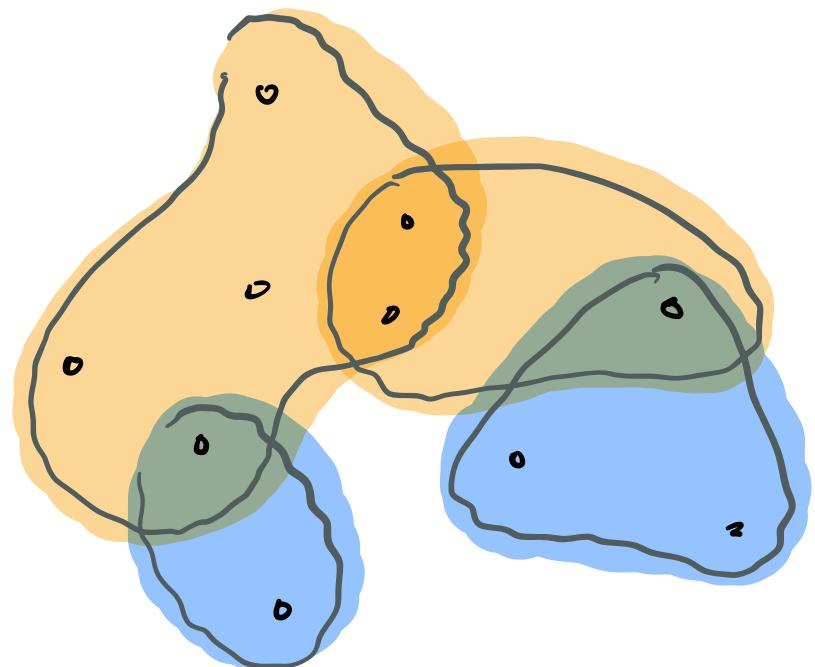


(Hyper) Graph Partitioning

Past & Present.

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Joint work w) ...



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About this talk...

PART 1 : A past result.

→ Provide a new proof for a known fast graph partitioning algorithm using convex optimization tools.

PART 2 : A present application

→ Show how this view yields new approx. algorithms for hypergraph partitioning.

Part 3 : A future direction (time permitting)

→ Future applications of these tools?

Part I : The Past

Let's begin ...

FINDING CUTS OF MINIMUM EXPANSION.

Input: $G = (V, E, w^G)$, $w_e^G \geq 0 \quad \forall e \in E$.

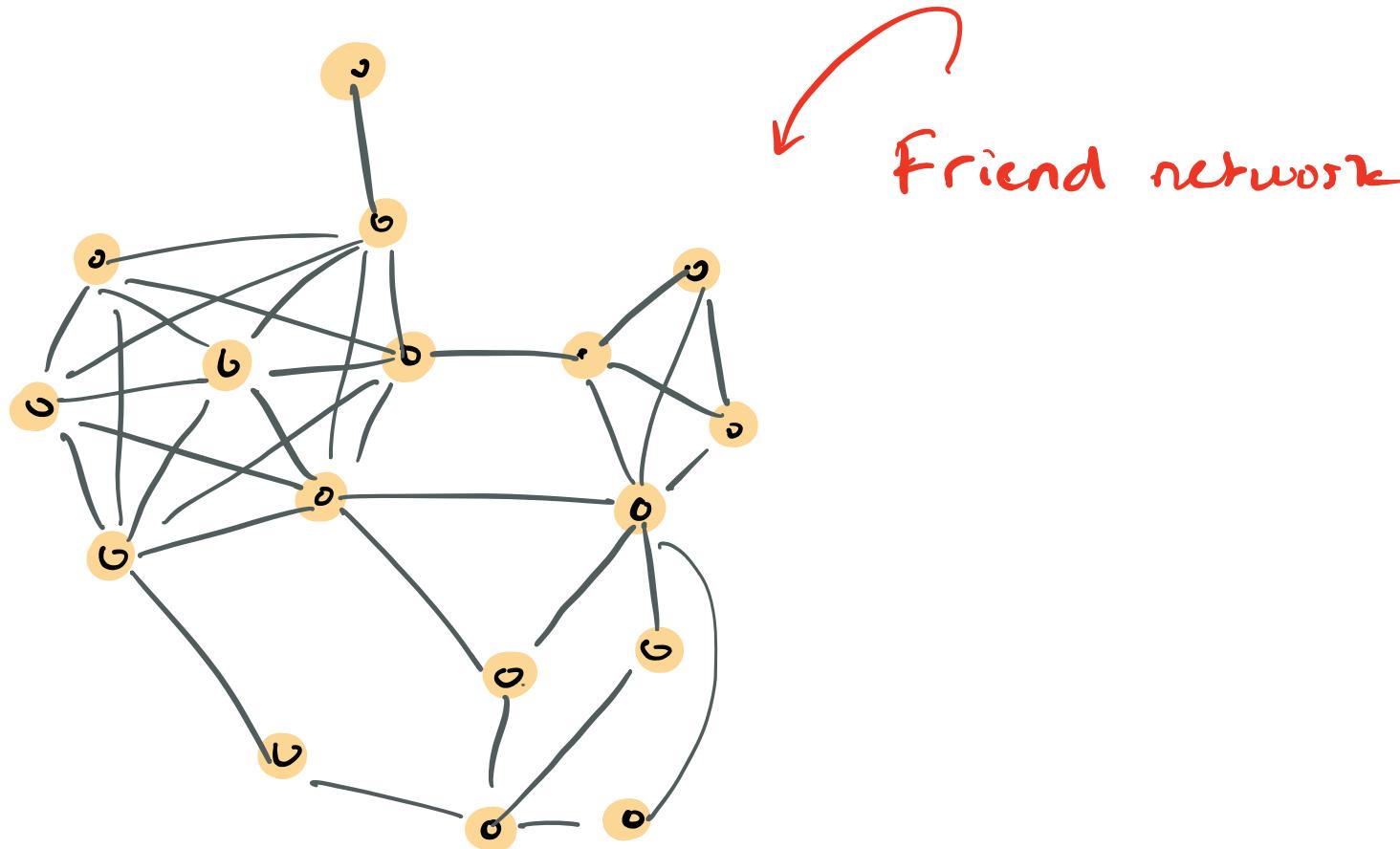
Output: $S \subseteq V$ cut minimized for.

$$Q_G(S) = \frac{\ell_G(S, V \setminus S)}{\min \{ |S|, |V \setminus S| \}}$$

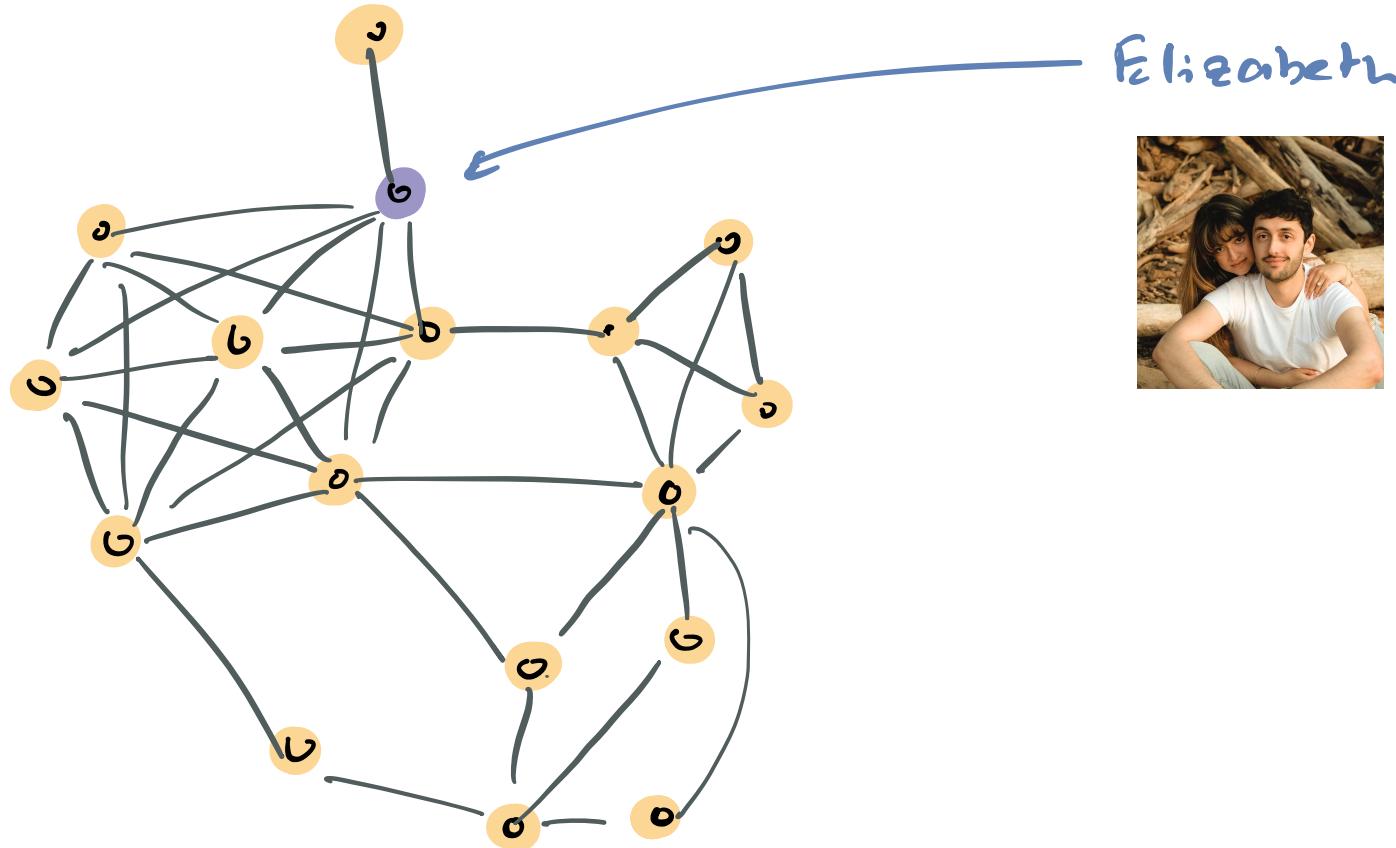
$$\rightarrow Q_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} Q_G(S)$$

$\ell_G(S, V \setminus S) \Rightarrow$ wt sum across edges crossing $(S, V \setminus S)$.

