

Advanced Algorithms

I. Course Intro and Sorting Networks

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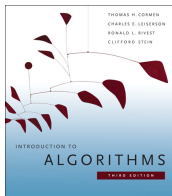
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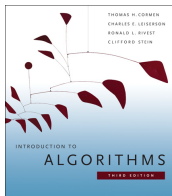
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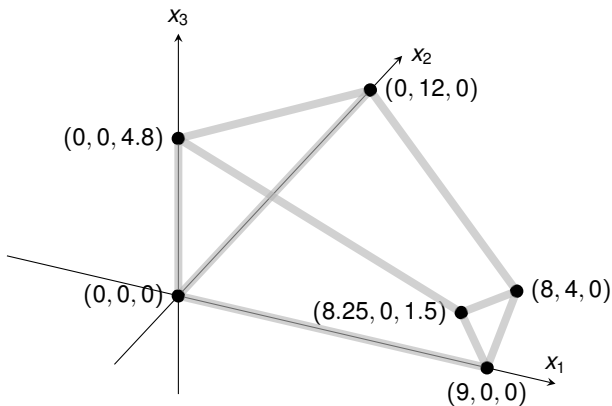


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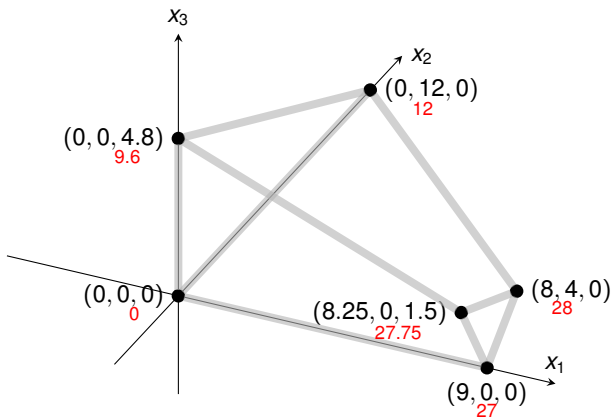
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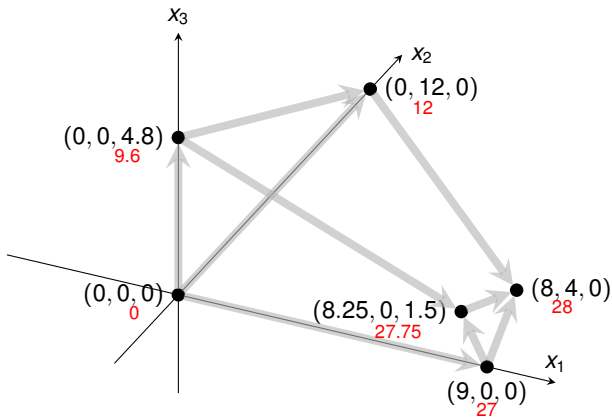
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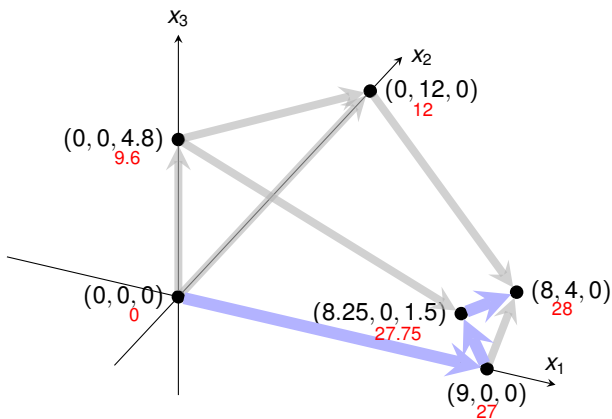
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SOLUTION OF A LARGE-SCALE TRAVELING-SALESMAN PROBLEM*

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(Received August 9, 1954)

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THE TRAVELING-SALESMAN PROBLEM might be described as follows: Find the shortest route (tour) for a salesman starting from a given city, visiting each of a specified group of cities, and then returning to the original point of departure. More generally, given an n by n symmetric matrix $D = (d_{IJ})$, where d_{IJ} represents the 'distance' from I to J , arrange the points in a cyclic order in such a way that the sum of the d_{IJ} between consecutive points is minimal. Since there are only a finite number of possibilities (at most $\frac{1}{2}(n-1)!$) to consider, the problem is to devise a method of picking out the optimal arrangement which is reasonably efficient for fairly large values of n . Although algorithms have been devised for problems of similar nature, e.g., the optimal assignment problem,^{3,7,8} little is known about the traveling-salesman problem. We do not claim that this note alters the situation very much; what we shall do is outline a way of approaching the problem that sometimes, at least, enables one to find an optimal path and prove it so. In particular, it will be shown that a certain arrangement of 49 cities, one in each of the 48 states and Washington, D. C., is best, the d_{IJ} used representing road distances as taken from an atlas.



Travelling Salesman Problem: The 42 (49) Cities

1. Manchester, N. H.
2. Montpelier, Vt.
3. Detroit, Mich.
4. Cleveland, Ohio
5. Charleston, W. Va.
6. Louisville, Ky.
7. Indianapolis, Ind.
8. Chicago, Ill.
9. Milwaukee, Wis.
10. Minneapolis, Minn.
11. Pierre, S. D.
12. Bismarck, N. D.
13. Helena, Mont.
14. Seattle, Wash.
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17. Salt Lake City, Utah
18. Carson City, Nev.
19. Los Angeles, Calif.
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27. Topeka, Kans.
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- C. Philadelphia, Penn.
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The (Unique) Optimal Tour (699 Units \approx 12,345 miles)

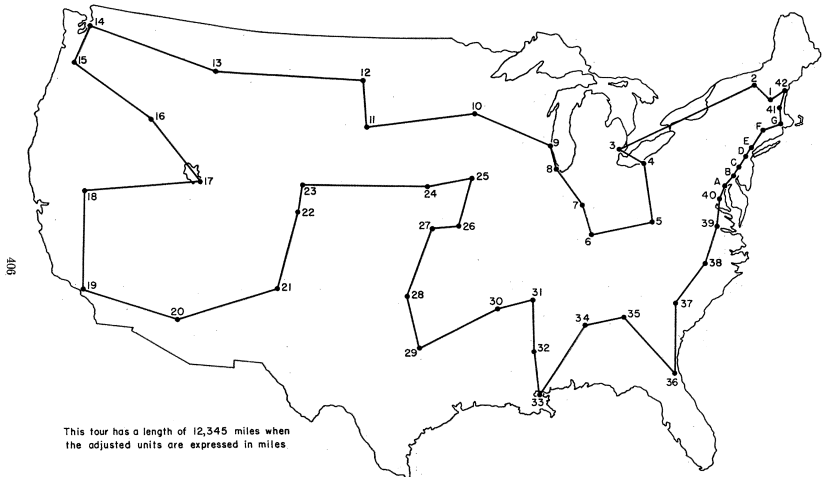


FIG. 16. The optimal tour of 49 cities.



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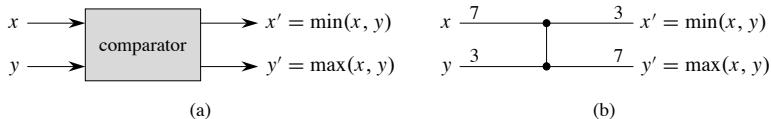


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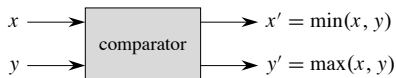


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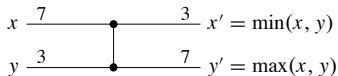
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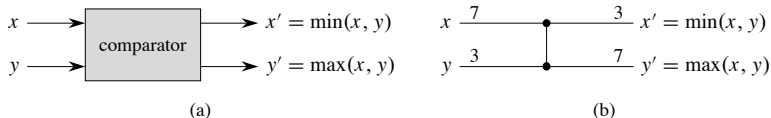


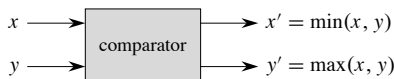
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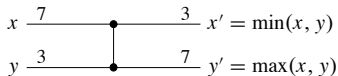
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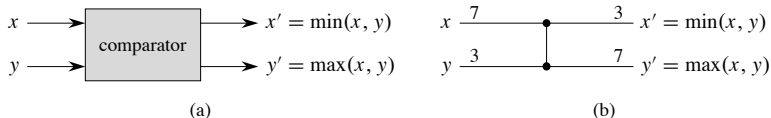


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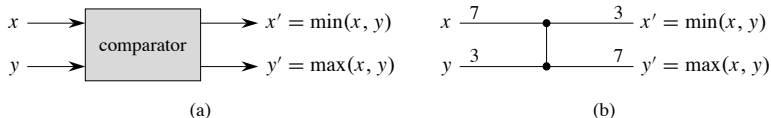
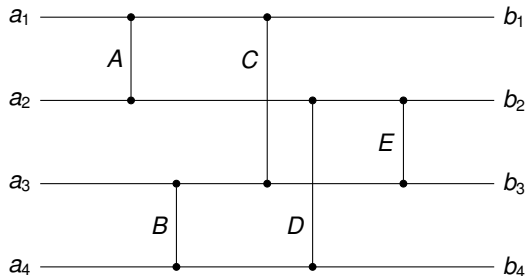


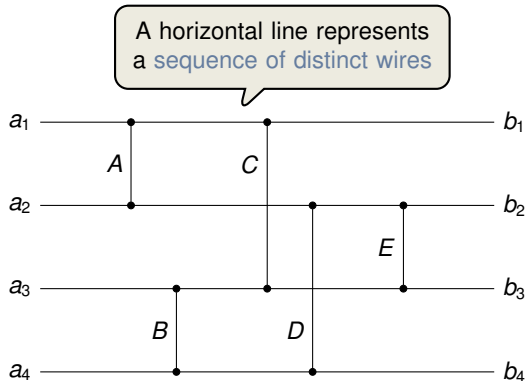
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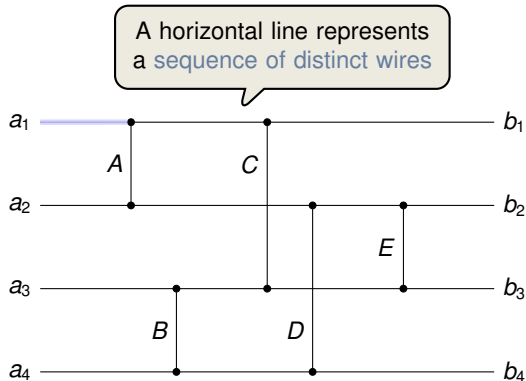
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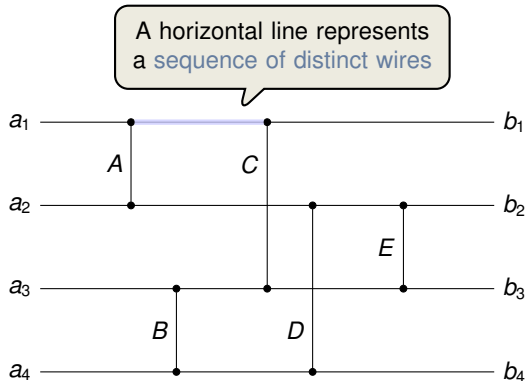
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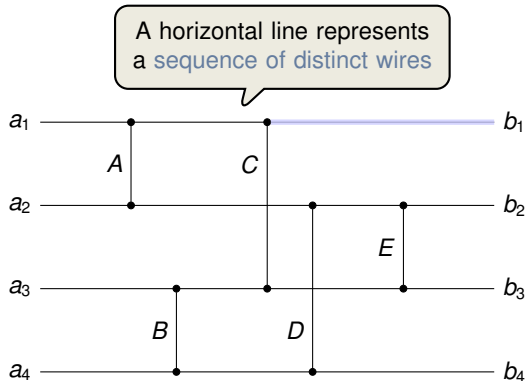
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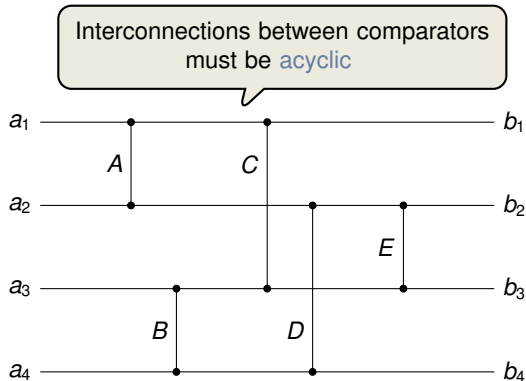
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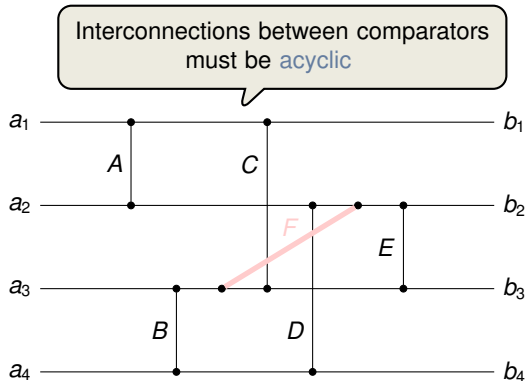
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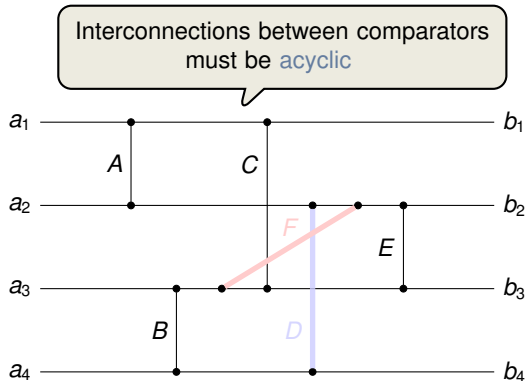
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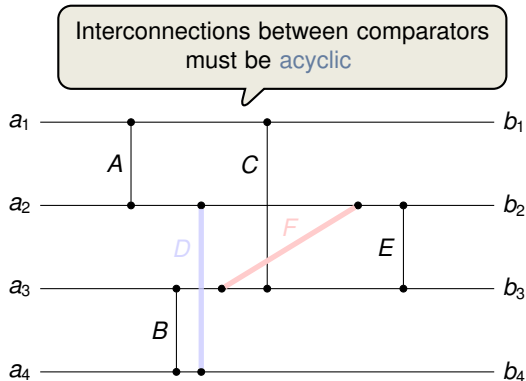
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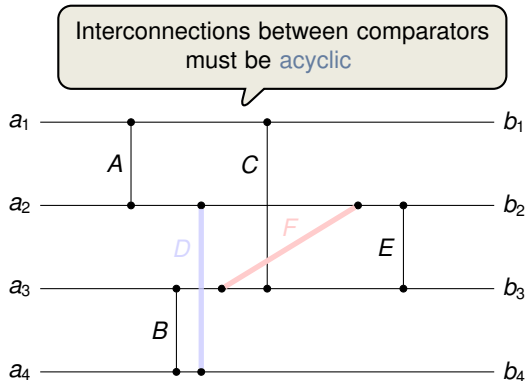
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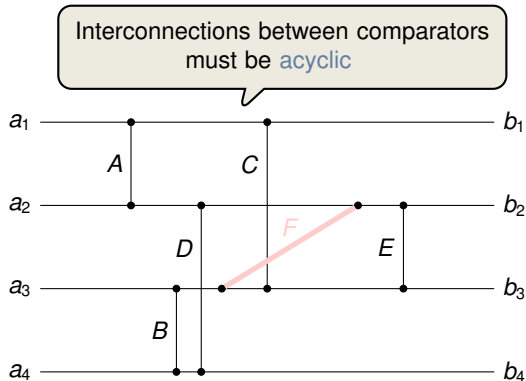
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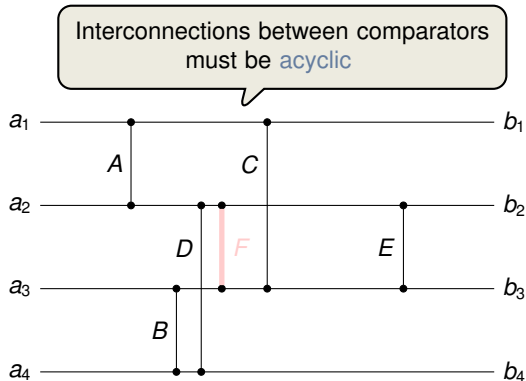
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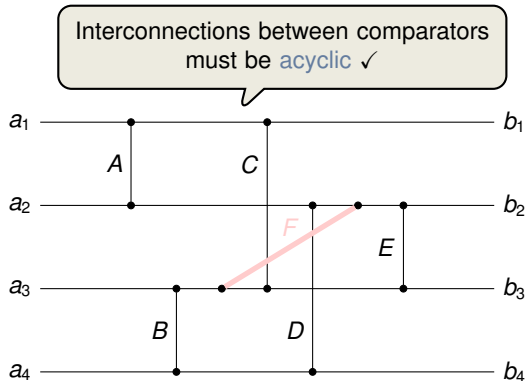
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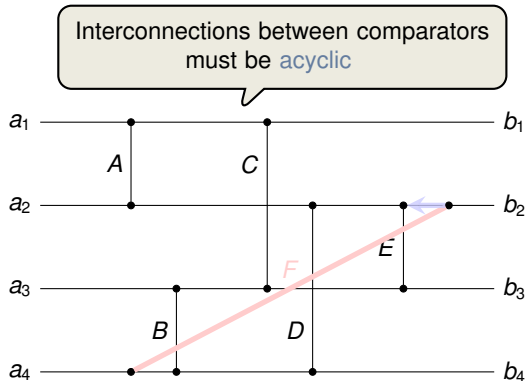
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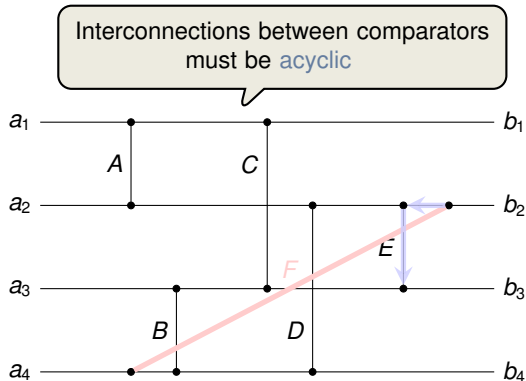
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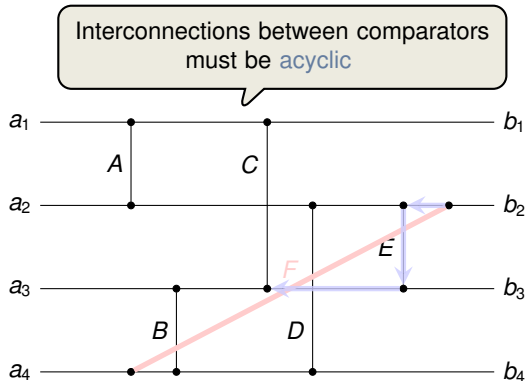
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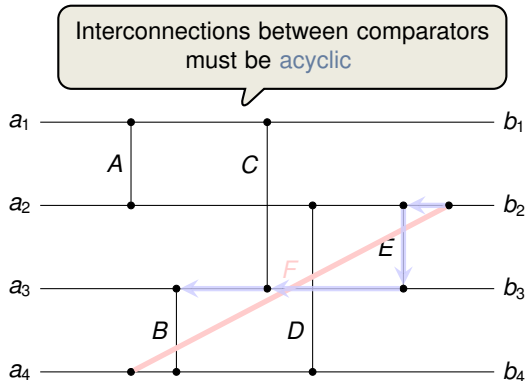
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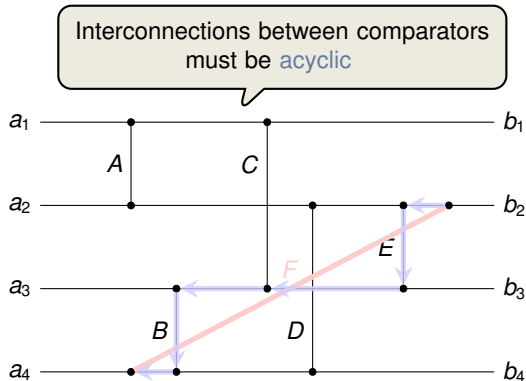
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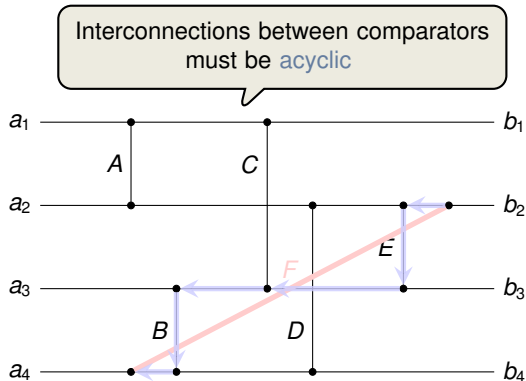
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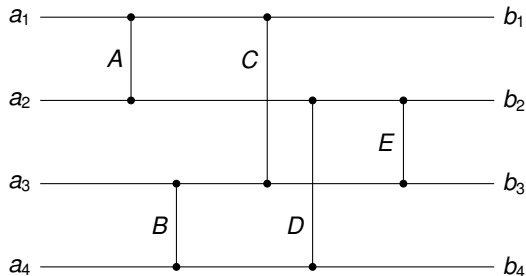
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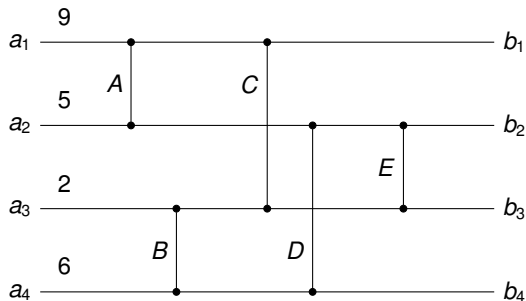
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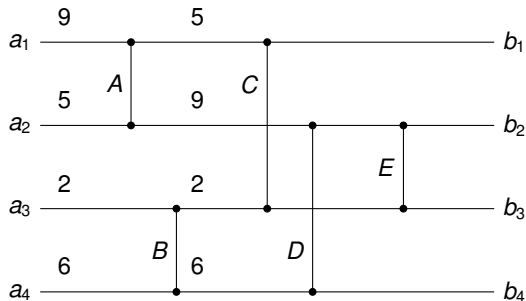
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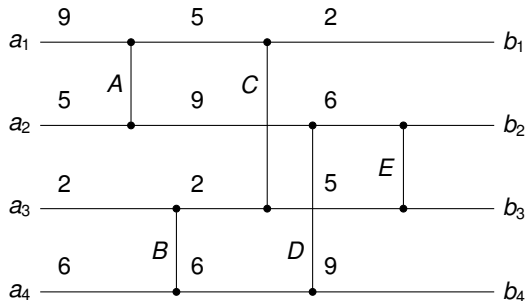
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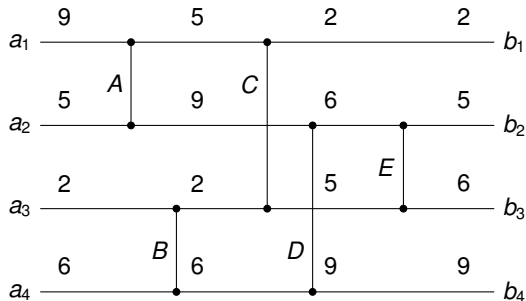
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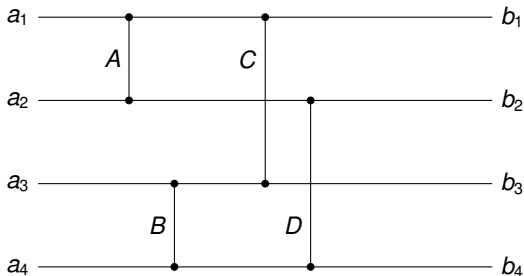
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This network is in fact a sorting network (Exercise)



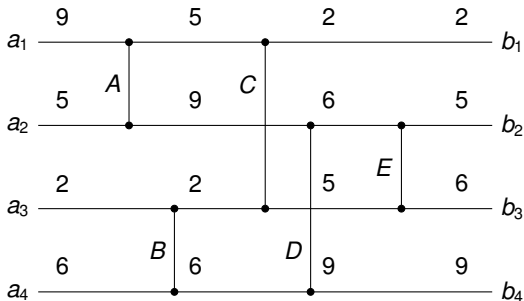
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This network would not be a sorting network (Why??)



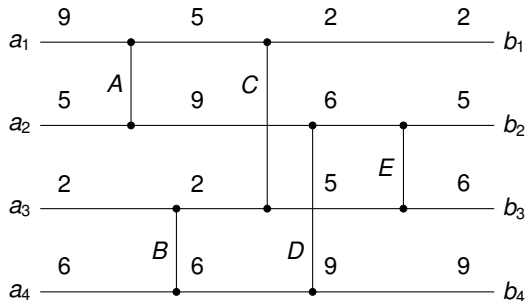
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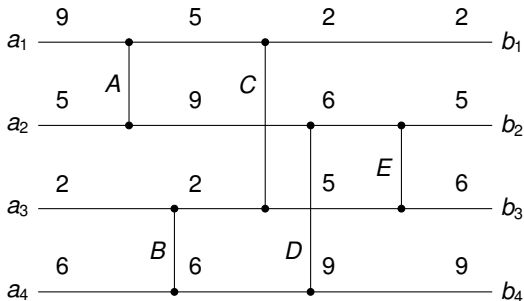


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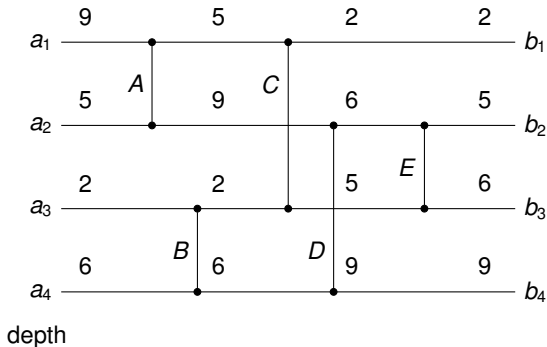


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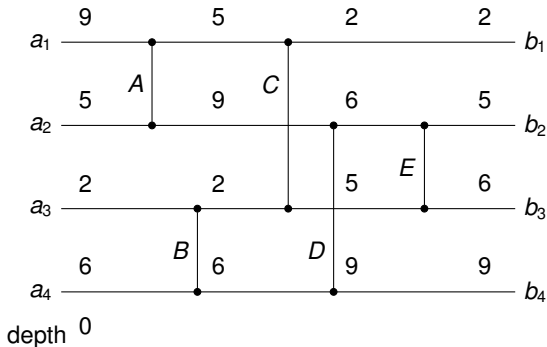


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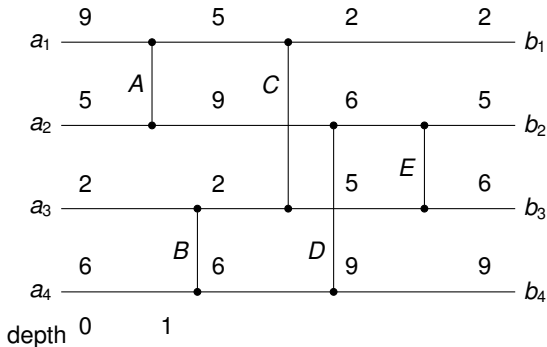


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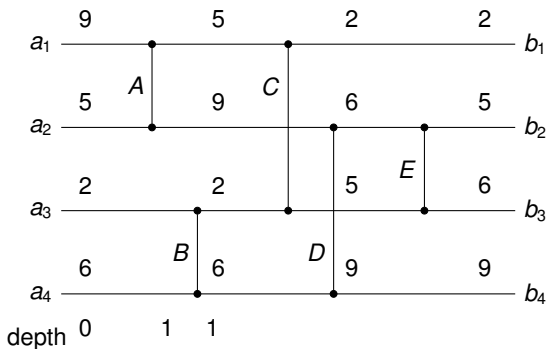


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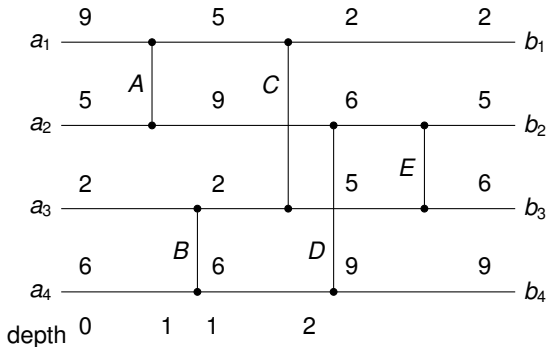


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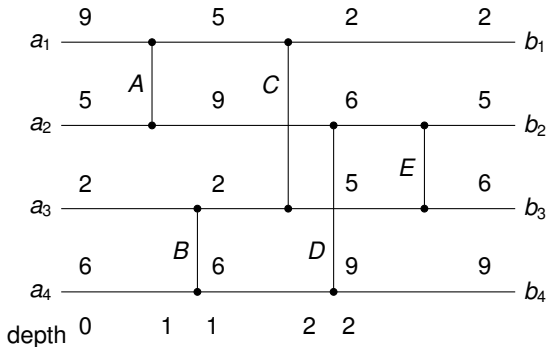


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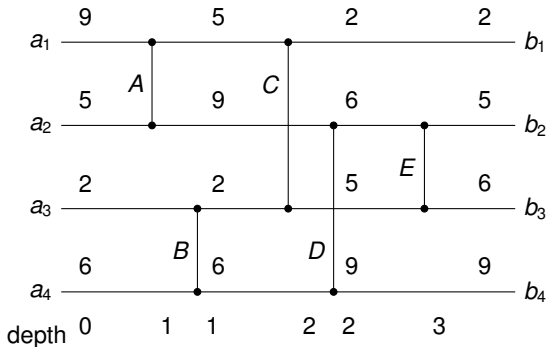


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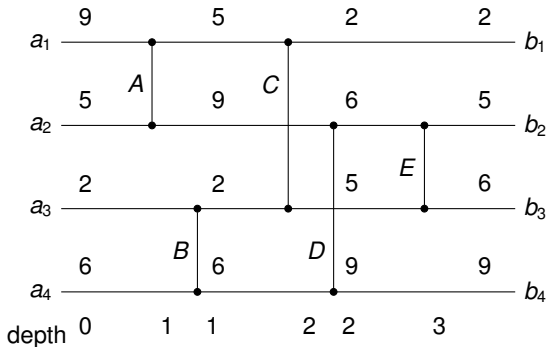


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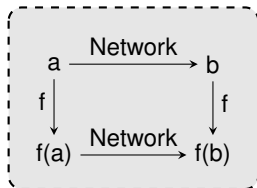
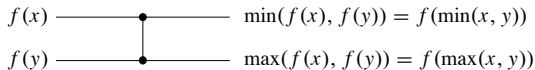


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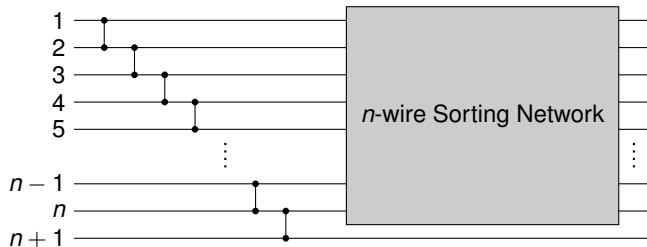
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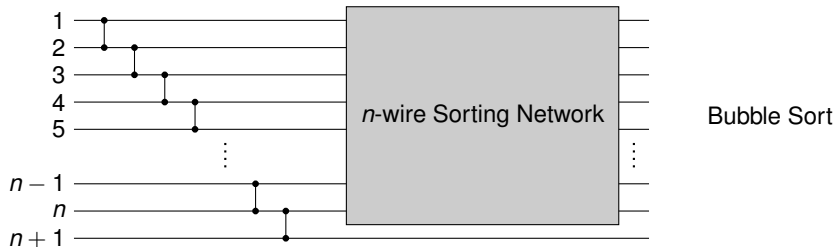
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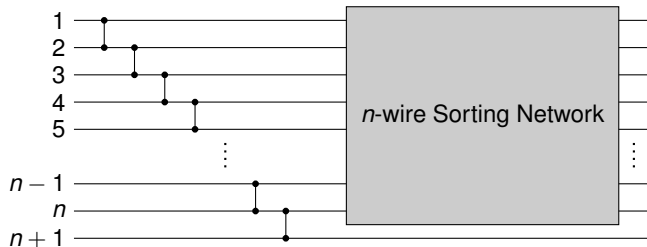
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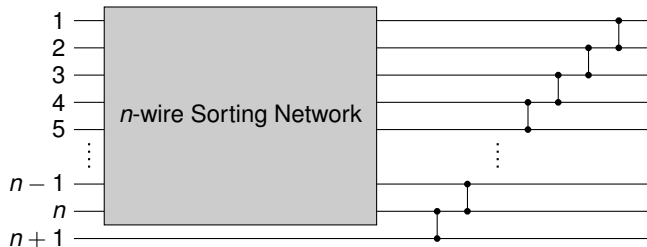
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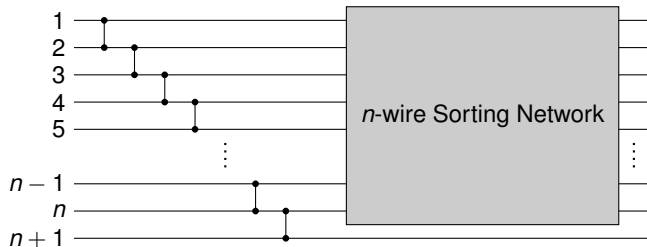
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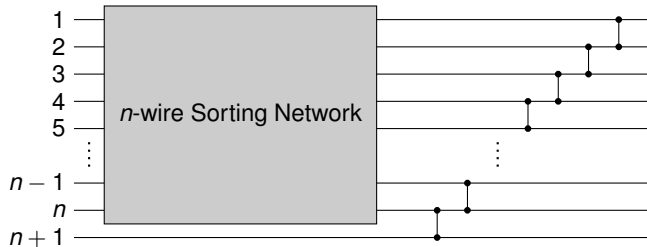
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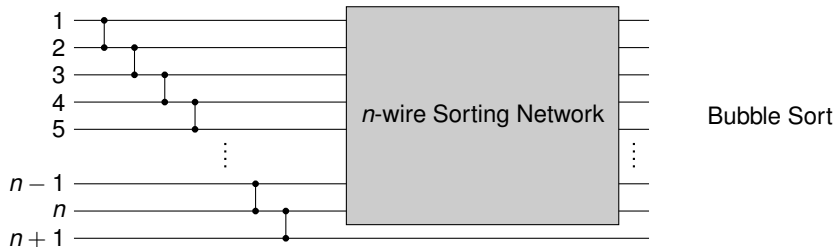
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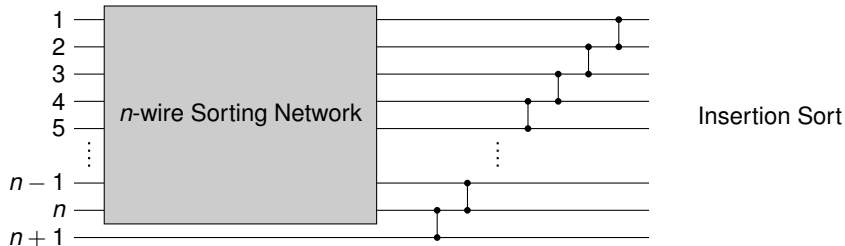
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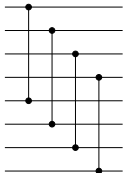
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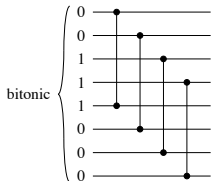
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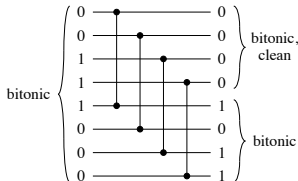
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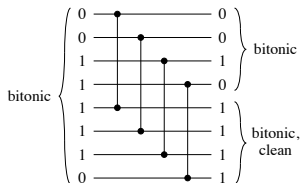
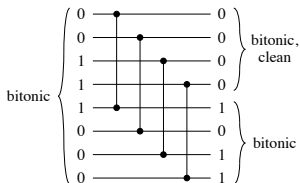
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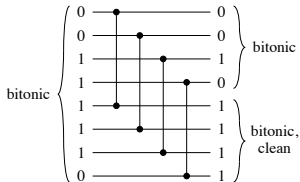
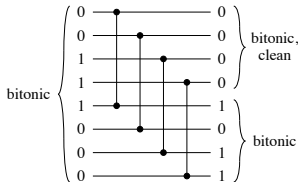
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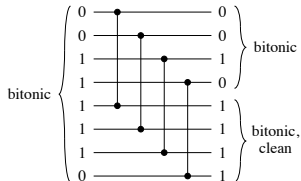
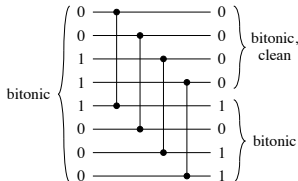
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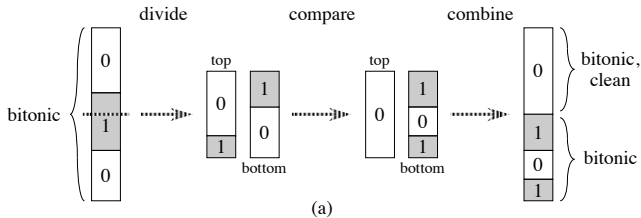
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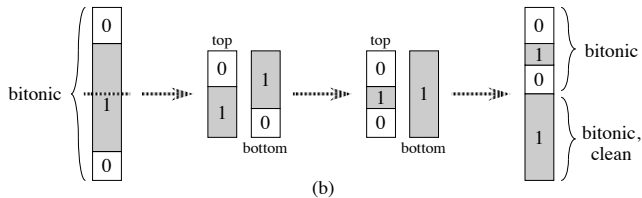
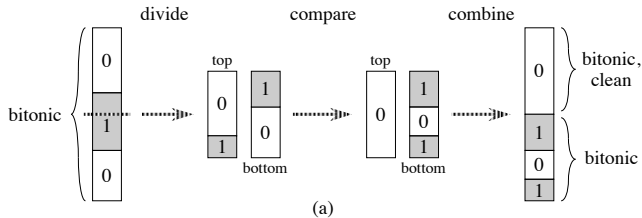
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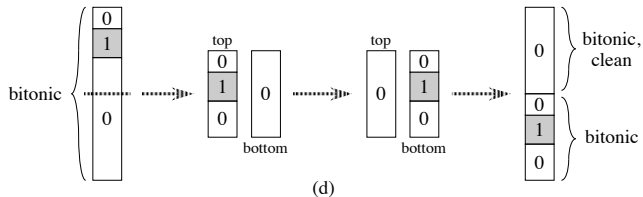
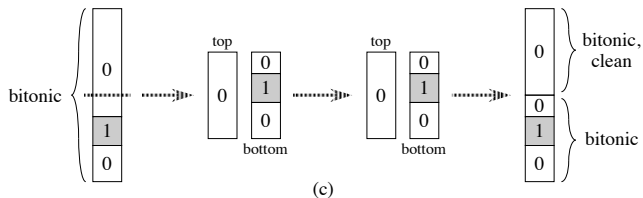
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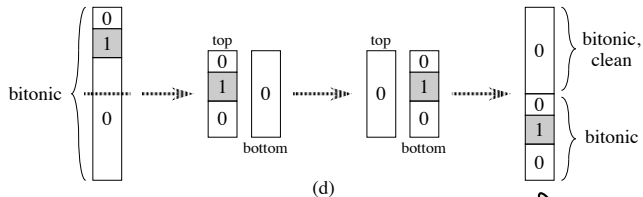
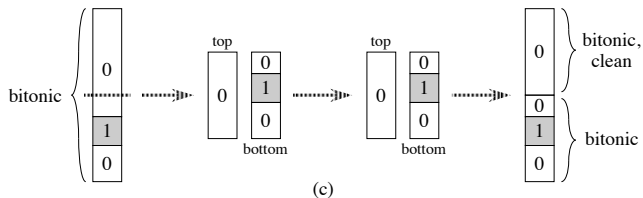
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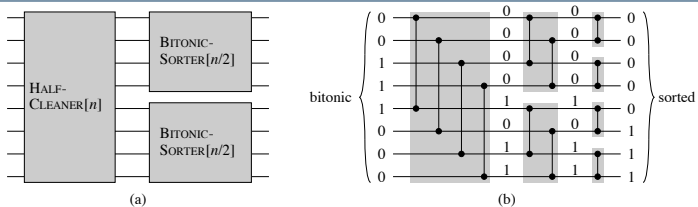


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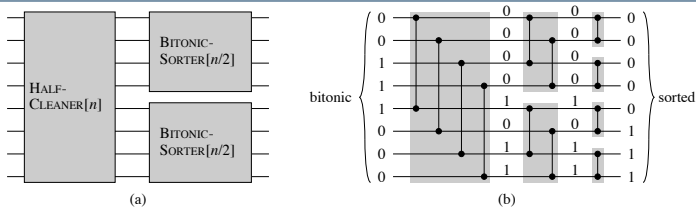


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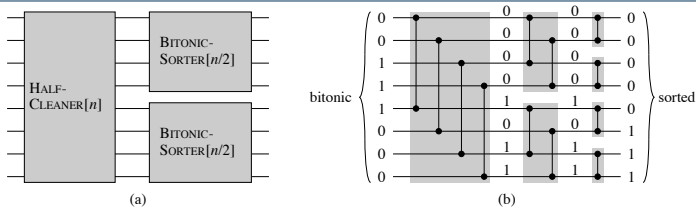


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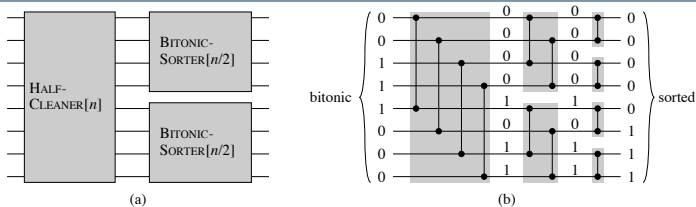


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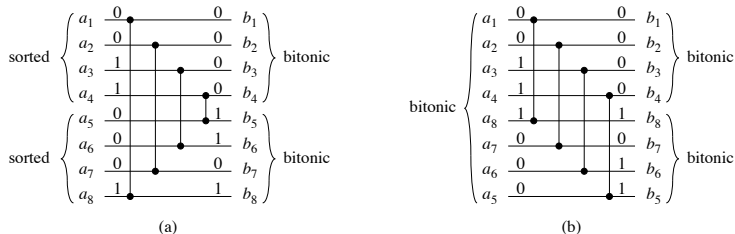
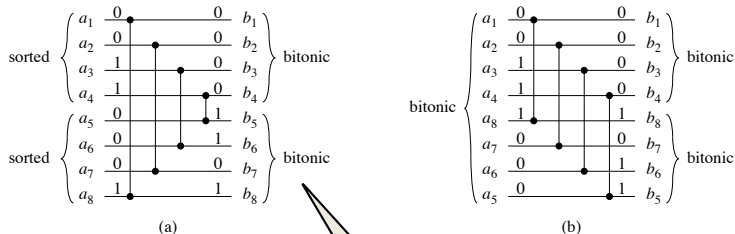


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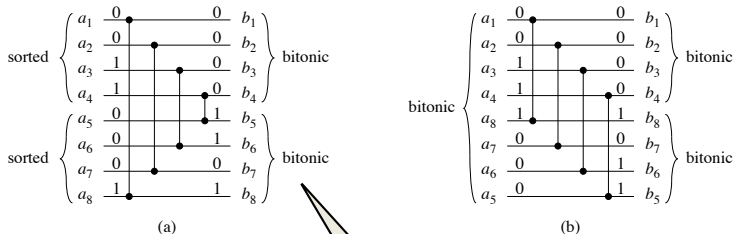
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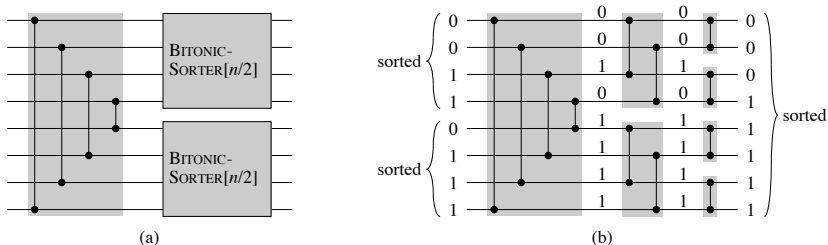
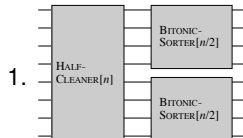


Figure 27.11 A network that merges two sorted input sequences into one sorted output sequence. The network $\text{MERGER}[n]$ can be viewed as $\text{BITONIC-SORTER}[n]$ with the first half-cleaner altered to compare inputs i and $n - i + 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n/2$. Here, $n = 8$. (a) The network decomposed into the first stage followed by two parallel copies of $\text{BITONIC-SORTER}[n/2]$. (b) The same network with the recursion unrolled. Sample zero-one values are shown on the wires, and the stages are shaded.

