

# Point Line Configurations and their Realizability

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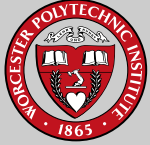
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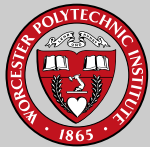
## Zur Theorie der Netze und Configurationen von Konrad Zindler in Graz

- Elementary proof of a theorem of Möbius:

Given 4 points in the plane, one can, by ruler alone construct a point in the  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of a given 5'th point for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

- Generalization of Configuration:

A system of points and lines in the plane such that on every line there are at least 3 points and through every point there are at least 3 lines.



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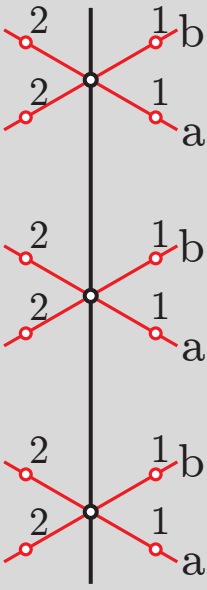
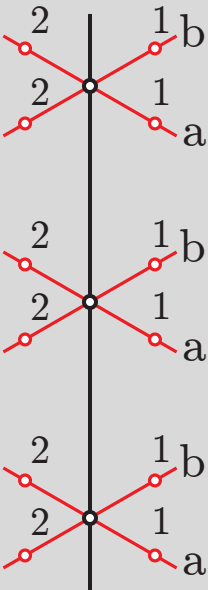
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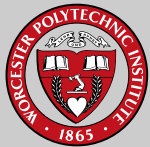
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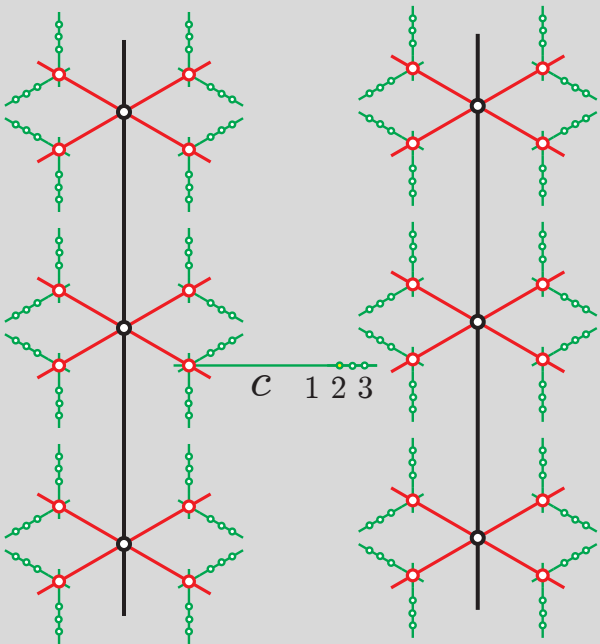
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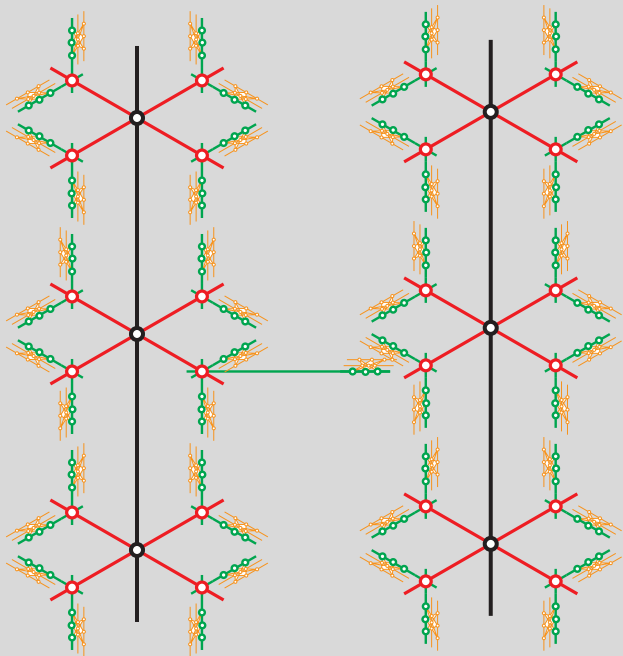
