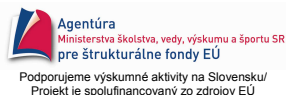


Enforced hamiltonian cycles

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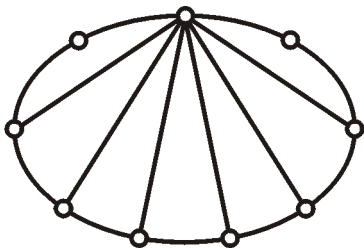
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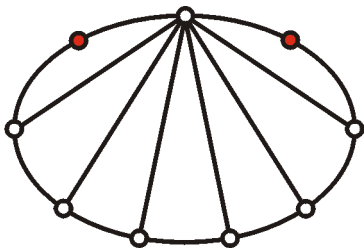
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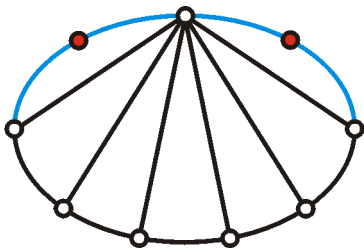
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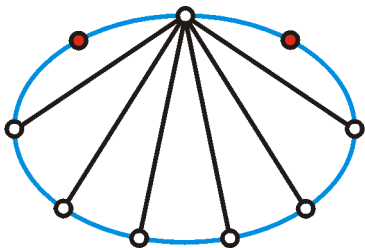
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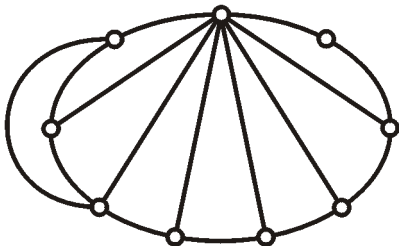
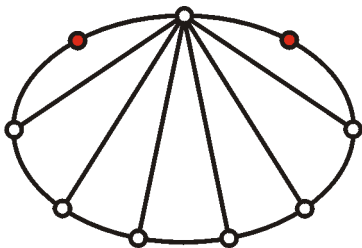
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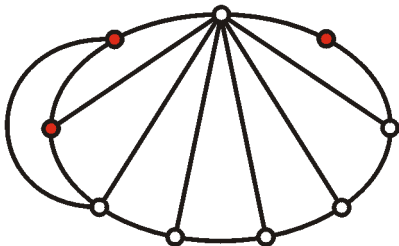
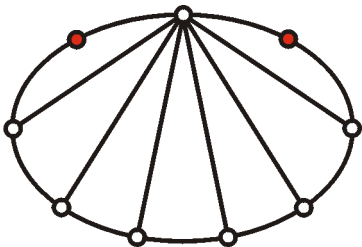


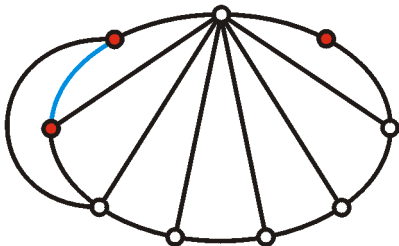
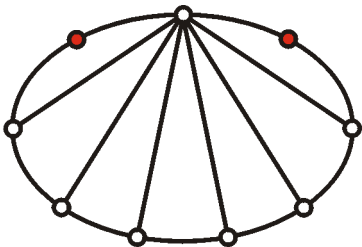


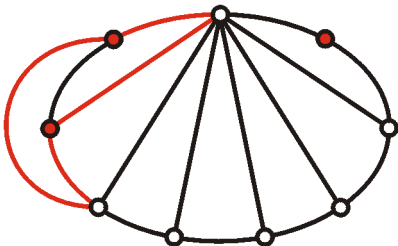
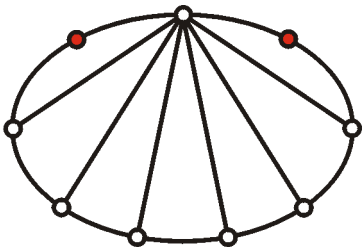


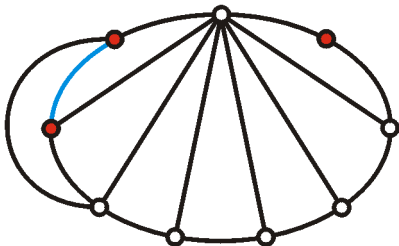
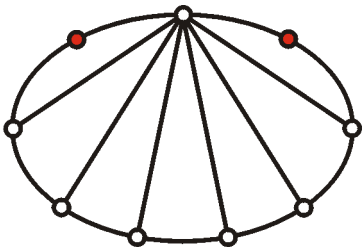


