

A Multi-tool for your Quantum Algorithmic Toolbox (With a New and Improved Timer!)

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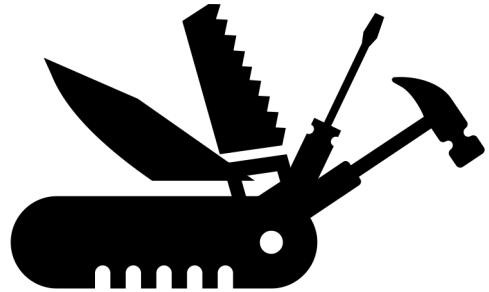
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Plethora of existing techniques:

- Grover Search
- Quantum walks (discrete/continuous)
- Span programs
- **Learning graphs (Belovs)**
- QFT

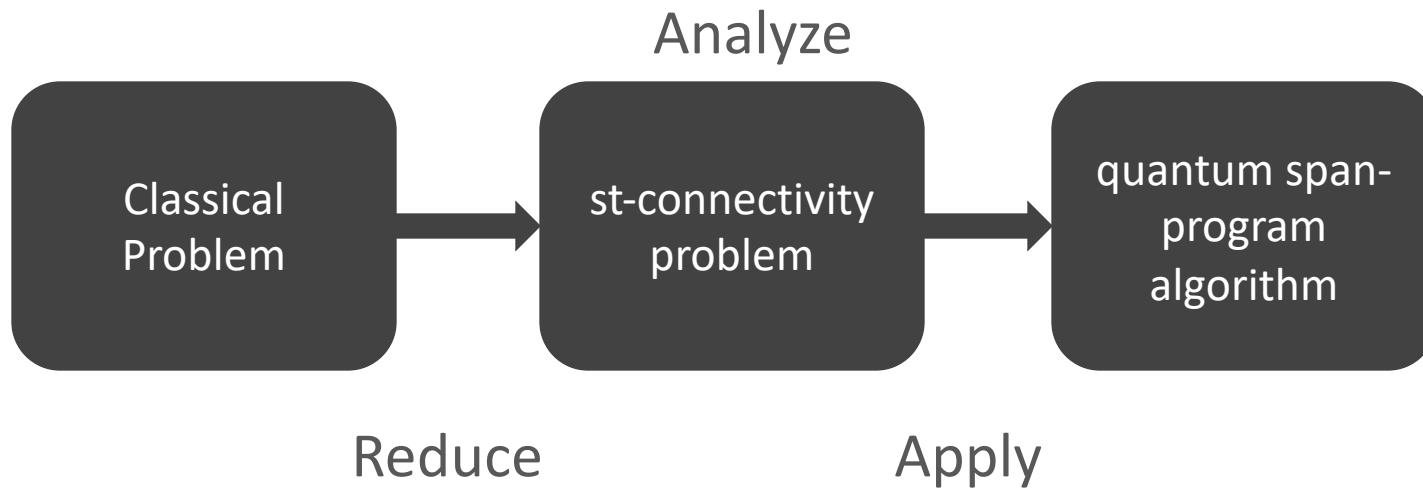
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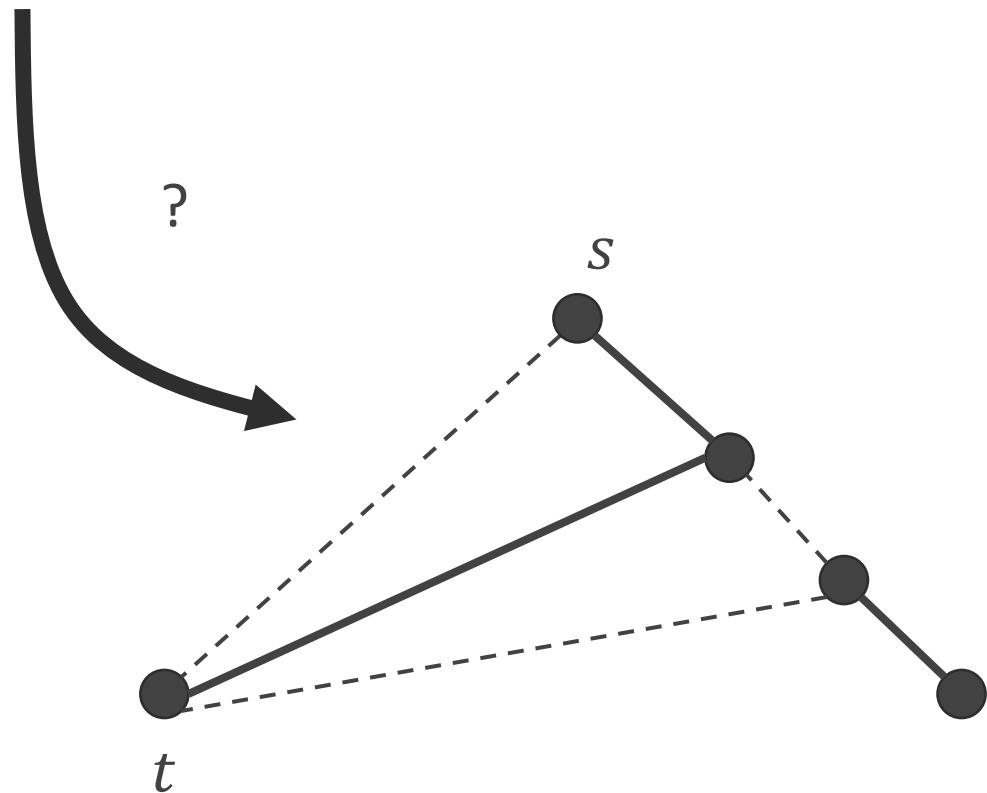


