
A Sharp Upper Bounds for Largest Eigenvalue of the Laplacian Matrices of Tree

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- In this project, we focus on an upper bound for the spectrum of the Laplacian matrix of a tree.

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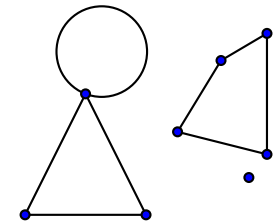
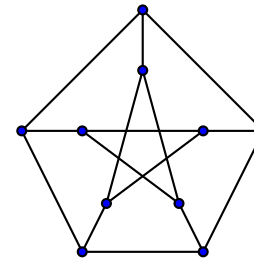
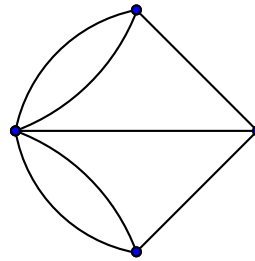
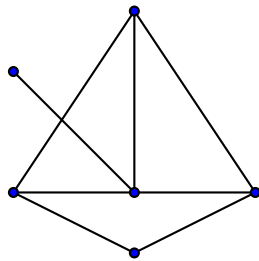
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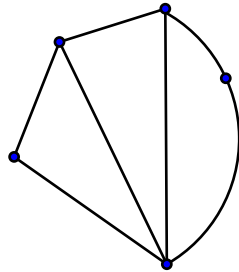
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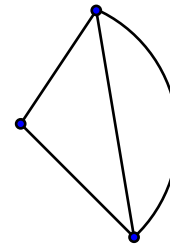
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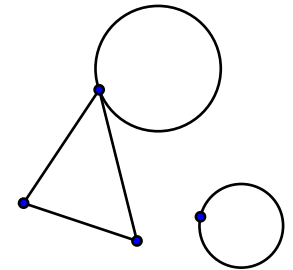
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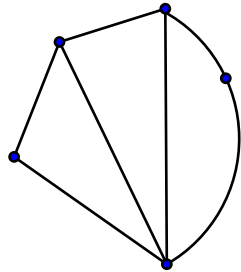


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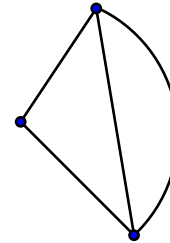
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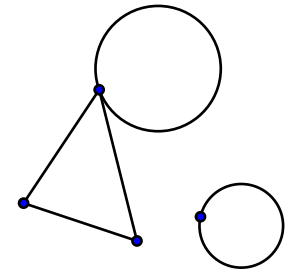
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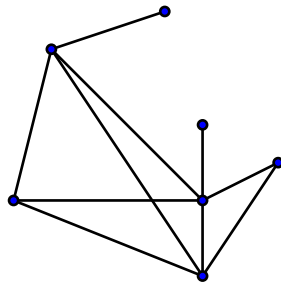
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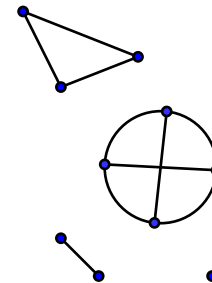
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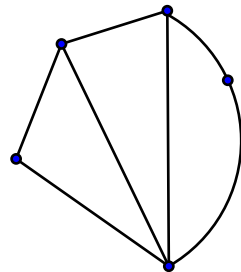


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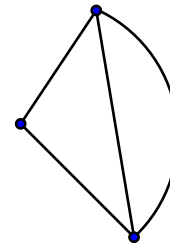
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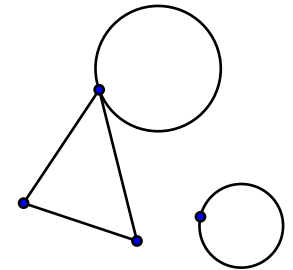
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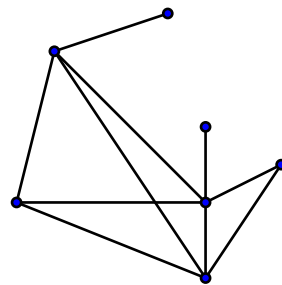
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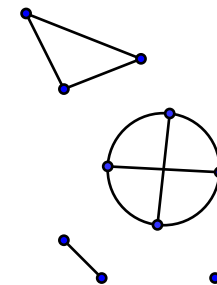
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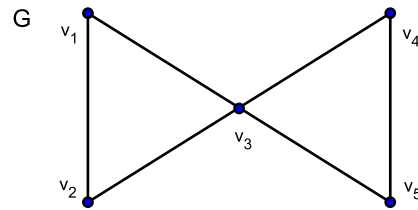
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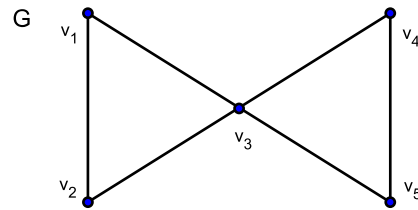


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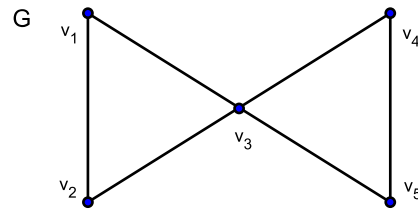
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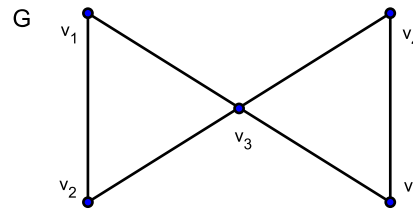
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Theorem (Perron-Frobenius Theorem). *Suppose A is a real nonnegative $n \times n$ matrix whose underlying graph G is connected. Then, $\rho(A)$ is a simple eigenvalue of A . If x is an eigenvector for ρ , then no entries of x are zero, and all have the same sign.*

□ The Perron vector is a unique (up to scalar multiplication), positive, unit, and simple vector.

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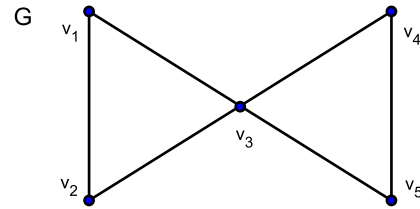
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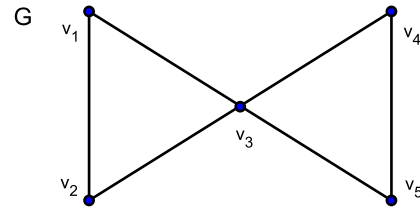
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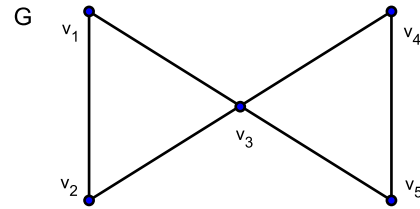
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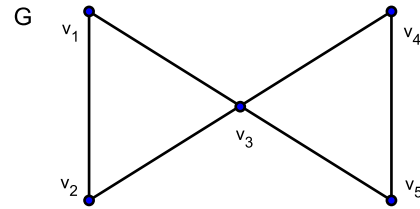


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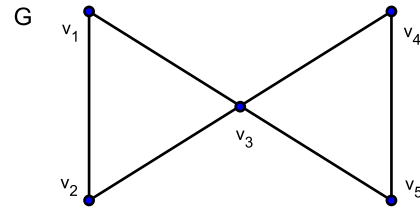
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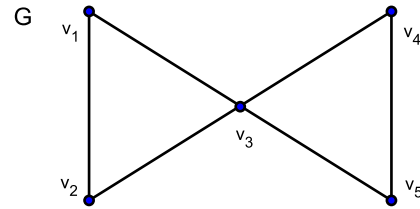
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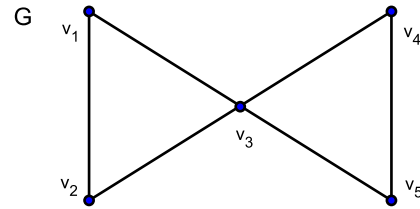
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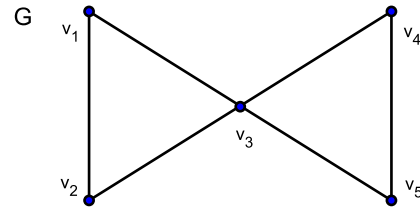
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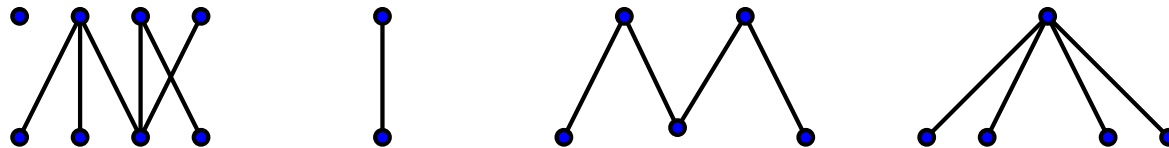
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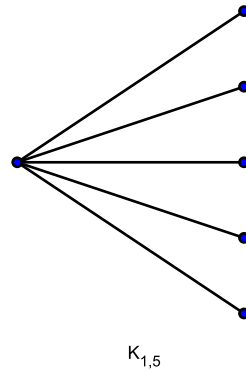
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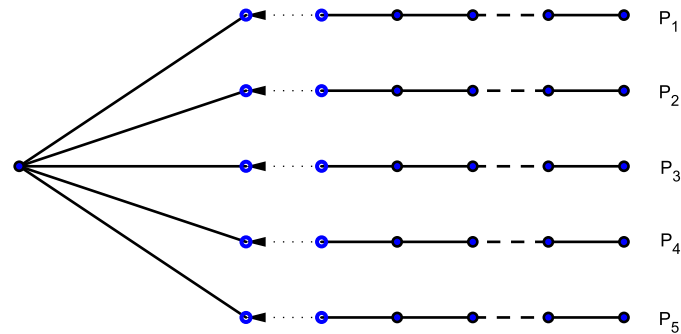


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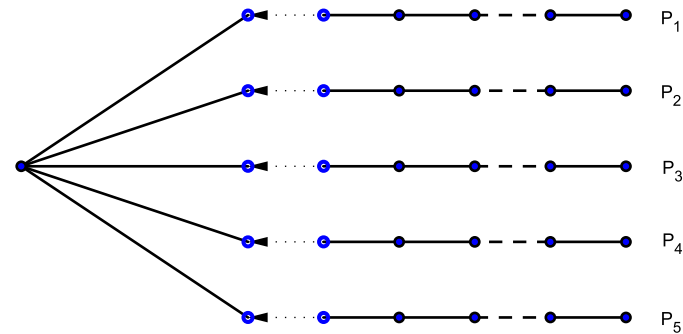


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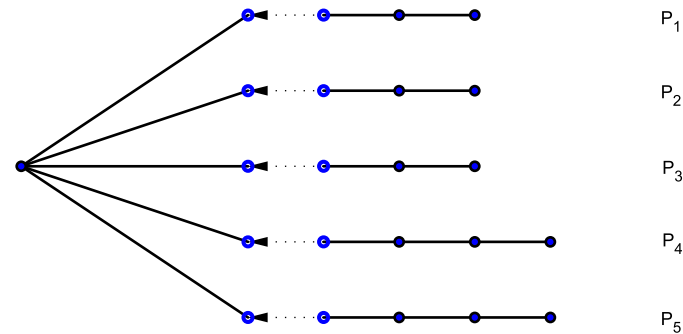


- Start with the star $K_{1,5}$
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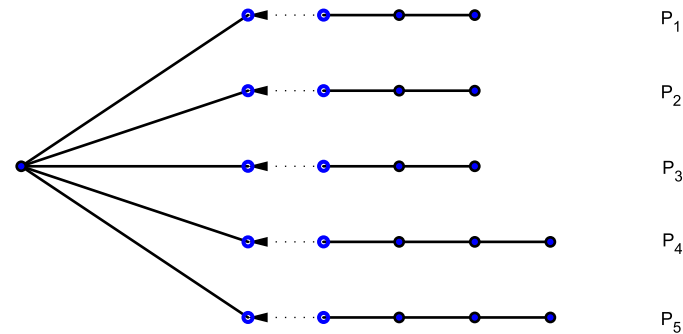


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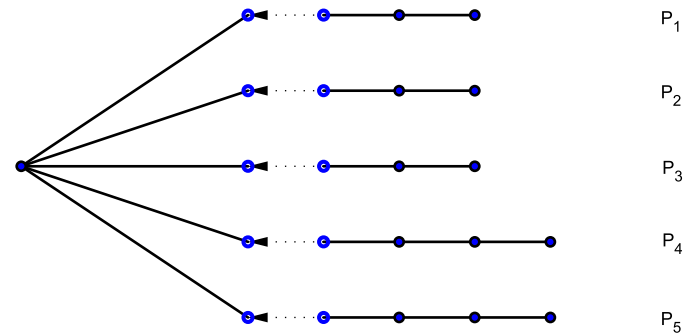


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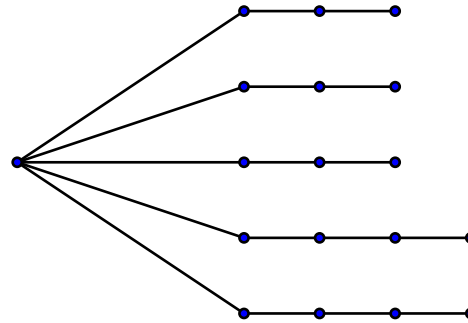


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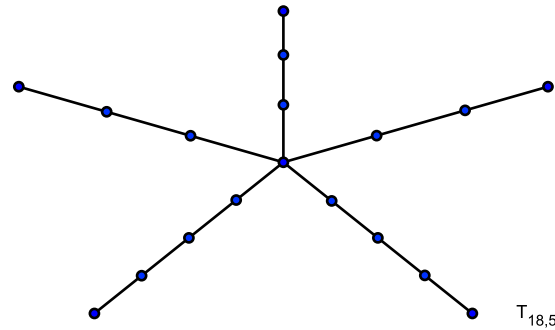


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□ Not every path has the same number of vertices, but each has an “almost equal” number of vertices!

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$$\mu(T) \leq \mu(T_{n,k})$$

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Recall that $\mu(T) \leq \mu(T_{n,k})$ for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_{n,k}$. The following are notations used in this presentation.

- $A(G)$: adjacency matrix of G
- $\rho(G)$: spectral radius of G
- $L(G)$: Laplacian matrix of G
- $\mu(G)$: Laplacian spectral radius of G
- $Q(G)$: signless Laplacian matrix of G
- $\nu(G)$: signless Laplacian spectral radius of G
- $N_G(v)$: set of vertices adjacent to a vertex v in G
- $N_G(v) \setminus (N_G(u) \cup \{u\})$: set of neighbors of v , but do not include neighbors of u nor u itself
- $\mathcal{T}_{n,k}$: set of tree graphs with n vertices and k pendant vertices
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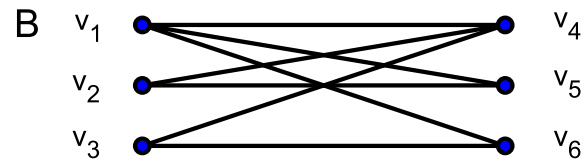
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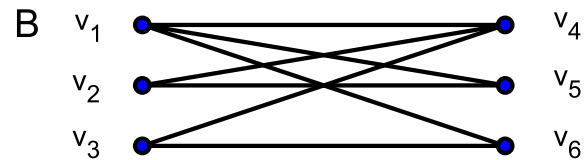
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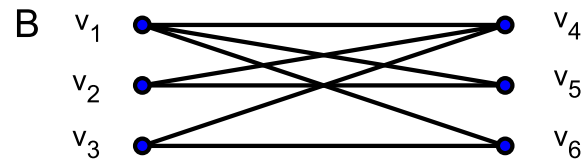
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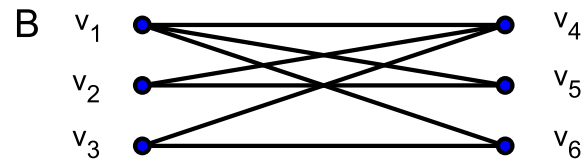
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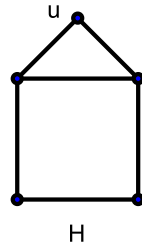
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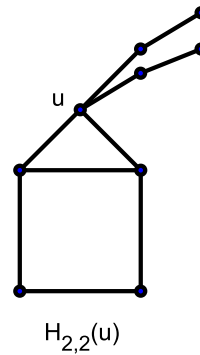
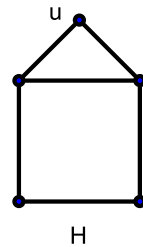
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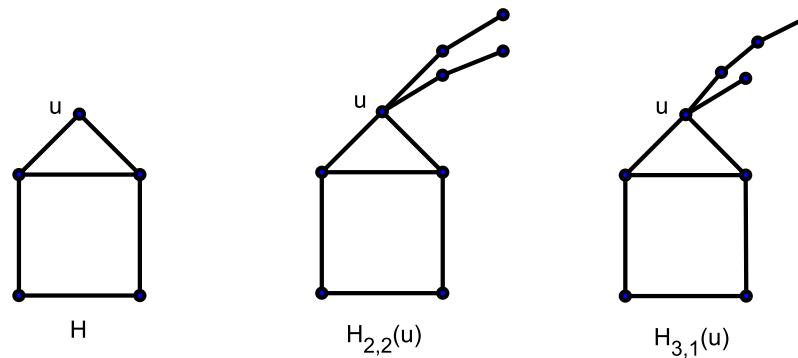
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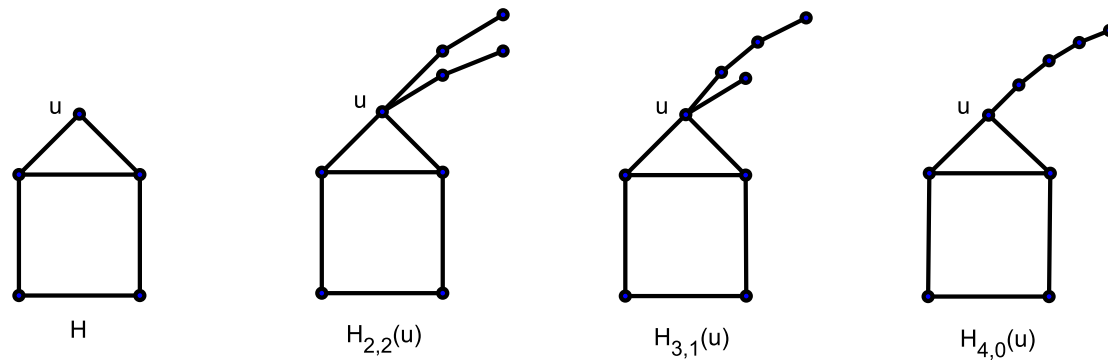
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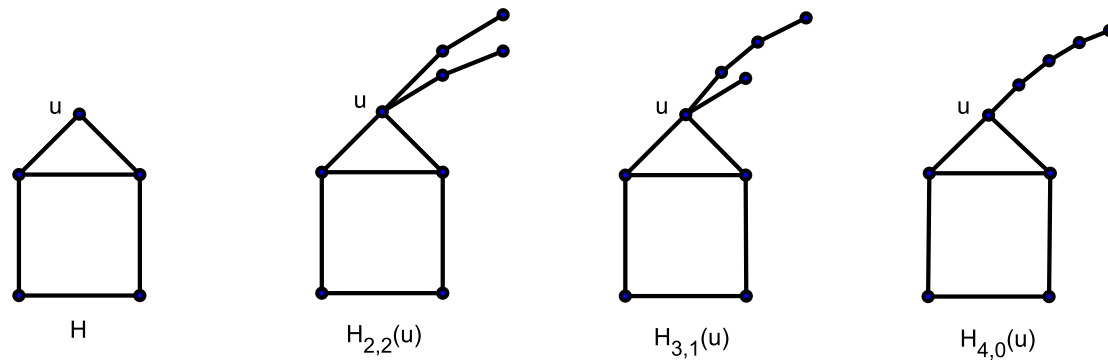
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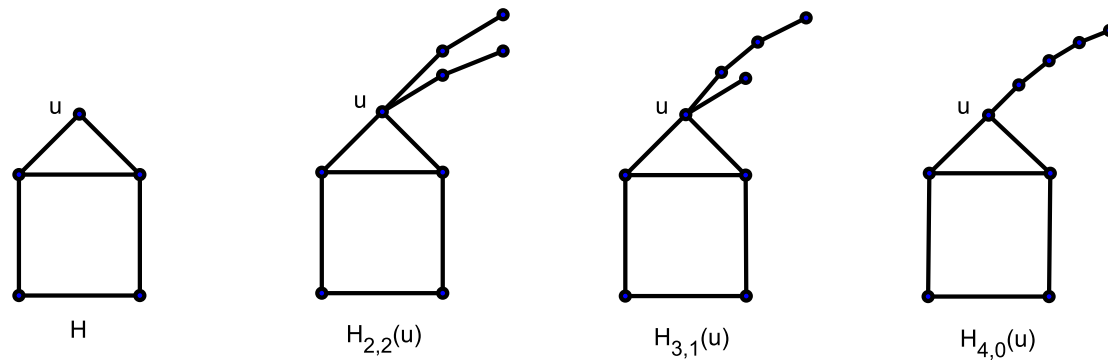
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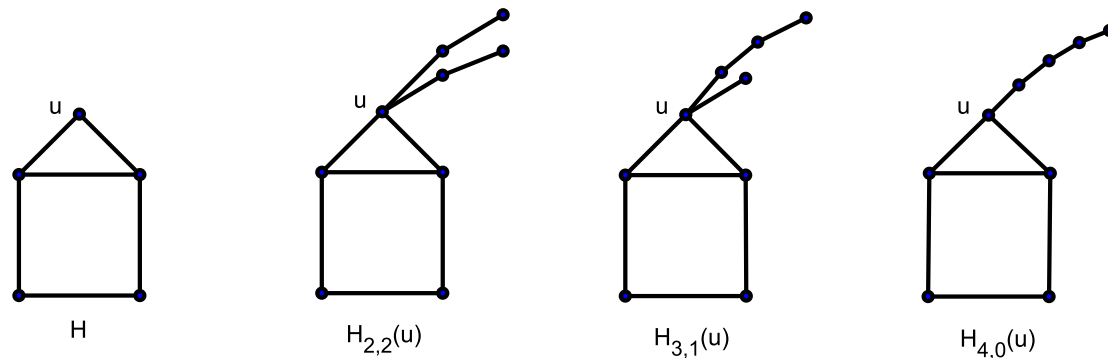
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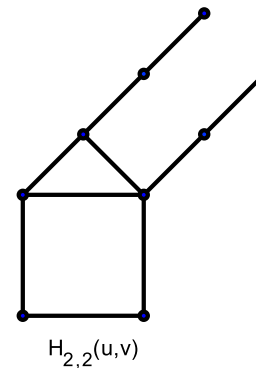
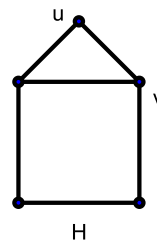
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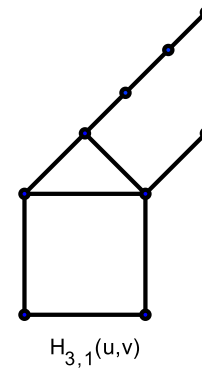
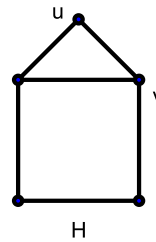
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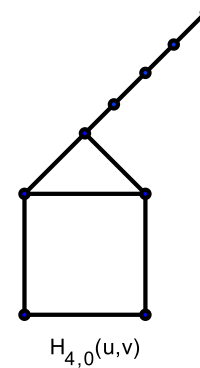
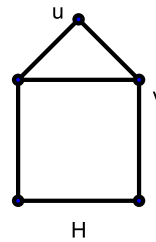
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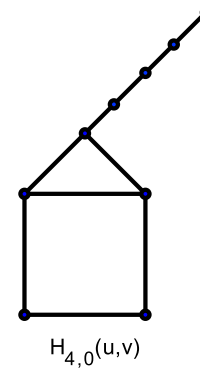
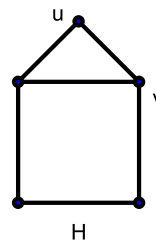
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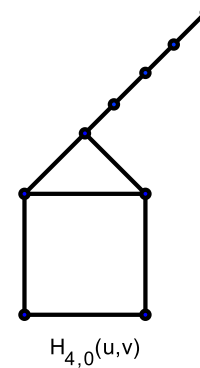
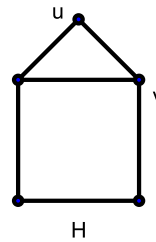
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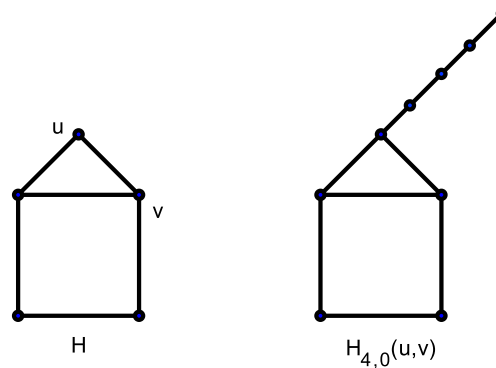
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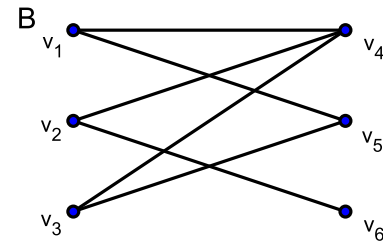
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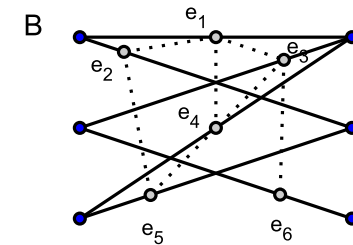
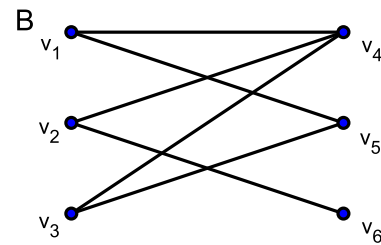
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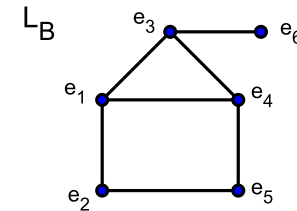
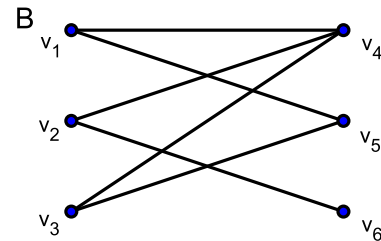
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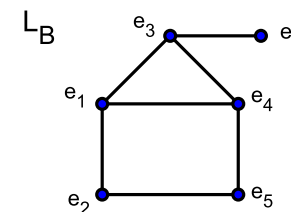
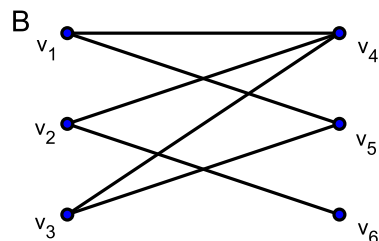
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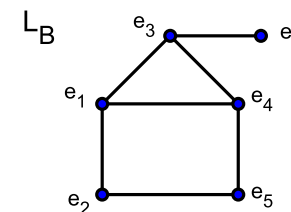
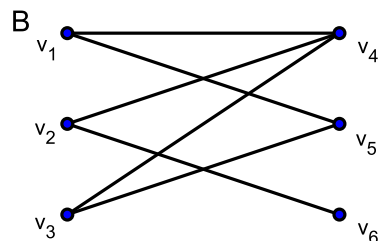
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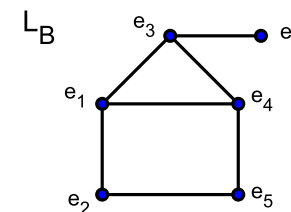
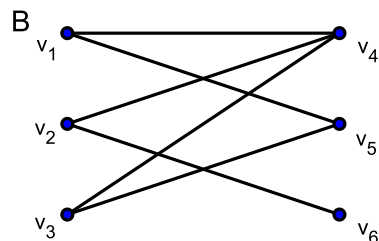
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- The idea is to reconstruct T to $T_{n,k}$ by deleting and adding edges one by one. Then, watching how the (signless) Laplacian spectral radius changes for each step.

