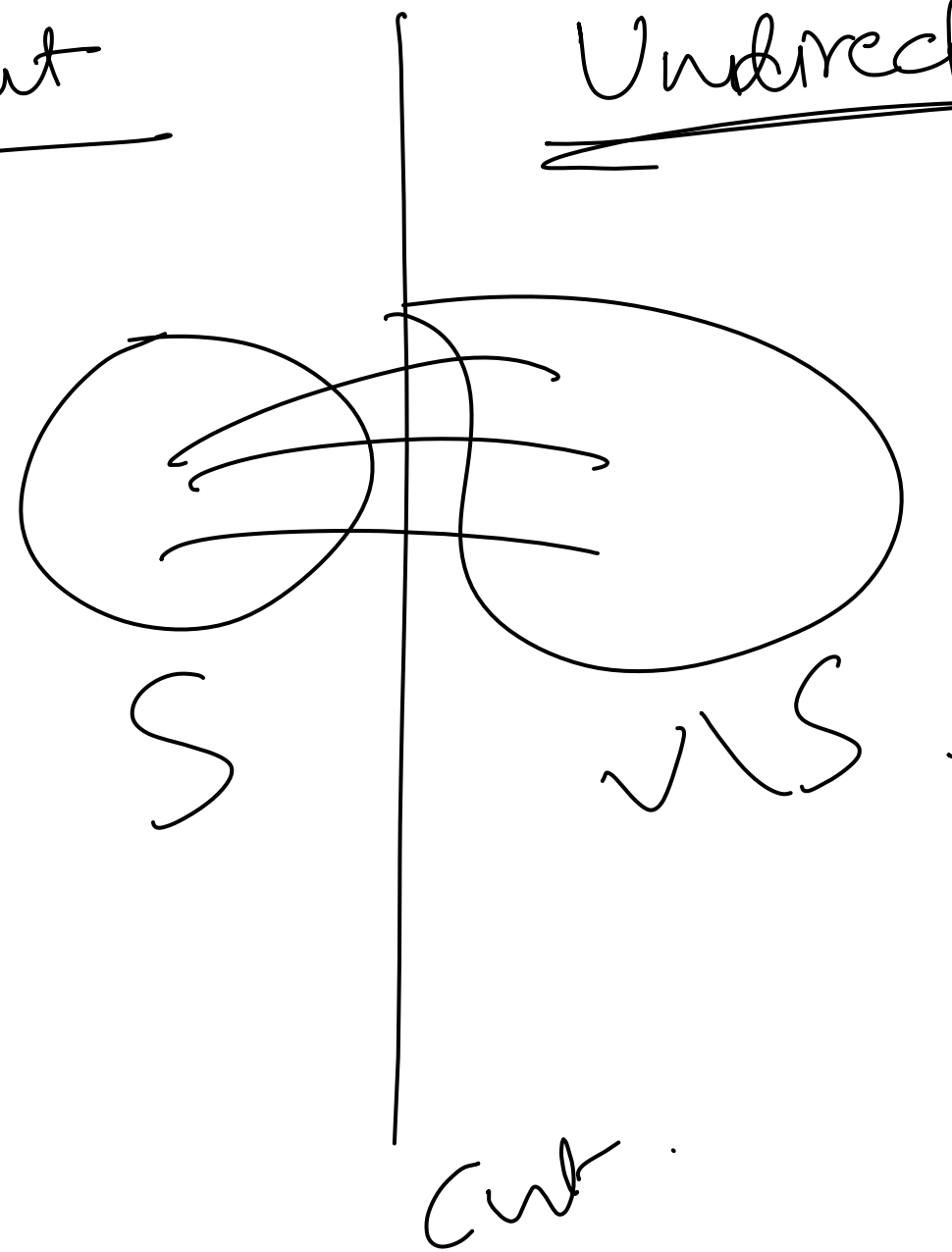


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Min-Cut

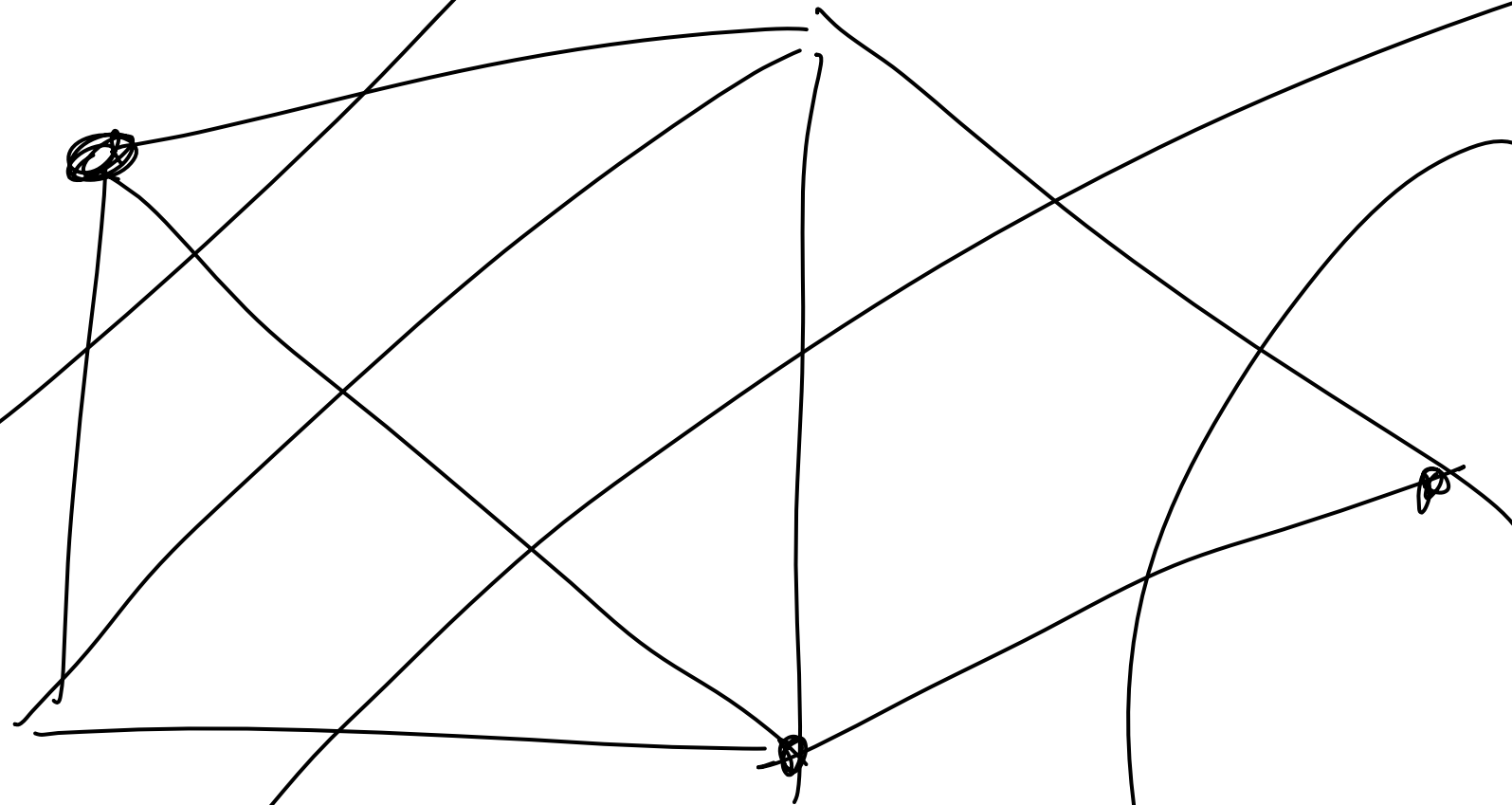
Undirected Graph



