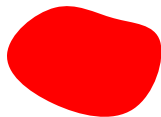
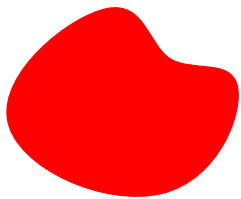
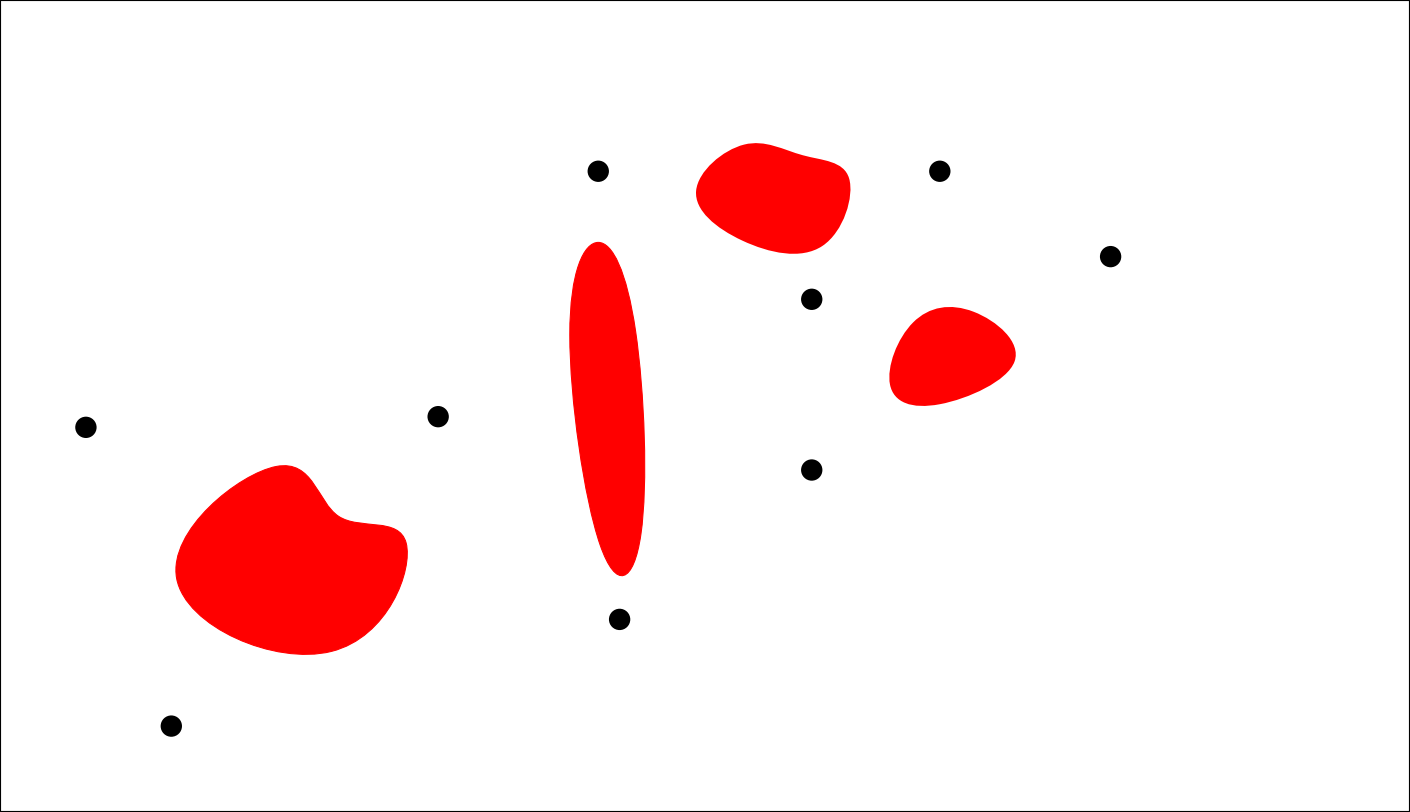
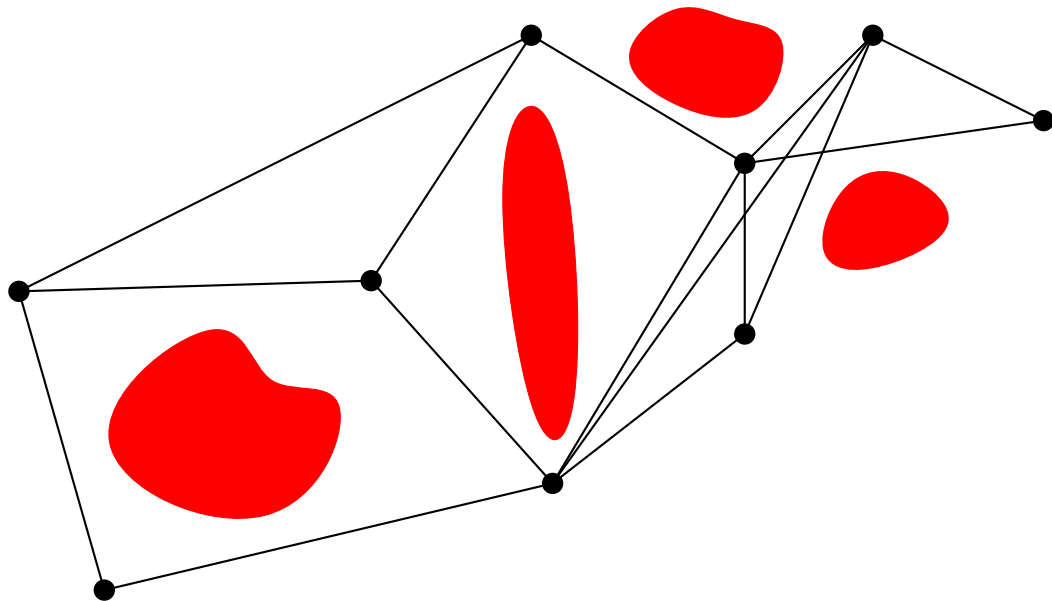


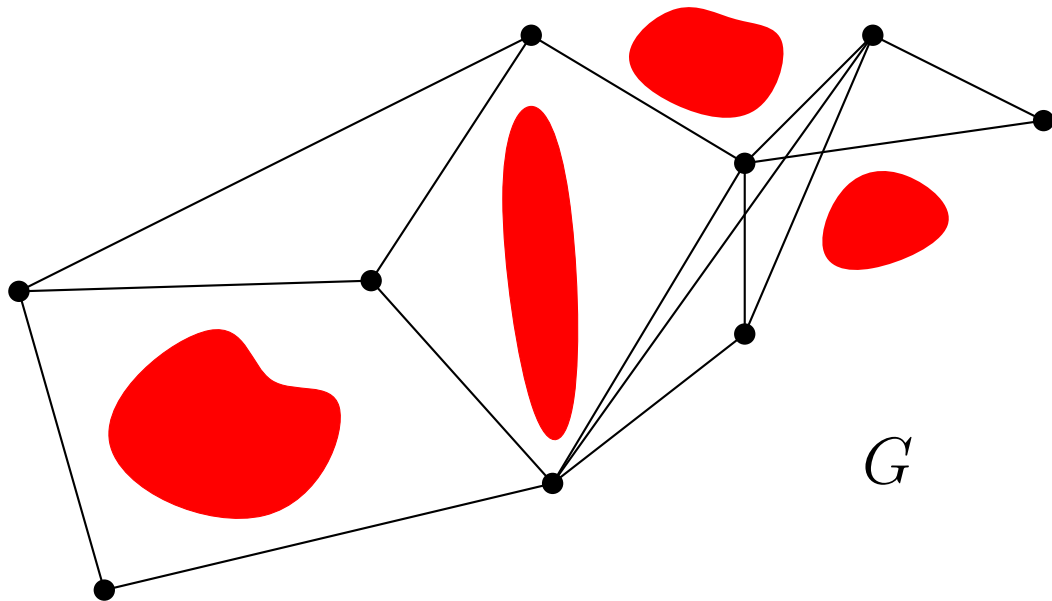
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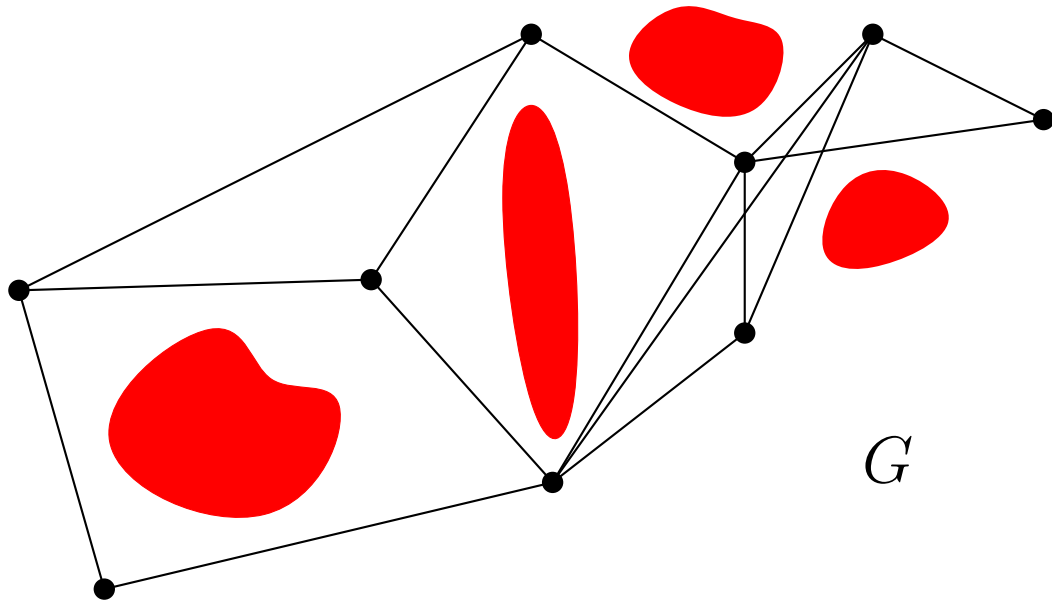




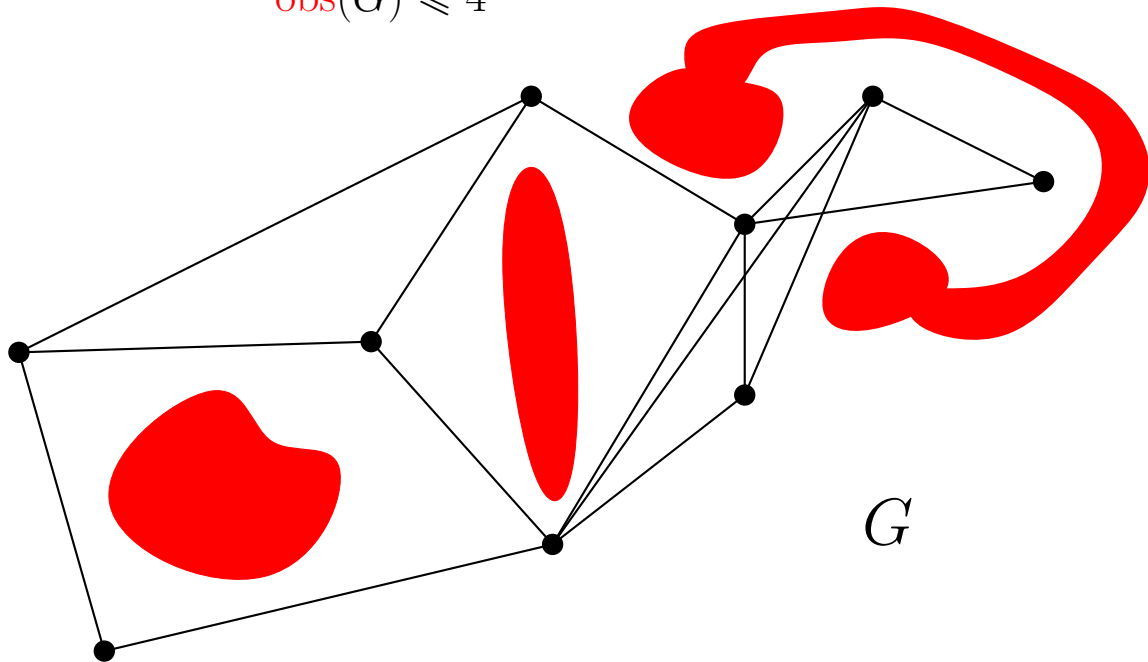




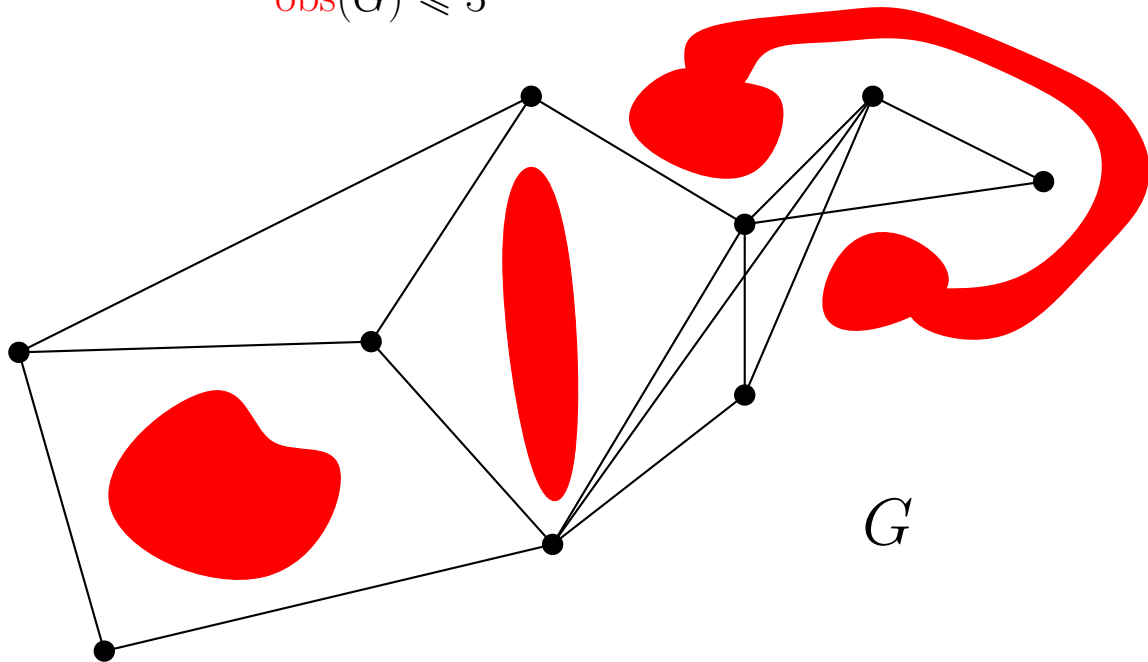
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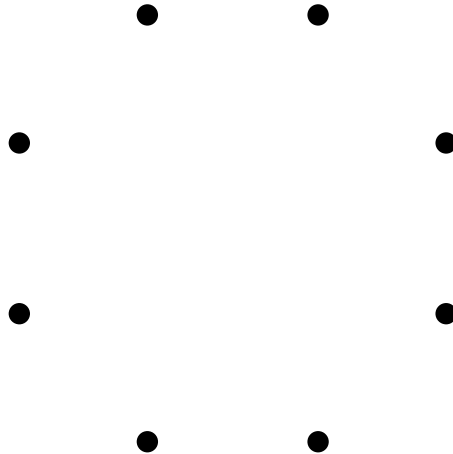
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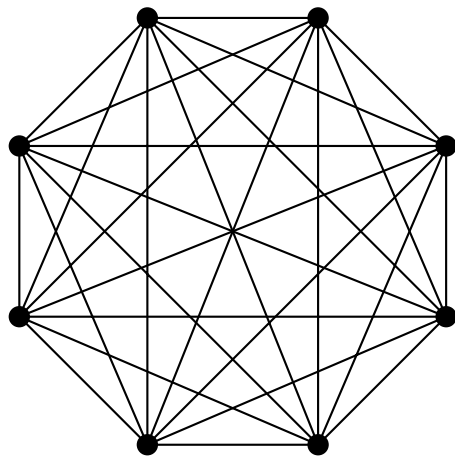
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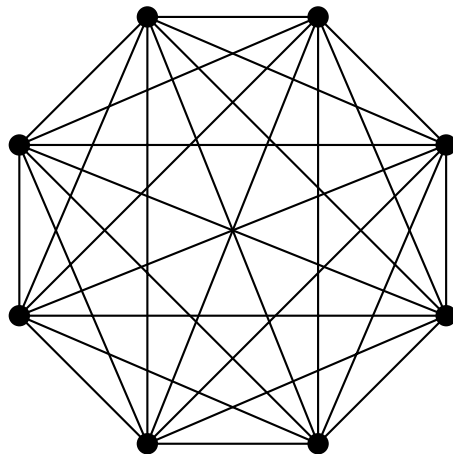
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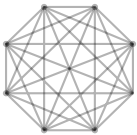
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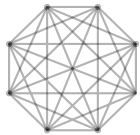
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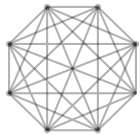


