#### Equitable Coloring in 1-Planar Graphs

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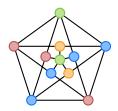
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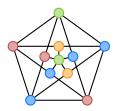
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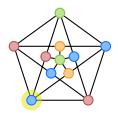


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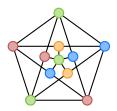


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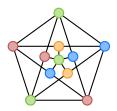
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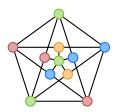
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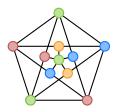
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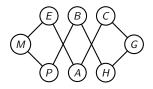
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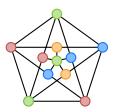
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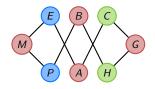


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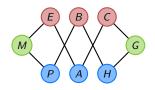




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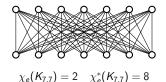




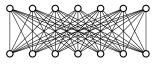
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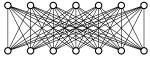
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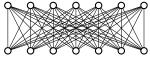
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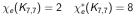
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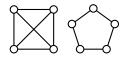


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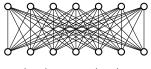
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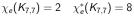


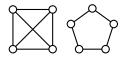




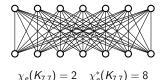
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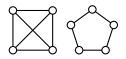


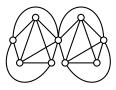




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- CLW true for: Bipartite graphs (Lih-Wu 1996); planar graphs with Δ ≥ 8 (Kostochka-Lin-Xiang 2023, Nakprasit 2012, Yap-Zhang 1998); 1-planar graphs with Δ ≥ 17 (Zhang 2016)







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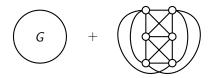
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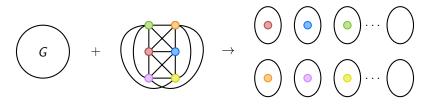
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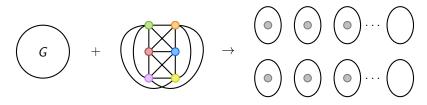
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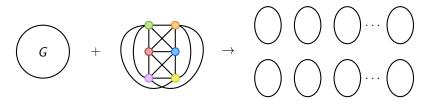
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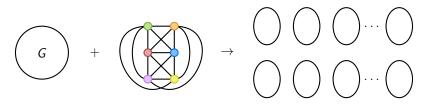


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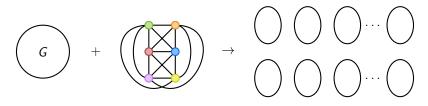
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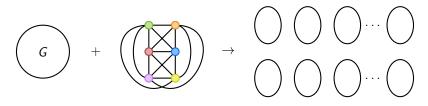
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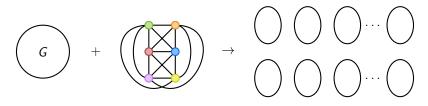
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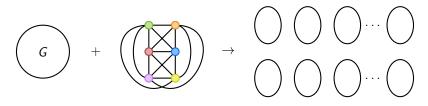
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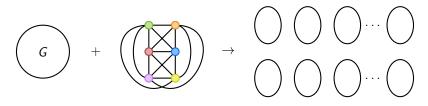
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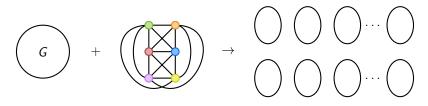
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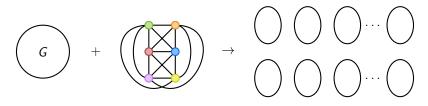
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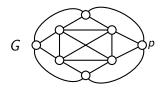
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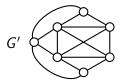
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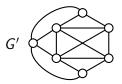
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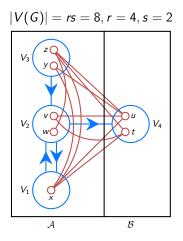
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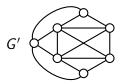
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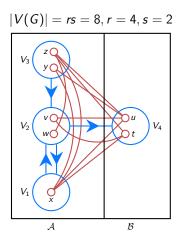
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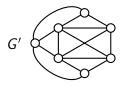
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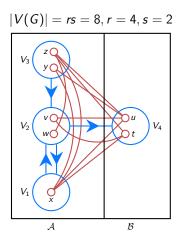
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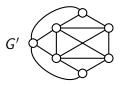




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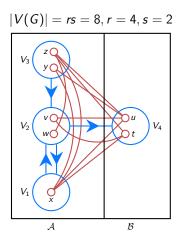
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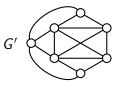




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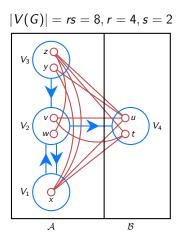
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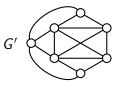




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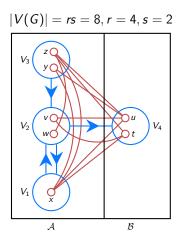
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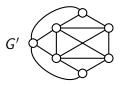




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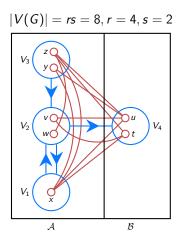
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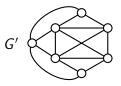




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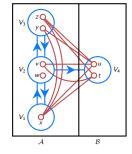


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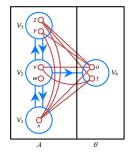
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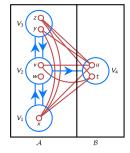
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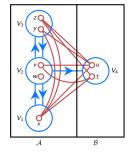
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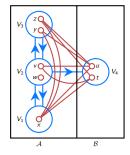
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