

A Fast Approximation for Maximum Weight Matroid Intersection

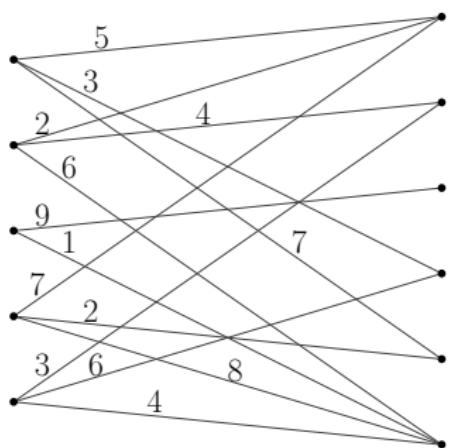
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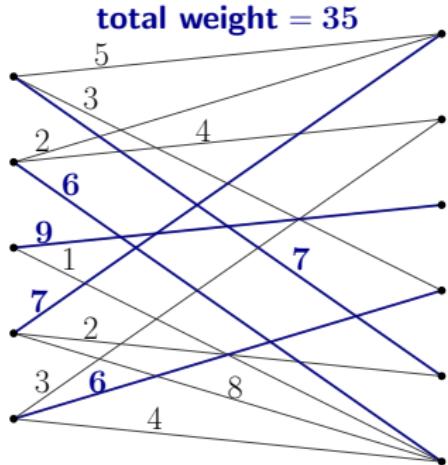


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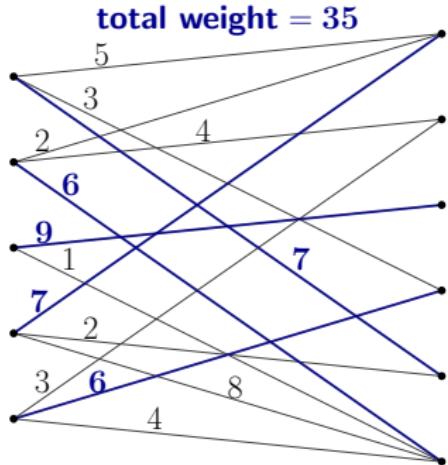
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Duan and Pettie [2014]

(extends to general matching)

1. Primal-dual
 - Only *approximates* dual optimal conditions
2. Scaling reduces weighted problem to unweighted
3. Runs an *approximate* subroutine at each scale
4. Updates dual variables with *small loss from approximation*

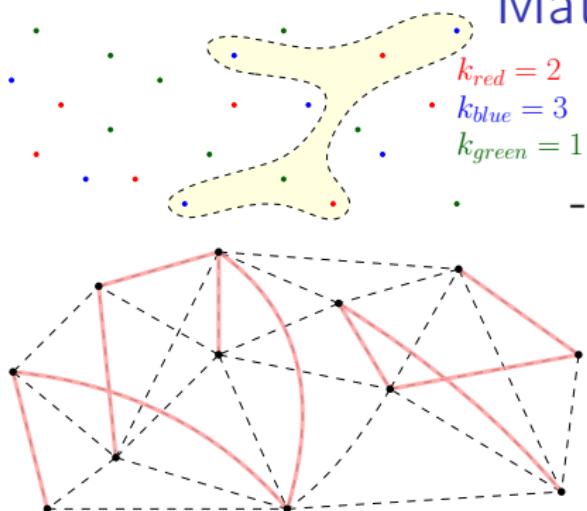
Matroids

$$\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I})$$

\mathcal{N} : **ground set** of elements

$\mathcal{I} \subseteq 2^{\mathcal{N}}$: **independent** (feasible) sets

Matroids



- Empty set is independent
- Subsets of independent sets are independent
- Maximal independent sets have same cardinality

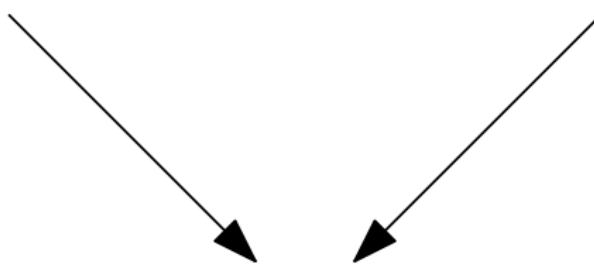
*max independent set is a **base***
*max cardinality is the **rank***

- If $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$ and $|A| < |B|$,
then there is $b \in B \setminus A$ s.t.
 $A + b \in \mathcal{I}$

Matroid Intersection

(same ground set)

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I}_1) \quad \mathcal{M}_2 = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I}_2)$$



$$\mathcal{M}_1 \cap \mathcal{M}_2 \triangleq (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I}_1 \cap \mathcal{I}_2)$$

e.g. bipartite matchings, arborescences

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Oracle Model

Independence queries of the form “Is $S \in \mathcal{I}$?”

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Weighted

$$(W = \max\{w(e) : e \in \mathcal{N}\})$$

$$O(nk^2Q) \quad \text{Frank [1981], Brezovec et al. [1986], Schrijver [2003]}$$

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Lee et al. [2015]

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Main result: $(1 - \epsilon)$ -approximation in time

