

ASBG-Colourings of Unicyclic and Cycle-Edge-Disjoint Graphs

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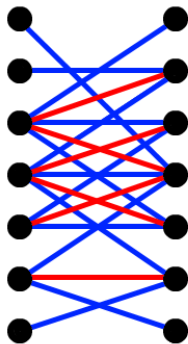
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An ordering of the vertices is allowable if the vertices of each part can be embedded in that order on two parallel lines in the plane such that the edges incident with each vertex alternate in colour (beginning and ending with blue) in that embedding.

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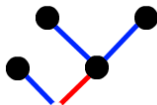
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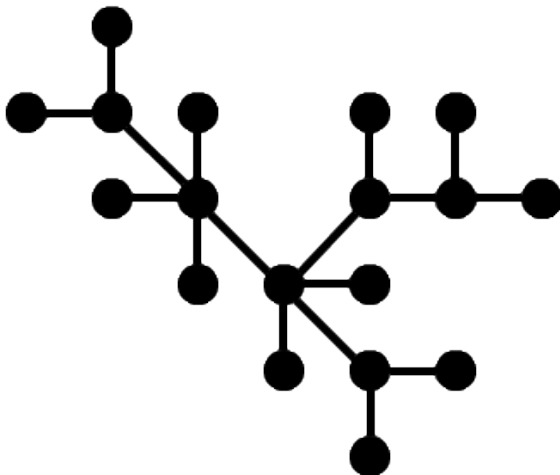


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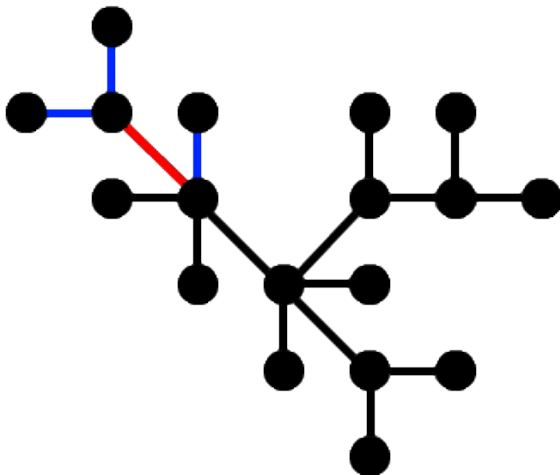
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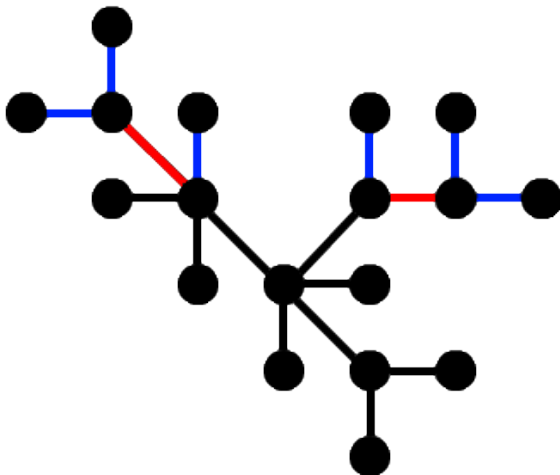
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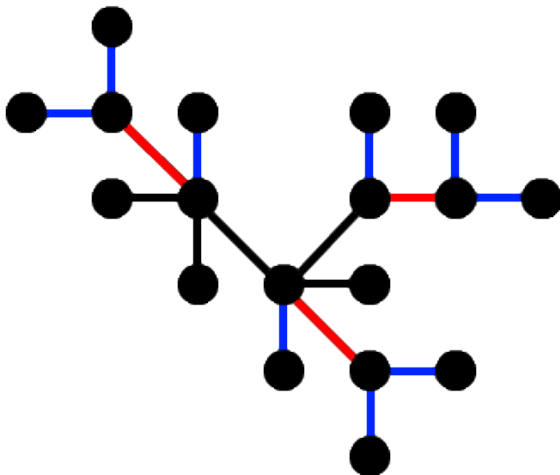
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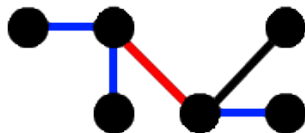
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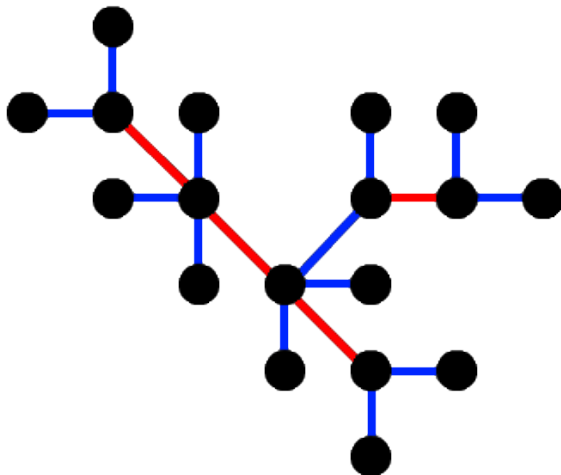


