

## CYCLIC PERMUTATIONS: CROSSING NUMBERS OF THE JOIN PRODUCTS OF GRAPHS

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**Abstract.** The crossing number  $cr(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimal number of edge crossings over all drawings of  $G$  in the plane. In the paper, we extend known results concerning crossing numbers for join of graphs of order six. We give the crossing number of the join product  $G + D_n$ , where the graph  $G$  consists of one 4-cycle and two leaves, and  $D_n$  consists on  $n$  isolated vertices. The proof is done with the help of software that generates all cyclic permutations for a given number  $k$ , and creates a graph for a calculating the distances between all  $(k - 1)!$  vertices of the graph. Finally, by adding some edges to the graph  $G$ , we are able to obtain the crossing numbers of the join product with the discrete graph  $D_n$  for other graphs.

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a simple graph with the vertex set  $V$  and the edge set  $E$ . A *drawing* of the graph  $G$  is a representation of  $G$  in the plane such that its vertices are represented by distinct points and its edges by simple continuous arcs connecting the corresponding point pairs. In such a drawing, the intersection of the interiors of the arcs is called a *crossing*. A drawing is *good* if each two edges have at most one point in common, which is either a common end-vertex or a crossing. Moreover, no three edges cross in a point. It is easy to see that a drawing with minimum number of crossings (an optimal drawing) is always a good drawing. The *crossing number*  $cr(G)$  of a simple graph  $G$  is defined as the minimum possible number of edge crossings in a good drawing of  $G$  in the plane. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be simple graphs with vertex sets  $V(G_1)$  and  $V(G_2)$  and edge sets  $E(G_1)$  and  $E(G_2)$ , respectively. The join product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 + G_2$ , is obtained from the vertex-disjoint copies of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  by adding all edges between  $V(G_1)$  and  $V(G_2)$ . For  $|V(G_1)| = m$  and  $|V(G_2)| = n$ , the edge set of  $G_1 + G_2$  is the union of disjoint edge sets of the graphs  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ , and the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ . Let  $D$  ( $D(G)$ ) be a good drawing of the graph  $G$ . We denote the number of crossings in  $D$  by  $cr_D(G)$ .

Let  $G_i$  and  $G_j$  be edge-disjoint subgraphs of  $G$ . We denote the number of crossings between edges of  $G_i$  and edges of  $G_j$  by  $cr_D(G_i, G_j)$ , and the number of crossings among edges of  $G_i$  in  $D$  by  $cr_D(G_i)$ . In the paper, some proofs are based on the Kleitman's result on crossing numbers of the complete bipartite graphs [12]. More precisely, he proved that

$$cr(K_{m,n}) = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad \text{if } \min\{m, n\} \leq 6.$$

## 2 The crossing number of $G + D_n$

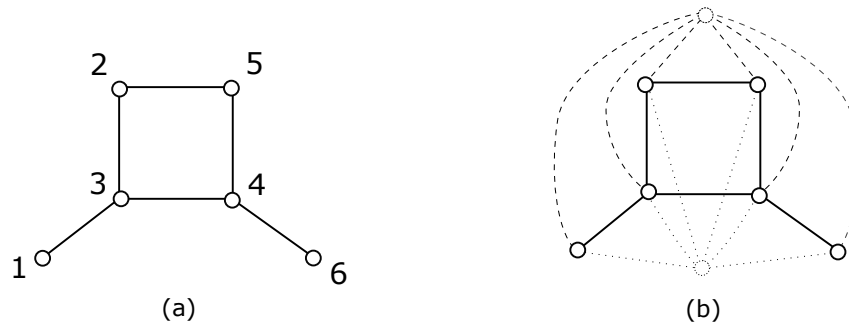


Fig. 1. Drawing of the graph  $G$  with the vertex notation and the graph  $G + D_2$ .

