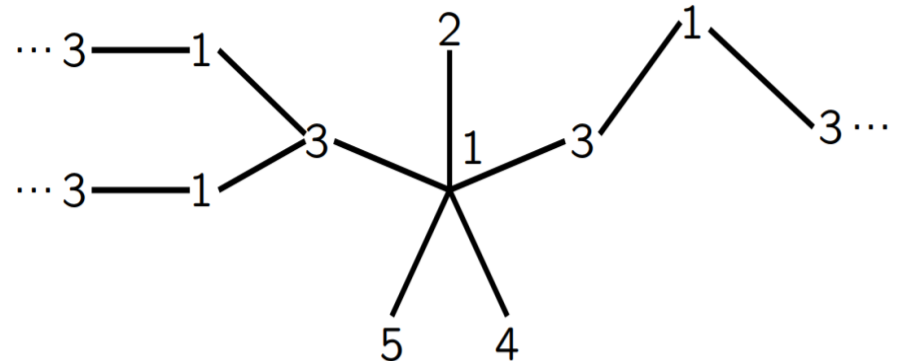
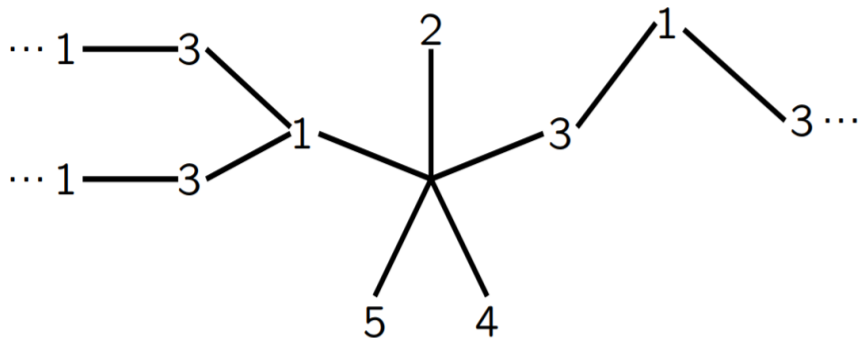


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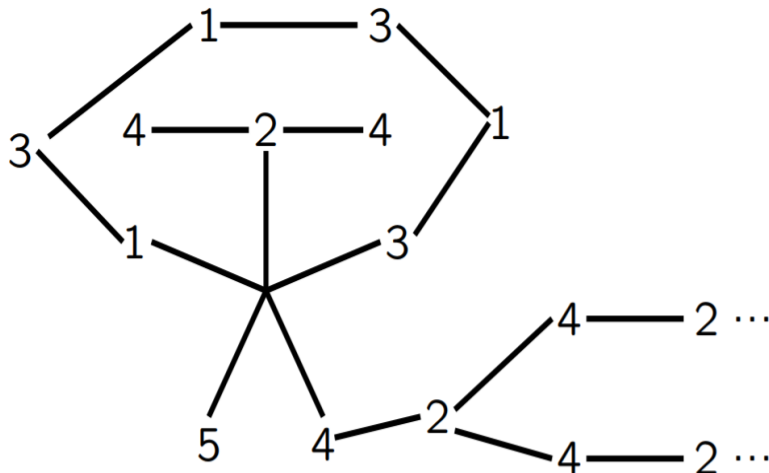


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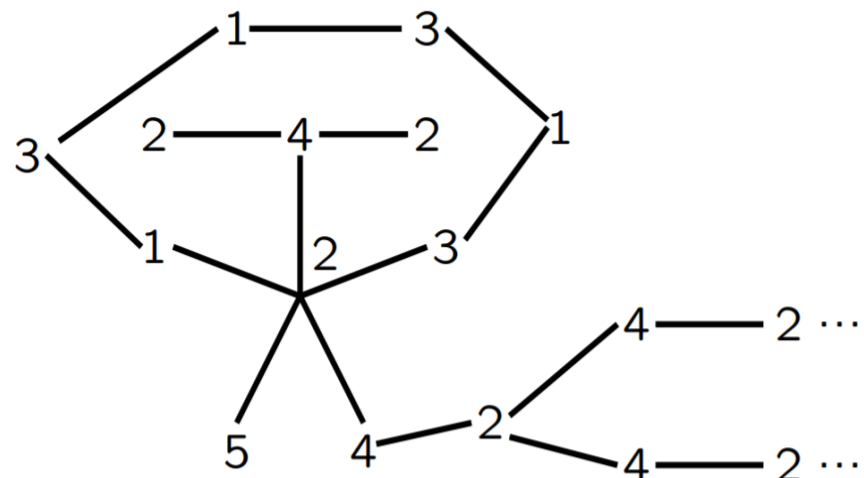
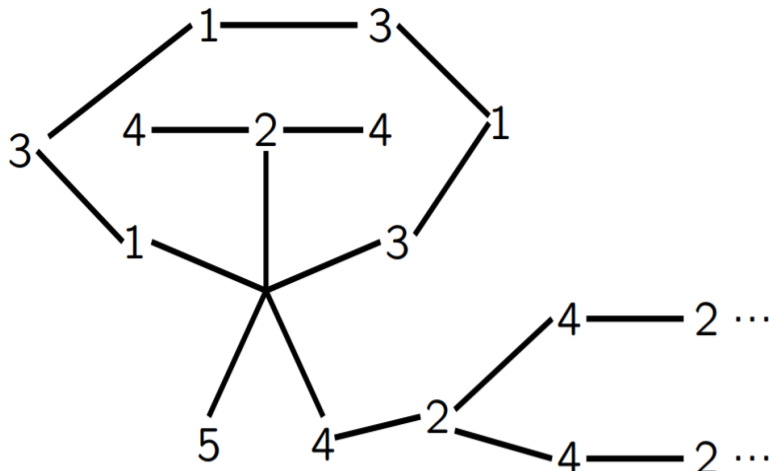


