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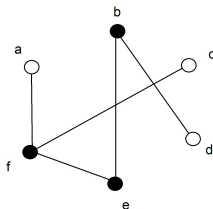
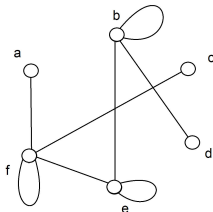
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DEFINITION 1

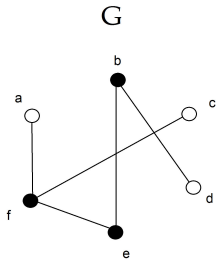
Let G be a simple-pseudo graph with a looped vertex $v \in V(G)$. “Pressing v ” is the operation of transforming G into $G(v)$, a new loopy graph in which $G[N(v)]$ is complemented. That is,

$$V(G(v)) = V(G), \quad E(G(v)) = E(G) \Delta \{N(v) \times N(v)\}$$



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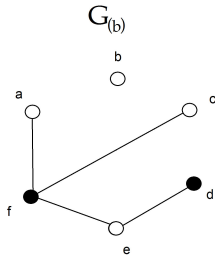
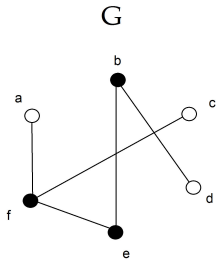
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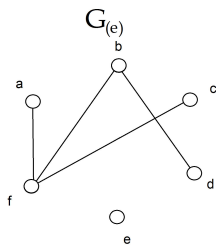
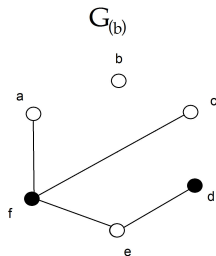
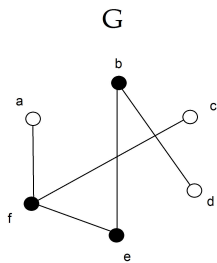
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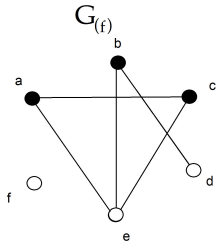
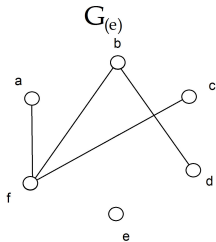
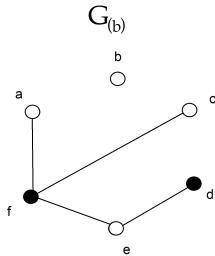
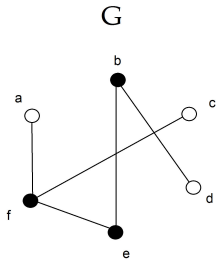
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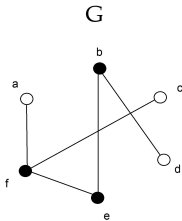
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- We say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k is a successful pressing sequence for G if pressing the vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k in order transform G into the edgeless graph:

$$G_{(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)} = (V(G), \emptyset)$$



