

# Crossing #s of graphs

Q11 Given  $G=(V, E)$ ,

what is

$$cr(G) = \min_{V \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2} \{ \# \text{ of crossings in } G \}$$

When are  $cr(G)$  and  $\overline{cr}(G)$  different?

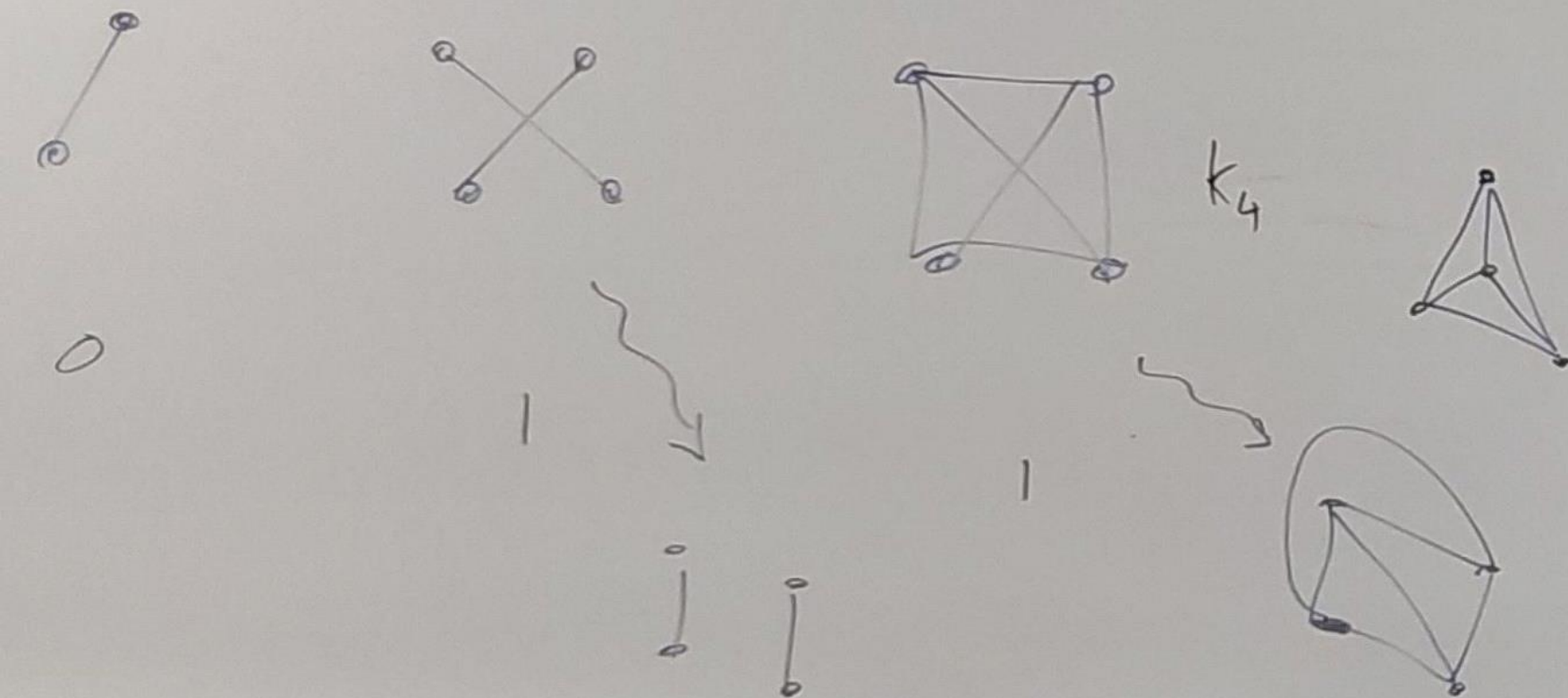
Variations...

