

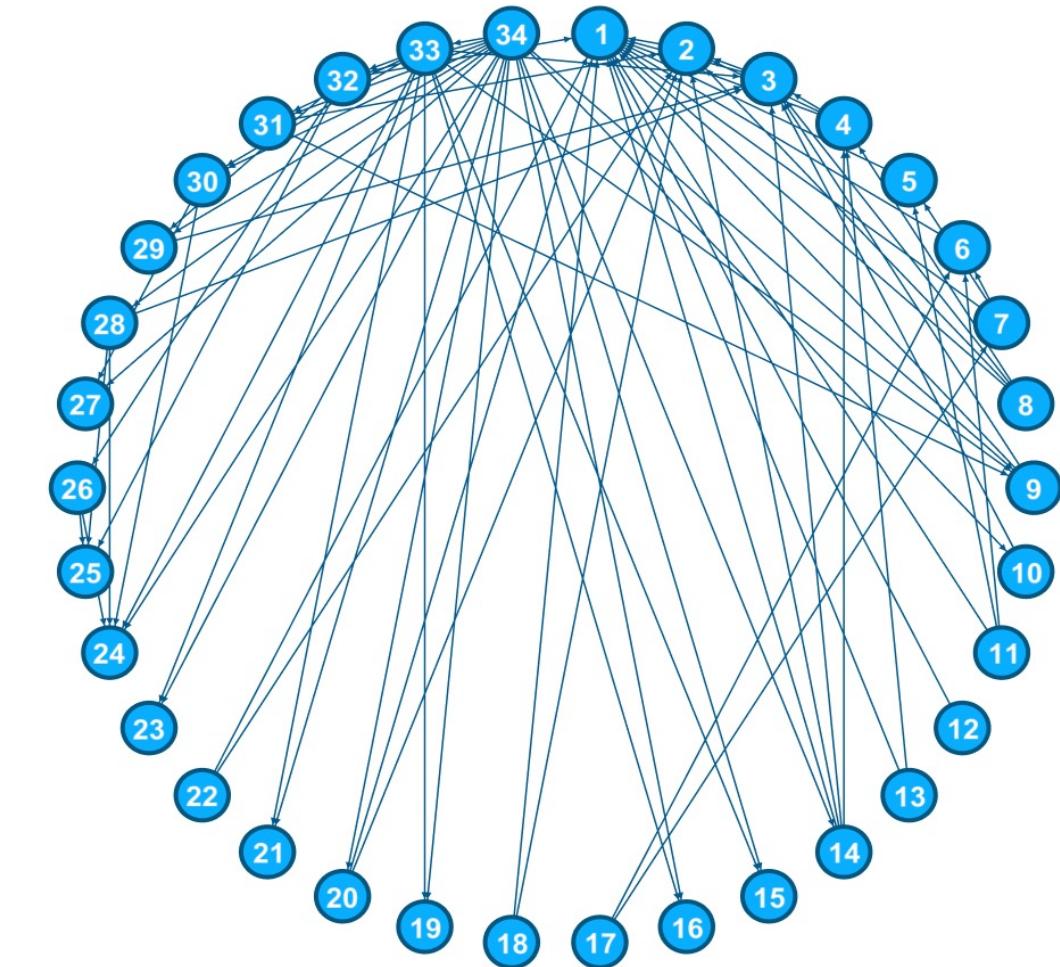
# Dynamic Schur Complement of Graph Laplacian

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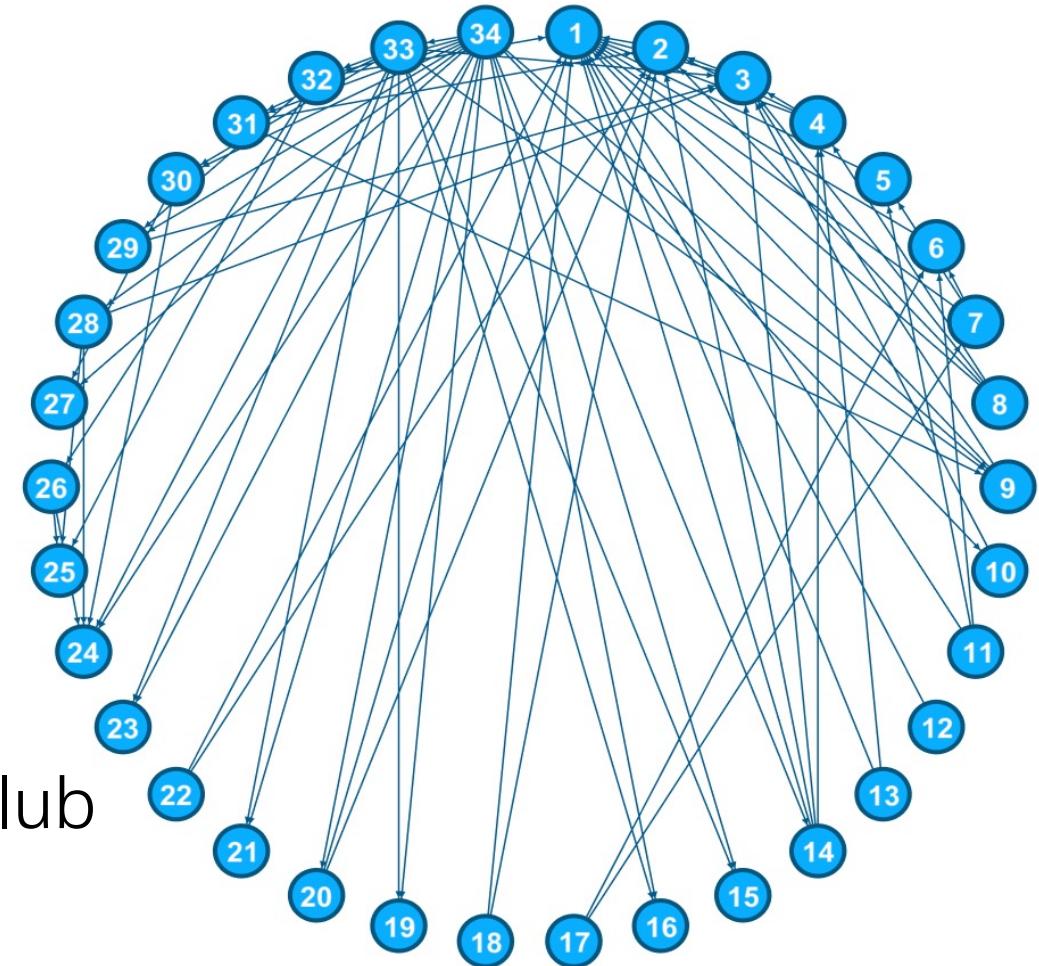
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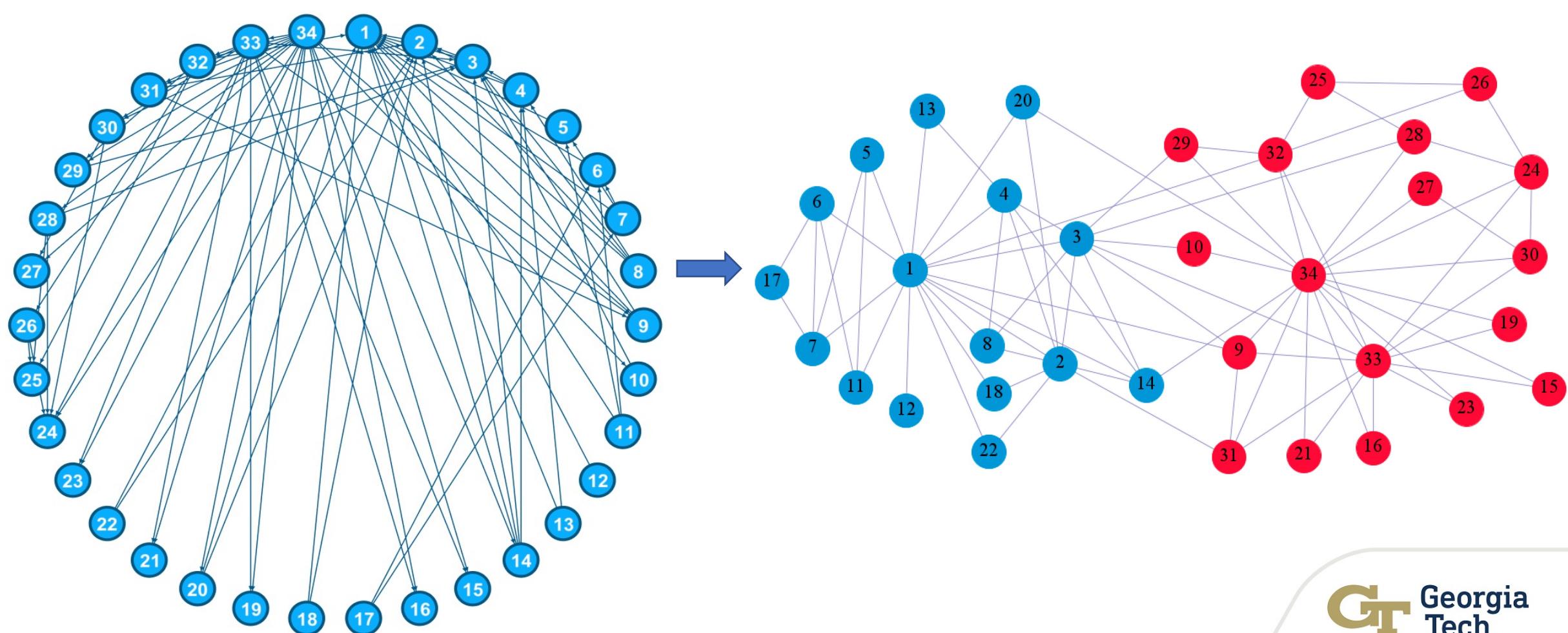
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Vertex 1~34: 34 club members

Edge: two people interacted outside the club

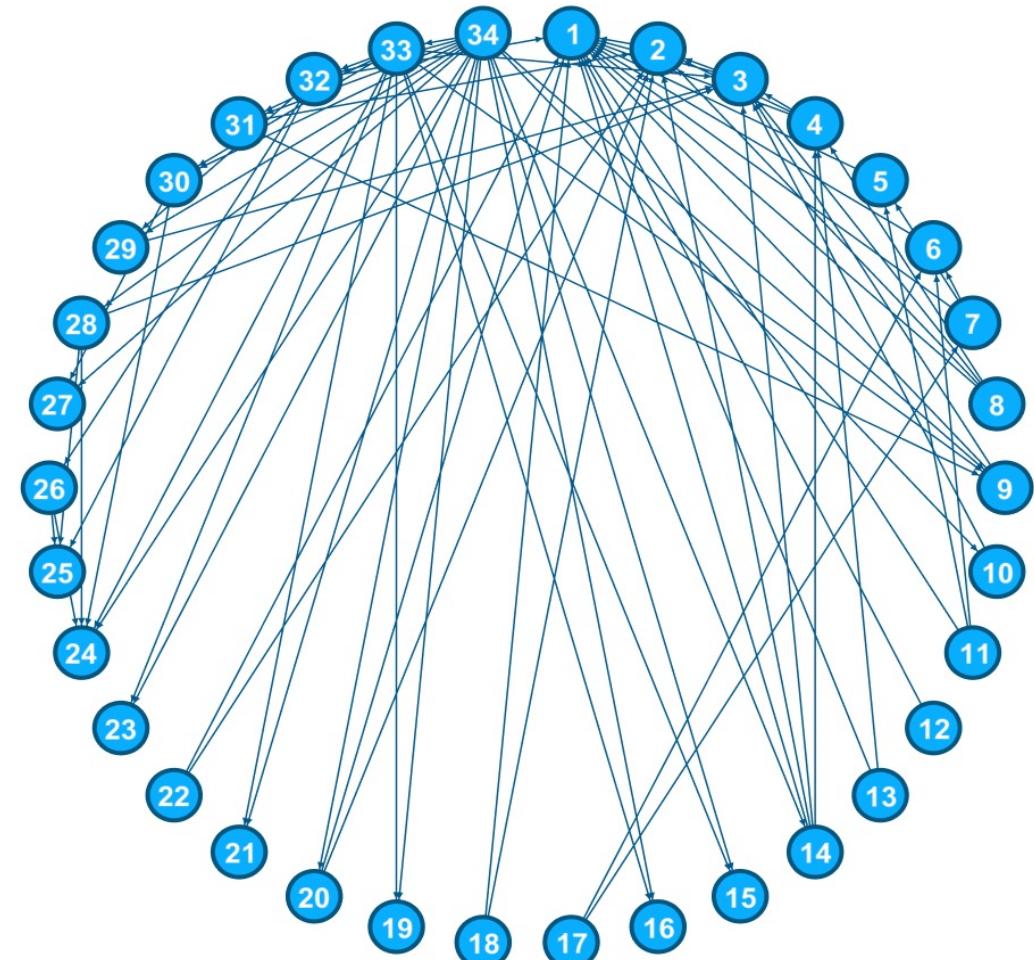


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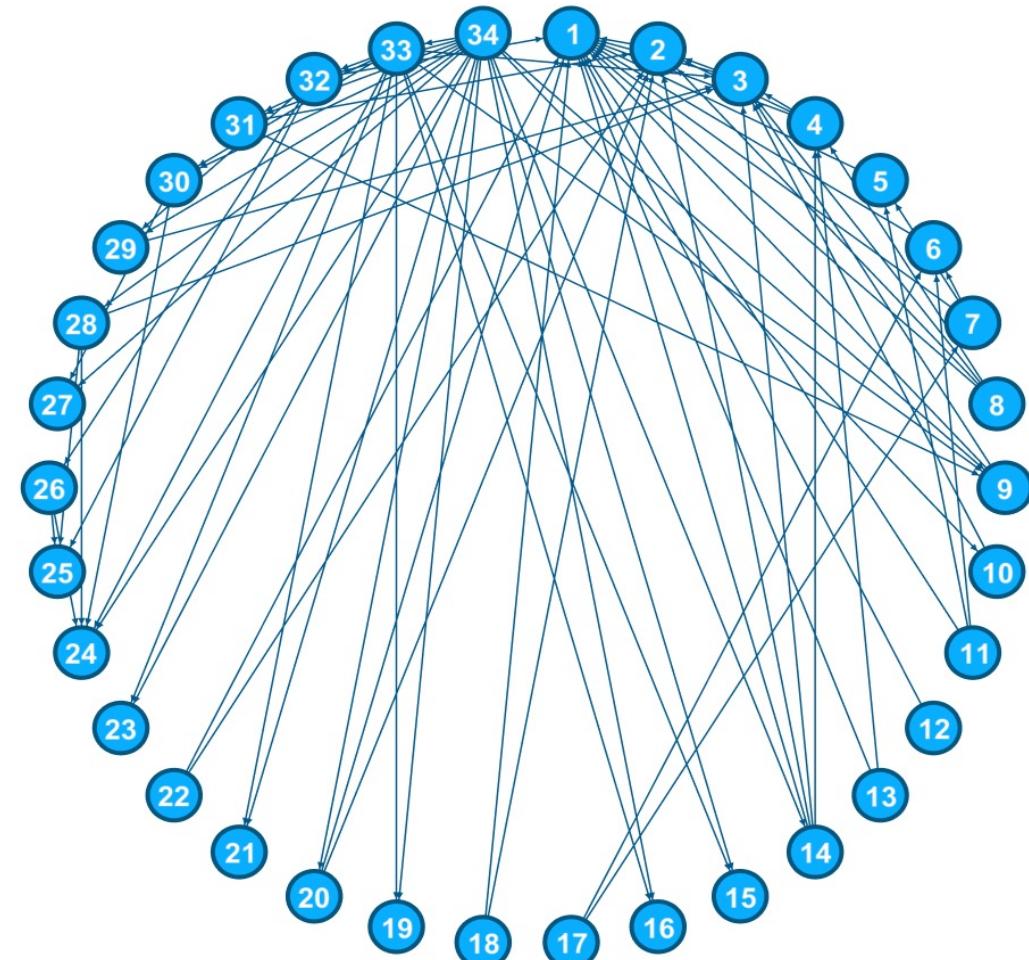
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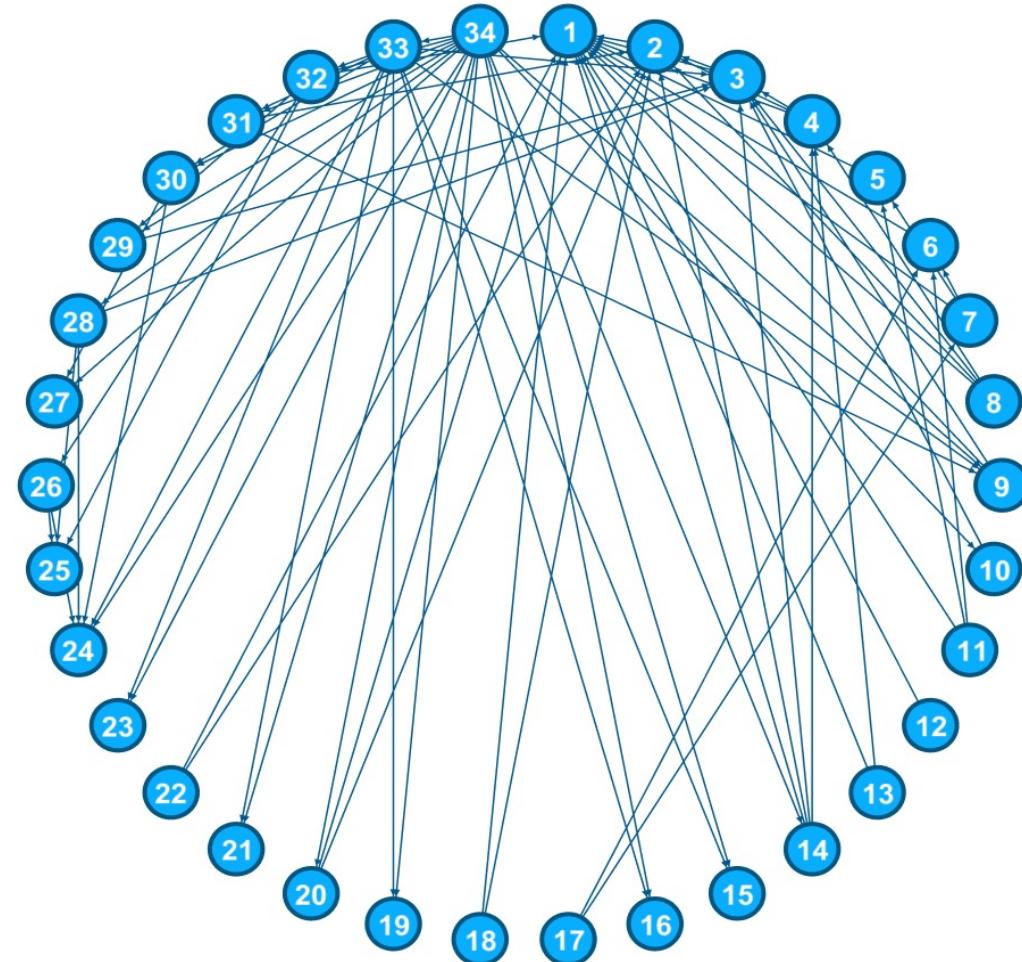
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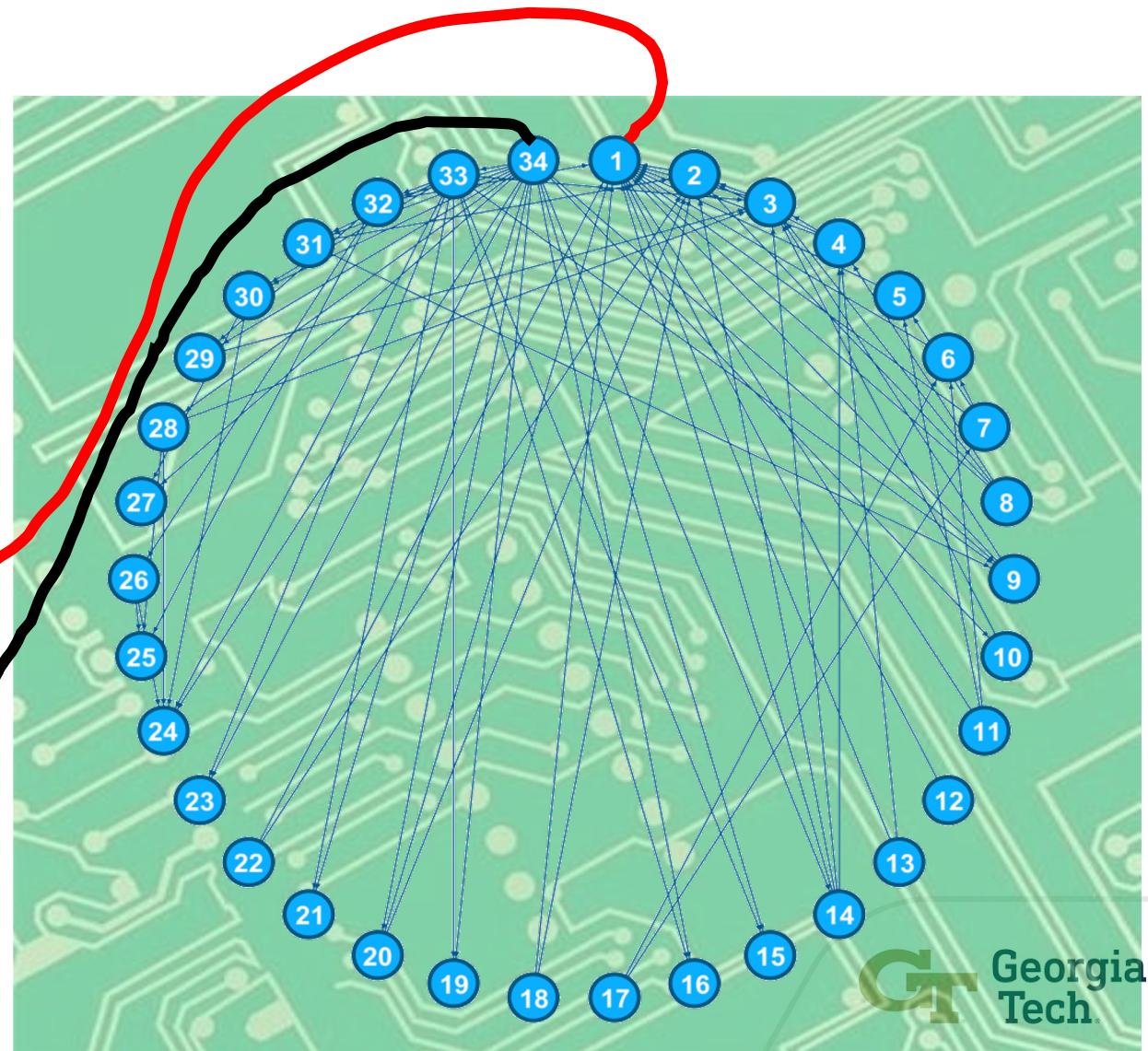