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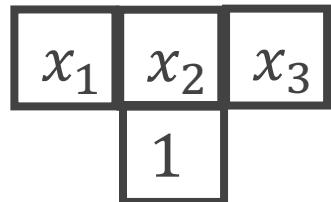
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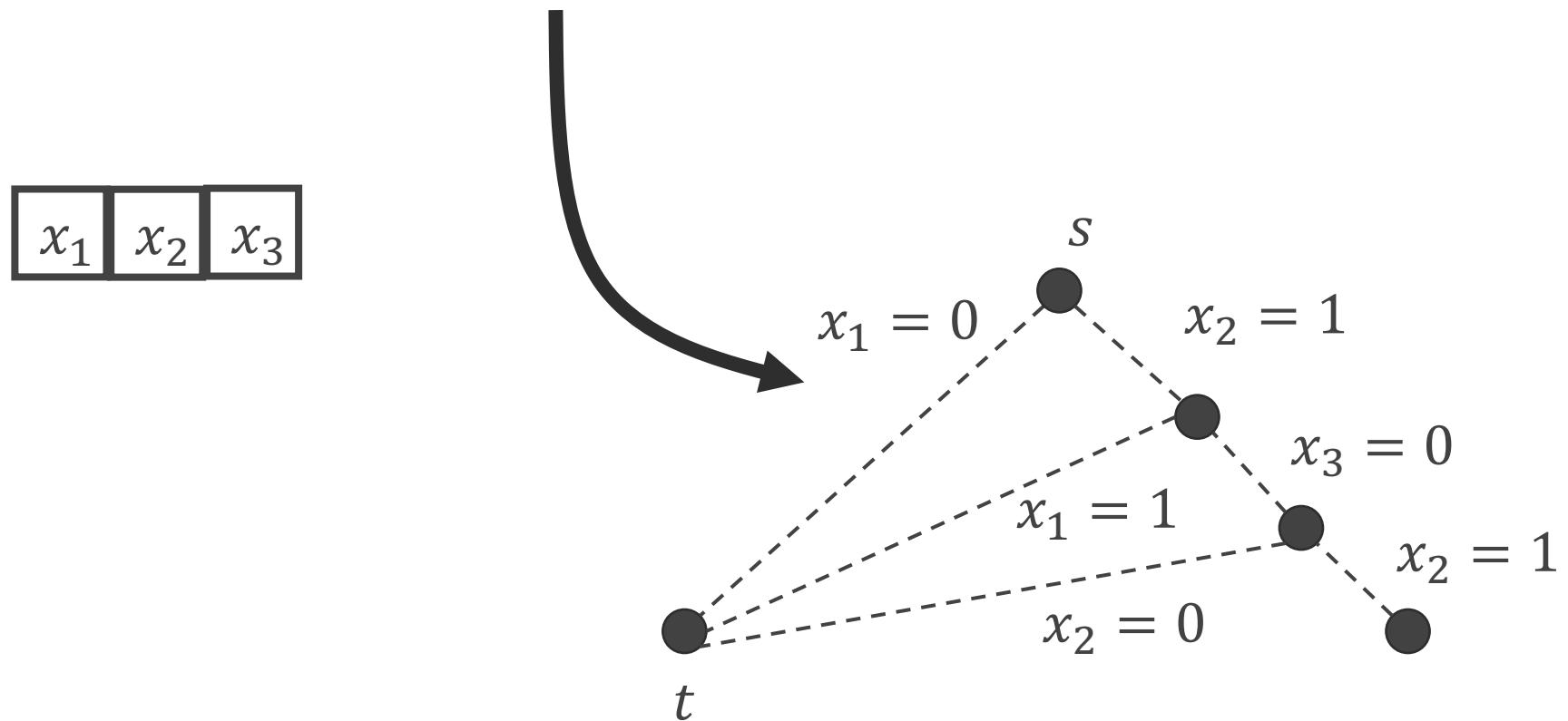
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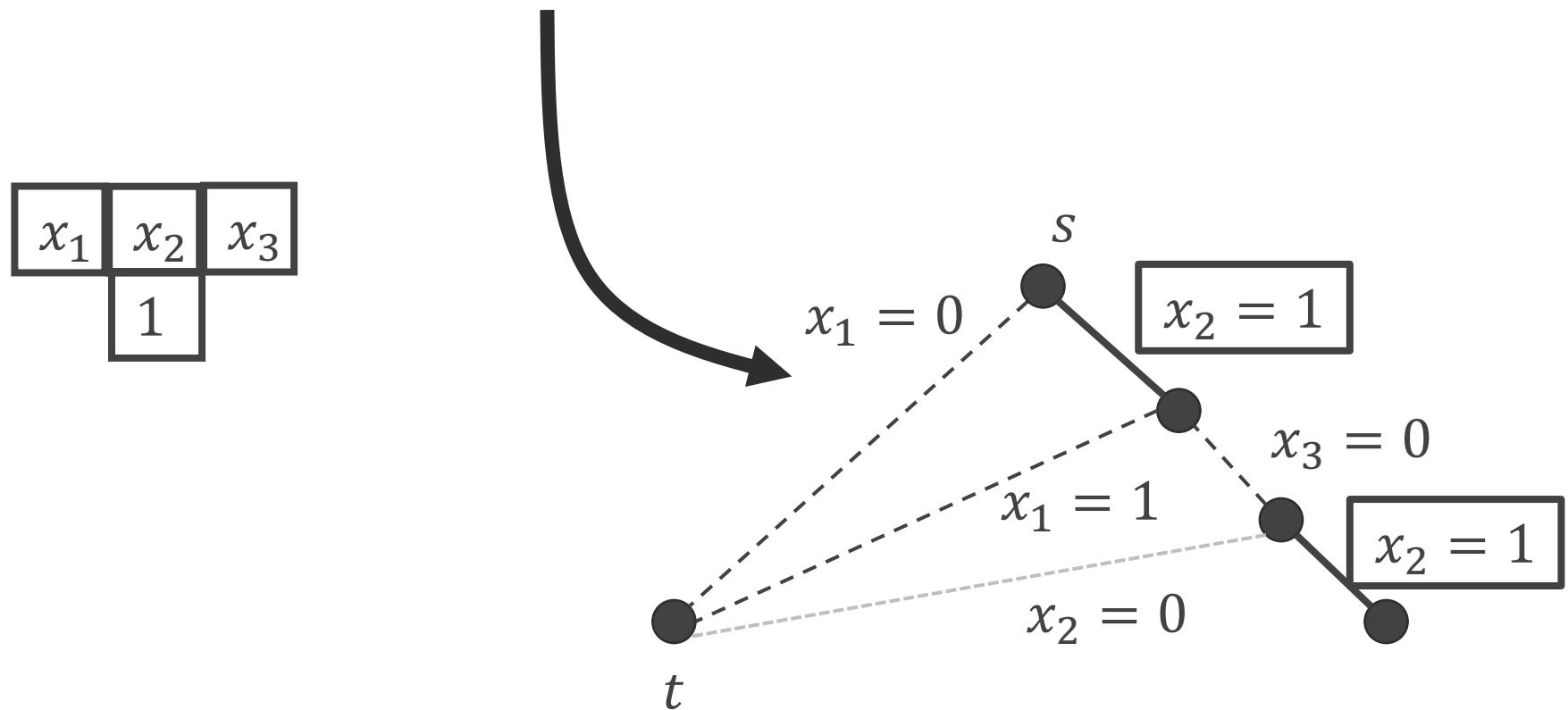
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[Lin and Lin '16, Beigi and Taghavi '20]

