

# In Praise of Loops

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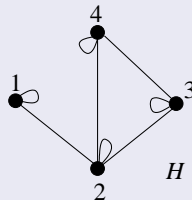
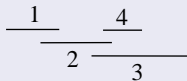
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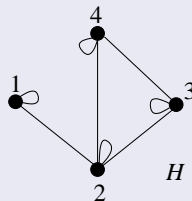
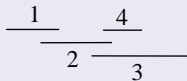
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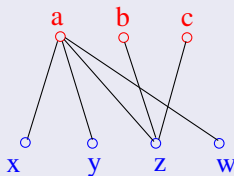
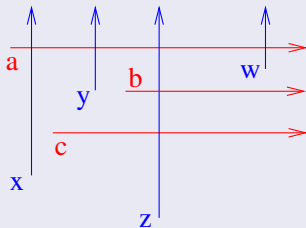
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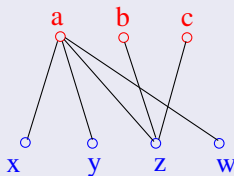
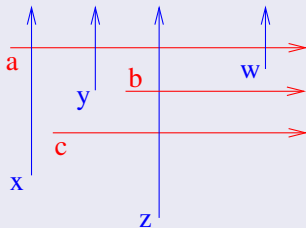


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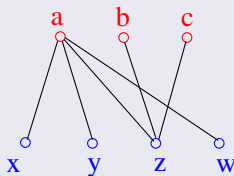
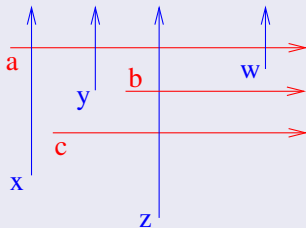
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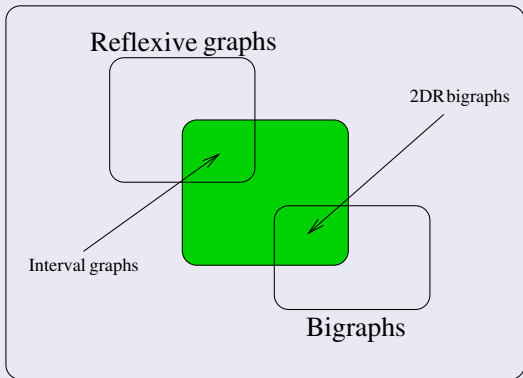
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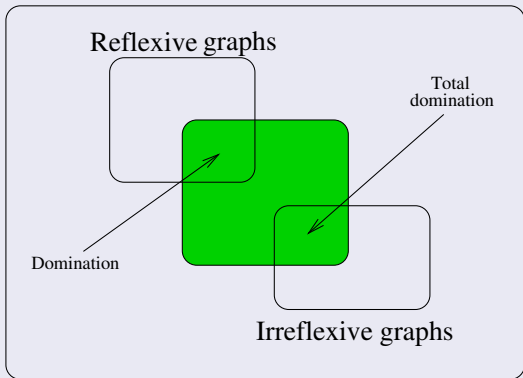
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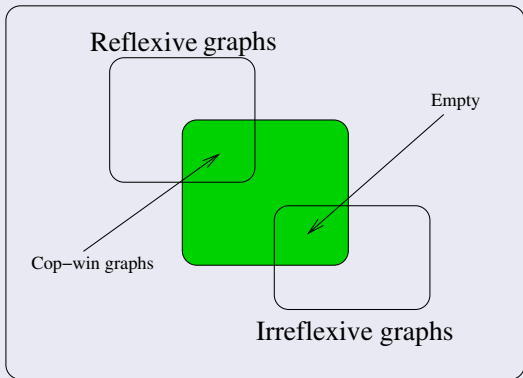
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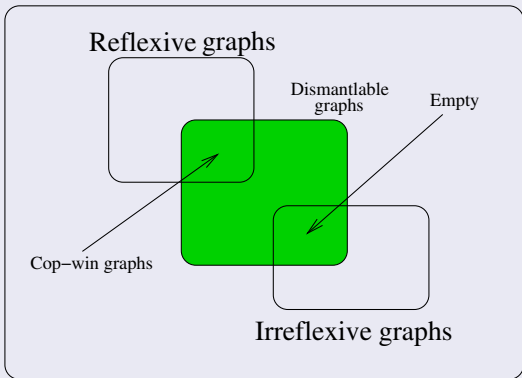
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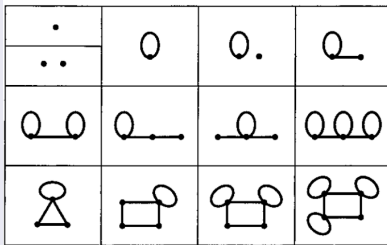
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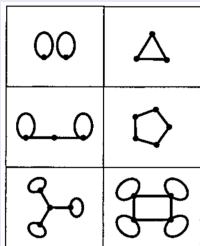


