



Moving Vertices to Make Drawings Plane

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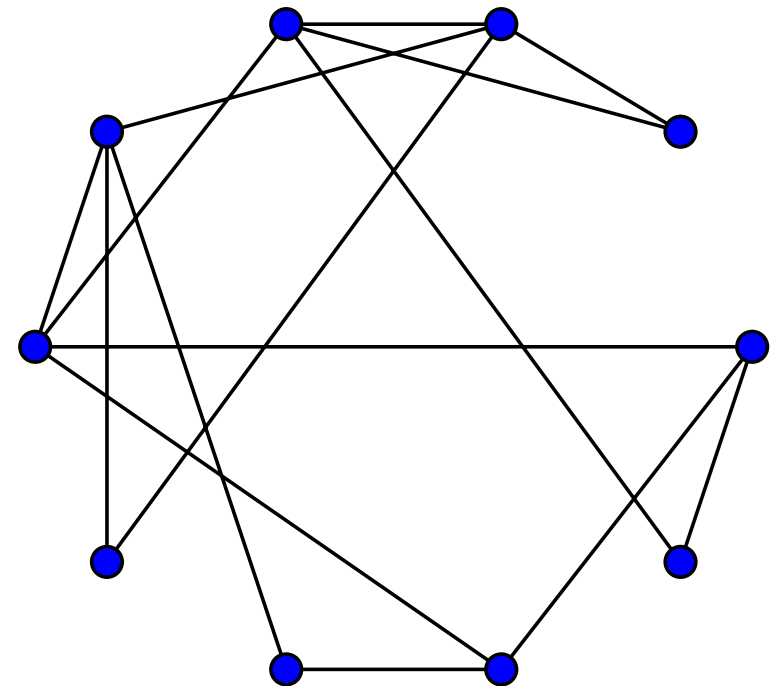


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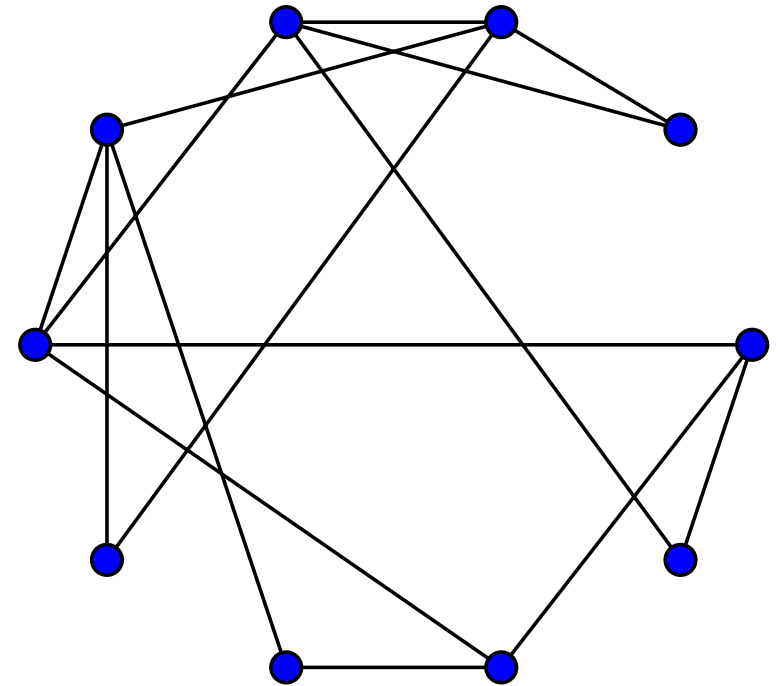
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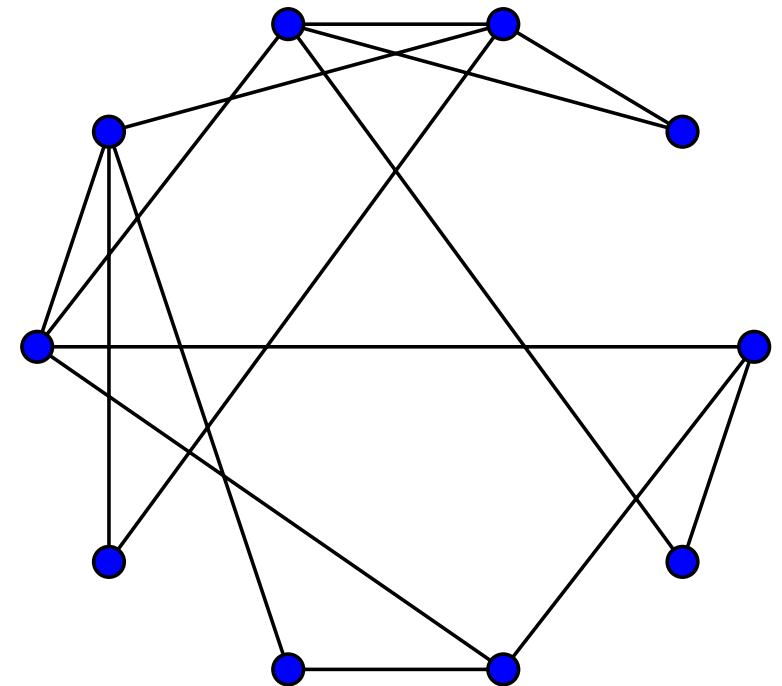
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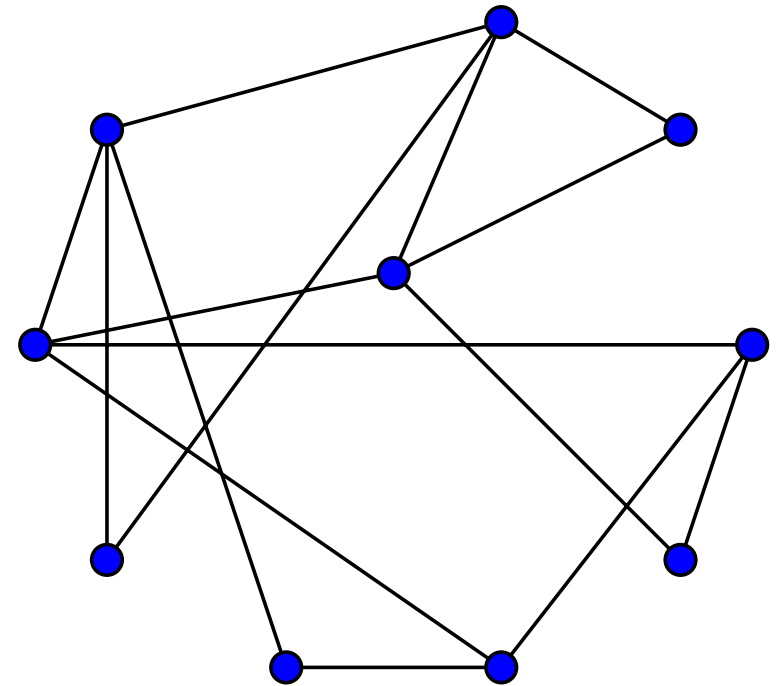
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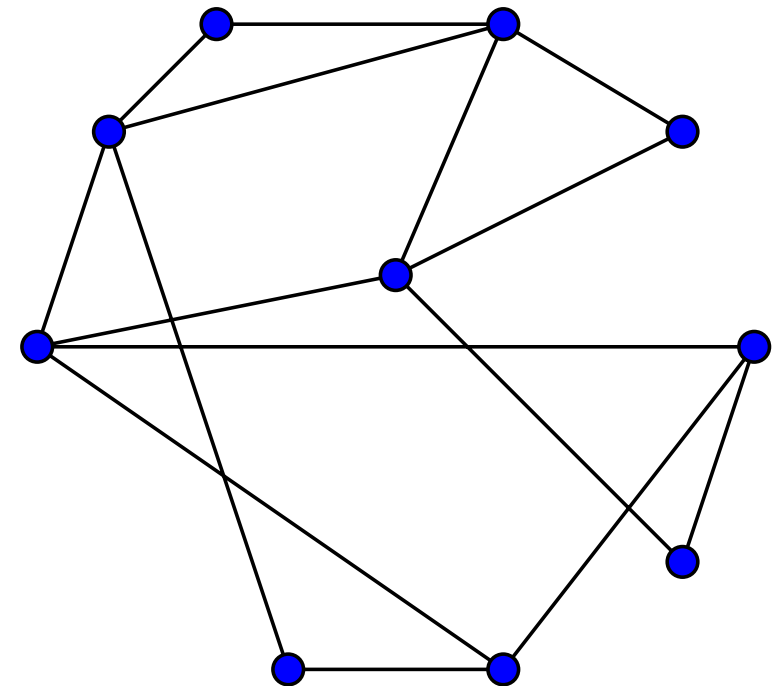
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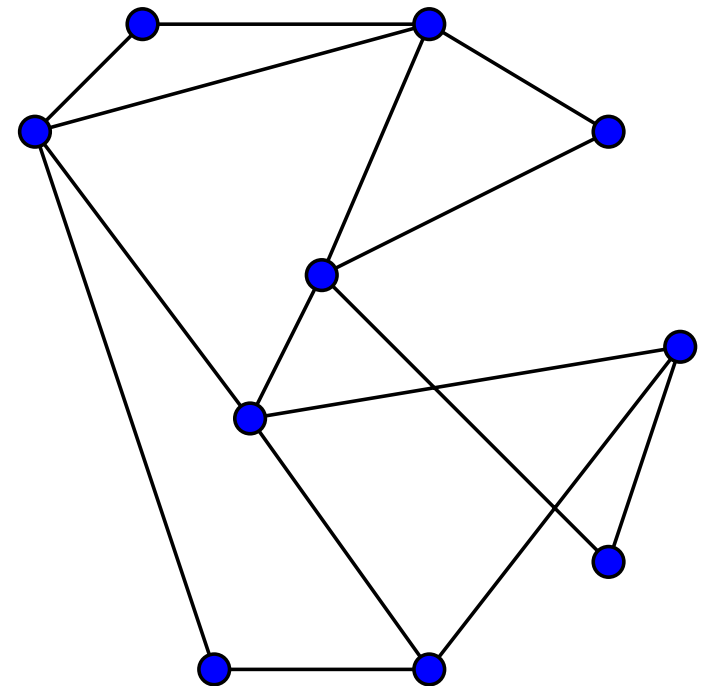
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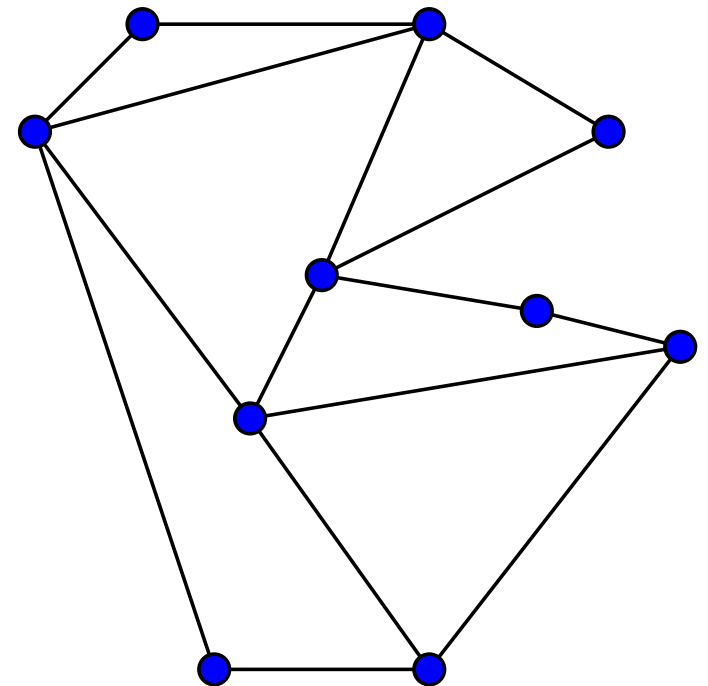
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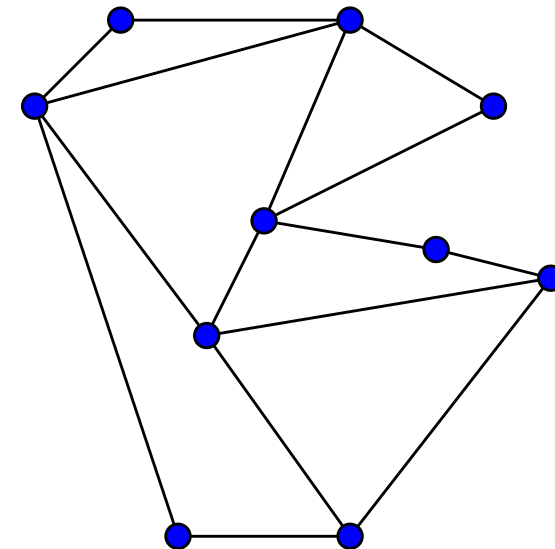
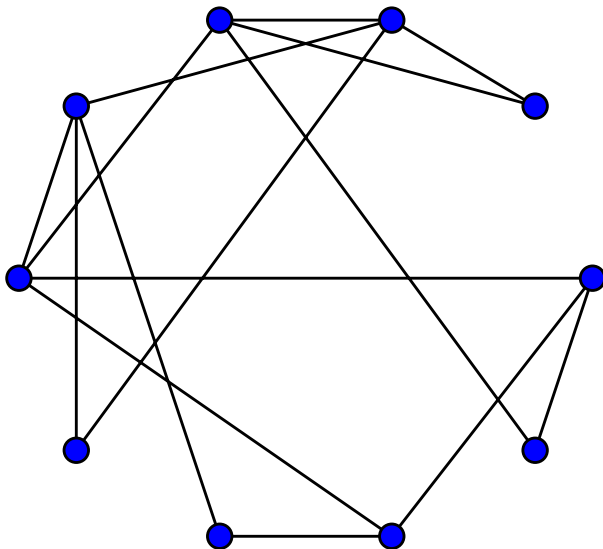
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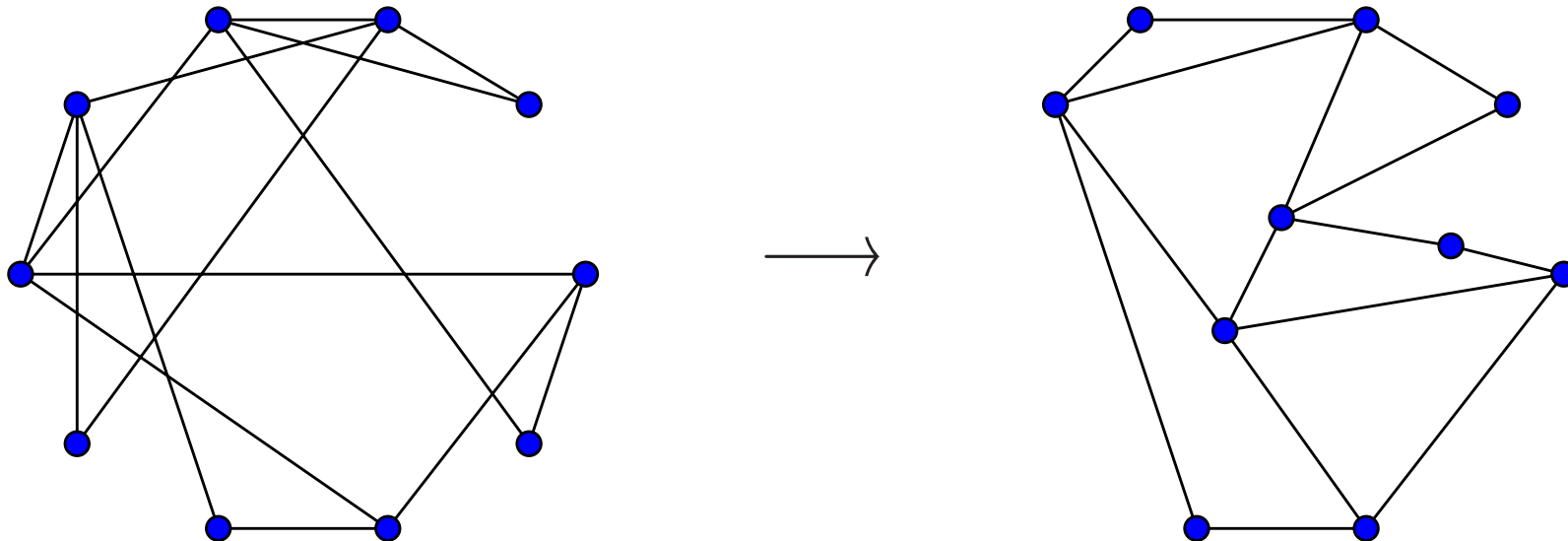
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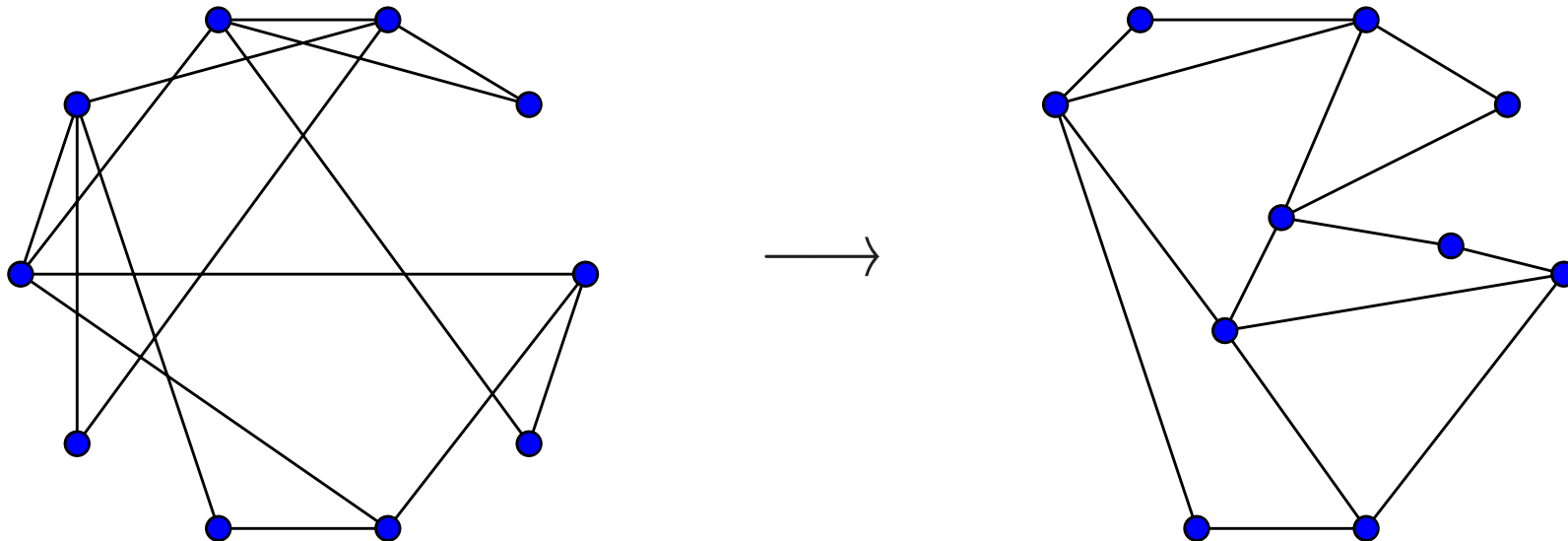
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 $n = \#$ of vertices



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	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Cycles	$\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$	$O((n \log n)^{2/3})$
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We concentrate on the complexity result

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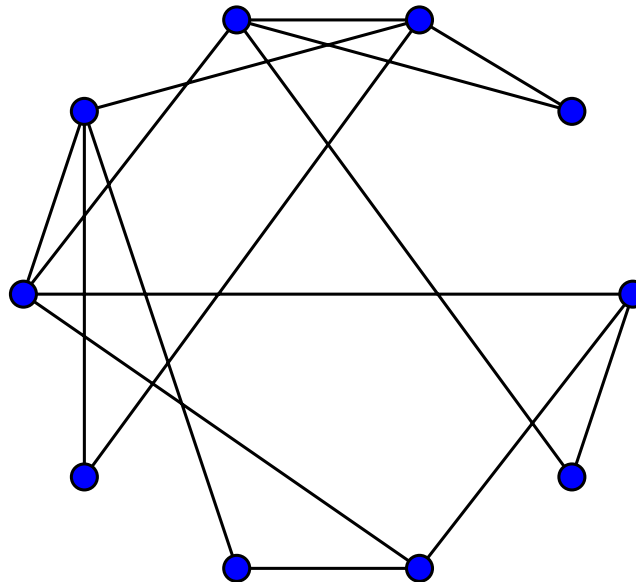
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Def:

A **(straight-line) drawing** of G is

an injective map $\delta: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$,

image of $\{u, v\} \in E$ is a line segment $\overline{\delta(u)\delta(v)}$



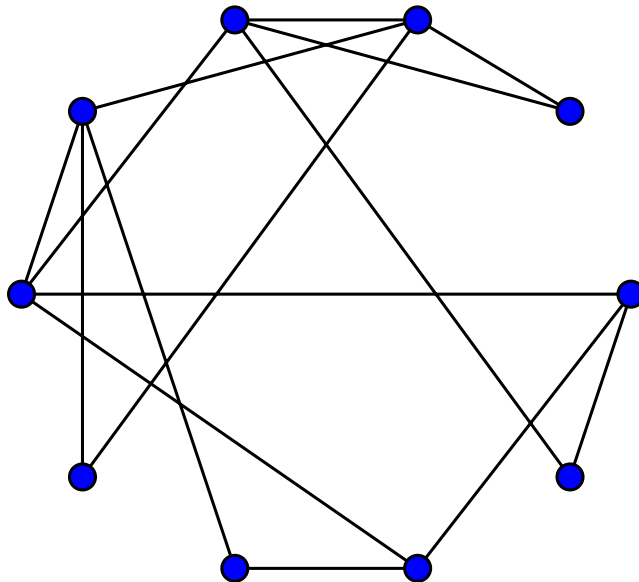


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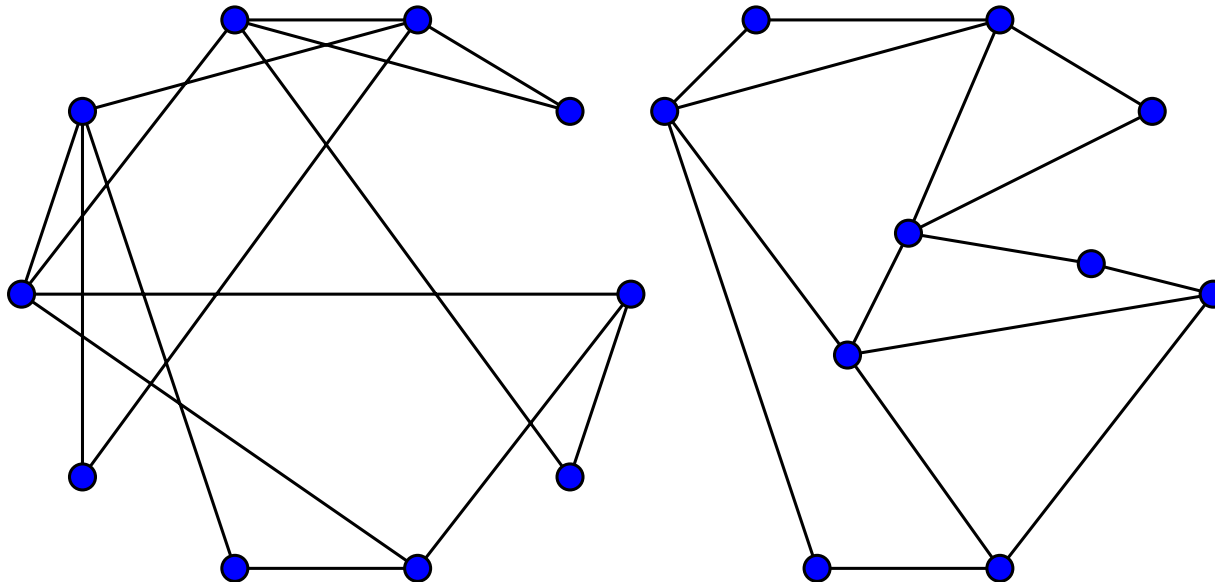


