

# *Sparse Temporal Spanners with Low Stretch*

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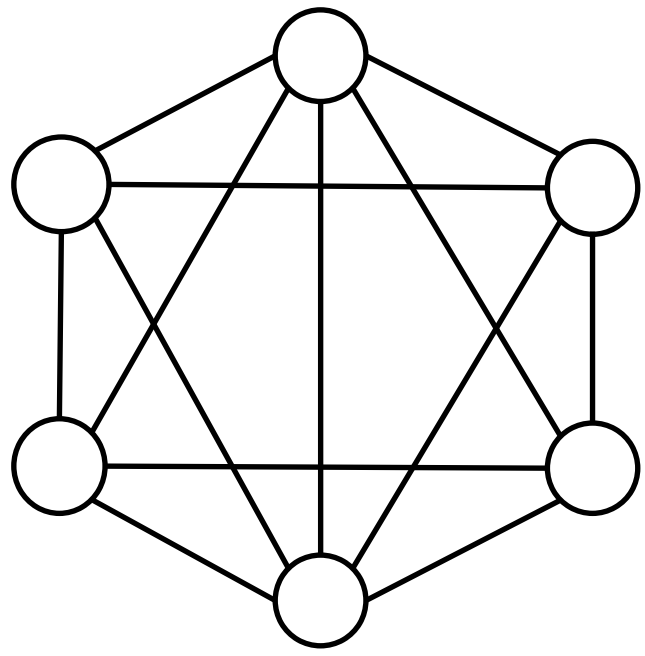


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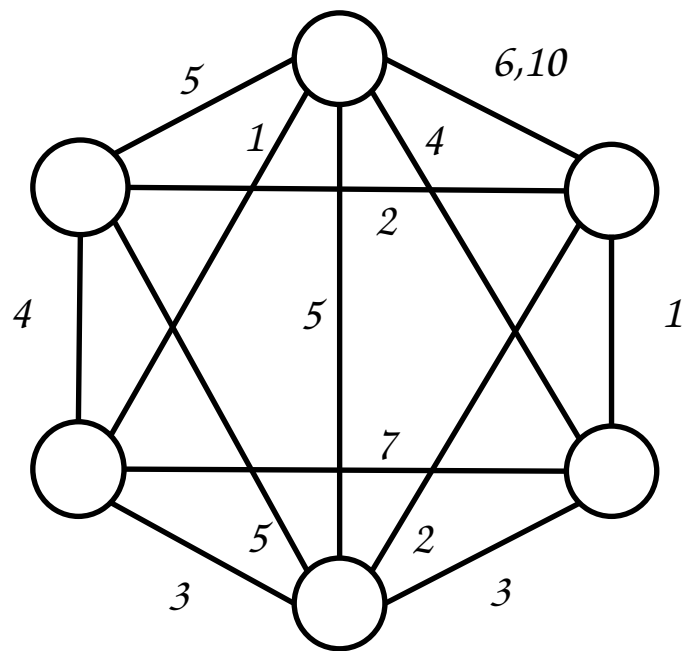


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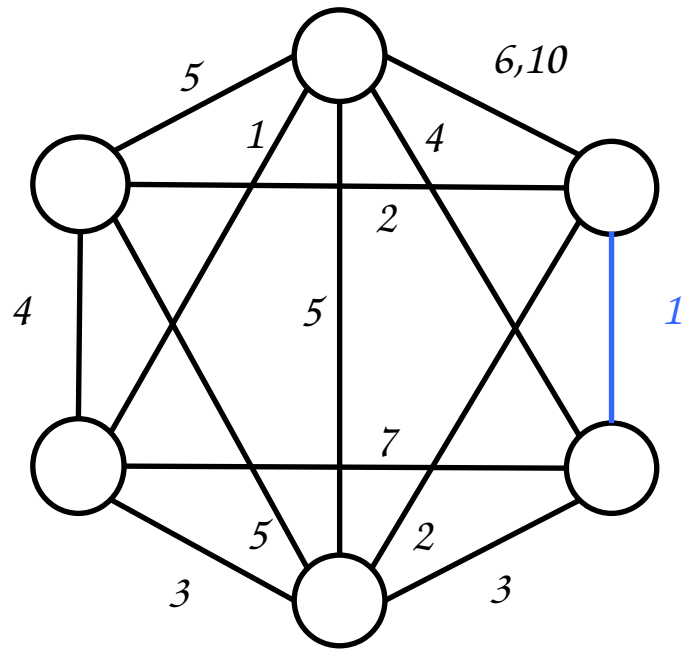
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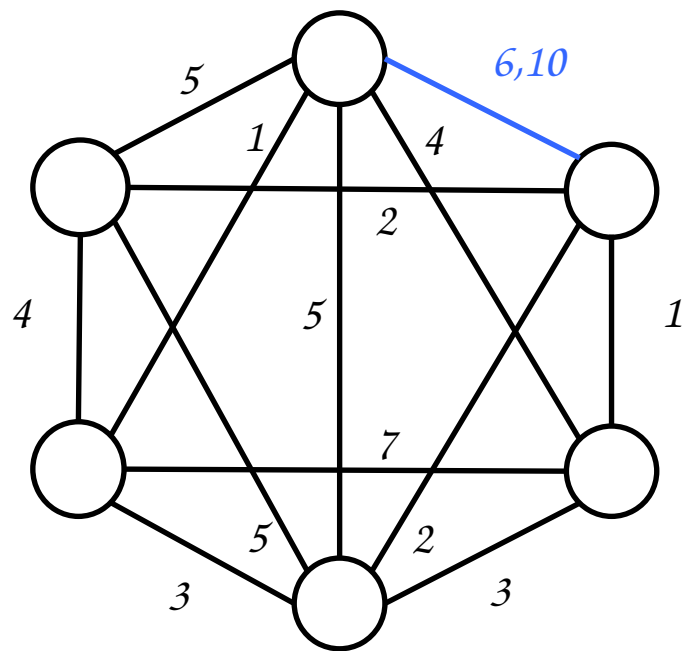
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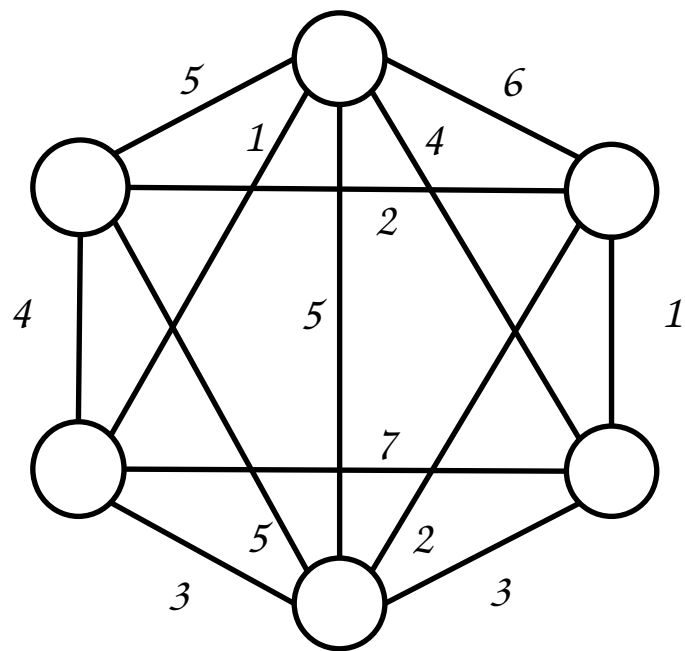
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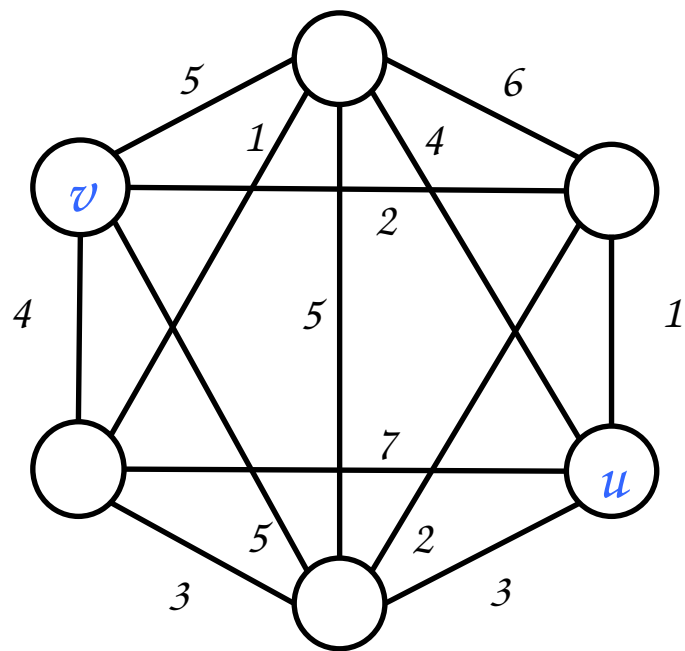
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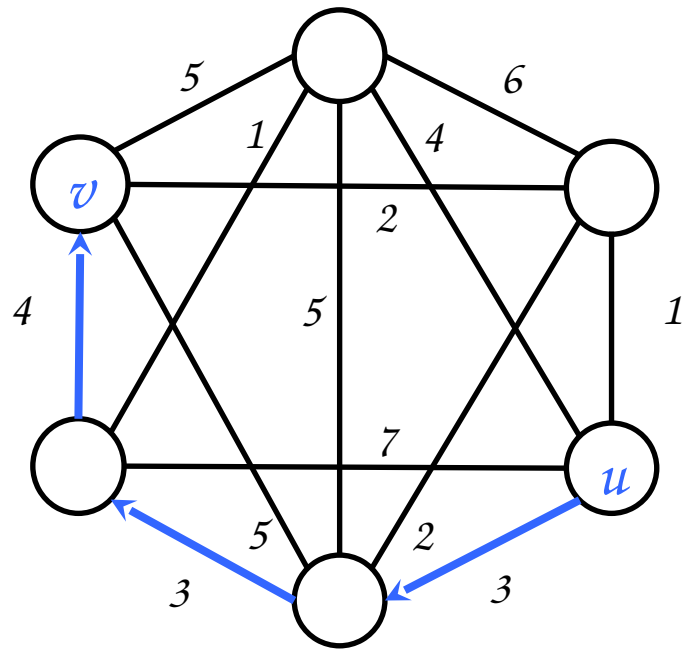
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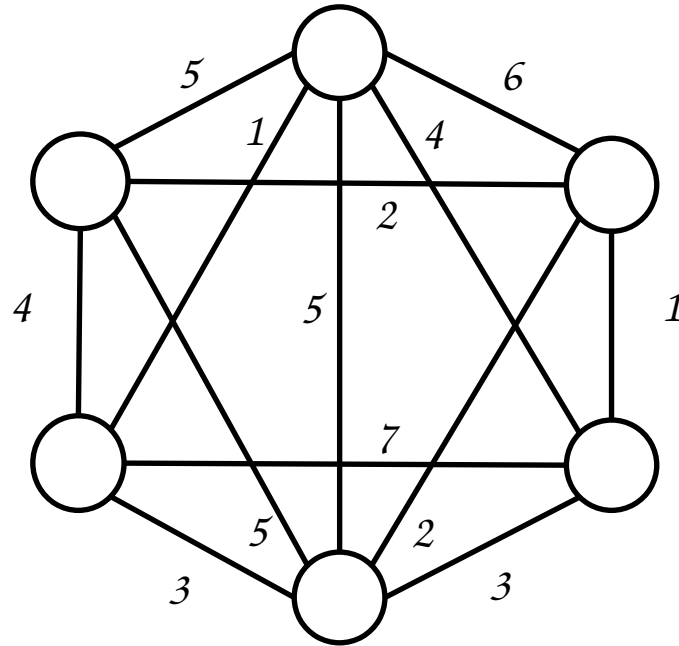


*$u$ - $v$  temporal path:  $u$ - $v$  path of non-decreasing time-labels*



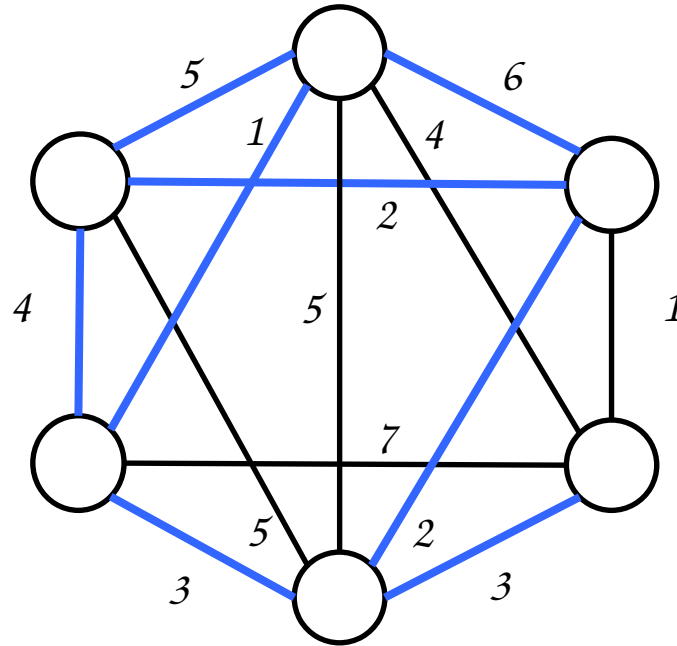
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*a subgraph  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  that preserves pairwise temporal connectivity*



