

Edge-ordered Graphs: Geometric Applications

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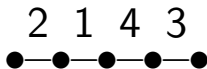
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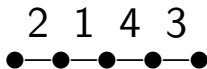
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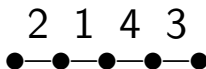
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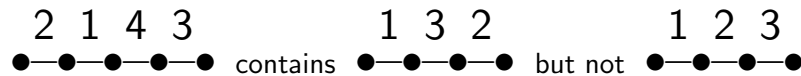
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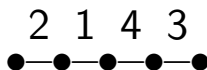


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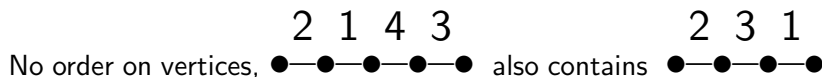
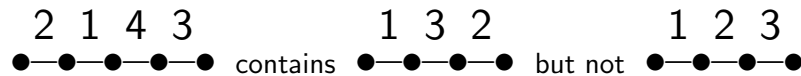


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| Turán numbers of edge-ordered paths with four edges | | |
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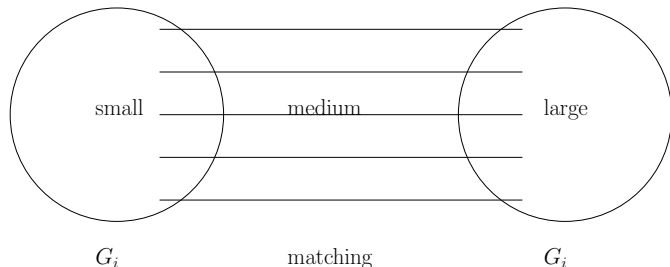
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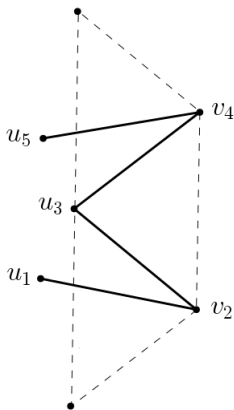
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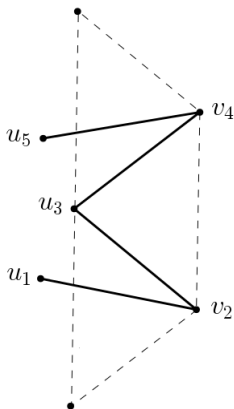
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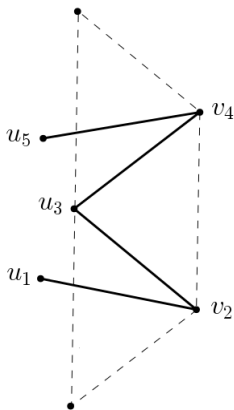
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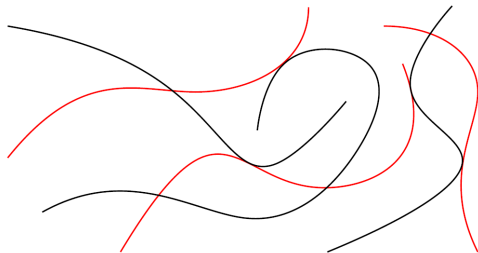
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Open: Can we prove a linear bound using other edge-order?



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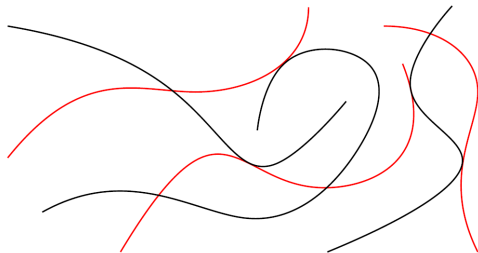
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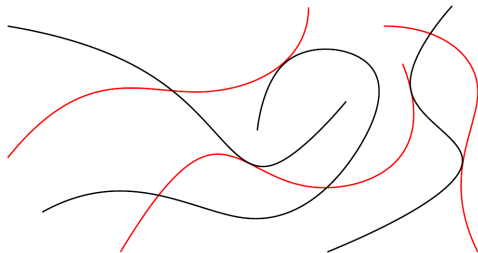


