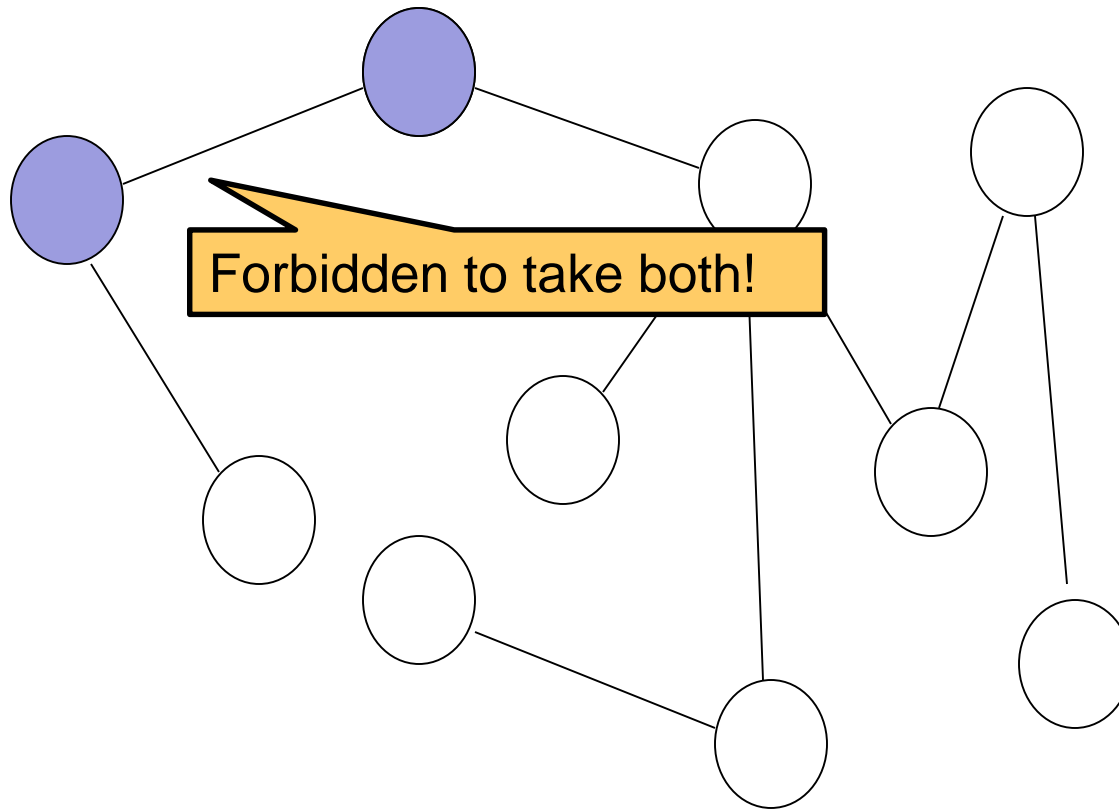


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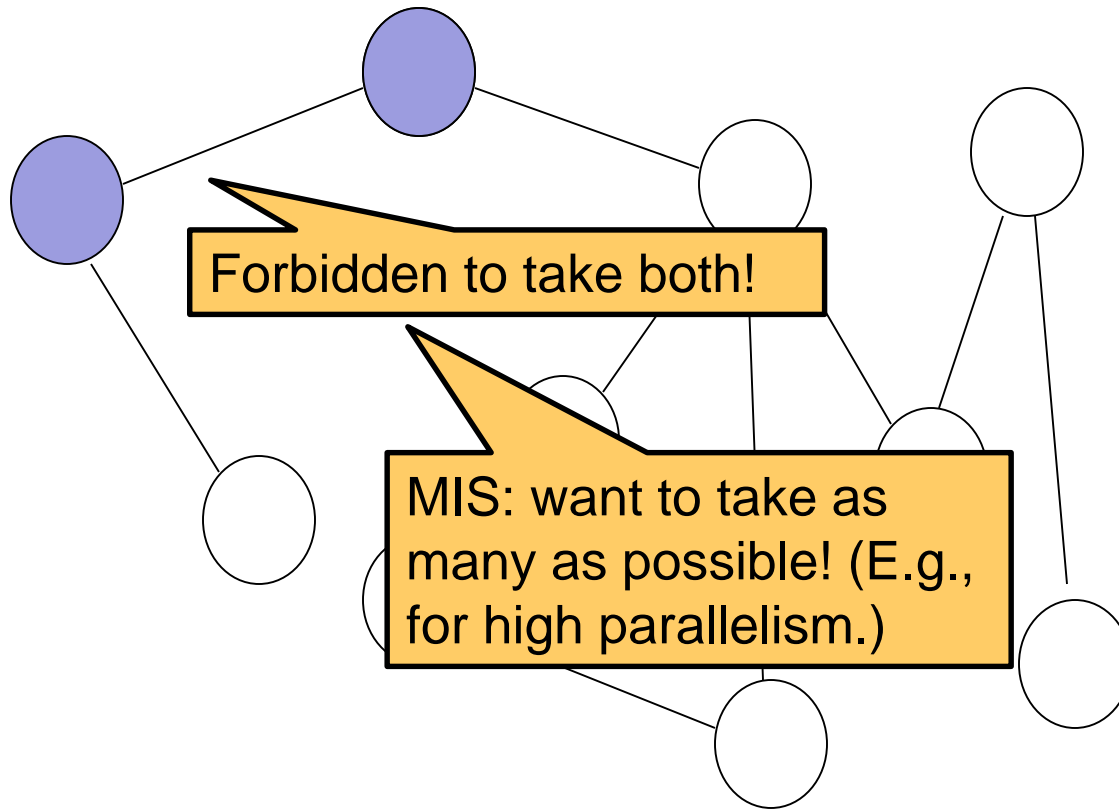
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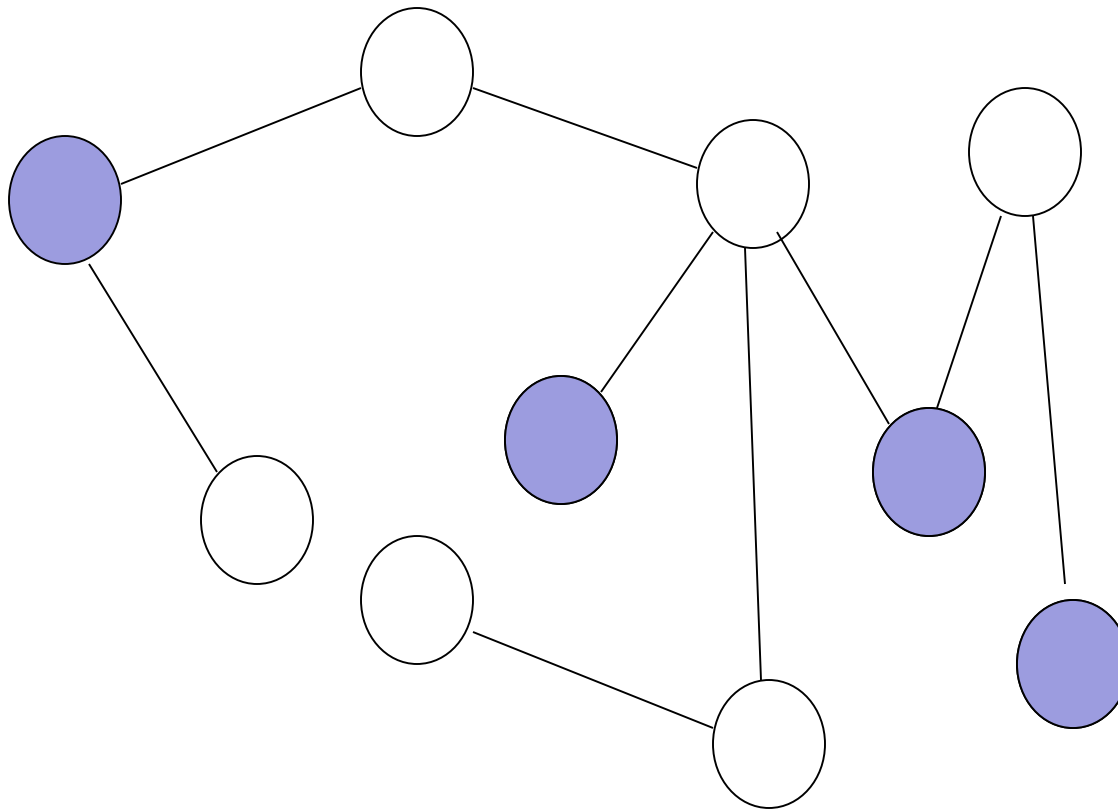
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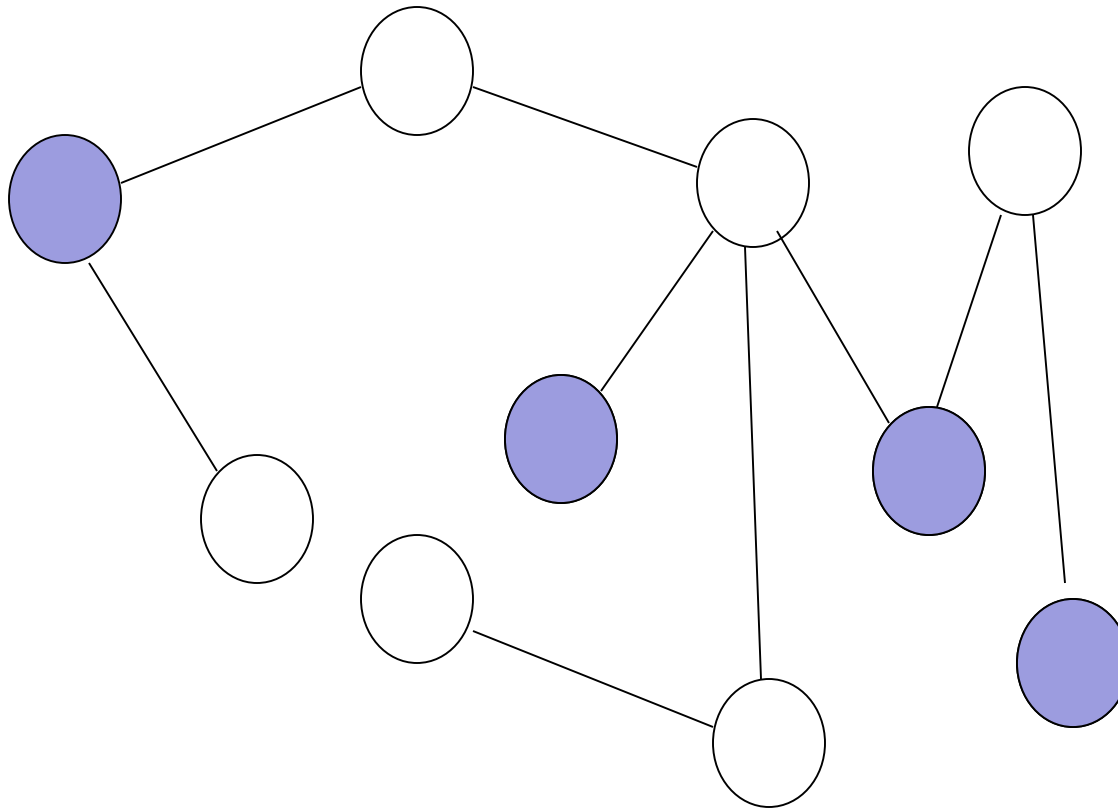
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Applications: similar to coloring, e.g., symmetry breaking and parallelism. Also building block to compute matchings and load-balancing.

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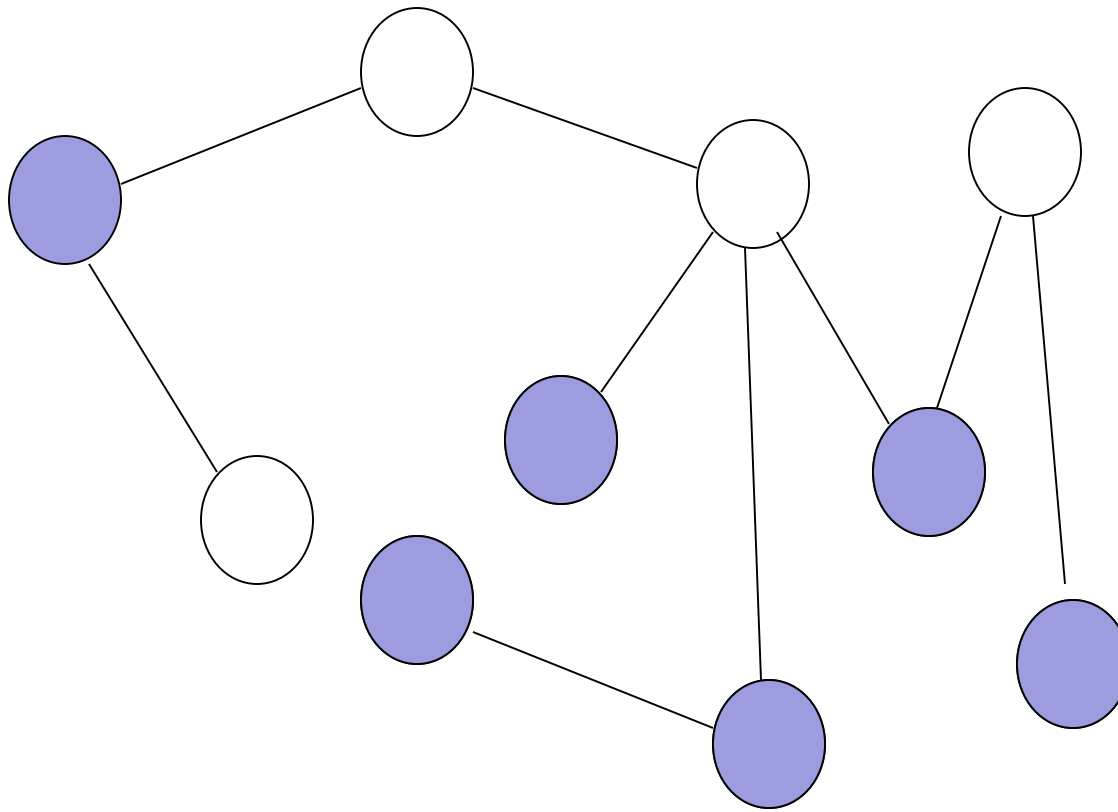


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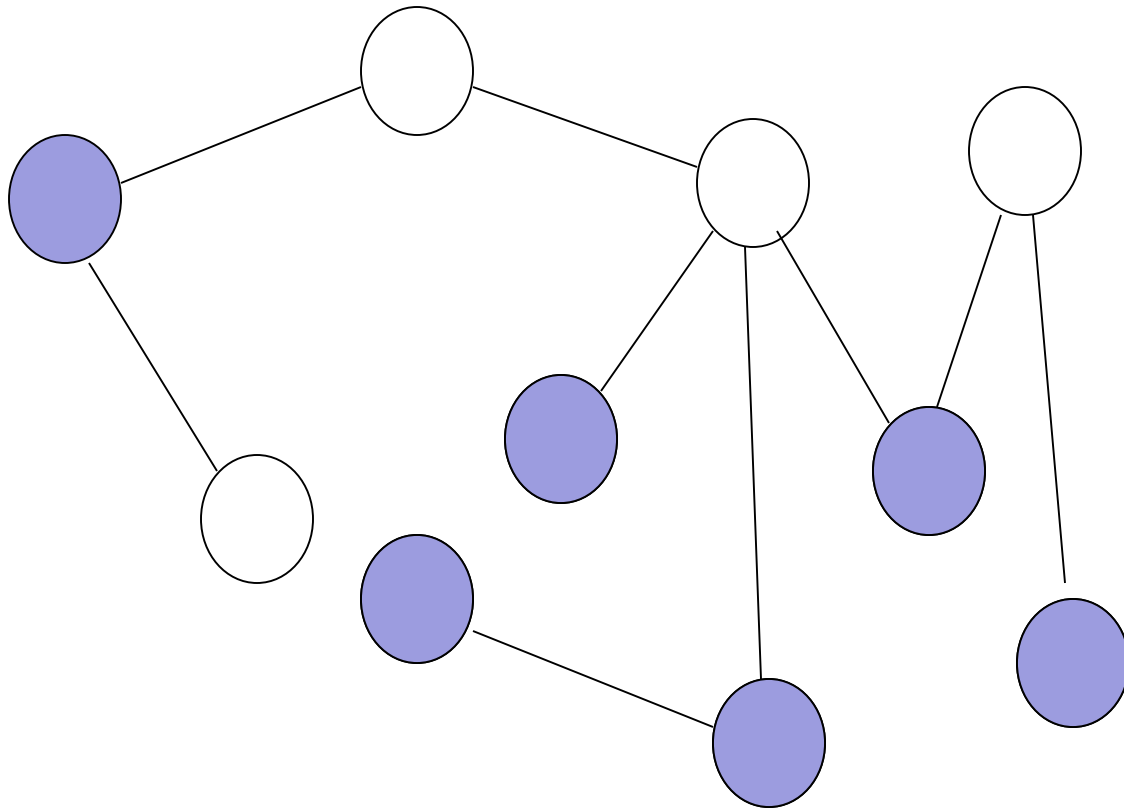


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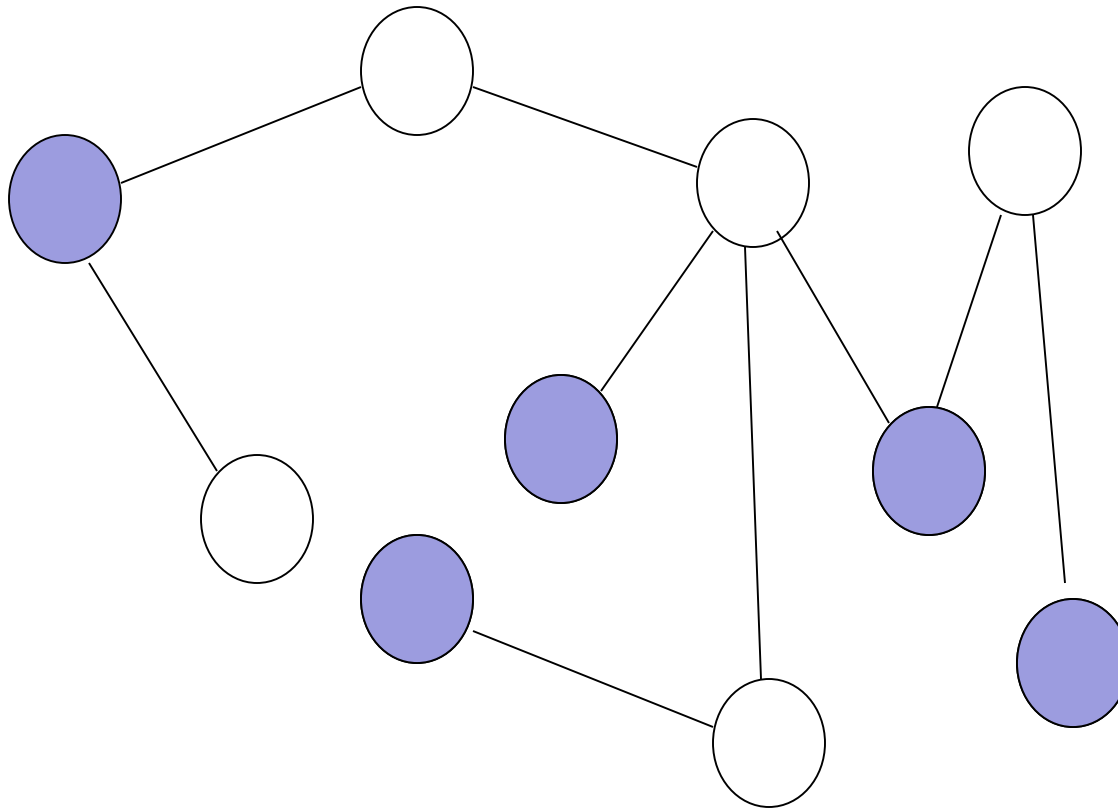


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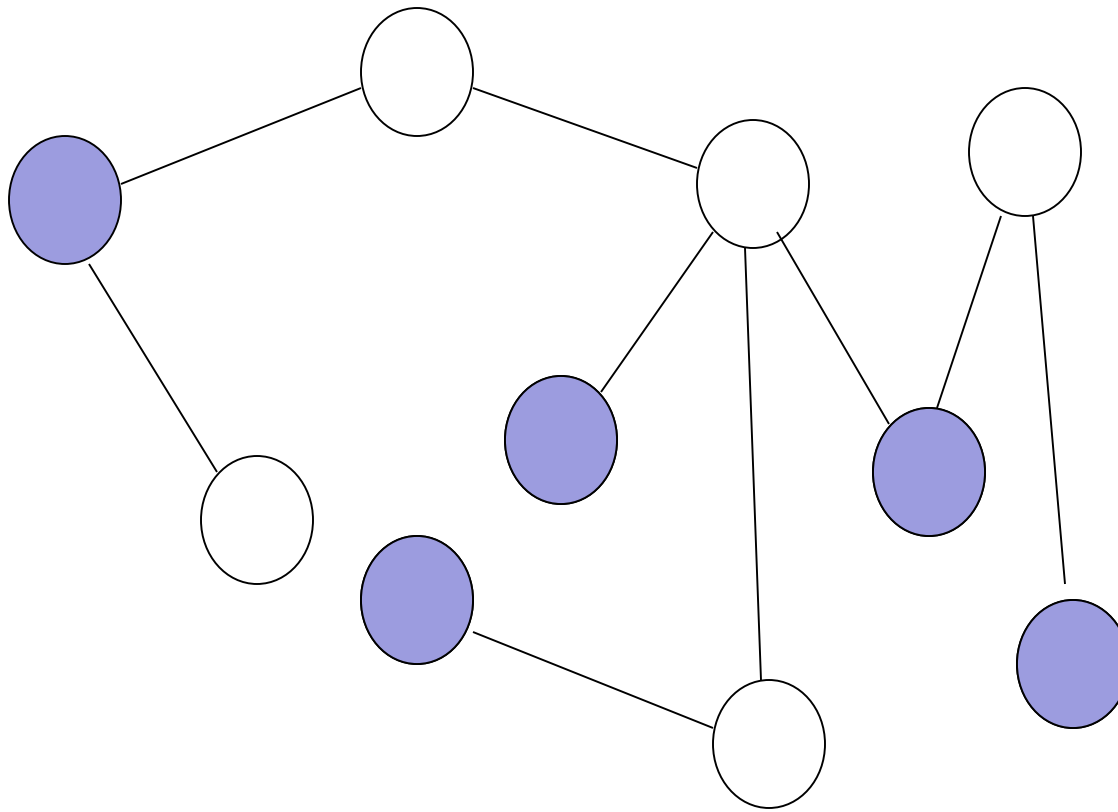


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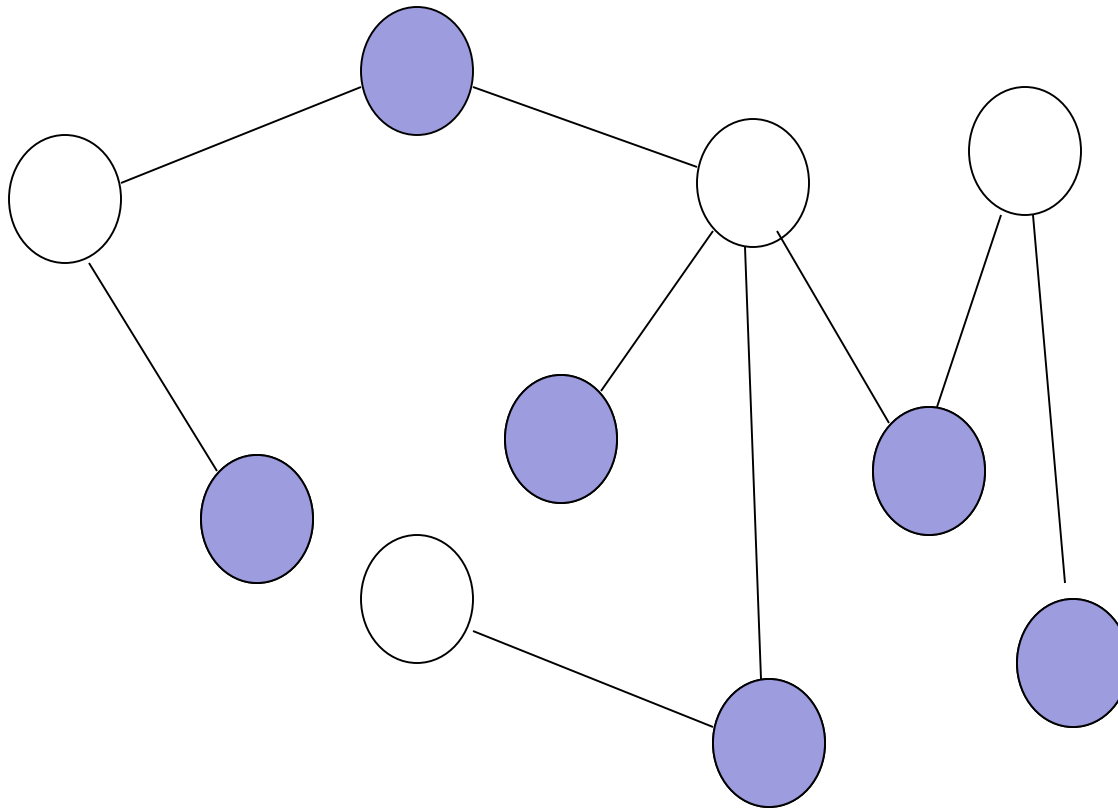


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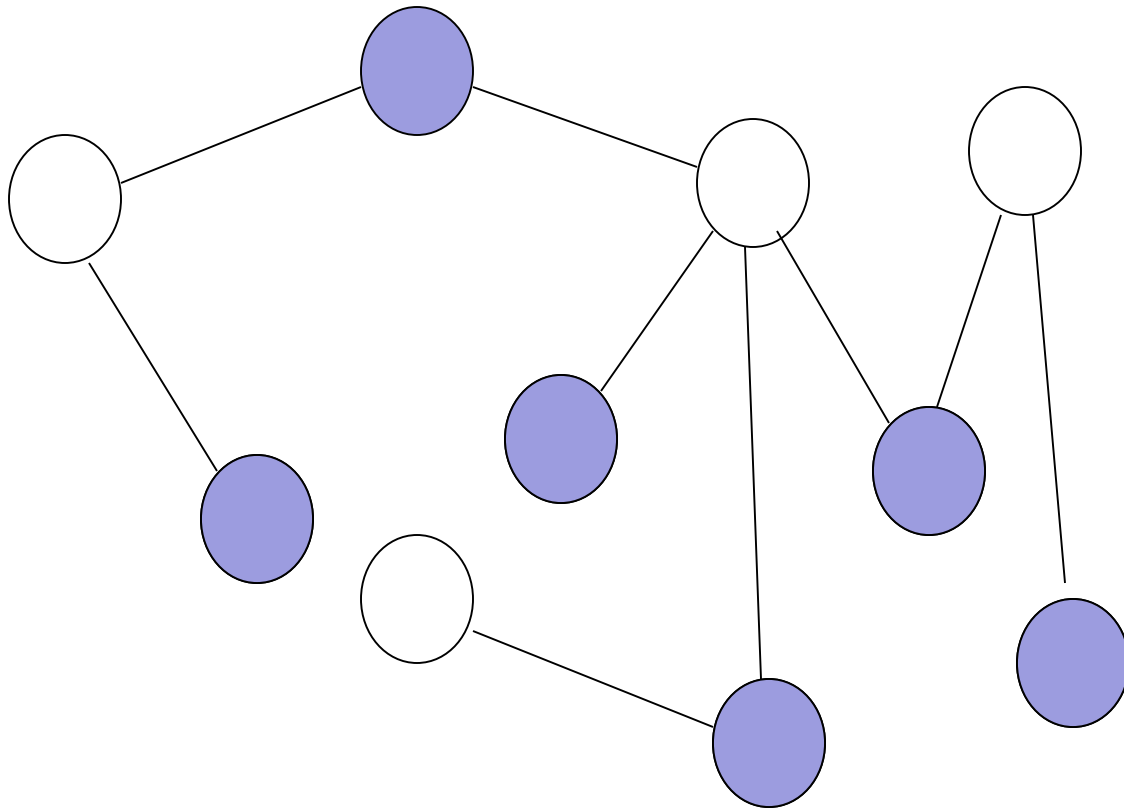


