

# Privatizing & Dynamizing Algorithm Design

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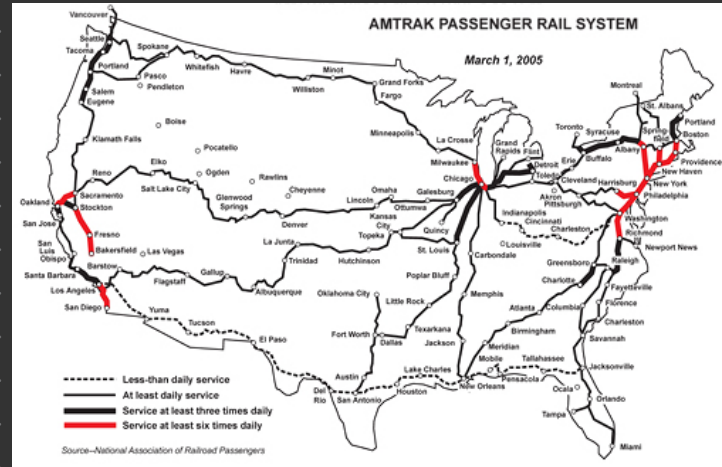
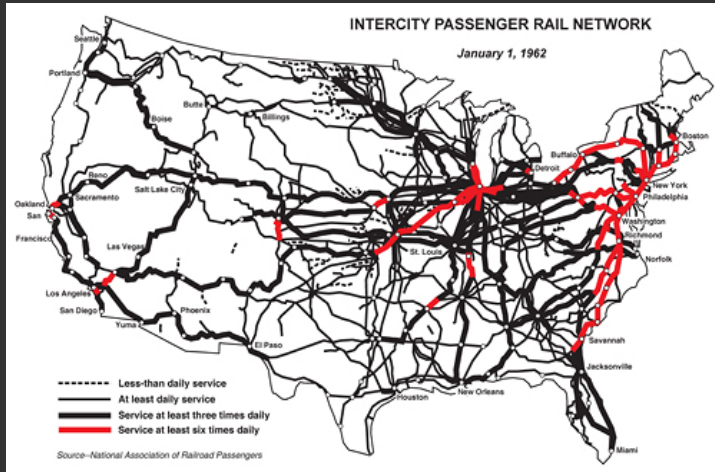
# ✨ SPARSIFICATION ✨



Marie Kondo

Keep only those things that speak to your heart.  
Then take the plunge and discard all the rest.  
By doing this, you can reset your life and  
embark on a new lifestyle.

# Example: Passenger Rail Network in the USA



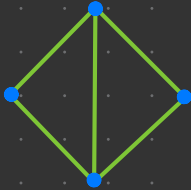


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$n$  vertices

$m$  edges

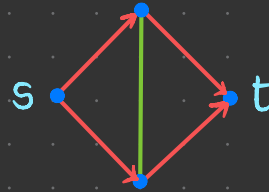
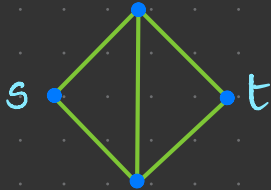


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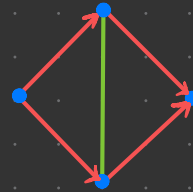
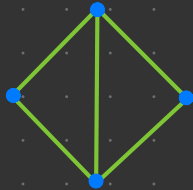
$\swarrow$   
#edge disjoint  $s \rightarrow t$  paths



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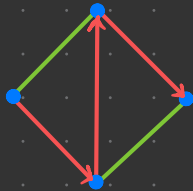
Algorithm? Ford - Fulkerson

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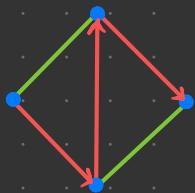
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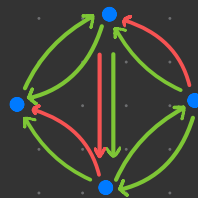
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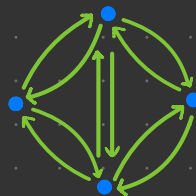
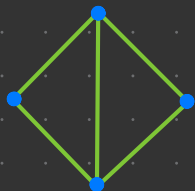
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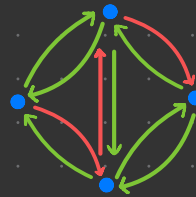
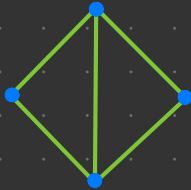
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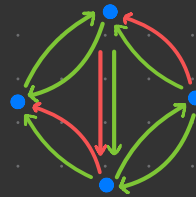
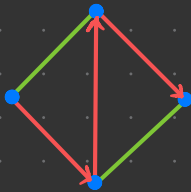
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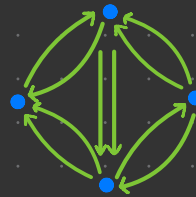
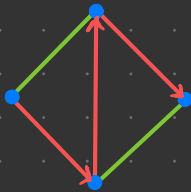
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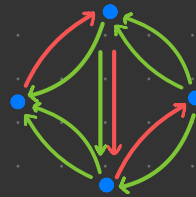
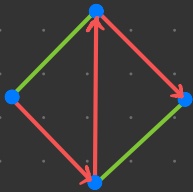
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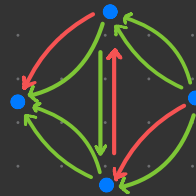
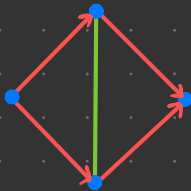
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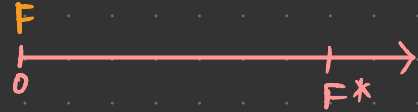


Sparsified Residual graph has  $\tilde{O}(n \log n)$  edges.

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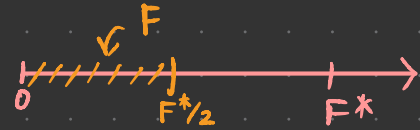
Karger + Levine 2002



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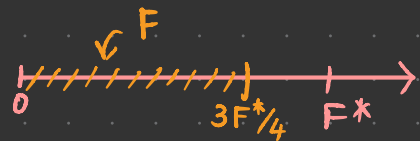


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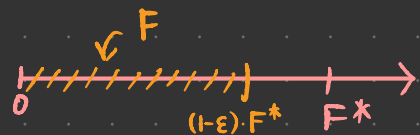
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We show :

→ that a variety of sampling schemes work for sparsification

→ One scheme that is easy to incrementally maintain

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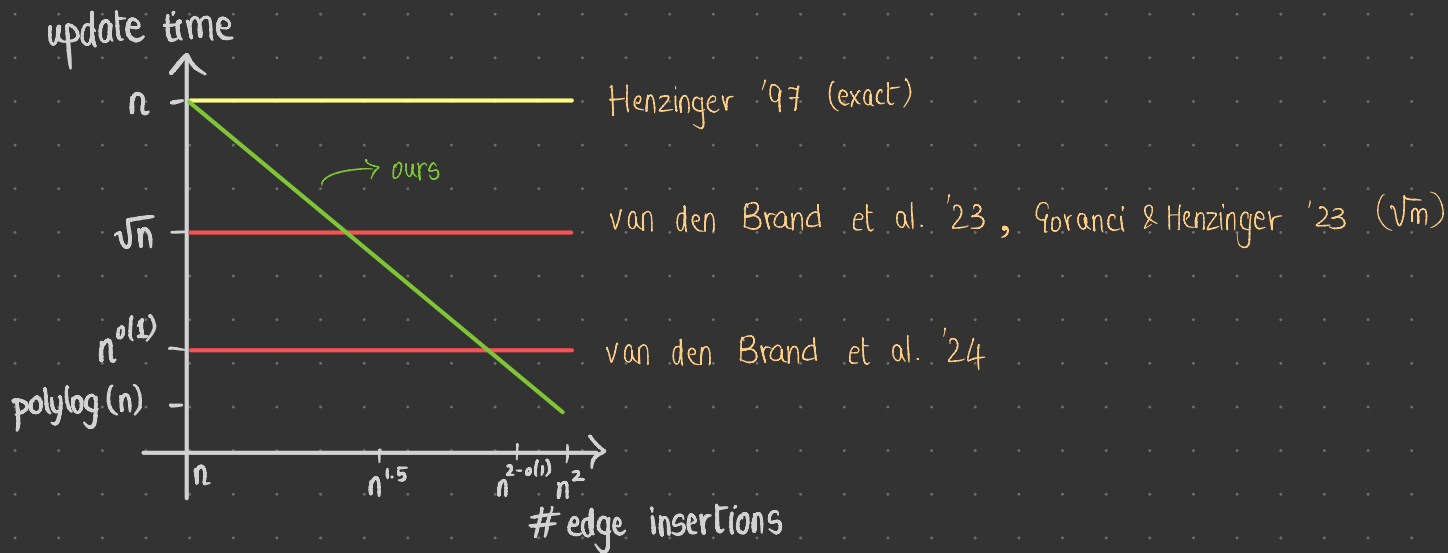
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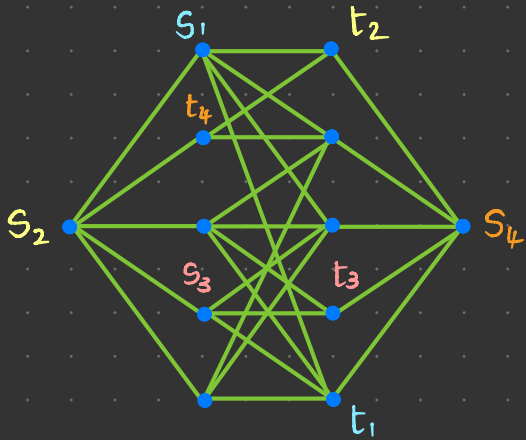
resample residual graph

# Incremental Max Flow - Comparison





# Many flows to route



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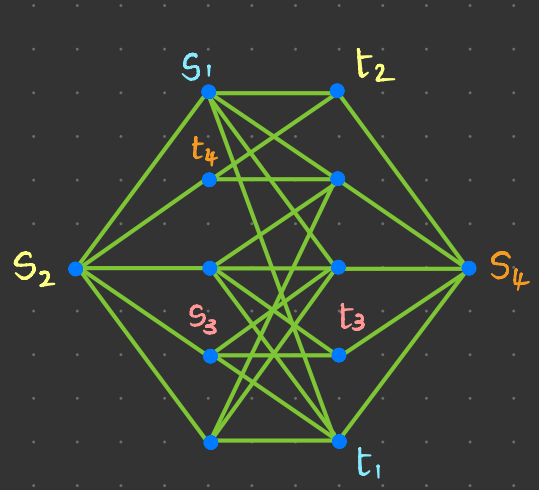
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1 unit of flow

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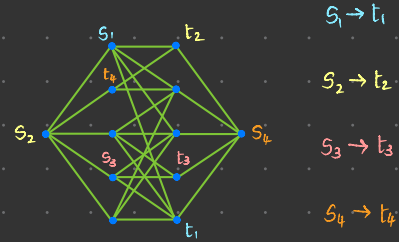
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Goal: minimize maximum congestion on any edge.

↪ sum of all flows on that edge.

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Oblivious Routing  
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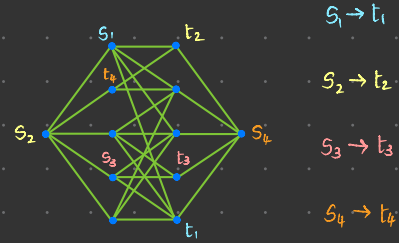
Constructed without knowing  $(s_i, t_i)$  beforehand

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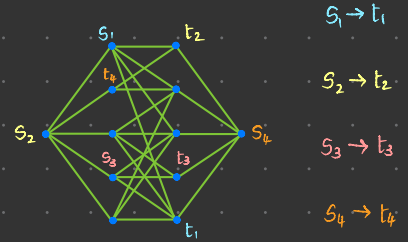
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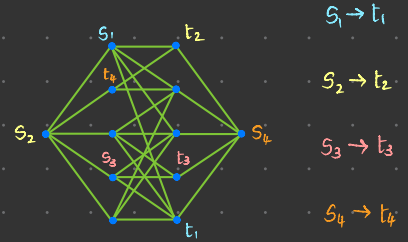
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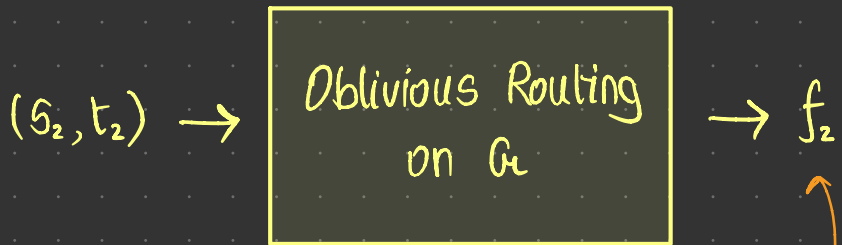
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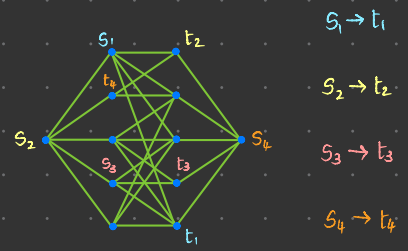
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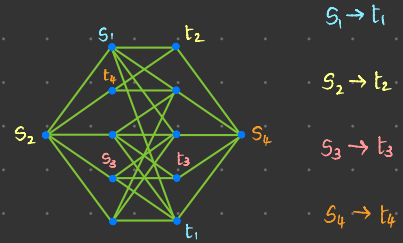
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oblivious to the flow  $f_1$

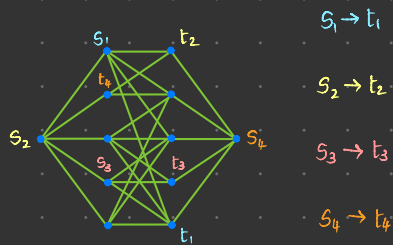


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How bad are oblivious routings?

