

Near-Optimal Distributed Implementations of Dynamic Algorithms for Symmetry-Breaking Problems

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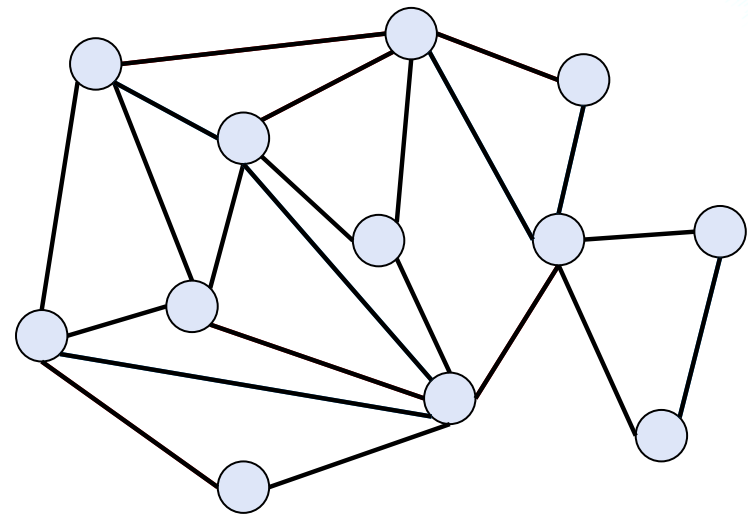


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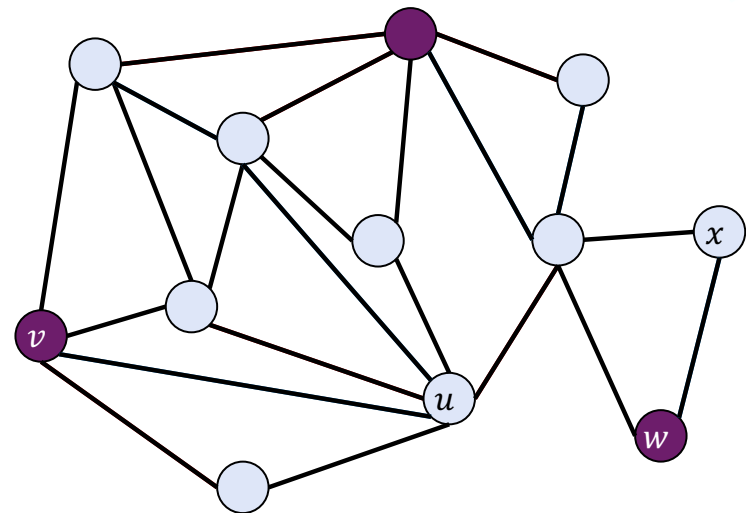
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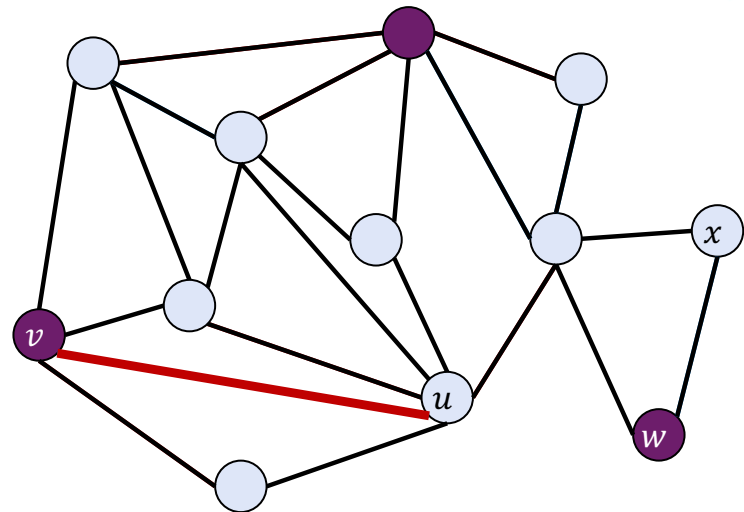
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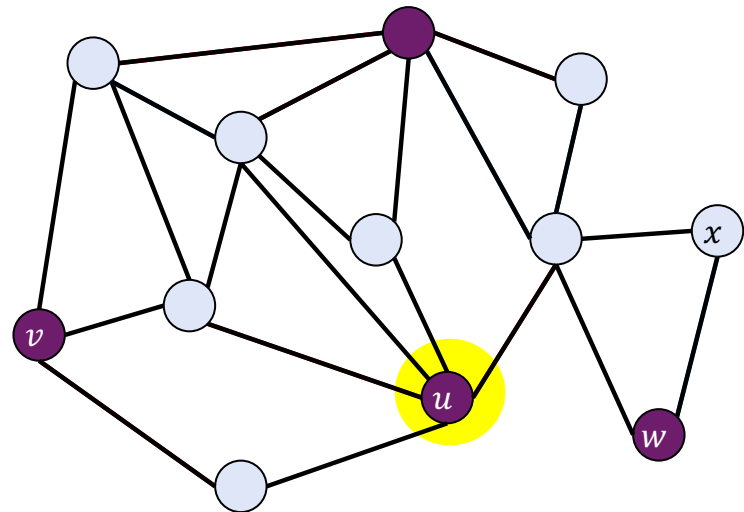
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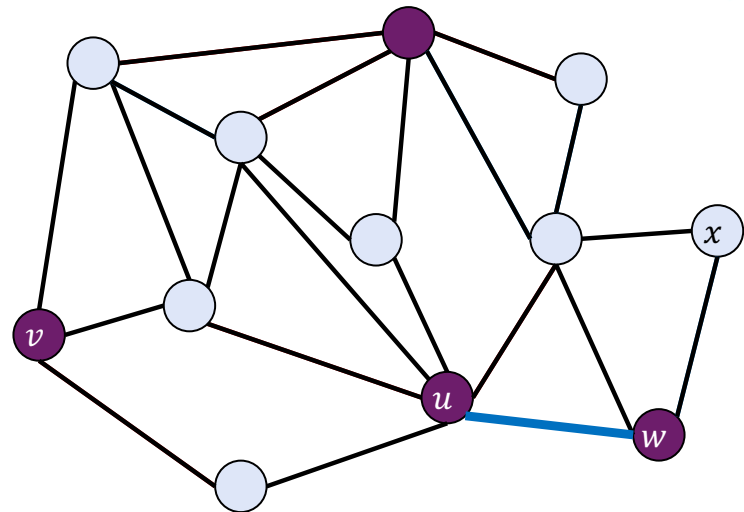
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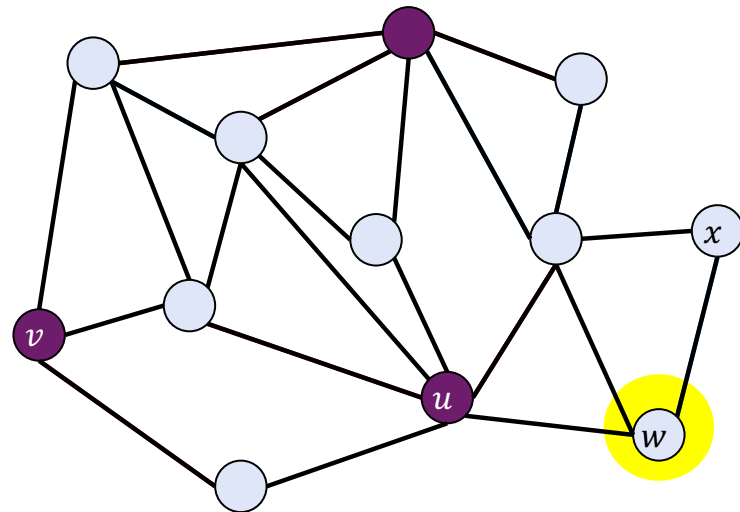
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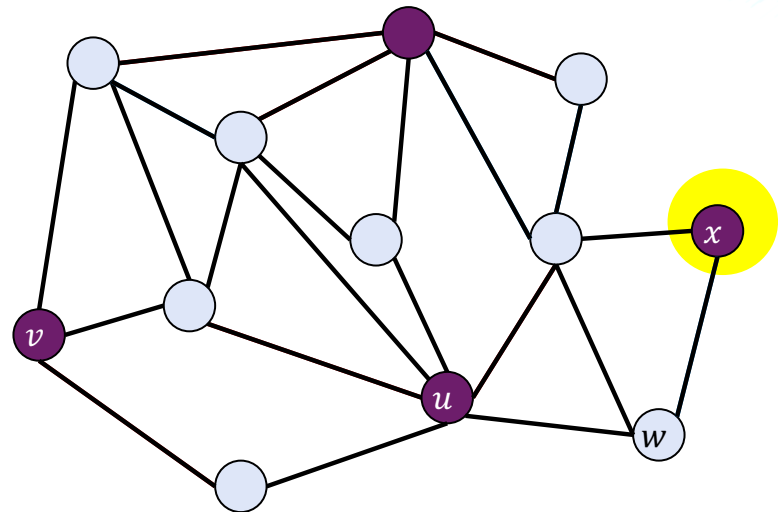
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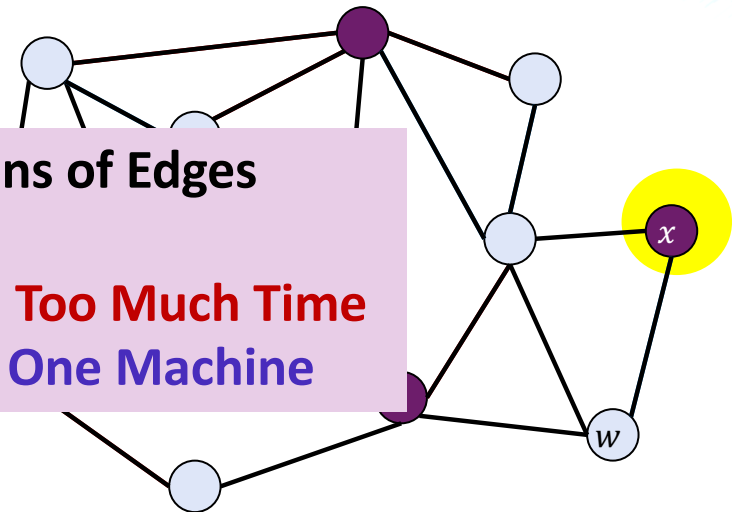
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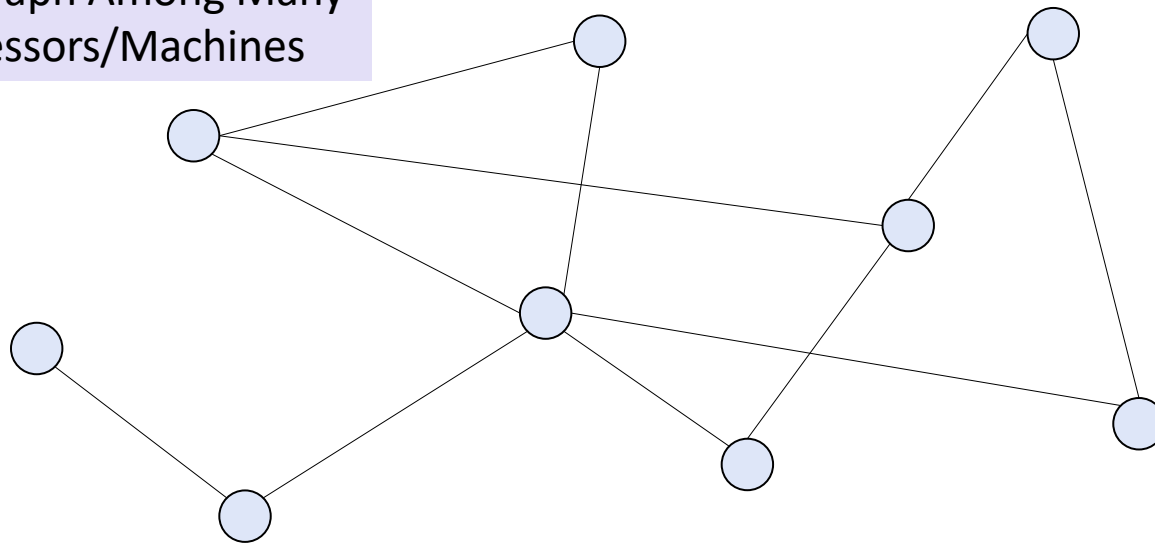


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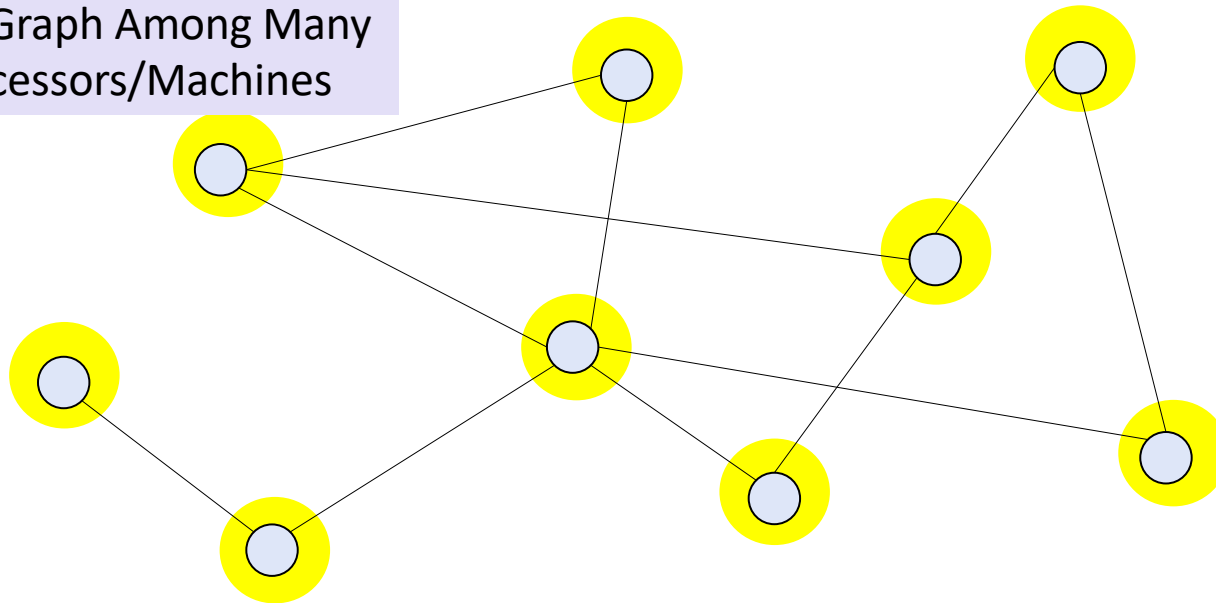
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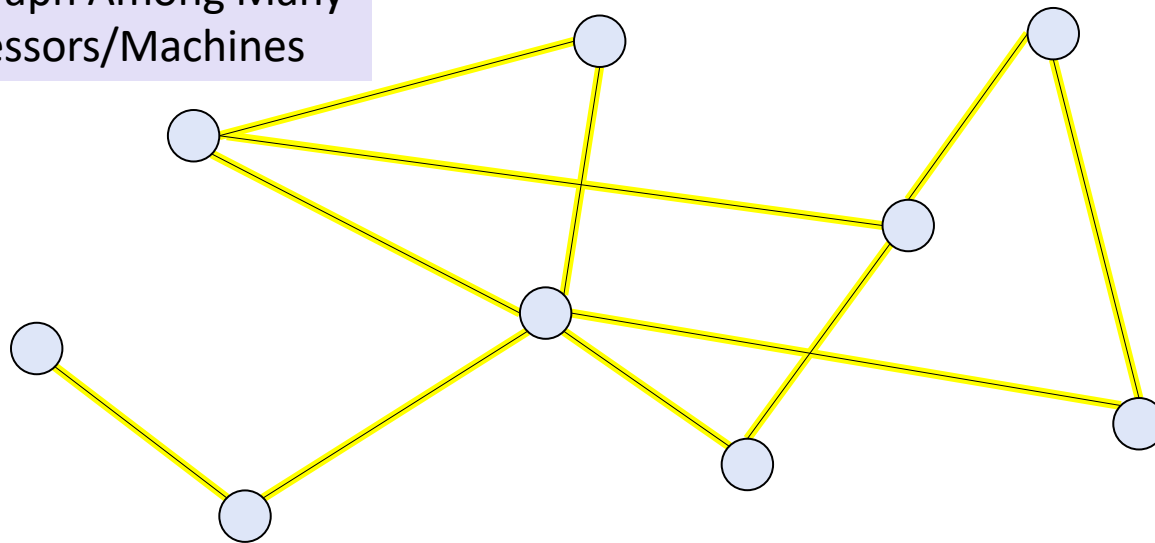
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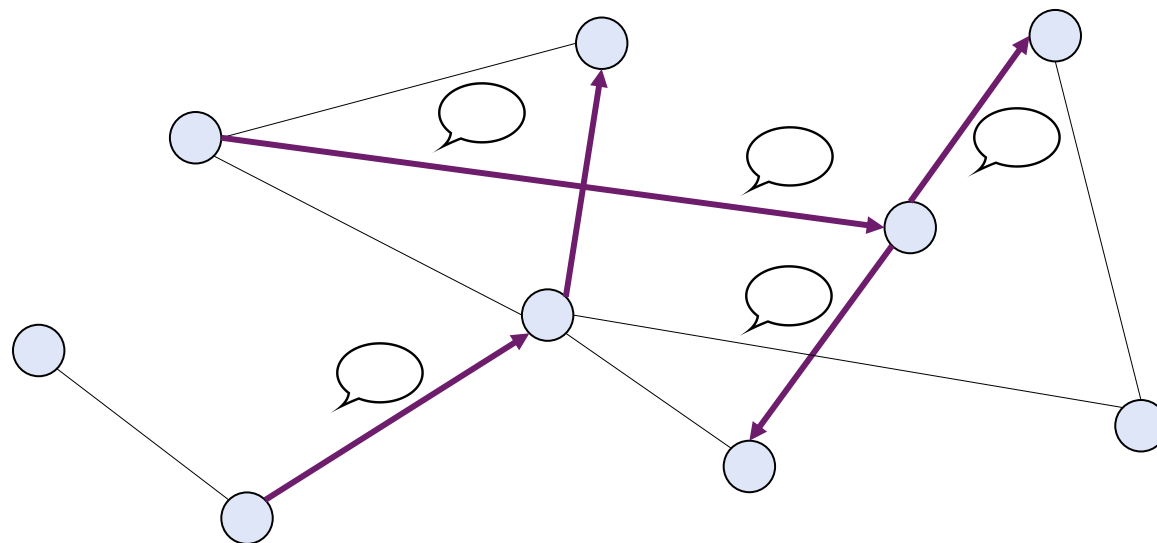
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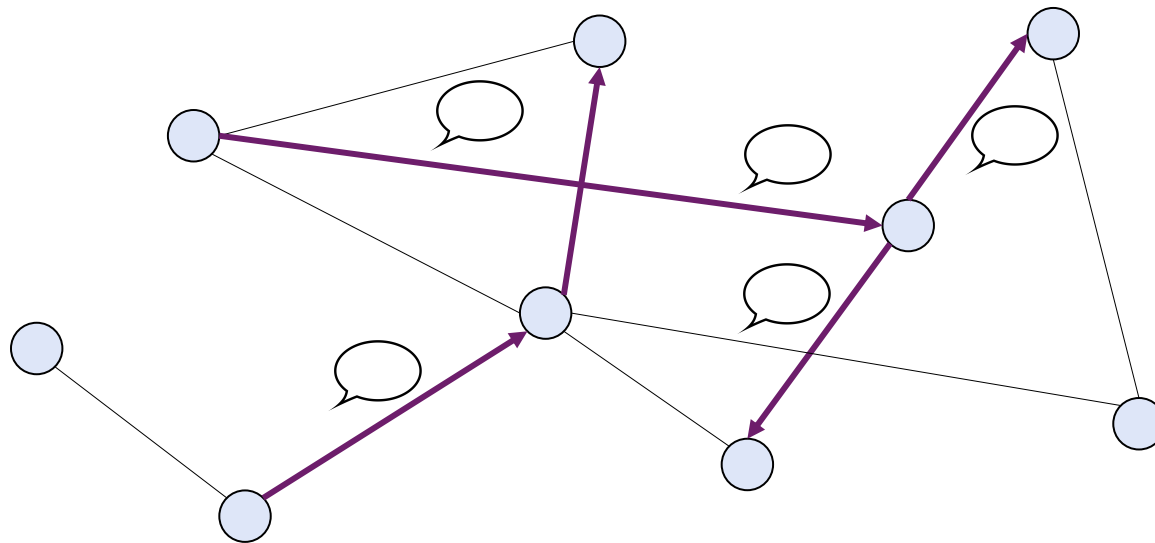
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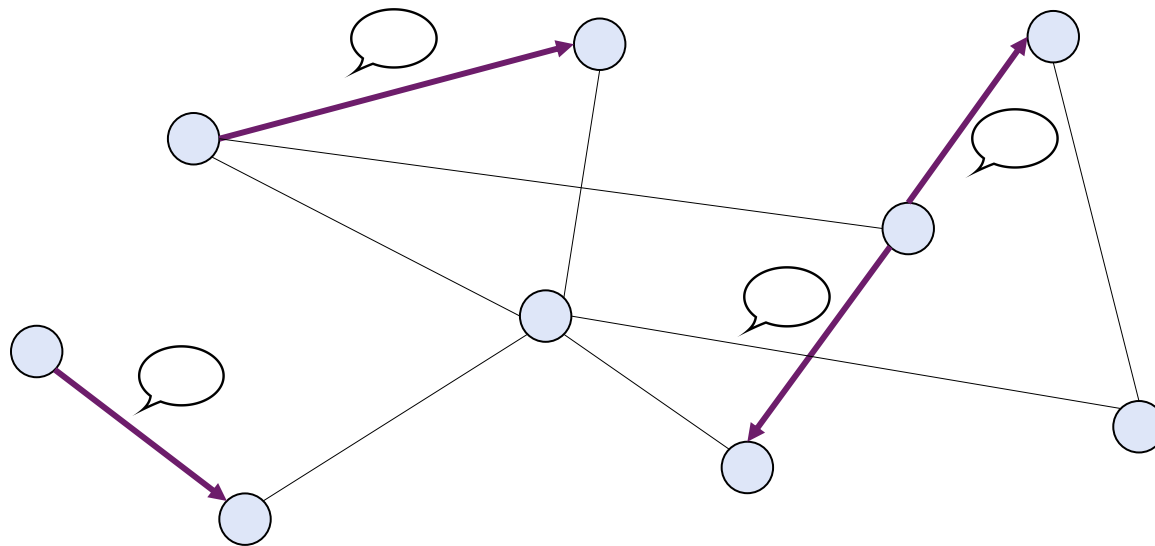
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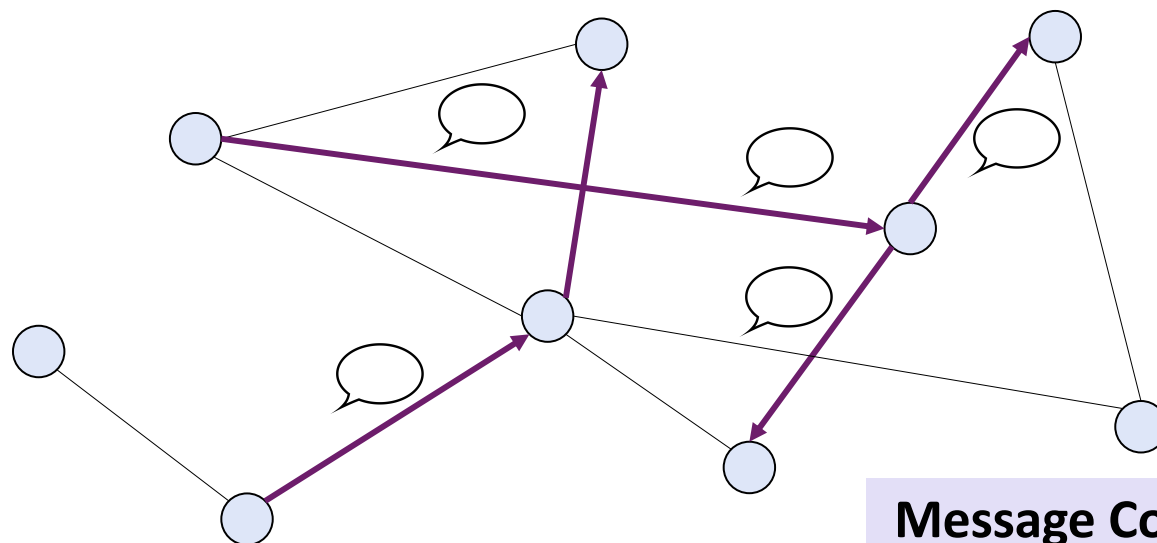
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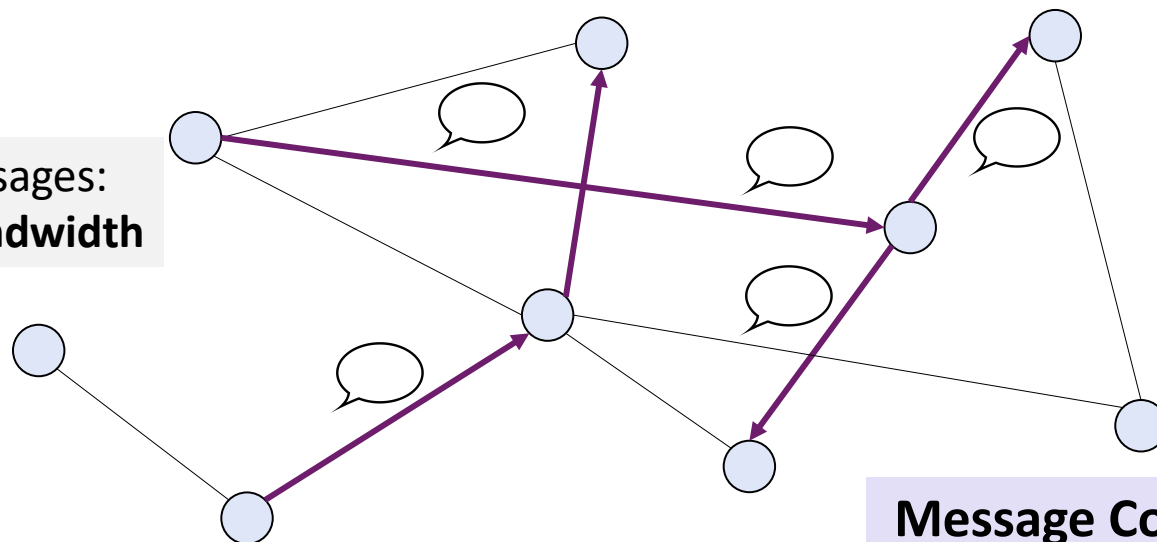


