

# Adjacency relationships forced by graph degree sequences

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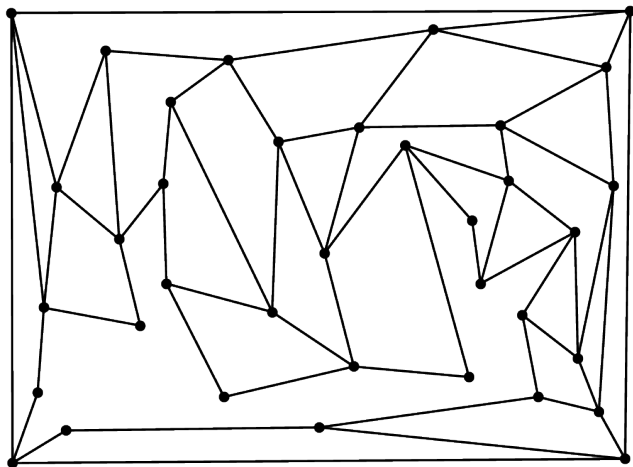
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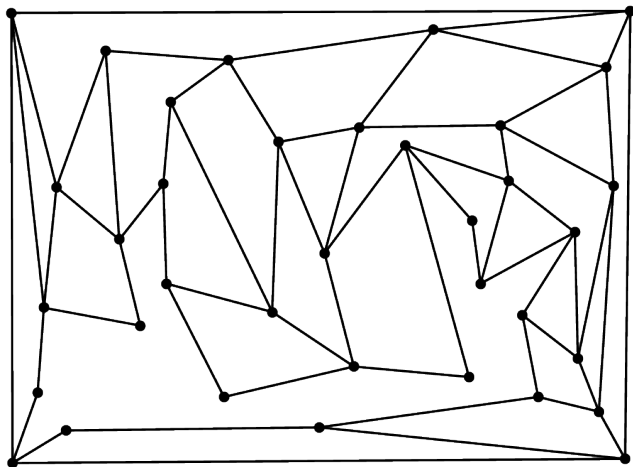
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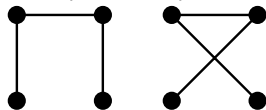


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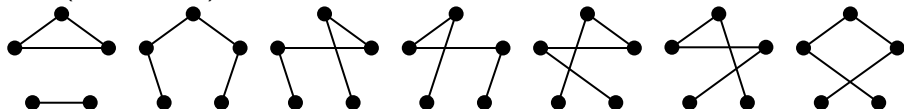


# The question

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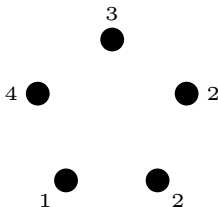
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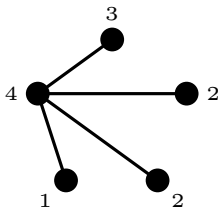
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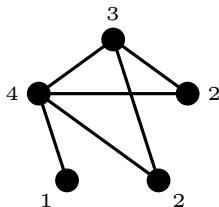
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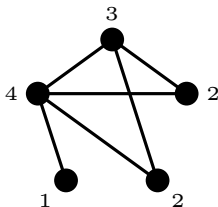
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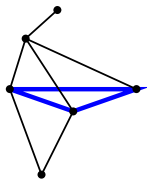
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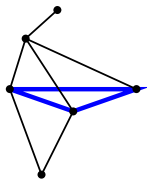
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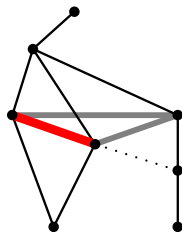
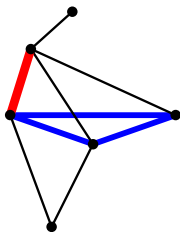
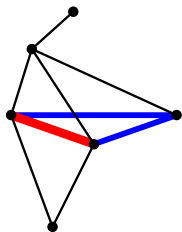
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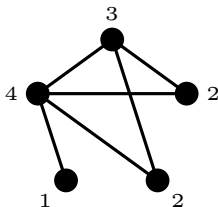
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*Forced edges correspond exactly to three cases:*



