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EXAMS

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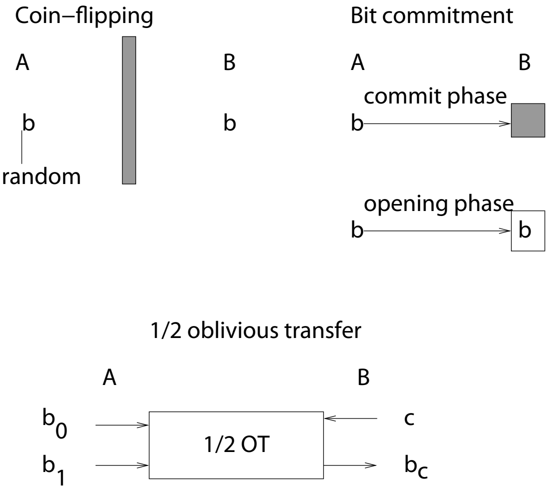

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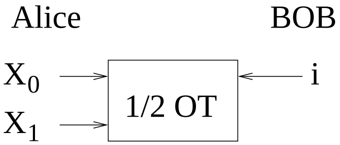

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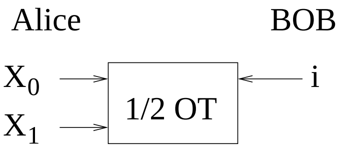

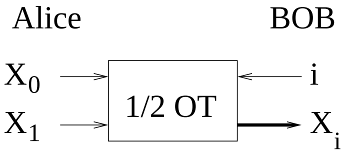

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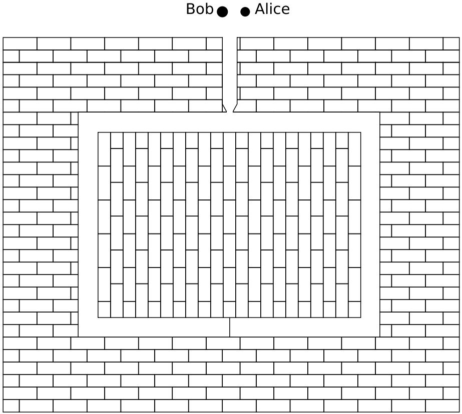

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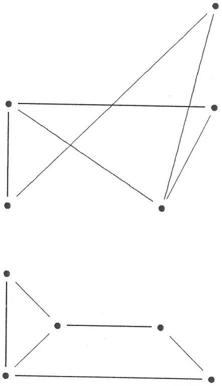

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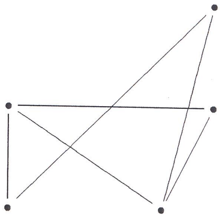

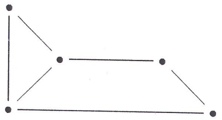

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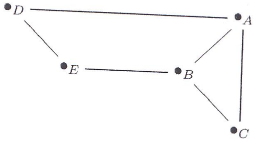

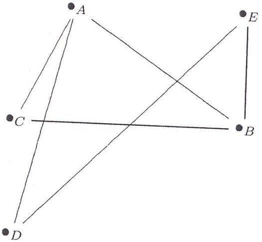

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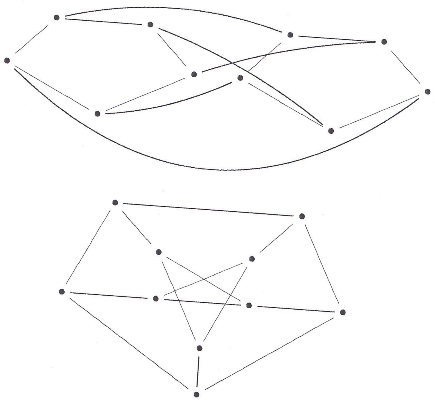

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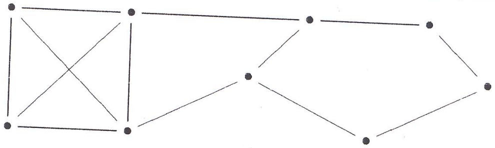

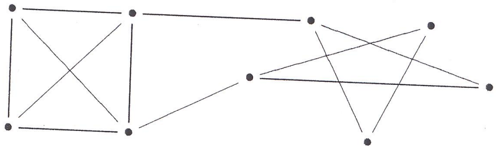

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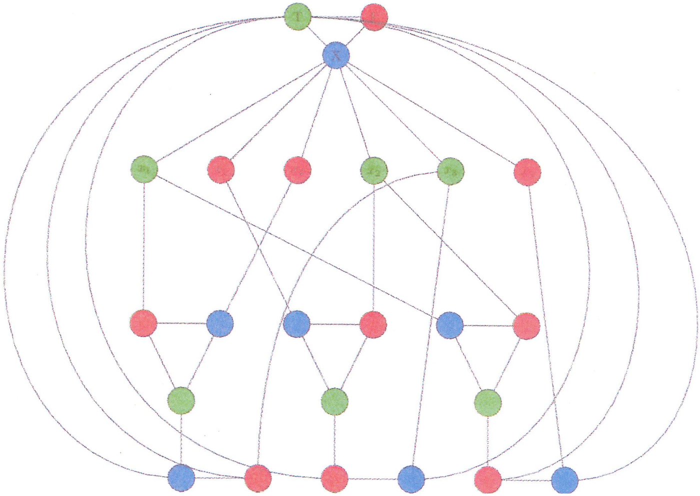