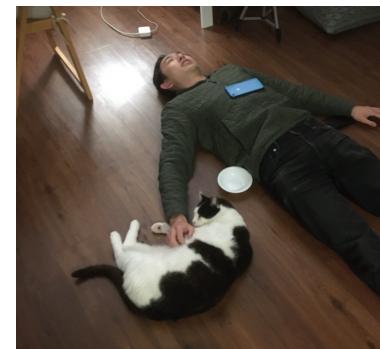
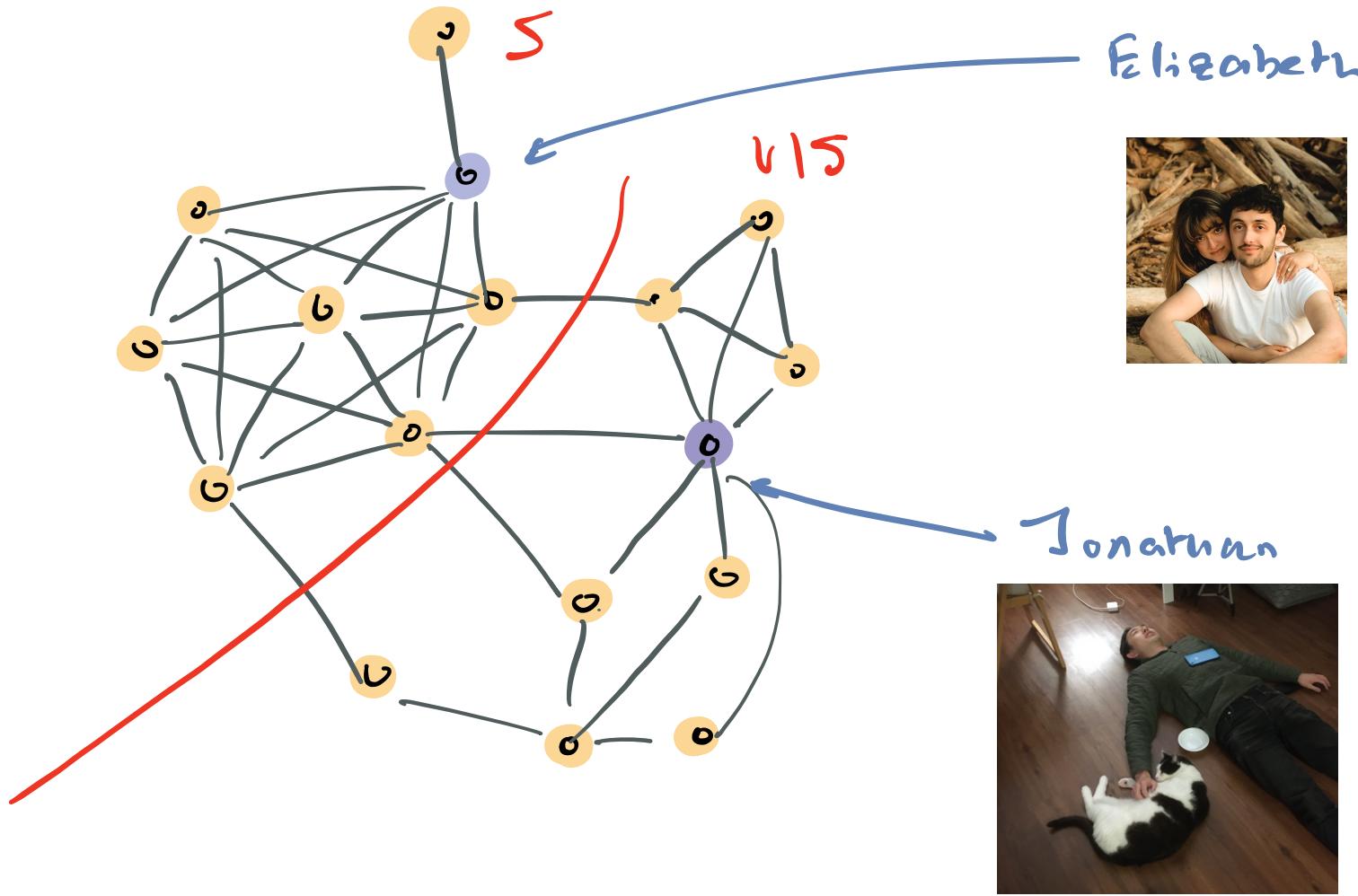
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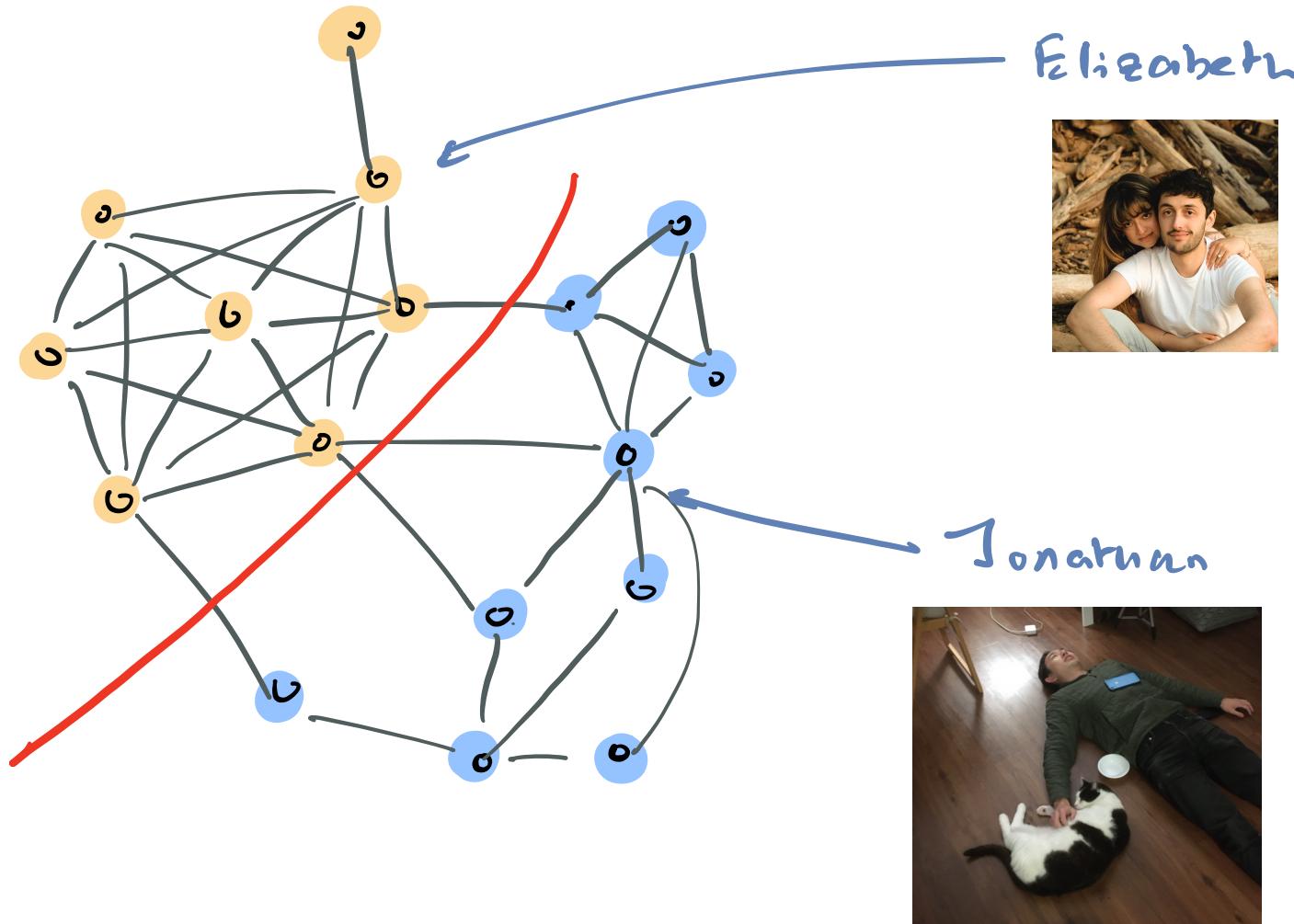


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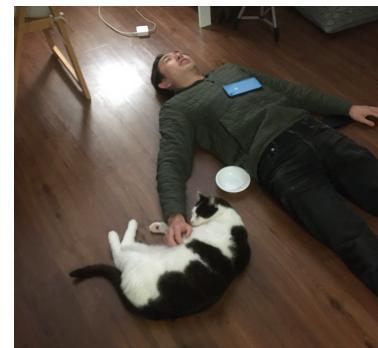
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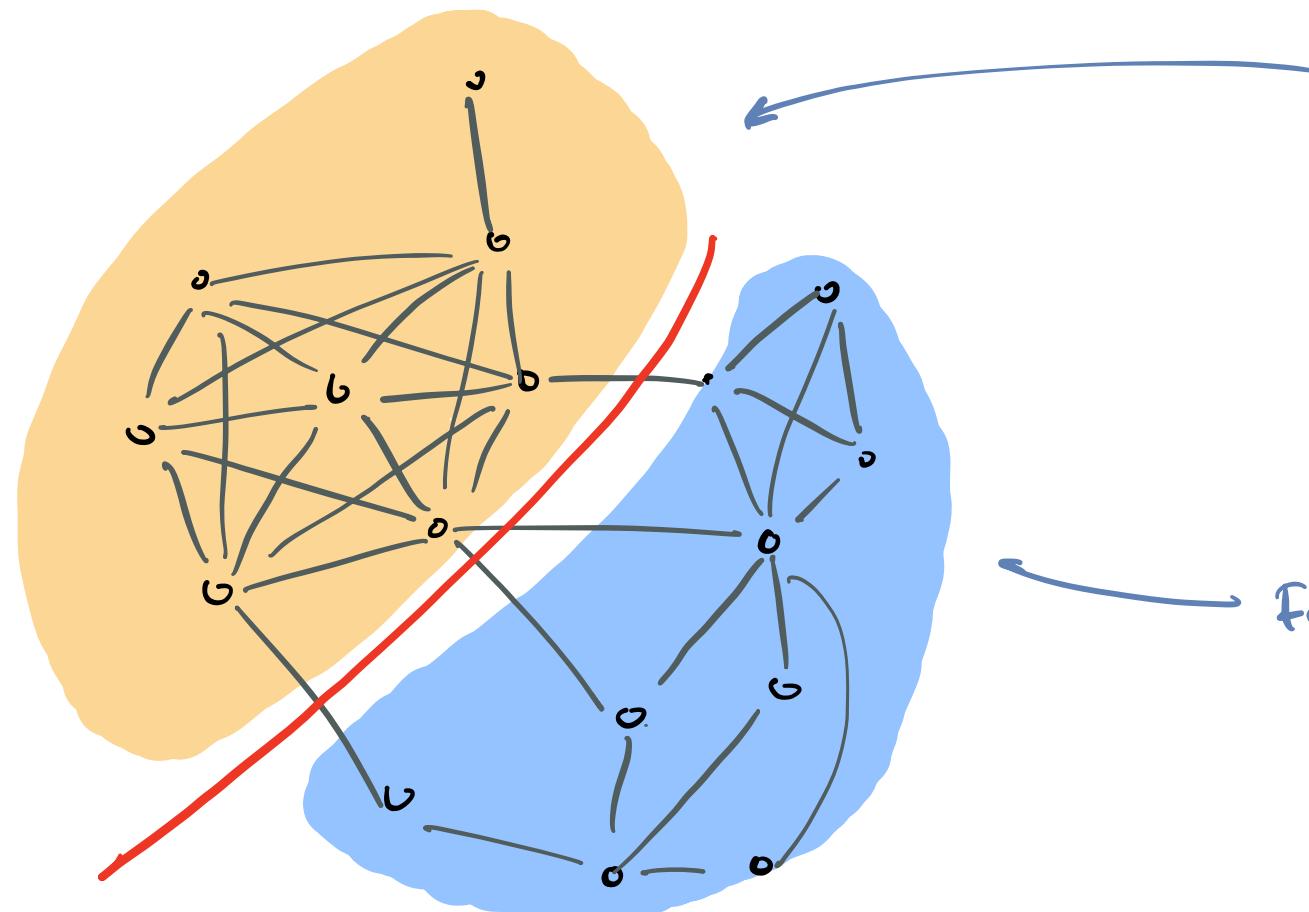
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For example ...



