

Directed hypergraph connectivity augmentation by hyperarc re-orientations

Combinatorial Optimization and Graph Theory

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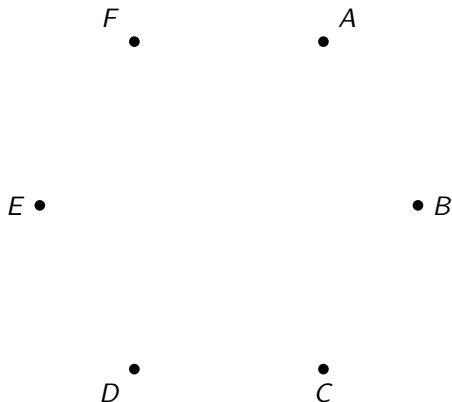
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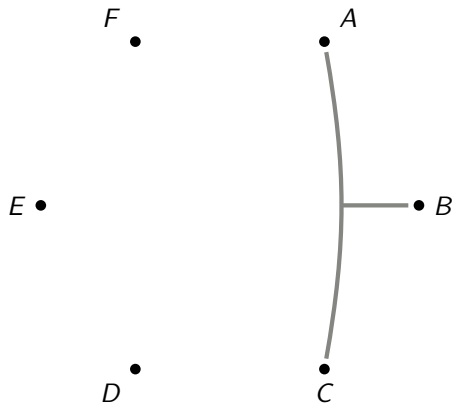
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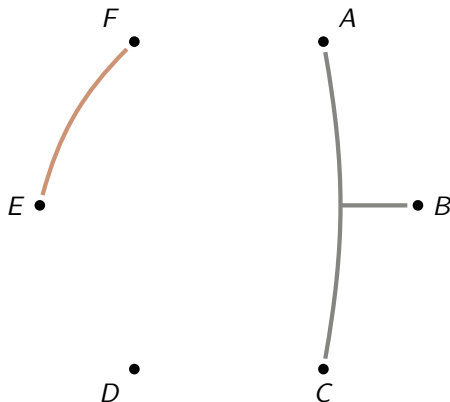
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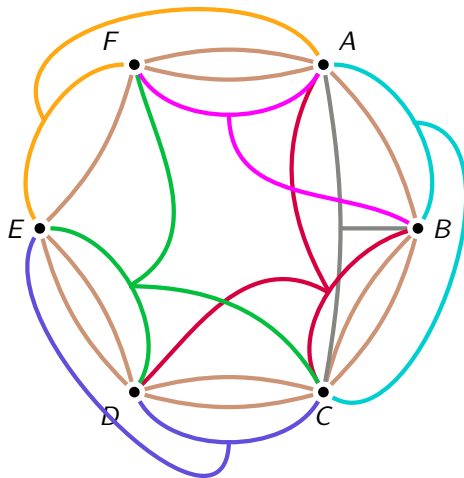
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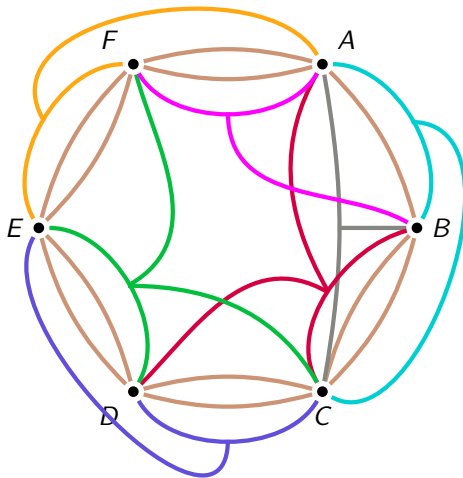