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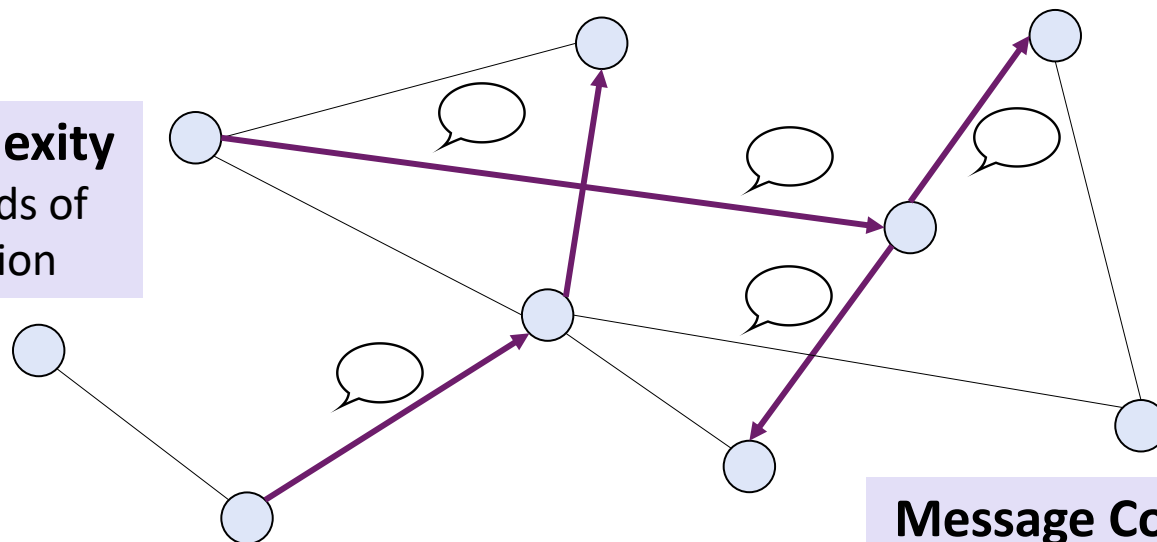
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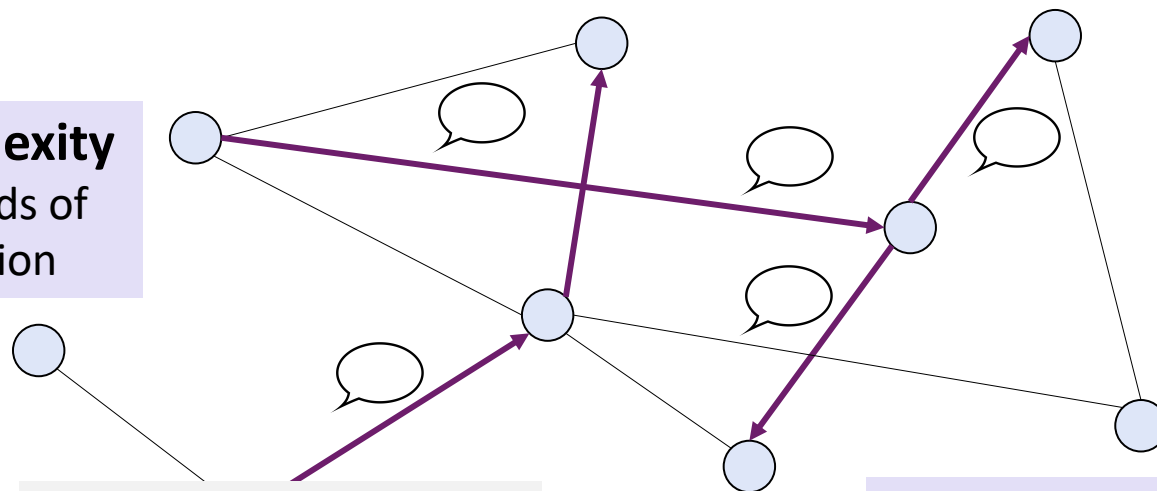
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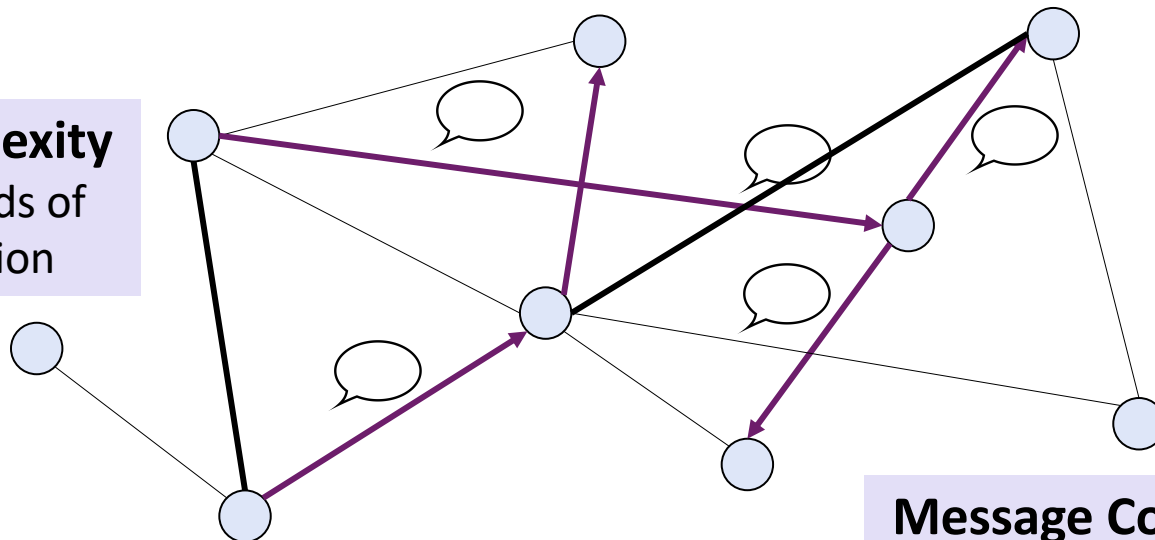
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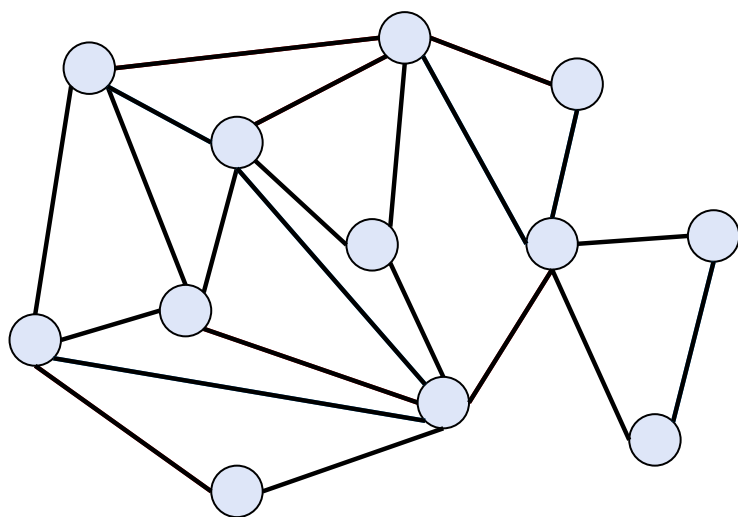
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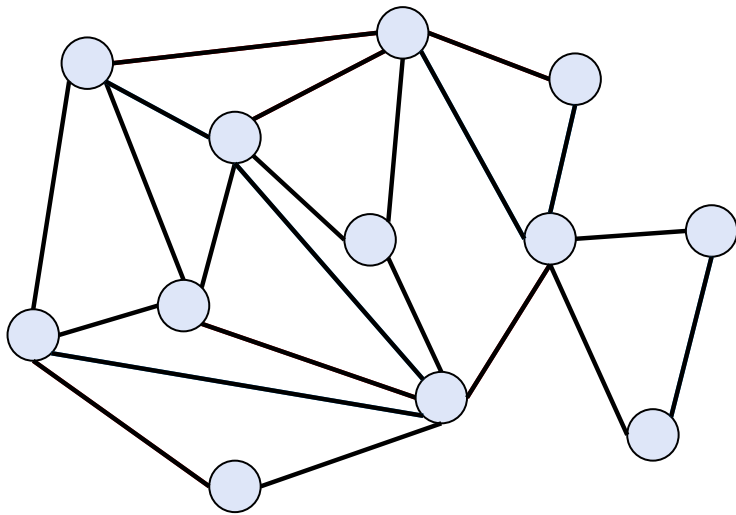
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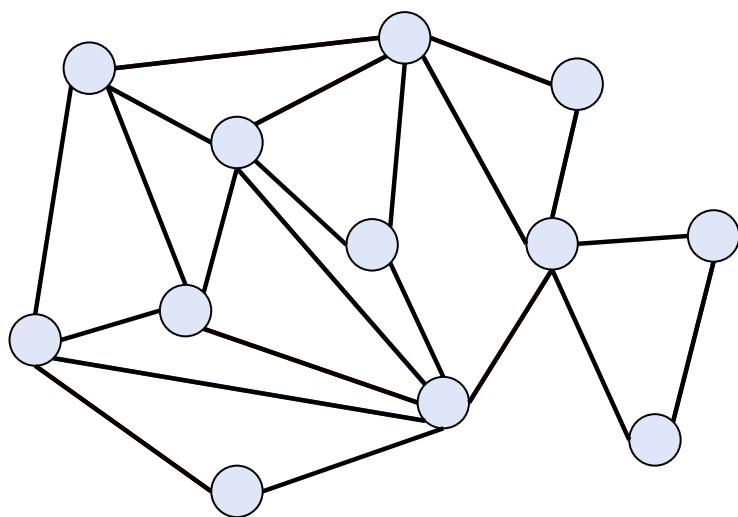
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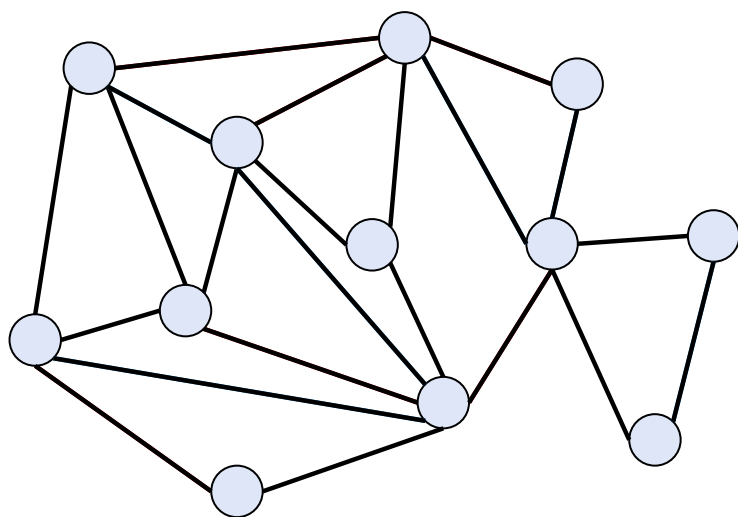
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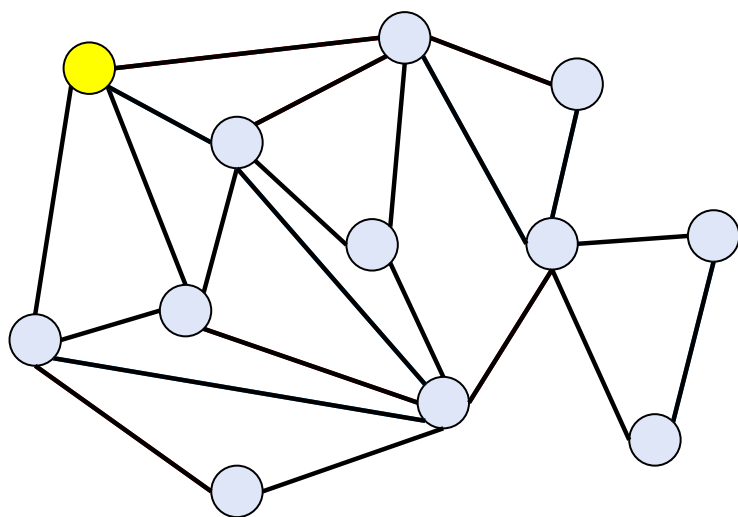


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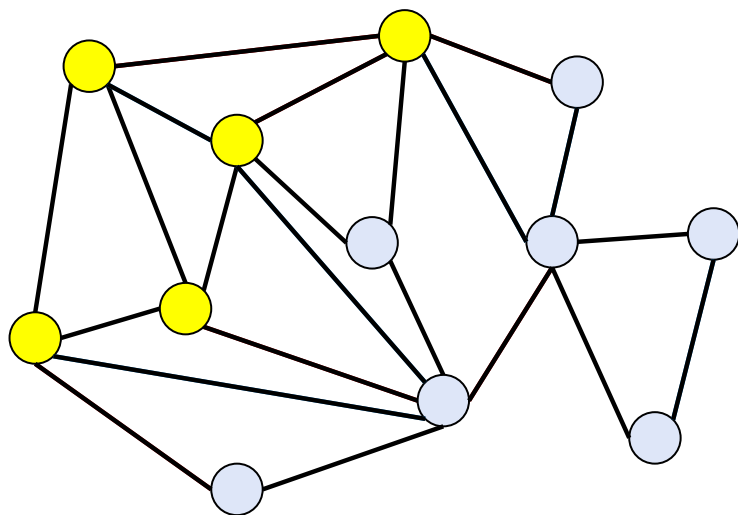


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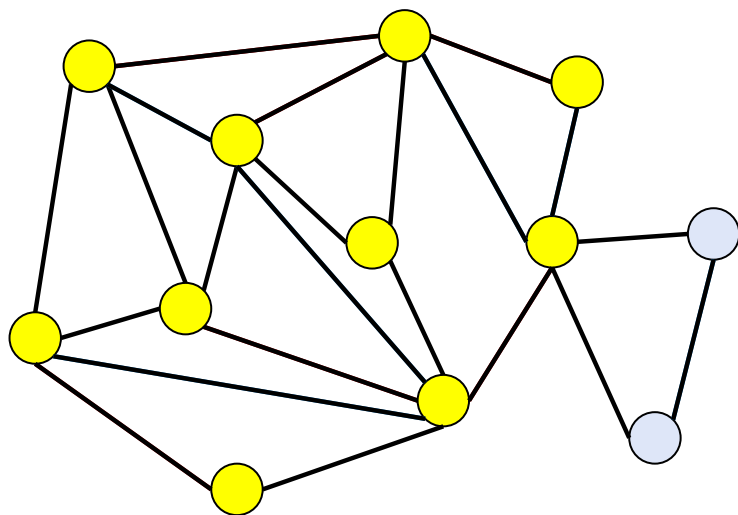


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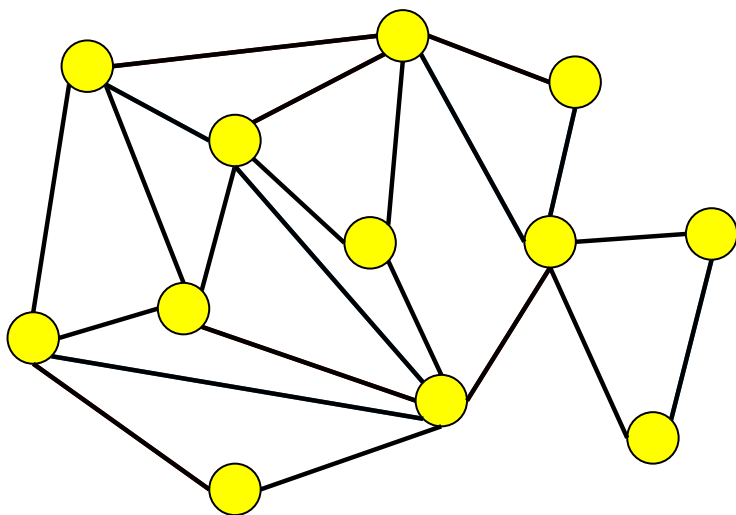


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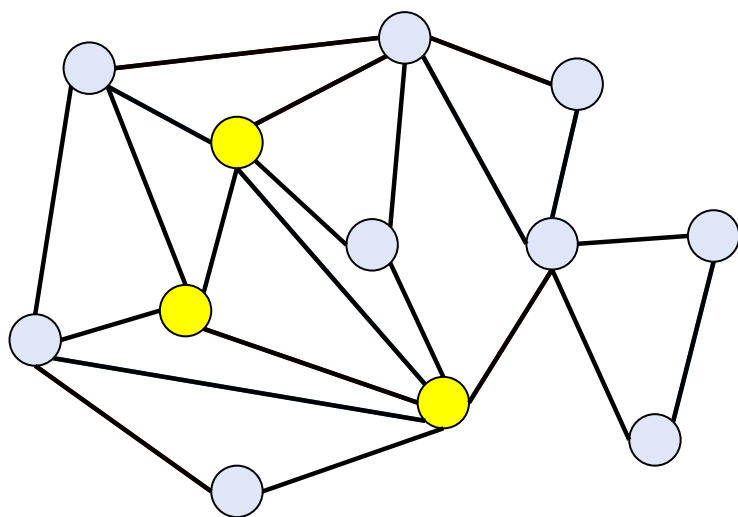


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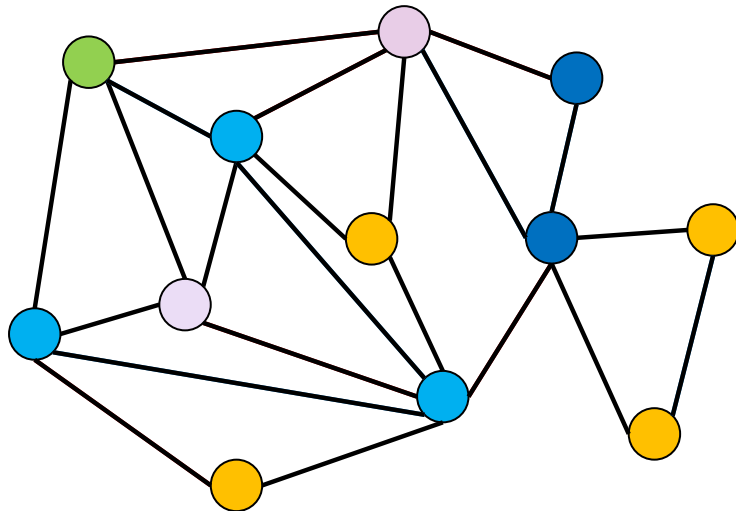
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- Use a small-diameter *static* algorithm to obtain MIS in high-degree and *dynamic* MIS for low-degree
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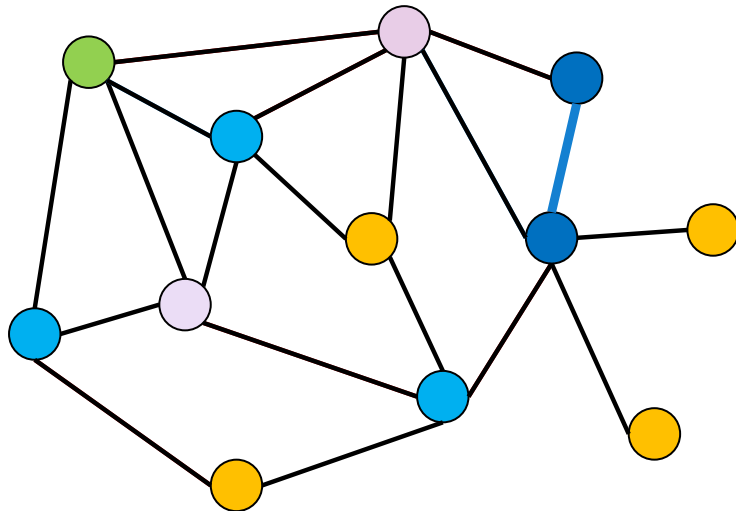
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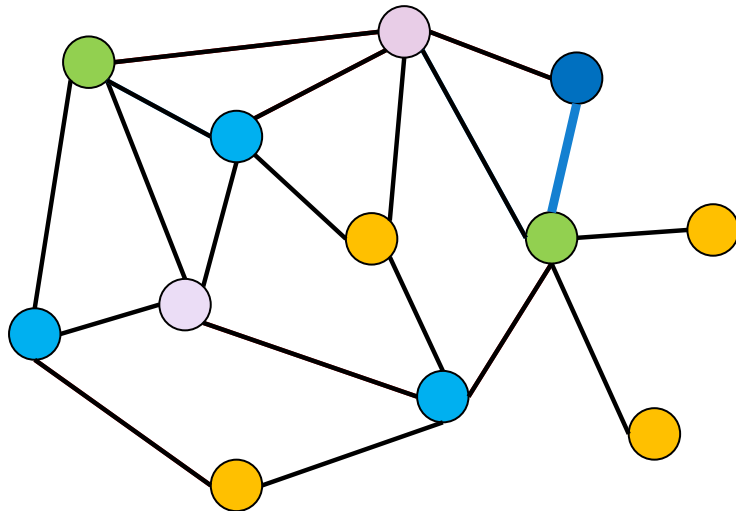
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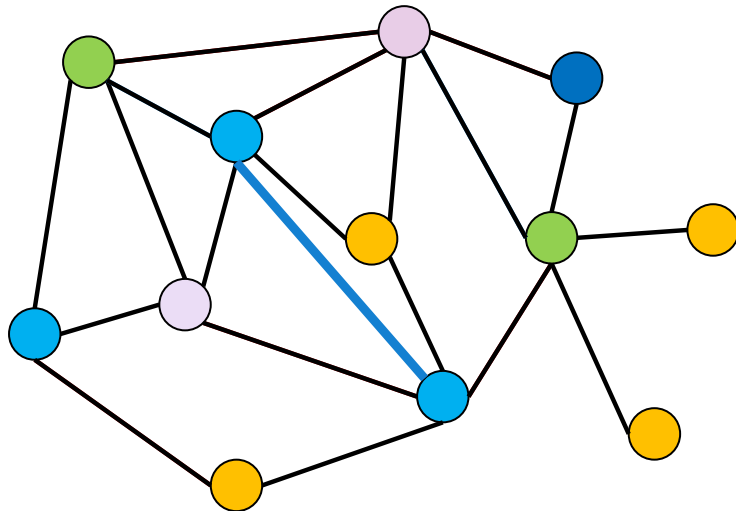
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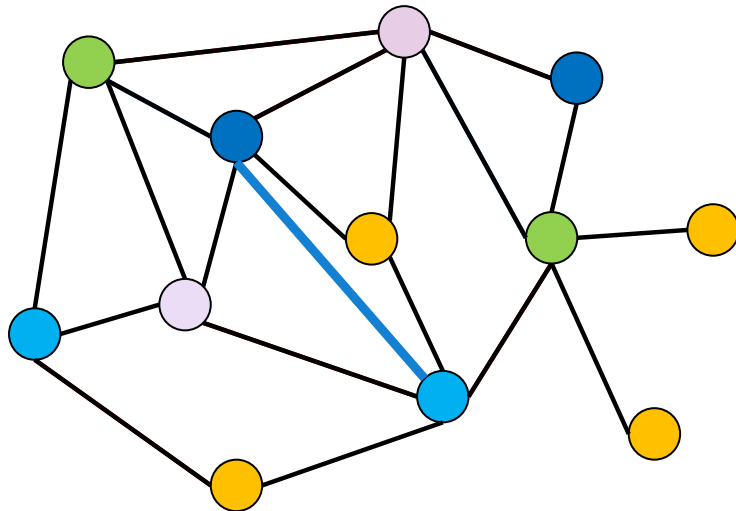
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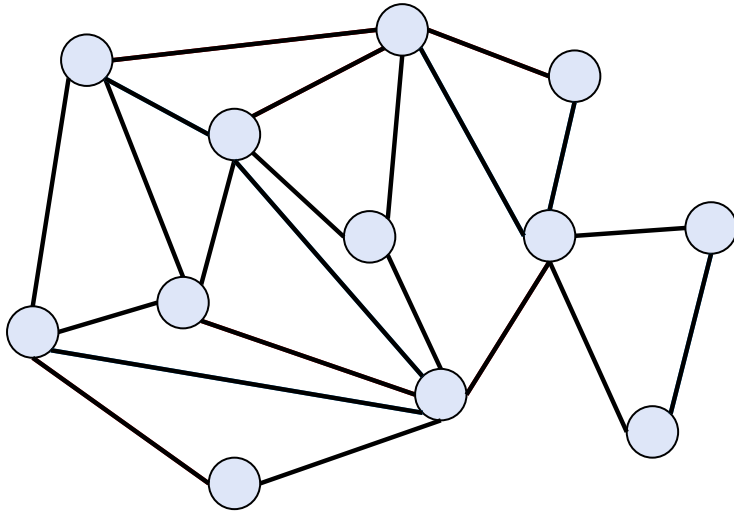
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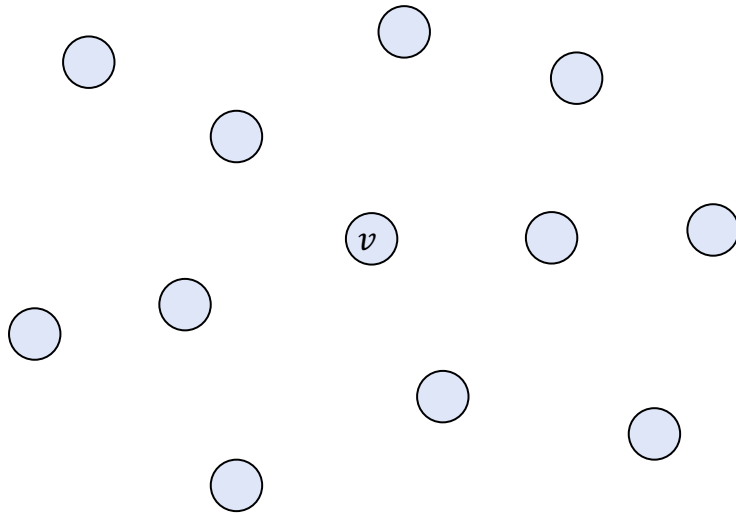
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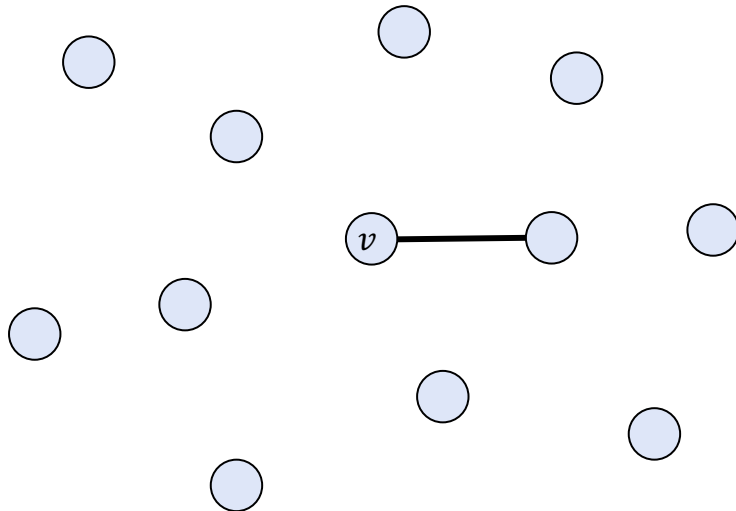


