

# On Mixed Graphs, Girth, Diameter and Geodecity

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The **girth** of a mixed graph is the length of a shortest cycle.

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The **diameter** of a mixed graph is the maximum length of a shortest path from any vertex  $u$  to any vertex  $v$ .

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The **geodecity** of a mixed graph is the maximum  $k$  such that there is most one walk of length at most  $k$  from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ .

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An  $(r, z, g)$ -graph is a mixed graph with degree  $r$ , out-degree  $z$ , and girth  $g$ .

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A mixed  $(r, z, g)$ -cage is an  $(r, z, g)$ -graph of minimum possible order. Let  $f(r, z, g)$  denote the order of a mixed  $(r, z, g)$ -cage.



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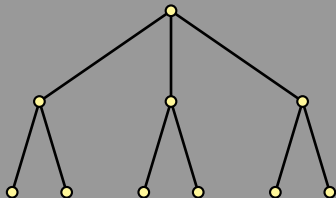
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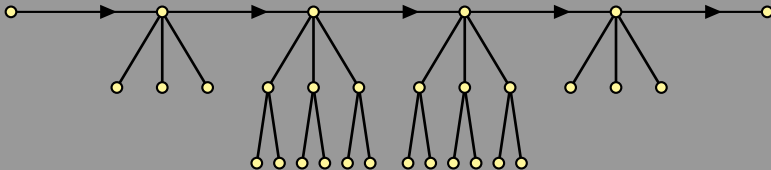
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Example: AHM Bound for  $r = 3$ ,  $z = 1$  and  $g = 6$



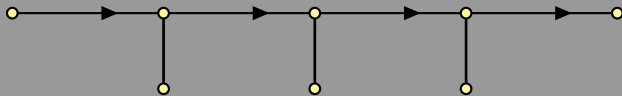


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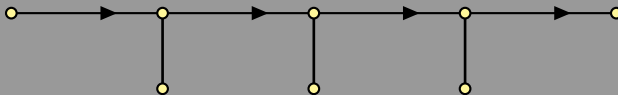
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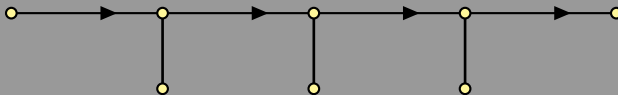
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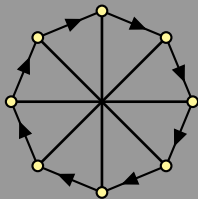
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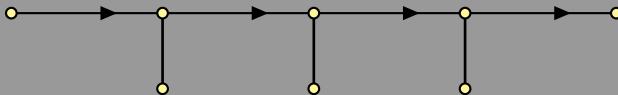


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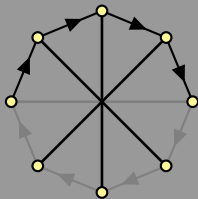


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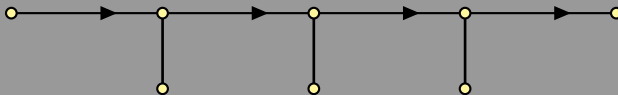


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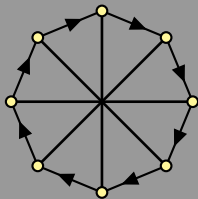


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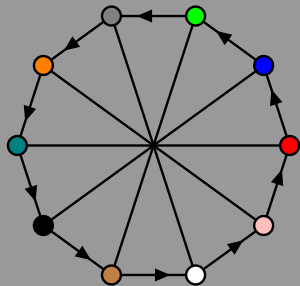
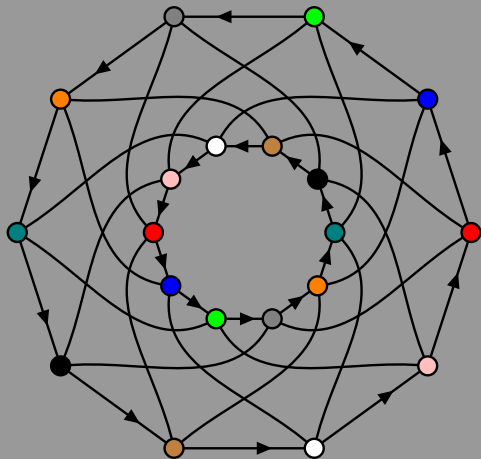
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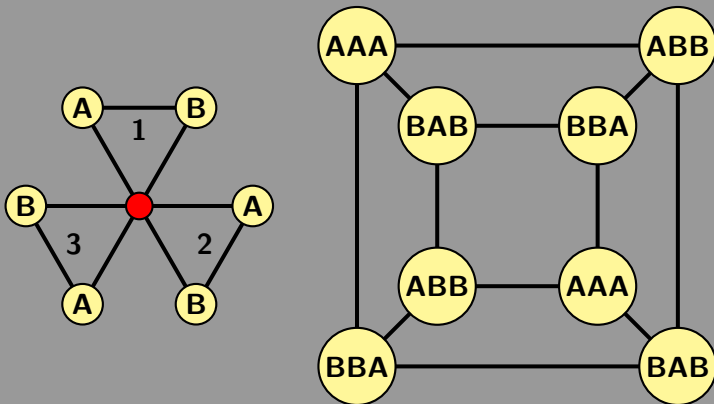
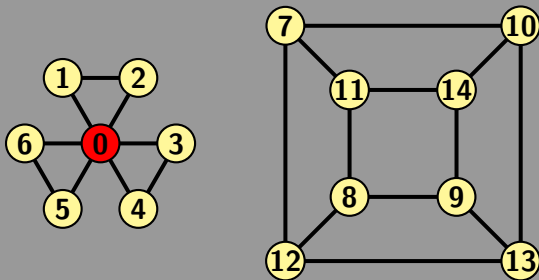


Figure: The complement of the line graph of  $K_6$  or the collinearity graph of the generalized quadrangle  $GQ(2, 2)$ .

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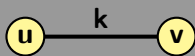
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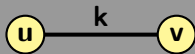
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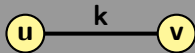


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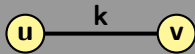
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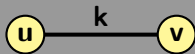


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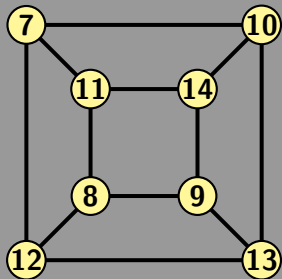
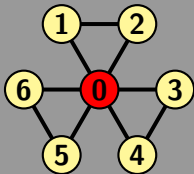
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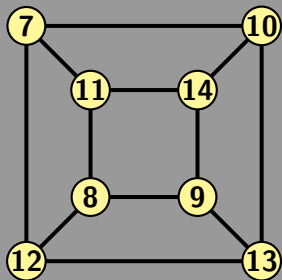
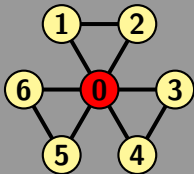


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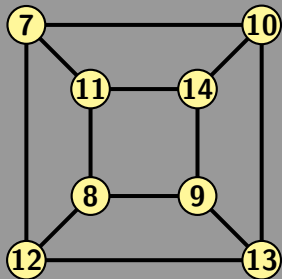
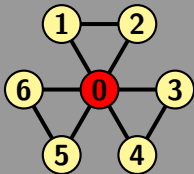


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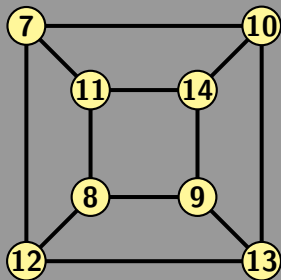
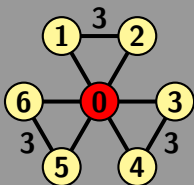
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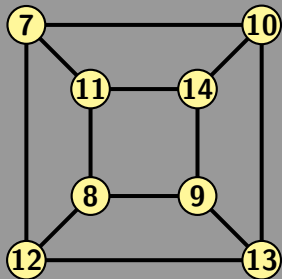
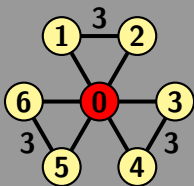


