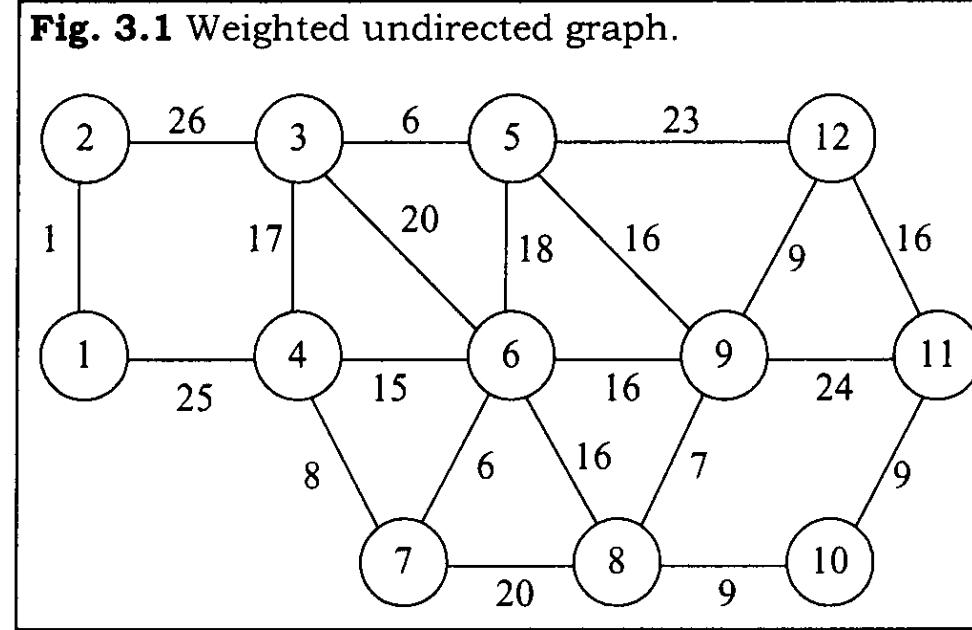


# TABU SEARCH

## Examples

# MINIMUM K-TREE

Problem definition: Given a graph, *find the tree consisting of  $k$ -edges of the graph such that the sum of the edge weights is minimum*



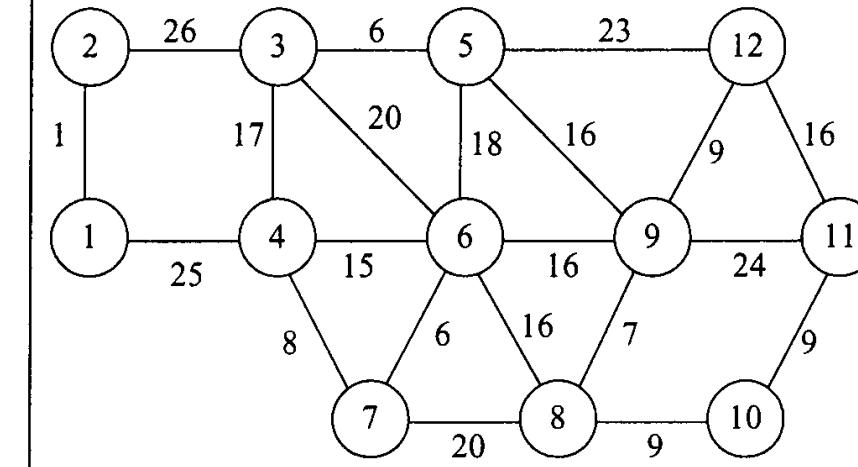
# EXAMPLE 1: GREEDY CONSTRUCTION OF INITIAL K-TREE (K=4)

**Table 3.1** Greedy construction.

Step	Candidates	Selection	Total Weight
1	(1,2)	(1,2)	1
2	(1,4), (2,3)	(1,4)	26
3	(2,3), (3,4), (4,6), (4,7)	(4,7)	34
4	(2,3), (3,4), (4,6), (6,7), (7,8)	(6,7)	40

- Start with the edge having the minimum weight
- Choose remaining  $k-1$  edges successively to minimize the increase in total weight in each step

**Fig. 3.1** Weighted undirected graph.

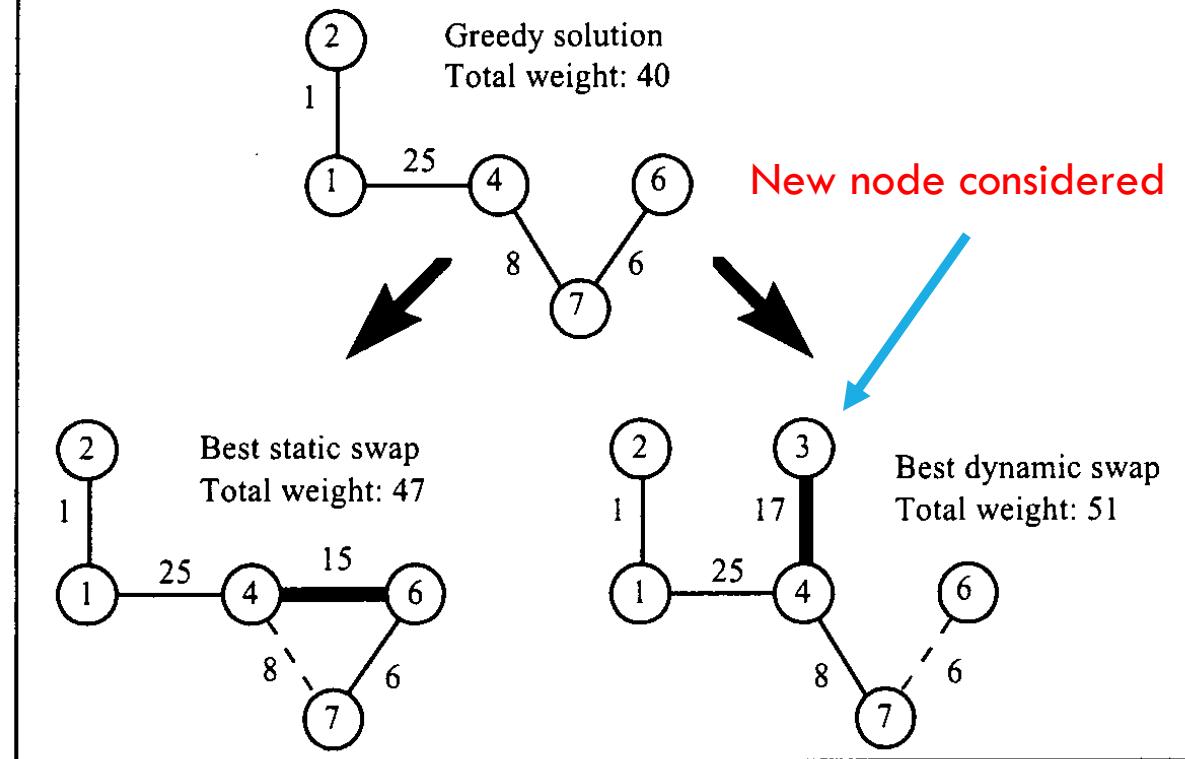


## EXAMPLE 1: NEIGHBORHOOD STRUCTURE

- ◎ Basic move is edge swapping
- ◎ Consider all feasible swaps that result in a tree and that are not tabu  
(in general, infeasible moves may be allowed occasionally)
- ◎ Choose the move yielding the minimum total weight
- ◎ A static swap keeps current nodes, a dynamic one allows change of nodes

# EXAMPLE 1: NEIGHBORHOOD STRUCTURE (CONT.)

Fig. 3.2 Swap move types.



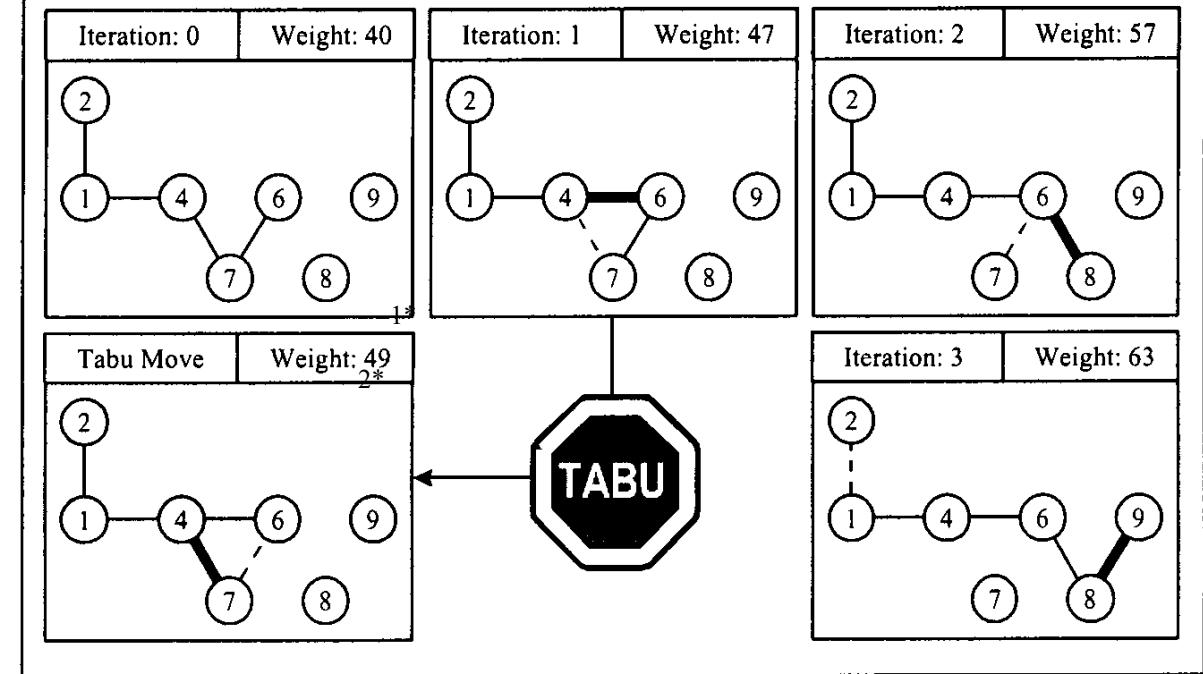
Static swap is selected

# EXAMPLE 1: TABU CLASSIFICATION

- Tabu attributes are edges swapped
- Out-edge is  $\{4,7\}$ , in-edge is  $\{4,6\}$  in Figure 3.2
- Tabu tenure for in-edges (bounded by  $k$ ) is set as 1
- Tabu tenure for out-edges is chosen as 2 (since there are more outside edges)
- A swap move is classified as tabu if either the out-edge or the in-edge involved is tabu-active (an alternative rule could have been “if both are tabu-active”)

# EXAMPLE 1: TABU CLASSIFICATION MAY PREVENT VISITING UNEXAMINED SOLUTIONS

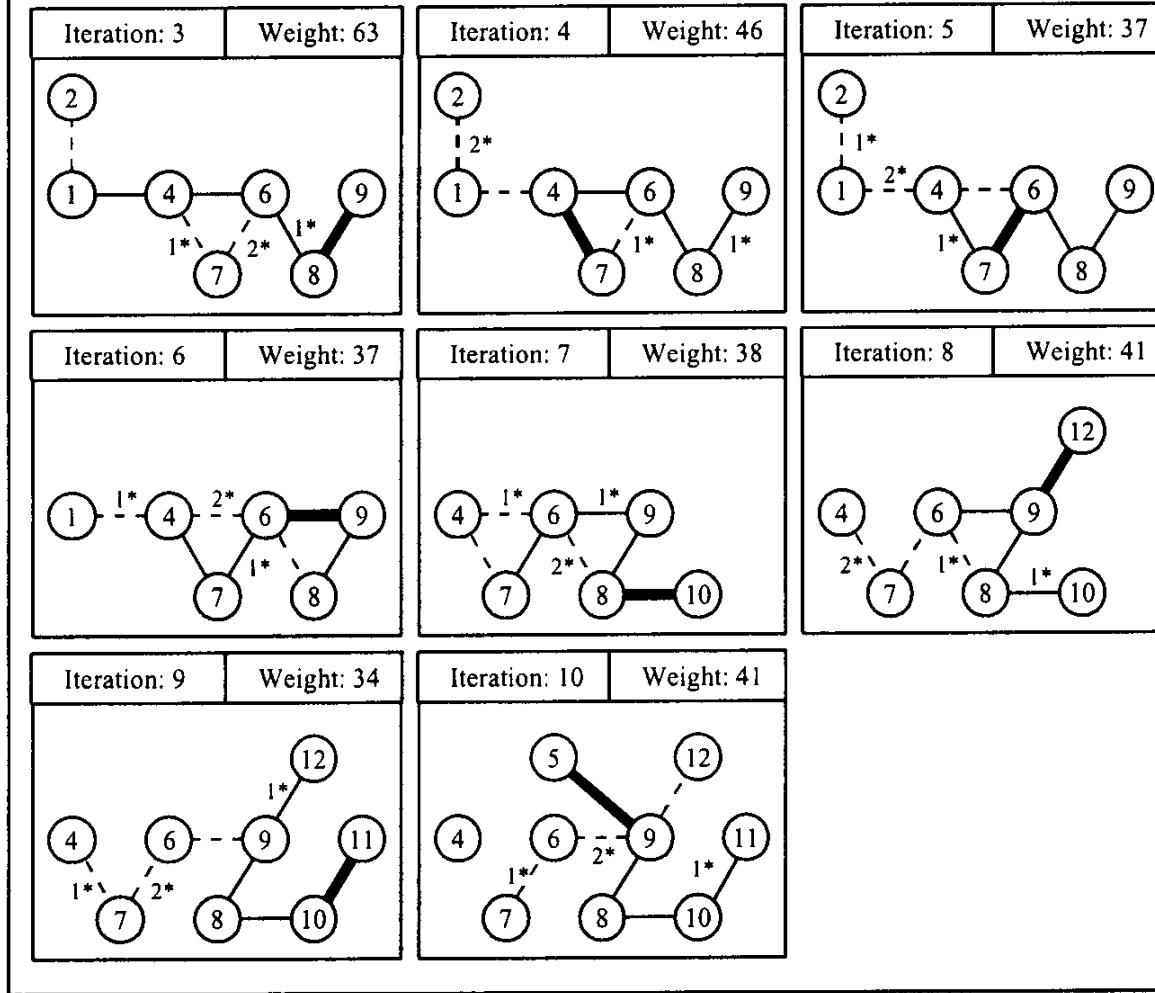
Fig. 3.3 Effects of attributive short term memory.



In iteration 2, in-edge {4,7} and out-edge {6,7} with objective function value 49 cannot be visited since {4,7} is tabu-active, and we end up with an inferior solution

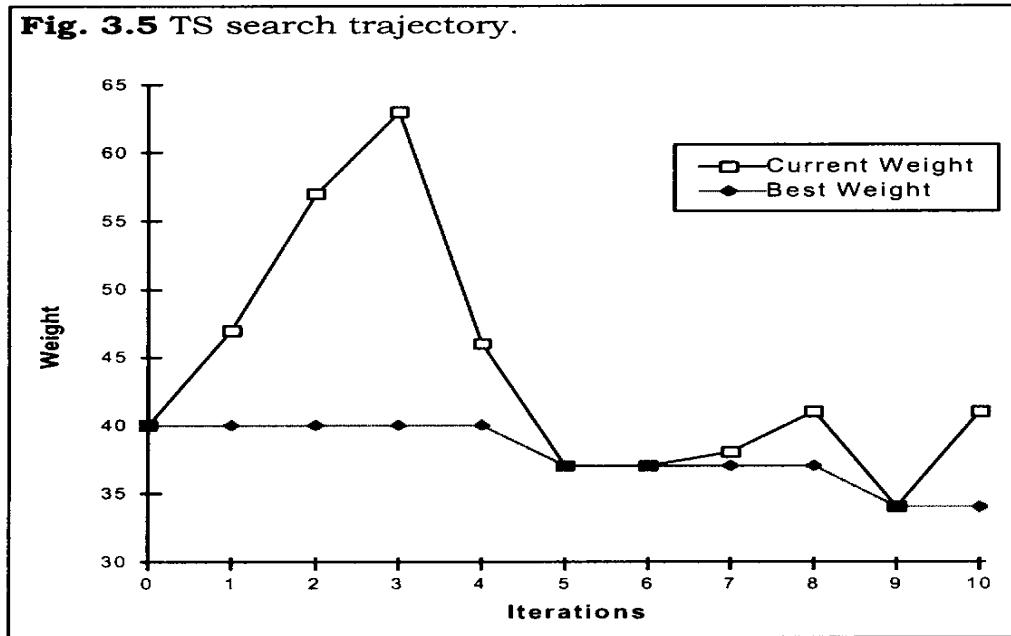
# ADDITIONAL ITERATIONS

**Fig. 3.4** Graphical representation of TS iterations.



34 is the  
optimal  
solution

# EXAMPLE 1: TS SEARCH TRAJECTORY



Note the local optima in iterations 5 and 6

# DIVERSIFICATION

- We may need to diversify or restart TS when, for example, no admissible improving moves exist or rate of finding new best solutions drops
- Instead of choosing the restarting point randomly, TS employs diversification strategies based on:
  - Frequency based memory: records frequently used attributes or visited solutions
  - Critical event memory: an aggregate summary of critical events (local optima or elite solutions) during the search

# DIVERSIFICATION: FREQUENCY BASED MEMORY

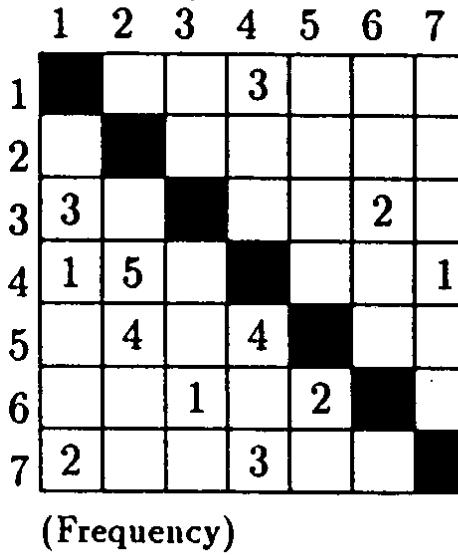
**Iteration 26**

Current solution

1	3	6	2	7	5	4
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Insulation Value=12