Friends from MD



Friends from Berkeley.



Finding minimum expansion cuts is ...

- NP-hard → Want polynomial time approximation

algorithms ... But!

Want to work over massive
datasets.

Algorithm runs in time subquadratic
w.r.t. size of graph

Overall Goal : Construct an algorithm that outputs
an $O(\text{polylog}(n))$ -approximate minimum expansion
out using $O(\text{polylog}(n))$ maximum flows

Theorem [CKLPGS22] : Exact max flow in almost -
linear $O(m^{1+o(1)})$ - time 
 \longrightarrow Almost-linear approx for expansion .

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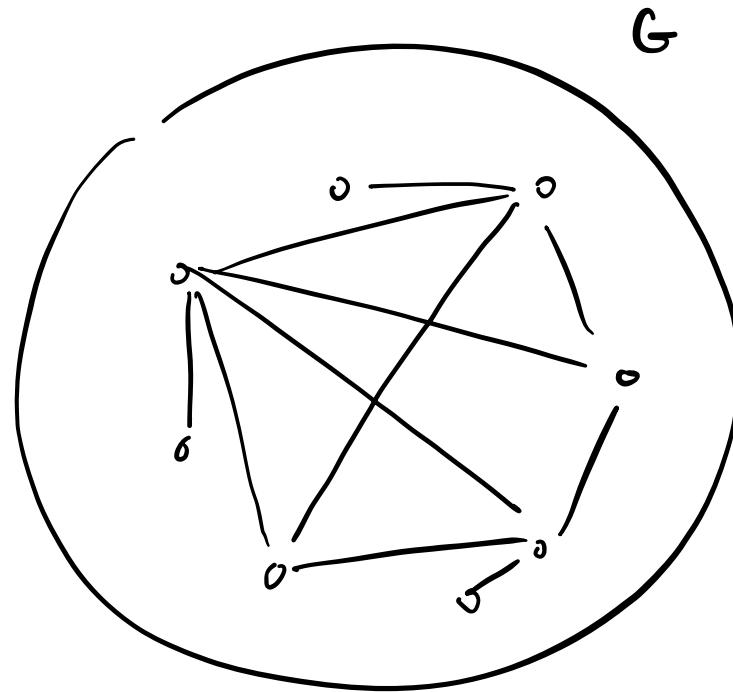
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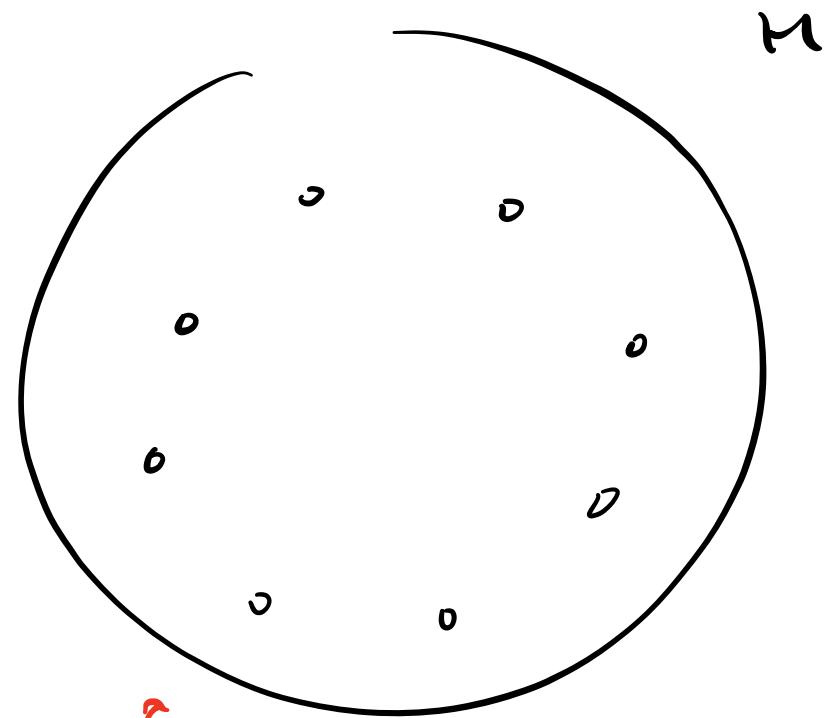
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→ Theorem [OSVVOZ] : ... $O(\log n)$ -approx ...
 $O(\log^2 n)$ -flows.

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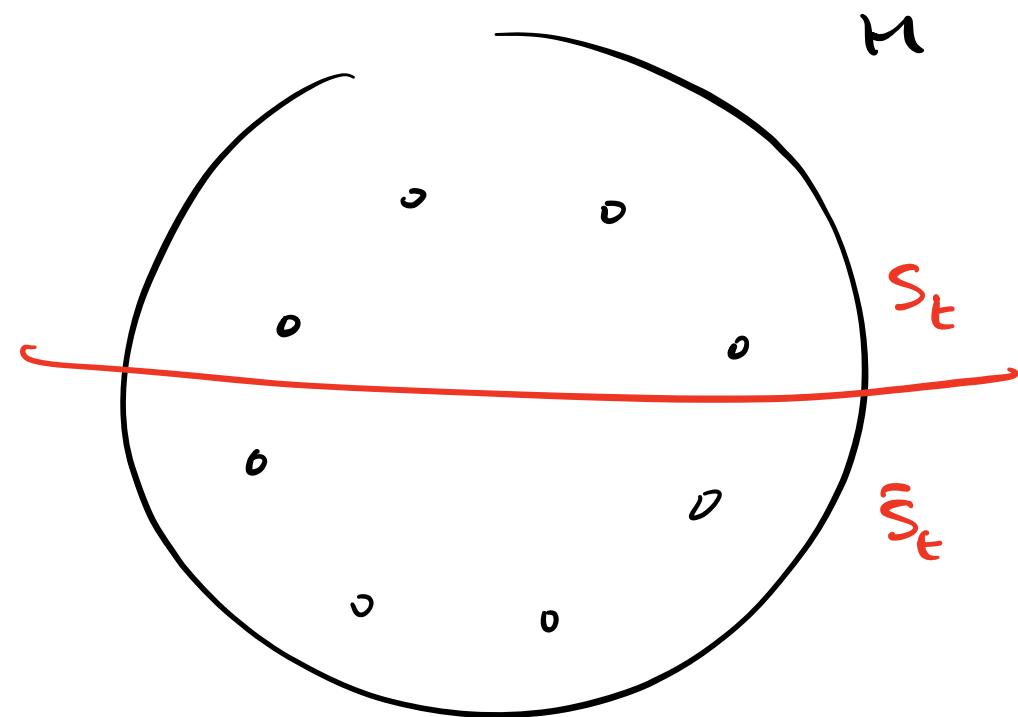
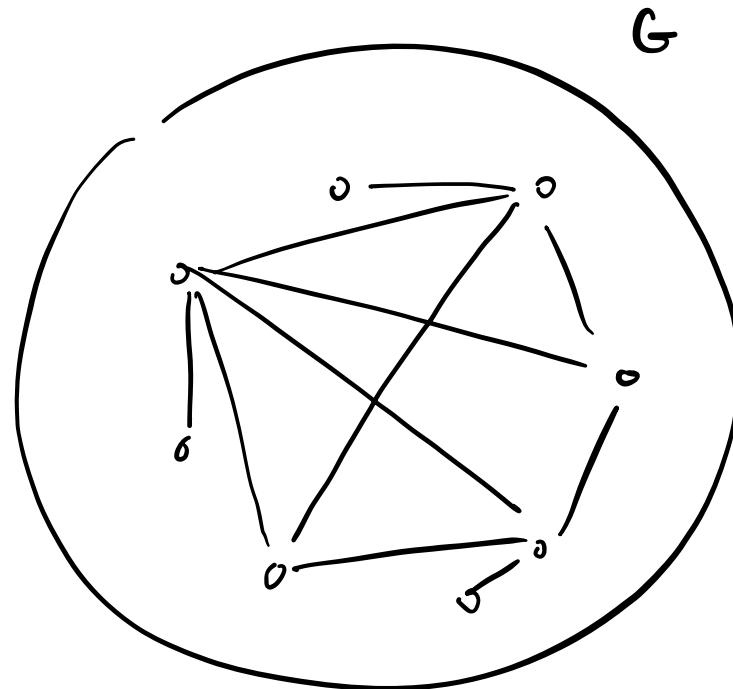


