COMP170 Discrete Mathematical Tools for Computer Science

Intro to Graphs

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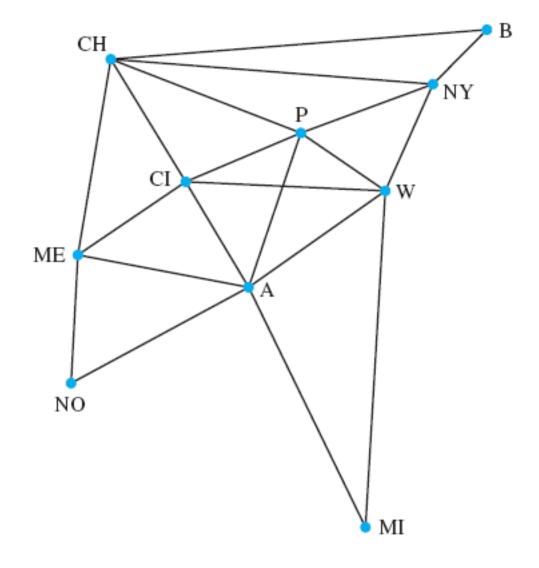
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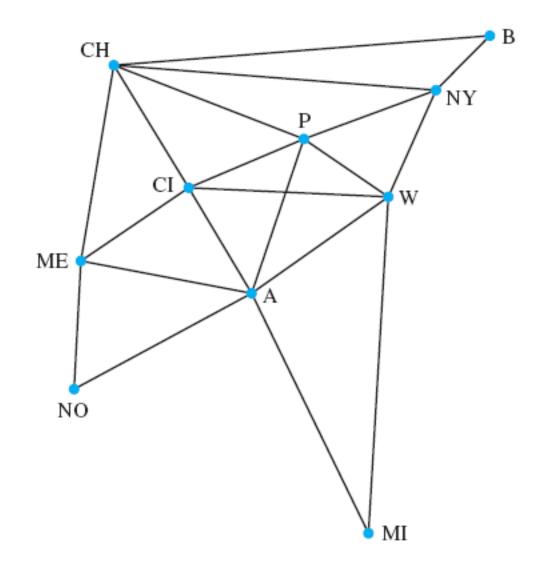
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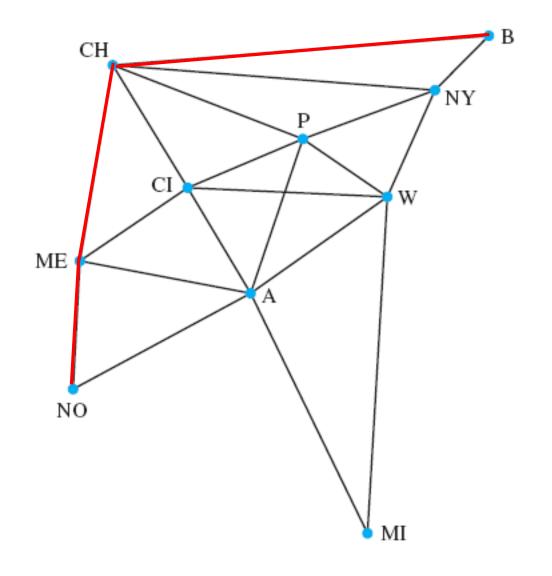
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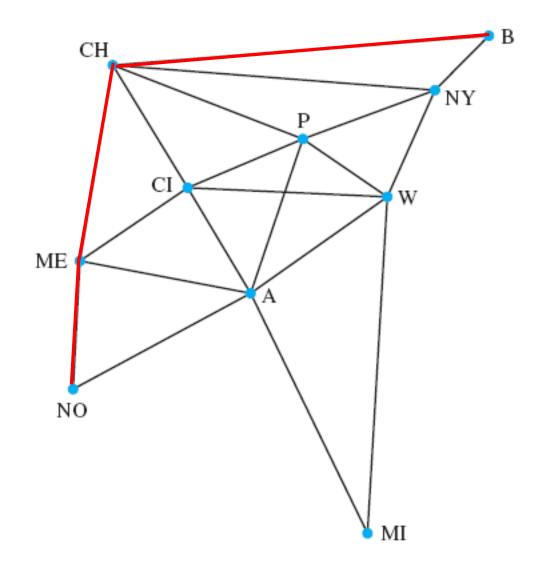
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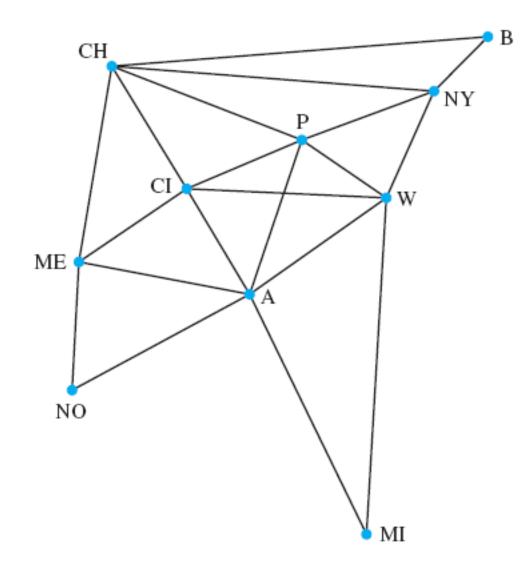






