

# A definition of scale-independent communities & a flow-free vertex cut algorithm

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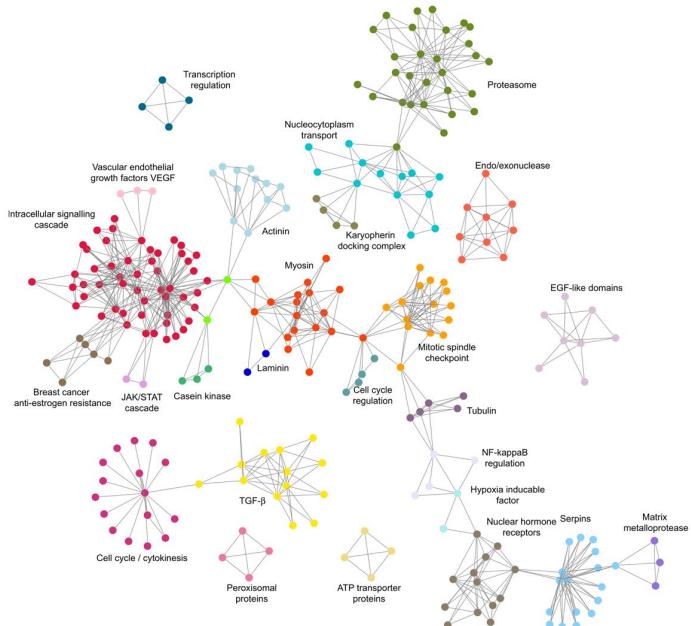
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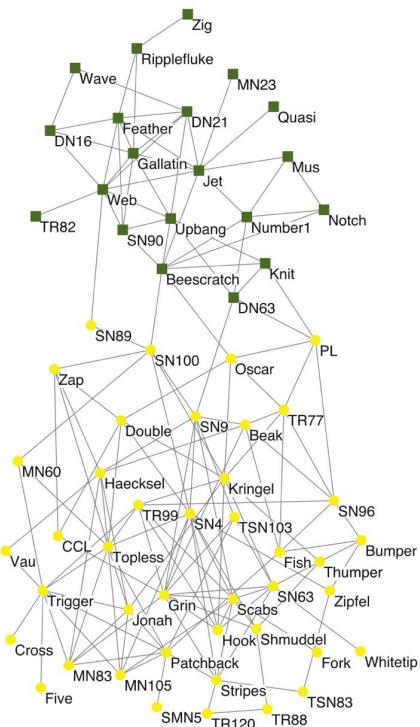
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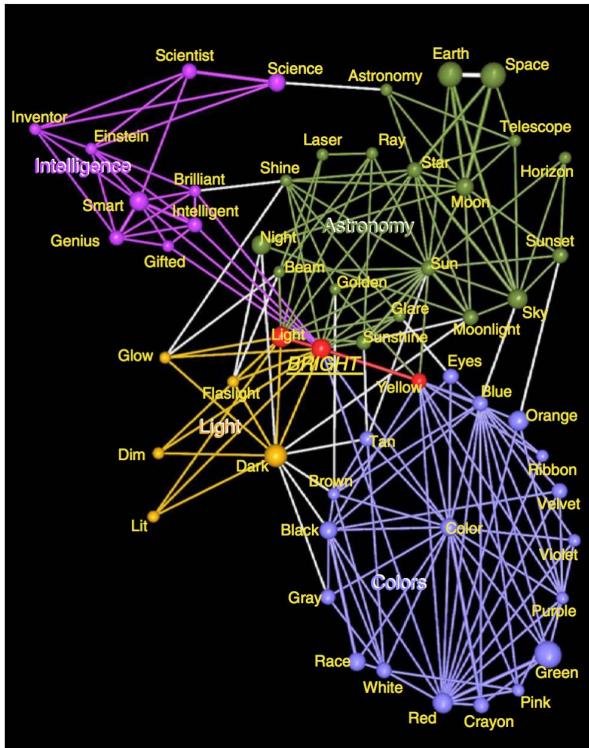
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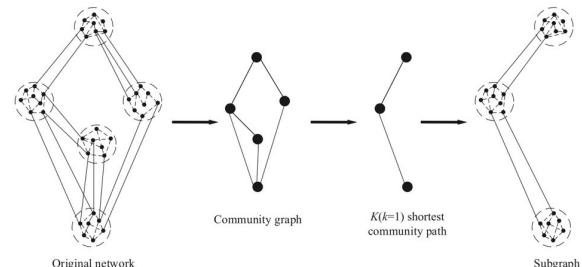
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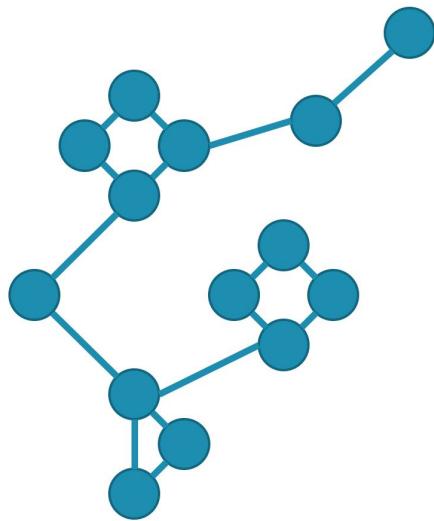
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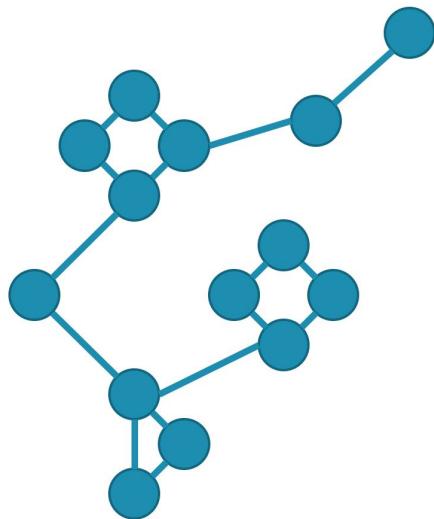
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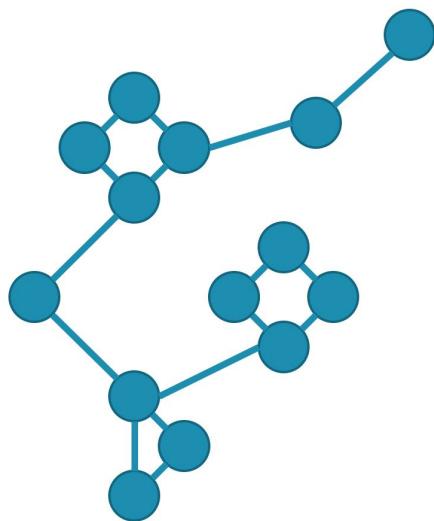


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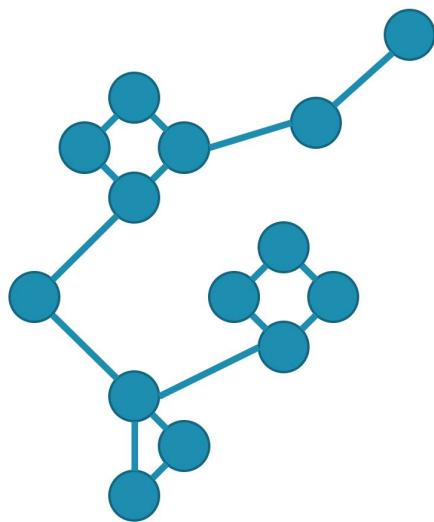
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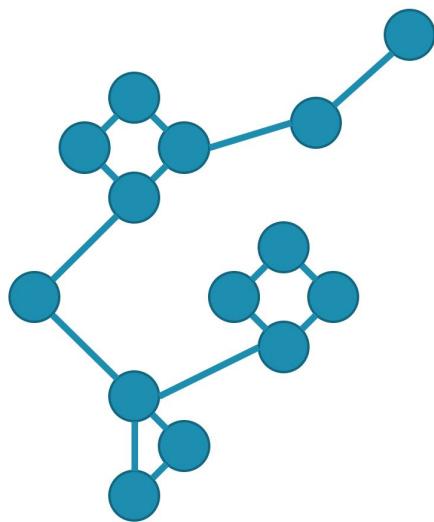
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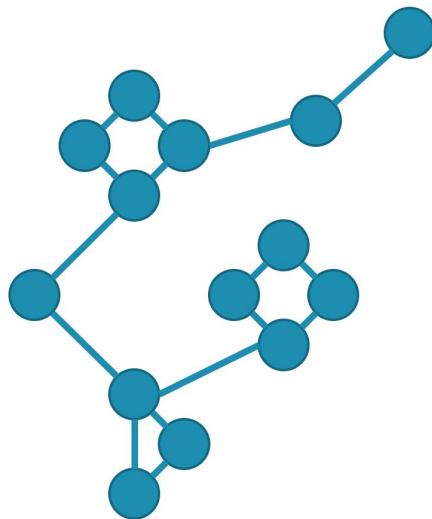
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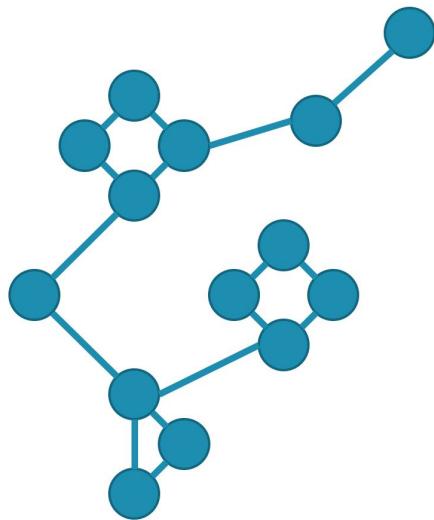
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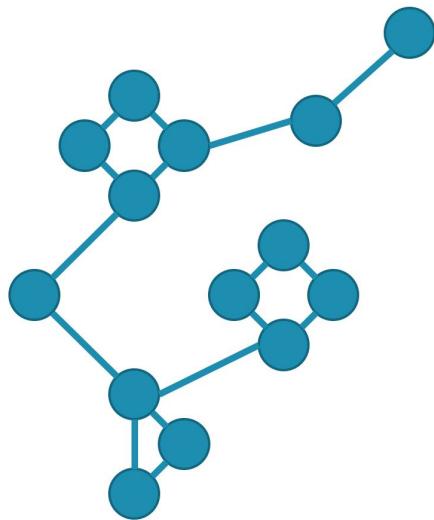
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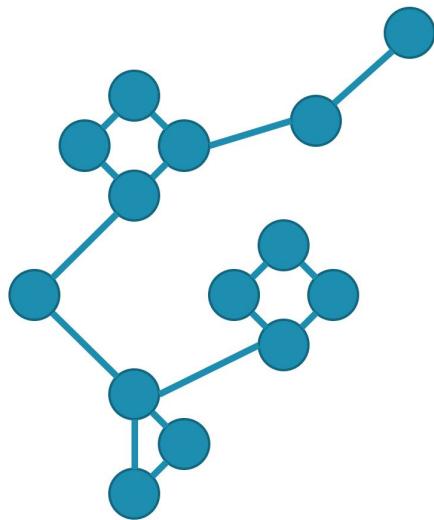
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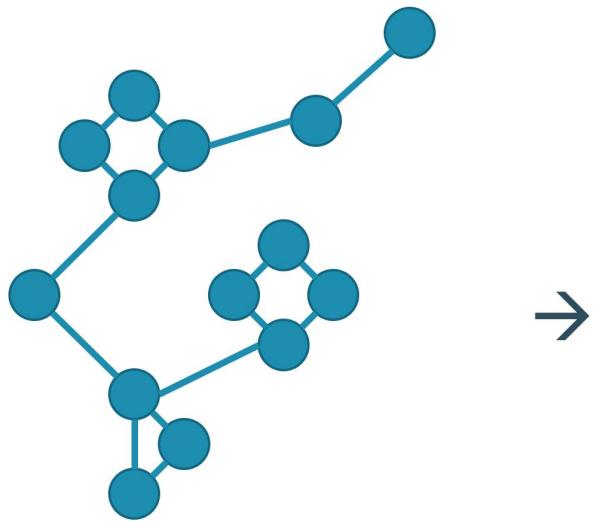
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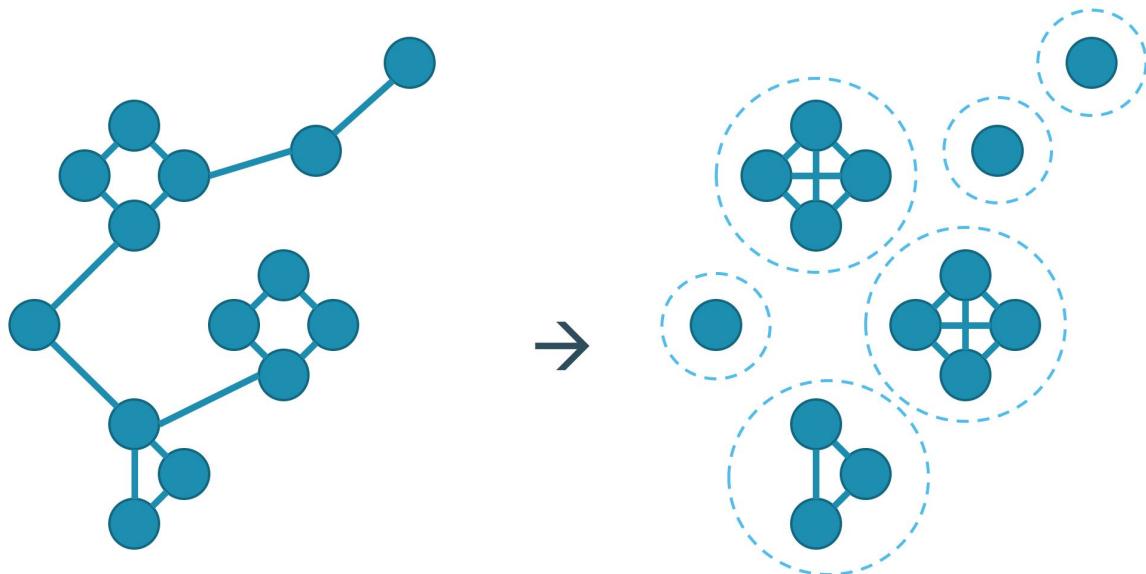
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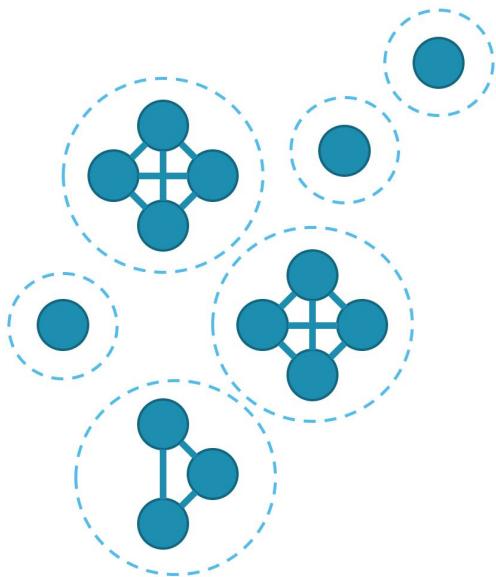
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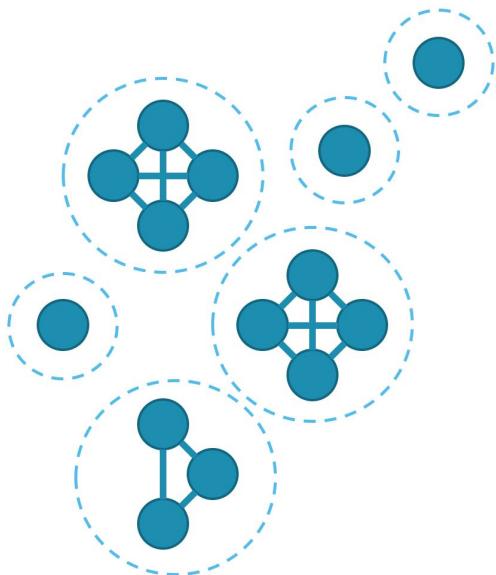