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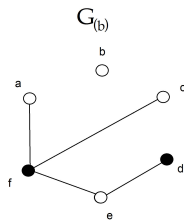
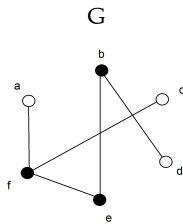
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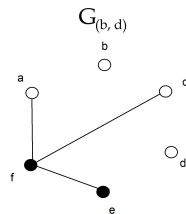
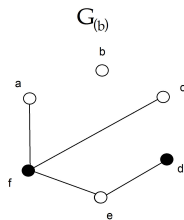
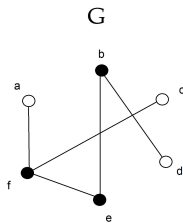
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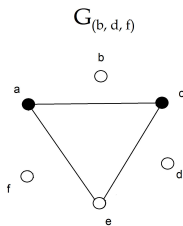
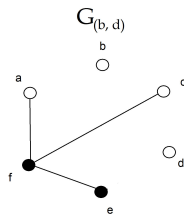
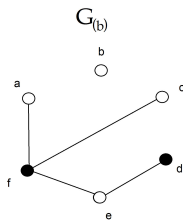
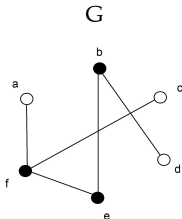
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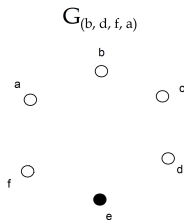
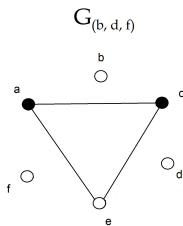
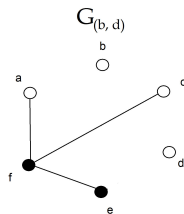
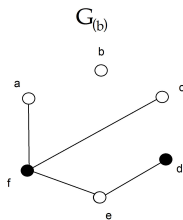
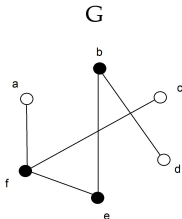
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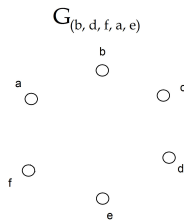
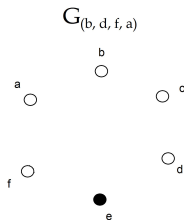
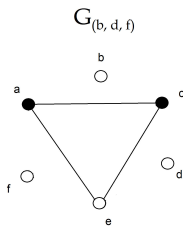
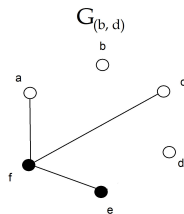
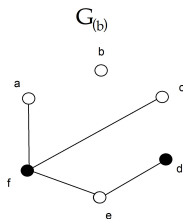
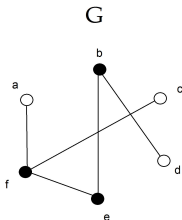
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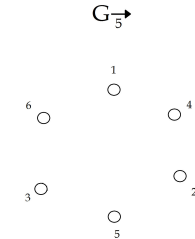
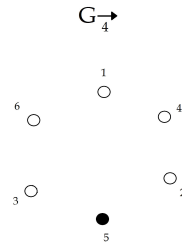
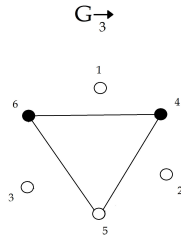
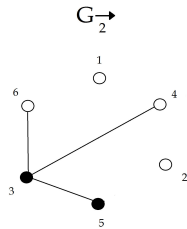
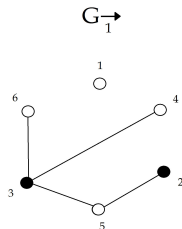
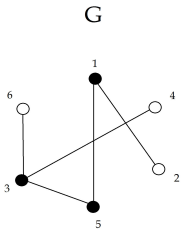
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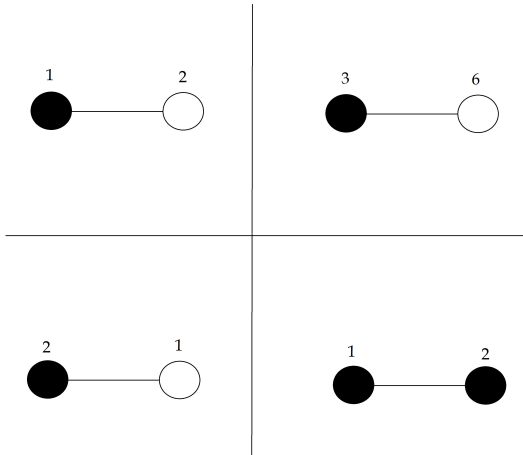
In order to understand uniquely pressable OSP-graphs it will suffice to understand **connected, uniquely-pressable OSP-graphs**.



