

Surrounding an Active Robber

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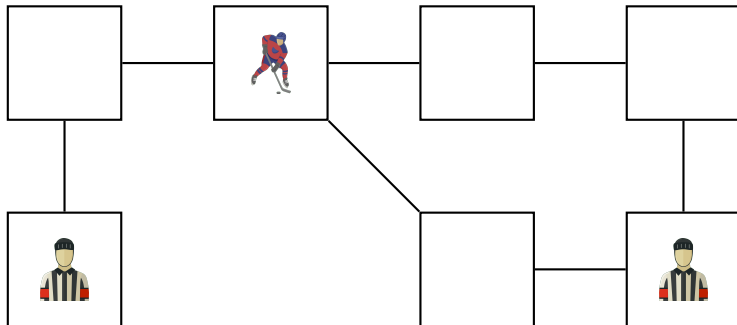
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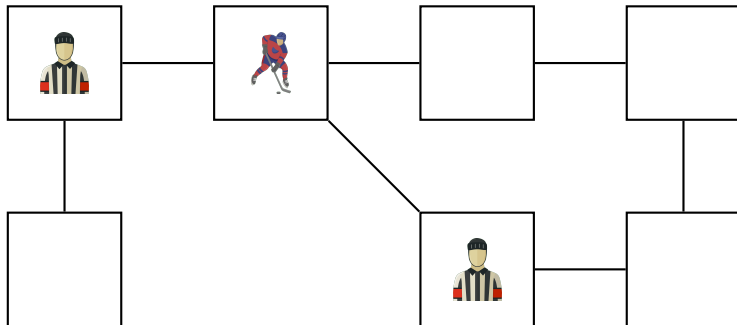
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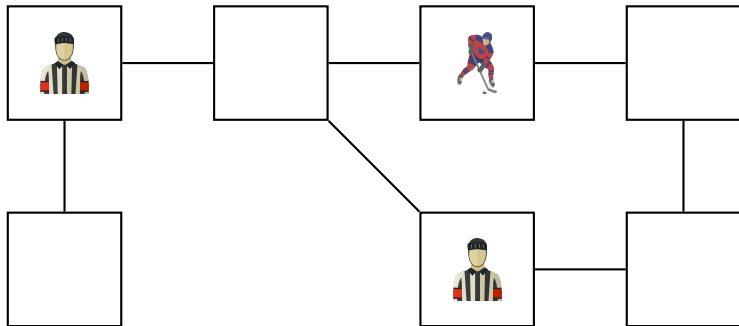
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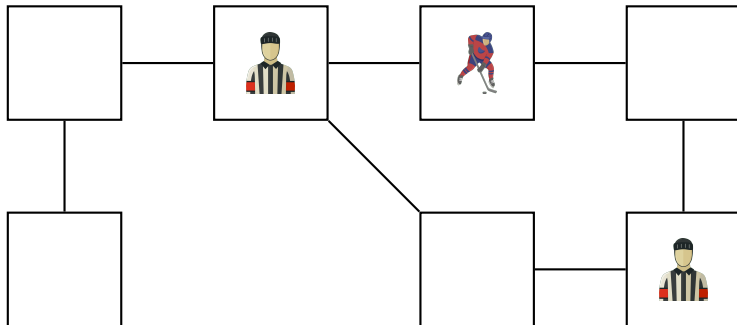