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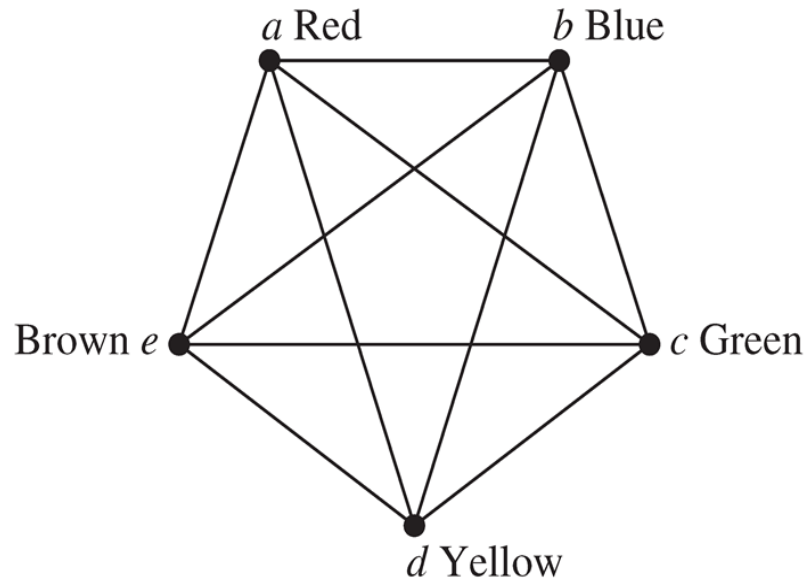
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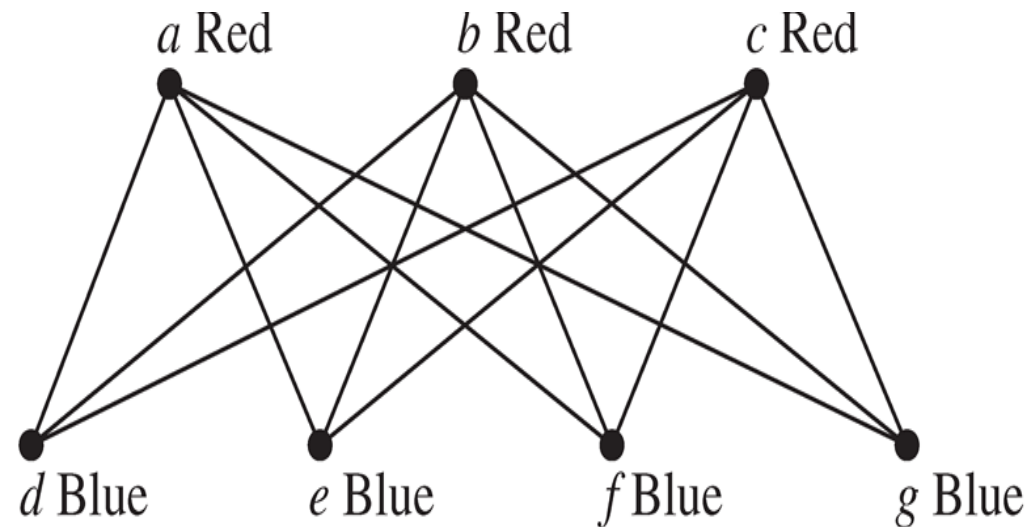
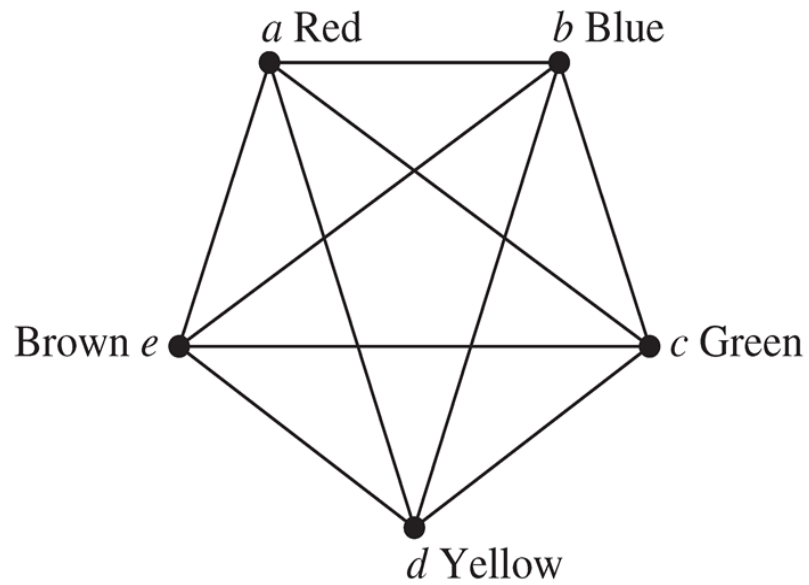