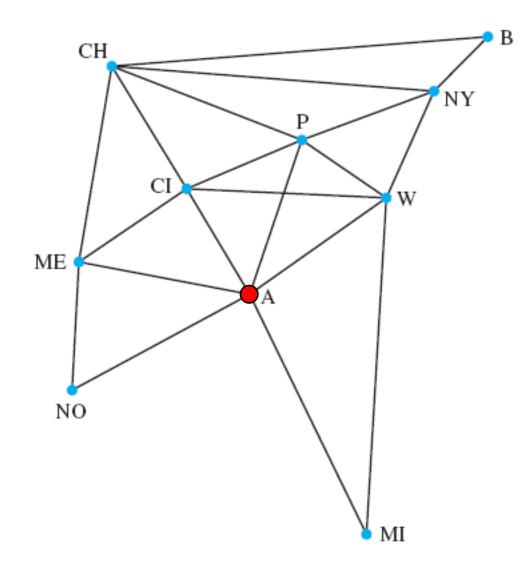


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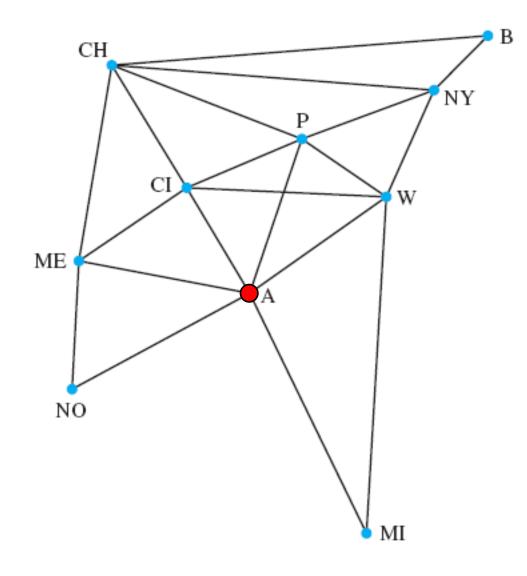
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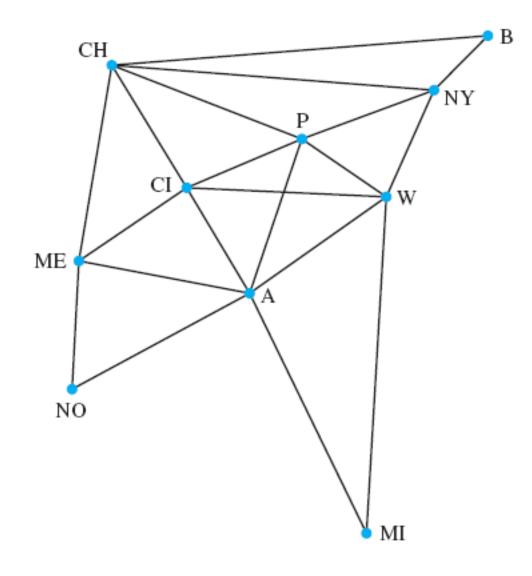
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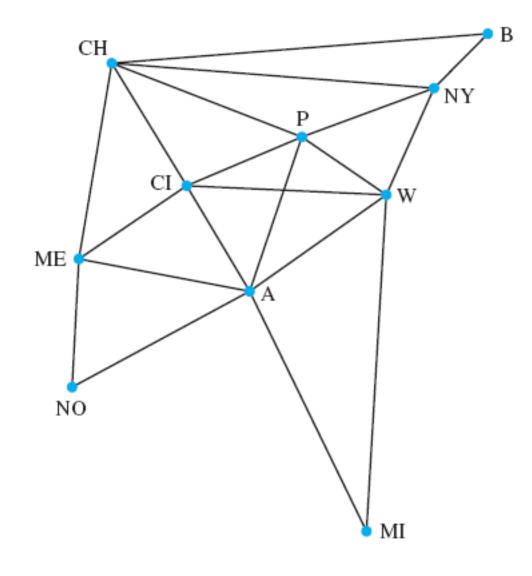


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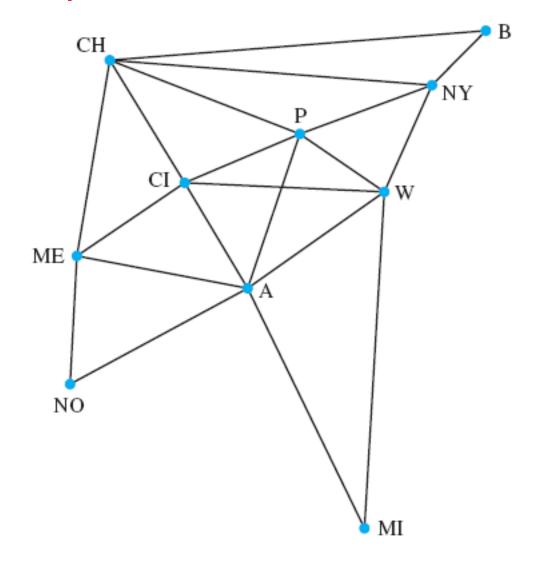
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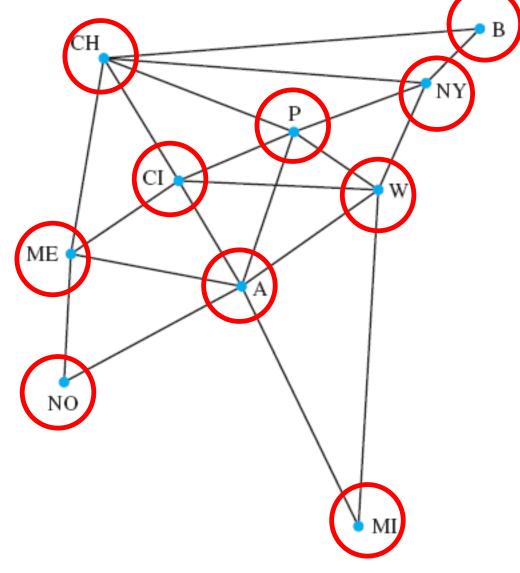
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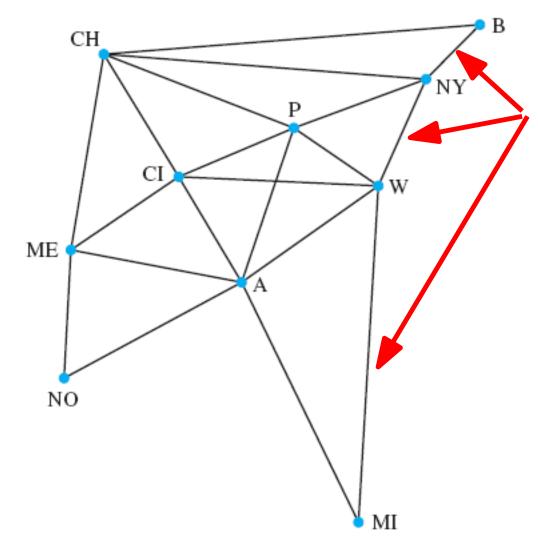
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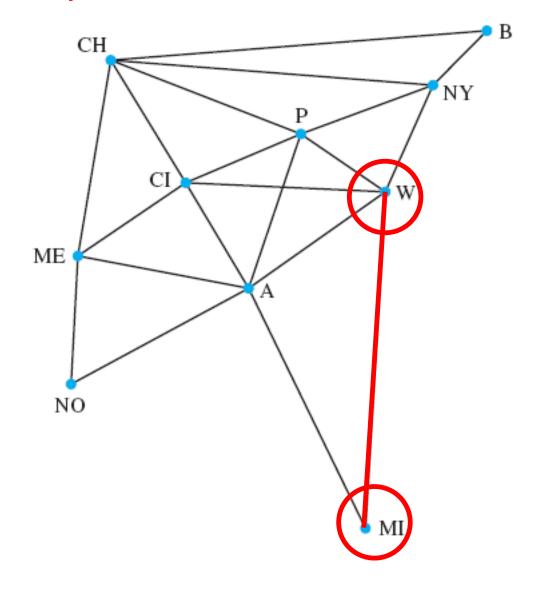