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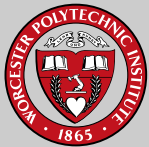
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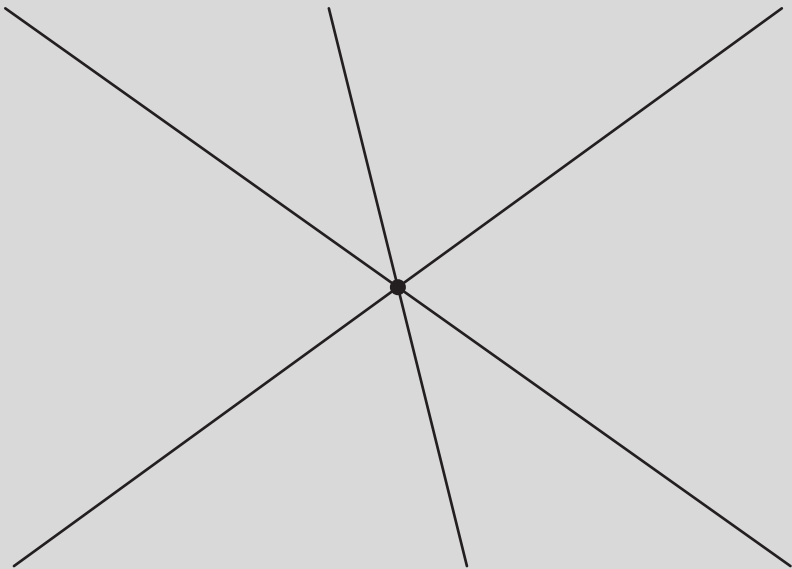
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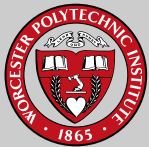
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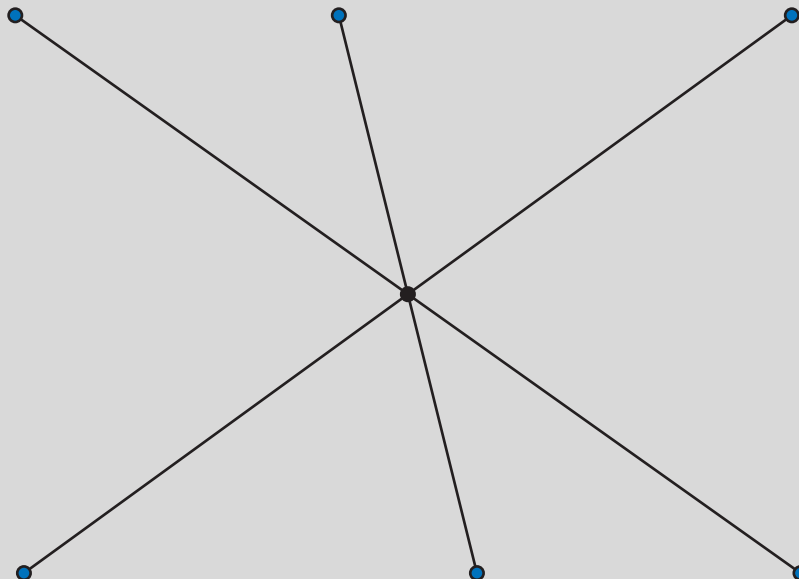
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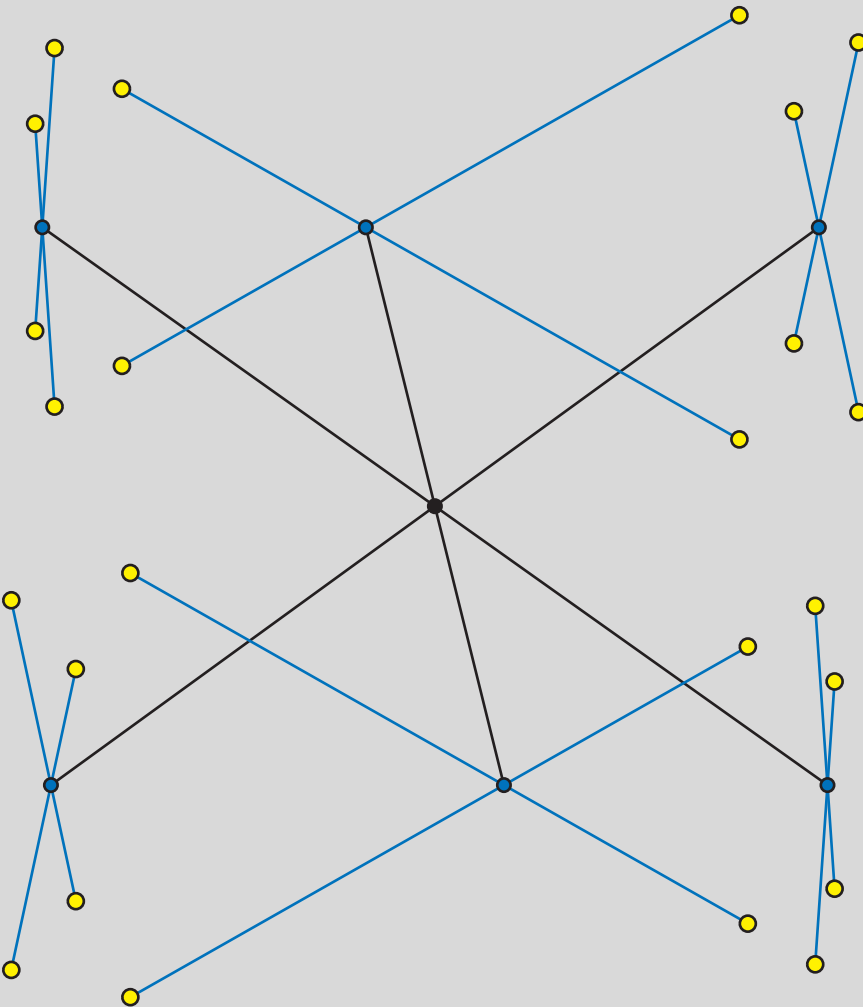
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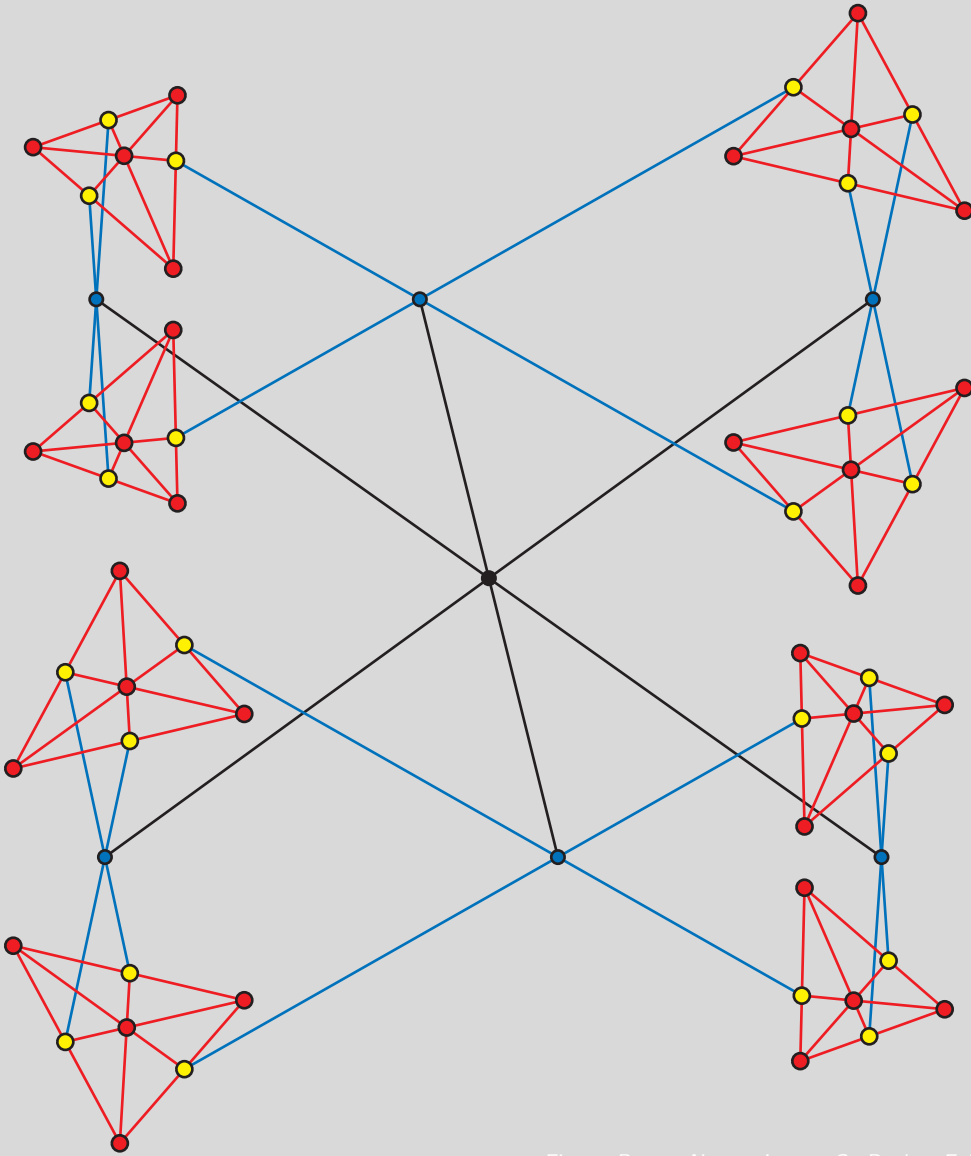
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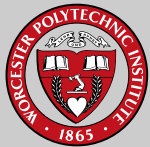
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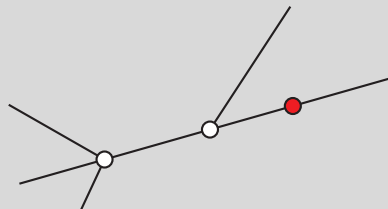
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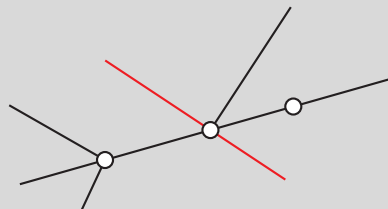
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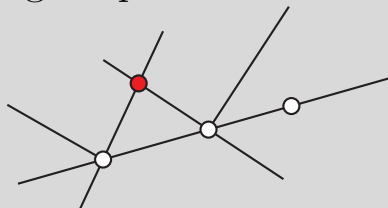
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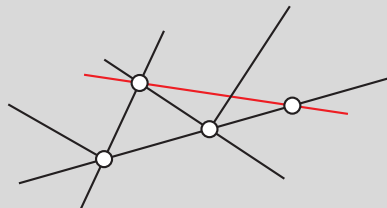
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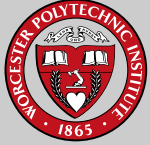
- Intersect two lines.



