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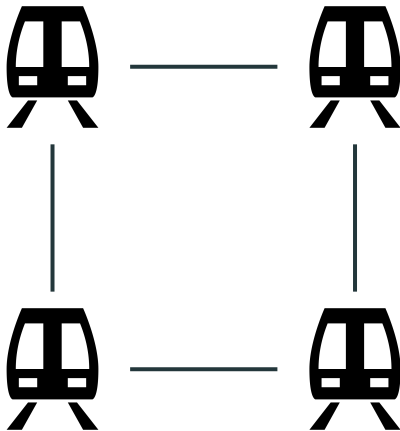
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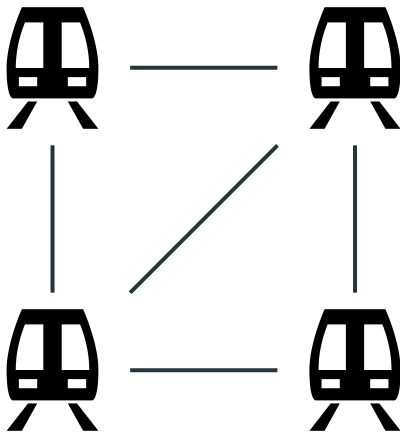
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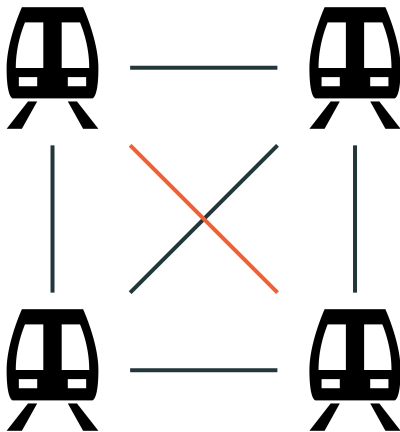
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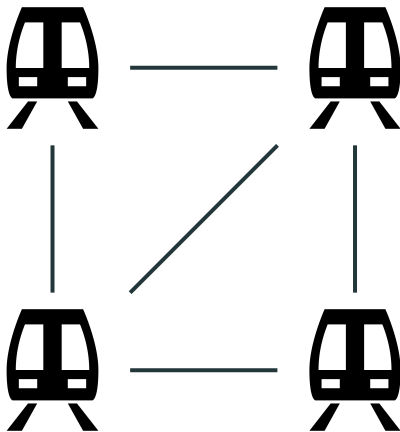
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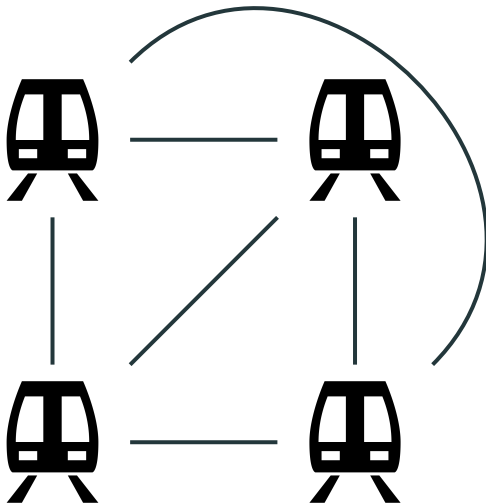
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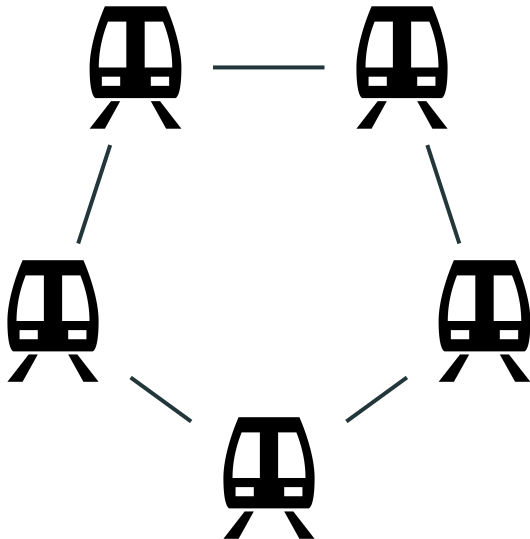




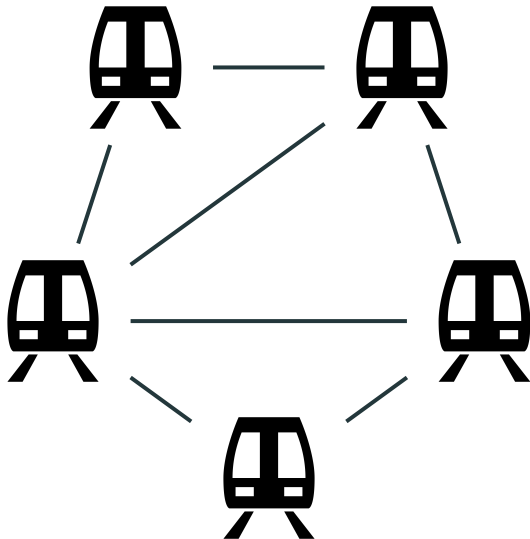
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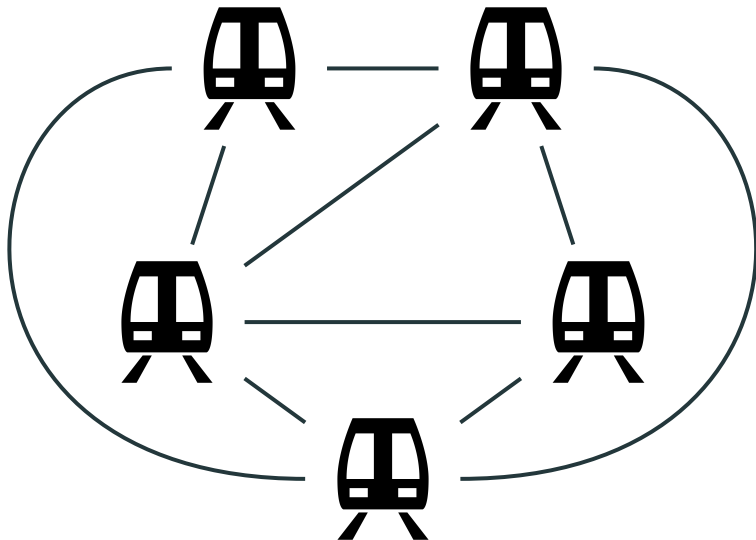