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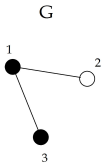
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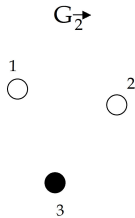
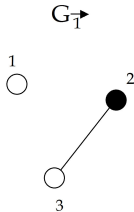
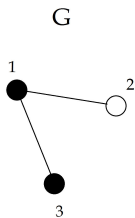
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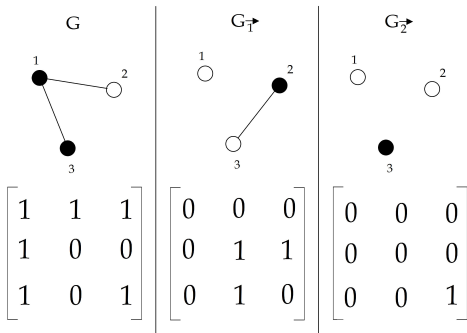
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Let $G \in \mathbf{CUP}_n$ and let $H = G - n$ be the induced subgraph of G on $[n - 1]$. Then $H \in \mathbf{CUP}_{n-1}$ and the instructional Cholesky root of H is $U_{\hat{n}}$.



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$1, 2, \dots, n-1$ is a valid pressing sequence for H that is encoded by $U_{\hat{n}}$.



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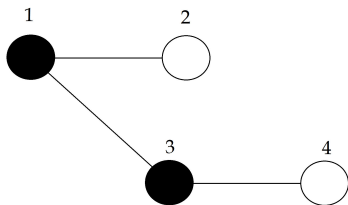
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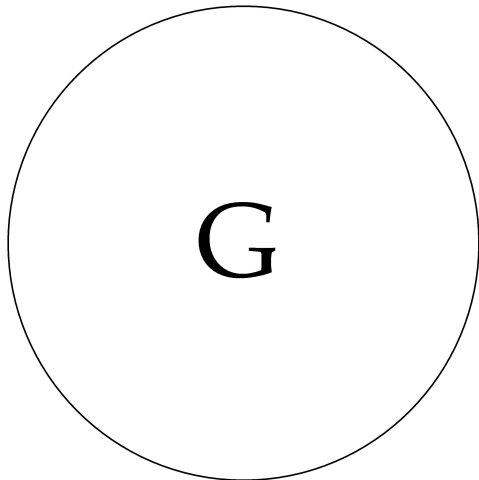


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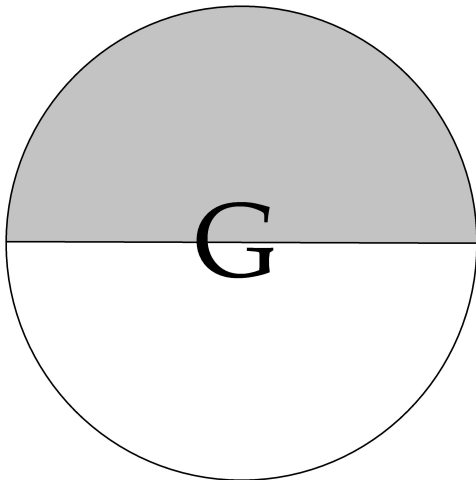


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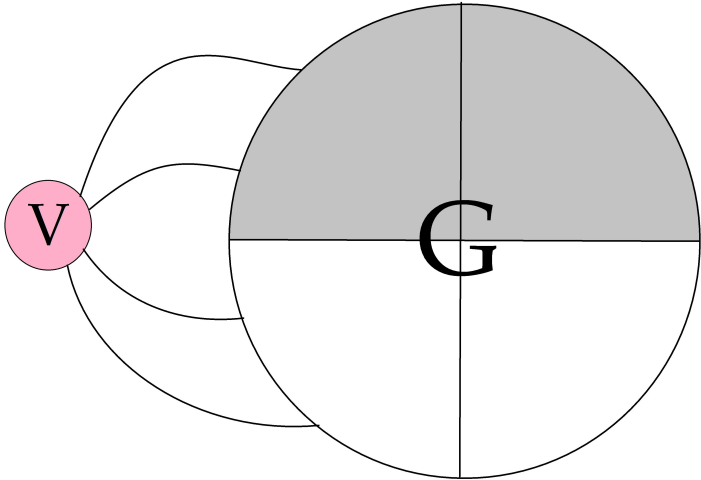