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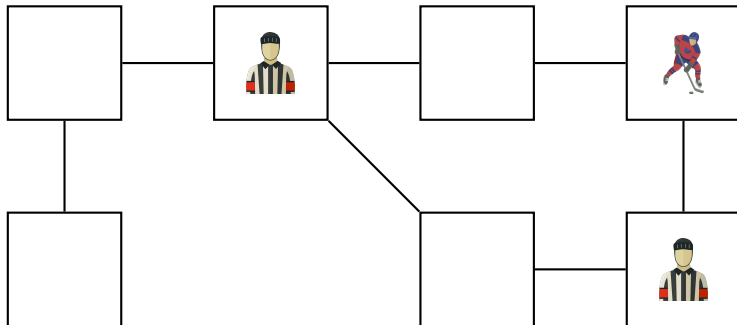
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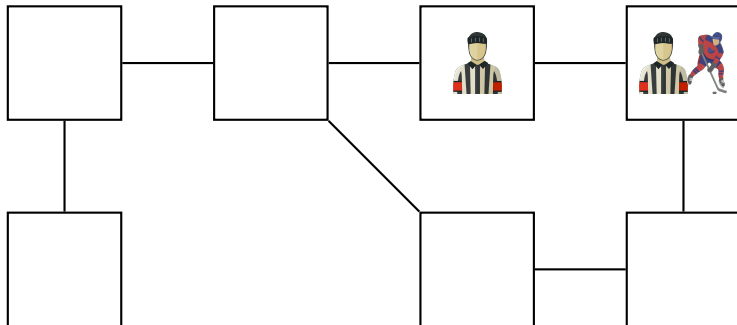
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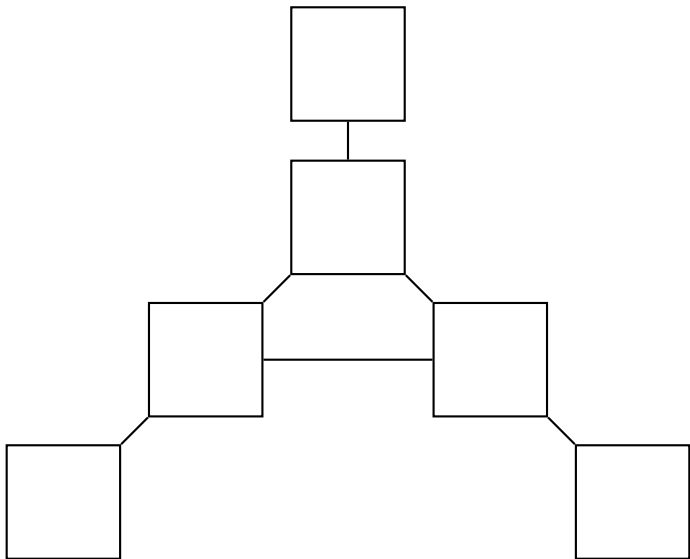
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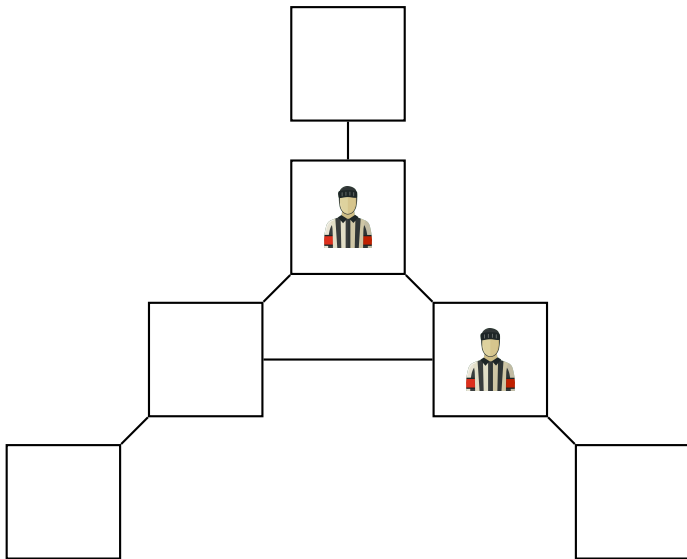
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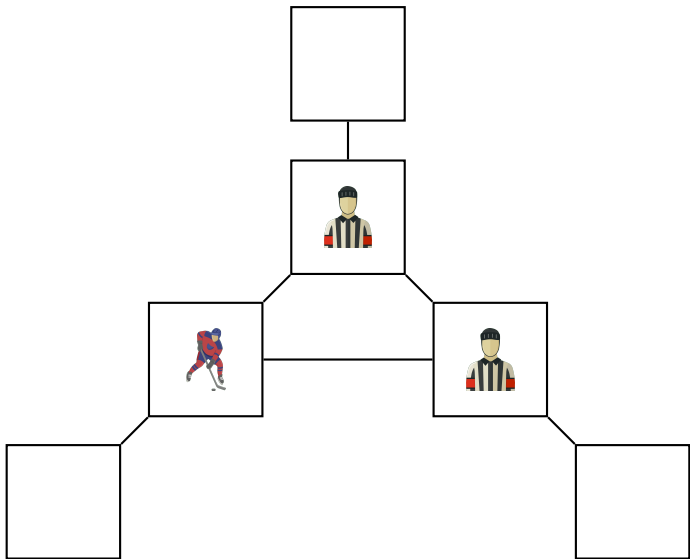
