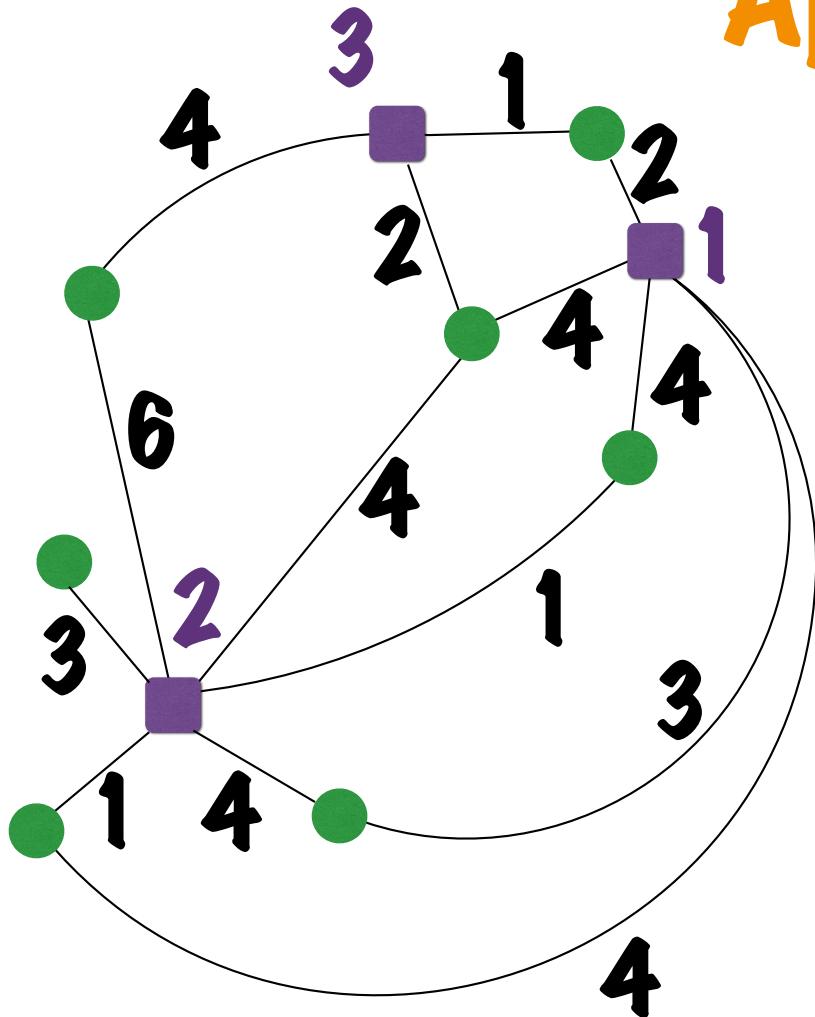


# Facility location

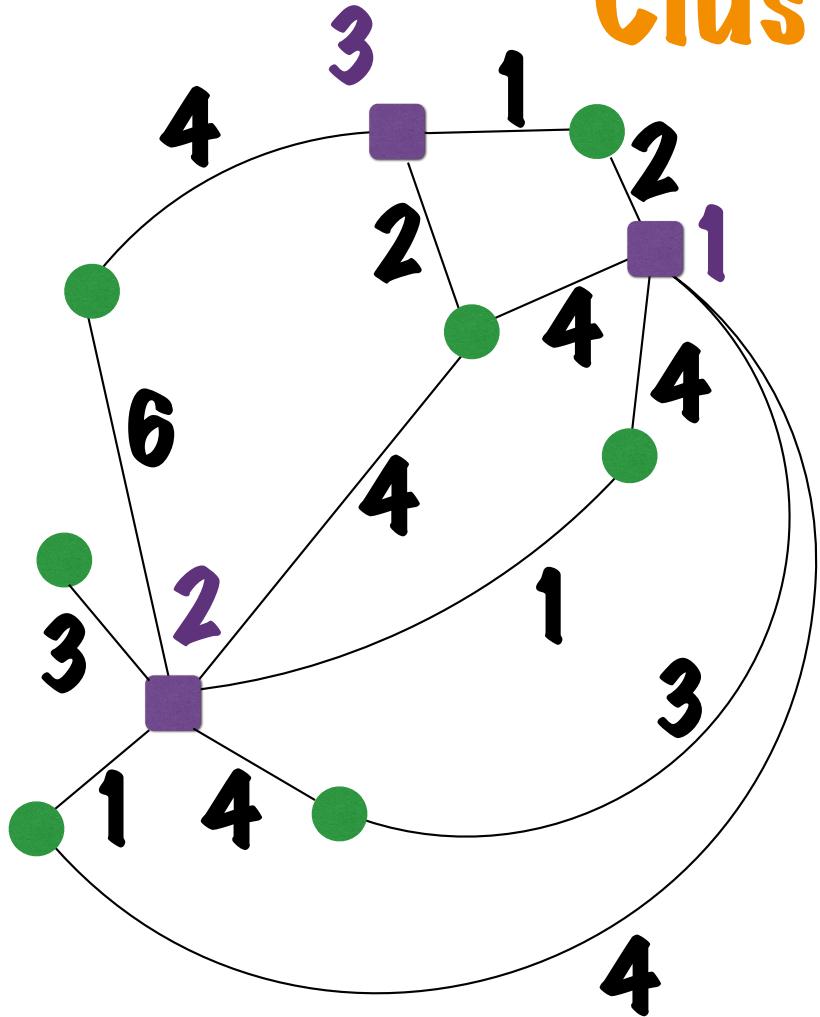


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**Deciding placements of factories, warehouses, schools, hospital.**  
**Deciding how to place servers on the web**

# Clustering clients



Input

A bipartite graph  $G$  with bipartition  $F$  (facilities),  $C$  (clients).

$f_i$  : Cost of opening facility  $i$

$c_{ij}$  : Distance from client  $j$  to facility  $i$

# Clustering clients

# Input

A bipartite graph  $G$  with bipartition  $F$  (for facilities ),  $C$  (for clients ).

# Output

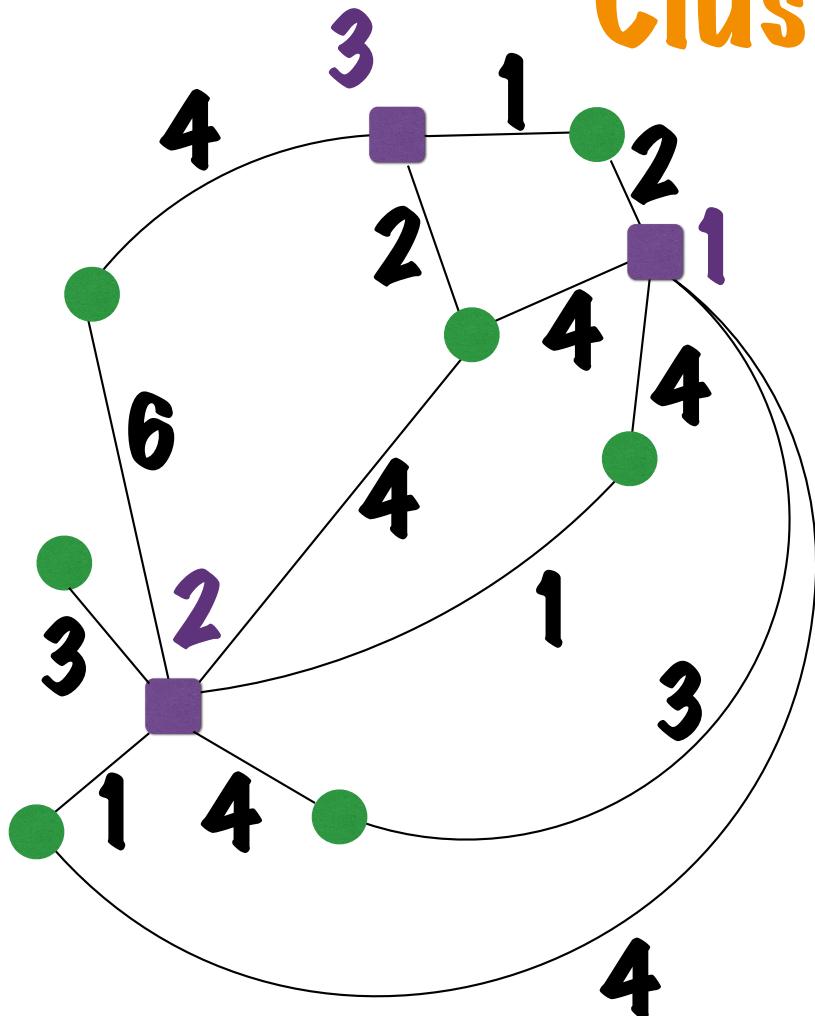
# Choose a set $S$ of facilities

# minimize :

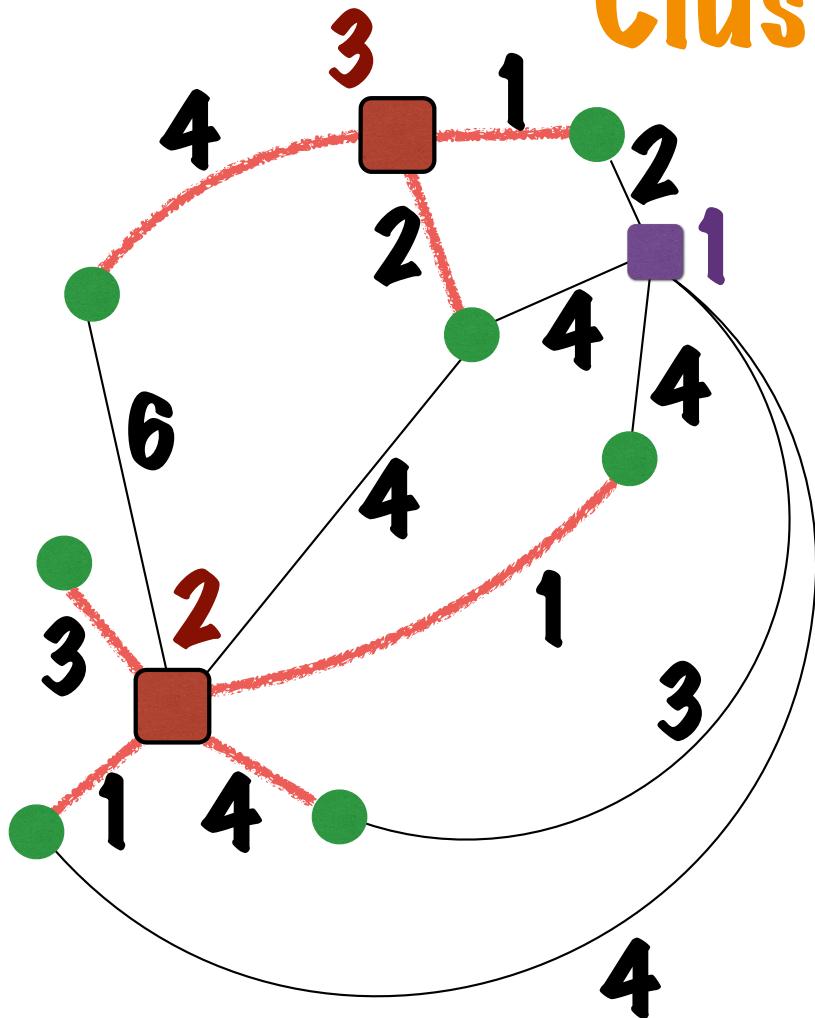
# cost of the facilities of S

**plus**

**the distances from each client  
to the closest facility of  $S$**



# Clustering clients

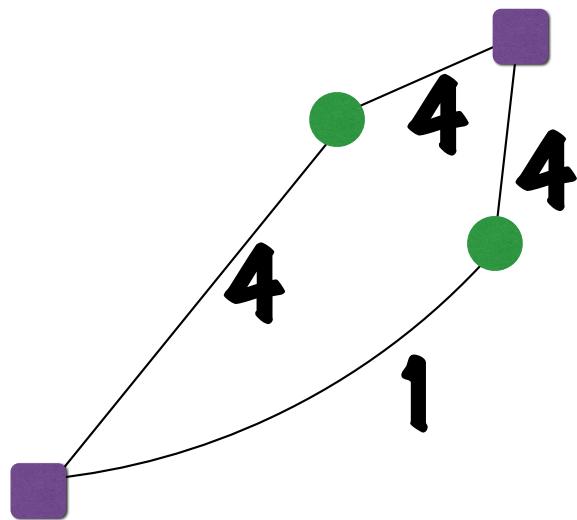


Facility cost =  $3 + 2 = 5$

Clients cost =  $4 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 4 + 1 + 3 = 16$