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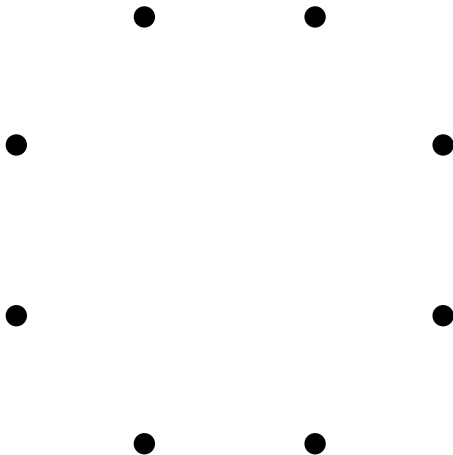
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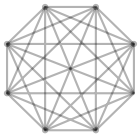
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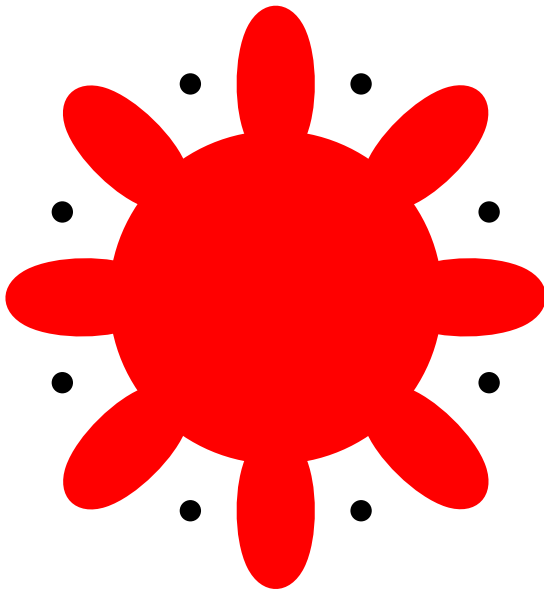
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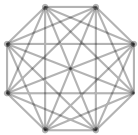




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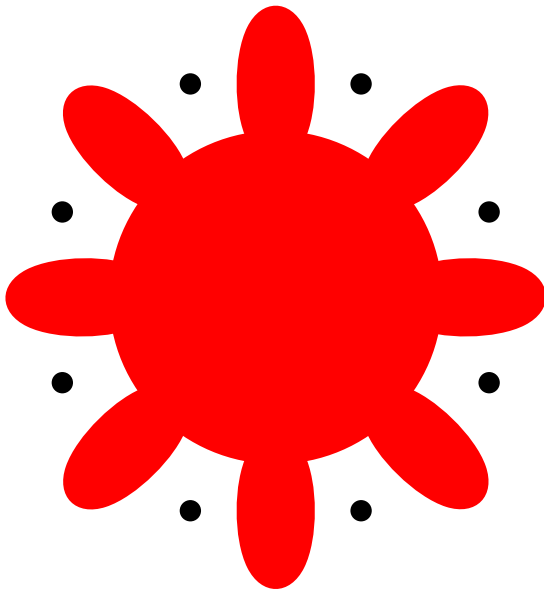
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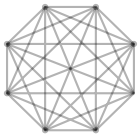


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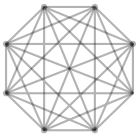


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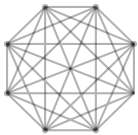
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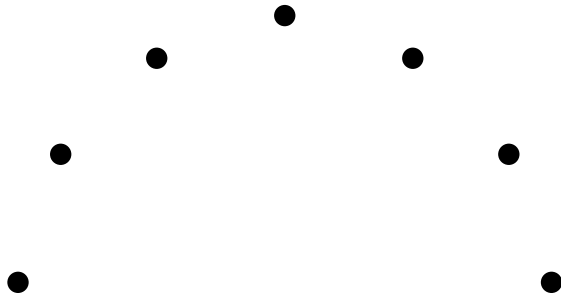


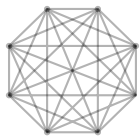
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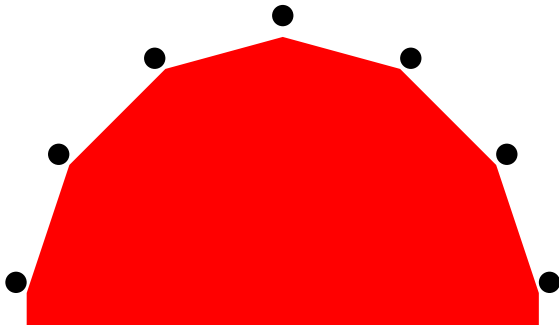


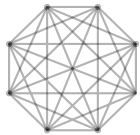
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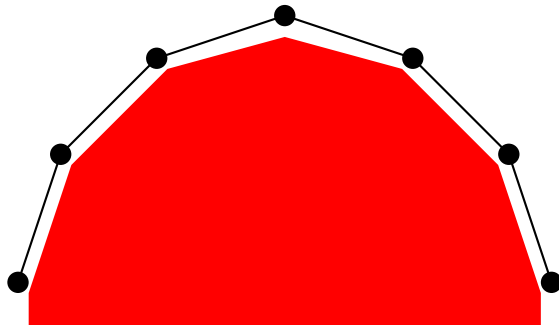


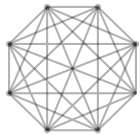
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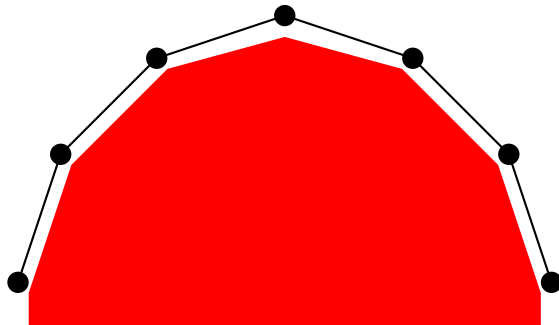


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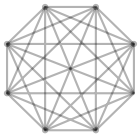


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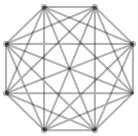


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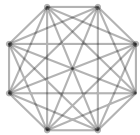
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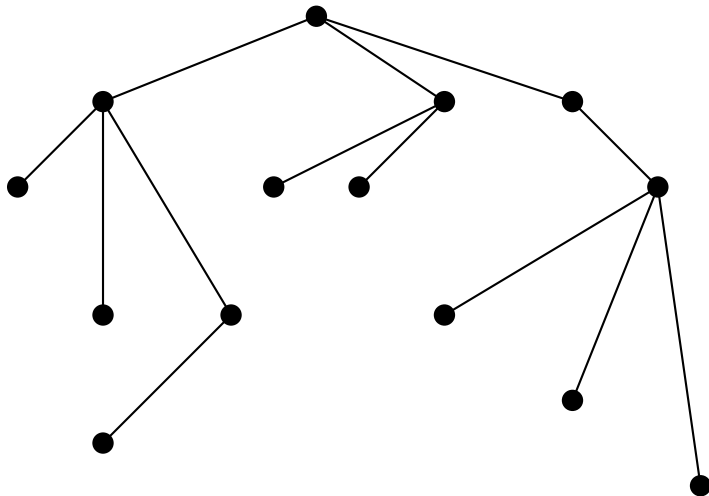


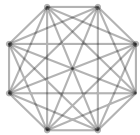
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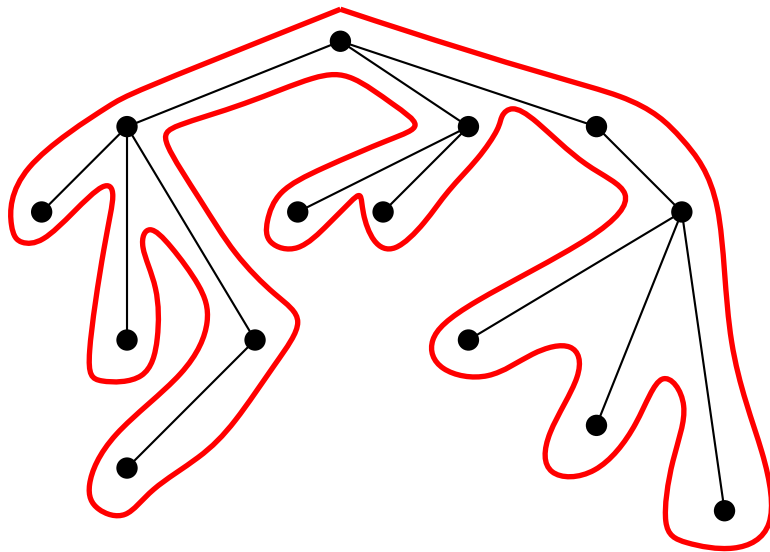


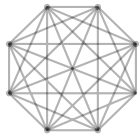
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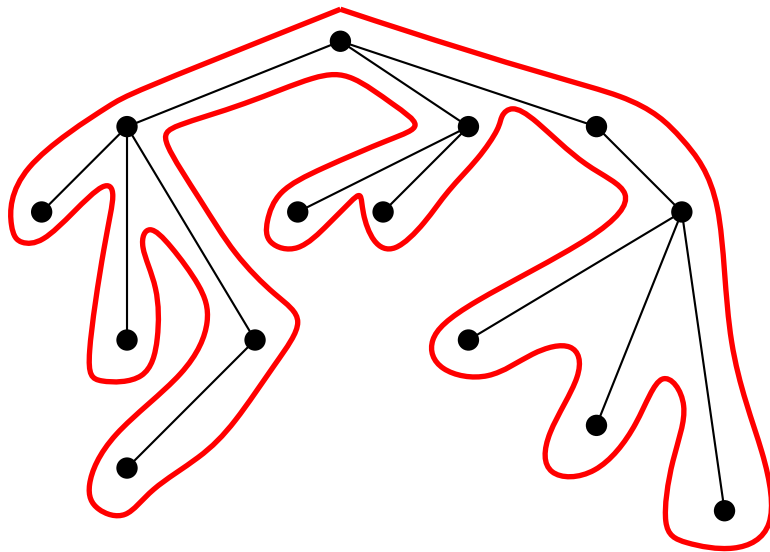


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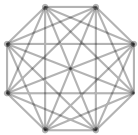


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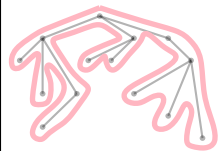
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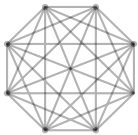


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complete bipartite graphs



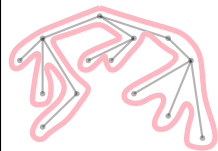
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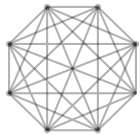
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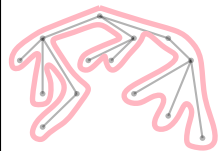
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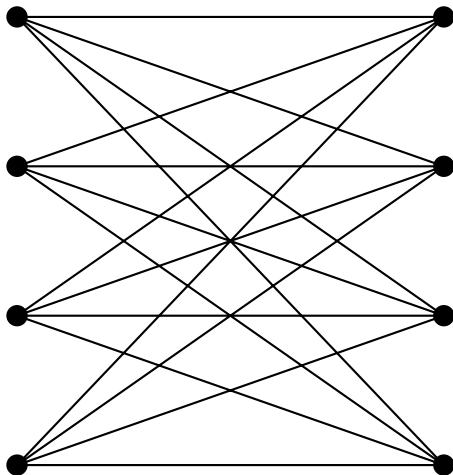


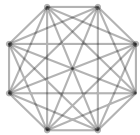
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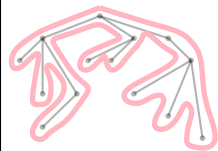
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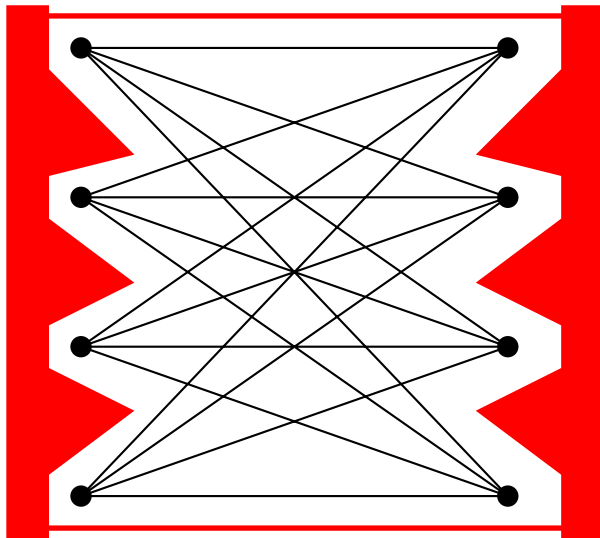


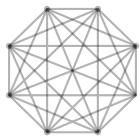
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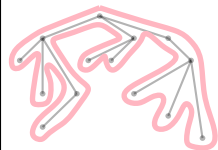
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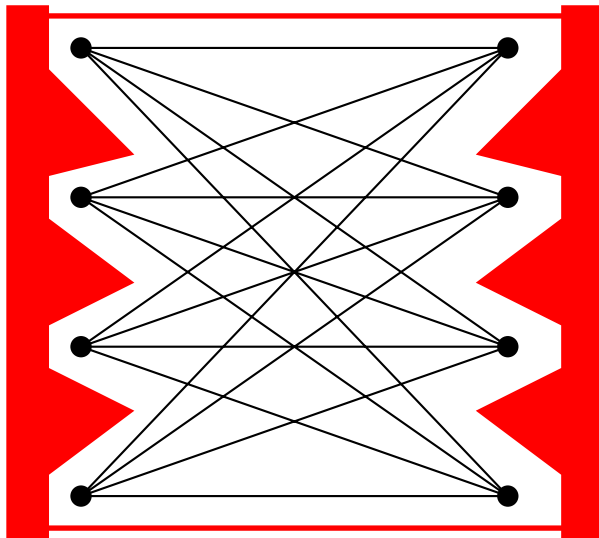


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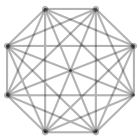


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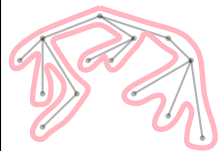
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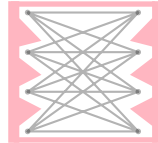
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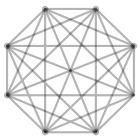