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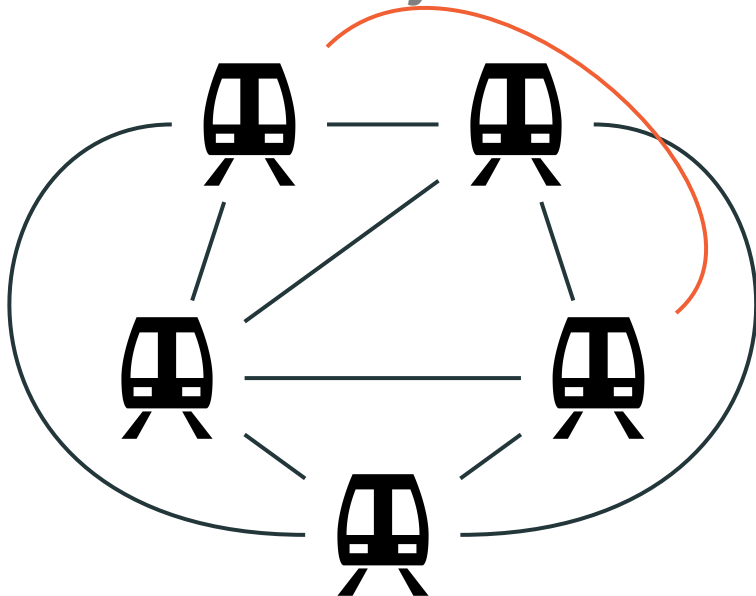


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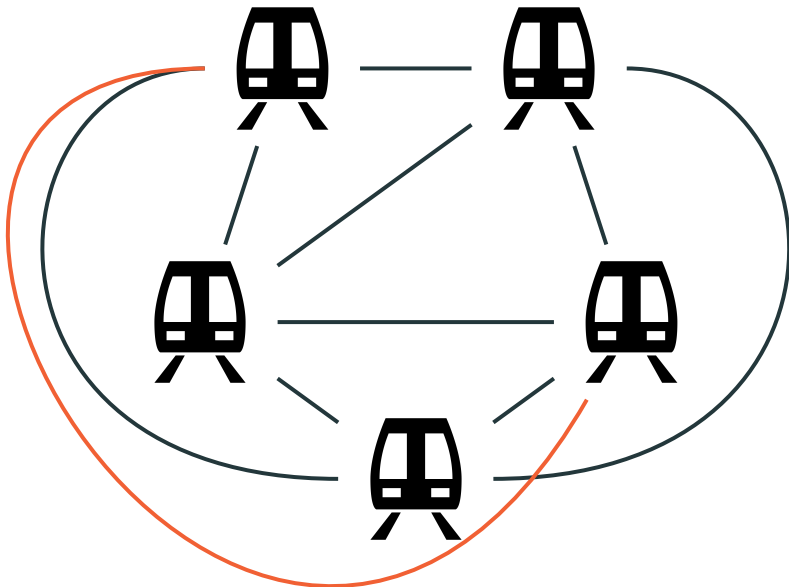




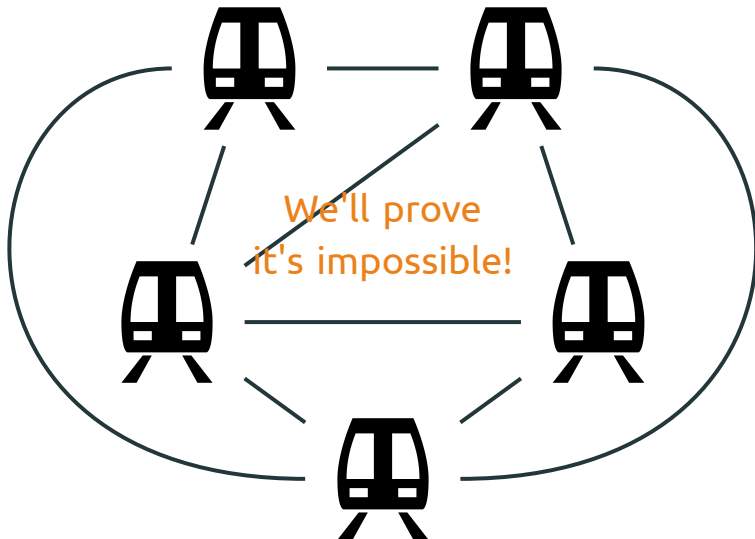
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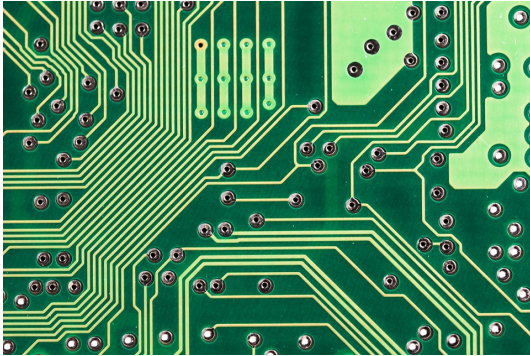
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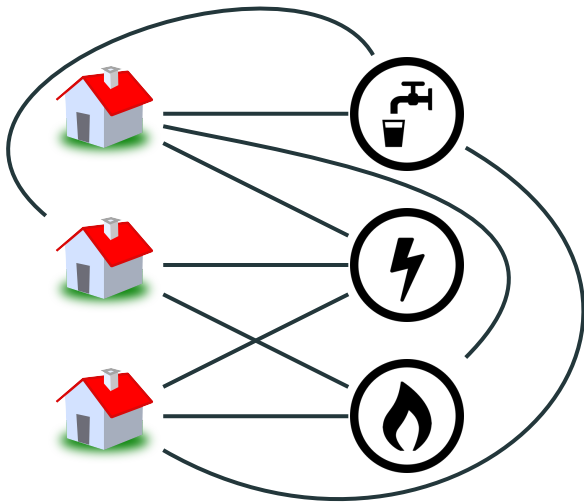
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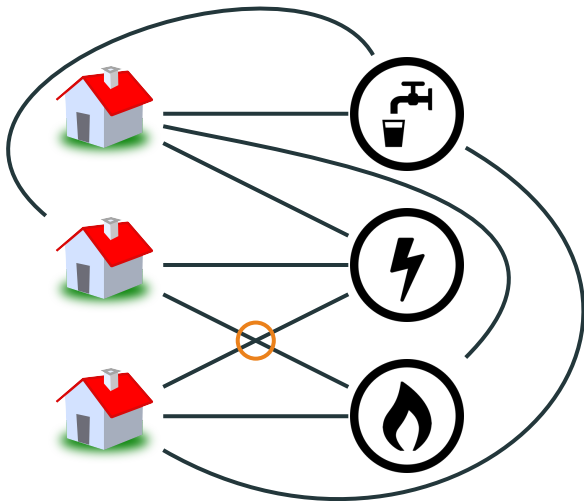
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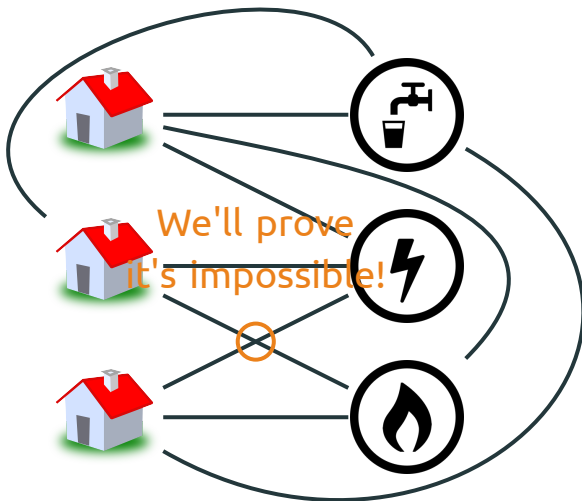
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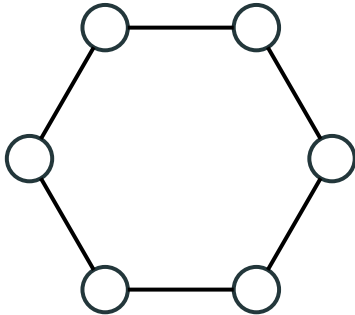
