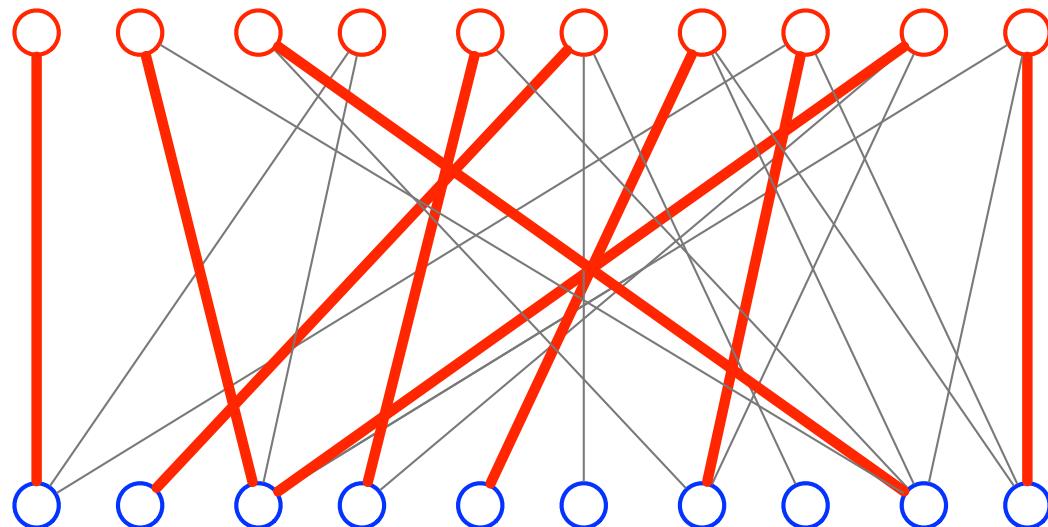


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# Lecture 21

## Graphs and Matchings



## Learning Objectives: Lec 13

After today's lecture (and the associated readings, discussion, & homework), you should know:

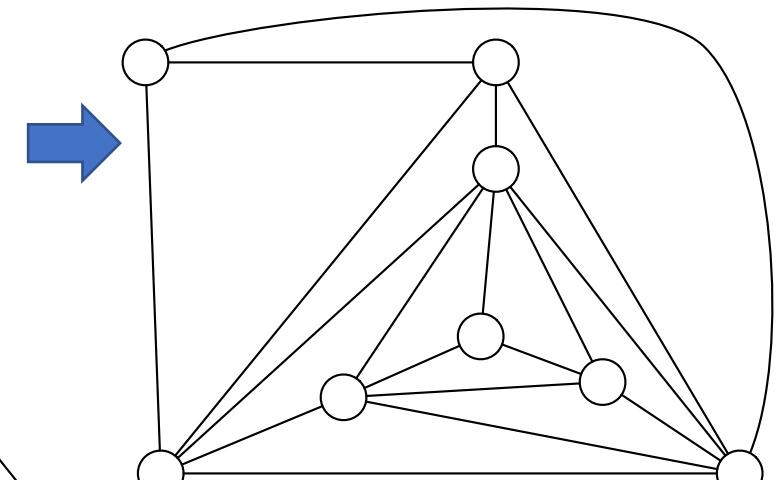
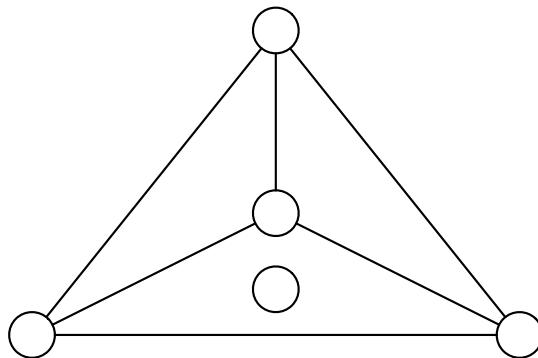
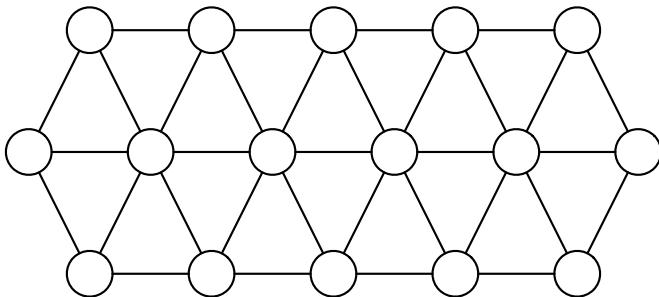
- Bipartite graphs and matchings.
- Deciding whether a bipartite graph has a matching of a certain size.
- Maximum matchings and augmenting paths.
- Hall's Theorem: Constricted sets and perfect matchings.
- Königs Theorem: Vertex Covers and Matchings.

# Outline

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  - Applications of Euler's polyhedral formula
  - Bipartite Graphs (9am lecture only)
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- Hall's theorem
- König's theorem
- (Bonus: Braess' Paradox)

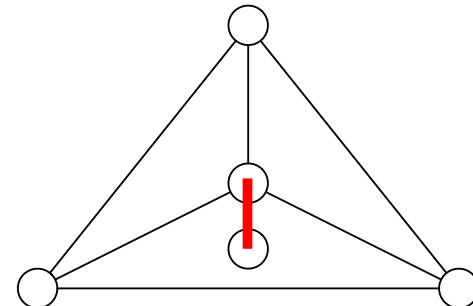
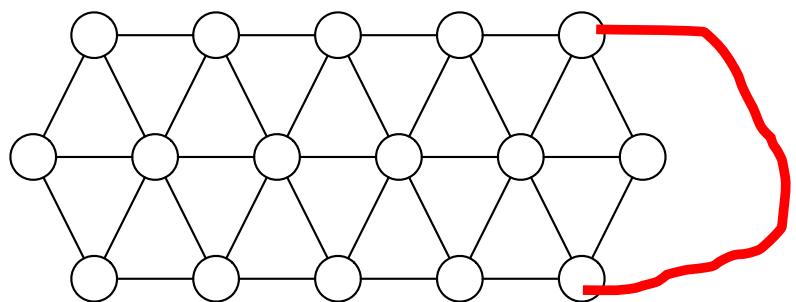
# Planar Graphs — Triangulation

- **Defn.** A plane graph is *triangulated* if all faces are bounded by 3 edges and 3 vertices.
- How many of the following three graphs are triangulated?
  - (a) 0
  - (b) 1 ←
  - (c) 2
  - (d) 3



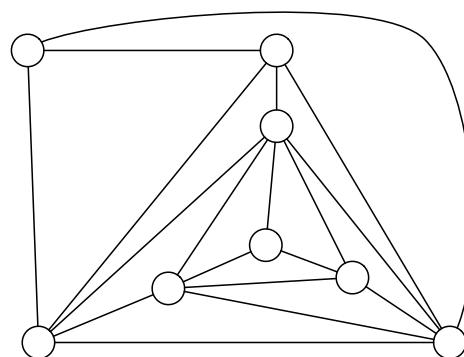
# Number of Edges in a Planar Graph

- What's the **maximum possible** number of edges in a **planar graph** with  $v$  **vertices**?
- What does a maximum-number-of-edges planar graph look like?
- It must be triangulated!
  - If not, we can add an extra edge while keeping it planar



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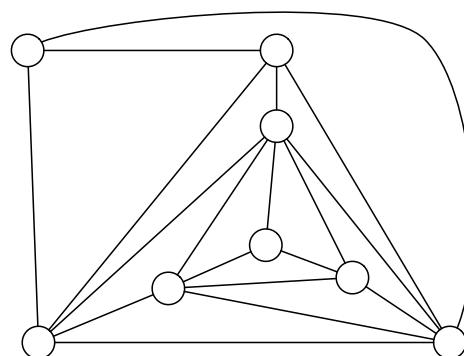
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- $c = 1$  (triangulated graph must be connected)
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  - Each edge appears on 2 faces
  - So  $3f$  counts each edge **twice**



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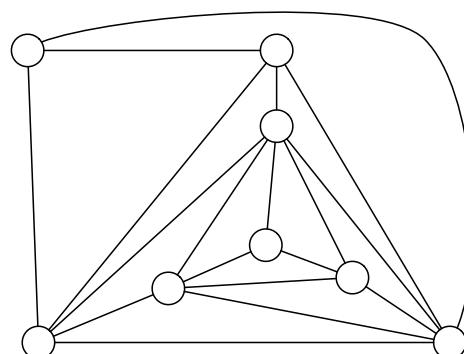
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Substitution:

$$v + \left(\frac{2e}{3}\right) - e - 1 = 1$$

$$v - \frac{e}{3} = 2$$

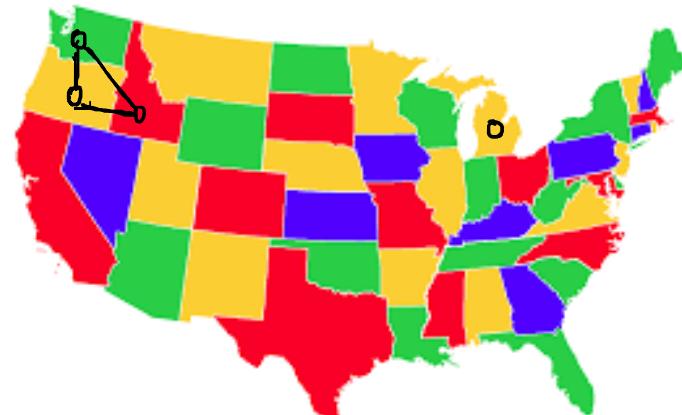
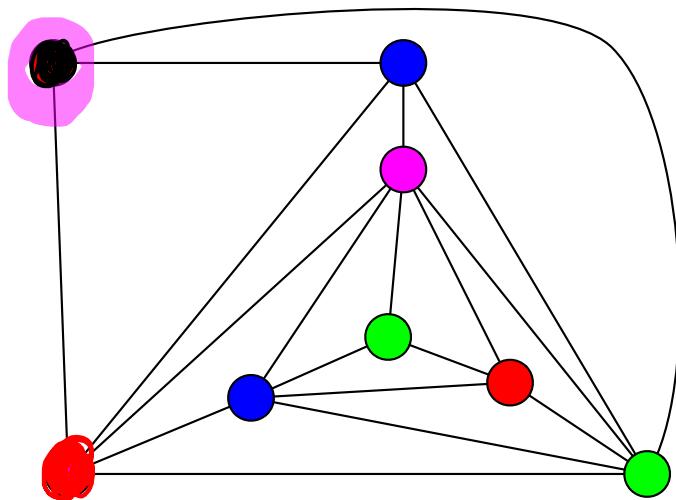
$$\underline{e = 3v - 6}$$



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# The 4-Coloring Theorem for Planar Graphs

- **Theorem.** (Appel, Haken 1976) The nodes of any planar graph  $G = (V, E)$  can be **4-colored**, such that all edges go between two differently-colored nodes.
- **The Proof.**
  - ... is very very very long. We will not prove it.
  - ... but you can 4-color any planar graph!



