

# The edit distance on graphs, Part III

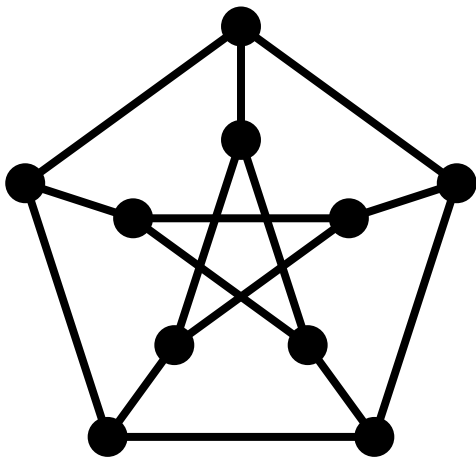
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- 1 The problem
- 2 Clique Spectrum and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(p)$
- 3 Computing  $g_{\mathcal{H}}(p)$
- 4 Thanks!



$$\mathcal{H} = \text{Forb}(P_{10})$$

# Clique spectrum

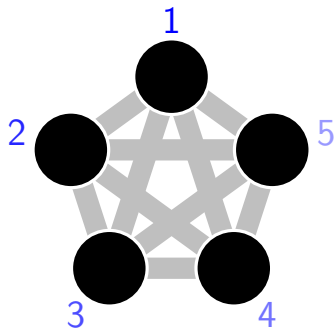
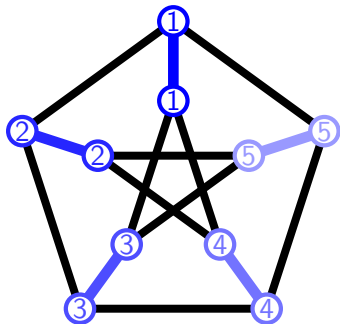
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Clique Spectrum of  $\text{Forb}(P_{10})$

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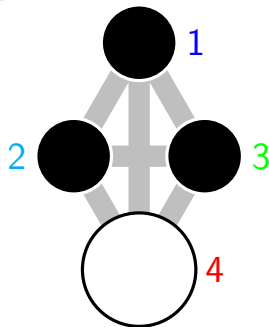
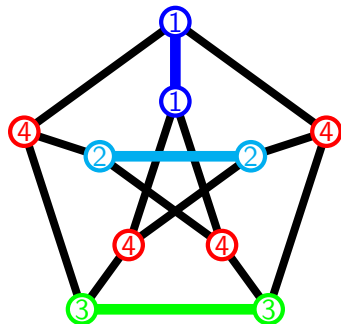


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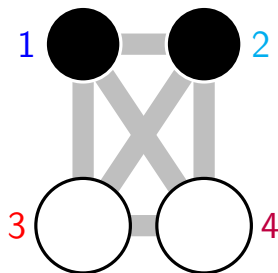
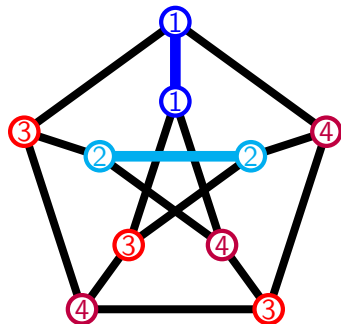


