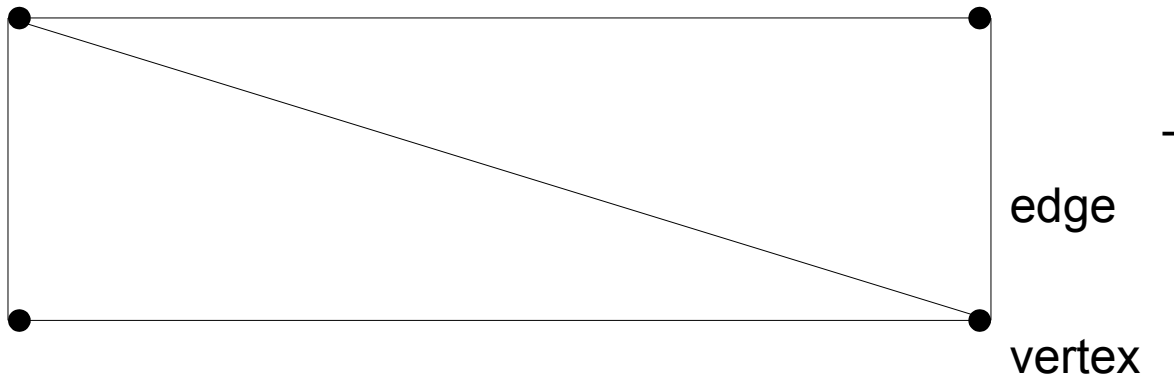


Robust cycle bases

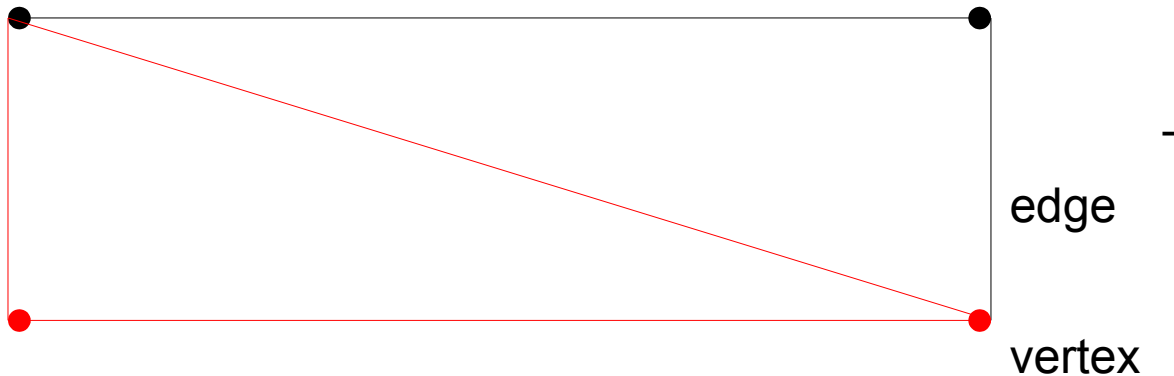
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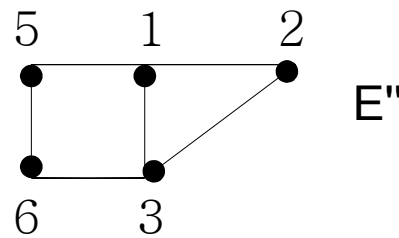
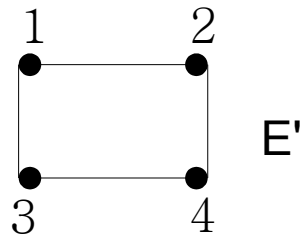