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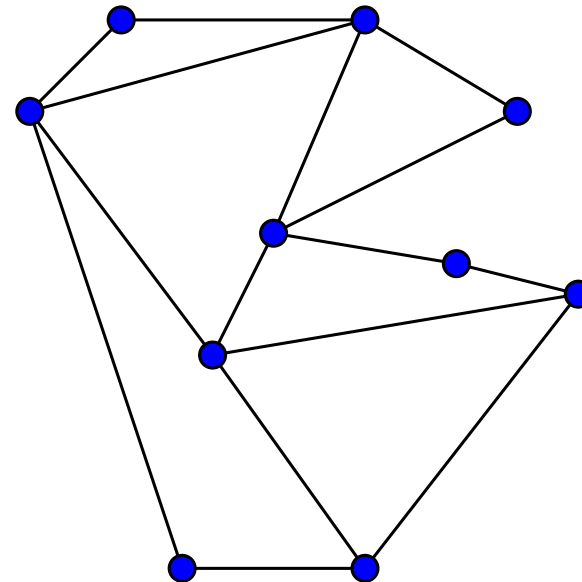


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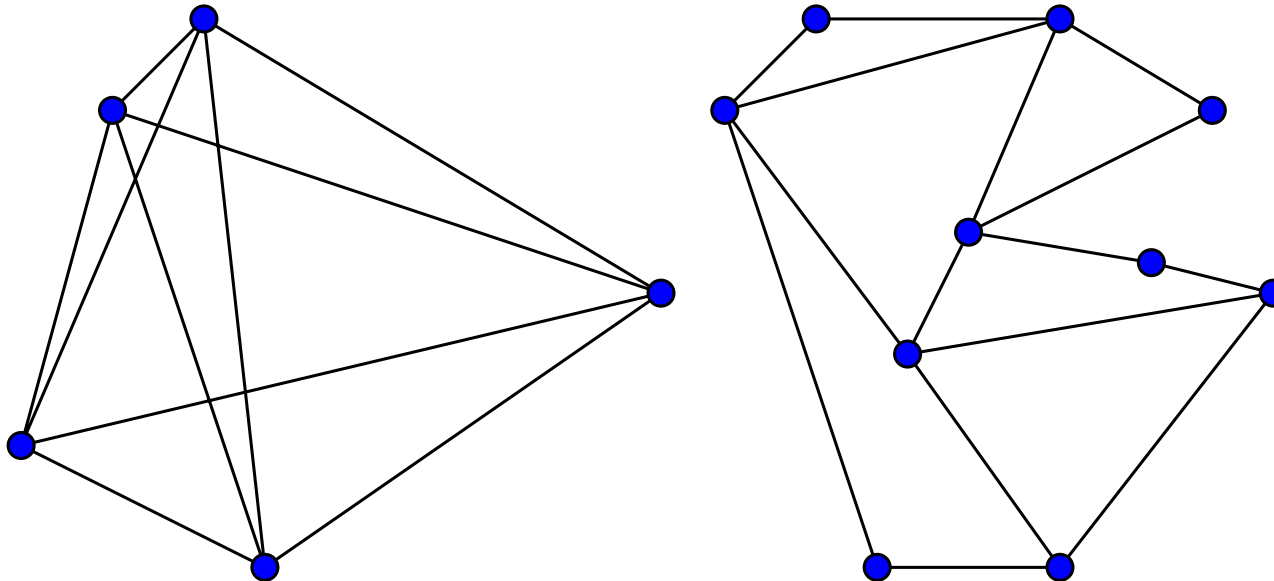


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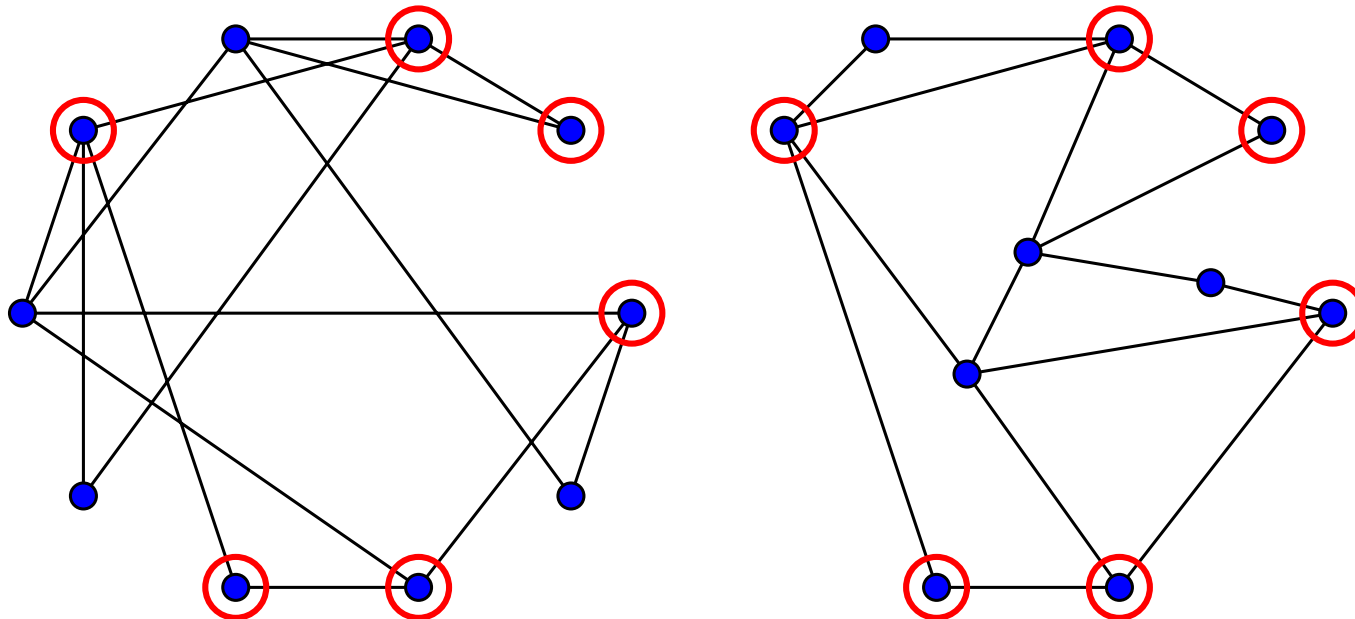
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The **distance** of two drawings δ, δ' of G is
 $d(\delta, \delta') = |\{v \in V \mid \delta(v) \neq \delta'(v)\}|$





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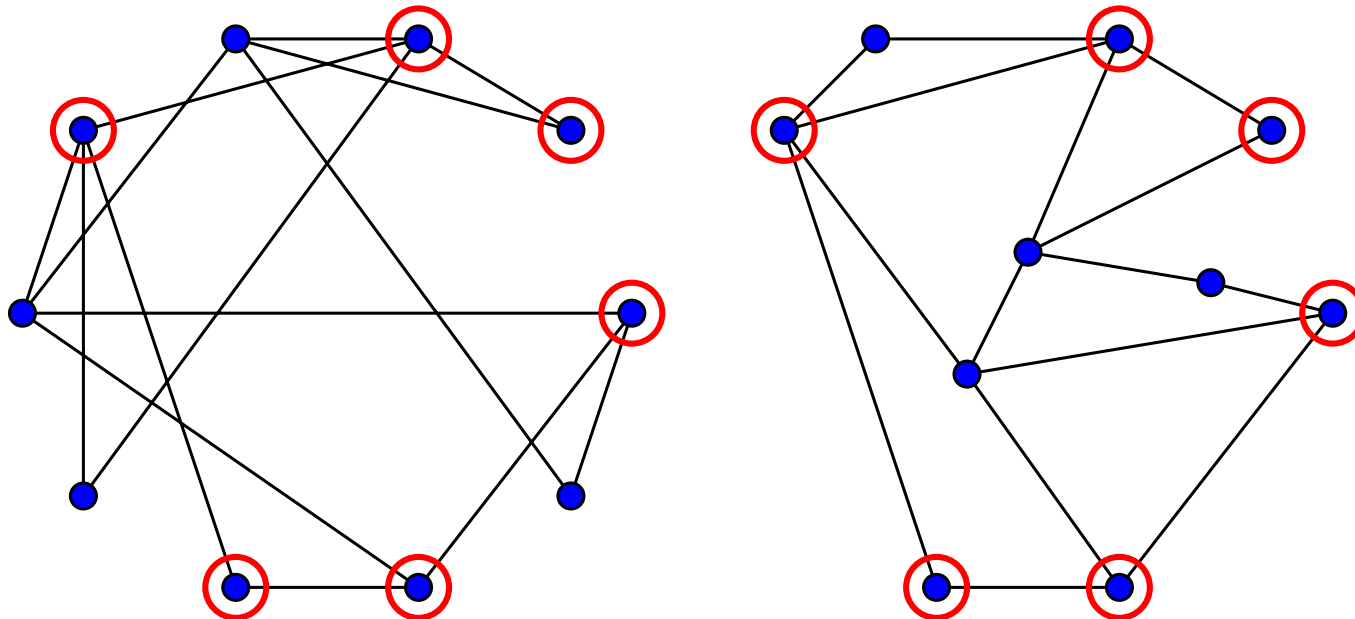
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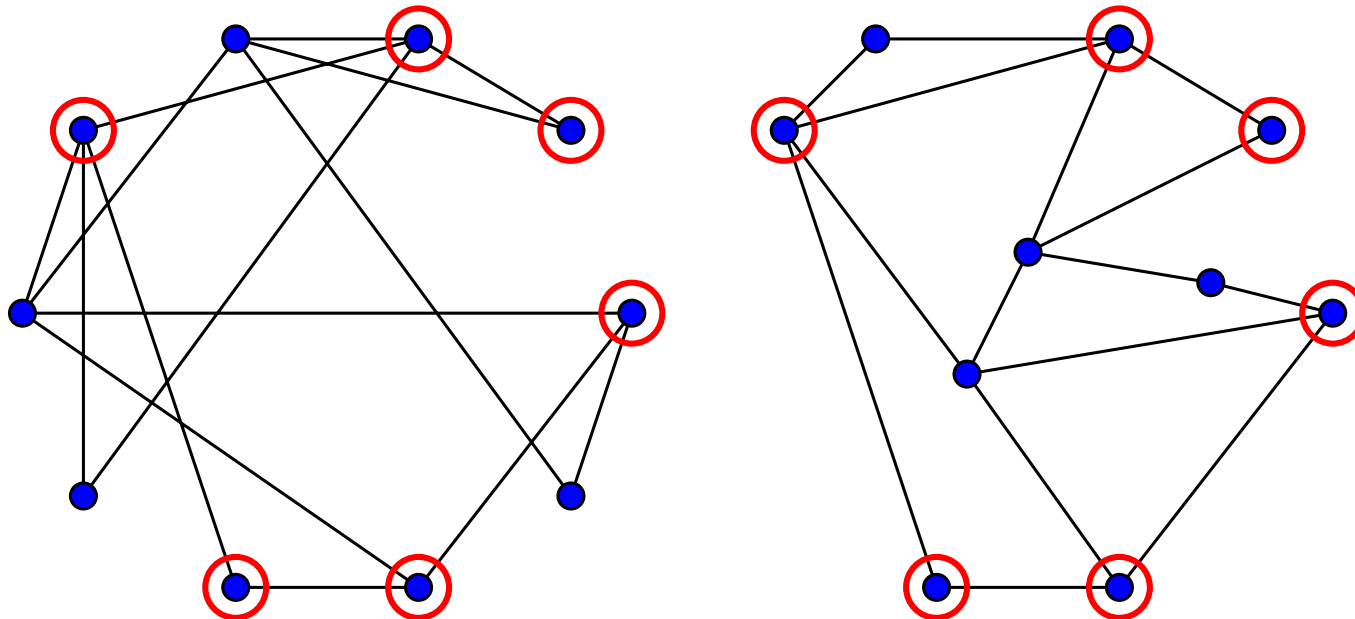
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- ◆ More direct proof by Verbitsky (arXiv '07), but does not generalize to inapproximability

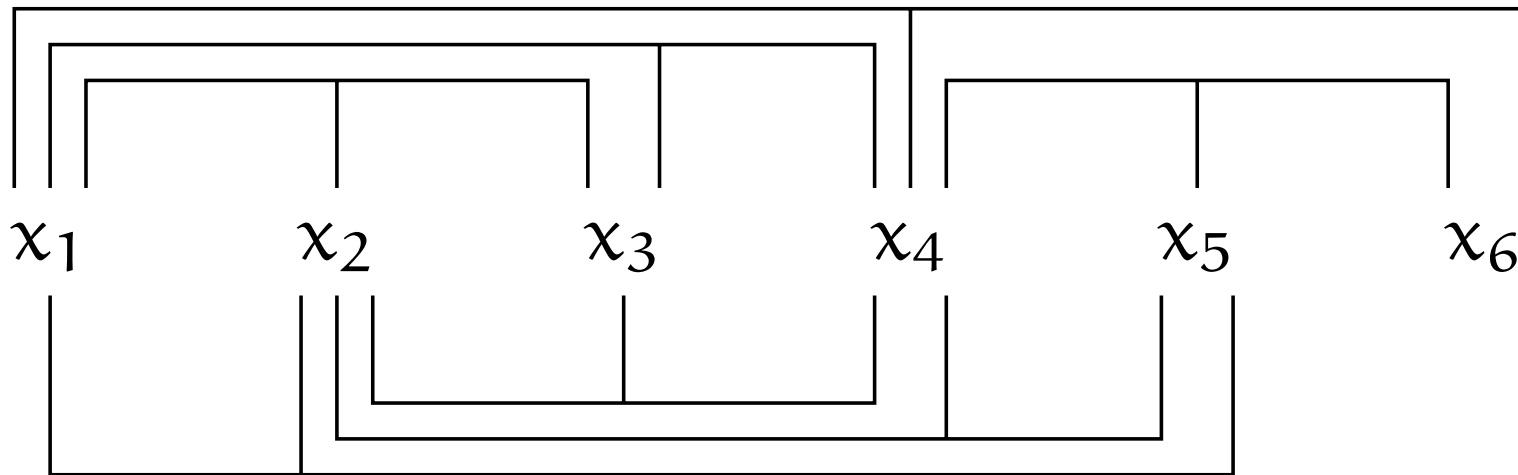


Input : 3CNF formula φ with
a planar variable-clause graph

Question : Is φ satisfiable?

Note: such a graph can be embedded as below

(Knuth & Ragunathan (SIAMDMM '92))





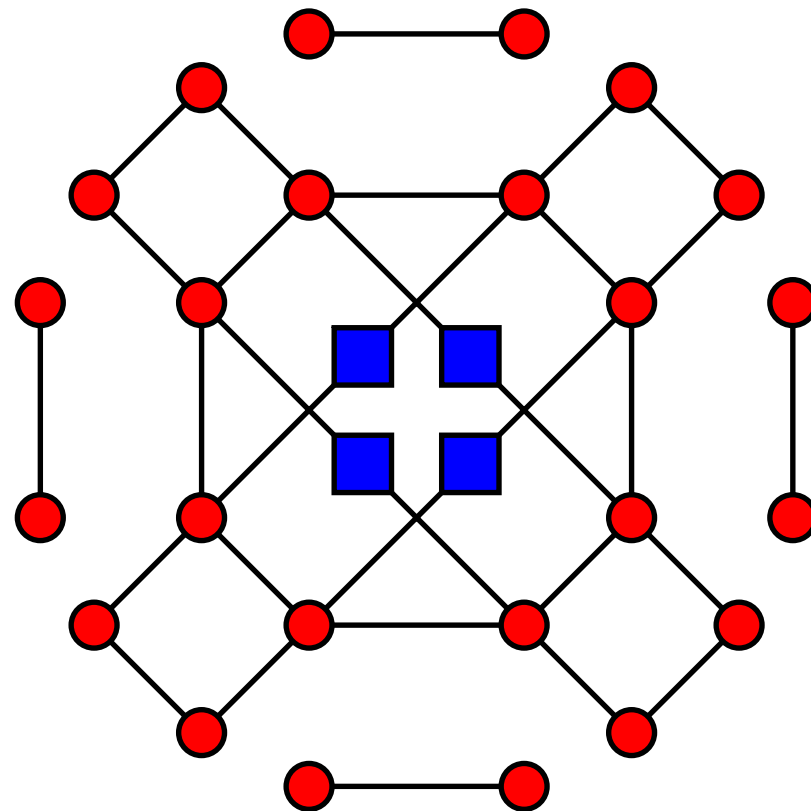
Given a planar 3CNF formula φ

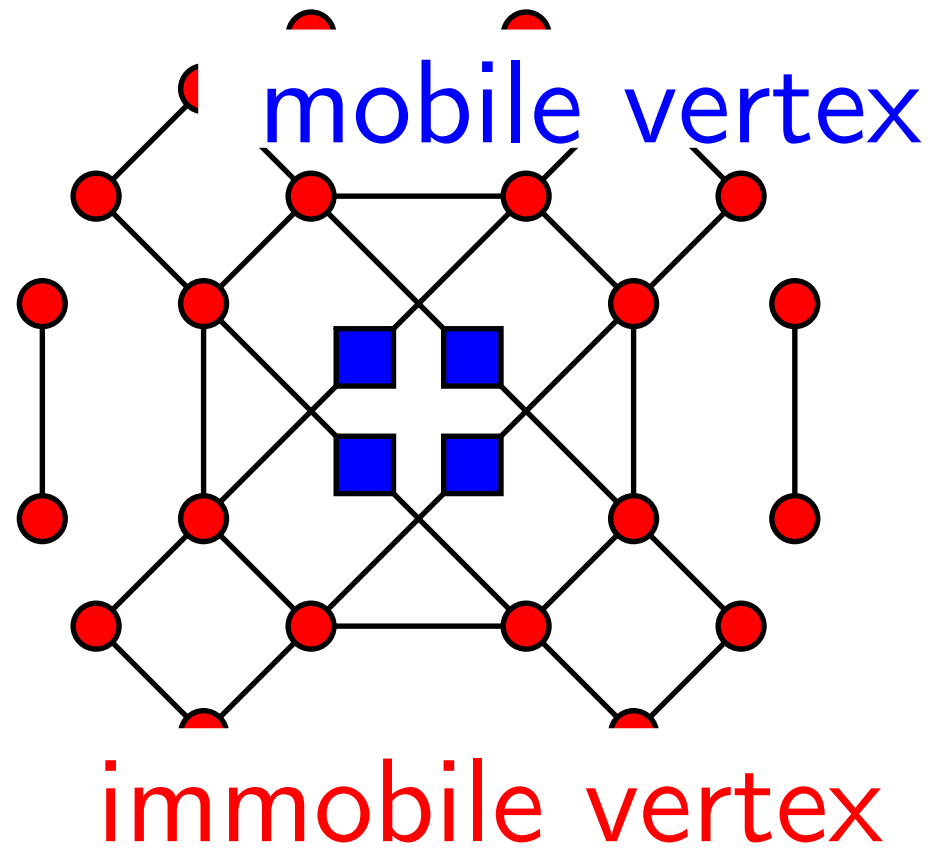
- ◆ Construct a planar graph G_φ and a drawing δ_φ s.t.
- ◆ φ is satisfiable \Leftrightarrow
 δ_φ can be made plane by moving $\leq K$ vertices
- ◆ Vertices: two types
 - Mobile vertices (those that *may* move)
 - Immobile vertices (those that are *meant* not to move)
- ◆ Edges: each contributes to ≤ 1 crossing
- ◆ Gadgets: two types
 - Variable gadgets
 - Clause gadgets



