

# The node cop-win reliability of a graph

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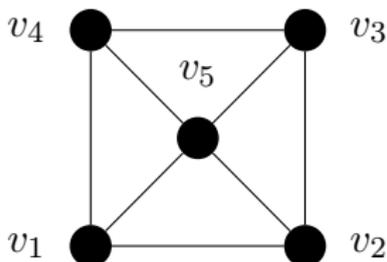
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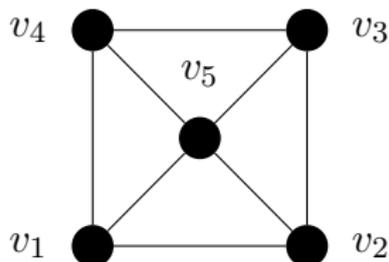
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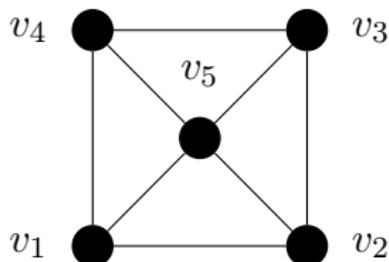


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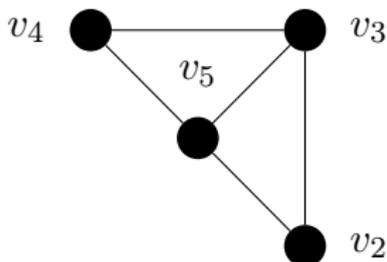
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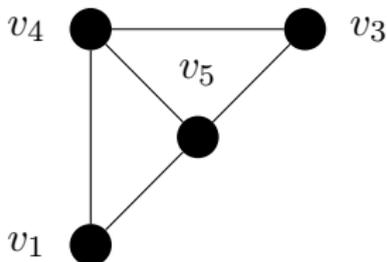
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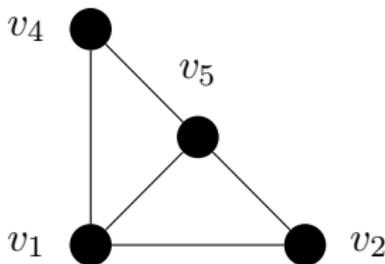
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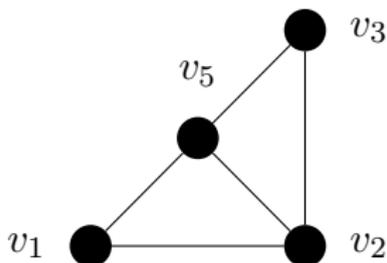
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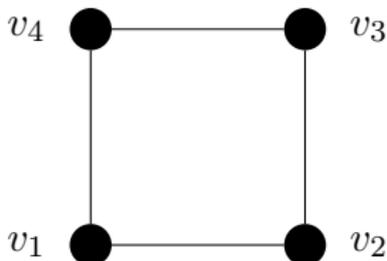
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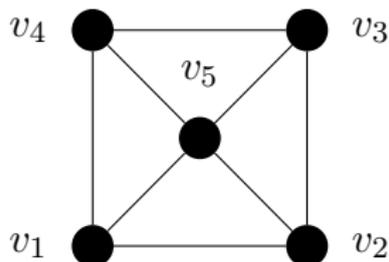
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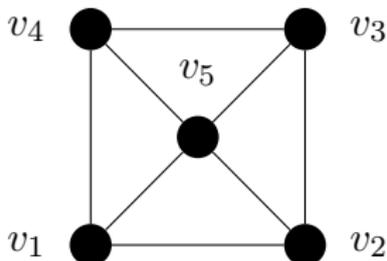
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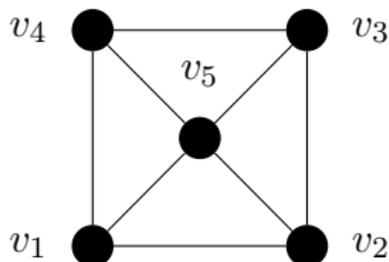
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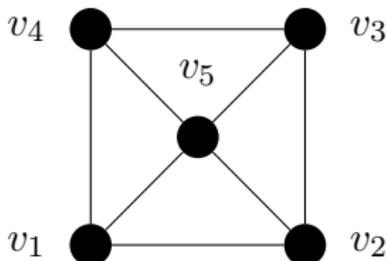
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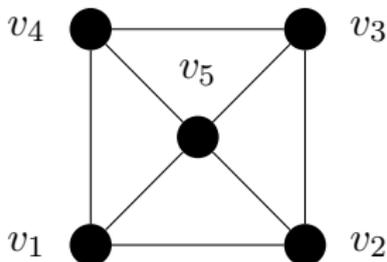
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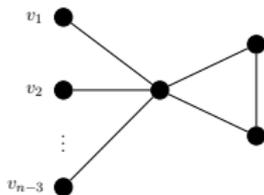


