

# **"Root and community inference on the latent growth process of a network"**

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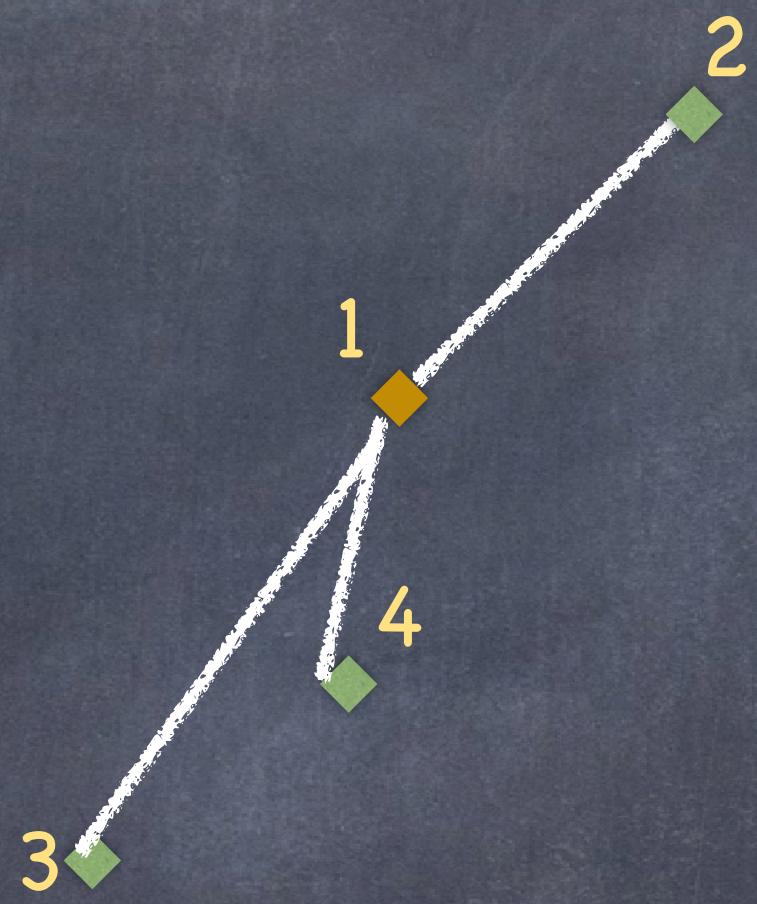