Tabu structure  
(Recency)



(Frequency)

Top 5 candidates

Penalized  
Swap Value Value

1,4	3	3
2,4	-1	-6
3,7	-3	-3
1,6	-5	-5
6,5	-4	-6

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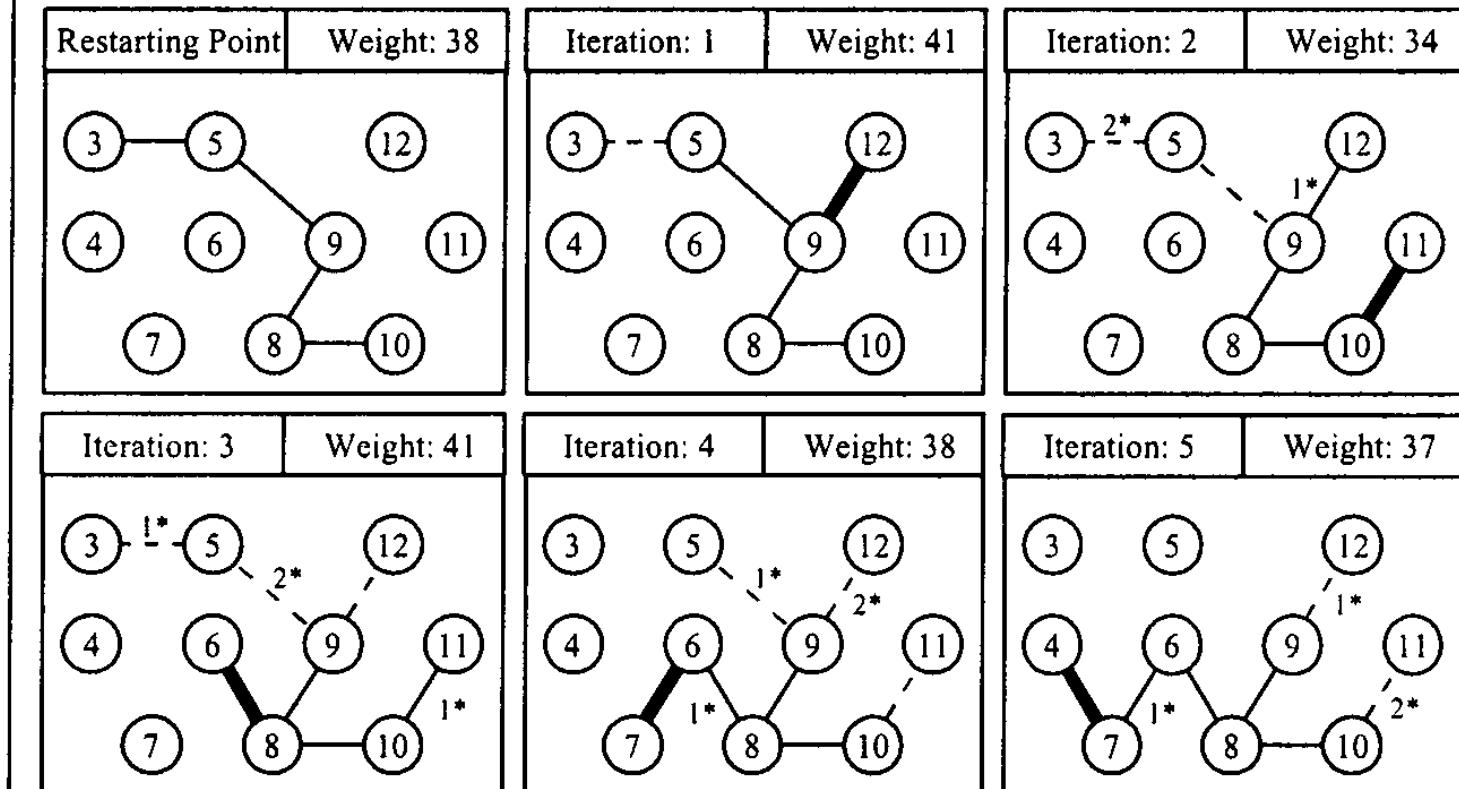
- ✓ Diversify when no admissible improving moves exist
- ✓ Penalize non-improving moves by assigning larger penalty to more frequent swaps, choose (3,7) using penalized value.

# DIVERSIFICATION

- Summary of the starting solution and local optima (elite solutions) found in previous start(s)
- Assuming we choose to restart after iteration 7, these are the starting solution (40), and solutions found in iterations 5 (37) and 6 (37)
- In finding the restarting solution, penalize the use of edges in these solutions for diversification
- May use frequency based memory (frequency of appearance of these edges) for weighing the edges

# EXAMPLE 2: RESTART ITERATIONS

**Fig. 3.6** Graphical representation of TS iterations after restarting.

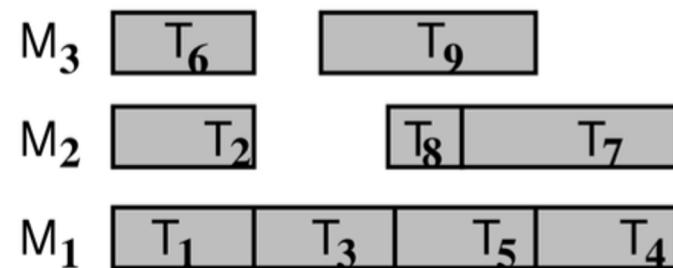


# TASK SCHEDULING

## Scheduling

concerns optimal allocation or assignment of resources, to a set of tasks or activities over time

- limited amount of resources,
  - gain maximization given constraints
- 
- Machines  $M_i, i = 1, \dots, m$
  - Jobs  $J_j, j = 1, \dots, n$
  - $(i, j)$  an **operation** or processing of jobs  $j$  on machine  $i$ 
    - a job can be composed from several operations,
    - example: job 4 has three operations with non-zero processing time  $(2,4), (3,4), (6,4)$ , i.e. it is performed on machines 2,3,6



- Static parameters of job

- **processing time**  $p_{ij}, p_j$ :  
processing time of job  $j$  on machine  $i$
- **release date of  $j$**   $r_j$ :  
earliest starting time of jobs  $j$
- **due date**  $d_j$ :  
committed completion time of job  $j$  (preference)
- vs. **deadline**:  
time, when job  $j$  must be finished at latest (requirement)
- **weight**  $w_j$ :  
importance of job  $j$  relatively to other jobs in the system

- Dynamic parameters of job

- **start time**  $S_{ij}, S_j$ :  
time when job  $j$  is started on machine  $i$
- **completion time**  $C_{ij}, C_j$ :  
time when job  $j$  execution on machine  $i$  is finished

## Graham's classification $\alpha|\beta|\gamma$

(Many) Scheduling problems can be described by a three field notation

- $\alpha$ : the machine environment
  - describes a way of job assignments to machines
- $\beta$ : the job characteristics,
  - describes constraints applied to jobs
- $\gamma$ : the objective criterion to be minimized
- complexity for combinations of scheduling problems

## Examples

- $P3|prec|C_{max}$ : bike assembly
- $Pm|r_j| \sum w_j C_j$ : parallel machines

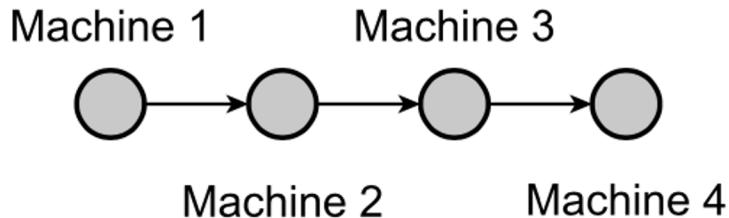
- Single machine ( $\alpha = 1$ ):  $1| \dots | \dots$
- Identical parallel machines  $Pm$ 
  - $m$  identical machines working in parallel with the same speed
  - each job consist of a single operation,
  - each job processed by any of the machines  $m$  for  $p_j$  time units
- Uniform parallel machines  $Qm$ 
  - processing time of job  $j$  on machine  $i$  proportional to its speed  $v_i$
  - $p_{ij} = p_j / v_i$
  - ex. several computers with processor different speed
- Unrelated parallel machines  $Rm$ 
  - machine have different speed for different jobs
  - machine  $i$  process job  $j$  with speed  $v_{ij}$
  - $p_{ij} = p_j / v_{ij}$
  - ex. vector computer computes vector tasks faster than a classical PC

## • Shop Problems

- each tasks is executed sequentially on several machine
  - job  $j$  consists of several operations  $(i, j)$
  - operation  $(i, j)$  of jobs  $j$  is performed on machine  $i$  withing time  $p_{ij}$
  - ex: job  $j$  with 4 operations  $(1, j), (2, j), (3, j), (4, j)$
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## • Flow shop *Fm*

- $m$  machines in series
- each job has to be processed on each machine
- all jobs follow the same route:
  - first machine 1, then machine 2, ...
- if the jobs have to be processed in the same order on all machines, we have a **permutation** flow shop

## • Flexible flow shop *FFs*

- a generalization of flow shop problem
- $s$  phases, a set of parallel machines is assigned to each phase
- i.e. flow shop with  $s$  parallel machines
- each job has to be processed by all phase in the same order
  - first on a machine of phase 1, then on a machine of phase 2, ...
- the task can be performed on any machine assigned to a given phase

## • Job shop *Jm*

- flow shop with  $m$  machines
- each job has its individual predetermined route to follow
  - processing time of a given jobs might be zero for some machines
- $(i, j) \rightarrow (k, j)$  specifies that job  $j$  is performed on machine  $i$  earlier than on machine  $k$
- example:  $(2, j) \rightarrow (1, j) \rightarrow (3, j) \rightarrow (4, j)$

## • Open shop *Om*

- flow shop with  $m$  machines
- processing time of a given jobs might be zero for some machines
- no routing restrictions (this is a scheduling decision)

- Precedence constraints *prec*
  - linear sequence, tree structure
  - for jobs  $a, b$  we write  $a \rightarrow b$ , with meaning of  $S_a + p_a \leq S_b$
  - example: bike assembly
- Preemptions *pmtn*
  - a job with a higher priority interrupts the current job
- Machine suitability  $M_j$ 
  - a subset of machines  $M_j$ , on which job  $j$  can be executed
  - room assignment: appropriate size of the classroom
  - games: a computer with a HW graphical library
- Work force constraints  $W, W_\ell$ 
  - another sort of machines is introduced to the problem
  - machines need to be served by operators and jobs can be performed only if operators are available, operators  $W$
  - different groups of operators with a specific qualification can exist,  $W_\ell$  is a number of operators in group  $\ell$



## • Routing constraints

- determine on which machine jobs can be executed,
- an order of job execution in shop problems
  - job shop problem: an operation order is given in advance
  - open shop problem: a route for the job is specified during scheduling

## • Setup time and cost $s_{ijk}$ , $c_{ijk}$ , $s_{jk}$ , $c_{jk}$

- depend on execution sequence
- $s_{ijk}$  time for execution of job  $k$  after job  $j$  on machine  $i$
- $c_{ijk}$  cost of execution of job  $k$  after job  $j$  on machine  $i$
- $s_{jk}$ ,  $c_{jk}$  time/cost independent on machine
- examples
  - lemonade filling into bottles
  - travelling salesman problem  $1|s_{jk}|C_{max}$

- Makespan  $C_{max}$ : maximum completion time

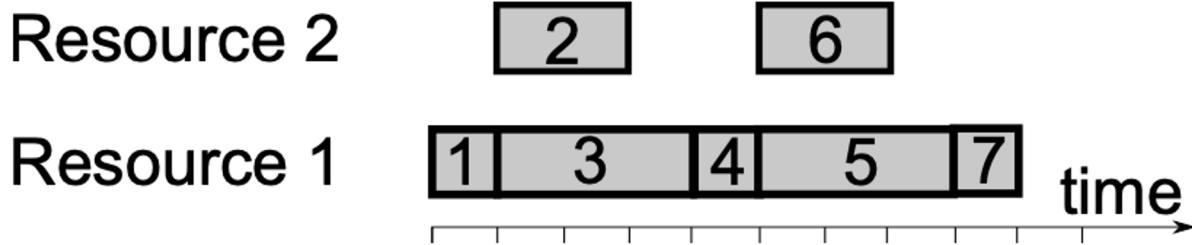
$$C_{max} = \max(C_1, \dots, C_n)$$

- Example:  $C_{max} = \max\{1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 9\} = 9$
- Goal: makespan minimization often
  - maximizes throughput
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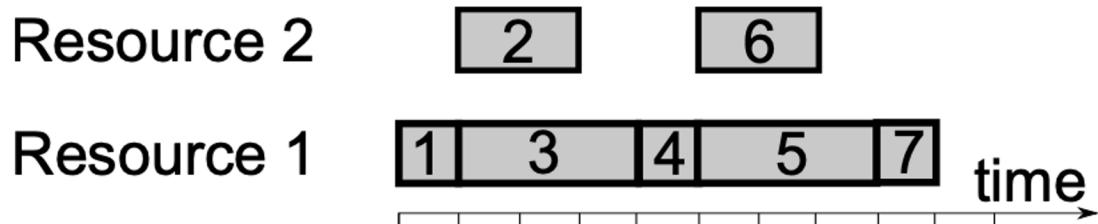


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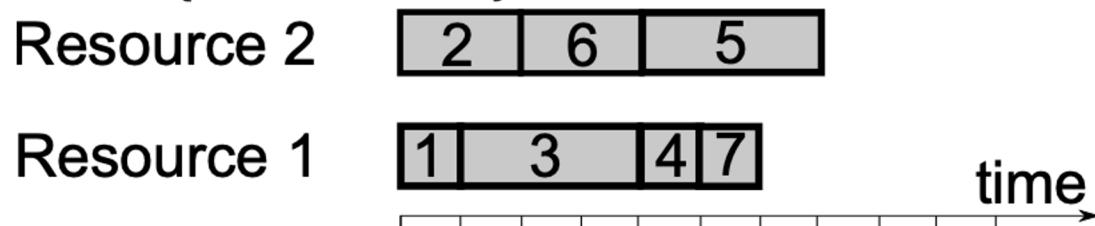
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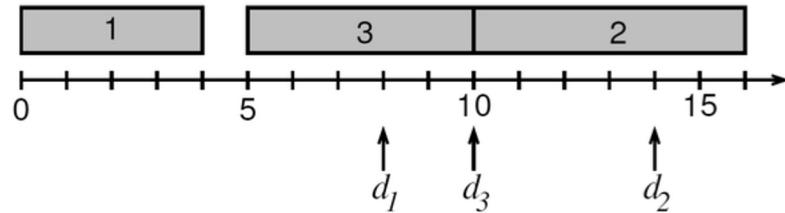
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- Job tardiness  $j$ :  $T_j = \max(C_j - d_j, 0)$

- Total tardiness

$$\sum_{j=1}^n T_j$$

- Goal: total tardiness minimization
- Example:  $T_1 + T_2 + T_3 =$

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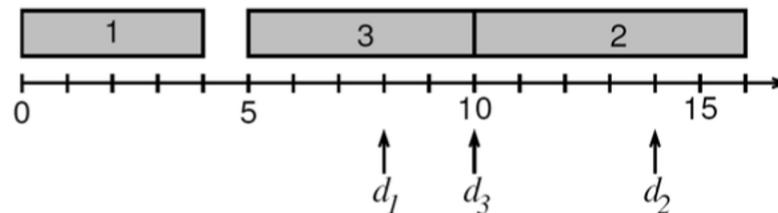
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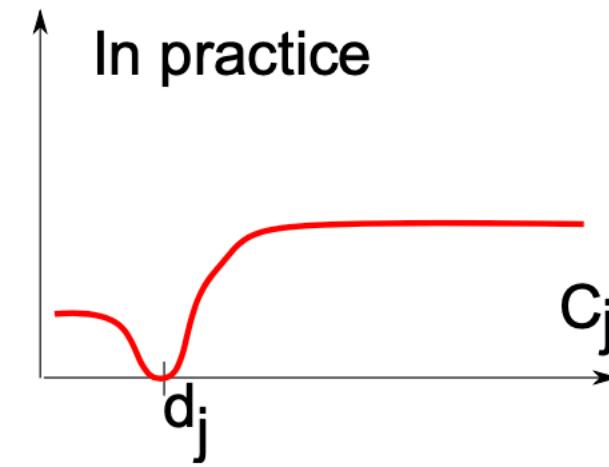
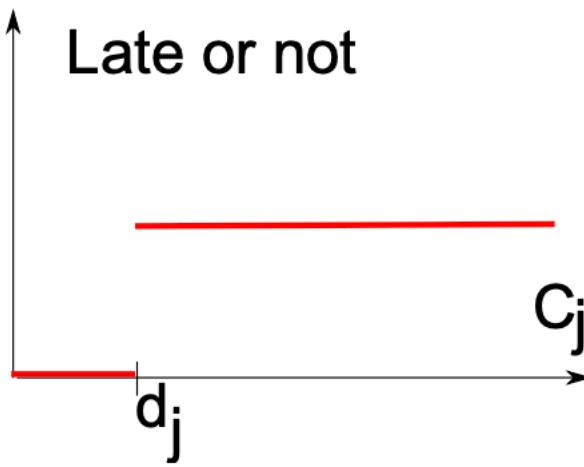
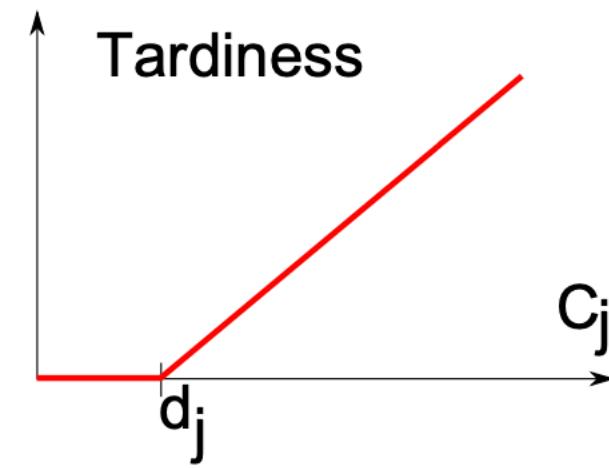
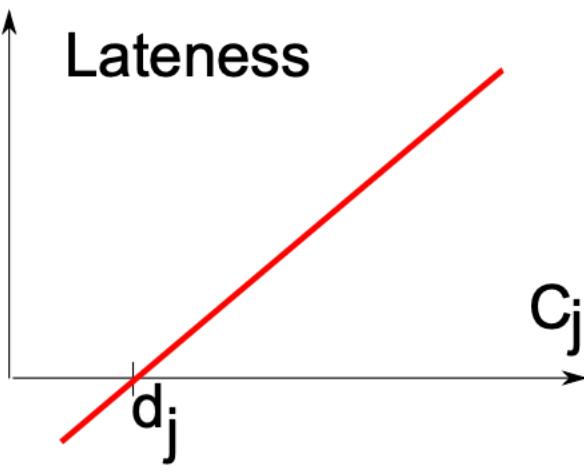
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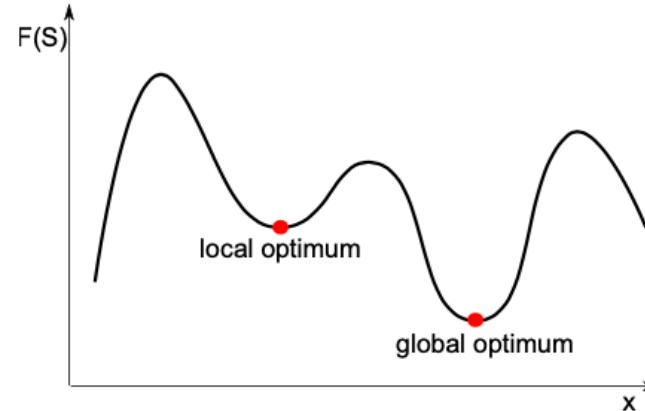
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- **Constructive methods**
  - Start with the empty schedule
  - Add step by step other jobs to the schedule so that the schedule remains consistent
- **Local search**
  - Start with a complete non-consistent schedule
    - trivial: random generated
  - Try to find a better "similar" schedule by local modifications.
  - Schedule quality is evaluated using optimization criteria
    - ex. makespan
  - optimization criteria assess also schedule consistency
    - ex. a number of violated precedence constraints
- **Hybrid approaches**
  - combinations of both methods

