

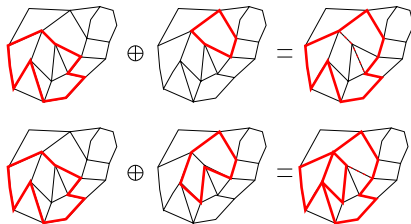
# QUASI-ROBUST CYCLE BASES

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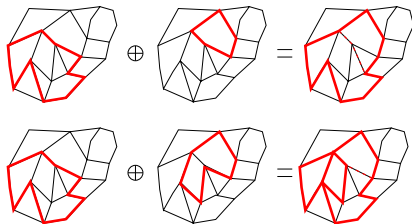
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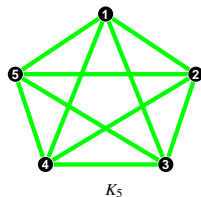
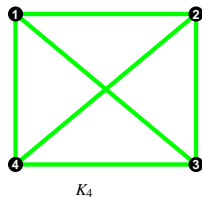
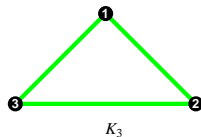
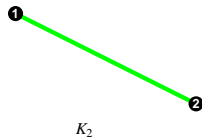


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- Problem: For which cycle bases does it work?

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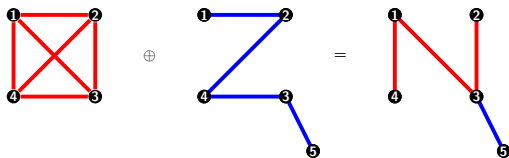
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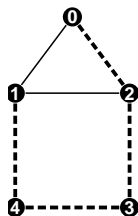
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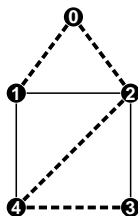
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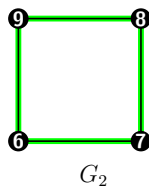
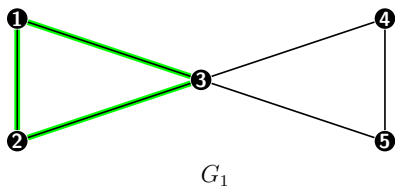


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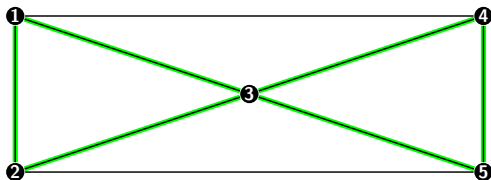
## Linear independent cycles



- $\mathcal{C}(G_1 \cup G_2) = \mathcal{C}([1, 2, 3], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 8, 9])$
- $|\mathcal{C}(G_1 \cup G_2)| = 2^3$  and  $\emptyset$  is the empty cycle.

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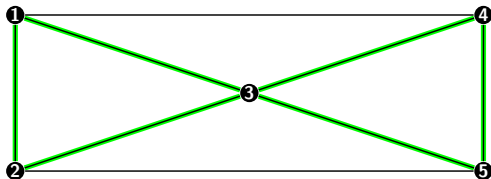
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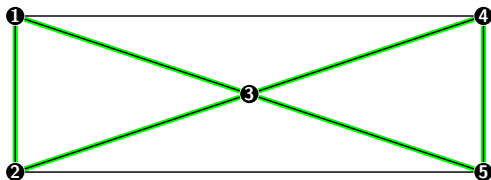
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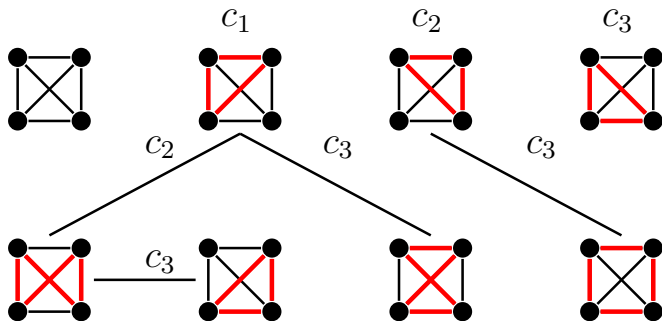
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A sequence  $\mathcal{S} = (C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k)$  of cycles is *well-arranged*

$\Leftrightarrow \forall j \leq k : Q_j = \bigoplus_{i=1}^j C_i$  is a circuit.



