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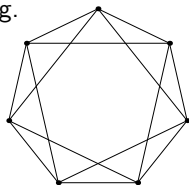
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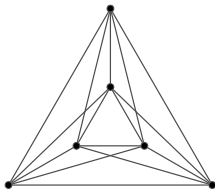
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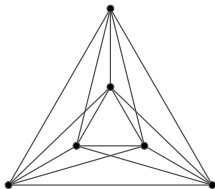
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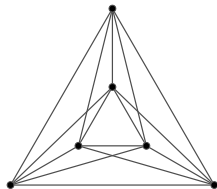


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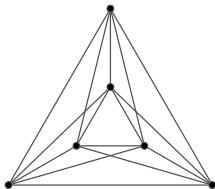
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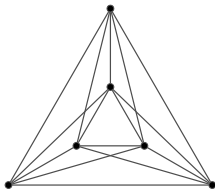
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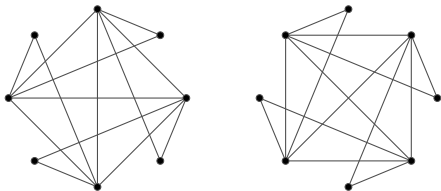
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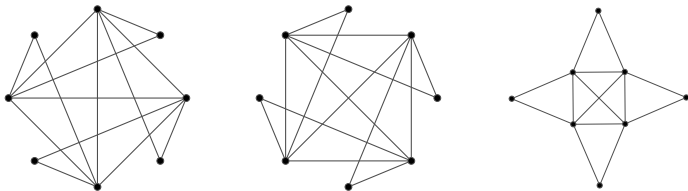
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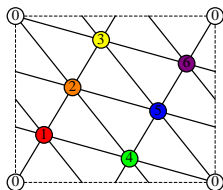
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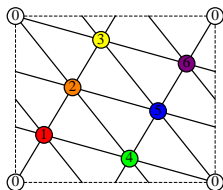
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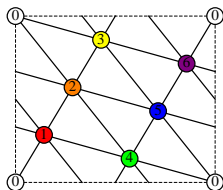
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*Theorem.* Let  $G$  be a graph of genus  $g$ . Suppose you have an embedding of  $G$  on a surface of genus  $g$  with no crossings.

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