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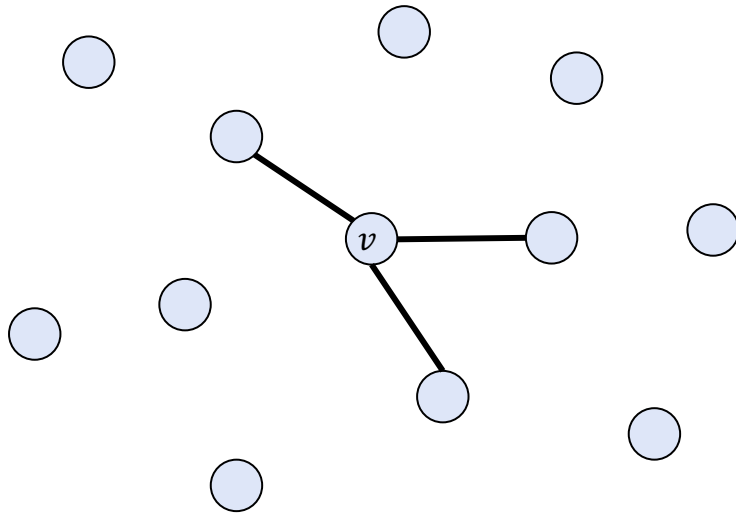
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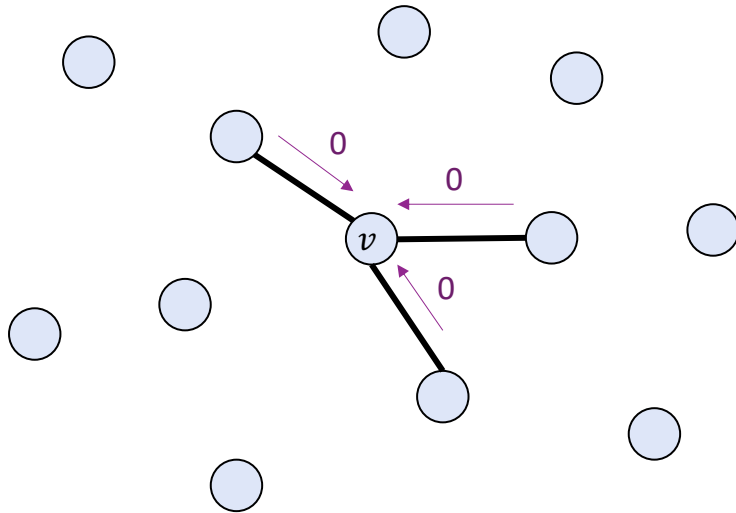
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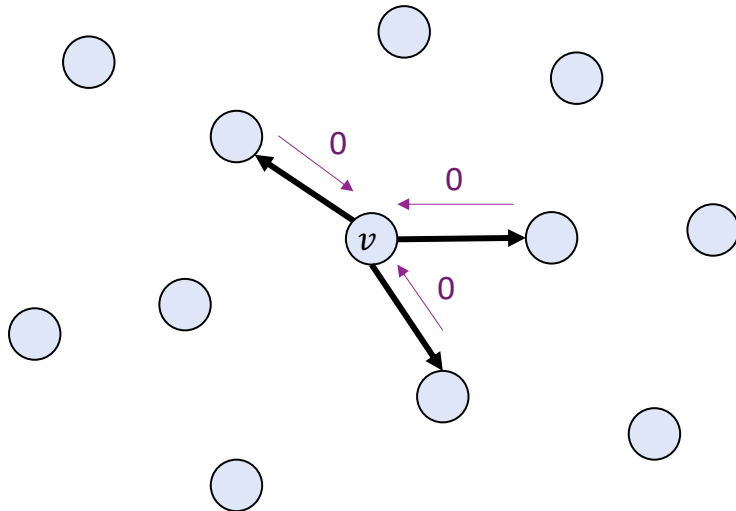
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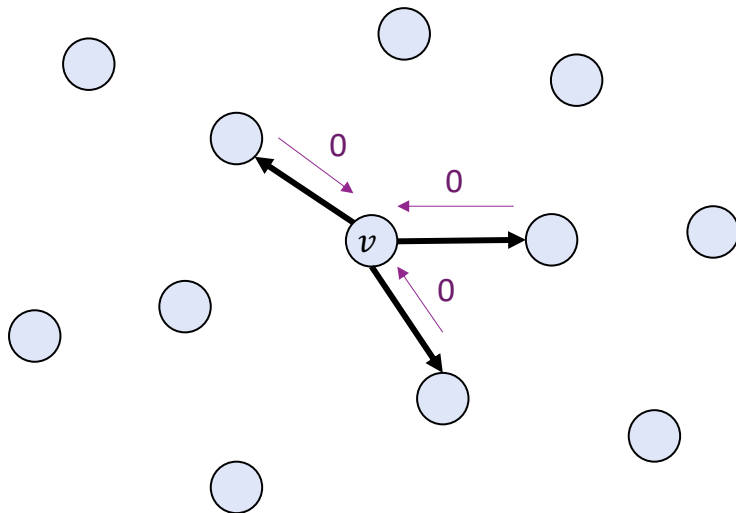
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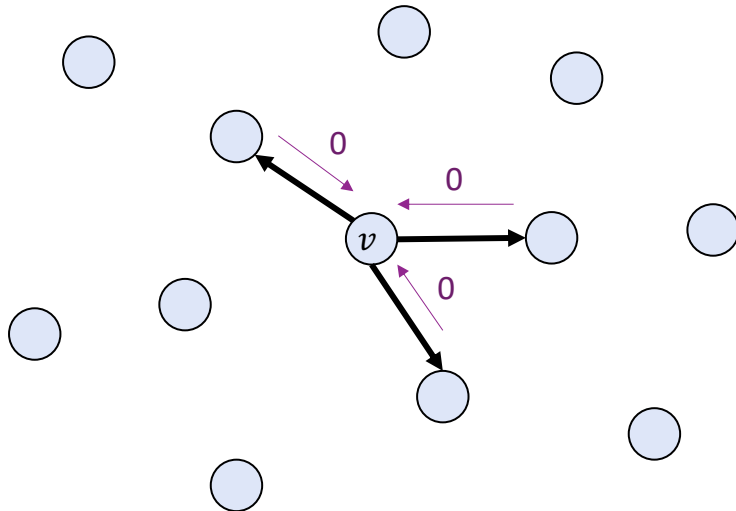
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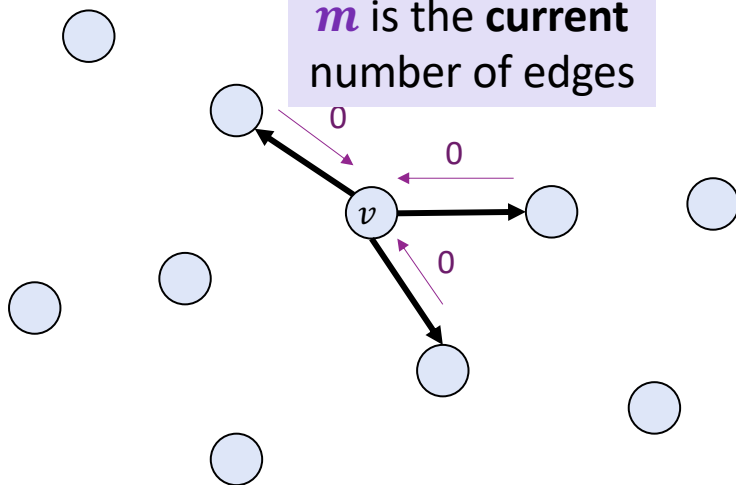


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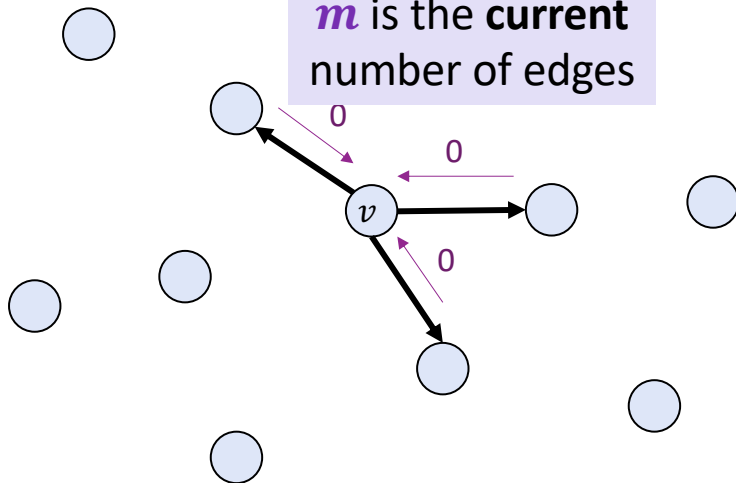


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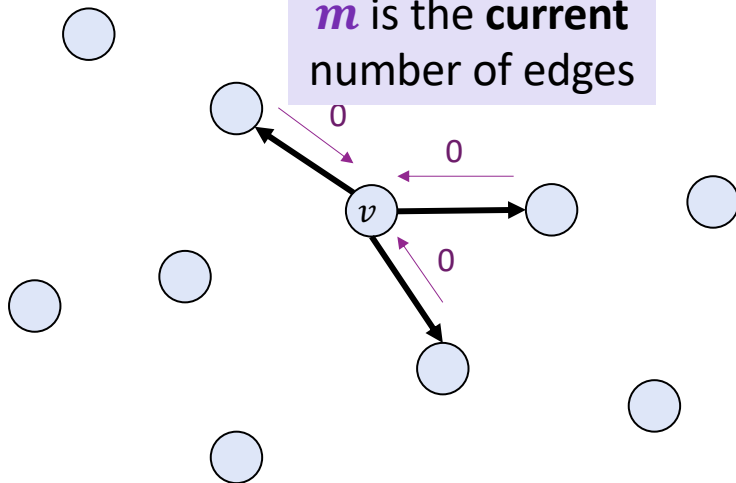


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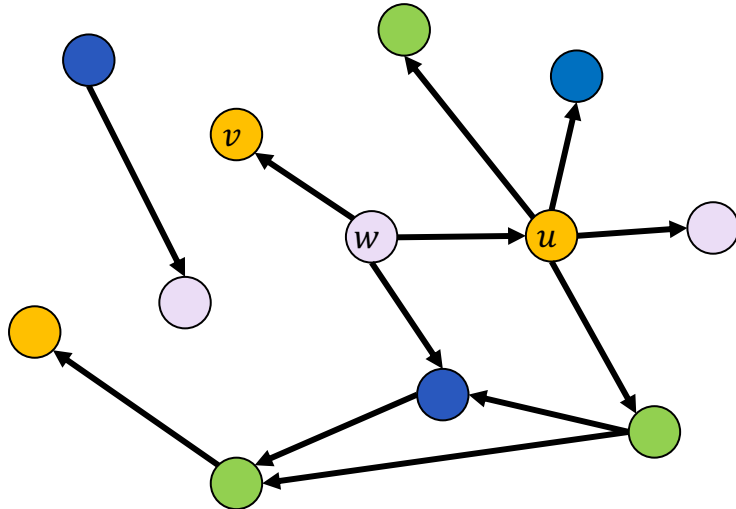


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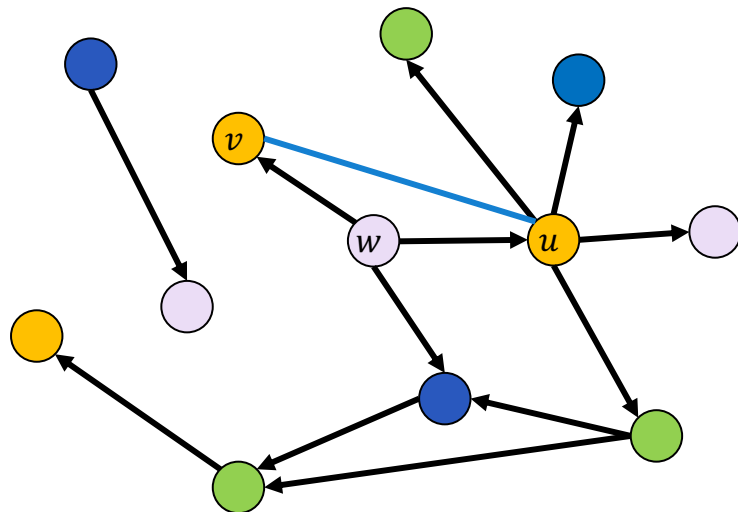
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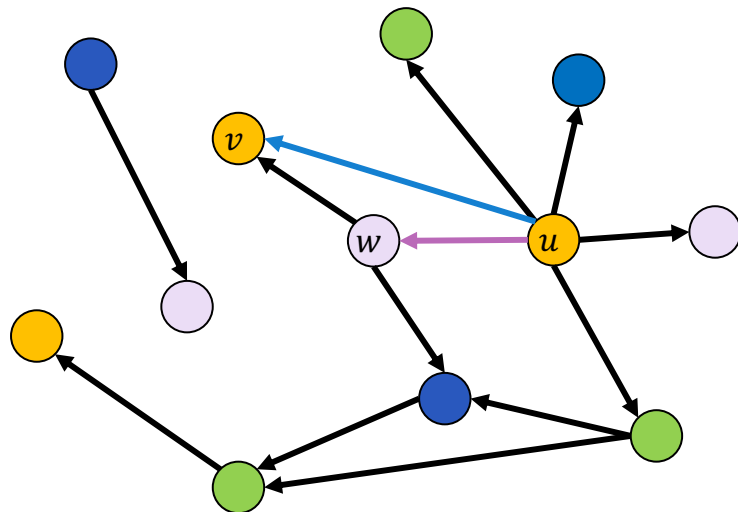


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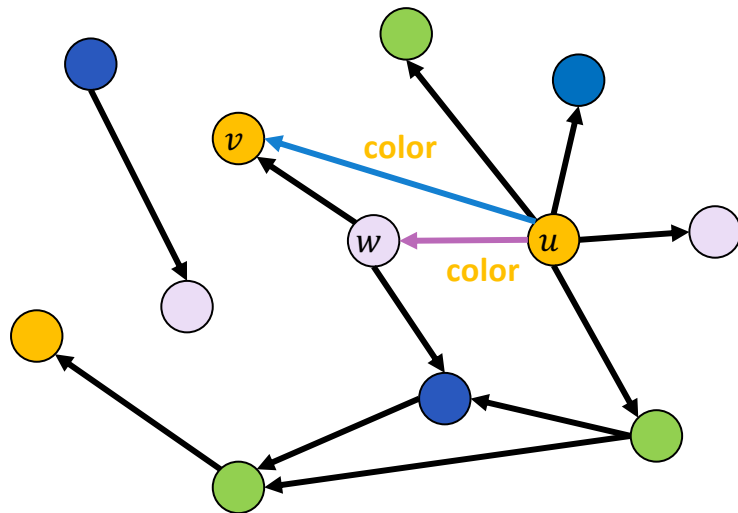


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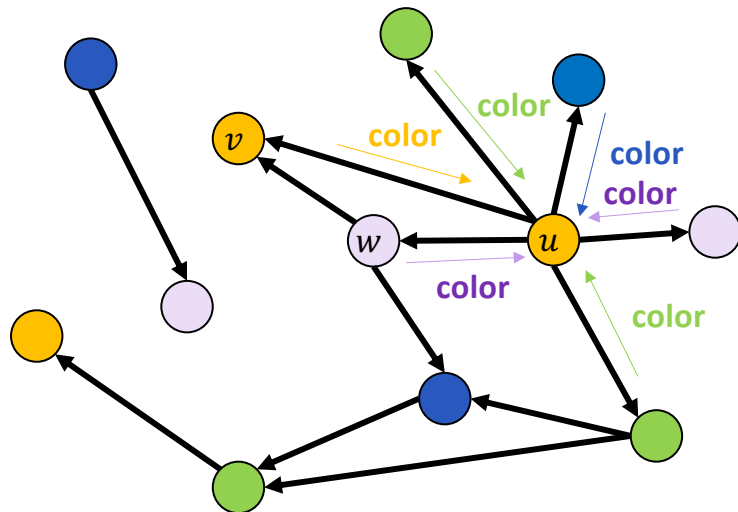


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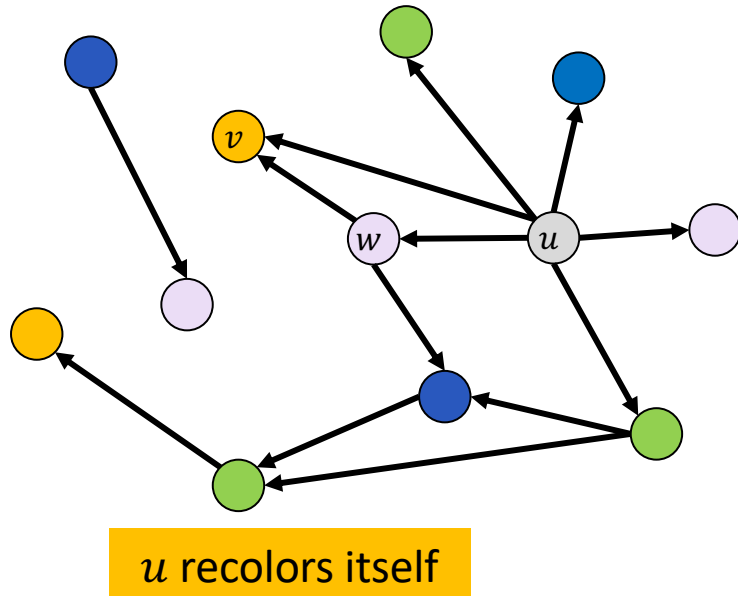