Input graph



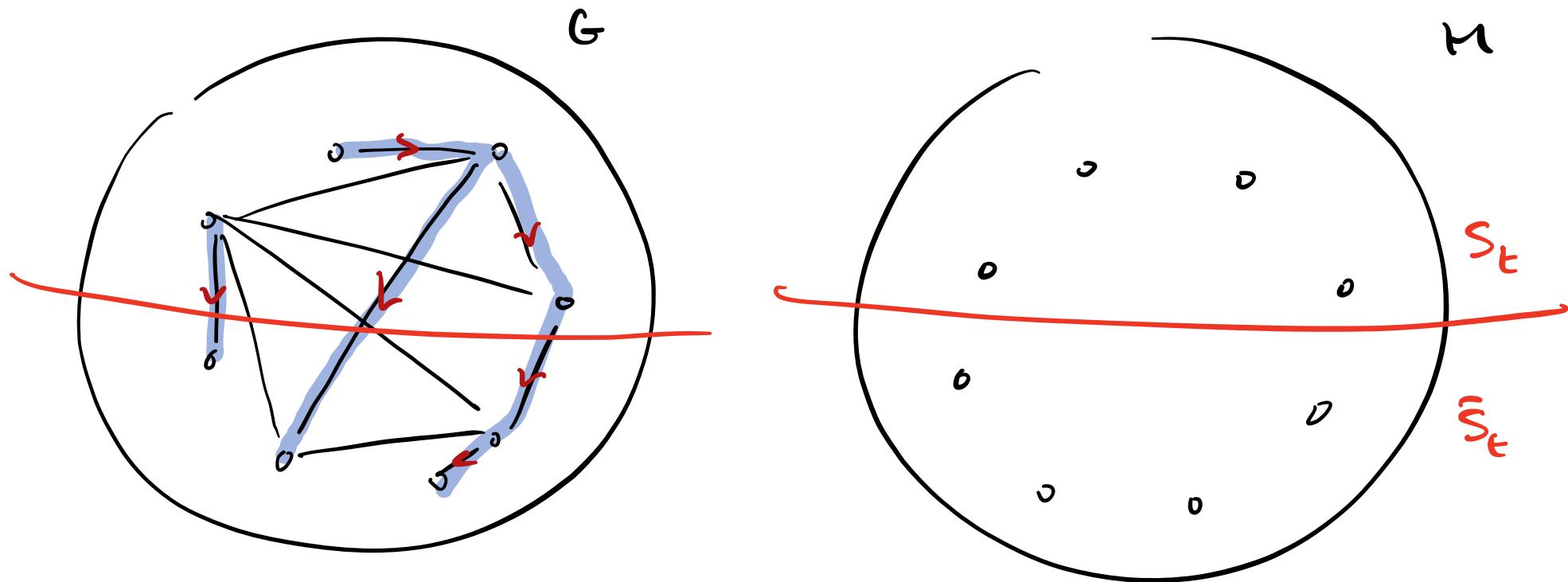
Certificate graph

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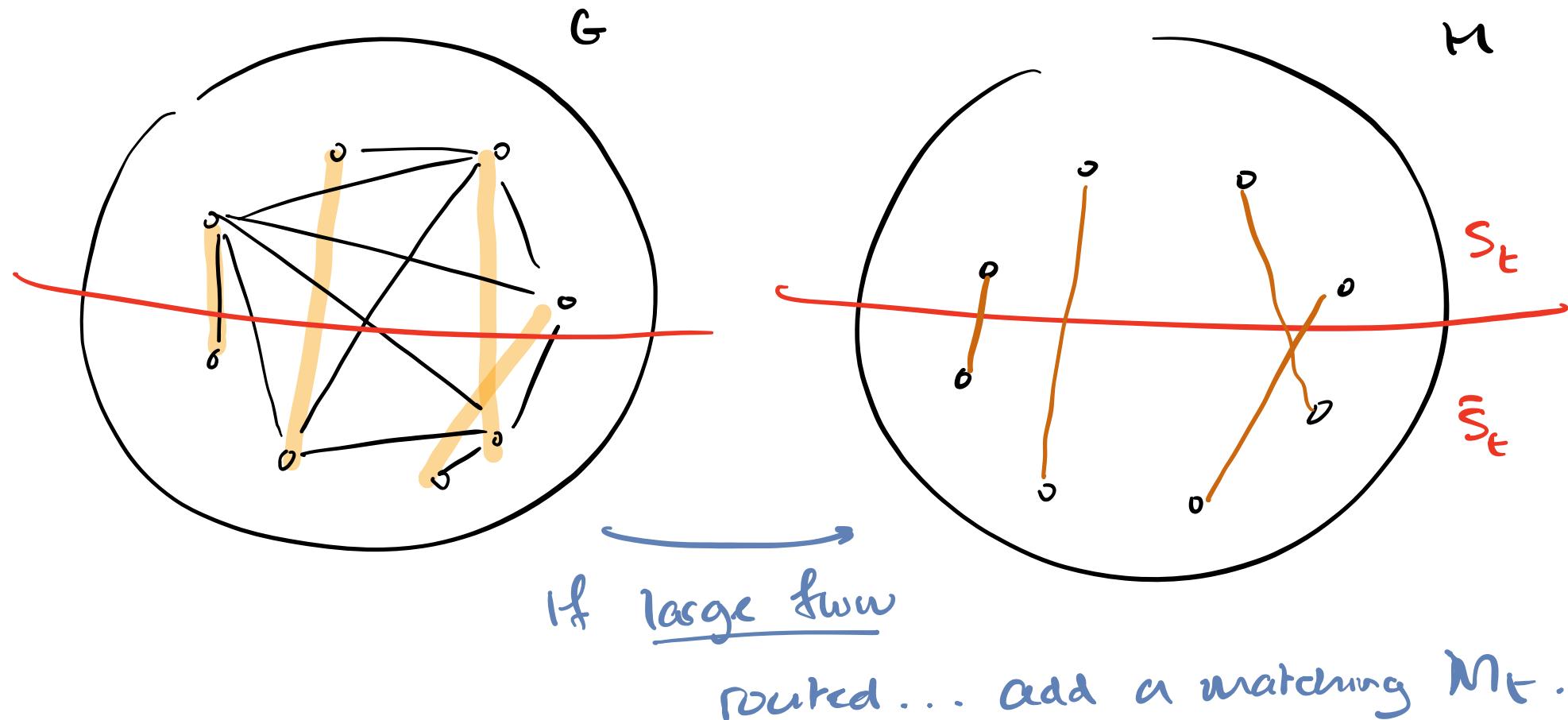
Cut Player : finds a **spare bisection** of M

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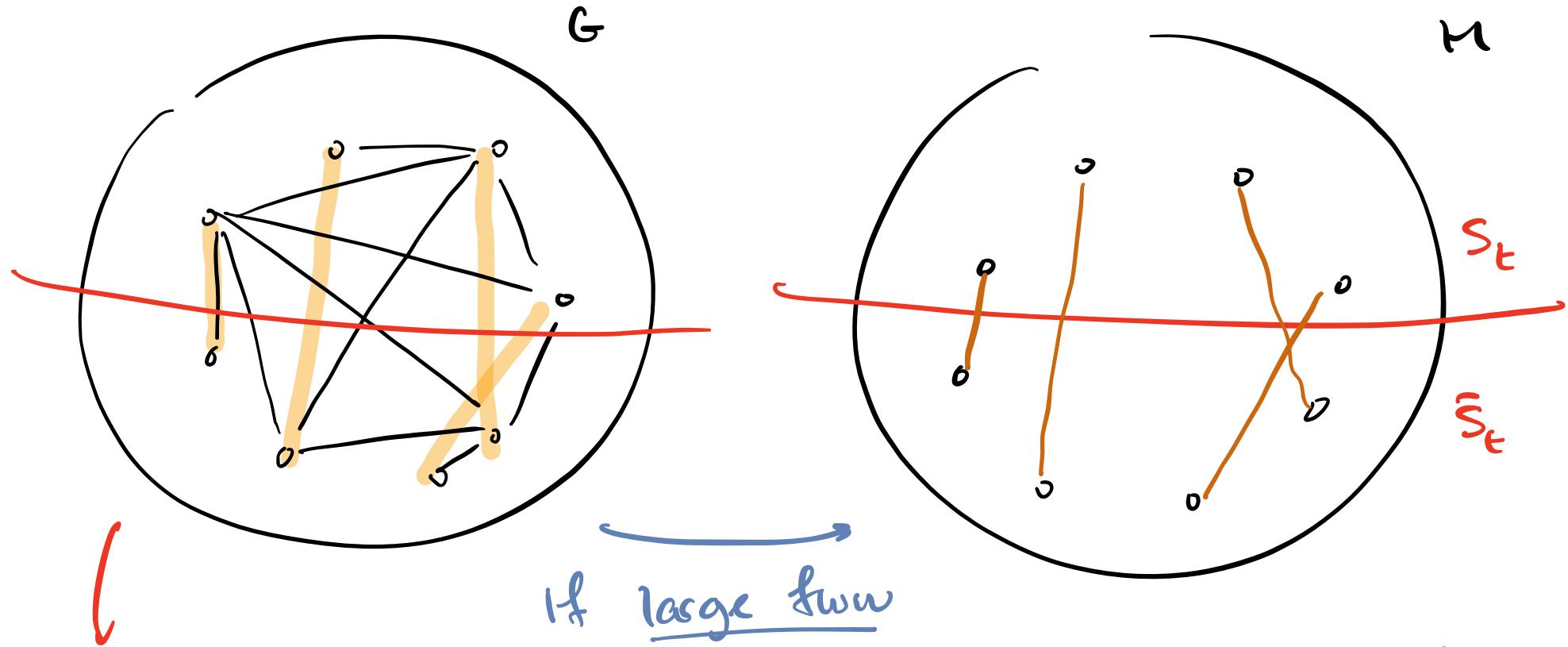


MATCHING PLAYER : tries to route flow in G across bisection from cut player.