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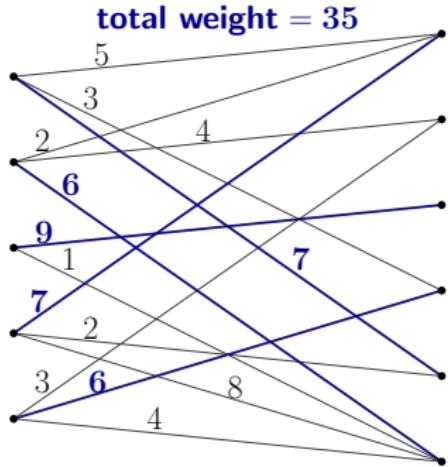
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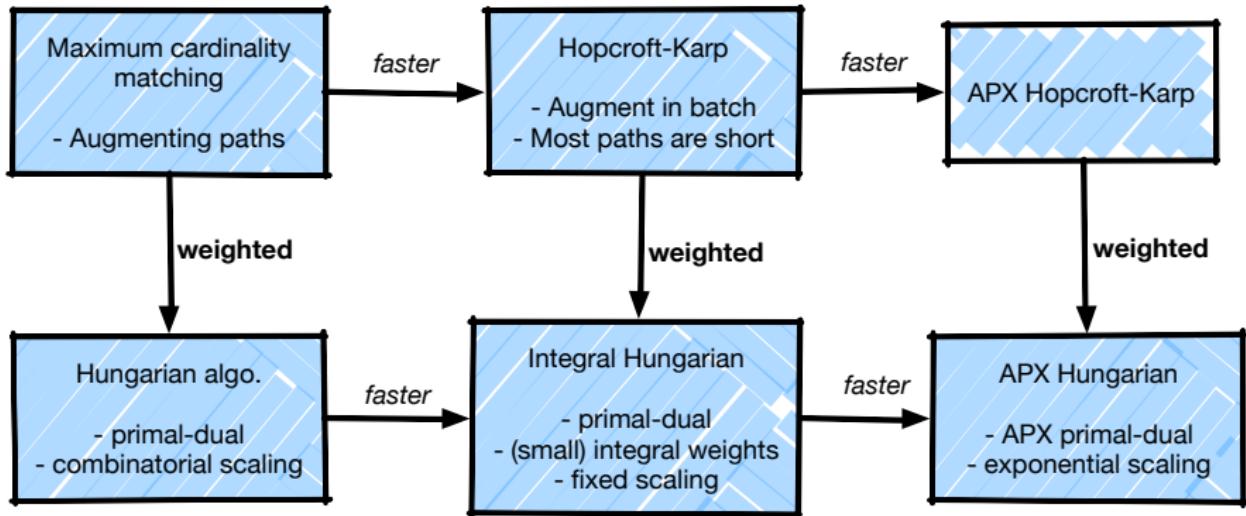
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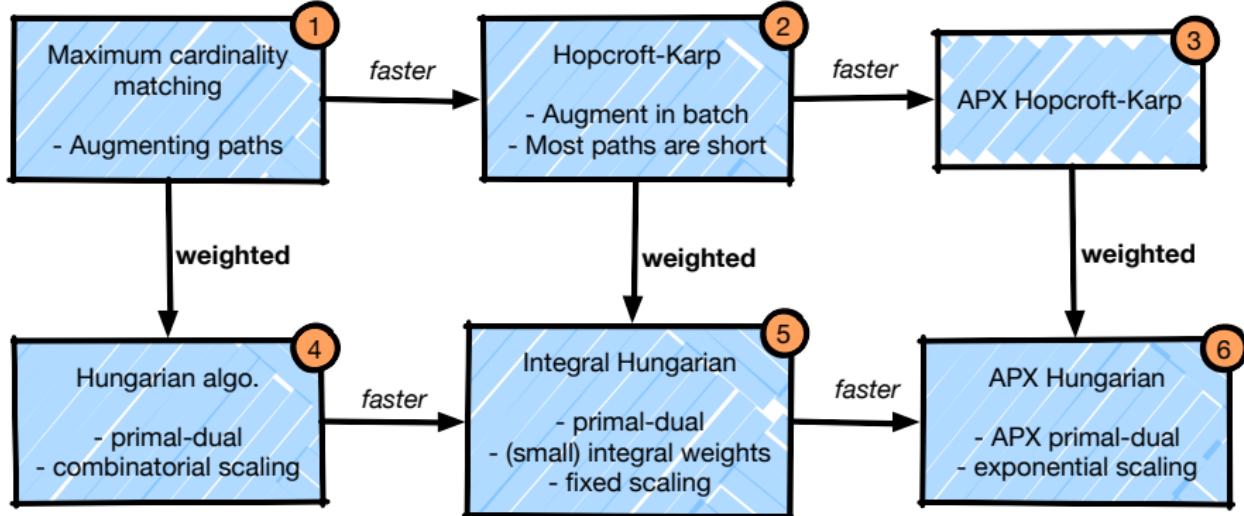
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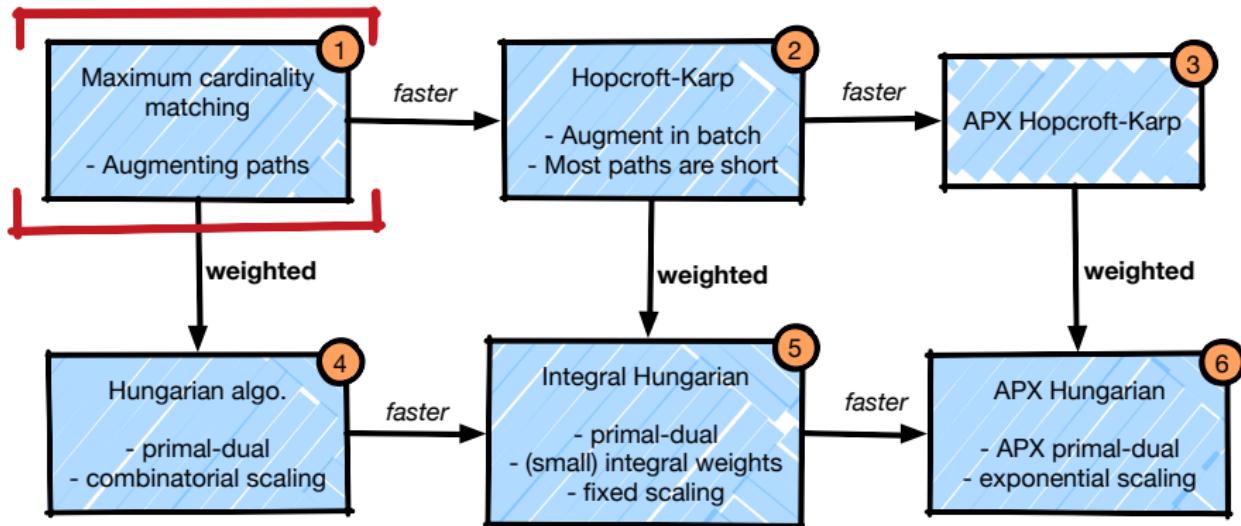
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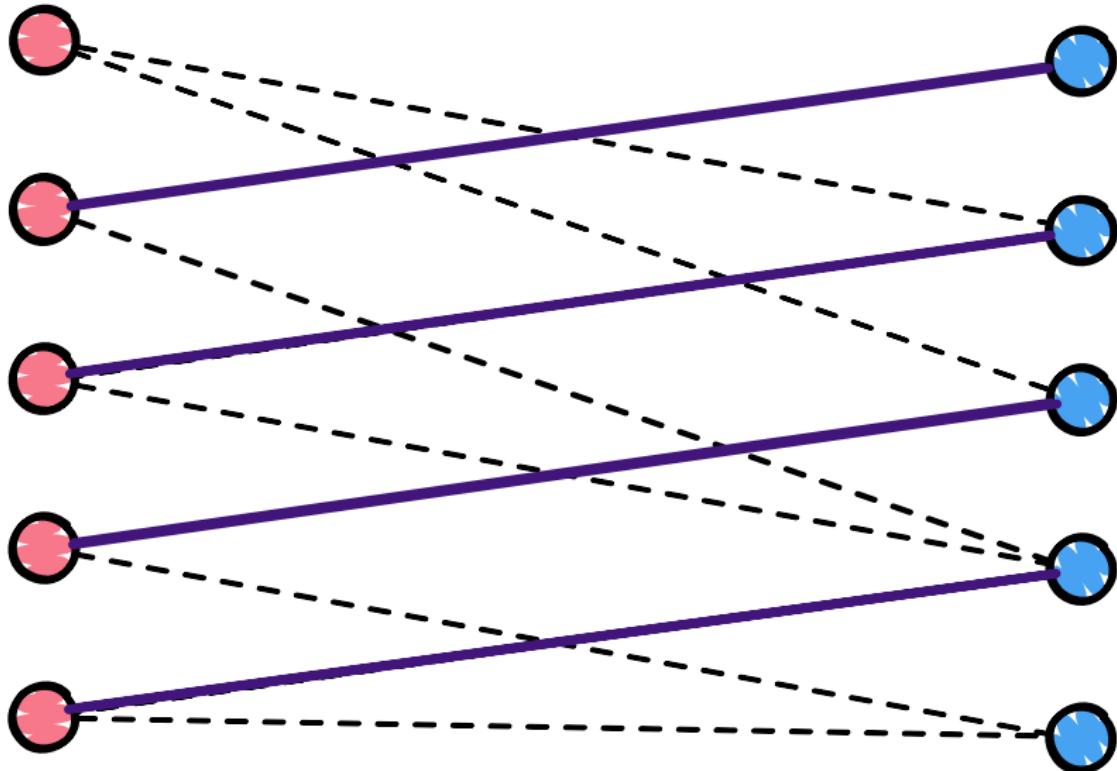
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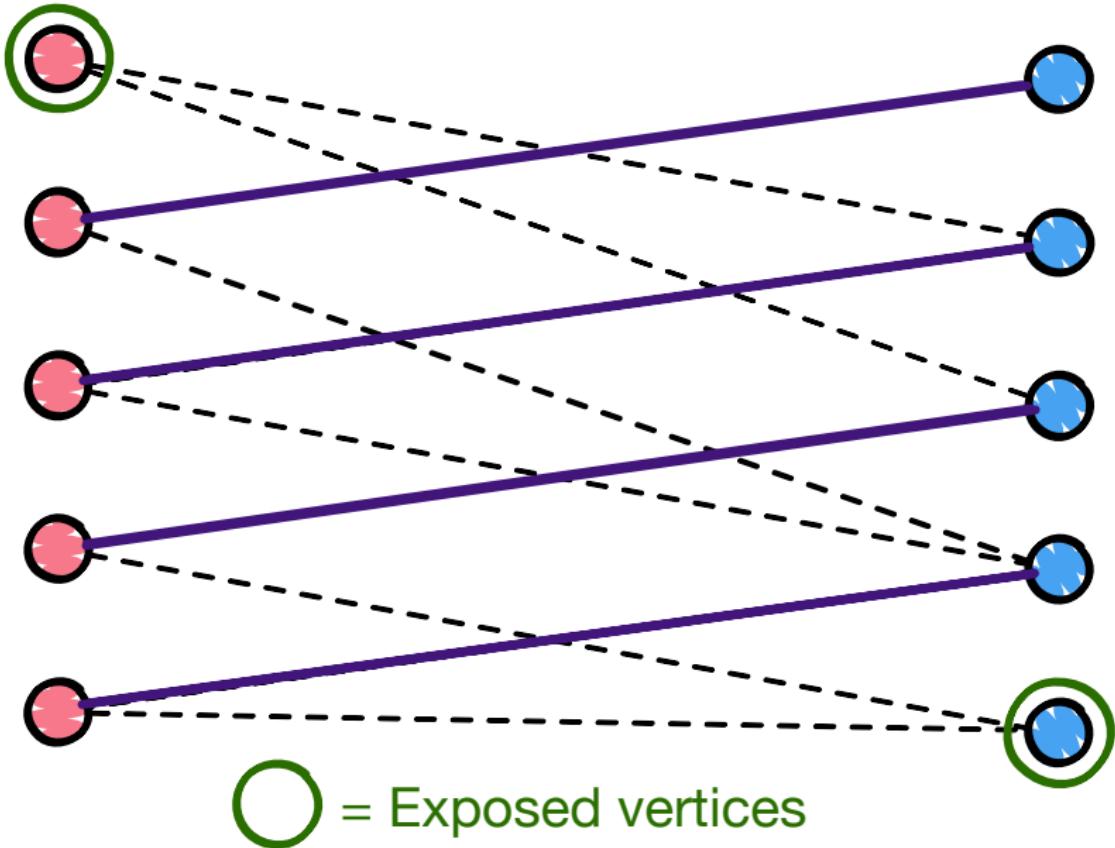