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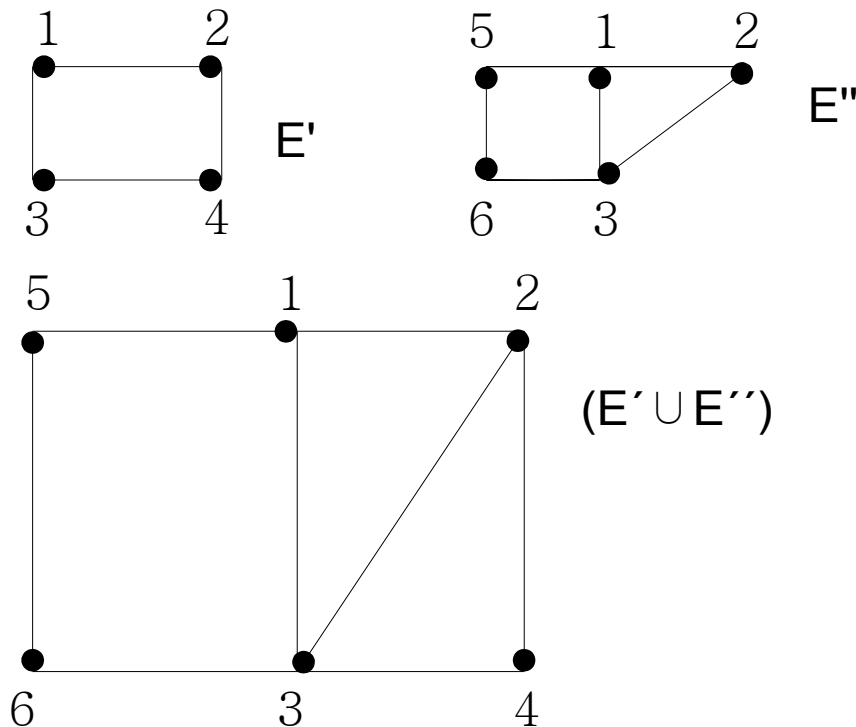
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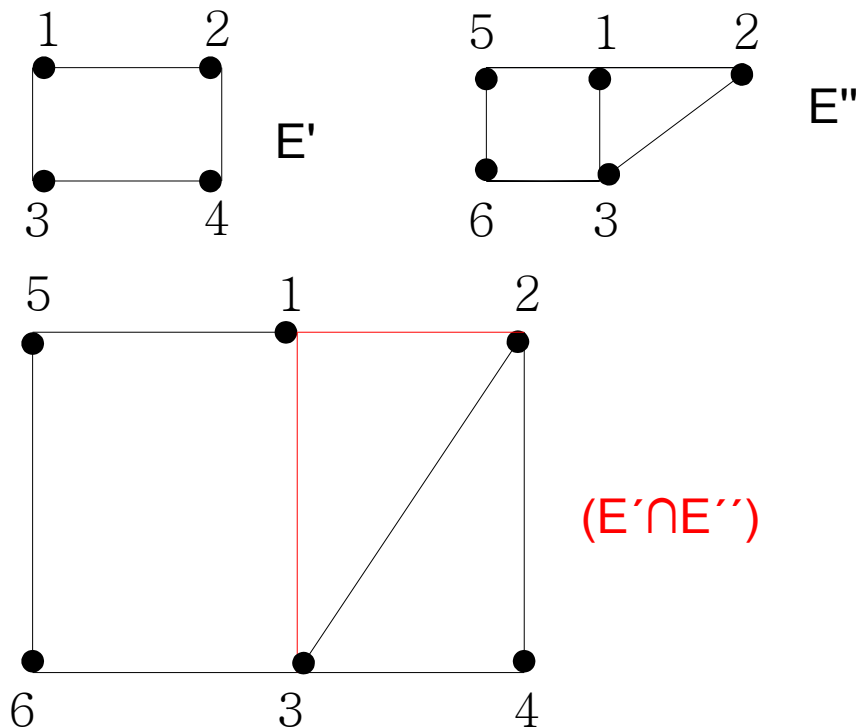
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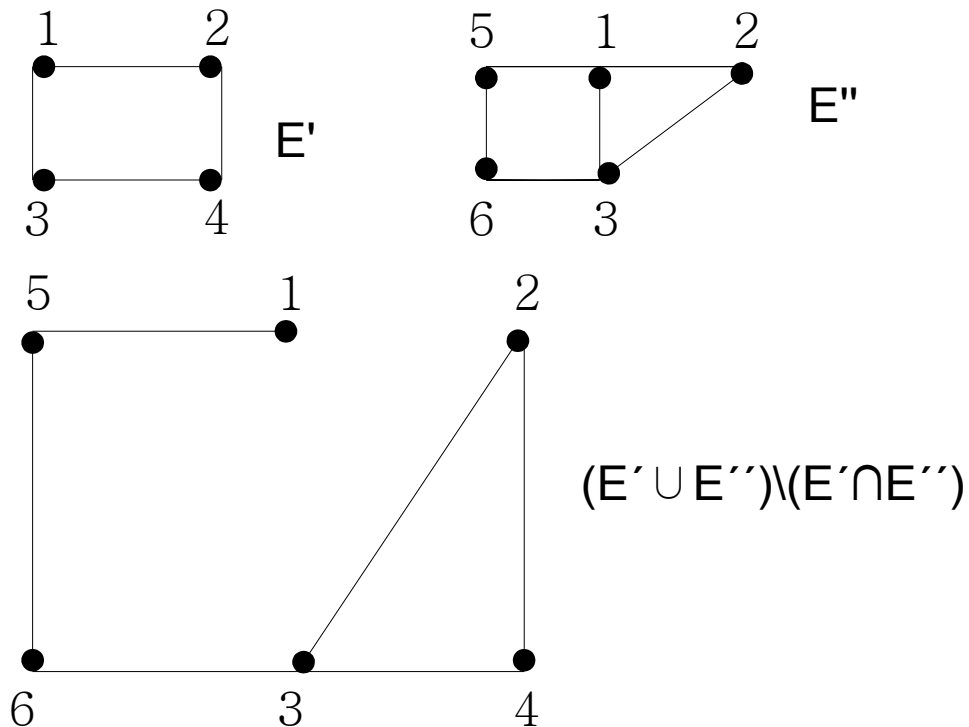
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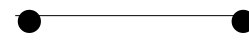
- **edge space $\mathcal{E}(G)$** : $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -vector space $(P(E), \oplus, *)$
 - $P(E)$ power set of E
 - vector addition \oplus defined as above
 - scalar multiplication $*$: $1*P=P$, $0*P=\emptyset$, $P \in P(E)$
- **cycle space $\mathcal{C}(G)$** : subspace of $\mathcal{E}(G)$ consisting of the cycles of G , including the “empty cycle“ \emptyset