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- $v$ : Electric potentials



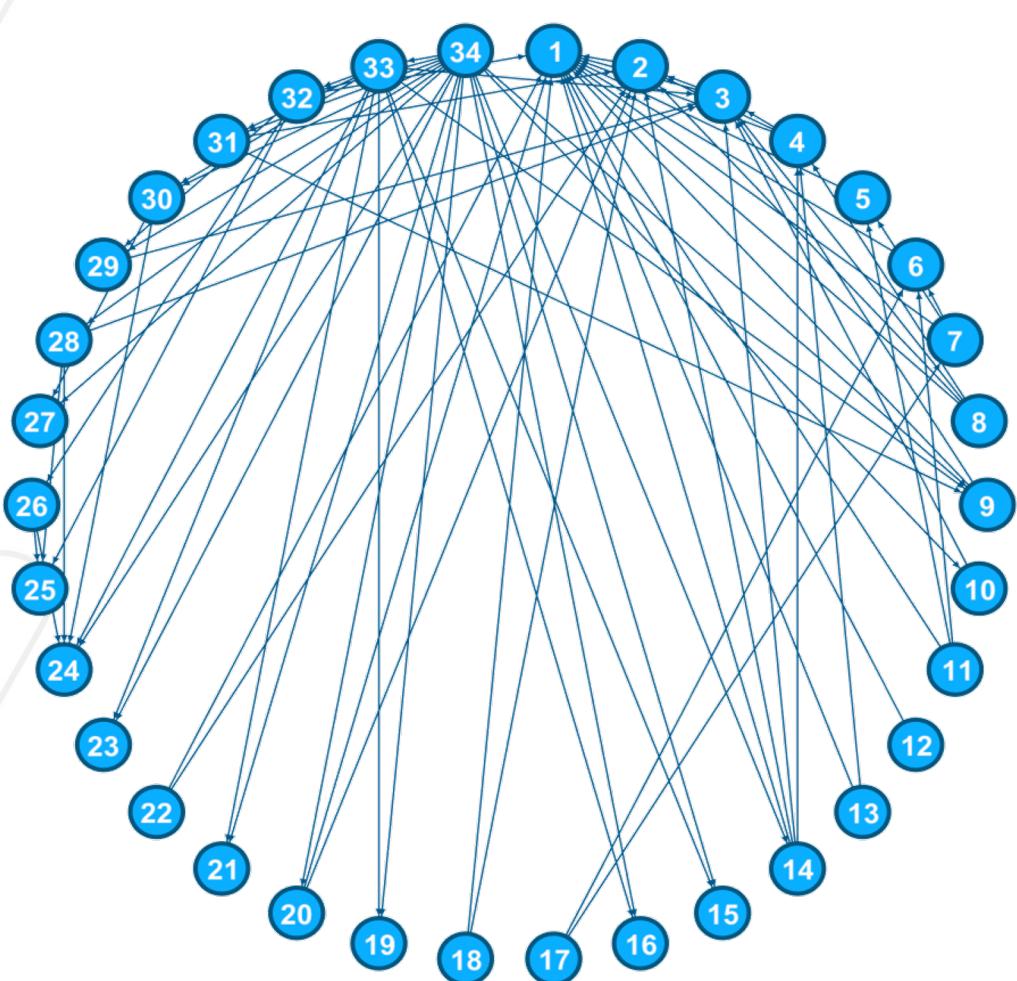
# Electric Flow from Instructor to Administrator



Vertices: Pins

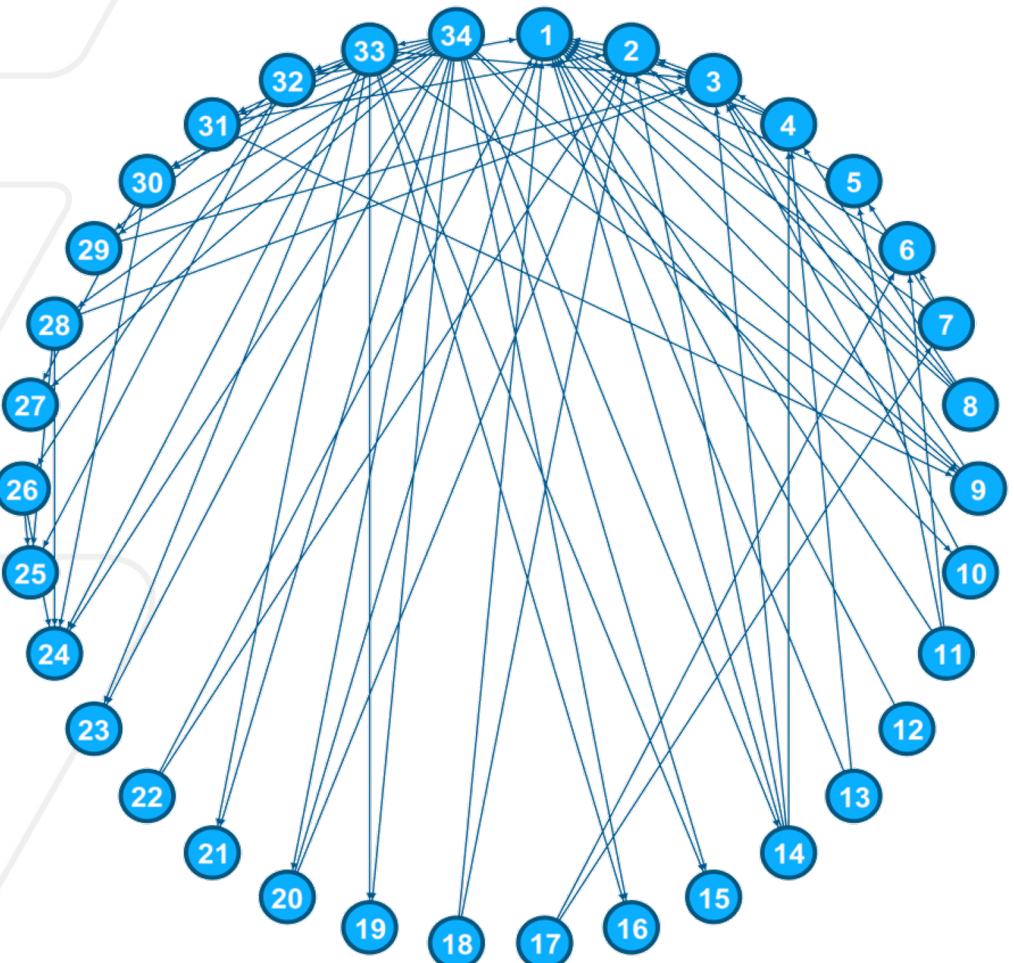
Edges: Resistors connecting pins

# Club Members Sorted by Labels



Person	Potential
34	0
27	0.052312
21	0.102497
19	0.102497
16	0.102497
15	0.102497
30	0.104625
24	0.161193
33	0.204993
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28	0.237501
10	0.255444
26	0.258846
25	0.277923
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31	0.323029
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9	0.407782
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14	0.583623
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8	0.729529
22	0.839671
18	0.839671
13	0.863944
17	1
11	1
7	1
6	1
5	1
12	1
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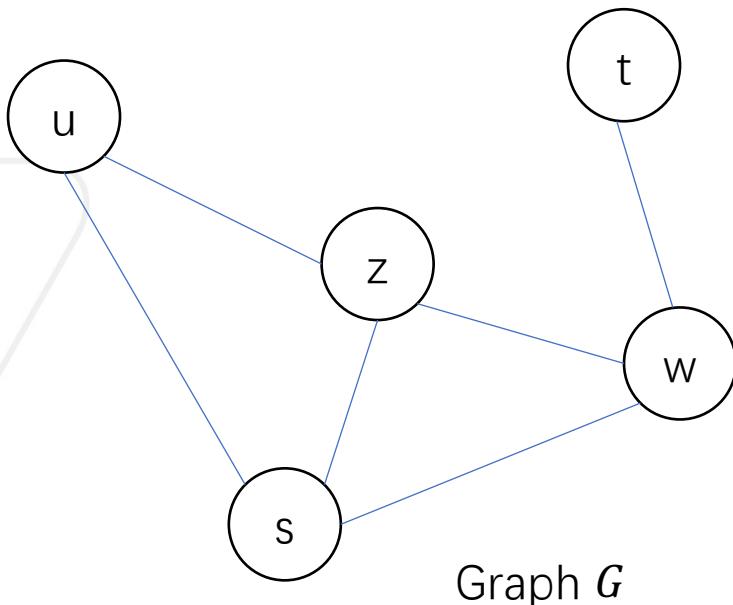
# Verify the Result



Person	Potential	Outcome
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# Graph Laplacian: Solving Electric Flow

- $v_x = \frac{\sum_{y \sim x} v_y}{\deg(x)}$ ,  $\deg(x)$ : degree of  $x$
- $\deg(x) v_x - \sum_{y \sim x} v_y = 0$



	s	t	u	z	w
s	3	0	-1	-1	-1
t	0	1	0	0	-1
u	-1	0	2	-1	0
z	-1	0	-1	3	-1
w	-1	-1	0	-1	3

$$\begin{matrix} v_s = 1 \\ v_t = -1 \\ v_u \\ v_z \\ v_w \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} d \\ -d \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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$$\text{Graph Laplacian} \\ L(G) = D(G) - A(G)$$

# Classical and Theoretical Applications

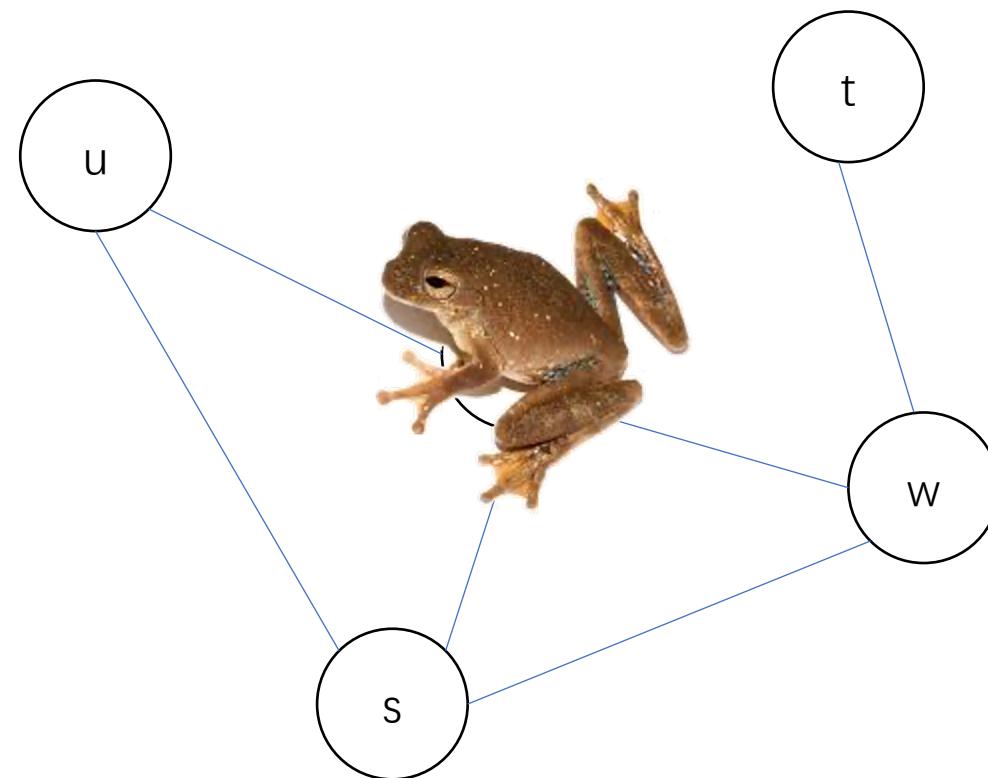
- Semi-supervised learning in larger social networks

Laplacian Regularization term [Zhu, Ghahramani, Lafferty ICML '03]

- Graph clustering
- Network flows (maxflow, mincost flow⋯⋯)

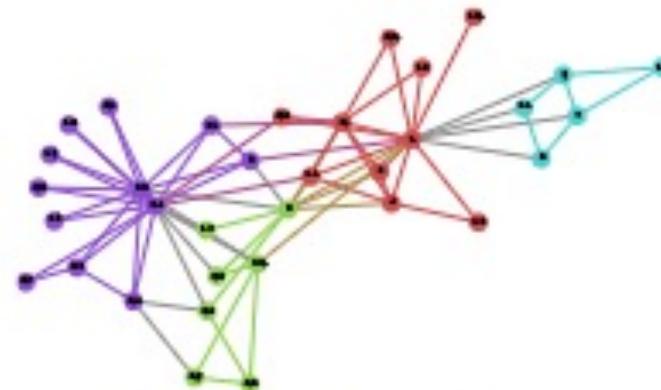
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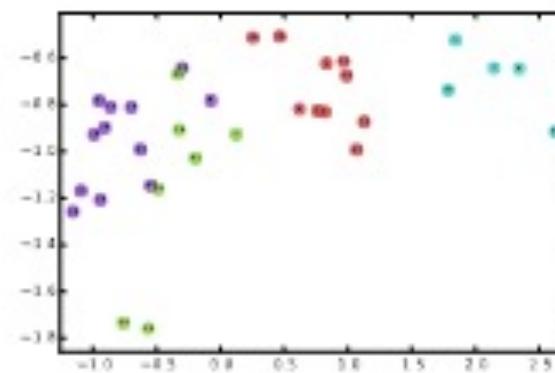


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(a) Input: Karate Graph



(b) Output: Representation

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- [Cheng-Cheng-Liu-Peng-Teng COLT' 15] Sparsifying random walk matrices:

Theorem [CCLPT' 15]: All length- $T$  random walks in a graph can be sparsified in  $\tilde{O}(T^2m)$  time.

# Sparsifying random walk matrices

- [Qiu-Dong-Ma-Li-Wang-Wang WWW' 19] NetSMF: Large-Scale Network Embedding as Sparse Matrix Factorization
- 24 hours to generate embeddings of the OAG dataset (895,368,962 edges)
- Best paper in WWW' 19

# Graph Laplacian

- Found in machine learning, network science, scientific computing, ...
- Can be solved in nearly-linear-time by Spielman-Teng

Spectral sparsification of graphs. *SIAM J. Computing* 40:981-1025, 2011.

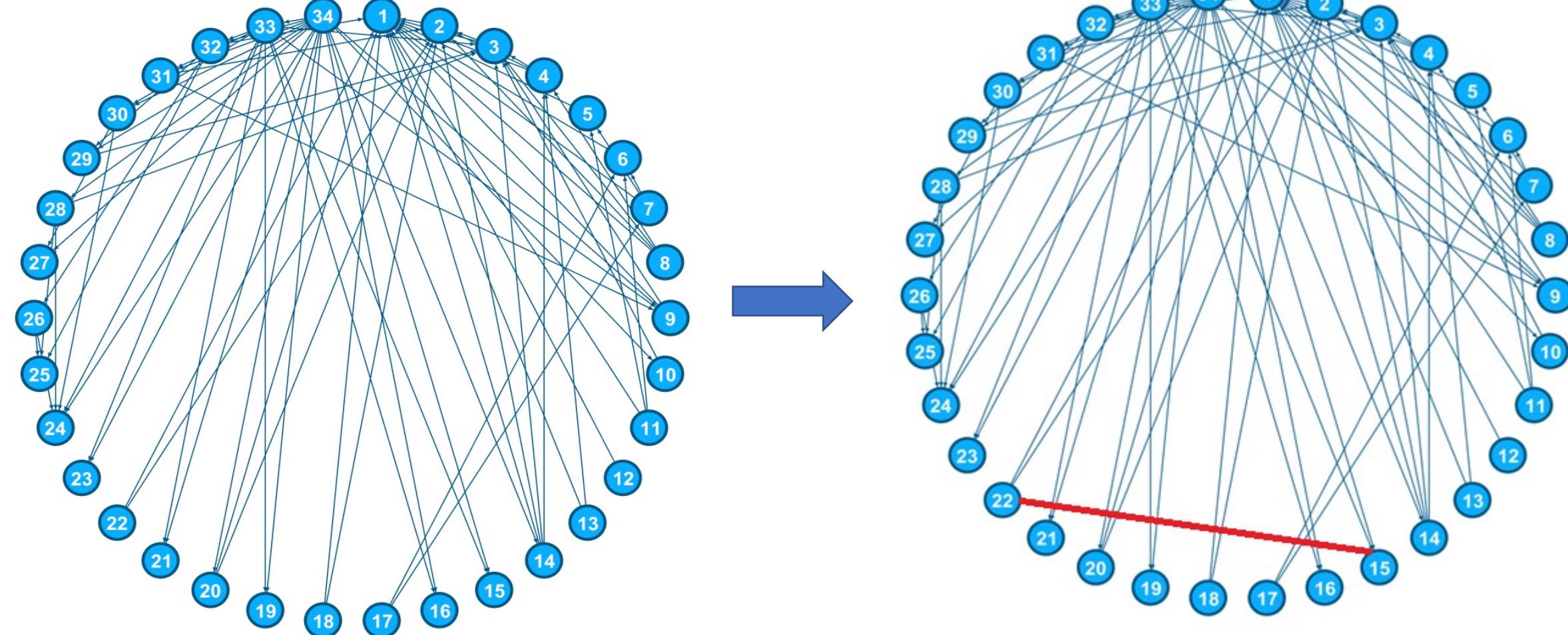
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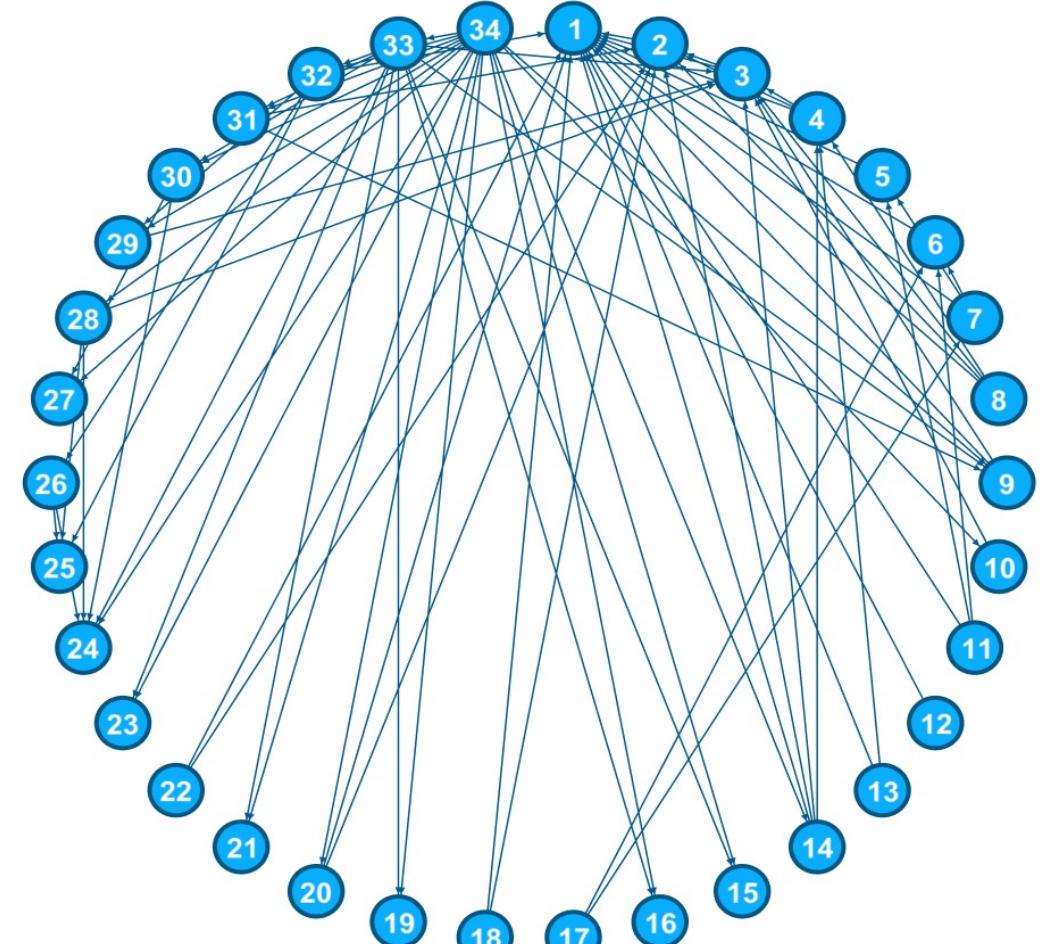
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- A graph  $G$
- Update: Add or delete an edge
- Query: Output electric potential of a vertex

