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Lecture #3: How many Angels can Dance on the Head of a Pin?

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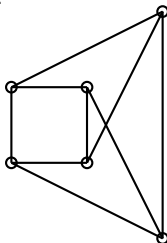
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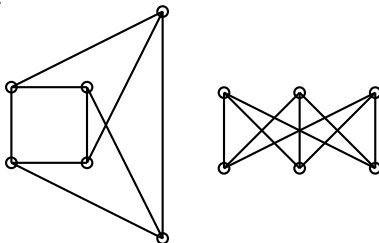
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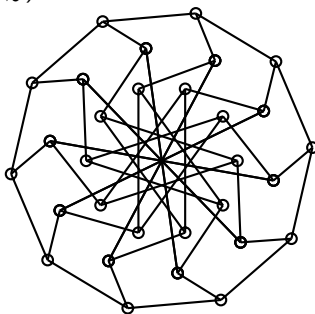
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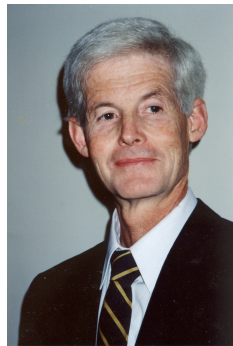
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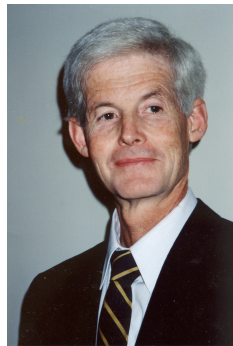
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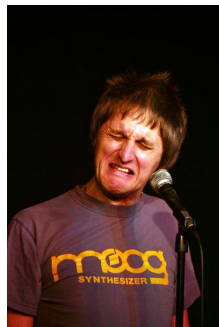
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