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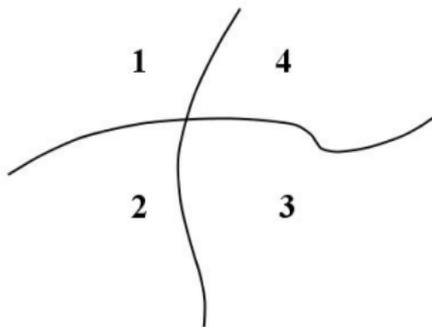
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$\chi(G)$ — is the smallest number of colors needed to color the vertices of a graph G such that no two adjacent vertices have the same color.

$\chi(B)$ — is the smallest number of colors needed to color the regions of map B such that no two regions having a common point share the same color.



Let \mathcal{C} - a class of graphs (maps), we denote by $\chi(\mathcal{C})$ - the minimum number of colors that can be colored every graph (map) in the class \mathcal{C} .

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$$\chi(\mathcal{B}_{k,g}) \leq \frac{2k + 1 + \sqrt{4k^2 - 12k + 16gk + 1}}{2}.$$

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$$\chi(\mathcal{B}_{4,g}) = \chi(\mathcal{A}_{1,g}) \leq \frac{9 + \sqrt{17 + 64g}}{2},$$

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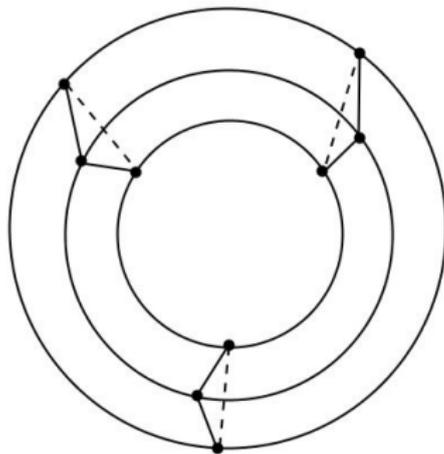
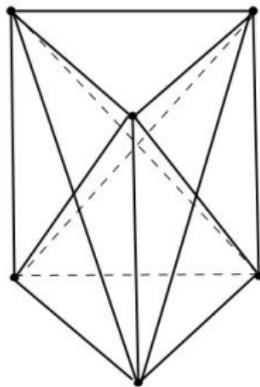
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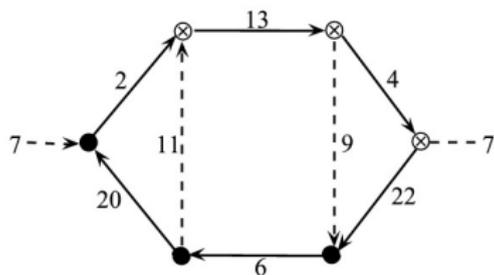
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$$K_{25}, 25 = 9 + 16t$$



1. Cubic graph on $4t + 2$ vertices.
2. Bypass: it by turning in each black vertex clockwise, and in white counterclockwise. We obtain a cycle when we go along each edge twice (in both direction).
3. Dashed edges form a perfect matching.
4. We defined the orientation and numbers on the edges such that the sum of incoming numbers and outgoing are equal modulo $9 + 16t$.
5. All \pm number on the edges, and the difference between the numbers in the bypass before and after each dashed edge are different modulo $9 + 16t$.