In the paper, we extend these results [4], [6], [7], [9], [10], [11] for another four graphs. Let  $G$  be the graph consisting of one 4-cycle and of two leaves. We consider the join product of  $G$  with the discrete graph on  $n$  vertices denoted by  $D_n$ . The graph  $G + D_n$  consists of one copy of the graph  $G$  and of  $n$  vertices  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ , where any vertex  $t_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , is adjacent to every vertex of  $G$ . Let  $T^i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , denote the subgraph induced by the six edges incident with the vertex  $t_i$ . Thus,  $T^1 \cup \dots \cup T^n$  is isomorphic with the complete bipartite graph  $K_{6,n}$  and

$$G + D_n = G \cup K_{6,n} = G \cup \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n T^i \right). \quad (1)$$

### 2.1 Cyclic permutations and configurations

Let  $D$  be a good drawing of the graph  $G + D_n$ . The *rotation*  $rot_D(t_i)$  of a vertex  $t_i$  in the drawing  $D$  is the cyclic permutation that records the (cyclic) counter-clockwise order in which the edges leave  $t_i$ , see [3]. We emphasize that a rotation is a cyclic permutation. Hence, for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $i \neq j$ , every subgraph  $T^i \cup T^j$  of the graph  $G + D_n$  is isomorphic with the graph  $K_{6,2}$ . In the paper, we will deal with the minimum necessary number of crossings between the edges of  $T^i$  and the edges of  $T^j$  in a subgraph  $T^i \cup T^j$  induced by the drawing  $D$  of the graph  $G + D_n$  depending on the rotations  $rot_D(t_i)$  and  $rot_D(t_j)$ .

Let  $D$  be a good drawing of the graph  $K_{6,n}$ . Woodall [13] proved that in the subdrawing of  $T^i \cup T^j \cong K_{6,2}$  induced by  $D$ ,  $cr_D(T^i, T^j) \geq 6$  if  $rot_D(t_i) = rot_D(t_j)$ . Moreover, if  $Q(rot_D(t_i), rot_D(t_j))$  denotes the minimum number of interchanges of adjacent elements of  $rot_D(t_i)$  required to produce the inverse cyclic permutation of  $rot_D(t_j)$ , then  $Q(rot_D(t_i), rot_D(t_j)) \leq cr_D(T^i, T^j)$ . We will separate the subgraphs  $T^i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , of the graph  $G + D_n$  into three subsets depending on how many the considered  $T^i$  crosses the edges of  $G$  in  $D$ . For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , let  $R_D = \{T^i : cr_D(G, T^i) = 0\}$  and  $S_D = \{T^i : cr_D(G, T^i) = 1\}$ . Every other subgraph  $T^i$  crosses  $G$  at least twice in  $D$ . Moreover, let  $F^i$  denote the subgraph  $G \cup T^i$  for  $T^i \in R_D$ , where  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Thus, for a given drawing of

