# A Vizing-like theorem for union vertex-distinguishing edge coloring

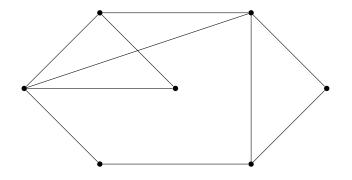
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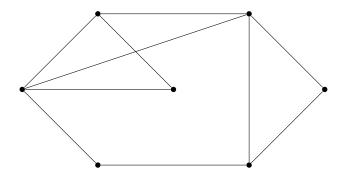
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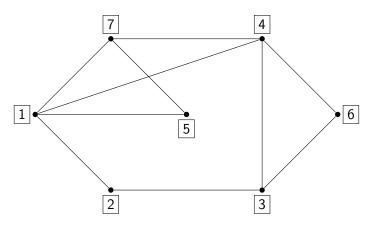




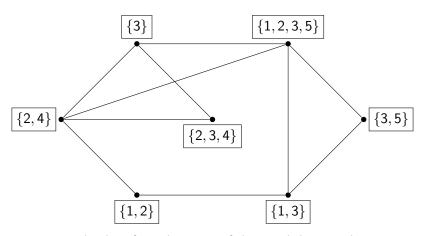




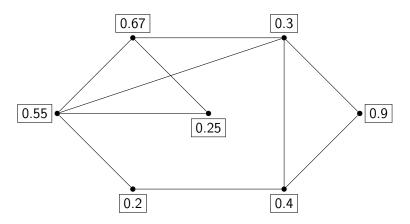
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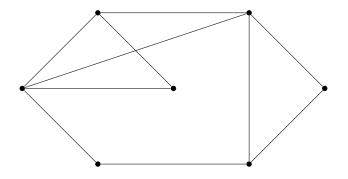
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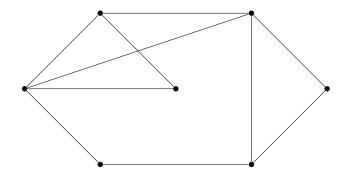


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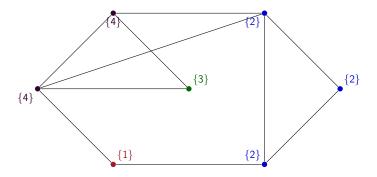
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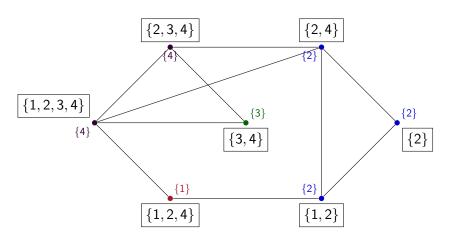
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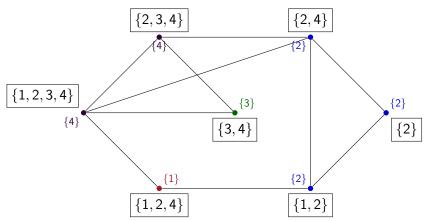
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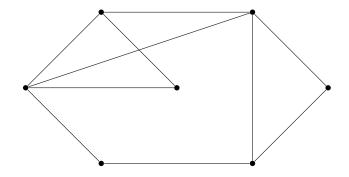


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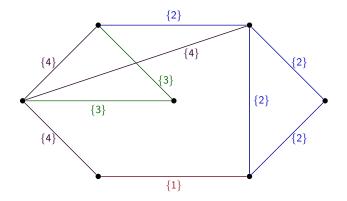


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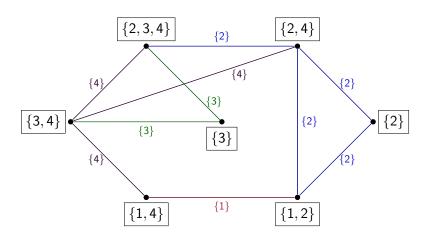
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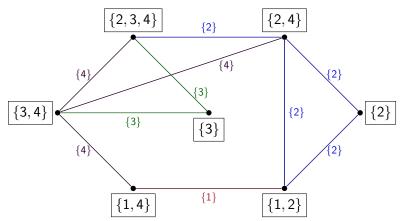
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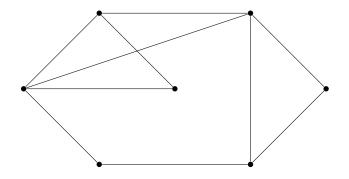


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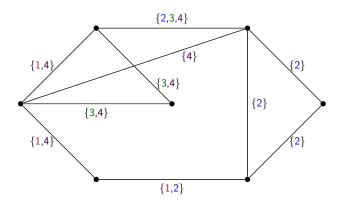