# The ~~4~~<sup>6</sup>-Coloring Theorem for Planar Graphs

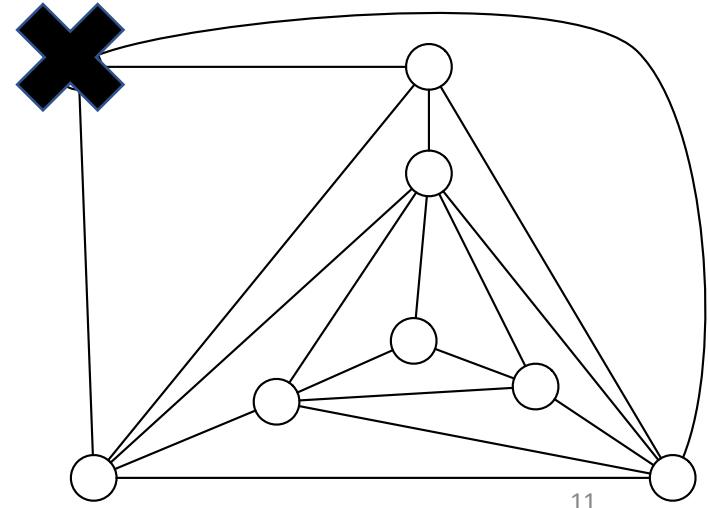
- **Theorem.** The vertices of any planar graph  $G = (V, E)$  can be **6-colored**.
- What do the **Handshake Theorem** and **Euler's Polyhedral Formula** say about the **average** vertex degree in a planar graph?

$$\sum_v \deg(v) = 2|E| \quad \text{and} \quad |E| \leq 3|V| - 6$$

- The average degree is  $\frac{\sum_v \deg(v)}{|V|} = \frac{2|E|}{|V|} \leq \frac{2(3|V|-6)}{|V|} < 6$ .  
What does this imply about the **minimum** degree?  
Ans: at least one node has degree  $\leq 5$

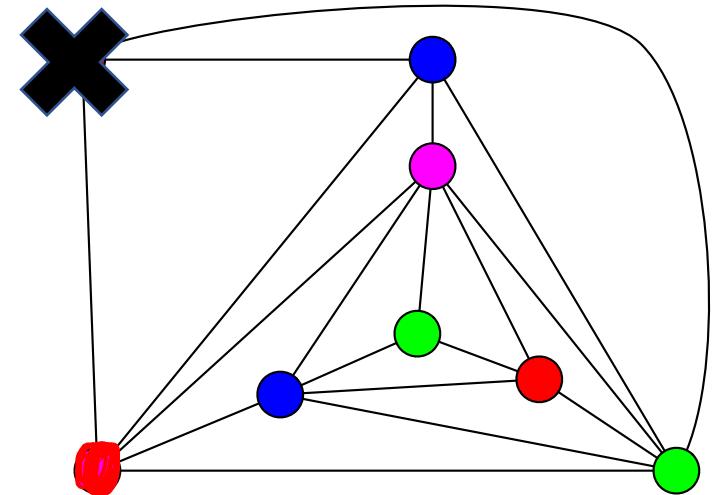
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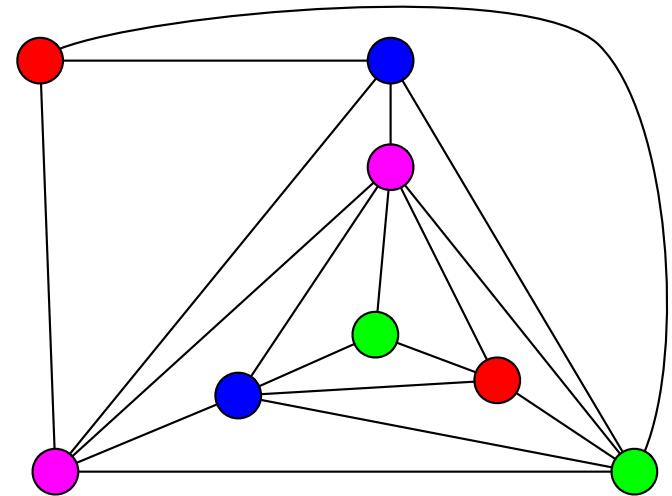


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      - Then re-add  $v$ , and color it differently from all  $\leq 5$  neighbors
      - We found a 6-coloring!

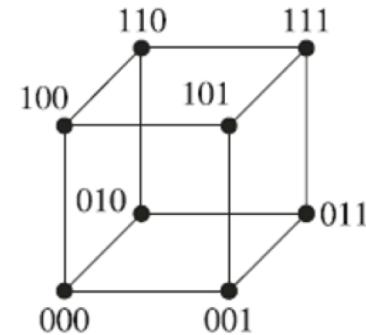
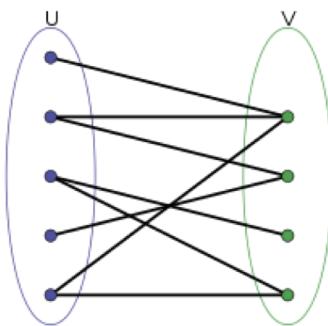


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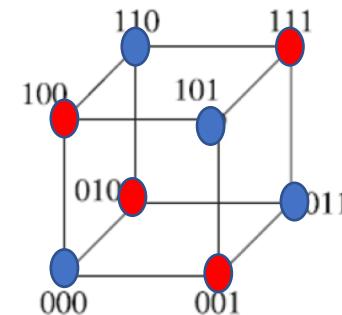


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Proof Sketch:

- Use the vertex subset  $A$  as the red nodes
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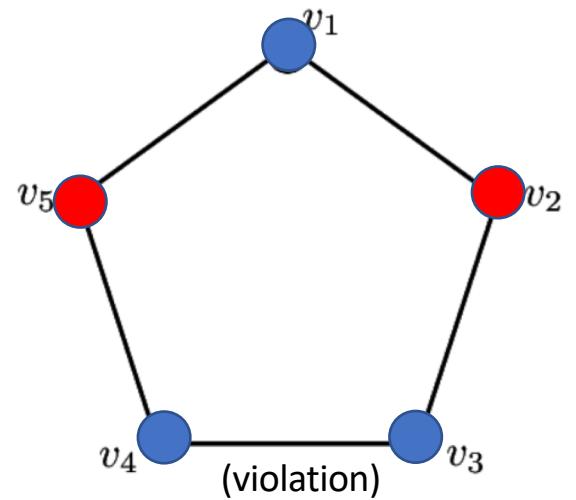
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- Then  $C_{2k+1}$  itself must be 2-colorable, using the coloring in  $G$ .
- But we can verify that  $C_{2k+1}$  is not 2-colorable.



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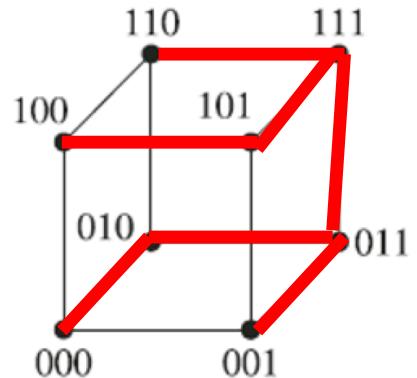
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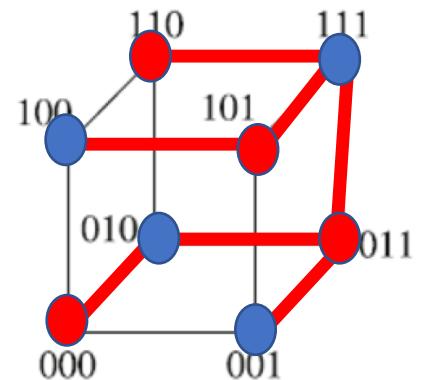
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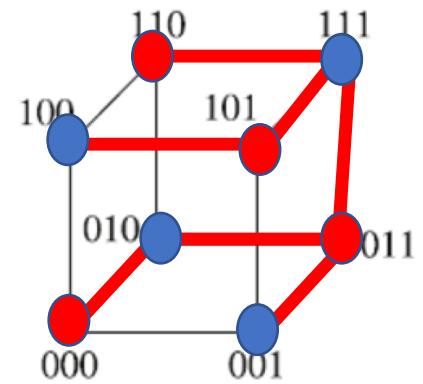
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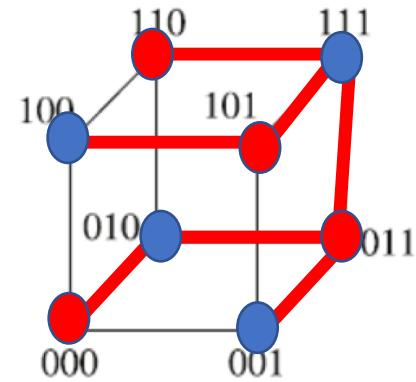
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An edge in  $G$  between two same-colored nodes would **complete an odd cycle**.  
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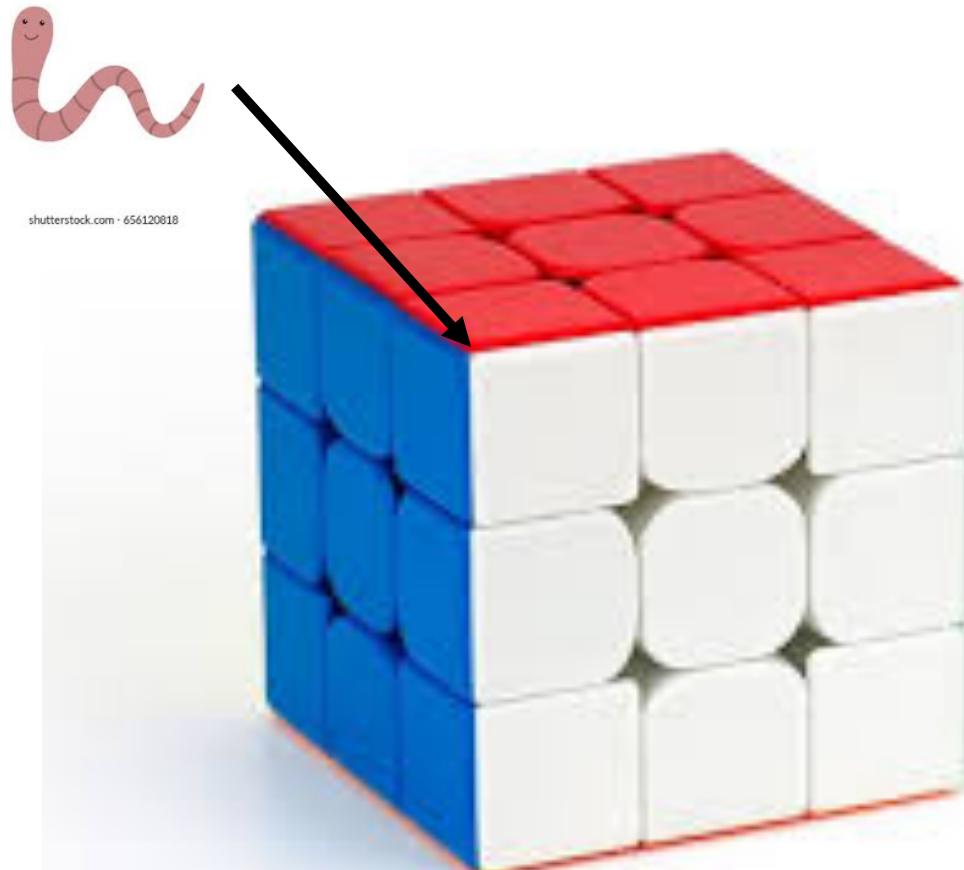
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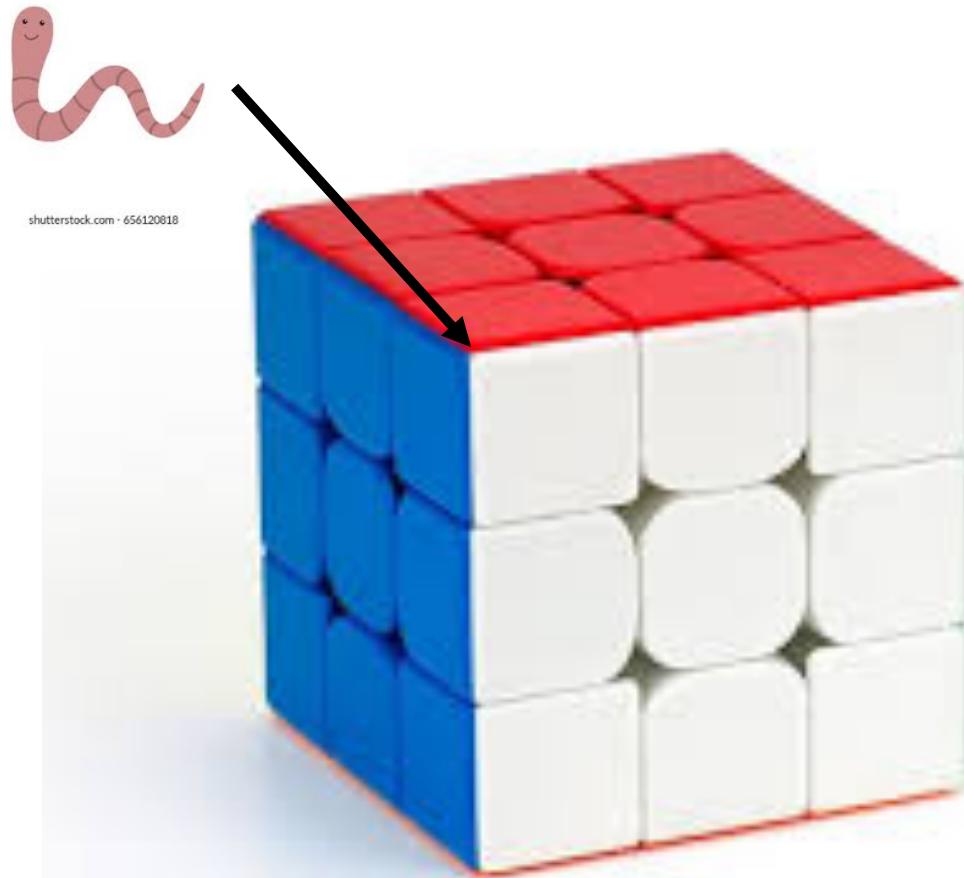
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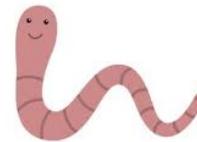
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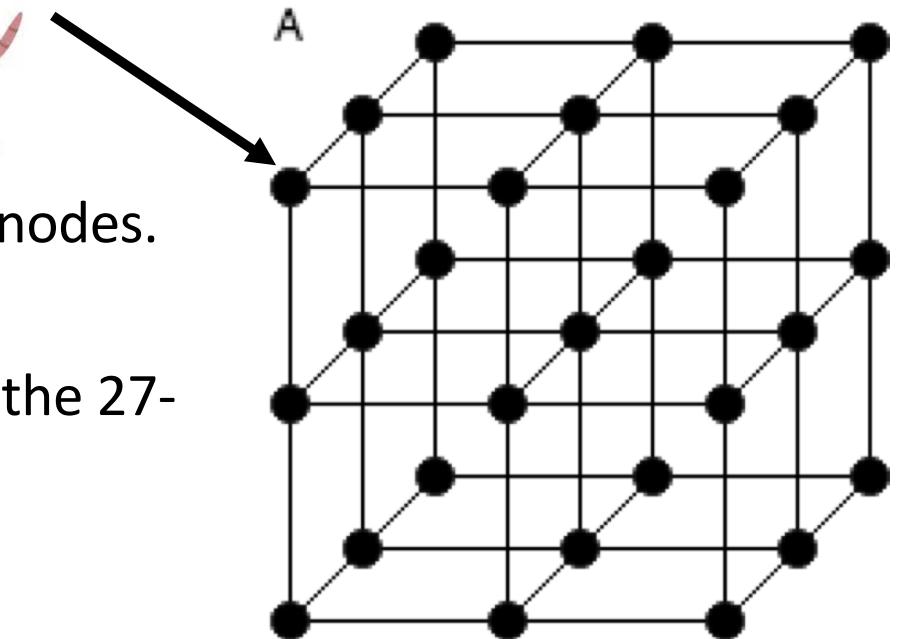
No, you can't. ☹