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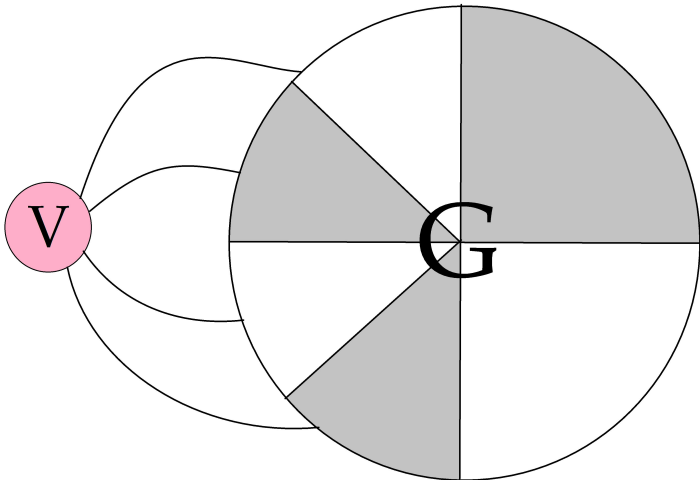


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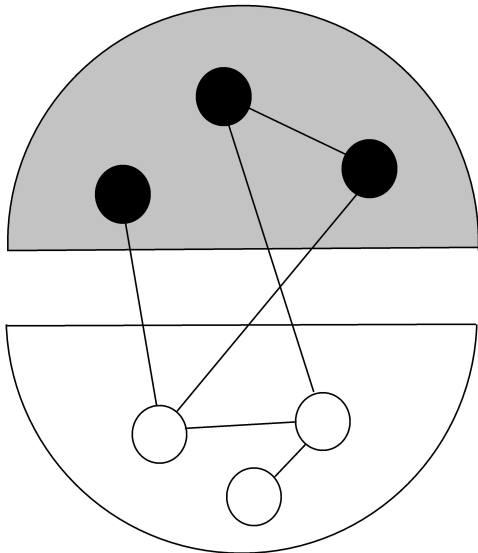


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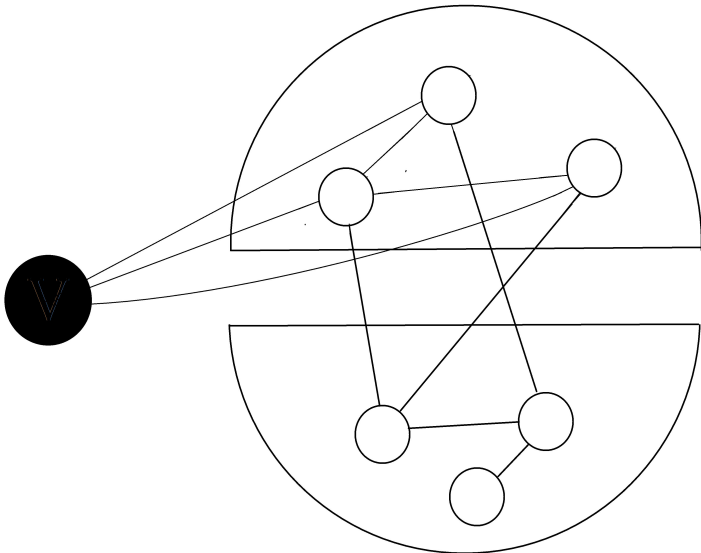


