

RIGIDITY OF FRAMEWORKS WITH A CLASS OF COORDINATED BARS

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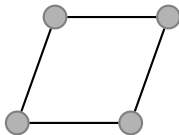
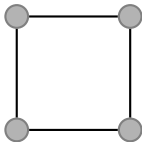
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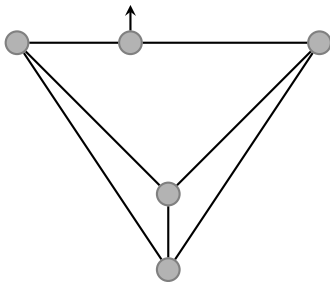
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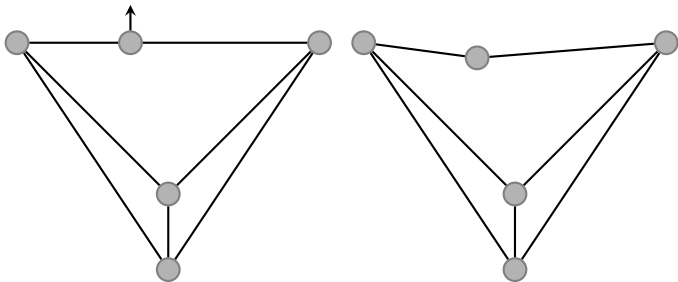


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THEOREM (LAMMAN, 1970)

(G, p) is generically isostatic if and only if it is a Laman graph.

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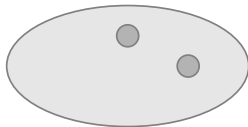
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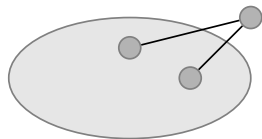
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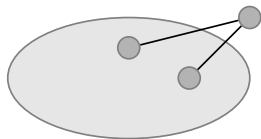
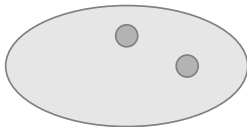
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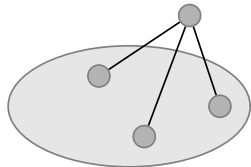
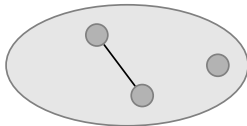
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A *coordinated infinitesimal motion* of a 1-coloured framework (G, c, p) may be considered as $(q, c_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{dn+1}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} [p_i - p_j] \cdot [q_i - q_j] &= 0 \quad \forall \{i, j\} \in E_0 \\ [p_i - p_j] \cdot [q_i - q_j] &= c_1 \quad \forall \{i, j\} \in E_1 \end{aligned}$$

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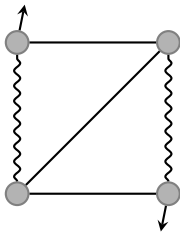
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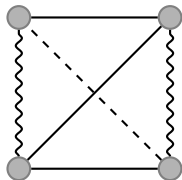
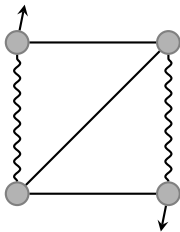
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NOTE

Every Laman-plus-one graph contains a unique rigidity circuit.

RESULT

THEOREM

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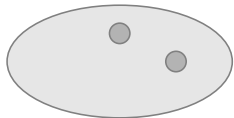
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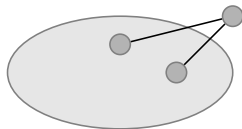
3. (G, c) may be constructed from K_4 with at least one coloured edge, by a sequence of coloured 0-extensions and 1-extensions.