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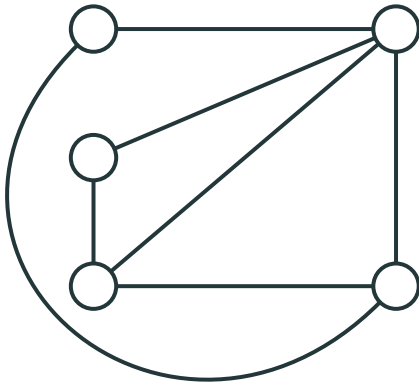
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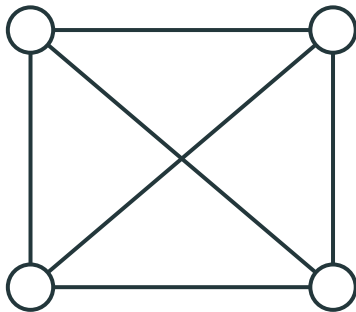


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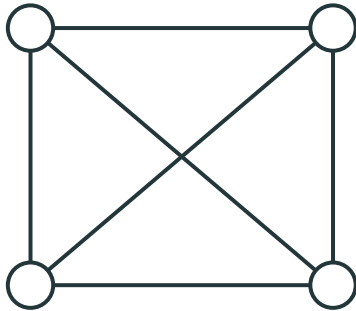


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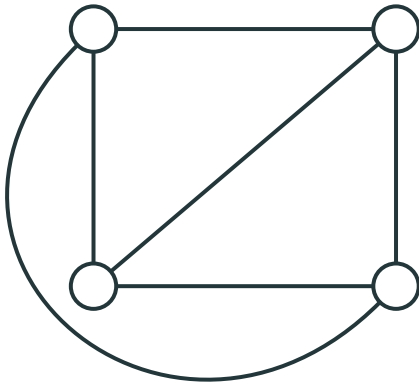
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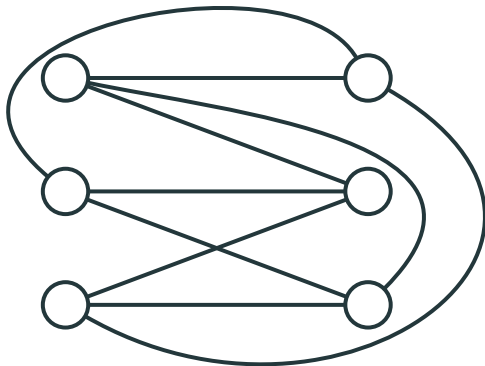


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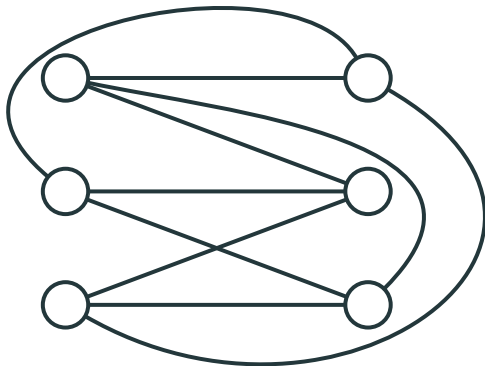


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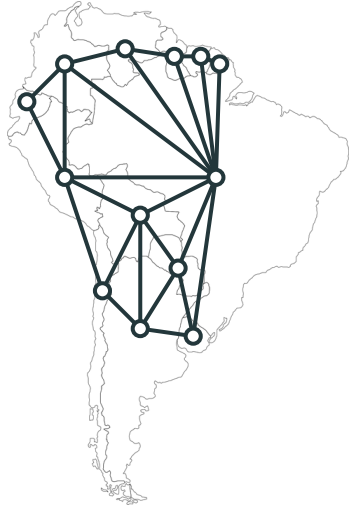