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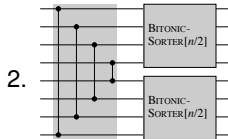
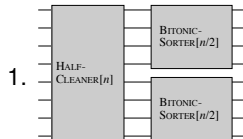
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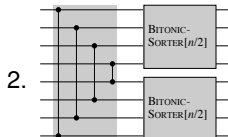
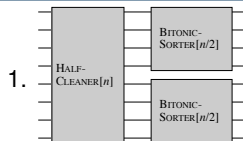
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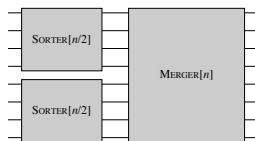
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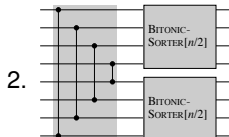
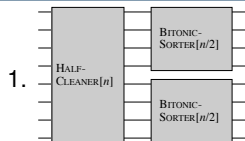
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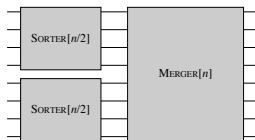
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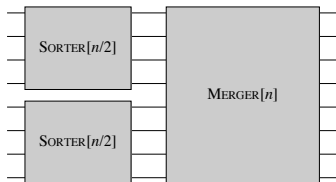
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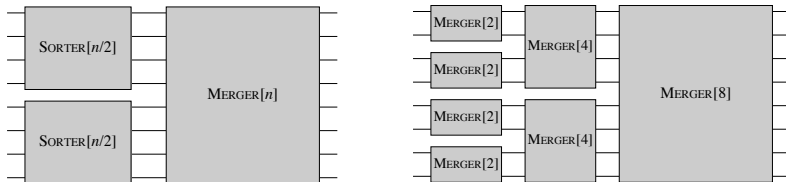
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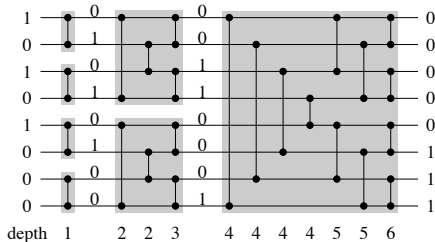
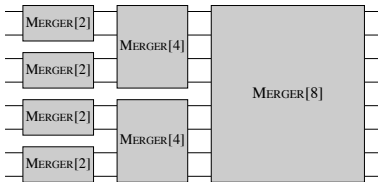
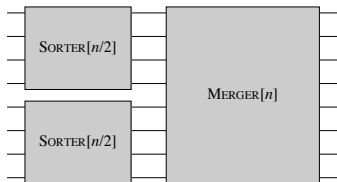
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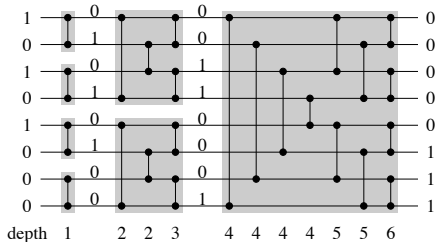
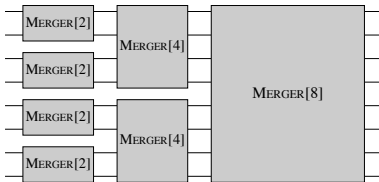
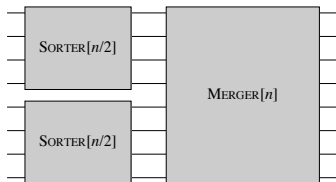
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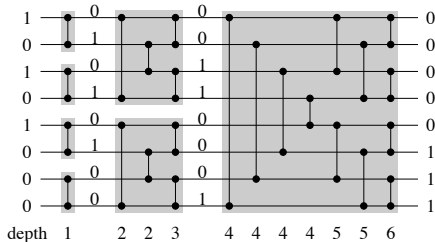
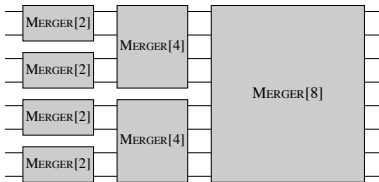
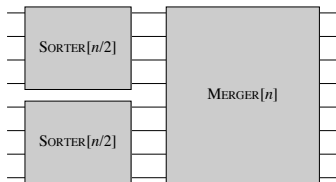


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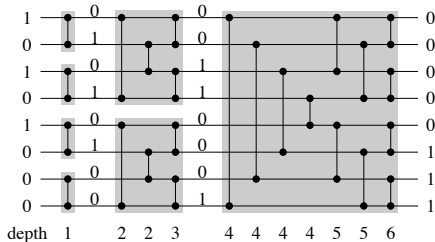
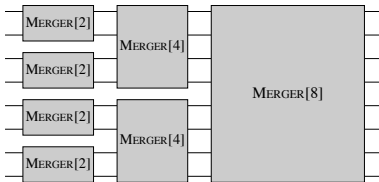
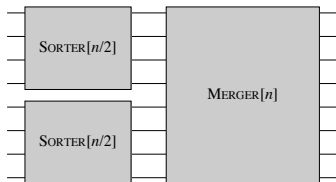
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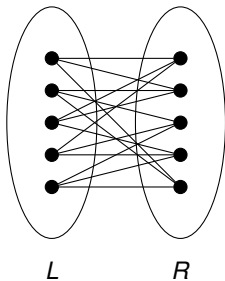
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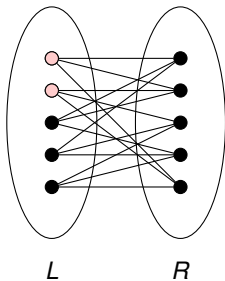
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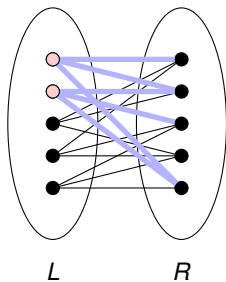
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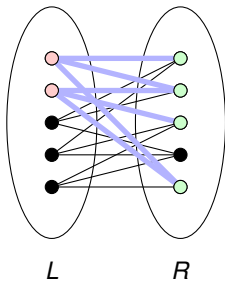
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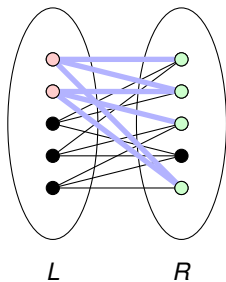
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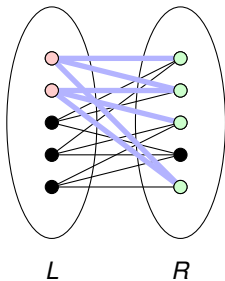
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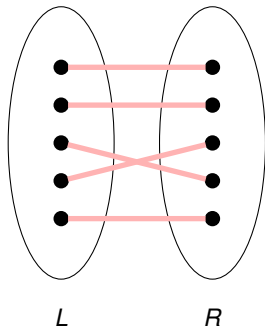


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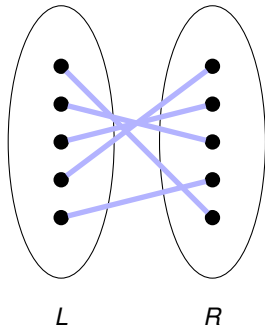
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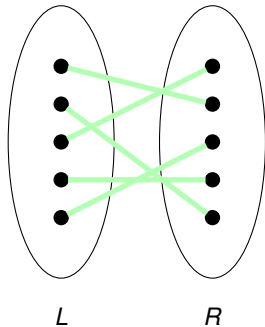
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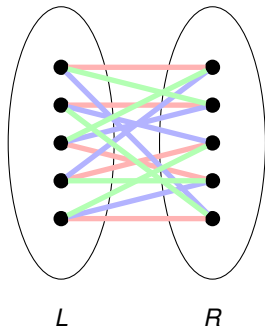
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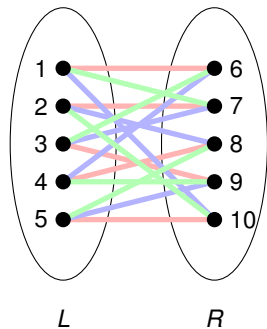
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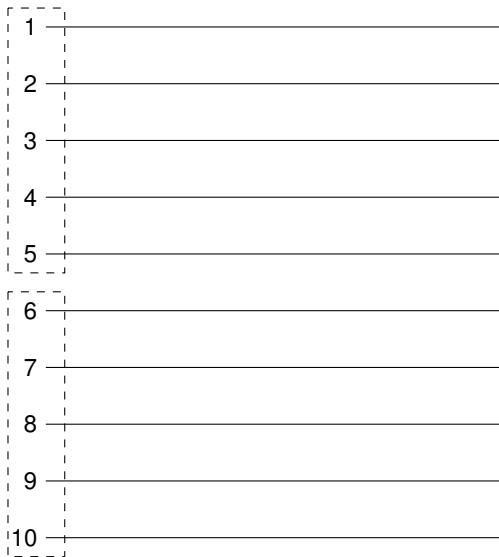
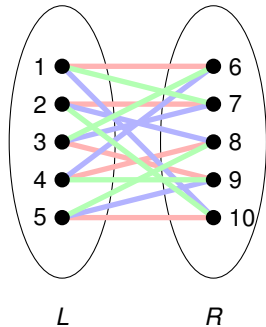
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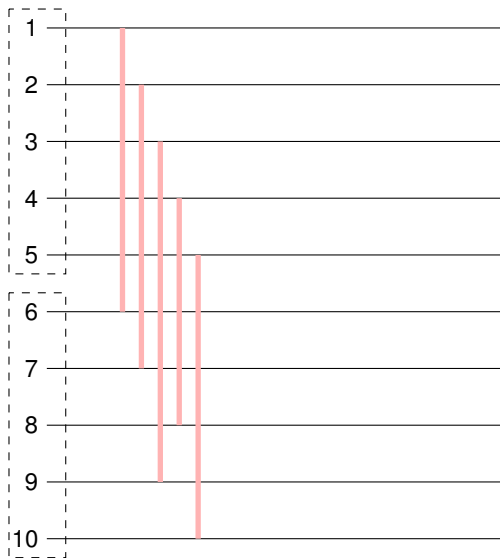
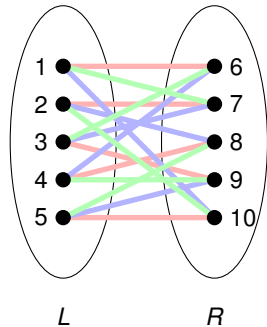
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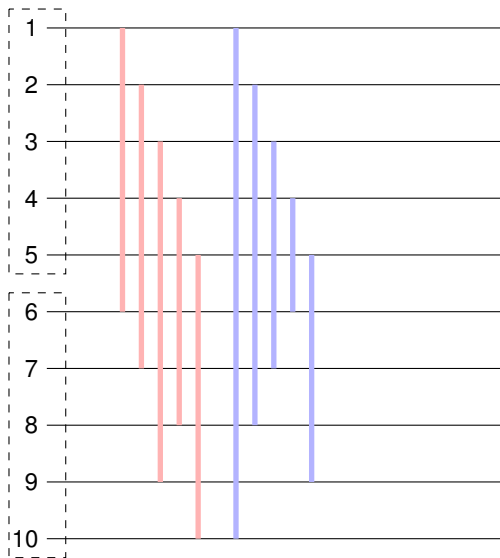
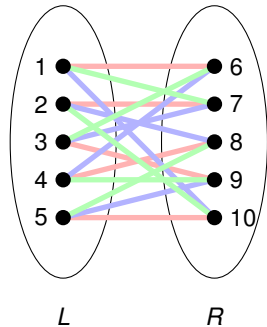
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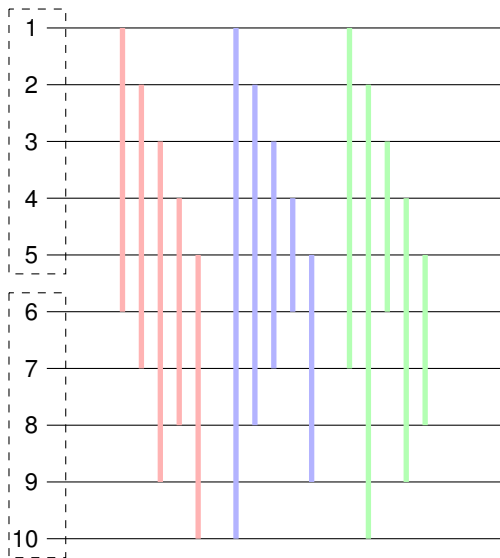
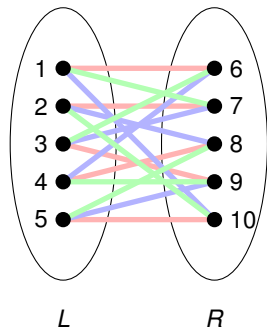
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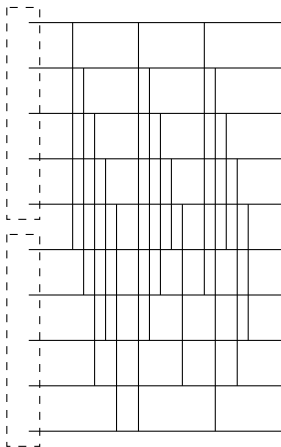


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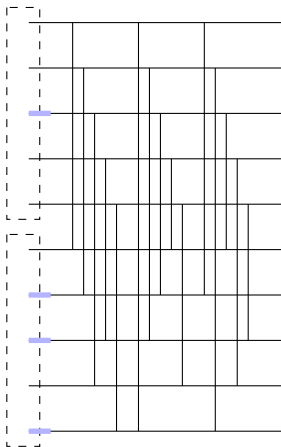
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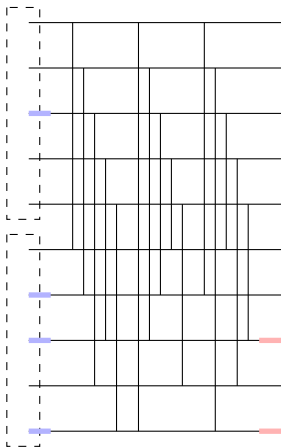
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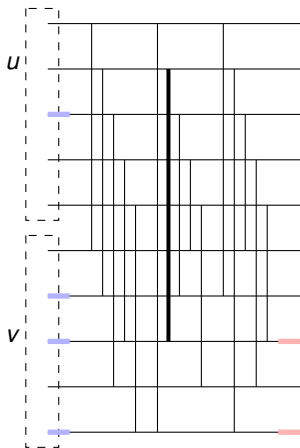
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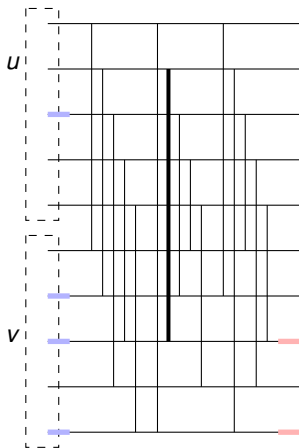
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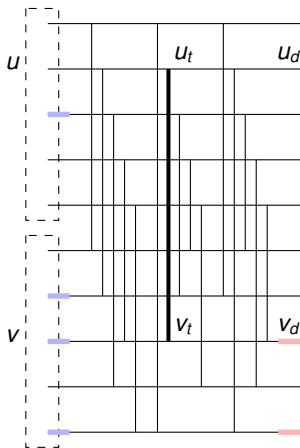
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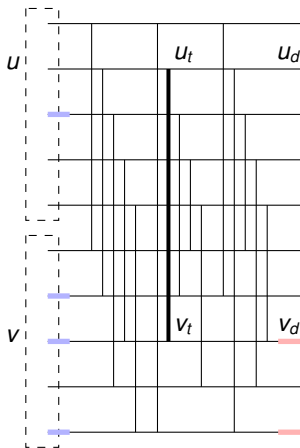
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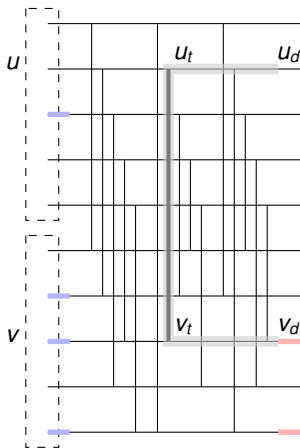
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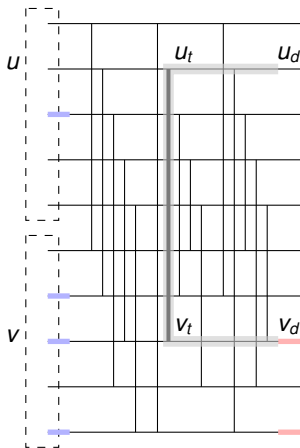


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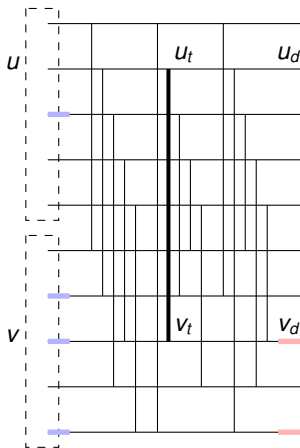
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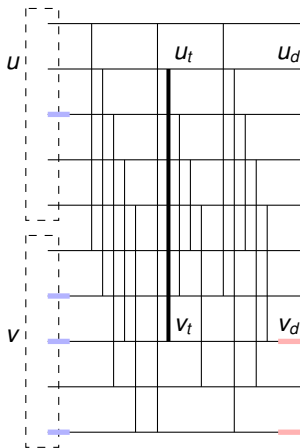
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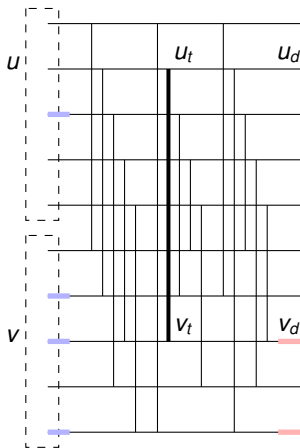
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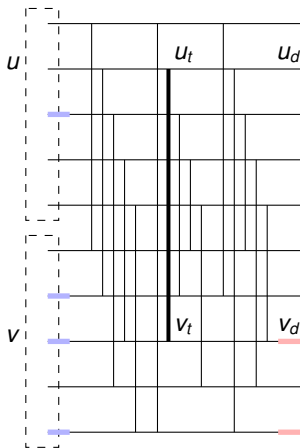
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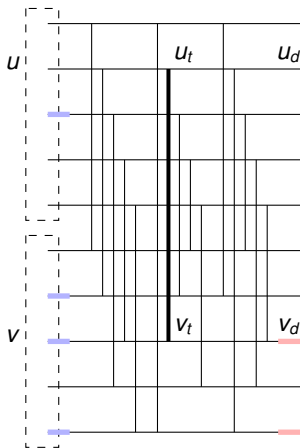
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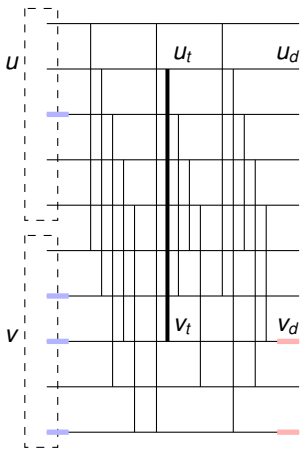
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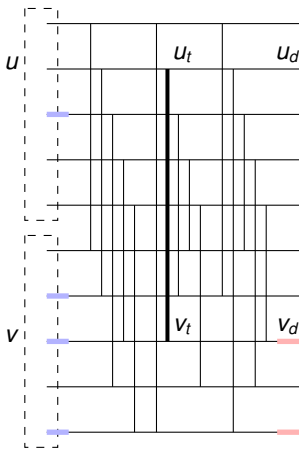
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- Much more work needed to construct the AKS sorting network



AKS network vs. Batcher's network



Donald E. Knuth (Stanford)

“Batcher’s method is much better, unless n exceeds the total memory capacity of all computers on earth!”



Richard J. Lipton (Georgia Tech)

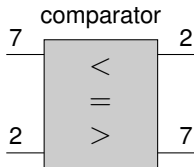
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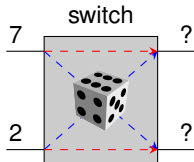
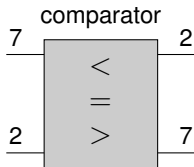
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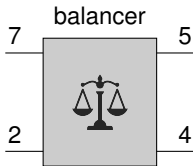
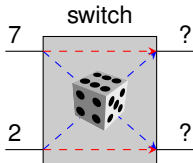
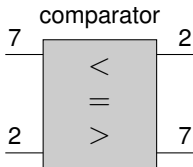
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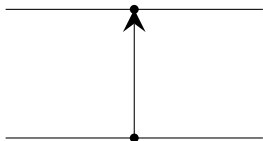
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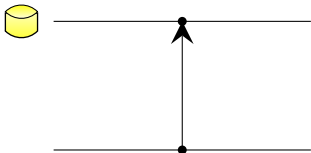
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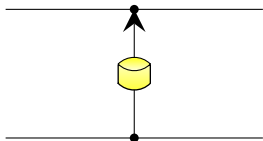
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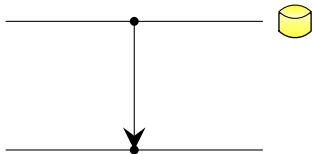
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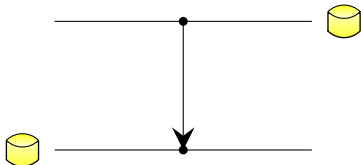
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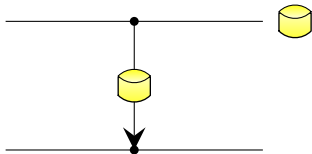
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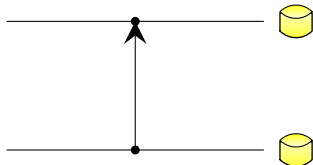
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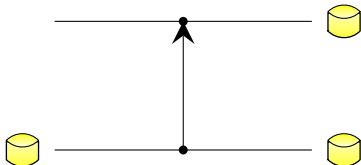
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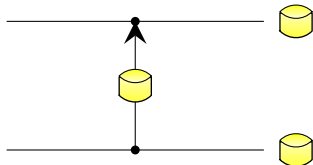
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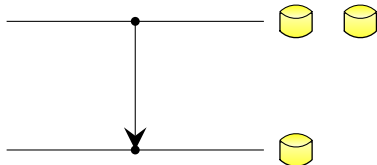
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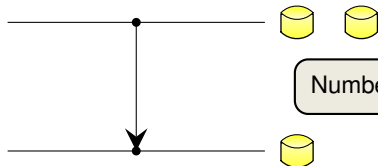
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Key Lemma

Consider a **MERGER**[n]. Then if the inputs $x_1, \dots, x_{n/2}$ and $x_{n/2+1}, \dots, x_n$ have the step property, then so does the output y_1, \dots, y_n .

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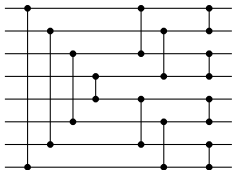


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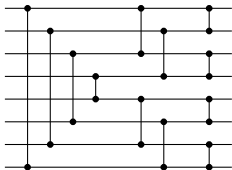


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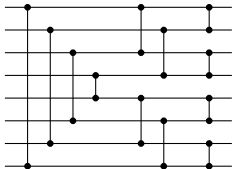


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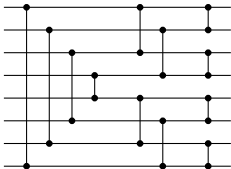


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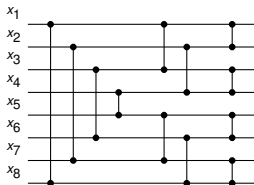


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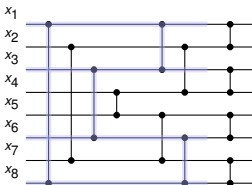


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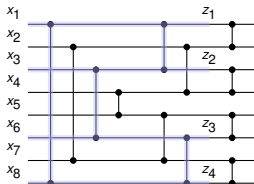


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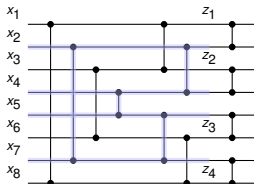


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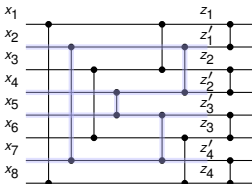


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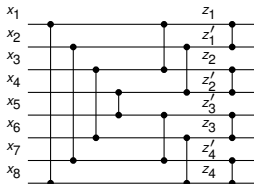


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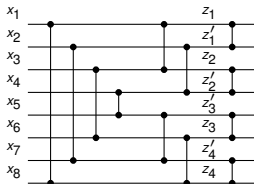


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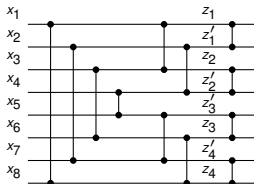


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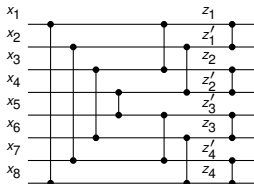


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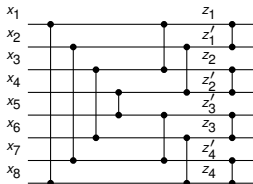


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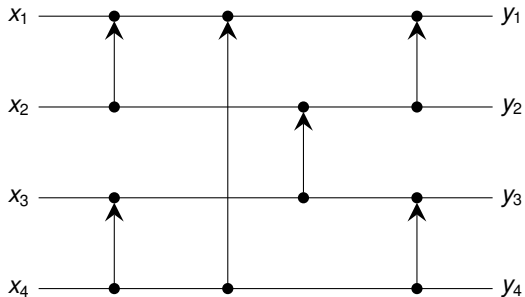


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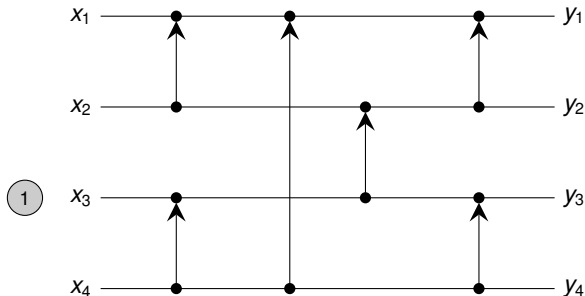
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- $n > 2$: Let $z_1, \dots, z_{n/2}$ and $z'_1, \dots, z'_{n/2}$ be the outputs of the $\text{MERGER}[n/2]$ subnetworks
- IH $\Rightarrow z_1, \dots, z_{n/2}$ and $z'_1, \dots, z'_{n/2}$ have the step property
- Let $Z := \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} z_i$ and $Z' := \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} z'_i$
- Claim: $|Z - Z'| \leq 1$ (since $Z' = \lfloor \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} x_i \rfloor + \lceil \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=n/2+1}^n x_i \rceil$)
- Case 1: If $Z = Z'$, then F2 implies the output of $\text{MERGER}[n]$ is $y_i = z_{1+\lfloor (i-1)/2 \rfloor}$ ✓
- Case 2: If $|Z - Z'| = 1$, F3 implies $z_i = z'_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n/2$ except a unique j with $z_j \neq z'_j$.
Balancer between z_j and z'_j will ensure that the step property holds.



