

Vertex distinguishing colorings of graphs

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We shall consider

edge colorings of graphs and use these colorings to distinguish the vertices of the graphs.

I. proper colorings

(joint work with R. Kalinowski, M. Piłśniak and J. Przybyło from AGH University)

II. general colorings

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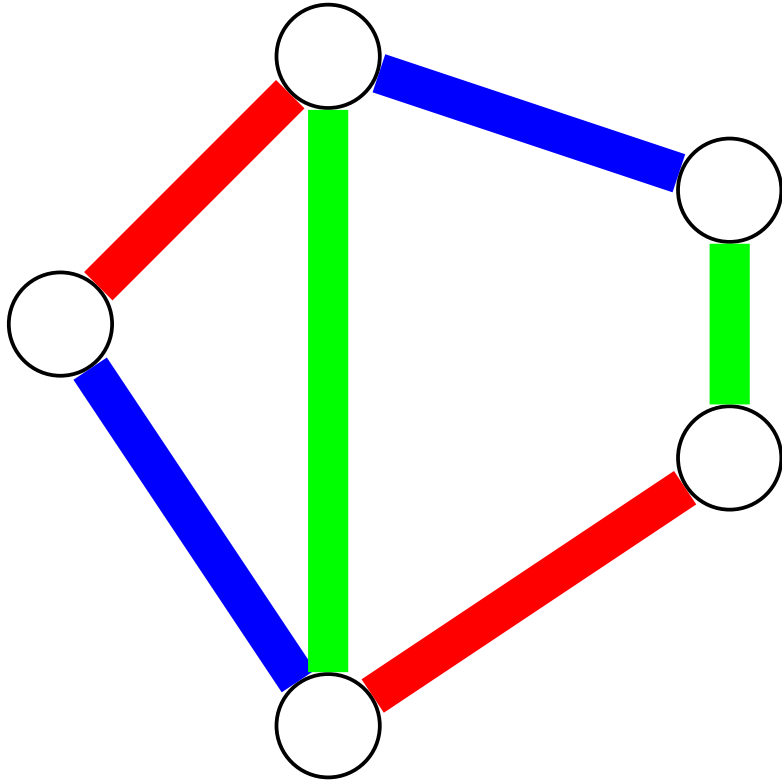
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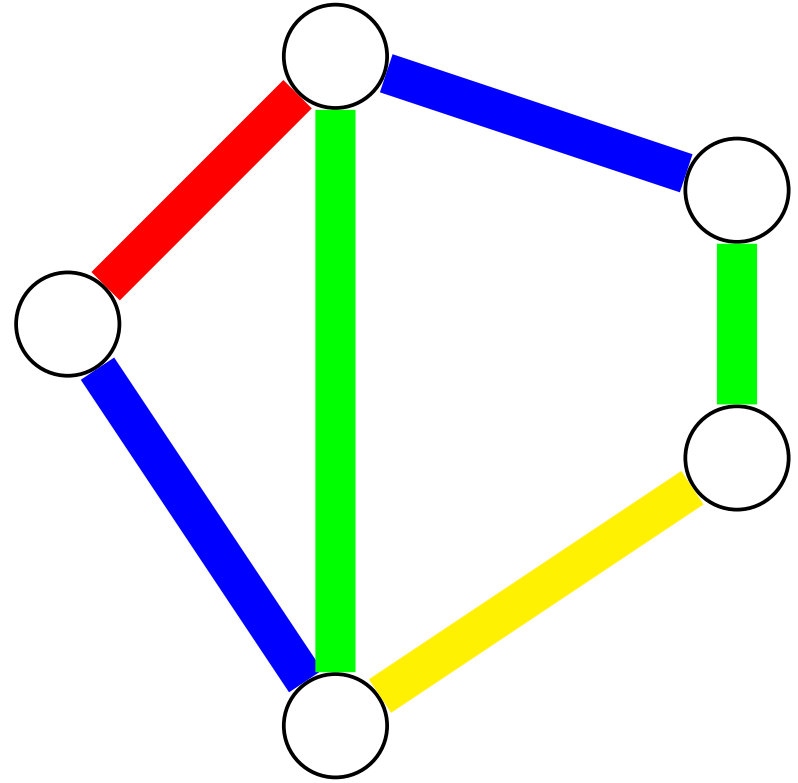
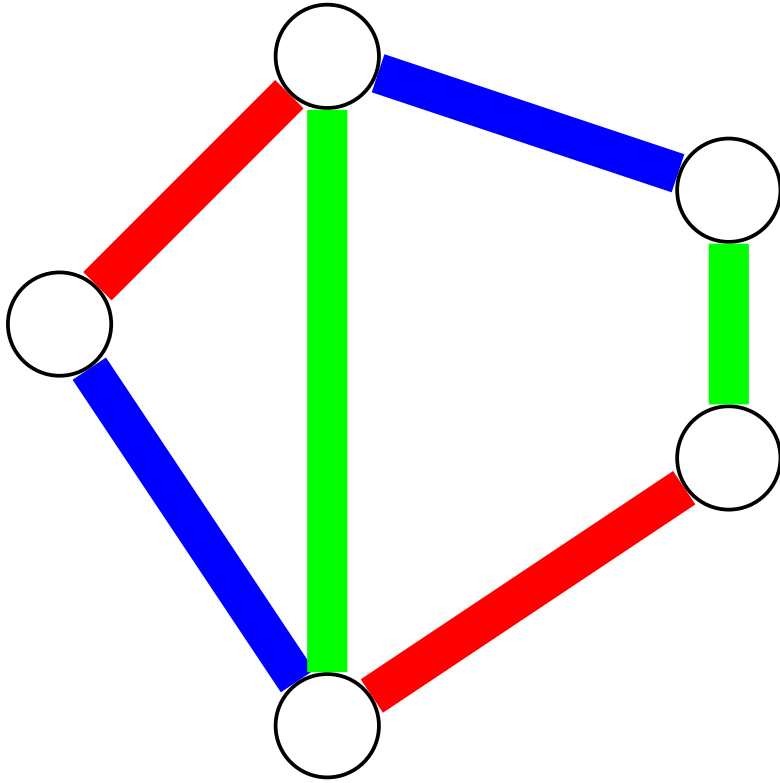