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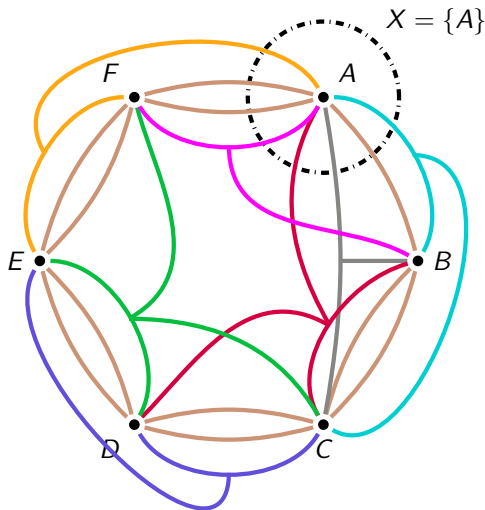
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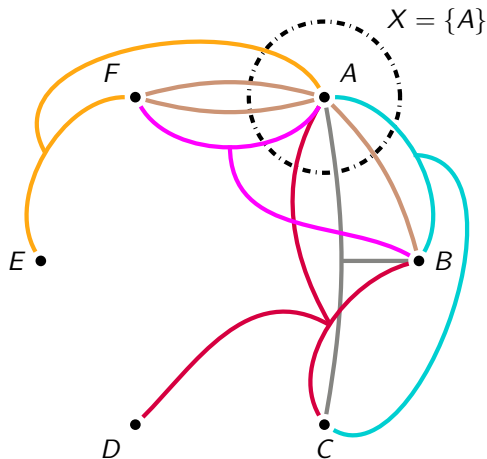
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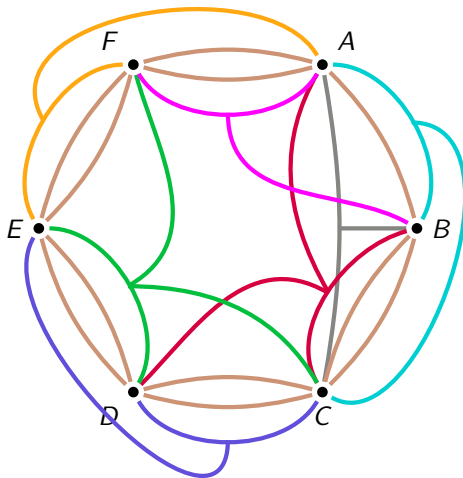


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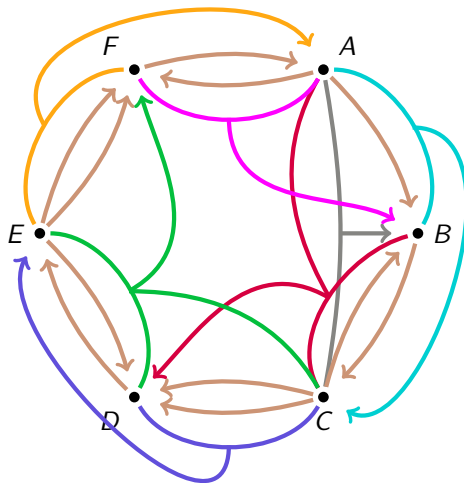
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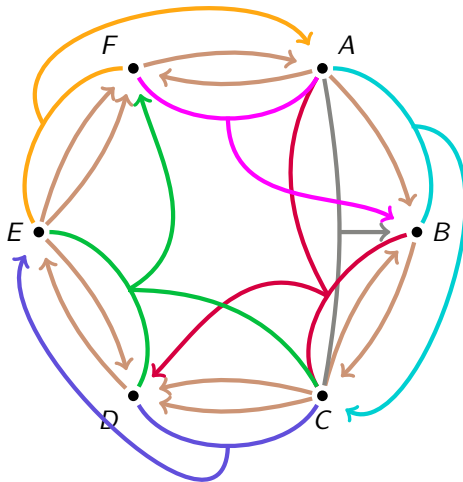


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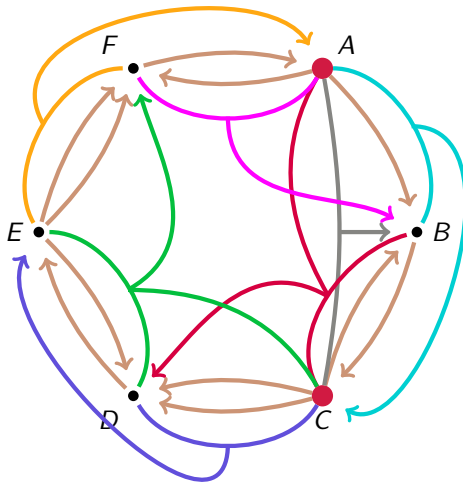
