

# On superperfection of edge intersection graphs of paths

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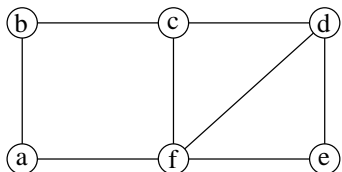
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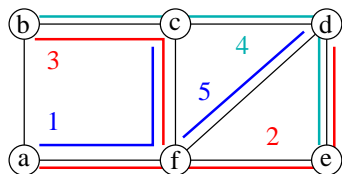
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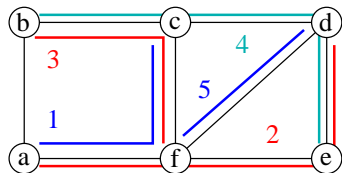
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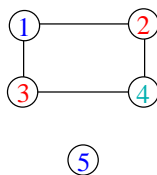
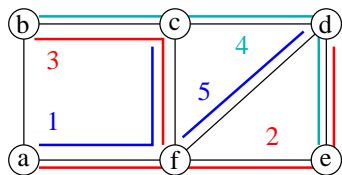
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# Interval colorings of edge intersection graphs of paths

For each routing  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_k : k \in \mathcal{D}\}$ , the spectrum assignment corresponds to an **interval coloring** of the **edge intersection graph**  $I(\mathcal{P})$ :



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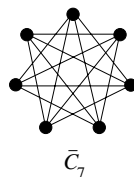
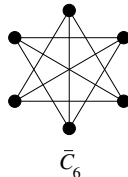
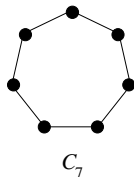
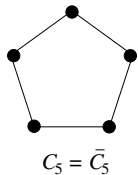
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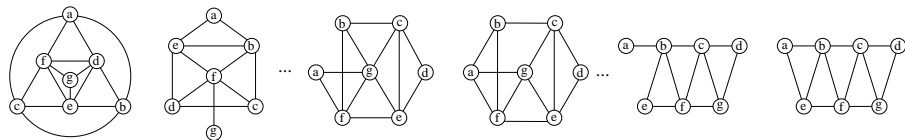
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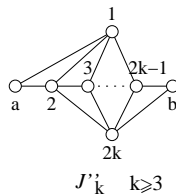
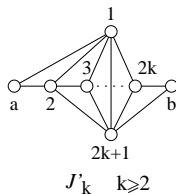
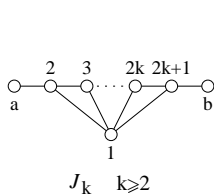
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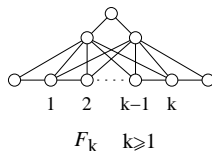
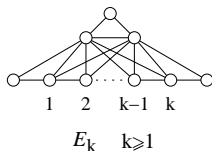
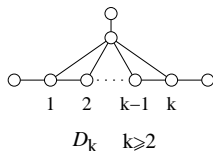
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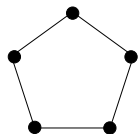
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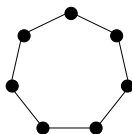
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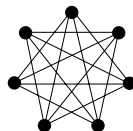
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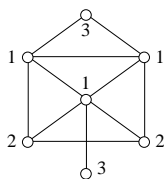
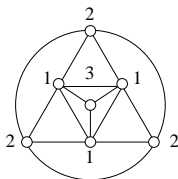
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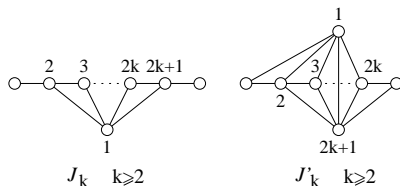
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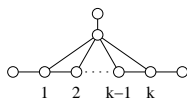
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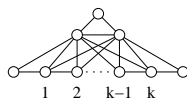
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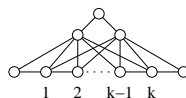
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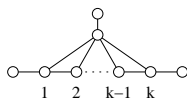
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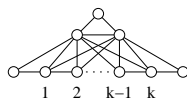
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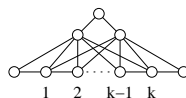
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# A hierarchy of considered networks

For some networks  $G$ , the edge intersection graphs form well-studied graph classes:

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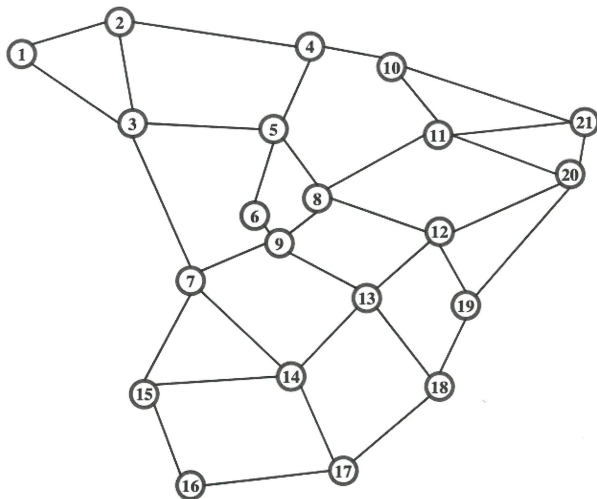
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- 1) optical networks = sparse planar graphs with small maximum degree
- 2) EPT graphs introduced and studied by Golumbic & Jamison 1985
- 3) follows from a result of Golumbic, Lipshteyn & Stern 2009

# An optical network



The Spanish Telefónica network

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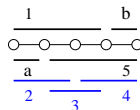
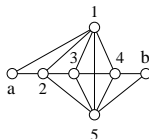
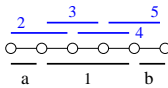
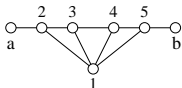
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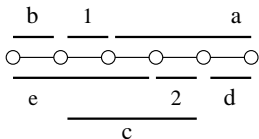
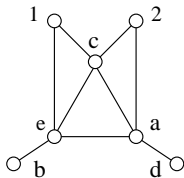
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  - all other minimal non-comparability superperfect graphs contain  $C_4$

# Non-basic non-superperfect interval graphs

Any non-basic non-superperfect graph has to contain a minimal non-comparability superperfect graph as proper induced subgraph.

We observe that any non-basic minimal non-superperfect interval graph can contain

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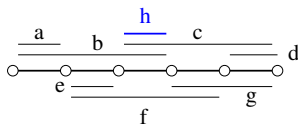
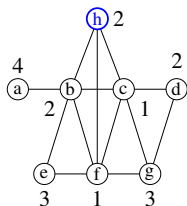
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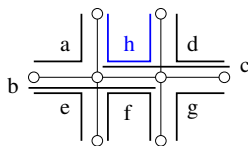
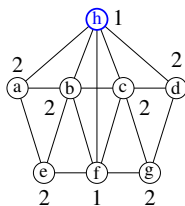
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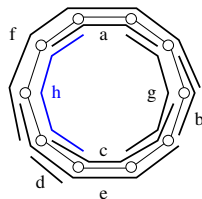
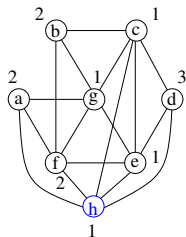
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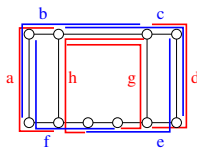
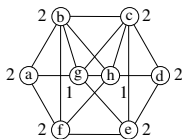
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