

How symmetric do you wish your graph to be?

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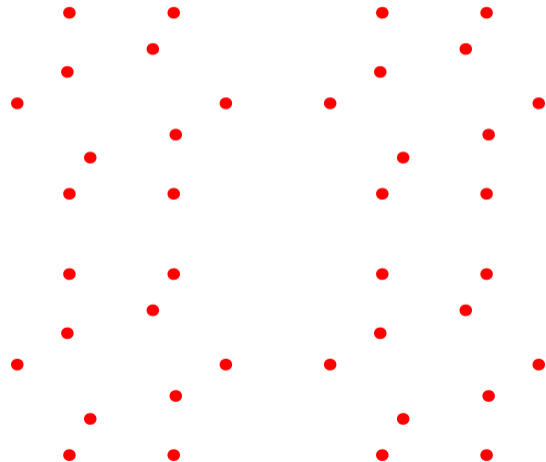
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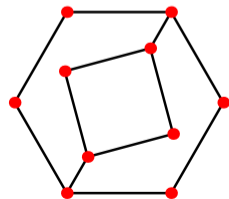
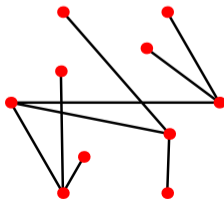
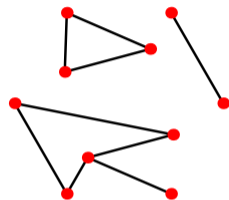
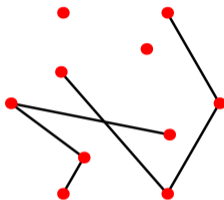
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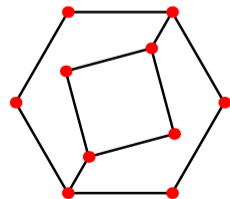
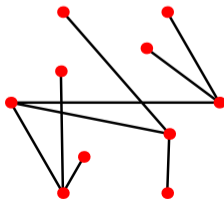
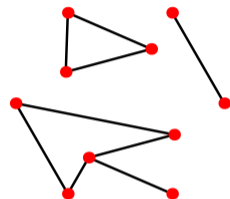
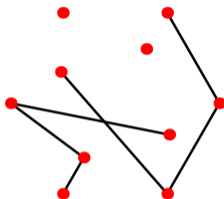
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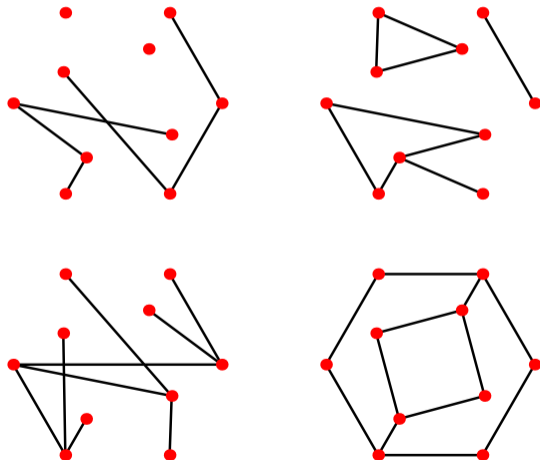
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 $E \subseteq V \times V$ and edges from v back to v
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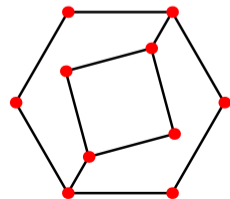
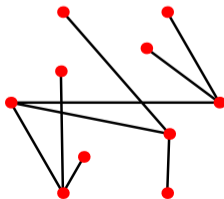
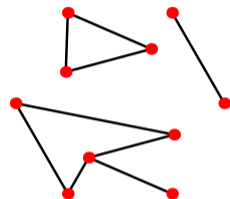
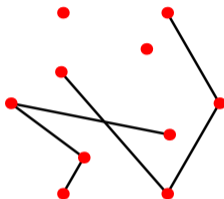
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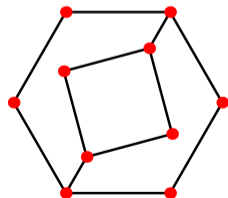
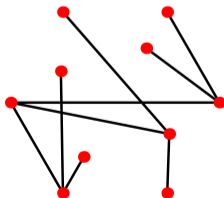
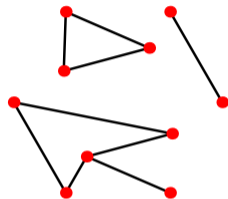
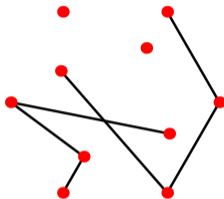
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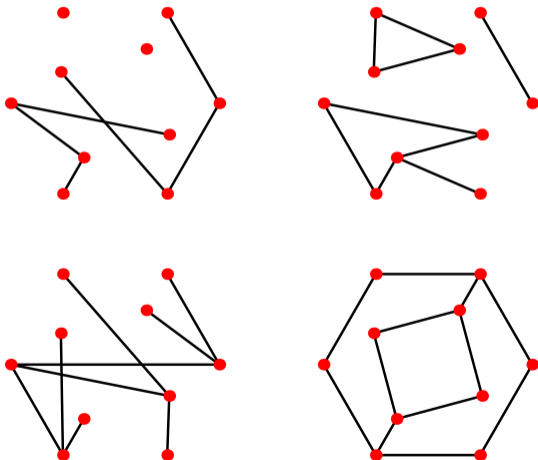
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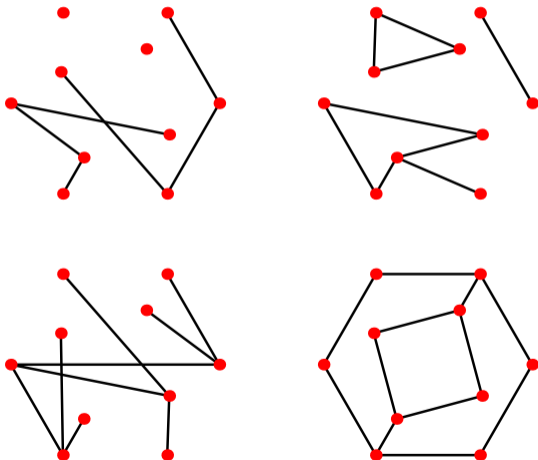


