

Parameterized Subexponential Algorithms for Generalized Cycle Hitting Problems on Planar Graphs

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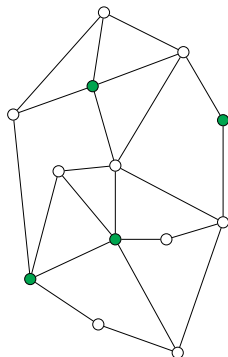
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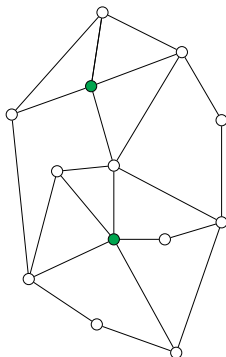
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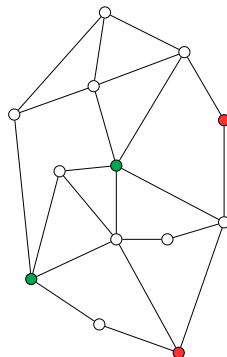
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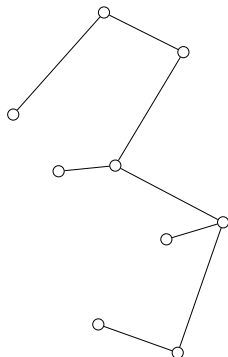
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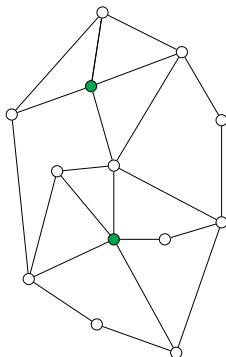
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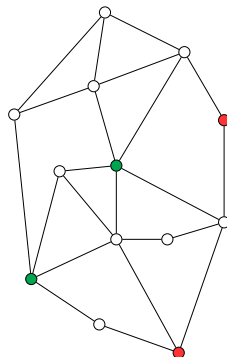
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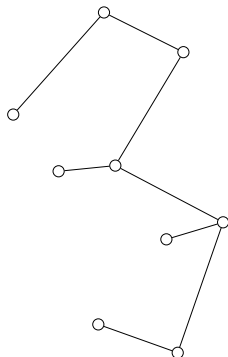
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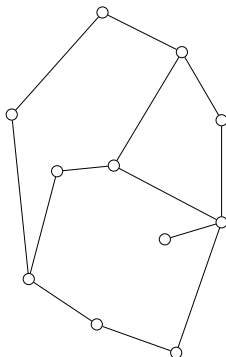
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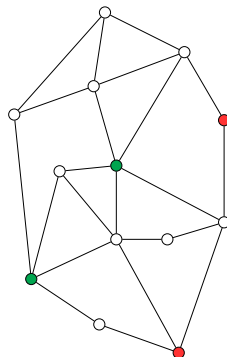
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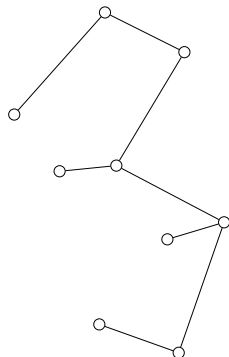
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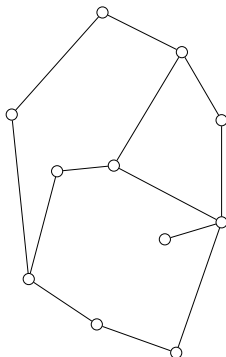
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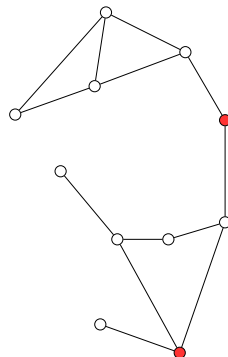
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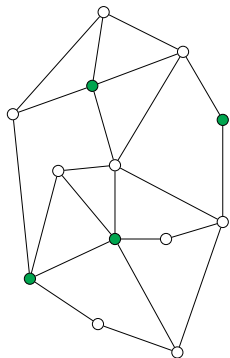
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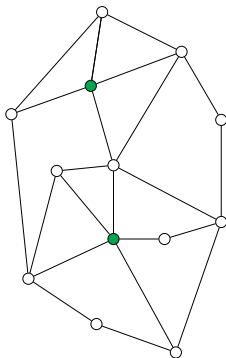