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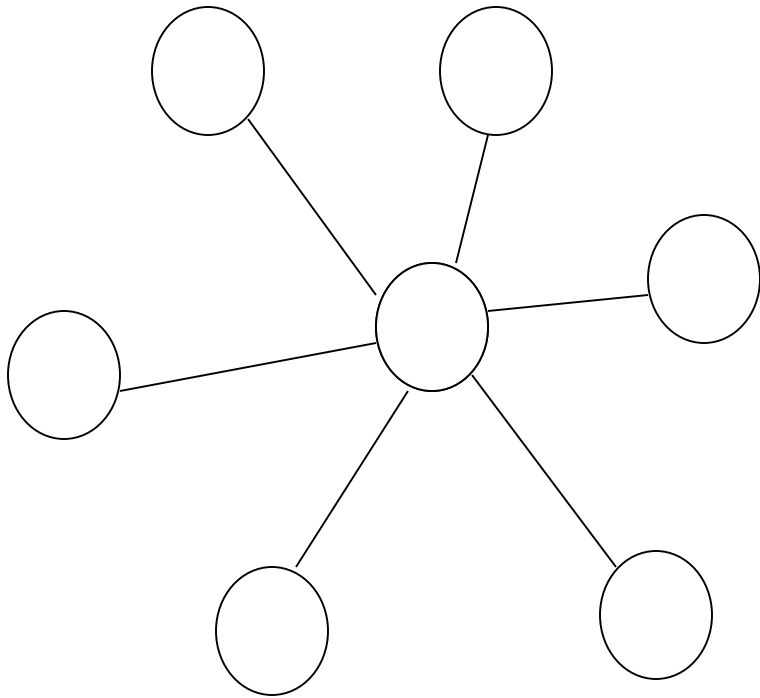
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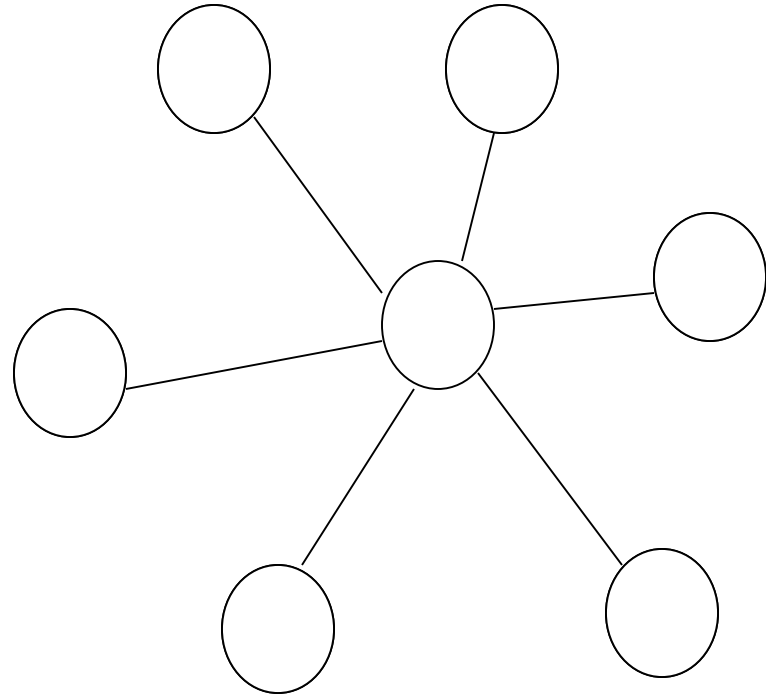
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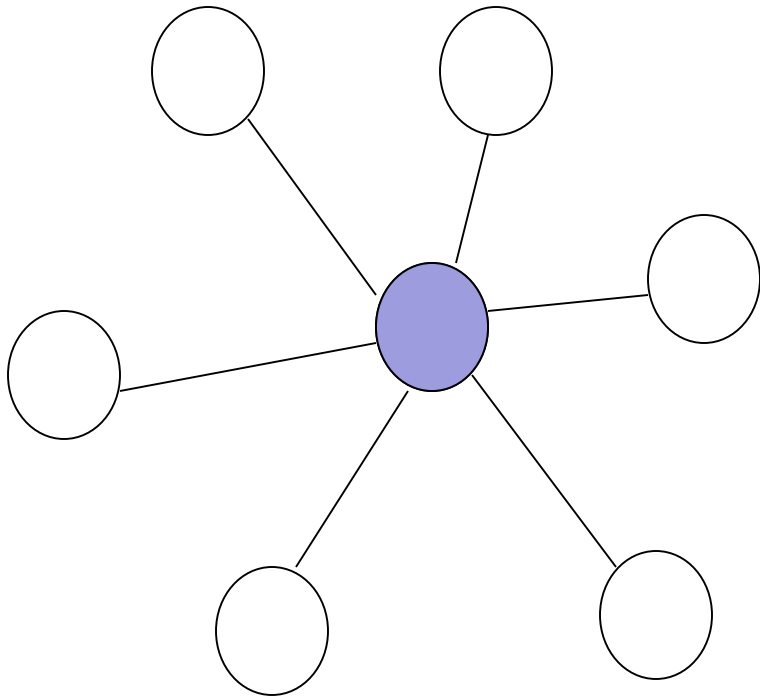
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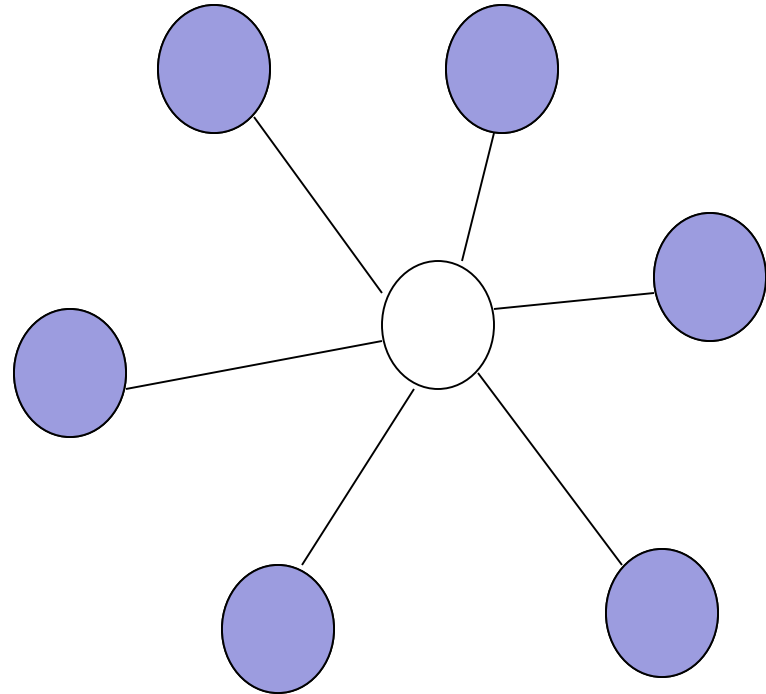
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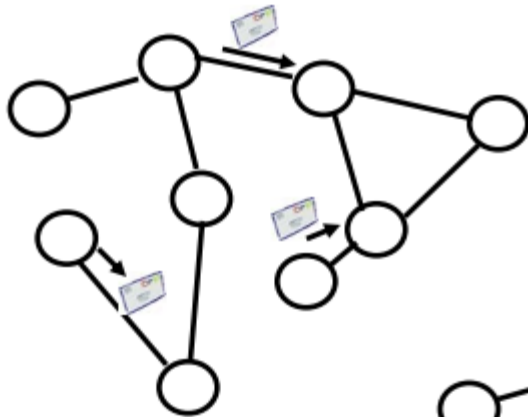
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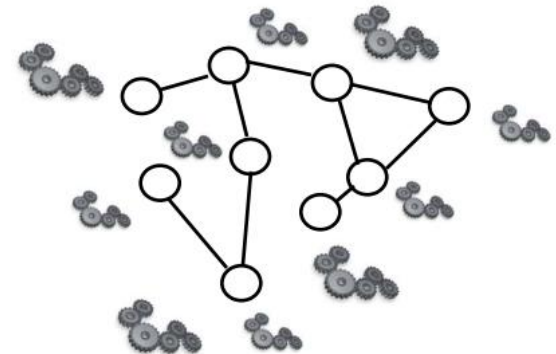
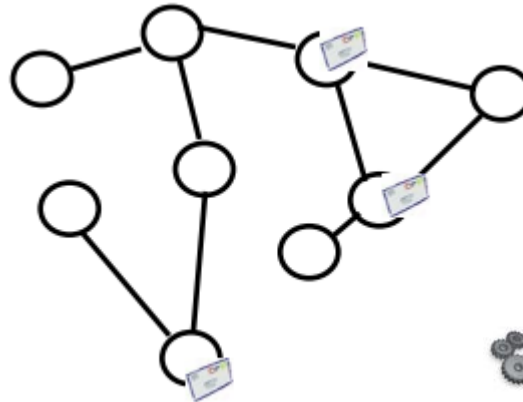
How to compute a MIS in a distributed manner?

Recall: LOCAL model

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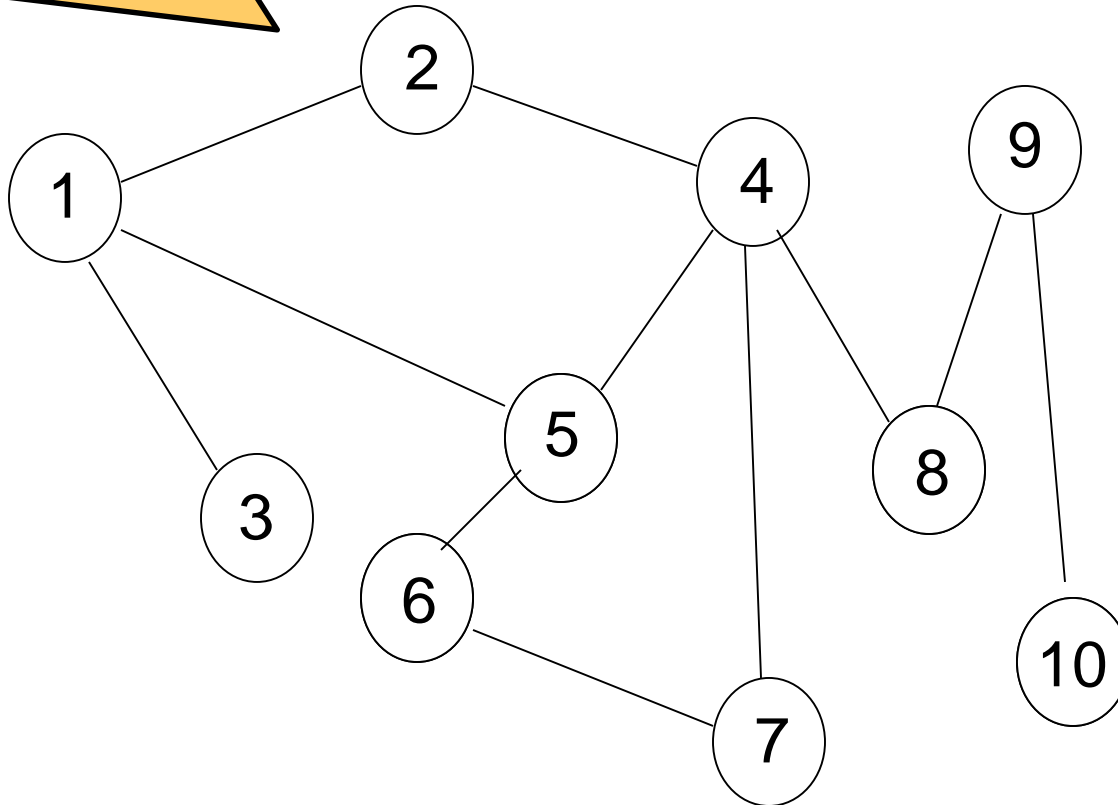


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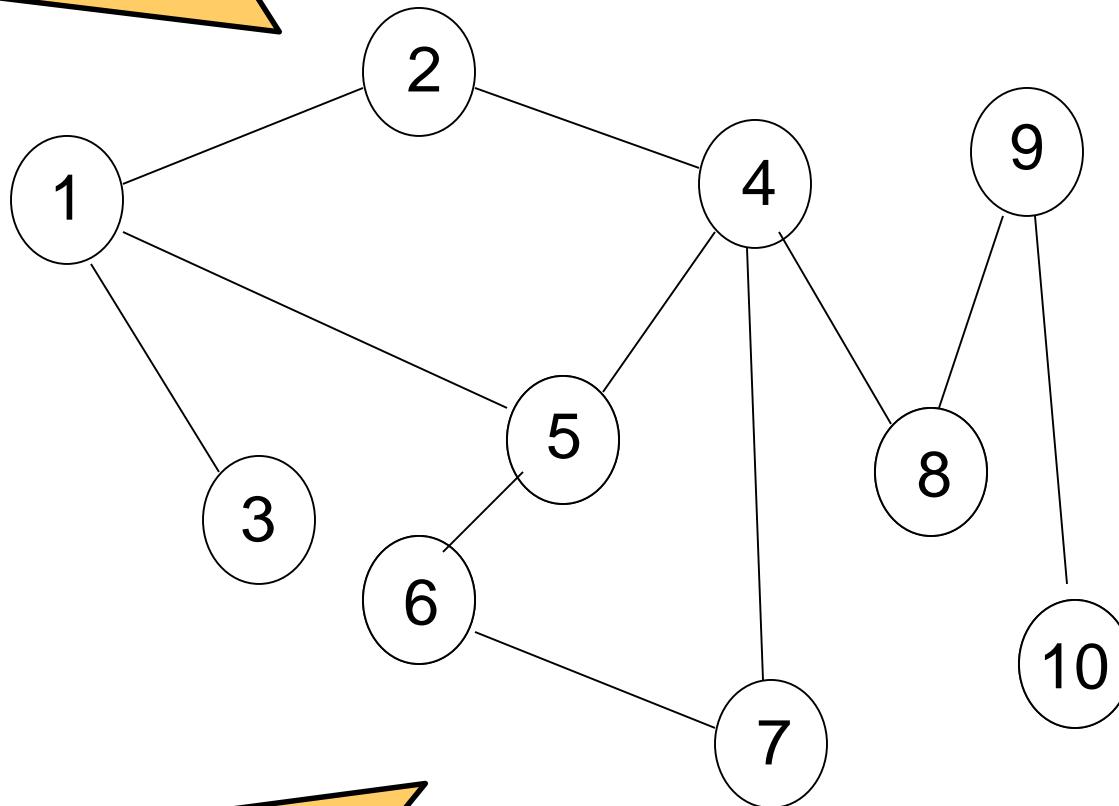
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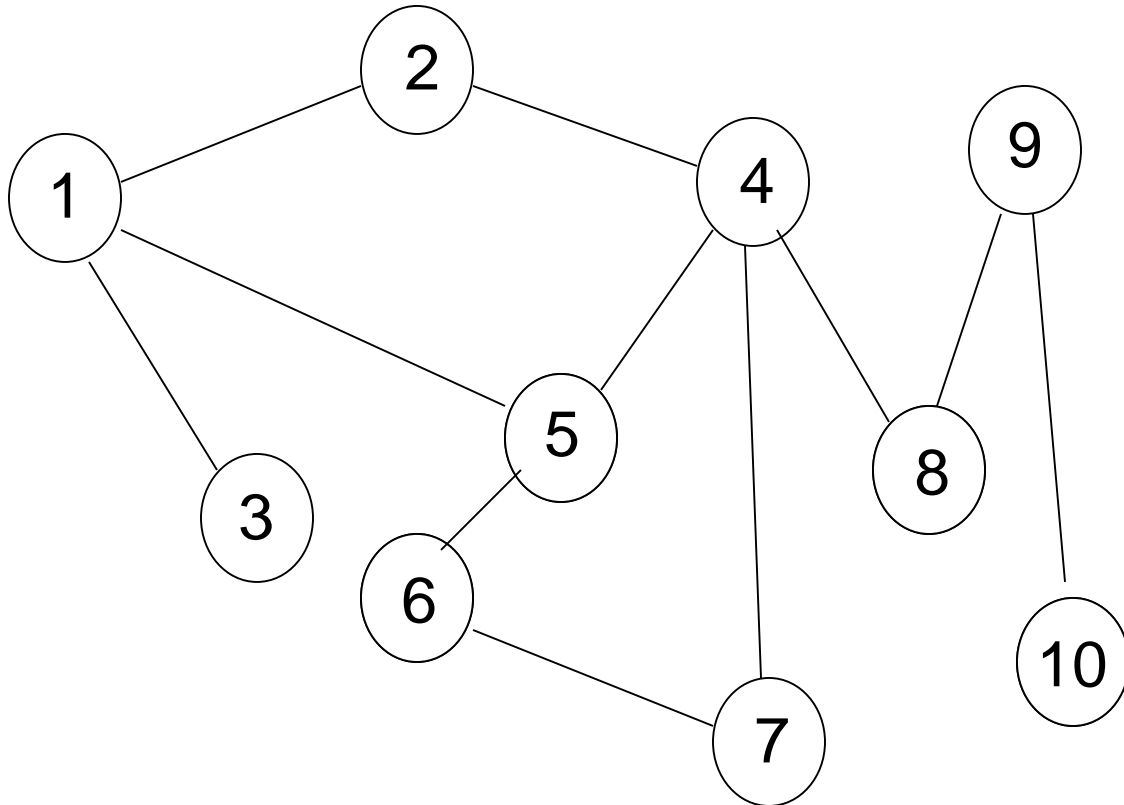


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- Join if no neighbor with larger ID has joined MIS.

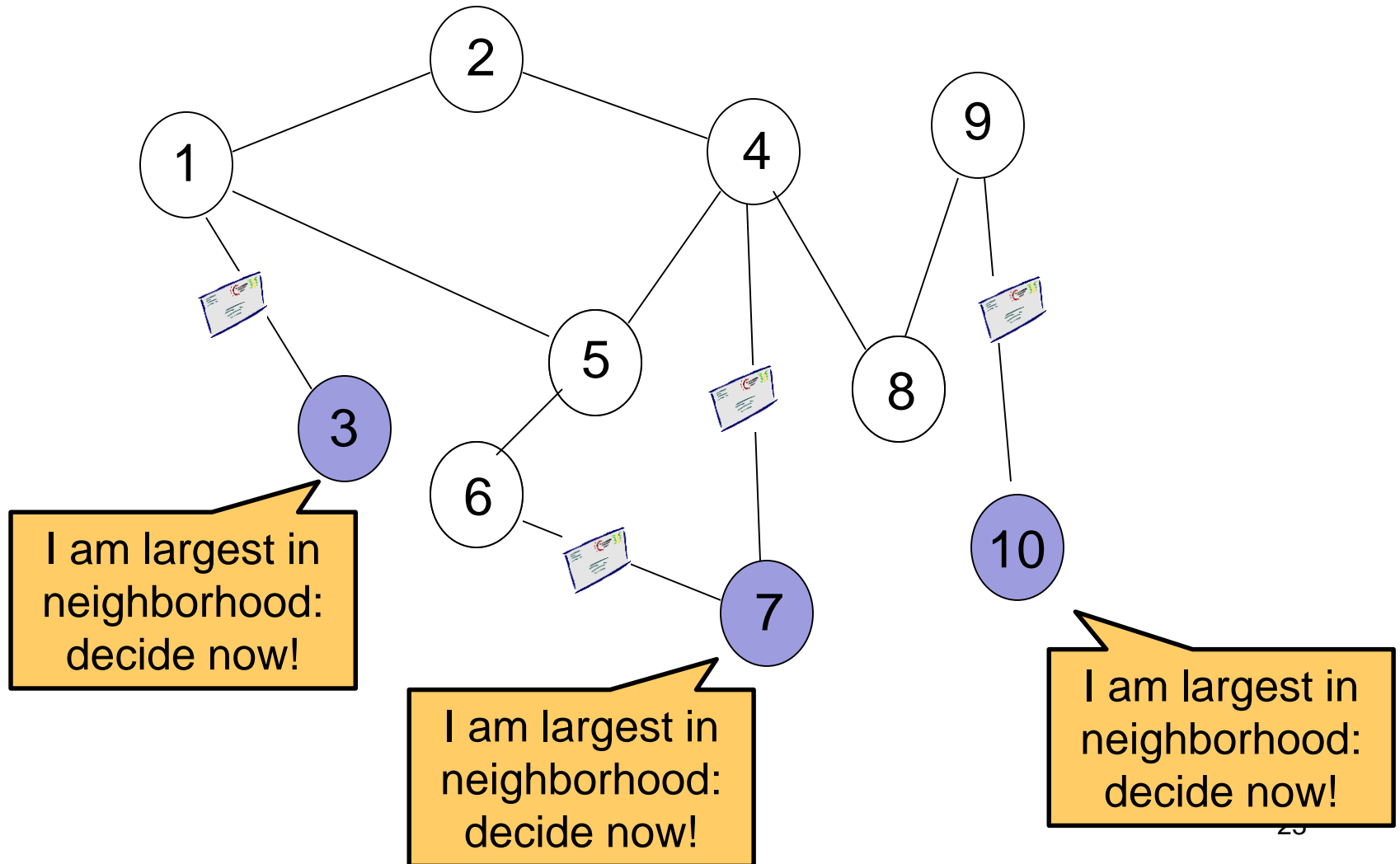
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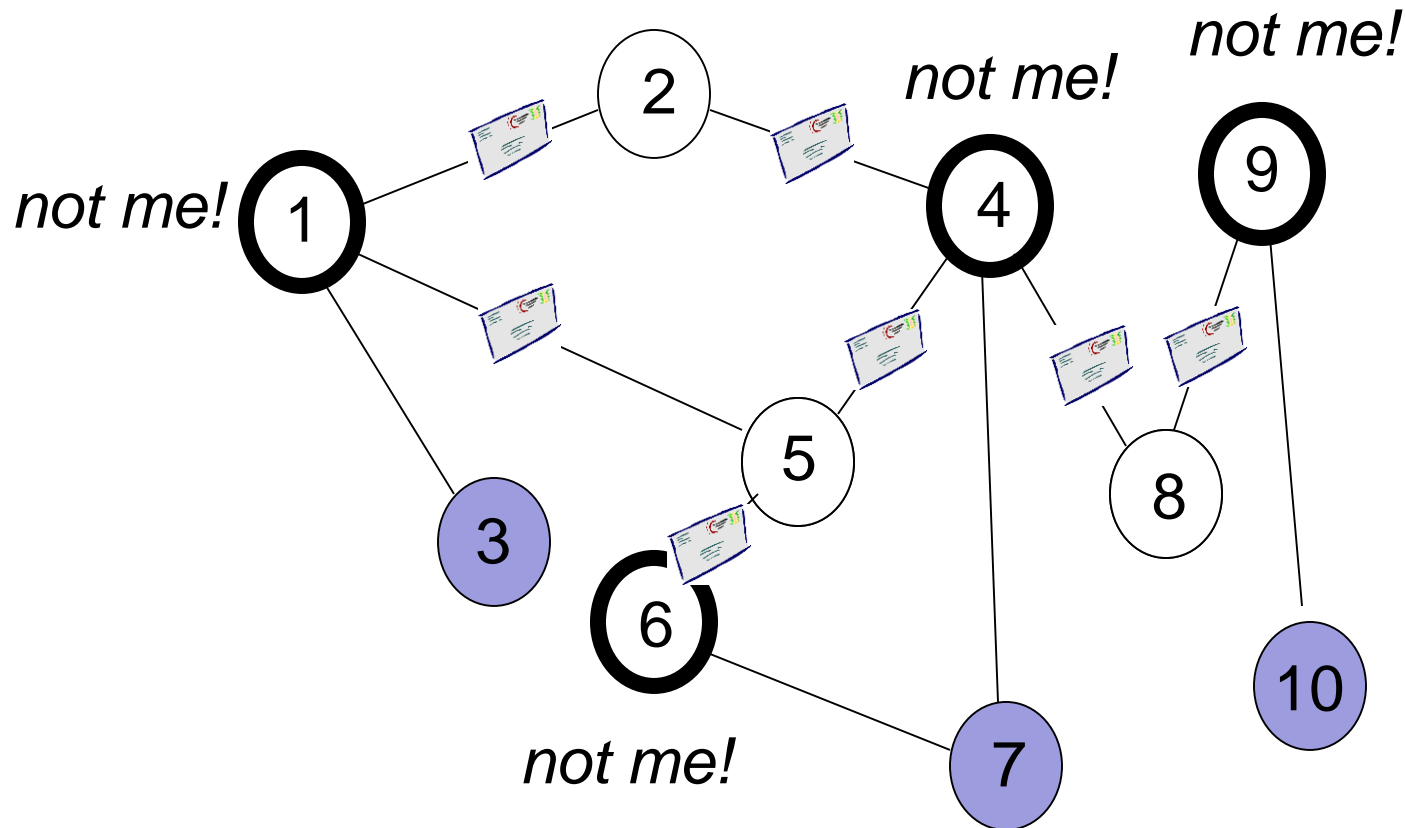
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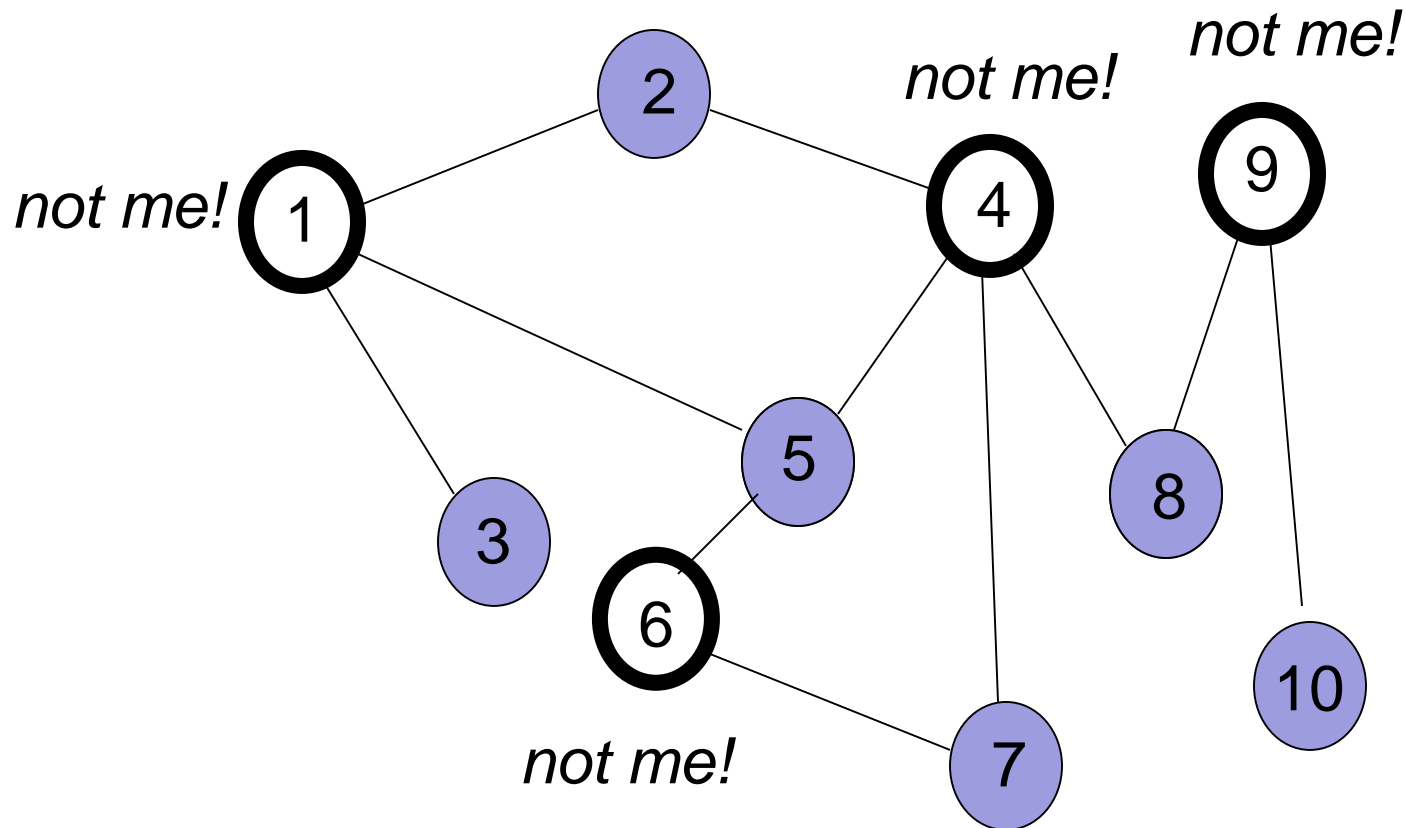
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Neighbors of MIS nodes
decide not to join!

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Round 3:



Higher-order neighbors have decided: now rest can decide.