Total cost = 21

# Metric facility location



Triangle inequality:

$$c_{ij} + c_{jl} \geq c_{il}$$

# Facility location



# Facility location

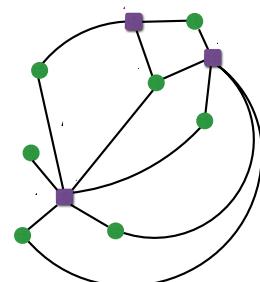


# IP model

## Variables

$x_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{iff client } j \text{ is assigned to facility } i$

$y_i = 1 \quad \text{iff facility } i \text{ is open}$



## IP model

### Constraints

**Each client is assigned  
to some facility**

and

**If at least one client is  
assigned to facility i then  
facility i has to be open**

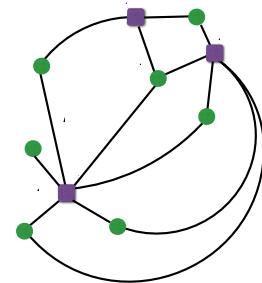
$$\sum_{i \in F} x_{ij} \geq 1, \quad j \in C$$

$$y_i - x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in C, i \in F$$

## IP model

### Objective

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i \in F} \sum_{j \in C} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in F} f_i y_i$$



## IP model

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i \in F} \sum_{j \in C} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in F} f_i y_i$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \sum_{i \in F} x_{ij} \geq 1, \quad j \in C$$

$$y_i - x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in F$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F$$

## Linear programming relaxation

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{i \in F} \sum_{j \in C} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in F} f_i y_i$$

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$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in F \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad 0 \leq y_i \leq 1, \quad i \in F$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad 0 \leq x_{ij} \leq 1, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F$$

# Facility location



# Facility location



# Linear programming relaxation

**Primal:** minimize  $\sum_{i \in F} \sum_{j \in C} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in F} f_i y_i$

subject to

$$\sum_{i \in F} x_{ij} \geq 1, \quad j \in C \quad \alpha_j$$
$$y_i - x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F \quad \beta_{ij}$$
$$y_i \geq 0, \quad i \in F$$
$$x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F$$

**Dual variables:**

## Taking the dual

**Dual:** maximize

$$\sum_{j \in C} \alpha_j$$

subject to

$$\alpha_j - \beta_{ij} \leq c_{ij}, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F \quad x_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{j \in C} \beta_{ij} \leq f_i, \quad i \in F \quad y_i$$

$$\alpha_j \geq 0, \quad j \in C$$

$$\beta_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in C, \quad i \in F$$

**Primal  
variables**

**Recall :**

**Complementary slackness conditions**

**If  $x$  is optimal for (P) and  $y$  optimal for (D)  
then for every  $i$ :**

$$c_i = \sum_j a_{ij}y_j \text{ or } x_i = 0$$

**and for every  $j$ :**

$$b_j = \sum_i a_{ij}x_i \text{ or } y_j = 0$$

# Interpreting the dual

**Complementary slackness  
conditions :**

1.  $\forall i \in F, j \in C : x_{ij} > 0 \implies \alpha_j - \beta_{ij} = c_{ij}$
2.  $\forall i \in F : y_i > 0 \implies \sum_{j \in C} \beta_{ij} = f_i$
3.  $\forall j \in C : \alpha_j > 0 \implies \sum_{i \in F} x_{ij} = 1$
4.  $\forall i \in F, j \in C : \beta_{ij} > 0 \implies y_i = x_{ij}$

## Interpreting the dual

$\beta_{ij}$ : Contribution of client j for opening facility i

Complementary slackness

condition 2:  $\forall i \in F : y_i > 0 \implies \sum_{j \in C} \beta_{ij} = f_i$

If  $y_i = 1$  then  $\sum_{j \in C} \beta_{ij} = f_i$  we say that facility i is fully paid

# Interpreting the dual

**Complementary slackness**

**condition 4:**  $\forall i \in F, j \in C : \beta_{ij} > 0 \implies y_i = x_{ij}$

**thus,**  $\forall i \in F, j \in C : y_i \neq x_{ij} \implies \beta_{ij} = 0$

**Recall**  $y_i - x_{ij} \geq 0$ , **If**  $y_i \neq x_{ij}$  **then**  $\beta_{ij} = 0$

**and so, client j does not contribute to opening any facility except the one it is connected to**

# Interpreting the dual

**Complementary slackness**

**condition 1 :**  $\forall i \in F, j \in C : x_{ij} > 0 \implies \alpha_j - \beta_{ij} = c_{ij}$

**thus, if client j is assigned to facility i we have :**

$$\alpha_j - \beta_{ij} = c_{ij}$$

**We define  $\alpha_j$  as the total price paid by client j.**

**The total price is made of the use of edge (i,j)  $c_{ij}$  and the contribution to the opening cost  $\beta_{ij}$**

# Facility location



# Facility location



# Primal

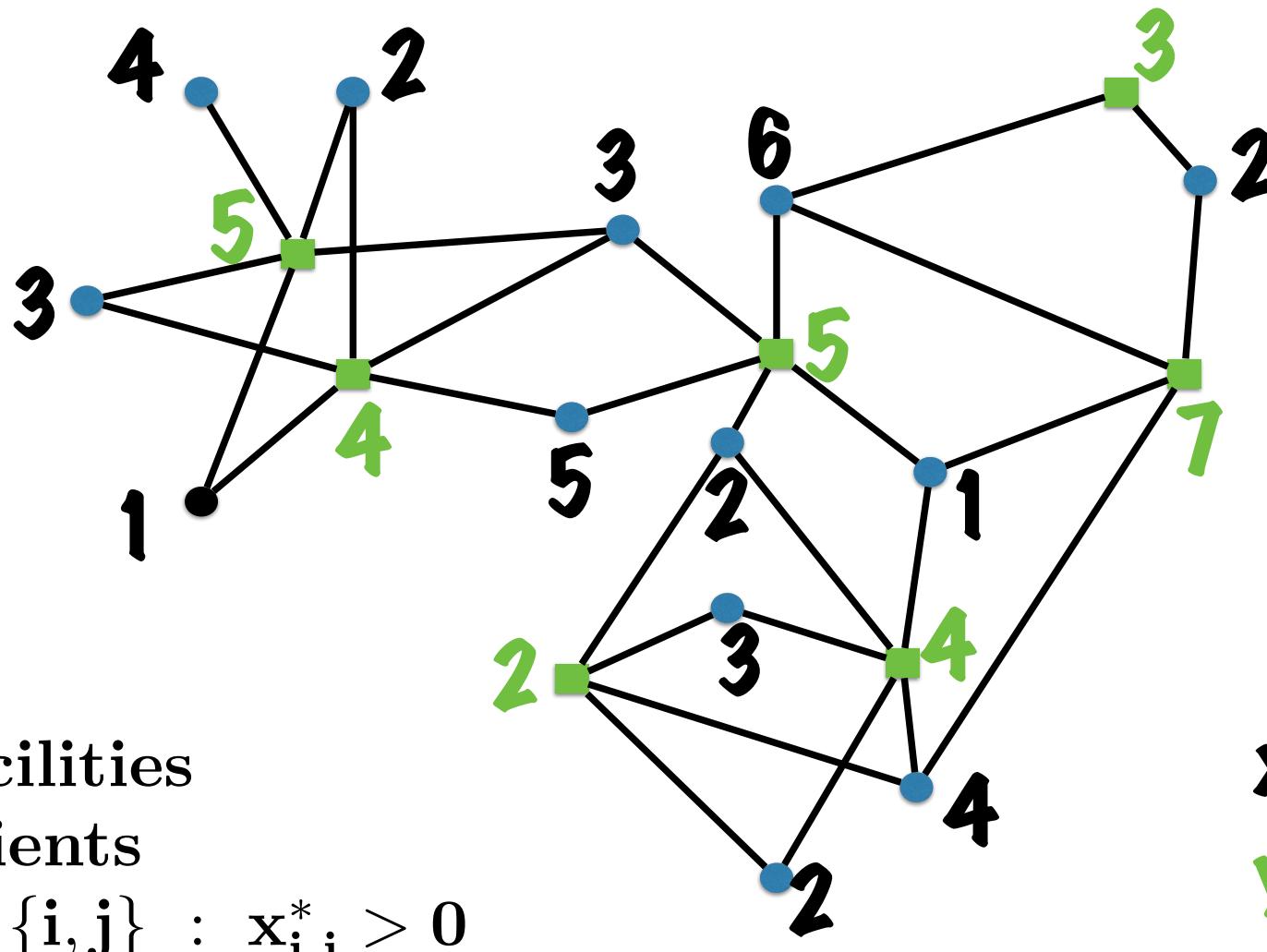
$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum_i f_i y_i + \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} x_{ij} : \\ & \sum_i x_{ij} \geq 1 \text{ for all } j \\ & x_{ij} \leq y_i \text{ for all } i, j \\ & x_{ij}, y_i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Dual

