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Outline

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- Independent Set (IS)

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- Distributed IS

1. Distributed Slow MIS

2. Distributed Fast MIS

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Independent Sets

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- **IS:** Given an undirected Graph $G = (V, E)$ an independent set is a subset of nodes $U \subseteq V$, such that no two nodes in U are adjacent.
- **MIS:** An independent set is maximal if no node can be added without violating independence.
- **MaxIS:** An independent set of maximum cardinality is called maximum.

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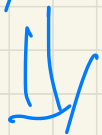
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maximal
of size 4



maximum



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maximal
of size 3

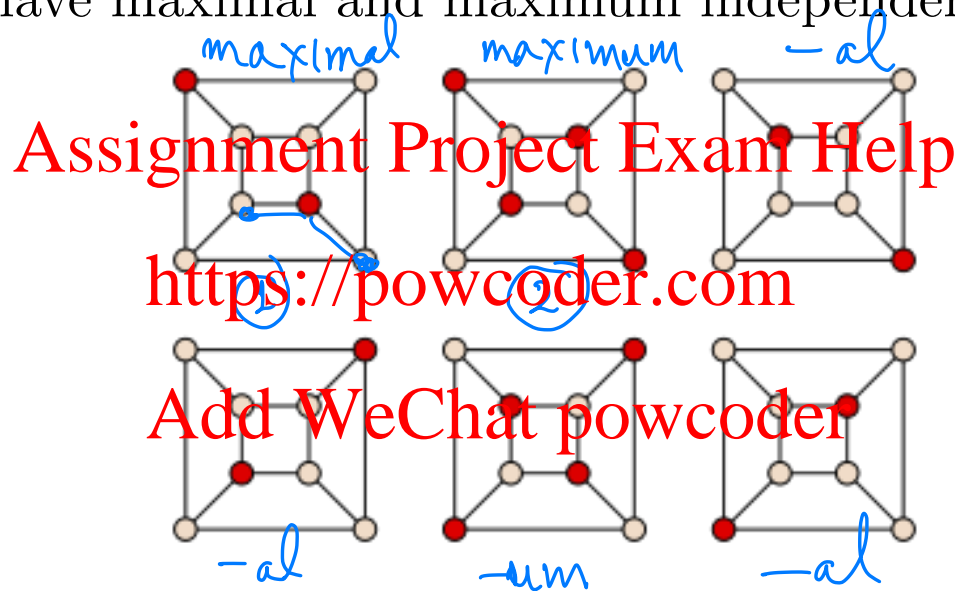
~~Does it have
a maximum
IS of size 5?~~

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Independent Set (IS)

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- An IS is a set of nodes of the graph such that any two of them are not adjacent.
- We also have maximal and maximum independent sets.



- Every MIS (Maximal Independent Set) is a dominating set.
- In general, the size of every MIS can be larger than the size of an optimal minimum dominating set by a factor of $\Omega(n)$.^a

^aWe won't prove this here.

A set D is a dominating set,
if every vertex of the graph is
adjacent to some vertex
in D .

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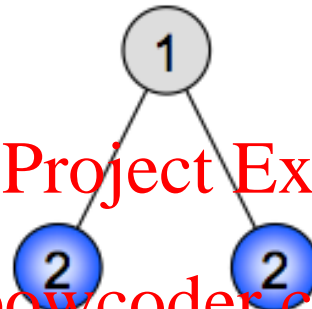
Coloring and Independent Sets

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- **Example 1** Graph has two maximal independent sets (MIS), but only one is a maximum independent set (MaxIS).

