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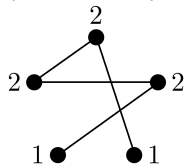
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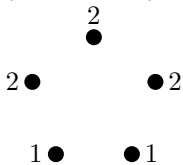
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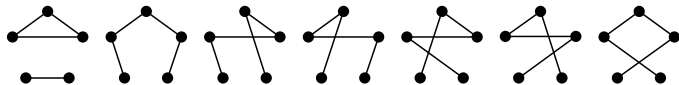
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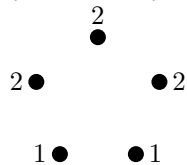


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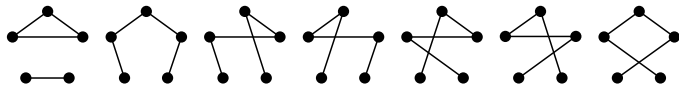


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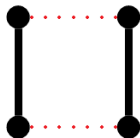
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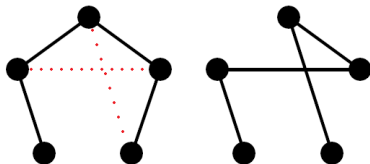
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Alternating 4-cycle



2-switch



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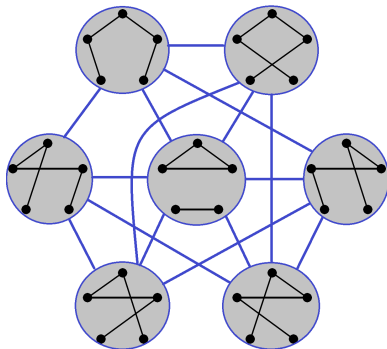
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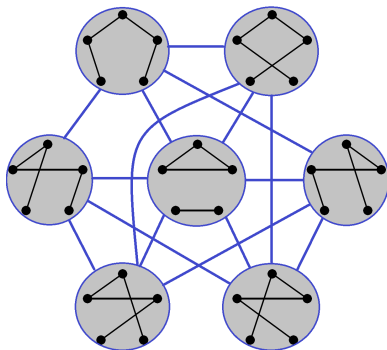
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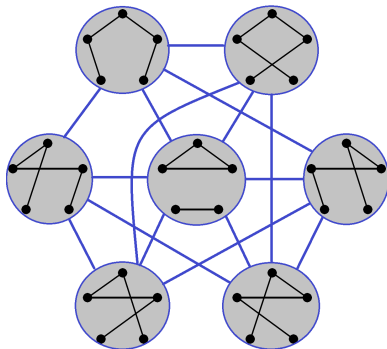


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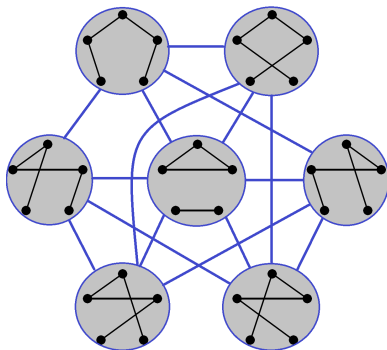
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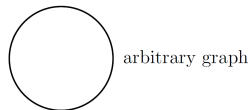
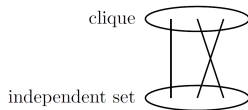
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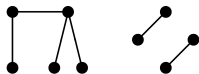
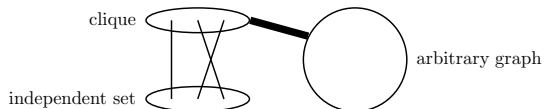
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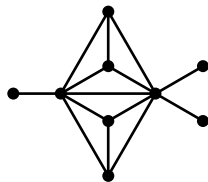
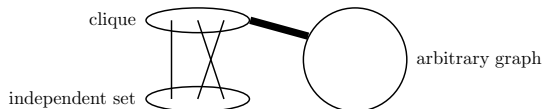
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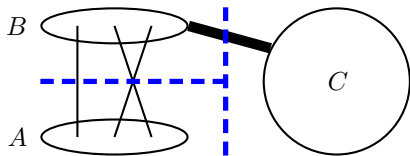
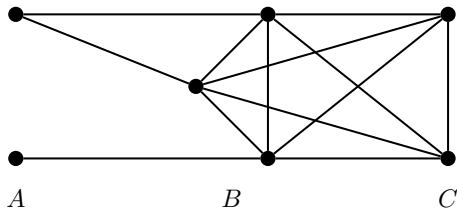
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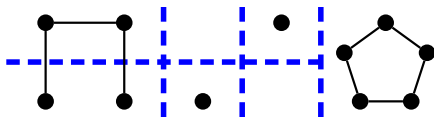
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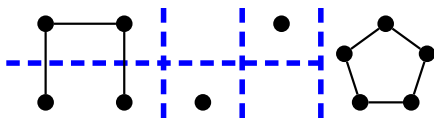
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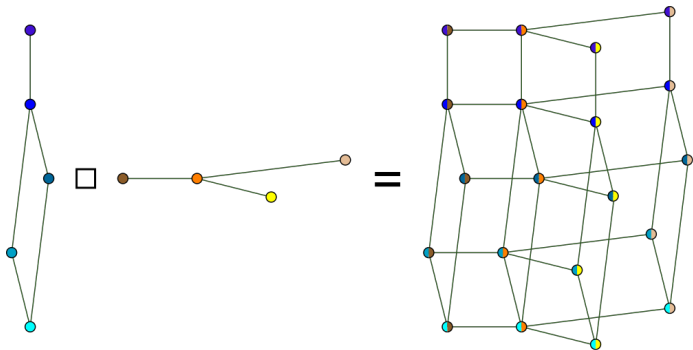
of indecomposable components. Here the (G_i, A_i, B_i) are indecomposable splitted graphs and F_0 is an indecomposable graph. This decomposition is unique up to isomorphism of components.

