

# Approximation Algorithms for the Fault-Tolerant Facility Placement Problem

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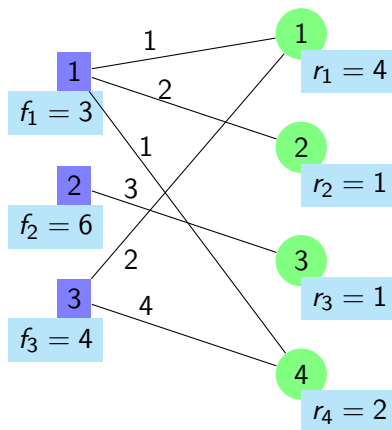
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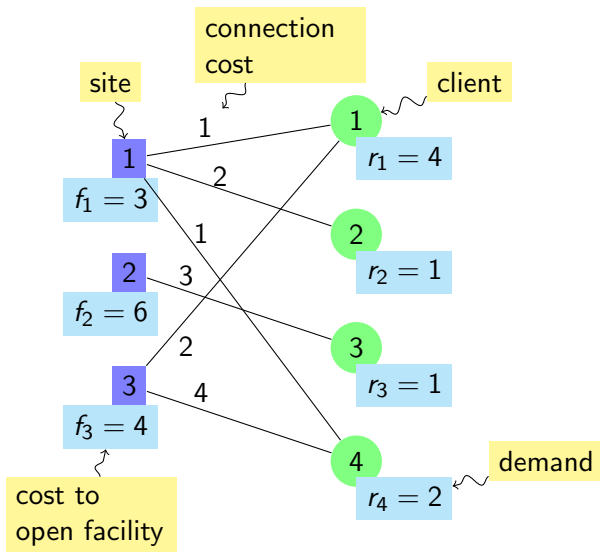
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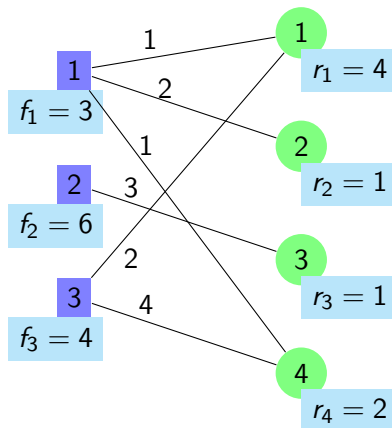
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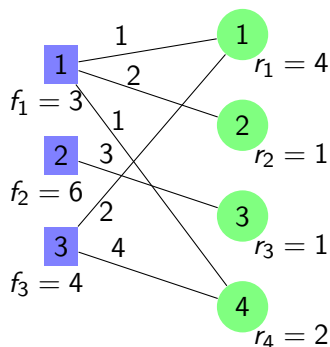
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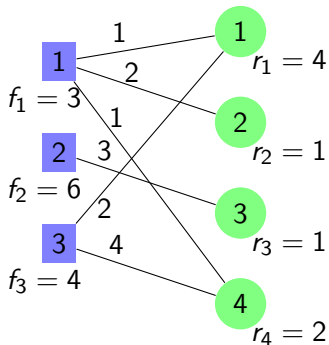


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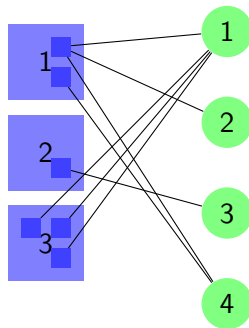


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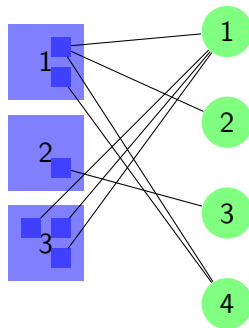
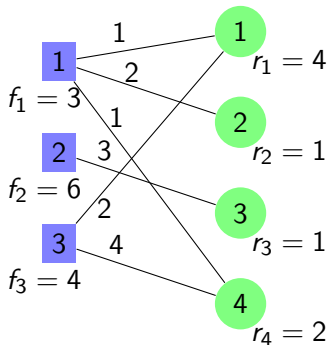
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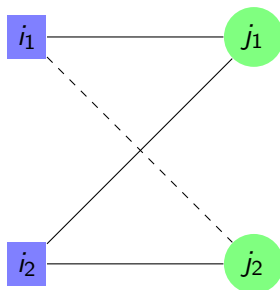
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Cost

$$2f_1 + f_2 + 3f_3 + d_{11} + d_{12} + 2d_{14} + d_{23} + 3d_{31} = 38$$

# Metric Distances: Triangle Inequality



$$d(i_1, j_2) \leq d(i_1, j_1) + d(i_2, j_1) + d(i_2, j_2)$$

Needed when estimating distances...