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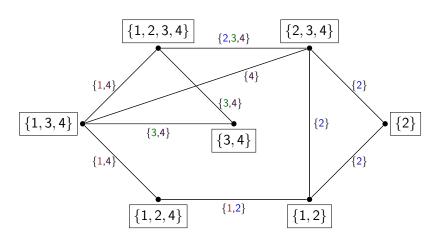
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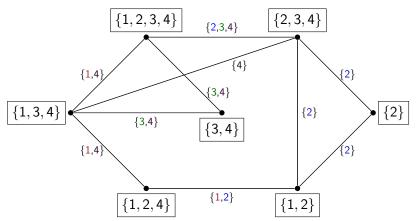
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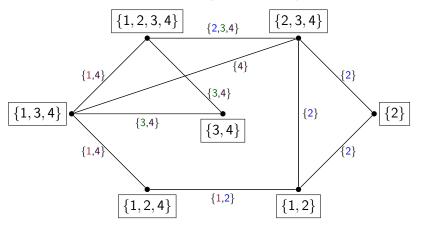
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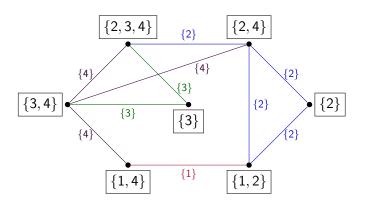
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⇒ Only for graphs with connected components of size at least 3!

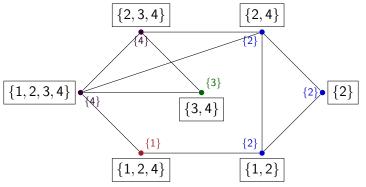
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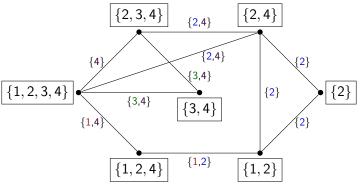
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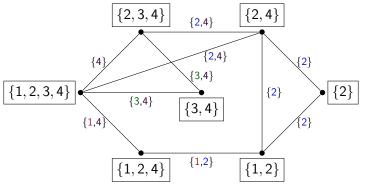
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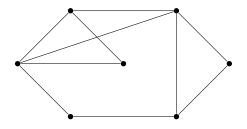
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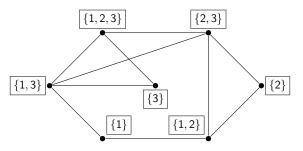
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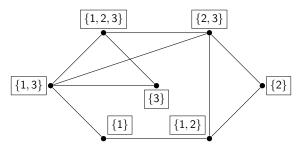
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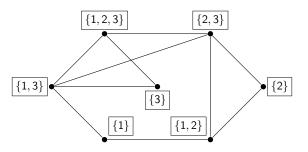


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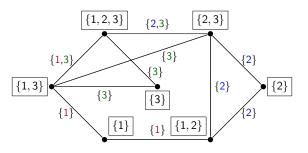
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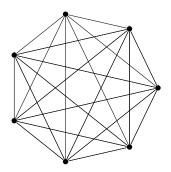
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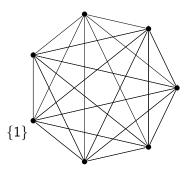
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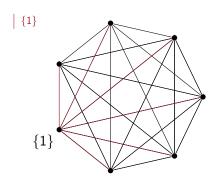
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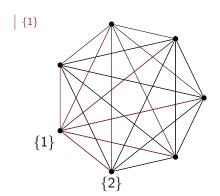
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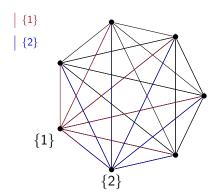
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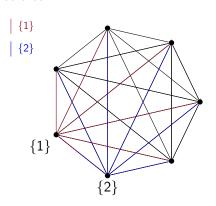
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 $\Rightarrow$  Only one vertex is identified by a singleton in  $K_{2^k-1} \Rightarrow K_{2^k-1}$  needs more than k colors

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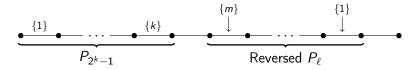
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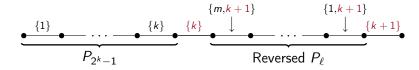
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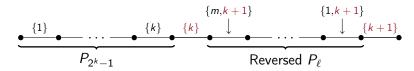
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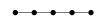
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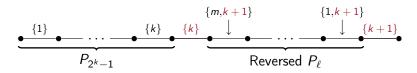
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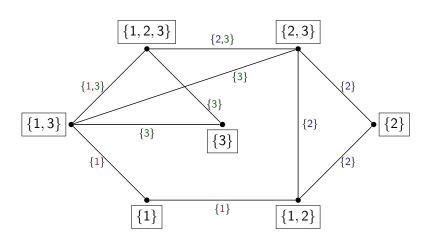
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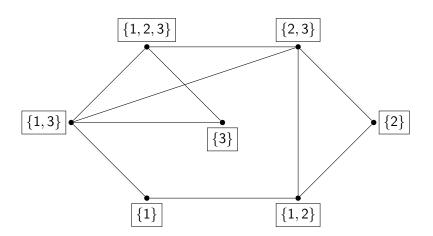
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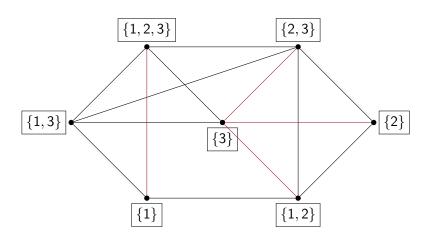
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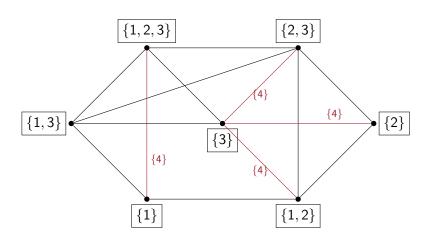
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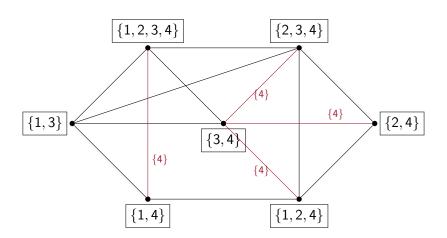
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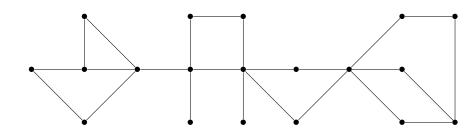
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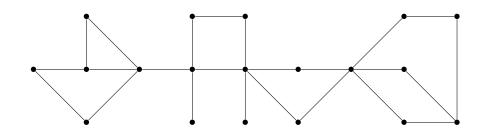


