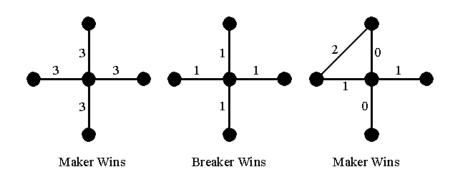
## On a base exchange game on graphs

Abstract: We consider the following maker-breaker game on a graph G that has a partition of the edge set E into two spanning trees  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ . Initially the edges of  $E_1$  are red and the edges of  $E_2$  blue. Maker and breaker move alternately. In a move of the maker a blue edge is coloured red. The breaker then has to recolour a different edge blue in such a way that the red and the blue edges are spanning trees again. The goal of the maker is to exchange all colours, i.e. to make  $E_1$  blue and  $E_2$  red.

We study this game on the  $K_4$ , where the breaker wins, and on larger wheels, where the maker has a winning strategy. Furthermore, we provide an example of a graph where, for some partitions, the maker wins, for some others, the breaker wins.



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