- **cyclomatic number**: $\mu(G) := |E| - |V| + 1$

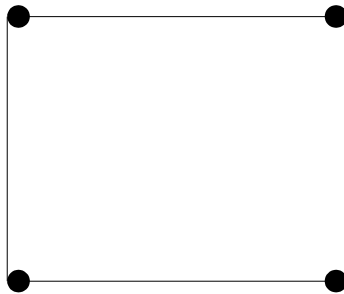
- $\dim Q(G) = \mu(G)$

(Intuition: when there exist more edges at a vertex, $\mu(G)$ is greater)

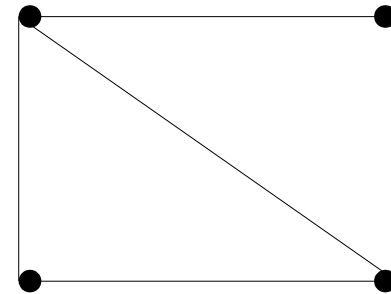
- for example :



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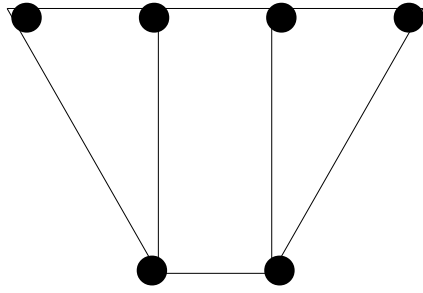
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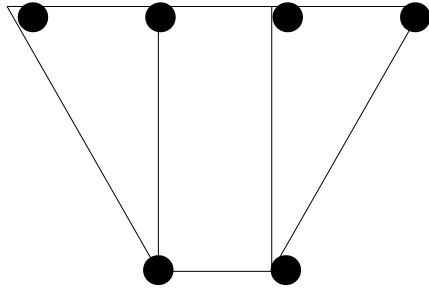
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- **cycle basis of G** : a basis B of $\mathcal{Q}(G)$ consisting of circuits only, i.e. for every cycle C in G , there exists a unique subset $B(C) \subseteq B$ of circuits in B such that $C = \bigoplus_{C' \in B(C)} C'$ holds
- a sequence (C_1, \dots, C_k) of circuits is defined to be **cyclically well-arranged**, if each partial sum $Q_j = \bigoplus_{i=1}^j C_i$ is a circuit for all $j \leq k$
- a cycle basis B is **cyclically robust**, if for every circuit C , the corresponding set $B(C)$ can be cyclically well-arranged

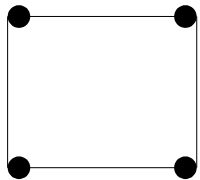
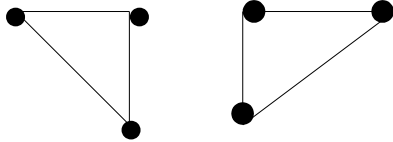
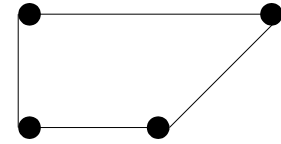
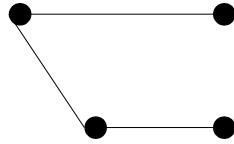
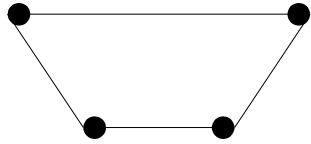
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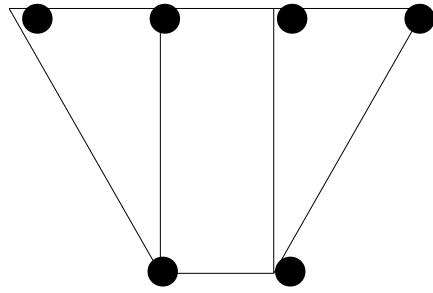
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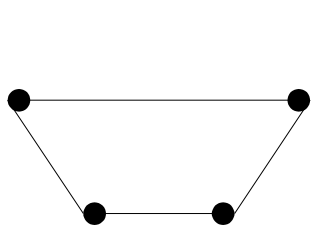
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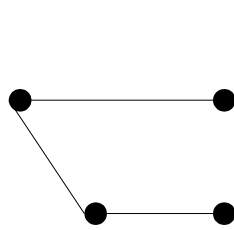
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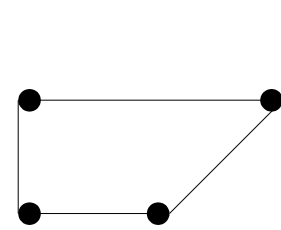
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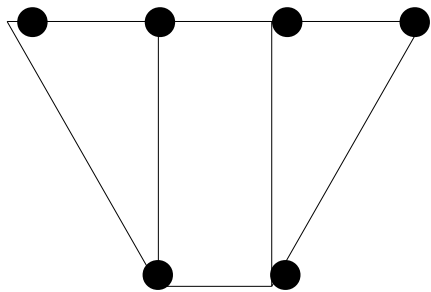