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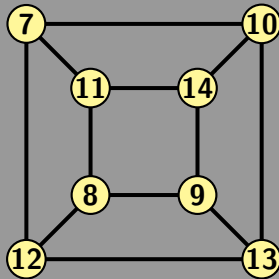
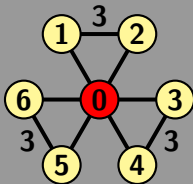
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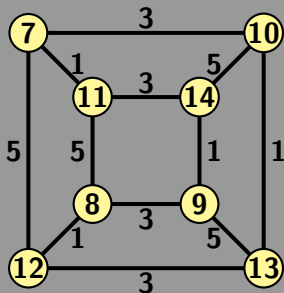
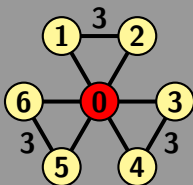
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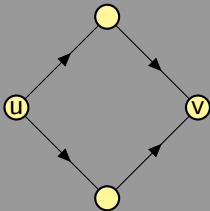
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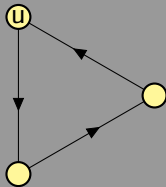
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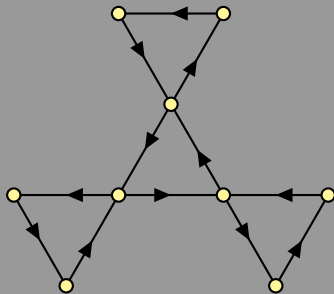


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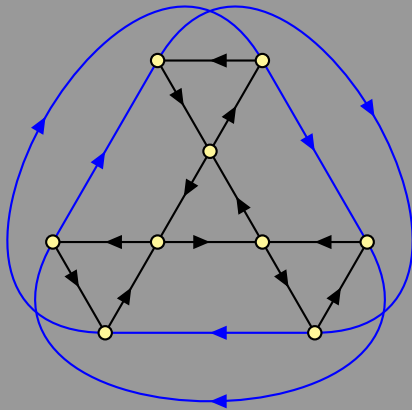


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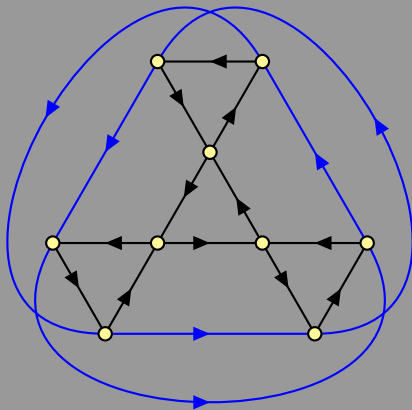


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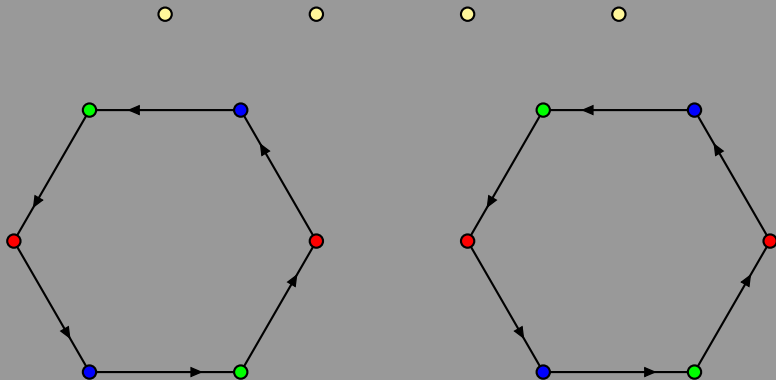


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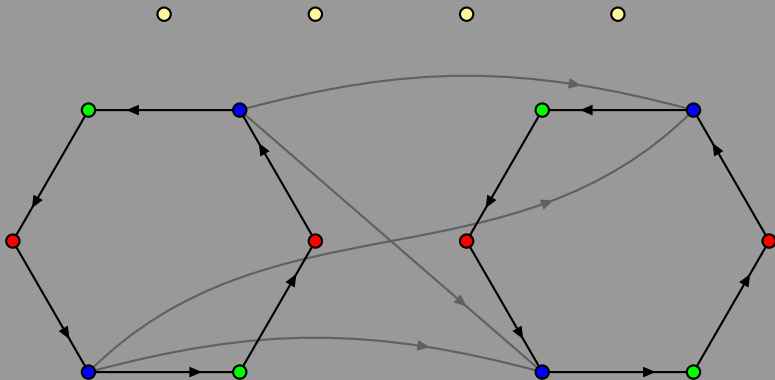


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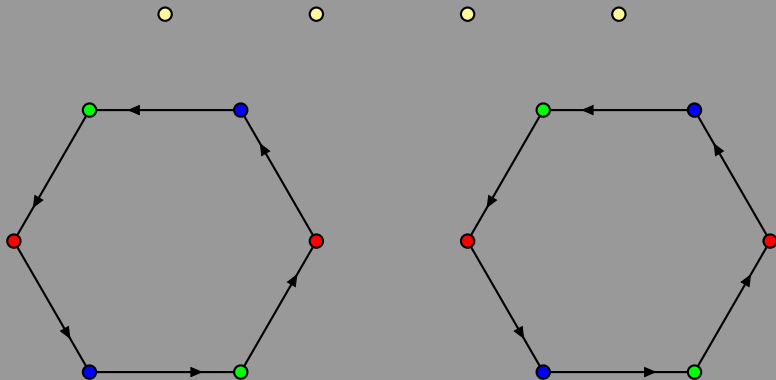


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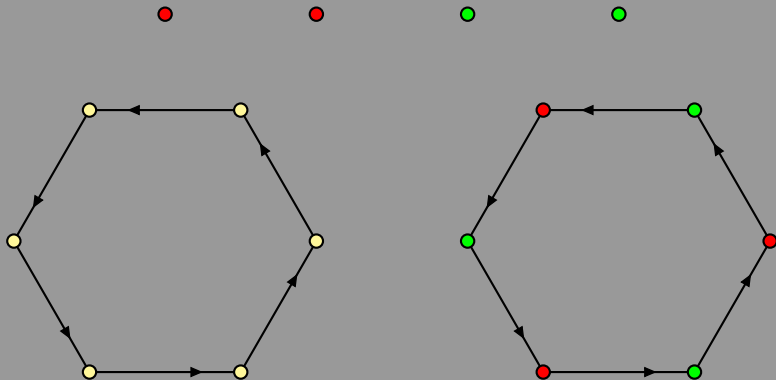


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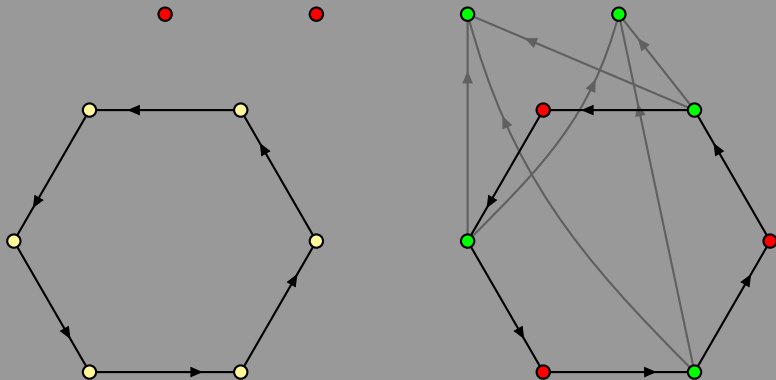


