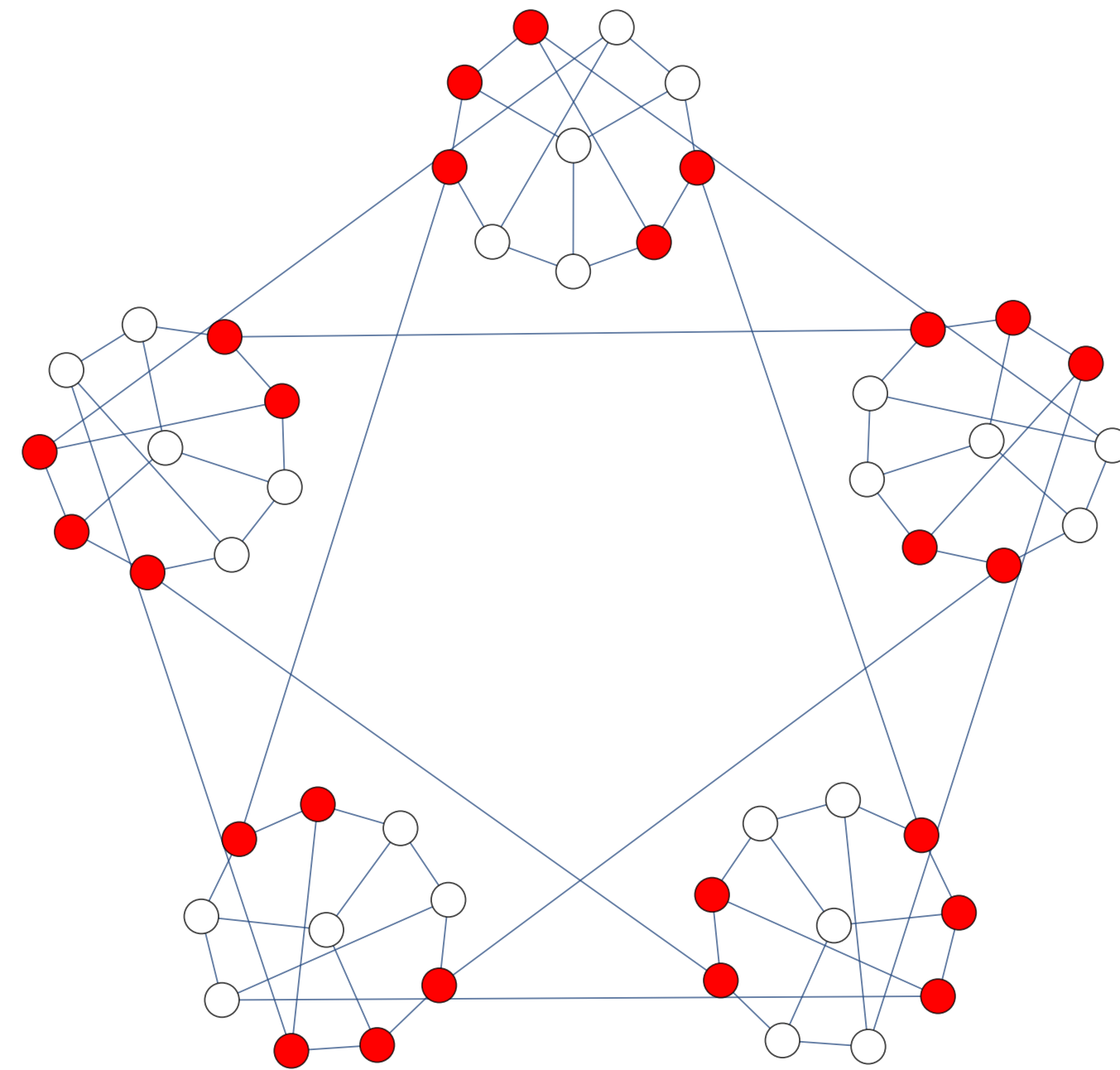


# Graphical Designs



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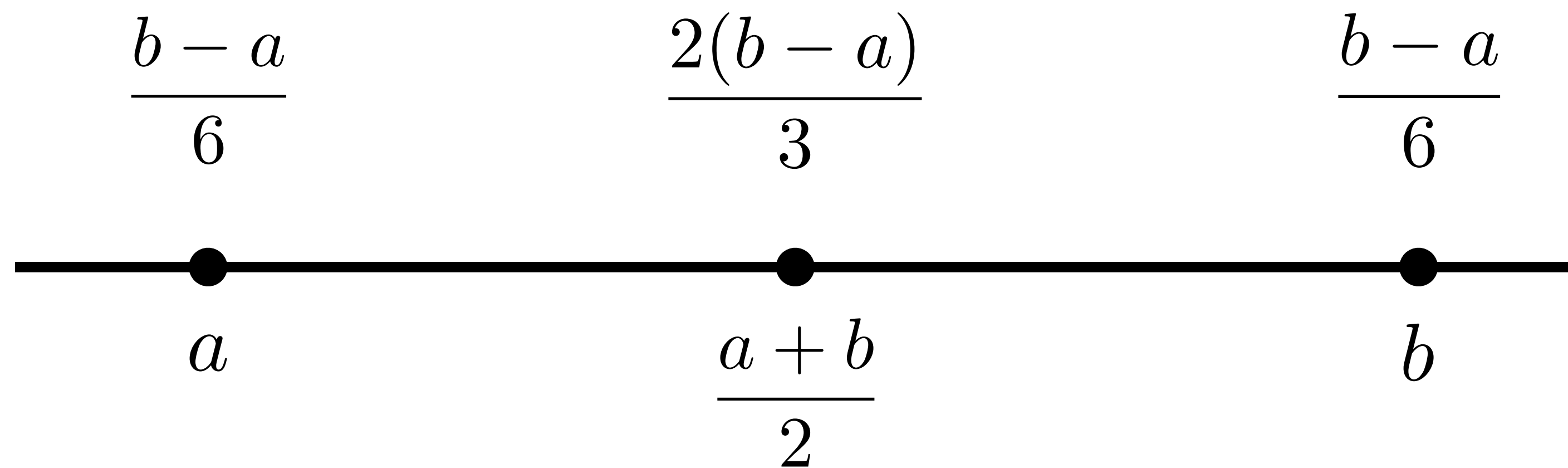


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What are graphical designs?

# SIMPSON'S RULE

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \sim \frac{b-a}{6} \left( f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right)$$



weights

# SPHERICAL DESIGNS

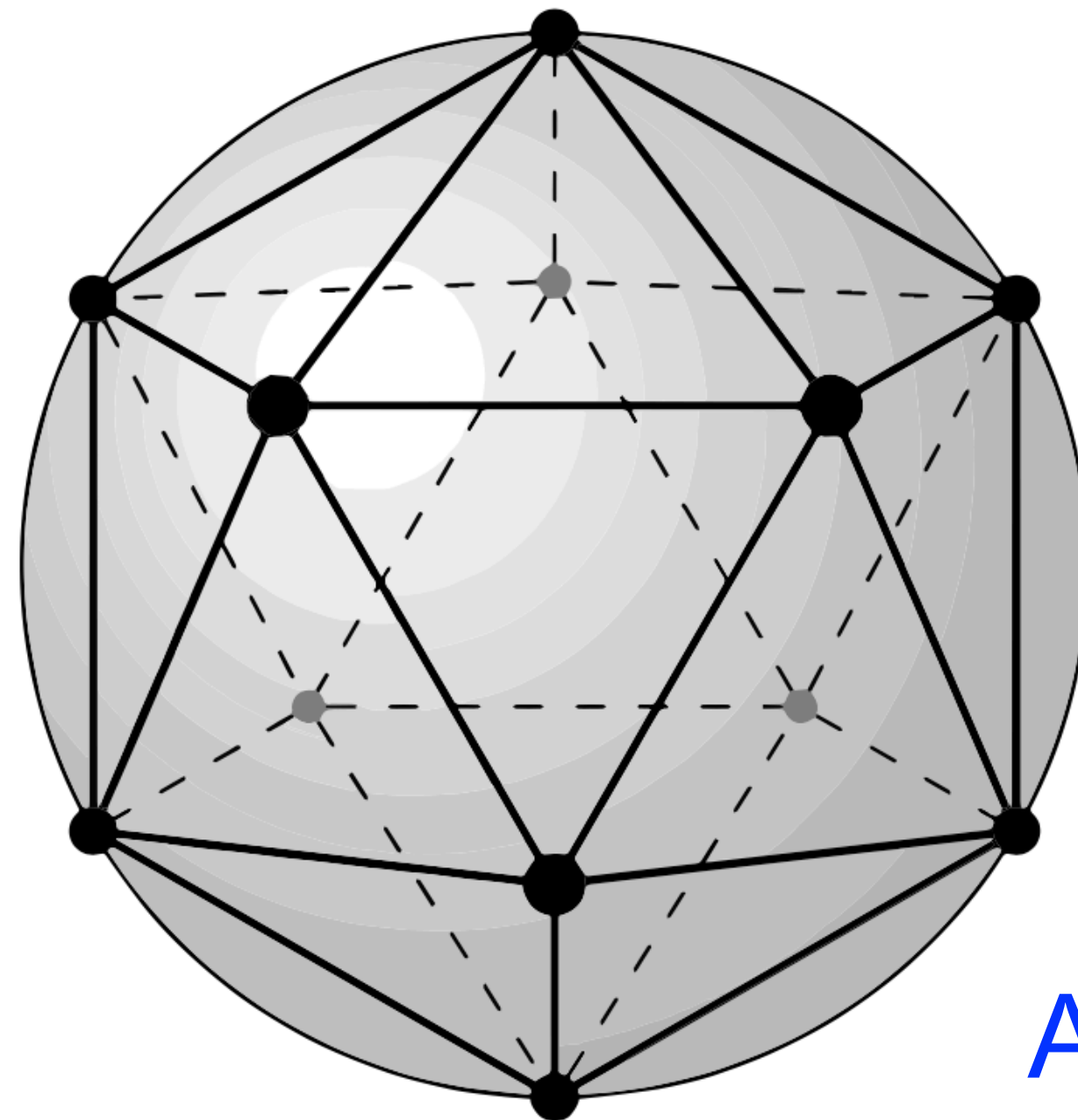
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A spherical  $t$ -design integrates all polynomials of degree at most  $t$

A spherical 5-design

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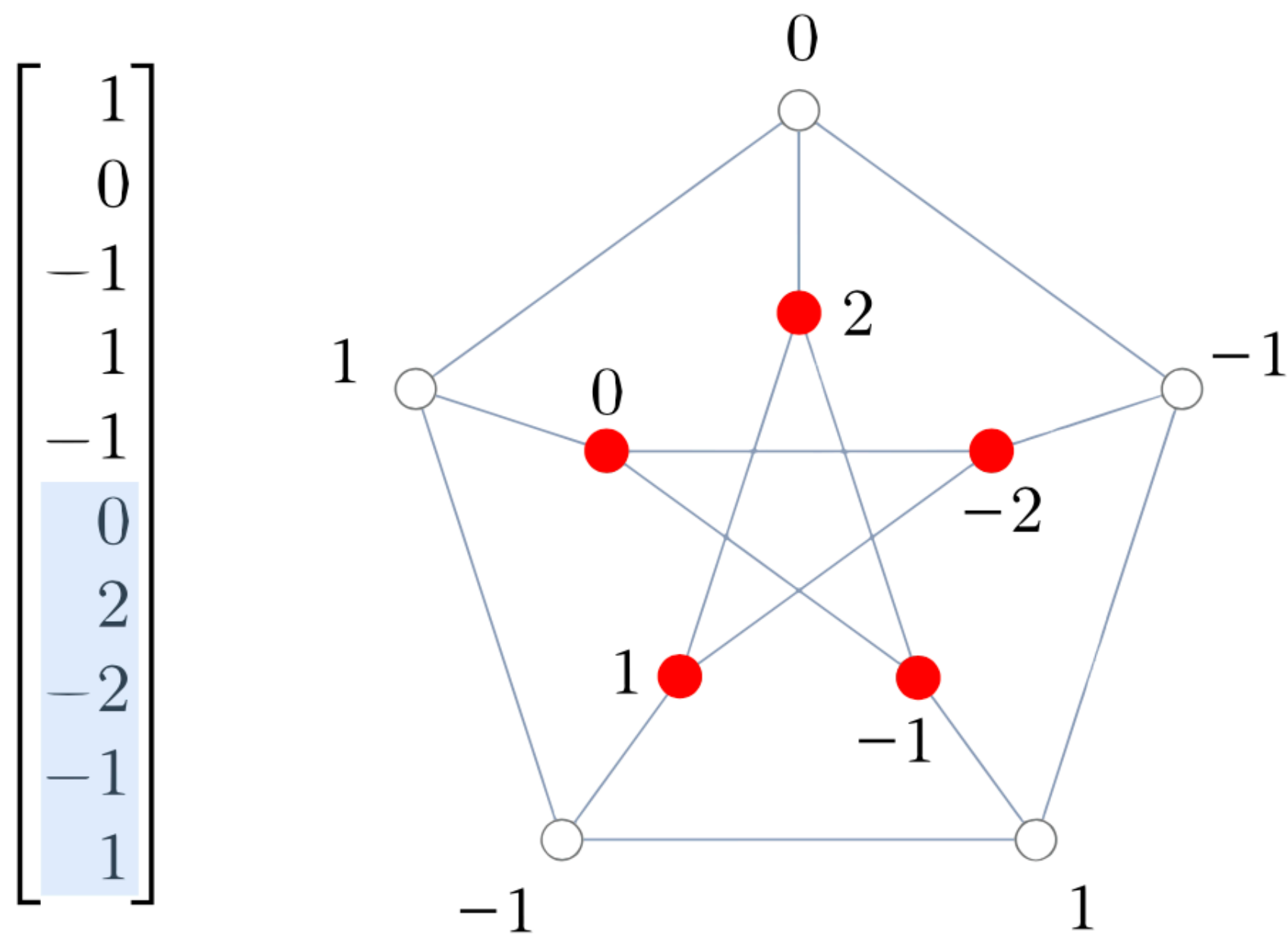
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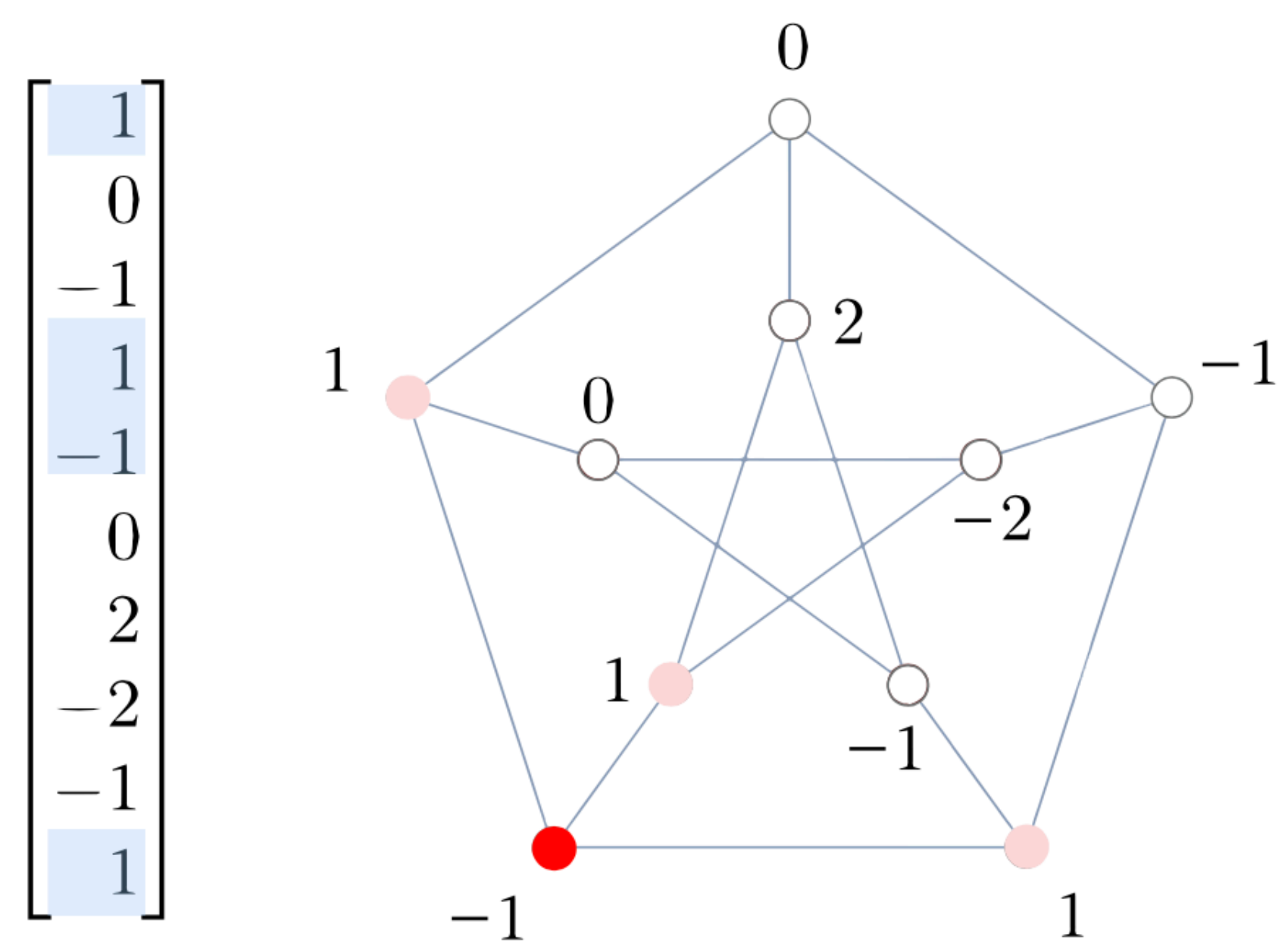
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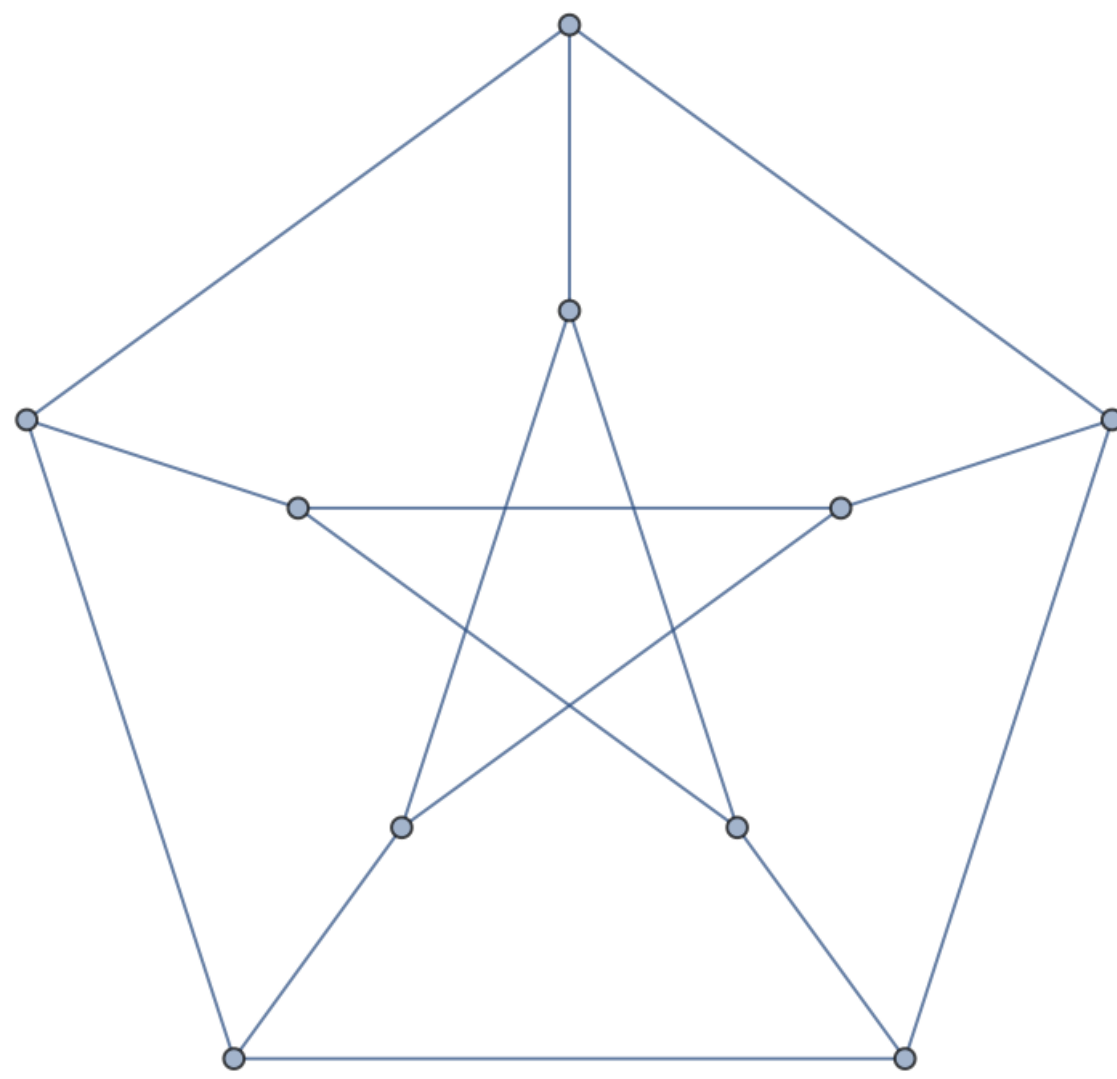