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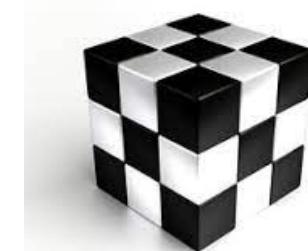
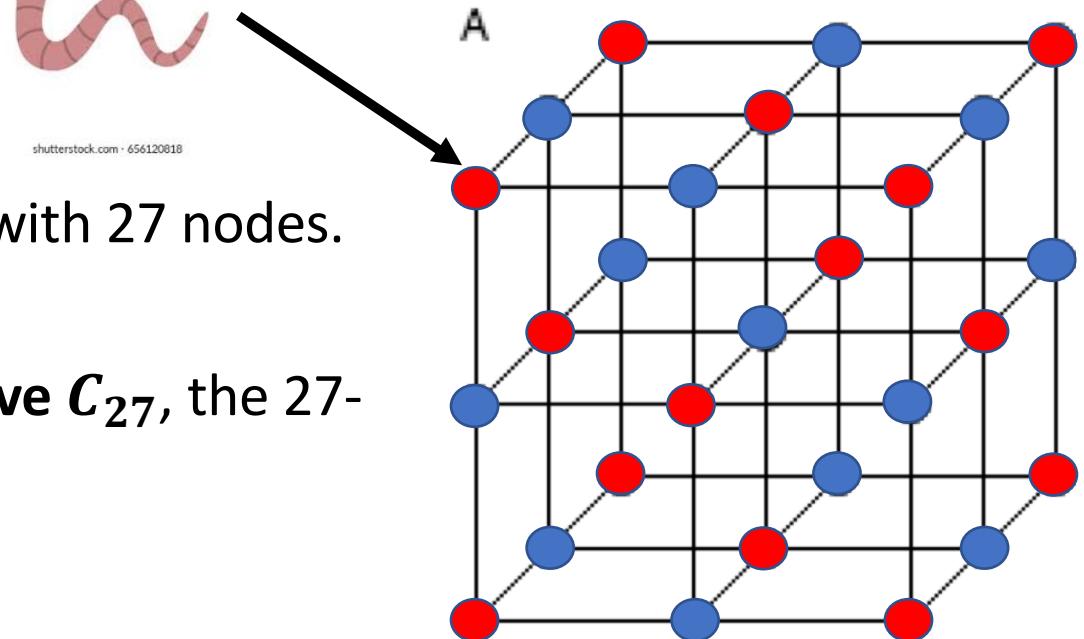


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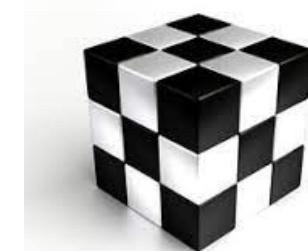
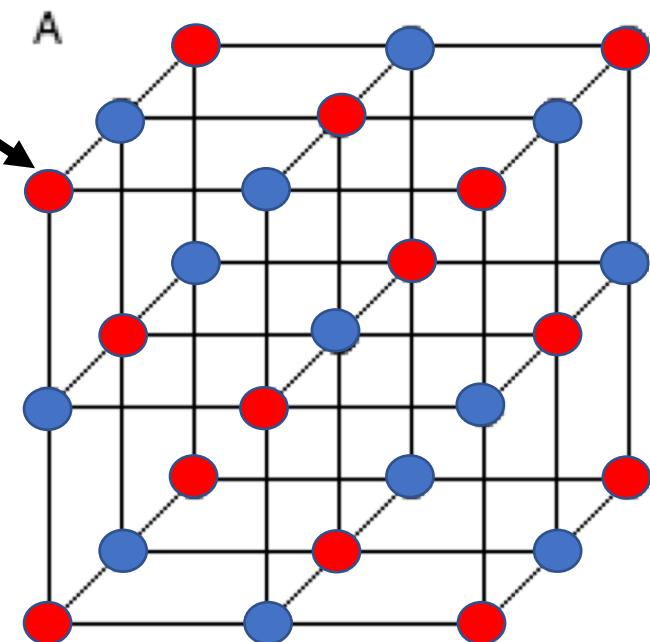


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- So it doesn't have any odd-length cycles.



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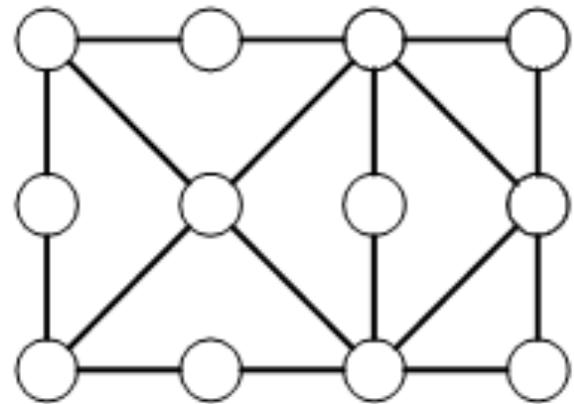
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- Certificates
- Bipartite graphs and matchings
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# Summary of graph lectures so far

- There are many **properties that a graph might have**
  - Bipartite
  - Planar
  - Has an Euler path
  - (To come in this lecture) has a perfect matching
- It's usually easy from the definition to **prove** that a graph has a property
  - Planar → just show me a planar drawing of your graph
  - Has an Euler path → just show me the Euler path
- But it takes effort to find a way to get **disproofs** that a graph has a property
- **Certificate:** a small/simple part of a graph that **disproves** a graph property

# Certificates



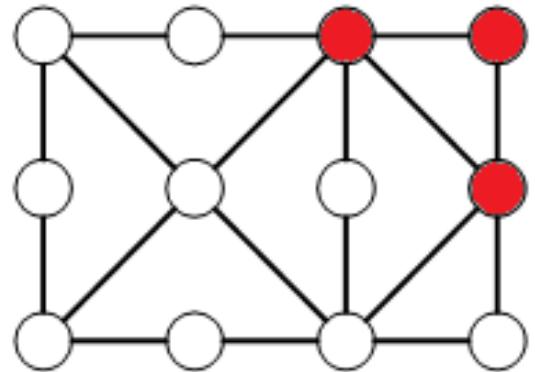
**Reminder:** a “**bipartite**” graph is one whose nodes can be colored {red, blue} so that every edge has different-colored endpoints.

- To **prove** that a graph is bipartite, you can just show a coloring.
- But how can we **disprove** that a graph is bipartite?

One option: try all possible 2-colorings of its nodes

Technically this will work, but it's extremely long and painful.  
Computer science is interested in **efficient** checking!

