

The state-flipping algorithm will not always find this configuration

For example, Let  $G$  be a graph consisting of a cycle of length four: there are nodes  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  and edges  $(v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), (v_3, v_4), (v_4, v_1)$ . Then if we start the state-flipping algorithm in a configuration where nodes  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  have state  $+1$ , and nodes  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  have state  $-1$ , then no improving move is possible.