



# On Colourability of Polygon Visibility Graphs

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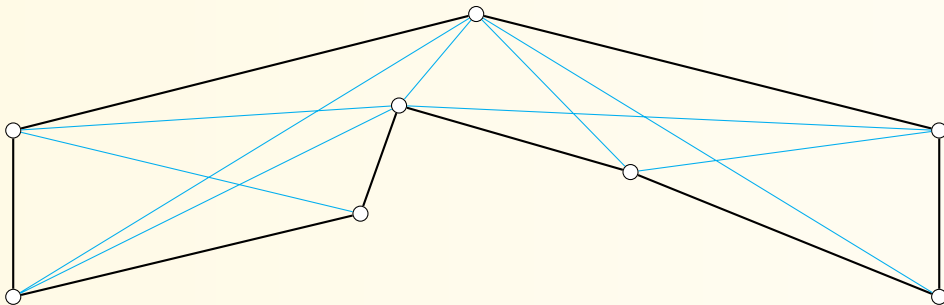
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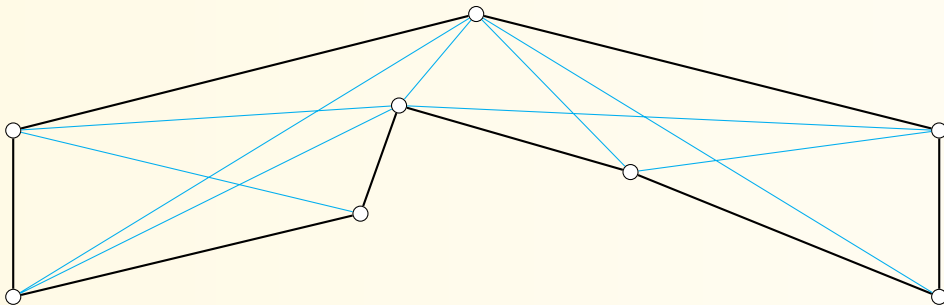
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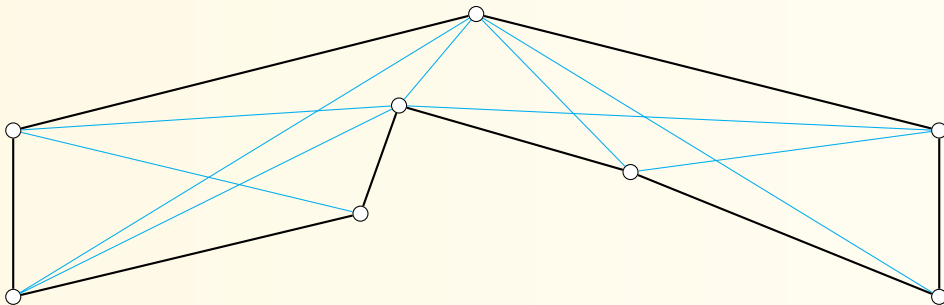
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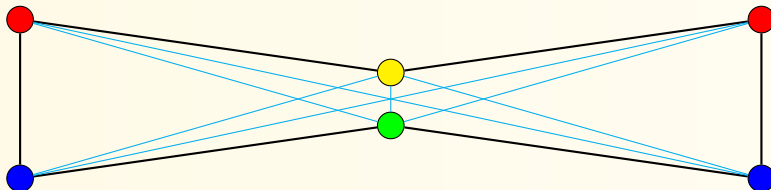


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- and more recent *conflict-free chromatic guarding* problems. . .

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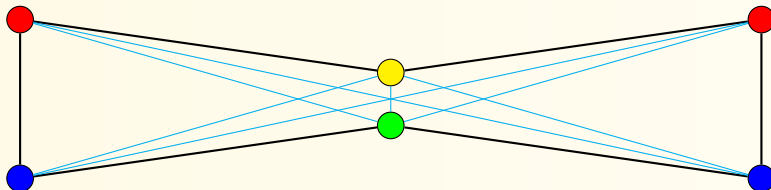
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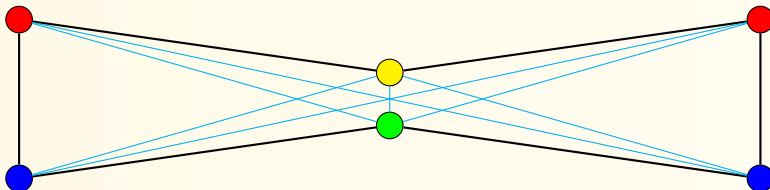
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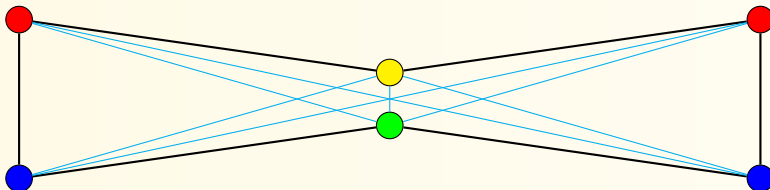