## ① Initialization

- $k = 0$
- Select an initial schedule  $S_0$
- Record the current best schedule:  
 $S_{best} = S_0$  a  $cost_{best} = F(S_0)$



## ② Select and update

- Select a schedule from neighborhood:  $S_{k+1} \in N(S_k)$
- if no element  $N(S_k)$  satisfies schedule acceptance criterion  
then the algorithms finishes
- if  $F(S_{k+1}) < cost_{best}$  then  
 $S_{best} = S_{k+1}$  a  $cost_{best} = F(S_{k+1})$

## ③ Finish

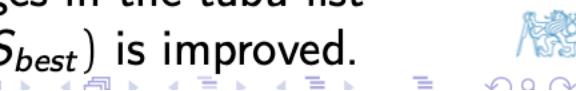
- if the stop constraints are satisfied then the algorithms finishes
- otherwise  $k = k + 1$  and continue with step 2.

- Schedule representation
  - permutations  $n$  jobs
  - example with six jobs: 1, 4, 2, 6, 3, 5
- Neighborhood definition
  - pairwise exchange of neighboring jobs
    - $n - 1$  possible schedules in the neighborhood
    - example: 1, 4, 2, 6, 3, 5 is modified to 1, 4, 2, 6, 5, 3
  - or select an arbitrary job from the schedule and place it to an arbitrary position
    - $\leq n(n - 1)$  possible schedules in the neighborhood
    - example: from 1, 4, 2, 6, 3, 5 we select randomly 4 and place it somewhere else: 1, 2, 6, 3, 4, 5

- Criteria for schedule selection
  - **Criterion for schedule acceptance/refuse**
- The main difference among a majority of methods
  - to accept a better schedule all the time?
  - to accept even worse schedule sometimes?
- methods
  - probabilistic
    - **random walk**: with a small probability (ex. 0.01) a worse schedule is accepted
    - **simulated annealing**
  - deterministic
    - **tabu search**: a tabu list of several last state/modifications that are not allowed for the following selection is maintained

# TABU SCHEDULING

- Deterministic criterion for schedule acceptance/refuse
- Tabu list of several last schedule modifications is maintained
  - each new modification is stored on the top of the tabu list
    - ex. of a store modification: exchange of jobs  $j$  and  $k$
  - tabu list = a list of forbidden modifications
  - the neighborhood is constrained over schedules, that do not require a change in the tabu list
    - a protection against cycling
    - example of a trivial cycling:  
the first step: exchange jobs 3 and 4, the second step: exchange jobs 4 and 3
  - a fixed length of the list (often: 5-9)
    - the oldest modifications of the tabu list are removed
    - too small length: cycling risk increases
    - too high length: search can be too constrained
- Aspiration criterion
  - determines when it is possible to make changes in the tabu list
  - ex. a change in the tabu list is allowed if  $F(S_{best})$  is improved.



- 1
  - $k = 1$
  - Select an initial schedule  $S_1$  using a heuristics,  
 $S_{best} = S_1$
- 2
  - Choose  $S_c \in N(S_k)$
  - If the modification  $S_k \rightarrow S_c$  is forbidden because it is in the tabu list  
then continue with step 2
- 3
  - If the modification  $S_k \rightarrow S_c$  is not forbidden by the tabu list  
then  $S_{k+1} = S_c$ ,  
store the reverse change to the top of the tabu list  
move other positions in the tabu list one position lower  
remove the last item of the tabu list
  - if  $F(S_c) < F(S_{best})$  then  $S_{best} = S_c$
- 4
  - $k = k + 1$
  - if a stopping condition is satisfied then finish  
otherwise continue with step 2.

## A schedule problem with $1|d_j| \sum w_j T_j$

- remind:  $T_j = \max(C_j - d_j, 0)$

jobs	1	2	3	4
$p_j$	10	10	13	4
$d_j$	4	2	1	12
$w_j$	14	12	1	12

- Neighborhood: all schedules obtained by pair exchange of neighbor jobs
- Schedule selection from the neighborhood: select the best schedule
- Tabu list: pairs of jobs  $(j, k)$  that were exchanged in the last two modifications
- Apply tabu search for the initial solution  $(2, 1, 4, 3)$
- Perform four iterations

# TABU SEARCH & 1-MACHINE

Example  $\min \sum w_j T_j$

Tabu List Size = 2

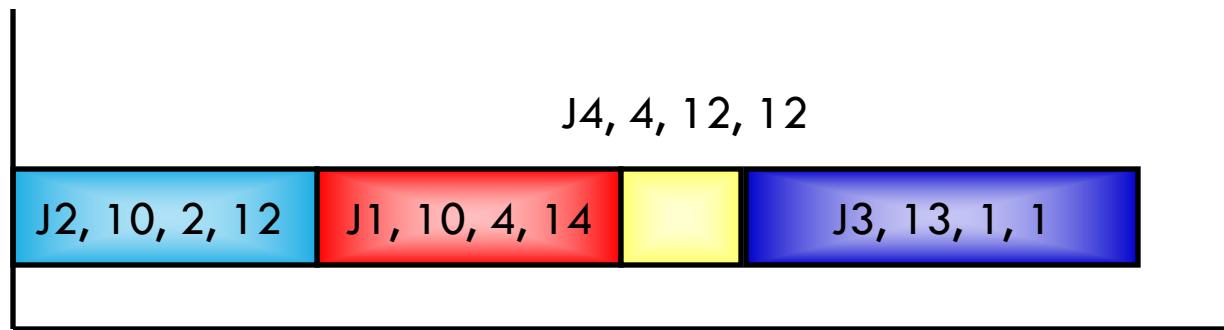
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$w_j$	14	12	1	12

$J_i, p_i, d_i, w_i$

J1, 10, 4, 14

# || TS STEP 1: FIND INITIAL SOLUTION

Arbitrarily choose (2, 1, 4, 3)



$$\sum w_j T_j = 8 \times 12 + 16 \times 14 + 12 \times 12 + 36 \times 1 = 500$$

## TS STEP 2: EVALUATE NEIGHBORHOOD & SELECT MOVE

Neighborhood: swap

◎Adjacent pairwise interchange

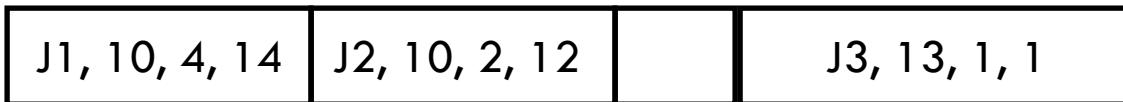
J4, 4, 12, 12



J3, 13, 1, 1

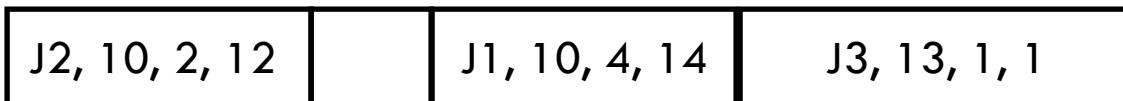
Choose (1,4)

J4, 4, 12, 12



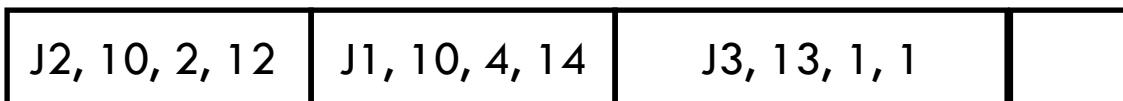
$\sum w_j T_j = 480$

J4, 4, 12, 12



$\sum w_j T_j = 436$

J4, 4, 12, 12



$\sum w_j T_j = 652$

# TS STEP 3: ADD MOVE TO TABU LIST

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 436$$

Tabu: ((1, 4))

Best so far:

(2, 4, 1, 3): 436

## TS STEP 2: EVALUATE NEIGHBORHOOD & SELECT MOVE

J4, 4, 12, 12

$$\sum w_j T_j = 436$$



Tabu: ((1, 4))

Choose (4,2)

J4, 4, 12, 12

$$\sum w_j T_j = 460$$



J4, 4, 12, 12

$$\sum w_j T_j = 500$$



J4, 4, 12, 12

$$\sum w_j T_j = 608$$



# TS STEP 3: ADD MOVE TO TABU LIST

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 460$$

Tabu: ((2,4) (1, 4))

Best so far:

(2, 4, 1, 3): 436

## TS STEP 2: EVALUATE NEIGHBORHOOD & SELECT MOVE

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 460$$

Tabu: ((2,4) (1, 4))

Choose (1,2)

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 436$$

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 440$$

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 632$$

# TS STEP 3: ADD MOVE TO TABU LIST

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 440$$

Tabu: ((1,2), (2,4))

Best so far:

(2, 4, 1, 3): 436

## TS STEP 2: EVALUATE NEIGHBORHOOD & SELECT MOVE

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 440$$

Tabu: ((1,2), (2,4))

Choose (1,4)

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 408$$

J4, 4, 12, 12



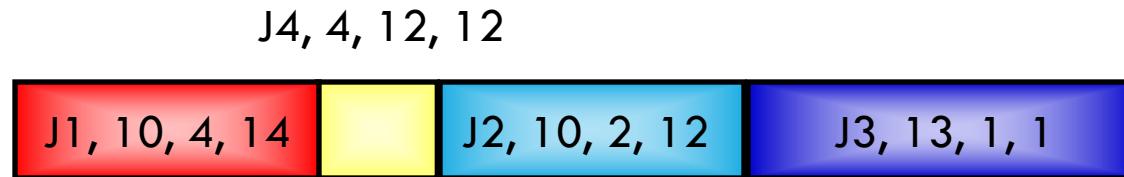
$$\sum w_j T_j = 460$$

J4, 4, 12, 12



$$\sum w_j T_j = 586$$

## TS STEP 3: ADD MOVE TO TABU LIST



$$\sum w_j T_j = 408$$

Tabu: ((1,4), (1,2))

Best so far:

(1,4,2,3): 408

And so on until a bound on the number of iterations

◎(actually 408 is optimal, but TS has no way of knowing)

# CRYSTAL MAZE

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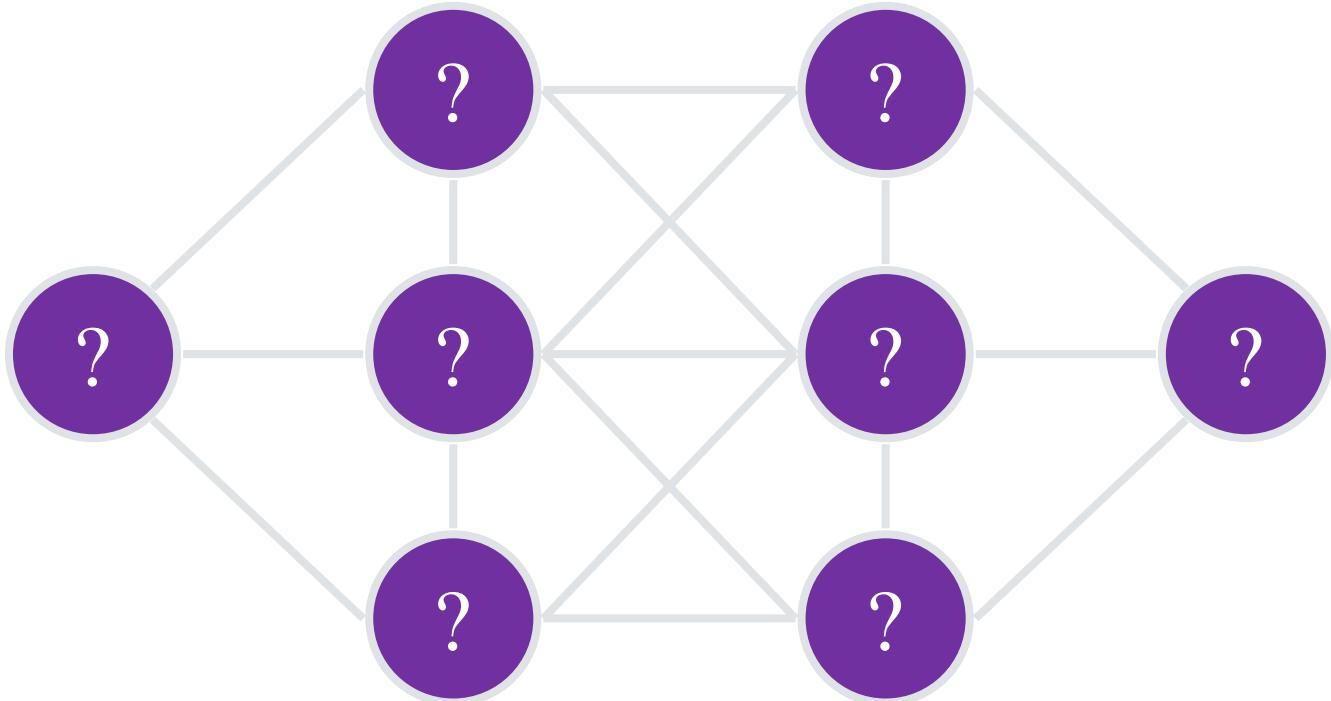
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# CRYSTAL MAZE

Place the numbers 1 through 8 in the nodes such that:

- Each number appears exactly once

- No connected nodes have consecutive numbers



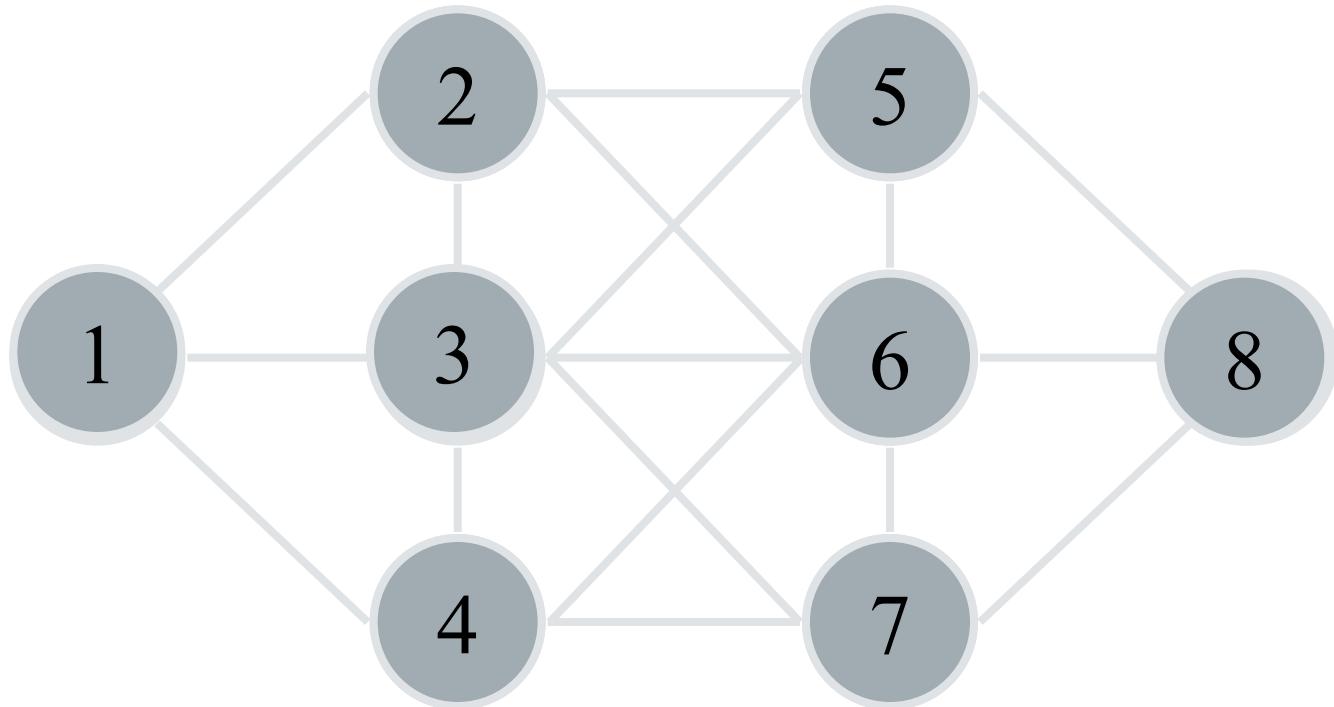
# LOCAL SEARCH IDEA

Randomly assign values (even if the constraints are “broken”)