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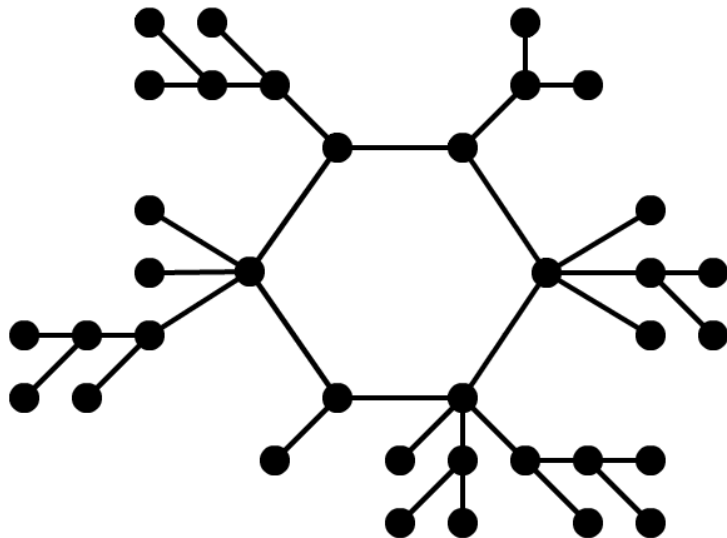


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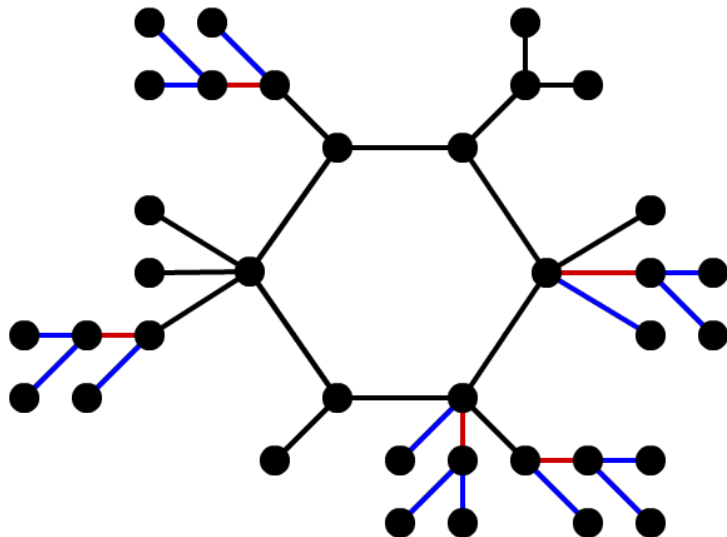
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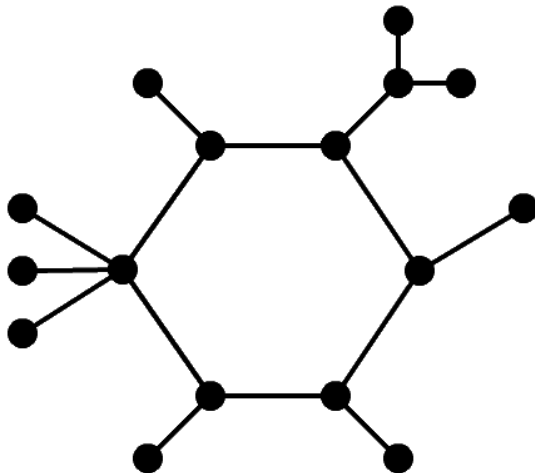
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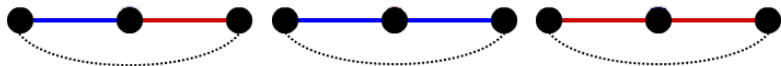


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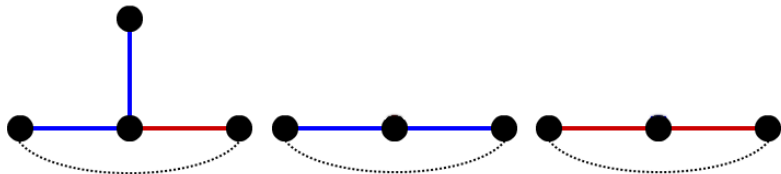
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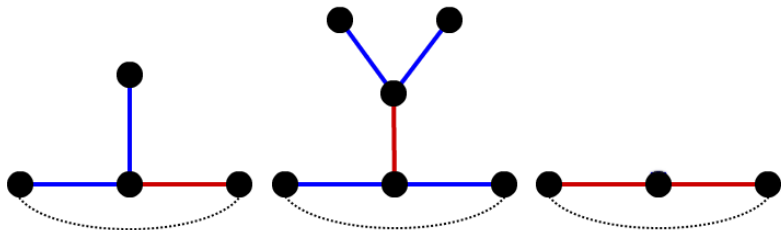
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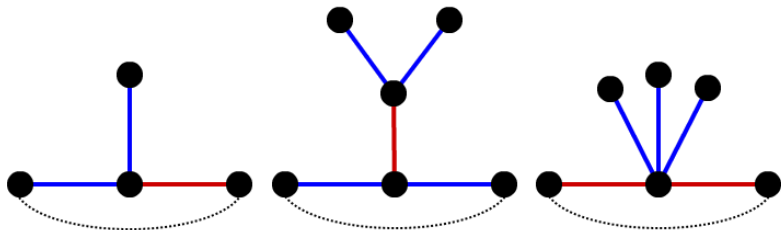
