



CS215 DISCRETE MATH

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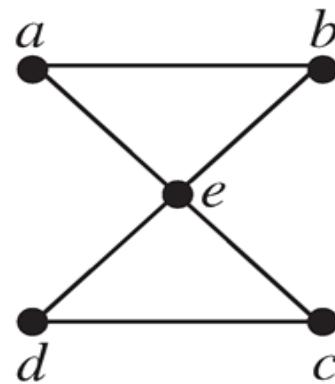
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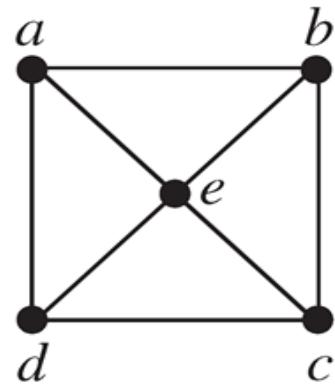
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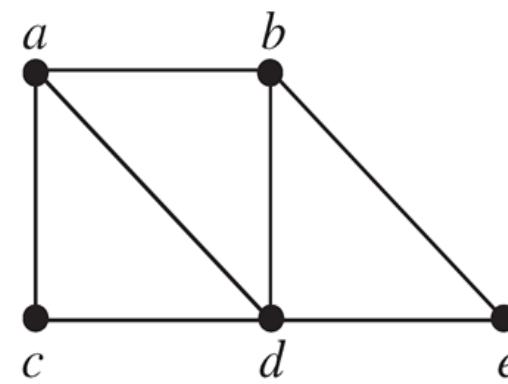
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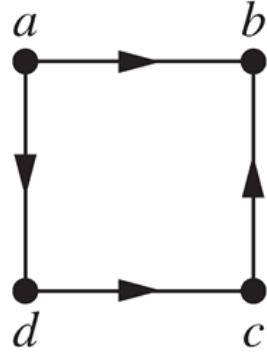


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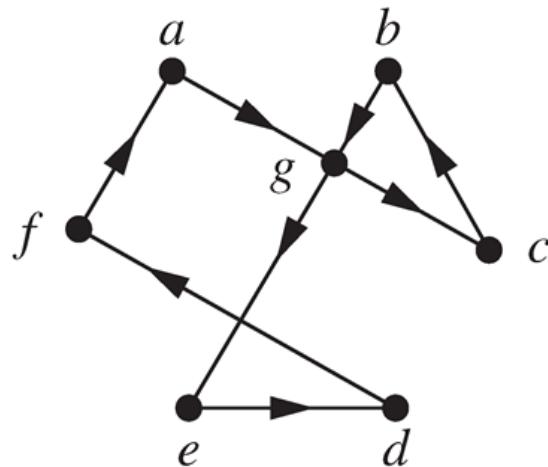
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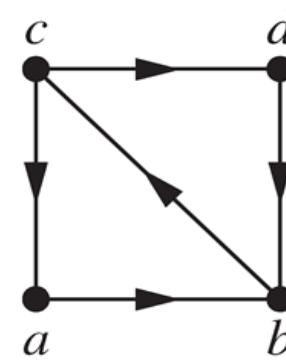
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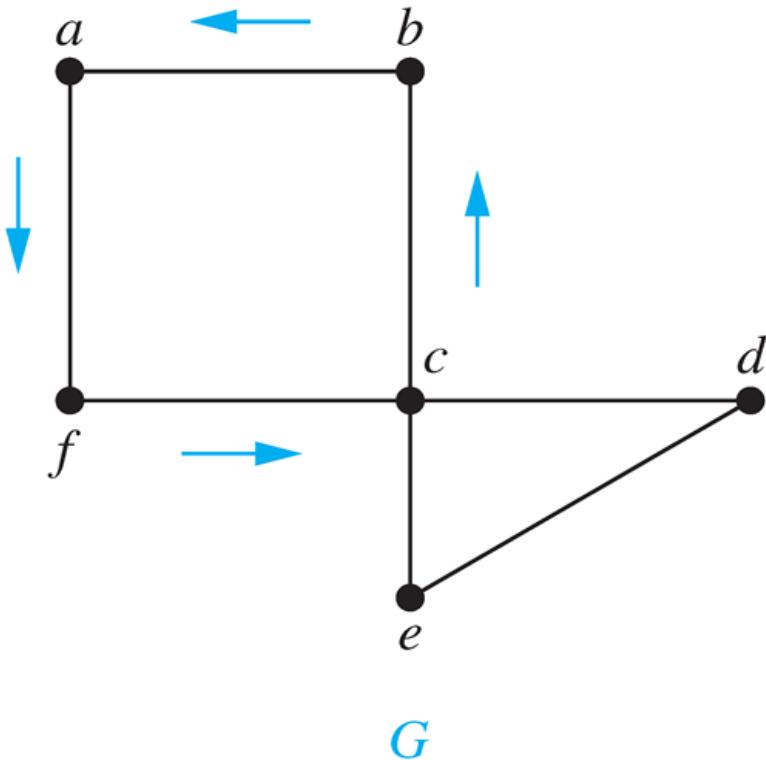
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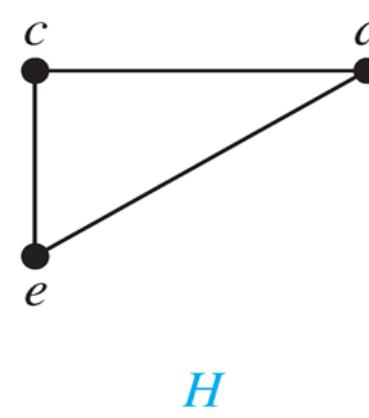
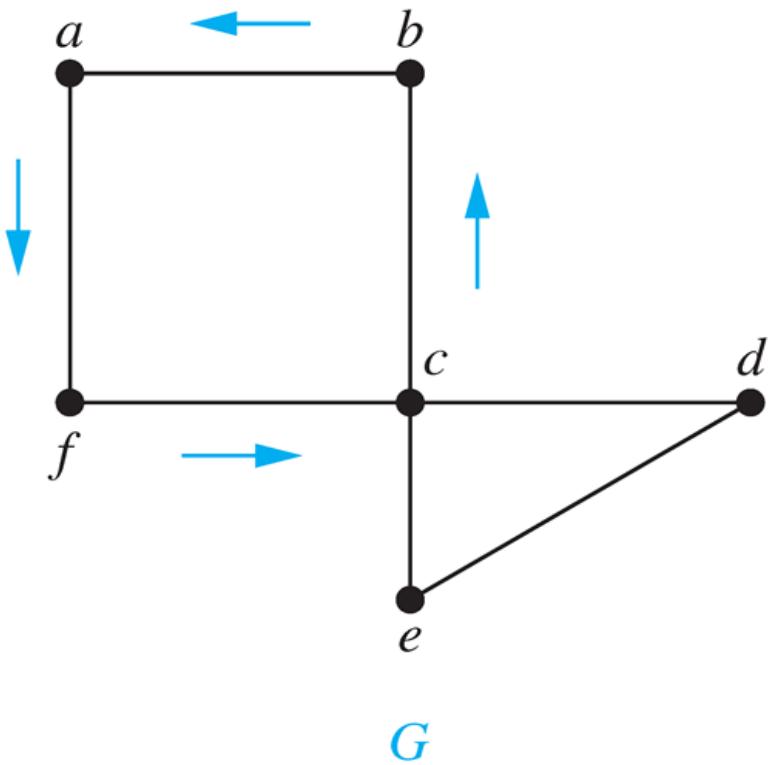
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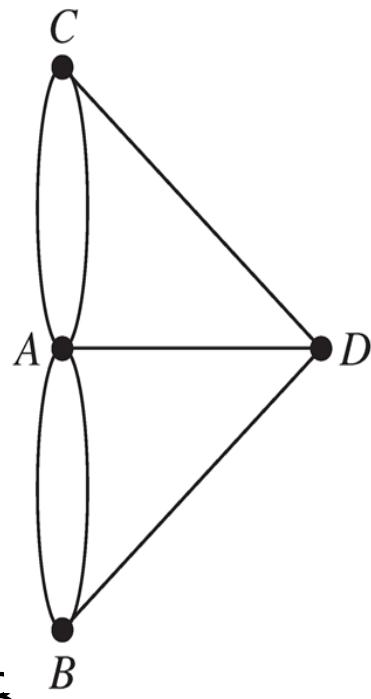
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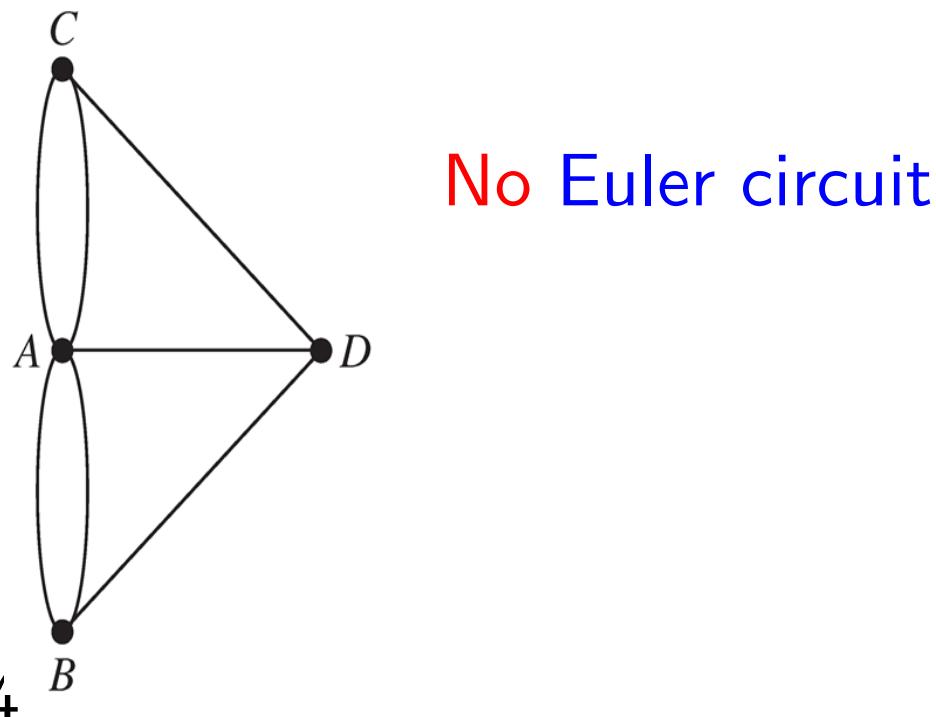