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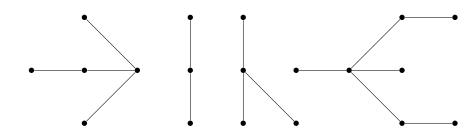
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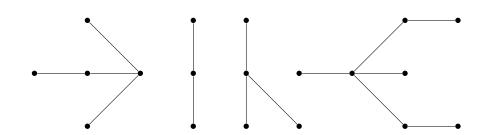


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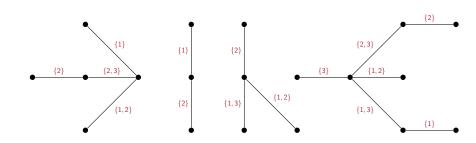
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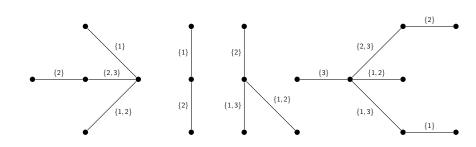
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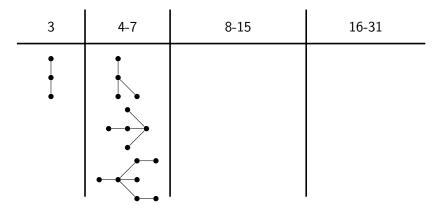
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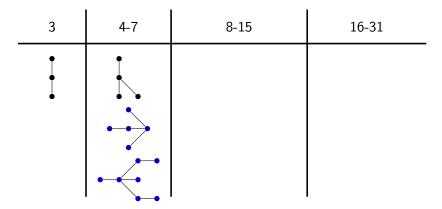


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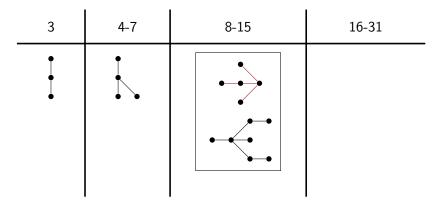


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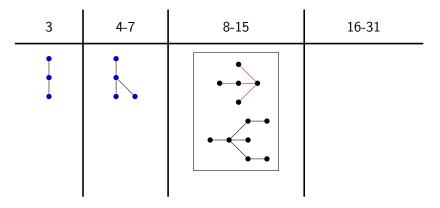


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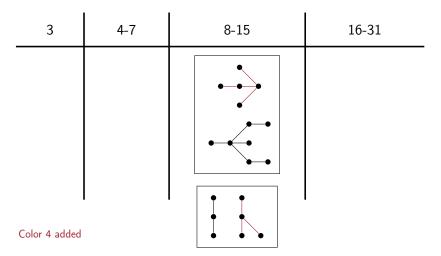


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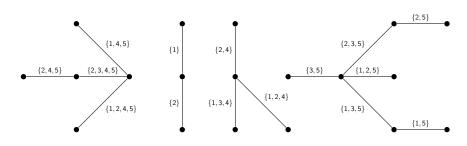


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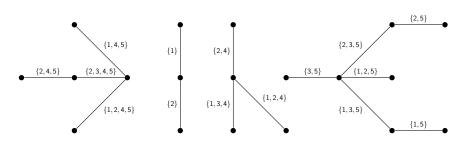
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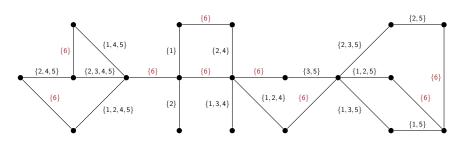
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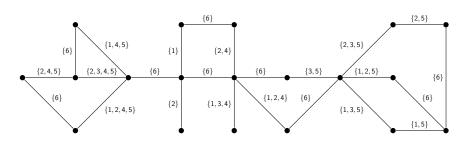
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