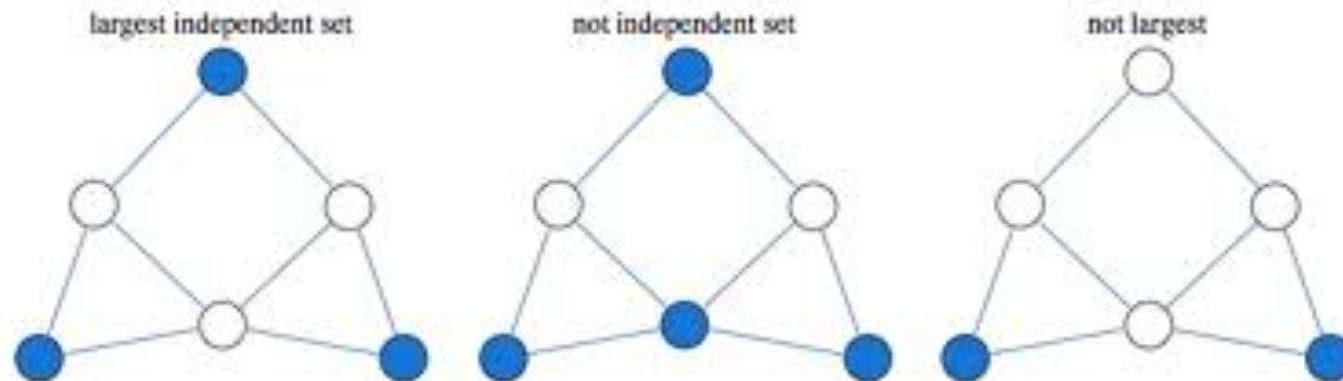
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In a colored graph, the vertices of a color form an IS.

- **Example 2** Add WeChat powcoder



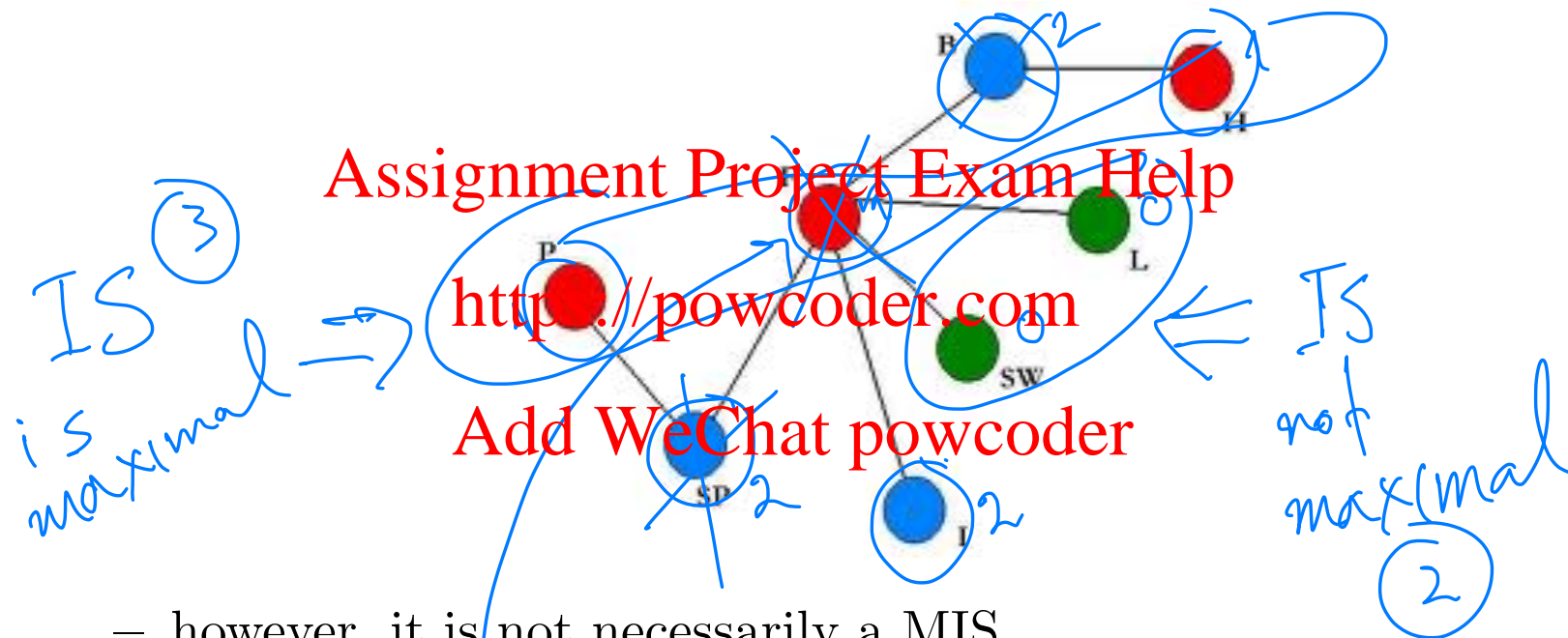
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Coloring and Independent Sets

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- There is a relation between independent sets and node coloring:
 - each color class is an independent set,

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- however, it is not necessarily a MIS.