(We can also support outputting electric flow on some edge, outputting vertices with large potential changes, ...)



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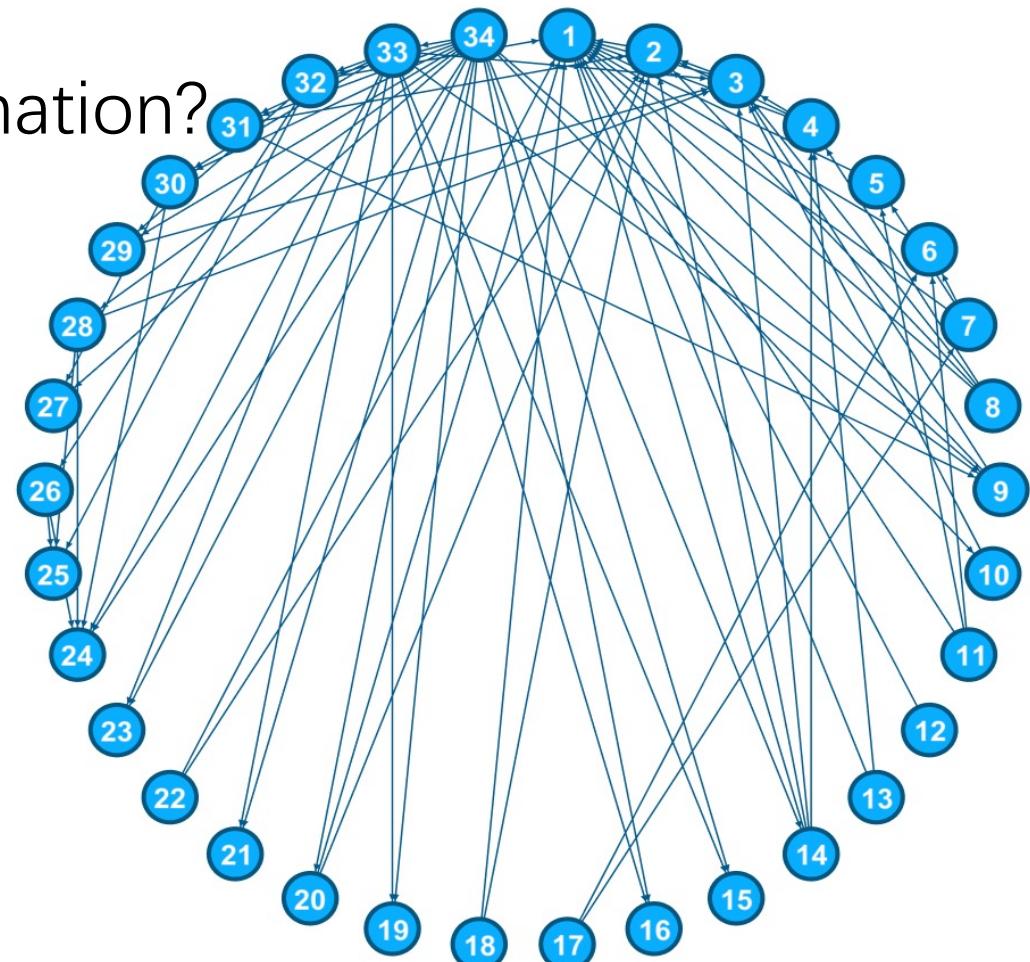
- Update labels when the graph changes

- Social representation w. temporal information?

- Network flow problems:

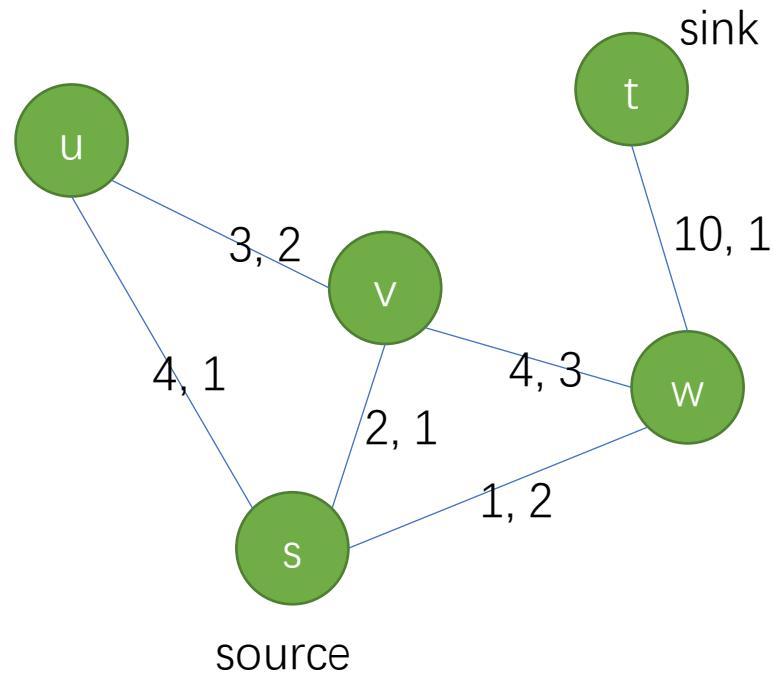
- Maximum flow

- Minimum cost flow



# Application: Planar mincost flow

- Given
  - Graph  $G = (V, E)$
  - Capacities of the edges
  - Costs of the edges
  - A source and a sink
- Q: How many units of flow can we send from source to sink? What is the minimum cost of it?



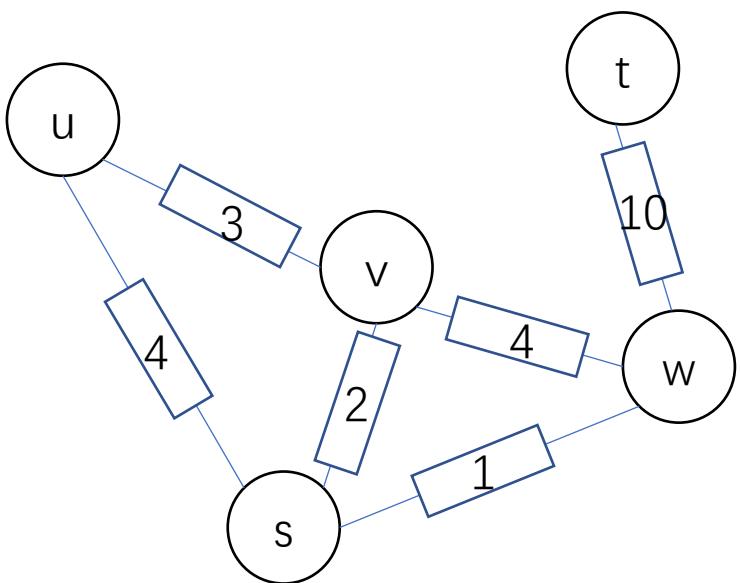
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- Previously, the best planar mincost flow algorithm is the  $O(n^{1.5} \log^{O(1)} n \log^2 M)$  algorithm for all (planar and nonplanar) graphs.

# Schur Complement -- Elimination

- $Lx = b$
- $L = \begin{bmatrix} L_{FF} & L_{FC} \\ L_{CF} & L_{CC} \end{bmatrix}$
- $Sc(L, C) = L_{CC} - L_{CF}L_{FF}^{-1}L_{FC}$
- If  $b_F = 0$ ,  $Sc(L, C)x_C = b_C$

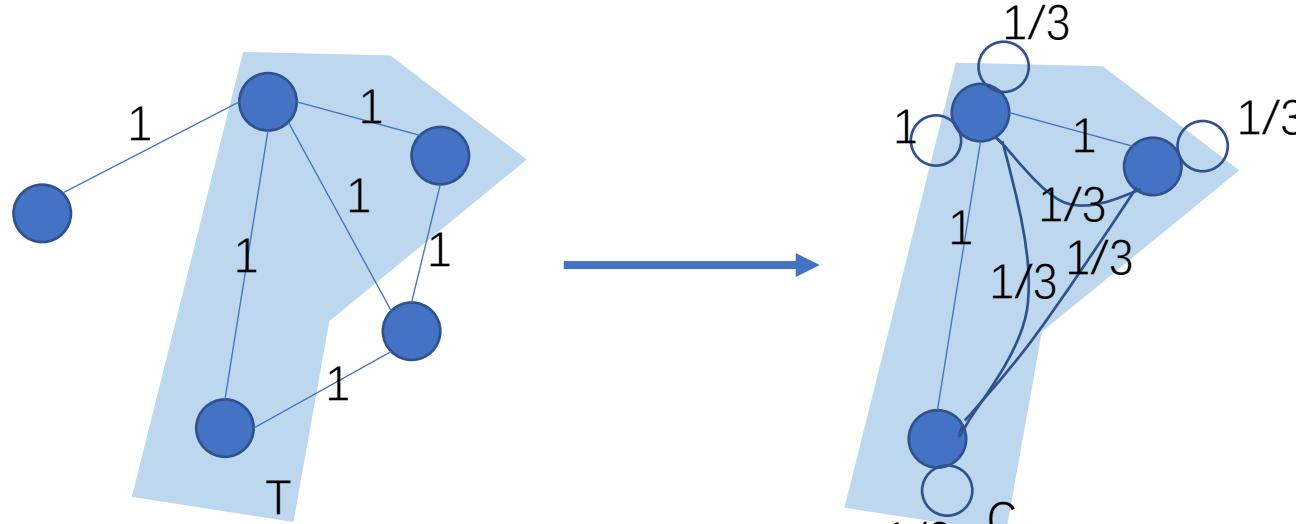
# Graph Laplacian – Electric Network



- Edge  $uv$ : conductance  $w_{uv}$   
(resistance  $r_{uv} = 1/w_{uv}$ )
- Vertex  $v$ : potential  $\phi_v$
- Edge orientation  $u \rightarrow v$ : current flow  $C_{u \rightarrow v}$
- Kirchhoff's Law:  
 $\forall$  vertex  $v$ , flow-in = flow-out
- Ohm's Law:  $\forall$  edge  $uv$ ,  $C_{u \rightarrow v} = \frac{\phi_u - \phi_v}{r_{uv}}$

# Schur Complement – Equivalent Electric Network

- Let  $C$  be a subset of vertices. Suppose we only care about energies of edges in  $C$ .

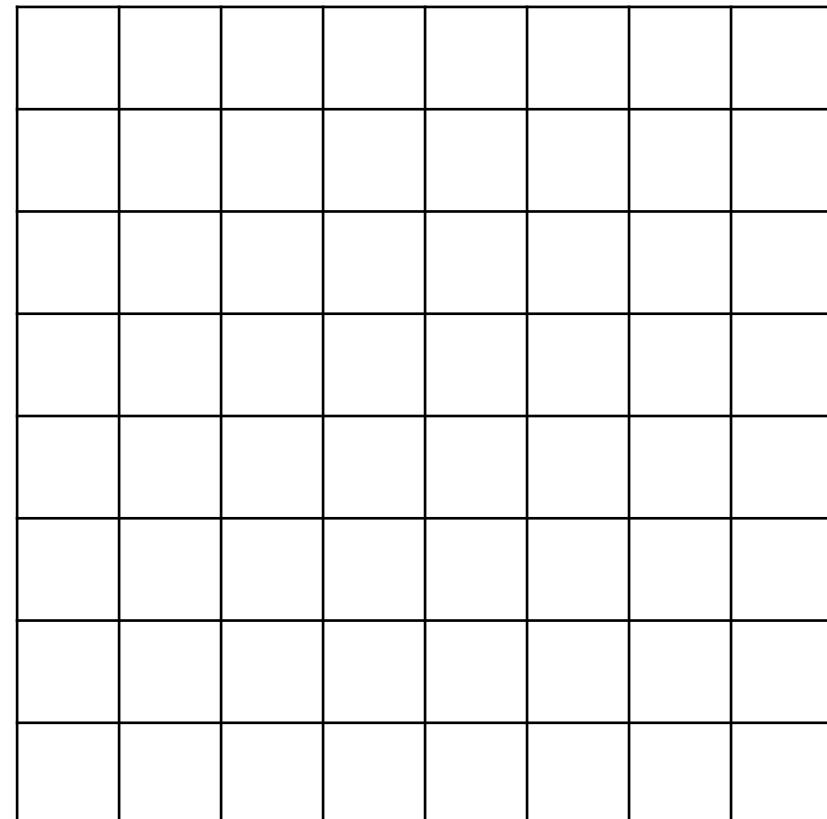


- $Sc(G, C)$  preserves the energies on edges between vertices in  $C$
- SC( $G, C$ ) is still a graph!**

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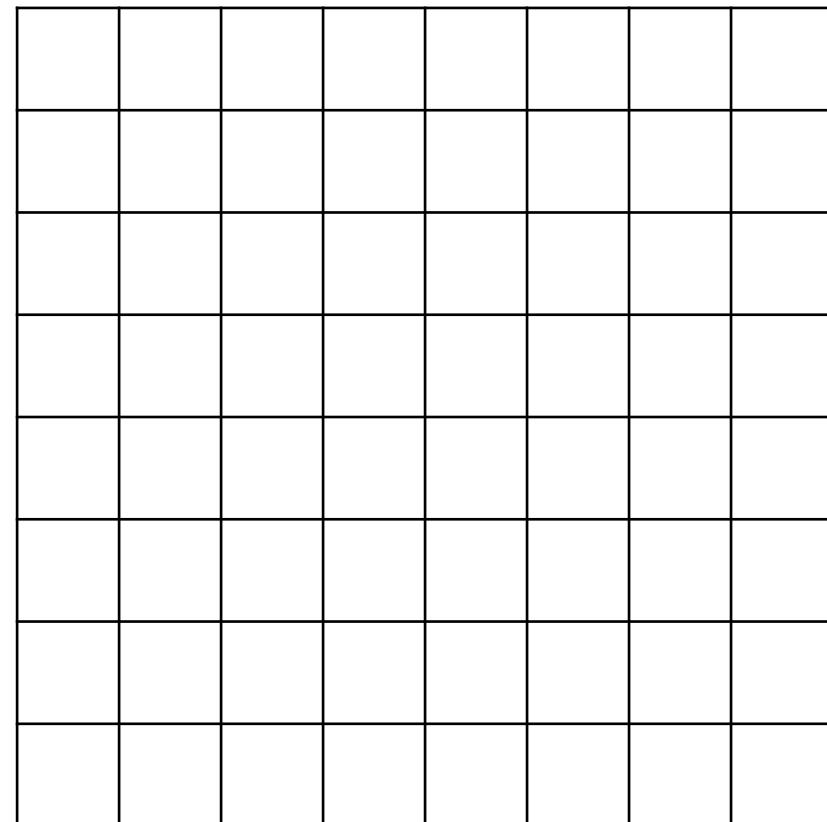
# Schur complements on planar graph

- Planar graph  $G$
  - Update an edge
  - Query vertex potentials on the boundary
  - Schur complement of  $G$  onto the boundary vertices



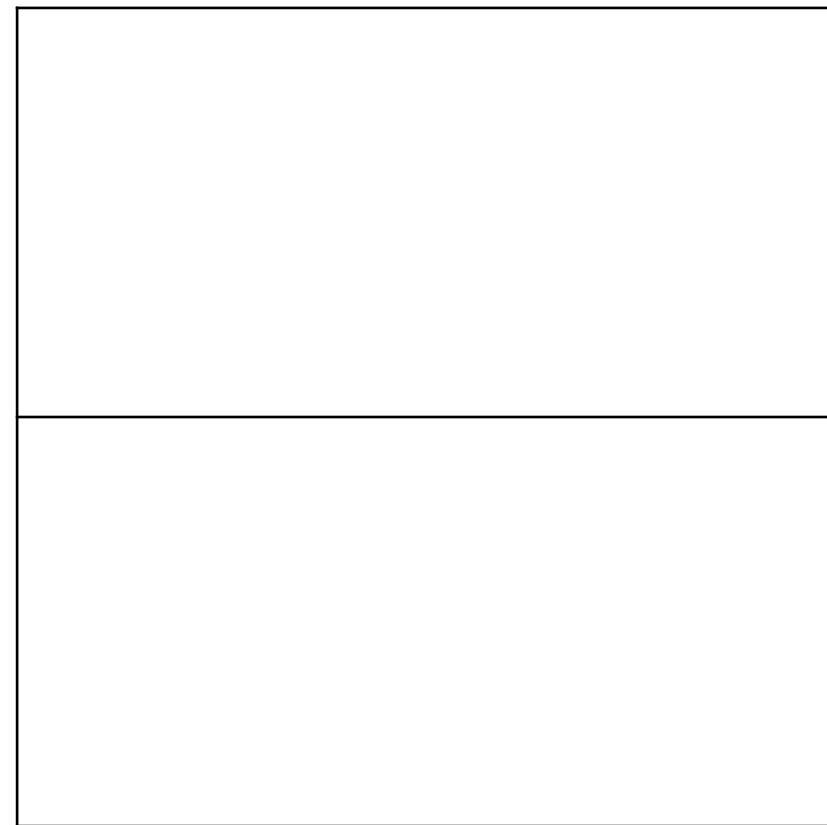
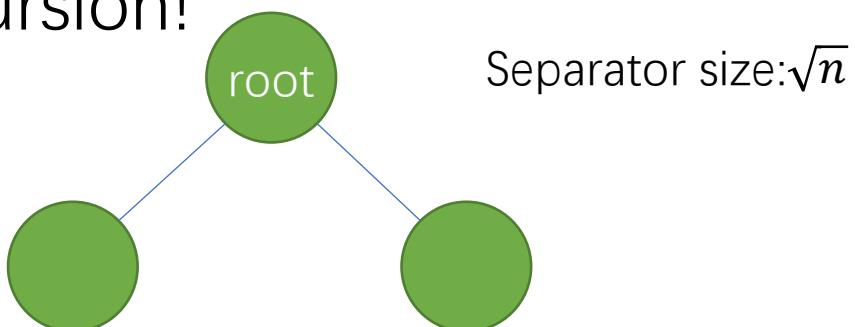
# A Separator Theorem

- Planar graph can be separated evenly by  $\sqrt{n}$  nodes
- Theorem [Ungar' 51, Lipton-Tarjan' 79]  $\exists O(\sqrt{n})$  vertices s.t. removing them partitions a planar graph into disjoint subgraphs with at most  $2n/3$  vertices each.