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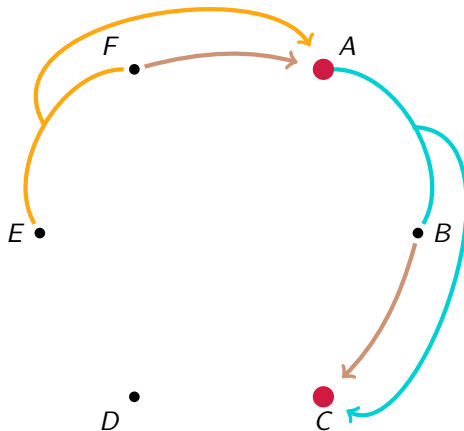
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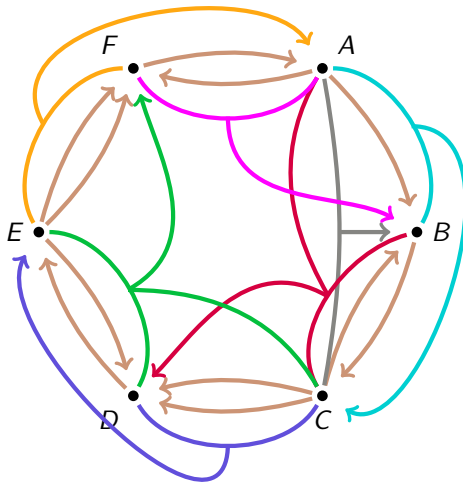
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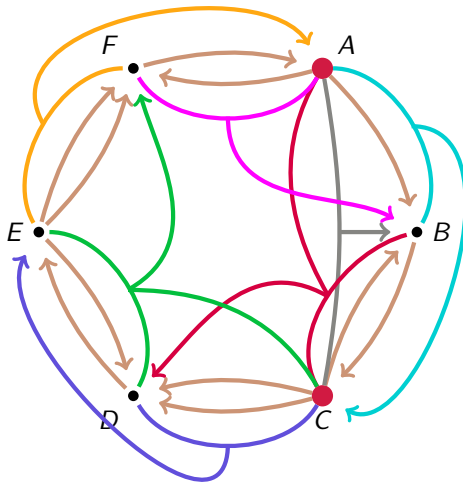
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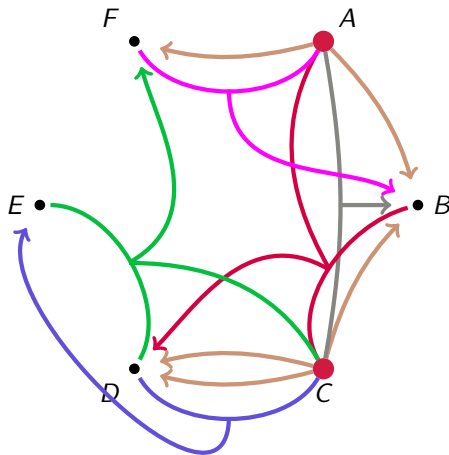
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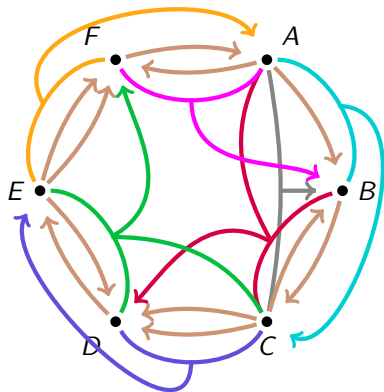
We use a result of Frank : \mathcal{H} is (k, k) -partition-connected if and only if it admits a k -hyperarc-connected orientation.