find  $S$  : such that edge crossings are  
as small as possible.

① Reliable network

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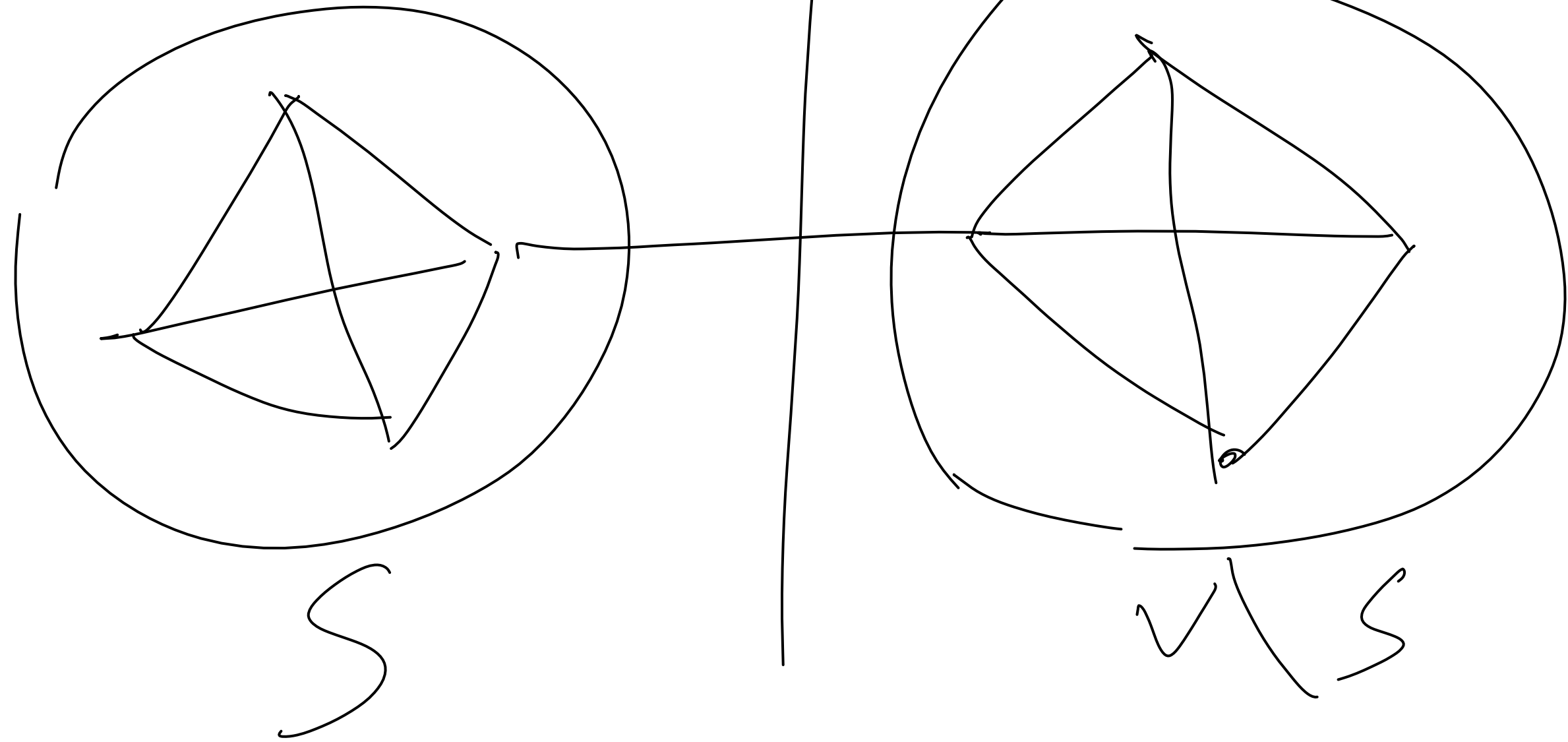