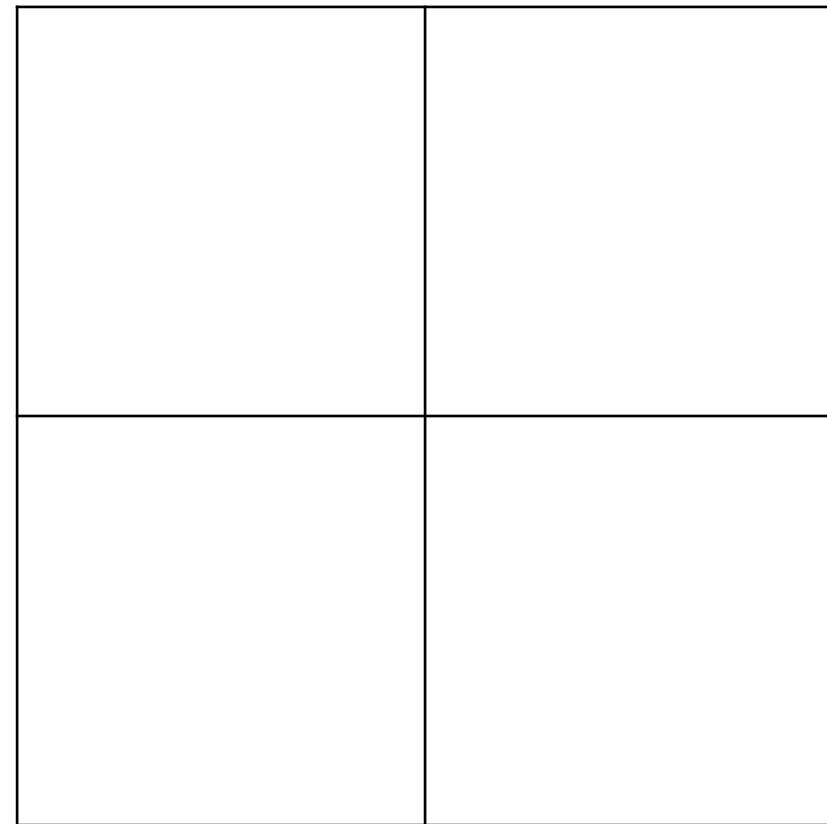
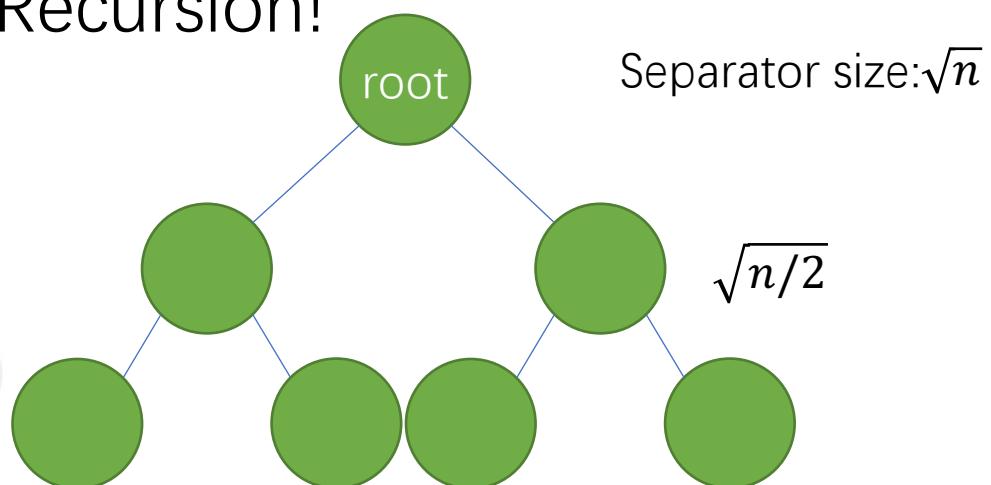
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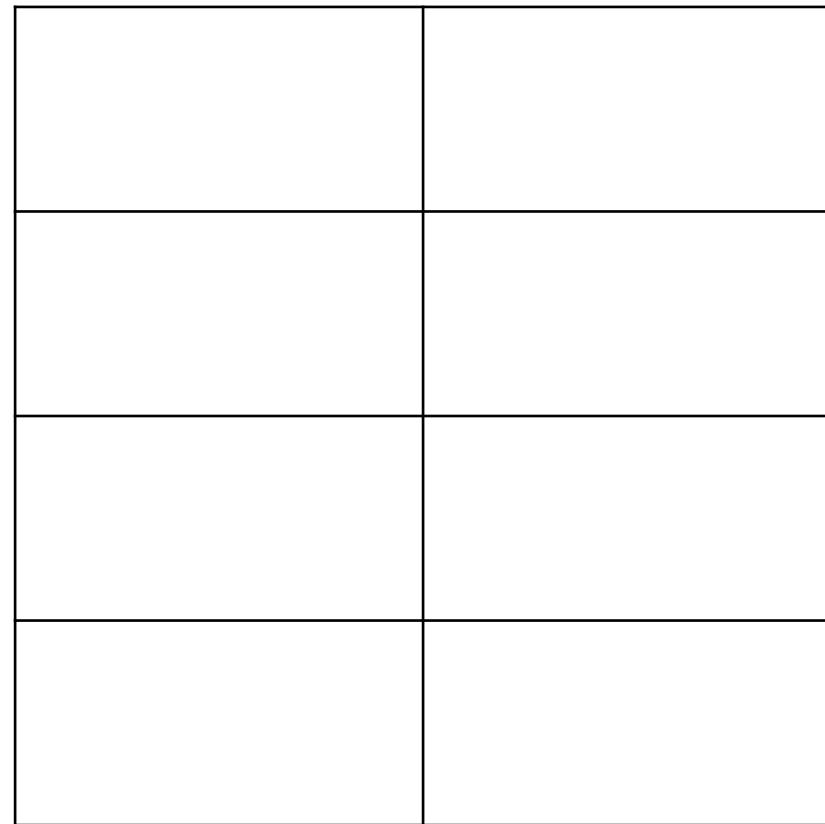
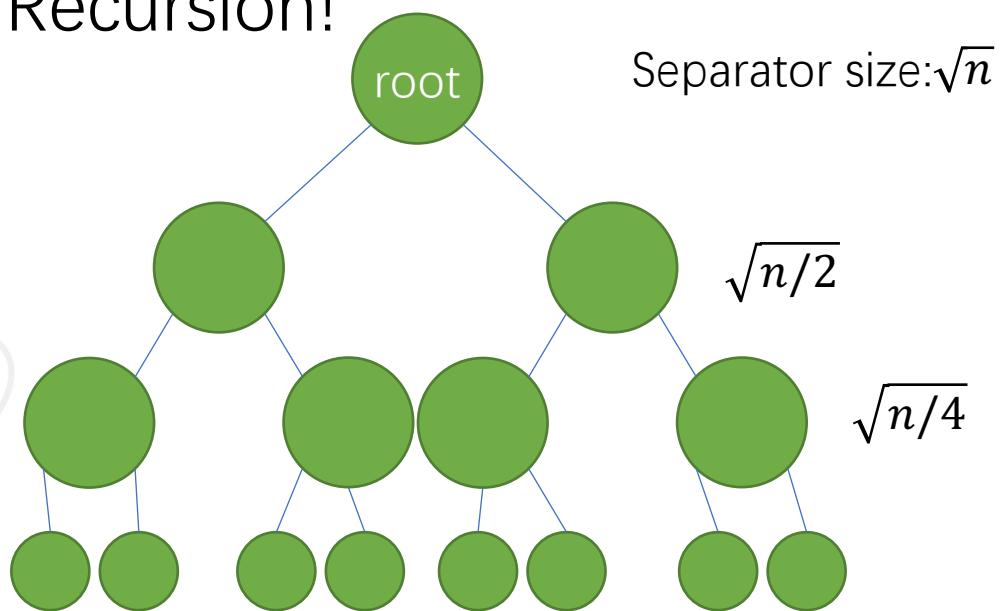
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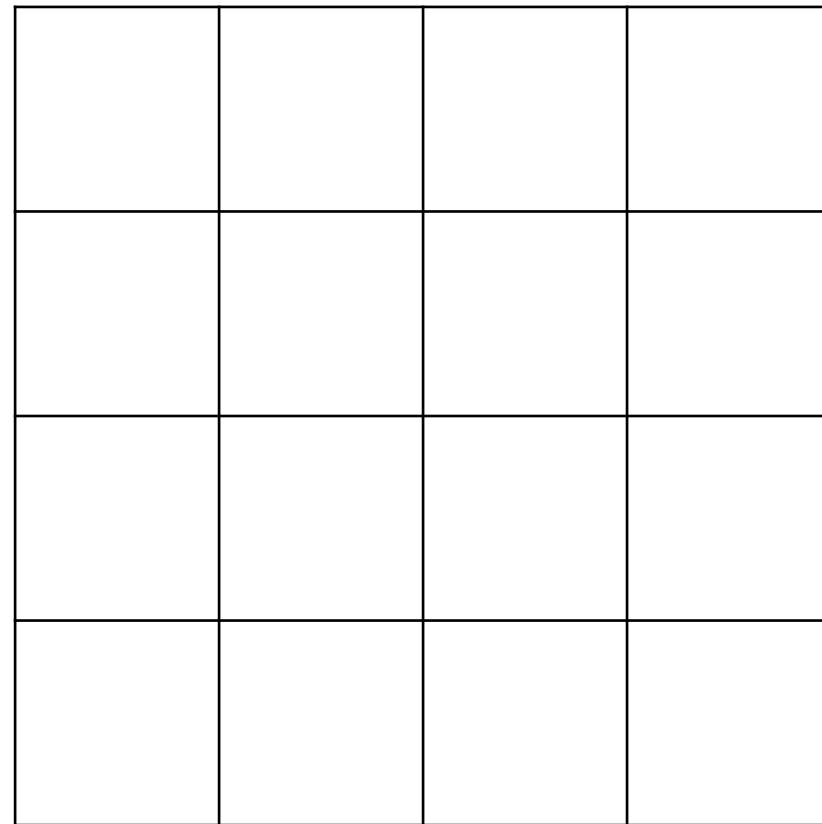
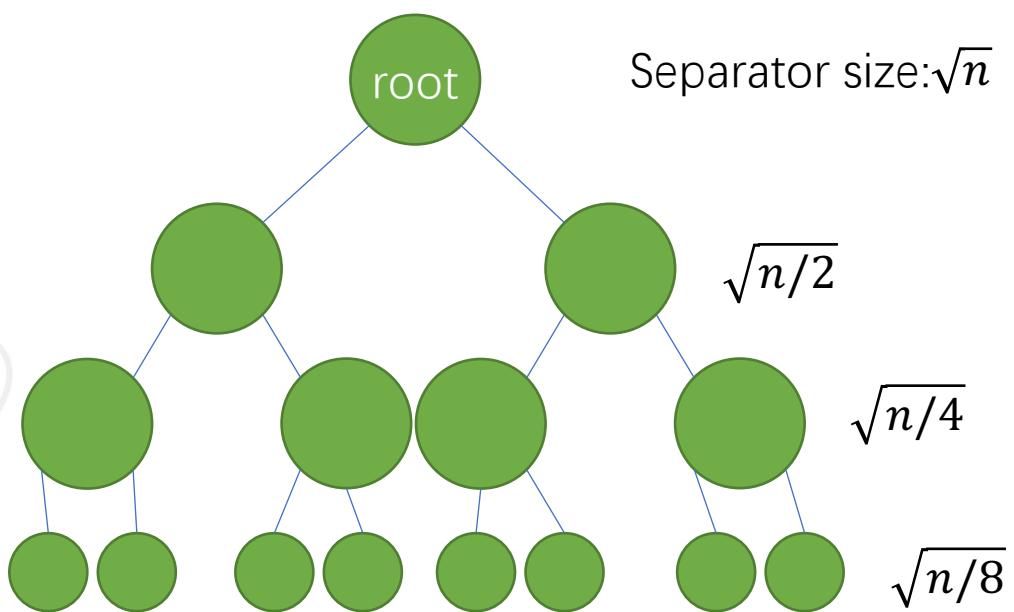
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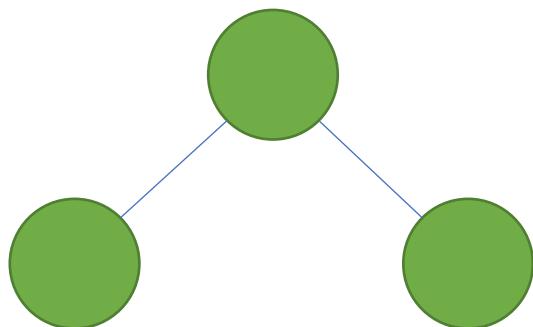
# Recursively Partition the Graph

Separator tree



# Schur Complement Formula

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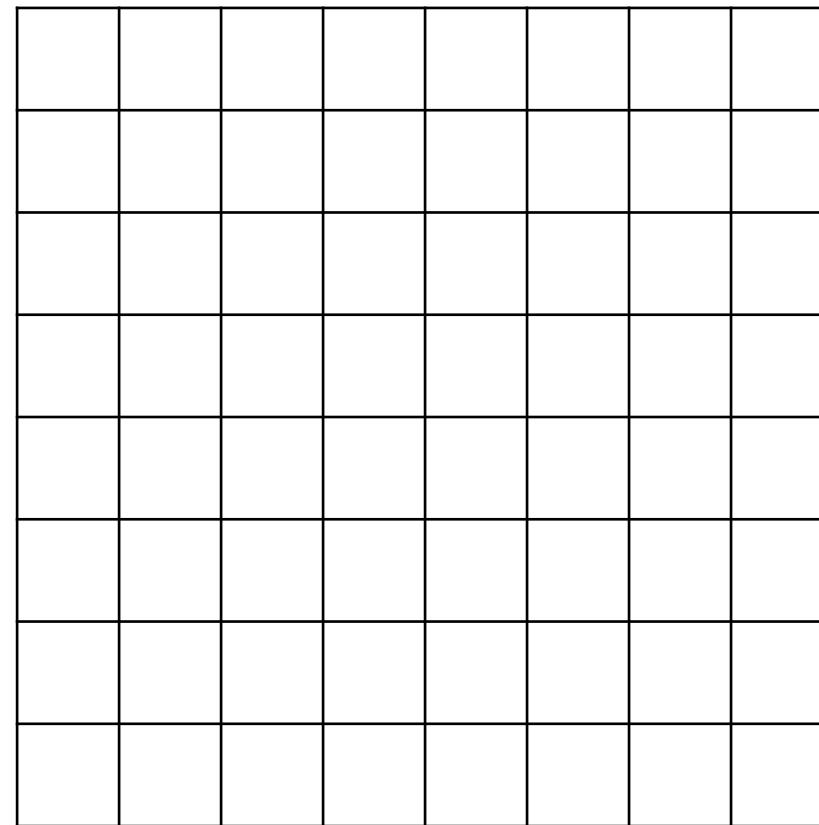
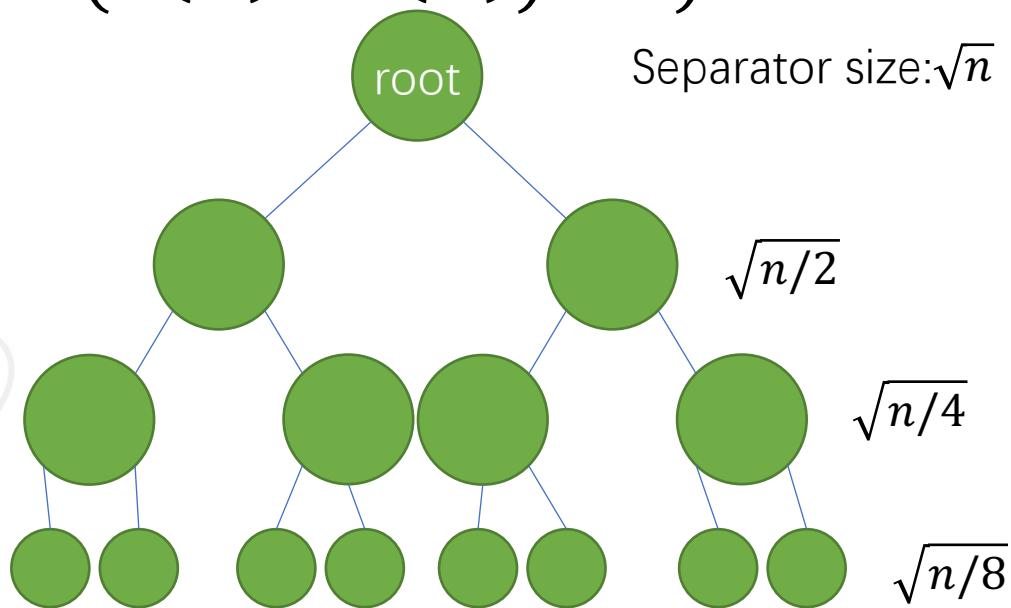
$$Sc(L(H), \delta L(H)) + Sc(R(H), \delta R(H))$$
Two square matrices represented by blue line patterns. The left matrix has a diagonal line from top-left to bottom-right, and the right matrix has a diagonal line from top-right to bottom-left. A plus sign is placed between them, indicating their sum.

$$= Sc(L(H), \delta L(H)) + Sc(R(H), \delta R(H))$$
A square matrix with a vertical line down the center and diagonal lines extending from it. An equals sign is placed to its left, indicating it is equivalent to the previous sum.

$$\Rightarrow Sc(H, \delta H)$$
A square matrix with a central dashed vertical line and diagonal lines extending from it, representing the final result of the Schur complement formula.