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- The Robber only loses when every one of his adjacent vertices contains a Cop (he is surrounded)



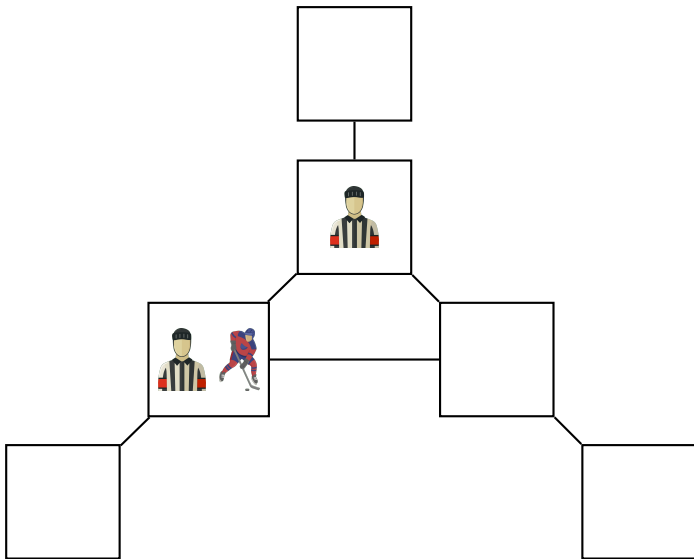
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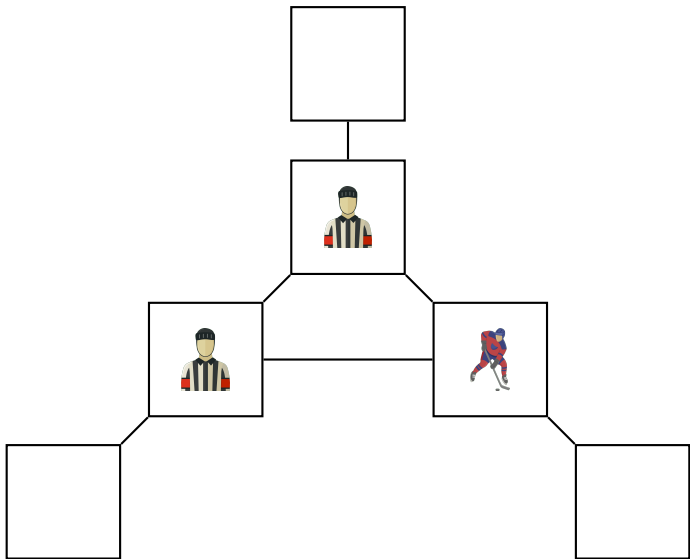
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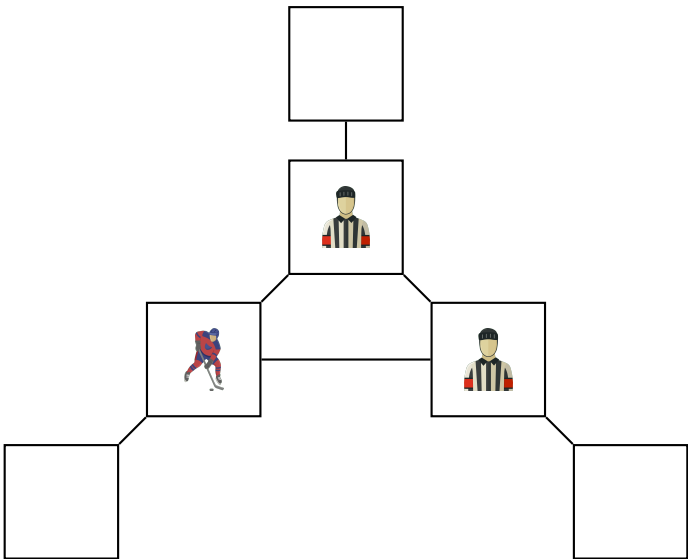