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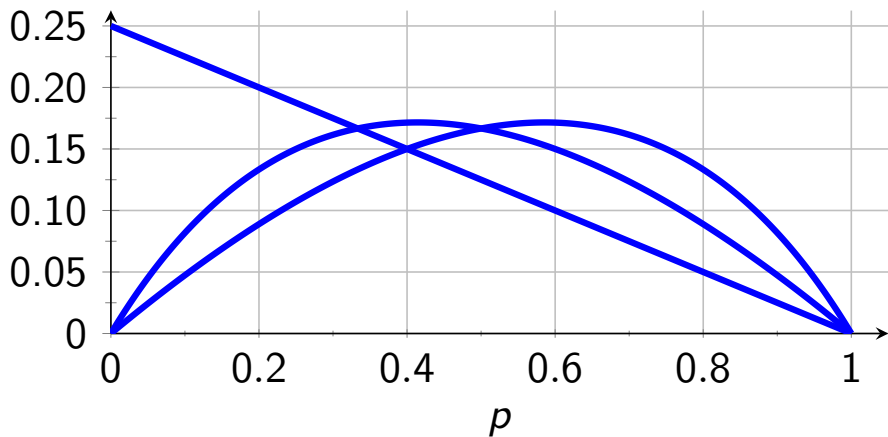
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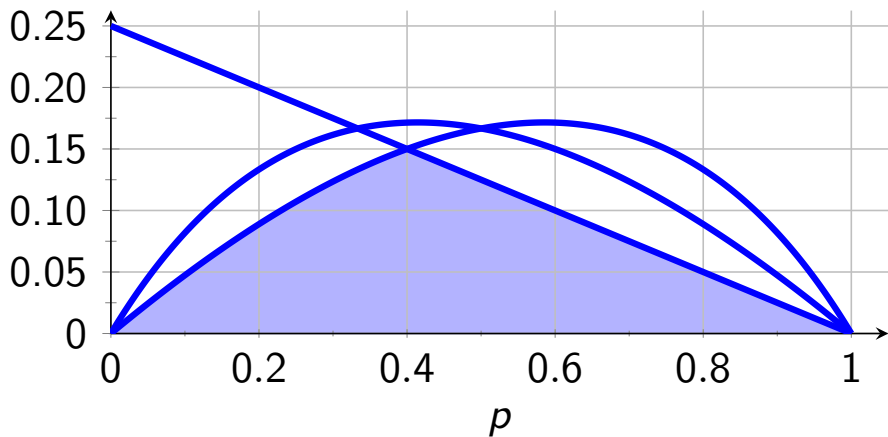


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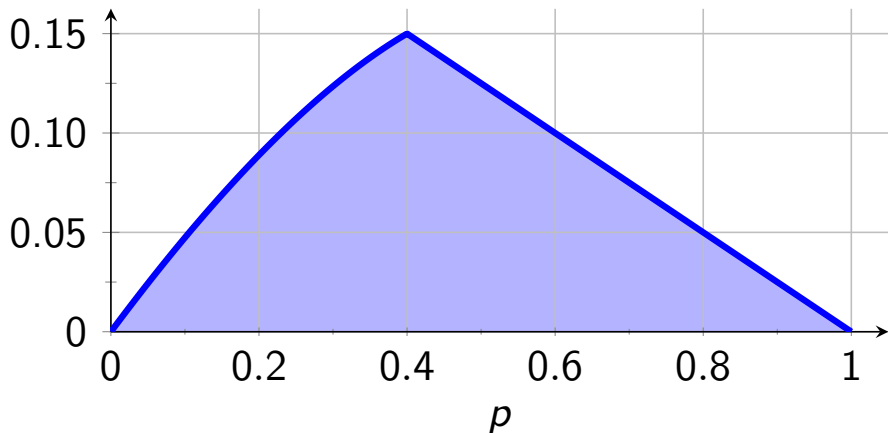


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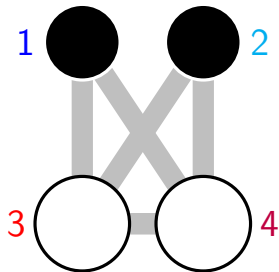
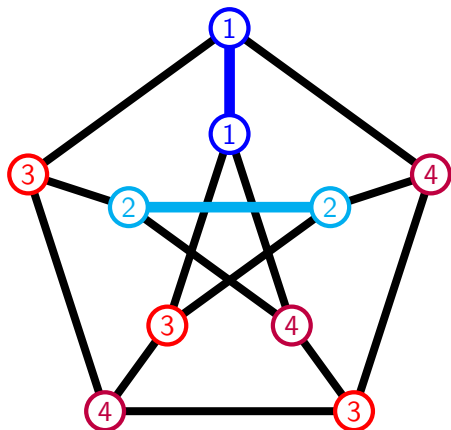