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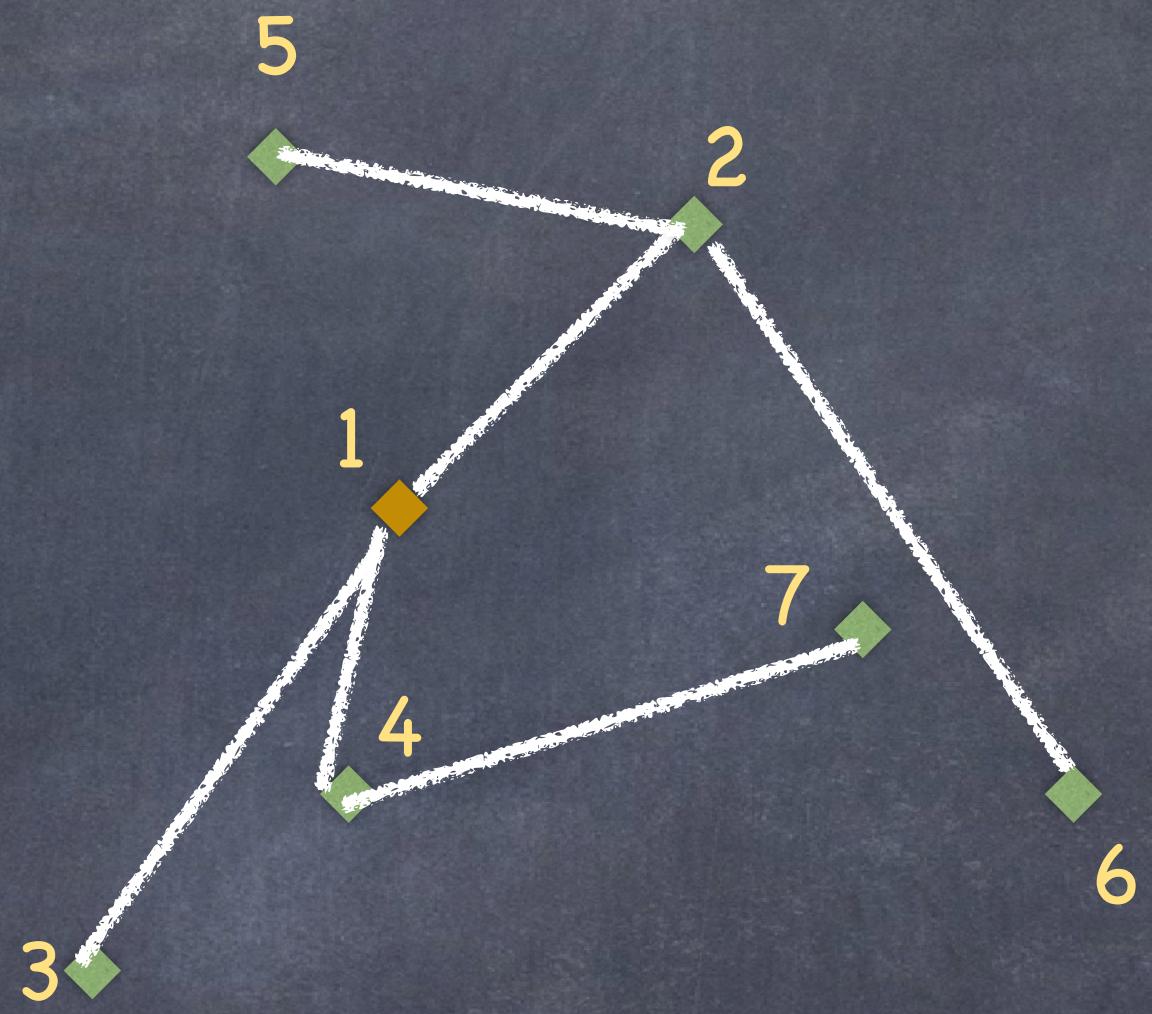
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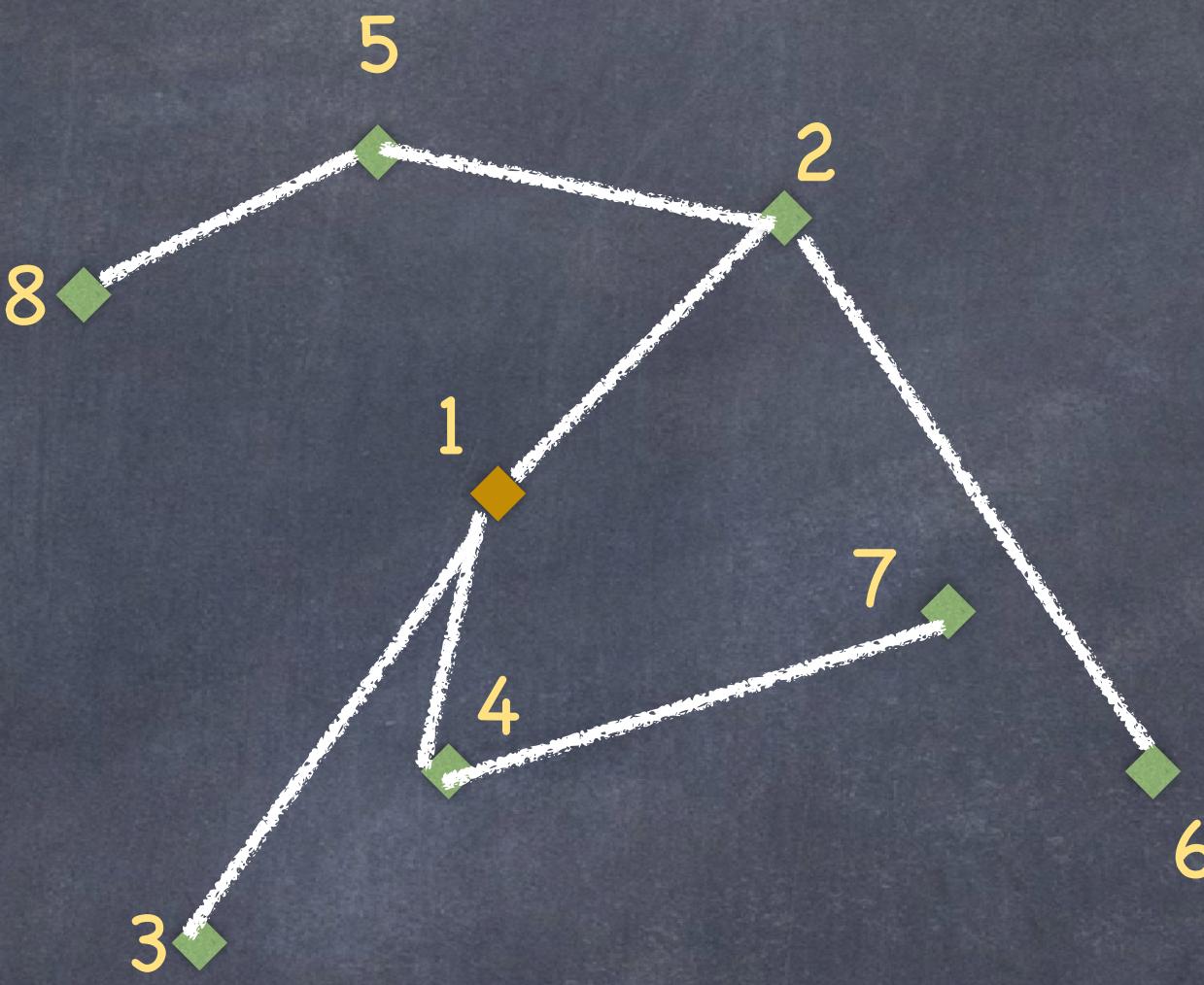