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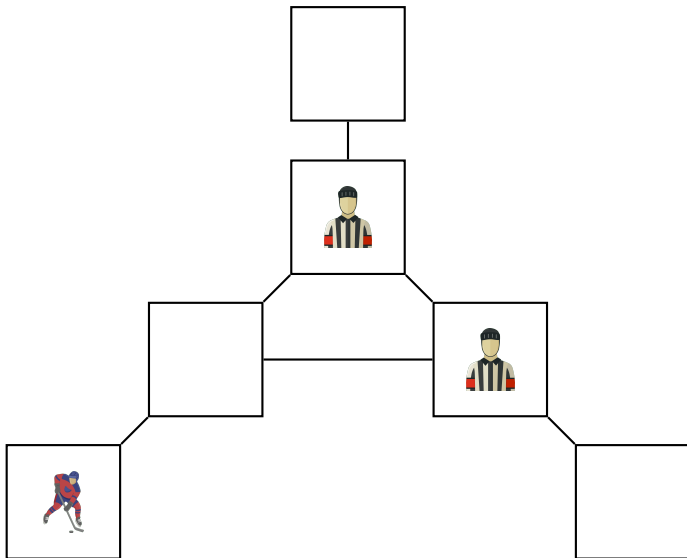
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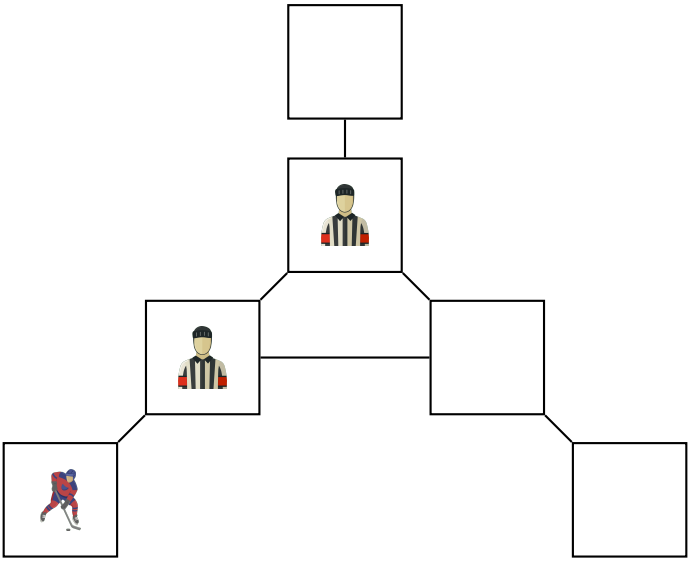
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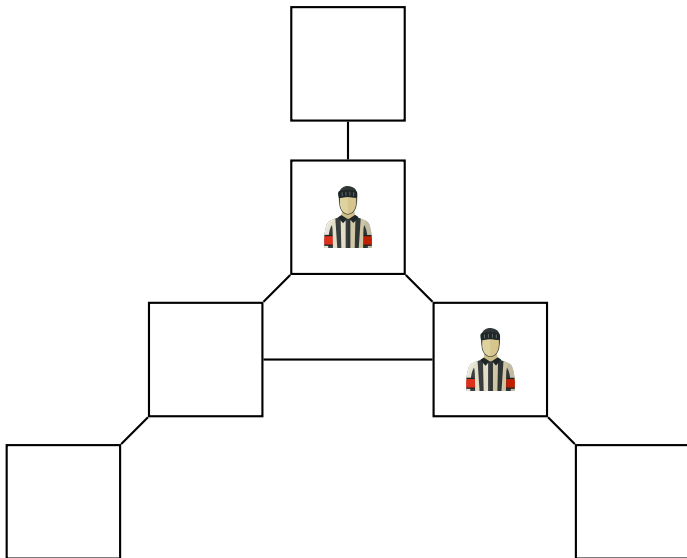
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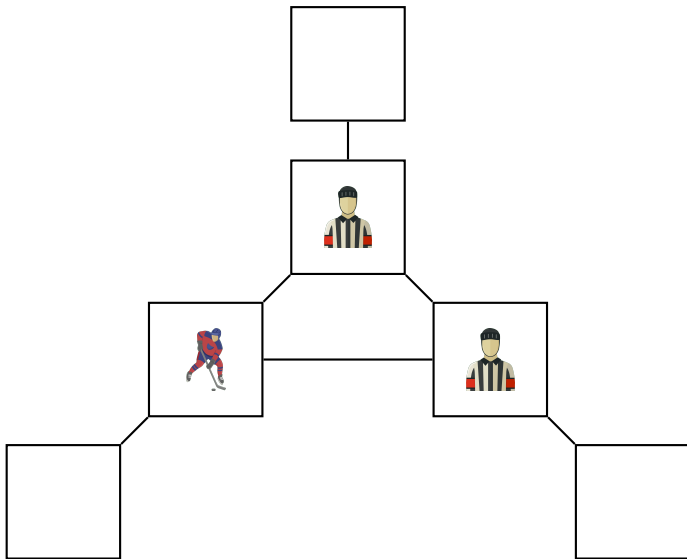
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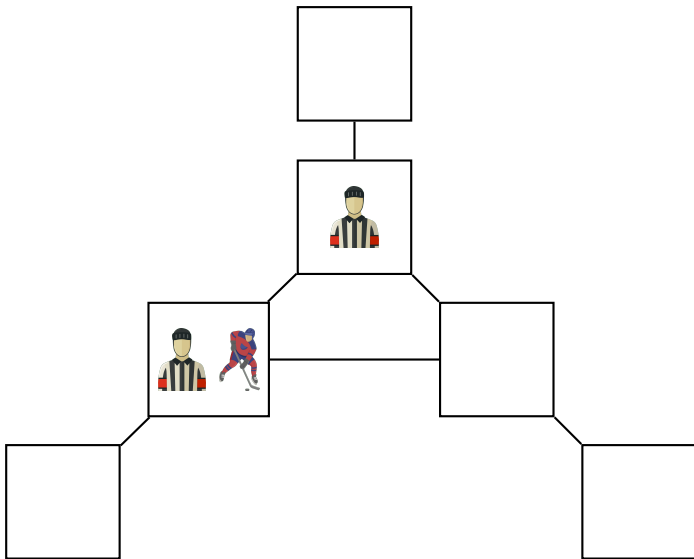