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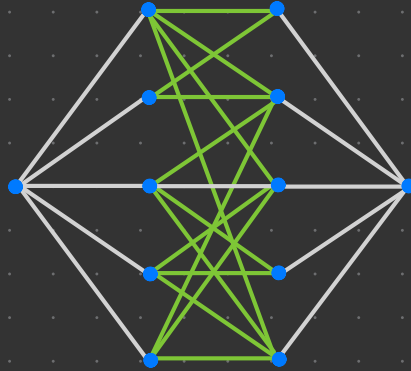


Rückert '08 showed a construction:  $\forall$  demand sequences

$$\text{congestion (OBL-ROU)} \leq O(\log n) \cdot \text{OPT}$$

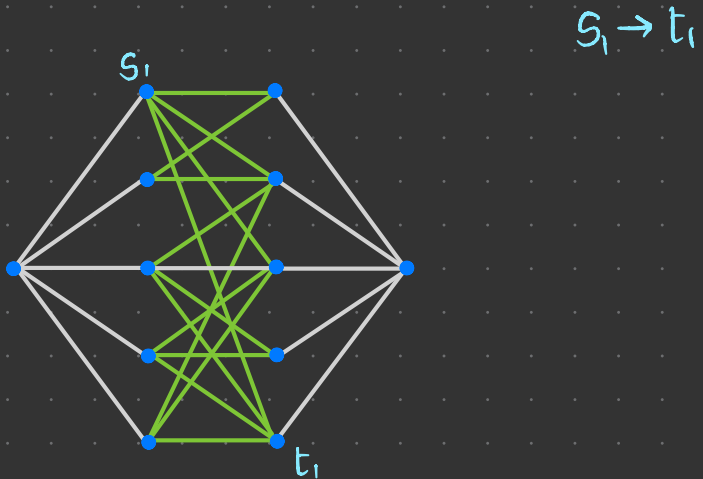
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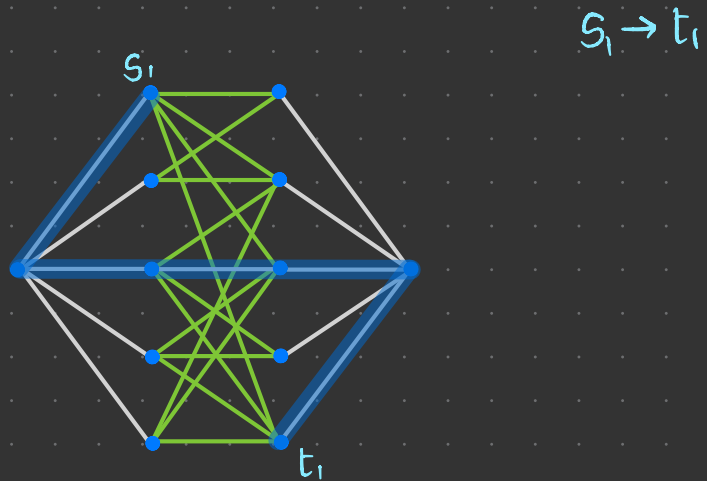
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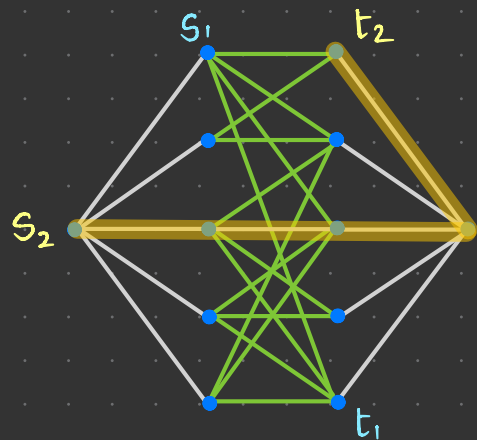
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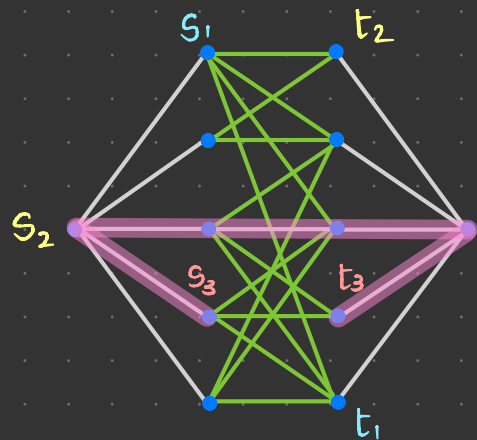


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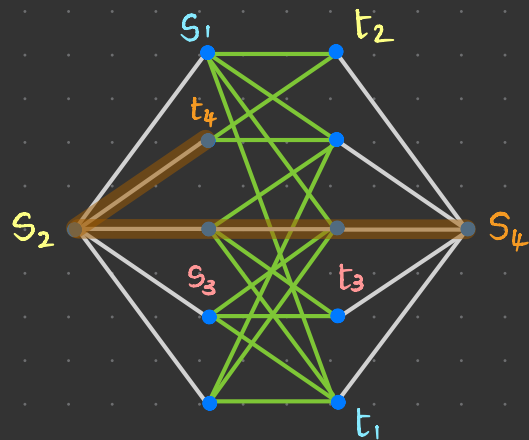
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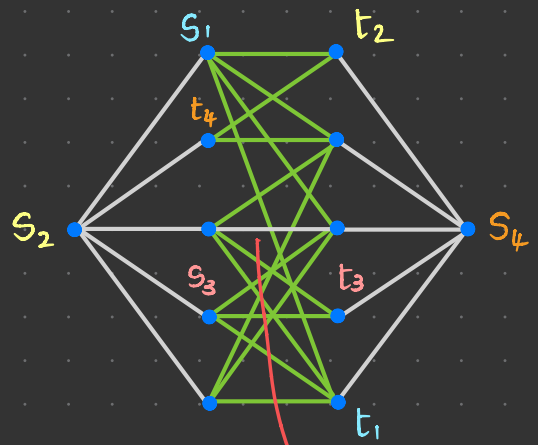
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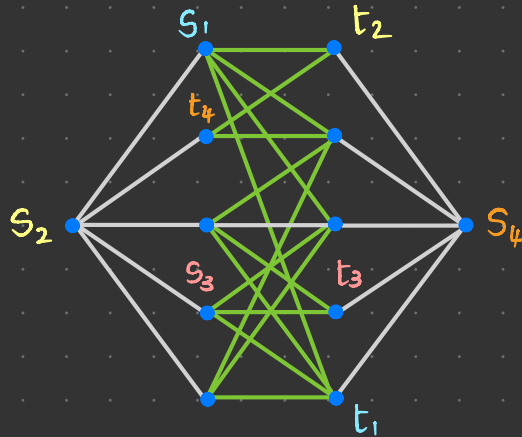
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this edge has high congestion.

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Räcke's idea :

Keep finding trees that fix the bottlenecks of previous trees

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Andersen, Feige '09



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low average stretch spanning trees

Abraham, Neiman '12

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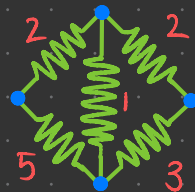
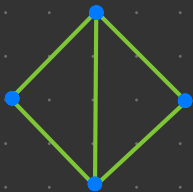
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Schild et al. '18

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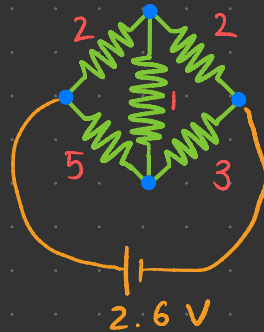
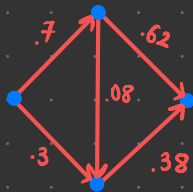
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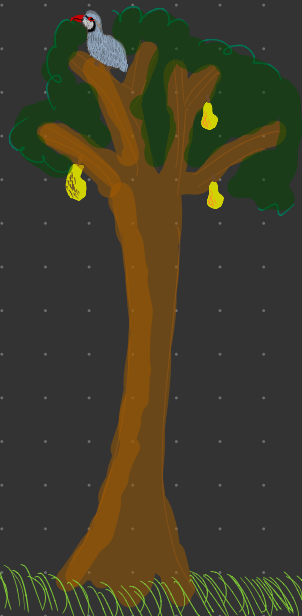
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Can be computed in  $\tilde{O}(m\sqrt{m})$  time : dimension reduction + Laplacian solvers

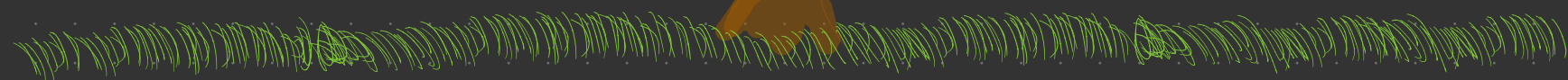
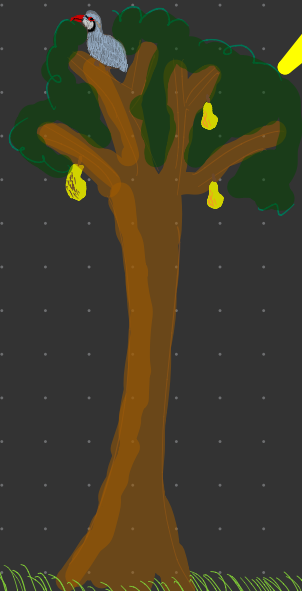
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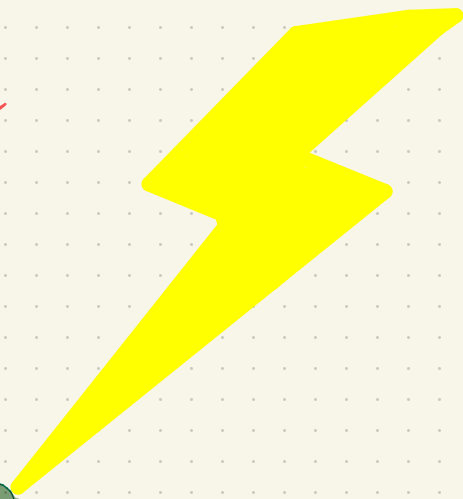
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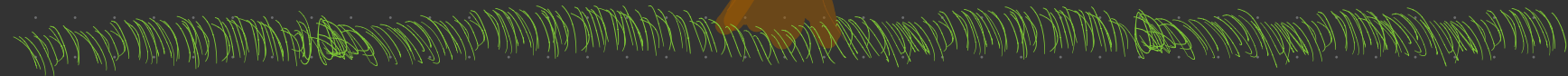
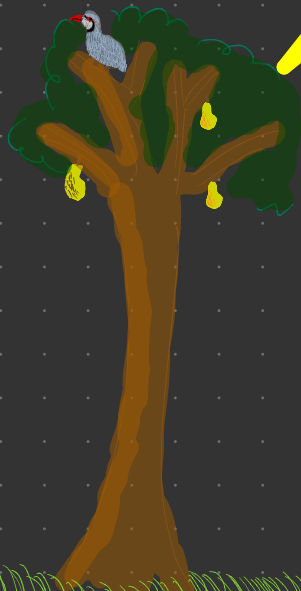
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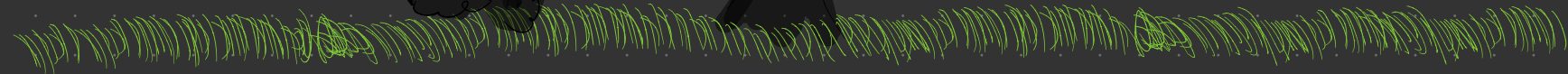
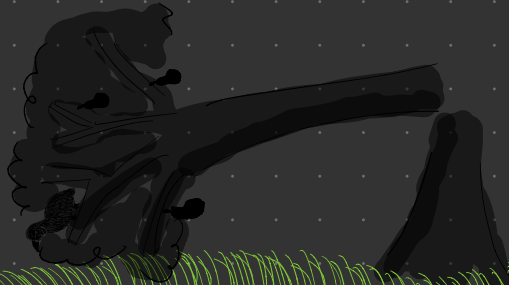
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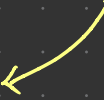
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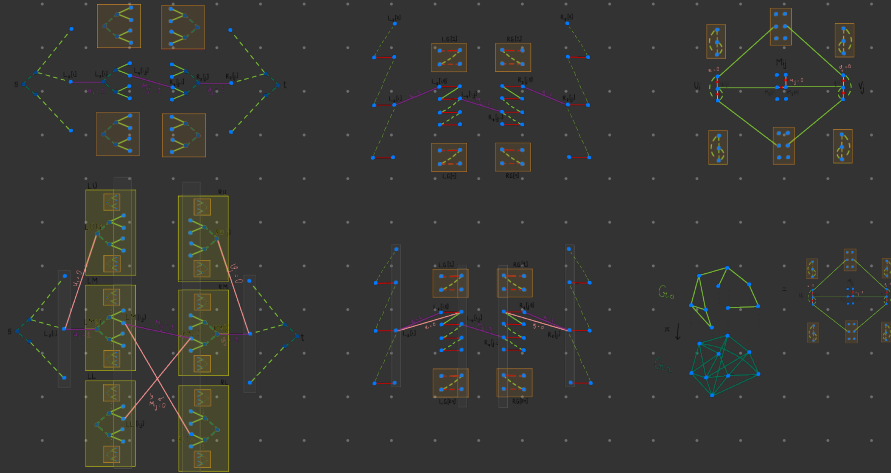
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  then :  
    ~~~~~  
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    ~~~~~
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private if statements

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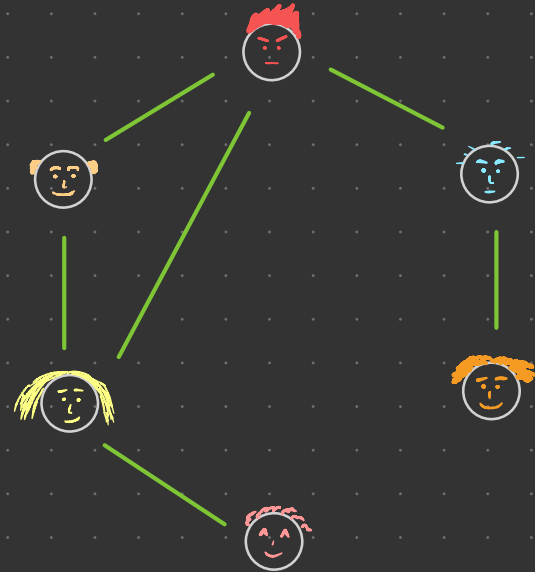
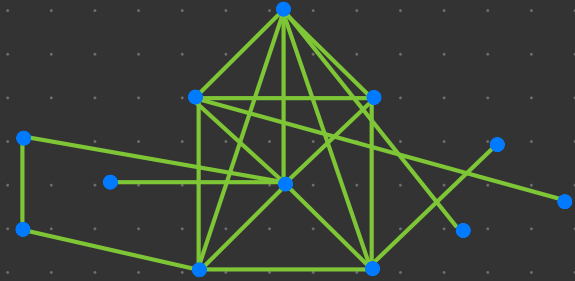
INTERLUDE: dense subgraphs