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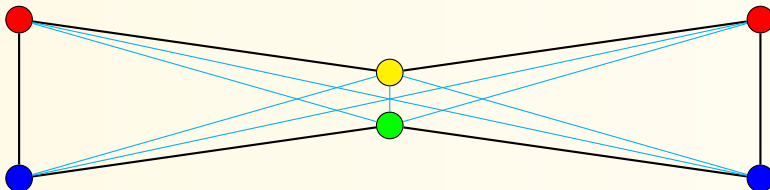
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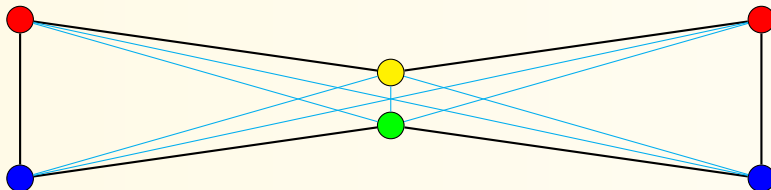
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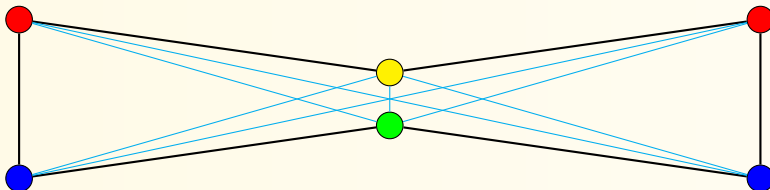
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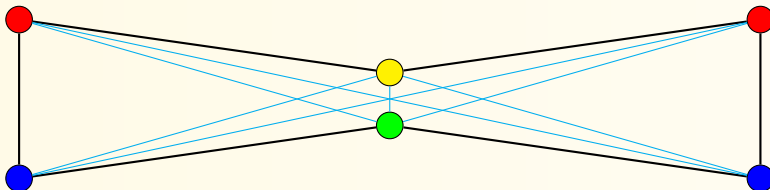
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  - 1995 [Lin and Skiena] complexity of  $k$ -colouring as open problem.