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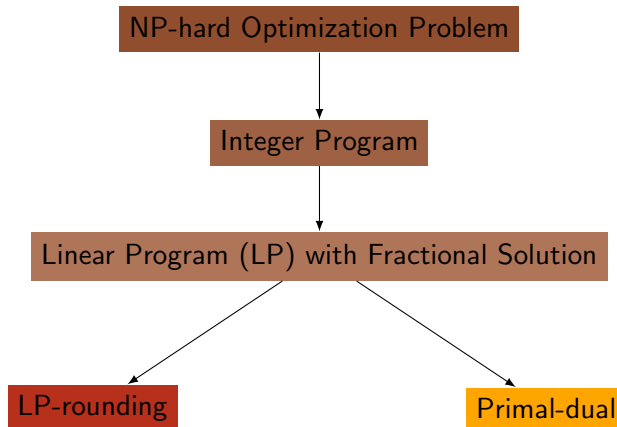
# Hardness

## How hard is FTFP?

FTFP is NP-hard

FTFP is MaxSNP-hard

Best ratio  $\geq 1.463$  unless  $P = NP$



# Results Highlight

- LP-rounding: 1.575-approximation
- LP-rounding: asymptotic ratio of 1 when all demands large
- Primal-dual:  $H_n$ -approximation
- Primal-dual: Example of  $\Omega(\log n / \log \log n)$  for dual-fitting

# Relation between Problems

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UFL	1.575
FTFP	1.575
FTFL	1.7245

Primal-dual	
UFL	1.52
FTFP	$O(\log n)$
FTFL	$O(\log n)$

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# Related Work for UFL

## Approximation Results for UFL

Shmoys, Tardos and Aardal	1997	3.16	LP-rounding
Chudak	1998	1.736	LP-rounding
Sviridenko	2002	1.58	LP-rounding
Jain and Vazirani	2001	3	primal-dual
Jain <i>et al.</i>	2002	1.61	greedy
Mahdian <i>et al.</i>	2002	1.52	greedy
Arya <i>et al.</i>	2004	3	local search
Byrka	2007	1.5	hybrid
Li	2011	1.488	hybrid

## Lower Bound

Guha and Khuller	1998	1.463
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# Related Work for FTFL

## Approximation Algorithms for FTFL

Jain and Vazirani	2000	$3 \ln \max_j r_j$	primal-dual
Guha <i>et al.</i>	2001	4	LP-rounding
Swamy, Shmoys	2008	2.076	LP-rounding
Byrka <i>et al.</i>	2010	1.7245	LP-rounding

No primal-dual algorithms for FTFL with constant ratio.

# Work on FTFP (Dissertation Topic)

## Approximation Algorithms for FTFP

Xu and Shen	2009		Introduced FTFP
Liao and Shen	2011	1.861	Dual-fitting (for special case)
Yan and Chrobak	2011	3.16	LP-rounding
Yan and Chrobak	2012	1.575	LP-rounding
Yan and Chrobak	preliminary results		Dual-fitting (for general case)

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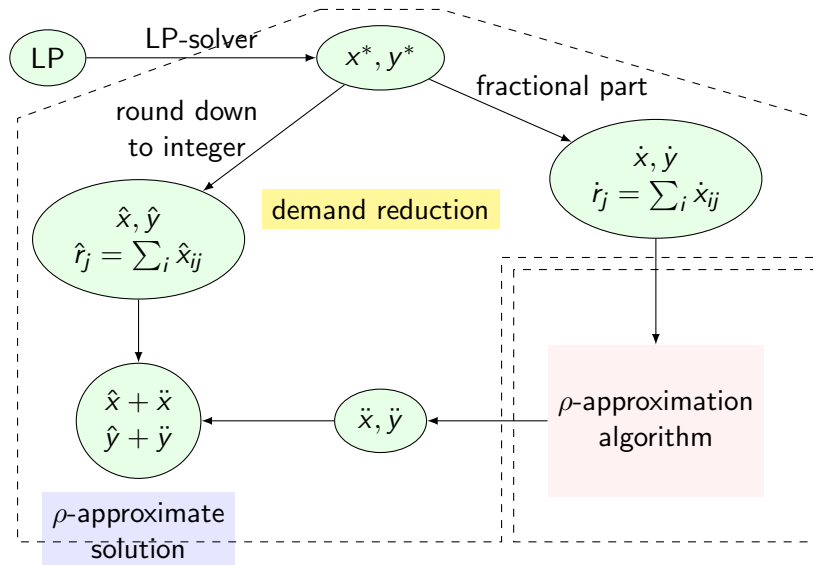
# LP Formulation for FTFP