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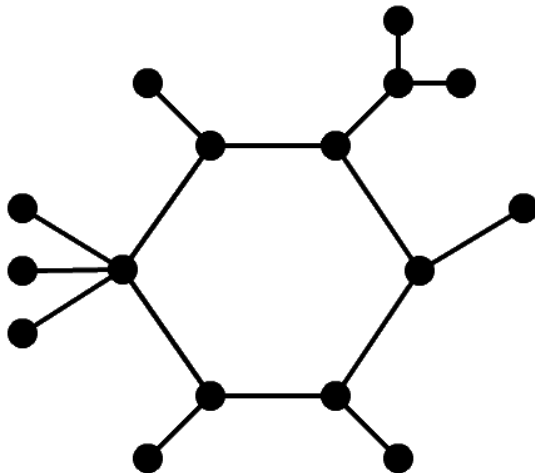


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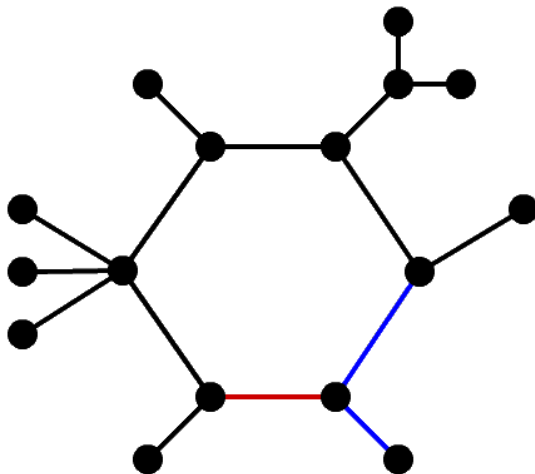
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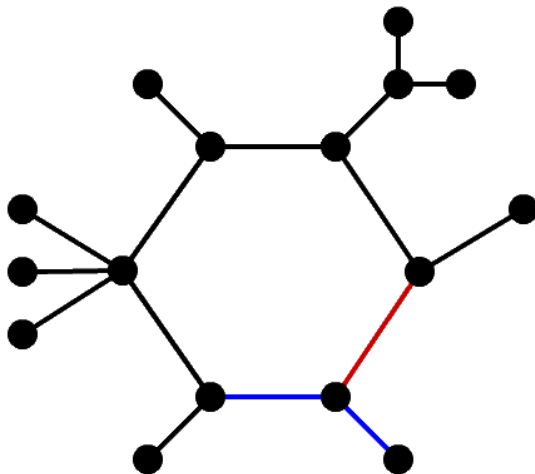
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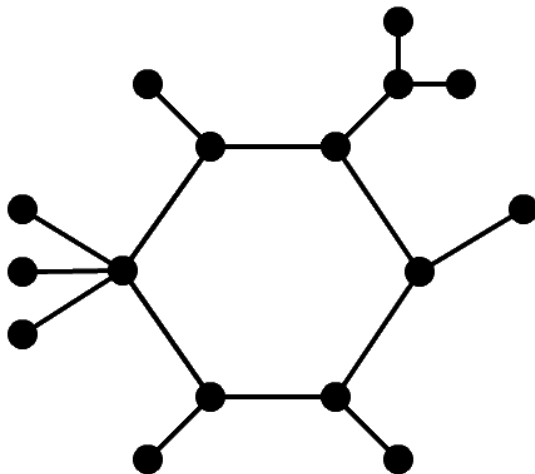
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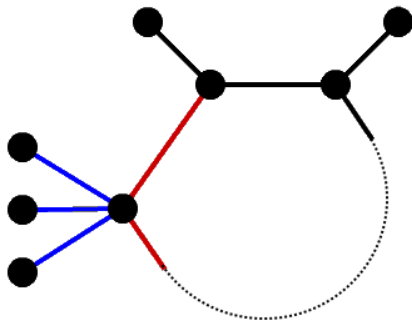
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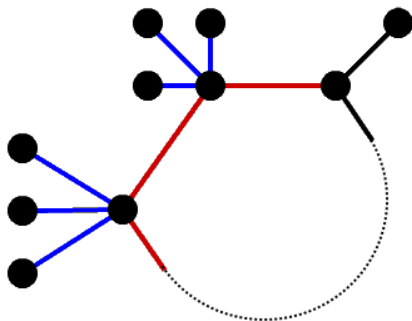