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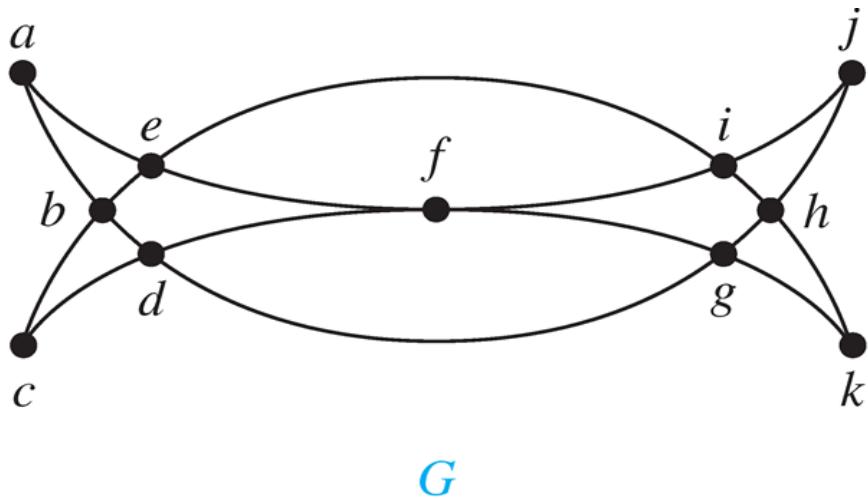
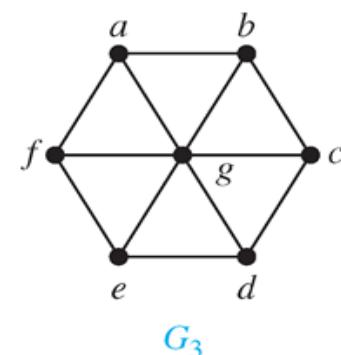
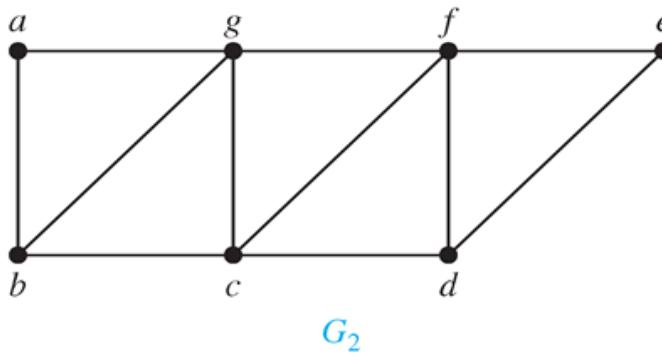
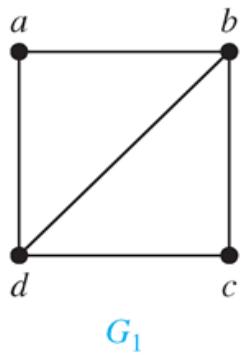


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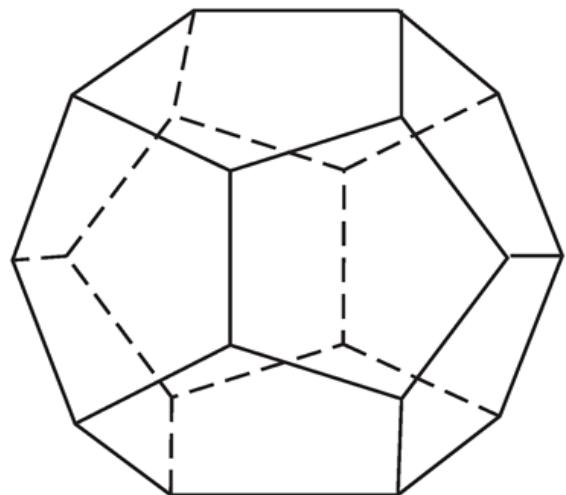
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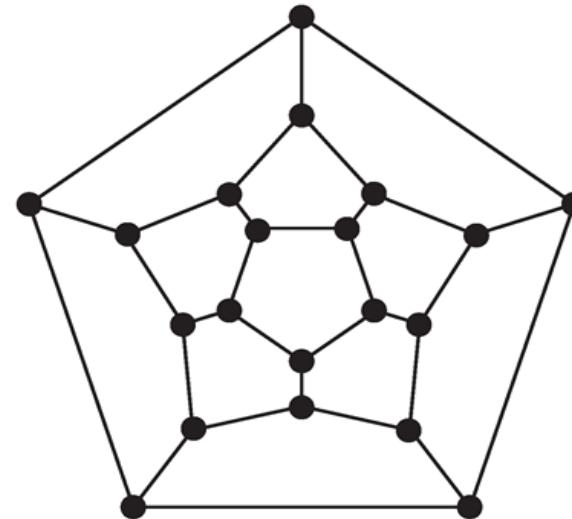
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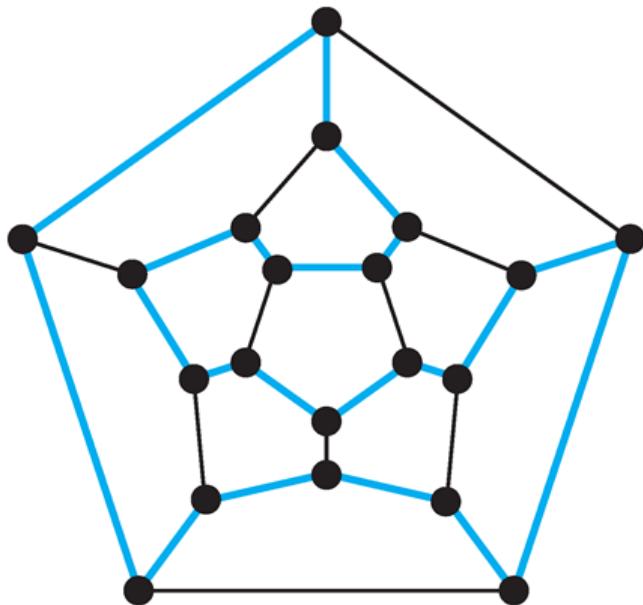
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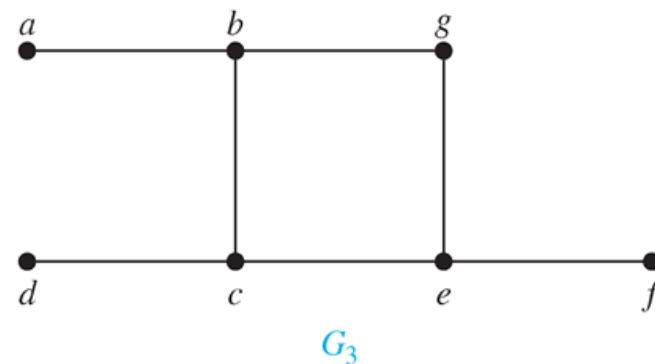
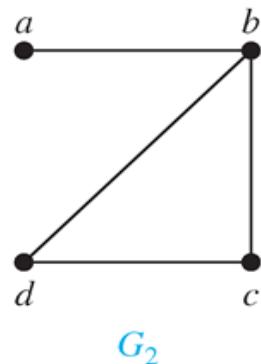
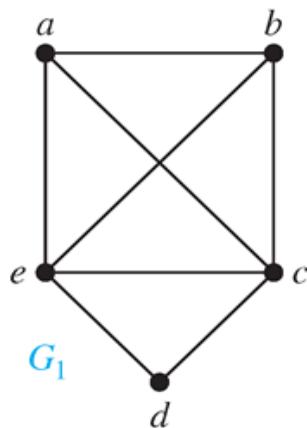
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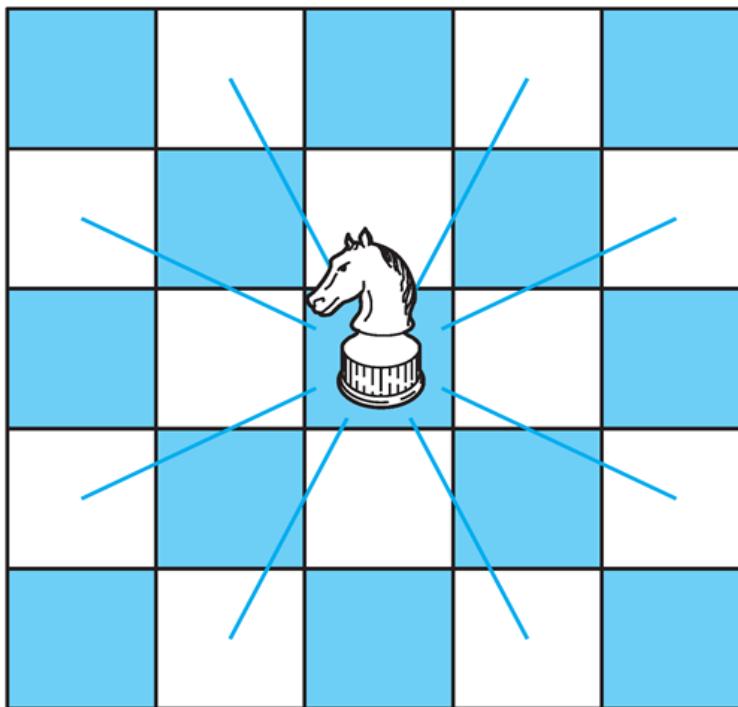
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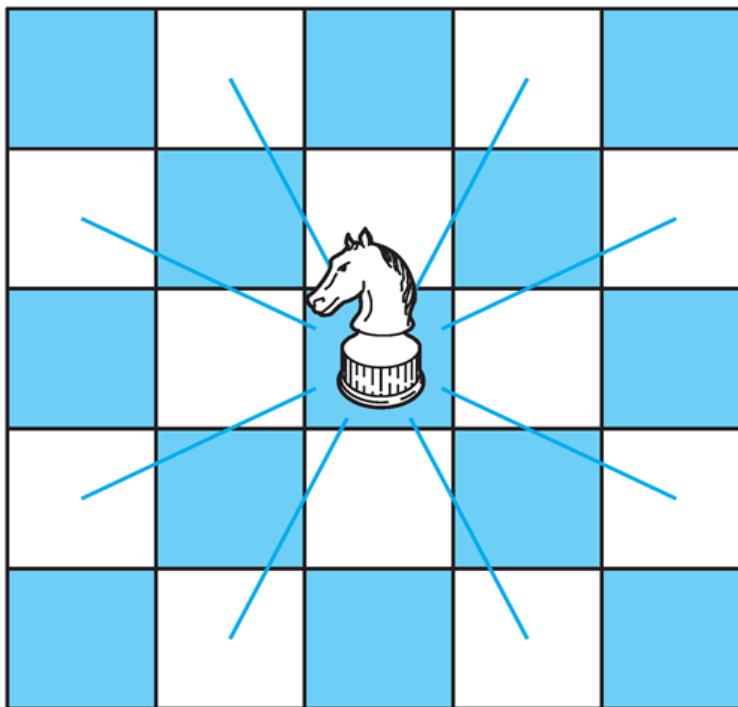
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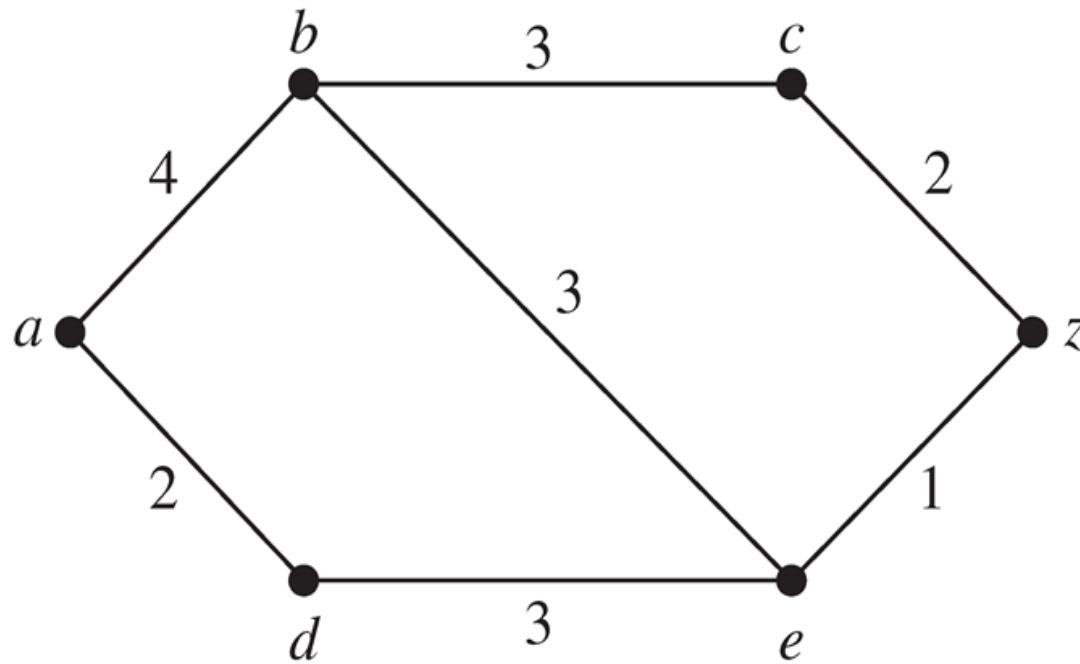
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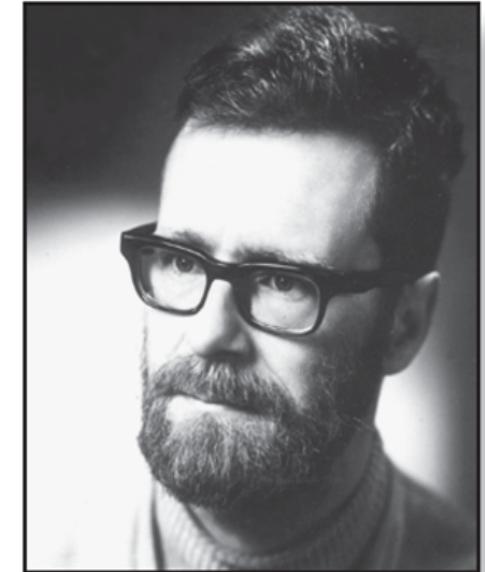