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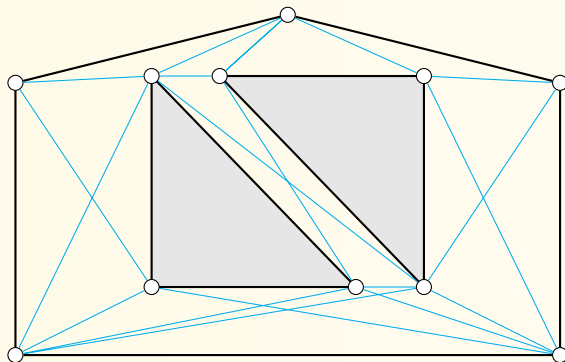
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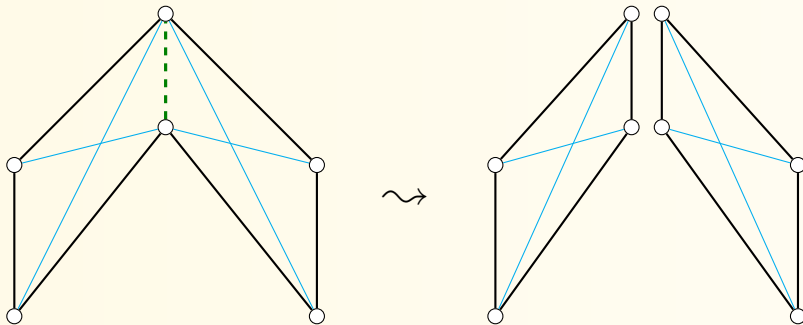
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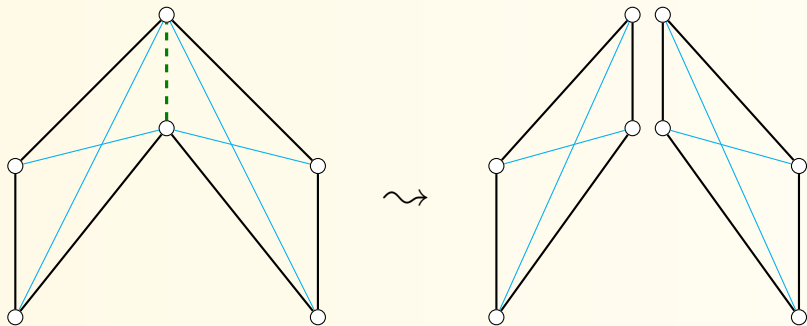
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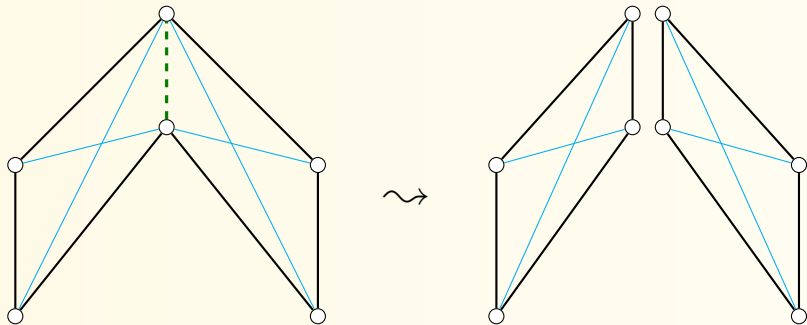
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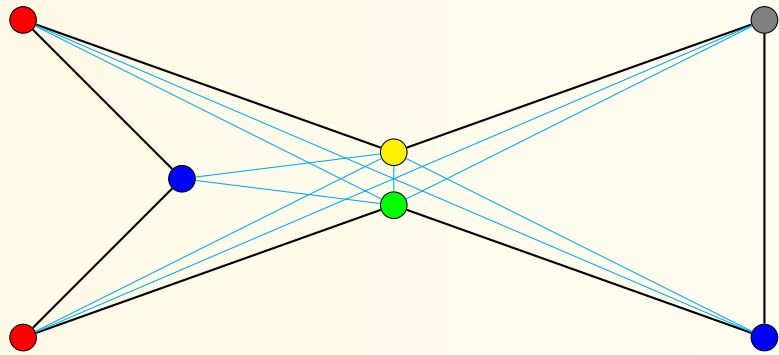
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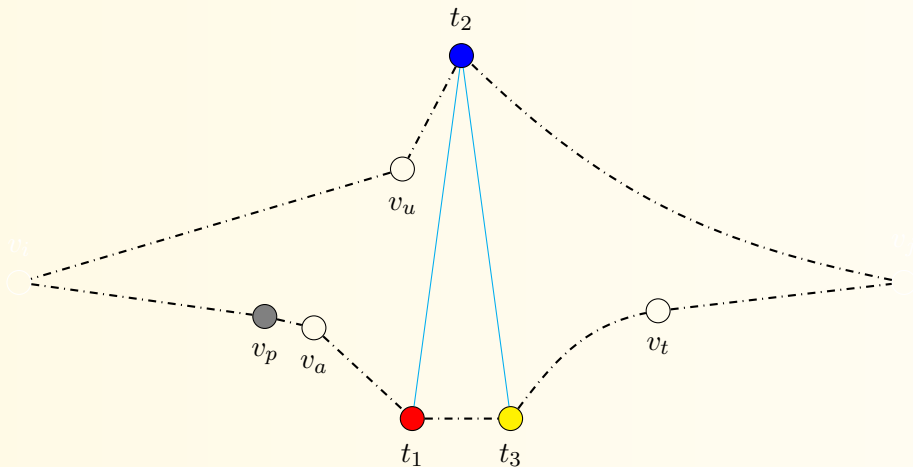
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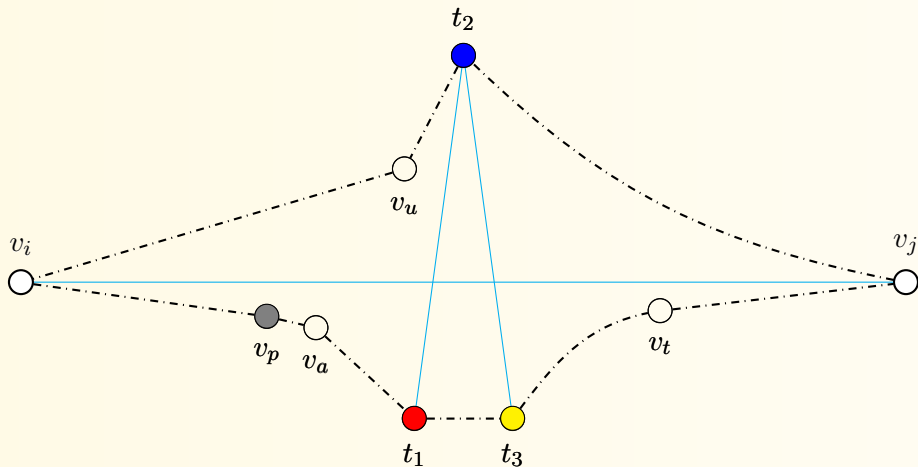
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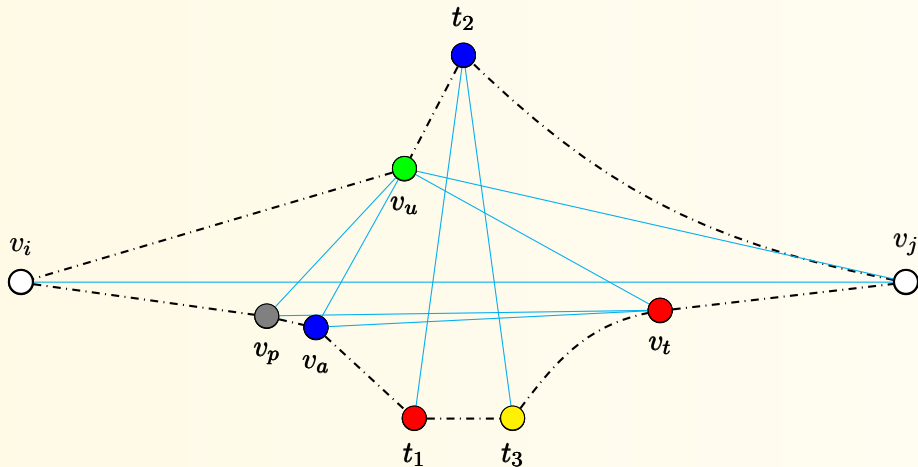
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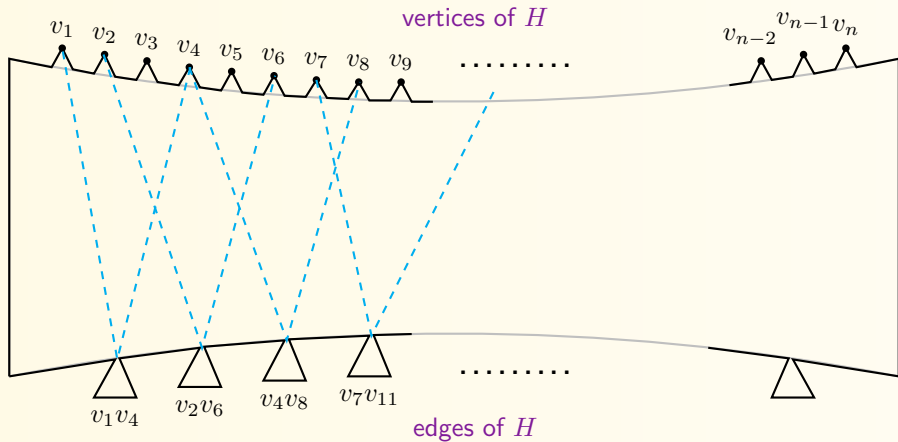
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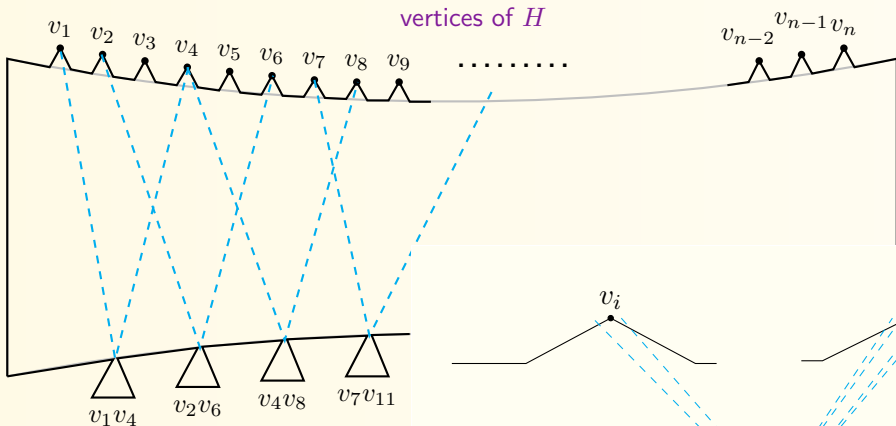
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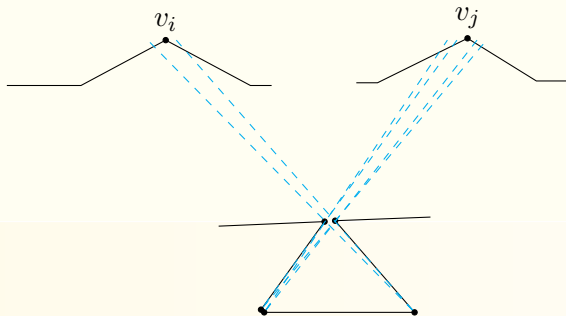