Name	Cyclic perm.	Name	Cyclic perm.	Name	Cyclic perm.	Name	Cyclic perm.
$P_1 \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 4 5 6)	$P_{31} \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 6 4 5)	$P_{61} \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 6 3 4)	$P_{91} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 6 2 3)
$P_2 \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 4 5 6)	$P_{32} \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 6 4 5)	$P_{62} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 6 3 4)	$P_{92} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 6 2 3)
$P_3 \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 3 5 6)	$P_{33} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 3 4 5)	$P_{63} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 5 3 4)	$P_{93} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 5 2 3)
$P_4 \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 3 5 6)	$P_{34} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 3 4 5)	$P_{64} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 5 3 4)	$P_{94} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 5 2 3)
$P_5 \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 2 5 6)	$P_{35} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 2 4 5)	$P_{65} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 2 3 4)	$P_{95} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 4 2 3)
$P_6 \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 2 5 6)	$P_{36} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 2 4 5)	$P_{66} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 2 3 4)	$P_{96} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 4 2 3)
$P_7 \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 5 4 6)	$P_{37} \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 6 3 5)	$P_{67} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 6 2 4)	$P_{97} \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 5 6 2)
$P_8 \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 5 4 6)	$P_{38} \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 6 3 5)	$P_{68} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 6 2 4)	$P_{98} \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 5 6 2)
$P_9 \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 3 4 6)	$P_{39} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 4 3 5)	$P_{69} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 5 2 4)	$P_{99} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 4 6 2)
$P_{10} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 3 4 6)	$P_{40} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 4 3 5)	$P_{70} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 5 2 4)	$P_{100} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 4 6 2)
$P_{11} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 2 4 6)	$P_{41} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 2 3 5)	$P_{71} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 3 2 4)	$P_{101} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 3 6 2)
$P_{12} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 2 4 6)	$P_{42} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 2 3 5)	$P_{72} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 3 2 4)	$P_{102} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 3 6 2)
$P_{13} \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 5 3 6)	$P_{43} \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 6 2 5)	$P_{73} \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 5 6 3)	$P_{103} \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 6 5 2)
$P_{14} \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 5 3 6)	$P_{44} \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 6 2 5)	$P_{74} \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 5 6 3)	$P_{104} \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 6 5 2)
$P_{15} \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 4 3 6)	$P_{45} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 4 2 5)	$P_{75} \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 4 6 3)	$P_{105} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 4 5 2)
$P_{16} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 4 3 6)	$P_{46} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 4 2 5)	$P_{76} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 4 6 3)	$P_{106} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 4 5 2)
$P_{17} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 2 3 6)	$P_{47} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 3 2 5)	$P_{77} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 2 6 3)	$P_{107} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 3 5 2)
$P_{18} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 2 3 6)	$P_{48} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 3 2 5)	$P_{78} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 2 6 3)	$P_{108} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 3 5 2)
$P_{19} \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 5 2 6)	$P_{49} \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 5 6 4)	$P_{79} \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 6 5 3)	$P_{109} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 6 4 2)
$P_{20} \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 5 2 6)	$P_{50} \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 5 6 4)	$P_{80} \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 6 5 3)	$P_{110} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 6 4 2)
$P_{21} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 4 2 6)	$P_{51} \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 3 6 4)	$P_{81} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 4 5 3)	$P_{111} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 5 4 2)
$P_{22} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 4 2 6)	$P_{52} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 3 6 4)	$P_{82} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 4 5 3)	$P_{112} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 5 4 2)
$P_{23} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 3 2 6)	$P_{53} \rightarrow$	(1 3 5 2 6 4)	$P_{83} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 2 5 3)	$P_{113} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 3 4 2)
$P_{24} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 3 2 6)	$P_{54} \rightarrow$	(1 5 3 2 6 4)	$P_{84} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 2 5 3)	$P_{114} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 3 4 2)
$P_{25} \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 4 6 5)	$P_{55} \rightarrow$	(1 2 3 6 5 4)	$P_{85} \rightarrow$	(1 2 5 6 4 3)	$P_{115} \rightarrow$	(1 4 5 6 3 2)
$P_{26} \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 4 6 5)	$P_{56} \rightarrow$	(1 3 2 6 5 4)	$P_{86} \rightarrow$	(1 5 2 6 4 3)	$P_{116} \rightarrow$	(1 5 4 6 3 2)
$P_{27} \rightarrow$	(1 2 4 3 6 5)	$P_{57} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 3 5 4)	$P_{87} \rightarrow$	(1 2 6 5 4 3)	$P_{117} \rightarrow$	(1 4 6 5 3 2)
$P_{28} \rightarrow$	(1 4 2 3 6 5)	$P_{58} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 3 5 4)	$P_{88} \rightarrow$	(1 6 2 5 4 3)	$P_{118} \rightarrow$	(1 6 4 5 3 2)
$P_{29} \rightarrow$	(1 3 4 2 6 5)	$P_{59} \rightarrow$	(1 3 6 2 5 4)	$P_{89} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 2 4 3)	$P_{119} \rightarrow$	(1 5 6 4 3 2)
$P_{30} \rightarrow$	(1 4 3 2 6 5)	$P_{60} \rightarrow$	(1 6 3 2 5 4)	$P_{90} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 2 4 3)	$P_{120} \rightarrow$	(1 6 5 4 3 2)

Tab. 1. Names of Cyclic Permutations of 6-elements set.