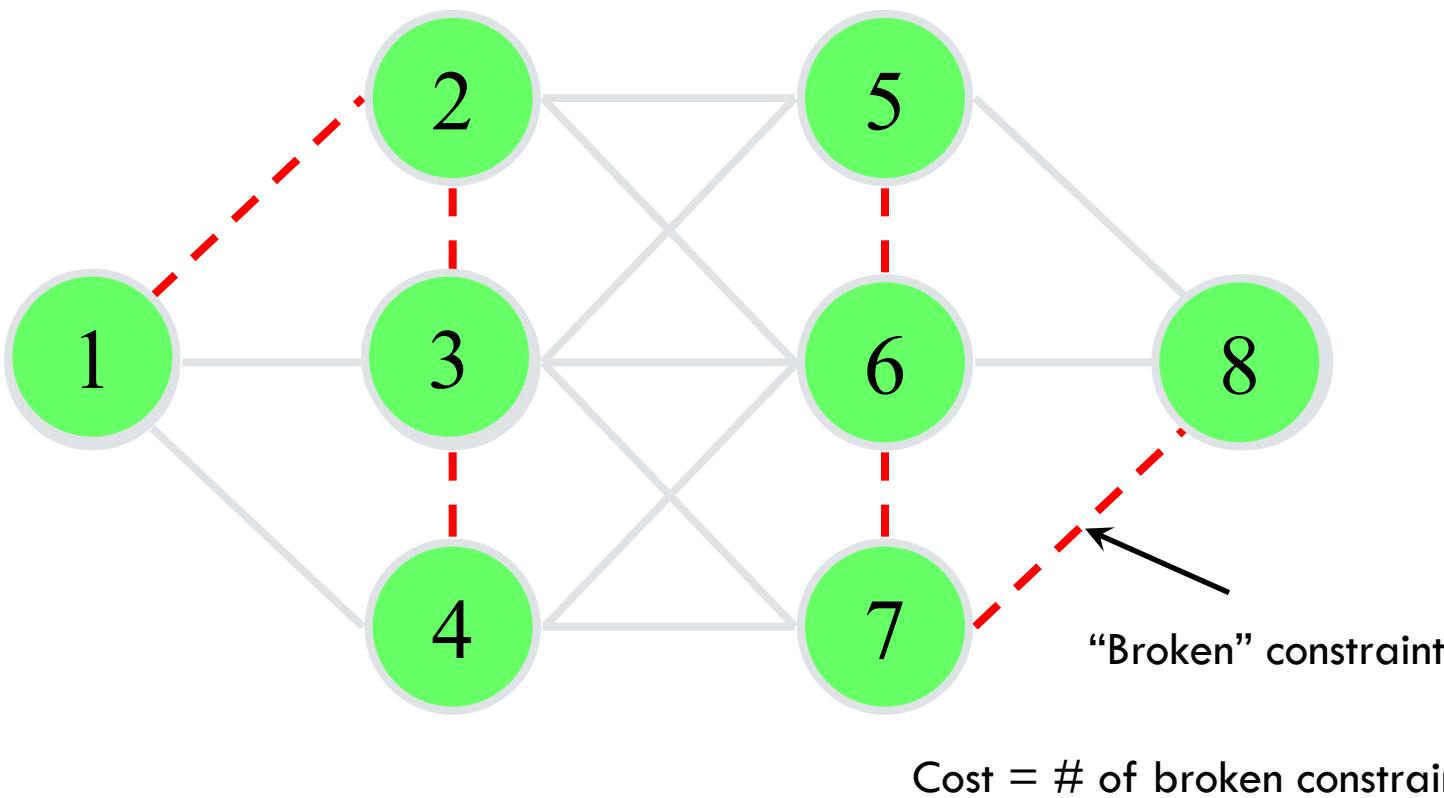
- ◉ Initial state will probably be infeasible

Make “moves” to try to move toward a solution

# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



# WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

Move:

- Swap two numbers

Which two numbers?

- Randomly pick a pair
- The pair that will lead to the biggest decrease in cost
  - Cost: number of broken constraints

# WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

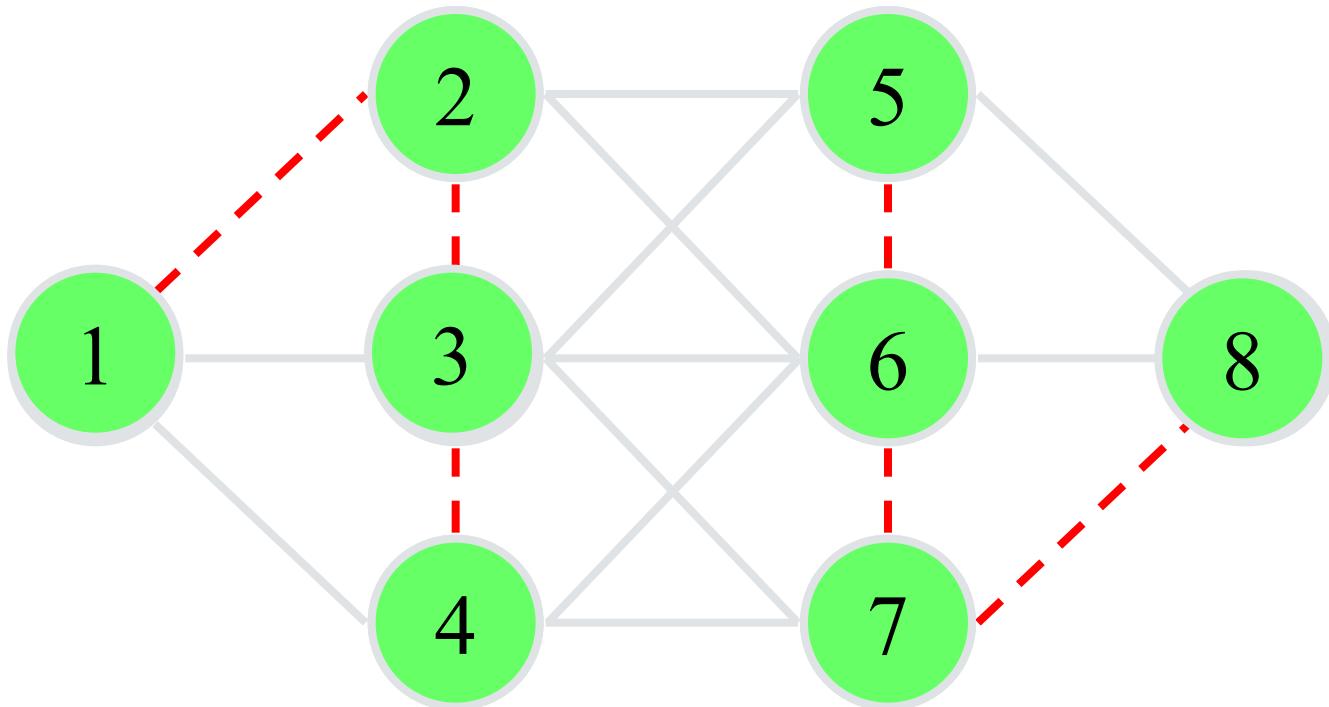
Move:

- Ⓐ Swap two numbers

Which two numbers?

- Ⓐ Randomly pick a pair
- Ⓑ The pair that will lead to the biggest decrease in cost
  - Cost: number of broken constraints

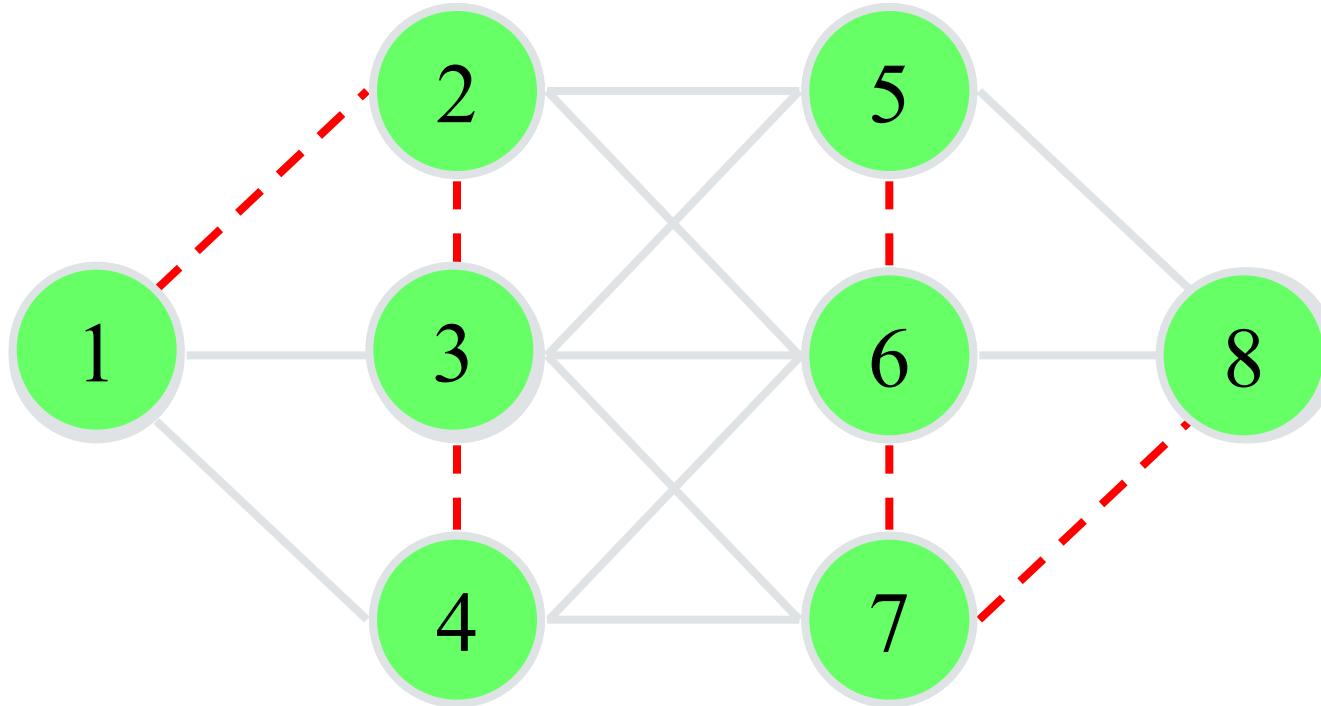
# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



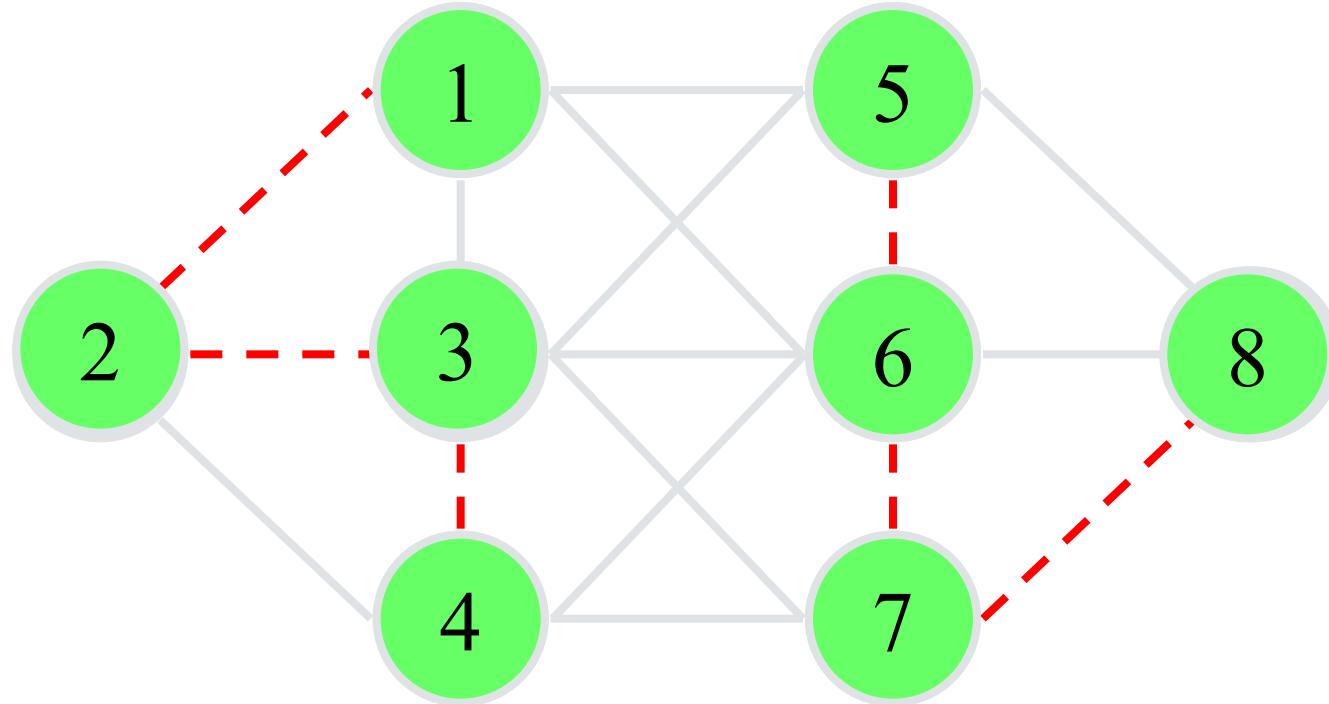
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# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



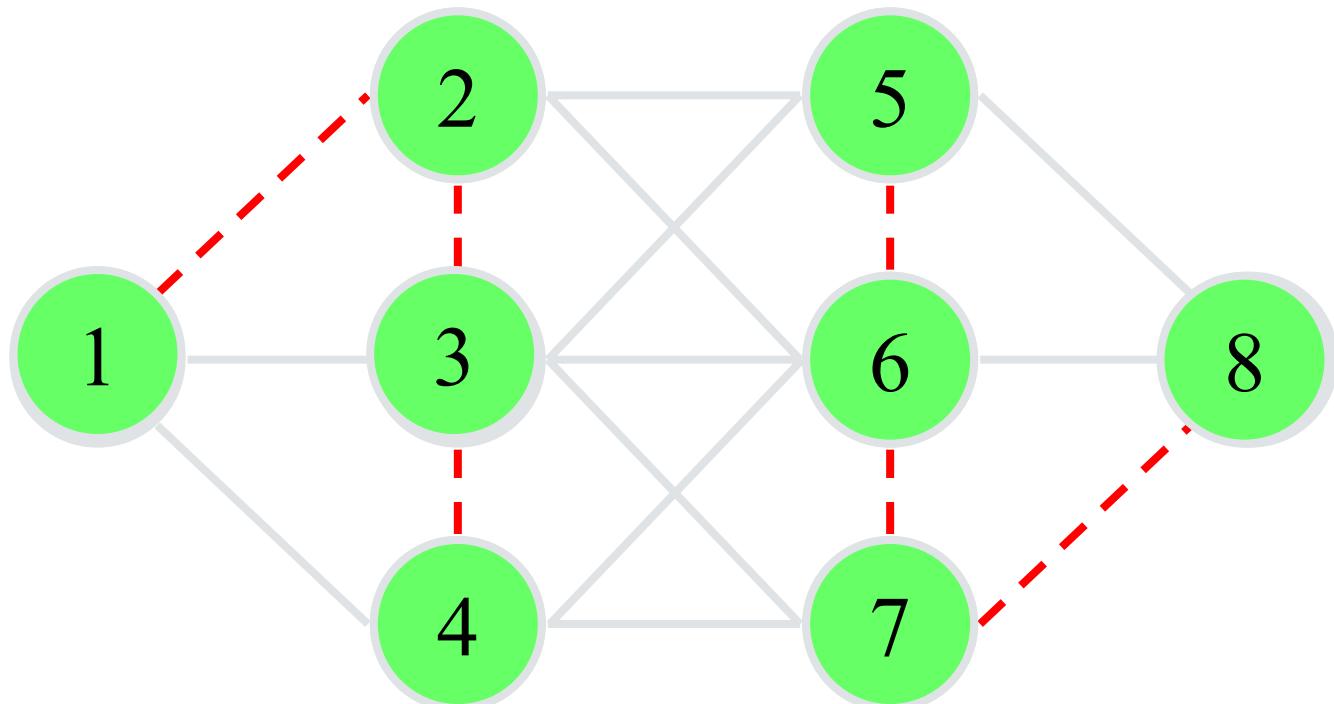
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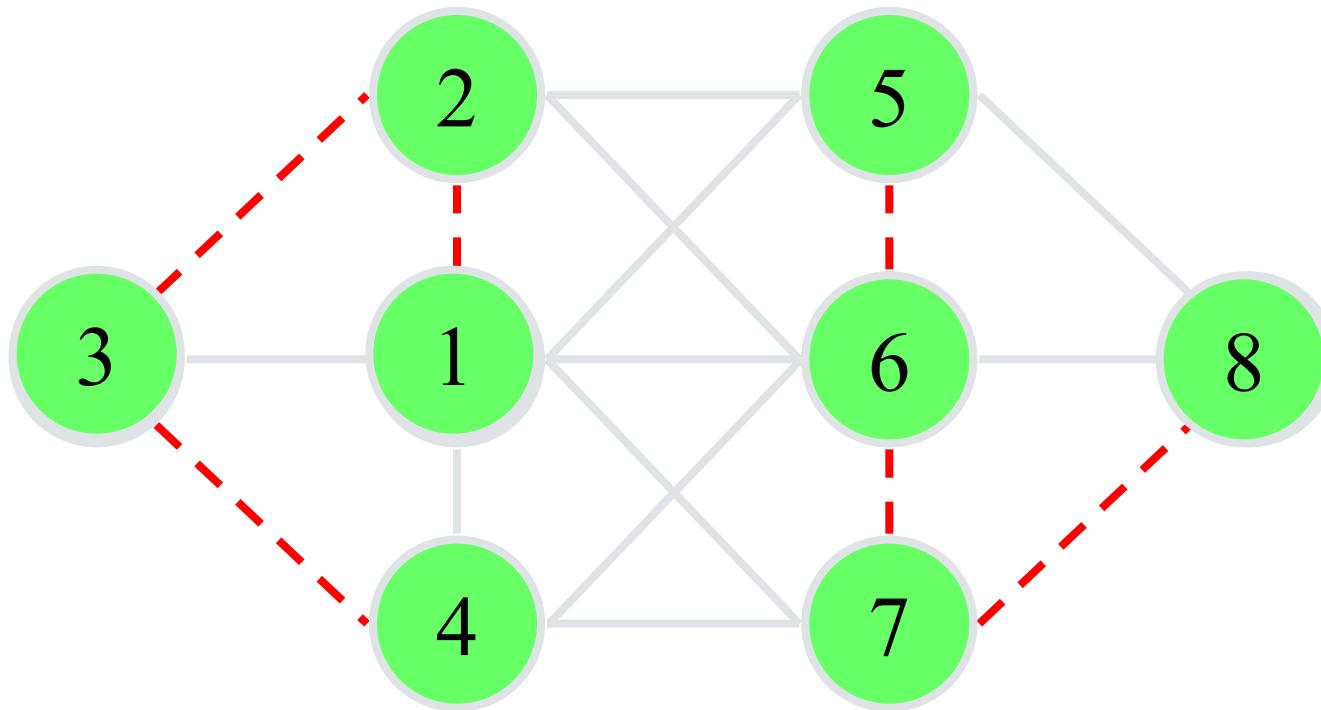
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# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



