

Finding cuts of bounded degree: complexity, FPT and exact algorithms, and kernelization

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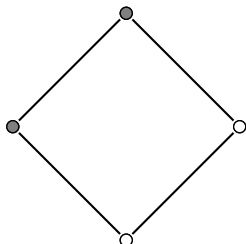
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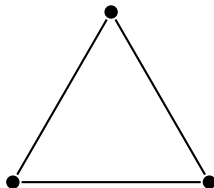
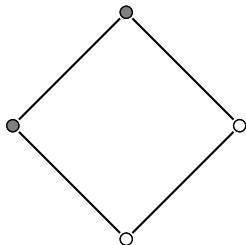
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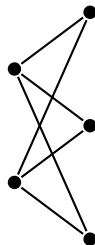
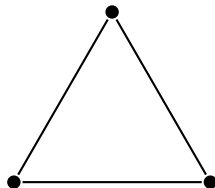
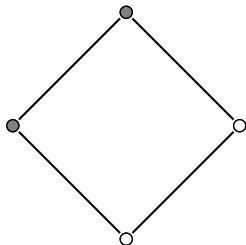
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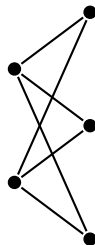
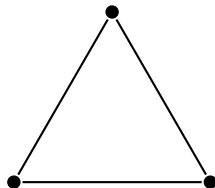
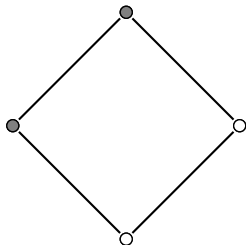
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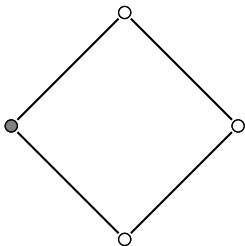
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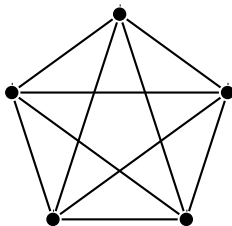
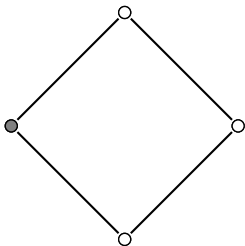
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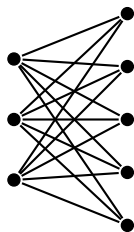
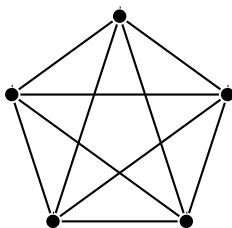
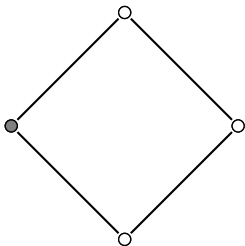
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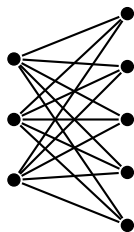
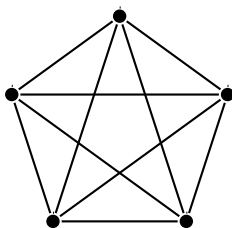
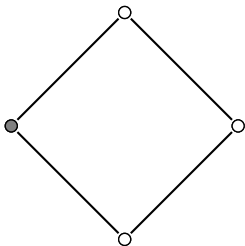
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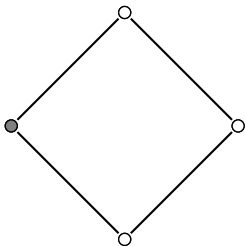


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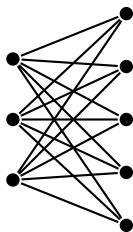
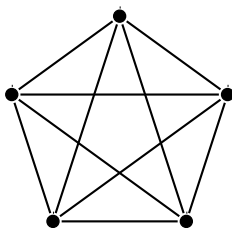
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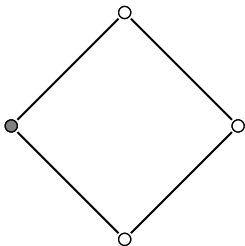