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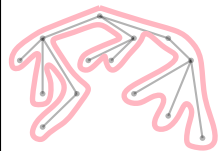
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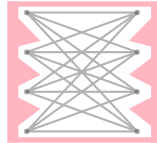
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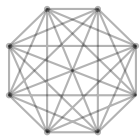
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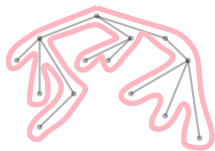
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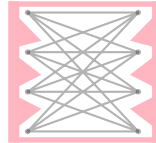
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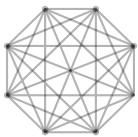
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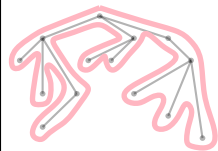
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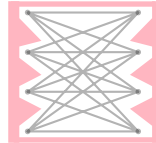
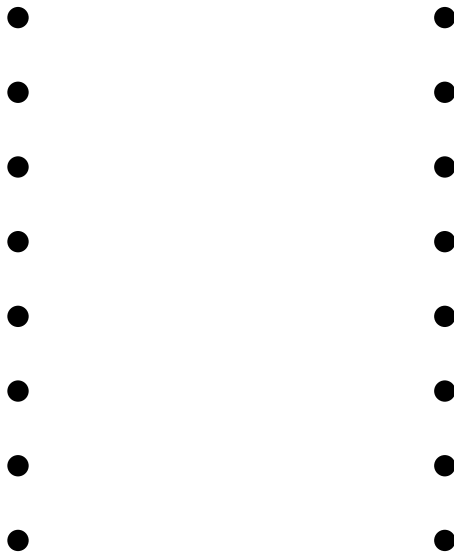
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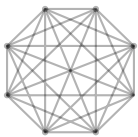
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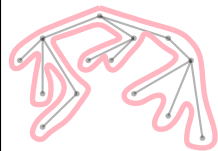
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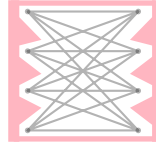
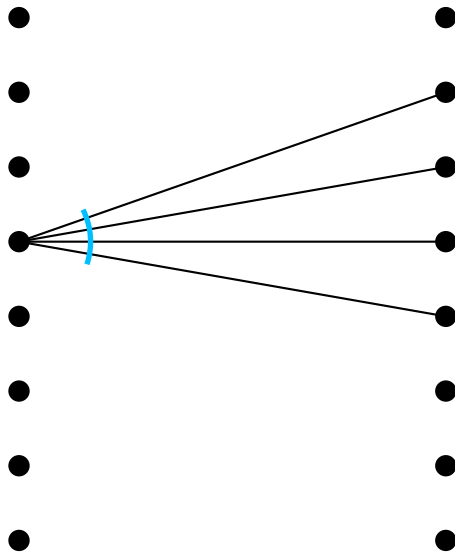
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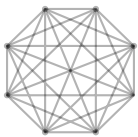
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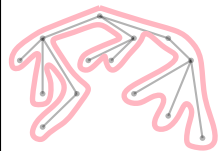
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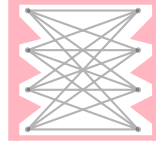
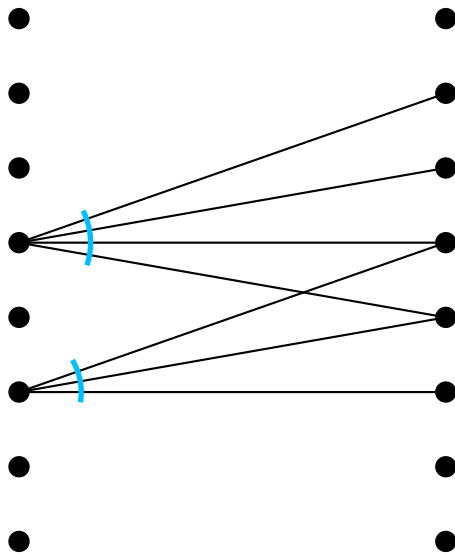
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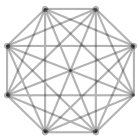
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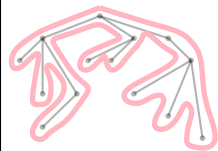
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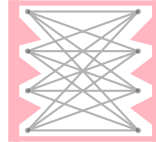
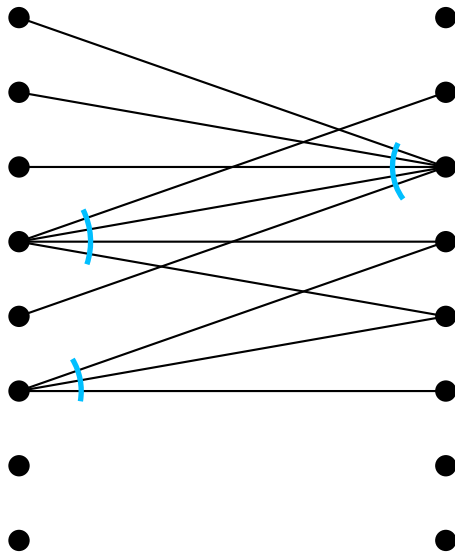
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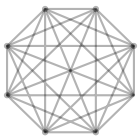
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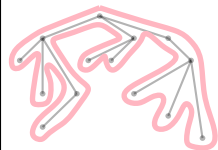
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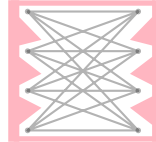
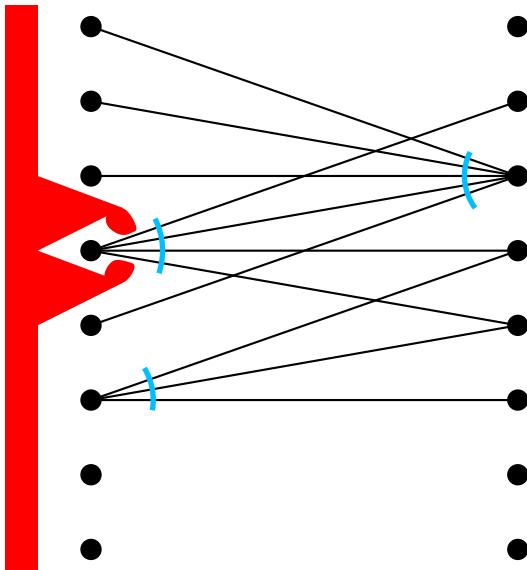
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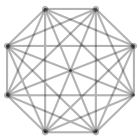
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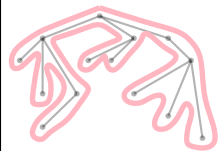
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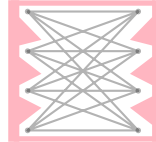
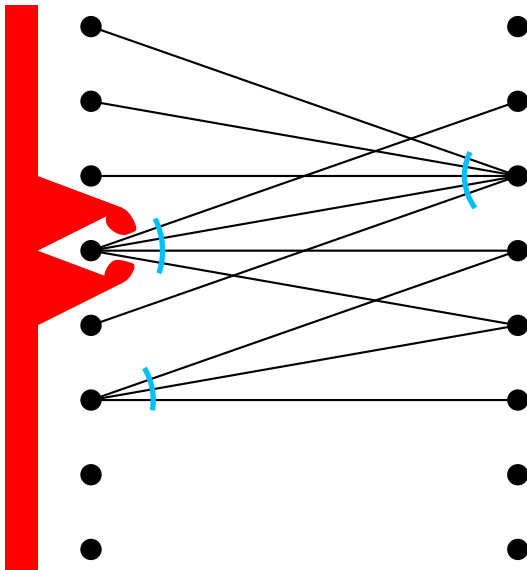
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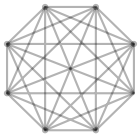
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[Gimbel, Ossona de Mendez, Valtr, 2017]



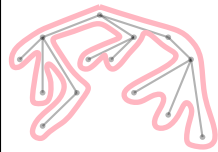
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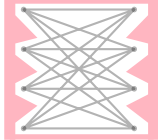
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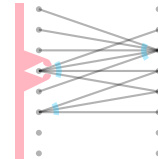
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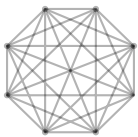


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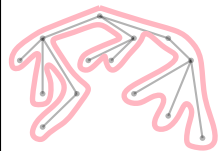
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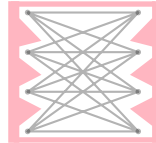
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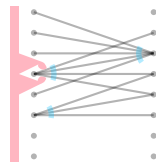
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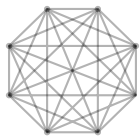


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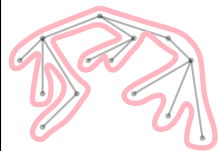
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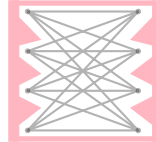
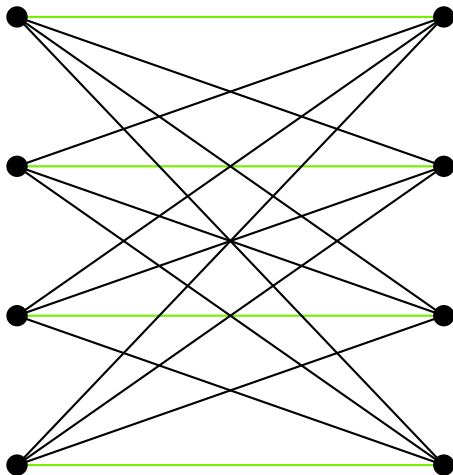
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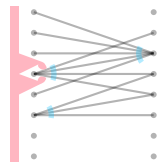
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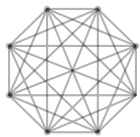


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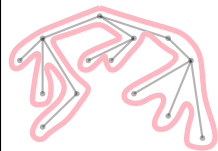
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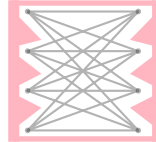
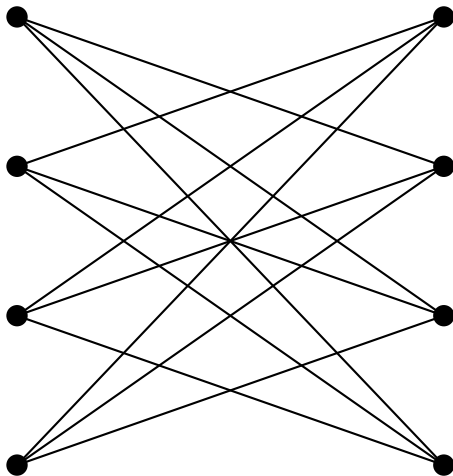
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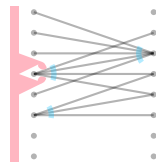
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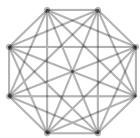


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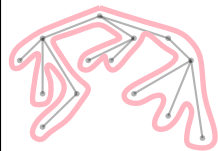
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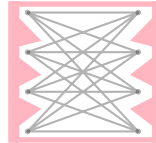
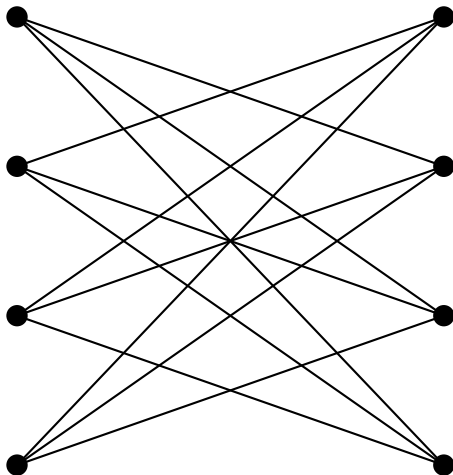
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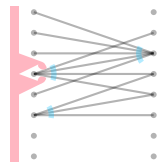
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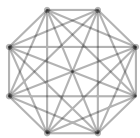
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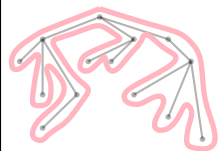
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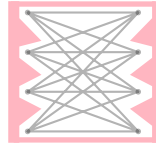
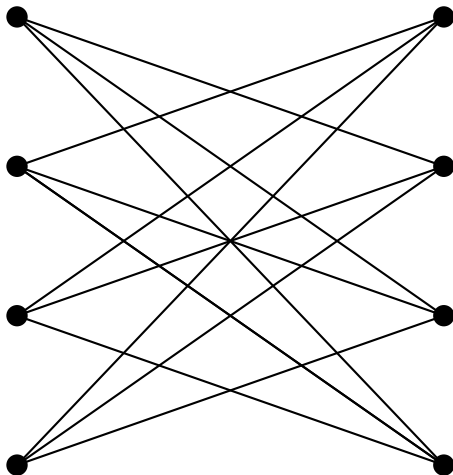
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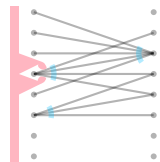
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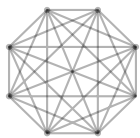
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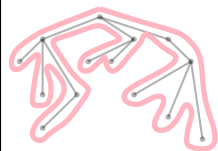
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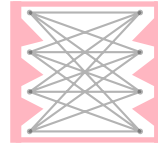
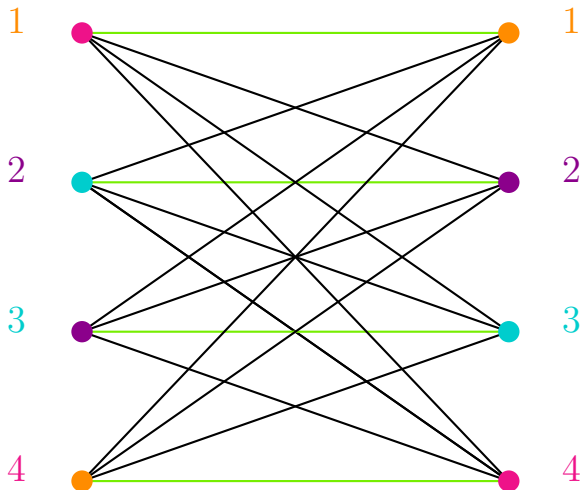
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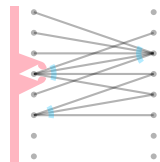
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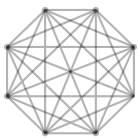
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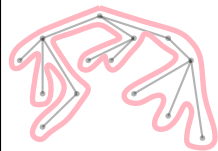
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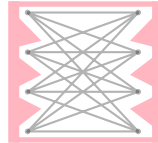
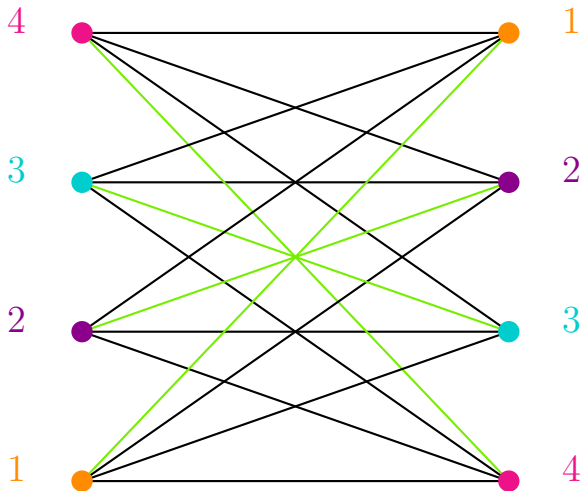
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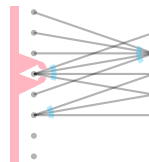
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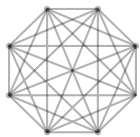


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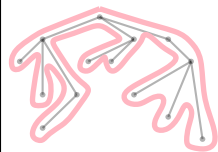
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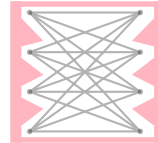
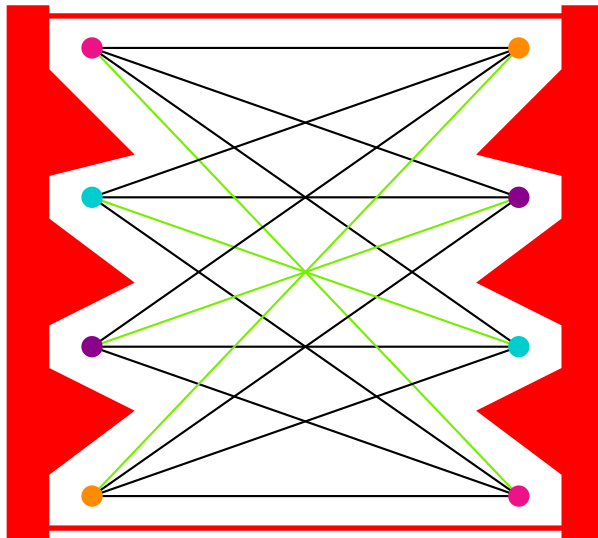


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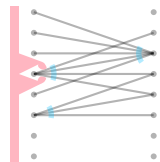