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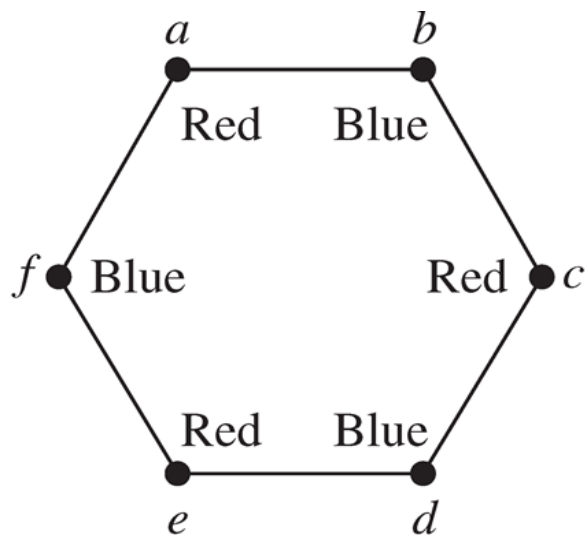
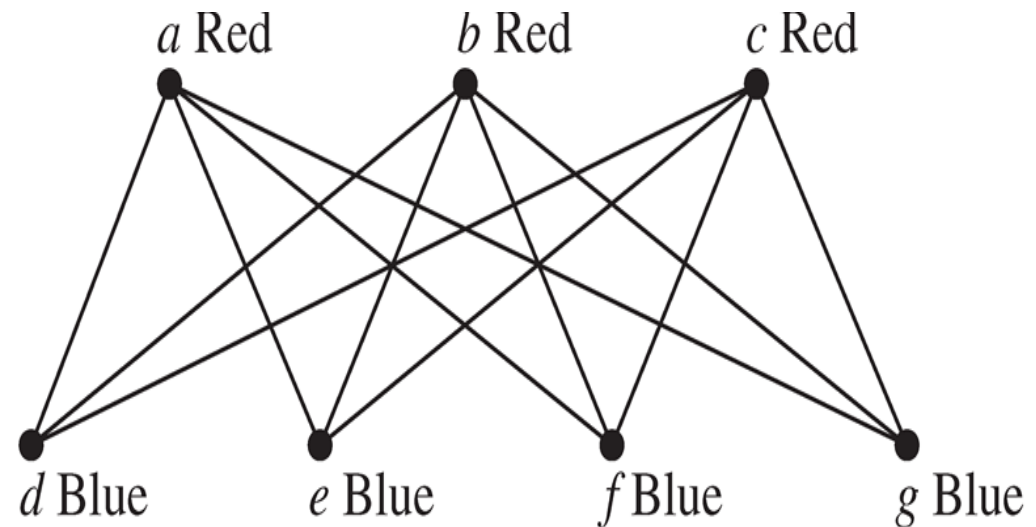
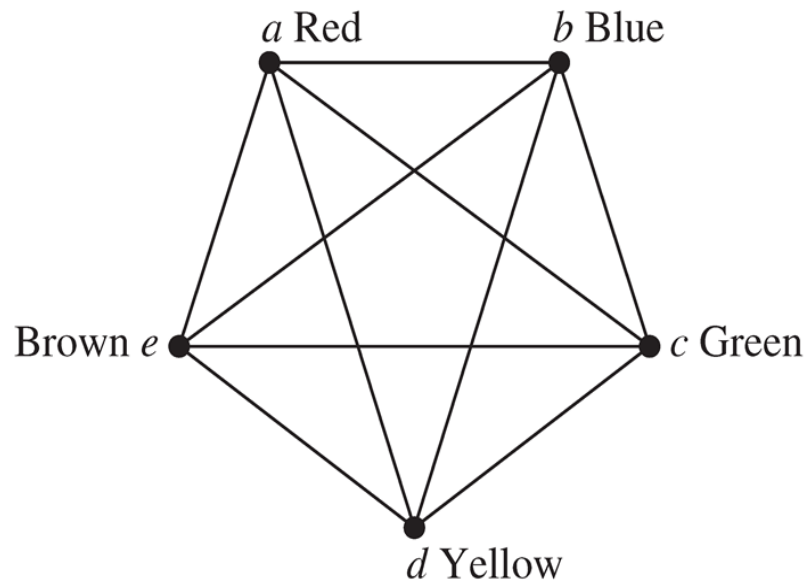
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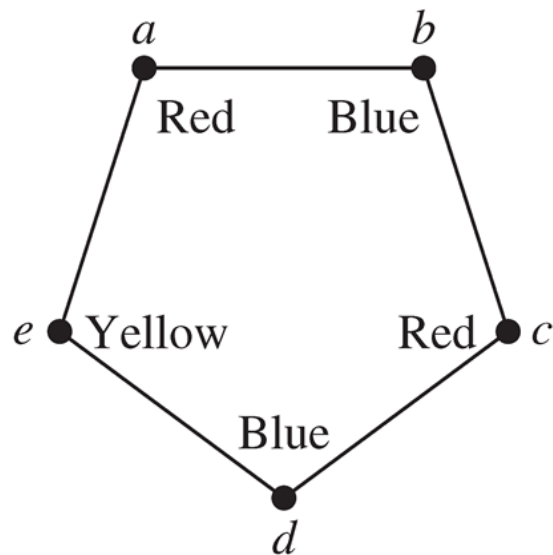
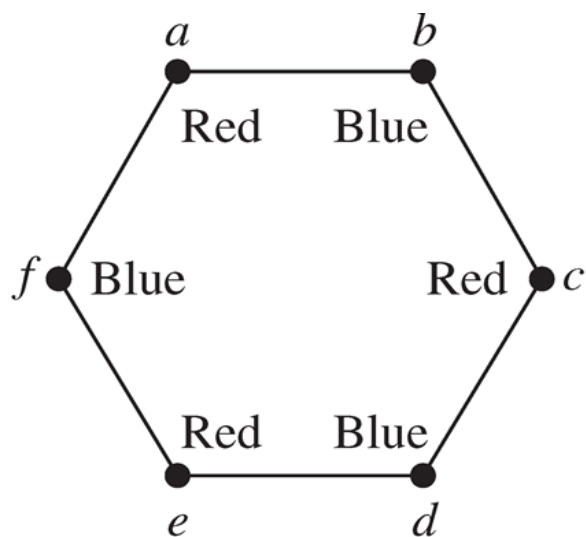