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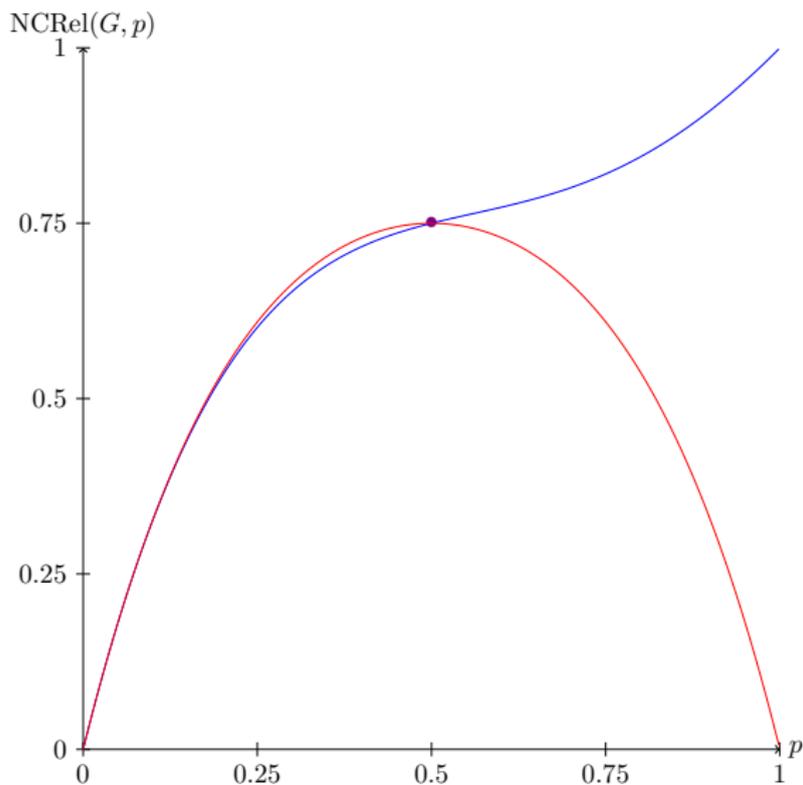


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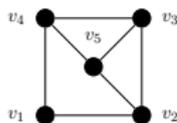
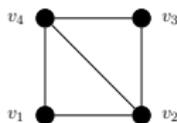
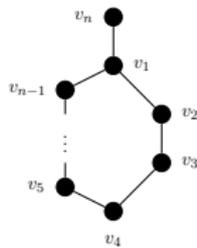
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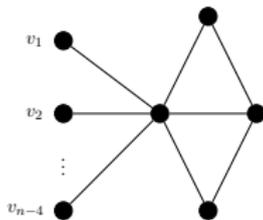