$G$ , any  $F^i$  is exactly represented by  $\text{rot}_D(t_i)$ . All cyclic permutations of six elements can be generated by the algorithm [2], and they are collected in Tab. 1.

We will deal with only drawings of the graph  $G$  with a possibility of an existence of a subgraph  $T_i \in R_D$  because of arguments in the proof of the main Theorem 1. Assume a good drawing  $D$  of the graph  $G + D_n$  in which the edges of  $G$  does not cross each other. In this case, without loss of generality, we can choose the vertex notations of the graph in such a way as shown in Fig. 1(a). It is easy to see that, in  $D$ , there are only four different possible configurations of  $F^i$  summarized in Tab. 2. In the rest of the paper, each cyclic permutation will be represented by the permutation with 1 in the first position. As for our considerations does not play role which of the regions is unbounded, assume the drawings shown in Figure 2. In a fixed drawing of the graph  $G + D_n$ , some configurations from the set  $\mathcal{M} = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$  do not must appear. We denote by  $\mathcal{M}_D$  the set of all configurations that exist in the drawing  $D$  belonging to  $\mathcal{M}$ .

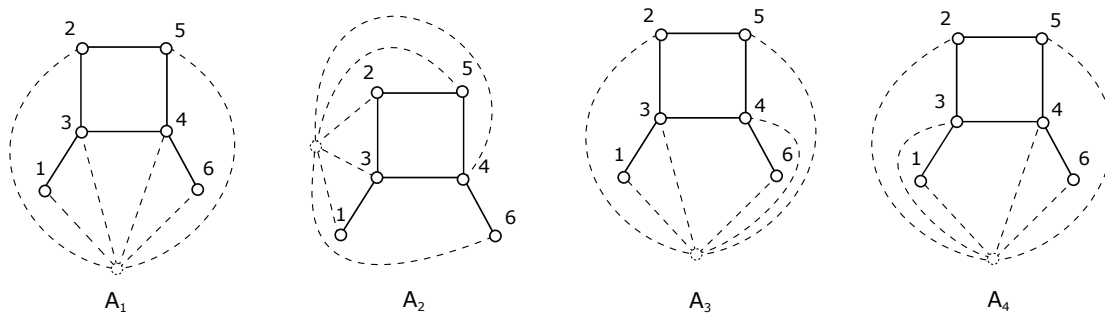


Fig. 2. Drawings of four possible configurations of graph  $F^i$  with the vertices of  $G$  denoted as in Fig. 1(a).

$A_1 : (125643)$	$A_2 : (132546)$
$A_3 : (125463)$	$A_4 : (132564)$

Tab. 2. Configurations of graph  $F^i$  with the vertices of  $G$  denoted as in Fig. 1(a).

—	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$A_4$
$A_1$	6	4	5	5
$A_2$	4	6	5	5
$A_3$	5	5	6	5
$A_4$	5	5	5	6

Tab. 3. Lower-bounds of numbers of crossings for two configurations from  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $X, Y$  be the configurations from  $\mathcal{M}_D$ . We shortly denote by  $cr_D(X, Y)$  the number of crossings in  $D$  between  $T^i$  and  $T^j$  for different  $T^i, T^j \in R_D$  such that  $F^i, F^j$  have configurations  $X, Y$ , respectively. Finally, let  $cr(X, Y) = \min\{cr_D(X, Y)\}$  over all good drawings of the graph  $G + D_n$ . In the next statements we are able to use the possibilities of the algorithm of the cyclic permutations of 6-elements set, see [2]. By  $\overline{P_i}$  we will understand the inverse cyclic permutation to the permutation  $P_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 120$ . Woodall [13] defined the cyclic-ordered graph  $COG$  with the set of vertices  $V = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{120}\}$ , and with the set of edges  $E$ , where two vertices are joined by the edge if the vertices correspond to the permutations  $P_i$  and  $P_j$ , which are formed by the exchange of exactly two adjacent elements of the 6-tuple (i. e. an ordered set with 6 elements). Hence, if  $d_{COG}(\text{rot}_D(t_i), \text{rot}_D(t_j))$  denotes the distance between two vertices correspond to the cyclic permutations  $\text{rot}_D(t_i)$  and  $\text{rot}_D(t_j)$  in the graph  $COG$ , then