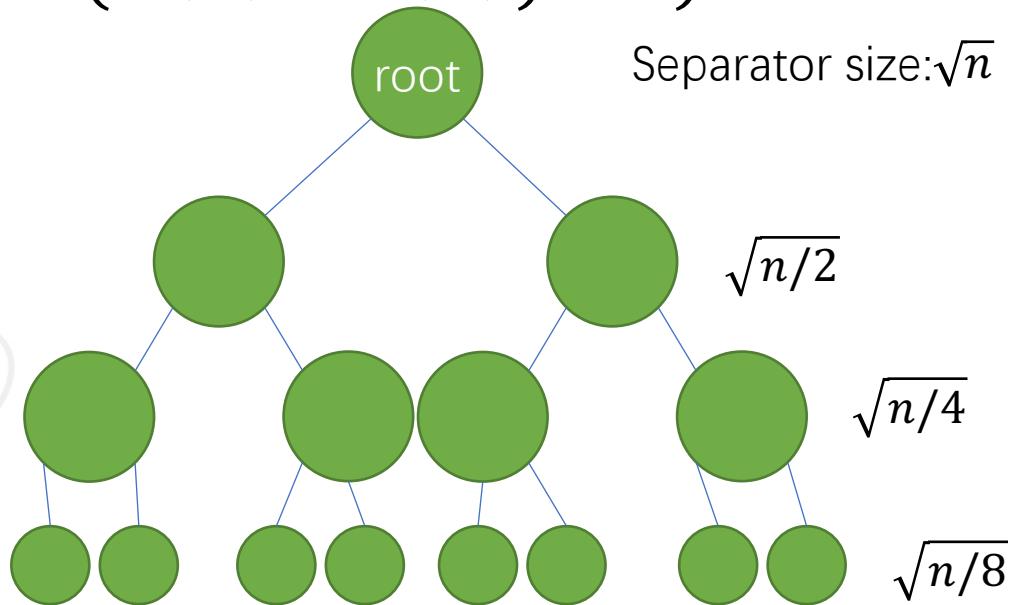
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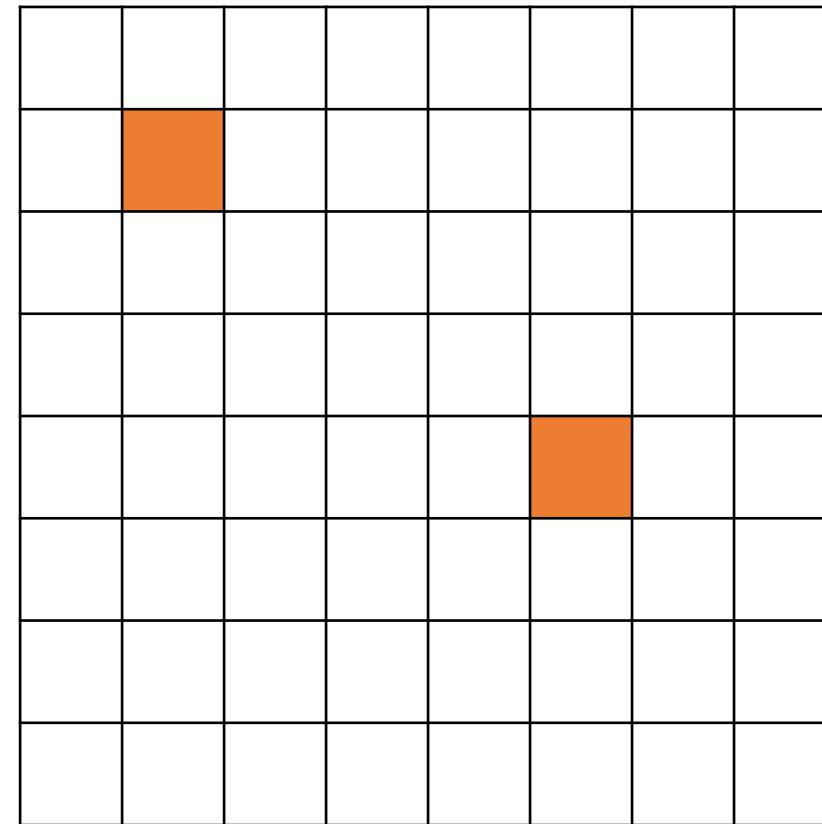


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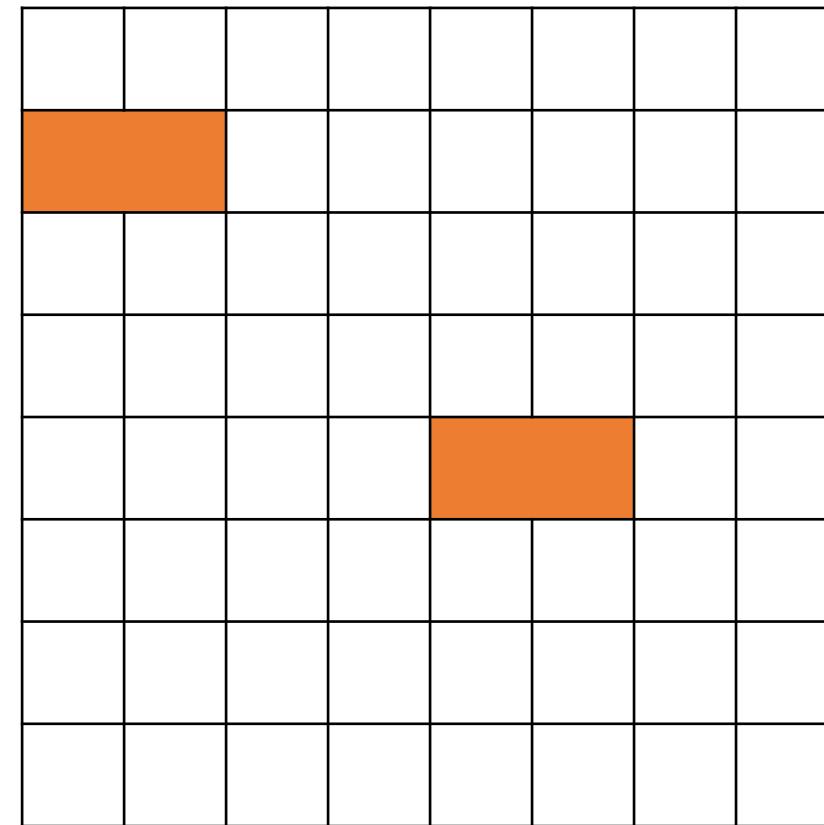
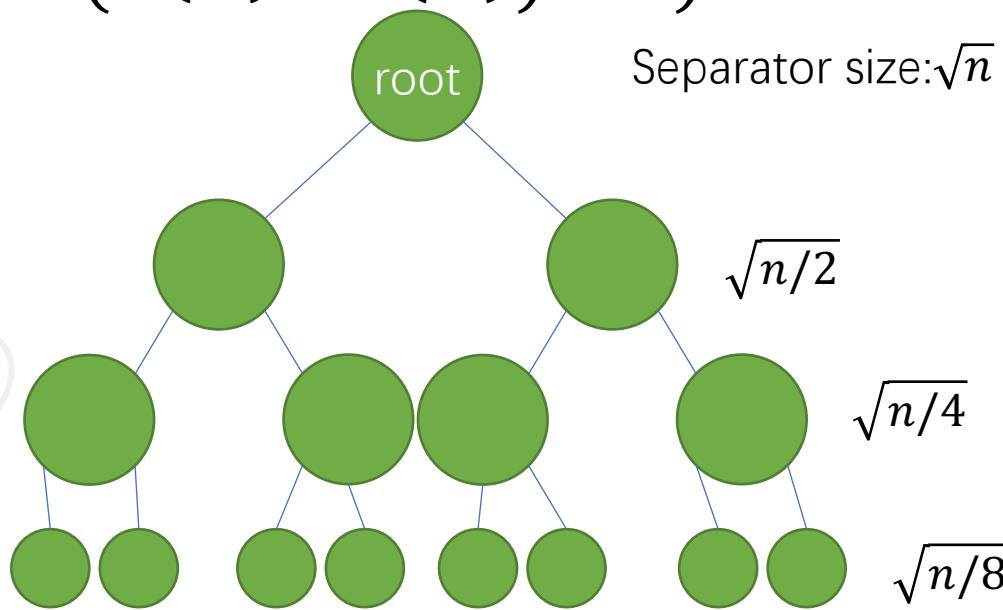


Separator size:  $\sqrt{n}$



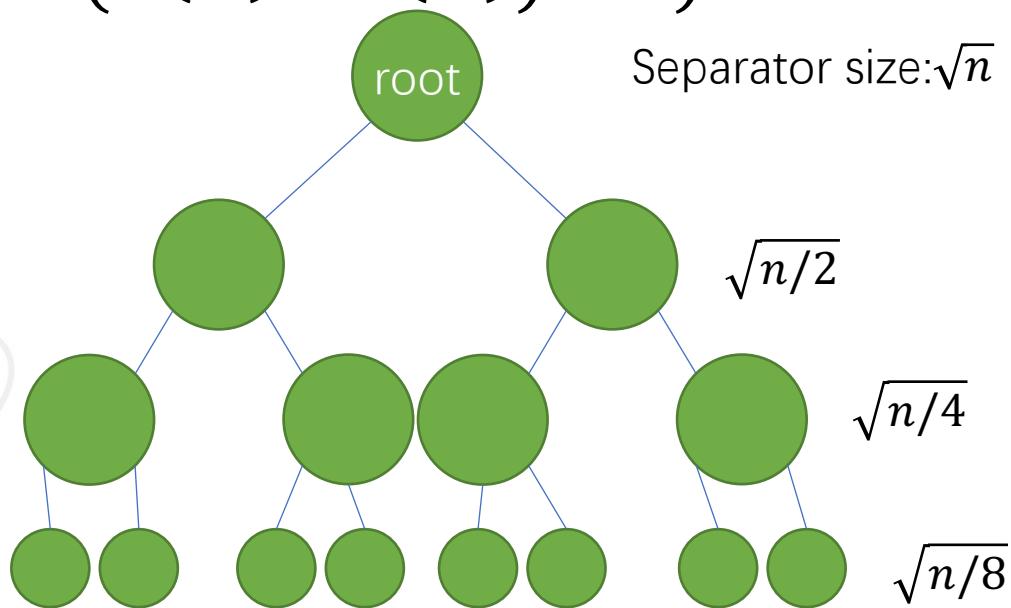
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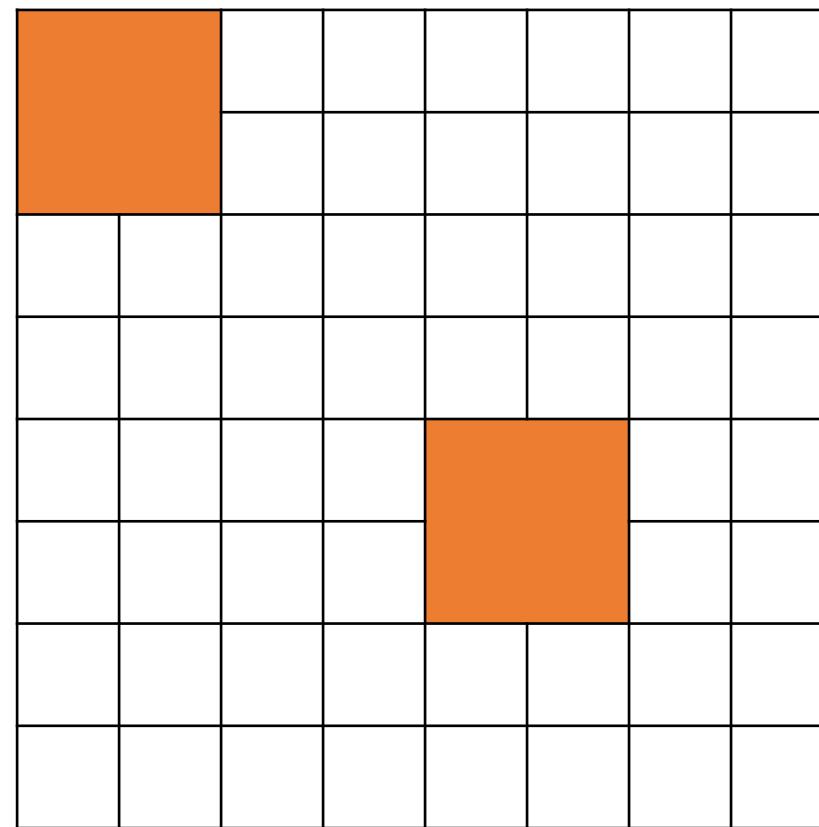


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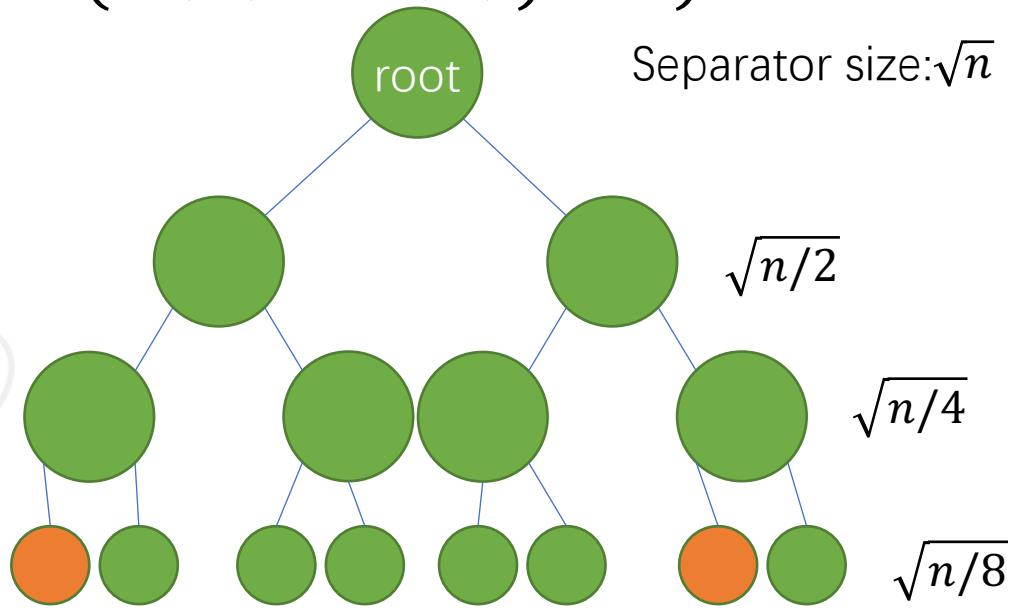


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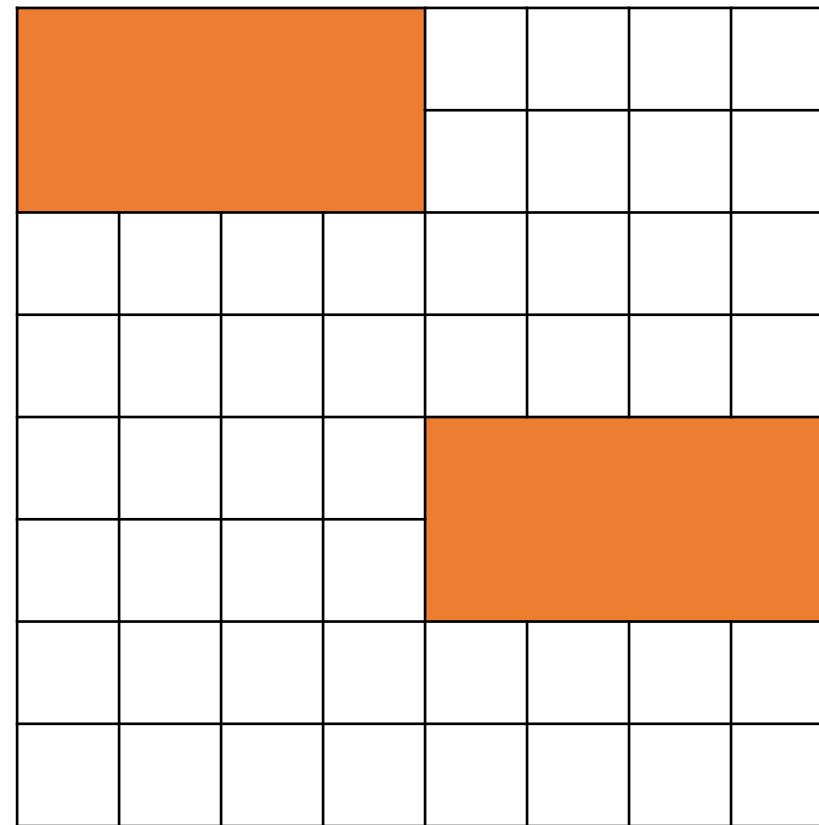


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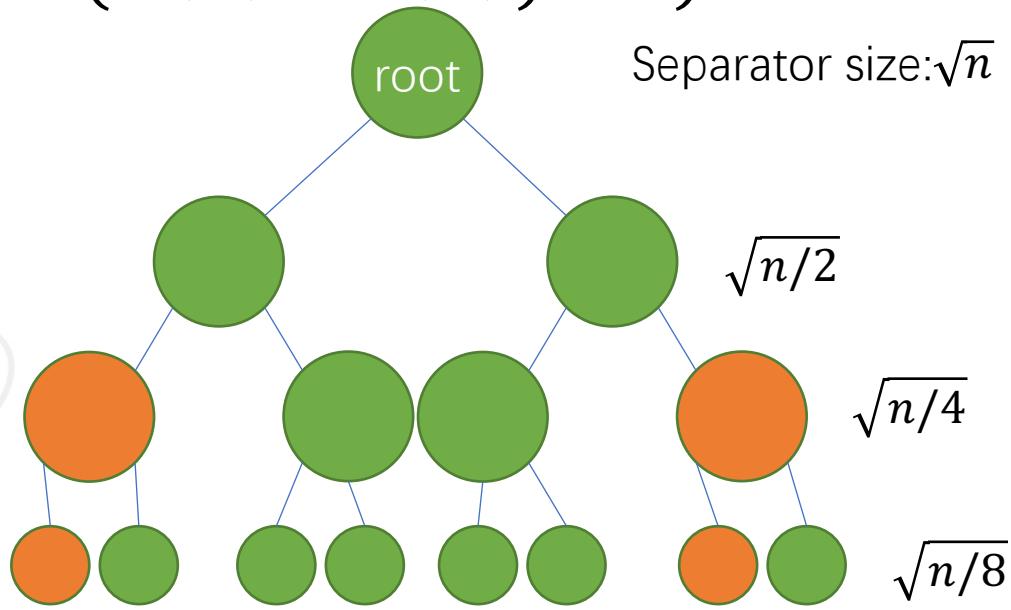


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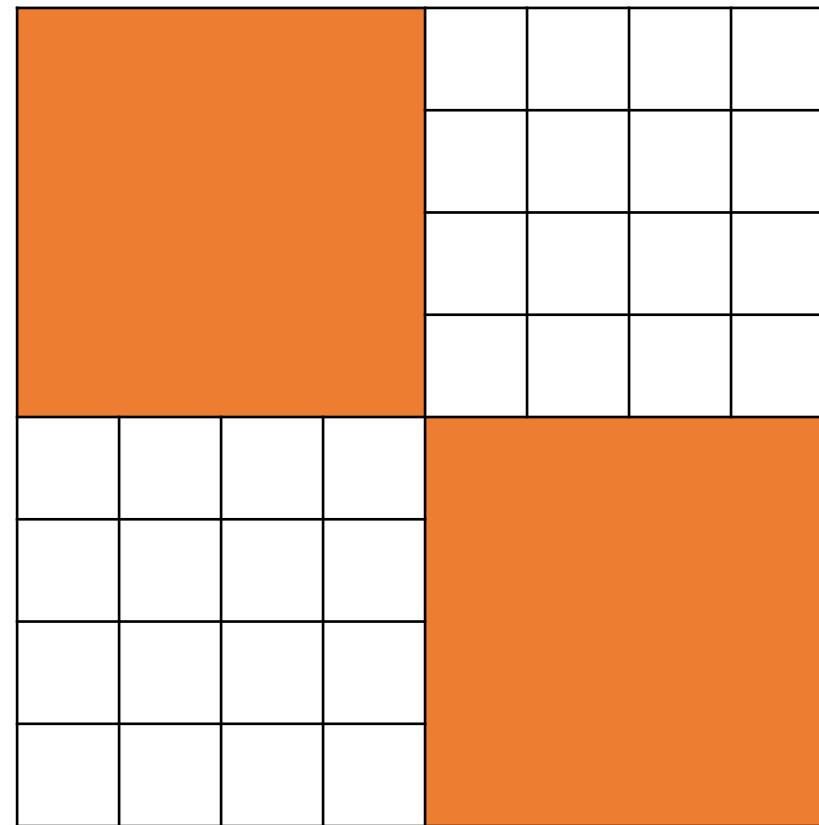