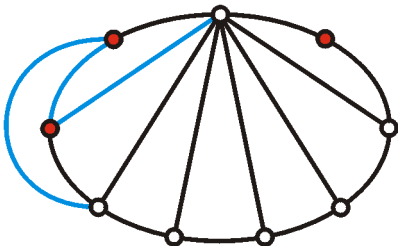
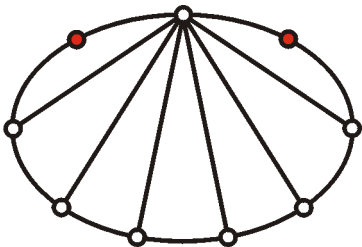


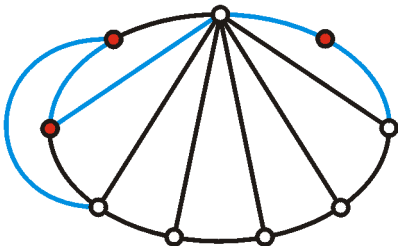
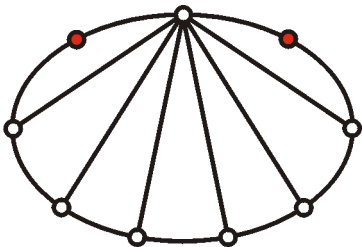


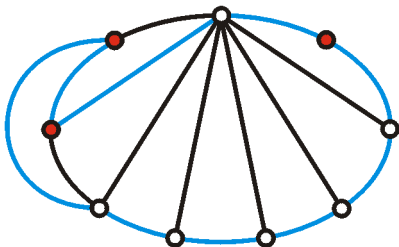
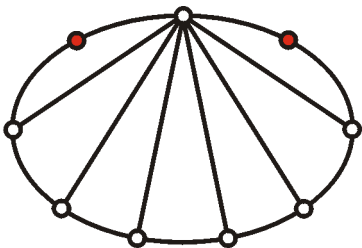


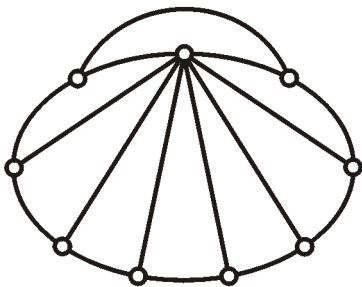
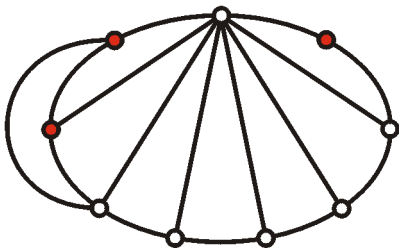
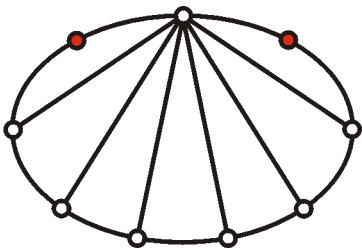


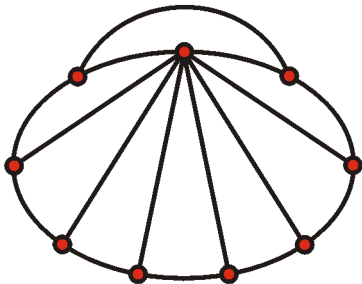
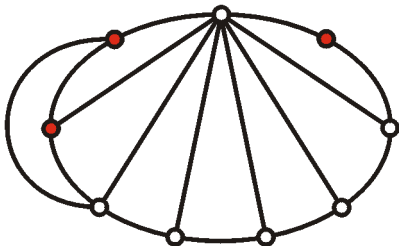
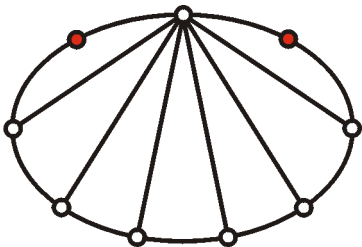