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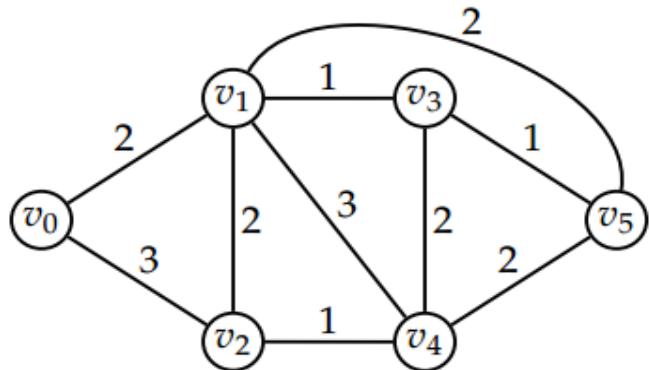
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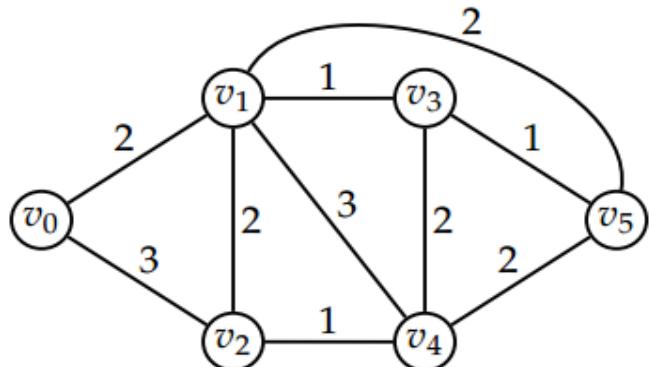
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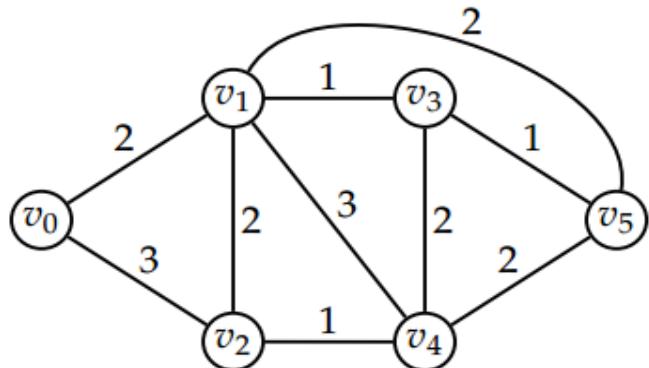


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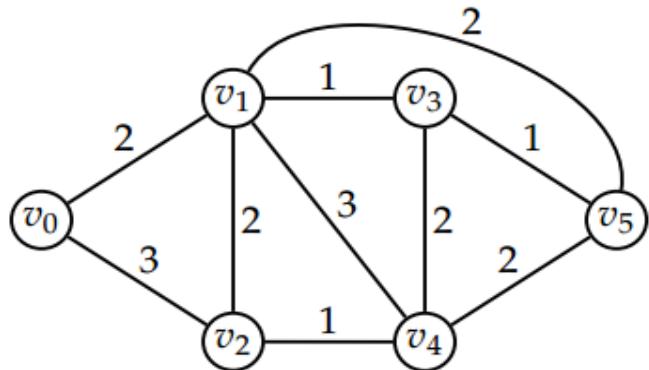
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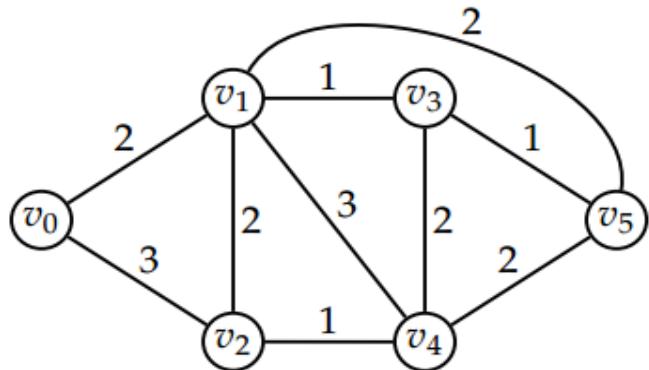
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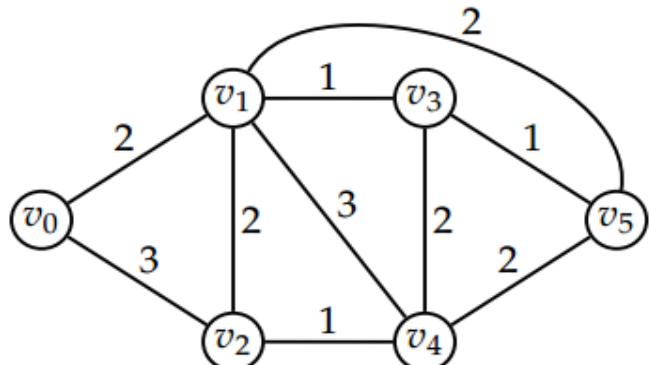
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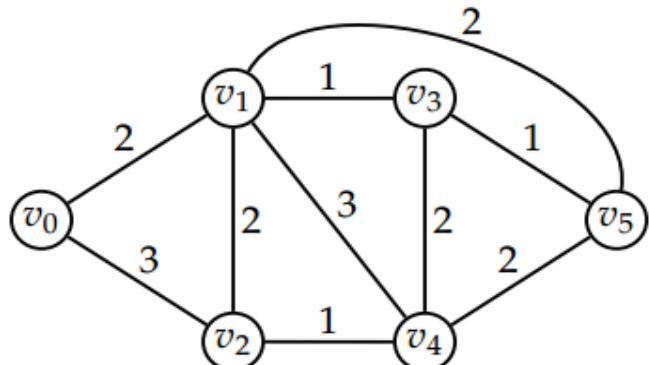
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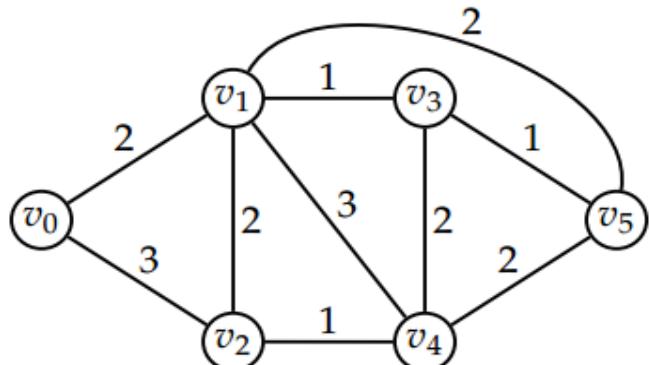
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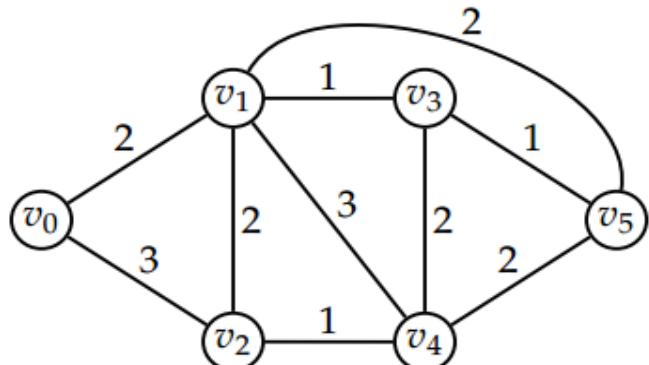
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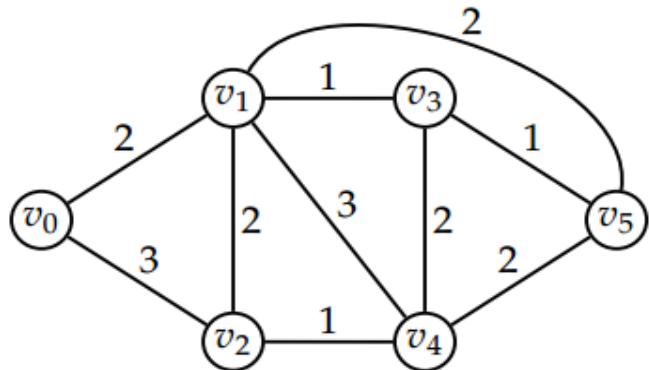
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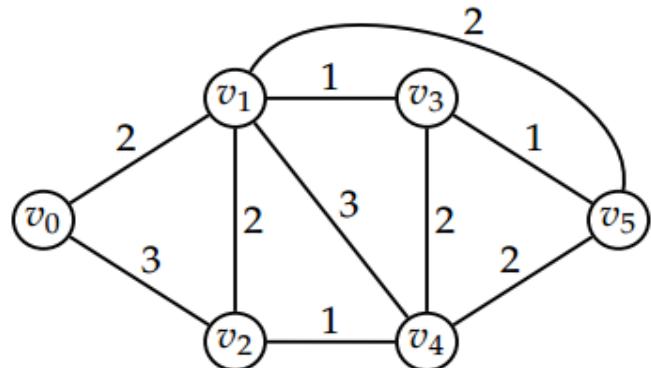