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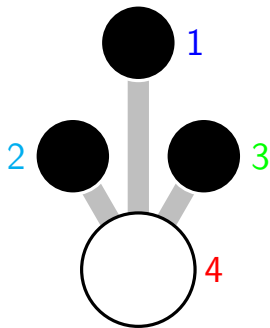
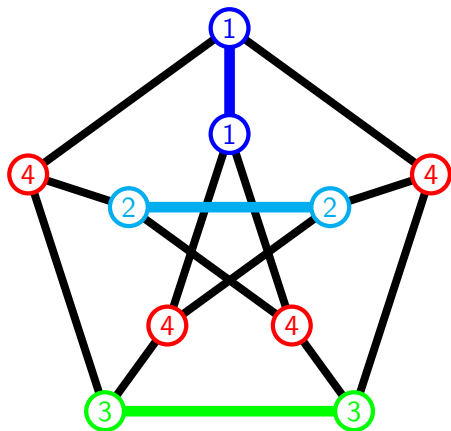
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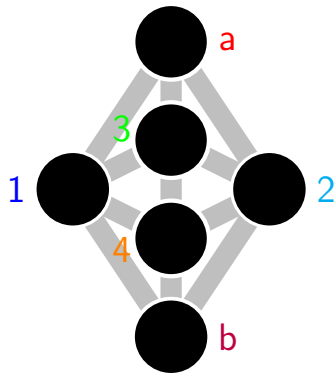
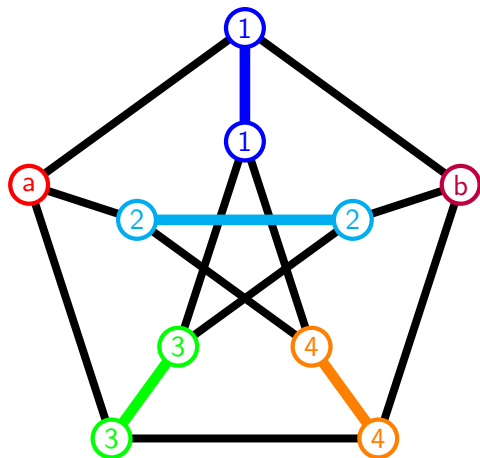
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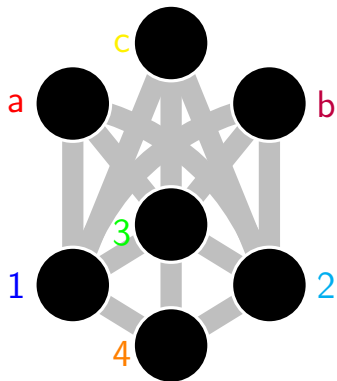
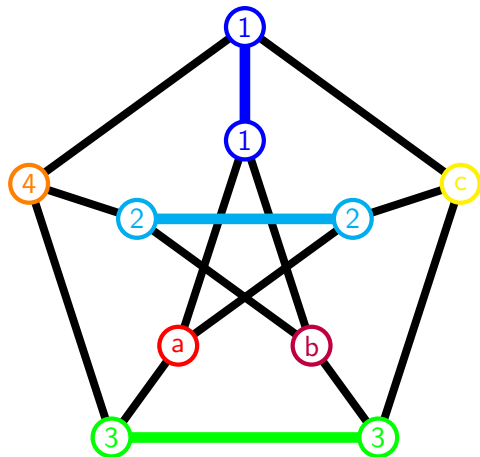
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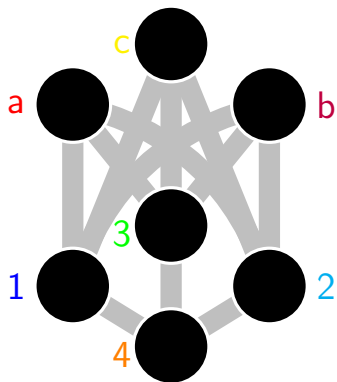
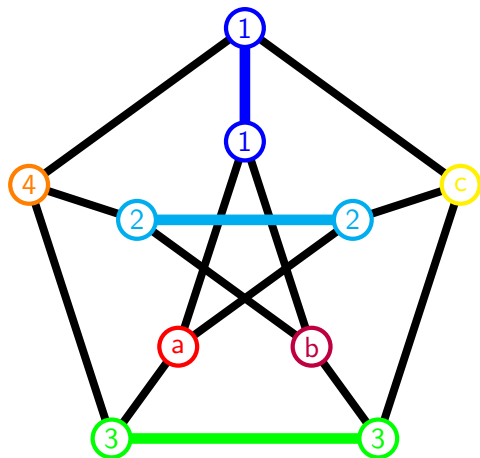
If  $p < 1/2$ , then we may assume all vertices  $v$  are in  $VB$  and