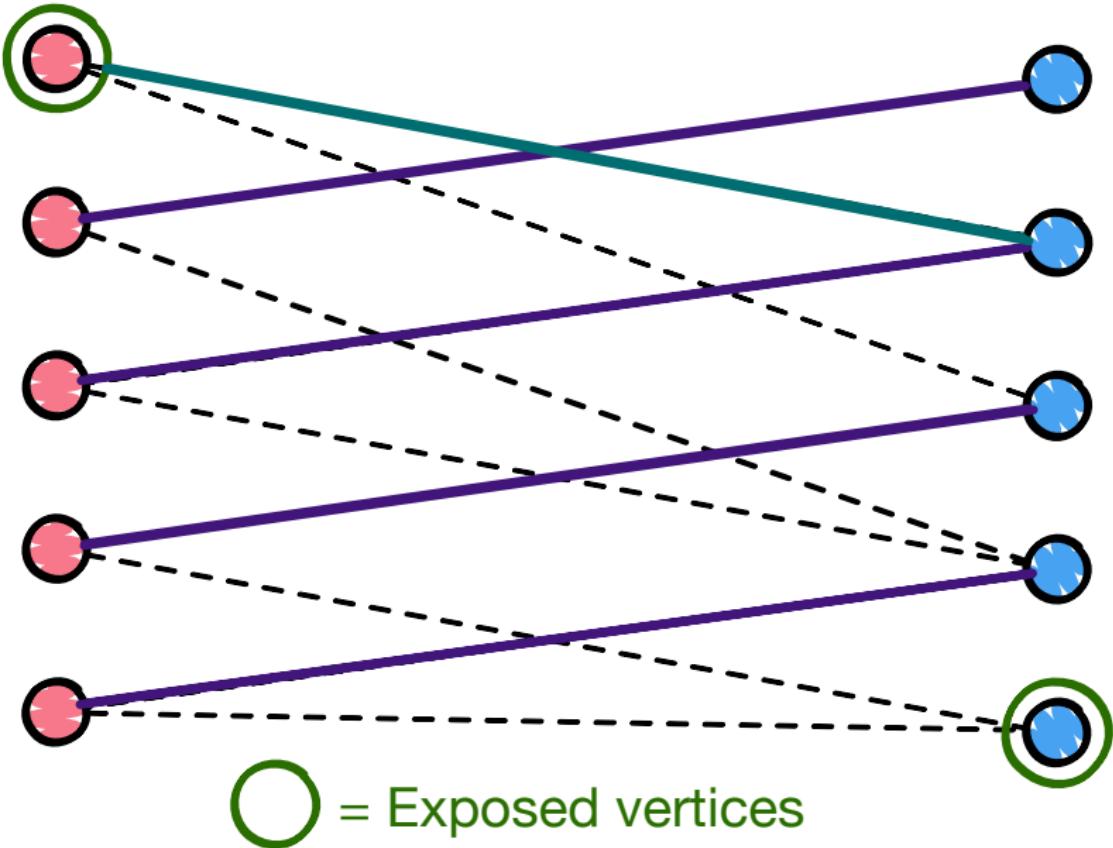
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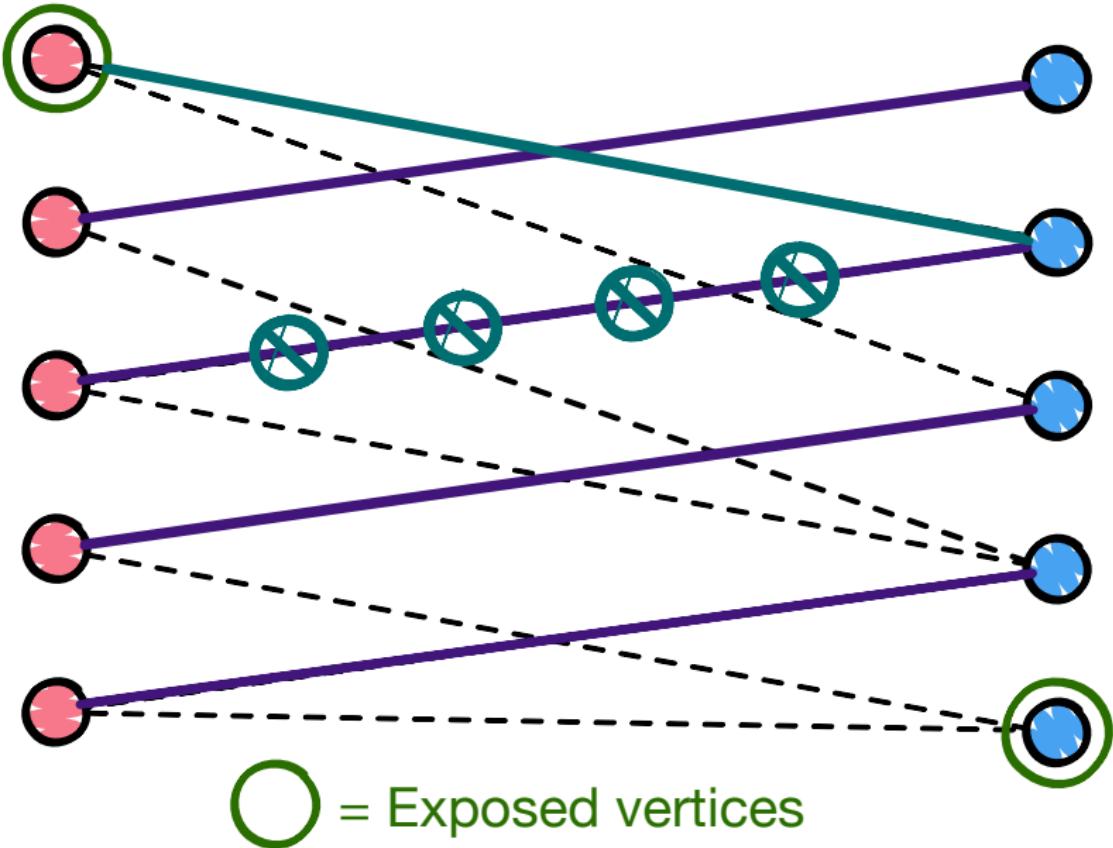
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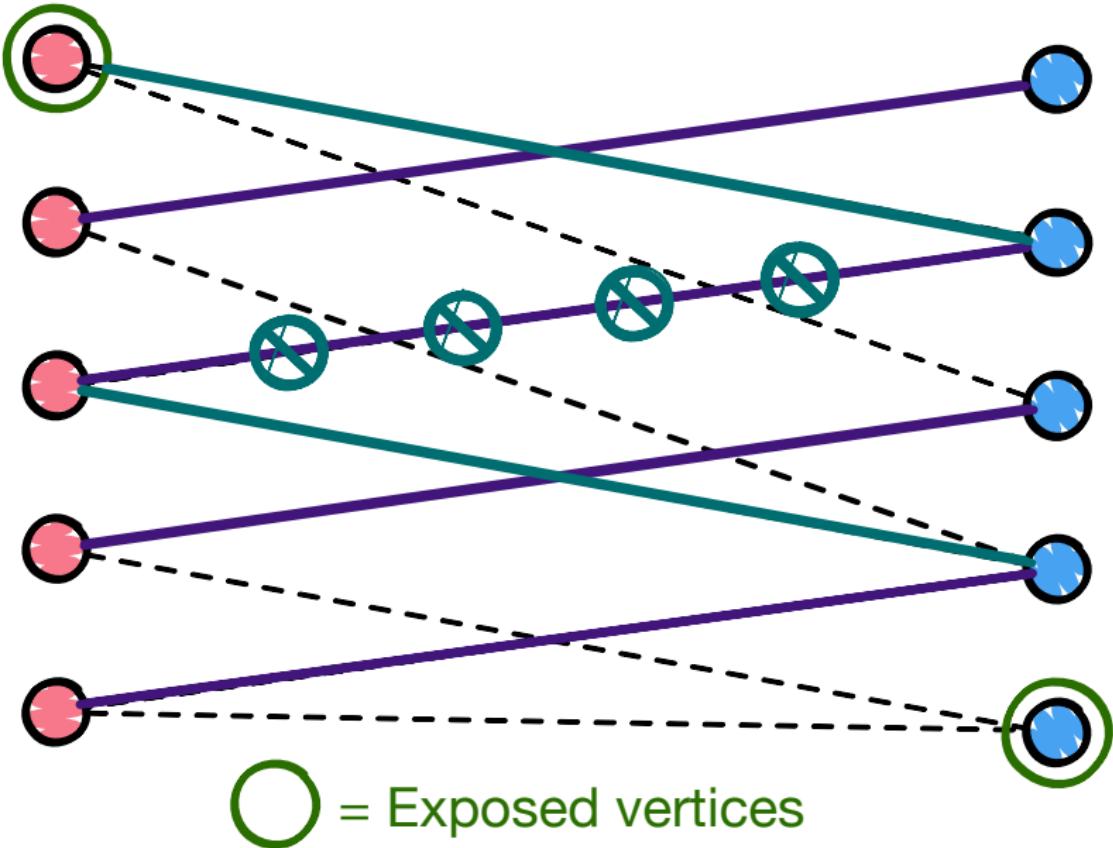
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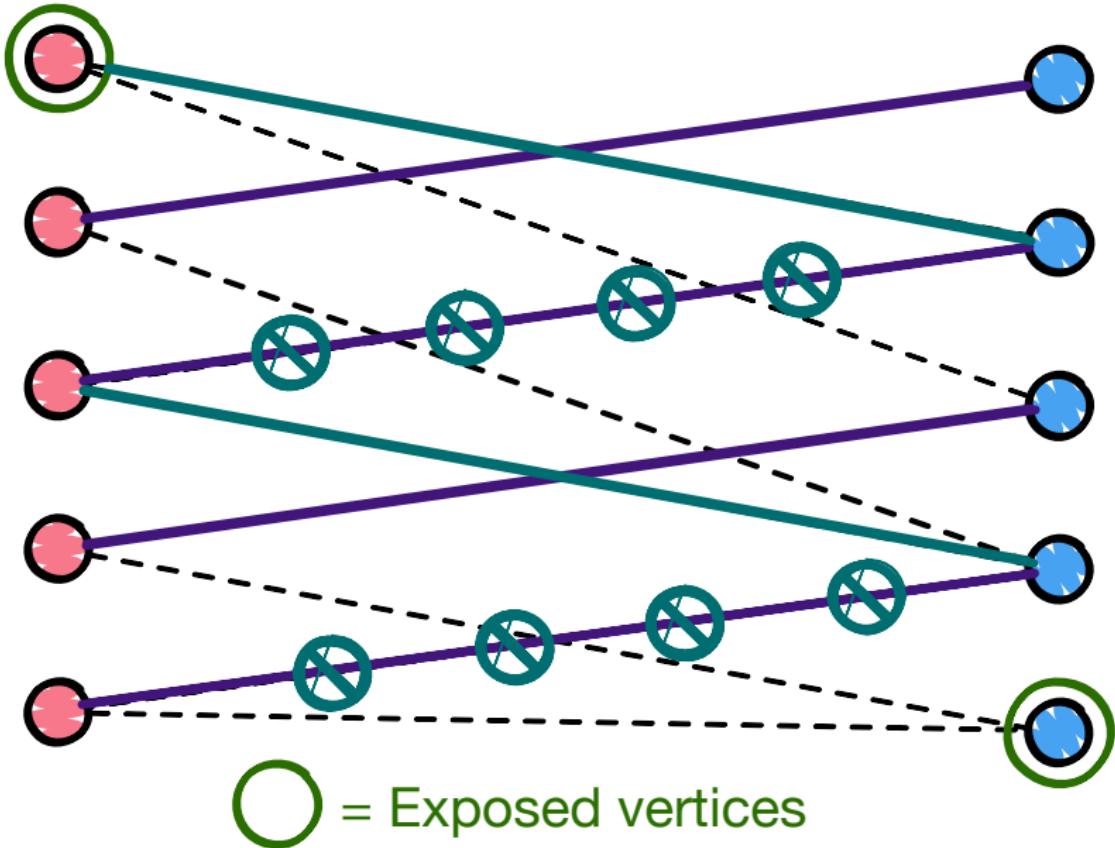