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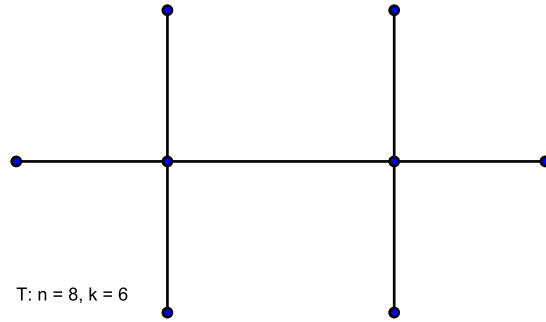
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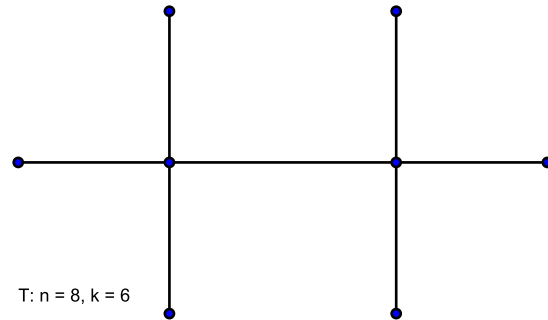
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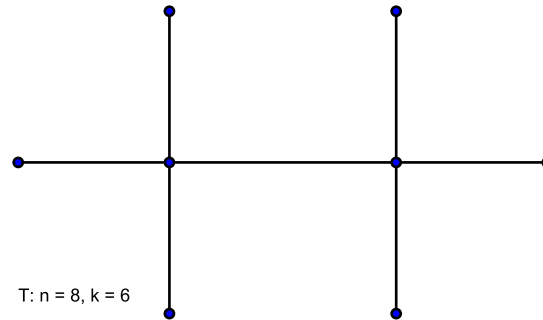
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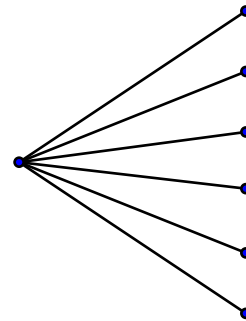
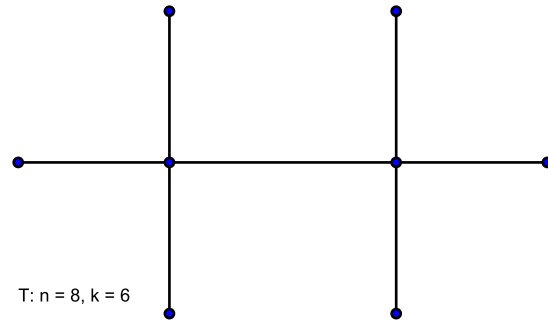
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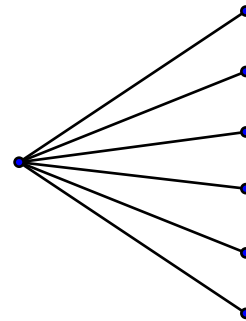
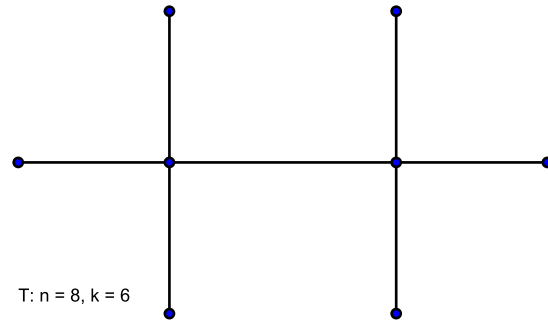
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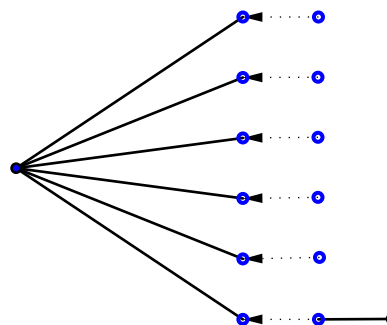
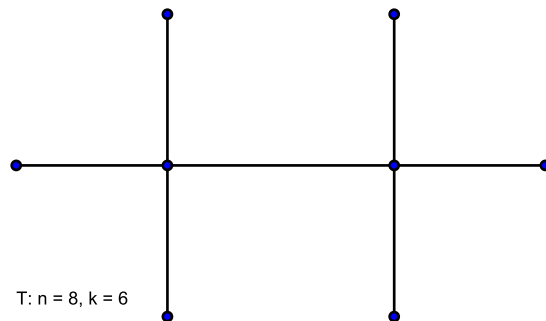
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For example, take $T \in \mathcal{T}_{8,6}$ as..



□ Since $7 = 1 \cdot 6 + 1$, we have... five paths of 1 vertex and one path of 2 vertices.

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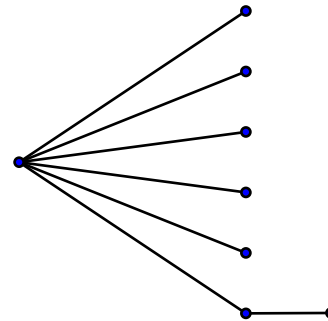
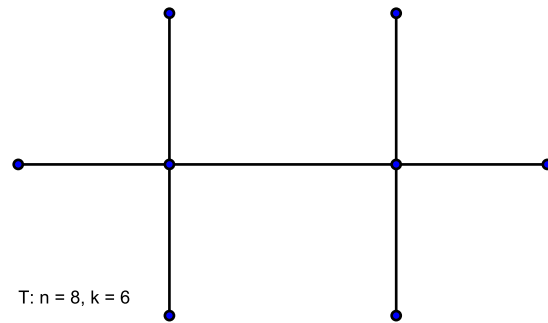
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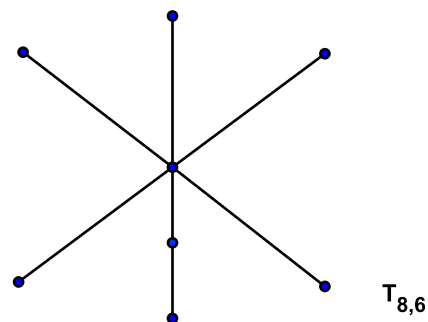
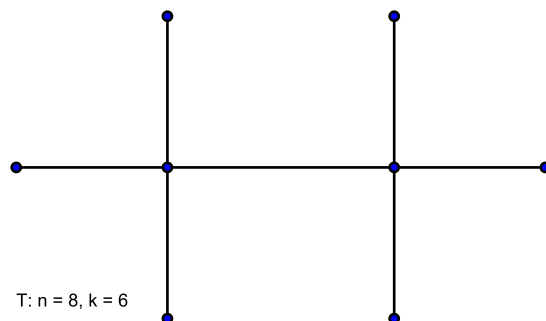
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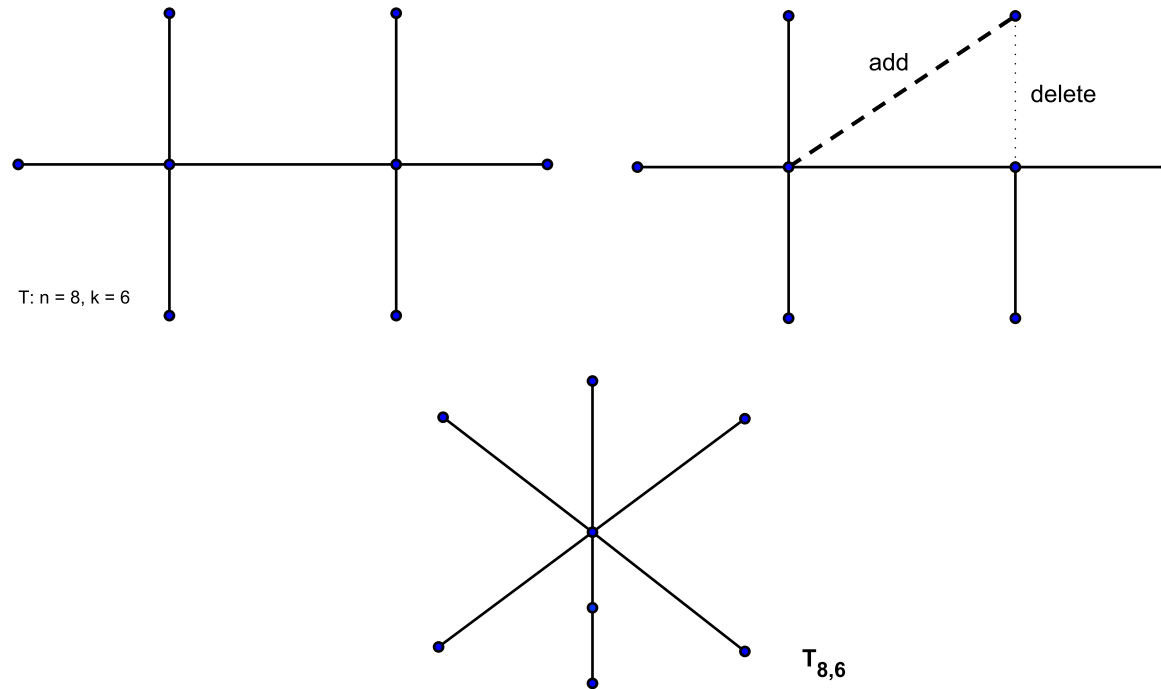
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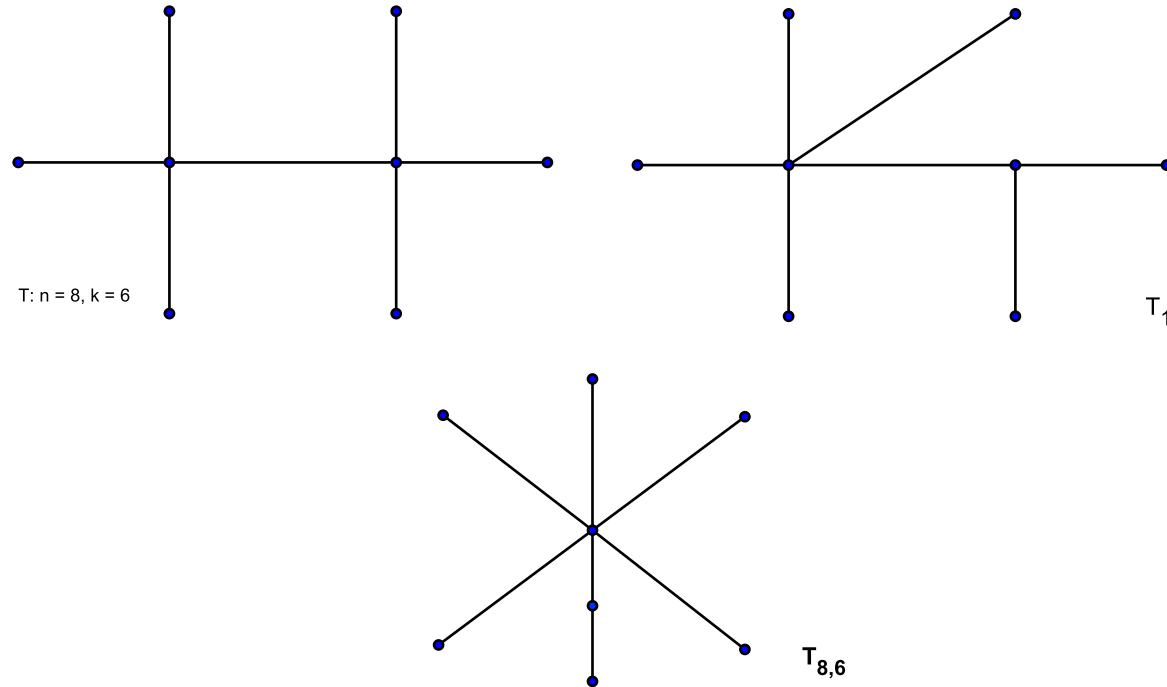
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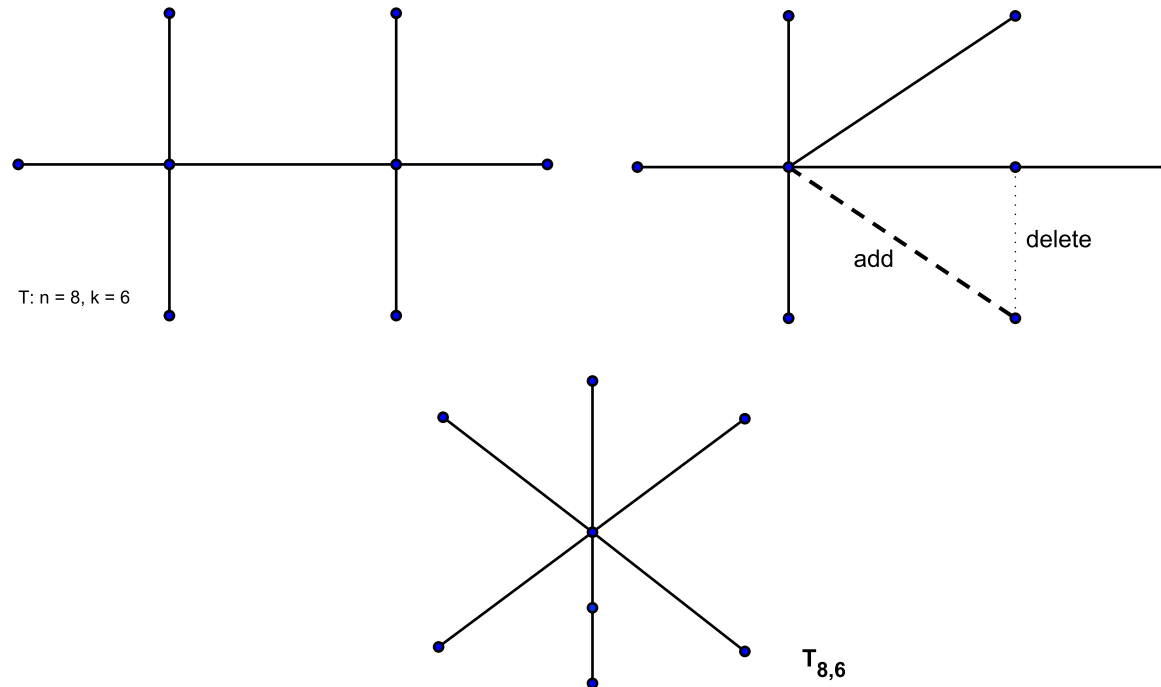
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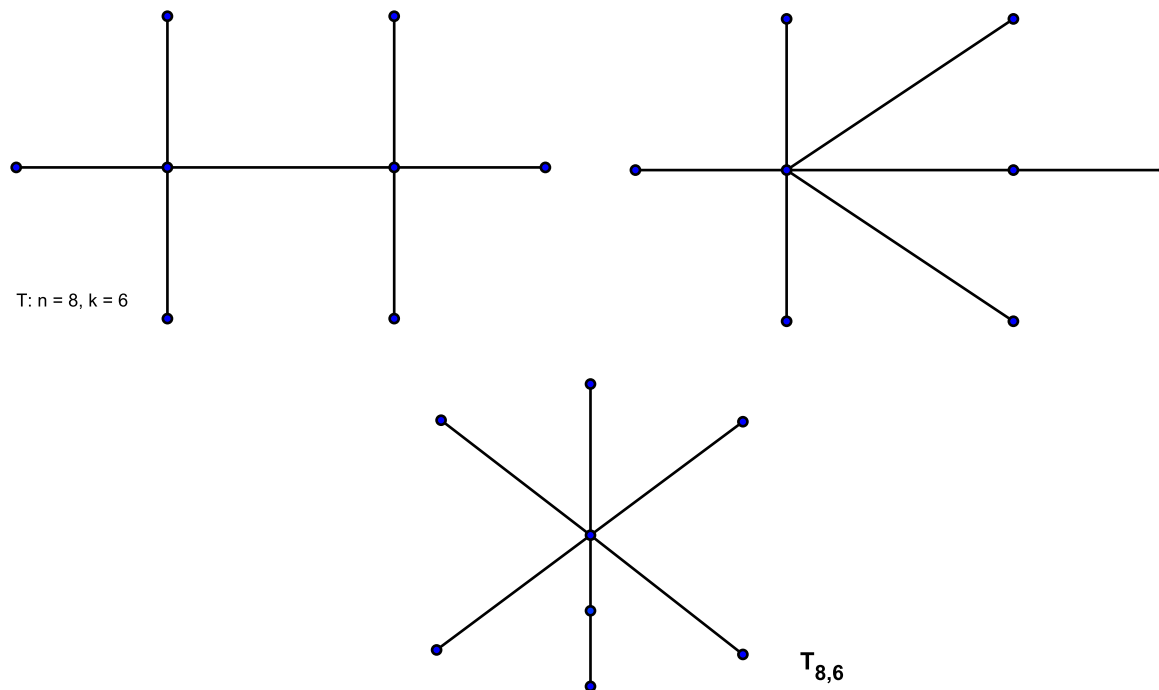
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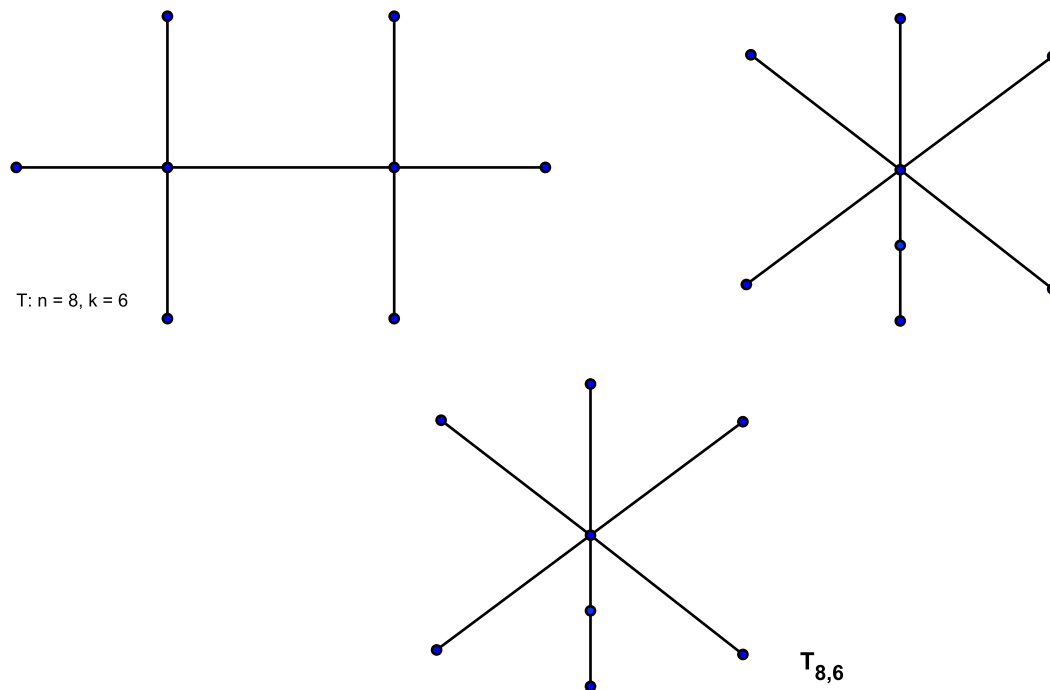
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For example, take $T \in \mathcal{T}_{8,6}$ as..



□ Then, we just reconstructed T to $T_{n,k}$.