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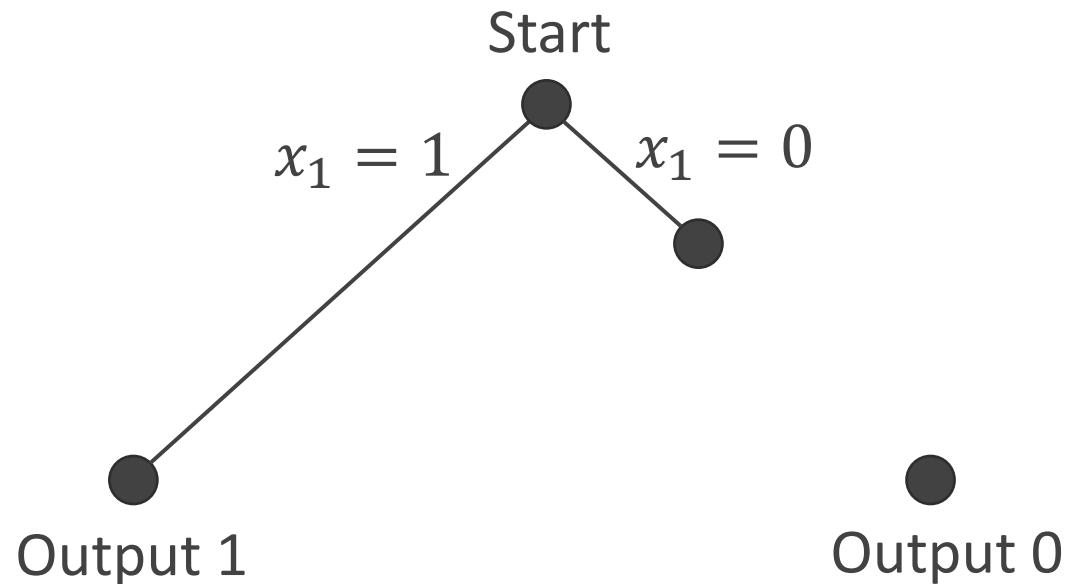
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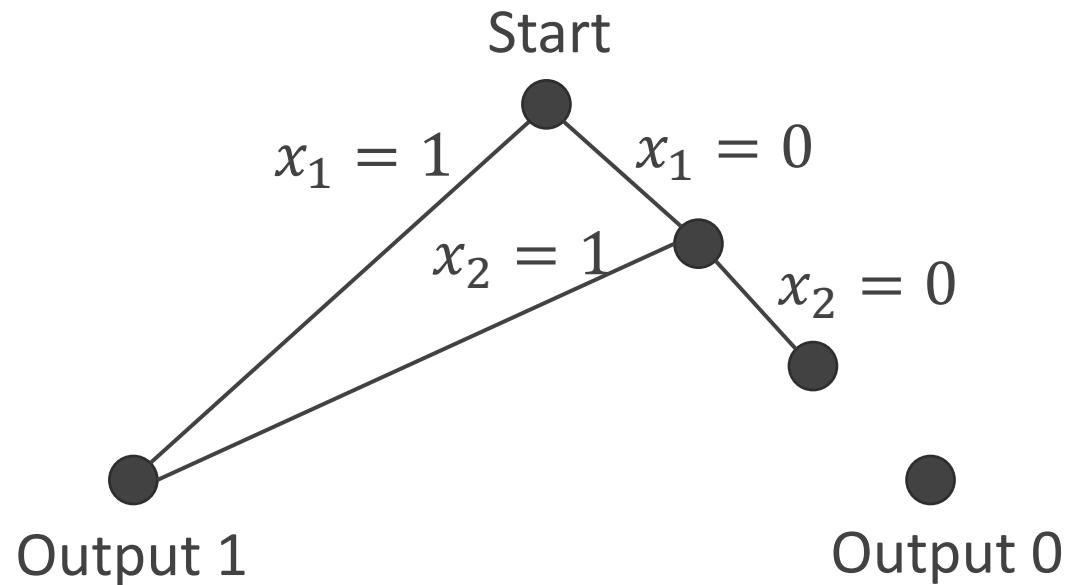
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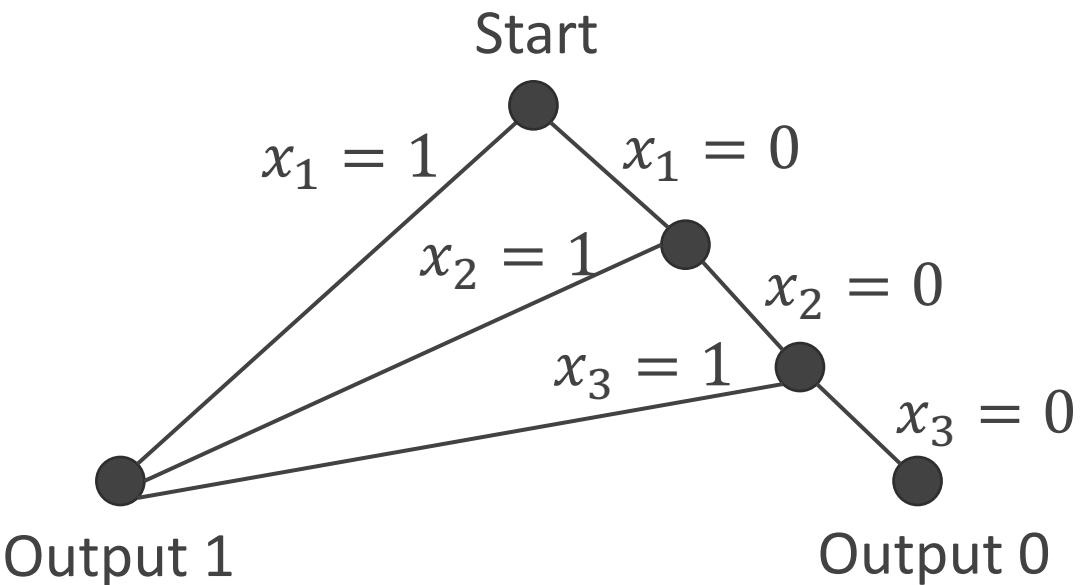
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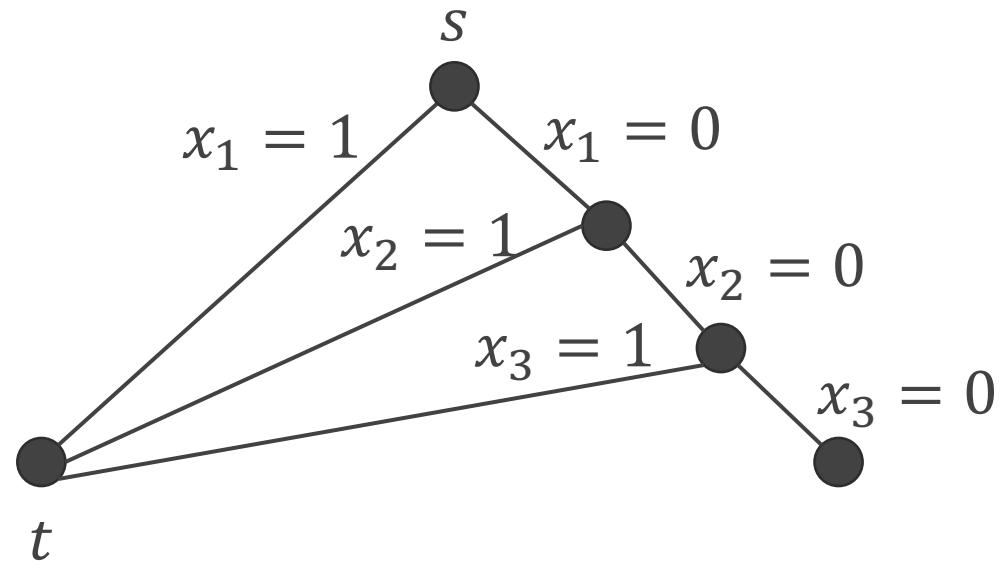
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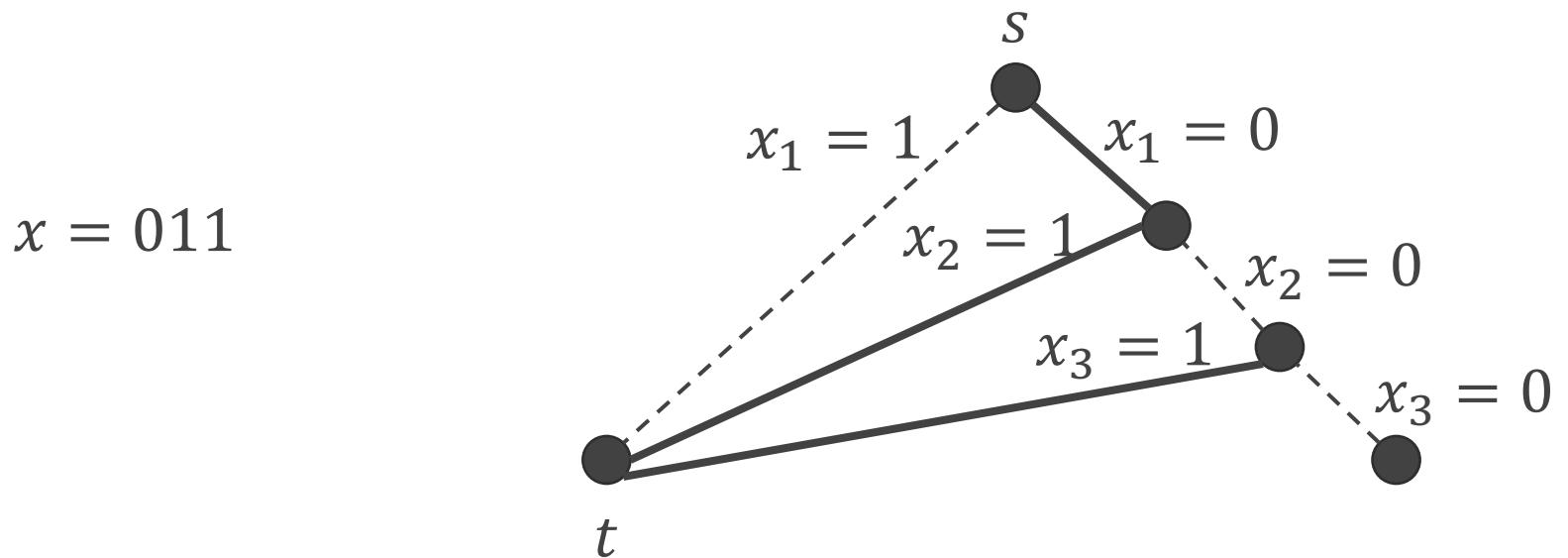
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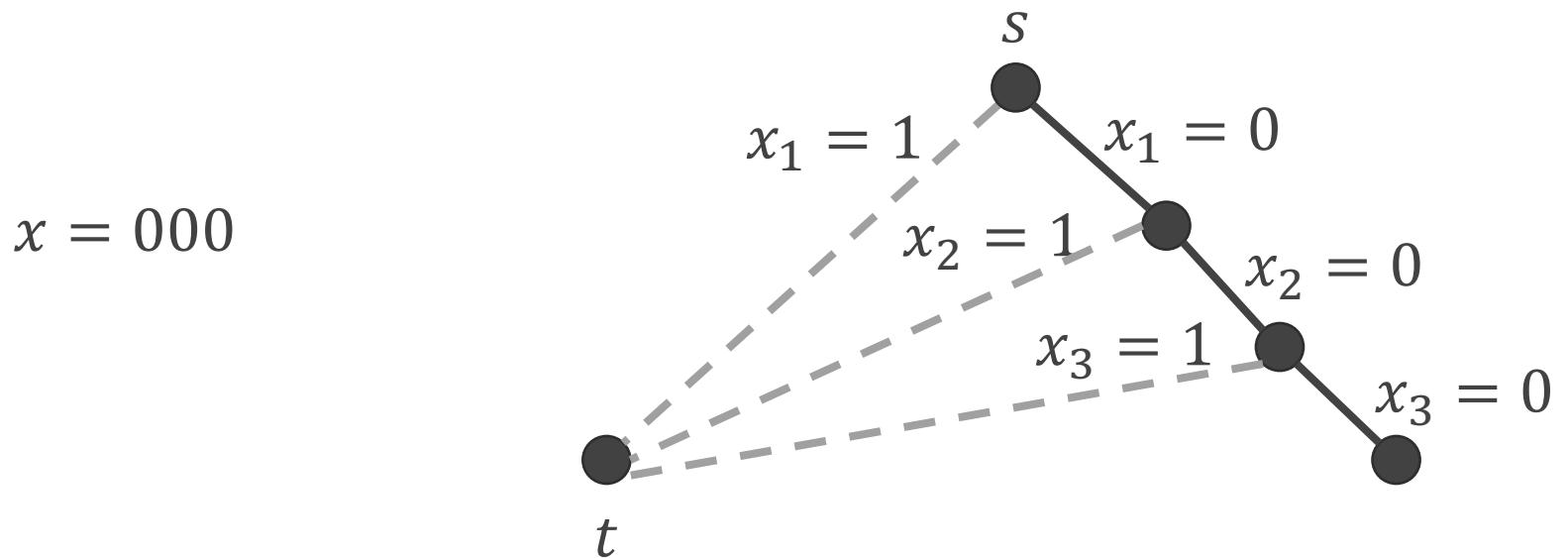
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Example application: maximum matching in generic graphs