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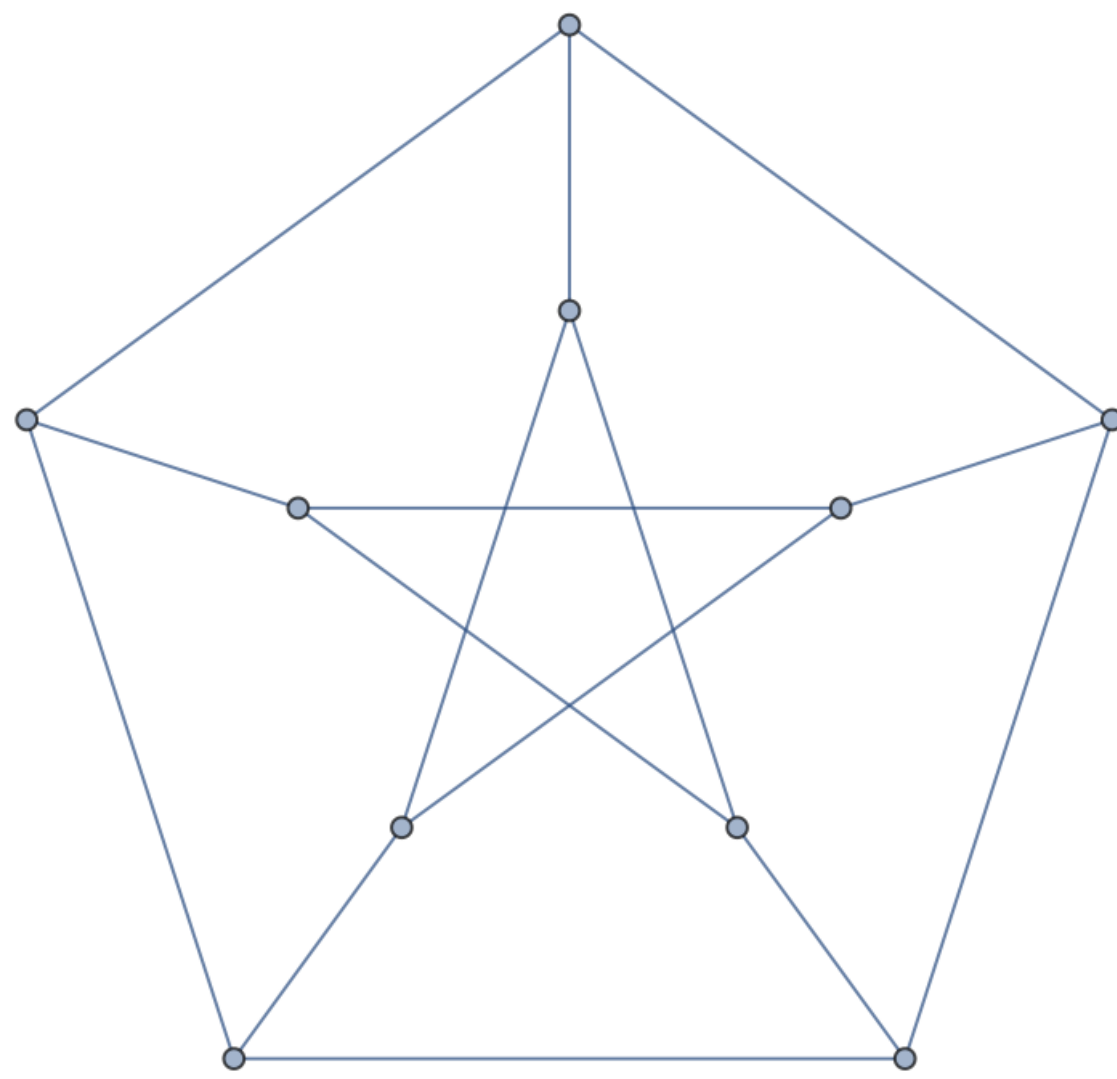
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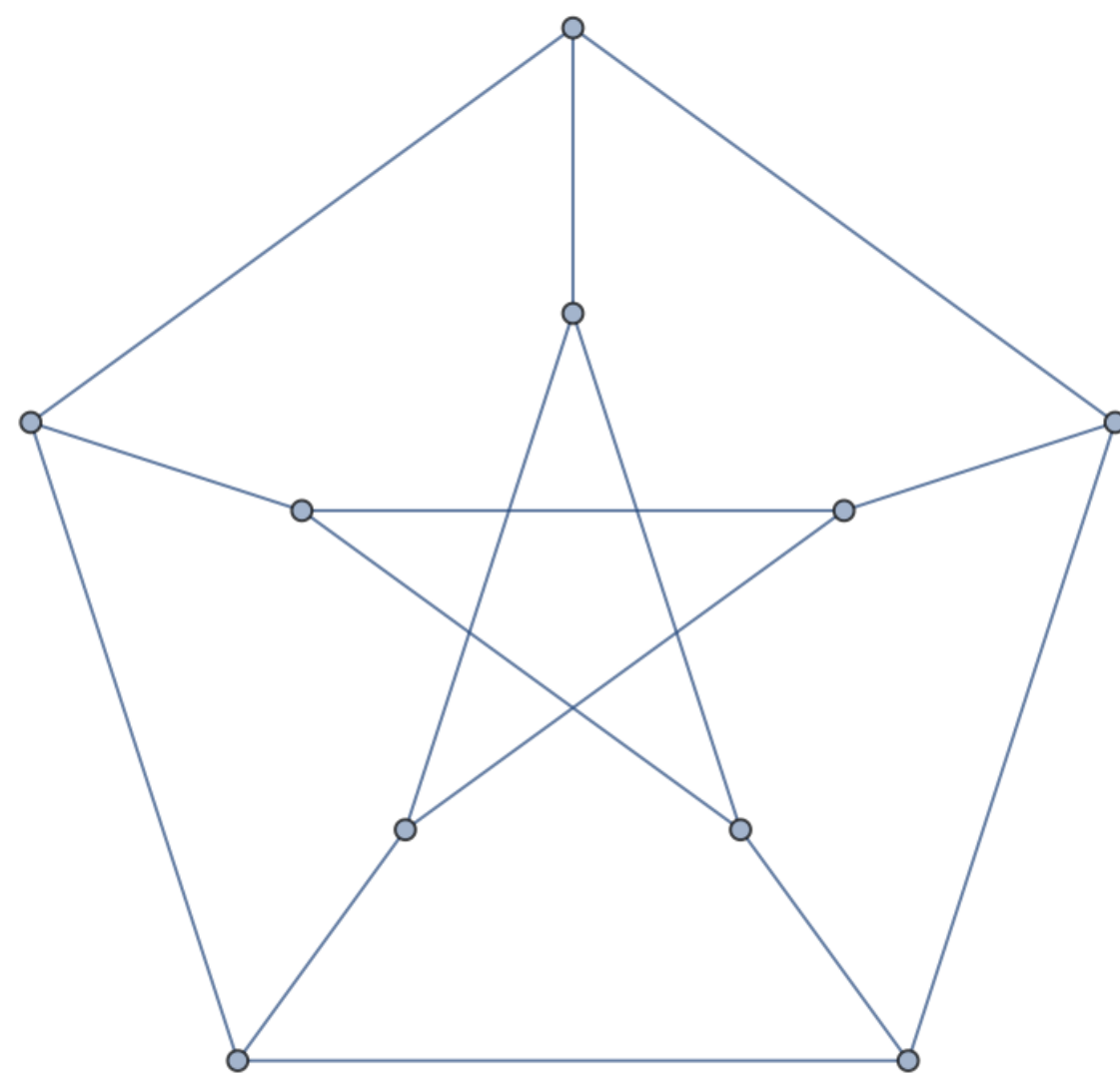
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$$D = \frac{1}{3}I \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 10}$$

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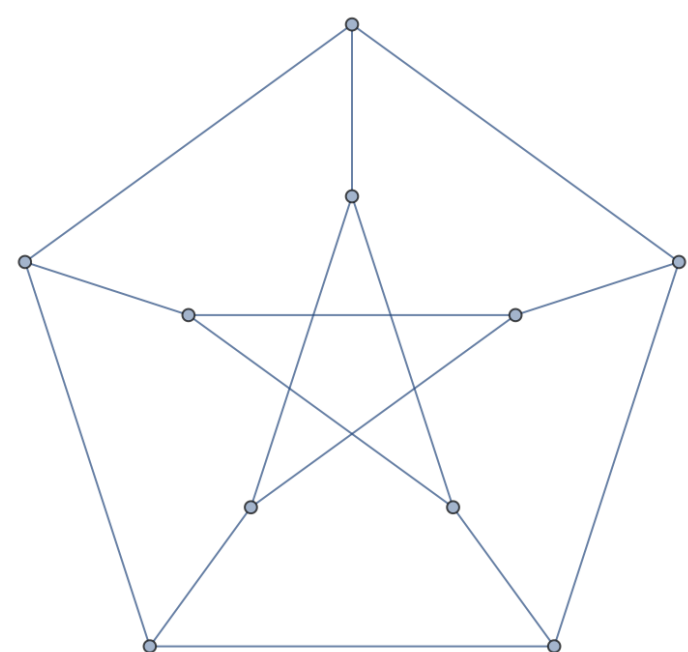
all eigenvalues are in  $[-1, 1]$



$\lambda_i$

$\lambda_{max} = 1$  with eigenvector  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$

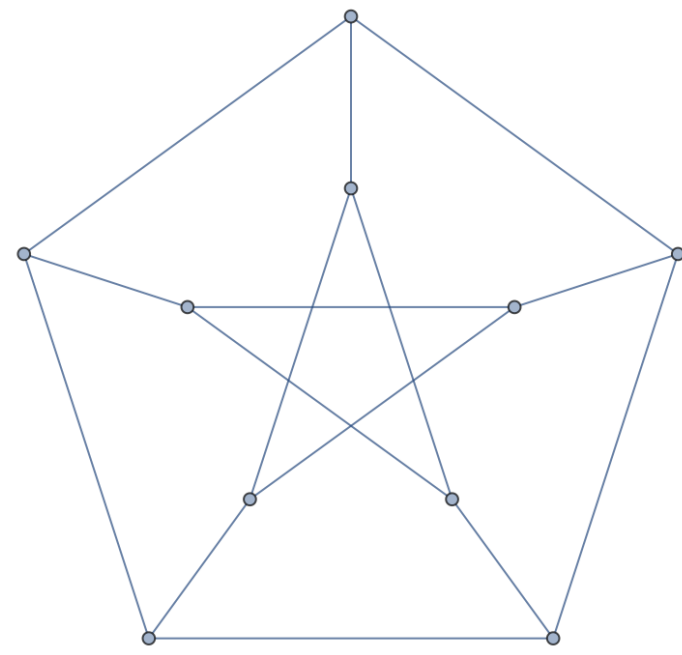
# PETERSEN GRAPH



eigenvalues  $\left\{ 1, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right\}$

orthonormal  
eigenbasis

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccccccc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} & -\frac{1}{3} \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \right) & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} & -\frac{1}{3} \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \right) & \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} & -\frac{1}{3} \left( 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \right) & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{10}} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right)$$



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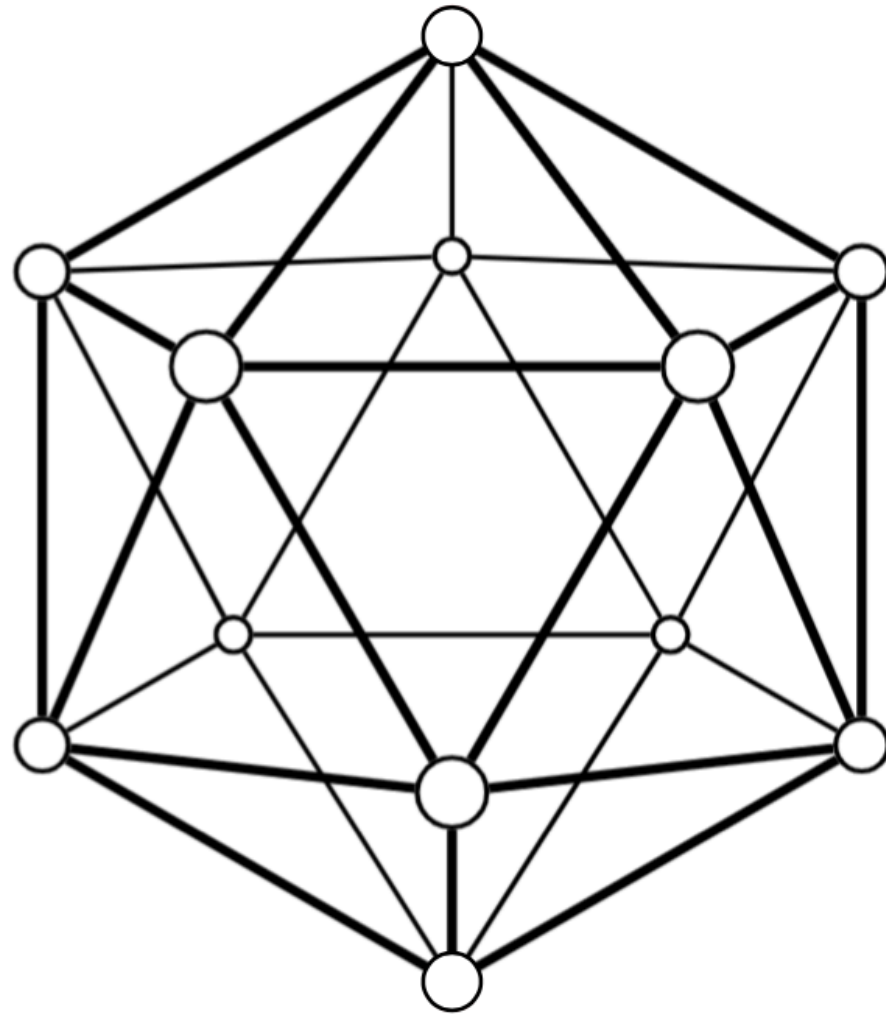
Eigenvectors of  $AD^{-1}$

$$\{f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^V = \text{span}(\text{eigenvectors of } AD^{-1})$$

Ordering of eigenvalues orders the eigenvectors, so we might try to average eigenvectors in increasing order



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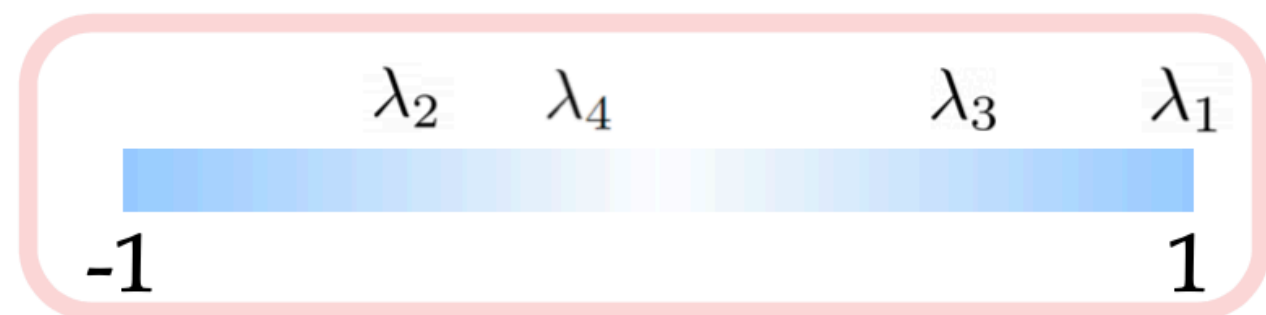


