



VERTEX COVER PROBLEM

Choice the vertex to cover all the edge

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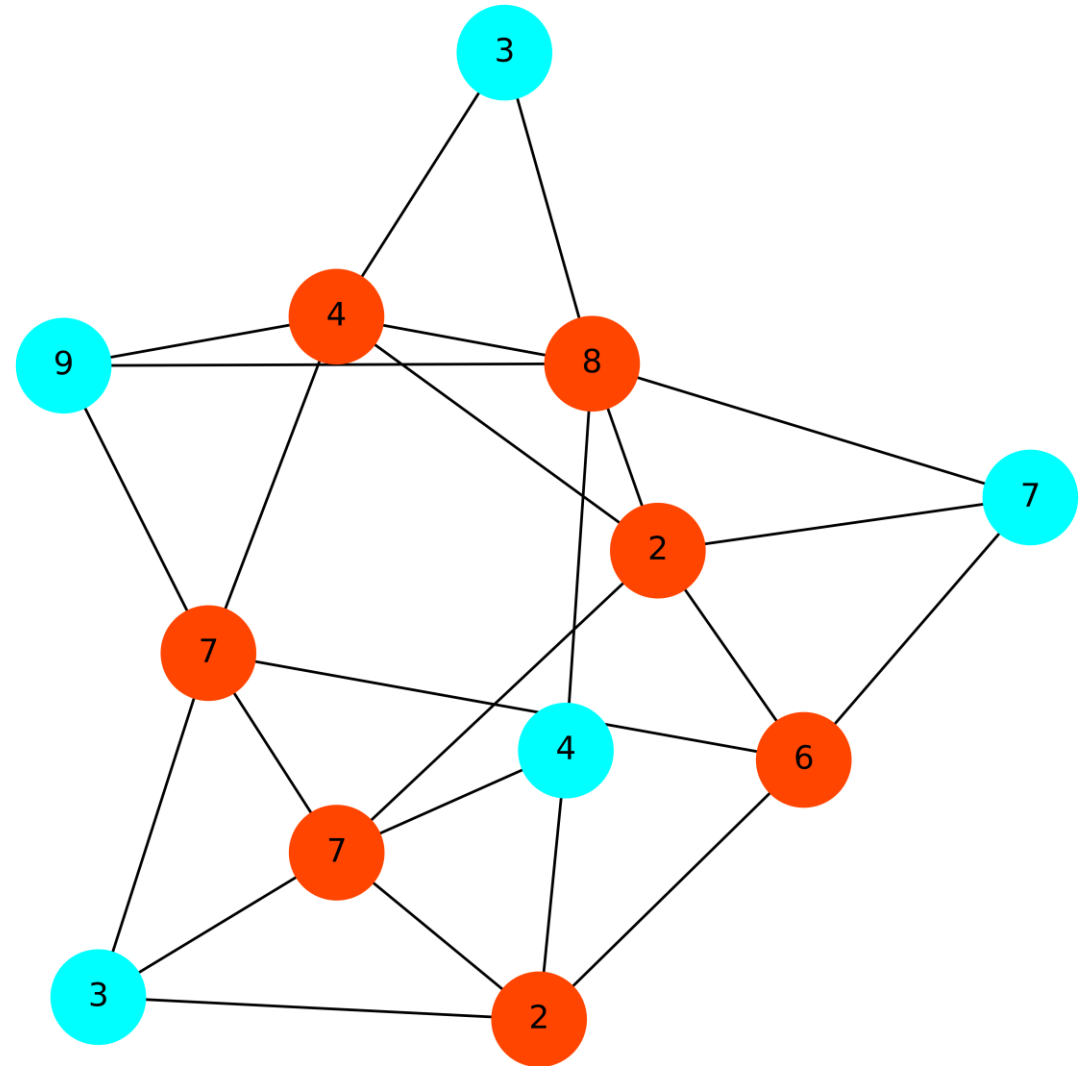
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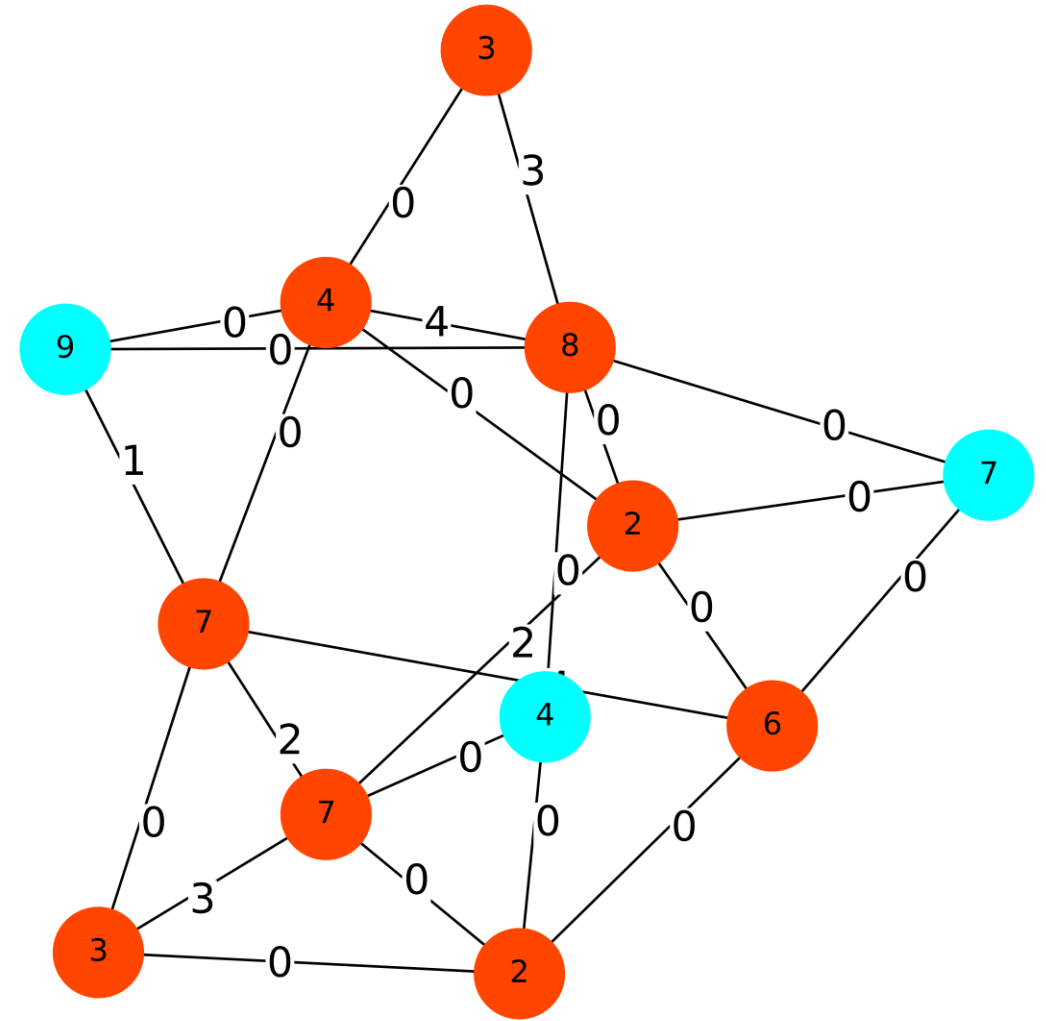
VERTEX COVER PROBLEM