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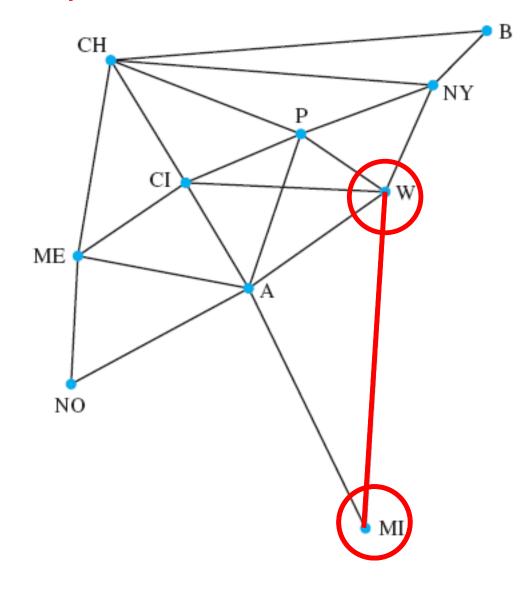
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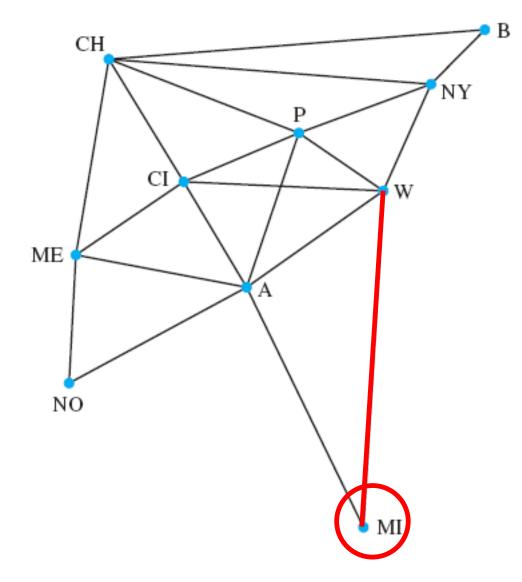
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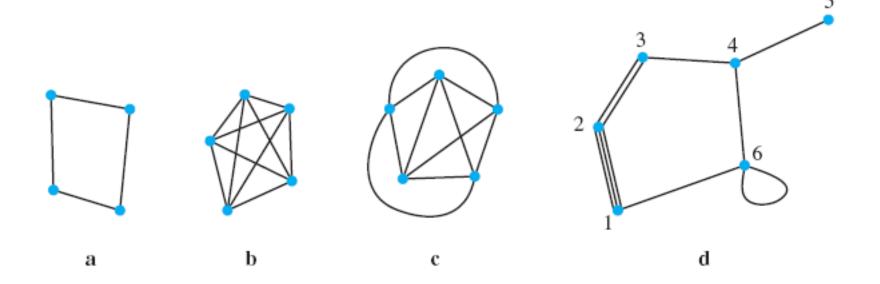
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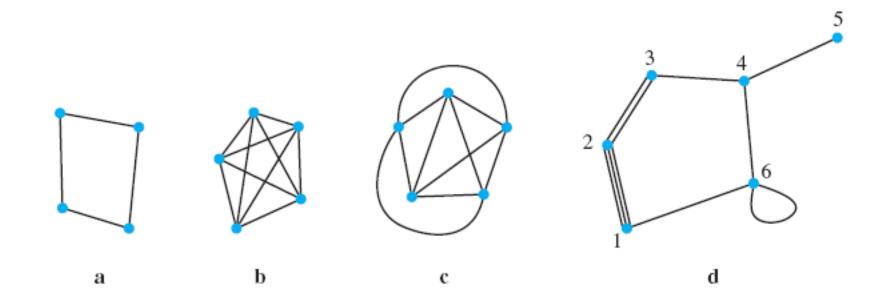
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How Google models the Internet!