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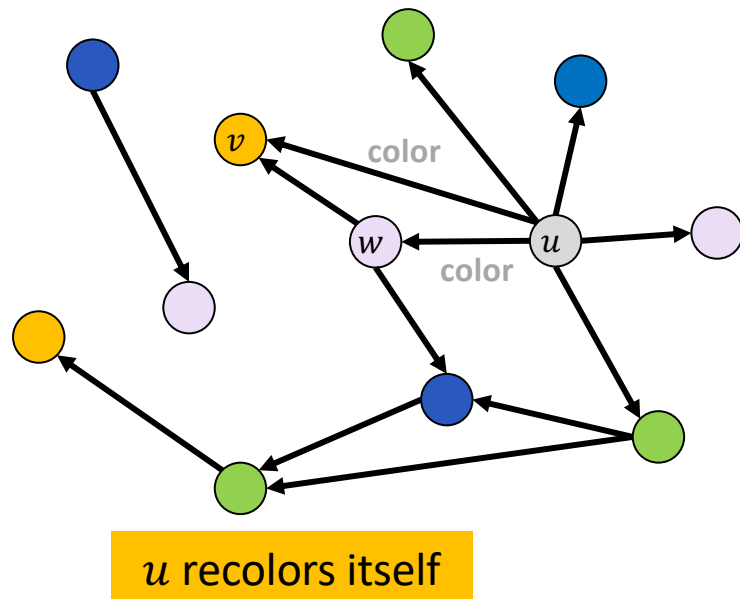
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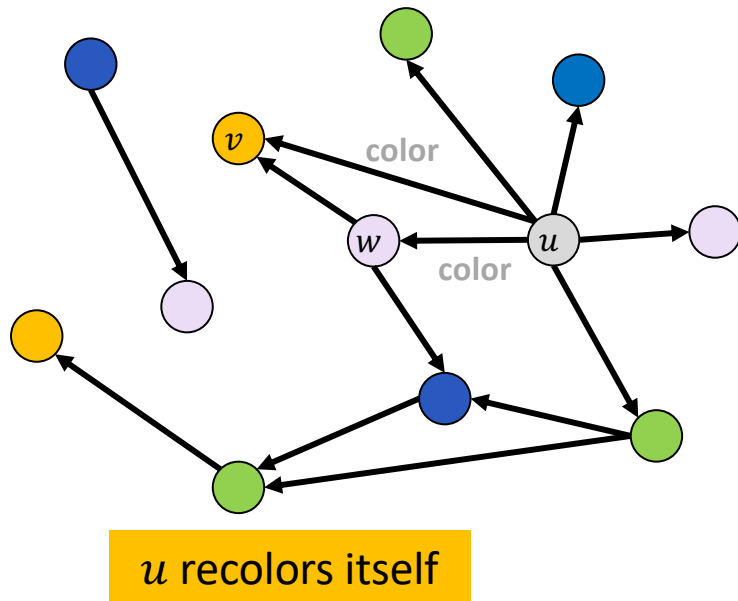
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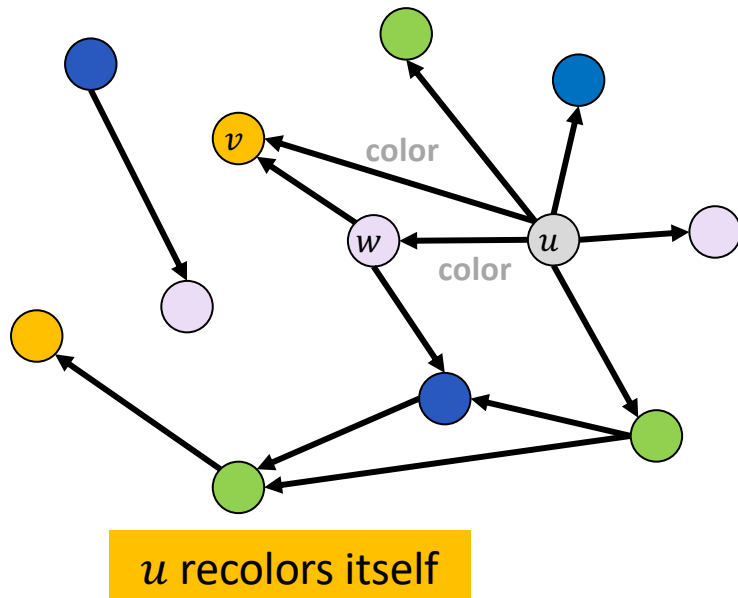
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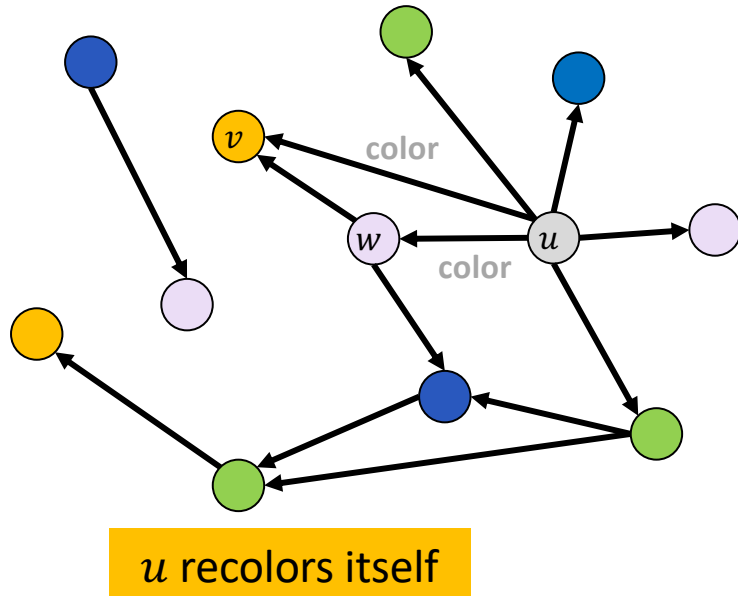
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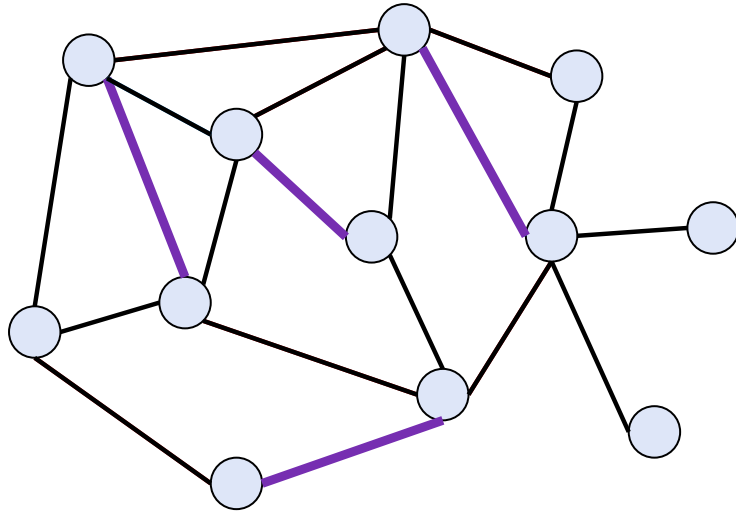
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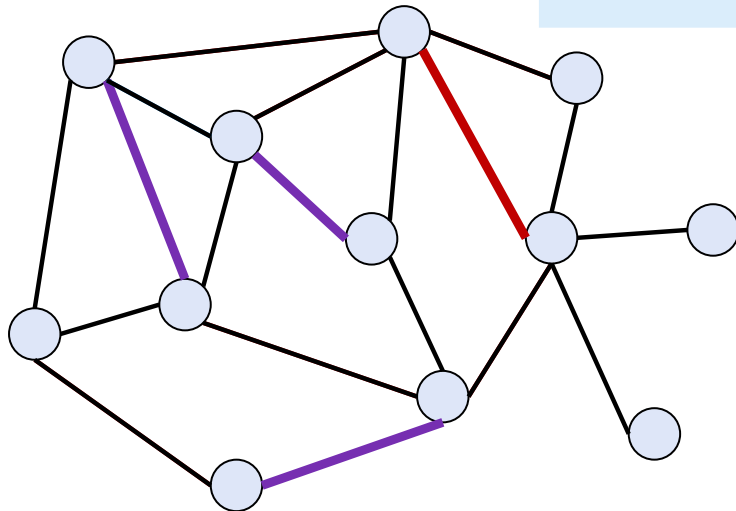


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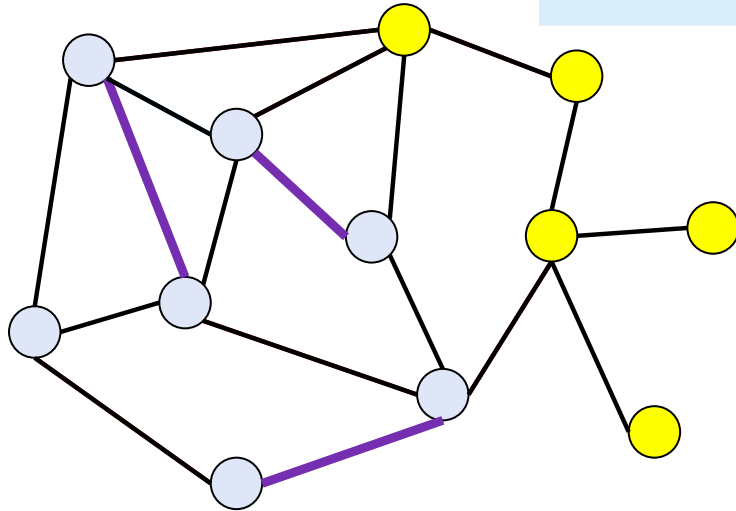


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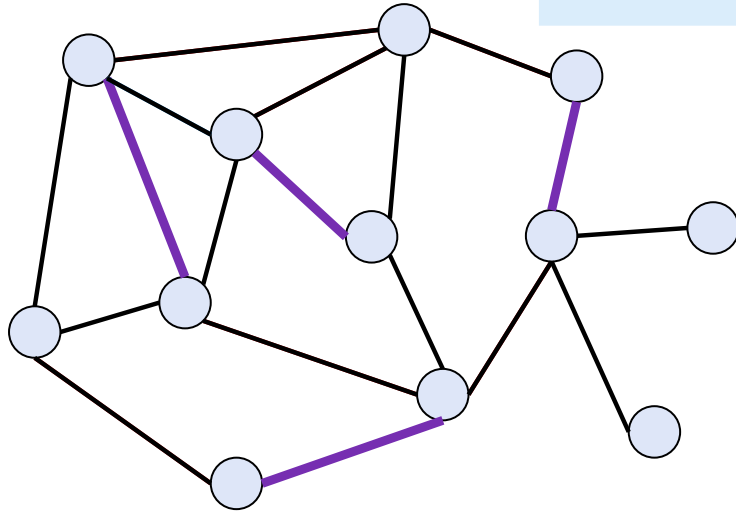


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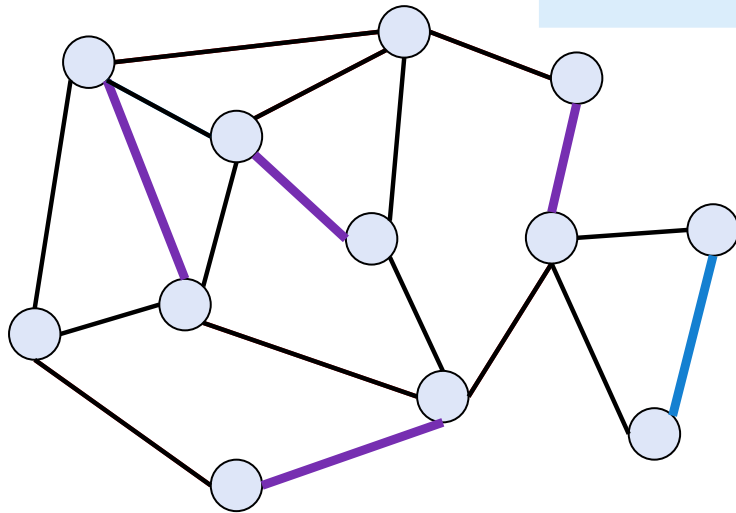


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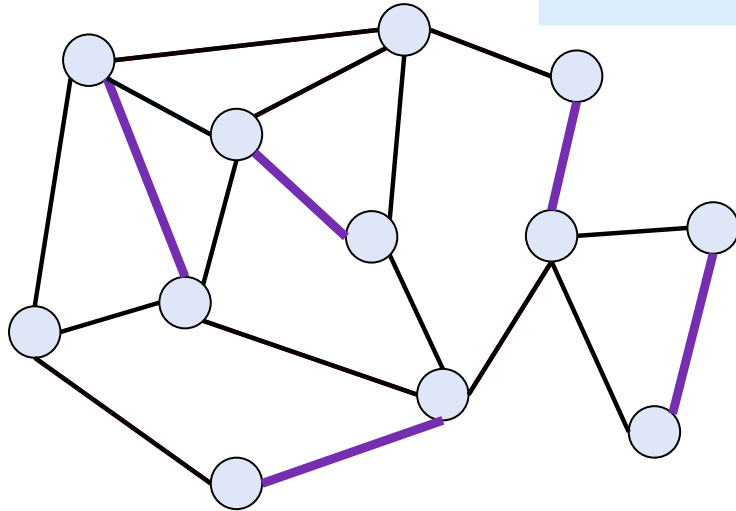


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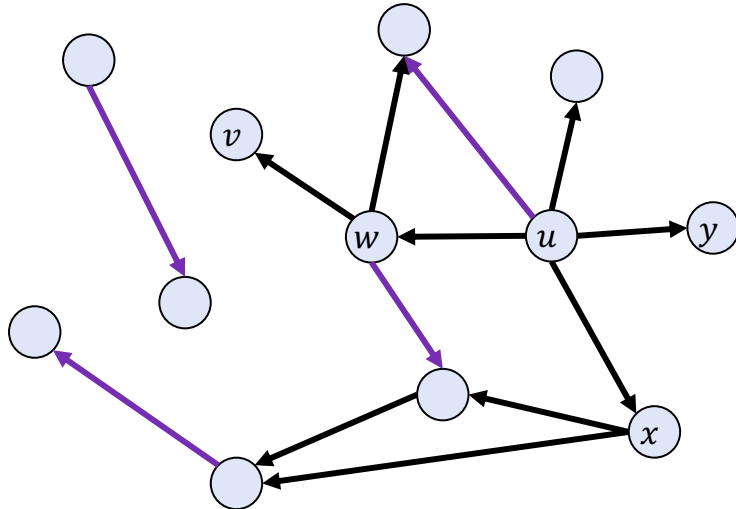
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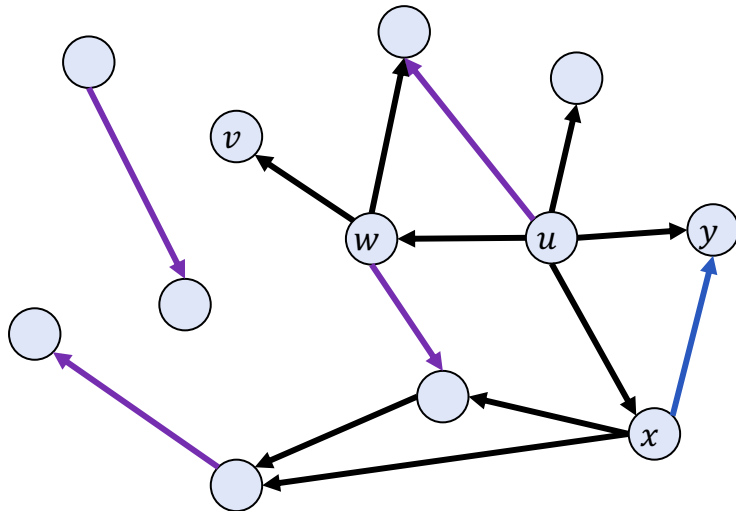
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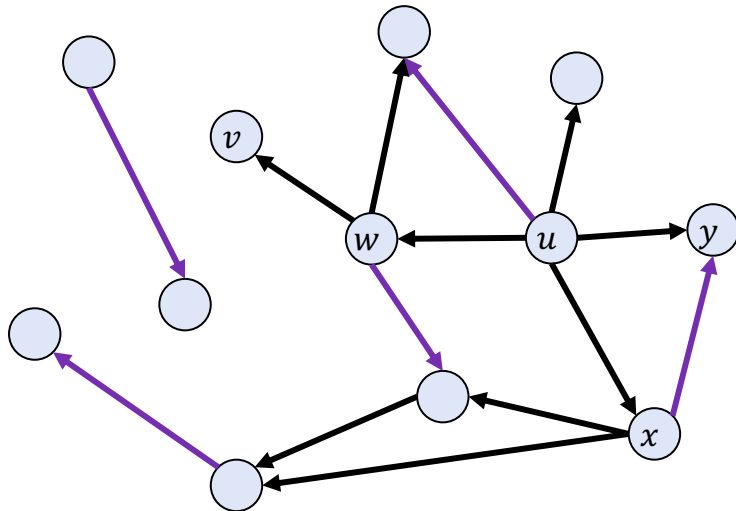
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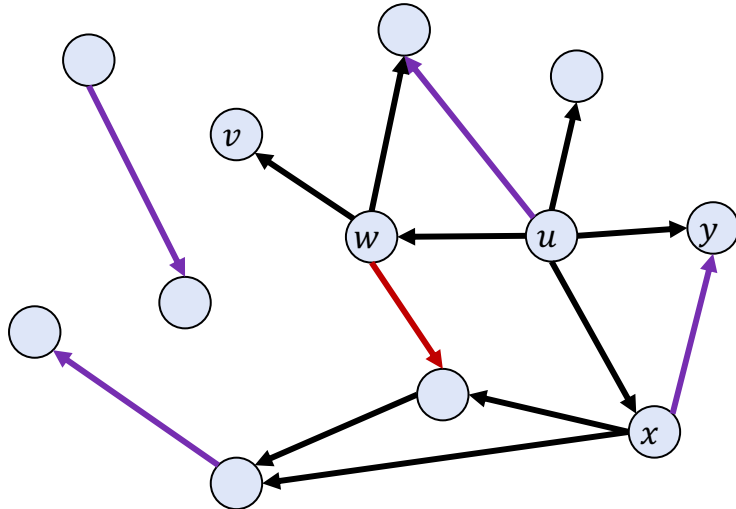


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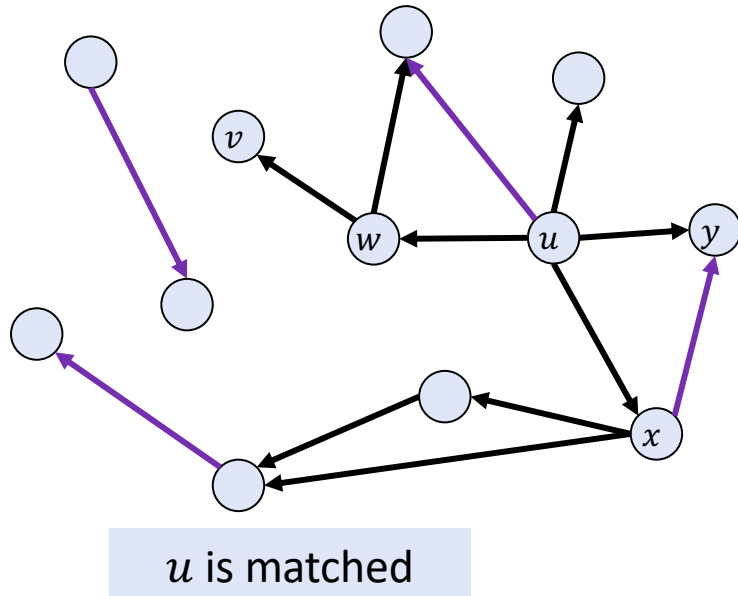
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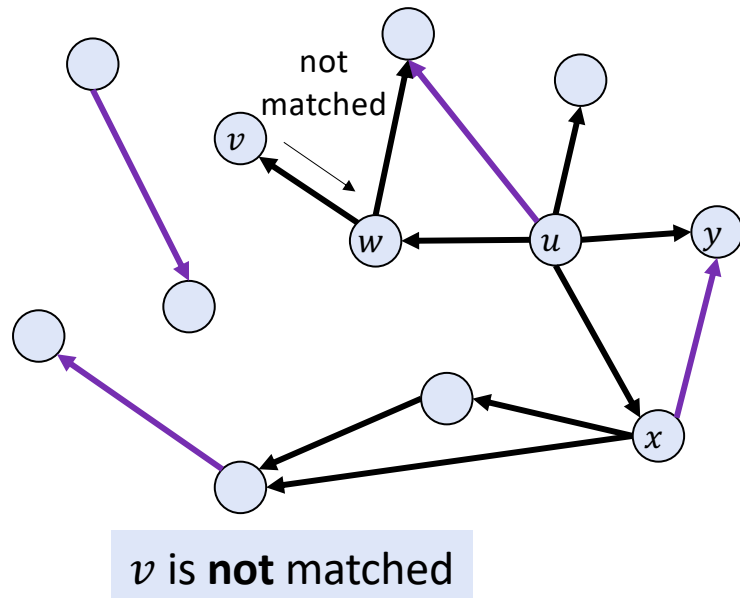
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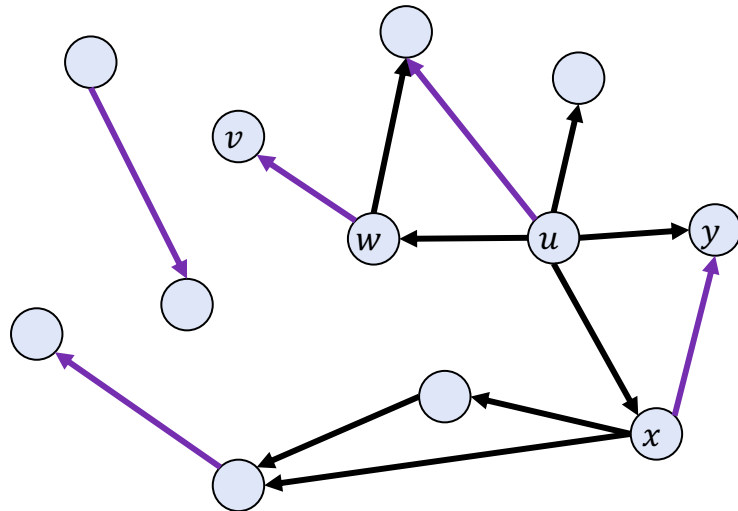
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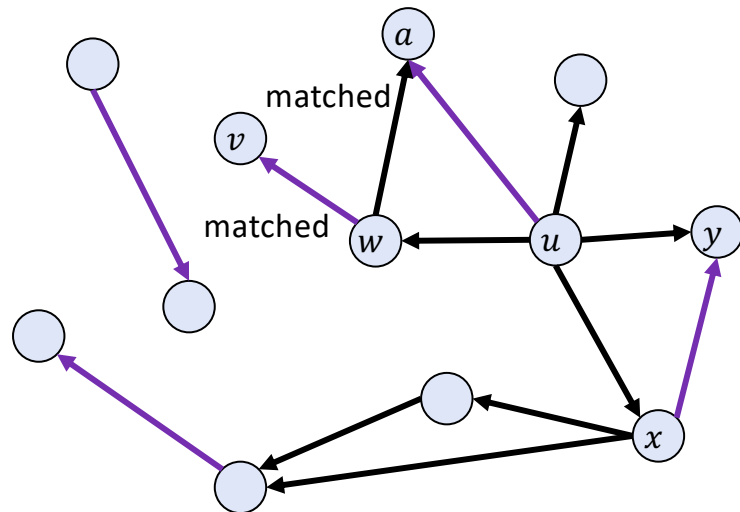


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Our Deterministic Algorithm Results