$$d_{COG}(\text{rot}_D(t_i), \overline{\text{rot}_D(t_j)}) = Q(\text{rot}_D(t_i), \text{rot}_D(t_j)) \leq cr_D(T^i, T^j)$$

for any two different subgraphs  $T^i$  and  $T^j$ . The configurations  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are represented by the cyclic permutations  $P_{85} = (125643)$  and  $P_8 = (132546)$ , respectively. Using  $\overline{P_8} = (164523) = P_{94}$  and  $d_{COG}(P_{85}, P_{94}) = 4$  we obtain  $cr(A_1, A_2) \geq 4$ . The same reason gives  $cr(A_1, A_3) \geq 5$ ,  $cr(A_1, A_4) \geq 5$ ,  $cr(A_2, A_3) \geq 5$ ,  $cr(A_2, A_4) \geq 5$  and  $cr(A_3, A_4) \geq 4$ . Moreover, by a discussion of possible subdrawings, we can verify that  $cr(A_3, A_4) \geq 5$ . Clearly, also  $cr(A_k, A_k) \geq 6$  holds for any  $k = 1, \dots, 4$ . Thus, all lower-bounds of number of crossing of configurations from  $\mathcal{M}$  are summarized in Tab. 3.

## 2.2 Main results

**Lemma 1** *Let  $D$  be a good drawing of  $G + D_n$ ,  $n > 2$ , in which  $\text{cr}_D(T^i, T^j) \neq 0$  for any different subgraphs  $T^i$  and  $T^j$ . Let  $2|R_D| + |S_D| > 2n - 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  and let  $T^n, T^{n-1} \in R_D$  be different subgraphs with  $\text{cr}_D(T^n \cup T^{n-1}) \geq 4$ . If both conditions*

$$\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^i) \geq 10 \quad \text{for any } T^i \in R_D \setminus \{T^n, T^{n-1}\}, \quad (2)$$

$$\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^i) \geq 7 \quad \text{for any } T^i \in S_D \quad (3)$$

hold, then there are at least  $6 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor + 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  crossings in  $D$ .

*Proof.* We denote by  $r = |R_D|$  and  $s = |S_D|$ . By the assumption of lemma, any  $T^i \notin R_D \cup S_D$  satisfies the condition  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^i) \geq 4$ , and the number of  $T^i$  that cross the graph  $G$  at least two times is equal to  $n - r - s$ . By fixing of the graph  $G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cr}_D(G + D_n) &= \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-2}) + \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-2}, G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}) + \text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}) \geq \\ &\geq 6 \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \rfloor + 10(r-2) + 7s + 4(n-r-s) + 4 = 6 \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \rfloor + 6r + 3s + 4n - 16 \geq \\ &\geq 6 \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \rfloor + 3 \left( 2n - 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 \right) + 4n - 16 \geq 6 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor + 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2** *Let  $D$  be a good drawing of  $G + D_n$  with the vertex notations of the graph  $G$  as in Fig. 1(a),  $n > 2$ . If  $T^n \in R_D$  such that  $F^n$  has configuration  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}_D$ , for  $i = 1, 3, 4$ , then*

$$\text{cr}_D(T^n, T^k) \geq 3 \quad \text{for any } T^k \in S_D. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* Let, in  $D$ , the graph  $F^n$  has configuration  $A_1$ . If  $T^k \in S_D$  with  $\text{cr}_D(T^n, T^k) = 2$ , then the vertex  $t_k$  must be placed in a region with at least three vertices of  $G$  on its boundary, see Fig. 2. Since  $T^k \in S_D$ , the vertex  $t_k$  cannot be placed in the region bounded by 4-cycle of the graph  $G$ . Moreover, if  $t_k$  is placed in another regions, then  $\text{cr}_D(F^n, T^k) > 3$ . The same idea can be used for configurations  $A_3$  and  $A_4$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Remark that the property (4) is not true for configuration  $A_2$ , see the proof of the following statement.