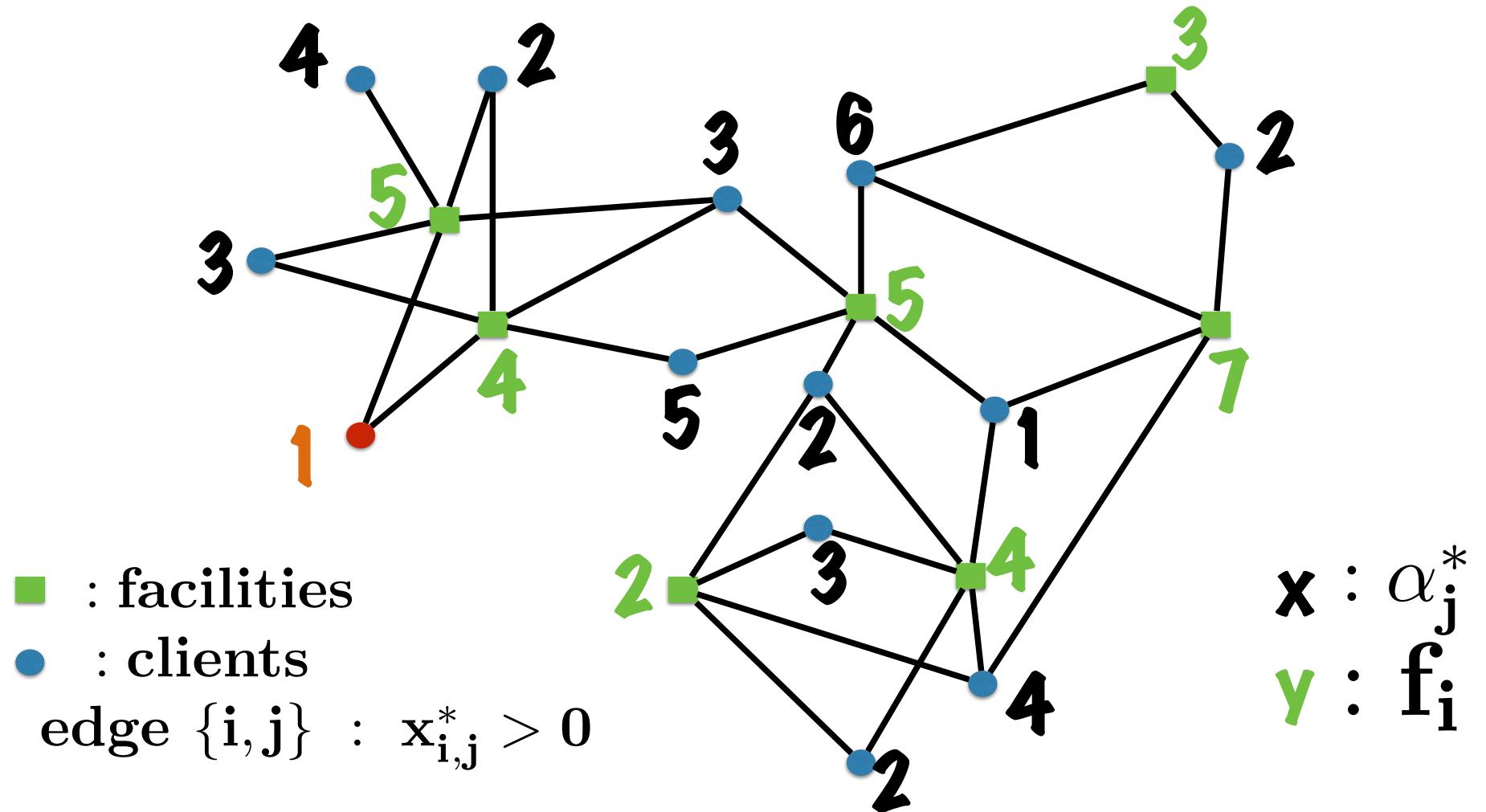
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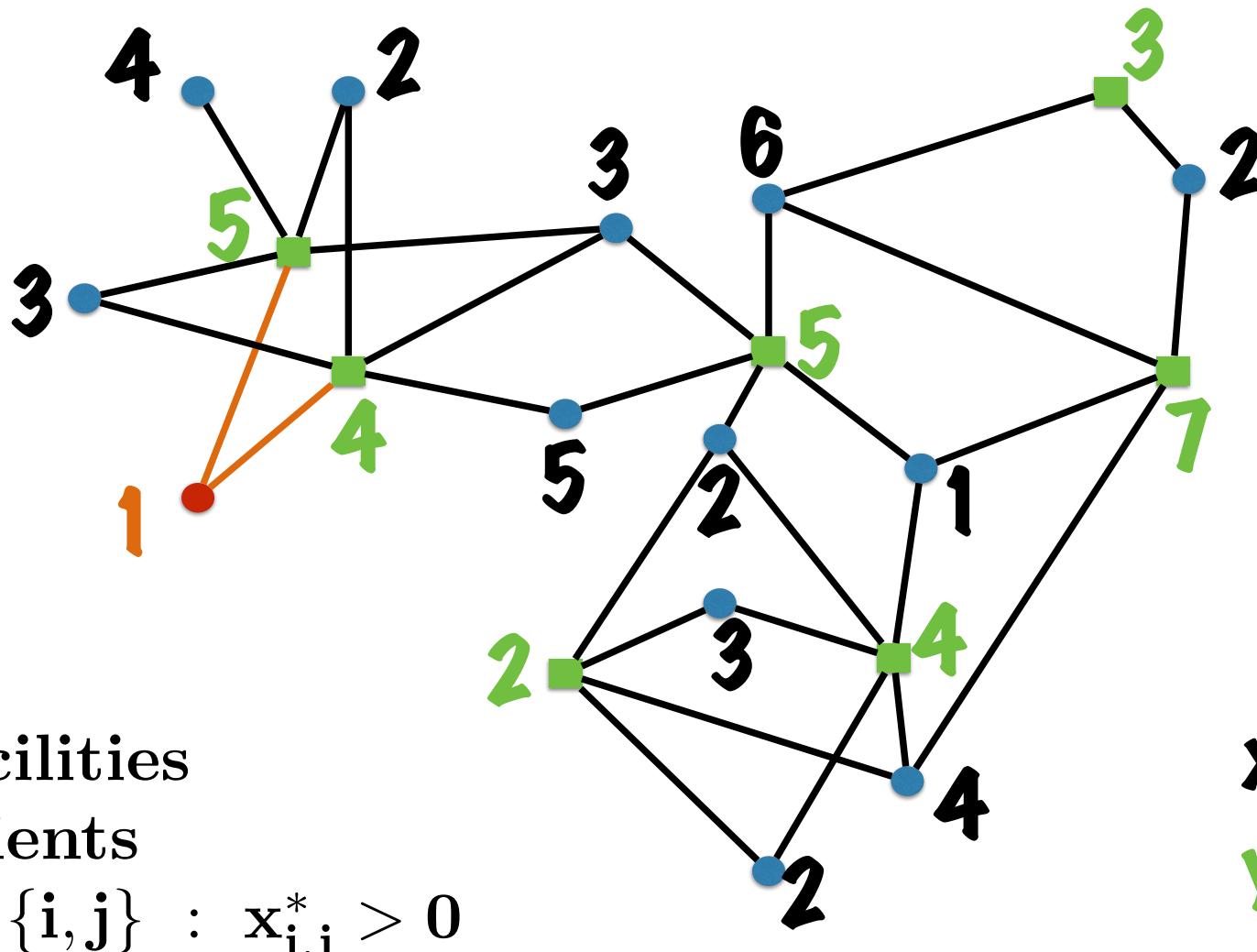
## Algorithm

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# First iteration





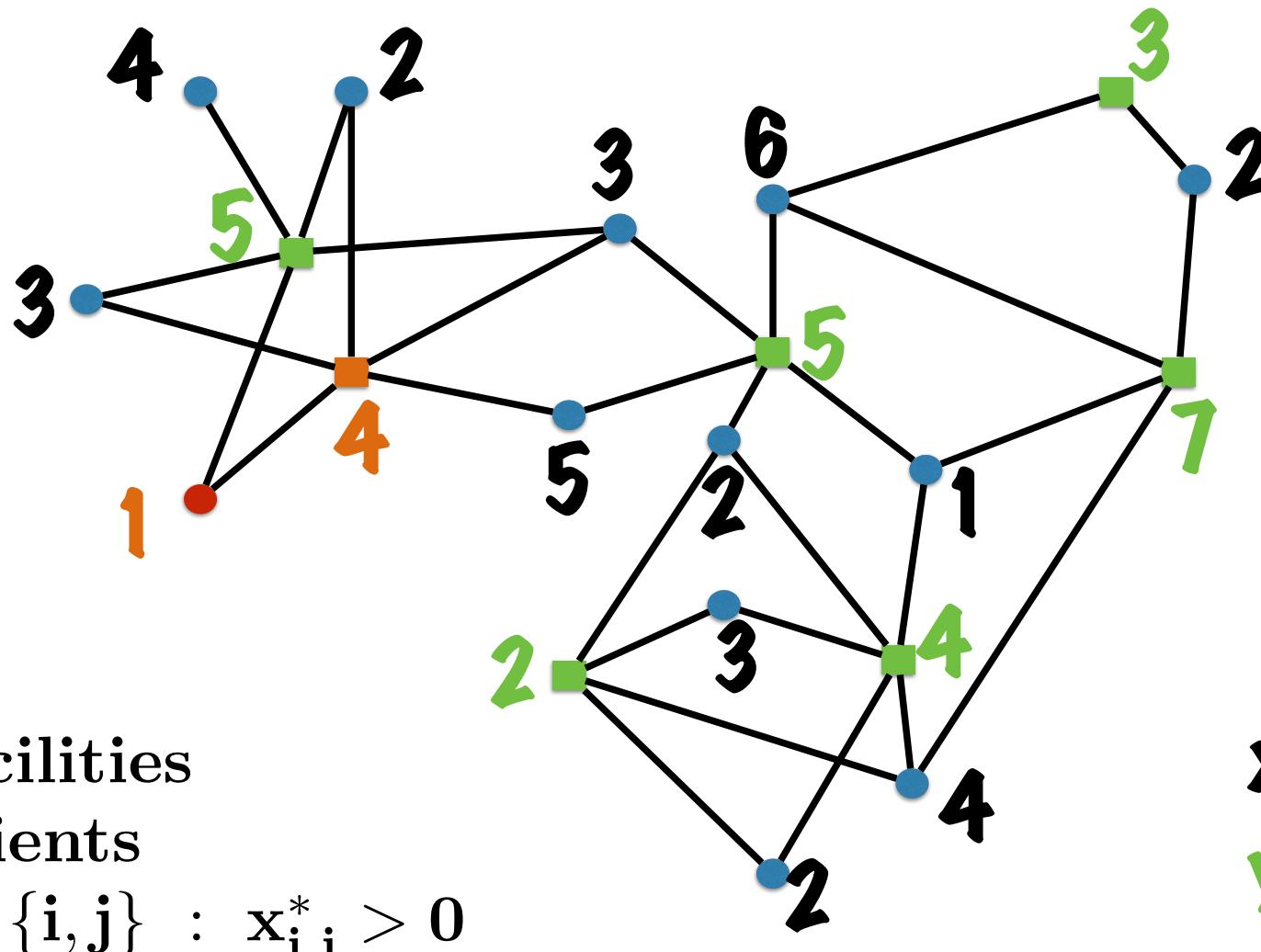
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edge  $\{i, j\}$  :  $x_{i,j}^* > 0$