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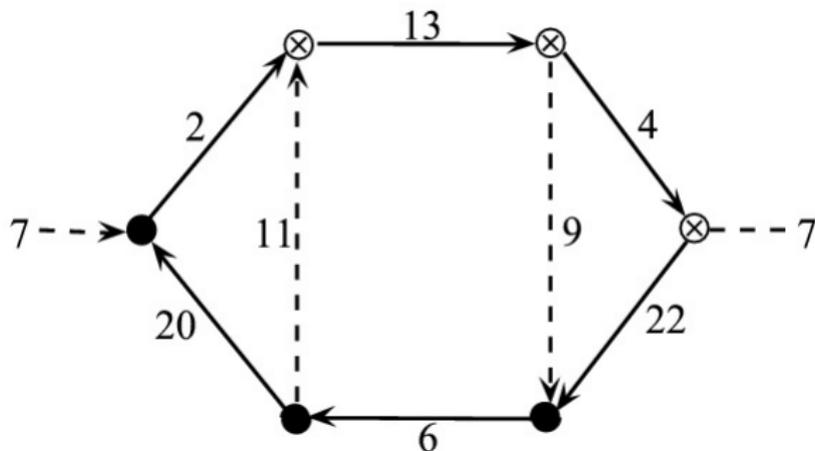
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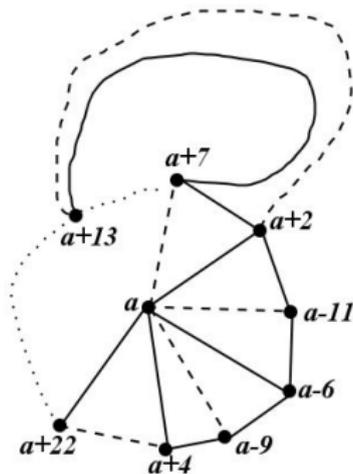
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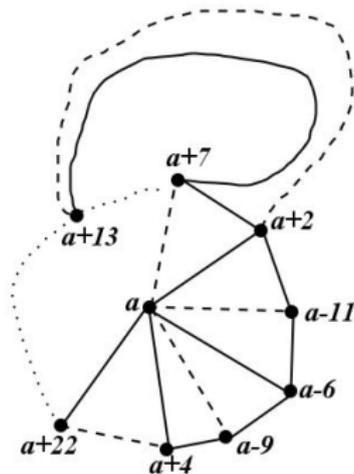


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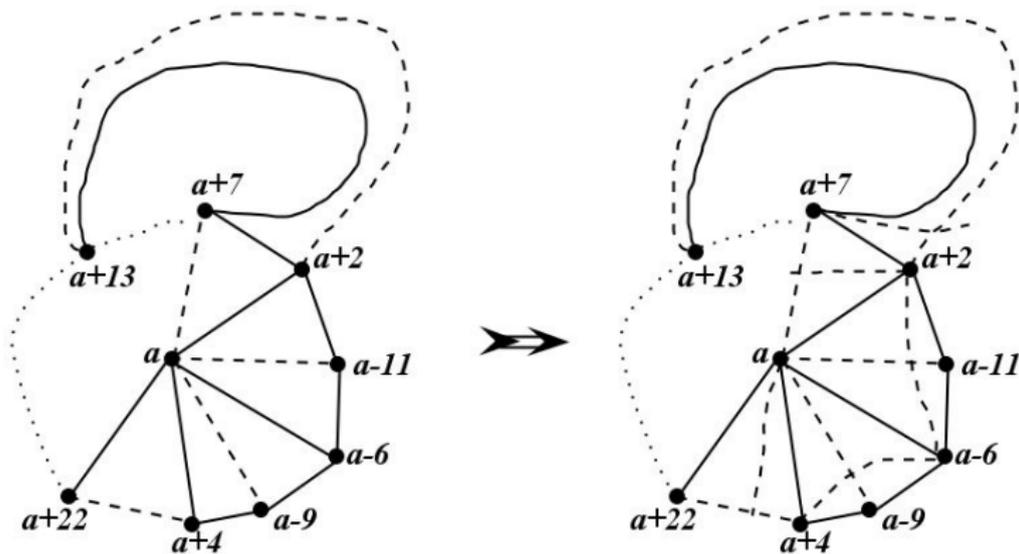
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We draw in two adjacent triangles (by dashed edge) the diagonal edge across the common dashed edge.

We get a complete graph if our auxiliary cubic graph satisfied those 5 conditions written above.

Thank you for your attention