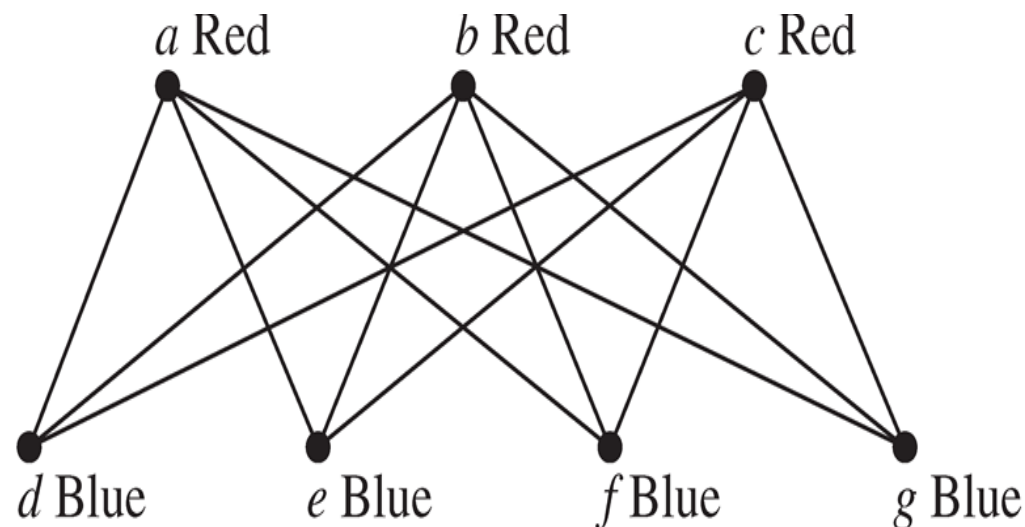
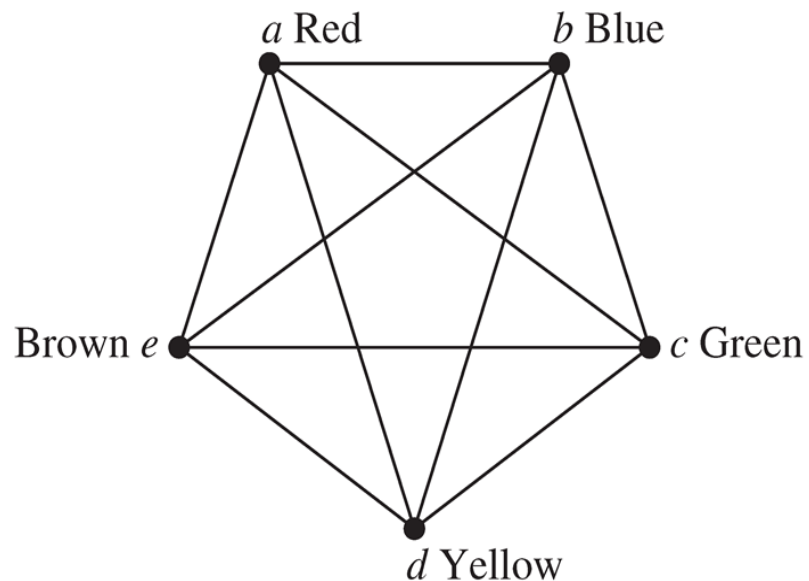
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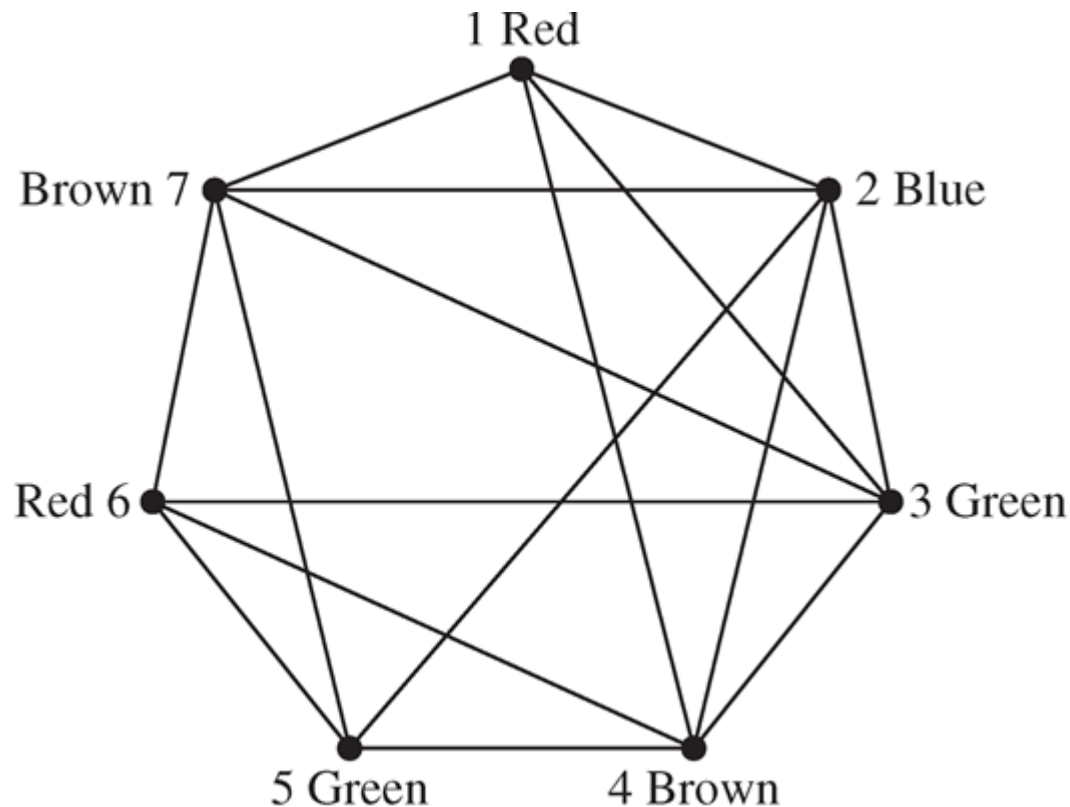
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■ Scheduling Final Exams