Joyce Blue + Green : Max IS
 Me: Tree with root: it has 5 leaves

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From Coloring to Independent Sets

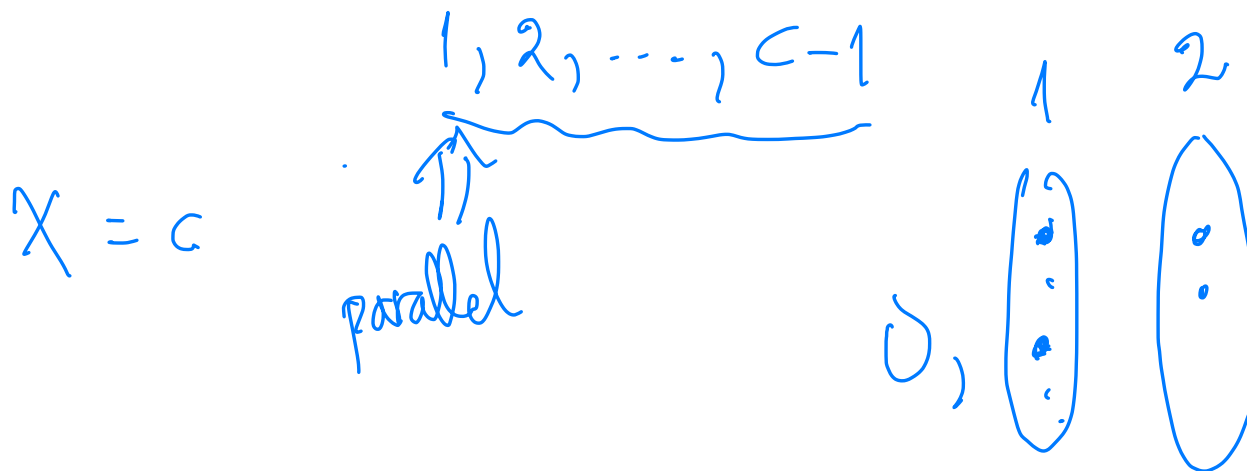
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- Starting with a coloring, one can derive a MIS algorithm:
 - We first choose all nodes of the first color.
 - Then, for each additional color we add “in parallel” (without conflict) as many nodes as possible.

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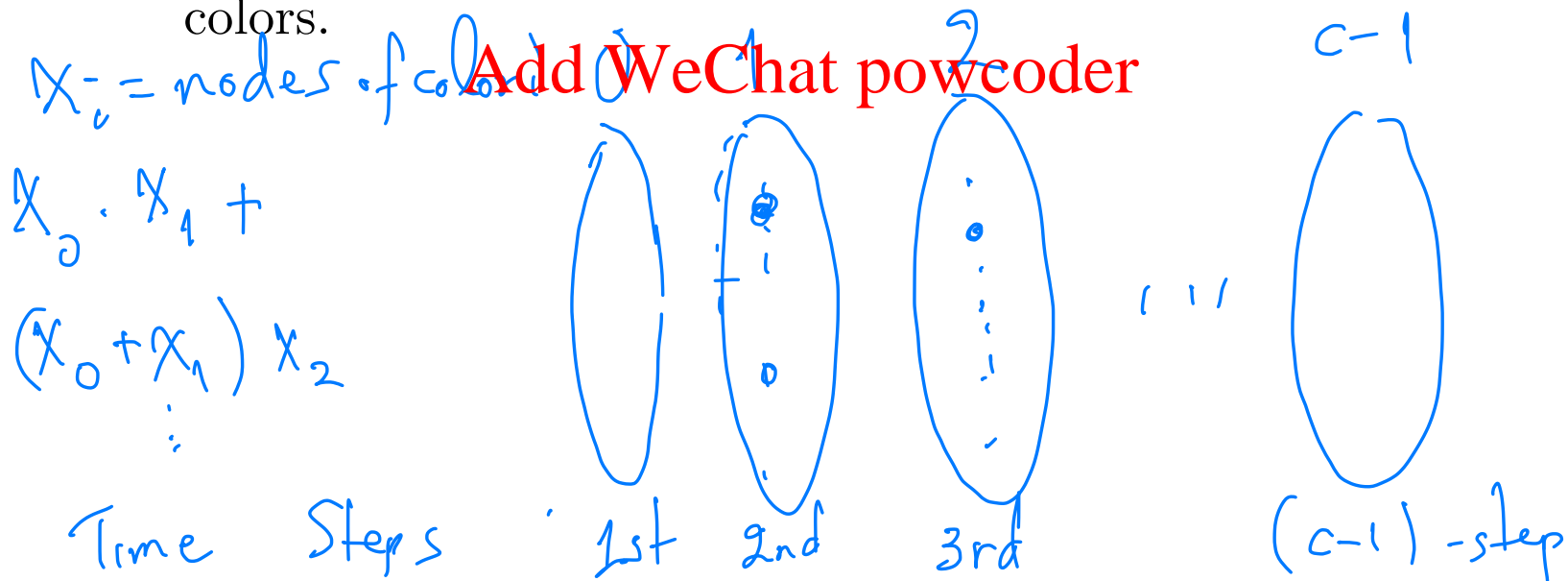