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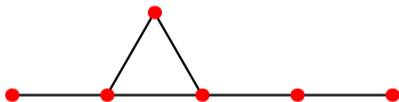
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$$\{u, v\} \in E \Leftrightarrow \{\varphi(u), \varphi(v)\} \in E$$

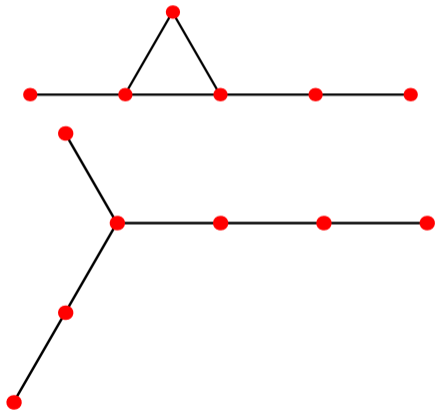


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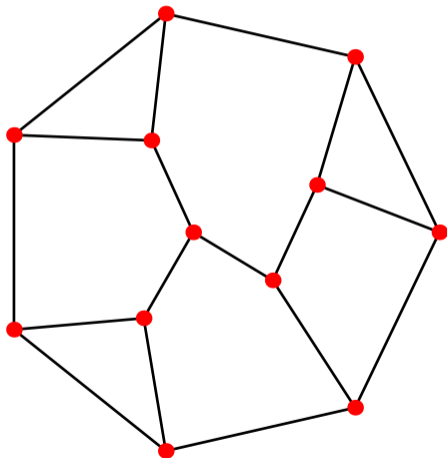
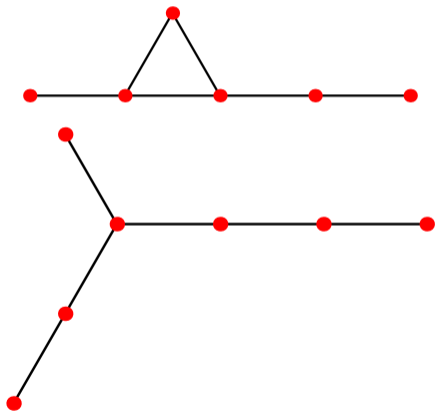
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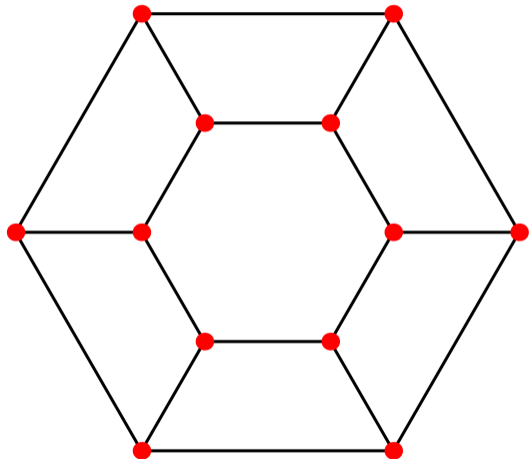


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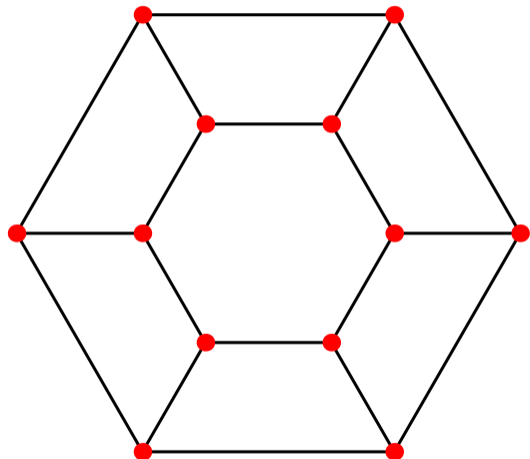