$x$  :  $\alpha_j^*$

$y$  :  $f_i$



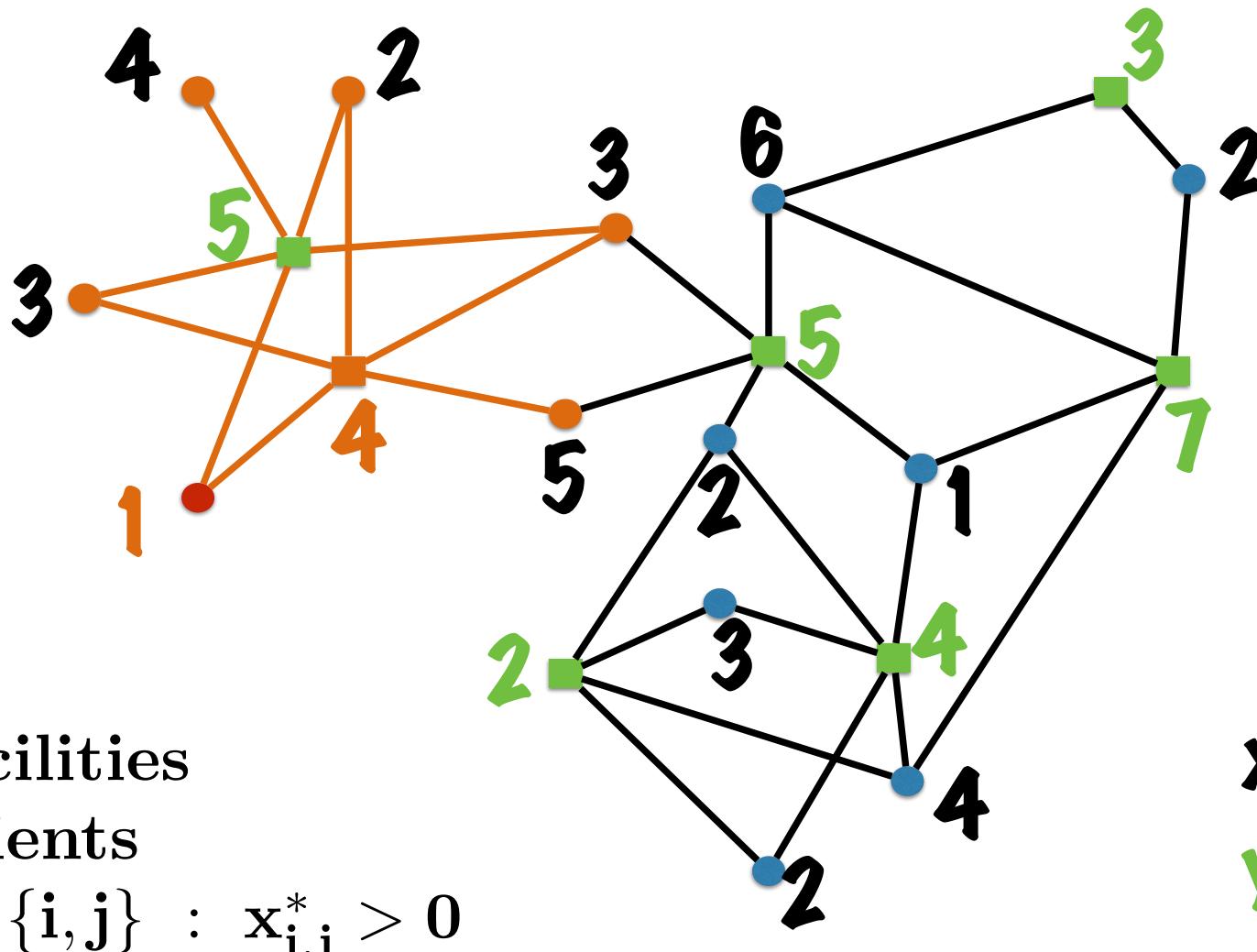
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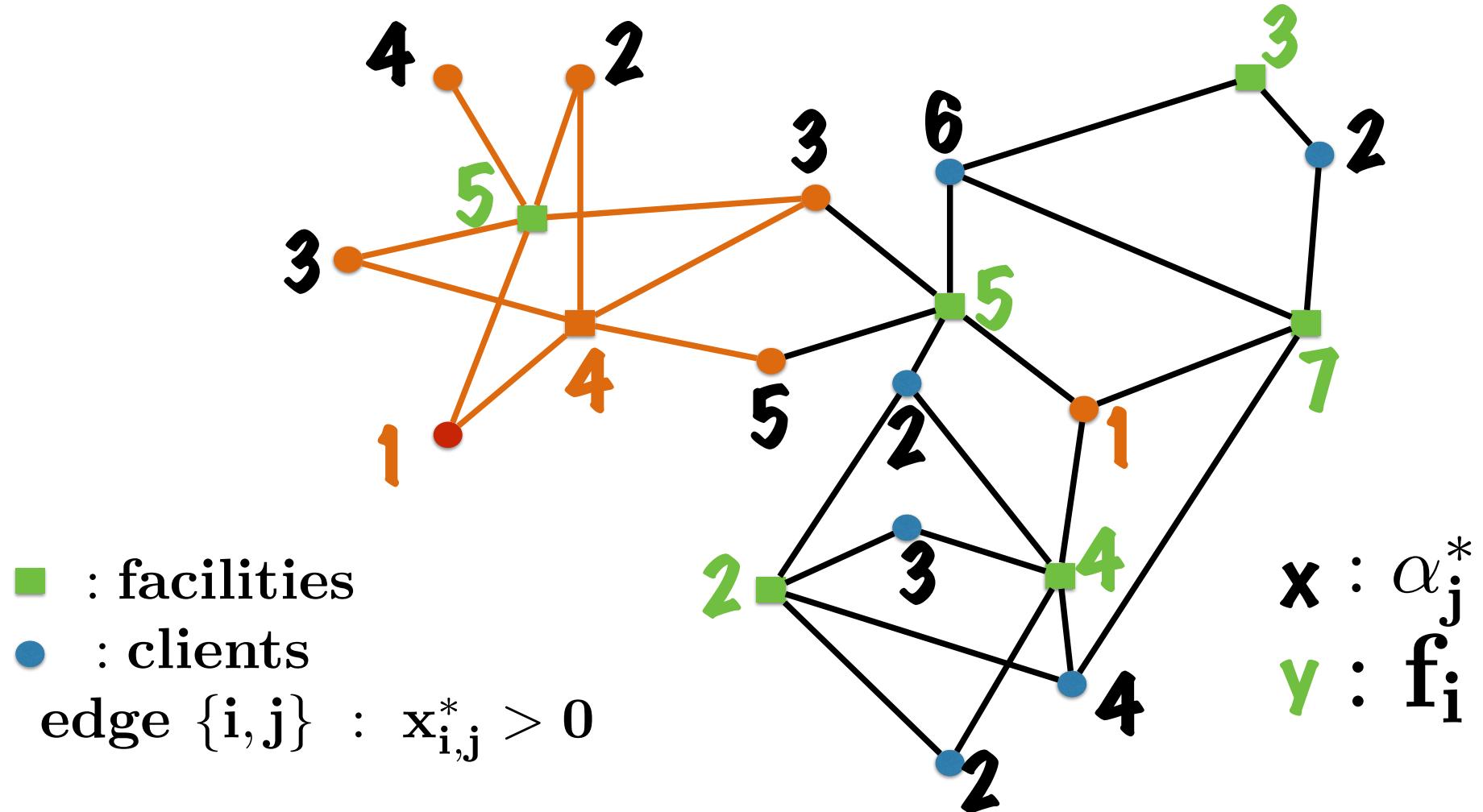
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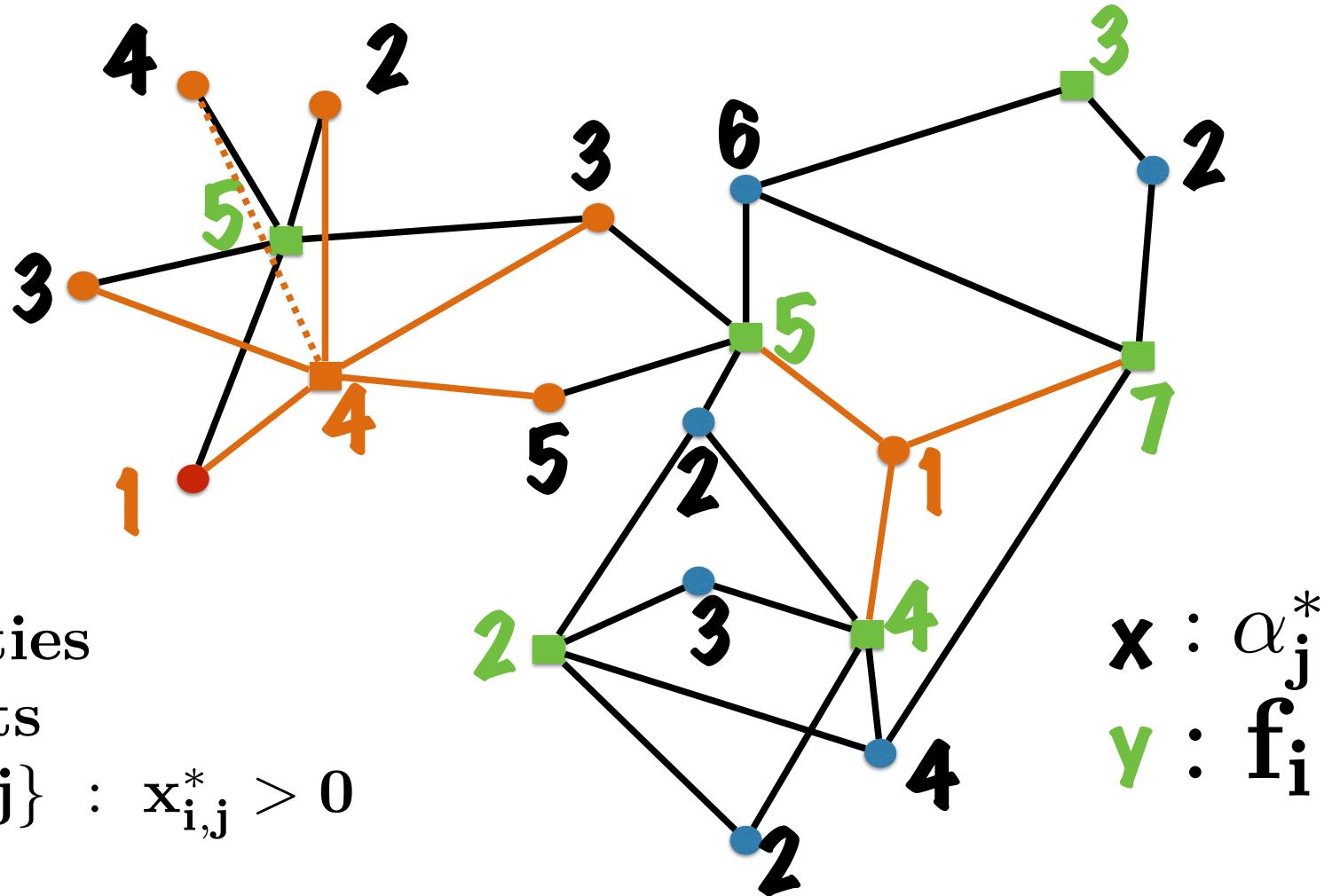
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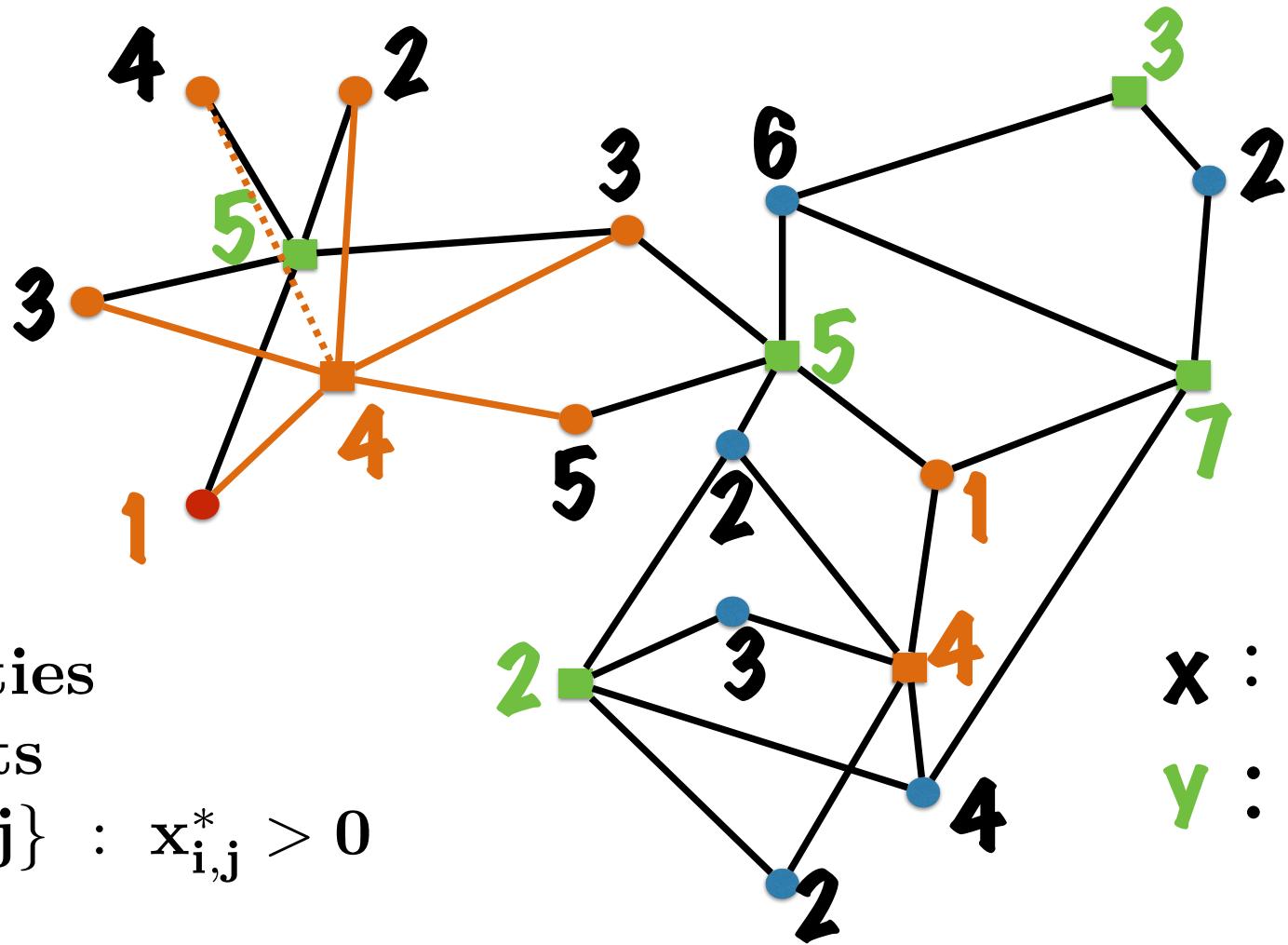