- Draw a line through two points.



- Join two components by putting a point of one component on a line of the other component.



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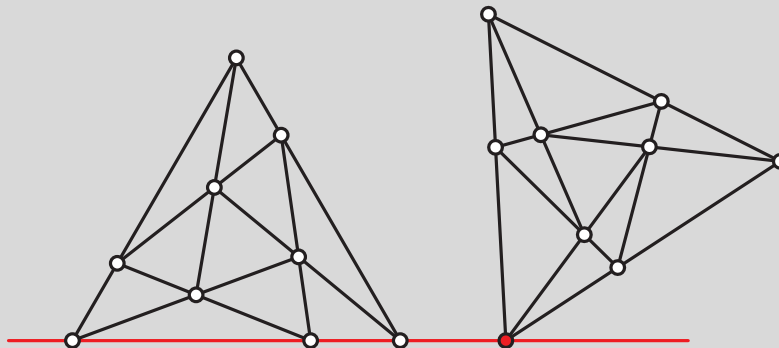
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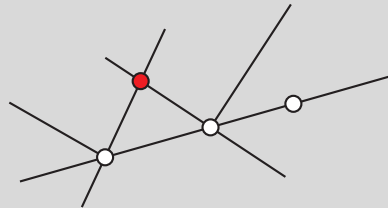
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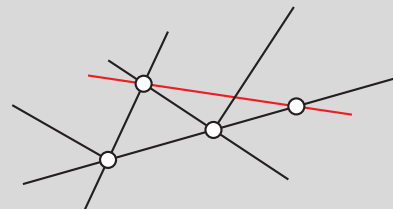
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## Dangerous Moves



- Intersect two lines.



- Draw a line through two points.