- 1. restrict edges to being straight lines (rectilinear)

$\overline{cr}(G)$

1.5. focus on  $\overline{cr}(K_n)$

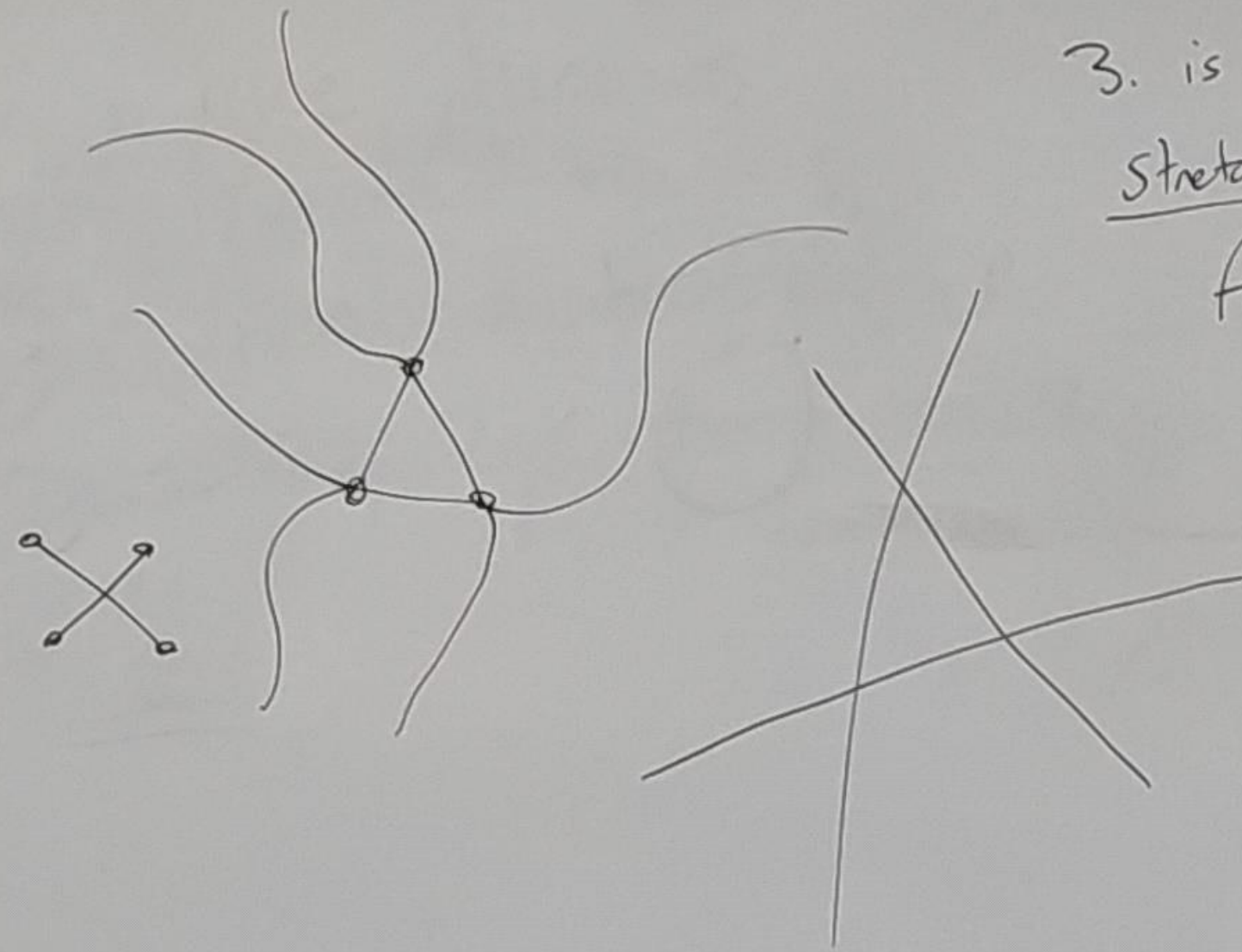
Values are only known up to  $n=22$



- ~ why are they triangulated?  $\checkmark$   
 ~ why does  $K_n$  have a  
 copy of  $K_{n-3}$  in the middle?

2. pseudolinear  $\widetilde{cr}(G)$

- edges can curve, but either
  - cross every other edge exactly once
  - can be extended to cross everyone else exactly once.



3. is every pseudolinear graph/arrangement  
stretchable?

A: NO.