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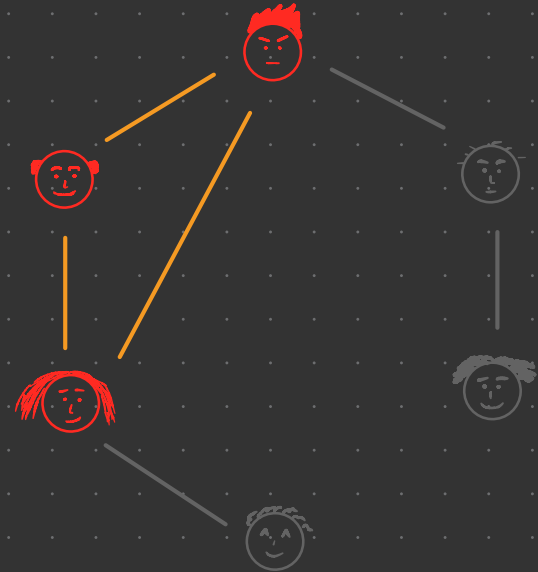
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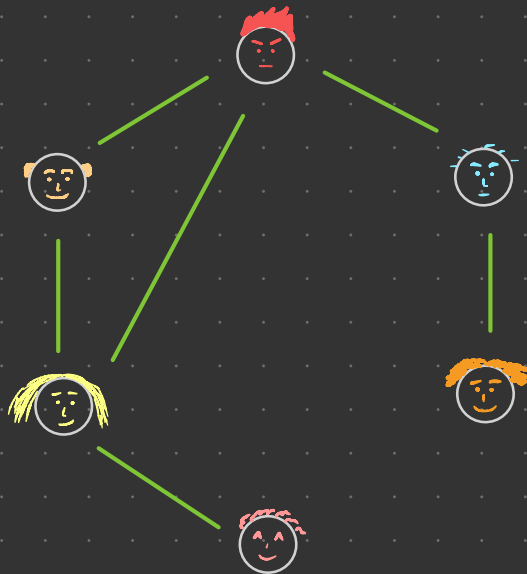
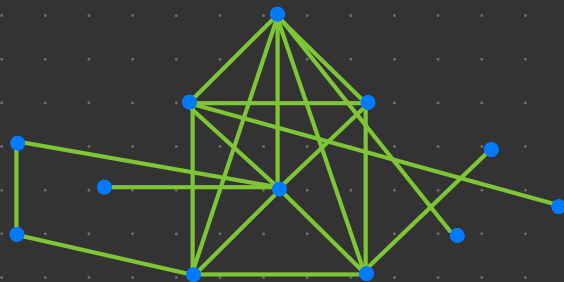


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Goal ~ find high degree subgraph



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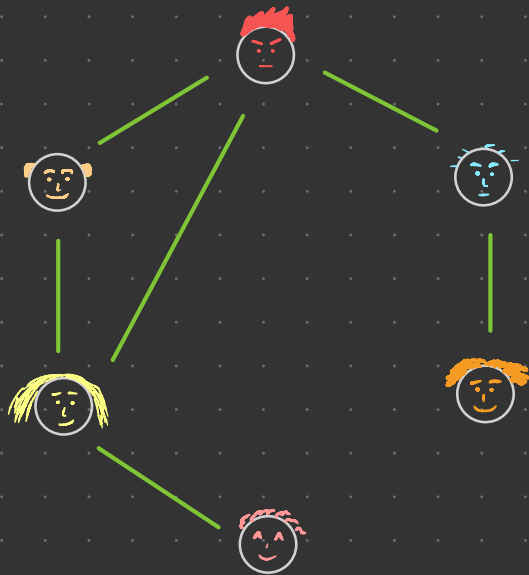
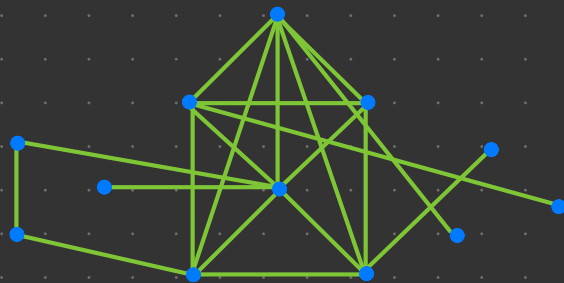
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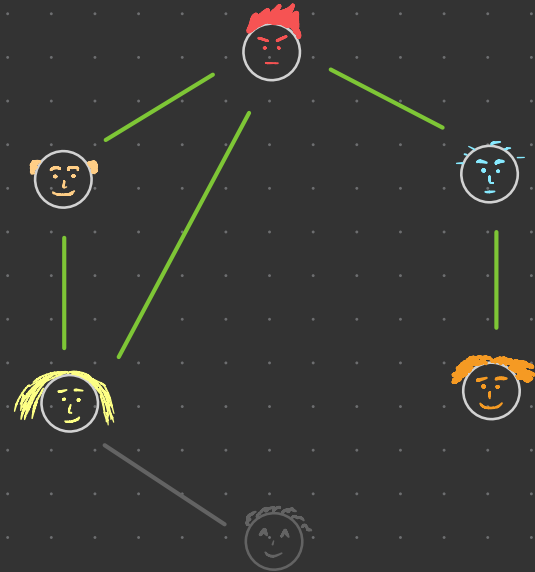
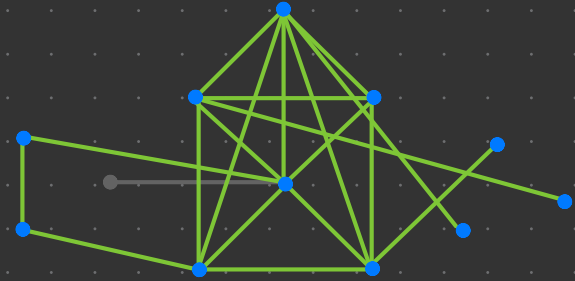


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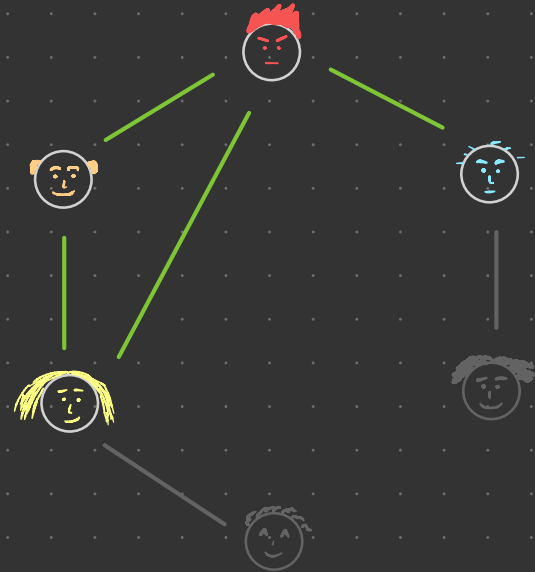
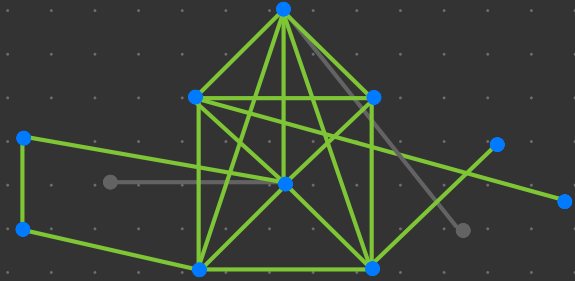


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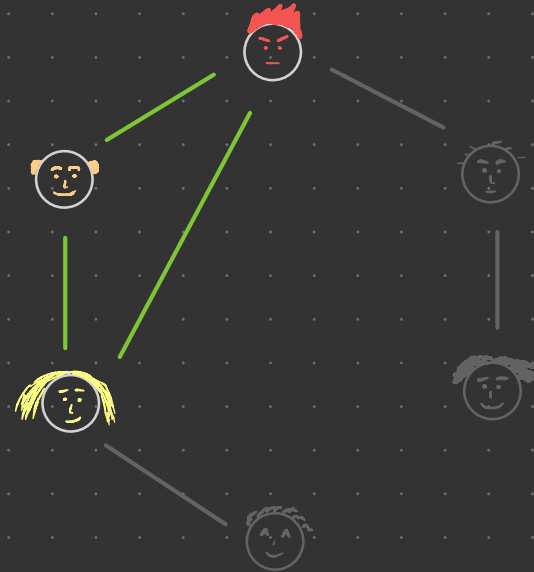
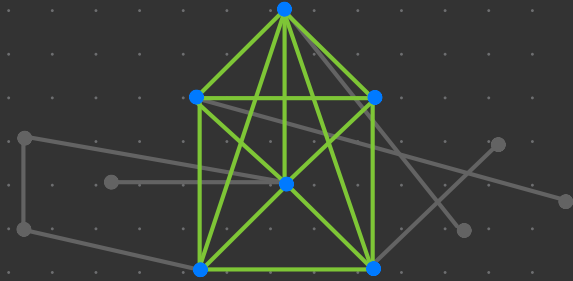


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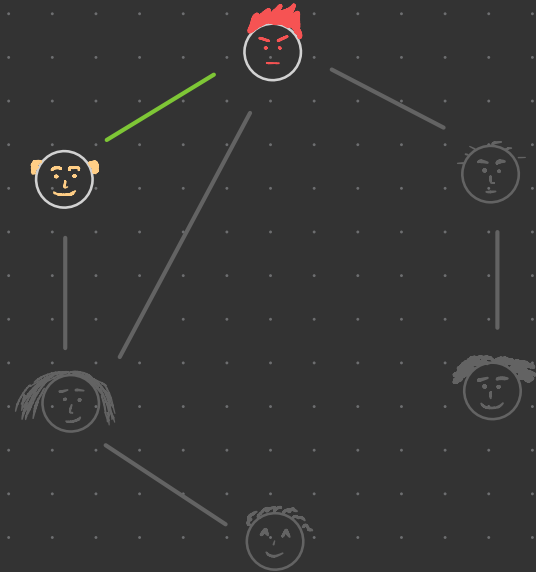
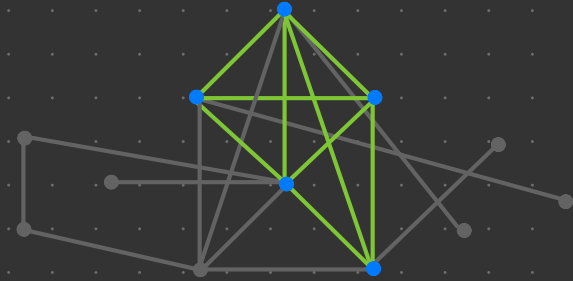


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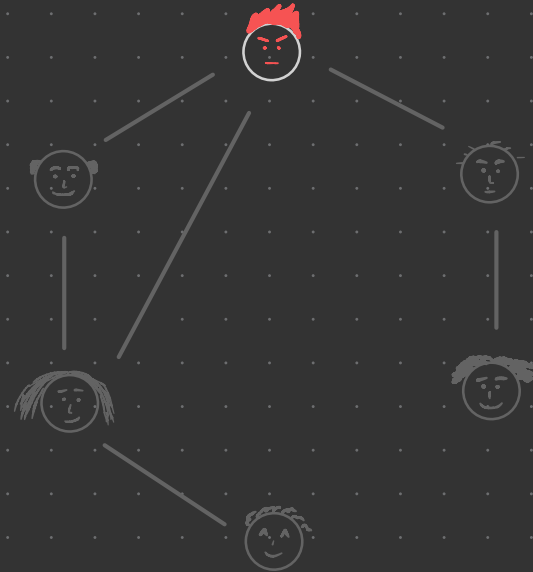
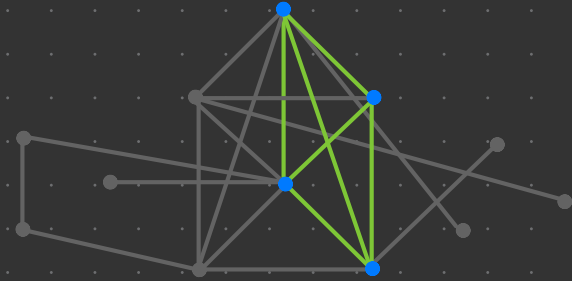


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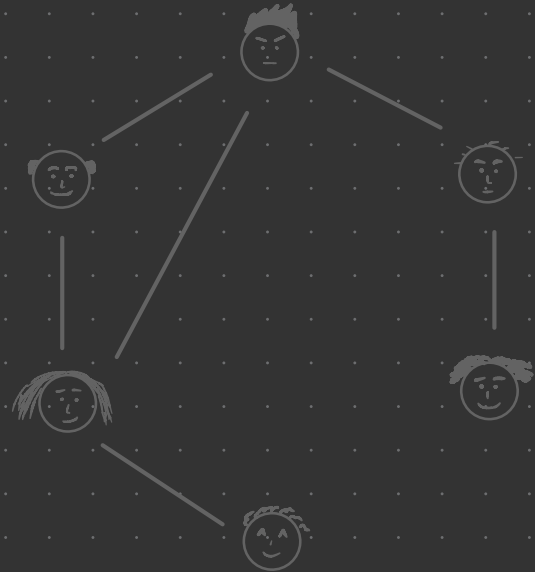
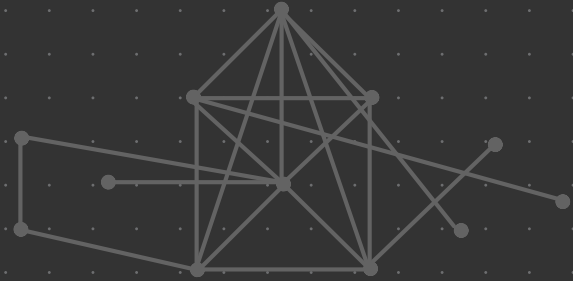