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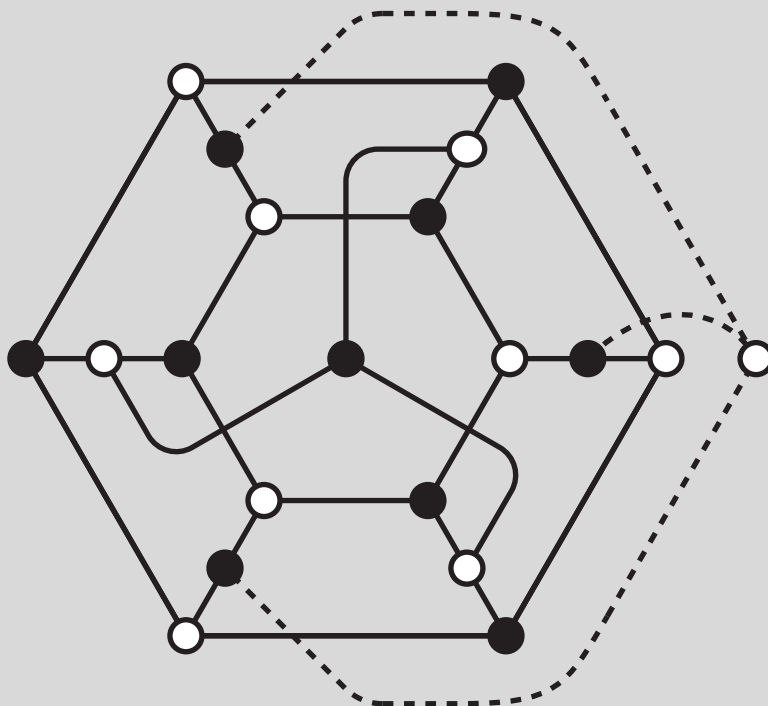
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## Realizable Moves on the Levi graph

- Add vertices of degree one.
- Add vertices of degree two such that bipartiteness and girth 6 are preserved.  
(between points of the same color a distance at least 4 apart.)
- Add edges between connected components (bridges).



Given a bipartite graph  $G$  of girth 6, these moves may be reversed, provided there exists a vertex of degree at most 2. If  $G$  is 3-regular, then  $G - v$  can be built up from a vertex by allowable moves