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From Coloring to Independent Sets: Analysis

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- **Theorem 1** *Given a coloring algorithm that needs C colors and runs in time T , we can construct a MIS in time $C + T$.*
- Time complexity:
 - the T in the time complexity comes from the coloring algorithm, and
 - the C in the time complexity comes from the number of colors.



Time Complexity is $C + T$

Message Complexity:

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$X_i = \# \text{ of nodes of color } i$

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$$X_0 X_1 + (X_0 + X_1) X_2 + (X_0 + X_1 + X_2) X_3$$

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$$\dots + \underbrace{(X_0 + \dots + X_{c-2})}_{n^2} X_c$$

Message Complexity is $O(c \cdot n^2)$

$c = \chi = \text{chromatic number}$

In addition we need the
cost of the coloring

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alg.

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Message} \\ \text{Complexity} \\ \text{of IS} \\ \text{algorithm} \end{array} \right\} \leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Message} \\ \text{Complexity} \\ \text{of Coloring} \\ \text{Algorithm} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{above} \\ \text{calculation} \end{array} \right\}$$

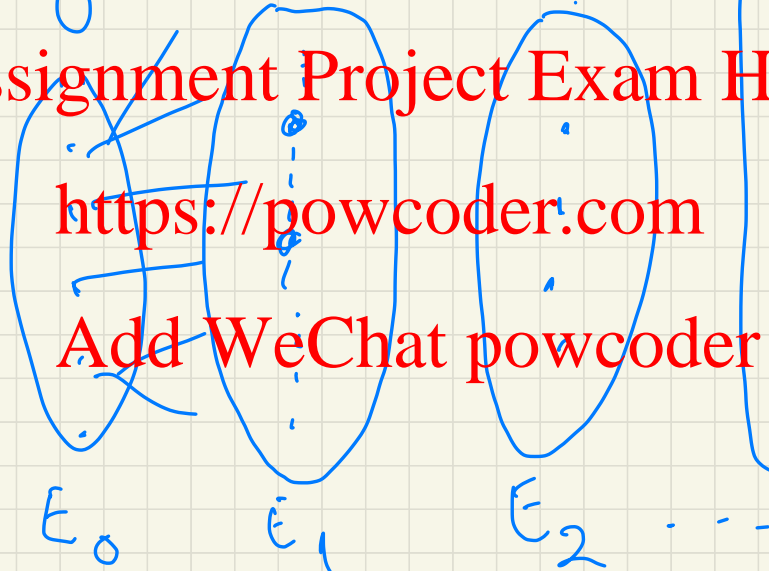
Joyce: Can't we do it in $O(E)$
messages, YES

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Cost =
Cost of Col. +
 $O(E)$



It needs: $\underbrace{E_0 \cup E_1 \cup \dots}_{\subseteq E}$

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Related Topic: Set Cover (SC)

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- Given a set of elements $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ (called the universe) and a collection S of m sets whose union equals the universe, the set cover problem is to identify the smallest sub-collection of S whose union equals the universe. $S = \{S_1, \dots, S_m\}$

- For example, consider the universe $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and the collection of sets $S = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\}\}$.