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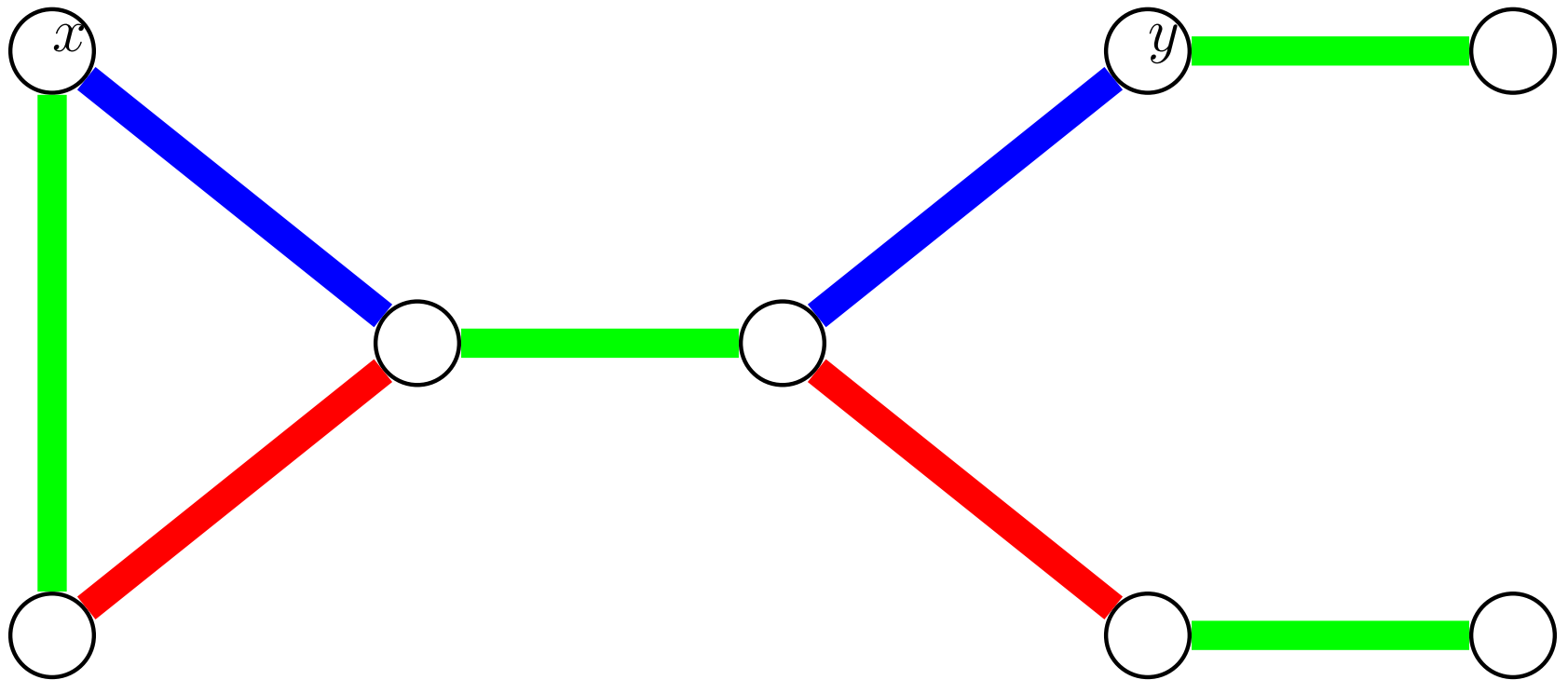
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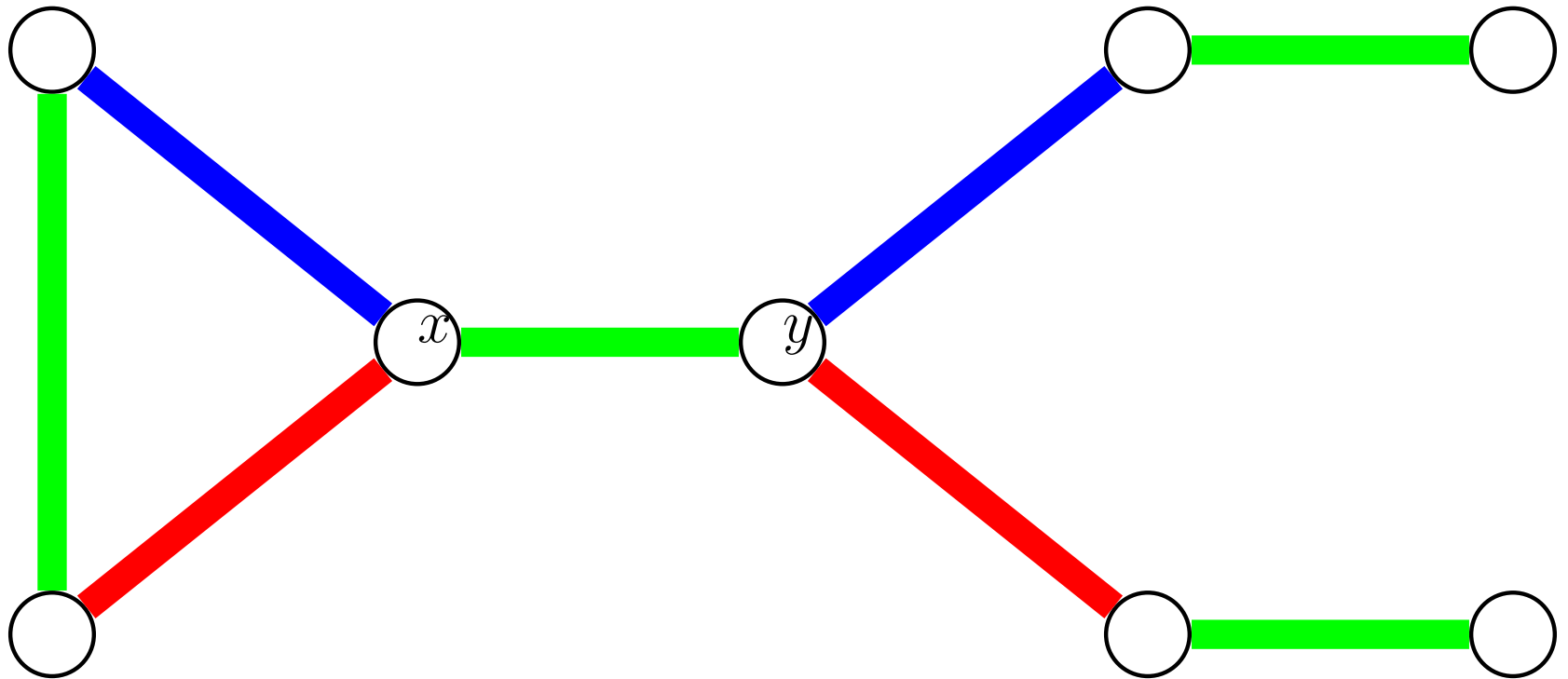
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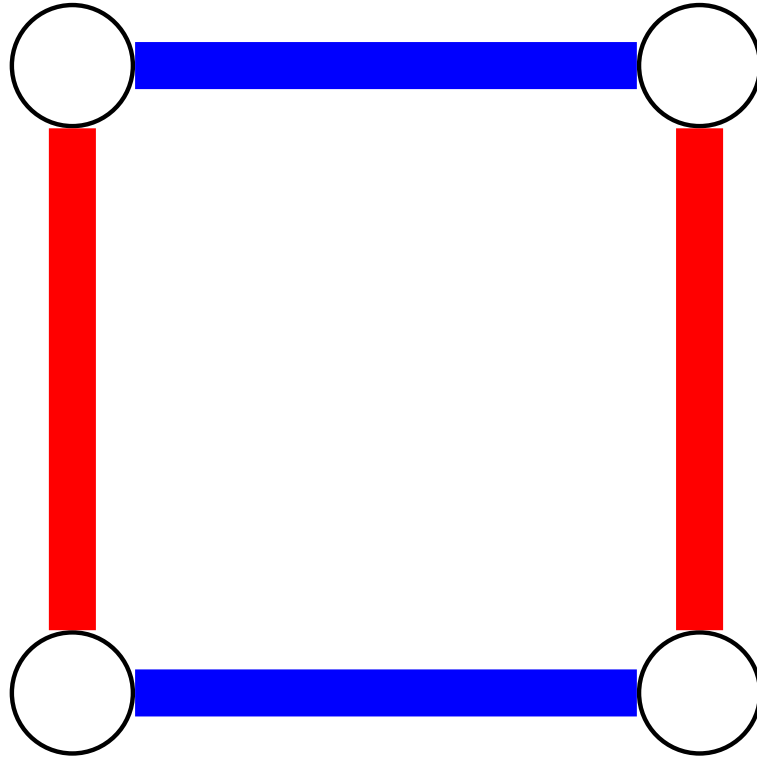
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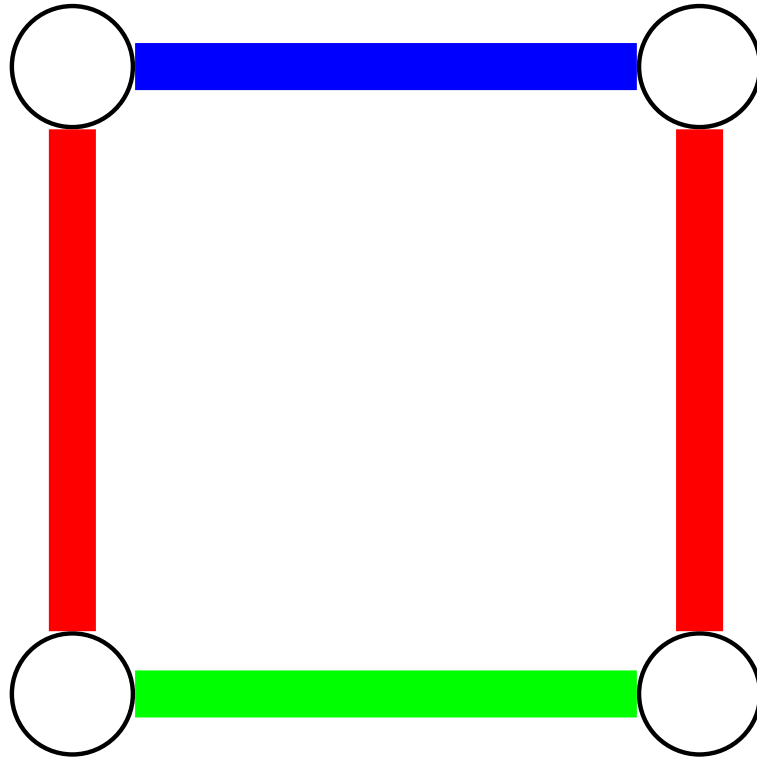
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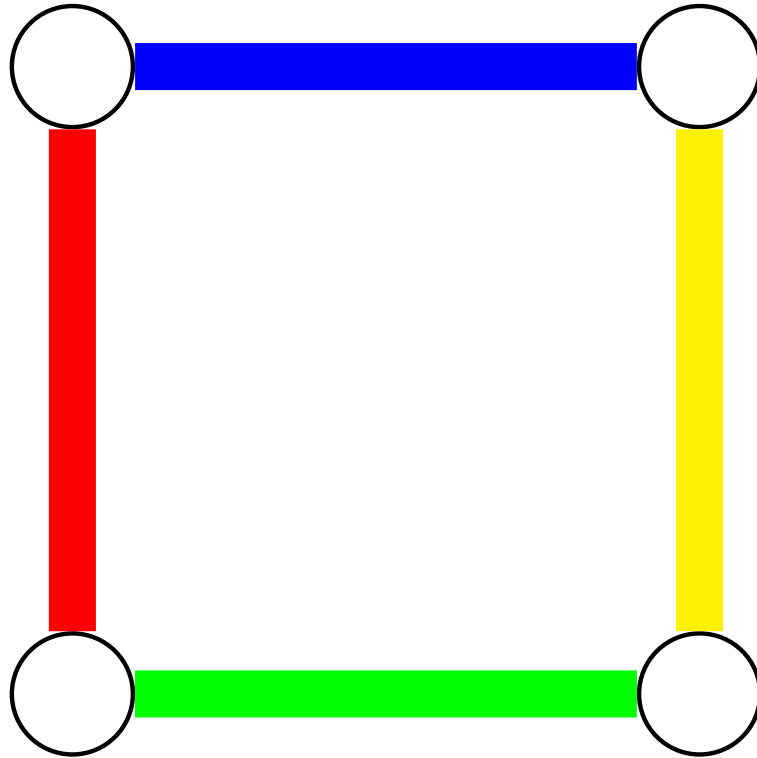
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- $\mu(G)$ - the minimum number of colors in a proper edge-coloring of a graph G such that no two distinct vertices are similar.