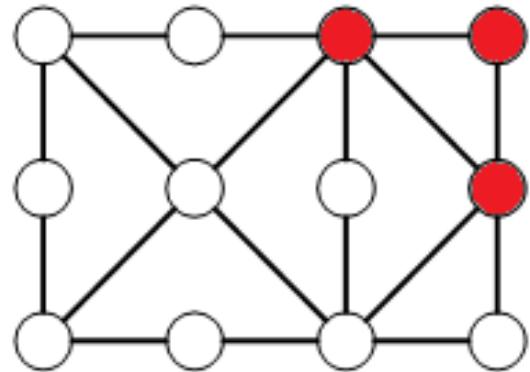
# Exhaustive Certificates



Triangle subgraphs are one possible  
**“certificate”** of non-bipartiteness.

If we can find a triangle subgraph of  $G$ , this acts as a **disproof** that  $G$  is bipartite.

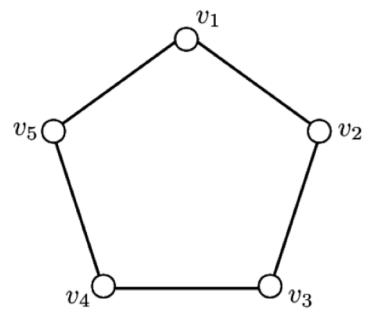
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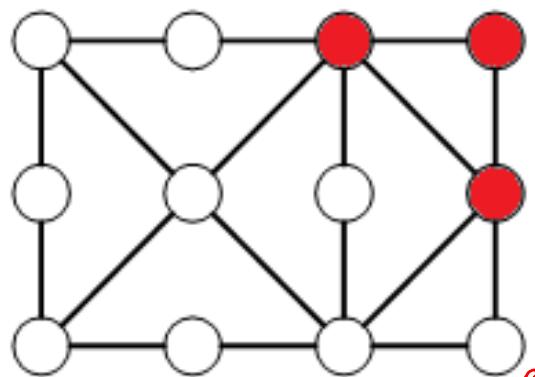
Are they **exhaustive certificates**?

(Can *every* non-bipartite graph be proved non-bipartite using a triangle subgraph?)



No: there are some graphs that are non-bipartite, even though you can't prove this via a triangle subgraph.

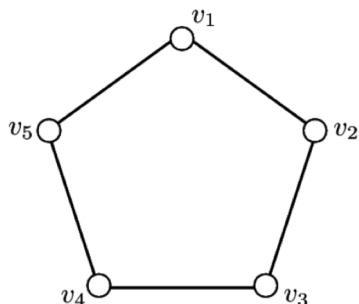
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Triangle subgraphs are one possible “certificate” of non-bipartiteness.

**Proved in first graph lecture:** Odd cycle subgraphs are **exhaustive certificates** of non-bipartiteness.

- (*Certificate*) If  $G$  has an odd cycle as a subgraph, then  $G$  is not bipartite
- (*Exhaustive*) and if  $G$  does **not** have any odd cycles as subgraphs, then  $G$  is bipartite.



Theorem (from first graph lecture):

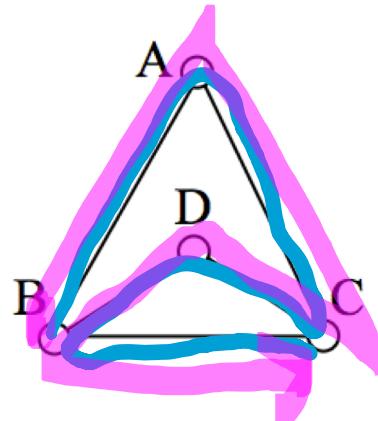
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$$\begin{aligned} p &\leftrightarrow q \\ p \rightarrow q &\equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p \\ p \leftarrow q & \end{aligned}$$

# Exhaustive Certificates

**Reminder:** an “Euler path” in a (multi)graph is one that uses every edge exactly once.

- To **prove** that a graph has an Euler path: just show the Euler path.
- But how can we **disprove** that a graph has an Euler path?



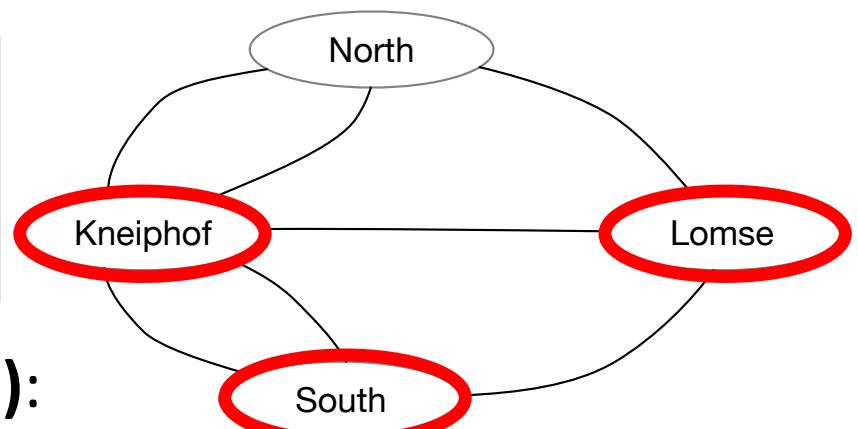
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**Observation:** Any three nodes with odd degree form a **certificate** that  $G$  does not have an Euler path.

**Euler’s Theorem (proved last lecture):**  
These are **exhaustive certificates**.

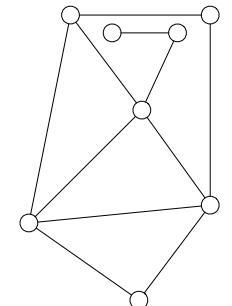
(If there are *not* three odd-degree nodes, then  $G$  **does** have an Euler path.)



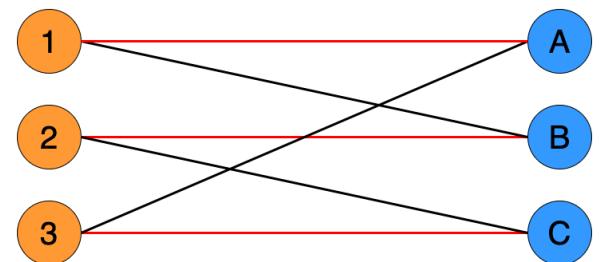
# Exhaustive Certificates

- **Planarity** also has a nice exhaustive certificate theorem

- To prove that  $G$  is planar: just show me a plane drawing
- **Kuratowski's Theorem (not covered)** helps you disprove planarity



- Today's lecture:
  - A new graph property: "**Has a perfect matching**"
  - An exhaustive certificate theorem for this property in bipartite graphs



# Outline

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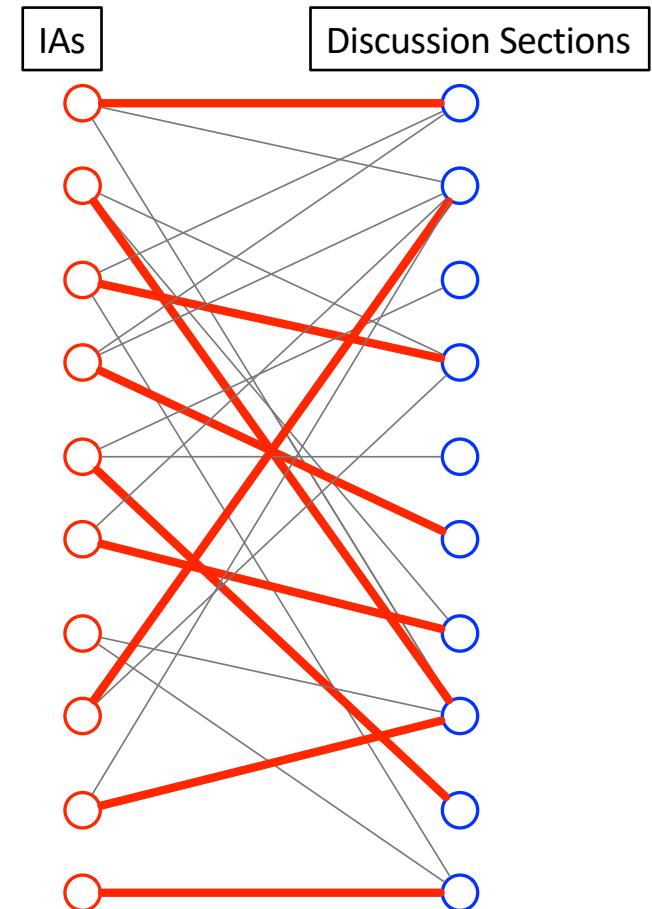
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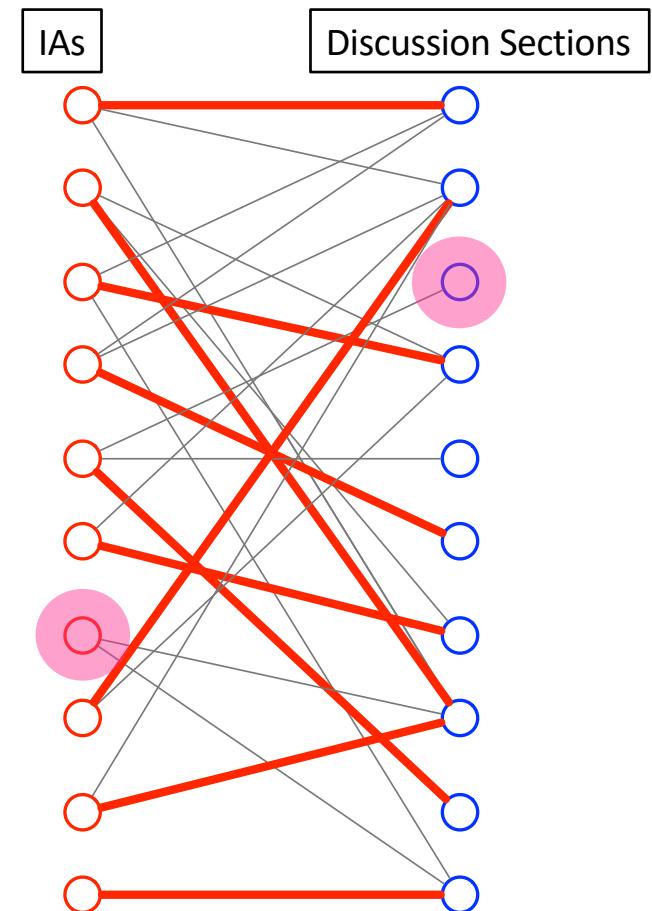
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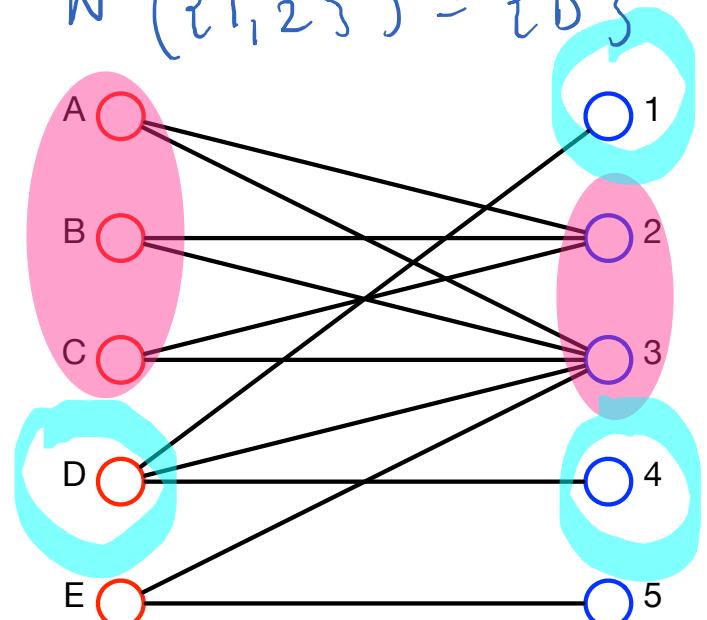
- (a) Yes.
- (b) No. 