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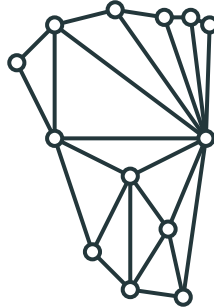
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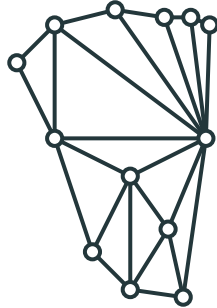
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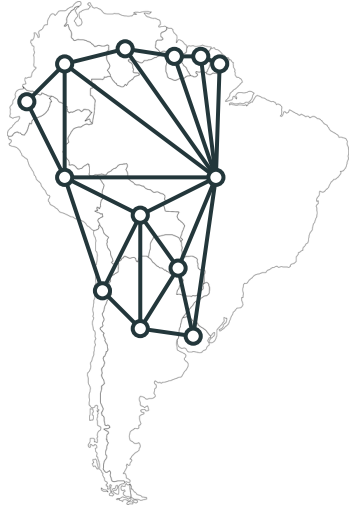
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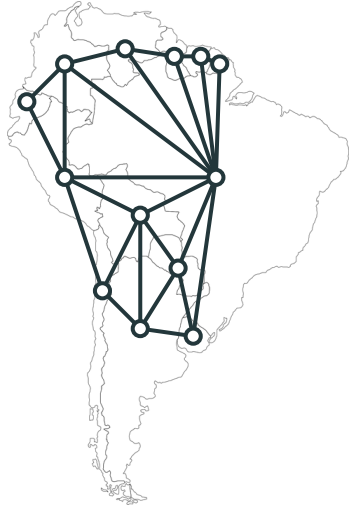
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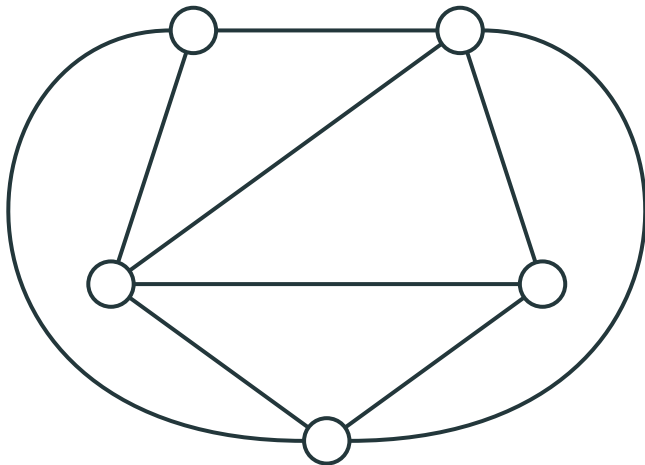
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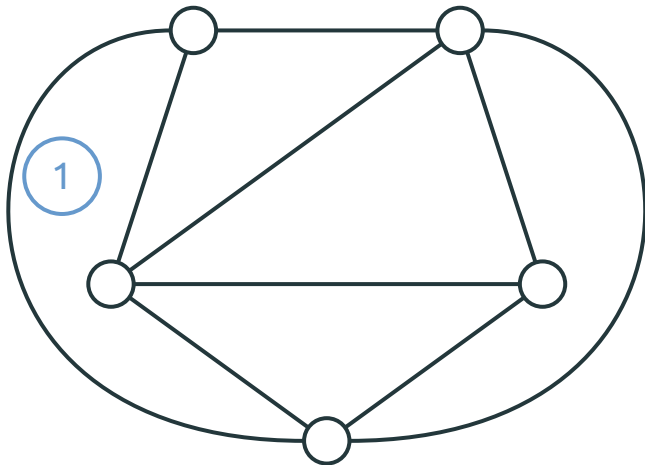
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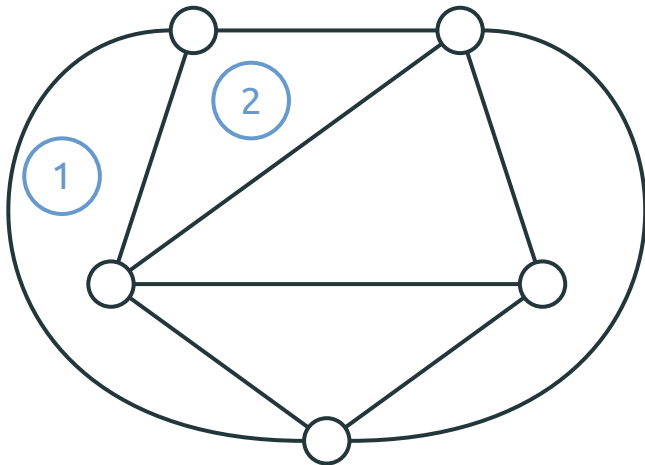
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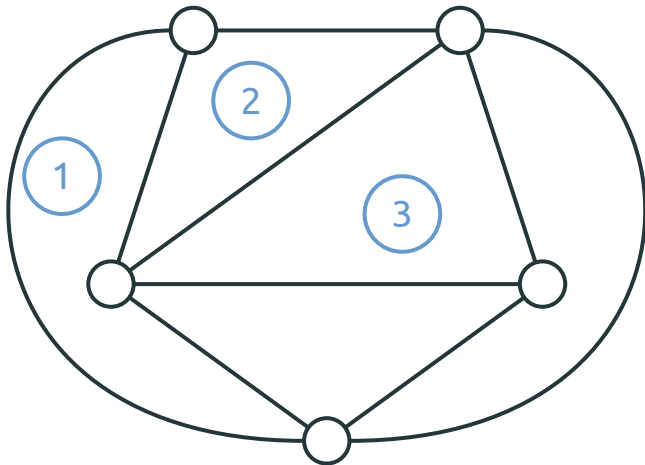