Slow MIS

assume node IDs

Each node v :

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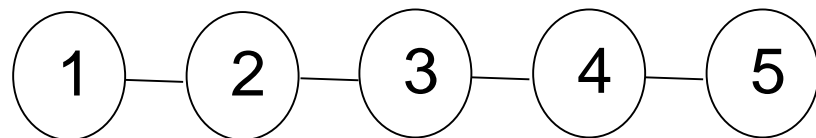
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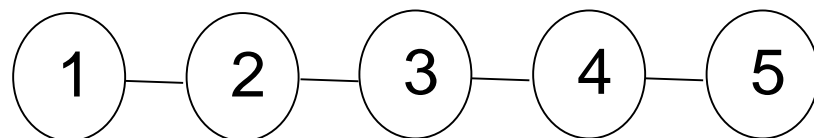
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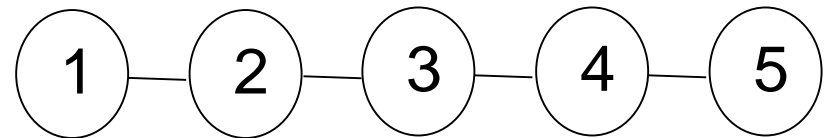
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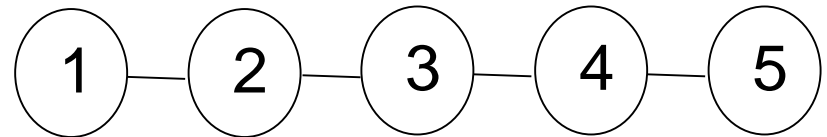
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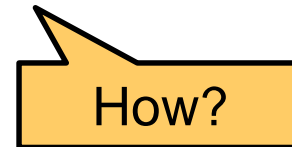
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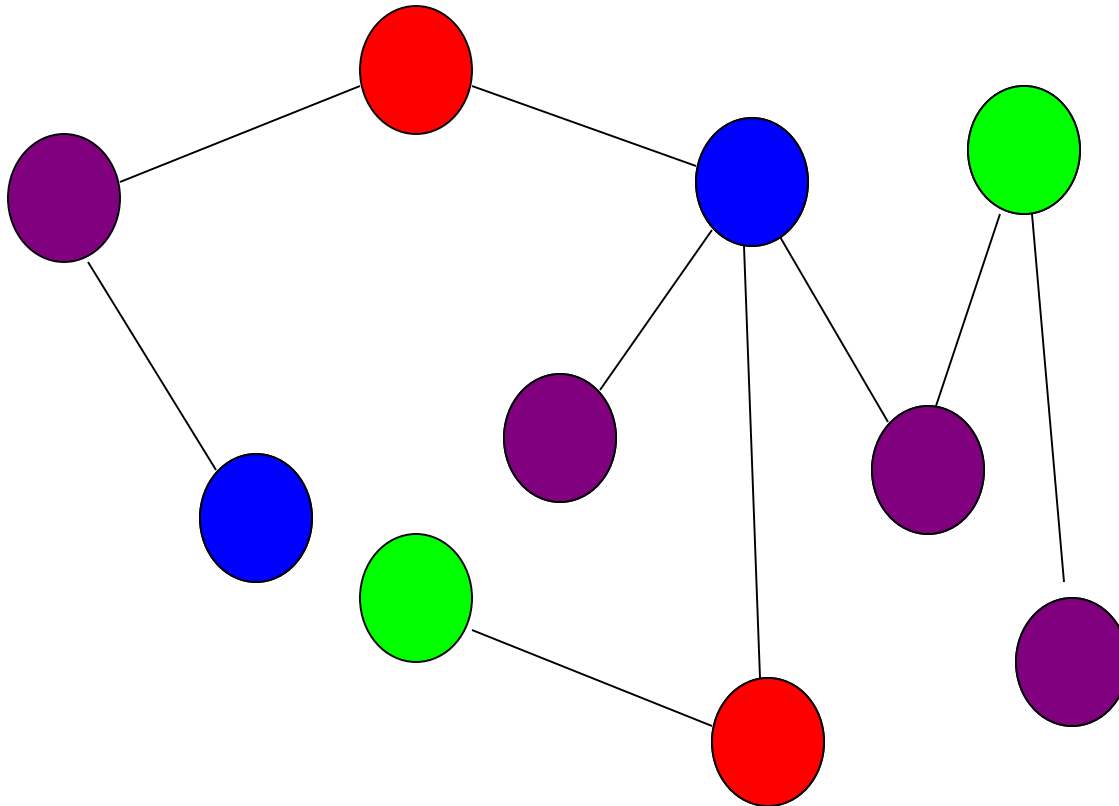
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Independent sets on trees in \log^* time:
Using our coloring algorithm!



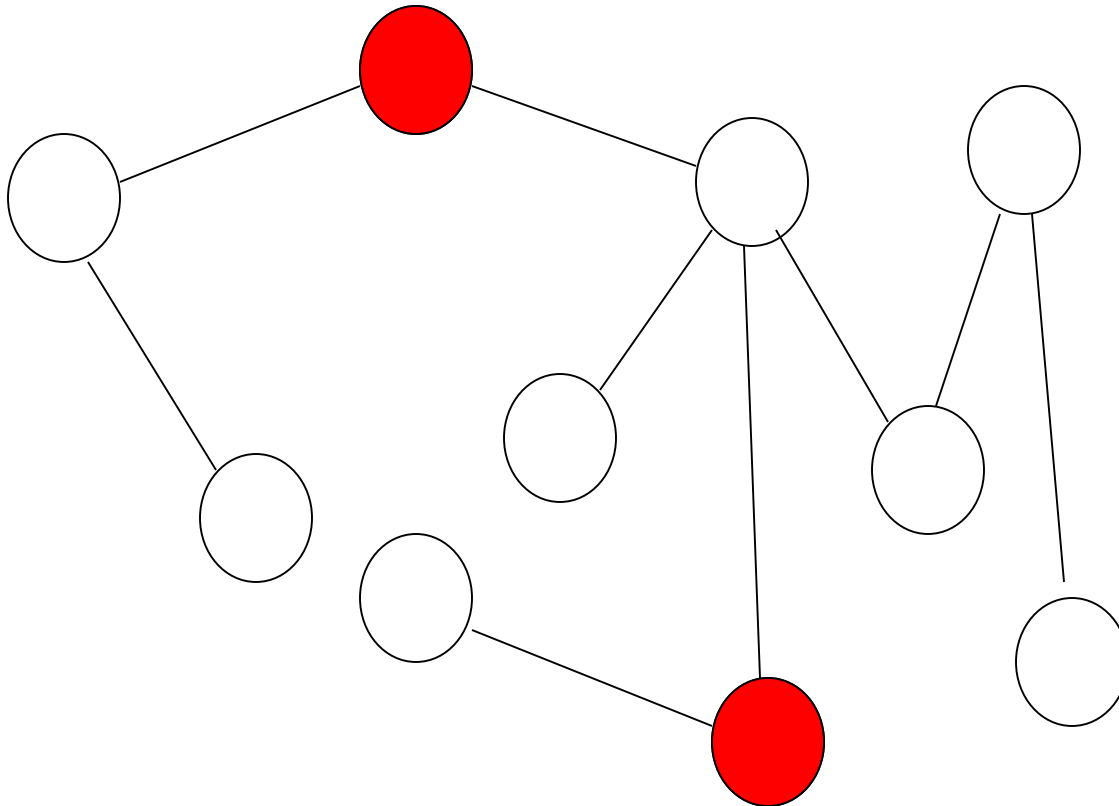
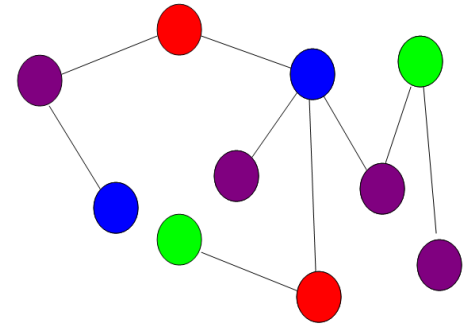
Coloring vs MIS

Each color defines an independent set...



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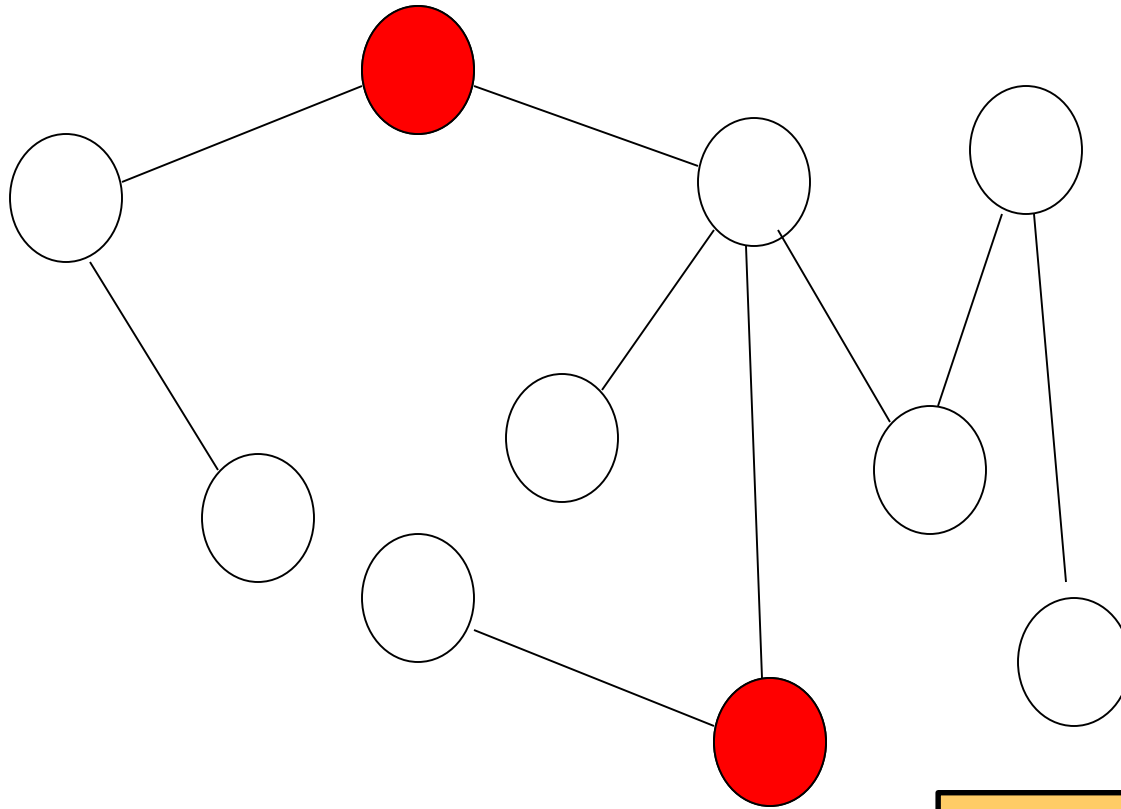
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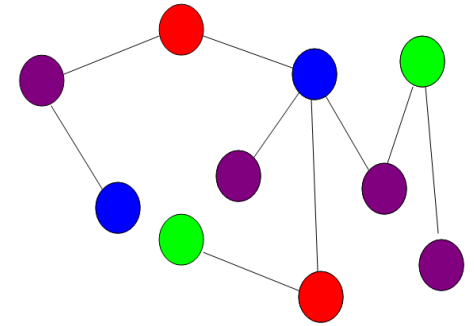
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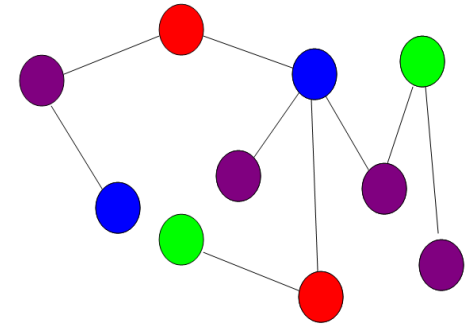
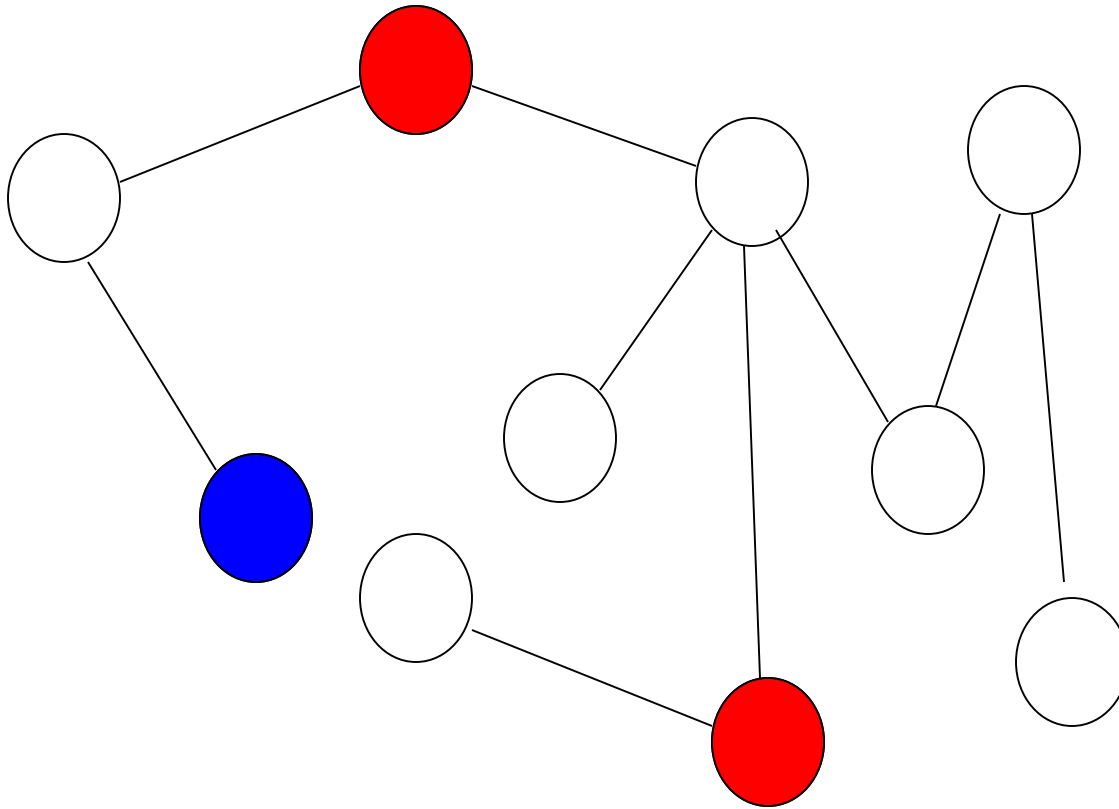
Add Color 0!

Assume: nodes pre-agree on order in which colors are added!



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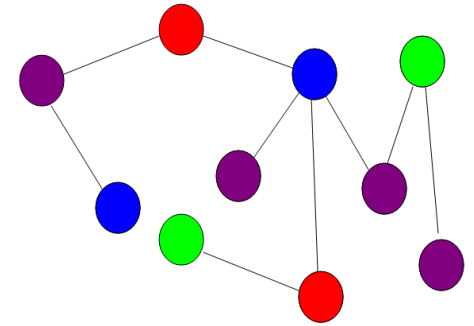
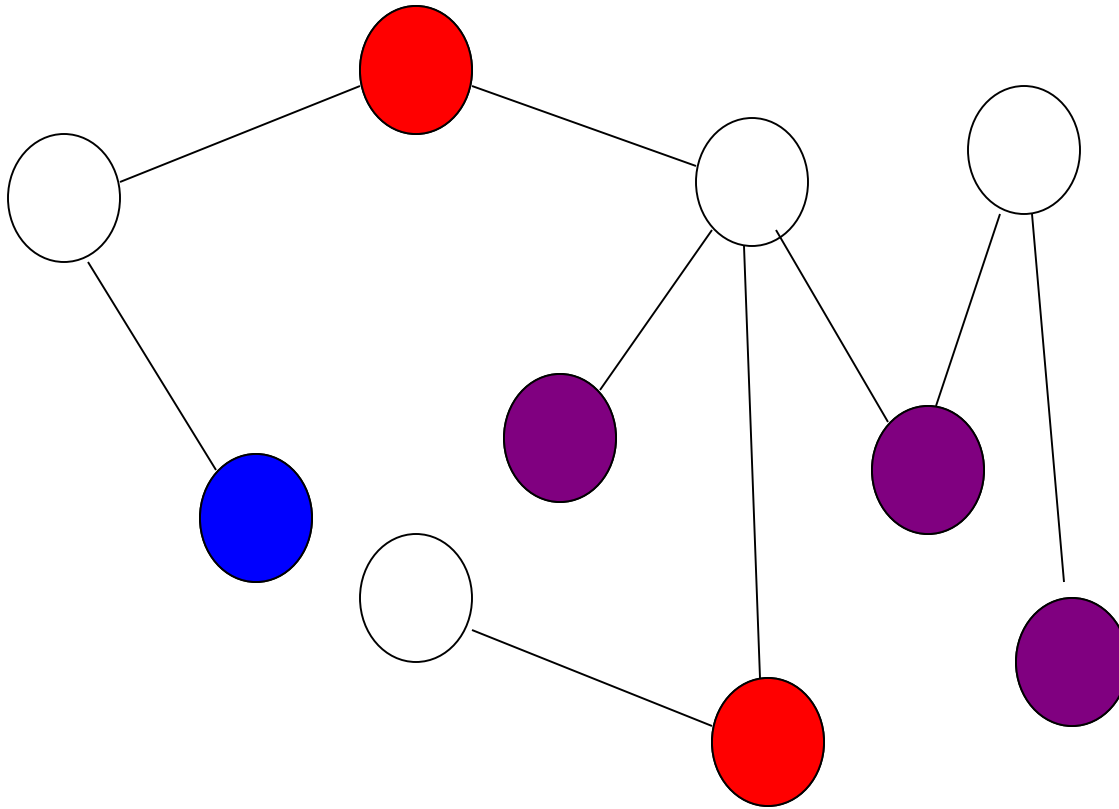
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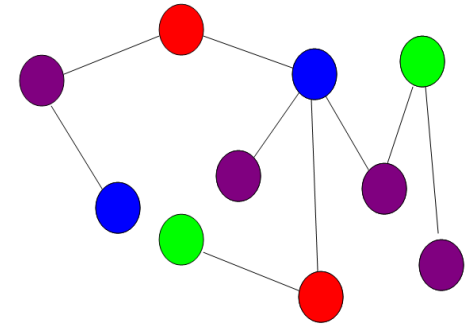
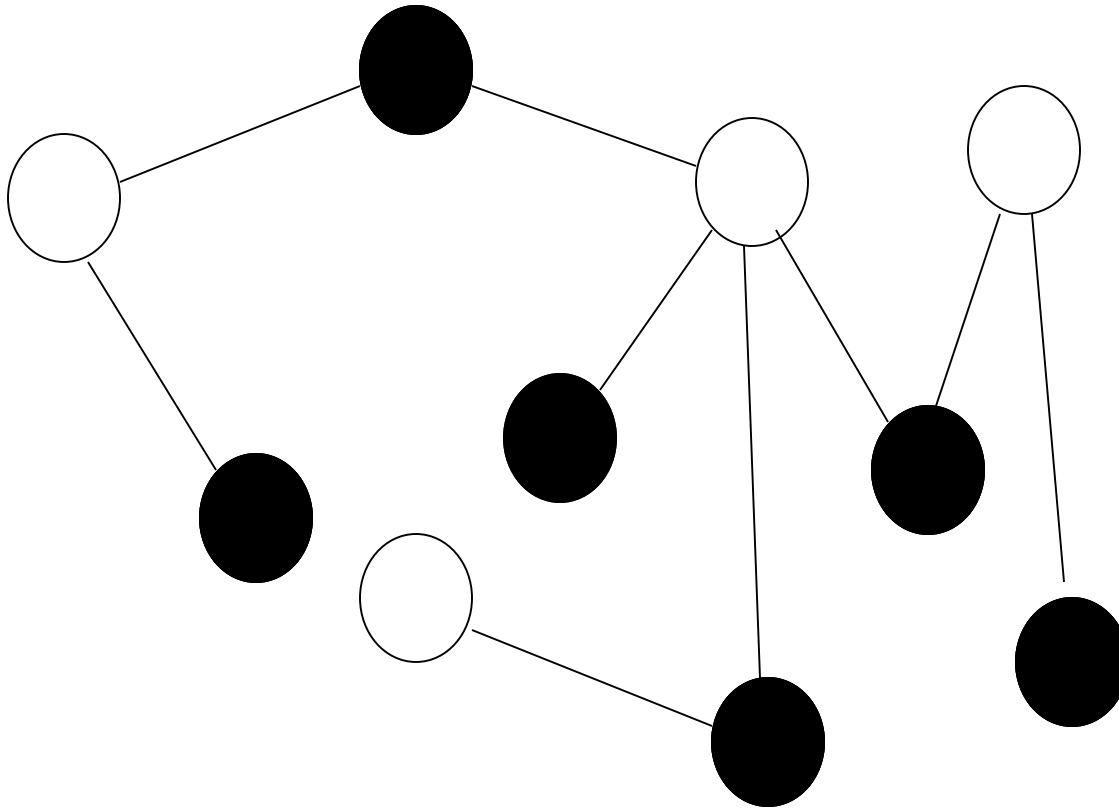
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Add Color 2 nodes unless node has MIS neighbor!

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Final MIS:



Analysis of algorithm?

Why does algorithm work?

Runtime?

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Unicolor nodes are independent, can be added in parallel without conflict (not adding two conflicting nodes concurrently).

Runtime?

Lemma

Given a coloring algorithm with runtime T that needs C colors, we can construct a MIS in time $C+T$.

Implication for MIS on trees

We can color trees in \log^* time and with 3 colors, so:

MIS on Trees

There is a deterministic MIS on trees that runs in distributed time $O(\log^* n)$.

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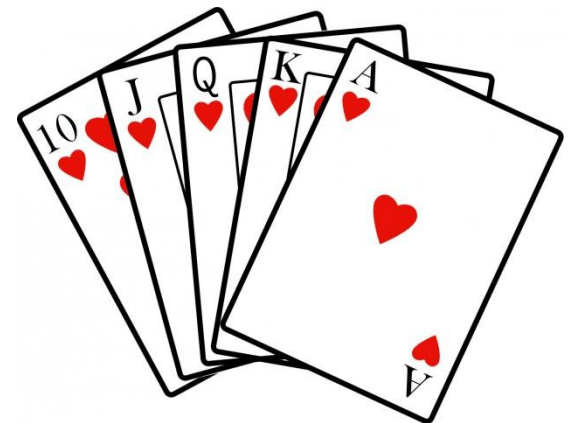
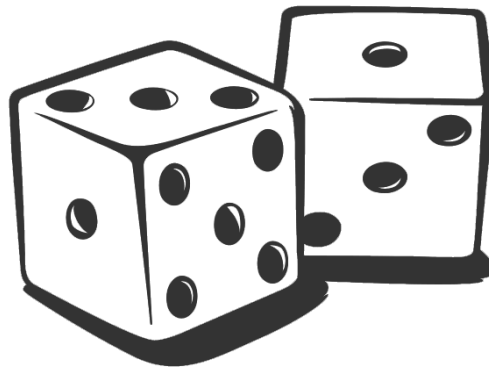
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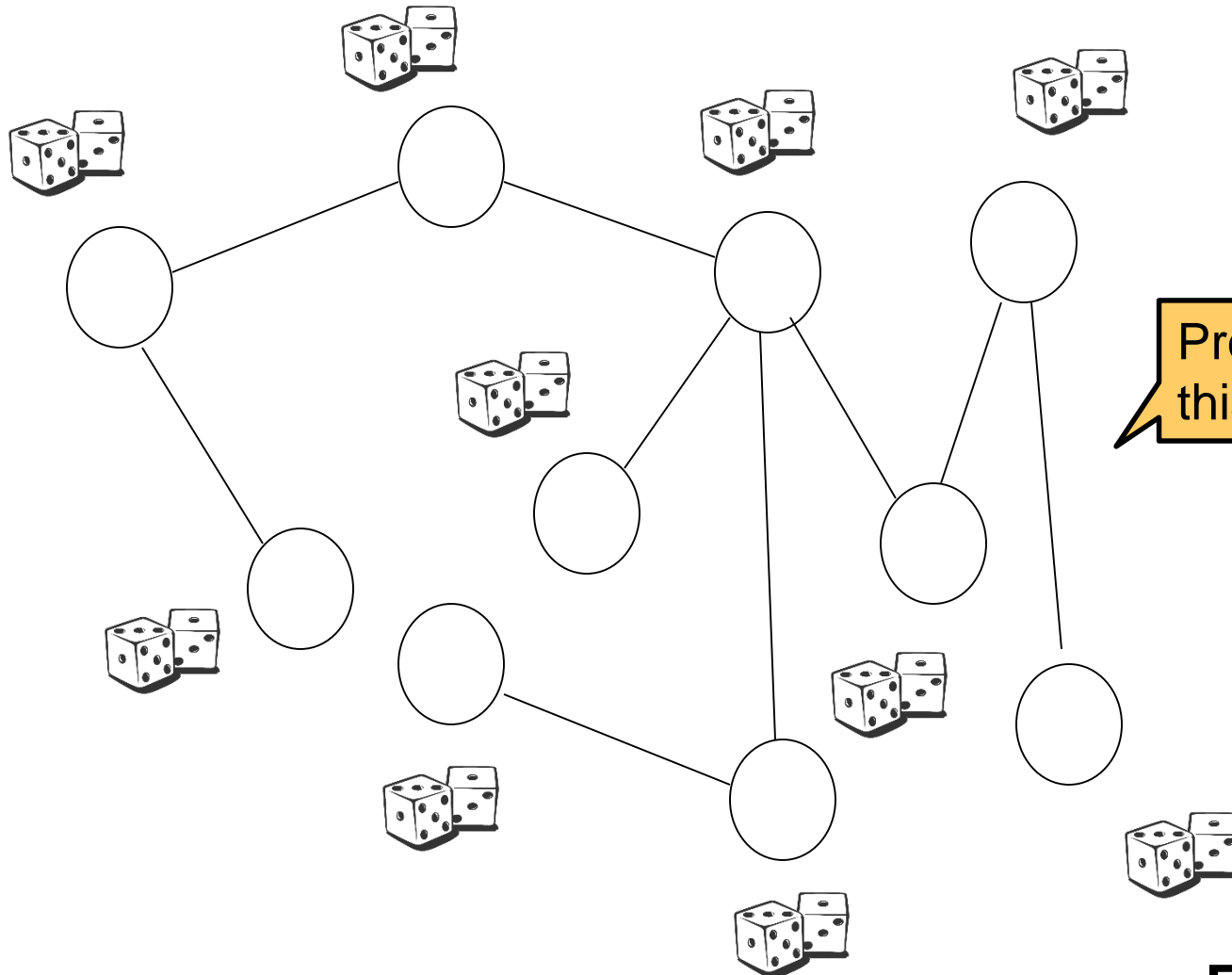
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Tipp: If you can't find fast deterministic algorithms, try randomization!



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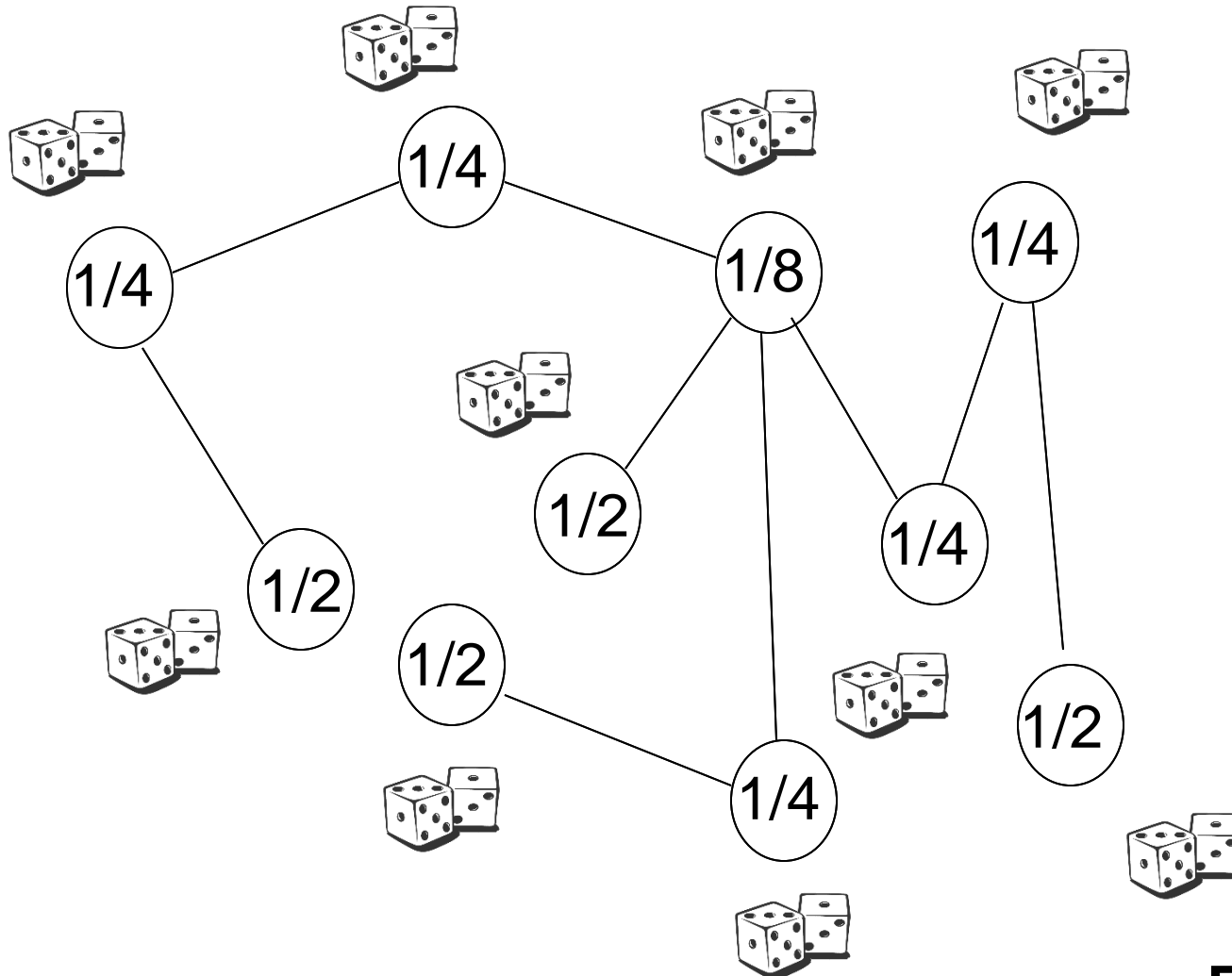


Probabilities in this example?