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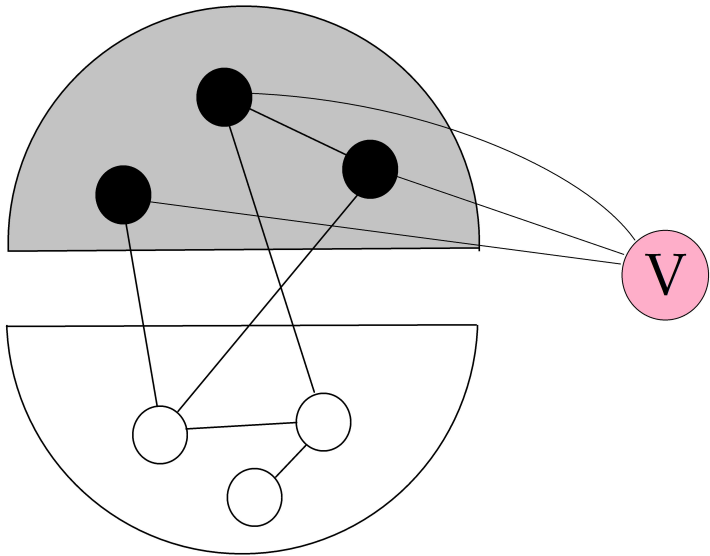
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$$U = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & * \\ \hline 0 & U_{\hat{1}} \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{array} \right]$$

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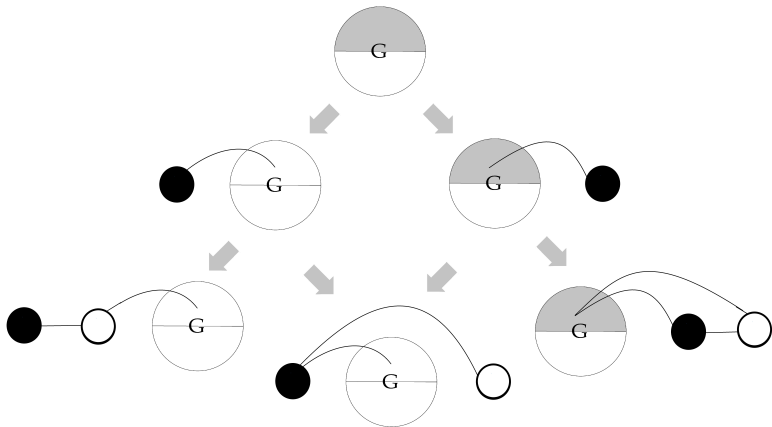
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$$UP^T = QU' \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad P = Q = I$$

by Gram-Schmidt Orthonormalization.

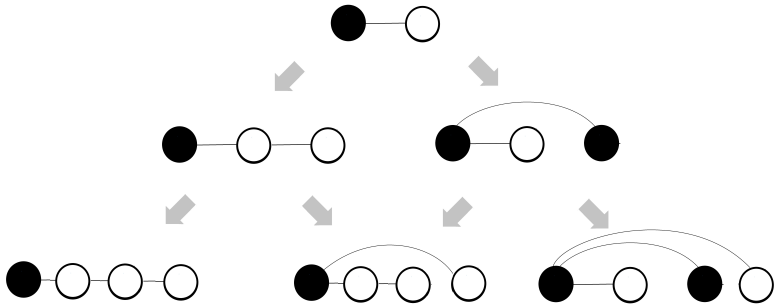


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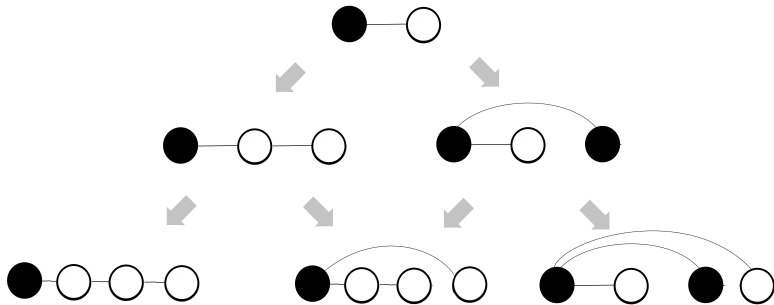