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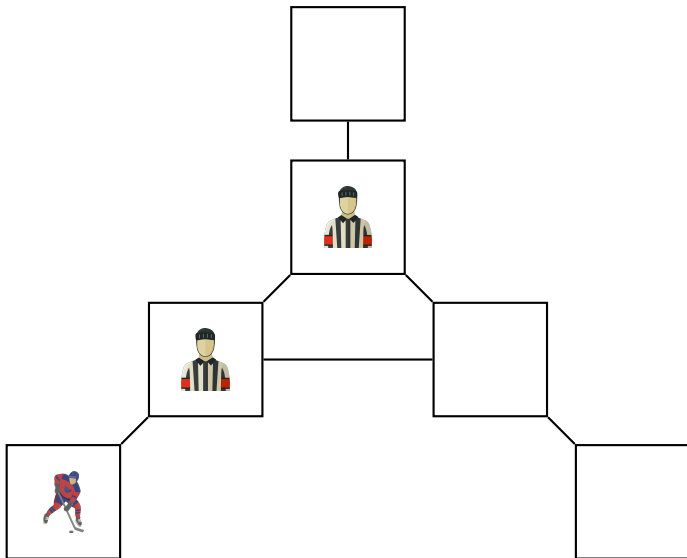
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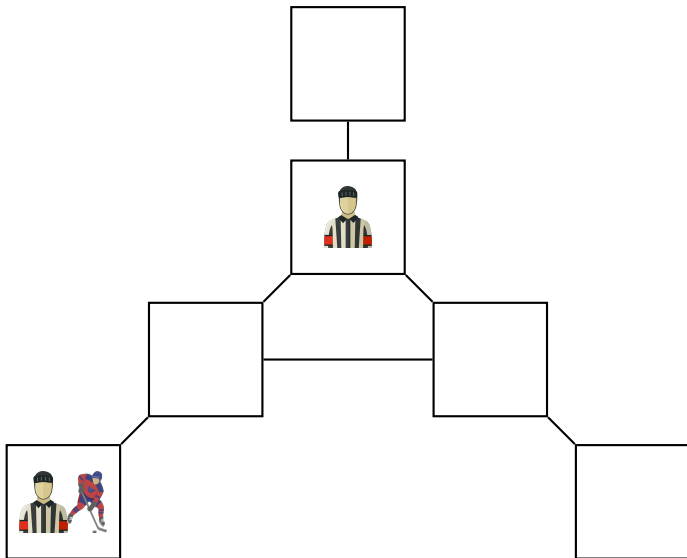
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- For all graphs G with minimum degree $\delta \geq 3$, if G has girth $g \geq 9$, then $\sigma_a(G) \geq 5$.

Is the active number always equal to the cheating number?