# Well-arranged Sequences of Basis Cycles



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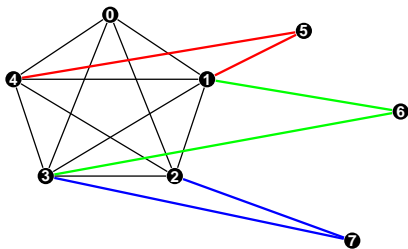
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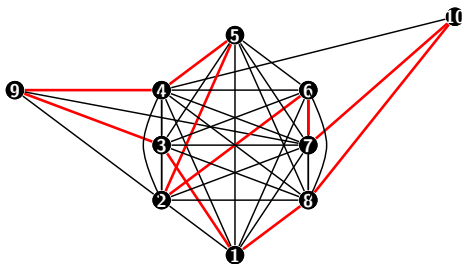
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## Lemma

$\mathcal{B} = \{B_{ij} \mid i \in V, j \in \Gamma(i) \setminus \{m(i)\}, i > 2\}$  is a (fundamental and) quasi-robust cycle basis of the split graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

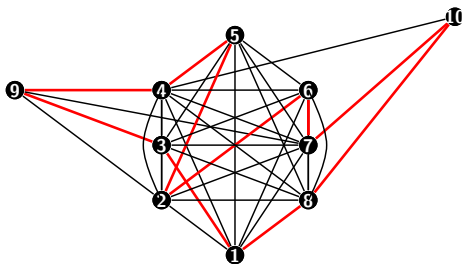
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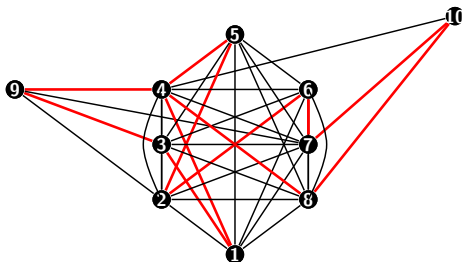
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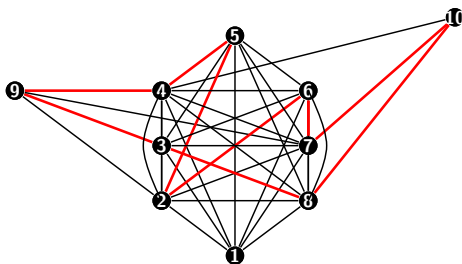
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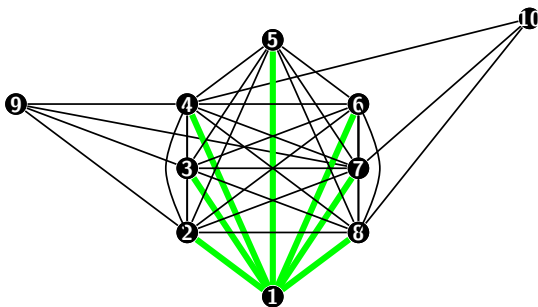
$\Rightarrow$  Not every triangular cycle basis is robust.

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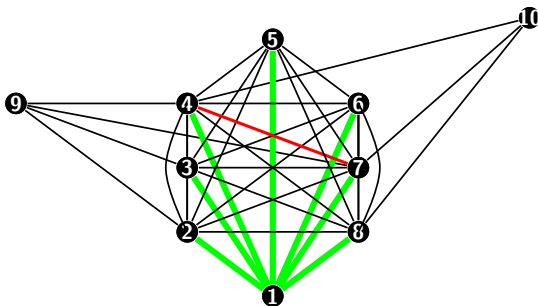
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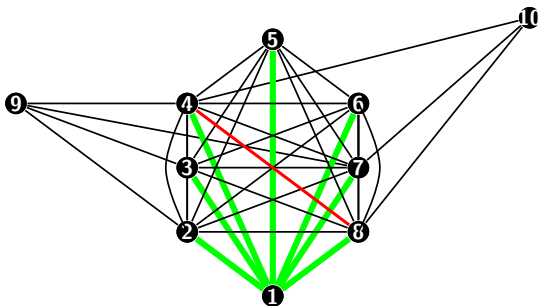