- $y_i$  = number of facilities open at site  $i \in \mathbb{F}$
- $x_{ij}$  = number of connections from client  $j \in \mathbb{C}$  to site  $i \in \mathbb{F}$

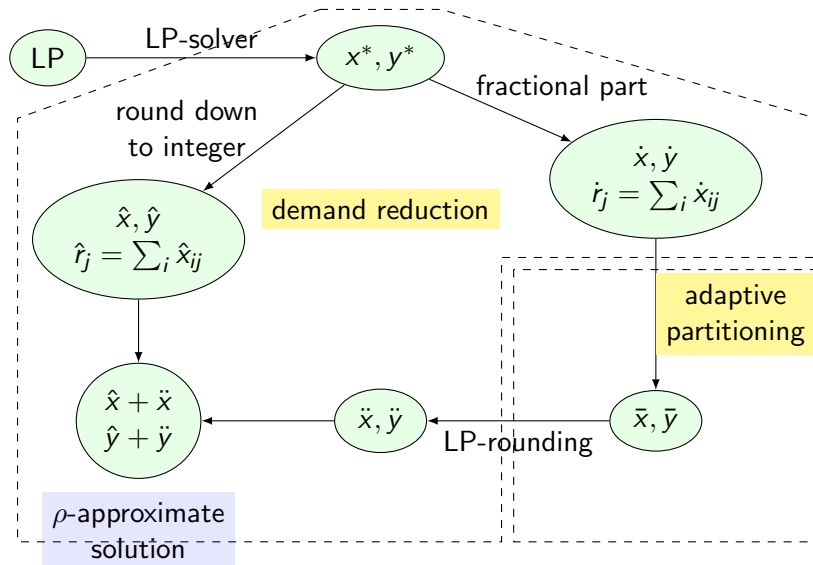
$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{Primal}) \quad & \text{minimize} \quad \sum f_i y_i + \sum d_{ij} x_{ij} \\
 & \text{subject to} \quad y_i - x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i, j \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \sum x_{ij} \geq r_j \quad \forall j \\
 & \quad \quad \quad x_{ij} \geq 0, y_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i, j
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 (\text{Dual}) \quad & \text{maximize} \quad \sum r_j \alpha_j \\
 & \text{subject to} \quad \sum \beta_{ij} \leq f_i \quad \forall i \\
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# Demand Reduction

## Implementation

- Solving LP for  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*)$ .
- $(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = (\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*)$  round down to integer
- $(\dot{\mathbf{x}}, \dot{\mathbf{y}}) = (\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*) - (\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$ , fractional part
- $\hat{r}_j = \sum_i \hat{x}_{ij}$  for  $\hat{\mathcal{I}}$ ,  $\dot{r}_j = r_j - \hat{r}_j$  for  $\dot{\mathcal{I}}$
- $(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$  (integral) feasible and optimal for  $\hat{\mathcal{I}}$
- $(\dot{\mathbf{x}}, \dot{\mathbf{y}})$  (fractional) feasible and optimal for  $\dot{\mathcal{I}}$

## Properties

- $\dot{r}_j = \text{poly}(|\mathbb{F}|)$
- $\rho$ -approx for  $\dot{\mathcal{I}}$  implies  $\rho$ -approx for  $\mathcal{I}$

# Demand Reduction: Consequences

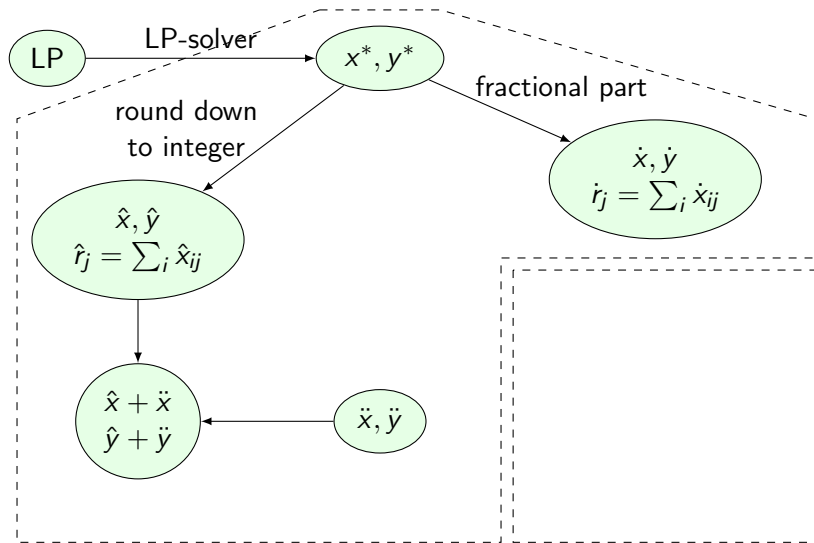
## FTFP to FTFL, 1.7245-approximation

- Sites into facilities
- Clients with demand  $r_j$
- FTFL size polynomial because demand reduction