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 $M \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
loop
/* Phase 1 */
for every edge  $e$  do  $w(e) \leftarrow$  if  $e \in M$  then 2 else 0
execute a search of Edmonds' weighted matching algorithm
if no augmenting path is found then halt /*  $M$  has maximum cardinality */
form the graph  $H$  of permissible edges

/* Phase 2 */
 $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow$  a maximal set of vertex-disjoint augmenting paths in  $H$ 
augment  $M$  by the paths of  $\mathcal{P}$ 

```

Figure 1: The high-level cardinality matching algorithm.

```

procedure find_ap_set
initialize  $\mathcal{S}$  to an empty graph and  $\mathcal{P}$  to an empty set
for each vertex  $v \in V$  do  $b(v) \leftarrow v$  /*  $b(v)$  maintains the base vertex of  $B_v$  */
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            terminate every currently executing recursive call to find_ap
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Figure 4: Path-preserving depth-first search.

Gabow's classical maximum matching algorithm

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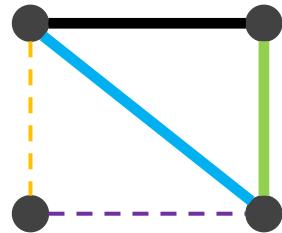
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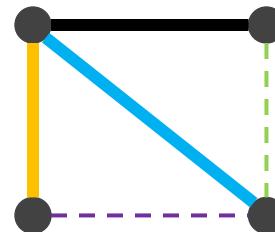
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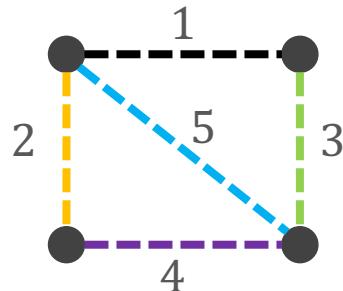
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Hidden bit string

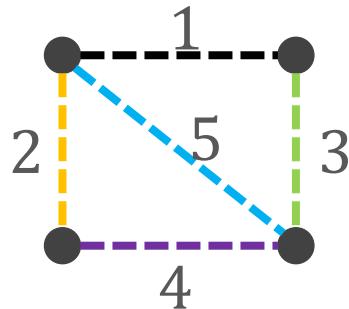
$$x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5$$