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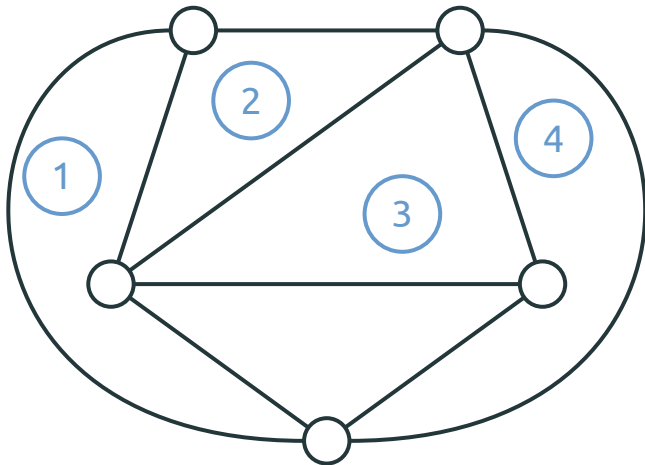
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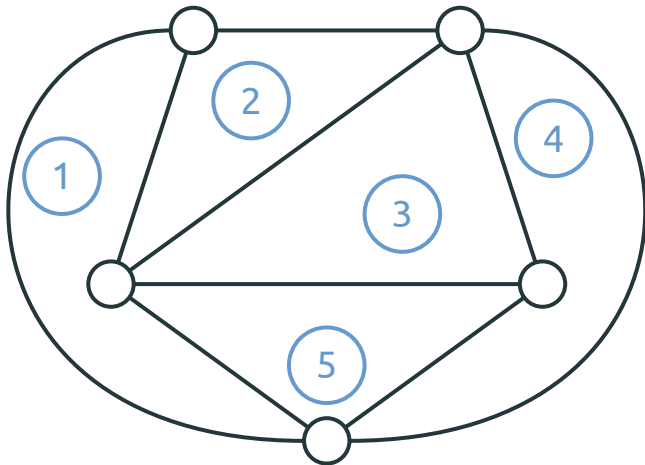


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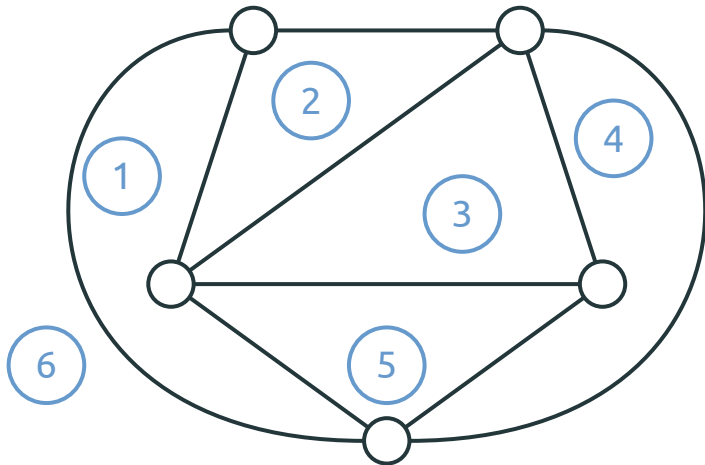




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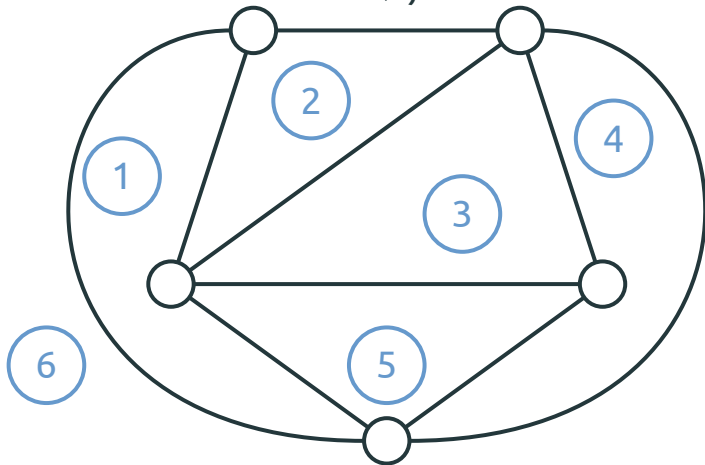
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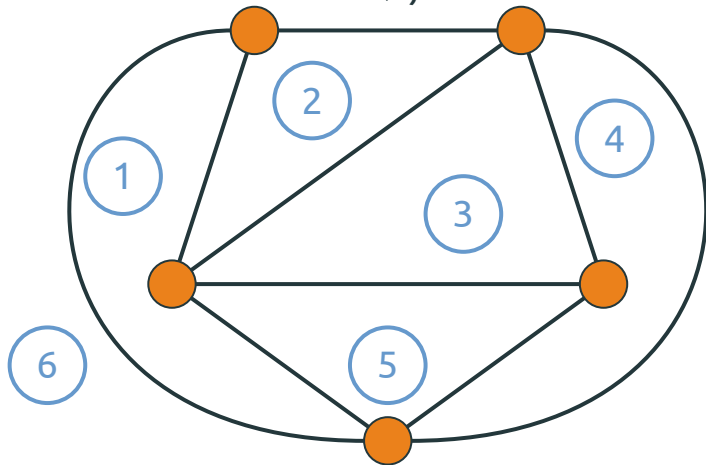
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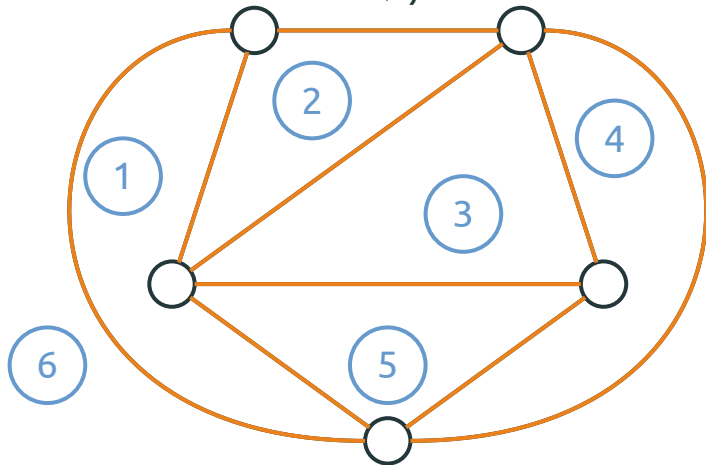
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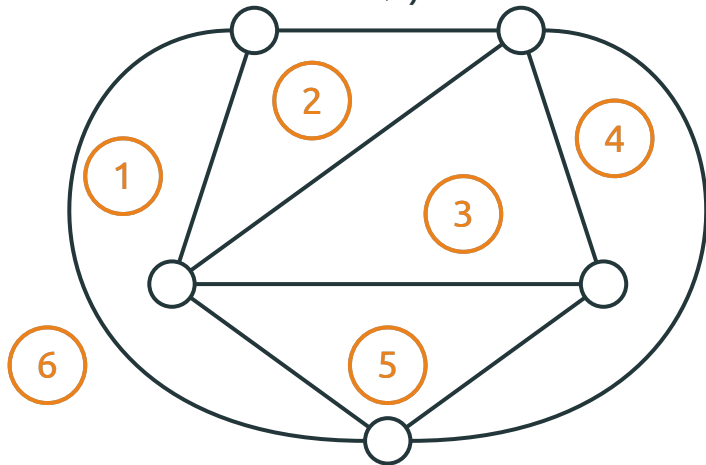