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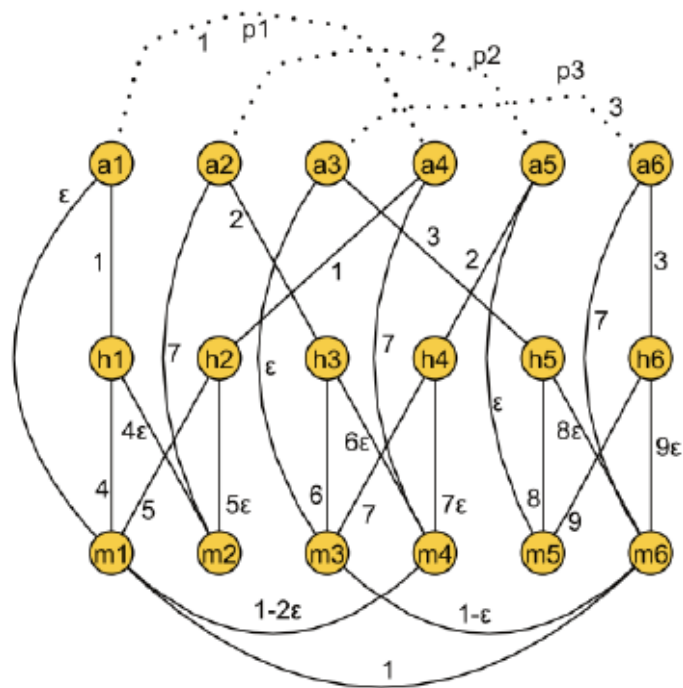


*Kempe et al. [STOC'00]: find temporal spanners of small size (#of edges)*



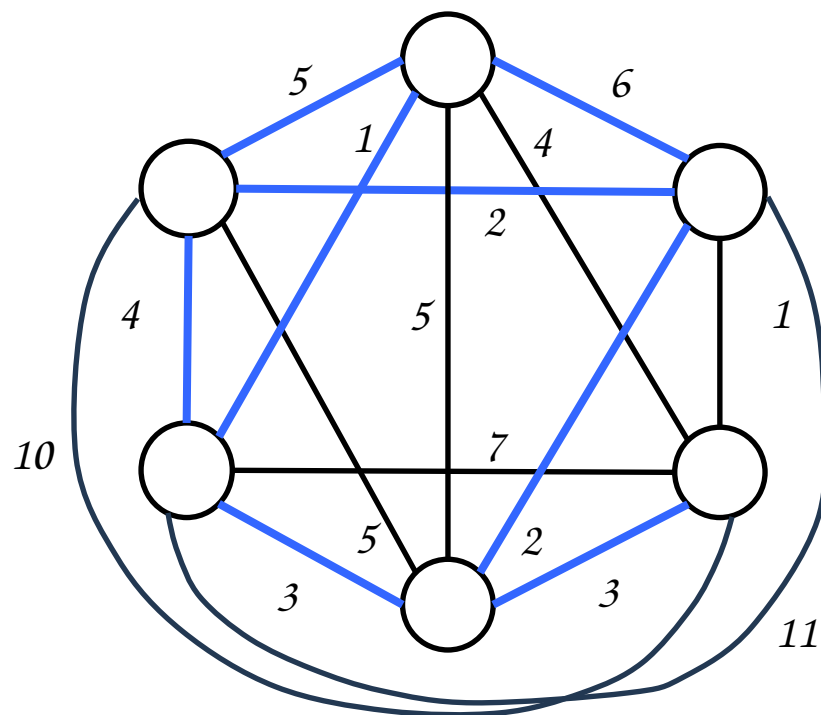
*Axiotis and Fotakis*  
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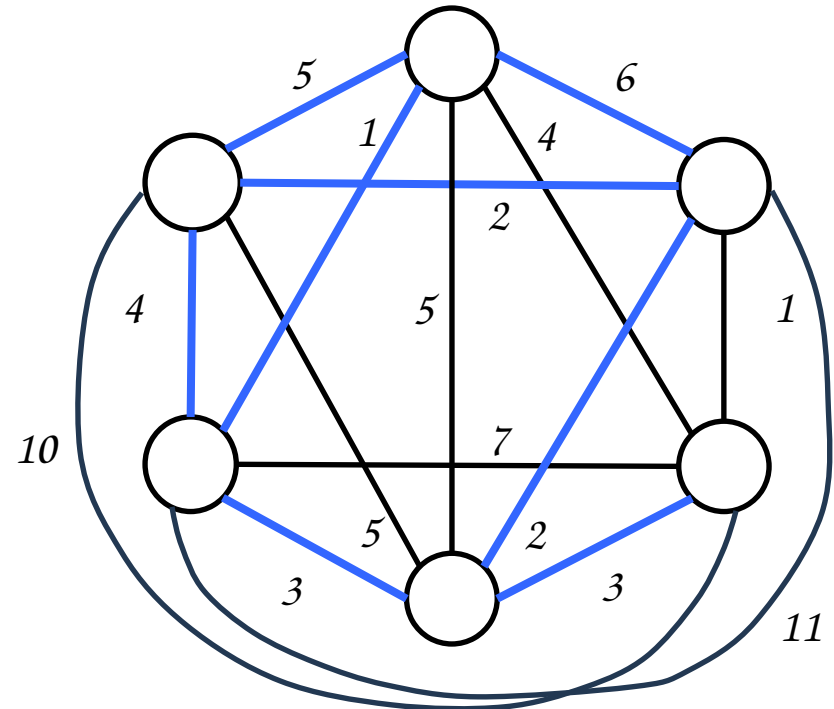
*only preserves reachability*

*no guarantees on the distances*



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## *Temporal spanner with stretch $\alpha$ :*

*a subgraph  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$*

$$\text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(u,v) \leq \alpha \text{dist}_{\mathcal{G}}(u,v)$$

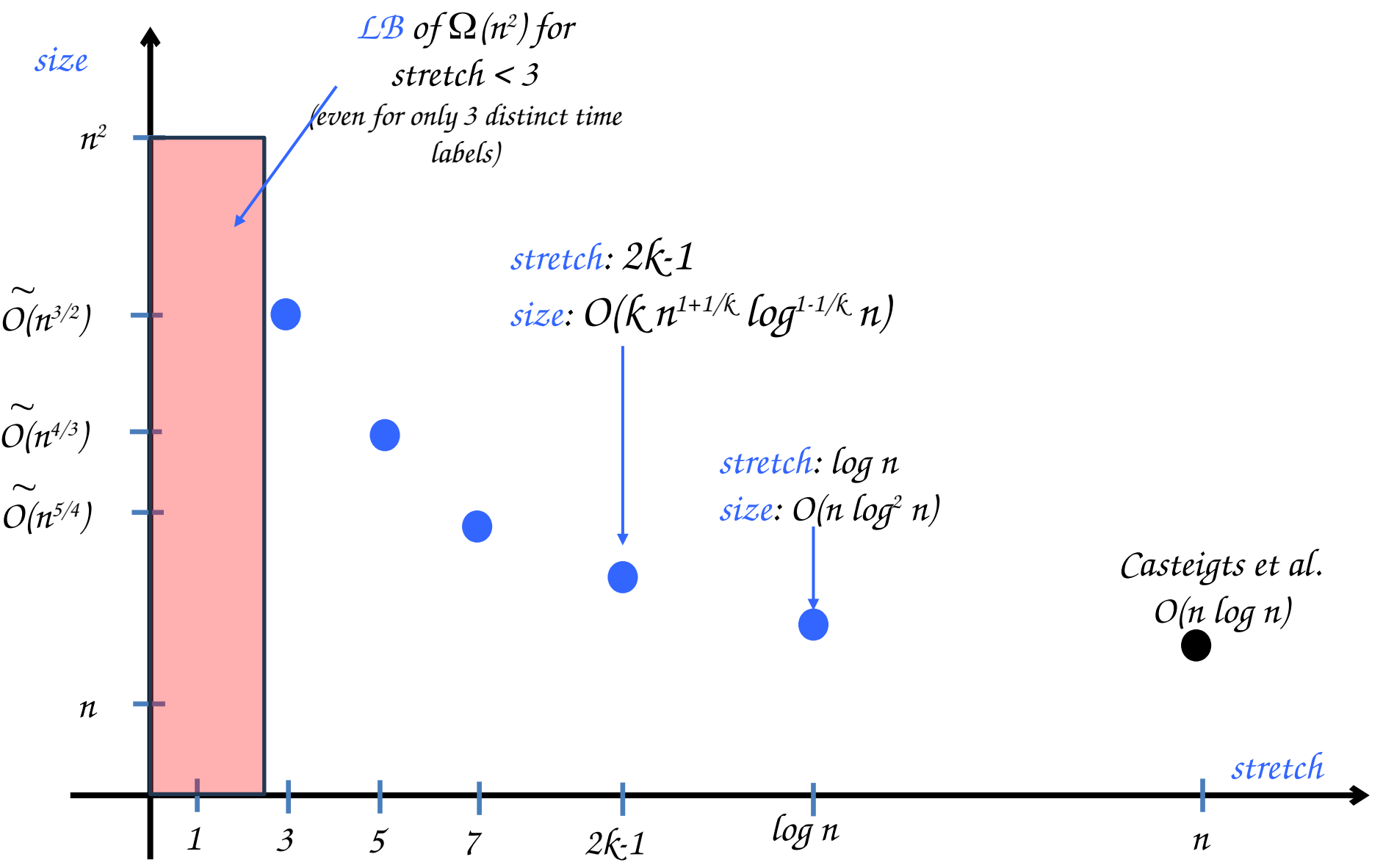
*generalization of standard notion of  
distance for static graphs*

*strong lower bounds*

*distance:*

1. *min Length (#of edges)*
2. *min Arrival Time*
3. *max Departure Time*
4. *min Travel time*

*Our results I: cliques*

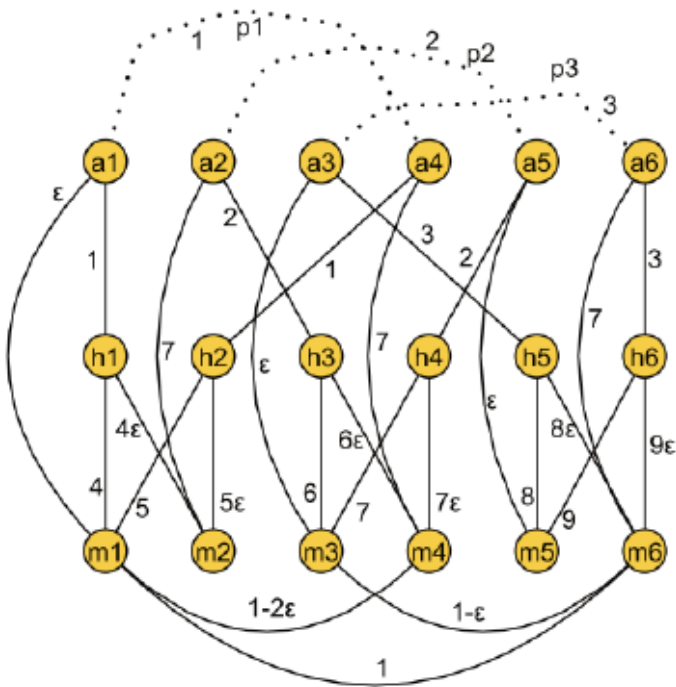


*Our results II: general graphs*



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## *Our results II: single-source spanners for general graphs*

a subgraph  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that for every vertex  $v$

$$\text{dist}_{\mathcal{H}}(s, v) \leq \alpha \text{dist}_{\mathcal{G}}(s, v)$$

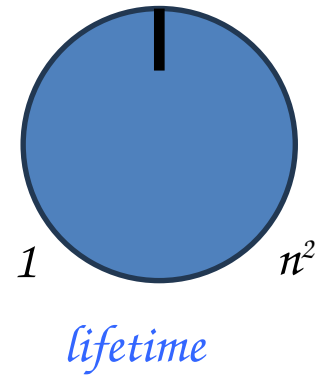
$\mathcal{UB}$ :      stretch:  $1+\epsilon$       size:       $O\left(n \frac{\log^4 n}{\log(1+\epsilon)}\right)$

$\mathcal{LB}$ :      size  $\Omega(n^2)$  for stretch 1



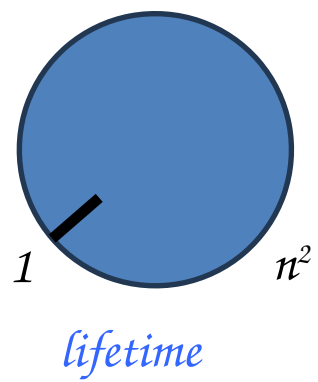
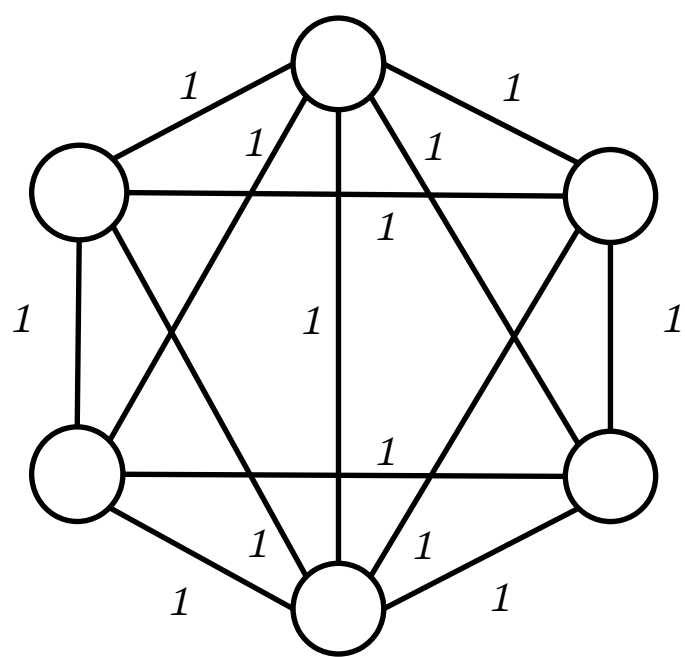
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*lifetime*: number  $\mathcal{L}$  of distinct time-labels



