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Two blocks in a graph share at most one vertex.

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In fact,

$$\kappa(G) = \min_{x, y \in V(G)} \kappa(x, y).$$