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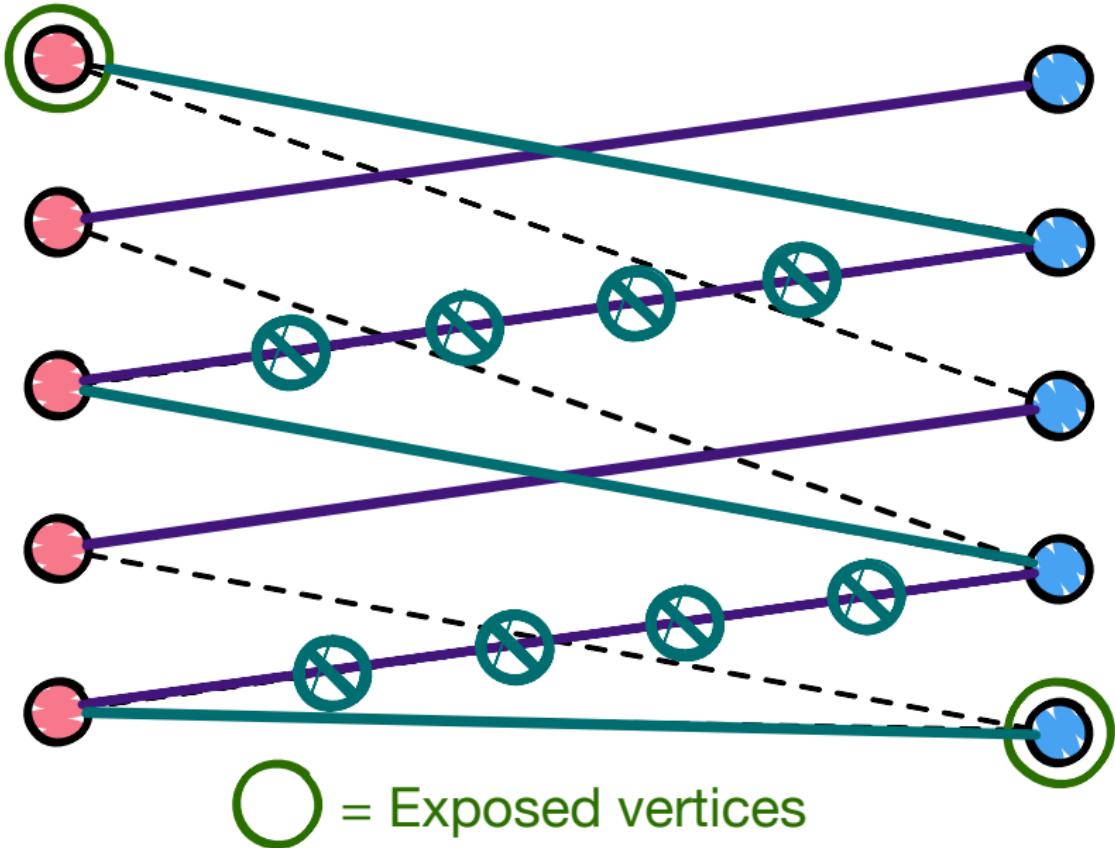
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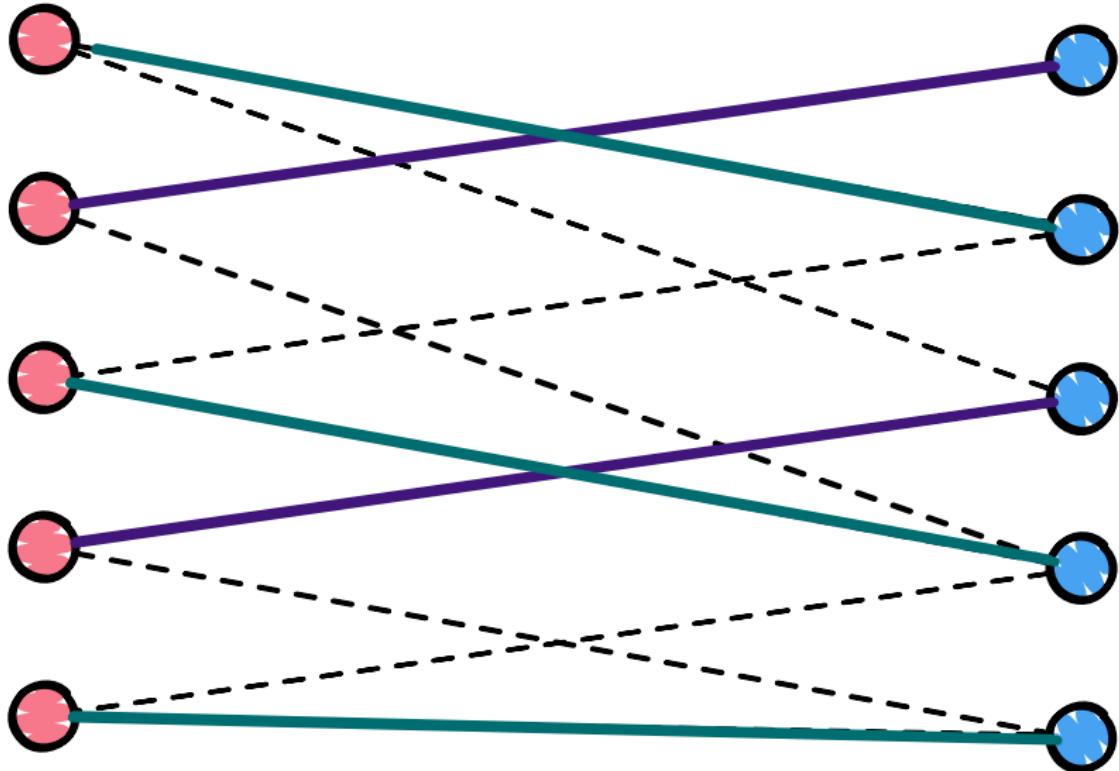
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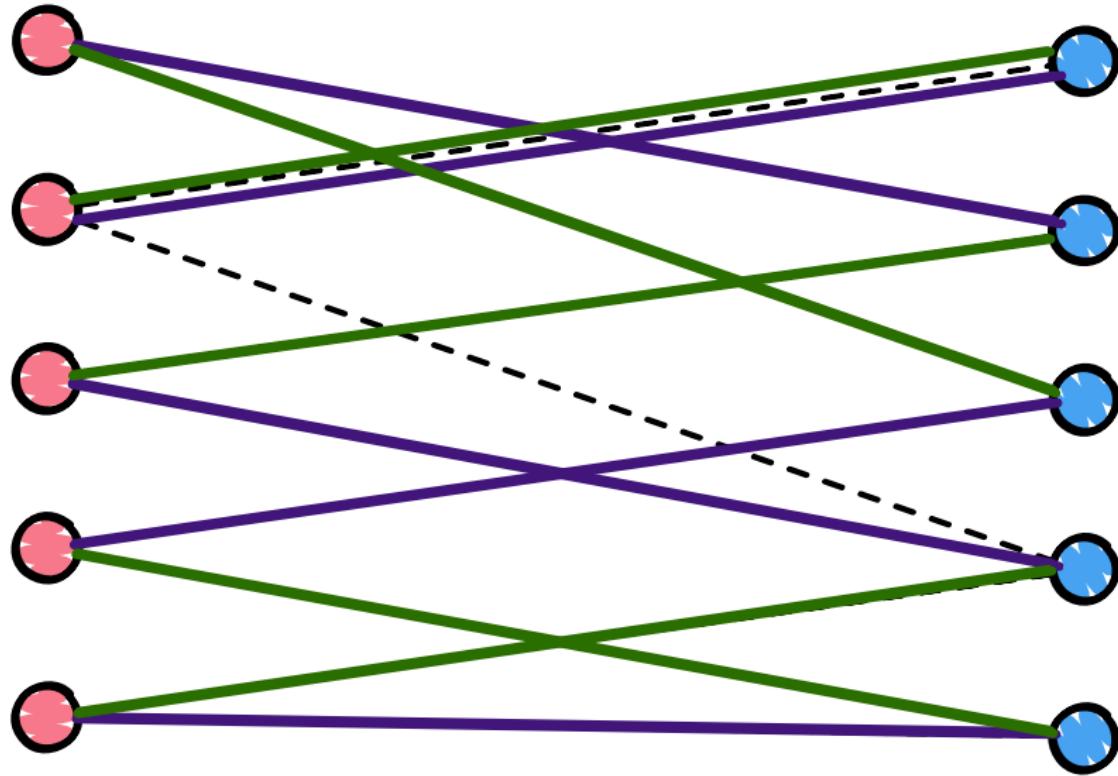
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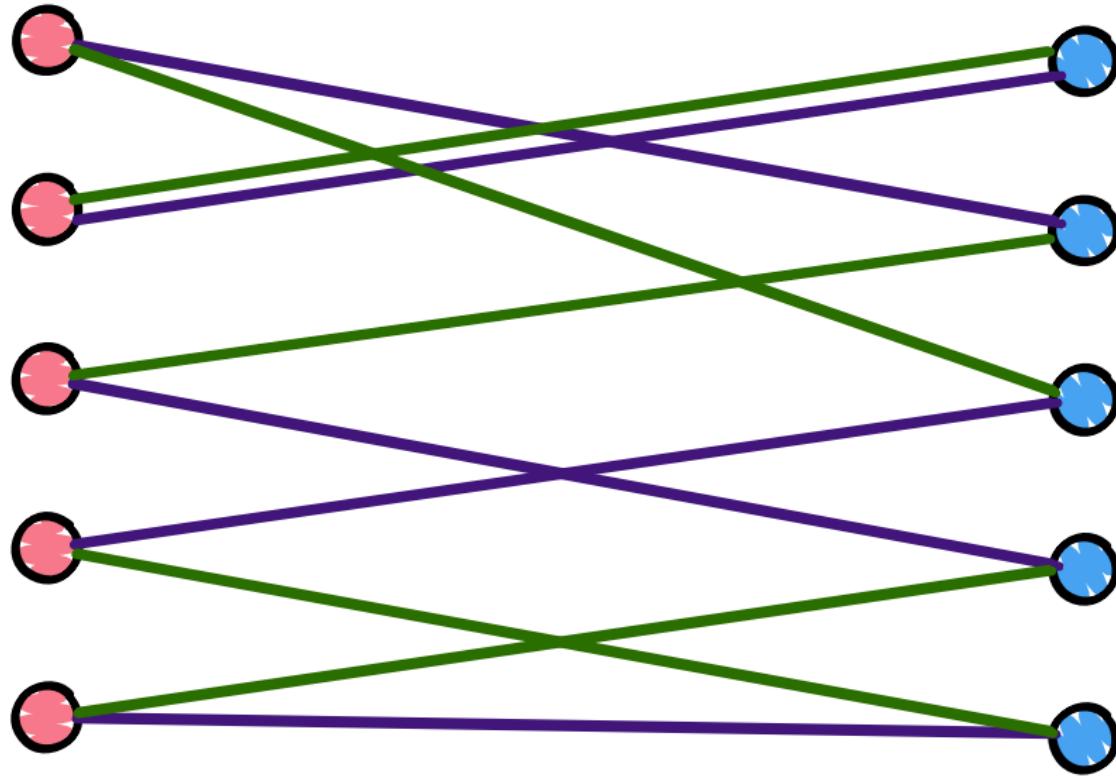