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②

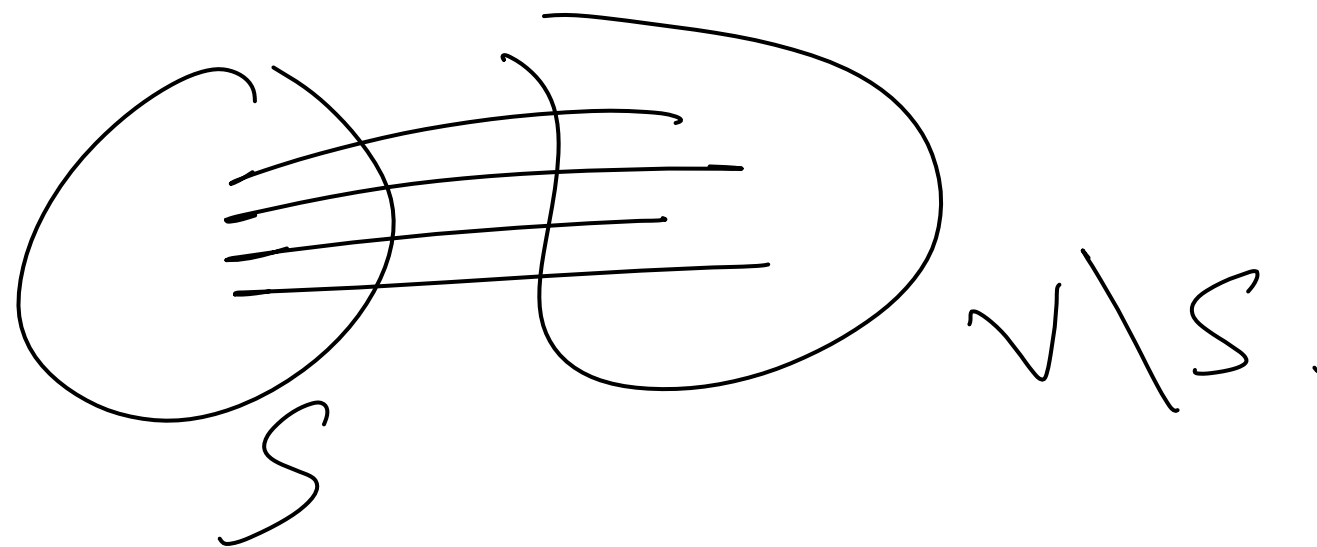
Clustering



Community detection in  
Social network.

Def<sup>n</sup> (MinCut):

$$S \subseteq V.$$



$$\arg \min_{\underline{S \subseteq V}} \left[ |E \cap (S \times (V \setminus S))| \right]$$

$= \text{Cut}(S)$

Set of edges  
that cross  
cut  $S$

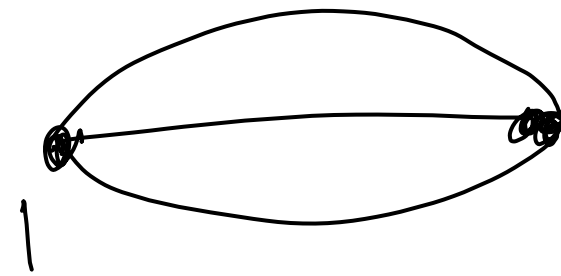
How many cuts are possible?

$$\frac{2^n - 2}{2} = \underbrace{2^{\theta(n)}}$$

not going to scale for large  $n$ !