This part of the graph is a **certificate** that no perfect matching exists!

  $S$  is a "constricted set"

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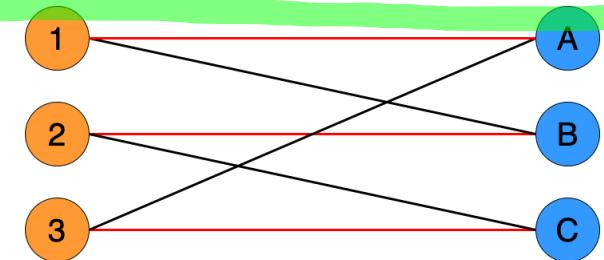


## Matching Certificates

- Given a graph  $G$ , how do we **prove** that it has a perfect matching?
  - Just show me the matching.

- How do we **disprove** that  $G$  has a perfect matching?
  - Show me a **certificate** of the form: node set  $S$  with  $|N(S)| < |S|$

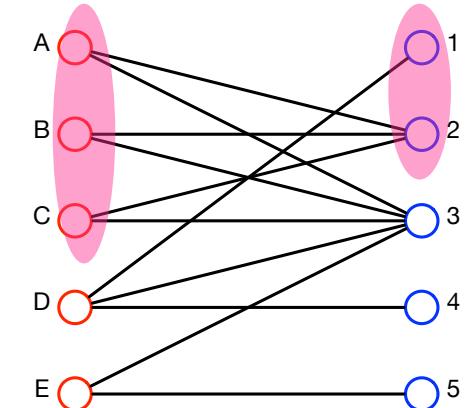
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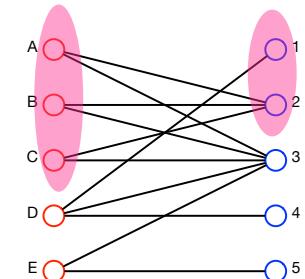


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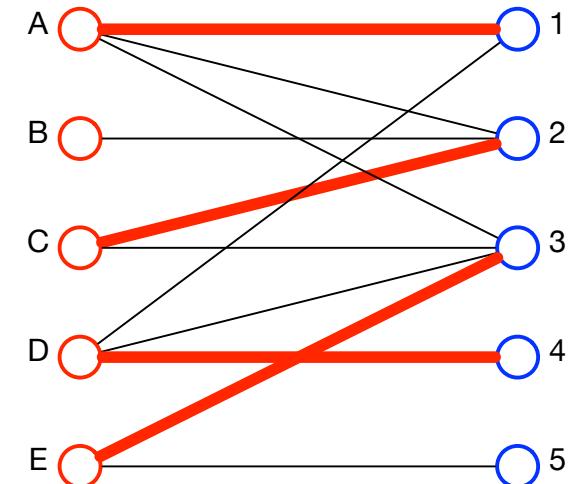


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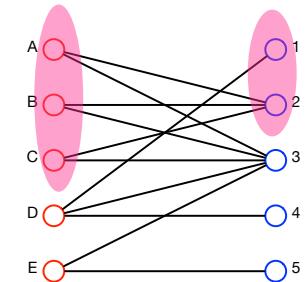
## High-Level Proof Strategy:

- Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph in which no set  $S$  has  $|N(S)| < |S|$
- Let  $M$  be any matching in  $G$ .
- We will prove: if  $M$  is not yet a perfect matching, then we can modify it to get a bigger matching  $M'$ .
- (Then repeat until we have a perfect matching)



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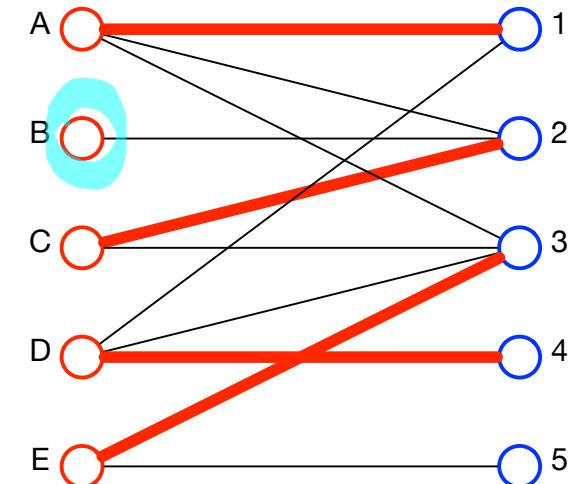
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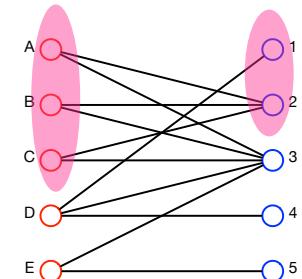
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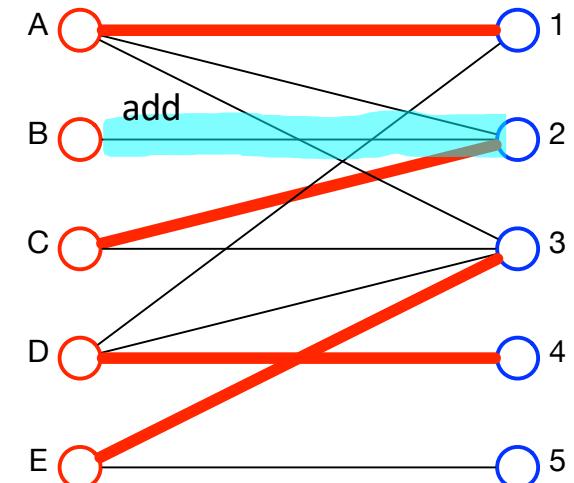


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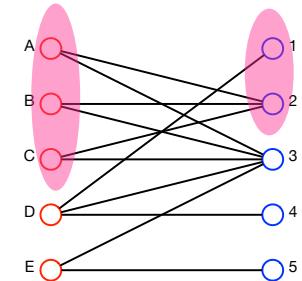
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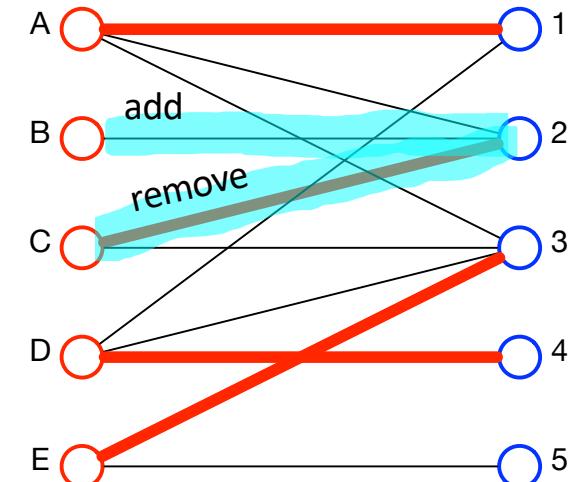


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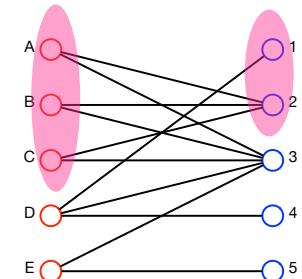
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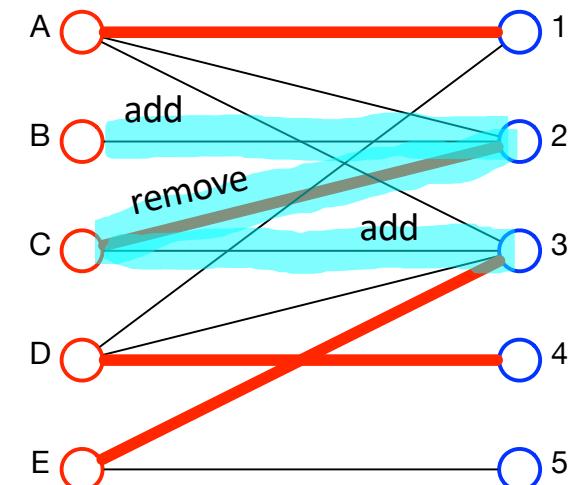


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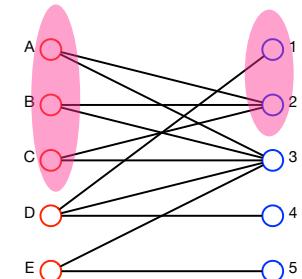
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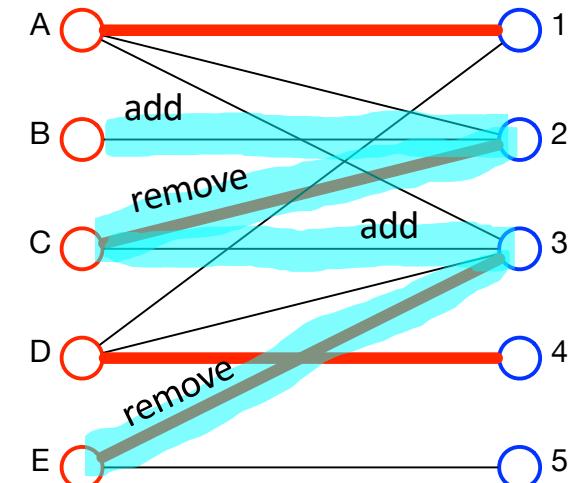