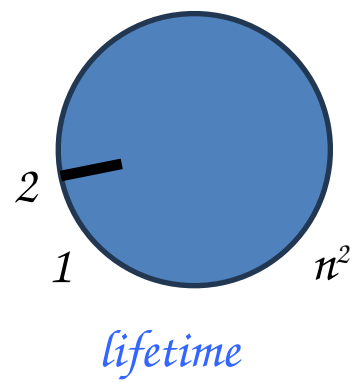
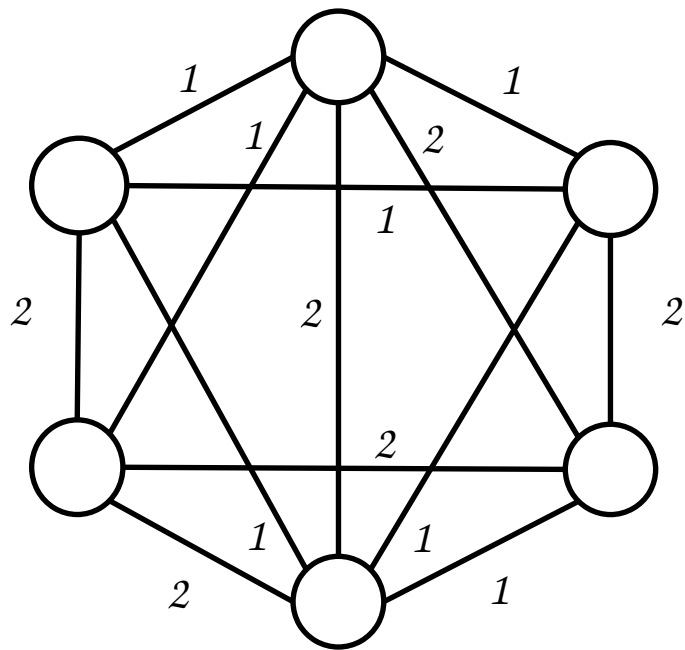
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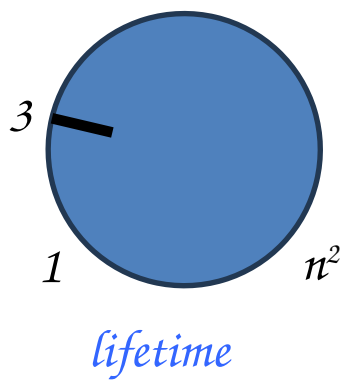
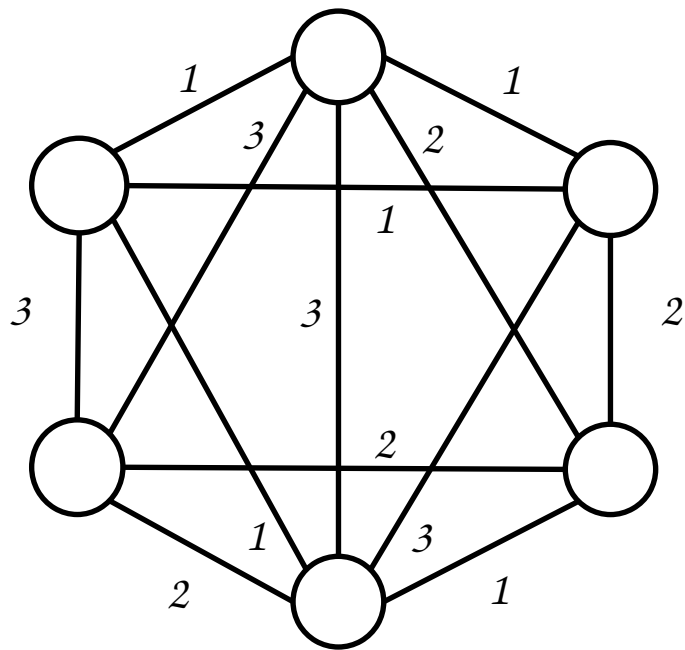
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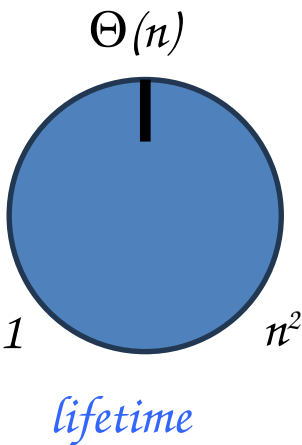
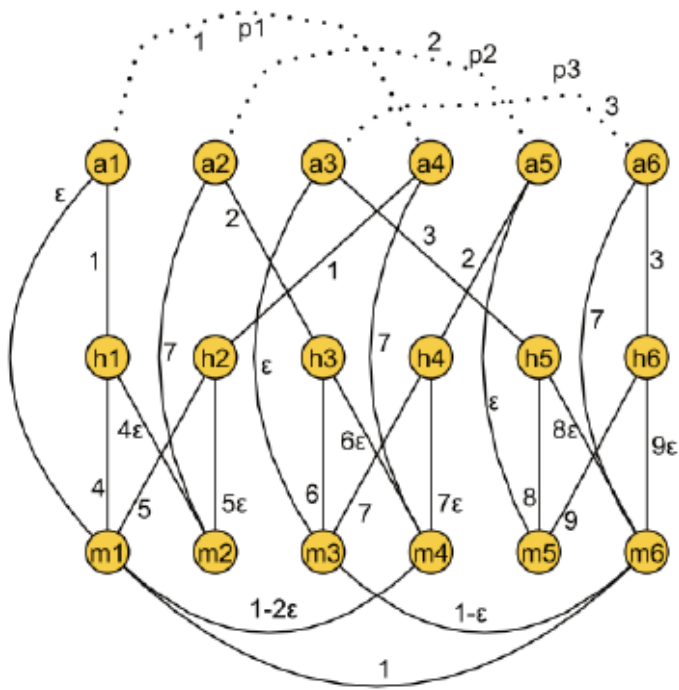


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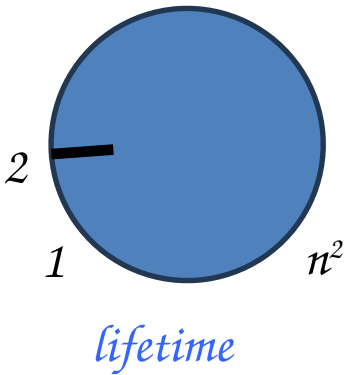


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*Cliques*

$\alpha=2$

$\mathcal{L}=2 \quad O(n \log n)$



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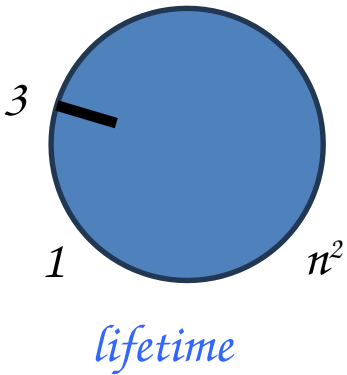
*Cliques*

$\alpha=2$

$\alpha=3$

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$\mathcal{L}=3$       $\Omega(n^2)$       $O(n \log n)$



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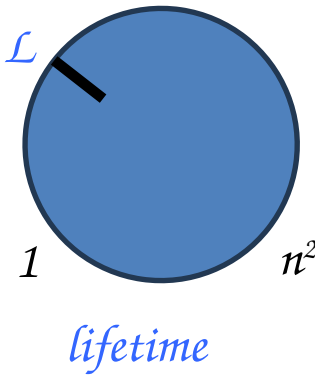
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$\mathcal{L}$       $O(2^{\mathcal{L}} n \log n)$





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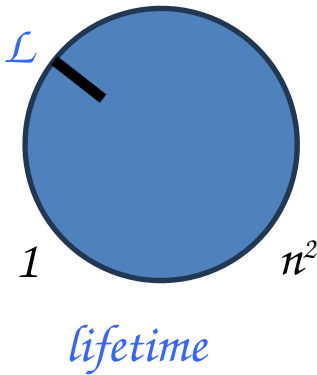
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*General graphs*

an  $\alpha$ -spanner of size  $f(n)$  for *static* graphs       $\longrightarrow$       an  $\alpha$ -spanner of size  $O(\mathcal{L}f(n))$   
for *temporal* graphs of lifetime  $\mathcal{L}$



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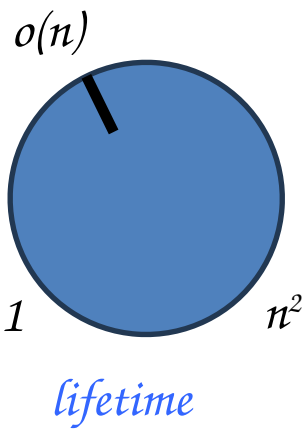
## Cliques

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## General graphs

an  $\alpha$ -spanner of size  $f(n)$  for static graphs

$\longrightarrow$

an  $\alpha$ -spanner of size  $O(\mathcal{L}f(n))$  for temporal graphs of lifetime  $\mathcal{L}$



temporal spanner of  
stretch  $\log n$  and size  $o(n^2)$   
for any temporal graph o lifetime  $\mathcal{L}=o(n)$

# Our results III: the role of lifetime

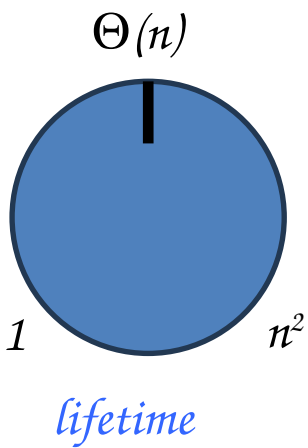
## Cliques

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$\mathcal{L}=2$ 
 $O(n \log n)$

$\mathcal{L}=3$ 
 $\Omega(n^2)$ 
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$\mathcal{L}$ 
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## General graphs

an  $\alpha$ -spanner of size  $f(n)$  for static graphs

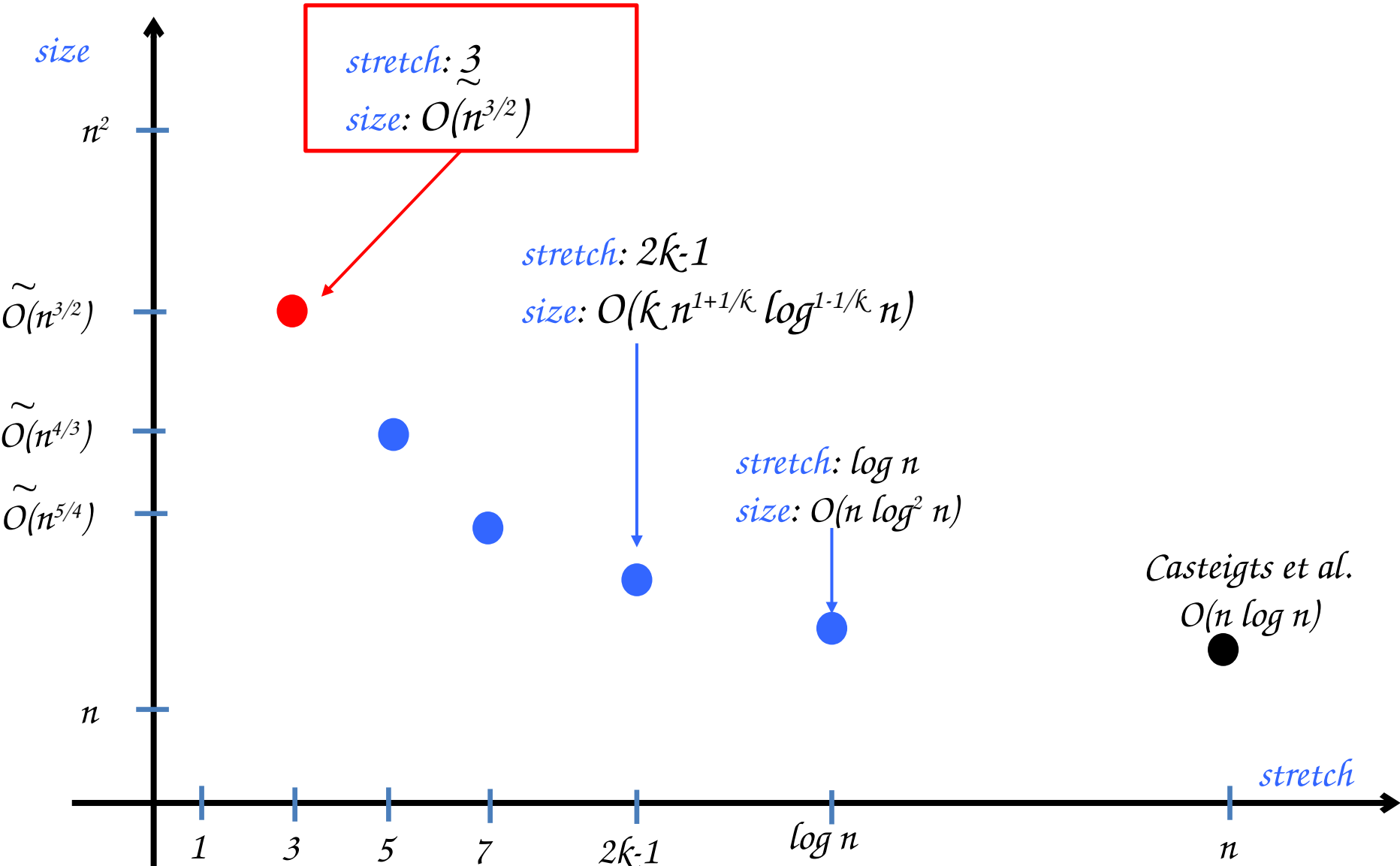
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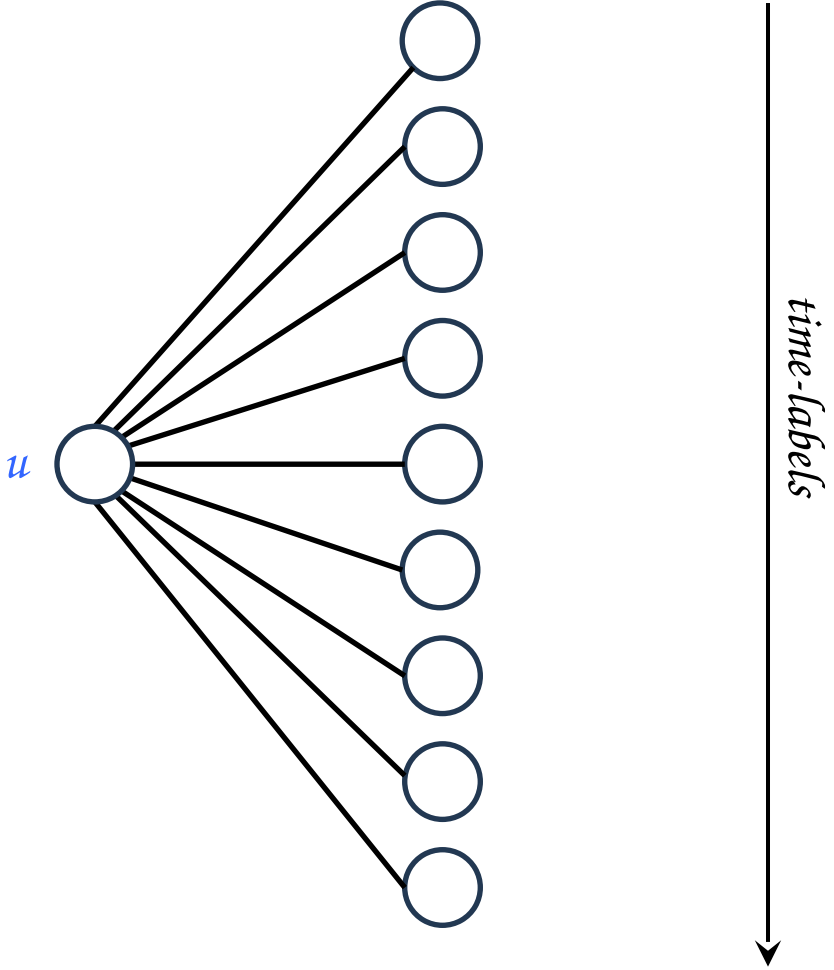
temporal spanner of stretch  $\log n$  and size  $o(n^2)$  for any temporal graph o lifetime  $\mathcal{L}=o(n)$

