Burning Graphs

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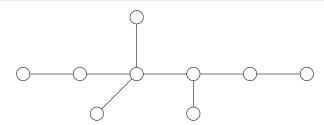
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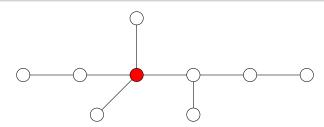


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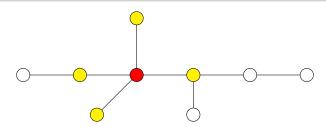
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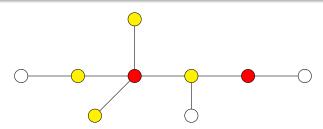
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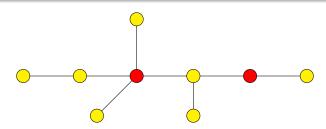
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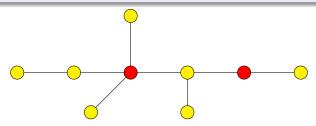


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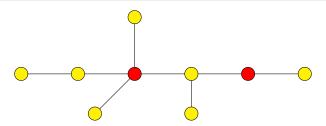
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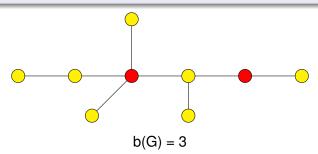
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Conjecture is true for:

- Paths
- Graphs with minimum degree 23



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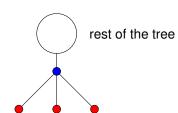
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