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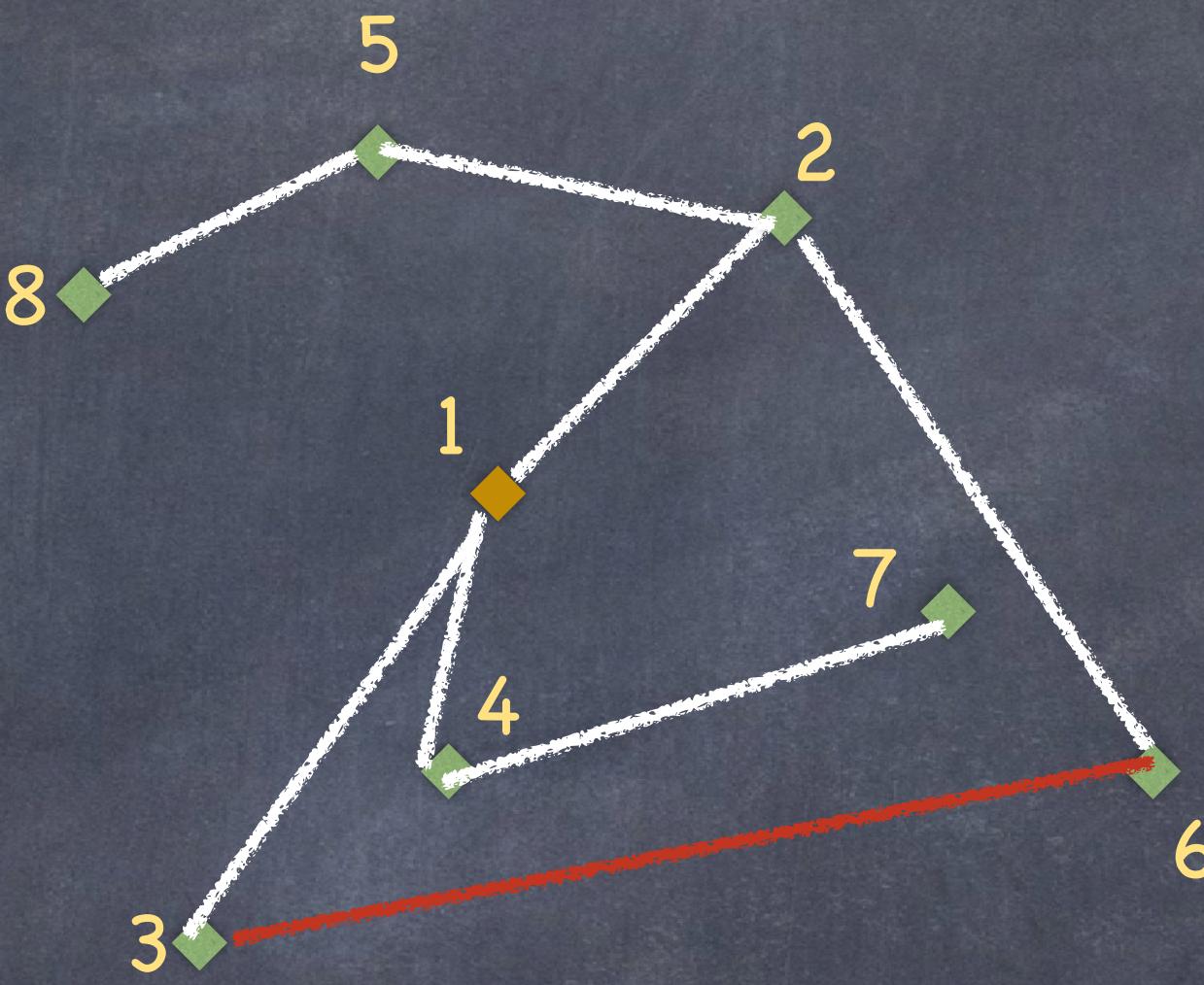
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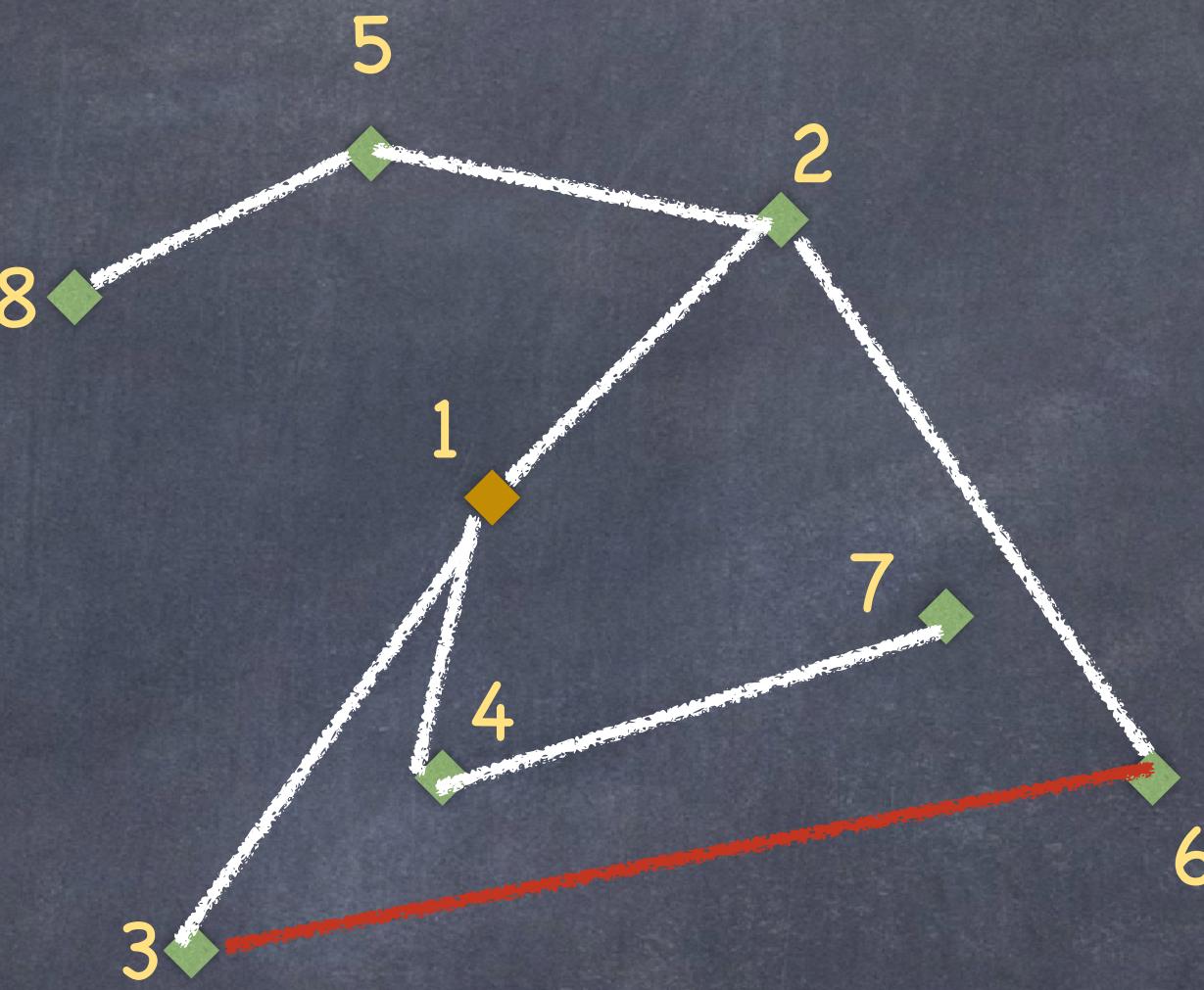