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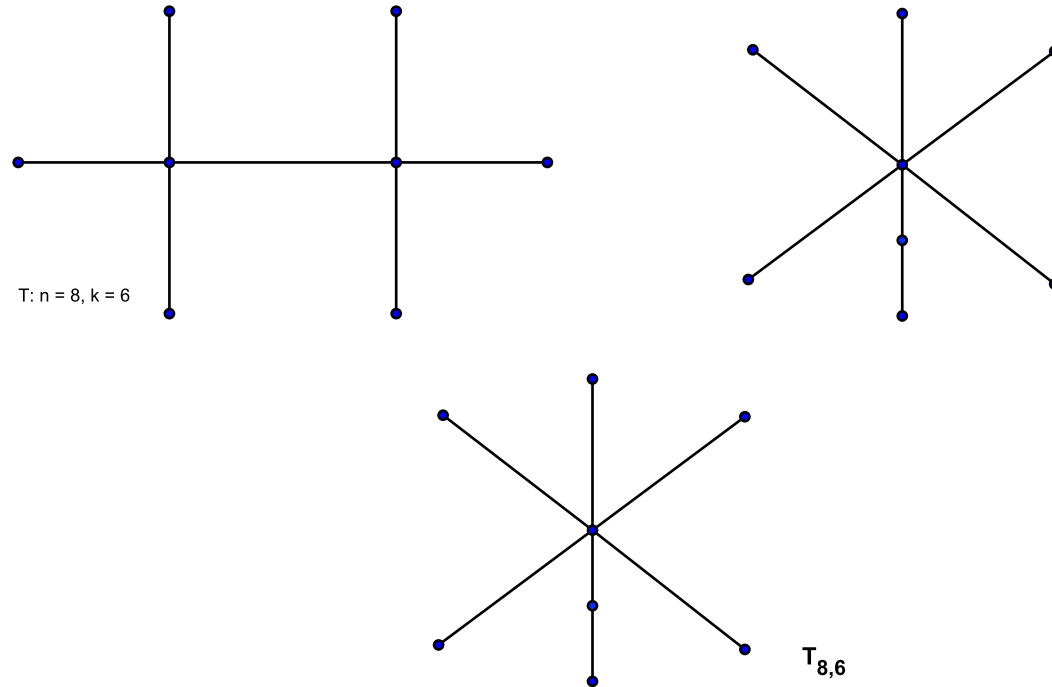
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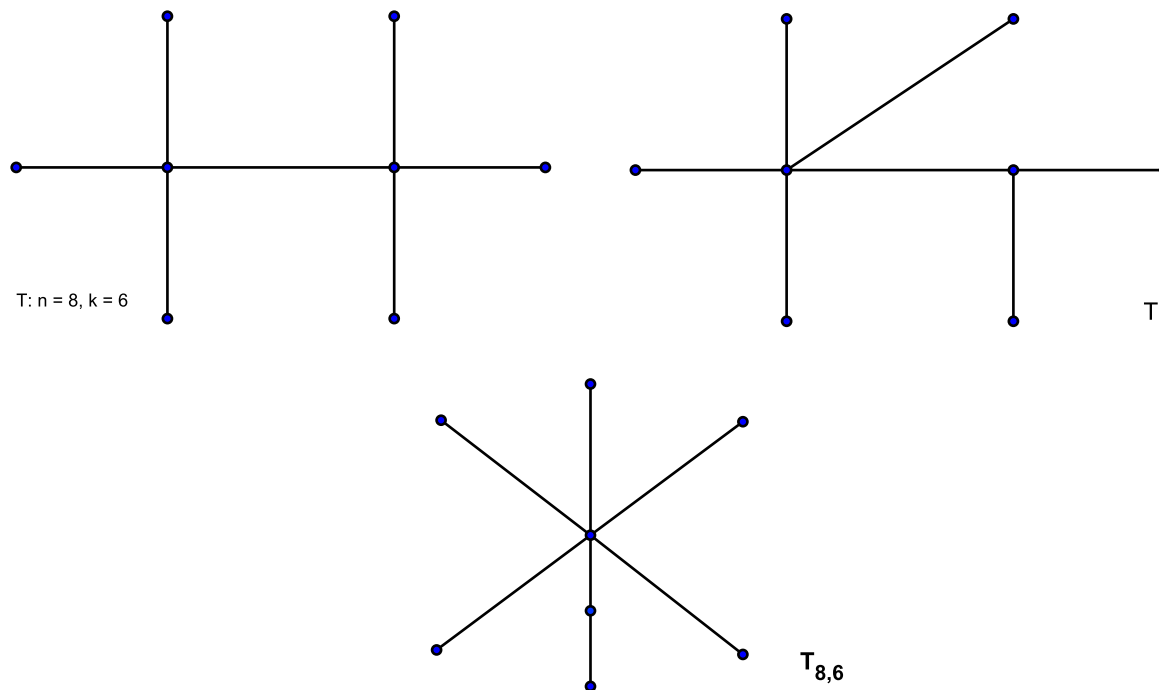
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For example, take $T \in \mathcal{T}_{8,6}$ as..



□ Now, their Laplacian spectral radii are...

□ $\mu(T) = 5.6458$, $\mu(T_1) = 6.1413$, and $\mu(T_{8,6}) = 7.0340$, as desired.

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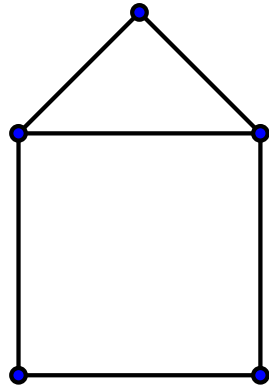
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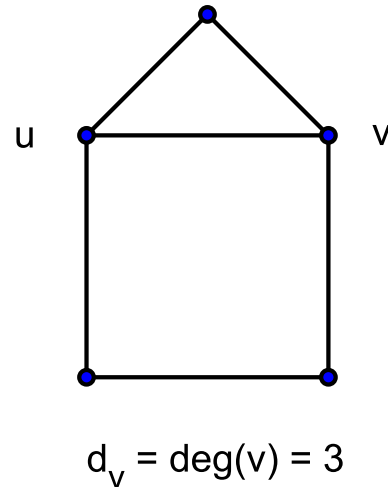
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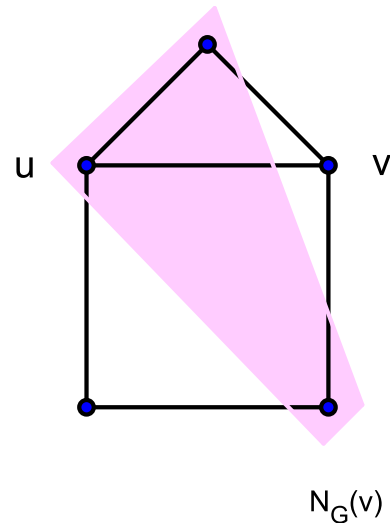
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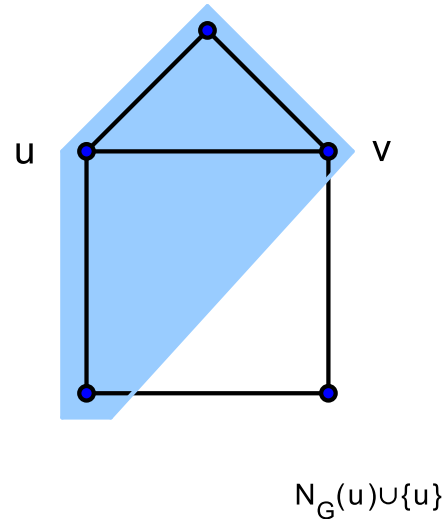
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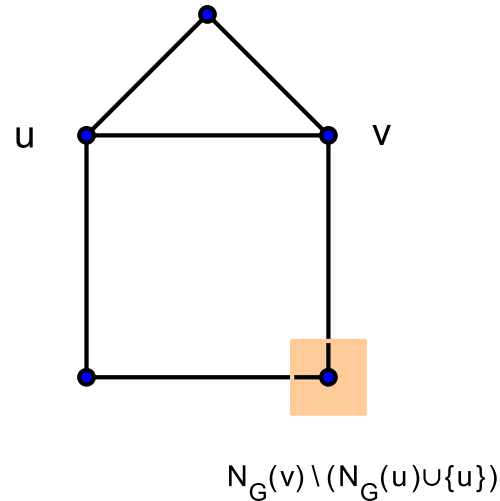
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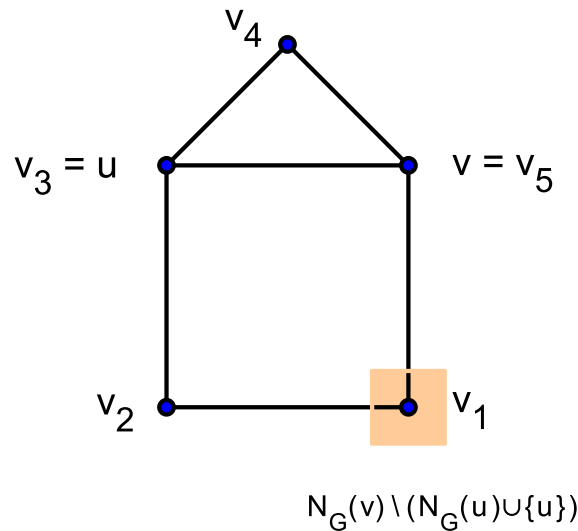
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□ v_1 is only the vertex which belongs to $N_G(v) \setminus (N_G(u) \cup \{u\})$

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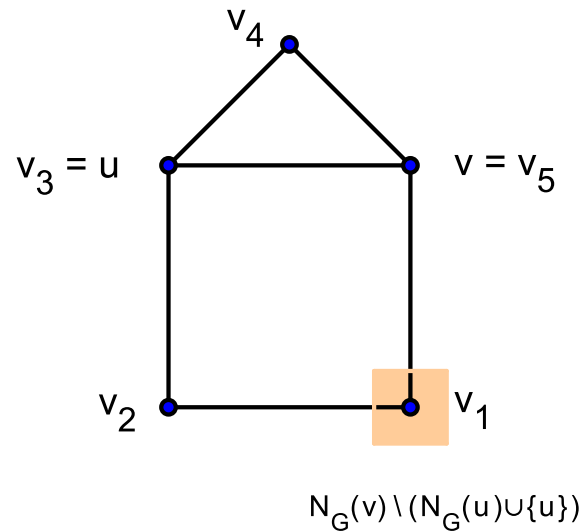
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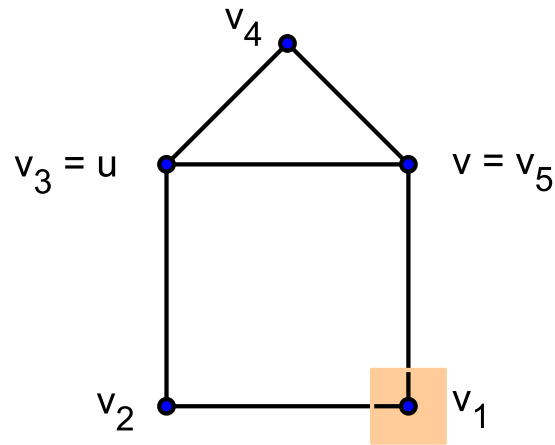
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$$N_G(v) \setminus (N_G(u) \cup \{u\})$$

□ The signless Laplacian matrix of G

$$Q(G) \begin{matrix} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 & v_5 \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \\ v_5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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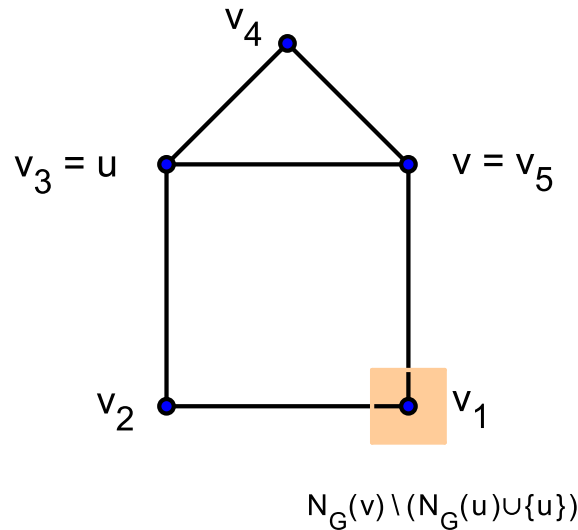
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□ Its spectrum is...

$\{0.382, 1.139, 2.618, 2.745, \underline{5.114}\}$

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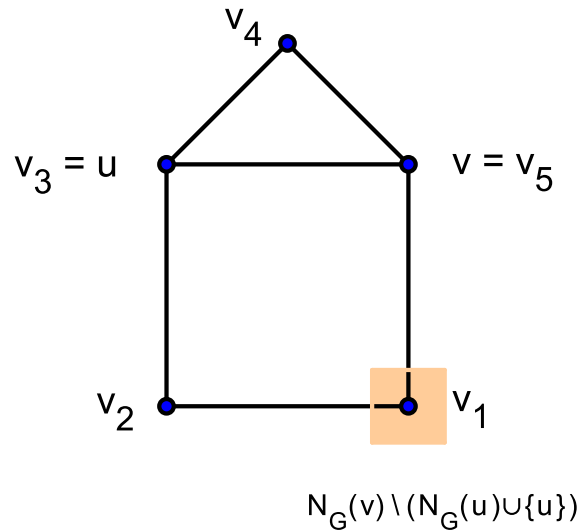
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□ Its Perron vector is...

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 \\ 0.2796 & 0.2796 & 0.5914 & 0.3797 & 0.5914 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

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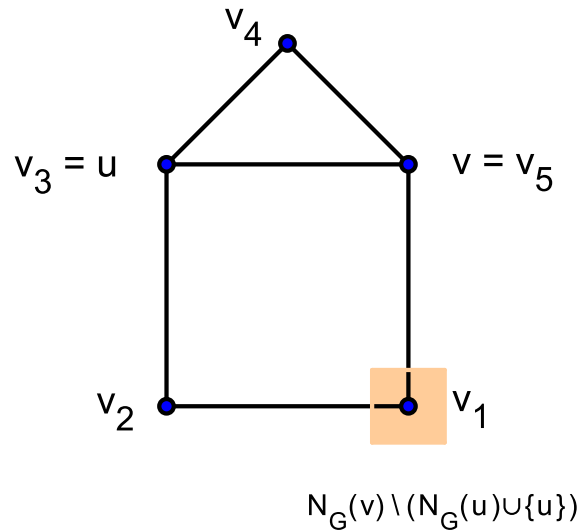
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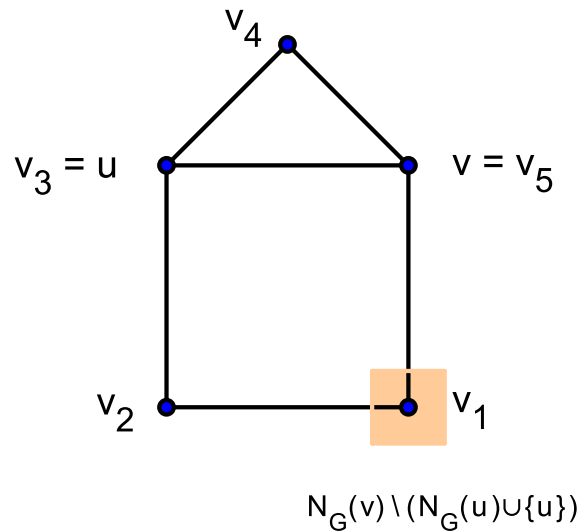
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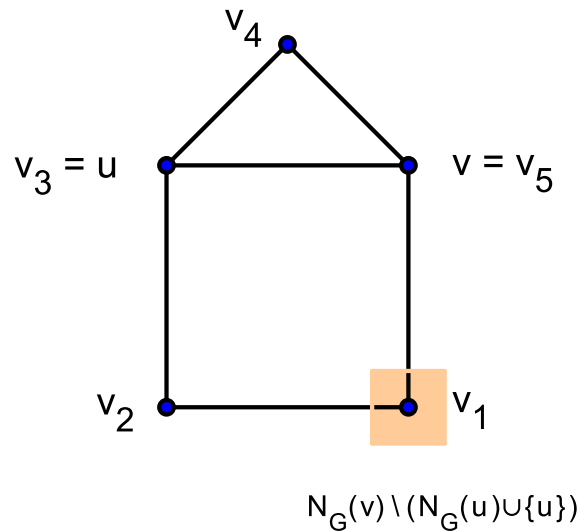
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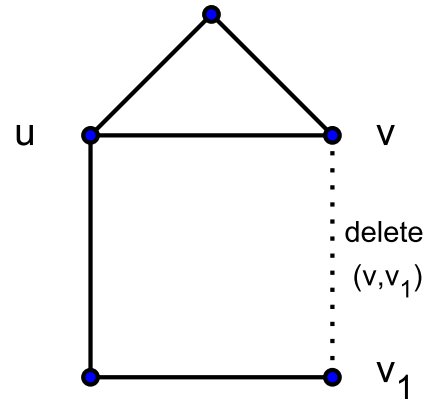
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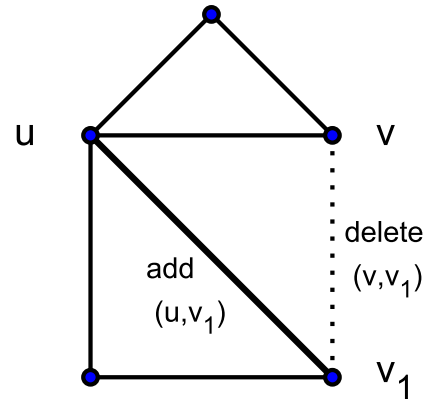
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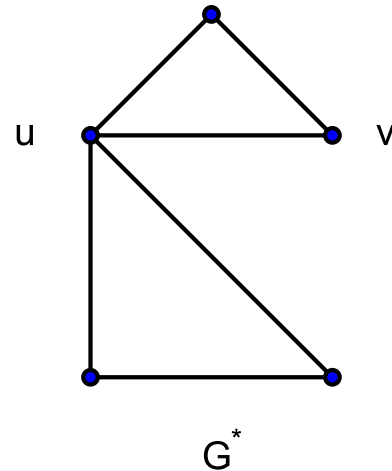
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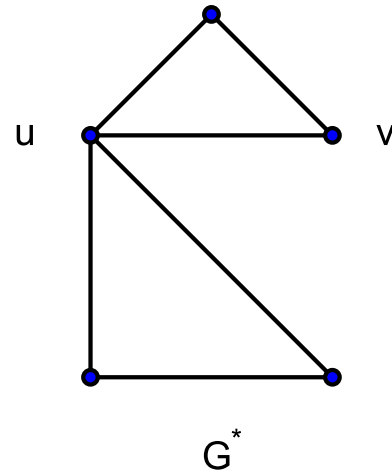
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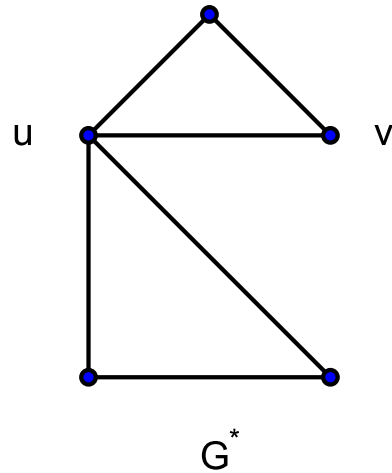
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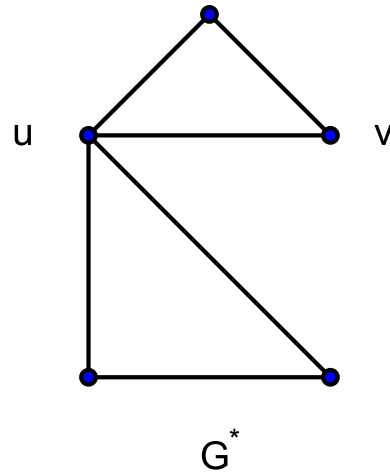
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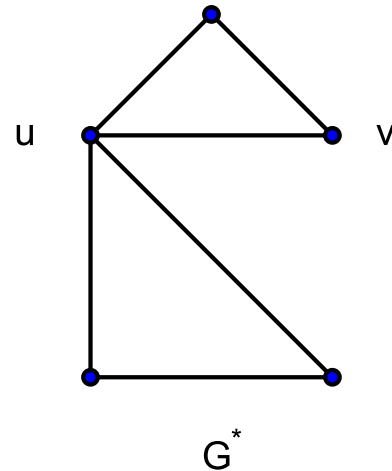
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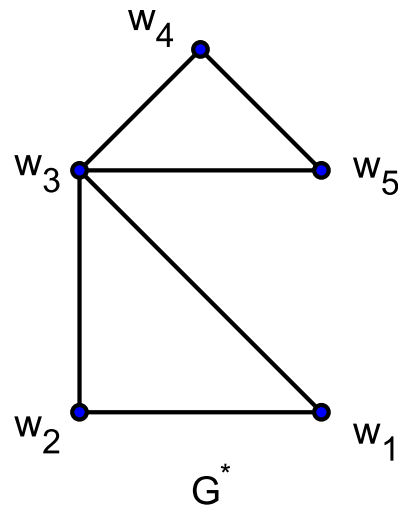
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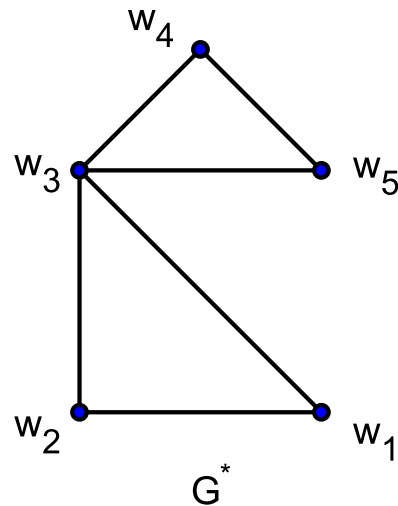
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□ Its spectrum is...

$\{1.000, 1.000, 1.438, 3.000, \underline{5.561}\}$

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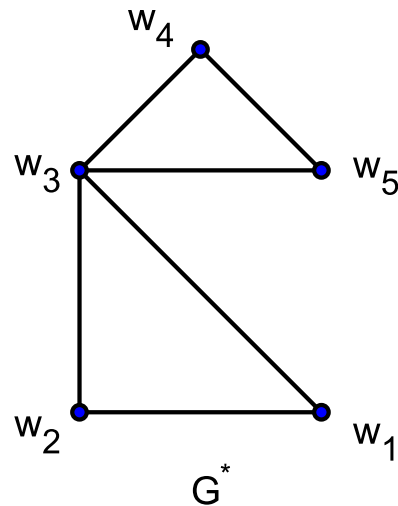
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Therefore, we have