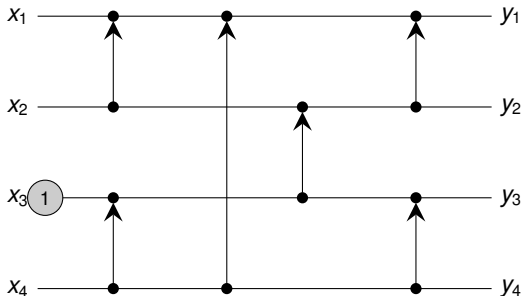
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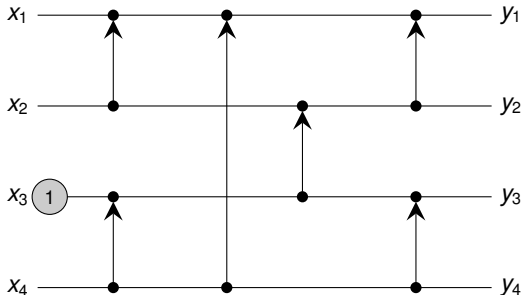
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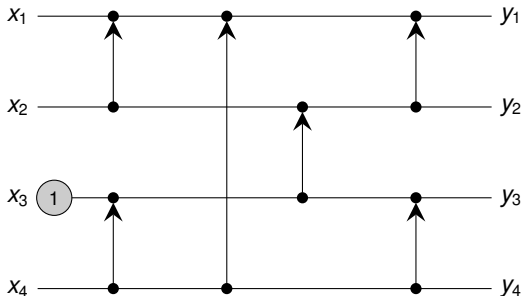
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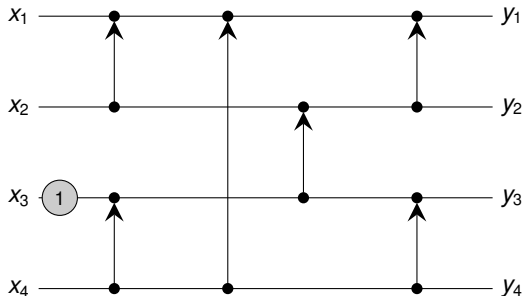
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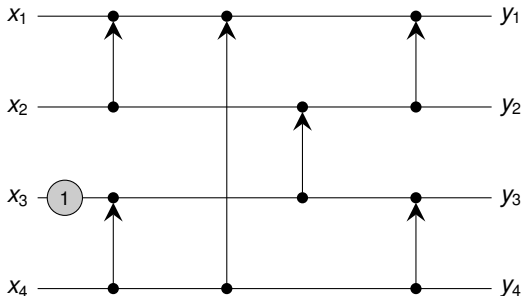
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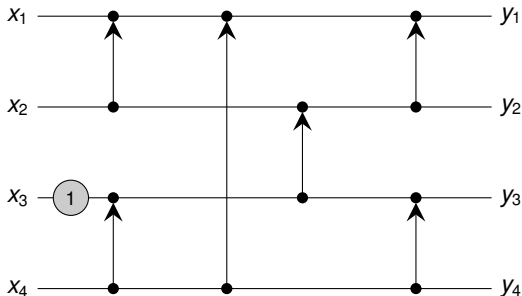
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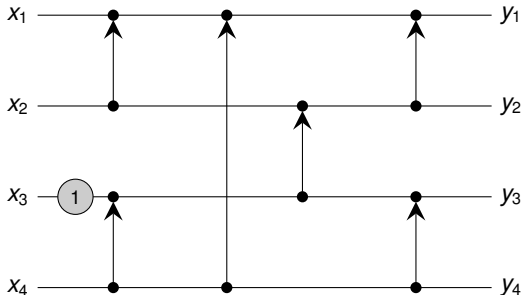
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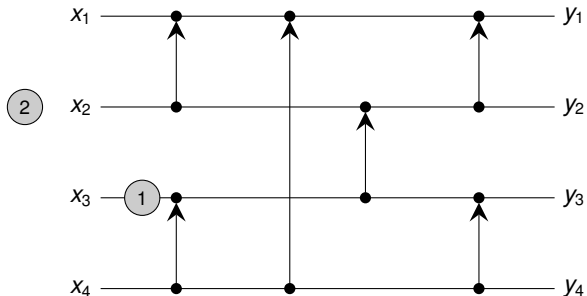
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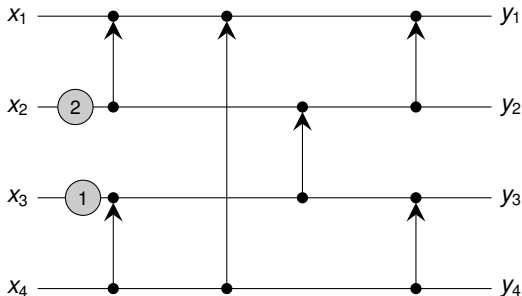
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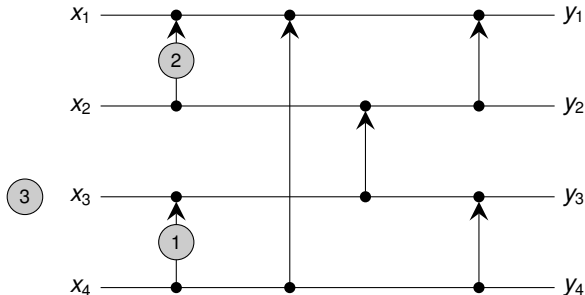
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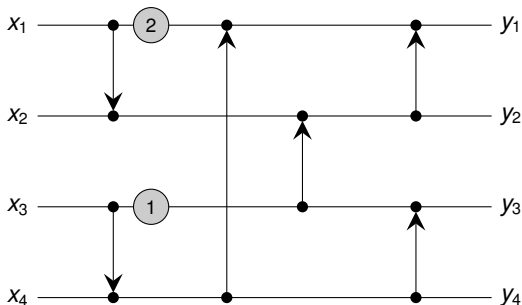
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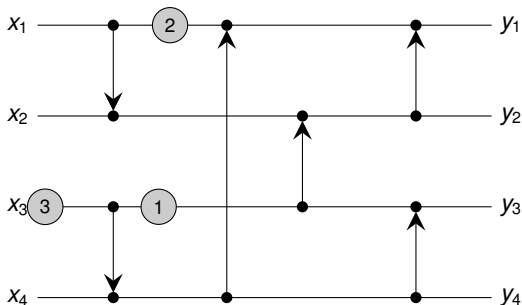
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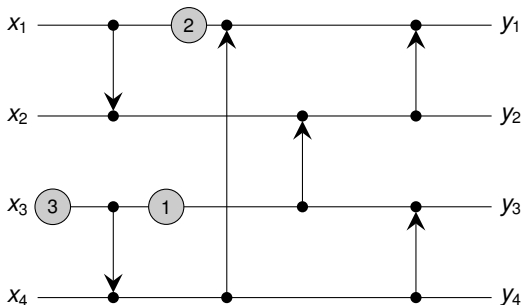
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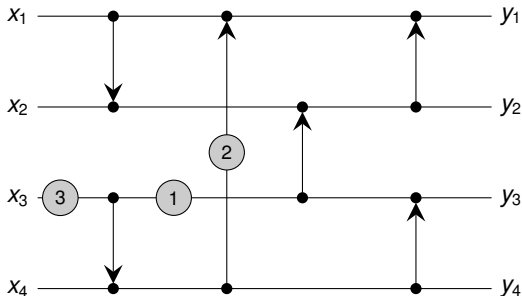
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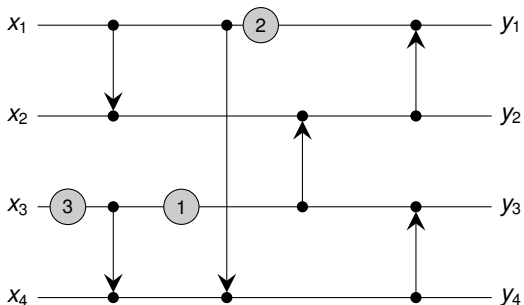
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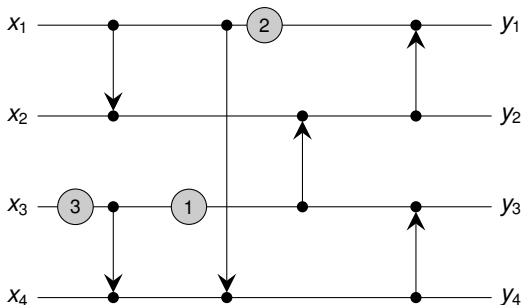
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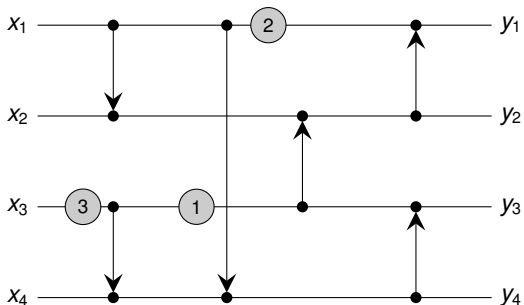
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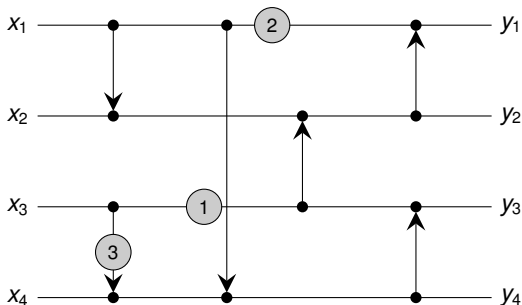
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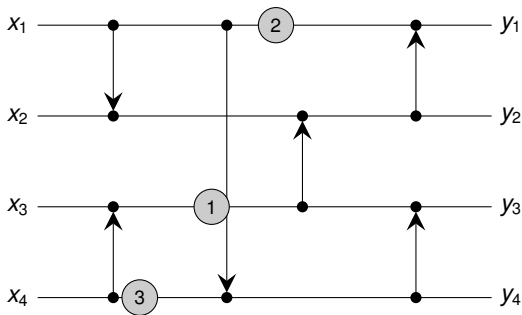
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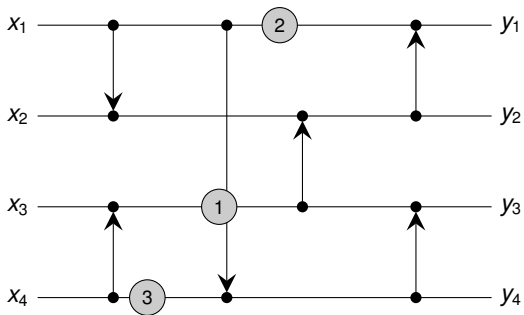
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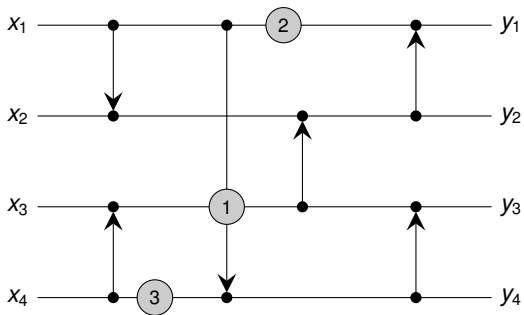
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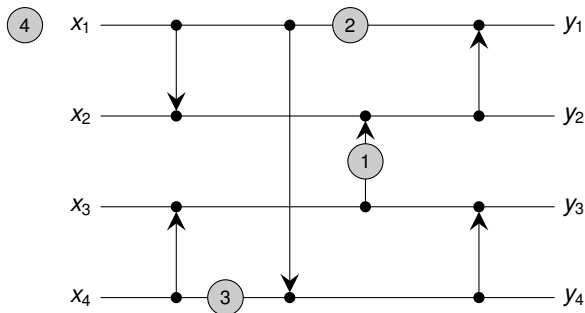
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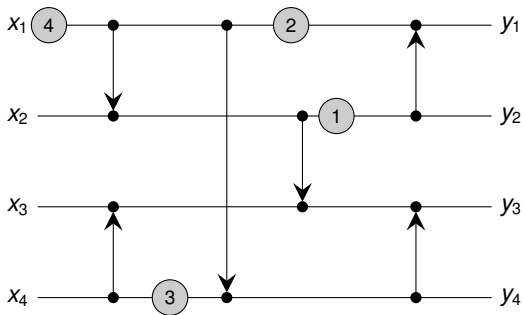
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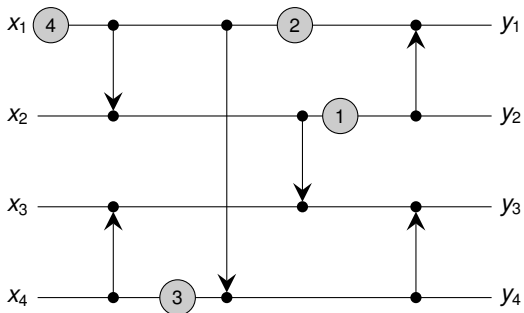
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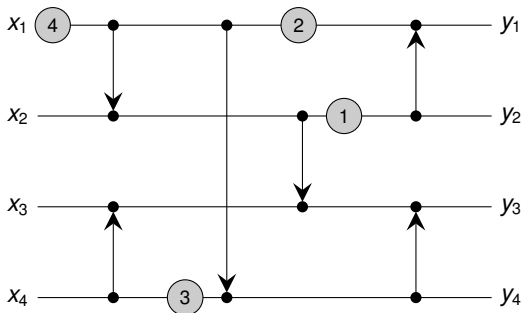
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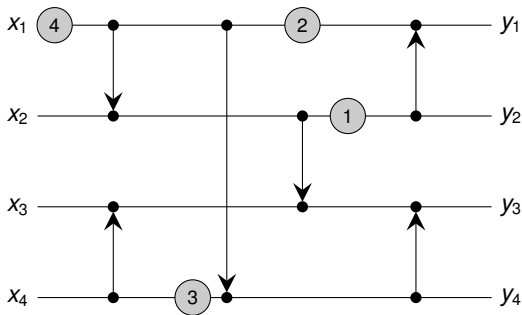
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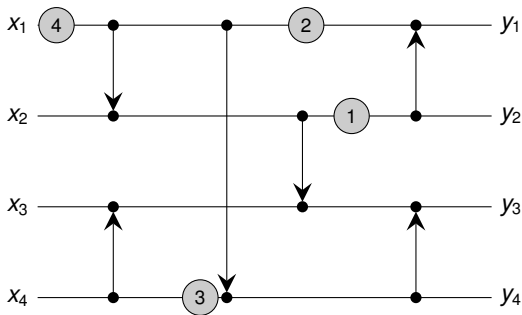
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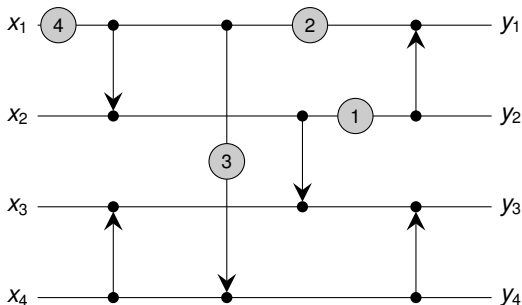
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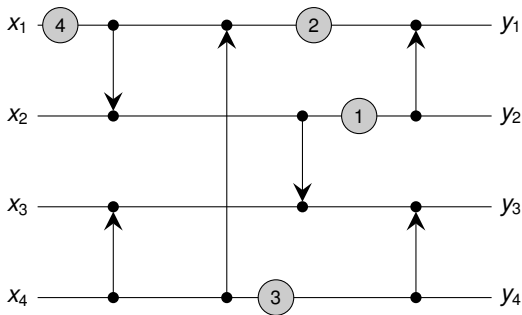
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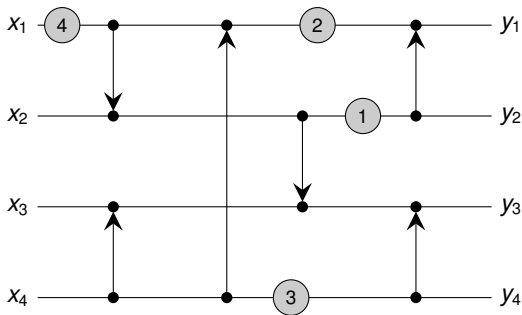
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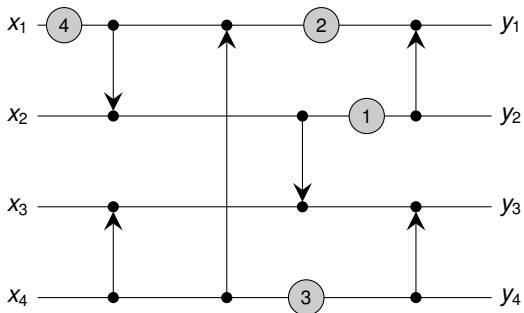
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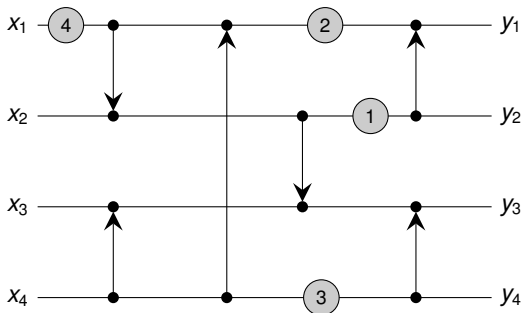
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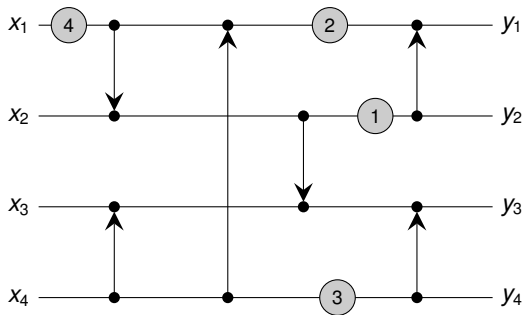
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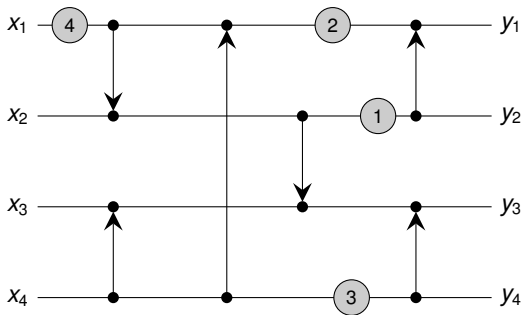
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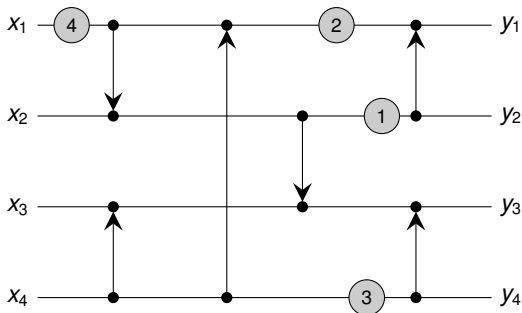
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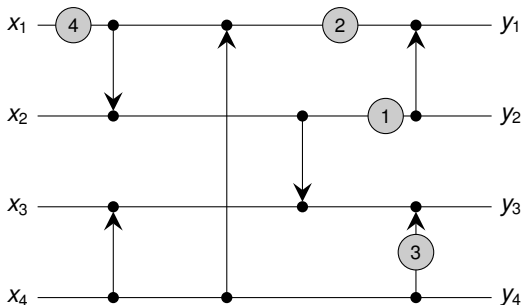
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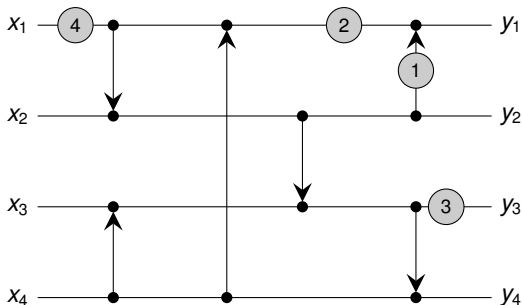
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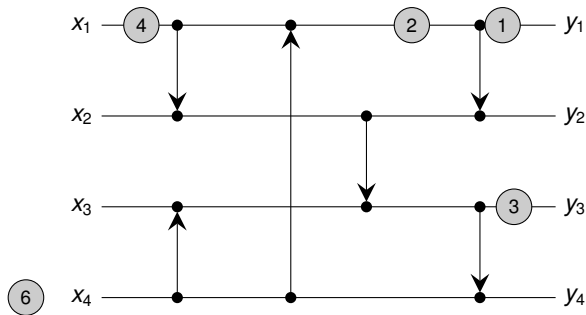
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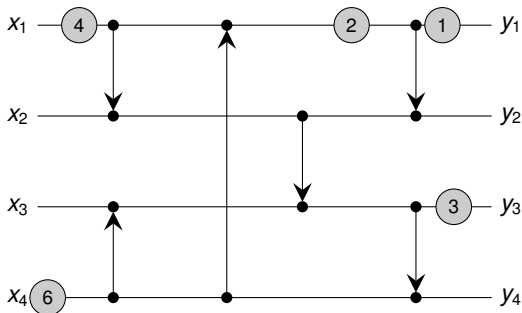
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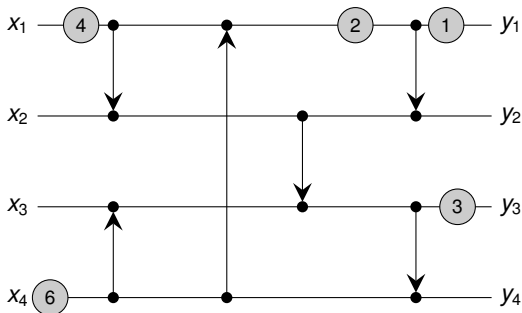
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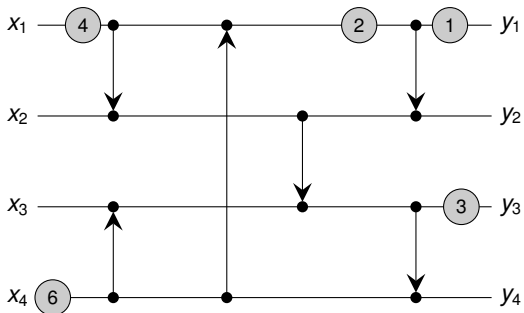
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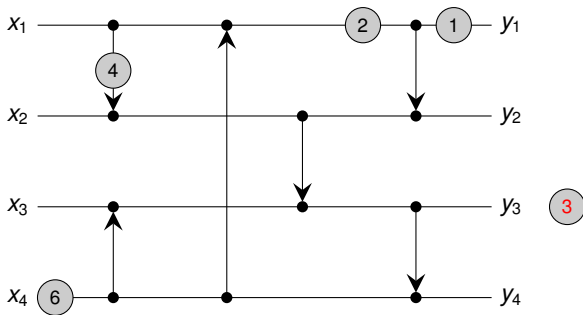
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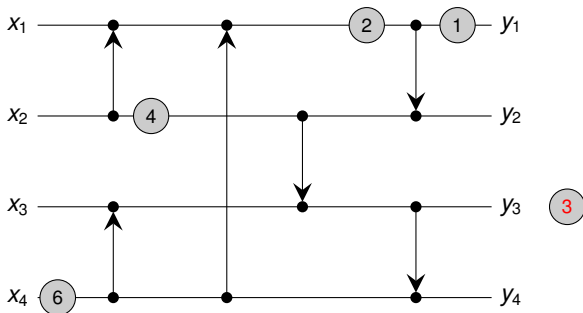
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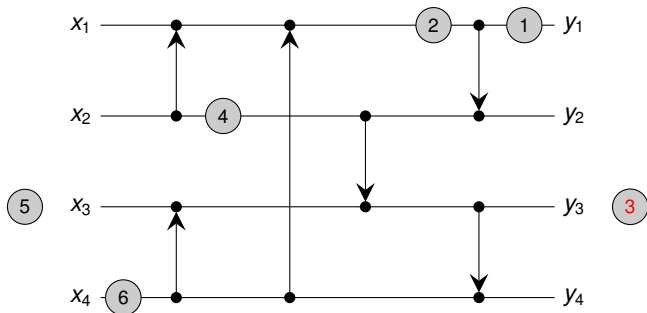
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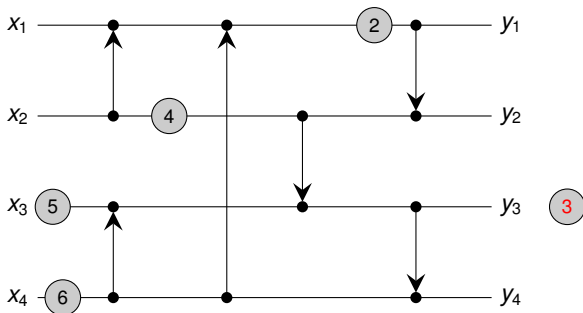
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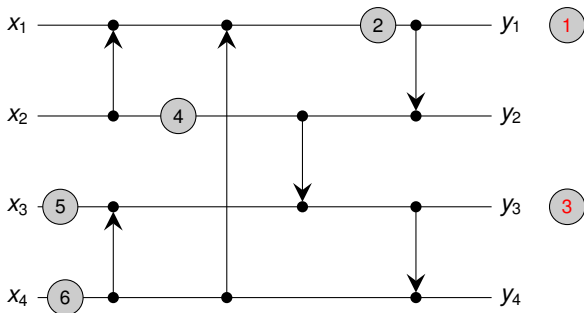
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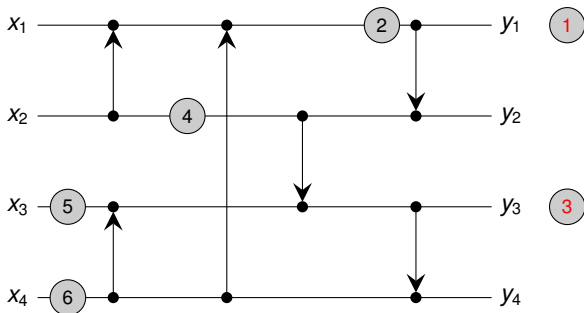
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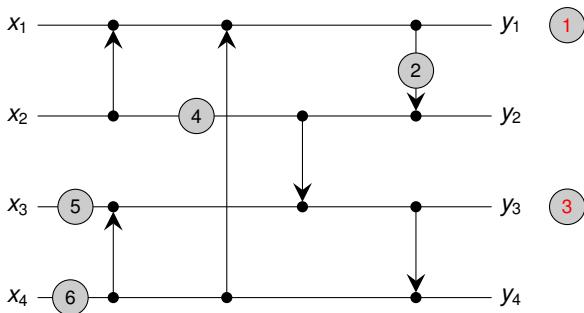
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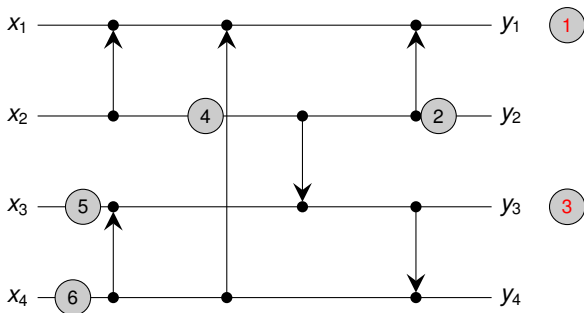
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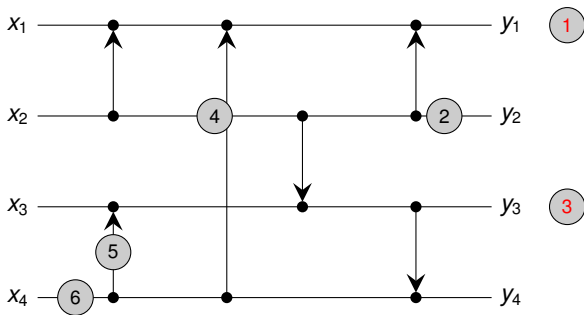
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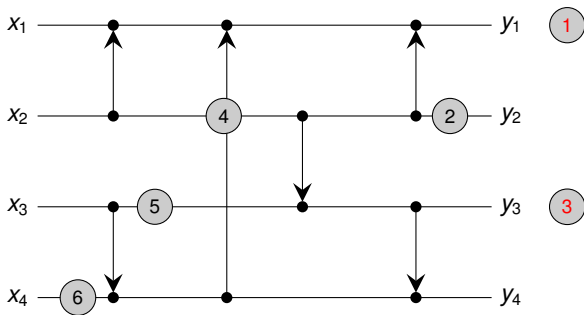
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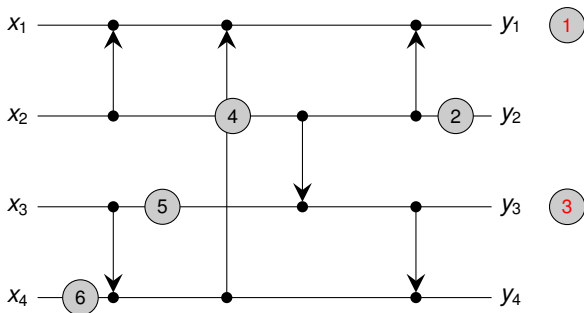
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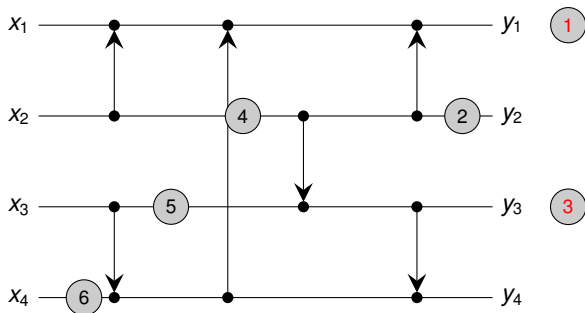
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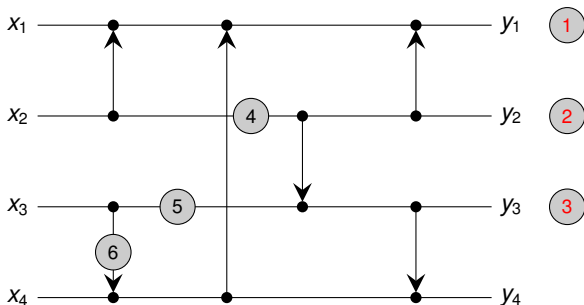
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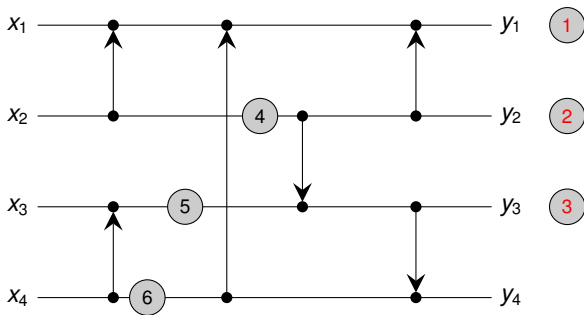
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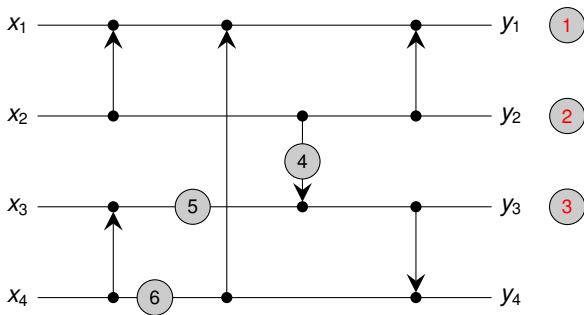
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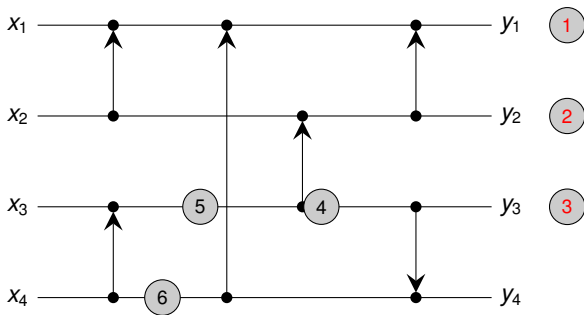
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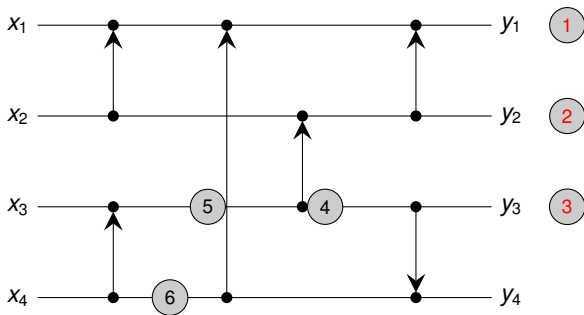
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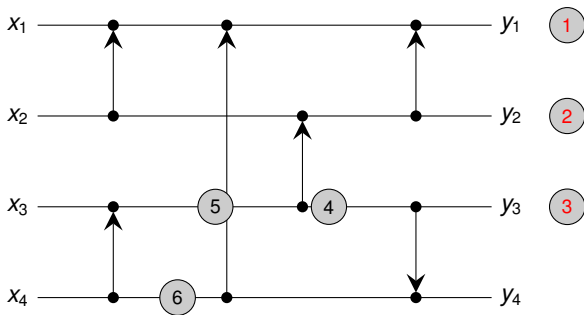
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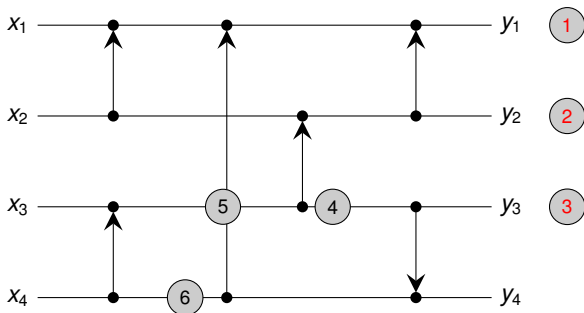
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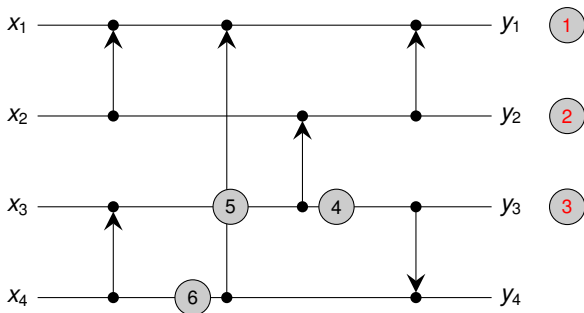
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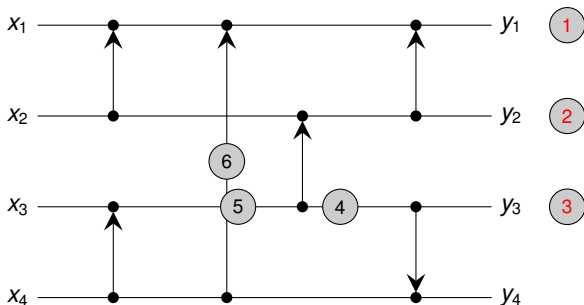
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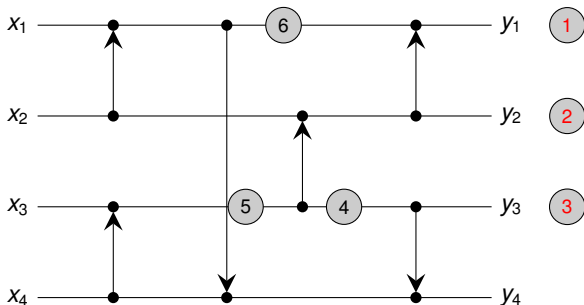
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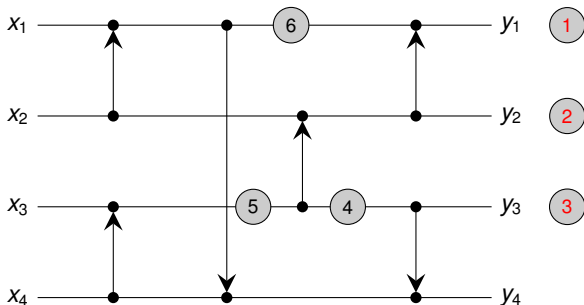
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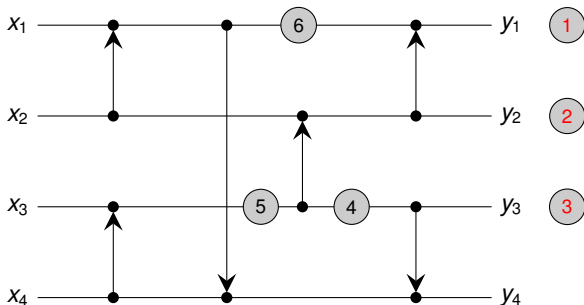
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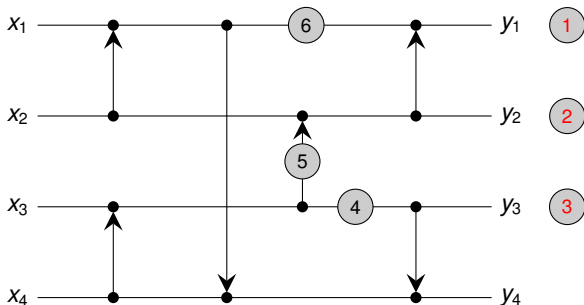
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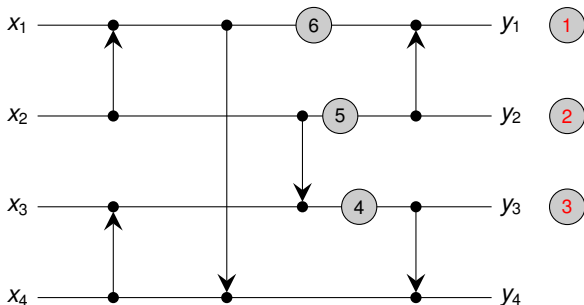
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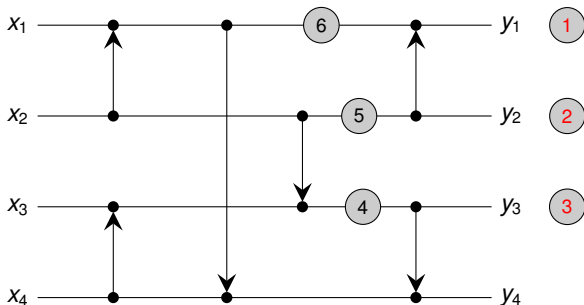
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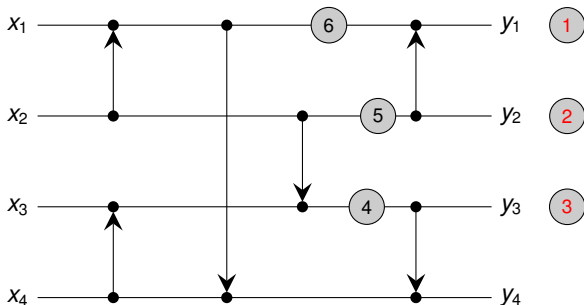
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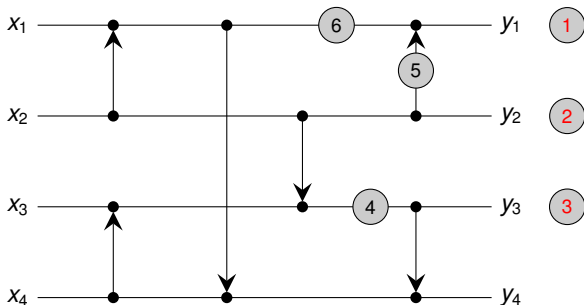
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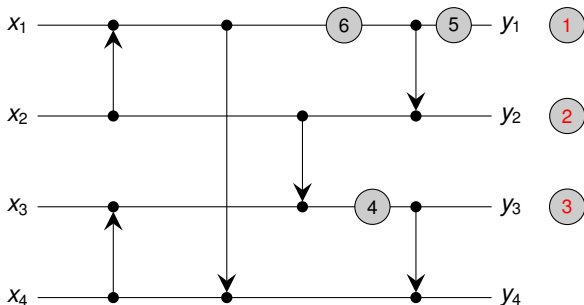
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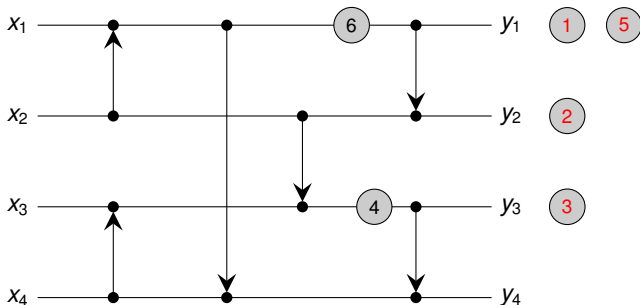
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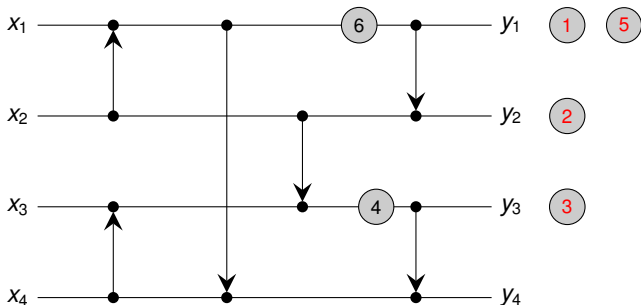
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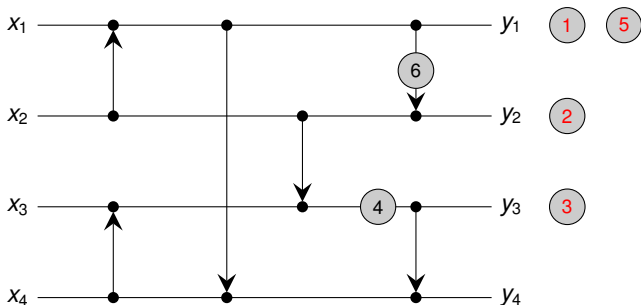
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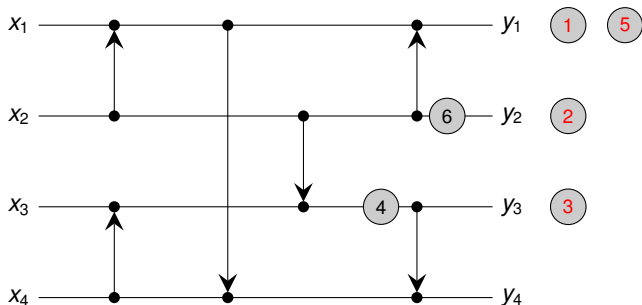
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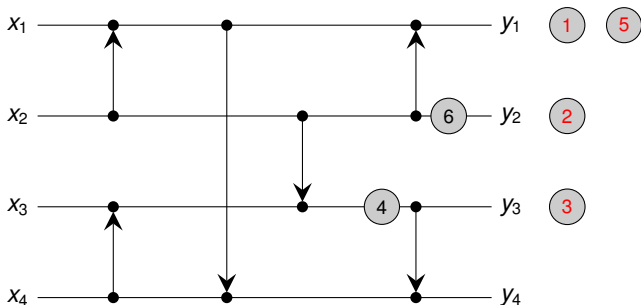
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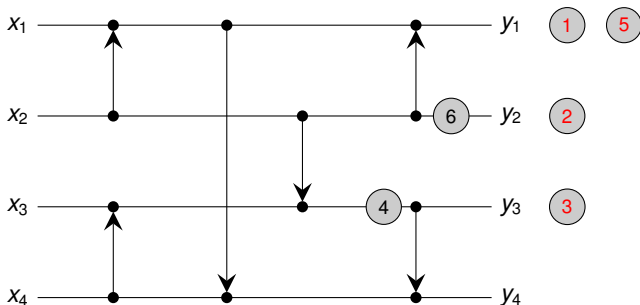
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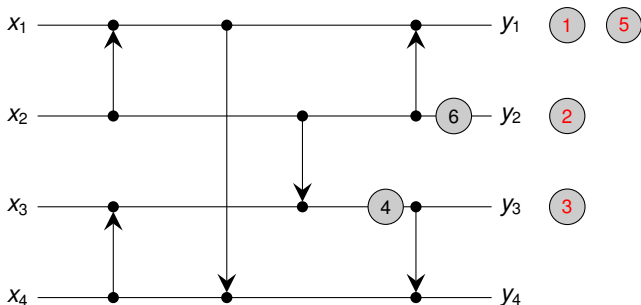
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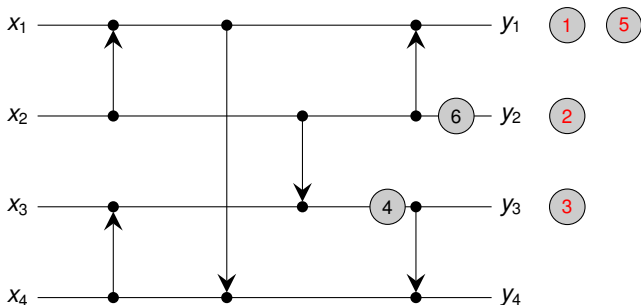
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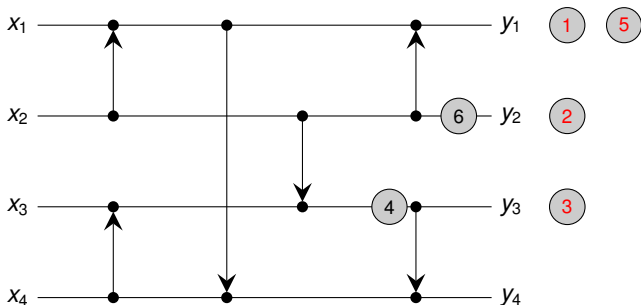
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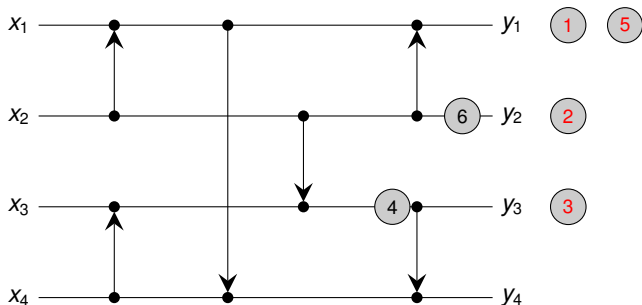
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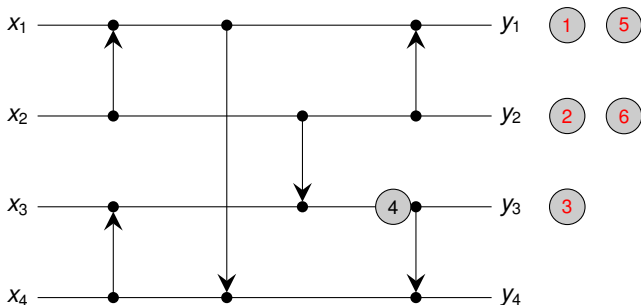
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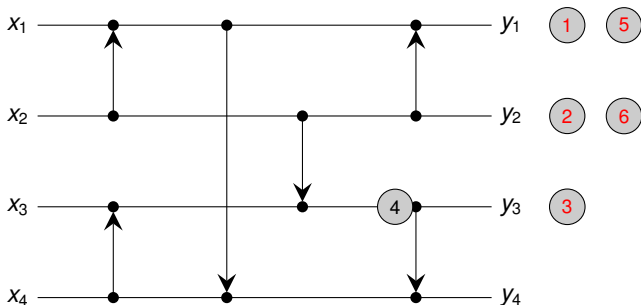
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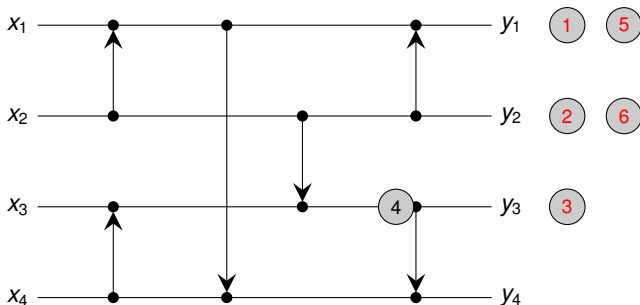
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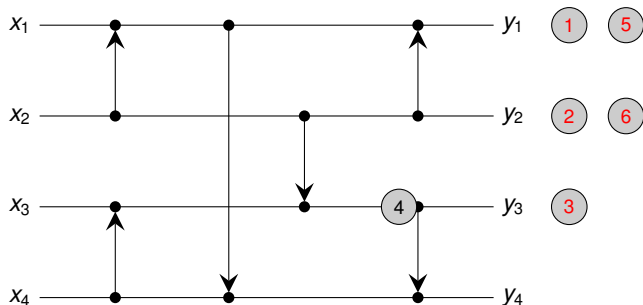
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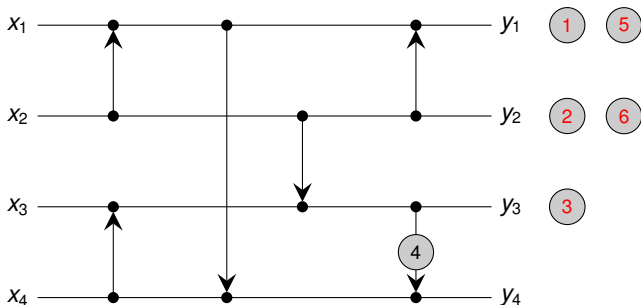
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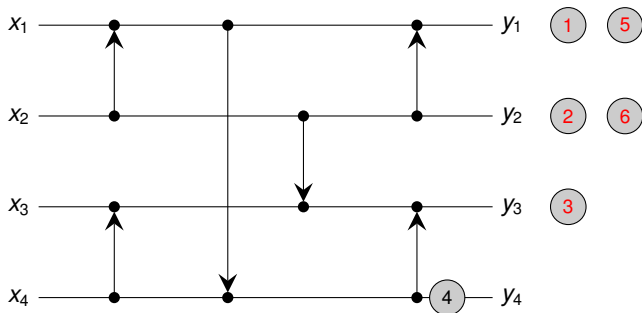
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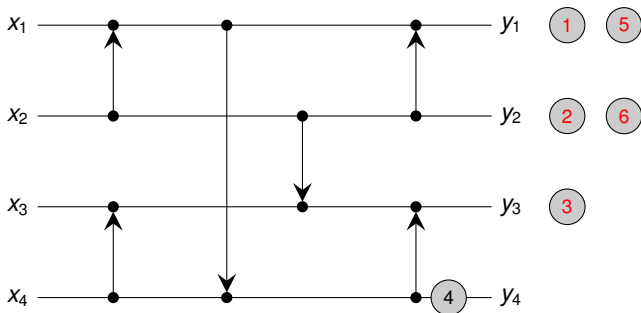
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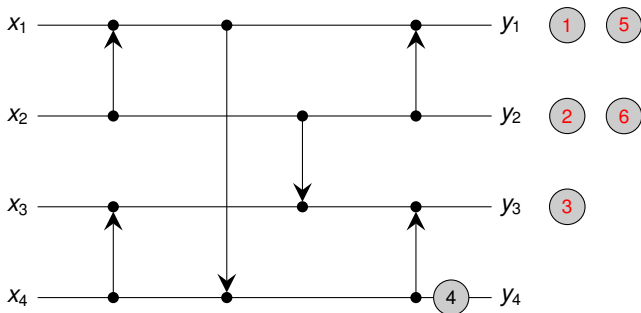
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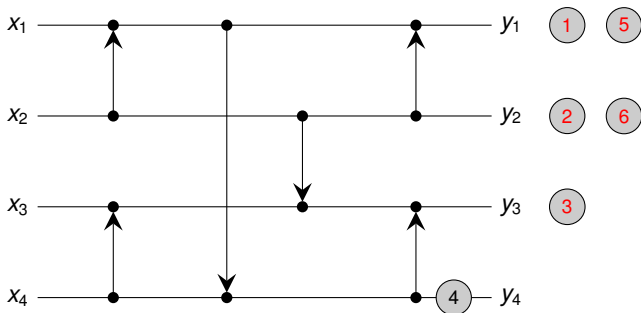
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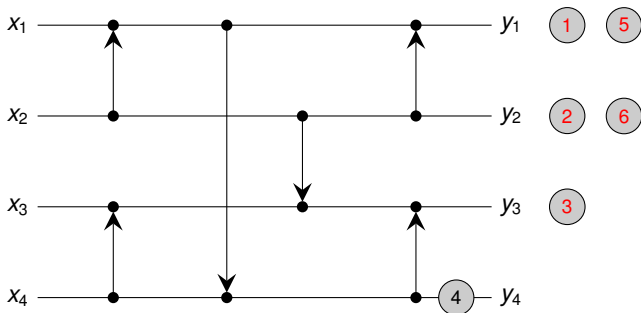
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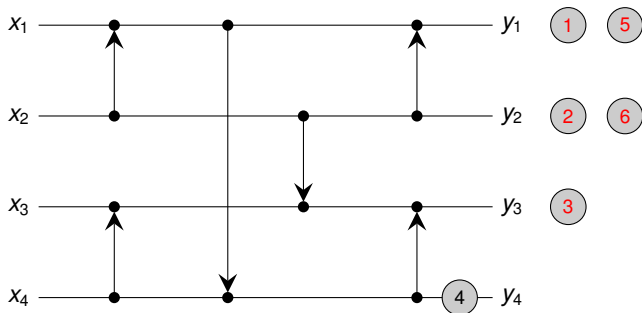
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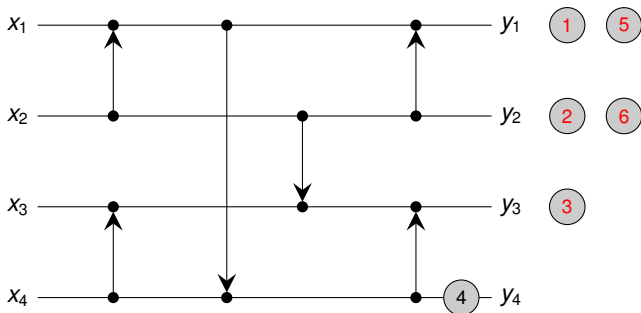
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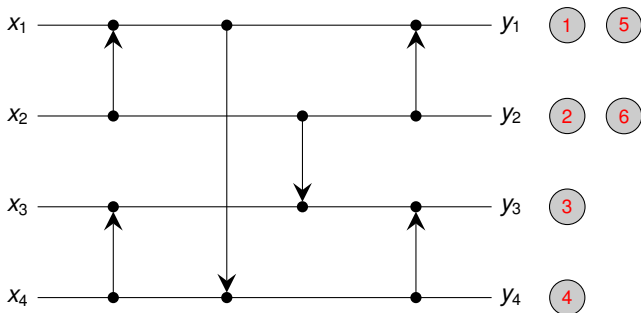
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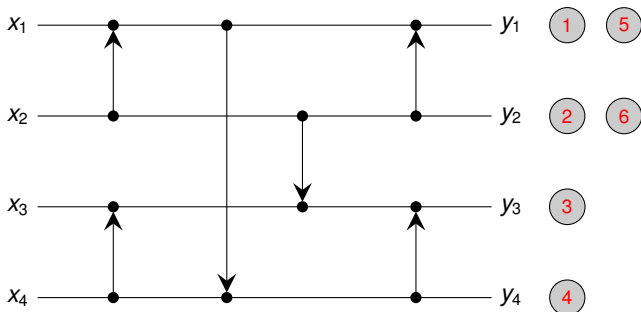
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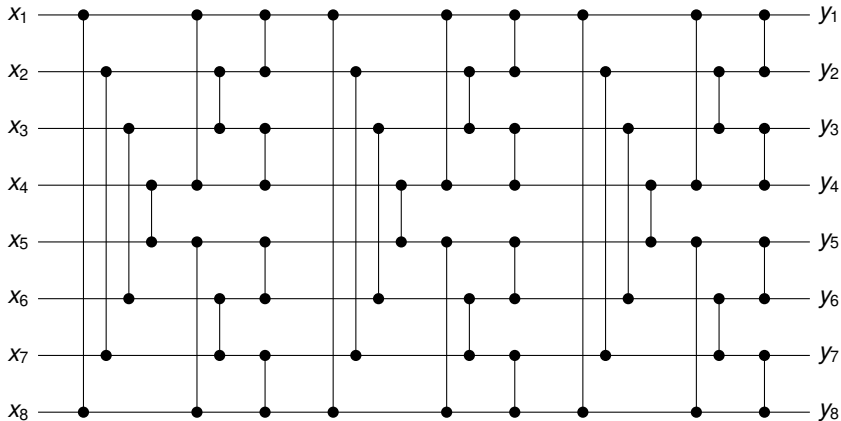
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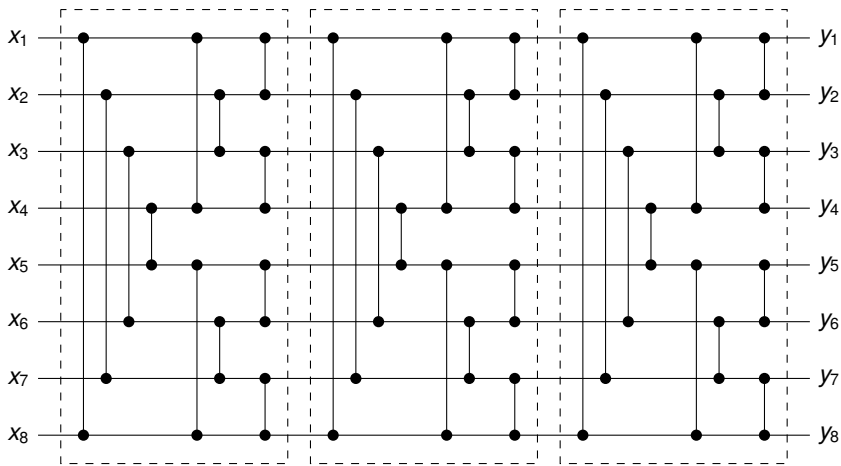
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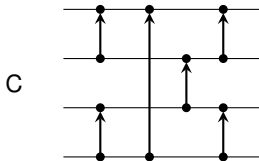
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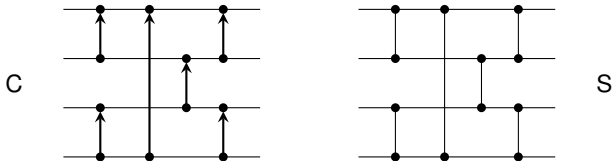
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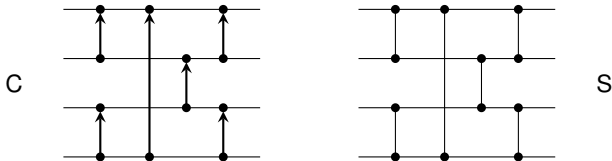
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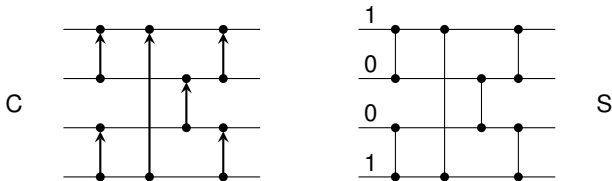
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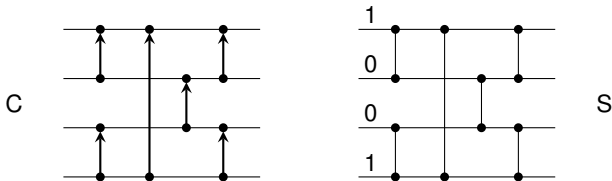
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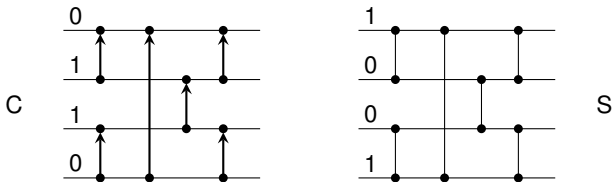
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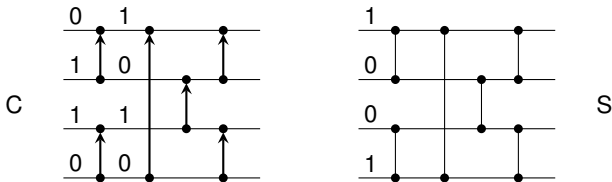
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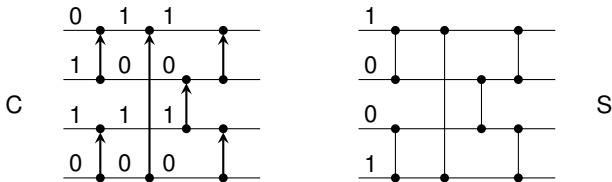
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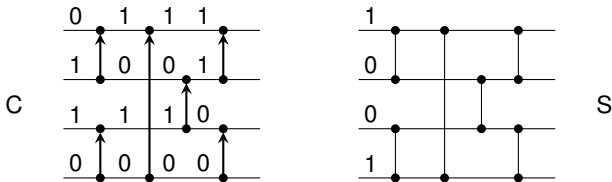
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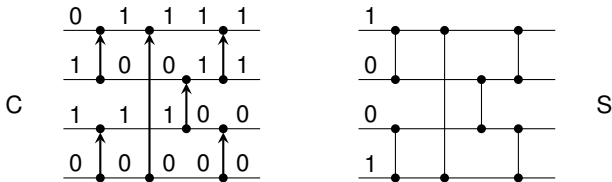
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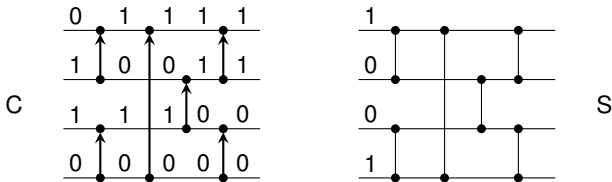
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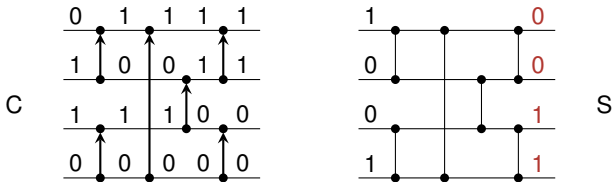
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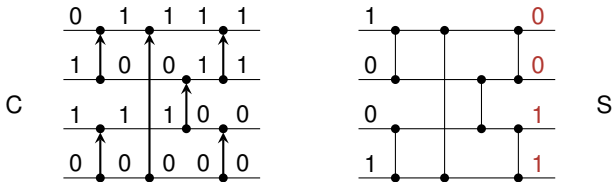
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Solving the Recursion

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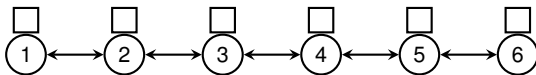
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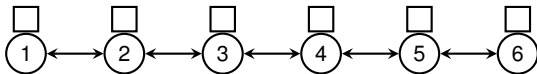
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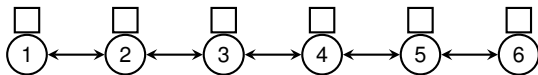
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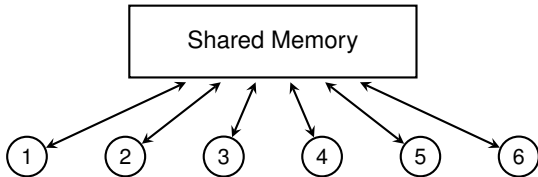
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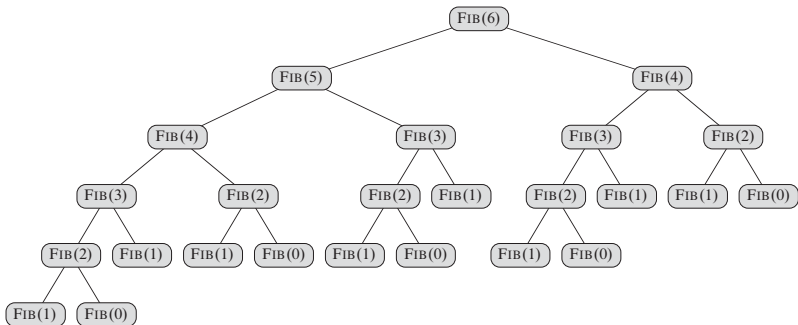