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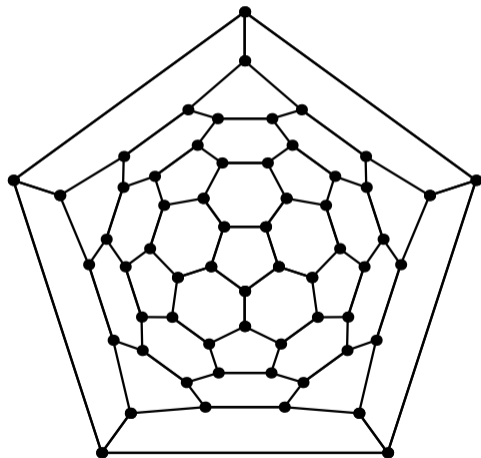
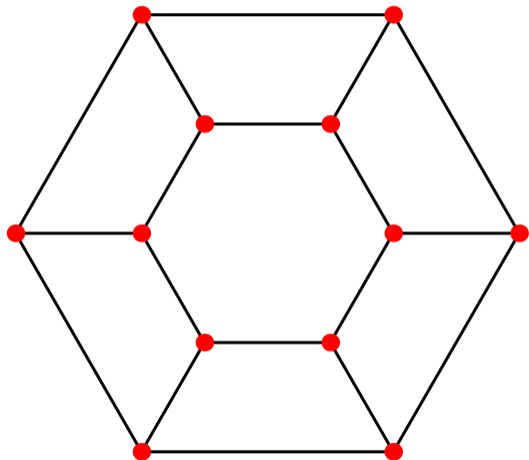
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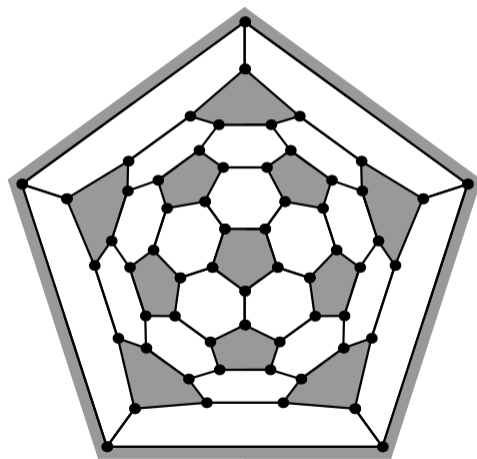
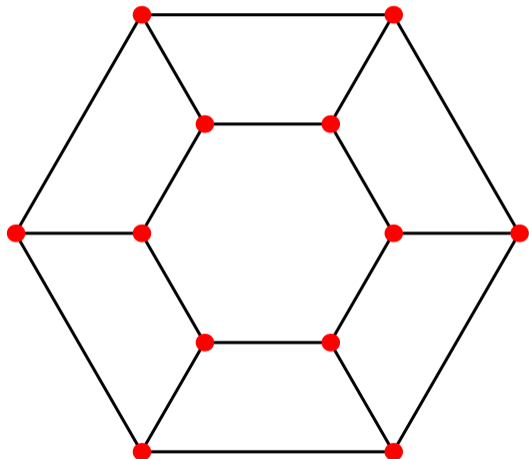
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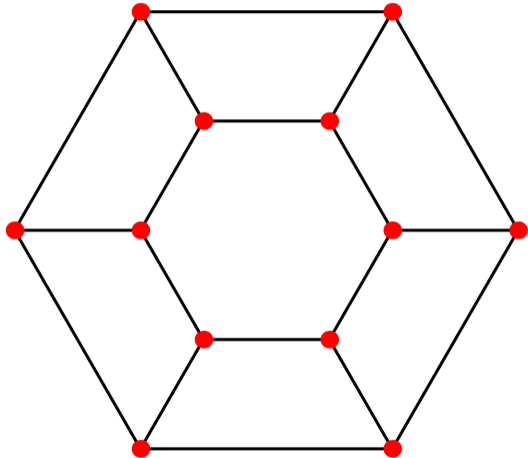
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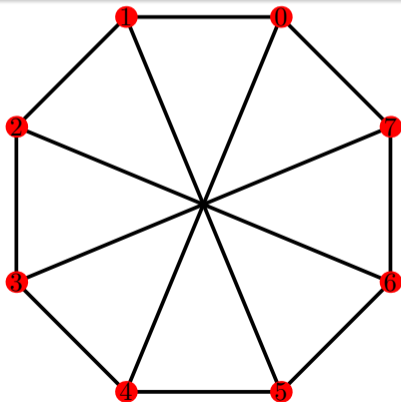


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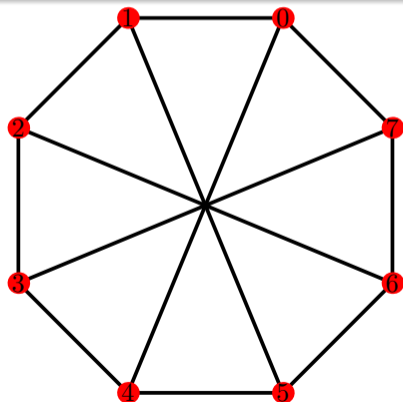
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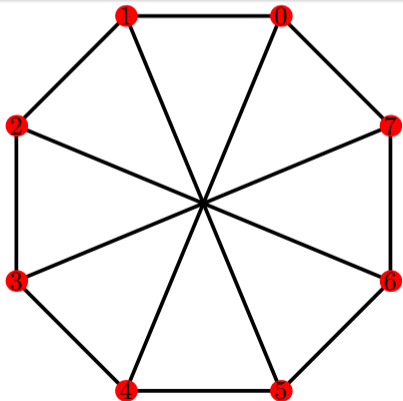


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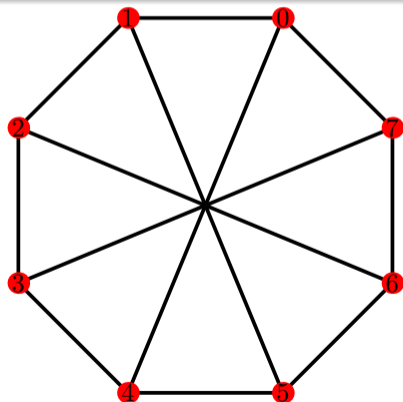


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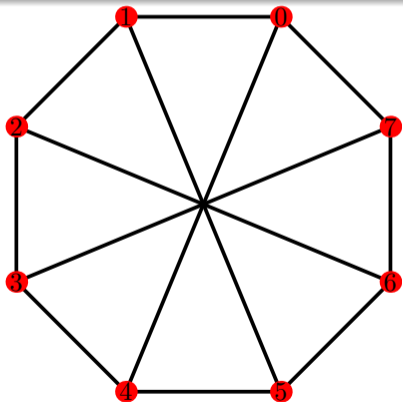


