

# Padmakar-Ivan indices of $k$ -trees

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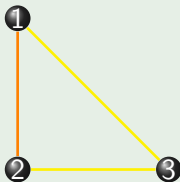


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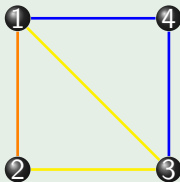


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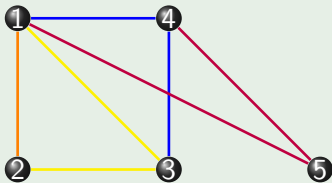


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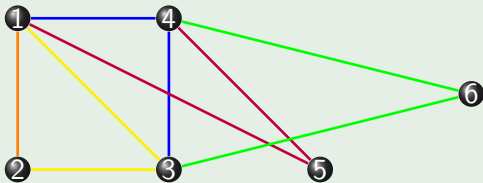


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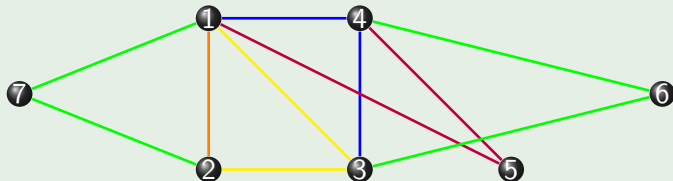


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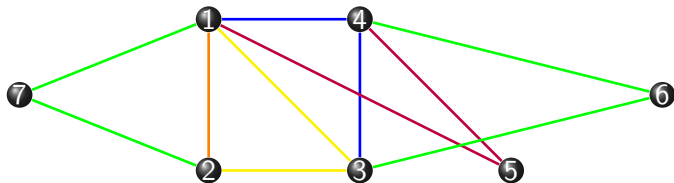
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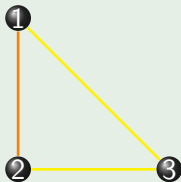
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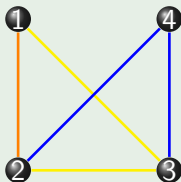
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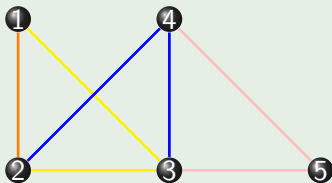
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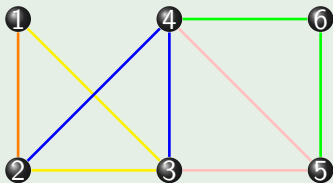
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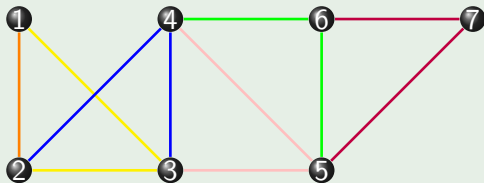
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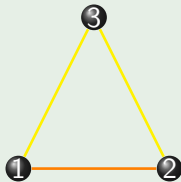
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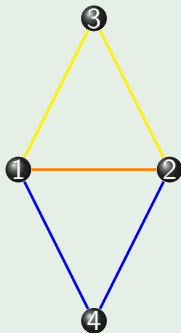
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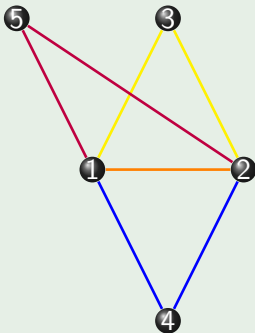
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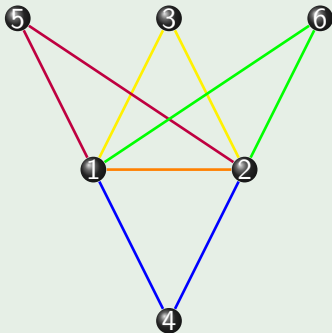
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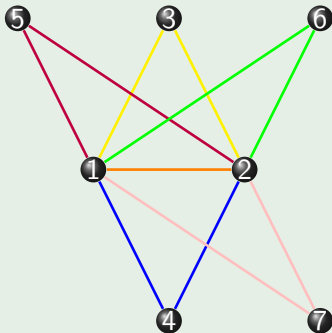
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$$\prod_{1,c}(G) = \prod_{v \in V(G)} d(v)^c, c \geq 1; \prod_2(G) = \prod_{uv \in E(G)} d(u)d(v).$$





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There exists a  $k$ -tree  $T_n^k$  such that  $PI(T_n^k) \leq PI(P_n^k)$ , for any  $k \geq 1$ .



Let  $d(u, v)$  be the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ ,  $d'(u, v)$  be the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G'$ . Build a function  $f : \{xy \in E(G)\}$  to  $\{1, 0\}$  as follows:

$$f(xy) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d'(x, w) \neq d'(y, w), \\ 0 & \text{if } d'(x, w) = d'(y, w). \end{cases}$$



# Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,  $G[v_1, \dots, v_k]$  be a  $k$ -clique and  $N(v_l) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  for  $l \geq k + 1$ . Just by the definition of  $k$ -star, we can get that for  $i, j \in [1, k]$ ,  $N[v_i] = N[v_j]$ , then  $PI(v_i v_j) = 0$ ; For  $i \in [1, k]$  and  $l \in [k + 1, n]$ ,  $|N[v_i] - N[v_l]| = n - k - 1$ , then  $PI(v_i v_l) = n - k - 1$ . Thus, we can get  $PI(G) = \sum_{i, j \in [1, k]} PI(v_i v_j) + \sum_{i \in [1, k], l \in [k+1, n]} PI(v_i v_l) = k(n - k)(n - k - 1)$ .



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- By induction.





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- The 2-tree  $T_6^2$  such that  $V(T_6^2) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_6\}$  and  $E(T_6^2) = \{v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, v_3 v_1\} \cup \{v_4 v_1, v_4 v_2, v_5 v_2, v_5 v_3, v_6 v_3, v_6 v_1\}$ , then  $PI(T_6^2) = 18$ .  $PI(T_6^{2*}) = 18$ , then  $PI(T_n^{k*})$  is still not less than any  $PI$ -value of other type of  $k$ -trees.



Thank you