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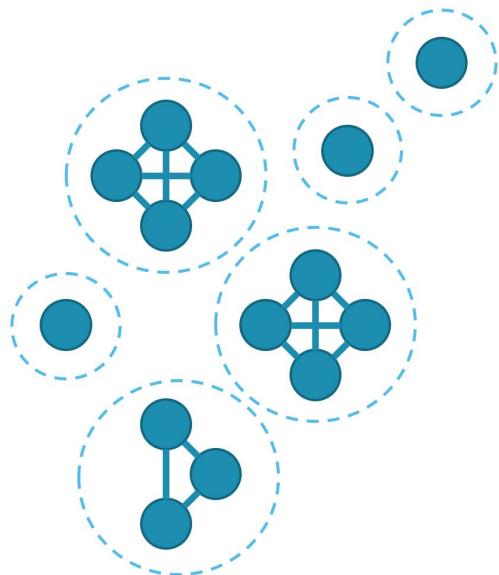
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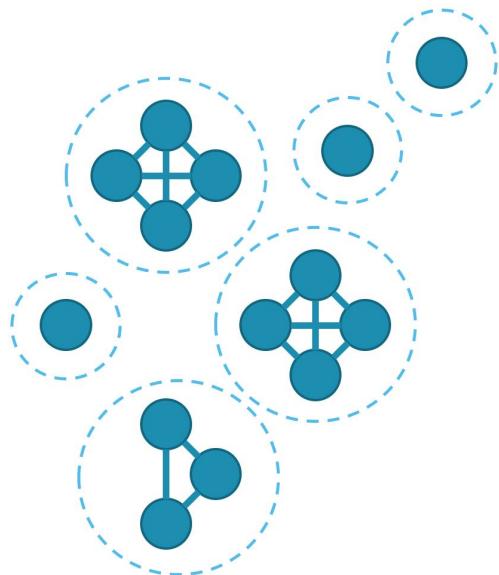
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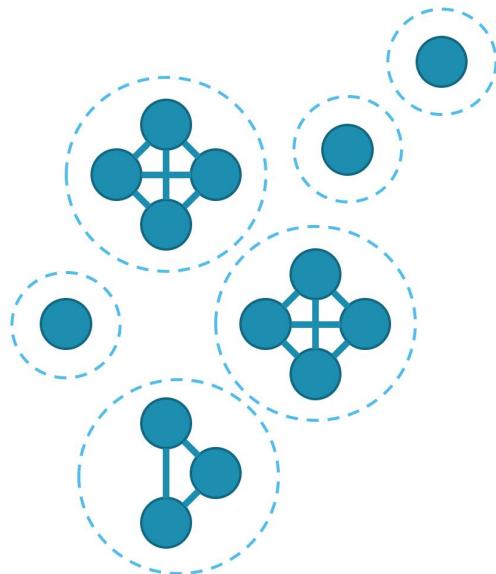
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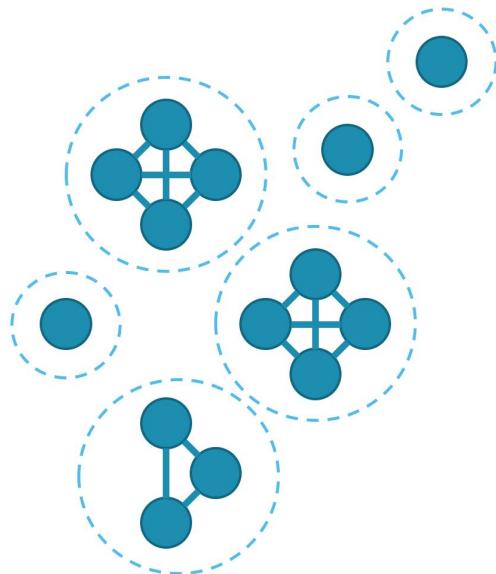
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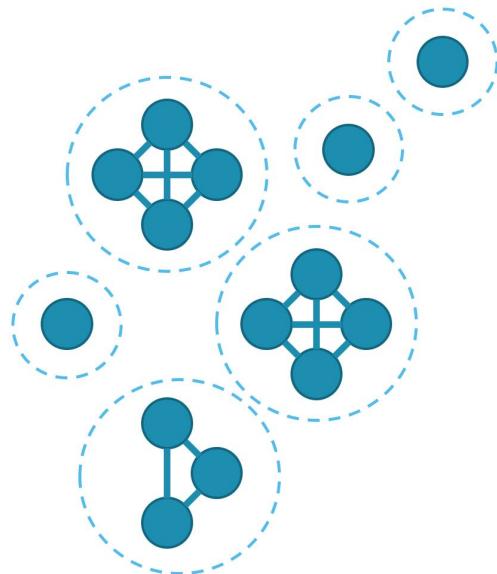


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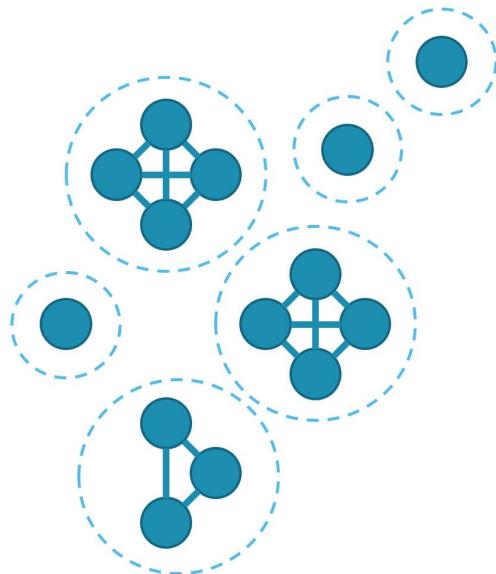


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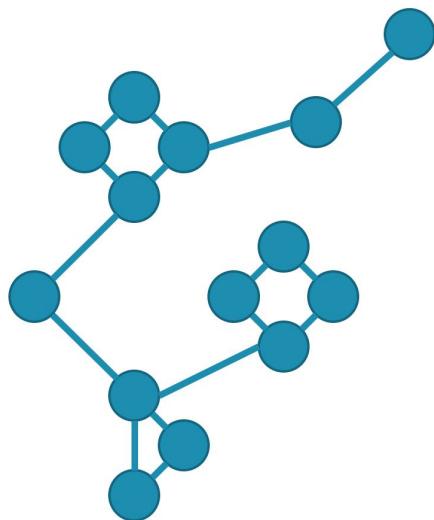
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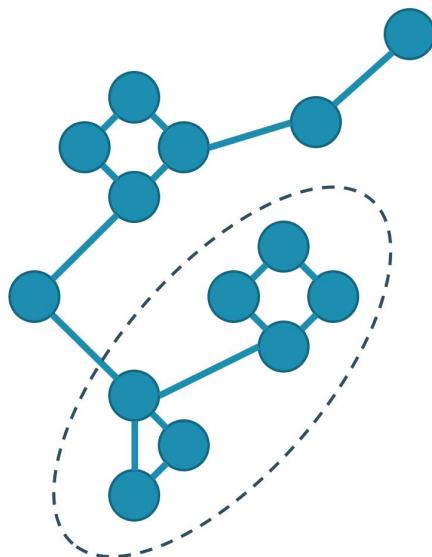
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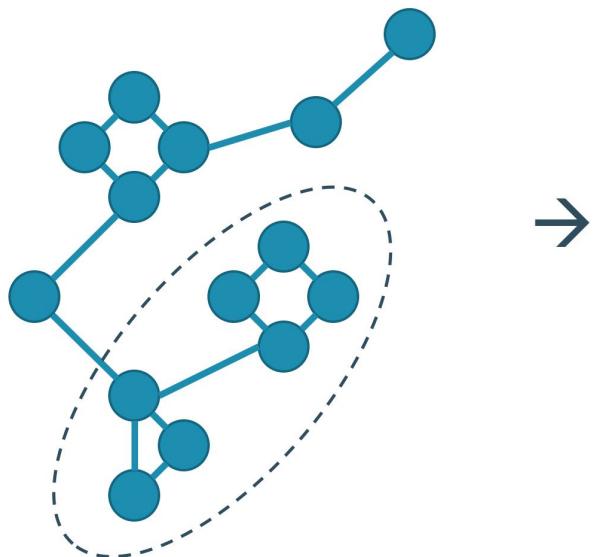
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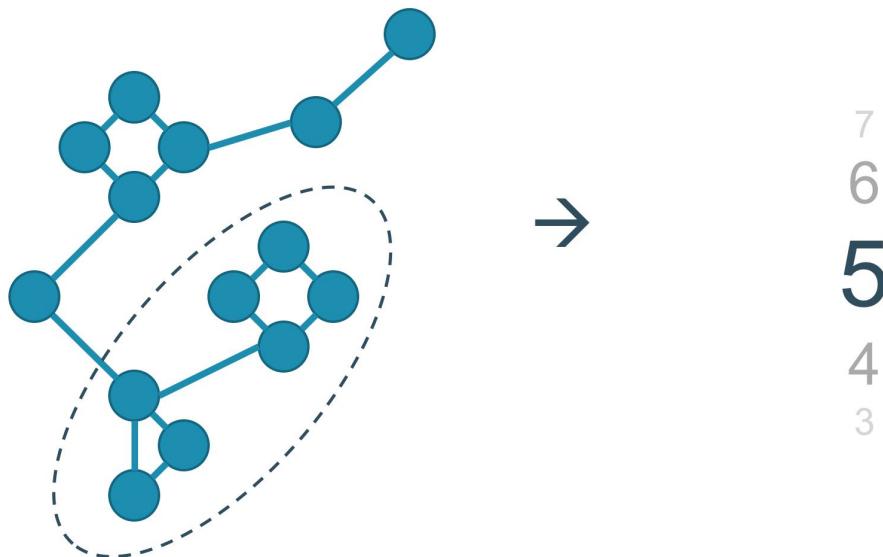
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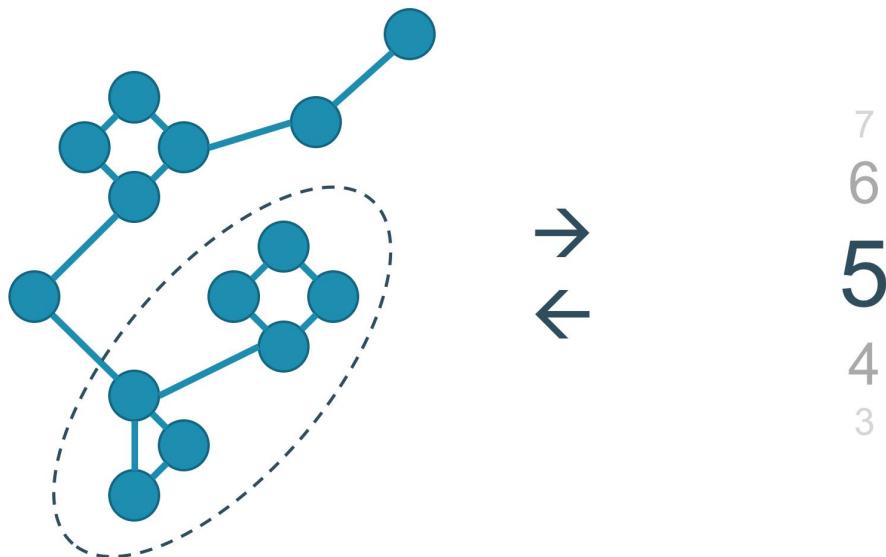
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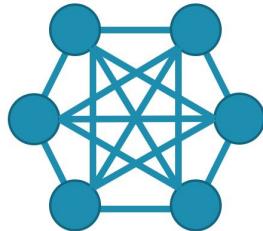
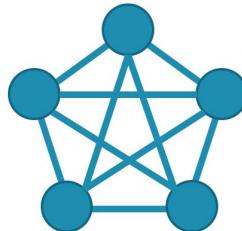
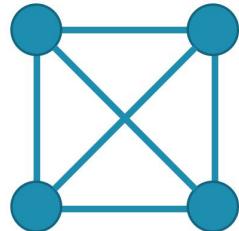
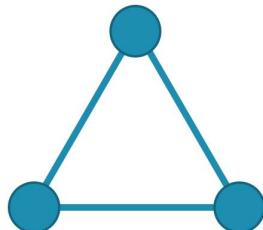
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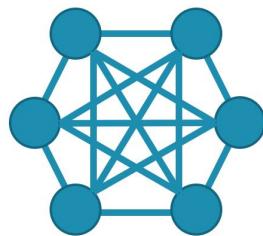
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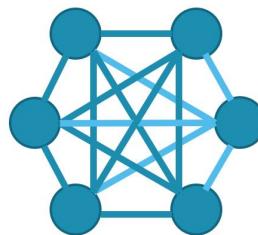
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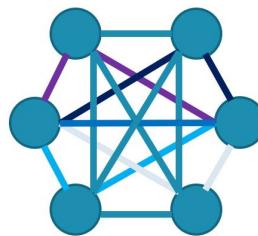


