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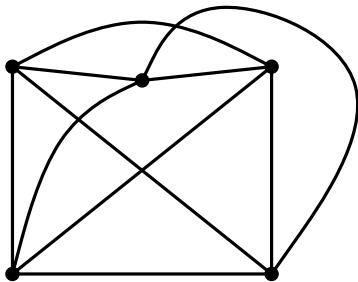
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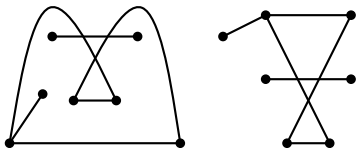
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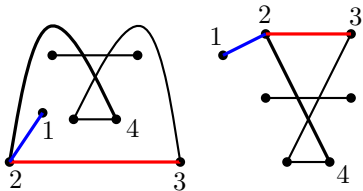
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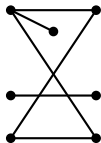
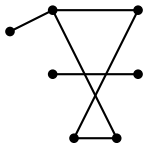
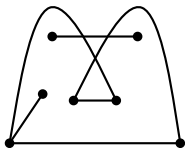
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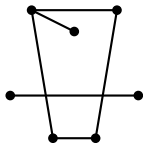
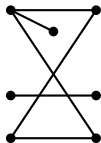
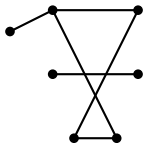
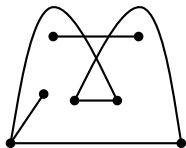
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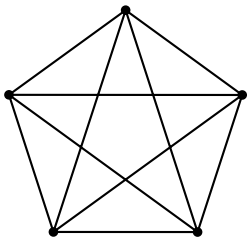
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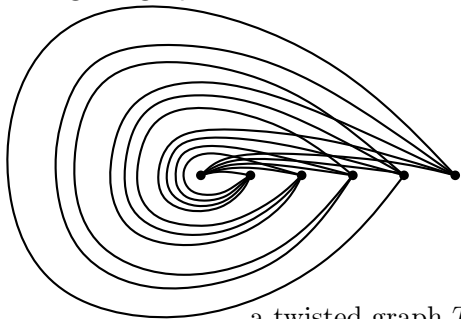
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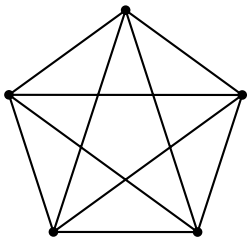
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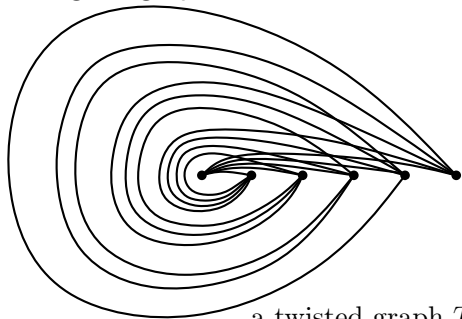
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- an upper bound on the size of a set of permutations with bounded VC-dimension (J. Cibulka and JK, 2012)

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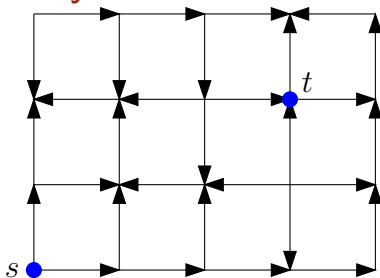
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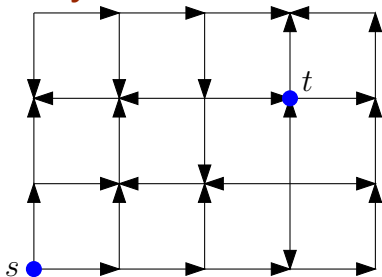


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