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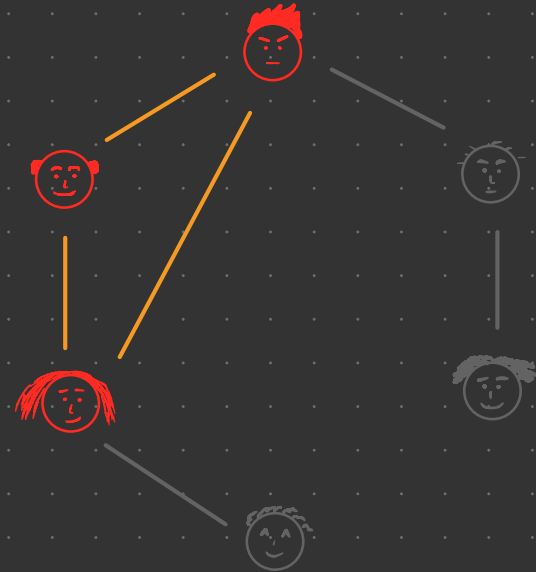
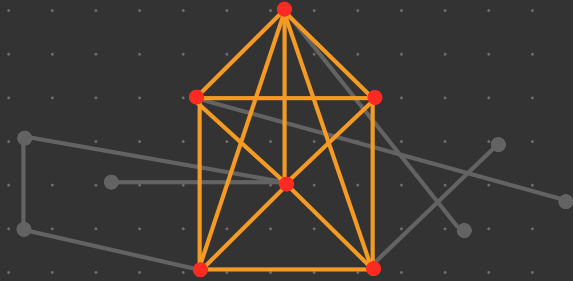


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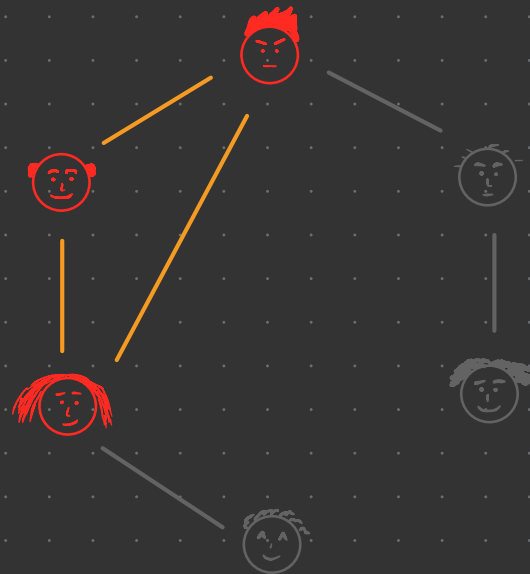
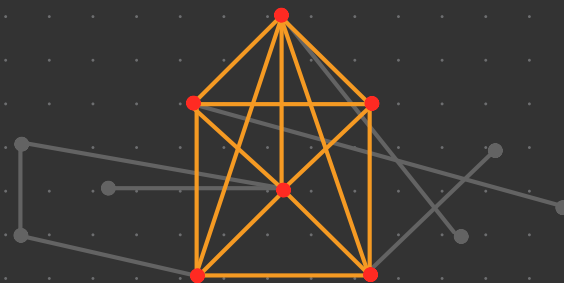
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↖ Charikar '00



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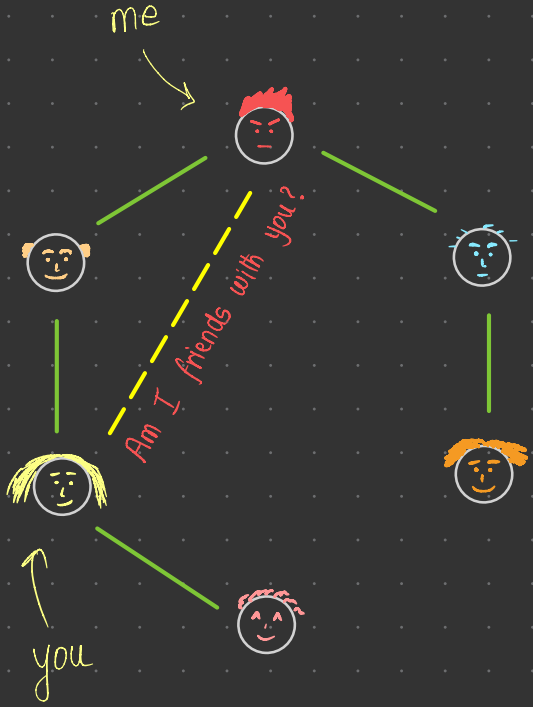
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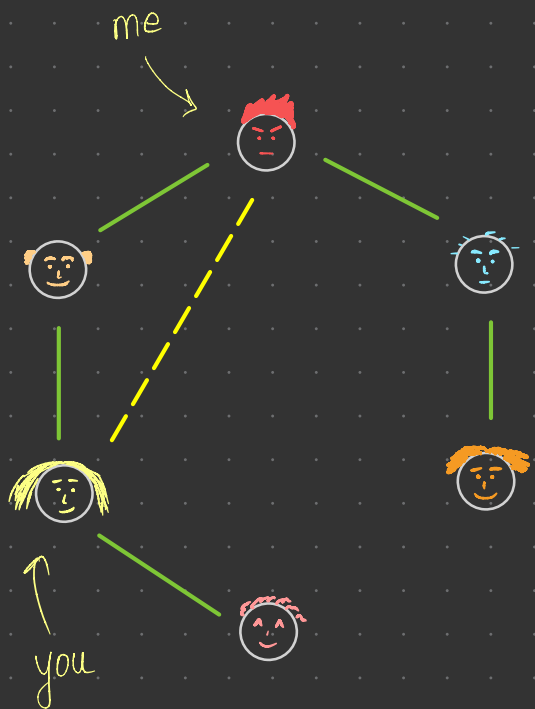
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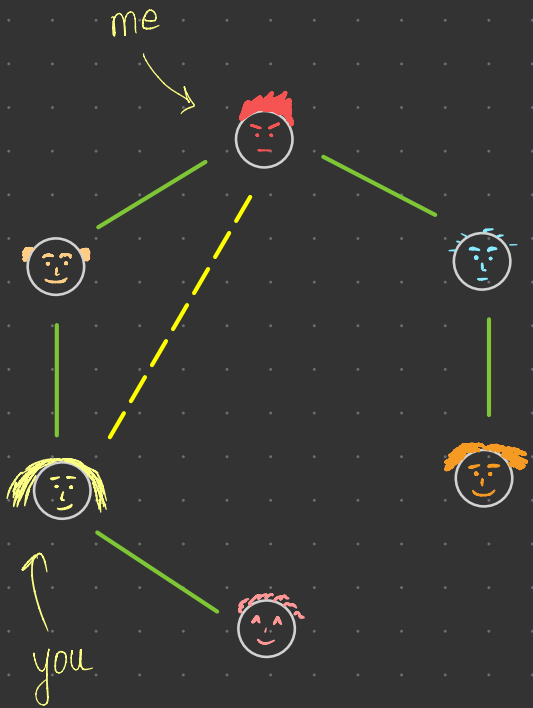


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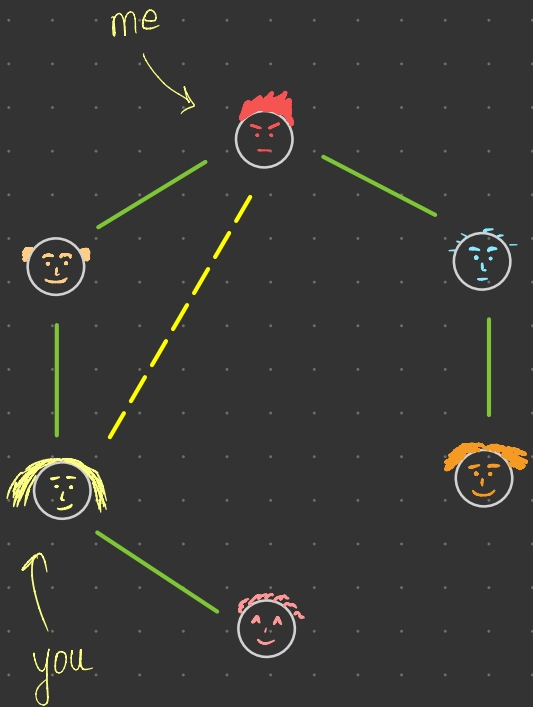