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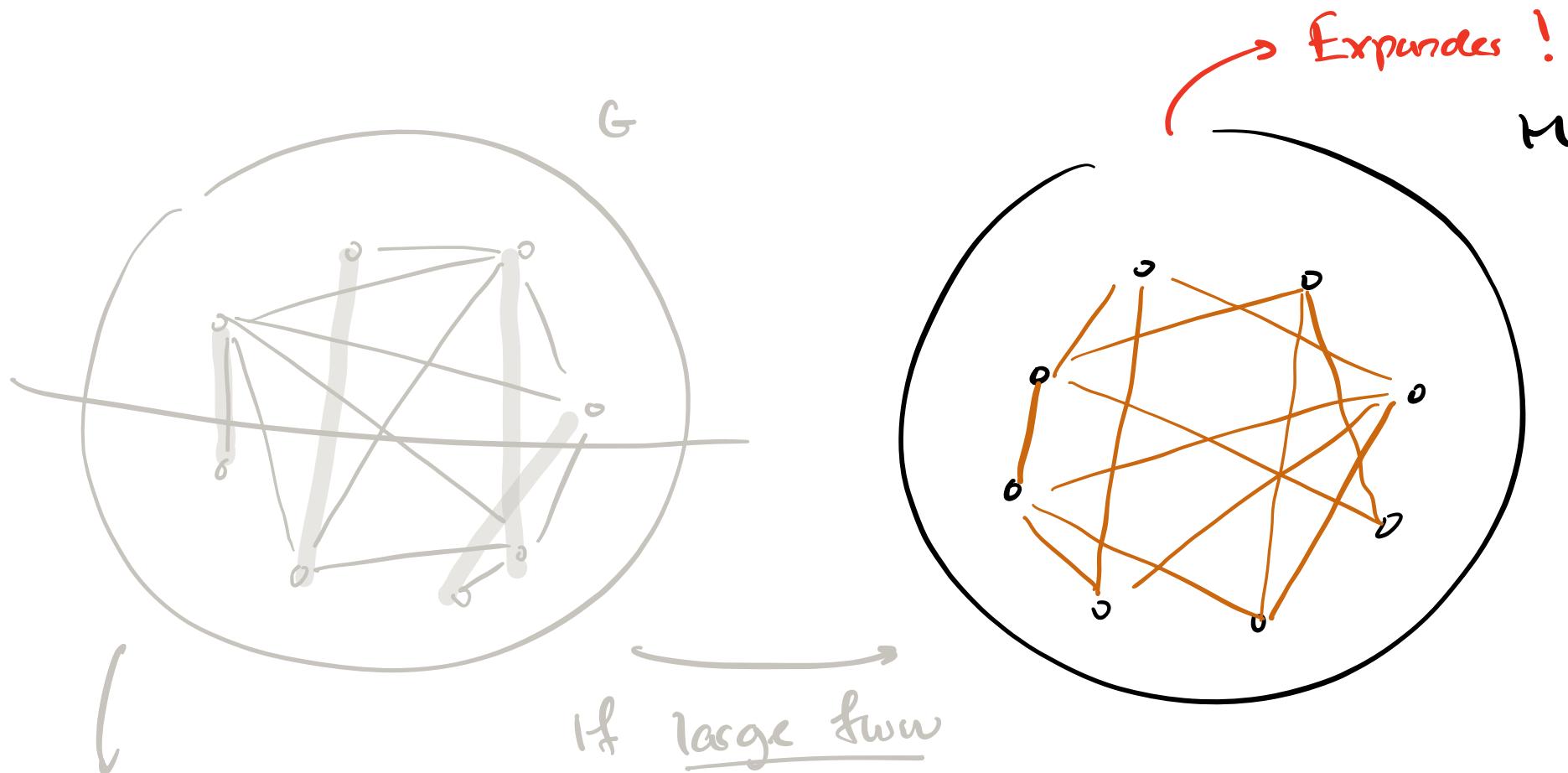
routed... add a matching M_t .

Otherwise...

Sparse cut!

Prelude : Cut-Matching Games.

(Spectral...)



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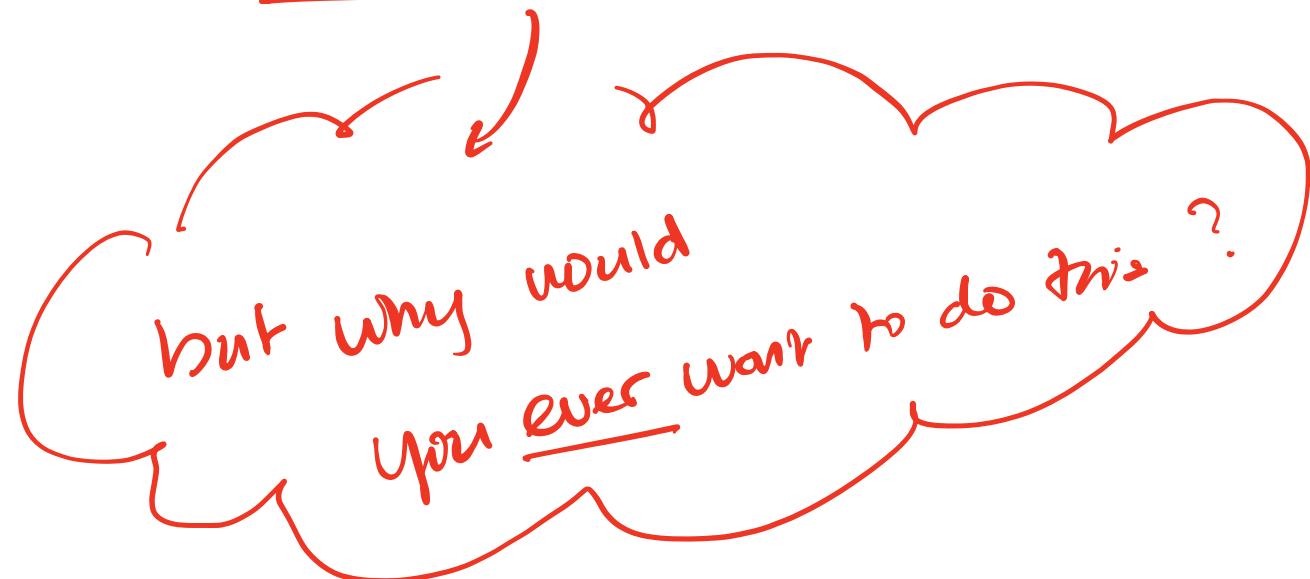
Sparse cut! \longrightarrow After $O(\log^2 n)$ rounds...

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→ let's go...

Local Convex Surrogates (Step #1)

Fact: Given any wd graph $G = (V, \Sigma, w^G)$

$$Cl_G = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{\sum_{i,j \in V} w_{ij} \cdot (x_i - x_j)}{\min_n \|x - u^n\|_1}$$

Claim: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^V, s \in \mathbb{R}^V, s \perp \bar{u}, \|s\|_\infty \leq 1.$

$$\min_n \|x - u^n\|_1 \geq |\langle s, x \rangle|$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{q}_G \leq \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{\sum_{i,j \in V} w_{ij} \cdot (x_i - x_j)}{|\langle s, x \rangle|}$$

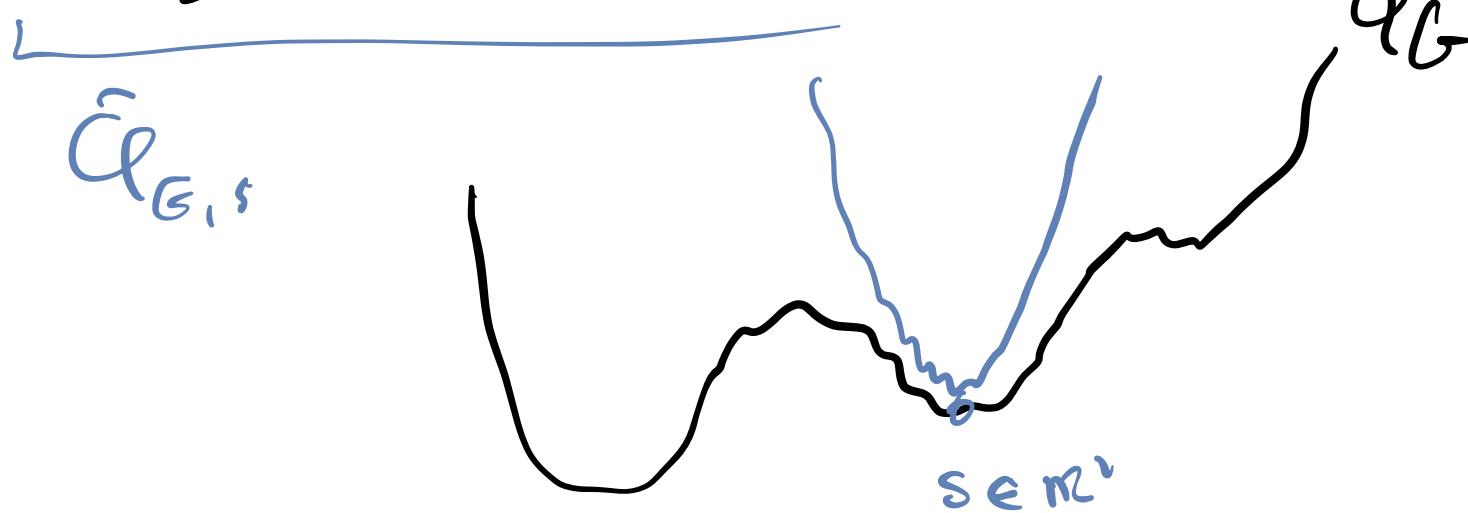
$\{ \min_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ s \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \bar{Q}_G(x) : s \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|s\|_\infty \leq 1, s \perp \mathbb{D} \}$
 "seeds"

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{ij \in E} w_{ij}^G \cdot \|x_i - x_j\|$$

$A, B \subseteq V$, disjoint

$$s = \mathbb{I}_A - \frac{|A|}{|B|} \cdot \mathbb{I}_B$$

s.t. $\langle x, s \rangle = 1$



If you only take away one thing from this talk...

- We can produce a family of local convex surrogates for expansion.
 - ↳ Through this - leverage convex duality.
- Furthermore the duals produce local certificates for expansion
 - ↳ Boosting to produce a global lower bound.
- ℓ_1 -analogue of expansion still non-convex!.
- The cut and matching player actions.

Local Dual Certificates (Step #2)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \bar{\Phi}_{G,s}(x) &\xrightarrow{\text{dual}} \text{max } \alpha. \\ \text{s.t. } \beta^T f &= s. \\ \frac{1}{w_e} \cdot |f_e| &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \quad \forall e \in E. \end{aligned}$$

Claim: If D is the demand graph of f solved

from the dual of $\Phi_{G,s}$ then

$$\bar{\Phi}_D \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \bar{\Phi}_G$$

Boosting Local Certificate (Step #3)

→ The flow-embedding statement is additive.

If you have $T \geq 0$ demand graphs D_1, \dots, D_T

from solving \overline{C}_{G, S_t}^* each embedding into G

w/ congestion $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_T > 0$ then

$$M = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T D_t \quad \xrightarrow{\text{edge-wise!}}$$

"embeds" into G w/ congestion $\frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t$.