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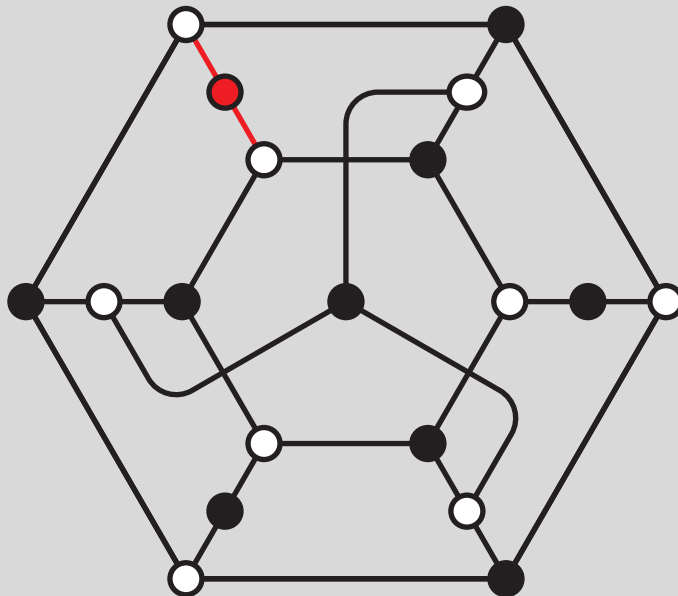
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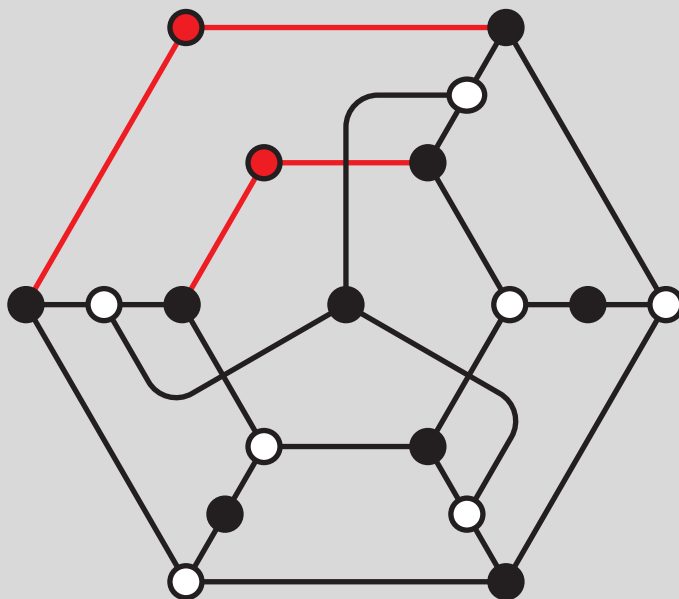
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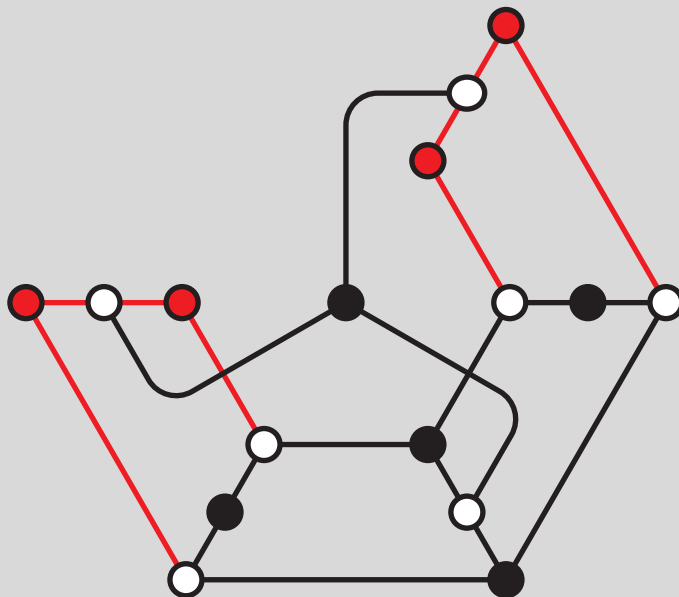
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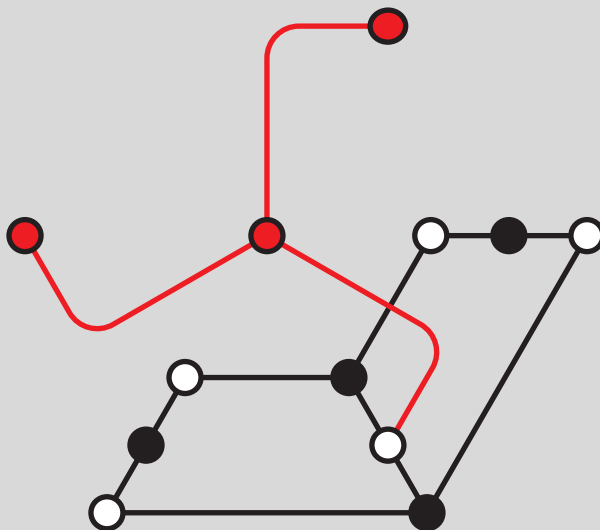
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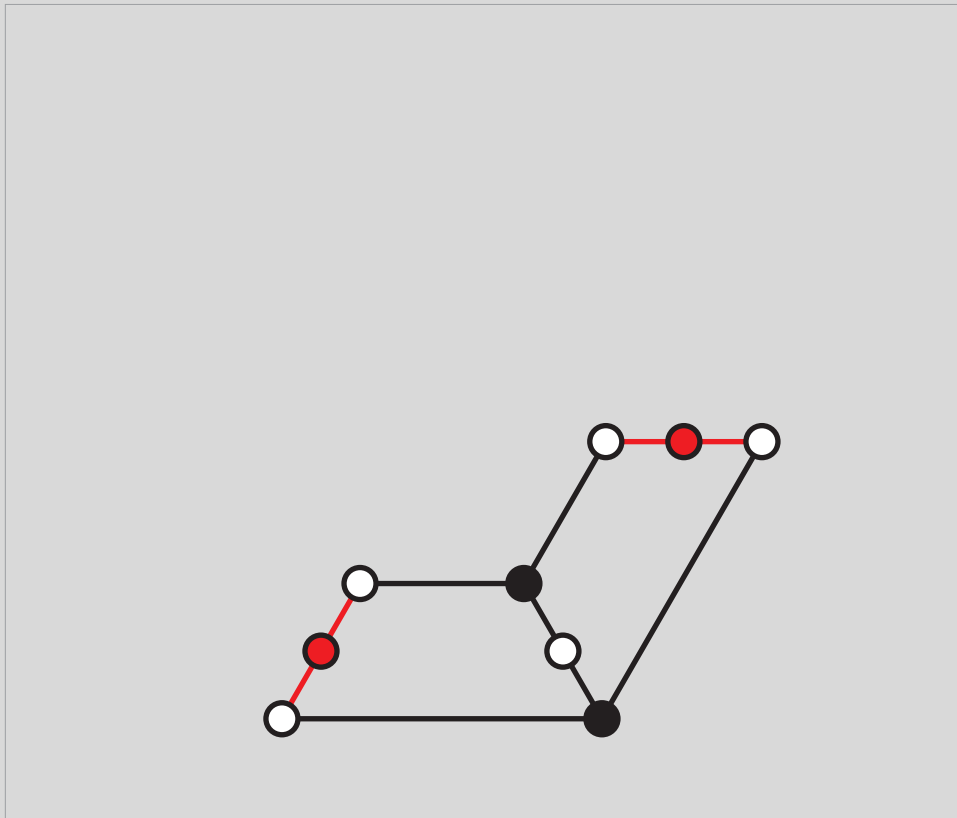
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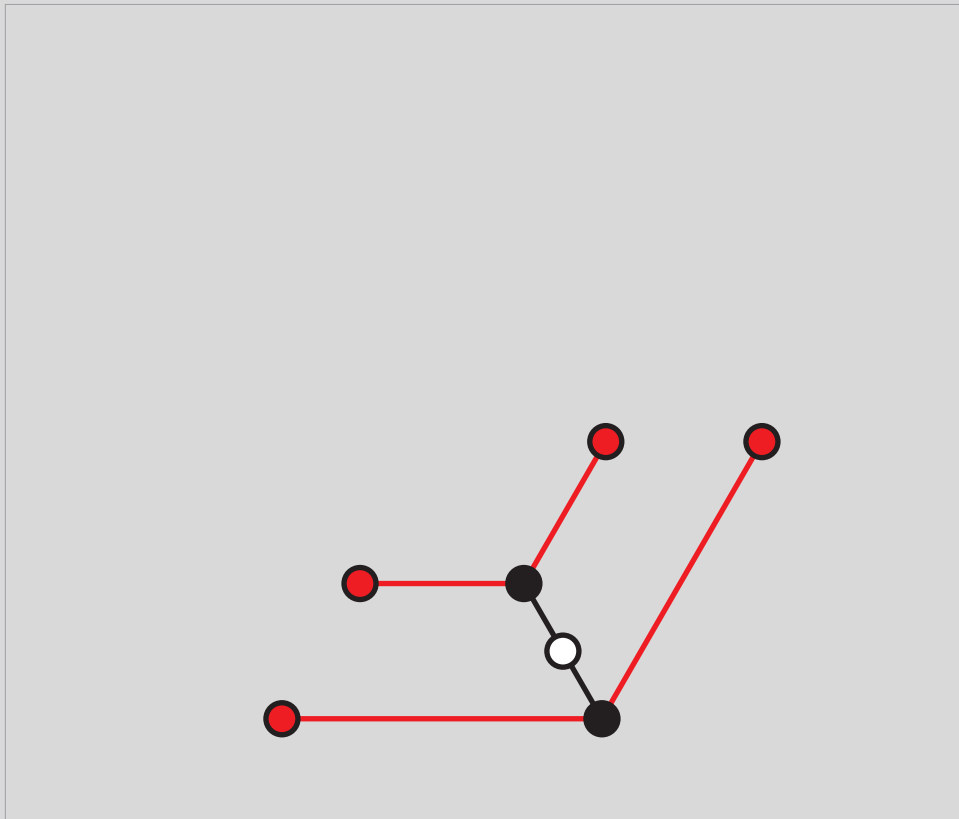