$x_i = 1 \leftrightarrow$ edge i is present

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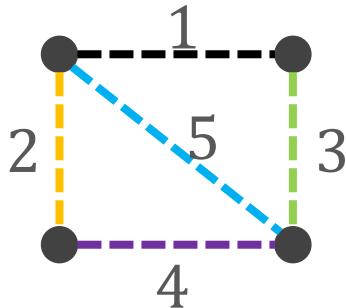
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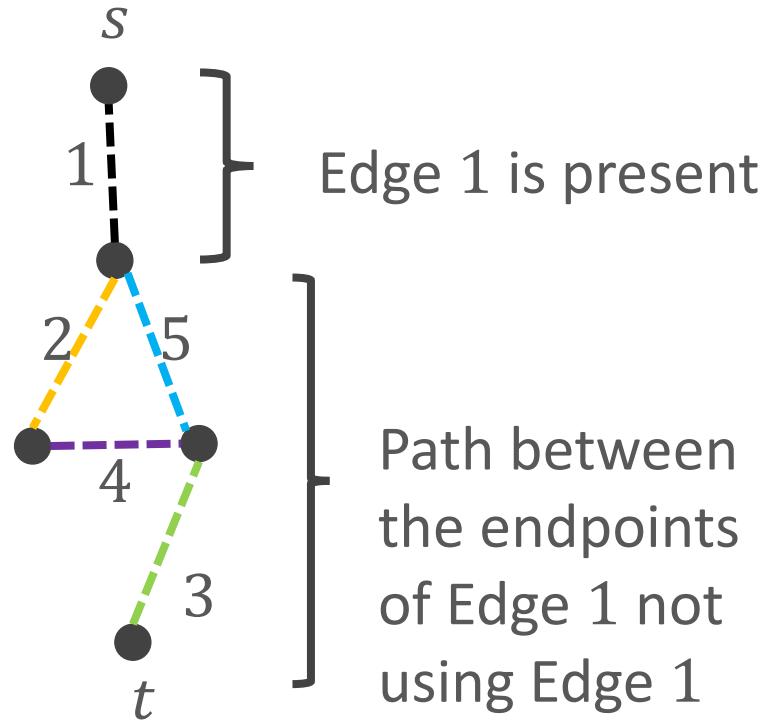
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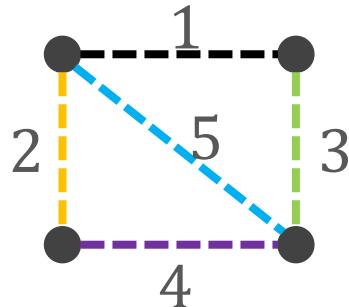
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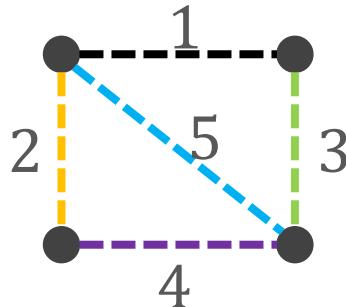
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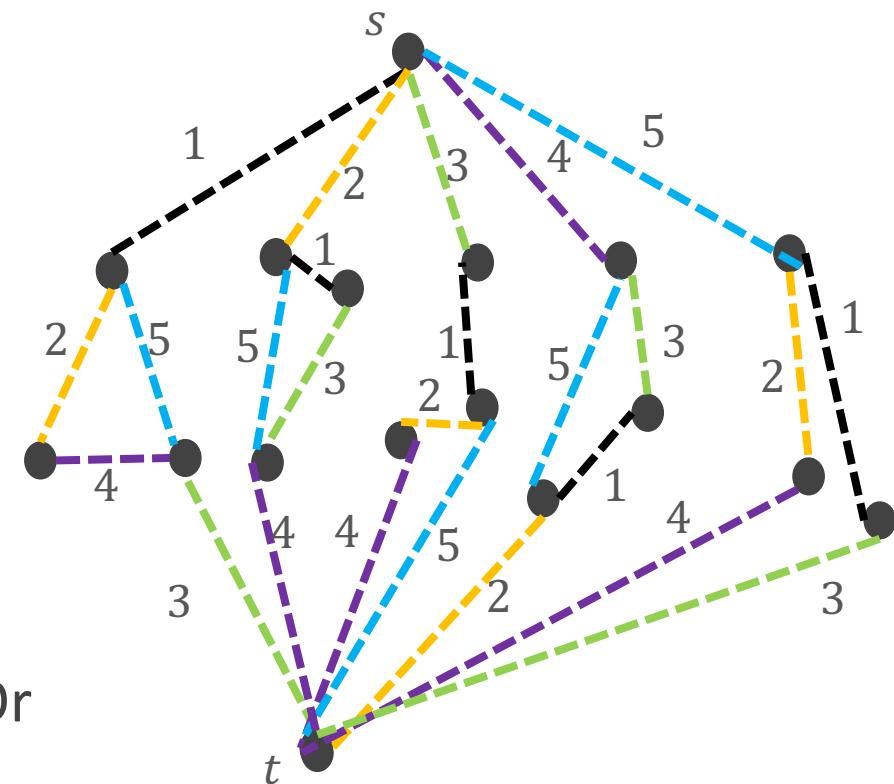
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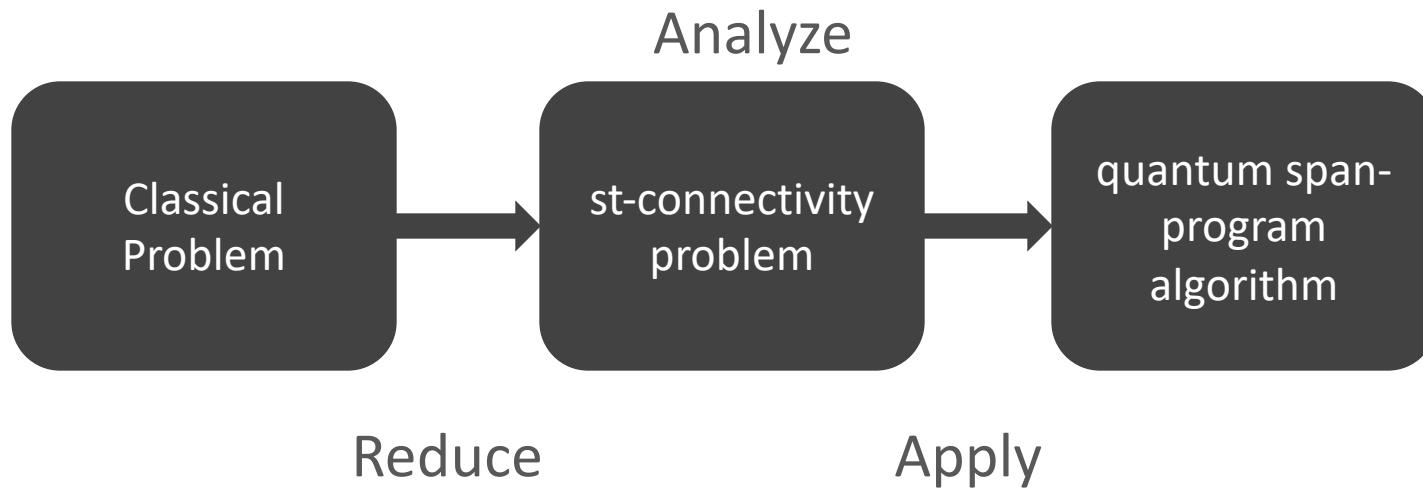
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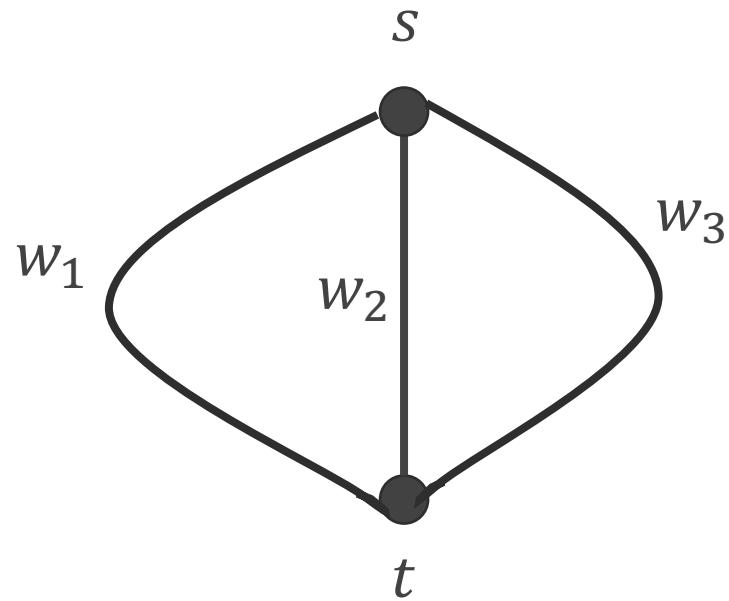
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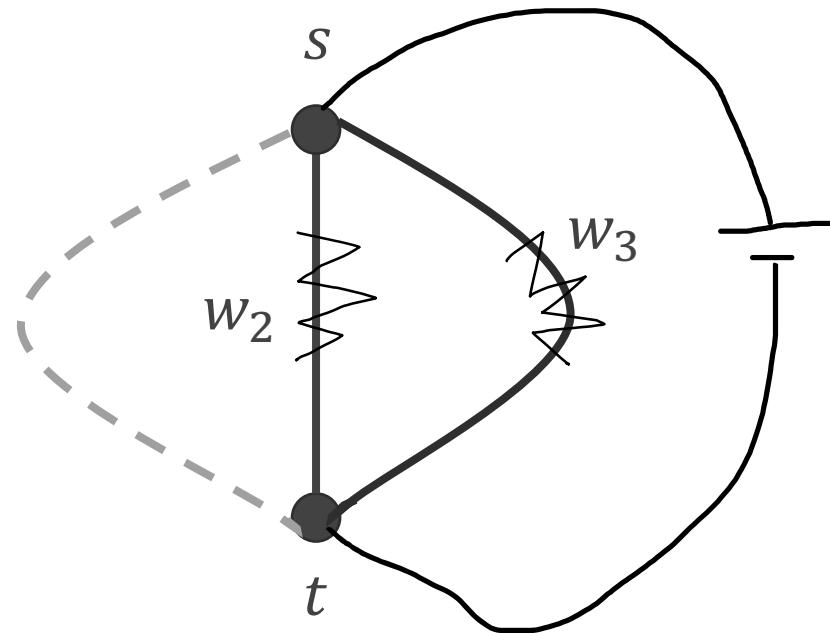


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- effective resistance (if path)

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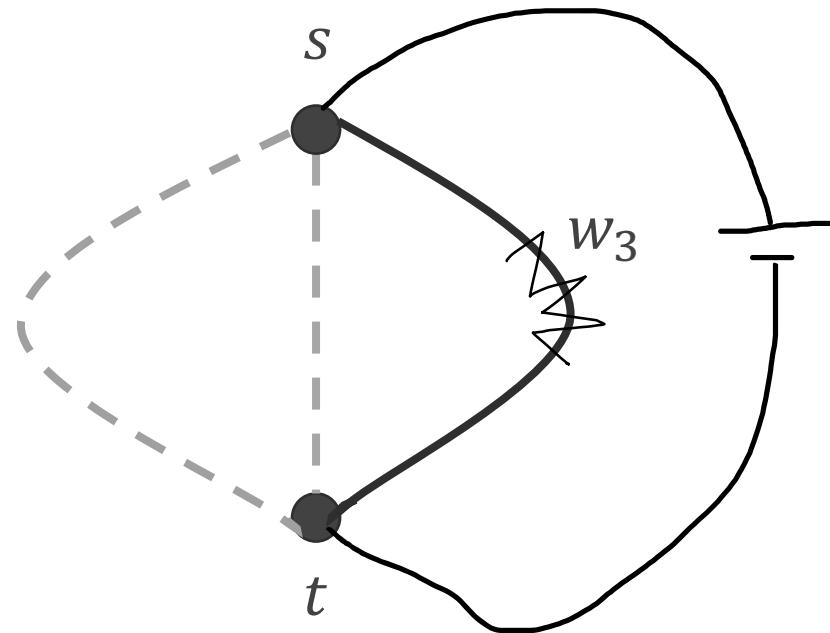


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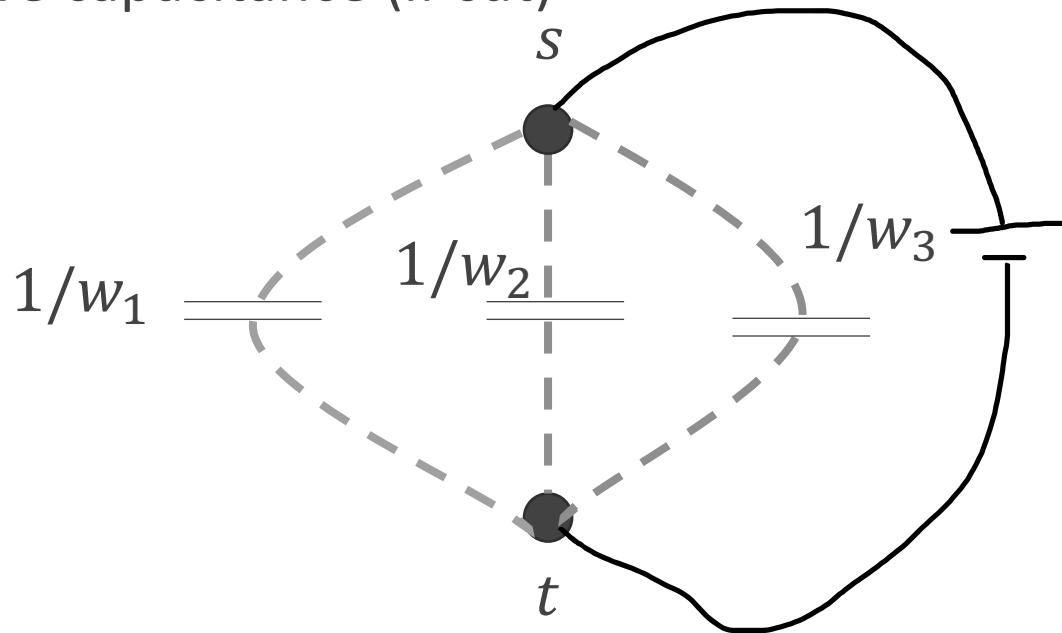