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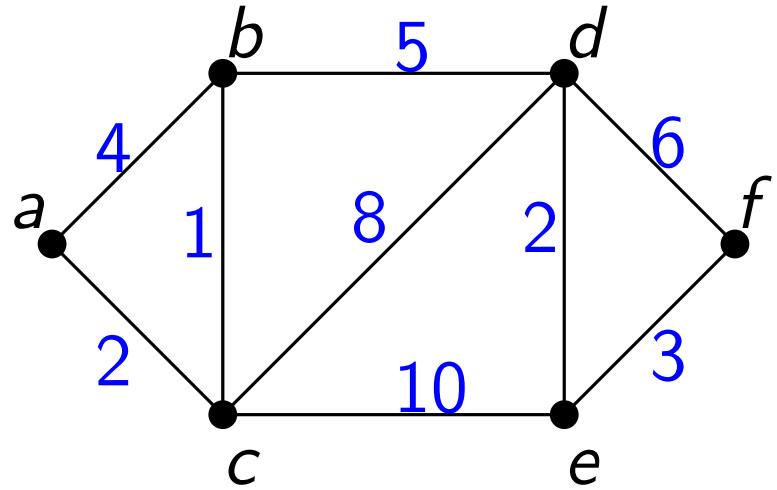
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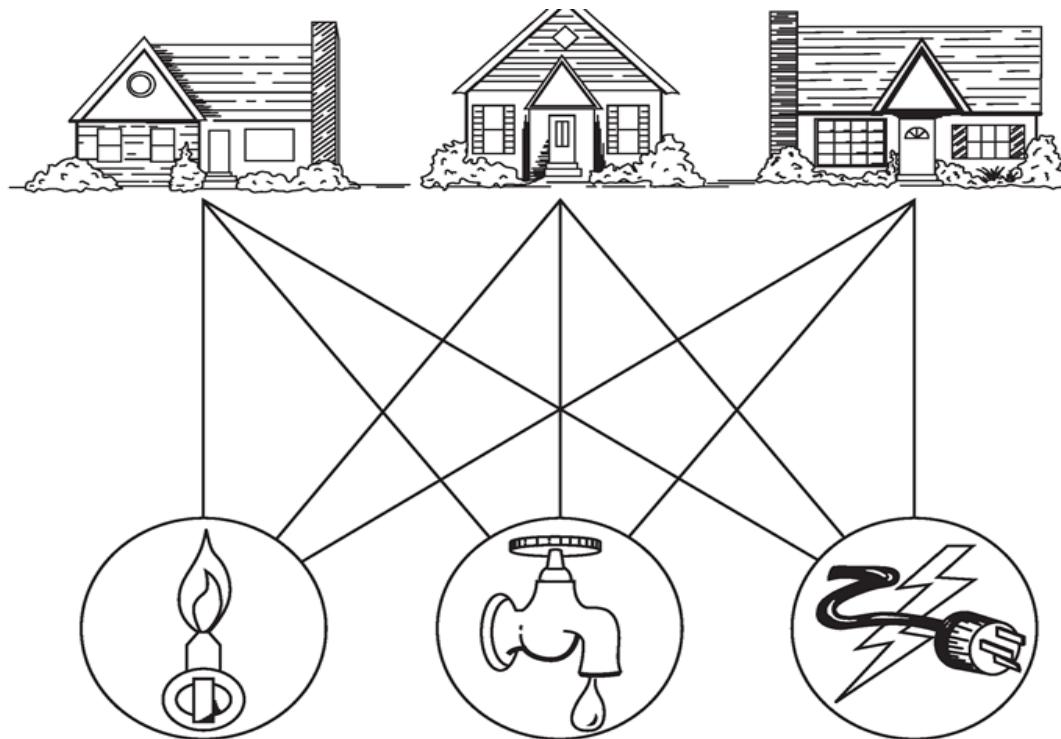
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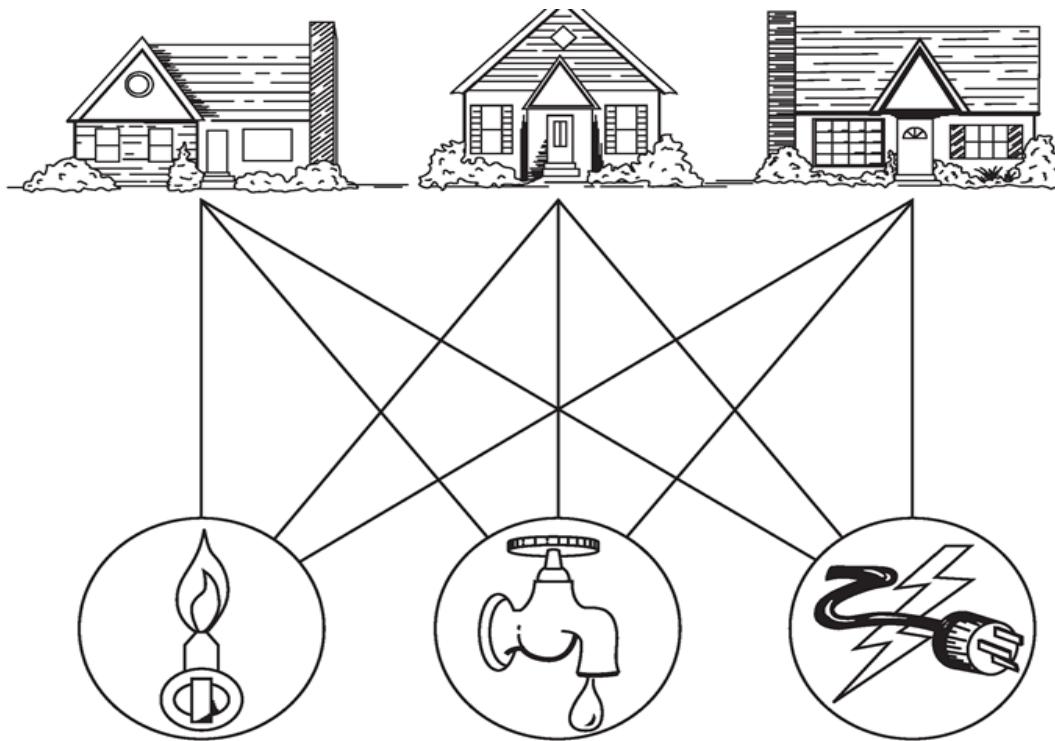
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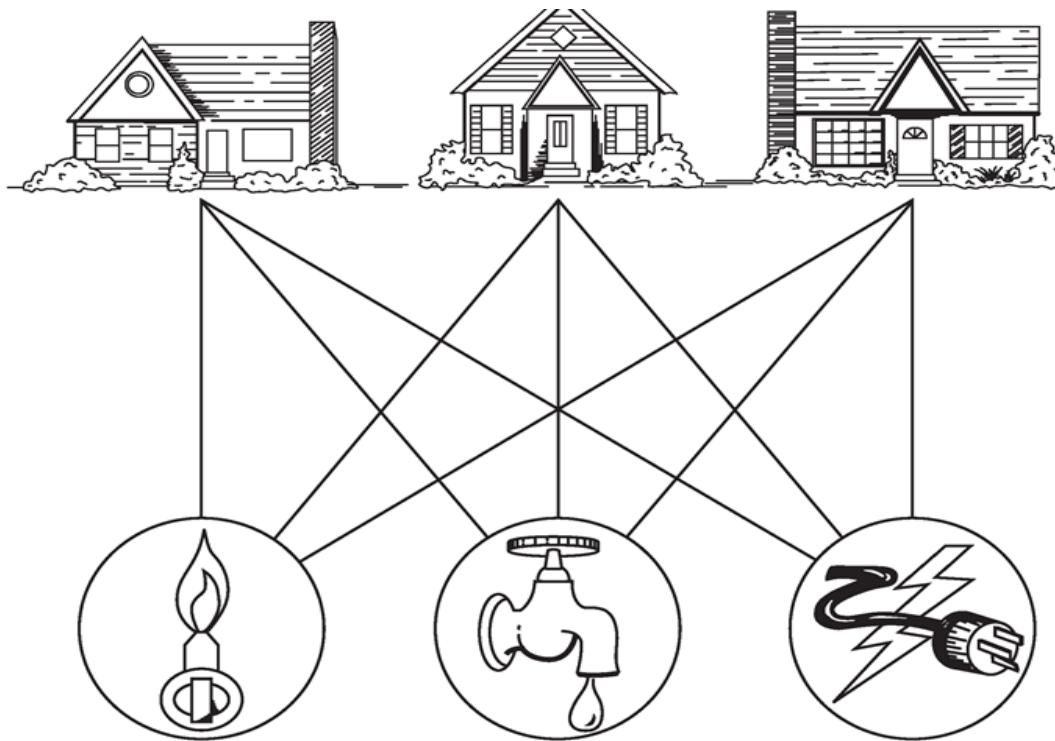
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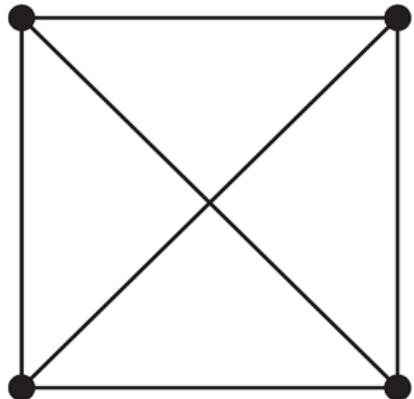
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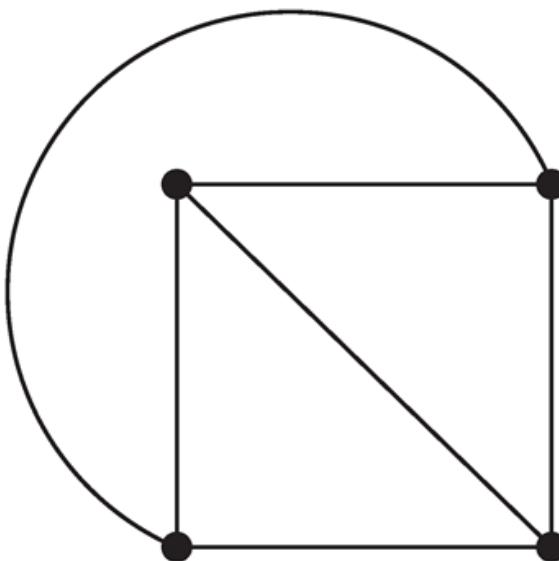
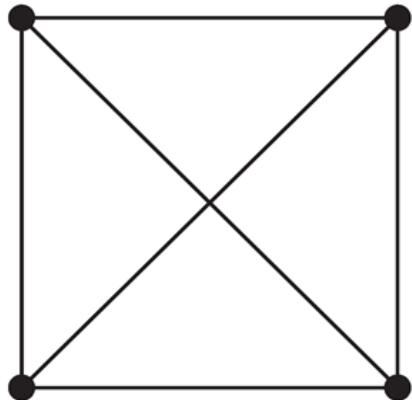
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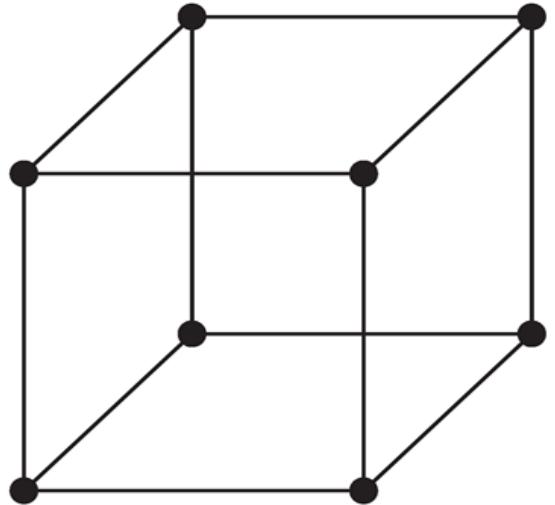
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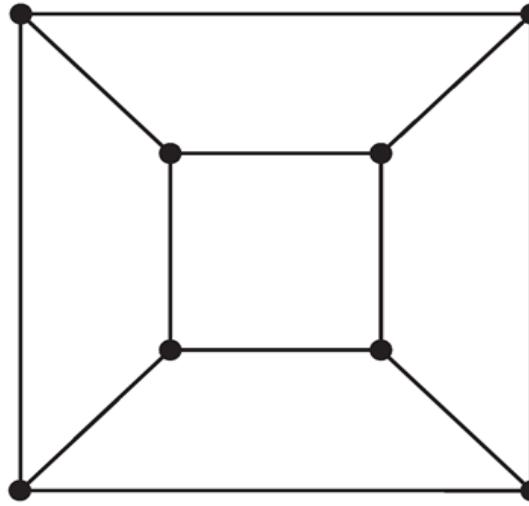
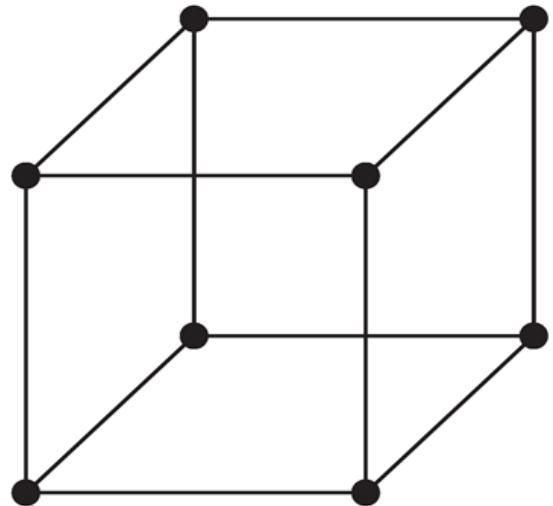
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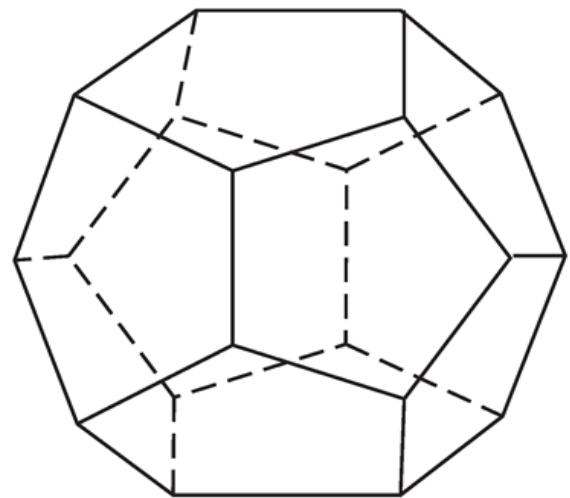
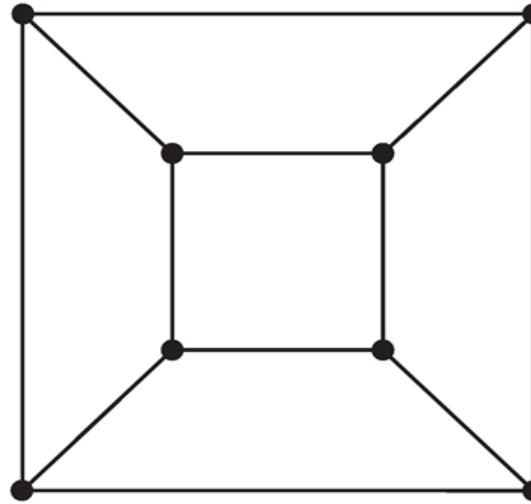
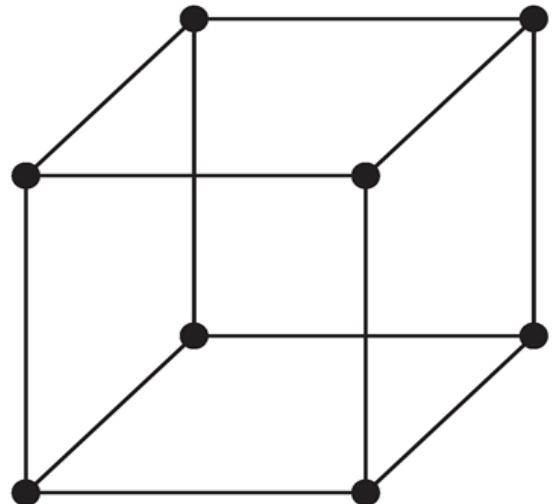