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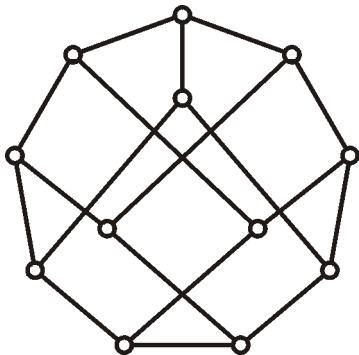
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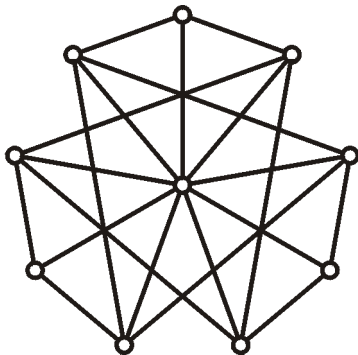
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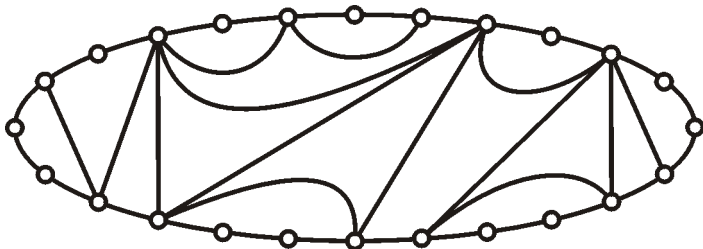
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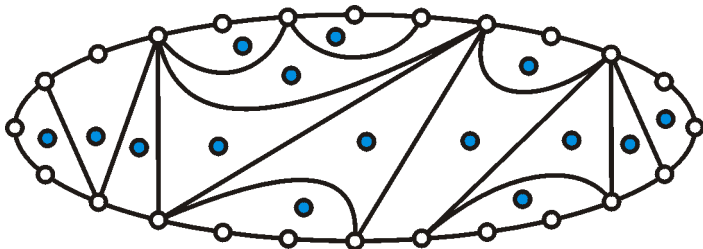
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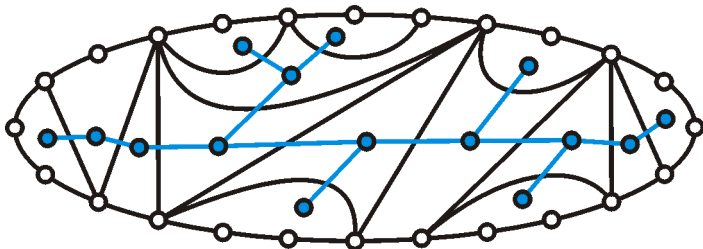
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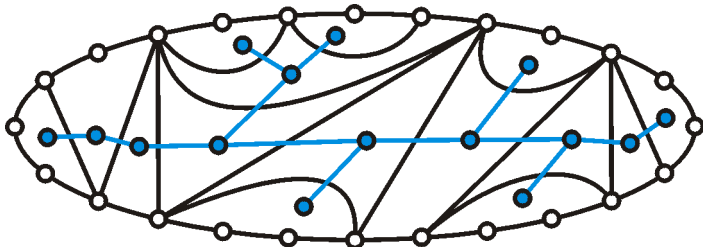
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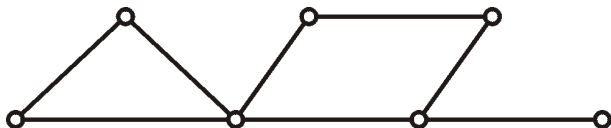
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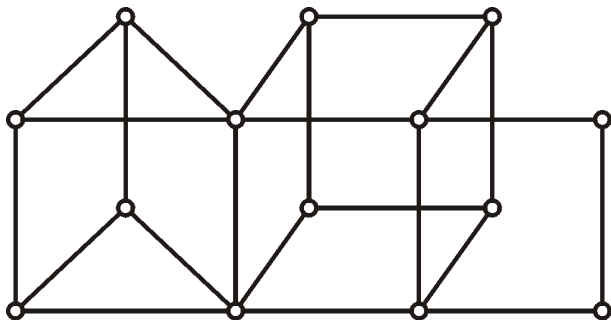
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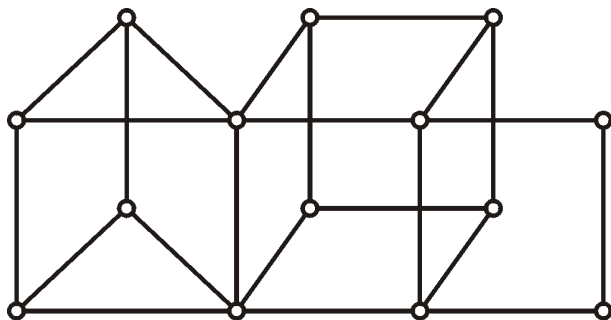
