

A problem of Erdős and Sós on 3-graphs

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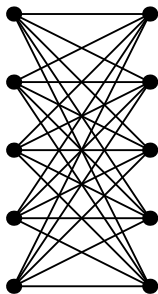
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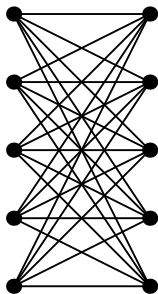


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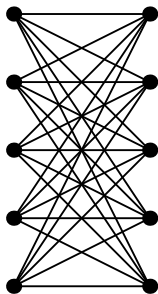
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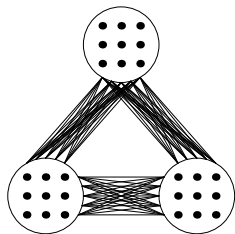
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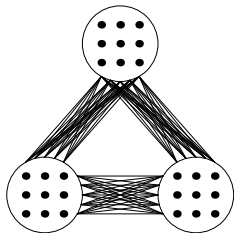


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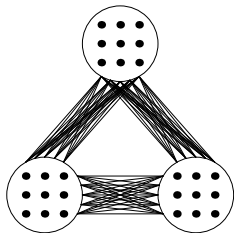
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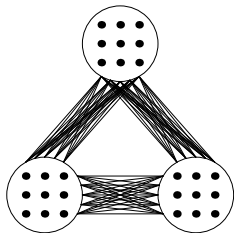
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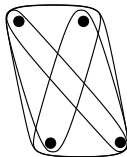
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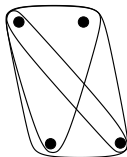


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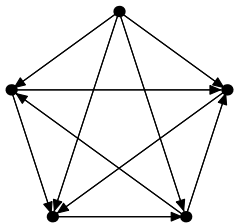
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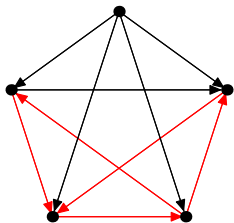
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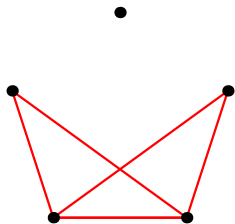
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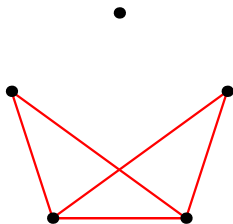
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The Turán question for both K_4^- and K_4^3 is still widely open

Conjectured value for K_4^- is $2/7$, for K_4^3 is $5/9$

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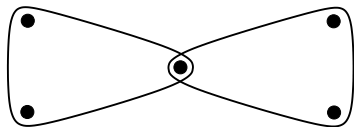
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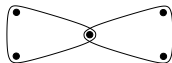
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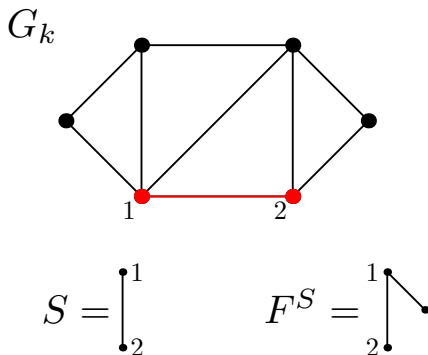
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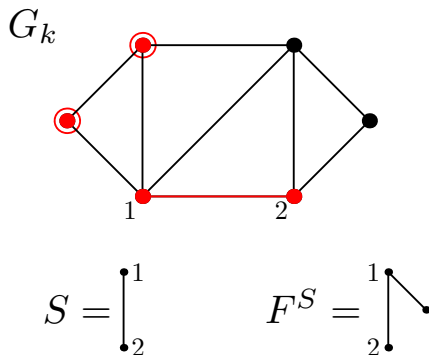
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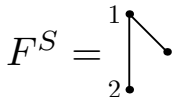
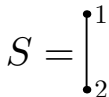
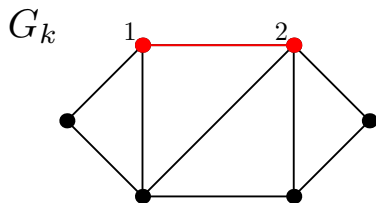
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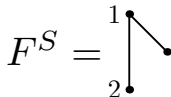
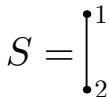
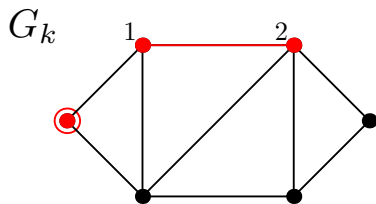
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