(yes if you have 8 or fewer pseudolines)  
 $\uparrow$  Grünbaum's conjecture

Observe.

if  $G$  is stretchable,

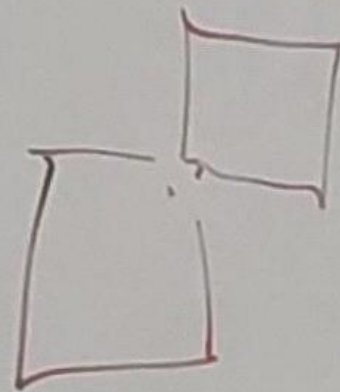
$$\overline{cr}(G) = \widetilde{cr}(G)$$



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depth = 1

Snowblower

→ max depth = D

→ Throwing Snow

1) "default" any direction

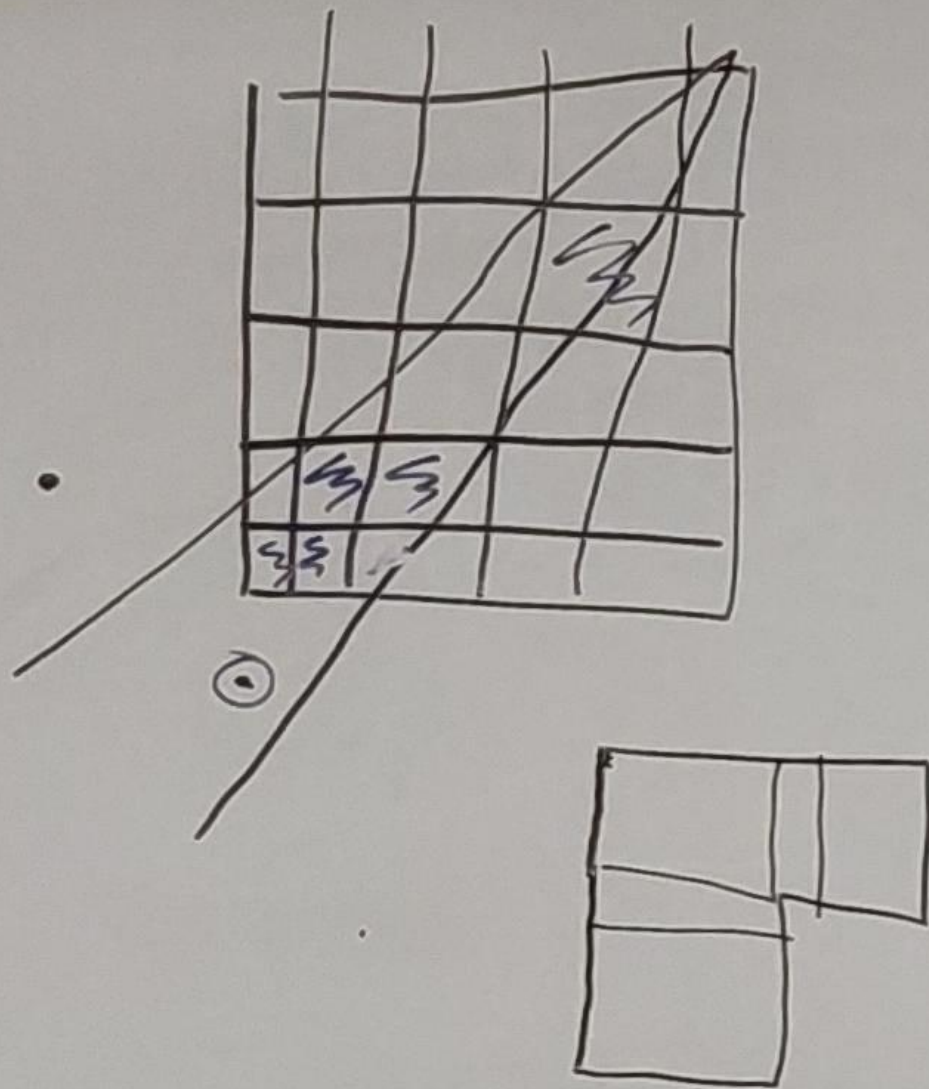
2) "adjustable" → 4R, Forward

3) "fixed" → R

## Questions

① Can we show their structures are connected?

② If <sup>their Varnoi Structures</sup> these aren't connected, how might we fix their results?





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Q IS the Discrete Voronoi Dgm always 4-colorable?

Def'n: a graph  $G$  is  $k$ -colorable iff  
 $\exists f: V_G \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$   
 such that

\* Edges are multi-colored  
 i.e.,  $\forall (v, w) \in E_G, f(v) \neq f(w)$

To get our graph,  
 vertices = Voronoi regions  
 edges = represent adjacent regions.