Clearly the union of S is U . However, we can cover all of the elements with the following, smaller number of sets:

$\{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}\}$.

- A company needs to buy a certain amount of varied supplies and there are suppliers that offer various deals for different combinations of materials (Supplier A: 2 tons of steel + 500 tiles for $\$x$; Supplier B: 1 ton of steel + 2000 tiles for $\$y$; etc.). You could use set covering to find the best way to get all the materials while minimizing cost.

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Issues

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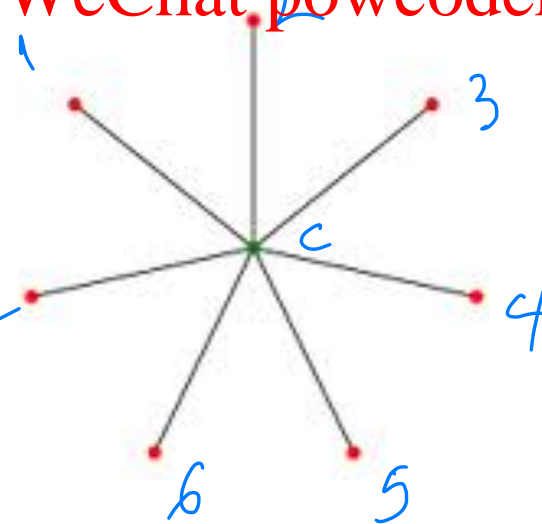
- Computing a maximum independent set (MaxIS) is a notoriously difficult problem.
 - Equivalent to maximum clique on the complementary graph.
 - Both problems are NP-hard, in fact not approximable within $n^{1/3}$.
- MIS and MaxIS can have very different sizes.
 - On a star graph MIS is $\Theta(n)$ smaller than the MaxIS.

$\{c\}$ is MIS

$\{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$ MaxIS

MIS : size 1

MaxIS : size $n-1$



n leaves
1 central node
Star with n nodes

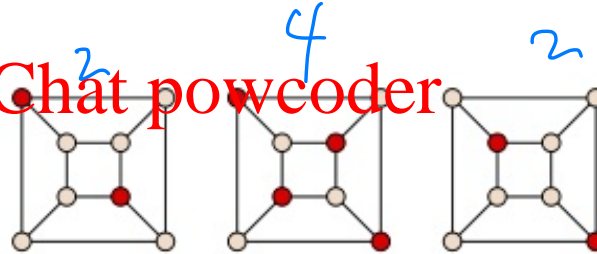
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Examples: MIS

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- Example 1

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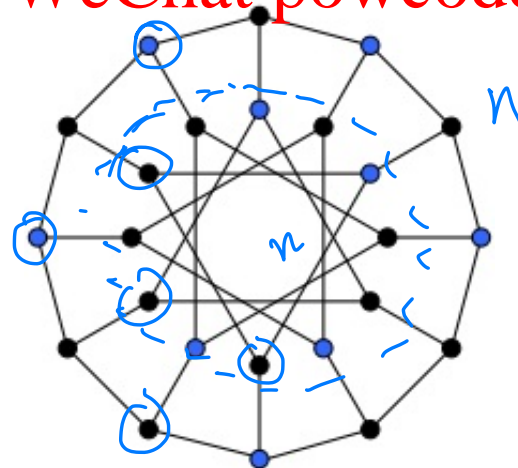


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- Example 2

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MaxIS has size n

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Examples: MIS

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- Example 3

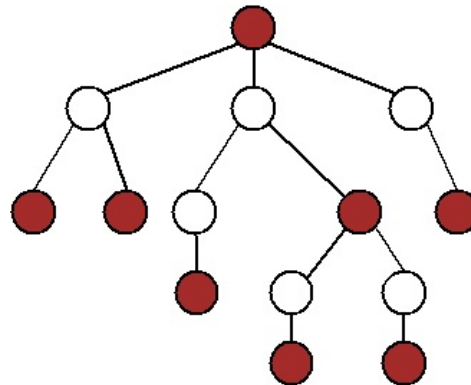
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- Example 4