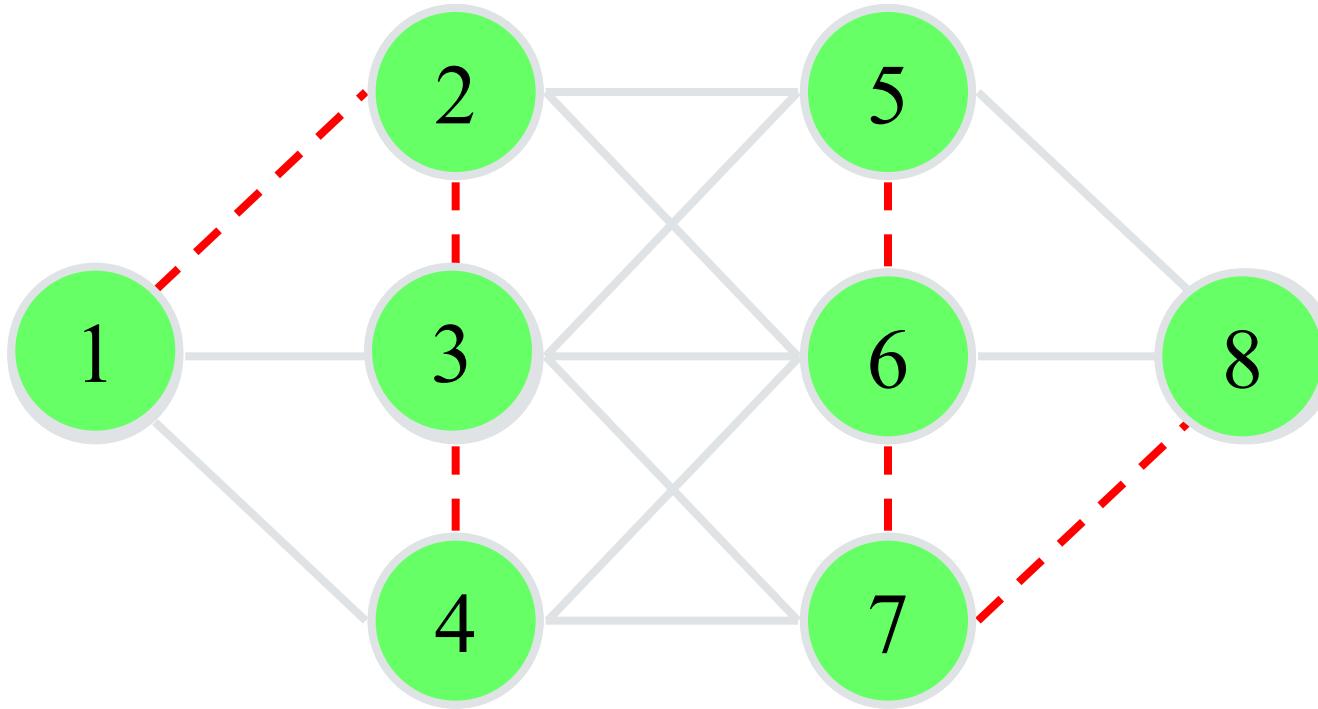
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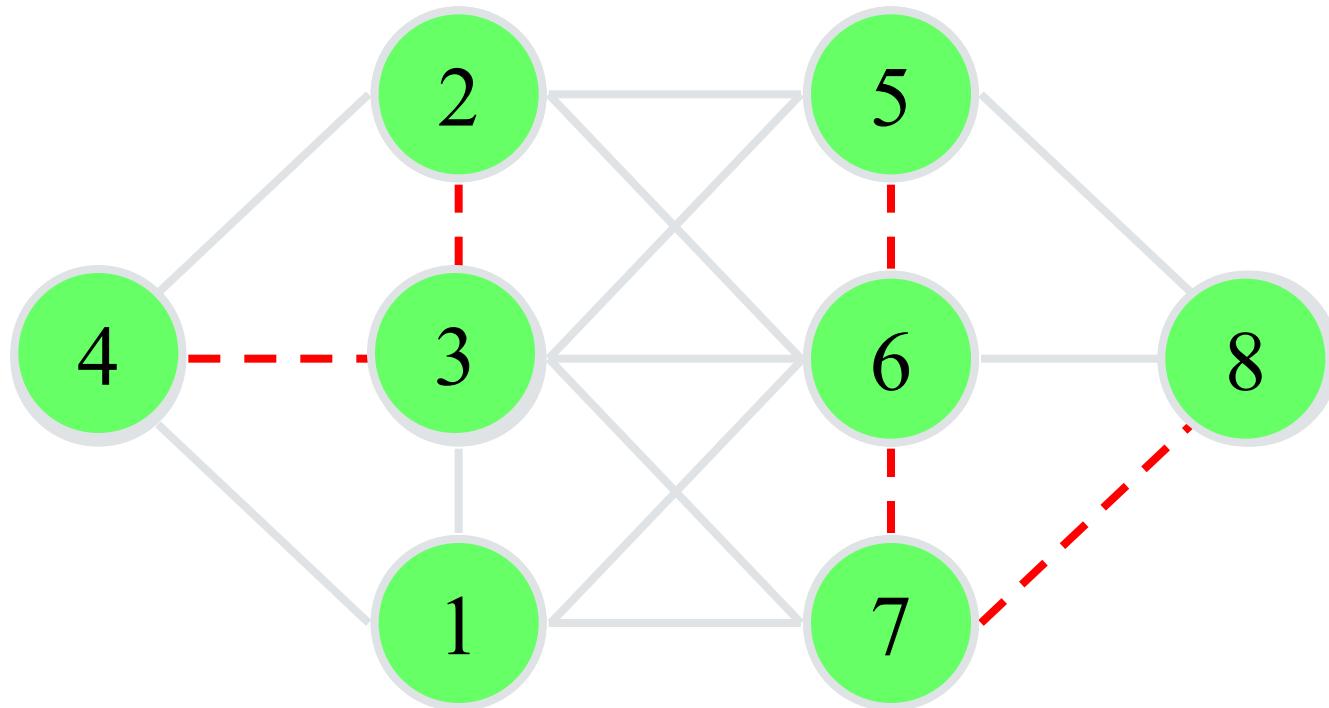
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5					0			
6						0		
7							0	
8								0

# RANDOM INITIAL SOLUTION



# SWAP 1 & 4



# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	0	0	-1				
2		0						
3			0					
4				0				
5					0			
6						0		
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8								0

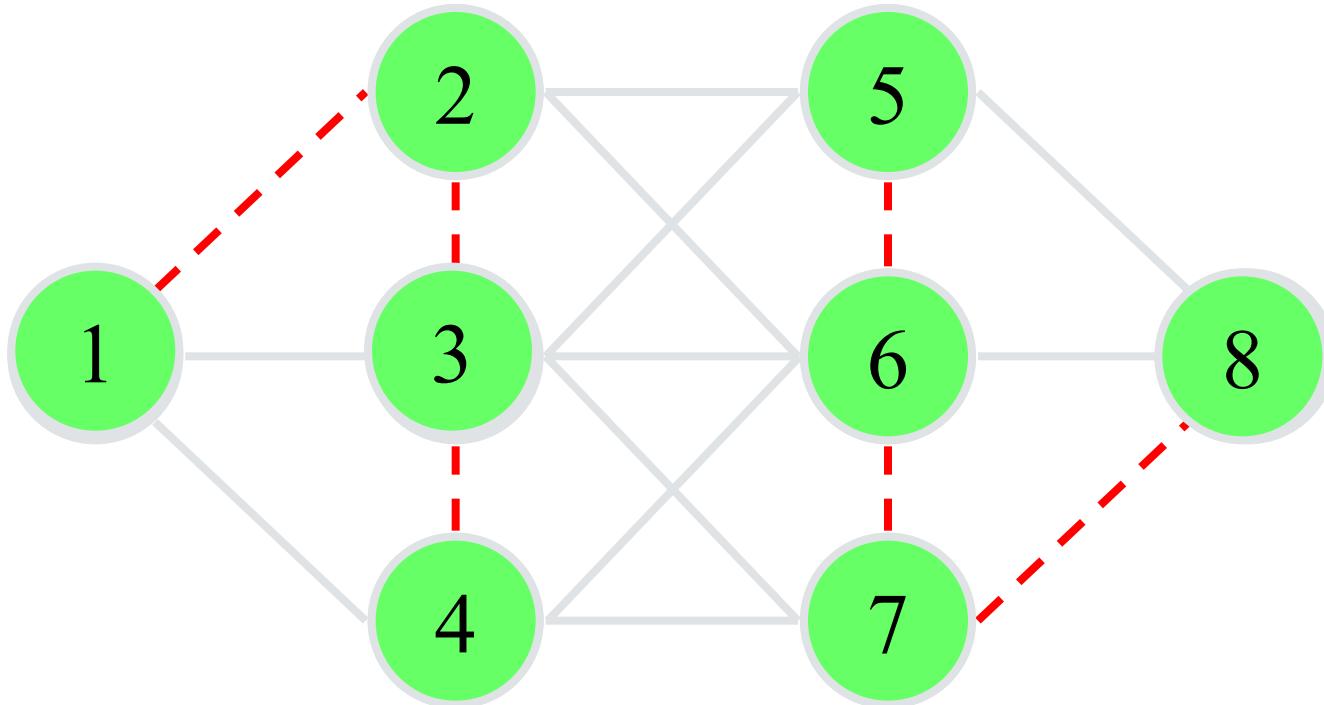
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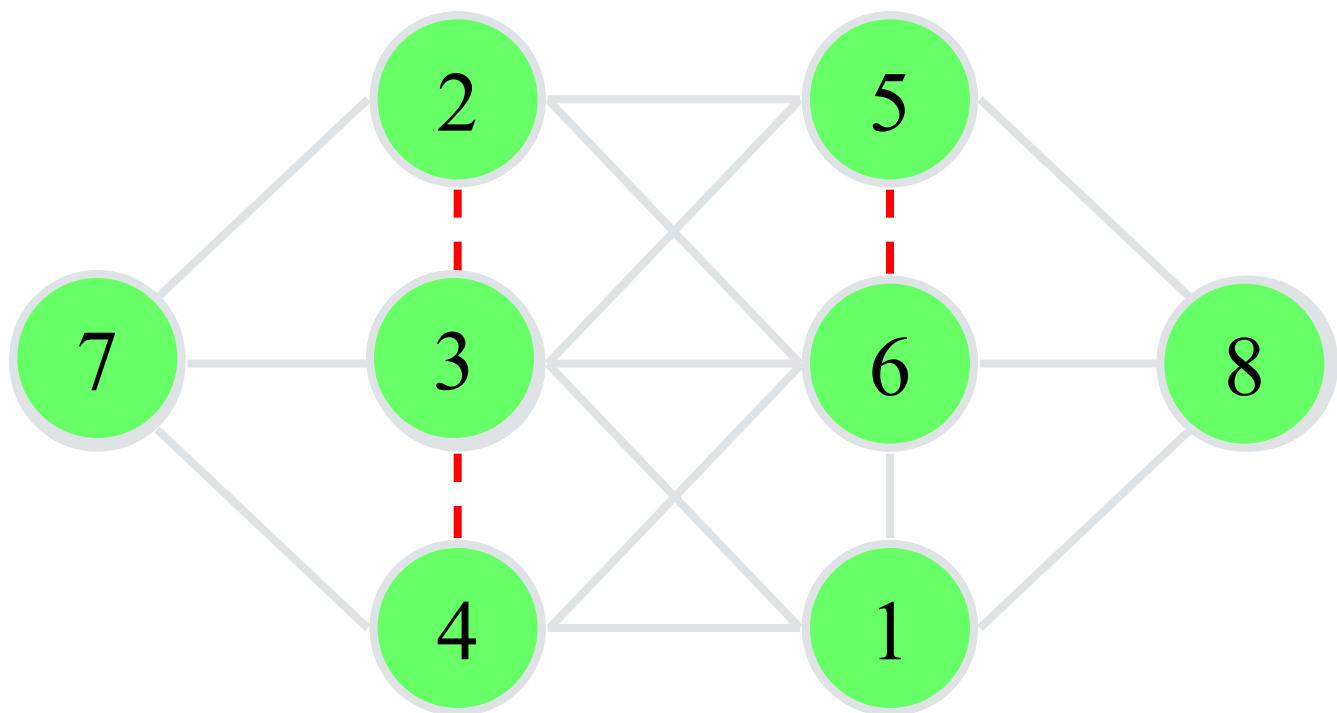
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3			0	0	0	0	1	0
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5					0	0	1	-1
6						0	-1	0
7							0	0
8								0

# CURRENT STATE



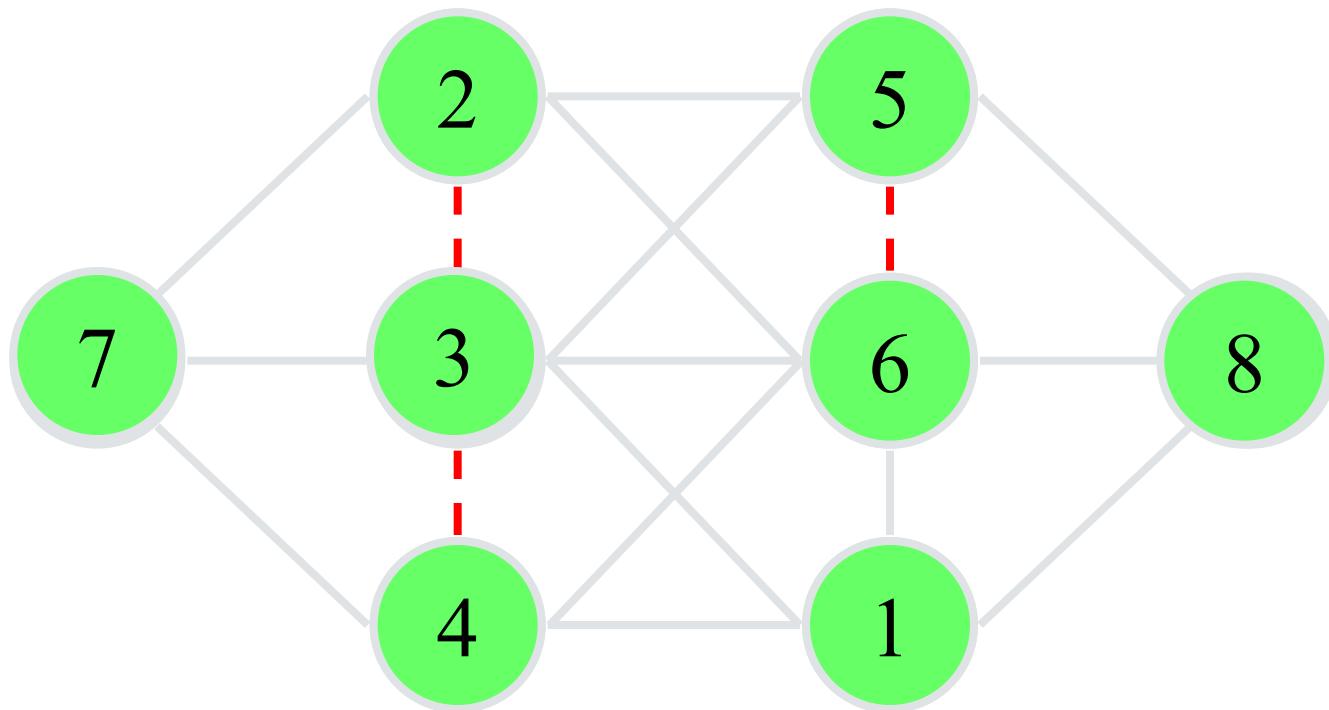
## SWAP 1 & 7: COST 3



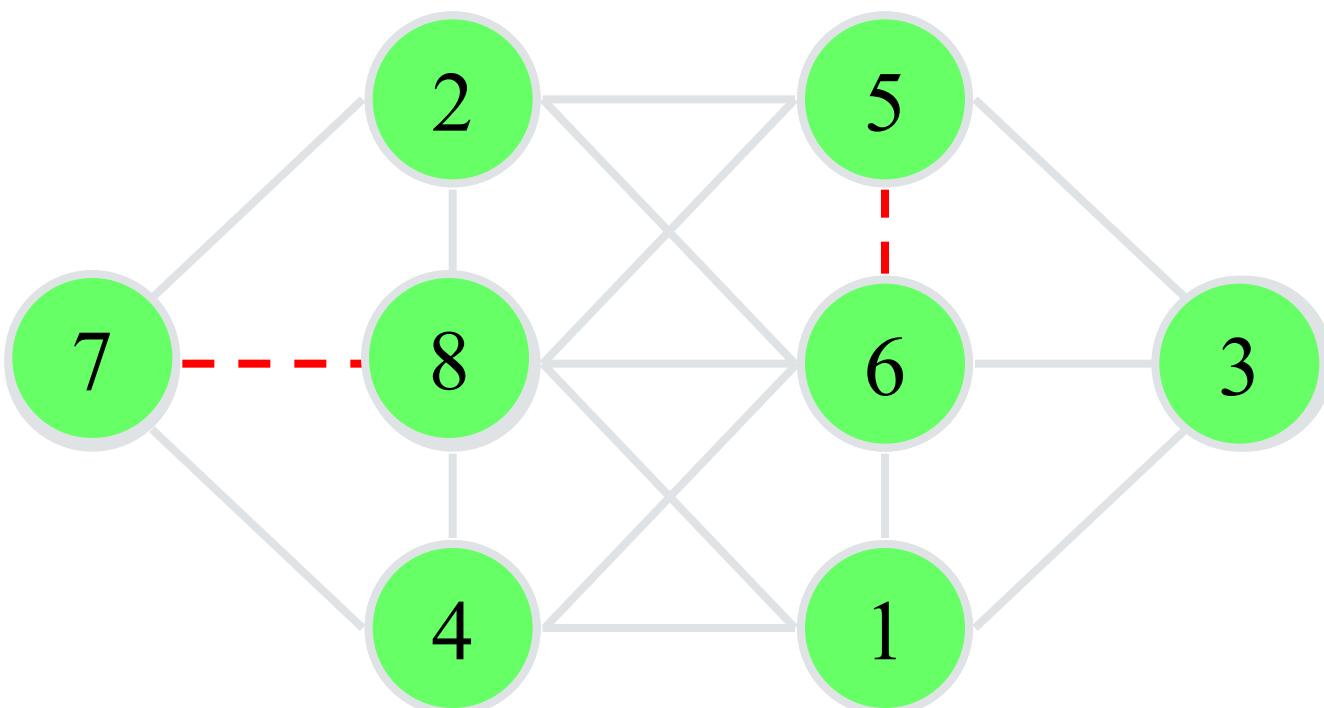
# NEW COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