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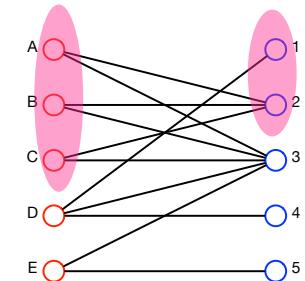
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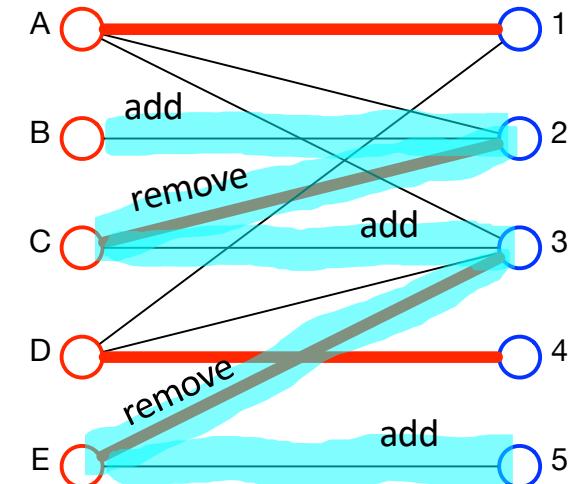
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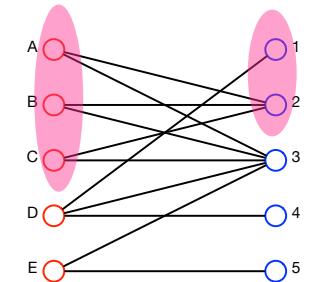
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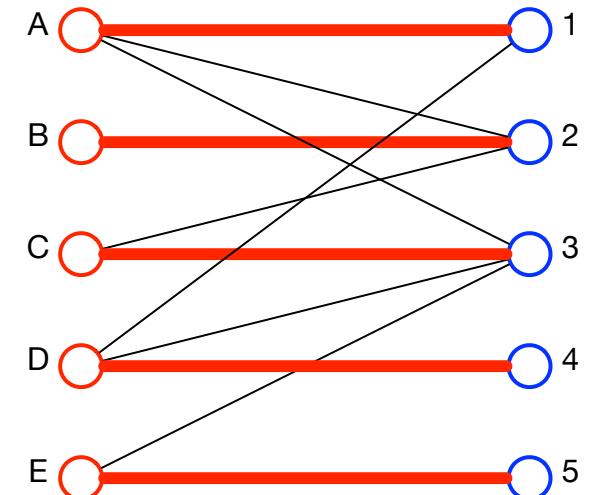
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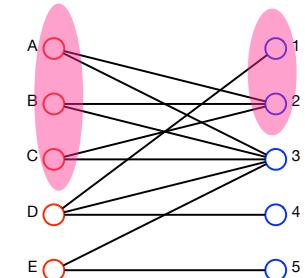
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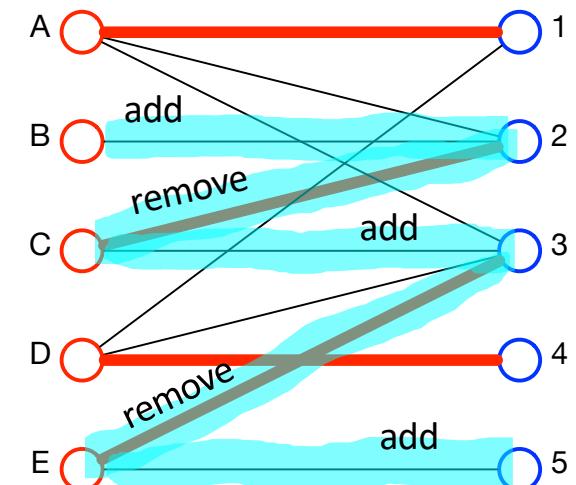
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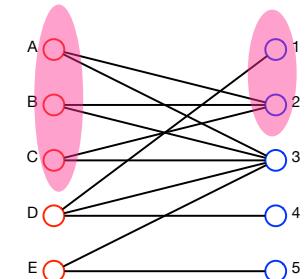
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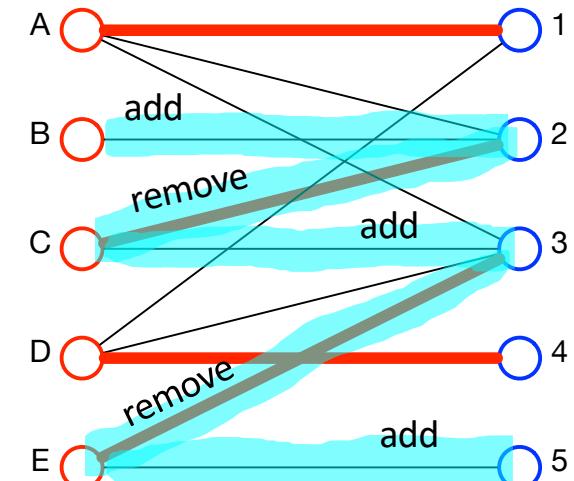
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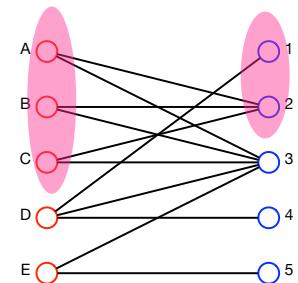
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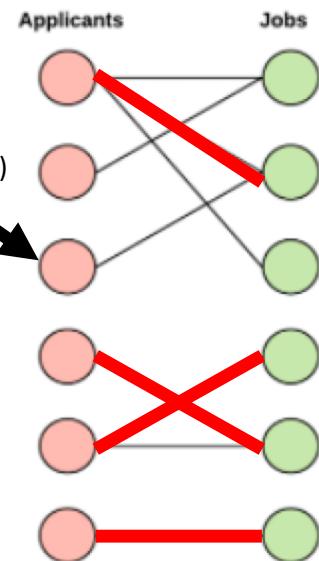
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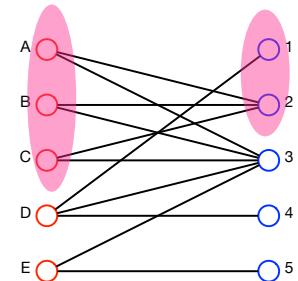


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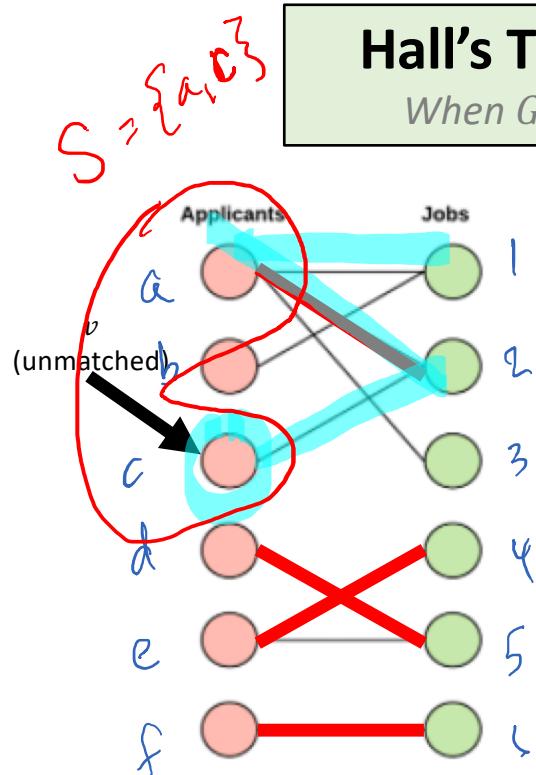
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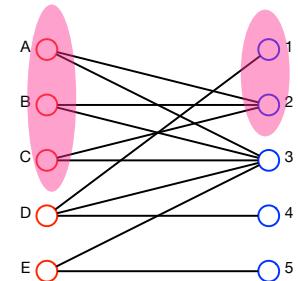


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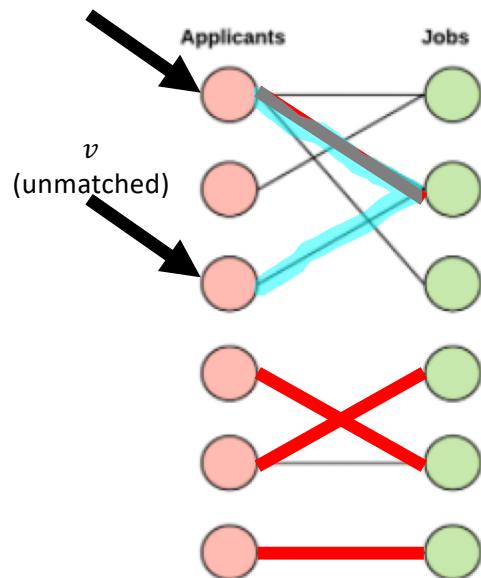
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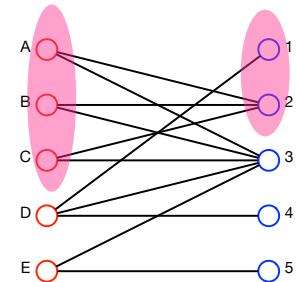


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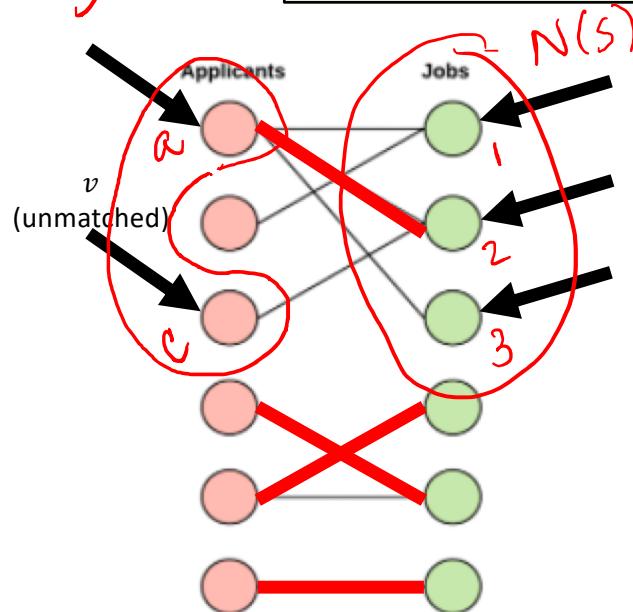
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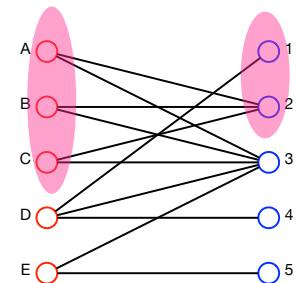


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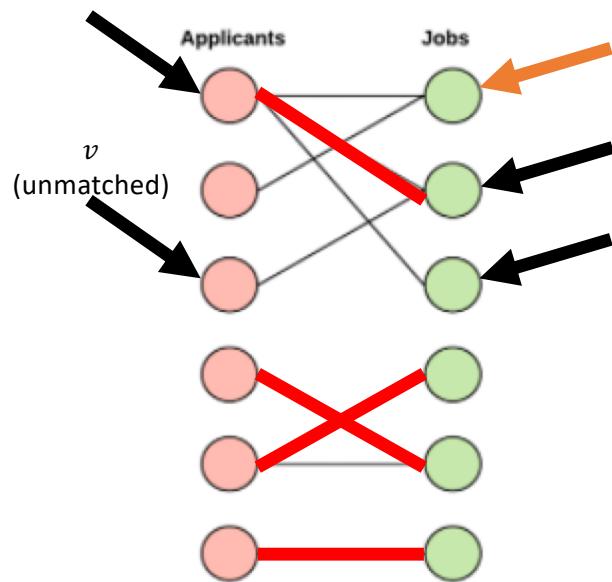
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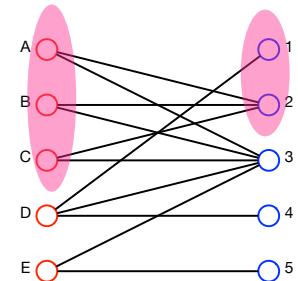