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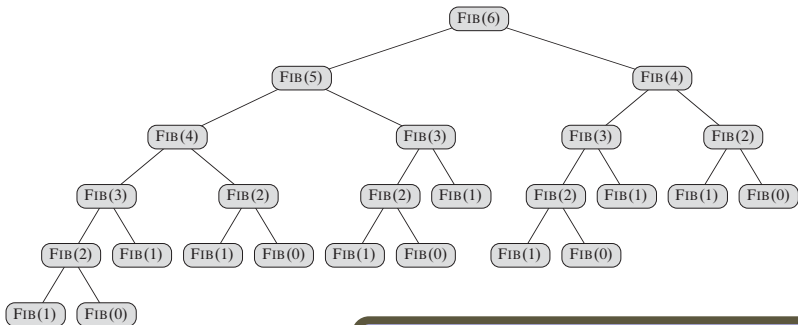
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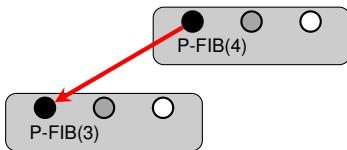
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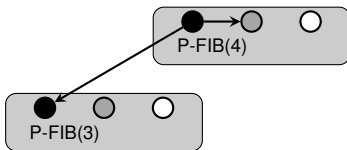
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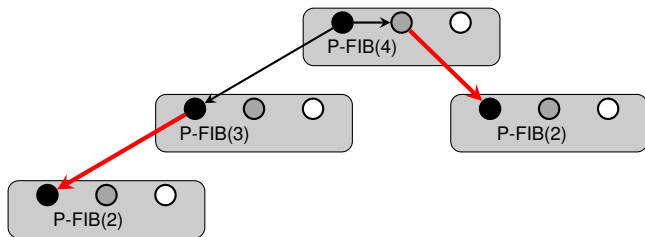
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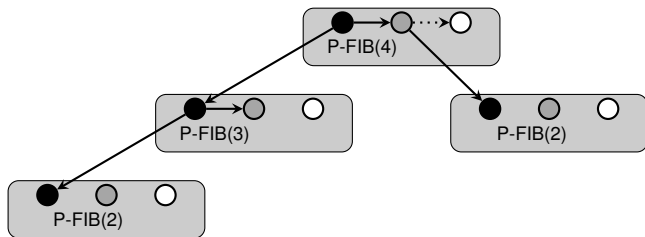
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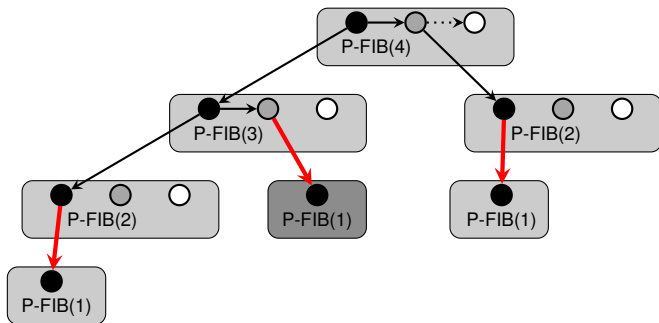
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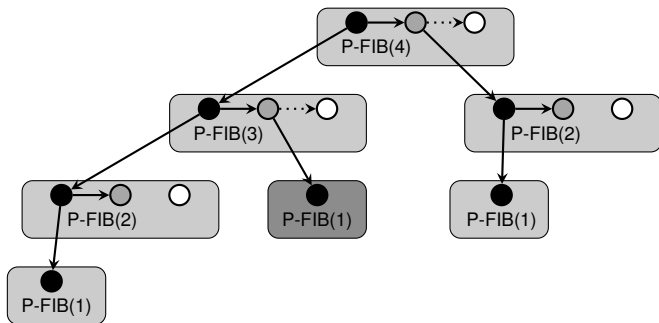
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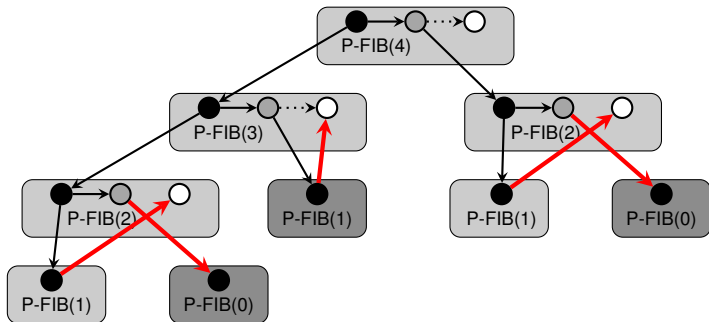
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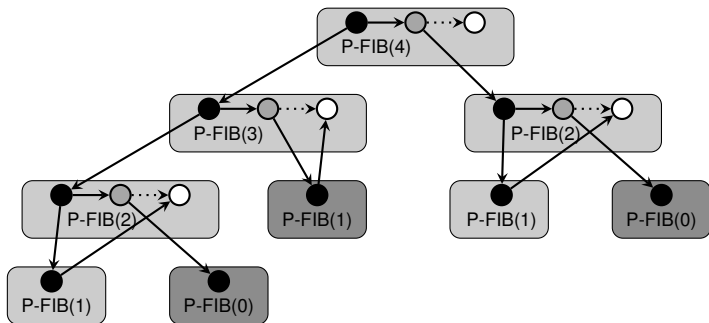
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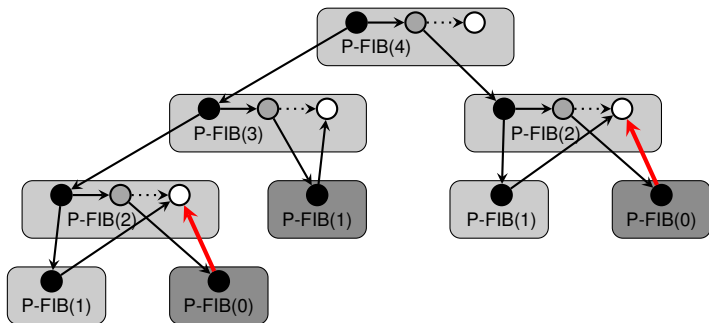
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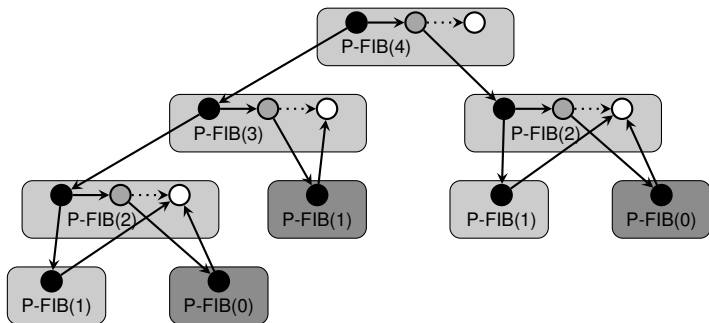
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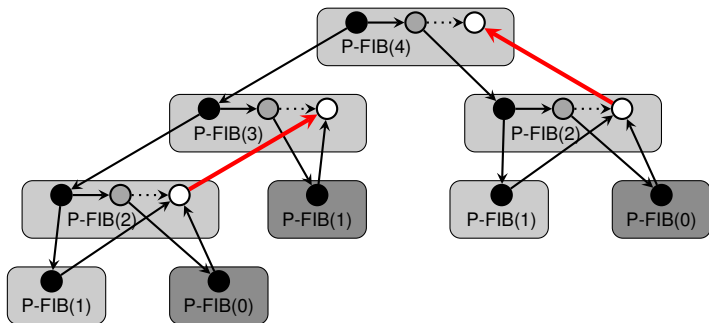
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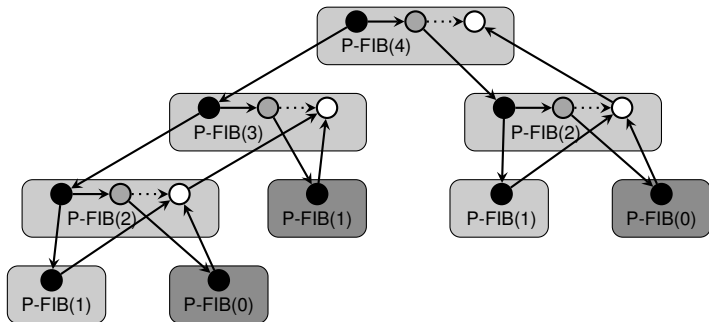
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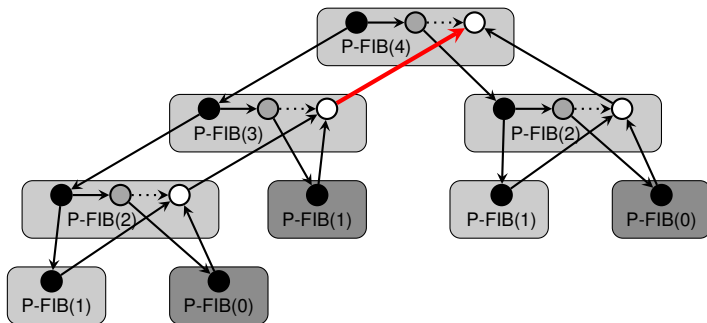
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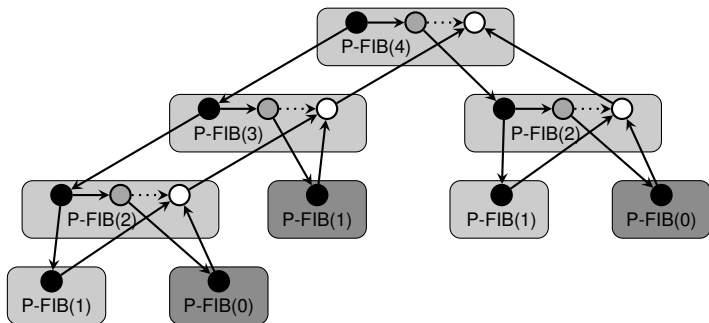
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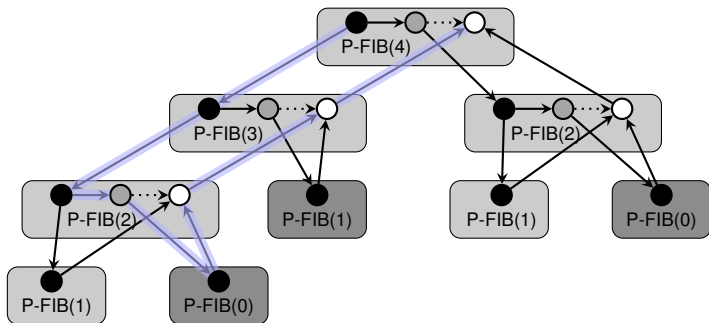
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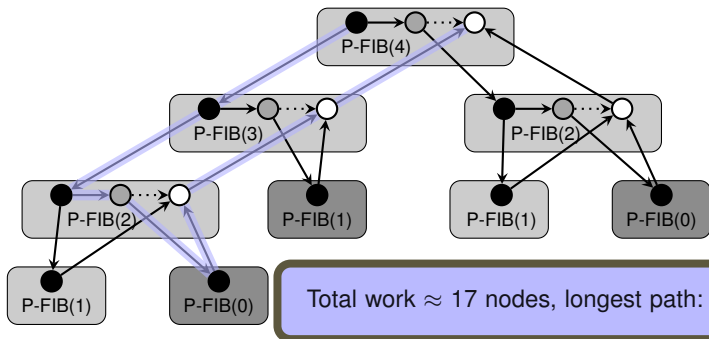
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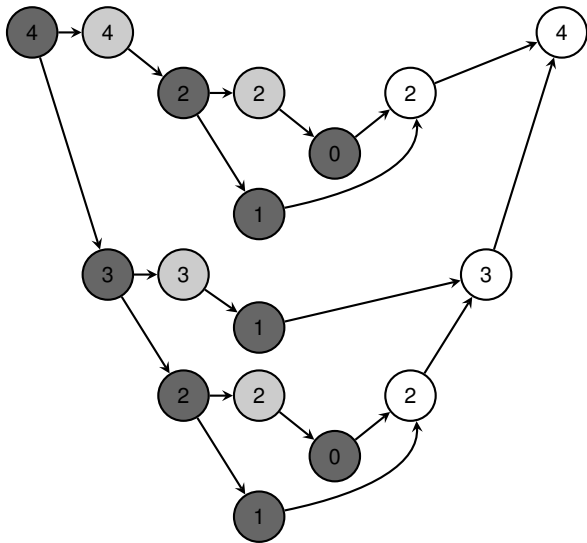
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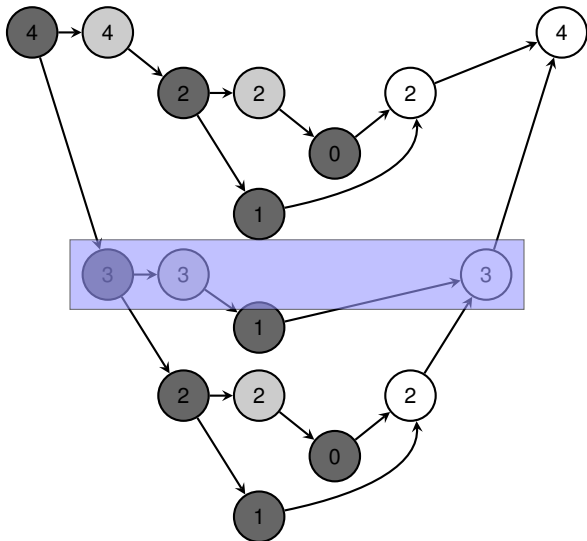
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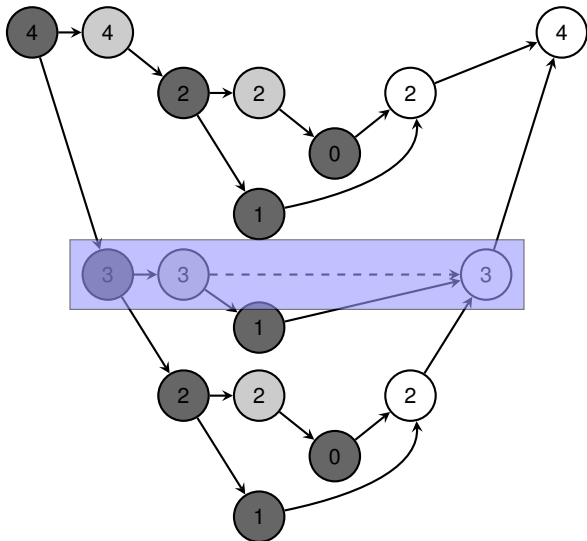
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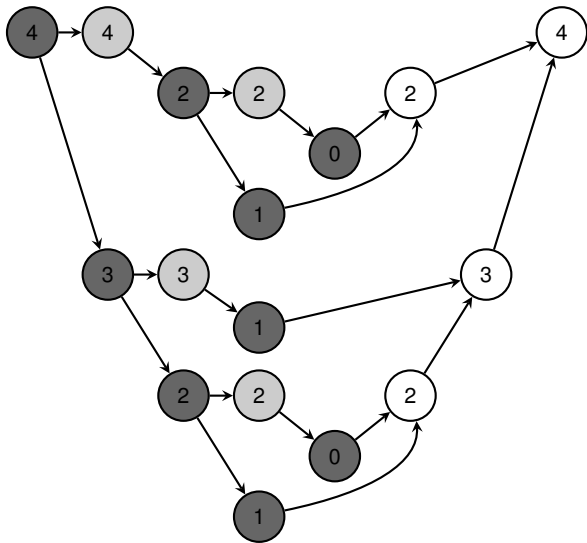
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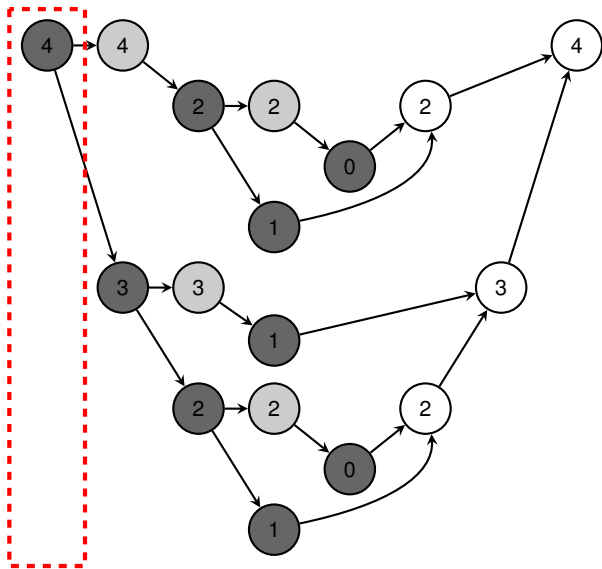
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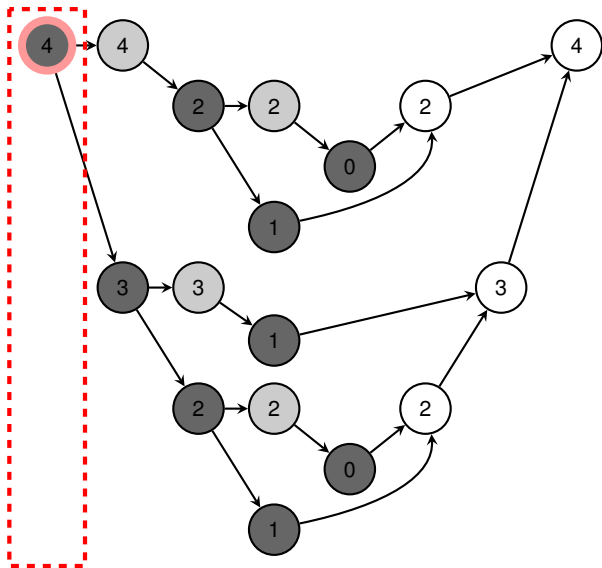
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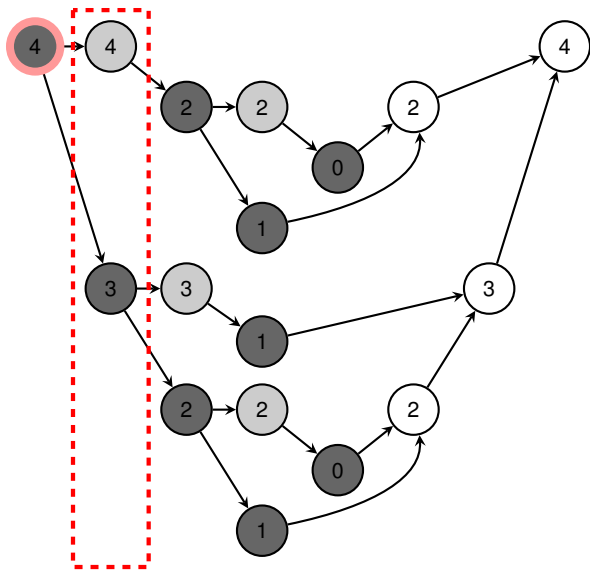
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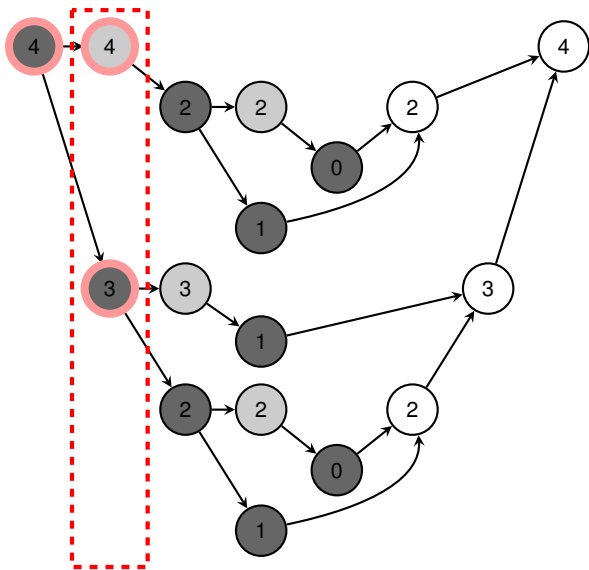
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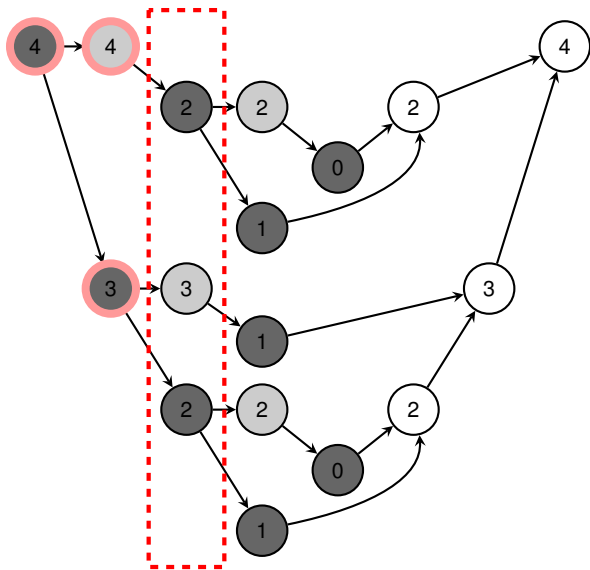
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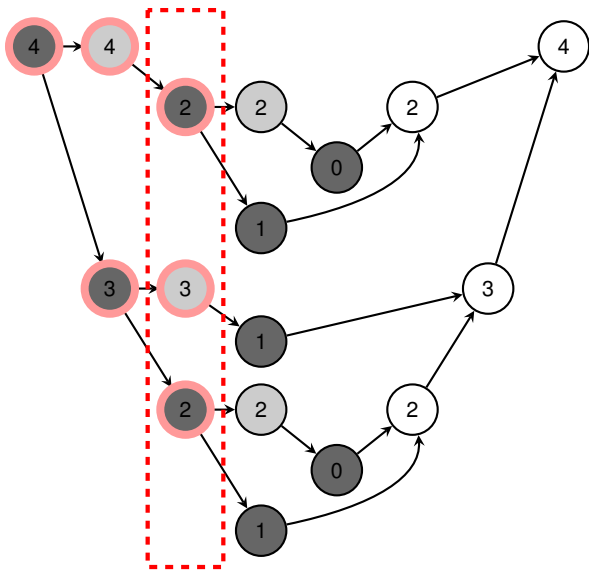
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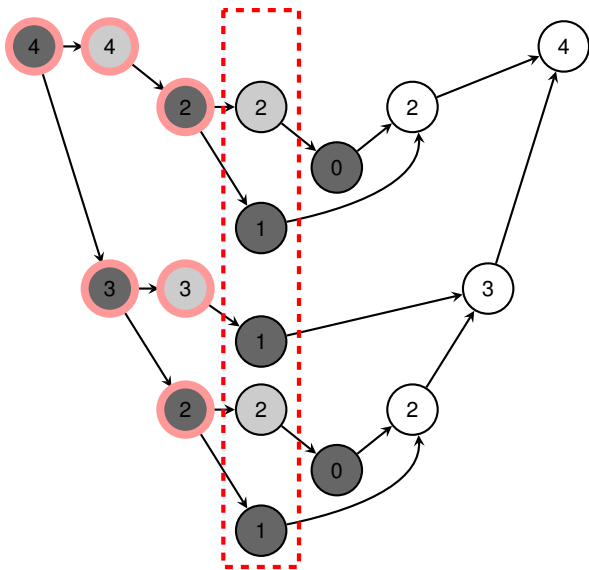
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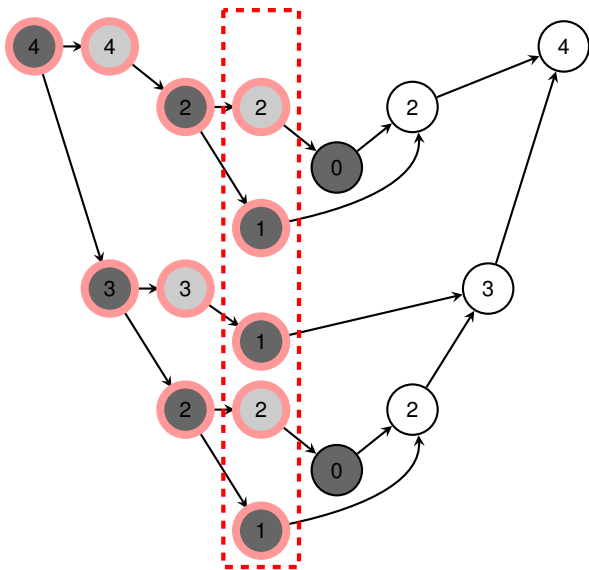
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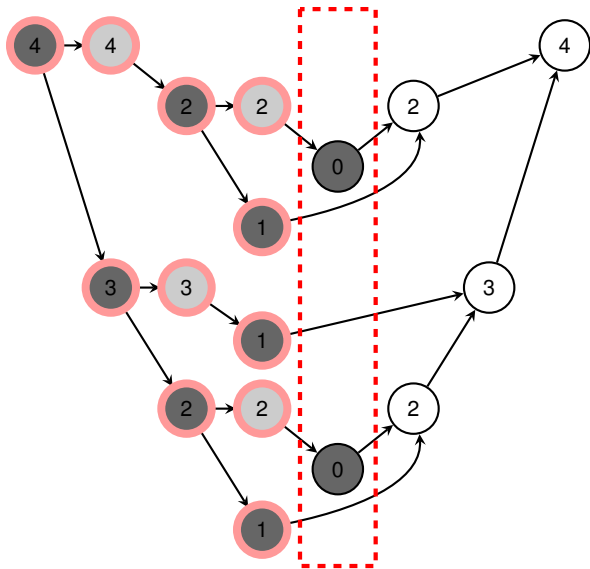
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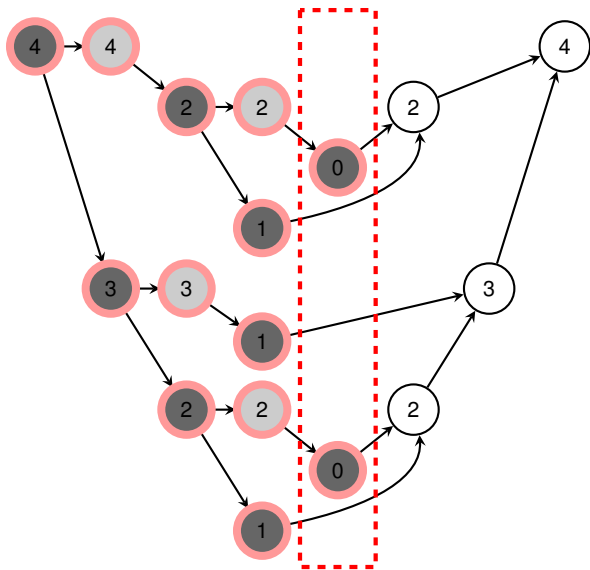
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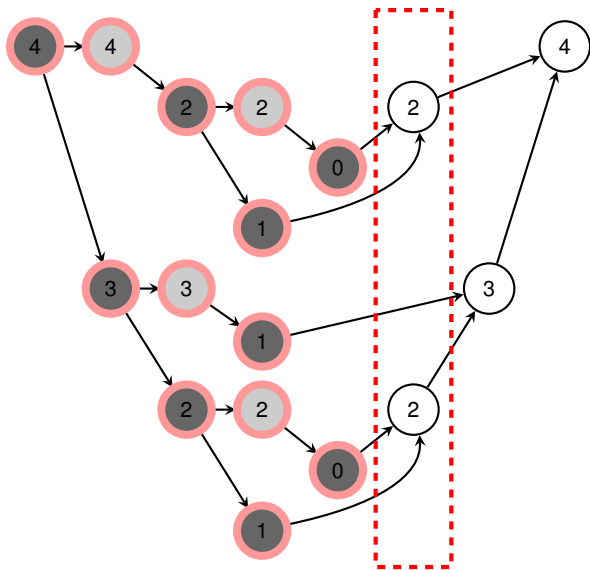
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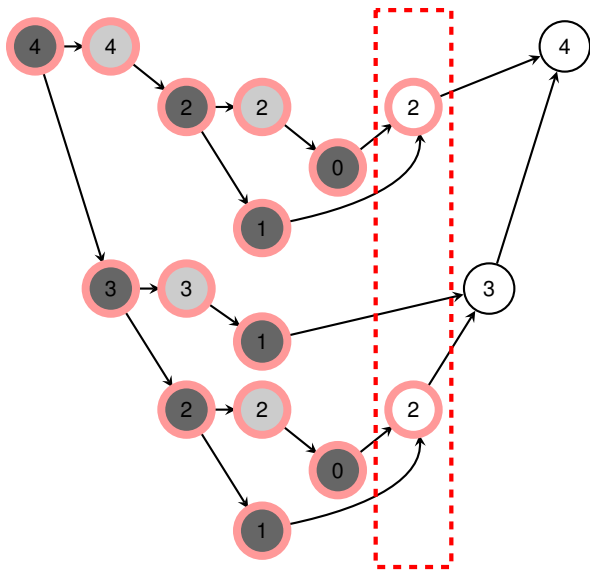
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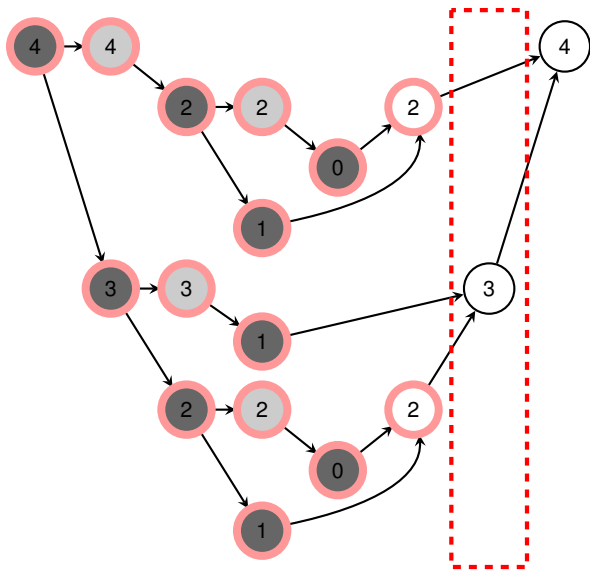
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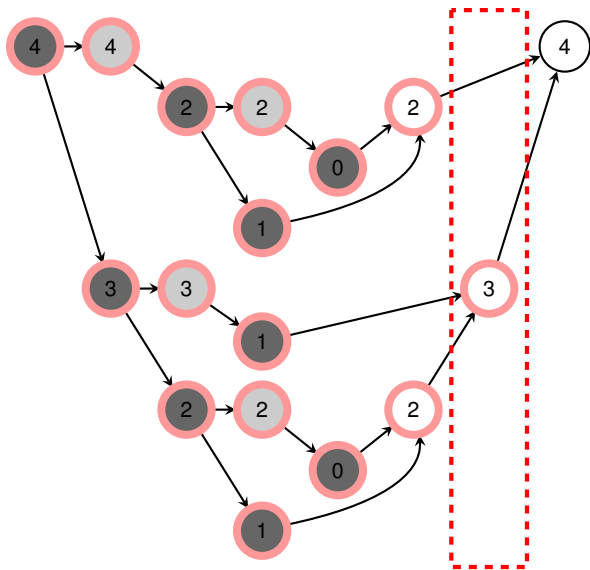
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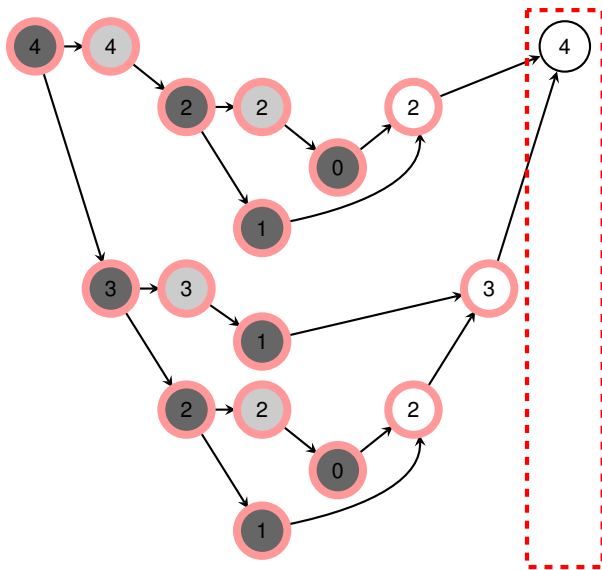
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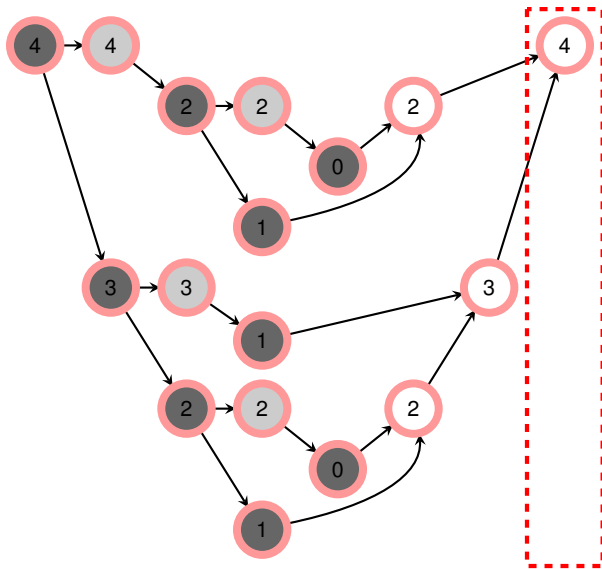
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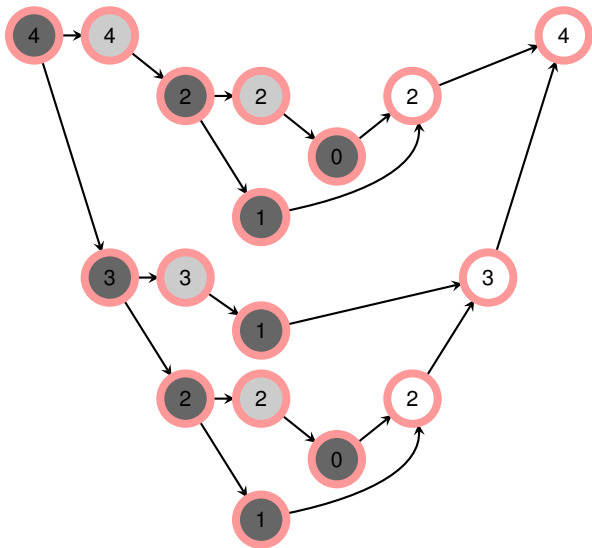
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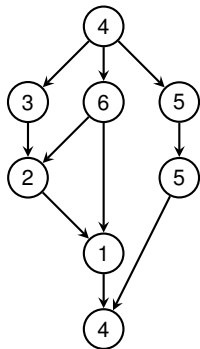
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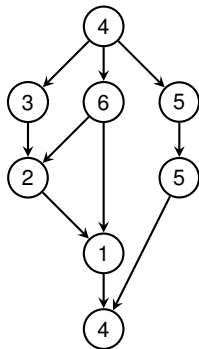


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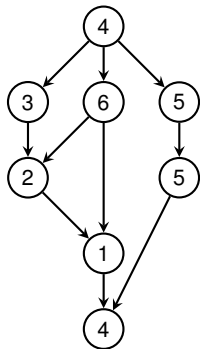
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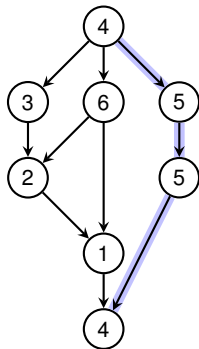
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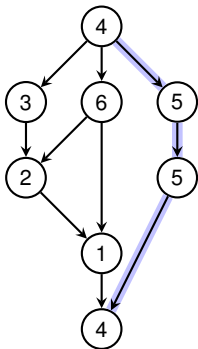
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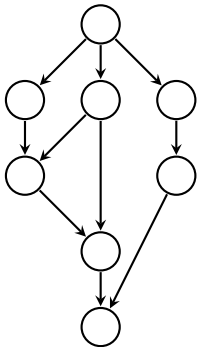
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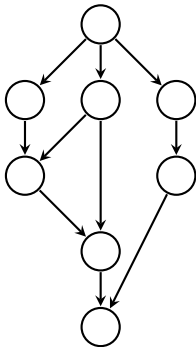
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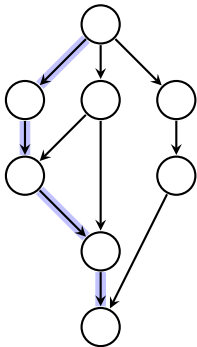
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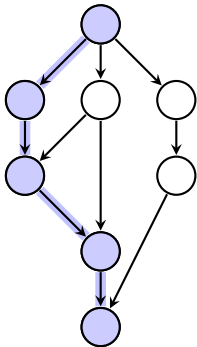
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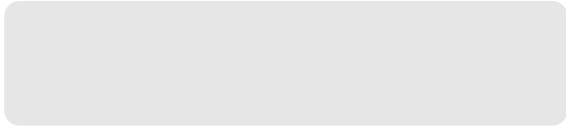
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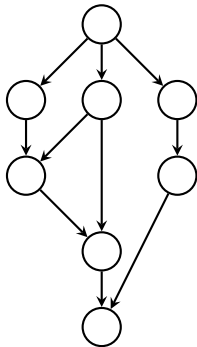


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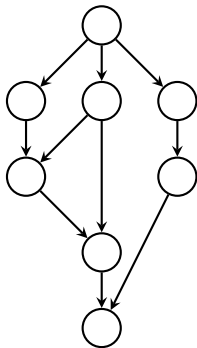
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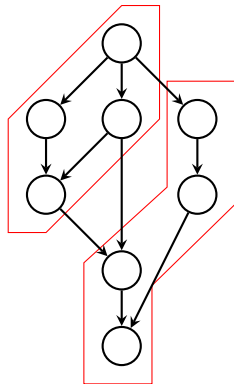
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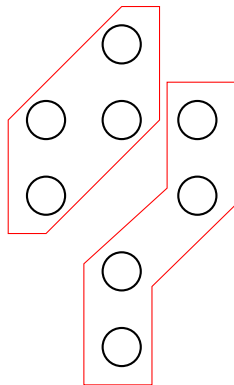
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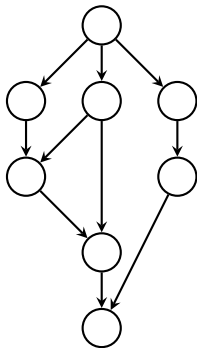
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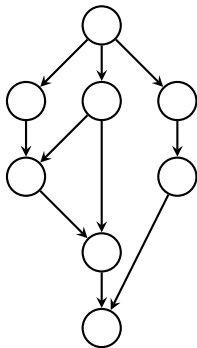
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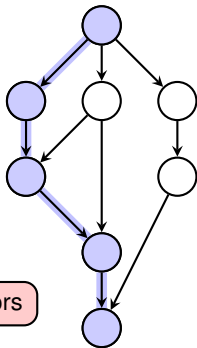
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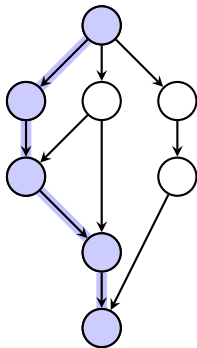
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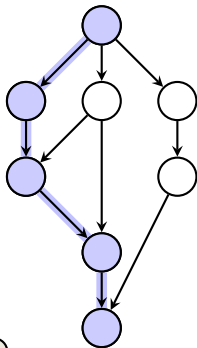
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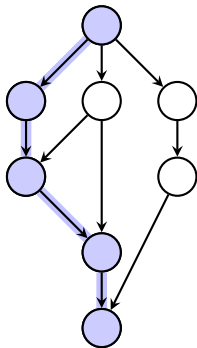
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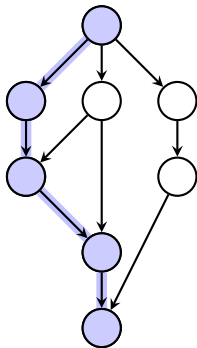
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Implementing `parallel for` based on Divide-and-Conquer

MAT-VEC-MAIN-LOOP(A, x, y, n, i, i')

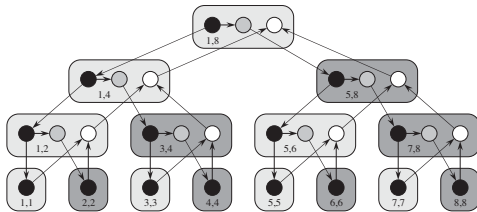
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1  if  $i == i'$ 
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5    spawn MAT-VEC-MAIN-LOOP( $A, x, y, n, i, mid$ )
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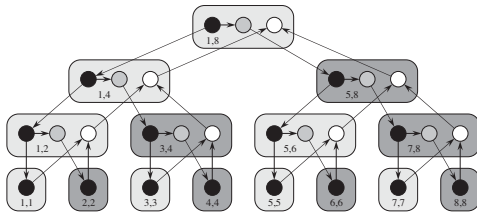
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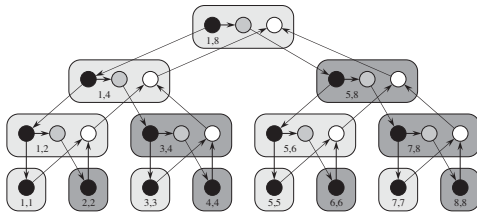
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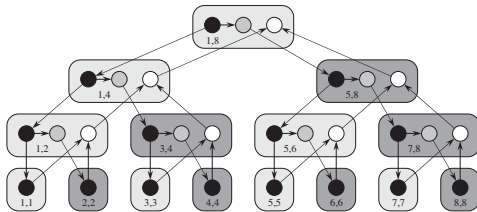
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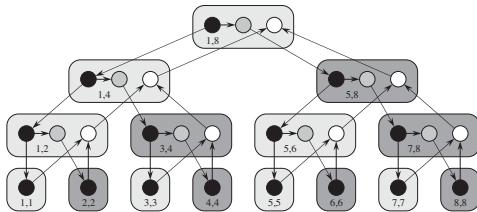
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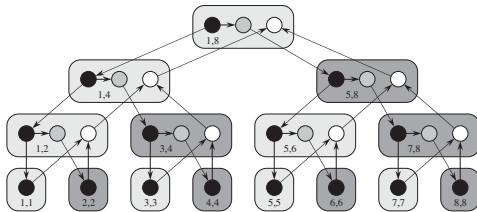
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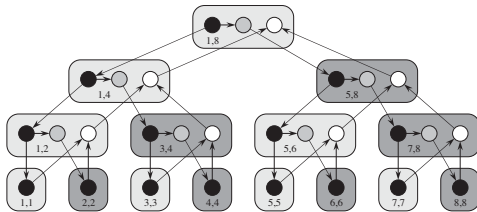
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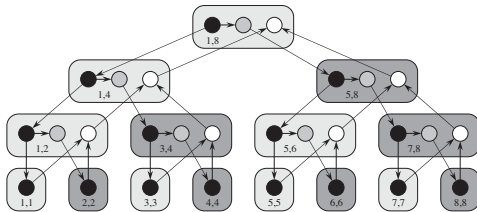
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Recursively **spawn** the computation of the seven products.

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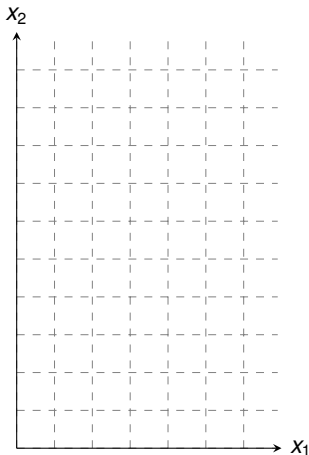
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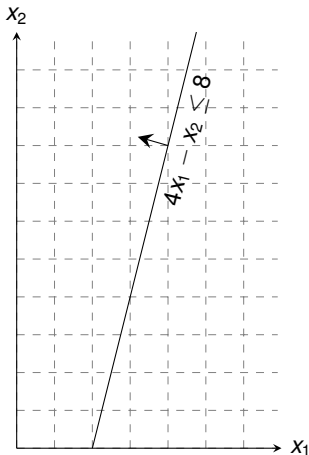
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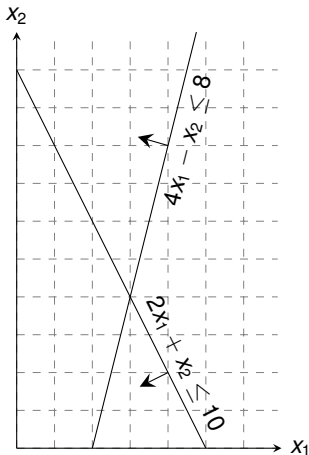
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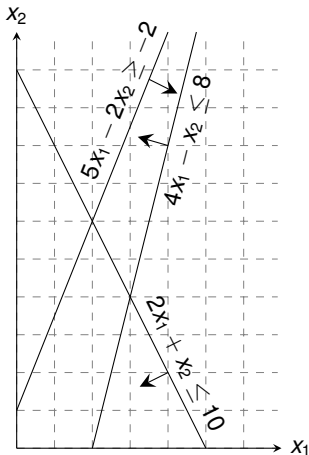
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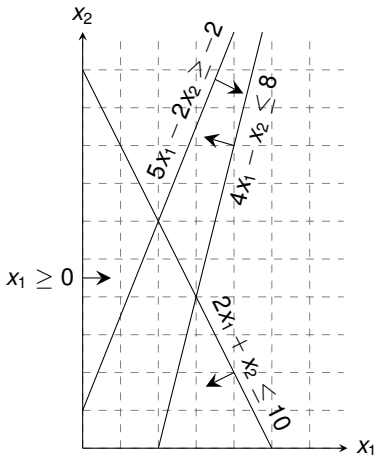
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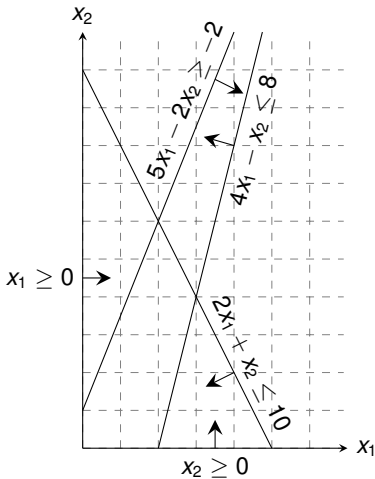
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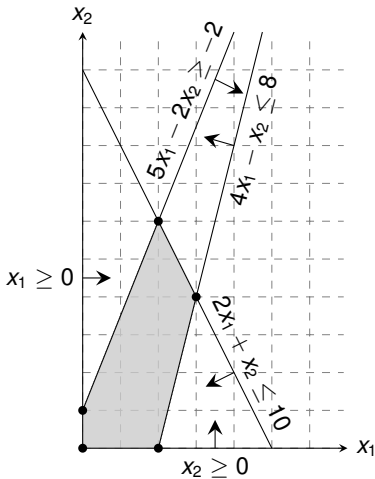
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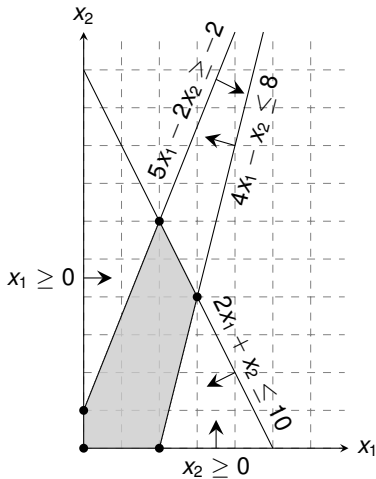
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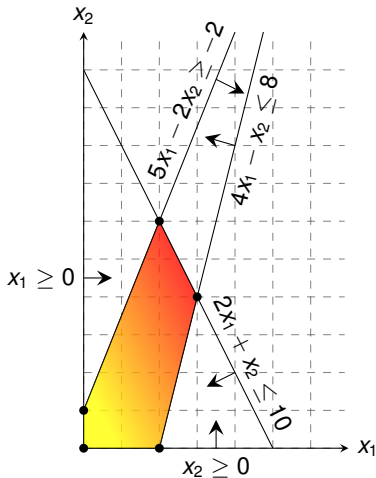
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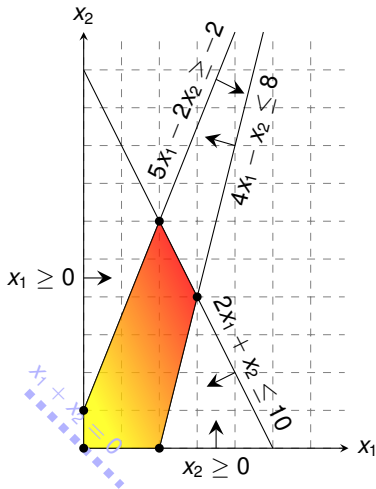
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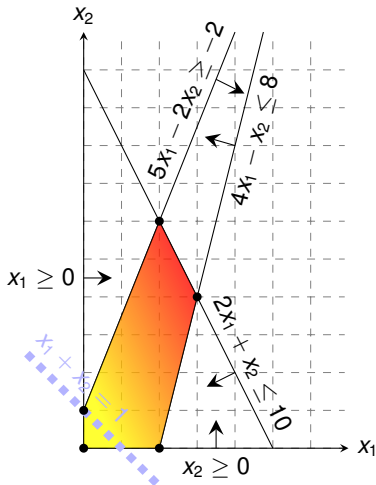
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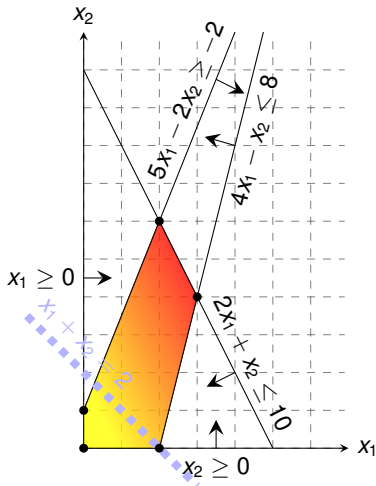
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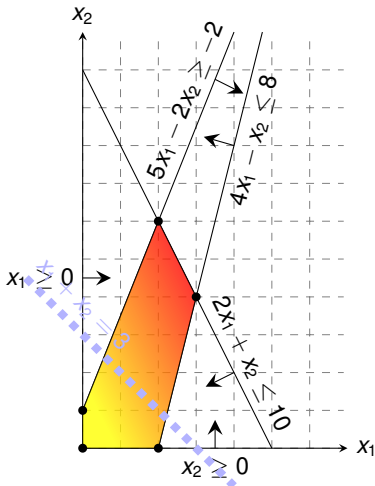
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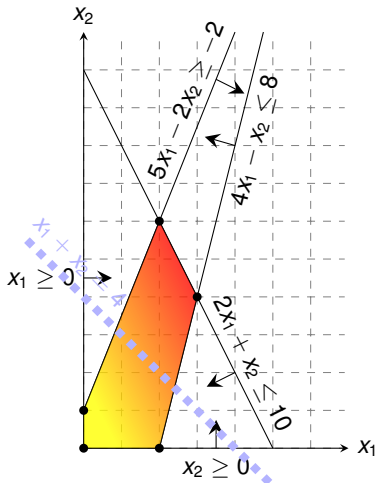
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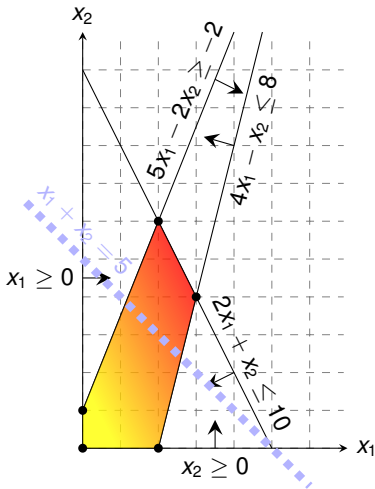
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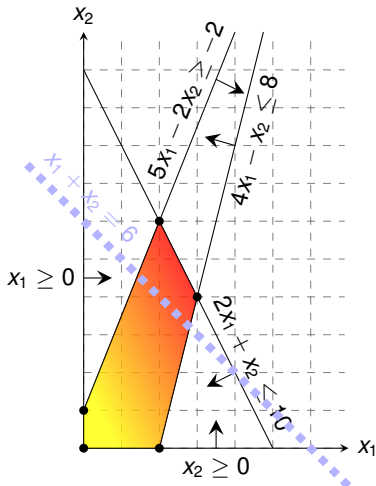
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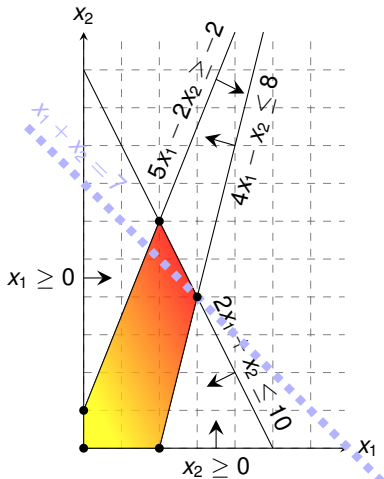
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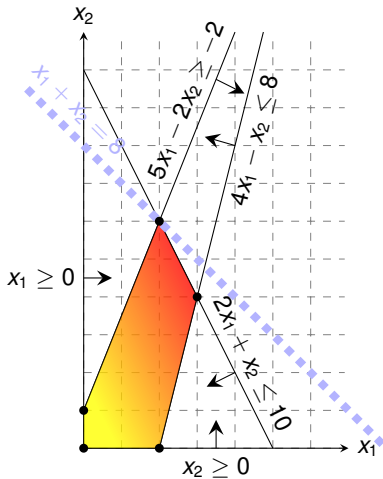
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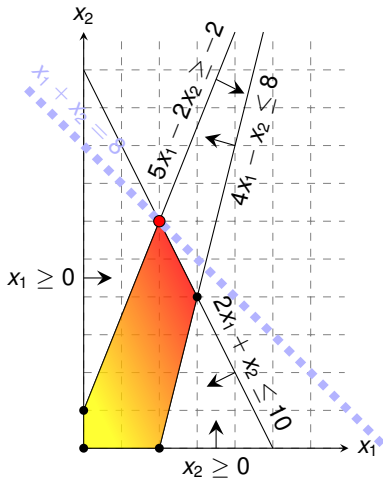
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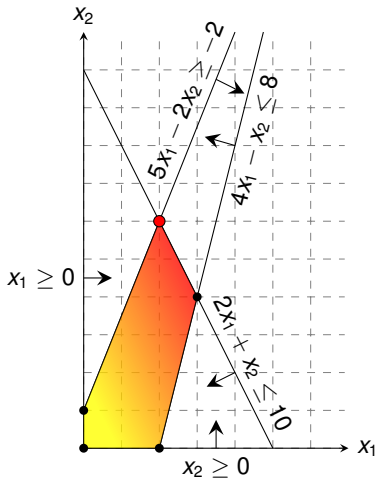
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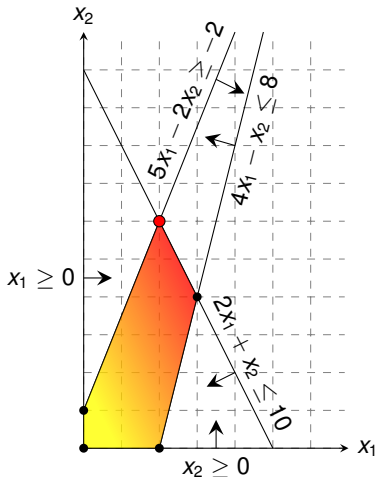
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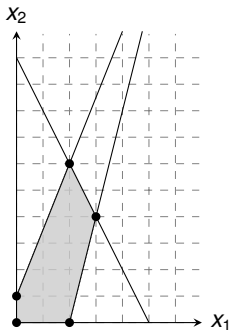
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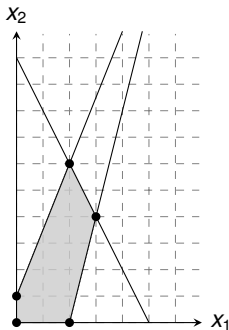
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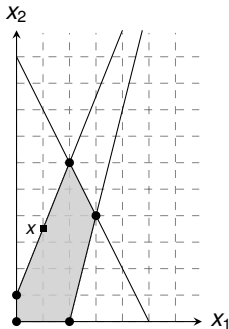
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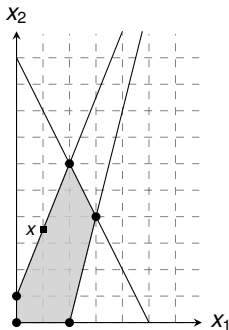
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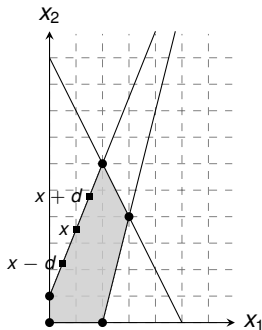
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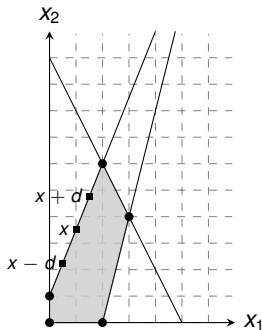
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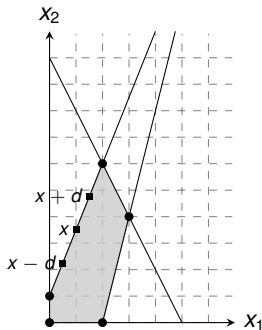
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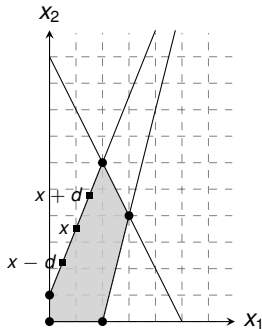
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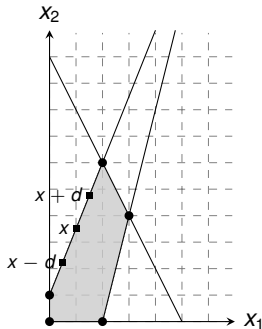
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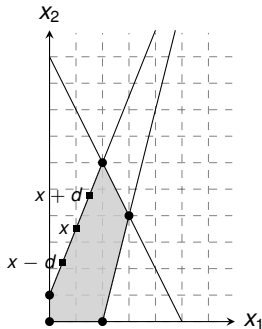
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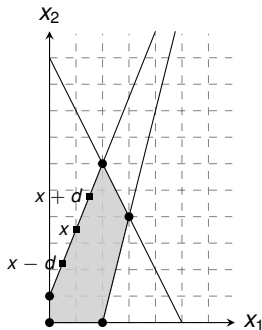
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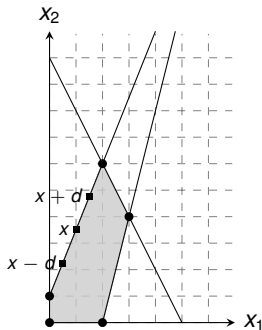
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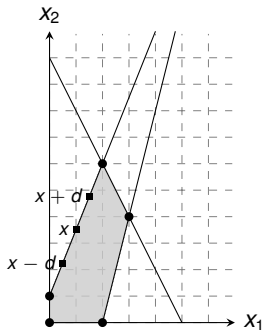
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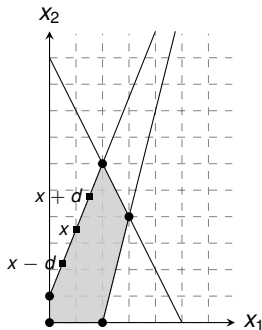
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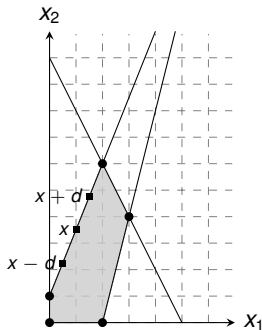
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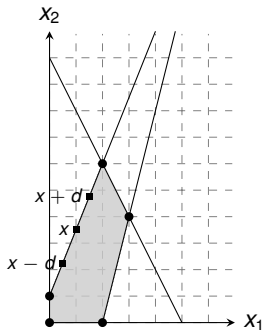
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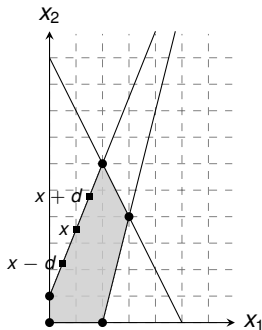
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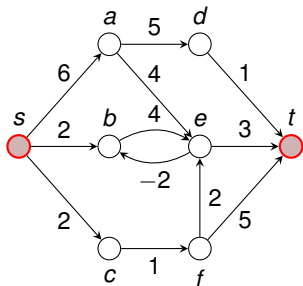
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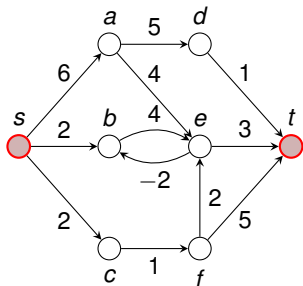
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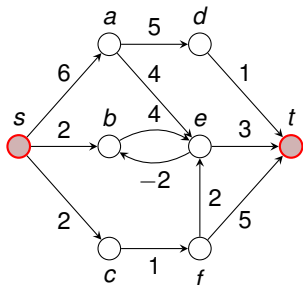


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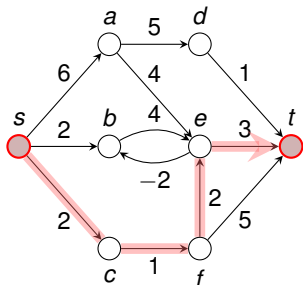


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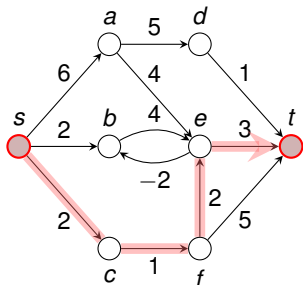


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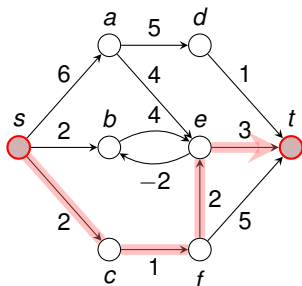


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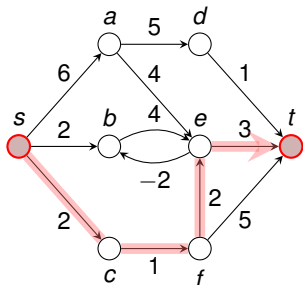


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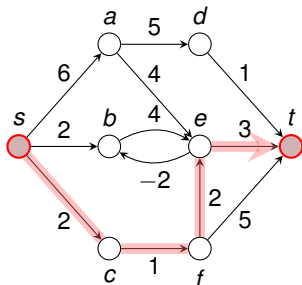


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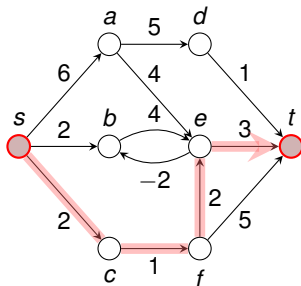


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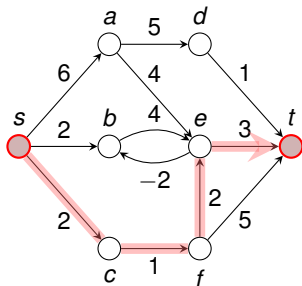


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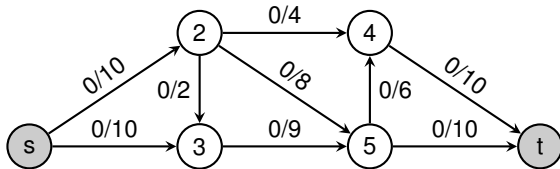
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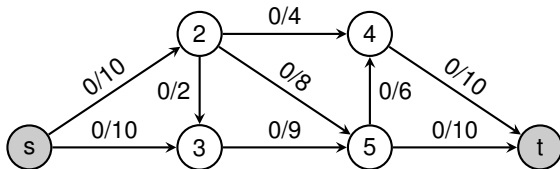
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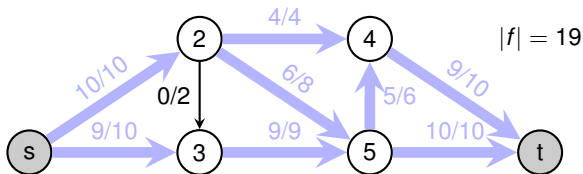
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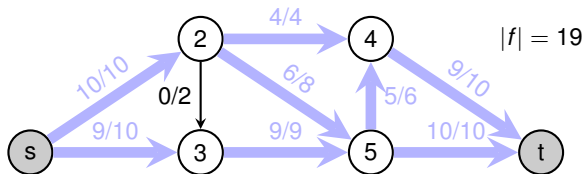
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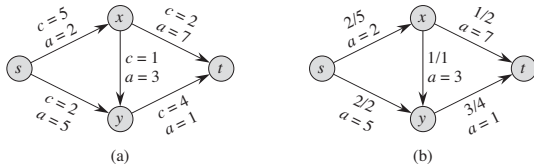


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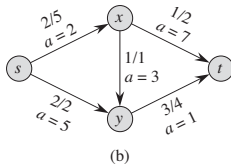
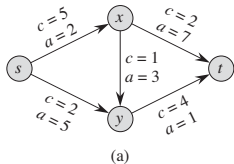


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$$x_6 = 36 - 4x_1 - x_2 - 2x_3$$

Basic solution: $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_6) = (0, 0, 0, 30, 24, 36)$

This basic solution is **feasible**

Objective value is 0.