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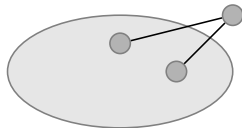
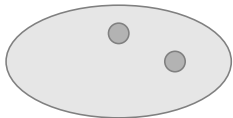
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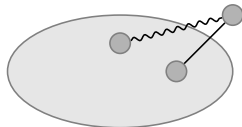
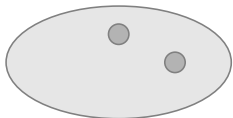
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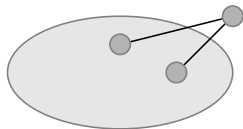
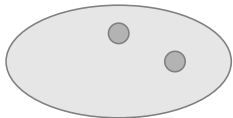
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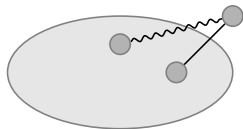
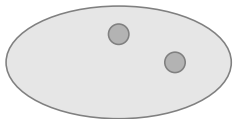
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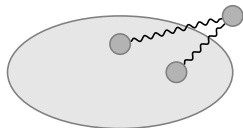
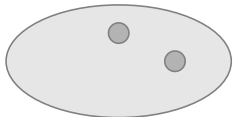
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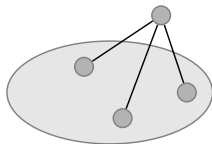
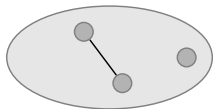
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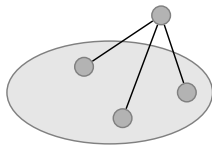
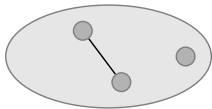
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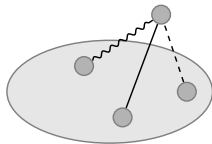
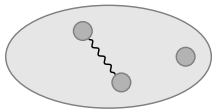
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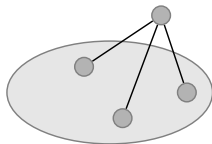
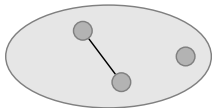
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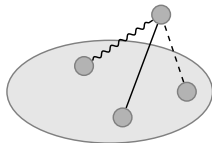
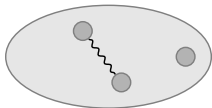
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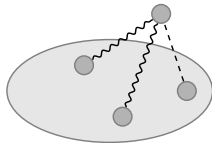
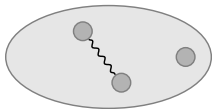
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1. (G, c, p) is isostatic;
2. (G, c, p) is independent and $|E| = 2|V| + 1 - \binom{3}{2}$;
3. (G, c, p) is infinitesimally rigid and $|E| = 2|V| + 1 - \binom{3}{2}$;
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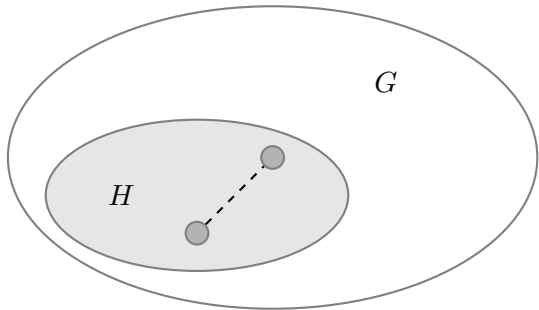
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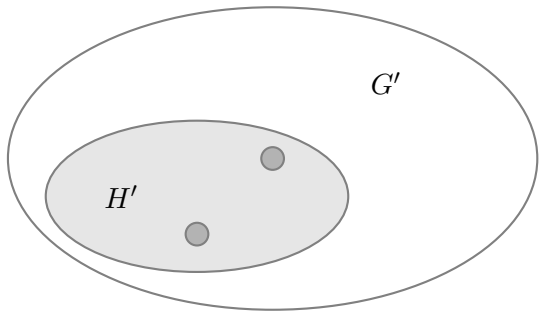
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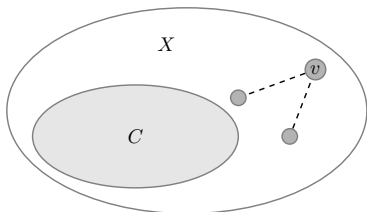
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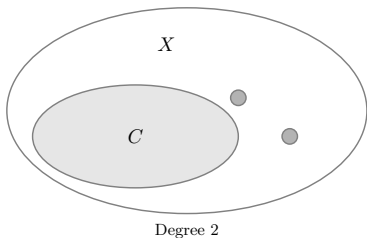
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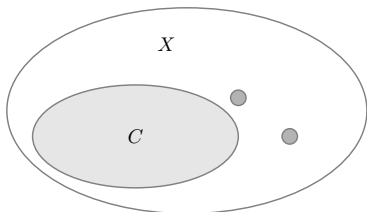
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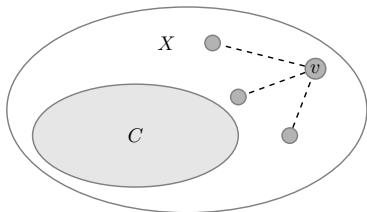