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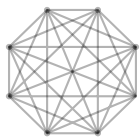
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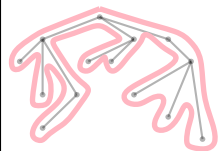
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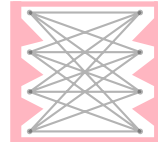
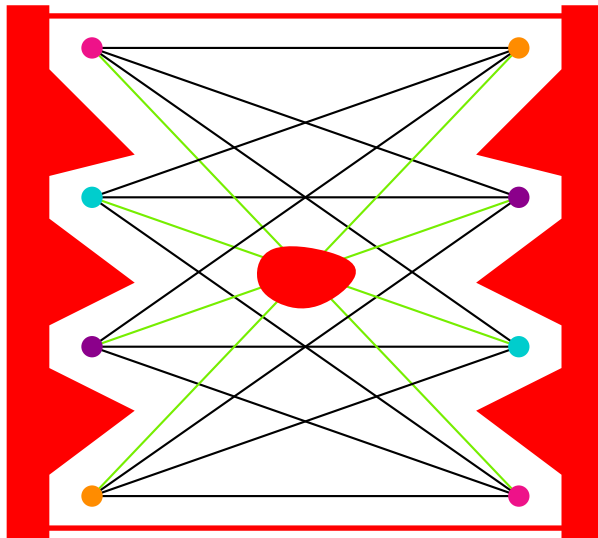
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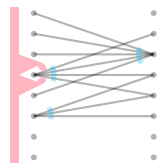
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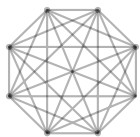
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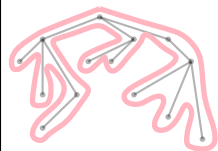
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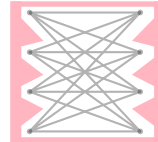
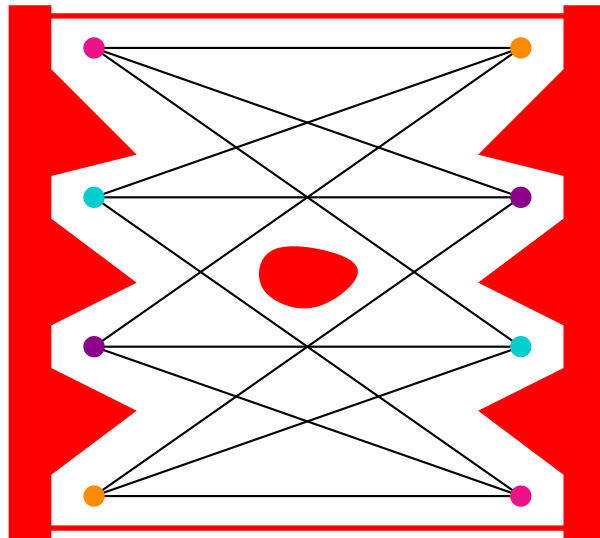
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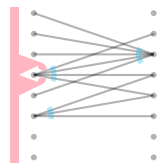
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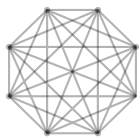
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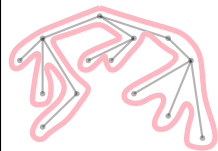
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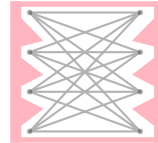
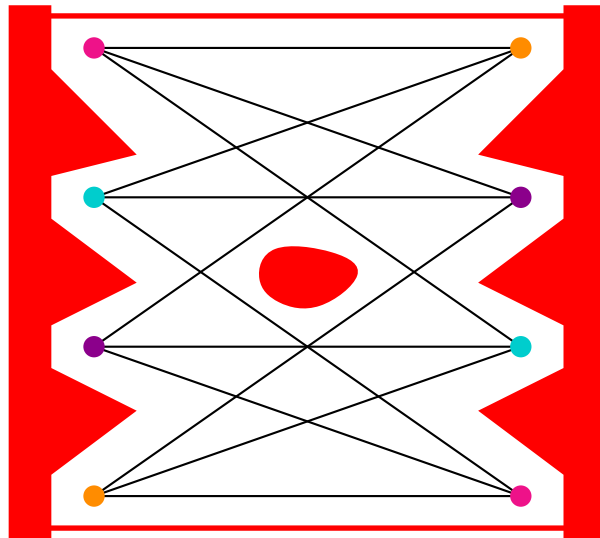
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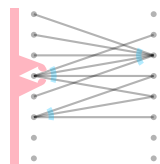
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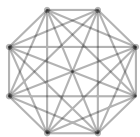


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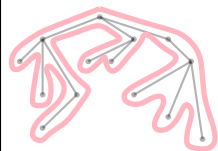
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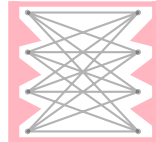
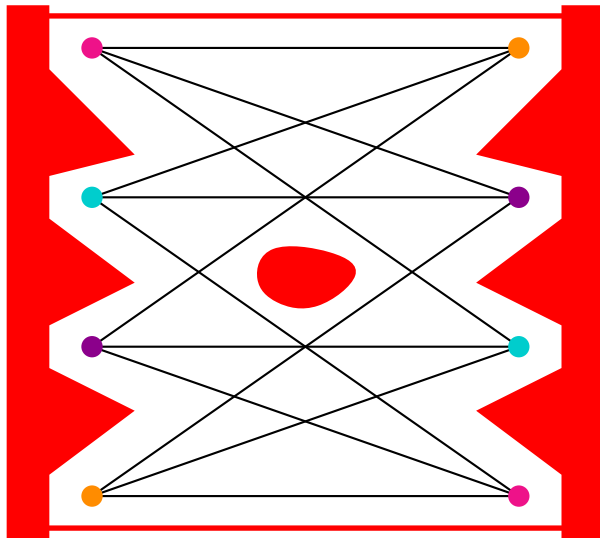
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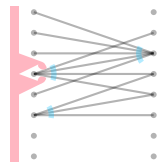
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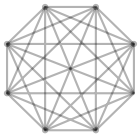
[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]

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[Pach, Sariöz, 2011]

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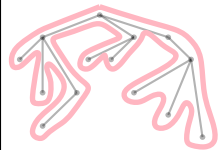
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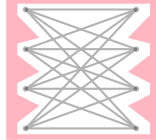
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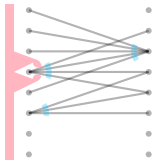
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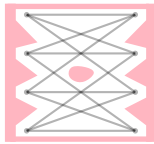
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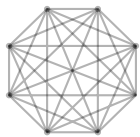


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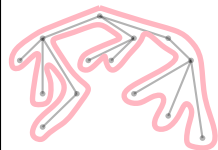
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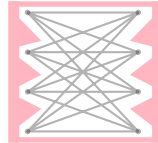
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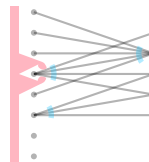
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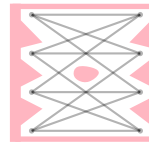
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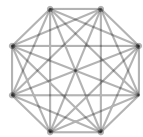
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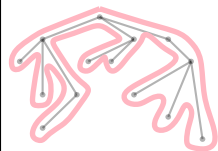
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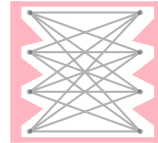
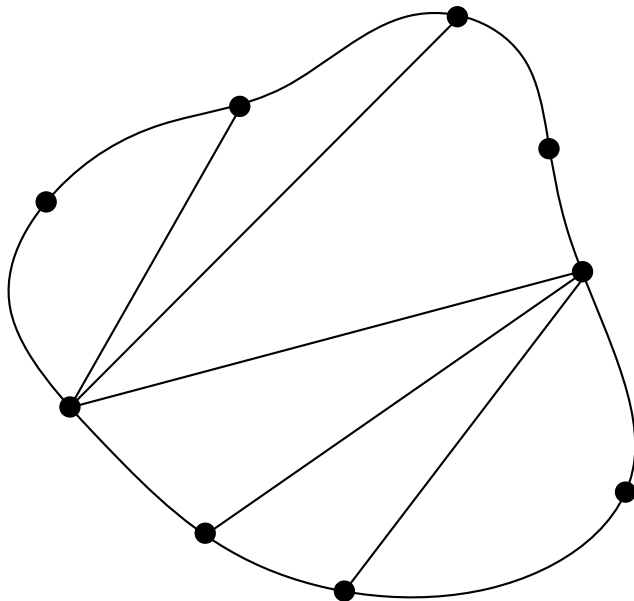


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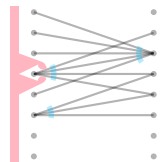


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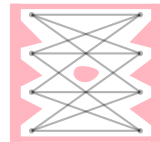
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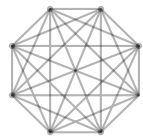
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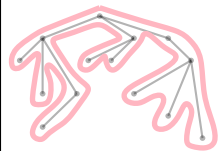
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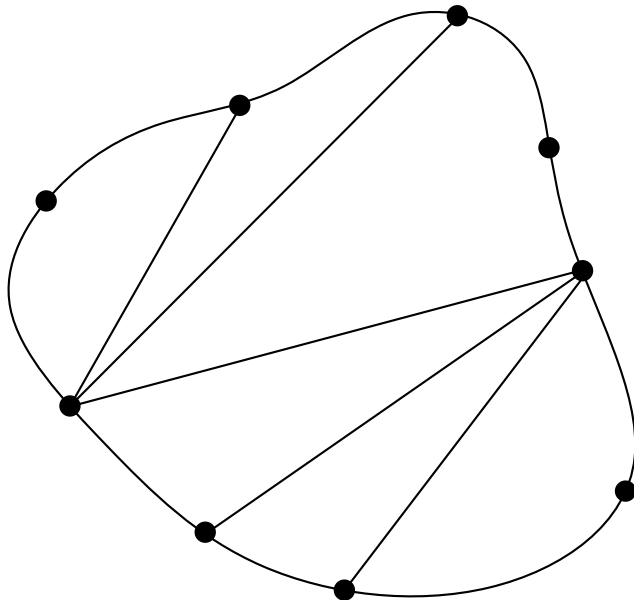


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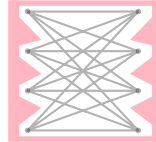
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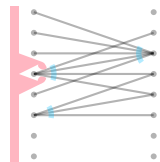


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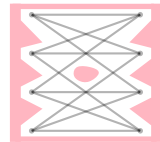
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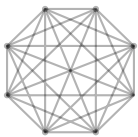
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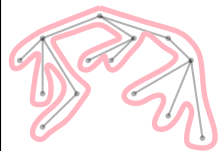
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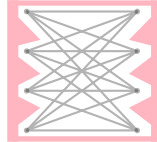
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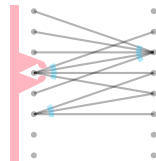
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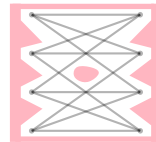
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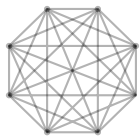


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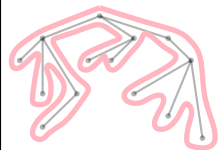
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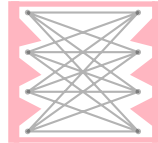
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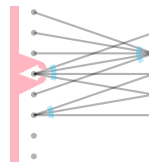
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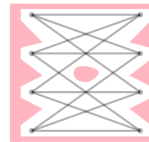
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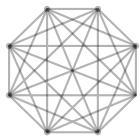
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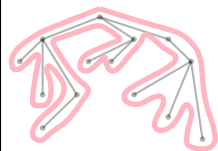
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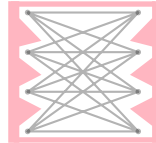
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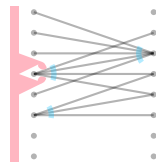
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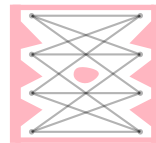
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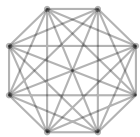
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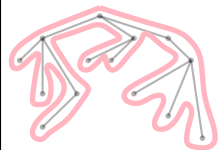
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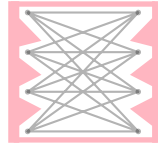


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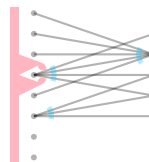
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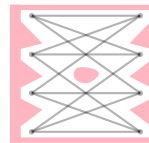
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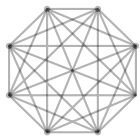


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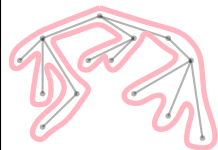
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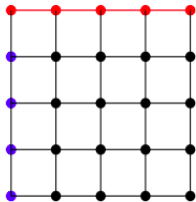
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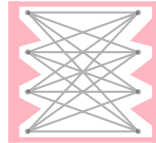
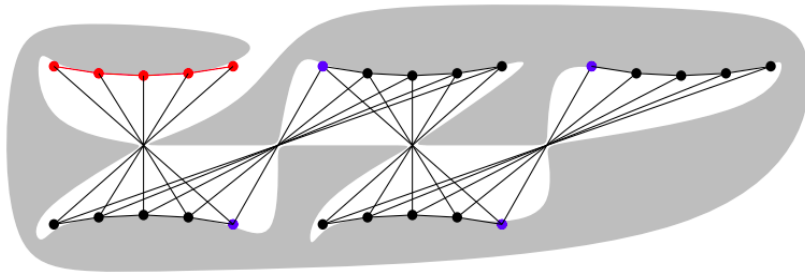
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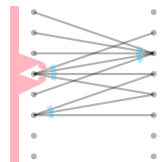
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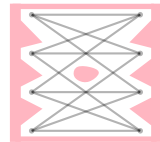
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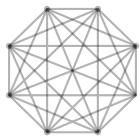


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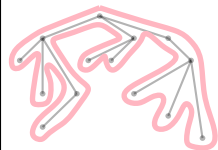
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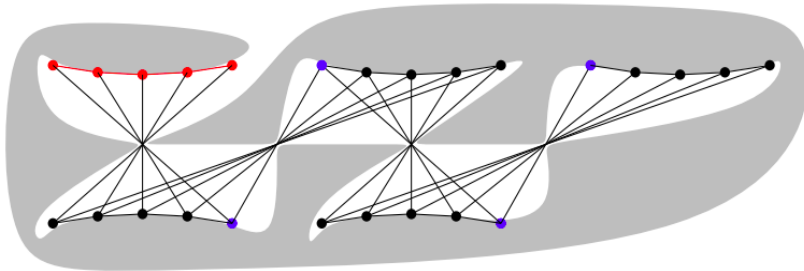
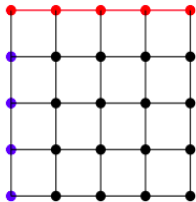


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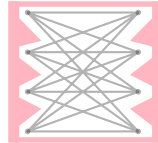
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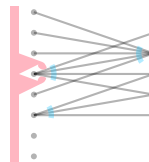


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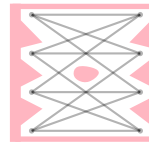
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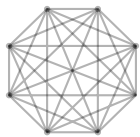


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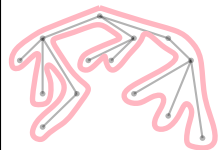
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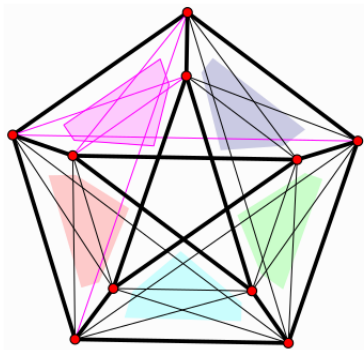
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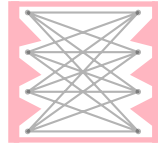
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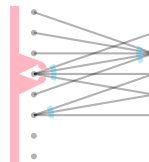
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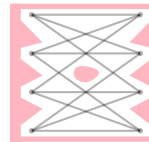
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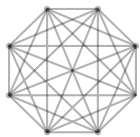


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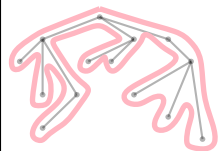
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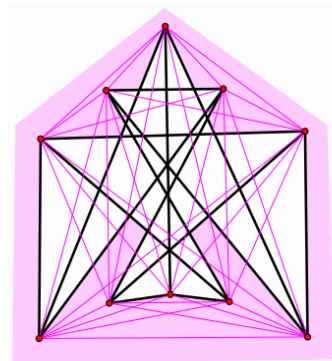
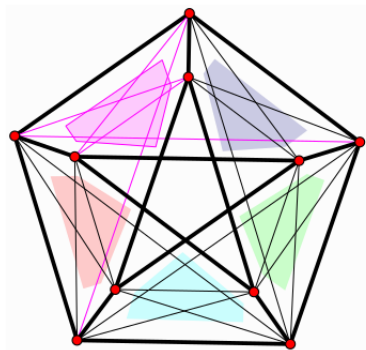
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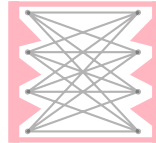
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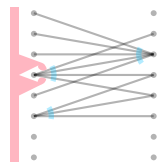
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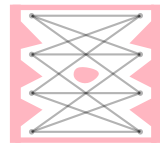
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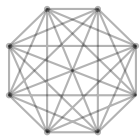