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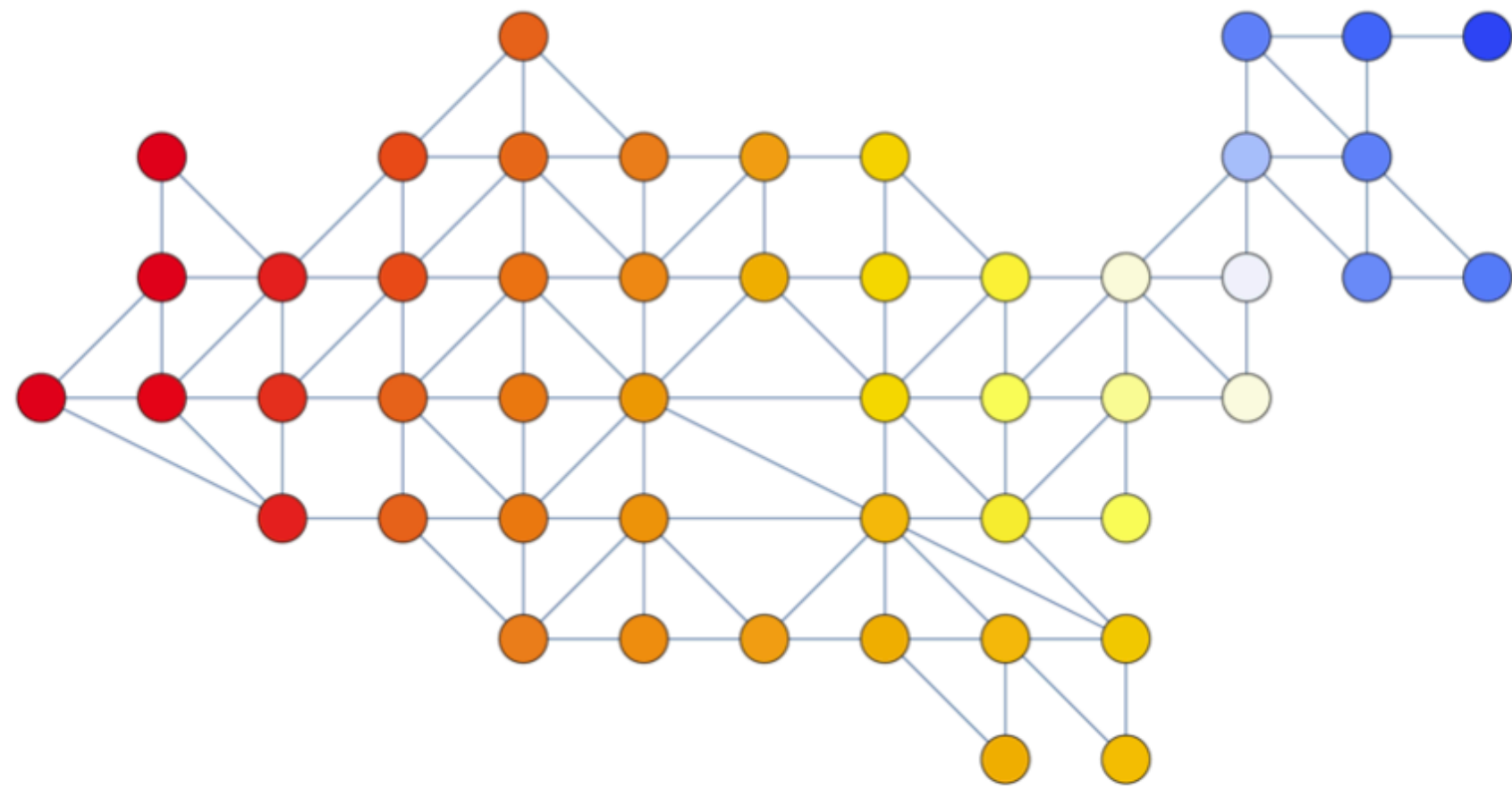
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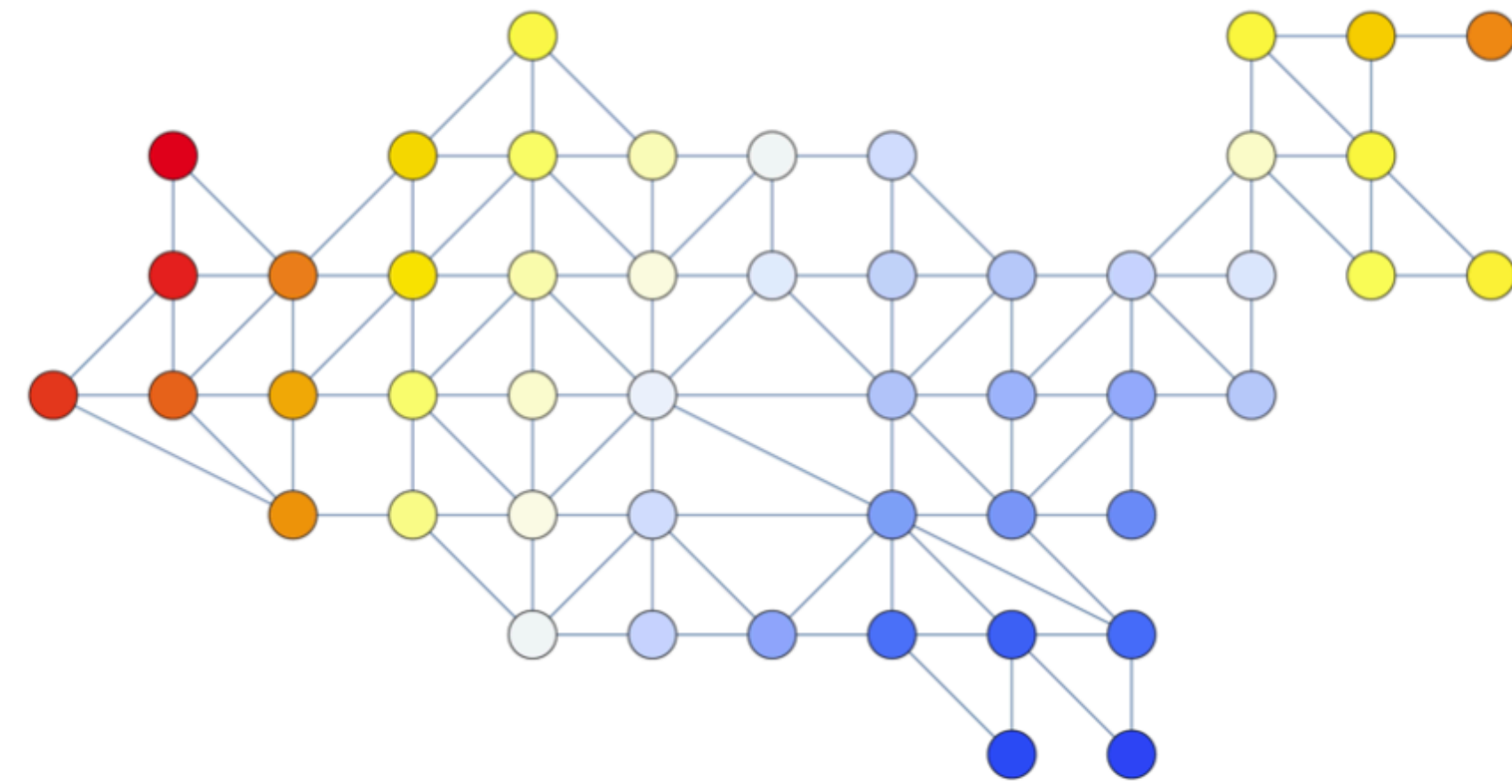


$$f_1 = \mathbf{1} \text{ and } \mathbf{1}^\top f_j = 0 \quad \forall j \geq 2$$

# FREQUENCY ORDERING OF EIGENVECTORS

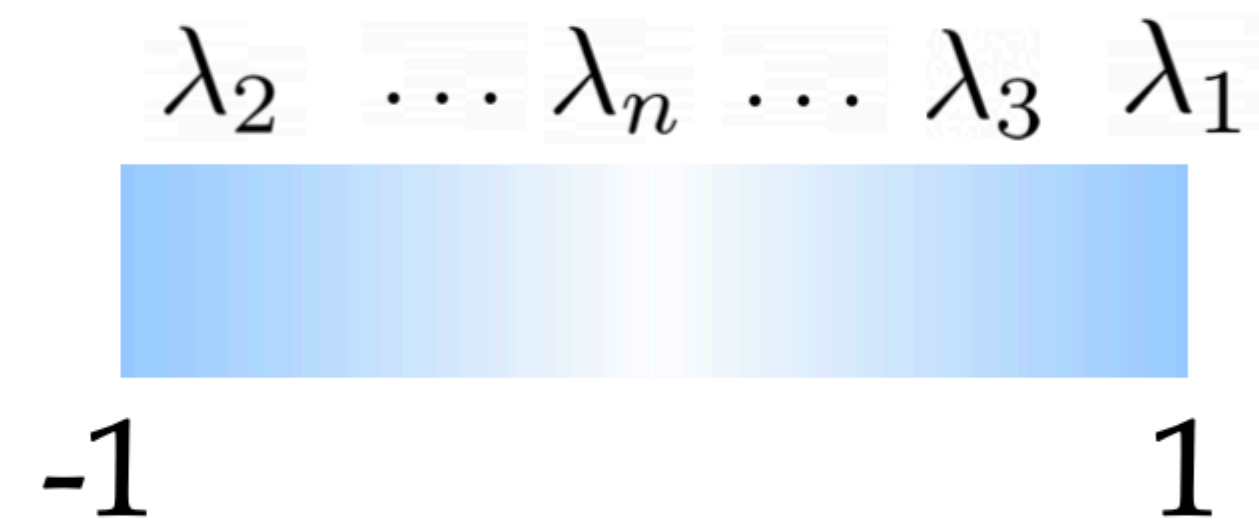


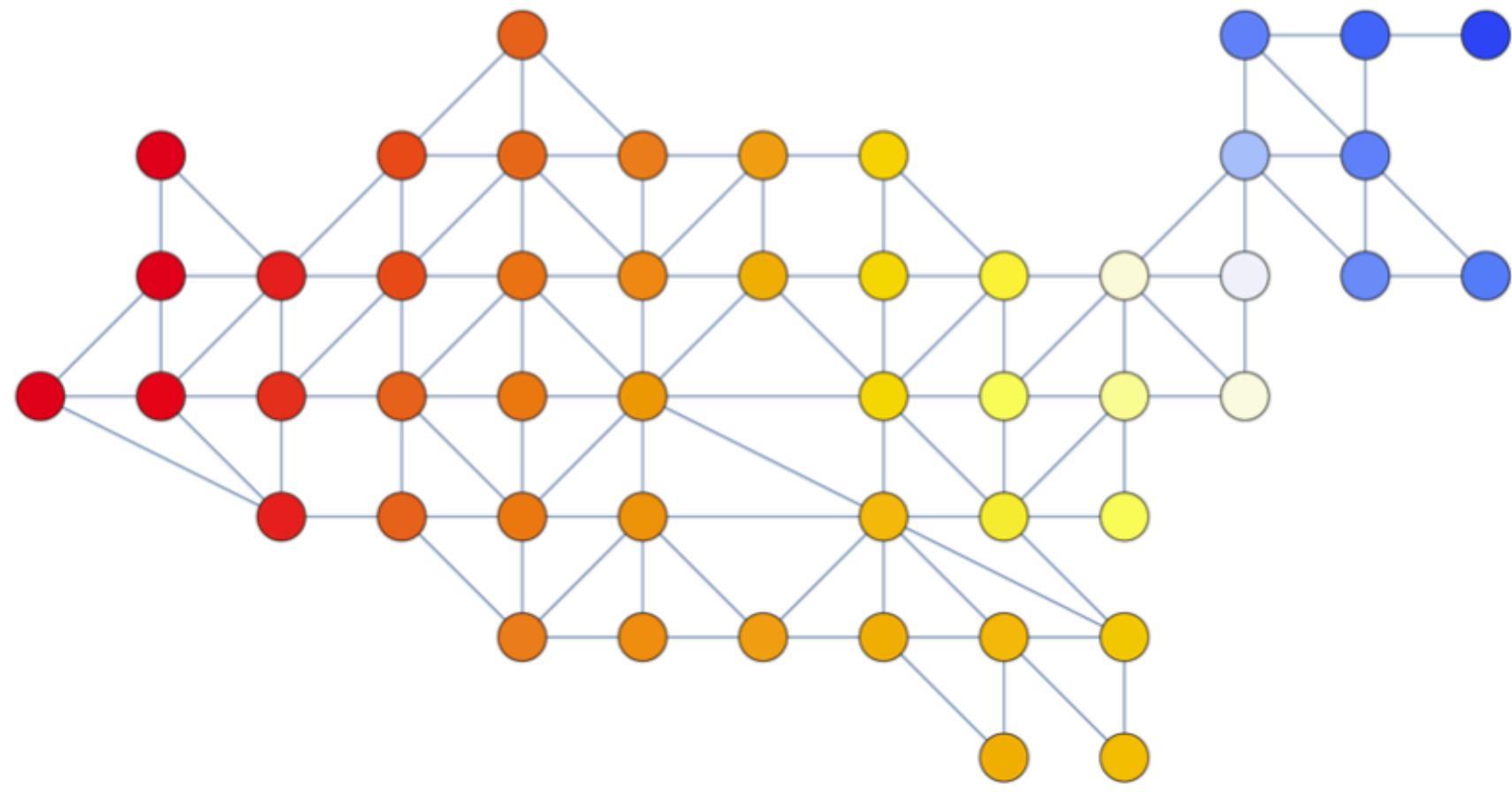
The first eigenvector by frequency



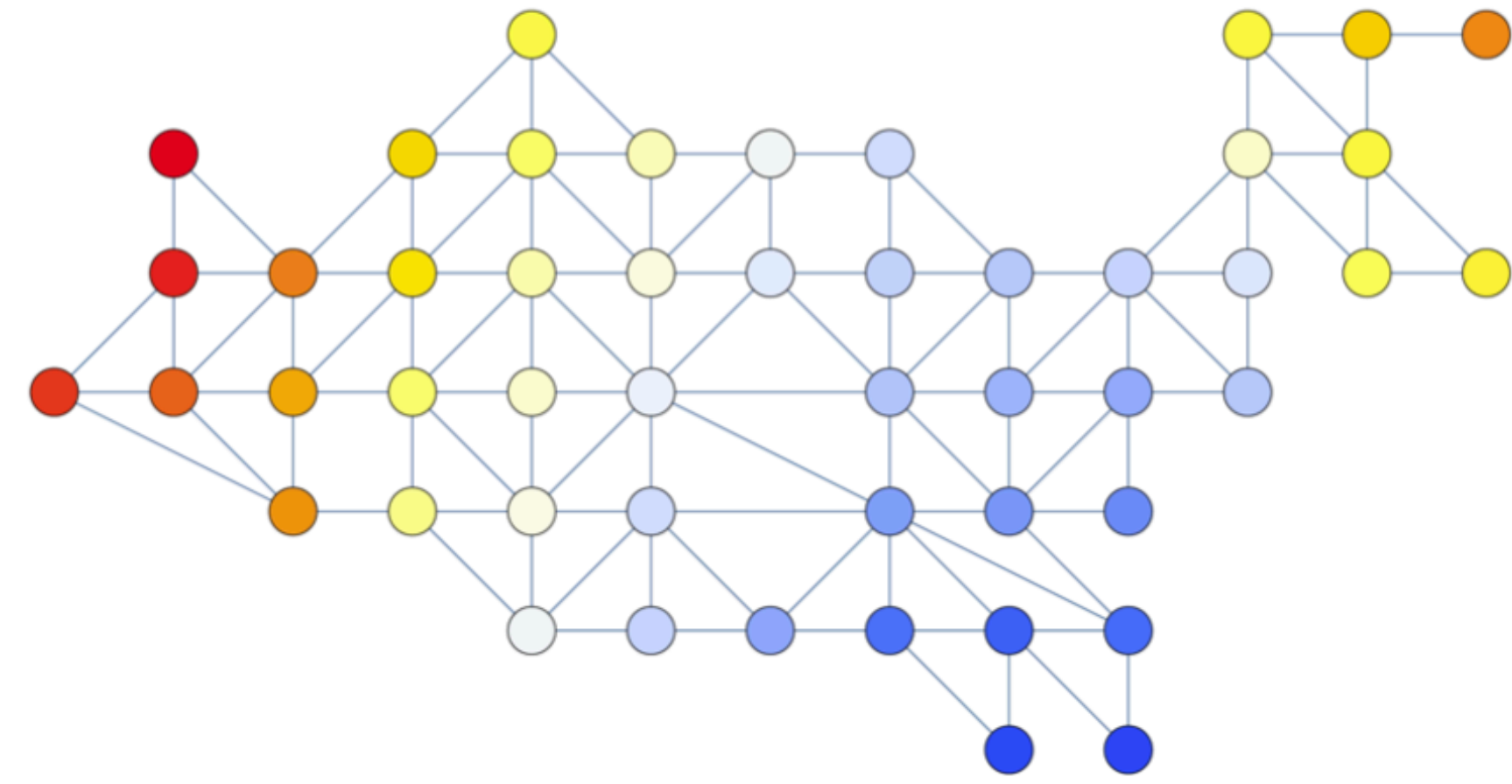
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$$1 = |\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| \geq 0$$