Parallel Edges :

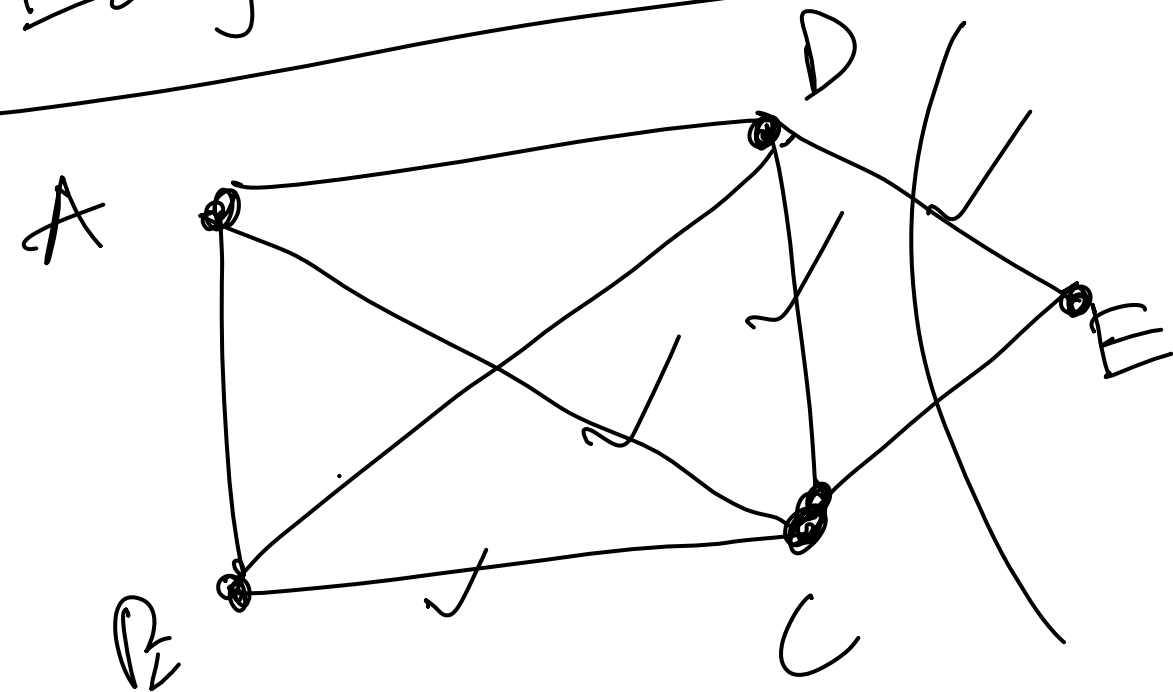
no self loops  
diagonal entries 0.



$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

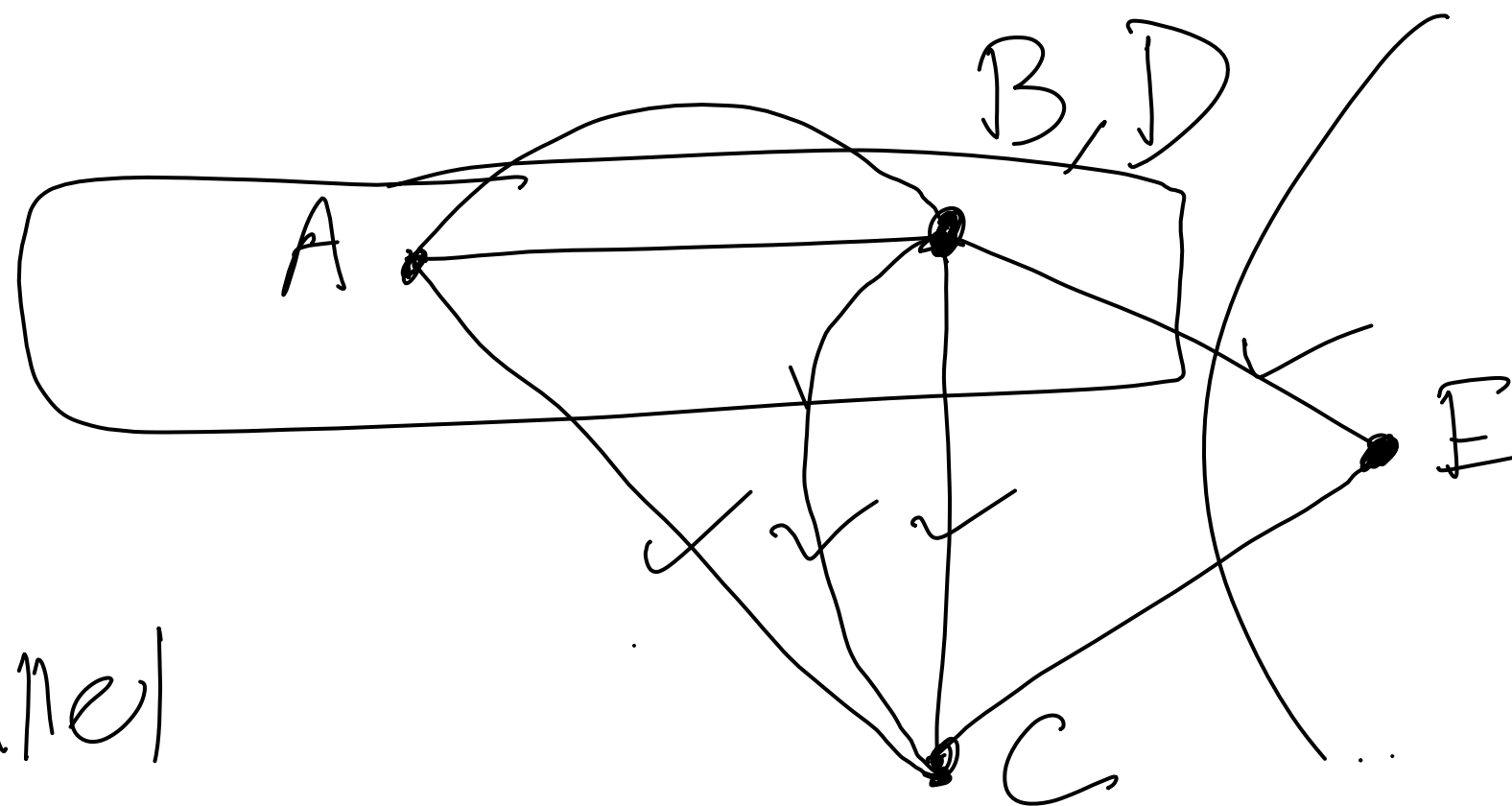
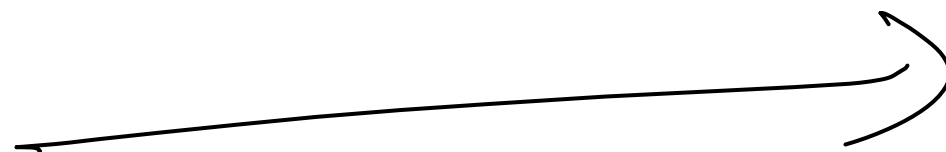
$$\{0, 1, \dots, \infty\}$$