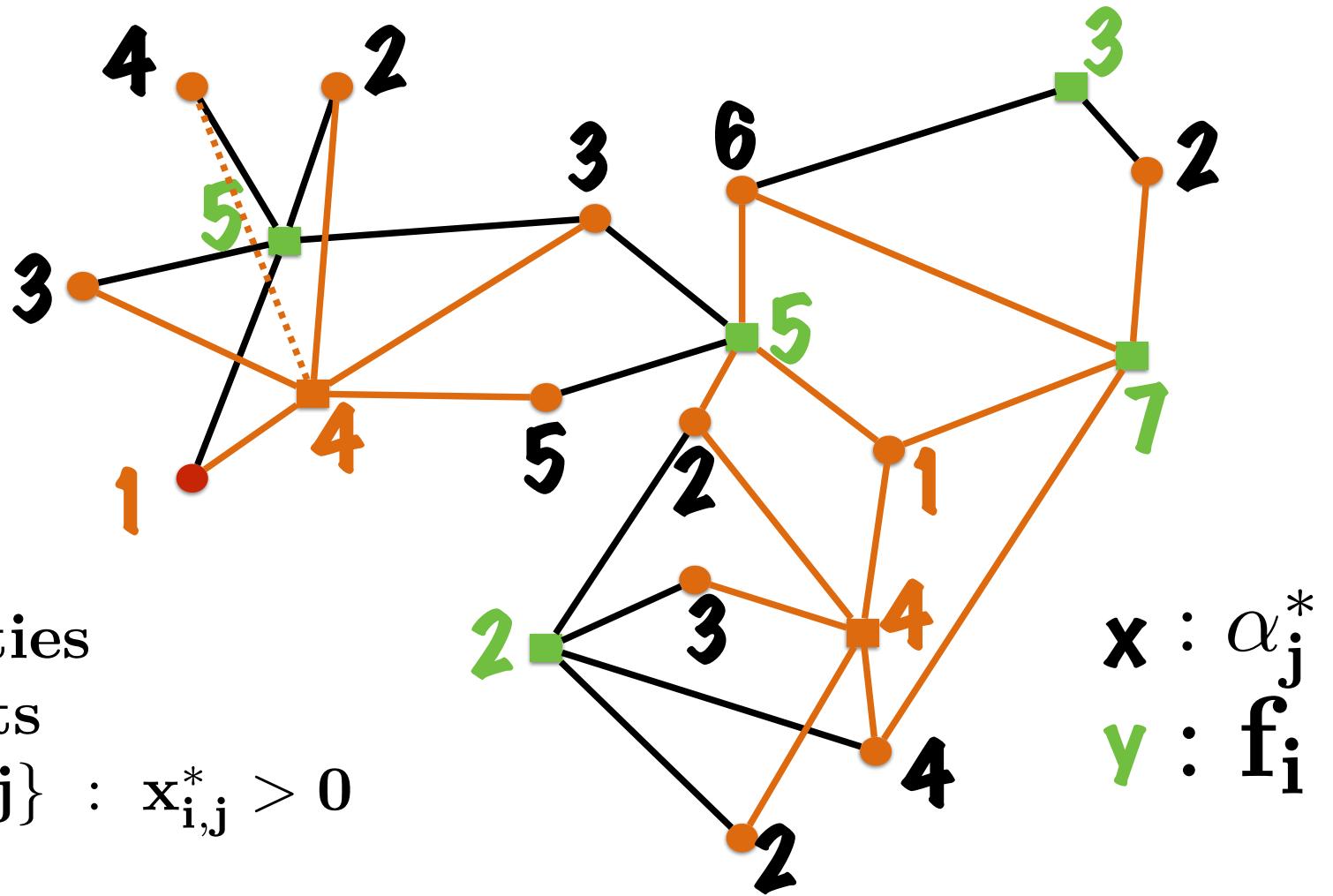
$x$  :  $\alpha_j^*$   
 $y$  :  $f_i$

## Second iteration

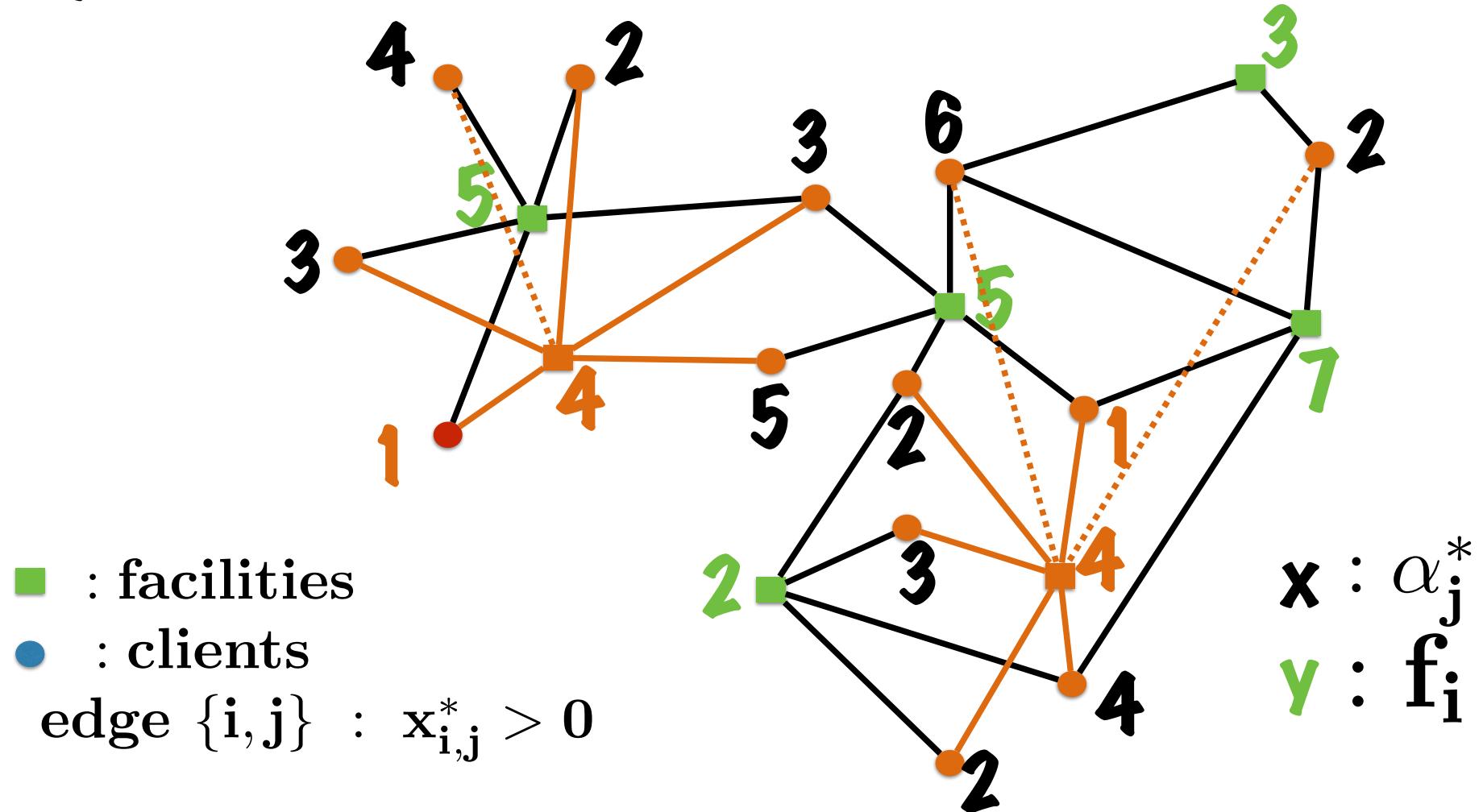








# Output



# Facility location



# Facility location



# Primal

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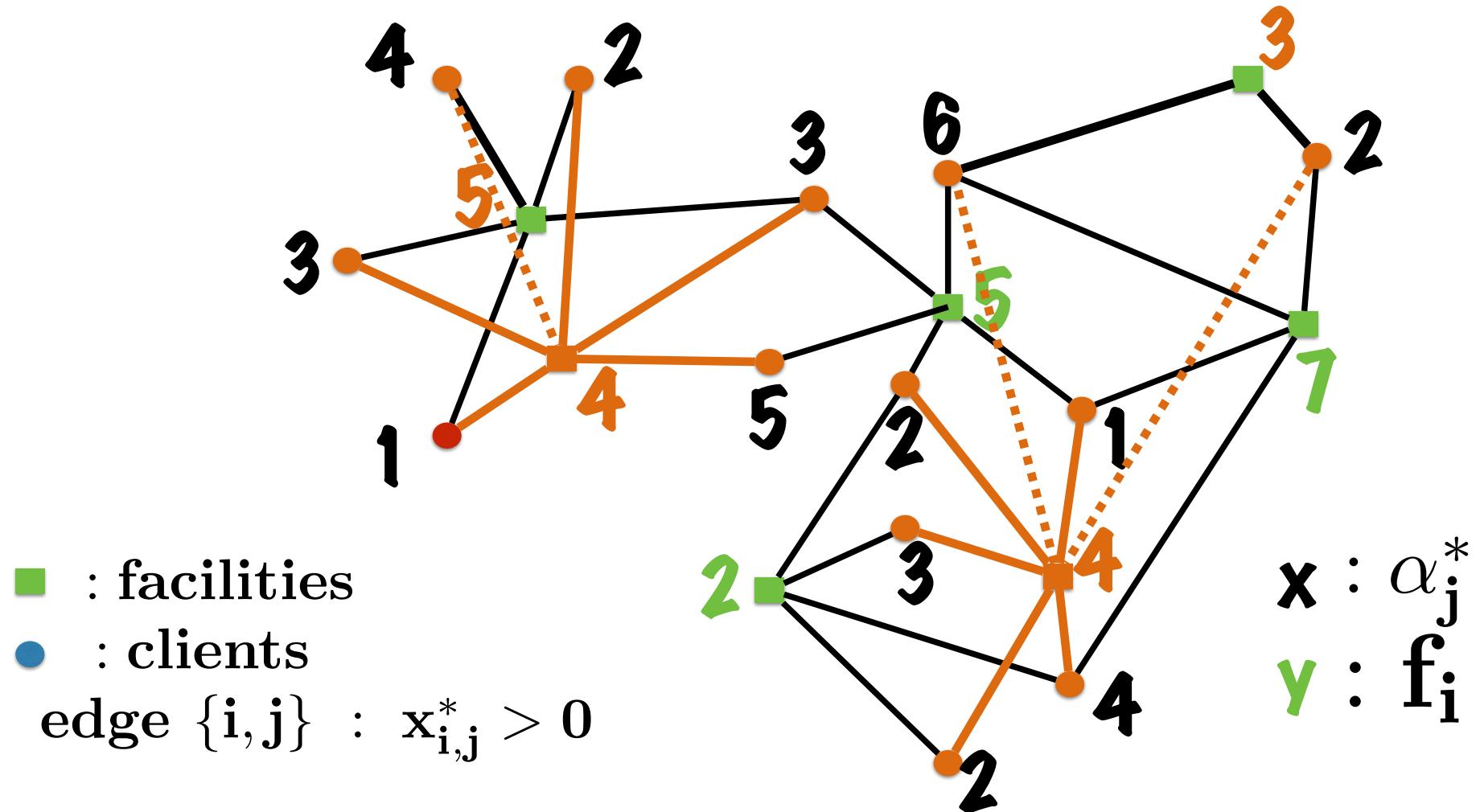
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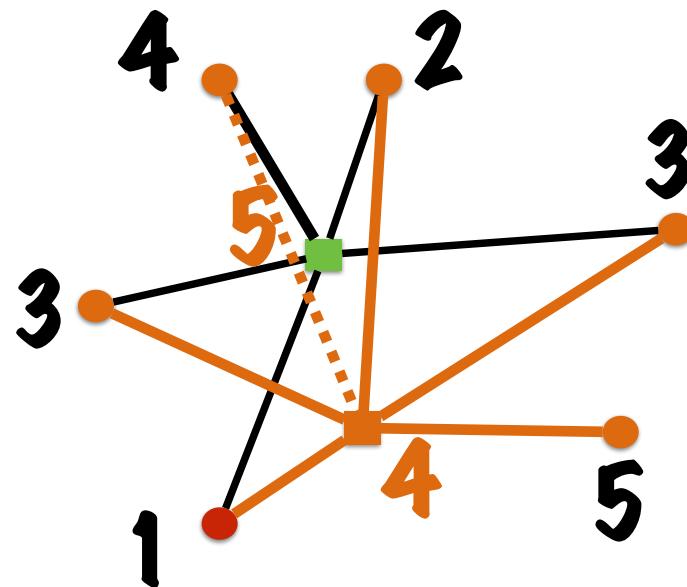
# Service cost: total red length (solid or dotted)