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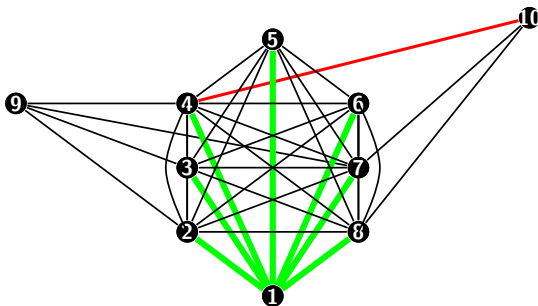
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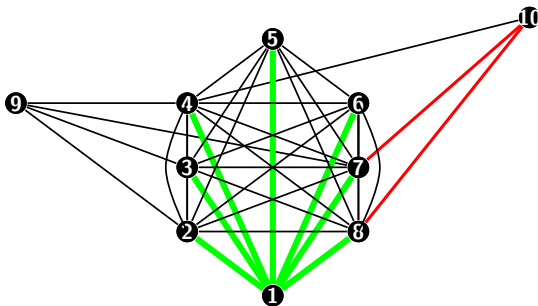
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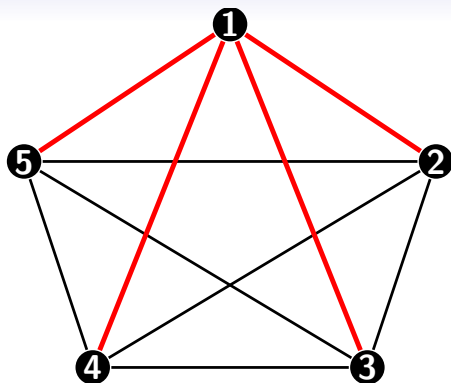
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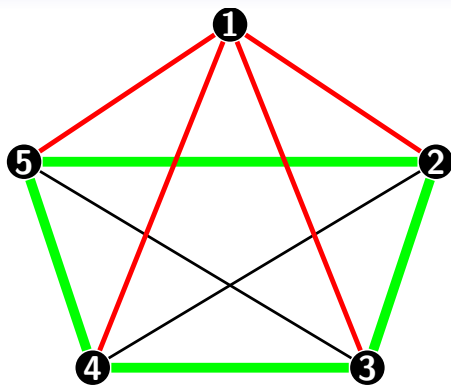
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## Theorem

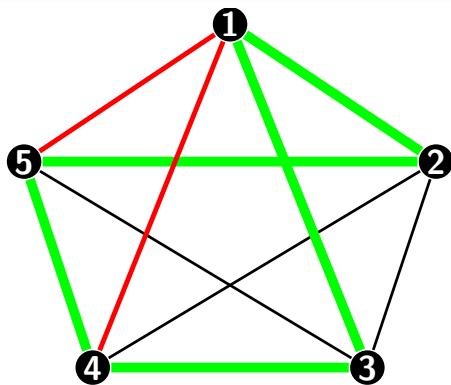
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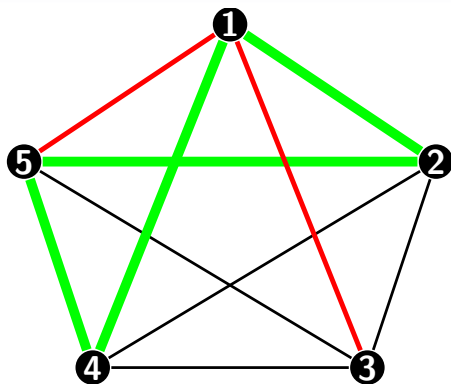
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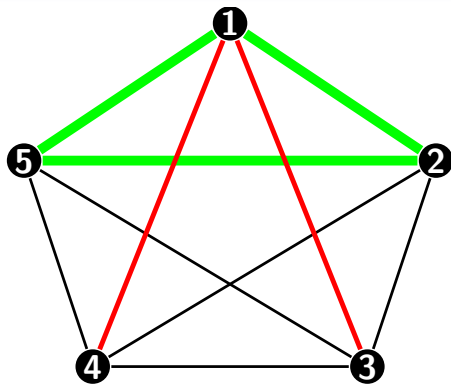
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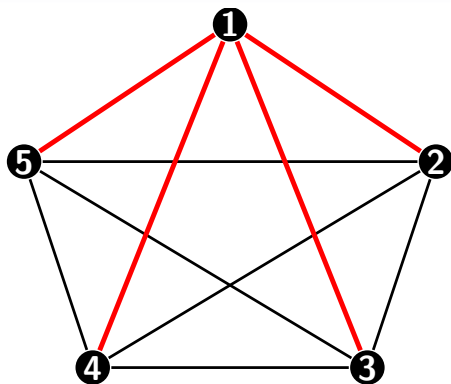


