Graph Theory and Complex Networks: An Introduction

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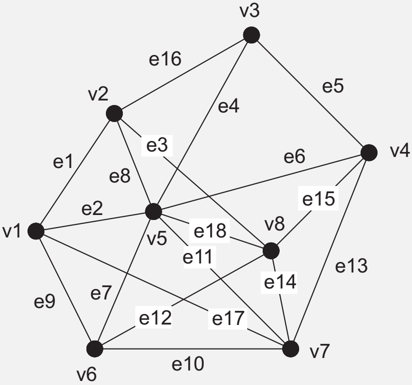

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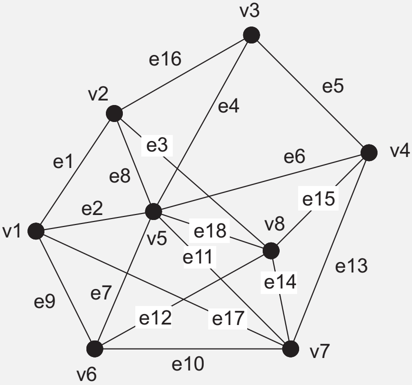

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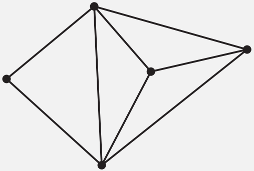

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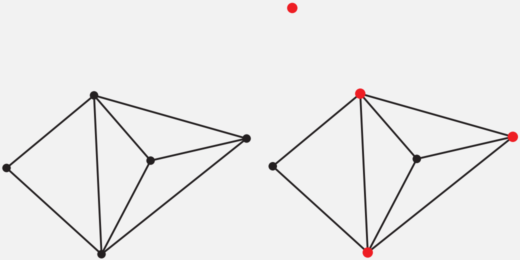

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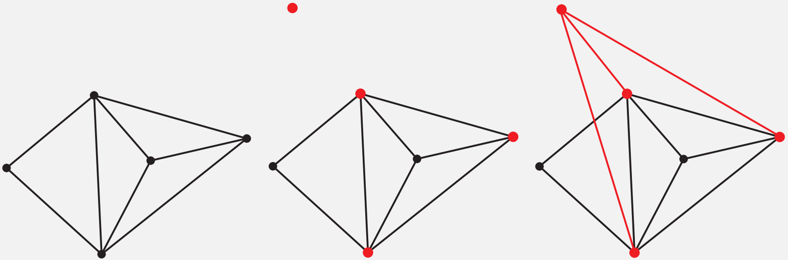

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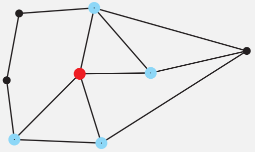

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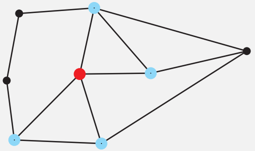

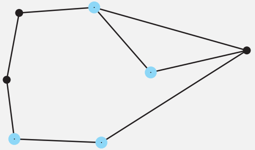

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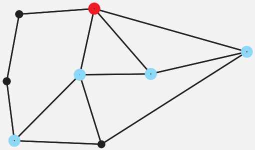

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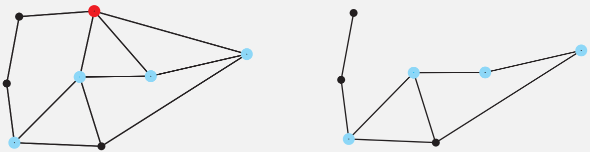

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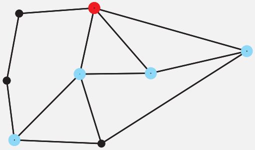

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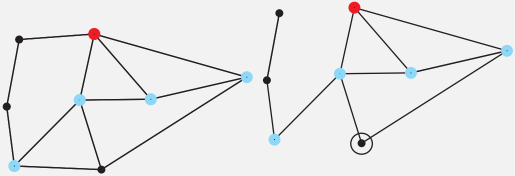

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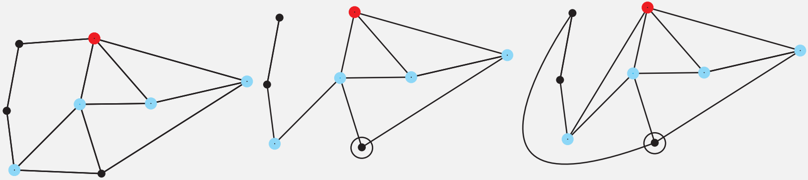

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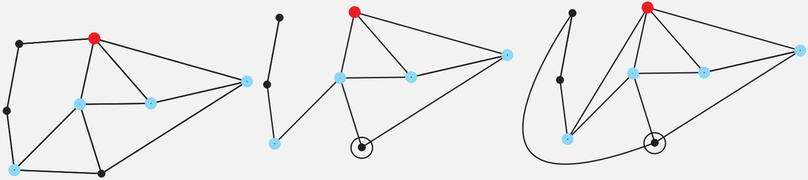