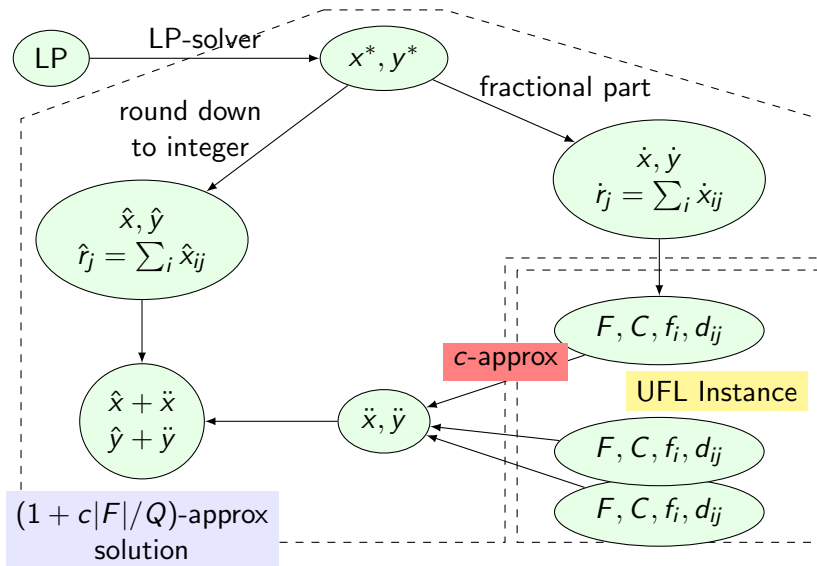
Ratio  $1 + O(|F|/Q)$  for  $Q = \min_j r_j$ , approaches 1 when  $Q$  is large

- Next slide

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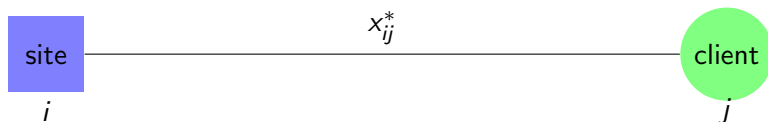




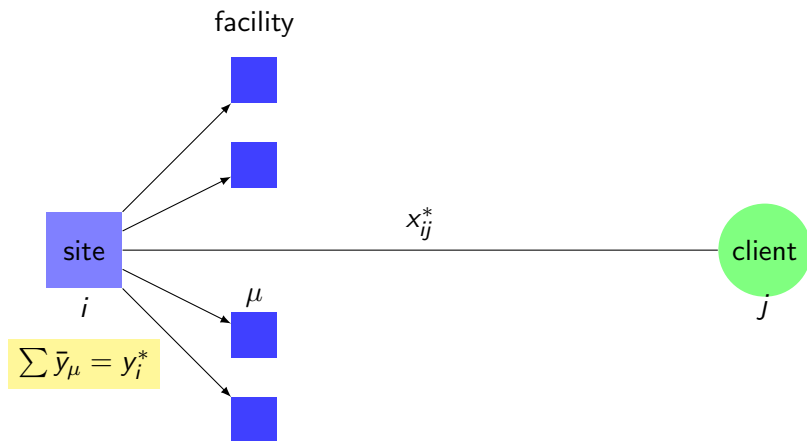
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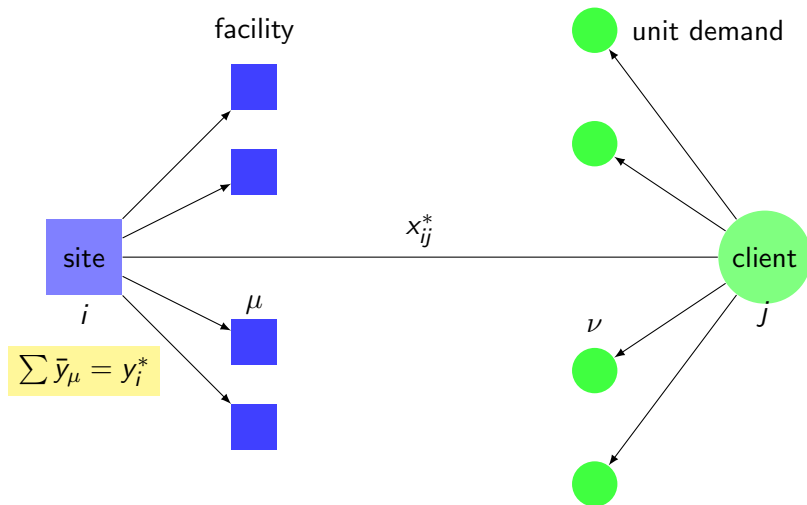
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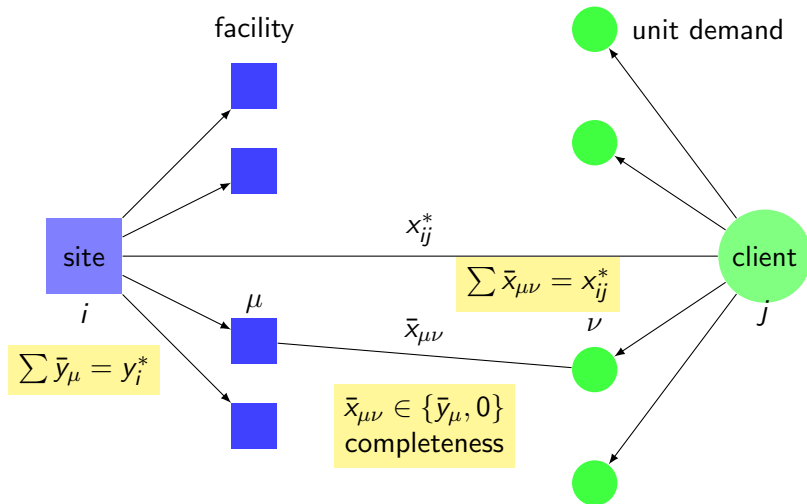
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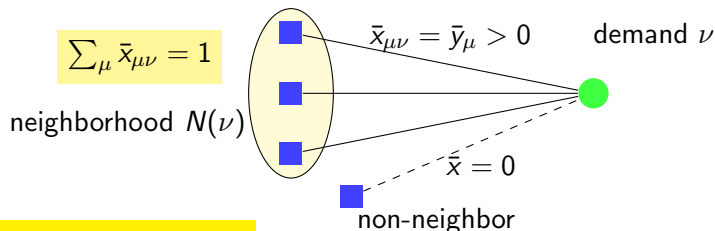