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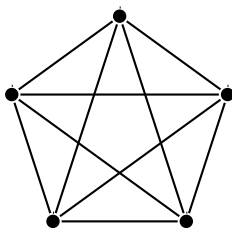
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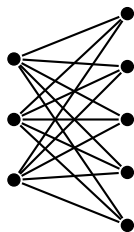
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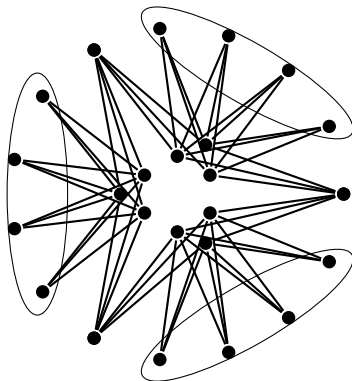
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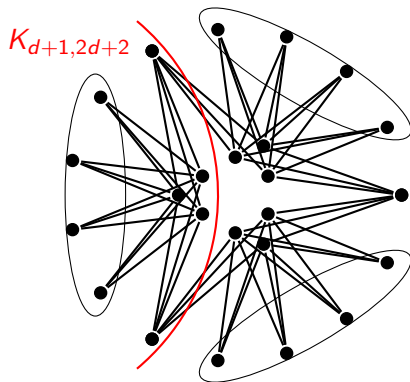
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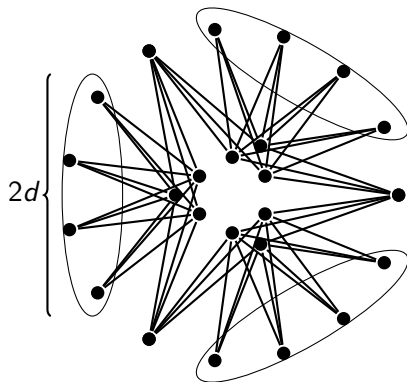
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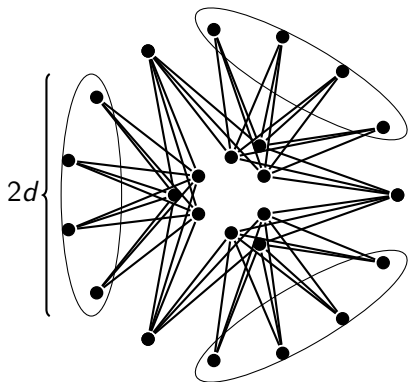
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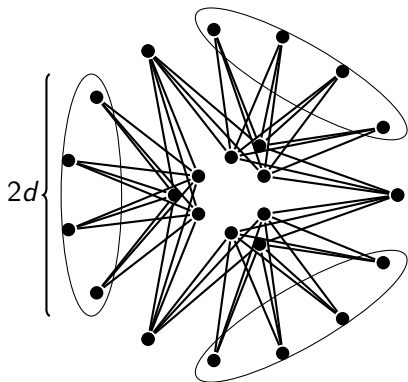


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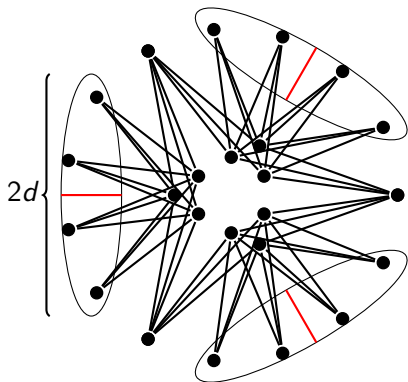
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Improving upon our reduction would imply that the conjecture is false (or $P = NP$), while polynomial algorithms would likely yield a proof.