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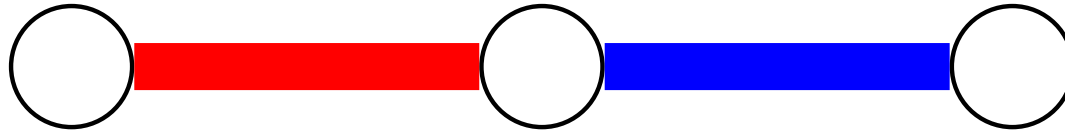
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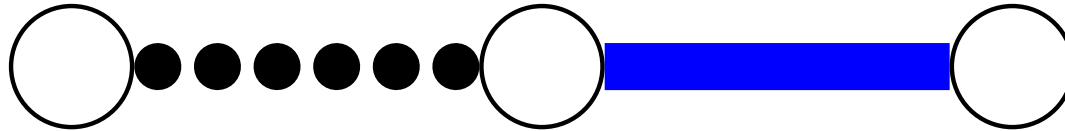
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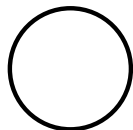
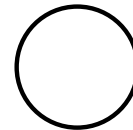
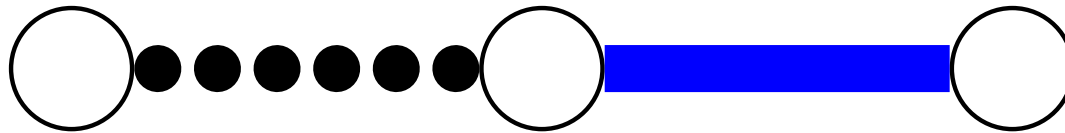
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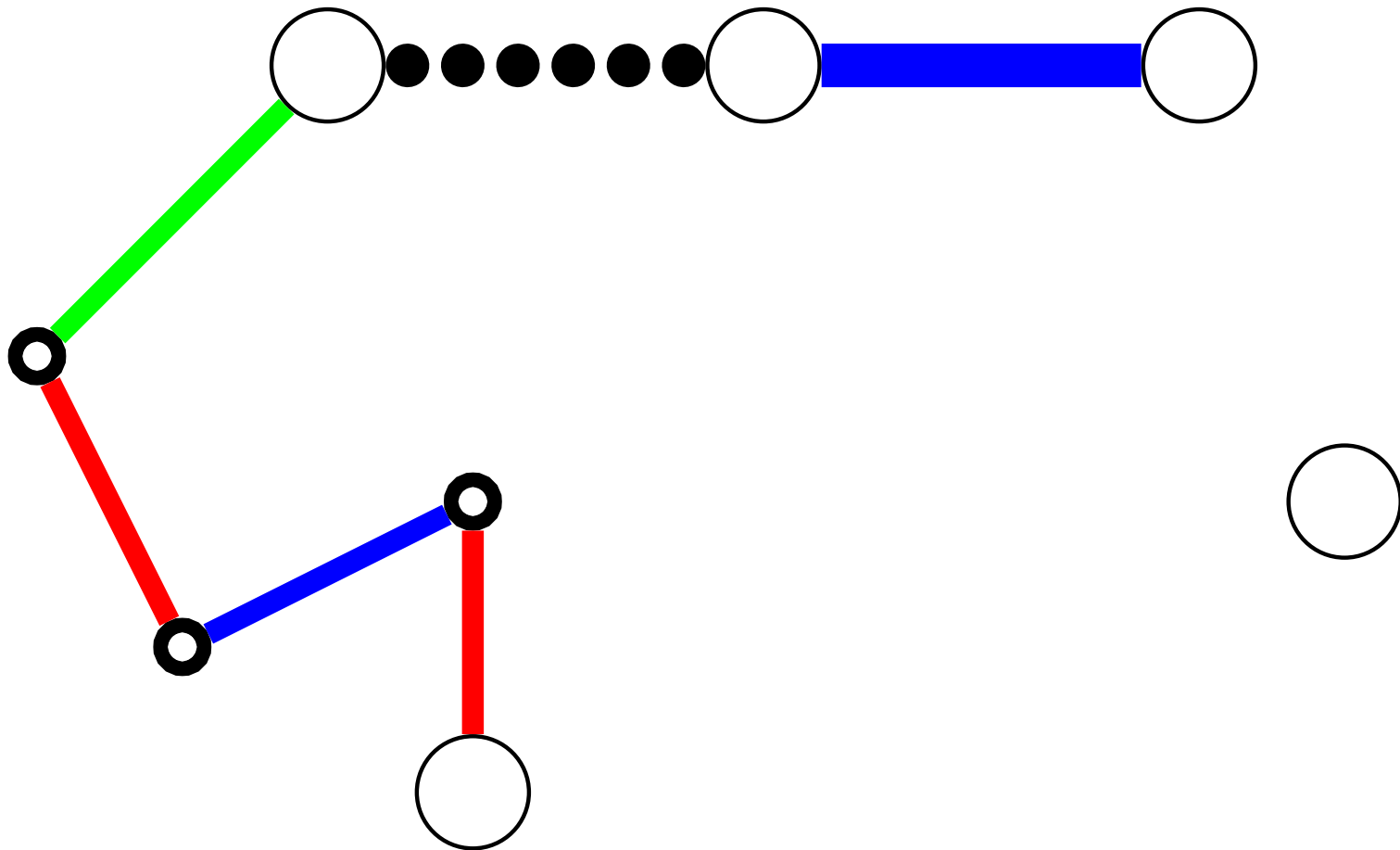