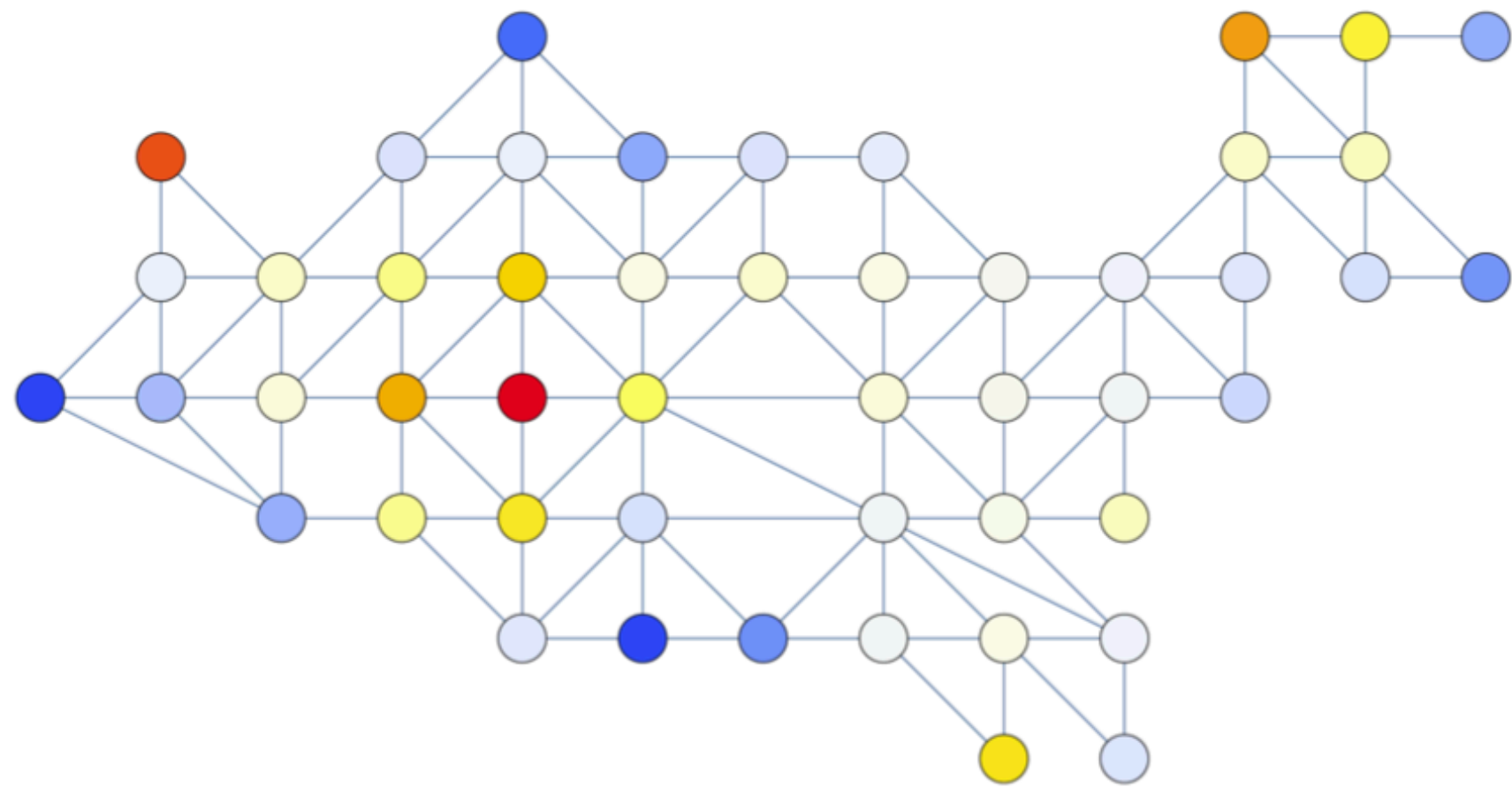




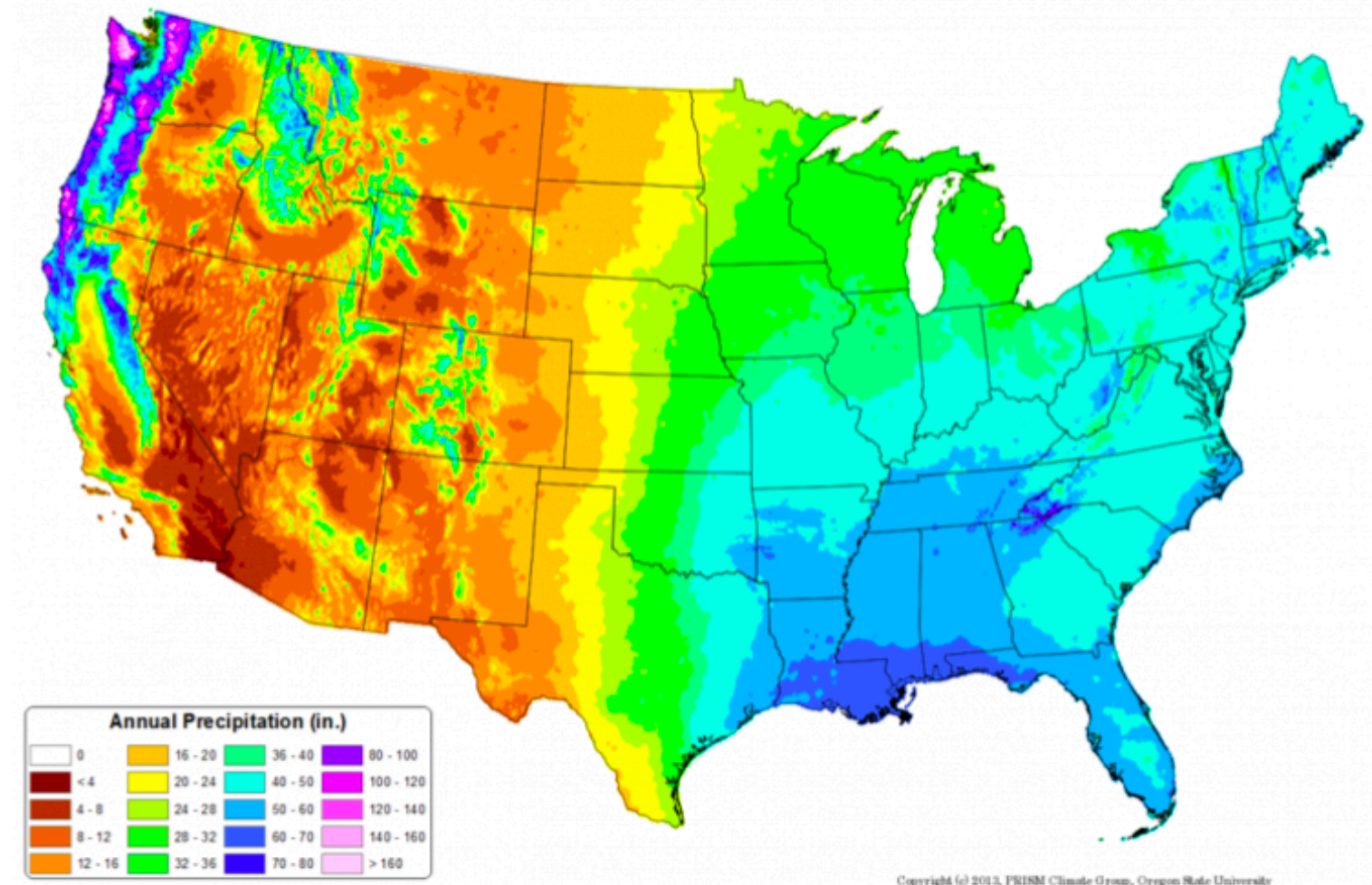
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The second eigenvector by frequency



The eleventh eigenvector by frequency



Average annual precipitation, 1981-2010

## GRAPHICAL DESIGNS

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$a_w \in \mathbb{R}$	weighted design
$a_w \geq 0$	positively weighted design
$a_w \in \{0, 1\}$	combinatorial design

## EXTREMAL DESIGNS

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An extremal design is a  $(m - 1)$  design.

Konstantin Golubev (2020)

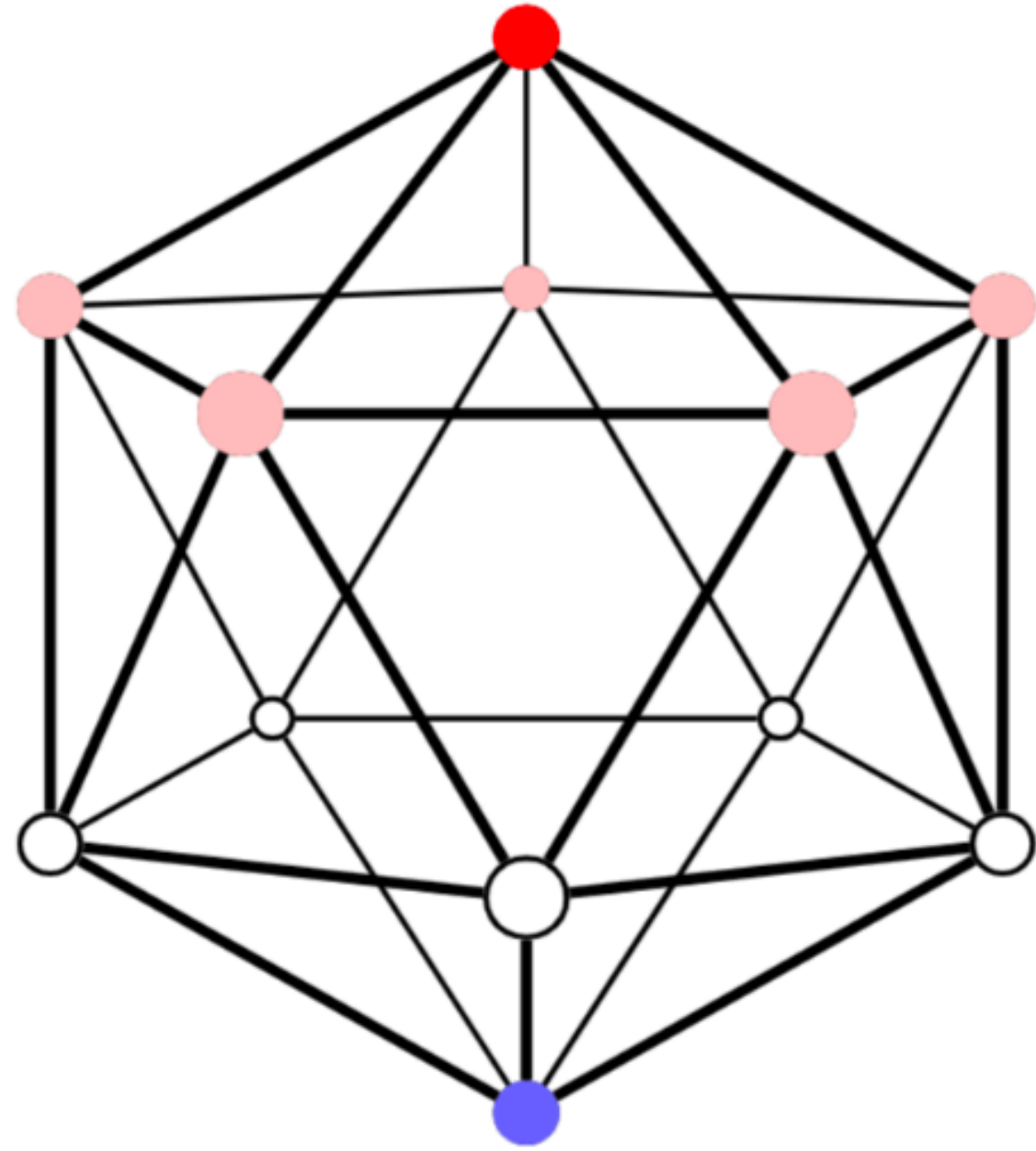
(No proper subset can average all eigenspaces)

# QUESTIONS

- Do  $k$ -designs always exist in a graph  $G$ ?
- How does one compute  $k$ -designs in  $G$ ?
- How does one compute smallest  $k$ -designs in  $G$ ?
- Is there a way to organize all  $k$ -designs?

Are the answers different for the  
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The icosahedral graph with

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An arbitrarily weighted 3-design

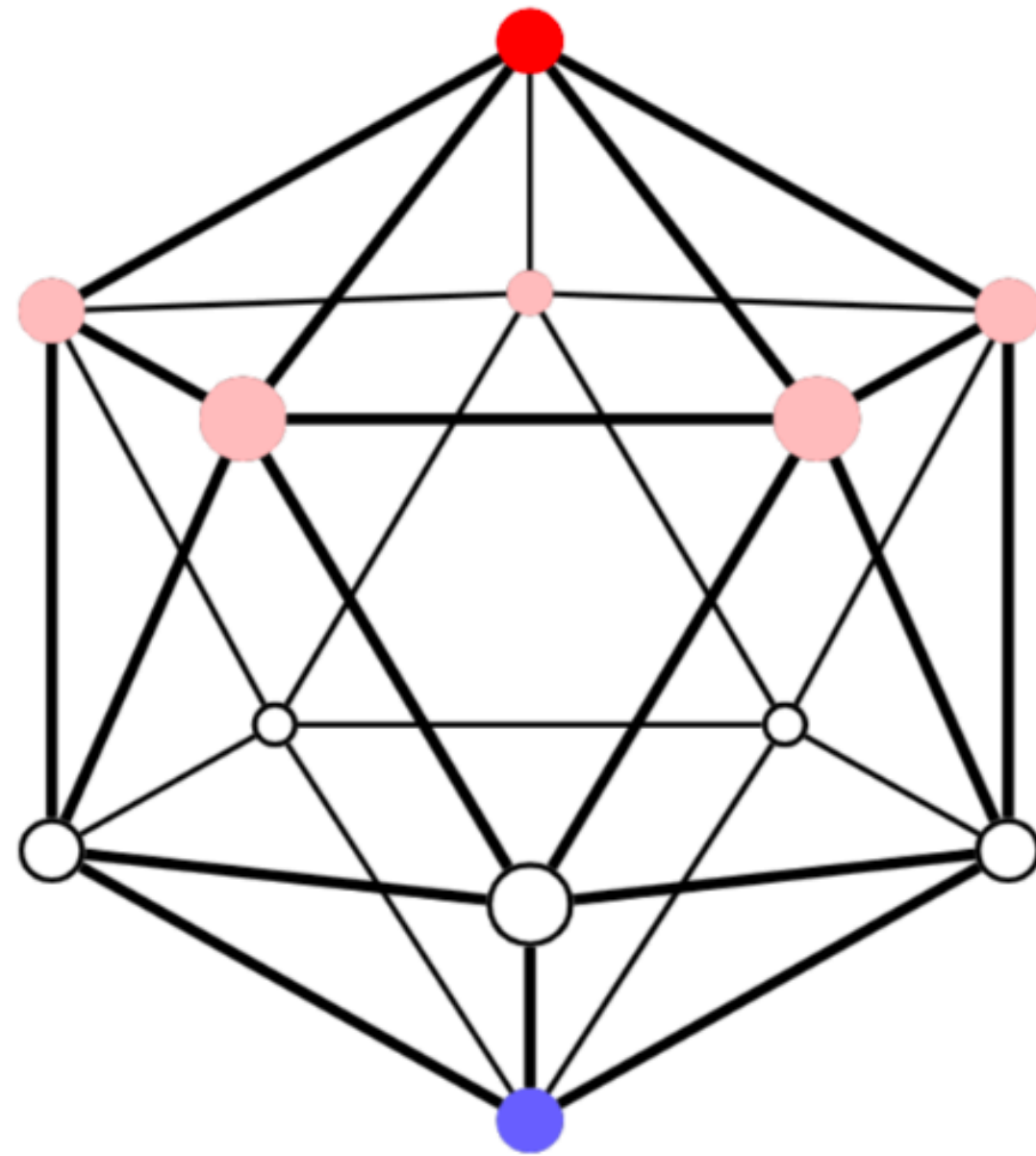
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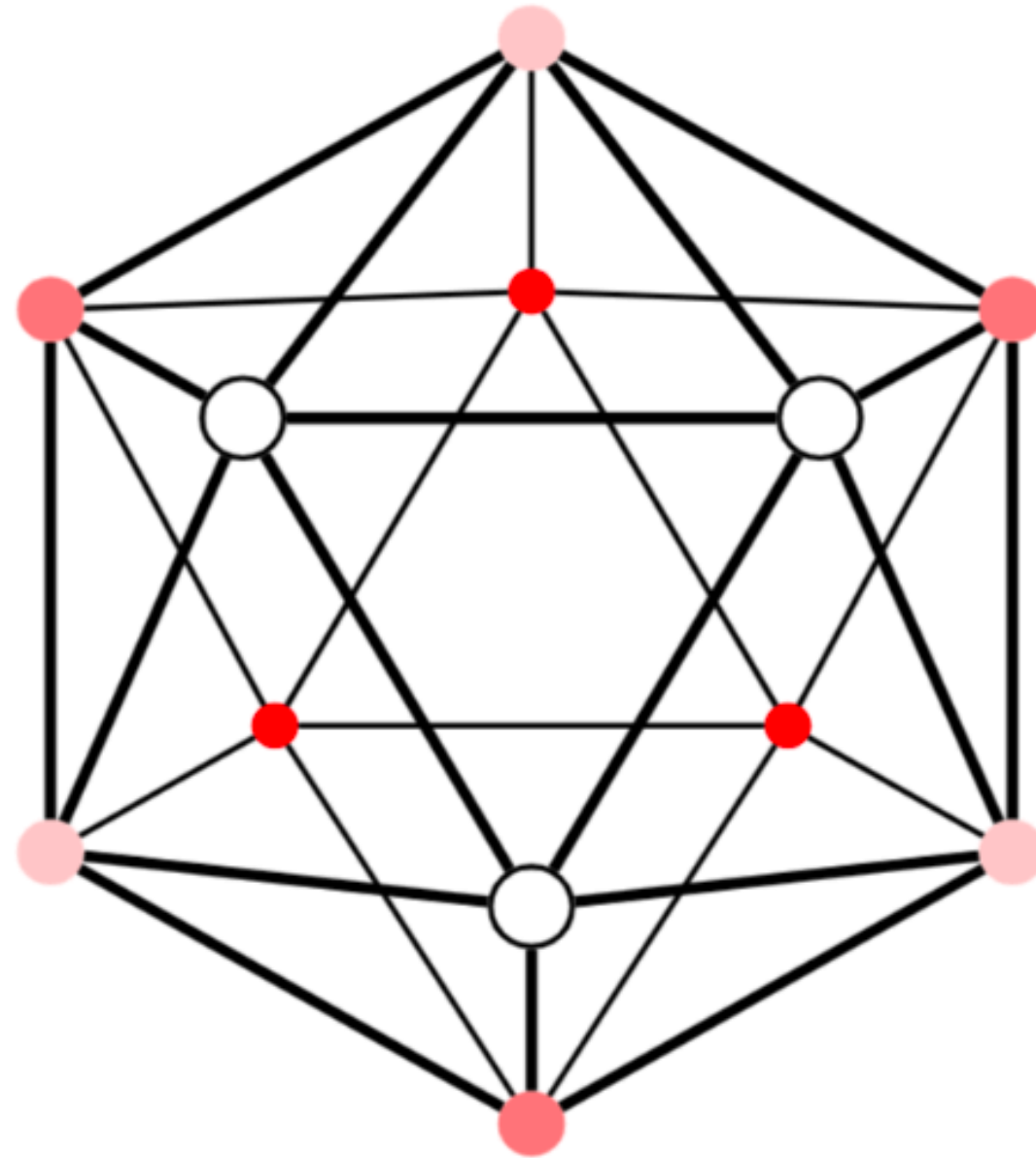
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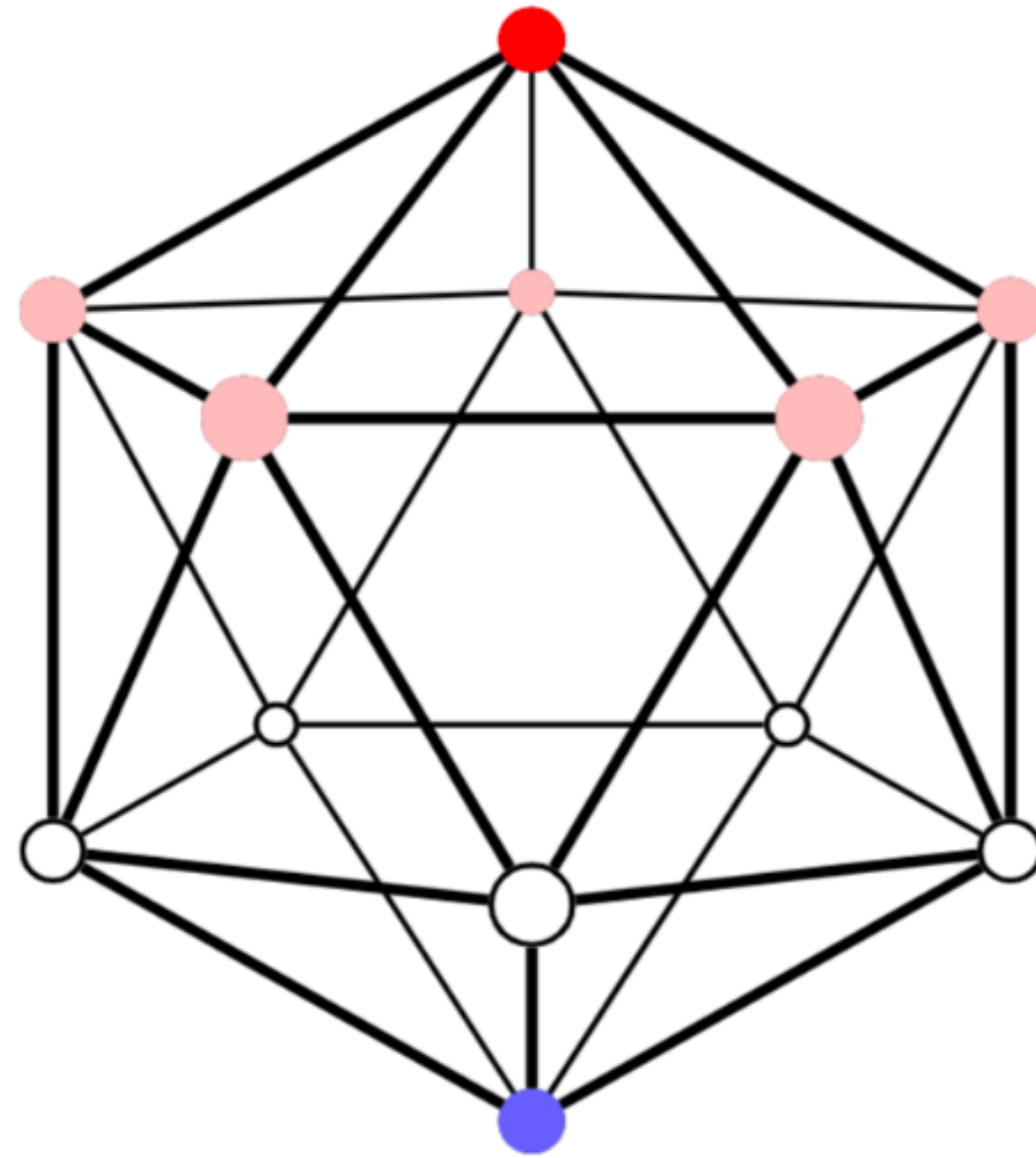
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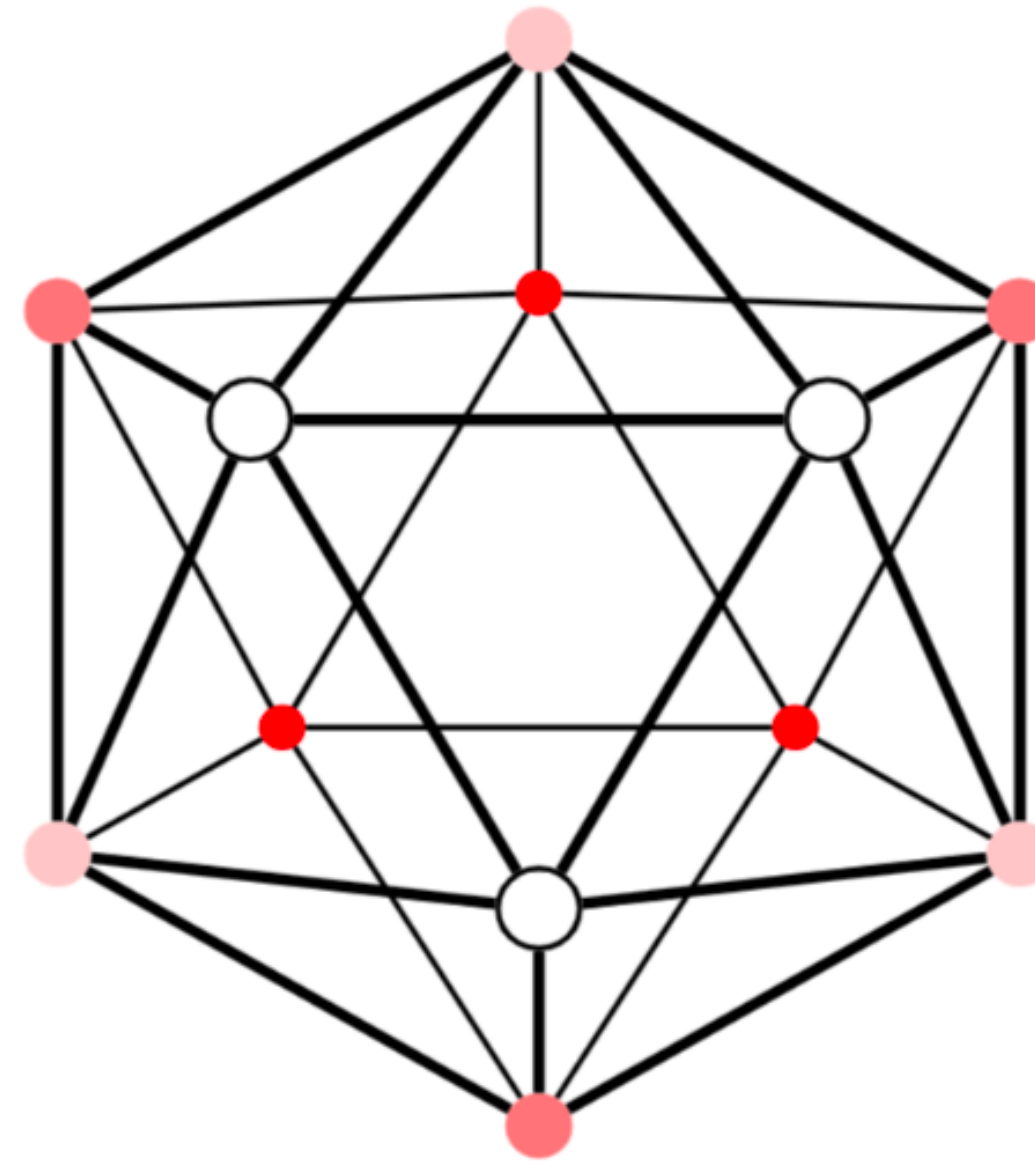
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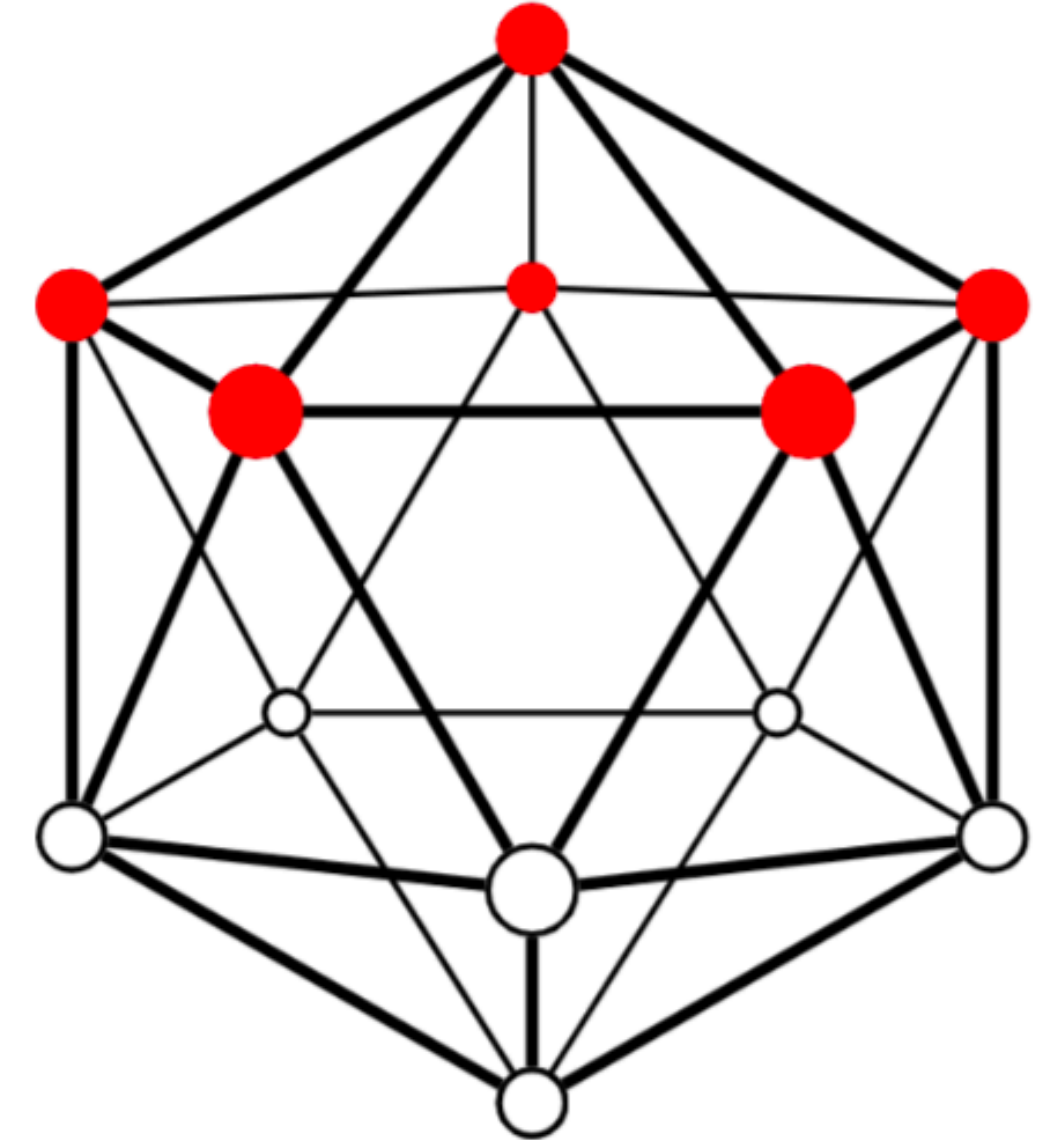
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A combinatorial 2-design