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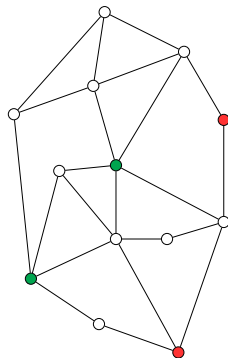
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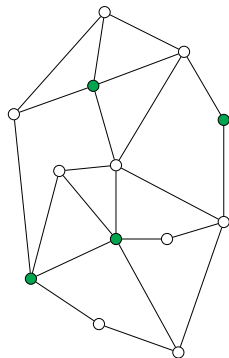


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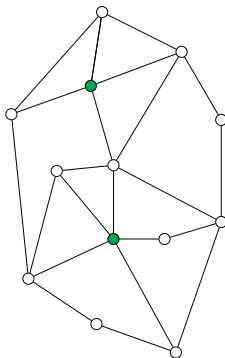


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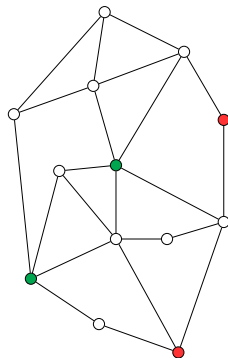
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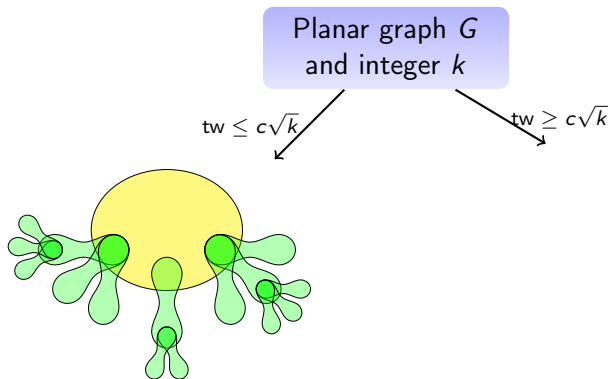
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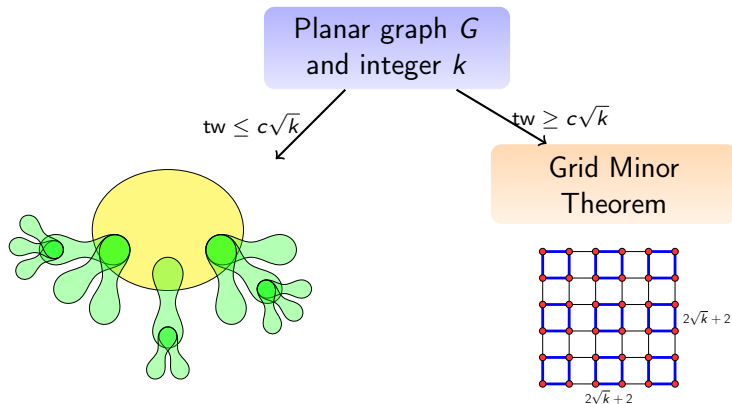


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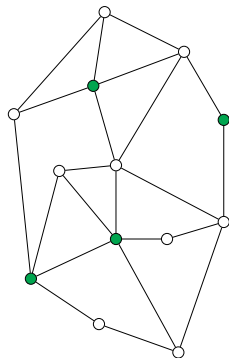
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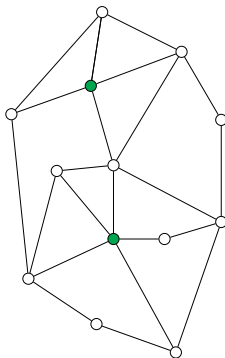


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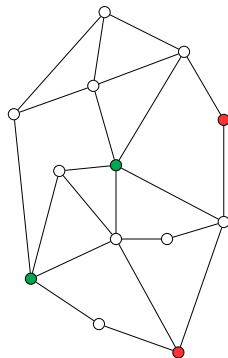
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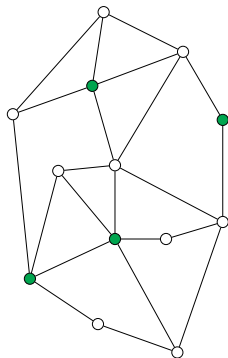