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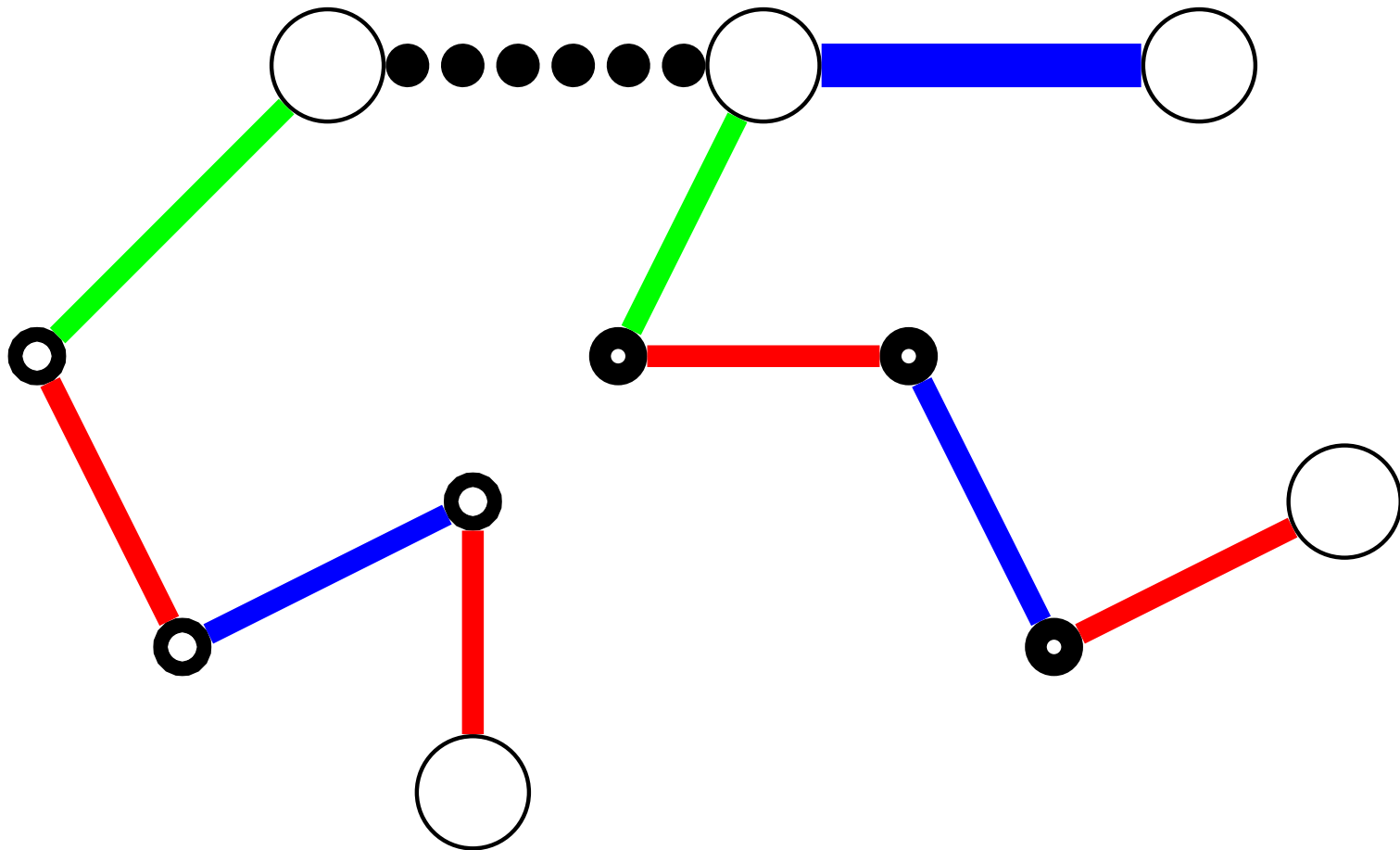
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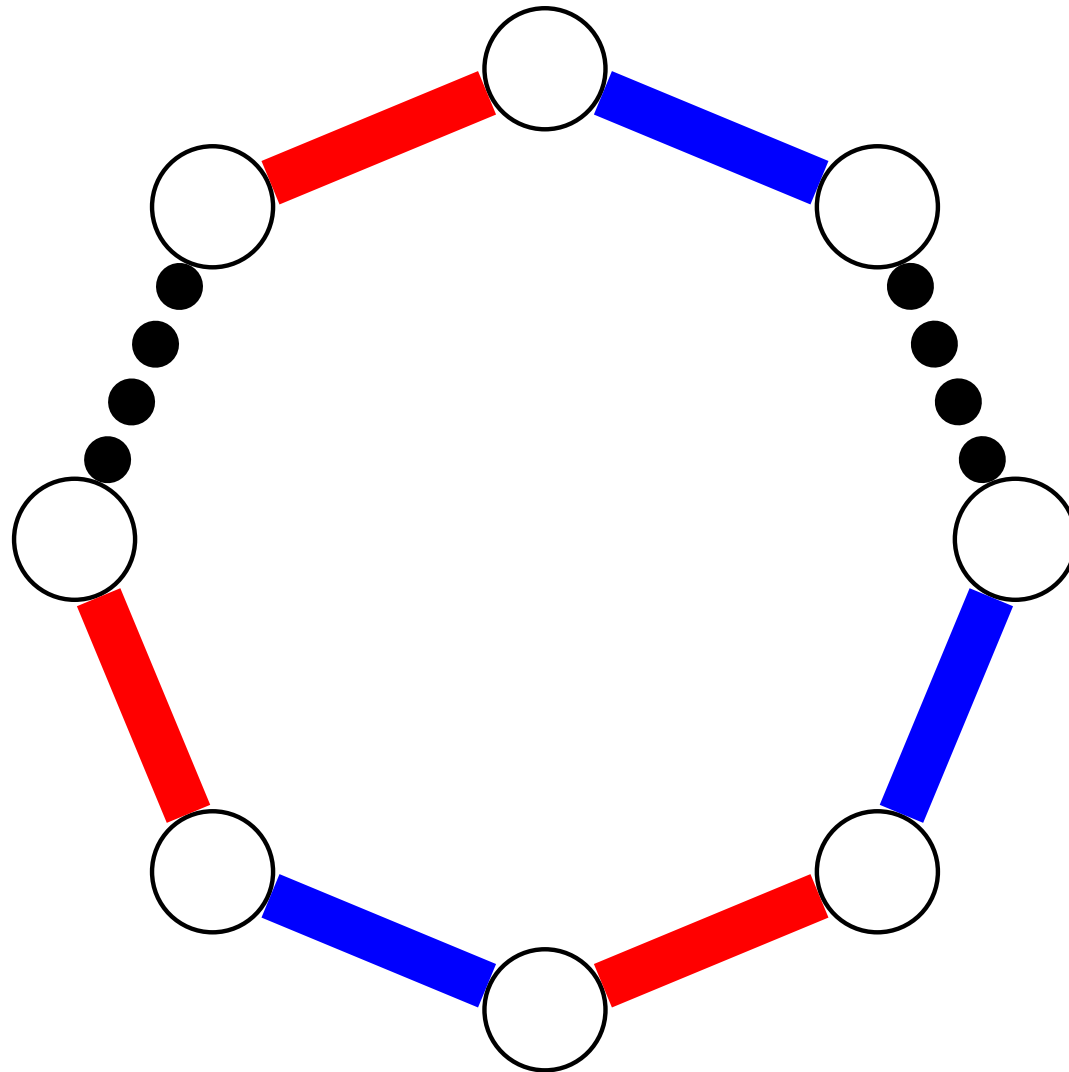
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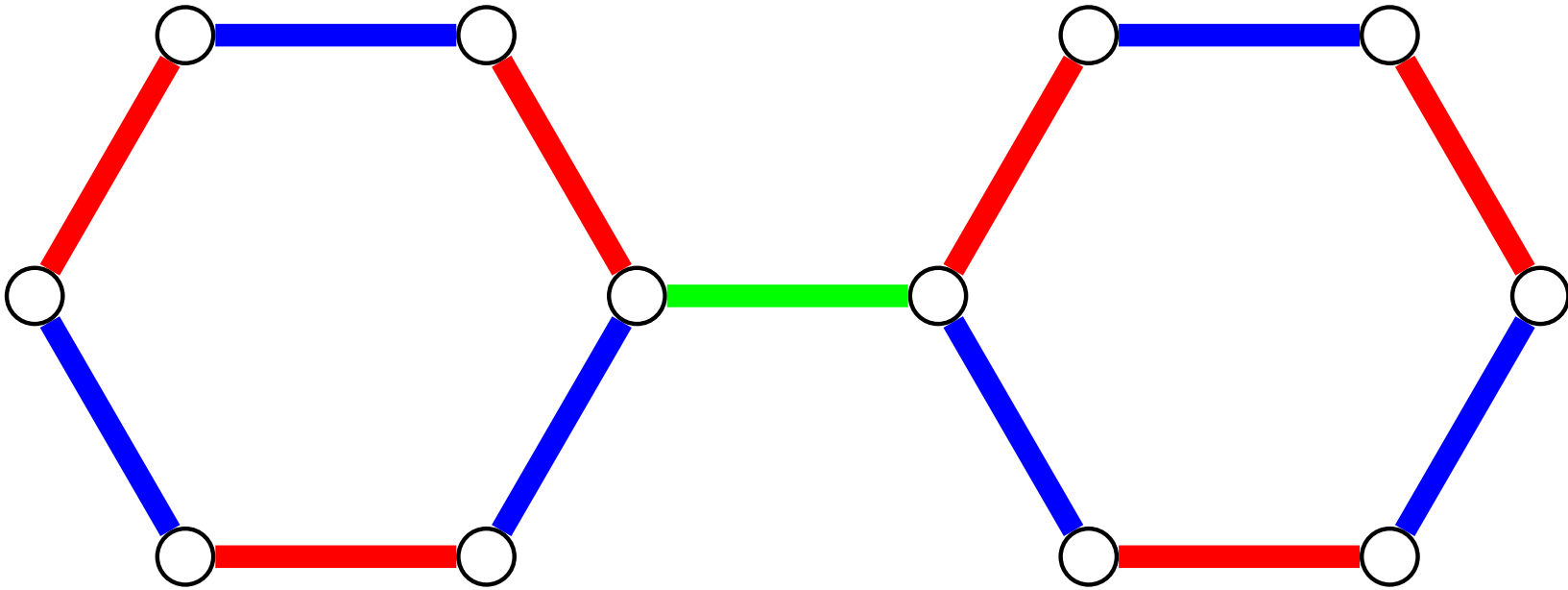
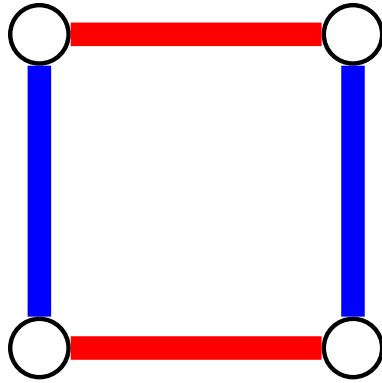