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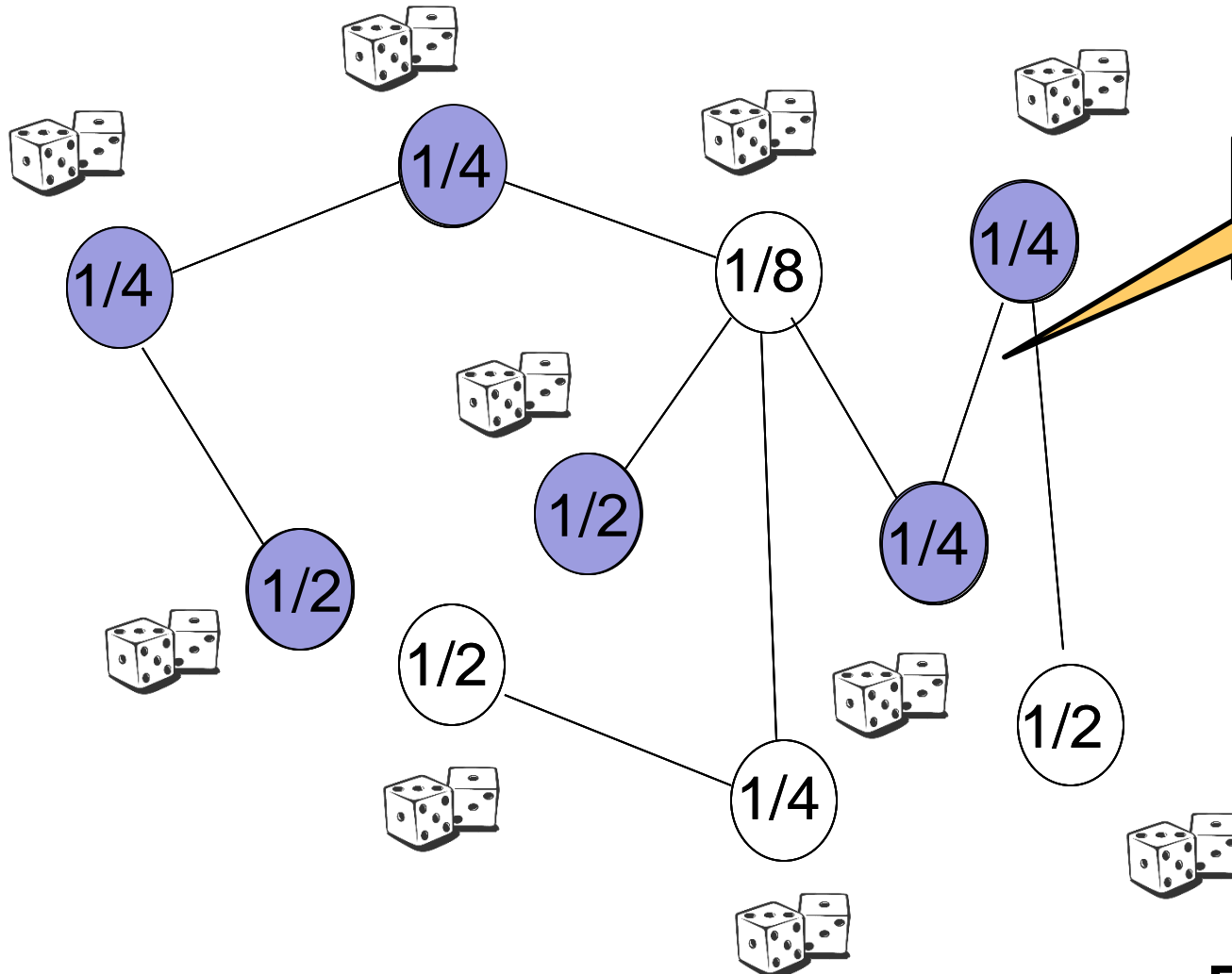
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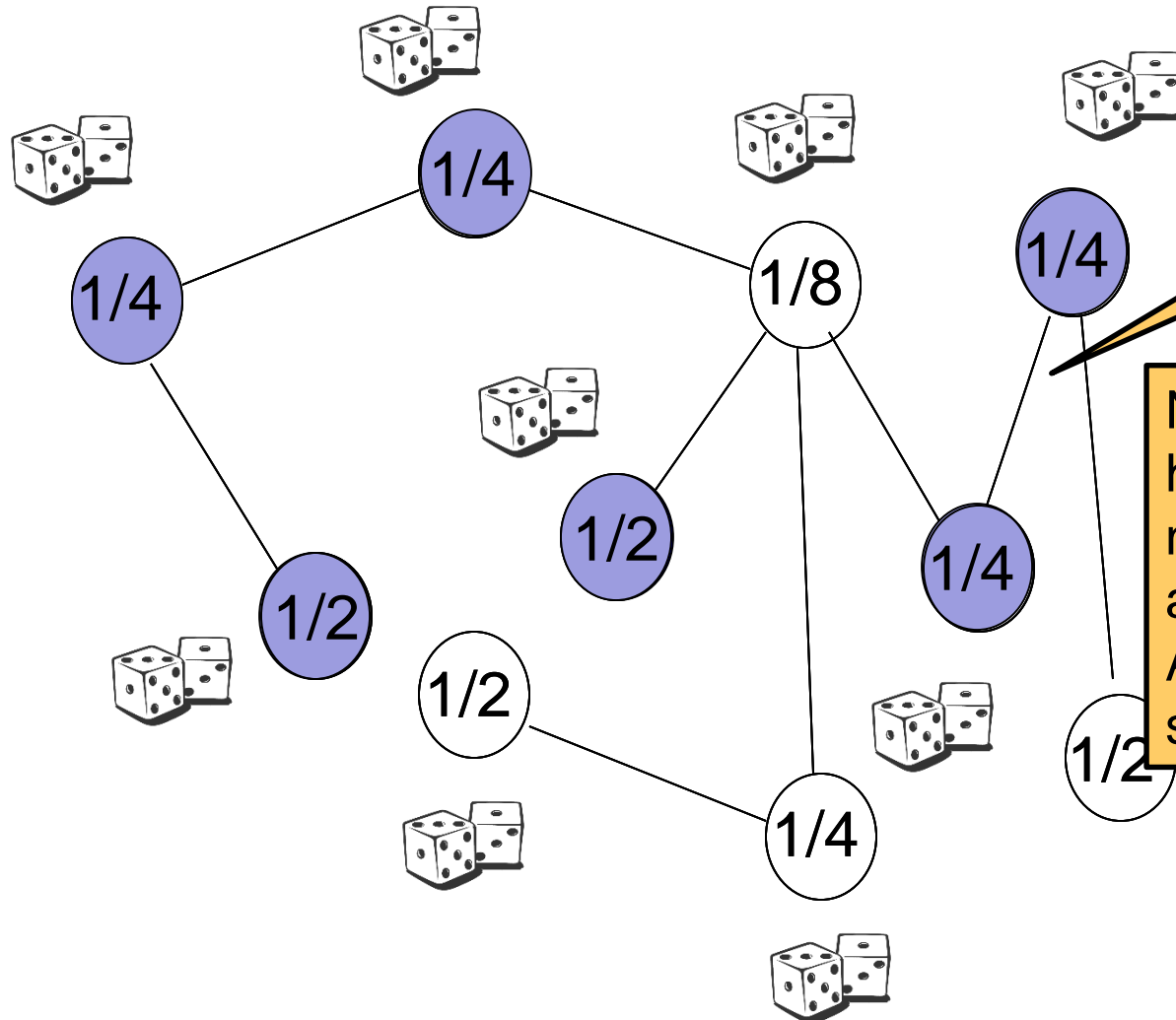
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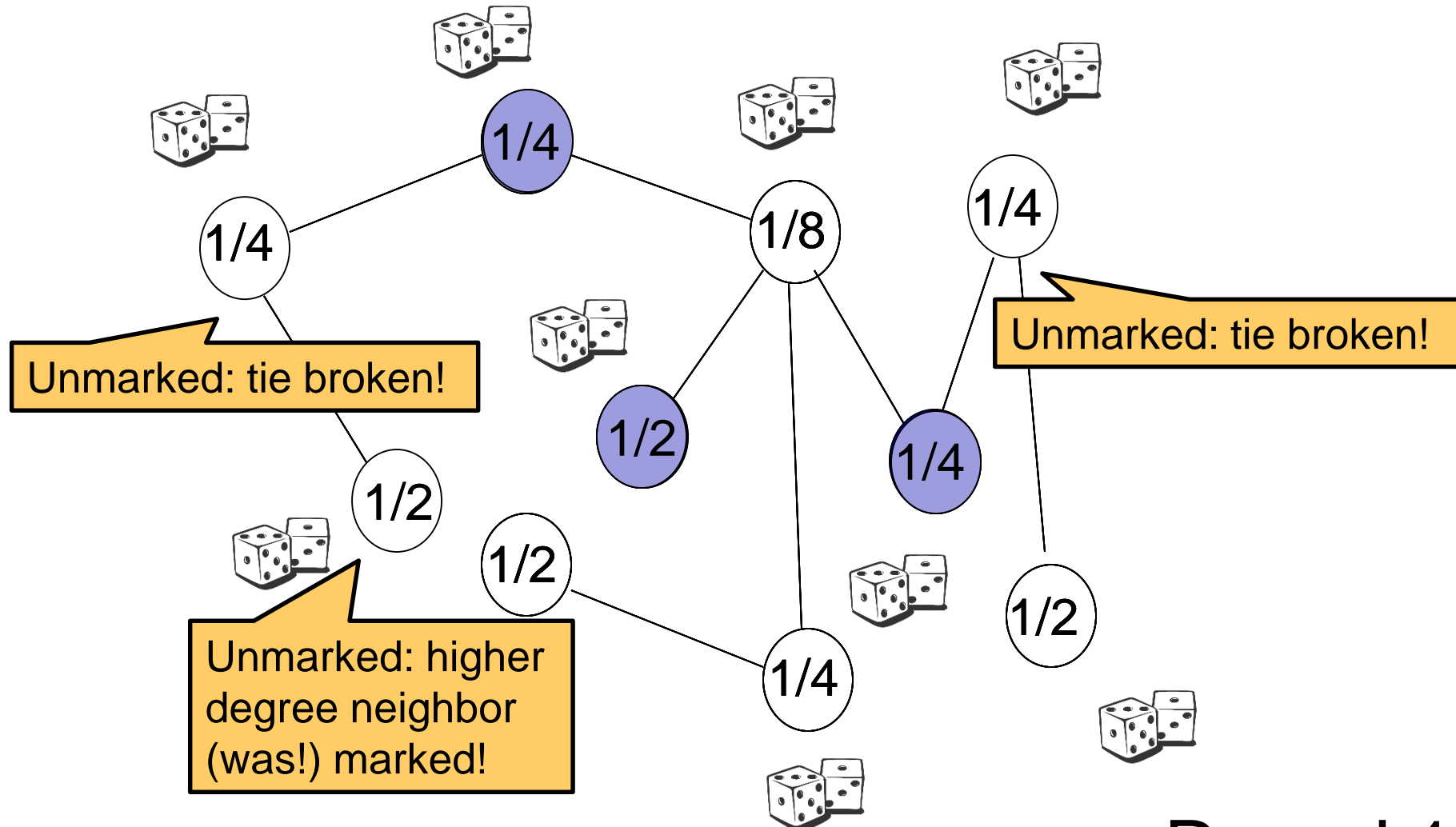


Ouch! Illegal!
What now?

Need tie breaker: if higher degree neighbor marked as well, leave MIS. And tie break if same degree.

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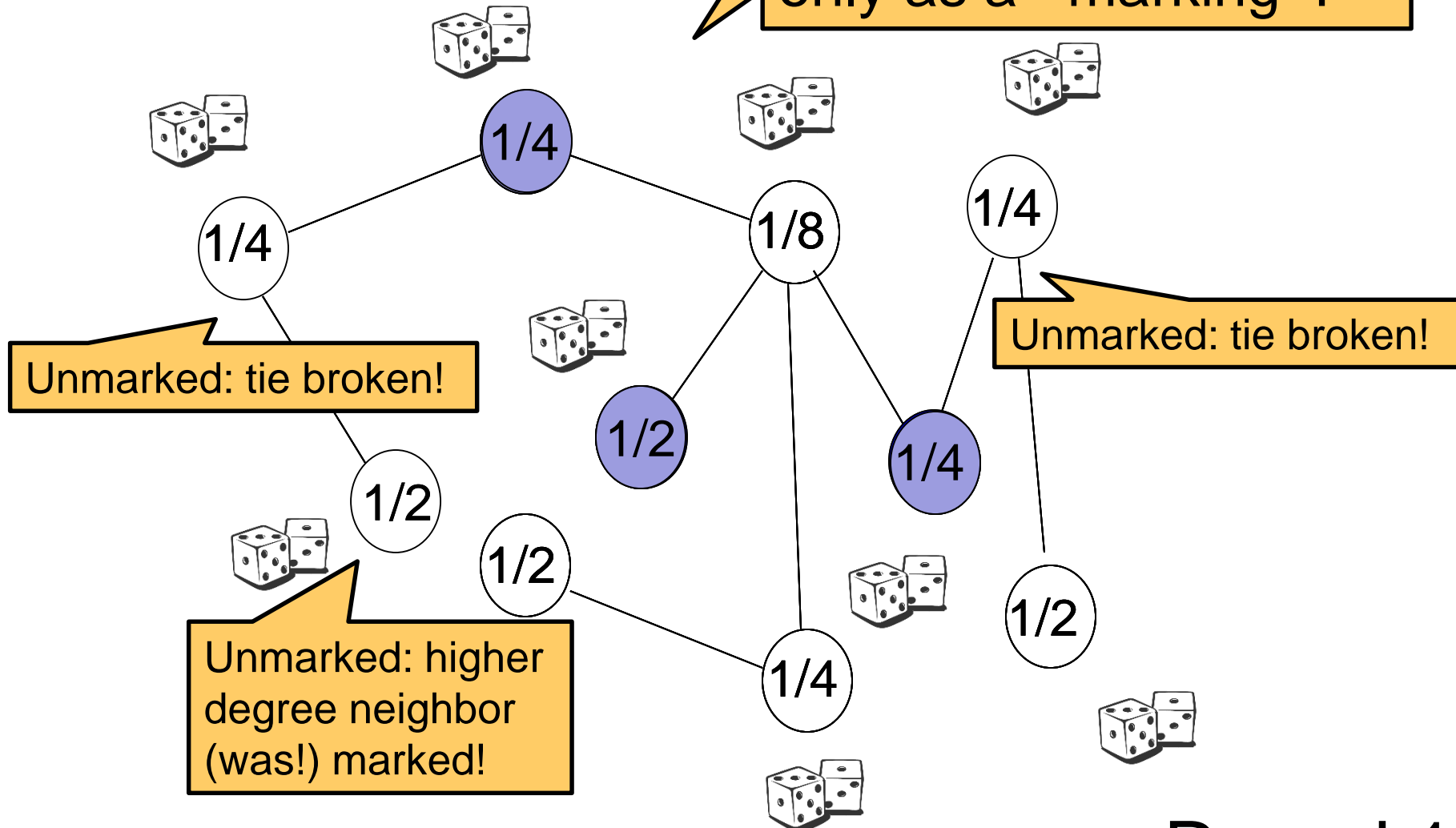
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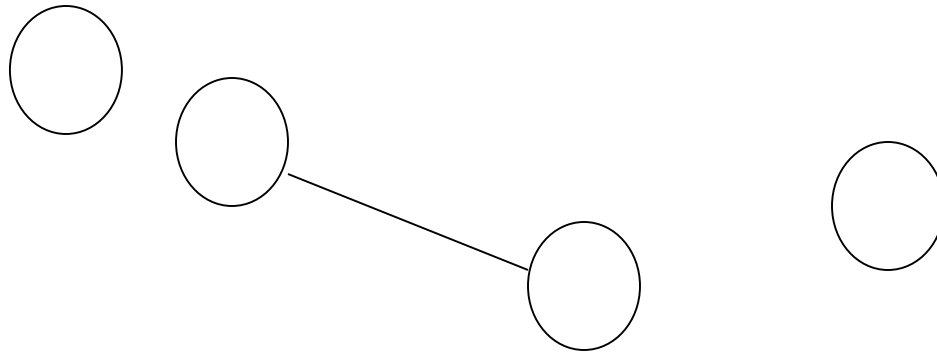
Now legal MIS!
Consider initial step
only as a «marking»!



Round 1

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Now: delete MIS nodes and neighbors: *they are done!*
And proceed with Round 2 like Round 1: toss coin, mark, etc.



Round 2

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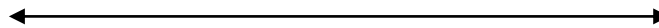
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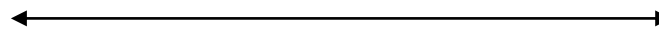
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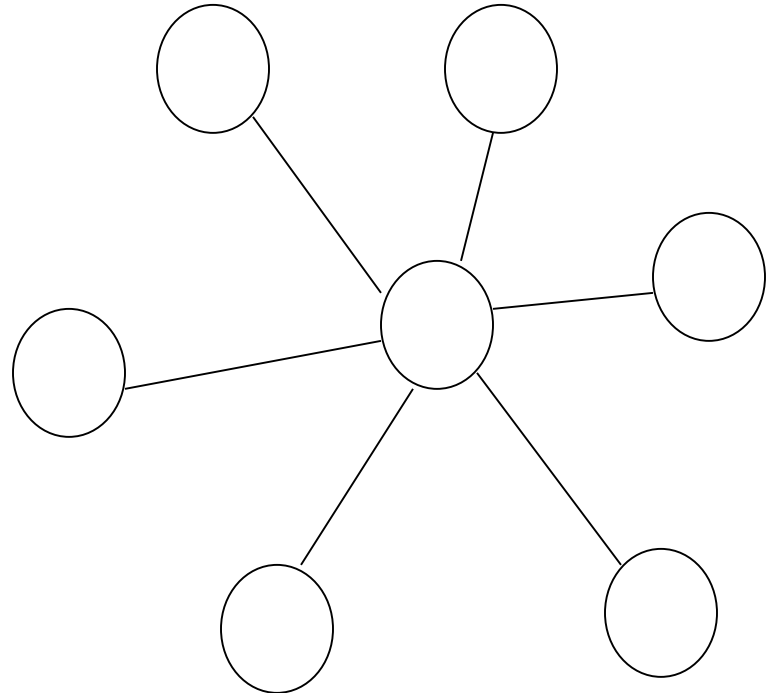
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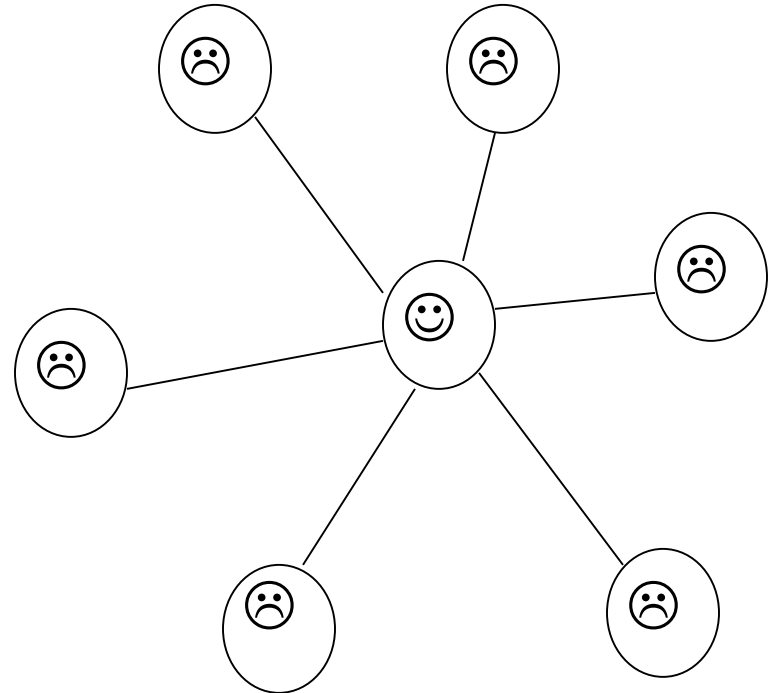
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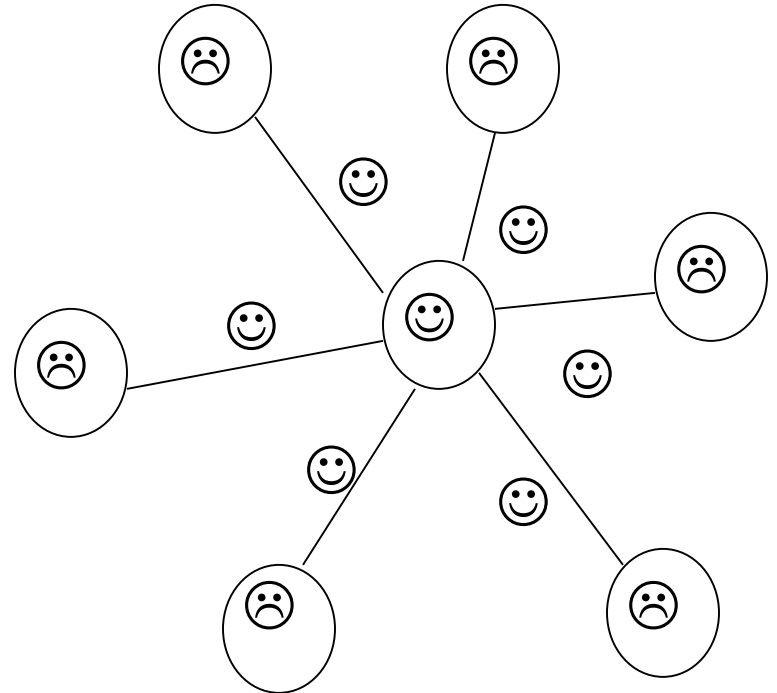
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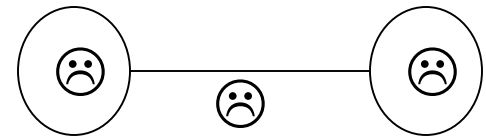
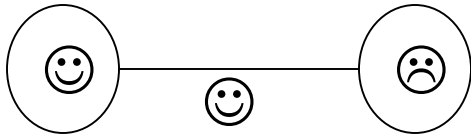
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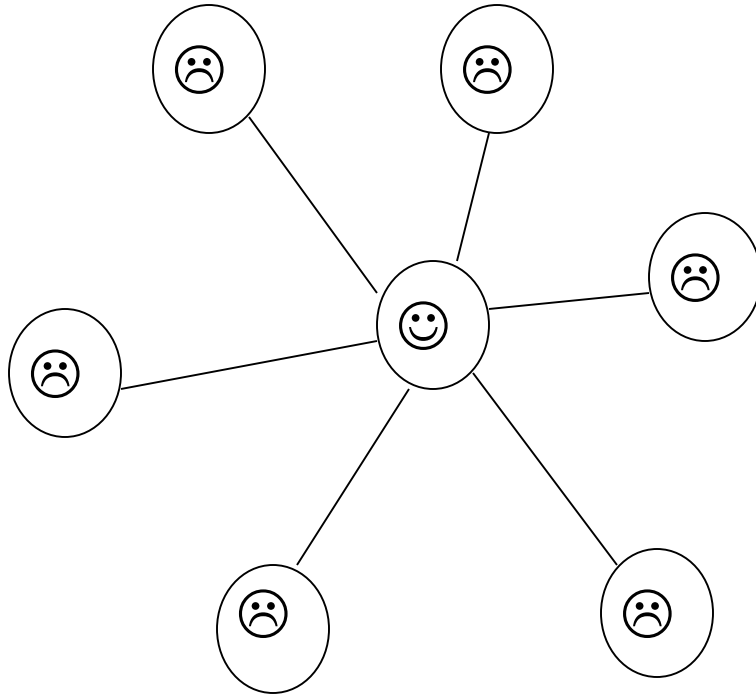
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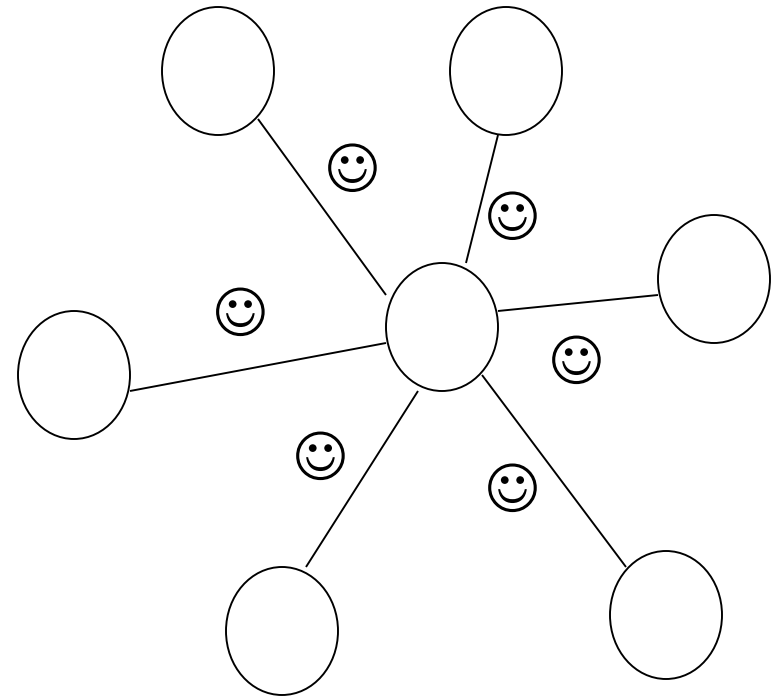
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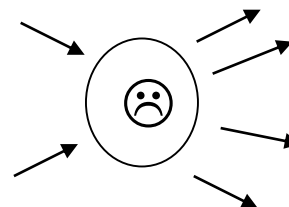
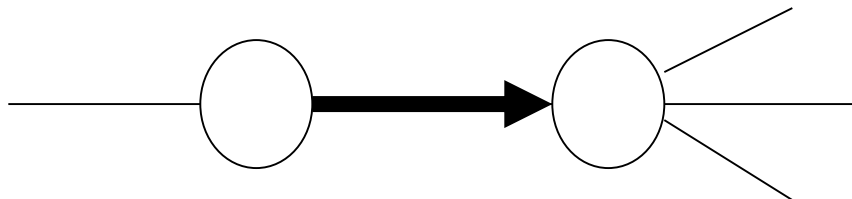
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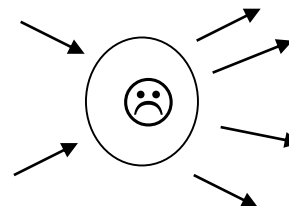


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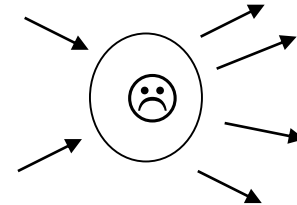


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That is great: Since sum of incoming edges = sum of outgoing edges, if the number of edges into bad nodes can be at most half the number of all edges, at least half of all edges are directed **into good nodes**! And they are good! 😊
So at least half of all edges are good.