Extended Example: Iteration 1

Increasing the value of x_1 would increase the objective value.

$$z = 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3$$

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- Substitute this into x_1 in the other three equations



Extended Example: Iteration 2

$$\begin{aligned}z &= 27 + \frac{x_2}{4} + \frac{x_3}{2} - \frac{3x_6}{4} \\x_1 &= 9 - \frac{x_2}{4} - \frac{x_3}{2} - \frac{x_6}{4} \\x_4 &= 21 - \frac{3x_2}{4} - \frac{5x_3}{2} + \frac{x_6}{4} \\x_5 &= 6 - \frac{3x_2}{2} - 4x_3 + \frac{x_6}{2}\end{aligned}$$



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Basic solution: $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_6) = (9, 0, 0, 21, 6, 0)$ with objective value 27



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Extended Example: Iteration 3

$$\begin{aligned}z &= \frac{111}{4} + \frac{x_2}{16} - \frac{x_5}{8} - \frac{11x_6}{16} \\x_1 &= \frac{33}{4} - \frac{x_2}{16} + \frac{x_5}{8} - \frac{5x_6}{16} \\x_3 &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3x_2}{8} - \frac{x_5}{4} + \frac{x_6}{8} \\x_4 &= \frac{69}{4} + \frac{3x_2}{16} + \frac{5x_5}{8} - \frac{x_6}{16}\end{aligned}$$



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Basic solution: $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_6) = (\frac{33}{4}, 0, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{69}{4}, 0, 0)$ with objective value $\frac{111}{4} = 27.75$



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Increasing the value of x_2 would increase the objective value.

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- Substitute this into x_2 in the other three equations



Extended Example: Iteration 4

$$\begin{aligned}z &= 28 - \frac{x_3}{6} - \frac{x_5}{6} - \frac{2x_6}{3} \\x_1 &= 8 + \frac{x_3}{6} + \frac{x_5}{6} - \frac{x_6}{3} \\x_2 &= 4 - \frac{8x_3}{3} - \frac{2x_5}{3} + \frac{x_6}{3} \\x_4 &= 18 - \frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{x_5}{2}\end{aligned}$$



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Basic solution: $(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_6) = (8, 4, 0, 18, 0, 0)$ with objective value 28



Extended Example: Iteration 4

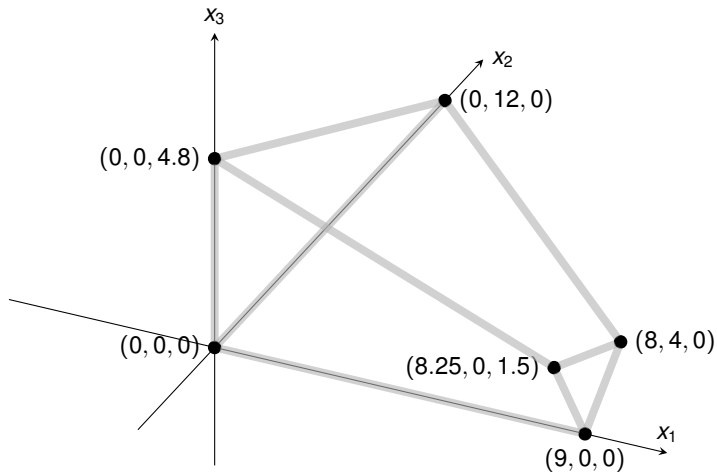
All coefficients are negative, and hence this basic solution is **optimal!**

$$\begin{aligned}z &= 28 - \frac{x_3}{6} - \frac{x_5}{6} - \frac{2x_6}{3} \\x_1 &= 8 + \frac{x_3}{6} + \frac{x_5}{6} - \frac{x_6}{3} \\x_2 &= 4 - \frac{8x_3}{3} - \frac{2x_5}{3} + \frac{x_6}{3} \\x_4 &= 18 - \frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{x_5}{2}\end{aligned}$$

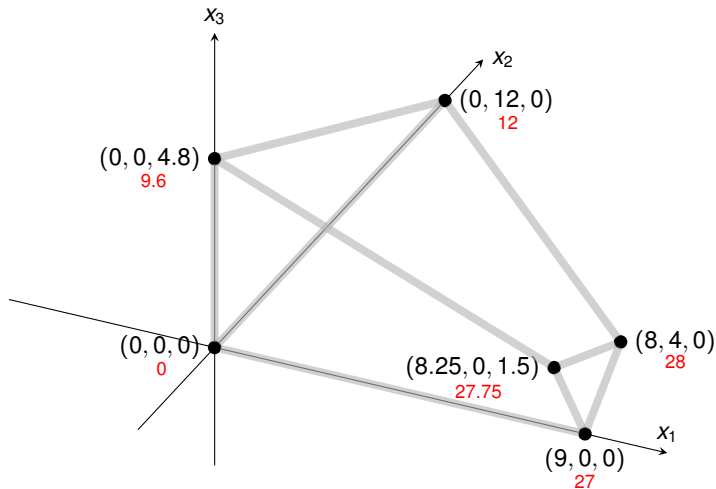
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Extended Example: Visualization of SIMPLEX



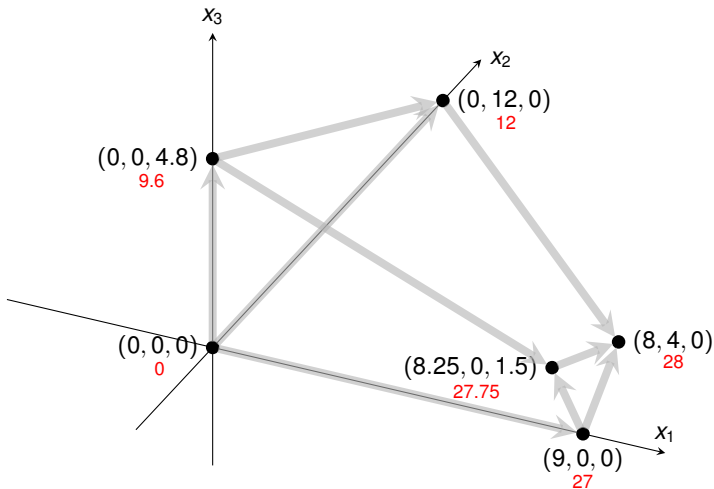
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Exercise: How many basic solutions (including non-feasible ones) are there?



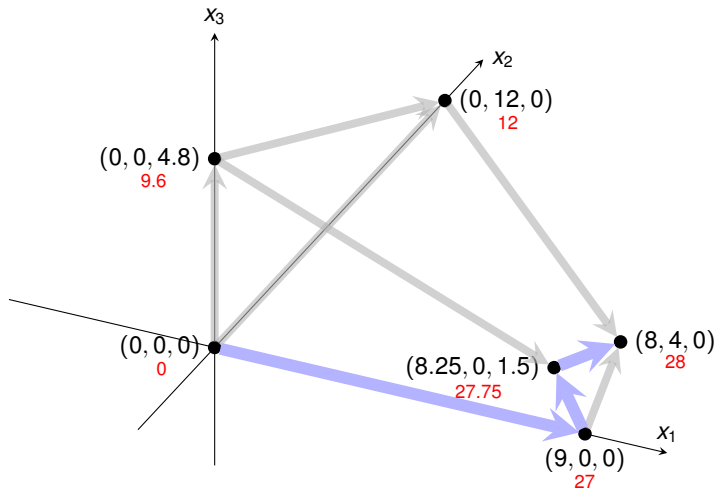
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$$\begin{aligned} z &= & 12 & + & 2x_1 & - & \frac{x_3}{2} & - & \frac{x_5}{2} \\ x_2 &= & 12 & - & x_1 & - & \frac{5x_3}{2} & - & \frac{x_5}{2} \\ x_4 &= & 18 & - & x_2 & - & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2} \\ x_6 &= & 24 & - & 3x_1 & + & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2} \end{aligned}$$



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 \end{array}$$

\downarrow Switch roles of x_2 and x_5

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 x_2 & = & 12 & - & x_1 & - & \frac{5x_3}{2} & - & \frac{x_5}{2} \\
 x_4 & = & 18 & - & x_2 & - & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2} \\
 x_6 & = & 24 & - & 3x_1 & + & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2}
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 x_4 & = & 18 & - & x_2 & - & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2} \\
 x_6 & = & 24 & - & 3x_1 & + & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2}
 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{rclclcl}
 z & = & 28 & - & \frac{x_3}{6} & - & \frac{x_5}{6} & - & \frac{2x_6}{3} \\
 x_1 & = & 8 & + & \frac{x_3}{6} & + & \frac{x_5}{6} & - & \frac{x_6}{3} \\
 x_2 & = & 4 & - & \frac{8x_3}{3} & - & \frac{2x_5}{3} & + & \frac{x_6}{3} \\
 x_4 & = & 18 & - & \frac{x_3}{2} & + & \frac{x_5}{2} & &
 \end{array}$$



Extended Example: Alternative Runs (2/2)

$$\begin{array}{rclclclcl} z & = & & 3x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 2x_3 \\ x_4 & = & 30 & - & x_1 & - & x_2 & - & 3x_3 \\ x_5 & = & 24 & - & 2x_1 & - & 2x_2 & - & 5x_3 \\ x_6 & = & 36 & - & 4x_1 & - & x_2 & - & 2x_3 \end{array}$$



Extended Example: Alternative Runs (2/2)

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Switch roles of x_3 and x_5

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$$\begin{aligned} z &= & \frac{48}{5} & + & \frac{11x_1}{5} & + & \frac{x_2}{5} & - & \frac{2x_5}{5} \\ x_4 &= & \frac{78}{5} & + & \frac{x_1}{5} & + & \frac{x_2}{5} & + & \frac{3x_5}{5} \\ x_3 &= & \frac{24}{5} & - & \frac{2x_1}{5} & - & \frac{2x_2}{5} & - & \frac{x_5}{5} \\ x_6 &= & \frac{132}{5} & - & \frac{16x_1}{5} & - & \frac{x_2}{5} & + & \frac{2x_3}{5} \end{aligned}$$



Extended Example: Alternative Runs (2/2)

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 z &= && 3x_1 &+& x_2 &+& 2x_3 \\
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 x_5 &= &24 &-& 2x_1 &-& 2x_2 &-& 5x_3 \\
 x_6 &= &36 &-& 4x_1 &-& x_2 &-& 2x_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Switch roles of x_3 and x_5

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= &\frac{48}{5} &+& \frac{11x_1}{5} &+& \frac{x_2}{5} &-& \frac{2x_5}{5} \\
 x_4 &= &\frac{78}{5} &+& \frac{x_1}{5} &+& \frac{x_2}{5} &+& \frac{3x_5}{5} \\
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7               $\Delta_i = b_i/a_{ie}$ 
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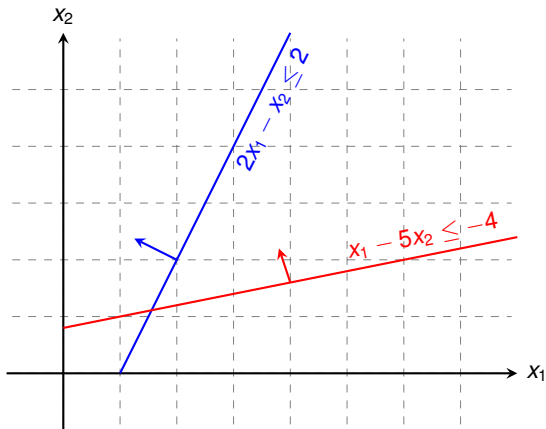
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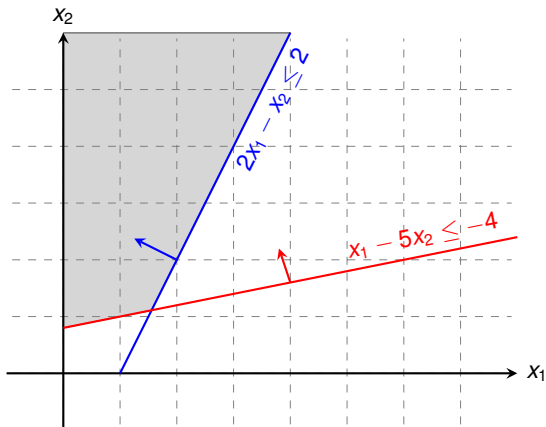
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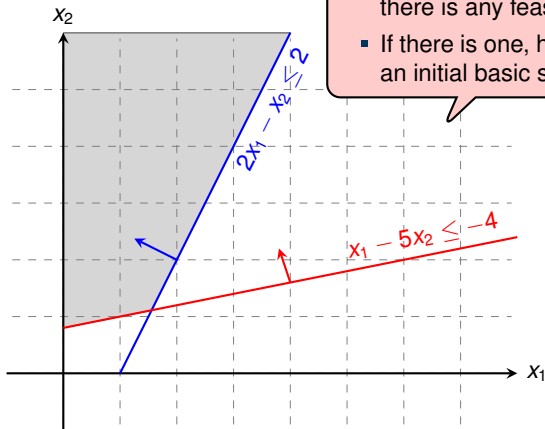
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Basic solution
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Optimal solution has $x_0 = 0$, hence the initial problem was feasible!



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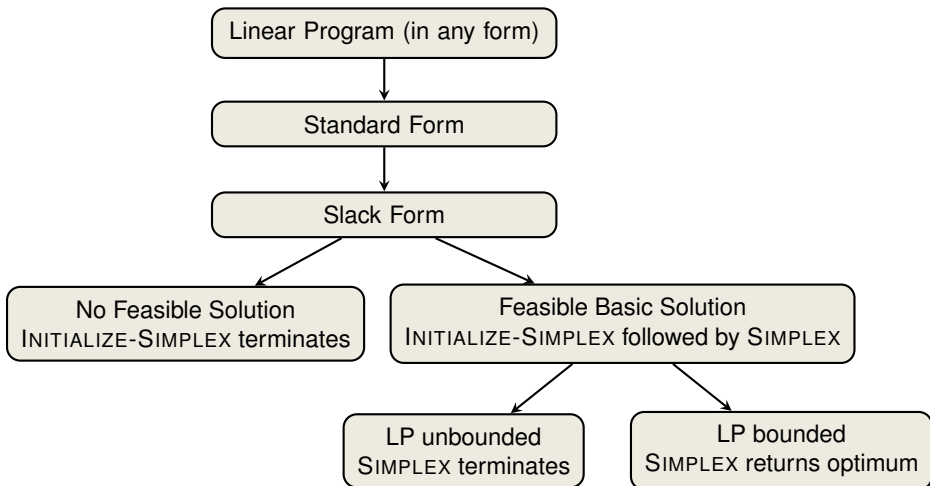
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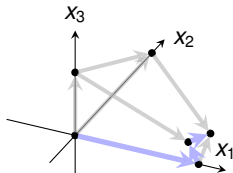
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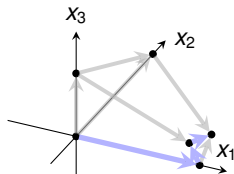
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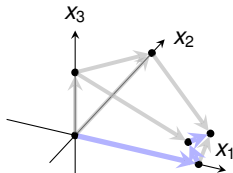
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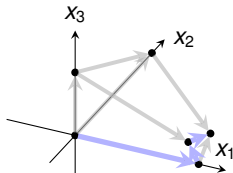
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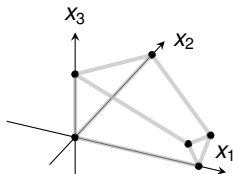
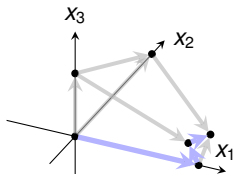
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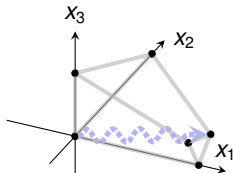
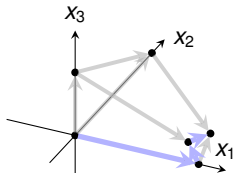
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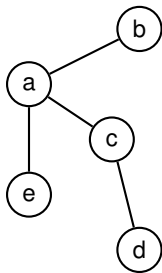
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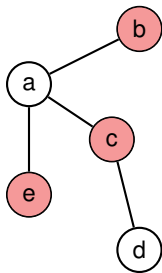
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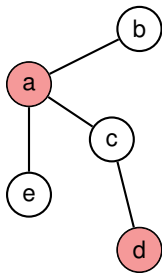
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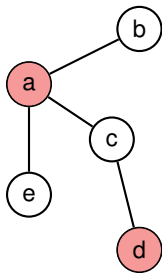


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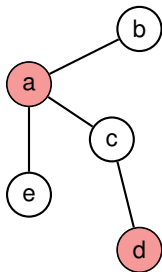
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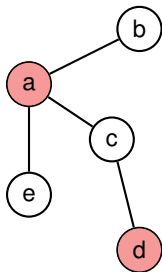
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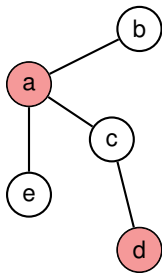
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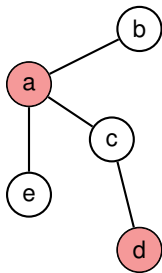
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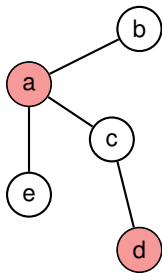
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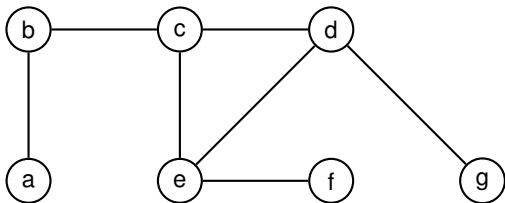
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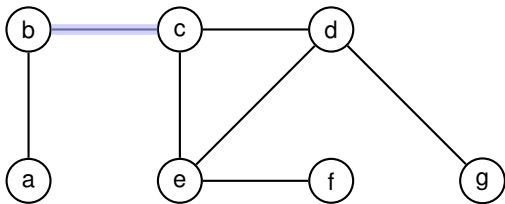
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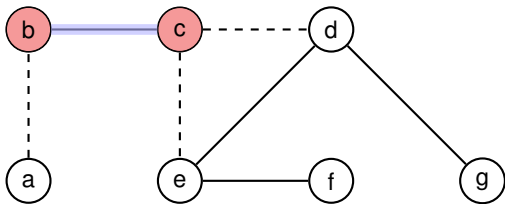
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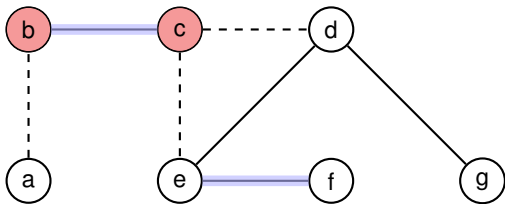
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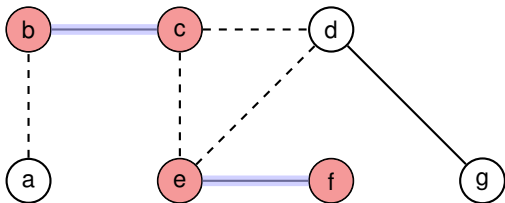
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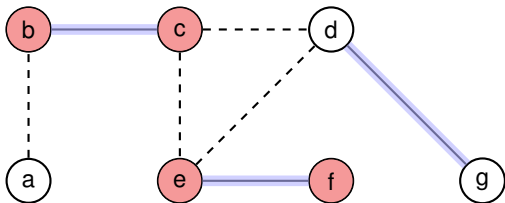
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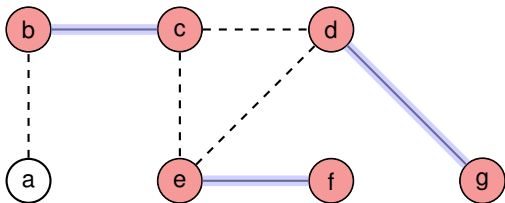
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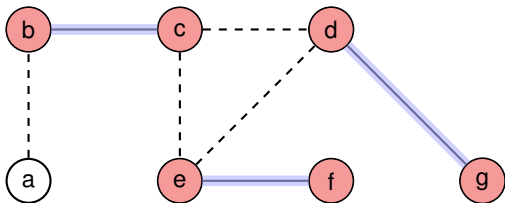
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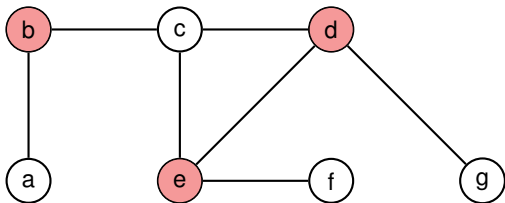
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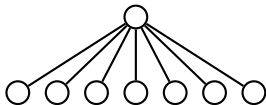
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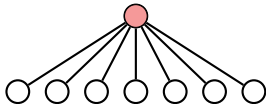
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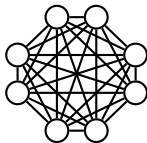
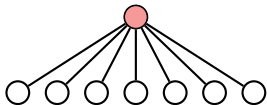
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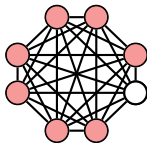
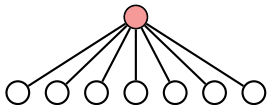
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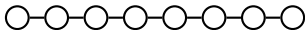
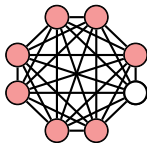
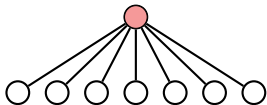
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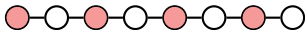
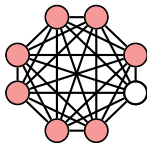
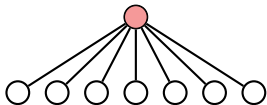
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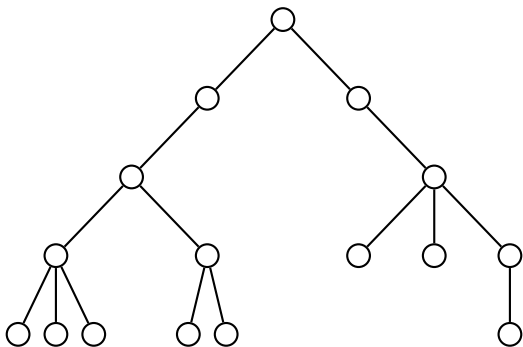
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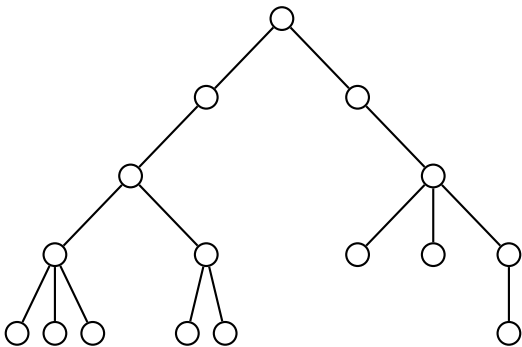
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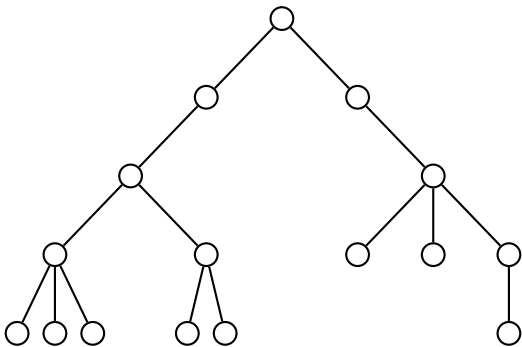
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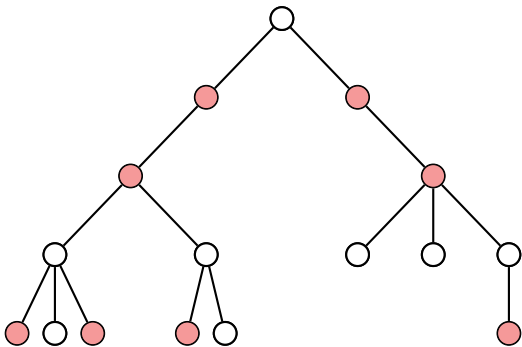


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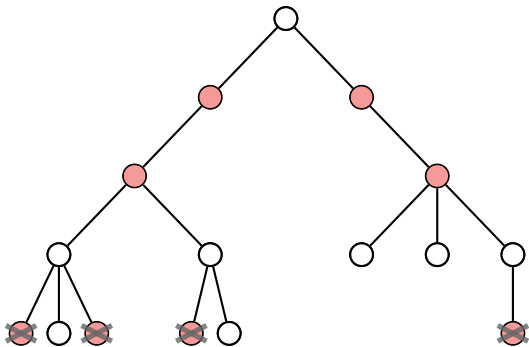


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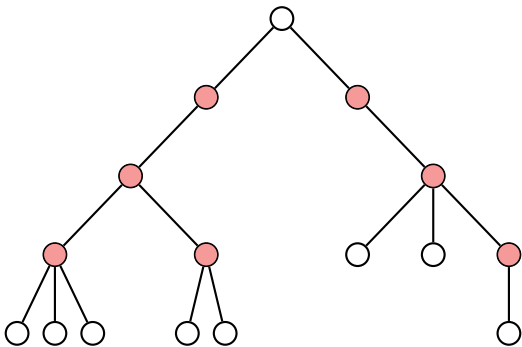


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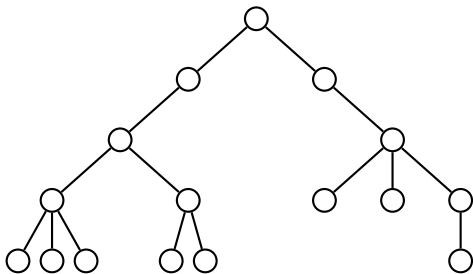
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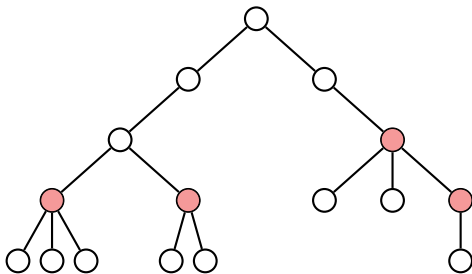


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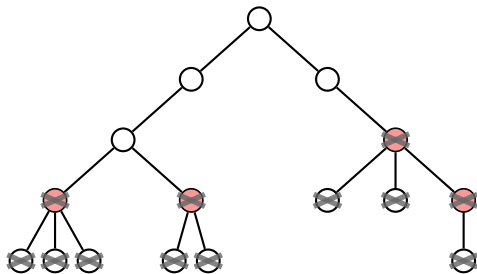


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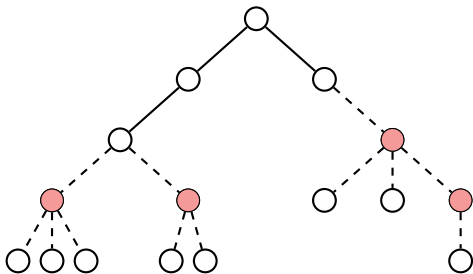


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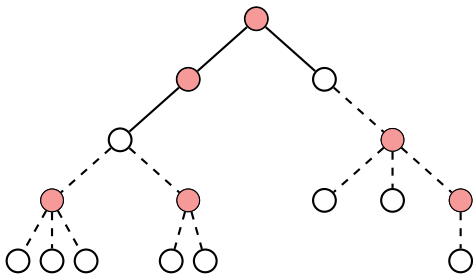


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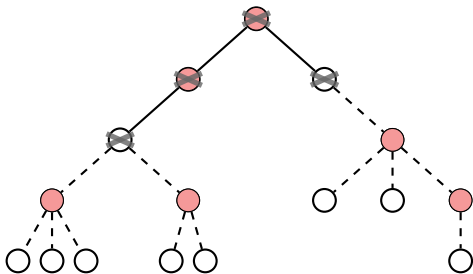


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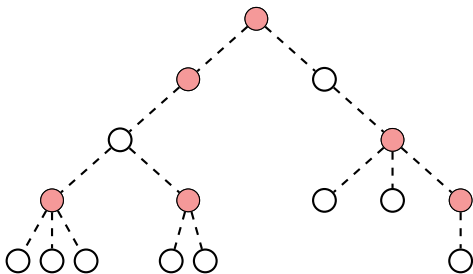


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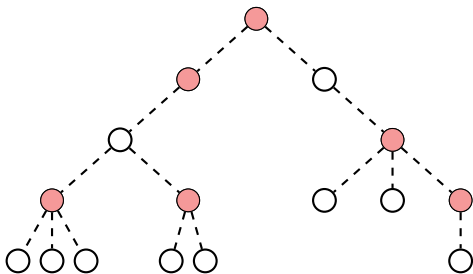


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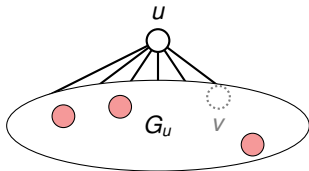
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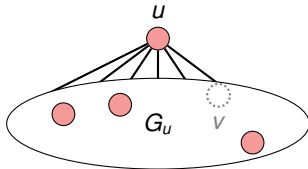
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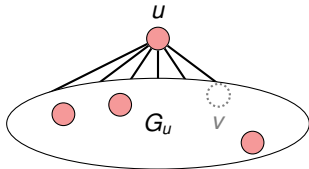
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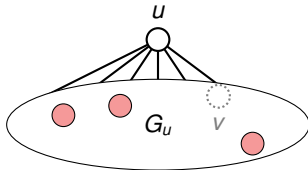
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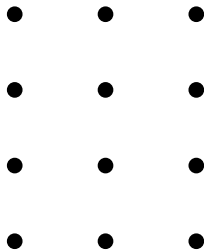


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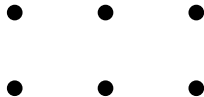
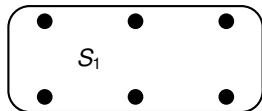


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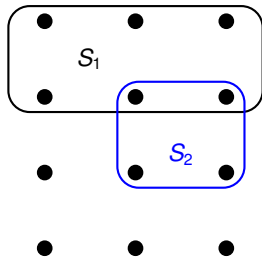


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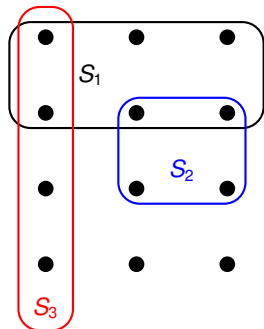


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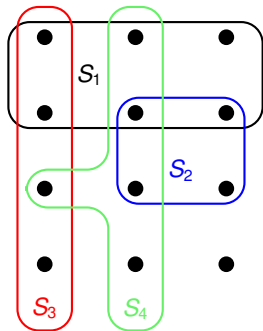


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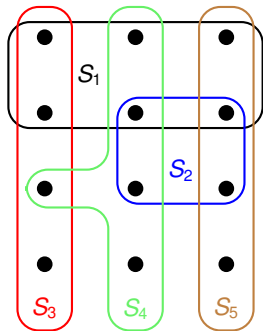


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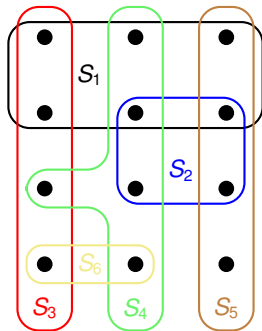


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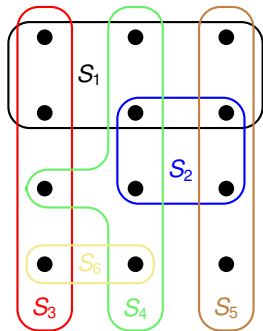
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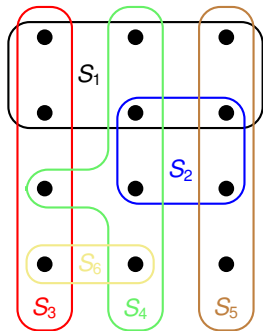
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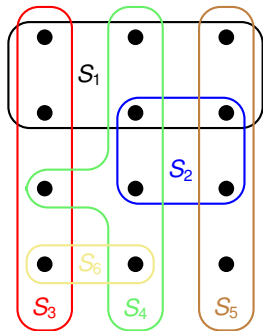
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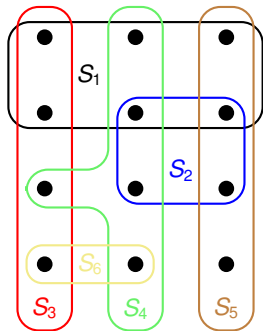
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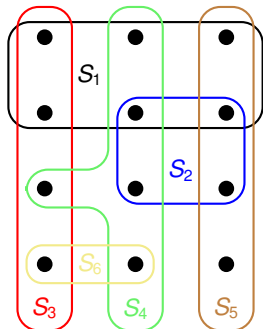
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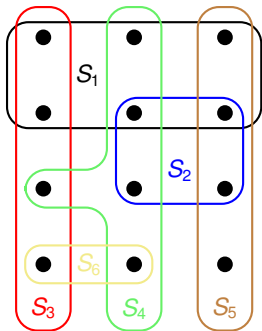


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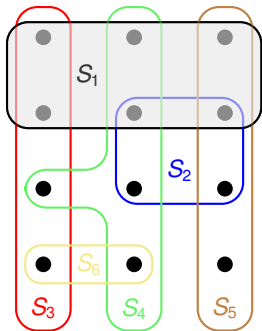


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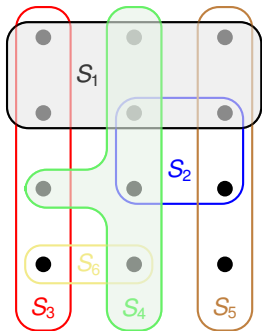


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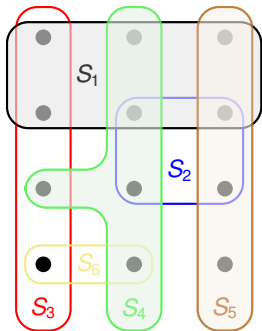


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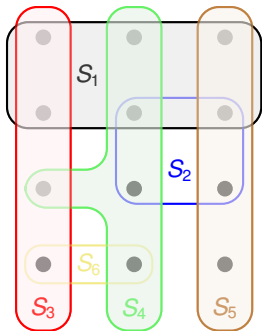


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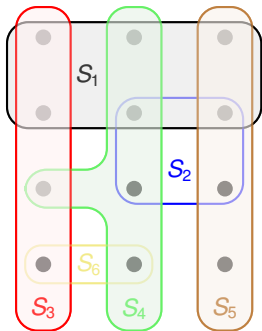


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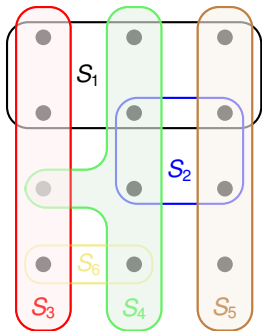


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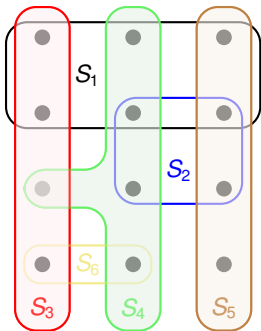
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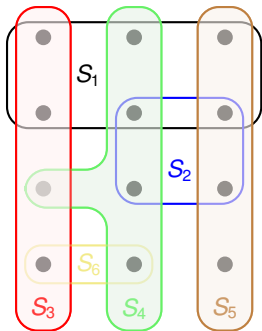
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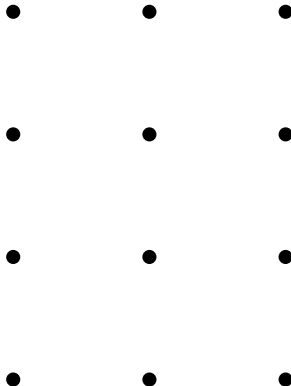


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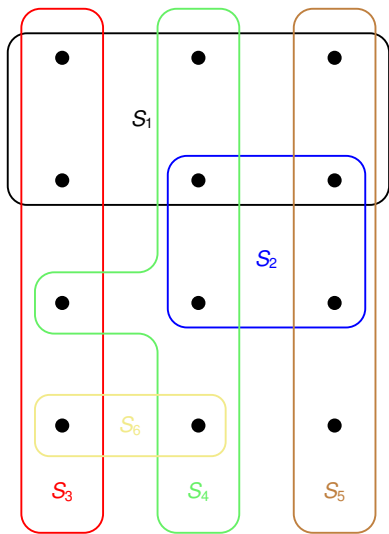


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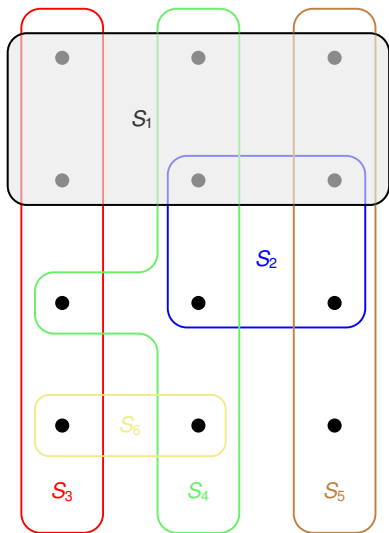


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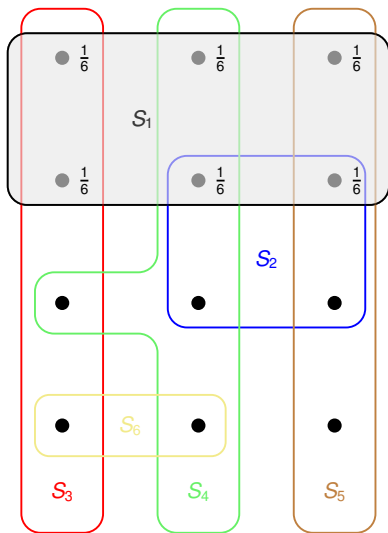


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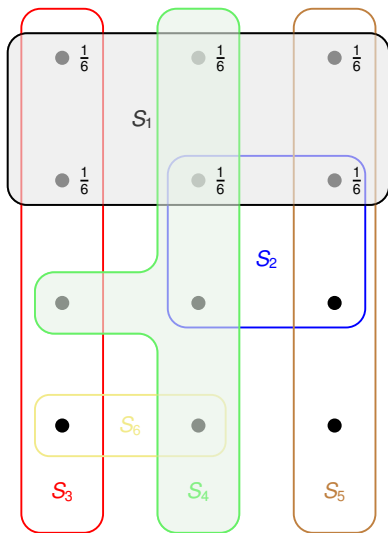


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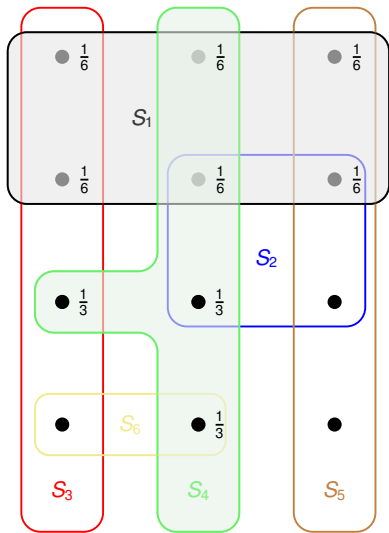


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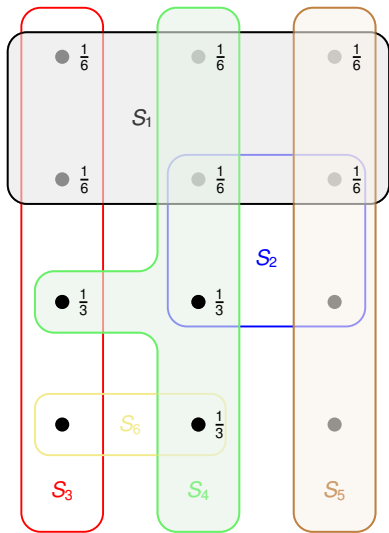


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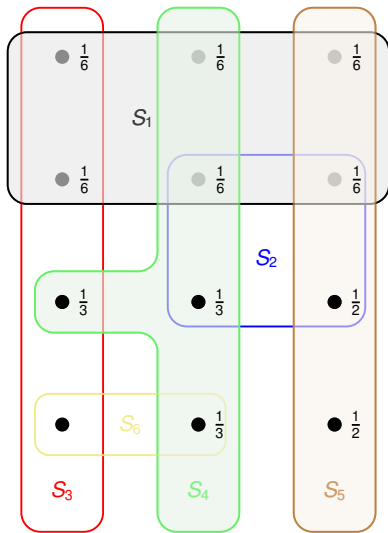


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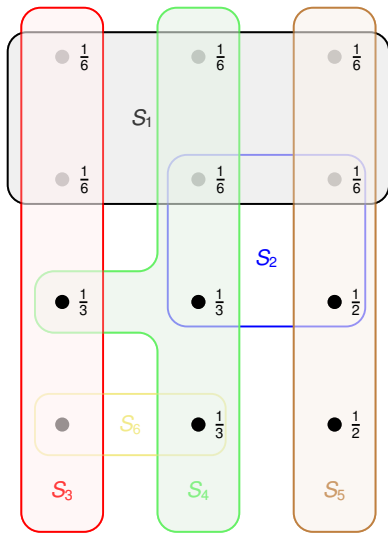