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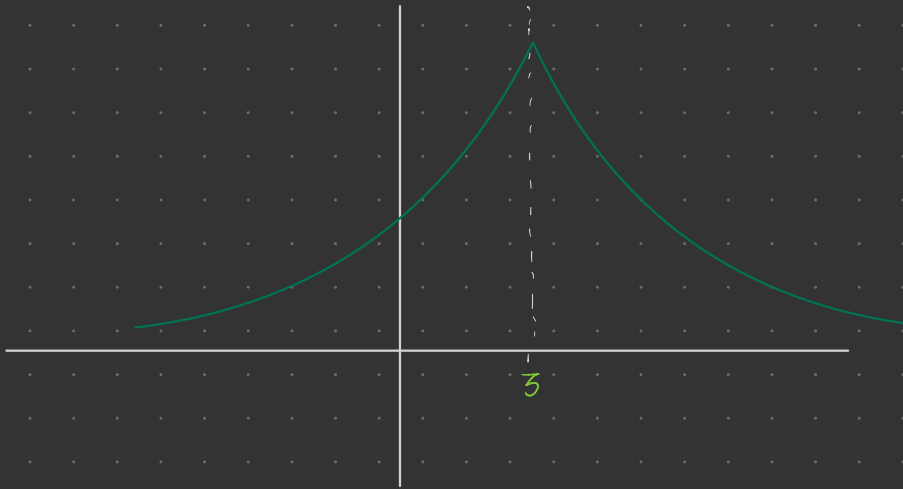
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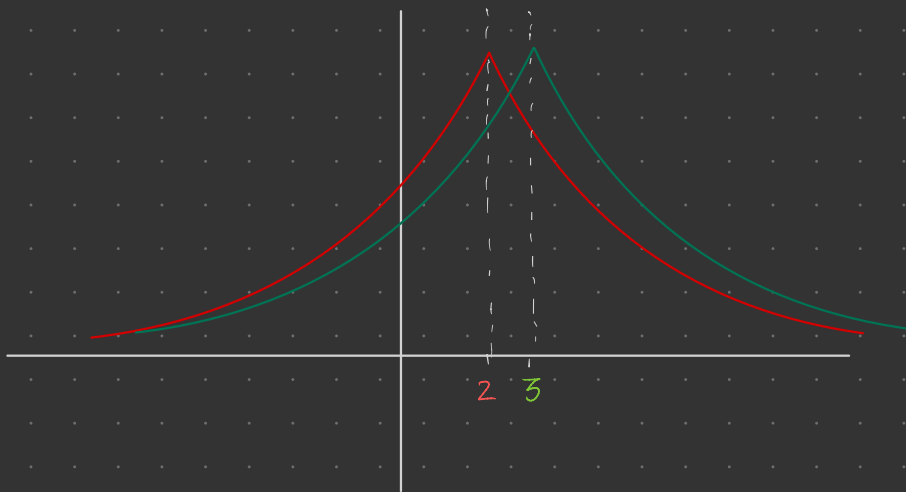
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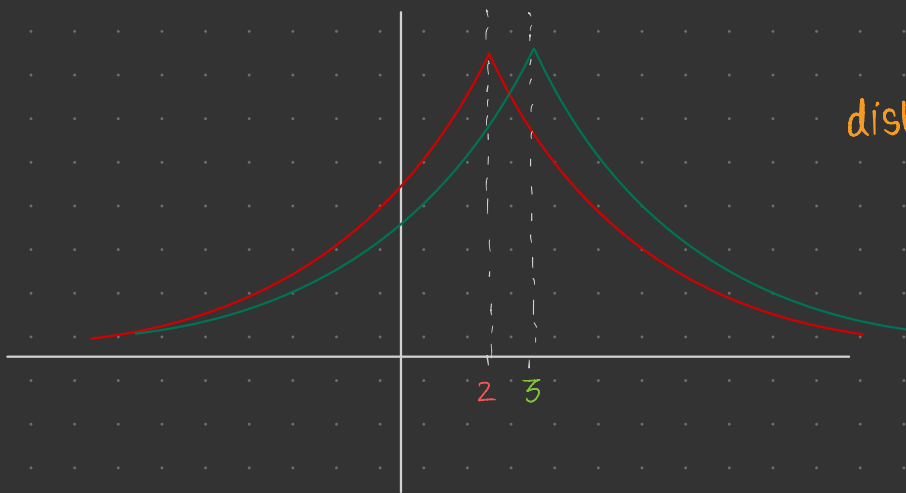
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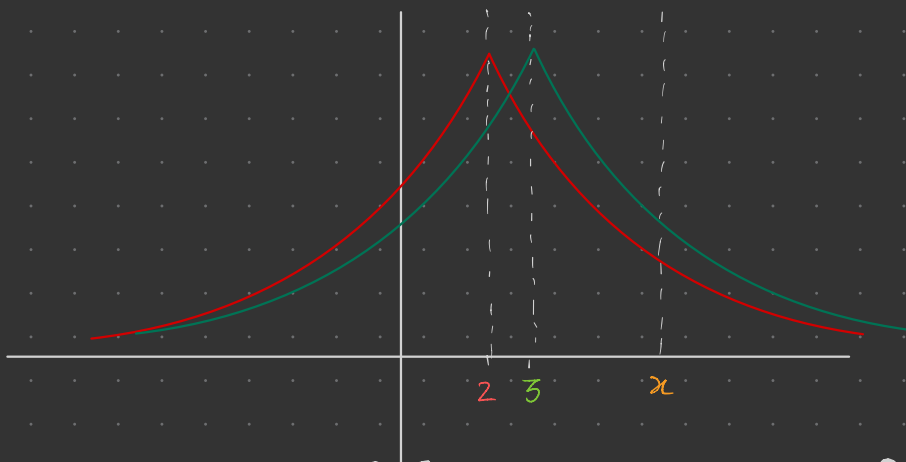
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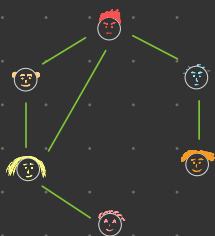
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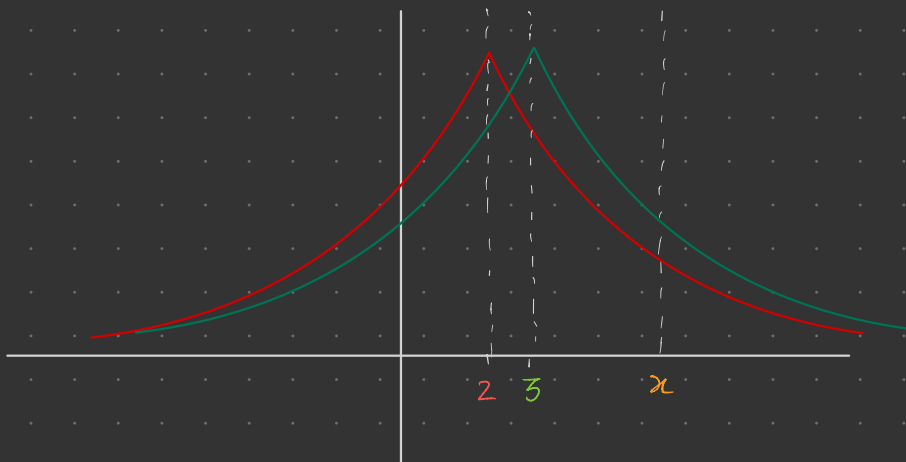
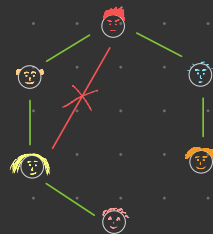
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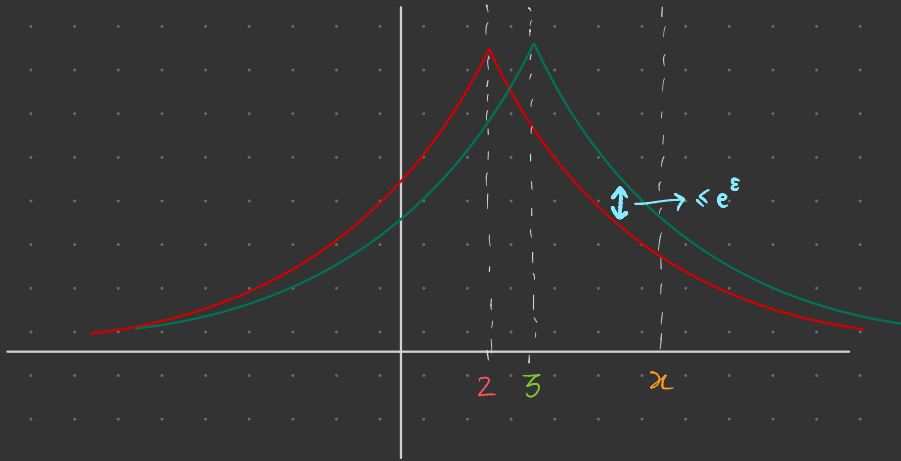
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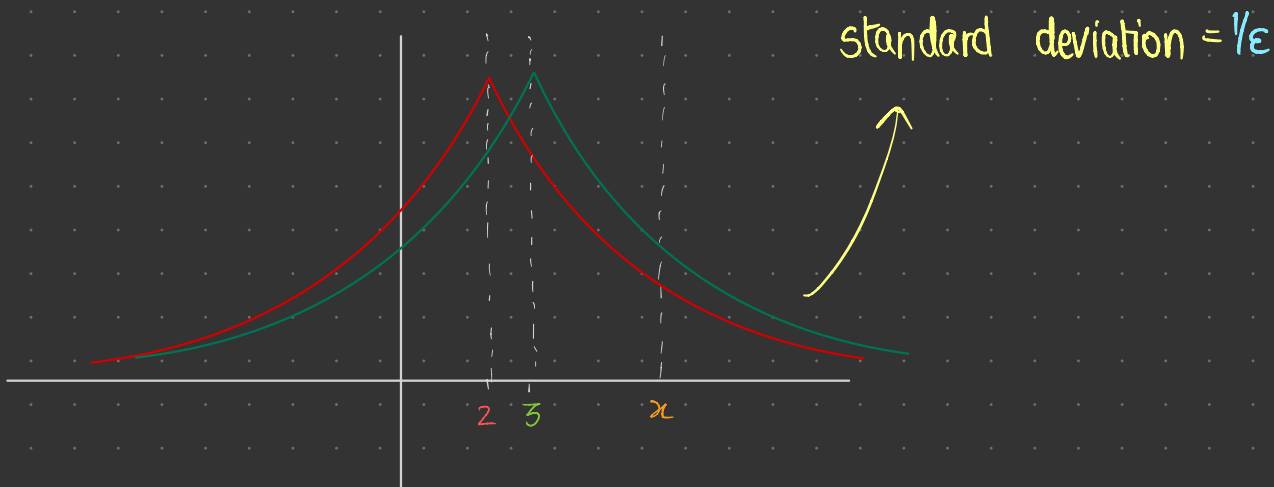
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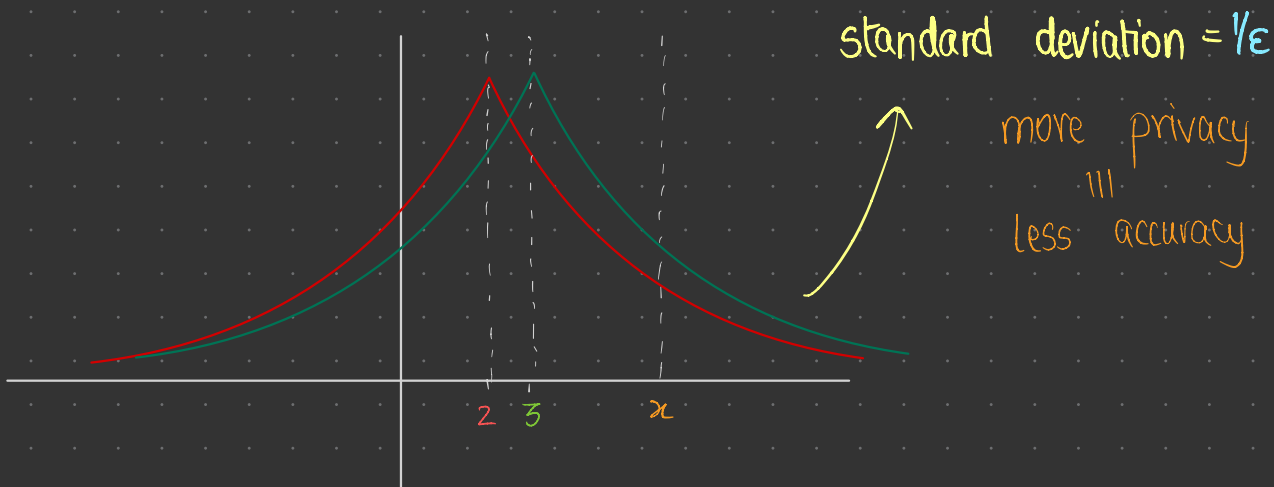
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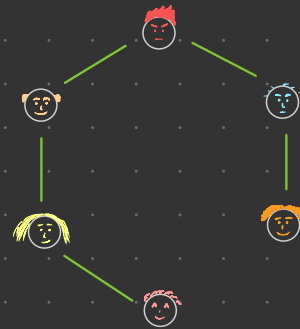
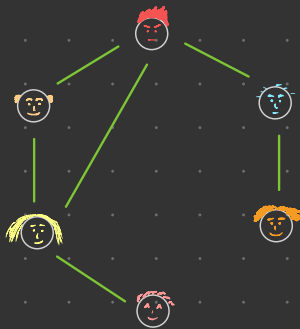


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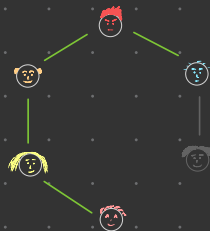
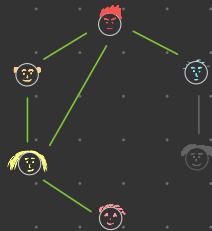
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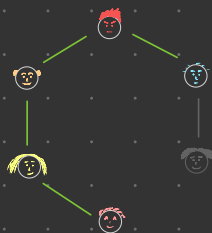
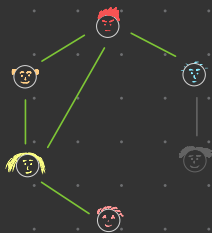
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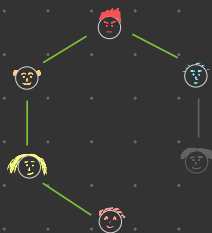
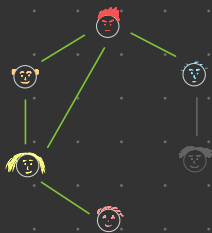
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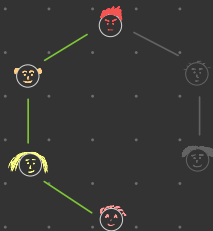
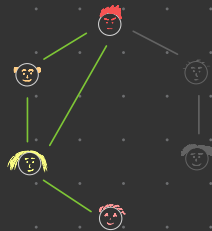
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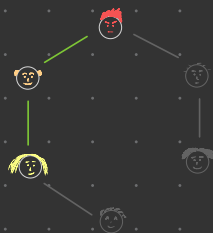
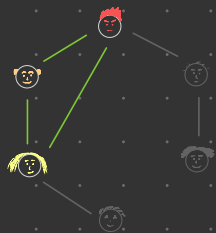
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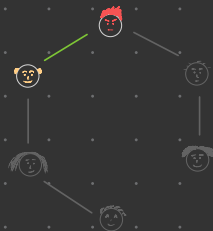
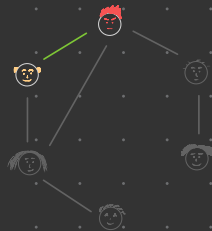
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$$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$$

Round 5

$$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon) \leftarrow \text{same true answer} \rightarrow 1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$$



How many friends do I have?

$T = 6$

if we are friends :

if we are not :

Round 1  $3 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 2  $3 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

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Round 3  $2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 4  $2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 5  $1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 6  $0 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

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$T = n \Rightarrow \text{scale of noise} \approx \text{scale of answer}$

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if we are not :

Round 1  $3 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

reduce # rounds?

Round 2  $3 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$\uparrow$   
Dhullipala et al. '22

Round 3  $2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 4  $2 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

Round 5  $1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

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$1 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

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$0 + \text{Lap}(\tau/\epsilon)$

} both differ by 1

} both same

$T = n \Rightarrow \text{scale of noise} \approx \text{scale of answer}$

Did I lose a friend in round t?

if we are friends

if we are not

Round 1

NO

NO

Round 2

NO

NO

Round 3

YES

YES

Round 4

NO

NO

Round 5

YES

NO

Round 6

YES

YES

Did I lose a friend in round  $t$ ?

if we are friends

if we are not

Round 1	0	0
Round 2	0	0
Round 3	1	1
Round 4	0	0
Round 5	1	0
Round 6	1	1

How many friends do I have?

$$\text{initdeg}(u) = \text{deg}(u) \quad \forall u \in V$$

while  $\exists$  vertex :

$$v \leftarrow \min_u \text{initdeg}(u) - \text{deldeg}(u)$$

delete  $v$

for all  $w$  neighbour of  $v$  :

$$\text{deldeg}(w) = \text{deldeg}(w) + 1$$

return densest subgraph seen.

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→ privatize with Lap( $2/\epsilon$ )

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$1+1 = ?$
$1+1+0 = ?$
$1+1+0+1 = ?$
$1+1+0+1+0 = ?$

private streaming sums

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Dwork et al. '10 & Chan et al. '11

only need noise scale  $O(\log^2 T)$  !

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Binary Tree Mechanism BTM

only need noise scale  $O(\log^2 T)$  !

$$\begin{aligned} 1+1 &= ? \\ 1+1+0 &= ? \\ 1+1+0+1 &= ? \\ 1+1+0+1+0 &= ? \end{aligned}$$

private streaming sums

# Accurate Private Dense Subgraphs

Algorithm for 2-approx densest subgraph with  $O(\log^2 n)$  additive error.

→ 1-approx  $k$ -core

→ packing & inner product lower bounds



27 Aug 2024



27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

28 Aug

29 Aug

30 Aug

COUNT



1



0



1



0



-1

COUNT DISTINCT = 2

# nationalities with count > 0

Jain et al. '23



27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

28 Aug

-1

+1

+1

+1

+1

29 Aug

30 Aug

COUNT



0



1



2



1



0

COUNT DISTINCT = 3



# nationalities with count > 0



27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

28 Aug

-1

+1

+1

+1

+1

29 Aug

+1

-

-

-1

-

30 Aug

COUNT



1



1



2



0



0

COUNT DISTINCT = 3



# nationalities with count > 0



27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

28 Aug

-1

+1

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-1

COUNT



0



0



2



1

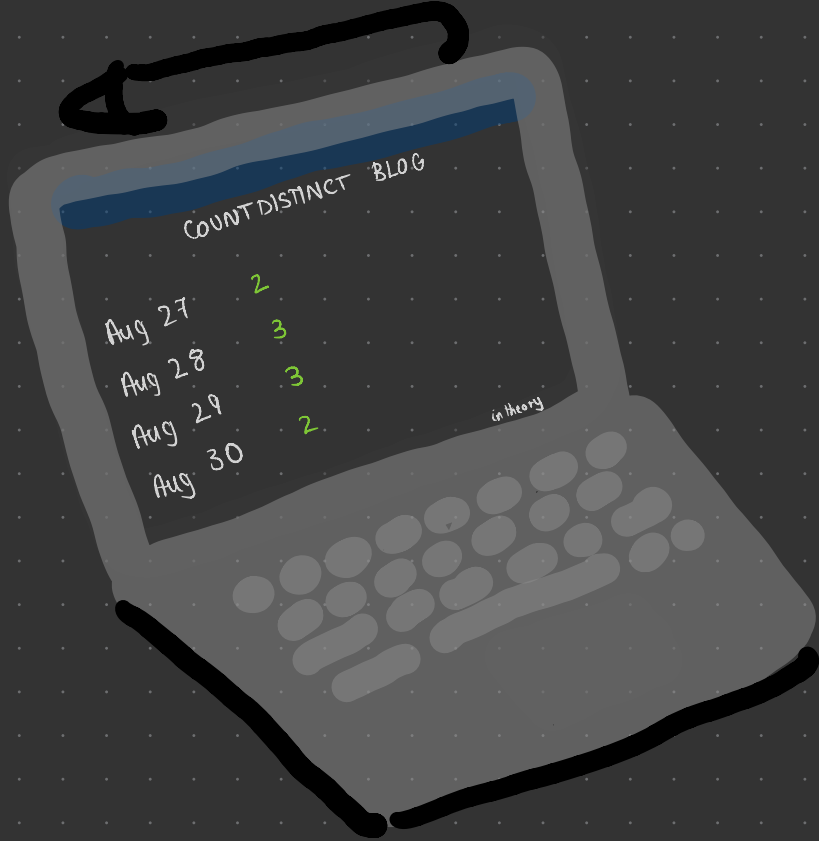


-1

COUNT DISTINCT = 2



# nationalities with count > 0



## COUNT DISTINCT BLOG

Aug 27	2
Aug 28	3
Aug 29	3
Aug 30	2

in theory





adversary knows everyone else's itinerary  
wants to figure out if I am travelling by checking the blog

update in border agent's blog

when I choose to make the trip

when I choose to stay at home



27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

-

-

+1

-

-1

COUNT DISTINCT = 2

COUNT DISTINCT = 1

## Privacy across many days

27 Aug :    make trip :  $2 + \text{Lap}(1/\epsilon)$   
              stay home :  $1 + \text{Lap}(1/\epsilon)$     }  $e^\epsilon$ -close