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3			0	0	0	1	1	-1
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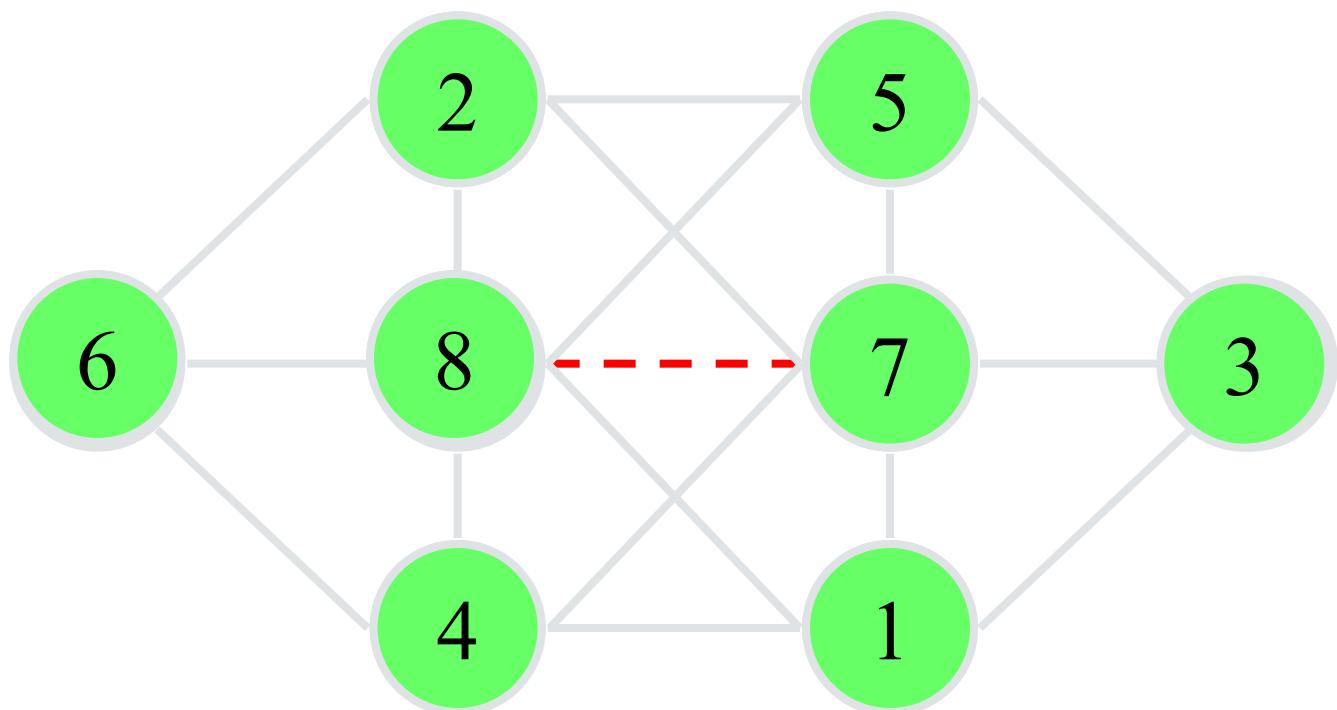
# CURRENT STATE



## SWAP 3 & 8: COST 2



## SWAP 6 & 7: COST 1



# MOVES

Initial State: Cost 6

Swap 1 & 7: Cost 3

Swap 3 & 8: Cost 2

Swap 6 & 7: Cost 1

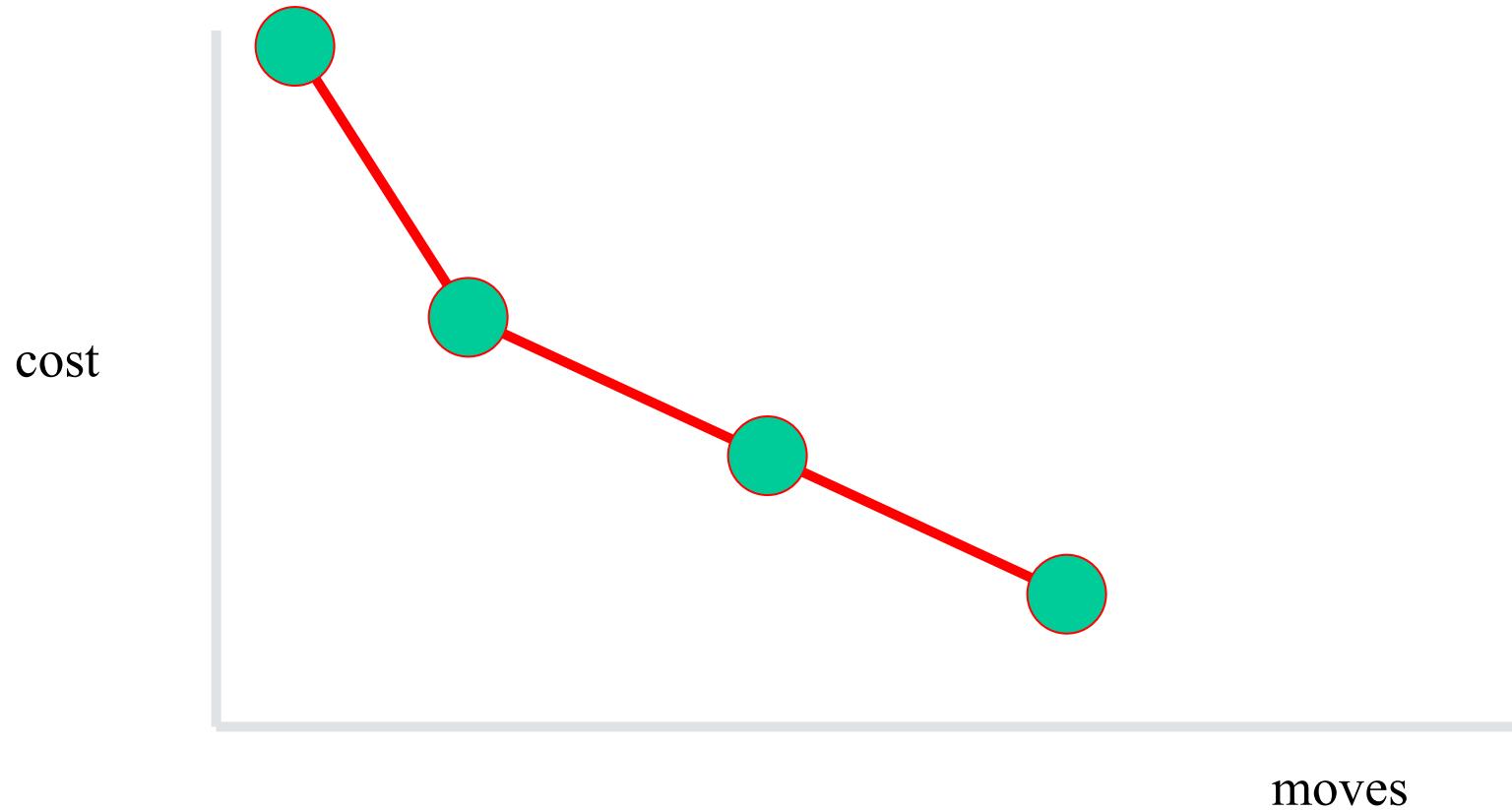
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3			0	1	1	4	1	2
4				0	2	1	3	1
5					0	2	1	2
6						0	1	1
7							0	1
8								0

# NOW WHAT?

There are no improving moves to make!

So far, we have been “hill-climbing”



# NOW WHAT?

Options:

- Restart from a new random state
- Take the least worse move (increase cost by minimal amount)
- Try a new style of local search

# NOW WHAT?

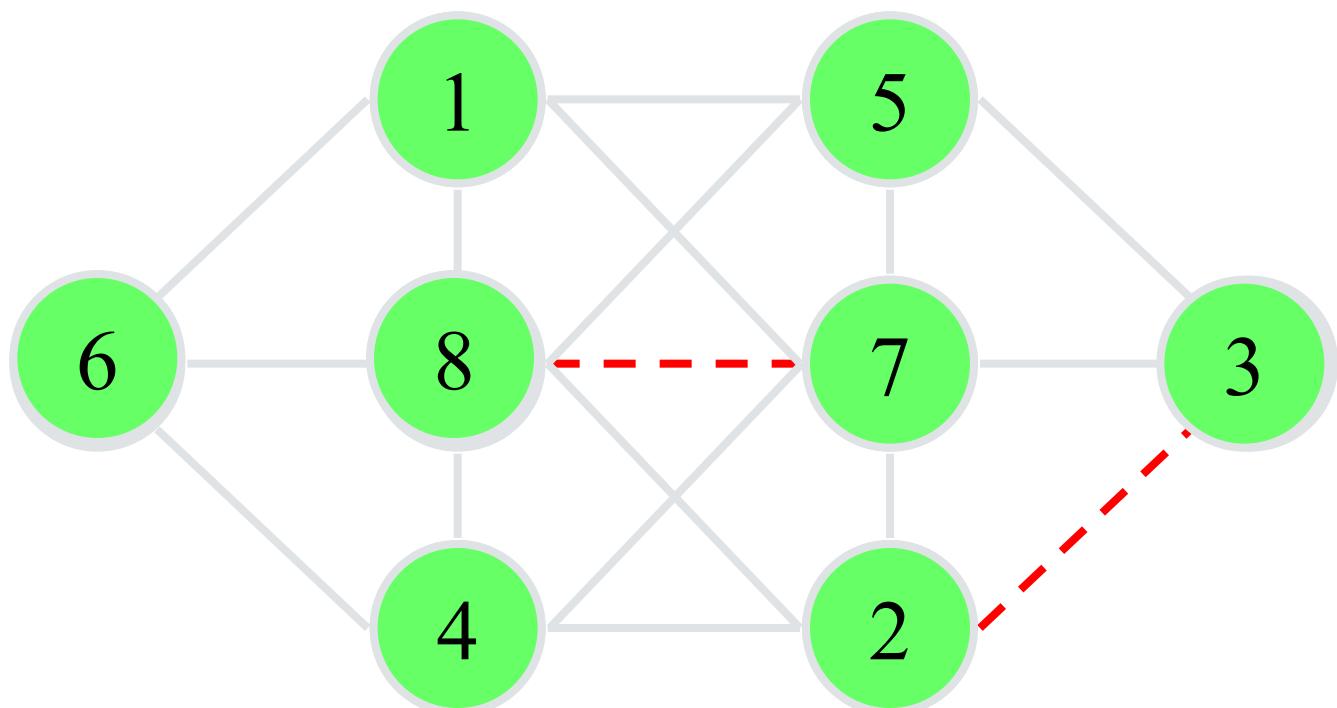
Options:

- Restart from a new random state
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# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

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# SWAP 1 & 2: COST 2



# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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5					0	1	1	2
6						0	1	1
7							0	1
8								0

# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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2		0	1	0	2	1	1	0
3			0	1	-1	2	0	1
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6						0	1	1
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8								0

# MOVES

Initial State: Cost 6

Swap 1 & 7: Cost 3

Swap 3 & 8: Cost 2

Swap 6 & 7: Cost 1

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 2

# MOVES

Initial State: Cost 6

Swap 1 & 7: Cost 3

Swap 3 & 8: Cost 2

Swap 6 & 7: Cost 1

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 2

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 1

# MOVES

Initial State: Cost 6

Swap 1 & 7: Cost 3

Swap 3 & 8: Cost 2

Swap 6 & 7: Cost 1

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 2

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 1

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 2

Swap 1 & 2: Cost 1 ... and so on

# NOW WHAT?

Options:

- Take the least worse move (increase cost by minimal amount)
- Restart from a new random state
- Try a new style of local search

# NOW WHAT?

Options:

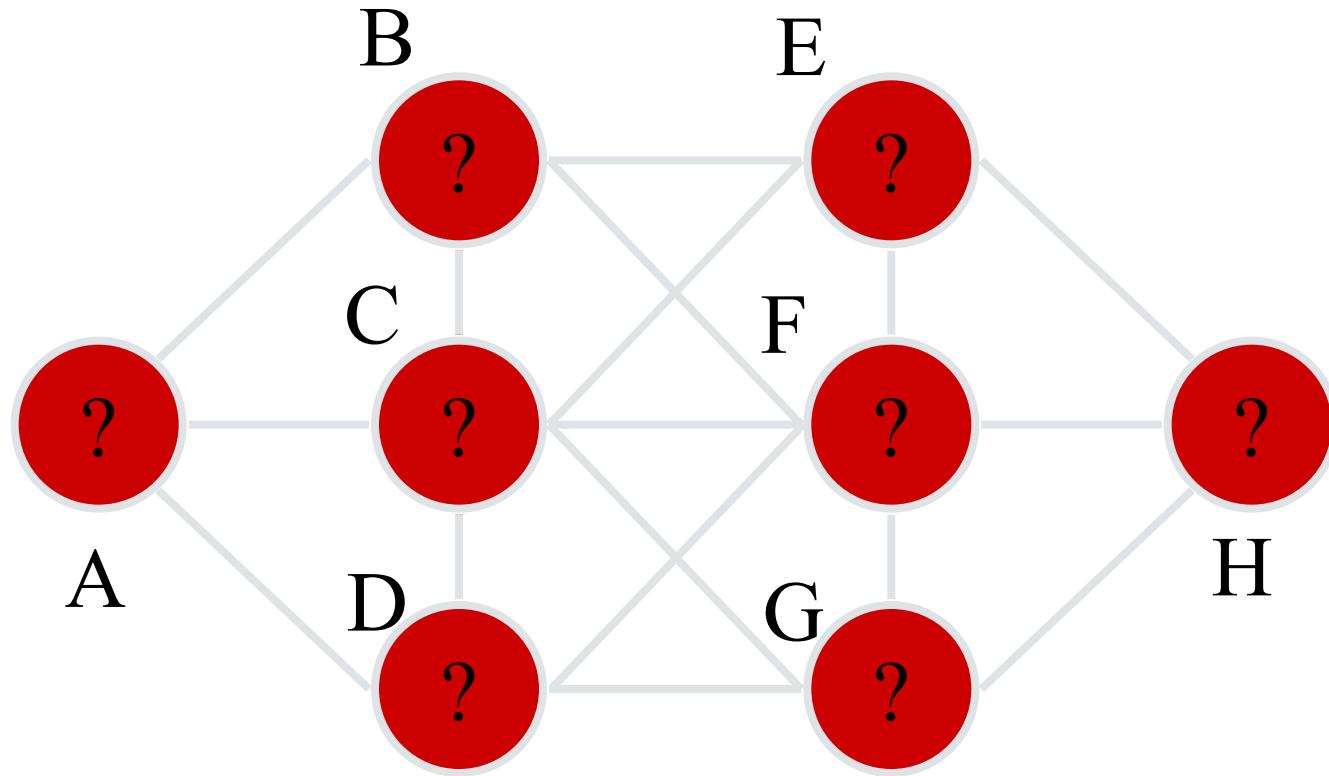
- Restart from a new random state
- Take the least worse move (increase cost by minimal amount)
- Try a new style of local search

# TABU SEARCH IDEA

Local search but:

- Keep a small list of the moves we made so that we don't revisit the same state
- Keep a list of 4 pairs: the nodes that the numbers were in before we moved them