$$\nu(G) = 5.114 < 5.561 = \nu(G^*)$$

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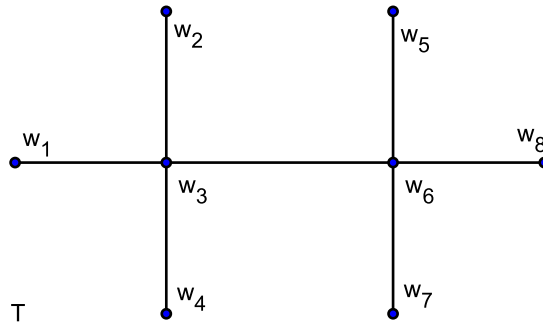
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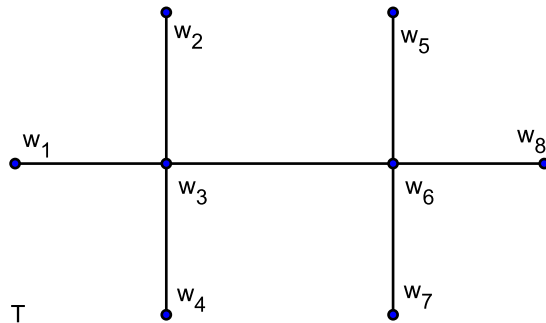
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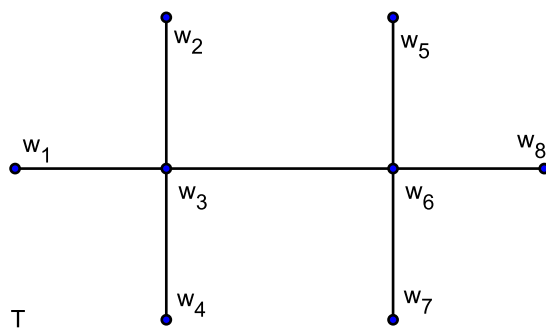
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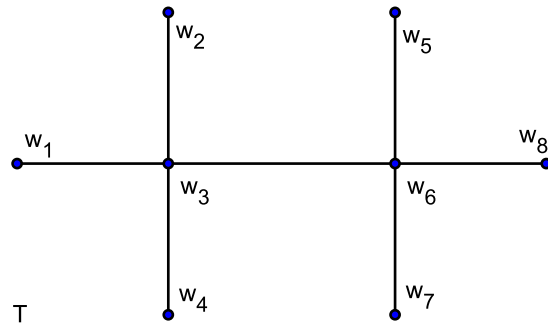
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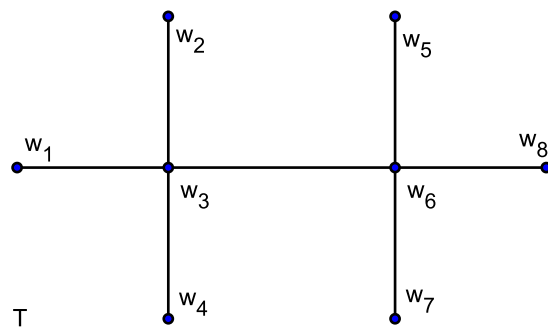
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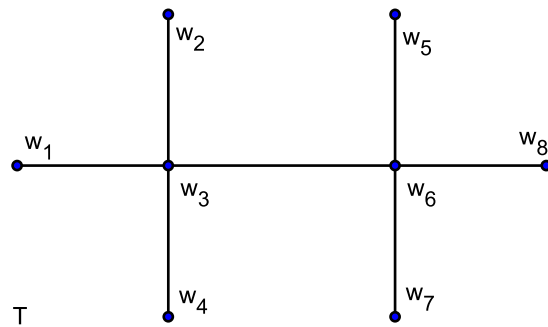
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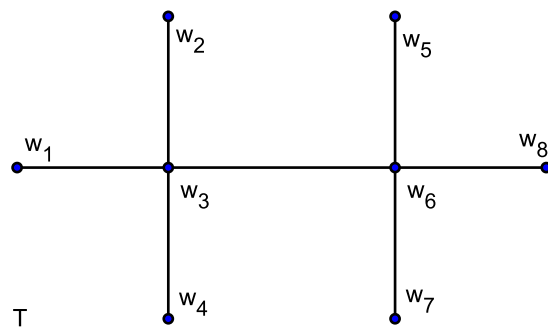
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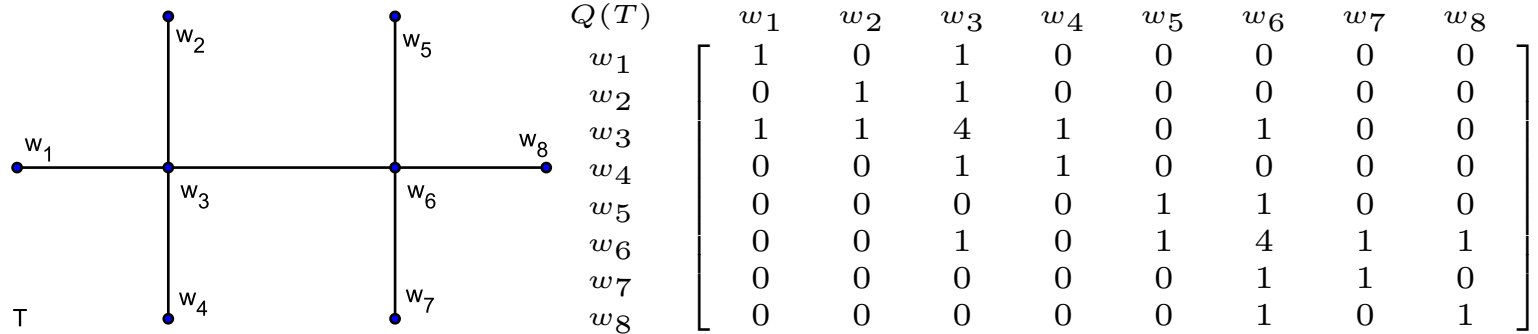
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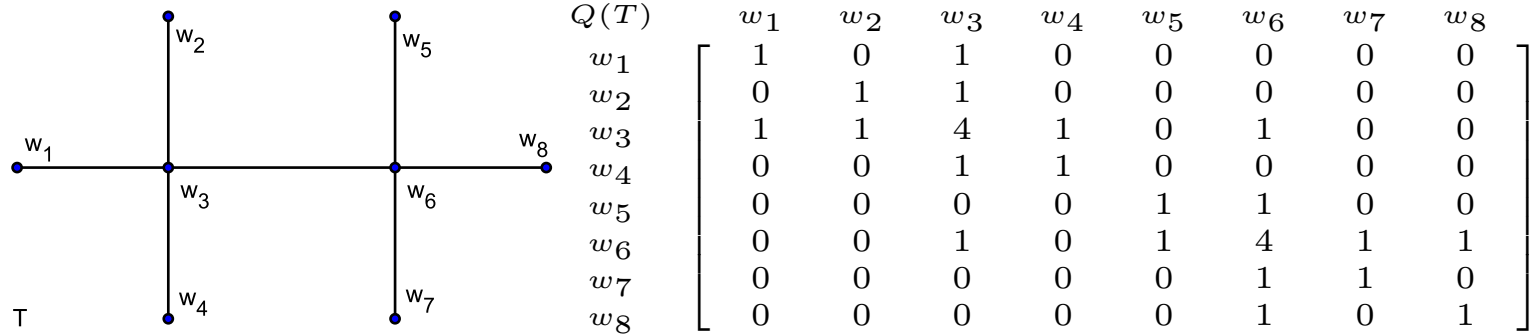
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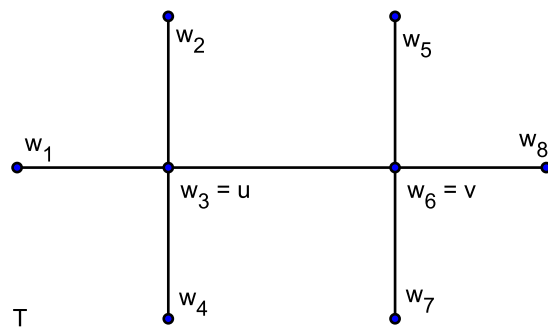
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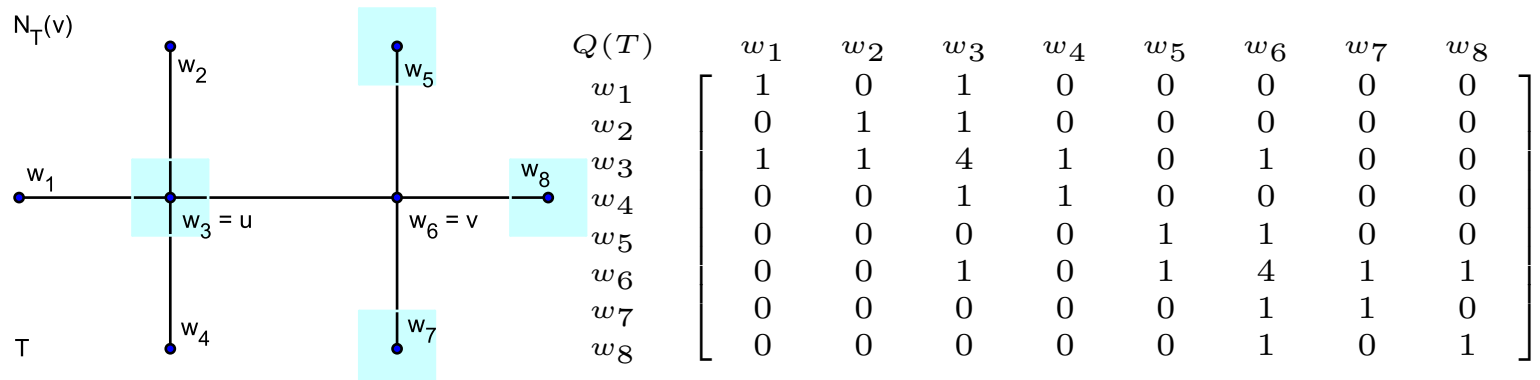
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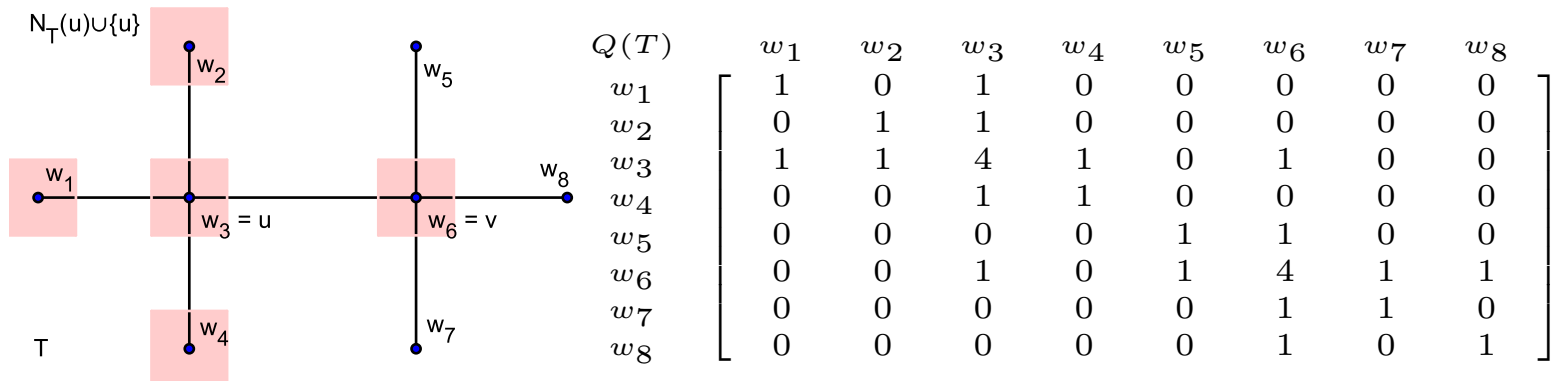
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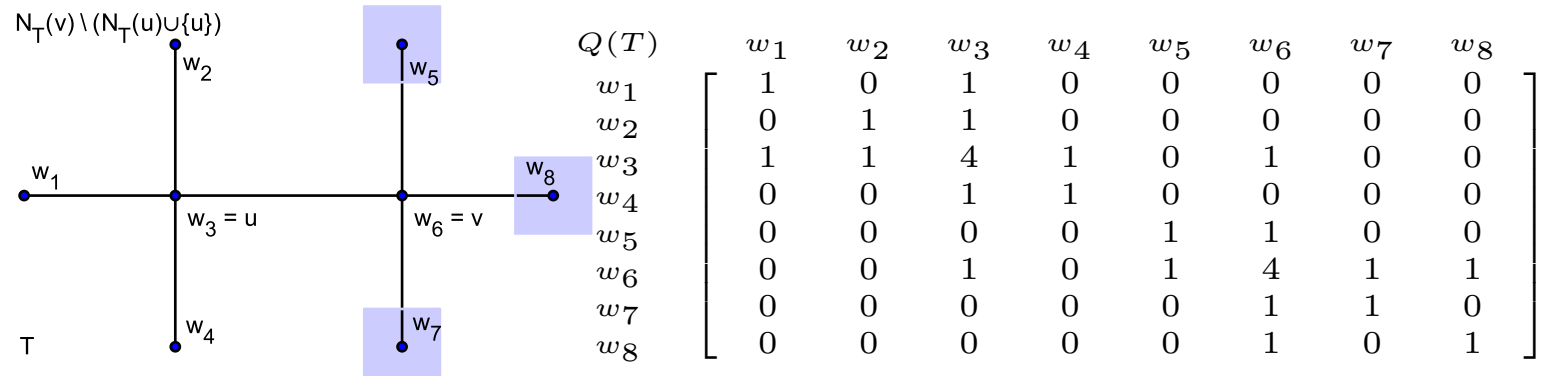
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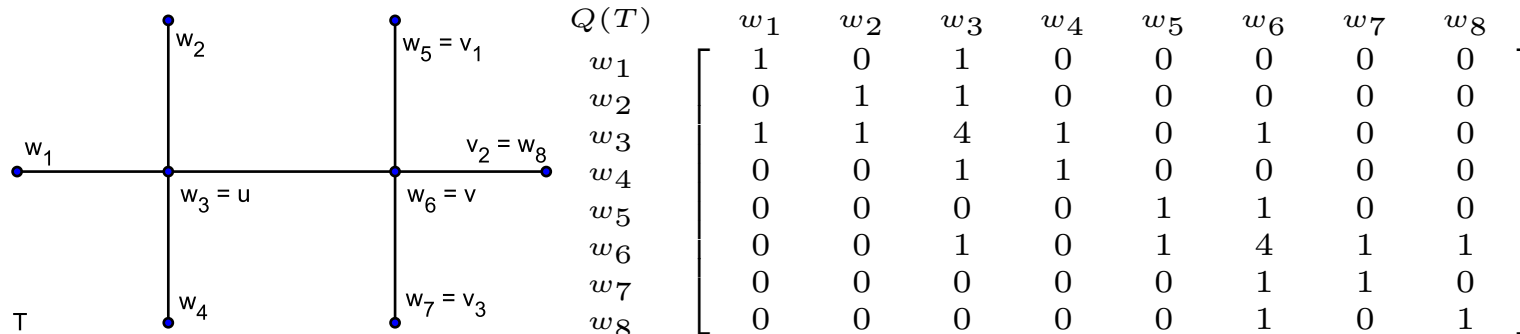
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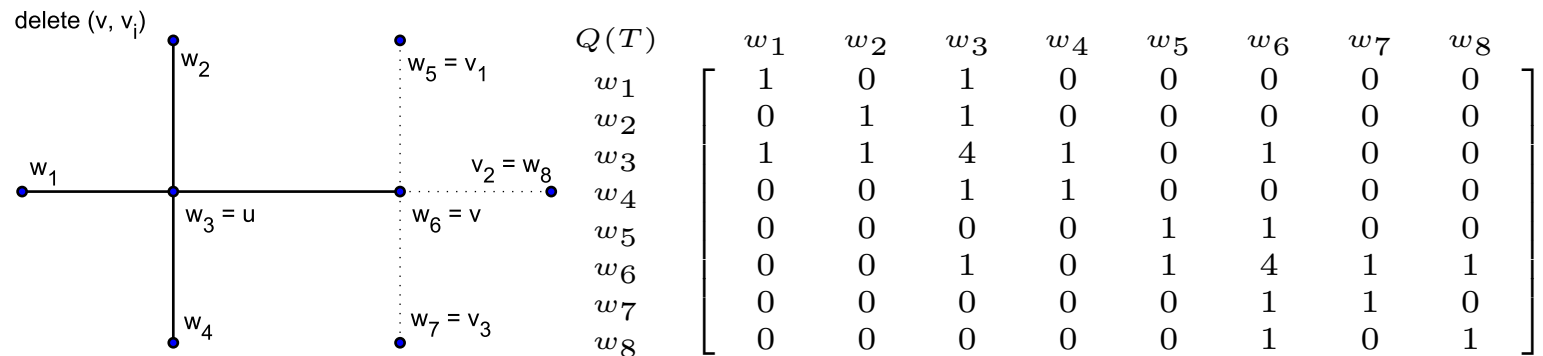
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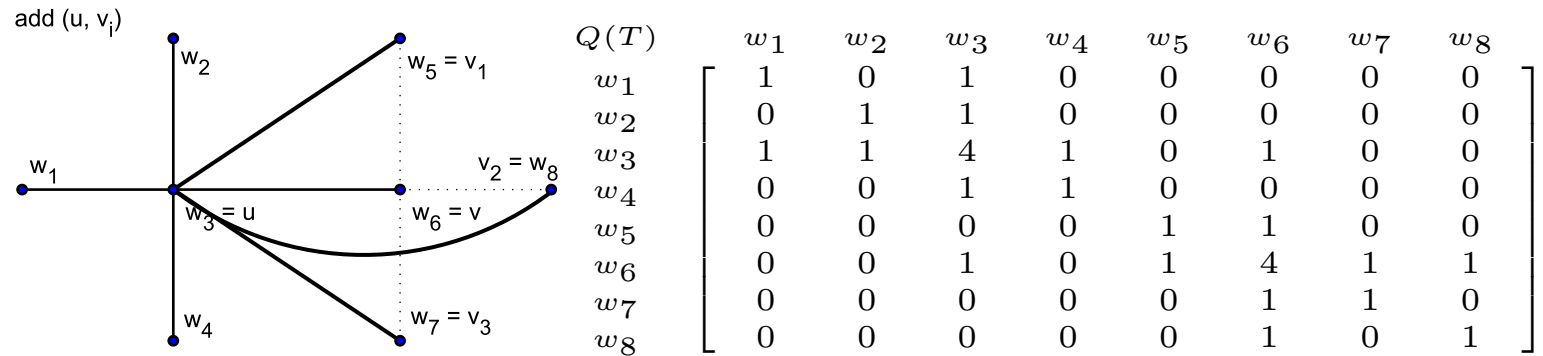
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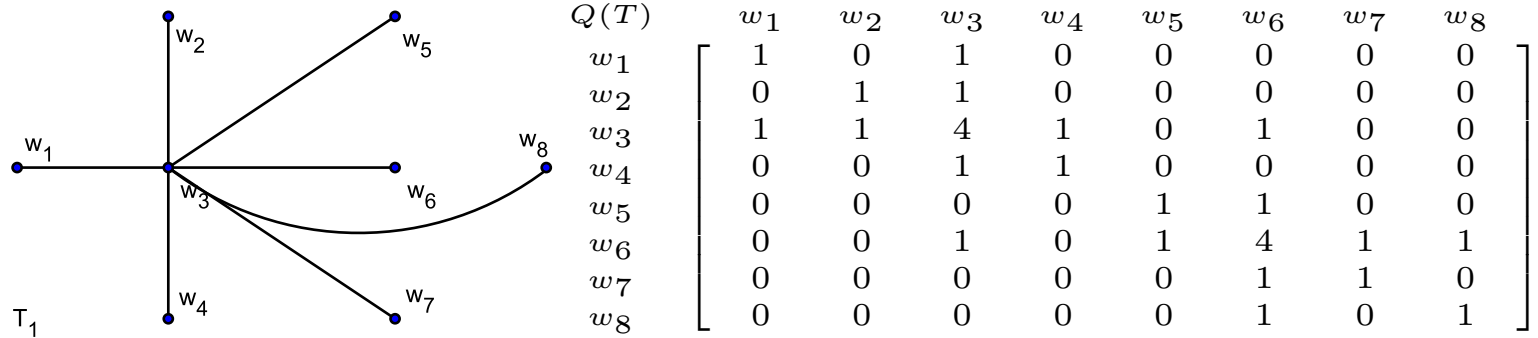
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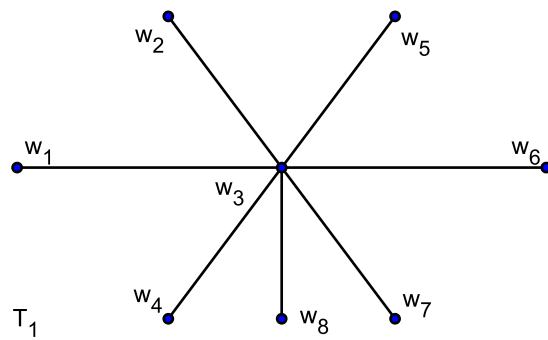
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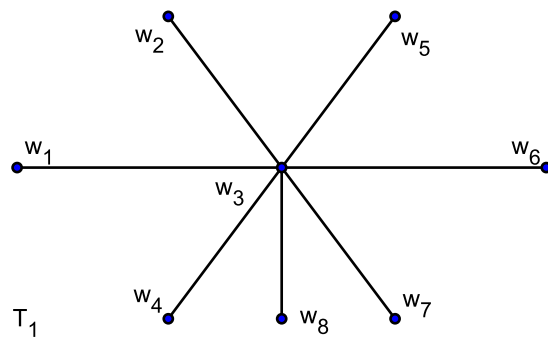
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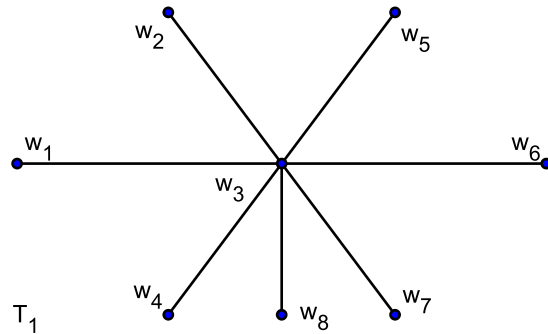
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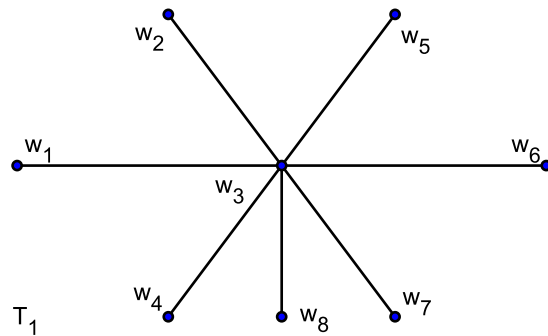
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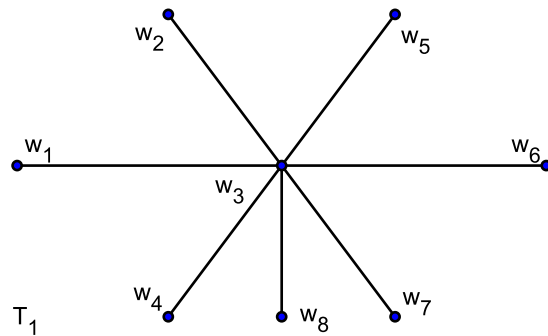
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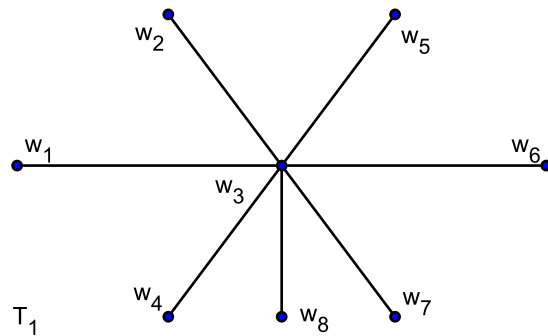
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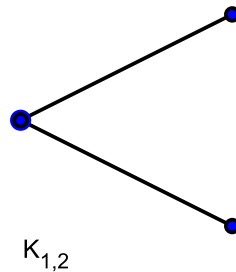
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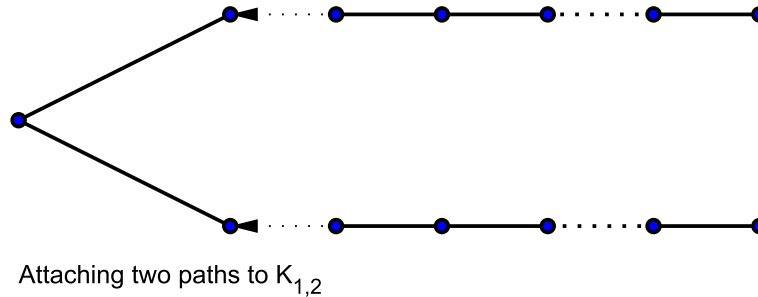
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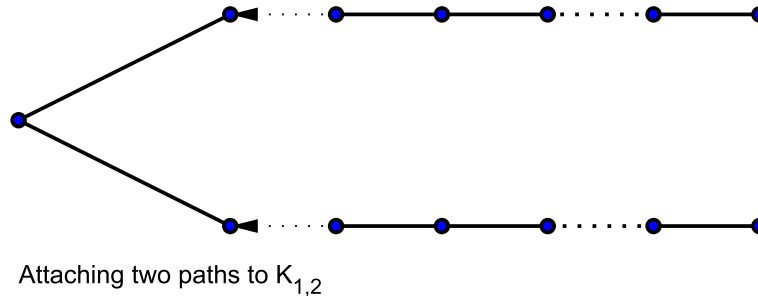
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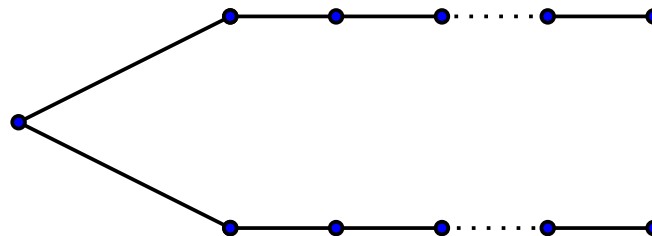
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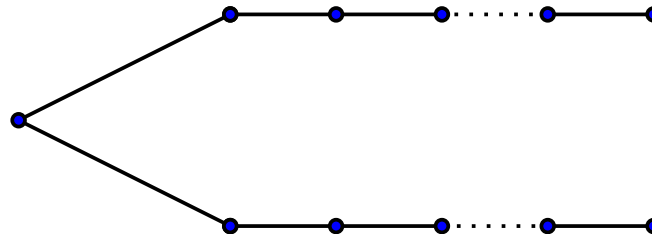
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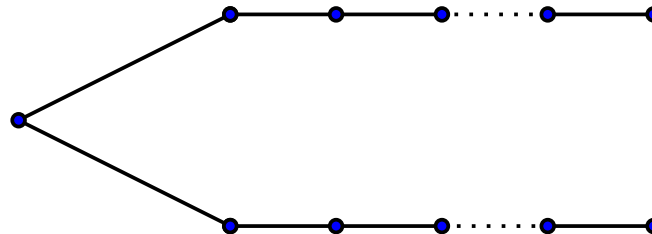
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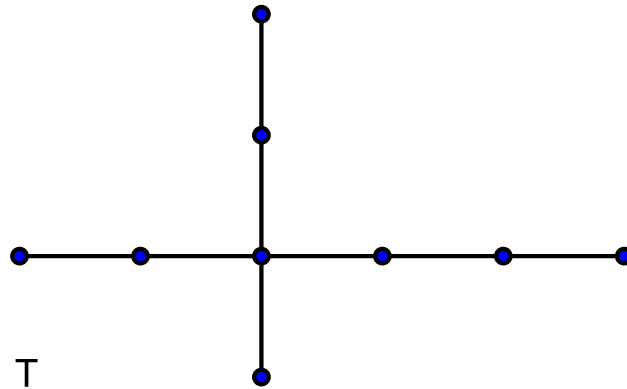
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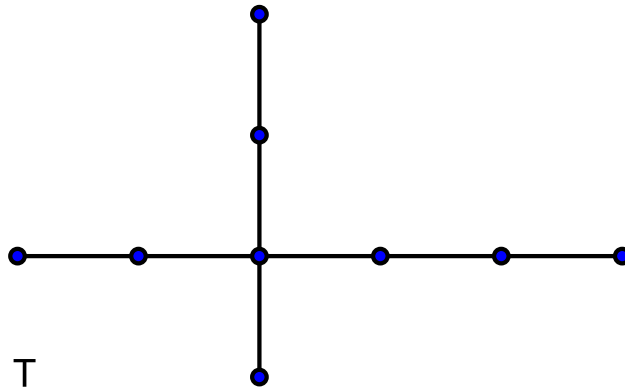