## Privacy across many days

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              stay home :  $2 + \text{Lap}(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$

$$\text{Noise} \propto \frac{\# \text{ outputs of algorithm}}{\epsilon}$$

## Periodic Recomputation

if  $|\text{COUNTDISTINCT} - \text{ESTIMATE}| > \text{Threshold}$  :

recompute ESTIMATE

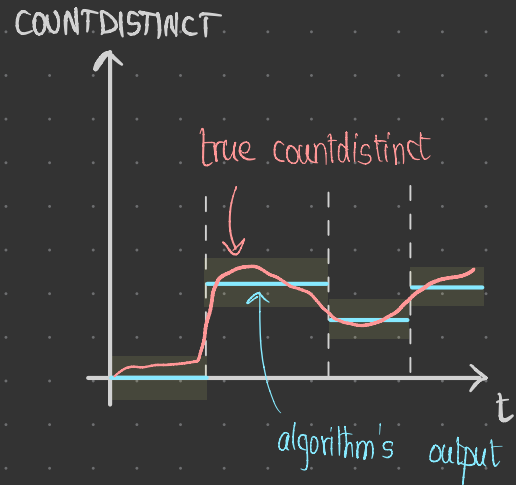
start new private if

else :

output ESTIMATE

# Periodic Recomputation

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if  $|\text{COUNTDISTINCT} - \text{ESTIMATE}| > \text{Threshold}$  :  
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    start new private if  
else :  
    output ESTIMATE
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COUNT / FLIP

27 Aug

+1

-

+1

-

-1

0

0

28 Aug

-1

+1

+1

+1

+1

1

1

29 Aug

+1

-

-

-1

-

0

2

30 Aug

-1

-1


-

+1

-1

1

3

FLIP (  ) = # times COUNT (  ) goes from  $> 0$  to  $= 0$  or vice-versa





COUNT / FLIP

27 Aug	+1	-	+1	-	-1	0	0
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28 Aug	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	1	1
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29 Aug	+1	-	-	-1	-	0	2
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30 Aug	-1	-1	-	+1	-1	1	3
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FLIP (  ) = # times COUNT (  ) goes from  $> 0$  to  $= 0$  or vice-versa

MAXFLIP

Jain et al. '23

TOTALFLIP

ours

more  
general



track each person

border agent blog

more  
private



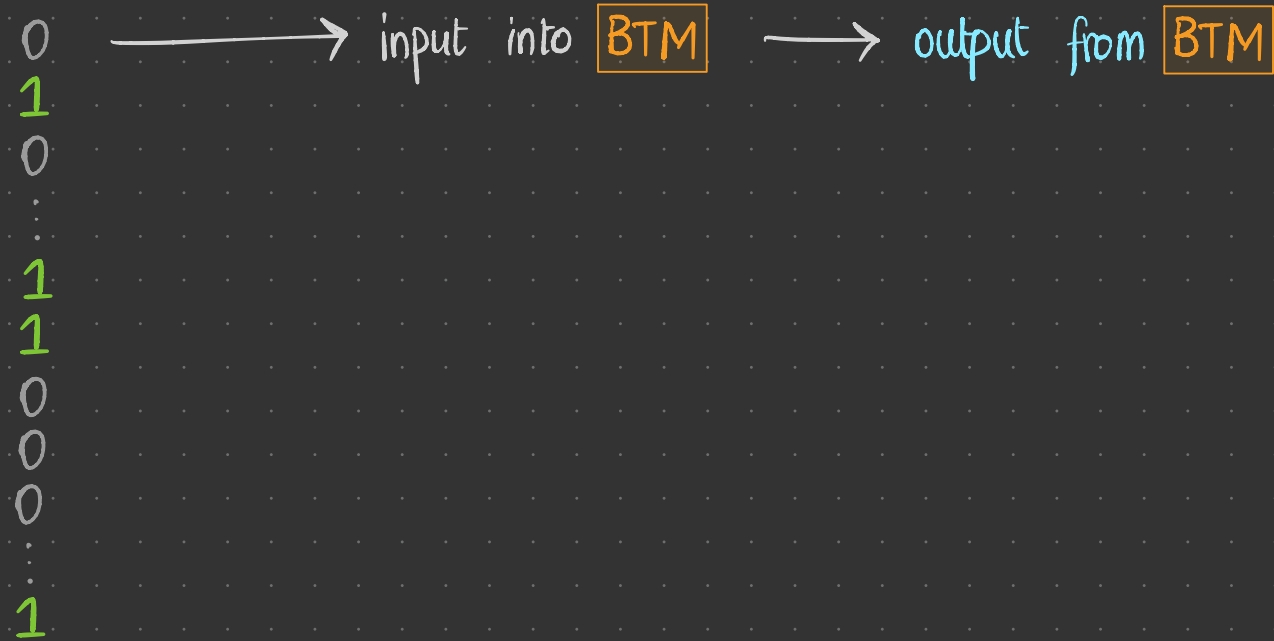
1 trip

Many trips

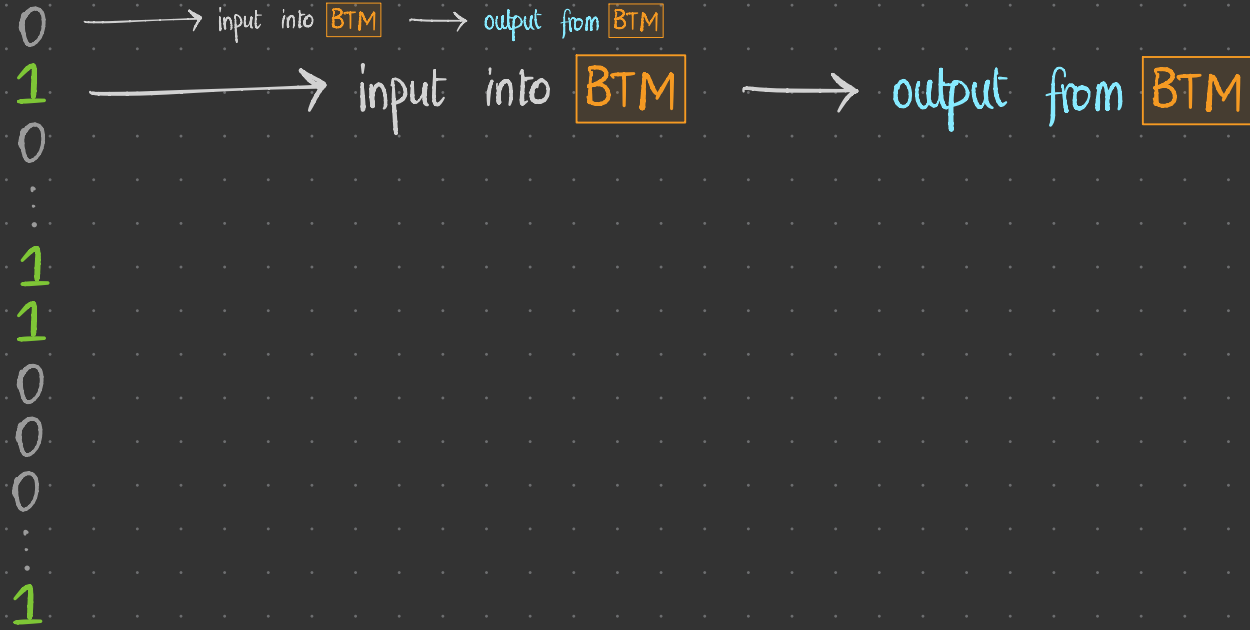
Easy!	*
$\tilde{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\text{TOTALFLIP}}{\epsilon}}\right)$	$\tilde{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\text{TOTALFLIP}}{\epsilon}}\right)$

\* for algorithms that only depend on COUNTDISTINCT values

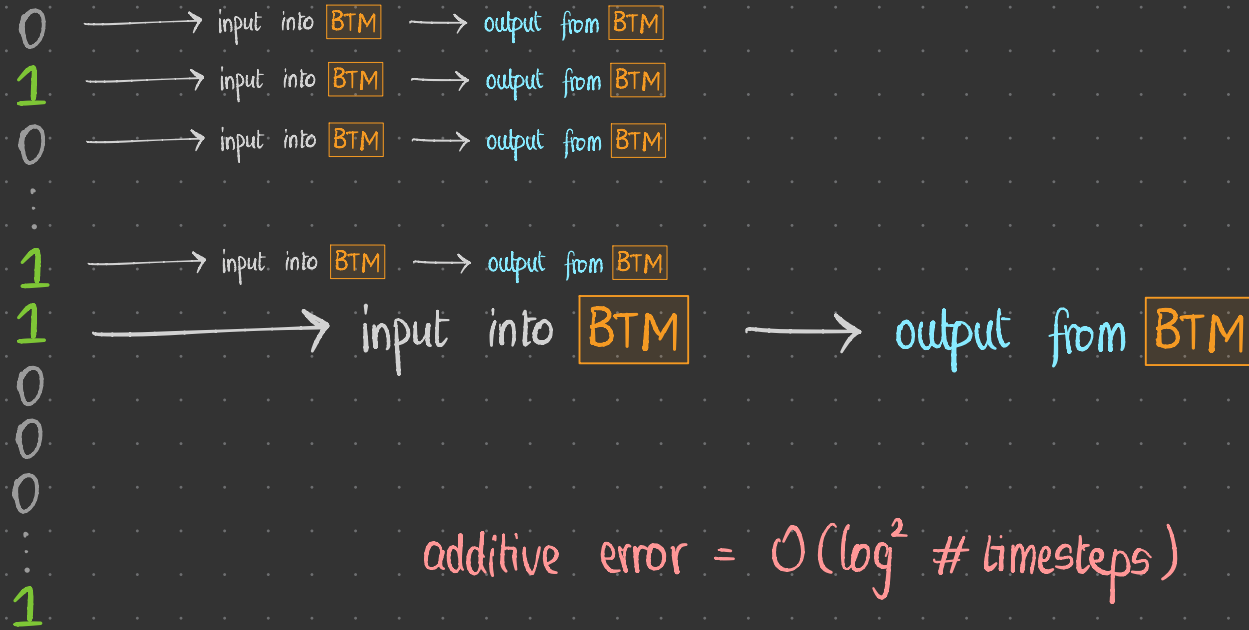
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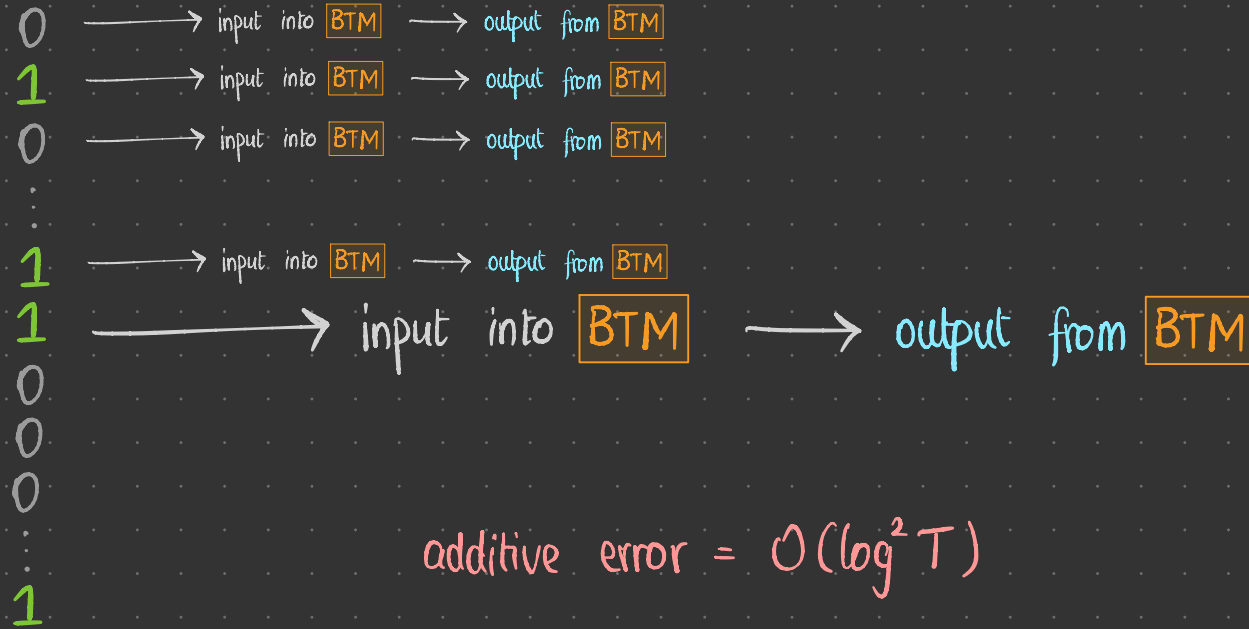