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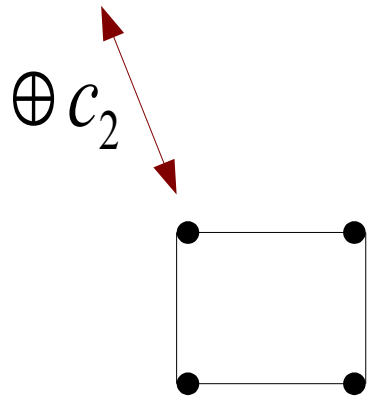
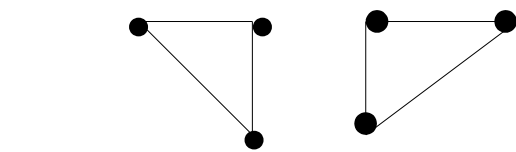
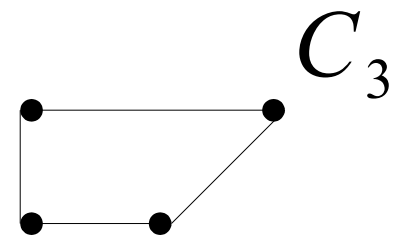
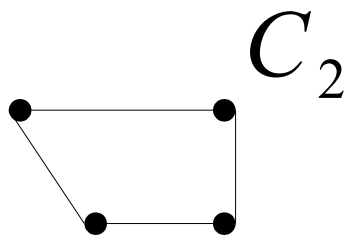
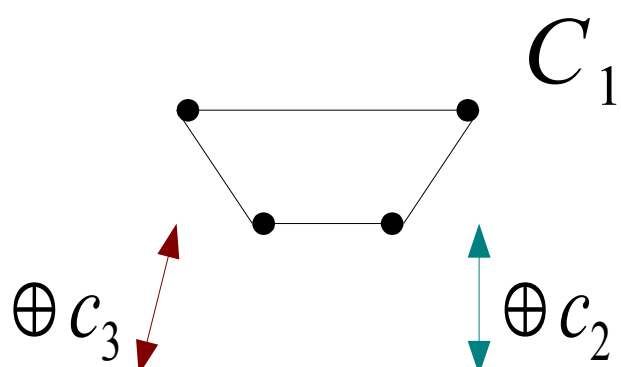


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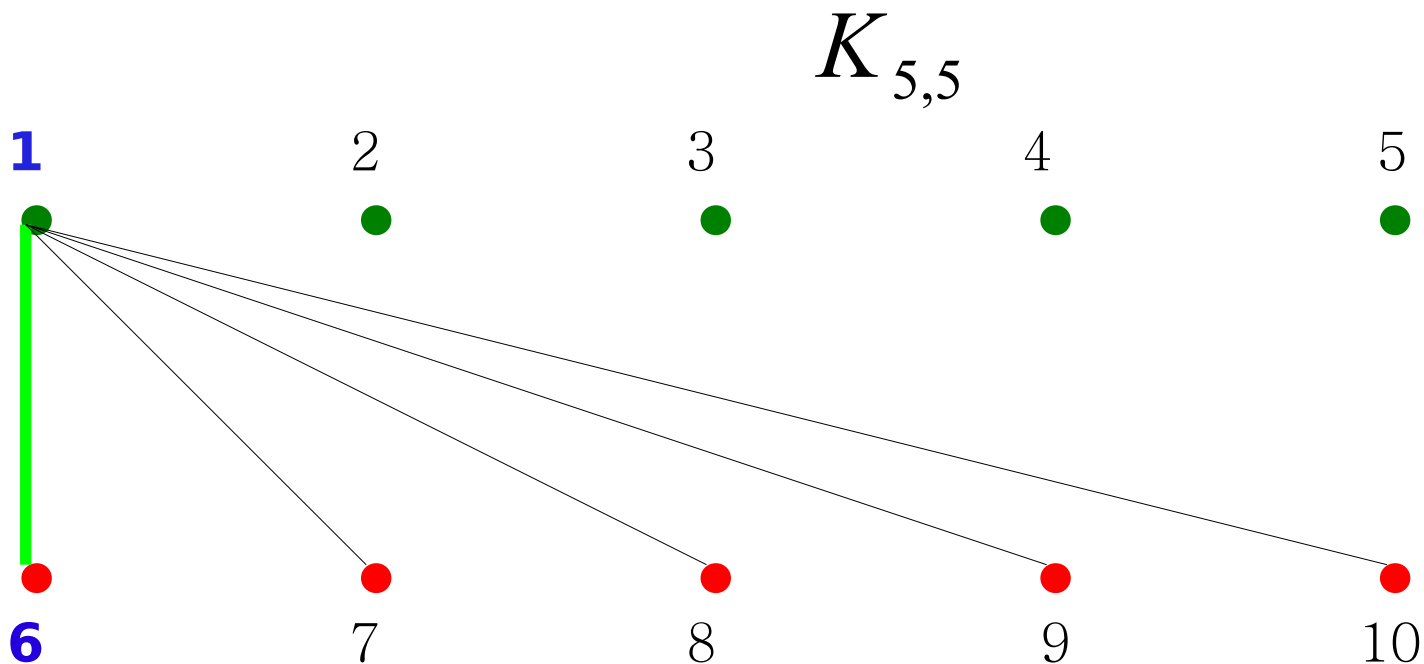
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- a graph is **complete** if each pair of vertices has an edge connecting them
- a graph whose vertices can be divided into two disjoint sets U and V , such that every edge connects a vertex in U to one in V , that is, U and V are independent sets, is called **bipartite**
- a **complete bipartite graph** is a graph in which every two vertices from different vertex sets are connected