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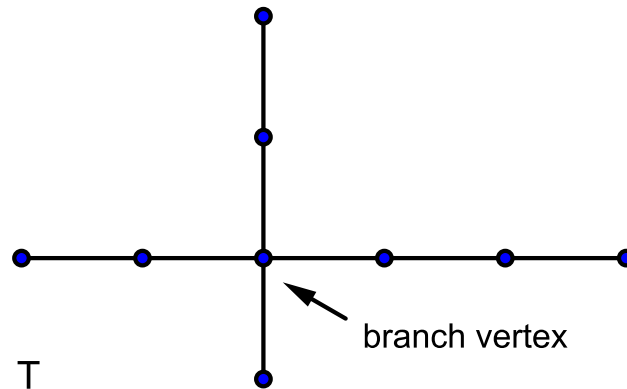
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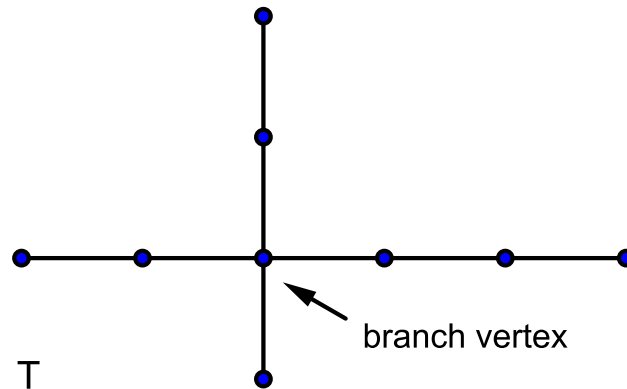
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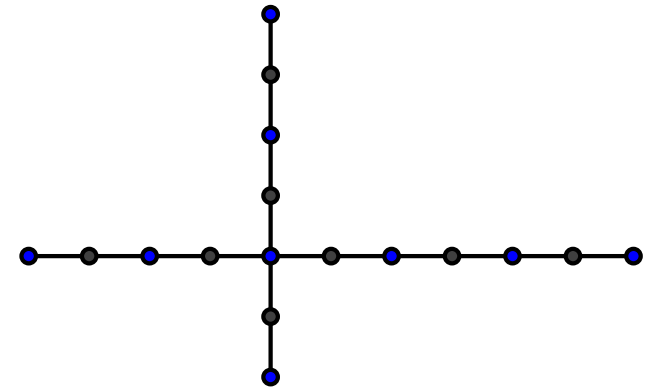
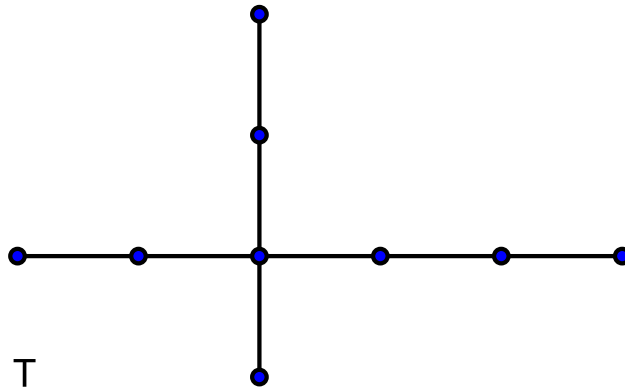
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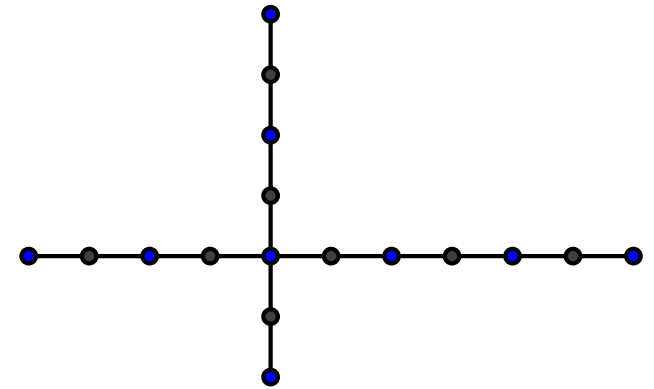
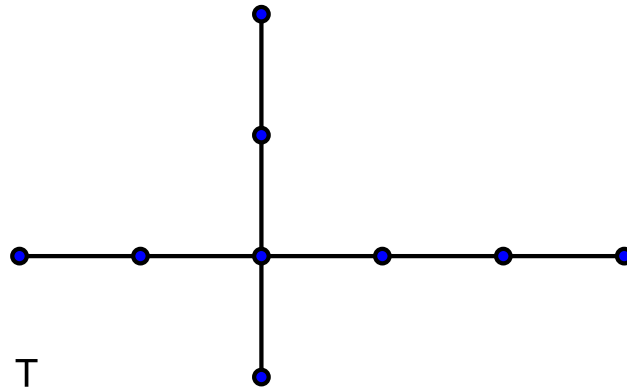
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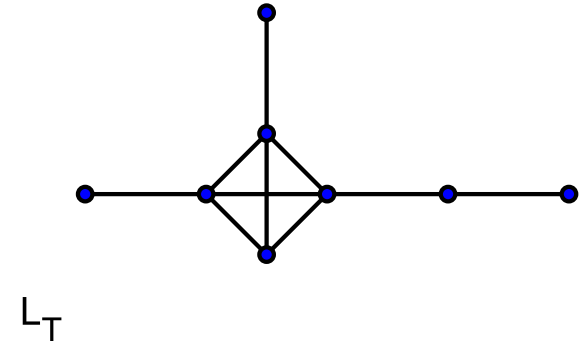
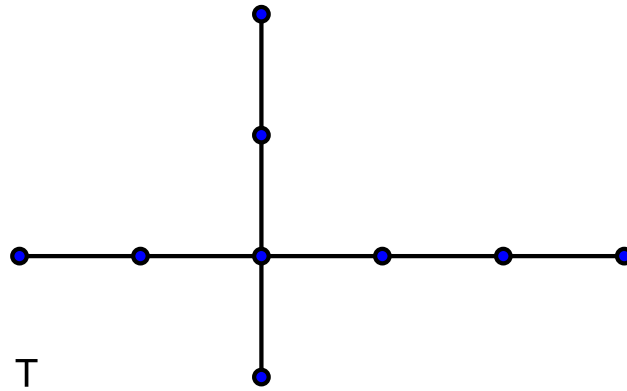
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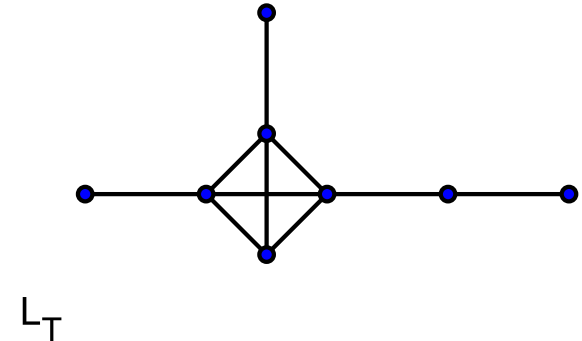
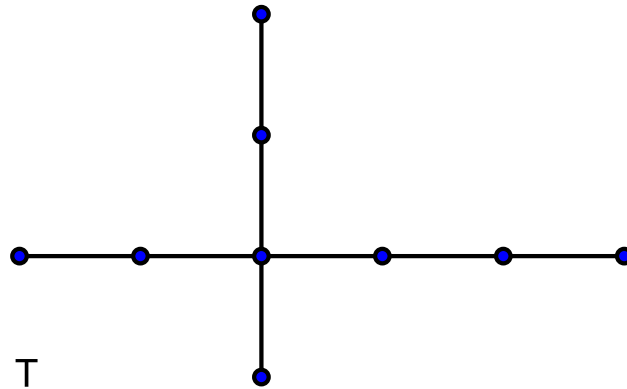
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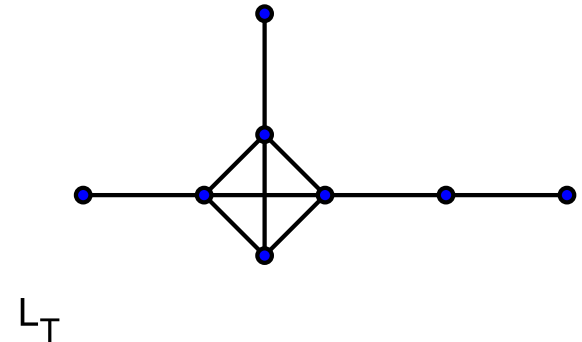
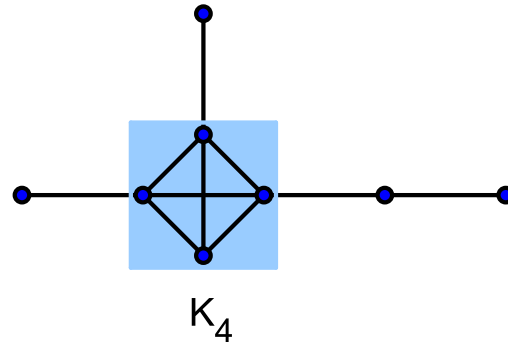
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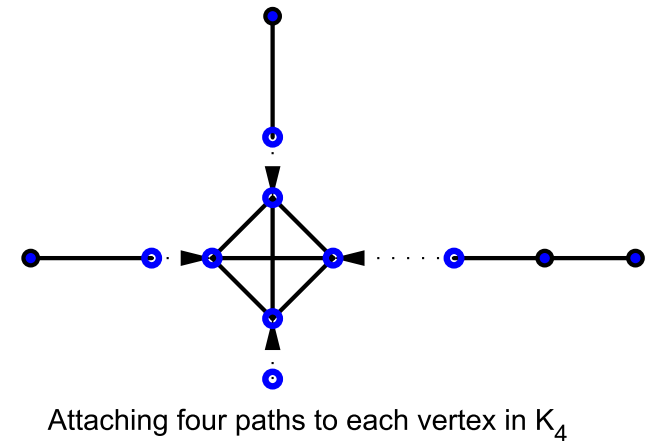
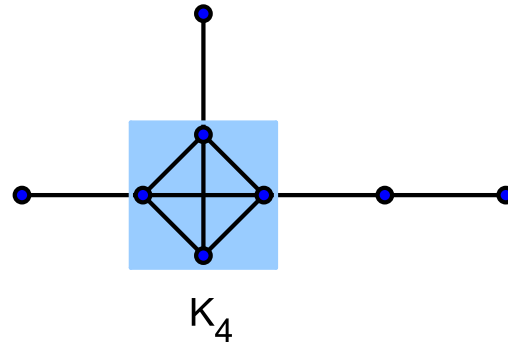
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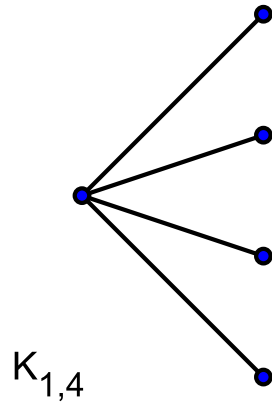
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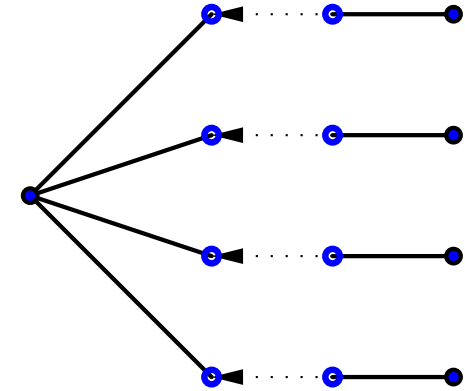
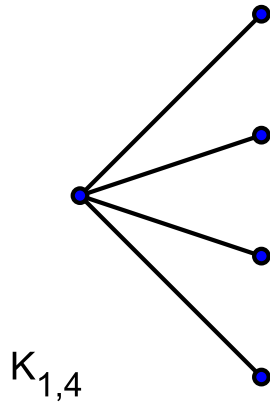
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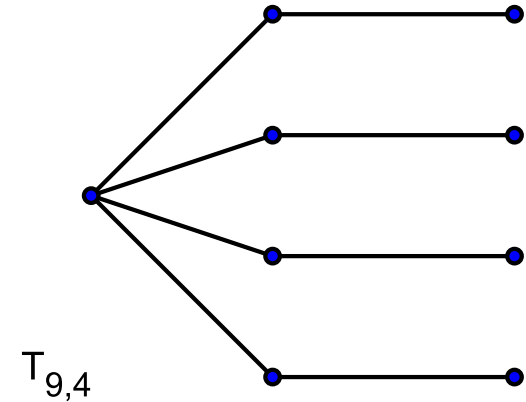
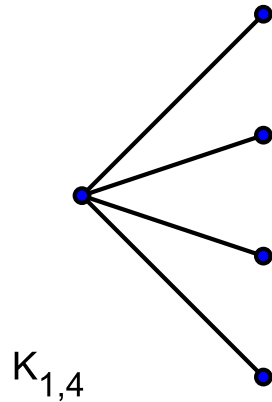
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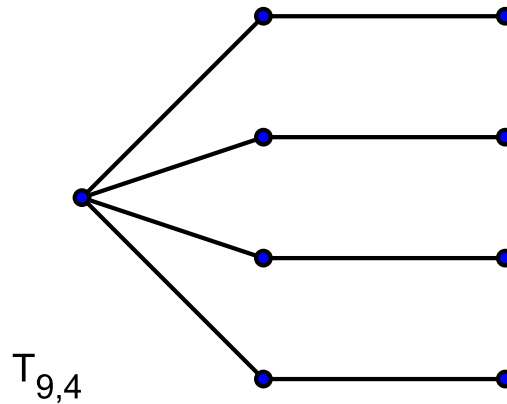
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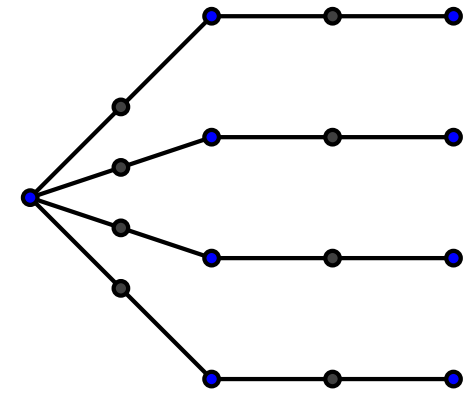
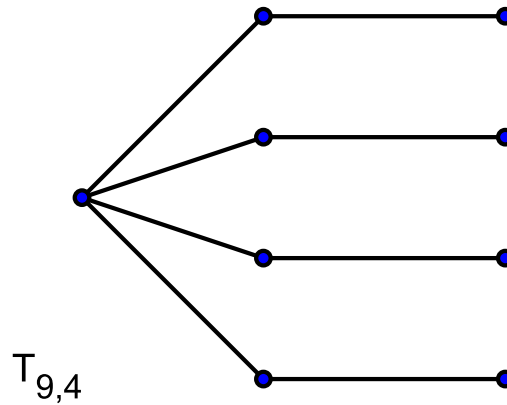
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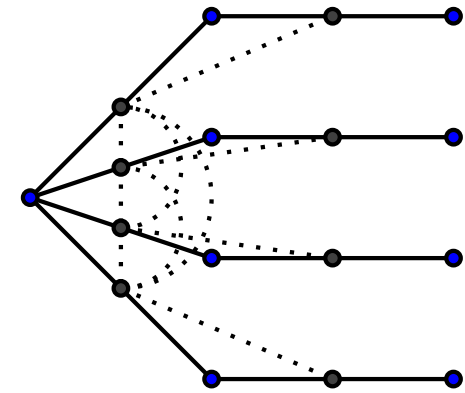
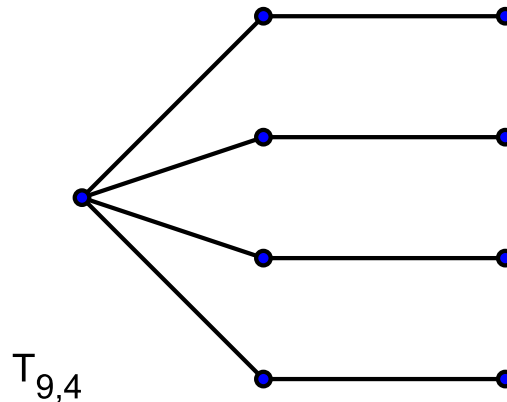
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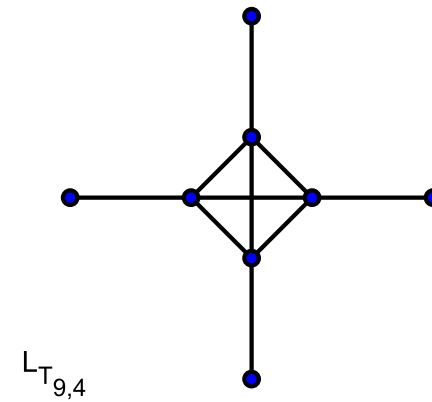
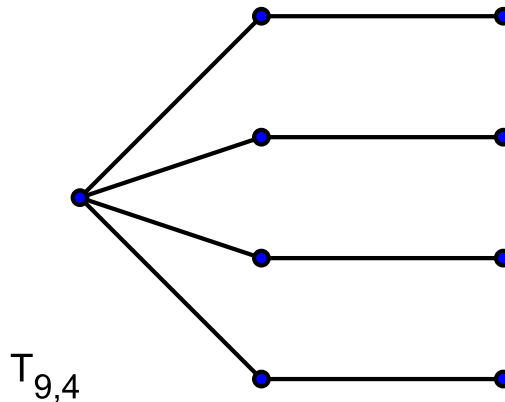
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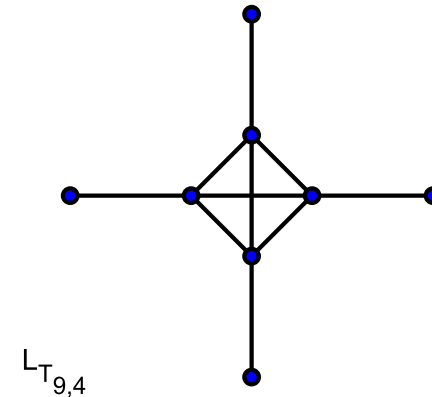
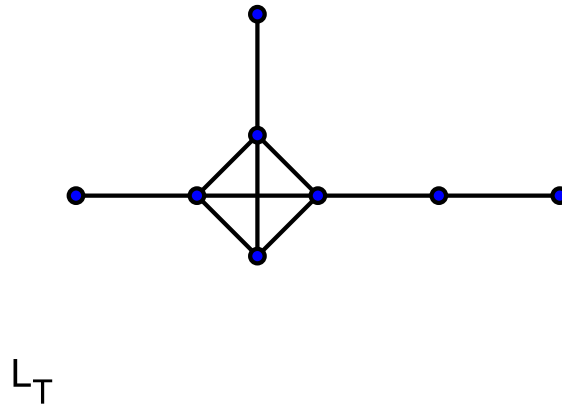
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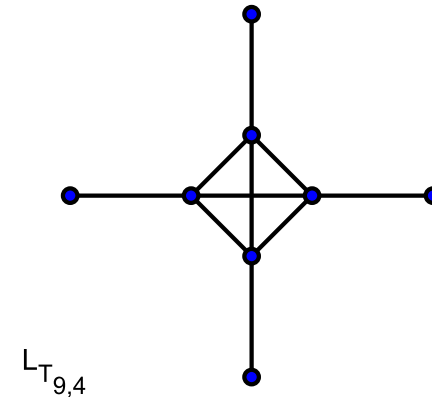
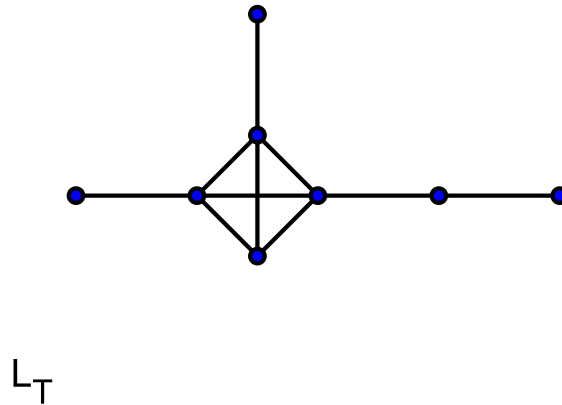
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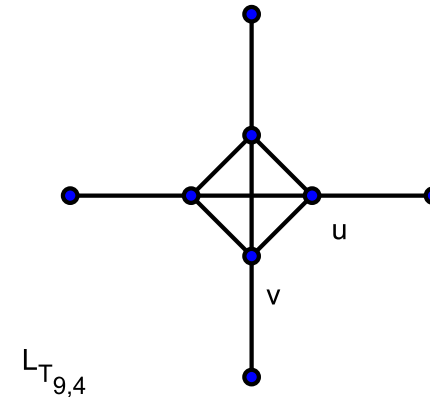
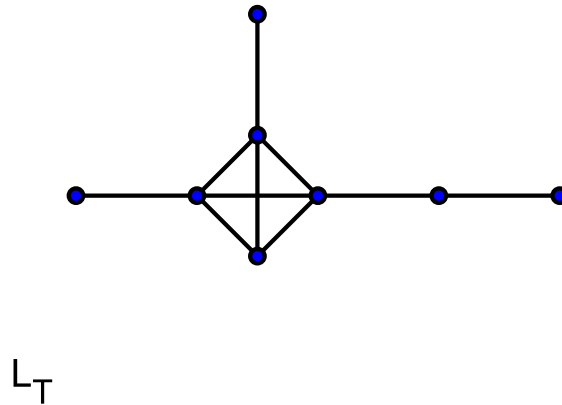
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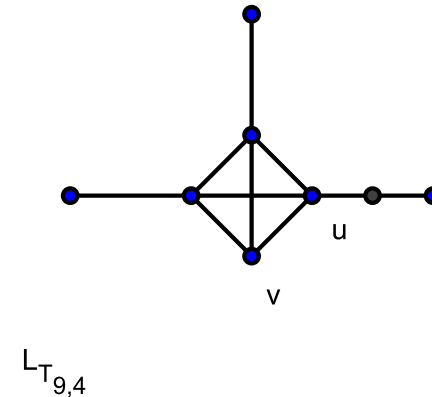
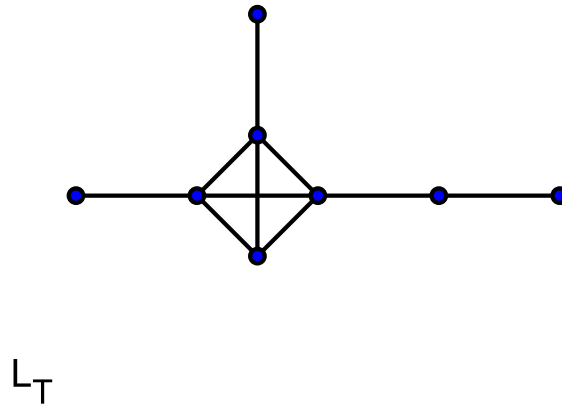
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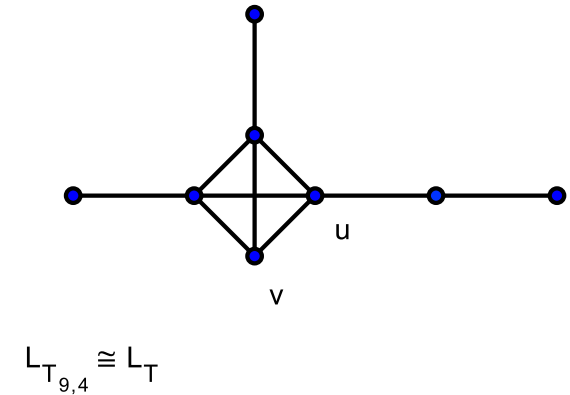
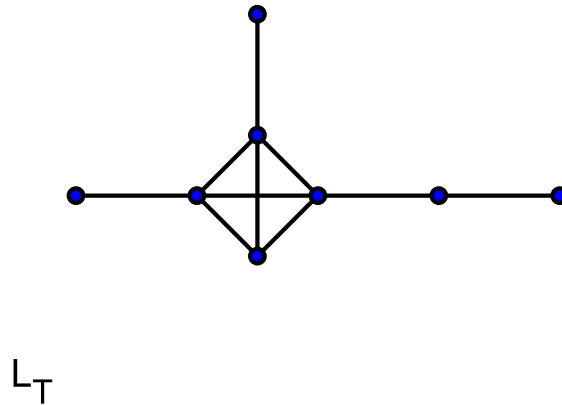
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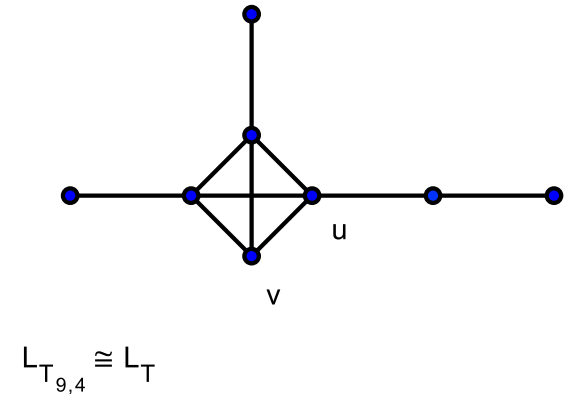
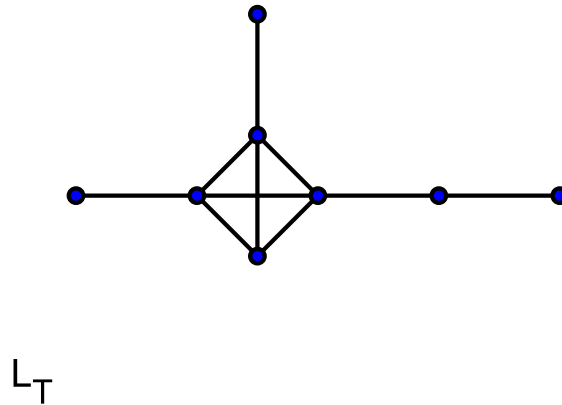
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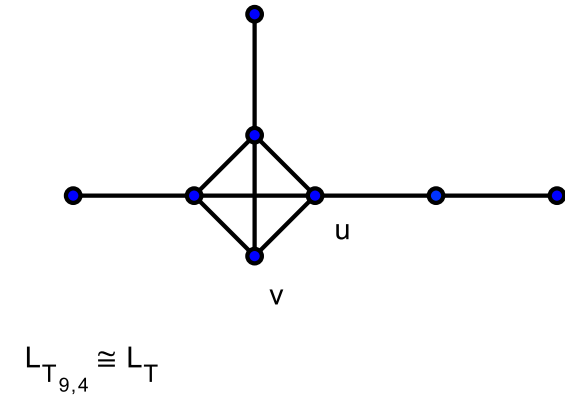
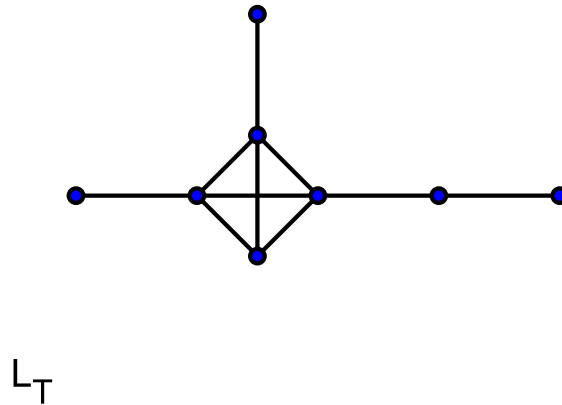
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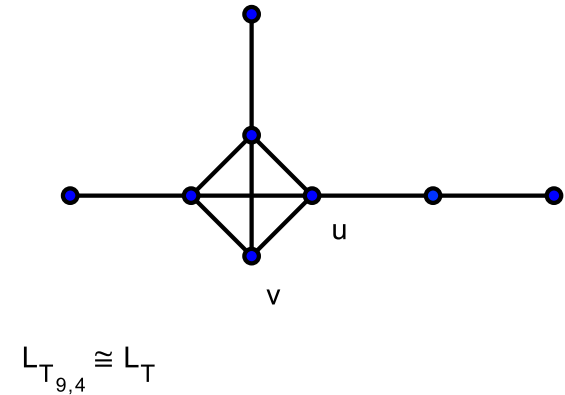
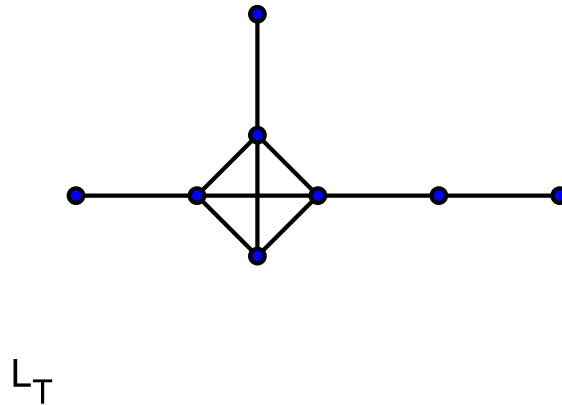
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Therefore, we get