# Combining streaming sums with if statements



$$\text{additive error} = O(\log^2 \# \text{ timesteps})$$

# Combining streaming sums with if statements



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↳ Dwork et al. 2015

0

1

0

⋮

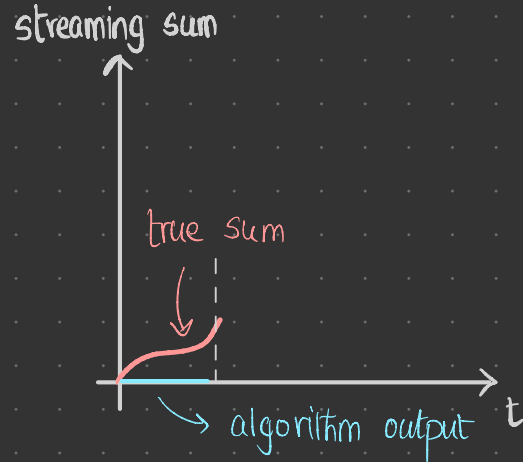
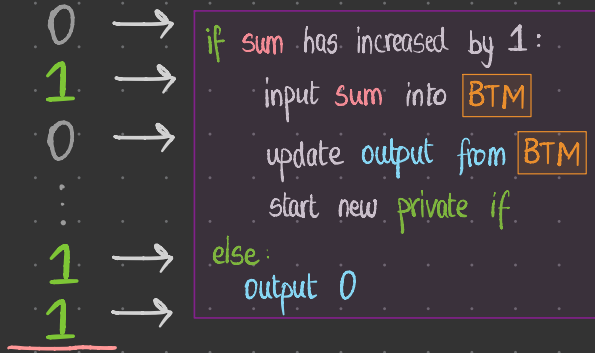
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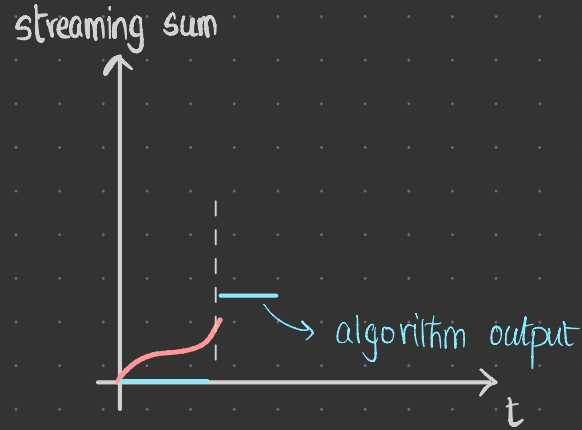
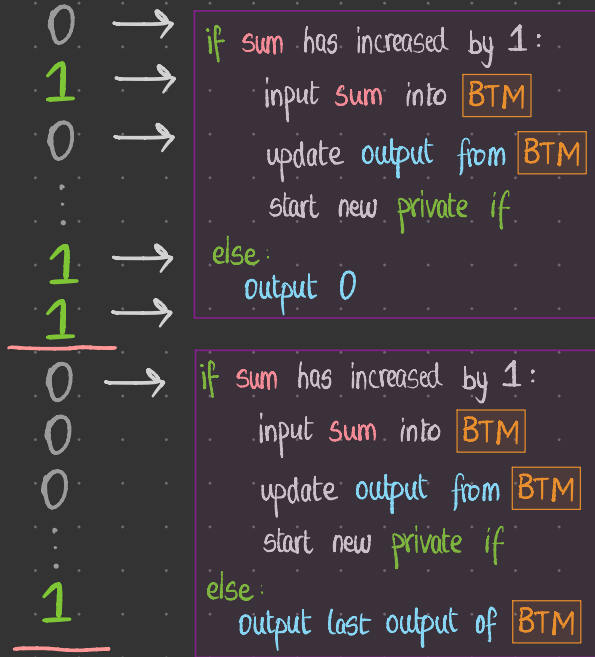


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if sum has increased by 1:  
    input sum into BTM  
    update output from BTM  
    start new private if  
else:  
    output 0
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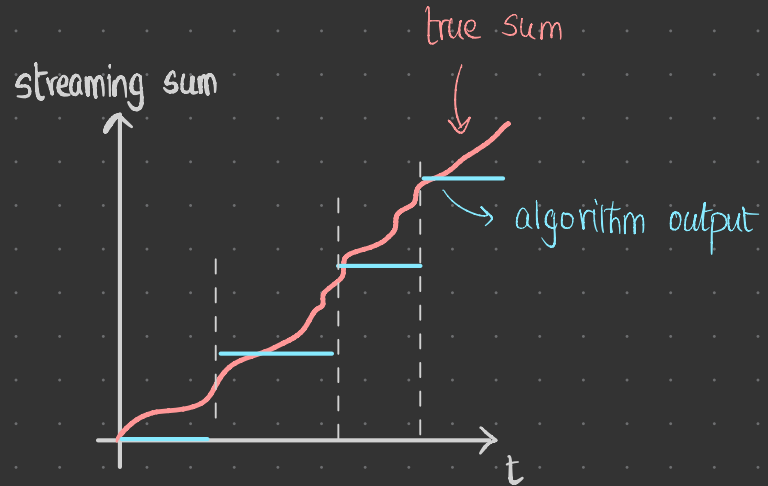
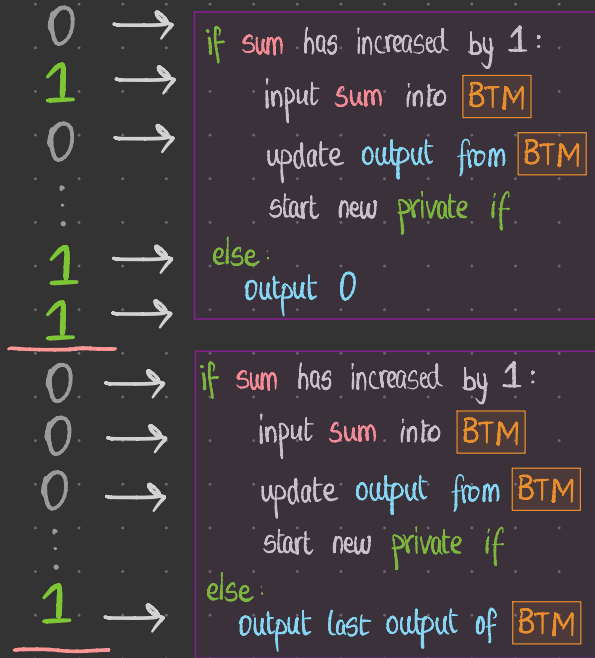
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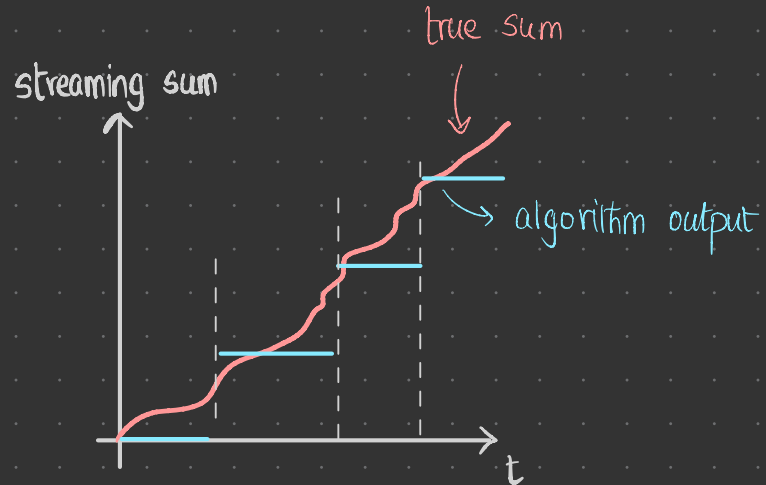
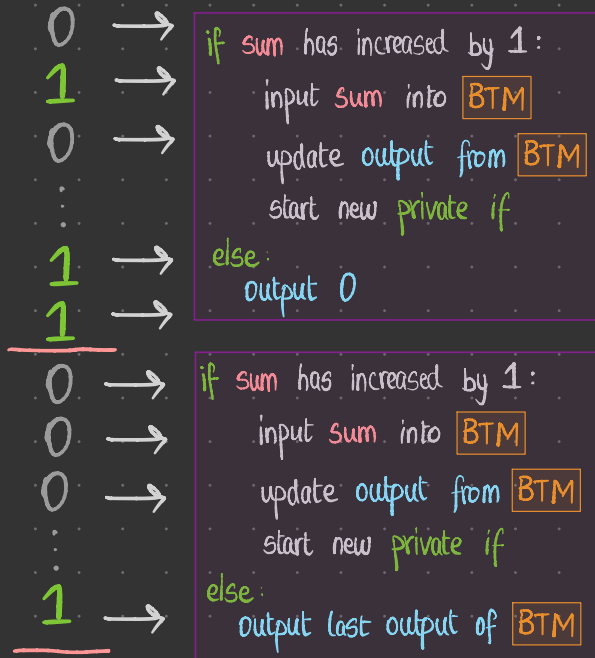
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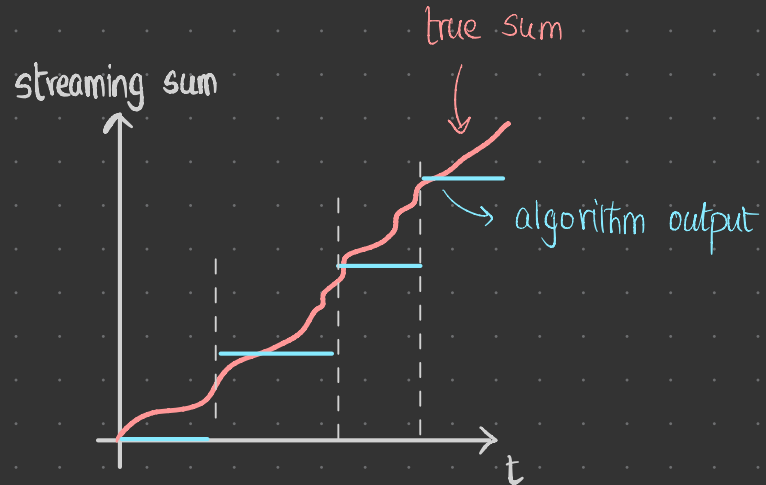
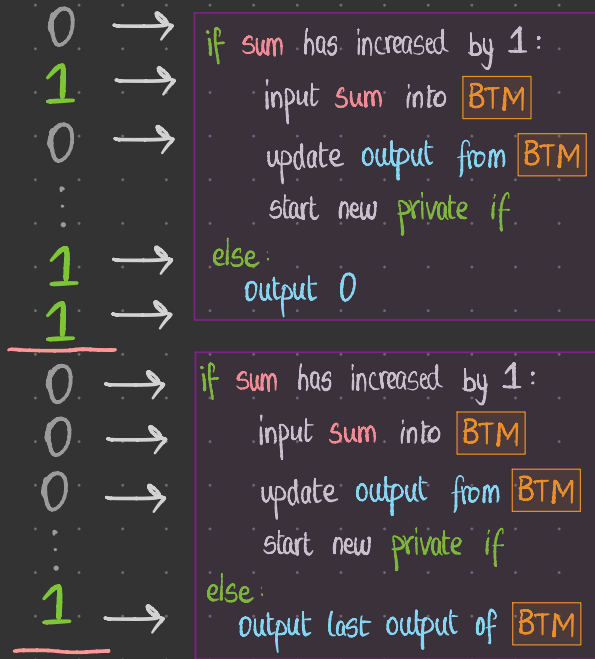


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$$\text{additive error} = O(\log^2 \# \text{ones} + \log T)$$

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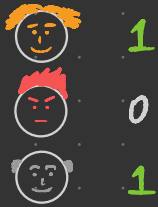
$$\text{additive error} = O(\log^2 n + \log T)$$

vs

$$\Omega(\log T)$$



# The multi-dimensional setting



$$\text{Additive Error} = O(\log^2 n + \log T)$$

# The multi-dimensional setting

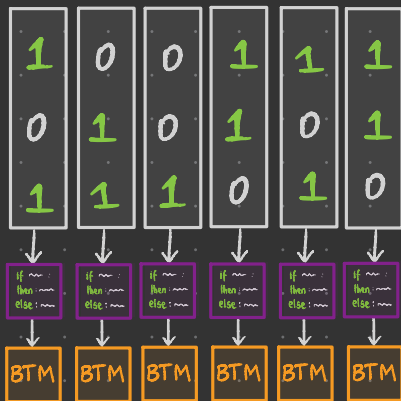
d-dim vector

	1	0	0	1	1	1
	0	1	0	1	0	1
	1	1	1	0	1	0

$$\text{Additive Error} = O(d \log^2 n_{\max} + d \log T)$$

maximum column sum

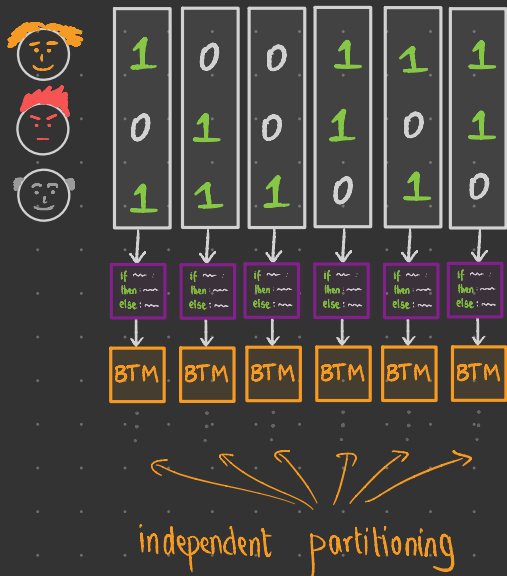
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independent partitioning

$$\text{Additive Error} = O(d \log^2 n_{\max} + d \log T)$$

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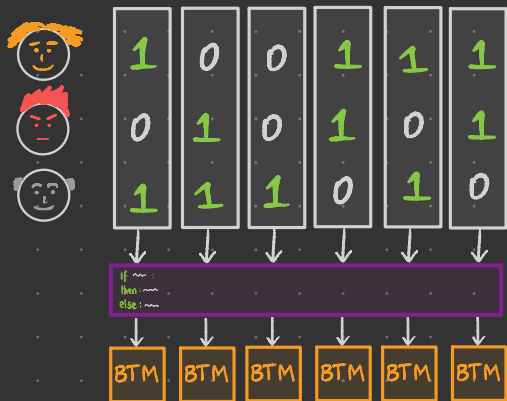


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vs

$$\Omega(d + \log T)$$

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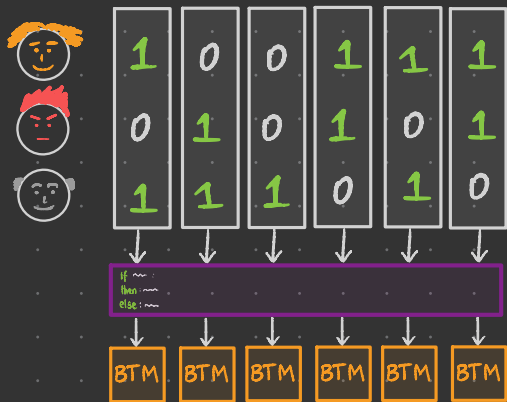


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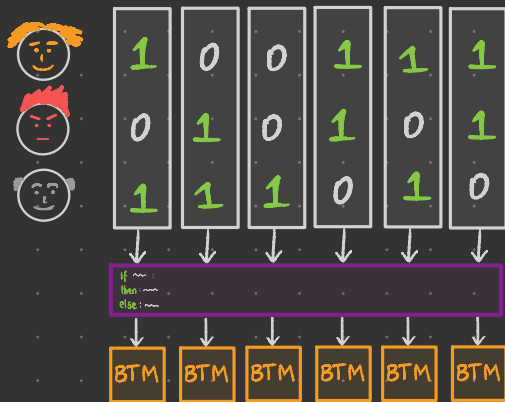


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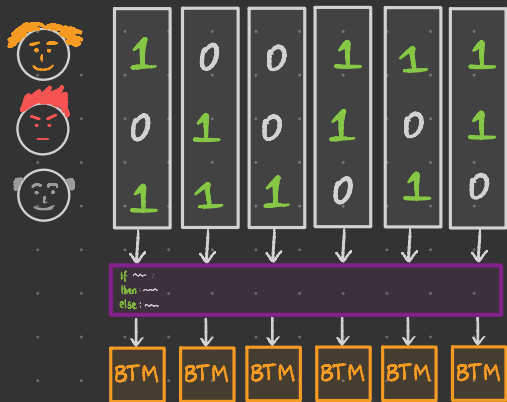
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vs

$$\Omega(d + \log T)$$

What if I only want minimum column sum?