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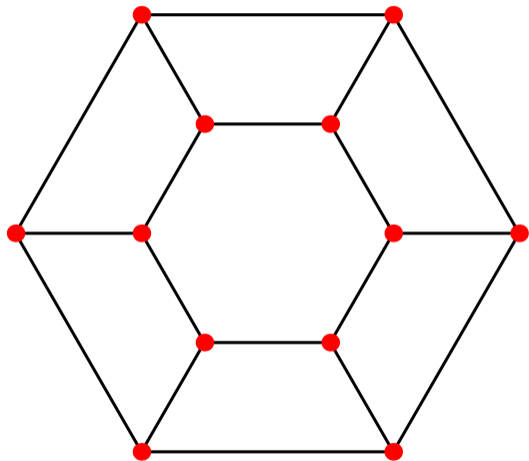
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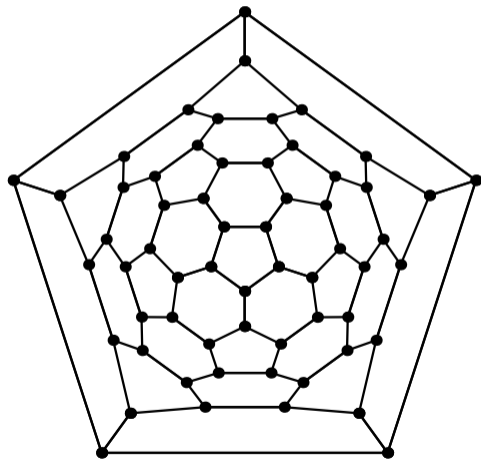
*The set S must not contain e_G and it must be closed under group inverses, i.e. $S = S^{-1}$.

Cayley graph of C_8 with $S = \{1, 4, 7\}$

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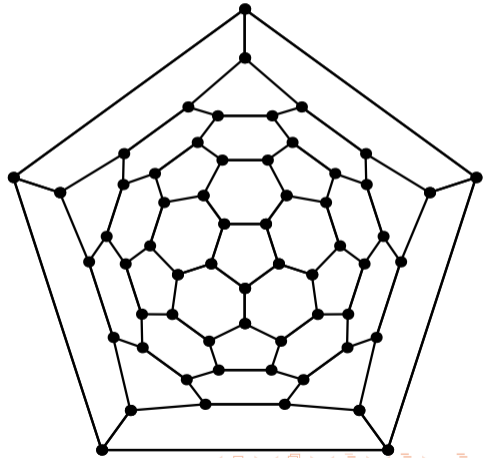
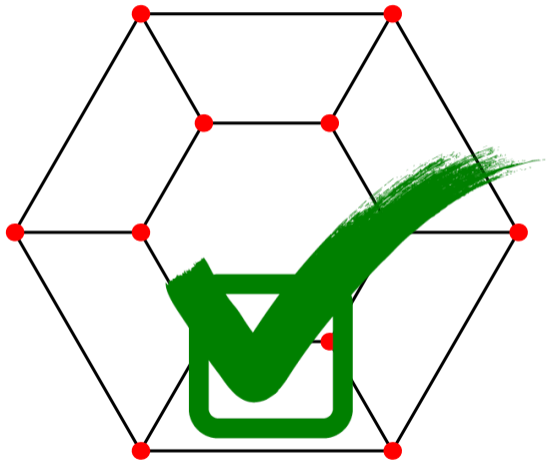


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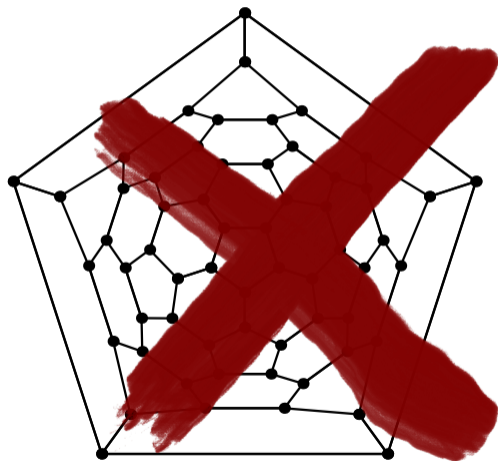
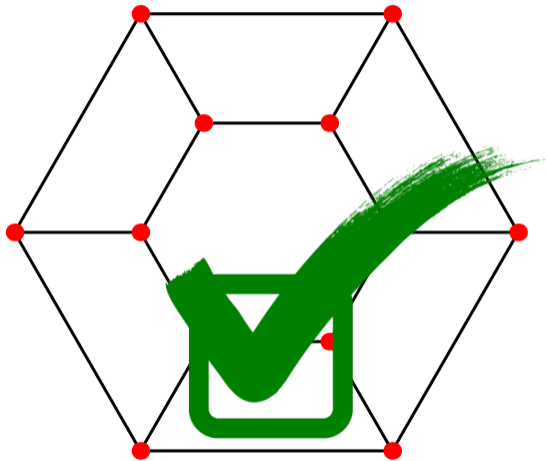