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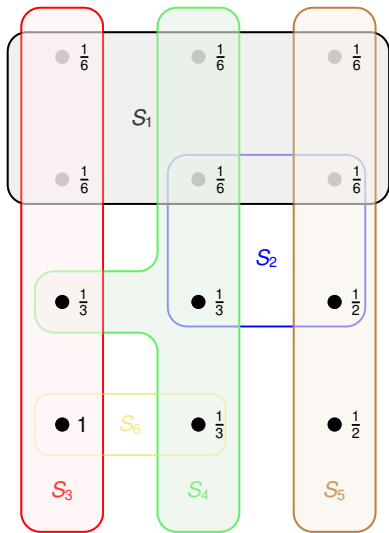
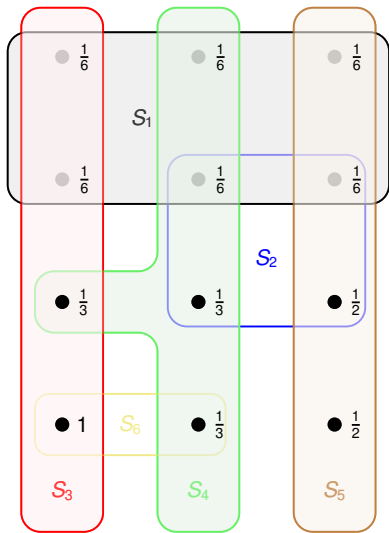


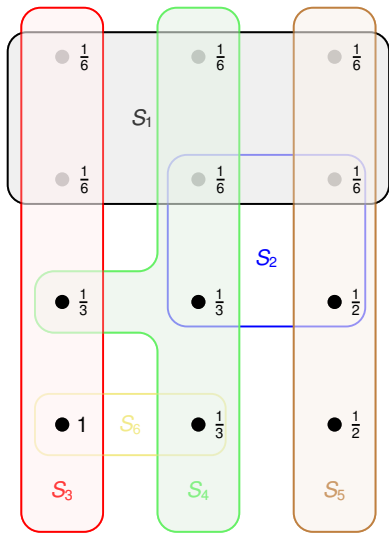
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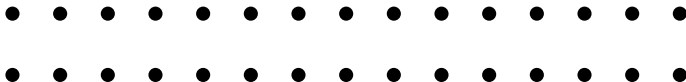


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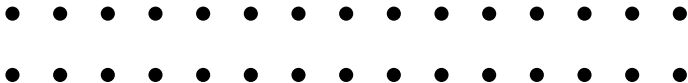


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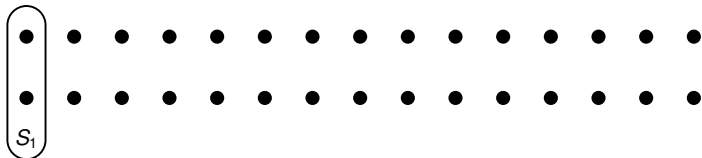


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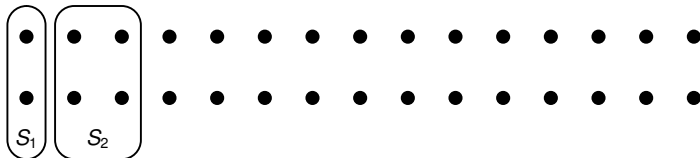


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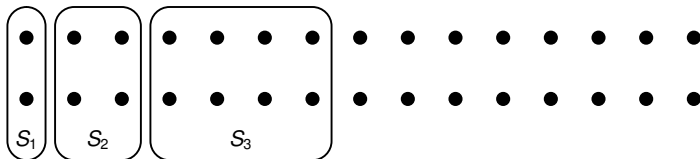


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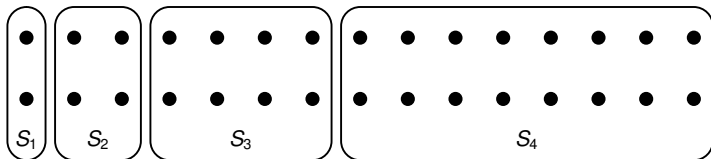


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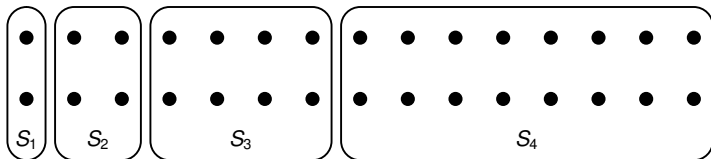


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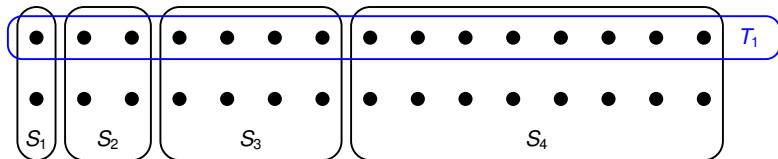


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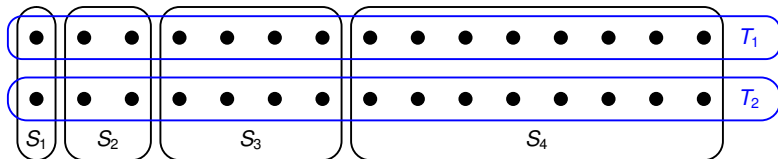


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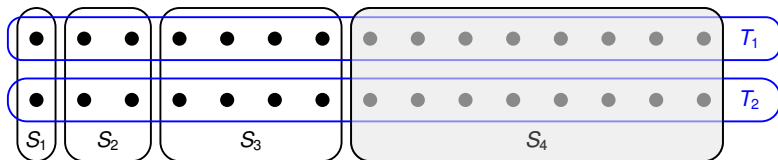


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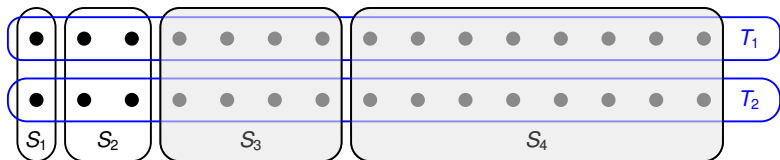


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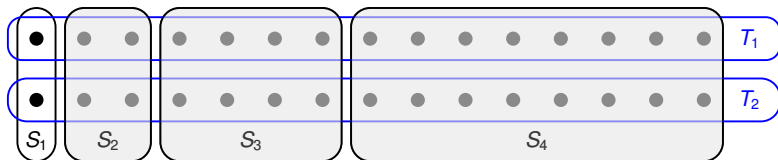


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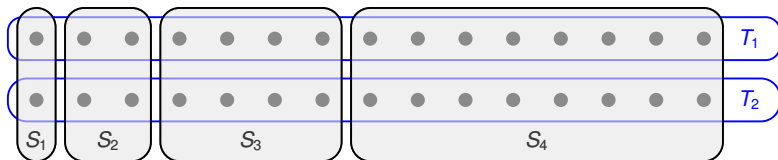


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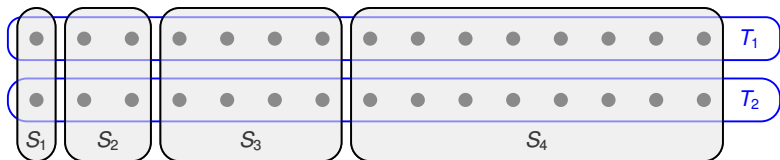


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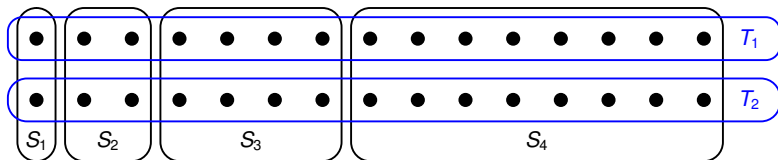


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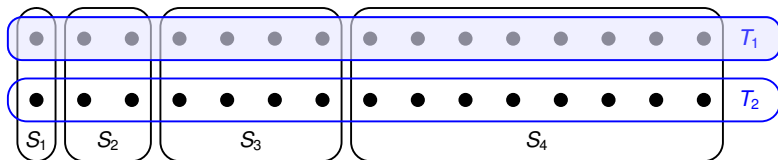


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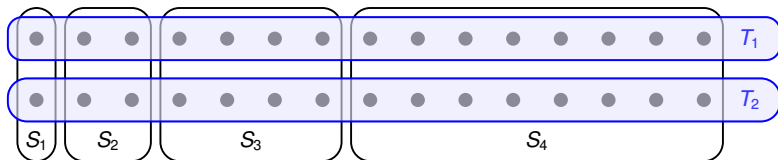


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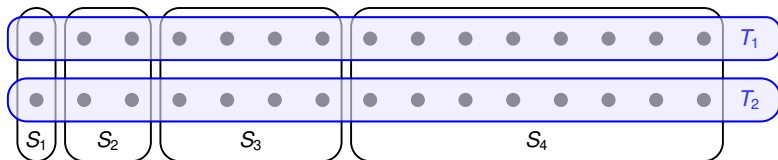


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V. Approximation Algorithms via Exact Algorithms

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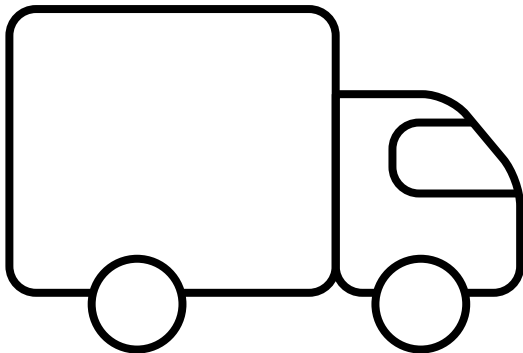
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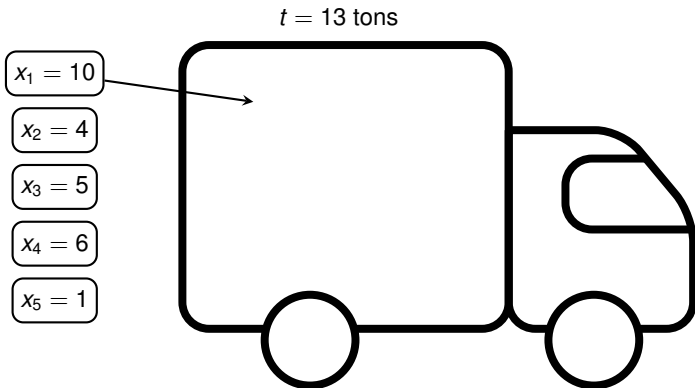
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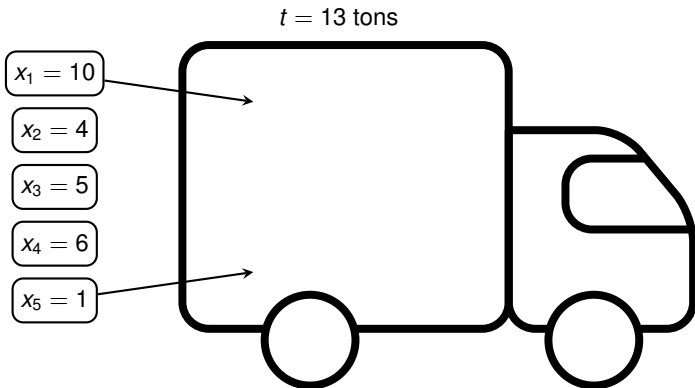
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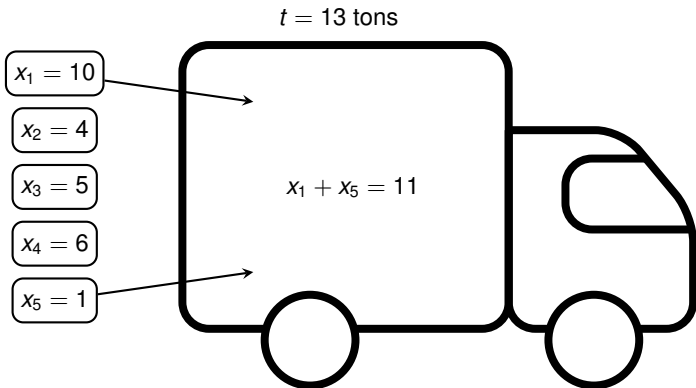
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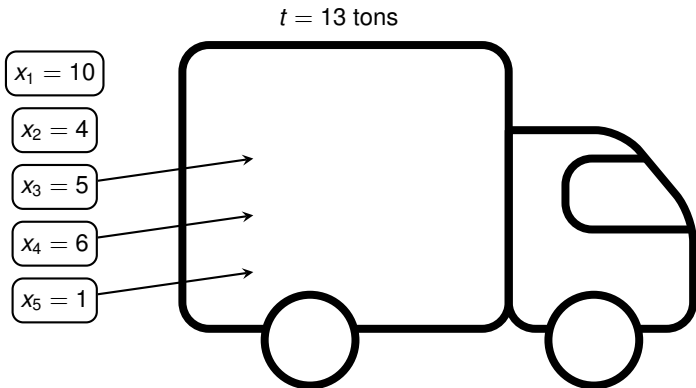
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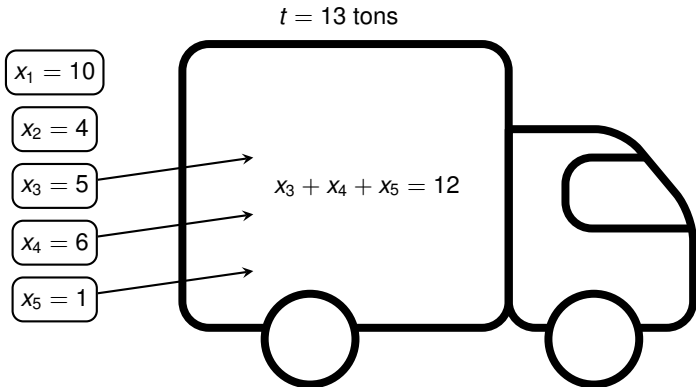
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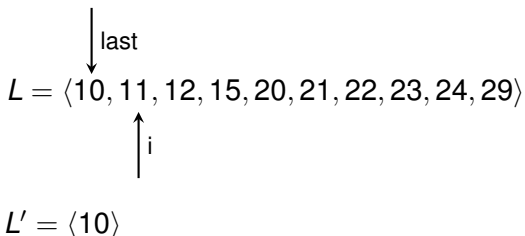


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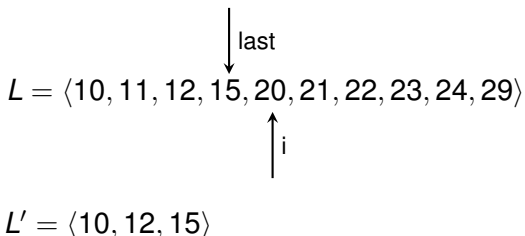


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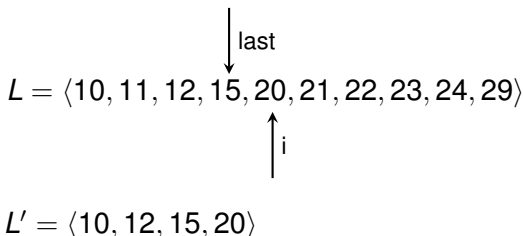


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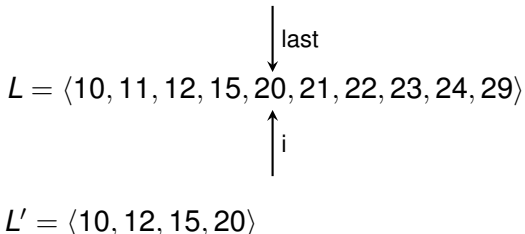


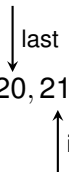
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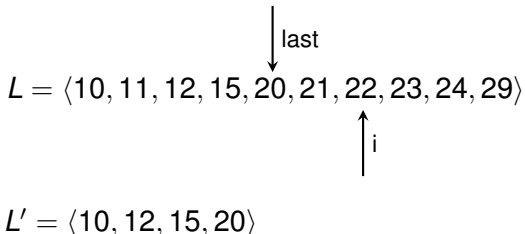


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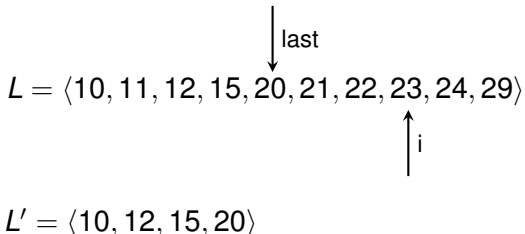


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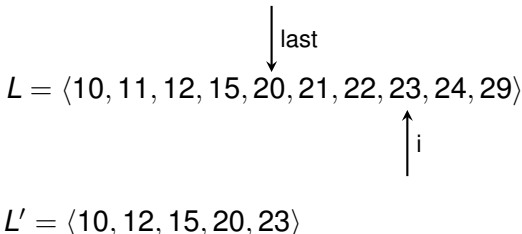


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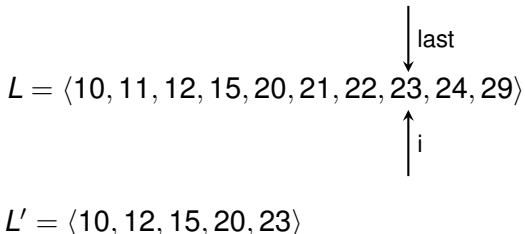


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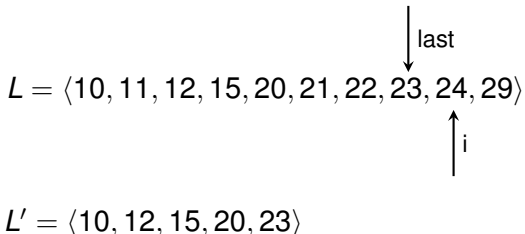


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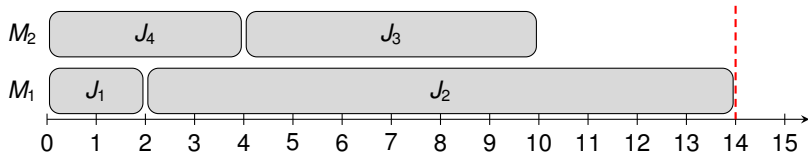


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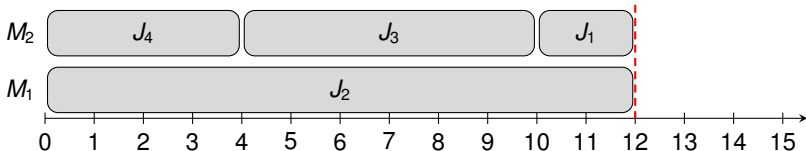


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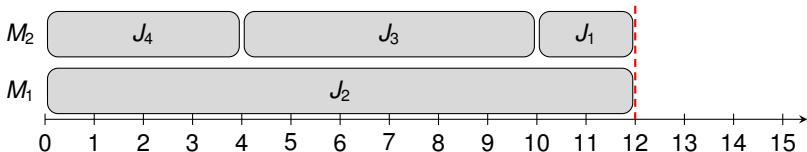
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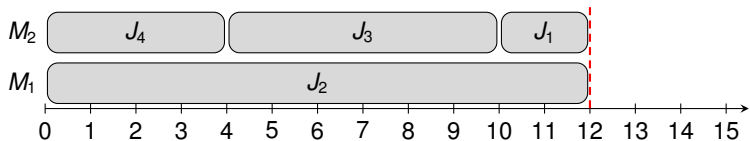


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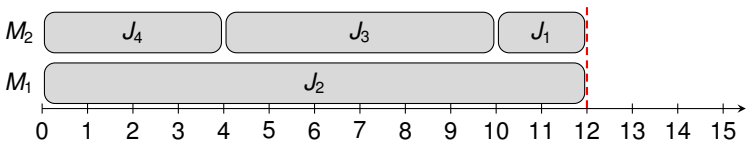


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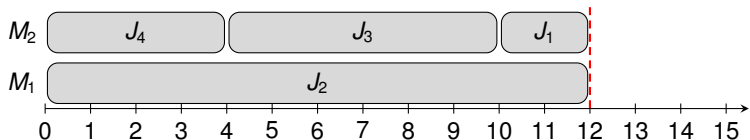


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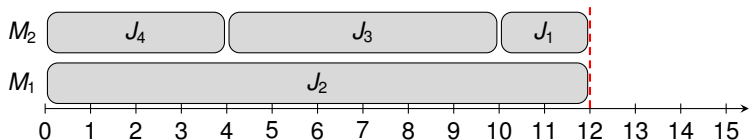


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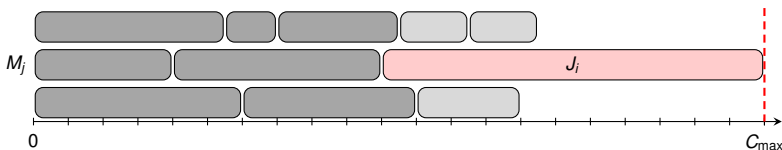
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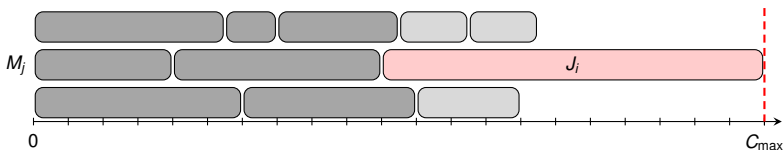
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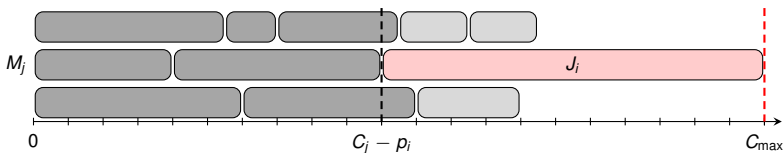
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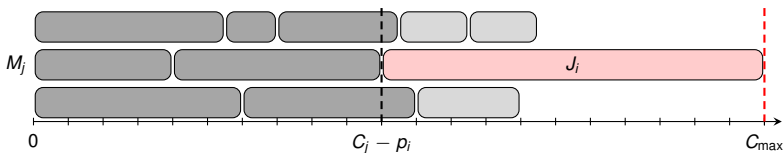
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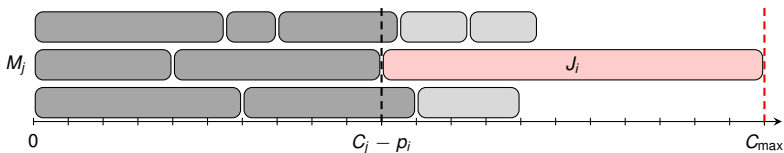
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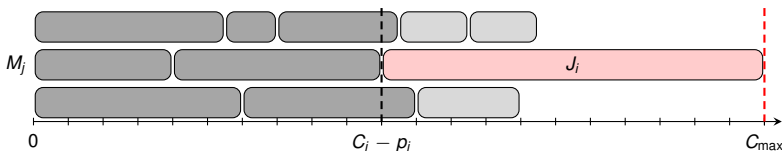
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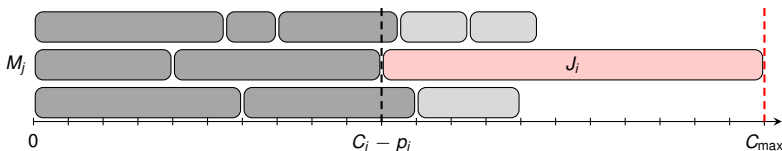
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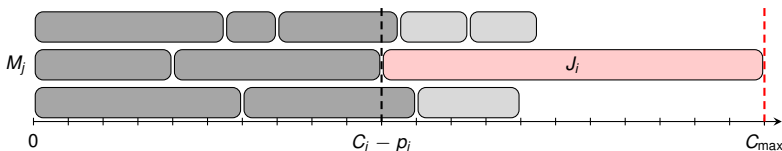
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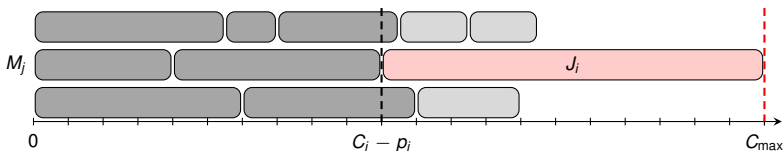
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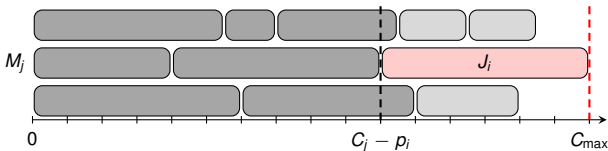
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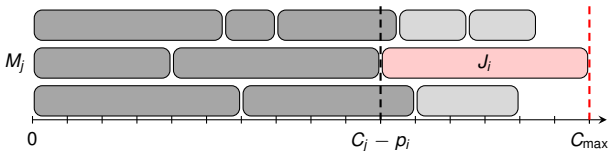
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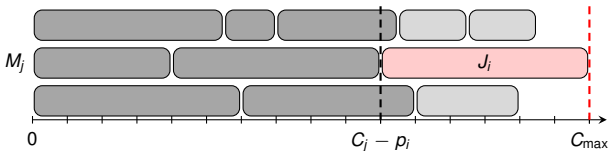
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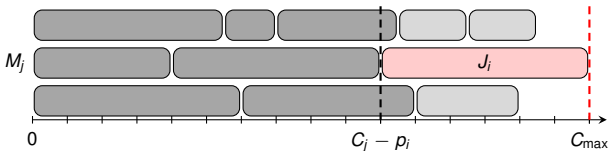
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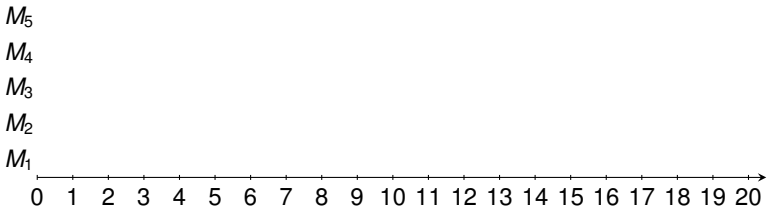
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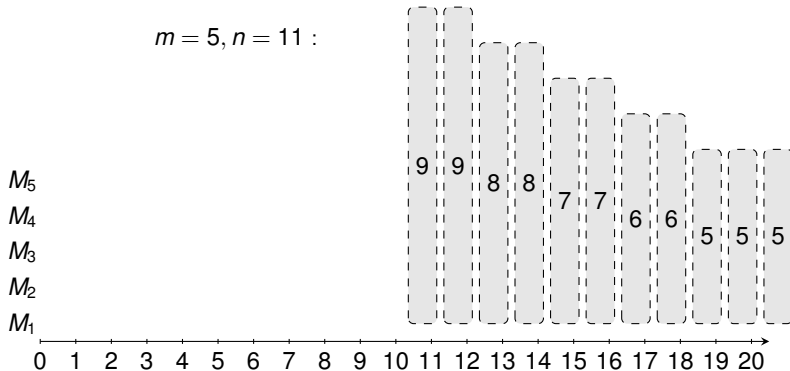
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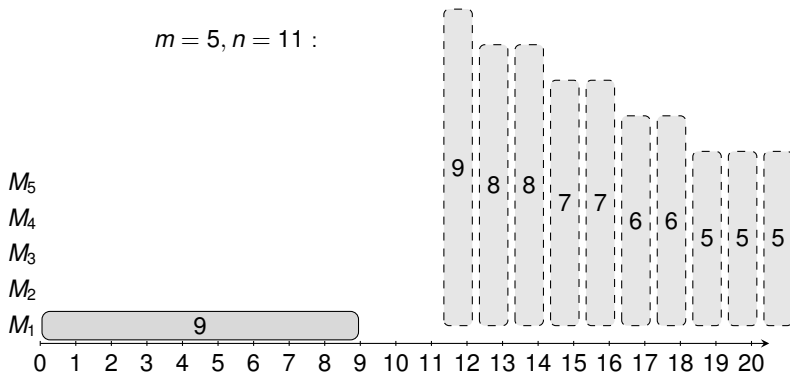
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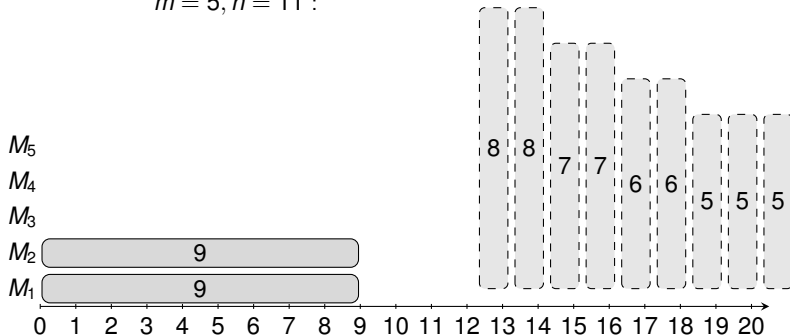
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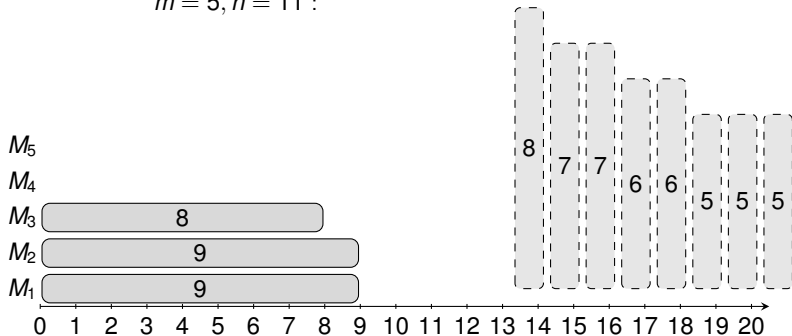
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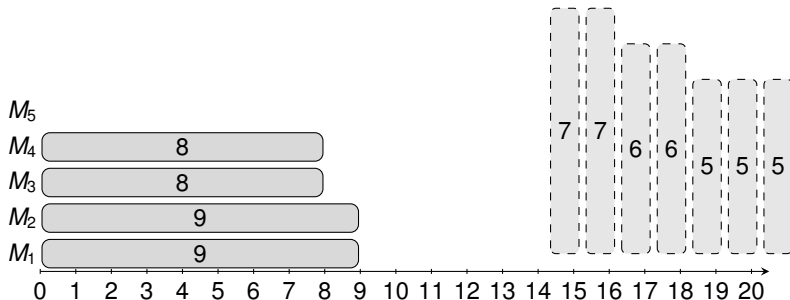
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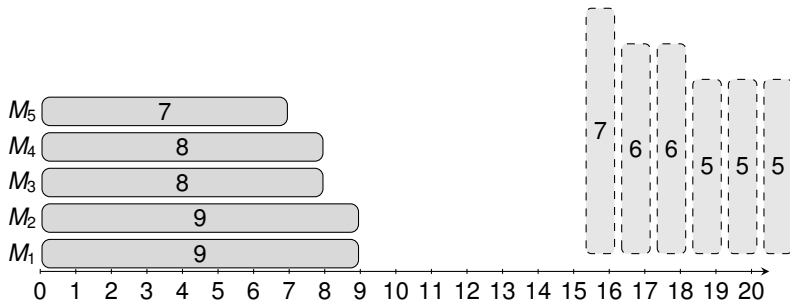
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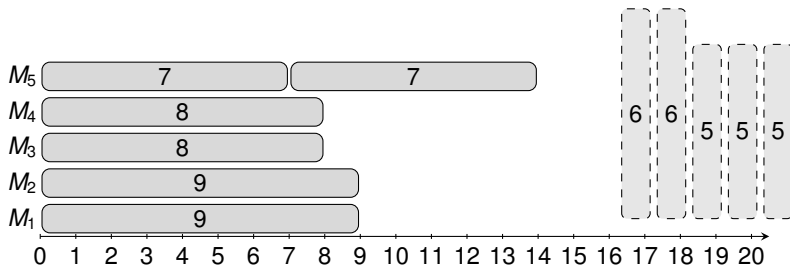
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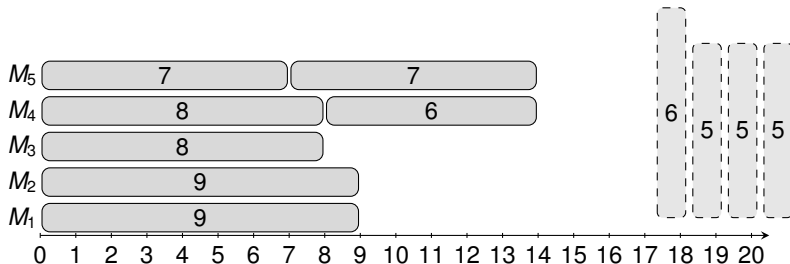
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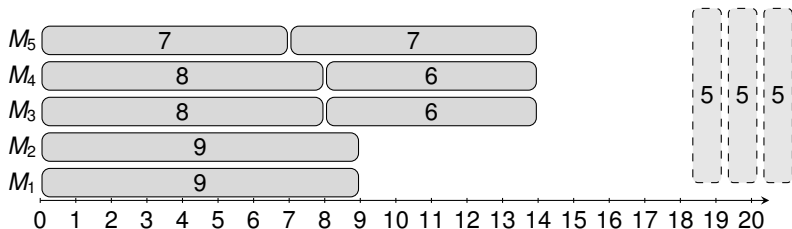
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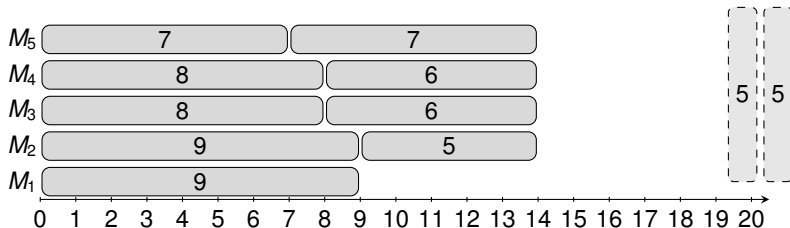
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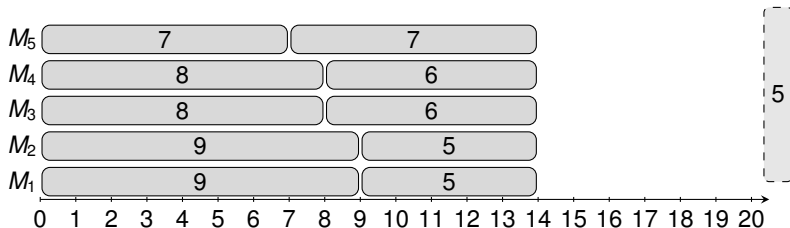
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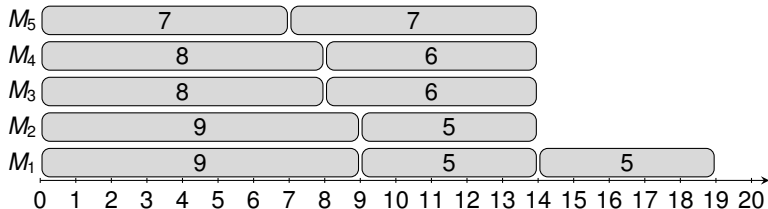
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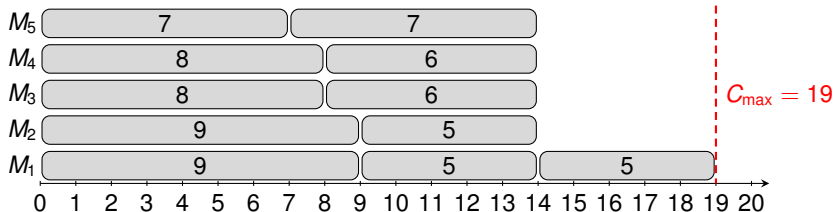
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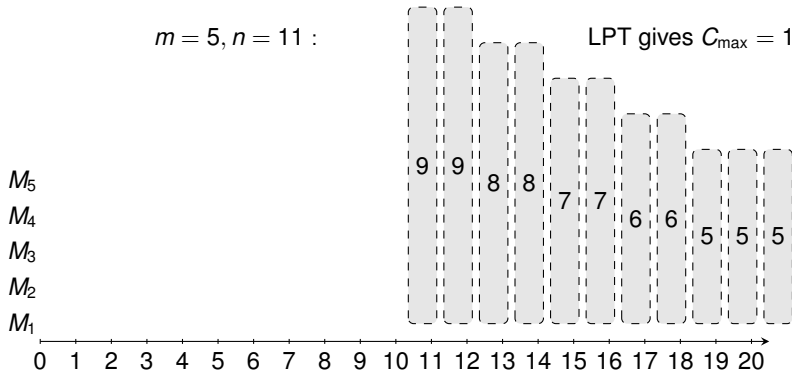
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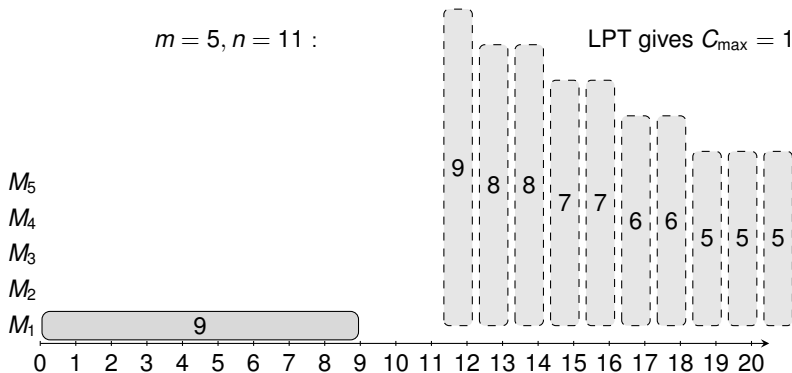
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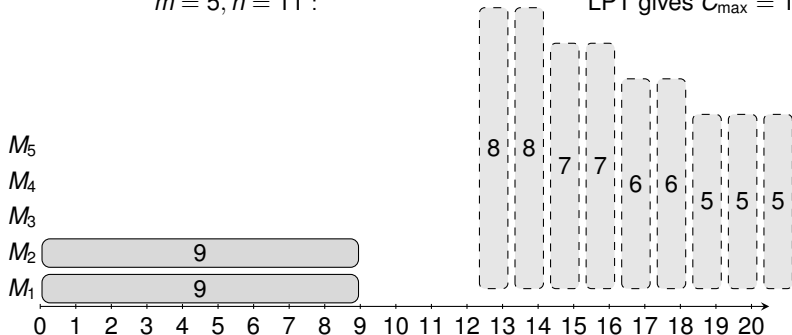
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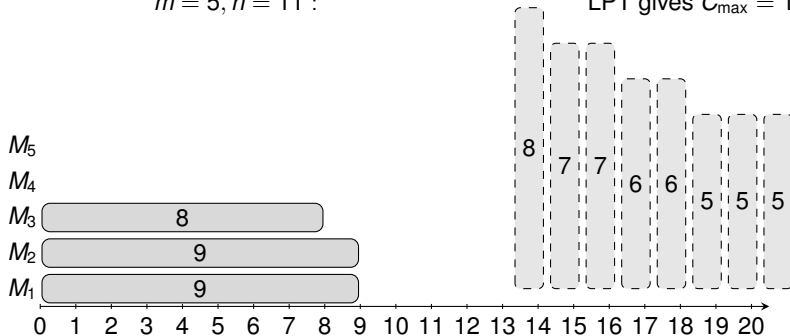
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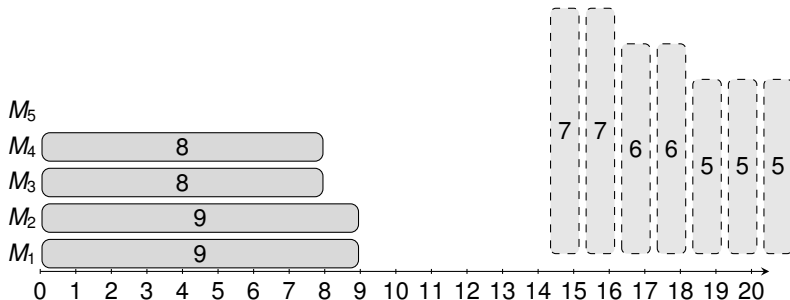
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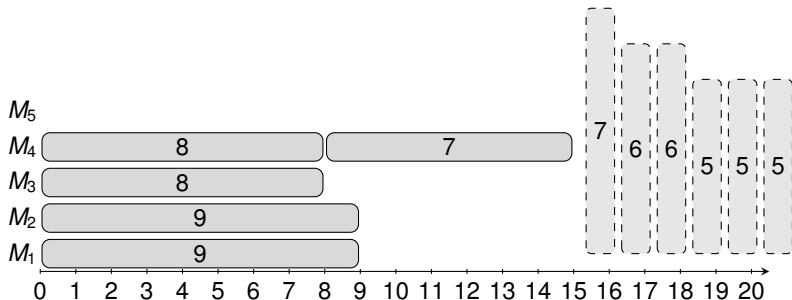
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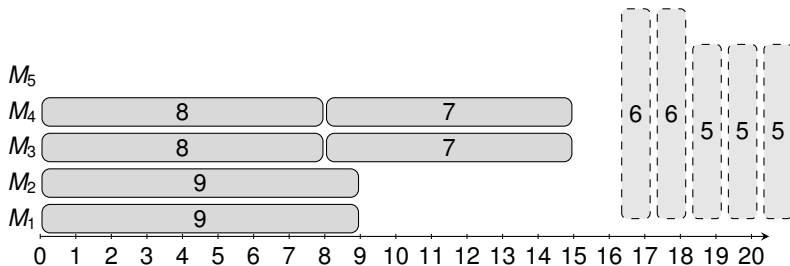
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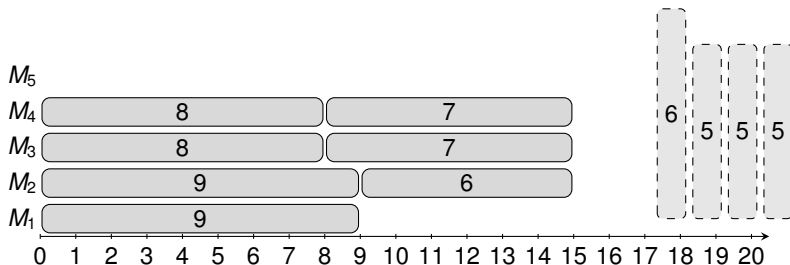
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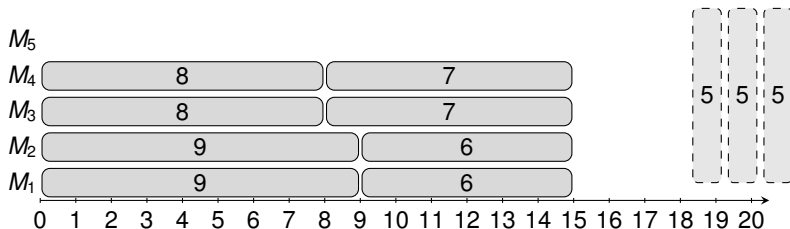
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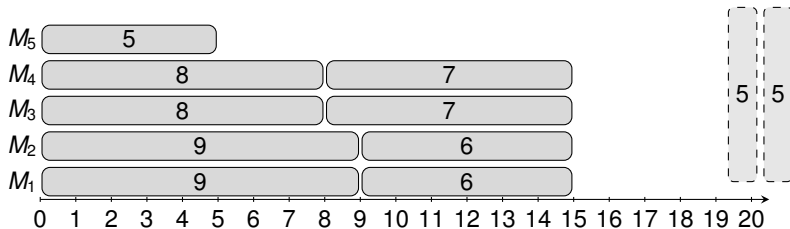
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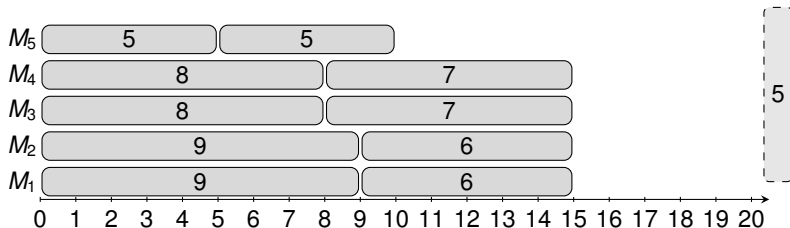
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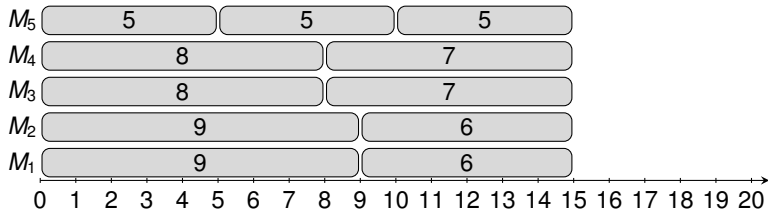
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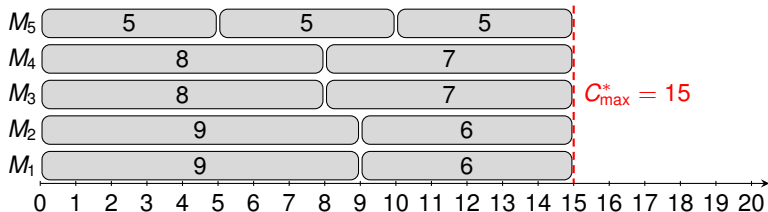
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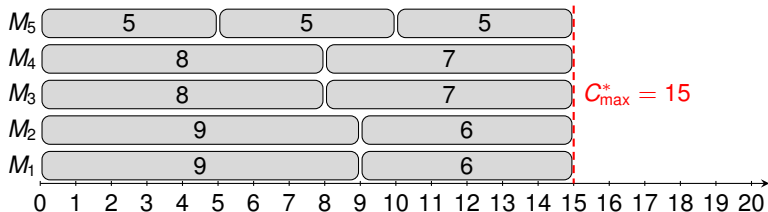
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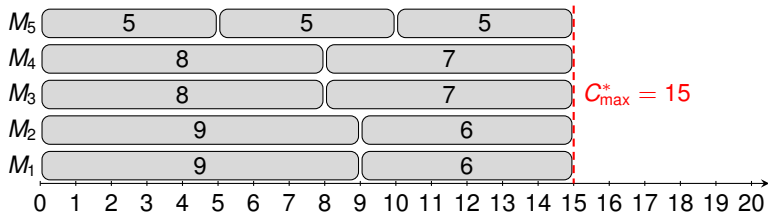
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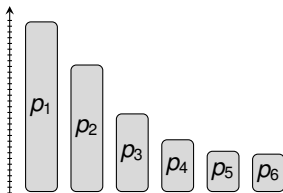
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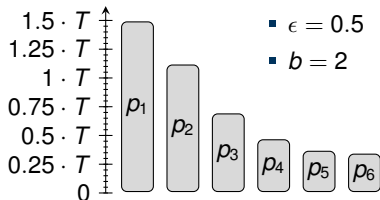
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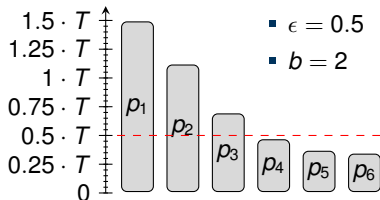
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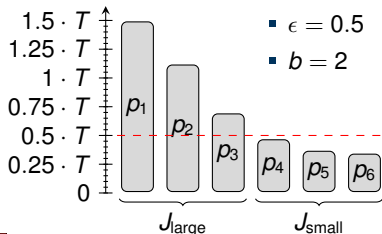
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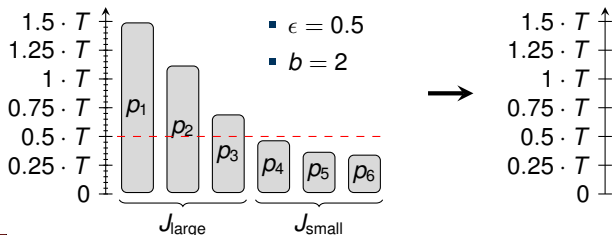
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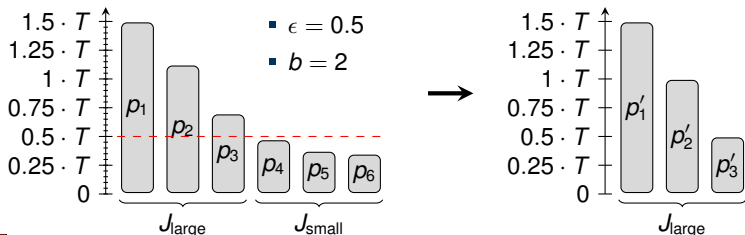
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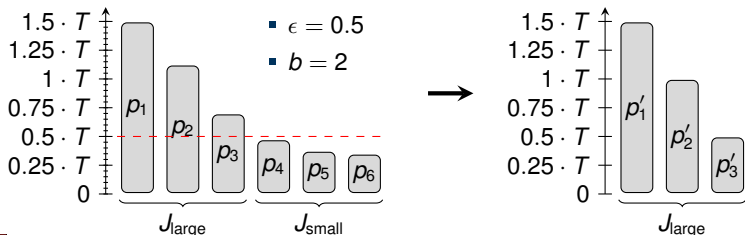
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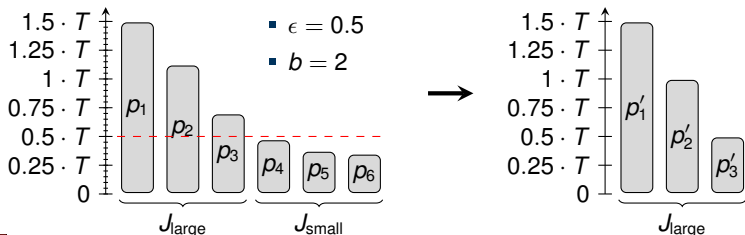
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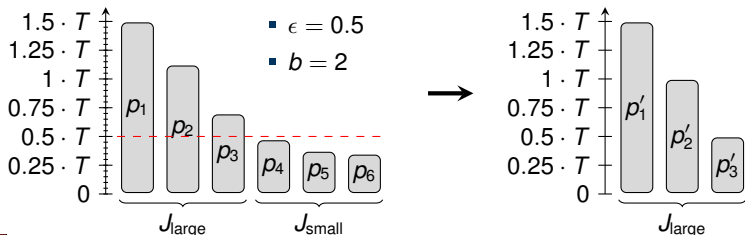
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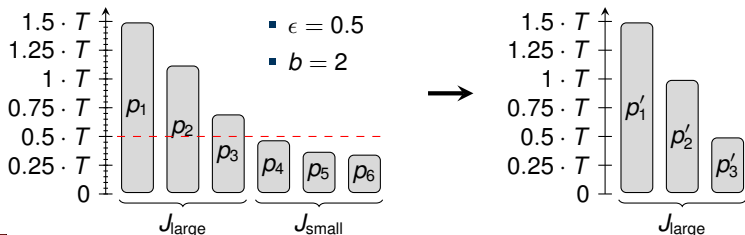
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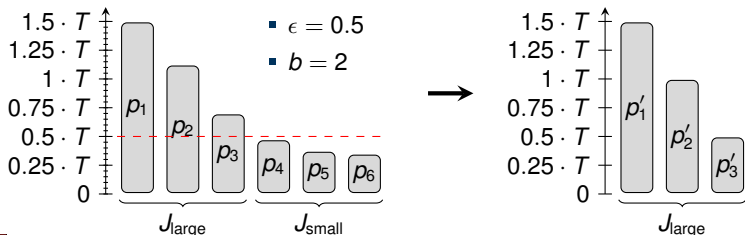