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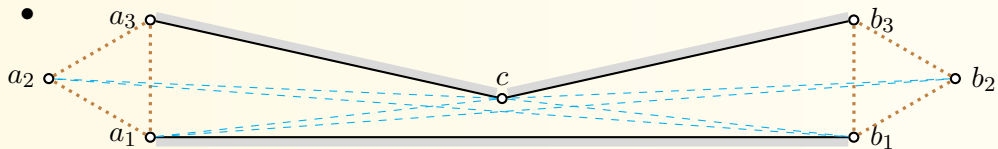
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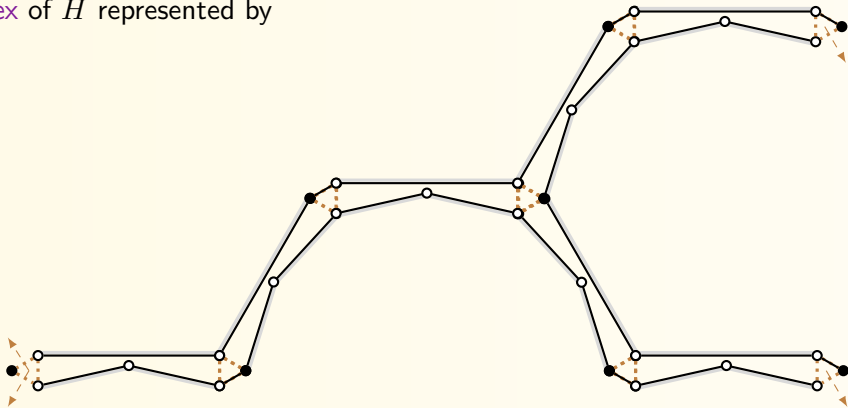