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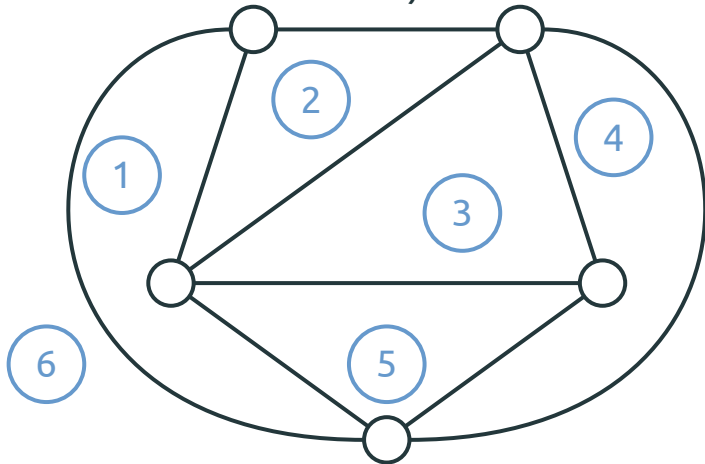
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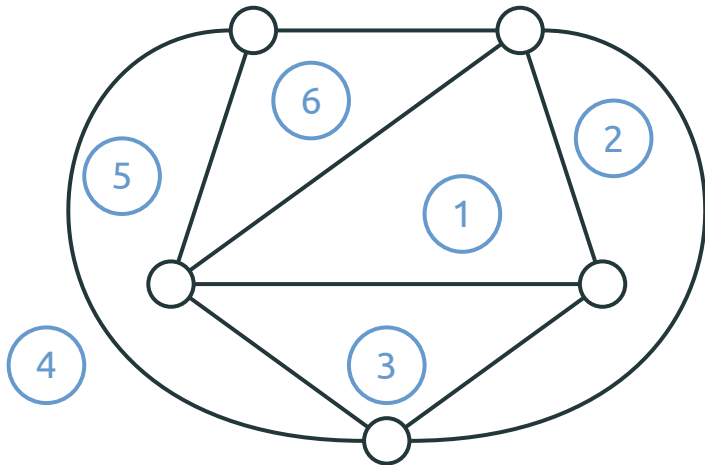
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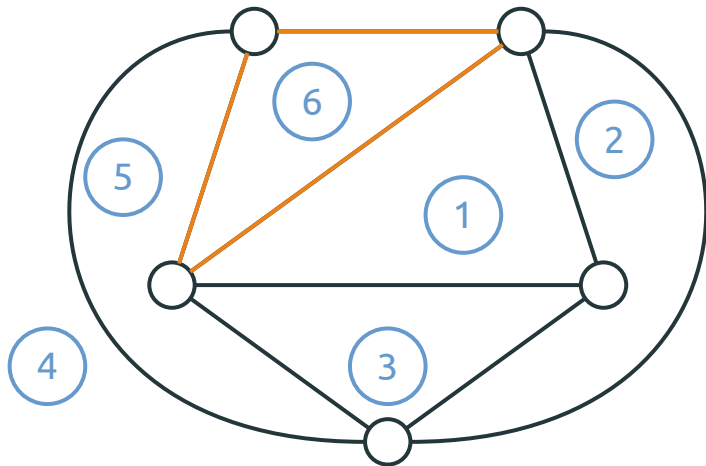
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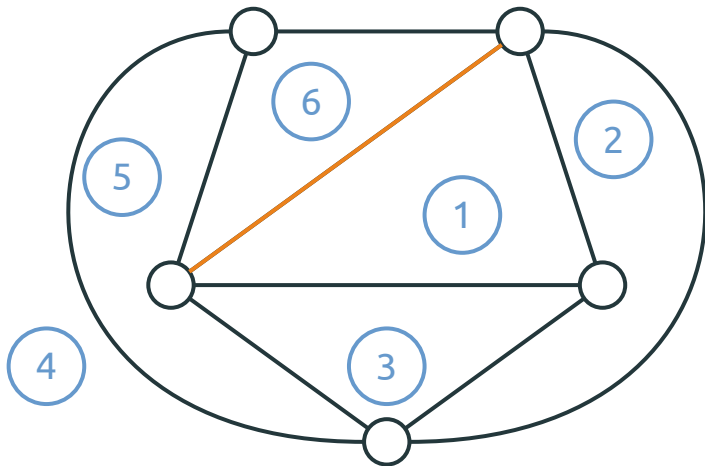
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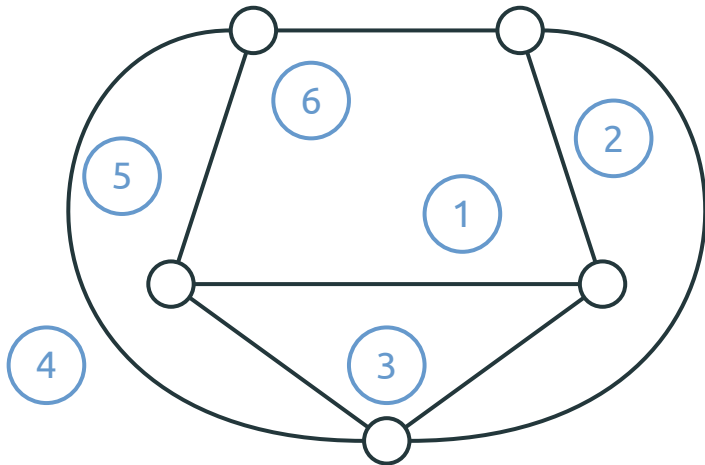


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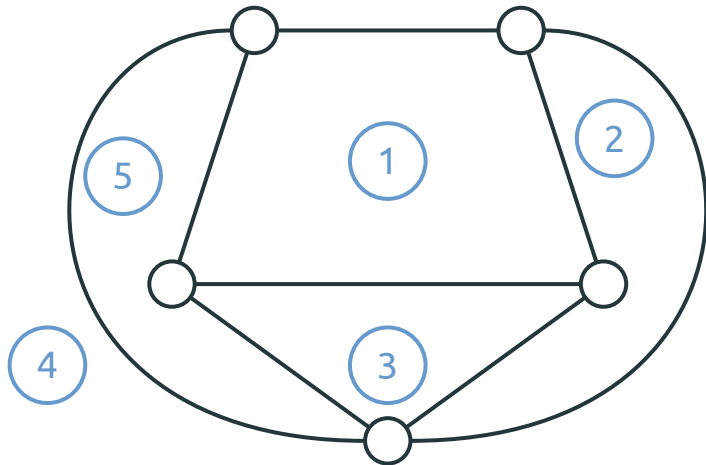
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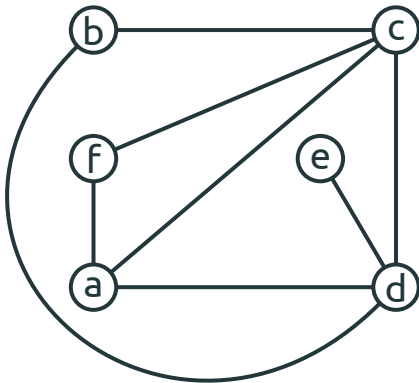
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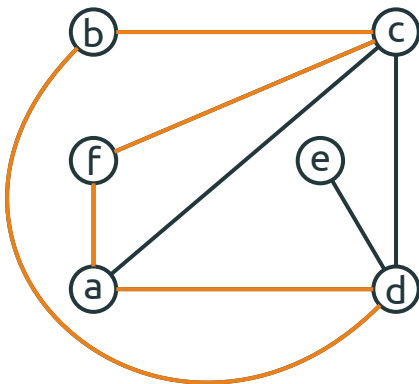