# ASSIGN LABELS TO NODES



# || RETURN TO A STATE BEFORE WE STARTED CYCLING

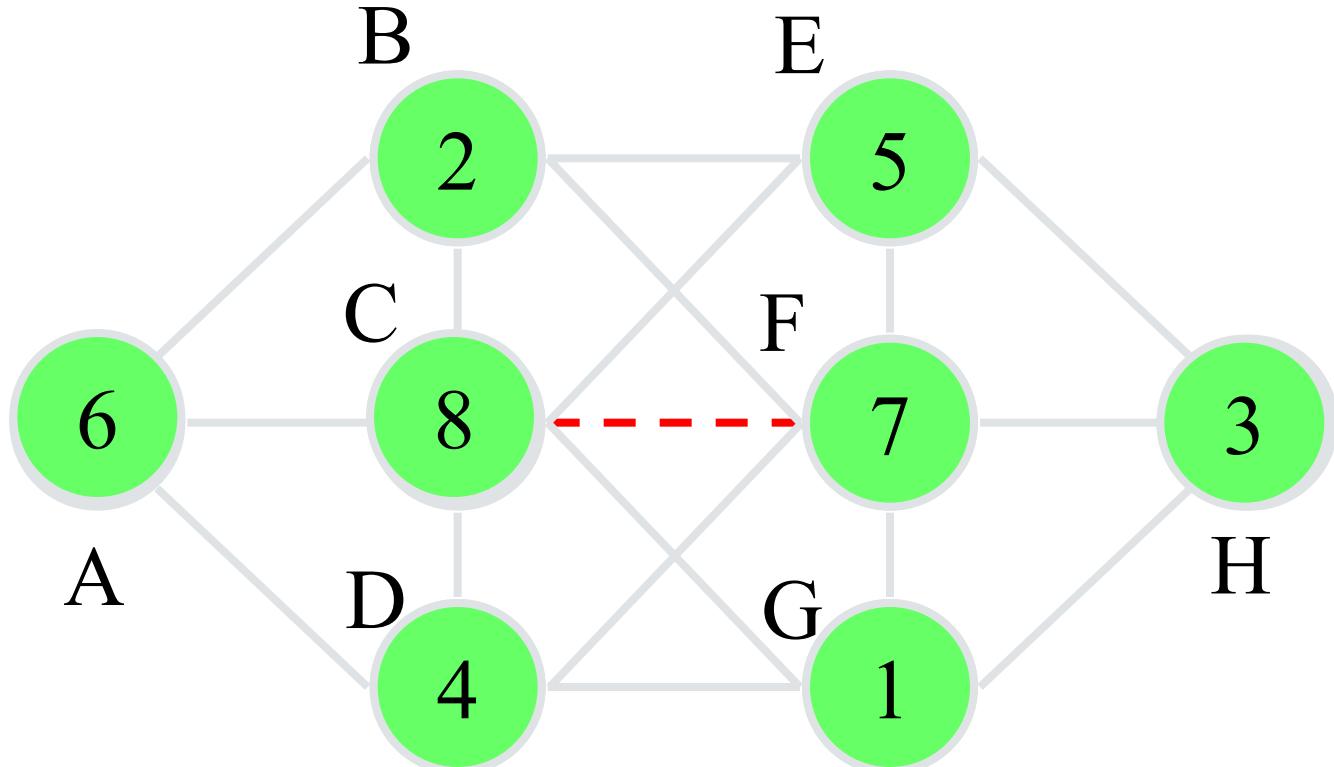
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Swap 1 & 7: Cost 3

Swap 3 & 8: Cost 2

Swap 6 & 7: Cost 1

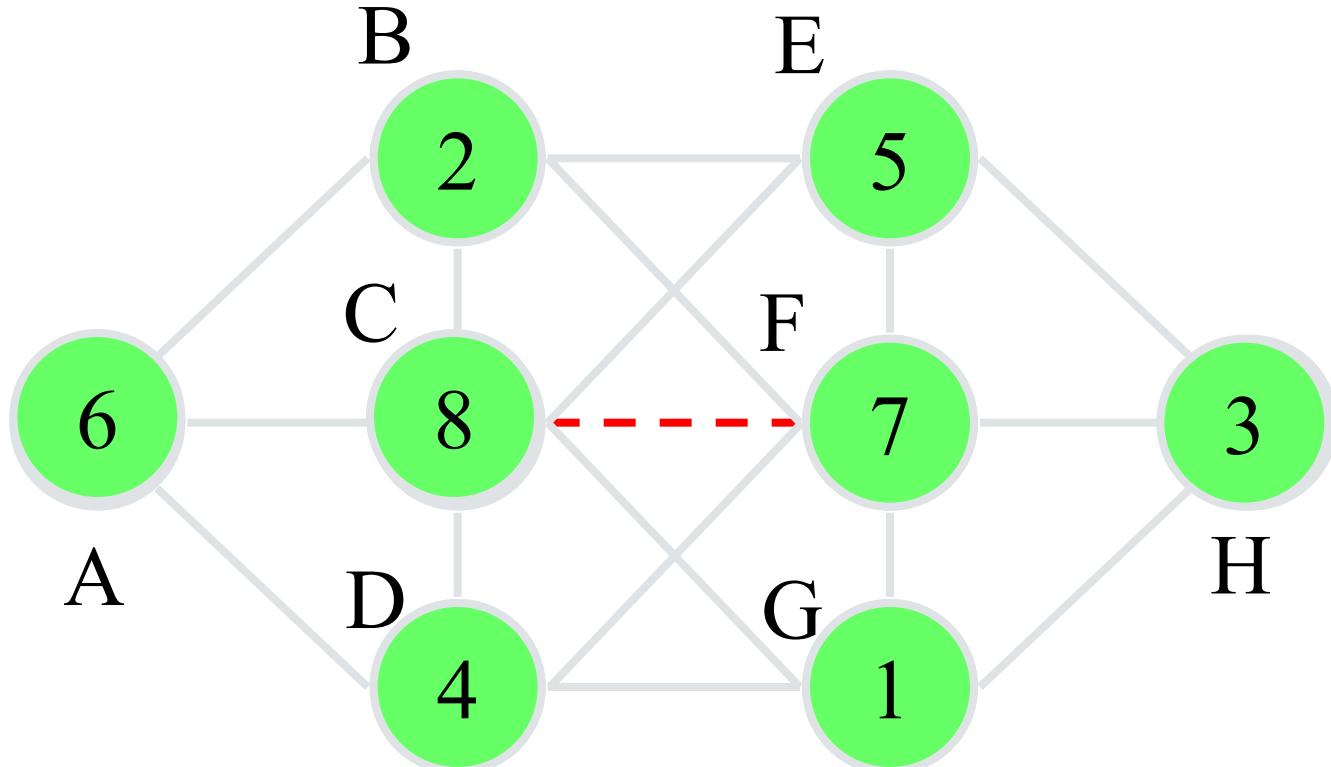
# JUST SWAPPED 6 & 7: COST 1



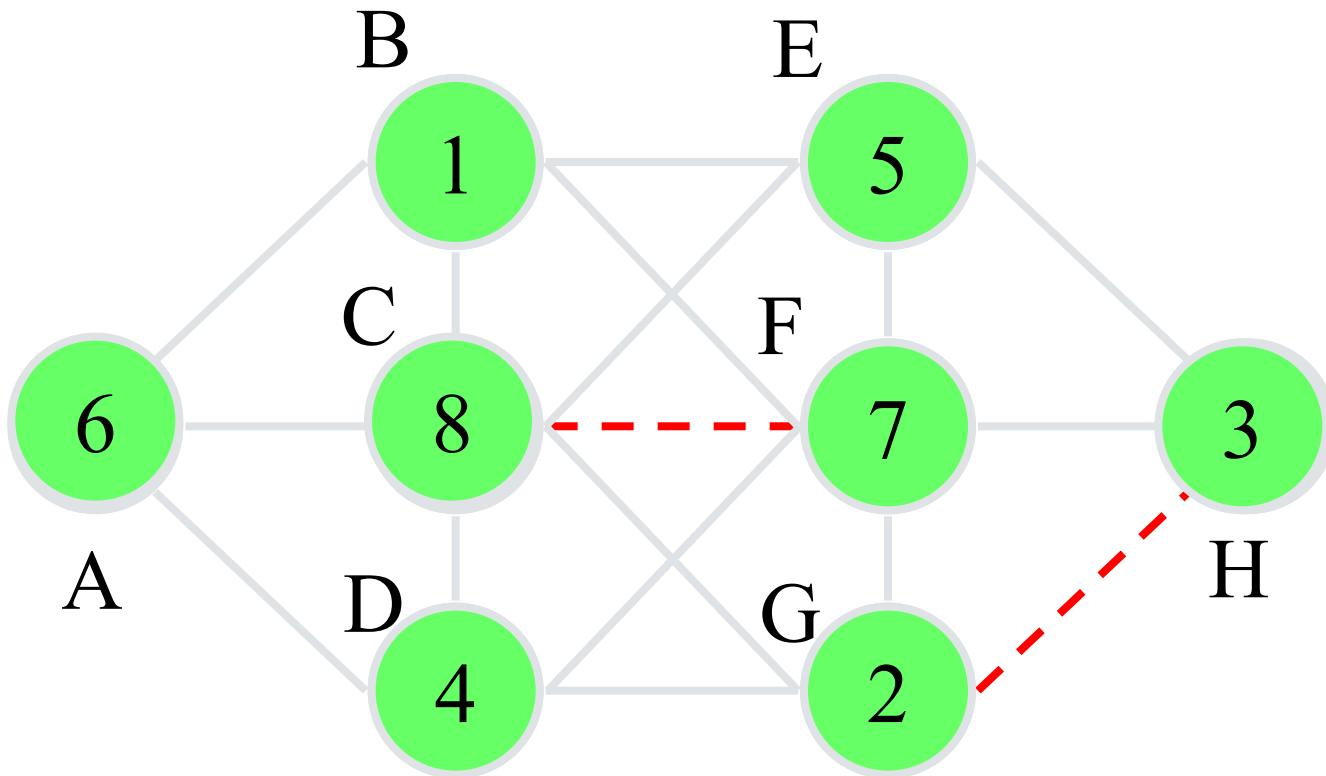
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4				0	2	1	3	1
5					0	2	1	2
6						0	1	1
7							0	1
8								0

# JUST SWAPPED 6 & 7: COST 1



## SWAP 1 & 2: COST 2



◎ Tabu: [(1G,2B)]

# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	-1	0	2	1	2	2	1
2		0	1	0	2	1	1	0
3			0	1	-1	2	0	1
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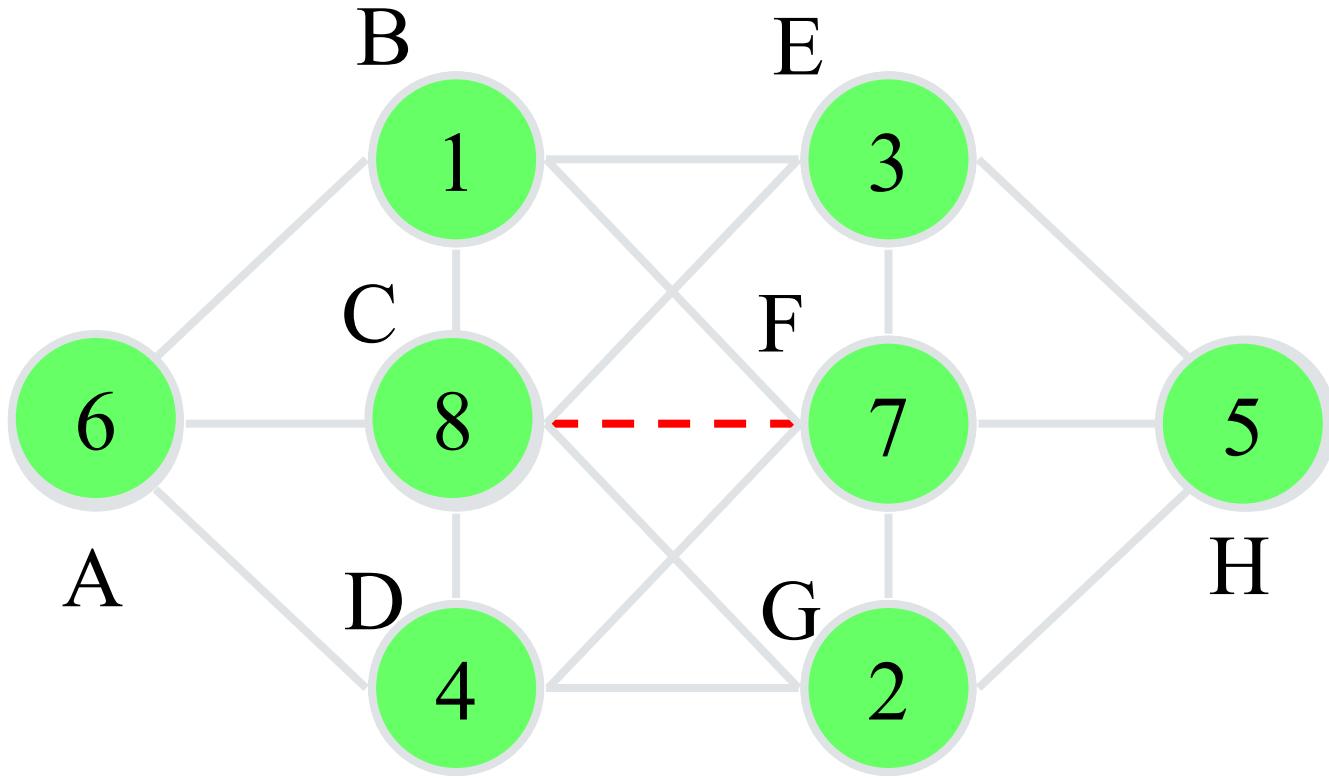
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4				0	2	1	3	1
5					0	1	1	2
6						0	1	1
7							0	1
8								0

# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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3			0	1	-1	2	0	1
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## SWAP 3 & 5: COST 1

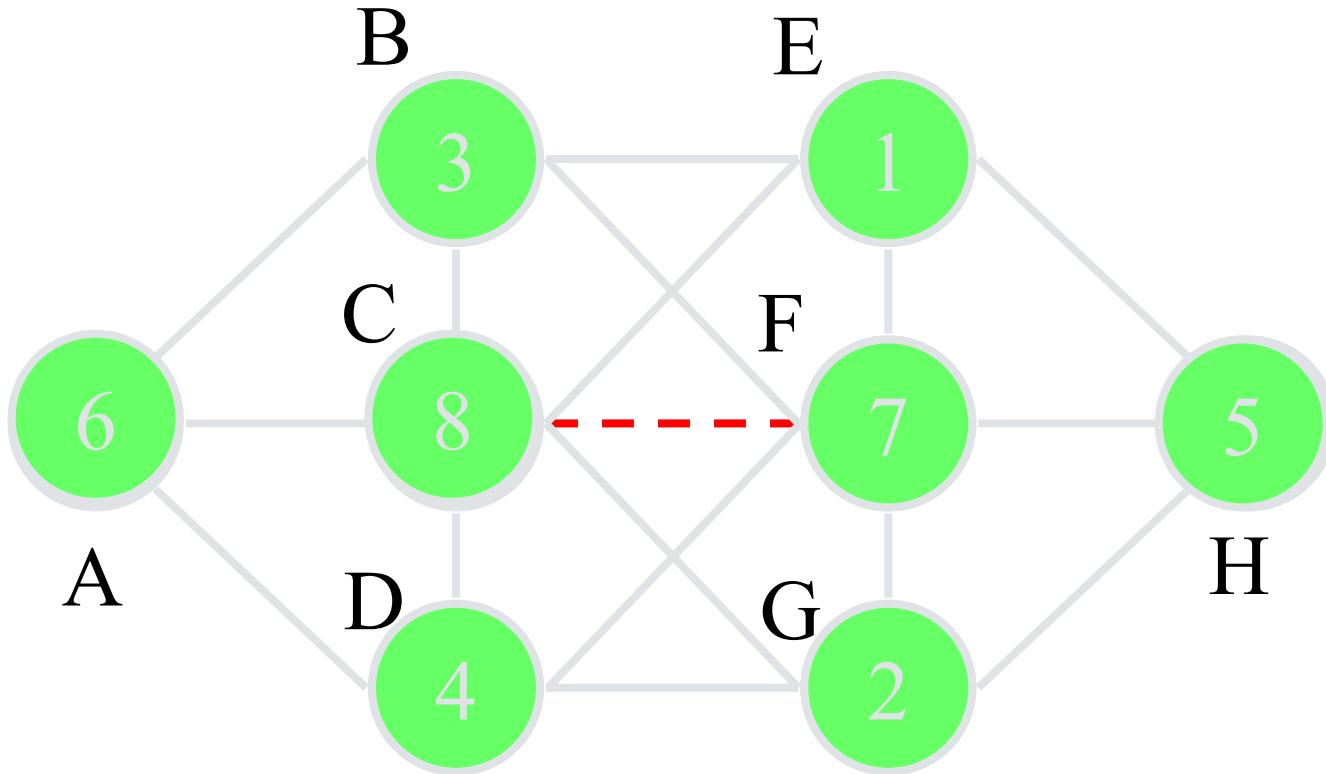


◎Tabu:  $[(3H, 5E), (1G, 2B)]$

# COST DIFFERENCE TABLE

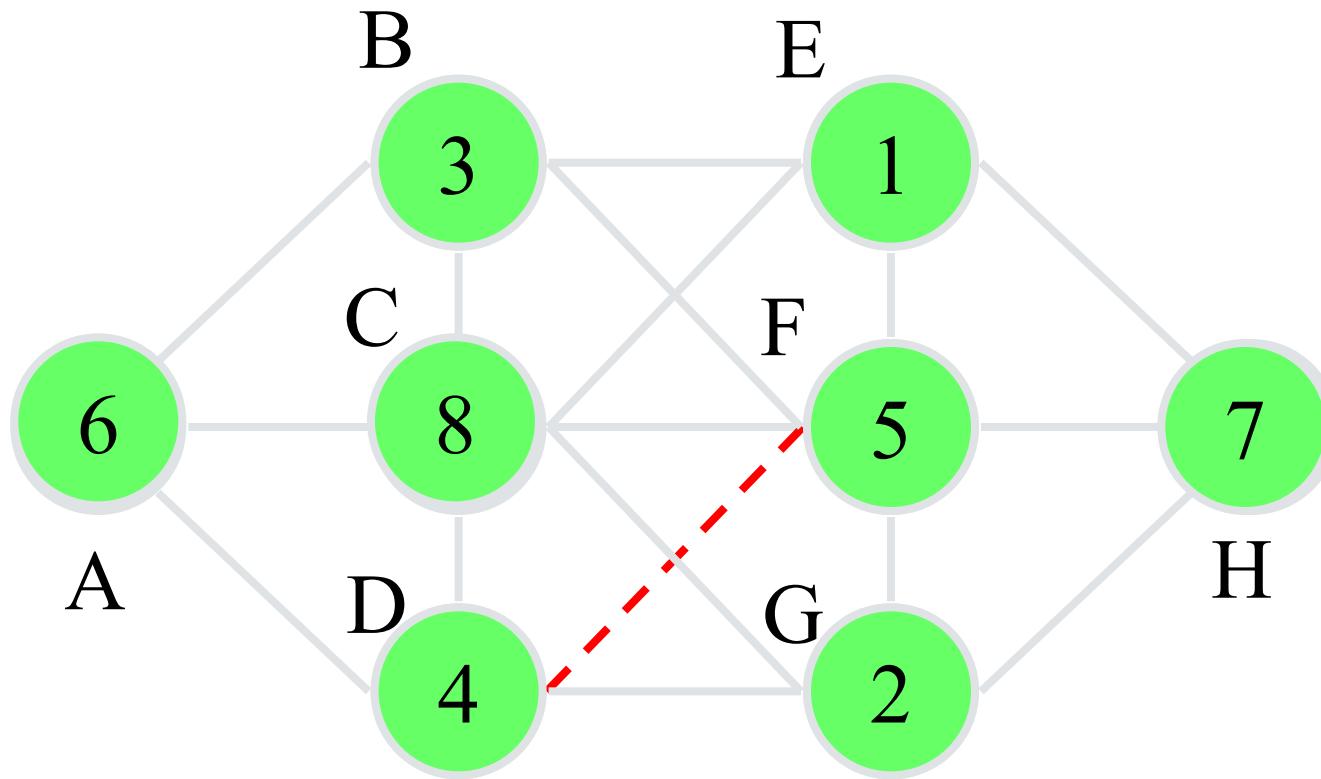
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## SWAP 1 & 3: COST 1