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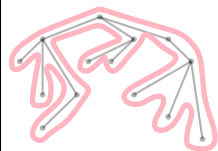
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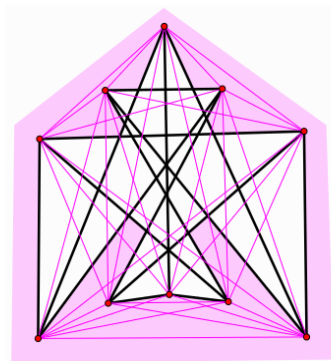
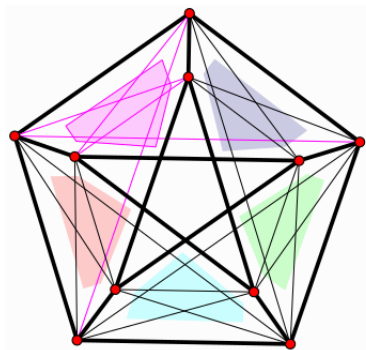


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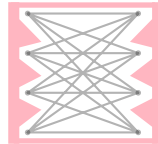
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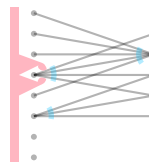
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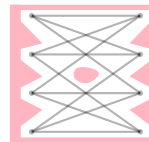
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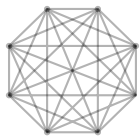


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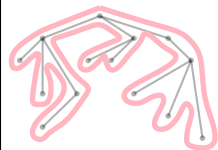
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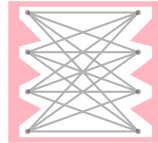


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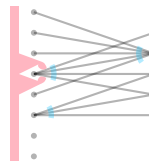
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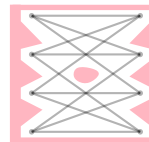
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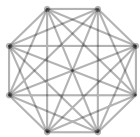


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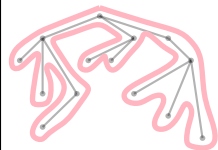
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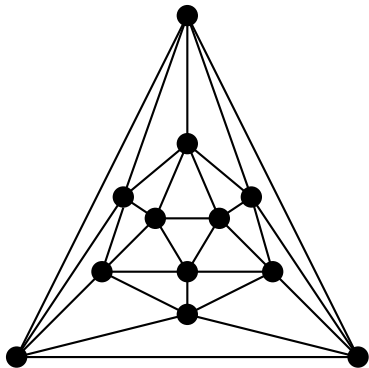
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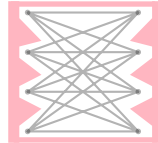
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planar graphs

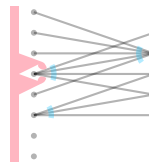
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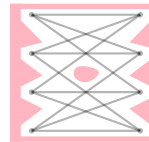
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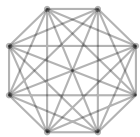


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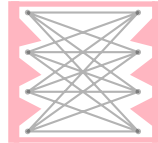
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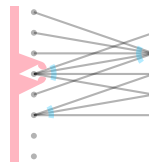
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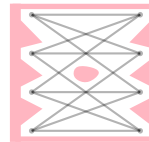
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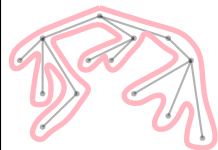
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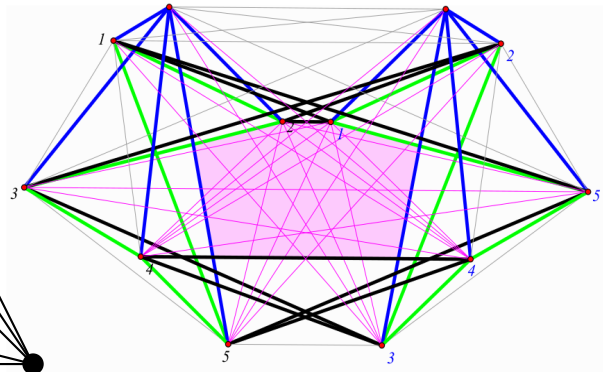
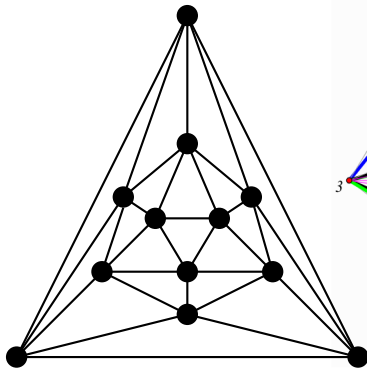
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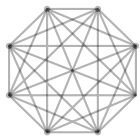
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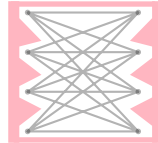
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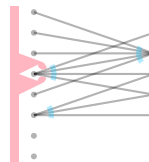
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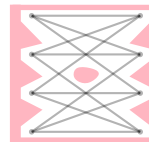
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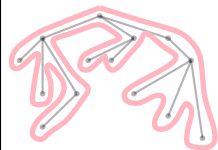
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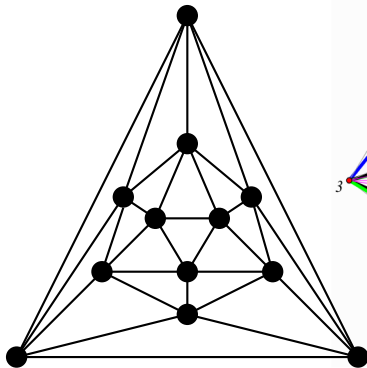
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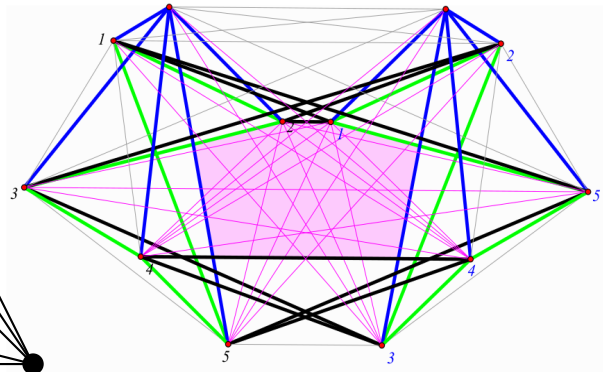
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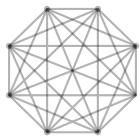
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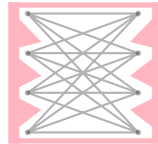
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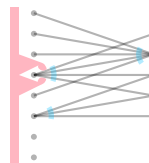
planar graphs

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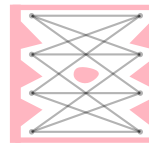
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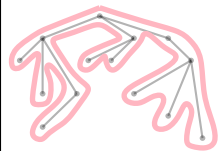
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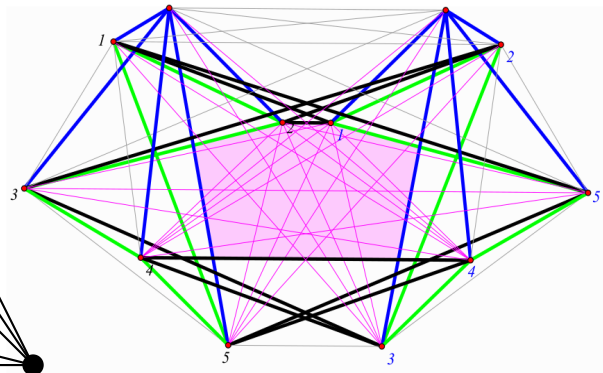
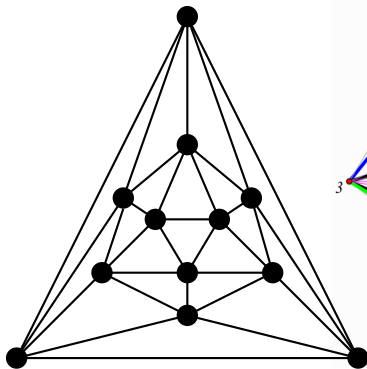
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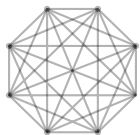


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maybe take two such graphs?



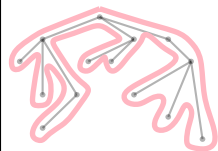
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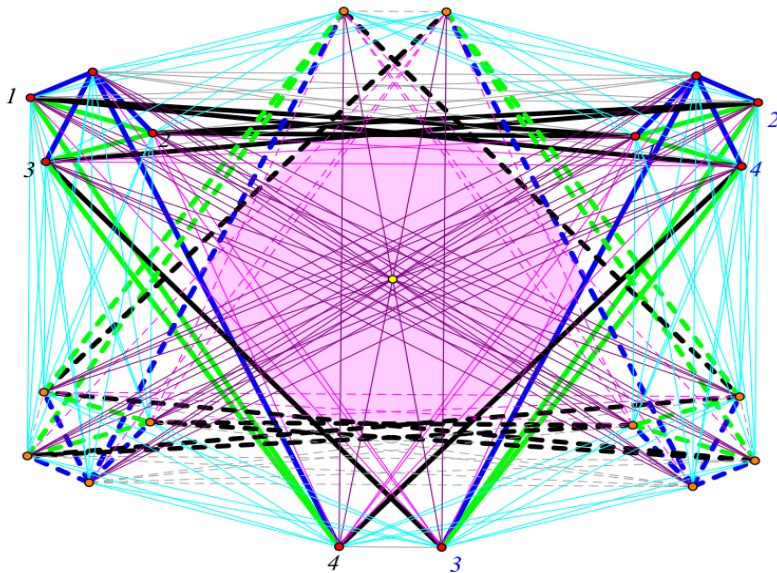


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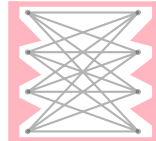
planar graphs

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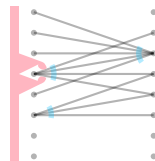
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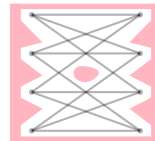
maybe take two such graphs? **No...**



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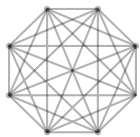


$$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}^*) = 2$$



$$\text{obs}(\text{outpl.}) = 1$$

[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]



planar graphs

$$\text{obs}(\text{planar}) = 1???$$

[Berman, Chappell, Faudree, Gimbel, Hartman, Williams, 2017]

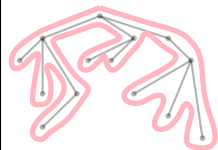
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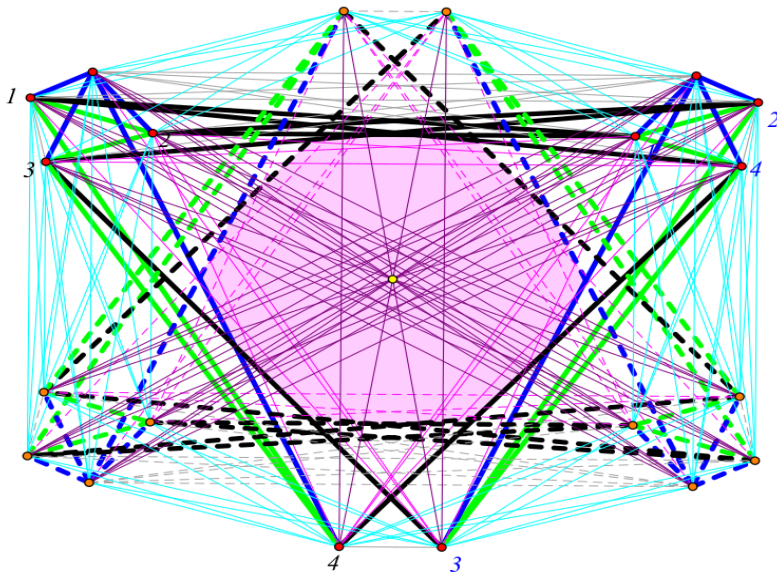
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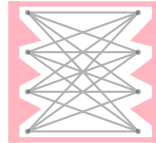


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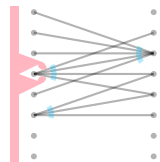


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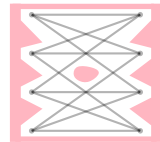
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$$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}) = 1$$



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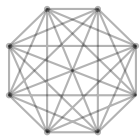


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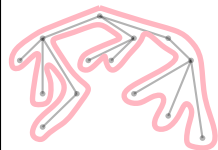
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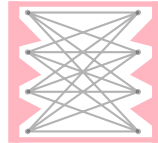


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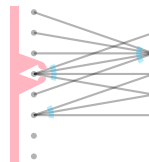
planar graphs

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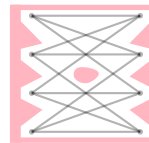
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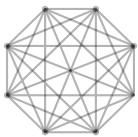


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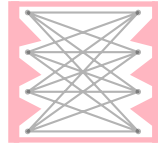
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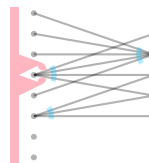
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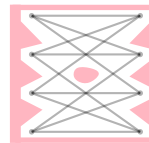
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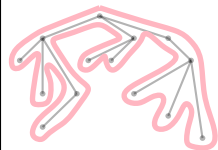
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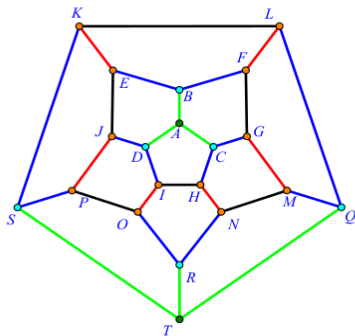
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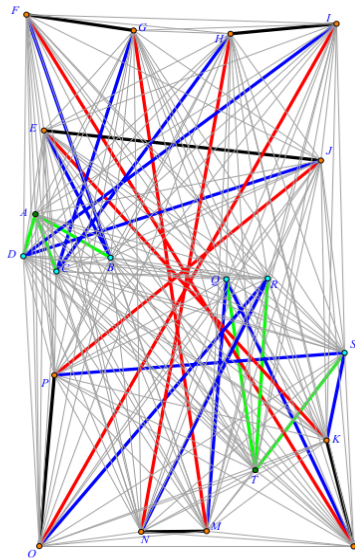
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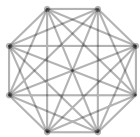
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[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]



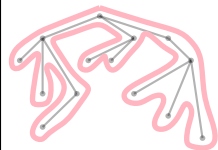
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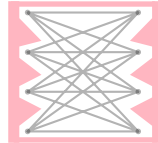


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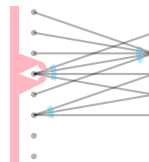
planar graphs

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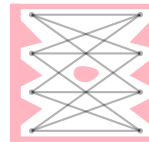
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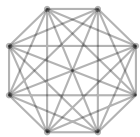


$$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}^*) = 2$$



$$\text{obs}(\text{outpl.}) = 1$$

[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]



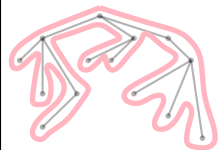
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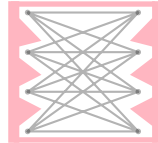
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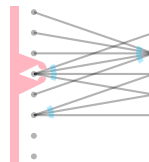
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Is the obstacle number of planar graphs bounded?

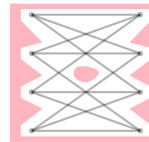
$$2 \leq \text{obs}(\text{planar}) \leq \infty$$



$$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}) = 1$$



$$\text{obs}(\text{pl.bip.}) = 1$$

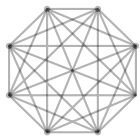


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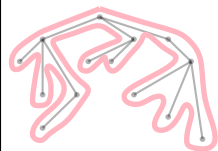
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planar graphs

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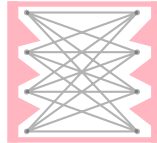
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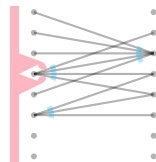
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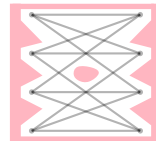
So are there graphs with large obstacle number at all?