Vertices represent courses, and there is an edge between two vertices if there is a common student in the courses.



Time Period

I

Courses

1, 6

II

2

III

3, 5

IV

4, 7



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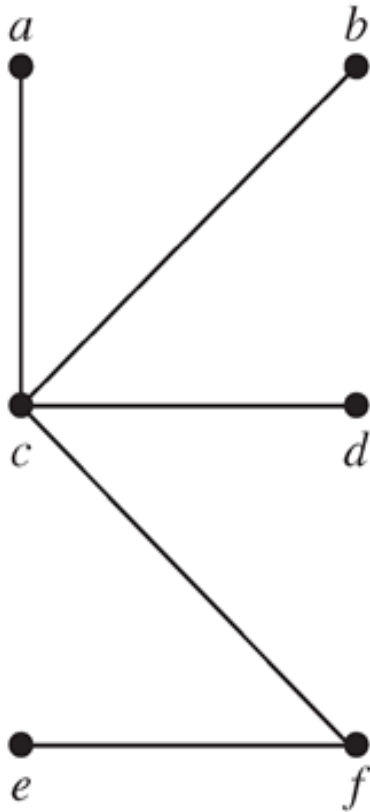
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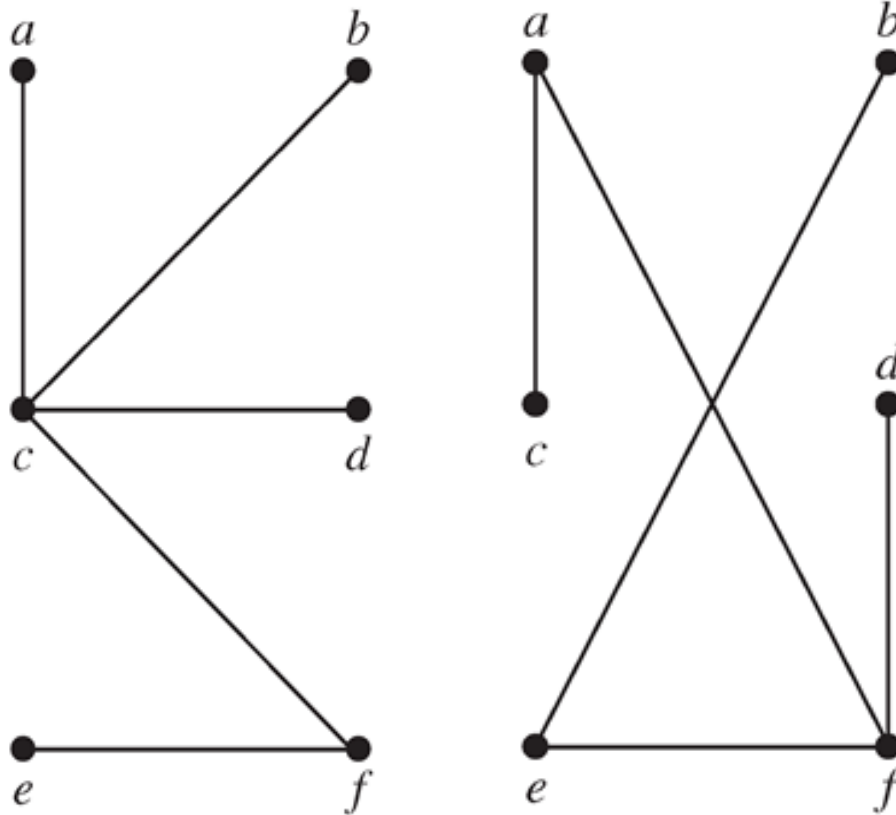
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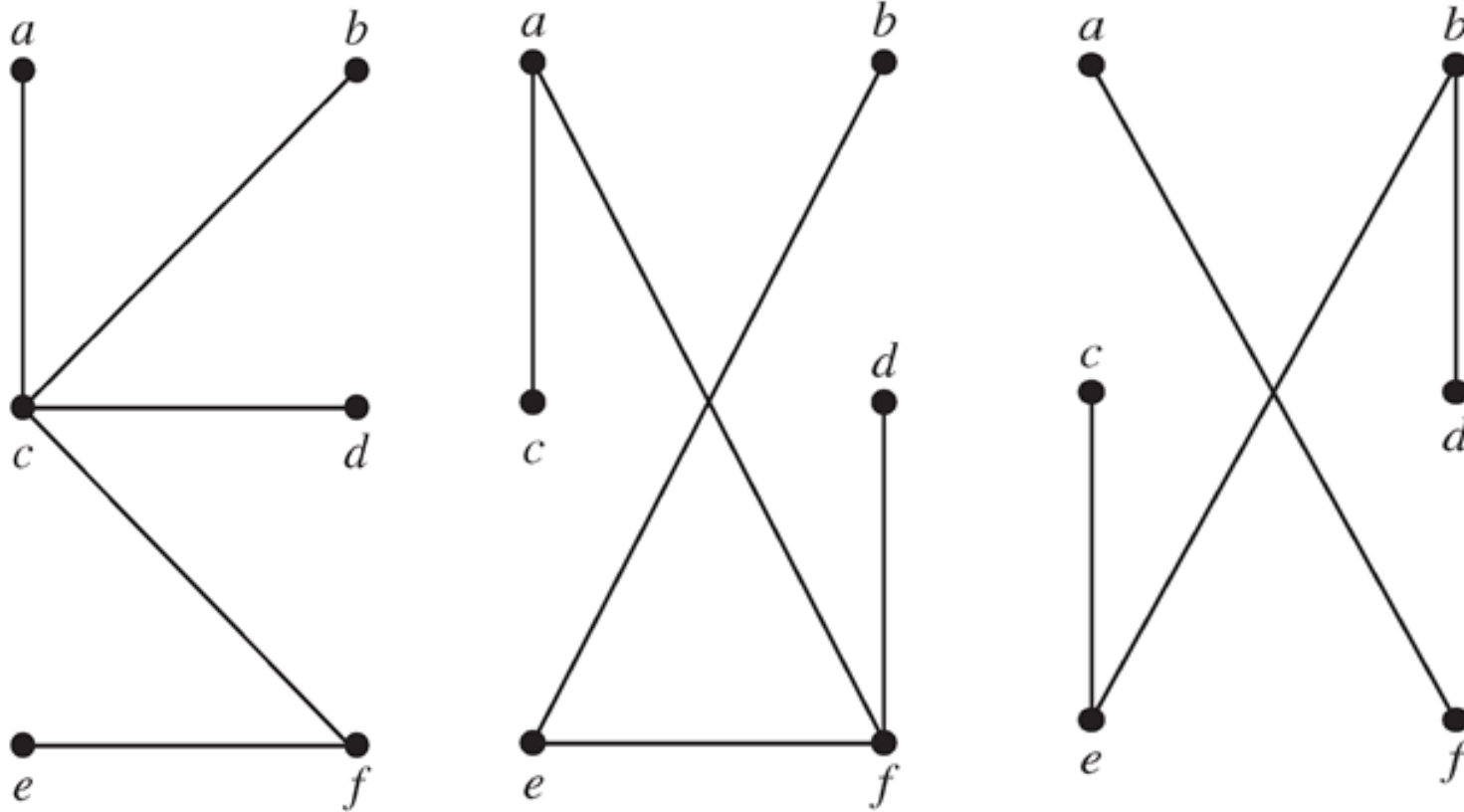
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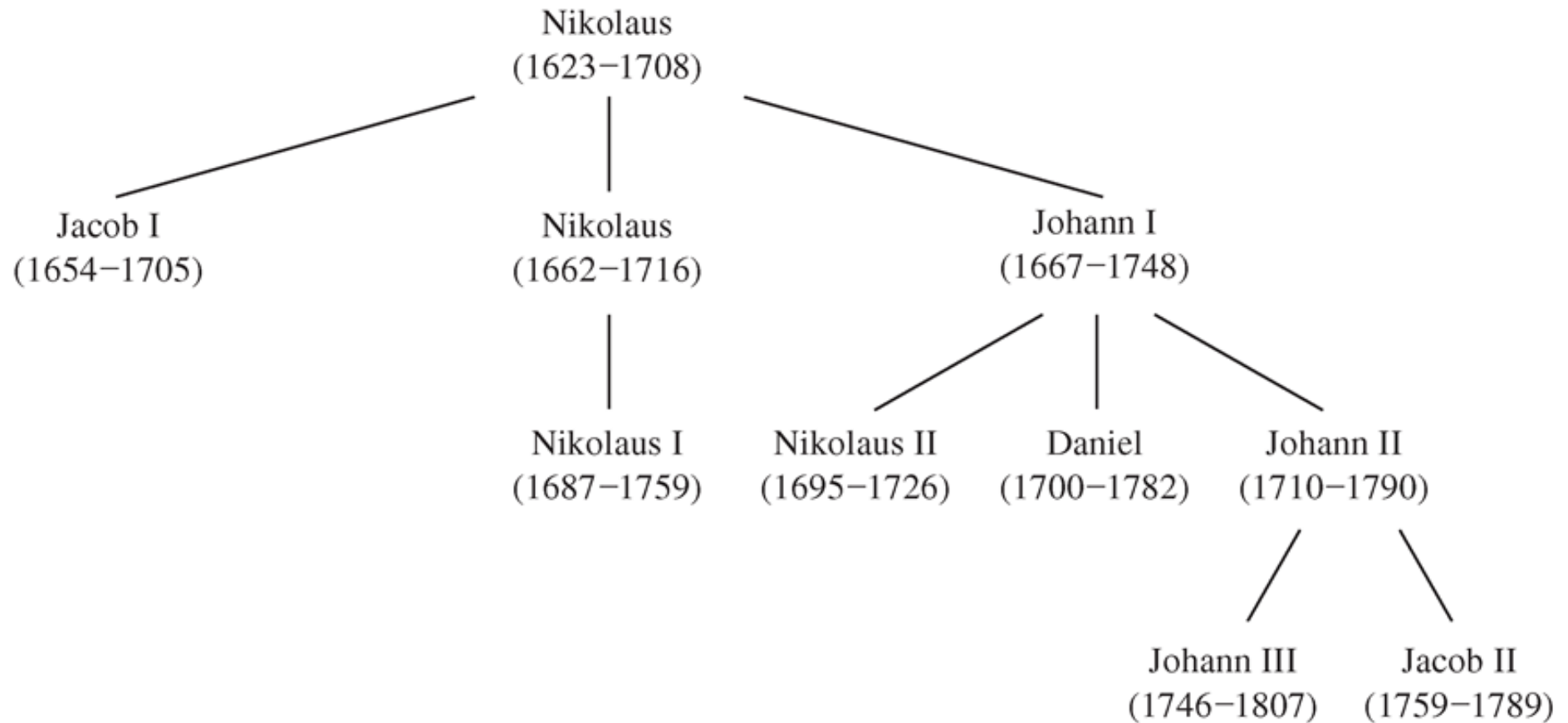