$$a_w \in \{0, 1\}$$

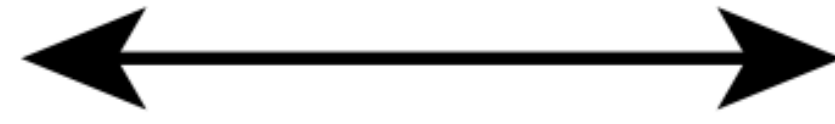
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# STRUCTURE THEOREM

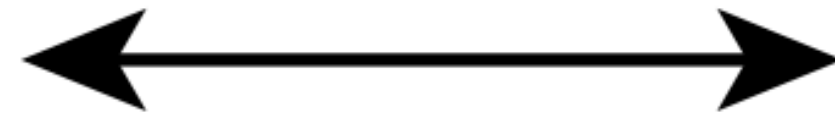
(Babecki-T. 2022)

{ Minimal positively  
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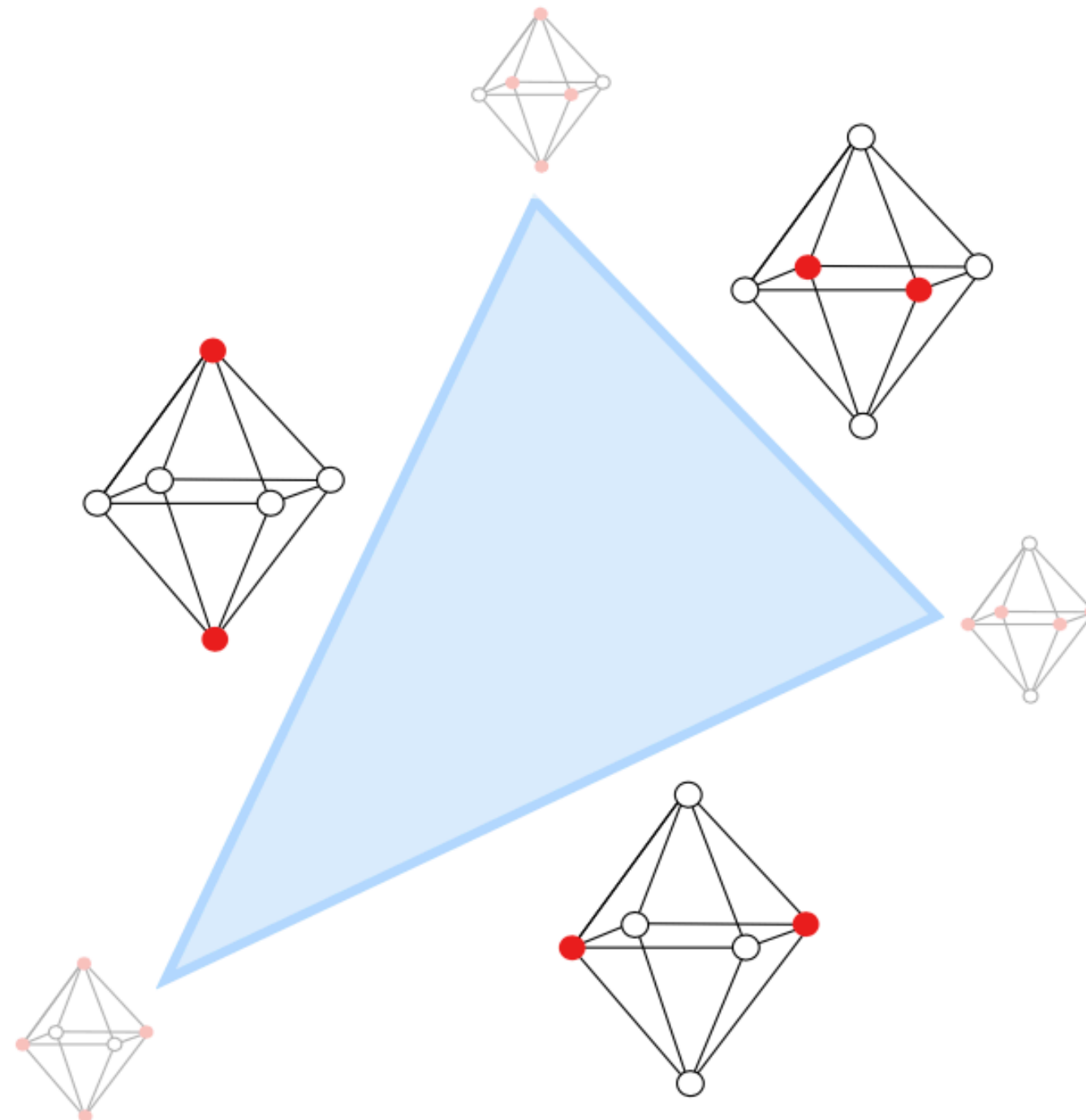
$W \subset V$  k-design



{ Facets of  
 $P_{\bar{k}} = \text{conv}(\mathcal{U}_{\bar{k}})$ . }



$V \setminus W$  facet



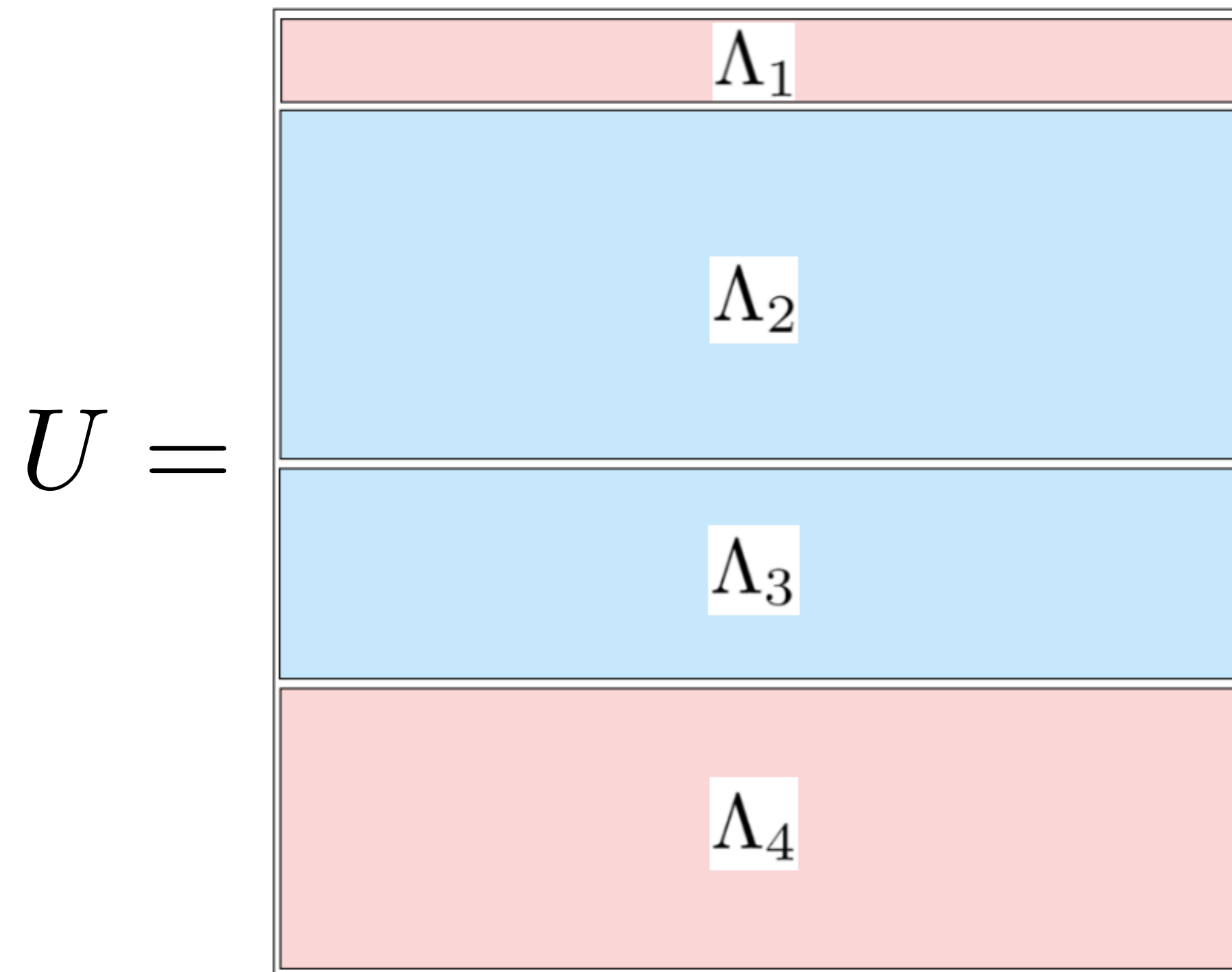
# EIGENPOLYTOPES

$$\mathbf{k} = \{\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k\}$$

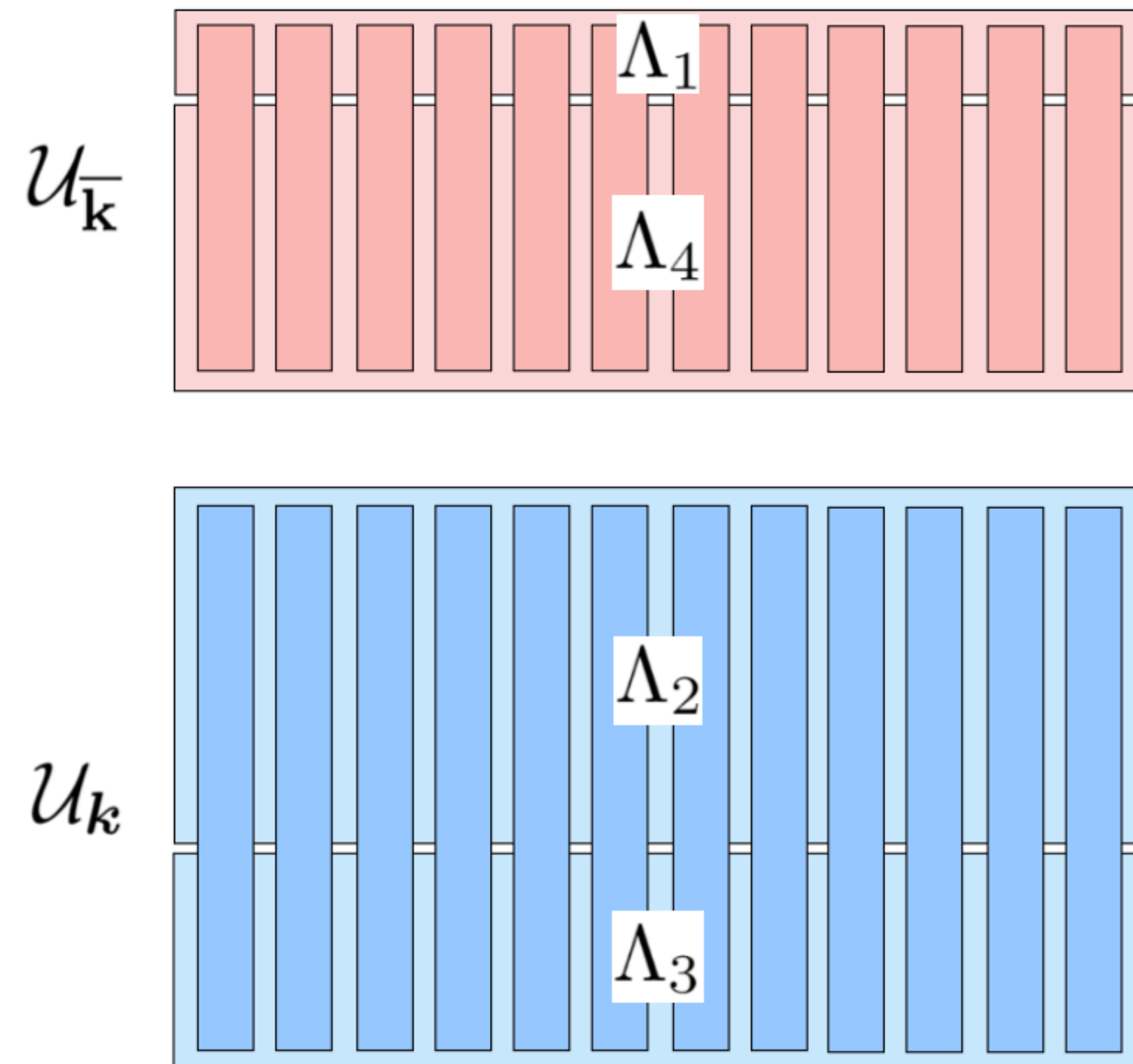
$$\bar{\mathbf{k}} = \{\lambda_1\} \cup \{\lambda_{k+1}, \dots, \lambda_m\}$$