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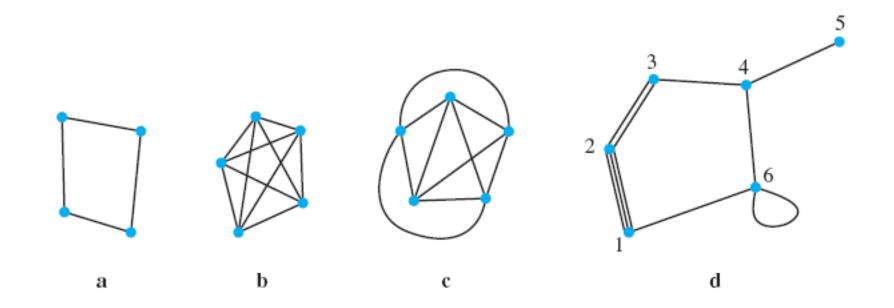


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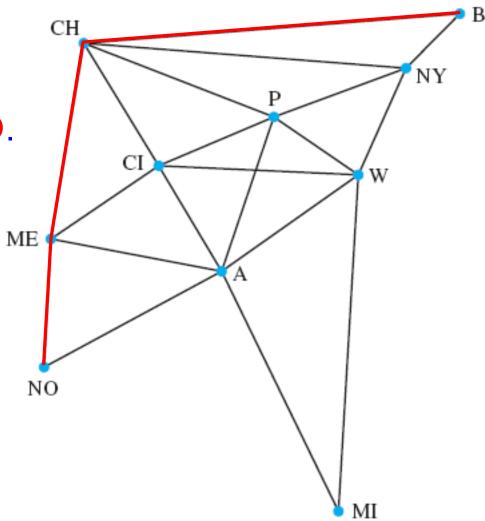
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Length of a path = # of edges on path

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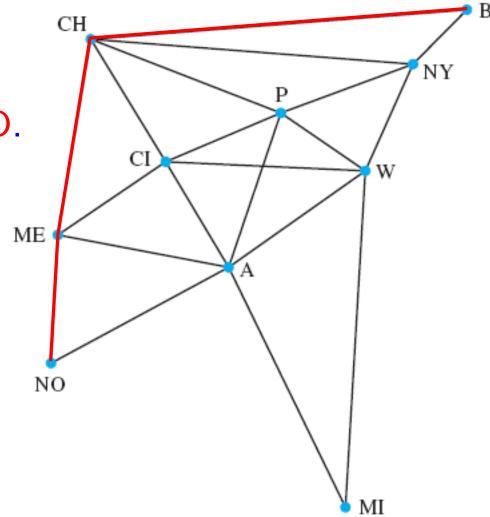
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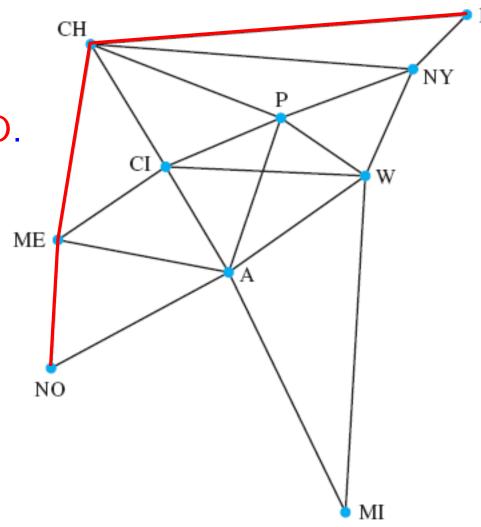
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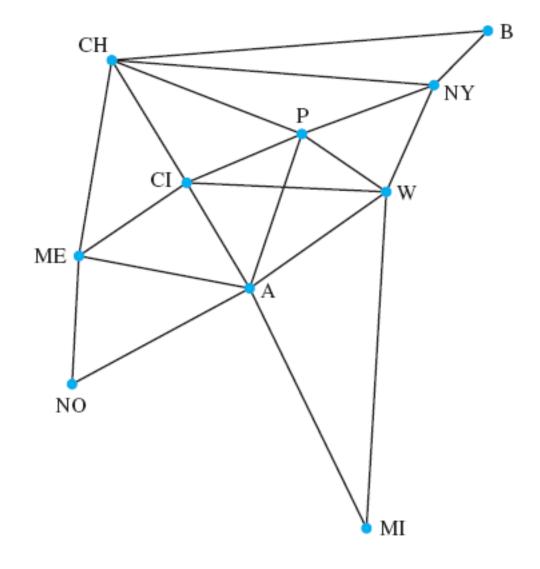
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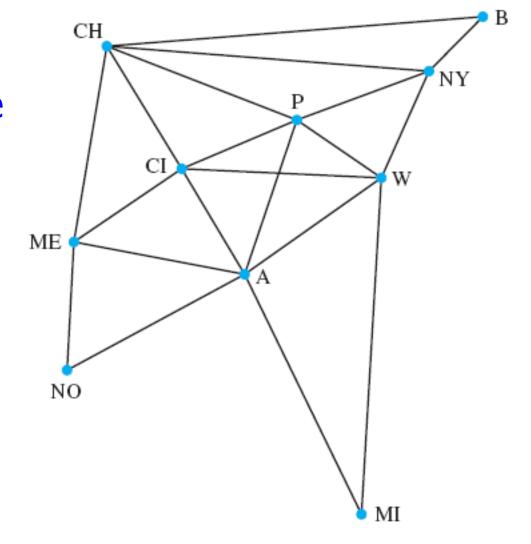
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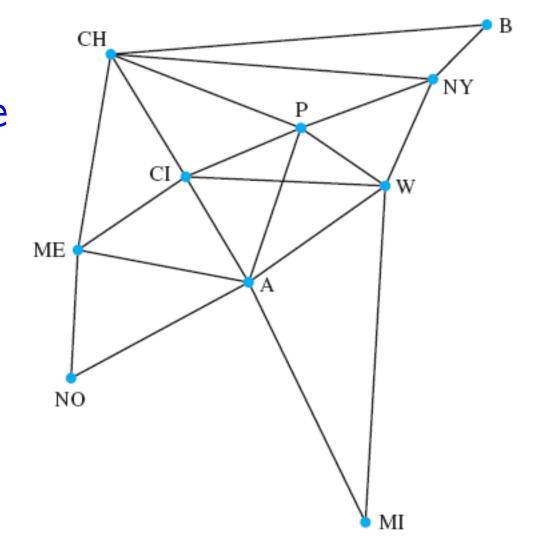
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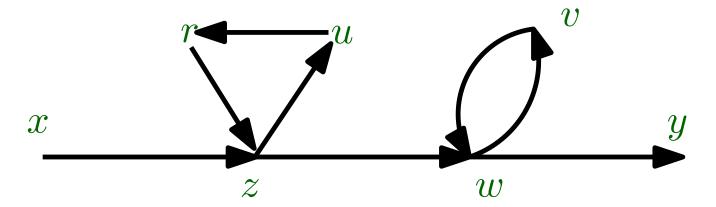
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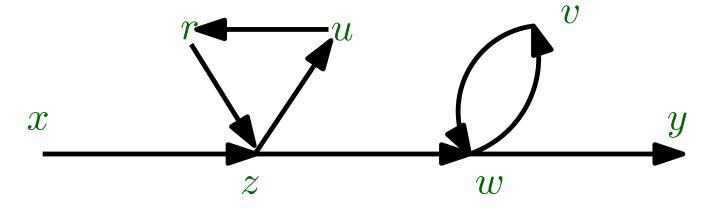
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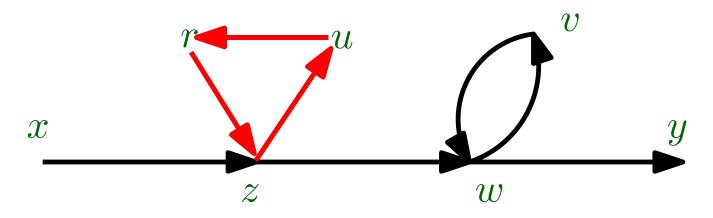
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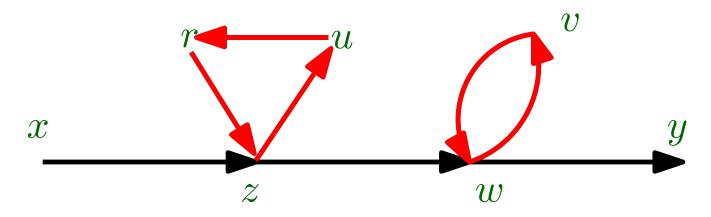