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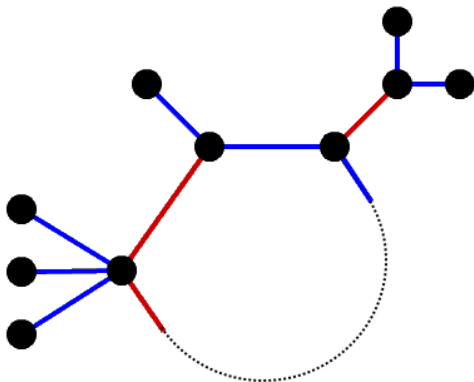
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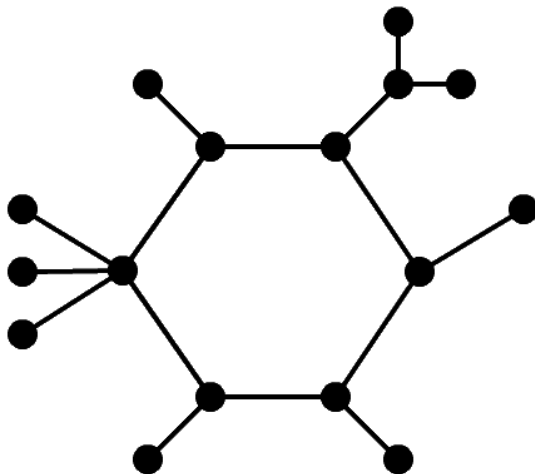
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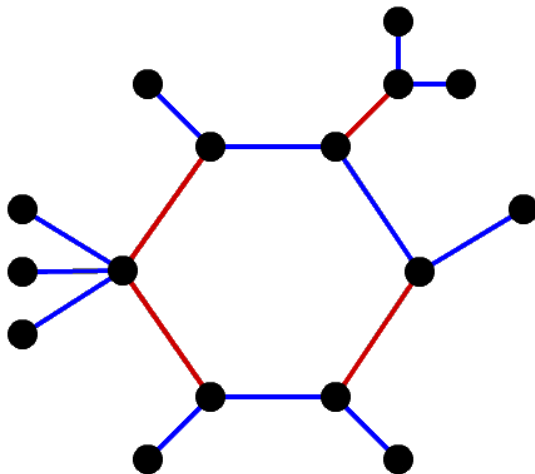
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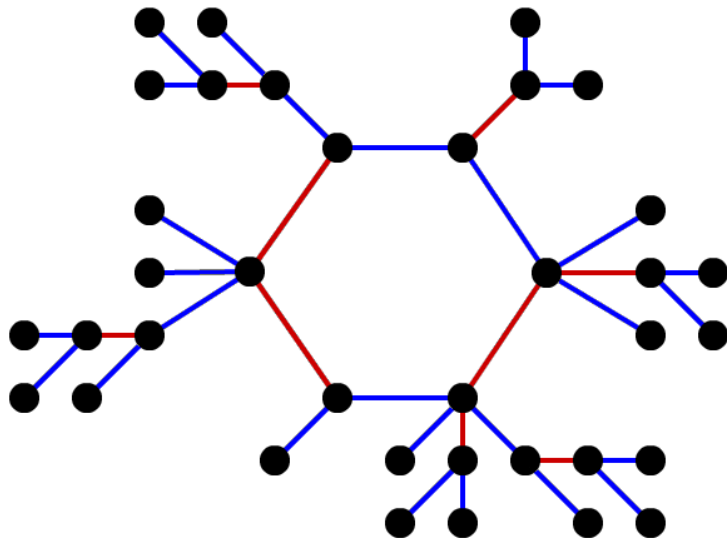
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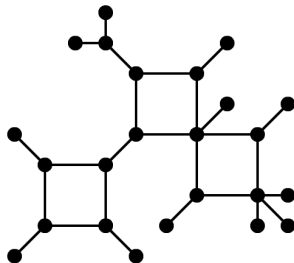


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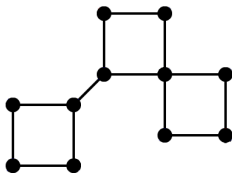