This problem's target is choosing vertex to cover all of the edges and minimize the total cost.

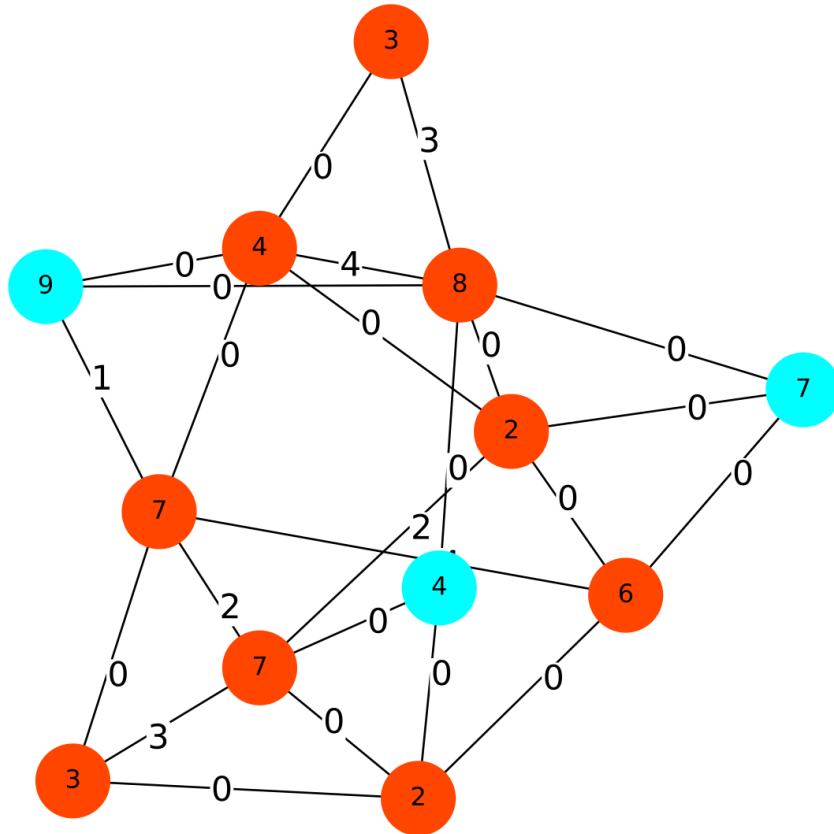


PRICE METHOD ALGORITHM

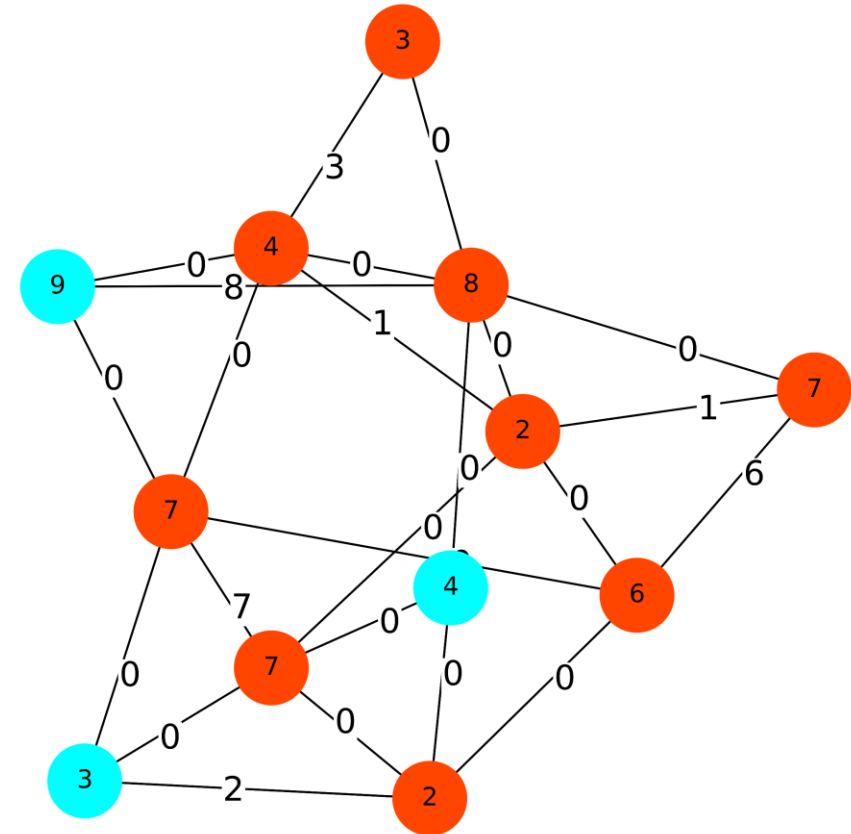
In this algorithm, all the edge will be initialization with value 0. In each iteration, we will increase one edge to let one of it's vertexes be tight without violating fairness.