Highly symmetric graphs

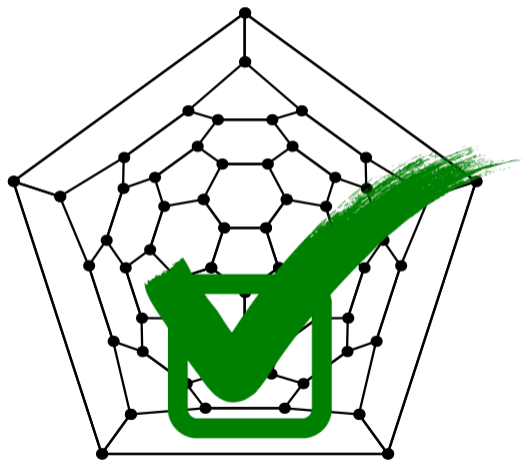
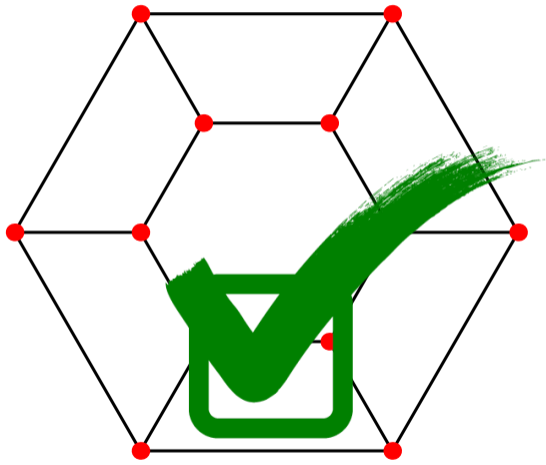
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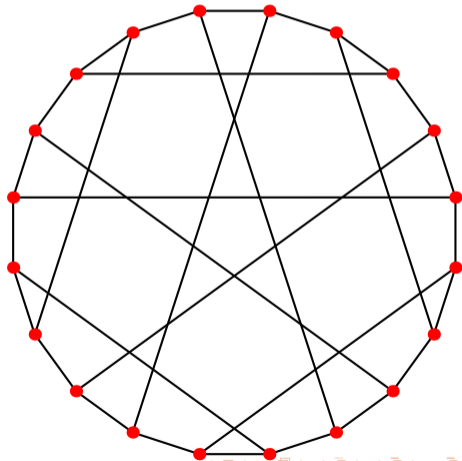
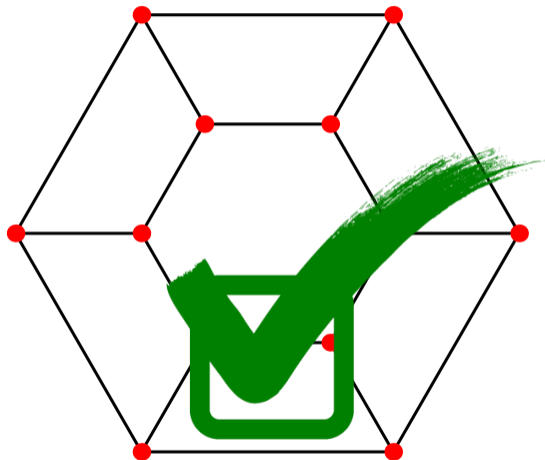
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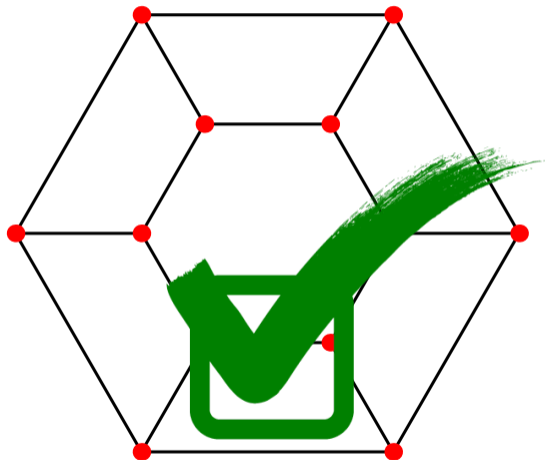
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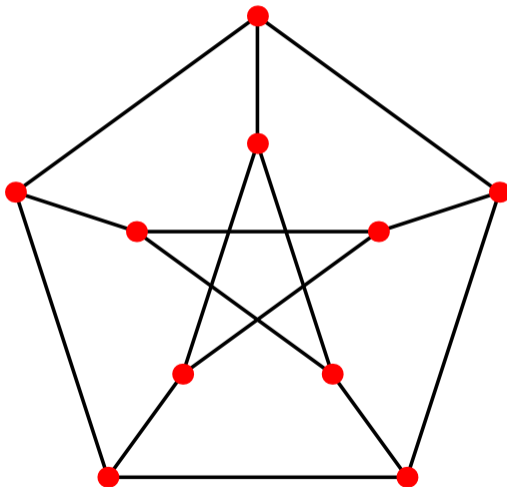
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The most famous “non-Cayley” example



The big picture

Vertex-transitive

Cayley

The image displays several examples of vertex-transitive graphs within a blue oval. The word "Cayley" is written in red. The graphs include: a dodecahedron (top left); a truncated dodecahedron (top right); a dodecahedron with a pentagram inscribed inside (middle left); a dodecahedron with a pentagram and an inner pentagon (middle right); a circular graph with many chords (bottom center); and a dodecahedron with an inner dodecahedron (bottom right). Ellipses (...) are placed below the circular graph and the inner dodecahedron graph.

So... We are done...



... but we can do better!