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For each possible input, can calculate

- effective resistance (if path)
- effective capacitance (if cut)

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Note:

- R is always less than the shortest path
- C is always less than the size of the smallest cut

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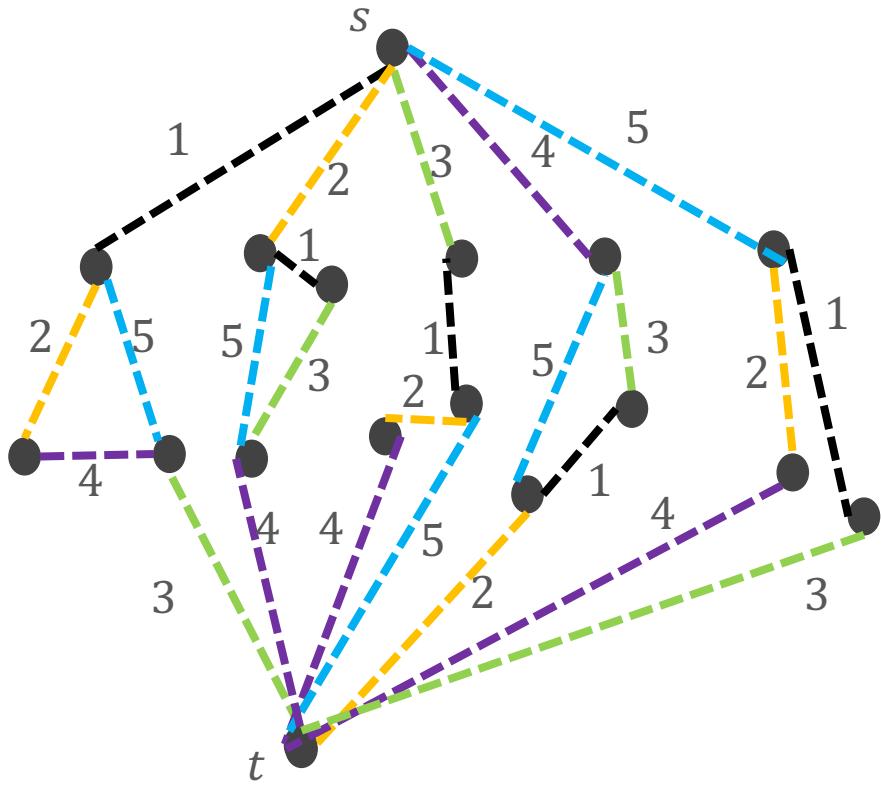
Space complexity scales $\log(\text{no. edges, vertices})$ in graph.

[Belovs, Reichardt '12]

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n vertices, $O(n^2)$ edges

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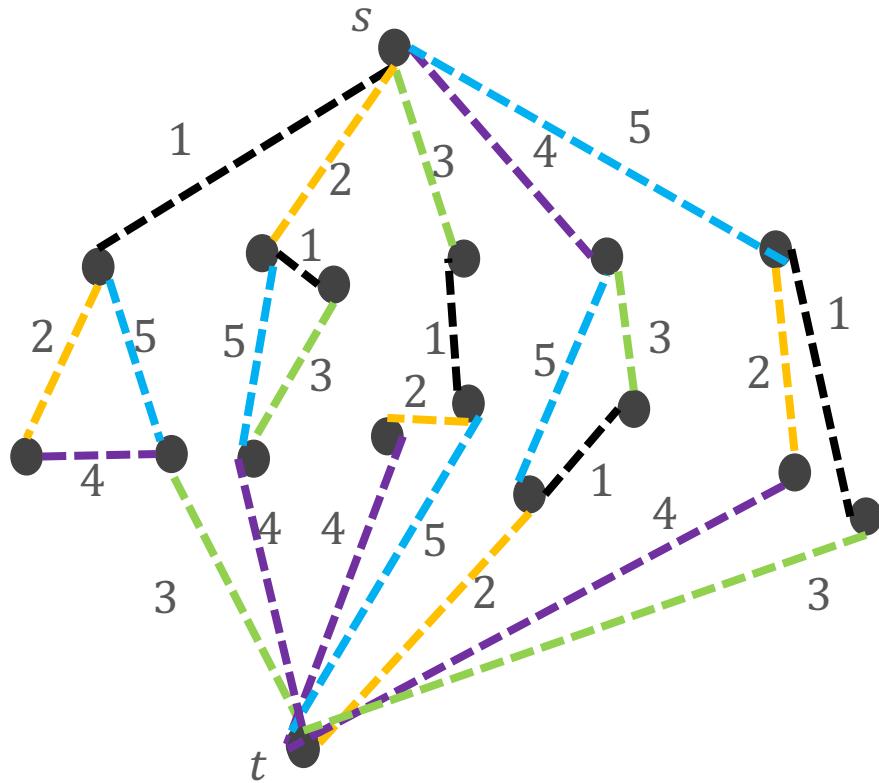


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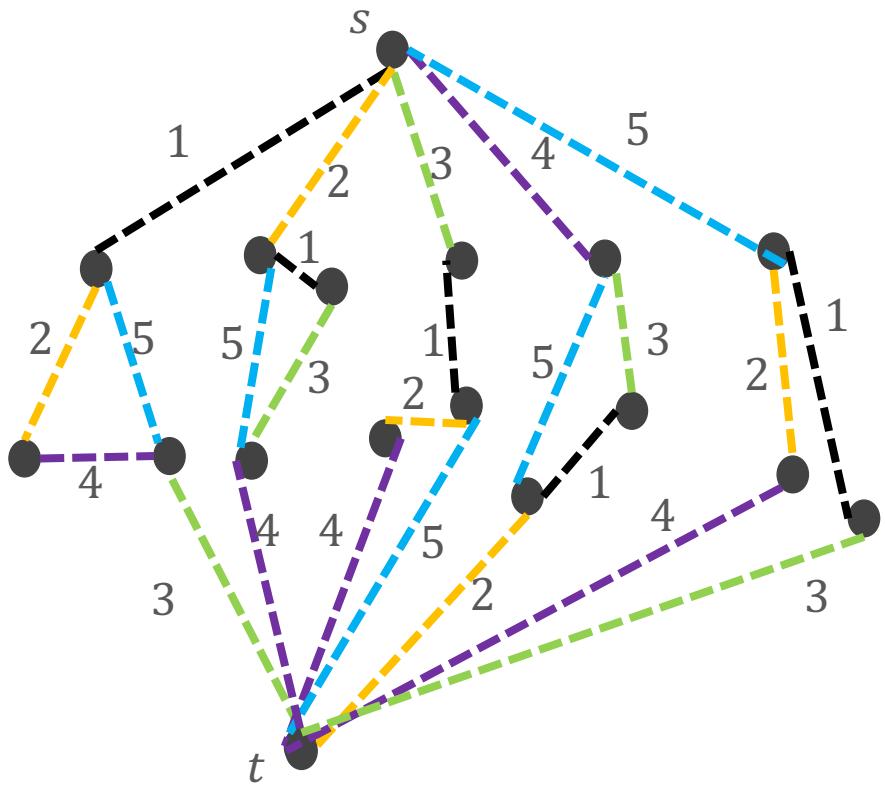
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- otherwise might need $O(n^2)$ cuts within subgraph