**Collorary 1** *Let  $D$  be a good drawing of  $G + D_n$  with the vertex notations of the graph  $G$  as in Fig. 1(a),  $n > 2$ , in which  $\text{cr}_D(T^i, T^j) \neq 0$  for any different subgraphs  $T^i$  and  $T^j$ . If  $T^n, T^{n-1} \in R_D$  such that  $F^n, F^{n-1}$  have configurations  $A_1, A_2$ , respectively, then*

$$\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^k) \geq 7 \quad \text{for any } T^k \in S_D. \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* Let, in  $D$ , the graphs  $F^n, F^{n-1}$  have configurations  $A_1, A_2$ , respectively. The configurations  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are represented by the cyclic permutations  $P_{85} = (125643)$  and  $P_8 = (132546)$ , respectively.

- If there is a subgraph  $T^k \in S_D$  with  $\text{cr}_D(T^{n-1}, T^k) = 2$ , then the vertex  $t_k$  must be placed in the region with four vertices of  $G$  and one vertex  $t_{n-1}$  on its boundary, see Fig. 2. Thus, the graph  $F^k = G \cup T^k$  can be represented only by two possible cyclic permutations  $P_{81} = (126453)$  and  $P_{95} = (156423)$ . By the above mentioned algorithm we have

$$d_{COG}("P_{26}", "P_{85}") = d_{COG}("P_{99}", "P_{85}") = 4,$$

where  $\overline{P_{81}} = (135462) = P_{99}$  and  $\overline{P_{95}} = (132465) = P_{26}$ . By the properties of the cyclic permutations we have  $\text{cr}_D(T^n, T^k) \geq 4$ . Thus,  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^k) \geq 1 + 4 + 2 = 7$ .

- If  $\text{cr}_D(T^{n-1}, T^k) \geq 3$  for any subgraph  $T^k \in S_D$ , then  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^{n-1}, T^k) \geq 1 + 3 + 3 = 7$ .

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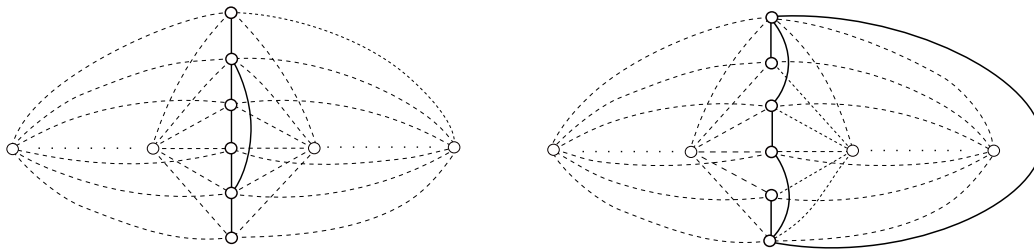


Fig. 3. Two good drawings of  $G + D_n$ .

**Theorem 1**  $\text{cr}(G + D_n) = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* In Fig. 3 there are the drawings of  $G + D_n$  with  $6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  crossings. Thus,  $\text{cr}(G + D_n) \leq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ . We prove the reverse inequality by induction on  $n$ . The graph  $G + D_1$  is planar, hence  $\text{cr}(G + D_1) = 0$ . It is clear from Fig. 1(b) that  $\text{cr}(G + D_2) \leq 2$ . The graph  $G + D_2$  contains a subdivision of  $K_{3,4}$ , and therefore  $\text{cr}(G + D_2) \geq 2$ . So,  $\text{cr}(G + D_2) = 2$  and the result is true for  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ .