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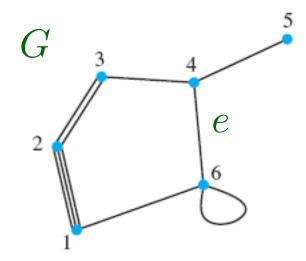
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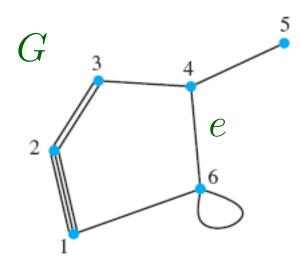
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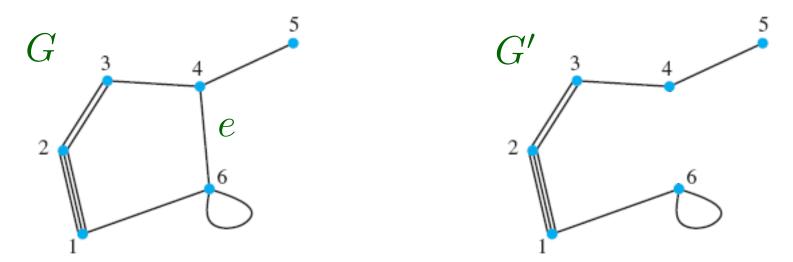
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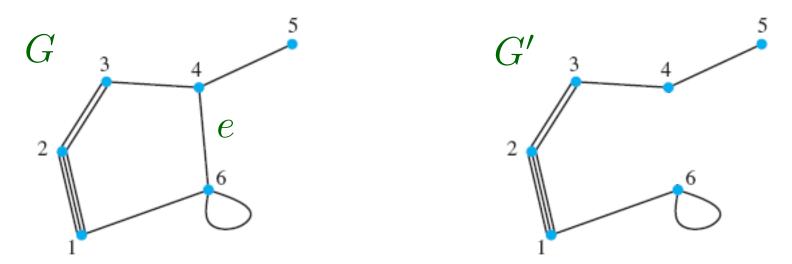




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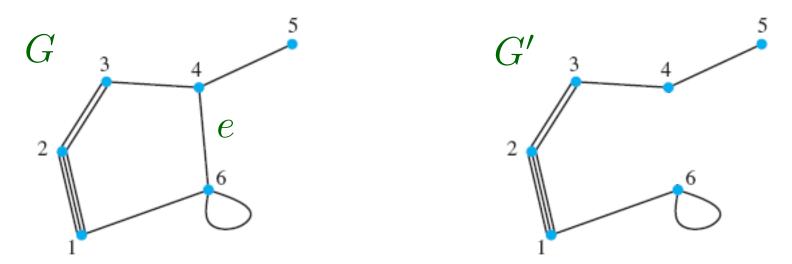


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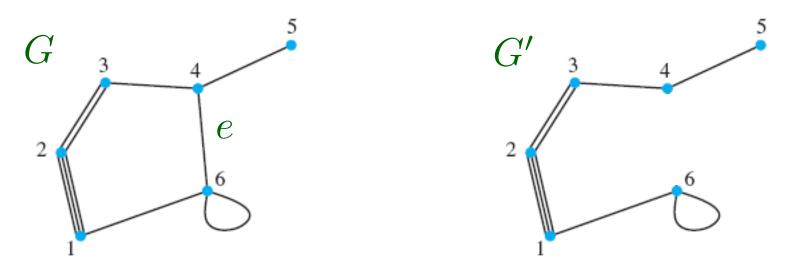
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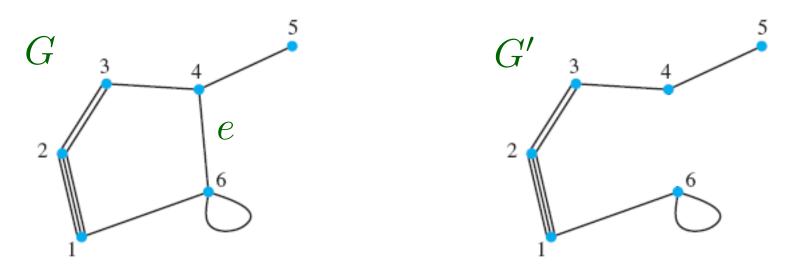