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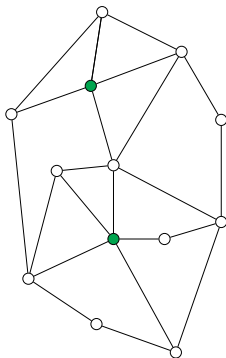


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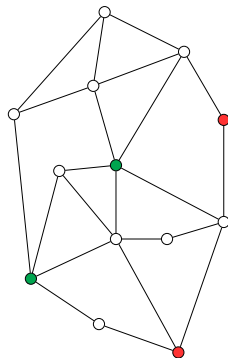
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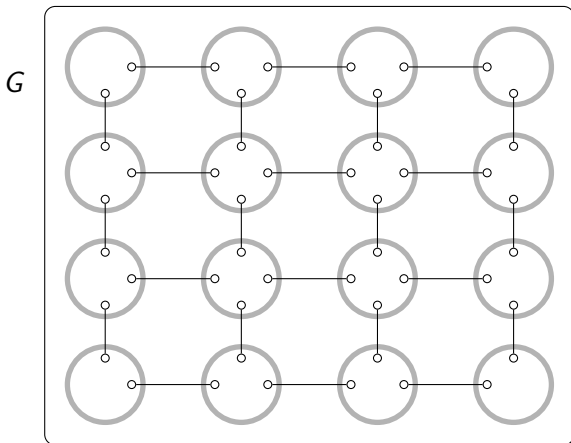
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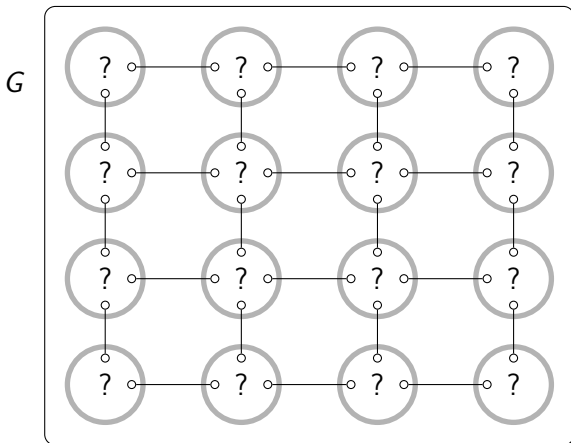


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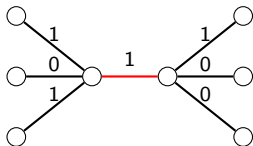
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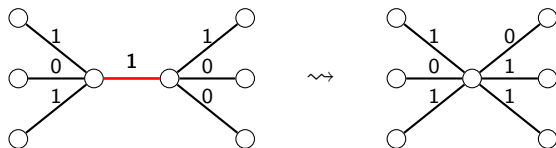
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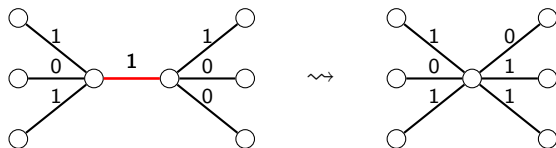
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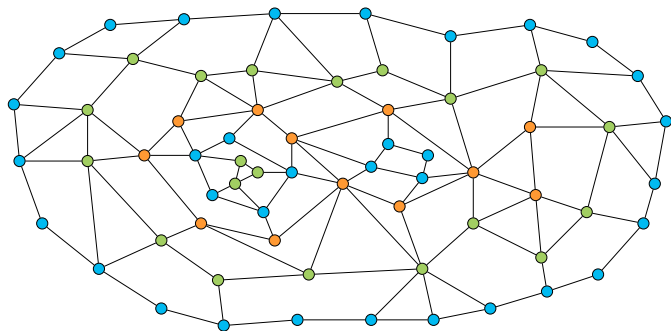
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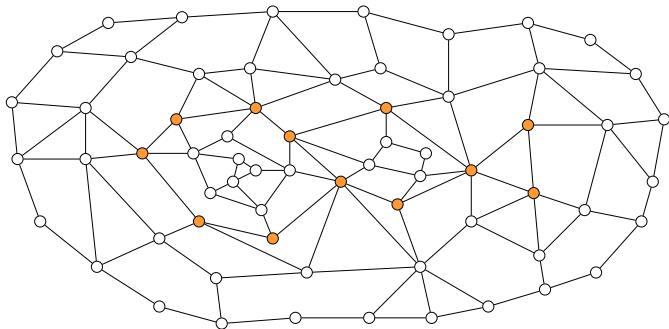