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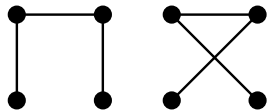
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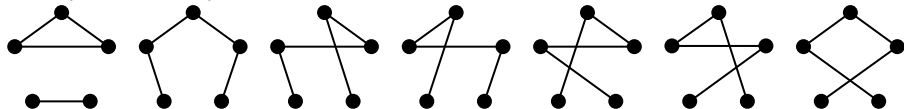
A sequence  $d$  has **no** forcible edges if and only if  
 $\text{RHS}(1) - \text{LHS}(1) \geq 1$  and  $\text{RHS}(k) - \text{LHS}(k) \geq 2$  for all  $k \in \{2, \dots, m\}$ .

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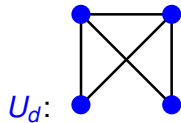
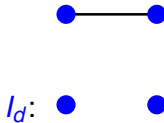
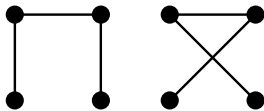
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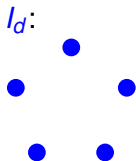
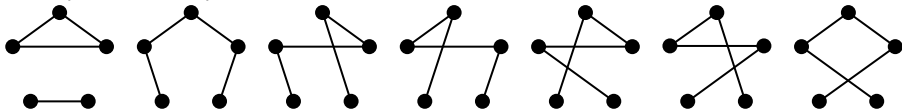


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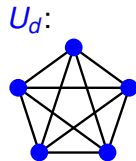


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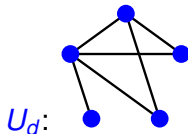
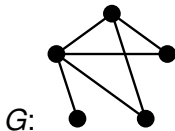
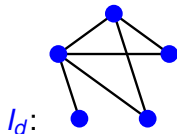
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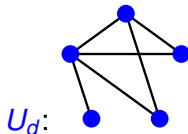
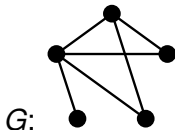
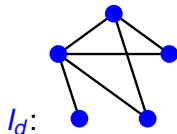
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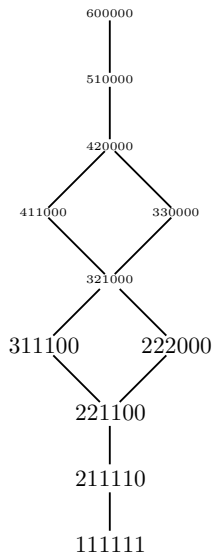
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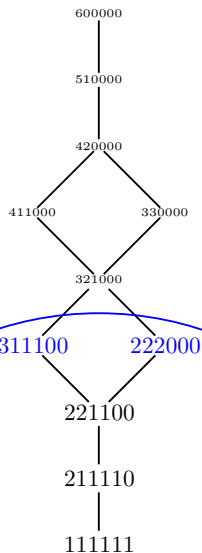
For any degree sequence  $d$ , both  $I_d$  and  $U_d$  are threshold graphs.

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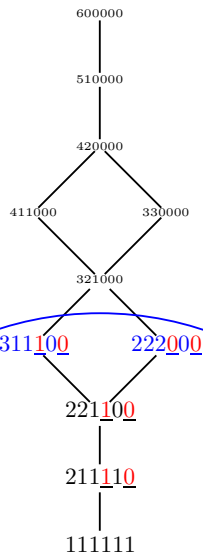
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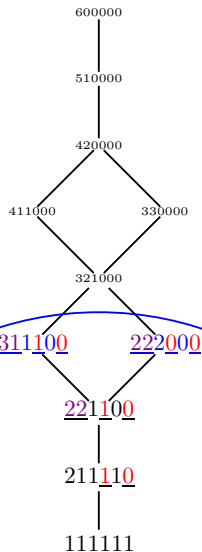
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