size  $\Omega(n^2)$  for general graph with  $\mathcal{L}=\Theta(n)$

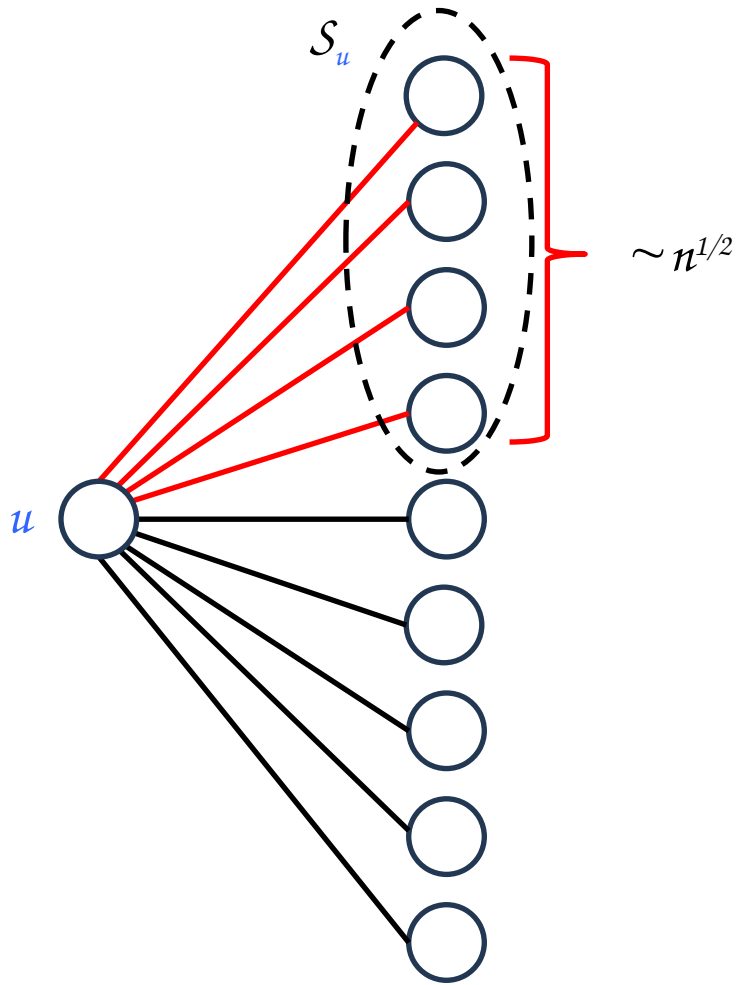
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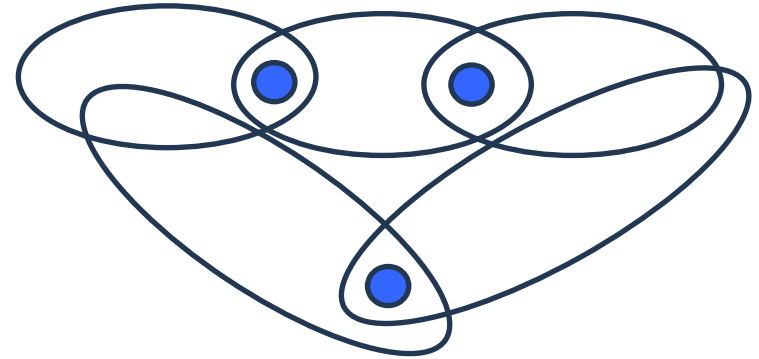


time-labels

$\mathcal{H} :=$  *red edges*

- # red edges  $O(n^{3/2}) \sim$

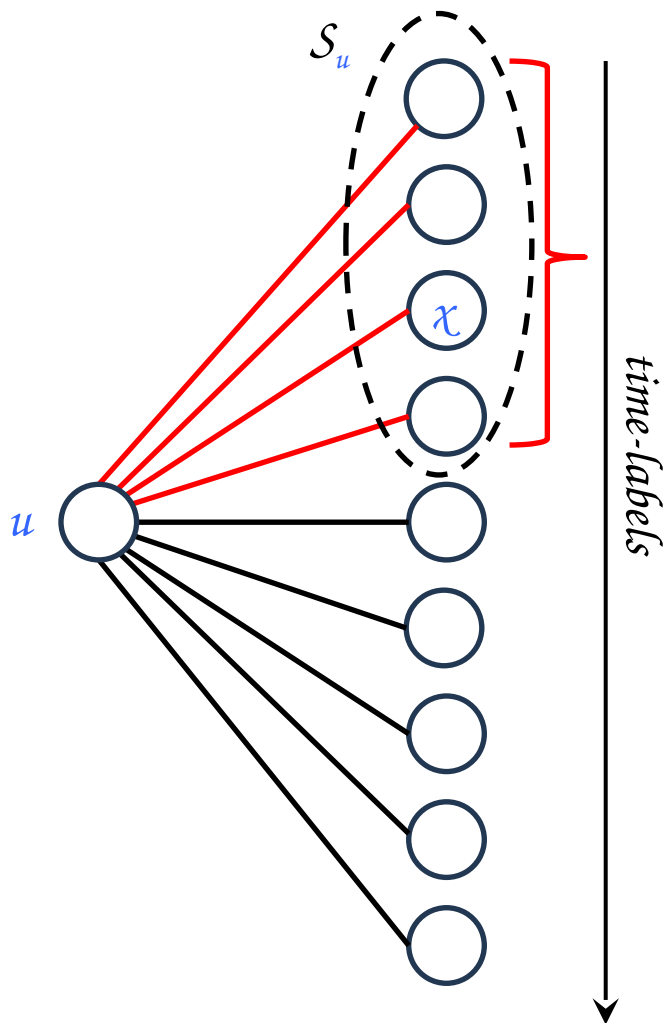
compute a hitting set  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $S_u$ 's



*Lemma:*

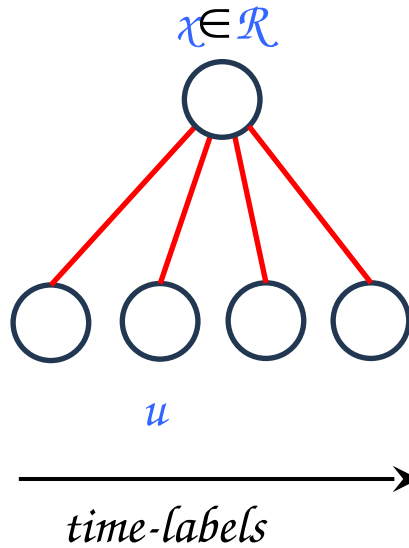
$$|\mathcal{R}| = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n}{|S_u|}\right) = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n}{n^{1/2}}\right) = \tilde{O}(n^{1/2})$$

for every  $u \in \mathcal{V}$

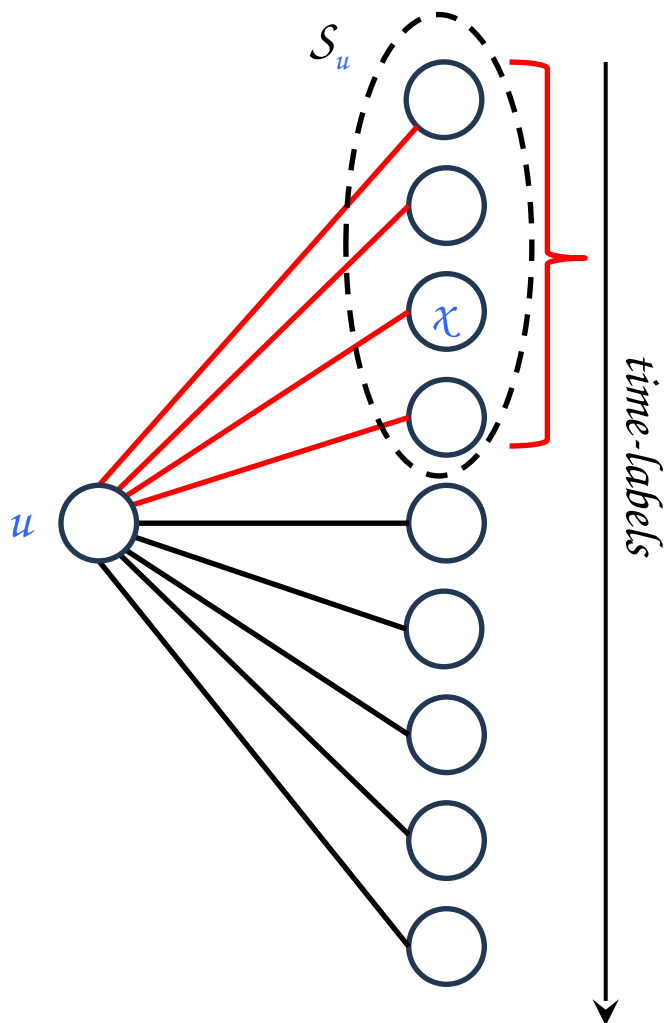


$\mathcal{H} =$  red edges

cluster the vertices around  $\mathcal{R}$

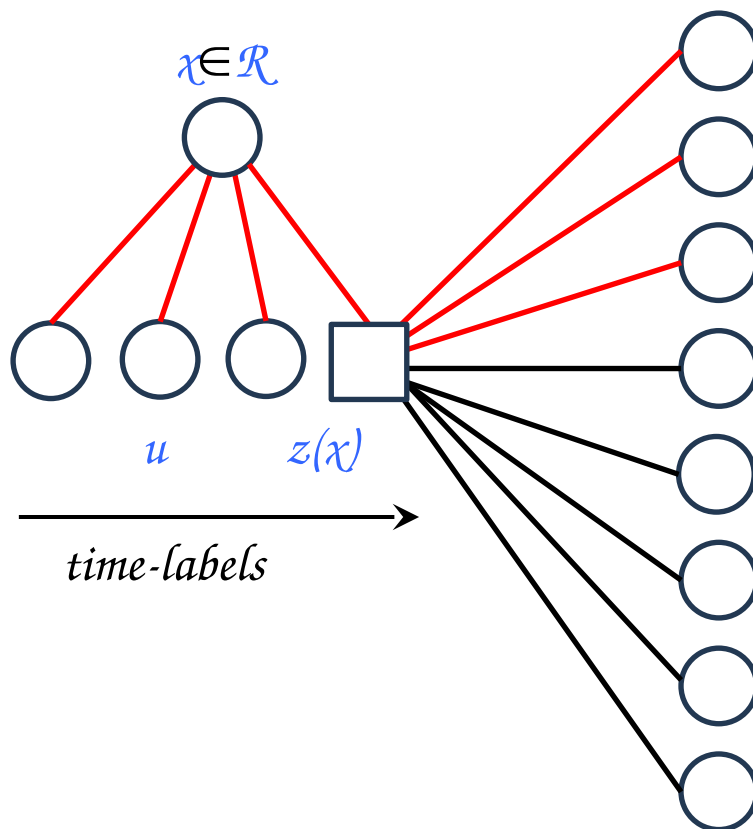


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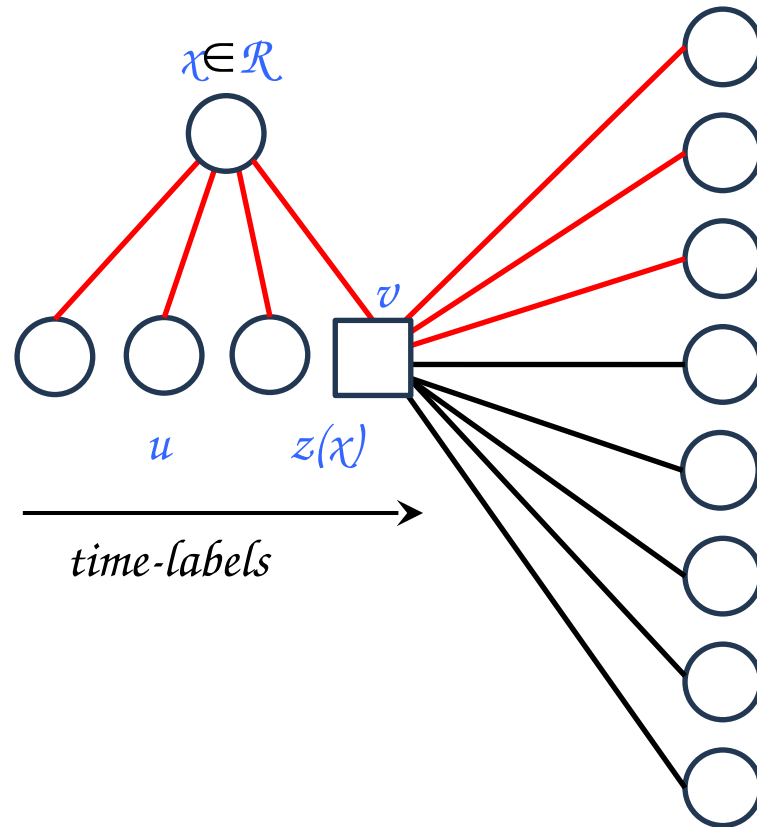