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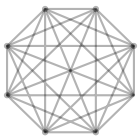


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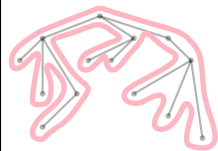
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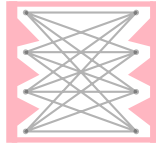
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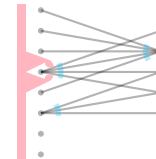
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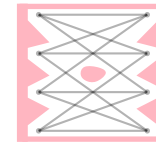
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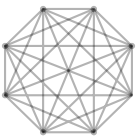
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$$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}^*) = 2$$



$$\text{obs}(\text{outpl.}) = 1$$



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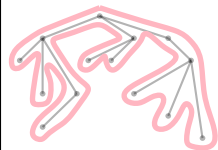
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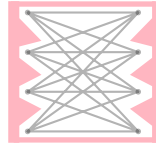
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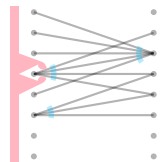
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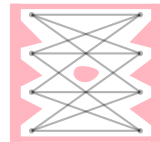
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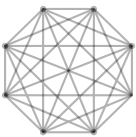


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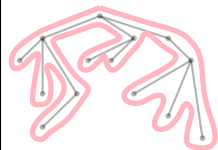
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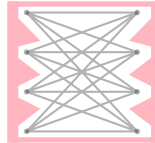
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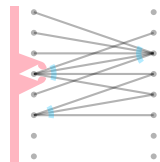
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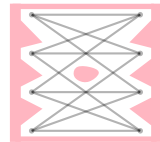
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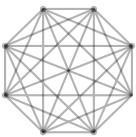


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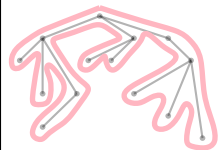
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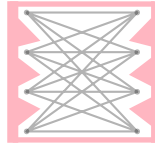
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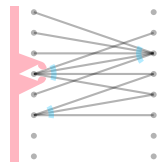
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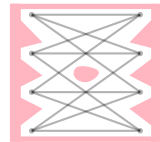
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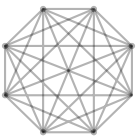


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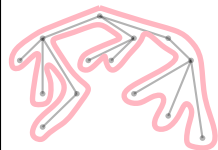
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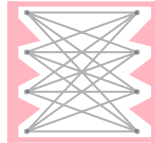
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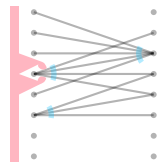
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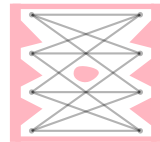
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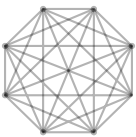


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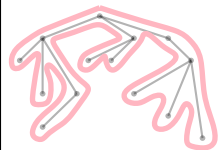
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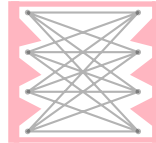
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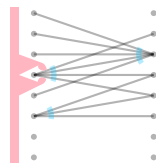
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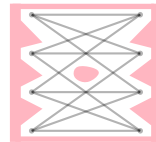
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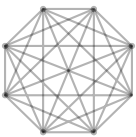


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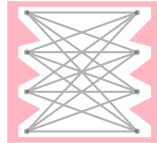
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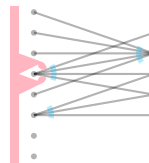
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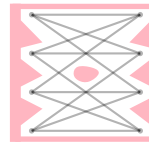
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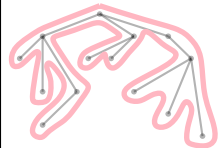
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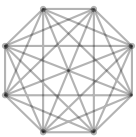
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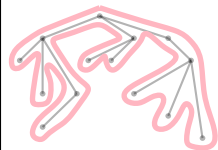
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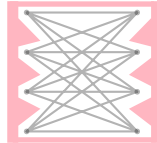
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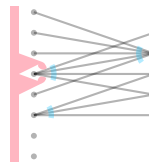
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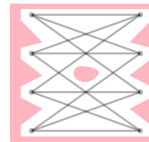
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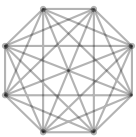


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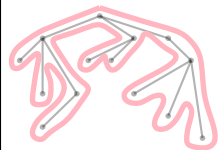
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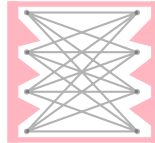
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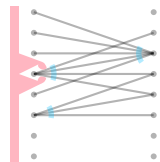
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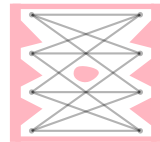
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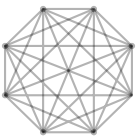


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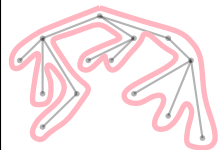
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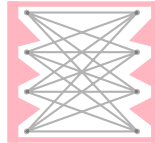
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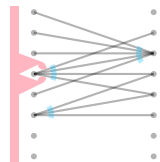
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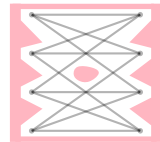
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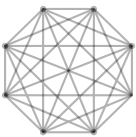


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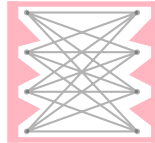
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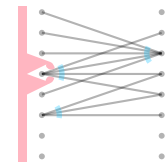
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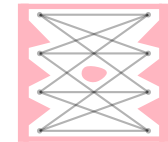
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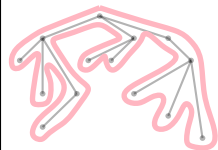
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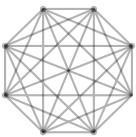
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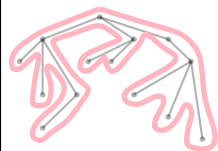
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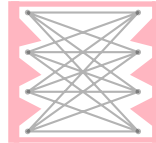
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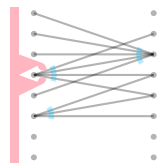
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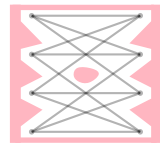
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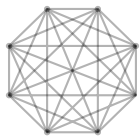


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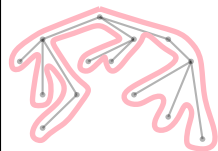
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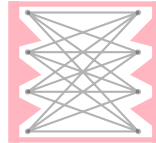
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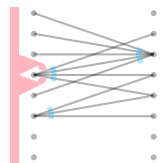
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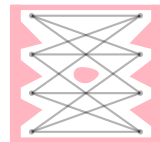
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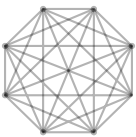


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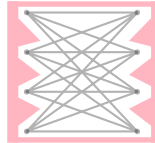
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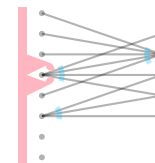
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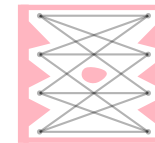
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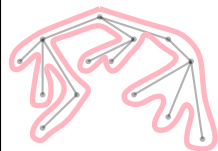
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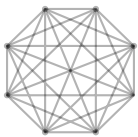
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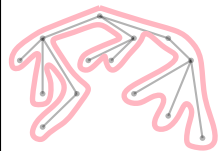
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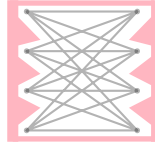
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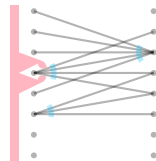
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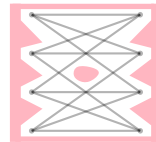
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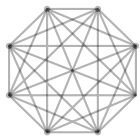
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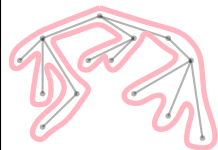
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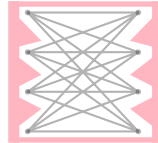


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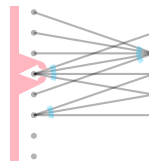
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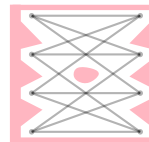
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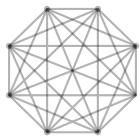


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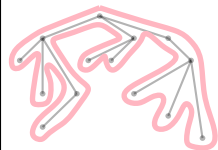
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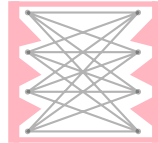
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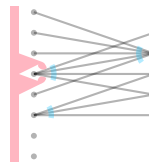
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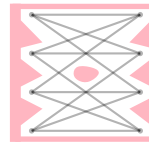
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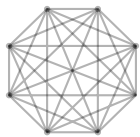


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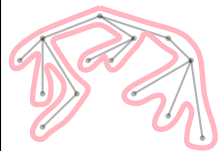
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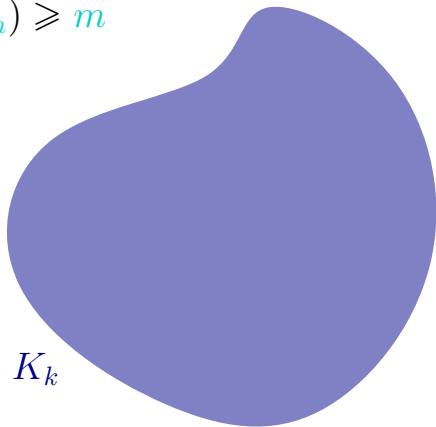
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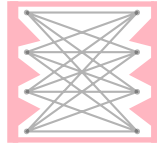
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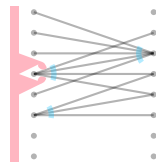
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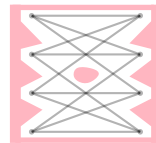
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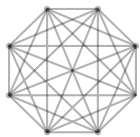


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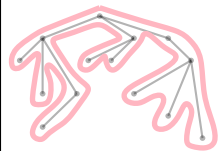
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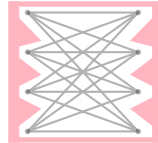
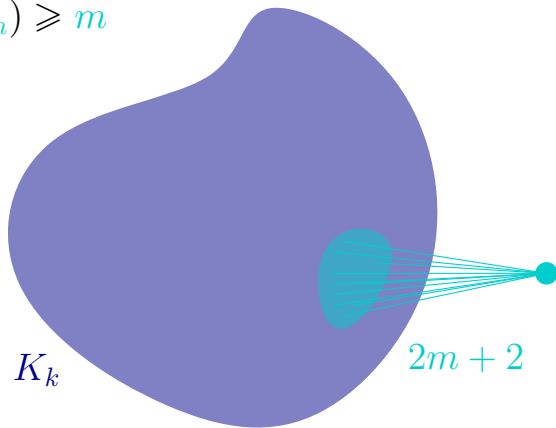
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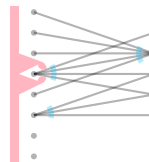
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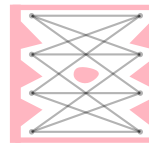
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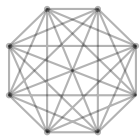


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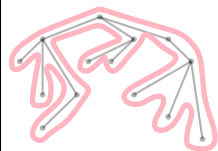
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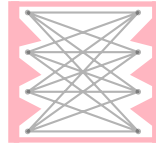
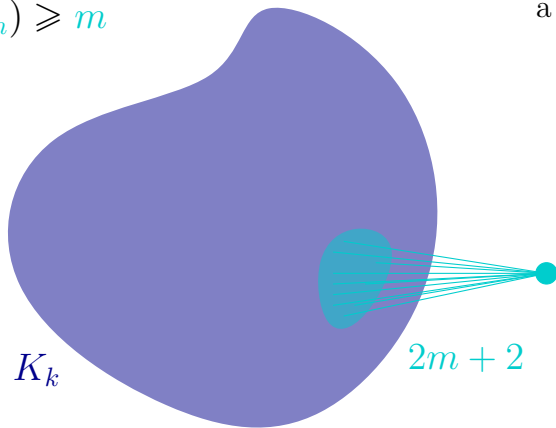
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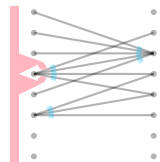
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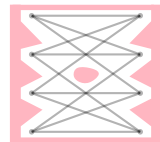
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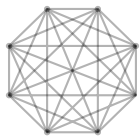


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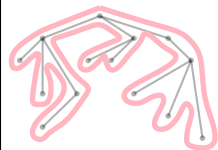
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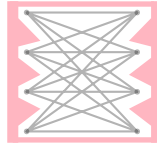
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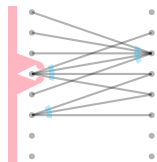
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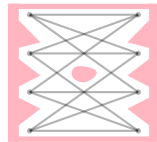
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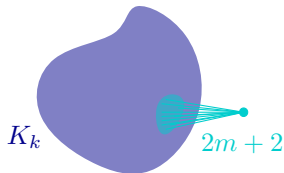
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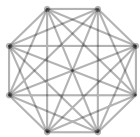
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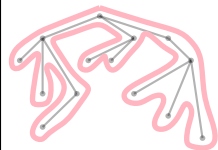
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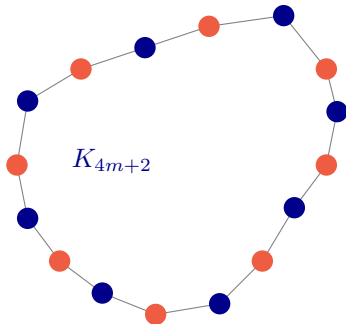
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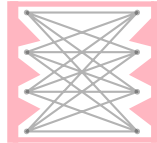
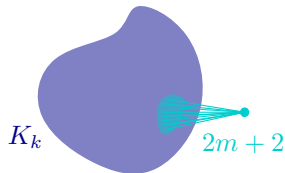
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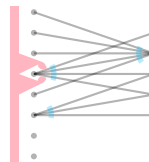


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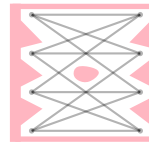
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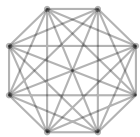


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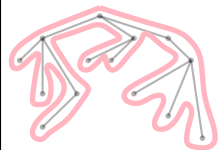
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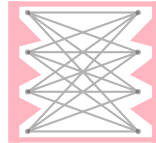
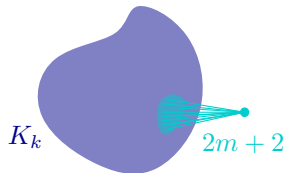
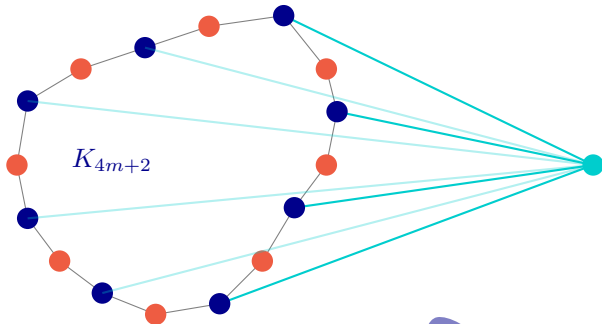
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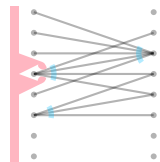
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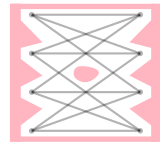
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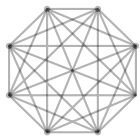


