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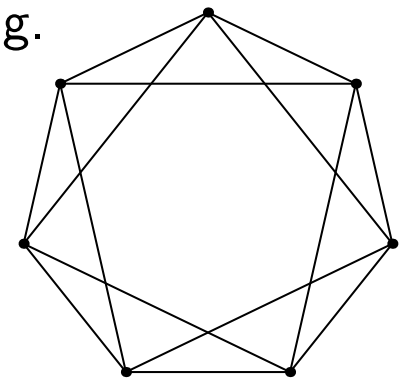

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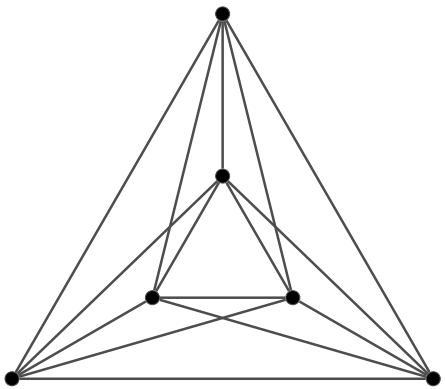

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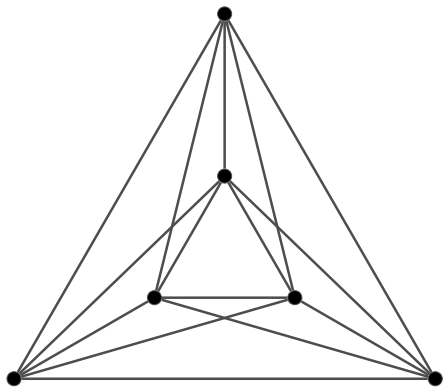

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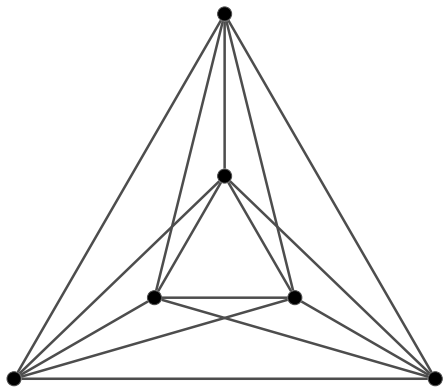

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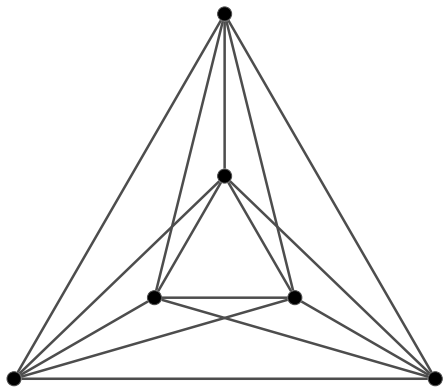

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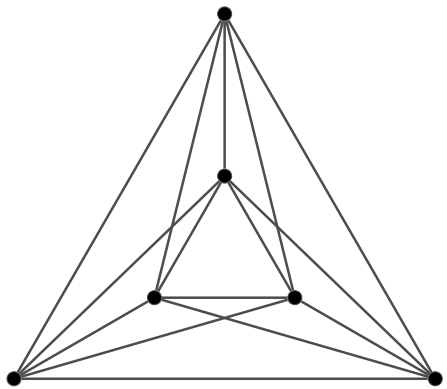

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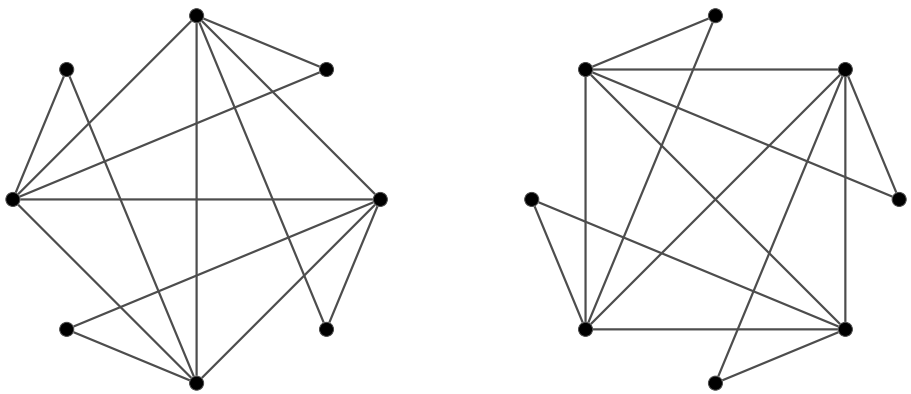