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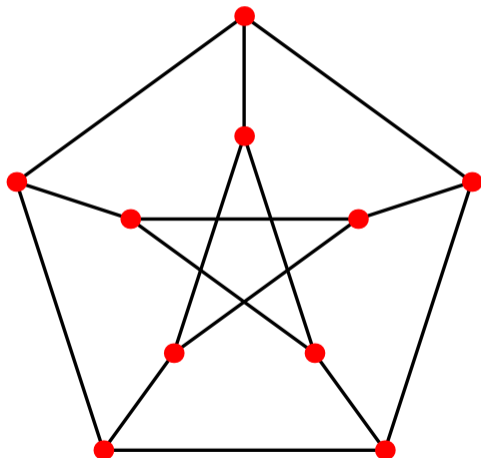
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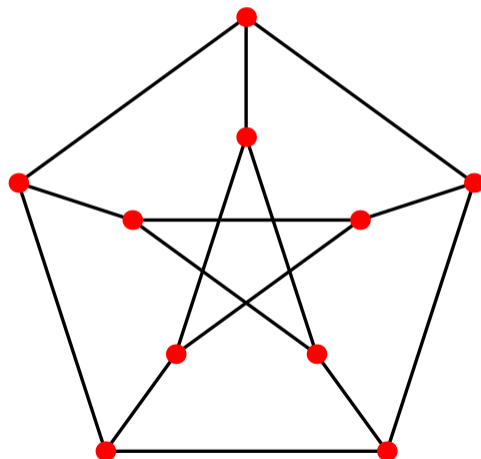
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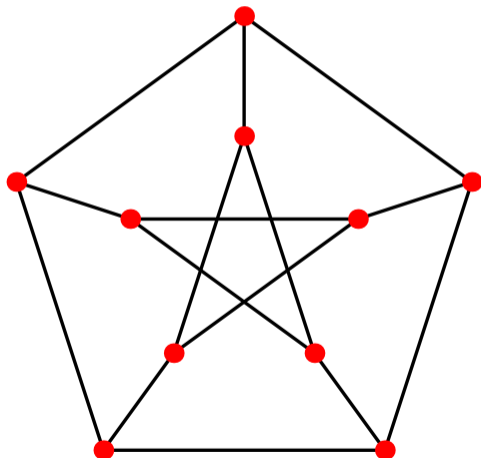
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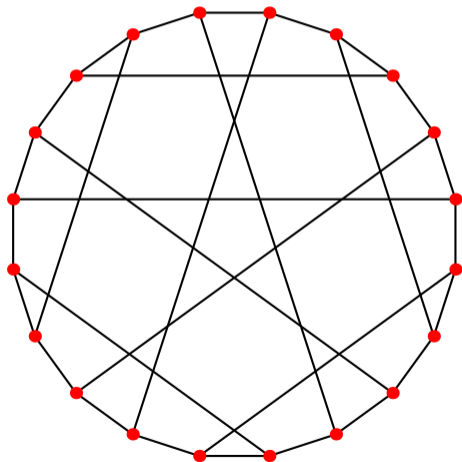
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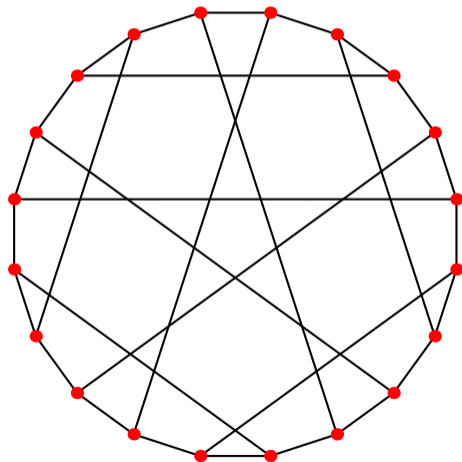
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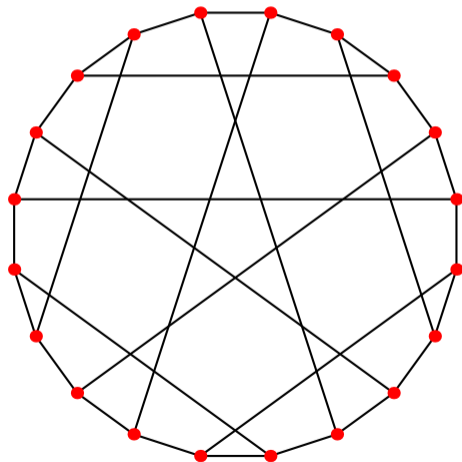
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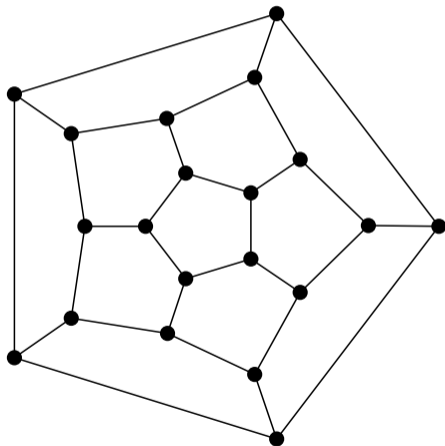
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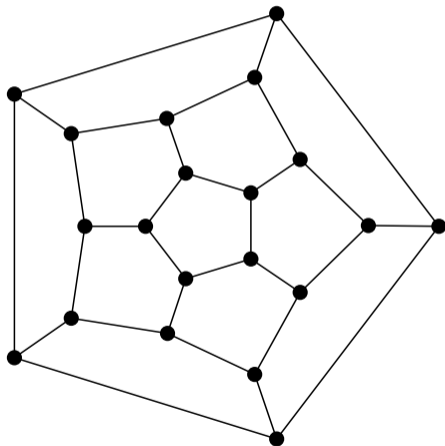
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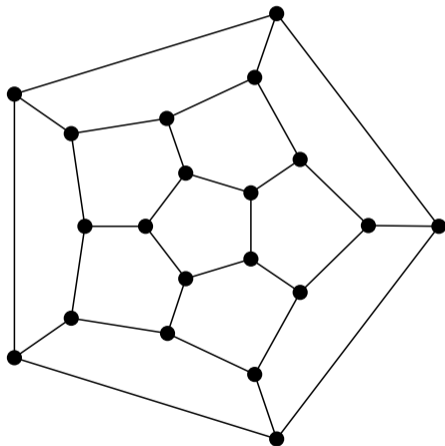
