

HAMILTON CYCLES IN REGULAR MAPS

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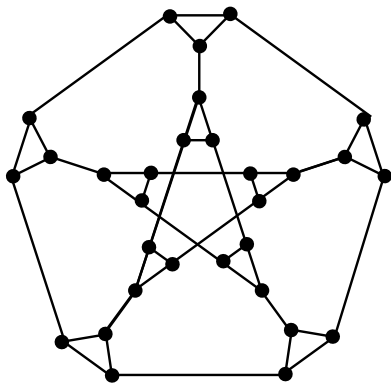
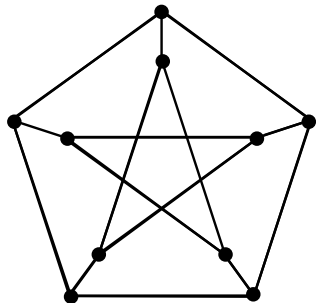
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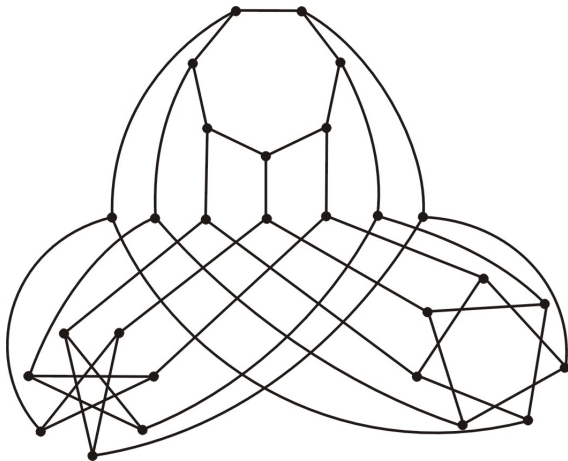
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- The underlying graph of every regular map is arc-transitive and hence vertex-transitive.
- Only four vertex-transitive non-hamiltonian graphs are known (apart from K_2), two of them arc-transitive.

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