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case:  $v = z(\chi)$



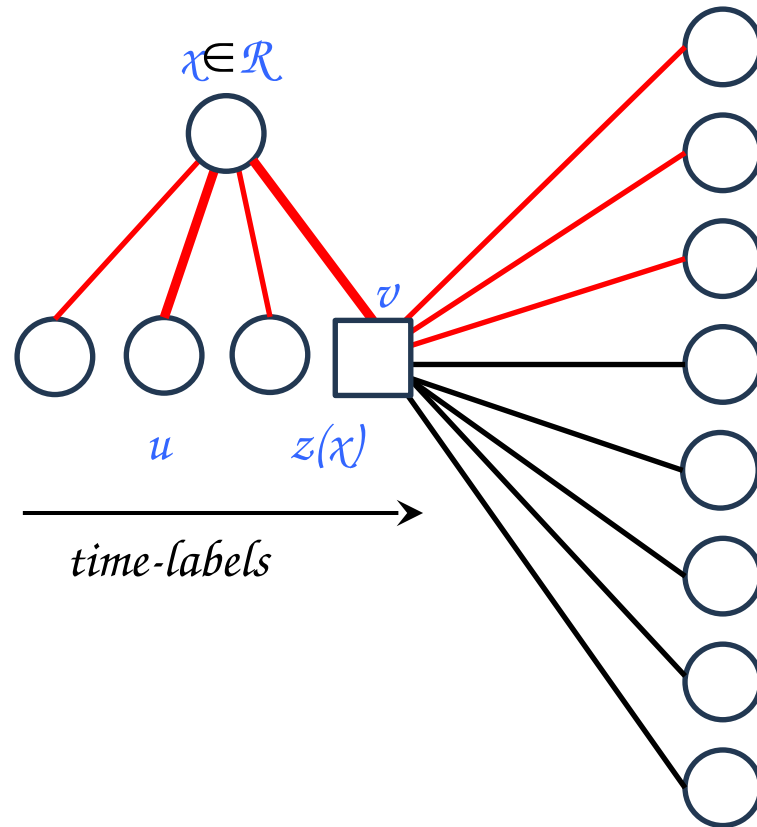
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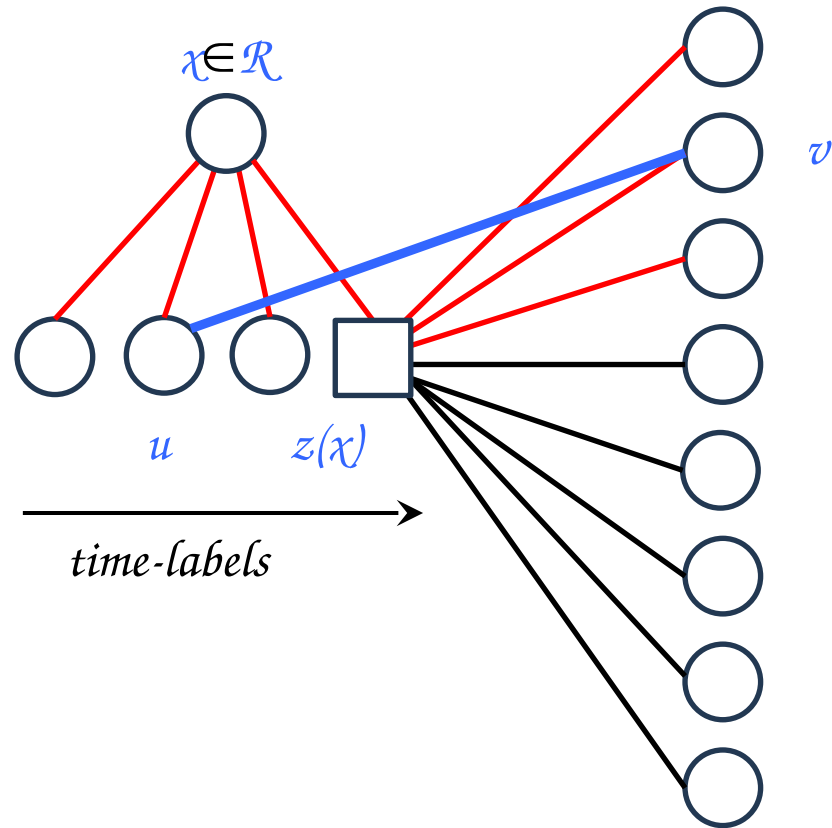
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case:  $v \in \mathcal{S}_{z(\chi)}$



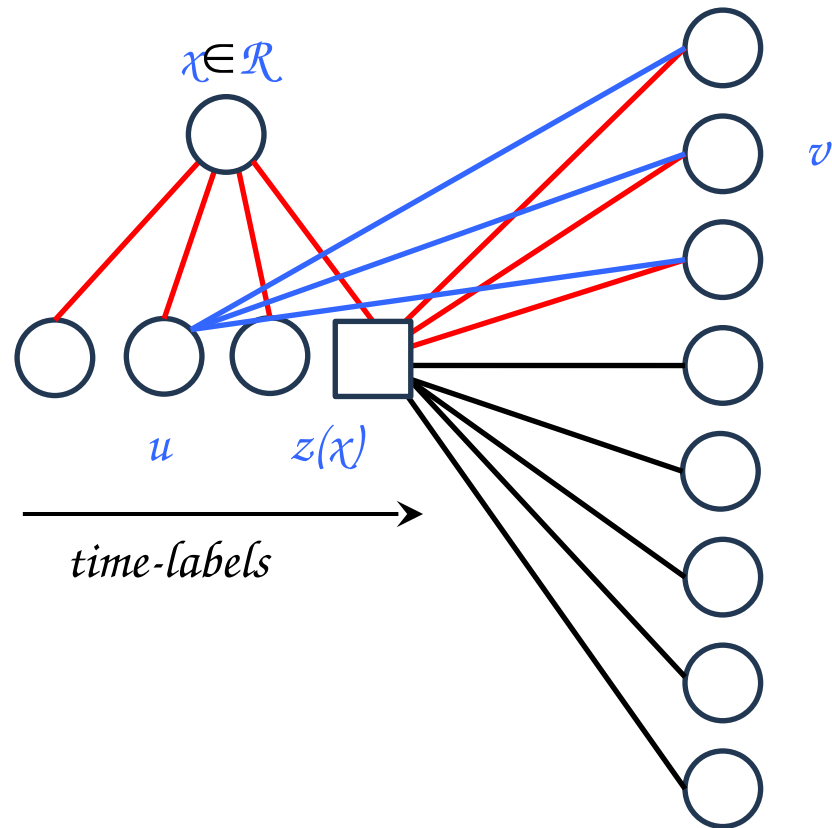
$\mathcal{H} = \text{red edges}$

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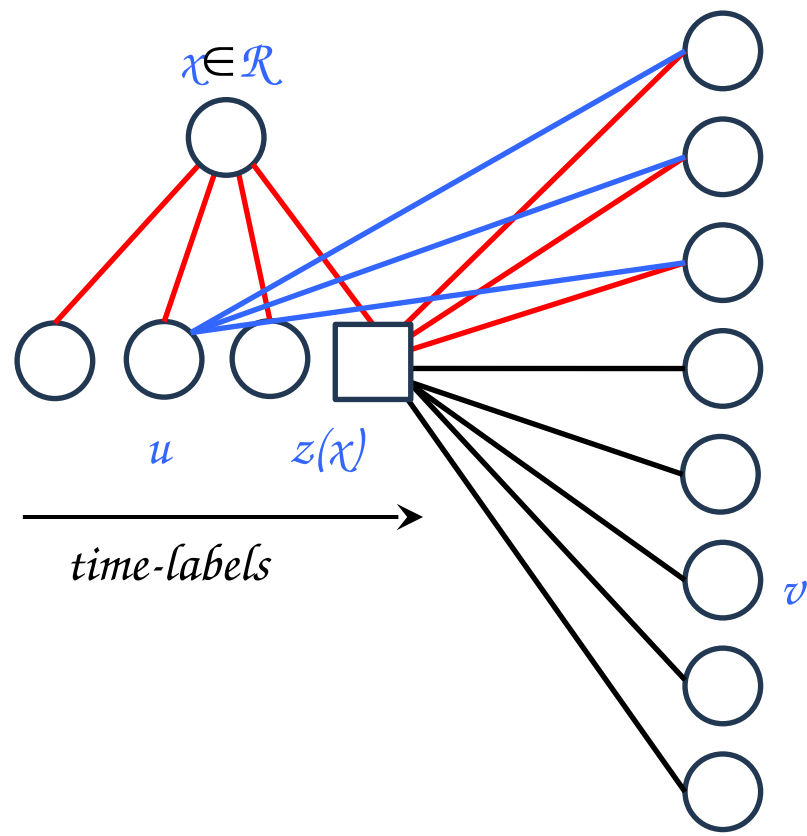
$\mathcal{H} = \text{red edges} + \text{blue edges}$   
 $- \# \text{ blue edges } O(n^{3/2}) \sim$

for every  $u \in \mathcal{V}$

cluster the vertices around  $\mathcal{R}$

for any  $v \in \mathcal{V}$

case:  $v \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{S}_{z(\chi)}$



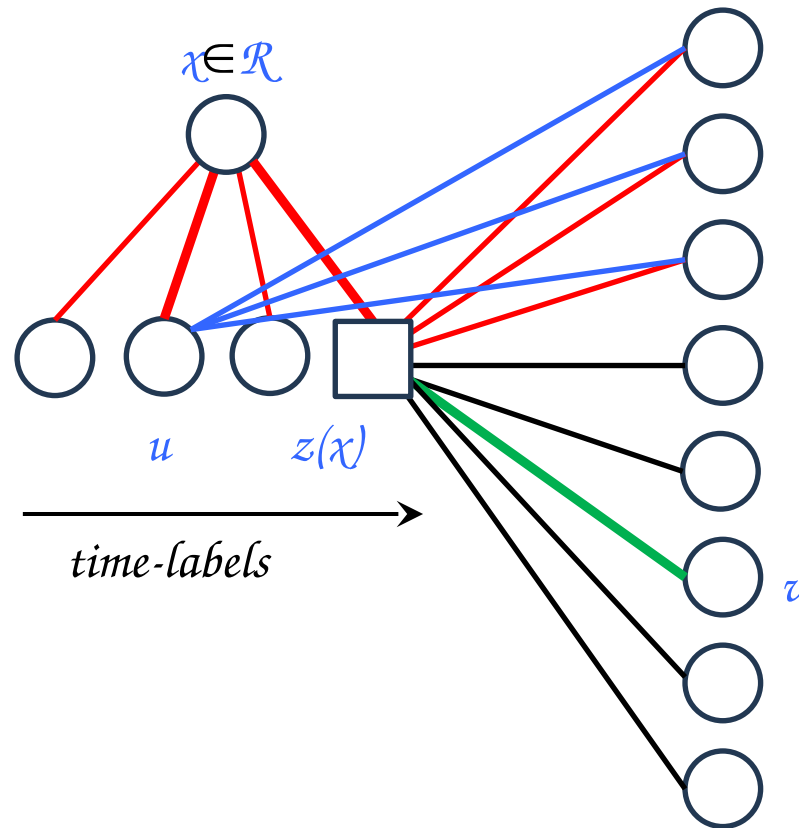
$$\mathcal{H} = \text{red edges} + \text{blue edges} - \# \text{ blue edges } O(n^{3/2}) \sim$$