$$d_G(v) = \frac{p-g}{p} + \frac{1-2p}{p} \mathbf{x}(v).$$

# Neighbors of a football

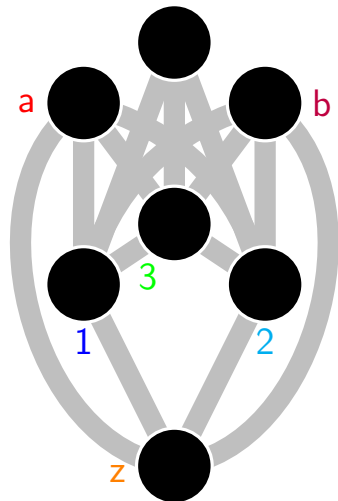
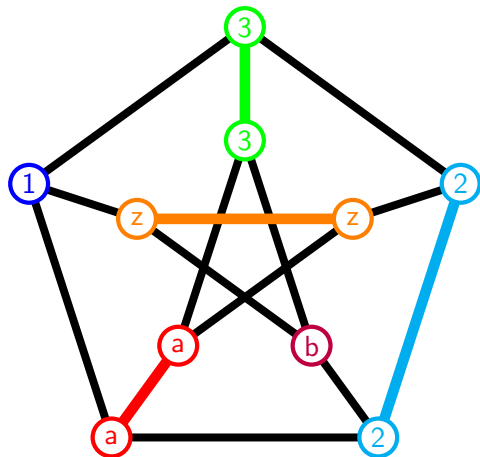




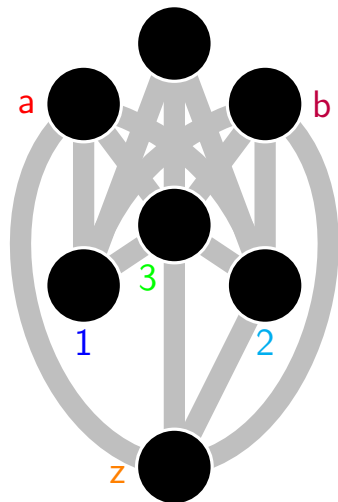
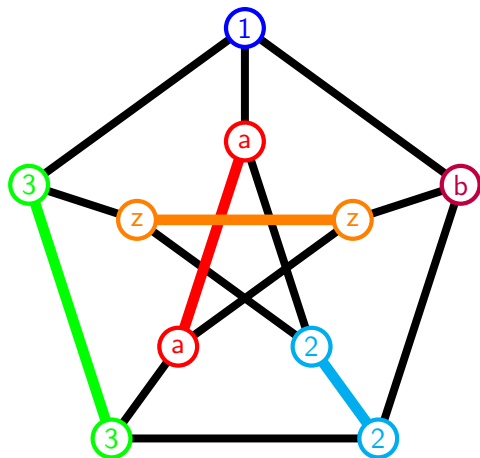