Suppose now that, for  $n \geq 3$ , there is a drawing  $D$  with

$$\text{cr}_D(G + D_n) < 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad (6)$$

and let

$$\text{cr}(G + D_m) \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \quad \text{for any } m < n. \quad (7)$$

The drawing  $D$  has the following property:

$$\text{cr}_D(T^i, T^j) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq j. \quad (8)$$

To prove it assume that there are two different subgraphs  $T^i$  and  $T^j$  such that  $\text{cr}_D(T^i, T^j) = 0$ . Without loss of generality let  $\text{cr}_D(T^{n-1}, T^n) = 0$ . One can easily verify that  $\text{cr}_D(G, T^{n-1} \cup T^n) \geq 2$ .

As  $\text{cr}(K_{6,3}) = 6$ , we have  $\text{cr}_D(T^k, T^{n-1} \cup T^n) \geq 6$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ . So, for the number of crossings in  $D$  holds

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cr}_D(G + D_n) &= \text{cr}_D(G + D_{n-2}) + \text{cr}_D(T^{n-1} \cup T^n) + \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-2}, T^{n-1} \cup T^n) + \text{cr}_D(G, T^{n-1} \cup T^n) \geq \\ &\geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + 6(n-2) + 2 = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts (6), and therefore  $\text{cr}_D(T^i, T^j) \neq 0$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq j$ . Our assumption on  $D$  together with  $\text{cr}(K_{6,n}) = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$  implies that

$$\text{cr}_D(G) + \text{cr}_D(G, K_{6,n}) < 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Hence, if we denote  $r = |R_D|$  and  $s = |S_D|$ , then

$$0r + 1s + 2(n - r - s) < 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Thus,  $r \geq 1$  and  $2r + s > 2n - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ . We will fix one or two subgraphs with a contradiction with the assumption that there are less than  $6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  crossings in the following cases:

**Case 1:**  $\text{cr}_D(G) = 0$ .

We will deal with the sets of configurations  $\{A_1, A_2\}$  in the drawing  $D$ .

1)  $\{A_1, A_2\} \not\subseteq \mathcal{M}_D$ .

a) Let  $A_2 \notin \mathcal{M}_D$  and  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}_D$  for some  $i \in \{1, 3, 4\}$ , or let  $A_2 \in \mathcal{M}_D$  and  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}_D$  for some  $i \in \{3, 4\}$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $T^n \in R_D$  with  $F^n$  having configuration  $A_i$ . Thus, by fixing of the graph  $F^n$  using Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cr}_D(G + D_n) &= \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-1}) + \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-1}, G \cup T^n) + \text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n) \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + \\ &+ 5(r-1) + 4s + 3(n-r-s) = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + 2r + s + 3n - 5 \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + \\ &+ 2n - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 + 3n - 5 \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

b) Let  $\mathcal{M}_D = \{A_2\}$  and, without loss of generality, let  $T^n \in R_D$ .

If there is no  $T^k \in S_D$  with  $\text{cr}_D(T^n, T^k) = 2$ , then we fix the graph  $F^n$  having configuration  $A_2$  and we obtain the same inequalities as in the previous case. So, assume that there is a subgraph  $T^k \in S_D$  with  $\text{cr}_D(T^n, T^k) = 2$ . We can easily verify that  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^k, T^i) \geq 6 + 2 = 8$  for any  $T^i \in R_D$ , because both  $F^n$  and  $F^i$  have configuration  $A_2$ . Similarly by a discussion for two possible drawings of the graph  $T^k$ , see the proof of Corollary 1, we can verify that  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^k, T^i) \geq 7$  for any  $T^i \in S_D$  and  $\text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^k, T^i) \geq 6$  for any  $T^i \notin R_D \cup S_D$ . Thus, by fixing of the graph  $G \cup T^n \cup T^k$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cr}_D(G + D_n) &= \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-2}) + \text{cr}_D(K_{6,n-2}, G \cup T^n \cup T^k) + \text{cr}_D(G \cup T^n \cup T^k) \geq \\ &\geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 8(r-1) + 7s + 6(n-r-s) + 3 = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 2r + s + \\ &+ 6n - 12 \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 2n - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 + 6n - 12 \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

2)  $\{A_1, A_2\} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_D$ .