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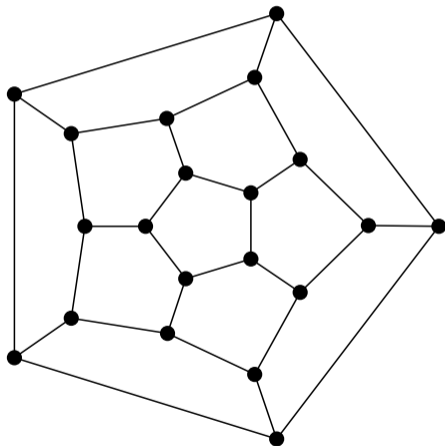
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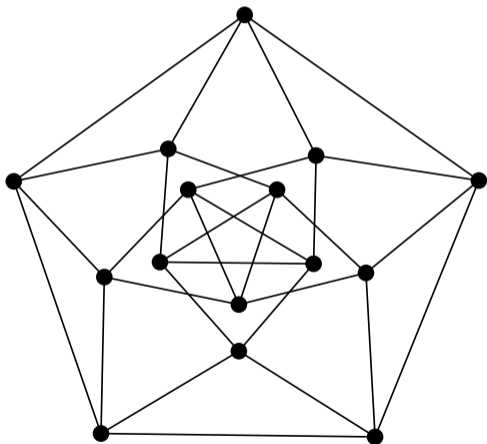
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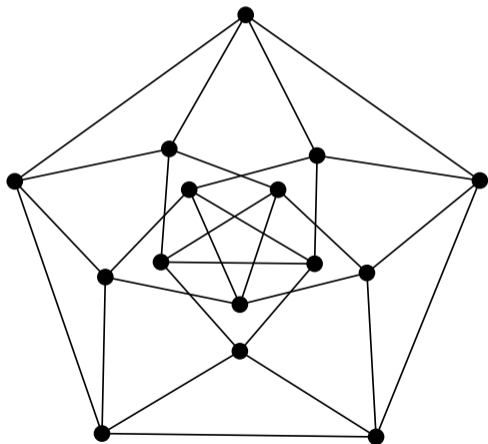
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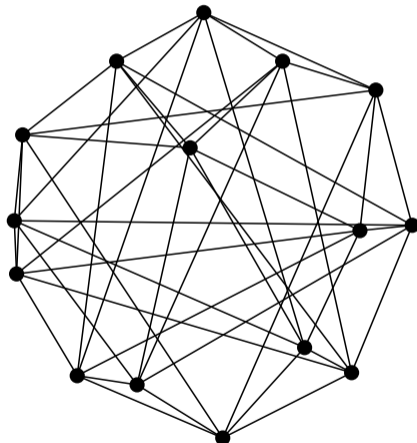
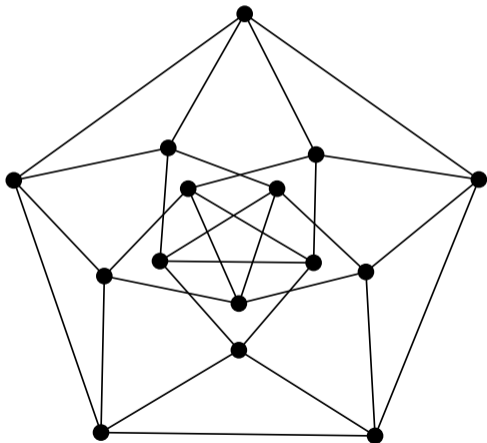
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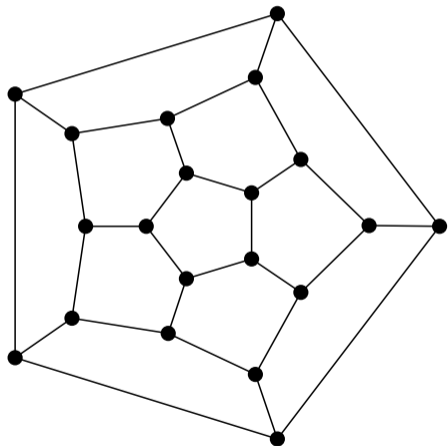
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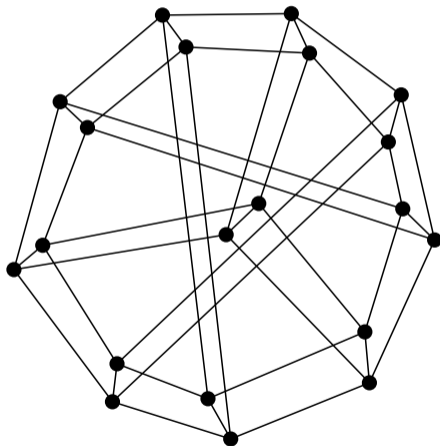
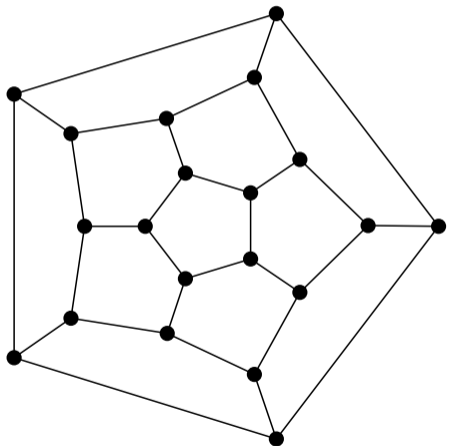
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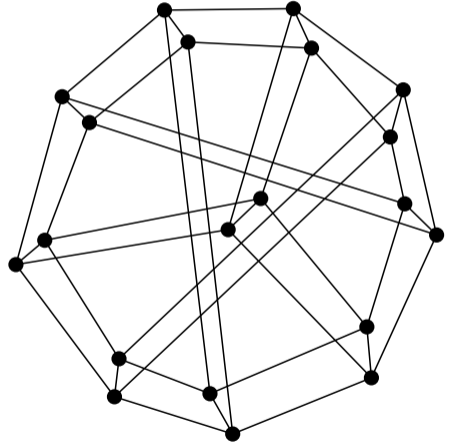
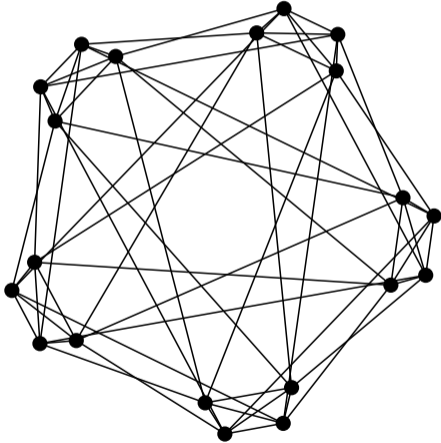