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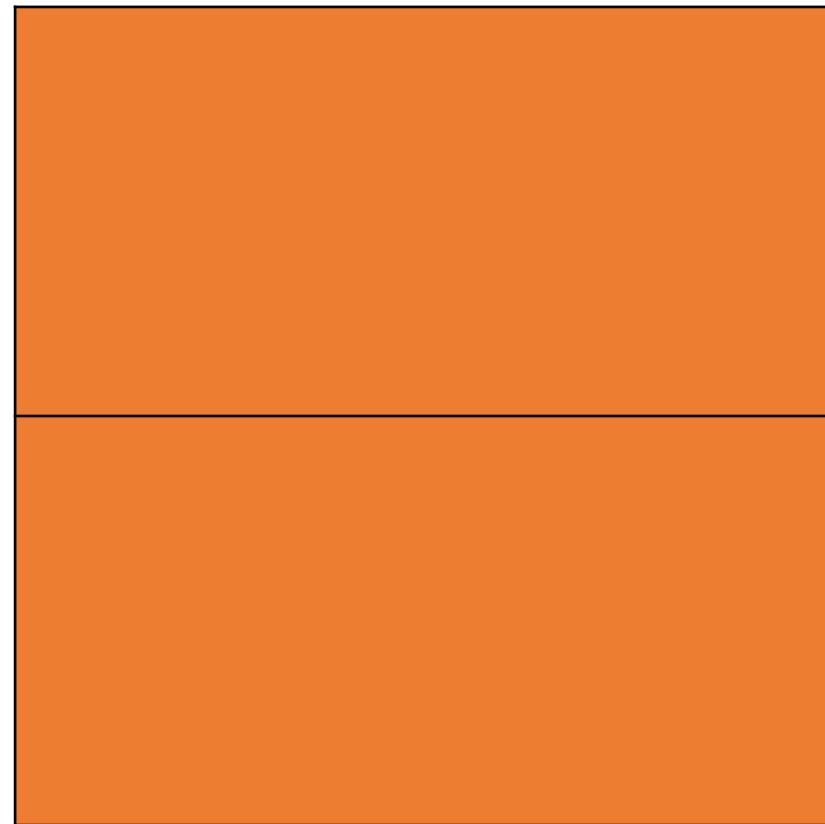
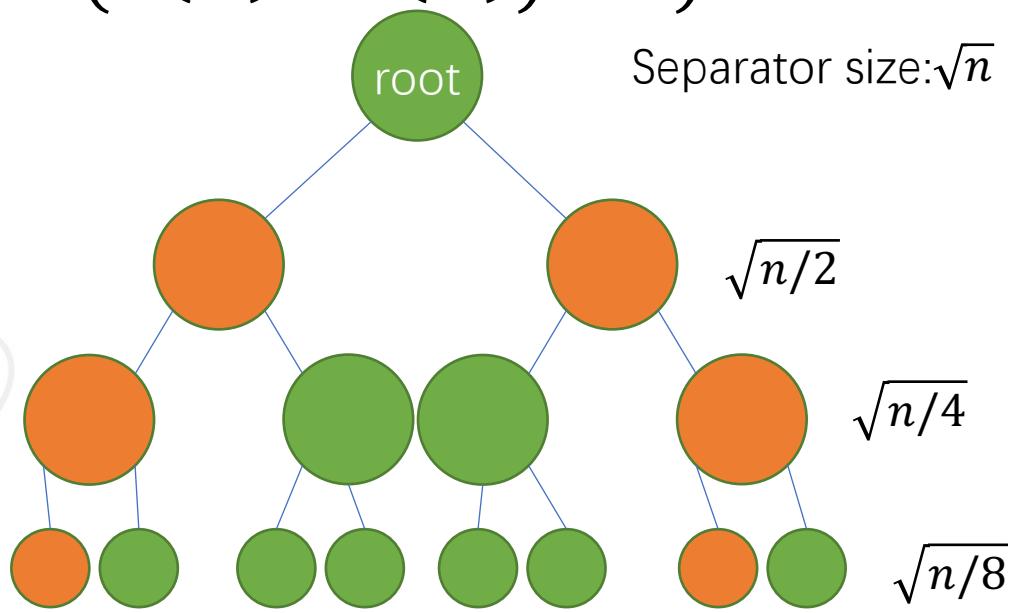


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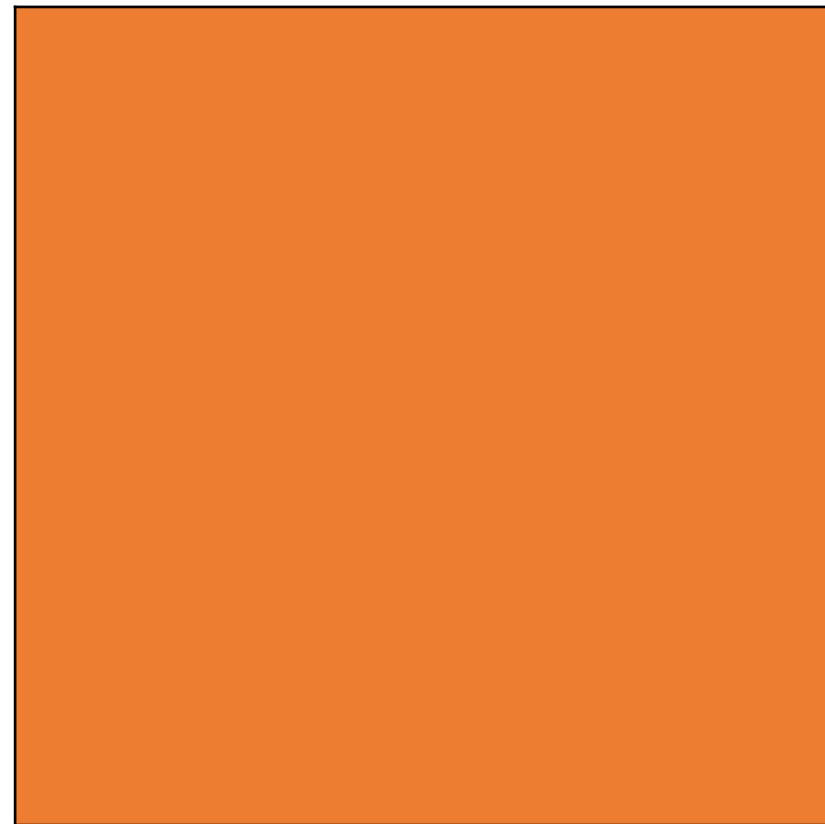
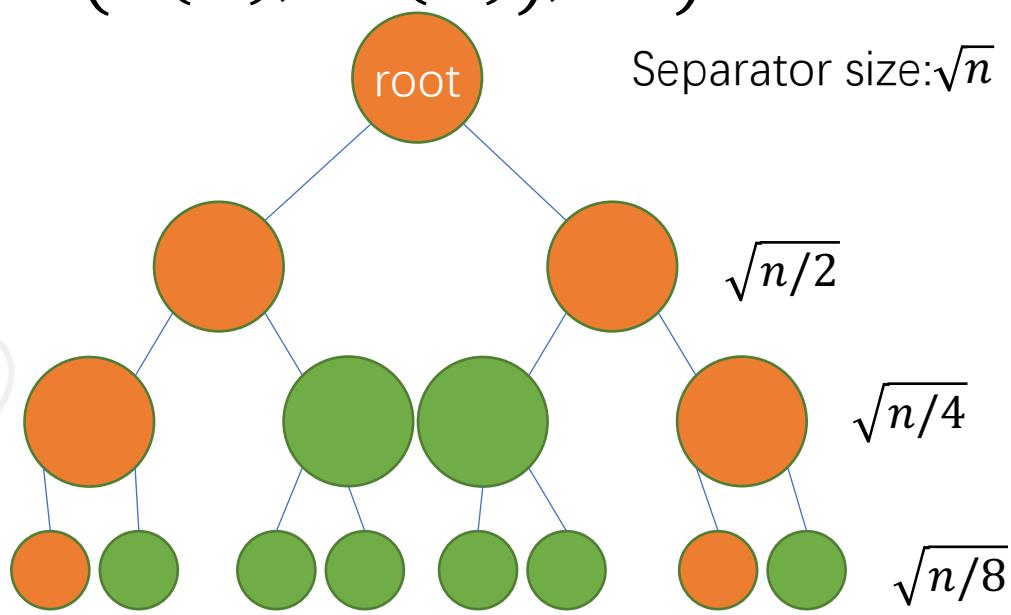
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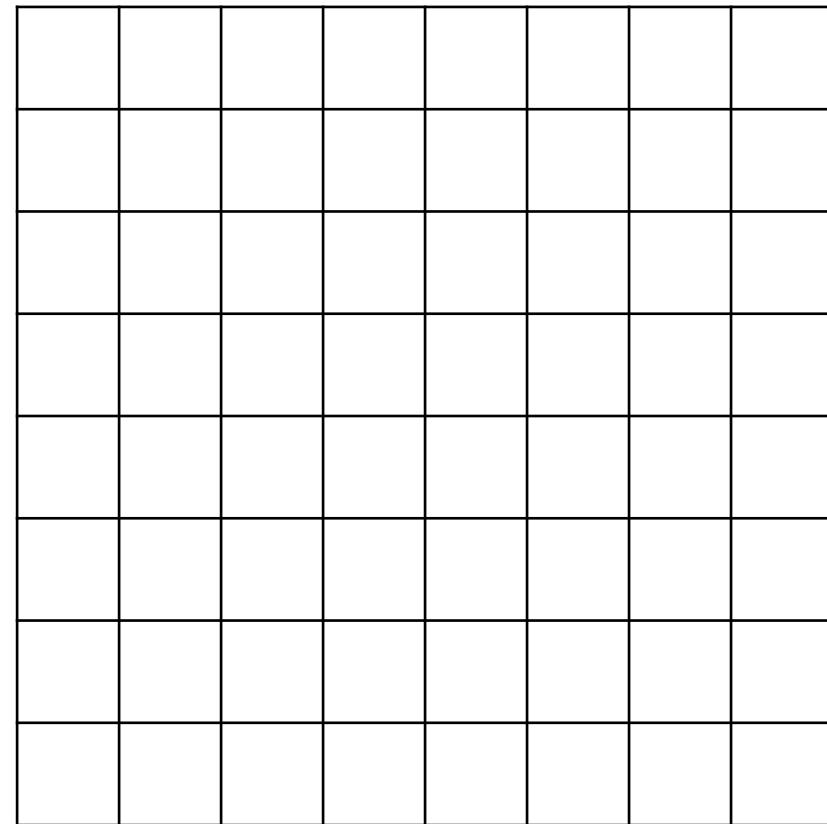
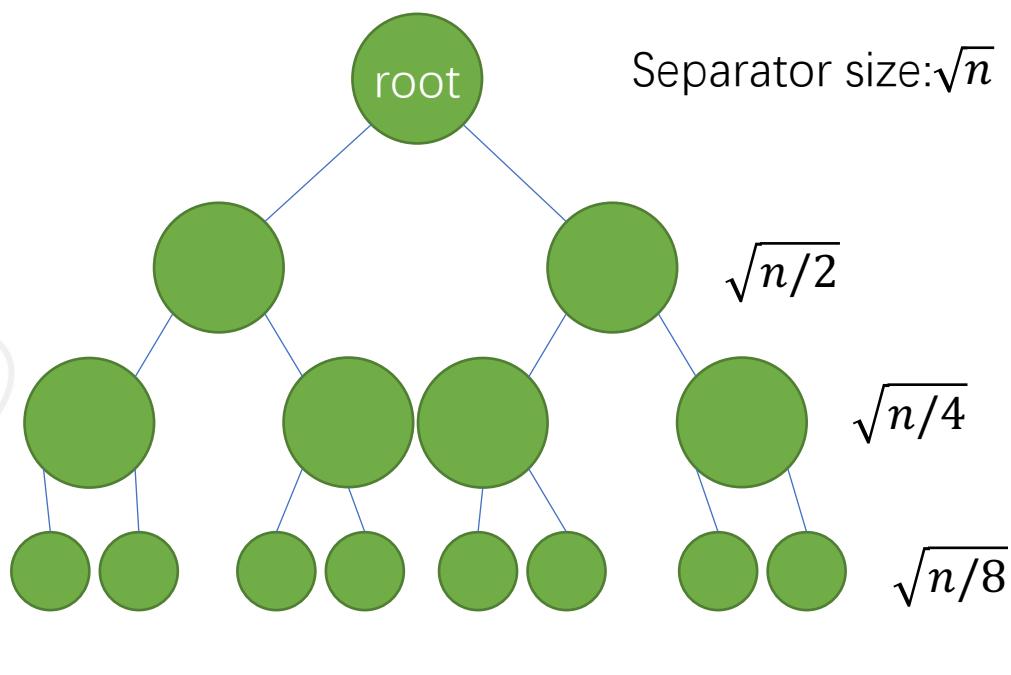
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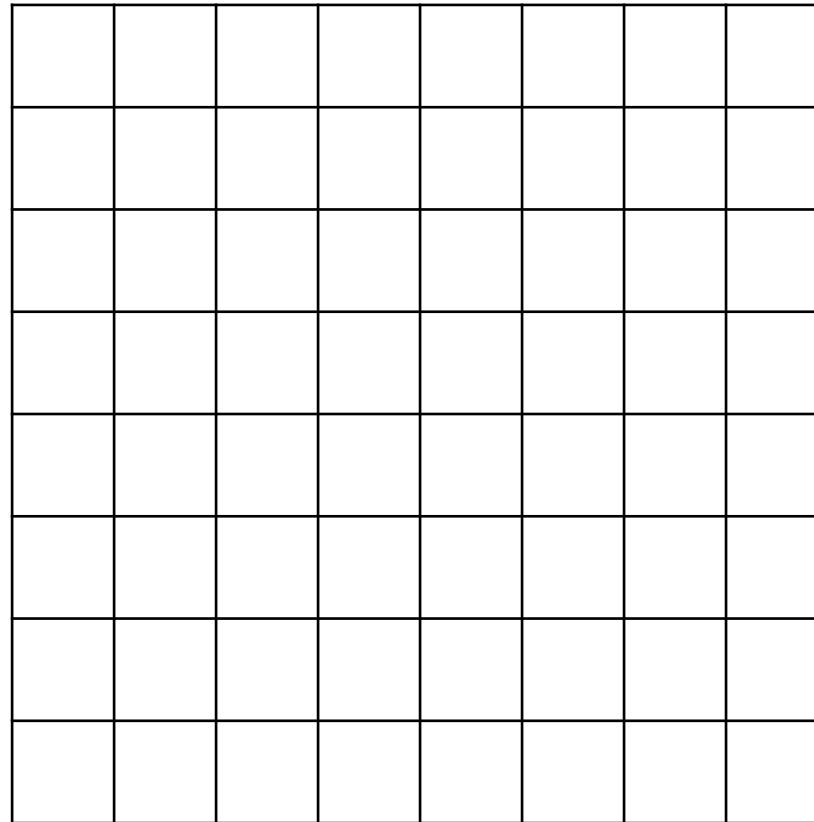
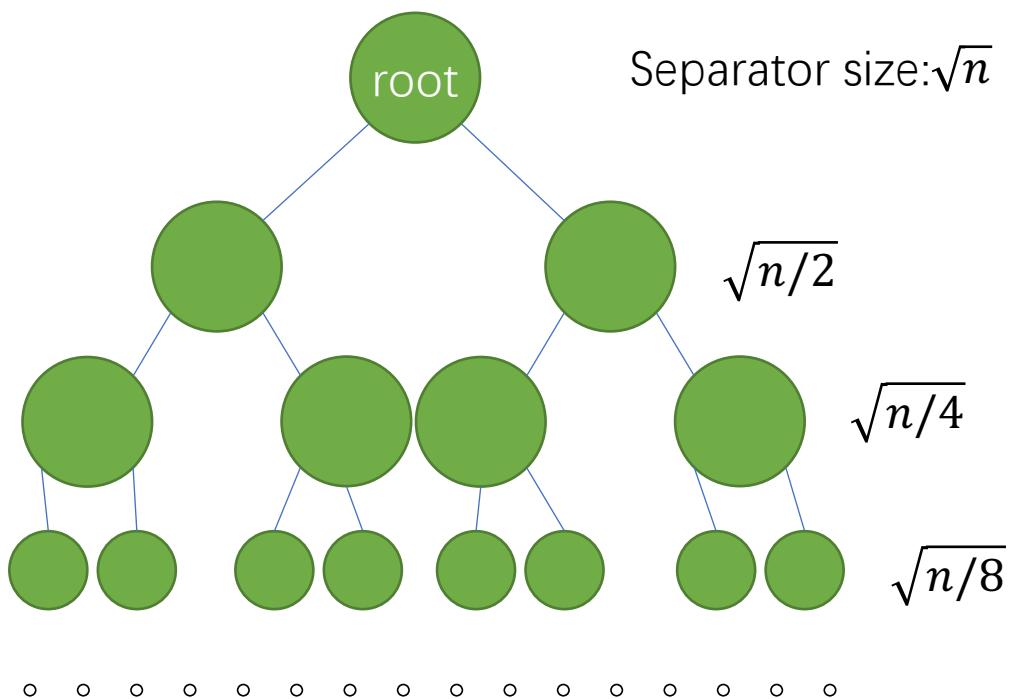
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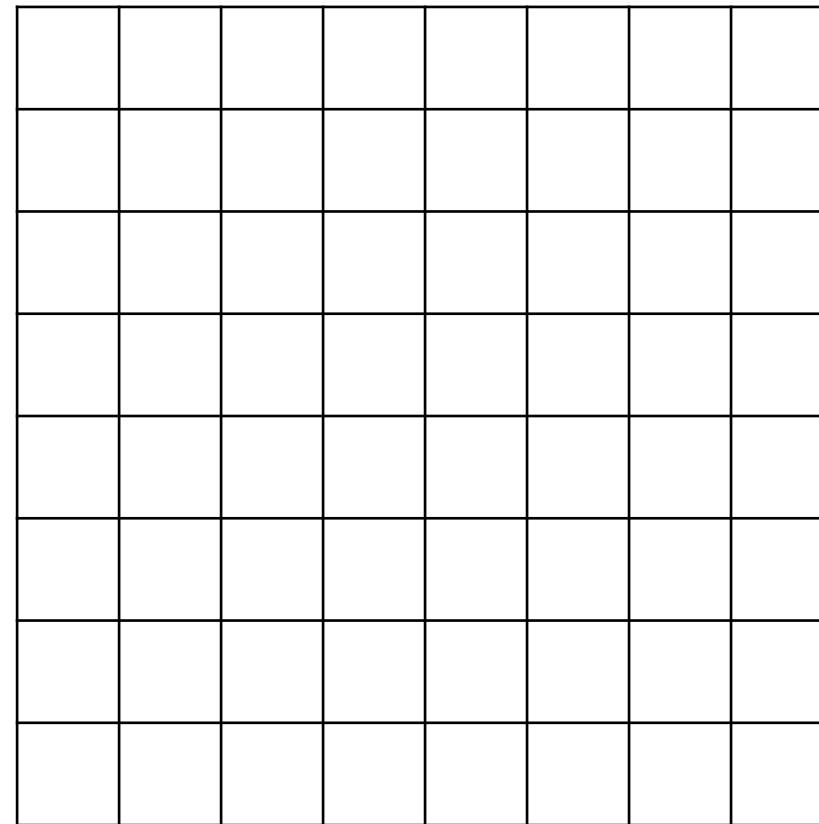
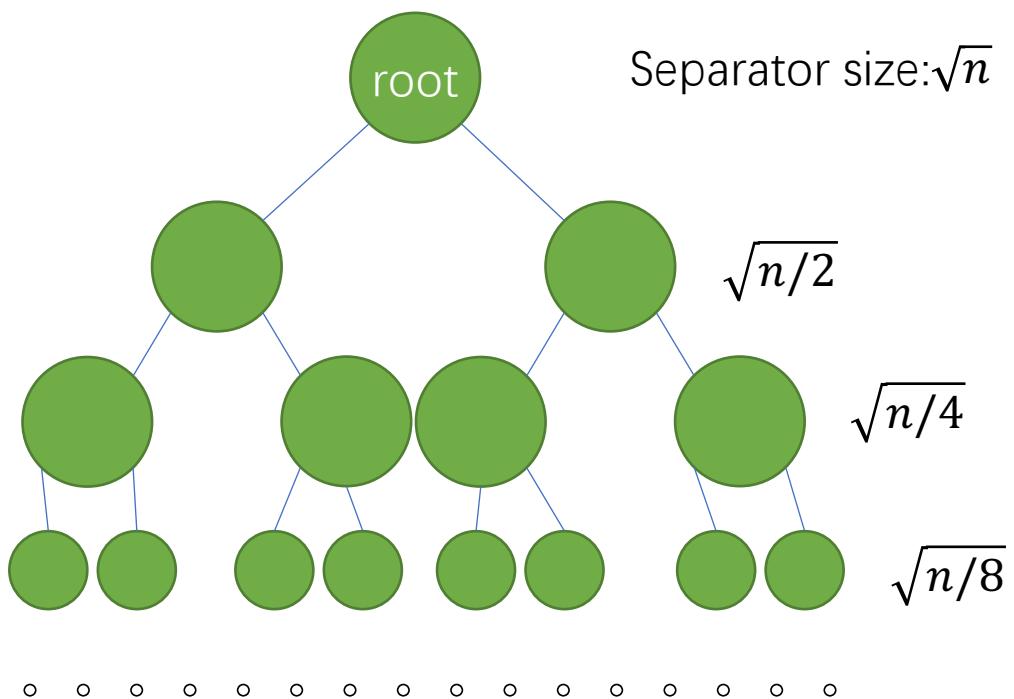
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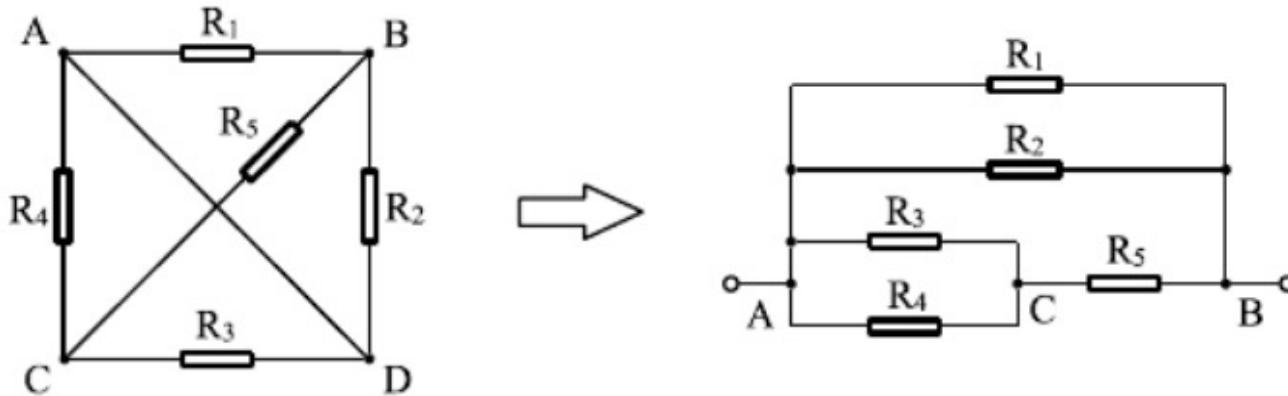
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- Interior point method:  $\sqrt{n/k}$  batches of  $k$  updates each
- Dynamic electric flow:  $k$  updates in  $\sqrt{nk}$  time

