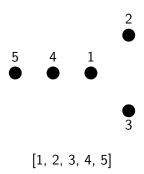
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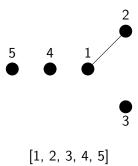
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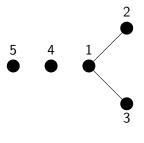
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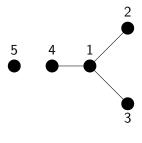
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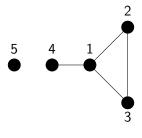




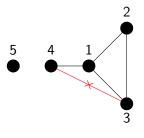




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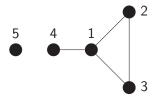
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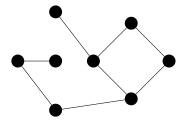
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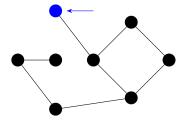
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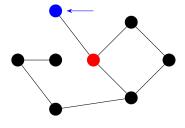
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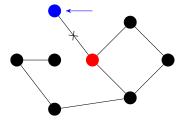
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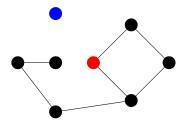


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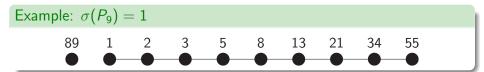
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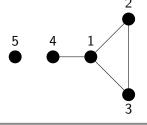
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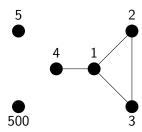
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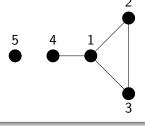


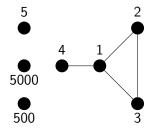
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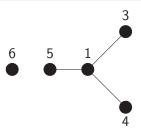
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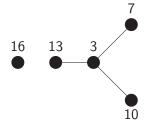


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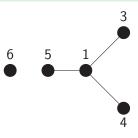
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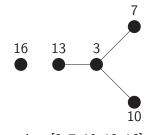
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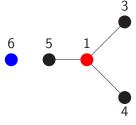
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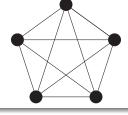
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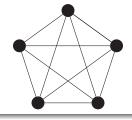
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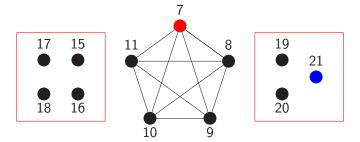
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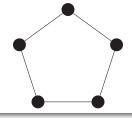
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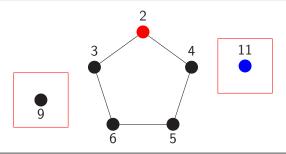
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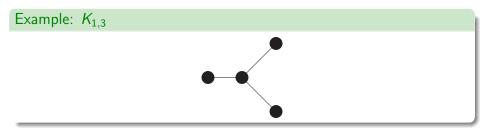
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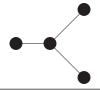
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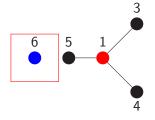
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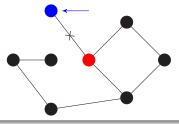
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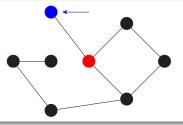
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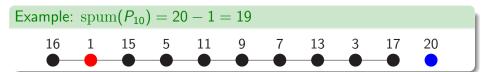
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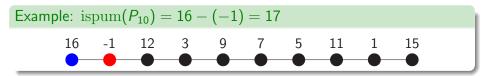
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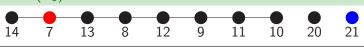
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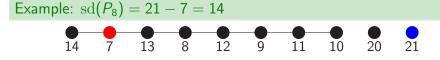
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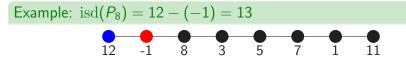
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$$\operatorname{ispum}(P_n) \subseteq \begin{cases} [2n-5,2n-3] & \text{for even } n \\ [2n-5,\frac{5}{2}(n-3)] & \text{for odd } n \end{cases}$$

(Li, '22)

(Singla, Tiwari, and Tripathi, '21)

Arbitrary Number of Isolated Vertices

$$\operatorname{sd}(P_n) \subseteq [2n-3,\,2n-2]$$

(Li, '22)

$$\operatorname{isd}(P_n) \subseteq \begin{cases} [2n-5, 2n-3] & \text{for even } n \\ [2n-5, 2n-2] & \text{for odd } n \end{cases}$$

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## Theorems (B.C.T., '23)

 $L \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$ 

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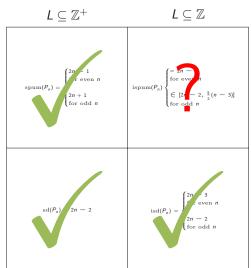
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## Theorems (B.C.T., '23)

Minimum Number of Isolated Vertices



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