# Edge Relaxations :



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(B,D) edge  
relaxed



no self loops  
but can introduce parallel  
edges.

Observations: — Any cut in the relaxed graph is also a cut before relaxation in the original graph.

(But not the other way around).

— Relax operation cannot reduce the cut size!

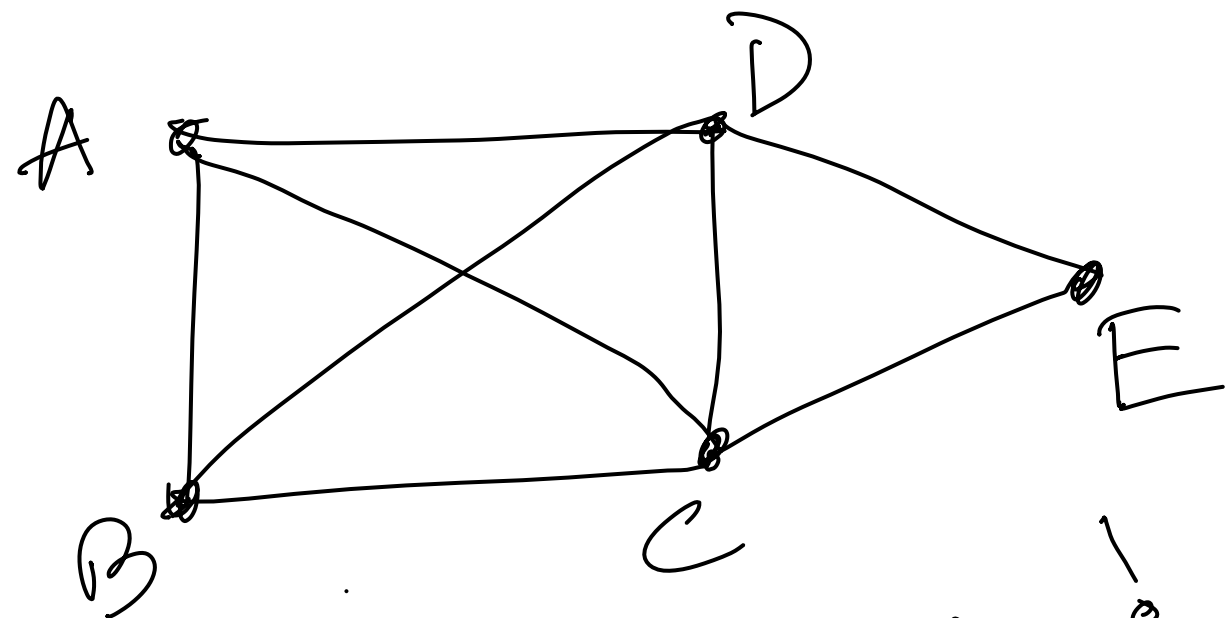