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the demand graphs D_1, \dots, D_T average to produce

$$H = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T D_t \quad \text{a } \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right) - \text{expander.}$$

$$\hookrightarrow T \leq O(\log^2 n).$$

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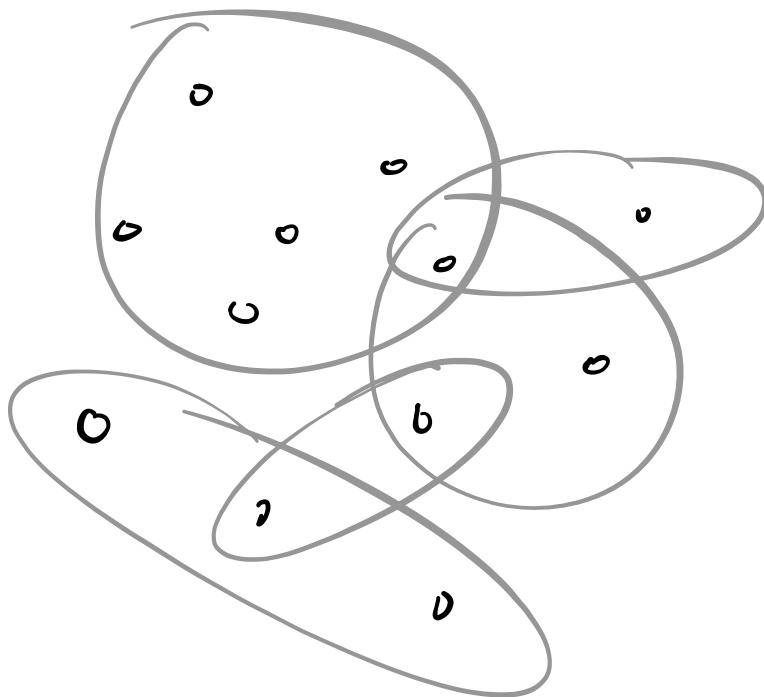
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PART 2: THE PRESENT

Even though we give a new proof of CM-games, the algorithm is still a known result...

→ Applying this view to hypergraph partitioning

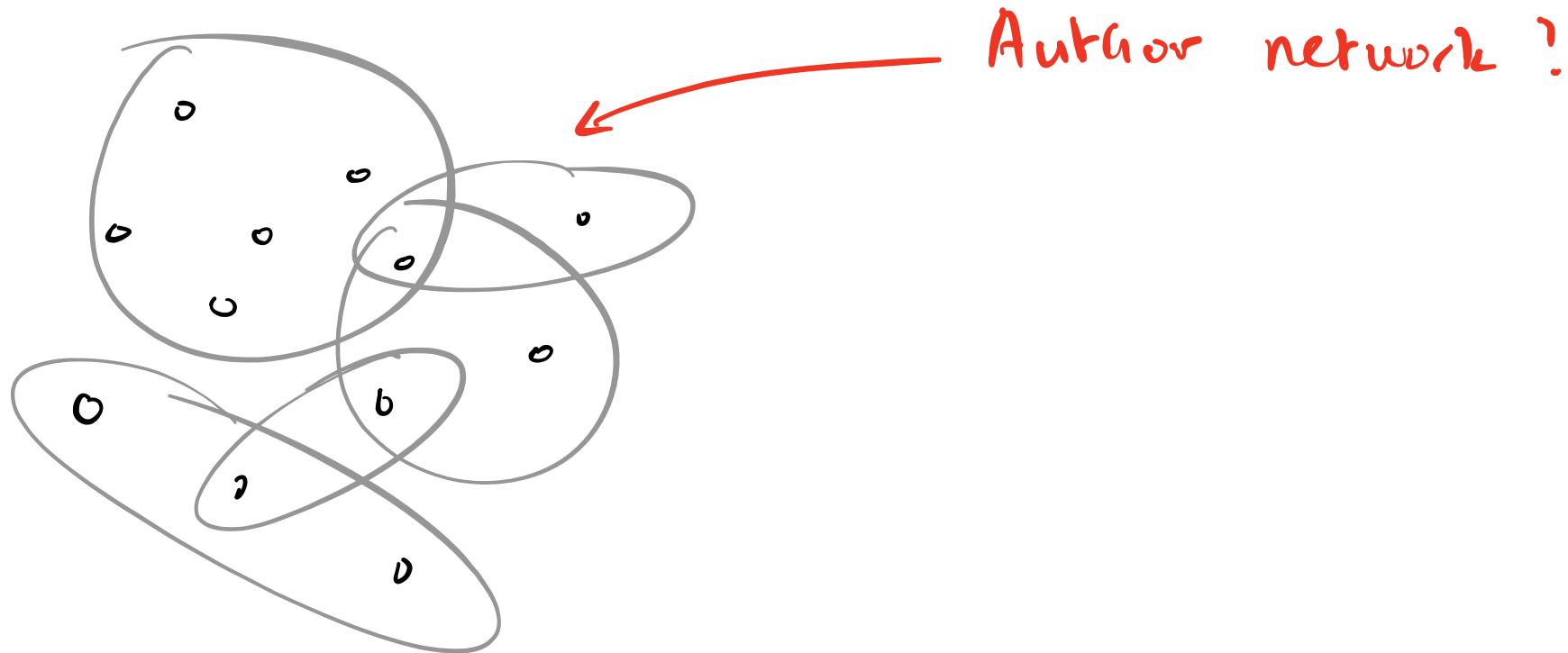
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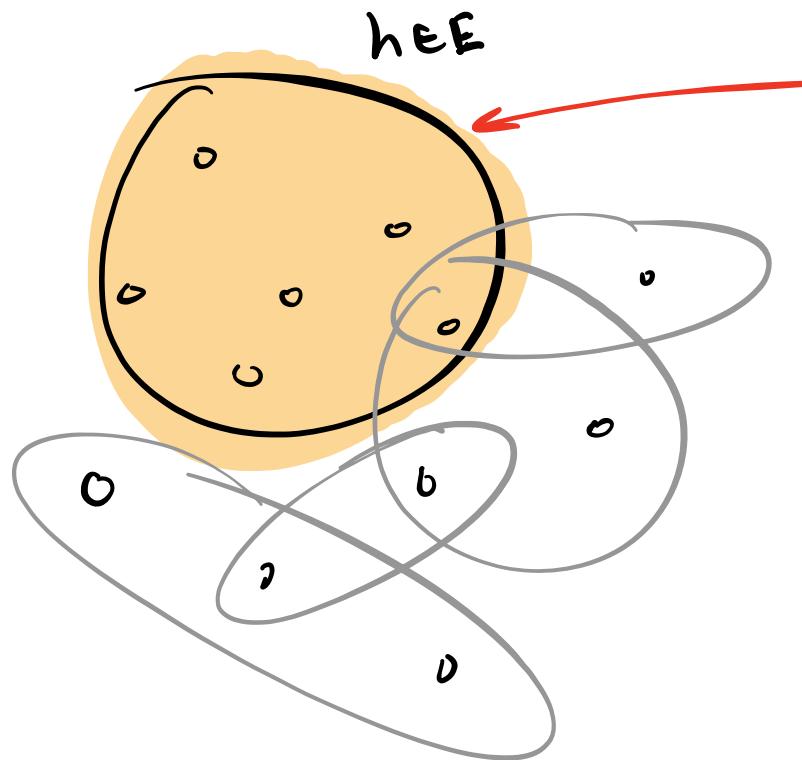
$G = (V, E, w^G, \mu)$ where

- **Hyperedges** are subsets of vertices $E \subseteq 2^V$.
- Hyperedges are **weighted** $w_h^G > 0 \quad \forall h \in E$
- Vertices have a positive **measure** $\mu_i > 0 \quad \forall i \in V$