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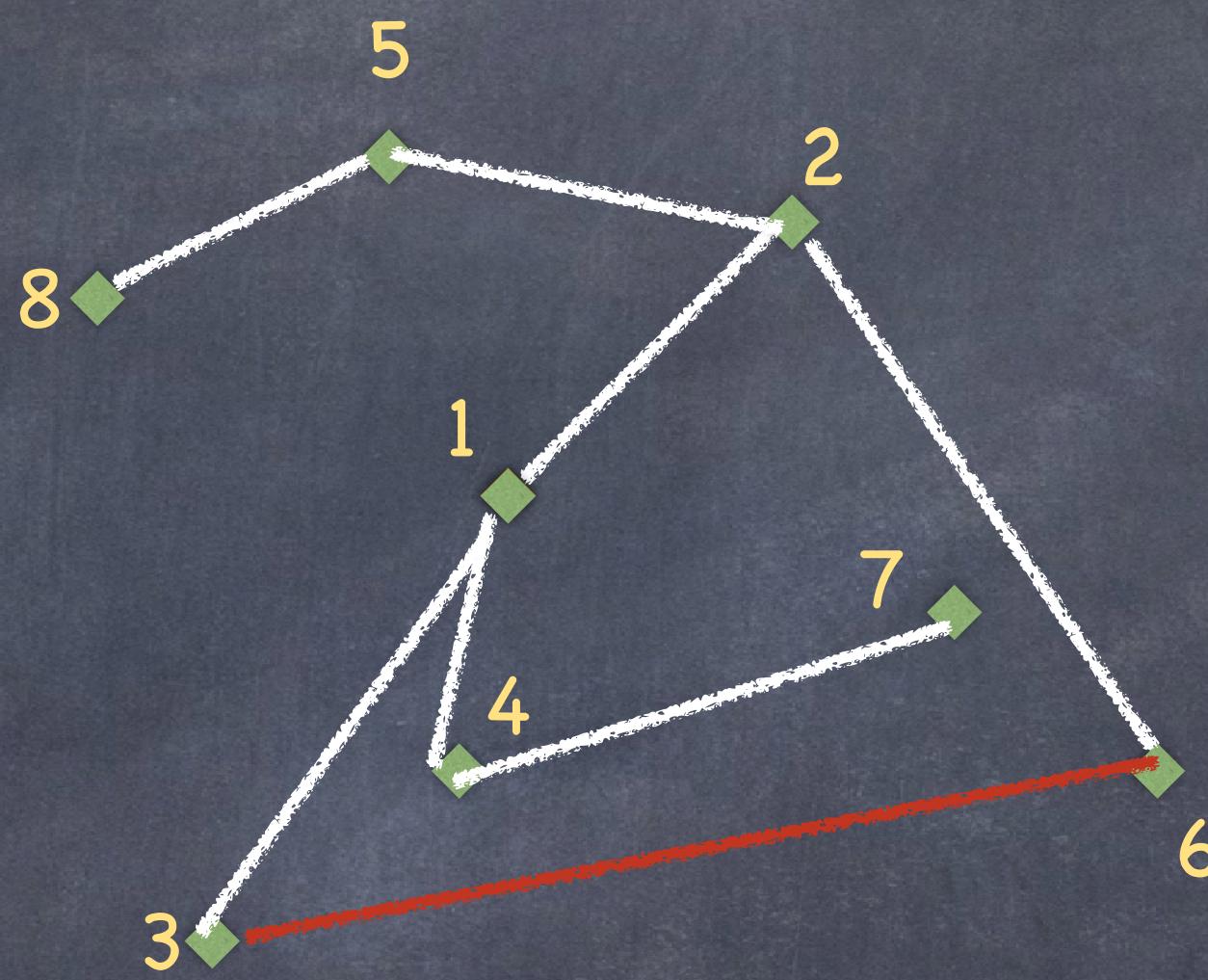
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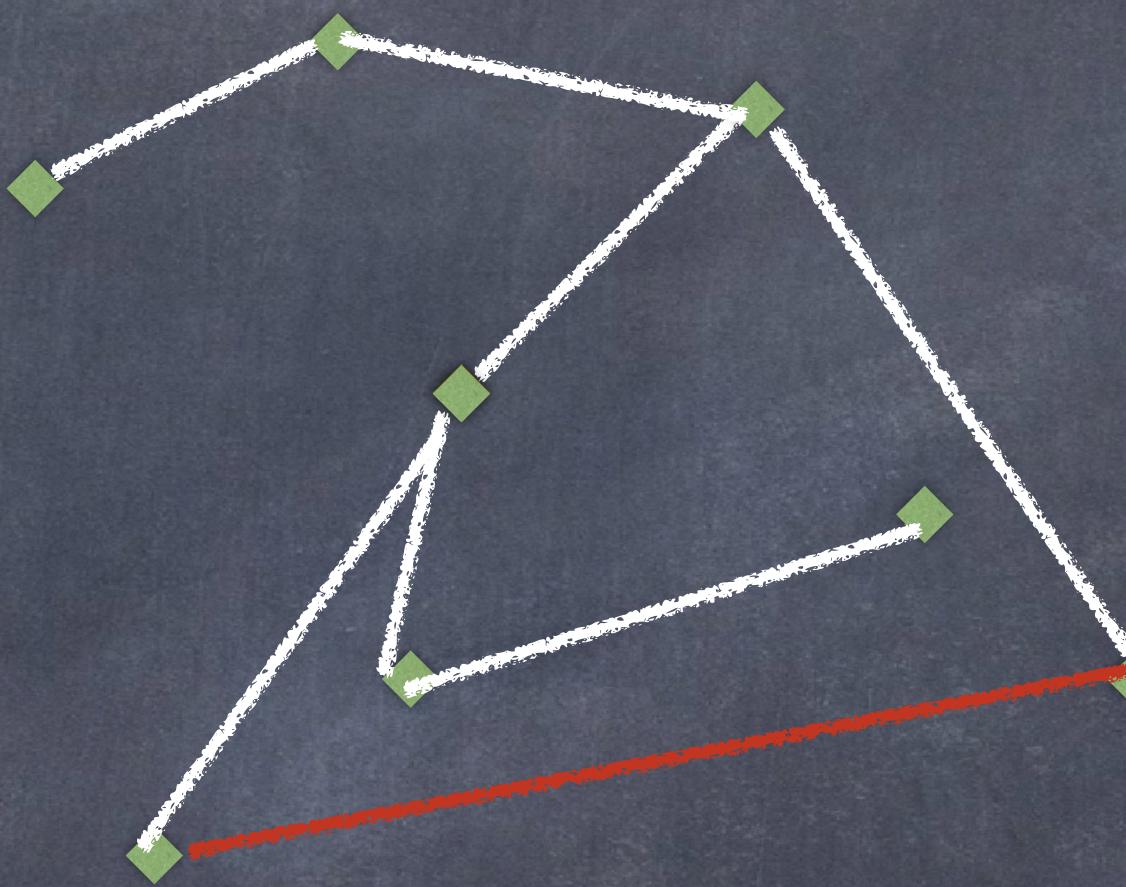