Main result (Theorem 7)

Let $\mathcal{H} = (V, E)$ be a $(k + 1, k + 1)$ -partition-connected hypergraph and $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$ is a k -hyperarc connected orientation of \mathcal{H} . Then there exists a sequence of hypergraphs $(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i)_{i \in 0 \dots \ell}$ such that $\vec{\mathcal{H}}_{i+1}$ is obtained from $\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i$ by reorienting exactly one hyperarc and $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_{i+1}) \geq \lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_i)$ and $\lambda(\vec{\mathcal{H}}_\ell) = k + 1$. Such a sequence of orientations can be obtained with $\ell \leq |V|^3$ and found in polynomial time (in the size of \mathcal{H}).

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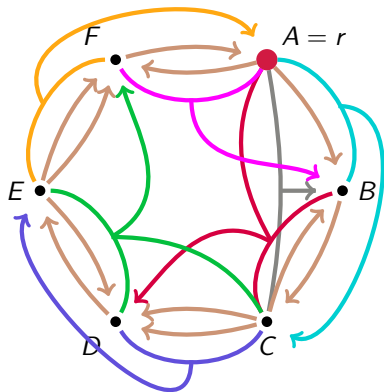
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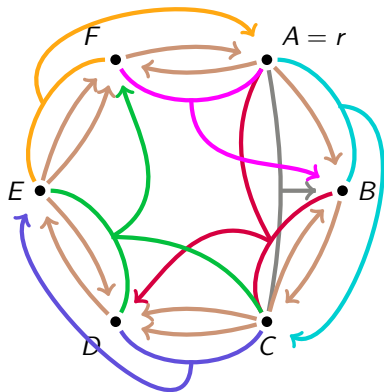
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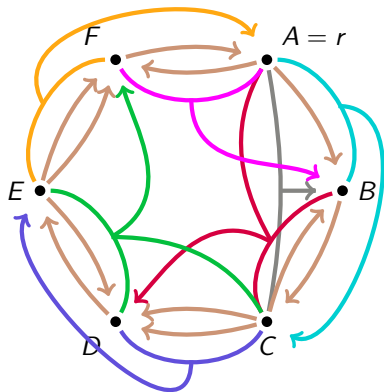
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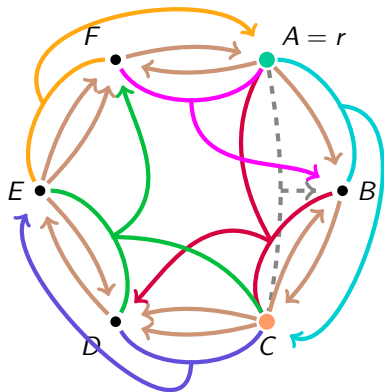