EXAMPLE 1



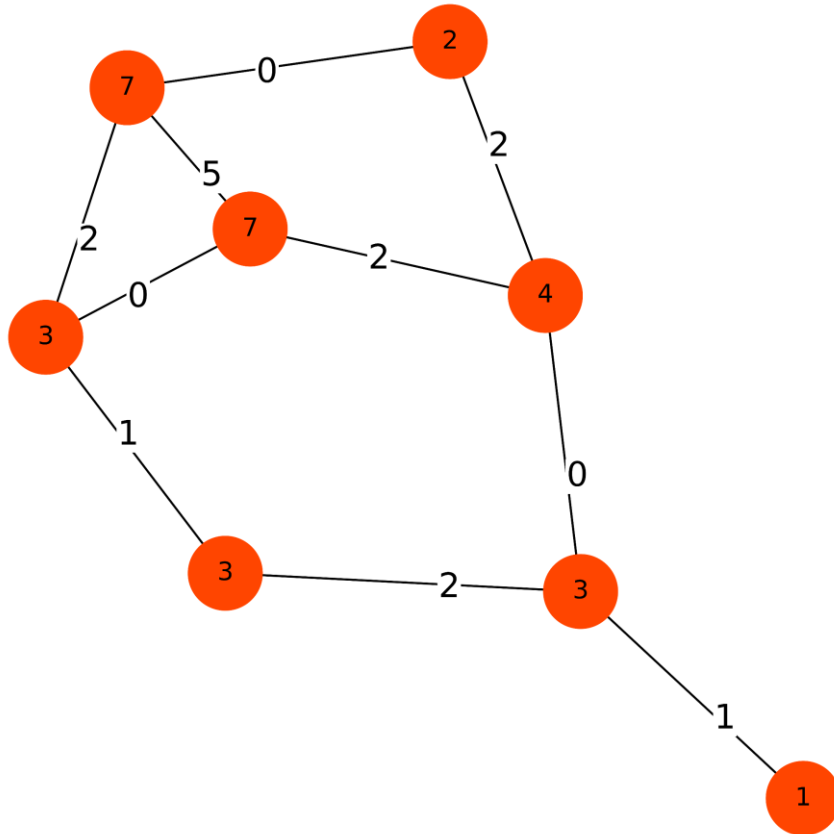
Choice the min edge firstly



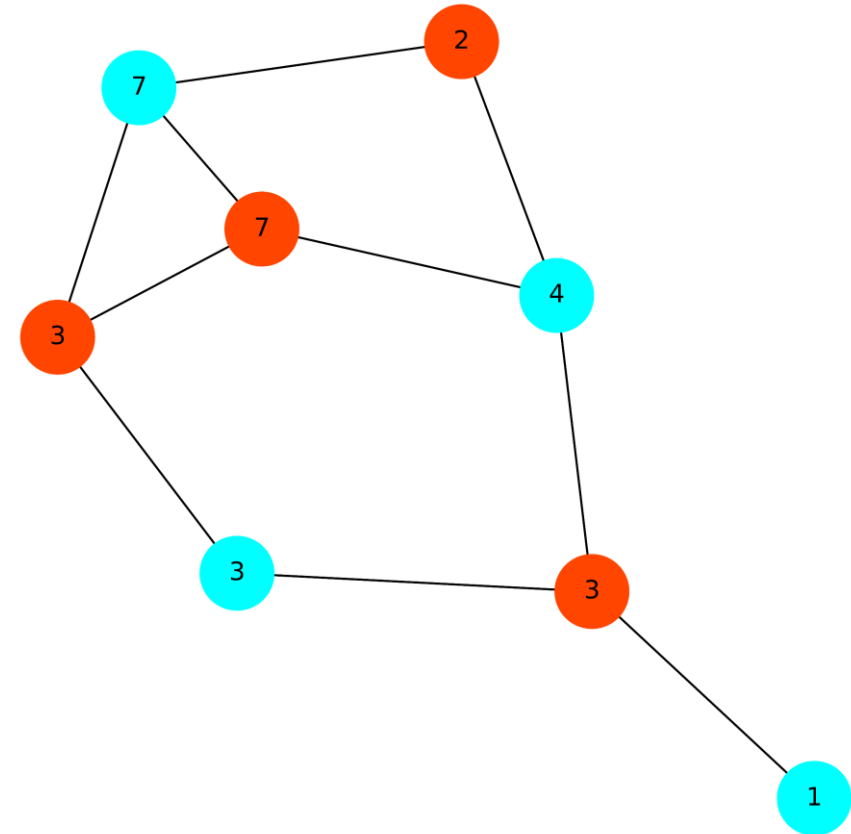