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Computing MIS

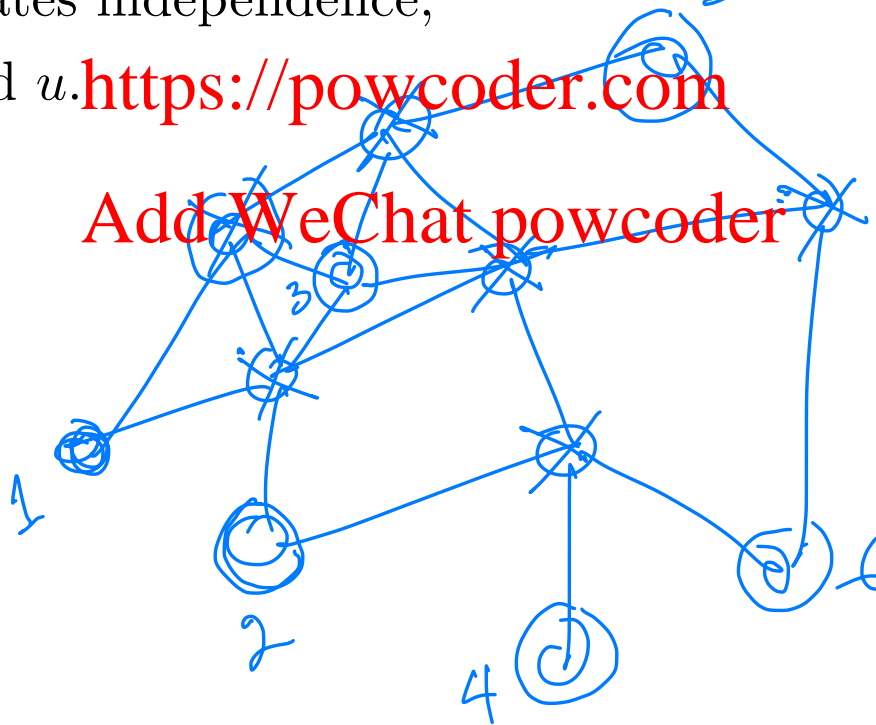
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- Computing a MIS sequentially is trivial:
 1. Scan the nodes in arbitrary order.
 2. If a node u does not violate independence,
 - add u to the MIS.
 3. If u violates independence,
 - discard u .

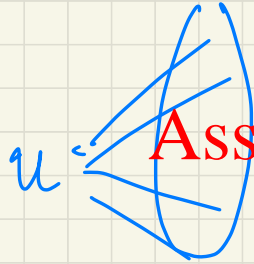
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Sequential:



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$N(u)$ Add WeChat powcoder

$N(N(u))$
 $N_2(u)$

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Algorithm: Lexicographic MIS(G)

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- Previous algorithm sometimes stated as follows. Consider a graph $G = (V, E)$ in which the vertices are lexicographically ordered.

1: $I = \emptyset, V' = V$

2: **while** $V' \neq \emptyset$ **do**

3: Choose $v \in V'$ (in lexicographic order)

4: $I \leftarrow I \cup \{v\}$

5: $V' \leftarrow V' \setminus (\{v\} \cup N(v))$

6: Return I ;

- With this simple greedy algorithm, we can find a MIS in $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.
- The main question is how to compute a MIS in a distributed manner.

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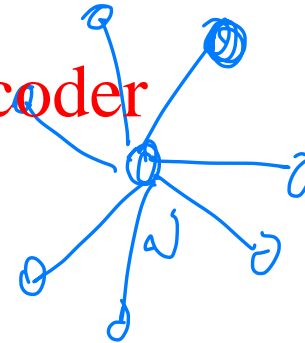
Distributed Slow MIS

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- Main idea is to give priority to nodes with higher ID.
- **Slow MIS**
- Requires Node IDs
- Every node v executes the following code:
 1. **if** all neighbors of v with larger identifiers have decided not to join the MIS then
 2. v decides to join the MIS
 3. **end if**

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v queries its
neighborset $N(v)$

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Complexity

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- **Theorem 2** *Algorithm Slow MIS has time complexity of $O(n)$ and a message complexity of $O(n)$.*
- Slow MIS is not better than the sequential algorithm in the worst case, because there might be one single point of activity at any time.