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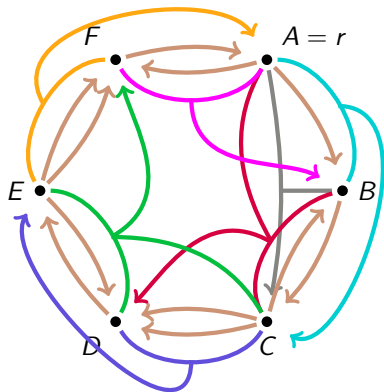
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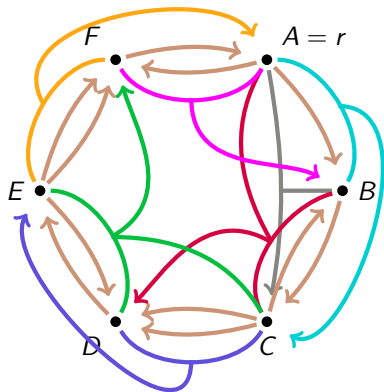
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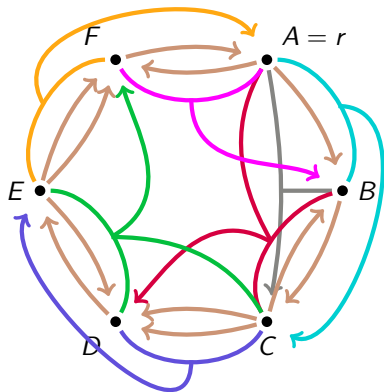
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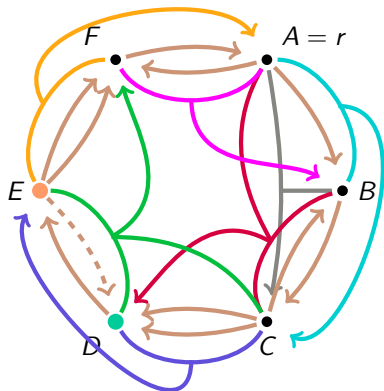
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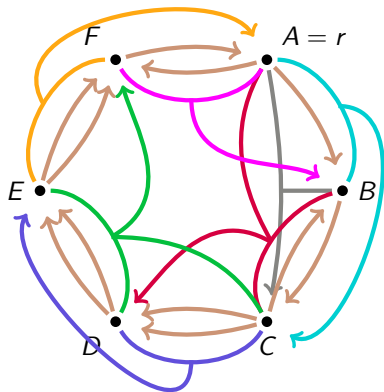
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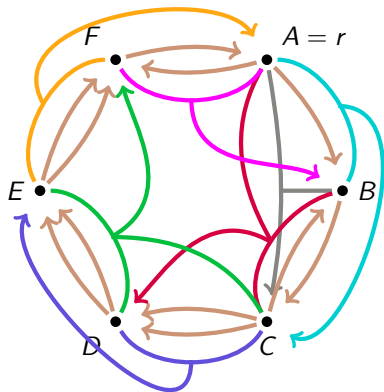
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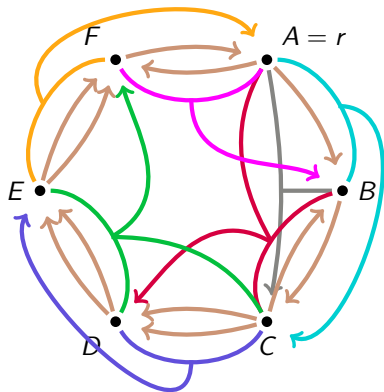
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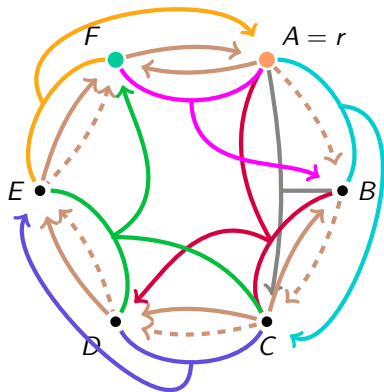
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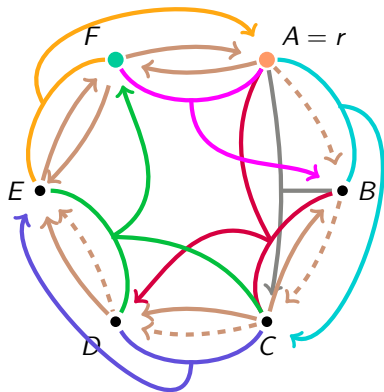
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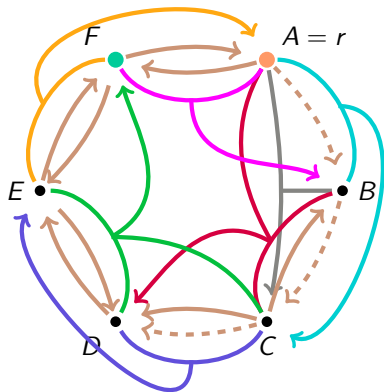
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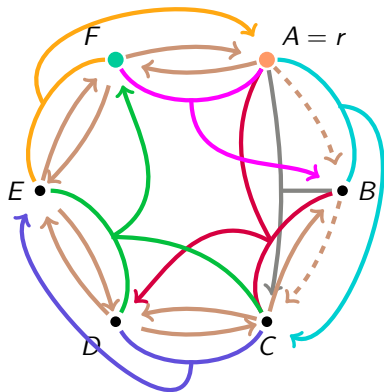
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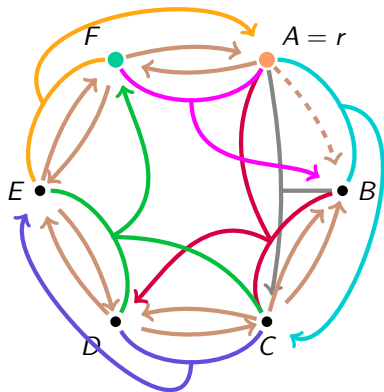
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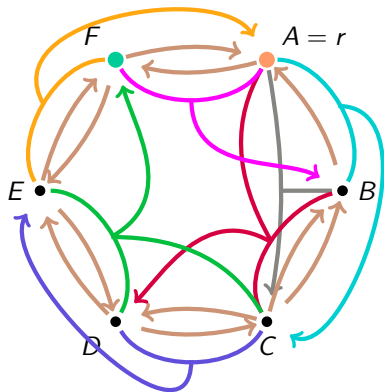