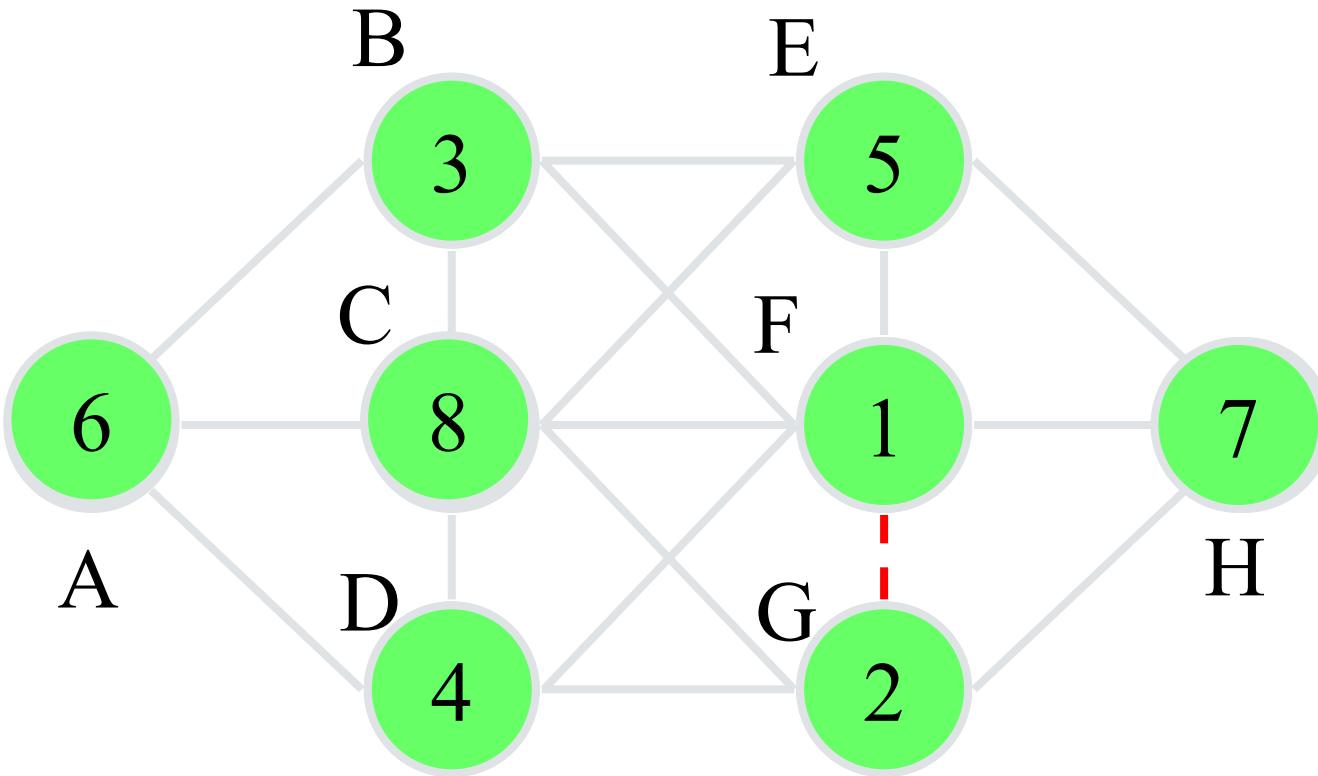
◎Tabu: [(1B,3E),(3H,5E),(1G,2B)]

## SWAP 5 & 7: COST 1



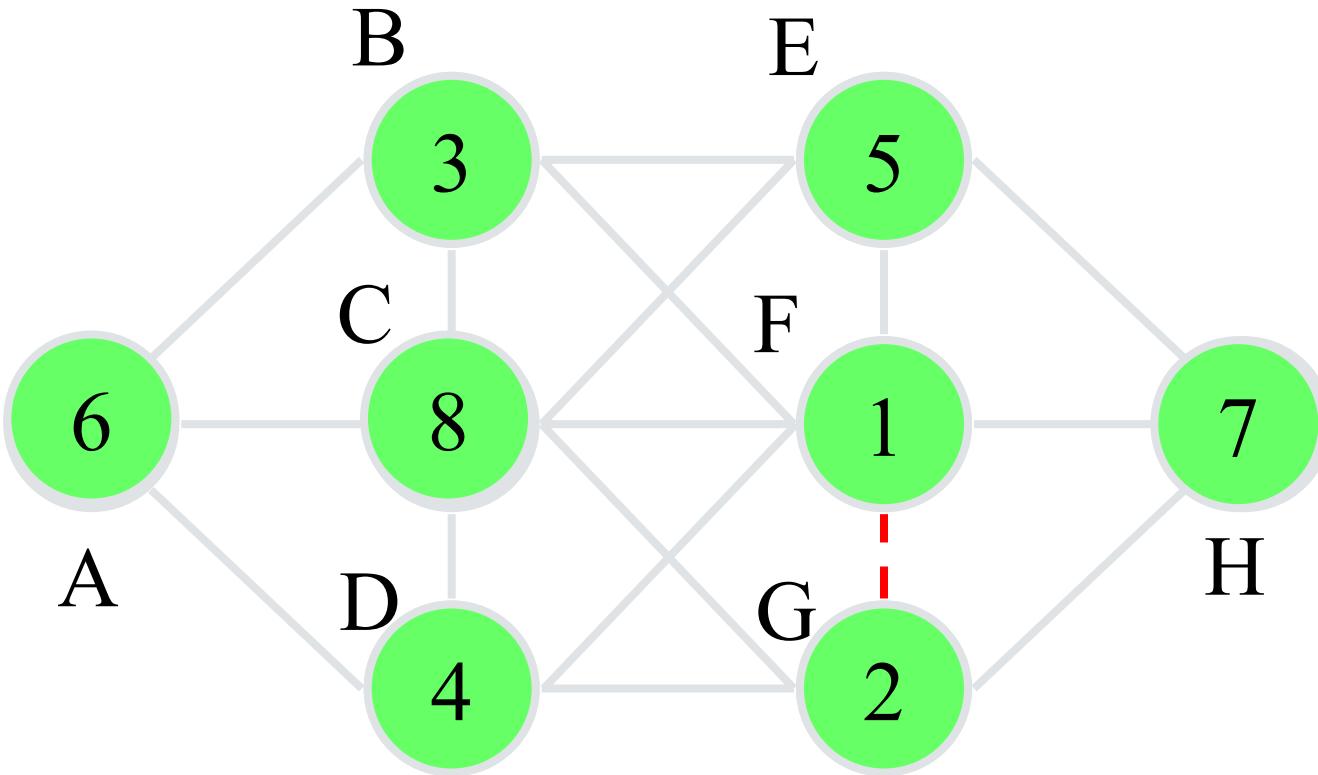
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## SWAP 1 & 5: COST 1



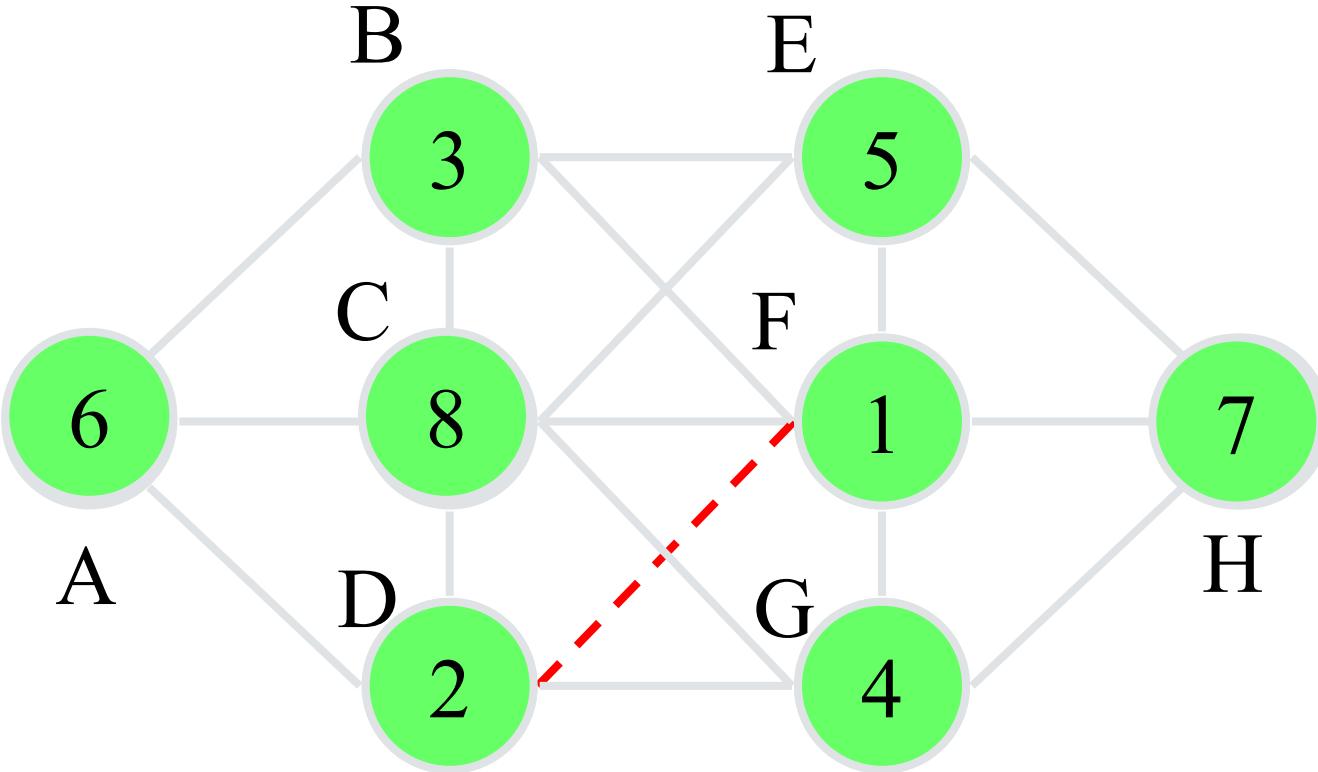
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## SWAP 1 & 5: COST 1



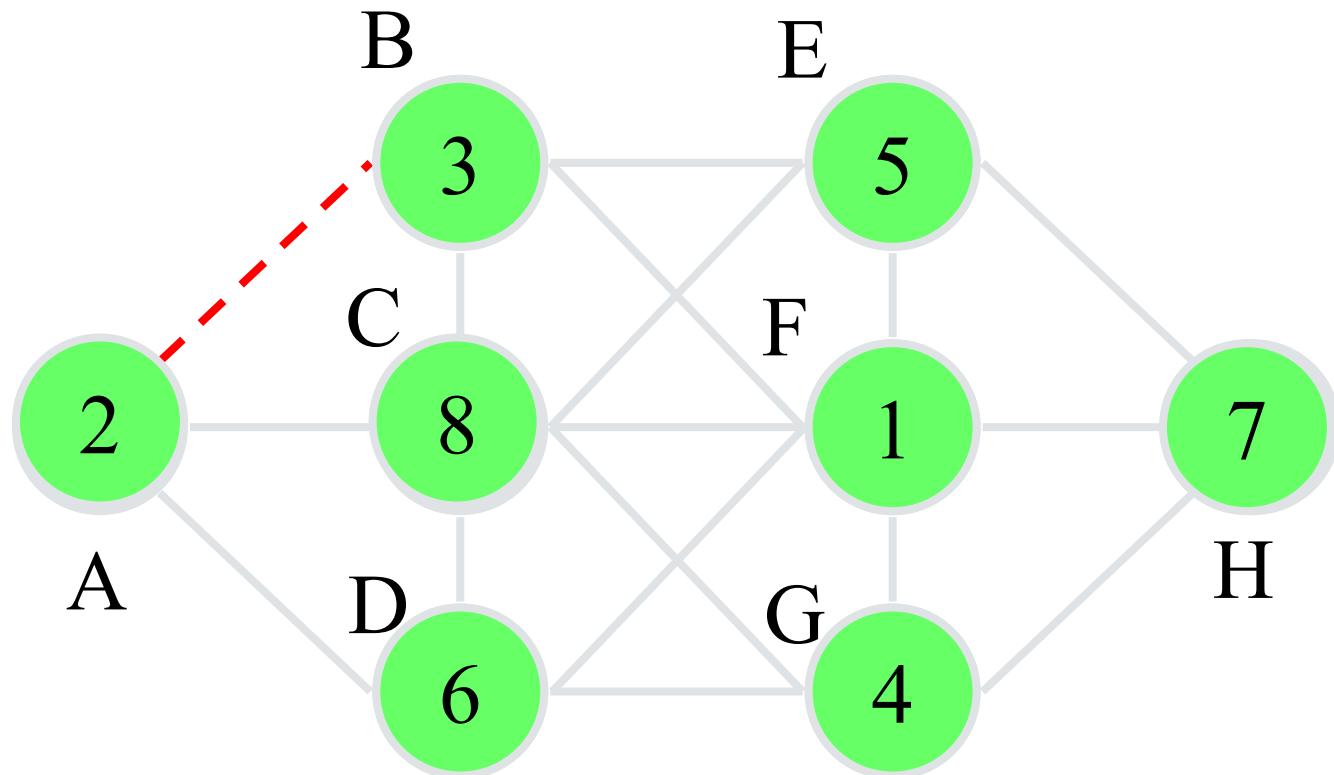
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## SWAP 2 & 4: COST 1



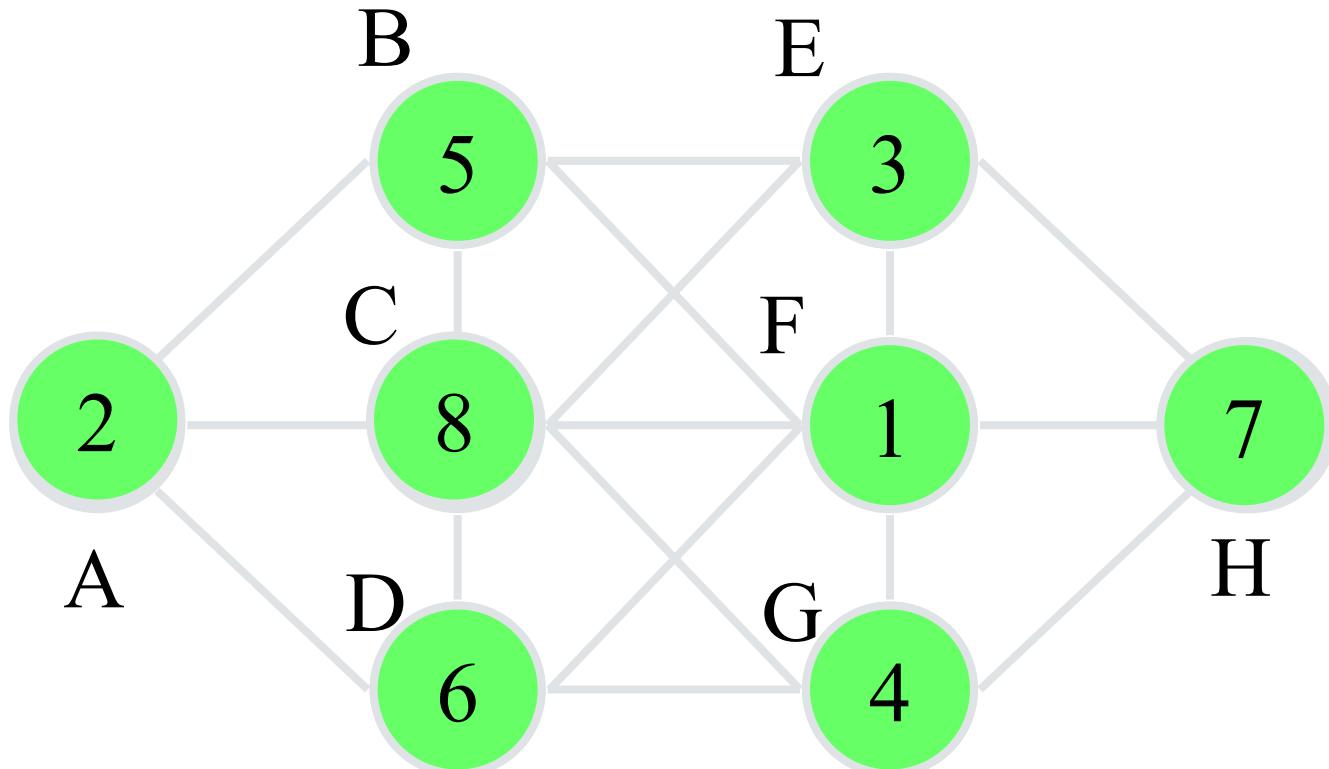
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## SWAP 2 & 6: COST 1



◎Tabu: [(2D,6A),(2G,4D),(1E,5F),(5H,7F)]

## SWAP 3 & 5: COST 0



◎Tabu:  $[(3B,5E),(2D,6A),(2G,4D),(1E,5F)]$