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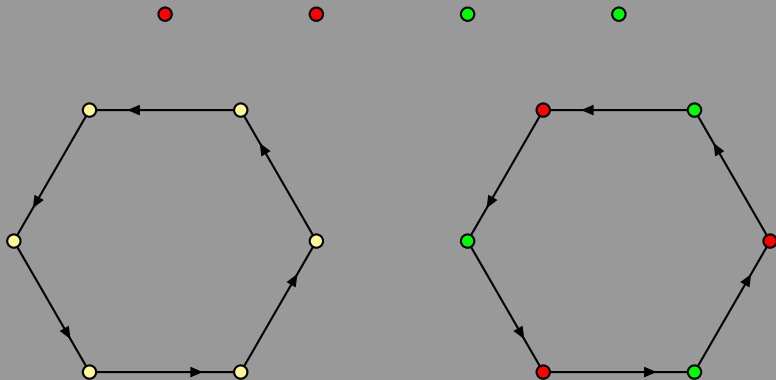


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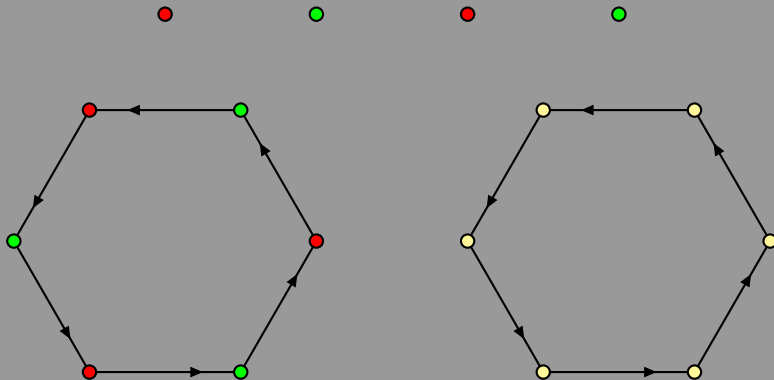


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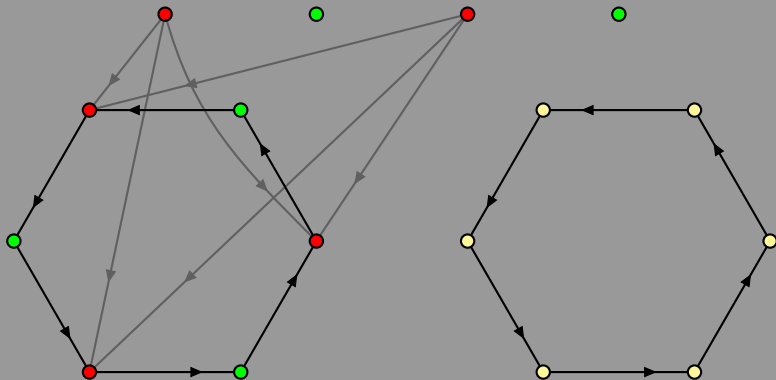


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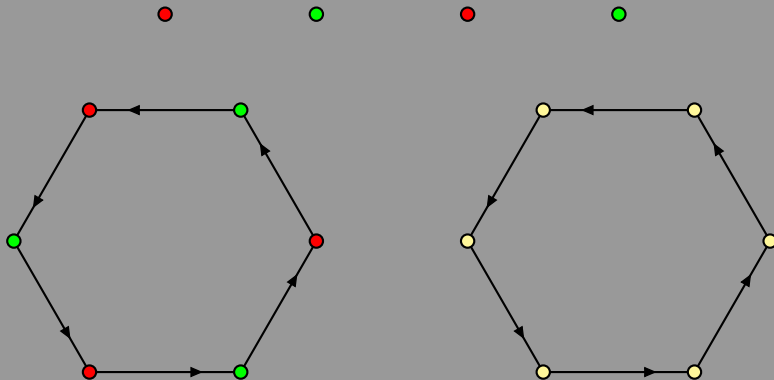


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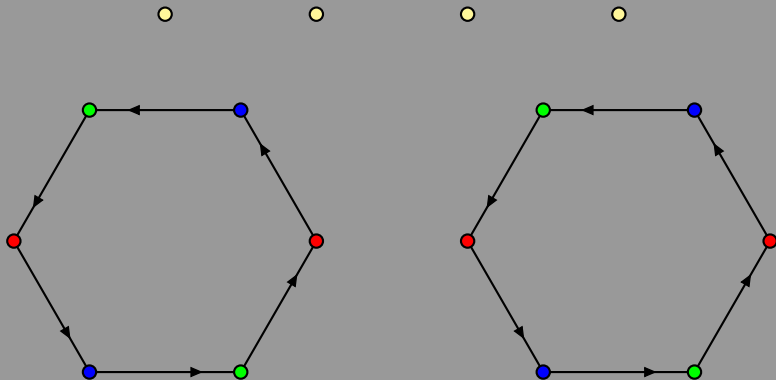


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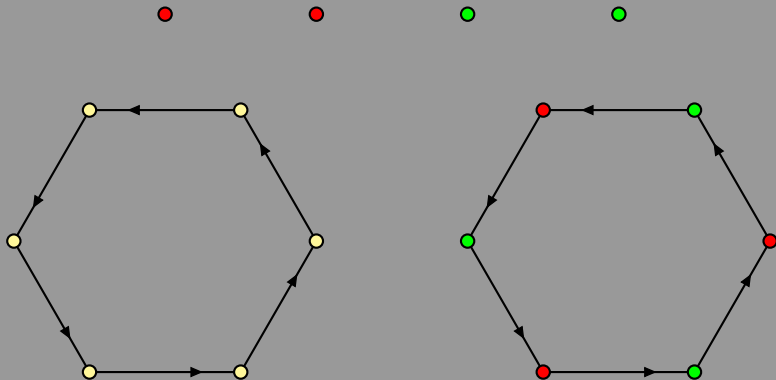


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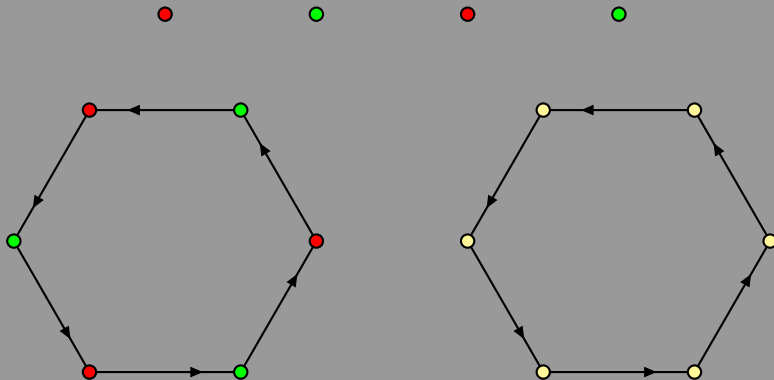
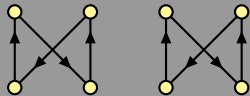