(Godsil 1978)

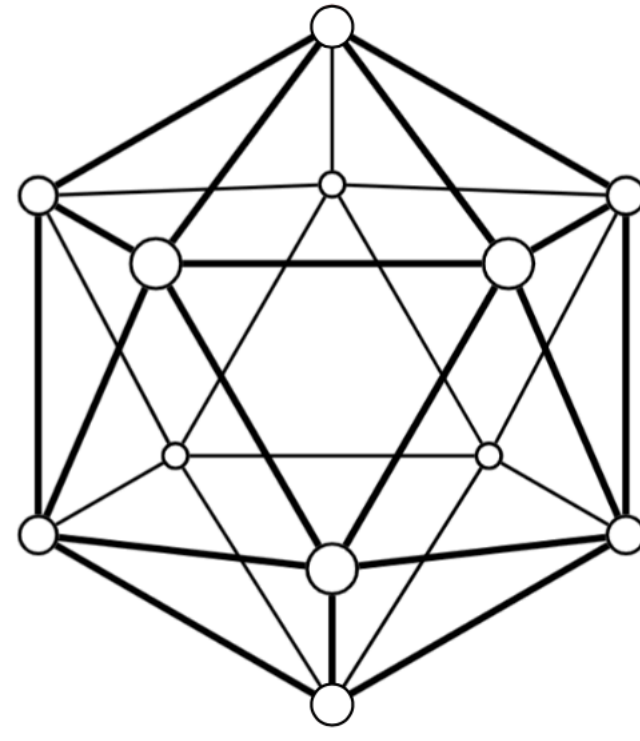
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$$m = 4, k = 3$$



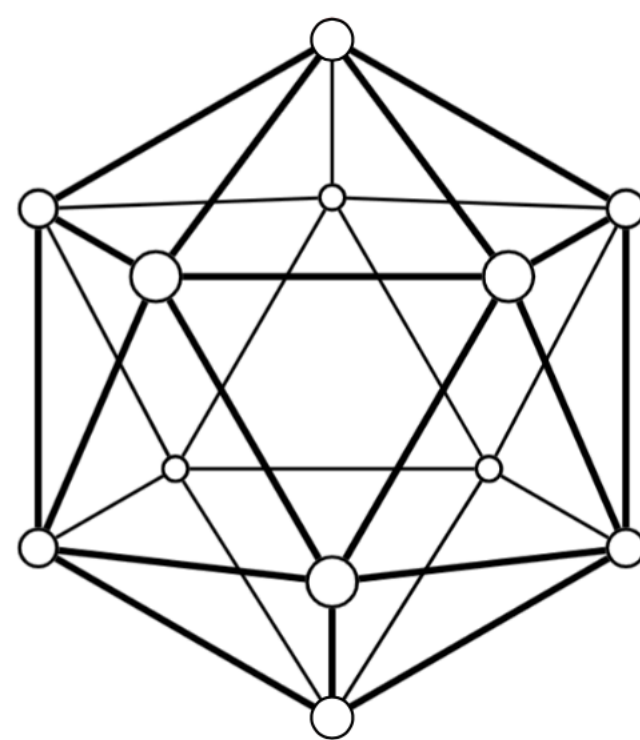
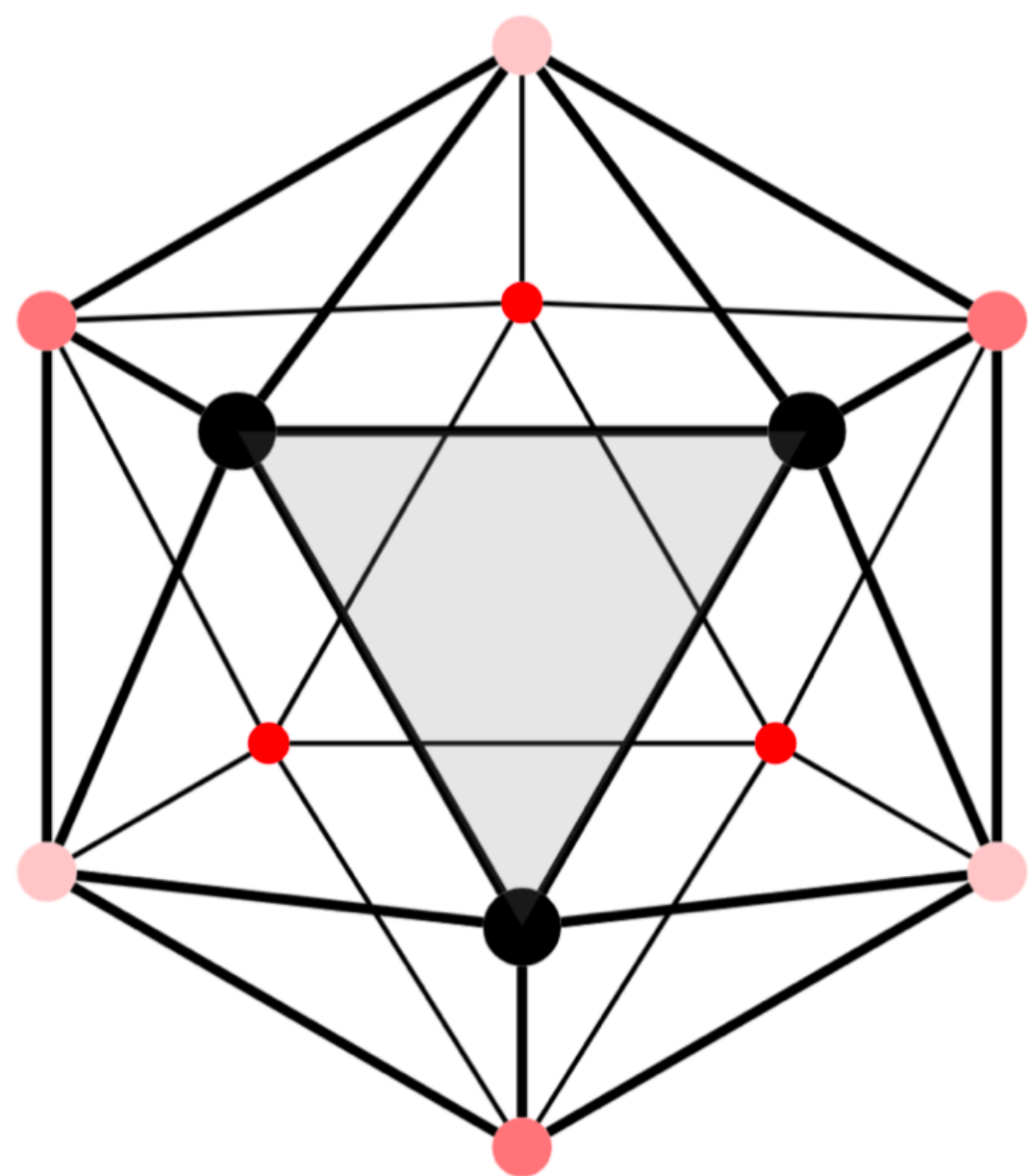
# 3-DESIGNS IN THE ICOSAHEDRAL GRAPH



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	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

# 3-DESIGNS IN THE ICOSAHEDRAL GRAPH



$$\bar{k} \Lambda_1 < k \Lambda_4 < \Lambda_3 < \bar{k} \Lambda_2.$$

$P_3$  is an icosahedron!  
 $\Rightarrow$  minimal 3-designs  
 have size 9

$\lambda_1 = 1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\lambda_2 = -.4472$	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	$-\varphi$	$\varphi$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	-1	1	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	0	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	0	0	-1	1	0
$\lambda_3 = .4472$	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	-1	1	0	$-\varphi$	$\varphi$	0	-1	0	0	1
	$\psi$	$-\psi$	$-\psi$	$\psi$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
$\lambda_4 = -.2$	-1	1	$\psi$	$-\psi$	0	$\psi$	$-\psi$	0	0	-1	1	0
	$\psi$	$-\psi$	-1	1	0	$-\psi$	$\psi$	0	-1	0	0	1
$\lambda_4 = -.2$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
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	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

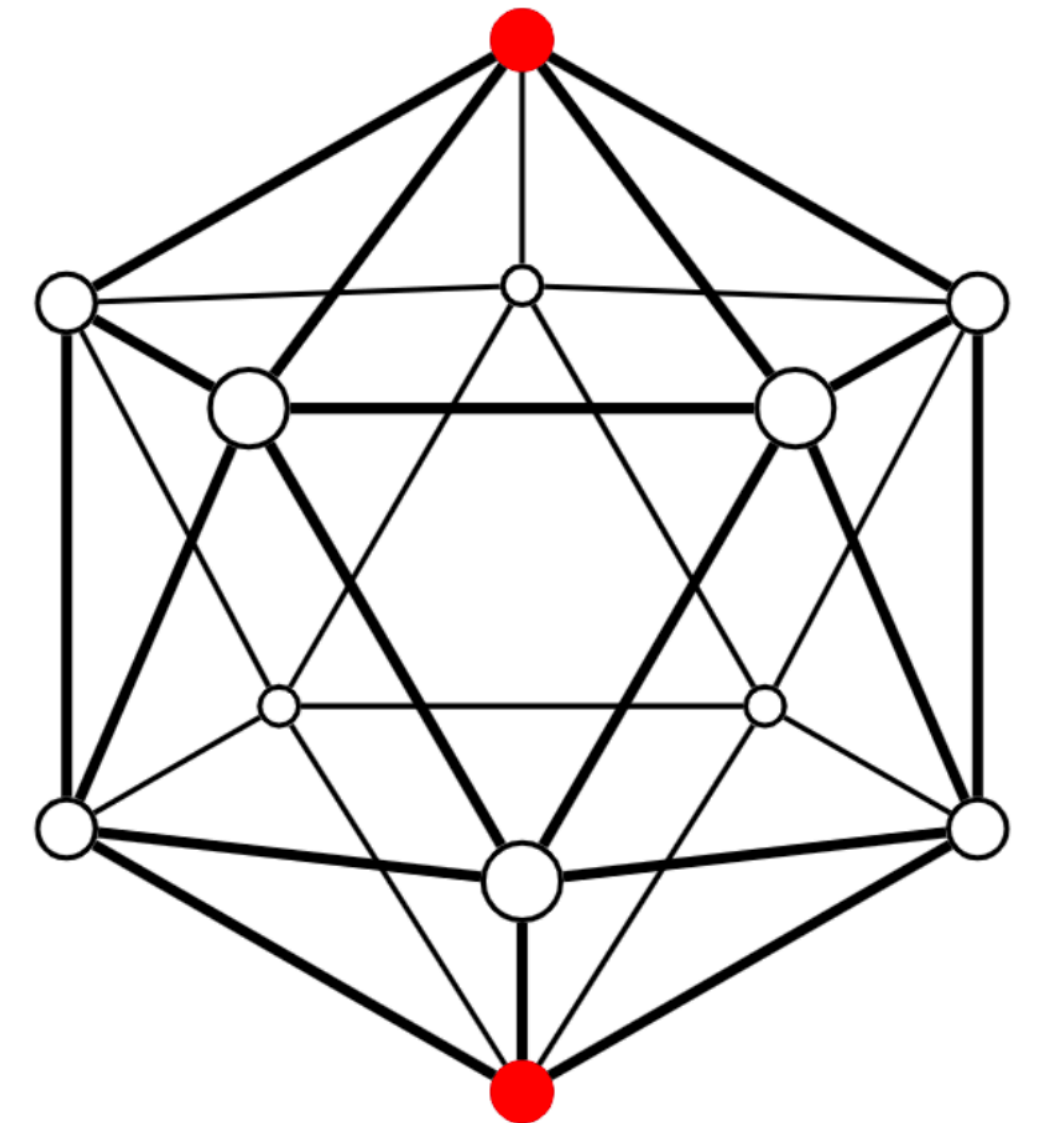
$$\bar{k} \quad k \quad \bar{k}$$

$$\Lambda_1 < \Lambda_2 \leq \Lambda_3 < \Lambda_4$$

frequency order

$\lambda_1 = 1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\lambda_2 = -.4472$	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	$-\varphi$	$\varphi$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	-1	1	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	0	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	0	0	-1	1	0
$\lambda_3 = .4472$	$\varphi$	$-\varphi$	-1	1	0	$-\varphi$	$\varphi$	0	-1	0	0	1
	$\psi$	$-\psi$	$-\psi$	$\psi$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	-1	1	$\psi$	$-\psi$	0	$\psi$	$-\psi$	0	0	-1	1	0
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	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

## ICOSAHEDRAL GRAPH



$P_{\bar{3}}$  is a 5-simplex with two elements of  $\mathcal{U}_{\bar{3}}$  at each vertex

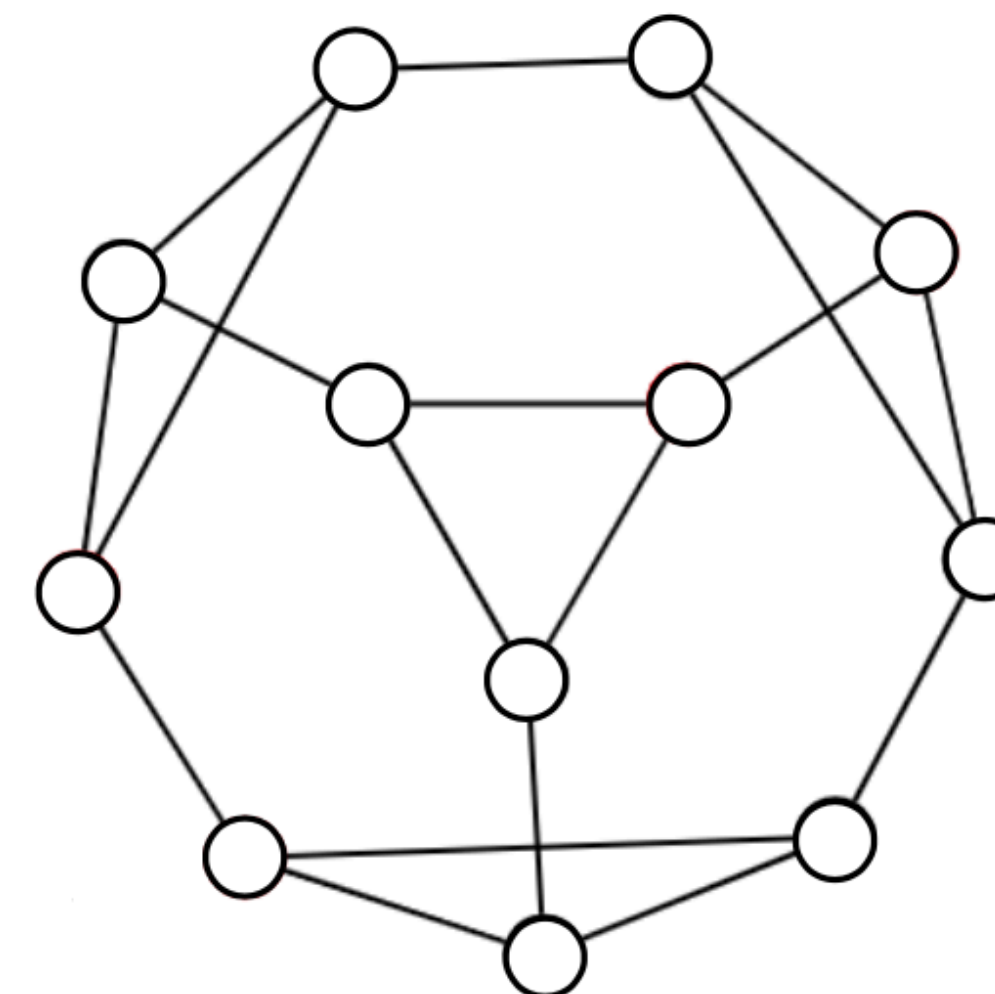
$\Rightarrow$  each facet has 5+5 elements of  $\mathcal{U}_{\bar{3}}$