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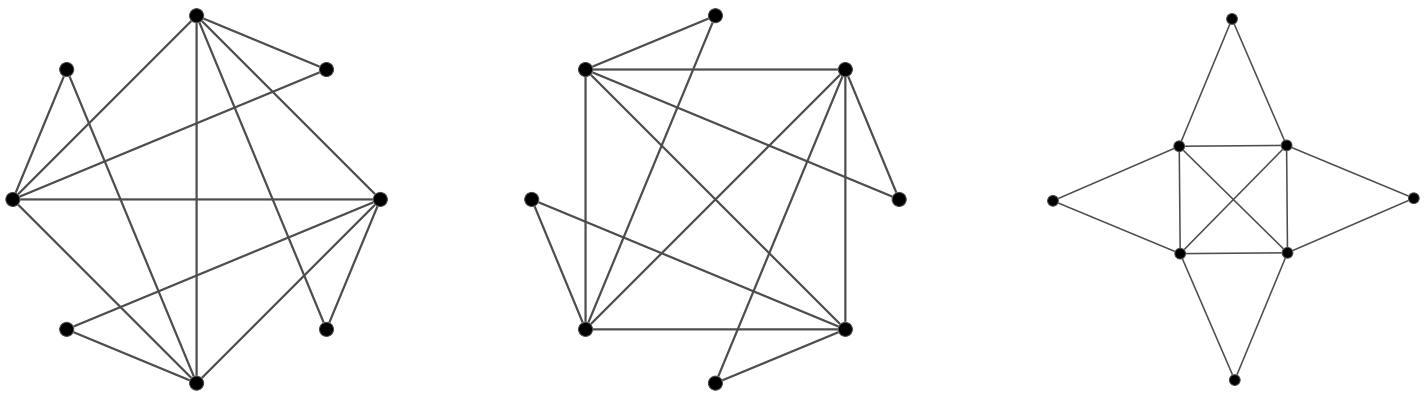

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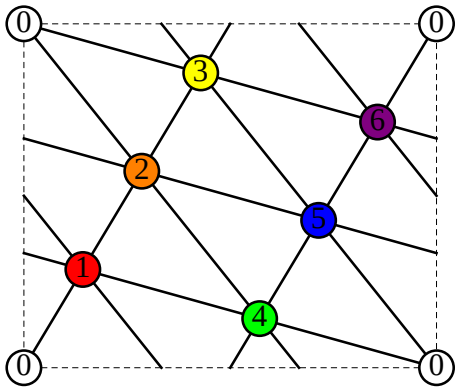

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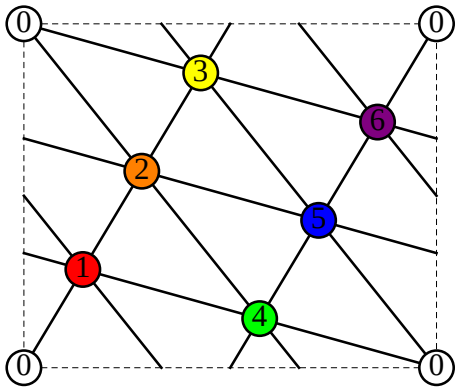

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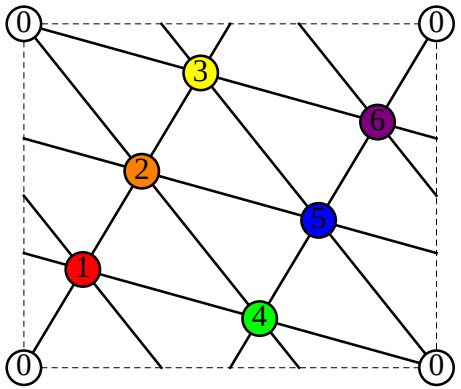

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Embedding on higher genus surfaces changes Euler's formula!

Theorem. Let G be a graph of genus g. Suppose you have an embedding of G on a surface of genus g with no crossings. If r is the number of regions, then $p - q + r = \mathbf{2 - 2g}$.

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