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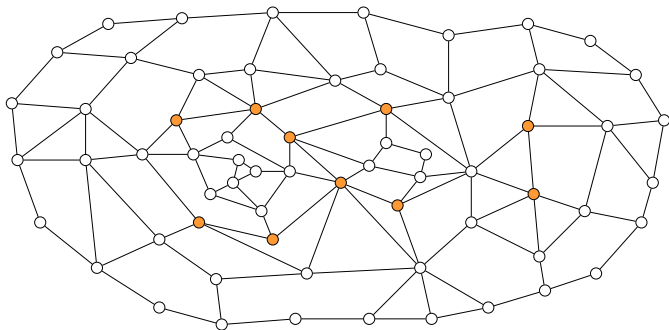


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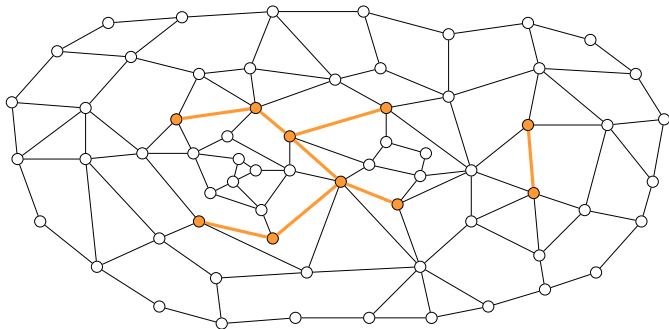


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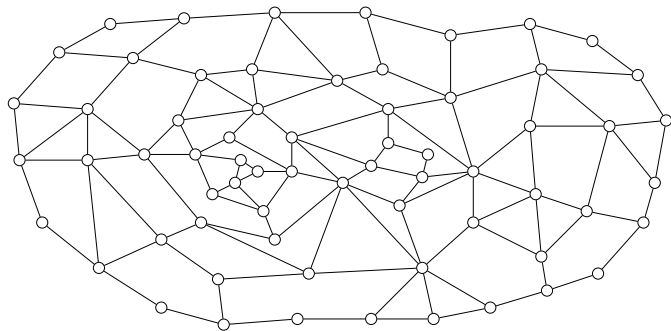


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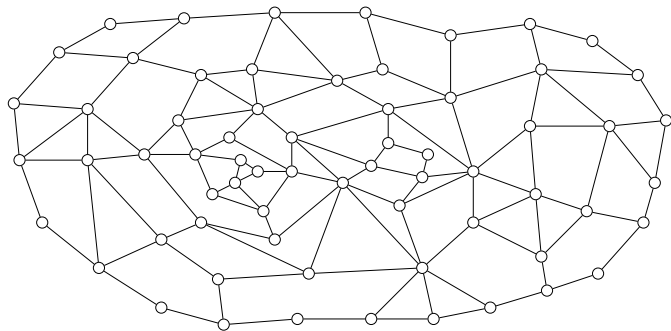
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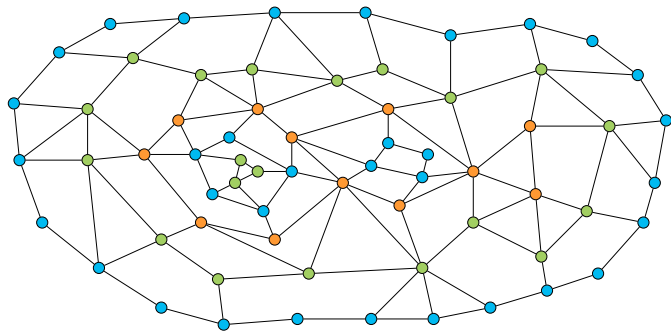