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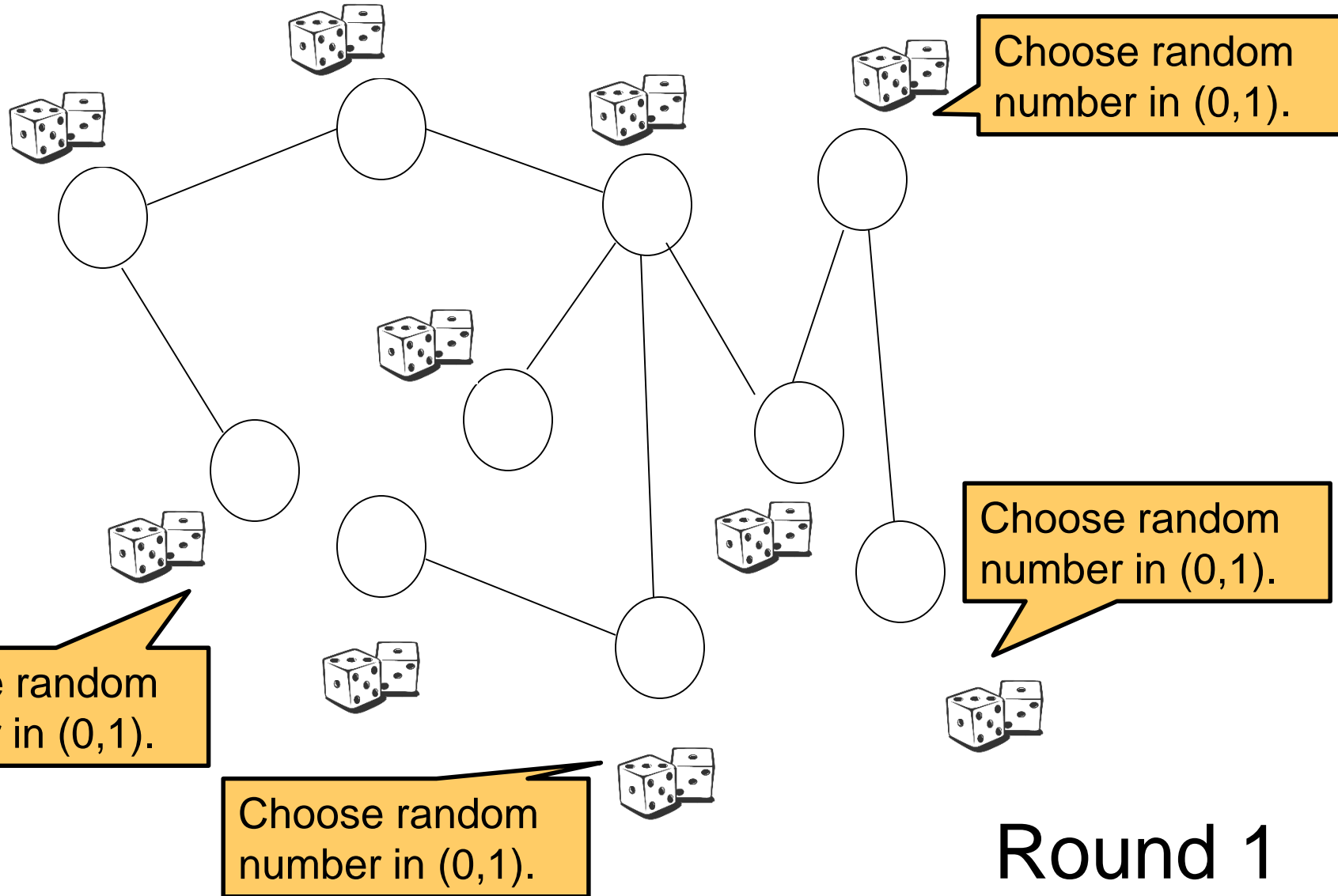
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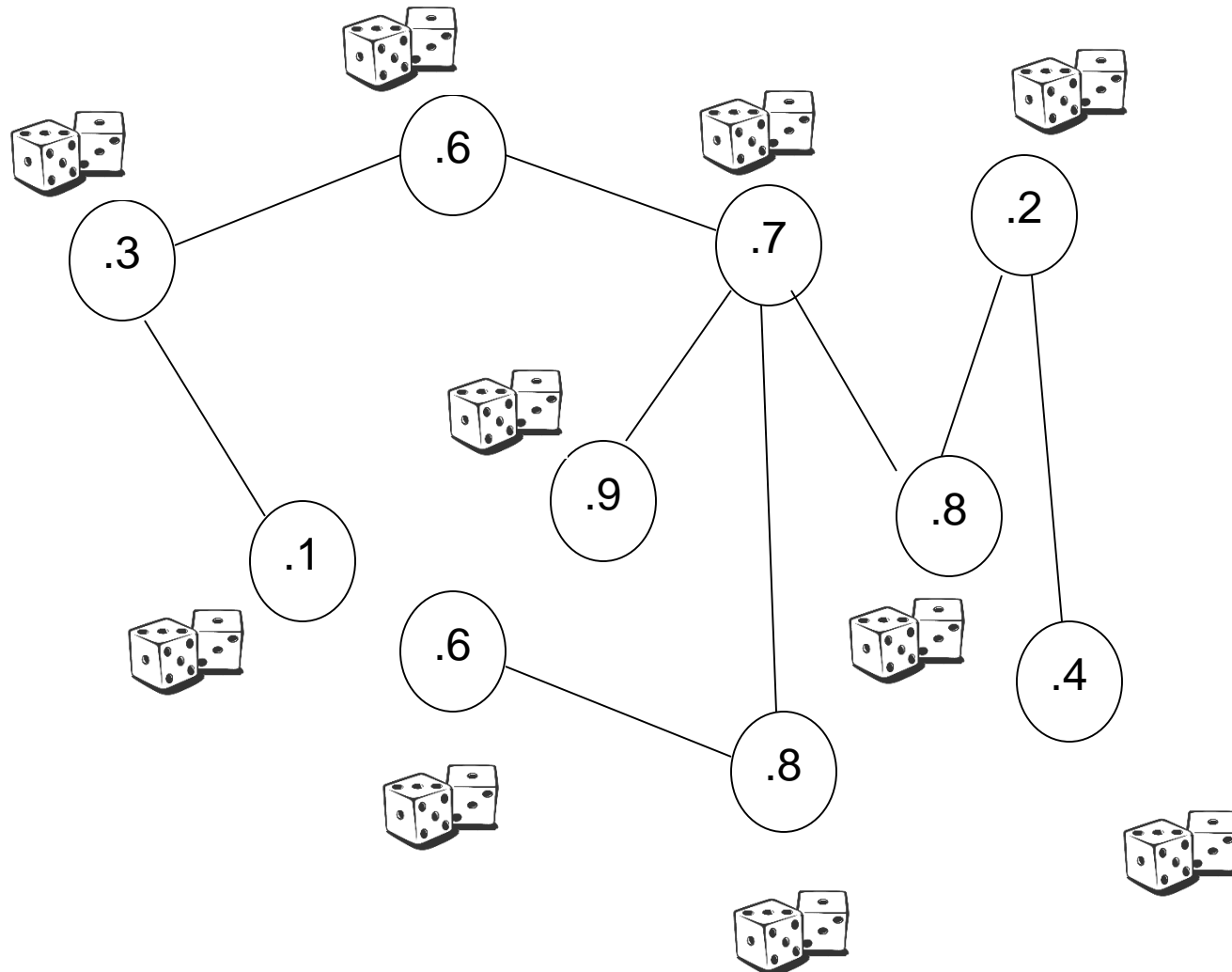
At least half of all the edges are good, and thus have at least one good incident node which will be deleted with constant probability and so will the edge! A **constant fraction of edges** will be deleted in each phase. (Note that $O(\log m) = O(\log n)$.)

An Even Simpler $\log(n)$ - Time MIS Algorithm

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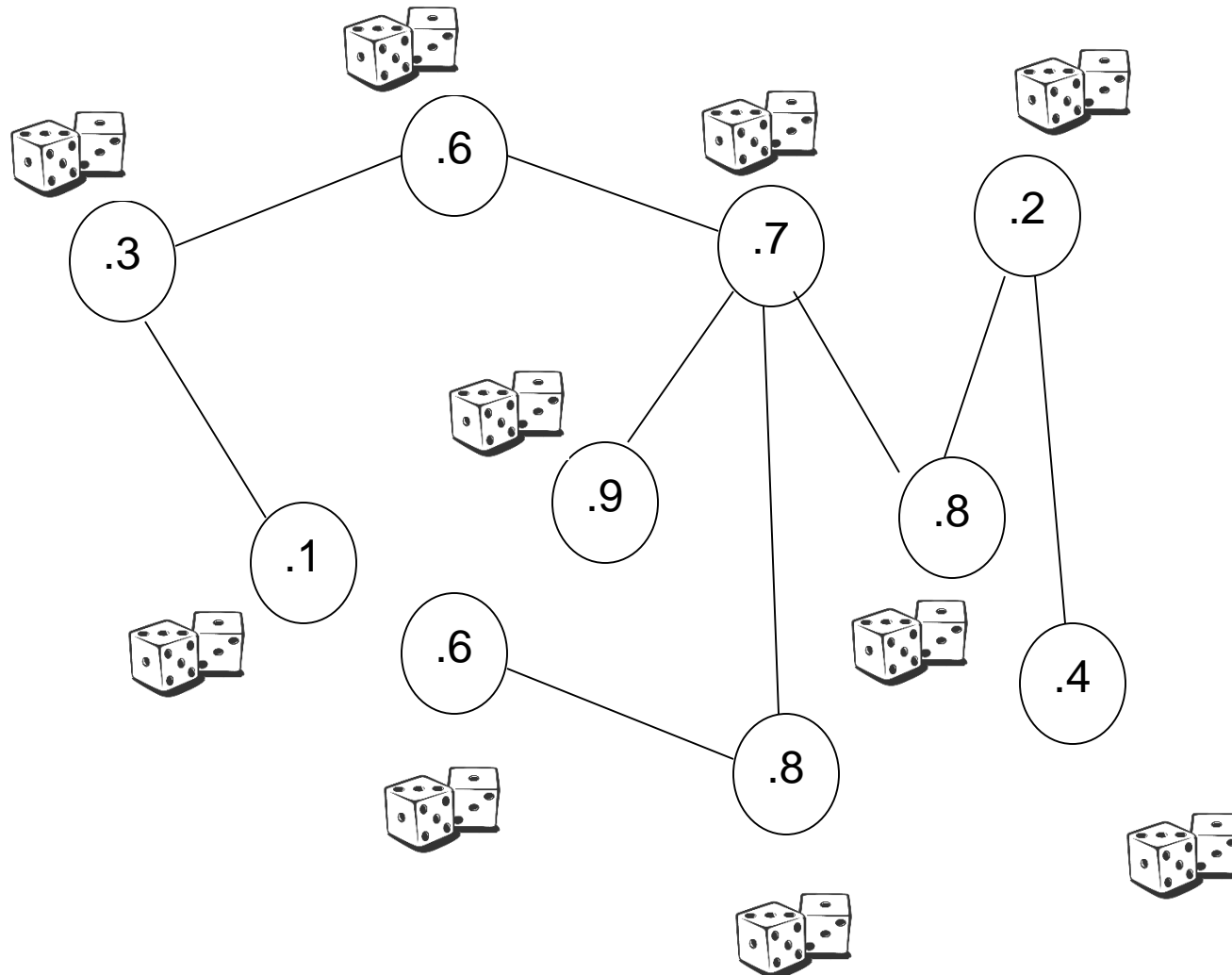
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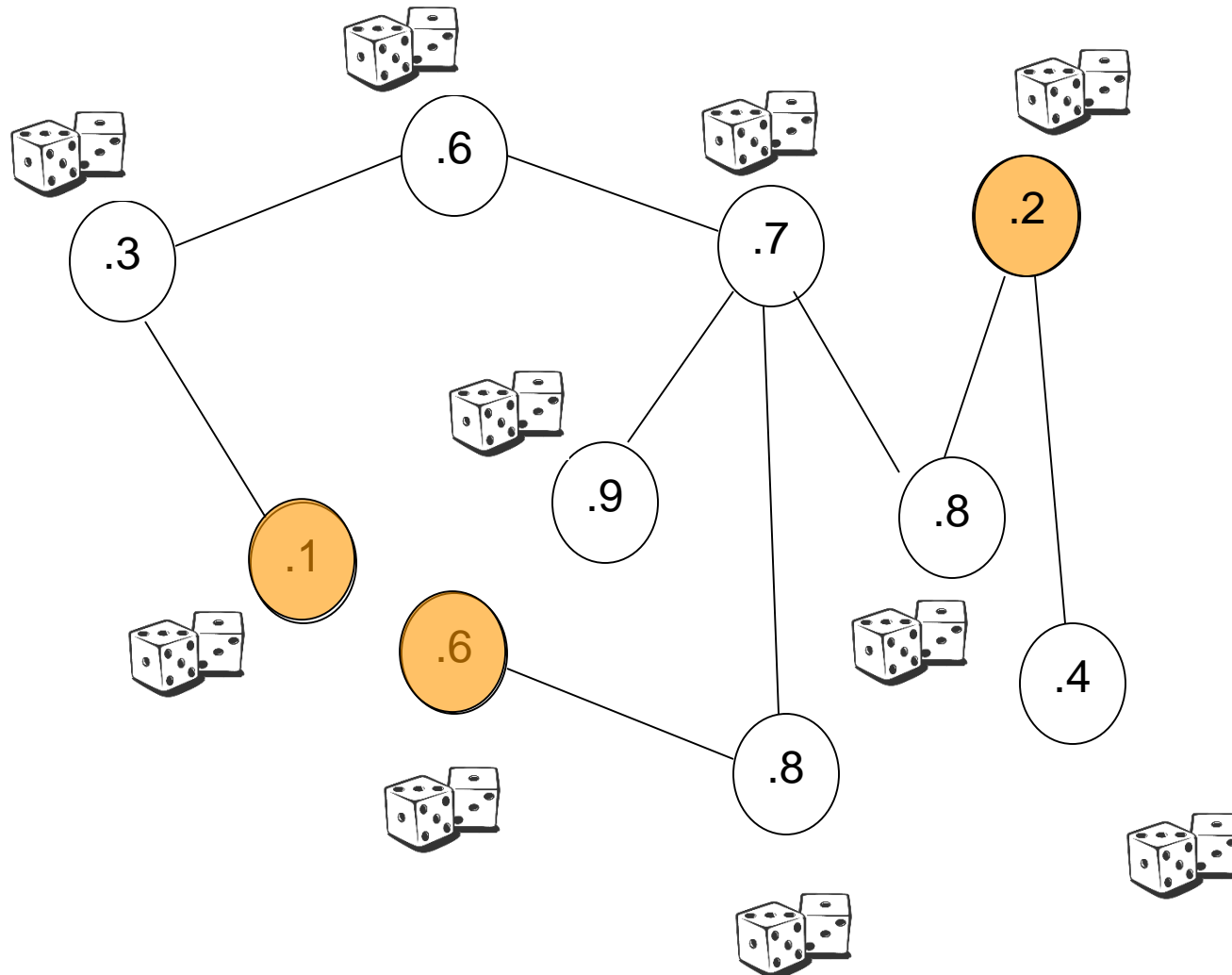
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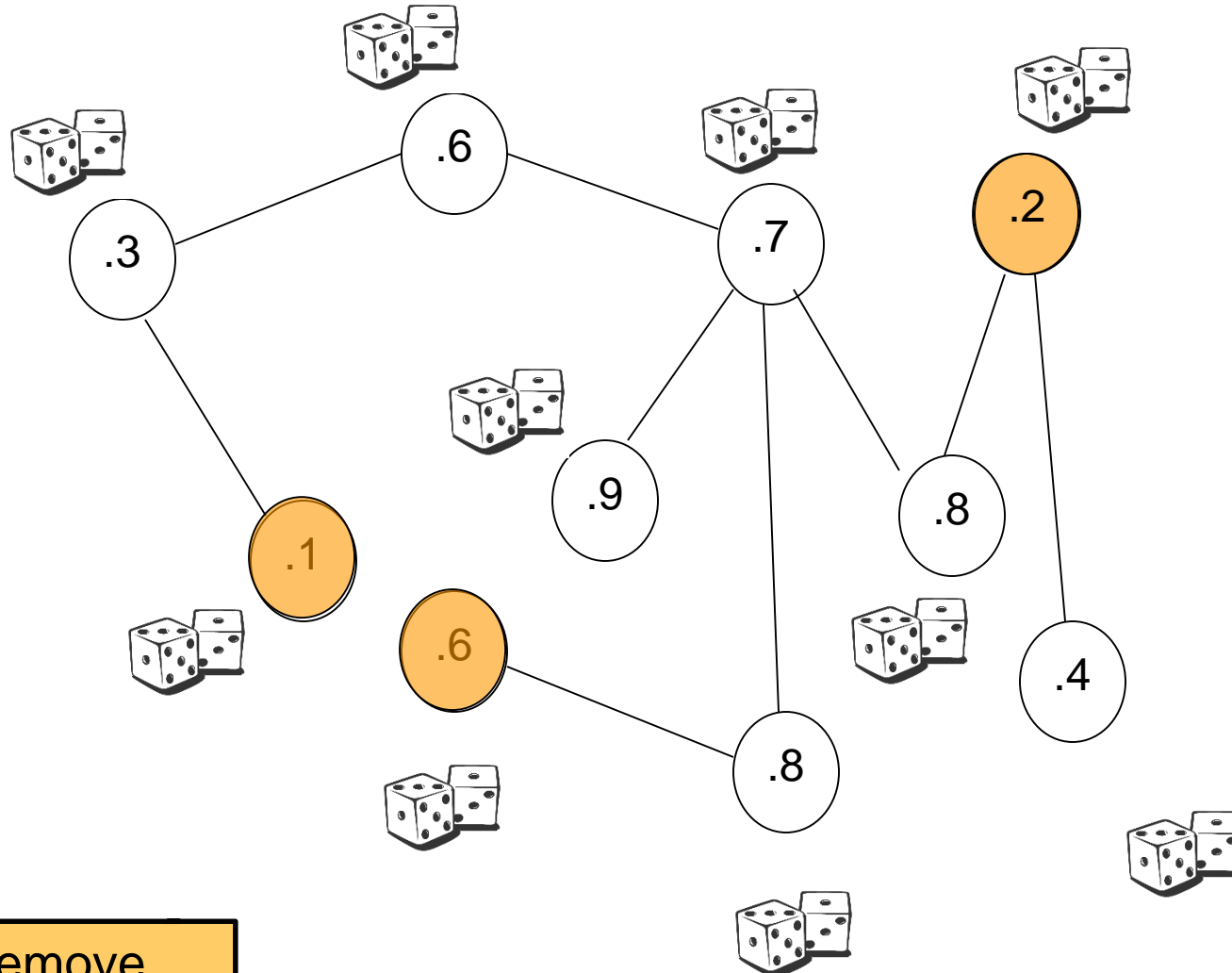
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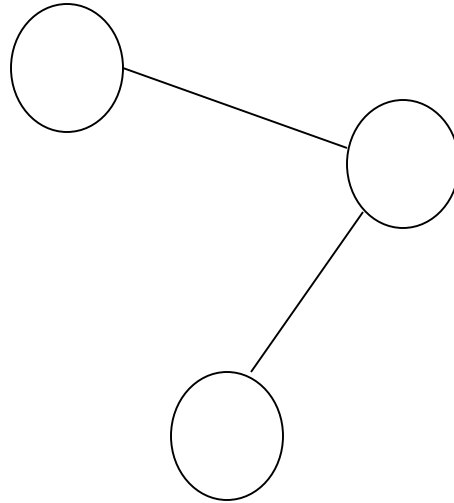


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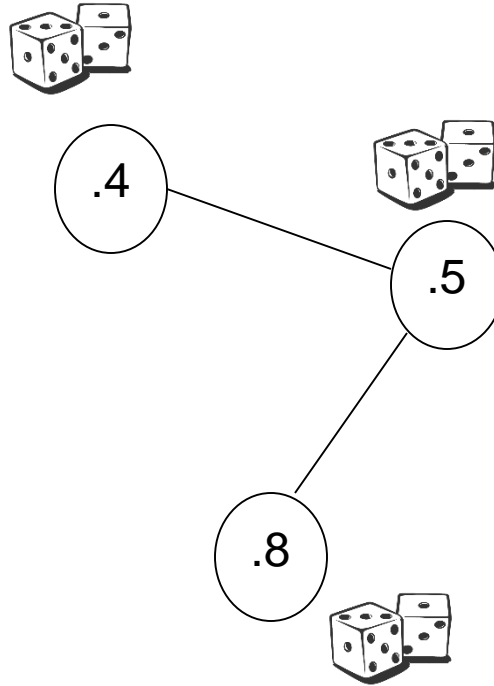
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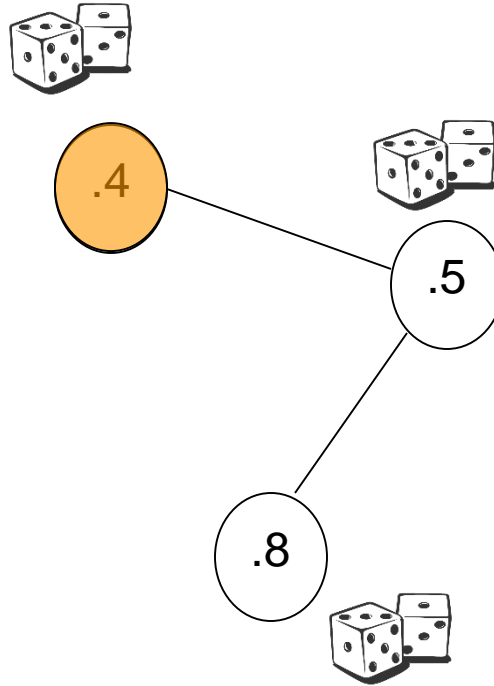
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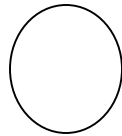
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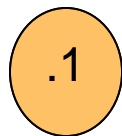
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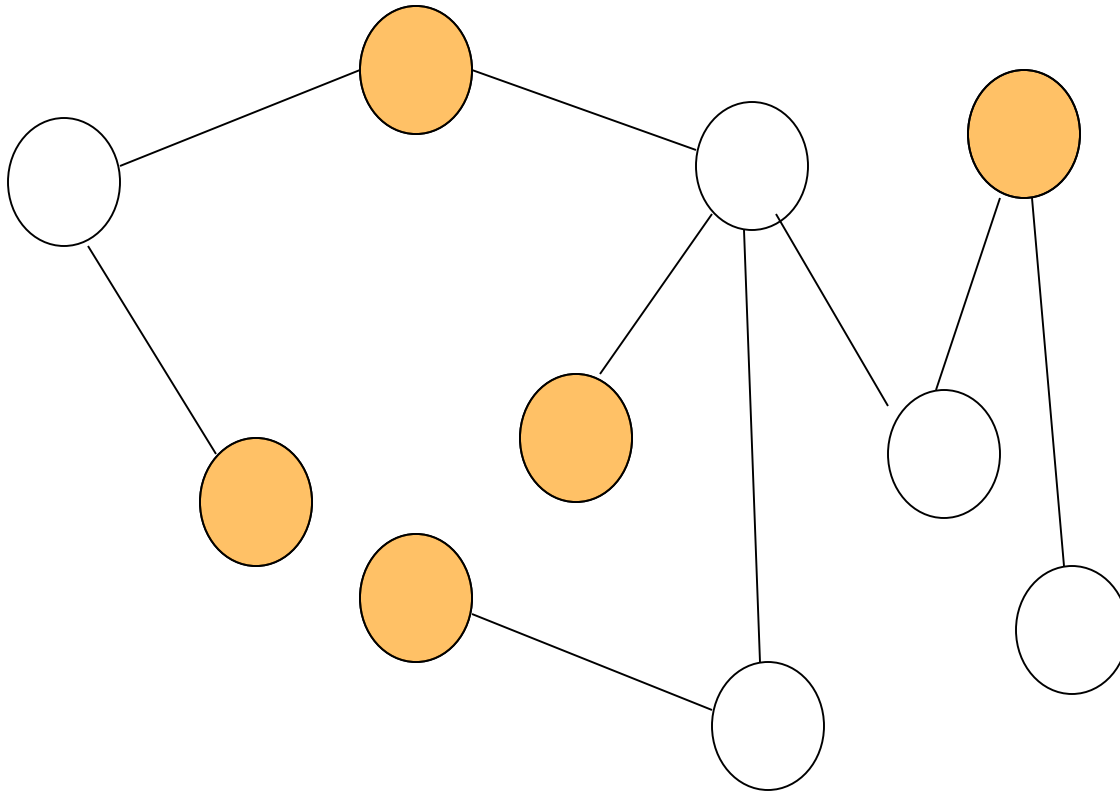
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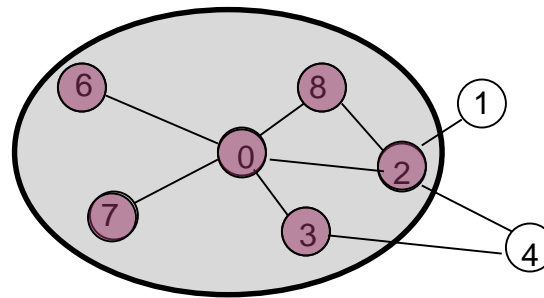
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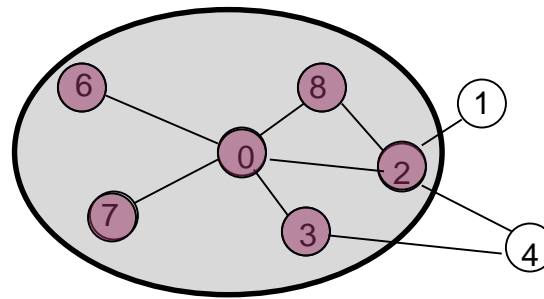
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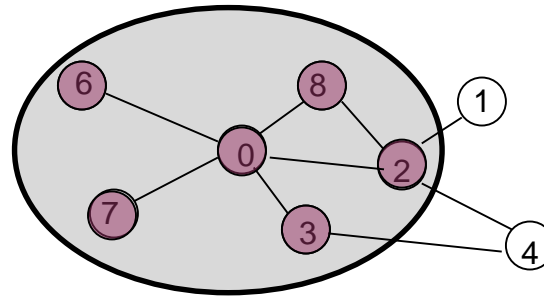


