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A Variant on R(3) = 6

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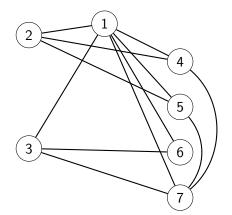
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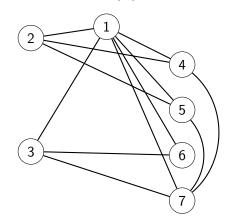
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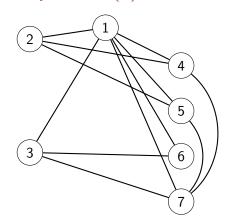
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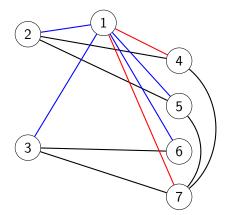
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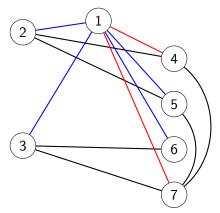
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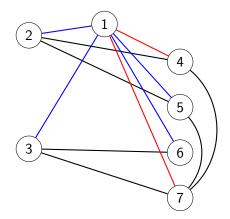
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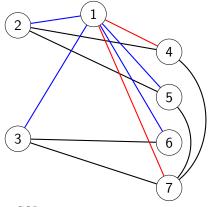
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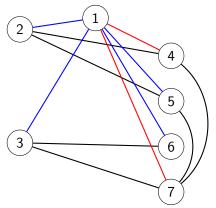


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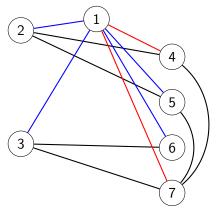
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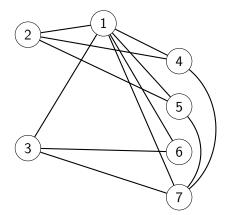
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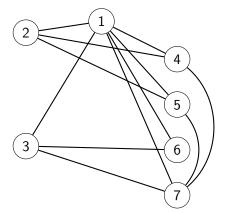
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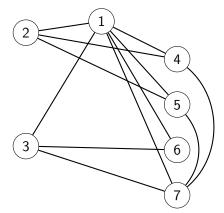
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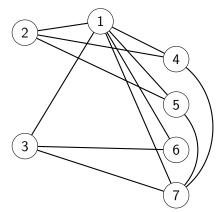


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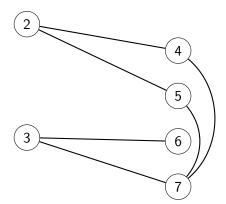


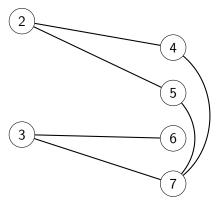
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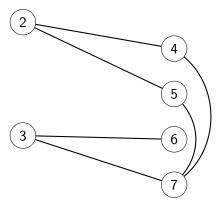
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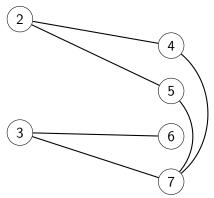




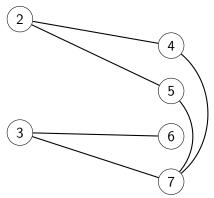
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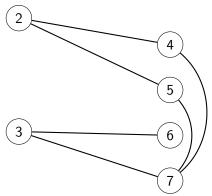
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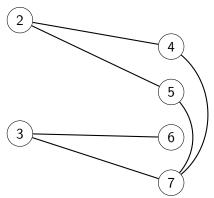
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There may be many optimizations to do on the pseudo-code I wrote. The list of K_4 s- is there a way to delete those you don't need to deal with?