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Gadget: block

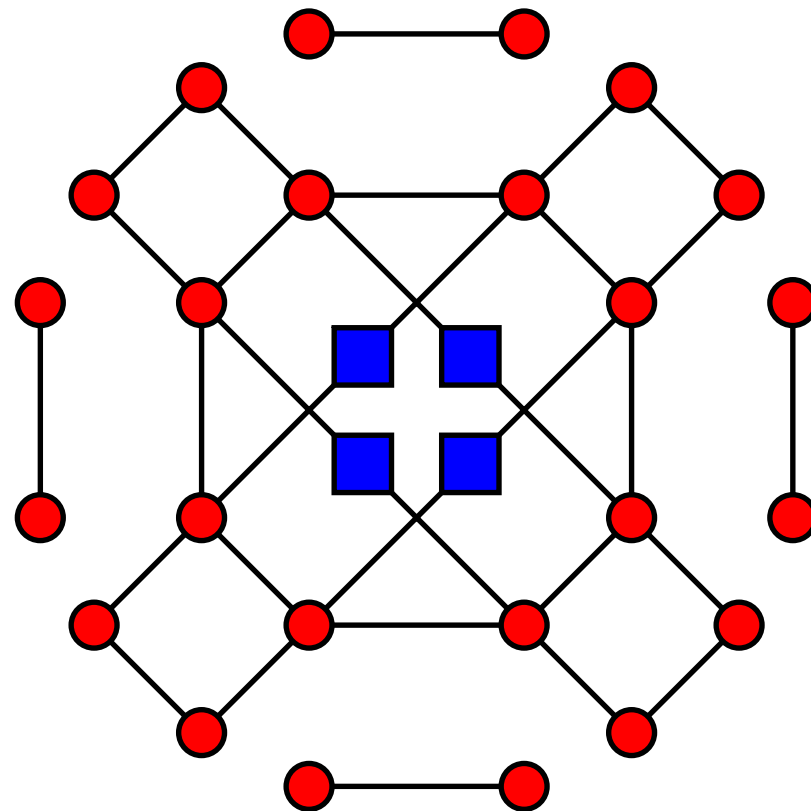






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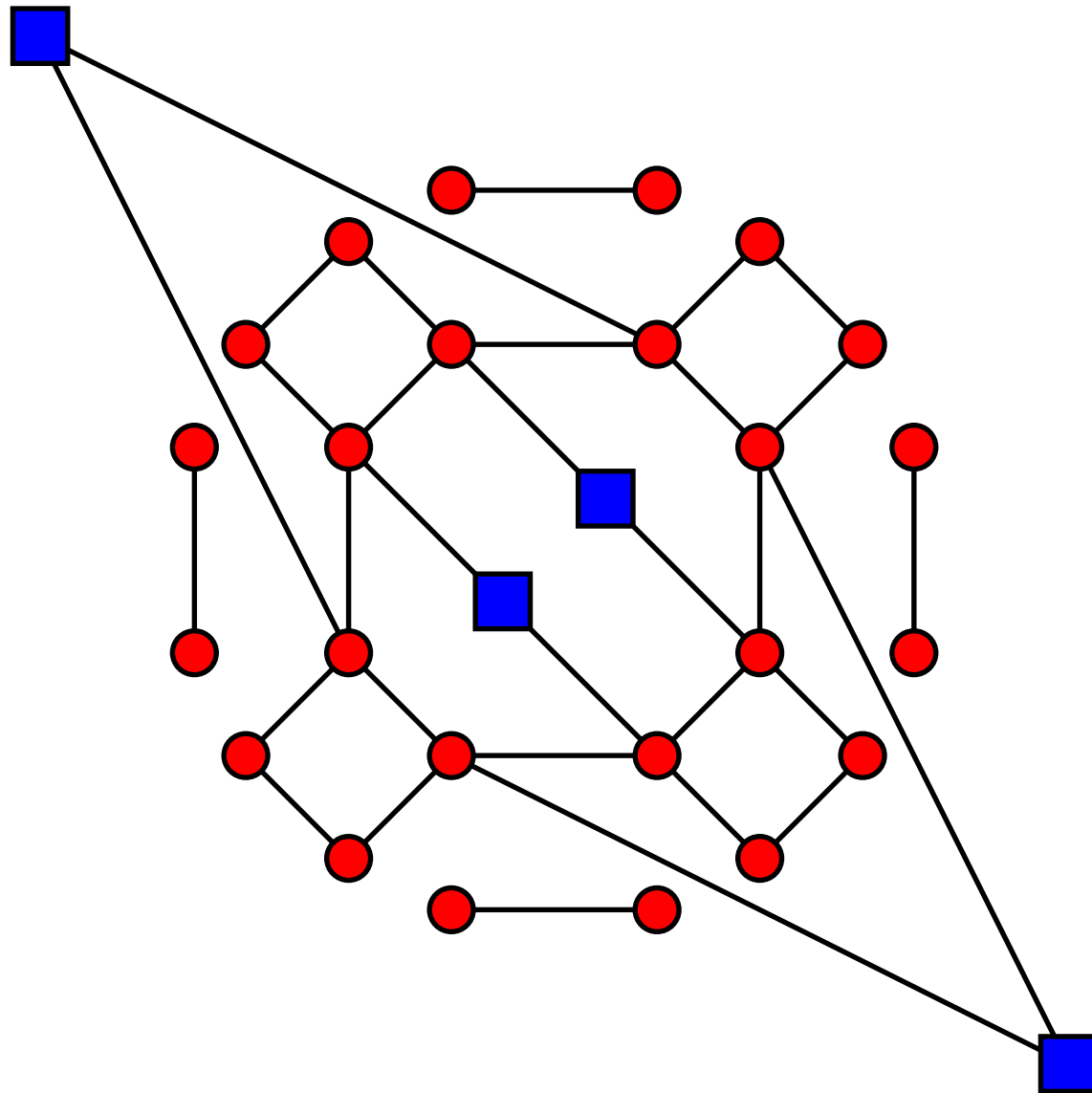
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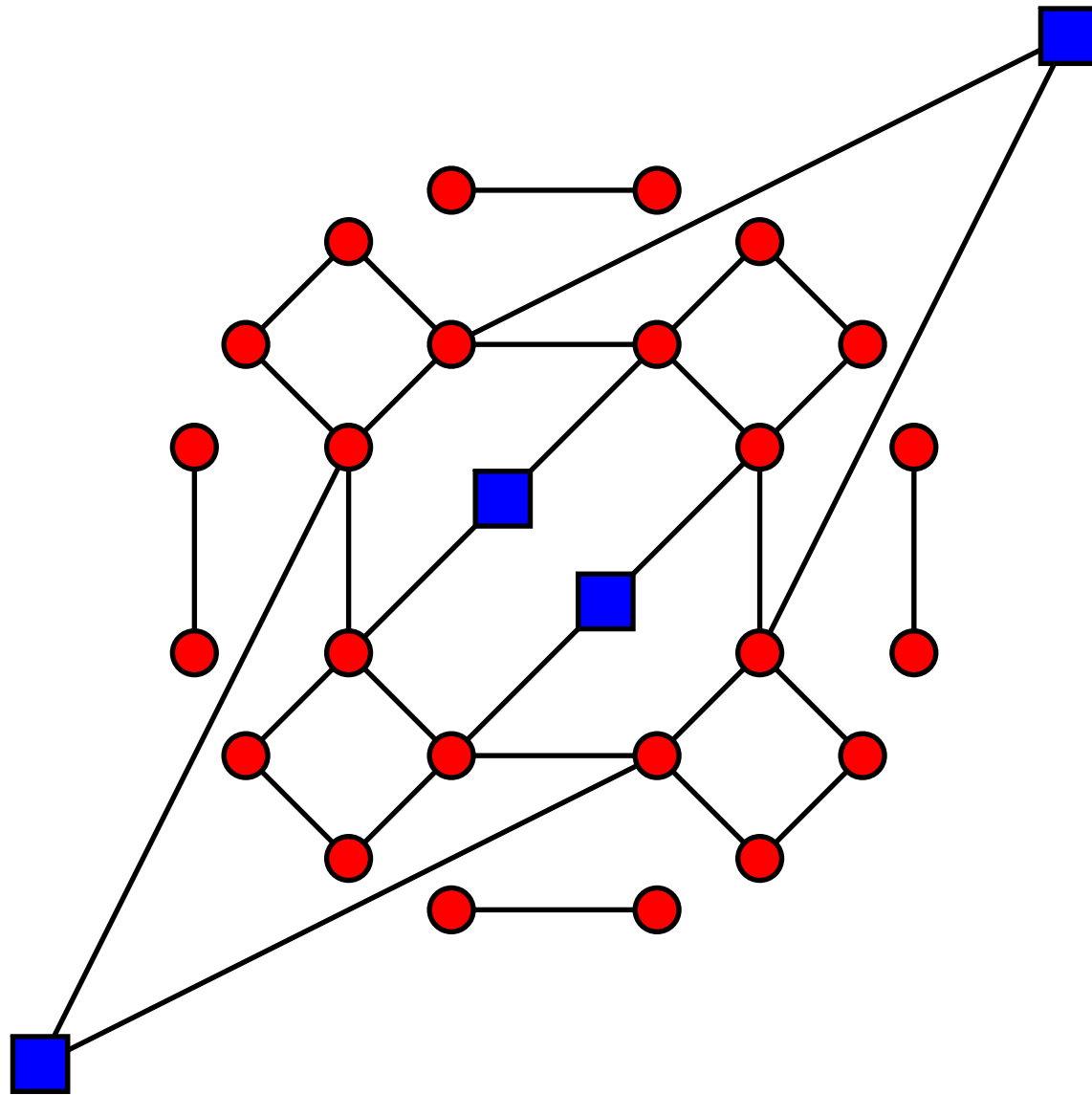




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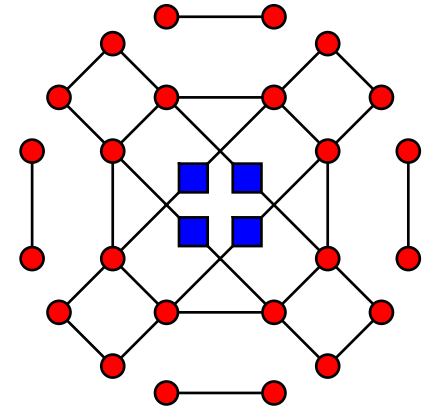
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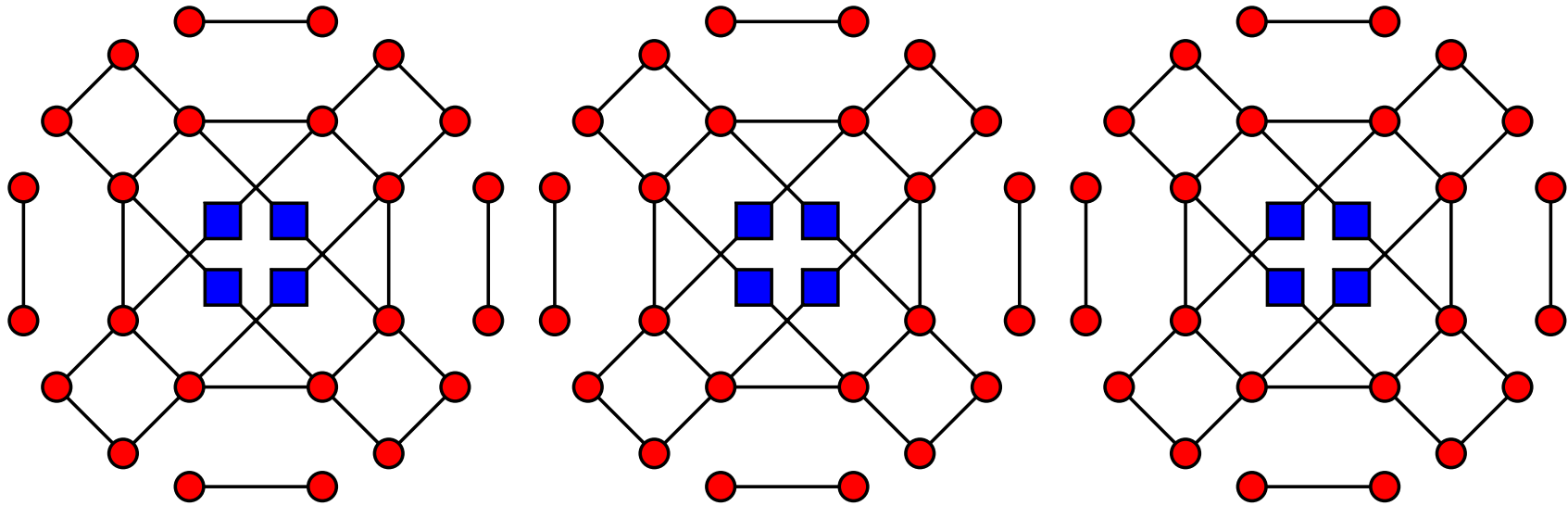




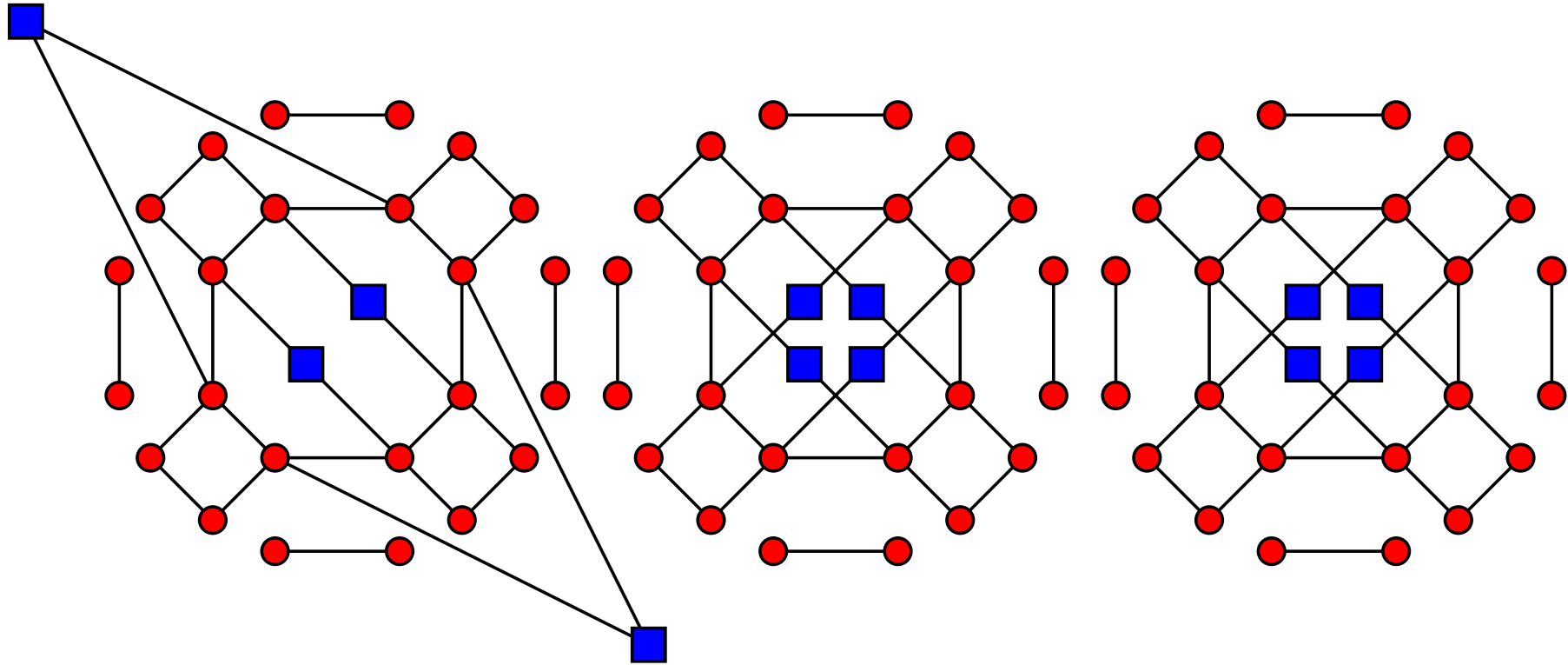


- ◆ Each mobile vertex has exactly two incident edges
- ◆ These two edges have crossings
- ◆ Mobile vertices are not adjacent
- ◆ Movement of a mobile vertex can get rid of two crossings