- Karate Club and Graph Laplacian
- Dynamic Laplacian by Schur Complement
- Dynamic Laplacian for Planar Graphs
- Dynamic Laplacian for General Graphs (By random walks)

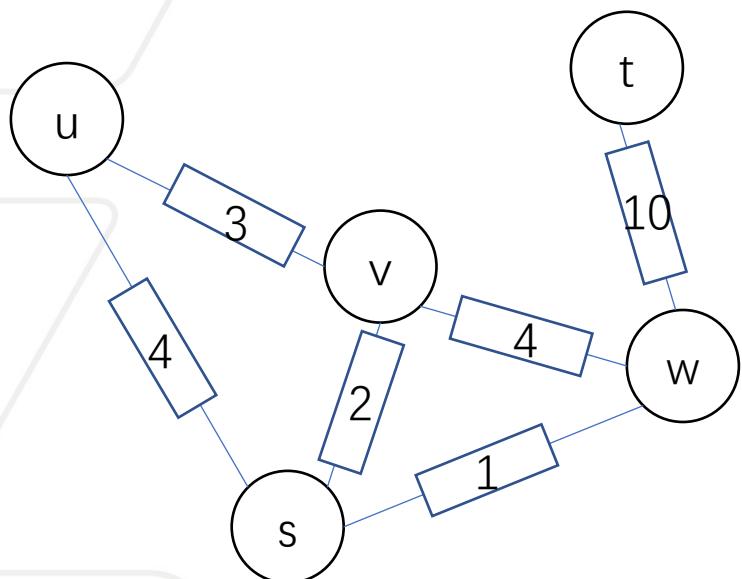
# Dynamic Laplacian on General Graphs

- (1)  $\text{Update}(e, \mathbf{r}_e^{\text{new}})$ : Change the resistance of  $e$  to  $\mathbf{r}_e^{\text{new}}$
- (2)  $\text{Query}(v)$ : Output the potential of any vertex  $v$  in the unit  $s - t$  electrical flow

What is the potential of A?



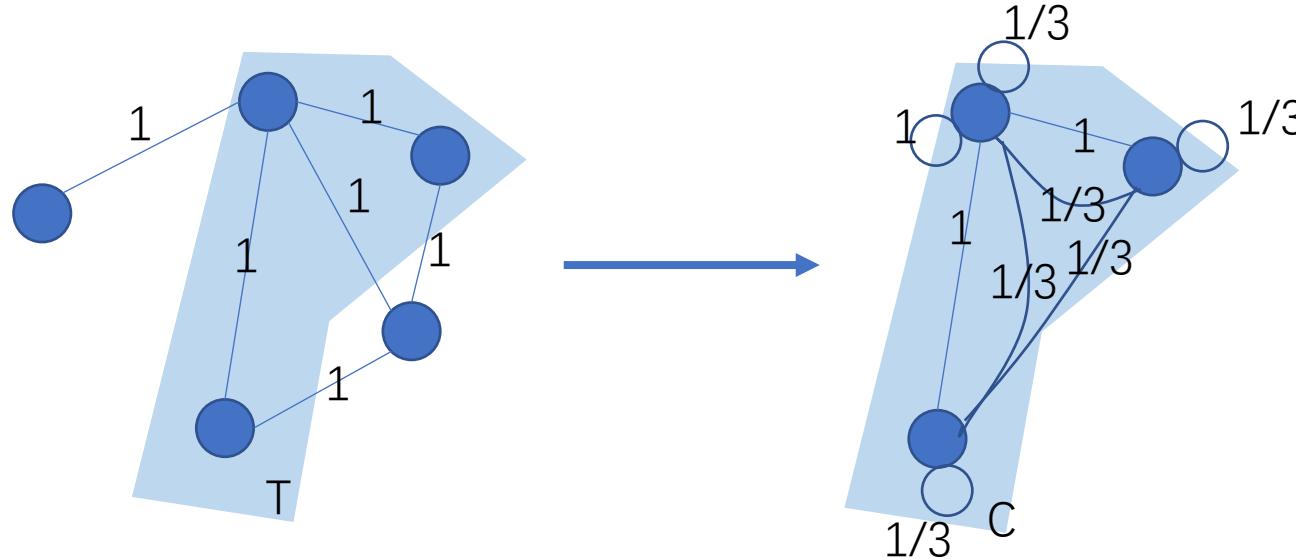
# Graph Laplacian – Random Walks



- [Doyle-Snell '84] Unit electrical flow from  $s$  to  $t$  is the expected trajectory of a random walk from  $s$  to  $t$ , with cancellations, w.r.t. to the edge conductances.
- Flow  $f_e$  on edge  $e = uv$ :  $E_{\text{rand walk}}[\# \text{ of } uv - \# \text{ of } vu]$
- Potential  $\Phi_v$  of vertex  $v$ :  $\propto \Pr_{\text{r.w. from } v} [\text{s is visited before t}]$

# Schur Complement – Equivalent Electric Network

- Let  $C$  be a subset of vertices. Suppose we only care about energies of edges in  $C$ .



- $Sc(G, C)$  preserves the energies on edges between vertices in  $C$

# Schur Complement – Compressed Random Walk

- If a random walk goes outside, take it back with the correct probability distribution over vertices in  $C$

- $Sc(G, C) =$

$$\sum_{u^{(0)}, u^{(1)} \in C, \forall 1 \leq i < l, u^{(i)} \notin C} \frac{\prod_{0 \leq j < k} w_{u^{(j)} u^{(j+1)}}}{\prod_{0 < j < k} \deg(u^{(j)})}$$

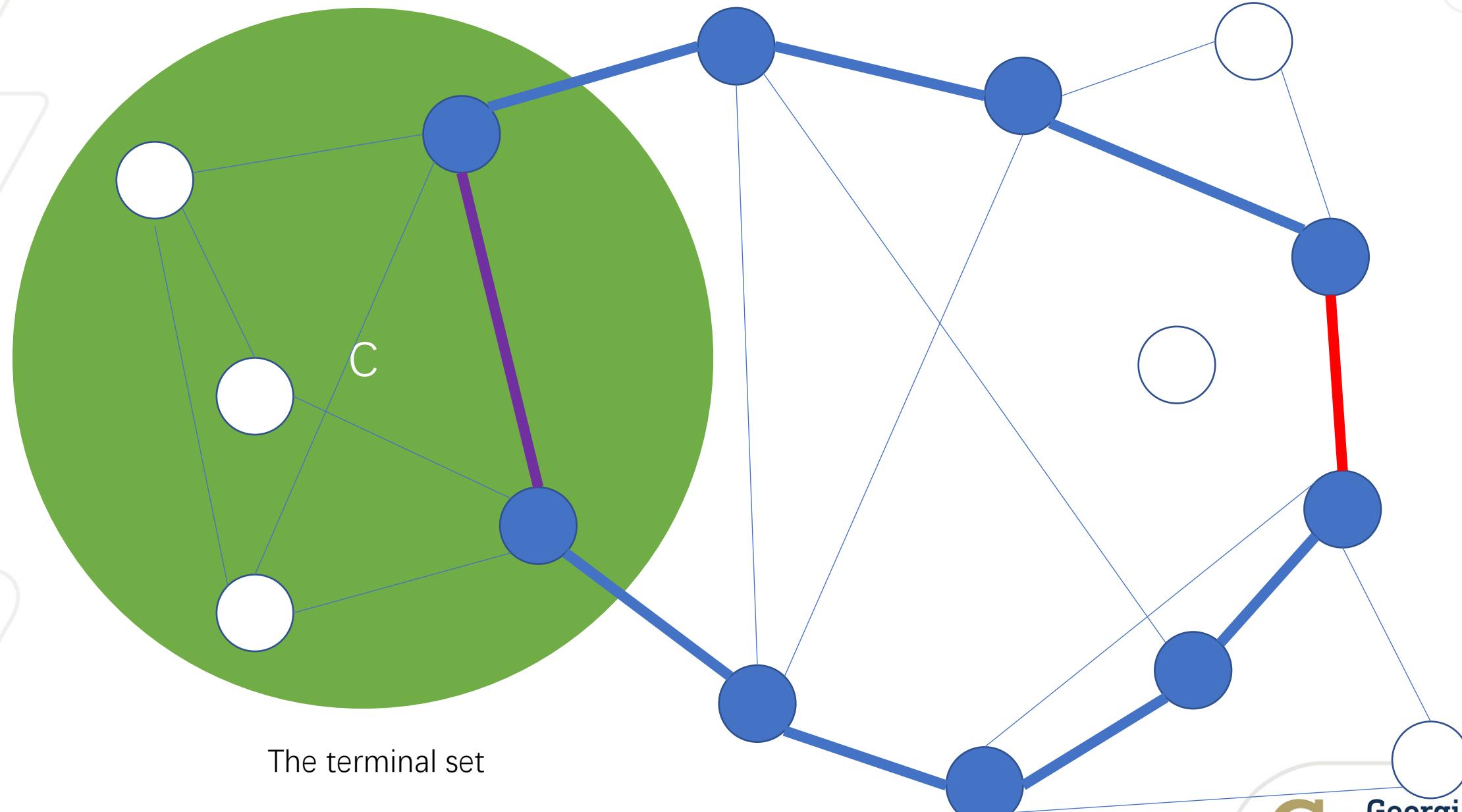
(Sum over all random walks from  $C$  to  $C$  whose interior is disjoint from  $C$ )

# Schur Complement: Static Approximation

- [DGGP '19] Theorem: Let  $C$  be a subset of vertices. For each edge  $uv = e \in E$ , repeat  $\rho = \tilde{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$  times:
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Then  $H$  is an  $\epsilon$ -approximation of  $Sc(G, C)$

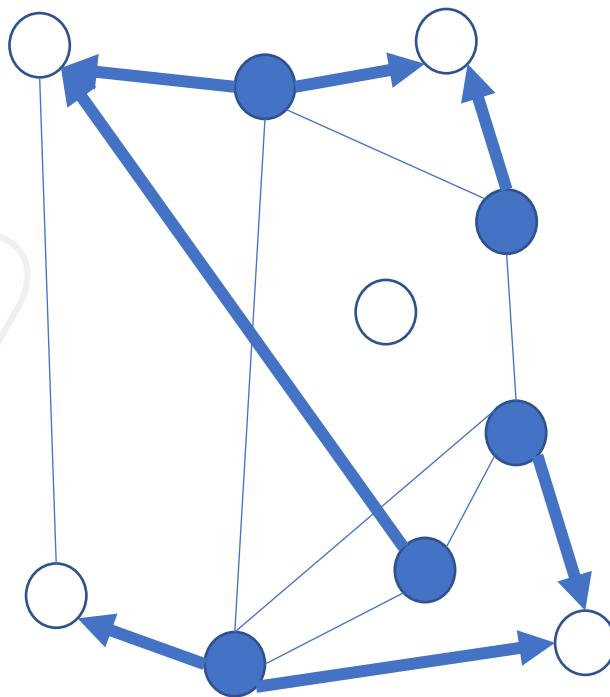
Edge energies are preserved upto  $(1 \pm \epsilon)$



The terminal set

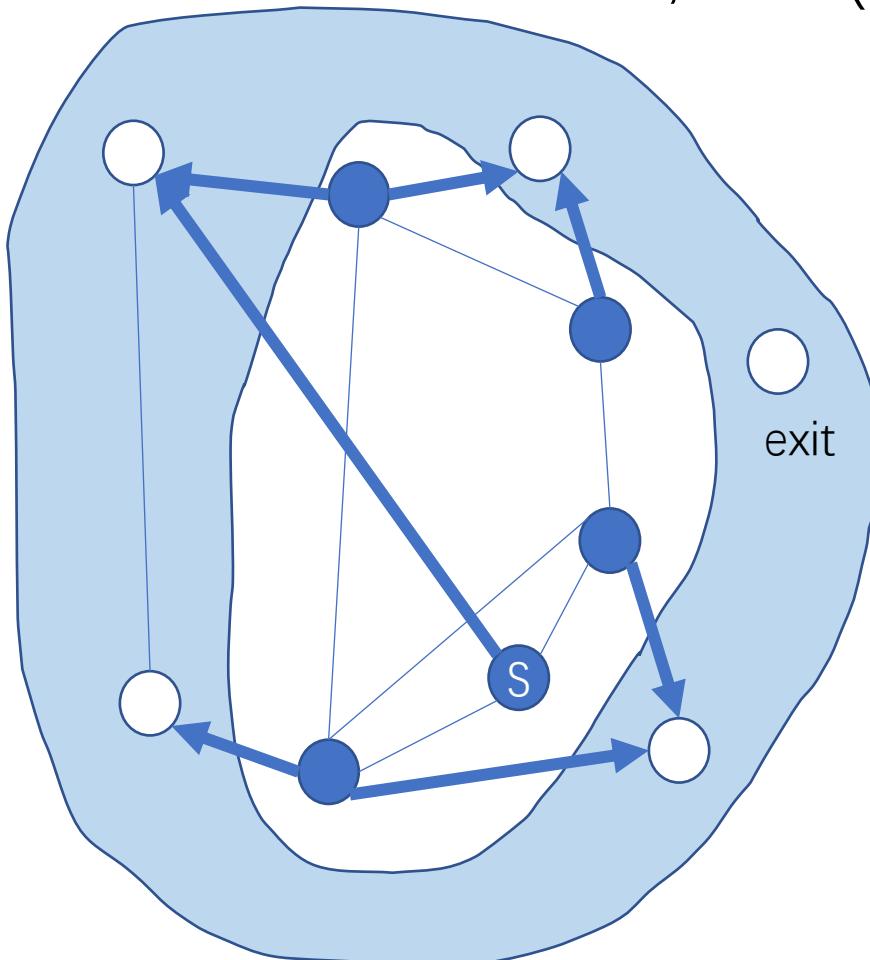
# Sample random walk: Morris walk

- Need: First  $k$  distinct vertices visited and length of walk in between
- Repeat: Given the visited vertex, find (sample) the next new vertex



# Sample random walk: Morris walk

- Given the visited vertex, find (sample) the next new vertex



States:  $U \cup N(U)$

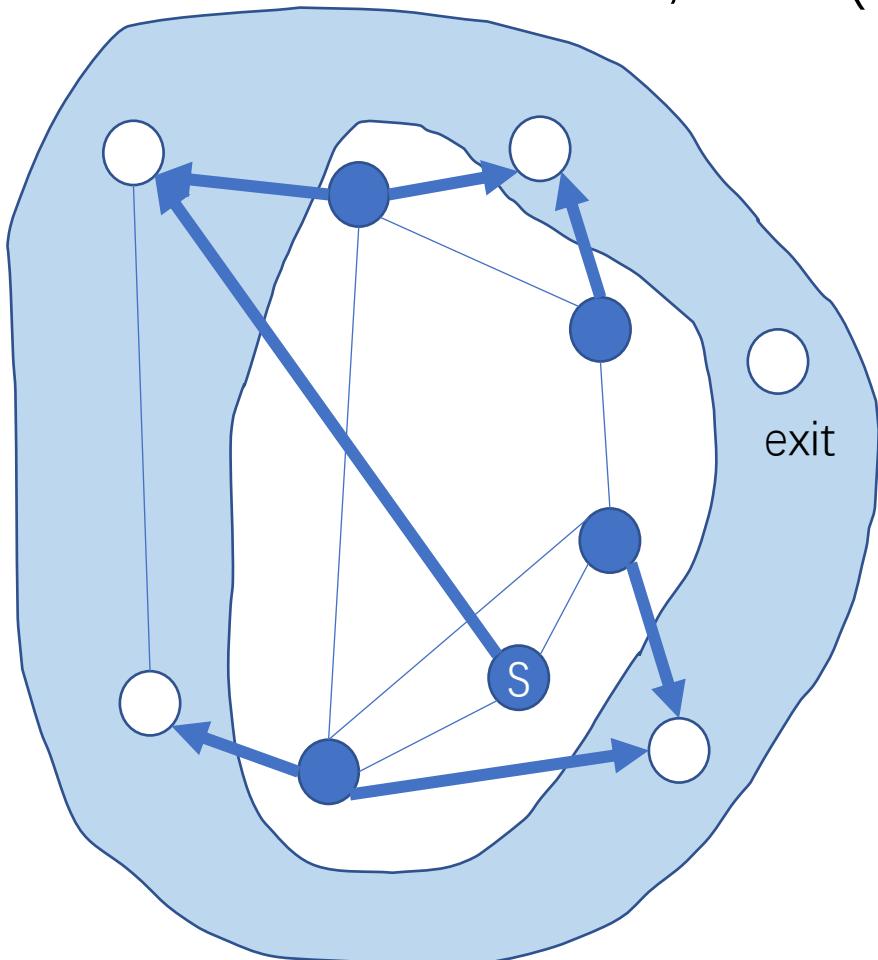
Exit states:  $N(U)$

Non exit states:  $U$

Goal: Sample the next exit state

# Sample random walk: Morris walk

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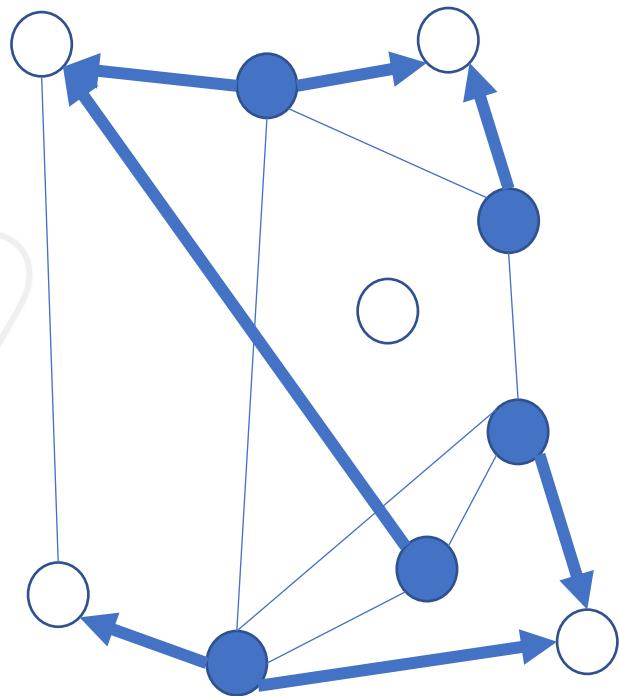


Electric current on  $e$   
= expected trajectory on  $e$   
=  $\Pr[e \text{ is the last edge before exit}]$

Laplacian solver ✓

# Sample random walk: Morris walk

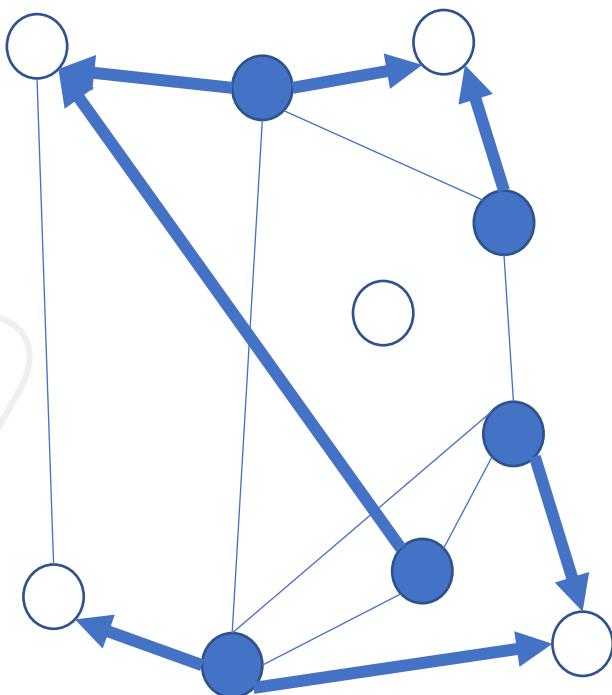
- Given the visited vertex, **sample** the next new vertex and **length**
- Dynamic programming: Can only get expectation of length



Solution: Morris counter [Morris' 1978]  
The counter stores  $x = \log n$   
Increase Counter:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$  with probability  $1/2^x$   
Property: By increasing the counter  $2^x$  times,  $x$  is increased by 1 in expectation.