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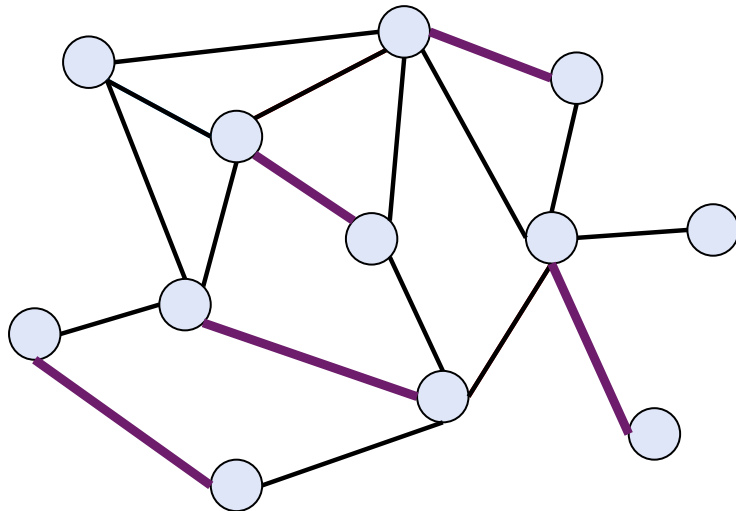
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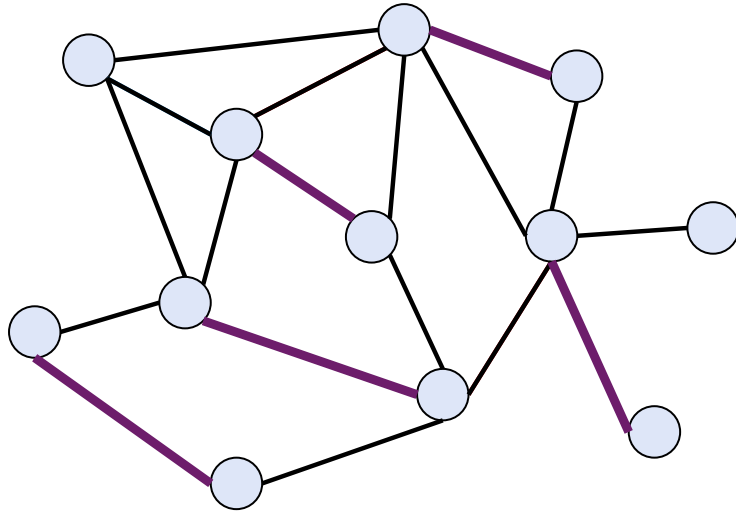
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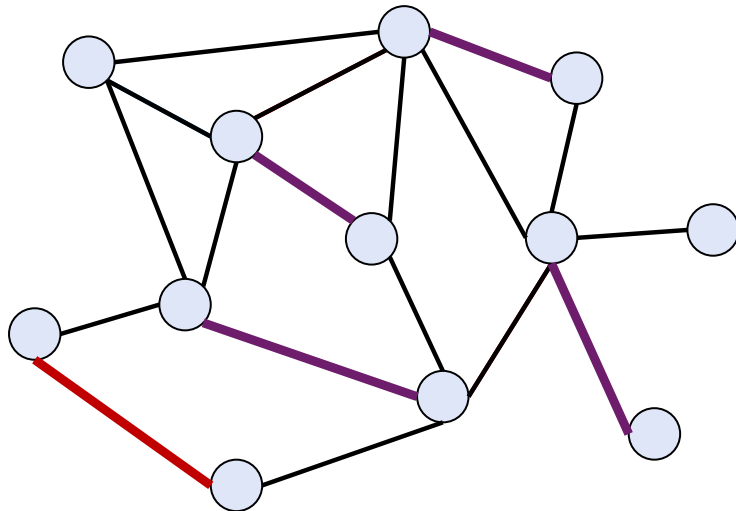
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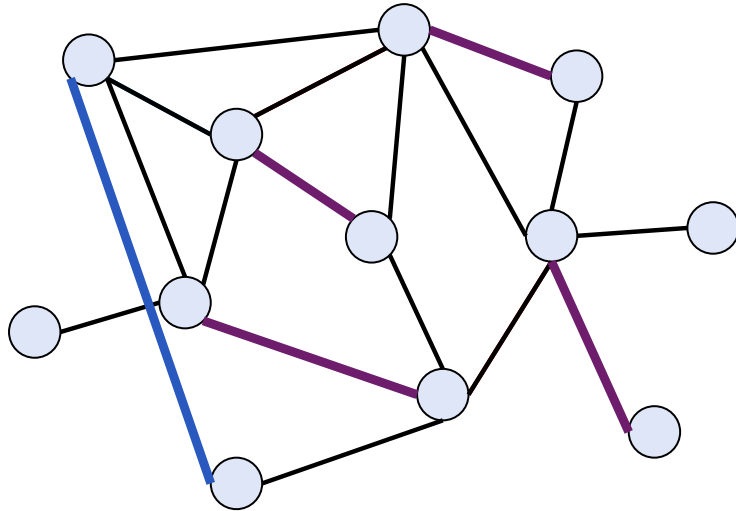
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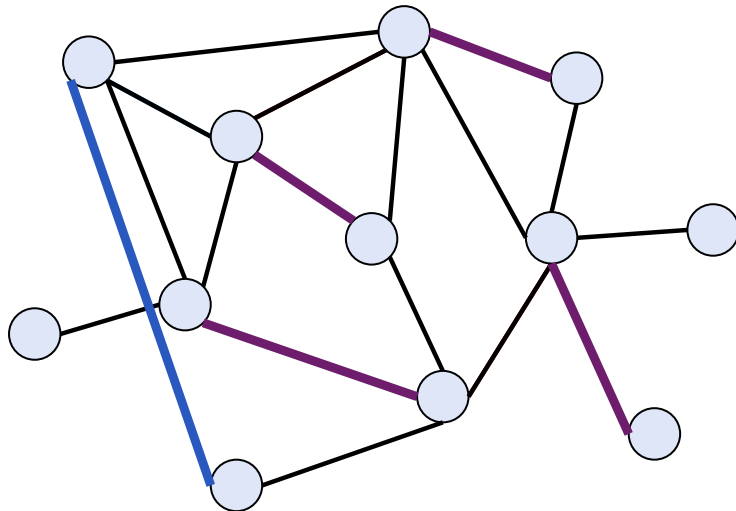
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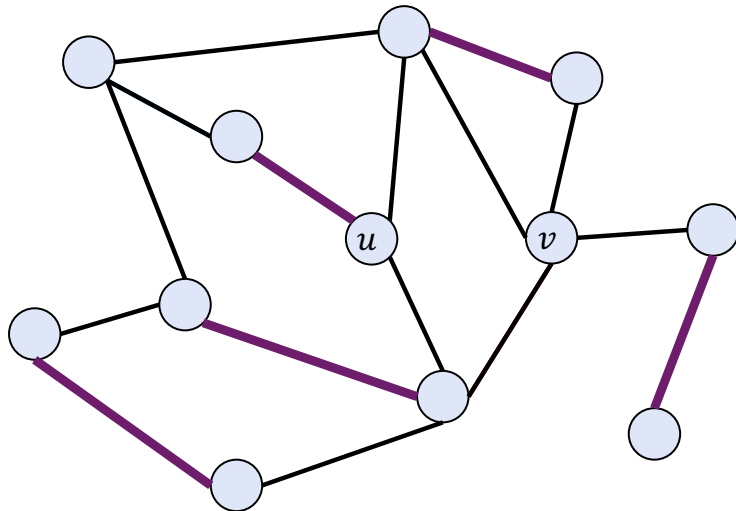
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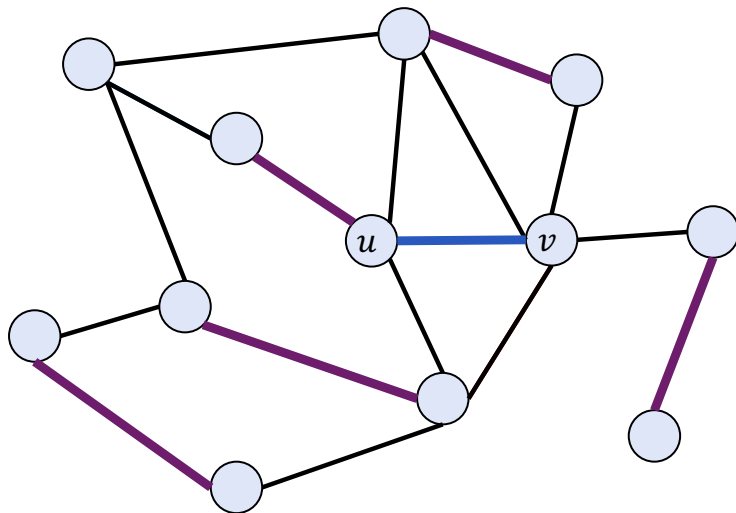
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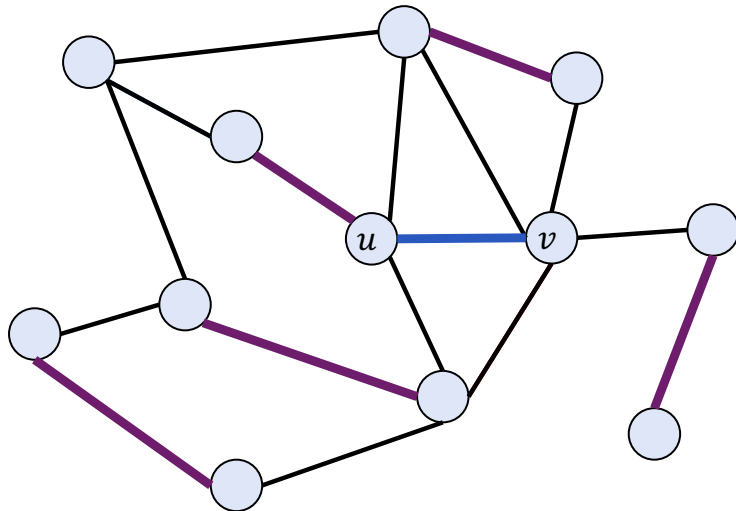
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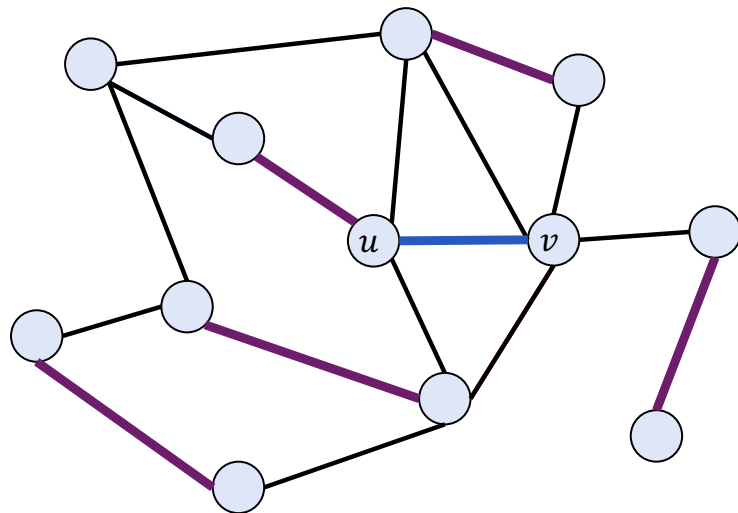
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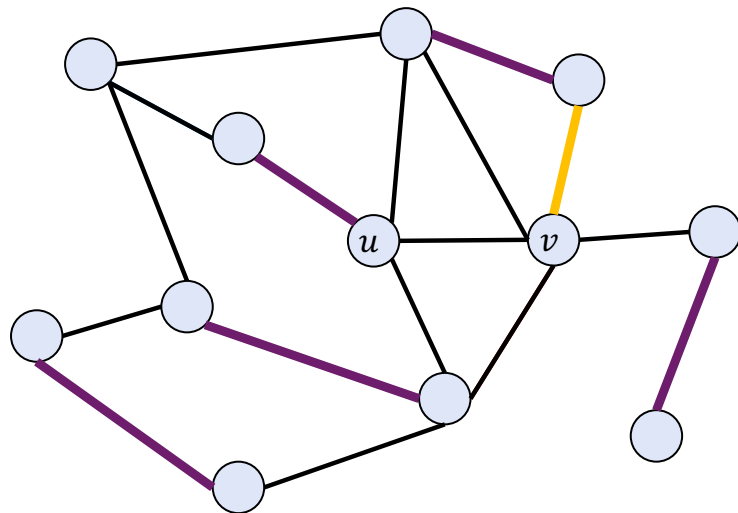
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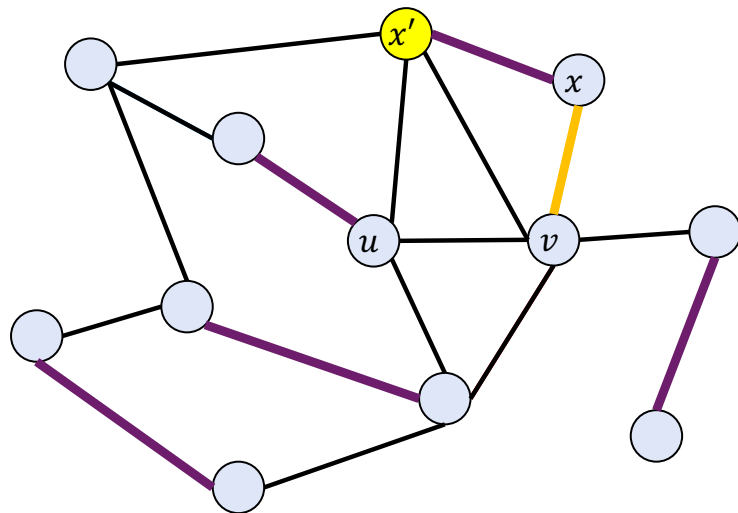
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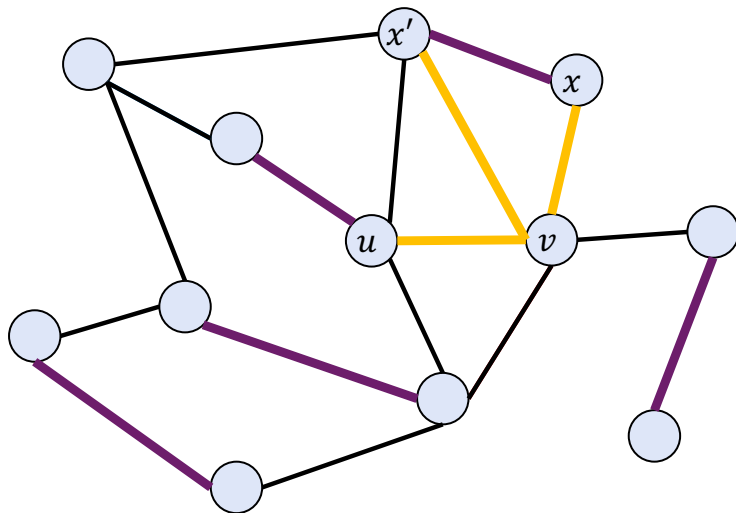
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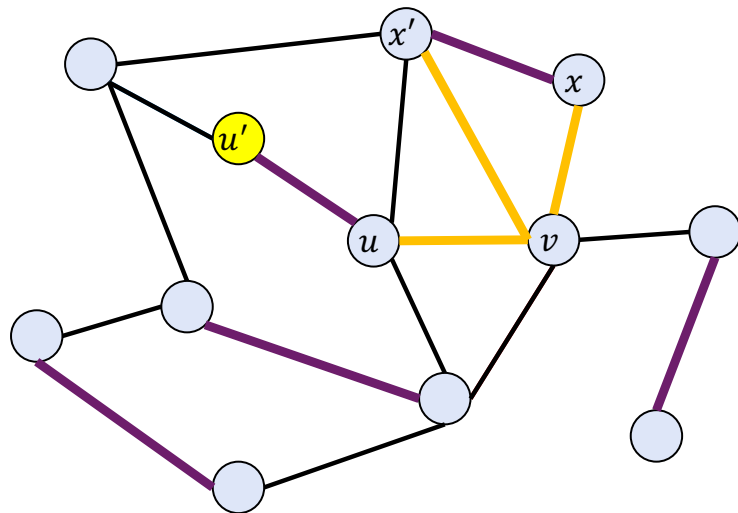
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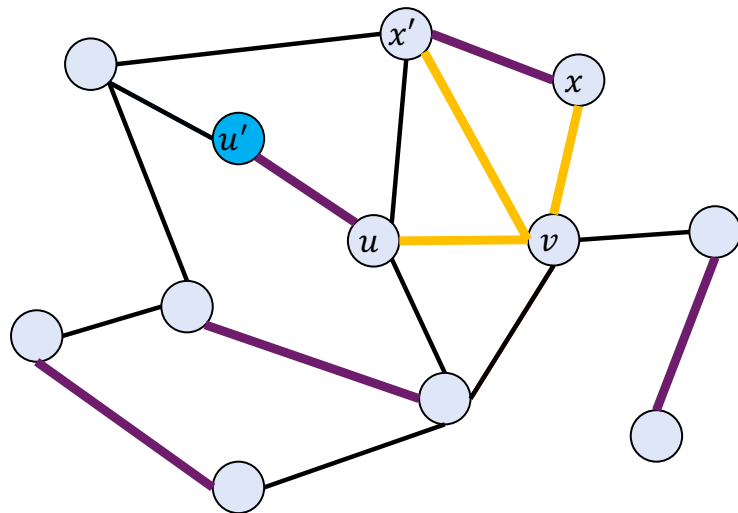
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u has a mate u' with degree $\leq \sqrt{2}$

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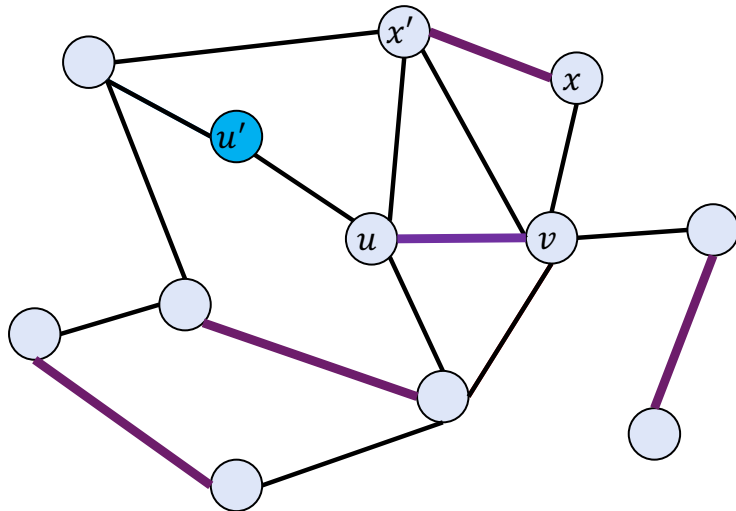


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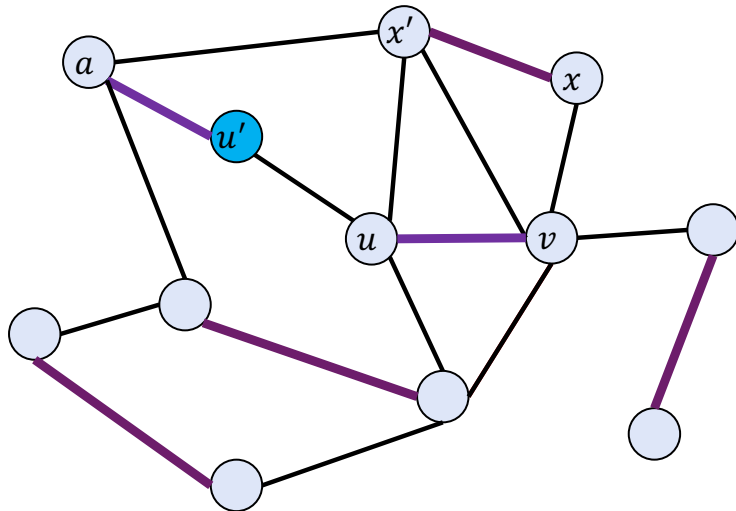
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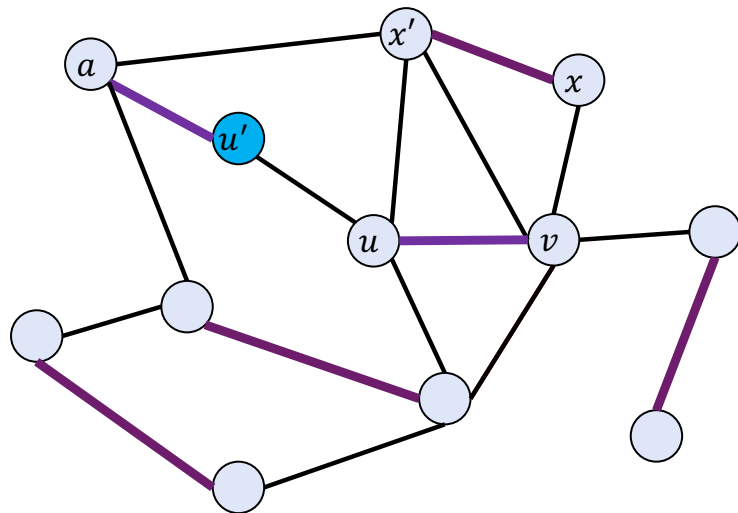
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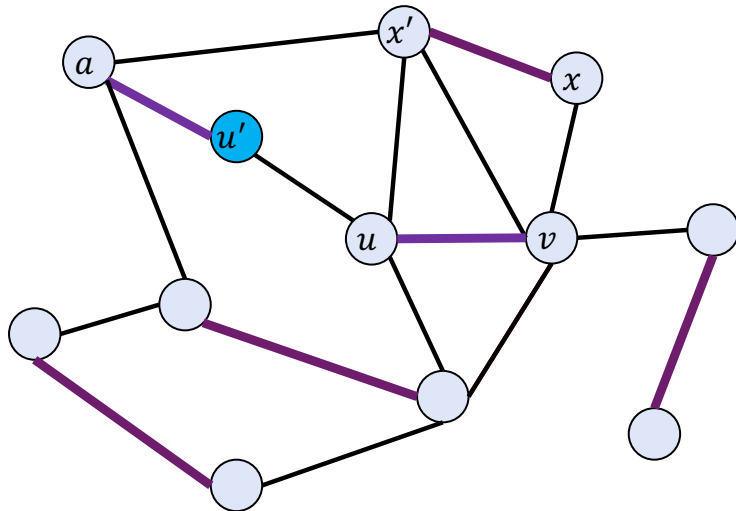


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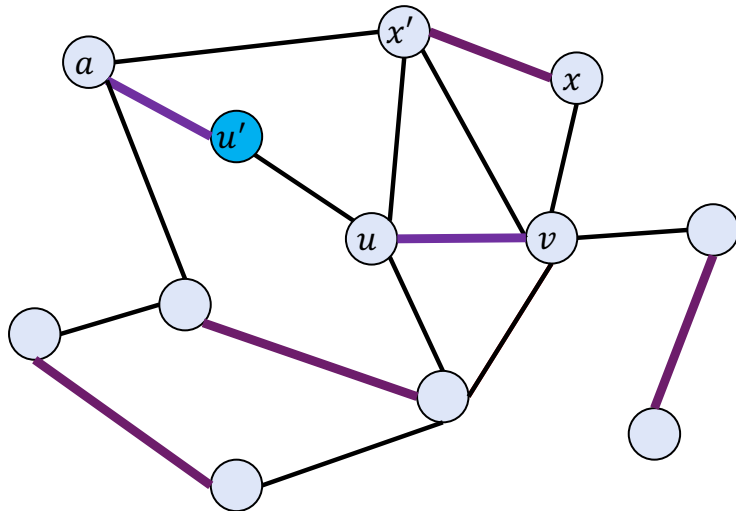
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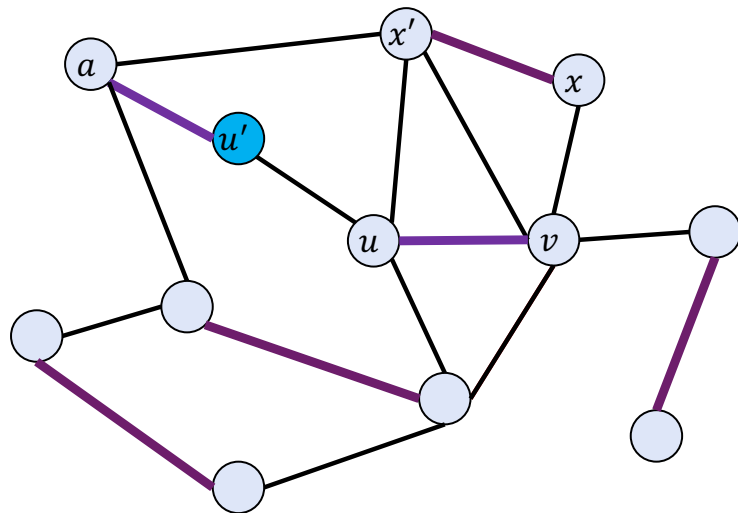
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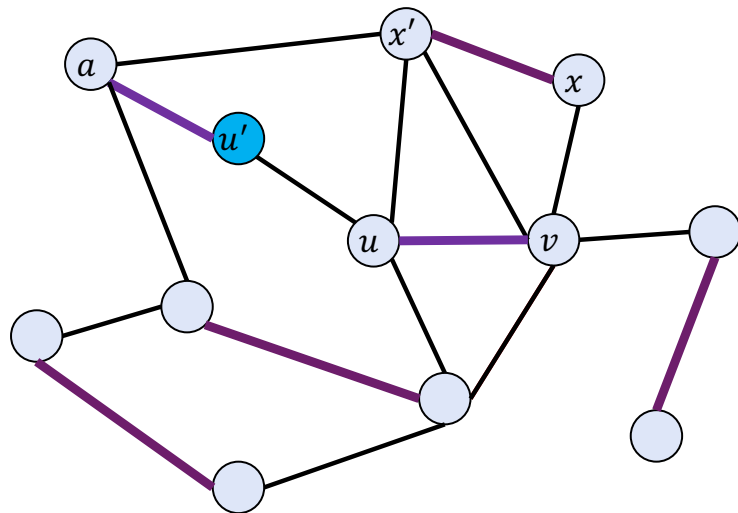
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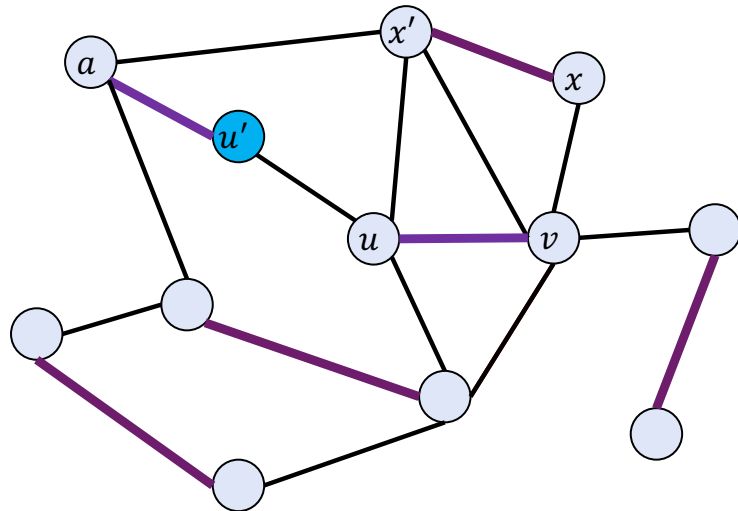
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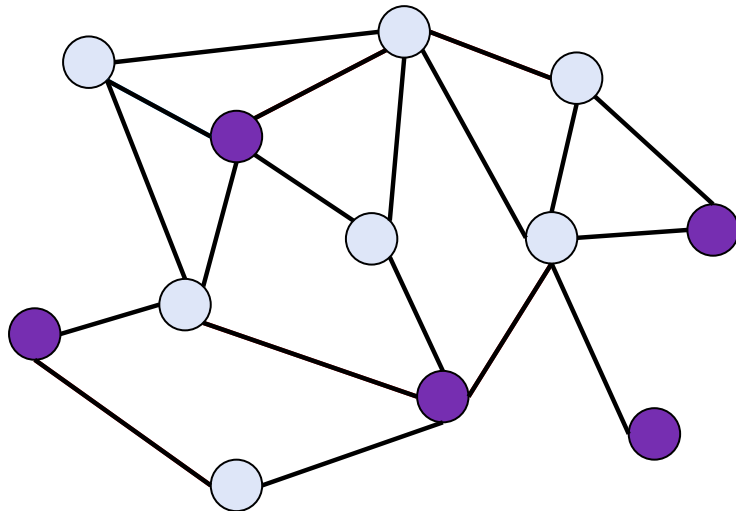
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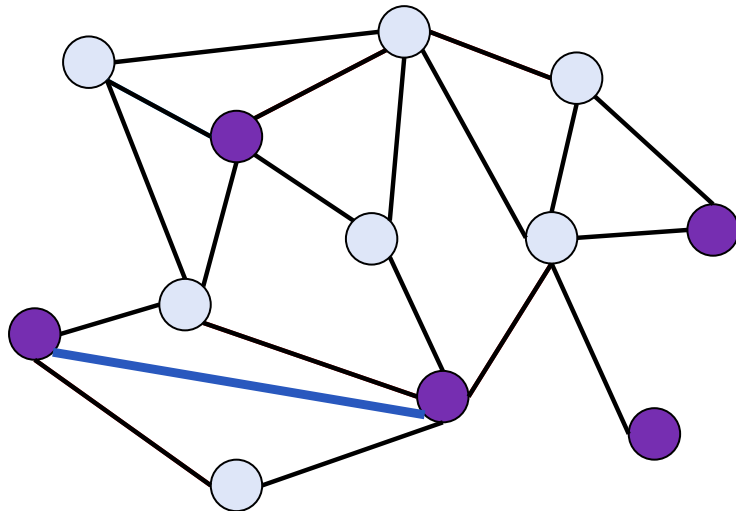
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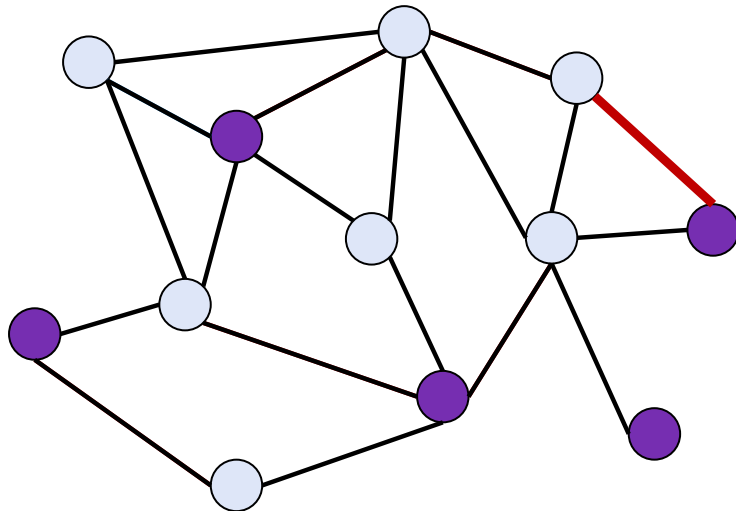