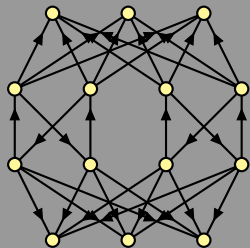
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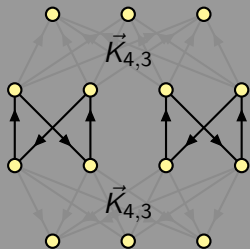
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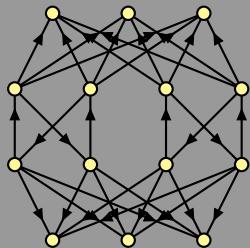
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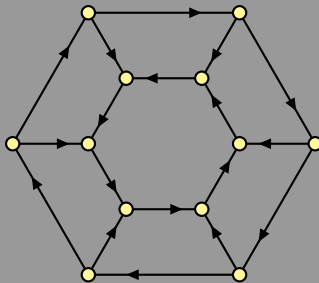
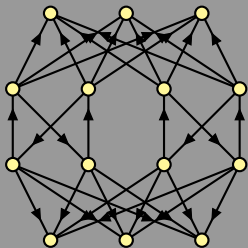
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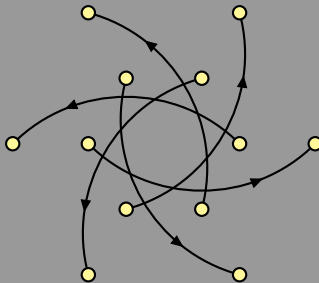
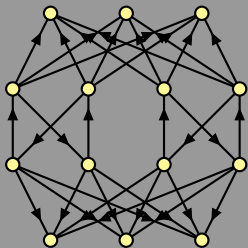


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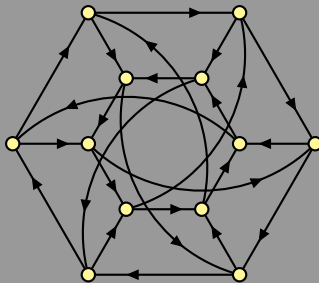
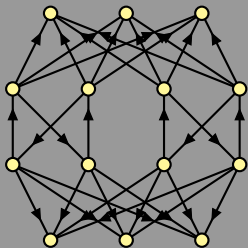




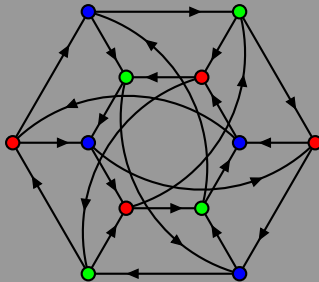
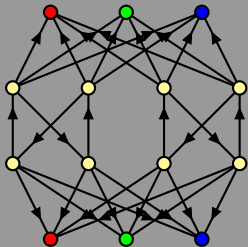
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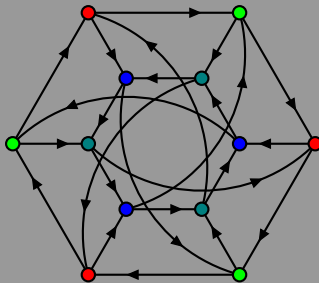
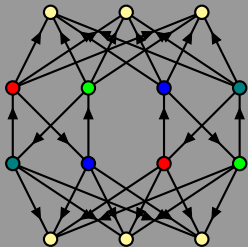
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## Degree/Diameter Problem

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## $(r, z, k)$ -Graphs

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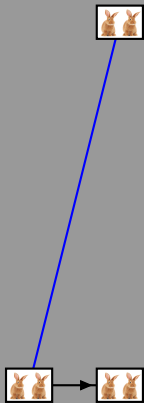
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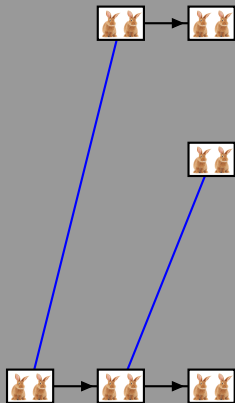


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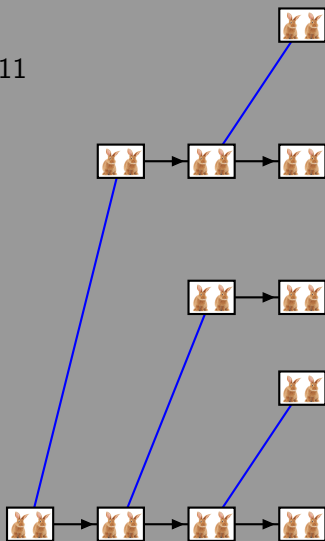


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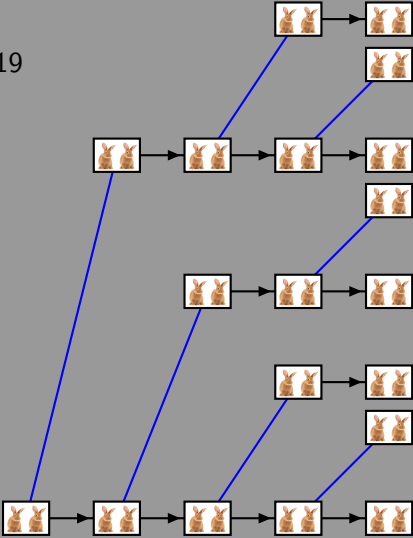
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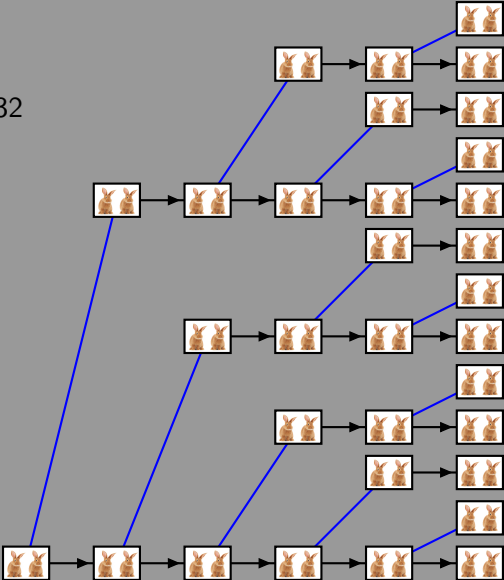
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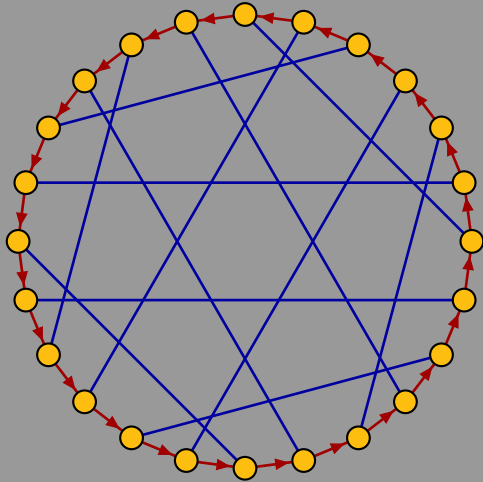


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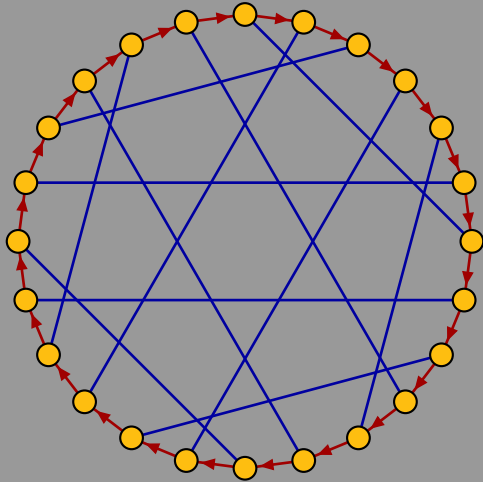


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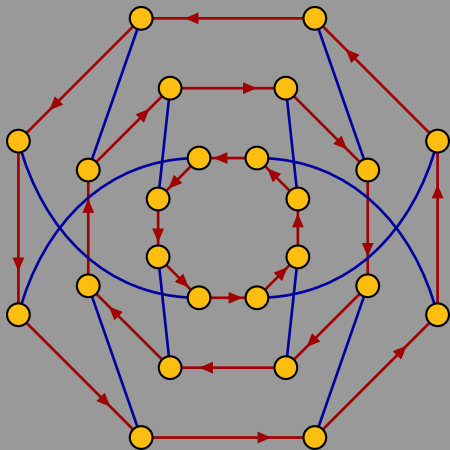