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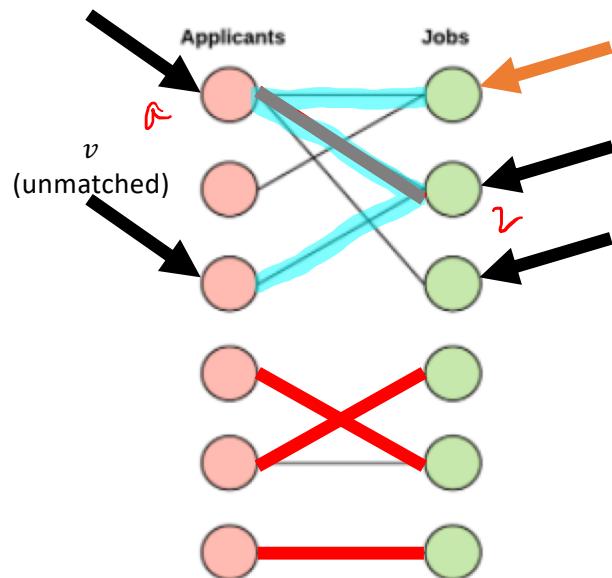
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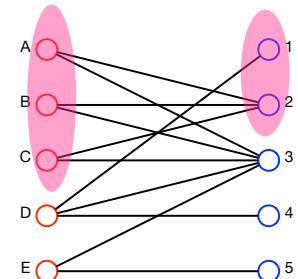


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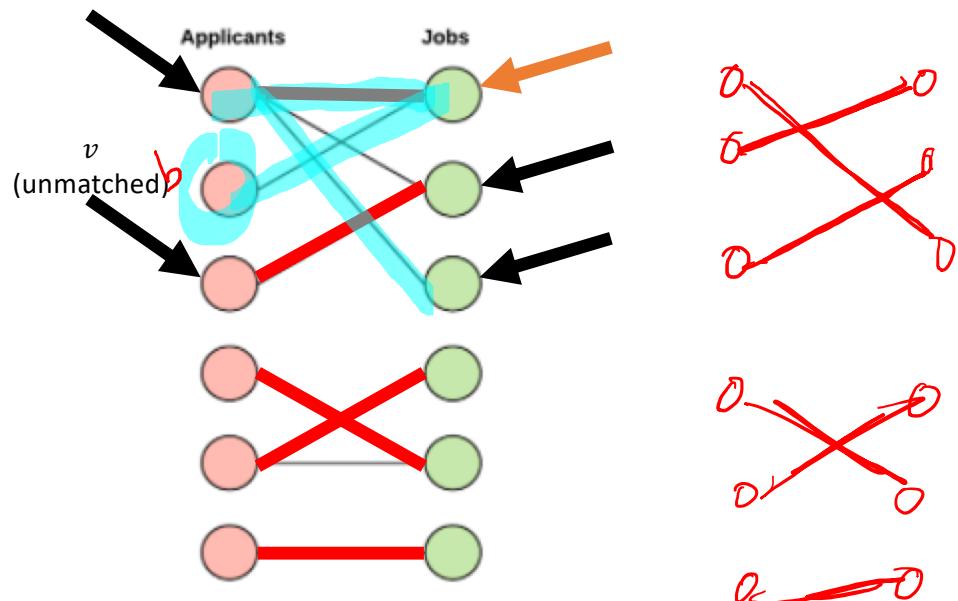
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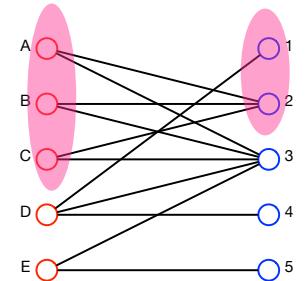
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- *(Toggle augmenting path to increase the matching)*

# Outline

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- Bipartite graphs and matchings
- Hall's theorem
- **König's theorem**

# Hall vs. König

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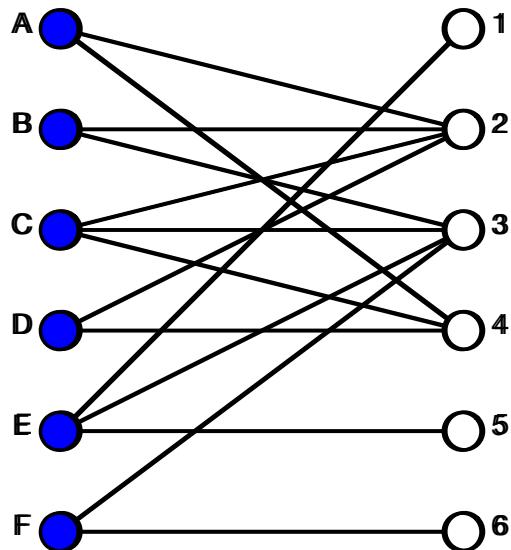
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- Even if we don't have a **perfect** matching, we still might hope to have a **large** matching.
  - *Even if we can't hire applicants to cover all jobs, we want to cover as many jobs as possible.*
- What might be a **certificate** that there is no matching of size  $\geq k$ ?

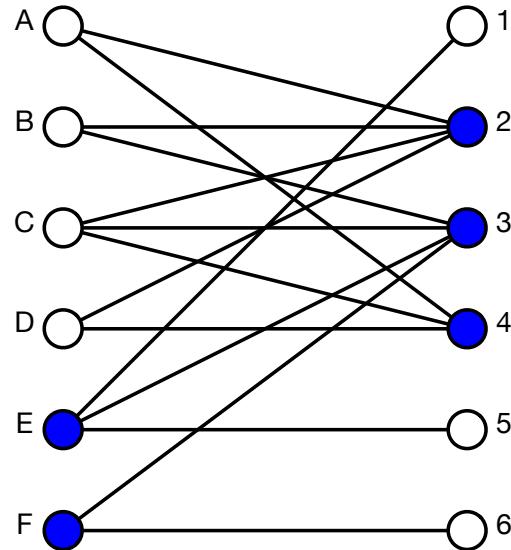
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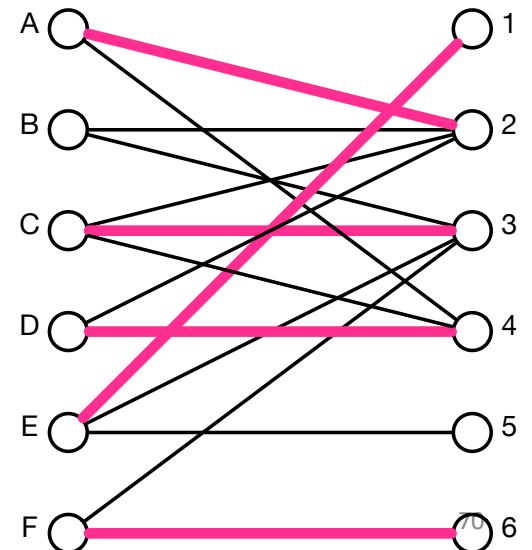
$C$  = set of left vertices is a V.C.  
size: 6



This graph has a smaller V.C.  
size: 5



Coincidentally the same size as a  
maximum size matching. Size: 5.



## Matchings and Vertex Covers

König's Thm: The minimum size of a vertex cover = maximum sized matching.

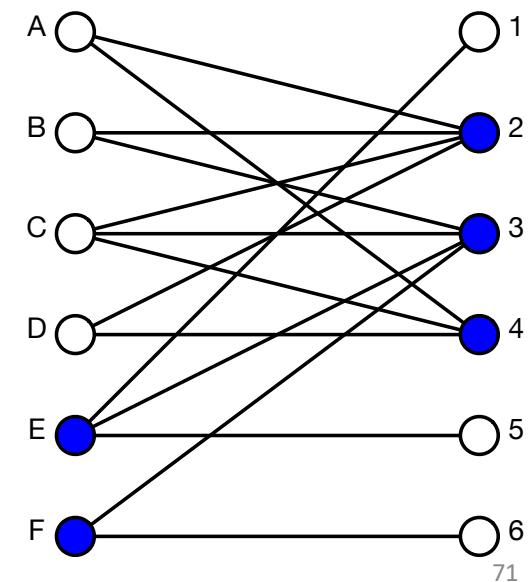
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A vertex cover of size  $k$  works as a **certificate** that there is no matching of size  $> k$ .

- In any matching  $M$ , every edge touches one of the  $k$  nodes in the vertex cover.
- But no two edges in  $M$  can touch the same node.

**Theorem (König-Egerváry):**

In bipartite graphs, these certificates are **exhaustive**.  
( $\min \text{ vertex cover size } k \rightarrow \exists \text{ matching of size } k$ )



# Recap

- Many graph properties are easy to **prove** but not as obvious to **disprove** (*or sometimes the other way around*)
  - Bipartiteness, planarity, existence of Euler path ...
- A **certificate** is a small/simple feature of your graph that lets you **disprove** the property (*or sometimes prove*)
- Certificates are particularly cool/useful when they are **exhaustive**
  - Bipartiteness  $\rightarrow$  odd cycle subgraphs
  - Euler path  $\rightarrow$  three odd-degree nodes
  - Perfect matching  $\rightarrow$  node subset with  $|N(S)| < |S|$
  - Size k matching  $\rightarrow$  size k vertex cover