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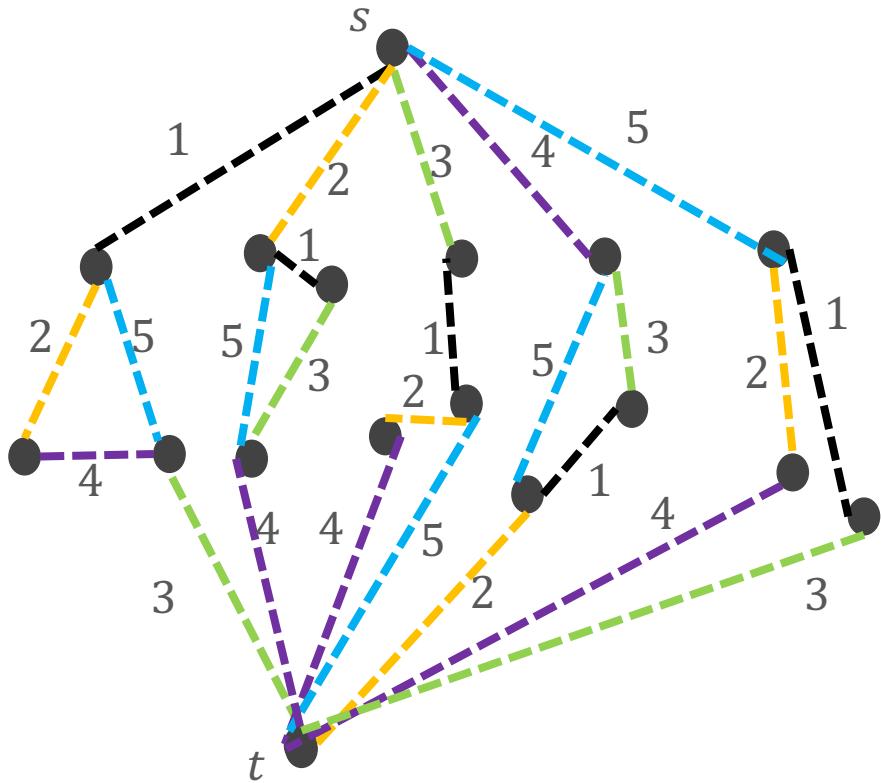


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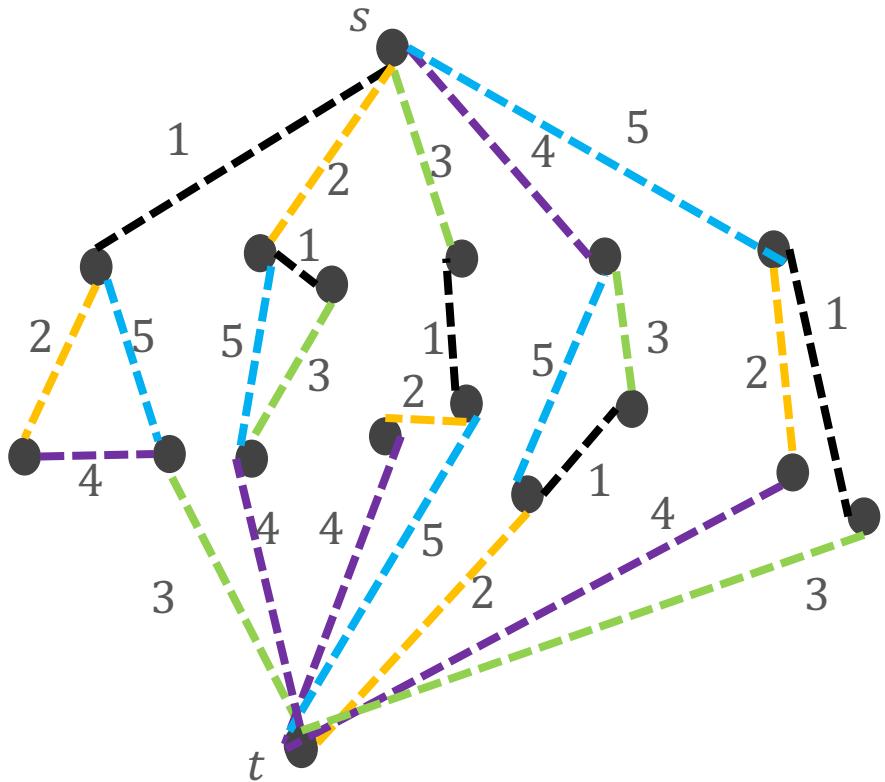
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- In parallel, inverse resistances add

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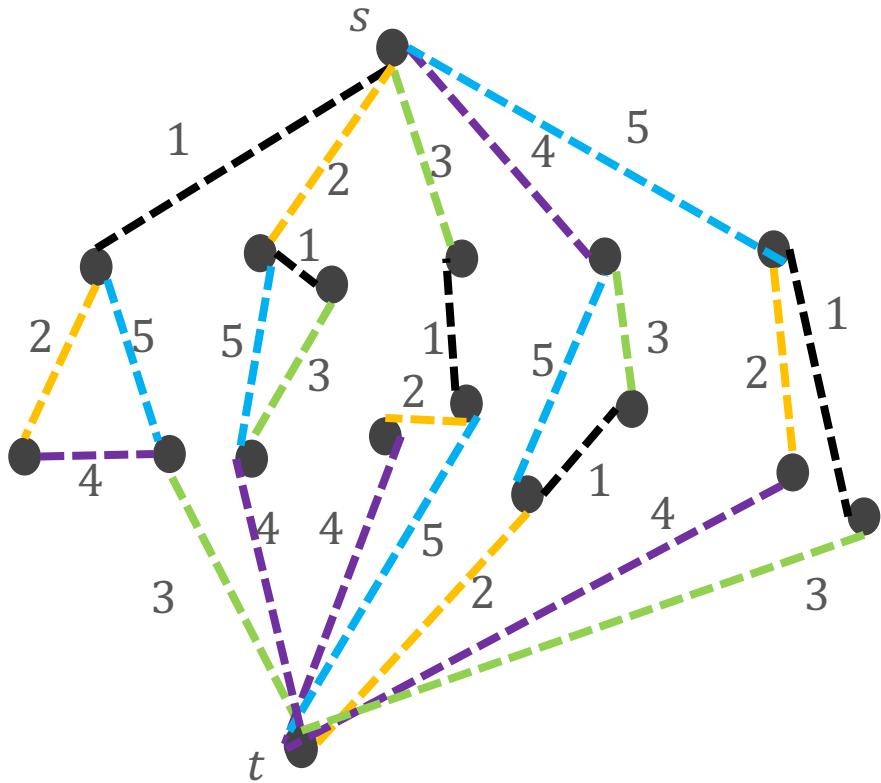
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Performance

*There are alternative optimal algorithms for some problems

- Read-once Boolean formulas (query optimal) [JK]
- Total connectivity (query optimal) [JJKP]
- Cycle detection (query optimal) [DKW]
- Even length cycle detection [DKW]
- Bipartiteness (query optimal) [DKW]
- Directed st-connectivity (query optimal) (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- Directed smallest cycle (query optimal) (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- Topological sort (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- Connected components (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- Strongly connected components (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- k-cycle at vertex v (Beigi, Taghavi '19)
- st-connectivity (query optimal) (Reichardt, Belovs '12)
- Maximum bipartite matching (Lin, Lin '16; Beigi and Taghavi '19)
- Maximum matching (KW)
- Super-polynomial speed-up for game evaluation [ZHK]

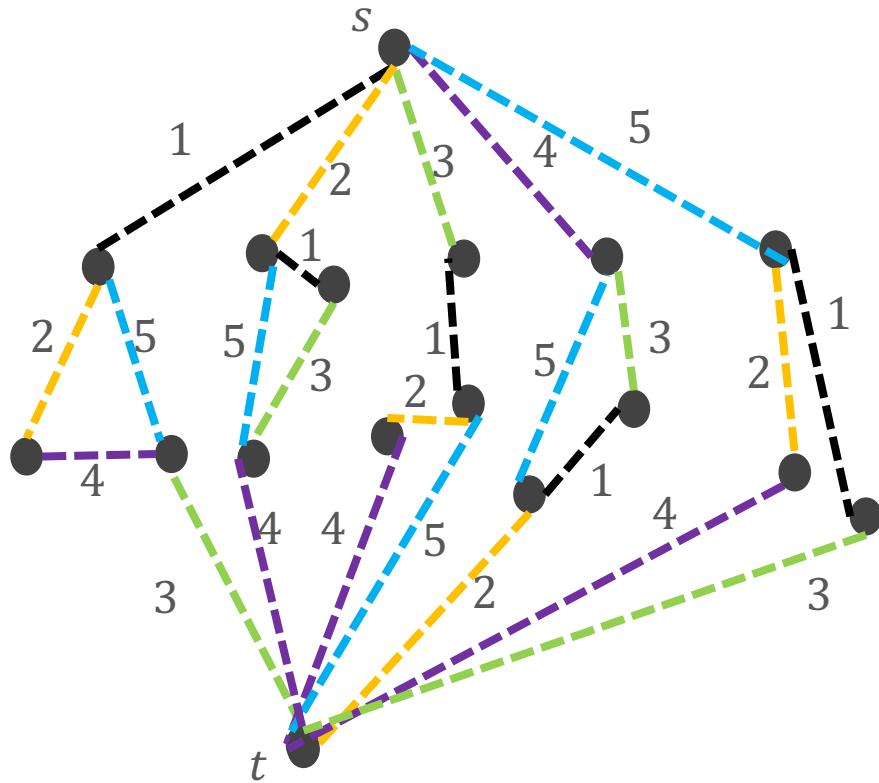
Promise

Effective resistance is equal to the inverse of the cycle rank.