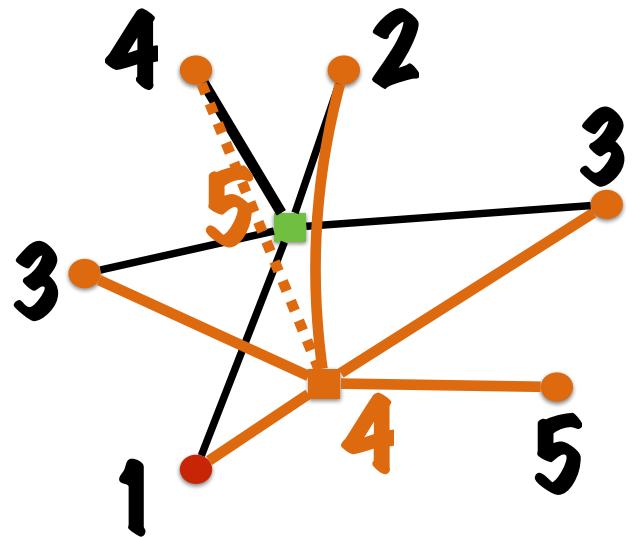


## Service cost analysis

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{j \in C} c_{iCj}$$

**Metric:**  $c_{iC,j} \leq c_{iC,j_C} + c_{i,j_C} + c_{i,j}$





**Observation:** if  $j \in C$  then  $x_{i,j}^*, x_{i,j_C}^*, x_{i_C,j_C}^* > 0$

**Complementary slackness:**

$$\alpha_j^* = \beta_{i,j}^* + c_{i,j} \geq c_{i,j}$$

$$\alpha_{j_C}^* = \beta_{i,j_C}^* + c_{i,j_C} \geq c_{i,j_C}$$

$$\alpha_{j_C}^* = \beta_{i_C,j_C}^* + c_{i_C,j_C} \geq c_{i_C,j_C}$$

**Adding:**  $c_{i_C, j} \leq 2\alpha_{j_C}^* + \alpha_j^*$

**Minimality:**  $\alpha_{j_C}^* \leq \alpha_j^*$

**So:**  $c_{i_C, j} \leq 3\alpha_j^*$

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{j \in C} c_{i_C j} \leq \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{j \in C} 3\alpha_j^*$$

$$= 3 \sum_j \alpha_j^*$$

**Duality theorem:**  $\leq 3 \cdot \text{OPT}$

# Facility location



# Facility location



## Primal

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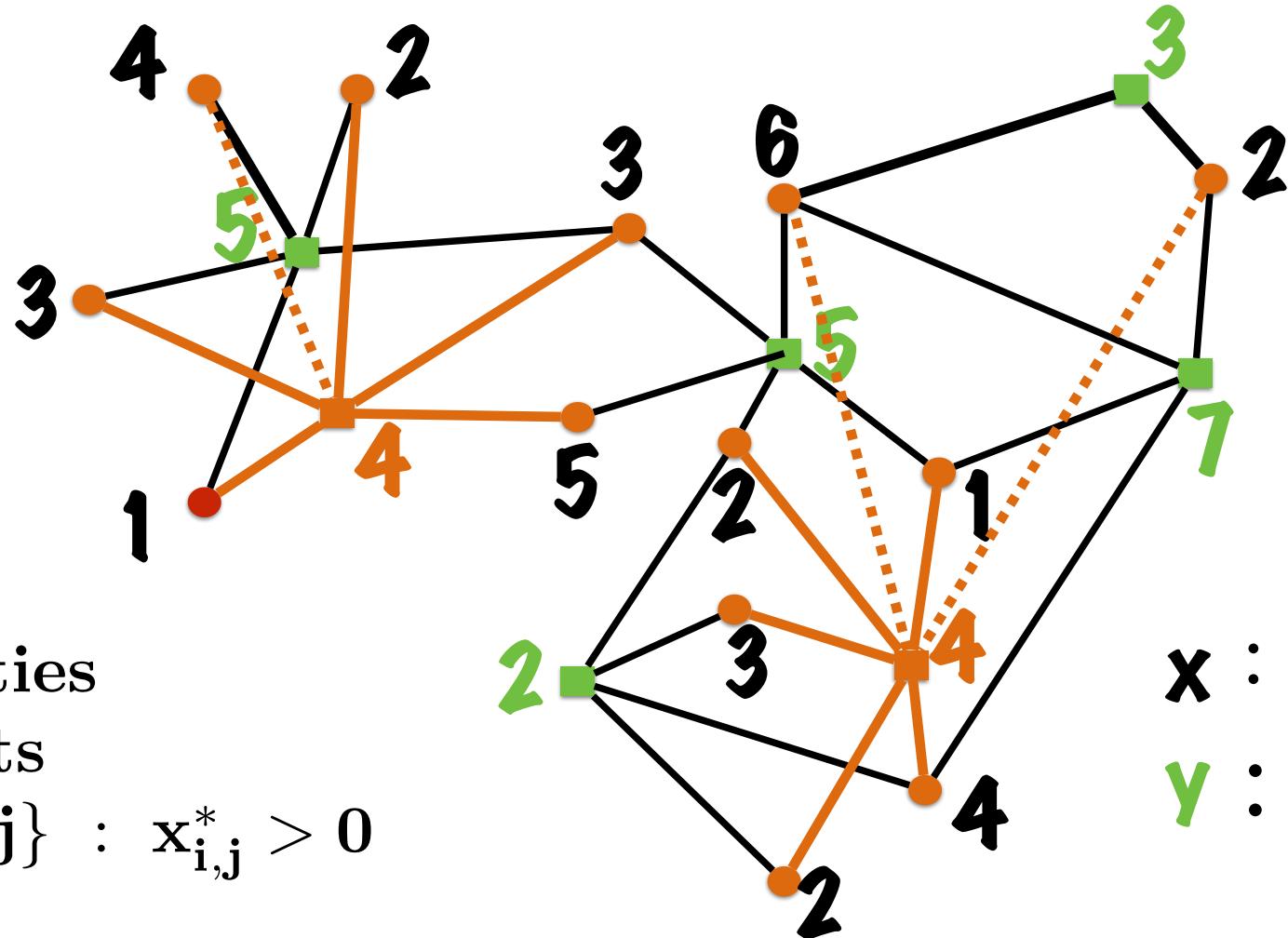
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there is a facility with  $x_{i, j_C}^* > 0$  and  $x_{i, j}^* > 0$

# Facilities cost: $4+4=8$



$x$  :  $\alpha_j^*$   
 $y$  :  $f_i$

## Facilities cost analysis

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} f_{i_C}$$

**Observation:** if open  $i_C$  then  $f_{i_C} = \min\{f_i : x_{i,j_C}^* > 0\}$

$$f_{i_C} \leq \sum_{i: x_{i,j_C}^* > 0} x_{i,j_C}^* f_i$$

**Primal constraint:**  $x_{i,j_C}^* \leq y_i^*$

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} f_{i_C} \leq \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{i: x_{i,j_C}^* > 0} y_i^* f_i$$

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} f_{i_C} \leq \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{i: x_{i,j_C}^* > 0} y_i^* f_i$$

**By algorithm, this is a disjoint sum:**

$$\leq \sum_i y_i^* f_i$$

**Primal objective:**  $\leq \text{OPT}$

Together:

$$\sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{j \in C} c_{i_C, j} + \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} f_{i_C}$$

$$\leq 4 \cdot \text{OPT}$$

QED

# Facility location



# Facility location



# Primal

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# Dual

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_j \alpha_j : \\ & \sum_j \beta_{ij} \leq f_i \text{ for all } i \\ & \alpha_j \leq \beta_{ij} + c_{ij} \text{ for all } i, j \\ & \alpha_j, \beta_{ij} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

# 1. Notation

i **blocked:**  $\sum_j \beta_{ij} = f_i$

j **blocked:**  $\alpha_j \geq c_{ij}$  for some blocked i

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_j \alpha_j : \\ & \sum_j \beta_{ij} \leq f_i \\ & \alpha_j \leq \beta_{ij} + c_{ij} \\ & \alpha_j, \beta_{ij} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. A dual solution that grows

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**Initialization:**  $\alpha, \beta \leftarrow 0$

**Repeat**

**in parallel:**

**raise every unblocked  $\alpha_j$**

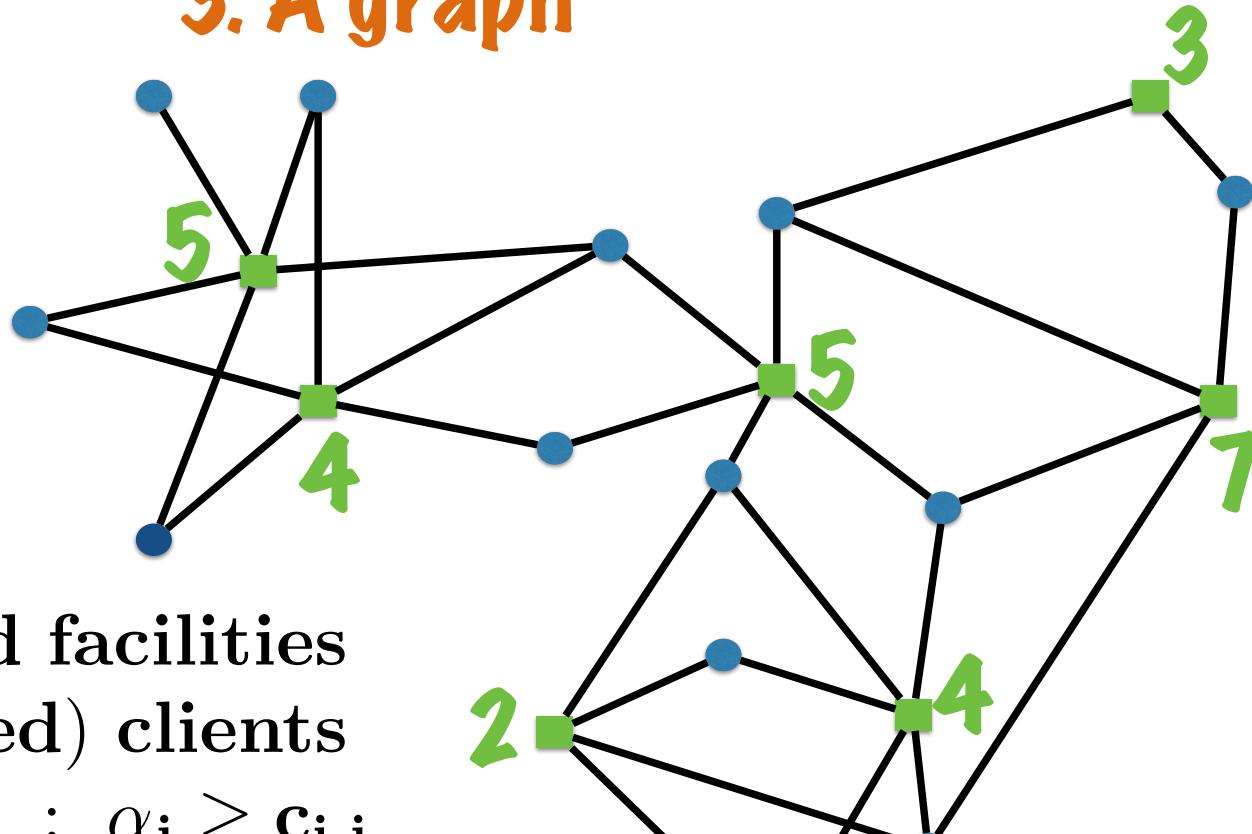
**as well as every unblocked  $\beta_{ij}$  s.t.**

**$\alpha_j \geq c_{ij}$  for some unblocked  $\alpha_j$**

**Until every  $\alpha_j$  is blocked**

**Fact:**  $\alpha_j \geq c_{ij} \iff \alpha_j = \beta_{ij} + c_{ij}$

### 3. A graph



- : blocked facilities
- : (blocked) clients
- edge  $\{i, j\}$  :  $\alpha_j \geq c_{i,j}$