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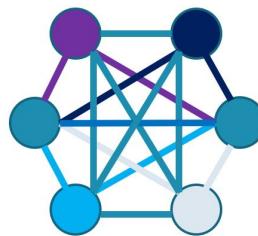


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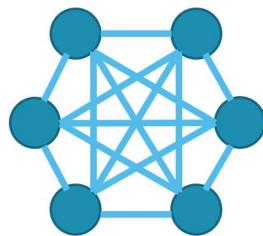


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$$\text{size} * (\text{size} - 1) = 30$$

The **edge density** is  
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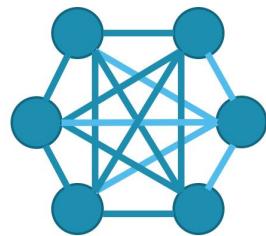
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<b>Diameter</b>	s-club	def. 4	def. 9	def. 4
<b>Domination</b>	s-plex	def. 5	def. 10	def. 5
<b>Degree</b>	k-core	$\lambda$ in $(\lambda, \gamma)$ -quasi-clique	s-plex	$\lambda$ in $(\lambda, \gamma)$ -quasi-clique
<b>Edge connectivity</b>	def. 1	def. 6	def. 11	def. 6
<b>Vertex connectivity</b>	k-block	def. 7	s-bundle	def. 7
<b>Edge density</b>	def. 2	$\gamma$ -quasi-clique	s-defective-clique	$\gamma$ -quasi-clique

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<b>Edge density</b>	s-defective-clique	$k \geq \lceil (n-x)n / 2 - (n-1)(n-2) / 2 \rceil^*$	
	clique (= fully connected)	$k = n - 1$	

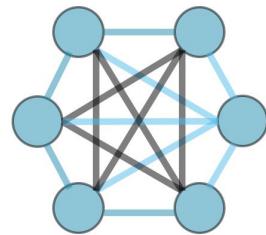
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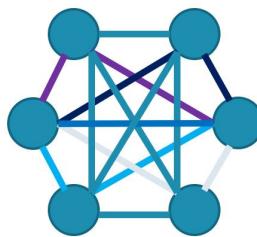
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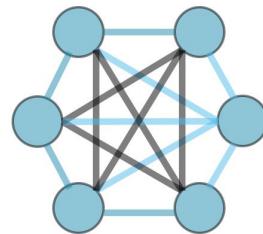
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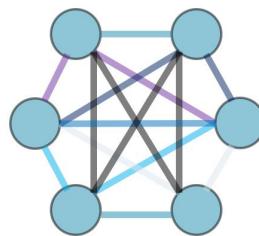
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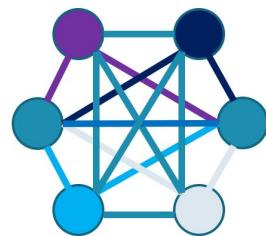
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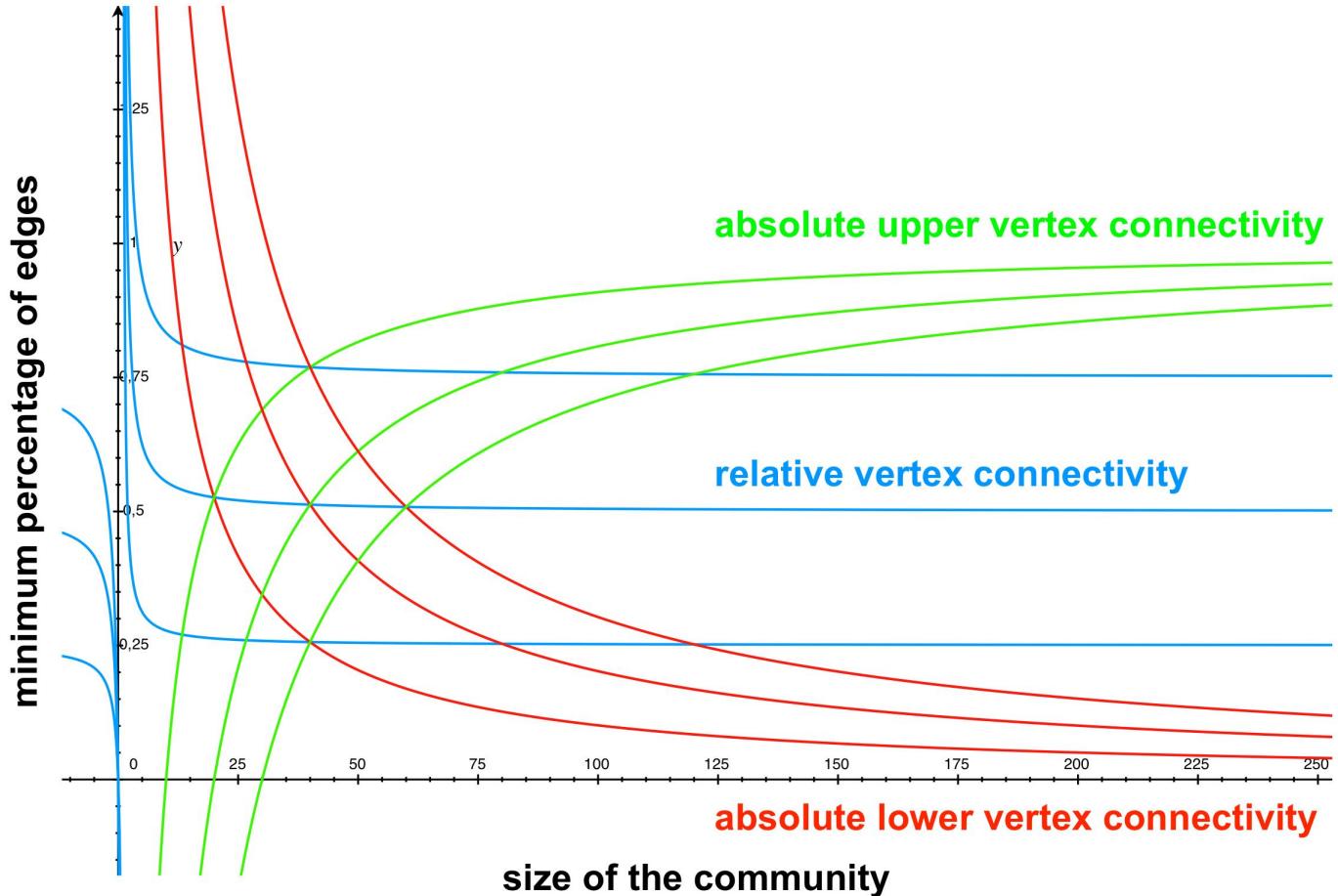
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**preferred definition**





# Guaranteed properties

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# Research question 2: a scalable algorithm