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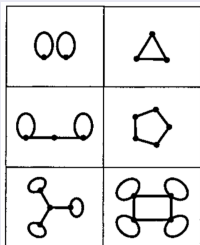


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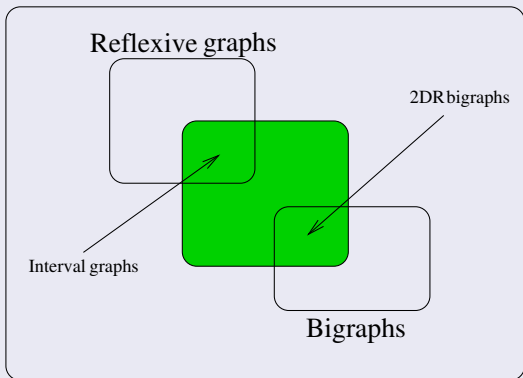
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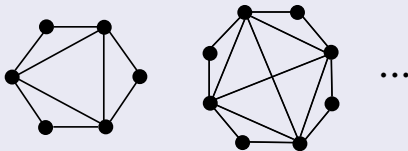
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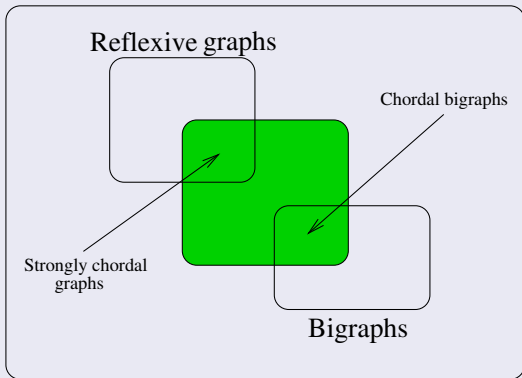
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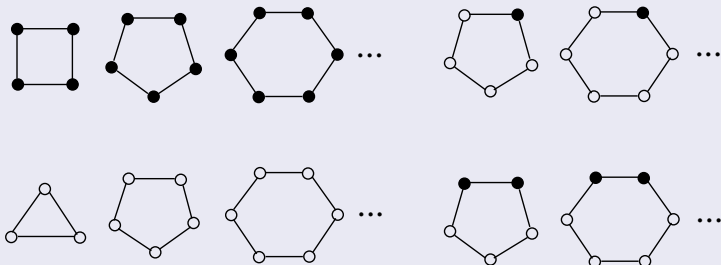
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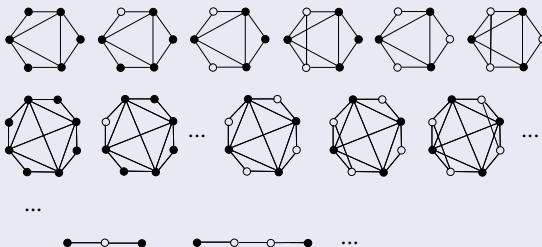
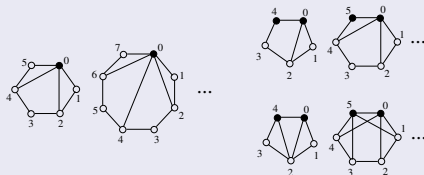
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## New result

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H+Hernandez-Cruz+Huang+Lin 2020