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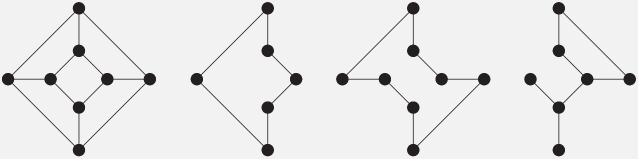

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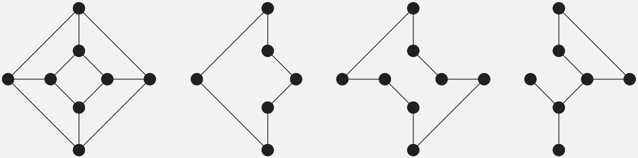

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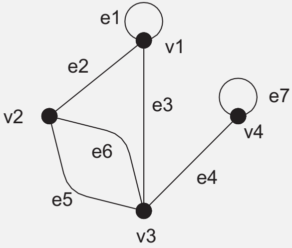

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Observations

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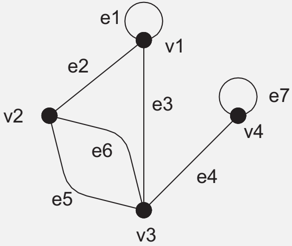

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Graph isomorphism

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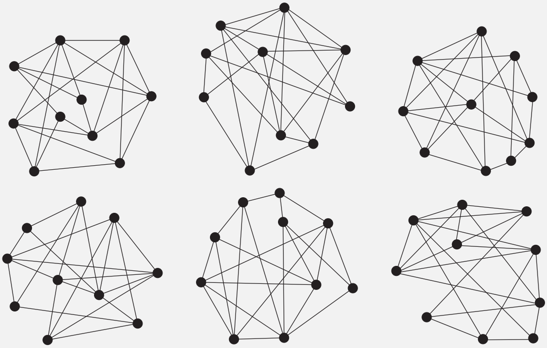
G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one mapping $\phi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that for each edge $e_1 \in E_1$ with $e_1 = \langle v, u \rangle$ there is a unique edge $e_2 \in E_2$ with $e_2 = \langle \phi(v), \phi(u) \rangle$.



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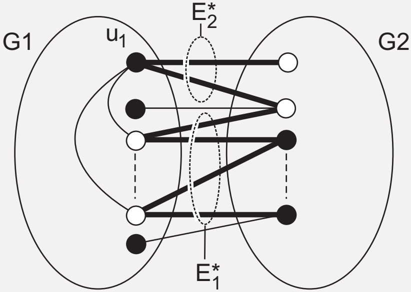
- $d_1 + d_2 \leq |E_1^*| + d_2 \leq |E_1^*| + |E_2^*| \leq |E^*| = \lambda(G)$.
- $N_1(u_1) \cup N_2(u_1)$ is a vertex cut with $d_1 + d_2$ vertices.



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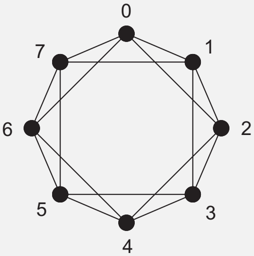

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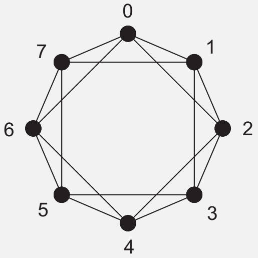

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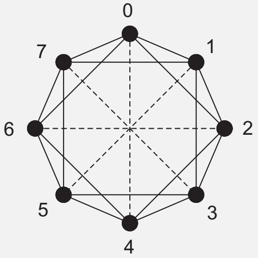

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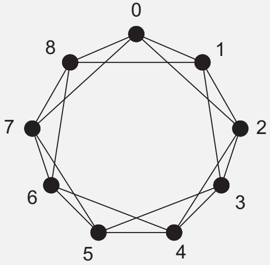

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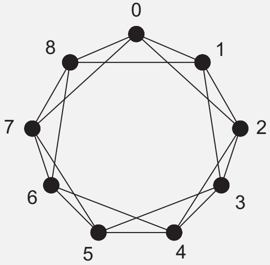

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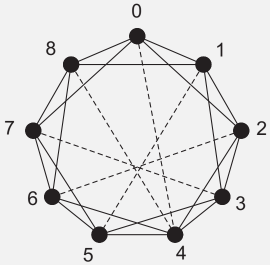

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Menger's theorem should be read carefully: it mentions pairwise independent paths. In this case, the adjective pairwise is used to make clear that we should always consider pairs of paths when considering independence. And indeed, this makes sense when you would consider trying to count the number of independent paths: being an independent path can only be relative to another path.

To complete the story, also note that the theorem is all about counting the number of (u, v)-paths, and not the number of pairs of such paths. In other words, pairwise is an adjective to independent, and not to paths.