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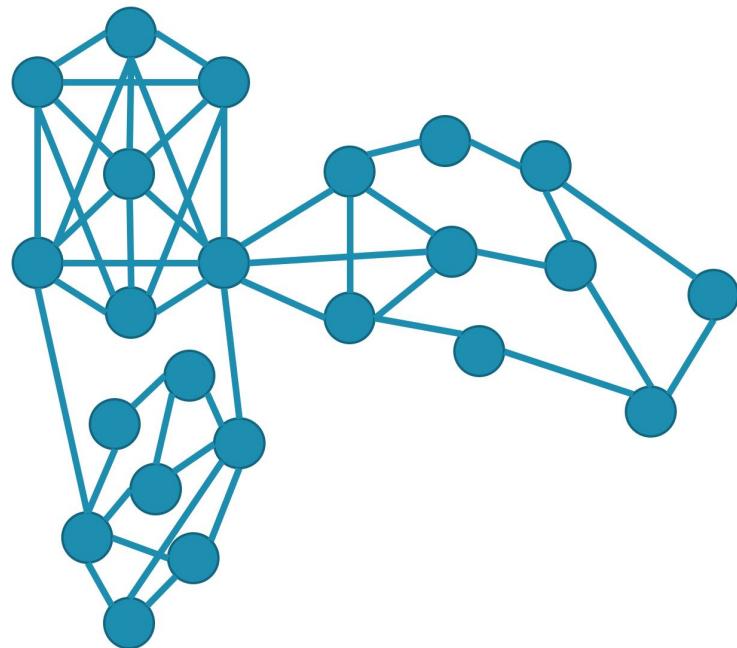
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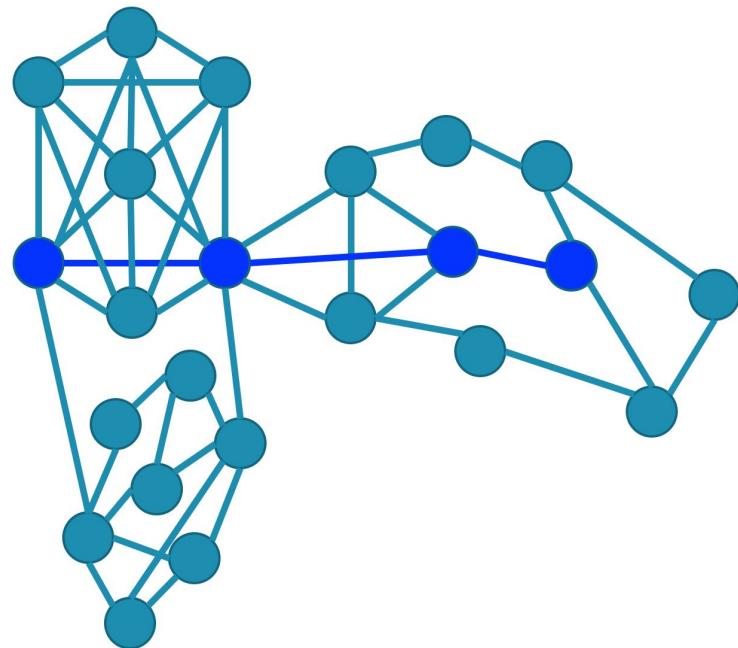
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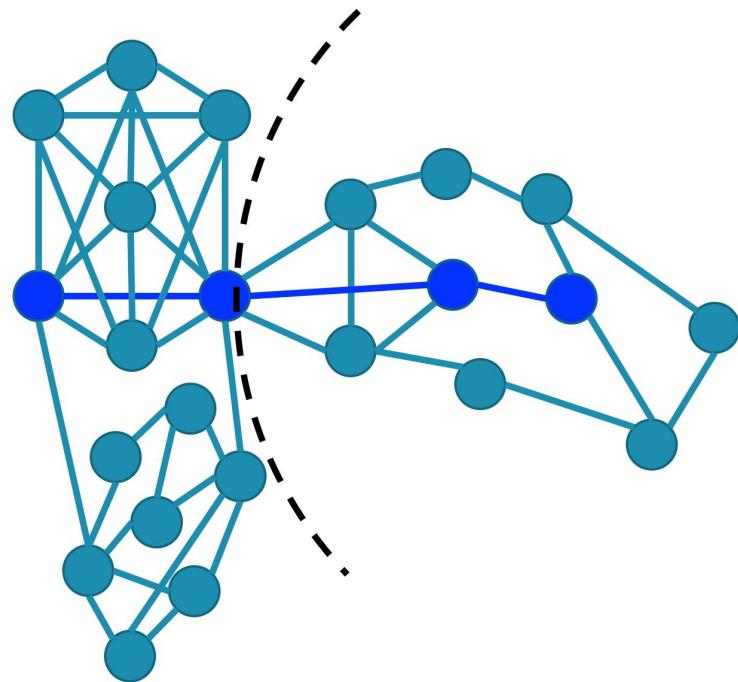
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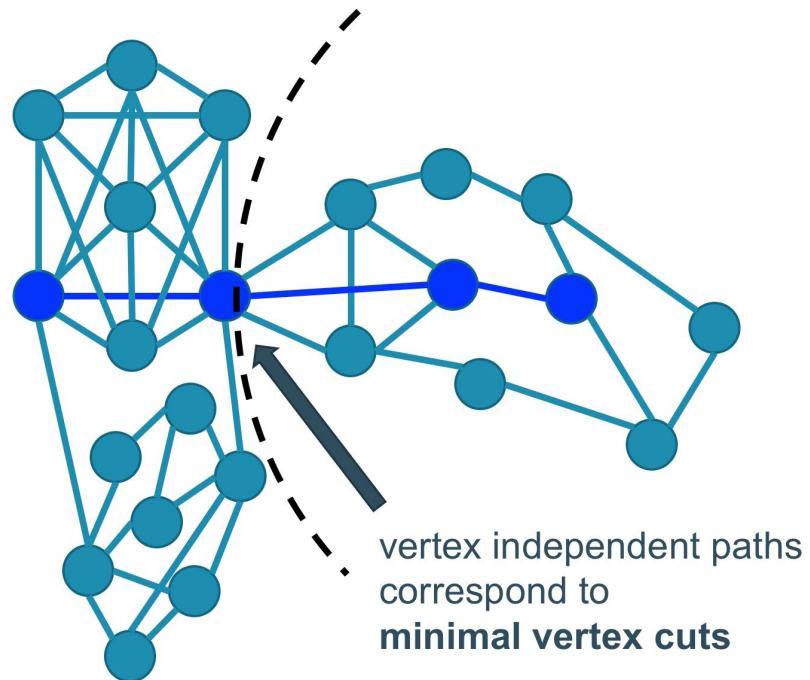
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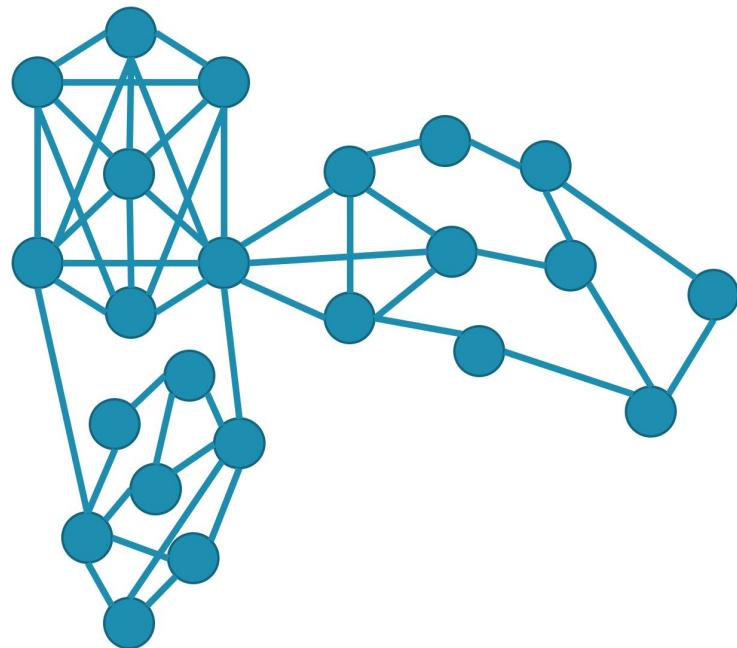
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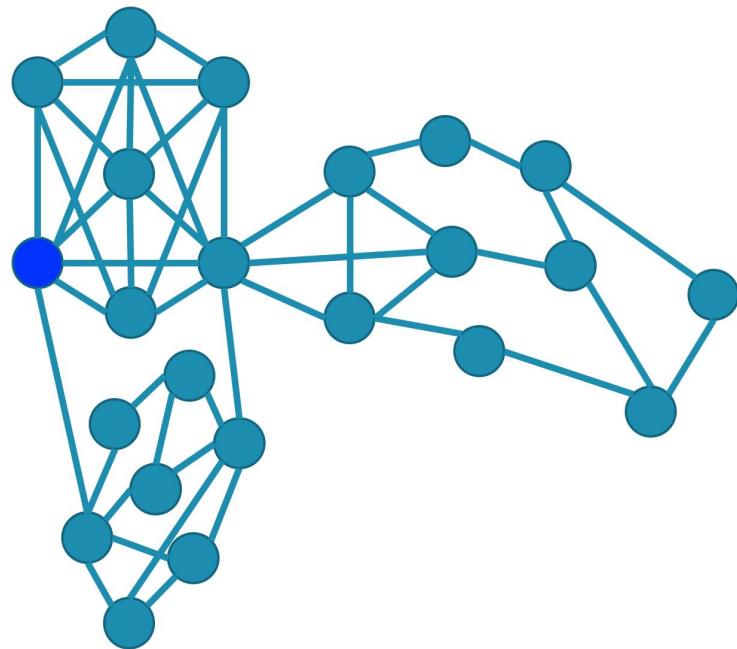
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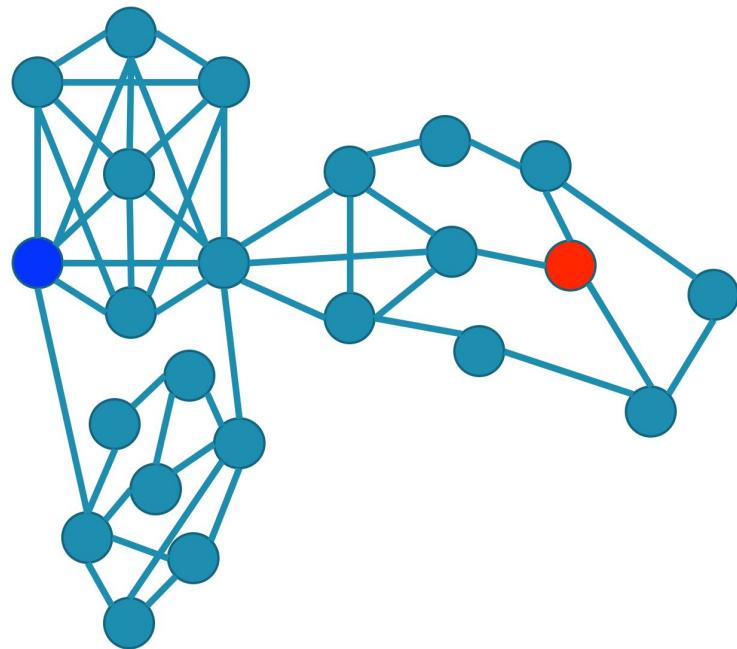
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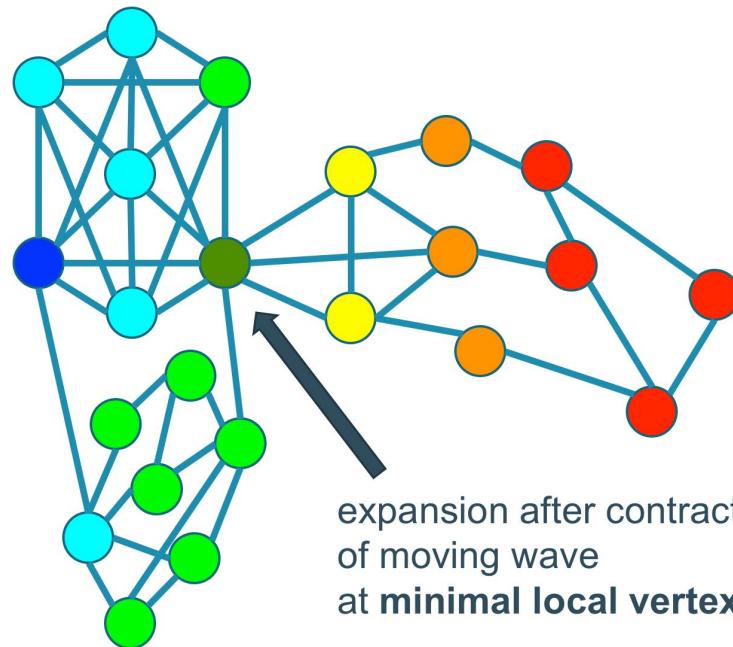
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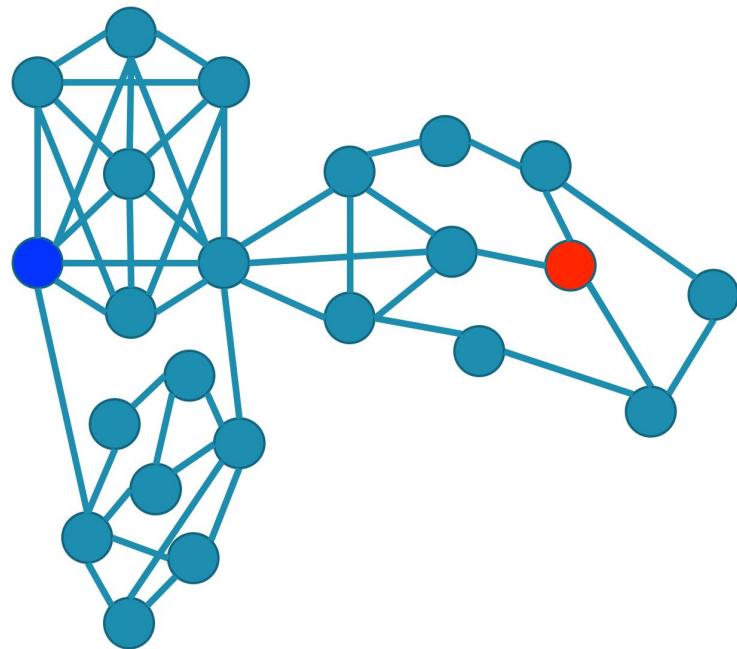
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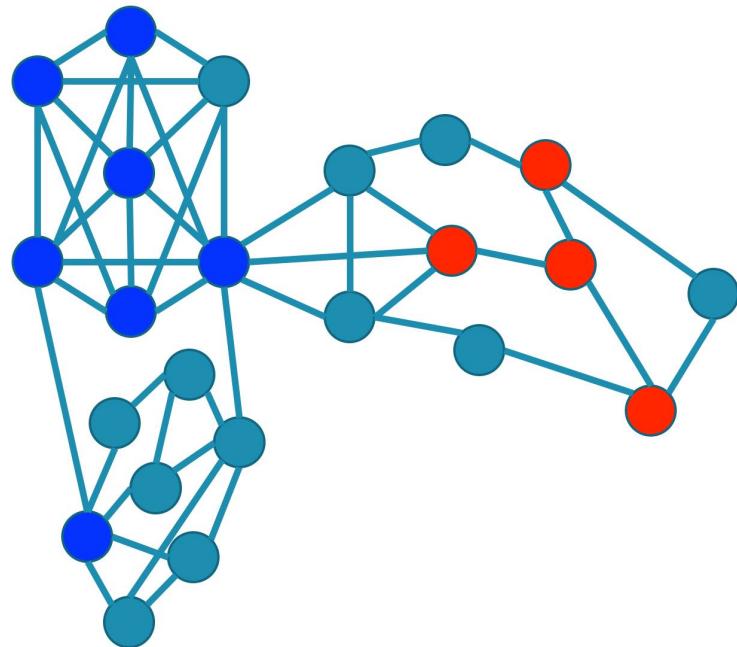
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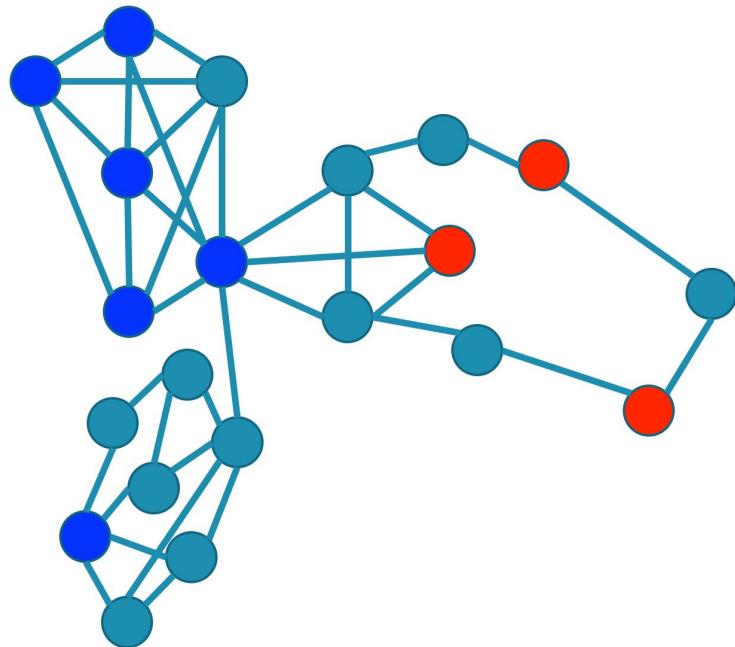
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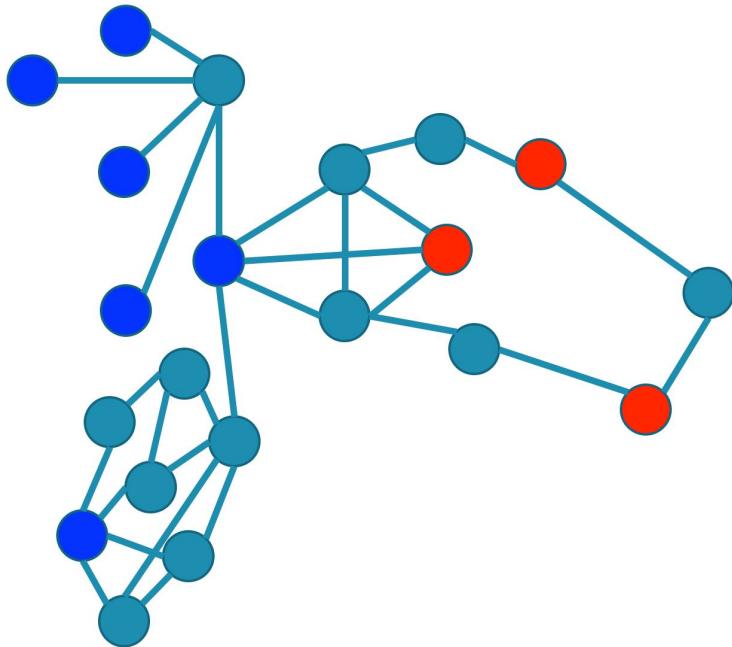