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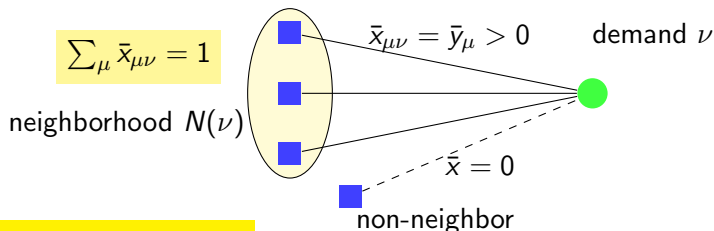
Now round each  $\bar{y}_\mu$  and  $\bar{x}_{\mu\nu}$  to 0 or 1...

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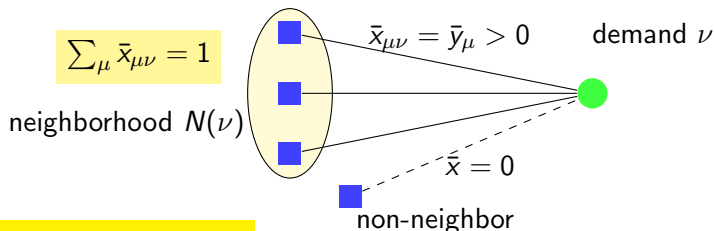
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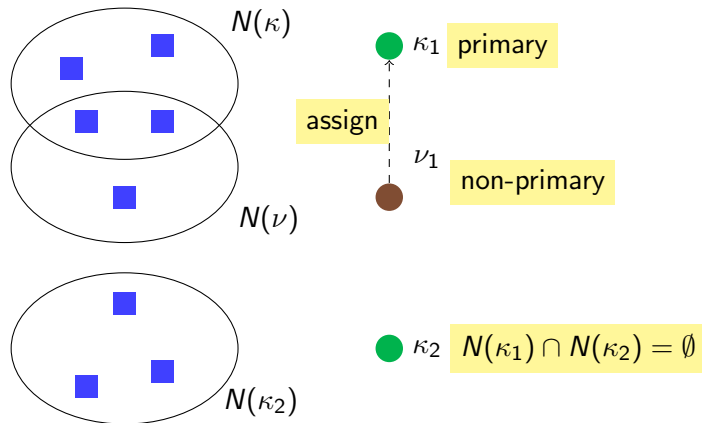
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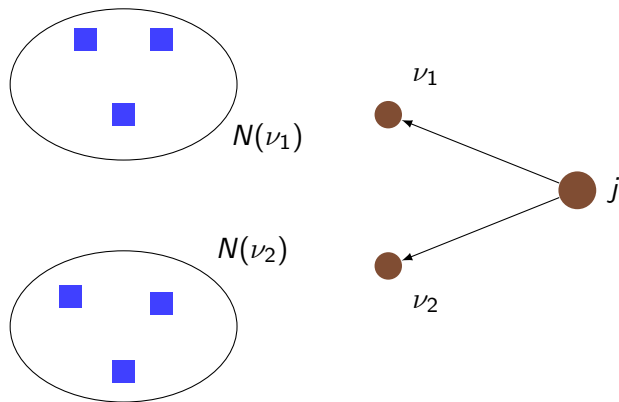
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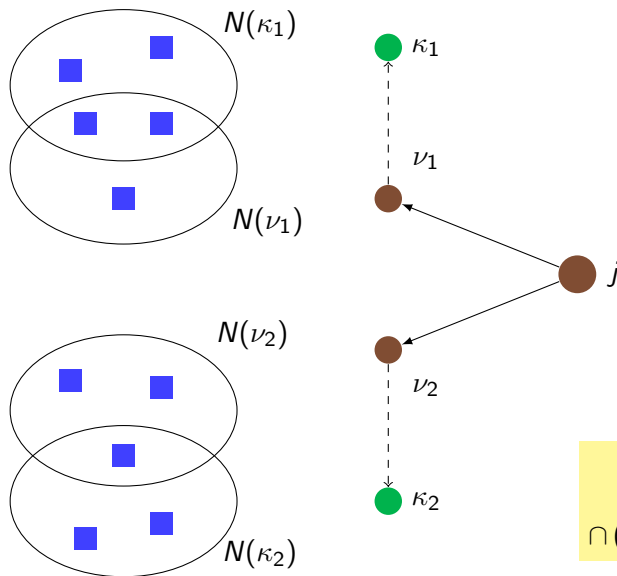