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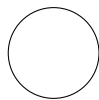
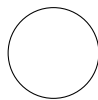
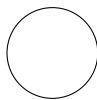
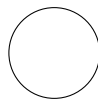
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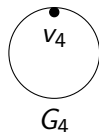
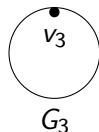
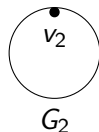
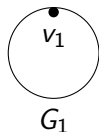
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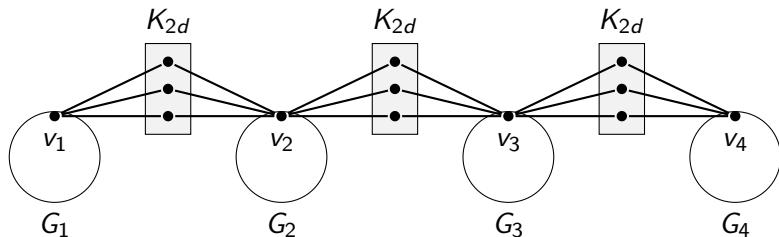


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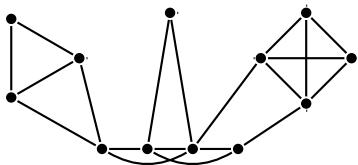


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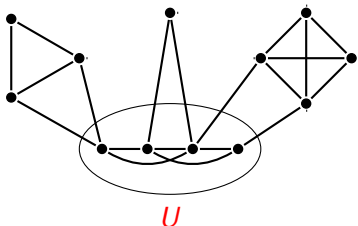
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A co-cluster graph is the complement graph of a cluster graph.

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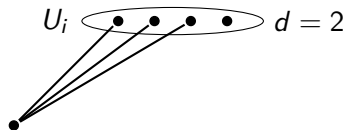
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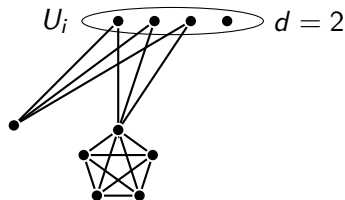
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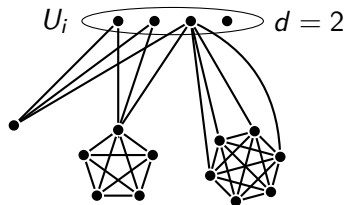
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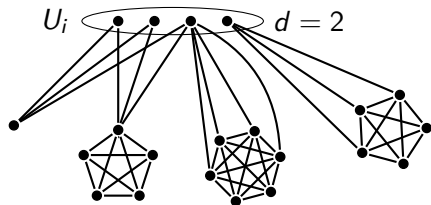
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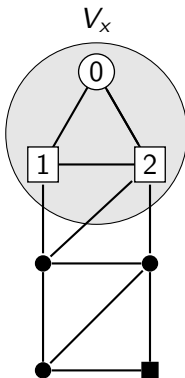
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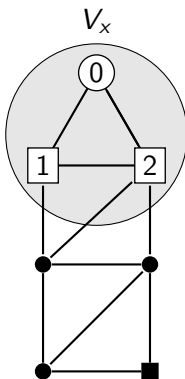
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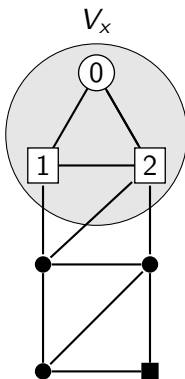
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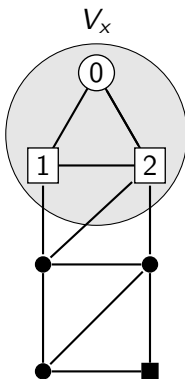
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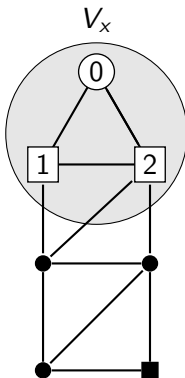
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