Choice the max edge firstly



EXAMPLE 2



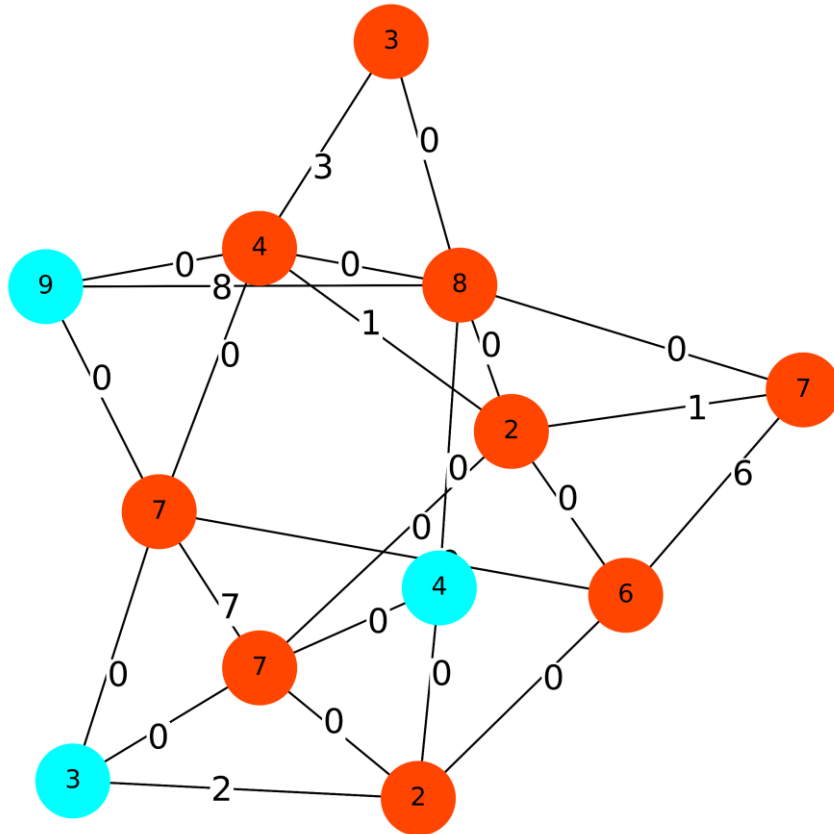
Use the Price Method Algorithm
Cost is 48