## Algorithm

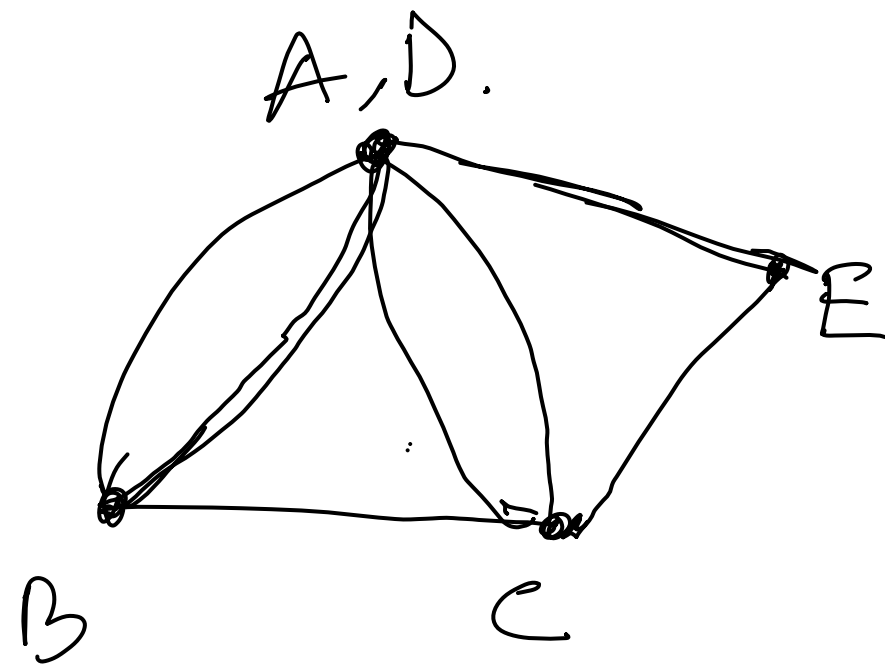
- ① Pick one edge  $(x, y)$  at random.
- ② Relax that edge.
- ③ go back to step 1 until only two vertices are left.

iterate  $(n-2)$  times

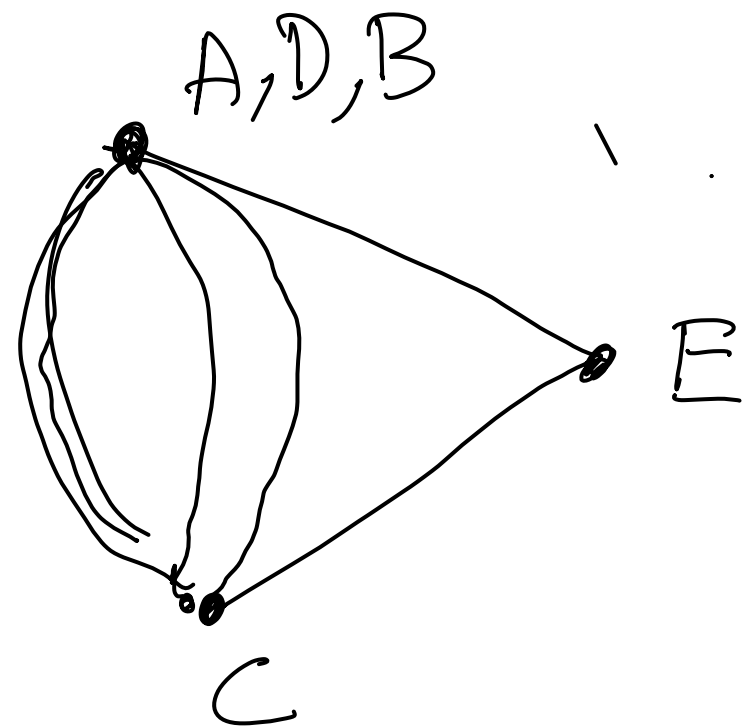
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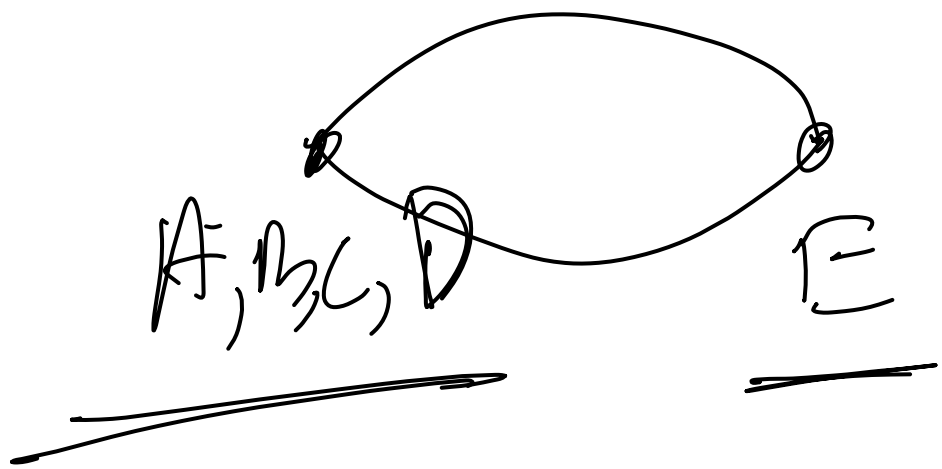
$$(A, D) : \frac{1}{8}$$