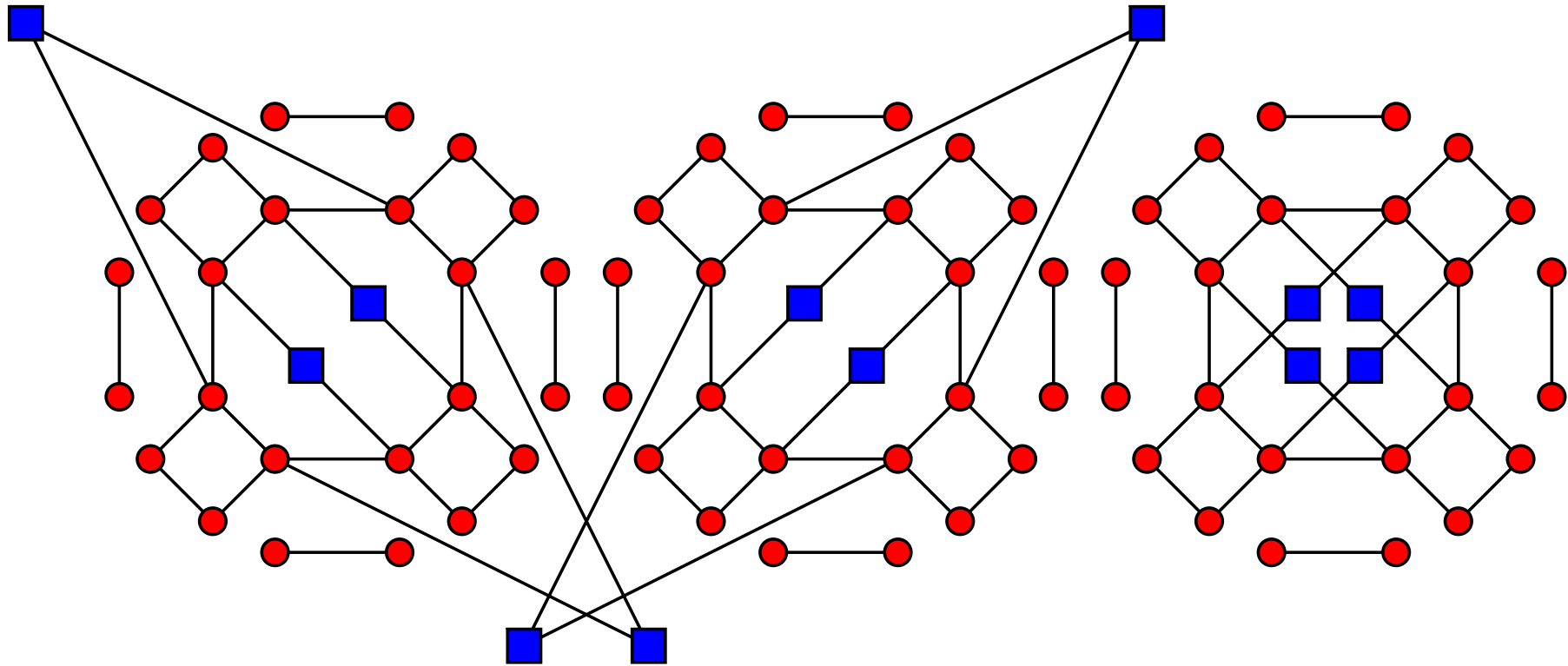




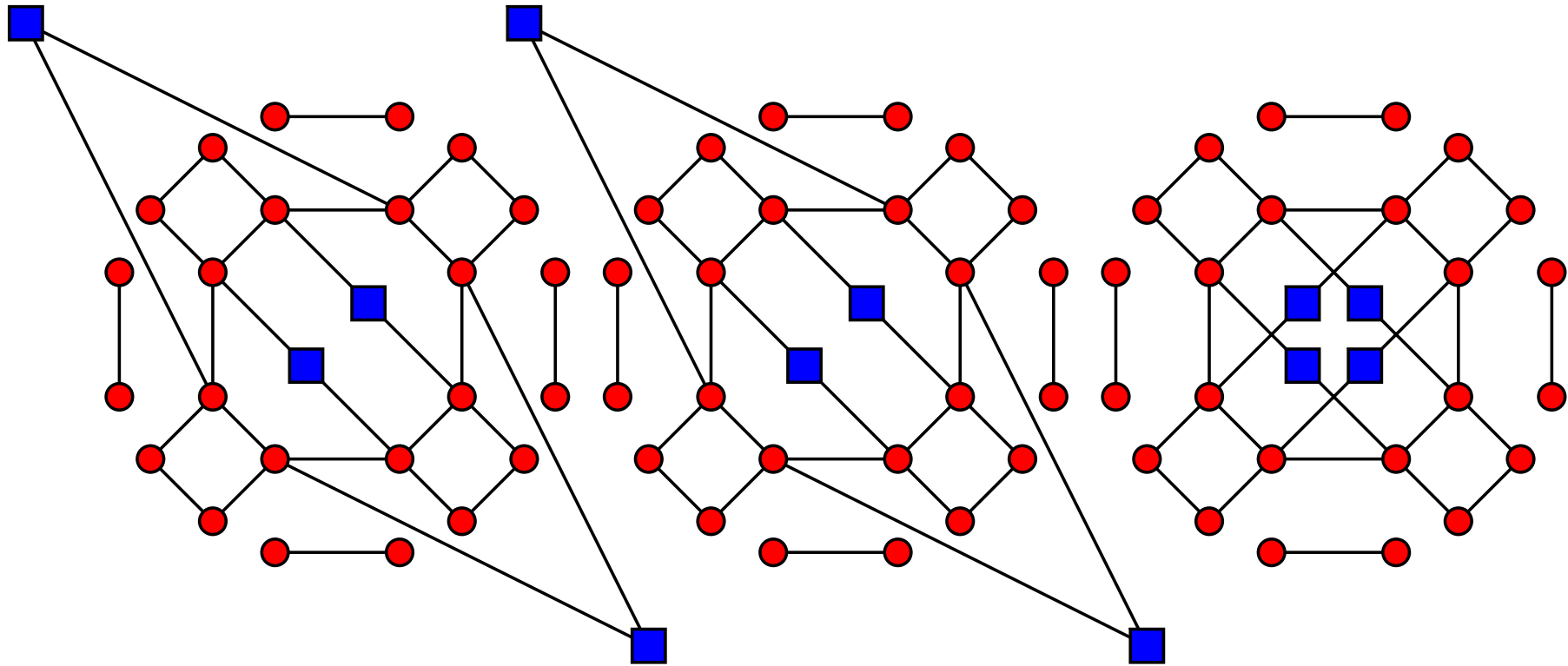
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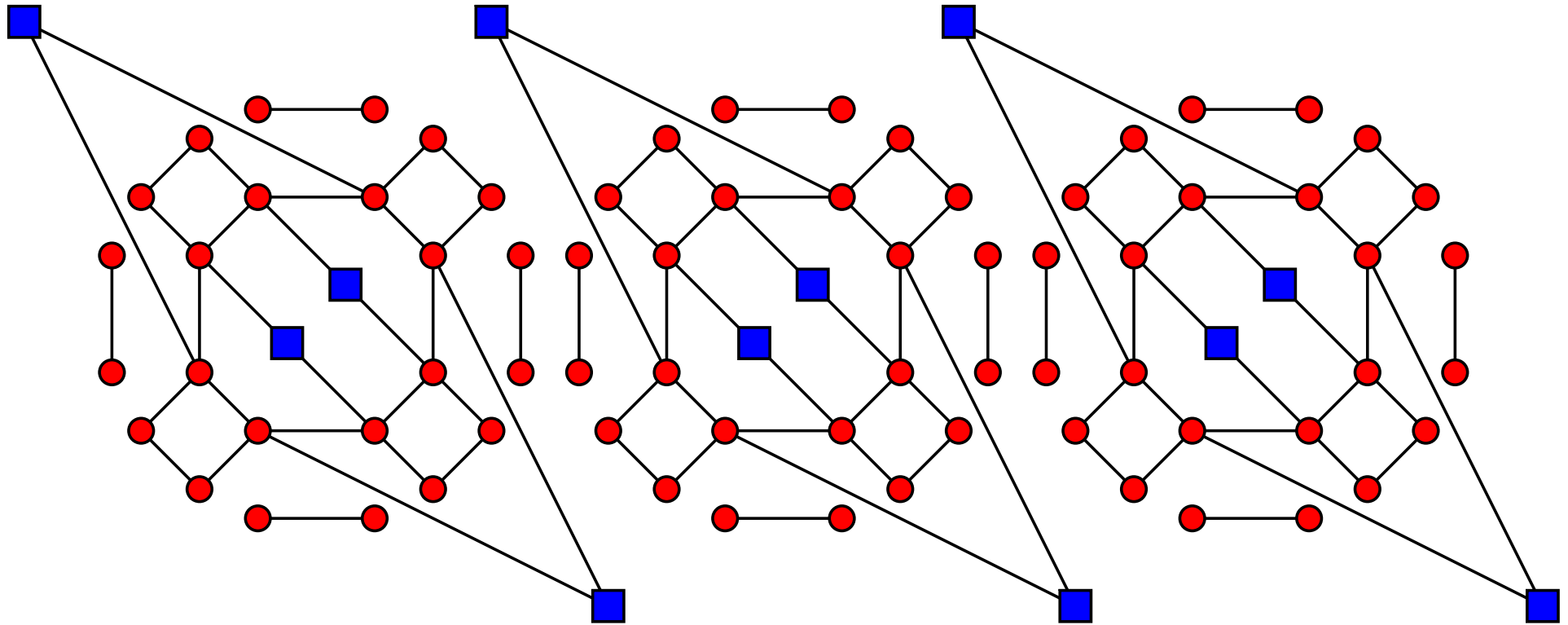
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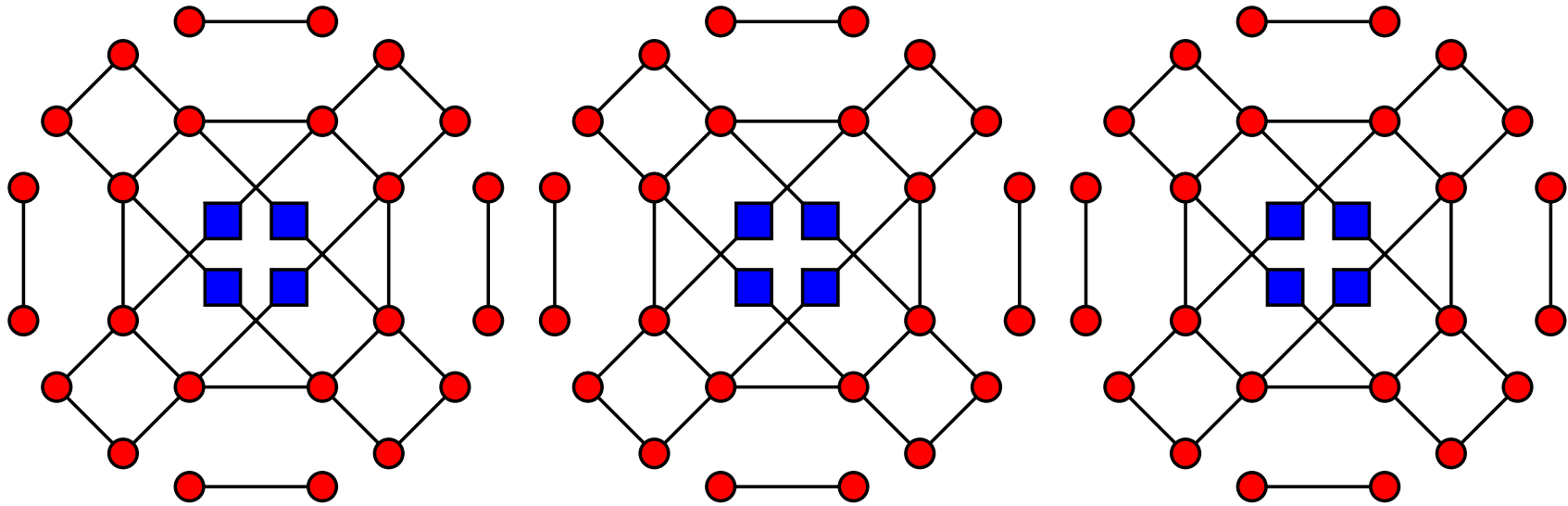
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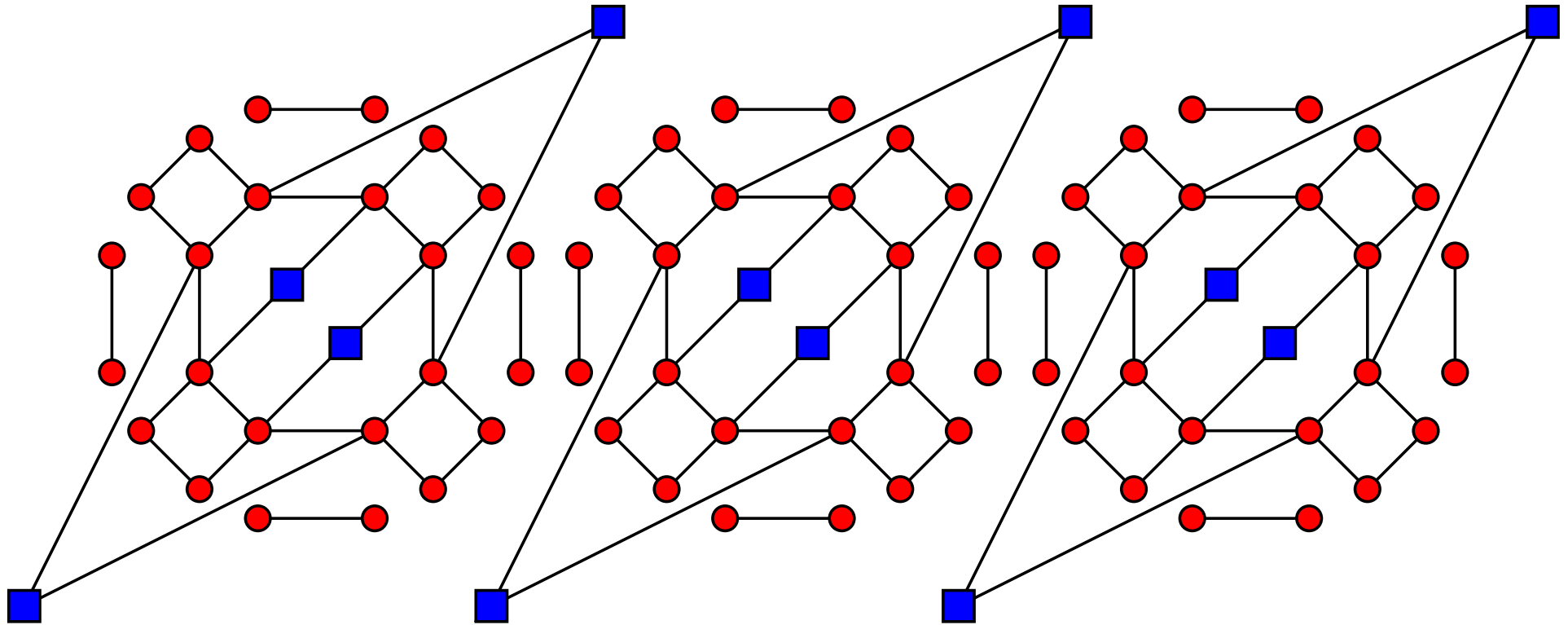
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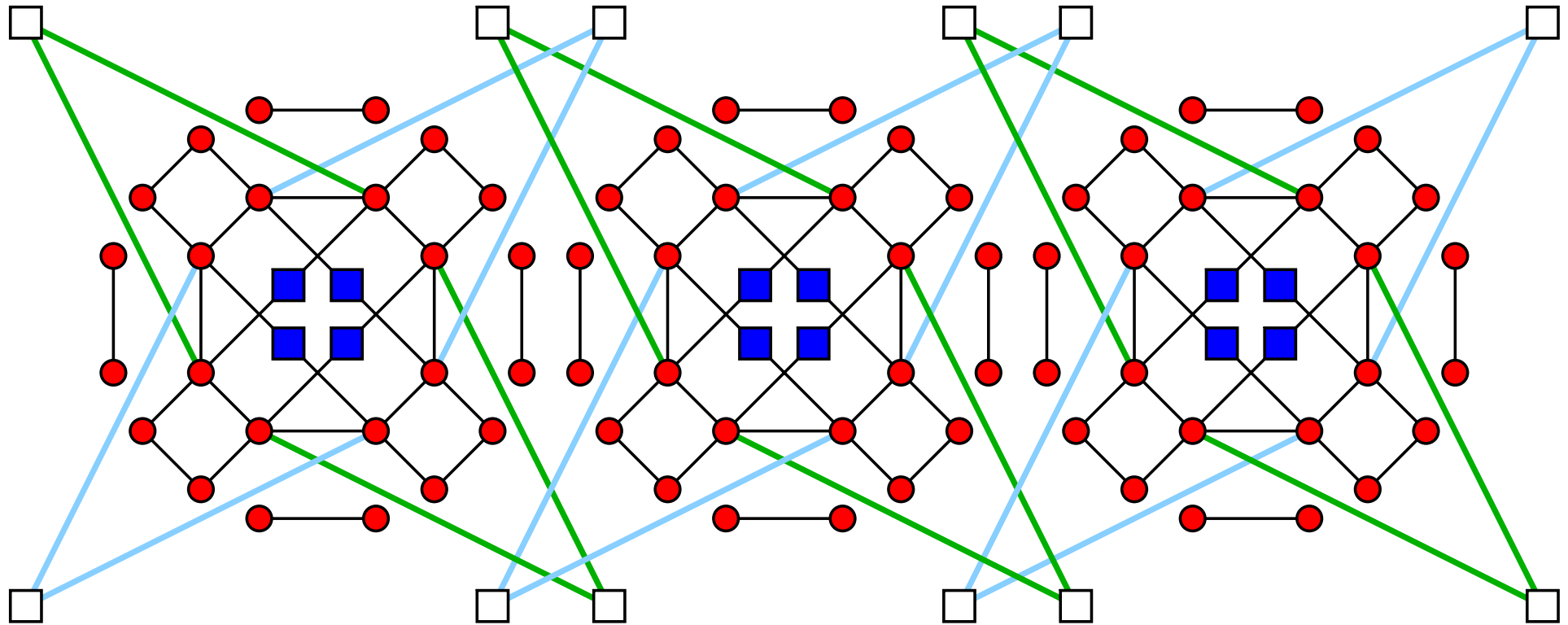
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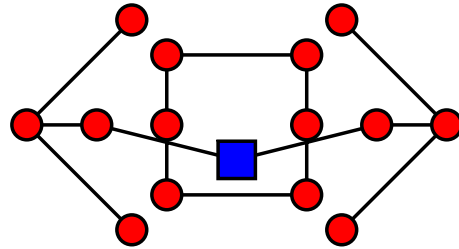


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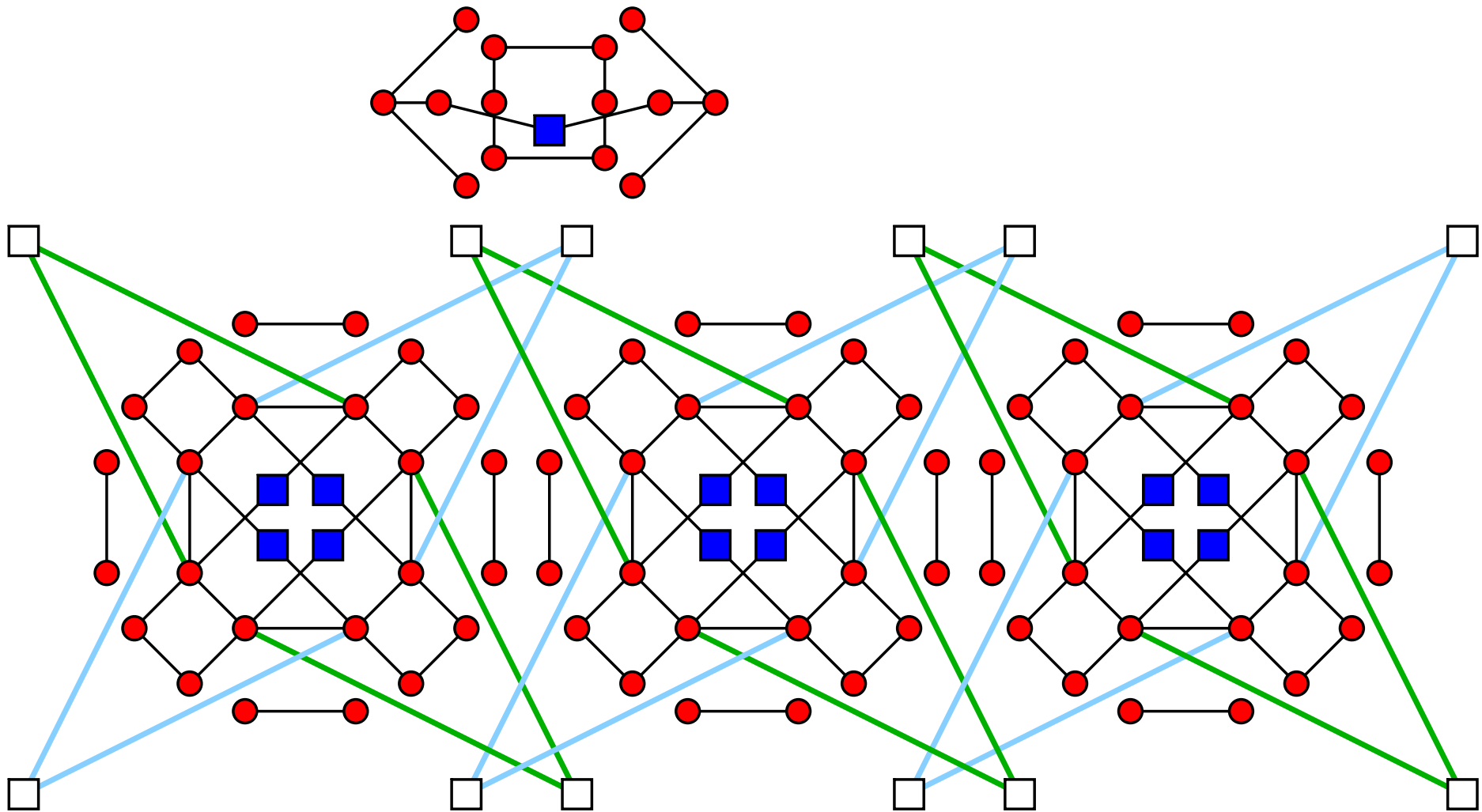
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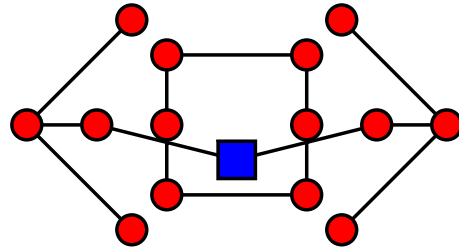
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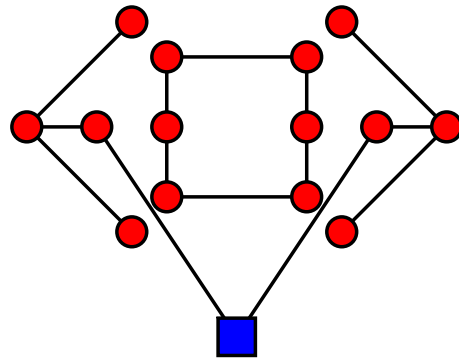
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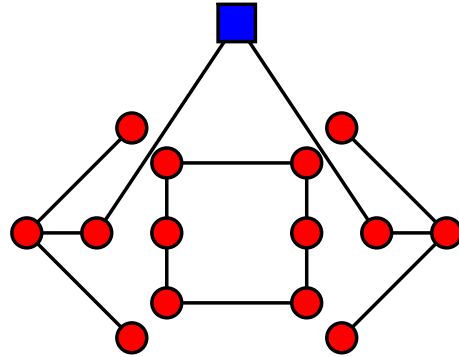
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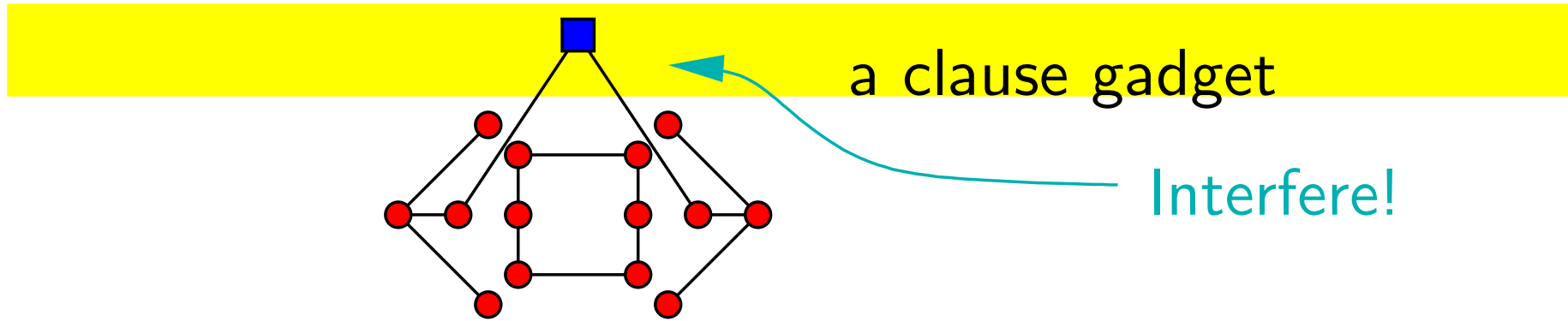
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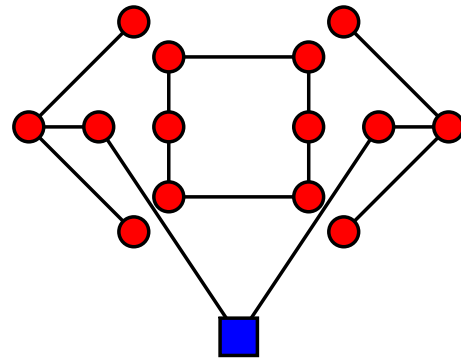


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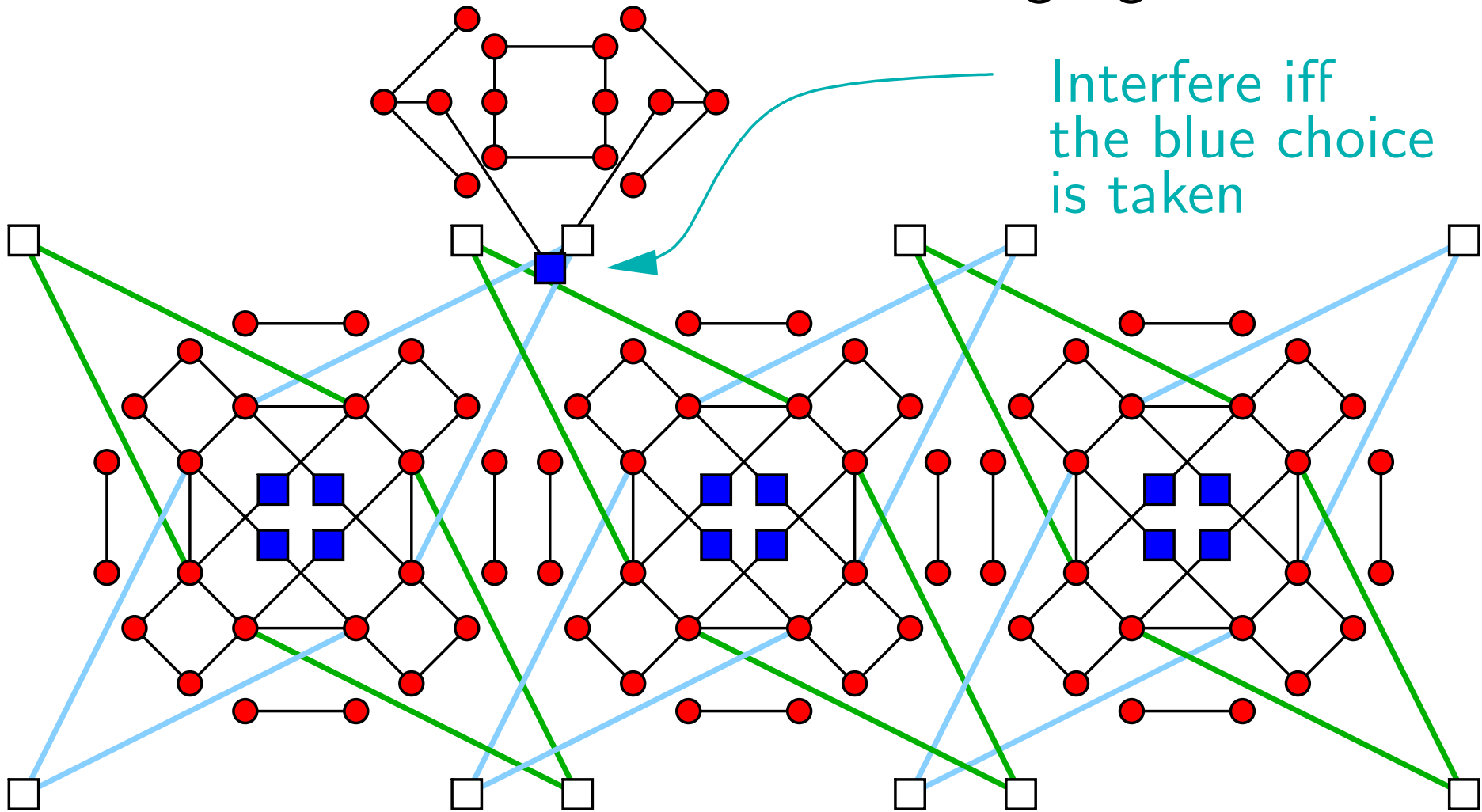
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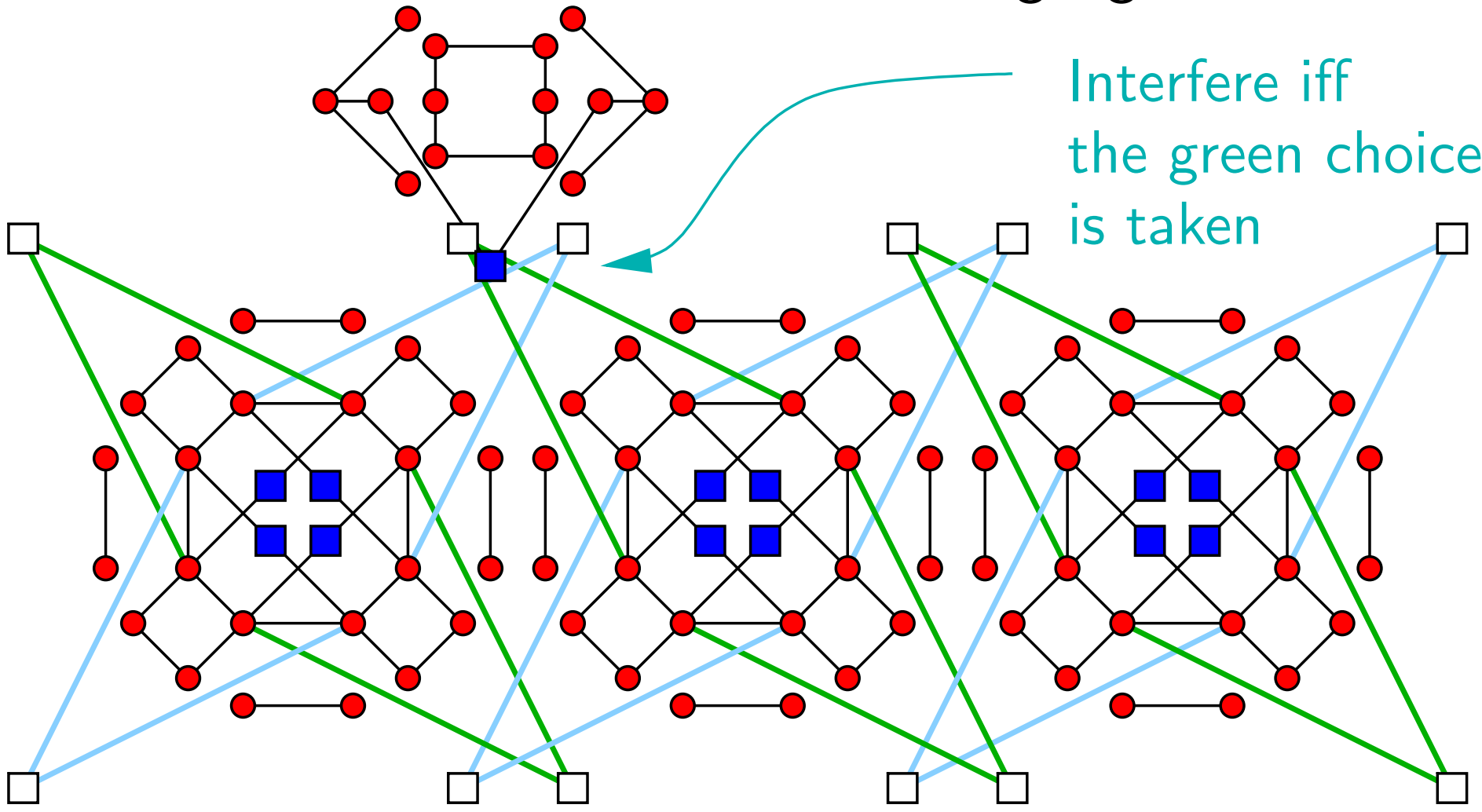