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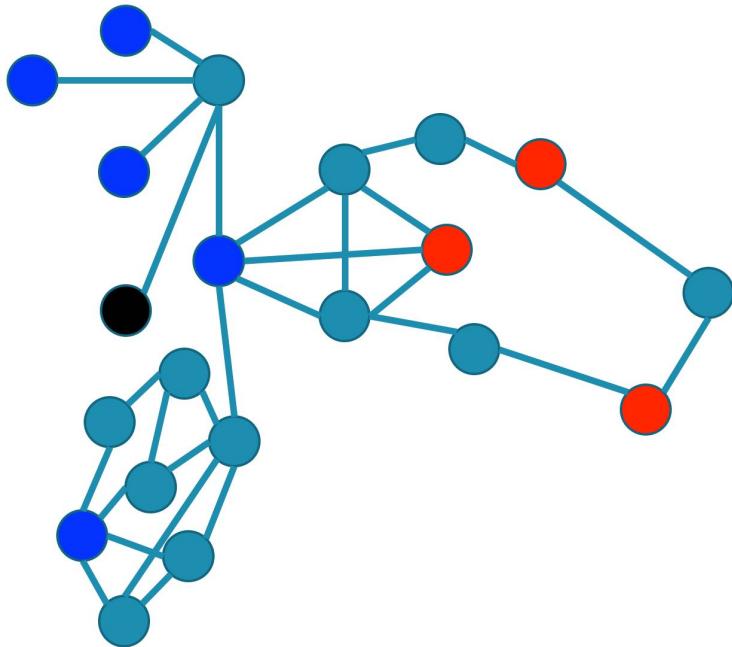
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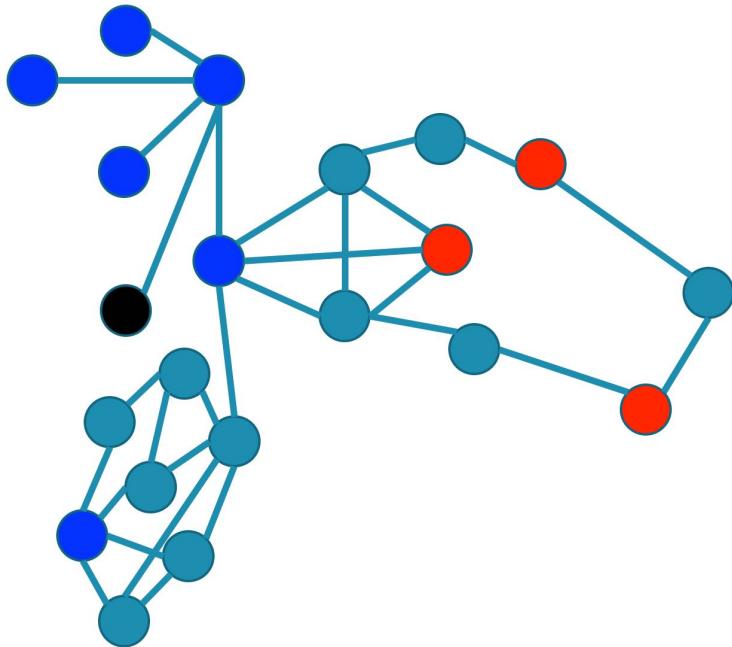
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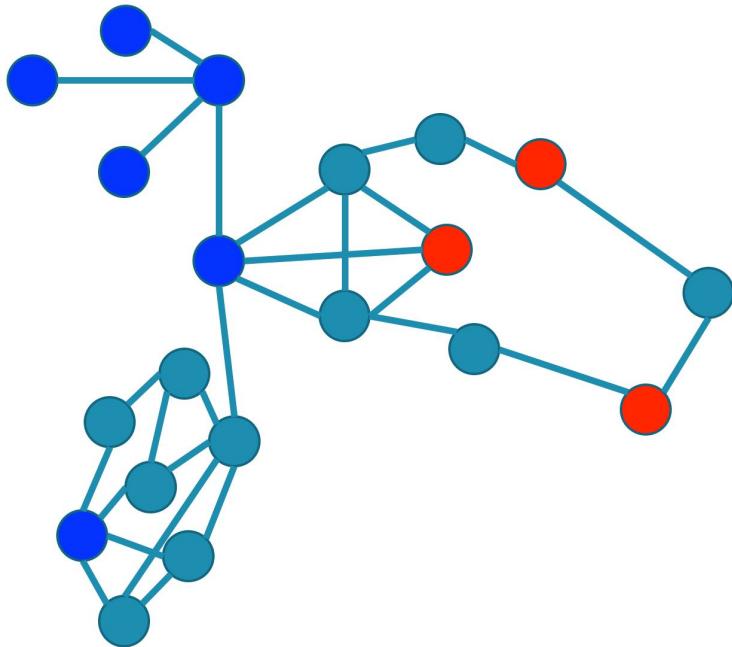
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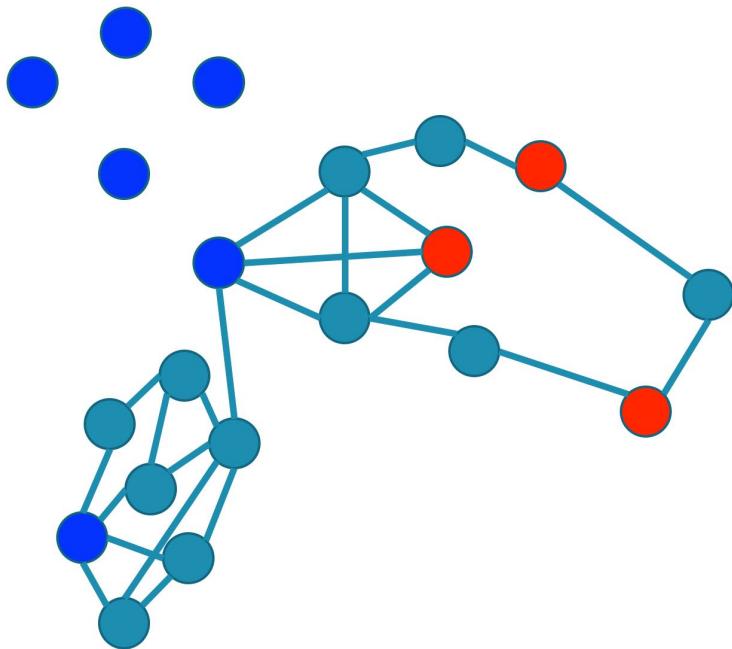
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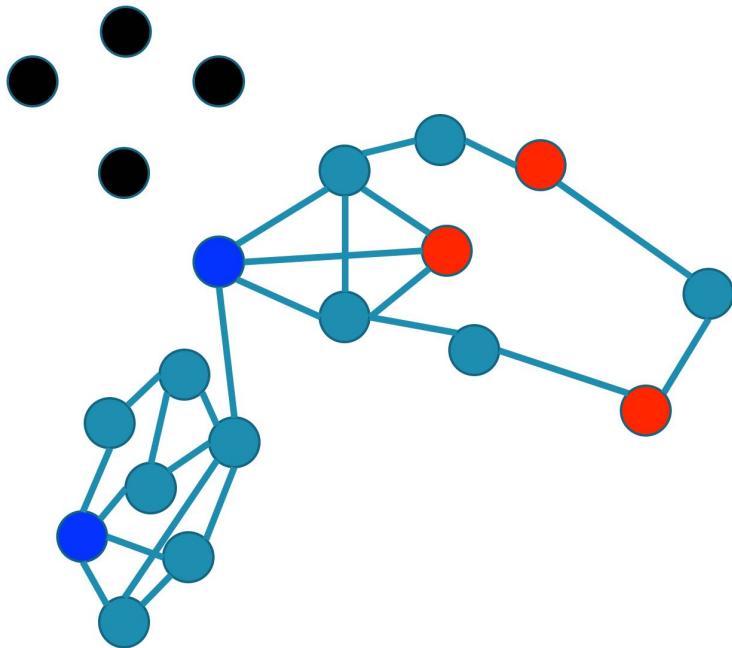
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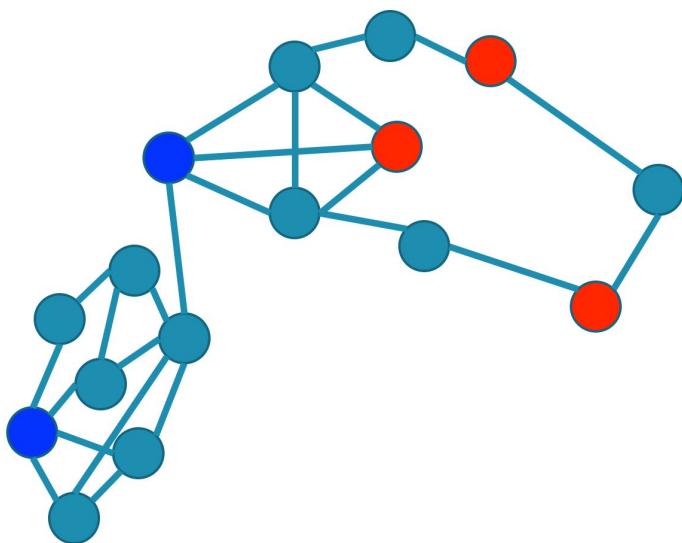
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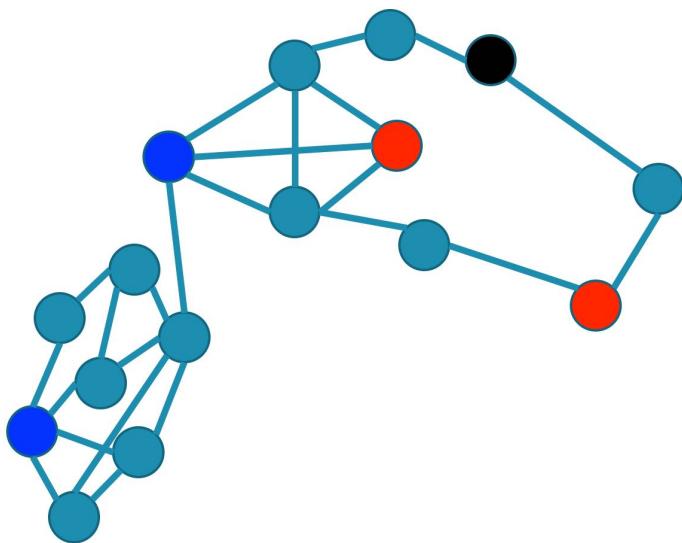
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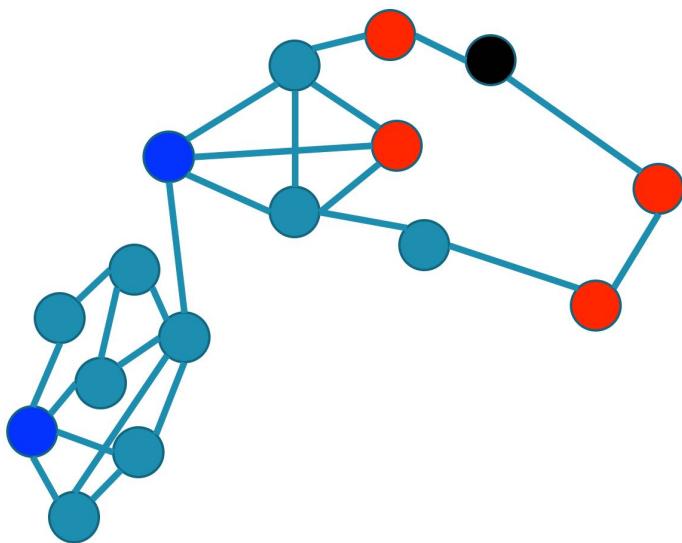
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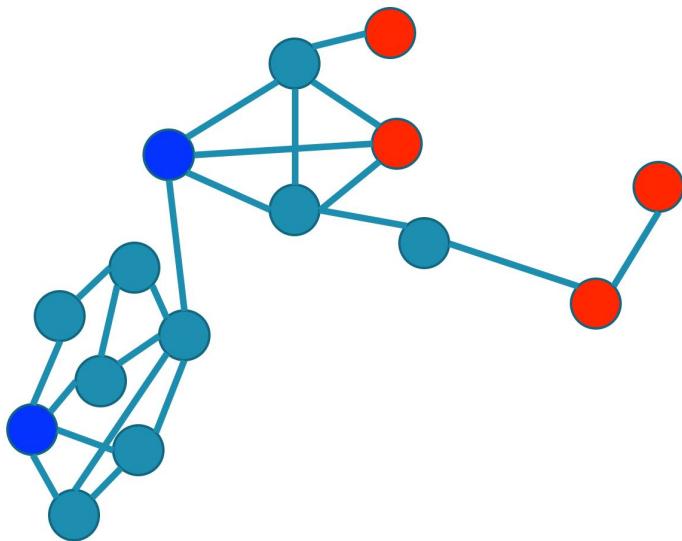
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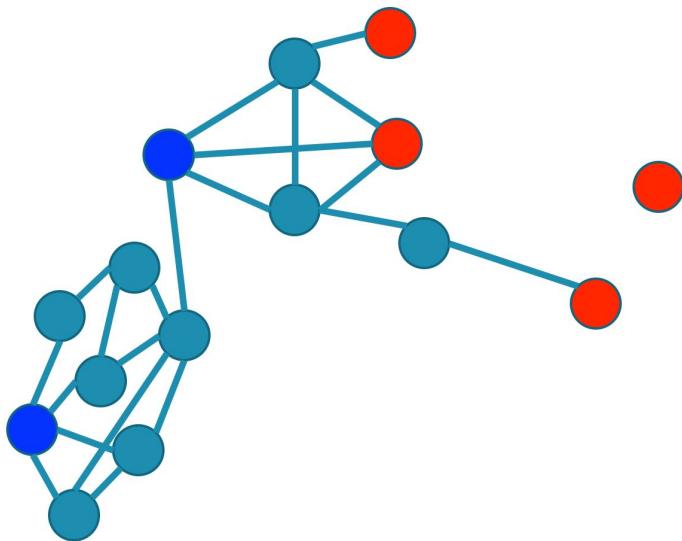
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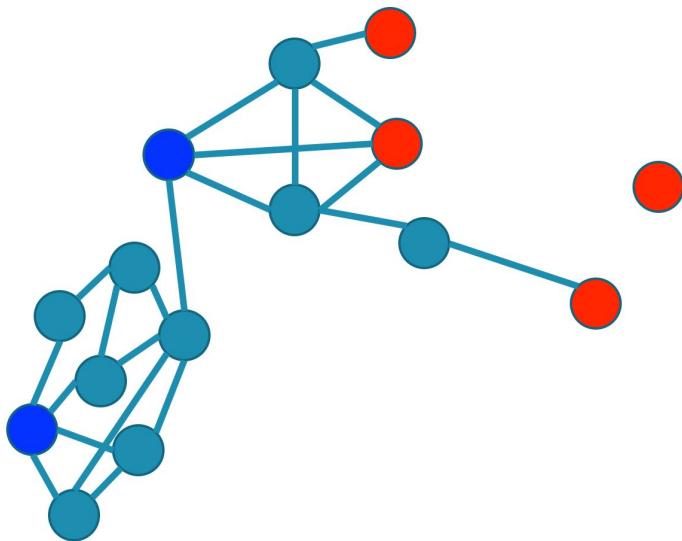
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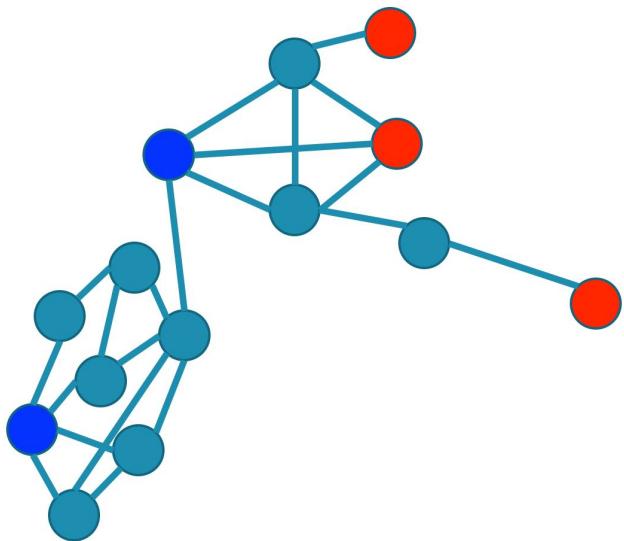