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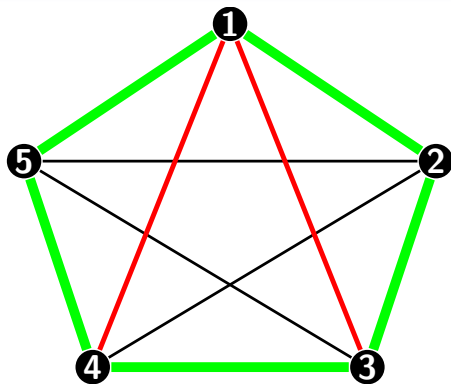
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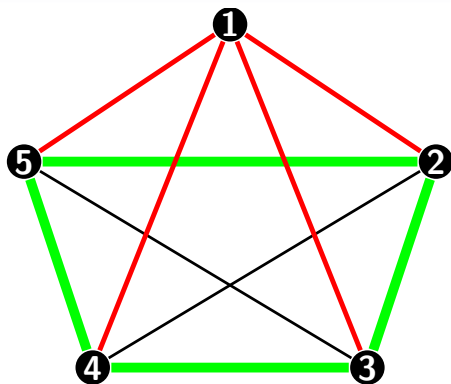
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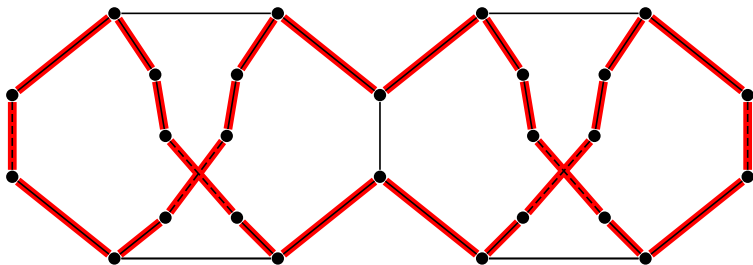
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- $C' \oplus [1, 2, 5] = C$ , now we can start as above.

# Is every strictly fundamental cycle basis quasi-robust?<sup>1</sup>



- $T = \{\text{black edges}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow B_T = \{C_1, \dots, C_6\}$
- $C = \bigoplus_{i=1}^6 C_i$  is the red circuit.
- $C \oplus C_i, i = 1, \dots, 6$  is no circuit

ANSWER: **No!!!**

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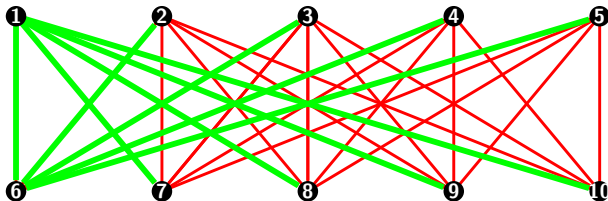
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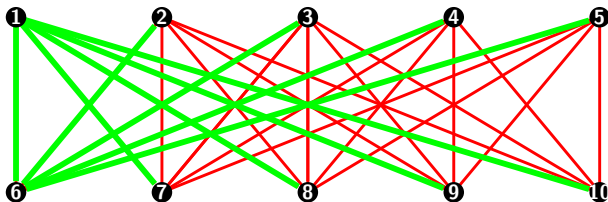
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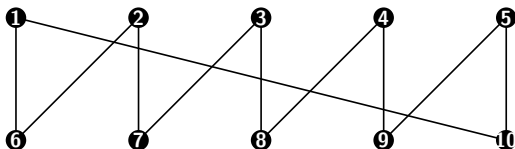


$\mathcal{T}^{1,6} =$

$$\left\{ \{1, 6\}, \{1, y_1\}, \dots, \{1, y_{n-1}\}, \{6, x_1\}, \dots, \{6, x_{m-1}\} \mid \forall x_1, \dots, x_{m-1} \in V_1 \forall y_1, \dots, y_{n-1} \in V_2 \right\}$$