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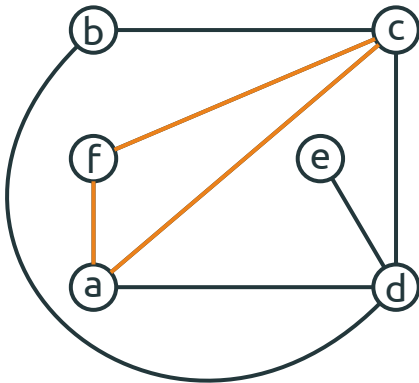
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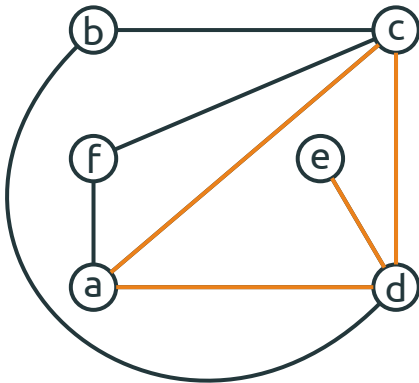
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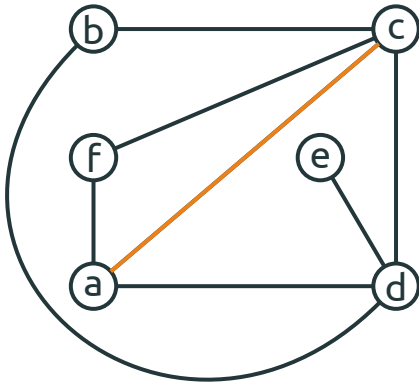
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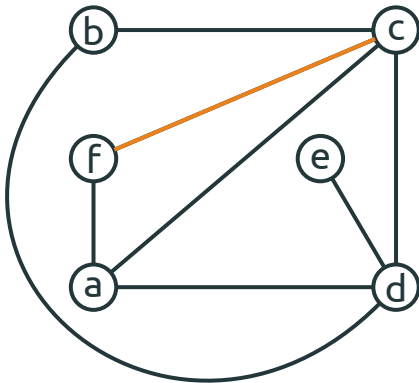
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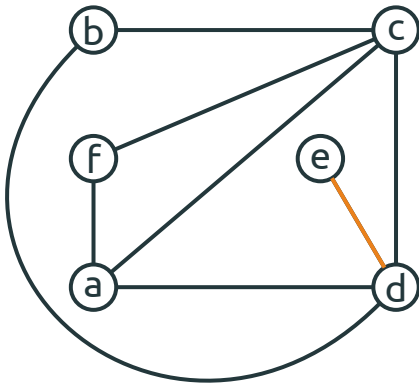
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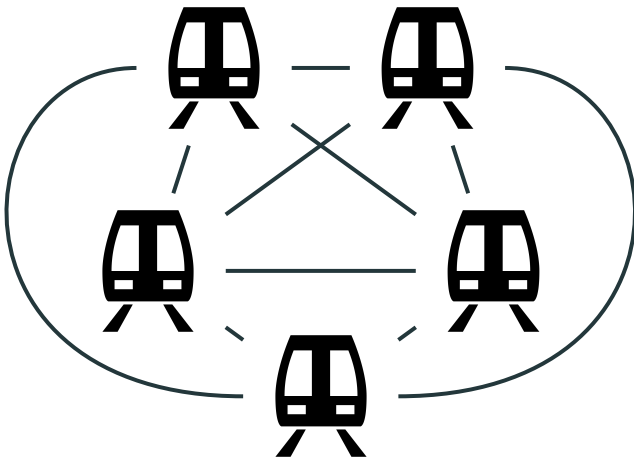
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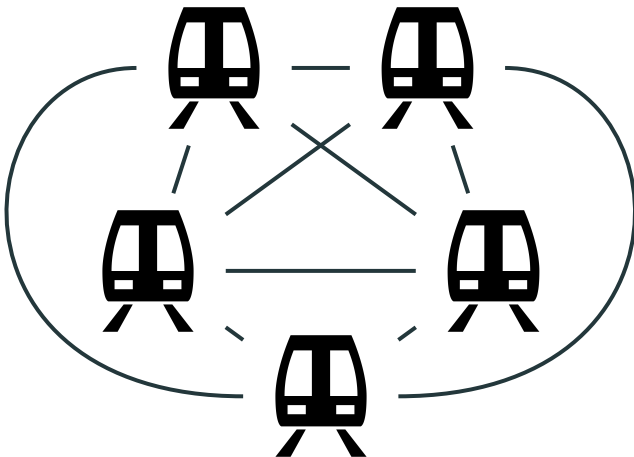