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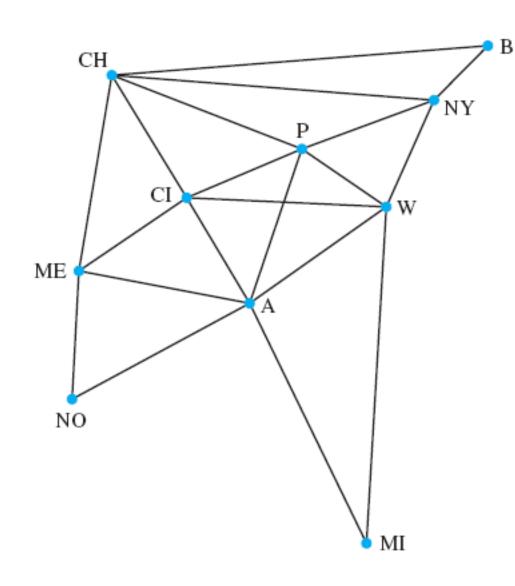
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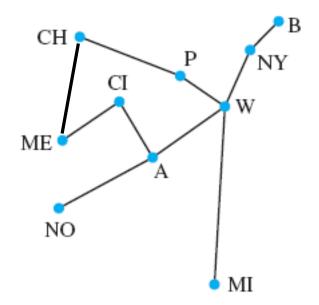
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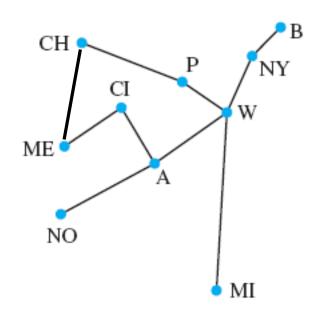
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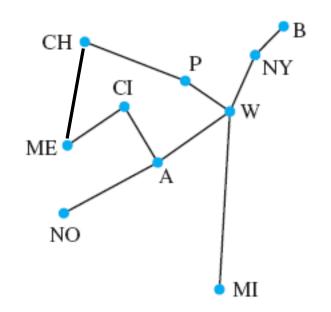
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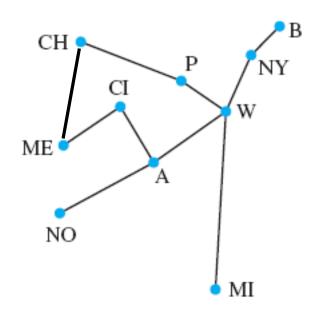
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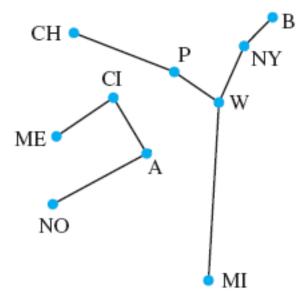
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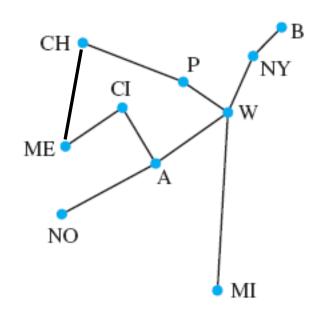


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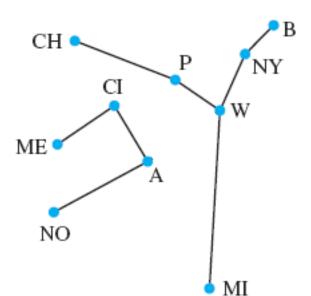