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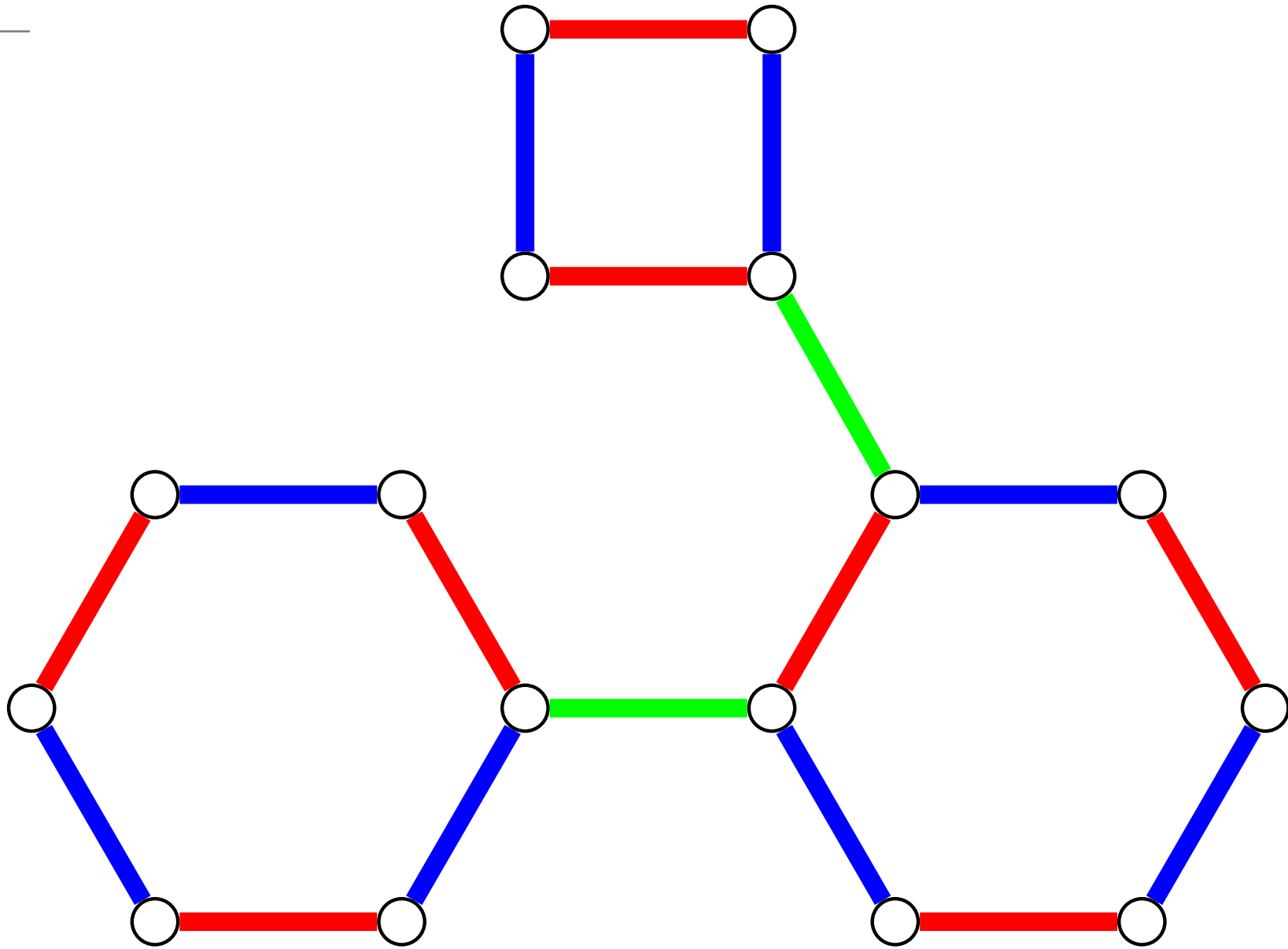
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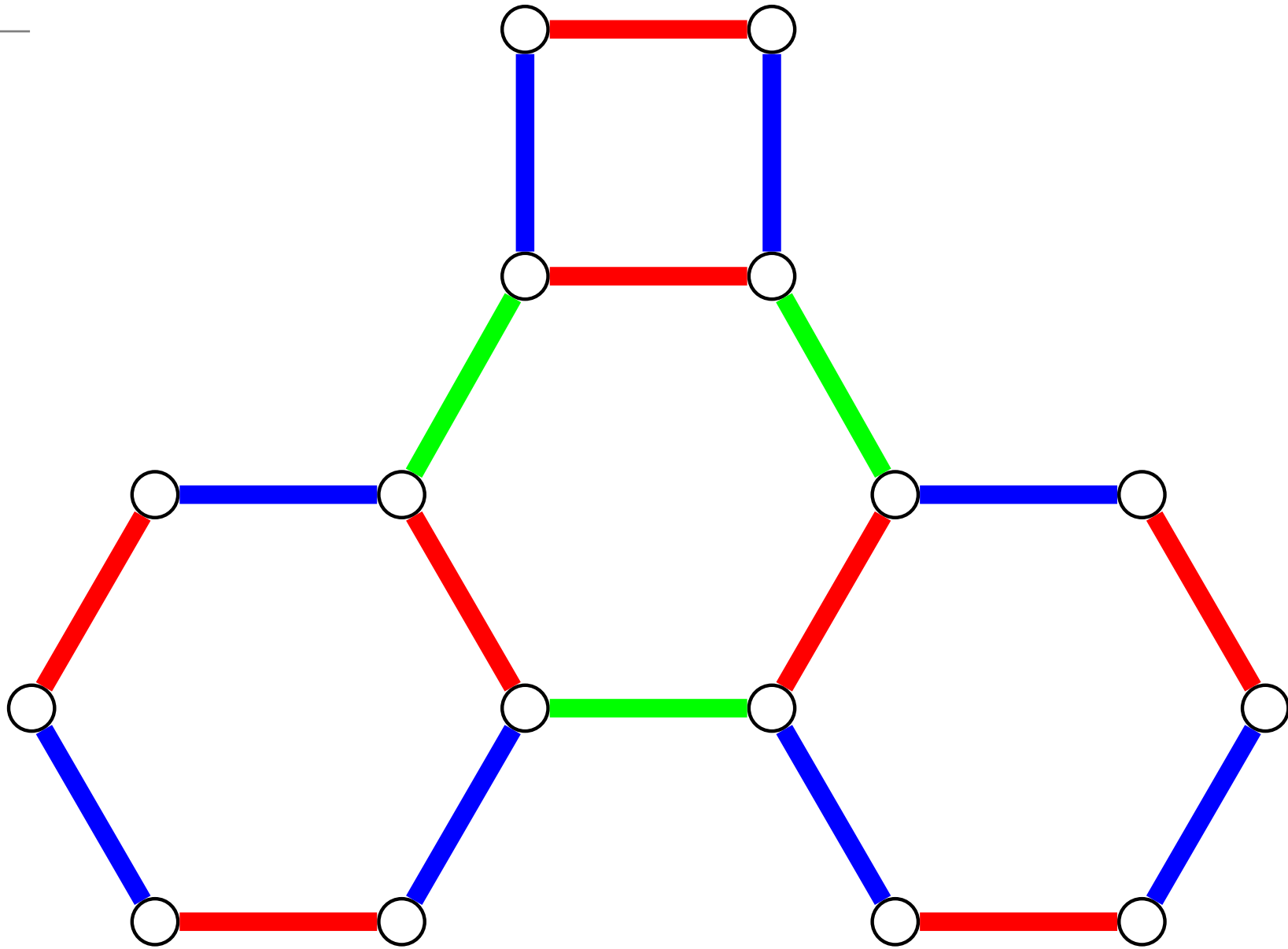
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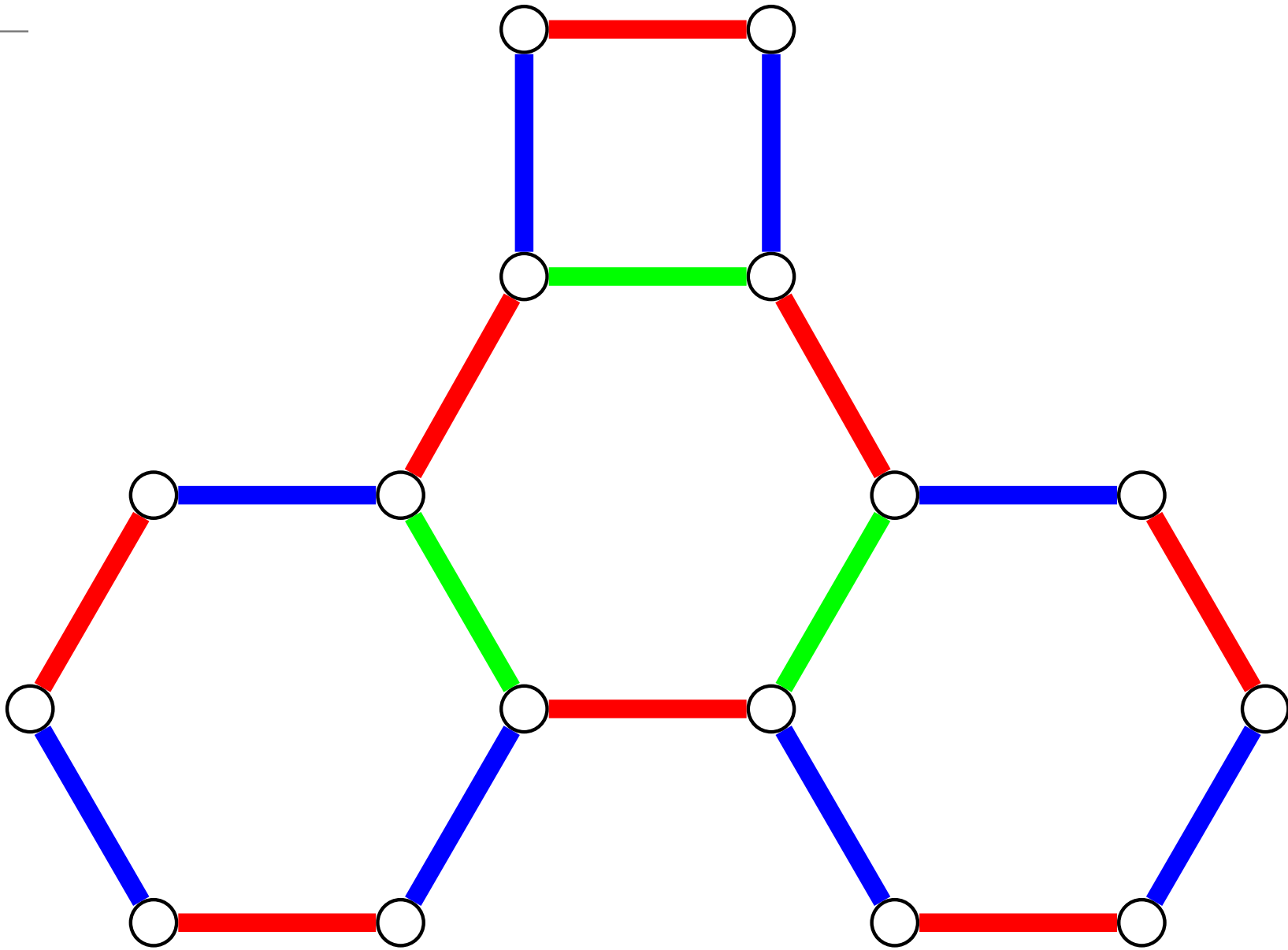
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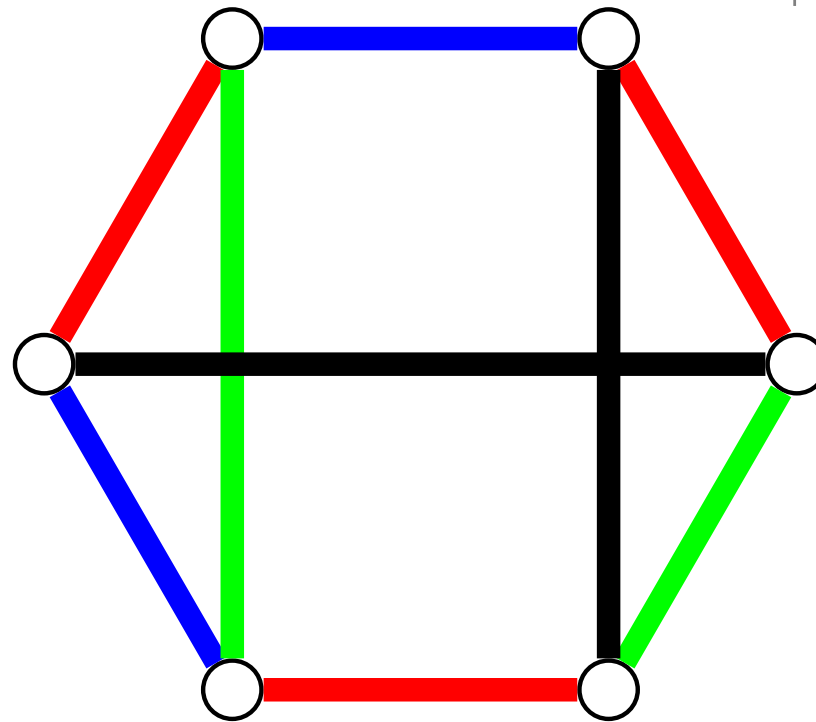
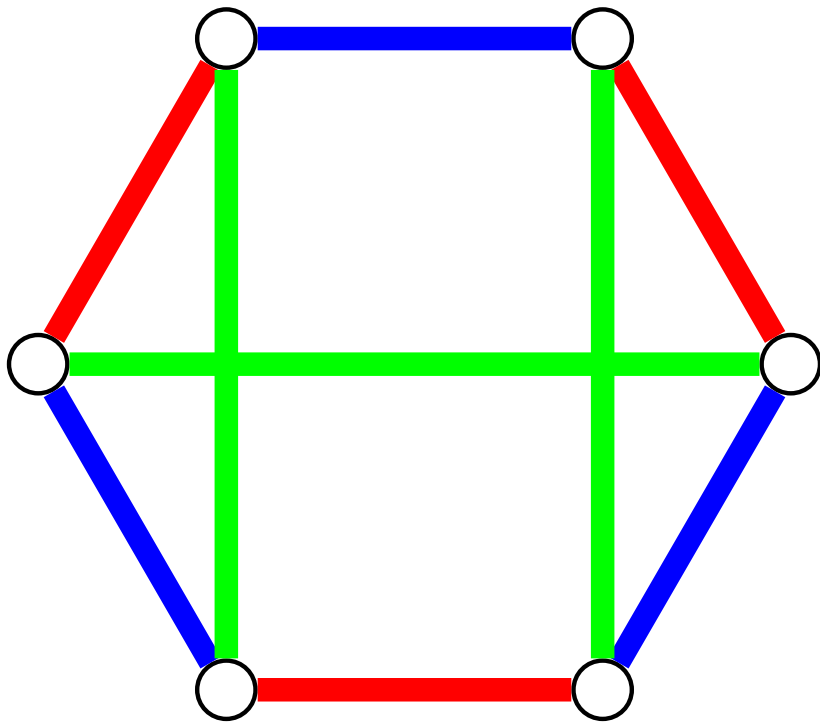