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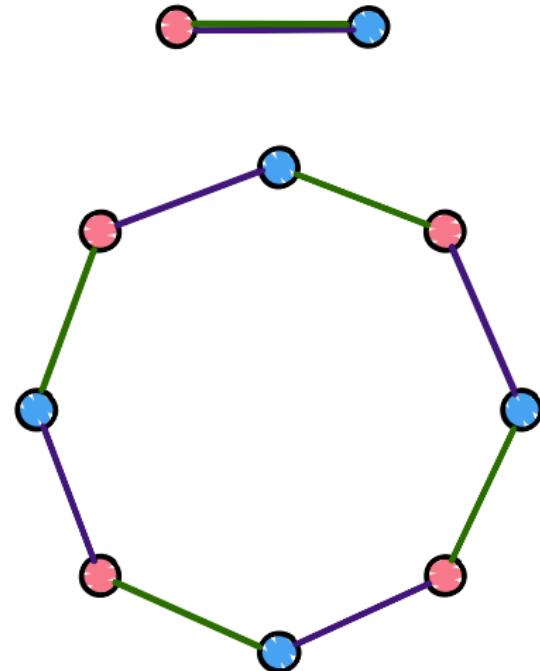
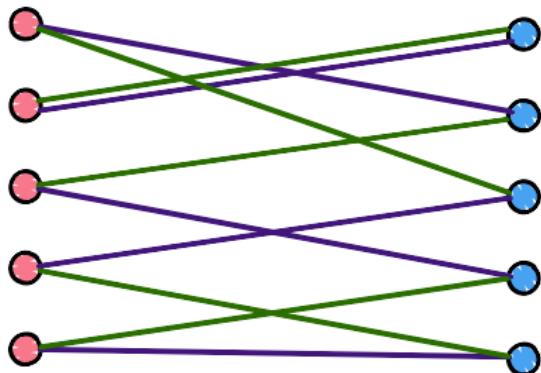
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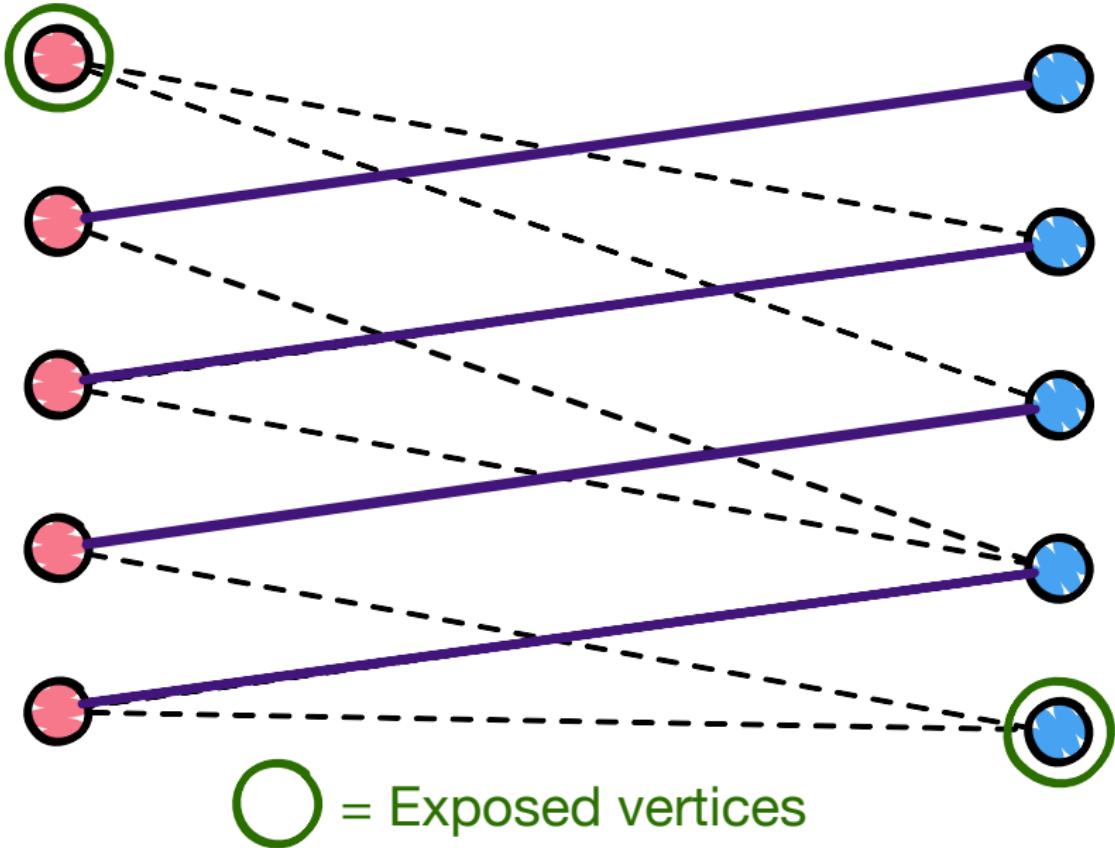
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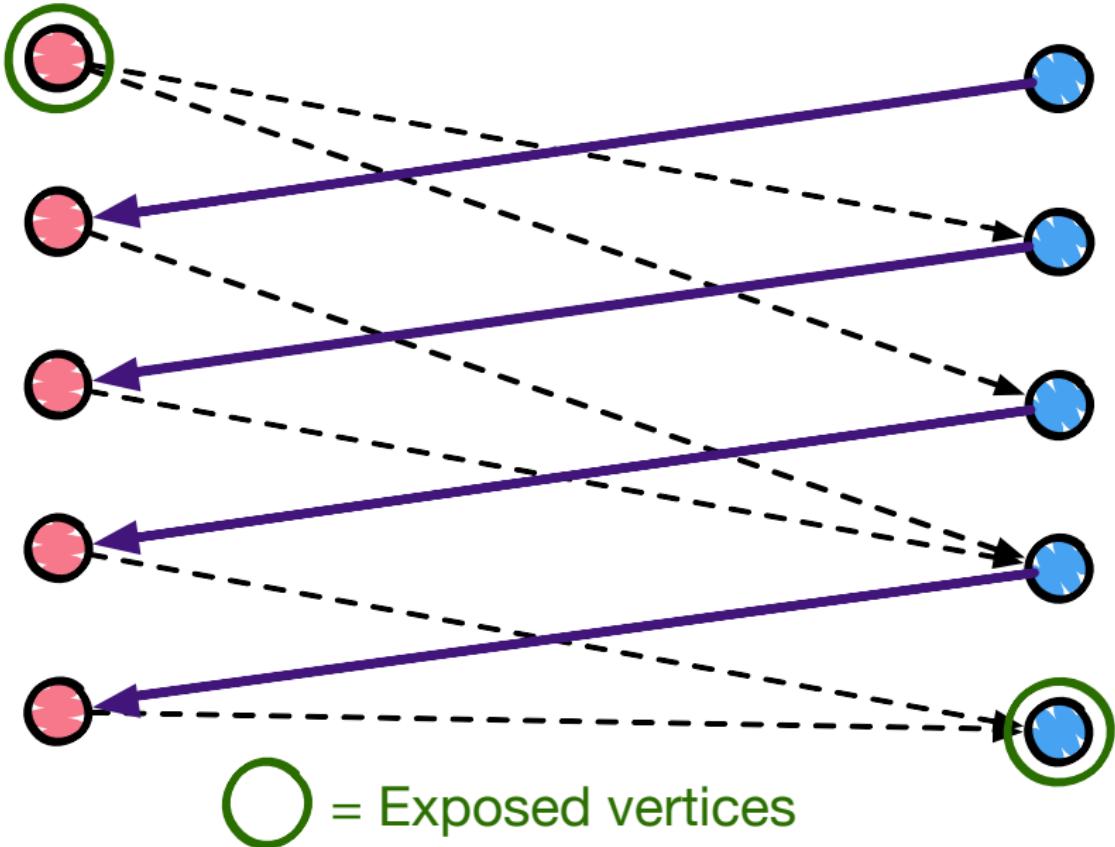