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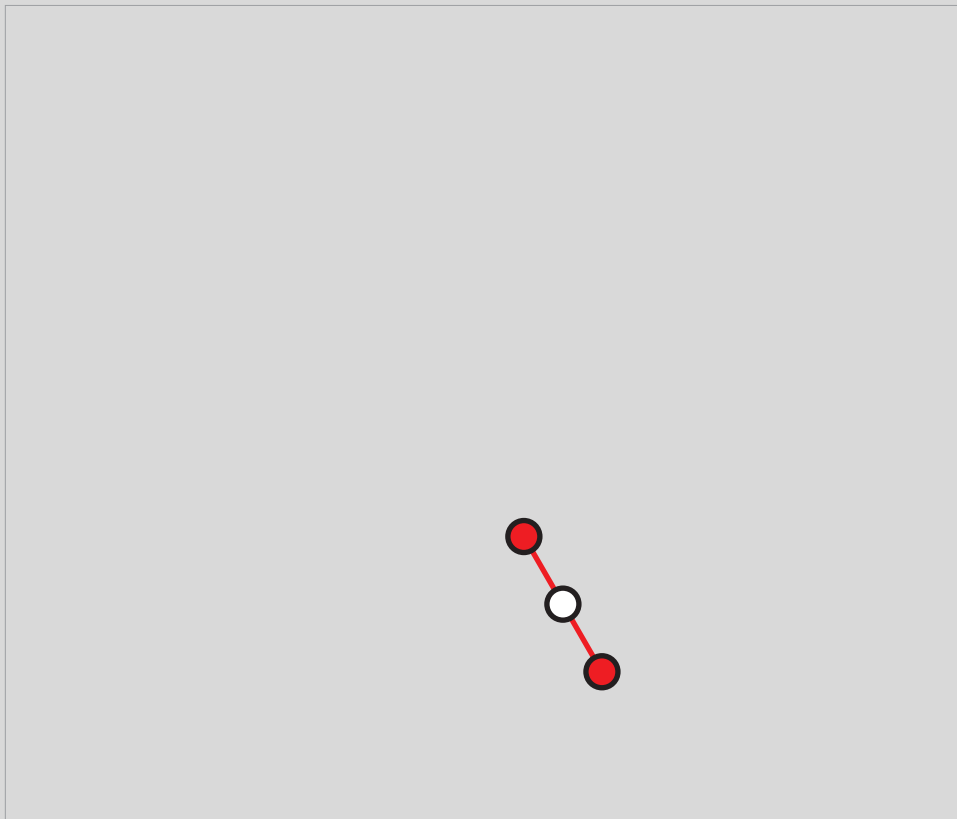
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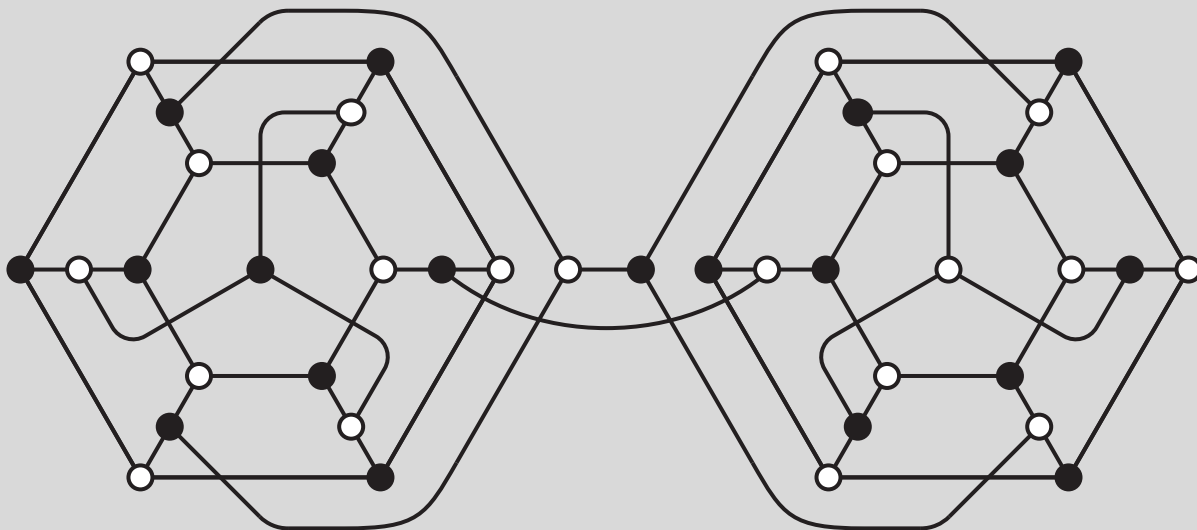
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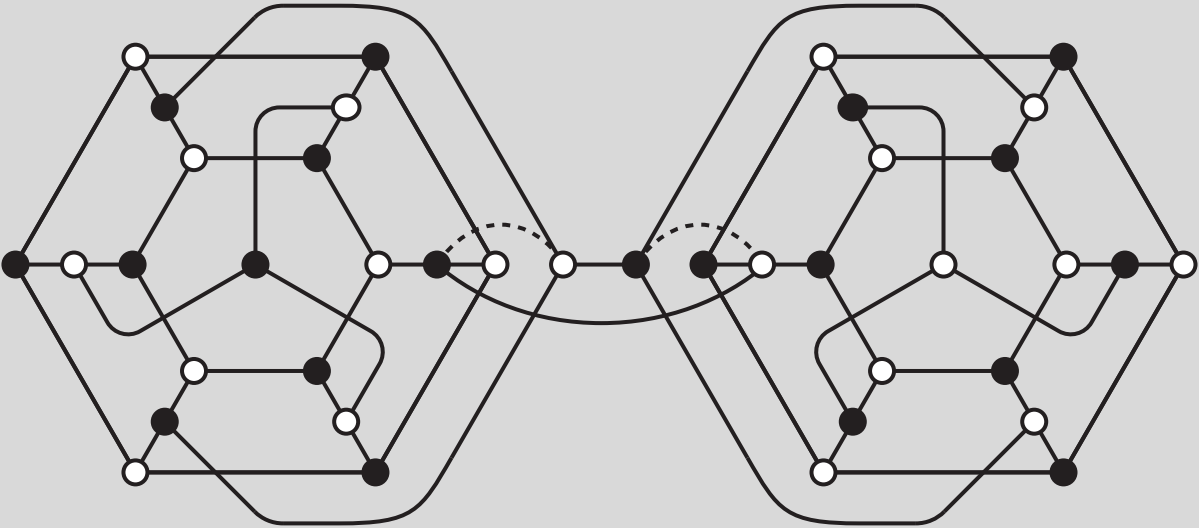
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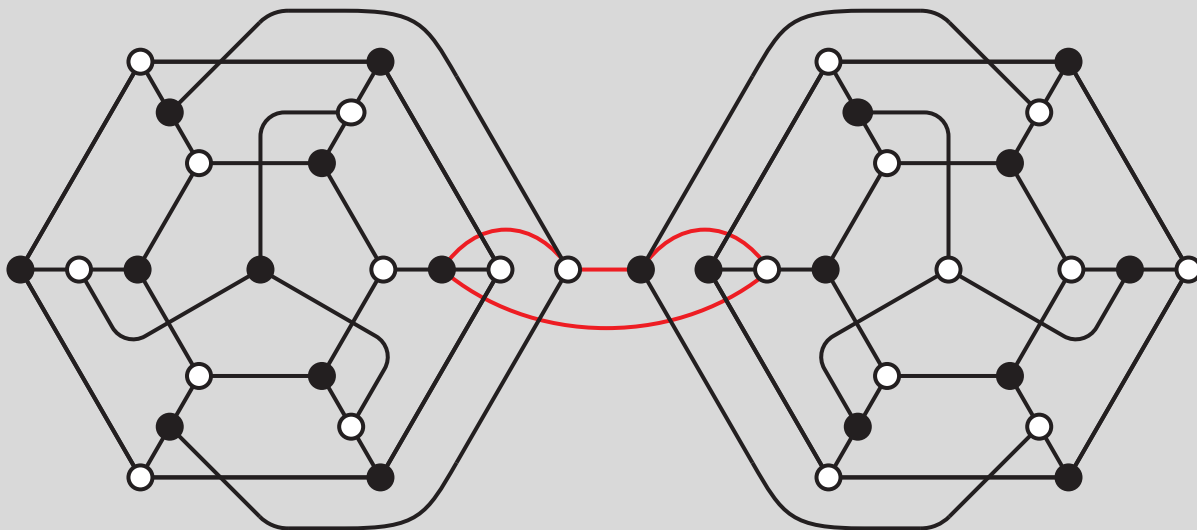
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## Steinitz's Theorem