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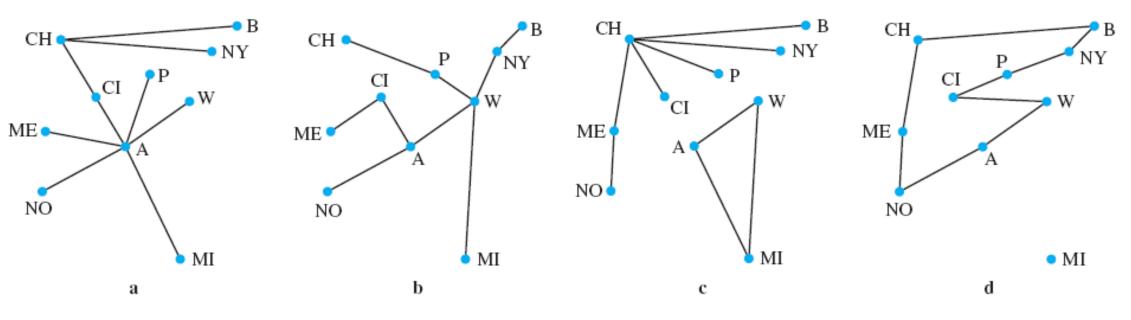
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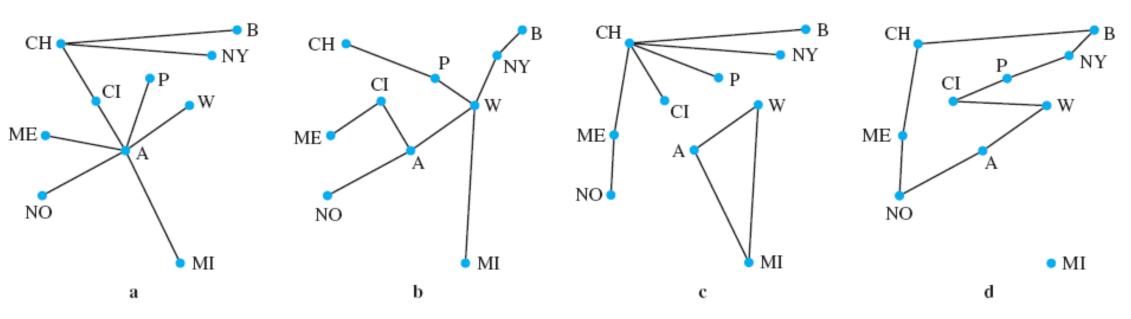
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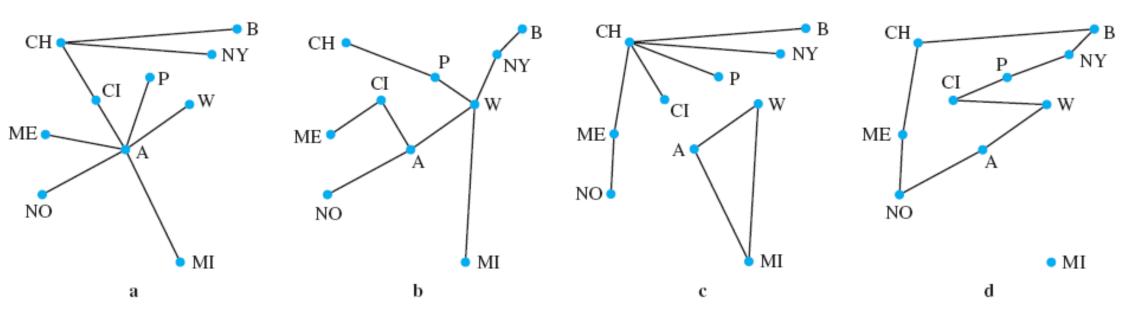
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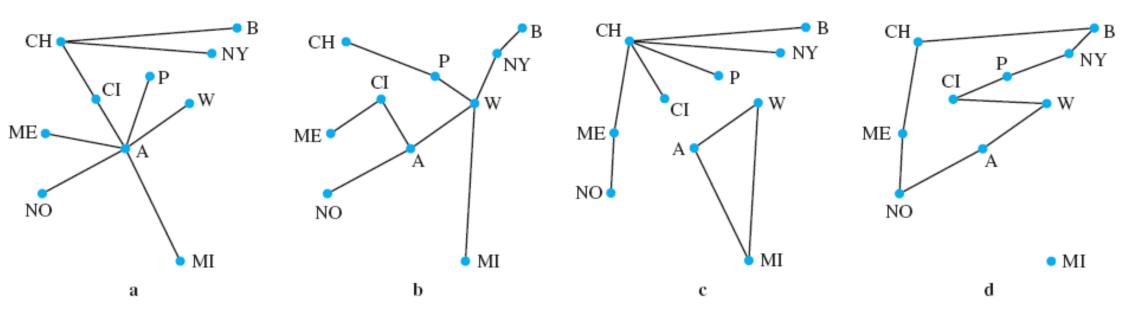
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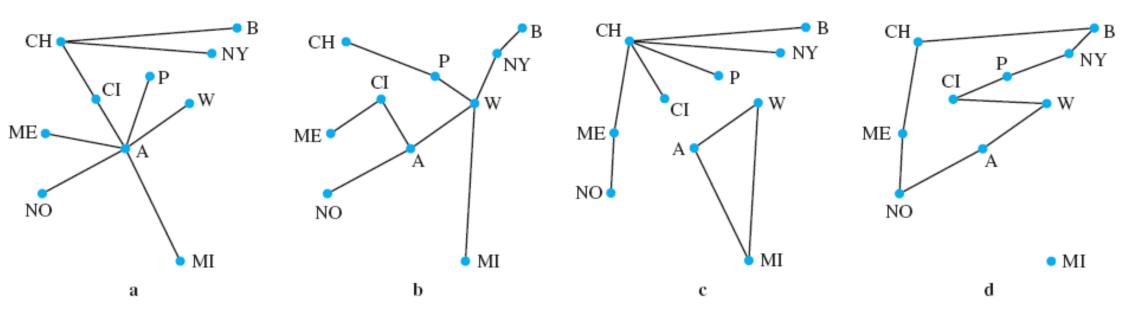
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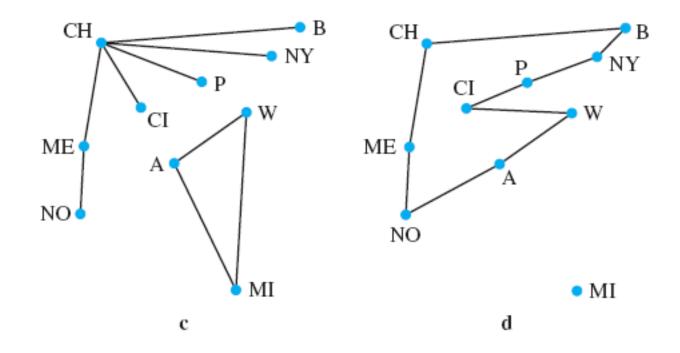
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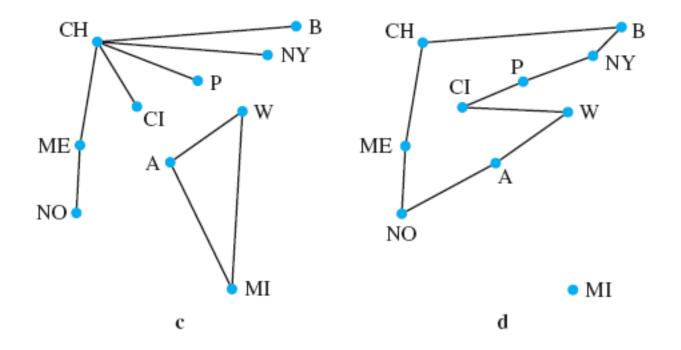
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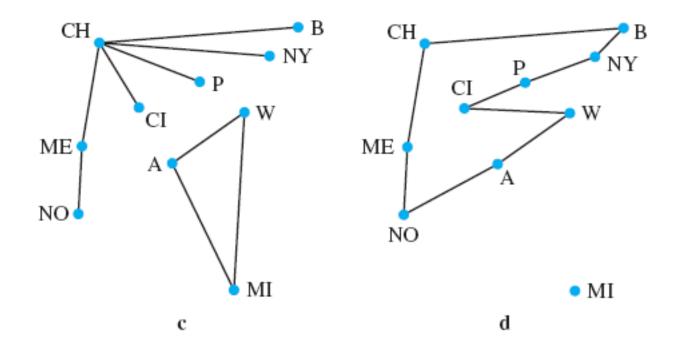