$$\text{edge } \{i, j\} \implies \alpha_j = \beta_{ij} + c_{ij}$$

## 4. Constructing a primal solution

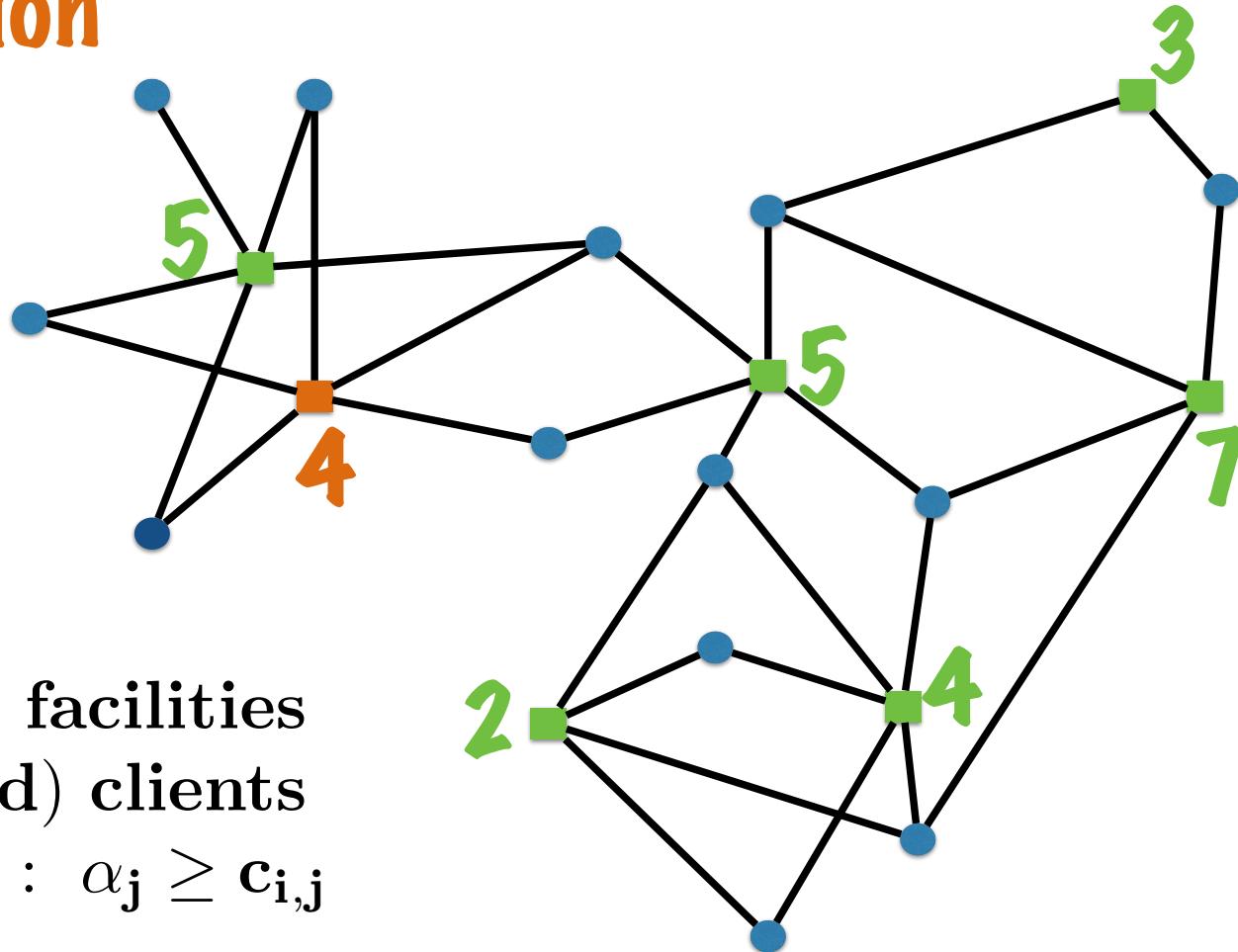
**Initialization:** facilities are pending,  
clients are unassigned

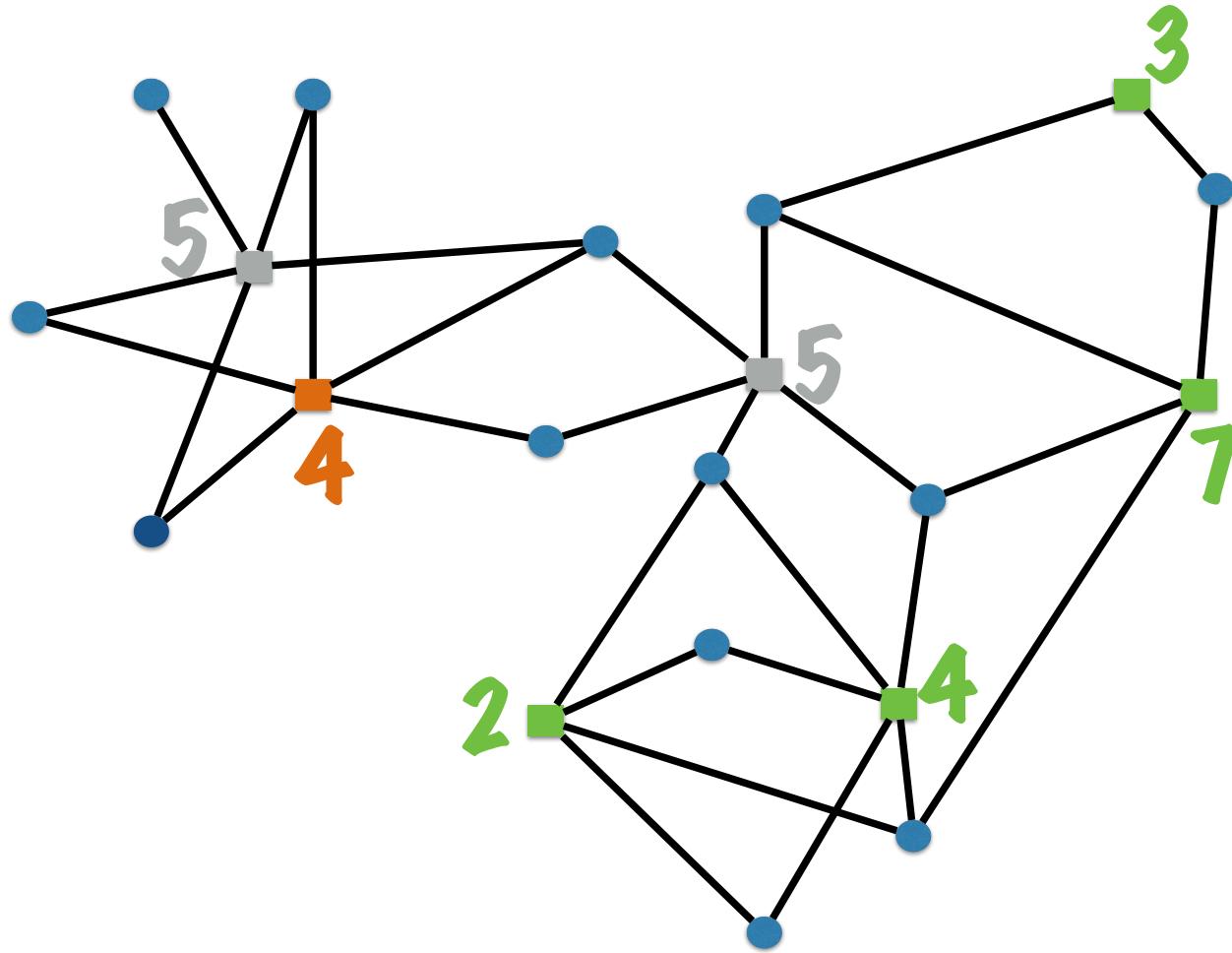
**While** some clients are unassigned:

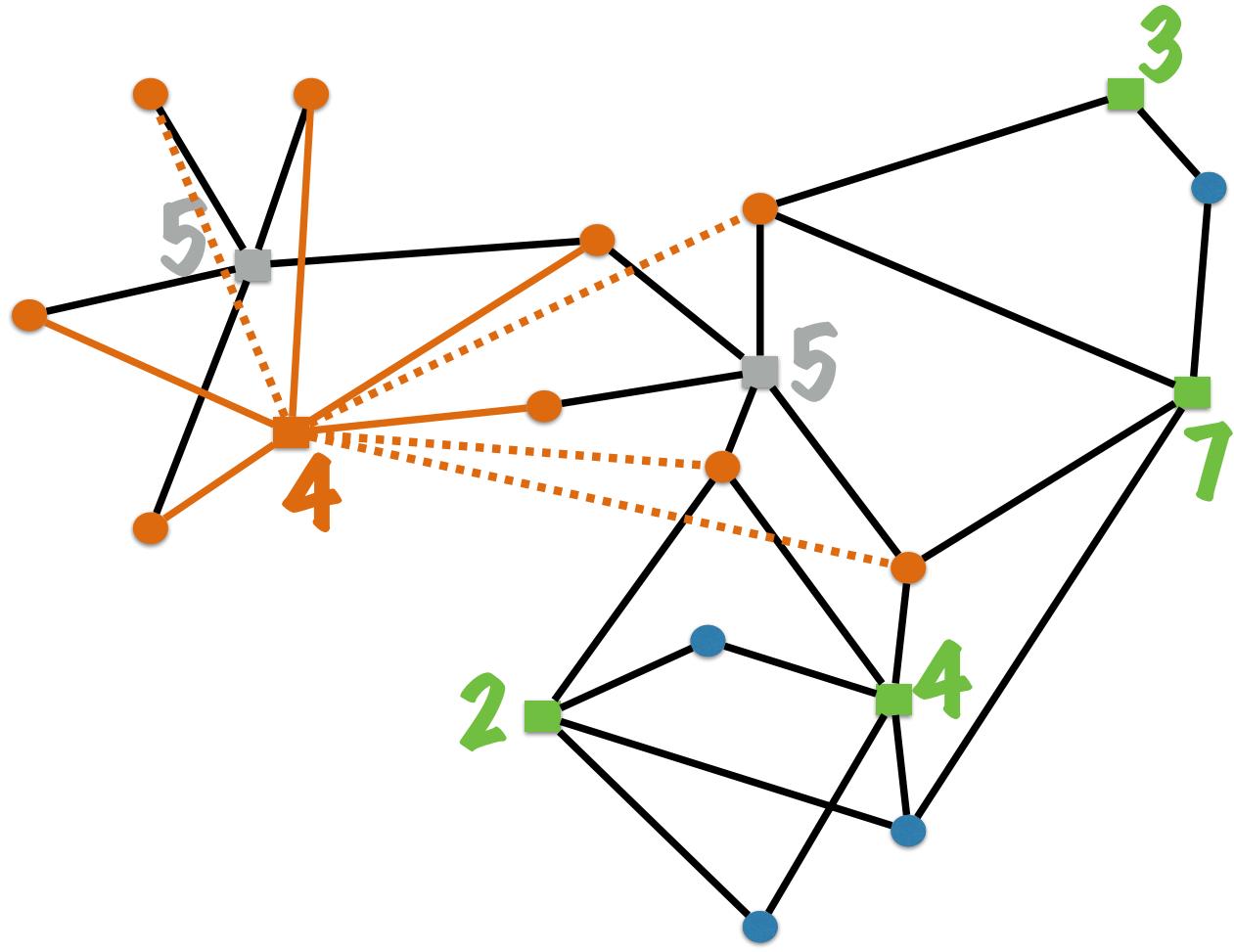
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open  $i_C$

close pending facilities within distance 2  
assign to  $i_C$  unassigned clients within distance 3