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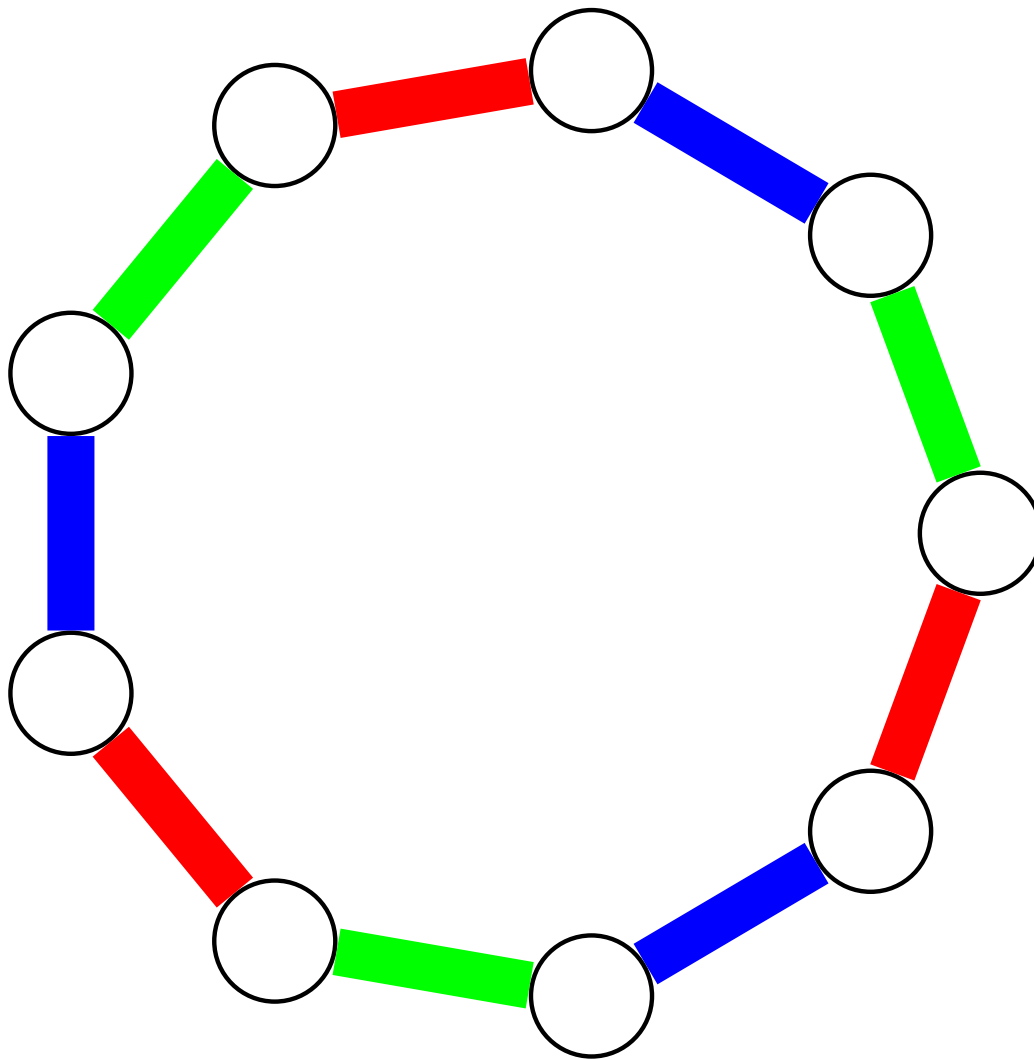
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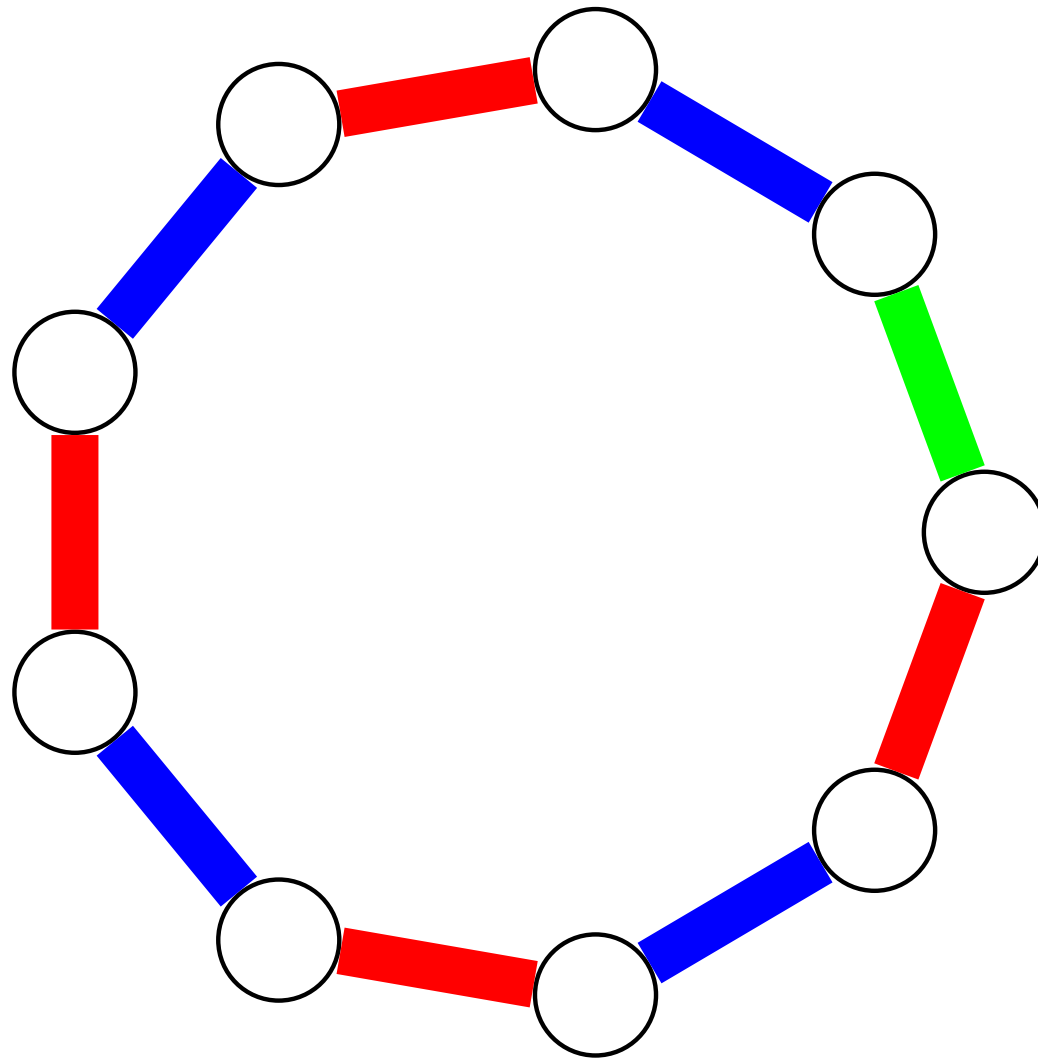
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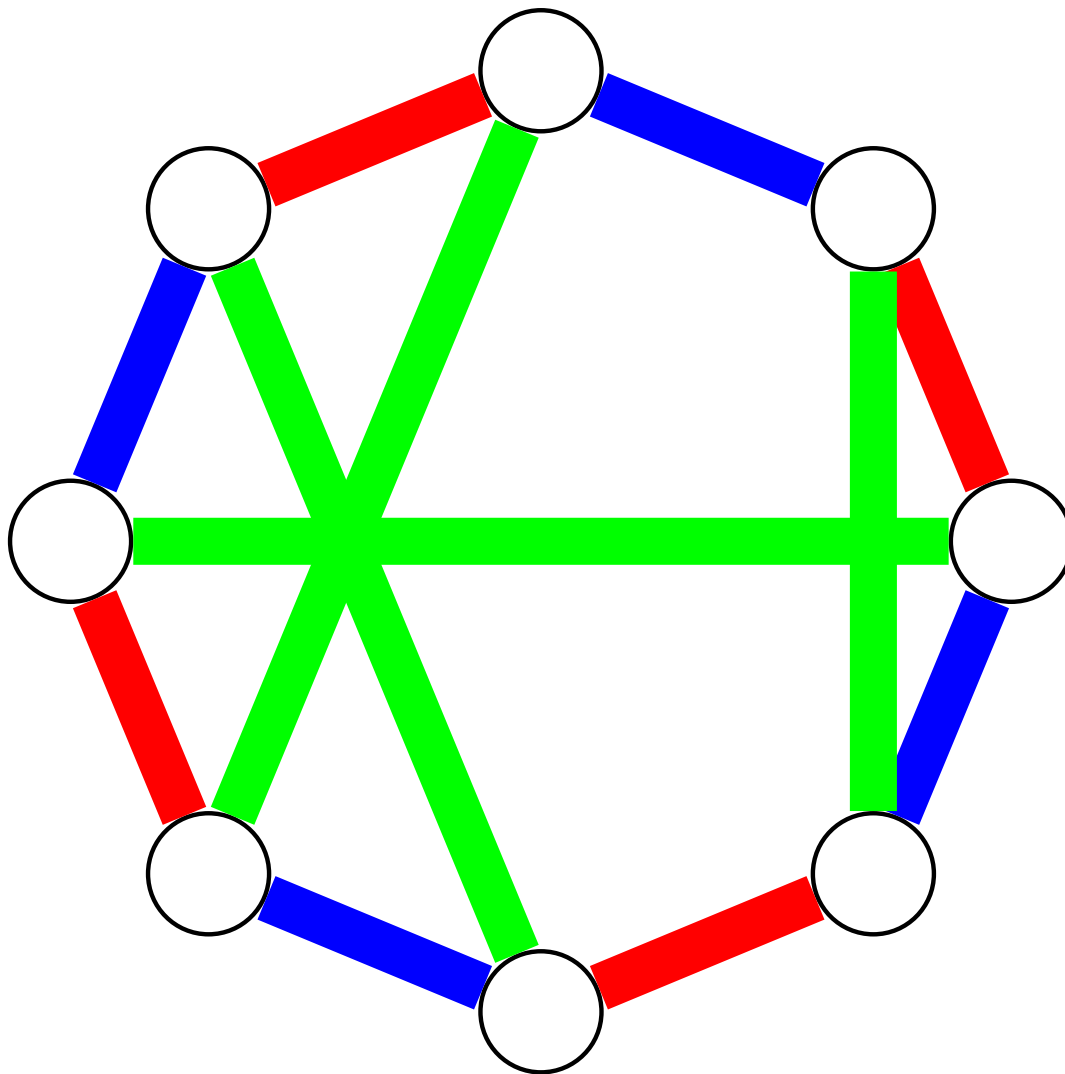
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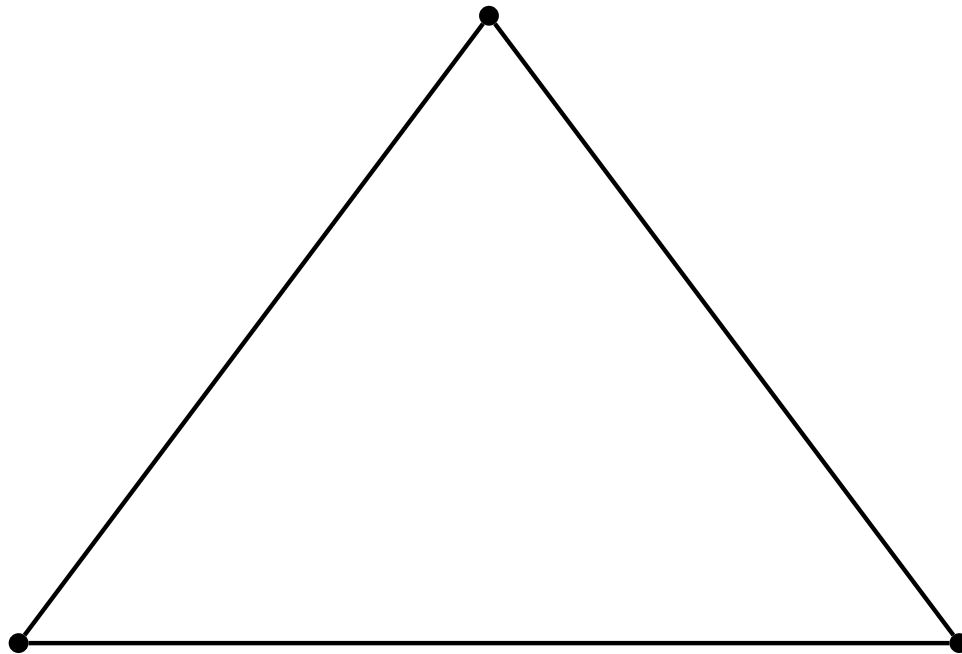
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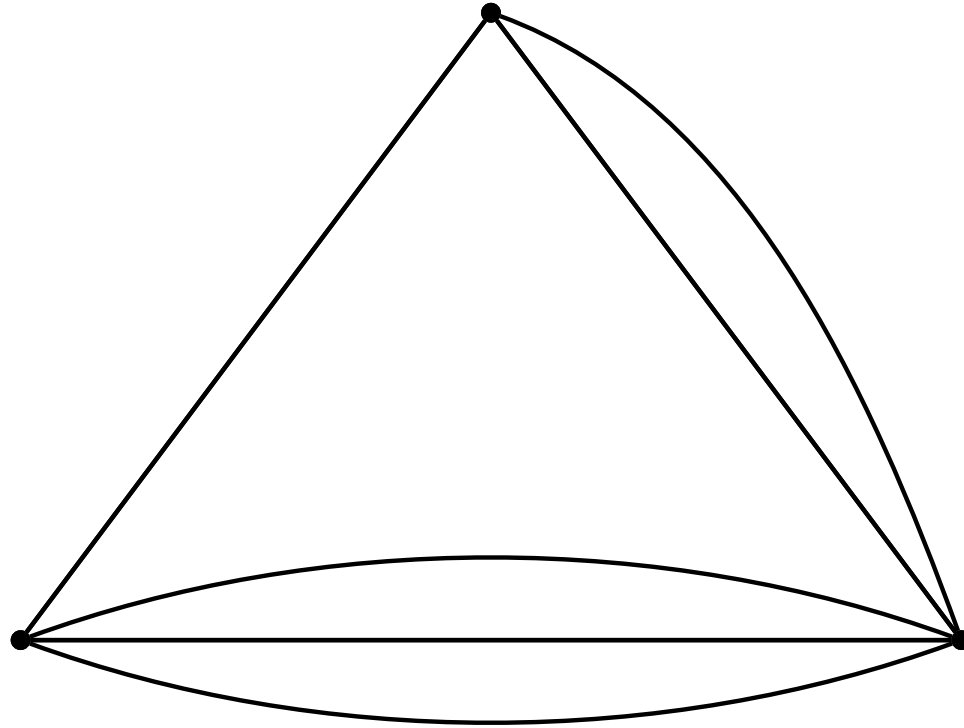