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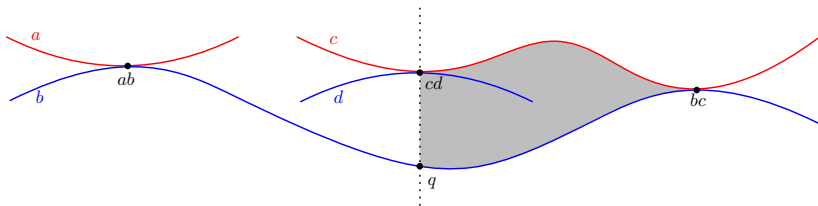
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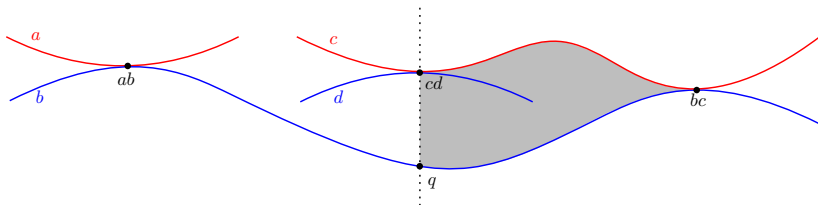
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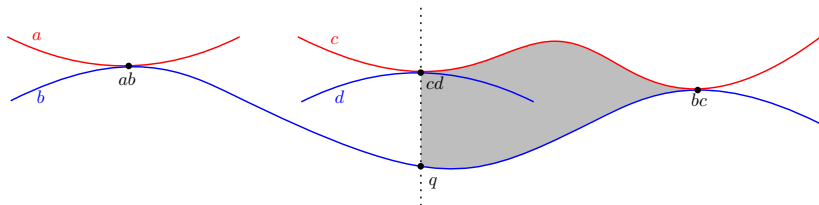
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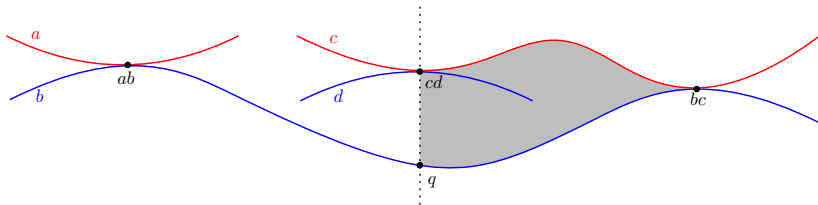
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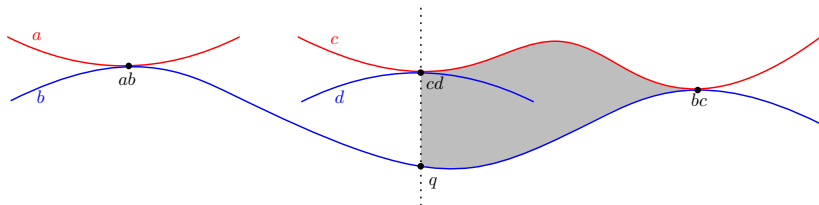
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Tangencies among two disjoint families

Open: What is best bound without x -monotonicity?

| Curve type | # of tangencies | Lower bd ref | Upper bd ref |
|------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| general | $\Omega(n^{4/3}), \tilde{O}(n^{3/2})$ | Keszegh & P. | Pinchasi & Ben-Dan |
| doubly-grounded | Keszegh & P. \Rightarrow^* $\Theta(n^{4/3})$ | Keszegh & P. | Keszegh & P. |
| x -monotone | $\Theta(n \log n)$ | Pach, Suk & Trelml | Keszegh & P. |
| ≤ 1 -intersecting | $\Theta(n)$ | trivial | Ackerman, Keszegh & P. |
| convex regions | $\Theta(n)$ | trivial | Pach, Suk & Trelml |

* Assuming a conjecture of Pach and Tardos on 0-1 matrices.

Thank you for your attention!