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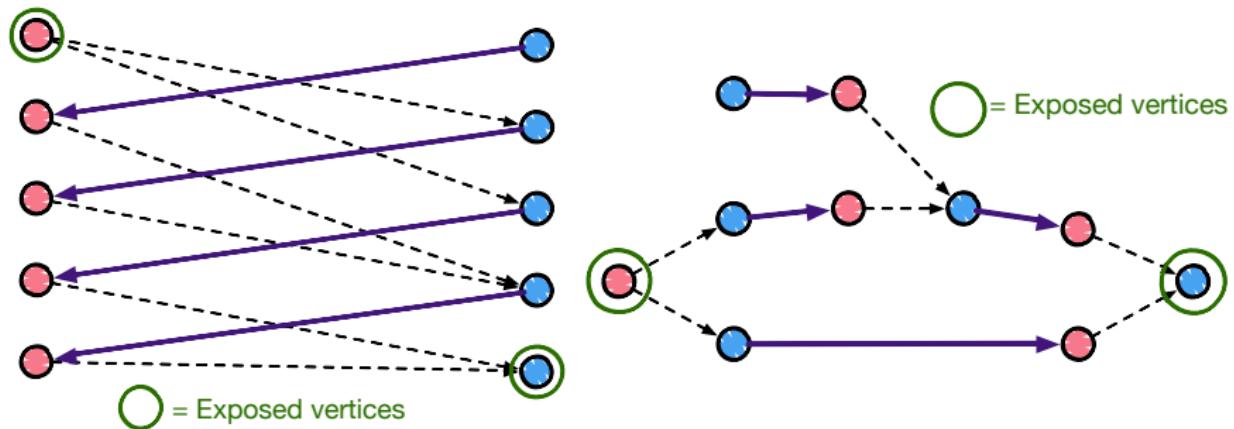
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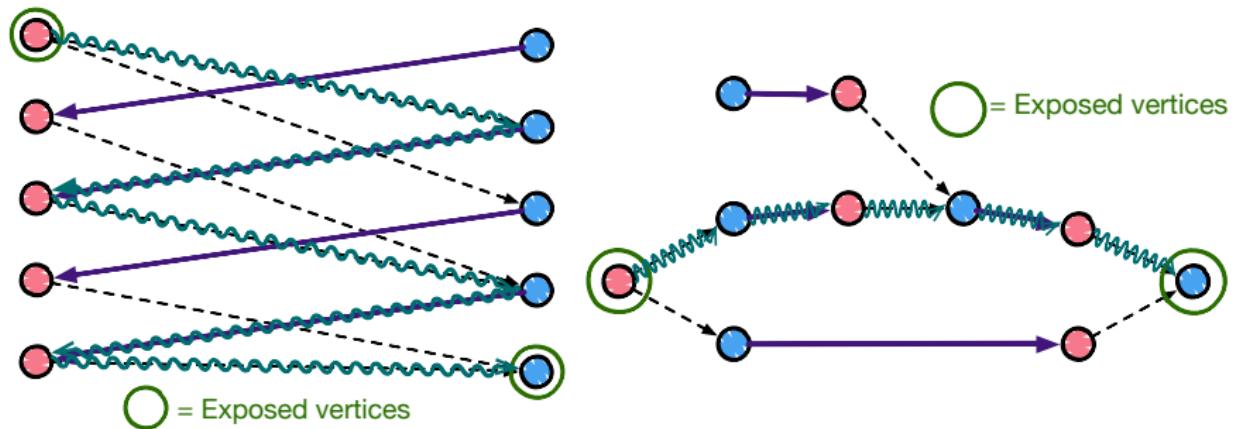
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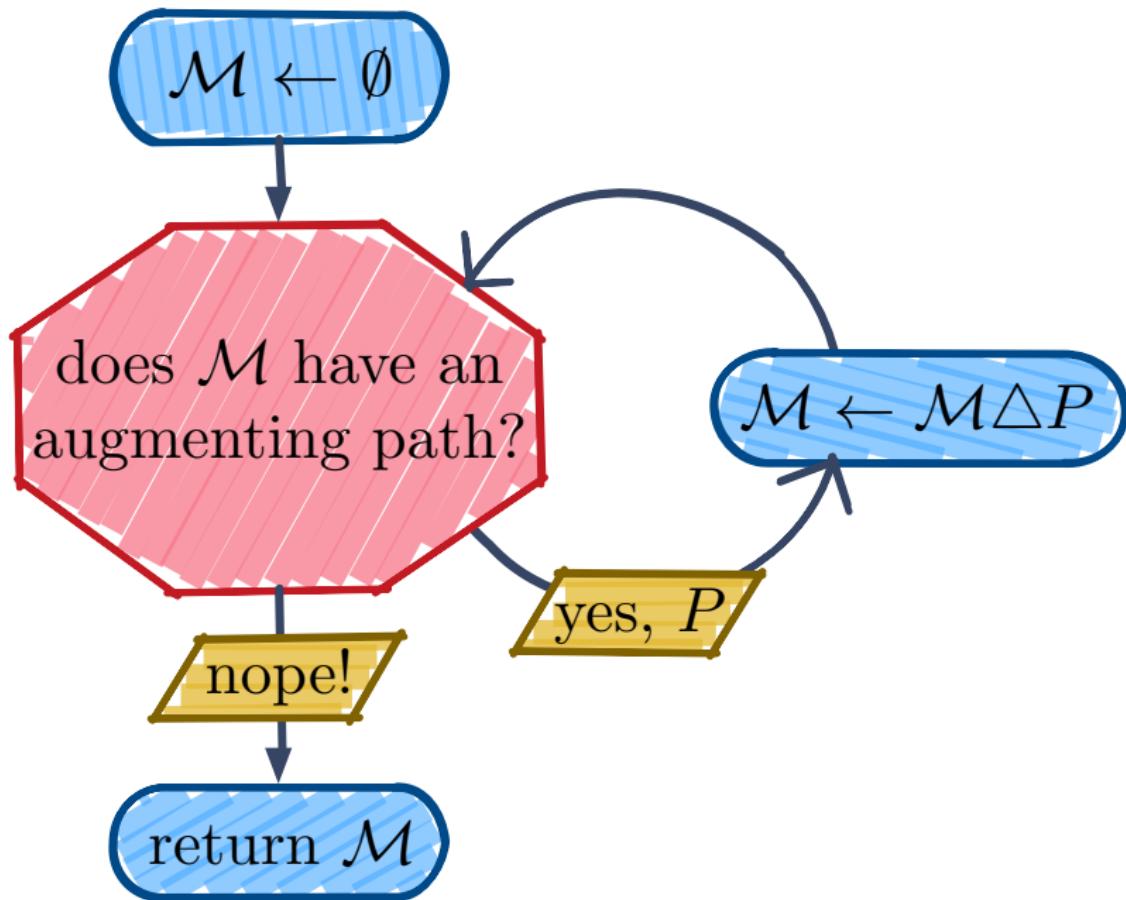