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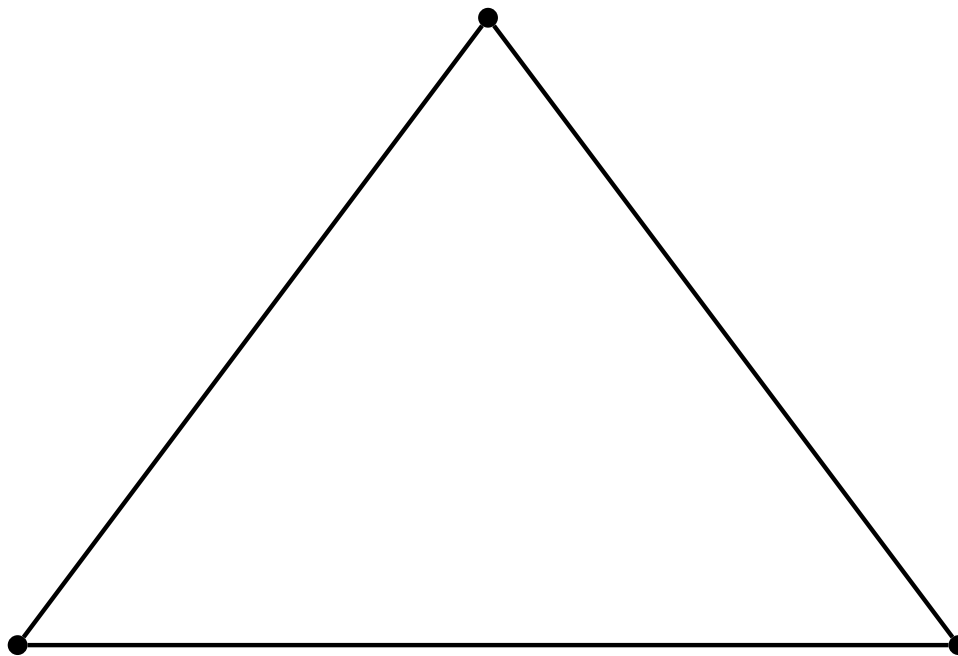
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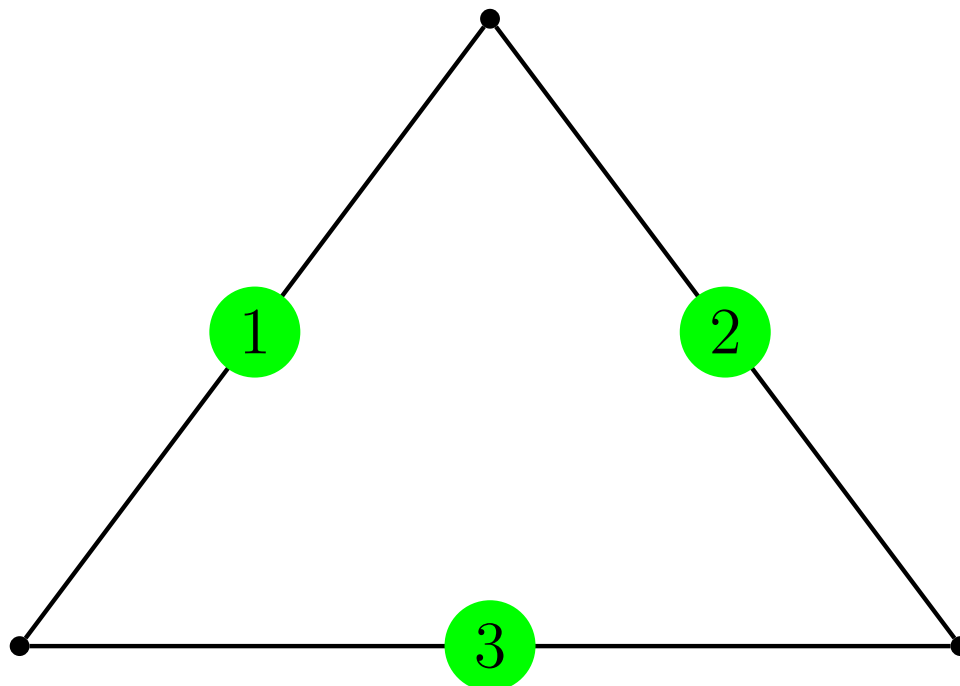
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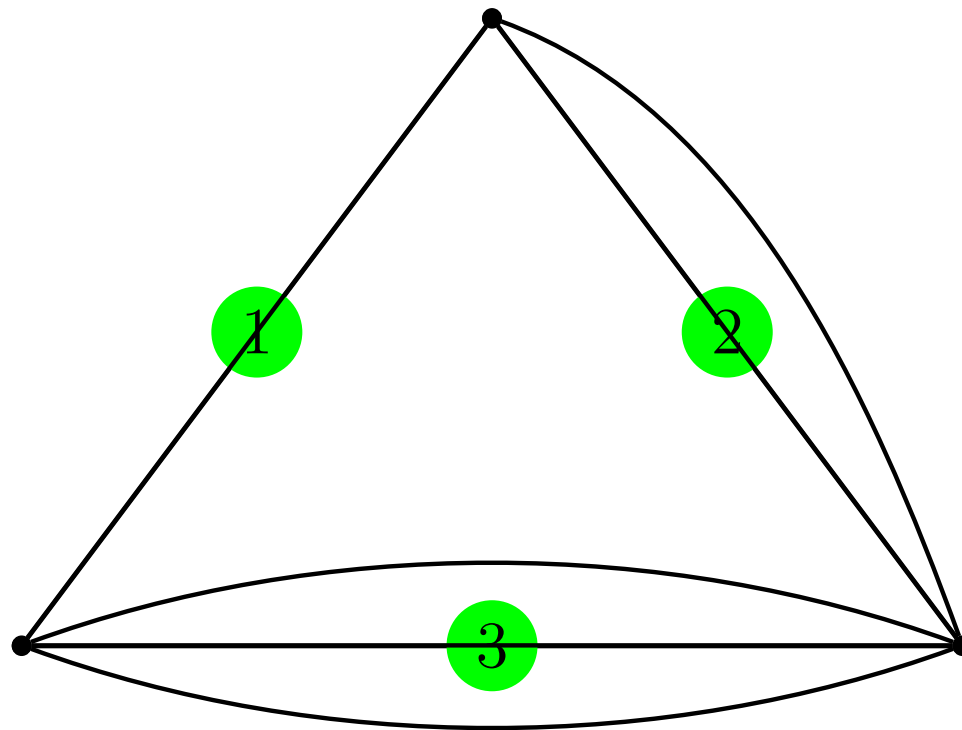
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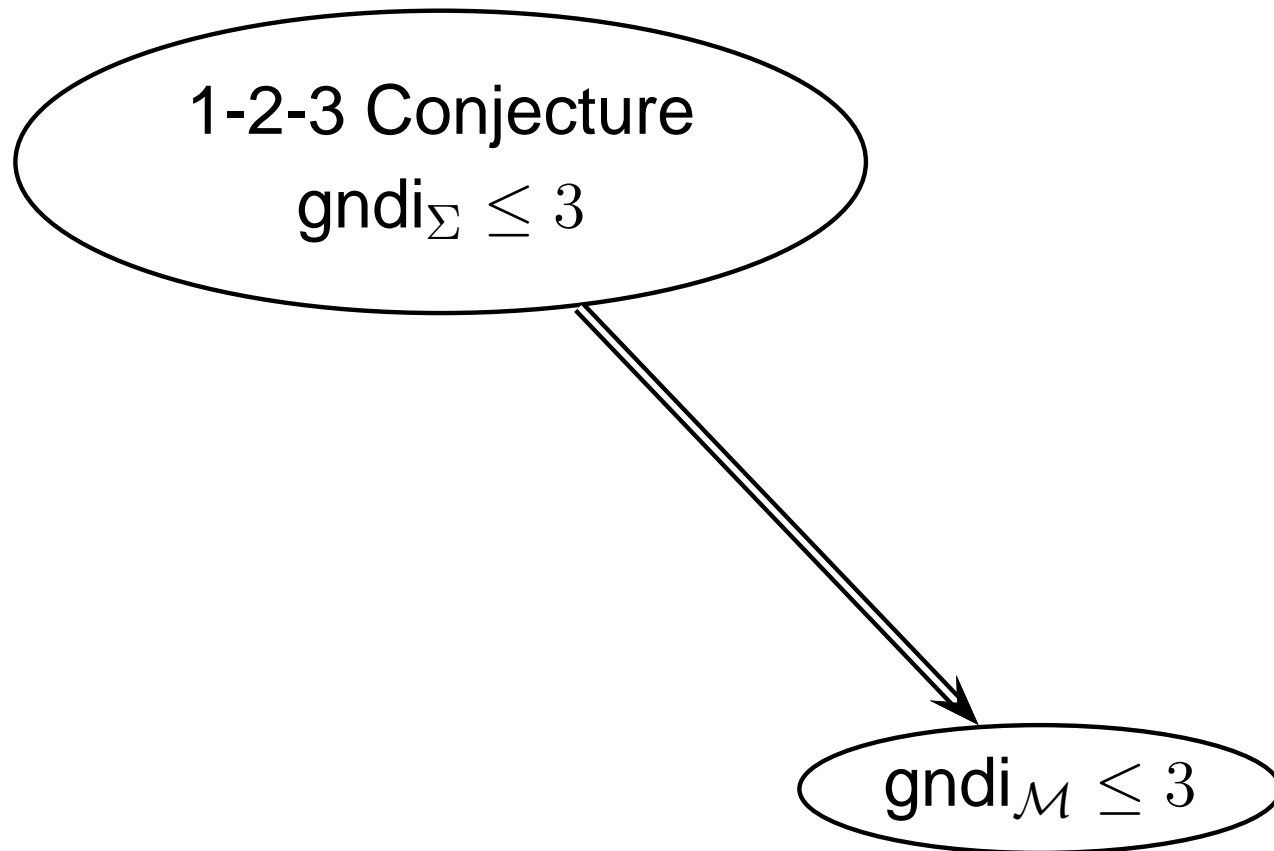