$\Rightarrow$  minimal 3-designs have size 2



# TRUNCATED TETRAHEDRAL GRAPH

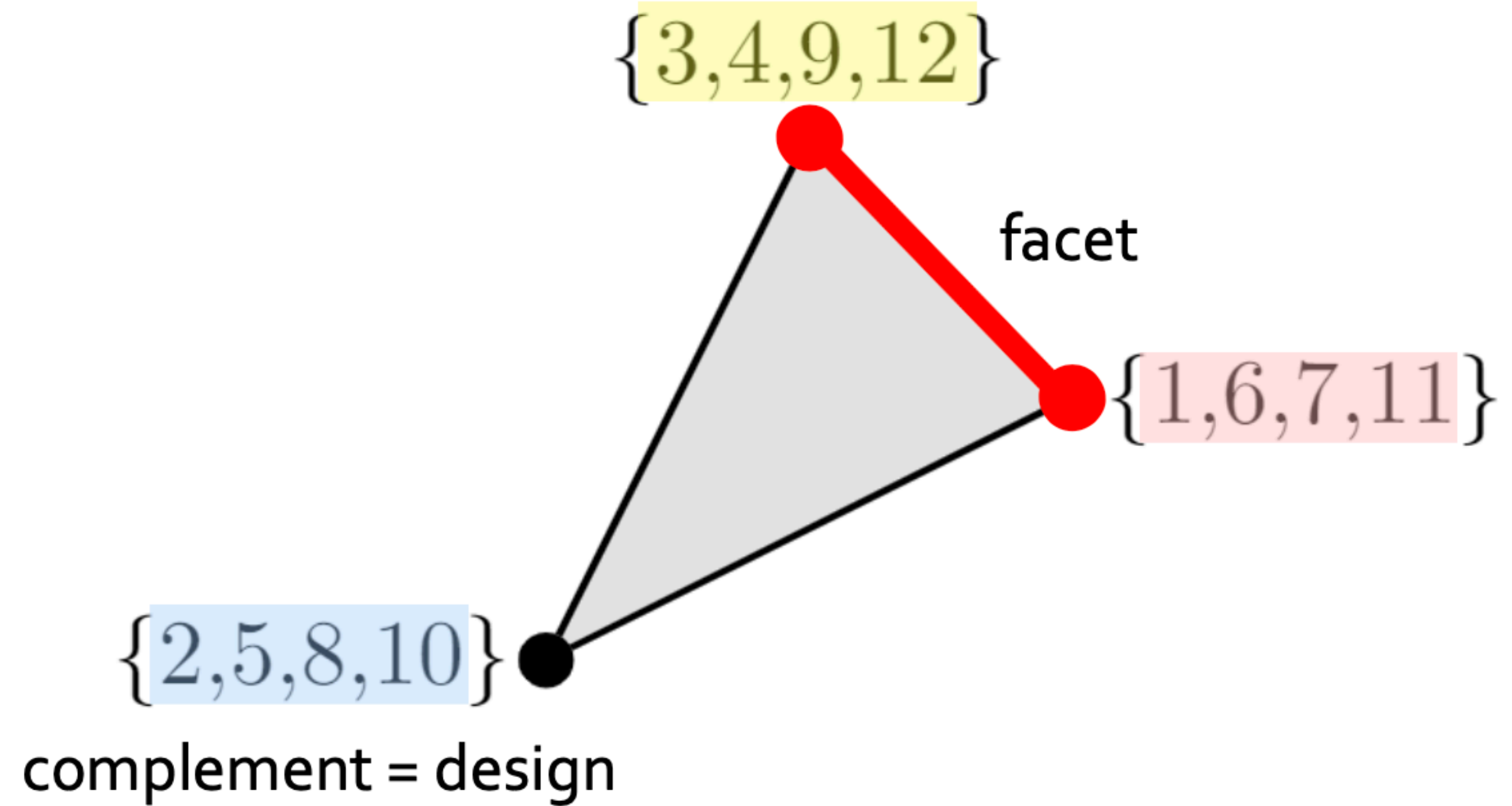
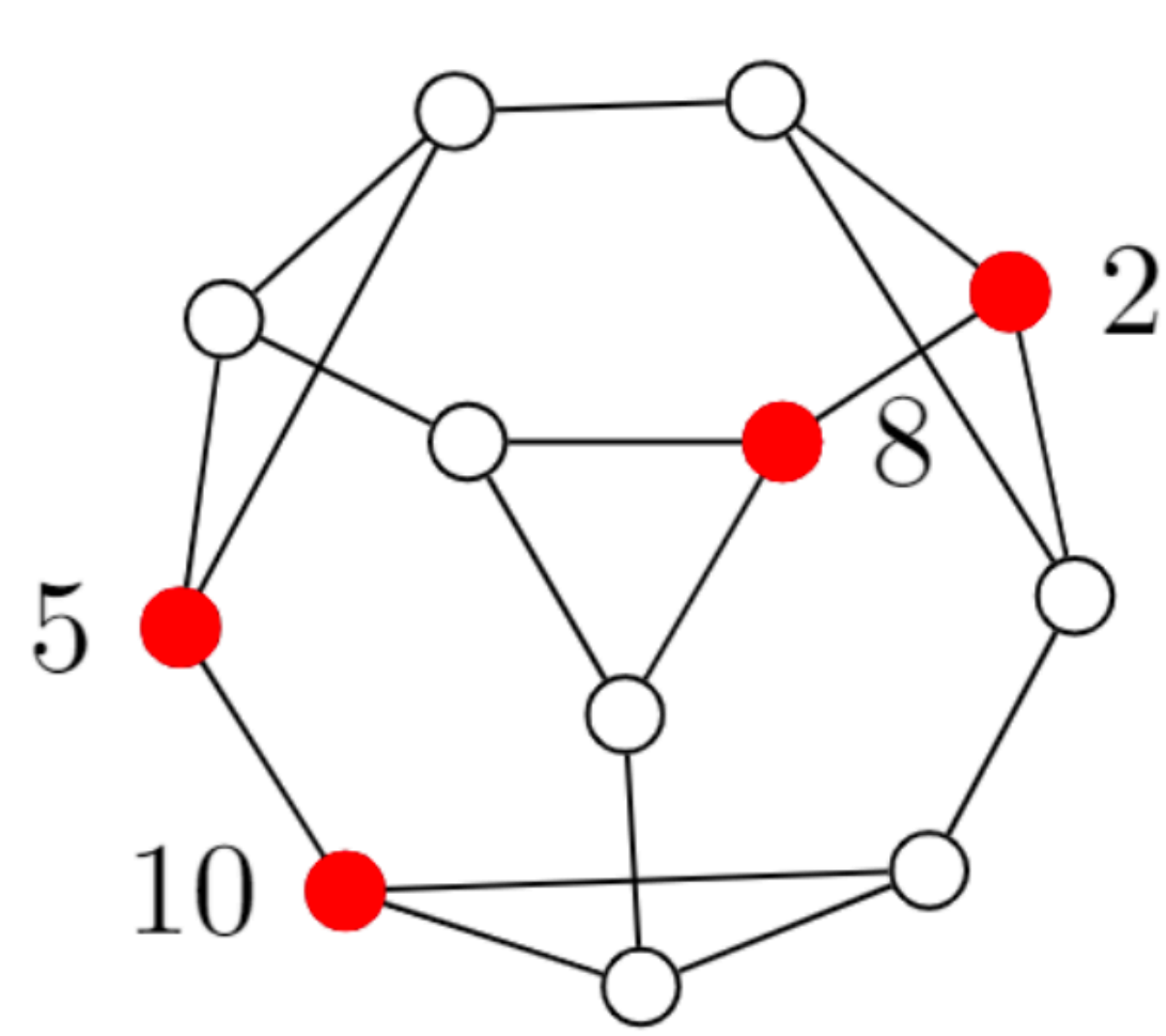
minimal 4-graphical designs



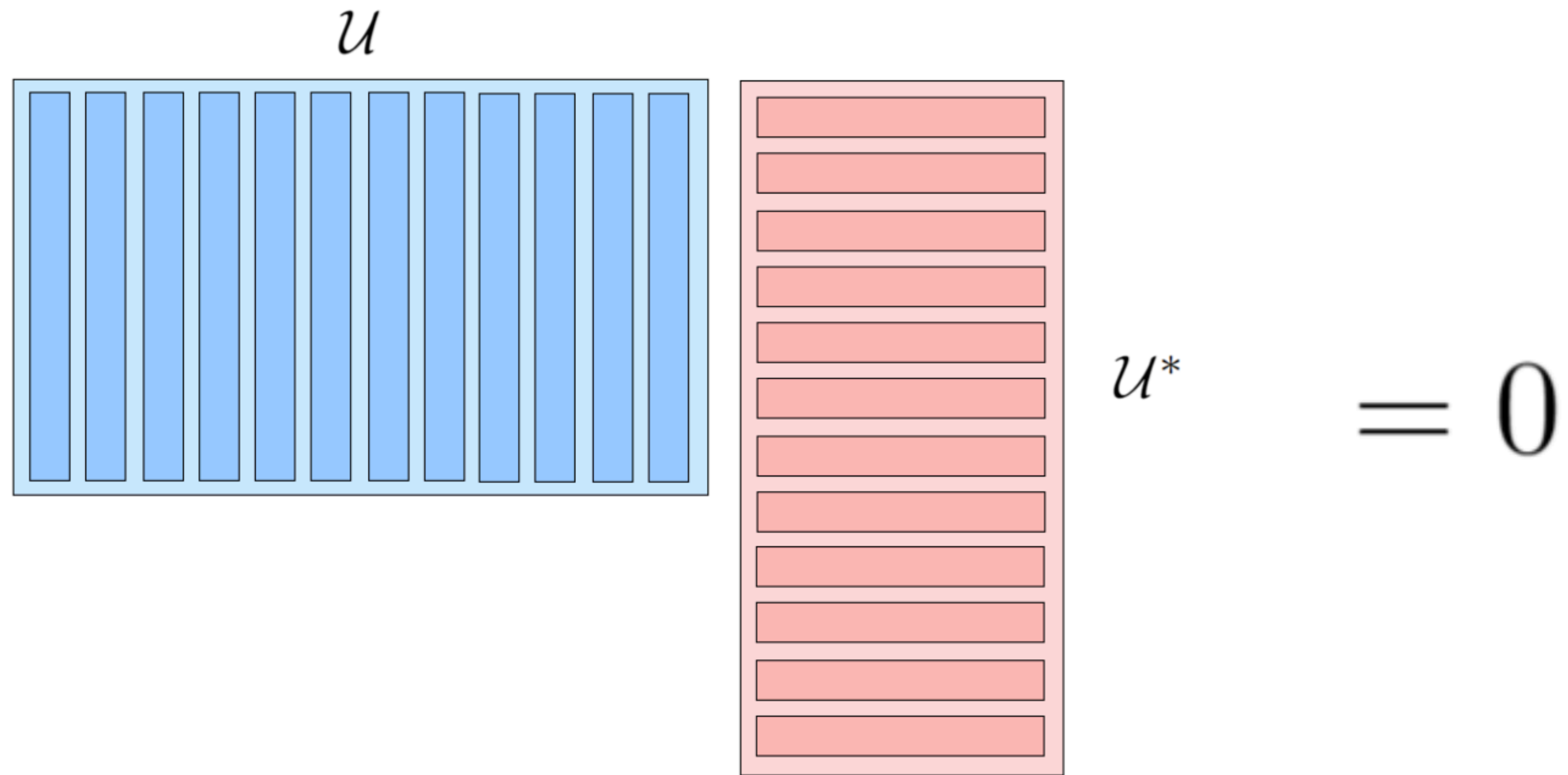
$U =$	[ 1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	eigenvalue
	-1	-1.5	-0.5	1.5	2	1.5	-0.5	-1.5	-1	1	0	0	0	1
	2	1.5	1.5	-0.5	-1	-1.5	-1.5	-0.5	-1	0	1	0	0	2/3
	-1	-0.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1	-0.5	1.5	1.5	2	0	0	1	0	
	0	-1	1	-1	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	-1	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	0	-2/3
	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	
	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	
	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	-1/3
	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	
	1	-1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0
	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	1	0	

# TRUNCATED TETRAHEDRAL GRAPH

$$U_{\bar{4}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$



# WHY IT WORKS — ORIENTED MATROID DUALITY



$(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}^*)$  are dual configurations

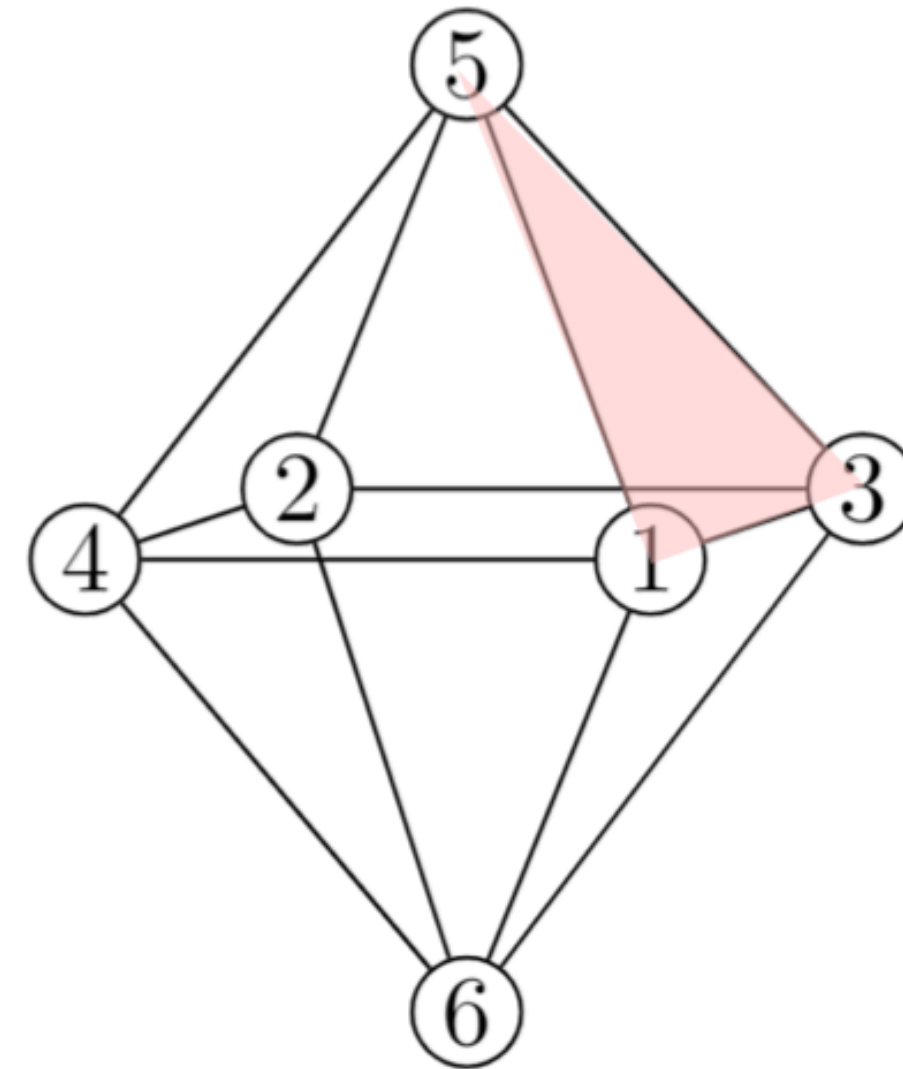
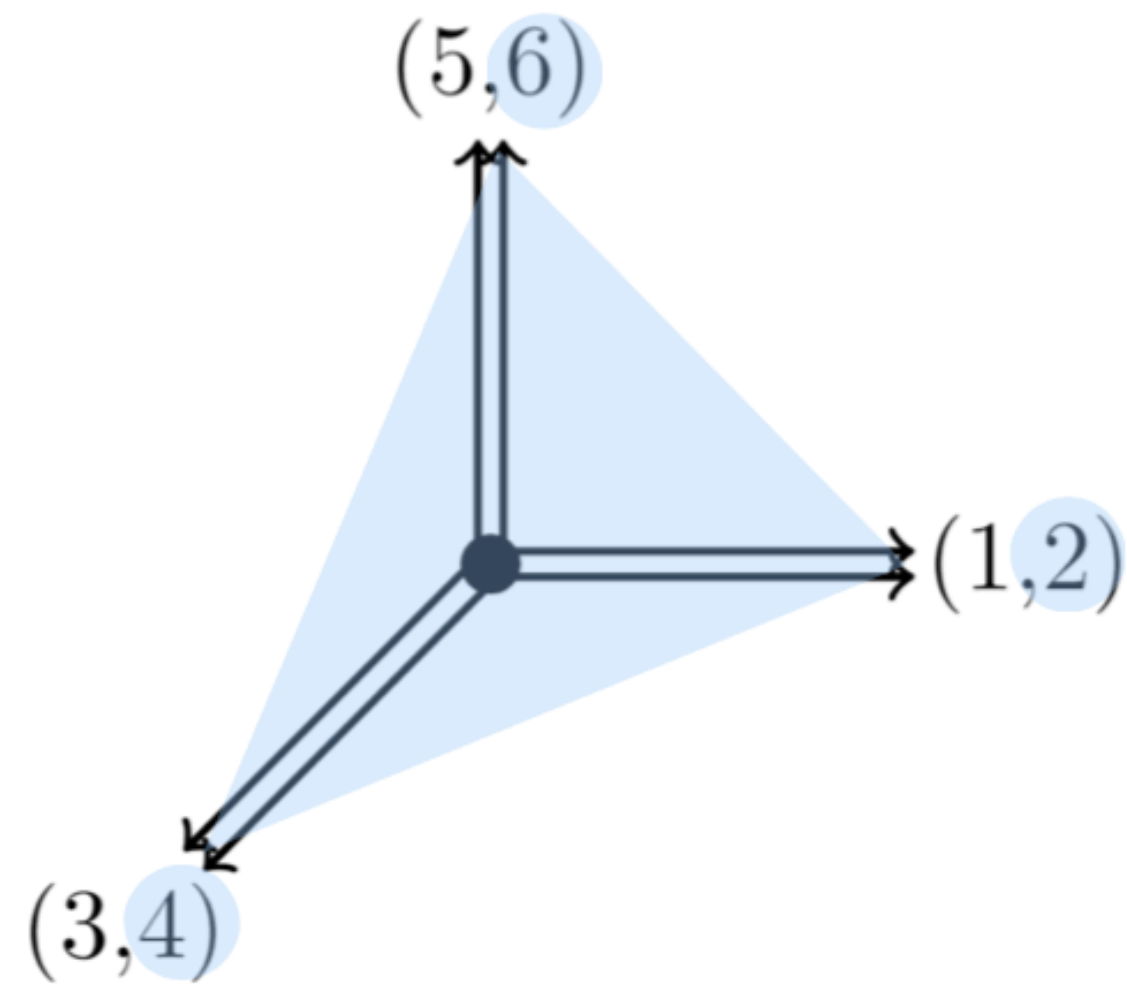
Gale duality for polytopes:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1    2    3    4    5    6

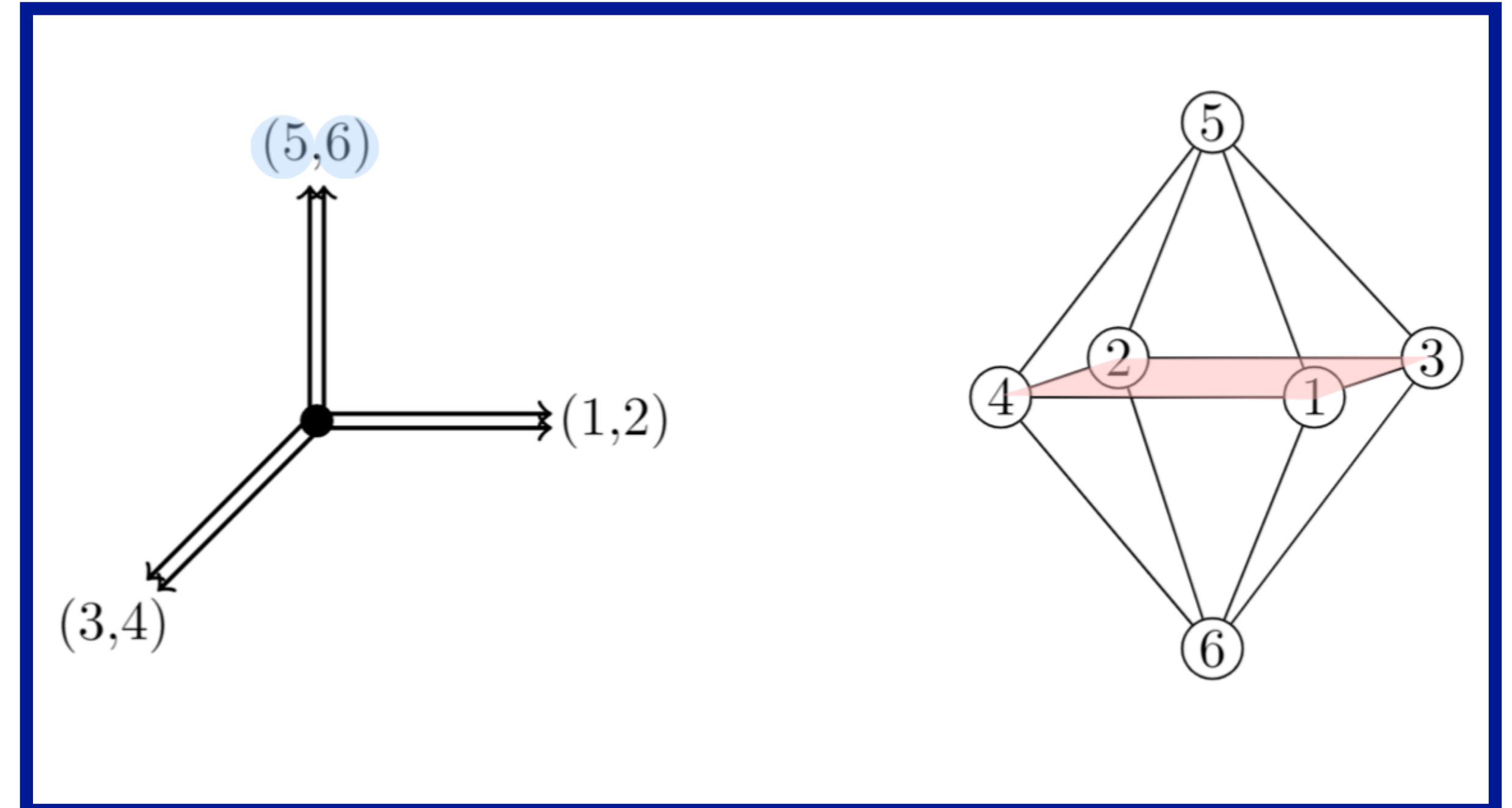
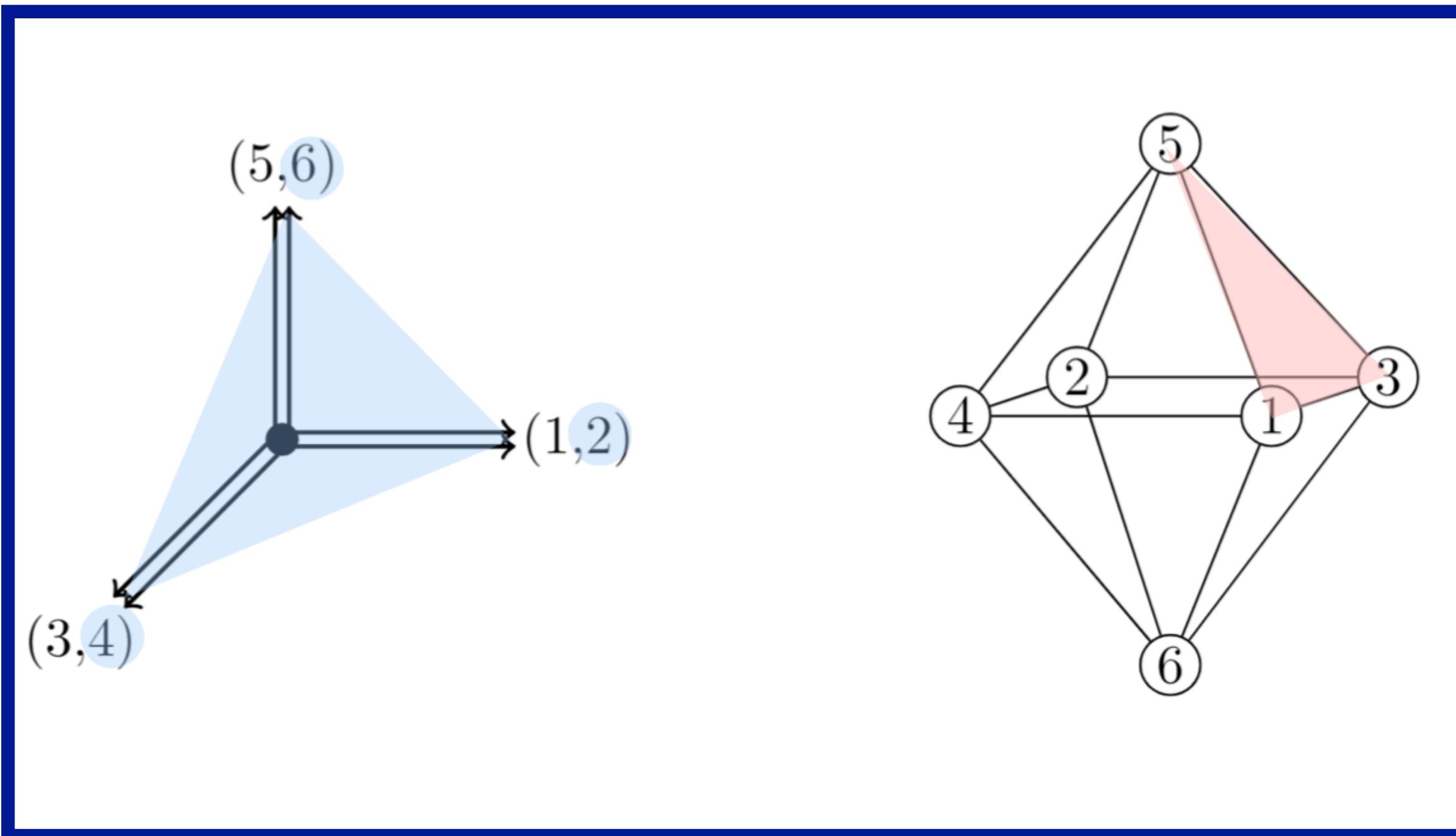
$$U^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1    2    3    4    5    6