Every symmetric  $v_3$  configuration has a realization in the plane with at most one curved line.



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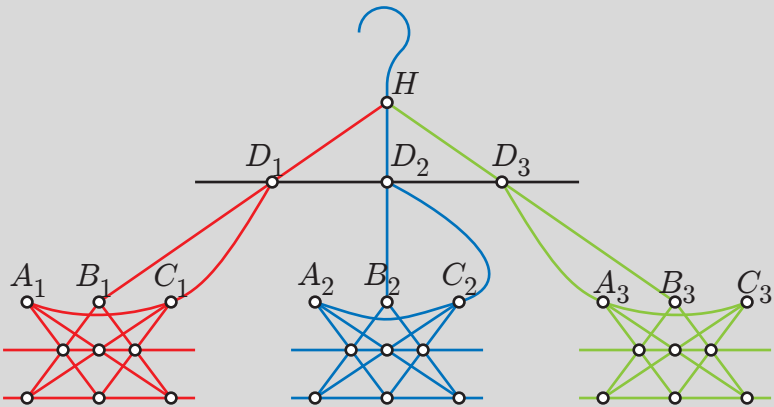
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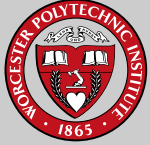
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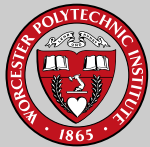
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# Grünbaum's Conjecture

Steinitz's Theorem is true for configurations whose Levi graph is 3-connected.