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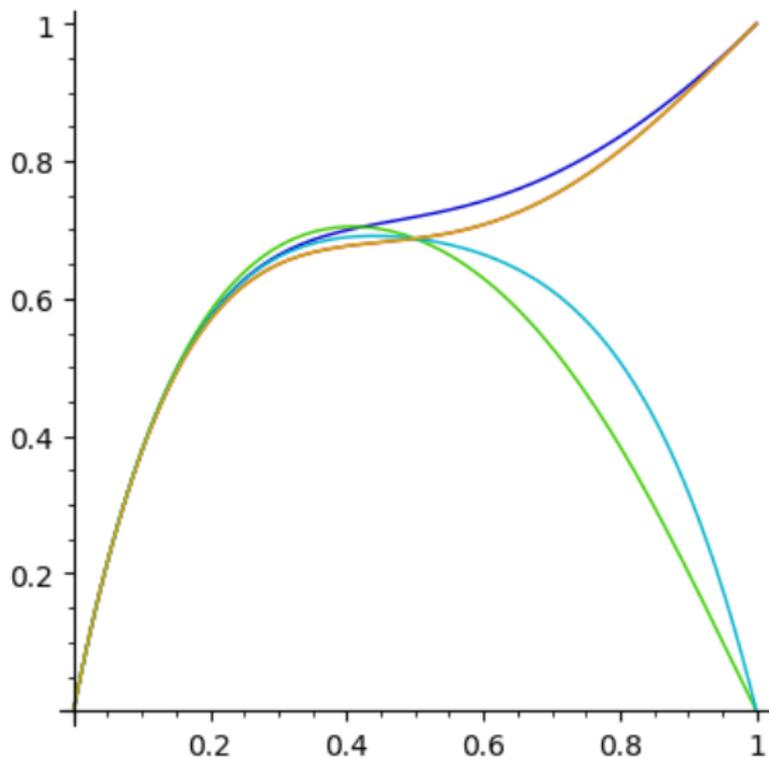


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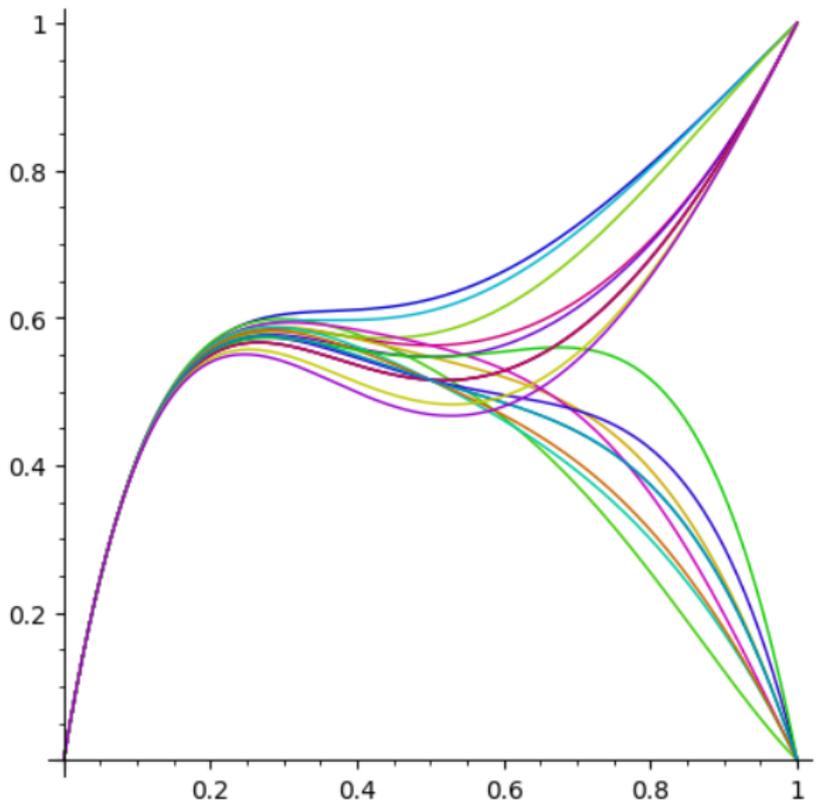
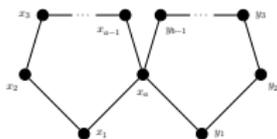
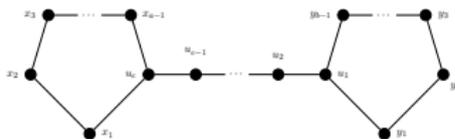
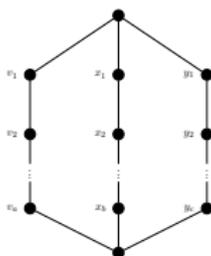


Figure:  $\text{NCRel}(G, p)$  for all  $G \in \mathcal{B}_6$ .

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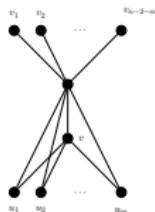


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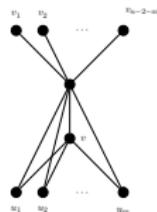


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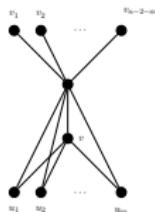


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