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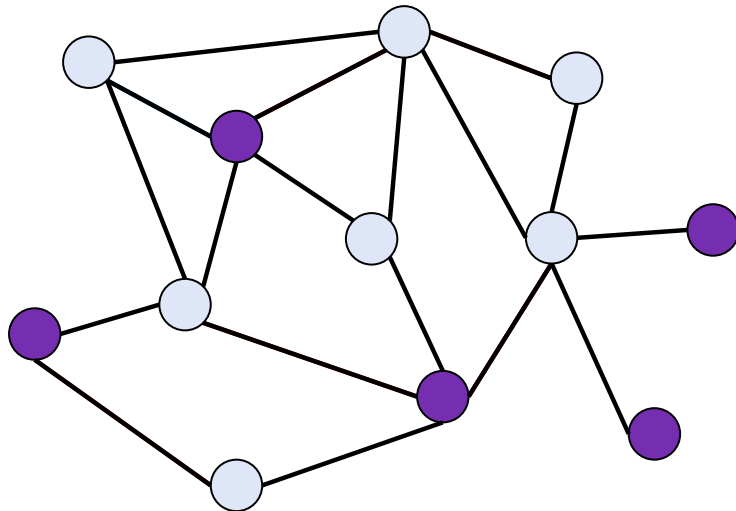


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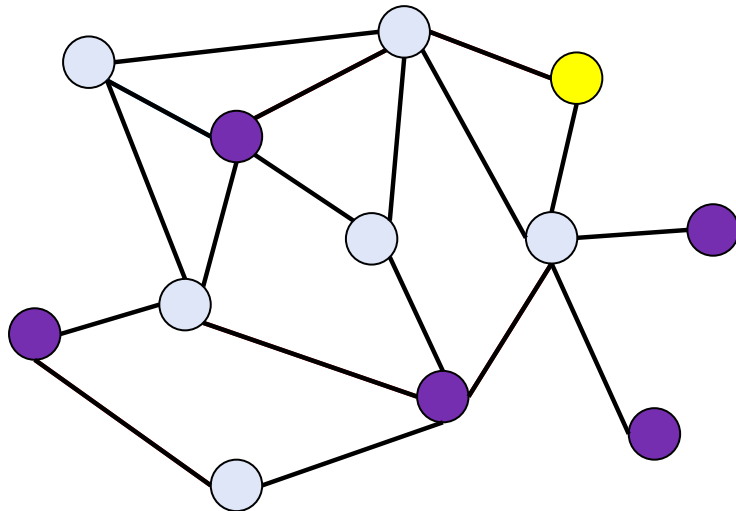