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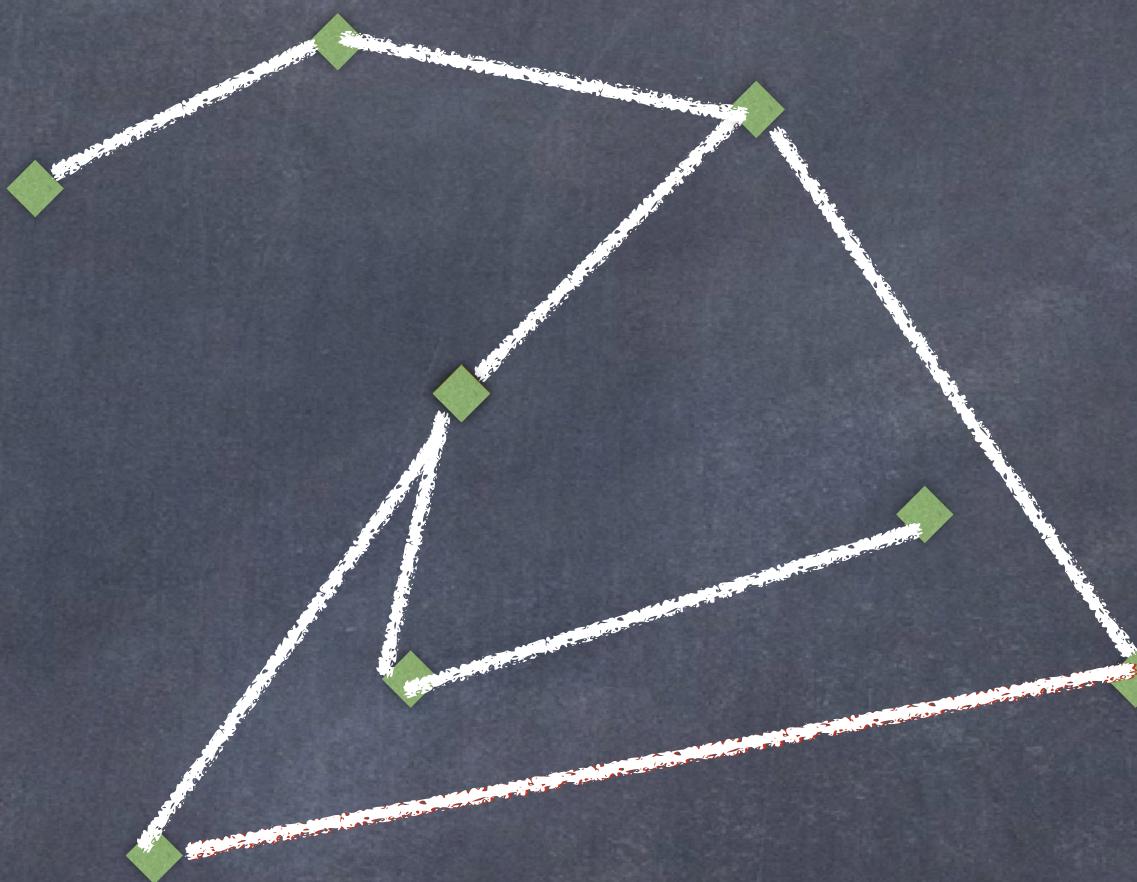
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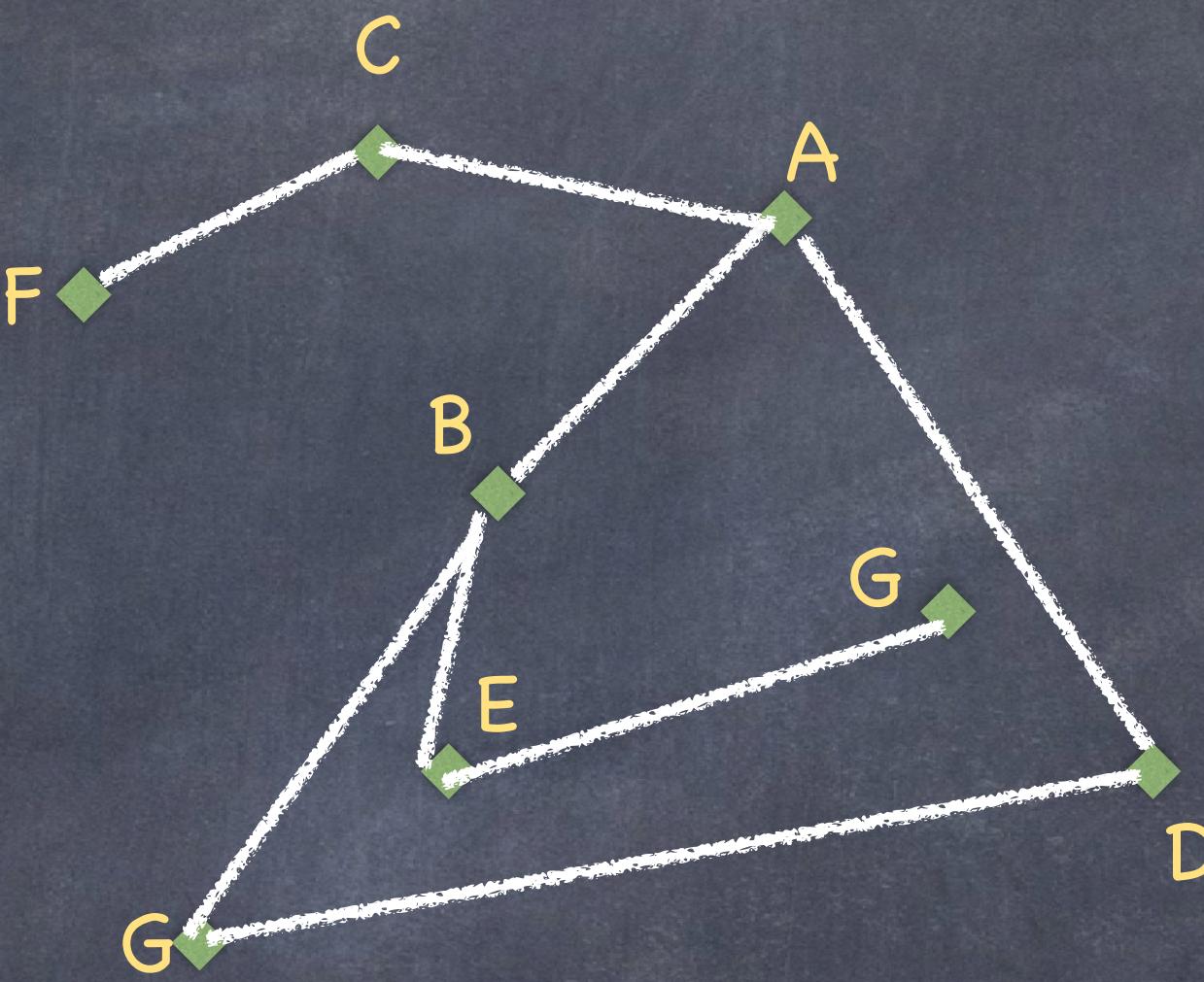
