# 3-5 Minimum Spanning Trees

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[Problem: 4.8]

$$\forall v \in V(G) : \deg(v) \ge 2 \implies G \text{ contains a cycle}$$

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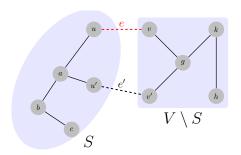
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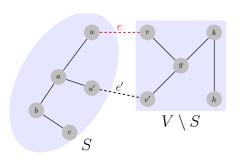
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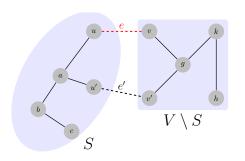
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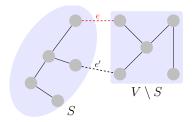
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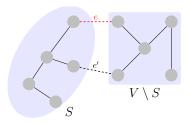


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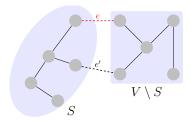


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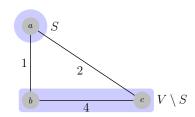
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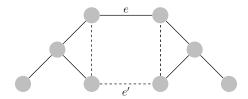


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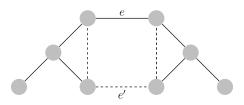
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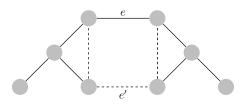


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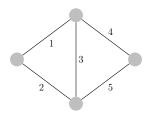
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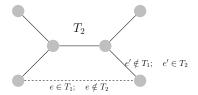
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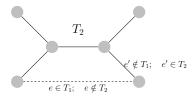
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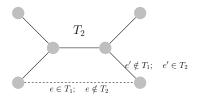


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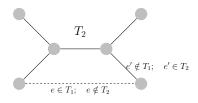
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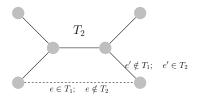


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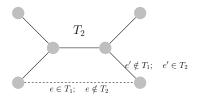
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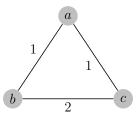
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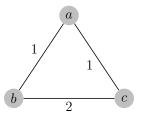
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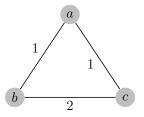


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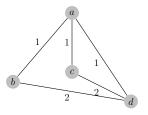


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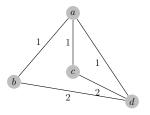
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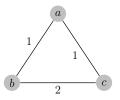
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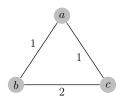
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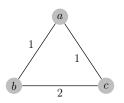
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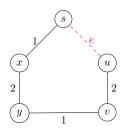
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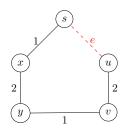


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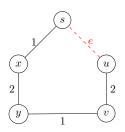
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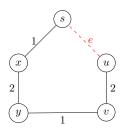
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