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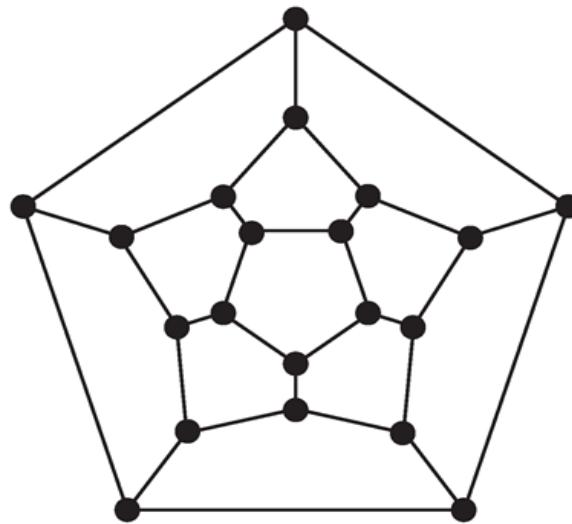
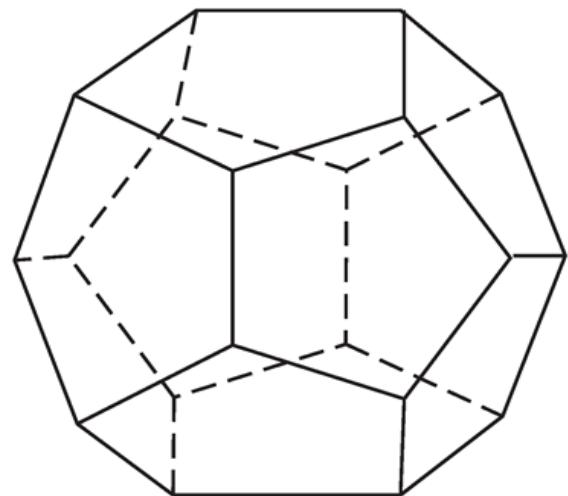
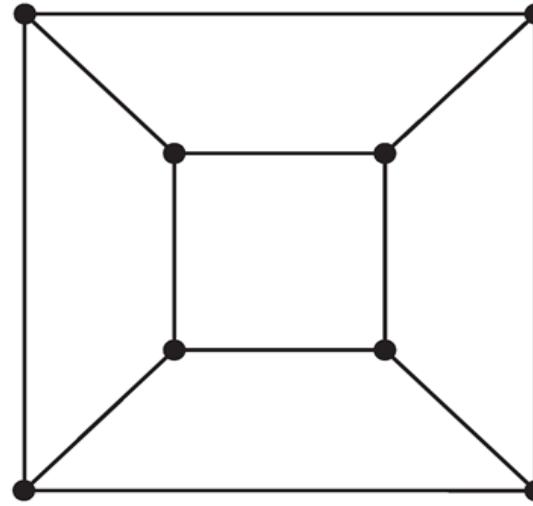
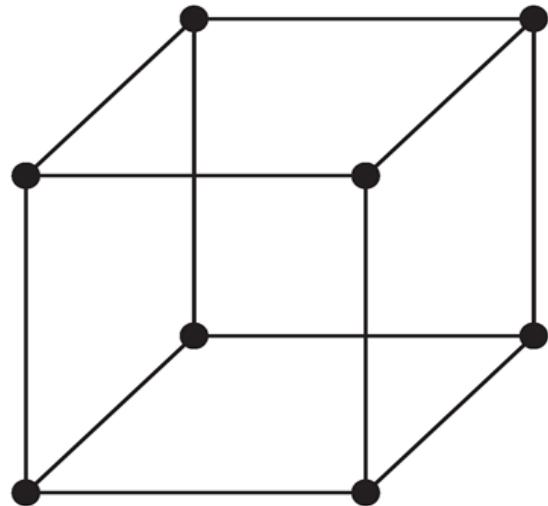
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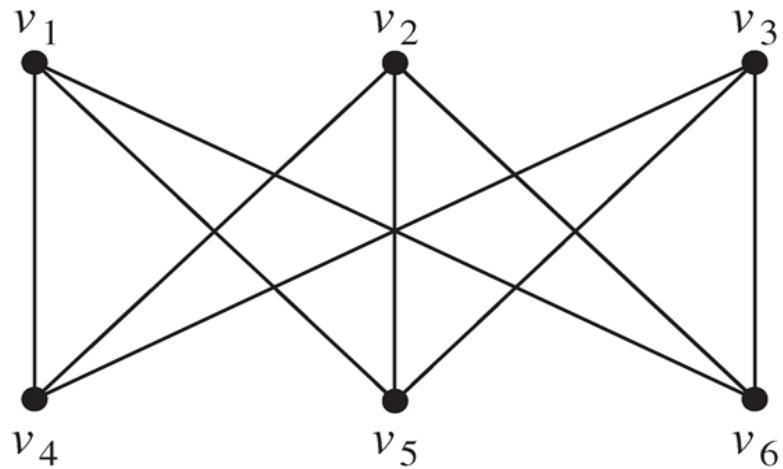
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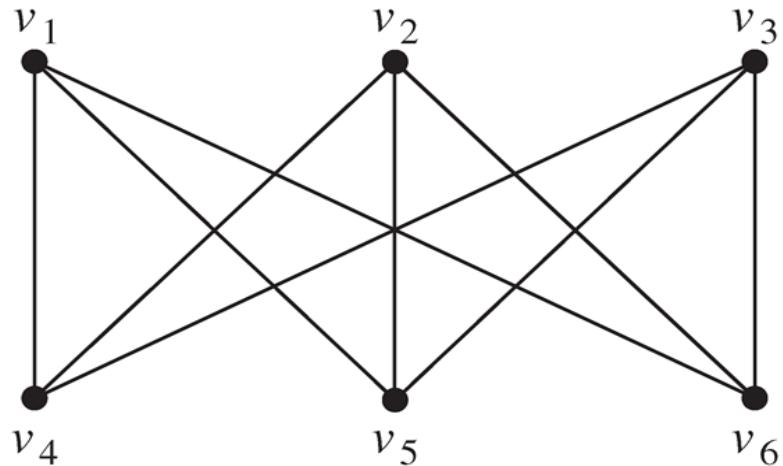
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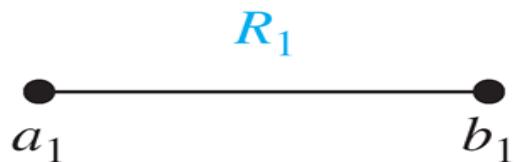
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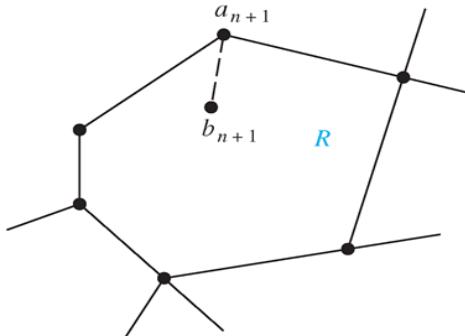
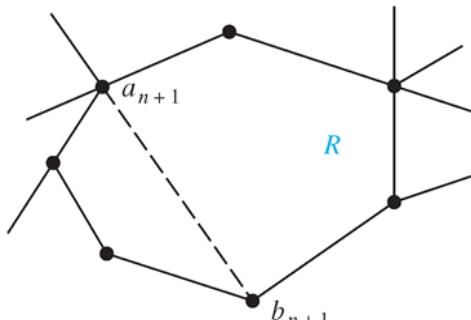
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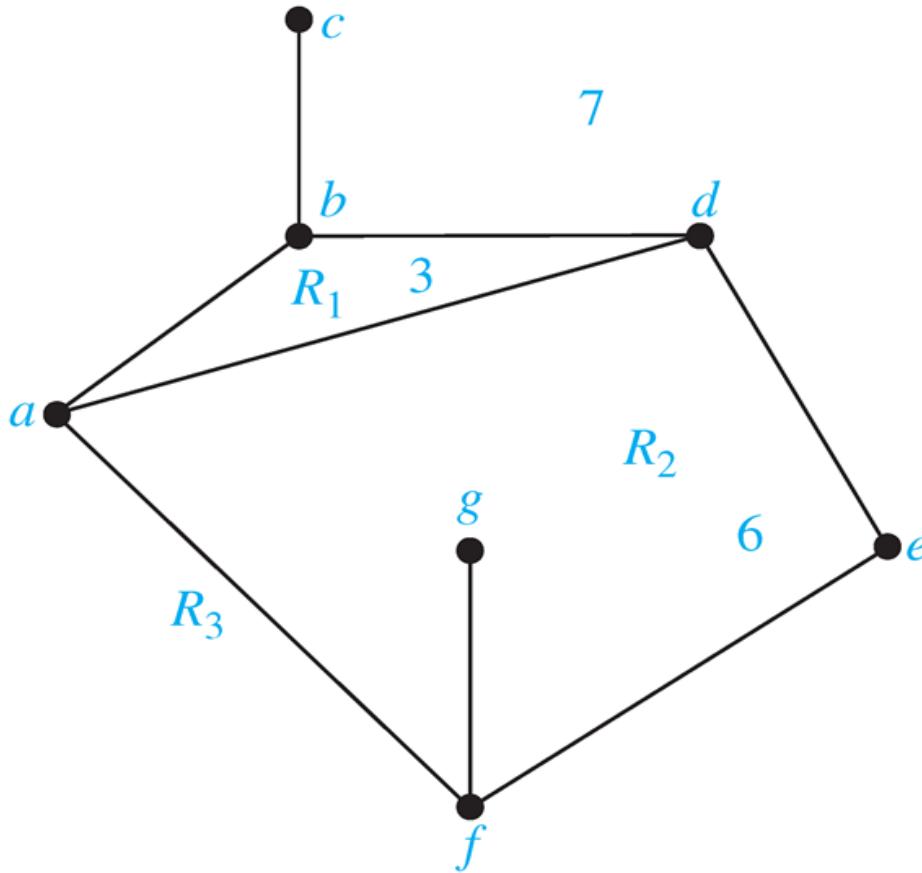


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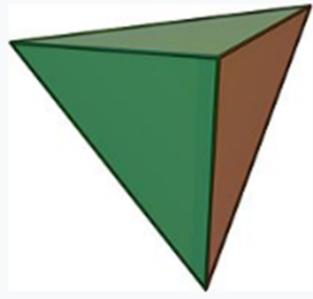
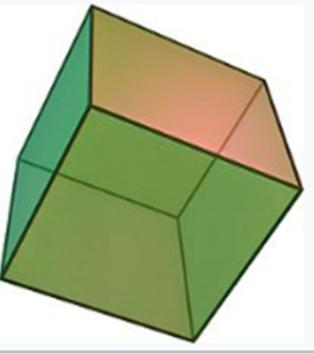
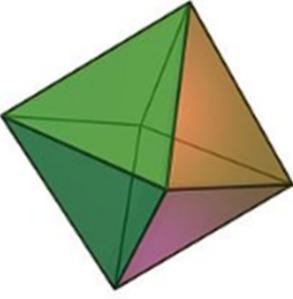
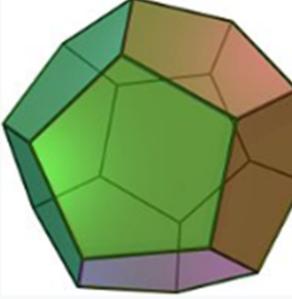
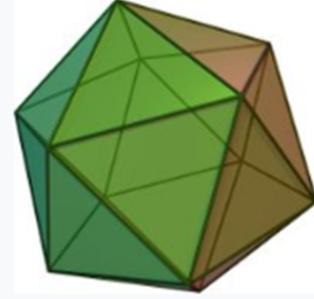
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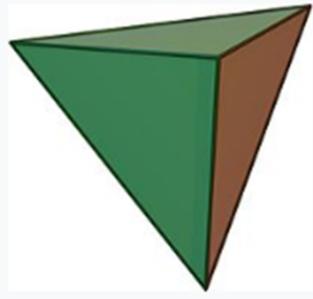