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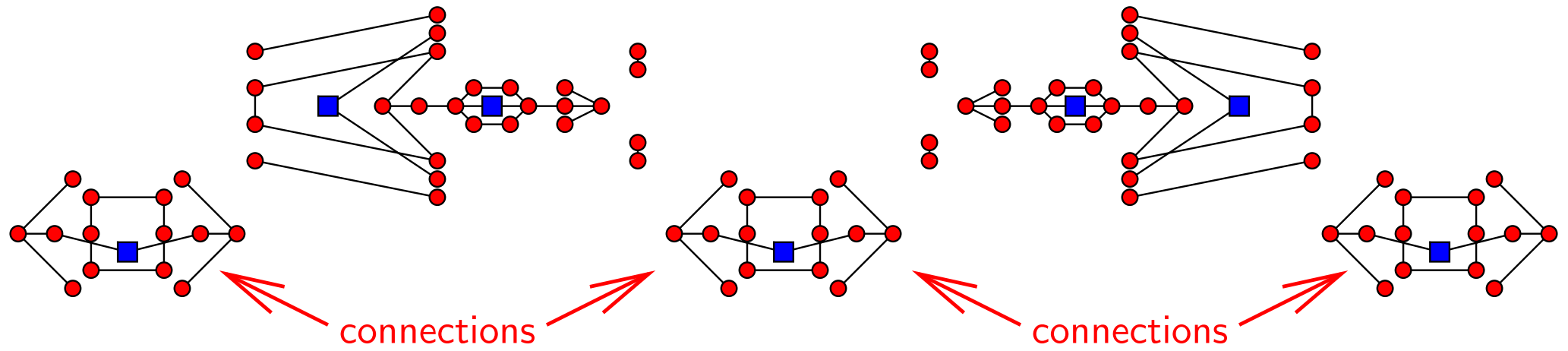


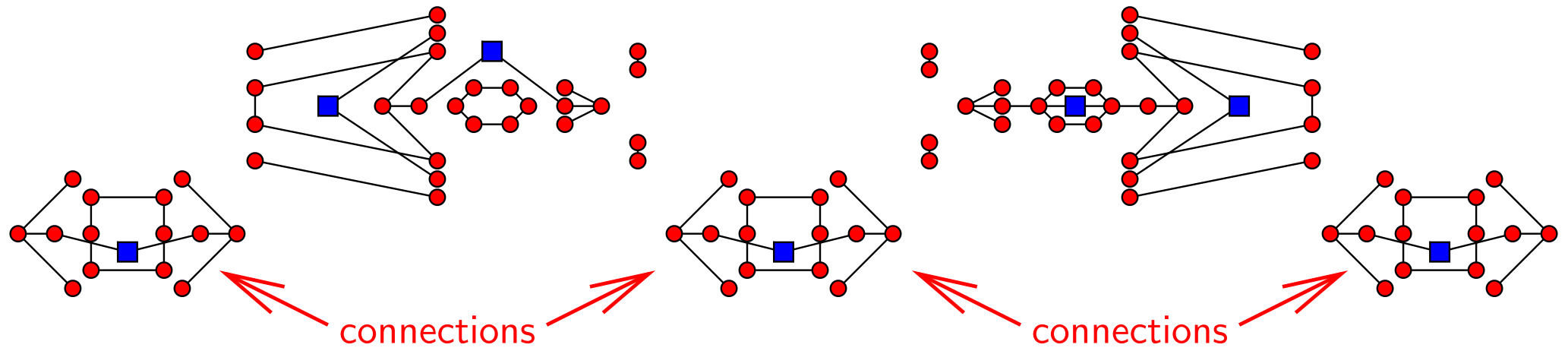


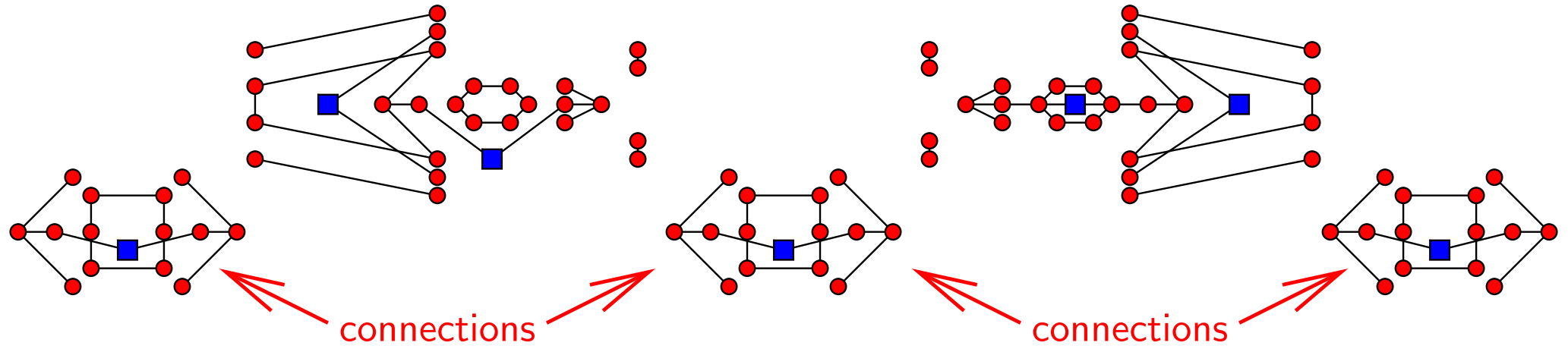
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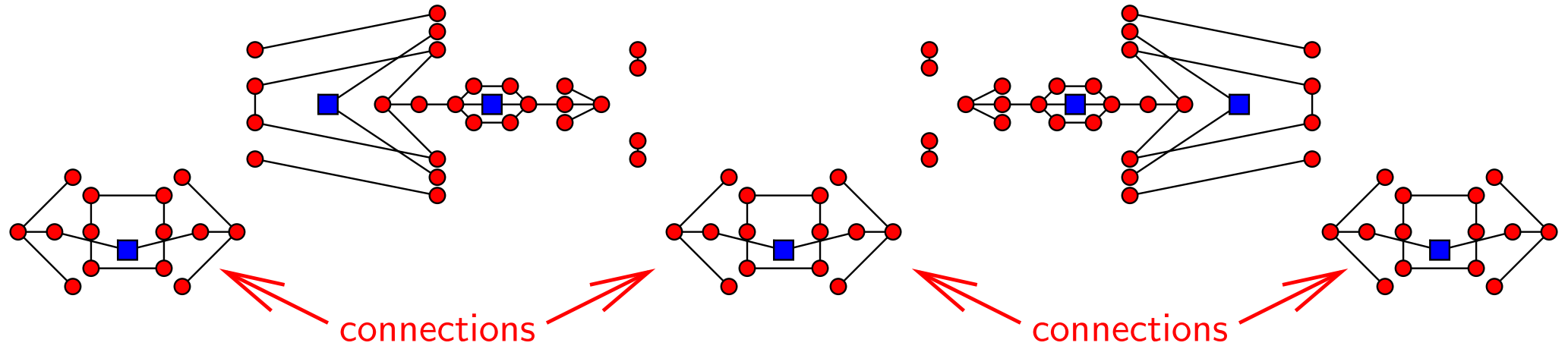


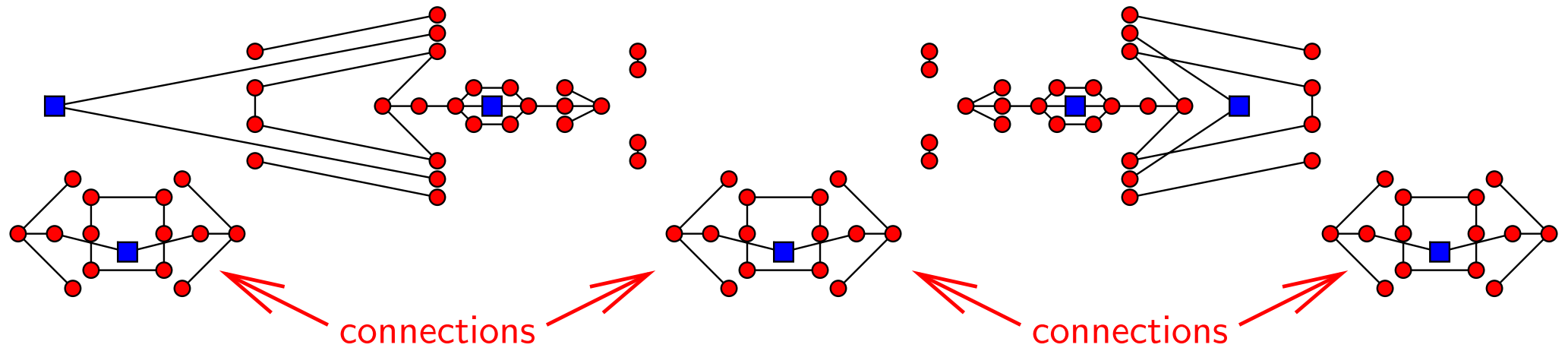
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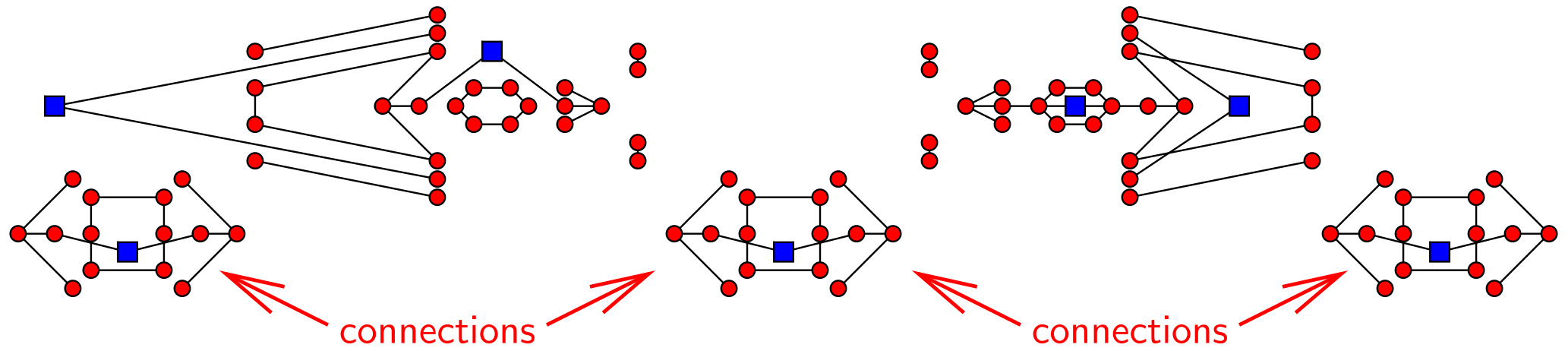