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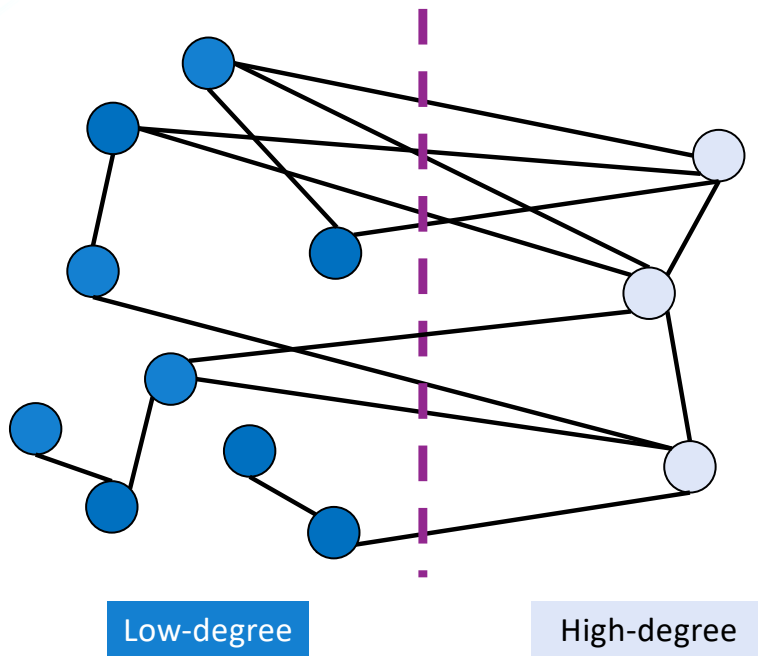
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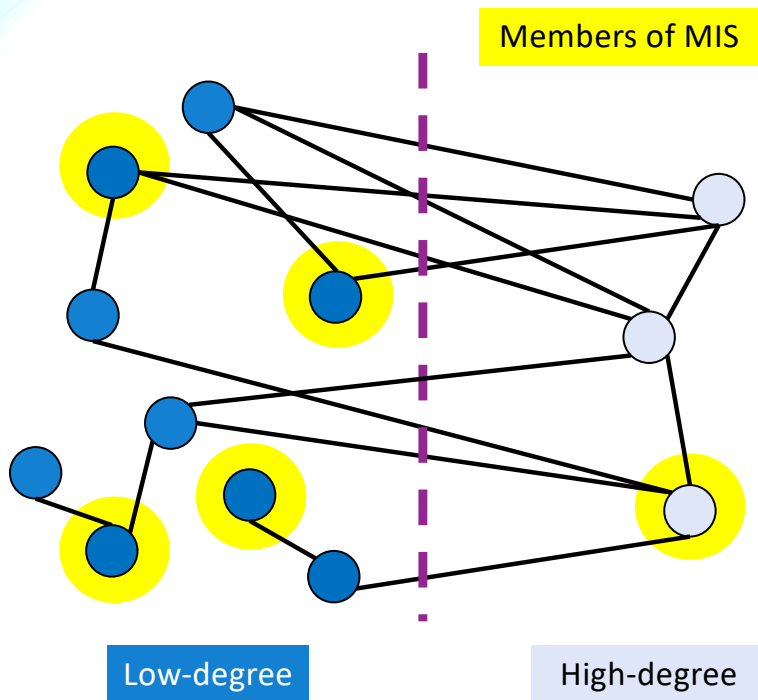
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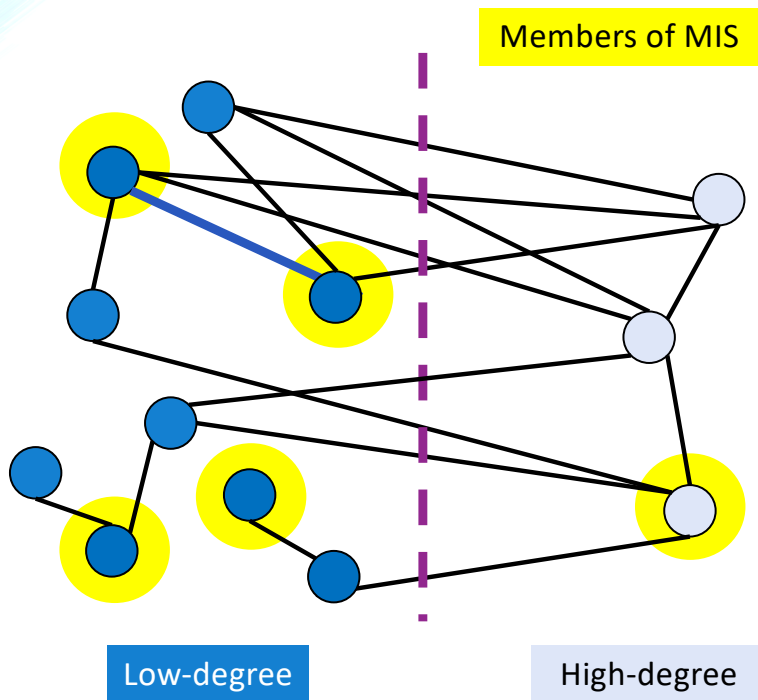
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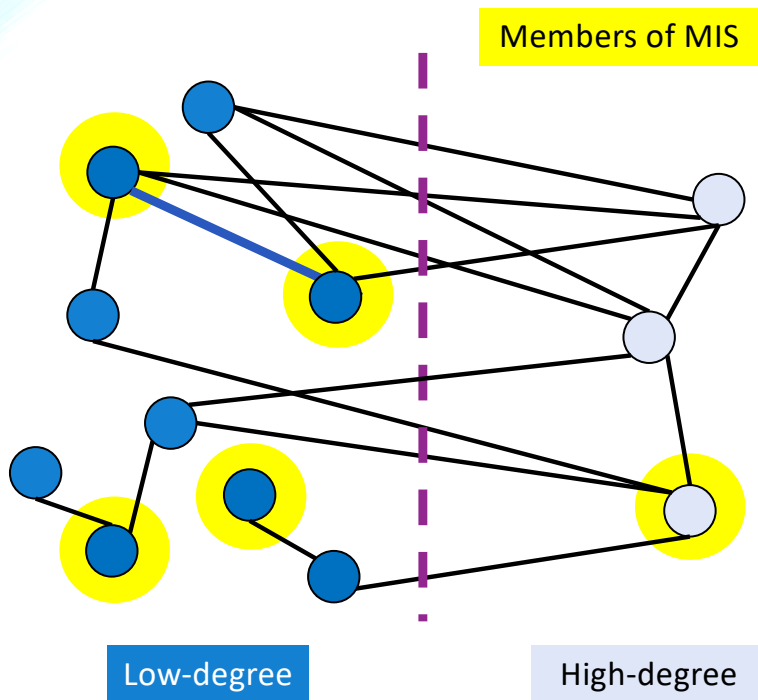
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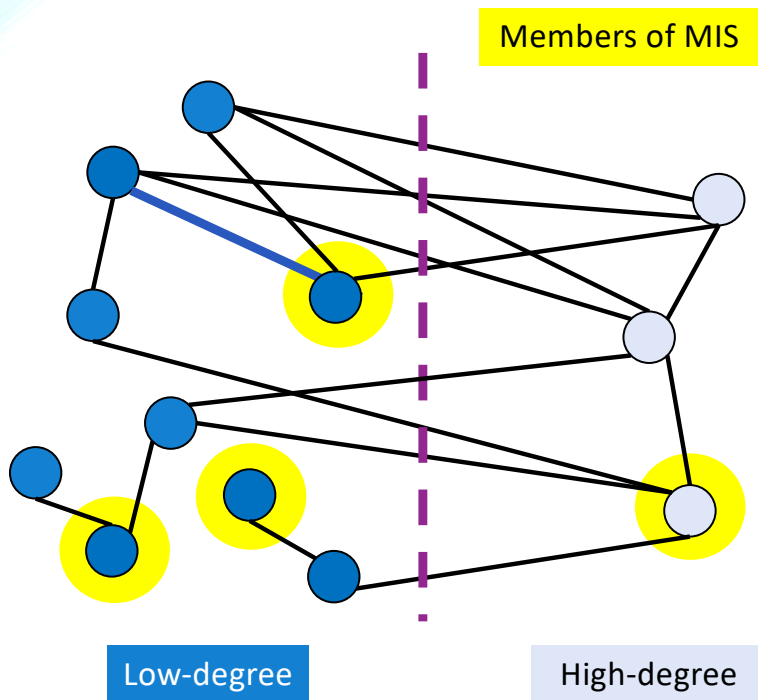
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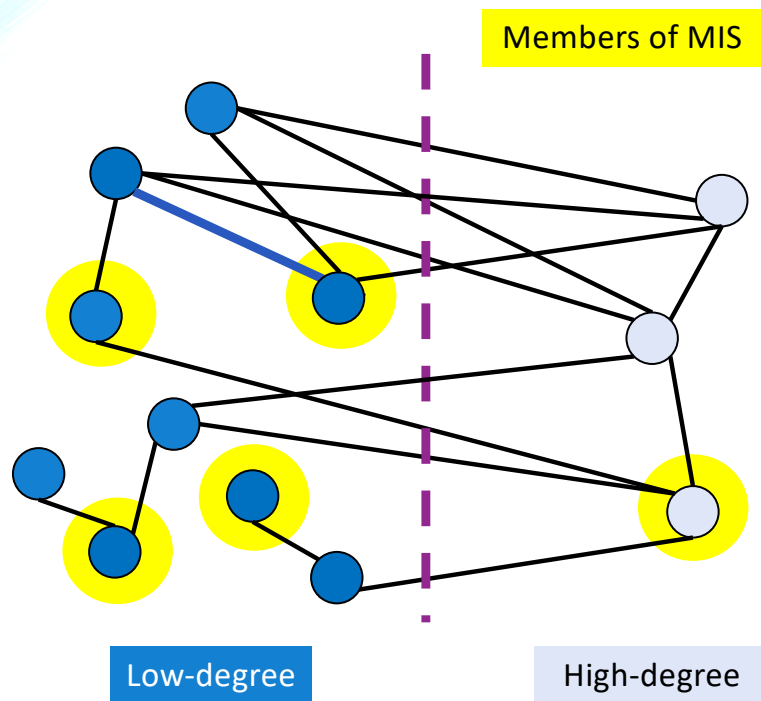
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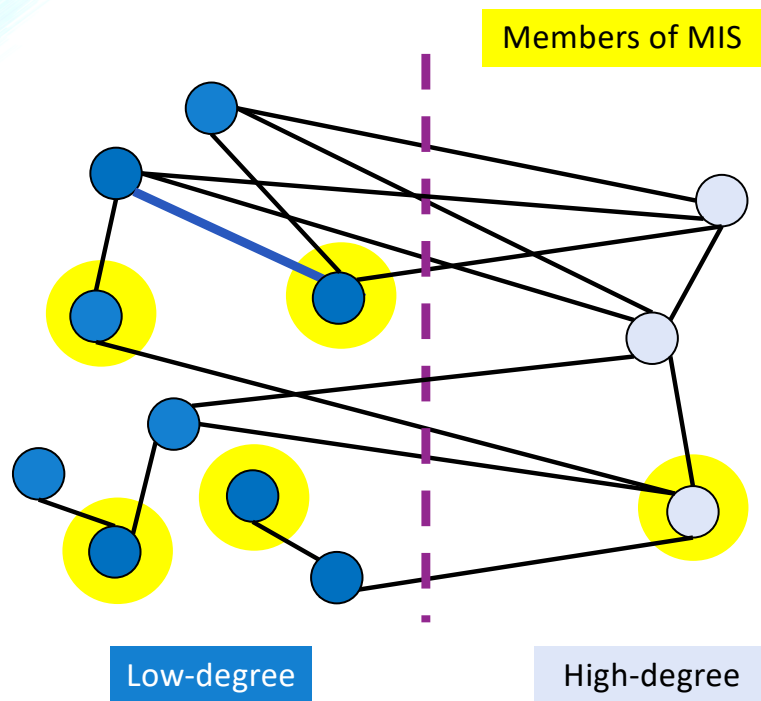
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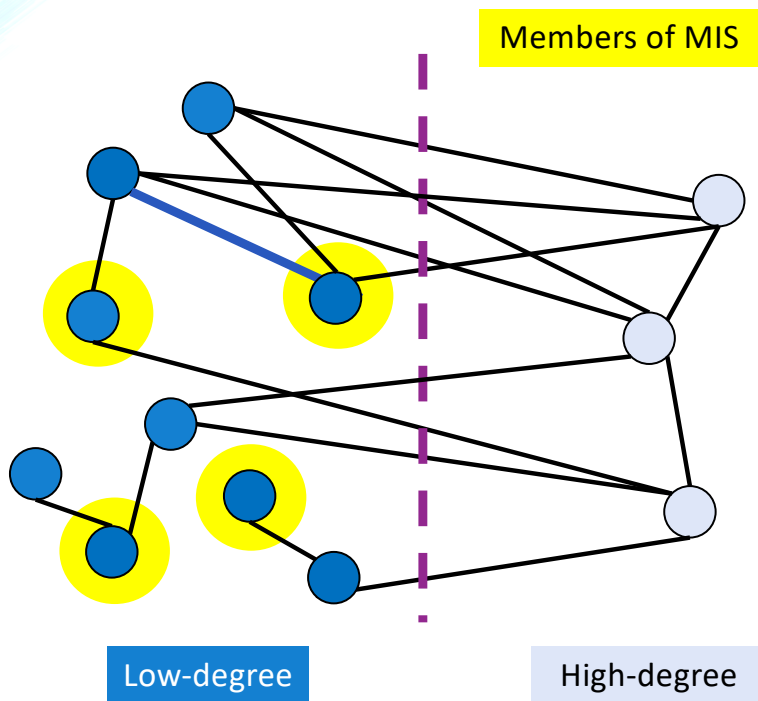
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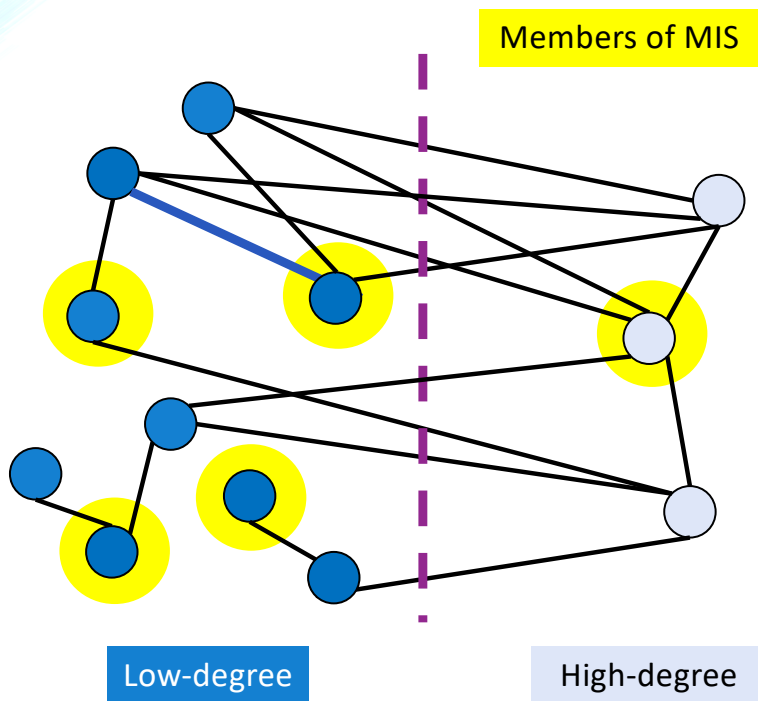
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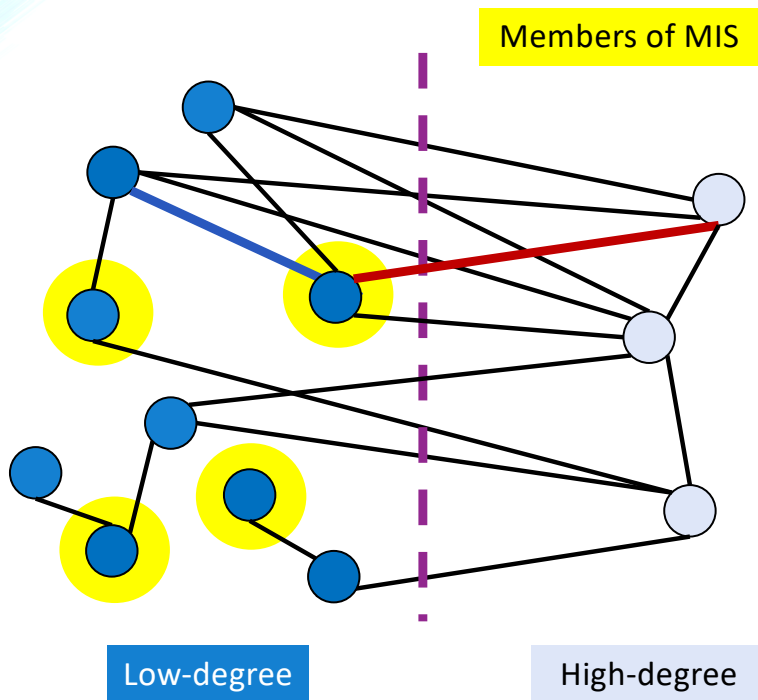
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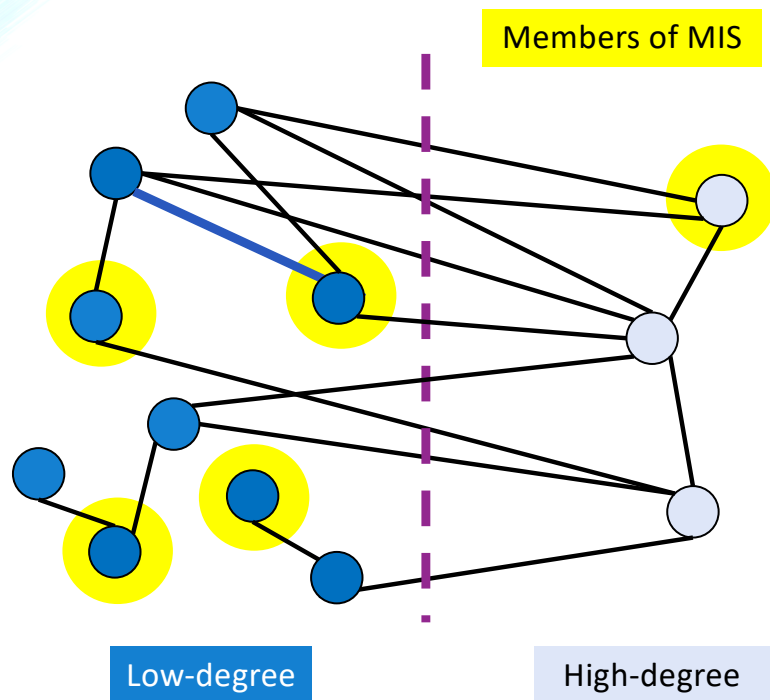
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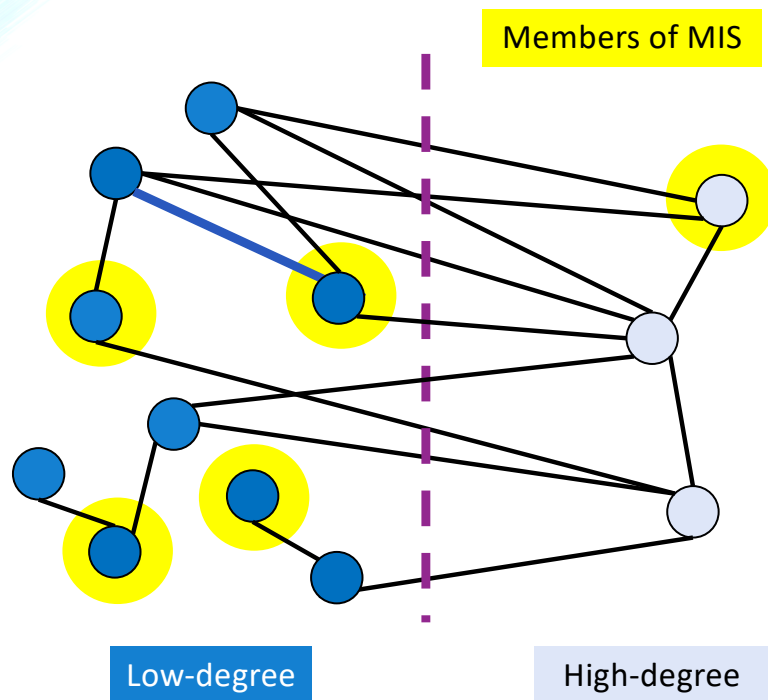
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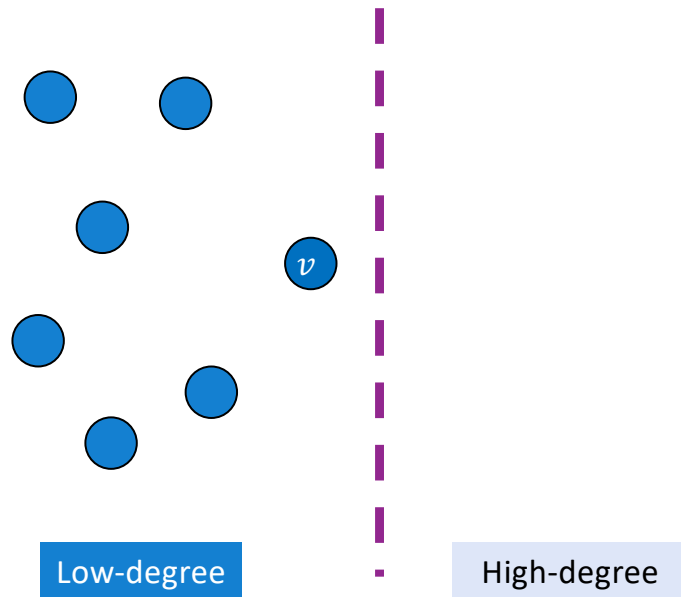
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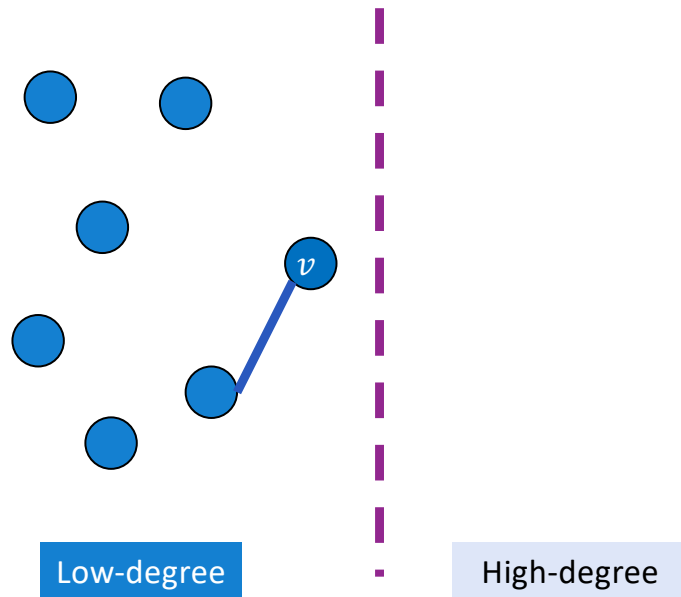
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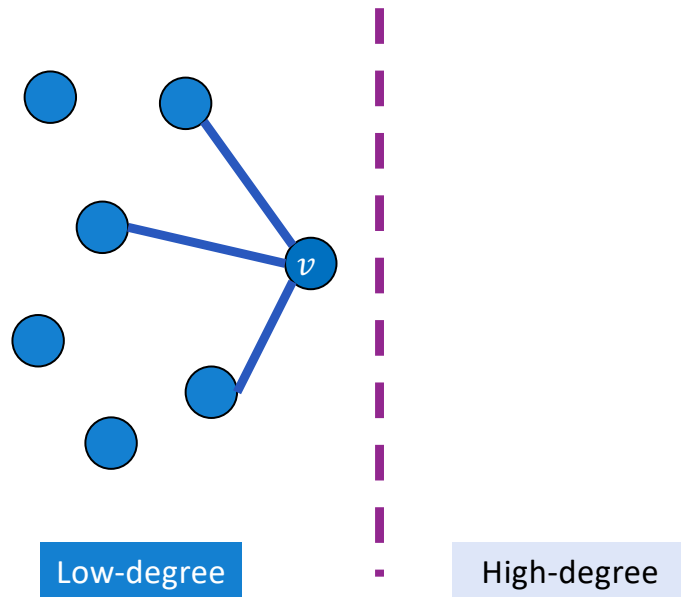
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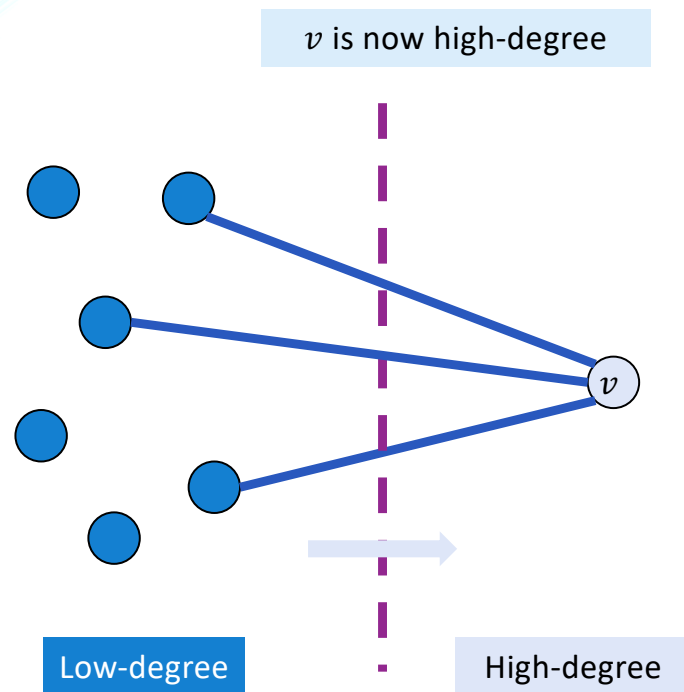
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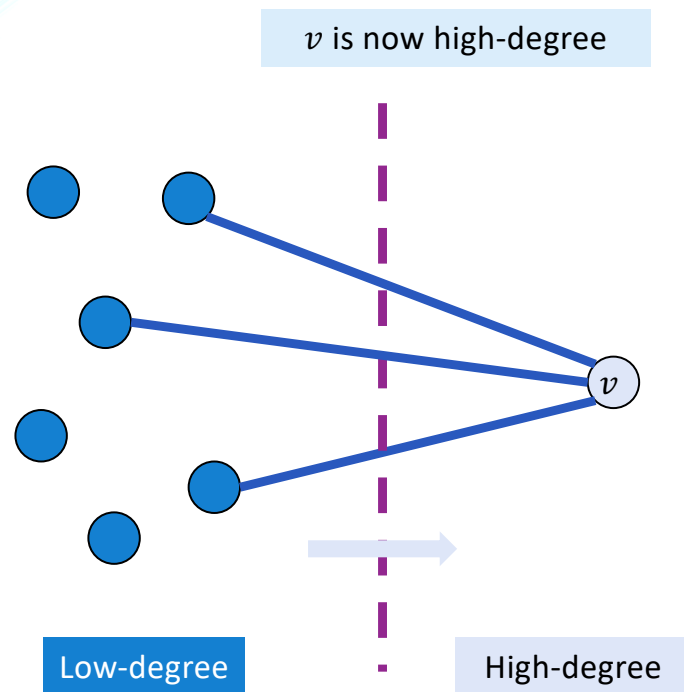
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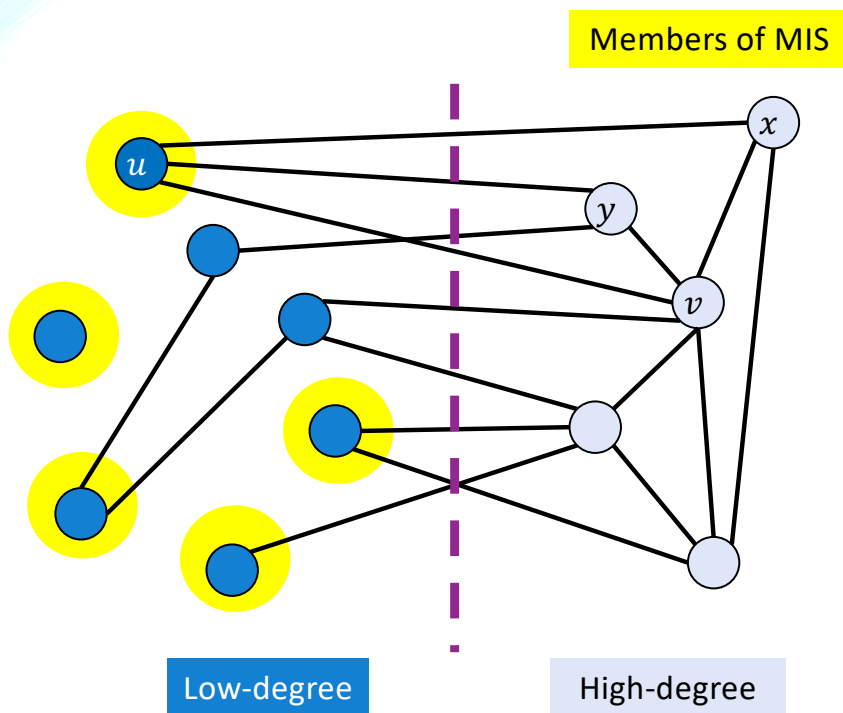
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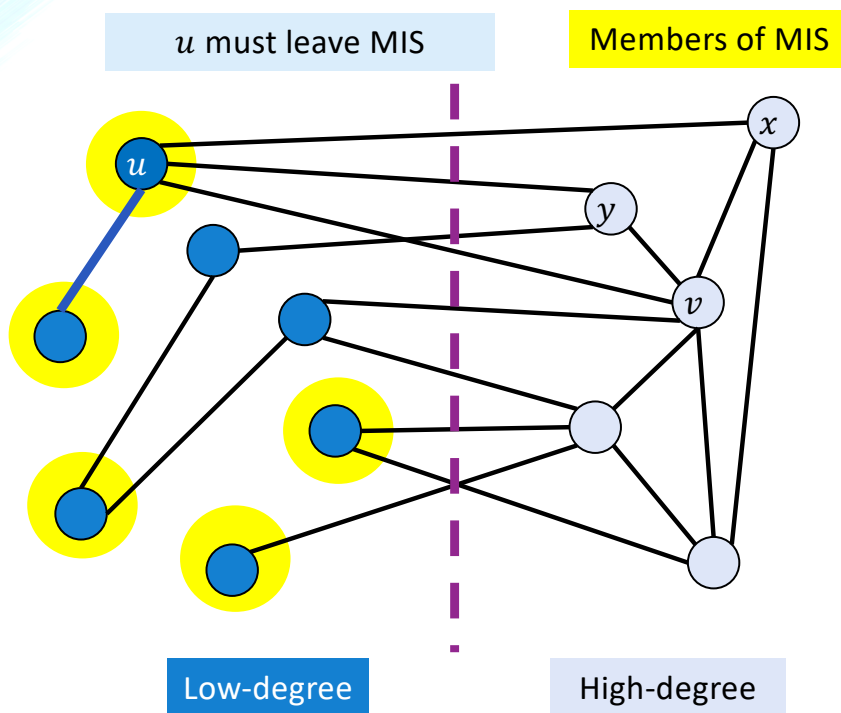
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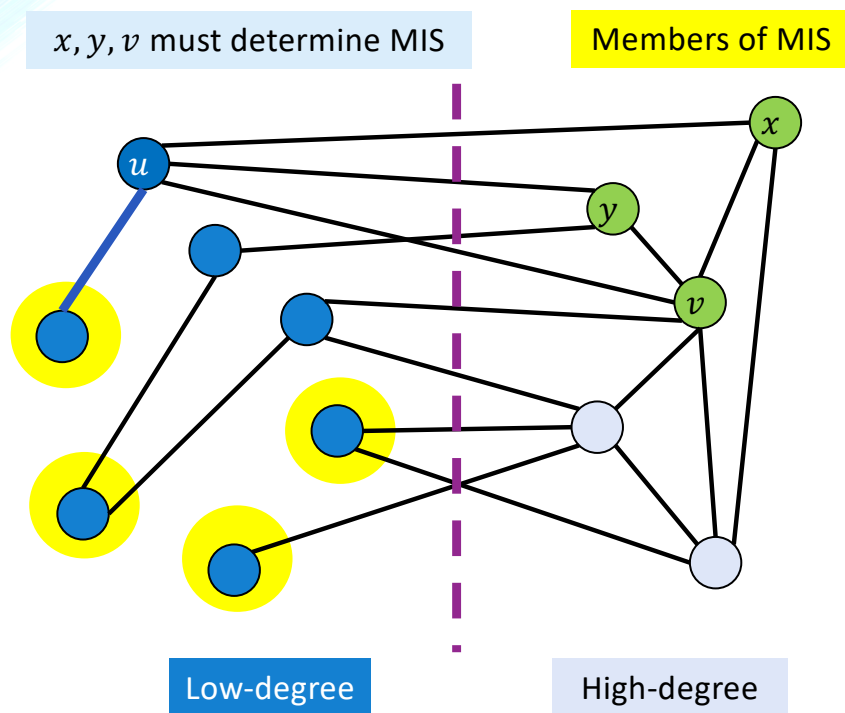
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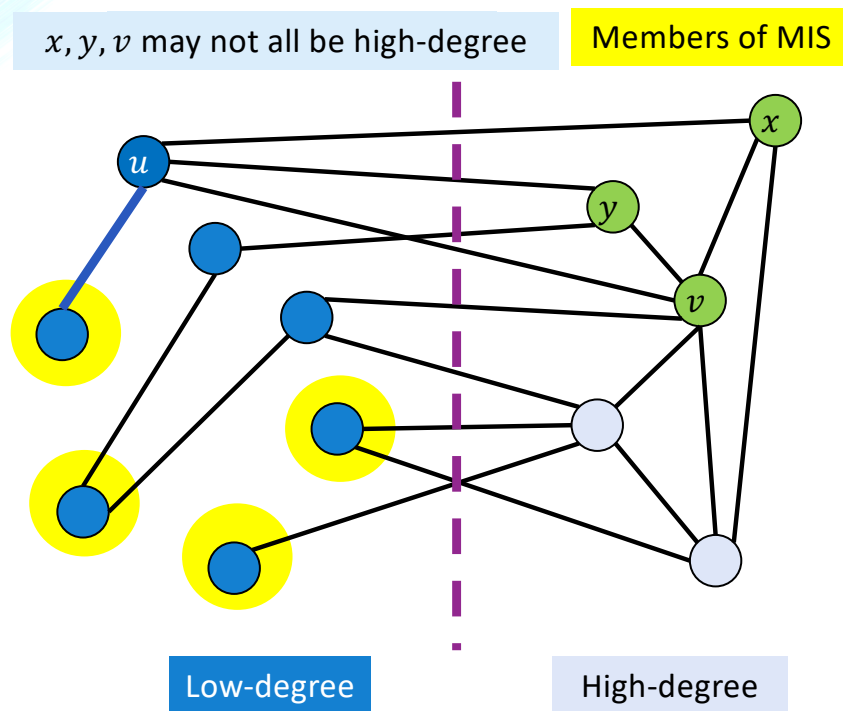
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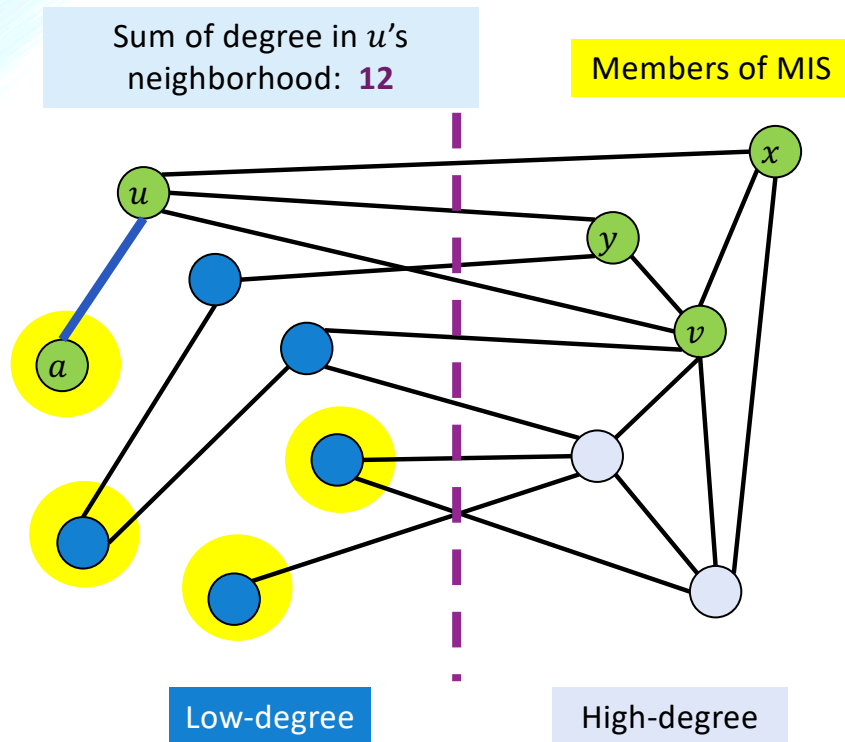
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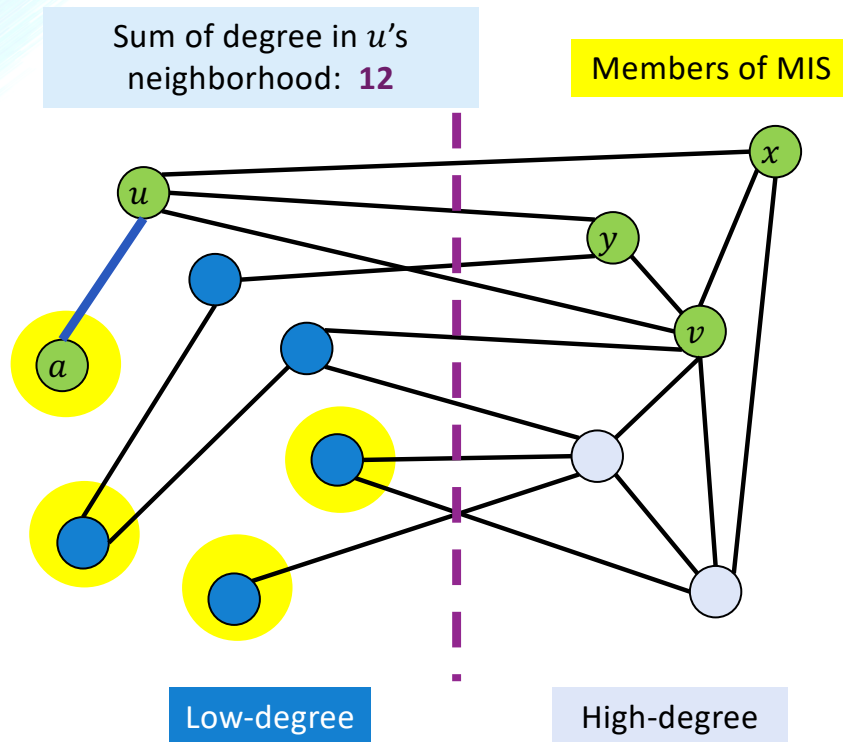
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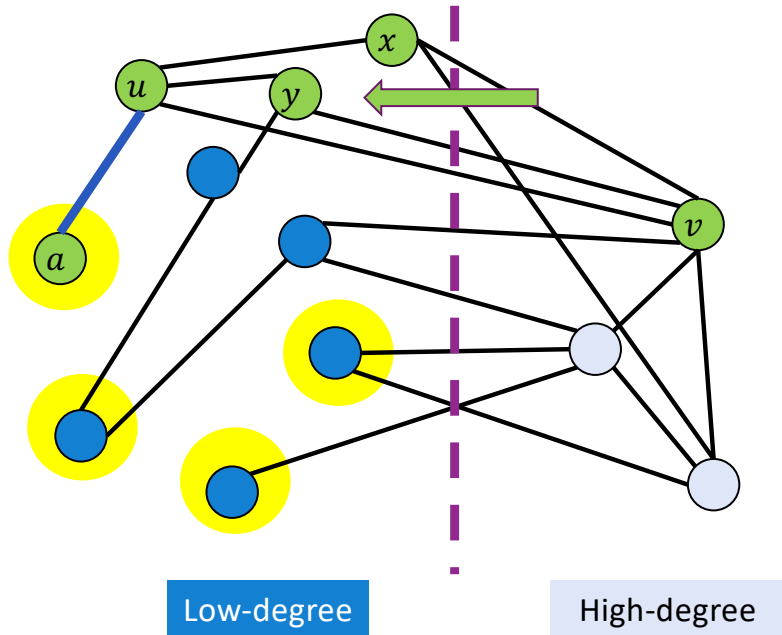


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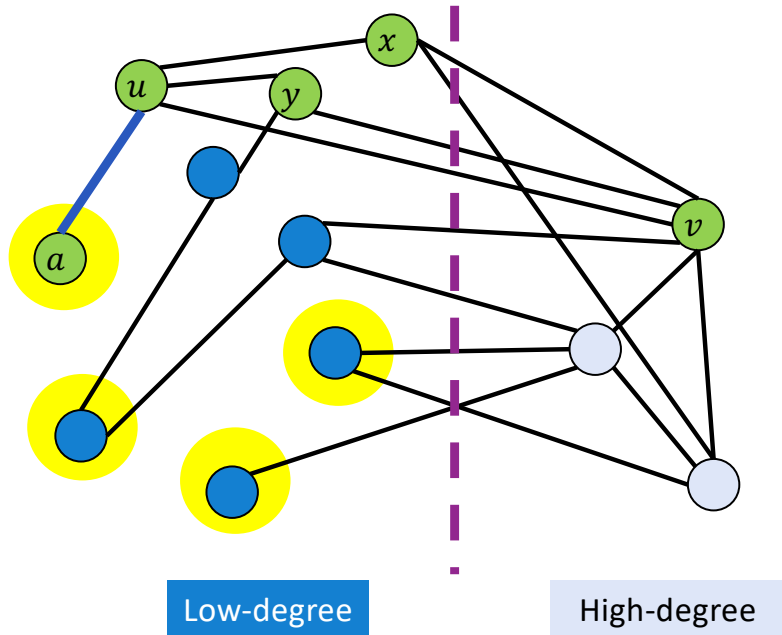


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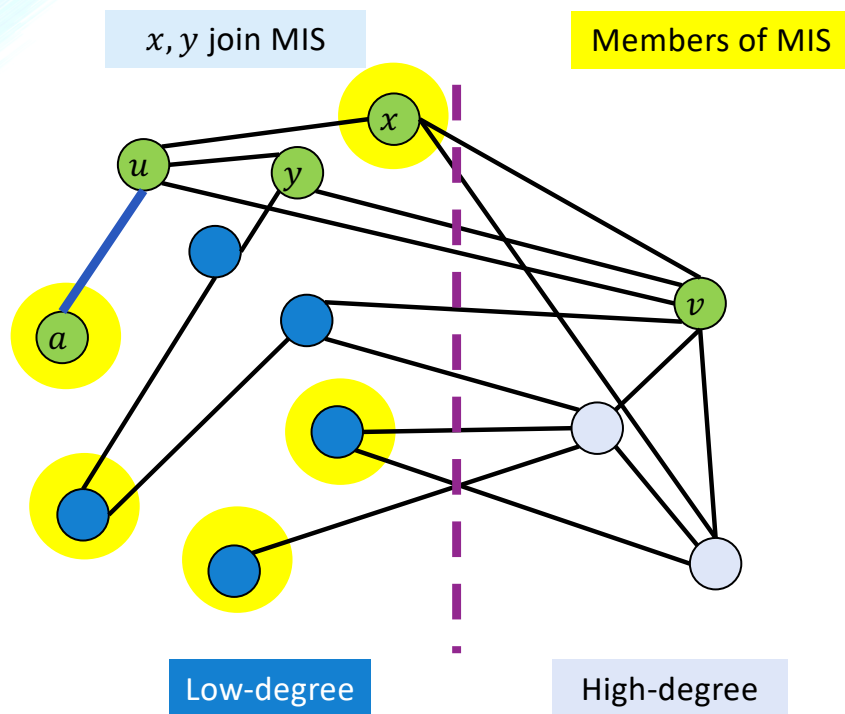
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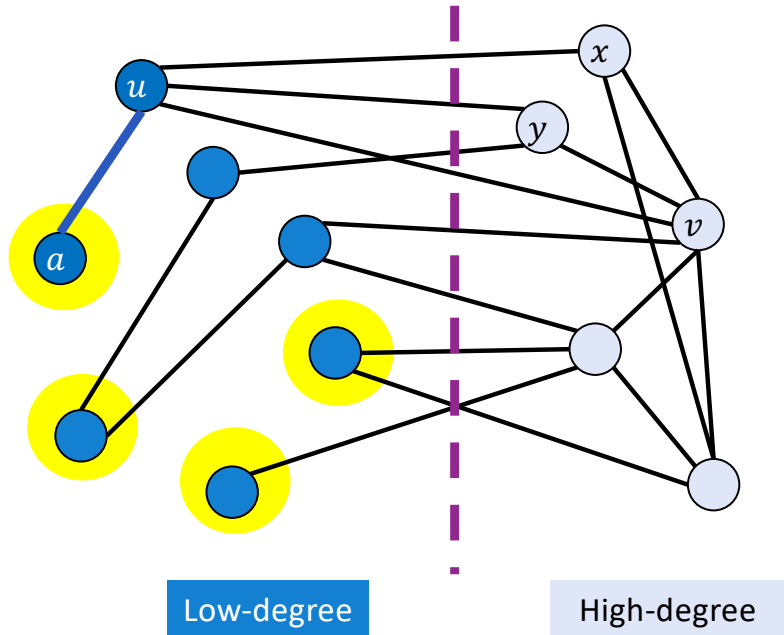