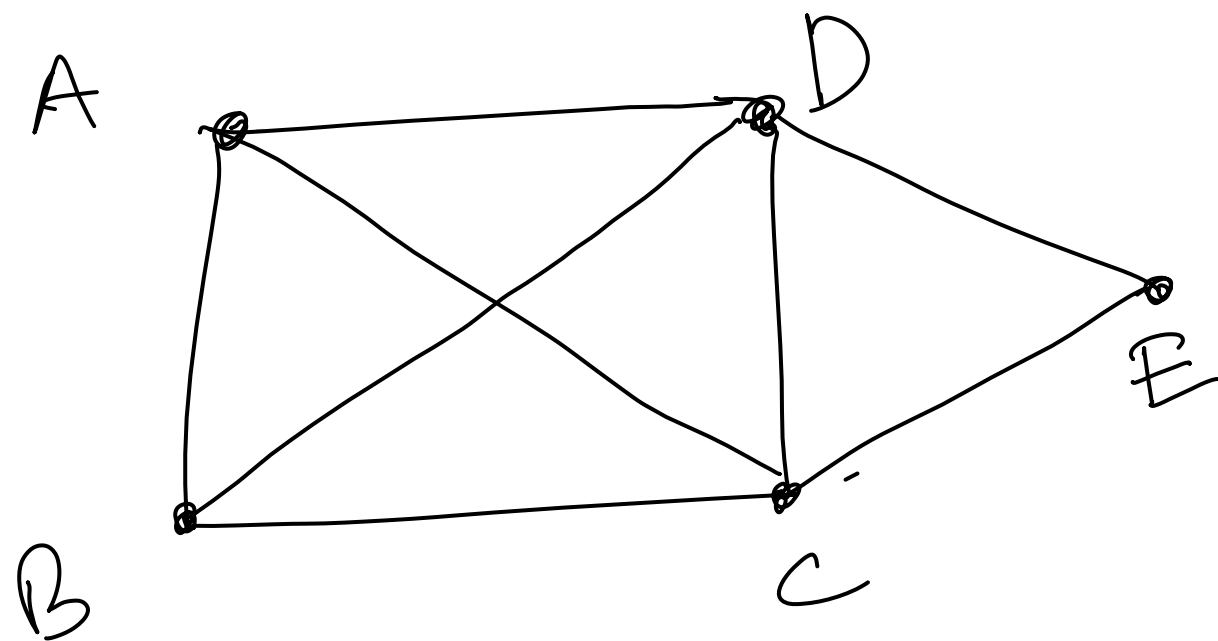
$$((A, D), B) : \frac{1}{7}$$



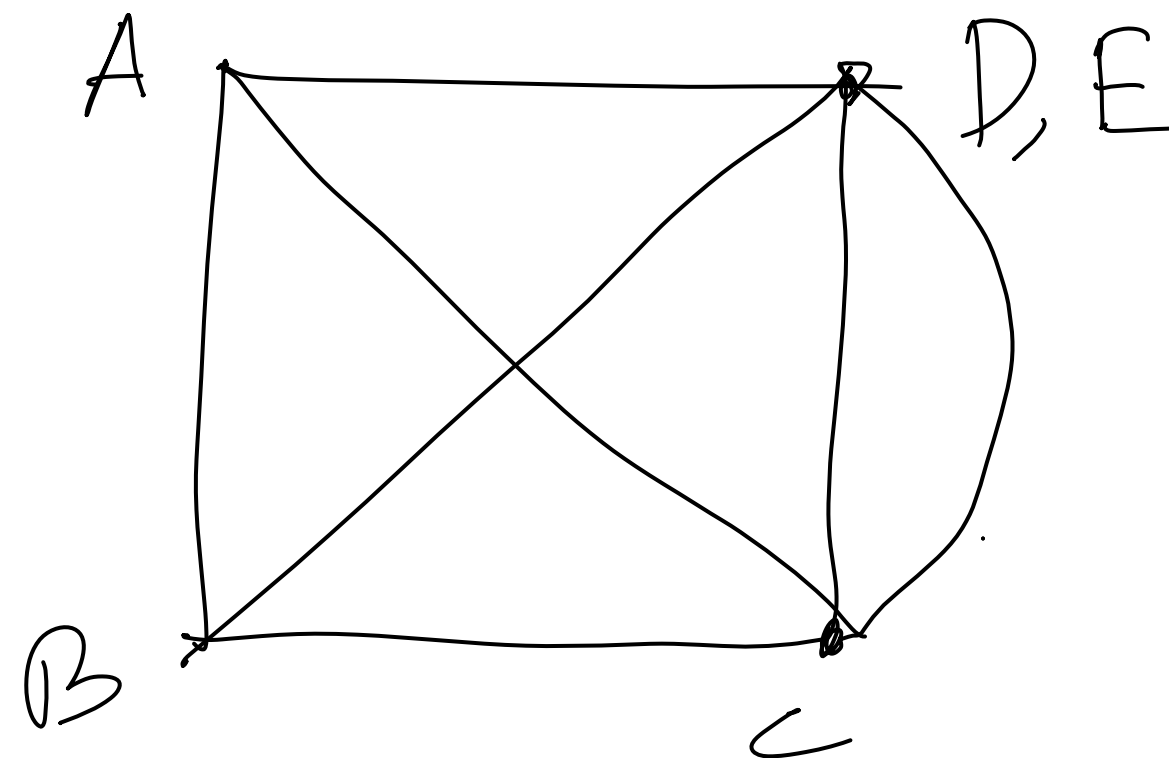
$$((A, D, B), C) : \frac{1}{5}$$



Successful run!