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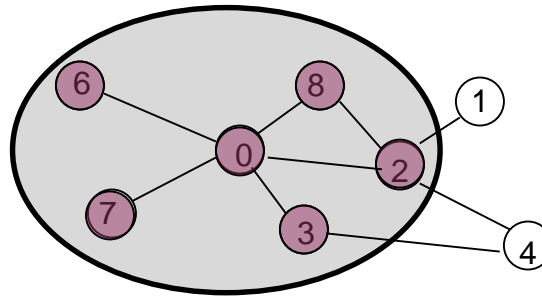
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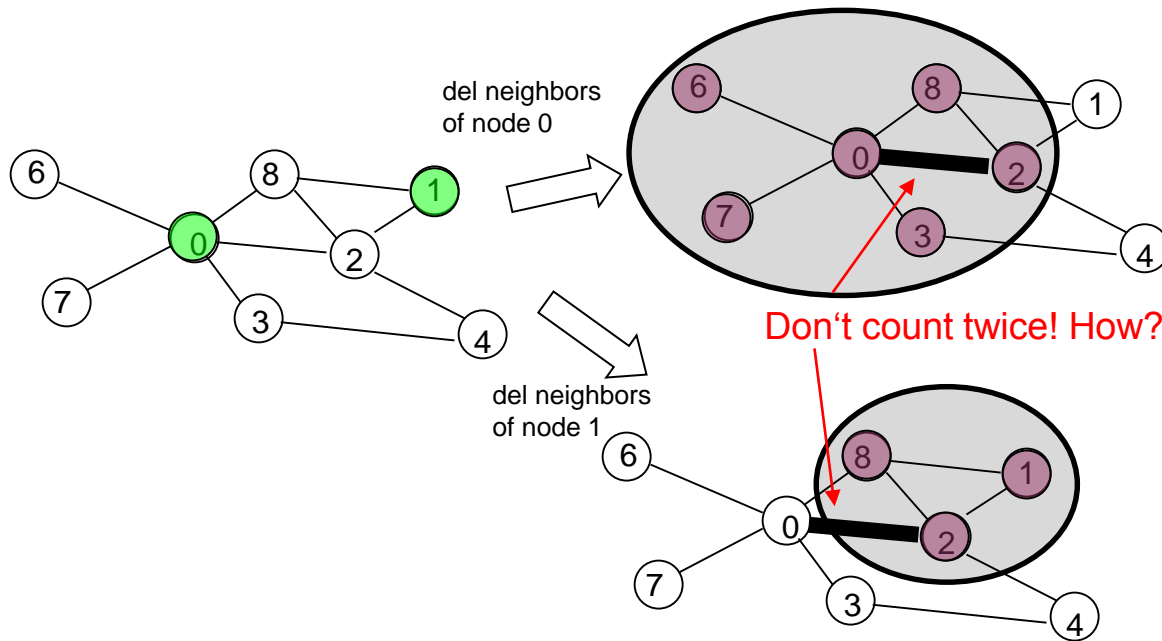
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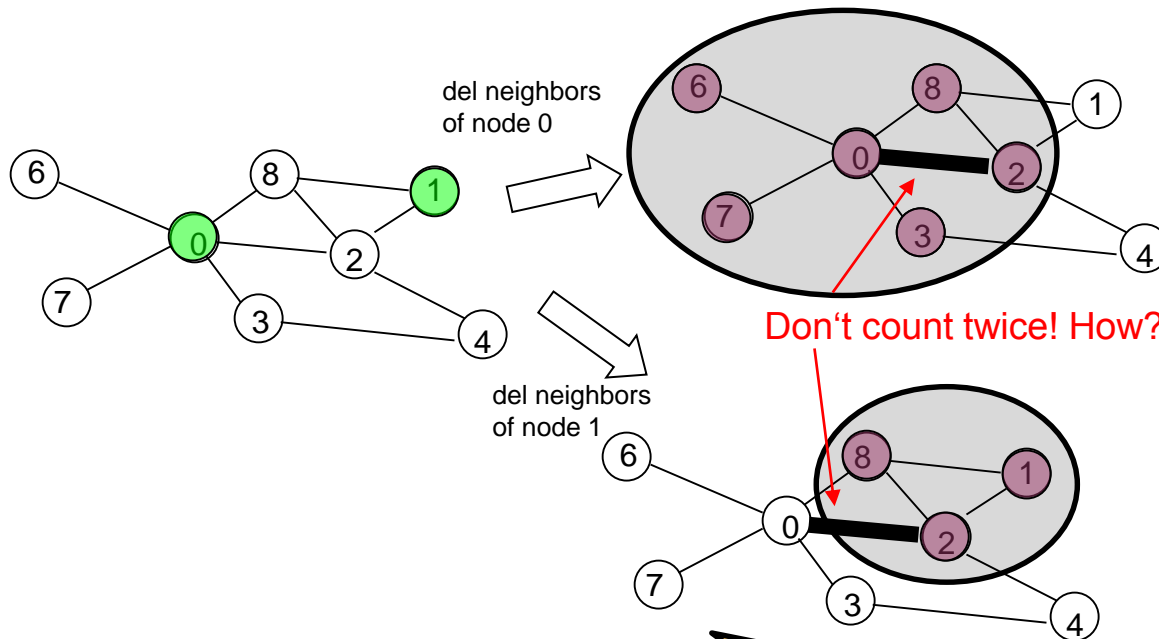
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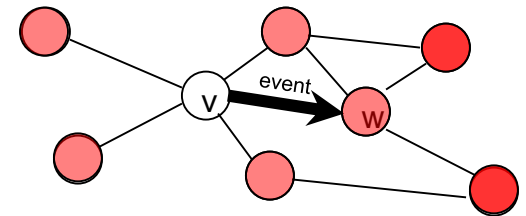
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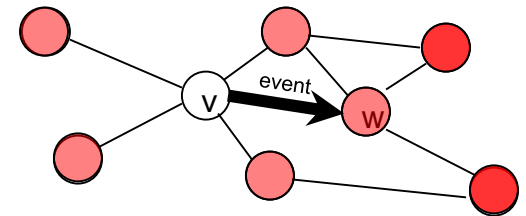
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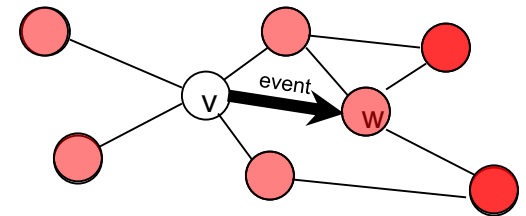
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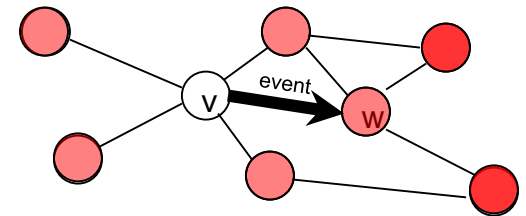
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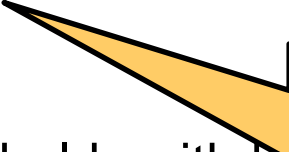
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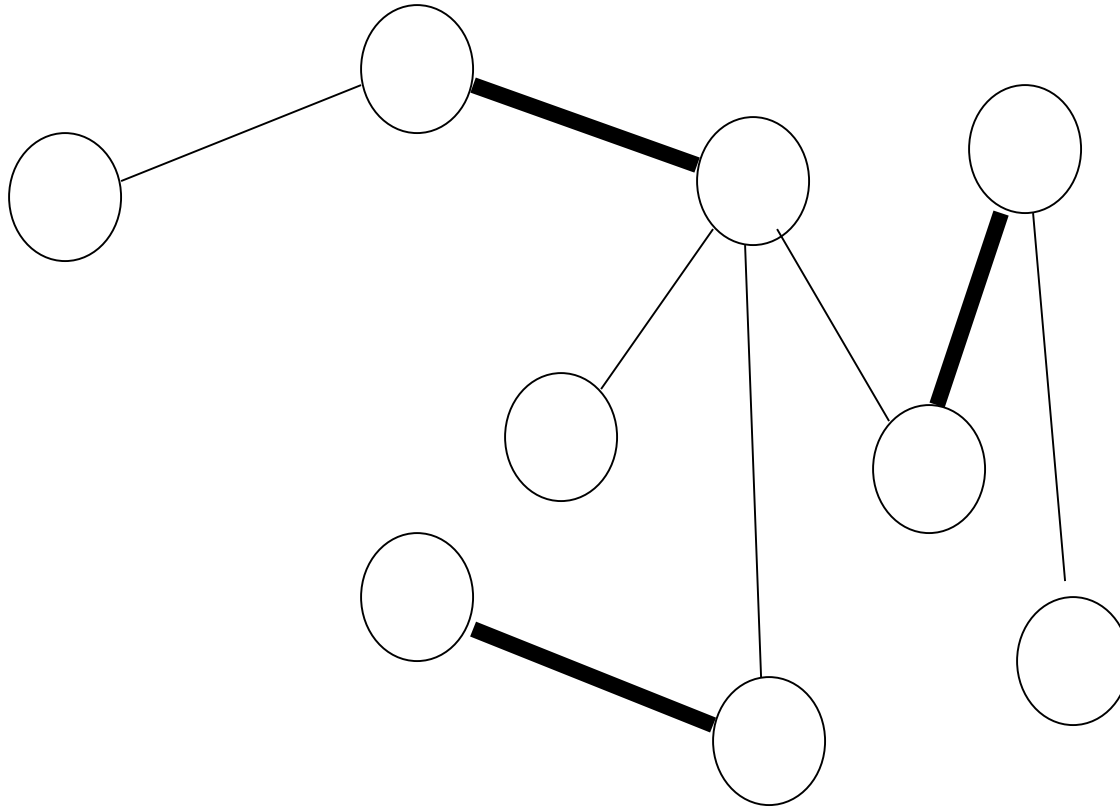
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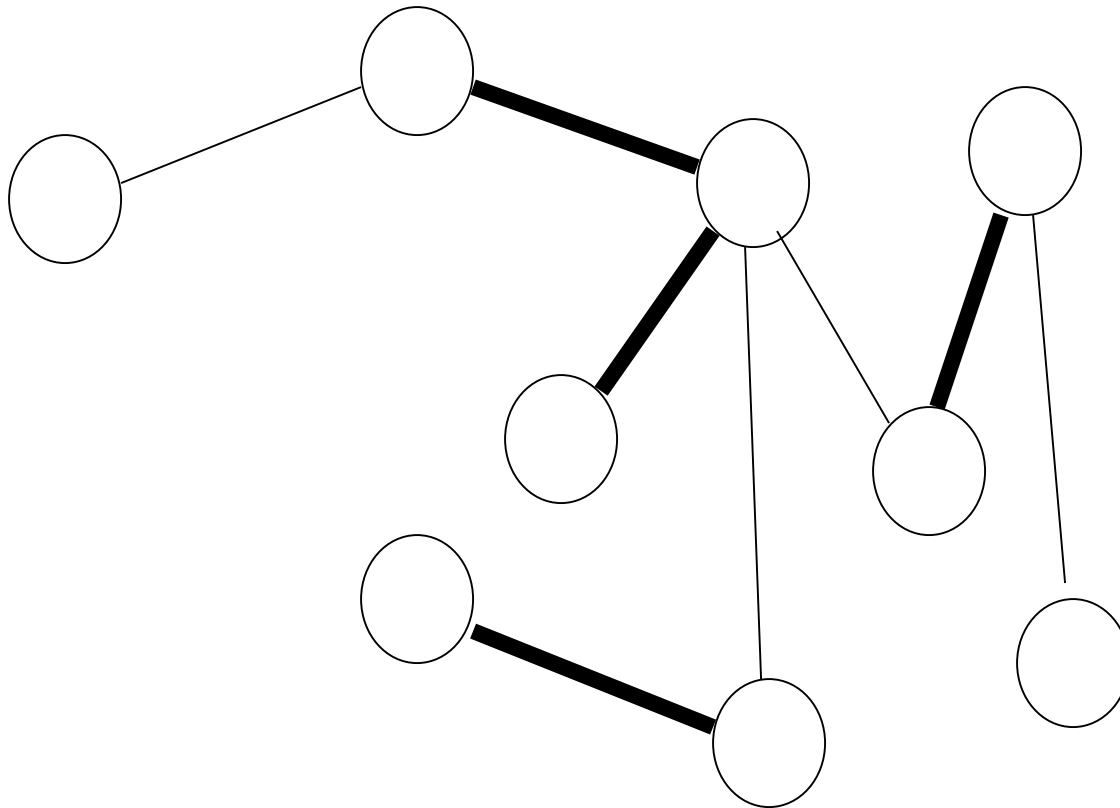
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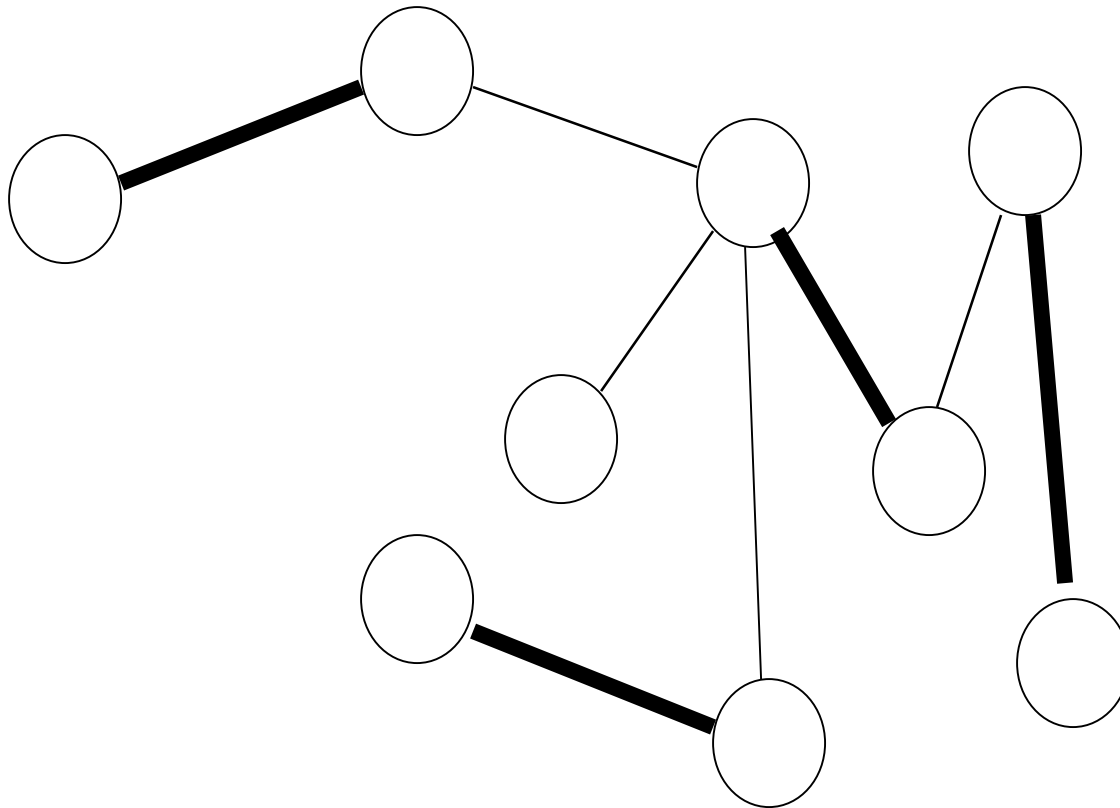
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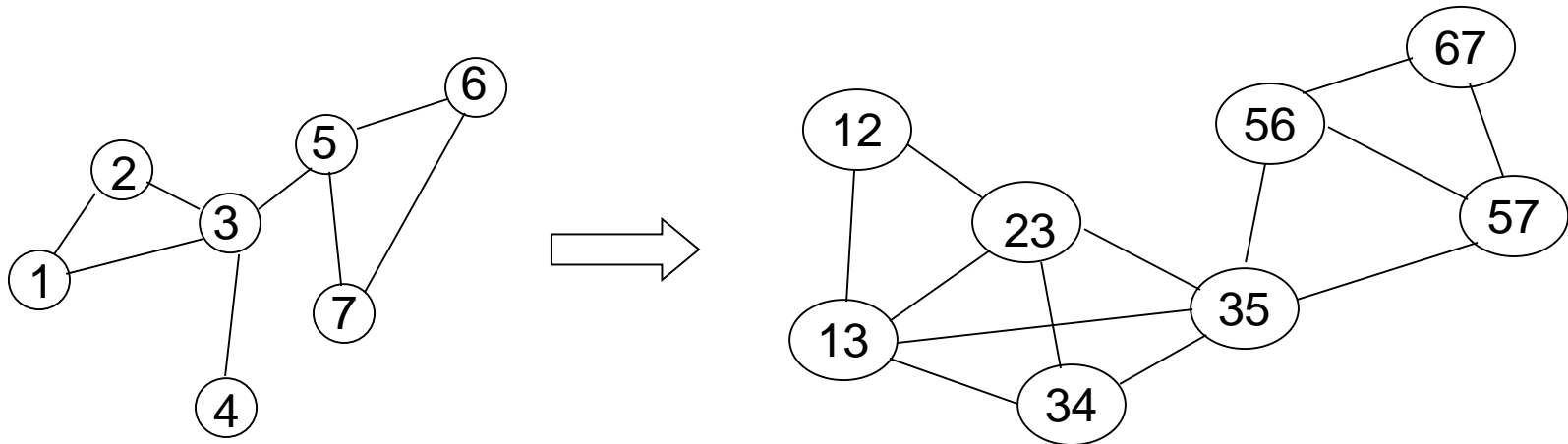
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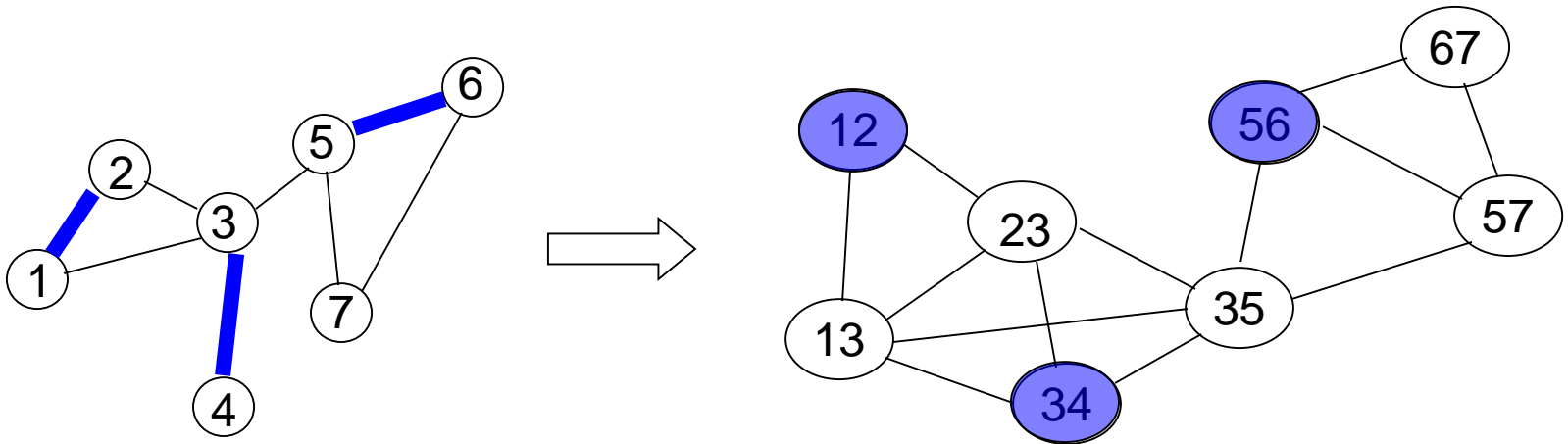
An IS algorithm is a matching algorithm! How?

For each edge in original graph make vertex, connect vertices if their edges are adjacent.



Discussion: Matching

MIS = maximal matching: matching does not have adjacent edges!



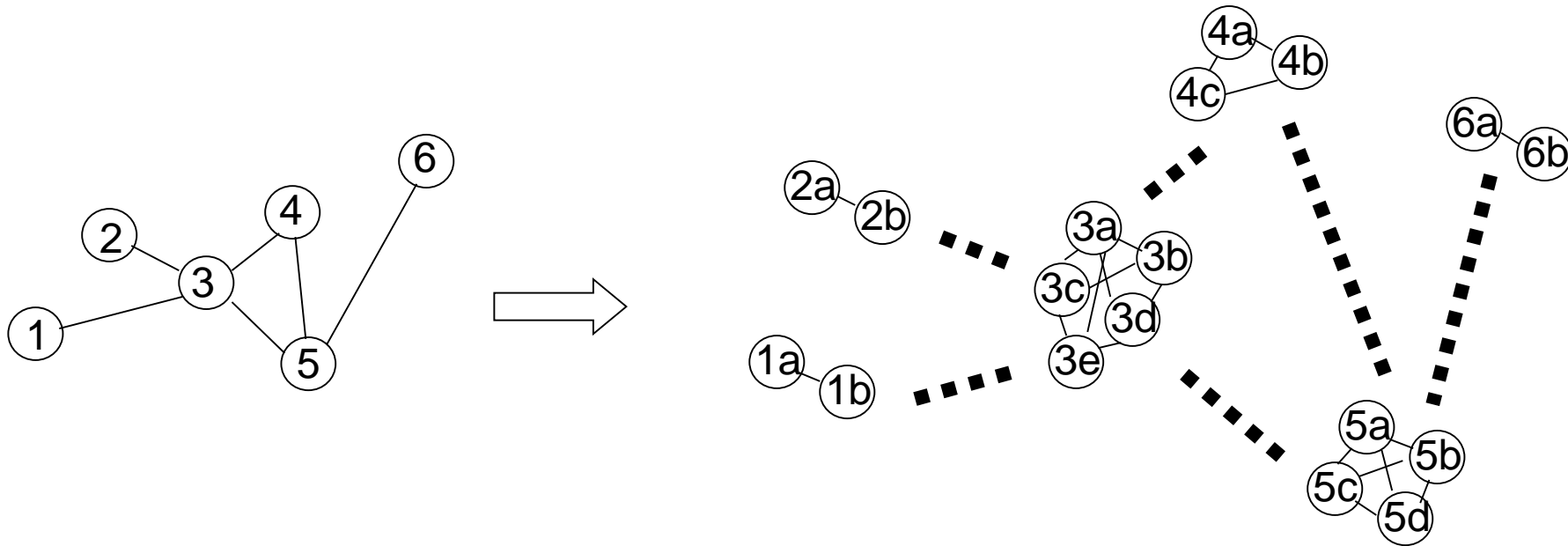
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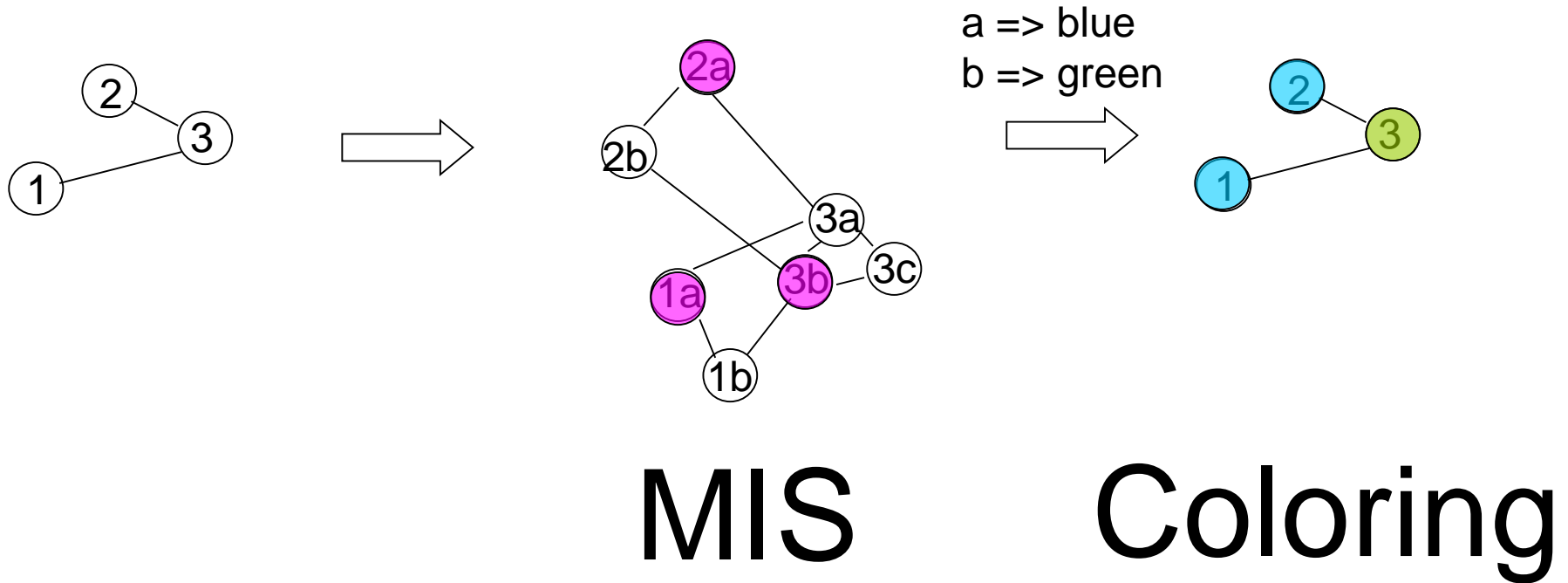
Run MIS: if i -th copy is in MIS, node gets color i .



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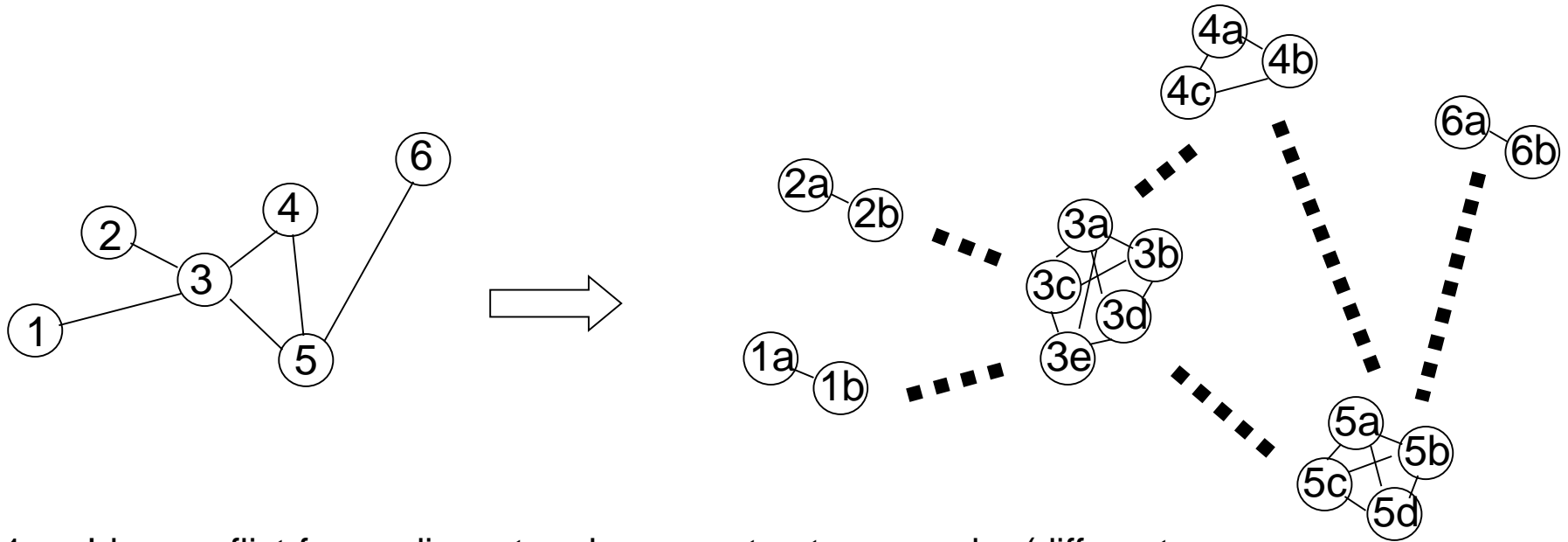
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Why does it work?



1. Idea conflict-free: adjacent nodes cannot get same color (different index in MIS, otherwise adjacent!), and each node has **at most one** clone in IS, so **valid**.
2. Idea colored: each node gets color, i.e., **each node has a clone in IS**: there are only $d(v)$ neighbor clusters, but our cluster has $d(v)+1$ nodes...

Dominating Set

A subset D of nodes such that each node either is in the dominating set itself, or one of its neighbors is (or both).

How to compute a dominating set?
See lecture notes. 😊

Literature for further reading:

- Peleg's book (as always 😊)

End of lecture

Exercise 3: Maximal Independent Set

In the lecture, we discussed a slow but simple deterministic maximal independent set (MIS) algorithm (Algorithm 34) in which the decisions of the nodes are based on their identifiers. The time complexity of this algorithm is $O(n)$.

We might hope that if the nodes with the largest degrees, i.e., the largest number of neighbors, decide to enter the MIS, the set of undecided nodes reduces the most. In the following algorithm we try to exploit the knowledge of the node degrees:

Assume that each node knows its degree and also the degrees of all its neighbors. If a node has a larger degree than all its undecided neighbors, it joins the MIS and informs its neighbors. Once a node v learns that (at least) one of its neighbors joined the MIS, v decides not to join the MIS.

Naturally, the algorithm does not make any progress if two or more neighboring nodes share the largest degree. As this is a difficult problem, we will assume in the following that this situation does not occur, i.e., if a node v has the largest degree, then no neighboring node has the same degree as v .¹

- a) Draw a graph that illustrates that this algorithm has a large time complexity for trees! Give a (non-trivial) lower bound on the (worst-case) time complexity for trees consisting of n nodes!
- b) Construct a graph that shows that the time complexity of this algorithm is even worse for arbitrary graphs than for trees! What is the time complexity?

Solution 3: Deterministic Maximal Independent Sets

Lecture: two randomized algorithms! What about deterministic solutions?

Recall algo from lecture:

Slow MIS

assume node IDs

Each node v :

1. If all neighbors with larger IDs have decided not to join MIS then: v decides to join MIS

Unfortunately, not faster than sequential algorithm!

E.g., sorted line: $O(n)$ time.

Solution 3: Deterministic Maximal Independent Sets

How to do better?

Idea: Nodes with high degree should decide first, so many node decide sooner?

Degree MIS

assume nodes v know degrees, also of neighbors

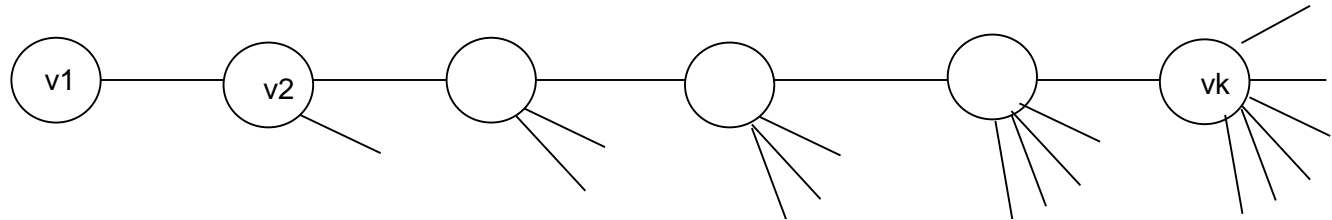
1. If node v has larger degree than undecided neighbors, join MIS and inform neighbors
2. Once a neighbor joins MIS, a node decides not to join MIS

Assume: no node has same degree as neighbors, should only help us,
so let's see...

Solution 3: Deterministic Maximal Independent Sets

Degree MIS is bad, even on trees:

- Line with increasing degrees.
- No neighbor has same degree.



1st round: Only v_k joins MIS. (All other nodes lower degree.)

2nd round: Only v_{k-1} decides (not to join).

3rd round: Etc.

k-th round: All nodes have decided. => **Complexity $\Theta(k)$**

What is k?

The number of nodes in this graph is

$$n = k + \sum_{i=1}^k (i-1) + 1 = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k i = 1 + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} < \frac{(k+1)^2}{2}.$$

The time complexity is thus $k \geq \sqrt{2n} - 1 \in \Omega(\sqrt{n})$.

Solution 3: Worse on General Trees

Degree MIS is even worse on general graphs:

First note that the \sqrt{n} bound is tight for trees: it cannot be worse than that.

For contradiction, assume a node v_0 with degree $d(v_0)$ is undecided at time $2\sqrt{n}$. So v_0 must have an undecided neighbor v_1 with degree $d(v_1) > d(v_0)$ at time $2\sqrt{n}-1$.

So by induction, there are nodes $v_0, \dots, v_{2\sqrt{n}}$ such that v_i and v_{i+1} are neighboring, and $d(v_i) < d(v_{i+1})$.

So there are at least

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2\sqrt{n}} \delta(v_i) - 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{2\sqrt{n}} i = \frac{2\sqrt{n}(2\sqrt{n} + 1)}{2} > 2n$$

nodes in the tree (no neighbors can be shared, since tree cycle-free).
Contradiction!

Solution 3: Worse on General Trees

Degree MIS is even worse on general graphs:

Consider the ring:

v_i connected to
all u_j with j in $\{1, \dots, k-i\}$

So:
 $d(v_i) = k+2-i$
 $d(u_j) = k-j$

Execution:

1st round: v_1 joins MIS

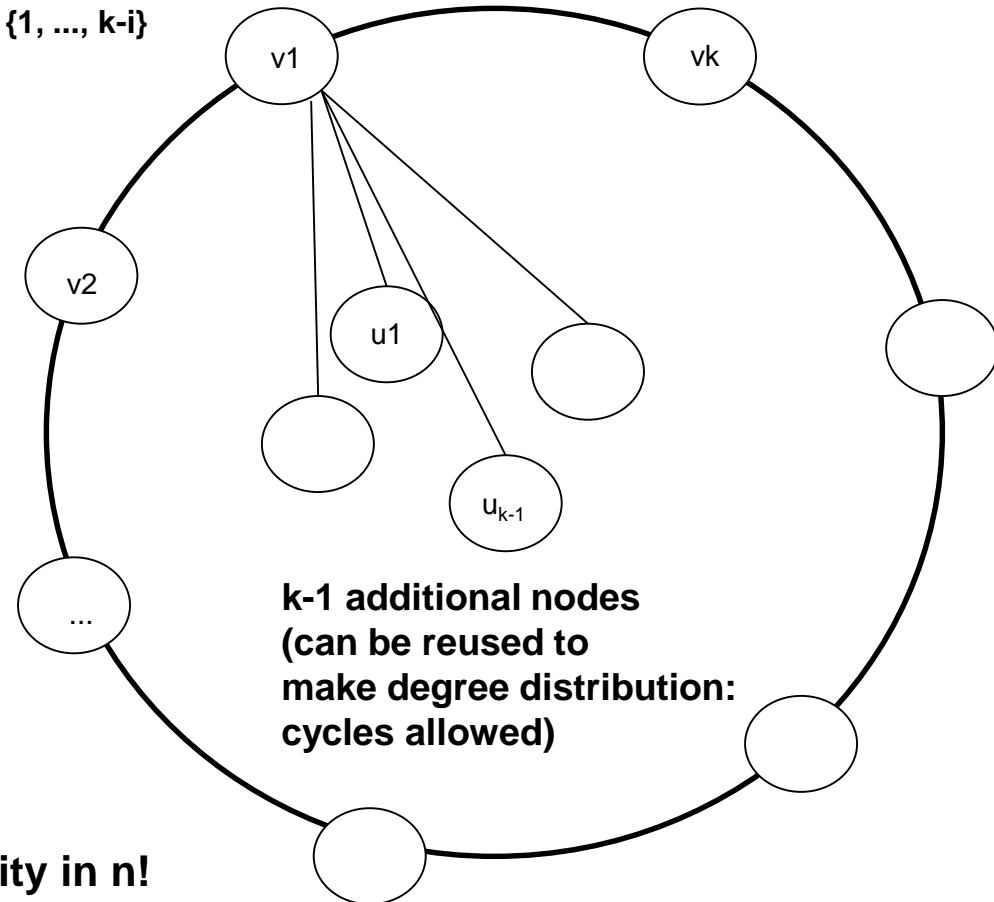
2nd round: u_1, \dots, u_{k-1} , **and v_2 and v_i cannot join anymore => tell it to neighbors**

3rd round: only v_3 decides (all other nodes have Undecided higher-degree neighbor)

4th round: only v_4 decides.