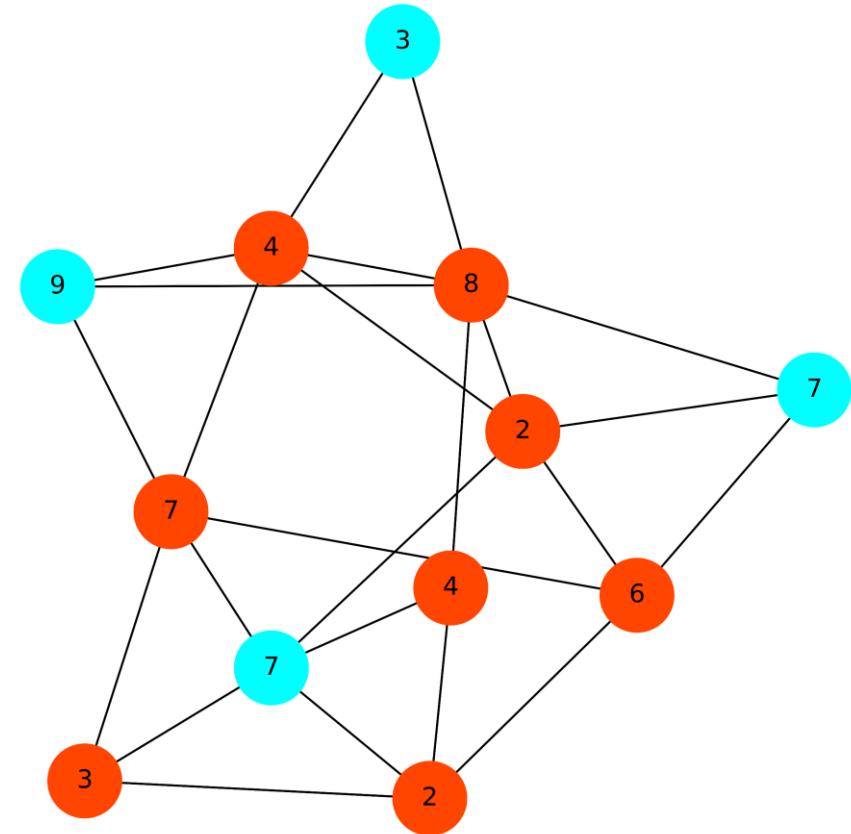
Use the Brute Algorithm
Cost is 24



EXAMPLE 3



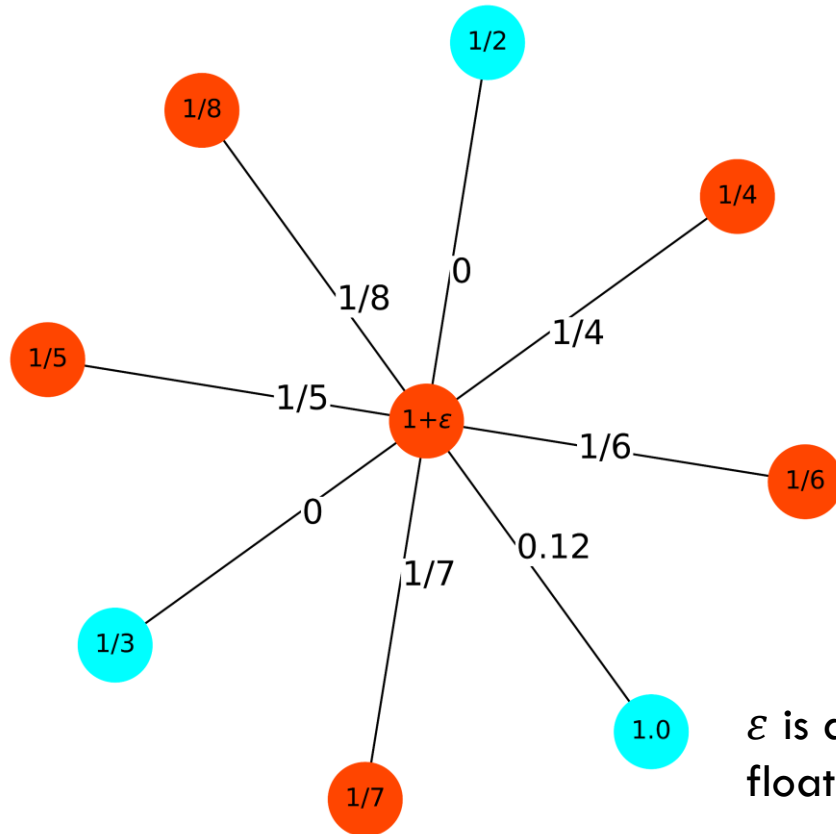
Use the Price Method Algorithm
Cost is 46