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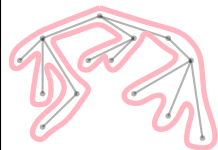
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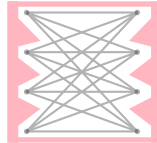
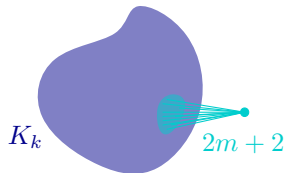
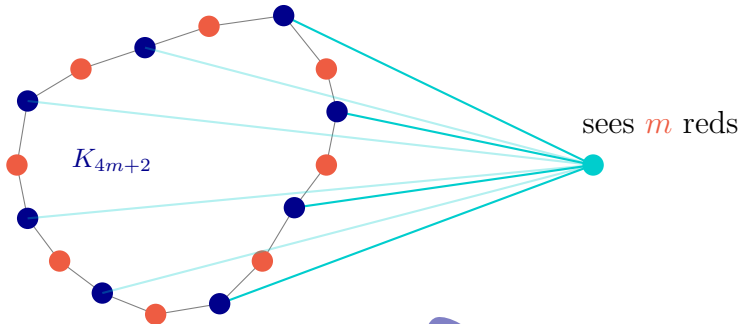
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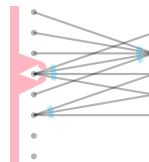
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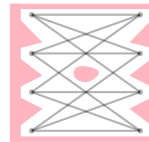
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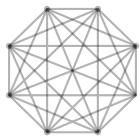


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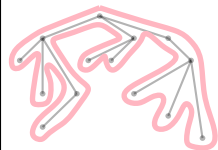
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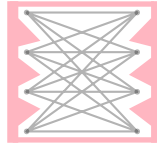
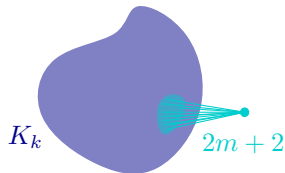
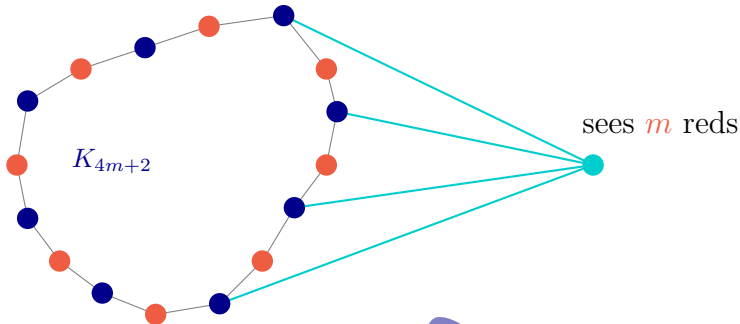
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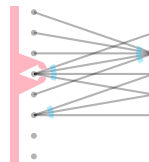
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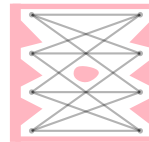
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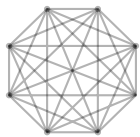


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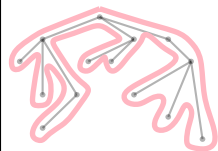
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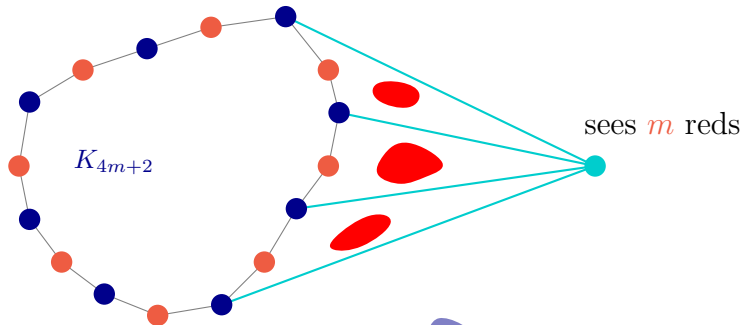
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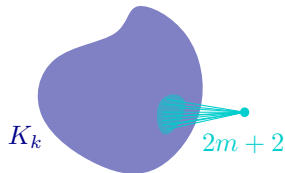
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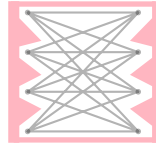
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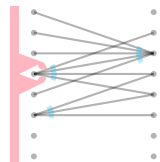
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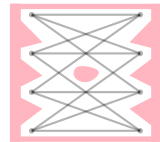
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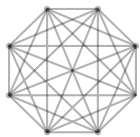


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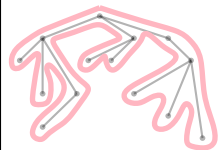
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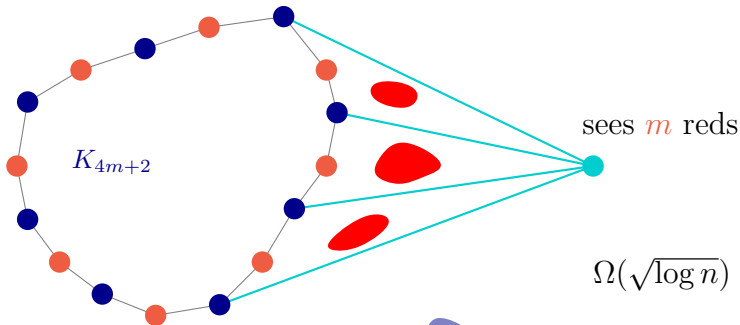
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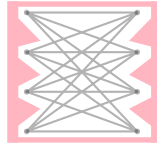
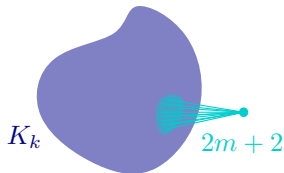
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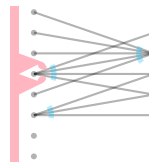
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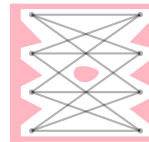
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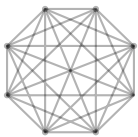


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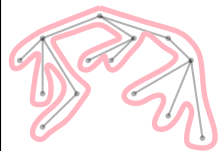
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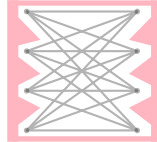
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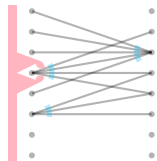
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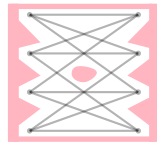
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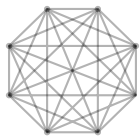


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Covex obstacle number – obs_c



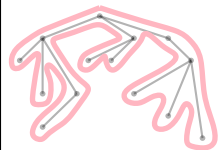
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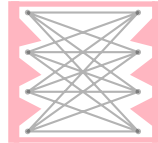
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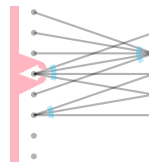
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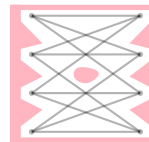
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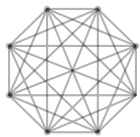


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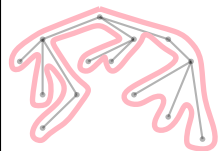
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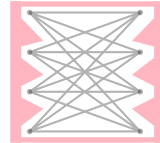
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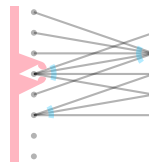
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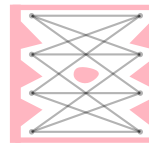
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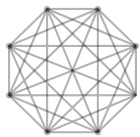


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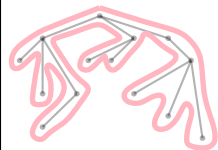


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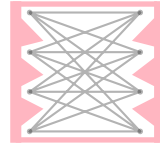
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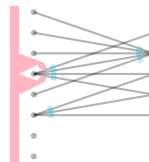
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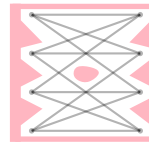
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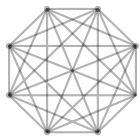


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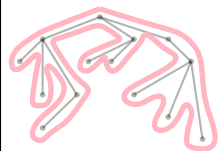
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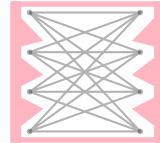


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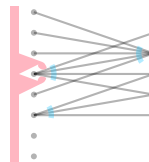
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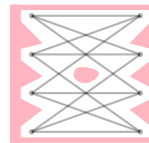
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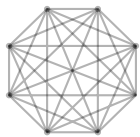


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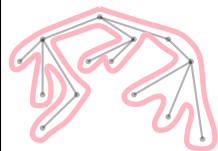
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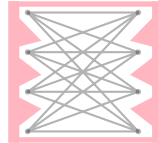
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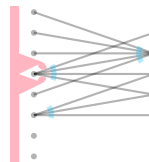


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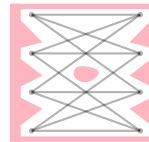
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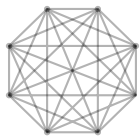


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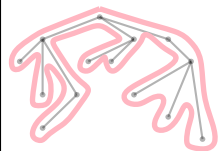
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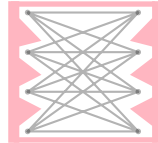
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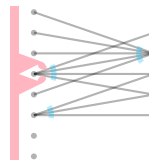
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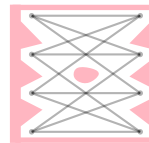


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$$\text{obs}_c(\text{pl.bip.}) \leq 2$$



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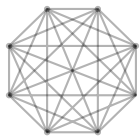


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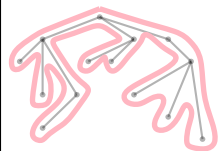
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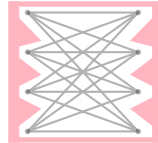
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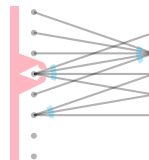
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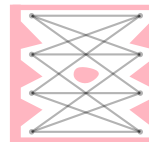
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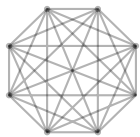


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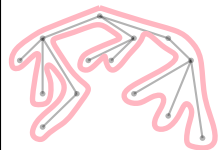
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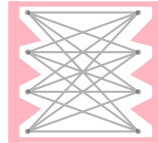
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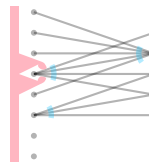
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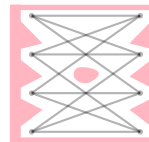
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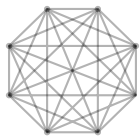


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Covex obstacle number – obs_c



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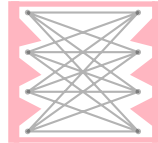
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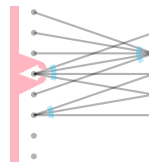
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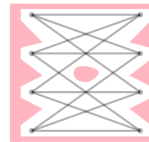
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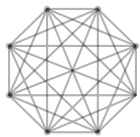


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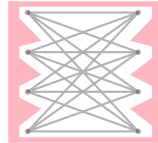


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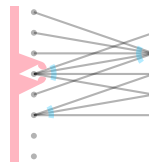


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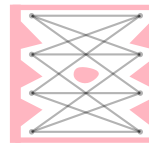
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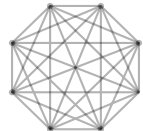
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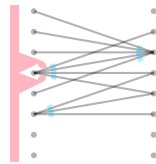
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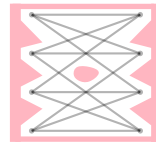
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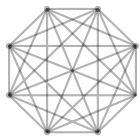
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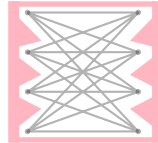


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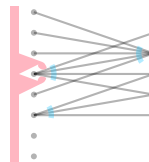
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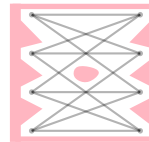
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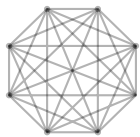
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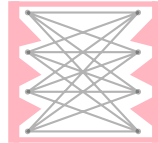


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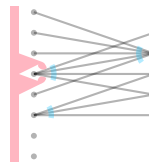
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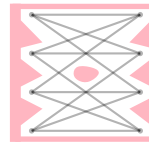
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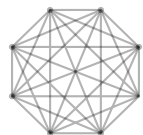
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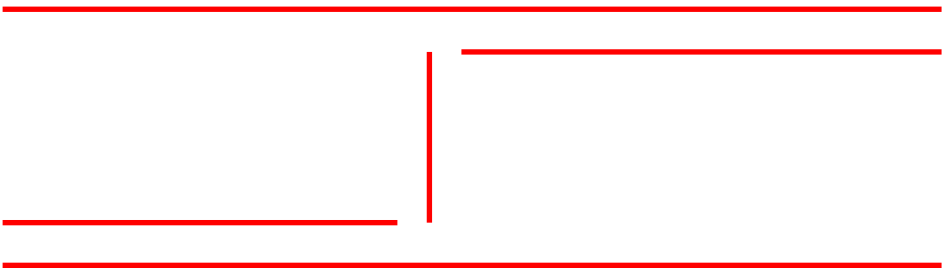
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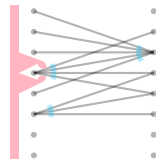
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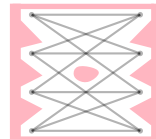
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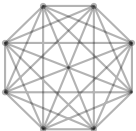
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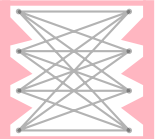
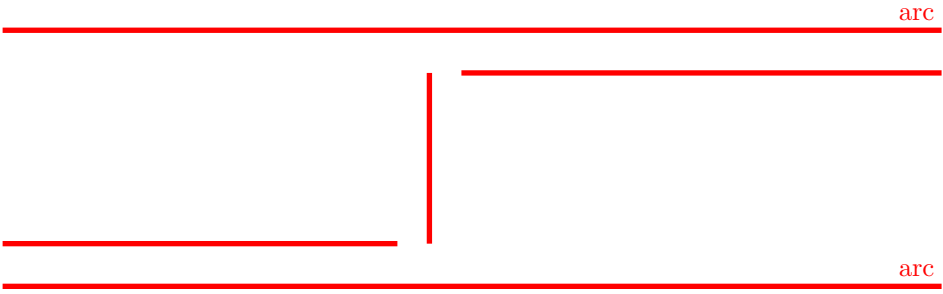
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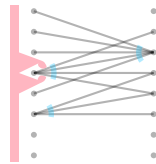
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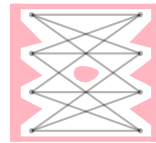
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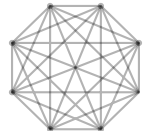
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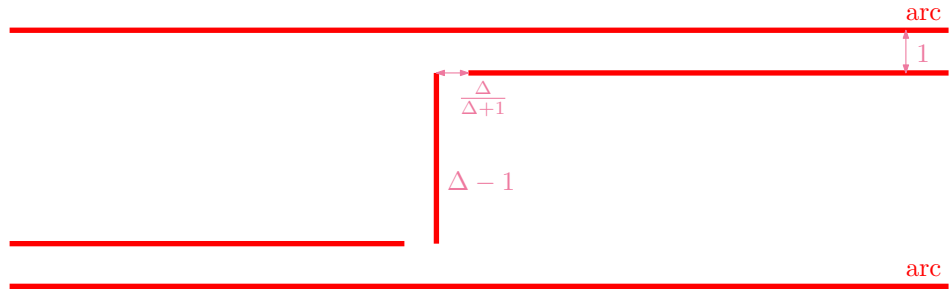
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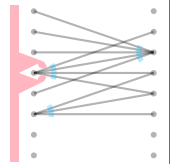
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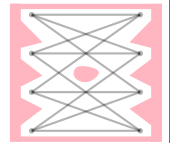
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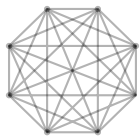


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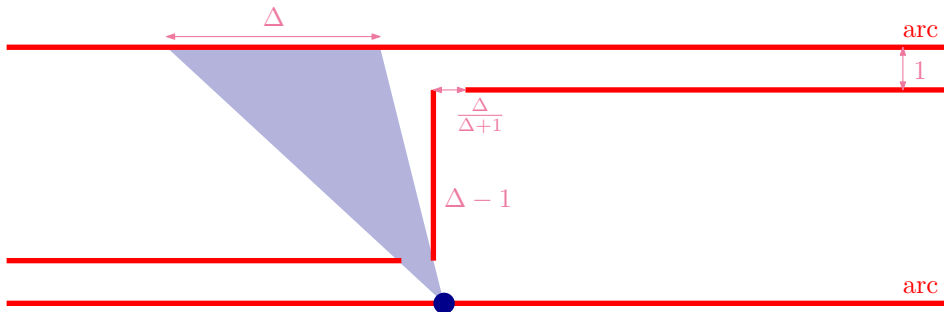