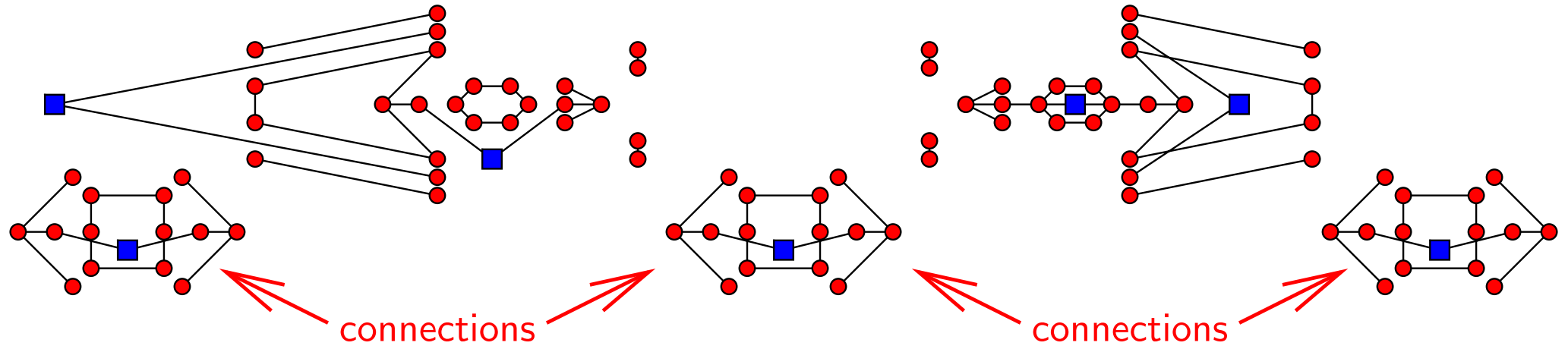


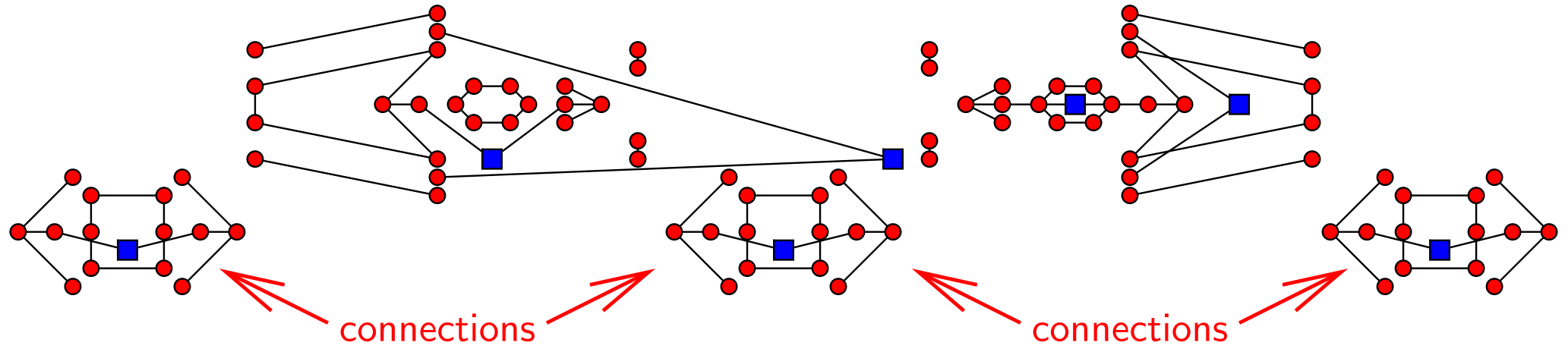


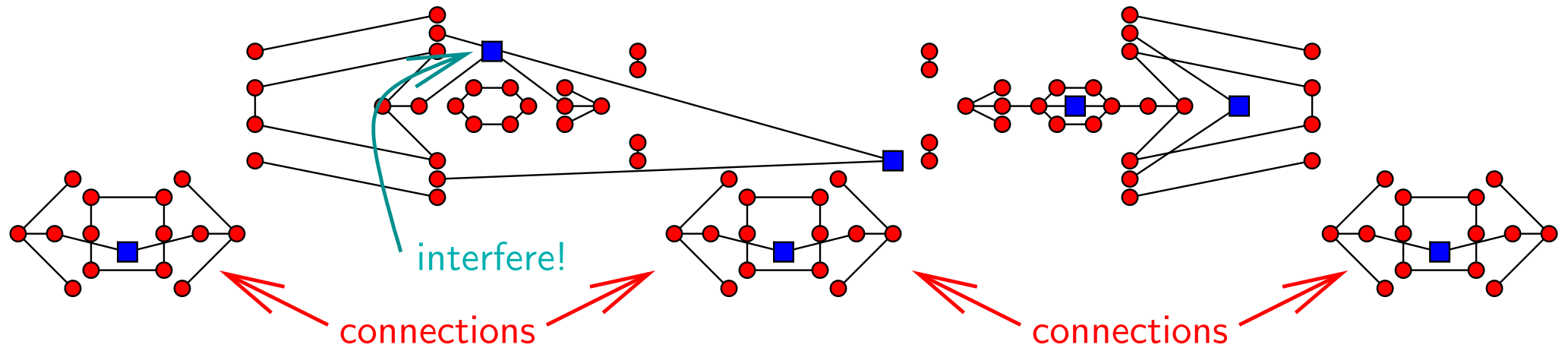


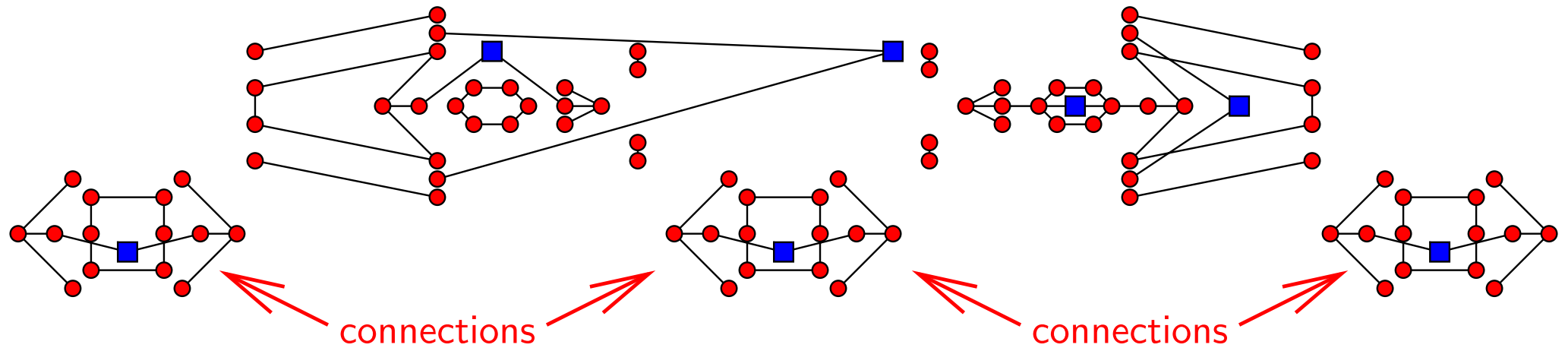


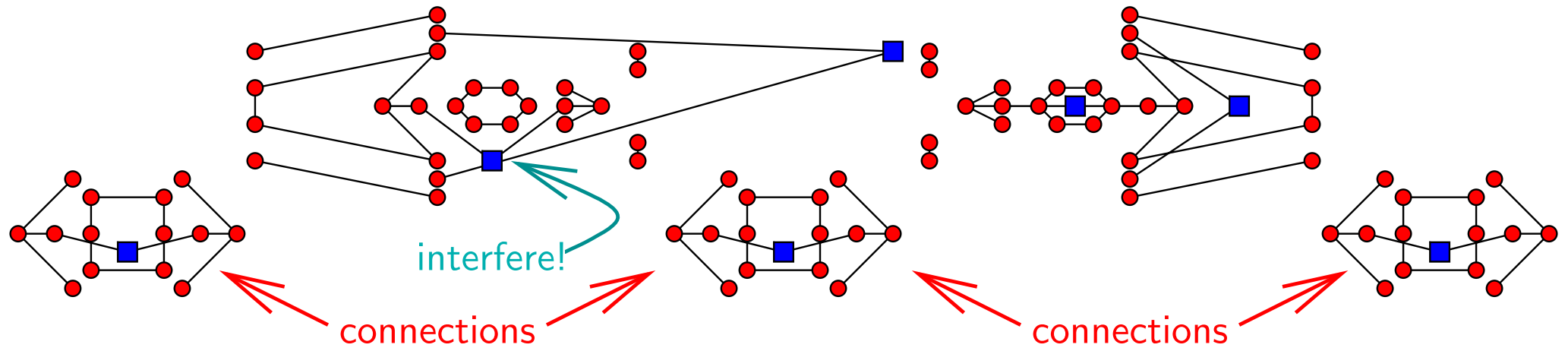


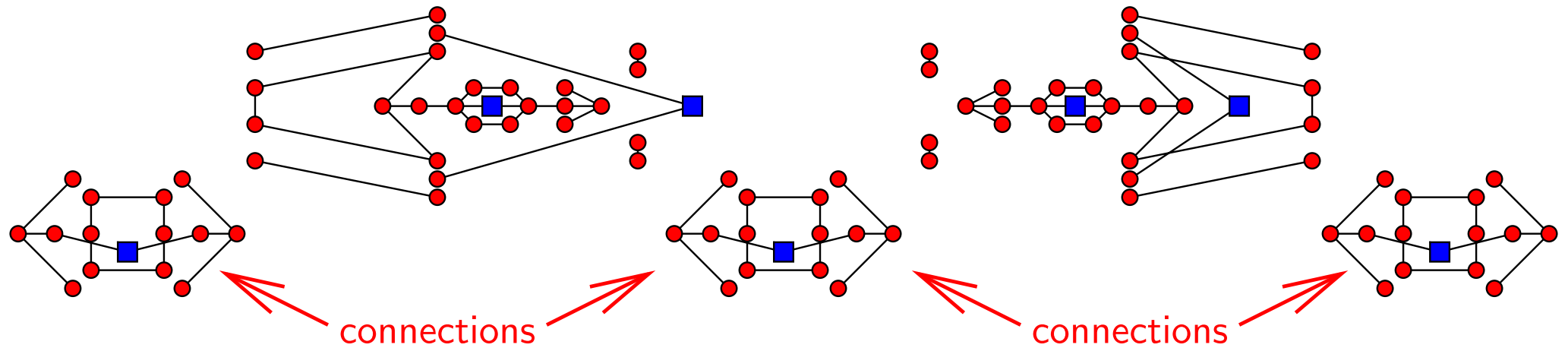


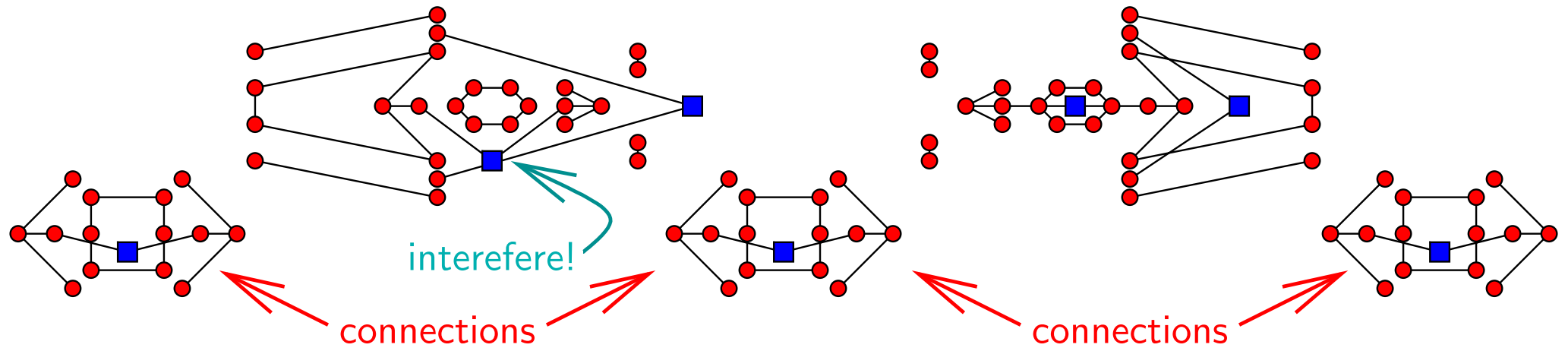


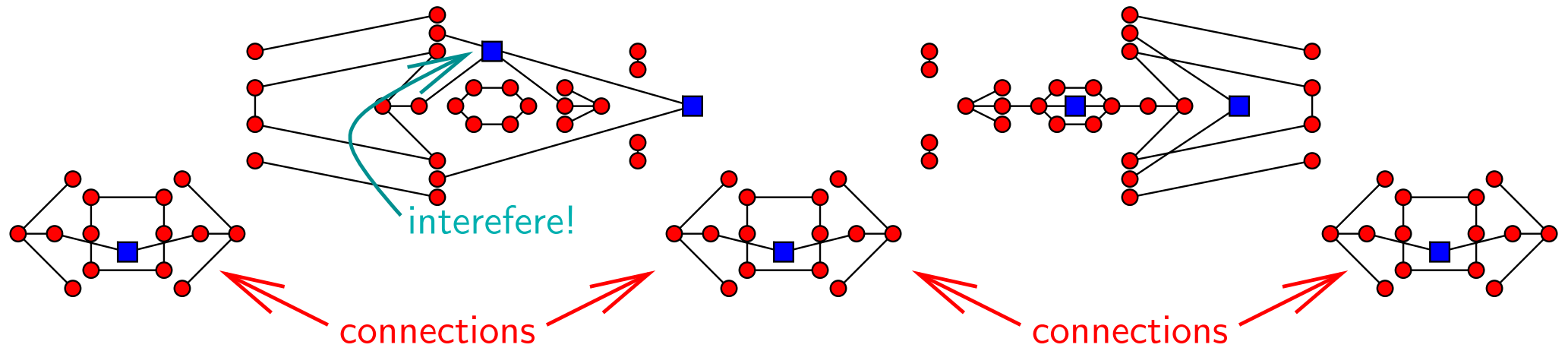


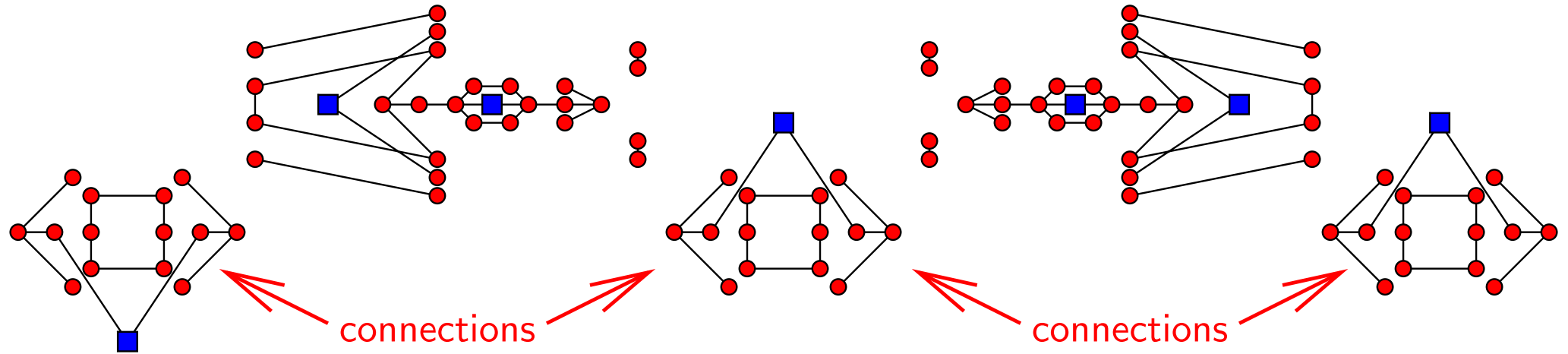


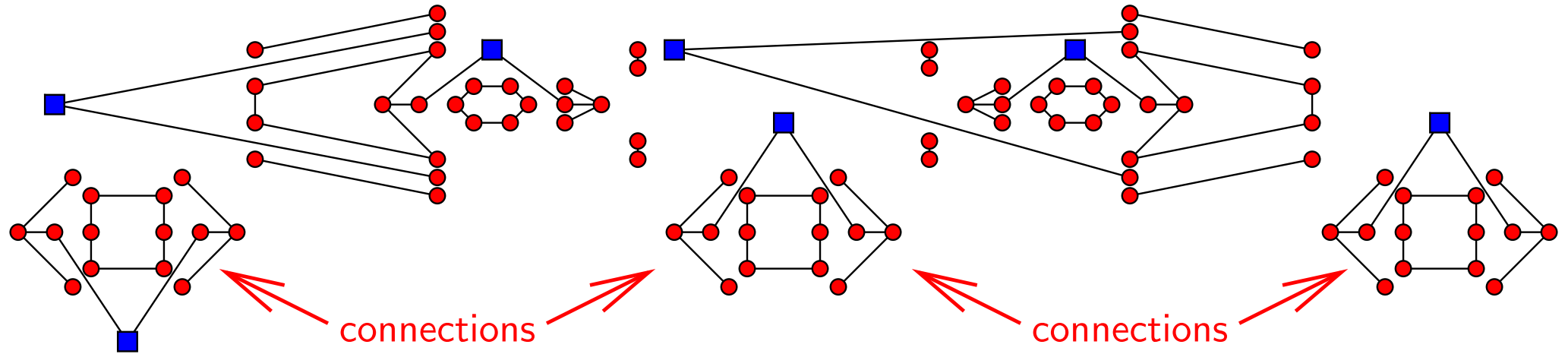


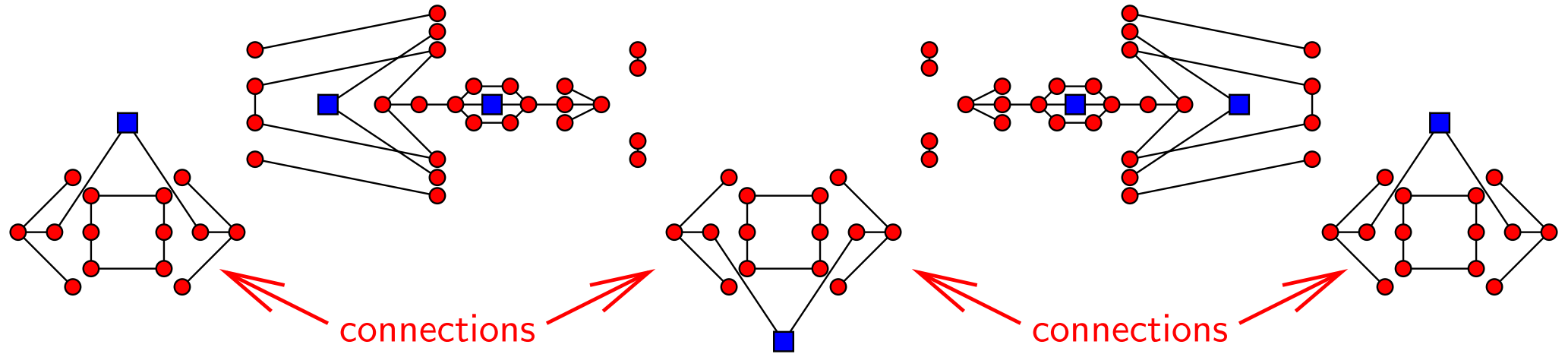


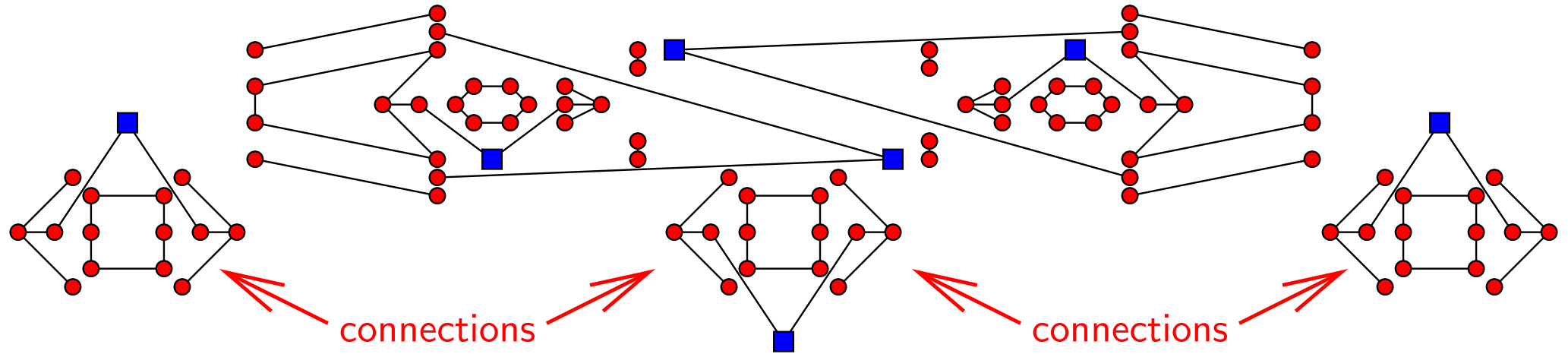


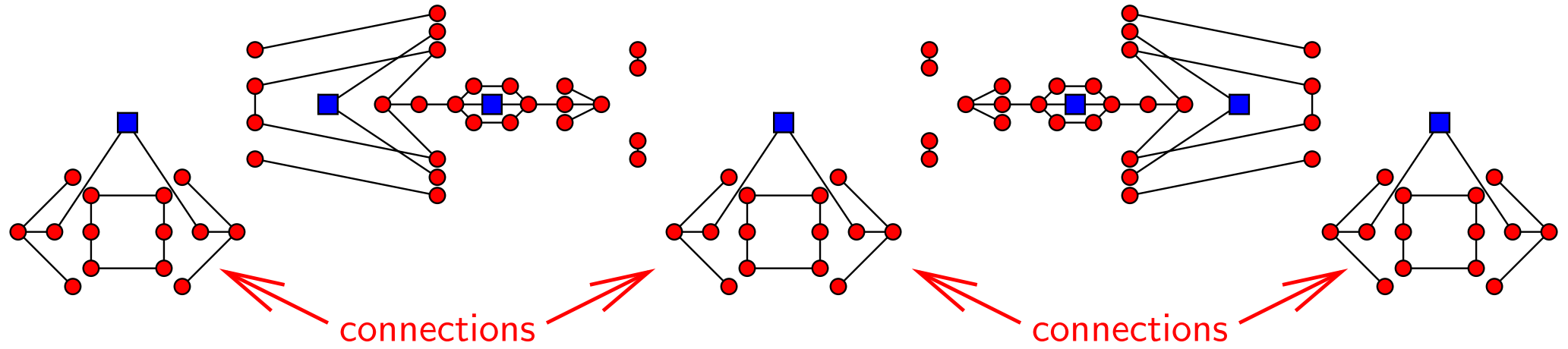


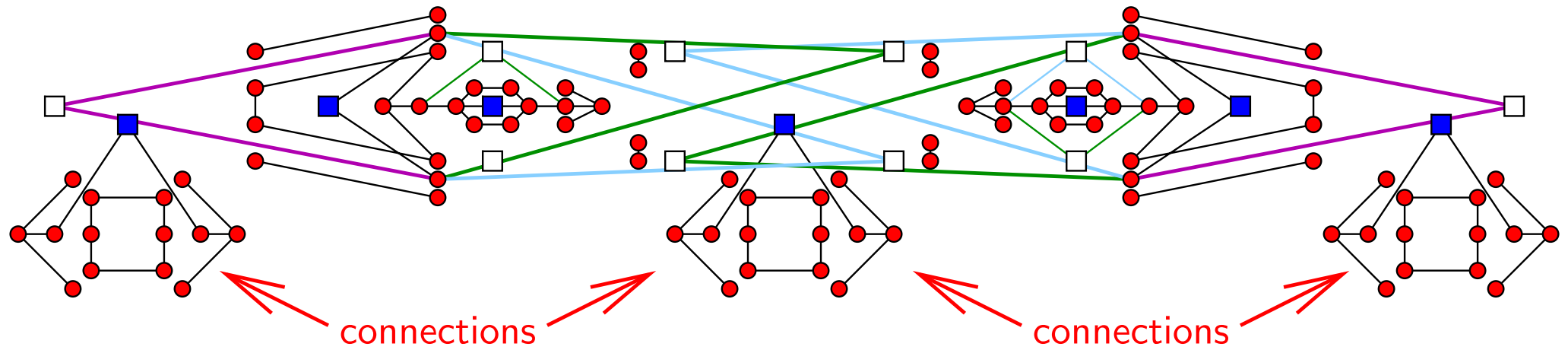














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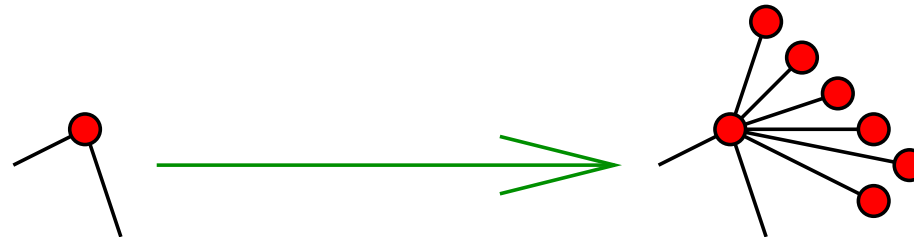
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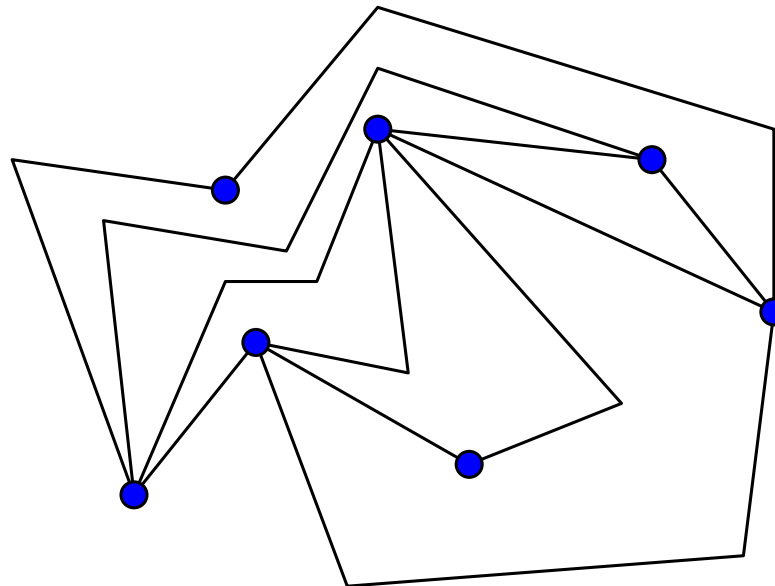


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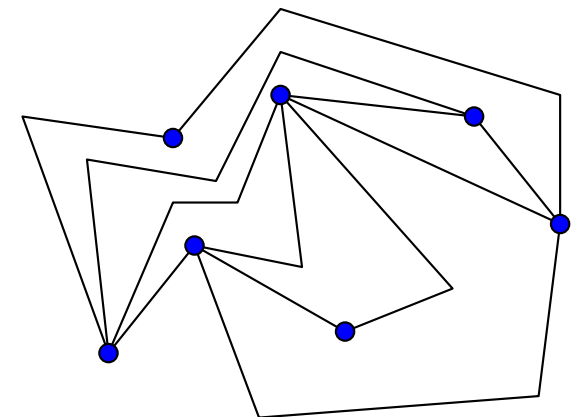
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(Kaufmann & Wiese (GD '99, JGAA '02))

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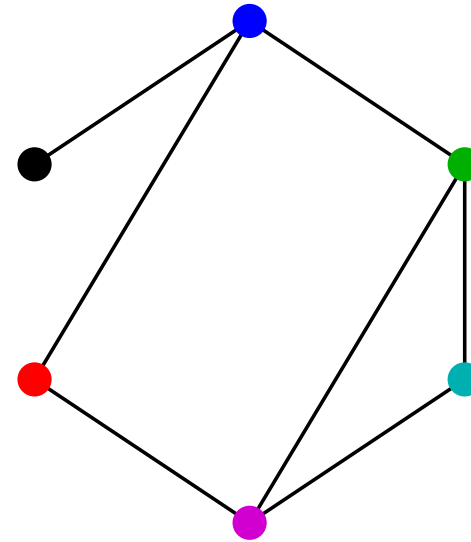
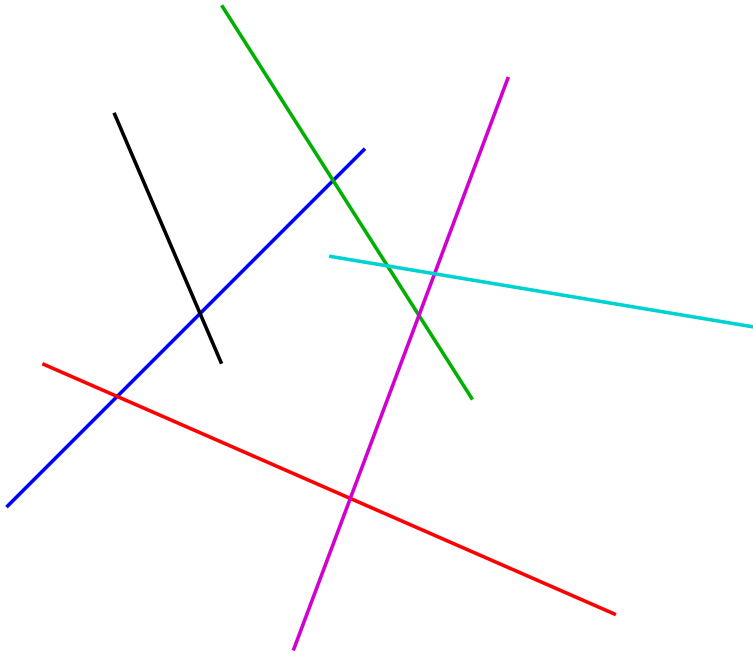
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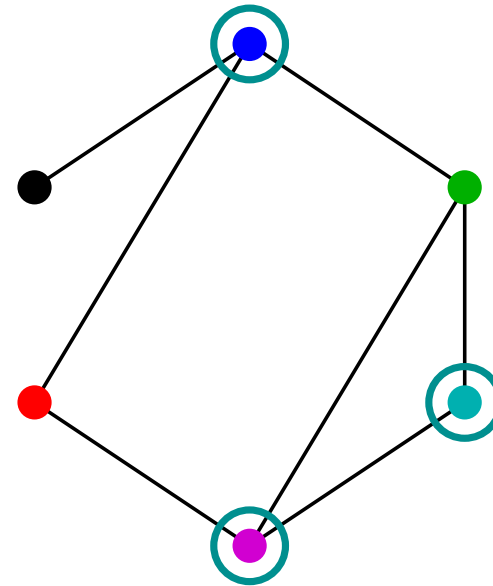
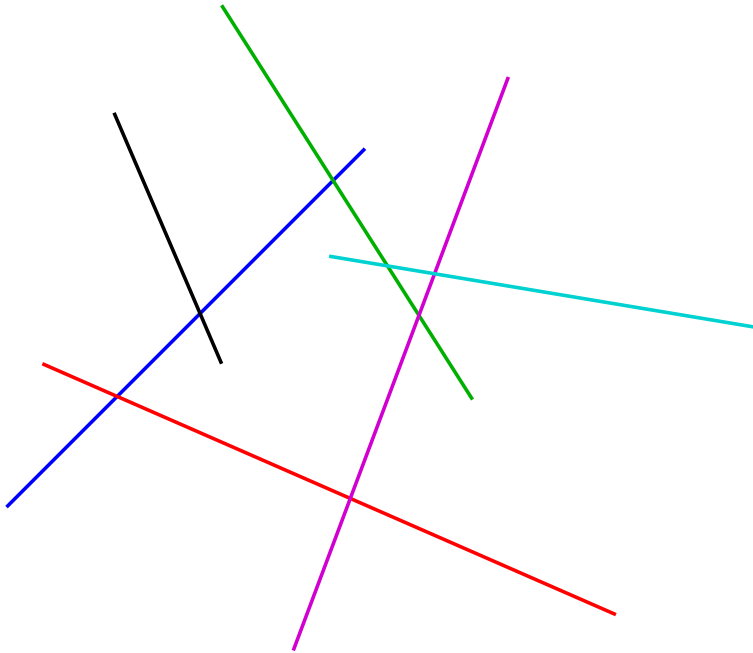