# Two Types of Demands: Primary and Non-primary



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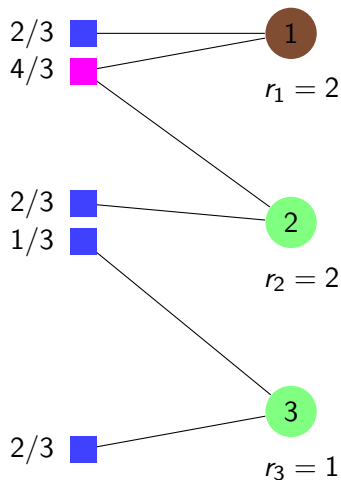


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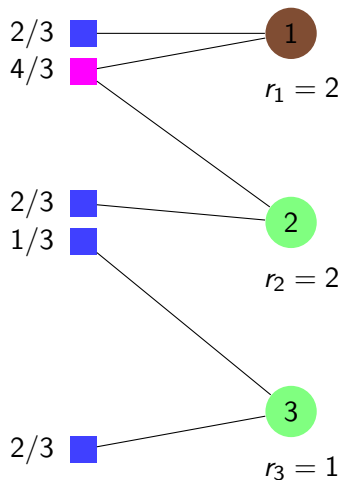
For siblings  
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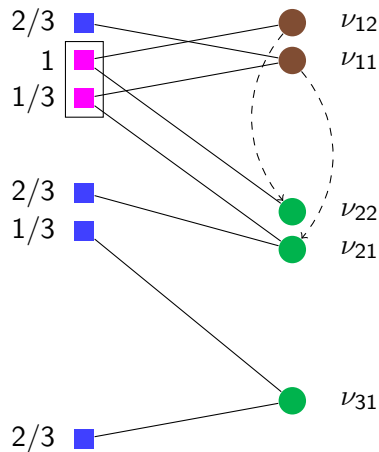


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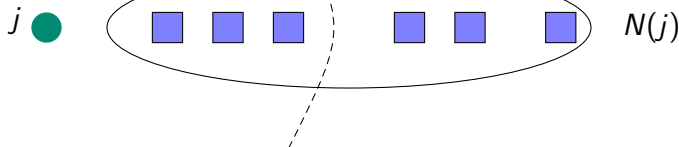
## Partition implementation: two phases

- Phase 1, the partitioning phase
  - Define demands
  - Allocate facilities
- Phase 2, the augmenting phase
  - Add facilities to make neighborhood unit