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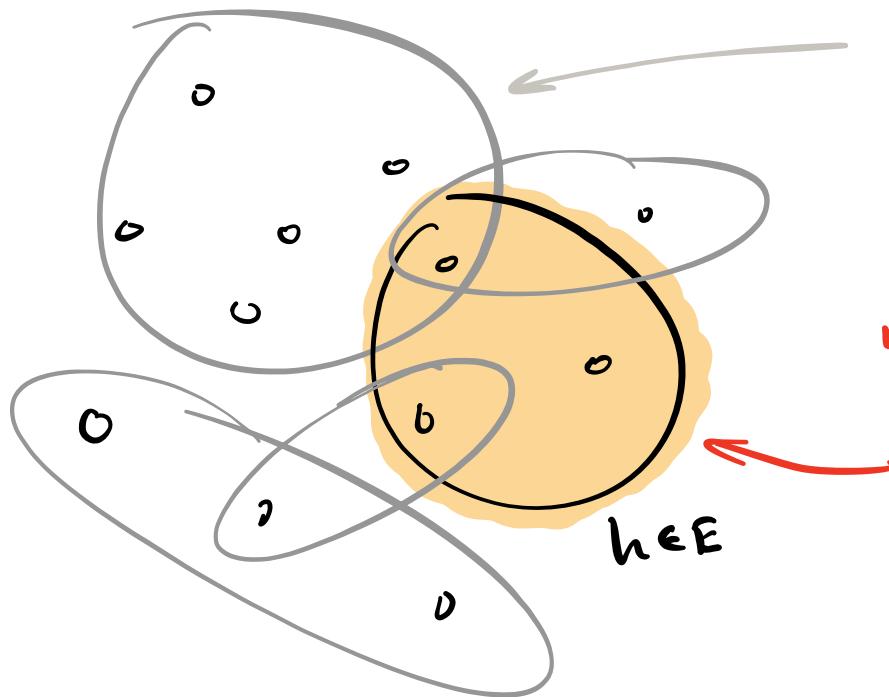
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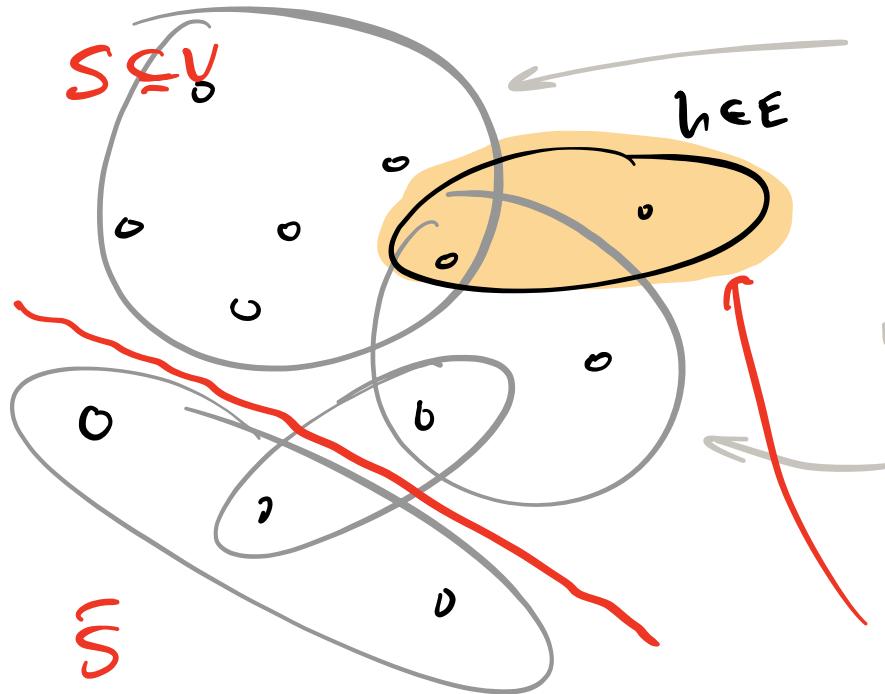
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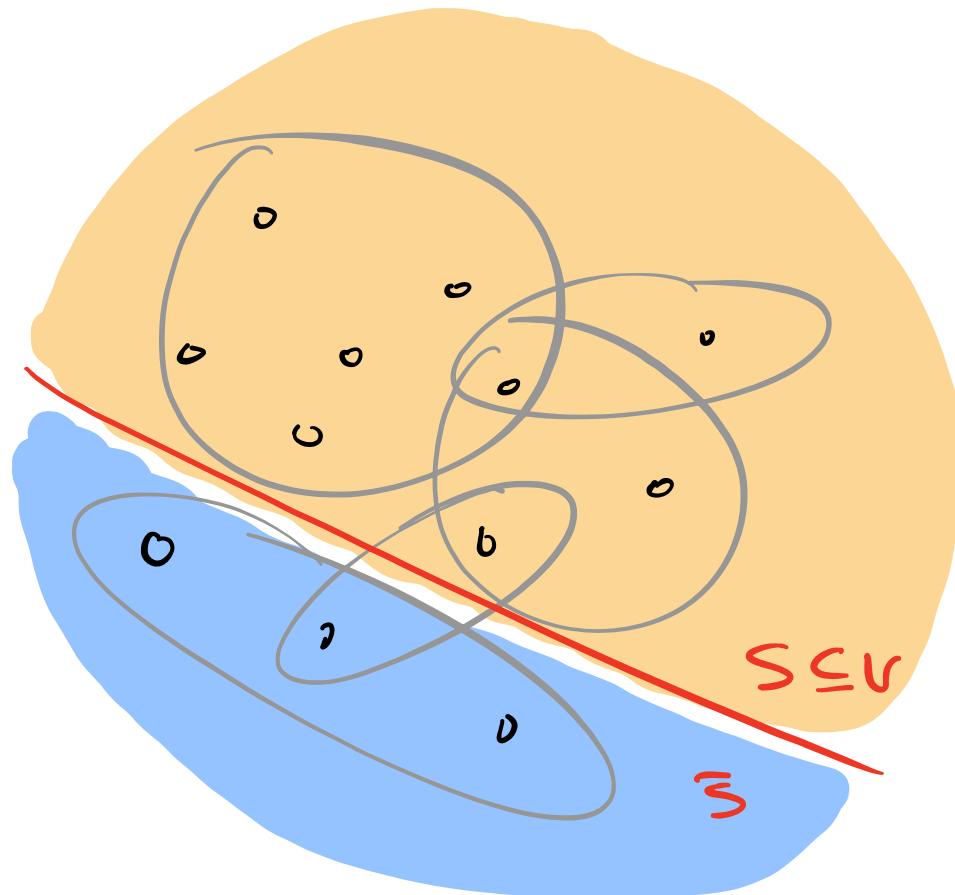
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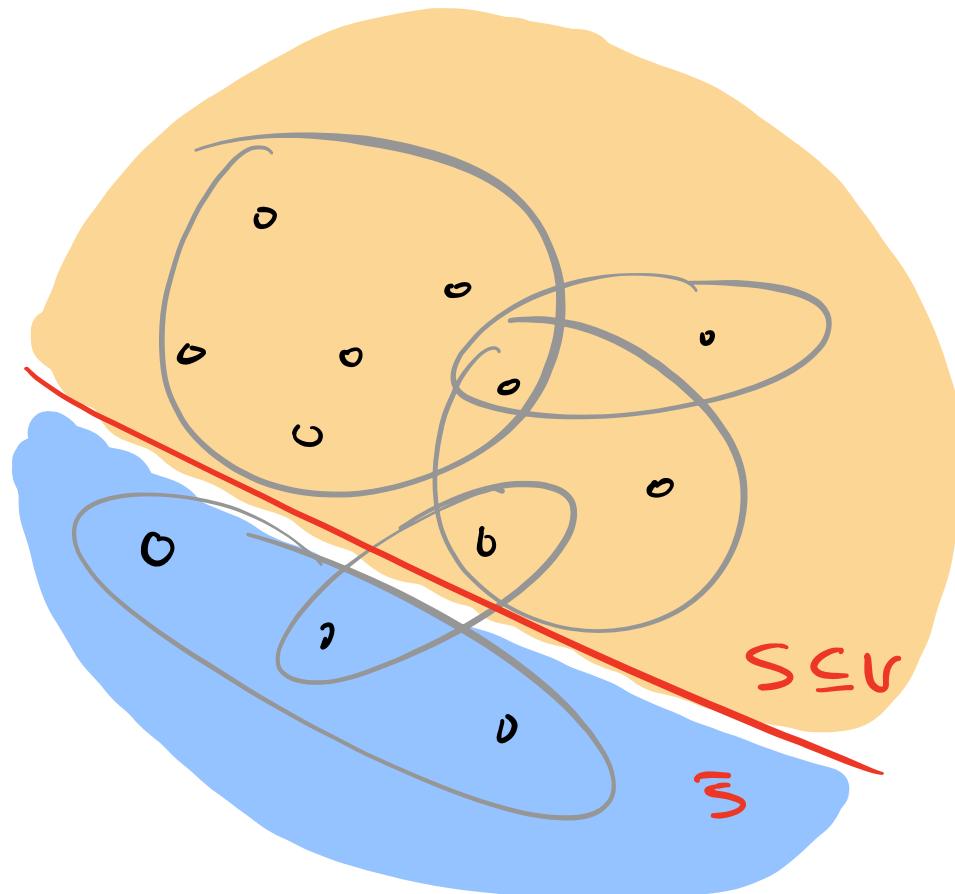
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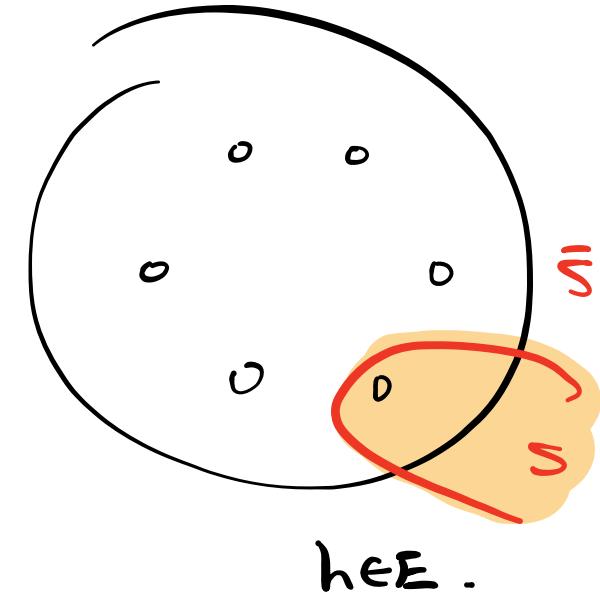
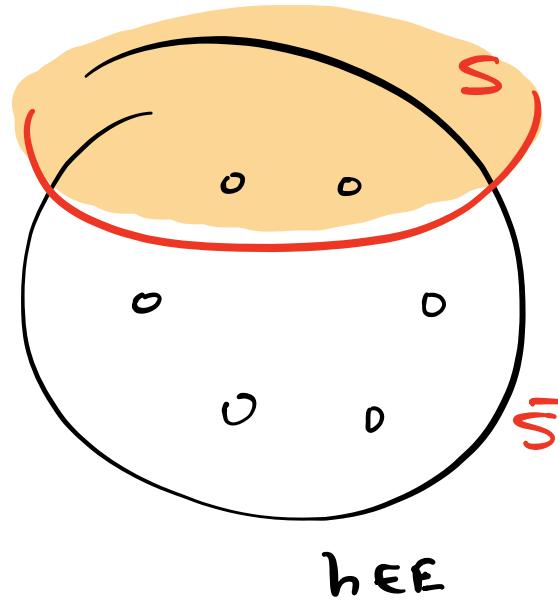
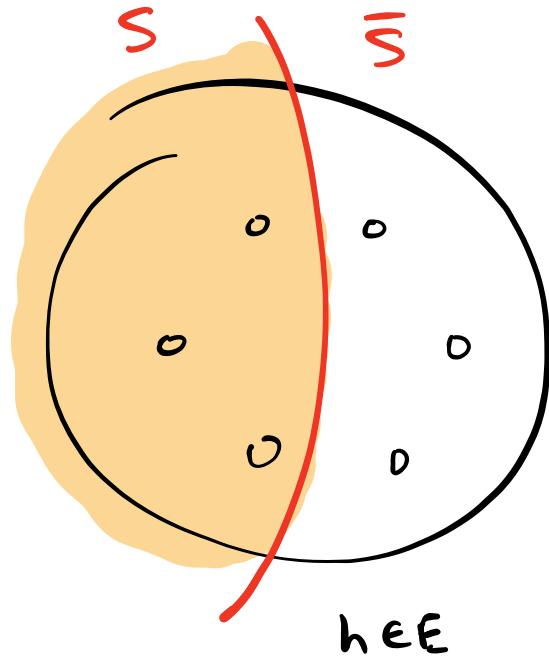
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But Hyperedges can be cut in multiple ways.



→ Need to quantify the cost of cutting
a hyperedge.

Polymatroidal Cut functions

Def (polymatroid) : A hyperedge cut for $\delta_h : 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

is a polymatroid if there exists set functions

$F_h^-, F_h^+ : 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ such that

$$\delta_h(S) = \min \{ F_h^-(S), F_h^+(h \setminus S) \}.$$

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Submodular - $f: 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $\forall S, T \subseteq h$

$$f(S \cup T) \leq f(S) + f(T) - f(S \cap T)$$

monotone - $f: 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $\forall S \subseteq T \subseteq h$

$$f(S) \leq f(T)$$

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Great talk
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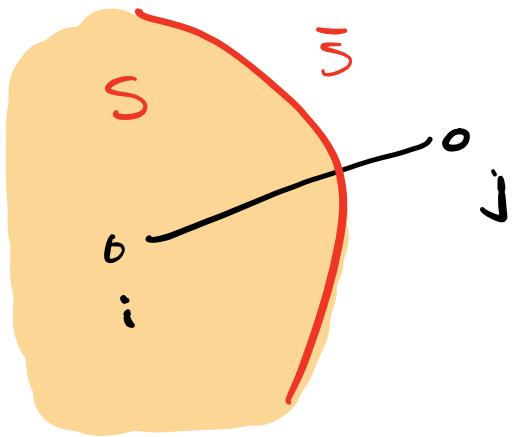
Why Study polymatroidal cut functions

→ polymatroidal cut functions...