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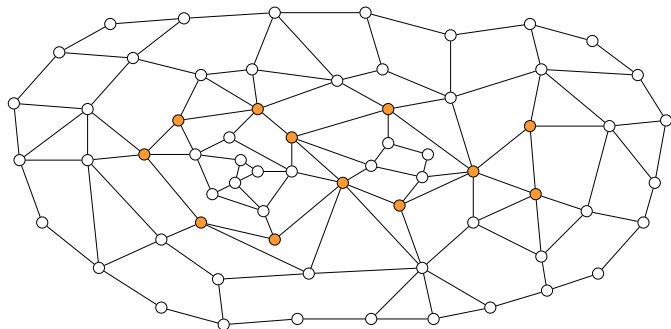


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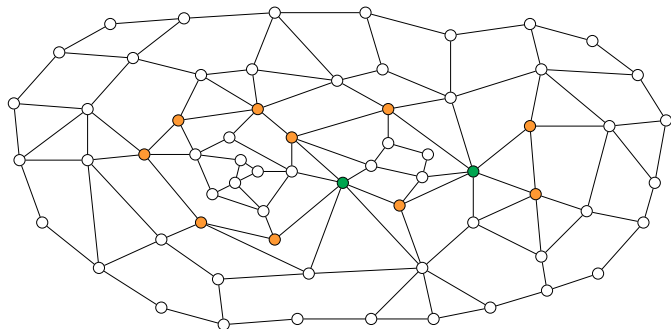


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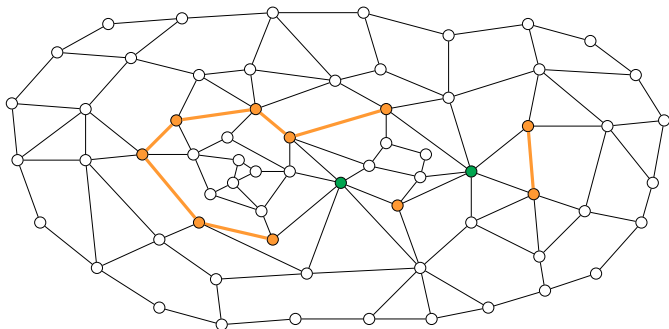


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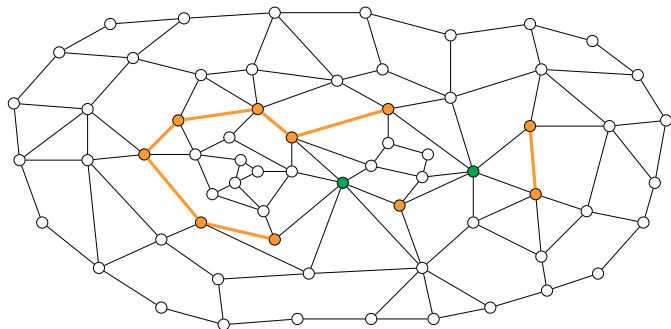
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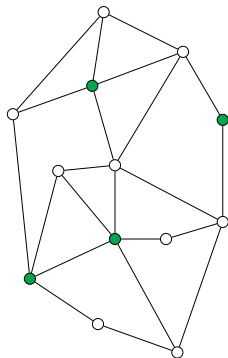
Corollary (Lokshtanov et al. 2012)

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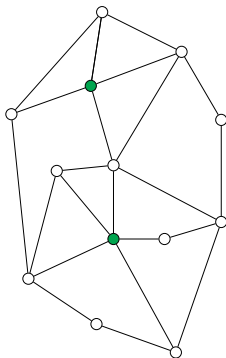


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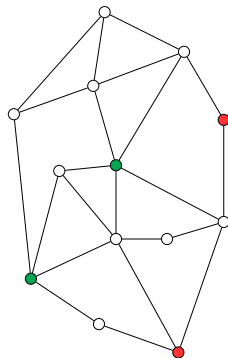
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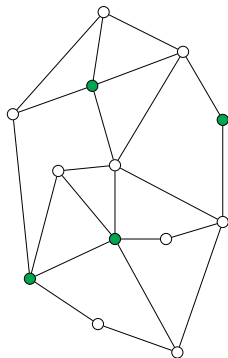