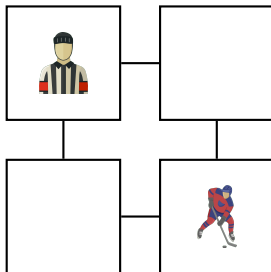
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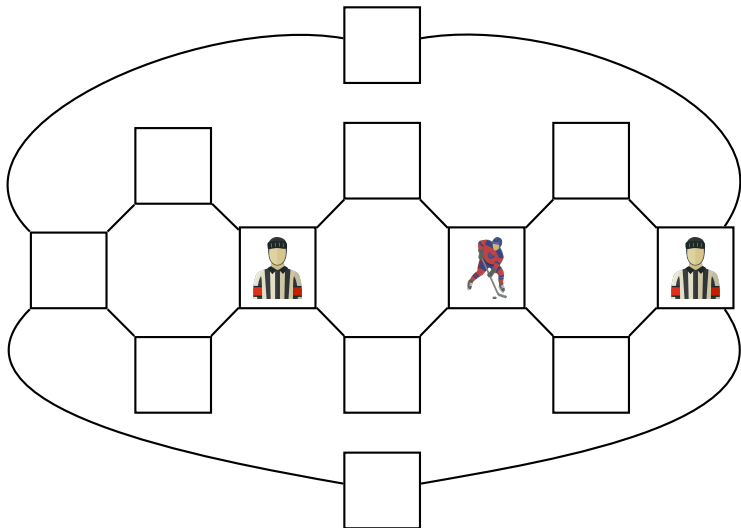
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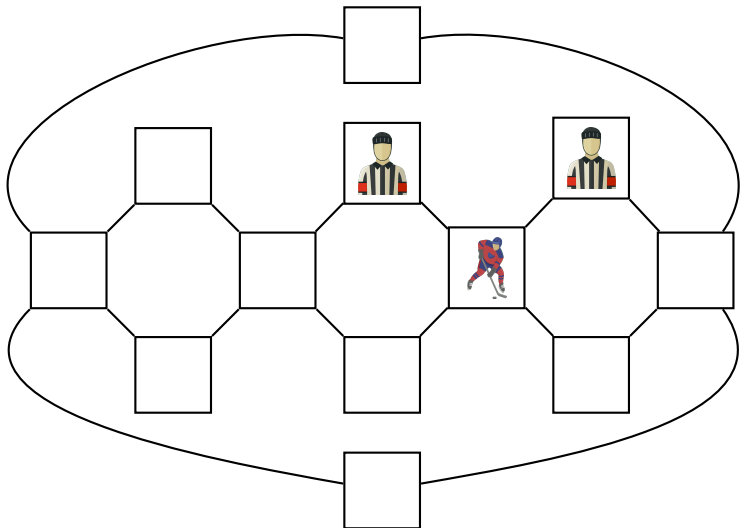
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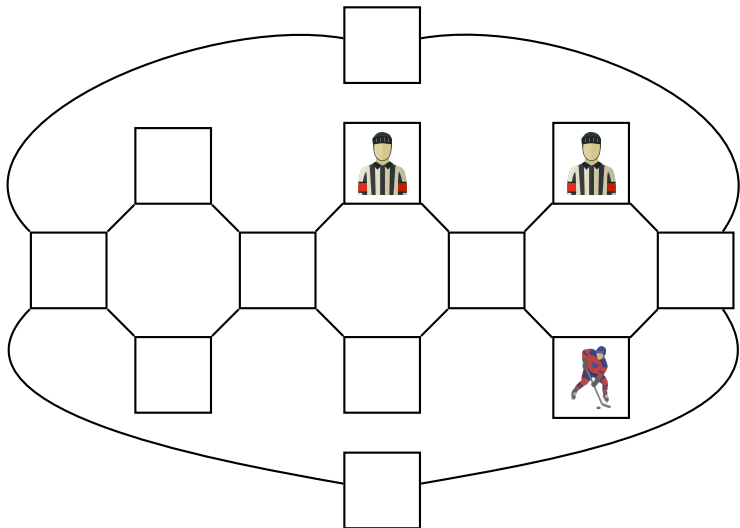
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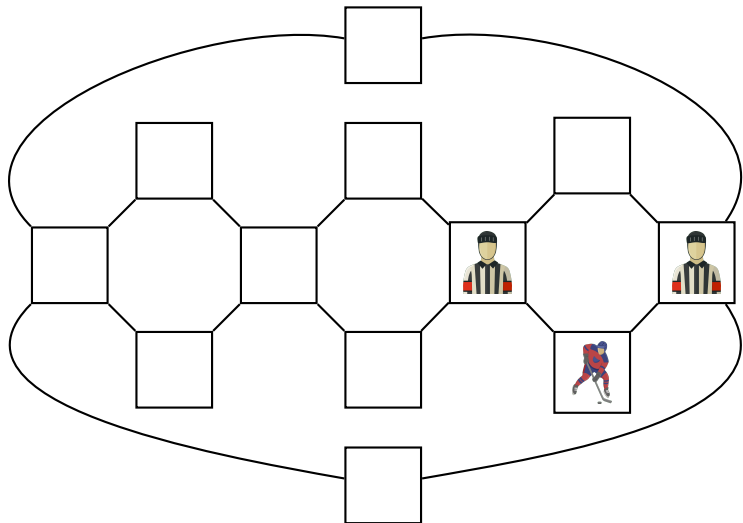