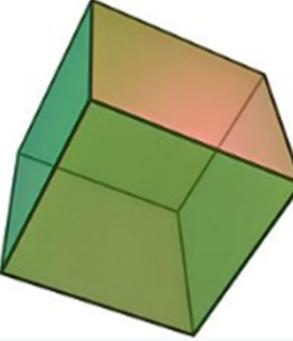
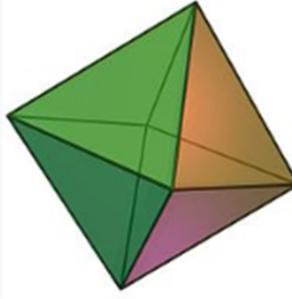
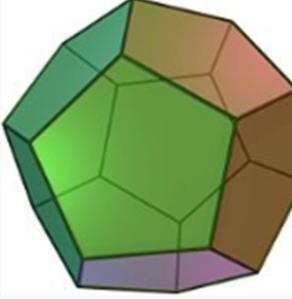
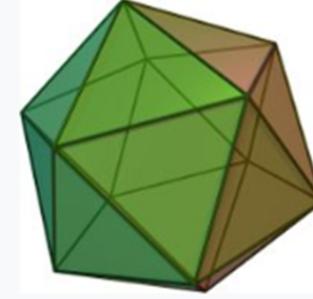
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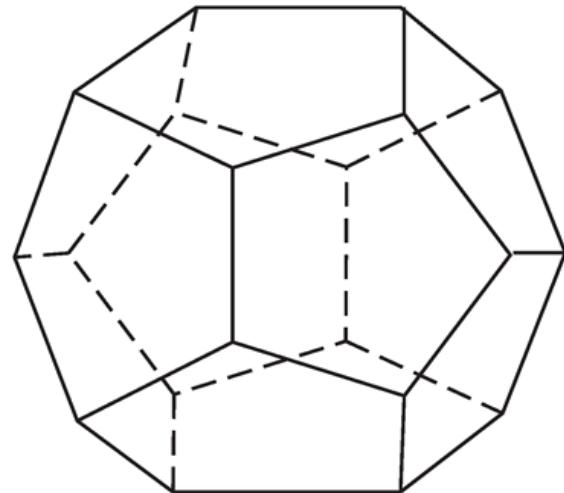
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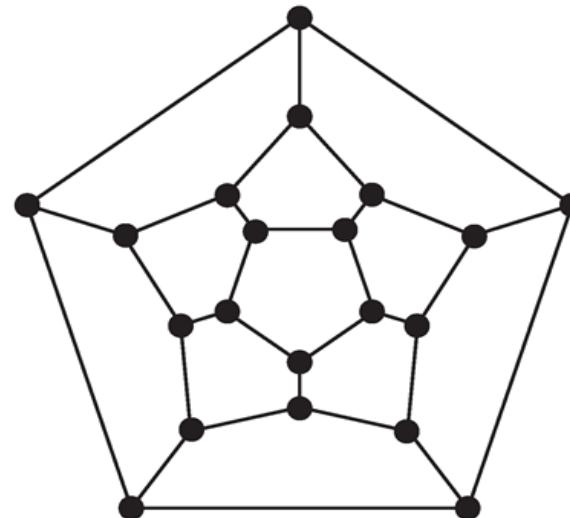
				
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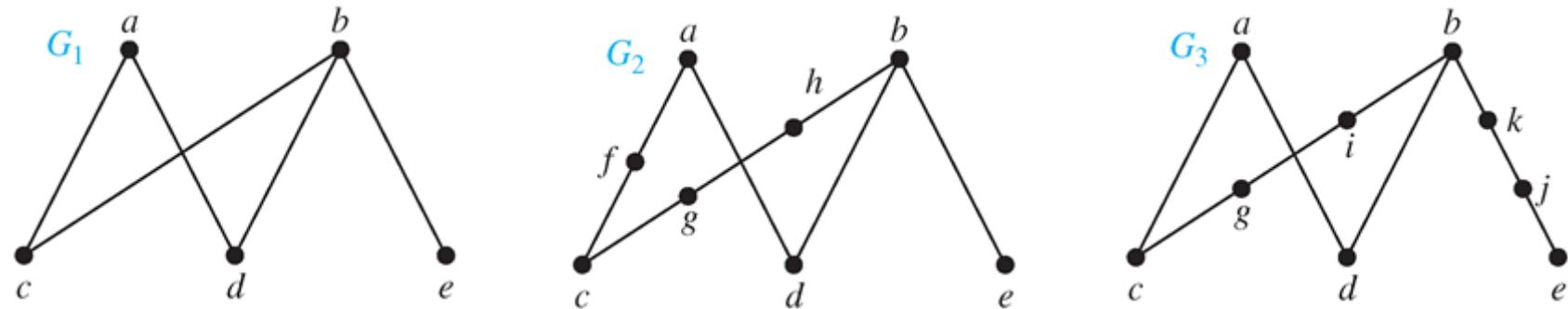
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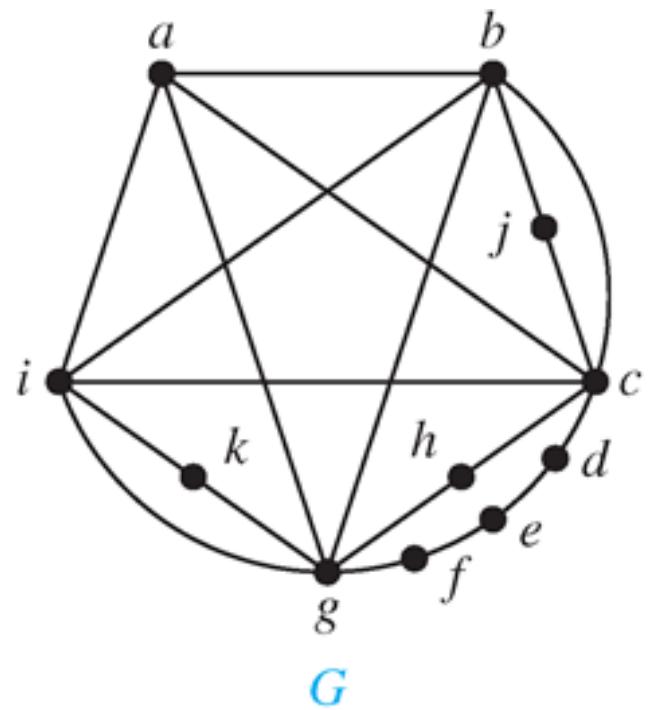


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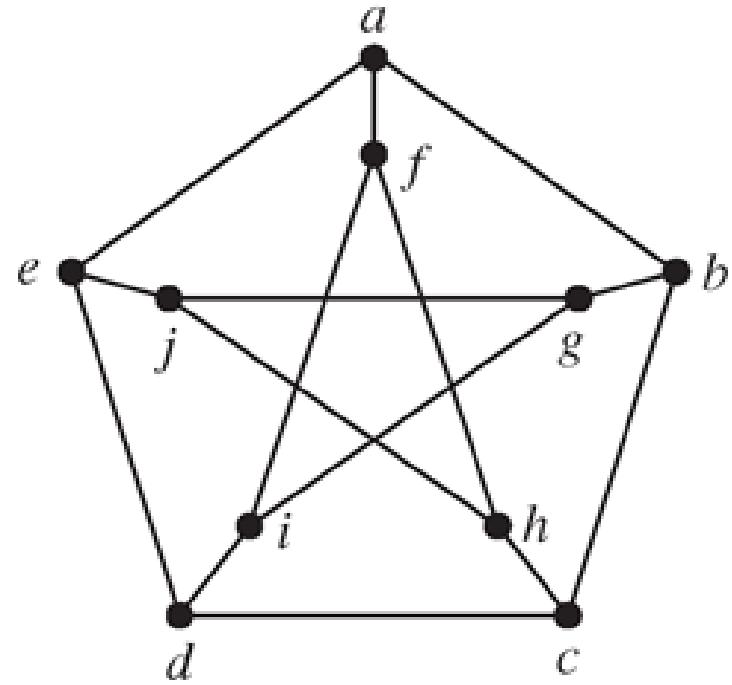
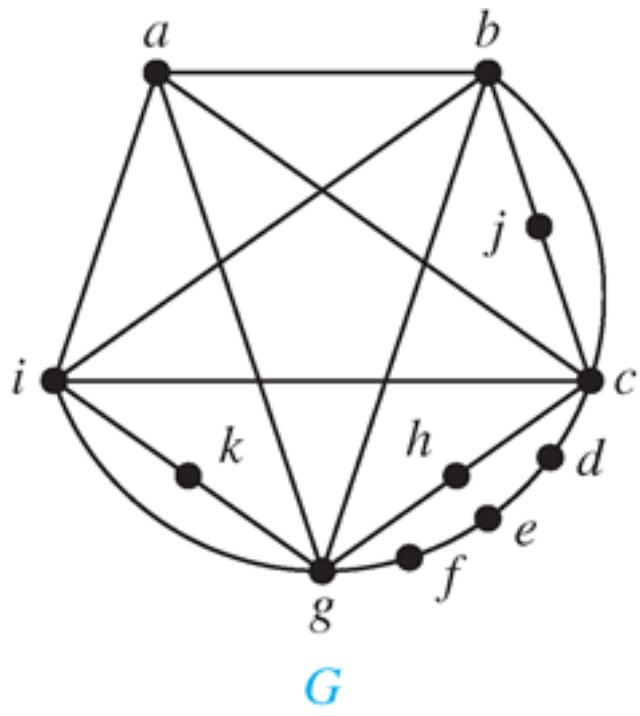
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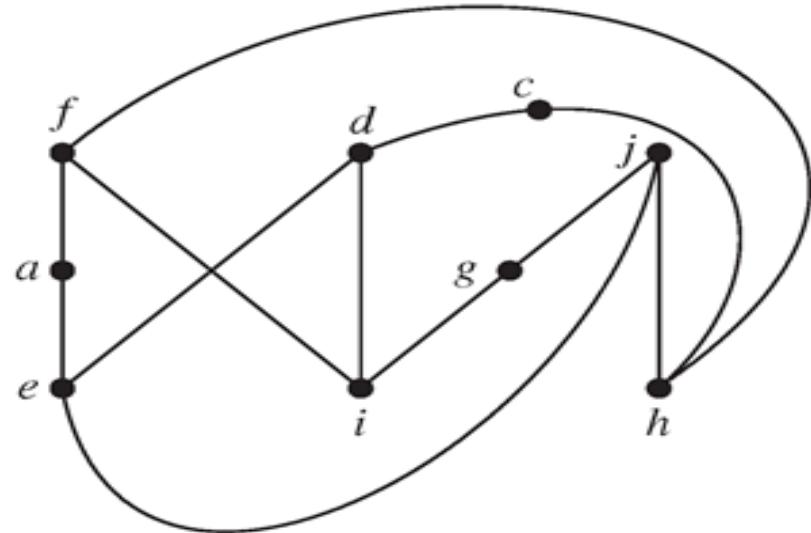
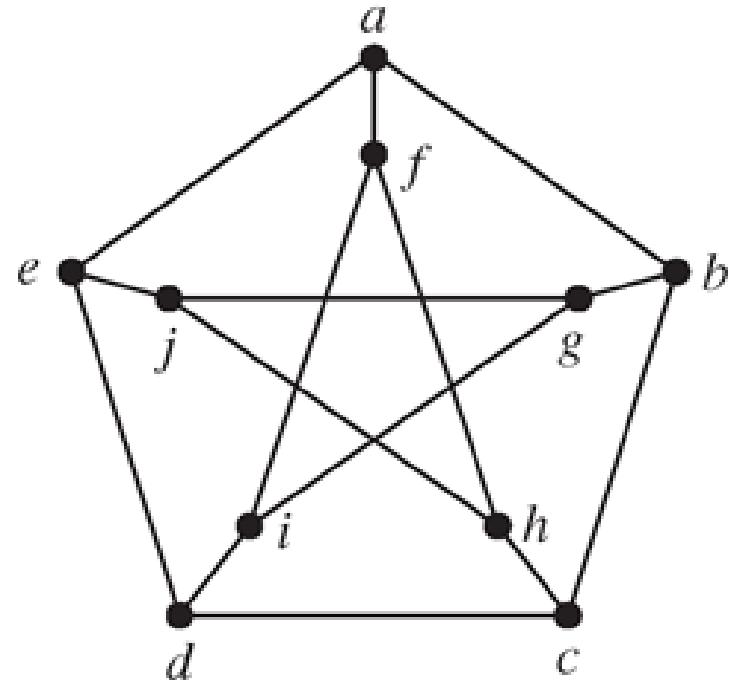
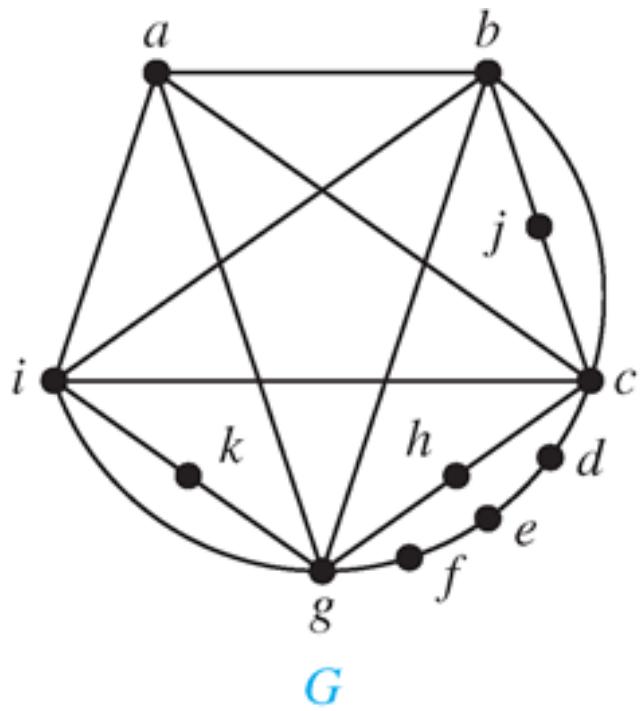
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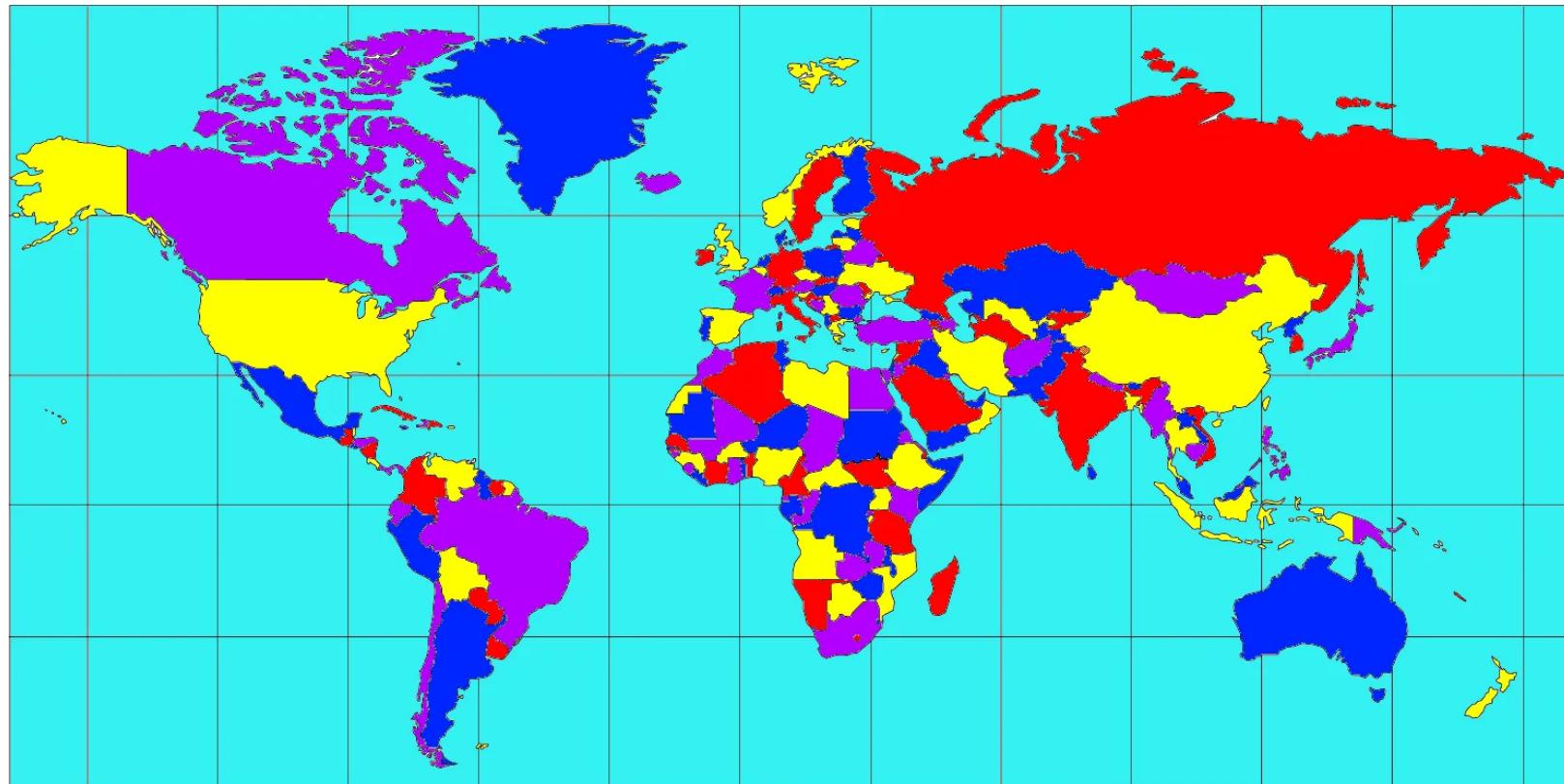