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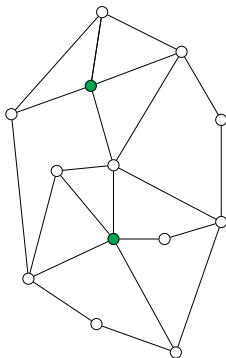


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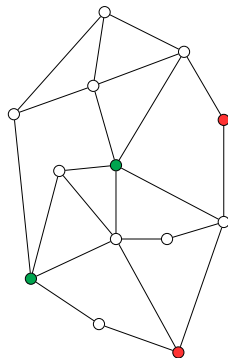
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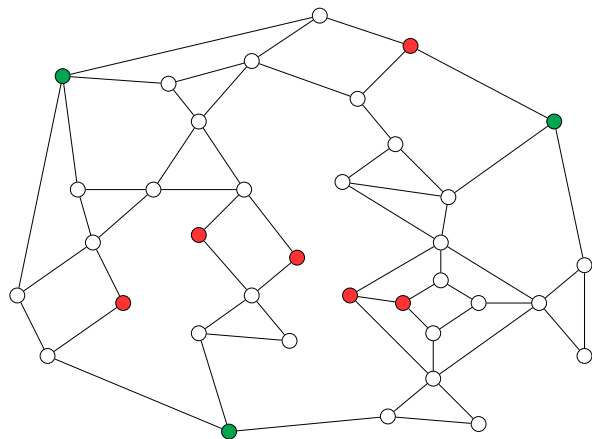
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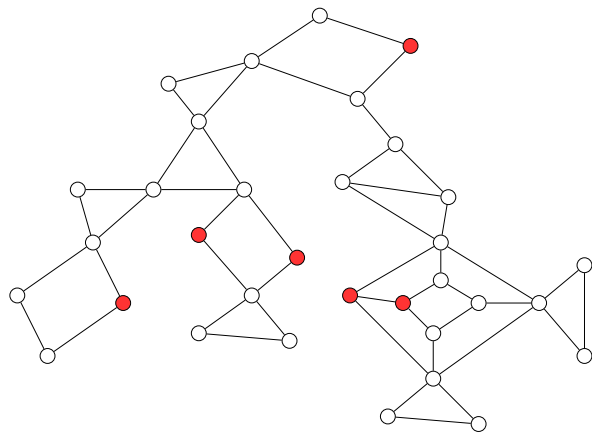


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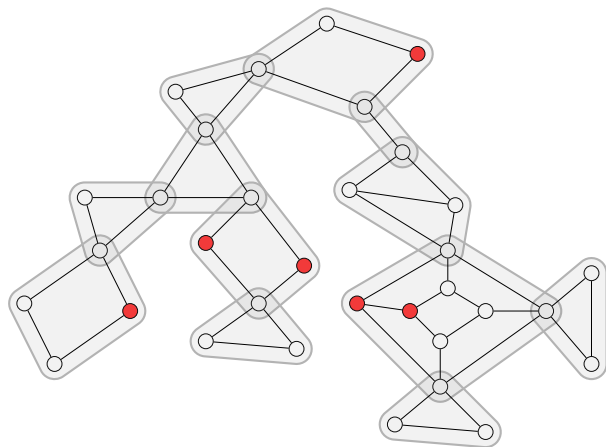


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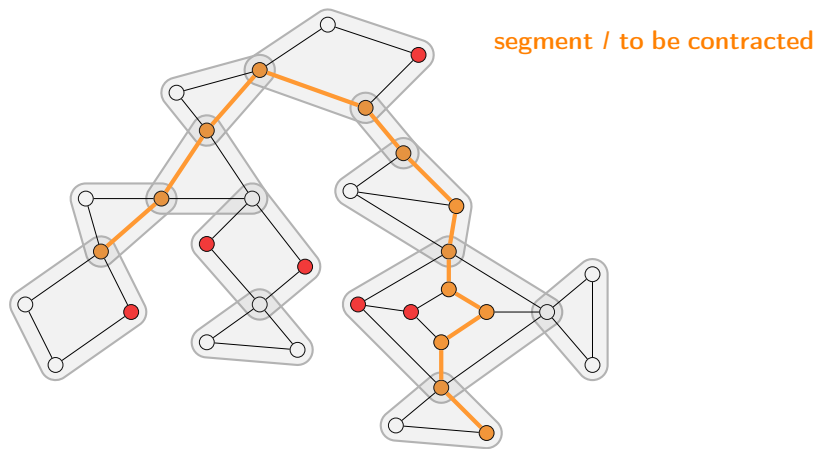