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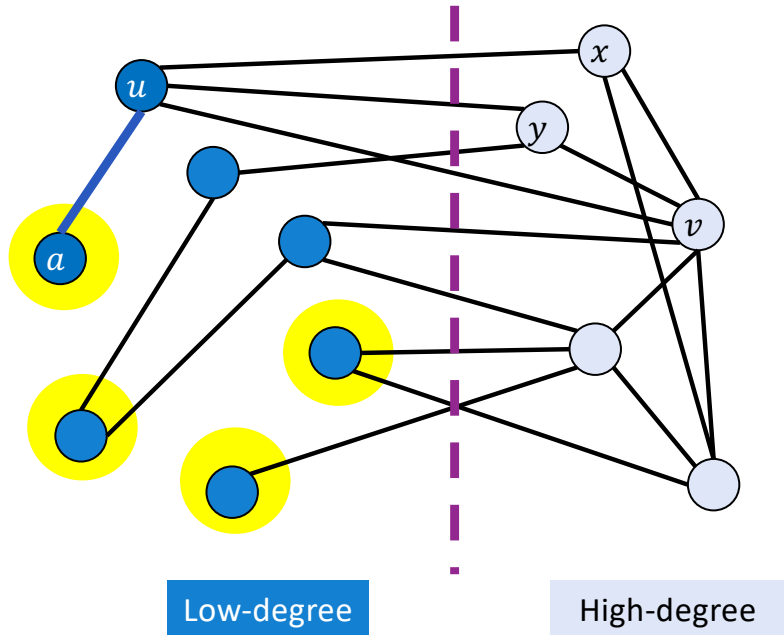


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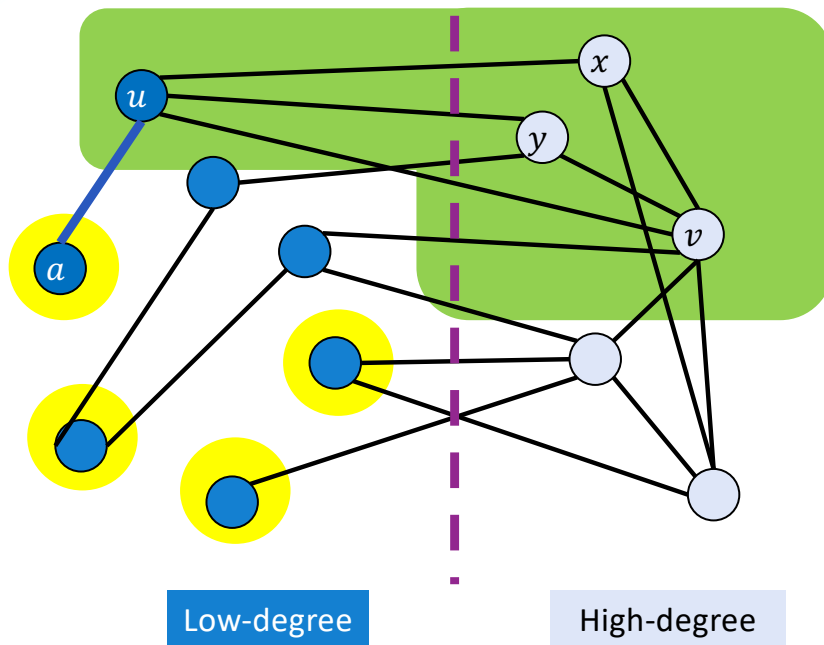


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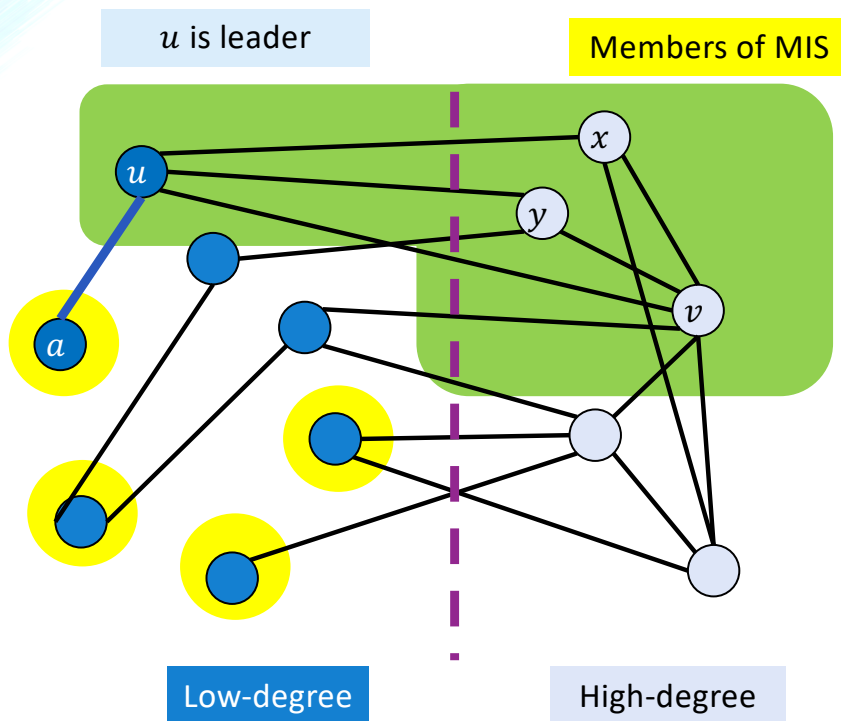
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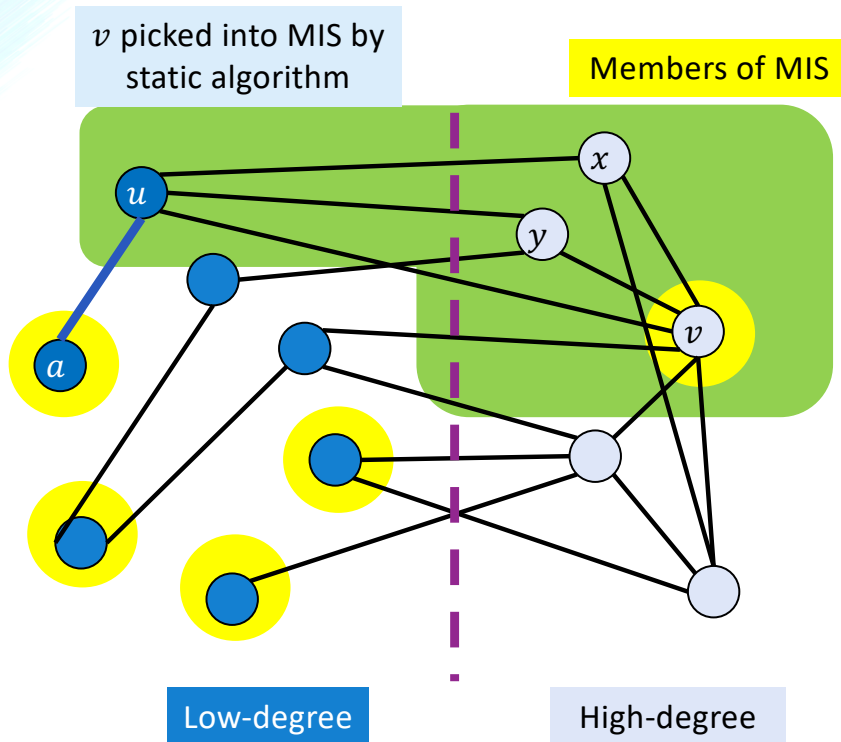
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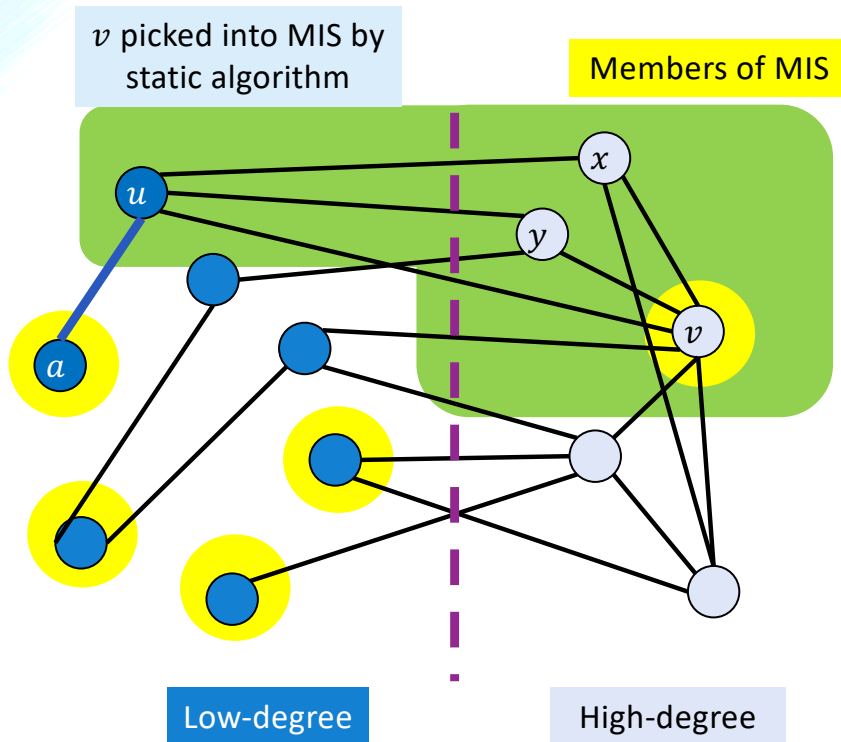
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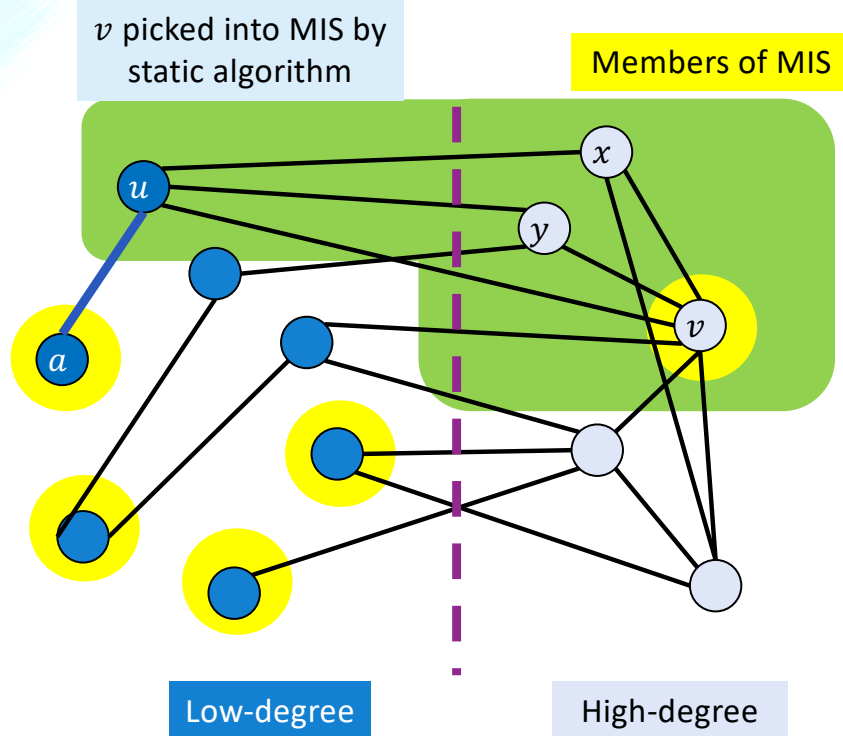
- Run **static, distributed MIS algorithm** on induced subgraph of high-degree nodes in local neighborhood
- Run the small diameter algorithm of Censor-Hillel, Parter, and Schwartzman (2020) on induced subgraph

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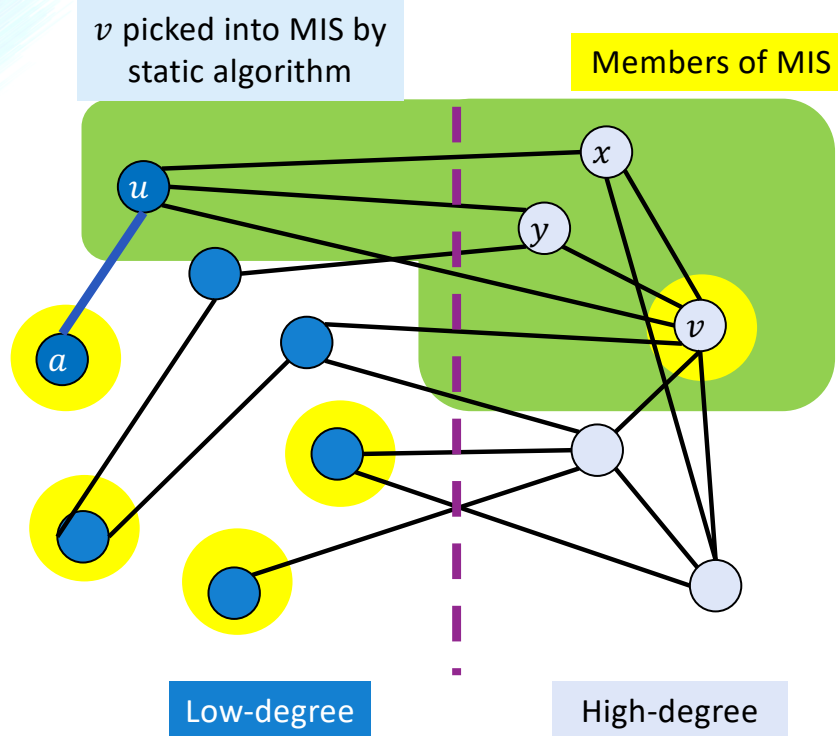
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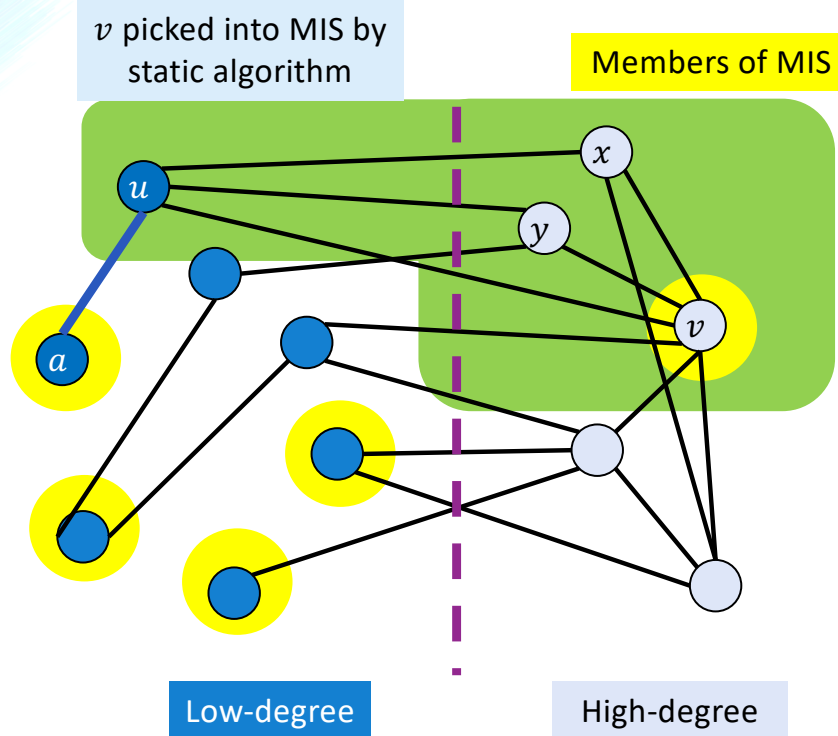
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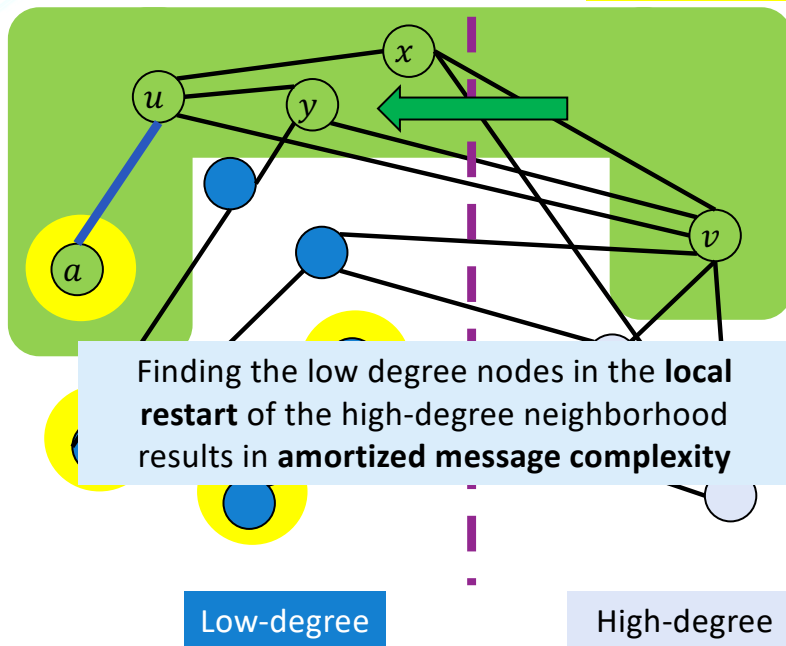
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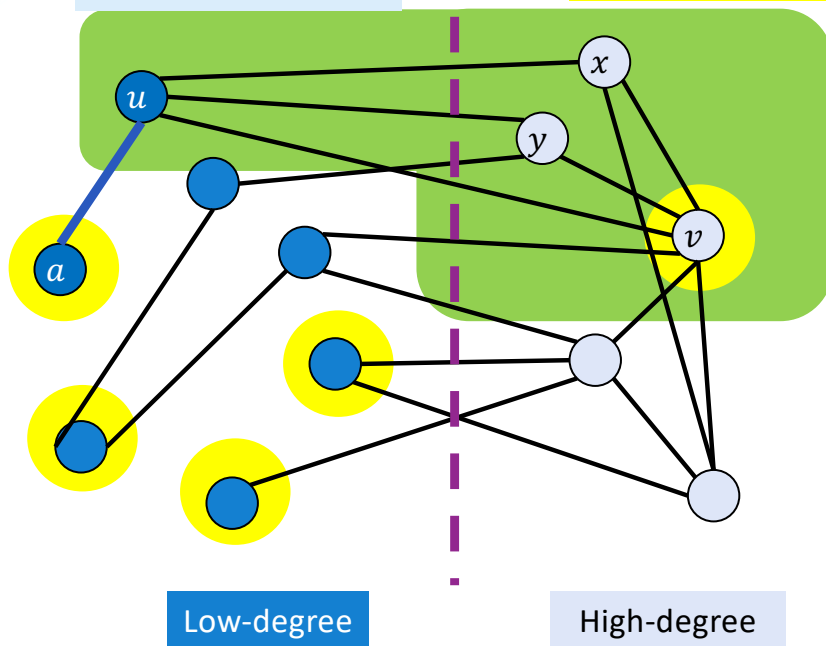
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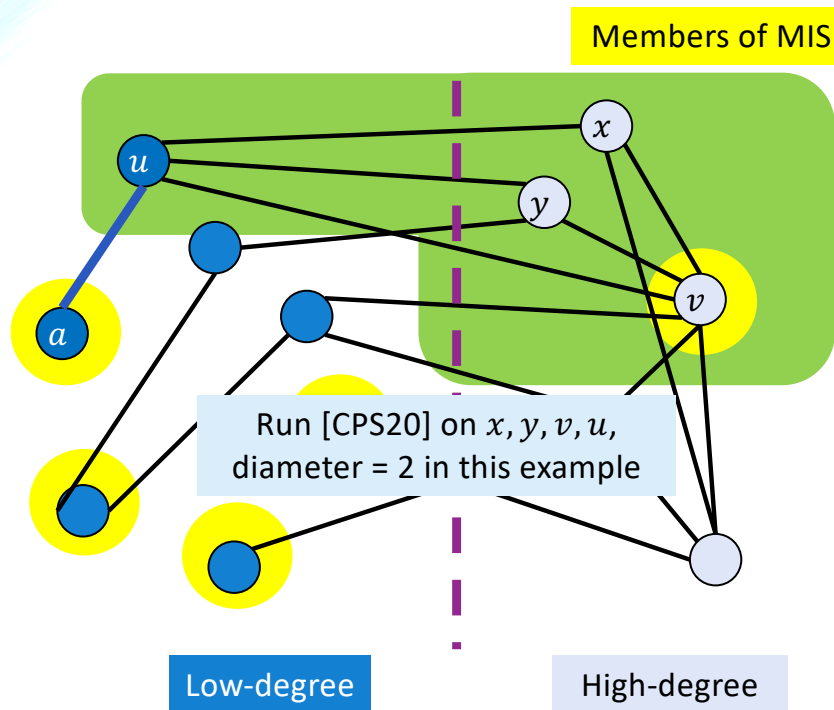


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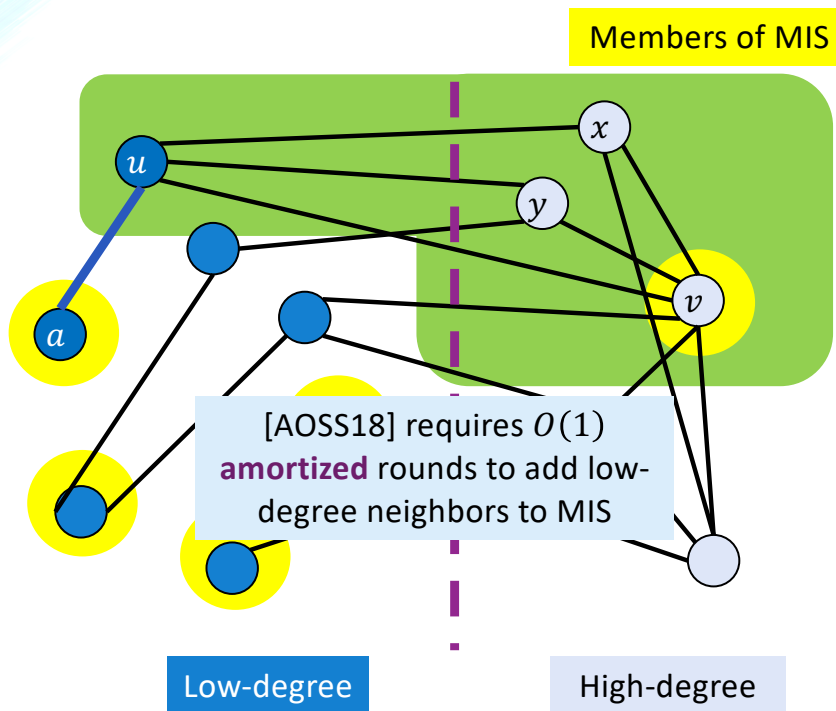
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Question 1: Can our techniques be generalized for a wide class of dynamic distributed algorithms?

Question 2: Can we achieve worst-case bounds (esp. rounds) for MIS?

Question 3: Can we get rid of the $O(\log^2 n)$ factors especially in round complexity of MIS?

Question 4: Can our algorithms be modified to handle multiple concurrent updates, while maintaining low message complexity?

Question 5: Is there a general purpose compiler which takes a centralized dynamic algorithm and outputs a message-efficient distributed dynamic algorithm?