$K_{p,q}$ is the complete bipartite graph, $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$
 $|U|=q, |V|=p$

- connecting each green vertex with all red vertices



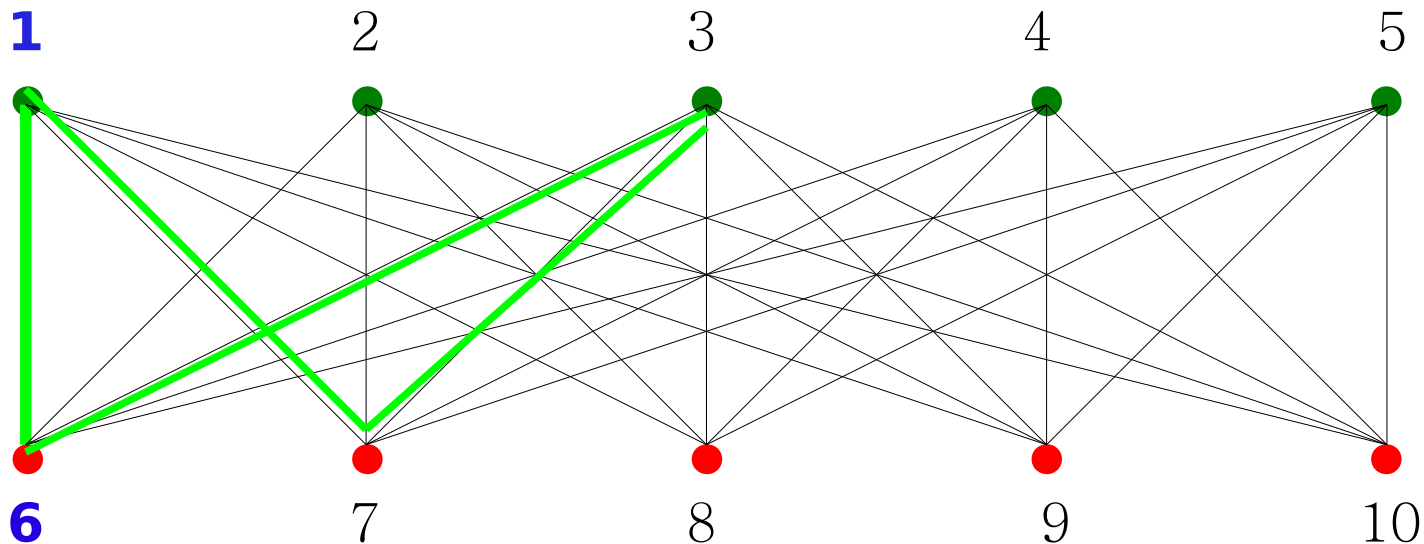
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Paul Kainen asserts:

For every pair of positive integers p, q , $K_{p,q}$ has a robust cycle basis consisting of all **4-cycles** containing two **fixed** vertices, one of each color

Counter example:

$K_{5,5}$

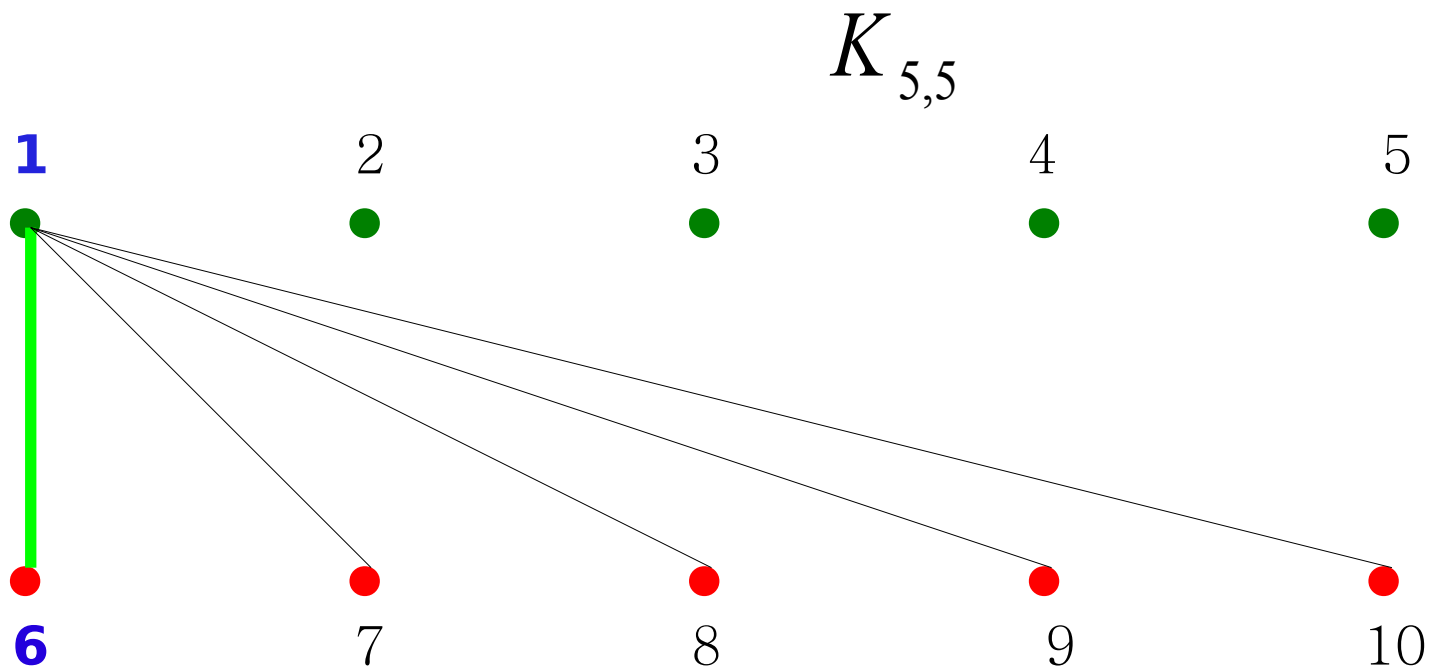


- $\mu = 25 - 10 + 1 = 16$

- every basis element has the following form:

$$(1-6- a_i - b_i - 1), i \in \{1, \dots, 16\},$$

(a-b) is an edge, a is a green vertex, b is a red vertex



- denote $I = \{1, \dots, 6\}$

$$a_1 \neq a_i \forall i \in I \setminus \{1\}, a_2 \neq a_i \forall i \in I \setminus \{2\}, a_3 = a_4, a_5 = a_6$$

$$b_3 \neq b_i \forall i \in I \setminus \{3\}, b_5 \neq b_i \forall i \in I \setminus \{5\}, b_1 = b_4, b_2 = b_6$$

- now we construct the following circuit by symmetric difference of these 6 circuits:

$$(1 - b_5 - a_5 - b_2 - a_2 - 6 - a_1 - b_1 - a_3 - b_3 - 1)$$

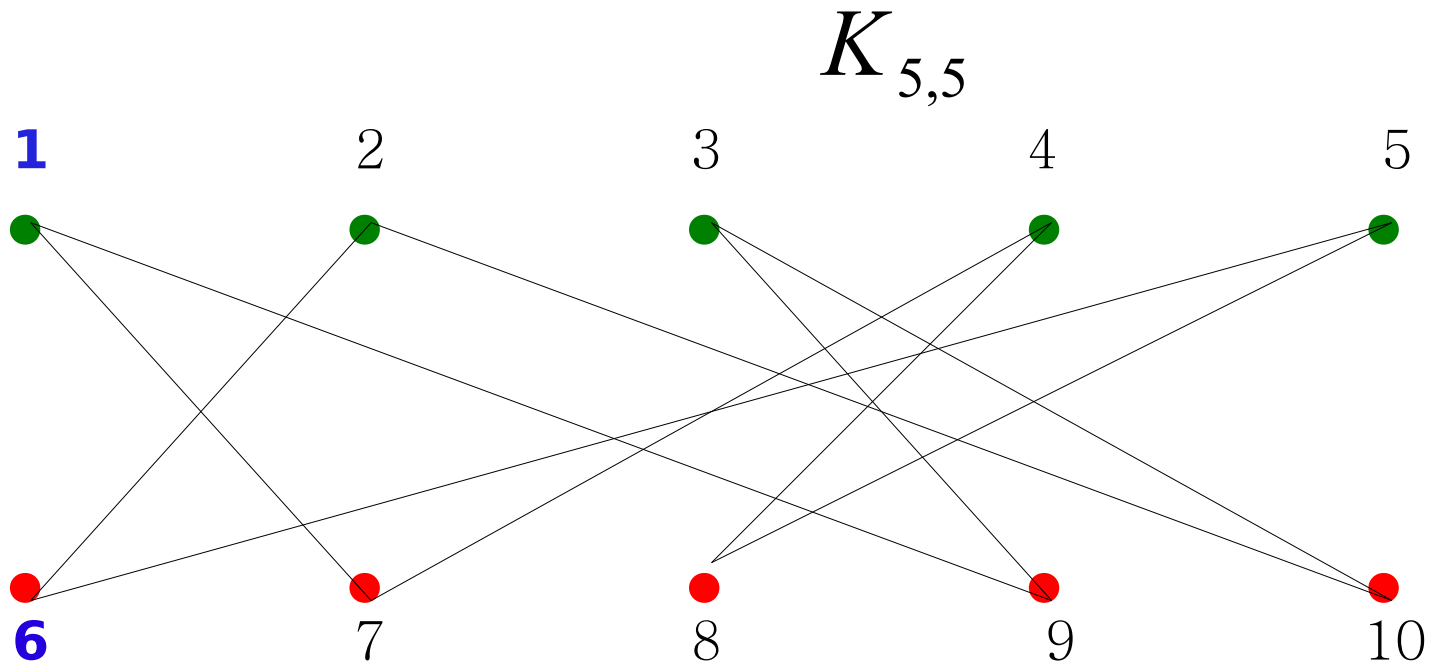
- all graphs generated by 5 of those 6 circuits contain (1-6), if one computes the symmetric difference with a basis cycle which includes an a_i contained in two cycles, then the vertex degree at 6 is 4, the same holds at 1 and b_i by computing the symmetric difference with a basis cycle that contains an a_i which is not contained in another basis cycle