# GALE DUALITY

**Theorem:** For  $I \subseteq [n]$ ,  $\text{conv}\{u_i^* : i \in [n] \setminus I\}$  is a face of  $\text{conv}(\mathcal{U}^*)$  if and only if  $0$  is in the relative interior of  $\text{conv}\{u_i : i \in I\}$ .

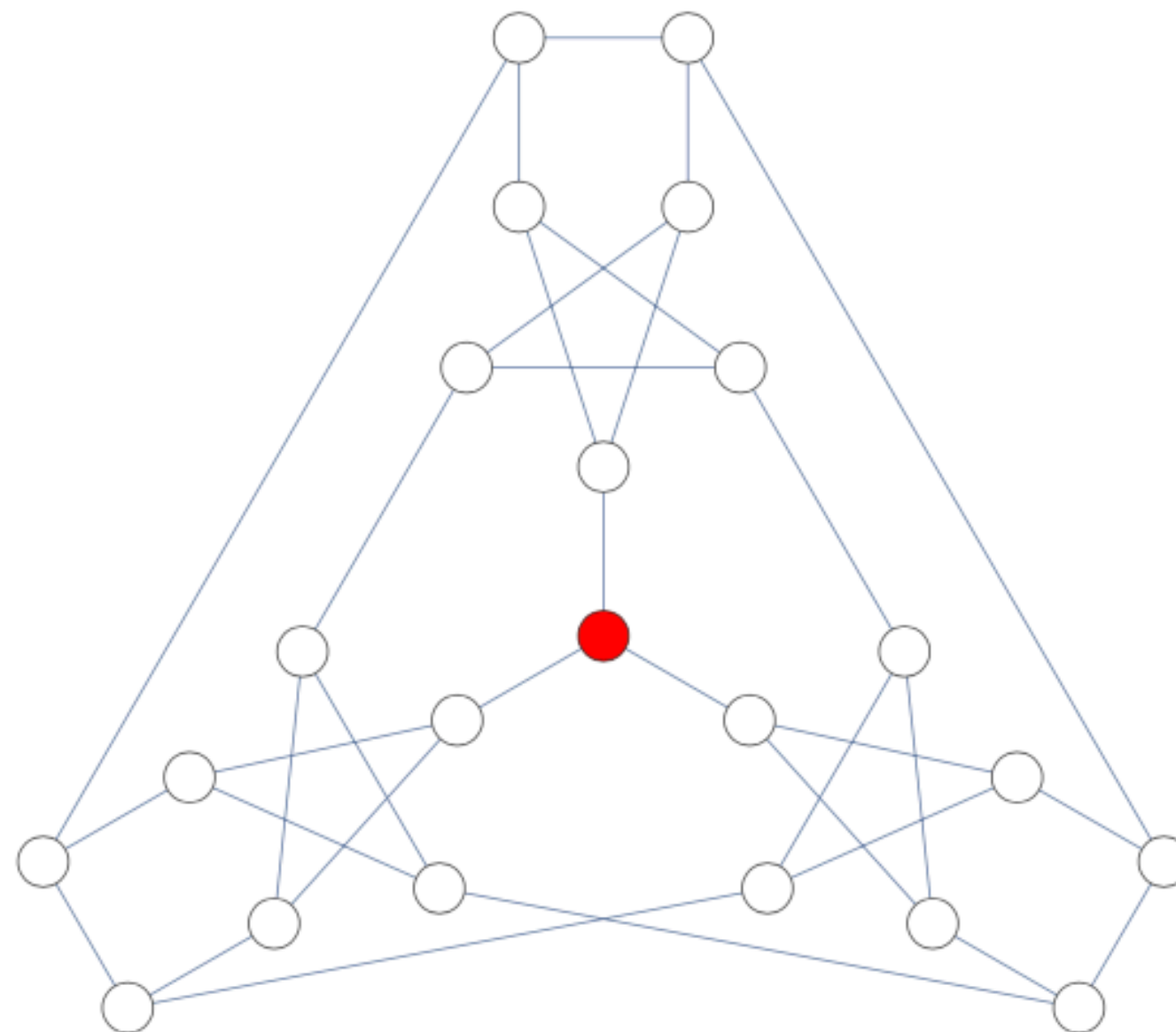


# PROOF OF GALE DUALITY

# BOUNDS ON SIZE

**Theorem:** For each  $k = 1, \dots, m-1$  there is a positively weighted  $k$ -design of size at most  $\sum_{i=1}^k \dim \Lambda_i$ .

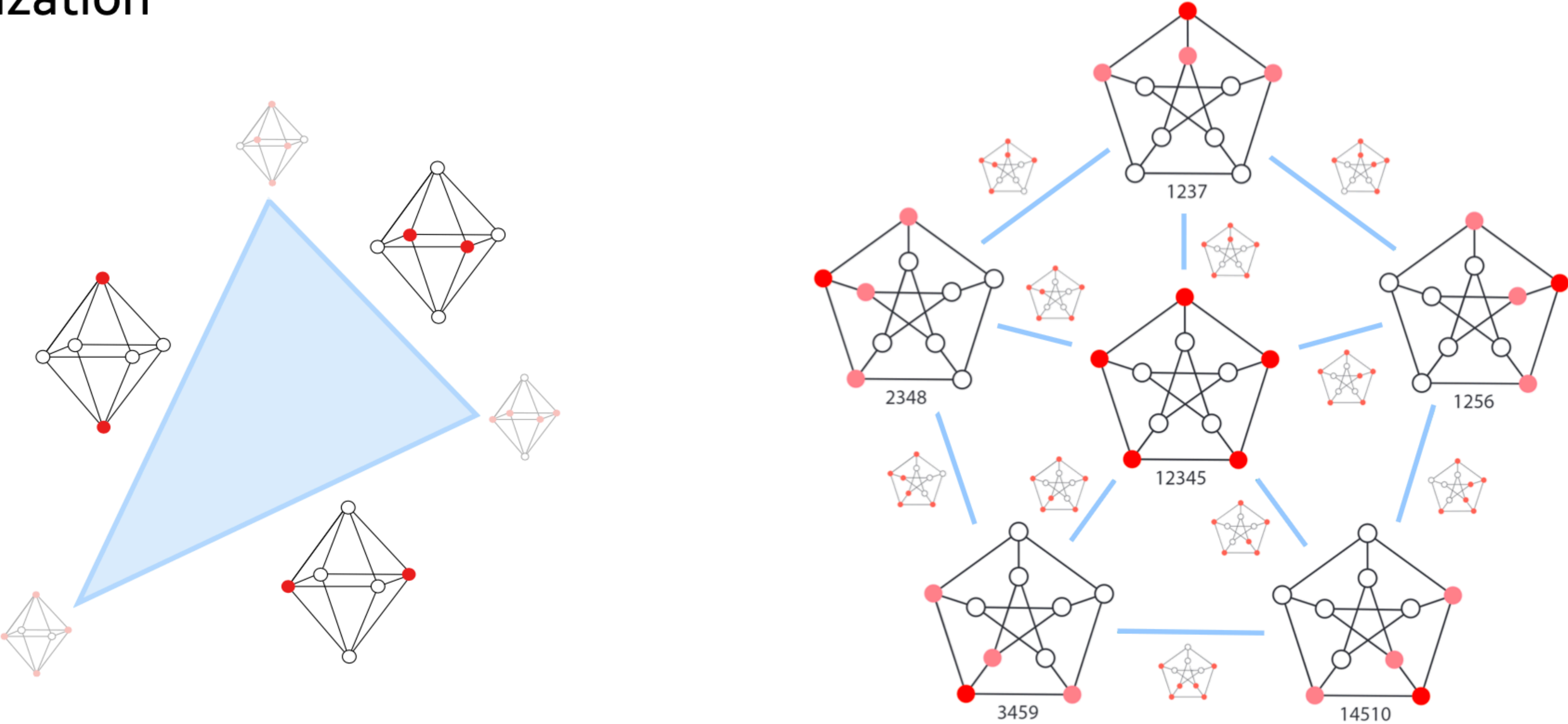
These upper bounds can be tight for every  $k$  in a  $G$



Lower bounds can be trivial.

# CONSEQUENCES I

## Organization





# CONSEQUENCES II

## Computation/Optimization

(Babecki-T. 2022)

- Cocktail party graphs
- Cycles
- Graphs of hypercubes  
(uses the theory of linear codes)

# CONSEQUENCES III

## Random walks & equidistribution

$\mu_0$  – initial probability measure on  $G = (V, E)$

Random walk initialized at  $\mu_0$  leads to measures

$$\mu_{l+1} = AD^{-1} \mu_l$$

**WELL-KNOWN:**

$$\sum_{v \in V} \left| \mu_l(v) - \frac{1}{n} \right|^2 \leq \lambda_2^{2l}$$

## THEOREM (Steinerberger-T. 2022)

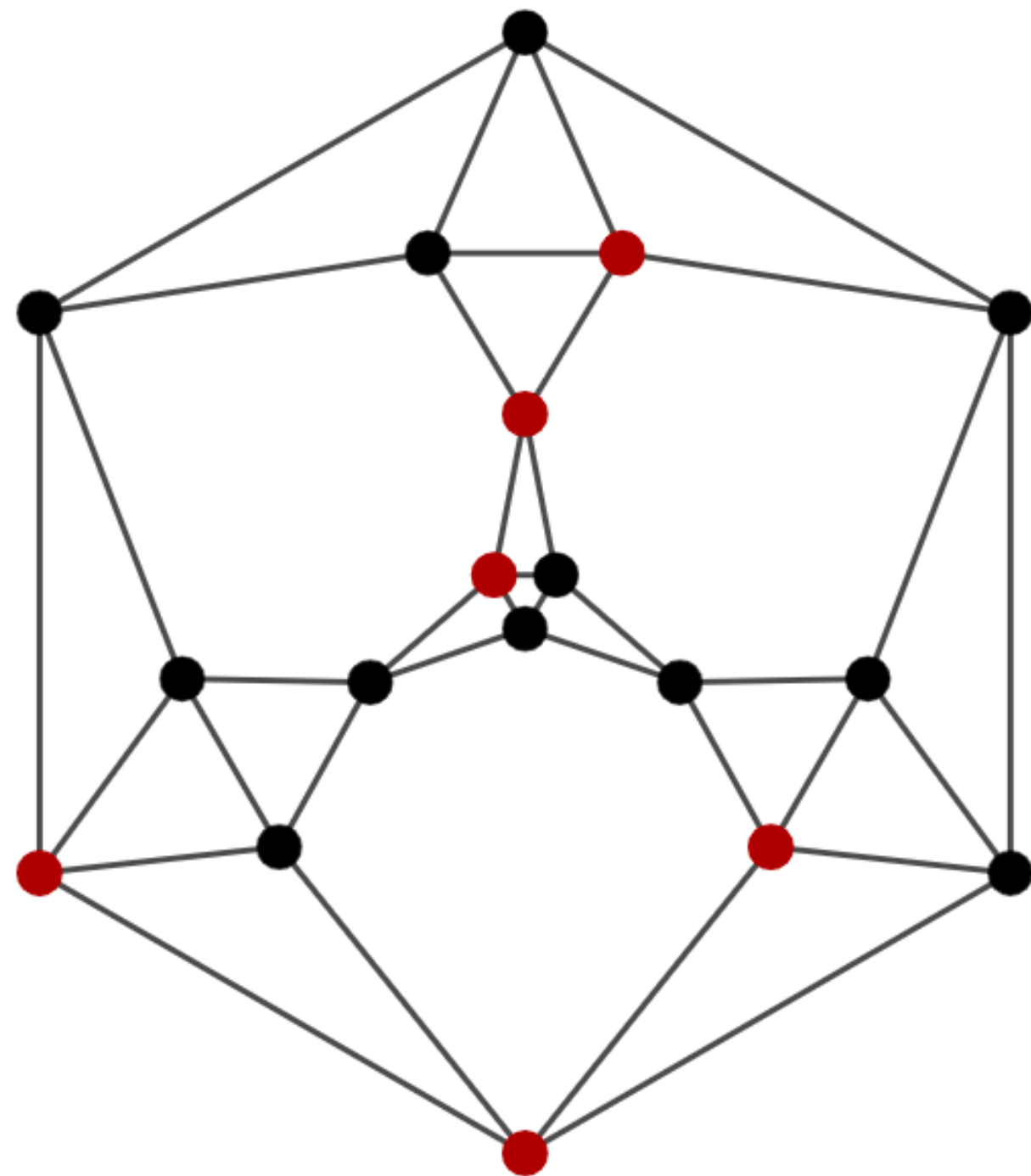
$\forall 1 \leq k \leq n - 1$  there exists  $\mu_0$  supported on at most  $k$  vertices, such that

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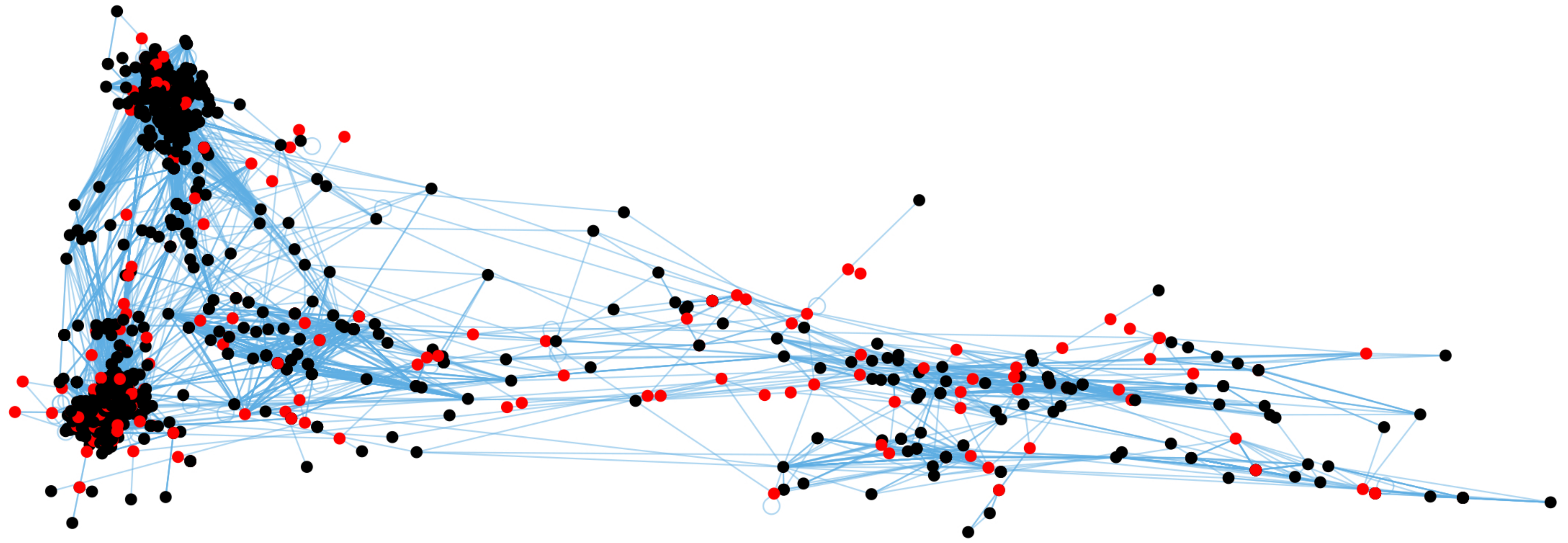
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18 vertices  $|\lambda_2| = 0.75$

$\exists \mu_0$  supported on the red vertices  
that decays at rate given by  $|\lambda_{11}| \sim 0.25$



The 228 red vertices are a weighted 229-graphical design on this network of 2277 English language Wikipedia pages related to chameleons. Vertices represent pages, and edges join pages that are mutually connected by hyperlinks.

**Babecki: "WHAT IS ... a Graphical Design"**  
(AMS Notices, October 2022)

THANK YOU

Graphical designs and Gale duality (Babecki & Thomas 2022)

Math. Programming (2022)

Random Walks, Equidistribution and Graphical Designs  
(Steinerberger & Thomas 2022)

Gallery of graphical designs (Babecki)

<https://sites.math.washington.edu/~GraphicalDesigns/>