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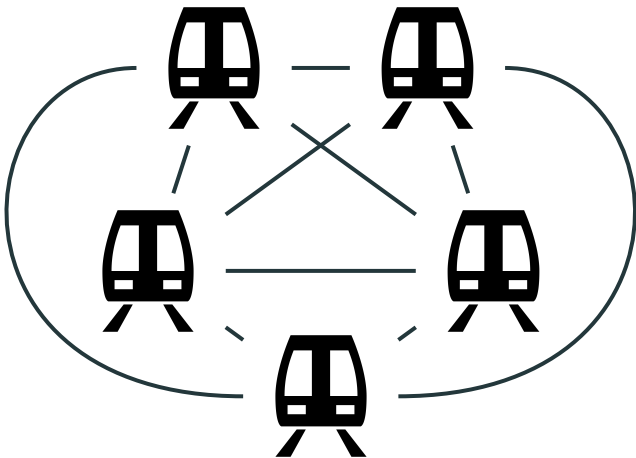
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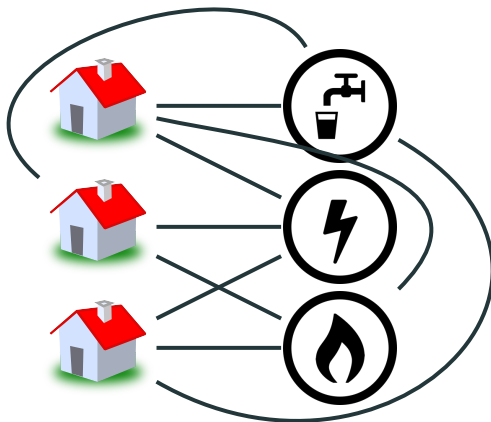
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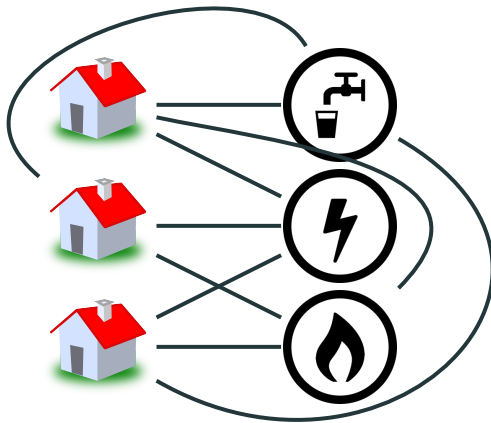


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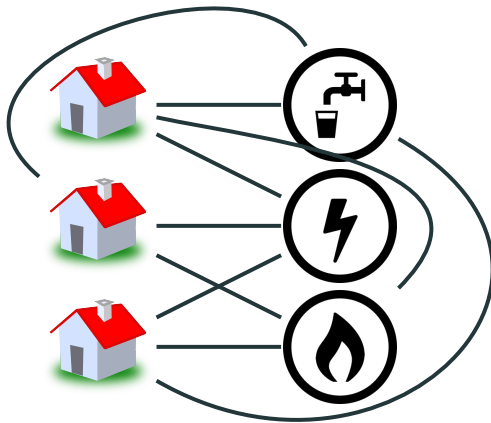




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It does satisfy  $e \leq 3v - 6$



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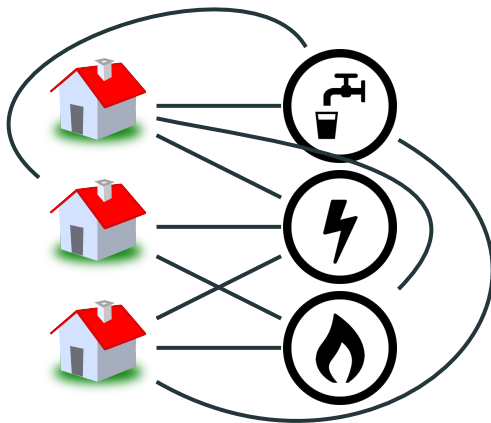
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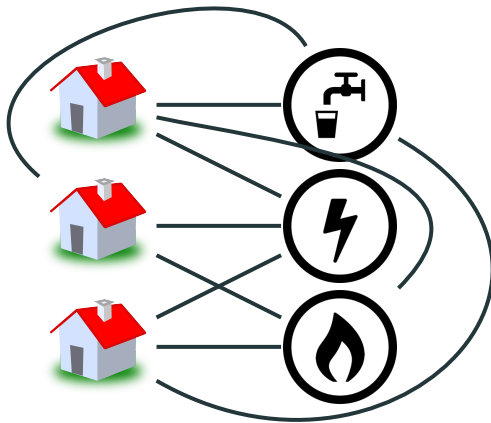
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