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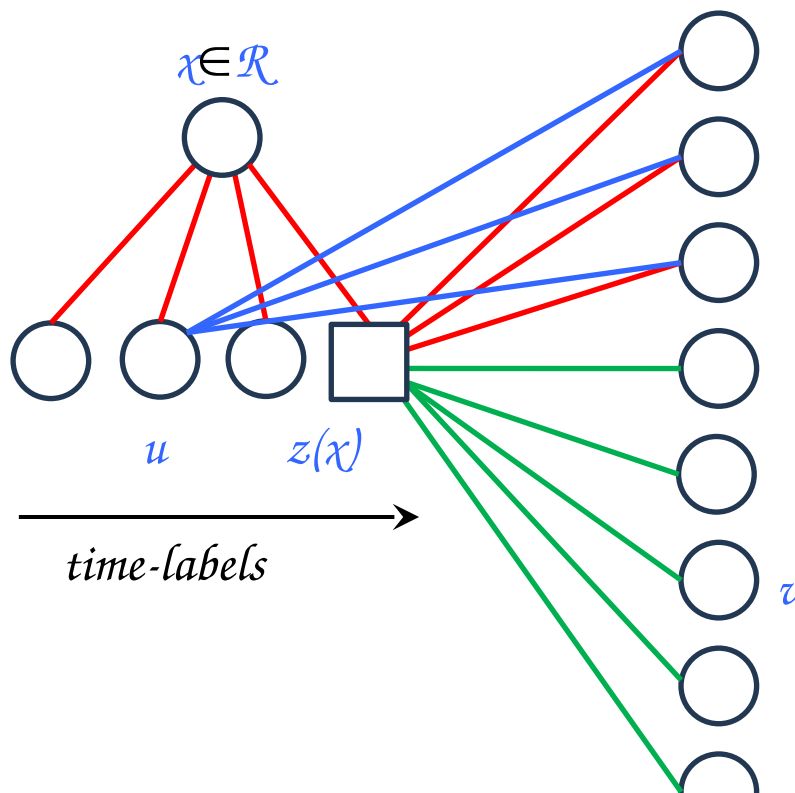
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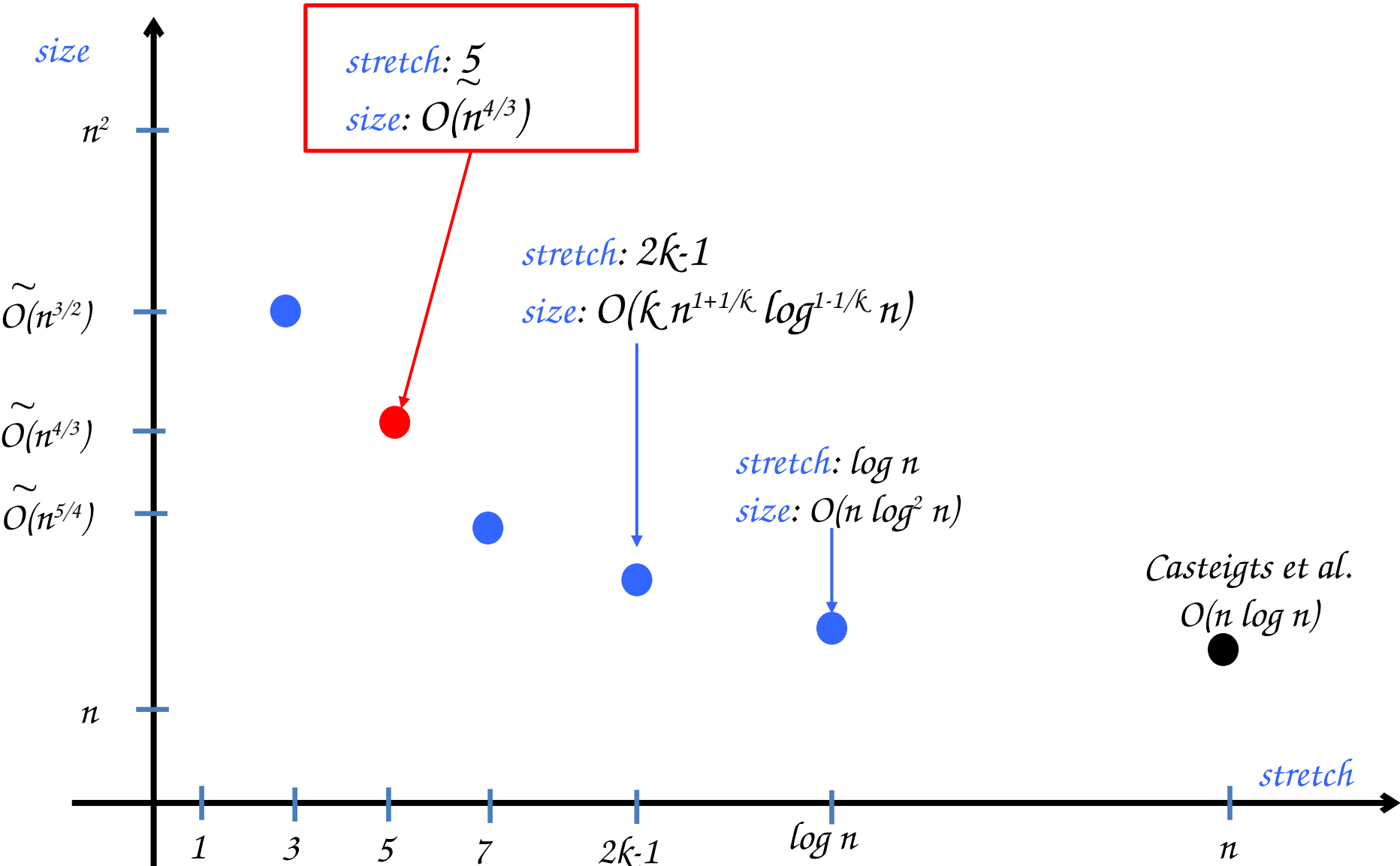
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$\mathcal{H} = \text{red edges} + \text{blue edges} + \text{green edges}$   
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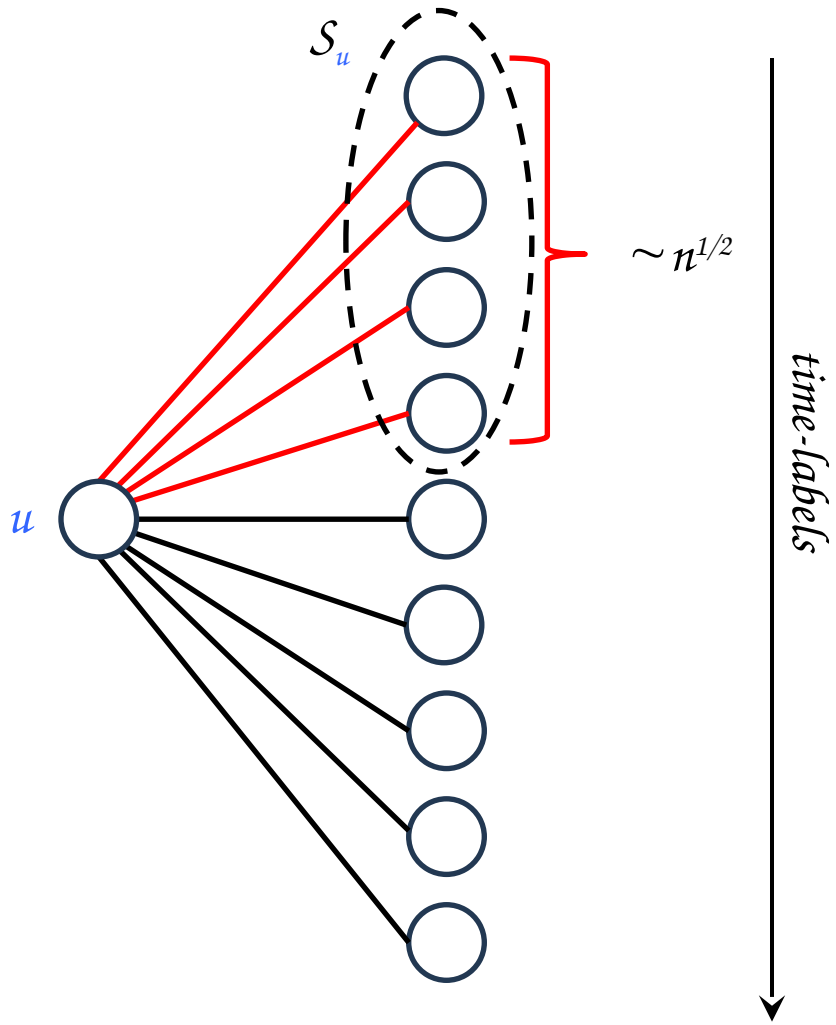
$\mathcal{H}$  is a 3-spanner of  
 size  $O(n^{3/2})$

*Our results I: cliques*

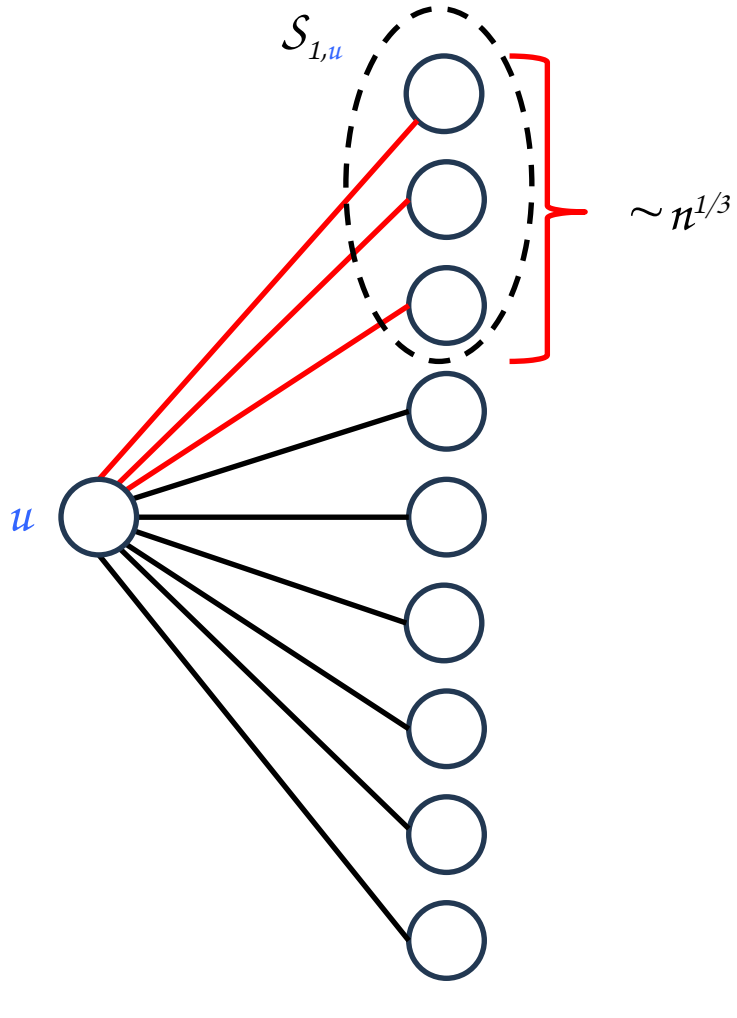




for every  $u \in \mathcal{V}$



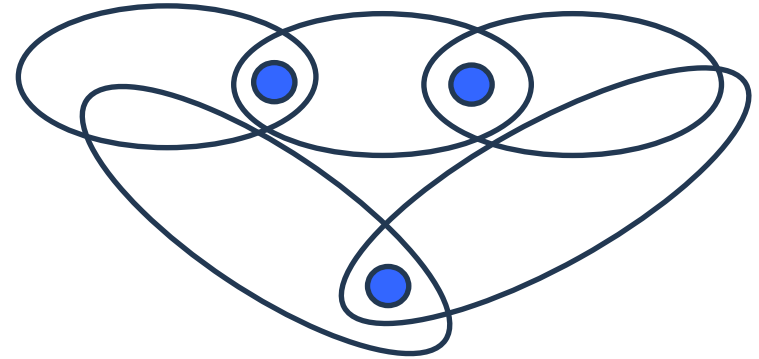
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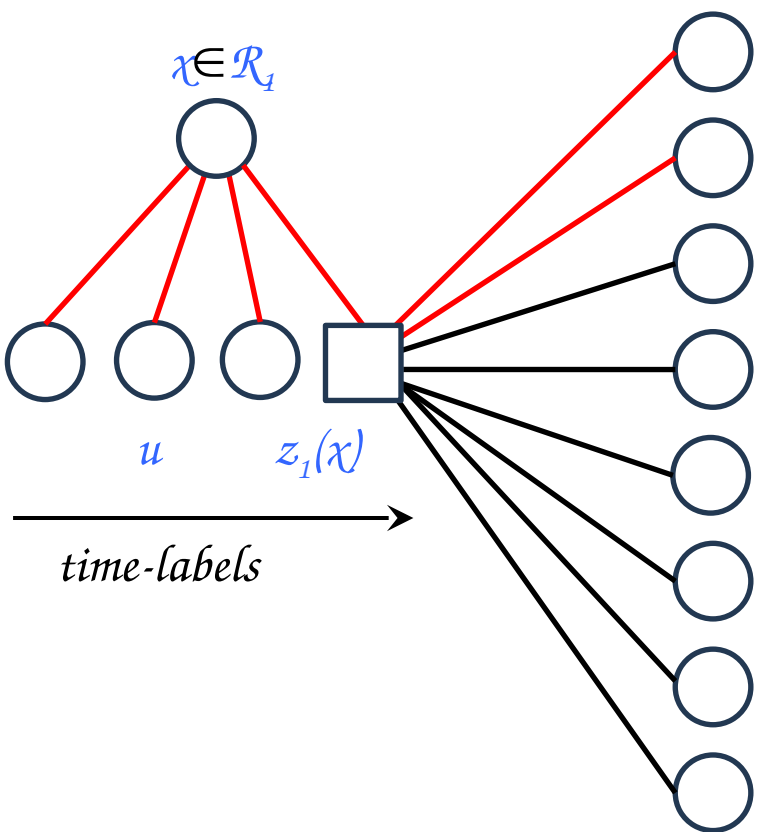
$\mathcal{H} :=$  red edges