# Phase 1, Step 1

In each iteration, create one demand for best client

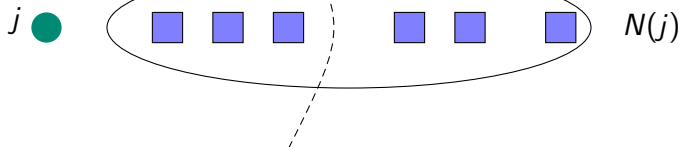
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- $\text{bid}(j) = \text{avgdist}(N_1(j)) + \alpha_j^*$
- Best bid client  $p$  creates a demand
- Two cases, depending on  $N_1(p)$

# Phase 1, Step 2

Selected best client  $p$ , two cases:

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$N(\kappa_2)$

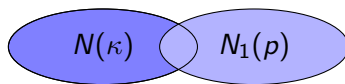
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$N(\kappa_t)$

disjoint

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Case 1



$N_1(p)$  overlaps some  $N(\kappa)$

Case 2

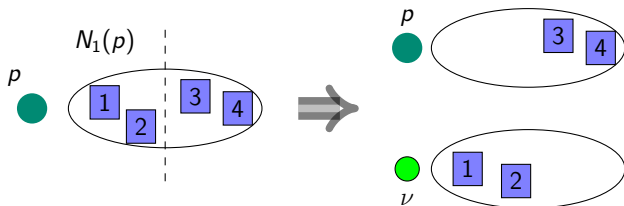
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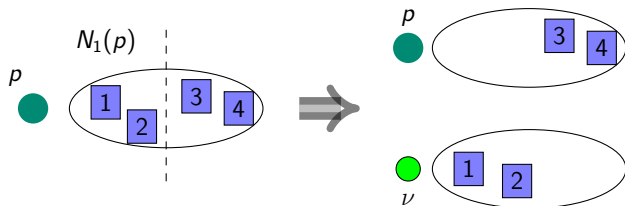
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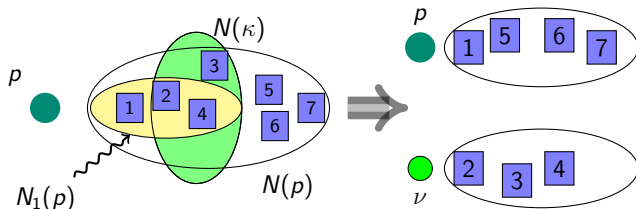
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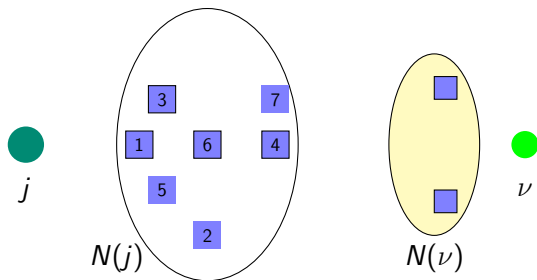
- Case 2: overlap,  $N(\nu)$  gets  $N(p) \cap N(\kappa)$





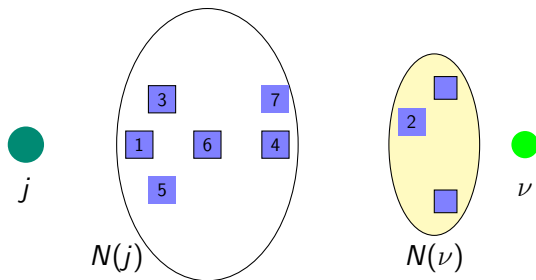
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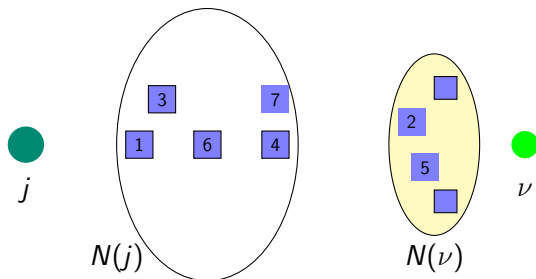
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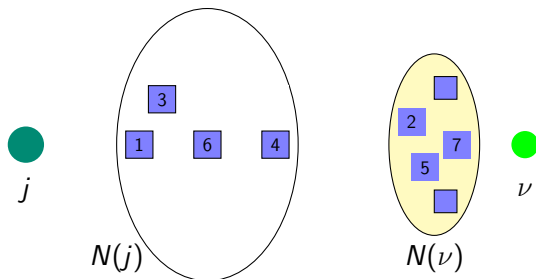
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- **Connections:** non-primary demands  $\nu$  assigned to  $\kappa$  connect to  $\mu$

## Analysis

- **Fault-Tolerance:**  $\nu$  uses only facilities in  $N(\nu) \cup N(\kappa)$
- **Cost:**  $\leq 3 \cdot \text{LP}^*$ , because
  - Facility cost  $\leq F^*$
  - Connection cost  $\leq C^* + 2 \cdot \text{LP}^*$