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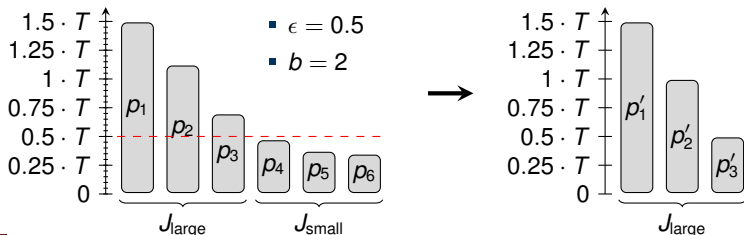
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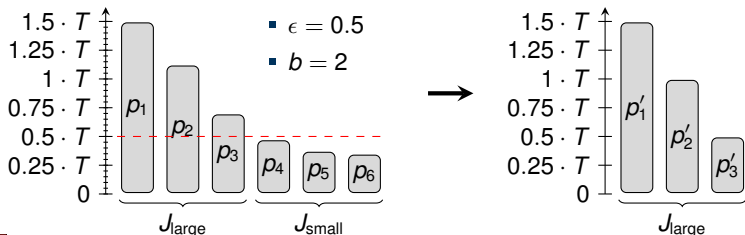
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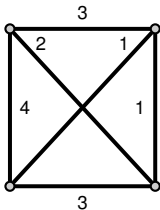


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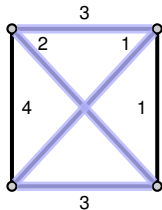


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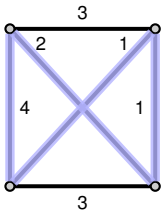


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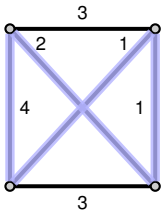
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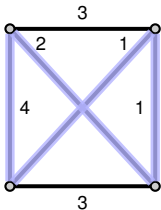
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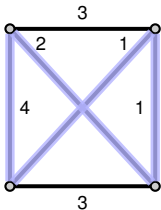
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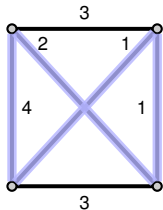
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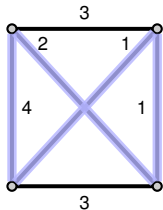
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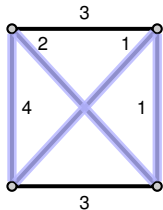
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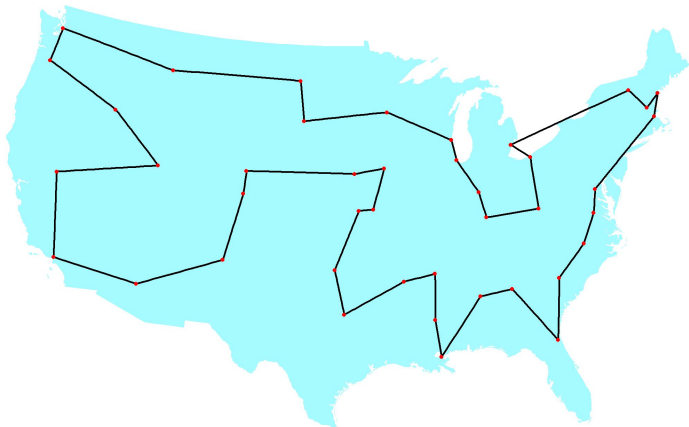
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http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/tsp/history/img/dantzig_big.html



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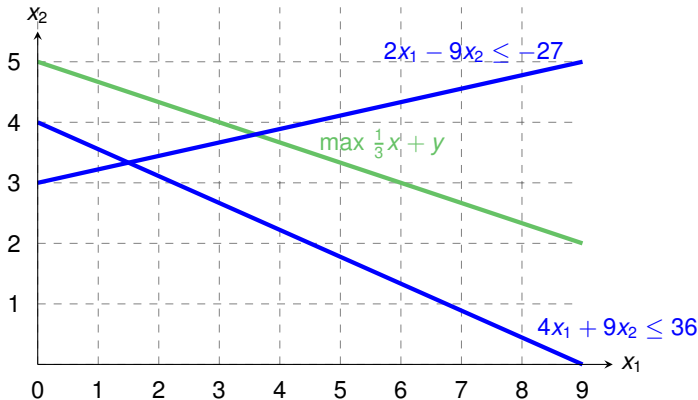
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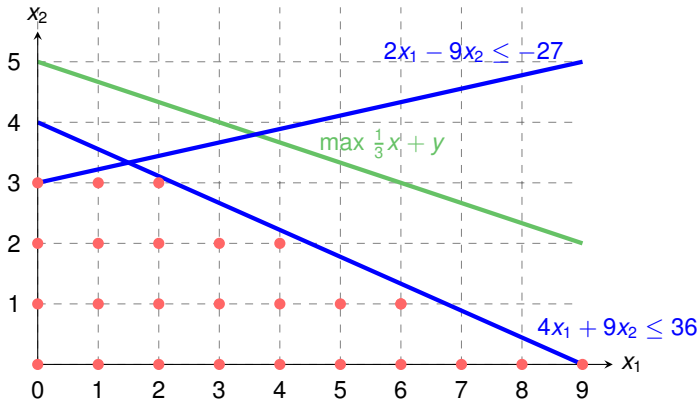
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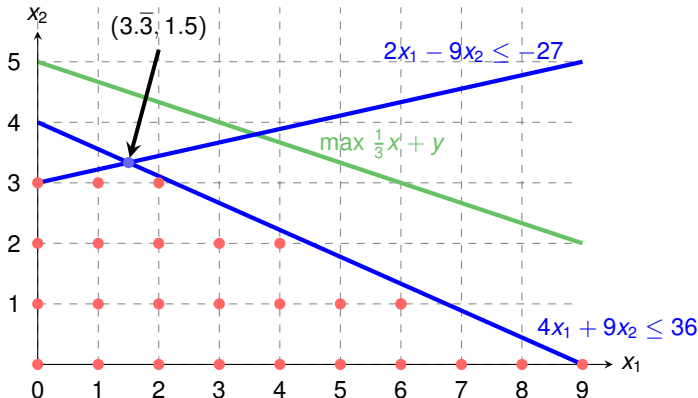
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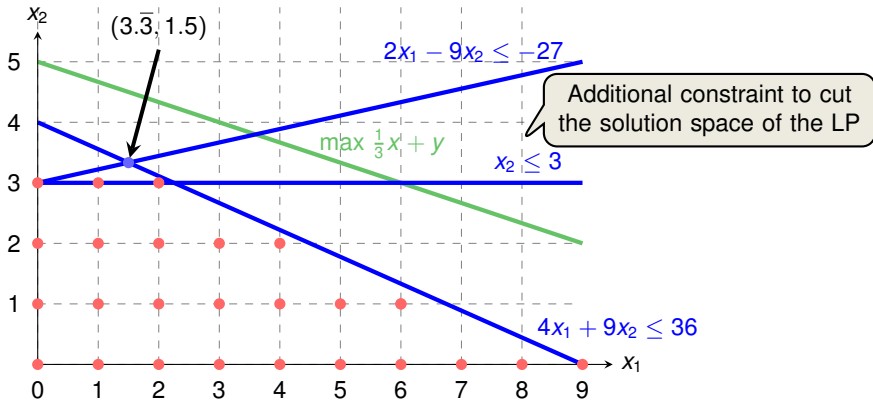
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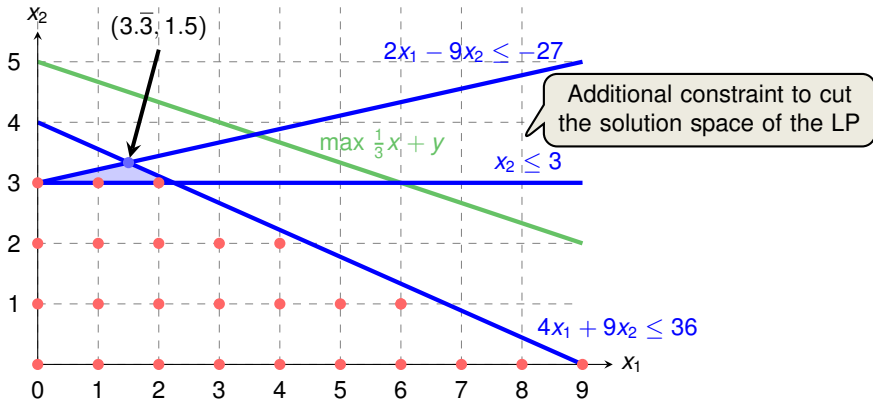
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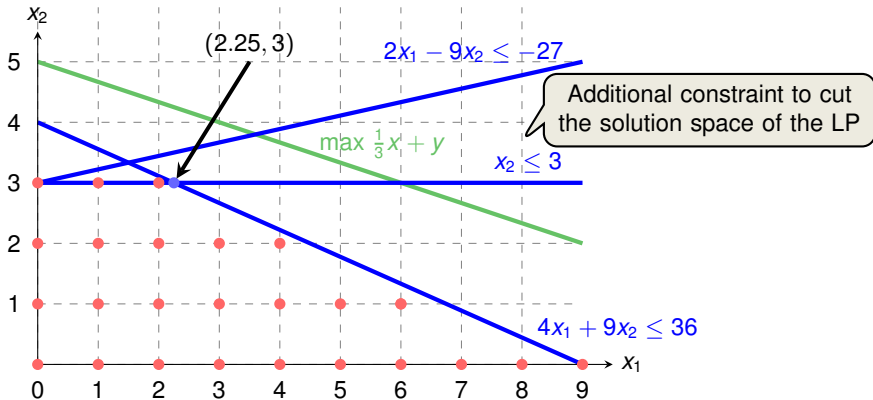
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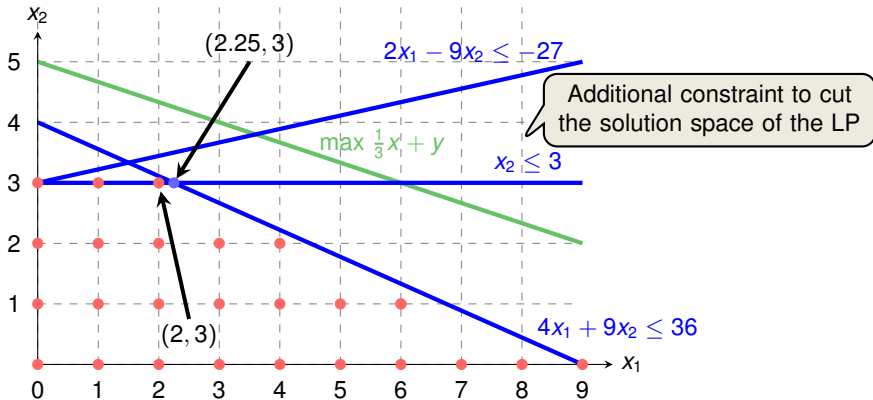
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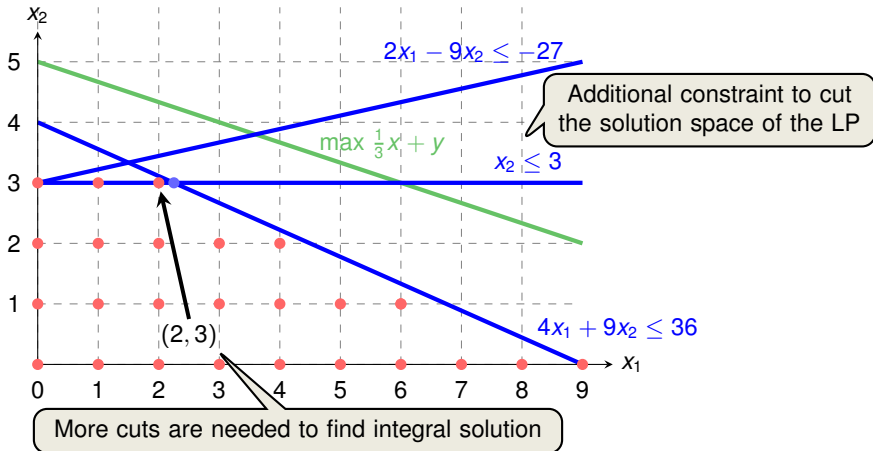
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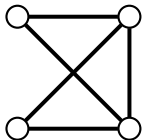
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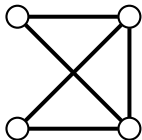
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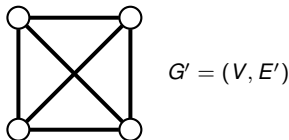
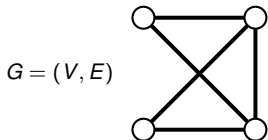
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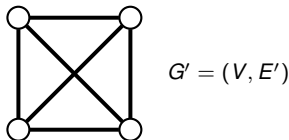
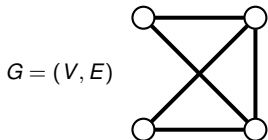
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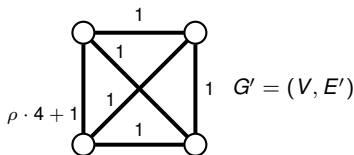
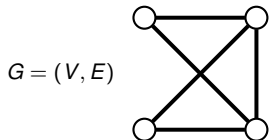
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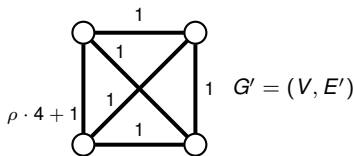
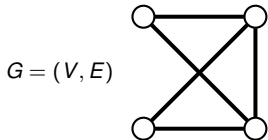
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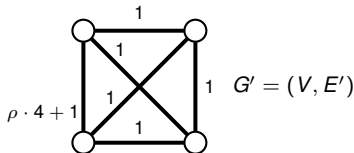
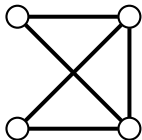
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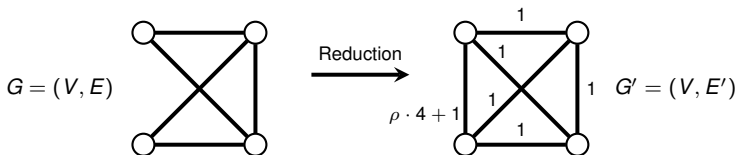
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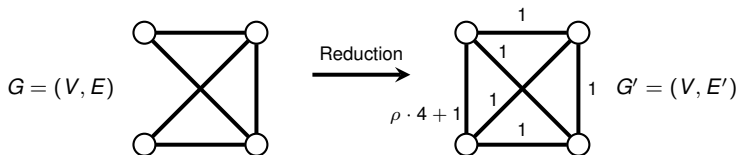
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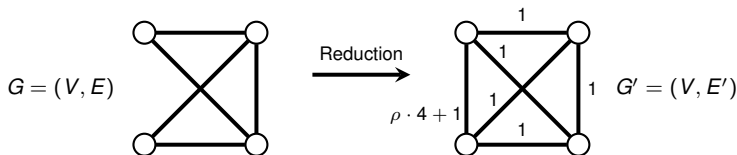
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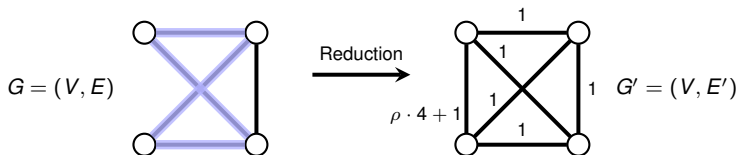
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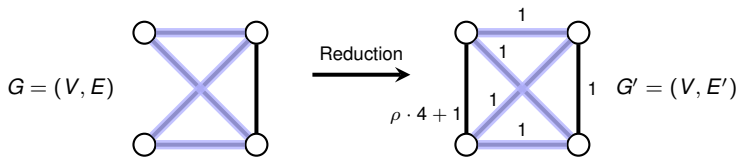
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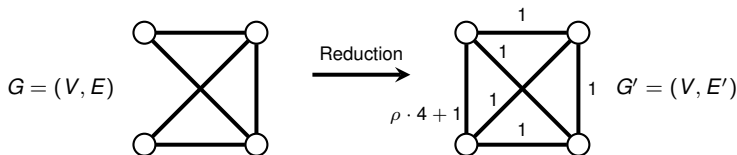
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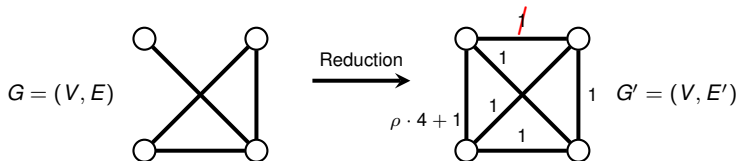
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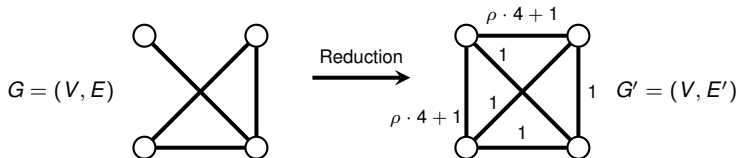
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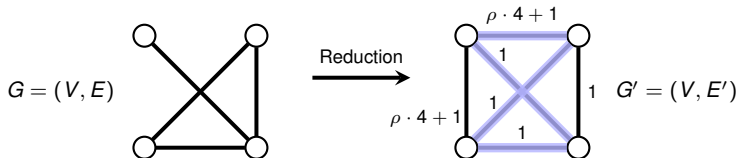
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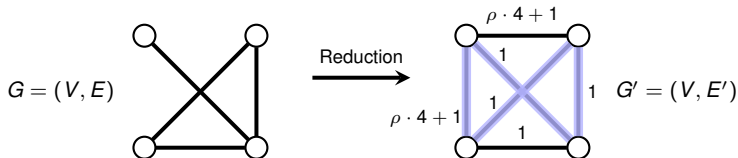
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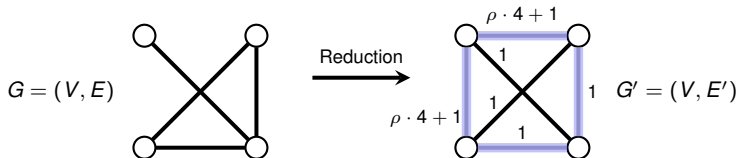
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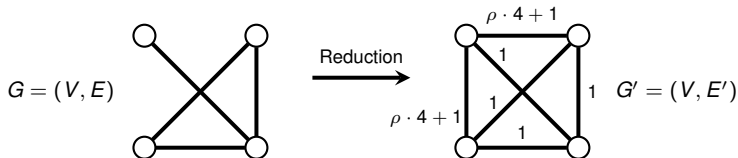
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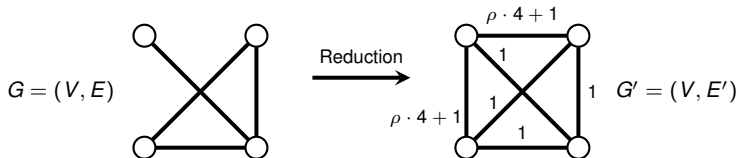
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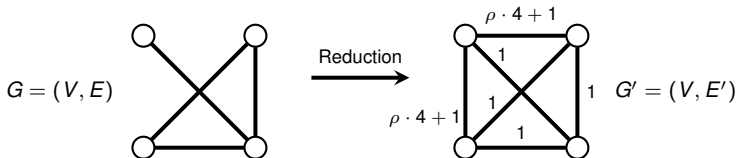
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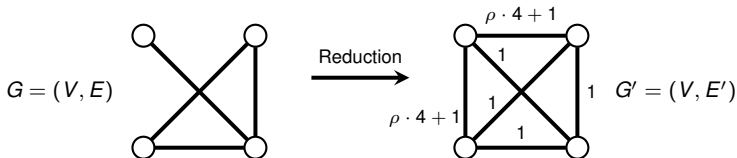
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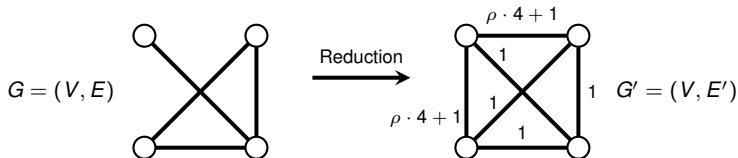
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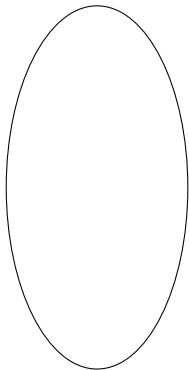
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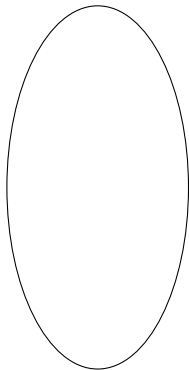
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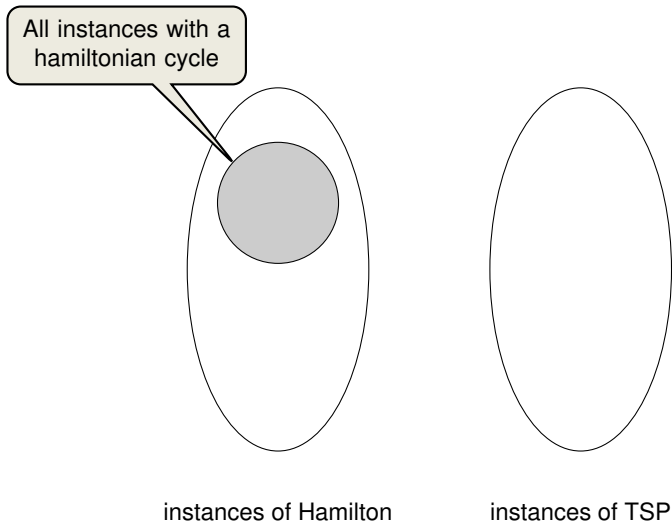
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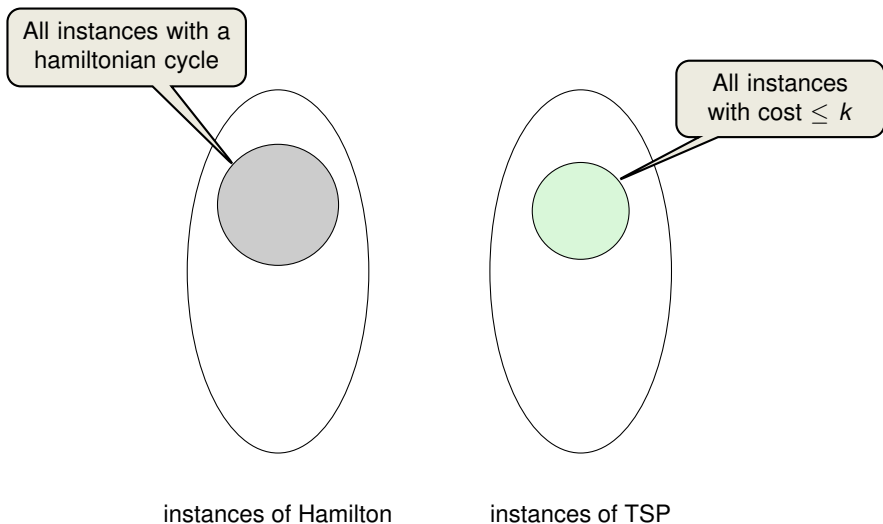
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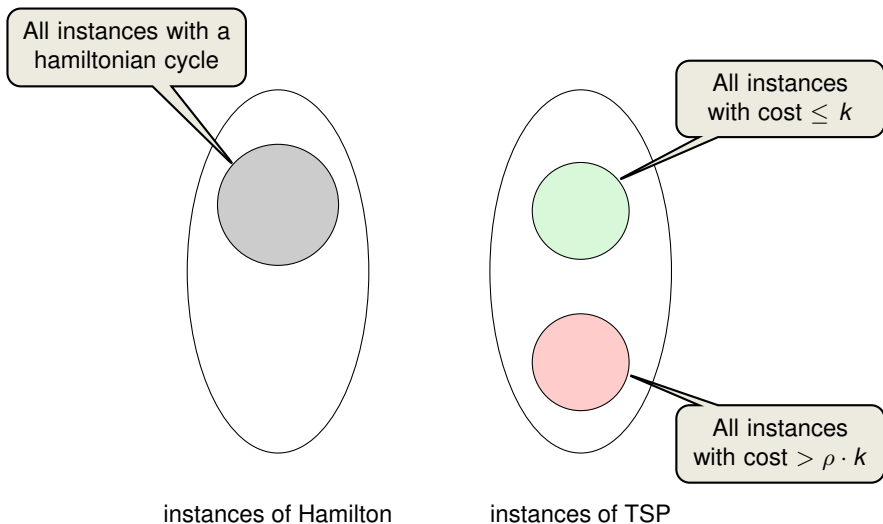
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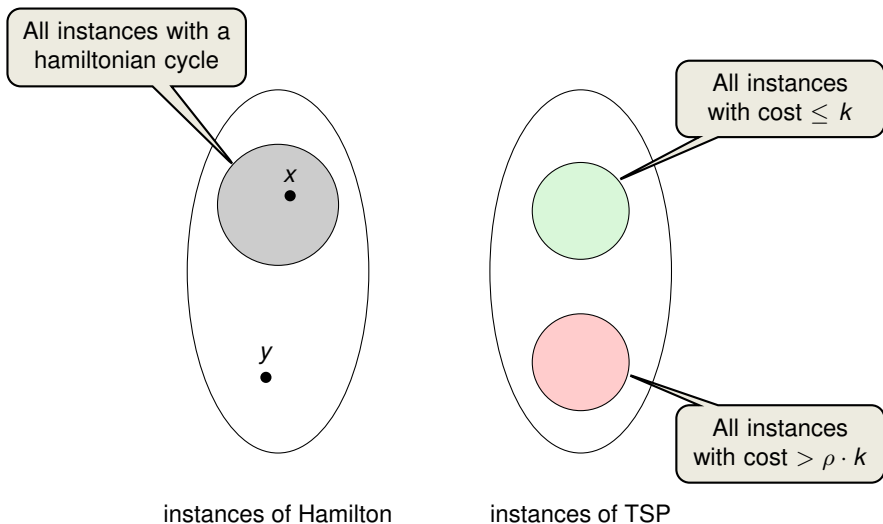
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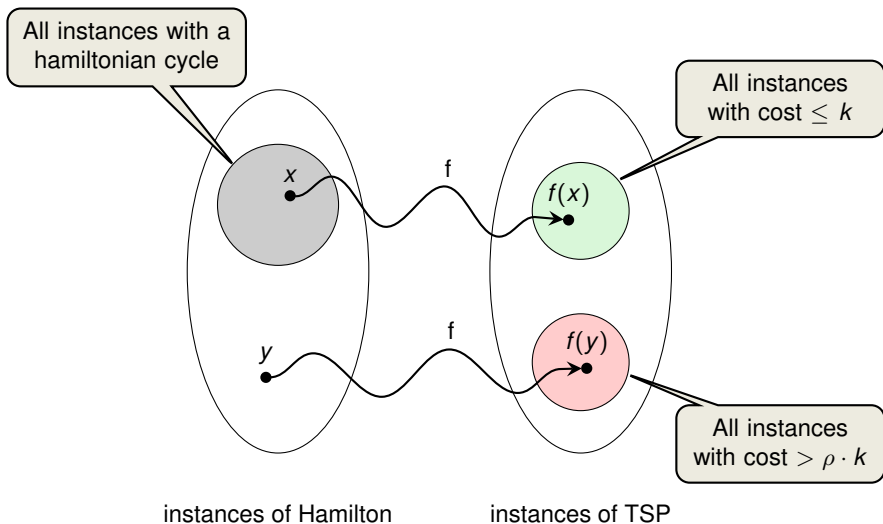
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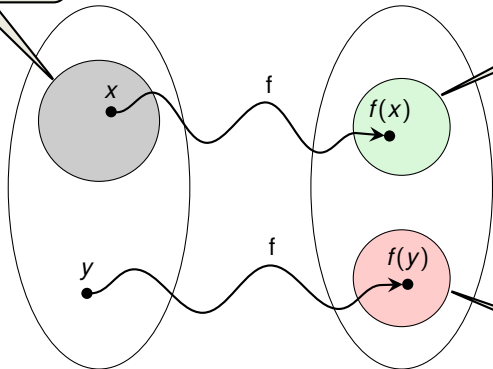
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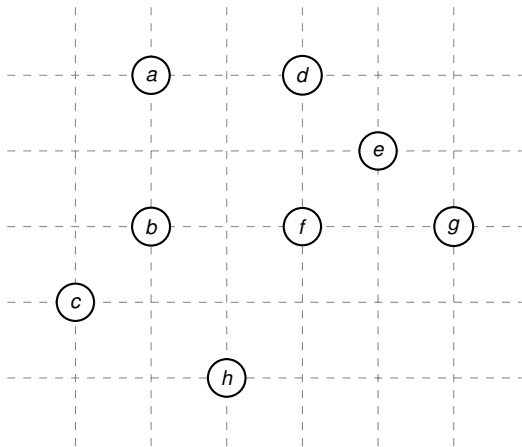
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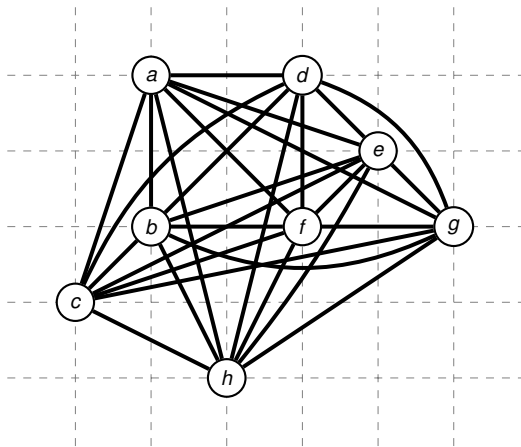
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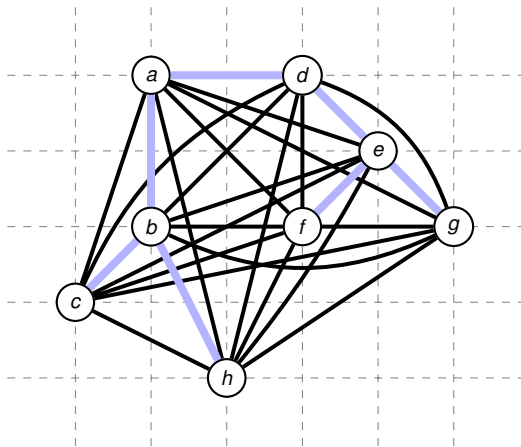




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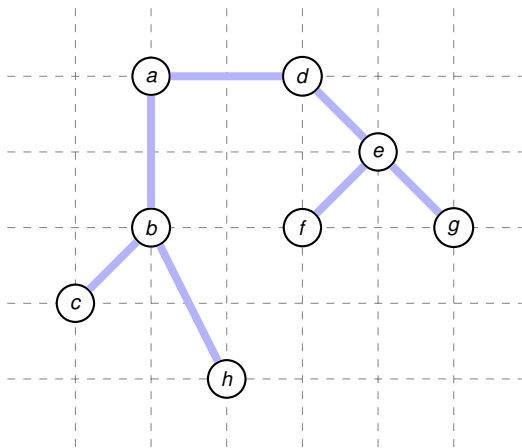
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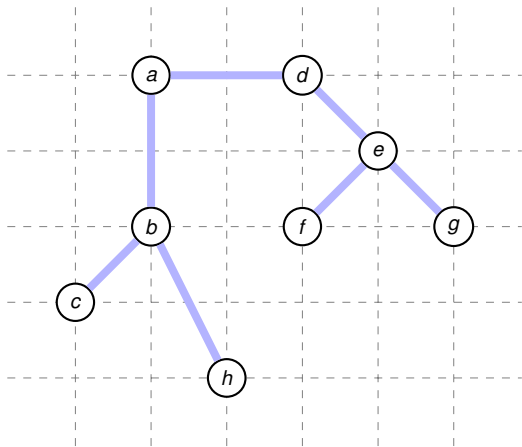
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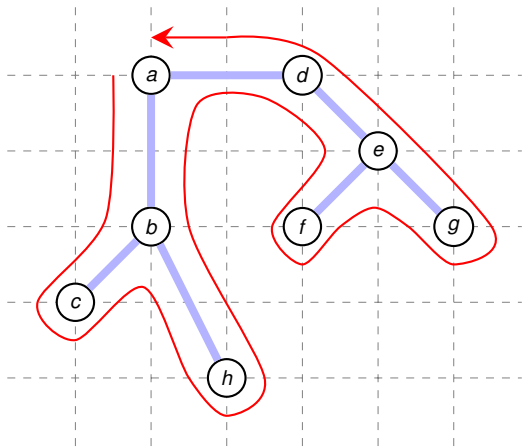
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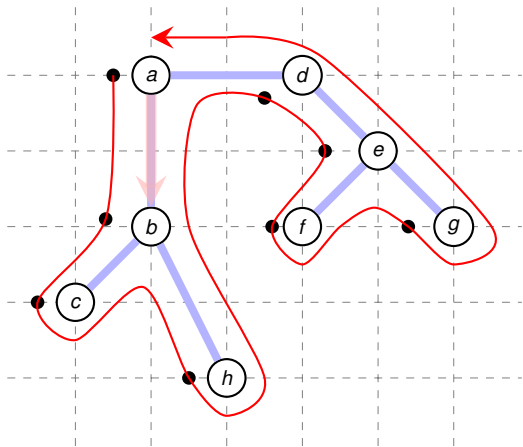
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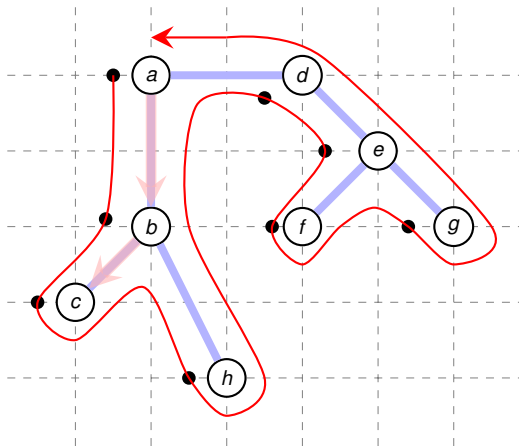
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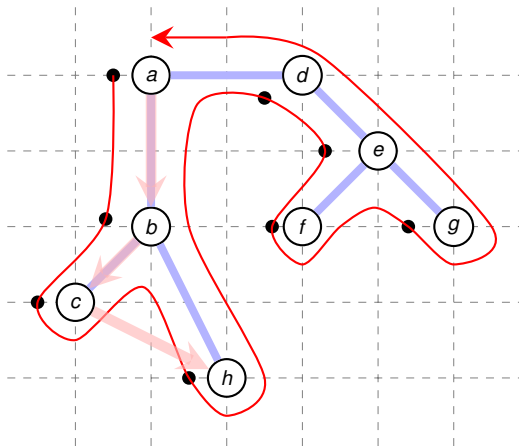
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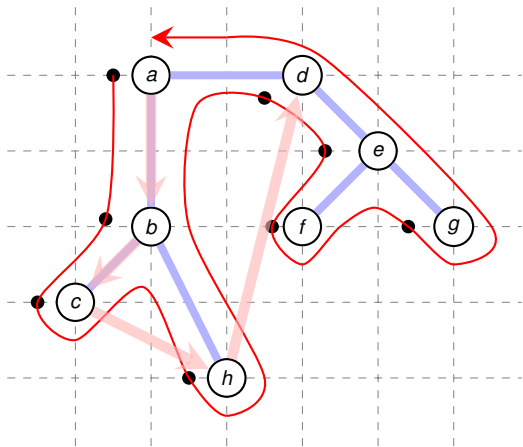
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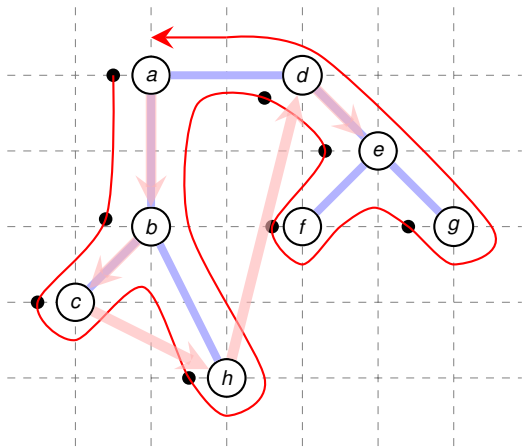
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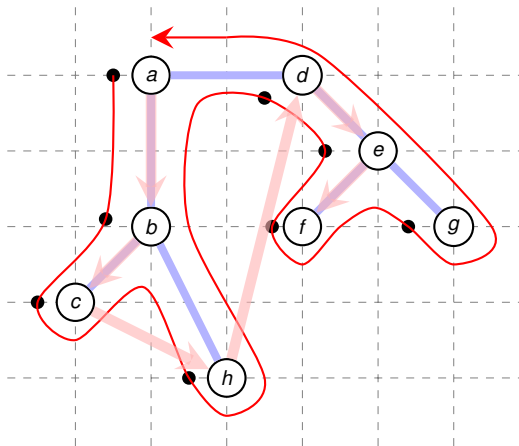
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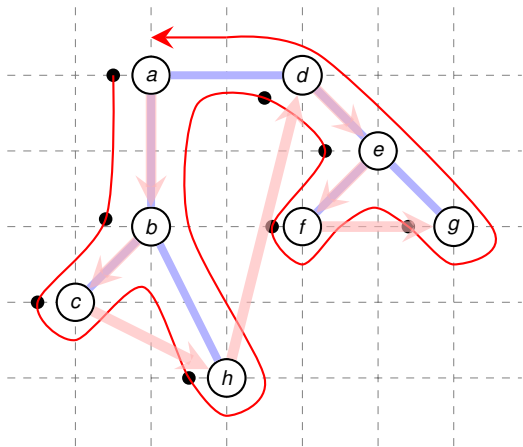
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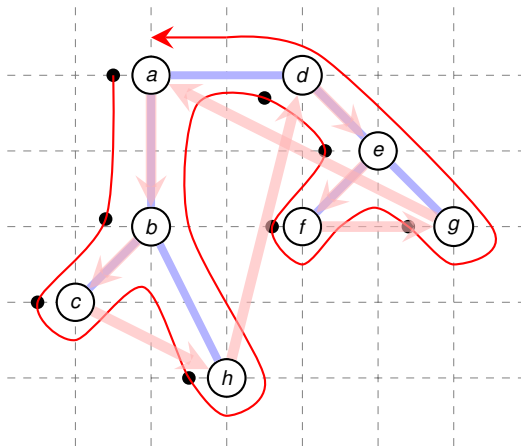
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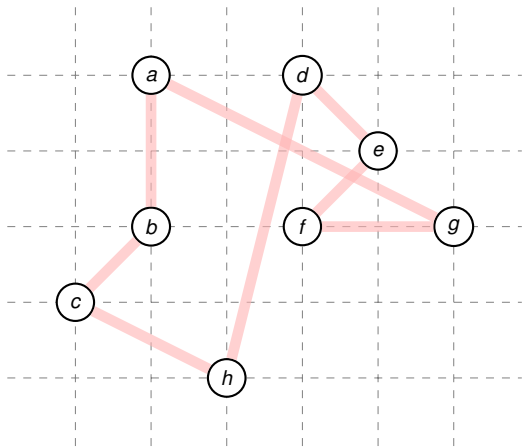
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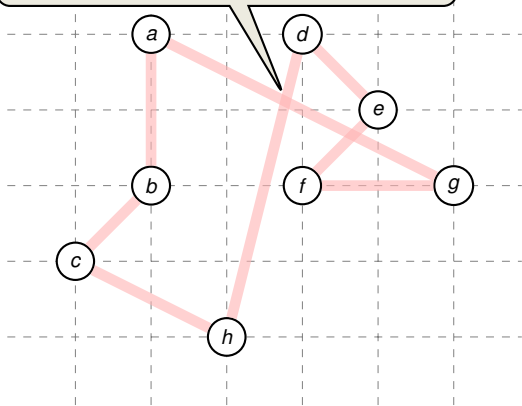


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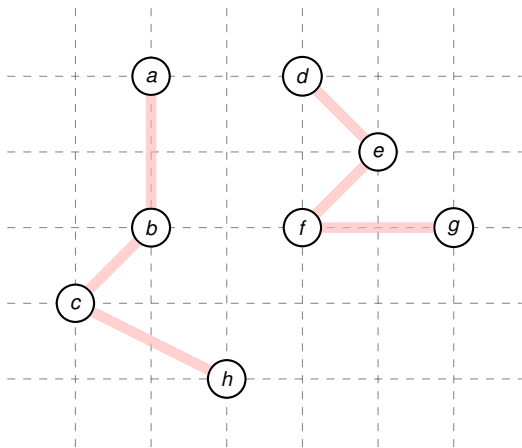
Solution has cost ≈ 19.704 - not optimal!



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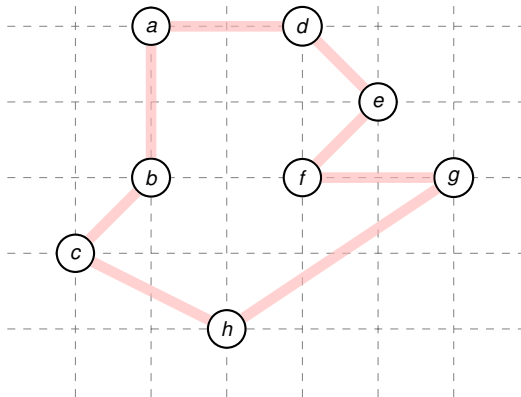


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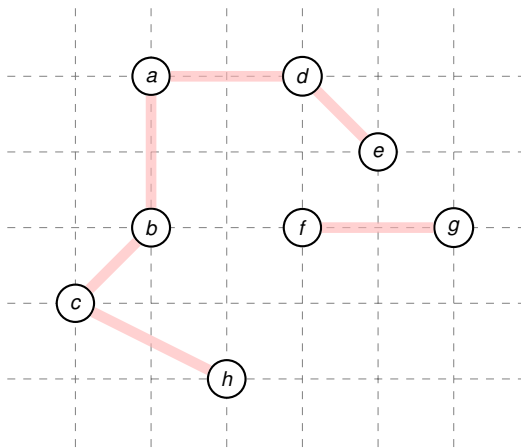
Better solution, yet still not optimal!