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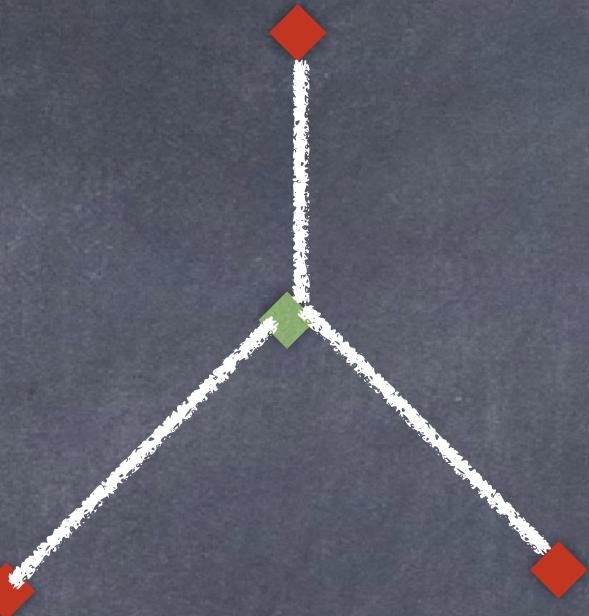
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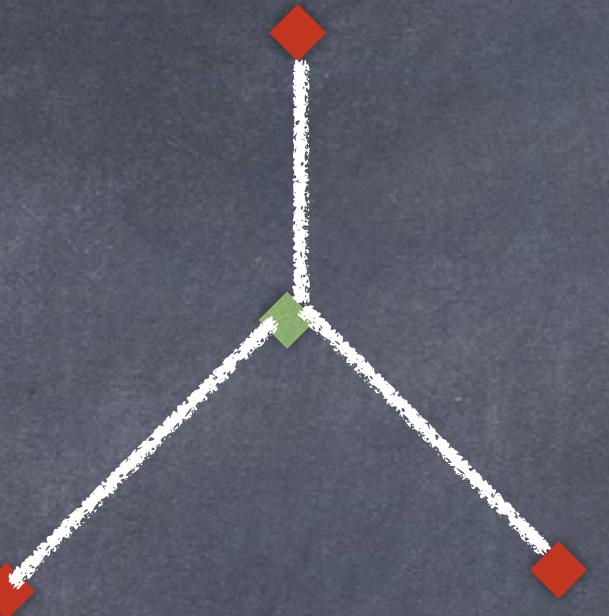