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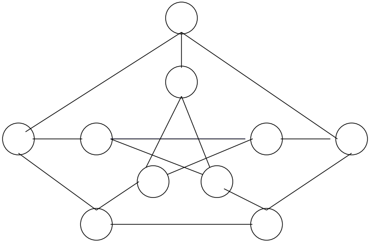

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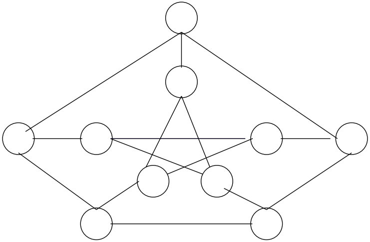

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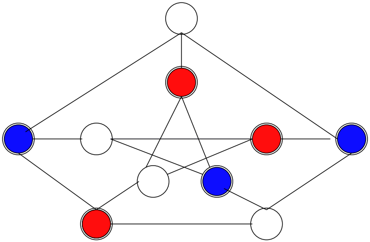

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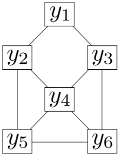

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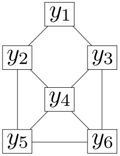

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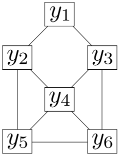

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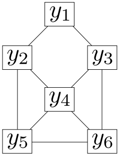

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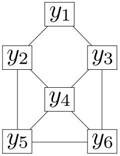

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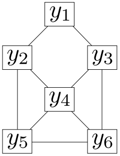

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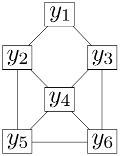

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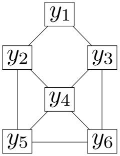

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Observe that Vic can perform all computations in polynomial time. However, why is this proof a zero-knowledge proof?

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Transcript has therefore the form

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The essential point, which is the basis for the formal definition of zero-knowledge proof, is that Vic can forge transcript, without participating in the interactive proof, that look like "real transcripts", if graphs are isomorphic, by means of the following forging algorithm called simulator.

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  - Concatenate (H_j, i_j, ρ_j) at the end of T.

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Formal definition of what this means that a forged transcript "looks like" a real one:

Definition Suppose that we have an interactive proof system for a decision problem Π and a polynomial time simulator S.

Denote by $\Gamma(x)$ the set of all possible transcripts that could be produced during the interactive proof communication for a yes-instance x.

Denote F(x) the set of all possible forged transcripts produced by the simulator S.

For any transcript $T \in \Gamma(x)$, let $p_\Gamma(T)$ denote the probability that T is the transcript produced during the interactive proof. Similarly, for $T \in F(x)$, let $p_F(T)$ denote the probability that T is the transcript produced by S.

If $\Gamma(x) = F(x)$ and, for any $T \in \Gamma(x)$, $p_\Gamma(T) = p_F(T)$, then we say that the interactive proof system is a zero-knowledge proof system.

Is the above interactive protocol for graph non-isomorphism also a zero-knowledge protool?

NO

Because....

Why?

APPENDIX

WHAT IS A PROOF?

- A proof is whatever convinces me (M. Even).
- A nice proof makes us wiser (Yu. Manin).
- A proof is a sequence of statements each of them is either an axiom or follows from previous statements by am easy deduction rule - whether a to-be-proof is indeed a proof it should be checkeable by a computer. (A proof is therefore a computation process.)

HISTORY of PROOFS

- The concept of the proof (of a theorem from axioms) was introduced during the first golden era of mathematics, in Greece, 600-300 BC.
- Most of their proofs were actually proofs of correctness of geometric algorithms.
- After 300 BC, Greek's ideas concerning proofs were actually ignored for 2000 years.
- During the second golden era of mathematics, in 17th century, the concept of the proof did not play very important role. Famous was encouragement of those times "Go on, God will be with you" whenever rigour of some methods or correctness of some theorem was questioned.
- An understanding that proofs are important has developed again at the end of 19th century and especially at the beginning of 20th century because
  - a lot of counter-intuitive phenomena have appeared in mathematics (for example a function that is everywhere continuous but has nowhere derivative);
  - paradoxes have appeared in the set theory. - For example, Does there exist a set of all sets?

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