Use the Greedy Set Cover Algorithm
Cost is 36

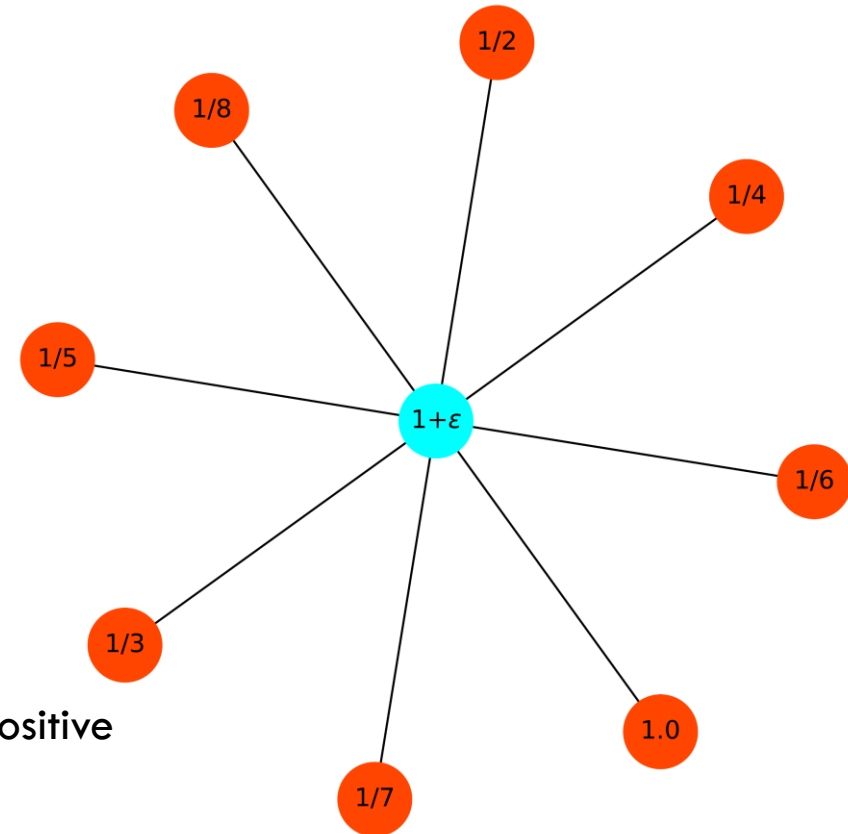


EXAMPLE 4



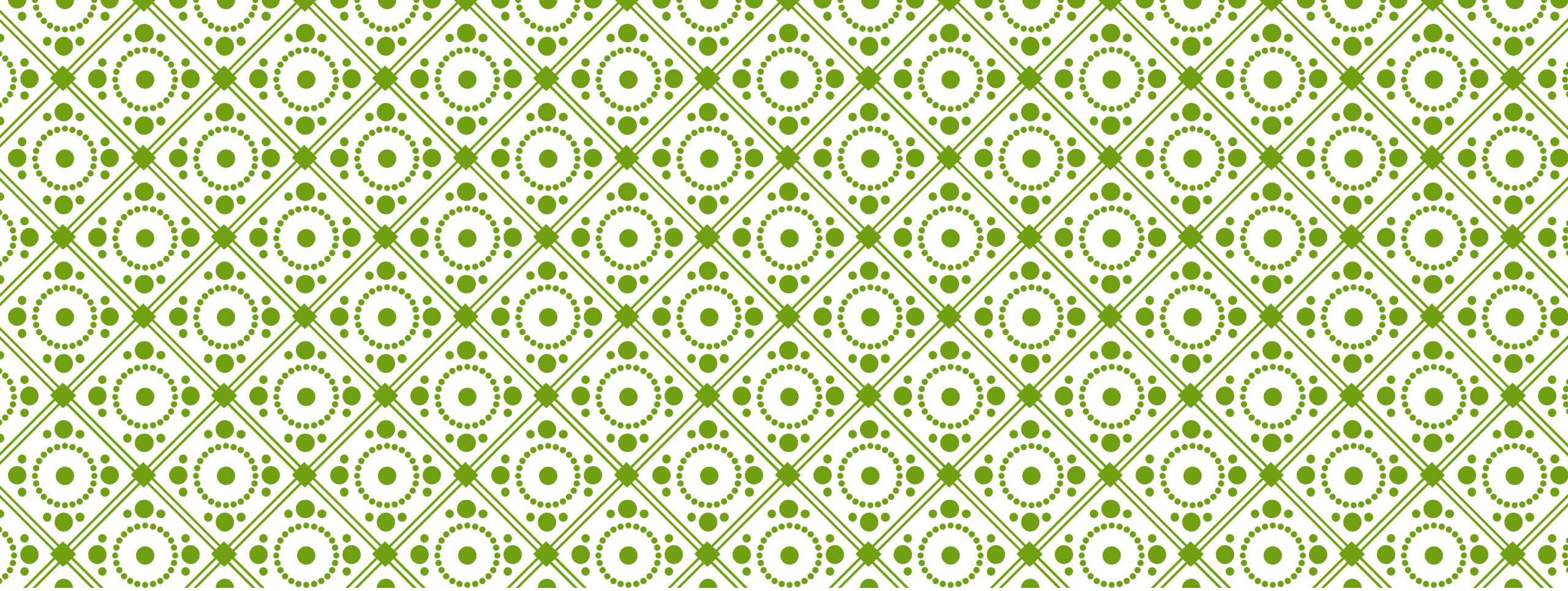
Use the Price Method Algorithm
Cost is 1.8845238

ϵ is a very small positive float number



Use the Greedy Set Cover Algorithm
Cost is 2.7178571





THANK YOU !

Q&A