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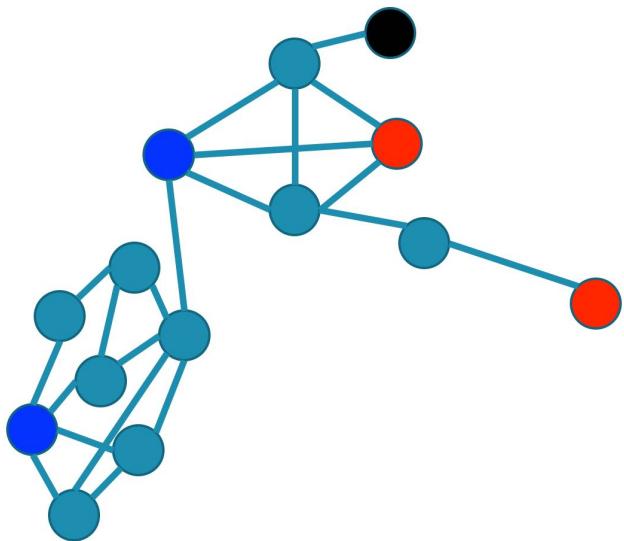
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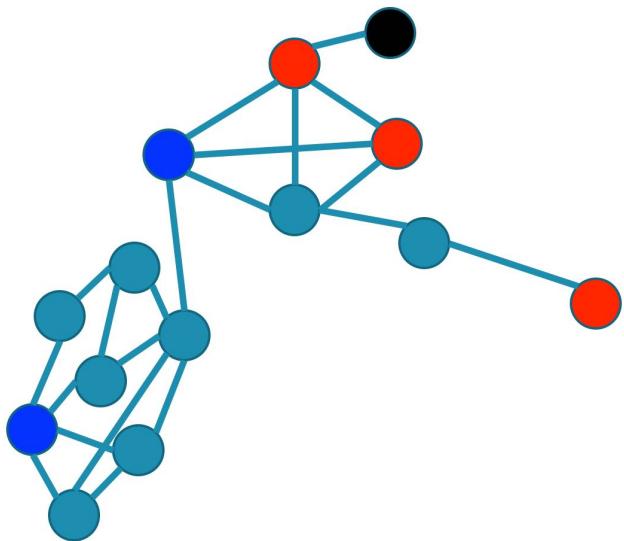
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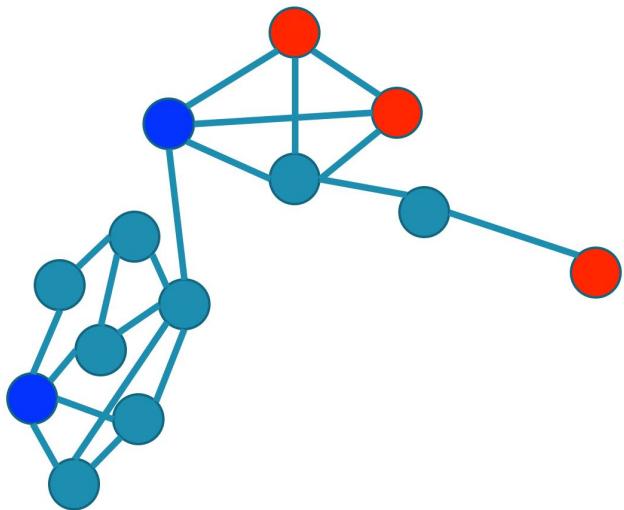
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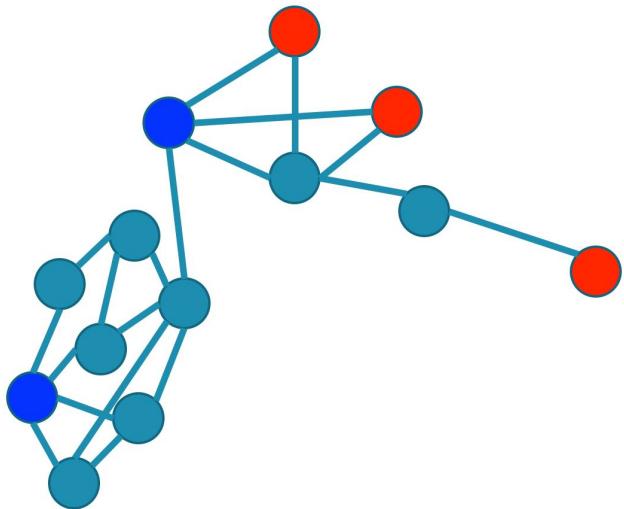
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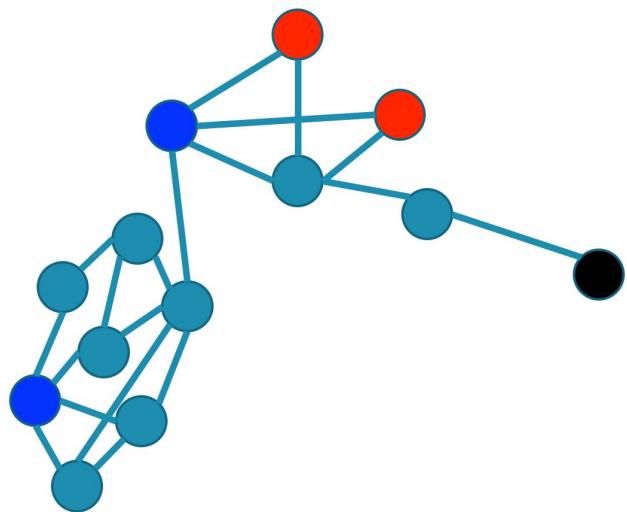
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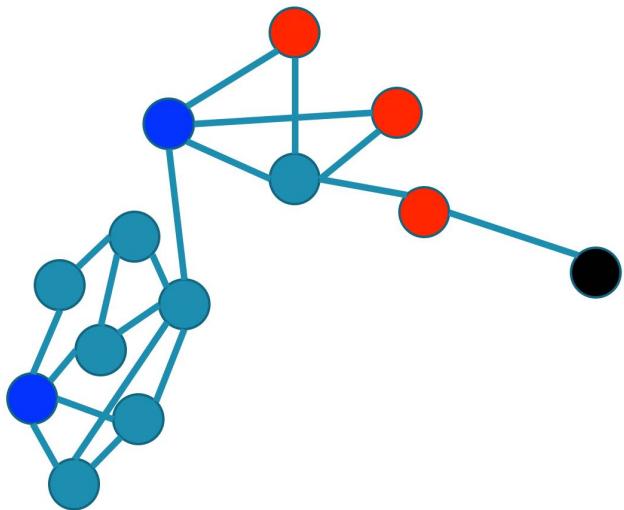
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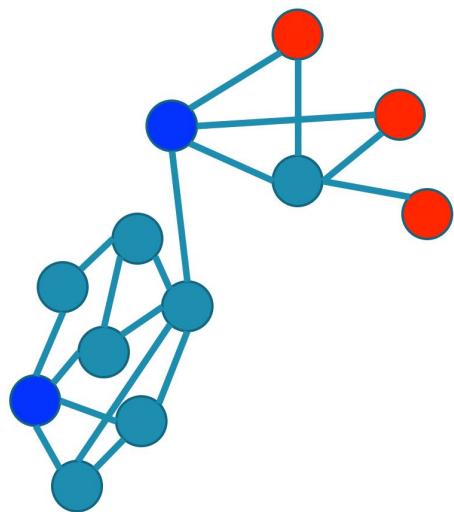
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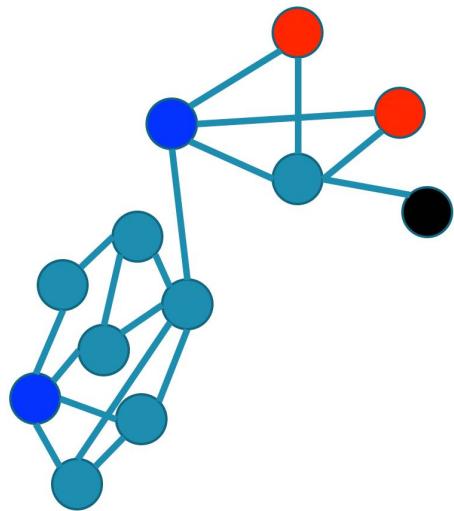
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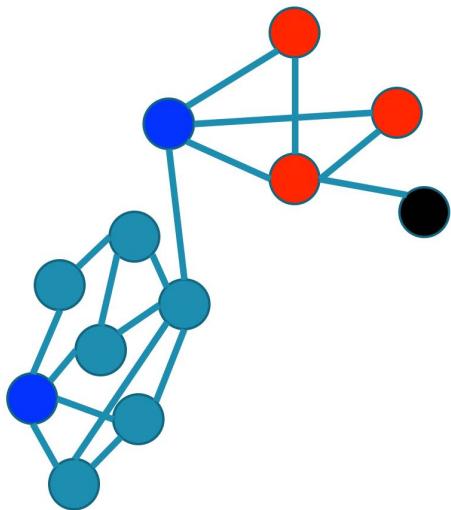
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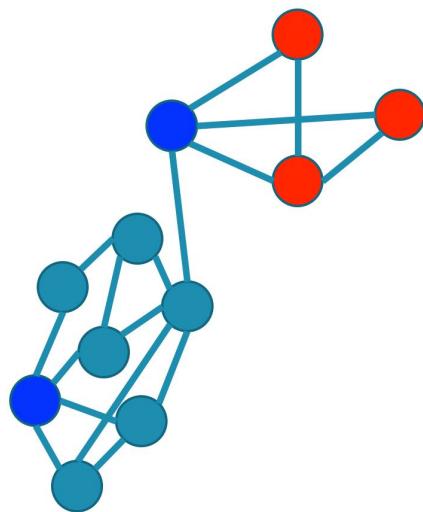
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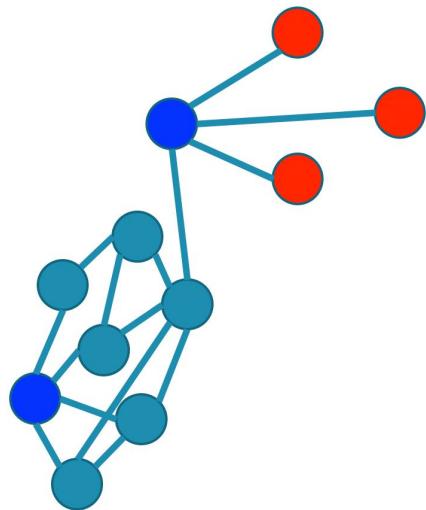
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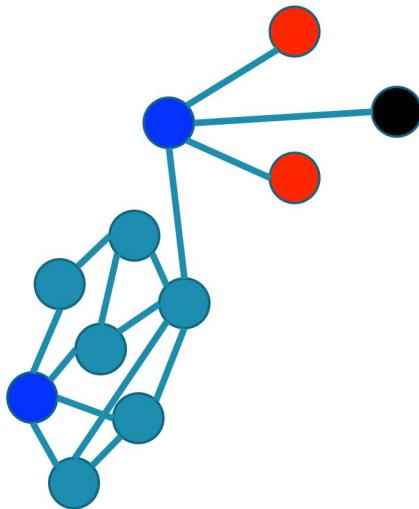