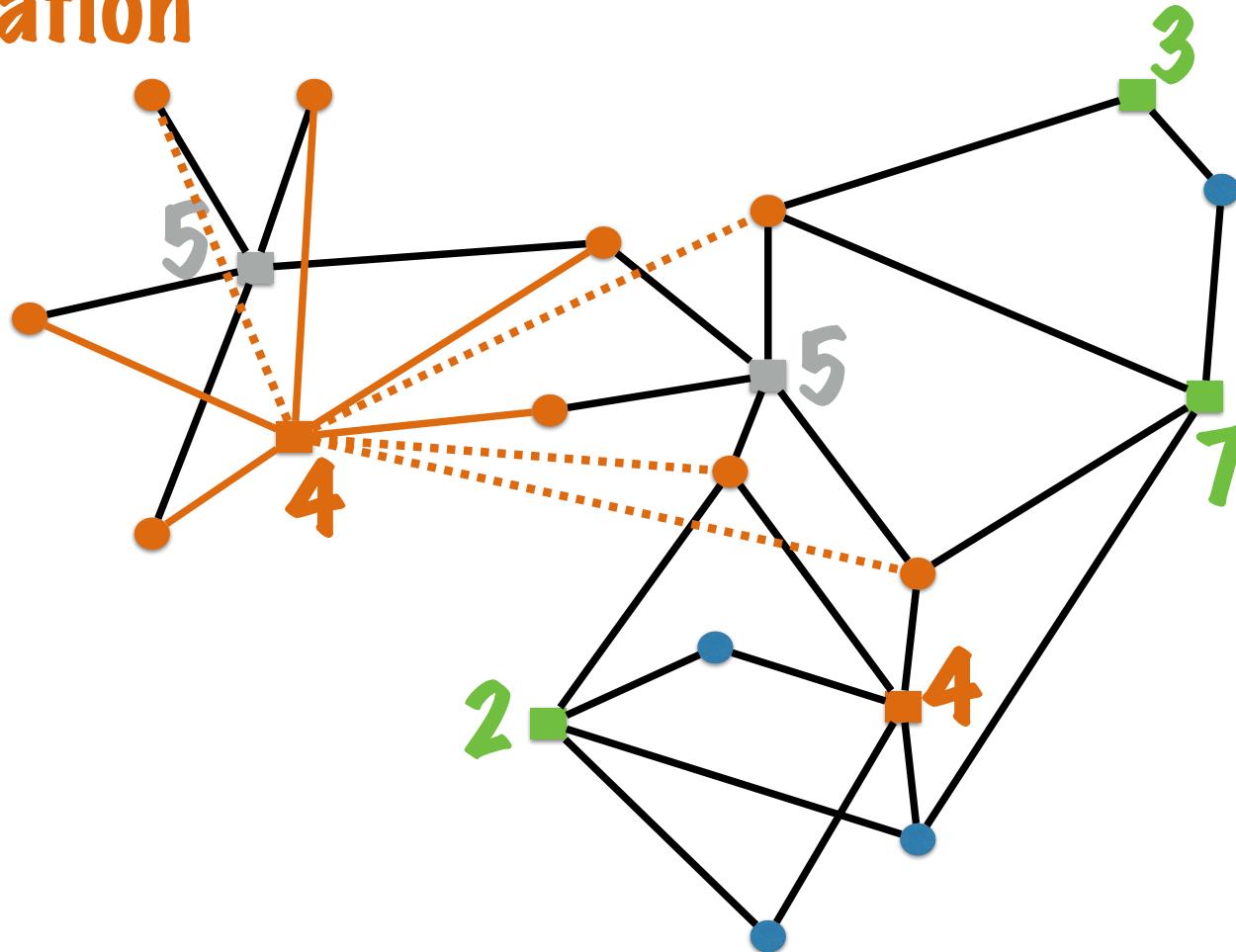
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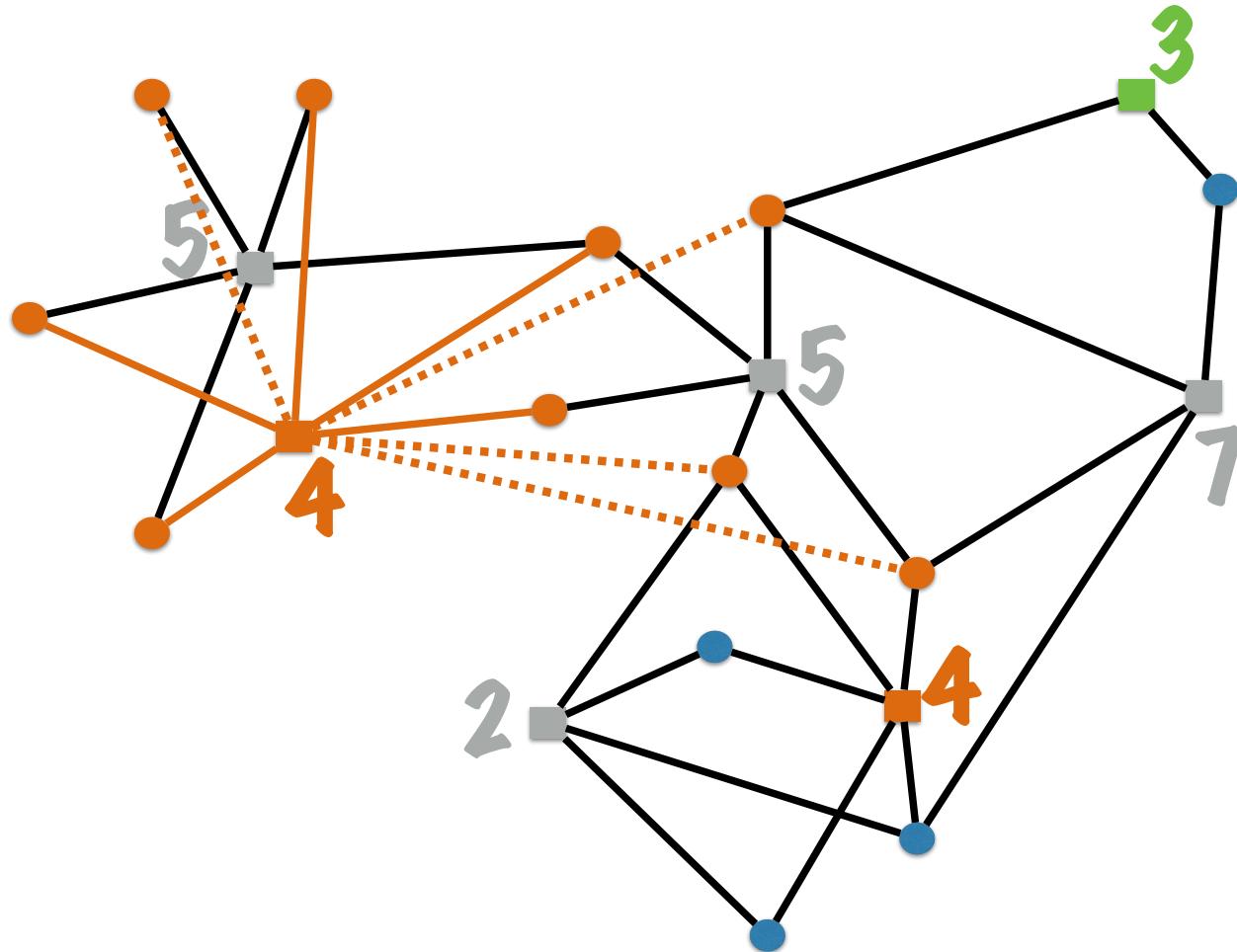


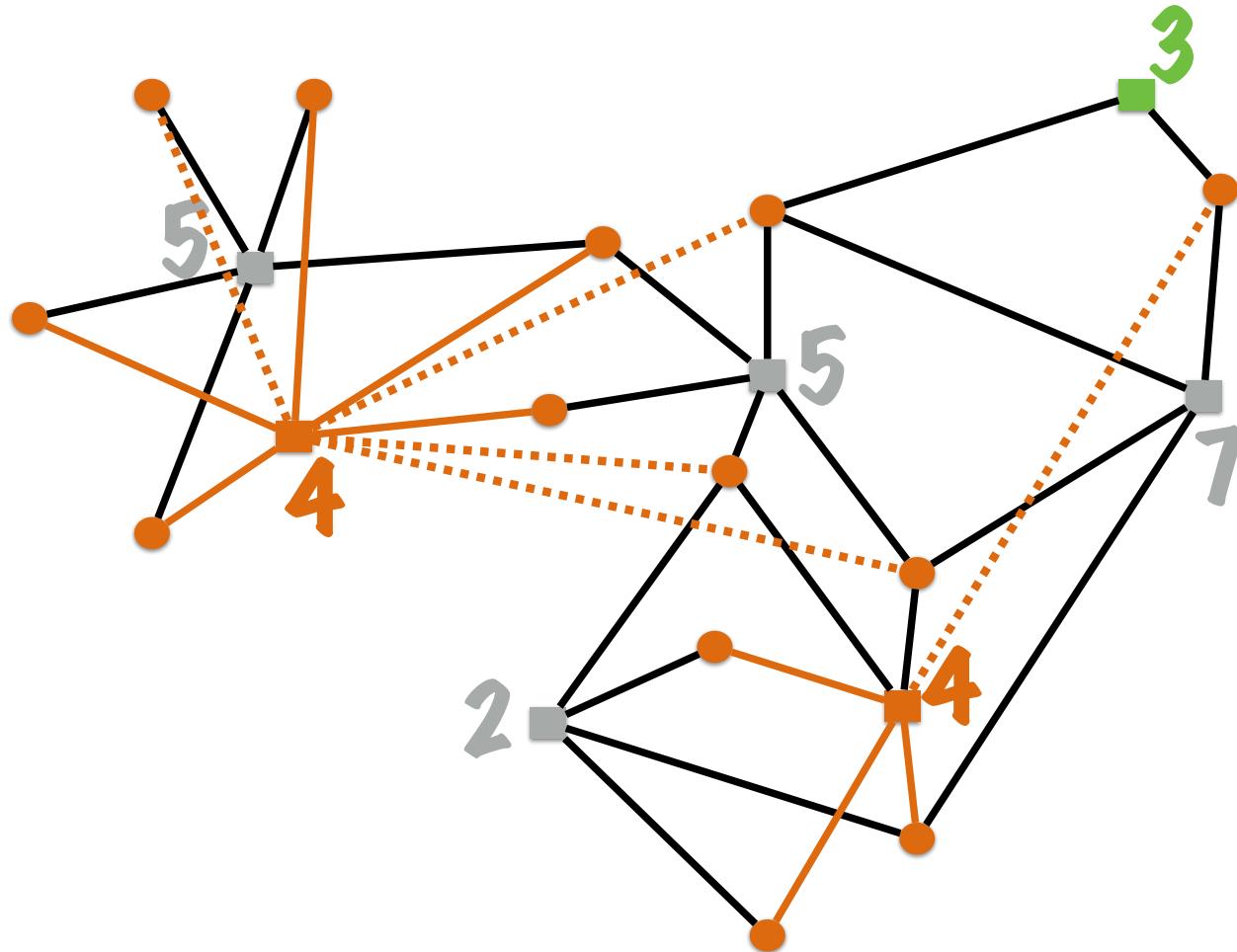




## Second iteration







# Facility location



# Facility location



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in parallel,

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and every unblocked  $\beta_{ij}$  s.t.

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edge  $\{i, j\} \implies \alpha_j = \beta_{ij} + c_{ij}$

## Analysis

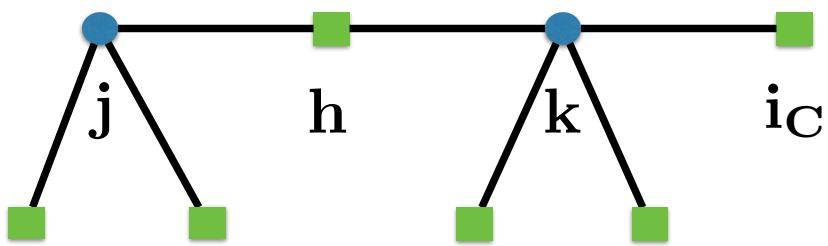
$$\text{Cost} = \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} (f_{i_C} + \sum_{j \in C} c_{i_C j})$$

$$f_{i_C} = \sum_{j \text{ adjacent to } i_C} \beta_{i_C j}$$



$$\begin{aligned} f_{i_C} + \sum_{j \text{ adjacent to } i_C} c_{i_C j} &= \\ \sum_{j \text{ adjacent to } i_C} \beta_{i_C j} + c_{i_C j} &= \\ \sum_{j \text{ adjacent to } i_C} \alpha_j \end{aligned}$$

## Clients at distance 3 from $i_C$



$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_j &\geq c_{hj} \\ \alpha_k &\geq c_{hk} \\ \alpha_k &\geq c_{i_C k}\end{aligned}$$

$$c_{i_C j} \leq c_{hj} + c_{hk} + c_{i_C k} \leq \alpha_j + 2\alpha_k$$

Since  $i_C$  was blocked first among contenders:

$$\alpha_k \leq \alpha_j$$

And so:  $c_{i_C j} \leq 3 \cdot \alpha_j$

Together:

$$\text{Cost} = \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} (f_{i_C} + \sum_{j \in C} c_{i_C j})$$

$$\leq \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} (\sum_{j \in C, j \sim i_C} \alpha_j + \sum_{j \in C, d(j, i_C) = 3} 3\alpha_j)$$

$$\leq \sum_{\text{Cluster } C} \sum_{j \in C} 3\alpha_j$$

$$\leq 3 \sum_j \alpha_j$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot \text{OPT}$$

QED

# Facility location

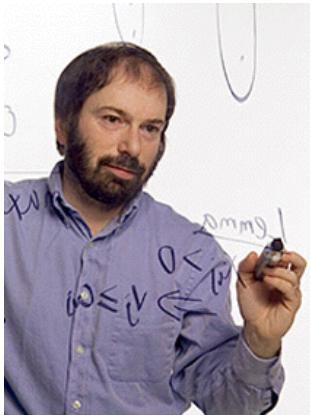


# Facility location





# **Michel Balinski LP relaxation (1963)**



**David Shmoys, Eva Tardos, Karen Aardal  
4 (really, 3.16) approx (1997)**

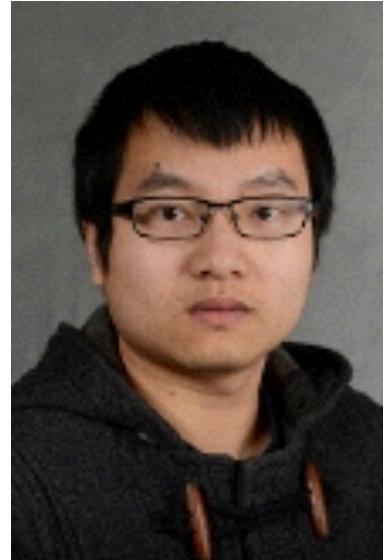


**Kamal Jain  
Vijay Vazirani  
3 approx (2001)**

# Hardness



**Sudipto Guha, Samir Khuller  
Under some Complexity assumption,  
lower bound of 1463...**



**Shi Li  
1488 approx (2011)**

# Facility location