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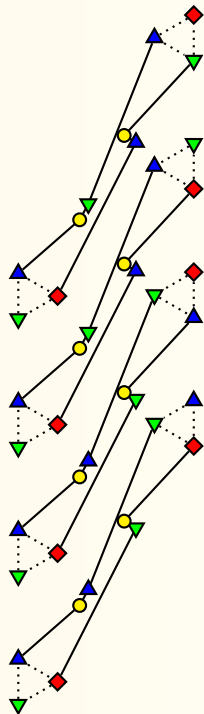
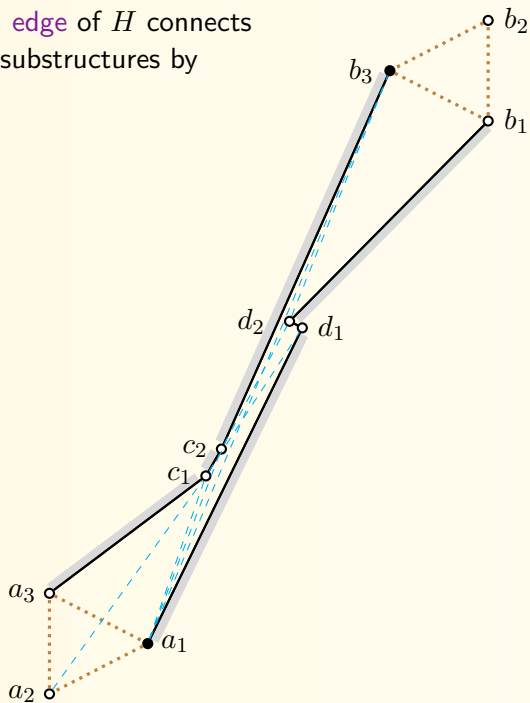


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- Full details [arXiv:1904.08624](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.08624).

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