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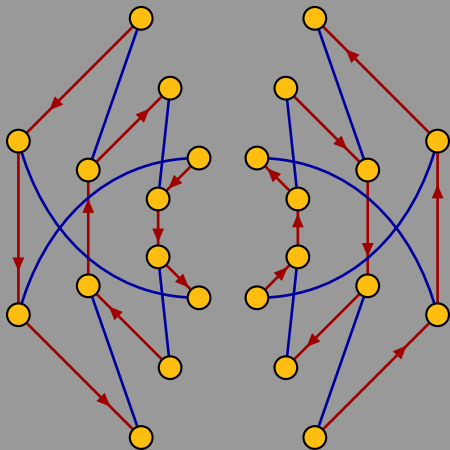


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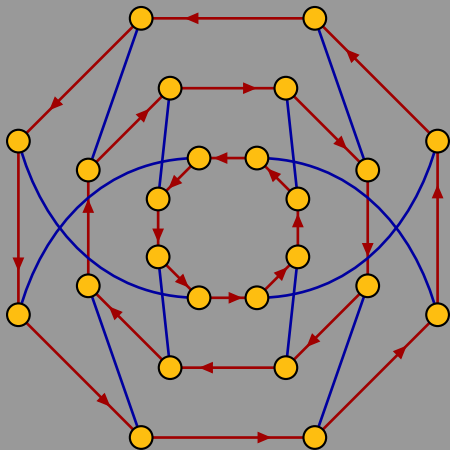


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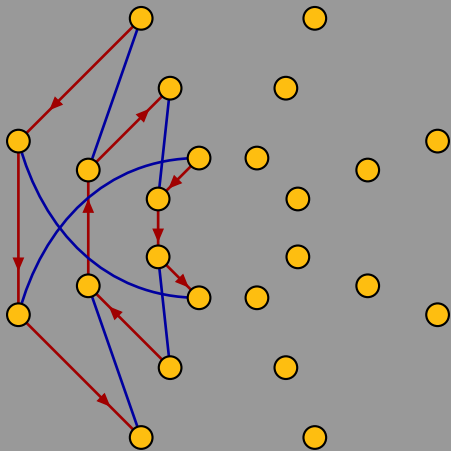


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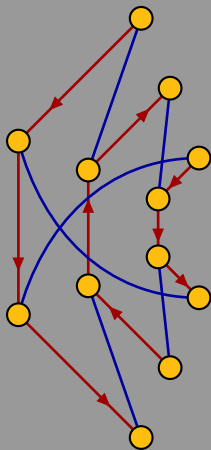


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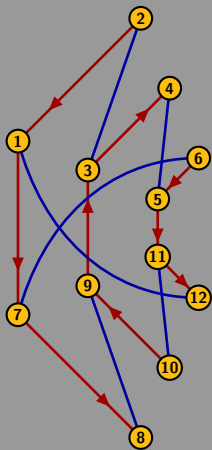


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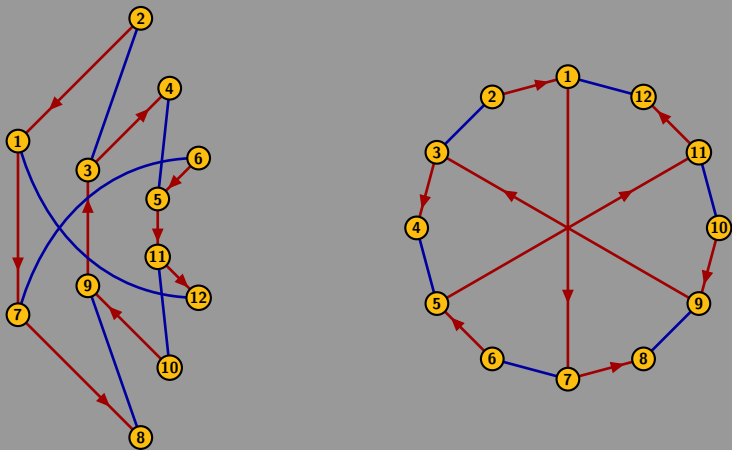


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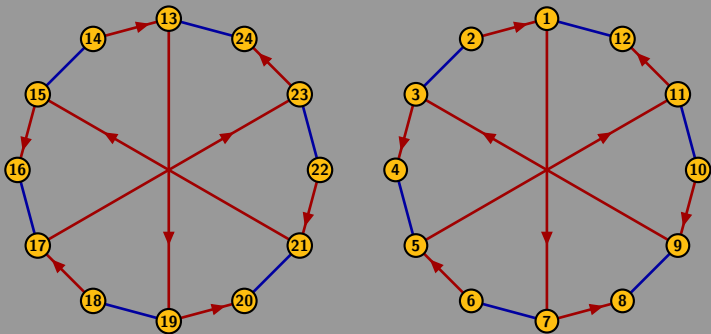


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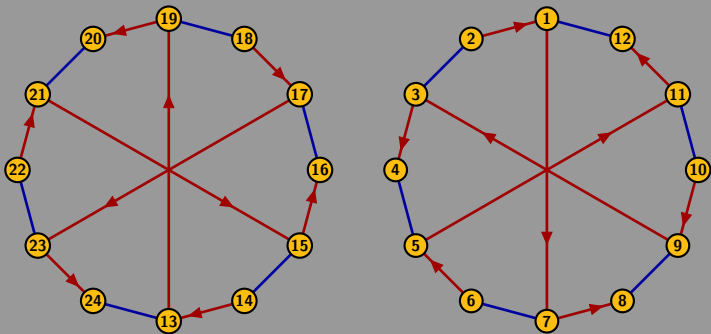


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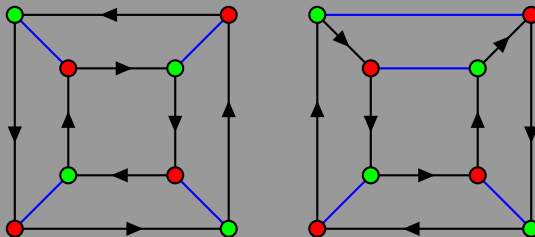


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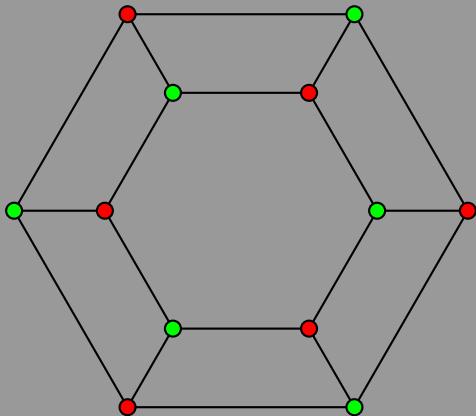


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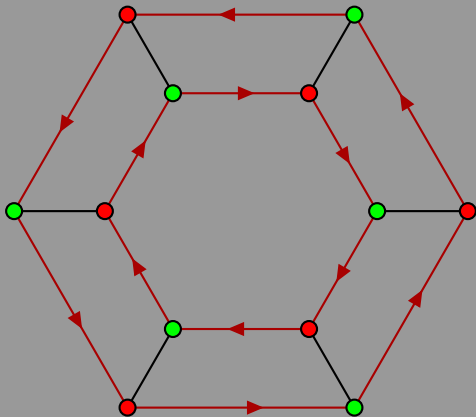