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(taken from the manuscript)

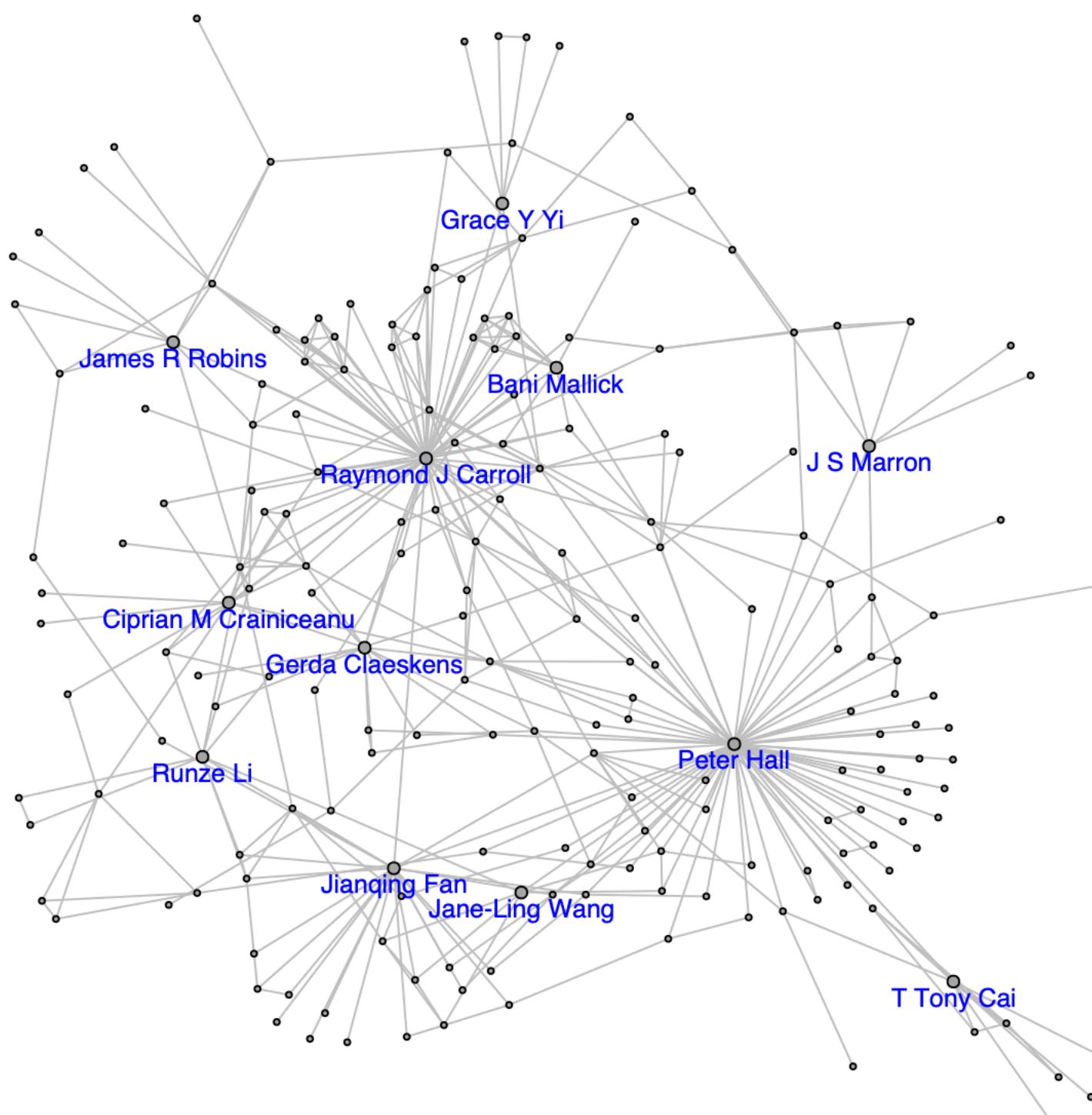


Figure 20: Subgraph of the co-authorship graph comprising the 200 nodes with the highest posterior root probabilities. We label the 12 nodes with the highest root probabilities.

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