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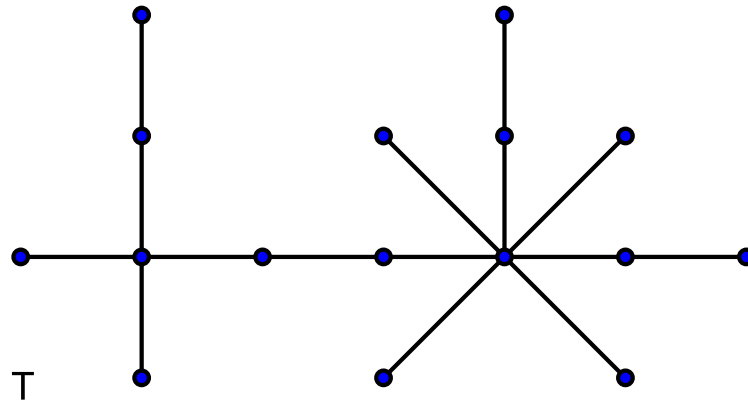
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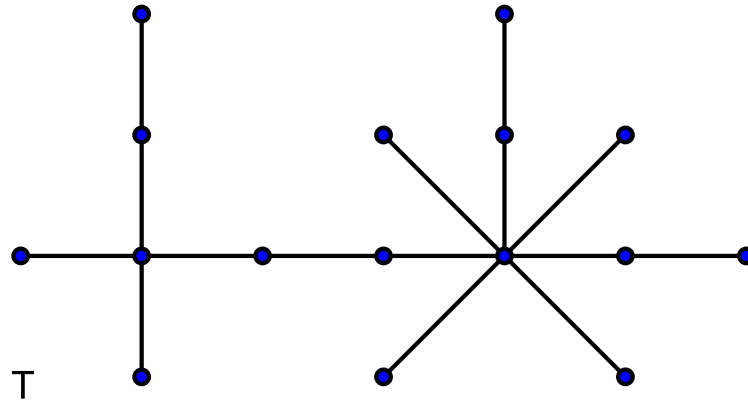
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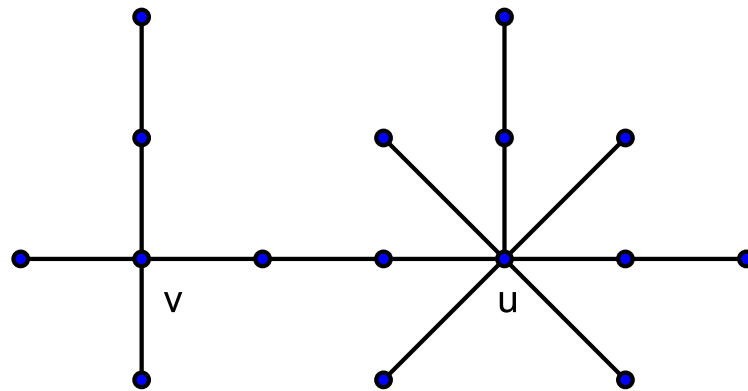
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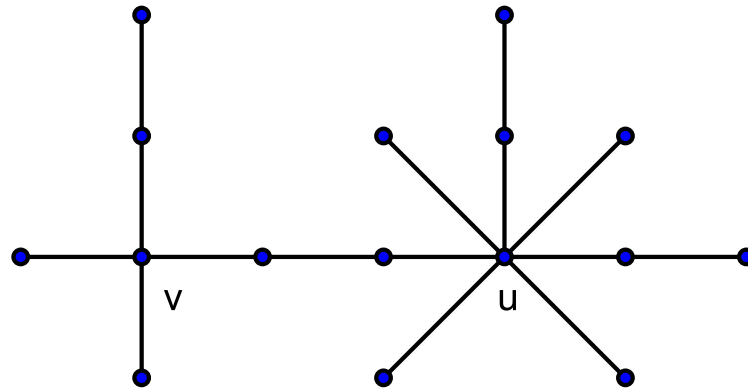
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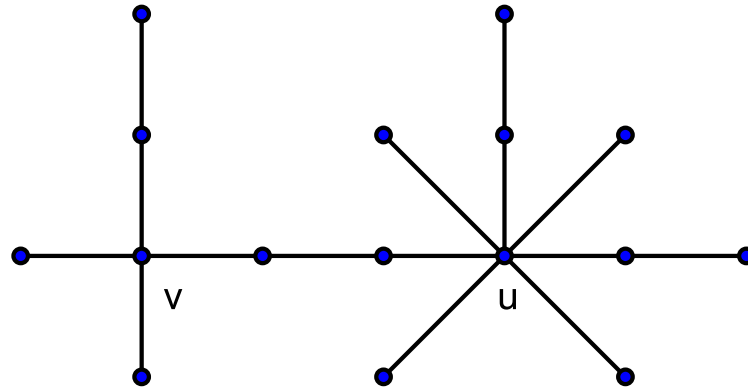
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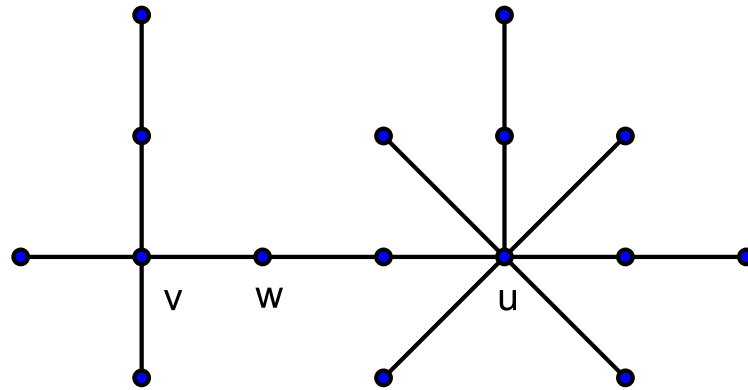
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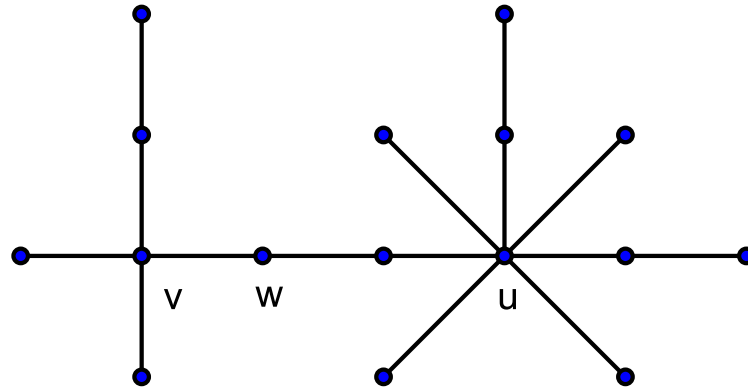
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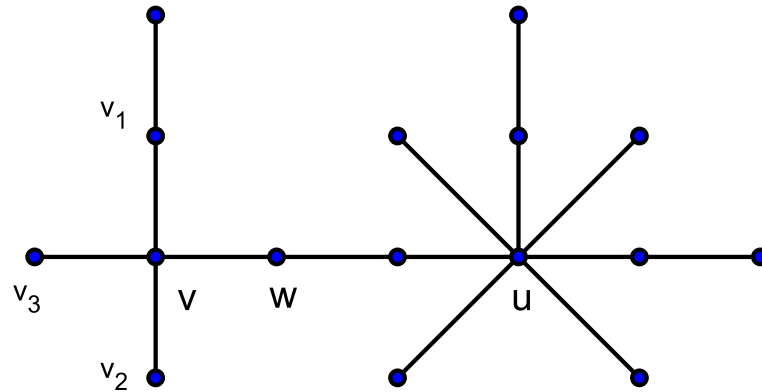
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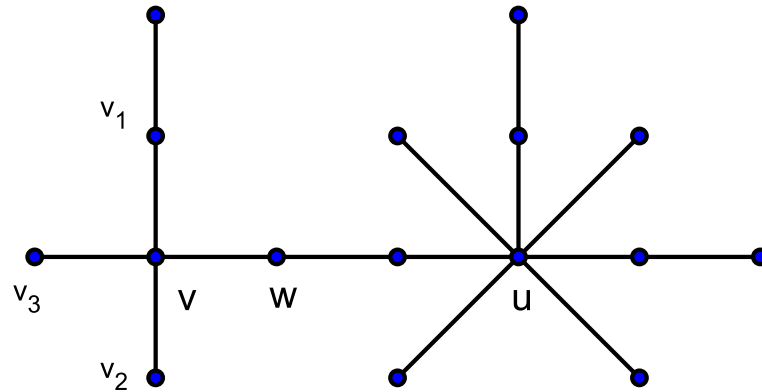
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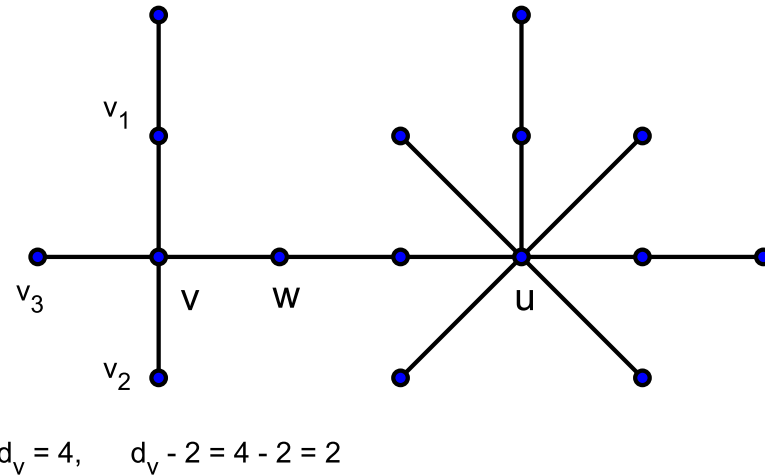
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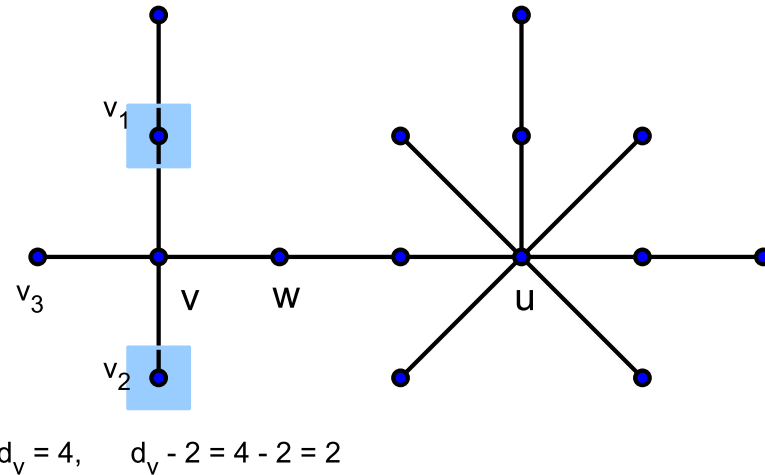
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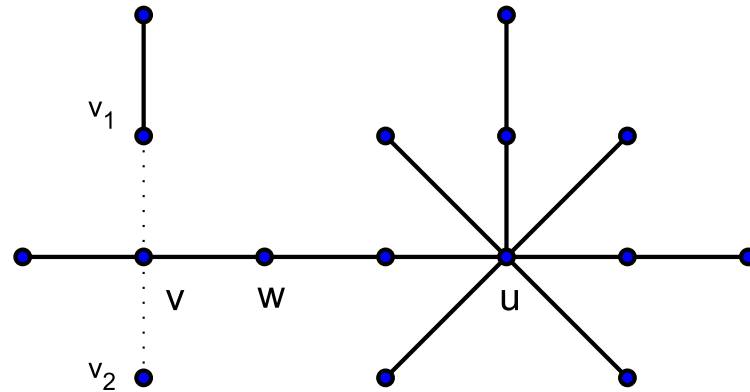
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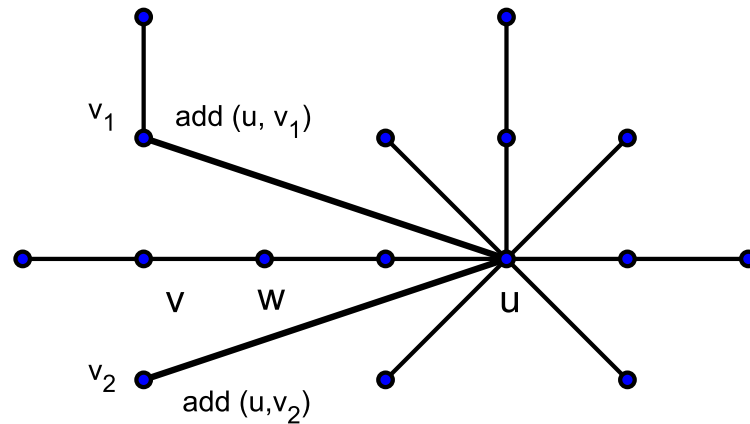
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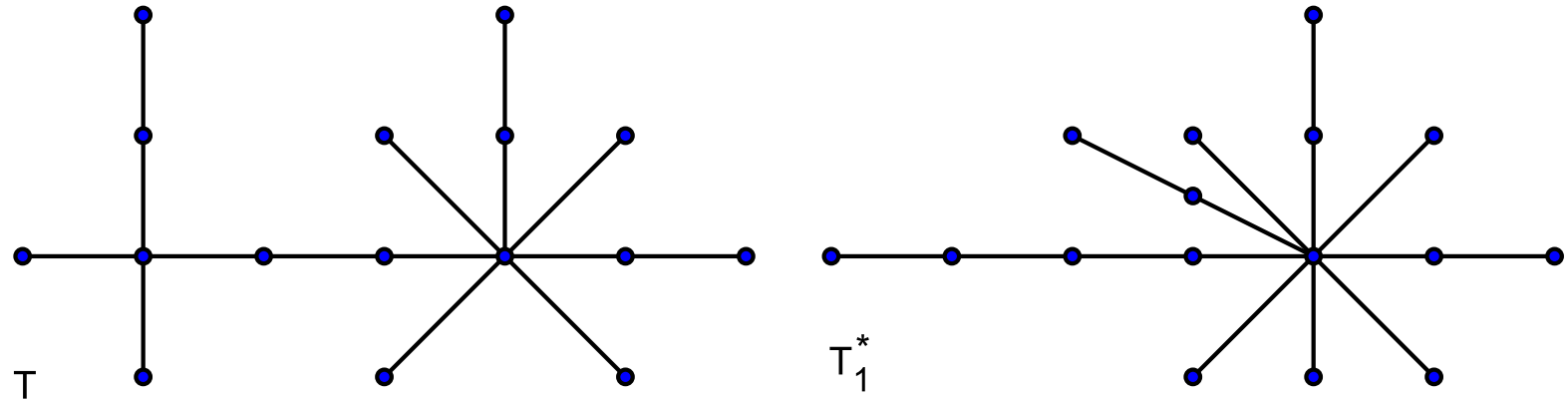
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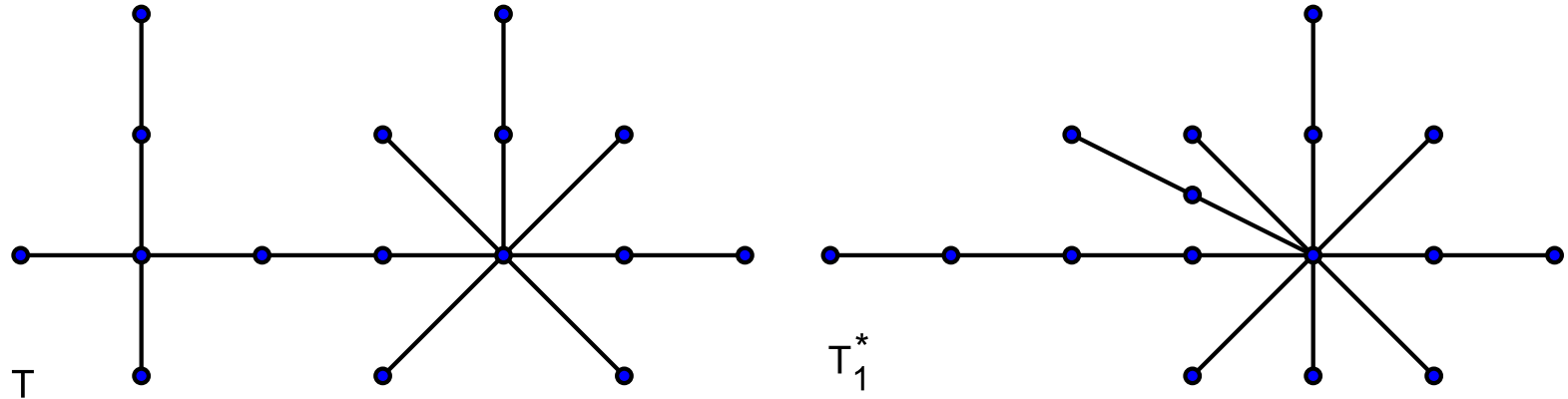
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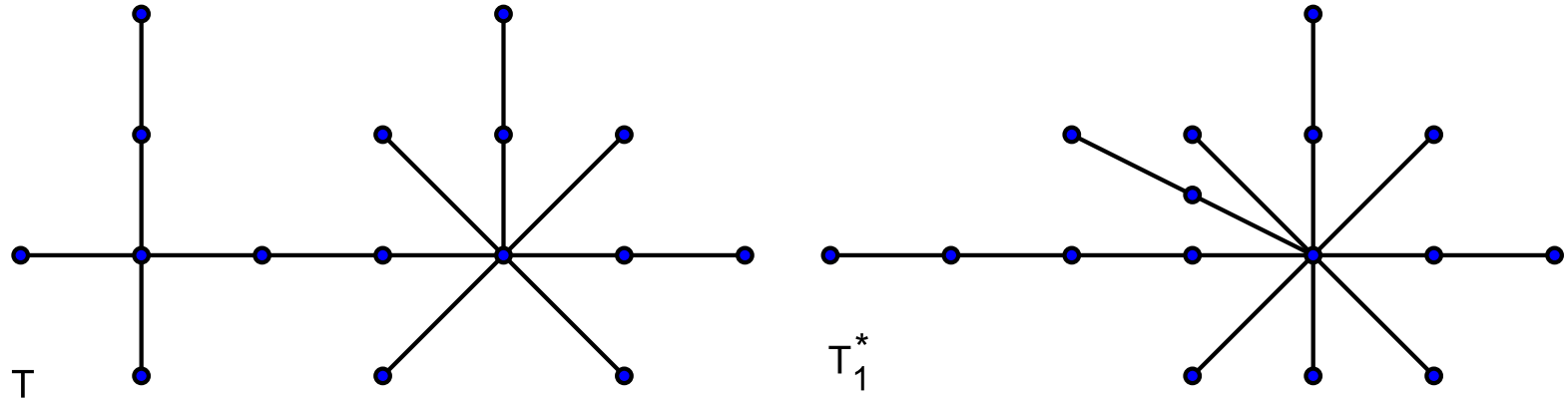
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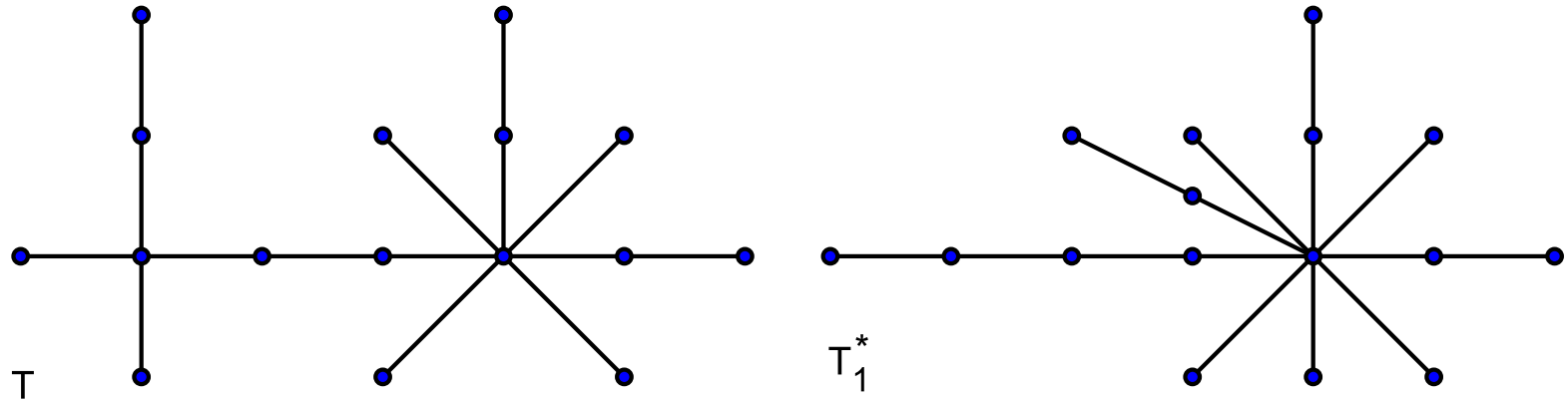
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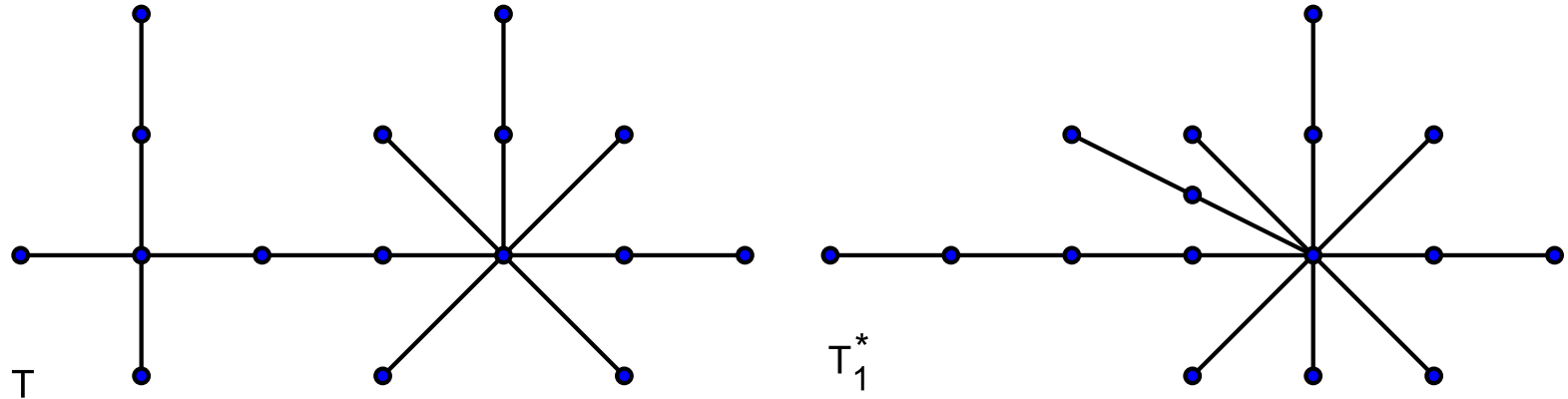
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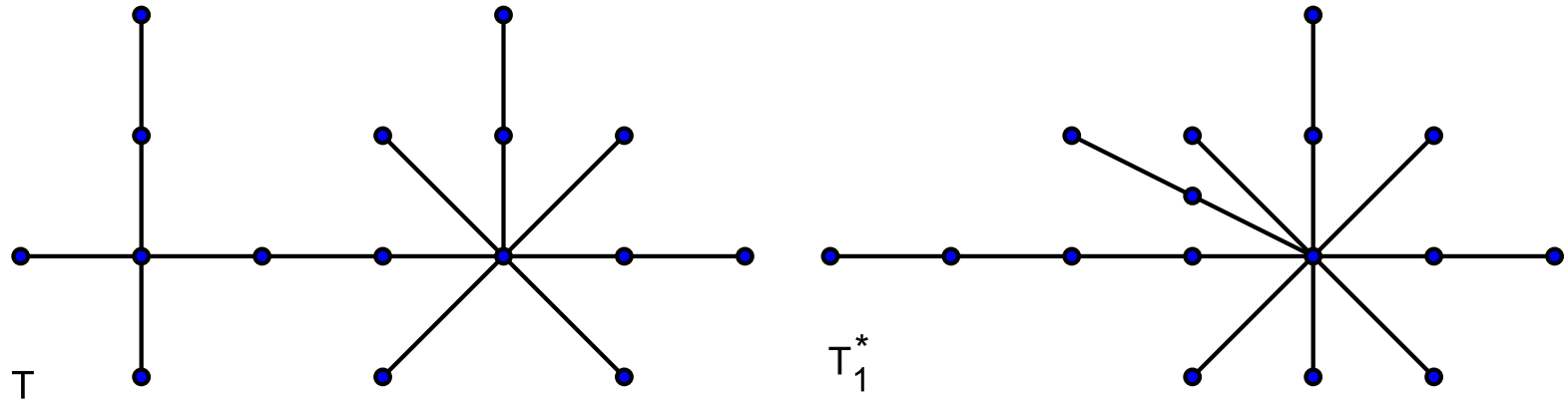
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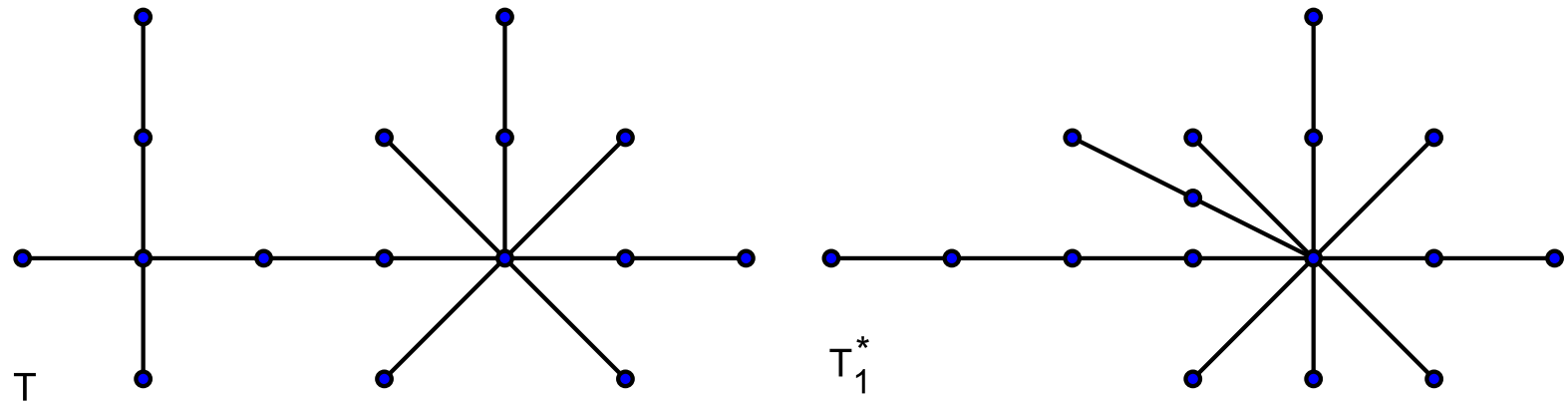
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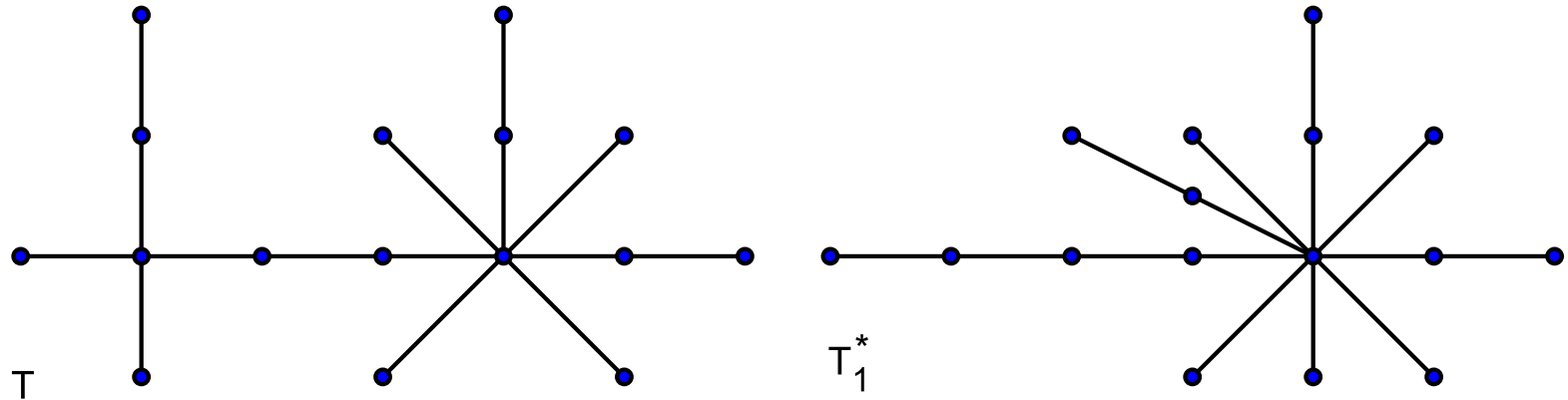
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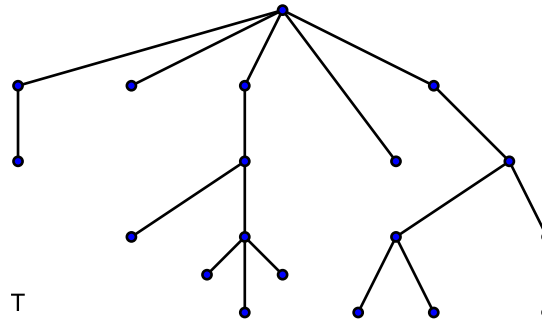
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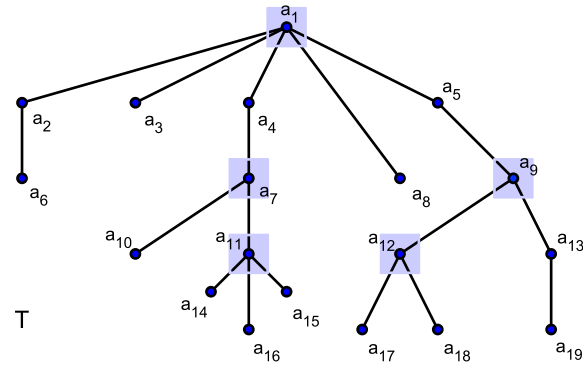
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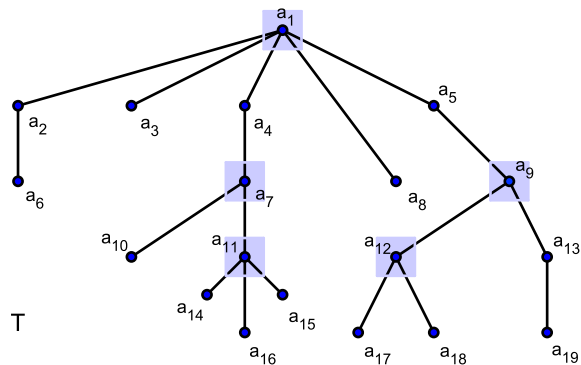
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- Take $T \in \mathcal{T}_{19,10}$ as shown.
- First, find the signless Laplacian spectral radius and associated Perron vector.