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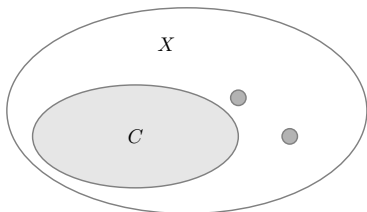
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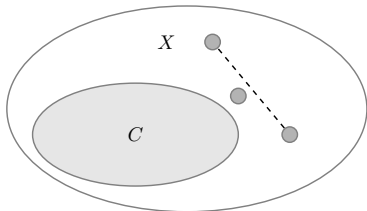
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When G is a 3-connected rigidity circuit, we may make use of the following result:

THEOREM (BERG-JORDÁN, 2003)

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a 3-connected generic circuit with $|V| \geq 5$. Then G has either four, or three pairwise non-adjacent, degree 3 vertices, at which there exists a 1-reduction resulting in a 3-connected circuit.

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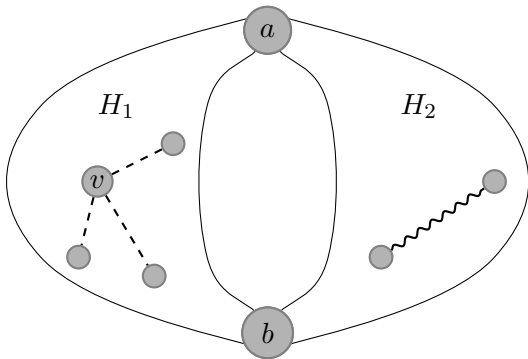
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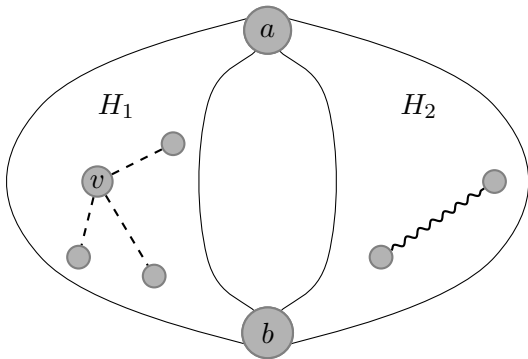
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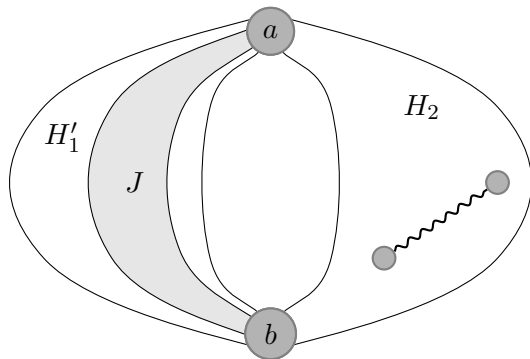
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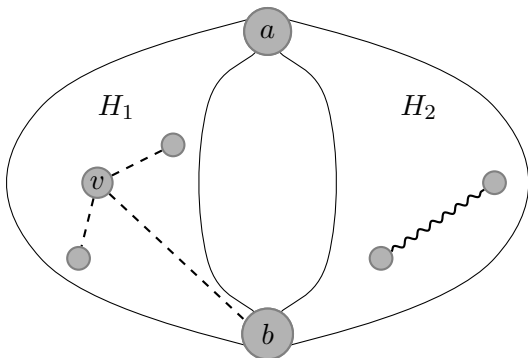
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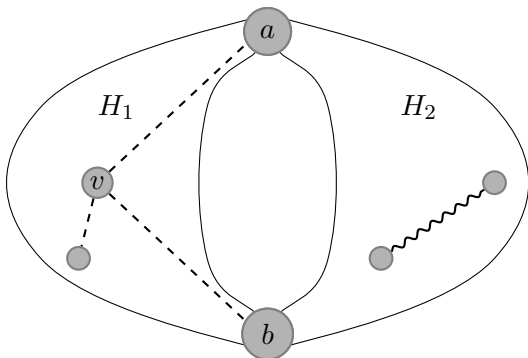
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It is straightforward to prove that when the coloured inductive moves are applied to an isostatic framework (G, c, p) , (G', c', p') will be isostatic, hence anything built using these moves from an isostatic base graph (such as K_4 with at least one coloured edge) will also be isostatic.

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Thank you