# Theorem

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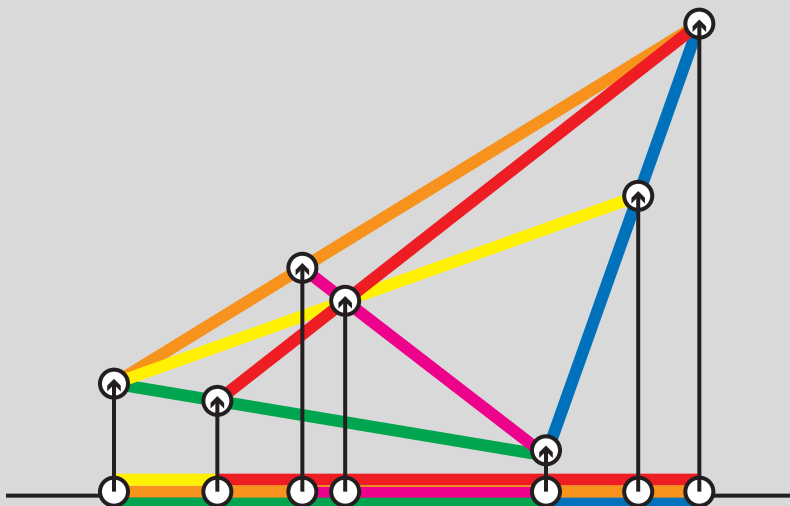


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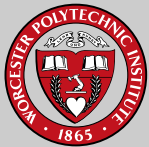
A generic picture in  $k - 1$  space of an incidence structure lifts to a sharp scene in  $k$ -space if and only if

$$i \leq a + kb - (k + 1)$$

for all sub-incidence structures having at least two blocks.







For a 3-regular bipartite graph of girth six Whiteley's count is violated by three.

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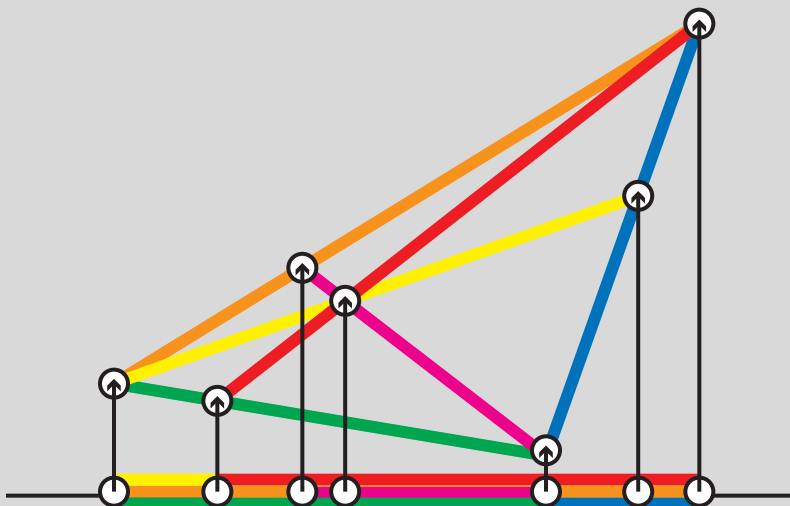
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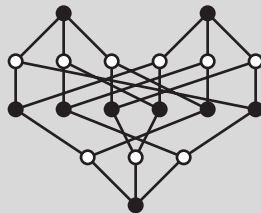
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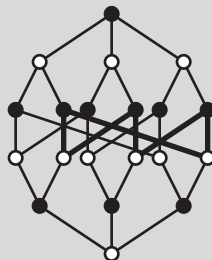
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$i = 18$	$p = 8$	$l = 6$	$l + 2p - 2 = 20$	$2l + p - 2 = 18$
$i = 24$	$p = 8$	$l = 9$	$l + 2p - 2 = 23$	$2l + p - 2 = 24$
$i = 27$	$p = 9$	$l = 9$	$l + 2p - 2 = 25$	$2l + p - 2 = 25$



$i = 3$	$p = 1$	$l = 6$	$l + 2p - 2 = 8$	$2l + p - 2 = 12$
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An  $(8_4)$  spatial configuration.  
 $a = 8, b = 8, i = 32,$

$$a + 3b - 4 = 28$$

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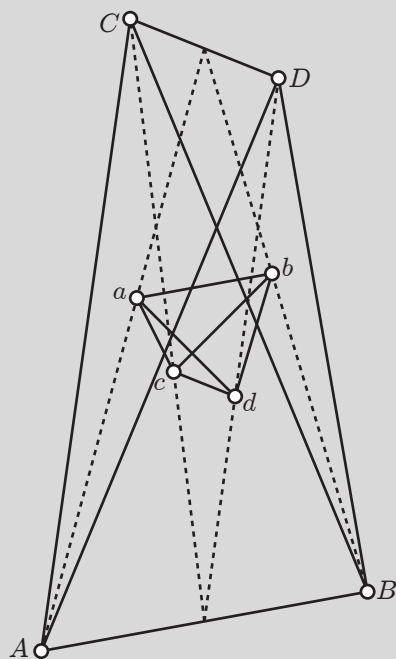
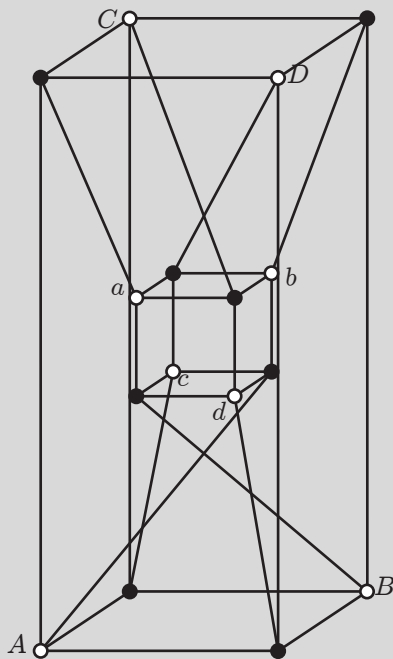
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A similar  $(8_4)$  spatial configuration.  
Levi graph is a hypercube  
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