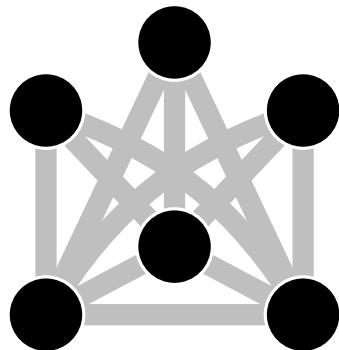
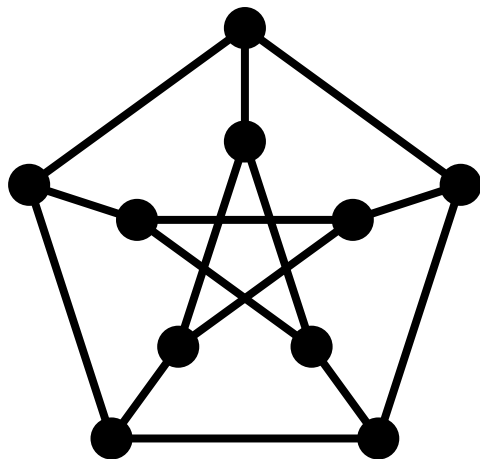


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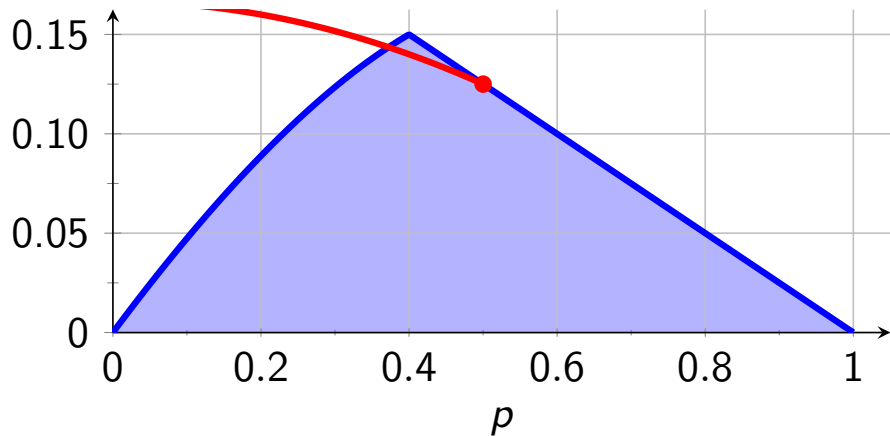
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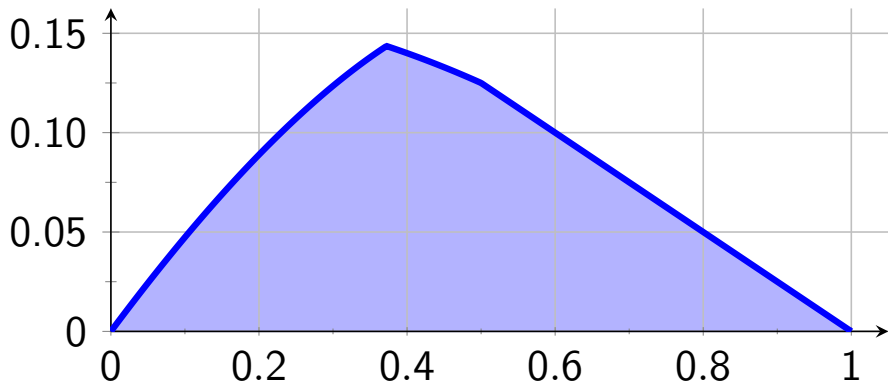


$$g_K(p) = \frac{1 - p^2}{6}$$

## Revised plot



## Zoomed plot



$$\text{ed}_{\text{Forb}(P_{10})}(p) = \min \left\{ \frac{p(1-p)}{2-p}, \frac{1-p^2}{6}, \frac{1-p}{4} \right\}$$

$$p_{\text{Forb}(P_{10})}^* = \frac{\sqrt{33}-5}{2} \approx 0.372 \quad d_{\text{Forb}(P_{10})}^* = \frac{5\sqrt{33}-27}{12} \approx 0.144$$

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Counterintuitive because  $\frac{\log(1-p_0)}{\log(p_0(1-p_0))} = p_0$  if and only if  $p_0 \in \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ .

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