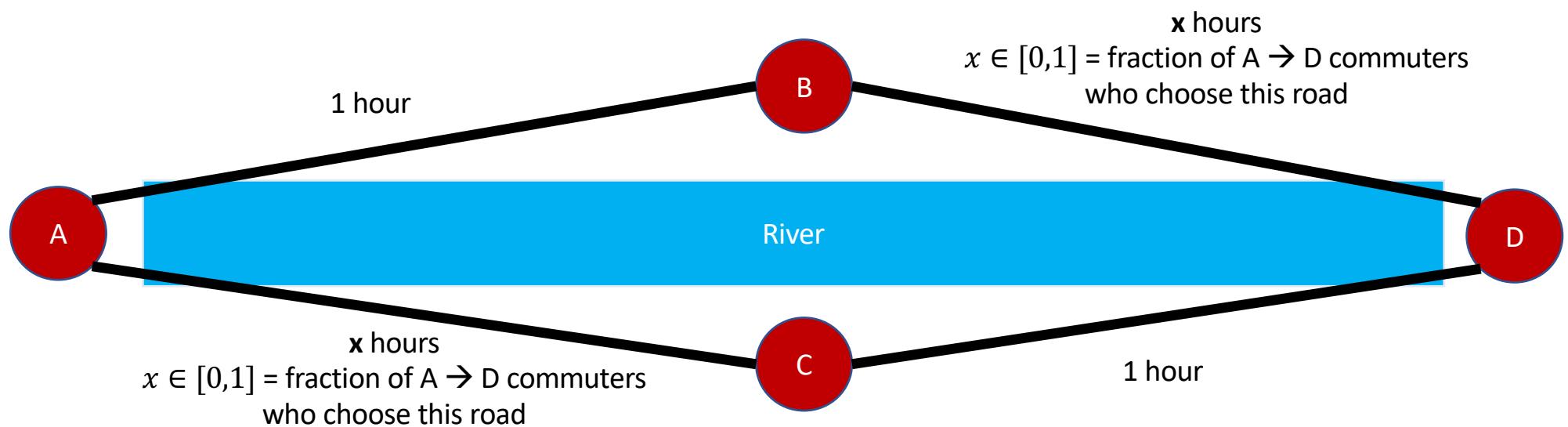


Bonus: Braess'  
Paradox

# Designing Road Networks

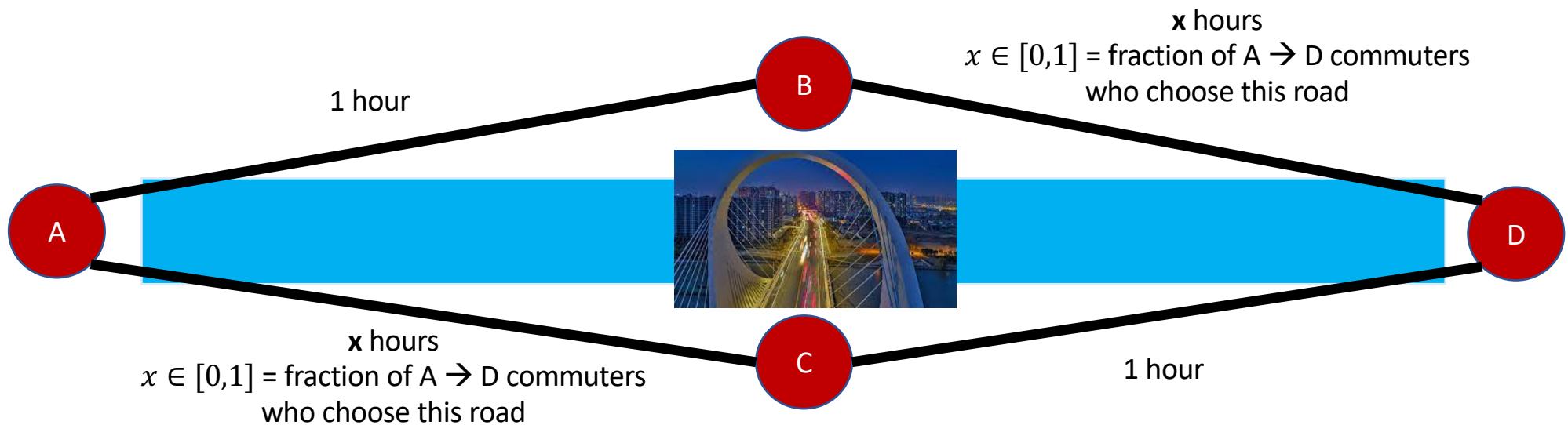
- Common use of (planar?) graph theory: design good road networks
  - “Good” = people can drive between points quickly
- Time to travel a road might be **traffic sensitive**
  - Different roads might depend differently on traffic (1-lane vs 6-lane highway)
- Commuters are **rational** and **selfish**
  - They will always choose the fastest route, given current traffic

# Commuting Network



Commuters travel between A and D.

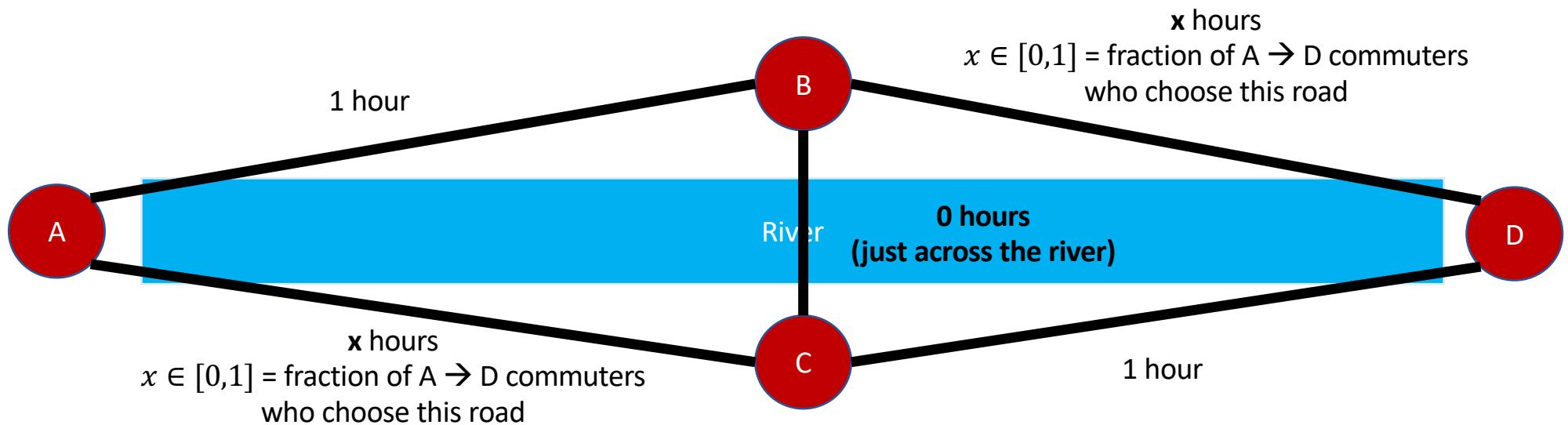
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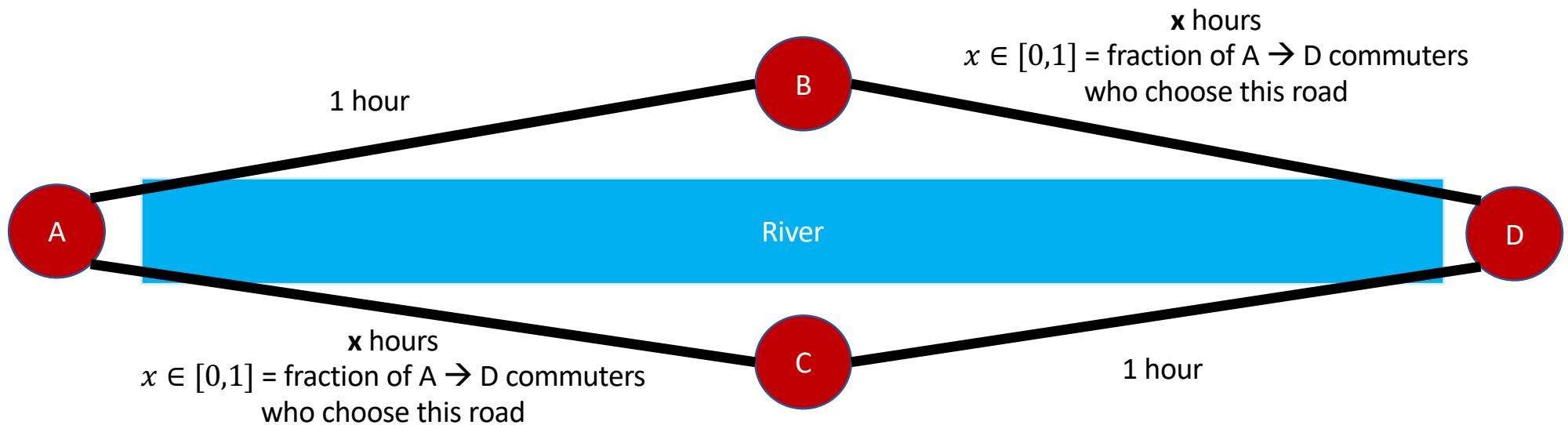


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**How much does this improve average commute time?**

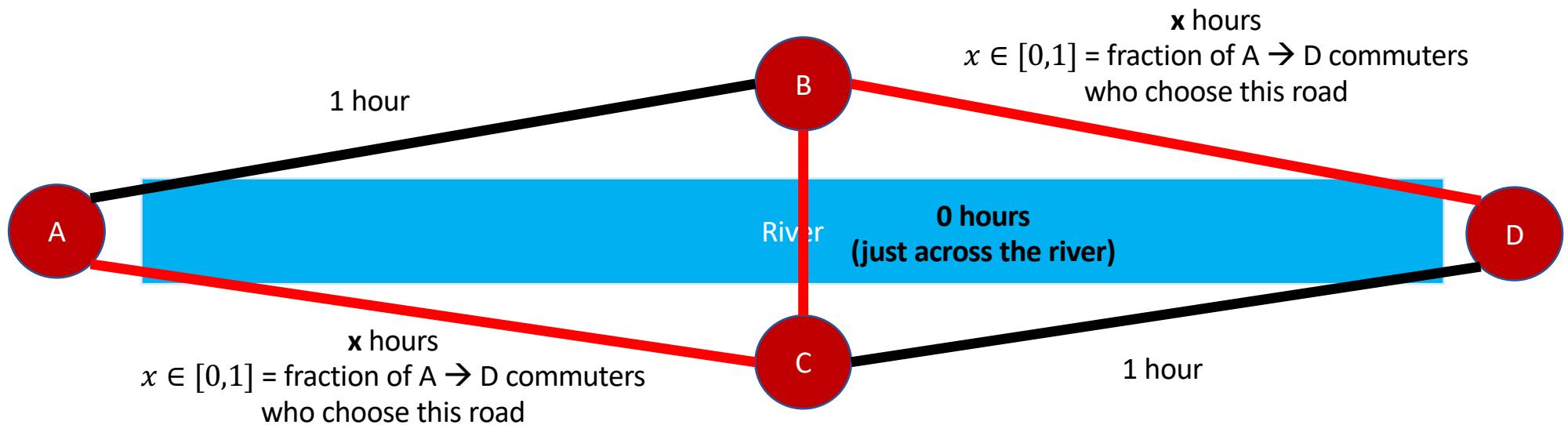
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Before: average commute time is **1.5 hours**

- Half the commuters will go one way, half will go the other way
- Both  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

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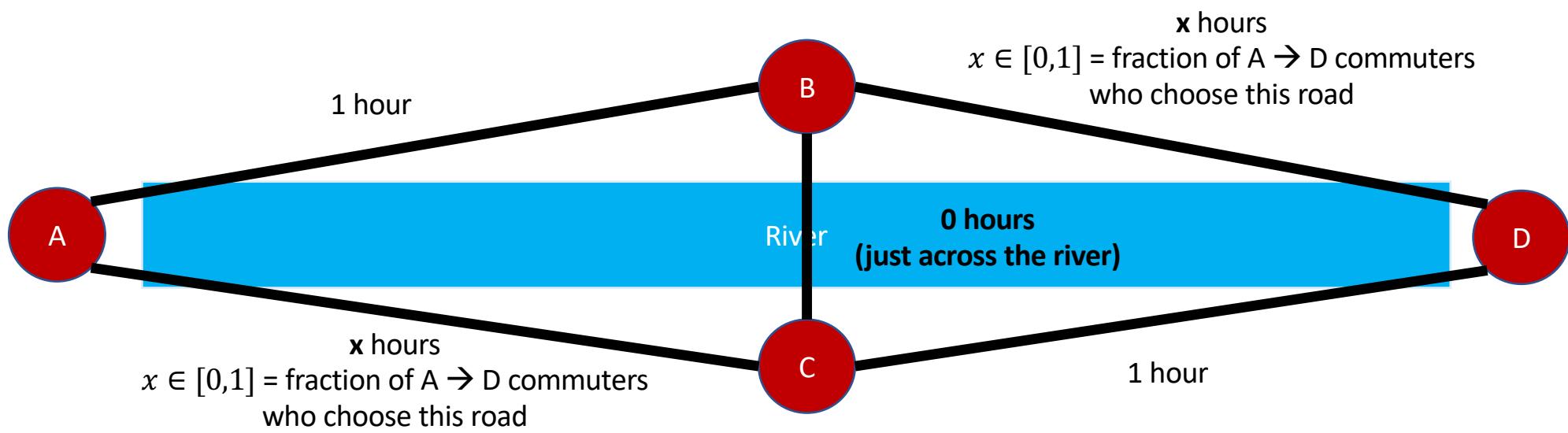


After: average commute time is **2 hours**

- Everyone uses both variable-length roads + the bridge

# Braess's Paradox

- Adding a new road **harmed travel time!** 1.5 hours → 2 hours



# Another Version of Braess's Paradox