- for example:

-(1-7-4-8-5-6-2-10-3-9-1)

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(1-6-3-9-1), the new graph contains the edges
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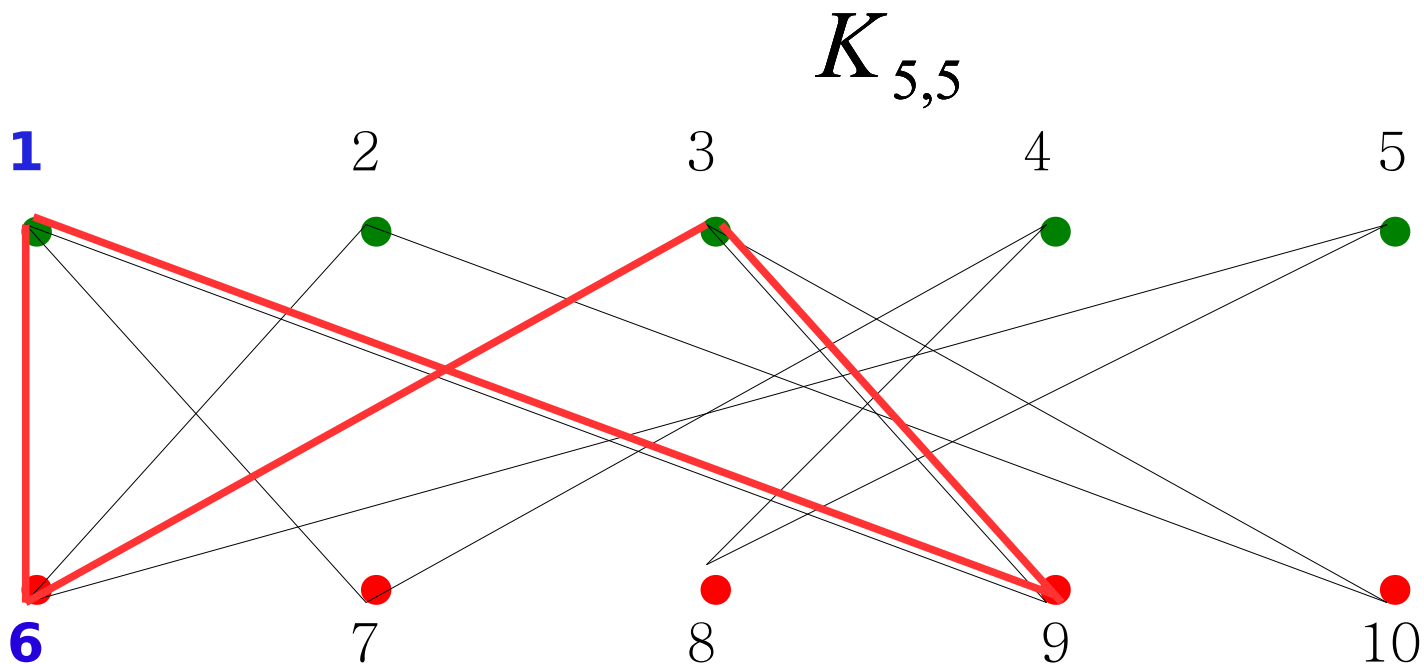