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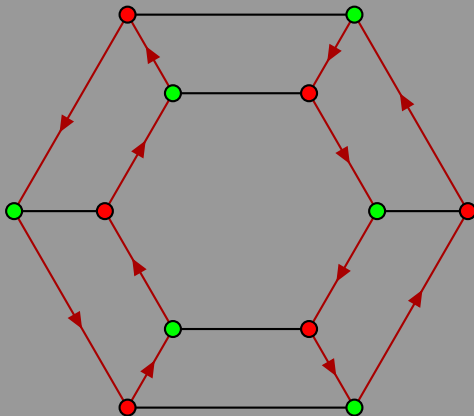


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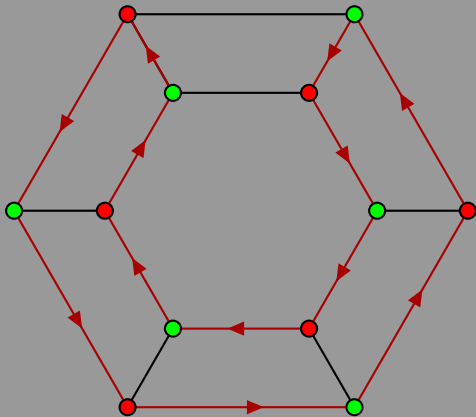


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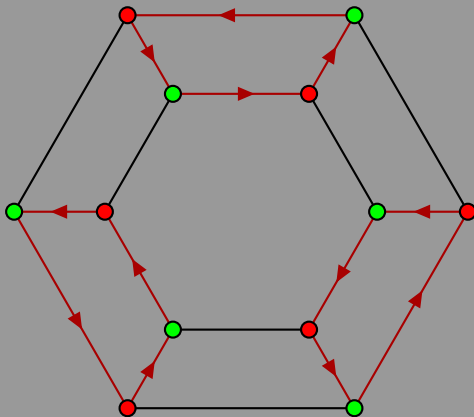


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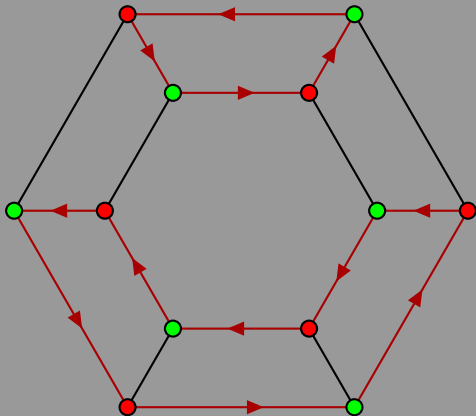


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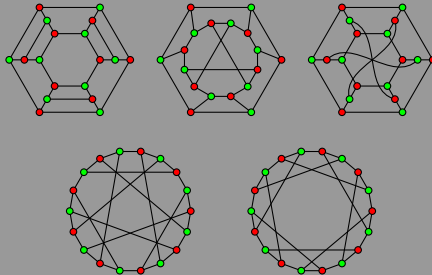
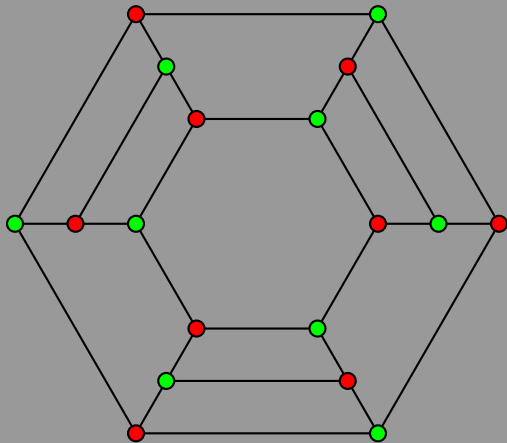
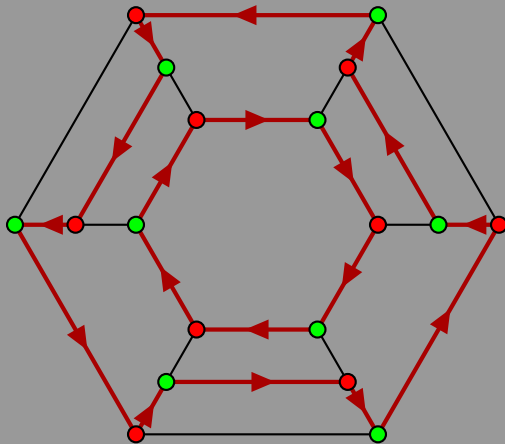


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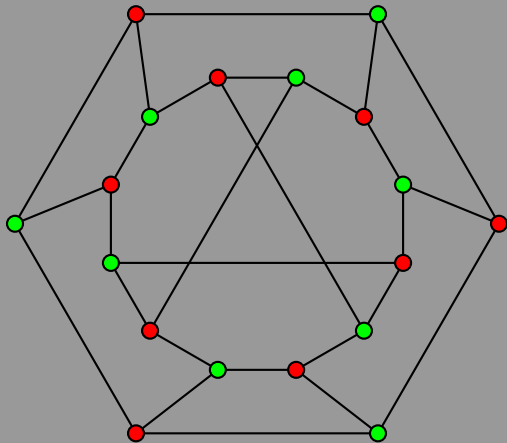
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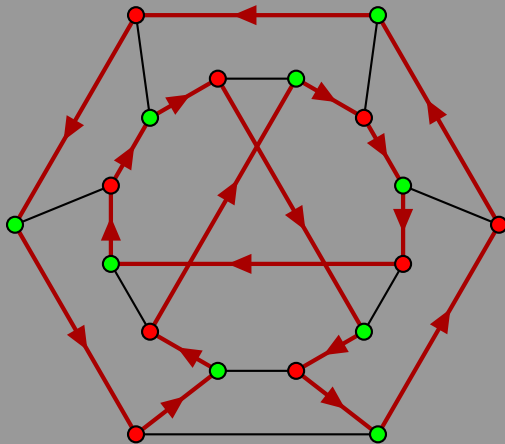
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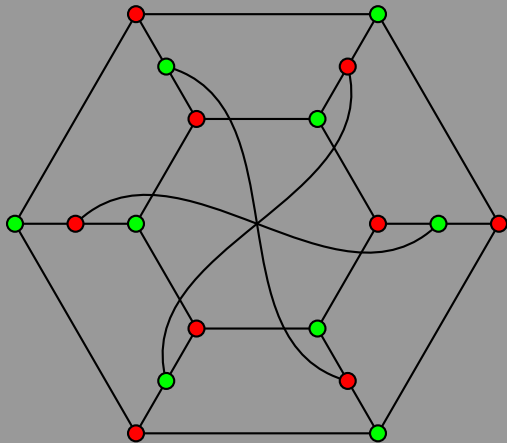


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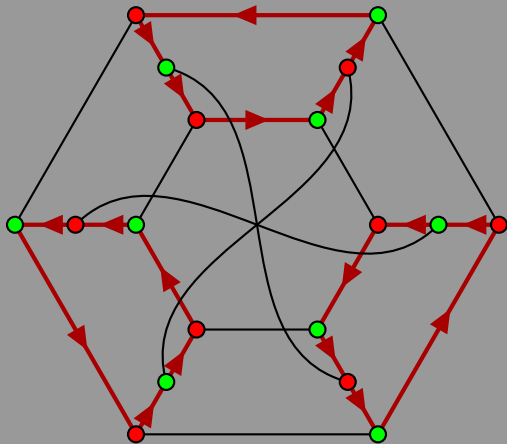