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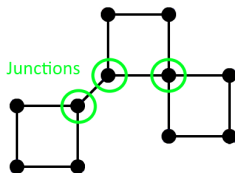
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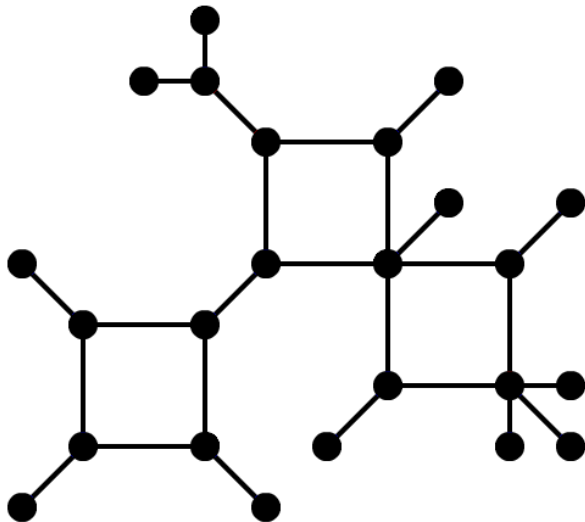
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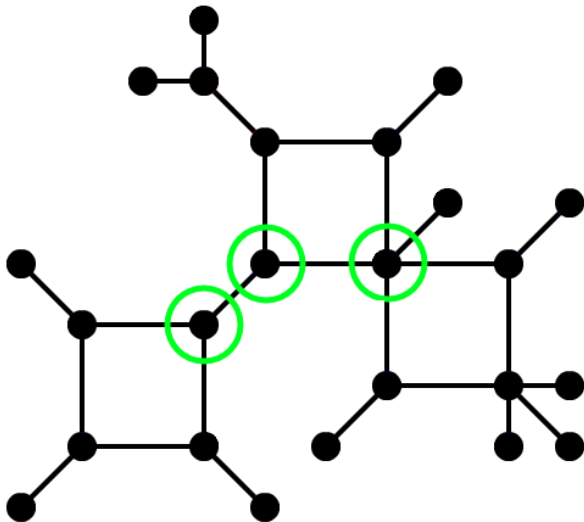
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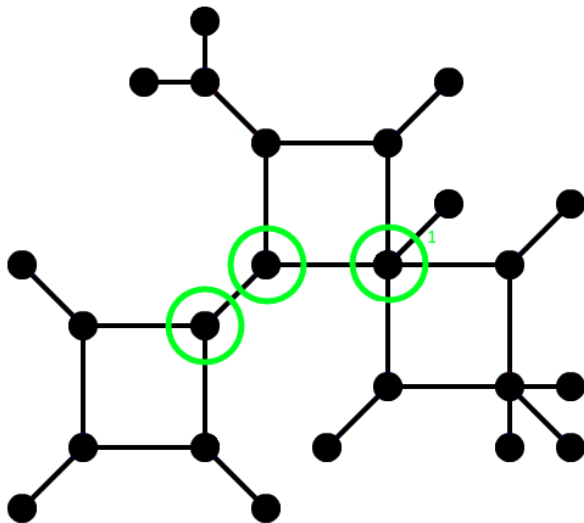
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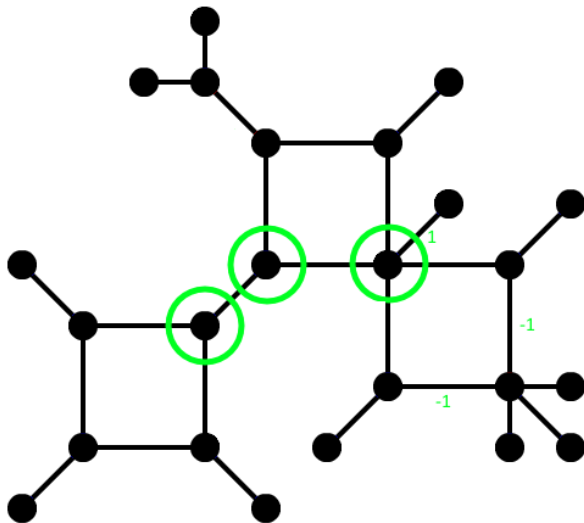
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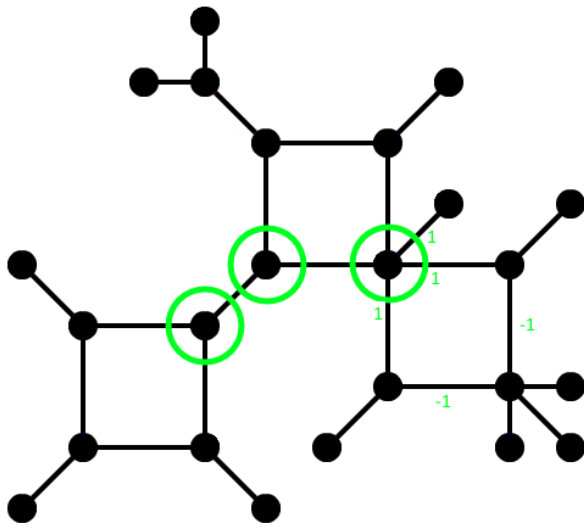
