# Quintic graphs with every edge in a triangle

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#### The 2-regular connected graph with the triangle property:



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4-regular graphs with the triangle property: Line (multi-)graphs



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### Icosahedron is 5-regular, all edges in 2 triangles



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### A larger 5-regular graph with all edges in 1 or 2 triangles



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# **Z-box reduction**



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#### How can Z-box reduction fail?



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# Some graphs have no Z-box



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# Some graphs have no Z-box



### Some graphs have no Z-box





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### Generalising Line Graphs using Biregular Bipartite Graphs



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# **Complete graph on 6 vertices**



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# Clique Number 4: If $K_5$ minus an edge uv is a subgraph:



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#### Clique Number 4: Problems when $s_H = 0$



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## **Clique Number 4: When** *K*<sup>4</sup> **has three aloof triangles:**



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#### Clique number 3: the wheel with 5 vertices



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5-regular graphs with the triangle property

Many triangles incident with an edge

How many vertices adjacent to both ends of an edge?

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#### Many triangles incident with an edge



5-regular graphs with the triangle property

## **Triple edges part 1**



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Similarly, we can deal with





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but if there are no common neighbours of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , we cannot reduce.

5-regular graphs with the triangle property

Aloof triangles with a double edge



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## Aloof triangles with a double edge



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5-regular graphs with the triangle property

## Double edges in non-aloof triangles



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#### No double edges and two triangles adjacent to a Z-box



Pentagonal wheel reduction



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#### Atoms which remain

Atom	Configuration	Degree 5	Degree 3	Degree 2
$A_1$	Å	0	0	3

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$A_{10}$		3	1	0

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$A_2$	X	0	4	0
$A_3$	$\bigtriangleup$	0	2	1
$A_7$	$\checkmark$	2	0	2
$A_4$	$\land$	2	0	1
$A_{10}$		3	1	0
$A_{11}$		3	1	0

#### **Reductions for** $A_{10}$ (or $A_{11}$ analogously)



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#### **Reductions for** $A_{10}$ (or $A_{11}$ **analagously**)



Reductions for  $A_4$  are more numerous, but similar.

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# **Reduction for** $K_4$ with aloof triangles



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A simple graph with the property but fewest possible triangles





















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