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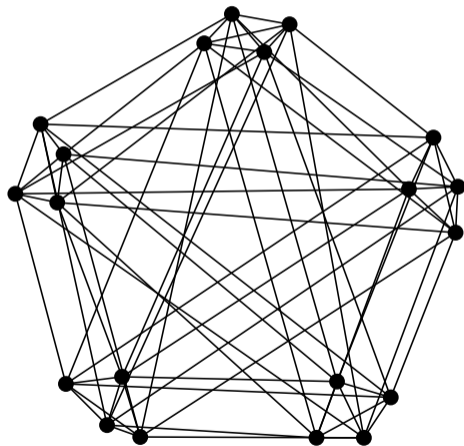
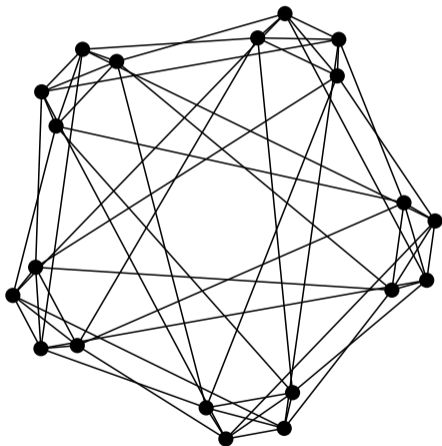
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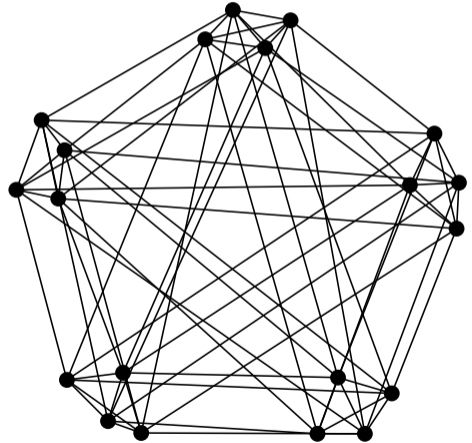
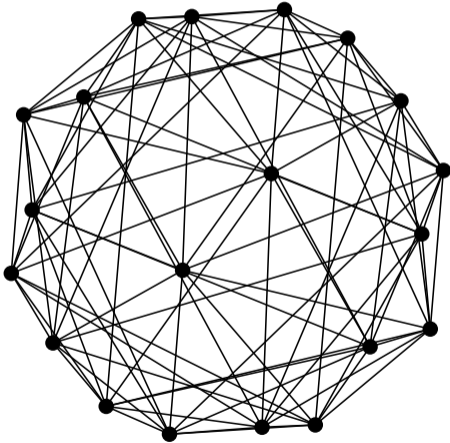
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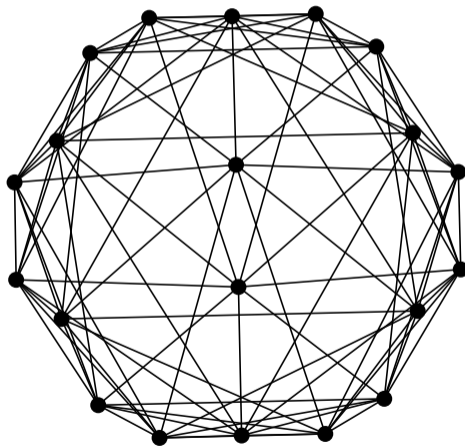
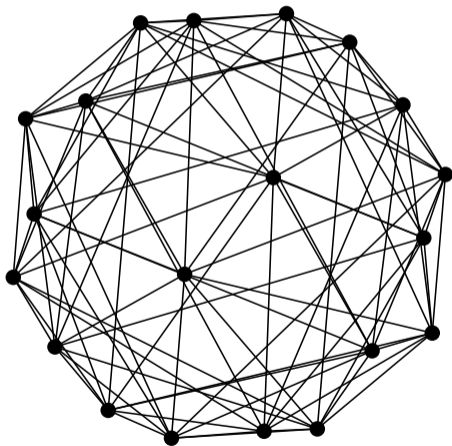
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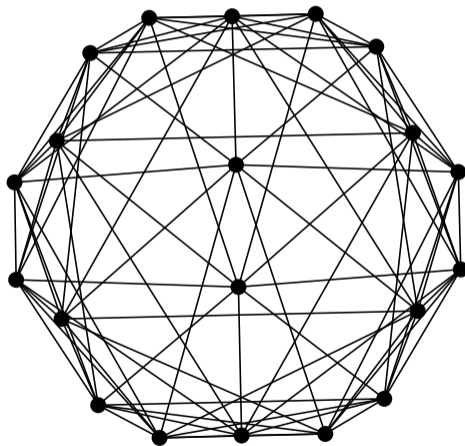
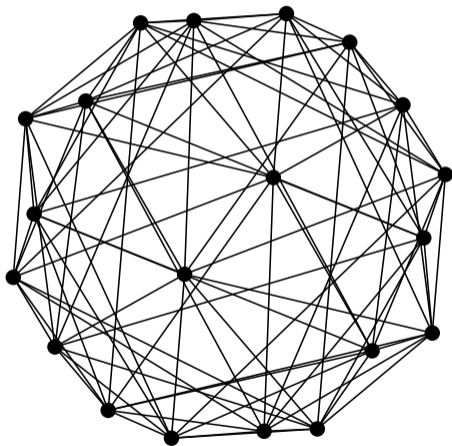
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17	36	1	17	0	0	0
18	380	15	173	2	0	0
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28	25850	?	?	?	?	?
29	1182	1	590	0	0	0
30	46308	?	?	?	?	?

Everyone faces some mountains



That is all I have prepared

Thank you for your attention!