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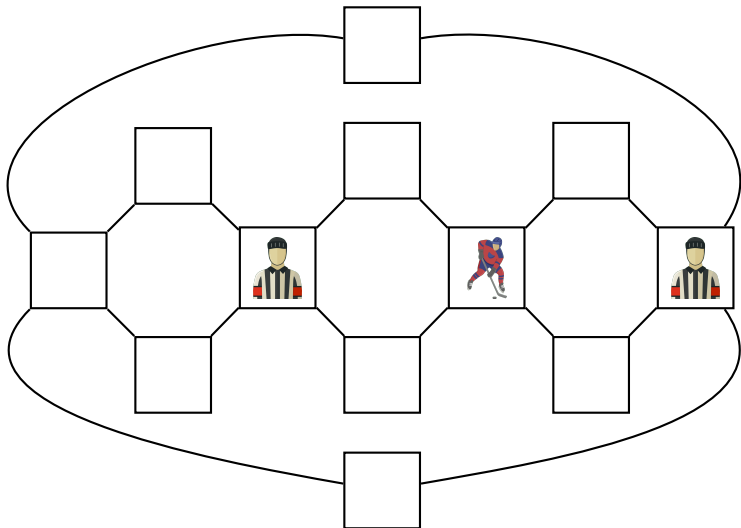
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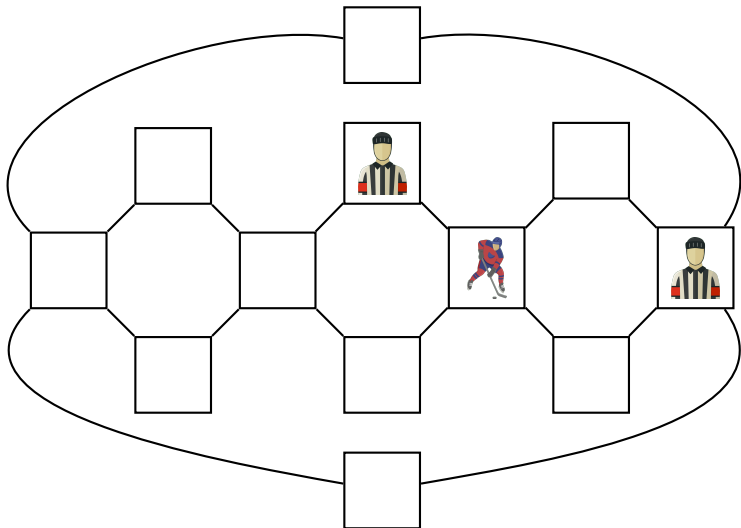
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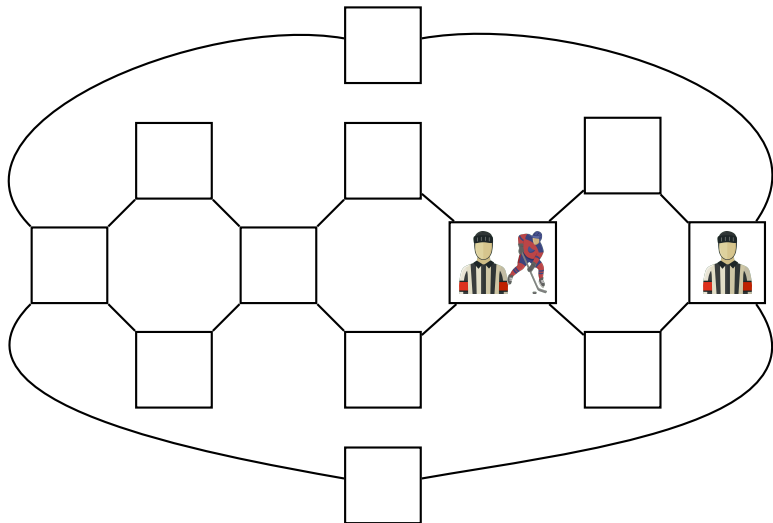
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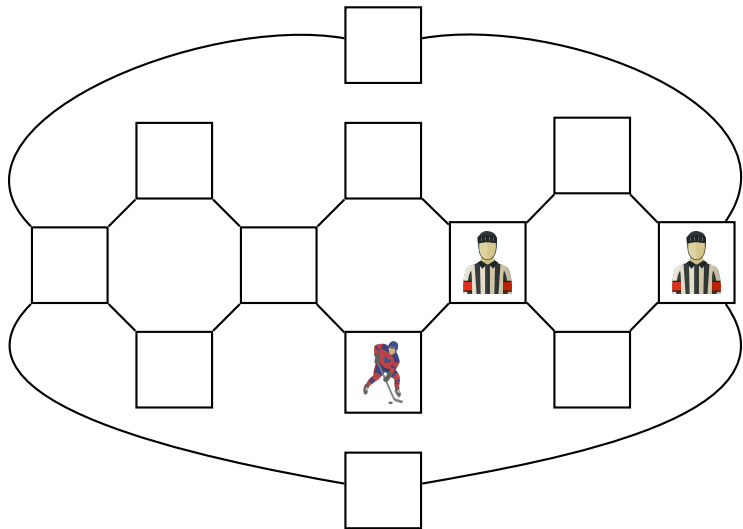
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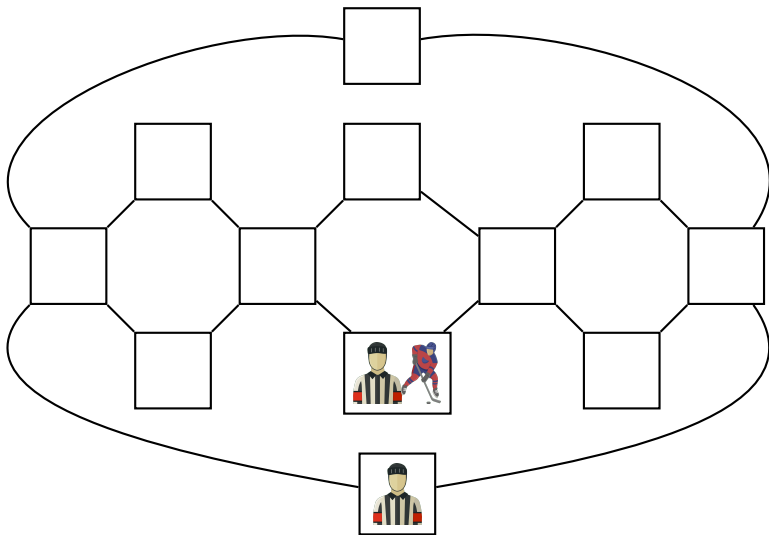