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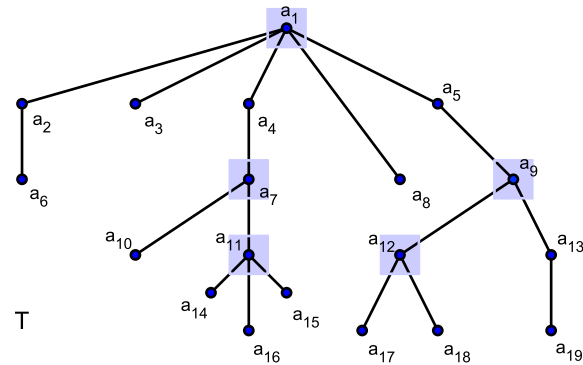
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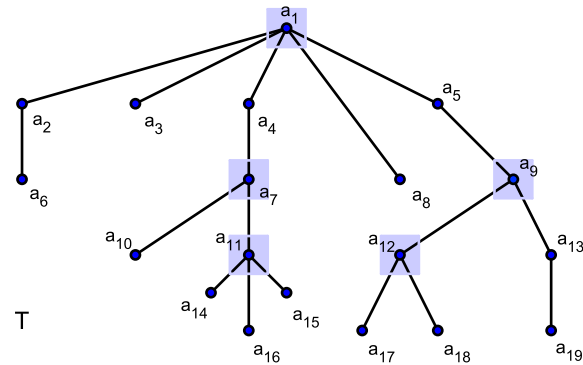
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$$\nu(T) = 6.1700$$

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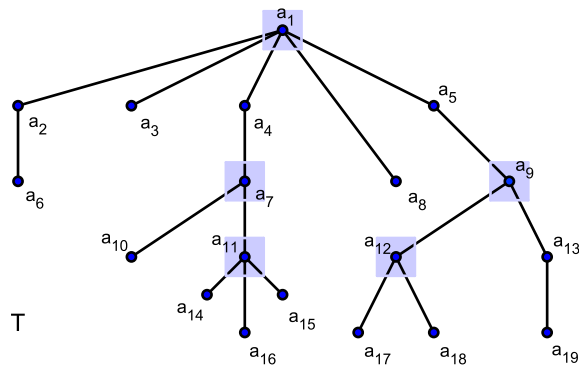
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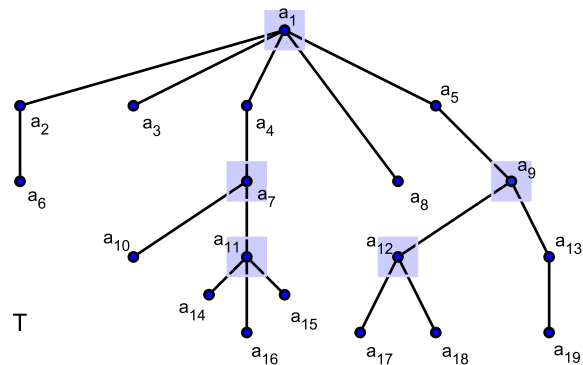
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- Take $u = a_1$ and $v = a_{12}$ so that $x_u \geq x_v$ is preserved.
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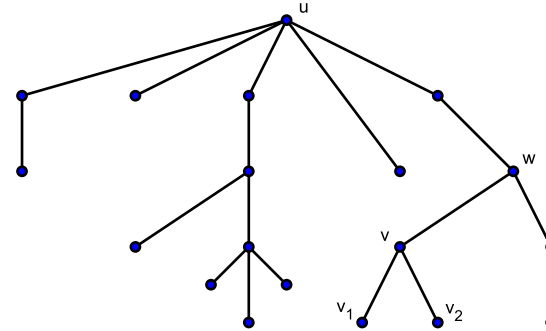
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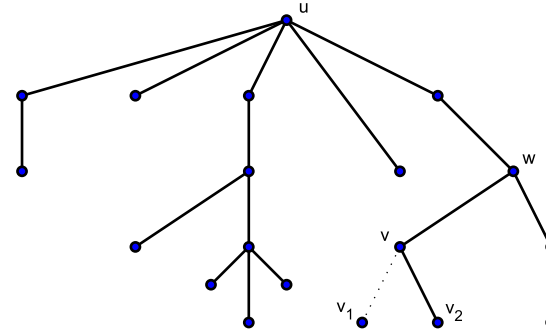
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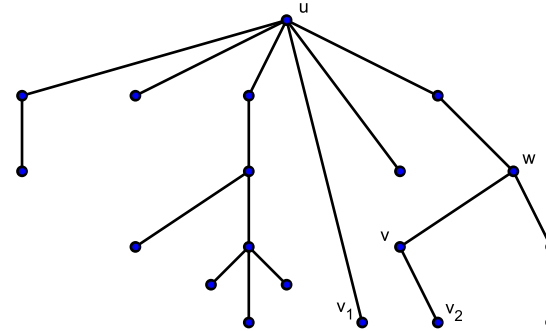
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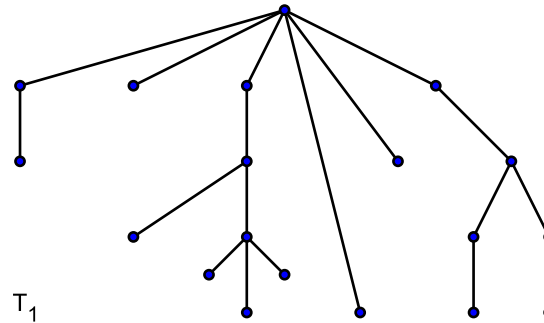
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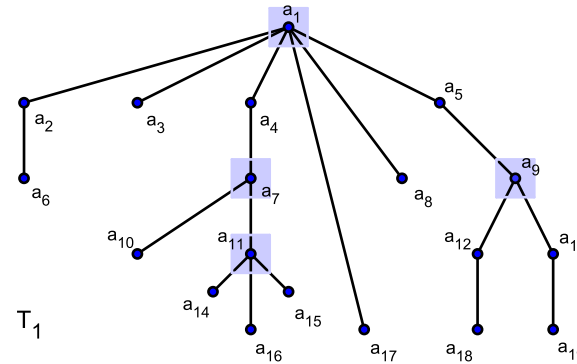
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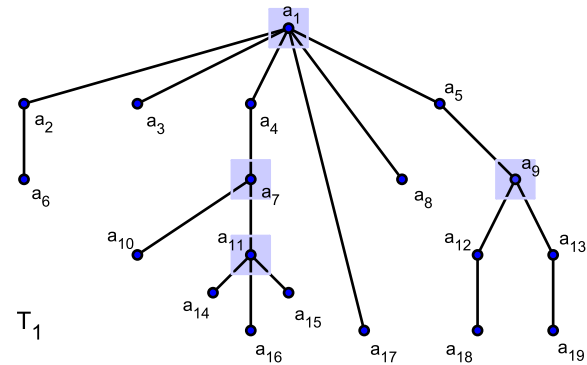
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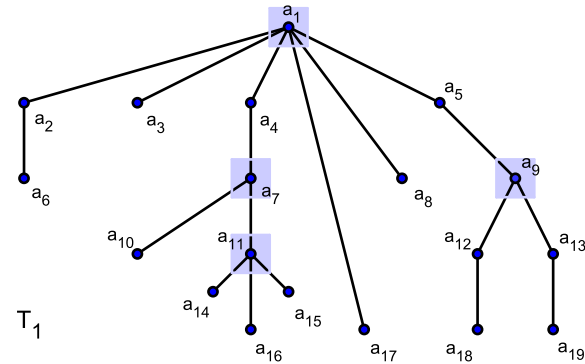
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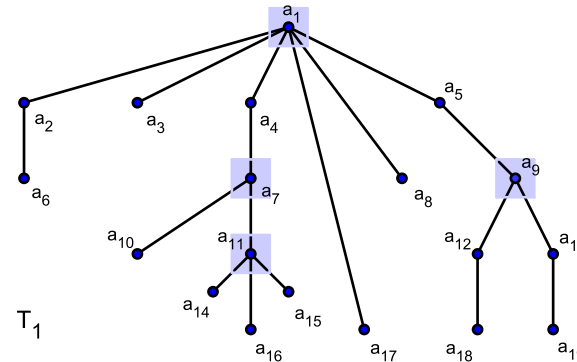
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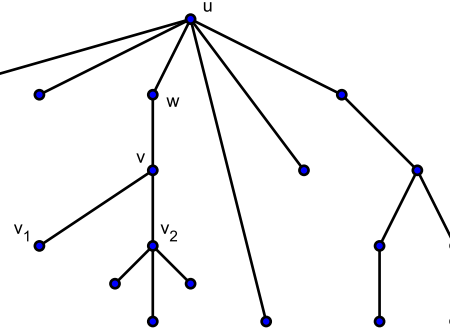
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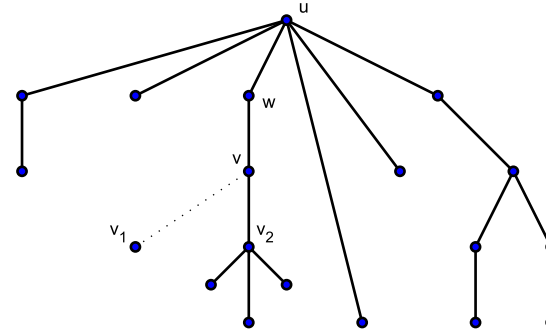
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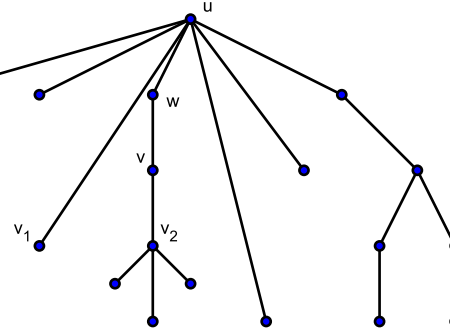
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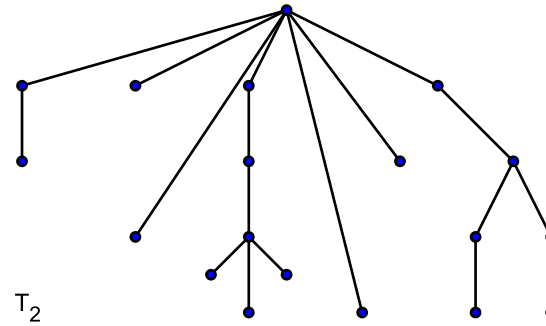
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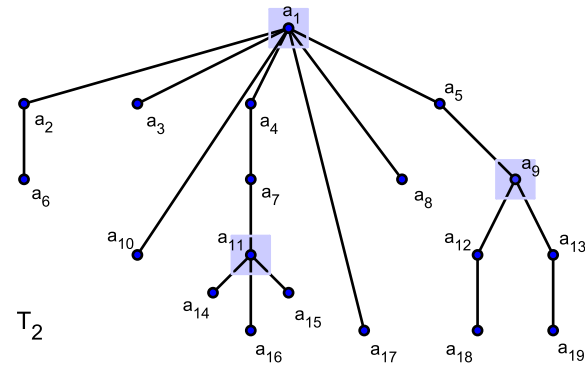
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$$\nu(T_2) = 8.0740$$