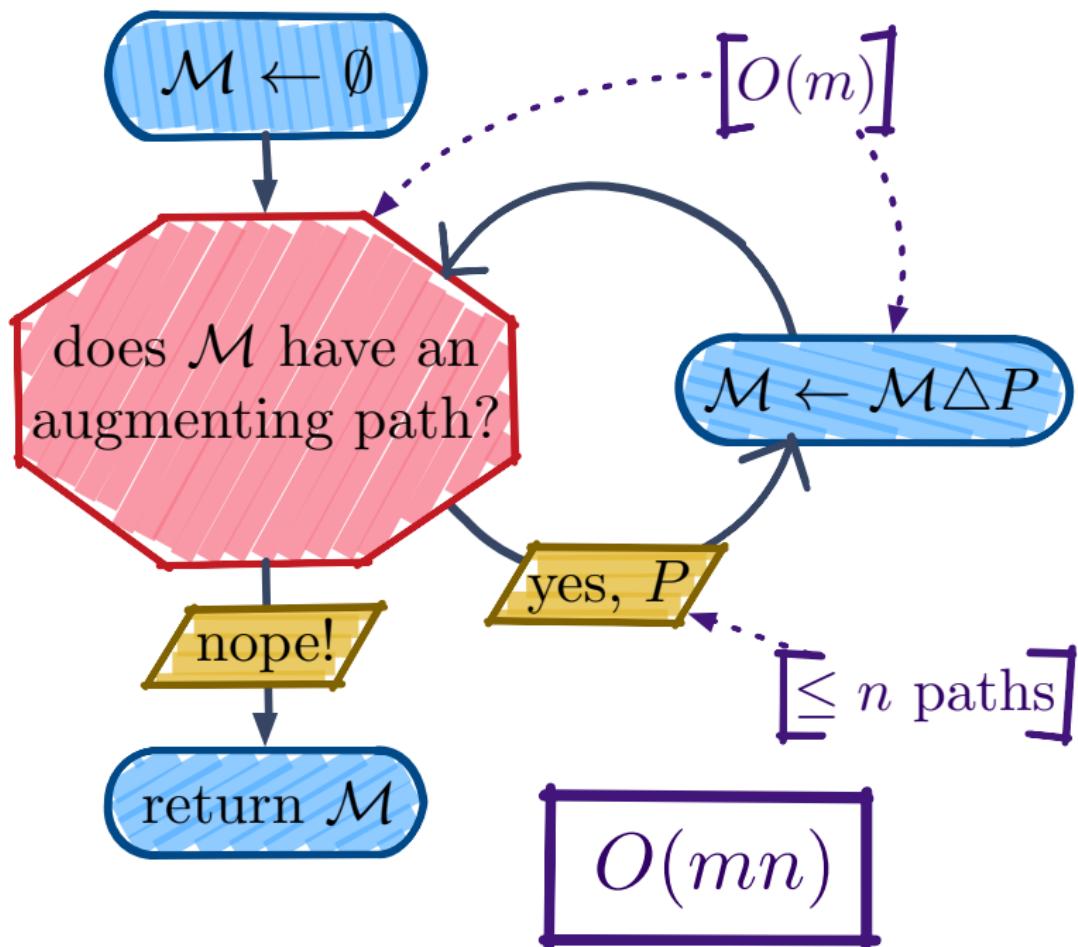
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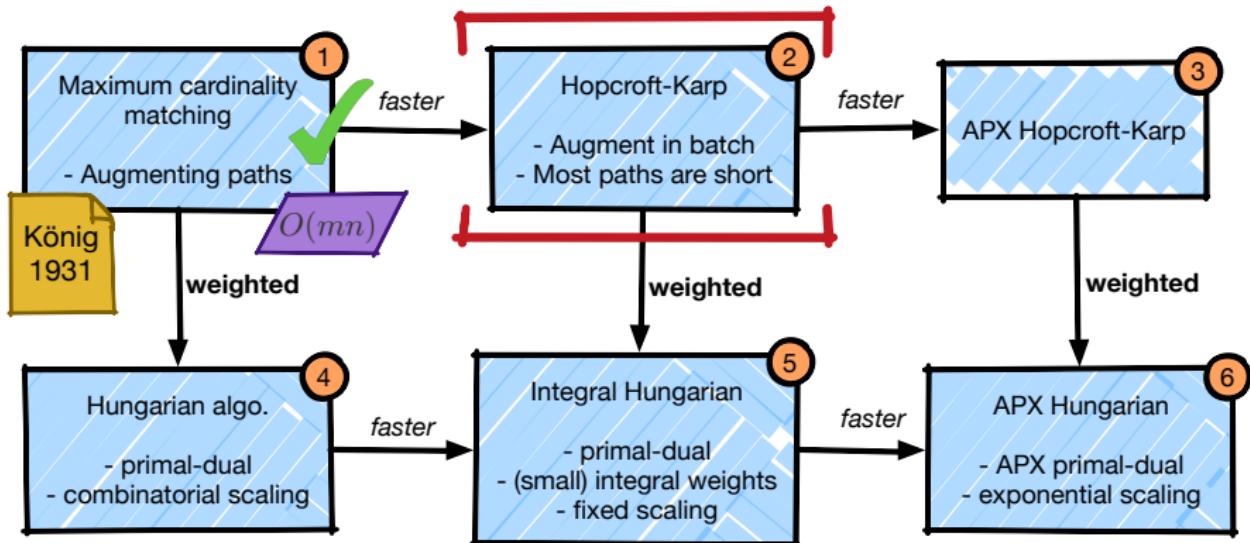