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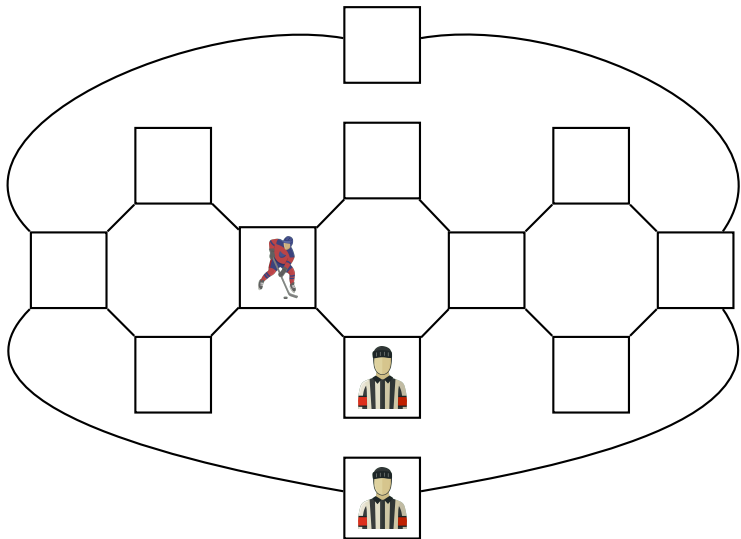
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The subdivision graph $S(G)$ of a graph G is the graph formed by subdividing every edge in G once. We define the *double subdivision graph*, $DS(G)$, as the graph formed by the following two steps:

- Duplicate every edge in G (call this multi-graph G')
- Subdivide every edge in G'