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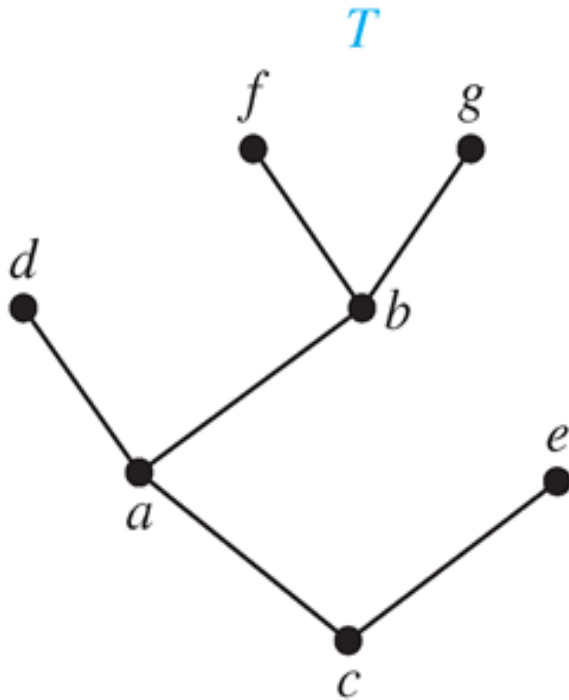
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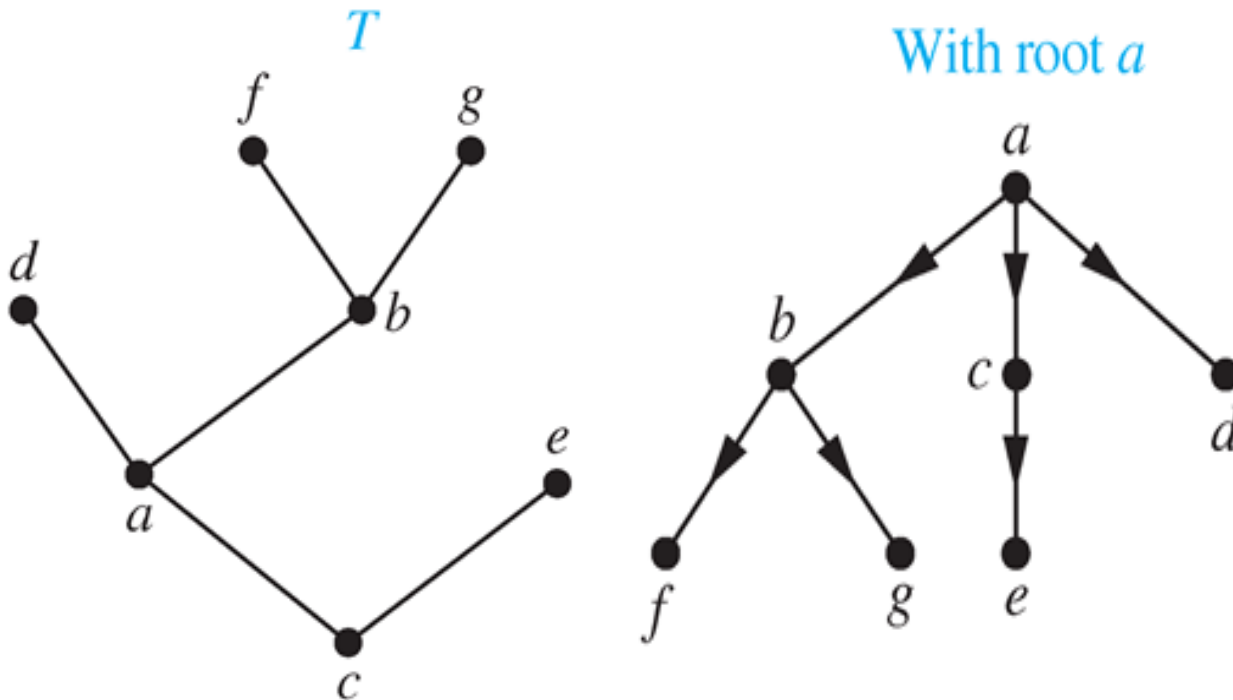
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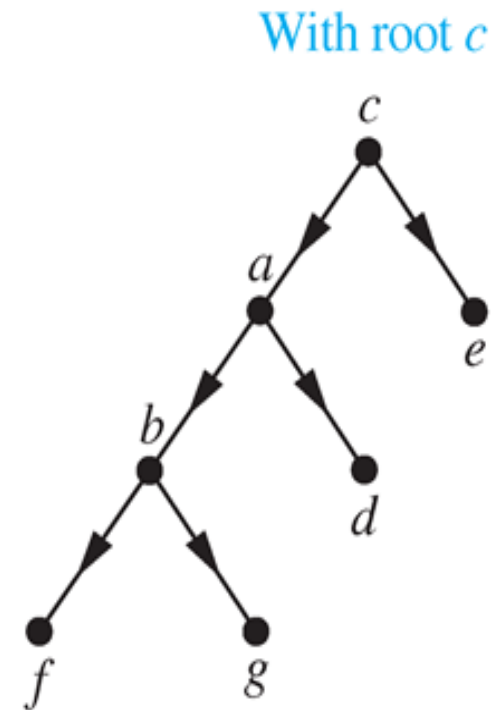