Corollaries

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- *G is k-connected iff any two distinct vertices are connected by at least k vertex-independent paths.*
- *G is k-edge connected iff any two distinct vertices are connected by at least k edge-independent paths.*

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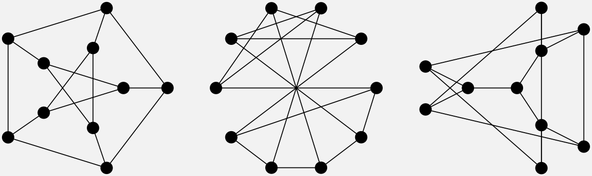
Each edge of a 2-edge-connected graph lies on a cycle.

Drawing graphs

Observation

It is important to see how you draw a graph, that is, to consider its **graph embedding**.



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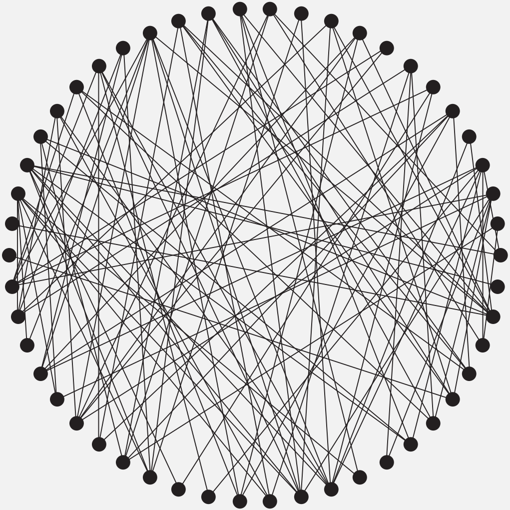

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1. Consider bipartite graph G and vertex $v \in V(G)$
2. Let $N_0^*(v) = \{v\}$
3. Let $N_k^*(v) = N_{k-1}^*(v) \cup \{x \in N(y) | y \in N_{k-1}^*(v)\}, k \geq 1$
4. $N_k(v) = N_k^*(v) - N_{k-1}^*(v)$
5. Draw vertices from $N_k(v)$ on the same vertical line, and vertices from $N_{k-1}(v)$ below (or above) those of $N_k(v)$.

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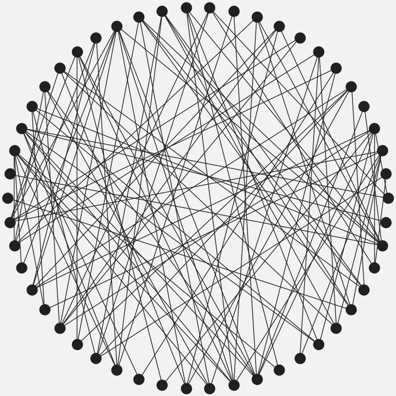

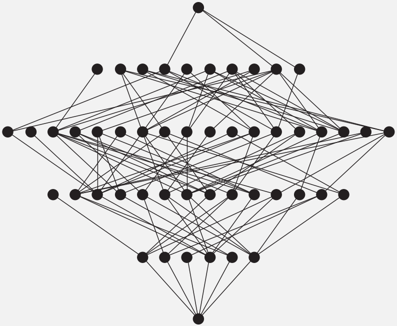

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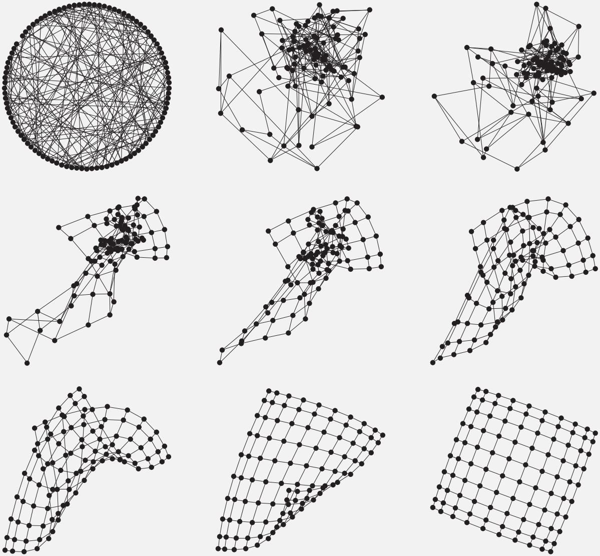

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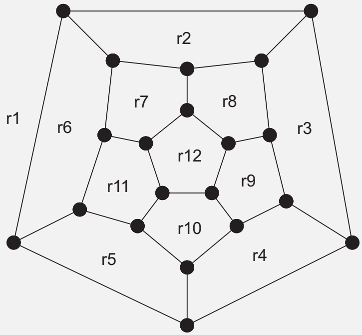

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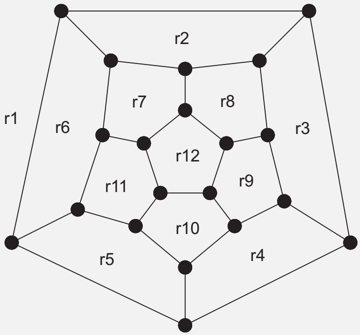

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