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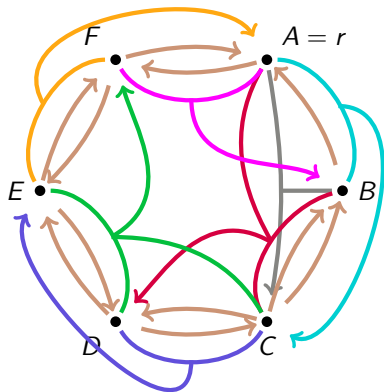
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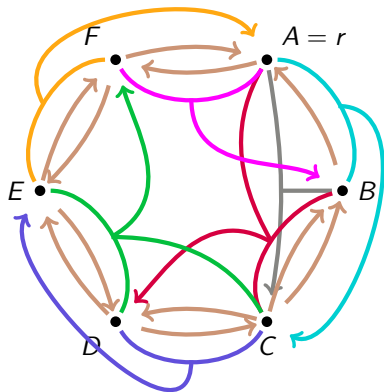
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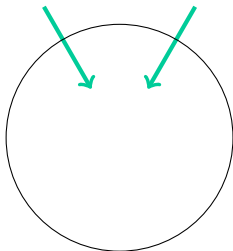
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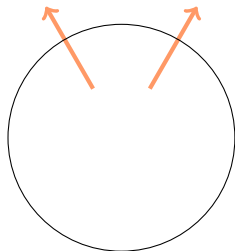
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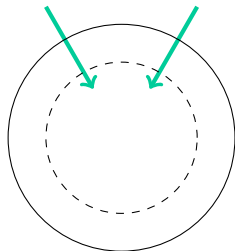
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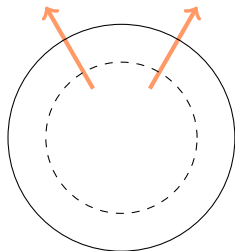
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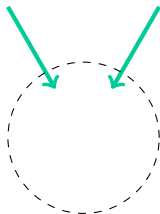
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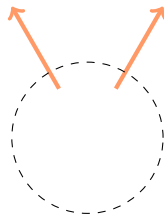
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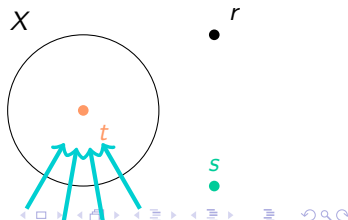
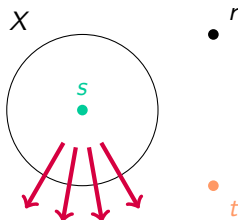
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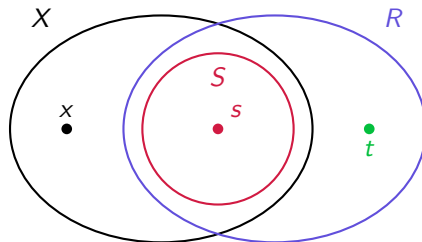
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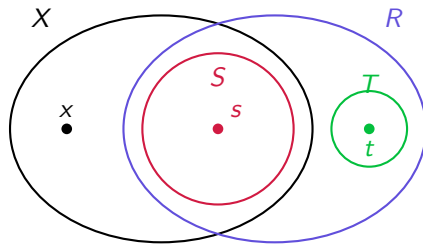


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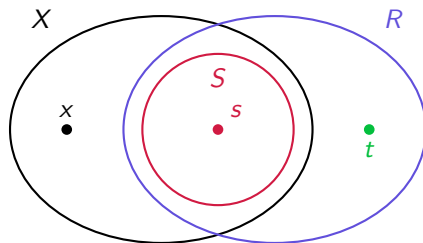