$(k-1)^{\text{th}}$ round: v_{k-1} decides.

Since $2k-1=n$, we get a linear complexity in n !



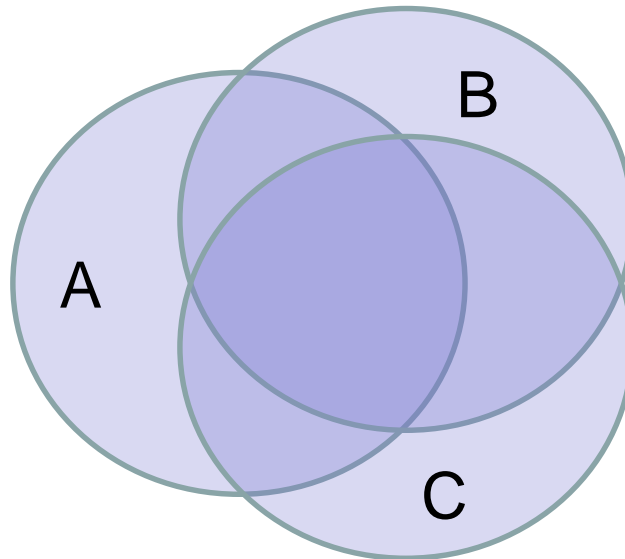
Backup Slides

All you will need in the analysis:

Inclusion Exclusion Principle

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| = & |A| + |B| + |C| \\ & - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| \\ & + |A \cap B \cap C| \end{aligned}$$

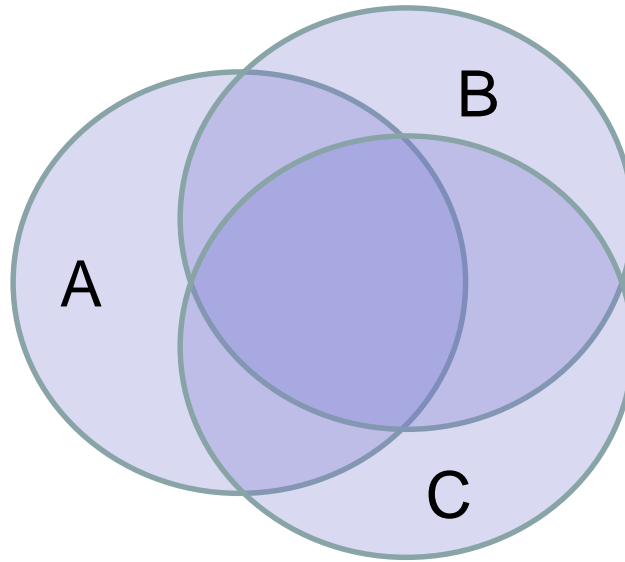
Why?



- Pairs overlaps twice
- But then need to add middle again!

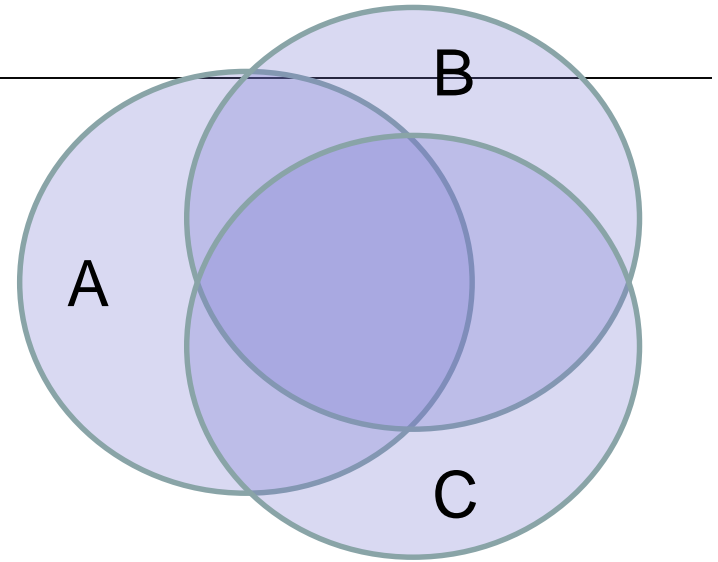
Can be generalized
to k sets!

Same for probability:



If disks describe event space:

$$\begin{aligned} P[\text{event} \in A \cup B \cup C] = & P[A] + P[B] + P[C] \\ & - P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C] \\ & + P[A \cap B \cap C] \end{aligned}$$



Upper and lower bounds

Can get **upper bound** if omit **from minus sign**

$$P[\text{event} \in A \cup B \cup C] \leq P[A] + P[B] + P[C]$$

Can get **lower bound** if omit **from plus sign**

$$P[\text{event} \in A \cup B \cup C] \geq P[A] + P[B] + P[C] \\ - P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C]$$

Let us consider the following Marking Algorithm

Fast MIS (1986)

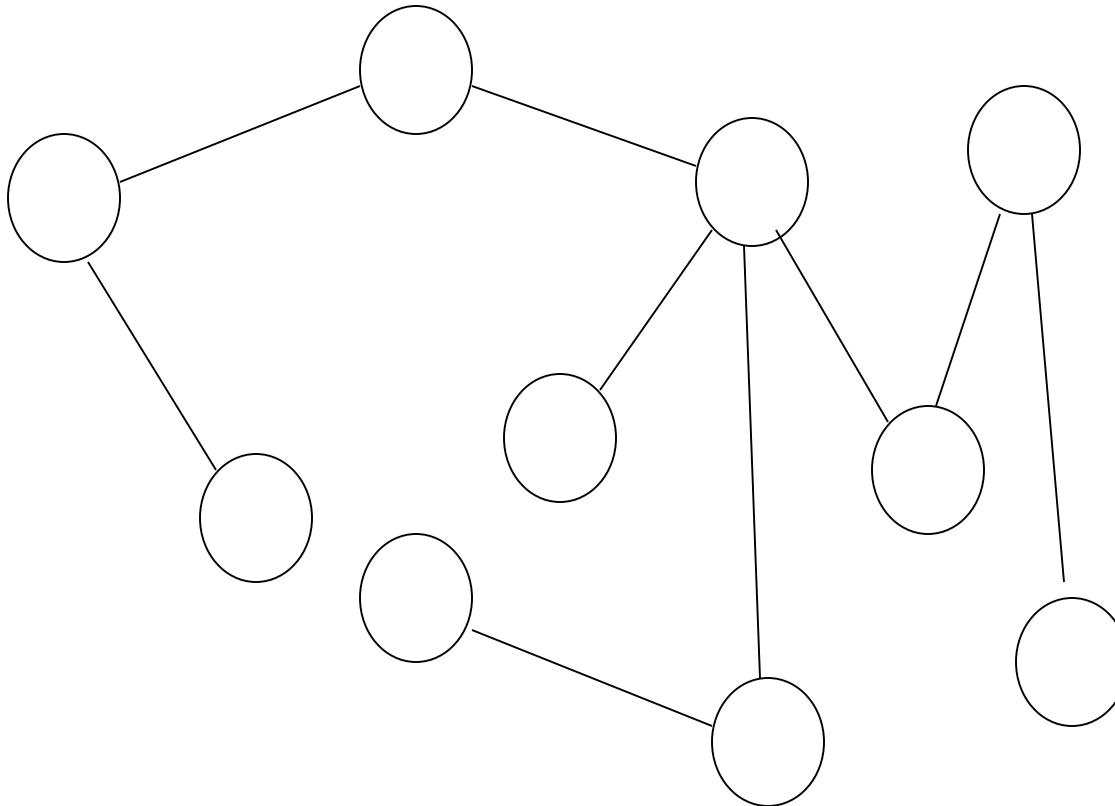
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If $d(v)=0$, assume probability = 1

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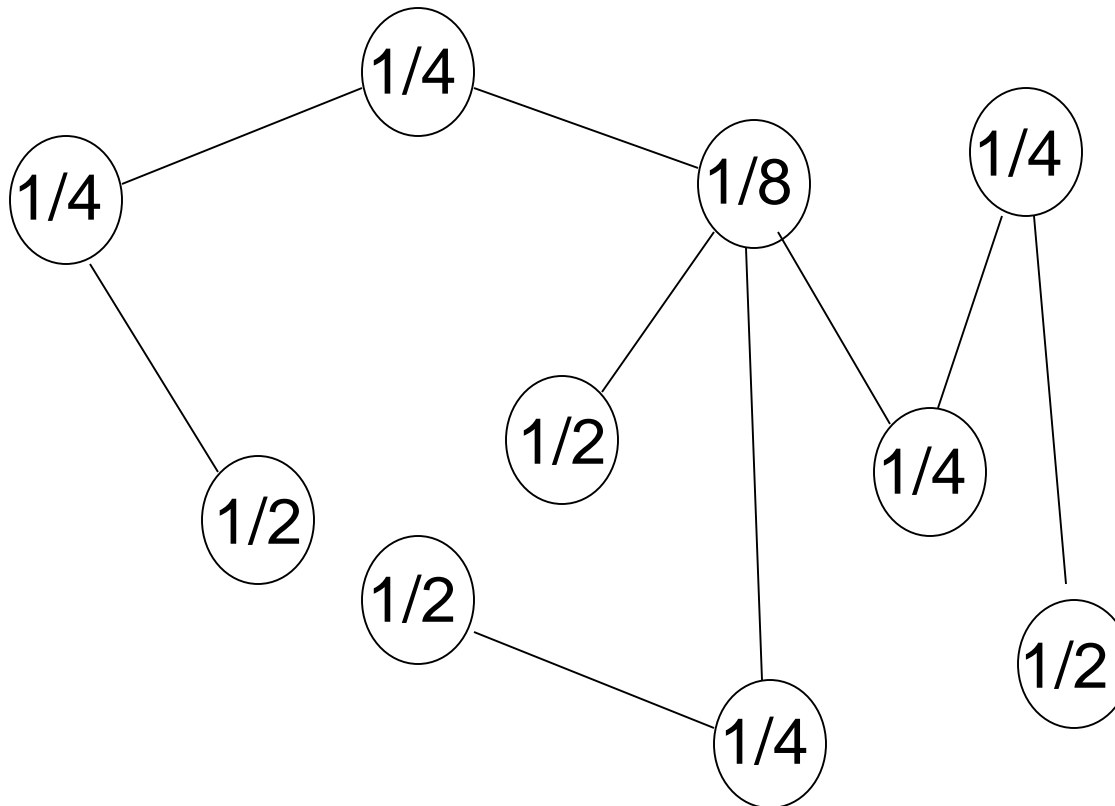
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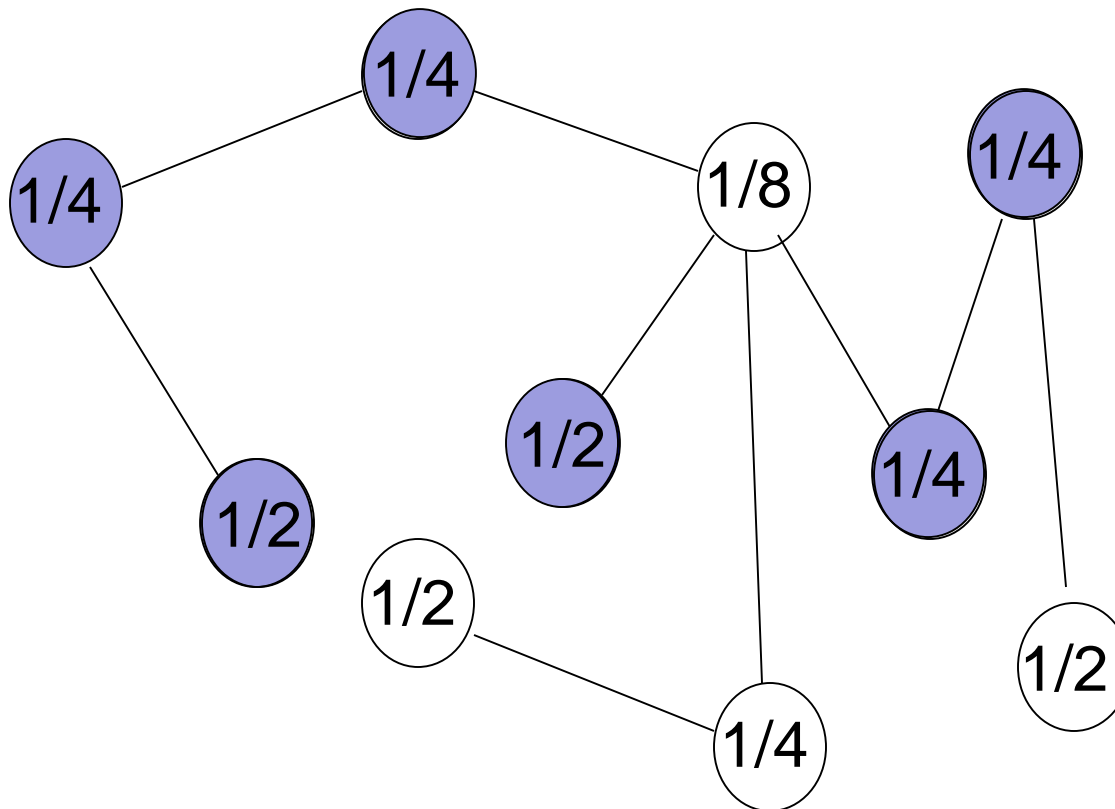
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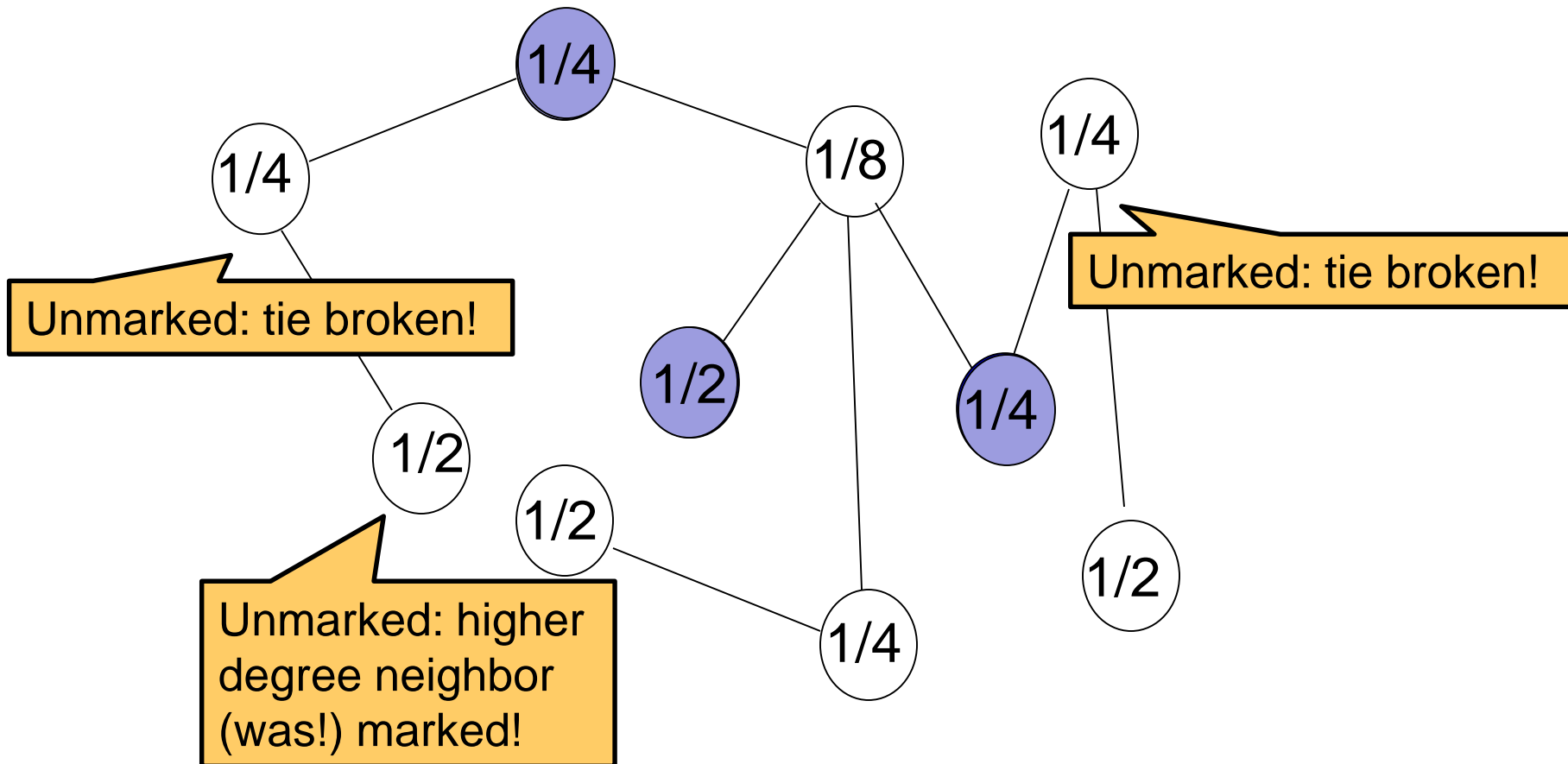
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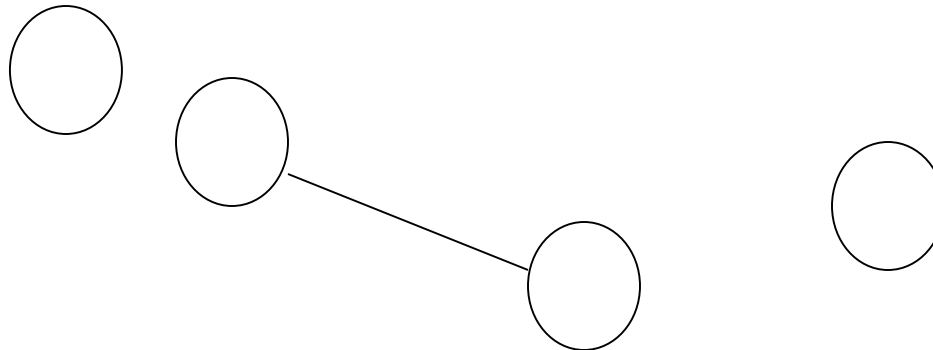
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Fast MIS from 1986...

High degree nodes are unlikely to mark themselves!

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Why is it correct? Why IS? Why MIS?

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What about the distributed runtime?

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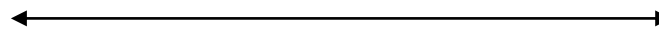
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However: A constant fraction of edges are removed with constant probability!



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Analysis

Let us compute the probability p that any node v joins MIS in Step 2!

We know:

- At most $1/2d(v)$: node only marked with this probability.
- Once marked, needs to join MIS: only if largest degree...



We will find that marked nodes are likely to join MIS!

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Definition of algorithm! A neighbor was the reason for v not to join MIS.

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Probability is independent of whether v is marked or not!

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Compute union bound (sum) of all these events individually. And ignore neighbor condition.

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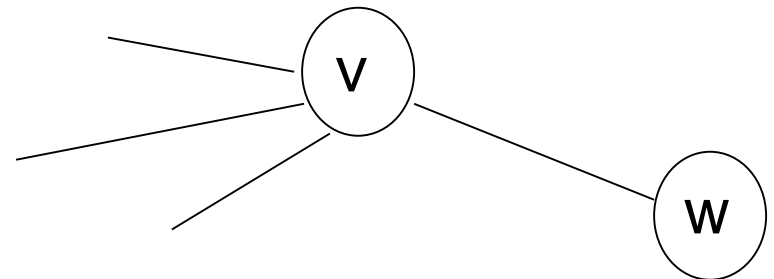
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Case 1: If v has a neighbor w with $d(w) \leq 2$

This case is easy! Our „Joining MIS Lemma“ implies that the probability that this node is removed is at least $1/8$: neighbor w joins with probability $1/8$.



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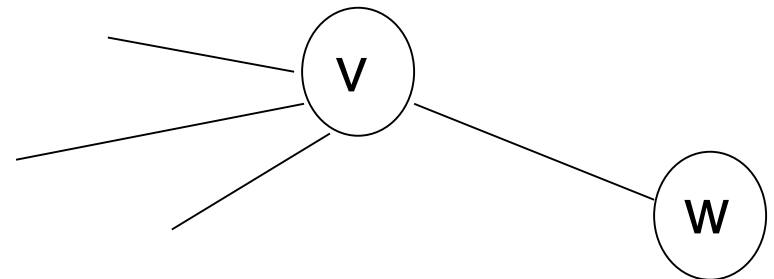
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Using $P[u \in M] \geq P[u \in \text{MIS}]$

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Independent but count nodes twice in sum

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See Joining MIS lemma

See algorithm

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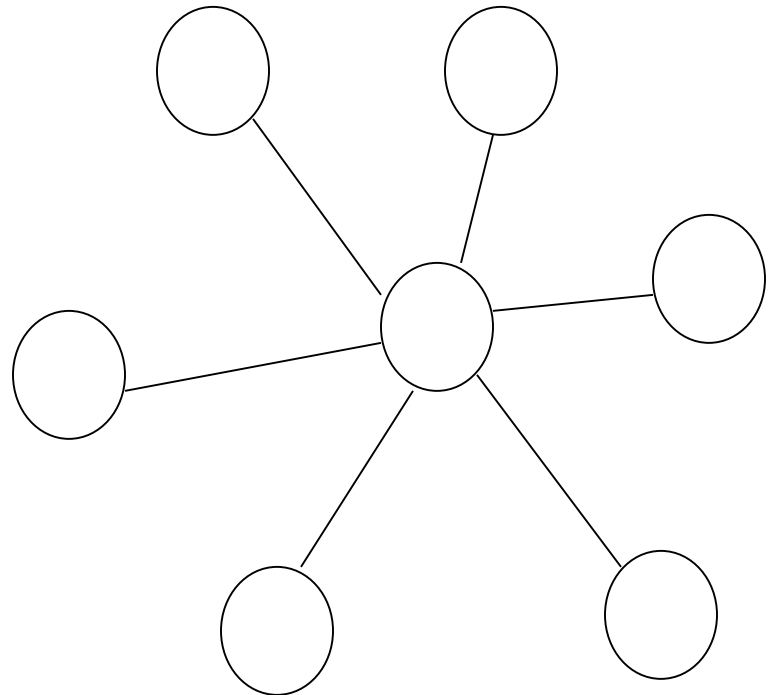
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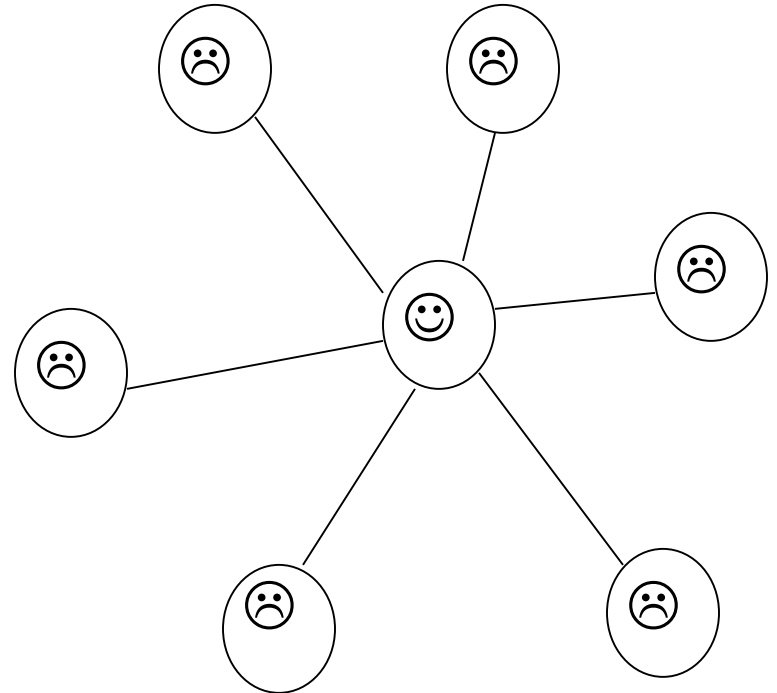
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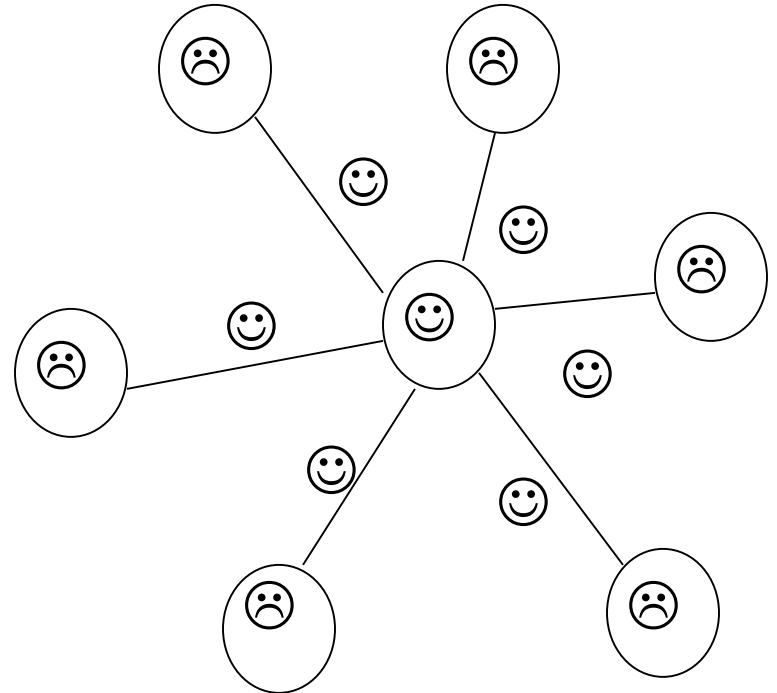
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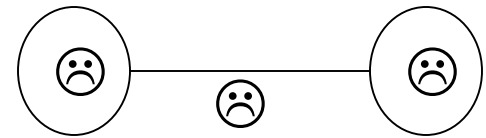
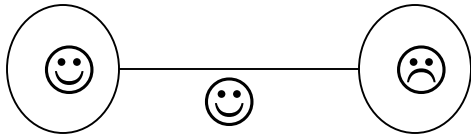
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An edge $e=(u,v)$ called *bad* if both u and v are bad (not good). Else the edge is called good.

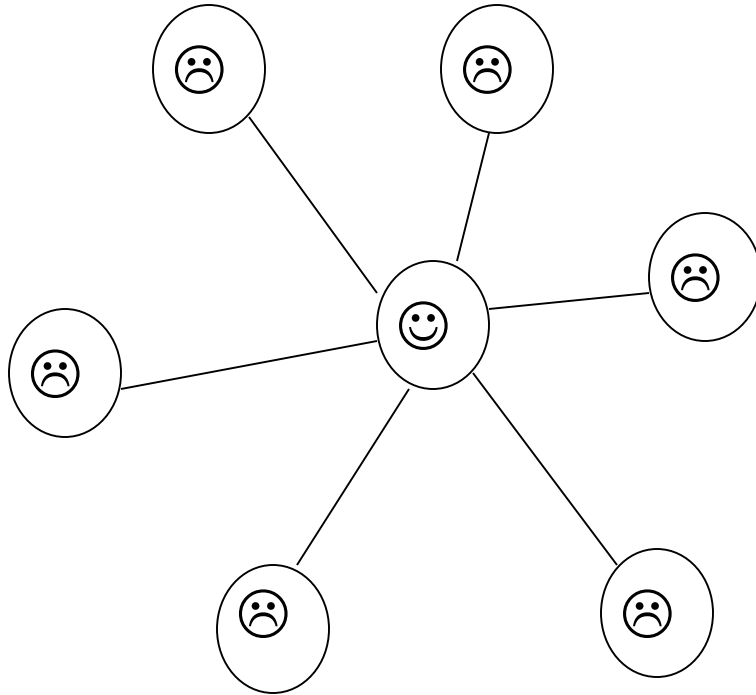
A bad edge is incident to two nodes with neighbors of high degrees.