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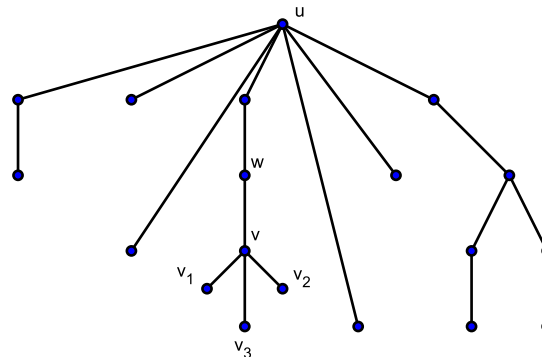
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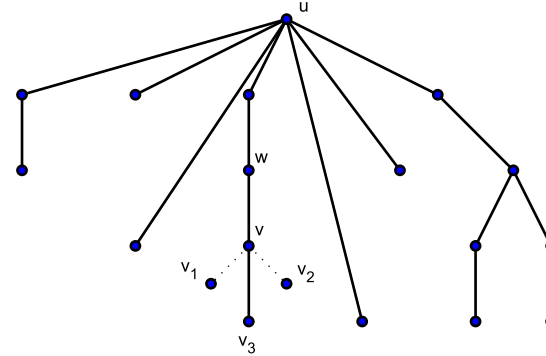
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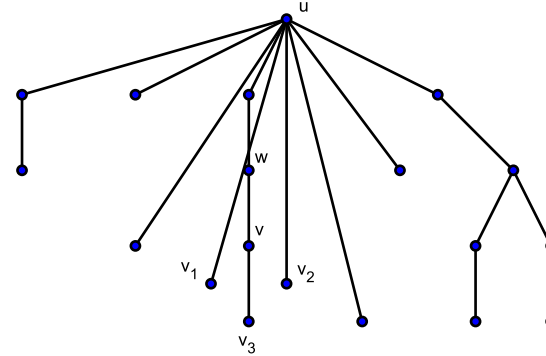
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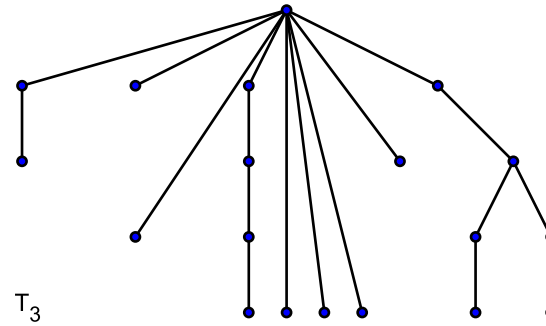
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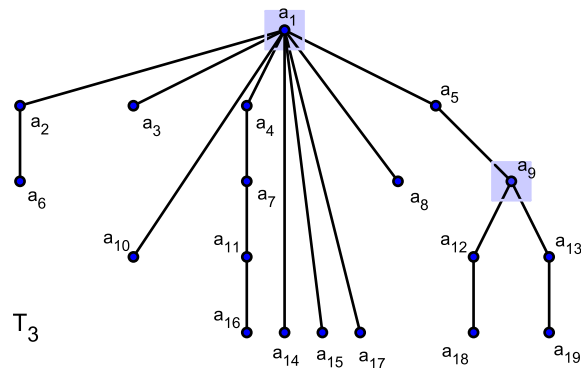
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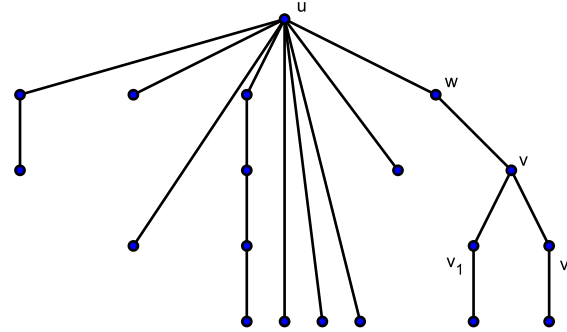
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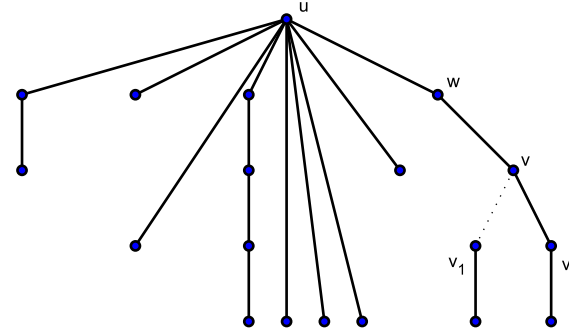
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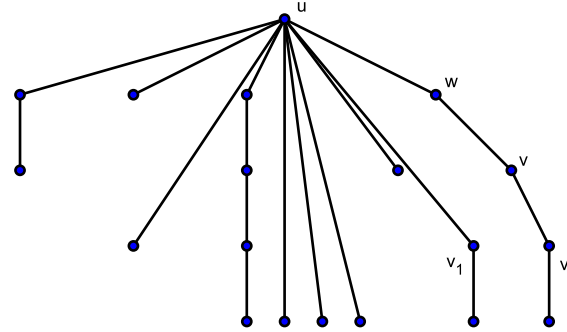
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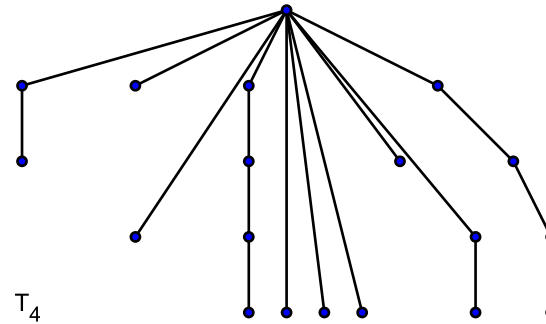
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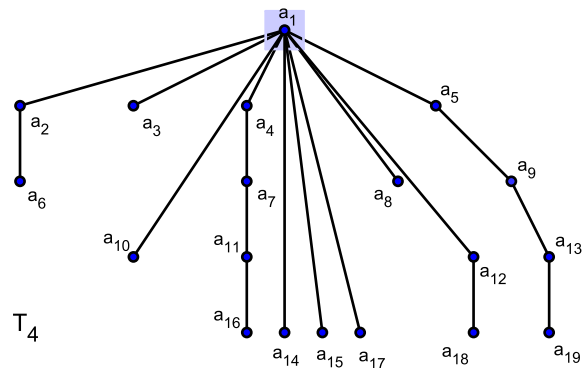
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$$\nu(T) = 6.1700 \quad \nu(T_1) = 7.1074 \quad \nu(T_2) = 8.0740 \quad \nu(T_3) = 10.0426 \quad \nu(T_4) = 11.0448$$

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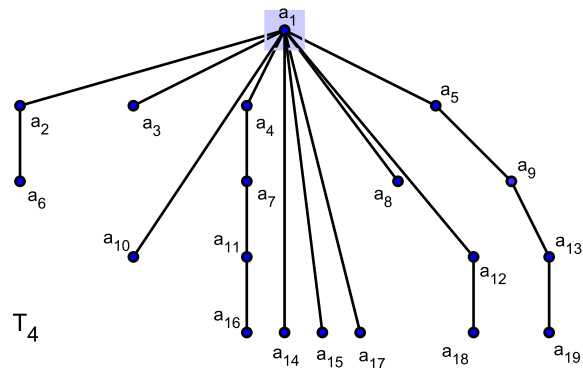
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Therefore,

$$\mu(T) = 6.1700 \quad \mu(T_1) = 7.1074 \quad \mu(T_2) = 8.0740 \quad \mu(T_3) = 10.0426 \quad \nu(T_4) = 11.0448$$

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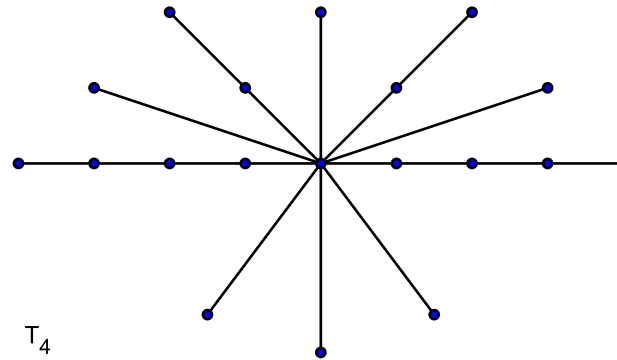
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□ Apply the argument of case 2 now.

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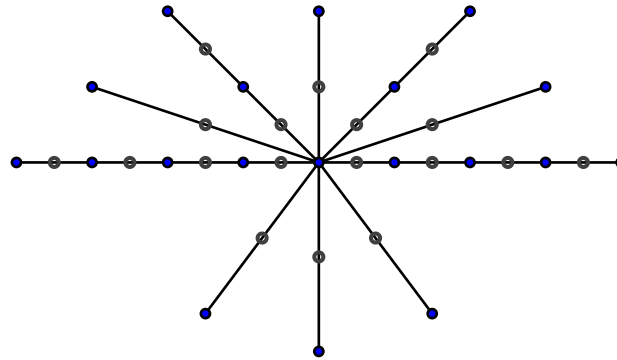
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- Apply the argument of case 2 now.
- Construct the line graph of T_4 , L_{T_4}

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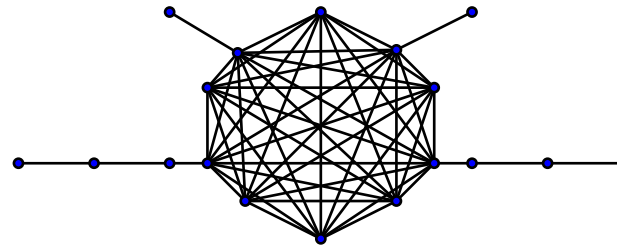
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- Apply the argument of case 2 now.
- Construct the line graph of T_4 , L_{T_4}
- Then, apply lemma 3 few times.

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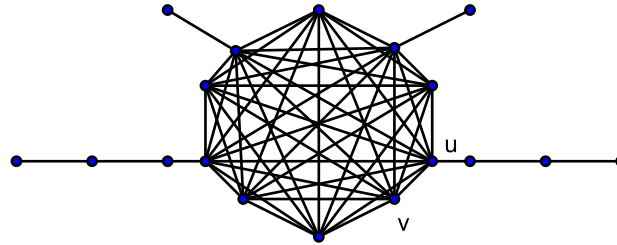
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- Apply the argument of case 2 now.
- Construct the line graph of T_4 , L_{T_4}
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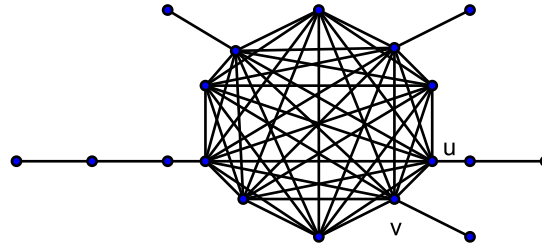
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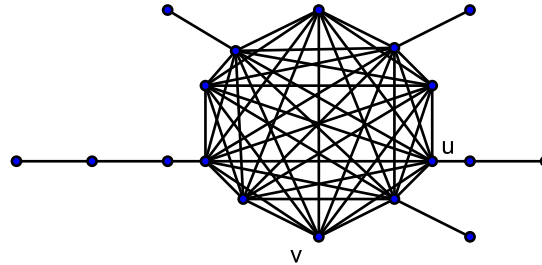
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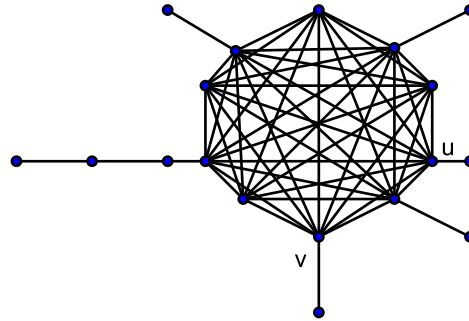
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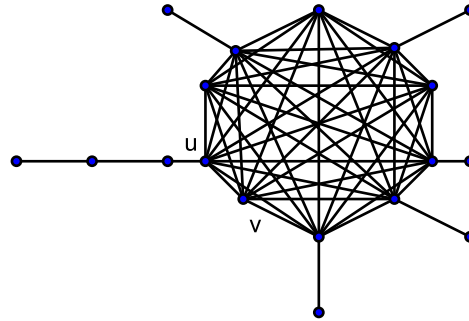
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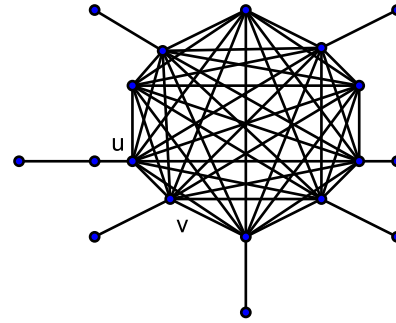
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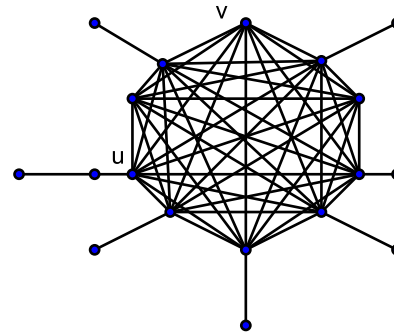
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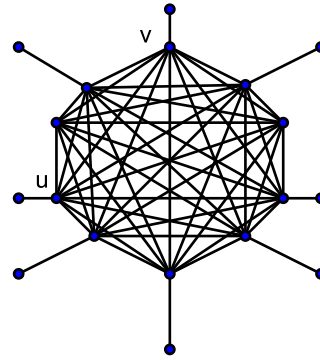
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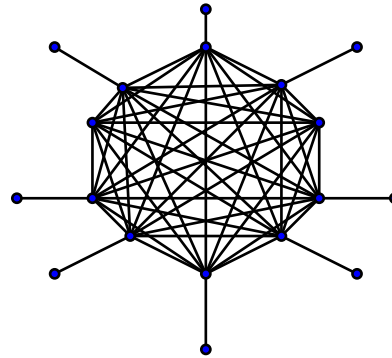
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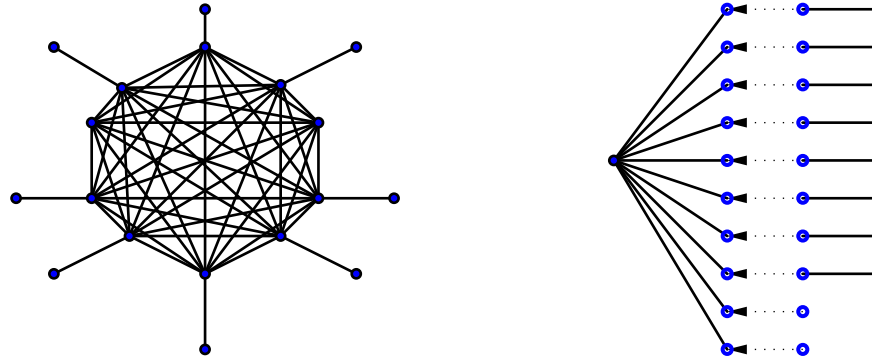
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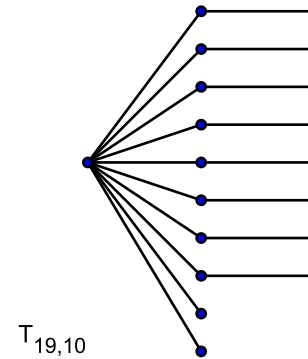
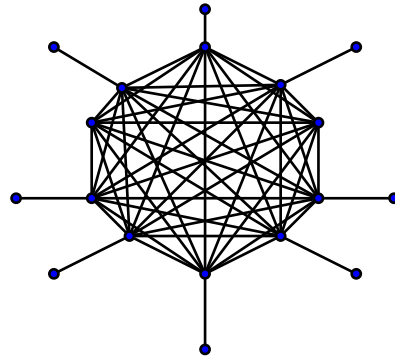
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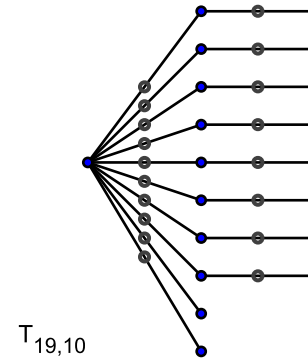
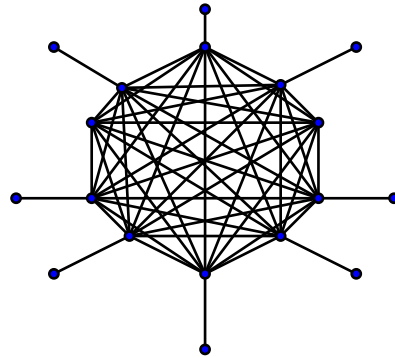
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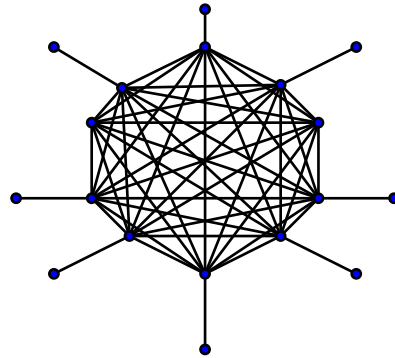
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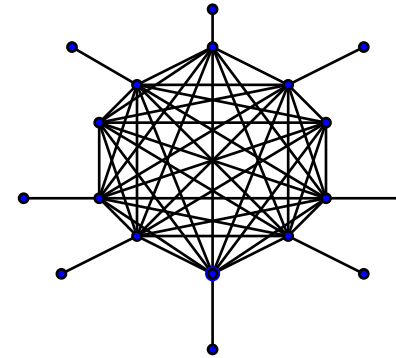
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$L_{T_{19,10}}$



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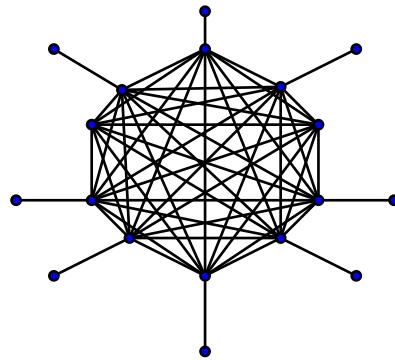
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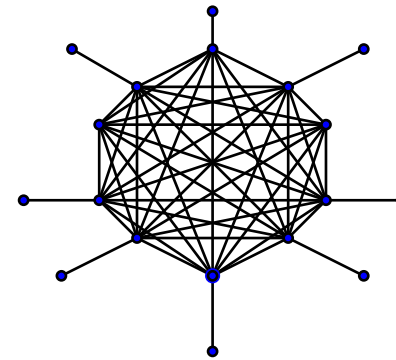
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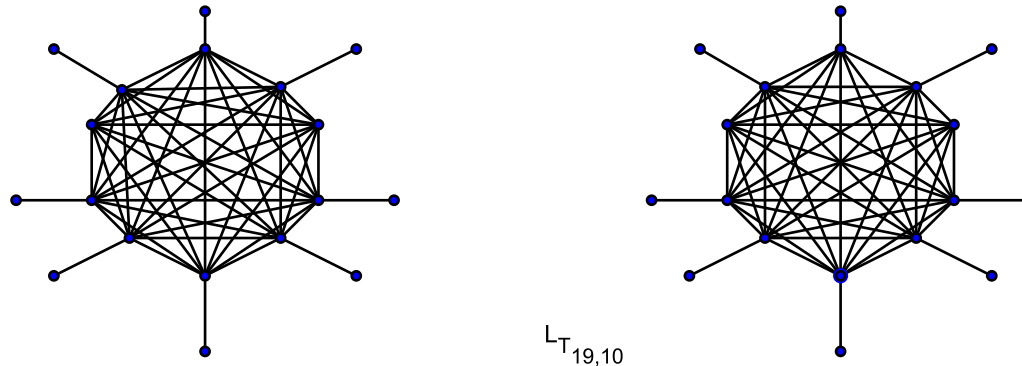
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□ Recall lemma 4, we have

$$\mu(T_4) = 2 + \rho(L_{T_4}) < 2 + \rho(L_{T_{19,10}}) = \mu(T_{19,10})$$

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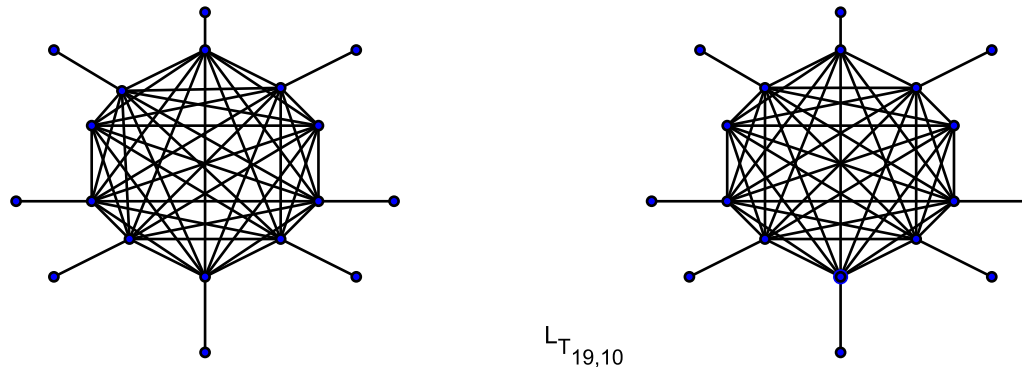
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□ Recall lemma 4, we have

$$\mu(T_4) = 2 + \rho(L_{T_4}) < 2 + \rho(L_{T_{19,10}}) = \mu(T_{19,10})$$

□ In fact, $\mu(T_4) = 11.0448$ whereas $\mu(T_{19,10}) = 18.8615$.

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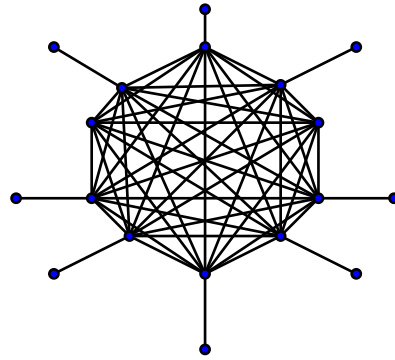
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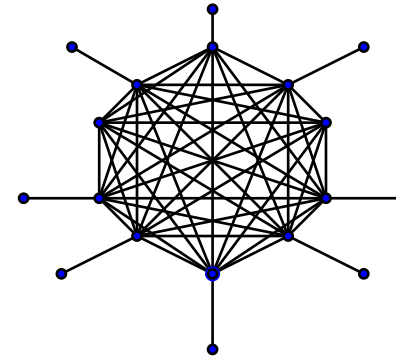
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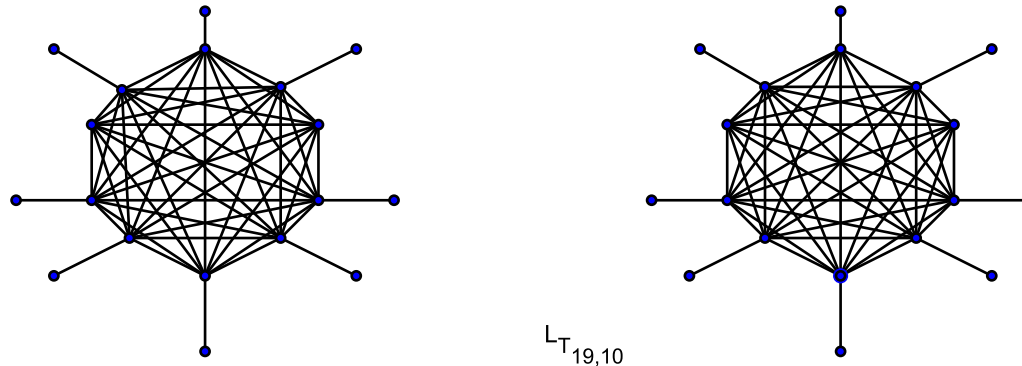
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□ Finally,

Graph	T	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	$T_{19,10}$
μ	6.1700	7.1074	8.0740	10.0426	11.0448	18.8615

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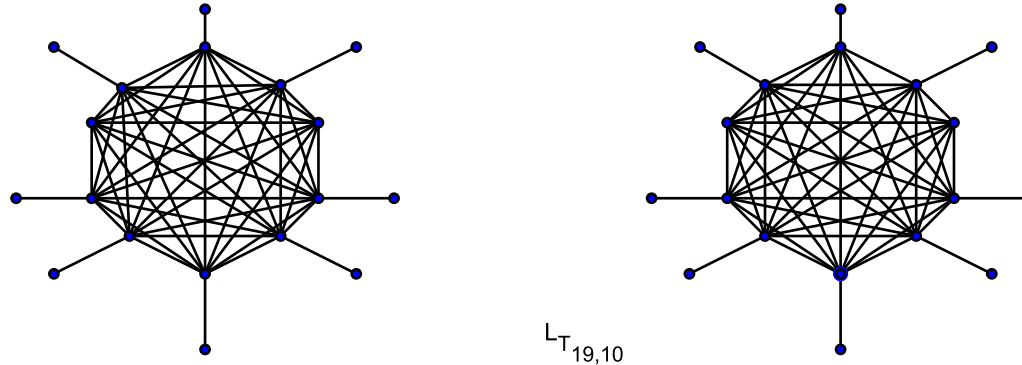
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Graph	T	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	$T_{19,10}$
μ	6.1700	7.1074	8.0740	10.0426	11.0448	18.8615

Therefore,

$$\mu(T) < \mu(T_{19,10})$$

as expected.

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