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Issues

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- Using Theorems 1 and 2 we get a distributed deterministic MIS algorithm for cycles (also for trees, and bounded degree graphs) with time complexity $O(\log^* n)$ (will cover this later in class).
 - First do the colouring in $O(\log^* n)$ rounds.
 - Choose all nodes of the first color.
 - For each additional color we add in parallel (without conflict) as many nodes as possible.
- With a lower bound argument one can show that this deterministic MIS algorithm for rings is asymptotically optimal.
 - Because in the ring MIS is “essentially” the same as coloring.
- There have been attempts to extend the 6-Color Algorithm to more general graphs, however, so far without much success.

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$\log \dots \log \log$

$\log^* n = 9$

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Is There a Faster Algorithm?

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- Given that “Slow MIS” is not better than the sequential algorithm in the worst case
 - Is there a faster MIS?
- In the sequel we give a probabilistic algorithm with $O(\log n)$ expected termination time.

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Goal: Find a parallel MIS algorithm

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- Consider algorithms of the form

1. $I = \emptyset, V' = V$

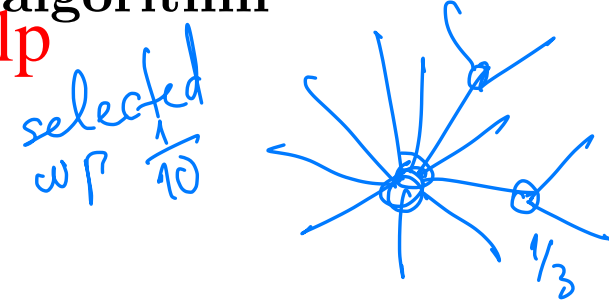
2. While G' is not the empty graph

- Choose a random set of vertices $S \subseteq V$ by selecting each vertex v independently with probability $\frac{1}{d_v}$, where d_v is the degree of v .

- For every edge $(u, v) \in E(G')$ if both endpoints are in S , then remove the vertex of lower degree from S (break ties). Denote the set after this step as S' .

- Remove S' and $Neighbor(S')$ and all adjacent edges from G' .

- $I \leftarrow I \cup S'$



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Distributed Fast MIS^a

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- Algorithm operates in synchronous rounds, grouped in phases.
- A single phase is as follows:

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not required

1. Each node v marks itself with probability $\frac{1}{2d(v)}$, where $d(v)$ is the current degree of v .

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- 2(a) If no higher degree neighbor of v is also marked, node v joins the MIS. /* Priority to nodes of higher degree */

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- (b) If a higher degree neighbor of v is marked, node v unmarks itself again.

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/* If neighbors have same degree, ties broken by ID */

3. Delete all nodes that joined the MIS and their neighbors /* as they cannot join the MIS anymore. */

^aA more general form of this algorithm assigns real numbers (in the range $[0, 1]$) as weights at the nodes. An alternative version is to label the vertices with a random permutation.

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Issues

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- Correctness in the sense that the algorithm produces an independent set is relatively simple.

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 - Steps 1 and 2 make sure that if a node v joins the MIS, then v 's neighbors do not join the MIS at the same time.
 - Step 3 makes sure that v 's neighbors will never join the MIS.
- The algorithm eventually produces a MIS, because the node with the highest degree will mark itself at some point in Step 1.

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- The only remaining question is how fast the algorithm terminates.

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 - This is not easy to figure out!

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Exercises^a

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1. Show that any maximal matching is a 2-approximation of a maximum matching.

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2. Let $G = (V, E)$ be the graph for which we want to construct the matching. Define the auxiliary graph G' as follows:

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- for every edge in G there is a node in G' ;
- two nodes in G' are connected by an edge if their respective edges in G are adjacent.

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Show that a (maximal) independent set in G' is a (maximal) matching in G , and vice versa.

^aDo not submit!