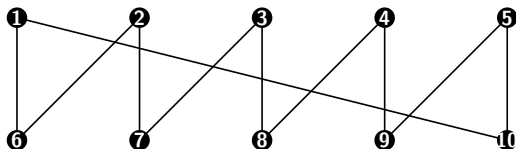
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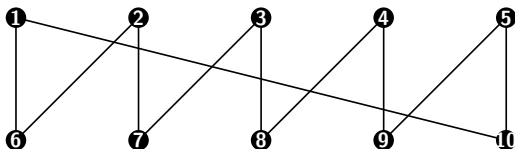
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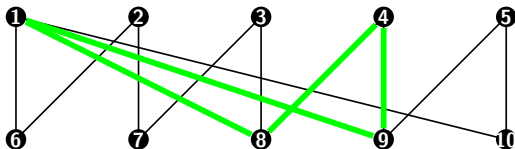
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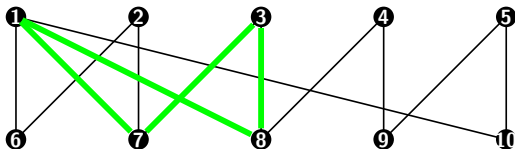
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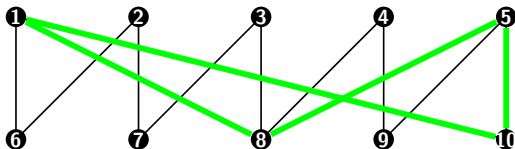


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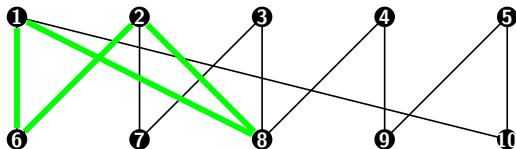
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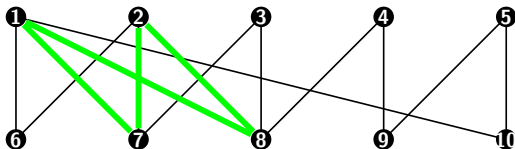
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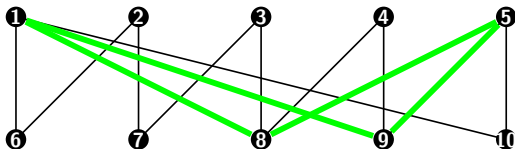
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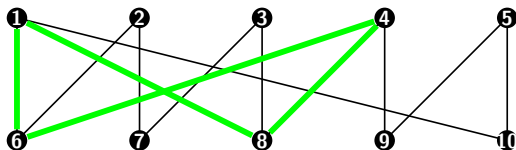
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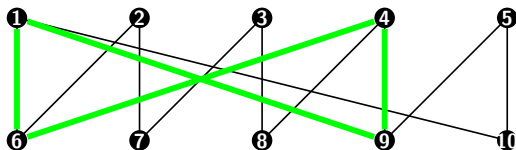
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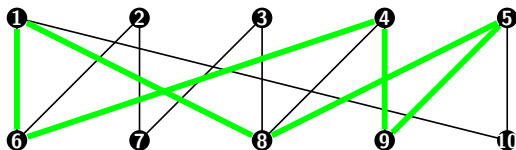


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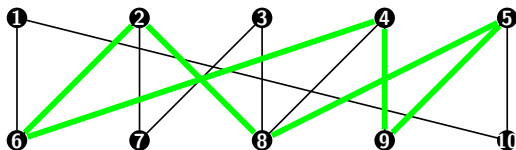




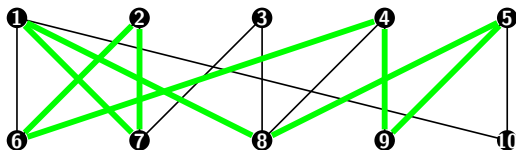
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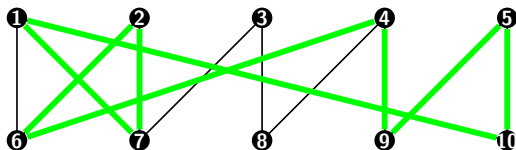
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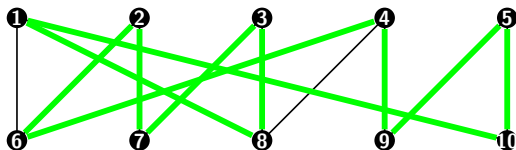
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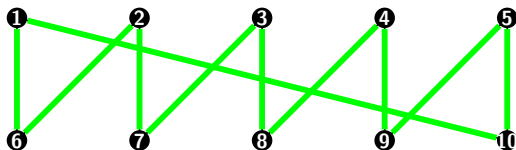
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