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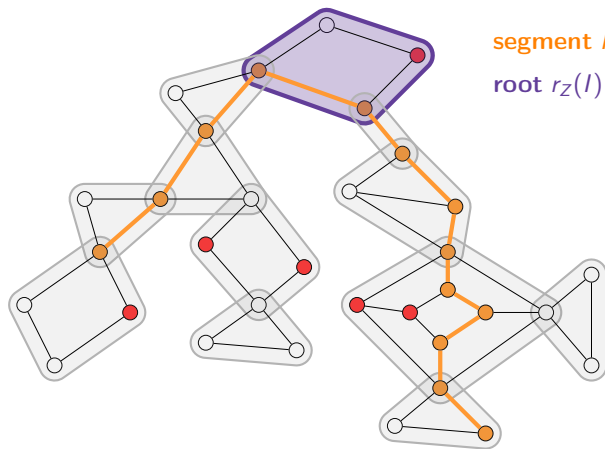


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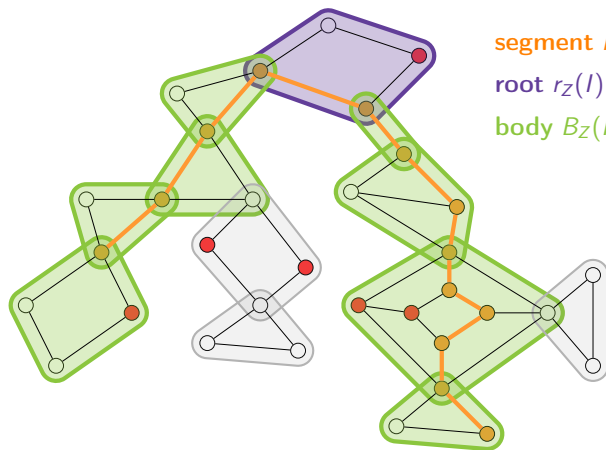
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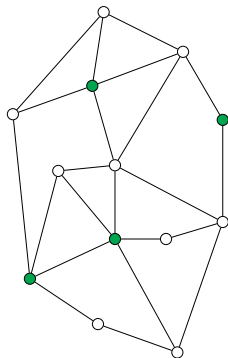
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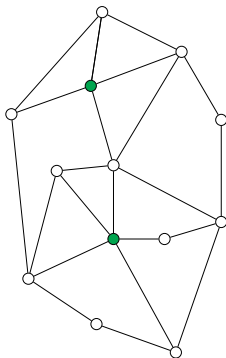


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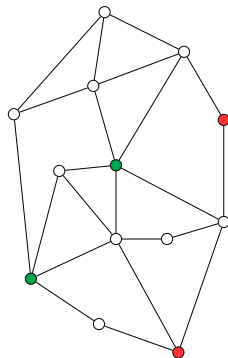
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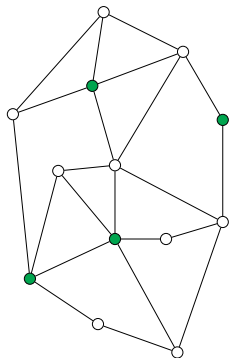


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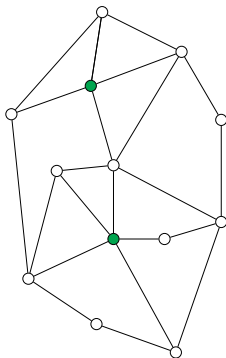


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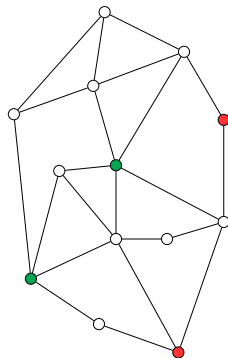
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- only missing piece is the Extended Contraction Decomposition
- we conjecture that it also holds for H -minor-free graphs
- proved by Bandyapadhyay et. al (SODA '22) for h -almost embeddable graphs