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Monma+Reed+Trotter 1988



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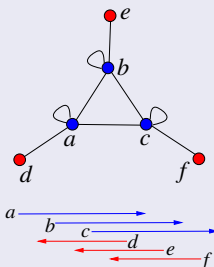
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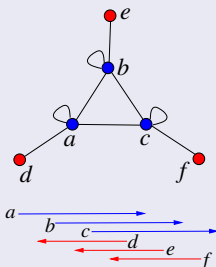
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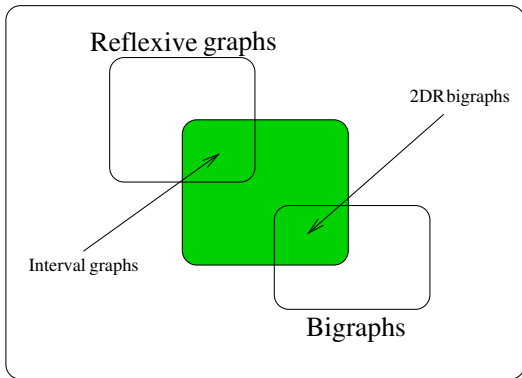
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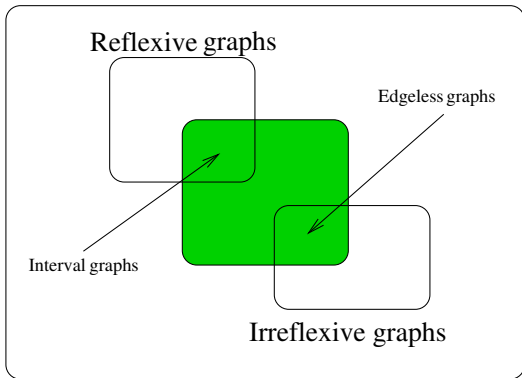
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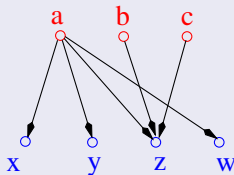
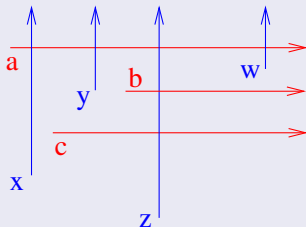
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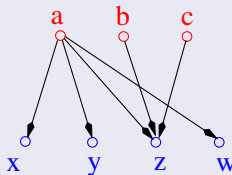
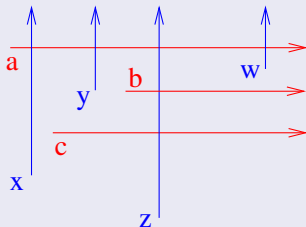


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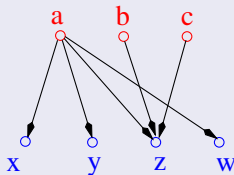
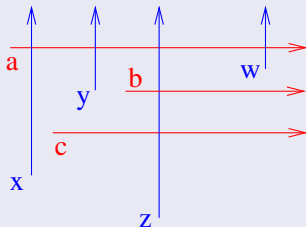
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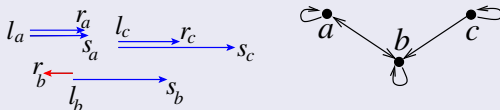
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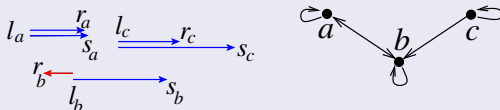
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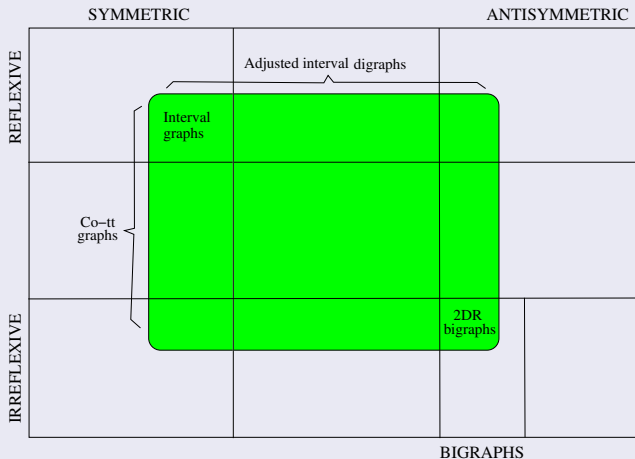
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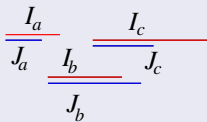
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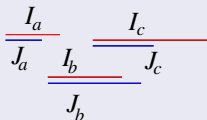
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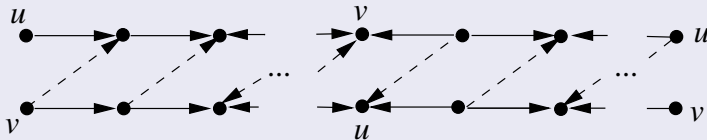
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