- # red edges  $O(n^{4/3}) \sim$

compute a hitting set  $\mathcal{R}_u$  of  $S_{1,u}$ 's



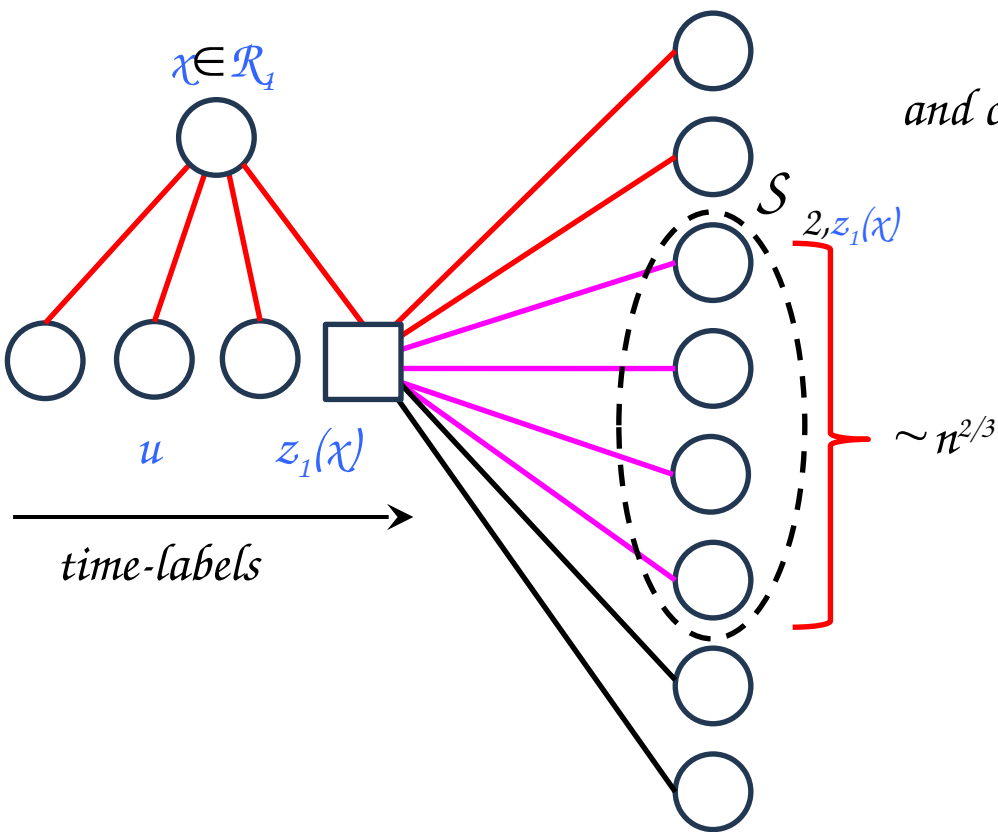
Lemma:  $|\mathcal{R}_u| = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n}{|S_{1,u}|}\right) = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n}{n^{1/3}}\right) = \tilde{O}(n^{2/3})$



compute a second-level hitting set  $\mathcal{R}_2$  of

$$\left\{ S_{2,z} \right\}_{z \in Z}$$

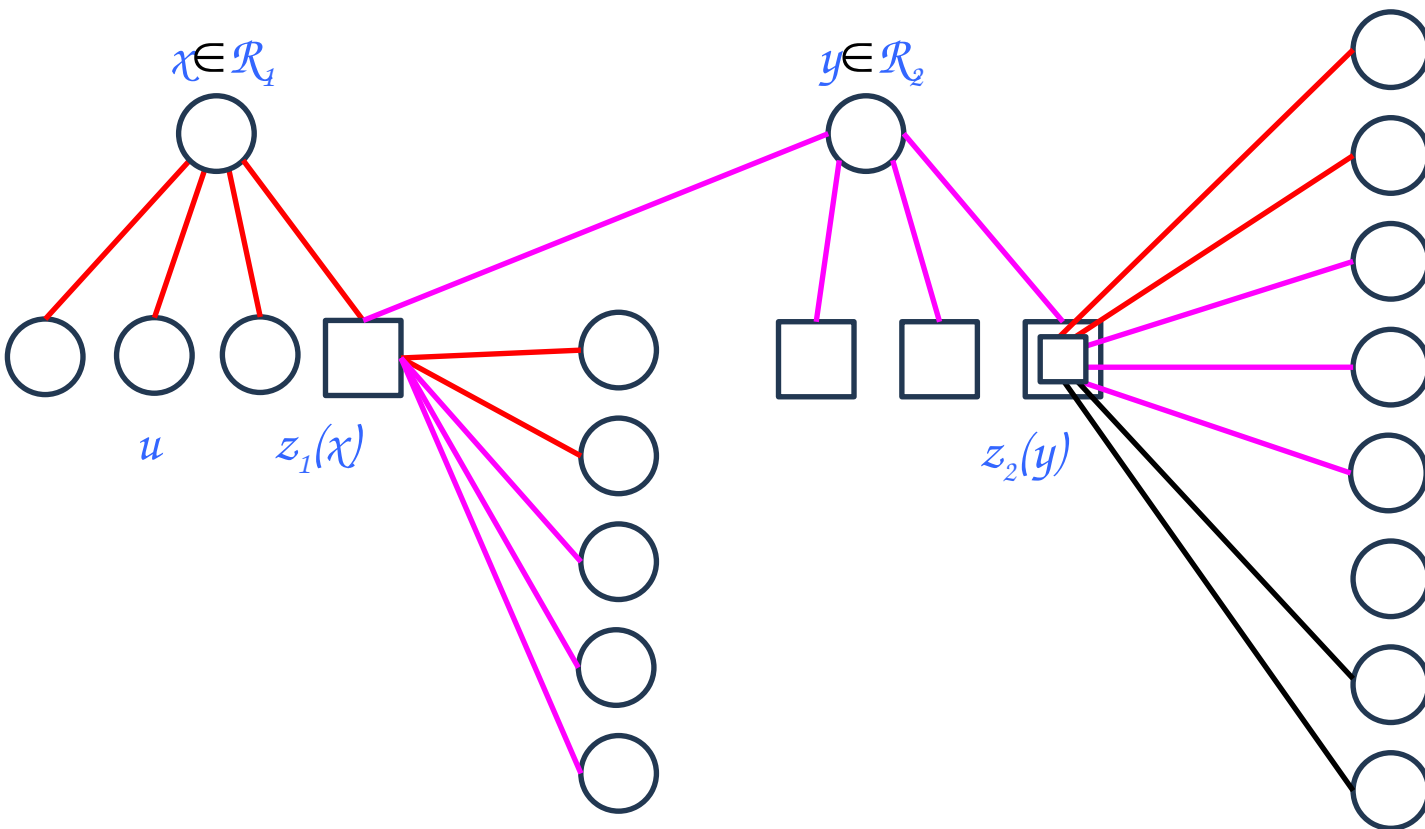
and cluster special vertices around  $\mathcal{R}_2$



$$\mathcal{H} = \text{red edges} + \text{purple edges}$$

$$= \# \text{red} + \# \text{purple edges} \sim O(n^{4/3})$$

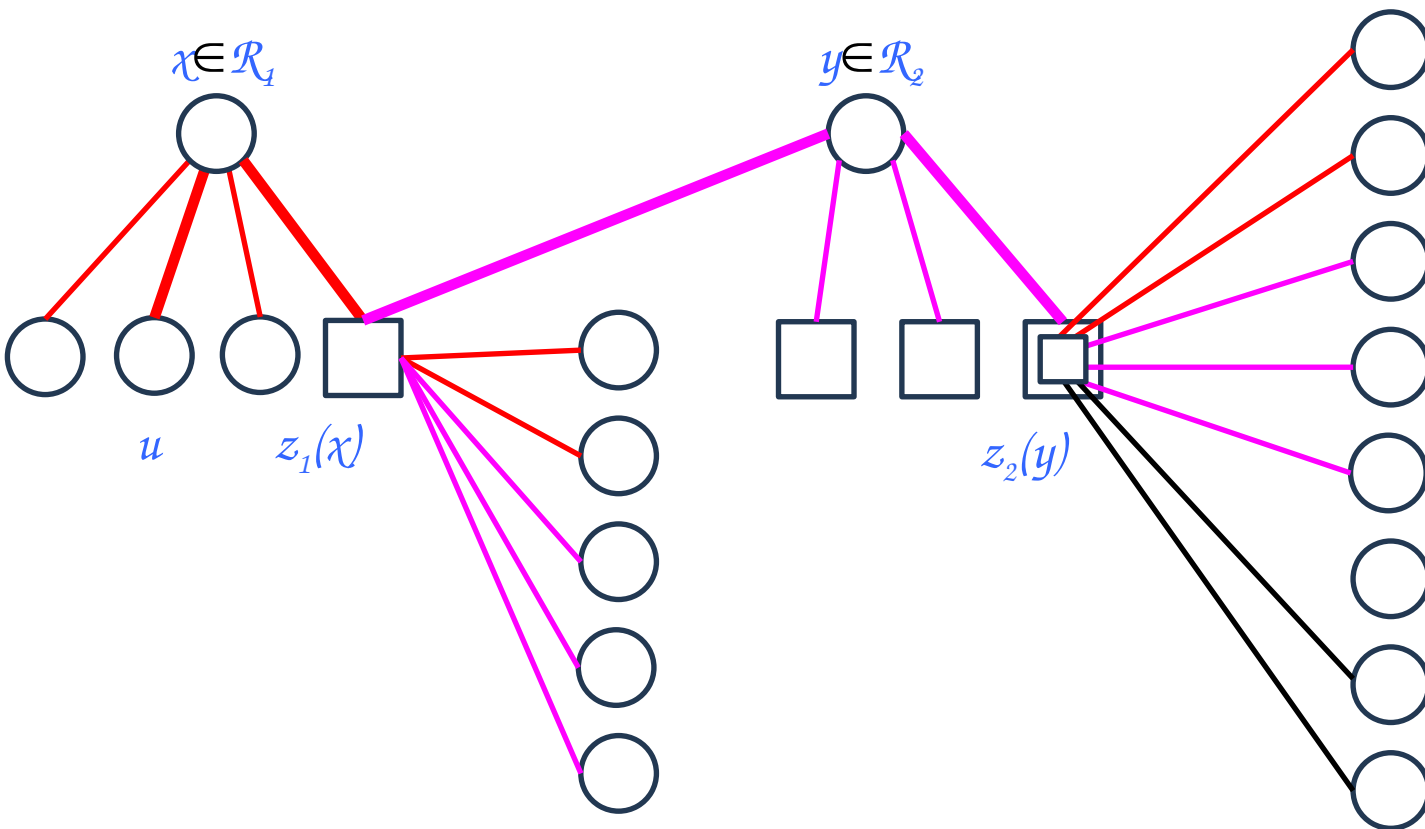
$\mathcal{H}$  = red edges + purple edges