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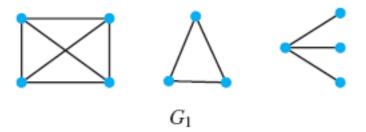
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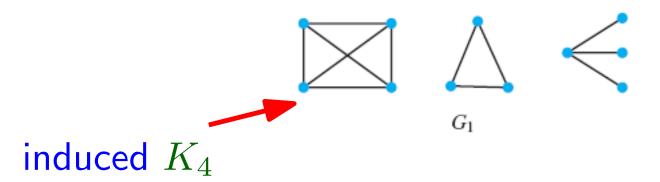
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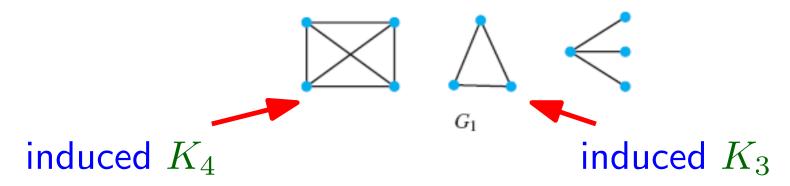
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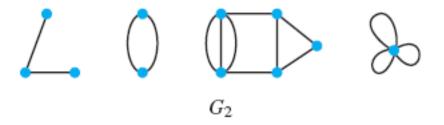


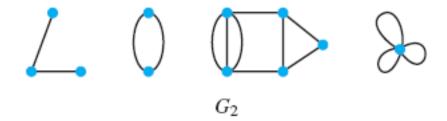
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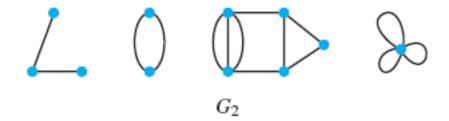
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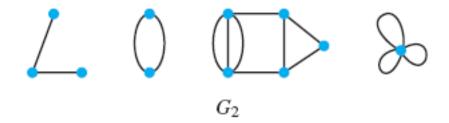


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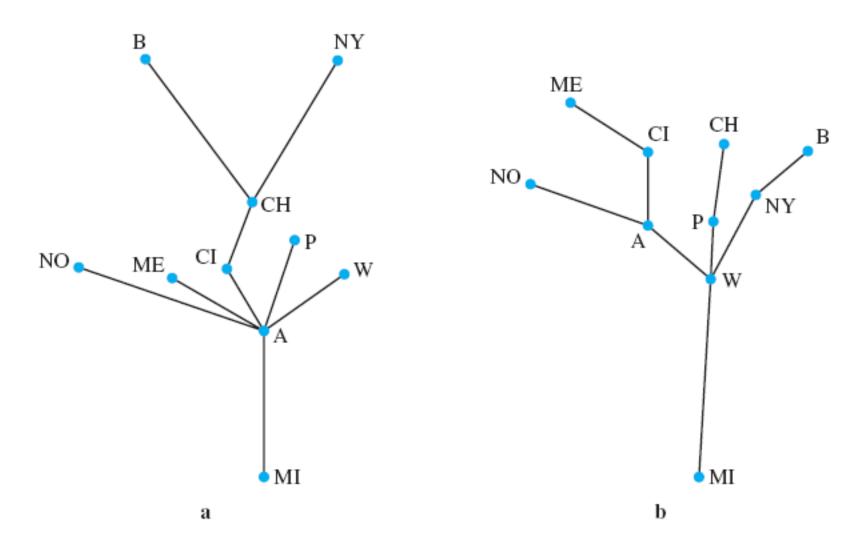
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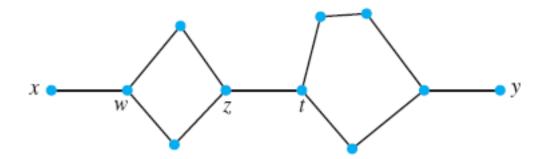
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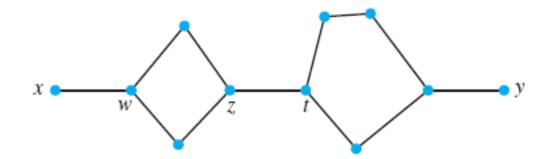
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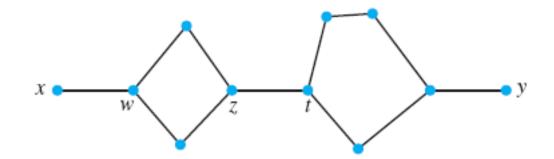
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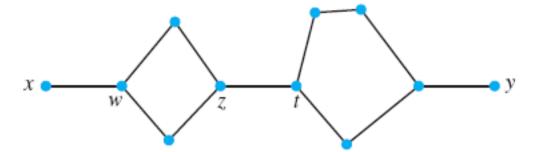
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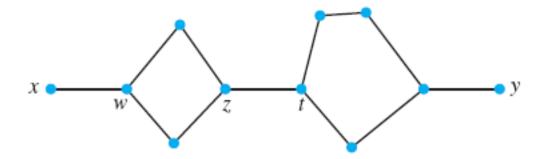
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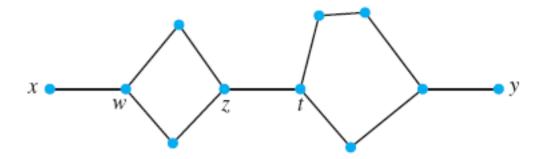


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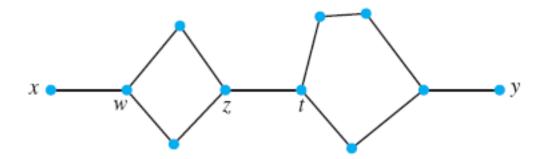
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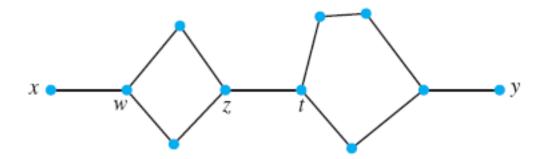


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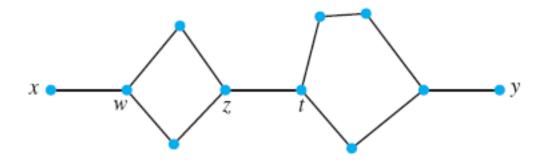
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