Cartesian products of graphs

$$V(G \square H) = V(G) \times V(H),$$

$$E(G \square H) = \{\text{pairs } (u, v), (u, w) \text{ such that } v \leftrightarrow w \text{ in } H\}$$

$$\cup \{\text{pairs } (x, y), (z, y) \text{ such that } x \leftrightarrow z \text{ in } G\}$$



Realization graph products

(B, 2016)

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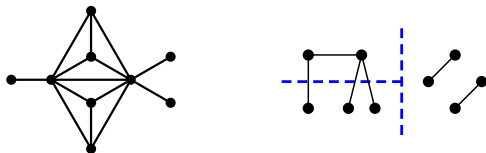
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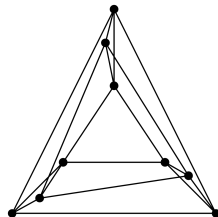
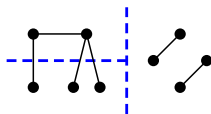
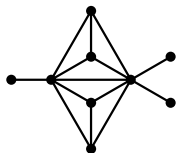
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Theorem

Let d be a degree sequence. The realization graph $R(d)$ is a hypercube if and only if d is the degree sequence of a split P_4 -reducible graph.

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Corollary

If each of $R(\deg(G_k)), \dots, R(\deg(G_0))$ is Hamiltonian, then $R(d)$ is Hamiltonian as well.

Induced subgraphs and realization graphs

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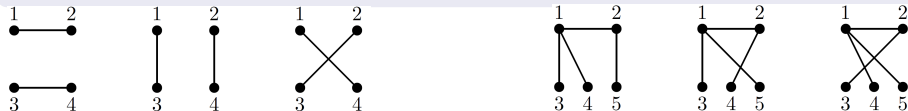
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Realizations form a WQO under the induced subgraph order. In other words, in any infinite list of realization graphs, one of them is an induced subgraph of some other.

$R(d_1)$ $R(d_2)$ $R(d_3)$...

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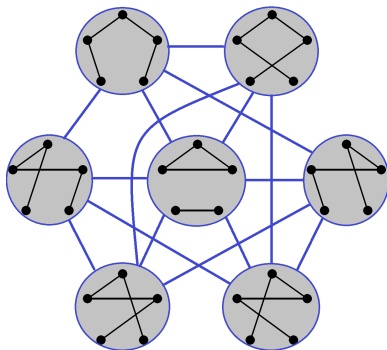
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The following are equivalent for a degree sequence d :

- $R(d)$ is bipartite;
- $R(d)$ is triangle-free;
- $R(d)$ is the Cartesian product of transposition graphs and at most one copy of $K_{6,6} - 6K_2$;
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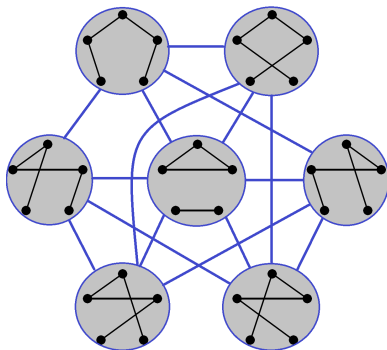
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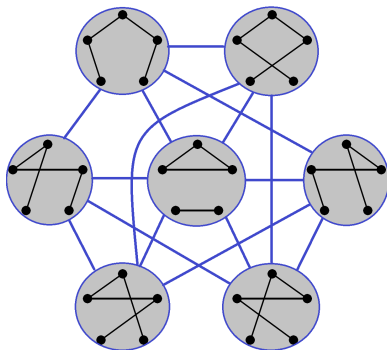
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