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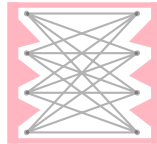
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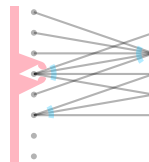
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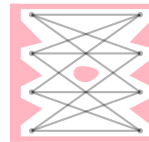
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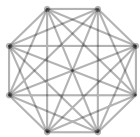


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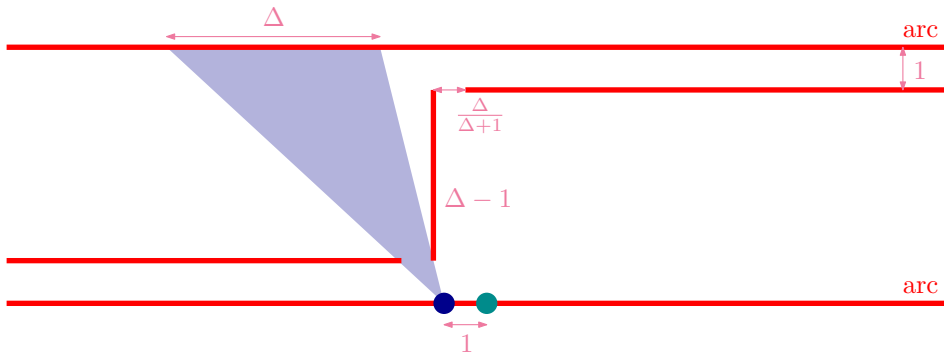


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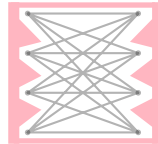
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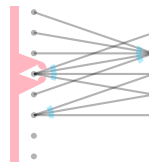
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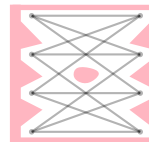
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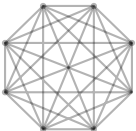
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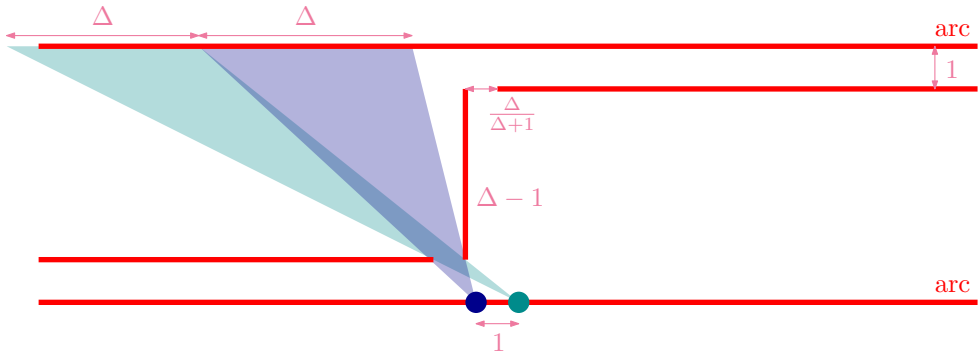
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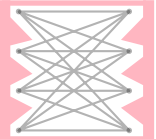
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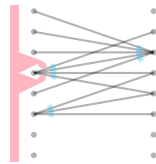
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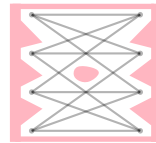
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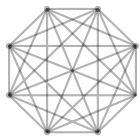
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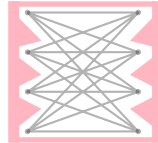


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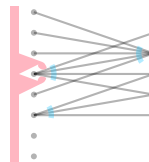
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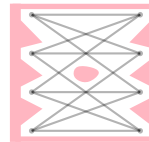
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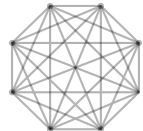
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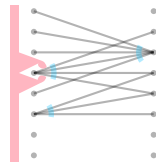
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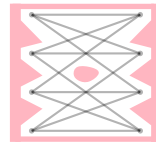
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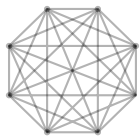
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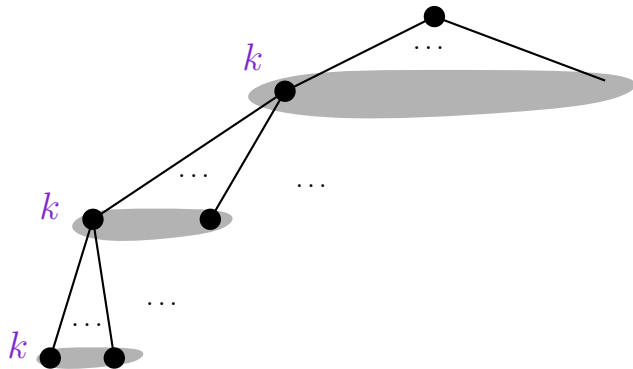
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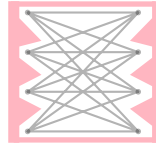
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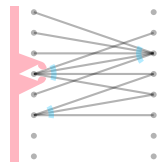
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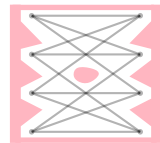
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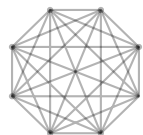
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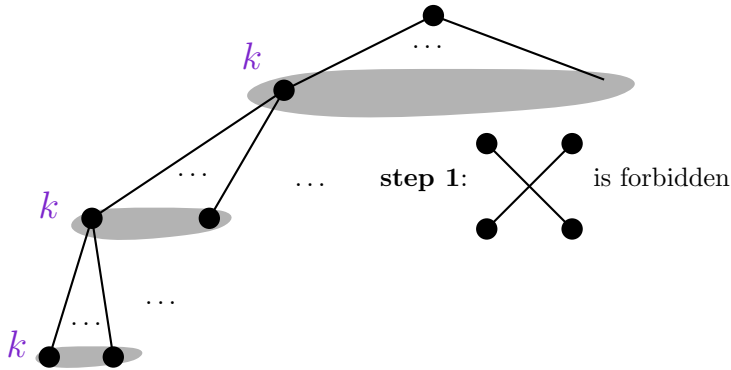
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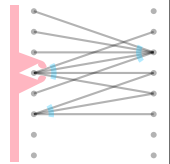
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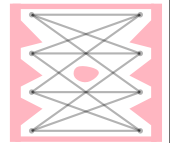
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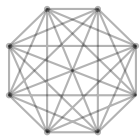


$\text{obs}(K_{n,n}^*) = 2$



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[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]



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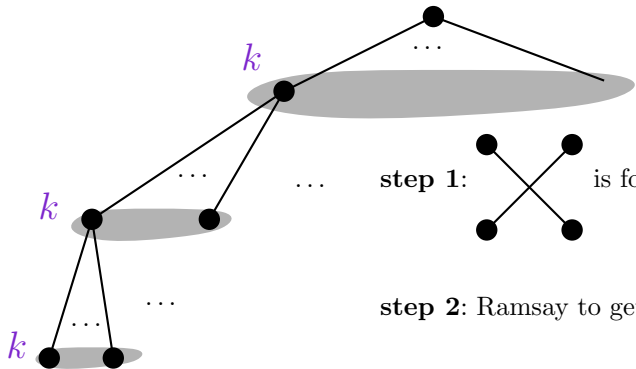


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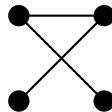
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Covex obstacle number – obs_c



step 1: is forbidden

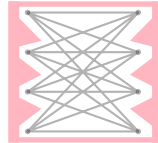
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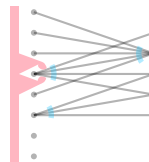
[Fulek, Saeedi, Sariöz, 2011]

$$4 \leq \text{obs}_c(T_n)$$

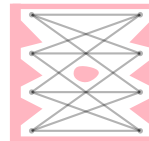
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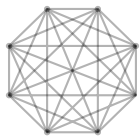


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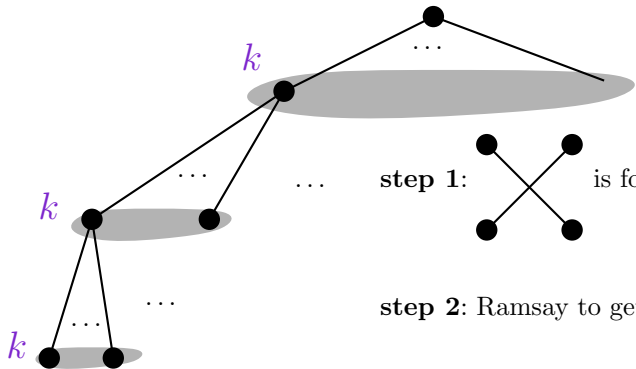


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$$\text{obs}(T_n) = 1$$

Covex obstacle number – obs_c



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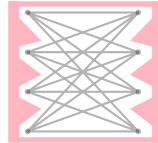
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step 3: finish off with topology

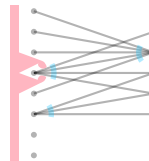
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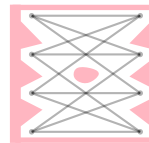
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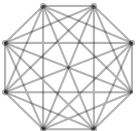
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[Alpert, Koch, Laison, 2009]

Covex obstacle number – obs_c



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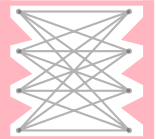
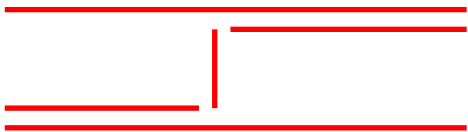
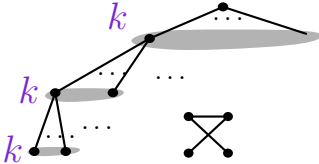
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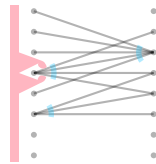
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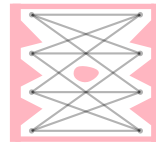
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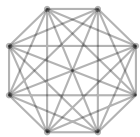
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[Fulek, Saeedi, Sariöz, 2011]

$4 \leq \text{obs}_c(T_n)$

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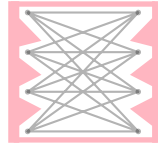
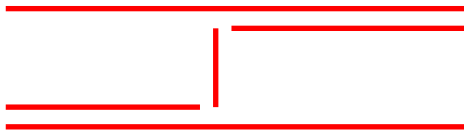
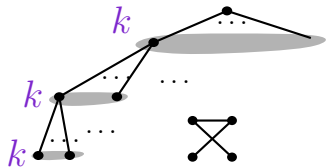


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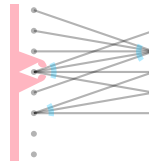


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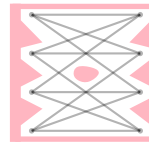
Covex obstacle number – obs_c



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$$4 \leq \text{obs}_c(T_n)$$

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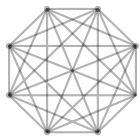
$$5 \leq \text{obs}_c(T_n) \text{ [Work In Progress: Briński, Hodor, Jungeblut, La]}$$

Ramsay + small configurations + SAT solvers

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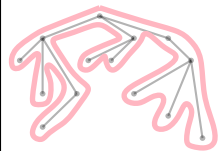
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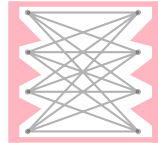


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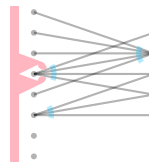


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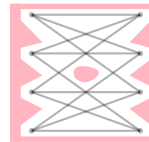
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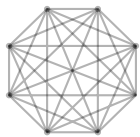


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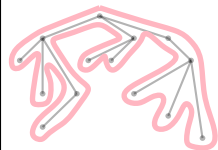
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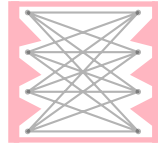
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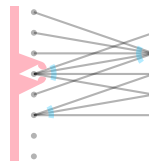
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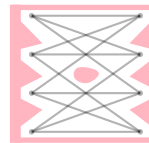
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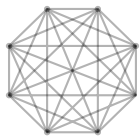
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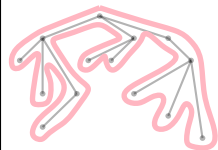
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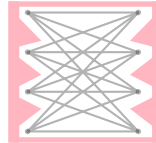
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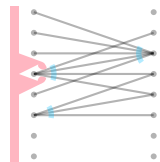
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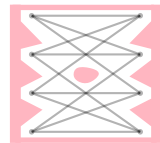
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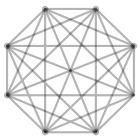
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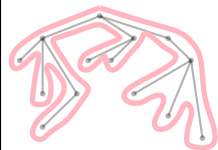
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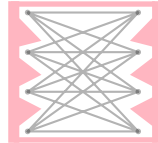
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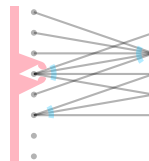
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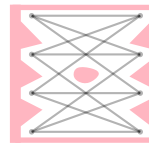
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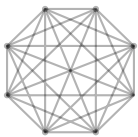


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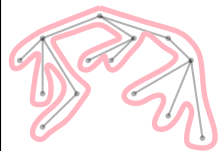
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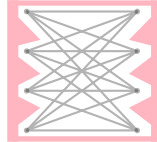
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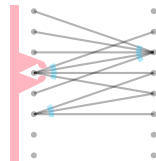
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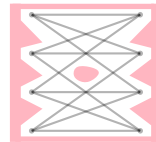
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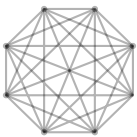
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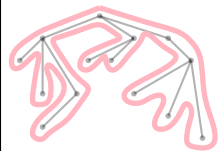
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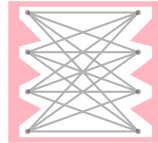


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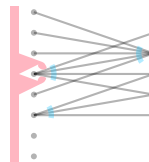
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(Convex) obstacle number of planar graphs?

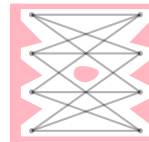
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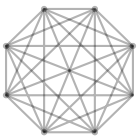
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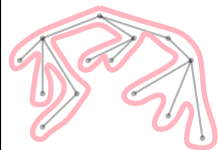
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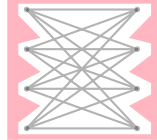
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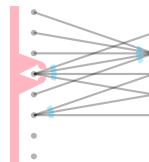
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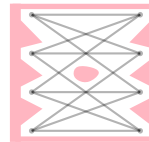
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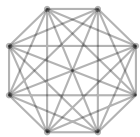
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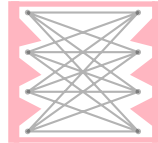
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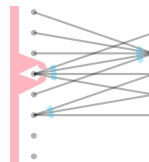
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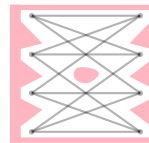
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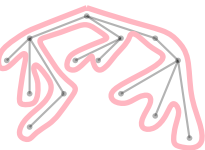
Is it NP-hard to decide if a graph has obstacle number 1?



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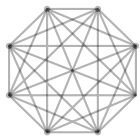
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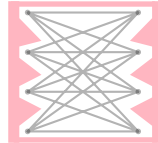
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Open problem

(Convex) obstacle number of planar graphs?

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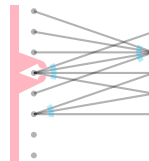
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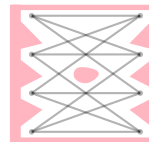
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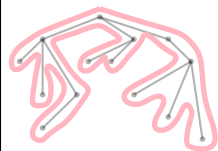
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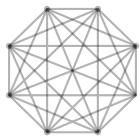
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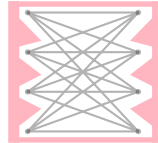
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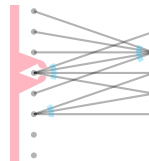
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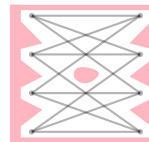
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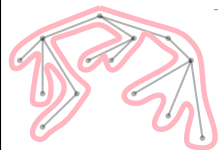
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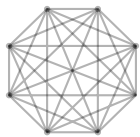
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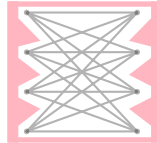
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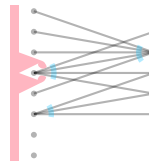
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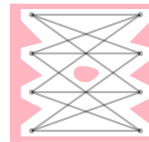
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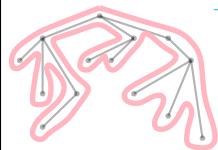
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Thank you, questions?