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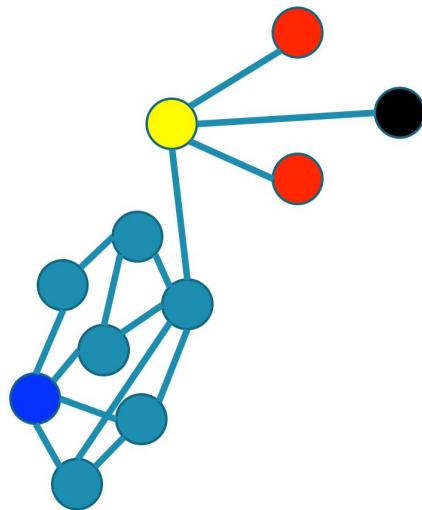
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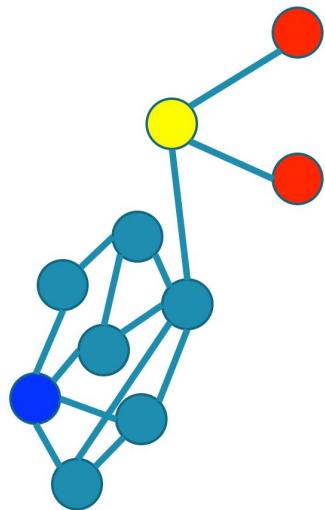
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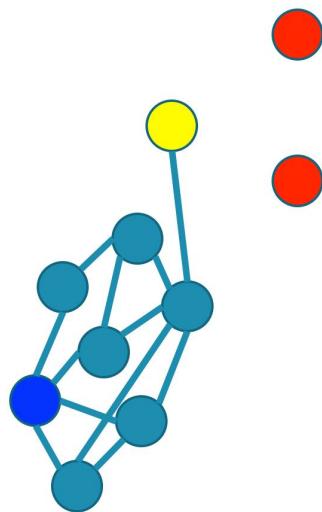
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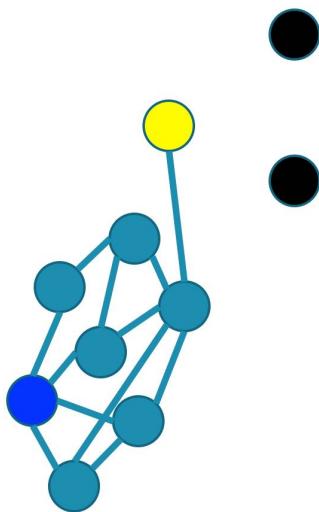
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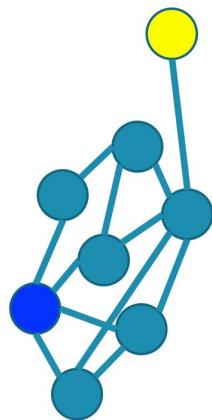
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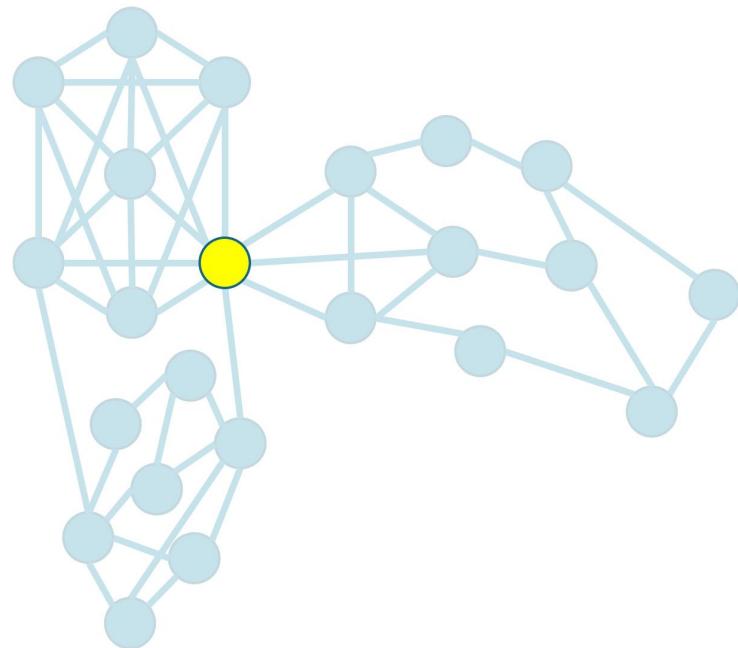
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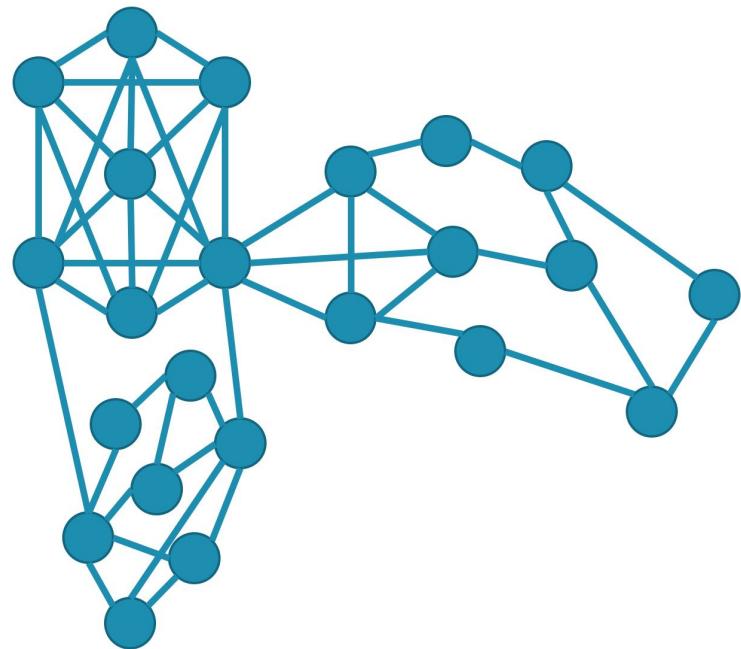
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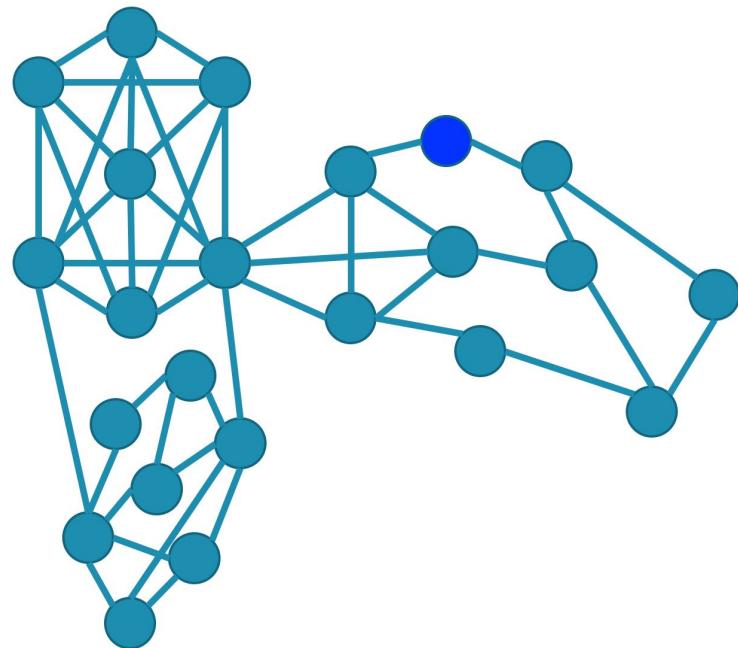
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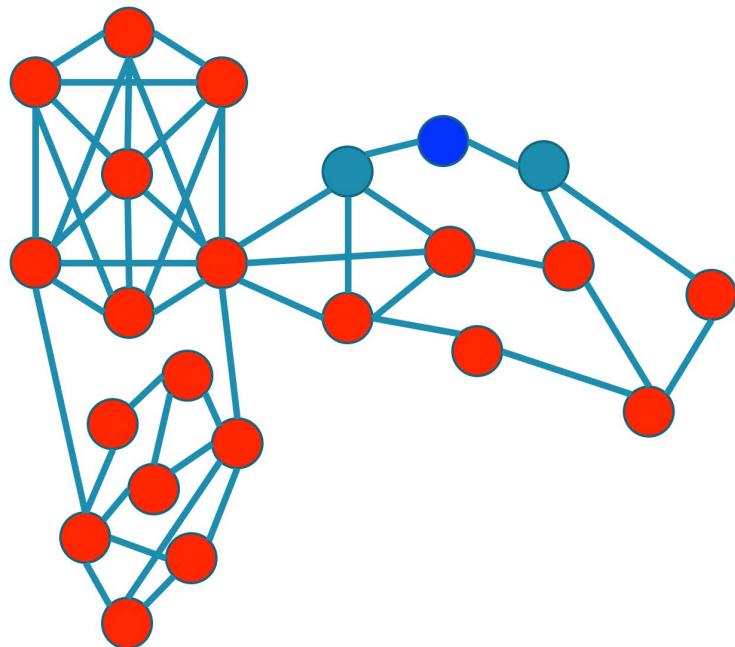
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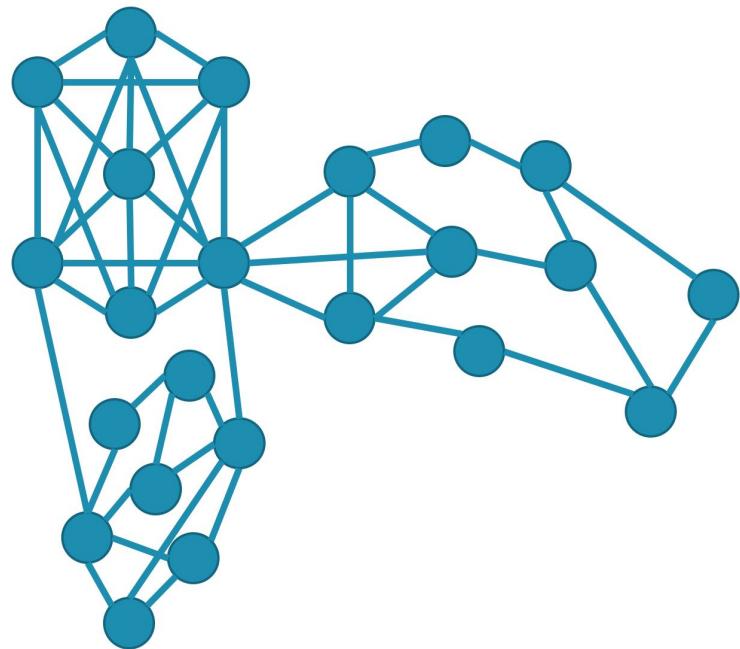
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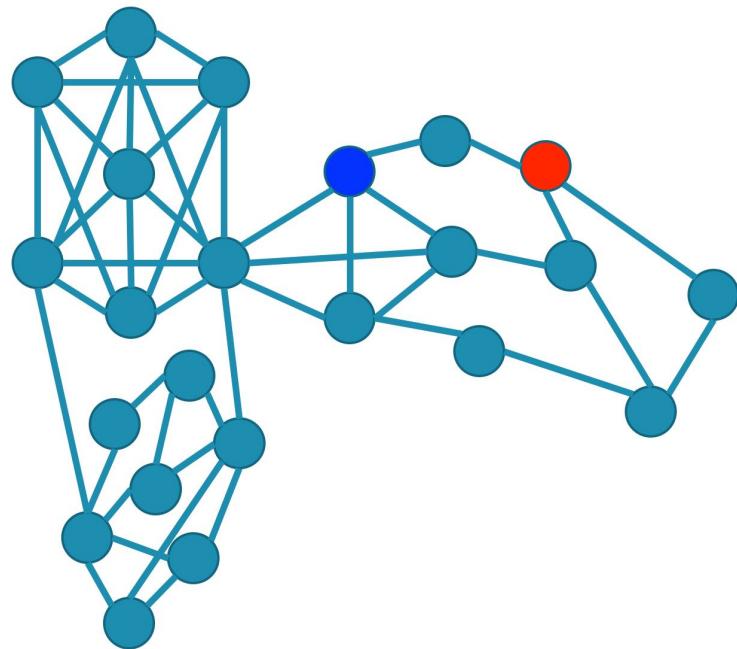
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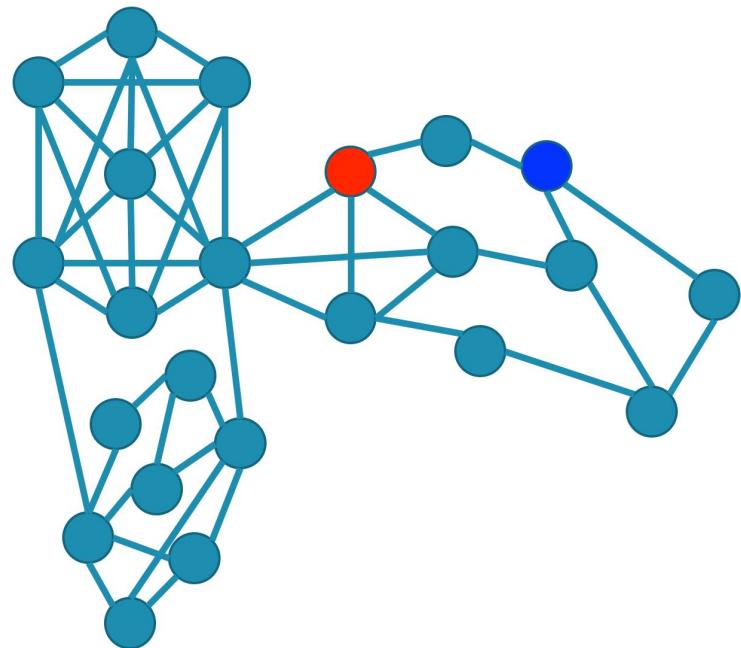