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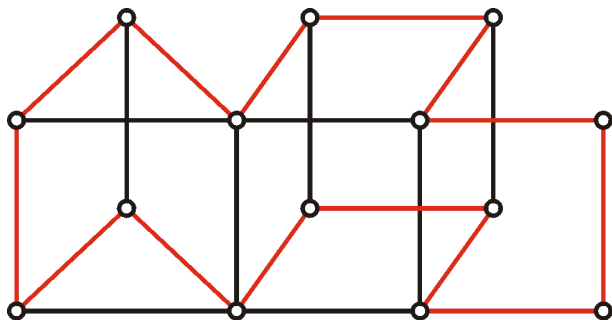
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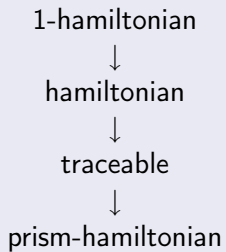
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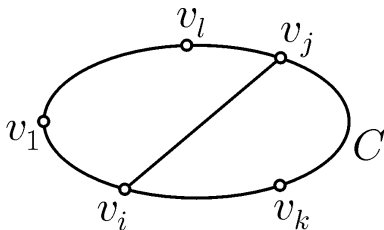
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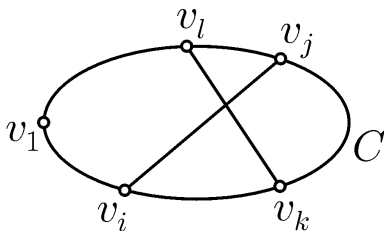
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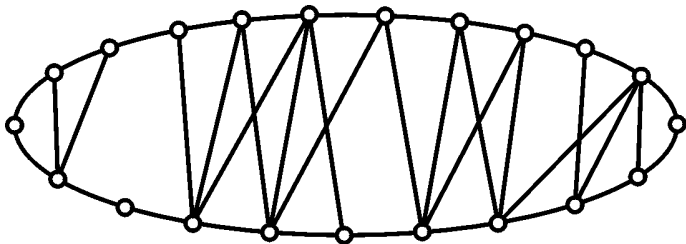
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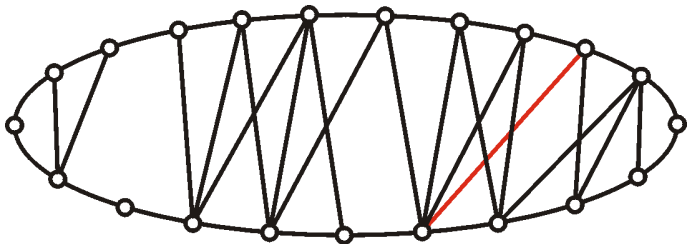
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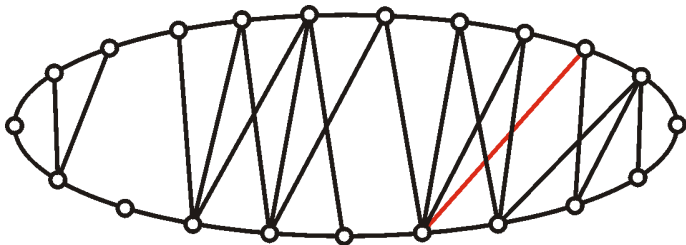
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$h(G) = 2 \Rightarrow \kappa(G) = 2$ and G planar

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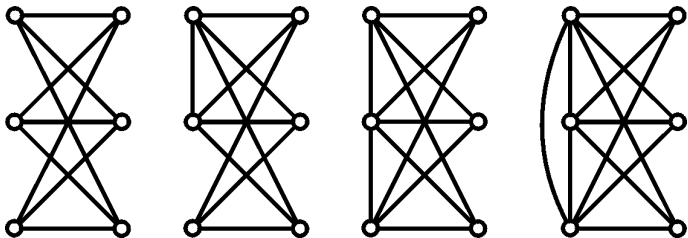
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Thank you.