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Number of connected uniquely pressable simple
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$$\geq \begin{cases} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & n \text{ is even} \\ 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

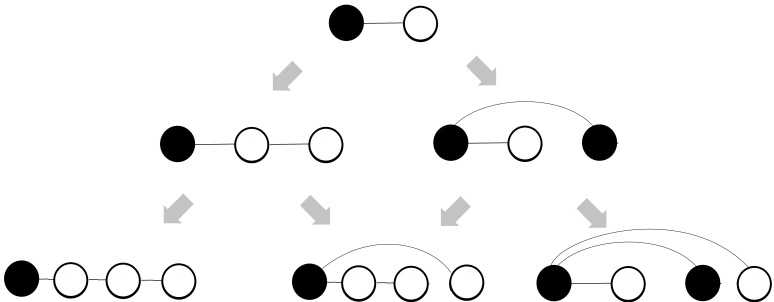


Number of **connected** uniquely pressable simple pseudo-graphs on vertex set $[n]$ is

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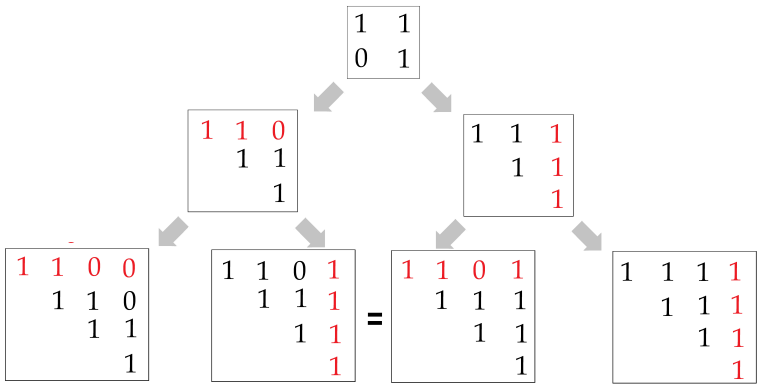


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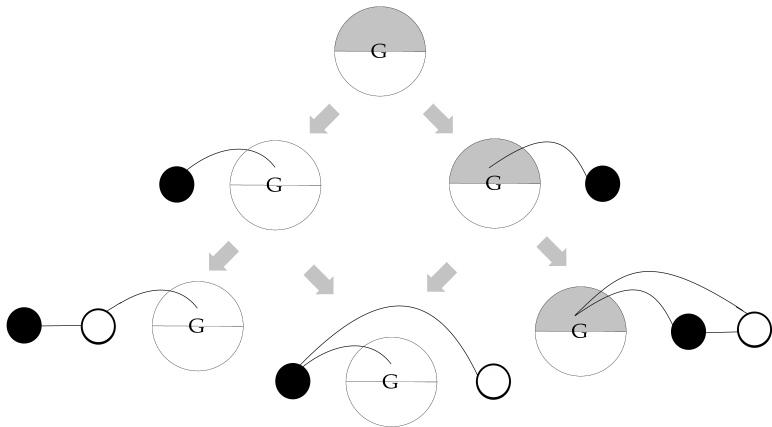


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is the set of instructional Cholesky roots for the previously discussed uniquely pressables.



THEOREM 15

If $G = ([n], E) \in \mathbf{CUP}_n$ then its instructional Cholesky root $U \in \mathcal{M}$.



Proof Outline:

$$U = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & * \\ \hline 0 & U_{\hat{1}} \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} U_{\hat{n}} & * \\ \hline 0 \dots 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$



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THEOREM 16

\mathcal{M} is the entire set of instructional Cholesky roots of uniquely pressable simple pseudo-graphs on $[n]$.

COROLLARY 17

The number of non-isomorphic uniquely pressable simple pseudo-graphs on n vertices is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left(5 \left(\sqrt{3} \right)^{n-2} + 1 \right) & n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\sqrt{3} \right)^{n+1} + 1 \right) & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$



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- Describe the pressing sequence meta-graph for $OSP - G(n, p)$ graphs.