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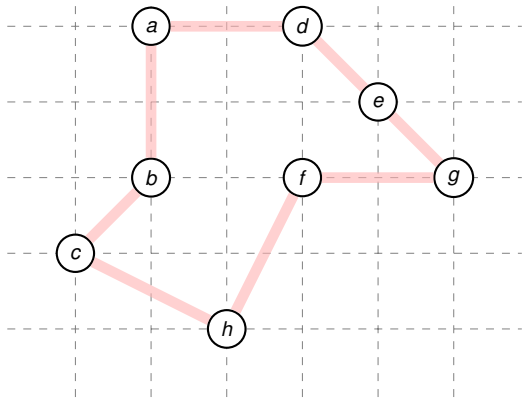


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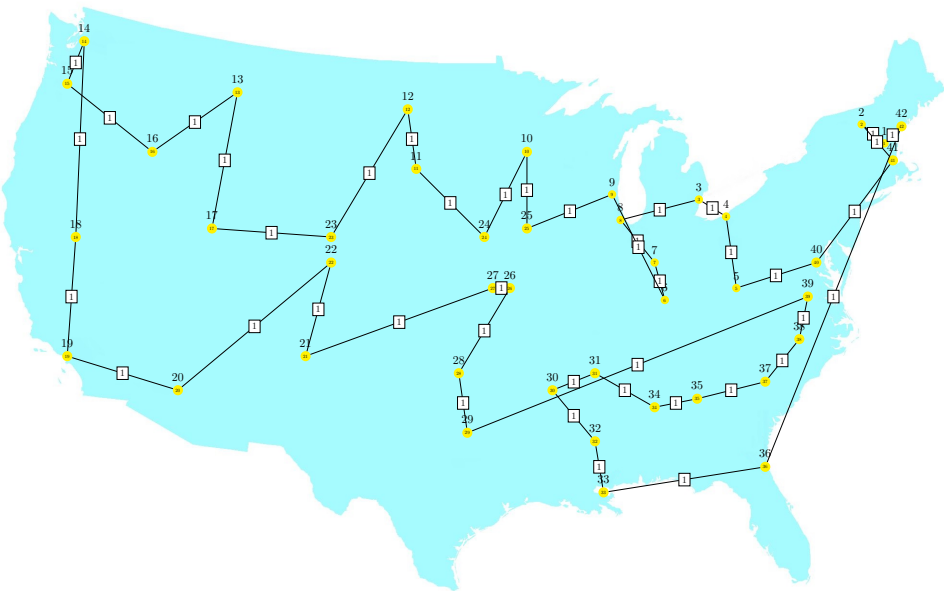
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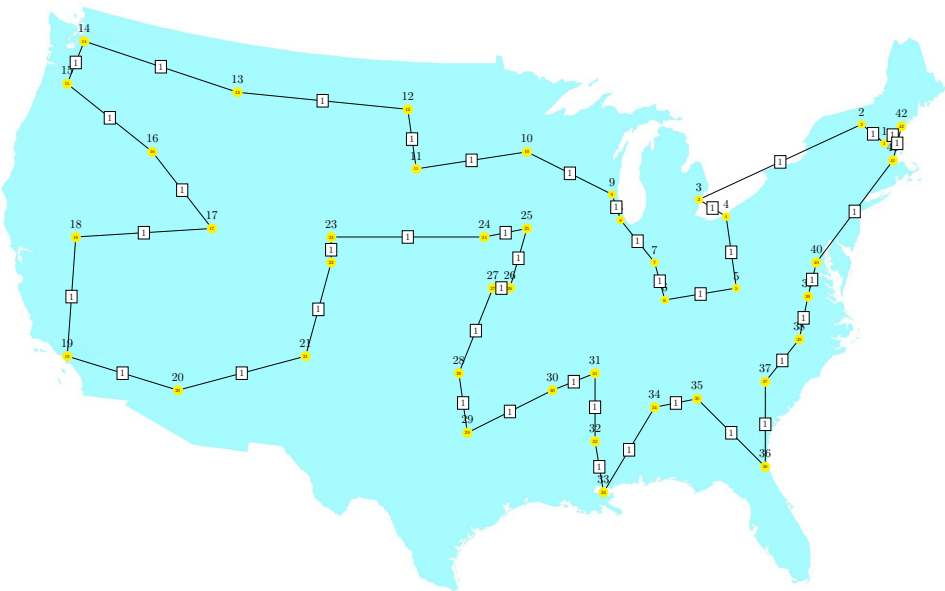
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Approximate Solution: Objective 921



Optimal Solution: Objective 699



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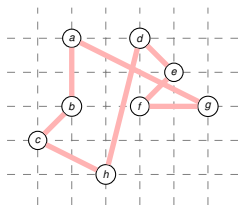


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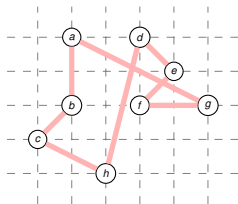


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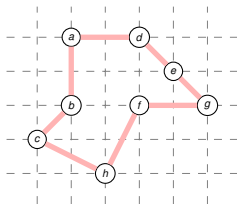
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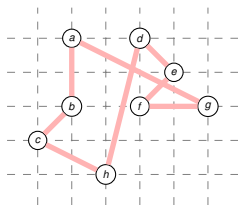
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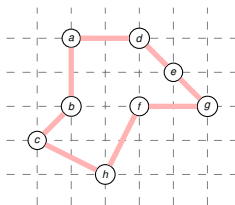
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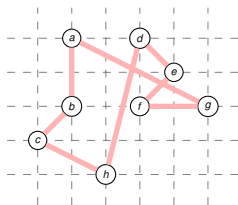
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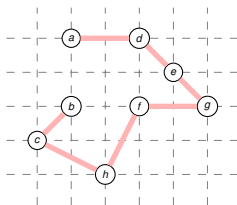
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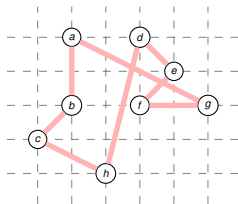
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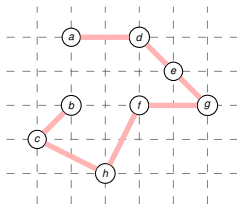
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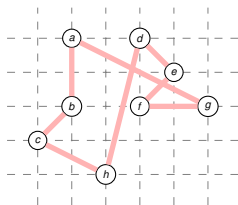
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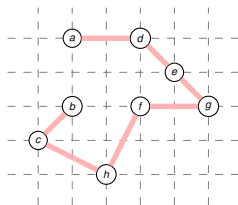
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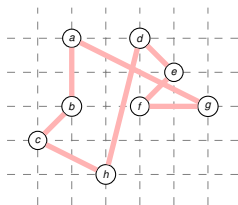
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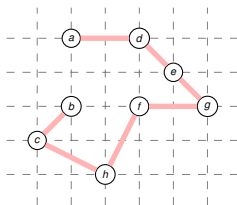
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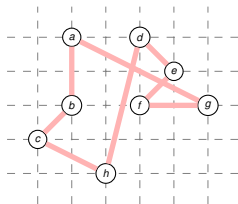
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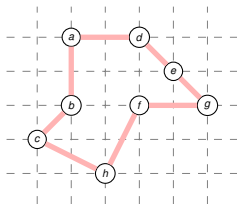
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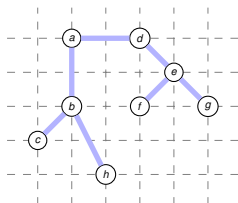
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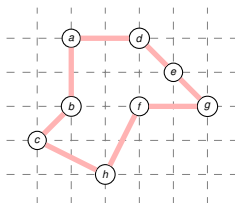
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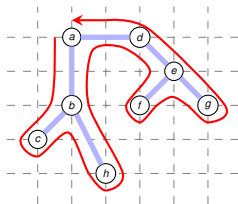
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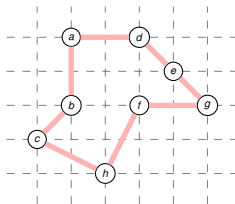
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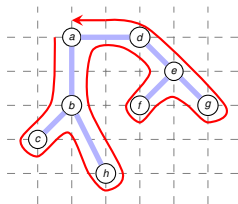
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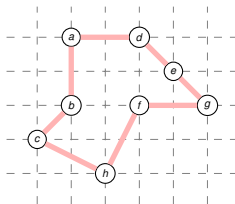
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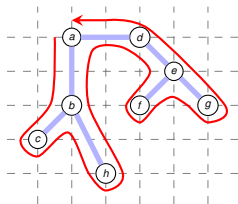
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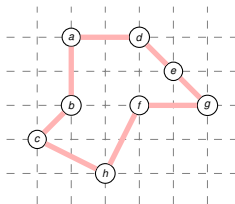
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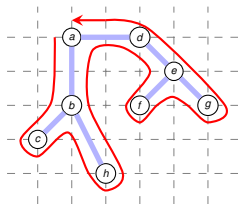
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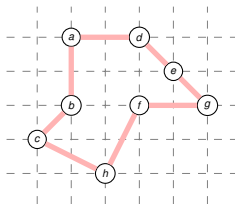
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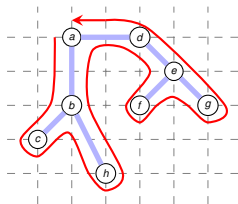
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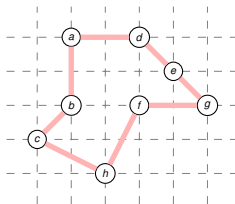
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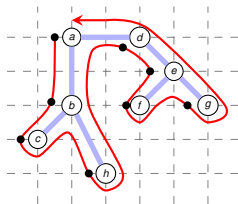
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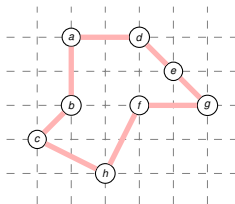
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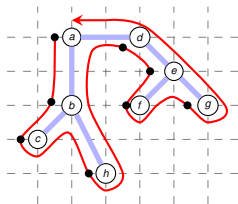
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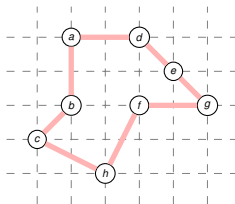
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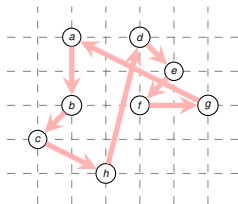
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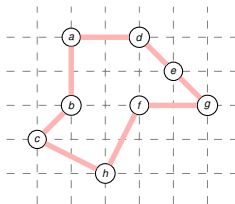
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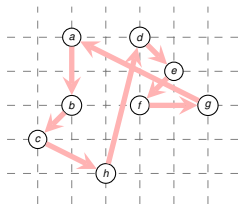
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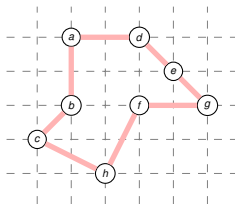
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exploiting **triangle inequality!**

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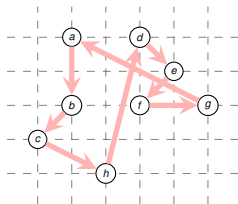
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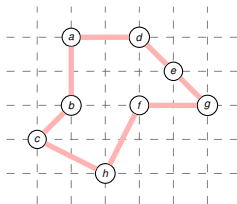
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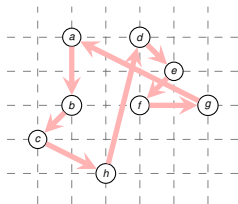
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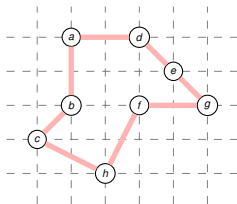
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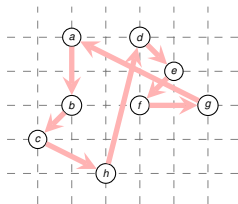
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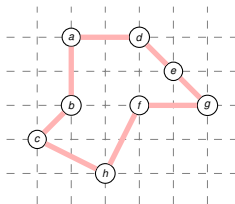
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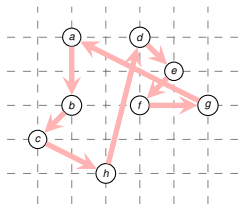
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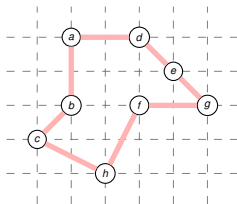
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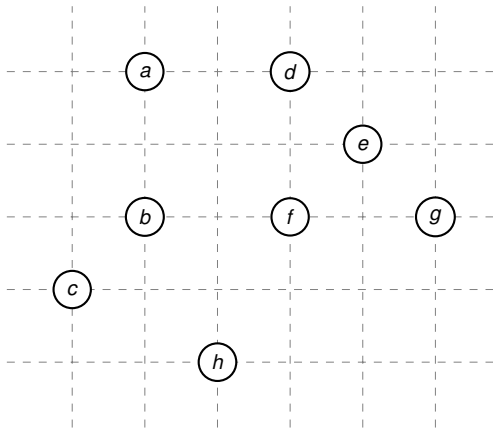
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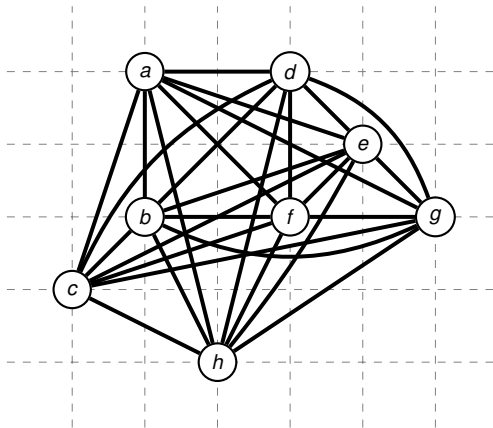
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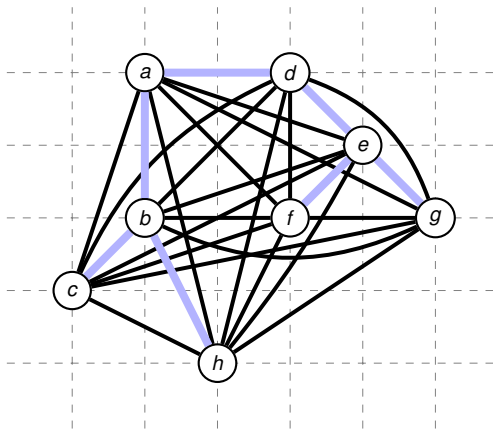


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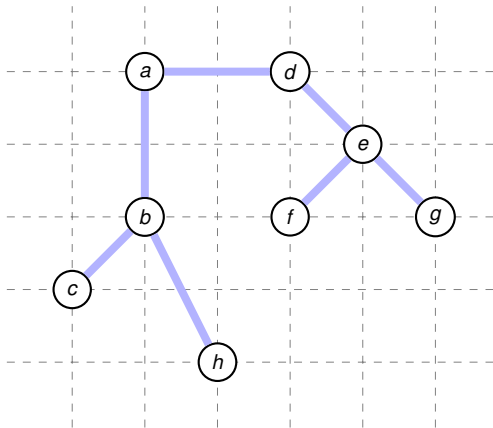




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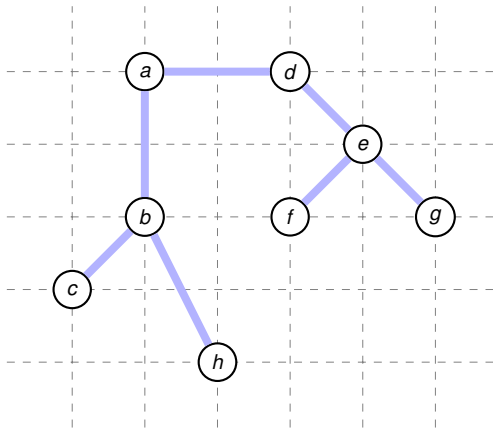


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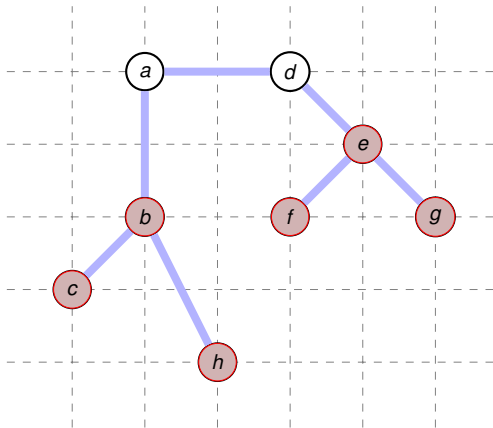




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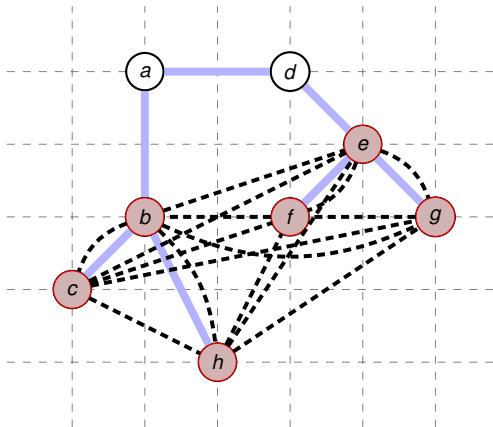
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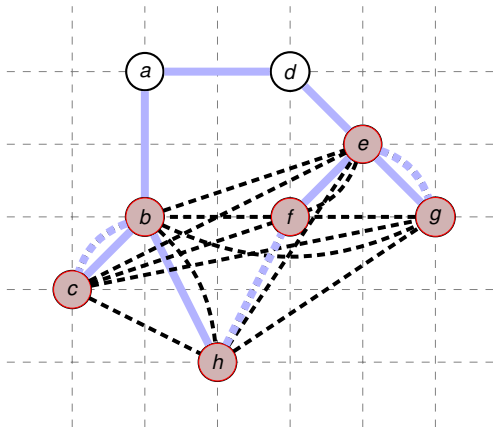
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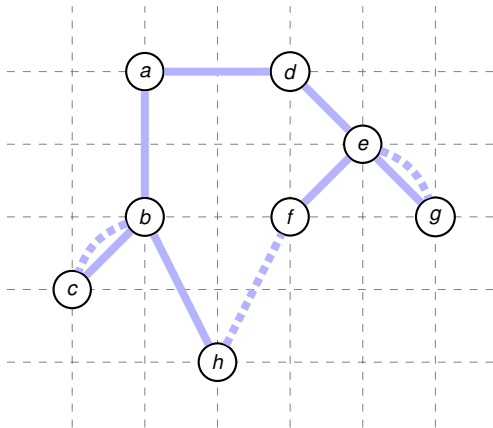


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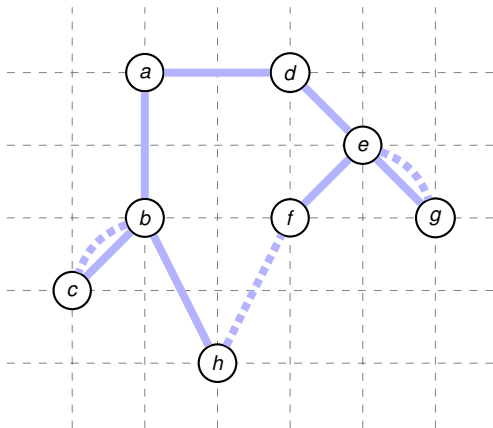
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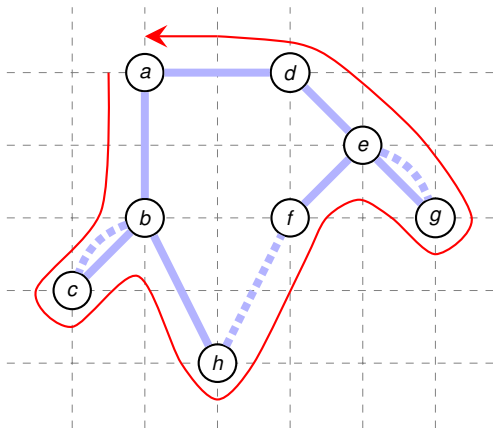




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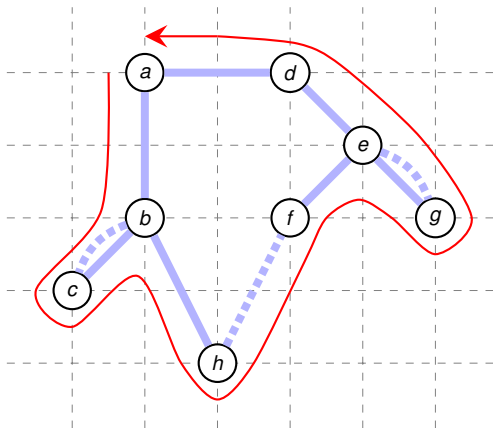




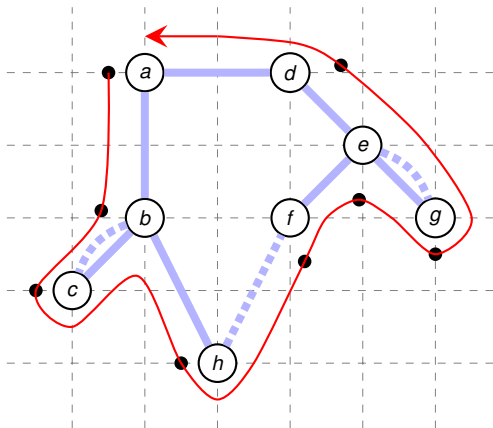
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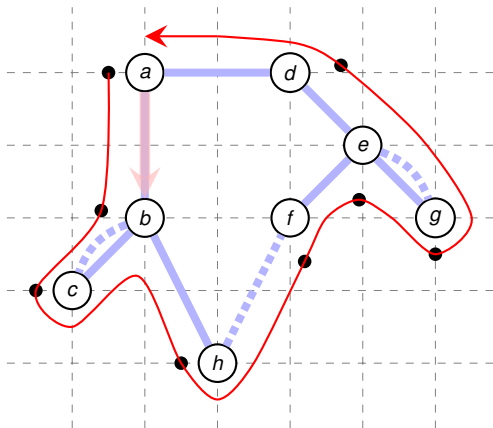




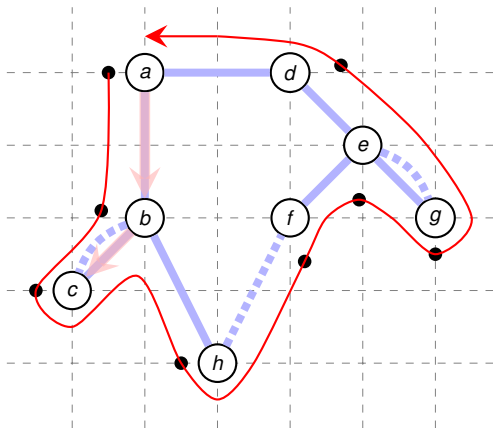
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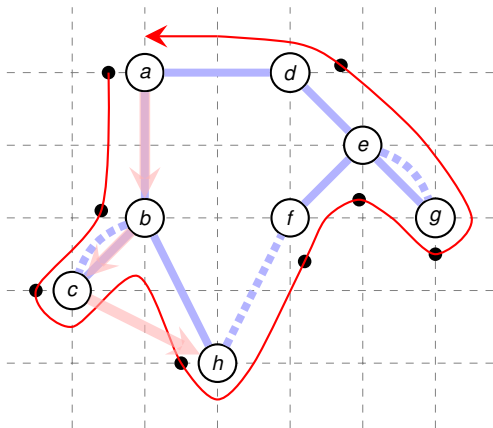


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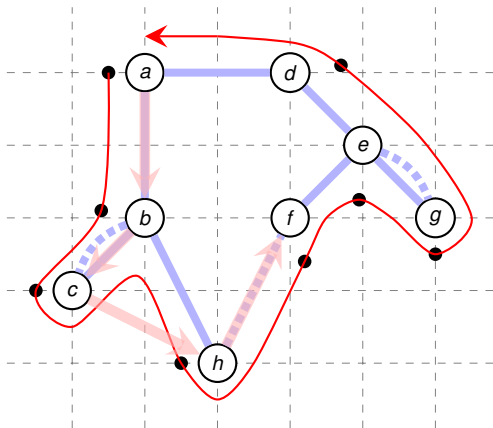


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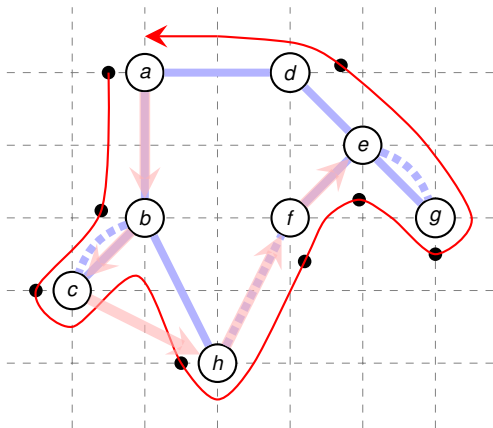


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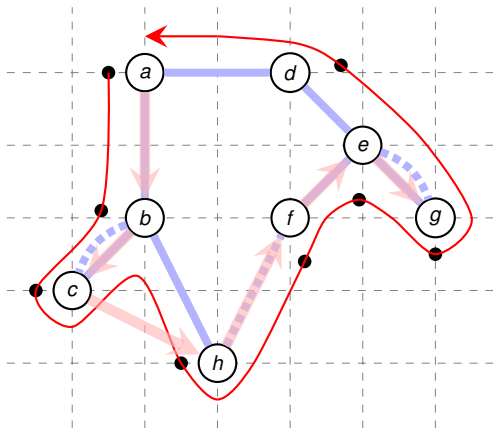
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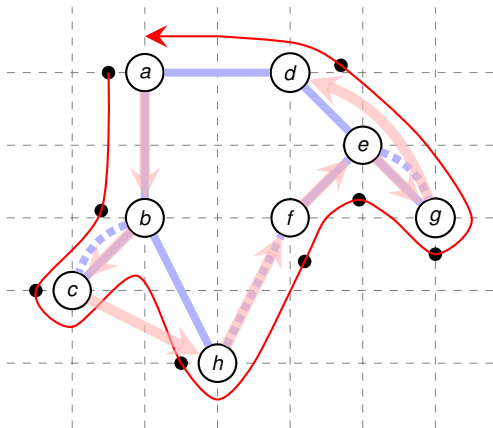
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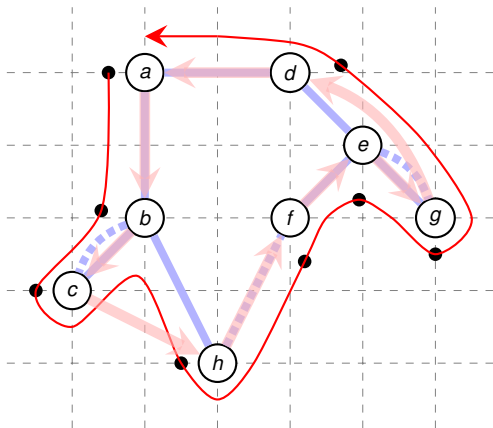


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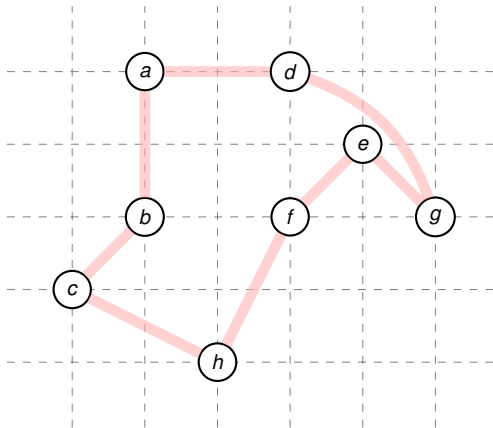




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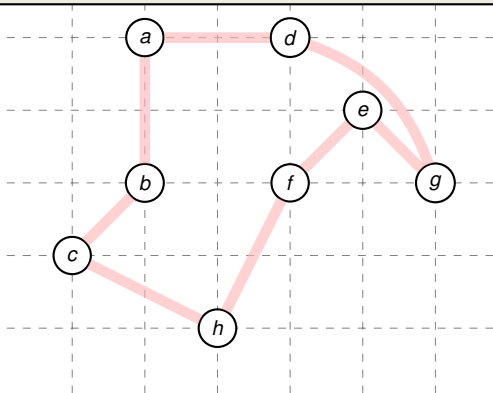
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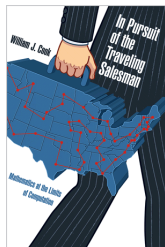
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$$\max\left(\frac{C}{C^*}, \frac{C^*}{C}\right) \leq \rho(n).$$

Call such an algorithm **randomised $\rho(n)$ -approximation algorithm**.

extends in the natural way to **randomised algorithms**

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An **approximation scheme** is an approximation algorithm, which given any input and $\epsilon > 0$, is a $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm.

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MAX-3-CNF Satisfiability

Assume that no literal (including its negation) appears more than once in the same clause.

MAX-3-CNF Satisfiability

- **Given:** 3-CNF formula, e.g.: $(x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_5) \wedge \dots$
- **Goal:** Find an assignment of the variables that satisfies as many clauses as possible.

Relaxation of the **satisfiability** problem. Want to compute how “close” the formula to being satisfiable is.

Example:

$$(x_1 \vee x_3 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_5) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4 \vee x_5) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3)$$

$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$ and $x_5 = 1$ satisfies 3 (out of 4 clauses)

Idea: What about assigning each variable independently at random?



Analysis

Theorem 35.6

Given an instance of MAX-3-CNF with n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and m clauses, the randomised algorithm that sets each variable independently at random is a **randomised $8/7$ -approximation algorithm**.

Proof:

- For every clause $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, define a **random variable**:

$$Y_i = \mathbf{1}\{\text{clause } i \text{ is satisfied}\}$$

- Since each literal (including its negation) appears at most once in clause i ,

$$\Pr[\text{clause } i \text{ is not satisfied}] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[\text{clause } i \text{ is satisfied}] = 1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}[Y_i] = \Pr[Y_i = 1] \cdot 1 = \frac{7}{8}.$$

- Let $Y := \sum_{i=1}^m Y_i$ be the number of satisfied clauses. Then,

$$\mathbf{E}[Y] = \mathbf{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^m Y_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{E}[Y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{8} \cdot m. \quad \square$$

Linearity of Expectations

maximum number of satisfiable clauses is m



Interesting Implications

Theorem 35.6

Given an instance of MAX-3-CNF with n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and m clauses, the randomised algorithm that sets each variable independently at random is a polynomial-time **randomised $8/7$ -approximation algorithm**.

Corollary

For any instance of MAX-3-CNF, there **exists** an assignment which satisfies at least $\frac{7}{8}$ of all clauses.

There is $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $Y(\omega) \geq \mathbf{E}[Y]$

Probabilistic Method: powerful tool to show existence of a non-obvious property.

Corollary

Any instance of MAX-3-CNF with at most 7 clauses is satisfiable.

Follows from the previous Corollary.



Expected Approximation Ratio

Theorem 35.6

Given an instance of MAX-3-CNF with n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and m clauses, the randomised algorithm that sets each variable independently at random is a polynomial-time randomised $8/7$ -approximation algorithm.

One could prove that the probability to satisfy $(7/8) \cdot m$ clauses is at least $1/(8m)$

$$\mathbf{E}[Y] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{E}[Y \mid x_1 = 1] + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{E}[Y \mid x_1 = 0].$$

Y is defined as in the previous proof.

One of the two conditional expectations is at least $\mathbf{E}[Y]$!

GREEDY-3-CNF(ϕ, n, m)

- 1: **for** $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- 2: Compute $\mathbf{E}[Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}, x_j = 1]$
- 3: Compute $\mathbf{E}[Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}, x_j = 0]$
- 4: Let $x_j = v_j$ so that the conditional expectation is maximized
- 5: **return** the assignment v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n



Analysis of GREEDY-3-CNF(ϕ, n, m)

This algorithm is deterministic.

Theorem

GREEDY-3-CNF(ϕ, n, m) is a polynomial-time $8/7$ -approximation.

Proof:

- **Step 1:** polynomial-time algorithm
 - In iteration $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $Y = Y(\phi)$ averages over 2^{n-j+1} assignments
 - A smarter way is to use **linearity of (conditional) expectations**:

$$\mathbf{E} [Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}, x_j = 1] = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{E} [Y_i \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}, x_j = 1]$$

computable in $O(1)$

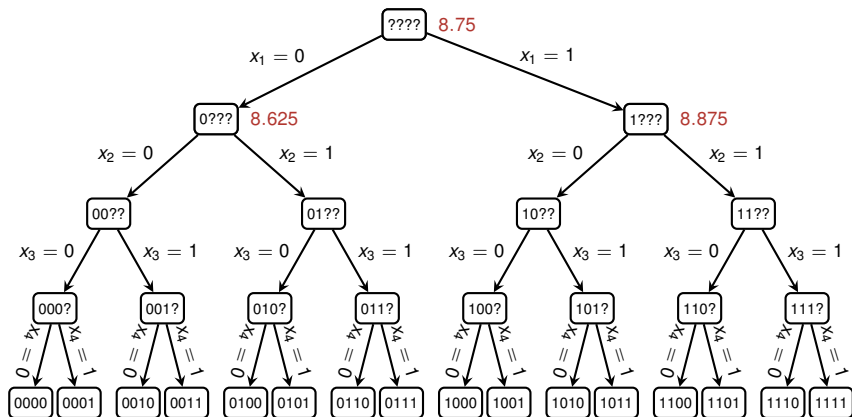
- **Step 2:** satisfies at least $7/8 \cdot m$ clauses
 - Due to the greedy choice in each iteration $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} [Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}, x_j = v_j] &\geq \mathbf{E} [Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-1} = v_{j-1}] \\ &\geq \mathbf{E} [Y \mid x_1 = v_1, \dots, x_{j-2} = v_{j-2}] \\ &\vdots \\ &\geq \mathbf{E} [Y] = \frac{7}{8} \cdot m. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$



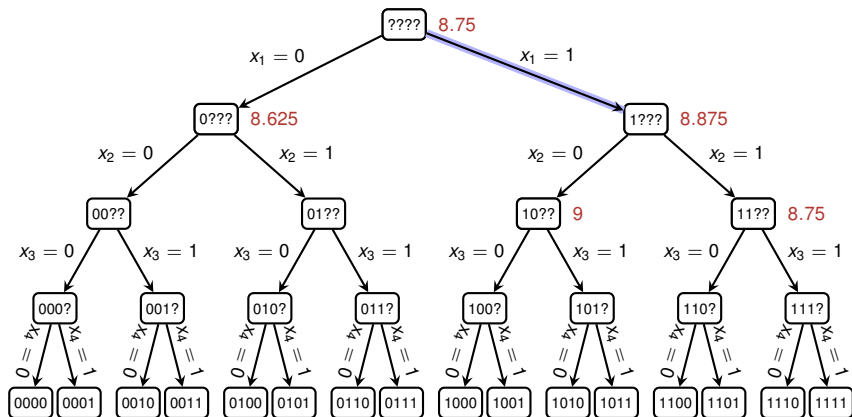
Run of GREEDY-3-CNF(φ, n, m)

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_4)$$



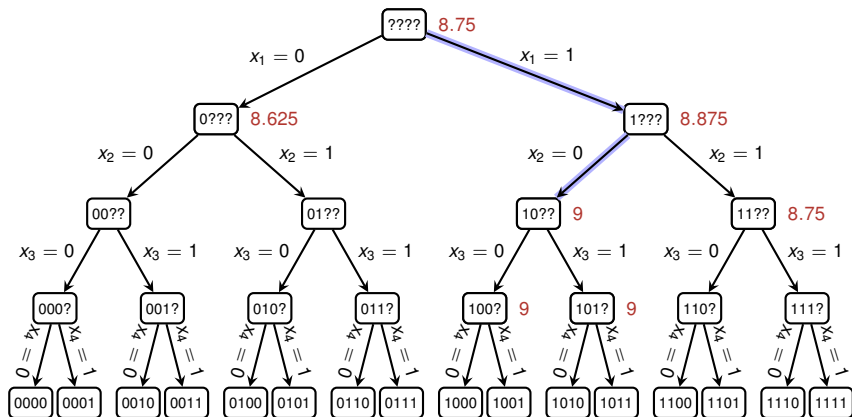
Run of GREEDY-3-CNF(φ, n, m)

$$1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge (\overline{x_3} \vee x_4) \wedge 1 \wedge (\overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge 1 \wedge (x_2 \vee \overline{x_3} \vee \overline{x_4})$$



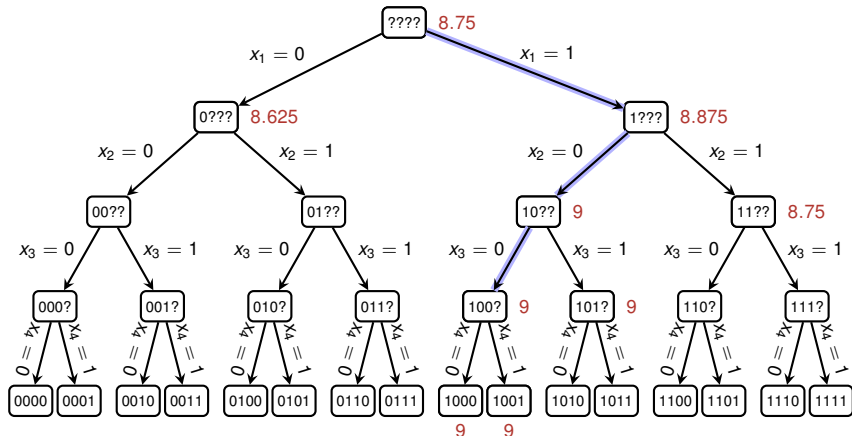
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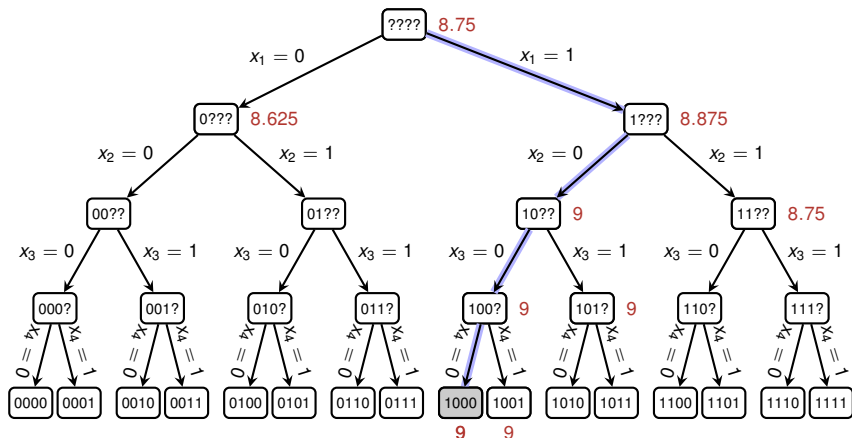
Run of GREEDY-3-CNF(φ, n, m)

$1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 0 \wedge 1 \wedge 1 \wedge 1$



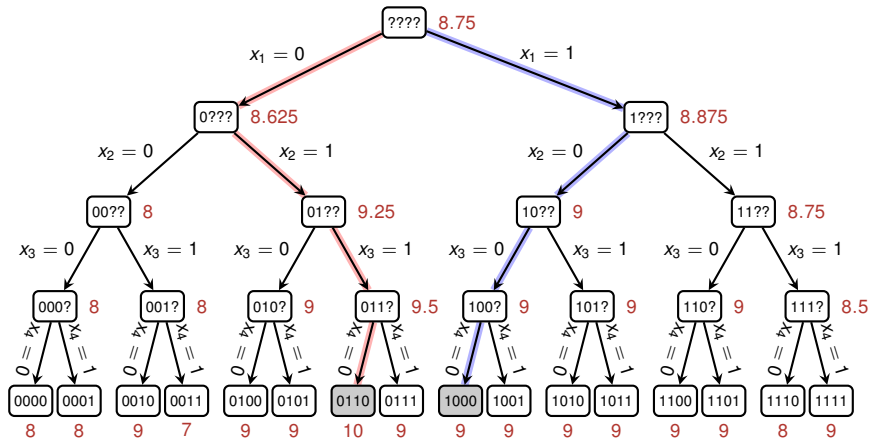
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Run of GREEDY-3-CNF(φ, n, m)

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee \bar{x}_4)$$



Returned solution satisfies 9 out of 10 clauses, but the formula is satisfiable.



MAX-3-CNF: Concluding Remarks

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Given an instance of MAX-3-CNF with n variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and m clauses, the randomised algorithm that sets each variable independently at random is a **randomised $8/7$ -approximation algorithm**.

Theorem

GREEDY-3-CNF(ϕ, n, m) is a polynomial-time $8/7$ -approximation.

Theorem (Hastad'97)

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there is **no** polynomial time $8/7 - \epsilon$ approximation algorithm of MAX3-SAT unless P=NP.

Essentially there is nothing smarter than just guessing!



Outline

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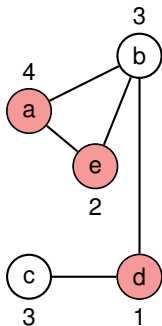


The **Weighted** Vertex-Cover Problem

Vertex Cover Problem

- **Given:** Undirected, **vertex-weighted** graph $G = (V, E)$
- **Goal:** Find a **minimum-weight** subset $V' \subseteq V$ such that if $(u, v) \in E(G)$, then $u \in V'$ or $v \in V'$.

This is (still) an NP-hard problem.



Applications:

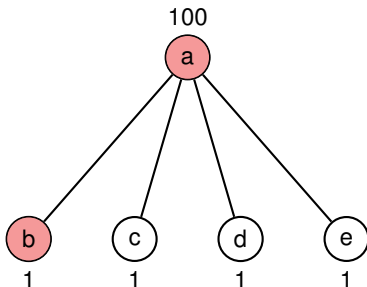
- Every **edge** forms a **task**, and every **vertex** represents a **person/machine** which can execute that task
- **Weight** of a vertex could be **salary** of a person
- Perform all tasks with the **minimal amount of resources**



The Greedy Approach from (Unweighted) Vertex Cover

APPROX-VERTEX-COVER(G)

- 1 $C = \emptyset$
- 2 $E' = G.E$
- 3 **while** $E' \neq \emptyset$
- 4 let (u, v) be an arbitrary edge of E'
- 5 $C = C \cup \{u, v\}$
- 6 remove from E' every edge incident on either u or v
- 7 **return** C



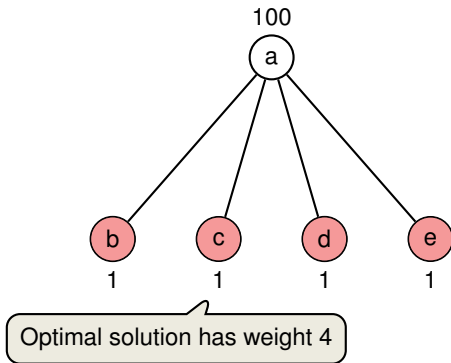
Computed solution has weight 101



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Invoking an (Integer) Linear Program

Idea: Round the solution of an associated linear program.

0-1 Integer Program

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{v \in V} w(v)x(v) \\ \text{subject to} & x(u) + x(v) \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } (u, v) \in E \\ & x(v) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for each } v \in V \end{array}$$

optimum is a lower bound on the optimal weight of a minimum weight-cover.

Linear Program

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{v \in V} w(v)x(v) \\ \text{subject to} & x(u) + x(v) \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } (u, v) \in E \\ & x(v) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for each } v \in V \end{array}$$

Rounding Rule: if $x(v) \geq 1/2$ then round up, otherwise round down.



The Algorithm

APPROX-MIN-WEIGHT-VC(G, w)

```
1  $C = \emptyset$ 
2 compute  $\bar{x}$ , an optimal solution to the linear program
3 for each  $v \in V$ 
4     if  $\bar{x}(v) \geq 1/2$ 
5          $C = C \cup \{v\}$ 
6 return  $C$ 
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Theorem 35.7

APPROX-MIN-WEIGHT-VC is a polynomial-time 2-approximation algorithm for the minimum-weight vertex-cover problem.

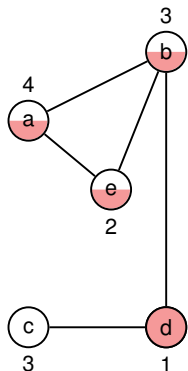
is polynomial-time because we can solve the linear program in polynomial time



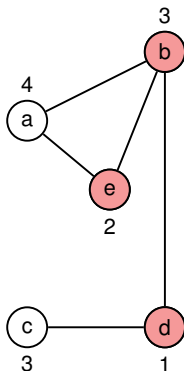
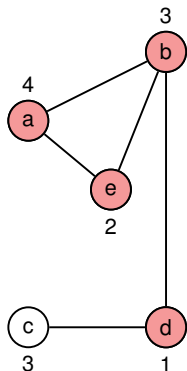
Example of APPROX-MIN-WEIGHT-VC

$$\bar{x}(a) = \bar{x}(b) = \bar{x}(e) = \frac{1}{2}, \bar{x}(d) = 1, \bar{x}(c) = 0$$

$$x(a) = x(b) = x(e) = 1, x(d) = 1, x(c) = 0$$



Rounding
→



fractional solution of LP
with weight = 5.5

rounded solution of LP
with weight = 10

optimal solution
with weight = 6



Approximation Ratio

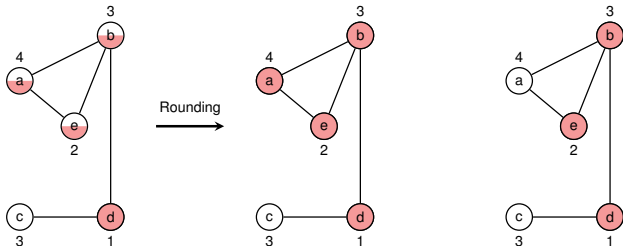
Proof (Approximation Ratio is 2):

- Let C^* be an optimal solution to the minimum-weight vertex cover problem
- Let z^* be the value of an optimal solution to the linear program, so

$$z^* \leq w(C^*)$$

- Step 1:** The computed set C covers all vertices:
 - Consider any edge $(u, v) \in E$ which imposes the constraint $x(u) + x(v) \geq 1$
 \Rightarrow at least one of $\bar{x}(u)$ and $\bar{x}(v)$ is at least $1/2 \Rightarrow C$ covers edge (u, v)
- Step 2:** The computed set C satisfies $w(C) \leq 2z^*$:

$$w(C^*) \geq z^* = \sum_{v \in V} w(v)\bar{x}(v) \geq \sum_{v \in V: \bar{x}(v) \geq 1/2} w(v) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}w(C). \quad \square$$



Randomised Approximation

MAX-3-CNF

Weighted Vertex Cover

Weighted Set Cover



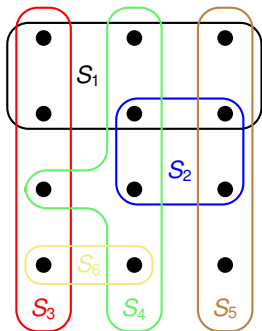
The Weighted Set-Covering Problem

Set Cover Problem

- Given: set X and a family of subsets \mathcal{F} , and a cost function $c : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
- Goal: Find a minimum-cost subset $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$

Sum over the costs
of all sets in \mathcal{C}

$$\text{s.t. } X = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S.$$



	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6
$c :$	2	3	3	5	1	2

Remarks:

- generalisation of the weighted vertex-cover problem
- models resource allocation problems



Setting up an Integer Program

0-1 Integer Program

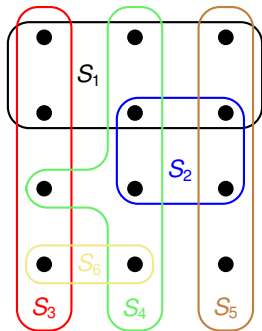
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S)y(S) \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} y(S) \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } x \in X \\ & y(S) \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for each } S \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$

Linear Program

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S)y(S) \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} y(S) \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } x \in X \\ & y(S) \in [0, 1] \quad \text{for each } S \in \mathcal{F} \end{array}$$



Back to the Example



	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6
$c :$	2	3	3	5	1	2
$y(.) :$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2

Cost equals 8.5

The strategy employed for Vertex-Cover would take all 6 sets!

Even worse: If all y 's were below 1/2, we would not even return a valid cover!



Randomised Rounding

	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6
$c :$	2	3	3	5	1	2
$y(\cdot) :$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2

Idea: Interpret the y -values as **probabilities** for picking the respective set.

Randomised Rounding

- Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be a **random set** with each set S being included independently with probability $y(S)$.
- More precisely, if y denotes the optimal solution of the LP, then we compute an integral solution \bar{y} by:

$$\bar{y}(S) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } y(S) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } S \in \mathcal{F}.$$

- Therefore, $\mathbf{E}[\bar{y}(S)] = y(S)$.



Randomised Rounding

	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_6
$c :$	2	3	3	5	1	2
$y(\cdot) :$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2

Idea: Interpret the y -values as **probabilities** for picking the respective set.

Lemma

- The **expected cost** satisfies

$$\mathbf{E}[c(\mathcal{C})] = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S) \cdot y(S)$$

- The **probability** that an element $x \in X$ is **covered** satisfies

$$\Pr \left[x \in \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S \right] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{e}.$$



Proof of Lemma

Lemma

Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be a **random subset** with each set S being included independently with probability $y(S)$.

- The **expected cost** satisfies $\mathbf{E}[c(\mathcal{C})] = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S) \cdot y(S)$.
- The **probability that x is covered** satisfies $\Pr[x \in \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{e}$.

Proof:

- **Step 1:** The **expected cost** of the random set \mathcal{C}

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E}[c(\mathcal{C})] &= \mathbf{E}\left[\sum_{S \in \mathcal{C}} c(S)\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{1}_{S \in \mathcal{C}} \cdot c(S)\right] \\ &= \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} \Pr[S \in \mathcal{C}] \cdot c(S) = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} y(S) \cdot c(S).\end{aligned}$$

- **Step 2:** The **probability** for an element to be (**not**) covered

$$\Pr[x \notin \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] = \prod_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} \Pr[S \notin \mathcal{C}] = \prod_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} (1 - y(S))$$

$$1 + x \leq e^x \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\leq \prod_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} e^{-y(S)}$$

y solves the LP!

$$= e^{-\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}: x \in S} y(S)} \leq e^{-1} \quad \square$$



The Final Step

Lemma

Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ be a random subset with each set S being included independently with probability $y(S)$.

- The expected cost satisfies $\mathbf{E}[c(\mathcal{C})] = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S) \cdot y(S)$.
- The probability that x is covered satisfies $\Pr[x \in \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] \geq 1 - \frac{1}{e}$.

Problem: Need to make sure that every element is covered!

Idea: Amplify this probability by taking the union of $\Omega(\log n)$ random sets \mathcal{C} .

WEIGHTED SET COVER-LP(X, \mathcal{F}, c)

- 1: compute y , an optimal solution to the linear program
- 2: $\mathcal{C} = \emptyset$
- 3: **repeat** $2 \ln n$ times
- 4: **for each** $S \in \mathcal{F}$
- 5: let $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} \cup \{S\}$ with probability $y(S)$
- 6: **return** \mathcal{C}

clearly runs in polynomial-time!



Analysis of WEIGHTED SET COVER-LP

Theorem

- With probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{n}$, the returned set \mathcal{C} is a valid cover of X .
- The expected approximation ratio is $2 \ln(n)$.

Proof:

- **Step 1:** The probability that \mathcal{C} is a cover
 - By previous Lemma, an element $x \in X$ is covered in one of the $2 \ln n$ iterations with probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{e}$, so that

$$\Pr[x \notin \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] \leq \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{2 \ln n} = \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

- This implies for the event that all elements are covered:

$$\Pr[X = \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] = 1 - \Pr\left[\bigcup_{x \in X} \{x \notin \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S\}\right]$$

$$\Pr[A \cup B] \leq \Pr[A] + \Pr[B] \geq 1 - \sum_{x \in X} \Pr[x \notin \cup_{S \in \mathcal{C}} S] \geq 1 - n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

- **Step 2:** The expected approximation ratio
 - By previous lemma, the expected cost of one iteration is $\sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S) \cdot y(S)$.
 - Linearity $\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}[c(\mathcal{C})] \leq 2 \ln(n) \cdot \sum_{S \in \mathcal{F}} c(S) \cdot y(S) \leq 2 \ln(n) \cdot c(\mathcal{C}^*)$ \square



Analysis of WEIGHTED SET COVER-LP

Theorem

- With probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{n}$, the returned set \mathcal{C} is a valid cover of X .
- The expected approximation ratio is $2 \ln(n)$.

By Markov's inequality, $\Pr [c(\mathcal{C}) \leq 4 \ln(n) \cdot c(\mathcal{C}^*)] \geq 1/2$.

Hence with probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{3}$, solution is within a factor of $4 \ln(n)$ of the optimum.

probability could be further increased by repeating

Typical Approach for Designing Approximation Algorithms based on LPs



Spectrum of Approximations