# 1.736-Approximation for FTFP

## Rounding

- **Facilities:**
  - Each primary  $\kappa$  opens random  $\mu \in N(\kappa)$
  - Other facilities open randomly independently
- **Connections:**
  - If a neighbor open, connect to nearest neighbor
  - Else connect via assigned primary demand

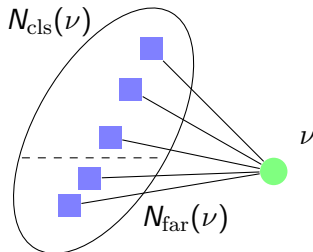
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- **Cost:**  $\leq (1 + 2/e) LP^*$ , because
  - Facility cost  $\leq F^*$
  - Connection cost  $\leq C^* + (2/e) \cdot LP^*$

# 1.575-Approximation for FTFP — Partitioning

## More intricate neighborhood structure

- Two neighborhoods: close and far,  $N(\nu) = N_{\text{cls}}(\nu) \cup N_{\text{far}}(\nu)$
- $N_{\text{cls}}(\nu) =$  nearest  $(1/\gamma)$ -fraction of  $N(\nu)$
- $N_{\text{cls}}(\nu) \cap N_{\text{cls}}(\kappa) \neq \emptyset$ , if  $\nu$  assigned to  $\kappa$
- For siblings  $\nu_1, \nu_2$ ,  $N_{\text{cls}}(\kappa_1) \cup N(\nu_1)$  and  $N_{\text{cls}}(\kappa_2) \cup N(\nu_2)$  disjoint
- ...



# 1.575-Approximation for FTFP — Rounding

Rounding: boost  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*)$  by  $\gamma$  and use for demand reduction and adaptive partitioning, then

- **Facilities:**
  - Each primary  $\kappa$  opens random  $\mu \in N_{\text{cls}}(\kappa)$
  - Other facilities open randomly independently
- **Connections:**
  - If a neighbor open, connect to nearest neighbor
  - Else connect via assigned primary demand

## Analysis

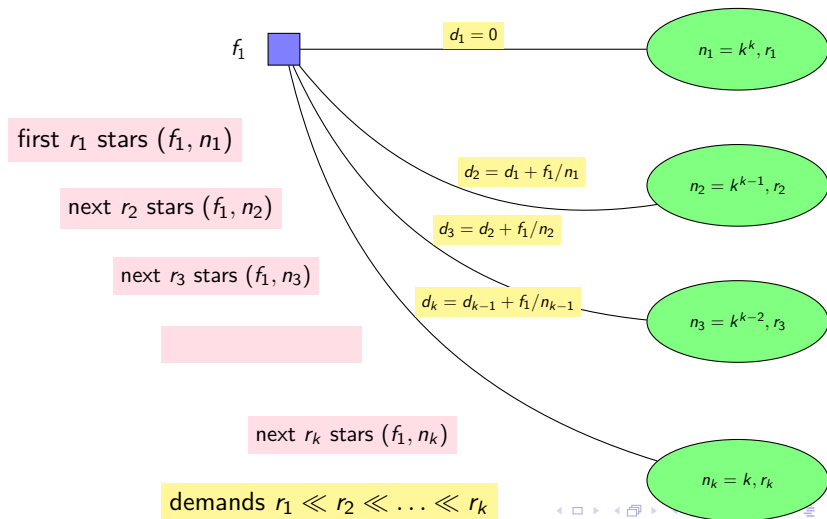
- **Fault-Tolerance:**  $\nu$  uses only facilities in  $N(\nu) \cup N_{\text{cls}}(\kappa)$
- **Cost:**  $\leq \gamma \cdot \text{LP}$  for  $\gamma = 1.575$ , because
  - Facility cost  $\leq \gamma \cdot F^*$
  - Connection cost  $\leq \gamma \cdot C^*$

# Greedy and Dual-fitting

- Greedy in polynomial time
  - Best star can be found quickly
  - Best star remains best
- Ratio  $H_n$  (Wolsey's result): Greedy is  $H_n$ -approx for
  - Minimizing a linear function
  - Subject to submodular constraints
- Lower bound  $\Omega(\log n / \log \log n)$  for dual-fitting
  - Example has  $k$  groups,  $n = k^k$
  - Shrinking factor is  $k/2$

# Dual-fitting Example

Dual feasibility forces a ratio of  $k/2$ , number of clients  $n = k^k$



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## Open Problems

- Can FTFL be approximated with the same ratio?
- LP-free algorithms for FTFP or FTFL with constant ratio?
- Close the 1.463 – 1.488 gap for UFL!