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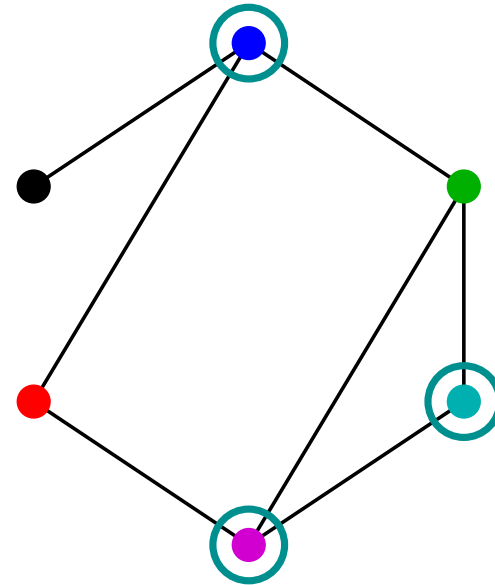
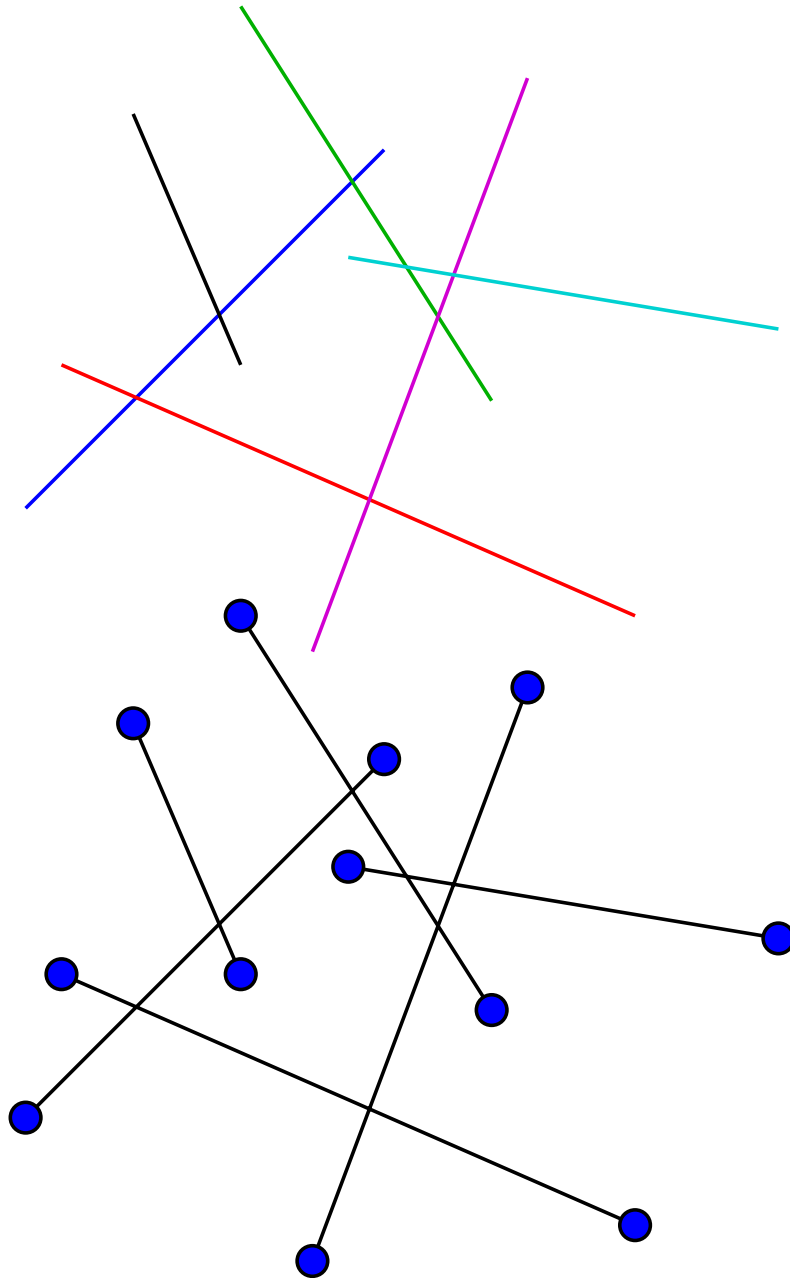
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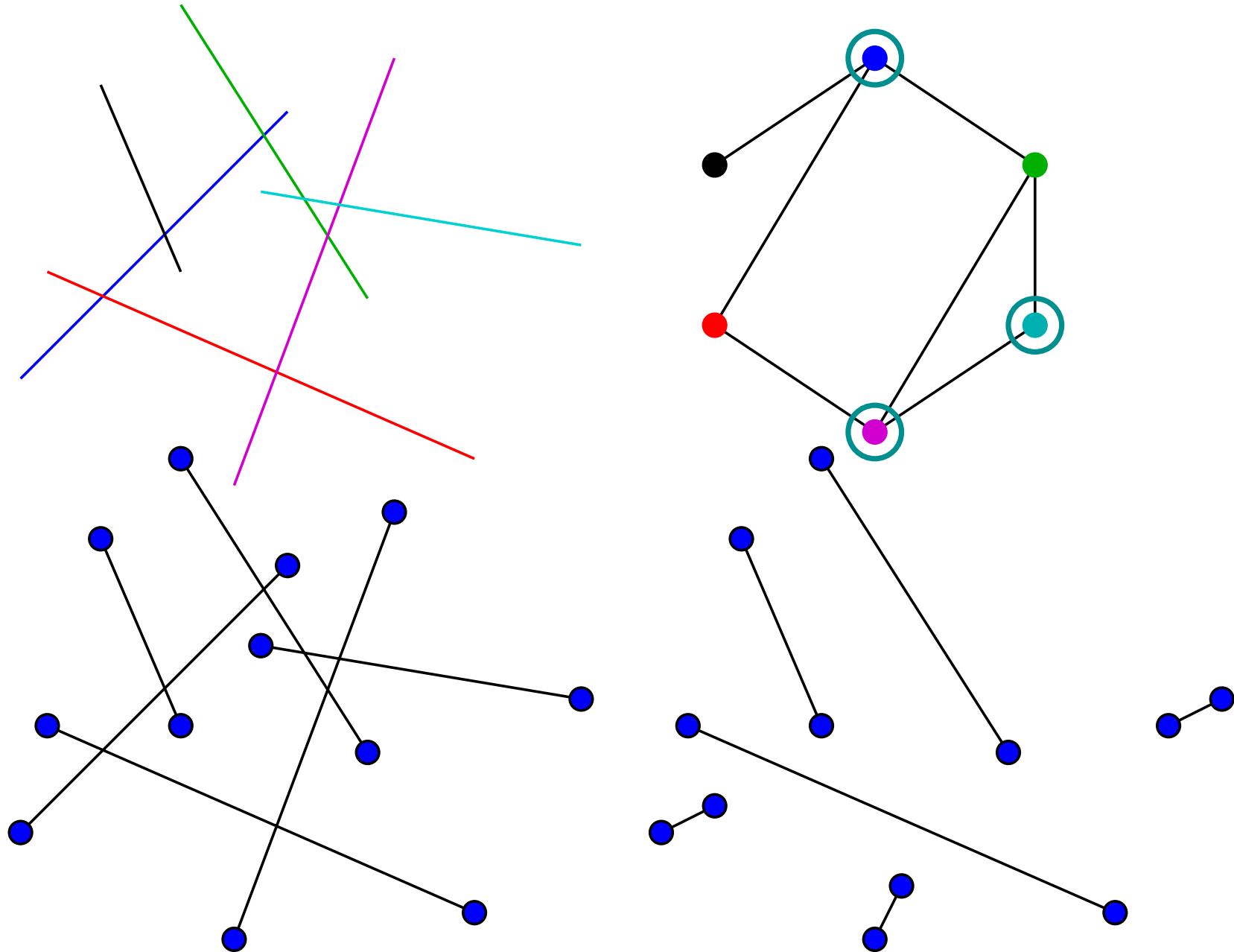


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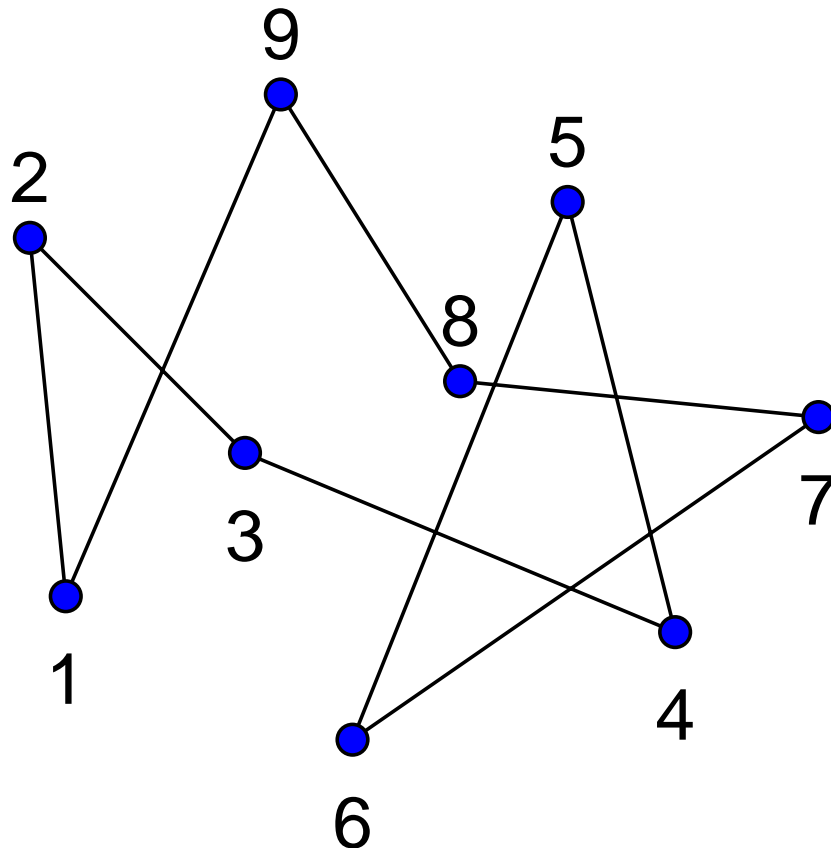
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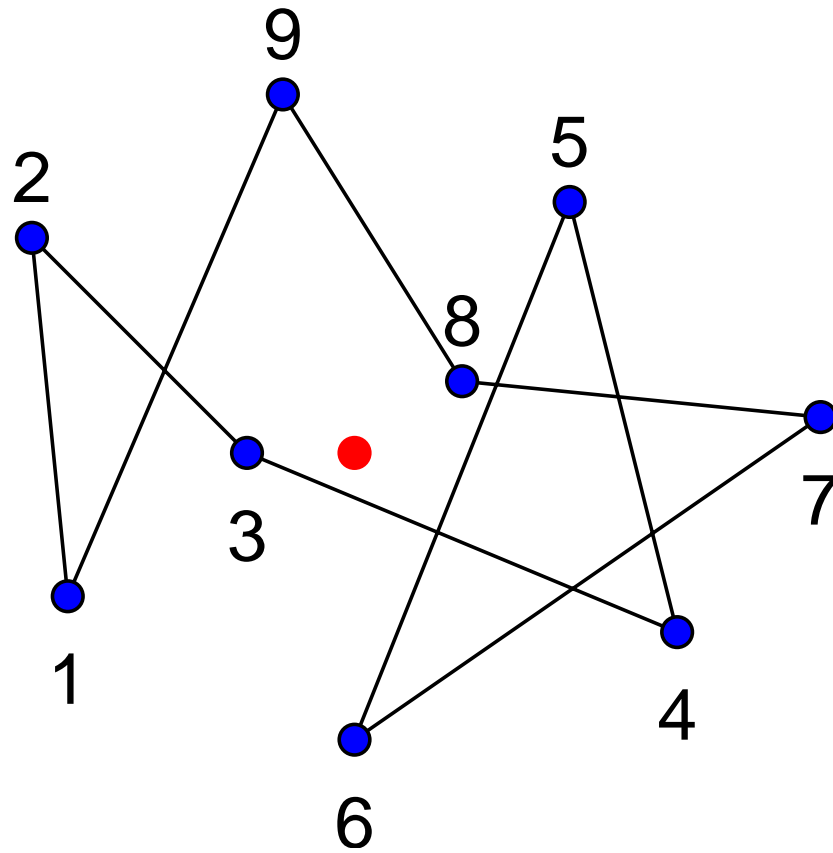


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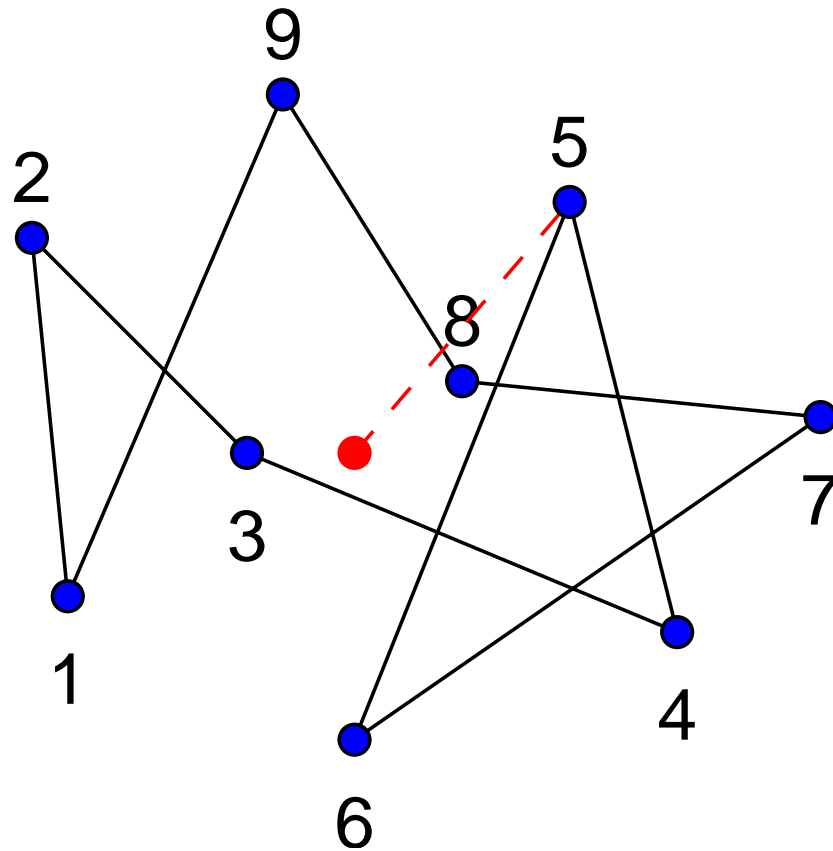