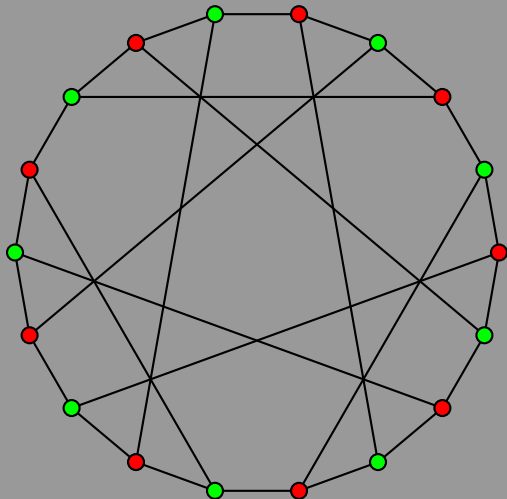
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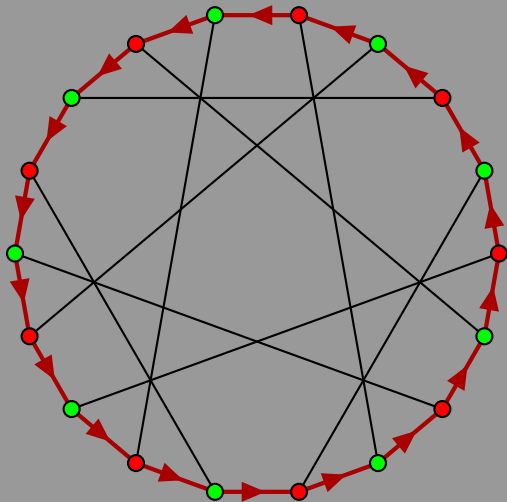
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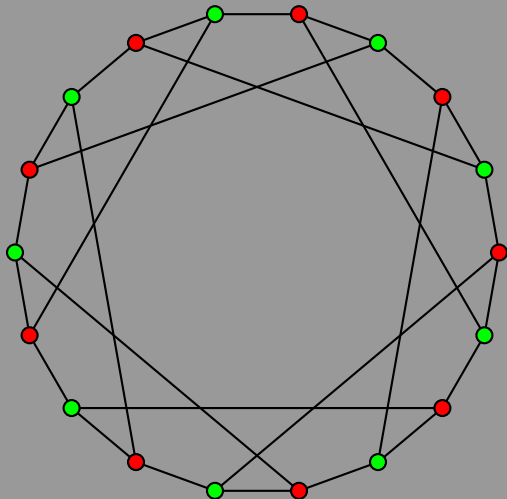
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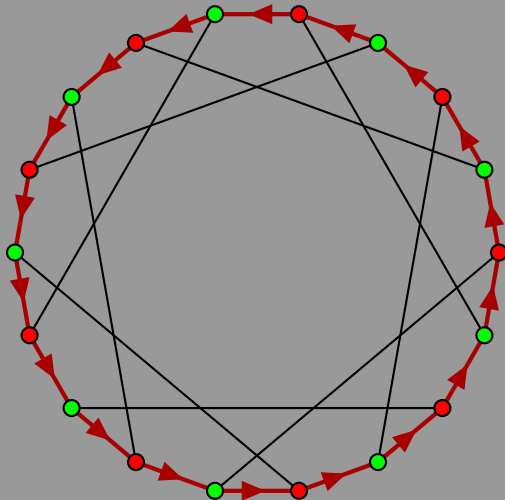
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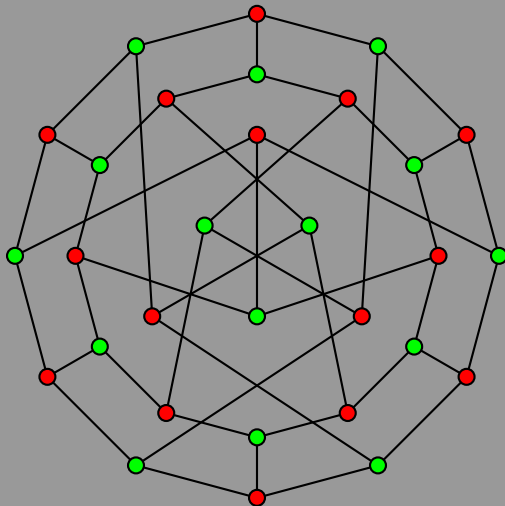


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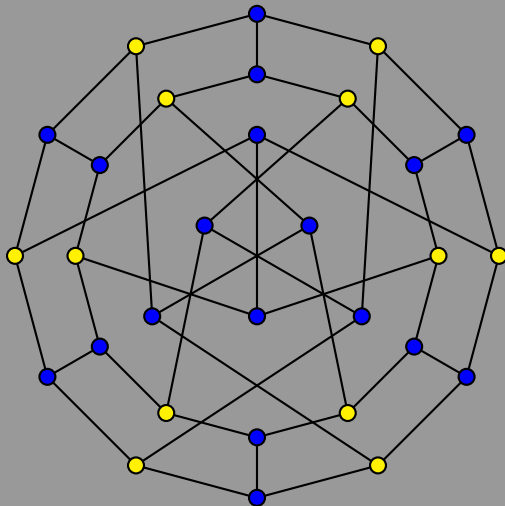
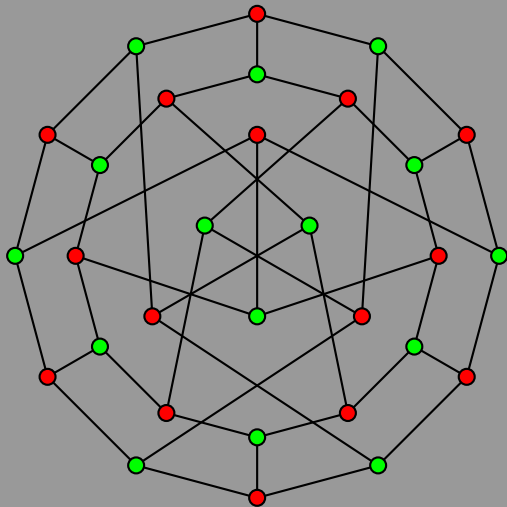


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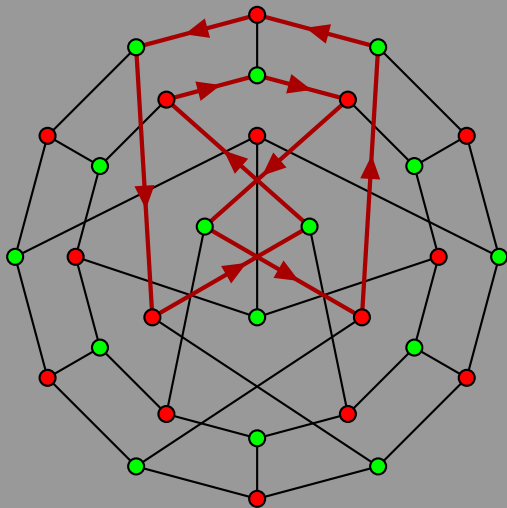


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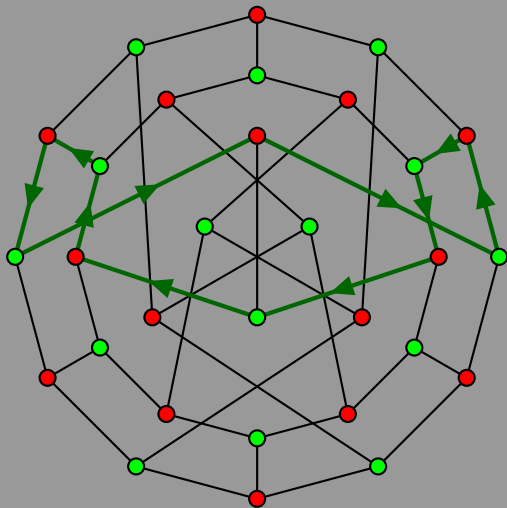