If promised that if there is a cycle, then cycle rank is at least r , then query complexity is

$$O\left(\sqrt{n^3/r}\right)$$

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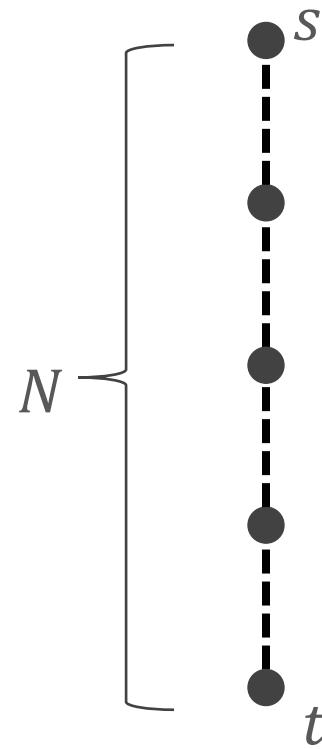


Promise

Promise Search: all N bits are 1, or at least r are 0

Quantum query complexity is

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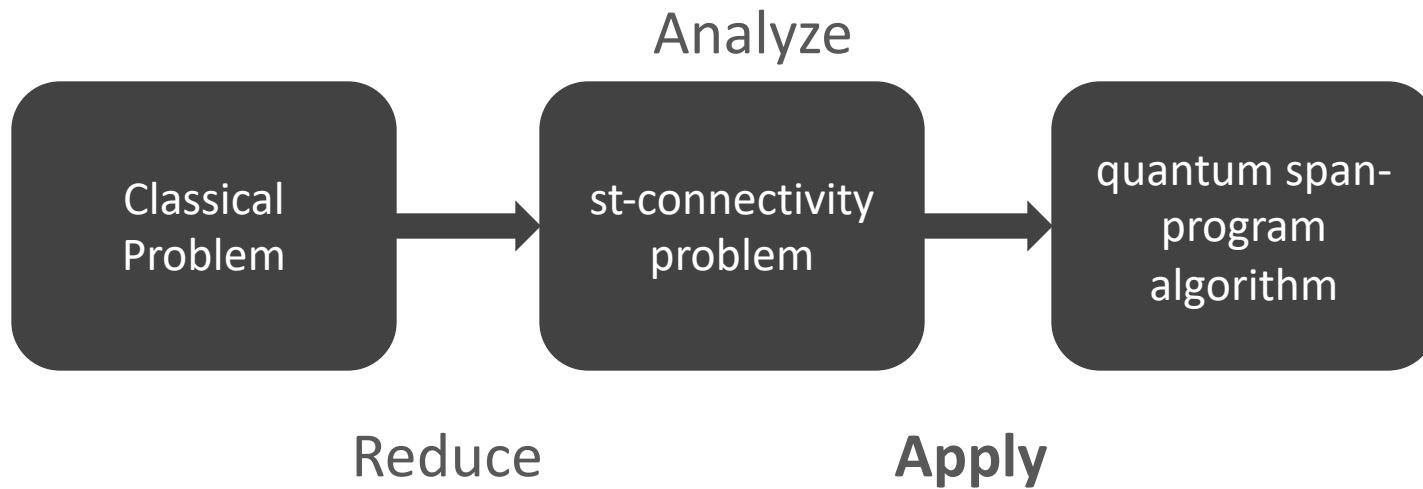


No Promise? No problem!

We'd like algorithm to be fast if instance has small effective resistance or capacitance, even if don't know promise ahead of time.

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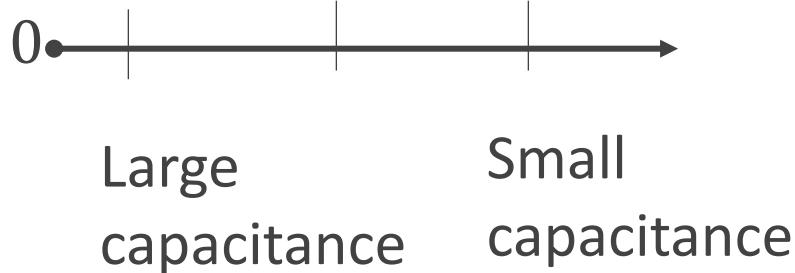
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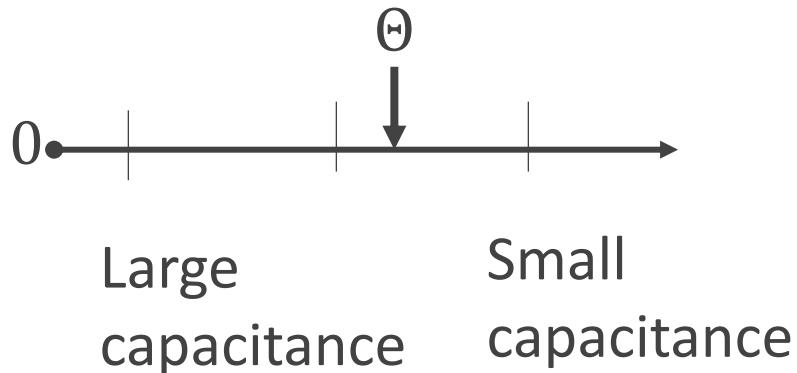
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- Non-zero phase: no path
- Zero-phase: not sure if path or just large capacitance

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Alg 2 Conclusion	Path	??

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- Repeatedly run algorithm for exponentially increasing runtime until do not get a ?? result, or until reach max runtime.

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Previously:

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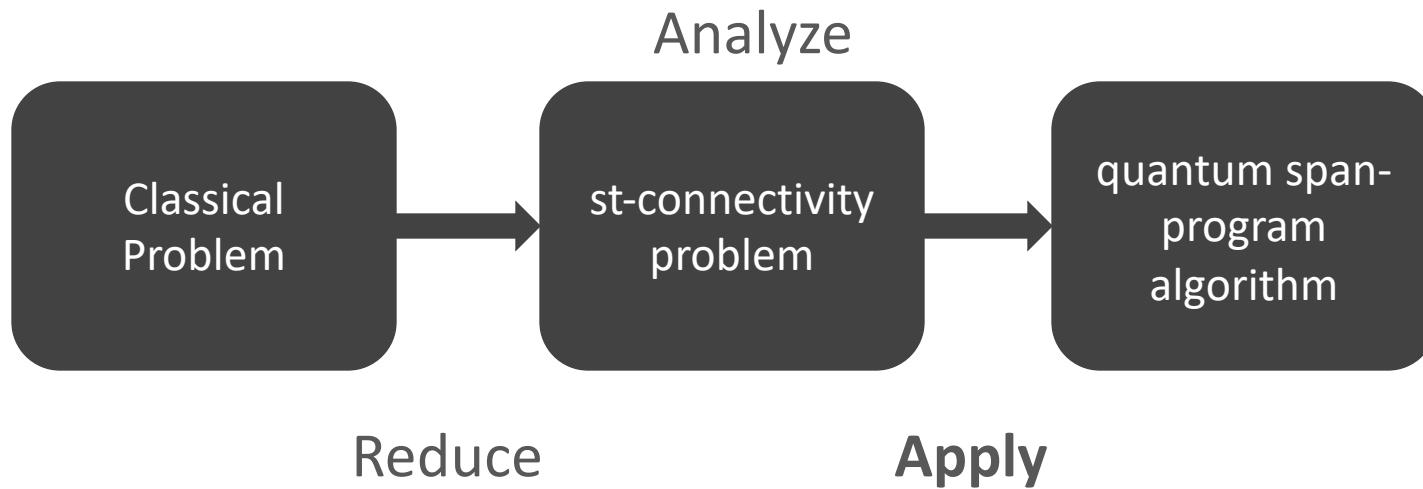
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Analogous results for generic span program and dual adversary style algorithm for state conversion

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Open Problems

- How to set weights?
- When is this approach optimal?
- Remove log factors in our timer? Prove optimal?

Funding:



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