for any  $v \in \mathcal{V}$

case:  $v = z_1(\chi)$  or  $v = z_2(y)$

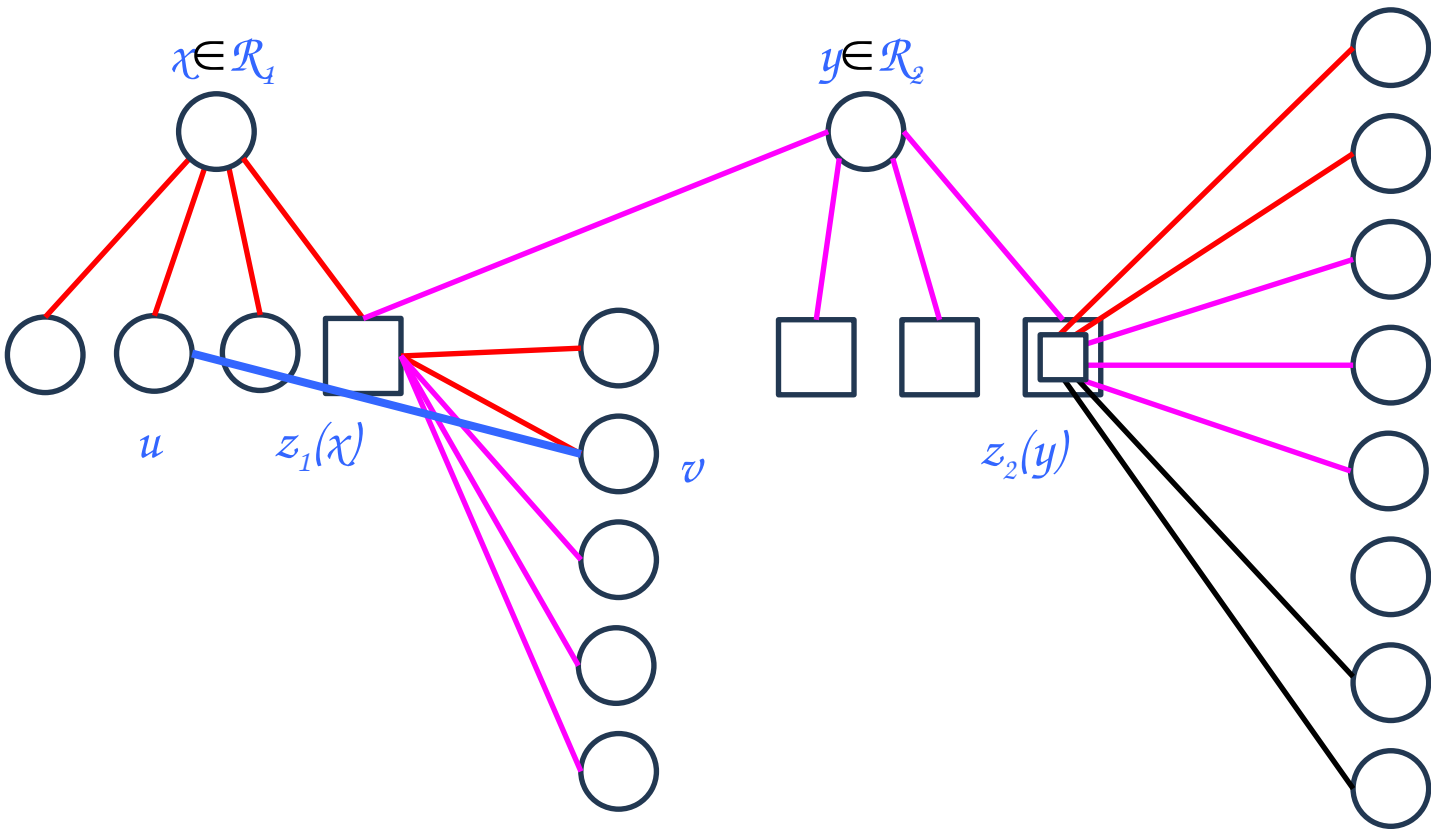
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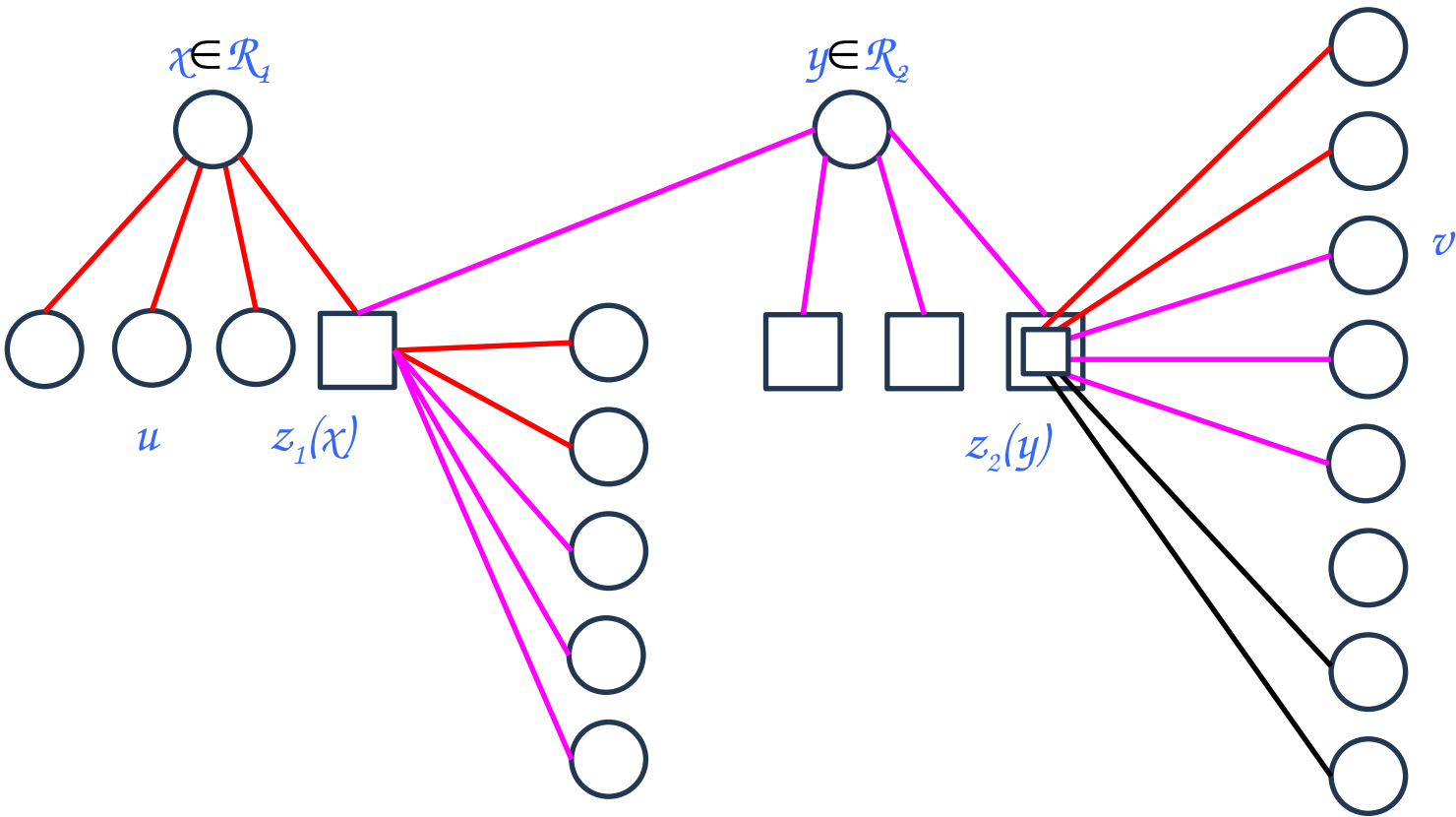
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case:  $v \in \mathcal{S}_{1,z_1(\chi)}$

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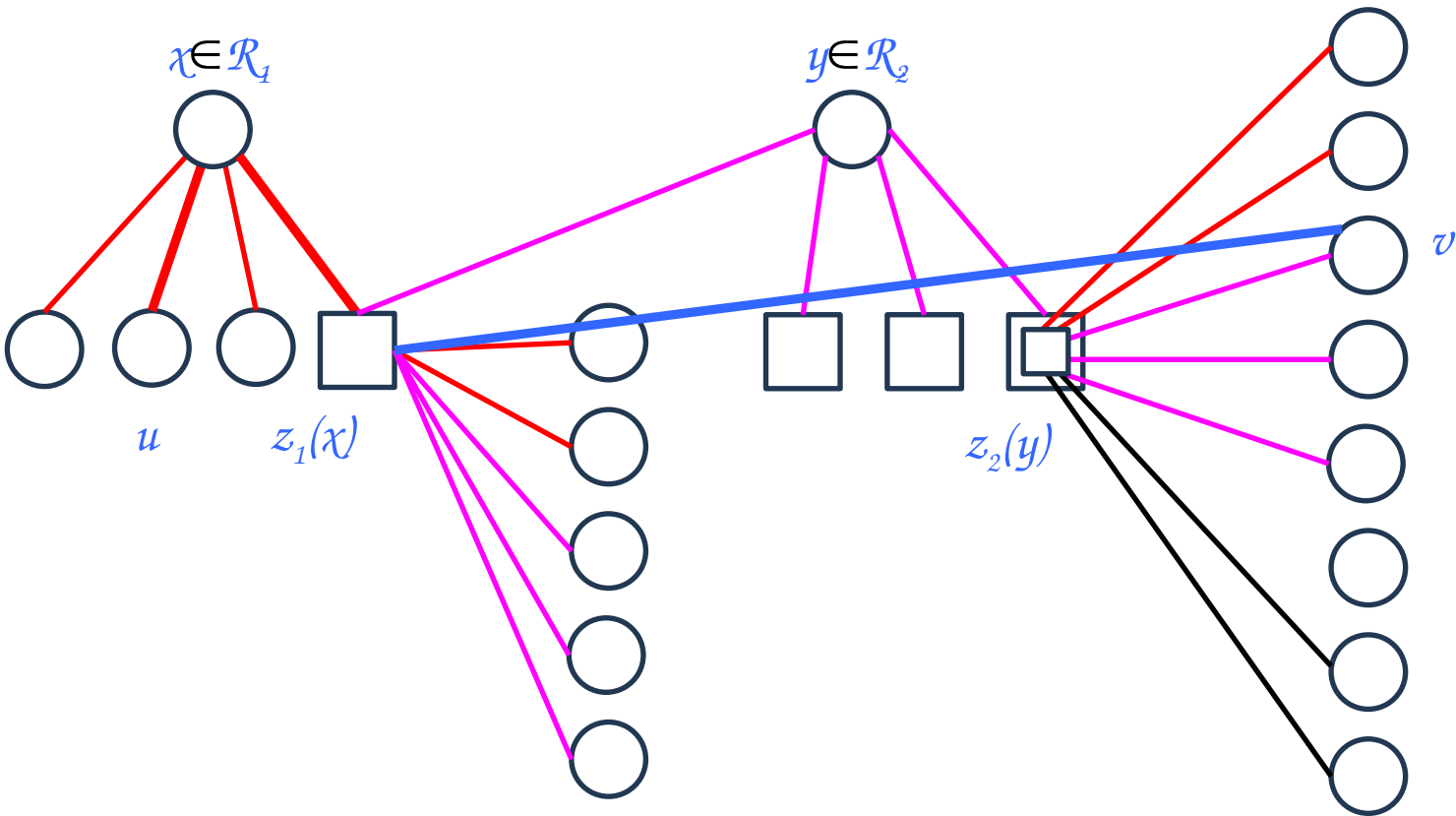


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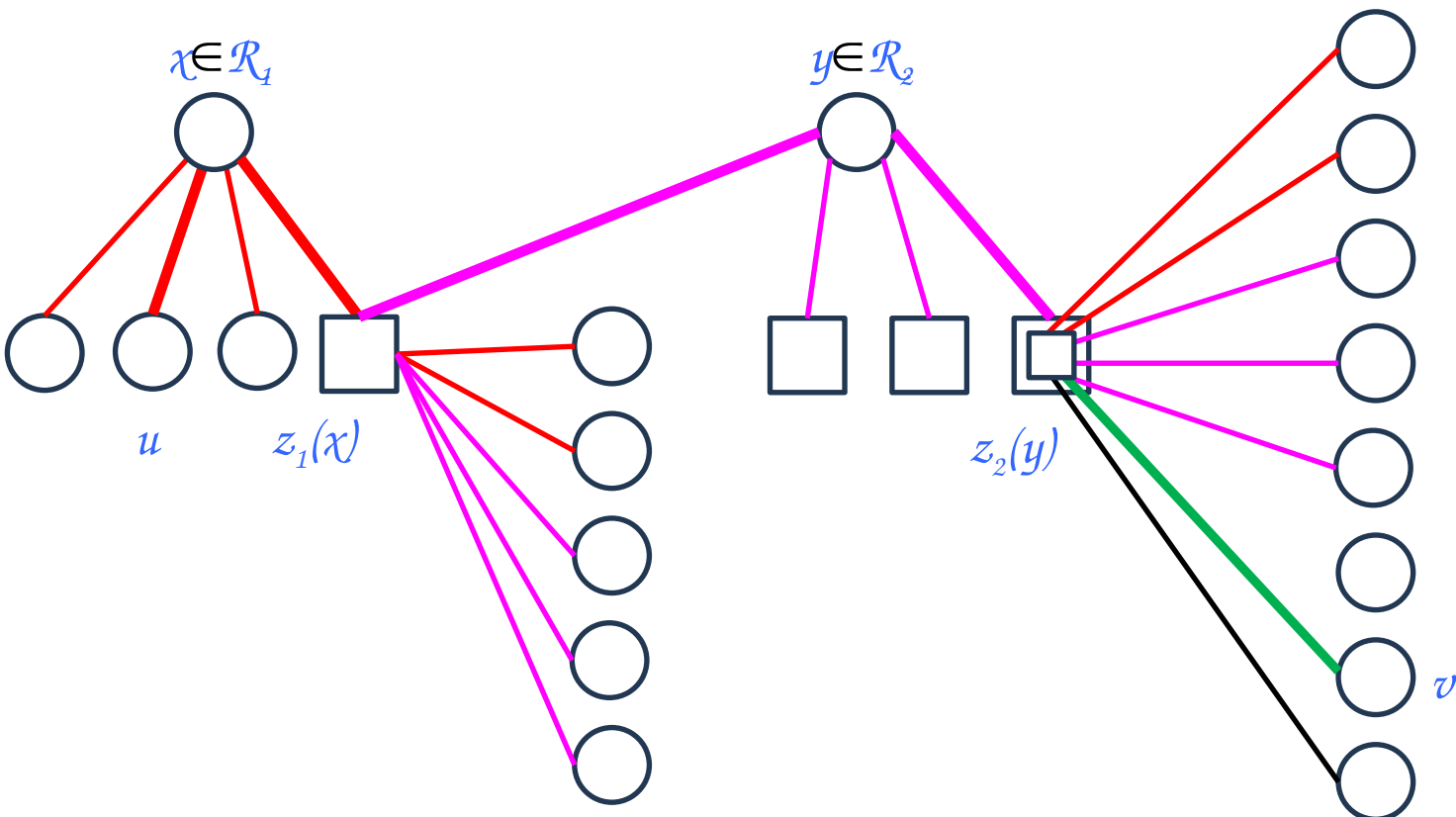
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case:  $v \in \mathcal{S}_{1,z_2(y)}$  or  $v \in \mathcal{S}_{2,z_2(y)}$

$\mathcal{H}$  = red edges + purple edges + blue edges + green edges



for any  $v \in \mathcal{V}$

case:  $v \notin \mathcal{S}_{1, z_2(y)}$  or  $v \notin \mathcal{S}_{2, z_2(y)}$

$\mathcal{H}$  is a 5-spanner of  
size  $O(n^{4/3})$

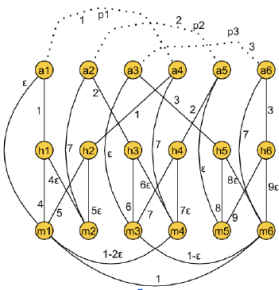
## *Selected open problems*

*3-spanner*

$$\Omega(n^{1+\varepsilon}) \quad \text{vs} \quad \tilde{O}(n)$$

# Beyond Cliques

(dense)  
general graphs

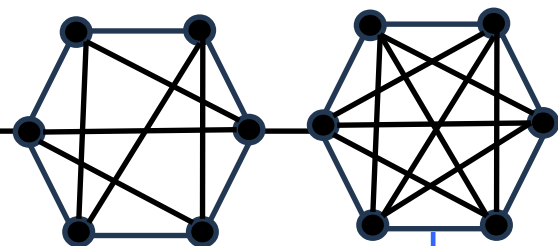


$\Omega(n^2)$  for connectivity

???

(n-2)-regular  
graph

cliques



for connectivity and  
logarithmic stretch

for stretch  $2k-1$

$\tilde{O}(n)$   
 $\tilde{O}(n^{1+1/k})$



*Thanks for  
your  
attention!*