- Expressive: captures many typically considered (hyper)graph partitioning objectives.
- Structured: metric flow techniques still apply to produce fast approx algs.

$$\delta_h(S) = \min \{ F_h^-(S), F_h^+(h|S) \}$$

Undirected



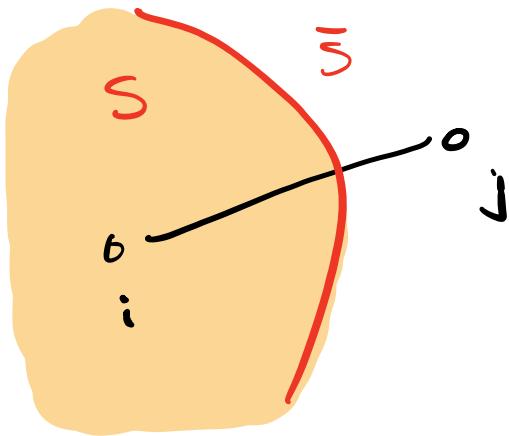
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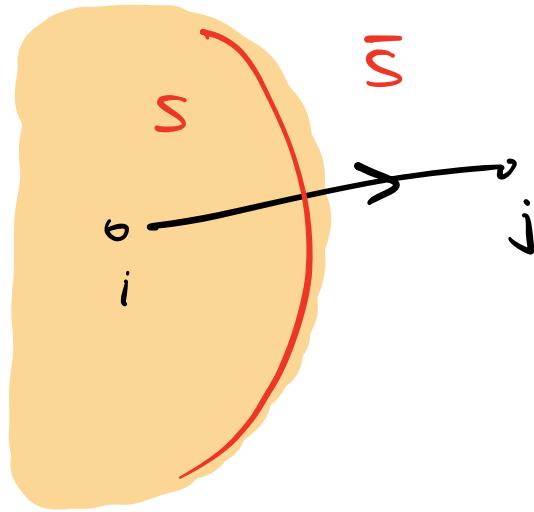
$$F_h^-(S) \quad F_h^+(h|S) \longrightarrow F_h^-(S) = F_h^+(S)$$

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Minimum Ratio Cut.

INPUT: Hypergraph $G = (V, E, w^G, \mu)$ w/
polymatroidal cut fns. $\{\delta_h\}_{h \in E}$

Output: $S \subseteq V$ minimizing ratio cut objective

$$\Psi_G(S) := \frac{\sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \delta_h(S)}{\min \{\mu(S), \mu(\bar{S})\}}$$



Denote $\Psi_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} \Psi_G(S) \dots$

Our result...

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Lövasz
extension

diag(μ)

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↓

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{G,S} &= \min \sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \bar{\delta}_h(x) \\ \text{s.t. } &\langle S, x \rangle = 1 \\ &x \in \mathbb{R}^V\end{aligned}$$

Cut improvement.

←

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Flow improvement

$$\min \sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \bar{\delta}_h(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \langle s, x \rangle_\mu = 1 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^V$$

dual

$$\max \alpha$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{h \in E} f_h = s$$

$$\frac{1}{w_h} \cdot f_h \in \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot B(\delta_h) \quad \forall h \in E$$

Hypergraph flow

Base polytope

$$f_h \in \mathbb{R}^h \quad \forall h \in E$$

QUESTIONS ?

THANK You!

SECRET CONTENT



Part 3 : THE FUTURE

The regret bound from MNMNU.

$$\lambda_2(f_H) \geq \frac{1-\epsilon n}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \langle h_{\theta_t}, x_t \rangle - \frac{\log n}{nT}$$

Defn : $S, T \subseteq V$ disjoint are Δ -separated if.

$$\|v_i - v_j\|^2 \geq \Delta \cdot \frac{1}{\mu(S) \cdot \mu(T)} \cdot \sum_{ij \in V} \|v_i - v_j\|^2$$

$$\forall i \in S, j \in T.$$

Nonuniform demands?

1. Fast algorithms for non-uniform sparsest

cut

2. $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\log n}}\right)$ - separated sets for non-uniform

Sparsest cut w/ product demands.

\hookrightarrow in $O(\log^k n)$ flows.

3. Polytime-worst case approximations for
non-uniform sparsest cut.

Notion of Flow Embedding

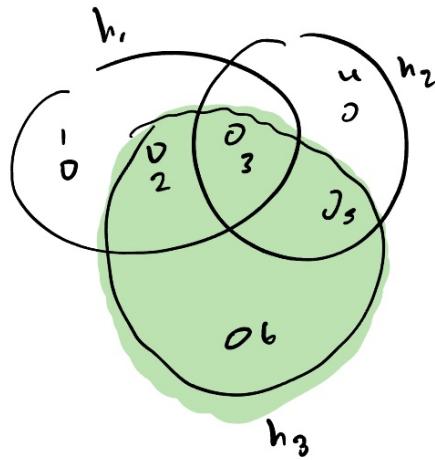
If $H = (V, E_H, w^H)$ is a directed graph and $G = (V, E_G, w^G, \mu)$ is a hypergraph equipped w/ polymatroidal cut functions $\{\delta_h\}_{h \in E}$ then $H \xrightarrow{\delta} G$ if \exists a hypergraph flow $\{f_h^{(u,v)}\}_{\substack{h \in E_G, (u,v) \in E_H}} \text{ s.t.}$

1. The flow is routable in G :

$$\sum_{h \in E_G : h \ni u} f_h^{(u,v)}(u) = w_{uv}^H \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{h \in E : h \ni v} f_h^{(u,v)}(v) = -w_{vu}^H$$

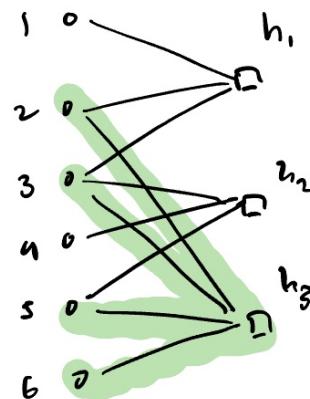
2. The flow has congestion $\leq \rho$

$$\sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} (f_h^{(u,v)})_+ \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^-) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} (f_h^{(u,v)})_- \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^+)$$



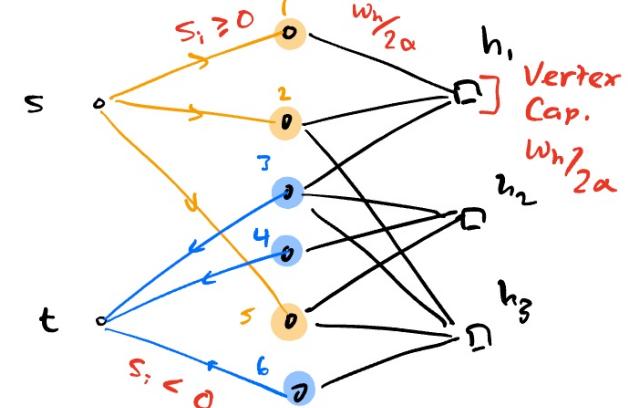
Hypergraph

$$G = (V, E, w)$$



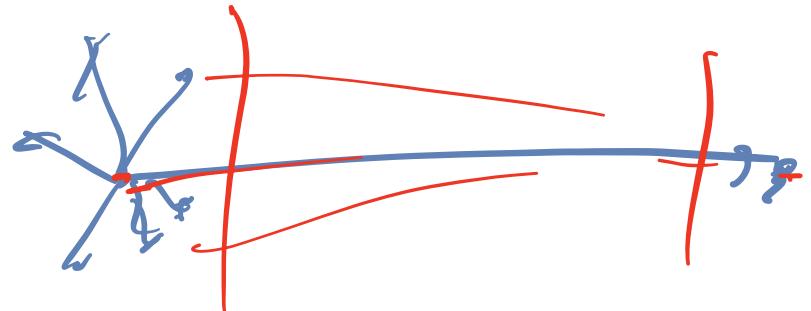
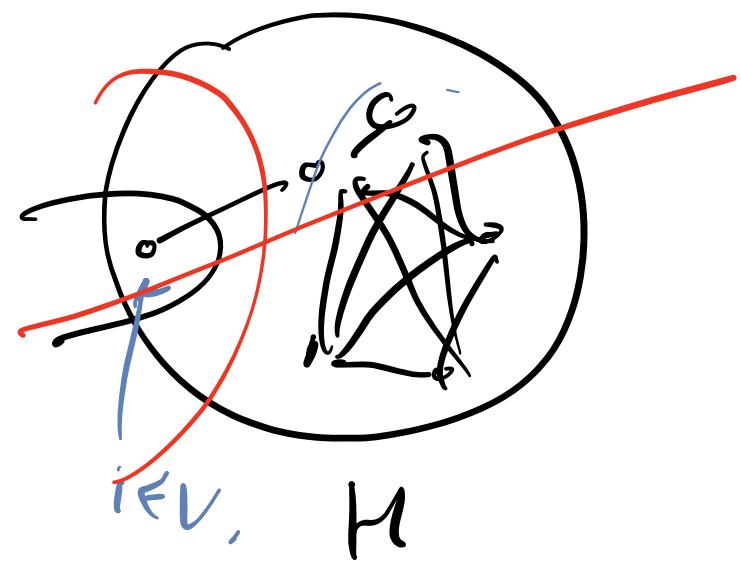
Factor graph \hat{G}

$$E(\hat{G}) = \{(i, h) : i \in h \wedge h \in E\}$$



Flow network given seed

$$S = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & +1 & -1 \end{array} \right)^T$$



$$\delta_n : \mathbb{I}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \implies P_{\delta_n} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum_{i \in s} |x_i| \leq \delta_n |s| \right\}.$$

$$\|x\|_{\delta_n} := \max_{\substack{y \in P_{\delta_n} \\ y \perp \mathbb{1}}} \langle y, x \rangle.$$

$$\min_u \max_{y \in P_{\delta_n}} \langle y, x - u \mathbb{1} \rangle.$$

$$\underbrace{\|x\|_{\delta_n}}_{\leq \delta_n |s|} \leq \underbrace{\delta_n |s|}_{\leq 2 \cdot \|x\|_{\delta_n}}$$