

Graphs on 21 edges that are 2-apex

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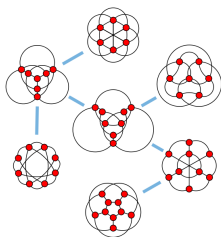


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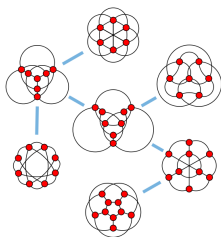


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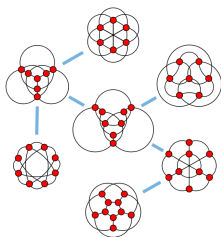


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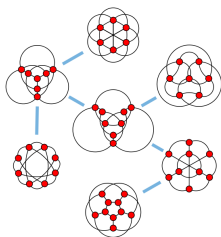


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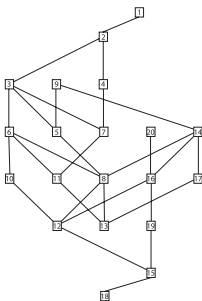


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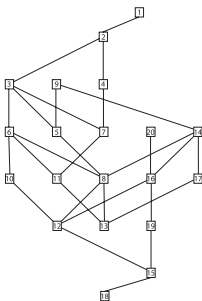


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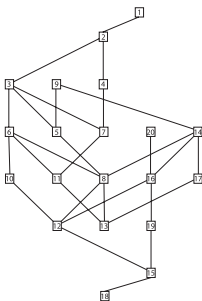


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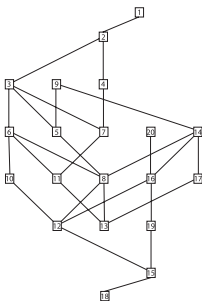


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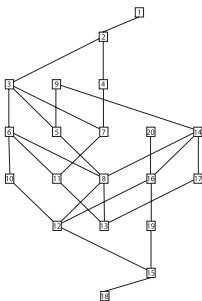


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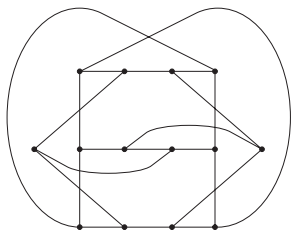


Figure: The Heawood graph, C_{14}

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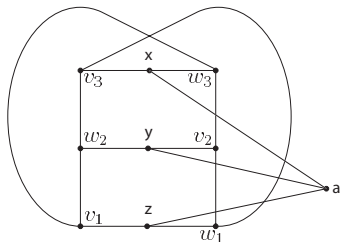


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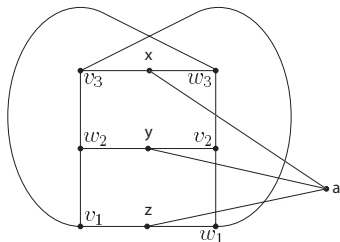


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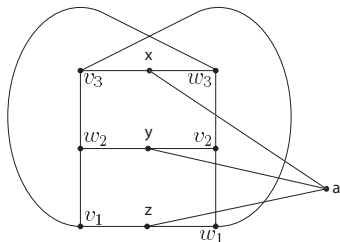


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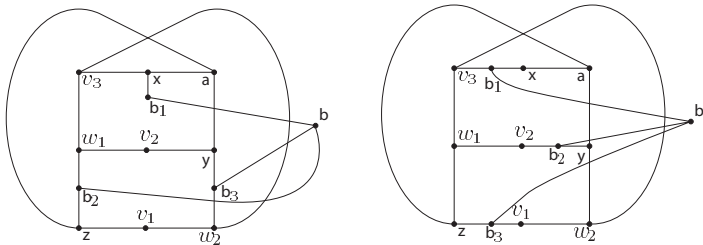


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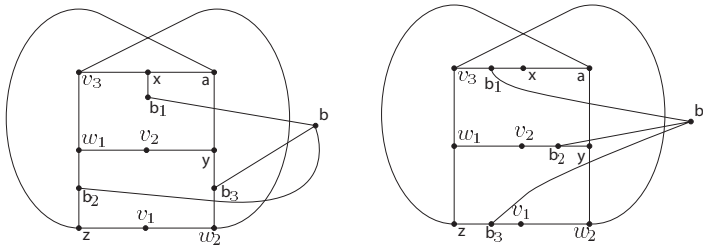


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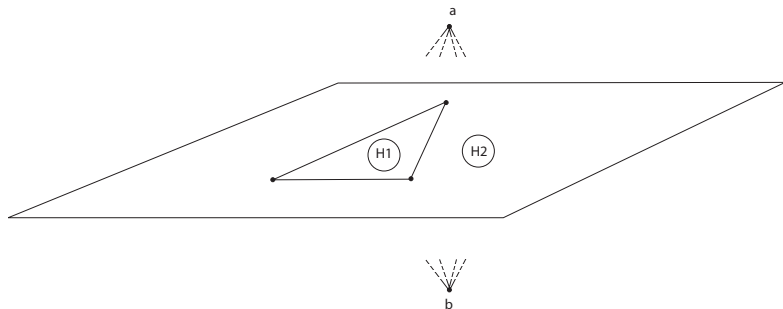


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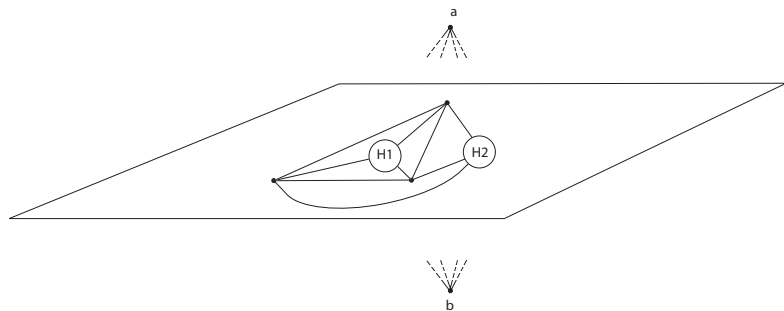
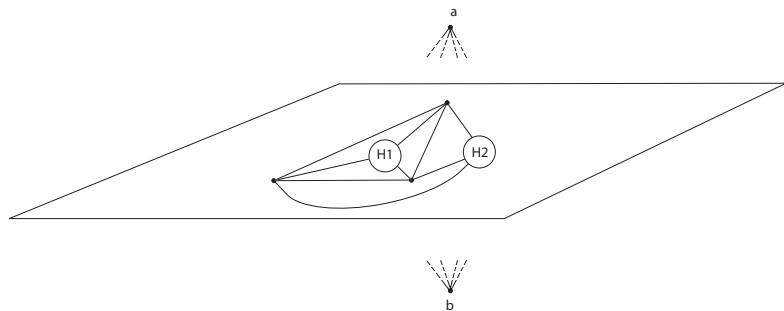
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