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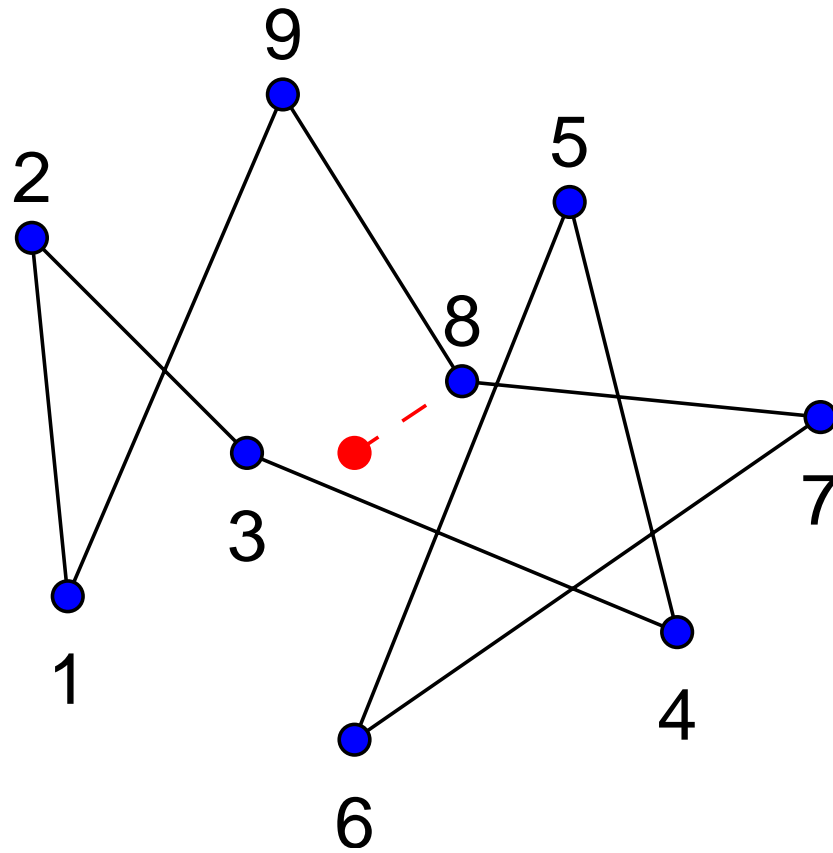
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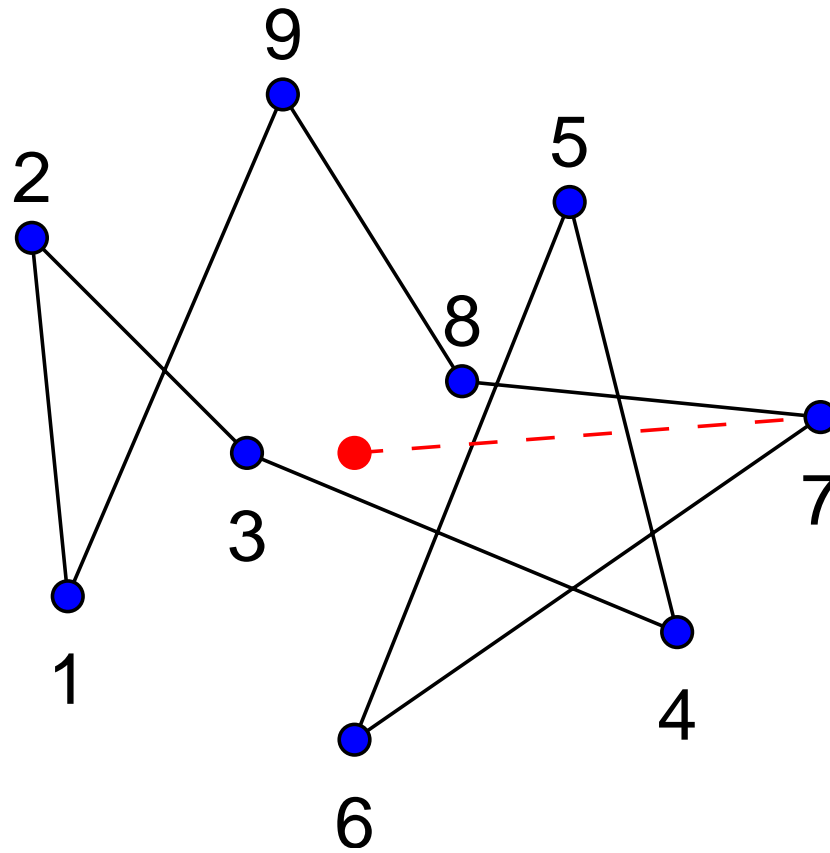
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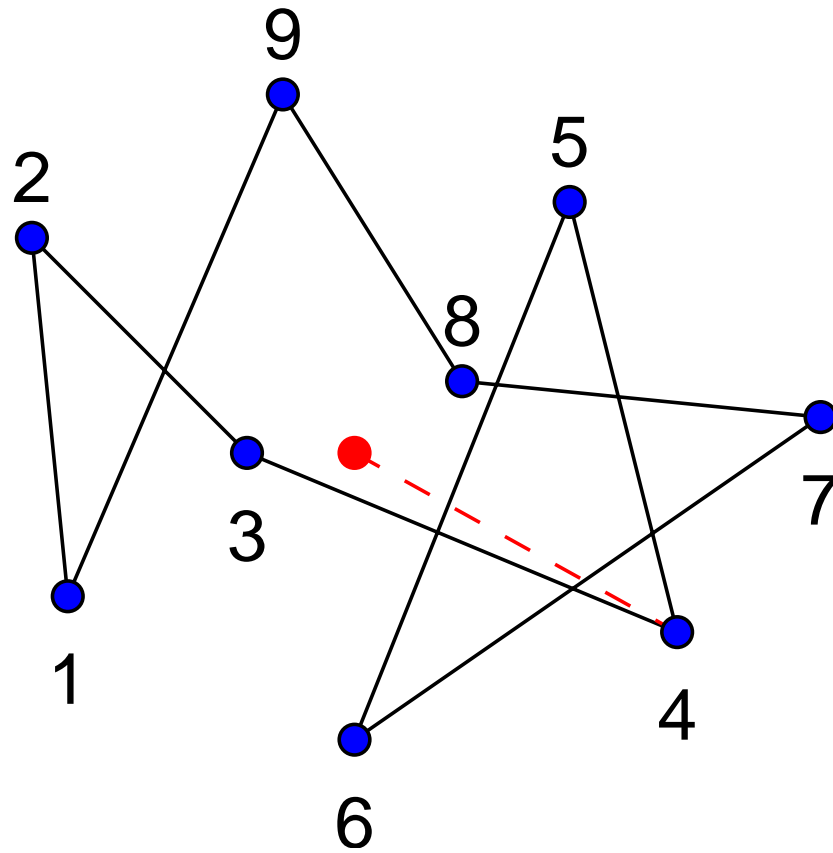
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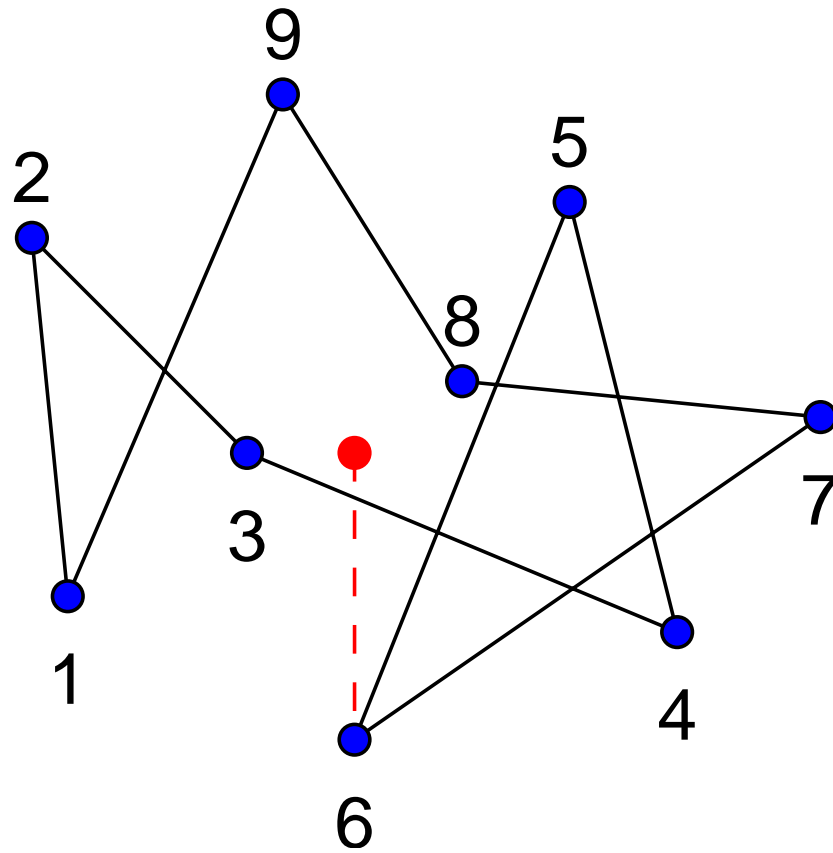
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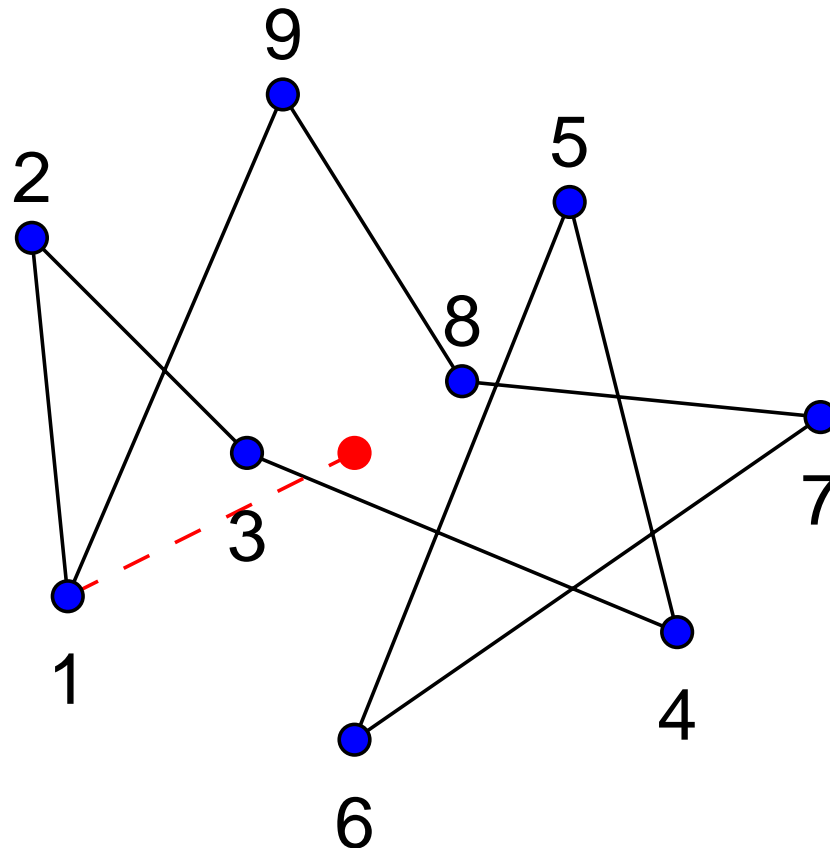
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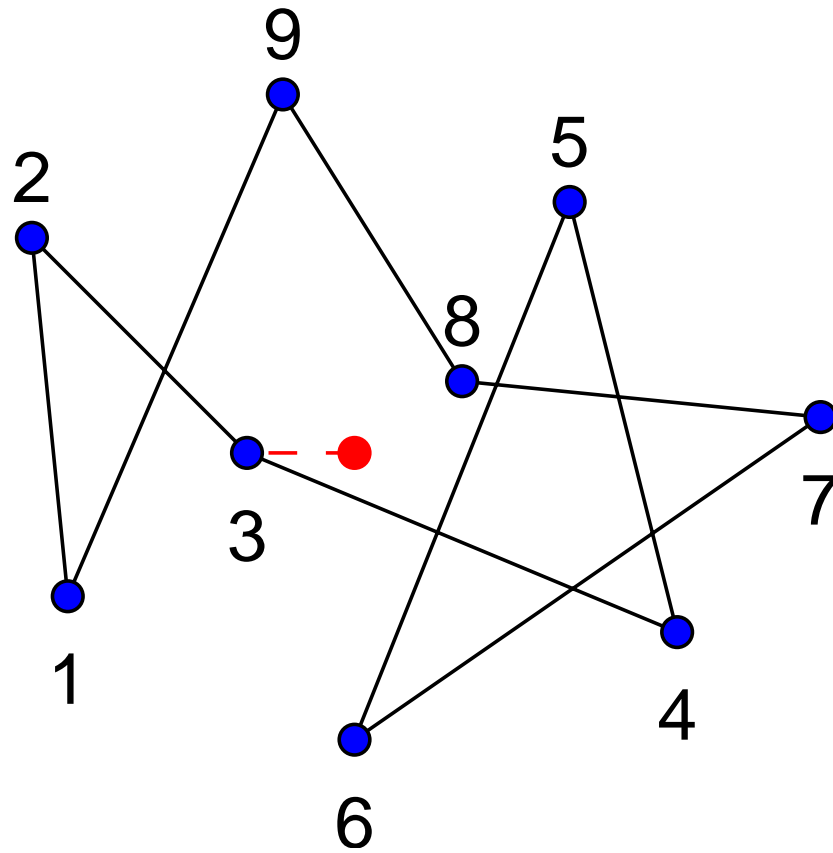
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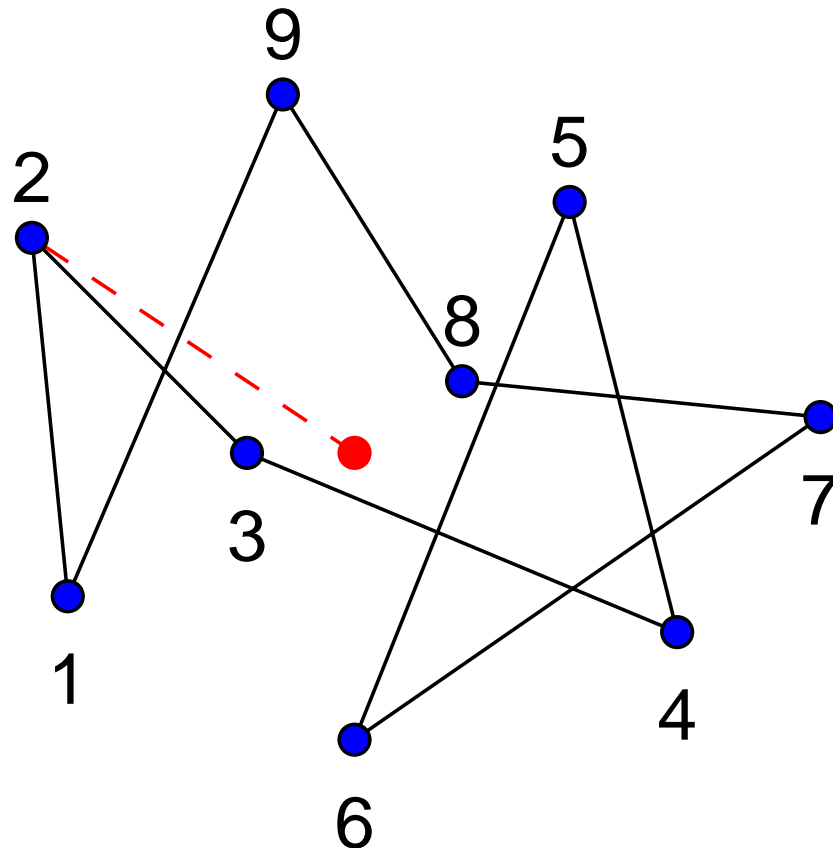
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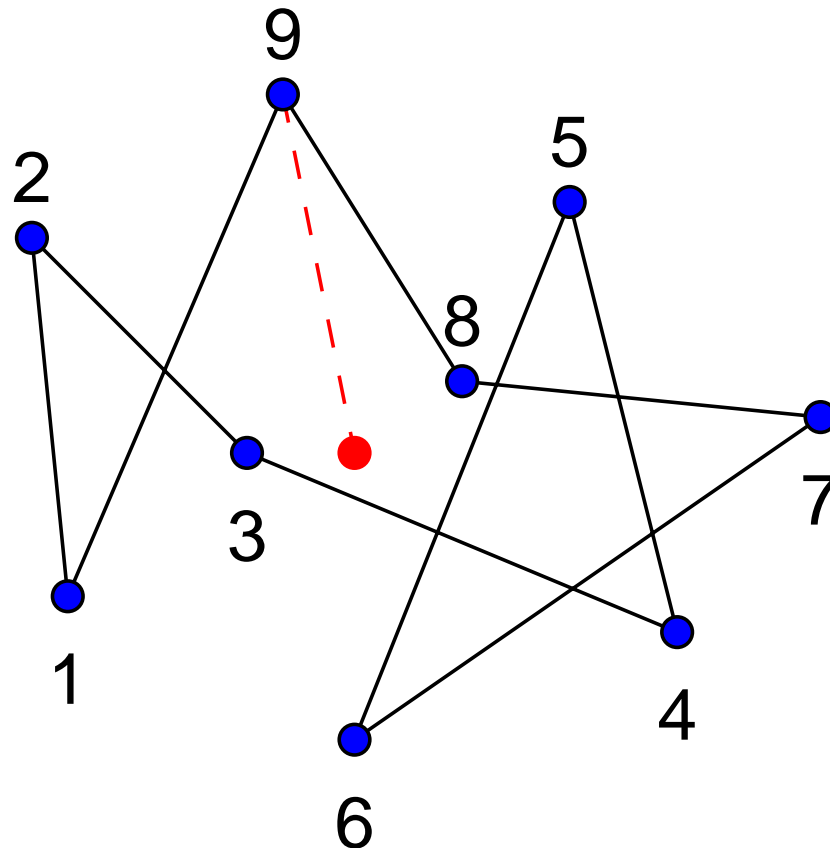
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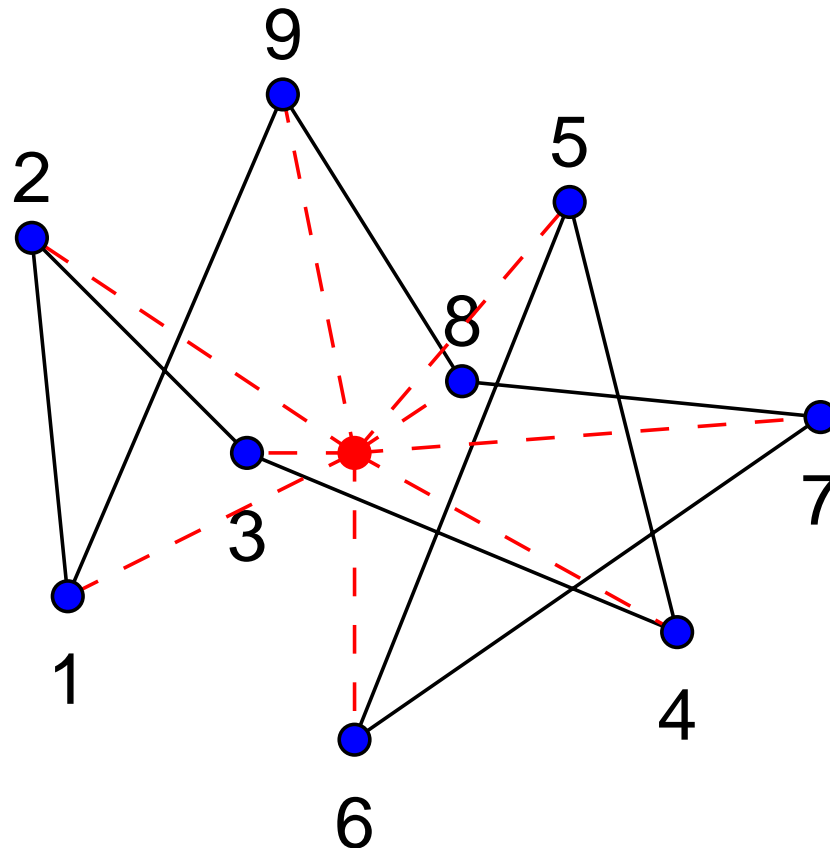
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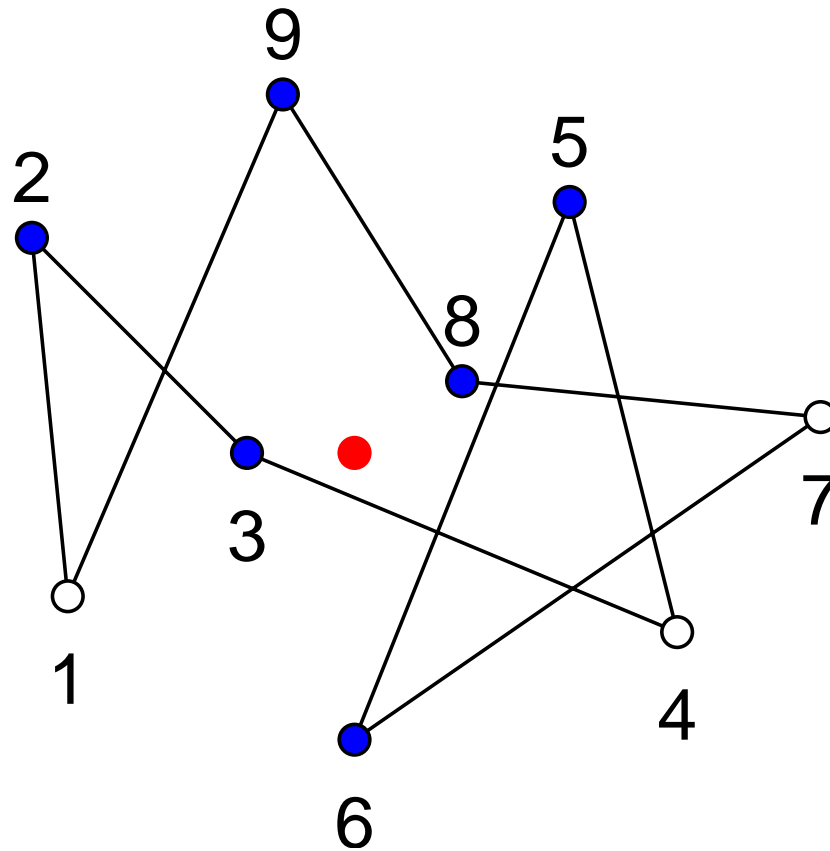
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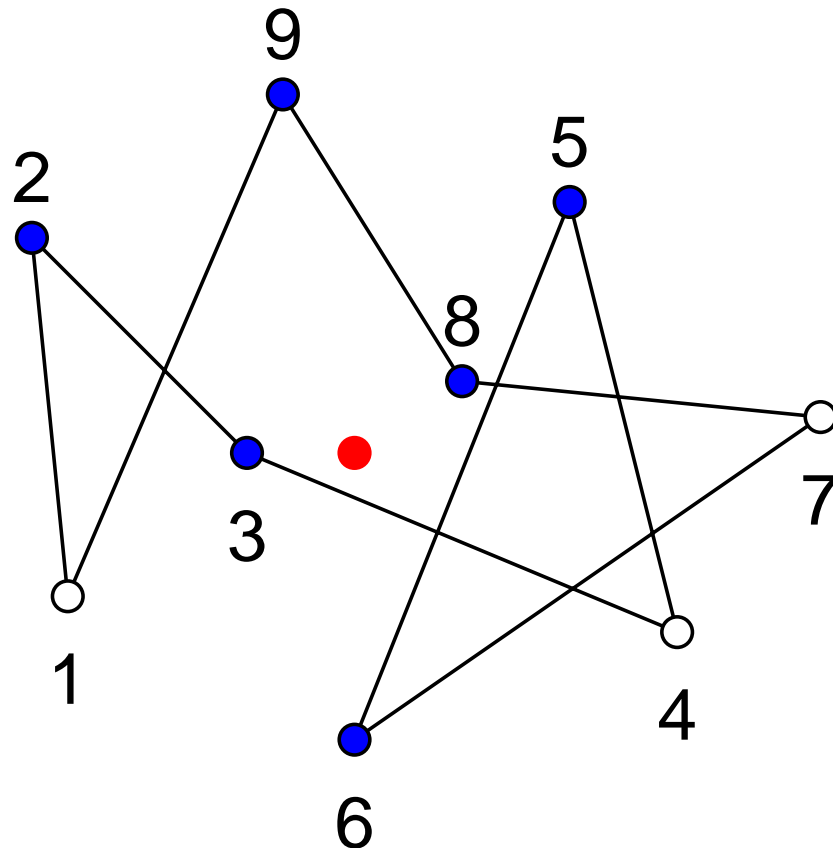
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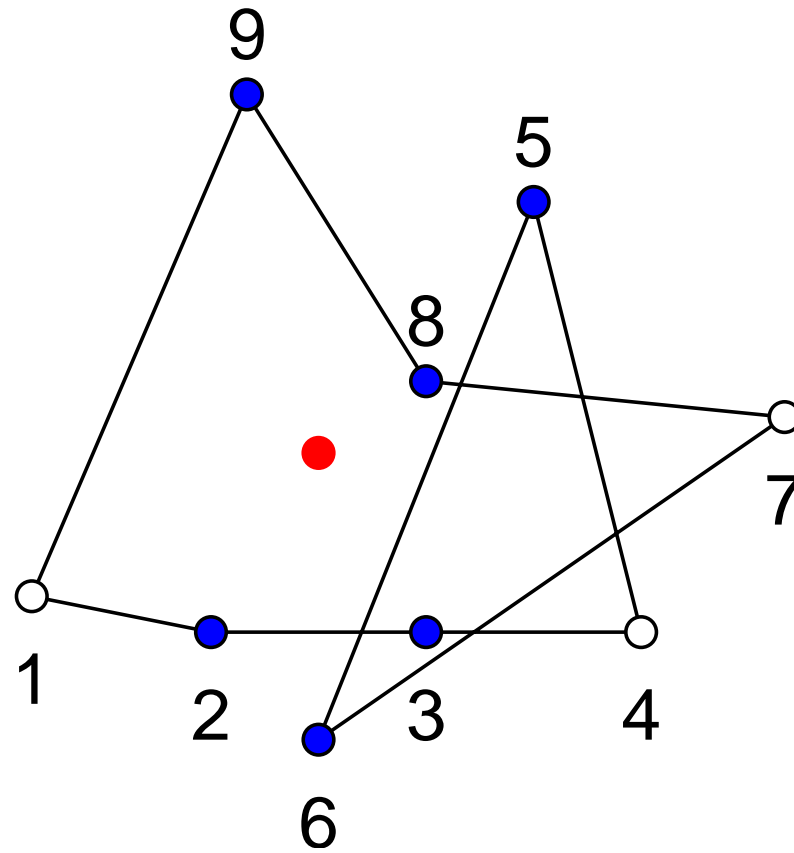
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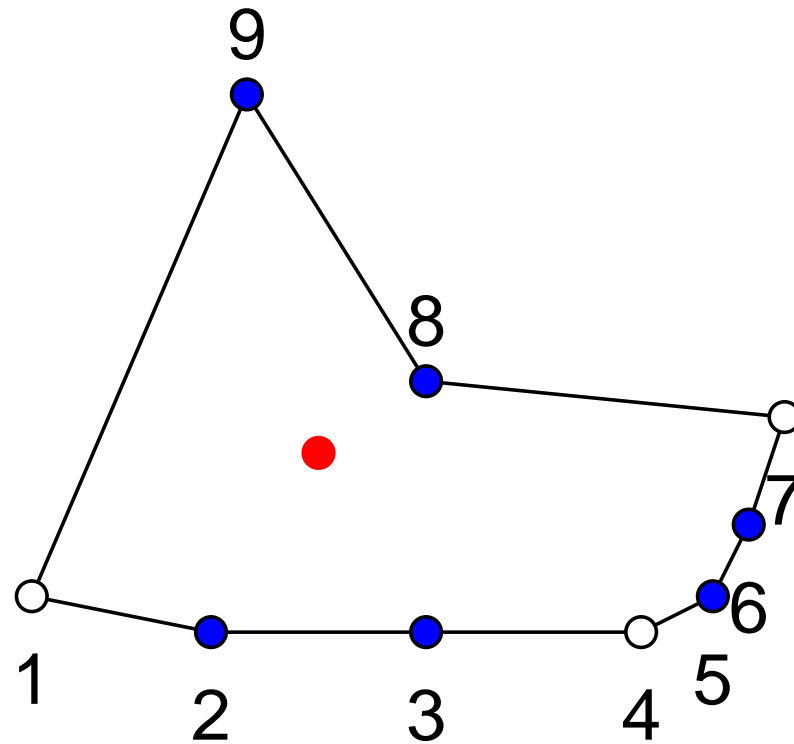
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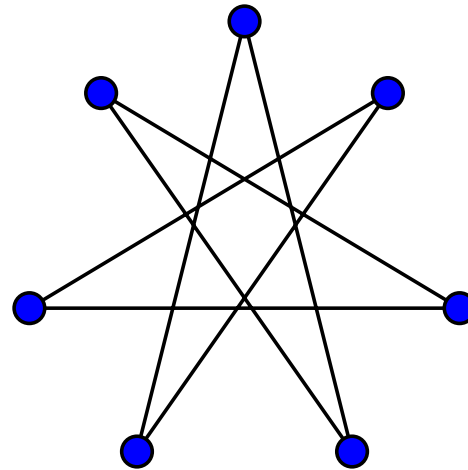
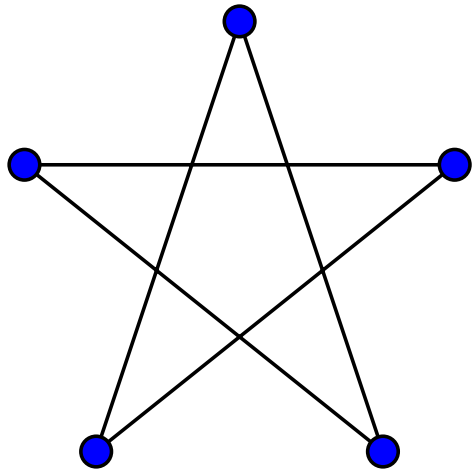
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the matching no. $\geq (n + 2)/3$ (Nishizeki & Baybars '79)
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