# The multi-dimensional setting



$$\text{Additive Error} = O(d \log^2 n_{\max}^{n_{\min}} + \log T) ?$$

vs

$$\Omega(d + \log T)$$

What if I only want minimum column sum?

# Minimum column sum

## SINGLE DIMENSION

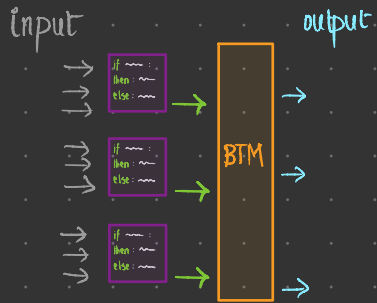
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## MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS

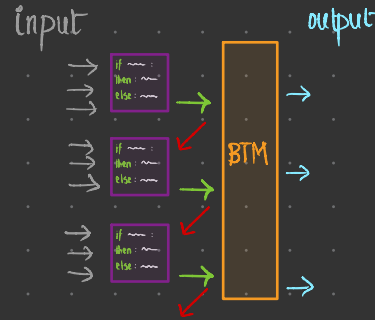
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# Minimum column sum.

PRIOR WORK



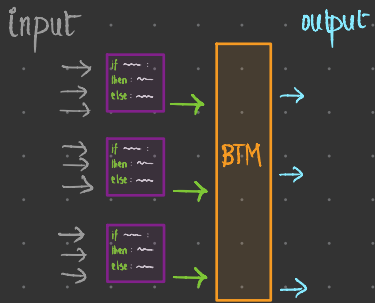
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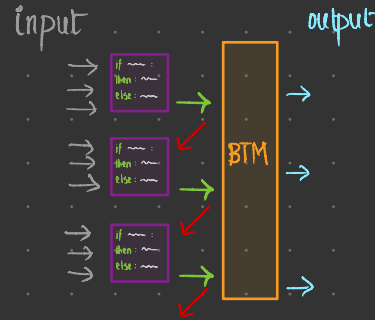
circular dependencies!

# Minimum column sum.

PRIOR WORK



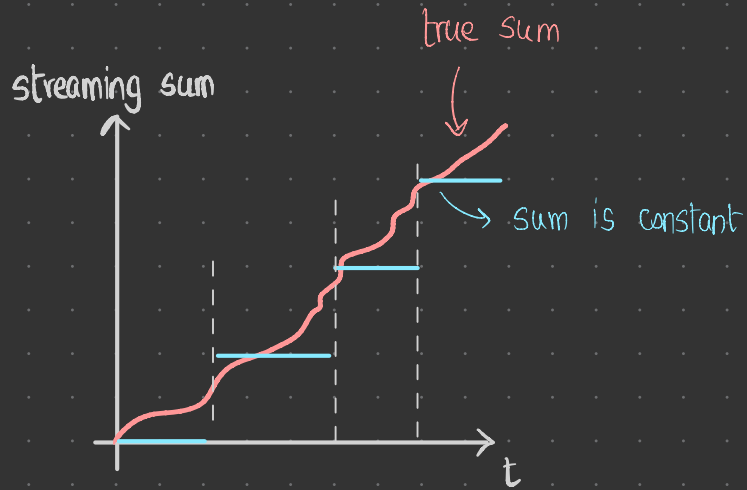
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circular dependencies! can be fixed

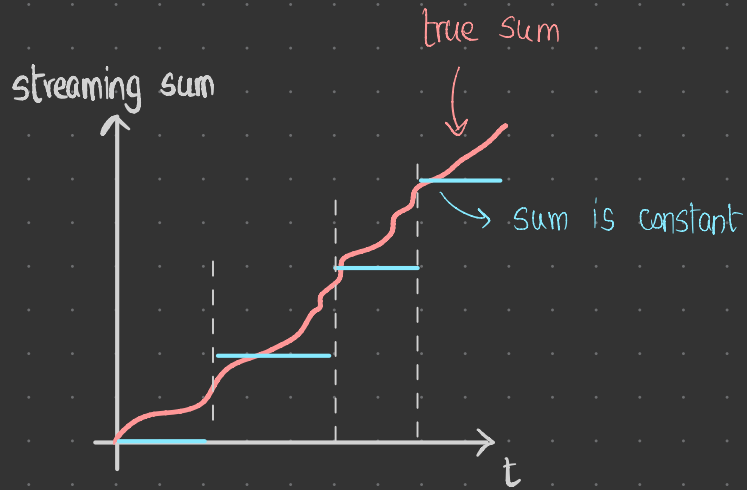
# Negative inputs

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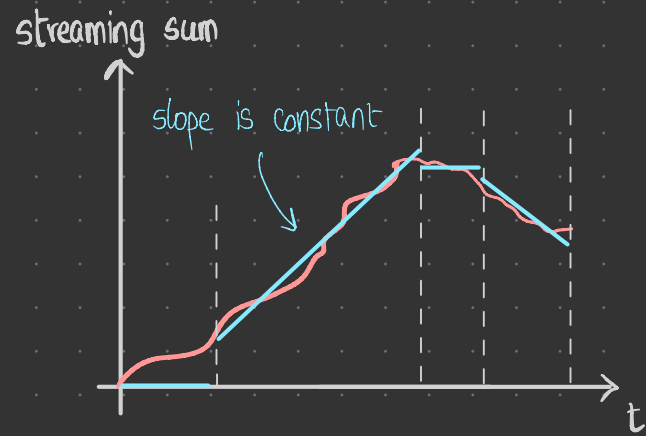


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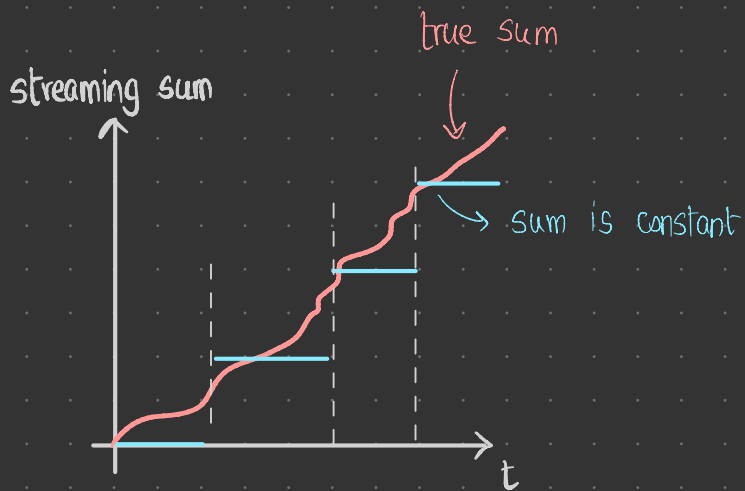


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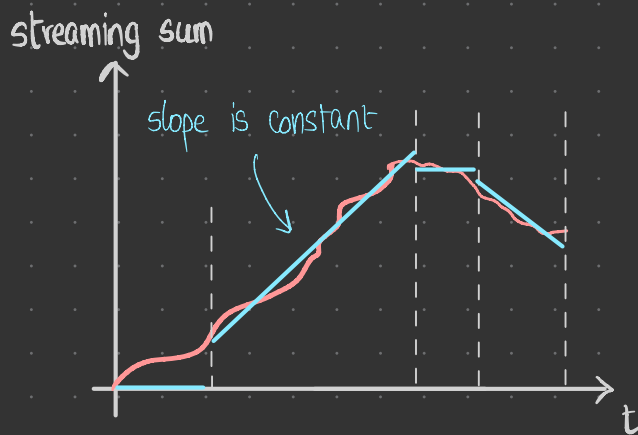


# Negative inputs

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Electrical Oblivious Routing  
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Incremental  
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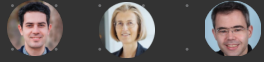
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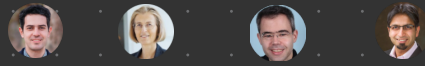
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# OuMv reductions

vector Matrix vector multiplication

$$[1 \ 1 \ 0] \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is it = 0?

is it > 0?

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# OuMv reductions

vector Matrix vector multiplication

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# $0uMv$ reductions

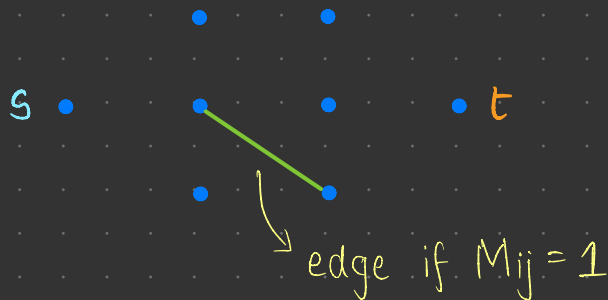
vector Matrix vector multiplication

$$\begin{matrix} [1 & 1 & 0] \\ u \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ M \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ v \end{matrix}$$

$$uMv = 0$$

$$uMv > 0$$

$s \rightarrow t$  distance



$$\text{dist}(s, t) = 3$$

$$\text{dist}(s, t) \geq 5$$

# $0uMv$ reductions

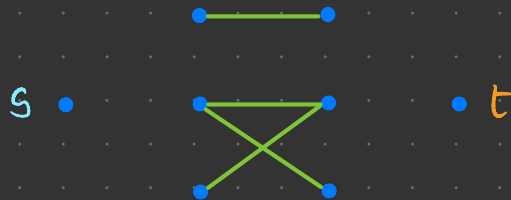
vector Matrix vector multiplication

$$\underbrace{[1 \ 1 \ 0]}_u \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_v$$

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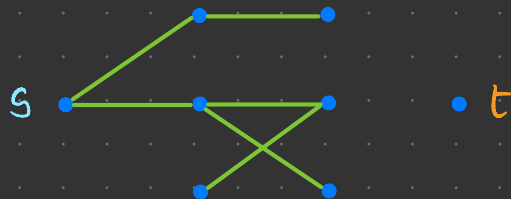
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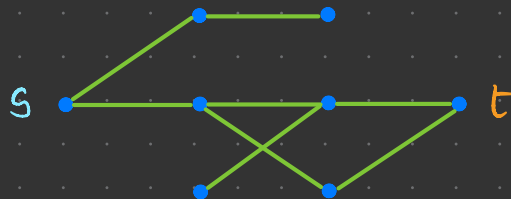
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# OMv reductions

## Online OMv Problem

$(u_1, v_1) \rightarrow$  answer if  $u_1 M v_1 = 0$

$(u_2, v_2) \rightarrow$  answer if  $u_2 M v_2 = 0$

$\vdots$

$(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow$  answer if  $u_n M v_n = 0$

Conjecture: Cannot answer all queries  
in  $\mathcal{O}(n^{2.99})$  time.

## Dynamic $s \rightarrow t$ distance

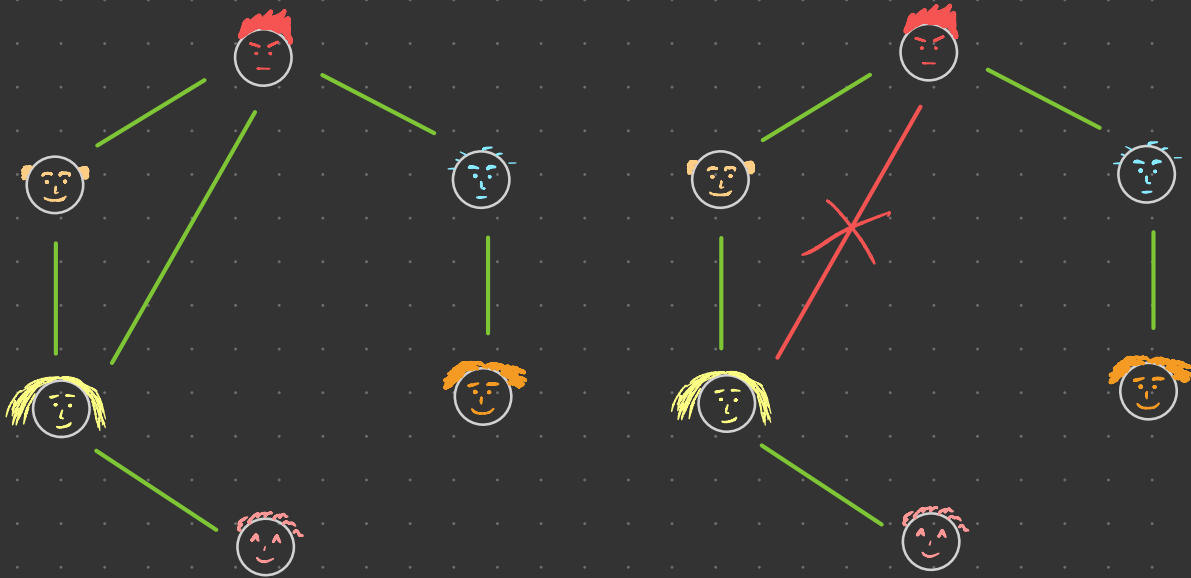
insert edges for  $u_1, M, v_1$

$\hookrightarrow$  ask if  $\text{dist}(s, t) = 3$

delete edges for  $u_1, v_1$

insert edges for  $u_2, v_2$

$\hookrightarrow$  ask if  $\text{dist}(s, t) = 3$



# Privatizing & Dynamizing Algorithm Design

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