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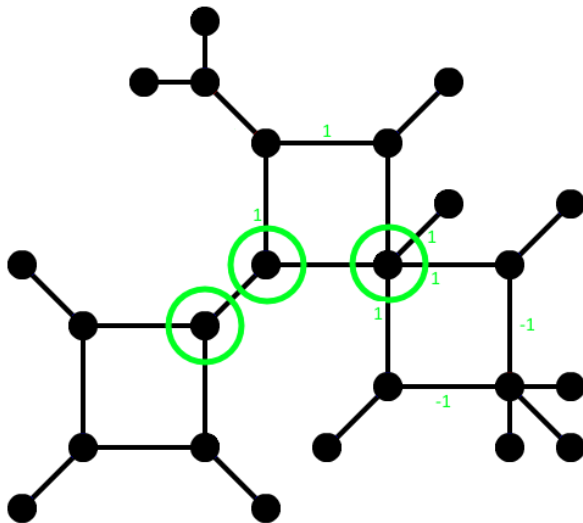
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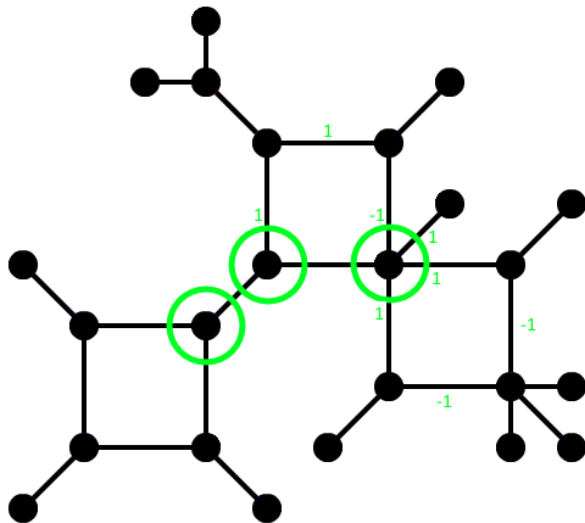
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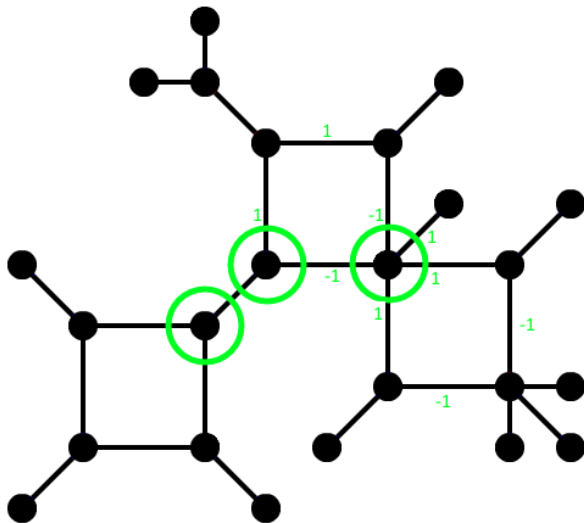
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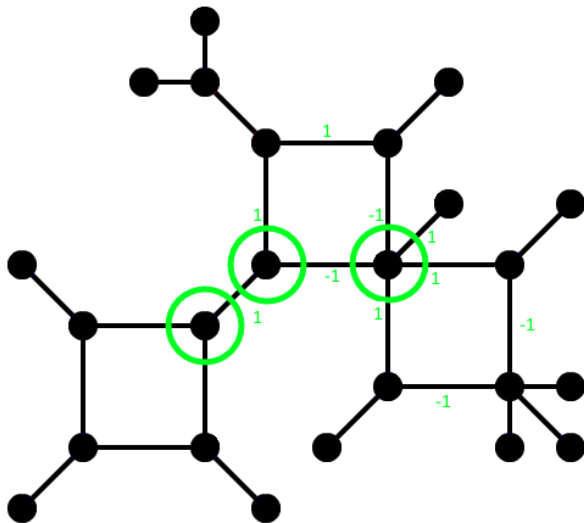
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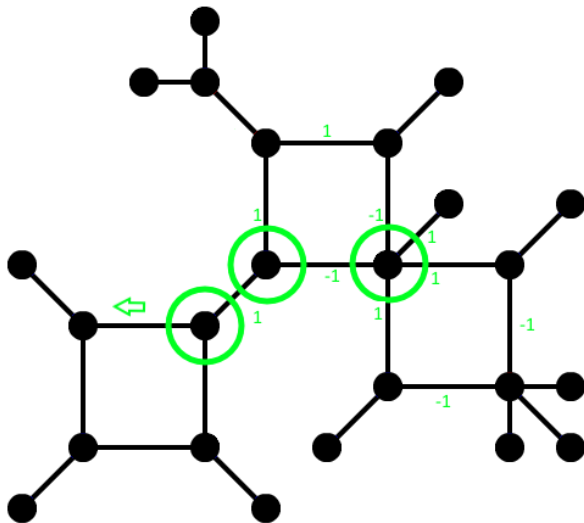
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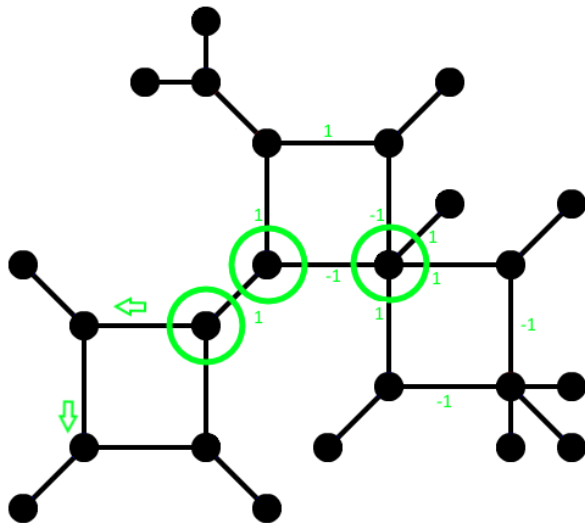
