Homogeneous Coloring

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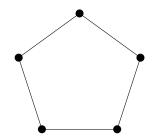
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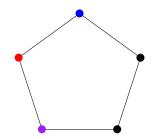
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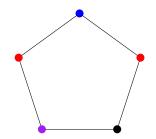




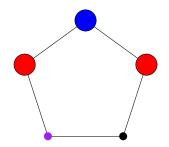




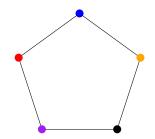




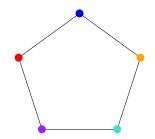












Problems

- Two types of problems:
 - (i) Does a graph G admit a k-homogeneous coloring?
 - (*ii*) What is the number of colors needed for a *k*-homogeneous coloring of *G*?

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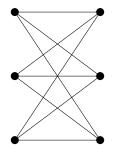
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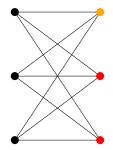
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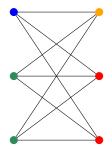
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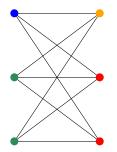
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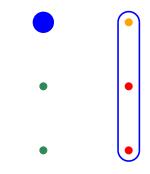
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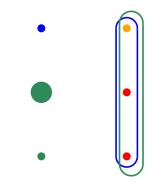
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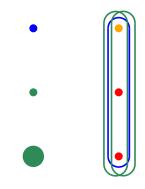
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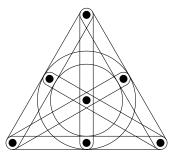
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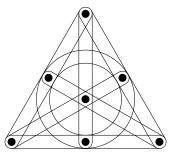
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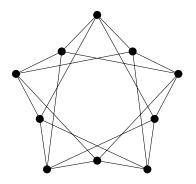
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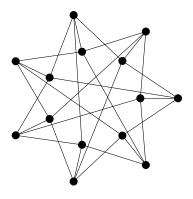
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