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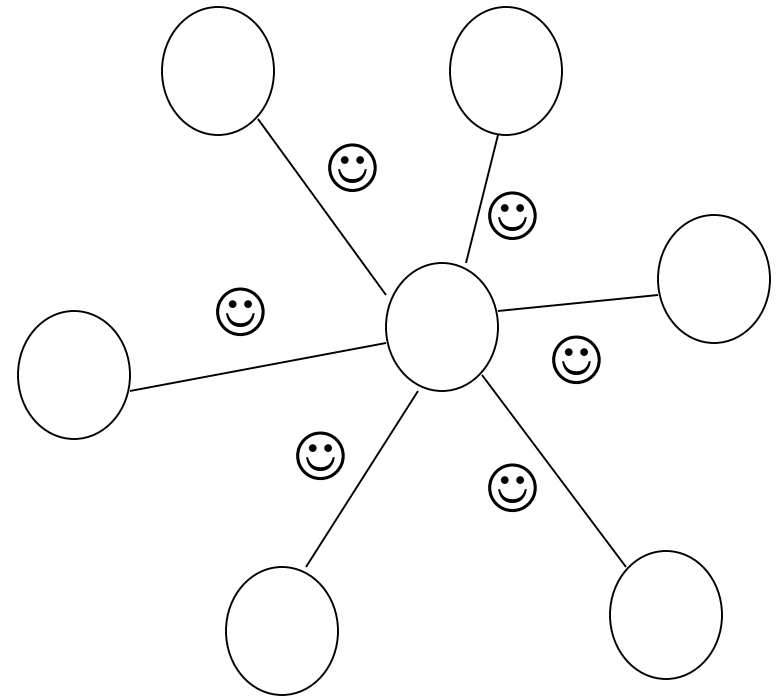
At least half of all edges are good, at any time.

Analysis



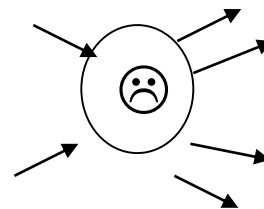
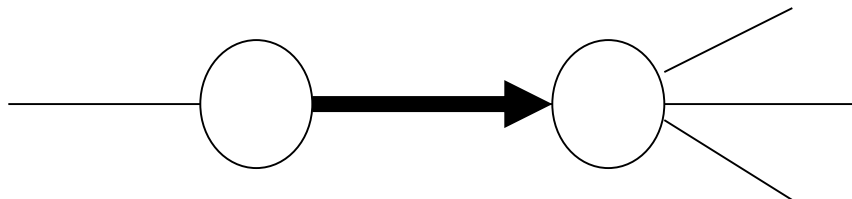
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Not many good nodes...



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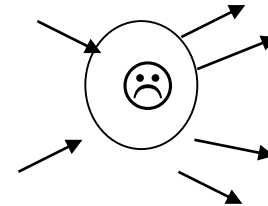
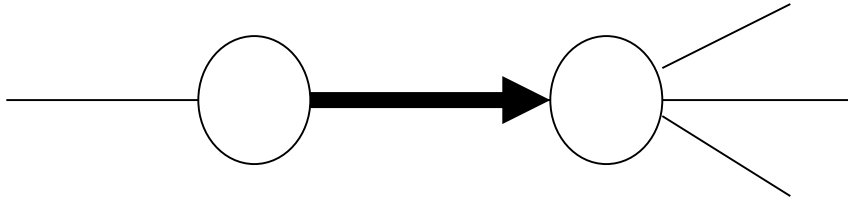
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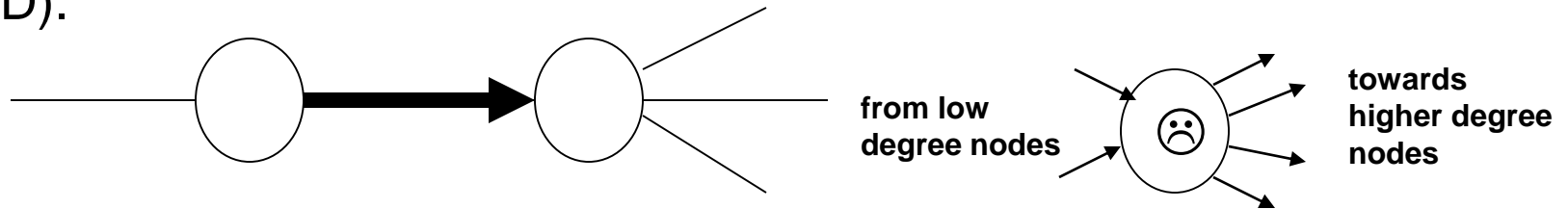
That would be great:

Since sum of incoming edges = sum of outgoing edges,
if the number of edges into bad nodes can be at most half
the number of all edges, at least half of all edges are directed
into good nodes! And they are good! 😊

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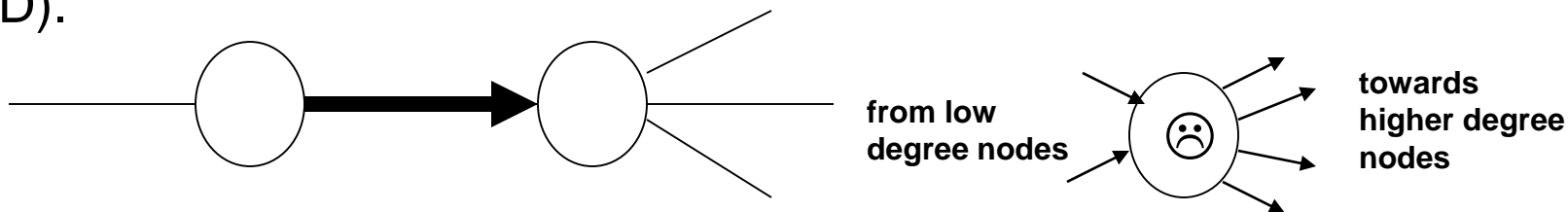
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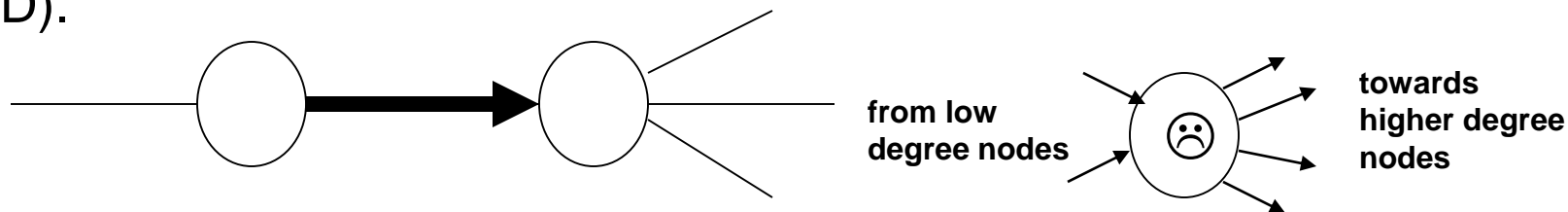
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Back to the future: Fast MIS from 2009...!

Even simpler algorithm!

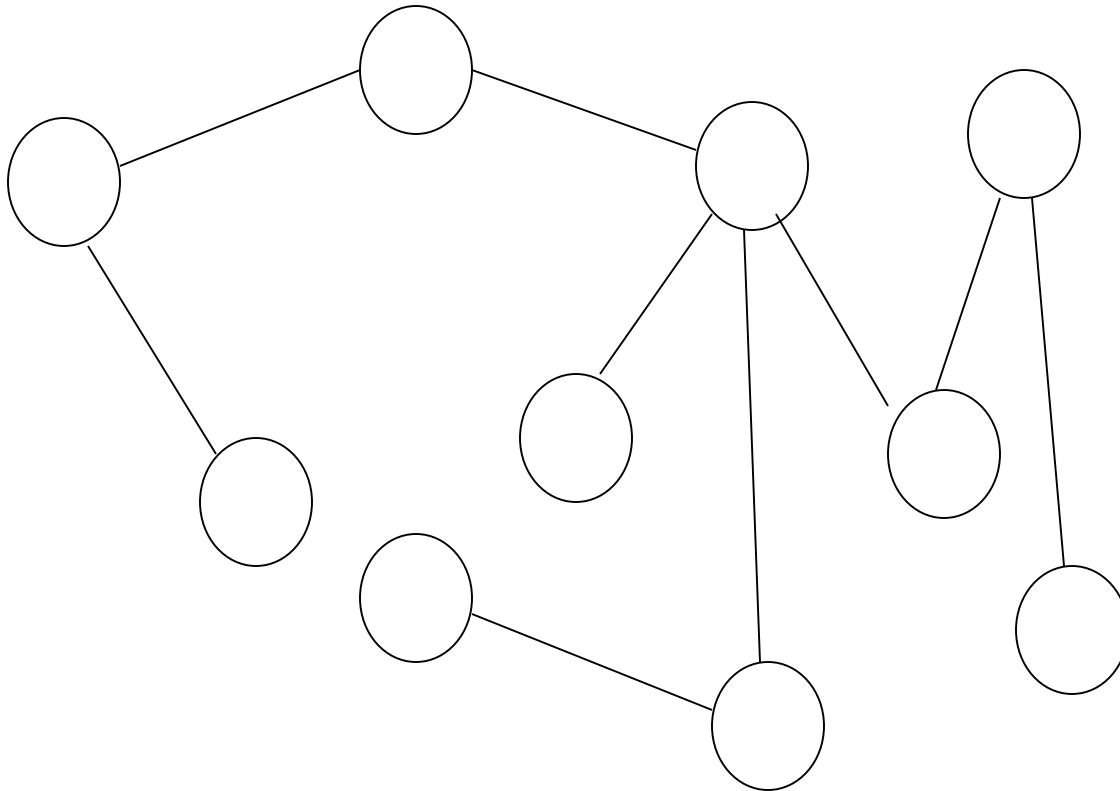
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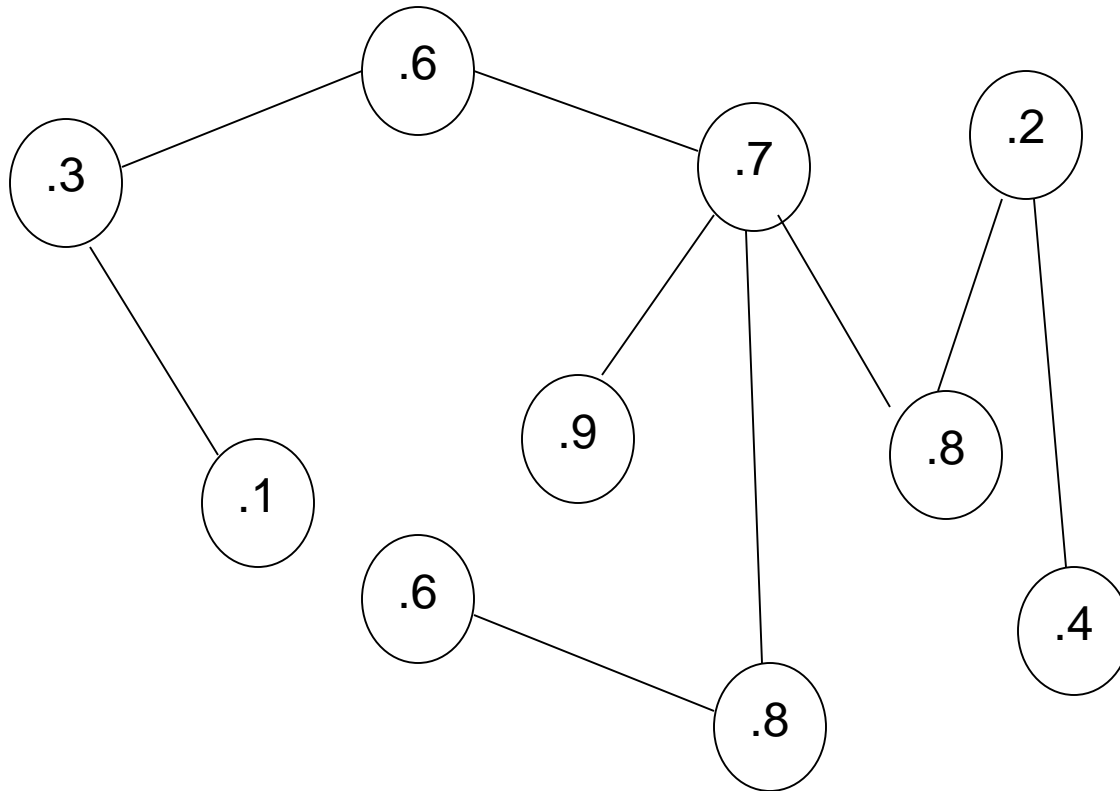
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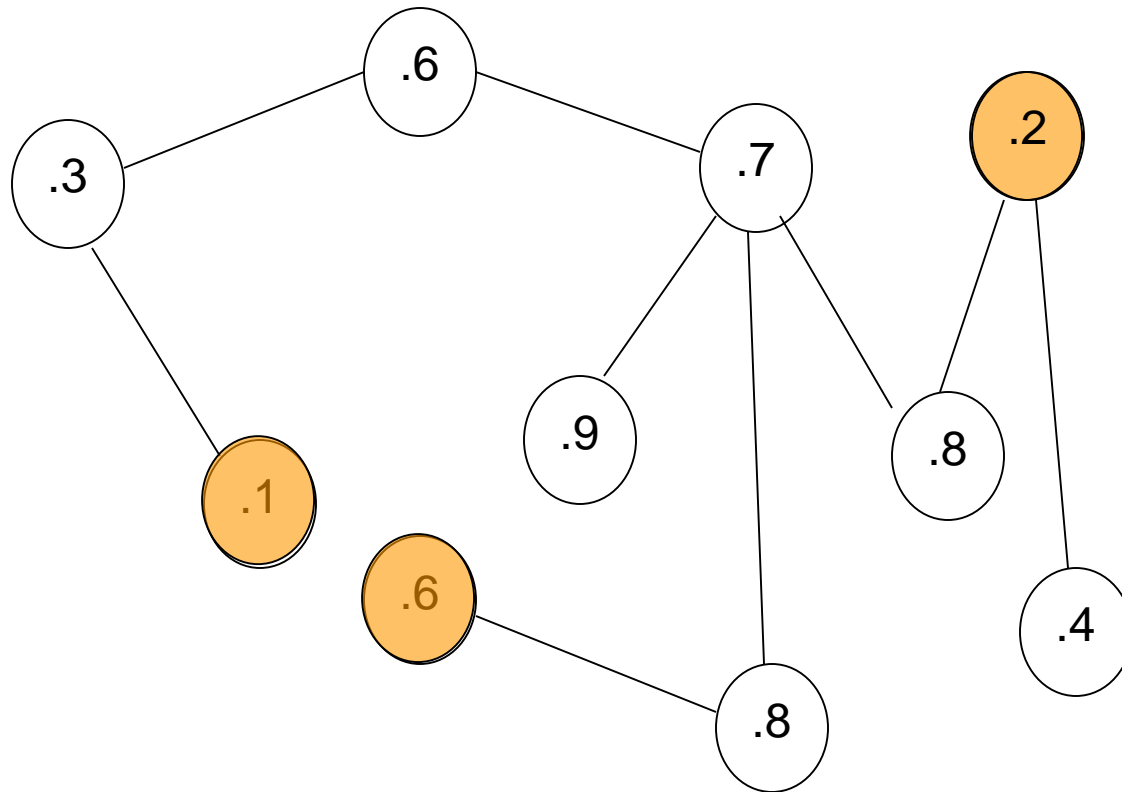


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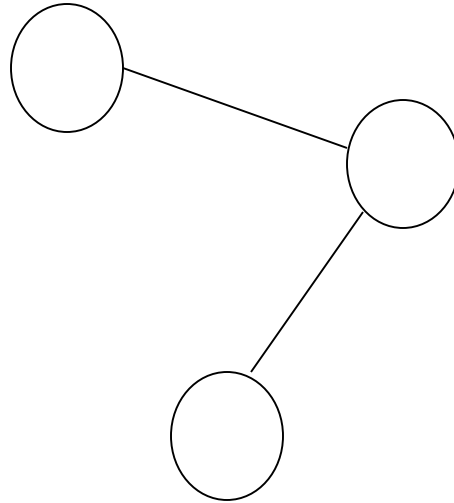
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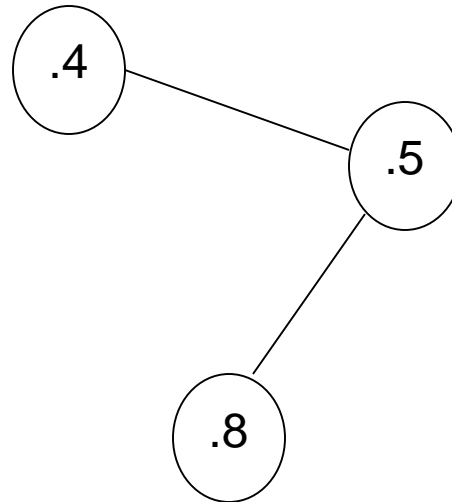
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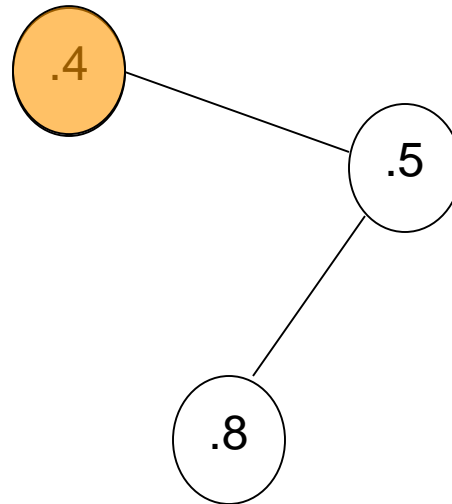
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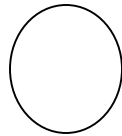
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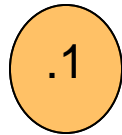
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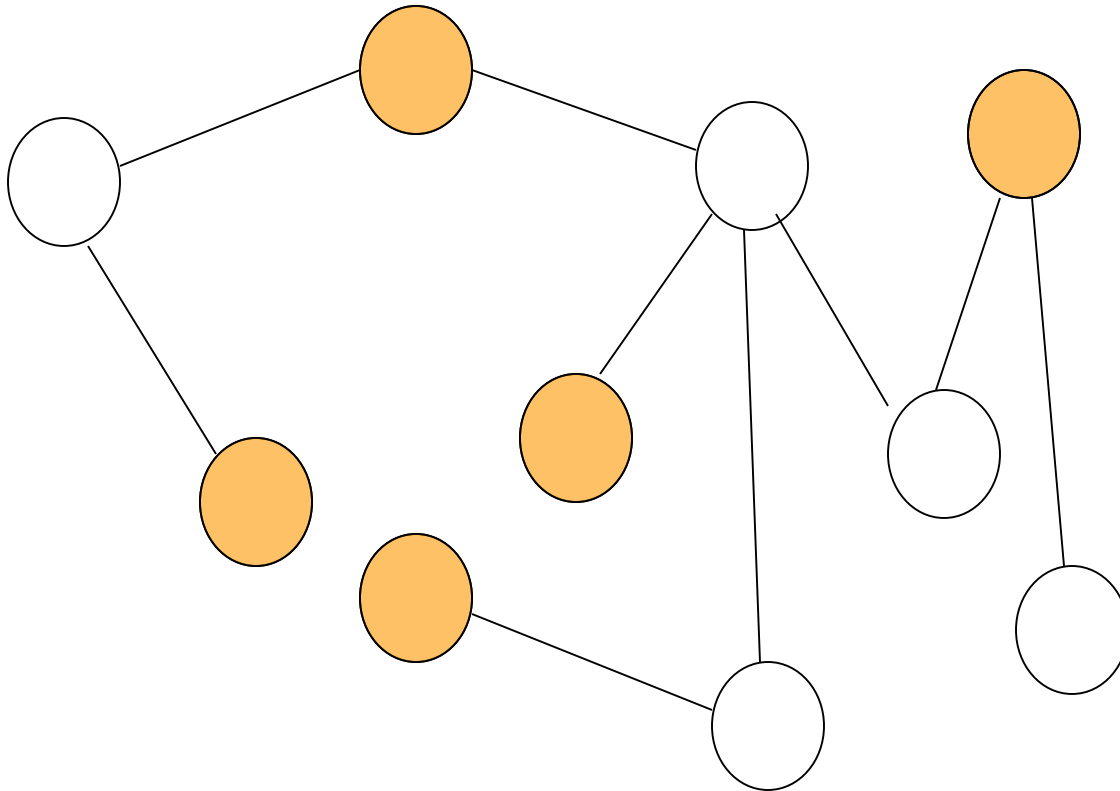
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Why is it correct? Why IS?

Step 2: if v joins, neighbors do not

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Runtime?

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Theorem 5.9 (Linearity of Expectation). *Let X_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$ denote random variables, then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_i X_i \right] = \sum_i \mathbb{E} [X_i].$$

Proof. It is sufficient to prove $\mathbb{E} [X + Y] = \mathbb{E} [X] + \mathbb{E} [Y]$ for two random variables X and Y , because then the statement follows by induction. Since

$$\begin{aligned} P[(X, Y) = (x, y)] &= P[X = x] \cdot P[Y = y | X = x] \\ &= P[Y = y] \cdot P[X = x | Y = y] \end{aligned}$$

we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [X + Y] &= \sum_{(X, Y) = (x, y)} P[(X, Y) = (x, y)] \cdot (x + y) \\ &= \sum_{X=x} \sum_{Y=y} P[X = x] \cdot P[Y = y | X = x] \cdot x \\ &\quad + \sum_{Y=y} \sum_{X=x} P[Y = y] \cdot P[X = x | Y = y] \cdot y \\ &= \sum_{X=x} P[X = x] \cdot x + \sum_{Y=y} P[Y = y] \cdot y \\ &= \mathbb{E} [X] + \mathbb{E} [Y]. \end{aligned}$$

We sum over all possible y values for a given x , so $=1$.

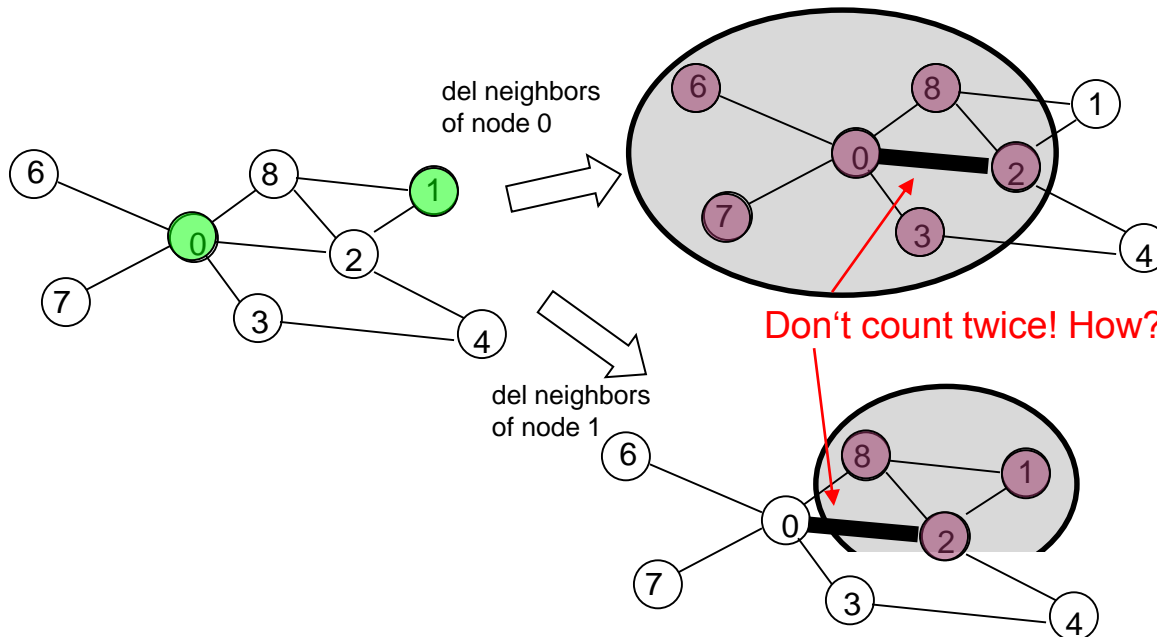
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Probability of a node v to enter MIS?

Probability = node v has smallest ID in neighborhood, so at least $1/(d(v)+1)$...

... also v 's neighbor's edges will disappear with this probability, so more than $d(v)$ edges go away with this probability!

But let's make sure we do not double count edges!



Idea: only count edges from a neighbor w when v is the smallest value even in w 's neighborhood! It's a subset only, but sufficient!

Edge Removal: Analysis (1)

Edge Removal

In expectation, we remove at least half of all the edges in any phase.

Event ($v \Rightarrow w$)

($v \Rightarrow w$): per edge event: node v joins MIS and is even smaller than w 's neighbors.

Proof („Edge Removal“)?

Consider the graph $G=(V,E)$, and **assume v joins MIS** (i.e., $r(v) < r(w)$ for all neighbors w).

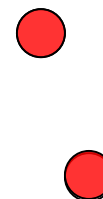
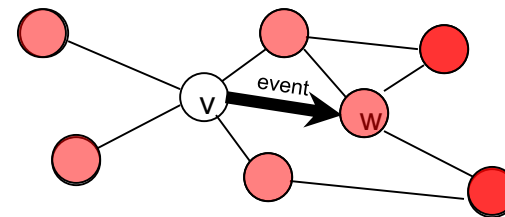
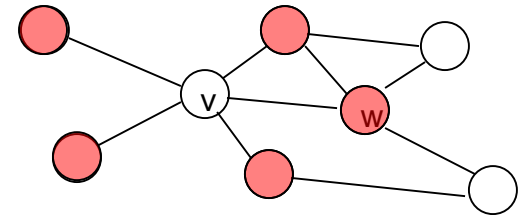
If in addition, it holds that $r(v) < r(x)$ for all neighbors x of a neighbor w , we call this **event ($v \Rightarrow w$)**.

What is the probability of this event (that v is minimum **also for neighbors** of the given neighbor)?

$$P[(v \Rightarrow w)] \geq 1/(d(v)+d(w)),$$

since $d(v)+d(w)$ is the maximum possible number of nodes adjacent to v and w .

If v joins MIS, all edges (w,x) will be removed; there are at least $d(w)$ many.



Edge Removal: Analysis (2)

Edge Removal

In expectation, we remove at least half of all the edges in any phase.

Proof („Edge Removal“)?

How many edges are removed?

Let $X_{(v \Rightarrow w)}$ denote random variable for number of edges adjacent to w removed due to event $(v \Rightarrow w)$. If $(v \Rightarrow w)$ occurs, $X_{(v \Rightarrow w)}$ has value $d(w)$, otherwise 0.

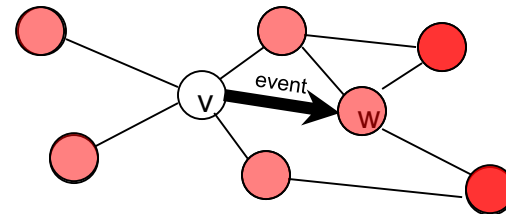
Let X denote the sum of all these random variables.

So:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{\{v,w\} \in E} \mathbb{E}[X_{(v \rightarrow w)}] + \mathbb{E}[X_{(w \rightarrow v)}] \\ &= \sum_{\{v,w\} \in E} P[\text{Event } (v \rightarrow w)] \cdot d(w) + P[\text{Event } (w \rightarrow v)] \cdot d(v) \\ &\geq \sum_{\{v,w\} \in E} \frac{d(w)}{d(v) + d(w)} + \frac{d(v)}{d(w) + d(v)} \\ &= \sum_{\{v,w\} \in E} 1 = |E|.\end{aligned}$$

So all edges gone in one phase?!

We still overcount!



Edge Removal: Analysis (3)

Edge Removal

In expectation, we remove at least half of all the edges in any phase.

Proof („Edge Removal“)?

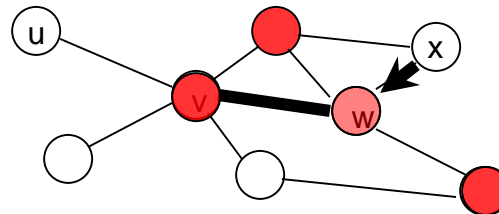
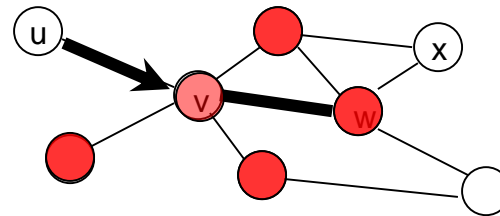
We still overcount:

Edge $\{v, w\}$ may be counted twice:
for event $(u \Rightarrow v)$ and event $(x \Rightarrow w)$.

However, it cannot be more than twice, as
there is at most one event $(* \Rightarrow v)$ and
at most one event $(* \Rightarrow w)$:

Event $(u \Rightarrow v)$ means $r(u) < r(w)$ for all
 $w \in N(v)$; another $(u' \Rightarrow v)$ would imply
that $r(u') > r(u) \in N(v)$.

So at least half of all edges vanish!



QED

MIS of 2009

Expected running time is $O(\log n)$.

Proof („MIS 2009“)?

Number of edges is cut in two in each round...

QED

Actually, the claim even holds with high probability!