$(E, D)$  →



unsuccessful!

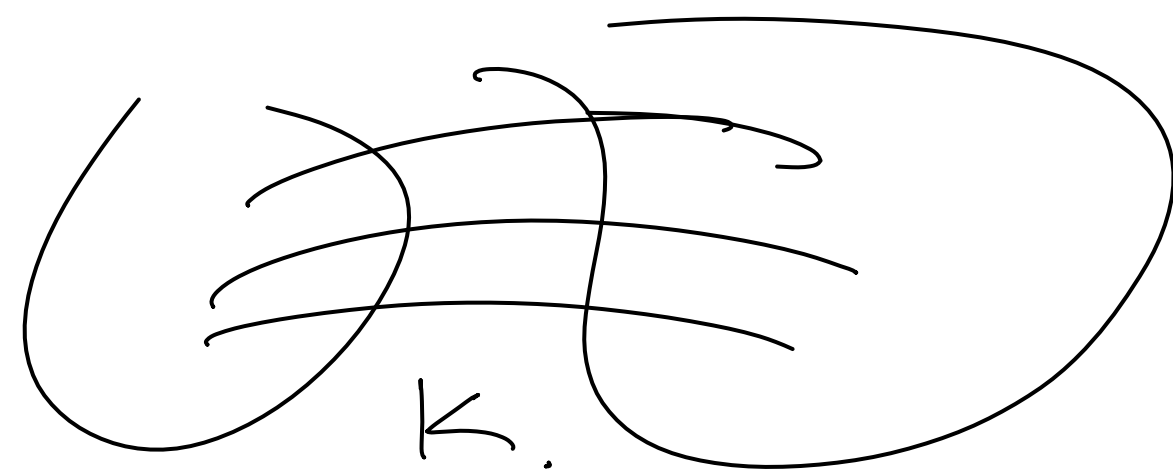
3 or more!

Claim : The cut returned by the algorithm.  
is the ~~max~~ min cut with at least  
some  $p$  probability where  $p > 0$ .

Proof: Consider any min cut set  $\underbrace{\text{Cut}(S)}_{\text{Set of edges that crosses } S \text{ to } V \setminus S}$ .

We'll show that no edge in  $\text{Cut}(S)$   
is relaxed by the algo. w.p.  $\geq p$ .

Very first step :



$$\sum_{v \in V \setminus S} \deg(v)$$

min cut ~~(S, S)~~  $S$ .

Cut  $(S)$  is

Prob[any edge is relaxed]

$$\leq \frac{k}{\frac{nk}{2}} = \frac{2}{n}$$

Let  $k$  be the size of  
min cut  $\Rightarrow$  degree  $\geq k$  for each  
vertex.

\* How many edge are  
there in total in the graph?

$$\geq \frac{nk}{2}$$

Second step :  
relaxed graph :  $(n-1)$  vertices

by prev. obs. relaxed graph also has  $\overset{\text{min.}}{\text{cutsize}} \geq K$ .

Prob. in second  
step you  
did not relax  
any edge  
from Cut (S).

$$\leq \frac{K}{\frac{(n-1)K}{2}} = \frac{2}{(n-1)}$$

This holds for any  $i$ -th step.  
 $(n-i+1)$  vertices :

$$\frac{2}{(n-i+1)}$$

$E_i \leftarrow$  the event that — no edges in  
 $\text{Cut}(S)$  is relaxed at step  $i$

$$F_1 \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)$$

$$F_i \leftarrow \left(E_1 \wedge E_2 \wedge \dots \wedge E_i\right)$$

the event that no edges in  
 $\text{Cut}(S)$  is relaxed up to step  $i$

$$= \underbrace{\Pr[F_{n-2}]}_{\Pr[E_{n-2} \wedge F_{n-3}]}$$

$$= \Pr[E_{n-2} | F_{n-3}] \cdot \underbrace{\Pr[F_{n-3}]}$$

$$= \Pr[E_{n-2} | F_{n-3}] \cdot \underbrace{\Pr[E_{n-3} | F_{n-4}]}_{\Pr[F_1]} \dots$$



$$\Pr[E_1] = \Pr[E_1] \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right).$$

$$\Pr[E_j | E_{j-1}] \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n-j+1}\right)$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{2}{n-j+1}\right) \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)}_{1/3}.$$

$$\geq \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \leftarrow \text{cut}(S) \text{ is still preserved.}$$

at end of algo. w.p. at least this.

we'll improve the success prob. by repeating  
 this ~~ex~~ ~~rand~~ algorithm  $t$  times and  
 take the minimum.

$$\left(1 - \frac{2}{n(n-1)}\right)^t \leq \underline{\text{small}}$$

$e^x \geq 1+x$

$$e^{-\frac{2}{n(n-1)} \cdot t} \leq \delta$$

$$t \geq \underline{\underline{\frac{\ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{\frac{2}{n(n-1)}}}}$$

99.9%  
 .001  
 $\frac{1}{1000}$

$$30 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \approx \underline{\underline{15n^2}}$$

$$t = \underline{O(n^2)}$$