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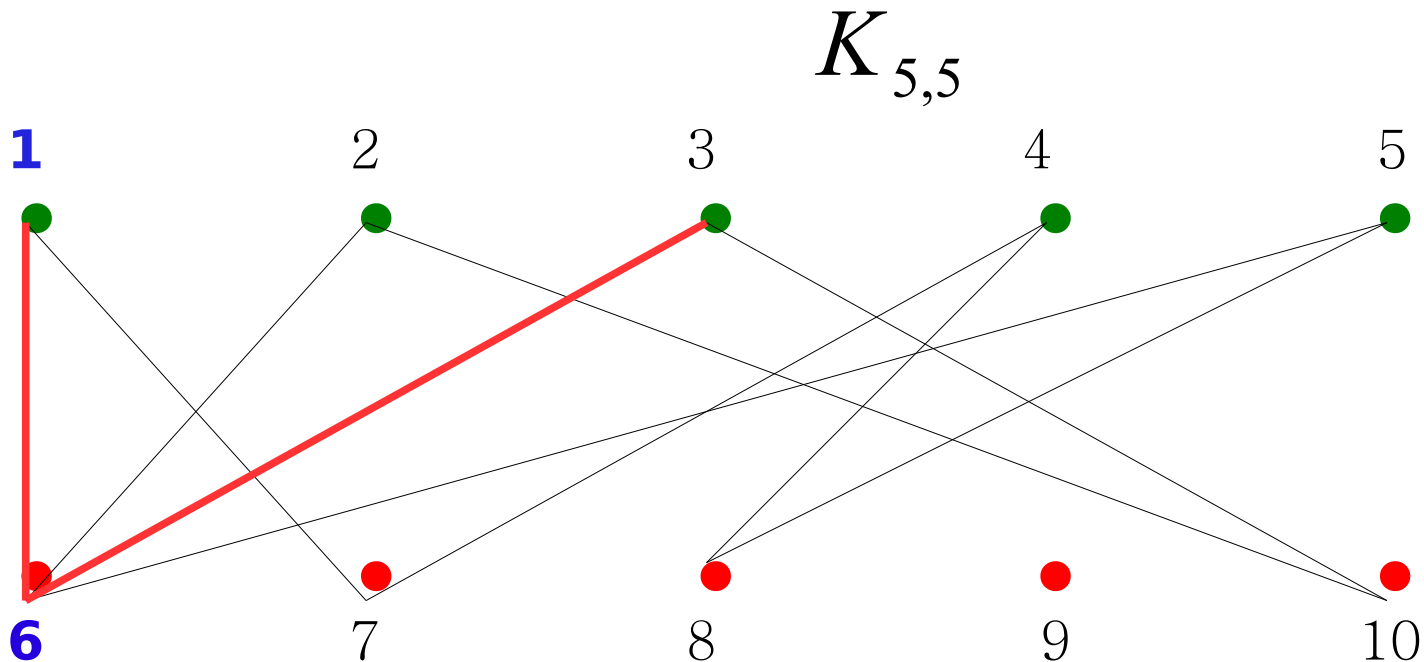


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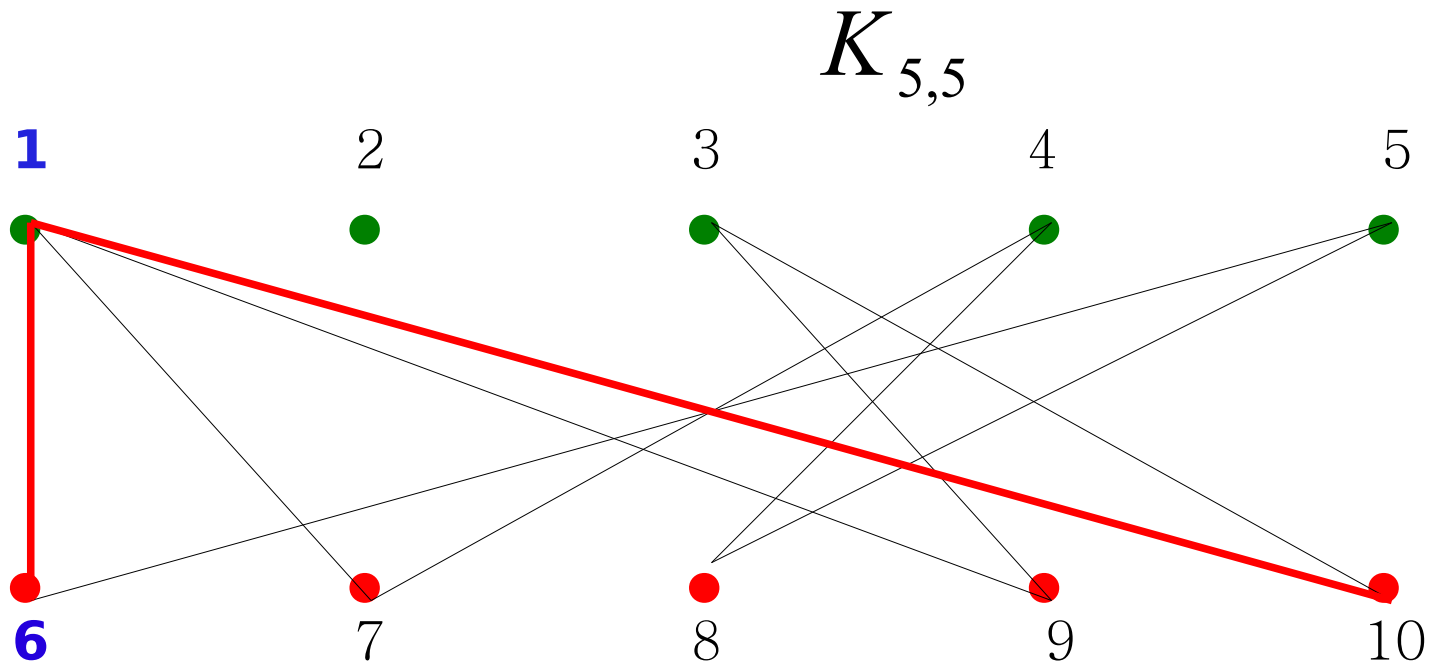


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- a set of circuits F on the graph G is called **quasi-robust**, if and only if the following graph $H=(K,L)$ is connected, K is the set of elementary cycles of G , L the set (C,D) of all pairs of circuits, such that there exists an $O \in F$ with $C \oplus D = O$
- the Kainen basis for $K_{5,5}$ is quasi-robust (proved by a computer programme)

Thanks for your attention !!!