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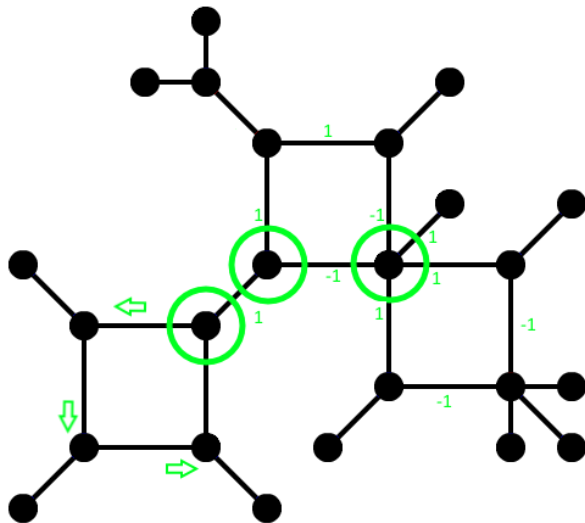
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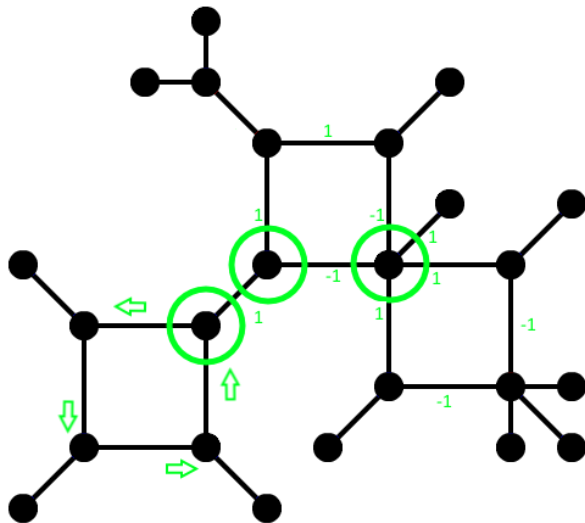
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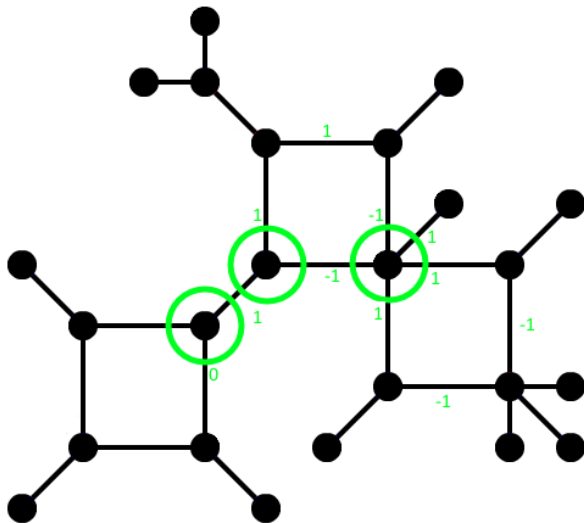
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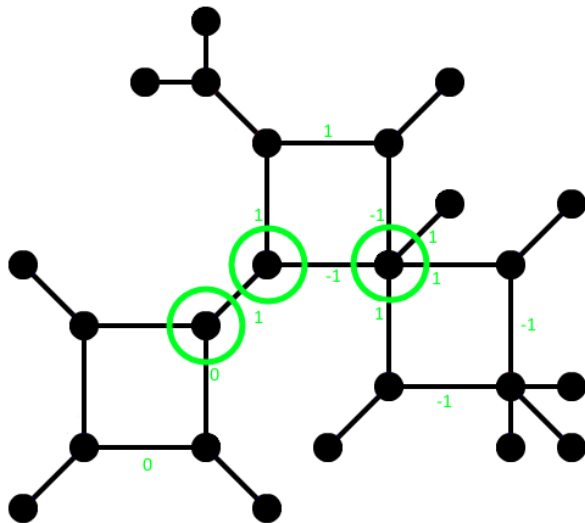
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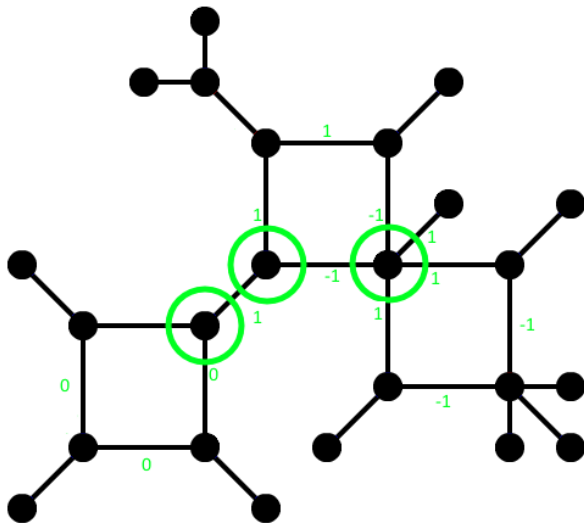
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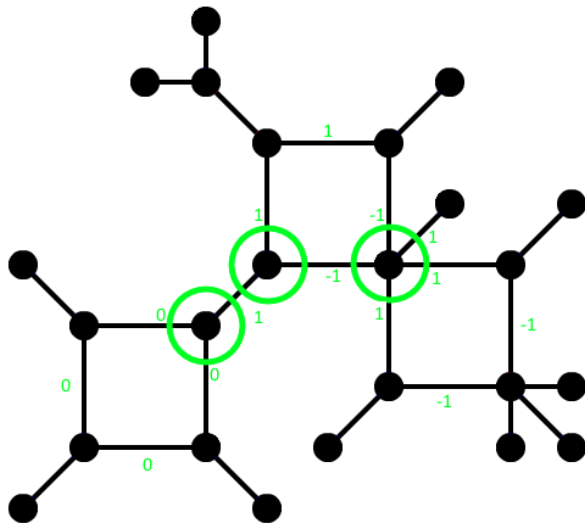
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