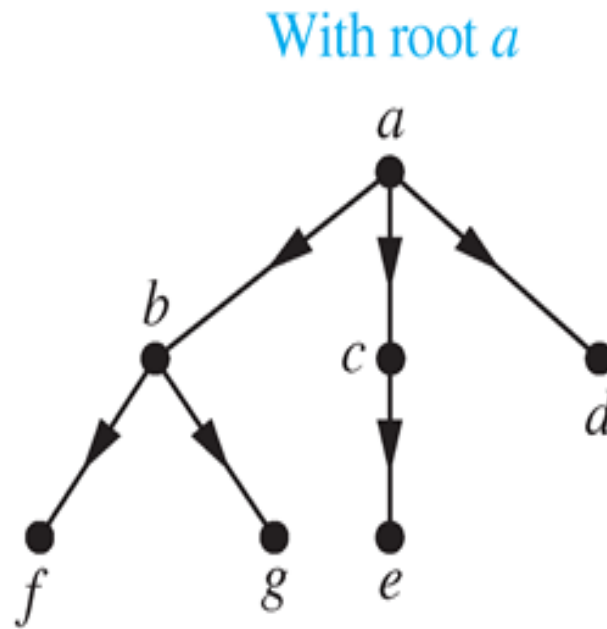
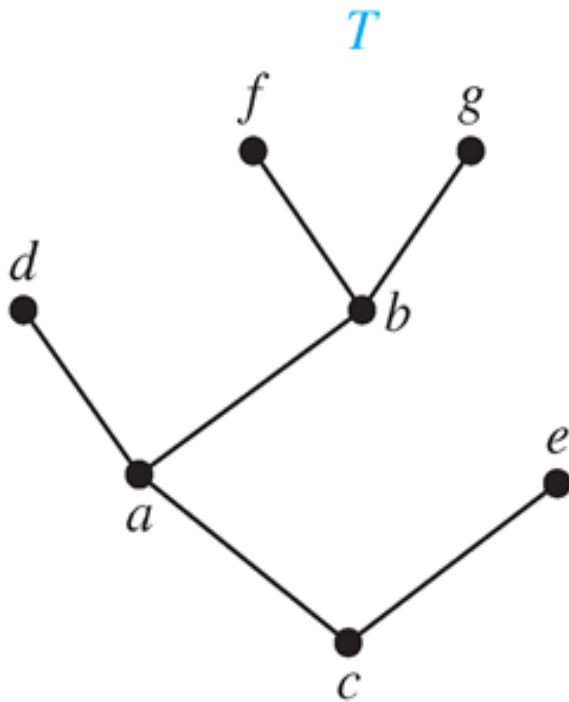
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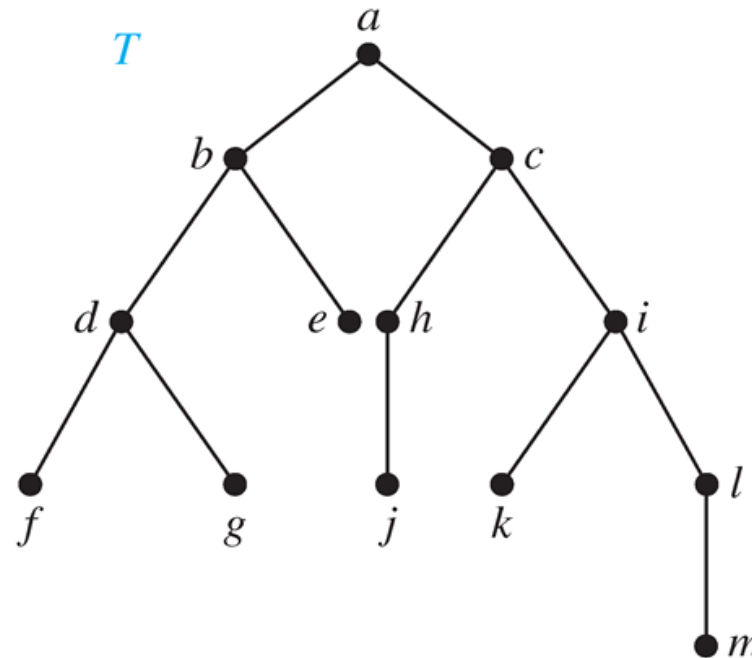
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