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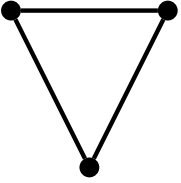
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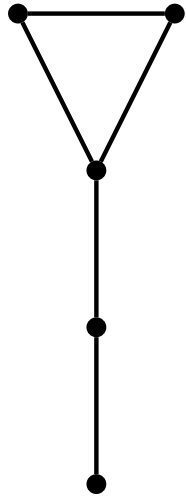
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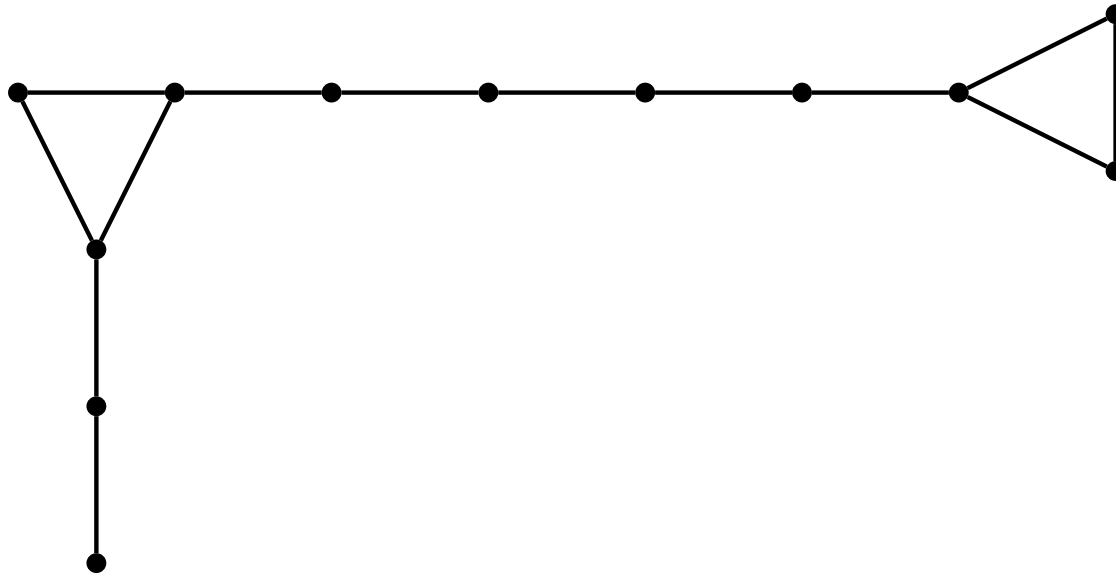
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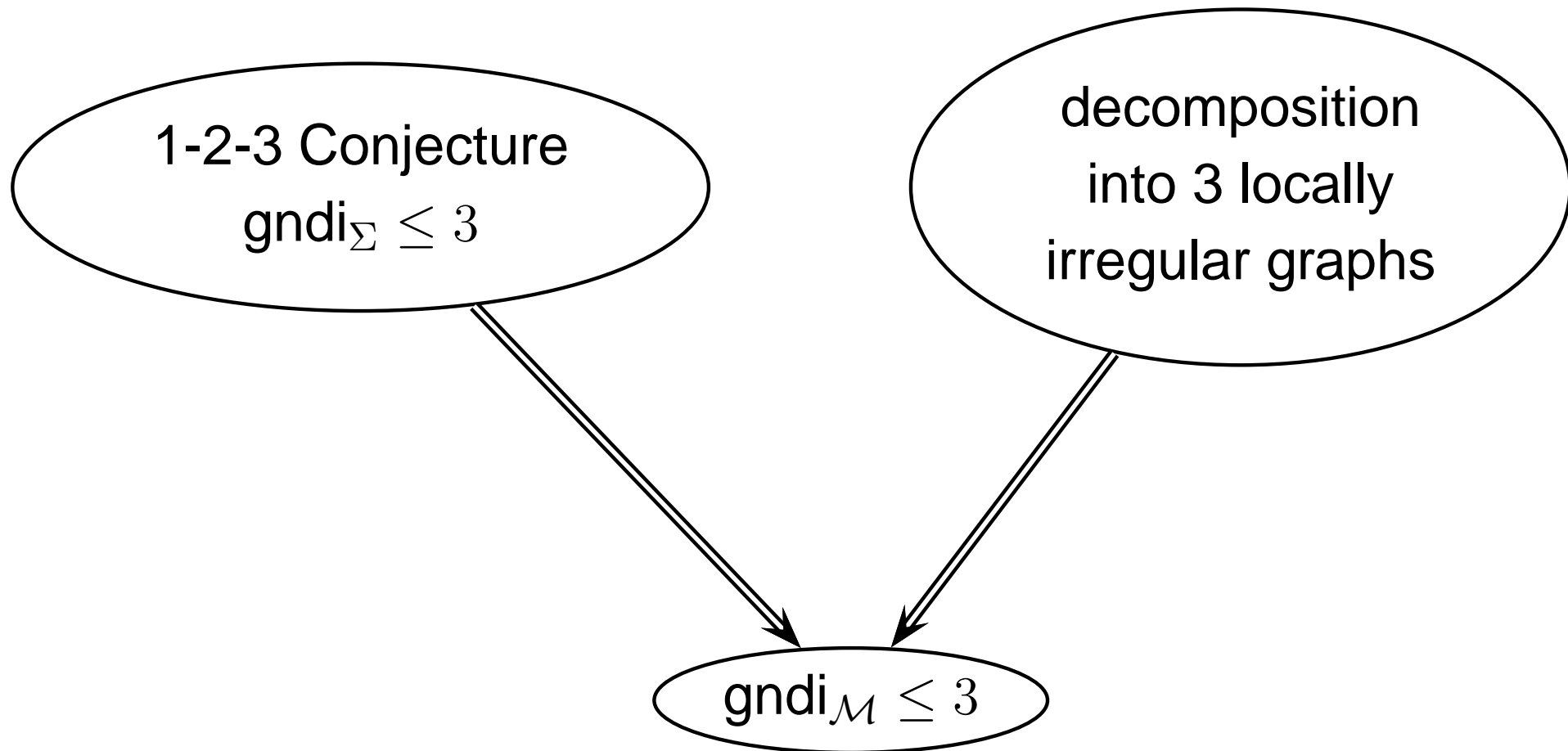
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