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- ◊ his brother Frederick Guthrie told Augustus De Morgan
- ◊ De Morgan wrote to William Hamilton
- ◊ Alfred Kempe proved it **incorrectly** in 1879
- ◊ Percy Heawood found an error in 1890 and proved the *five-color theorem*
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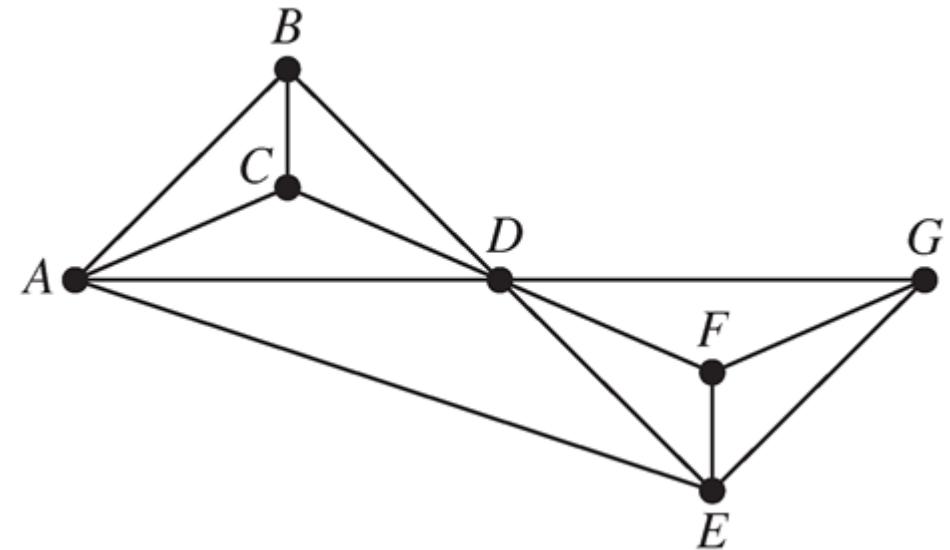
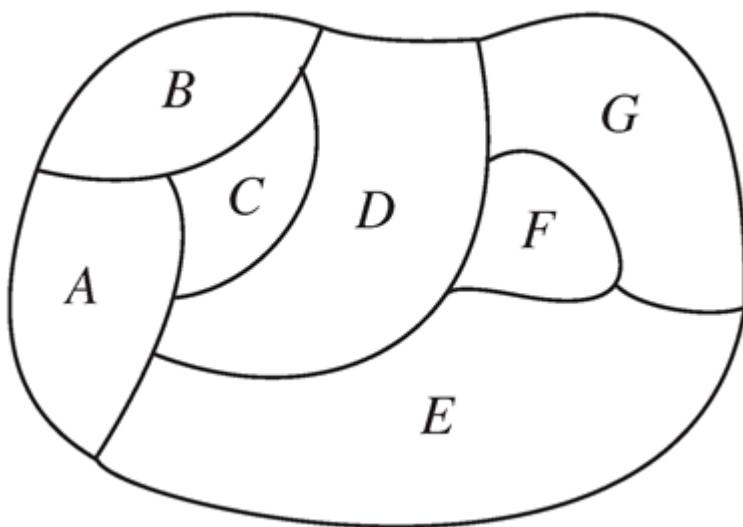
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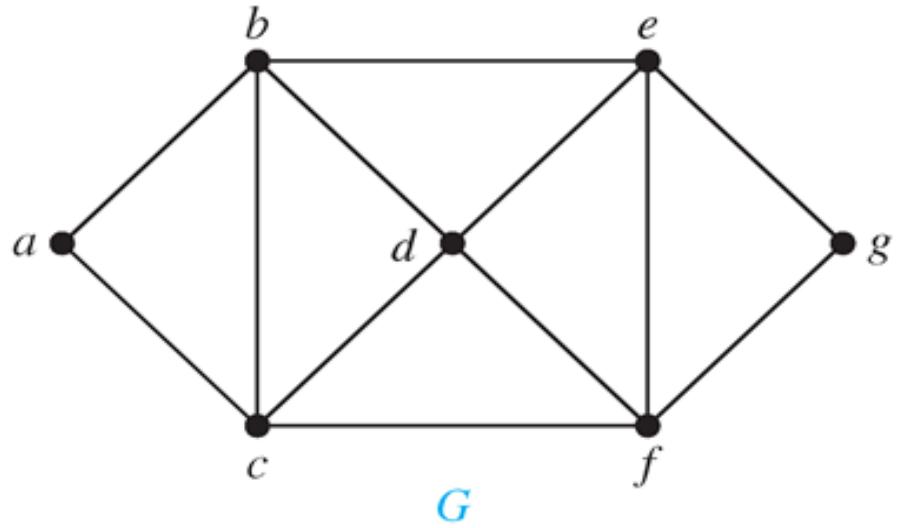


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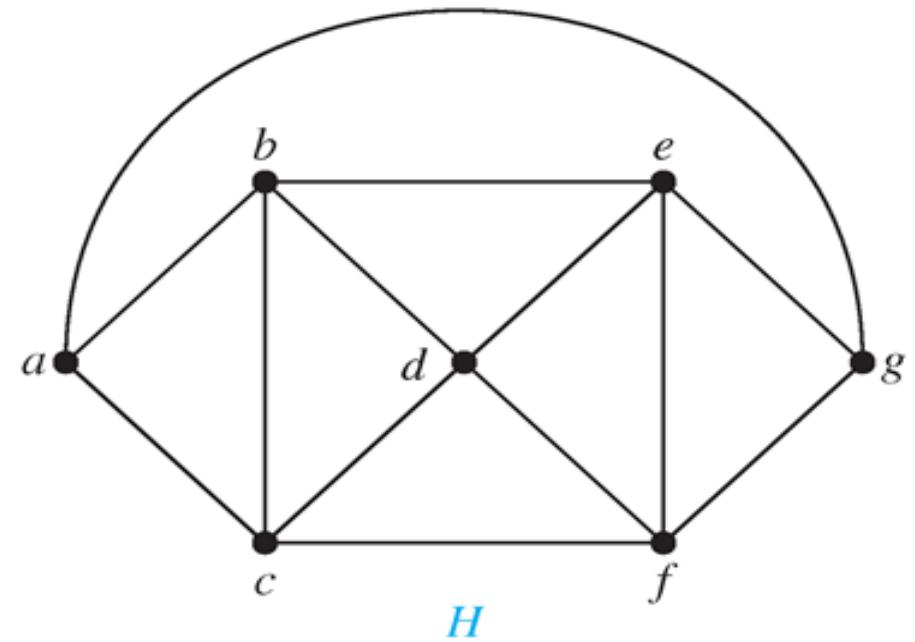
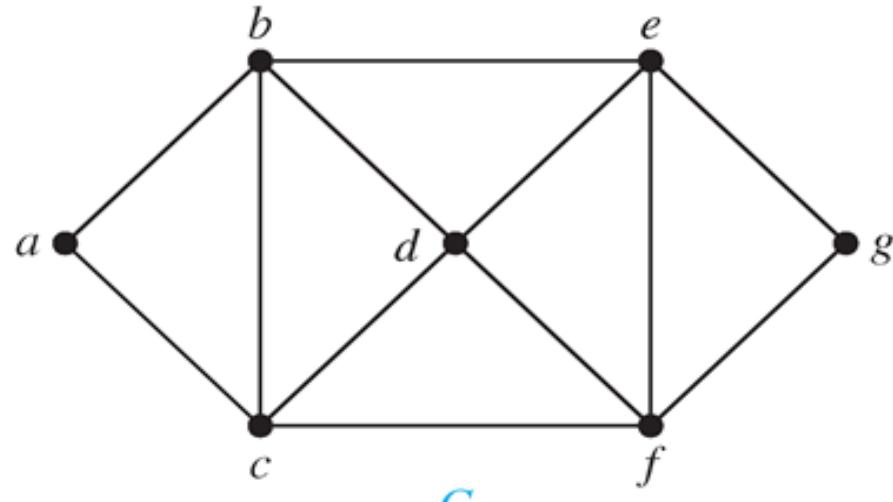
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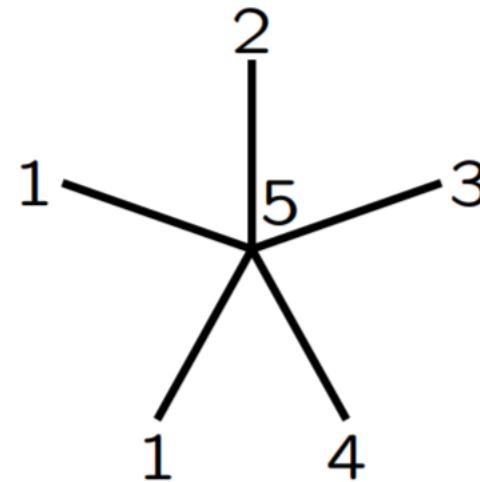
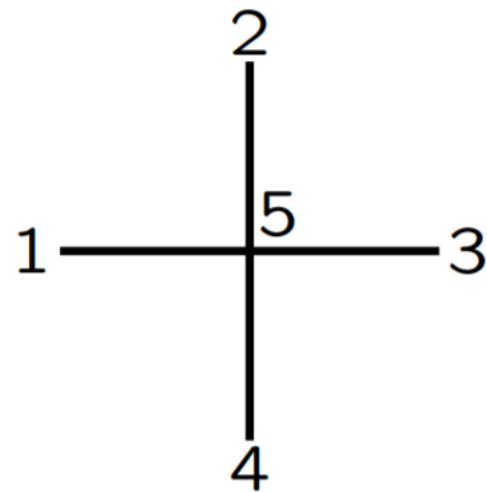
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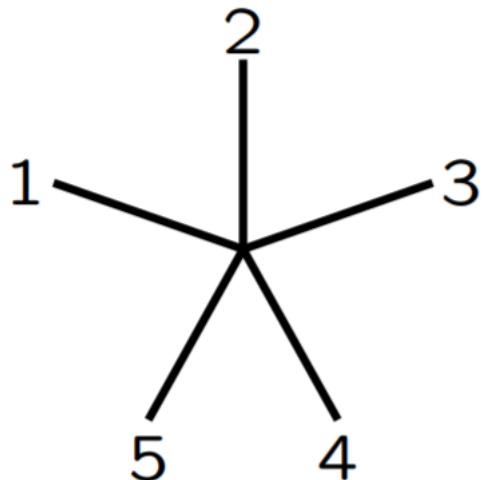


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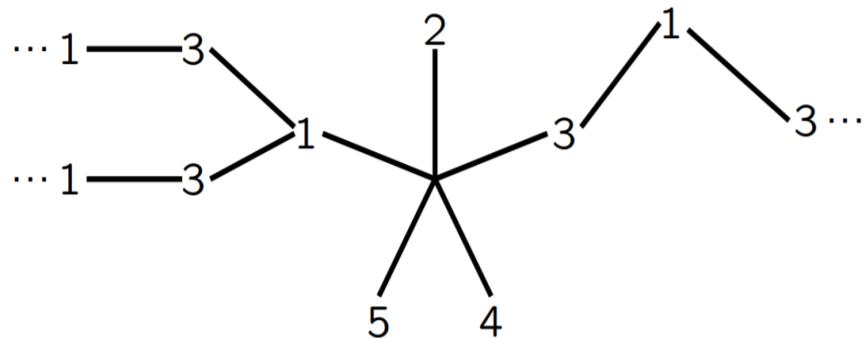
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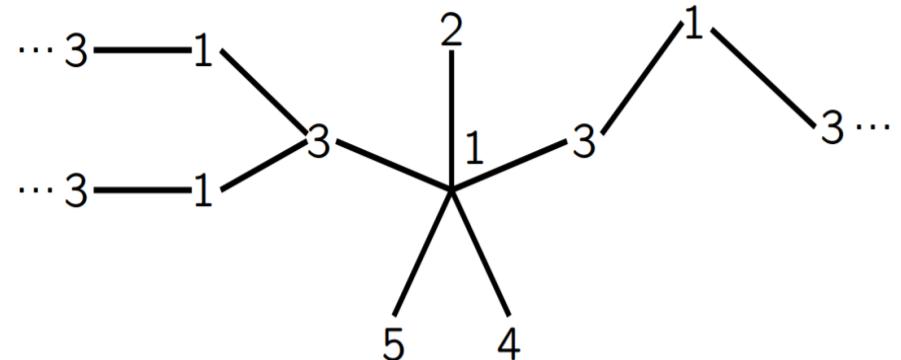