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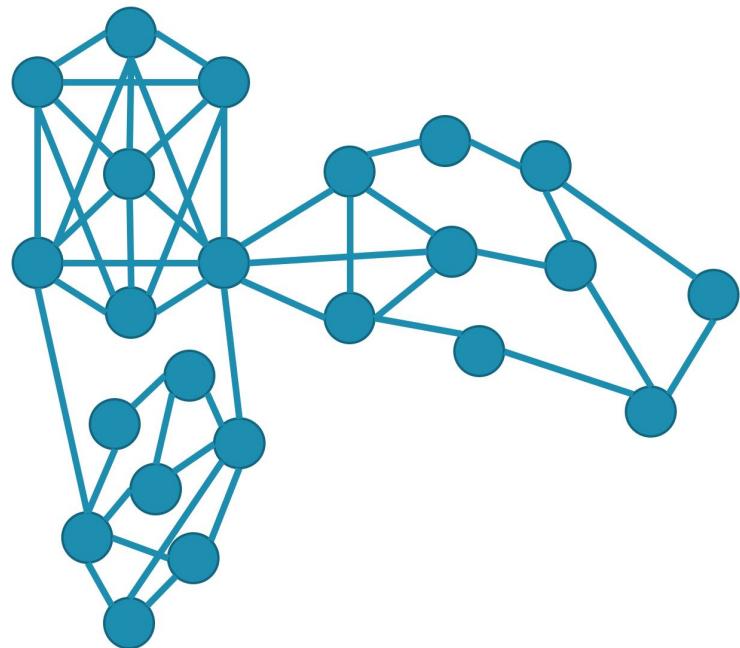
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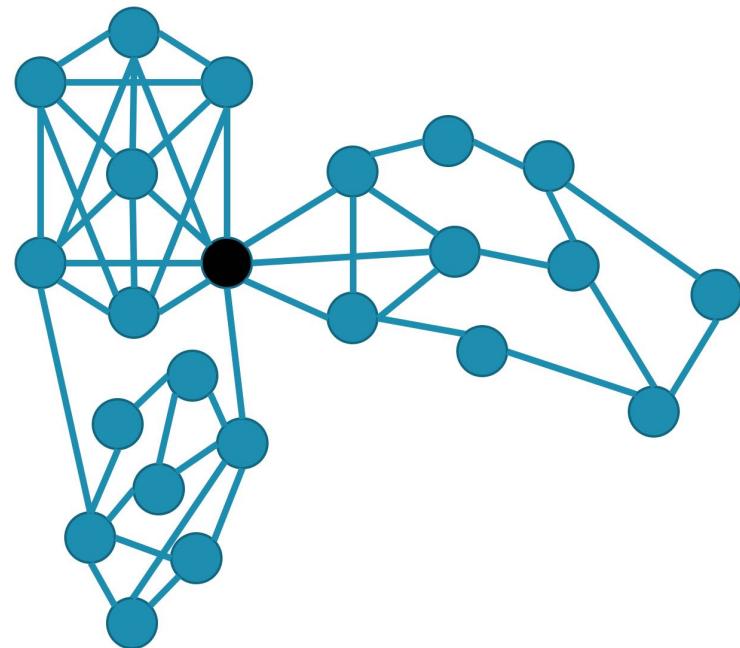
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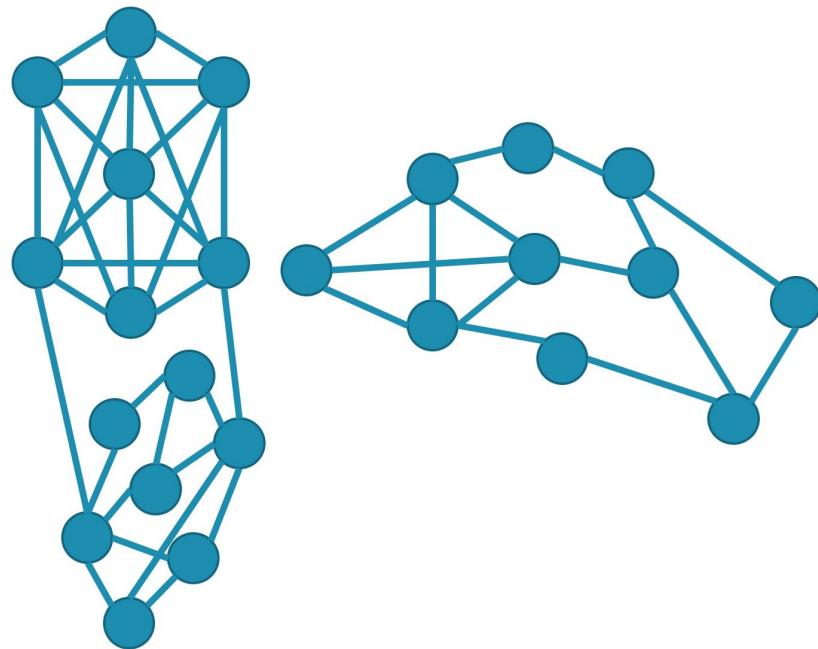
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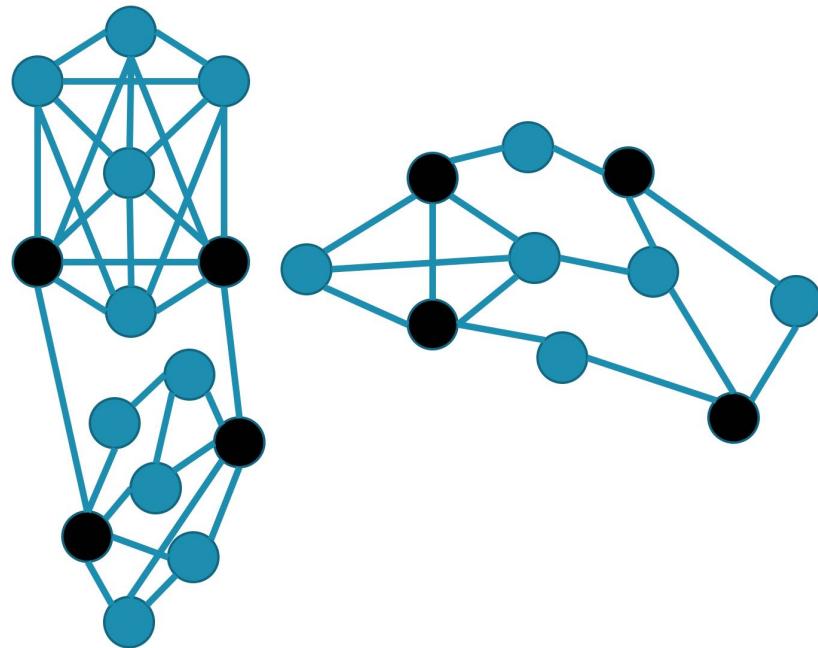
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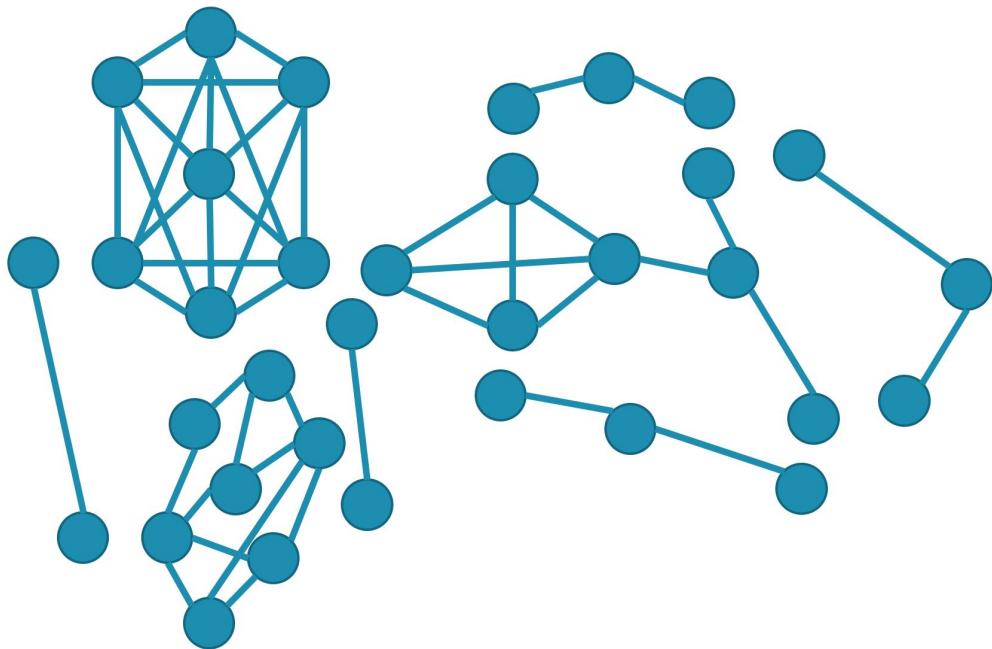
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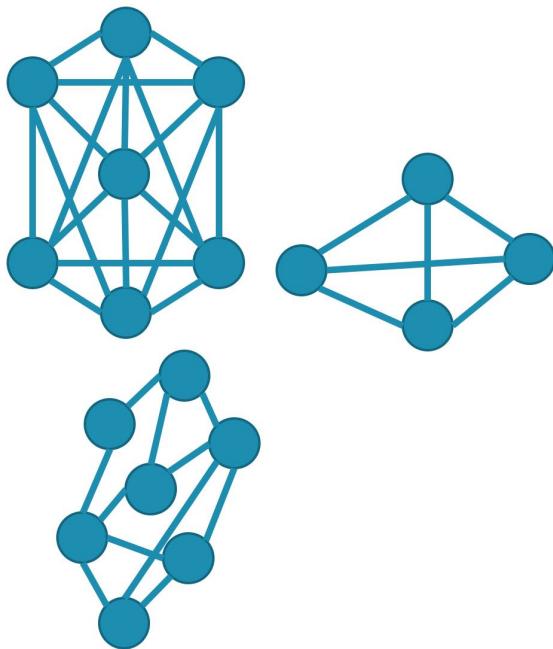
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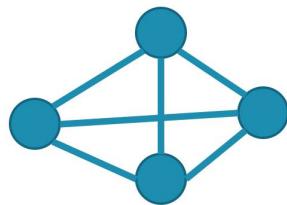
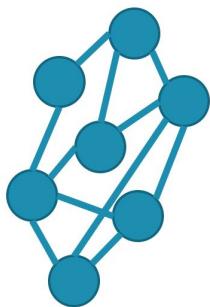
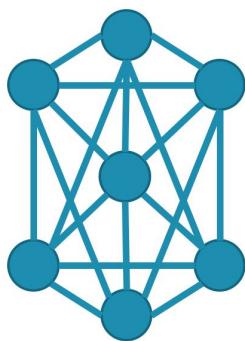
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Algorithm to find a global minimal vertex cut

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$$\omega(n)$$

## Algorithm to find communities

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# Thank you!

## Any questions?

Source code at Github:

<https://github.com/MCMXCVII/scale-independent-communities-flow-free-vertex-cut>