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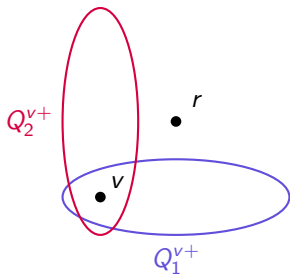
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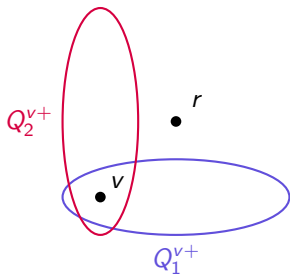
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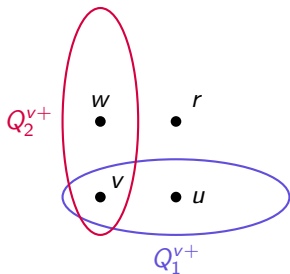
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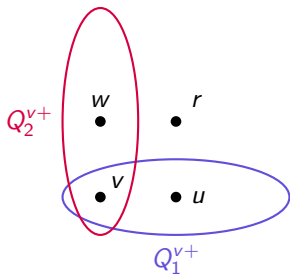
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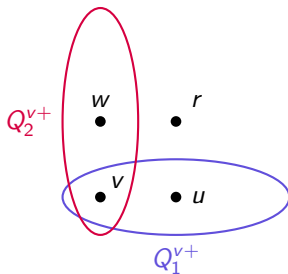
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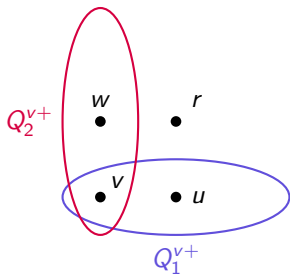
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 - 2: $Z = \{s\}$, $F = (Z, \emptyset)$, $V' = R$
 - 3: **while** $h = (X, v)$ exists such that $v \in V' - Z$ and $X \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ **do**
 - 4: Let $u \in X \cap Z$.
 - 5: $Z \leftarrow Z \cup \{v\}$
 - 6: $F \leftarrow F + uv$
 - 7: **if** $Q_+^v \subsetneq V'$ **then**
 - 8: $V' \leftarrow Q_+^v$
 - 9: **end if**
 - 10: **end while**
 - 11: $T = V'$
 - 12: Take a safe sink $t \in T$
 - 13: $P' = F[s, t]$
 - 14: P is the corresponding hyperpath in $\vec{\mathcal{H}}$, obtained with P' .
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