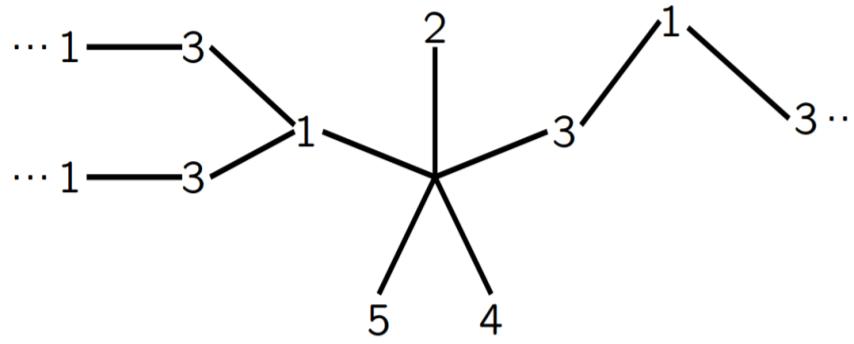


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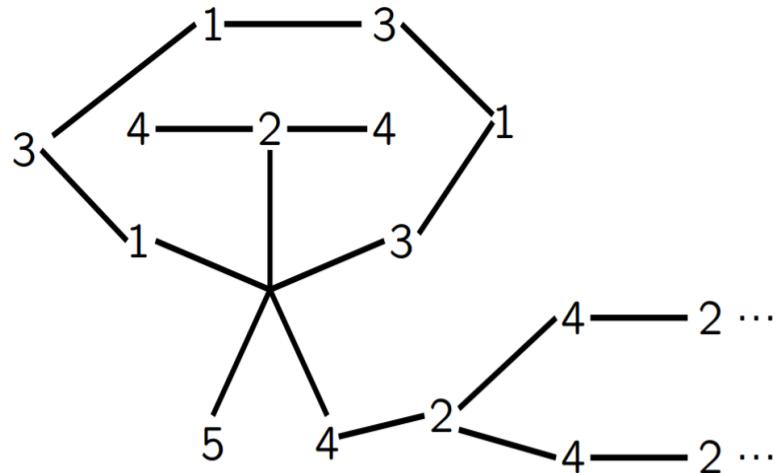
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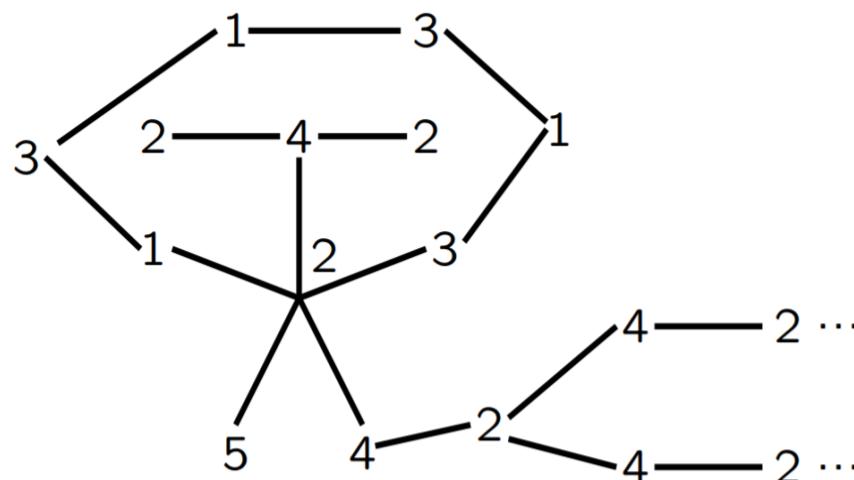
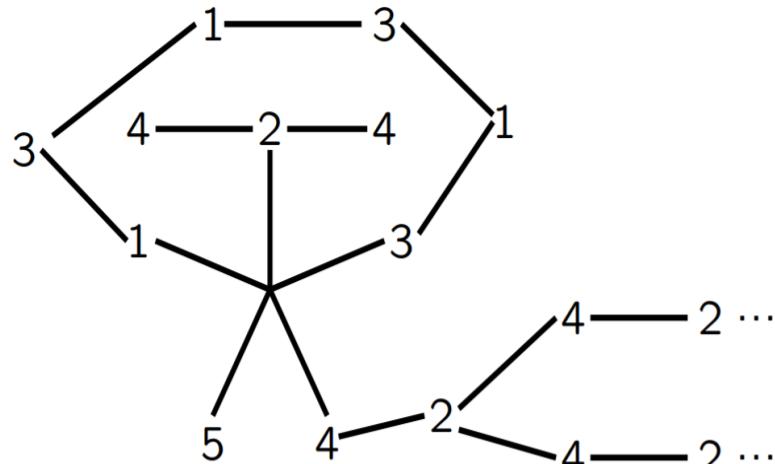


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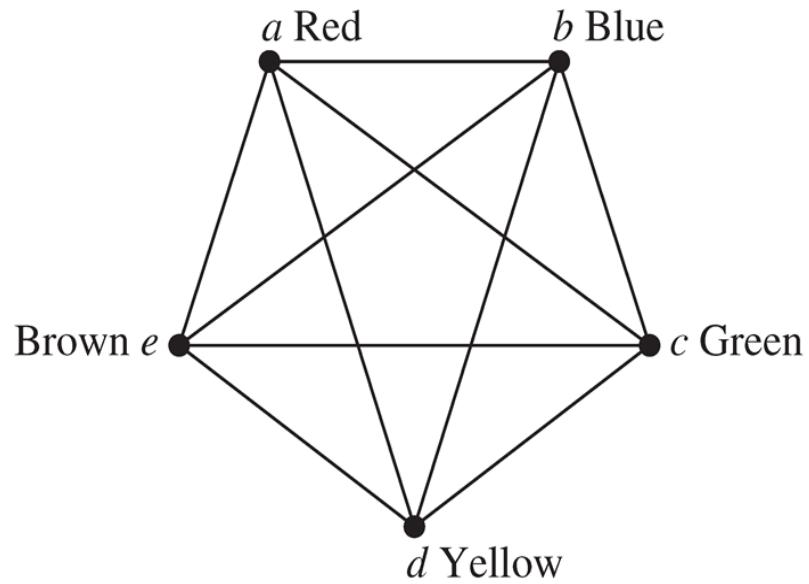


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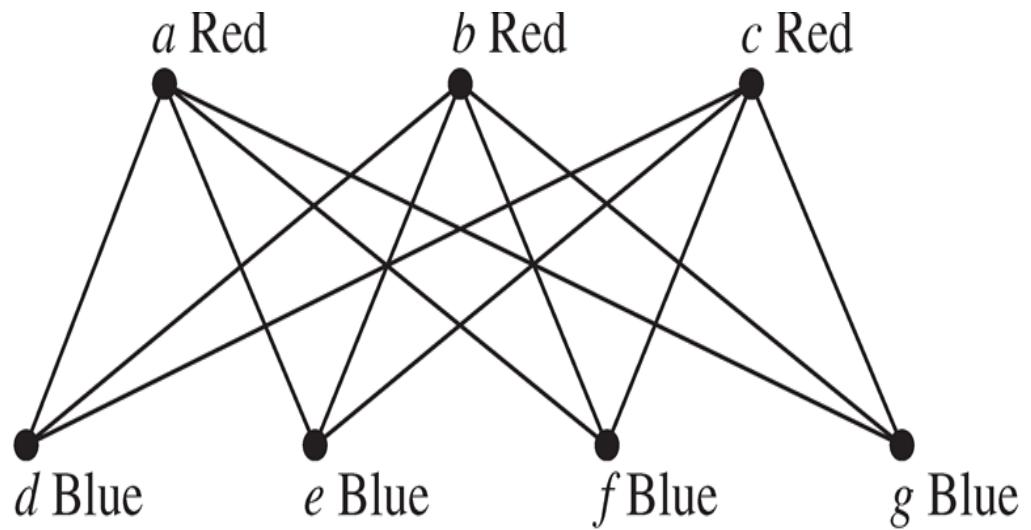
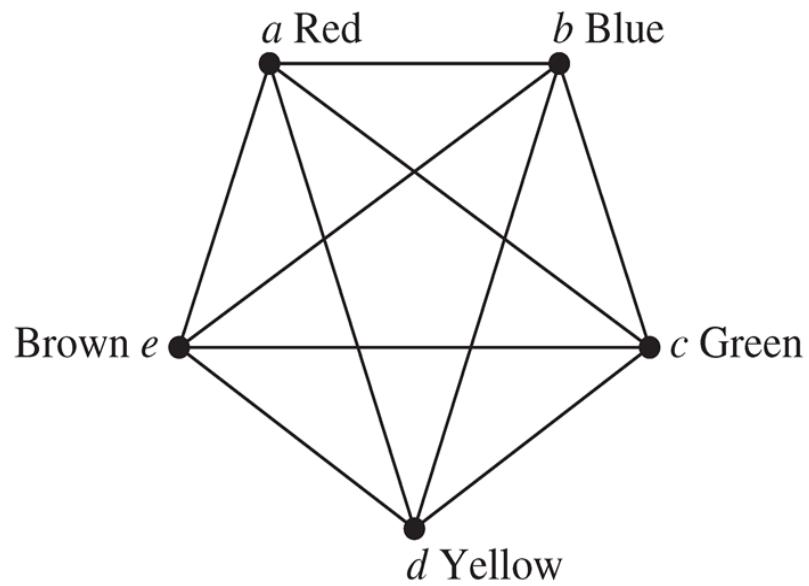
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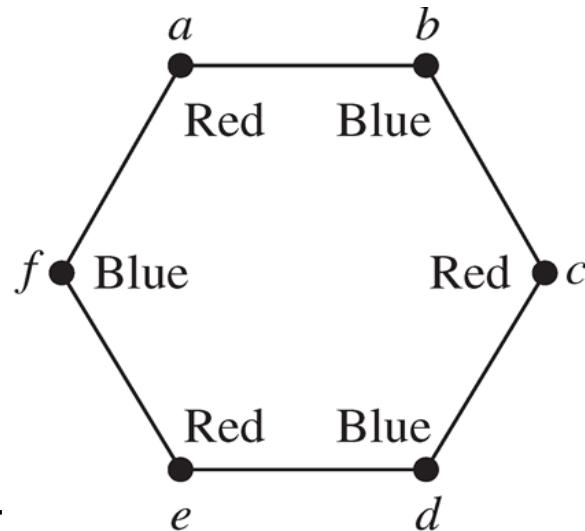
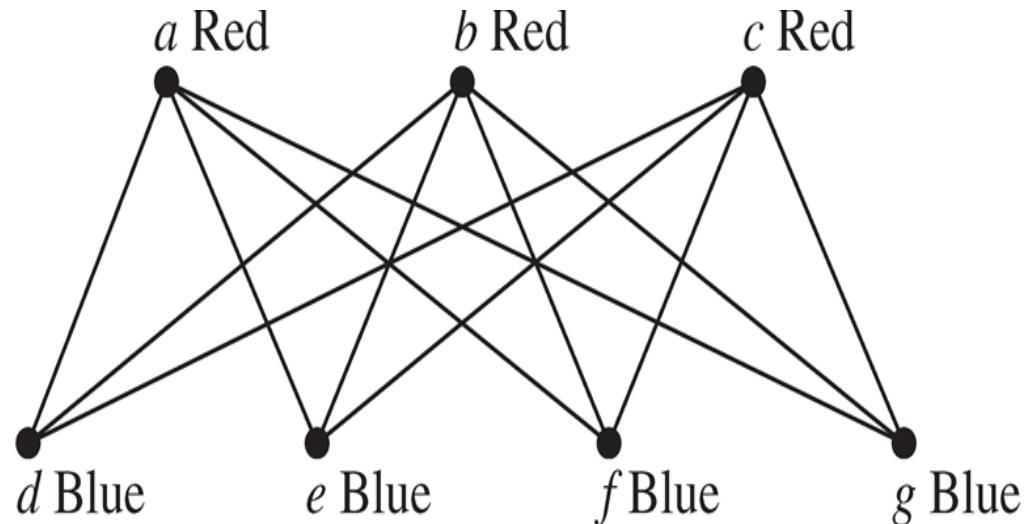
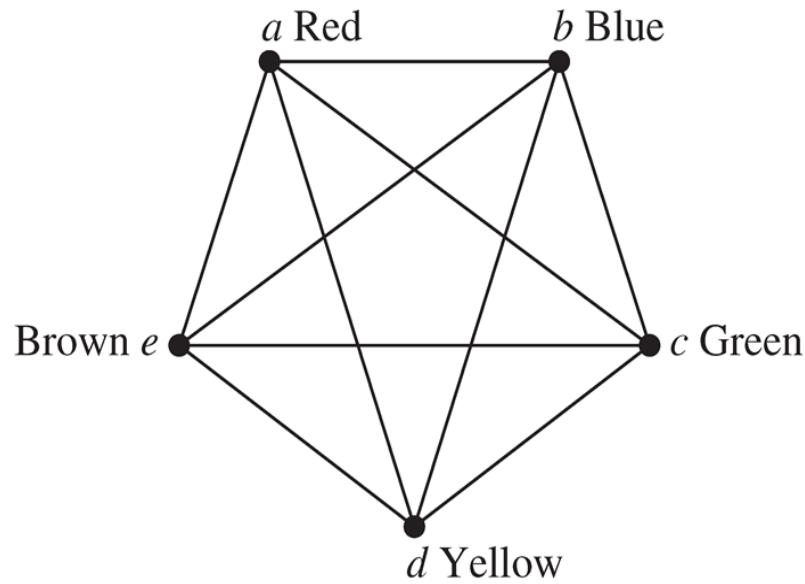
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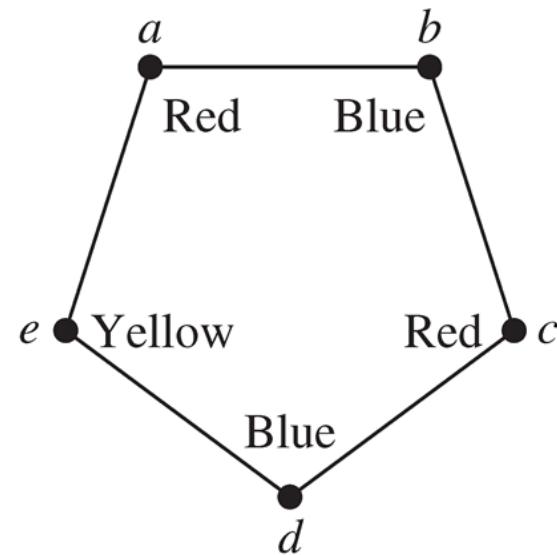
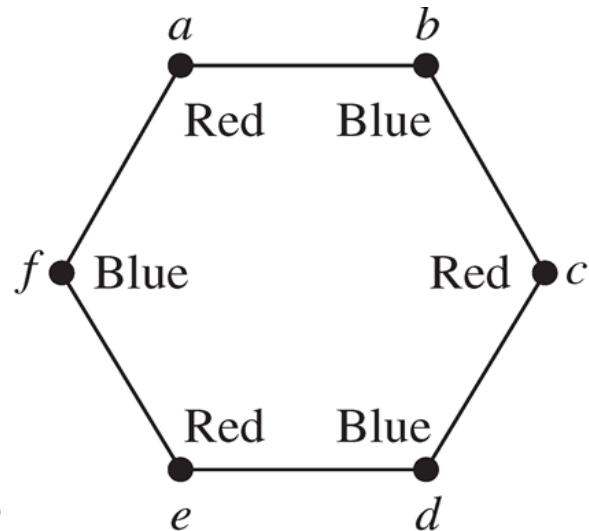
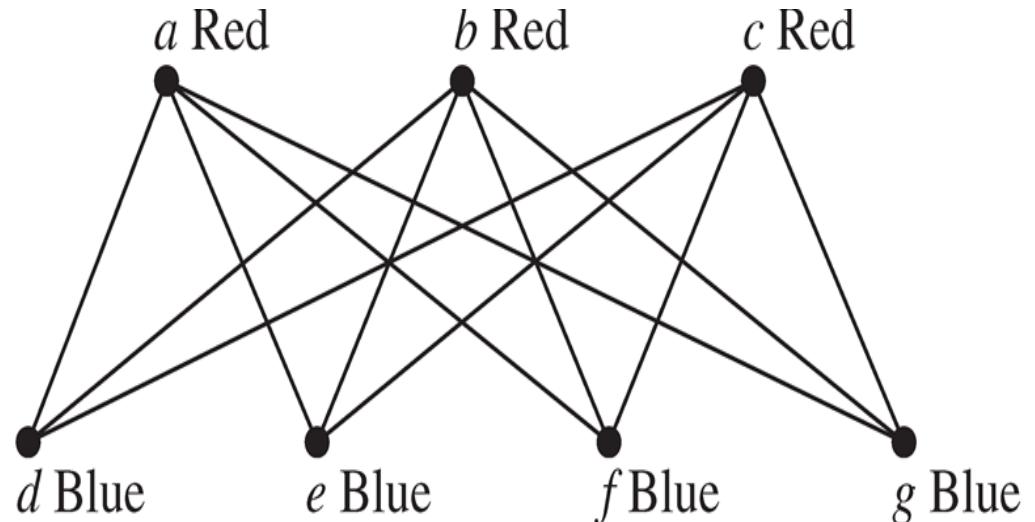
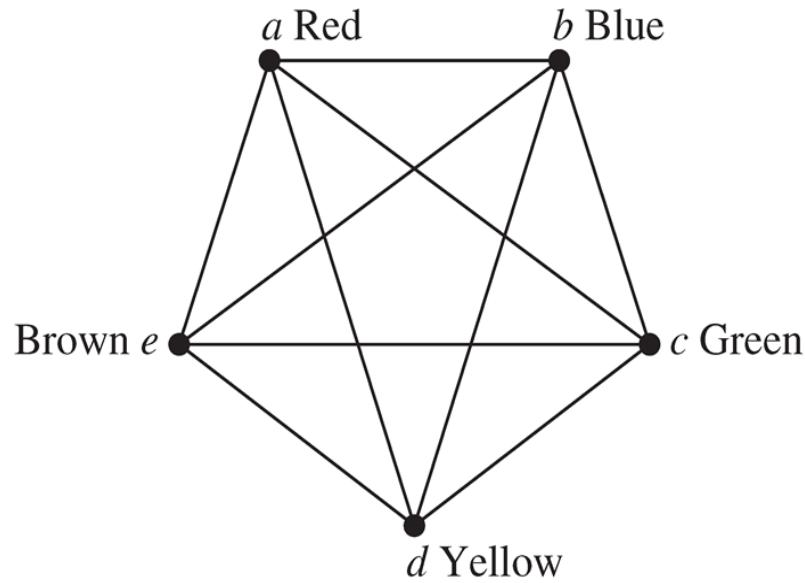
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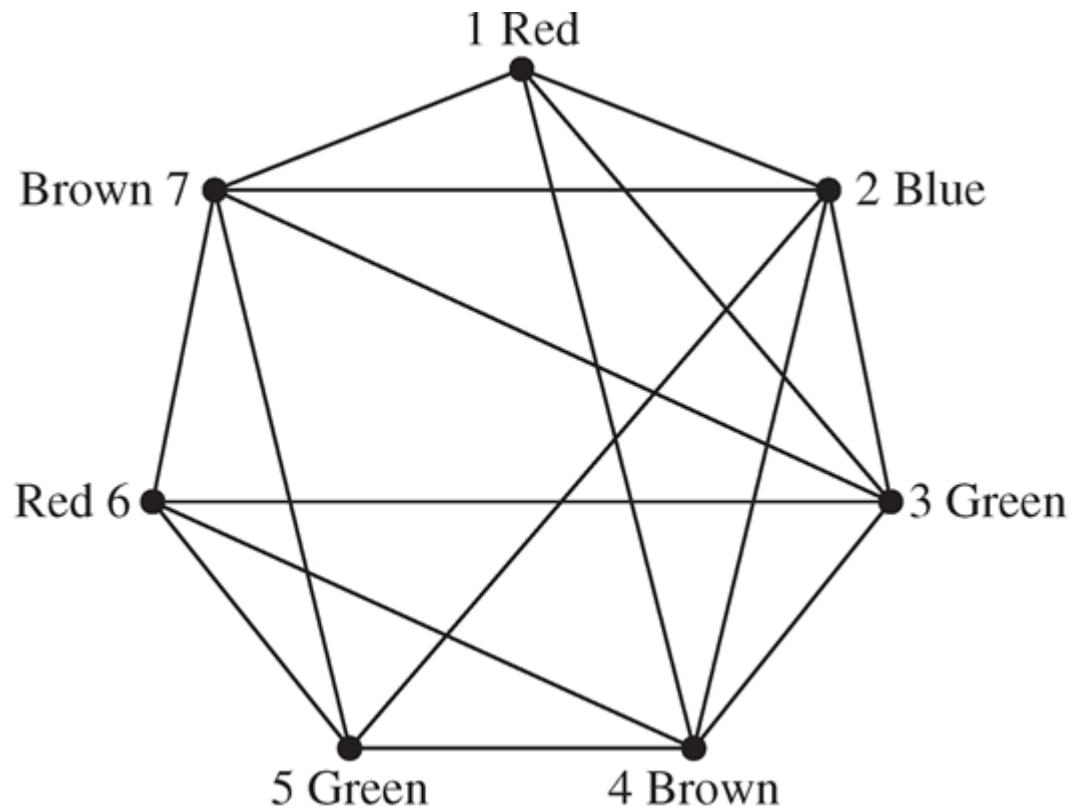
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