Without loss of generality let us fix any two  $T^n, T^{n-1} \in R_D$  such that  $F^n, F^{n-1}$  have configurations  $A_1, A_2$ , respectively. Then condition (2) is true by Tab. 3 and condition (3) holds by Corollary 1. Thus, all assumption of Lemma 1 are fulfilled.

Case 2:  $cr_D(G) = 1$ .

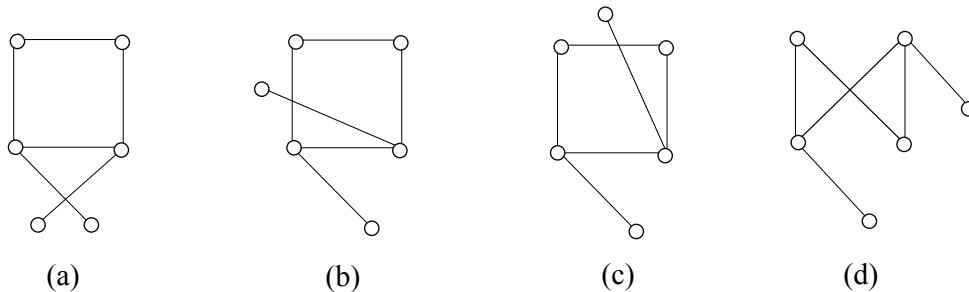


Fig. 4. Four possible drawings of the graph  $G$  with one crossing among its edges.

Since  $r \geq 1$ , without loss of generality we assume  $T^n \in R_D$ . In all four possible drawing of the graph  $G$  it is possible to verify that  $cr_D(G \cup T^n, T^i) \geq 4$  for any subgraph  $T^i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ . Thus, by fixing of the graph  $F^n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} cr_D(G + D_n) &= cr_D(K_{6,n-1}) + cr_D(K_{6,n-1}, G \cup T^n) + cr_D(G \cup T^n) \geq \\ &\geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + 4(n-1) + 1 \geq 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

Case 3:  $cr_D(G) \geq 2$ .

We are able to use the same idea as in the previous case for all possible drawing of the graph  $G$  with a possibility of an existence of a subgraph  $T^i \in R_D$  in the considering drawing  $D$ .

This completes the proof of the main theorem. □

### 2.3 Corollaries

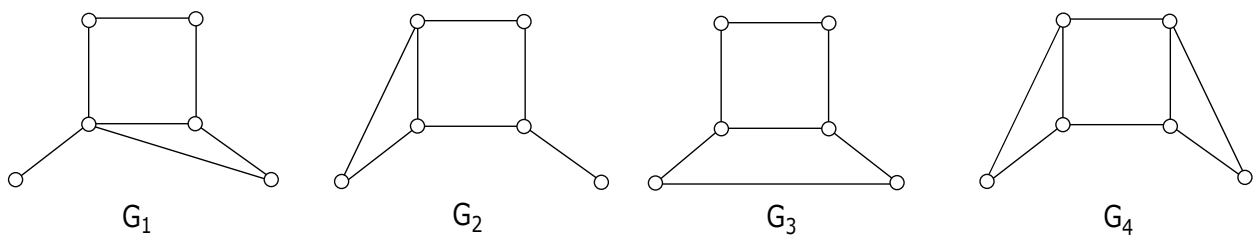


Fig. 5. Four graphs  $G_1, G_2, G_3$ , and  $G_4$  by adding new edges to the graph  $G$ .

In Fig. 2 we are able to add some edges to the graph  $G$  without another crossings. So the drawing of the graphs  $G_1 + D_n, G_2 + D_n, G_3 + D_n$ , and  $G_4 + D_n$  with  $6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  crossings is obtained. Thus, the next results are obvious.

**Collorary 2**  $cr(G_i + D_n) = 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ .



Remark that the crossing numbers of the graphs  $G_3 + D_n$  and  $G_4 + D_n$  were obtained in [8], [5] without using the vertex rotation.

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