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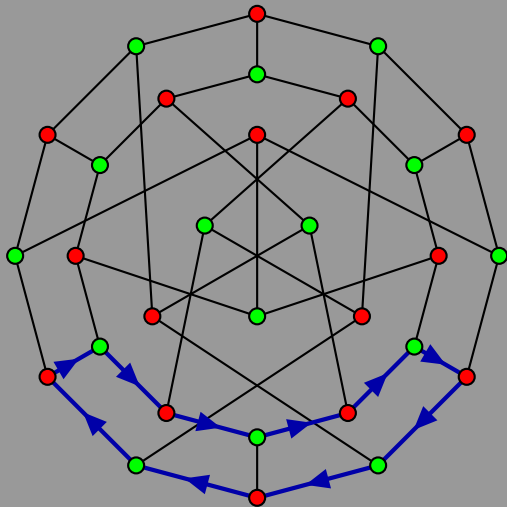
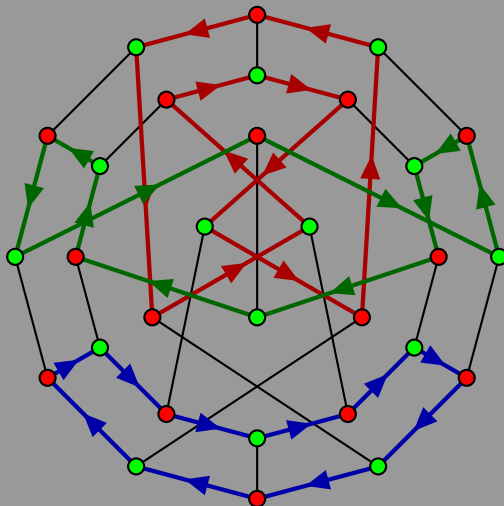


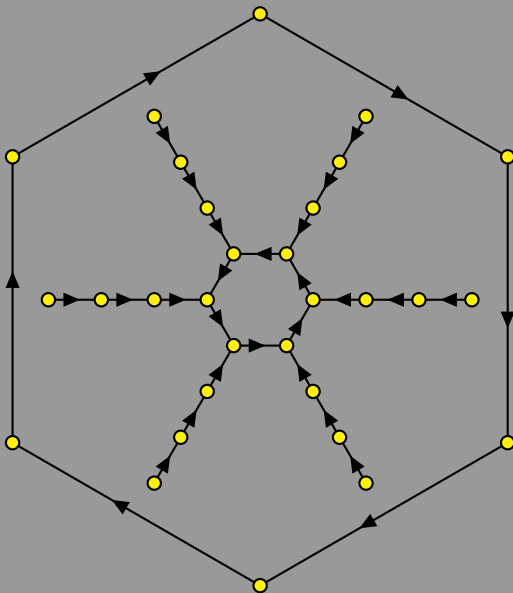
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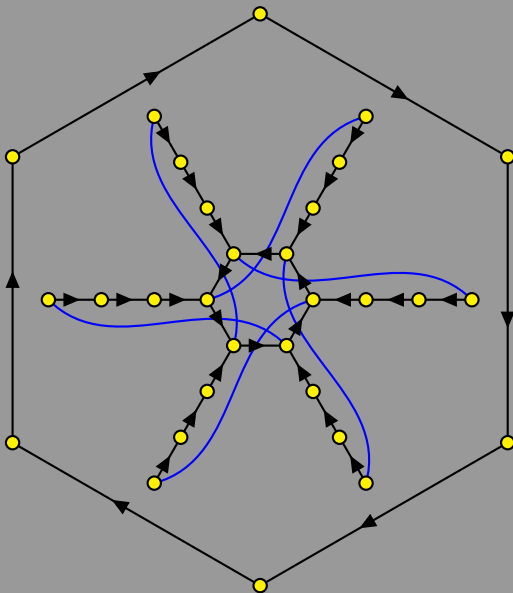


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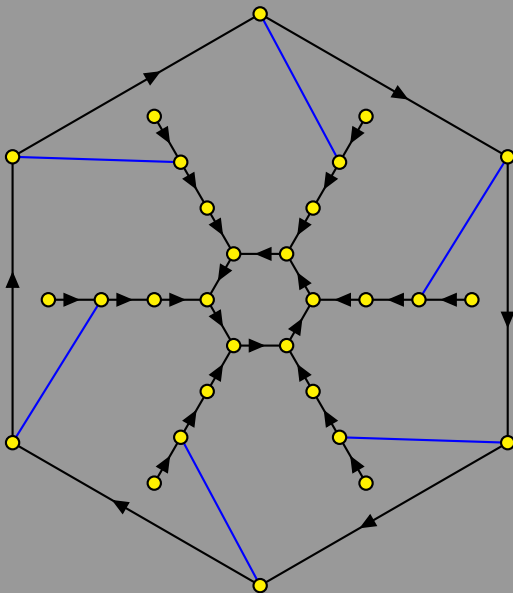




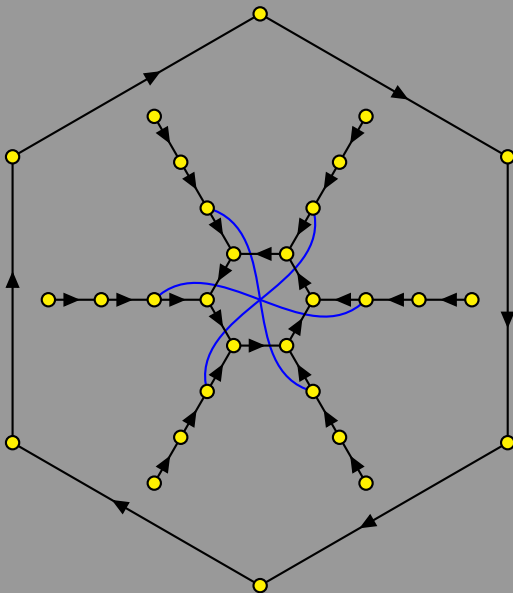
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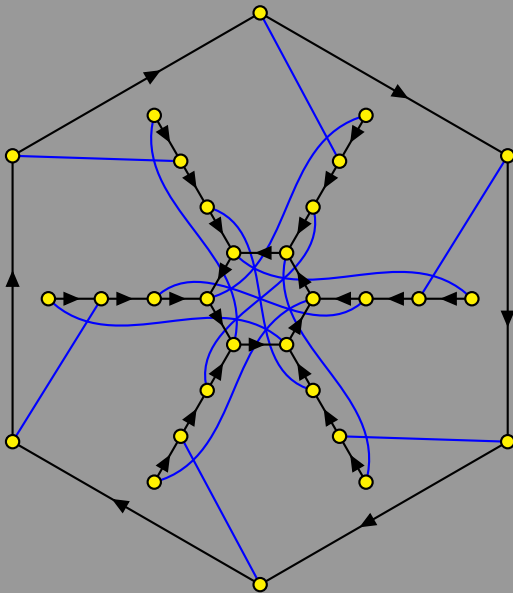
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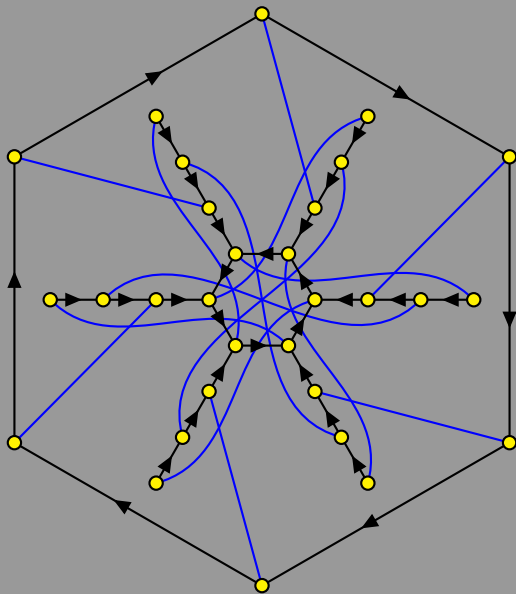
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A 3D view of the second or third  $(1, 1, 6)$ -graph of order 30, which is not totally regular.

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