# Sample random walk: Morris walk

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# Solution: Morris counter [Morris' 1978]

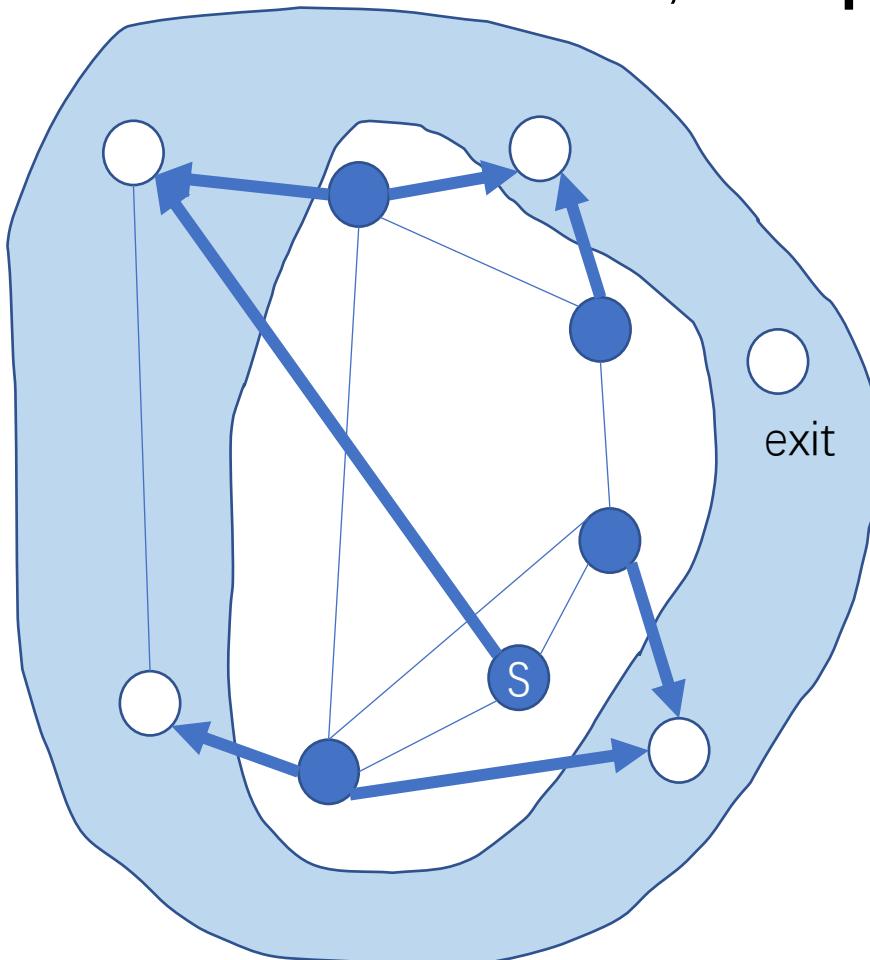
The counter stores  $x = \log_{1+\epsilon} \epsilon n + 1$

Increase Counter: with probability  $1/(1 + \epsilon)^x$

Theorem:  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}((1 + \epsilon)^X - 1)$  is w.h.p.  $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation of true counter

# Sample random walk: Morris walk

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Current Morris counter value:  $x$

States:  $V \times \mathbb{Z}$

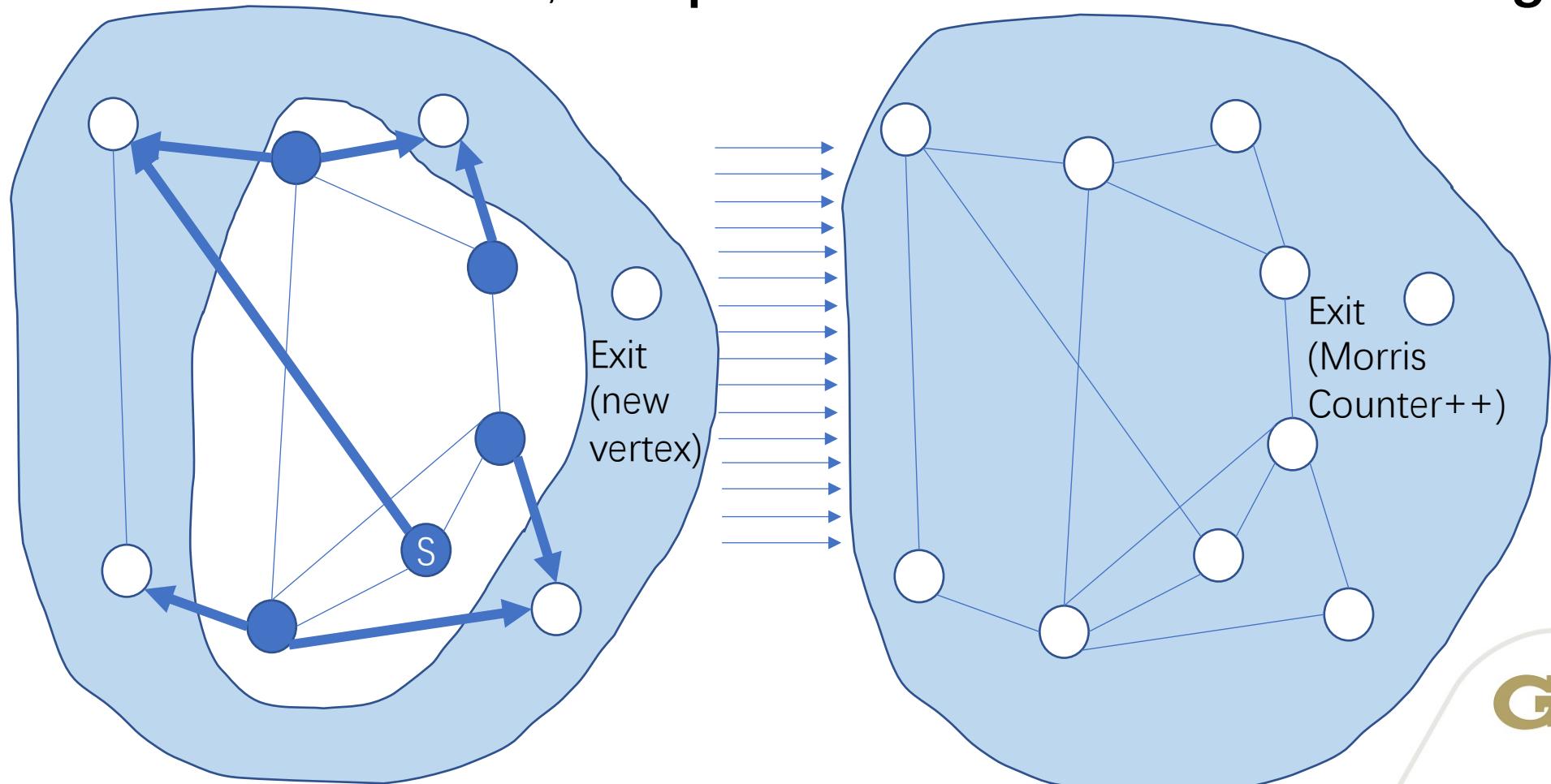
Exit states:  $N(U) \times \{x\}$  and  $V \times \{\geq x + 1\}$

Non exit states:  $U \times \{x\}$

Goal: Sample the next exit state

# Sample random walk: Morris walk

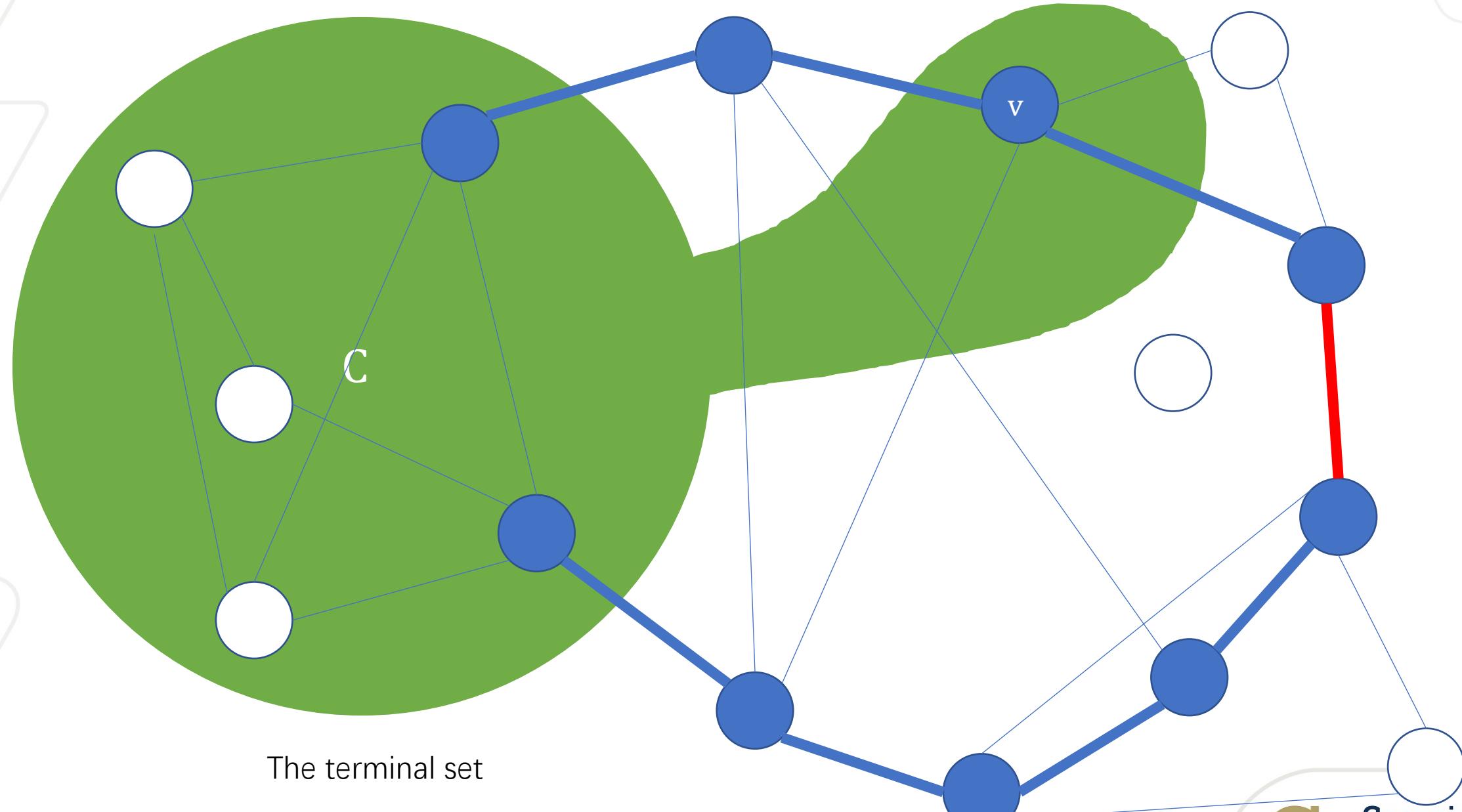
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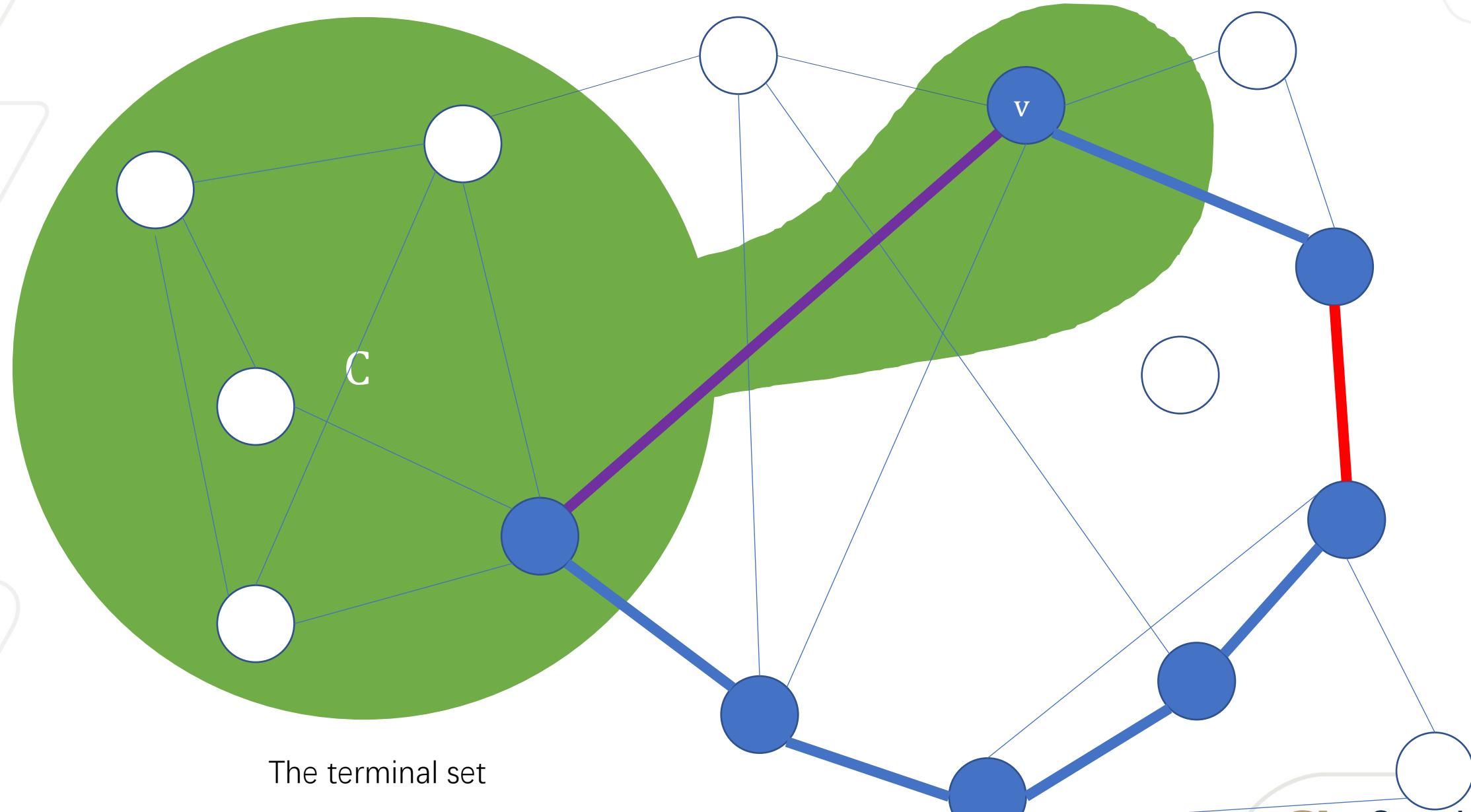
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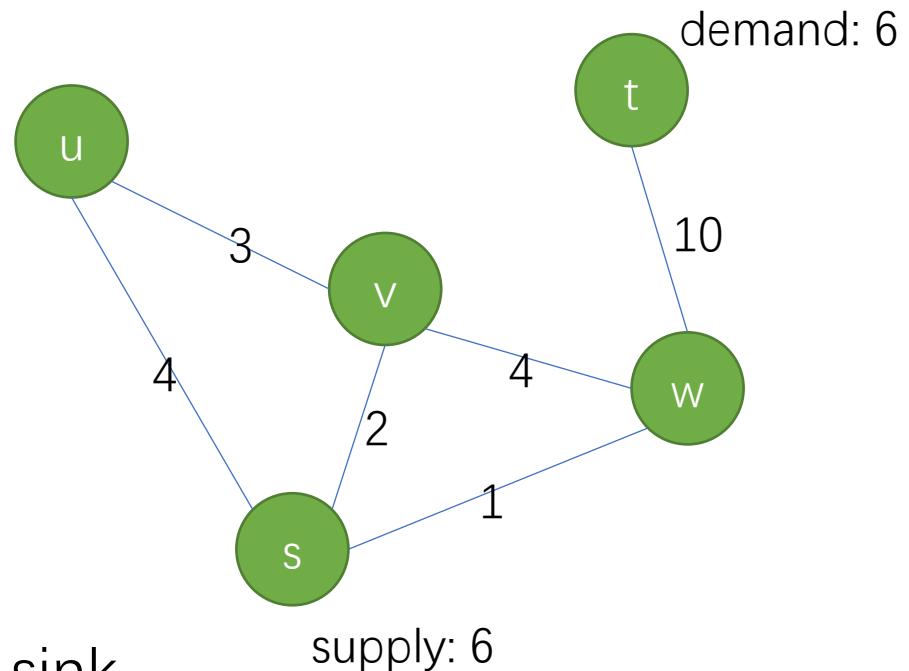
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Dynamic Schur Complement – Step 2

# Application: Maxflow

- Given
  - Graph  $G = (V, E)$
  - Capacities of the edges
  - Demand or supply of the source and sink
- Q: Can we fulfill the demand/supply by a flow not exceeding the capacities?



# Pseudocode of Maxflow by IPM+Electric flow

while(more than 1 unit of flow remaining)

    Determine edge resistances  $r$  by flows and capacities

    Calculate electric flow from  $s$  to  $t$  by  $r$

    Route  $1/\sqrt{m}$  fraction of flow from  $s$  to  $t$

# Electric flow to accelerate maxflow

- Theorem [GLP' 21]: Let  $G$  be a graph with  $m$  edges. Assume all demands and capacities are bounded by  $M$ .  $\exists$  Algorithm computes a minimum cost flow in  $O(m^{3/2-1/328} \log^{O(1)} m \log M)$  time.
- Improve over the 20-year-old  $O(m^{3/2} \log^{O(1)} m \log M)$  result by [Goldberg-Rao' 98]

# Capacity Releasing Diffusion [WFHMR' 17]

- Flow diffusion: a process that spreads mass among vertices by sending mass along edges

Thank you!