Finding augmenting paths









Hopcroft-Karp

Most augmenting paths are short

Augment in batch and increase shortest aug. path length

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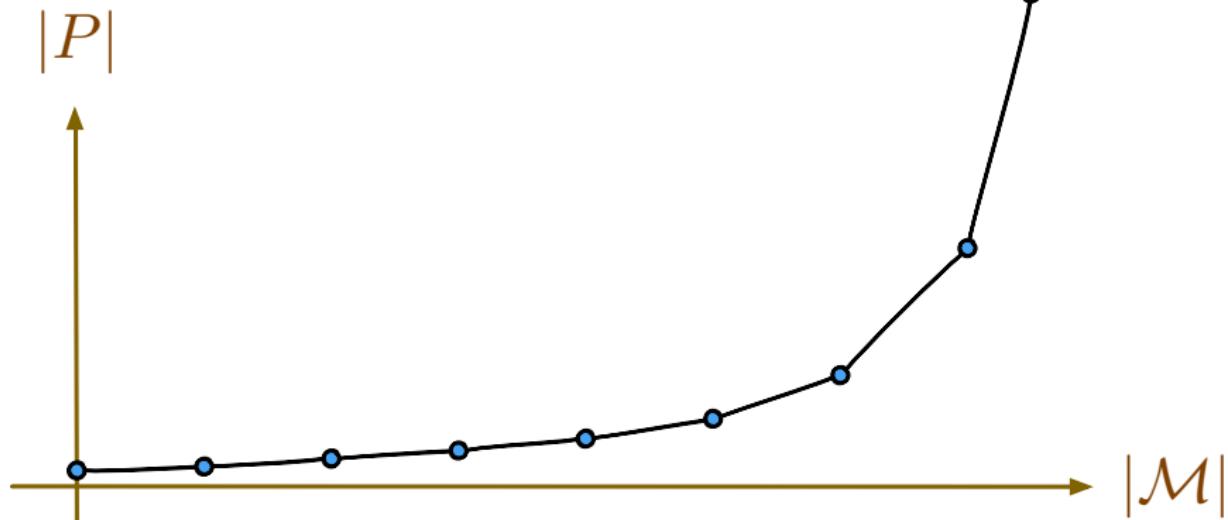
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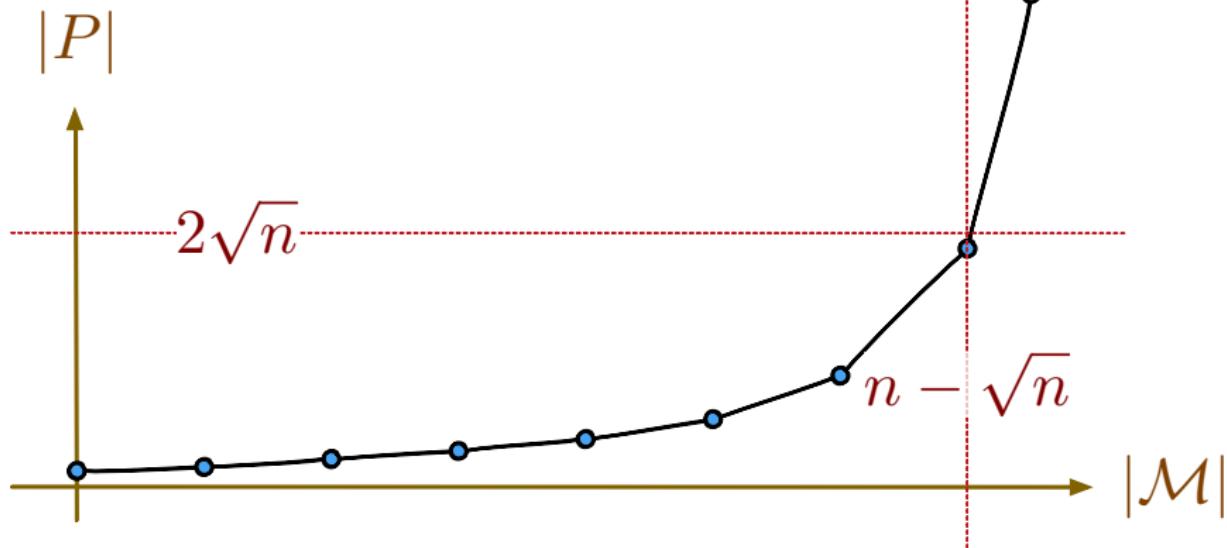
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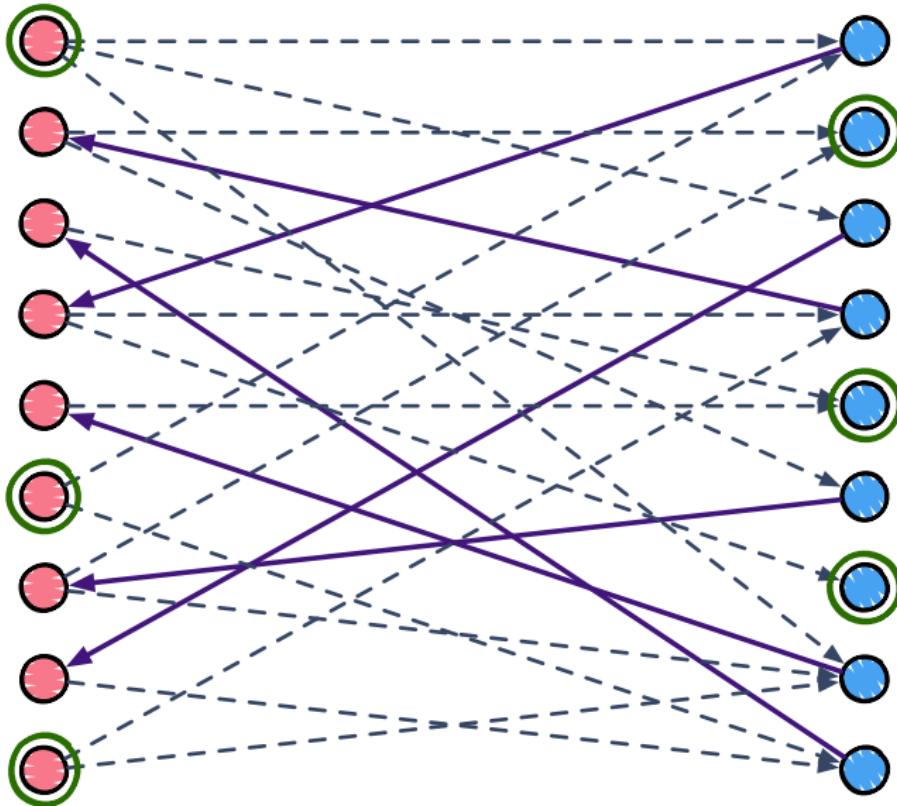
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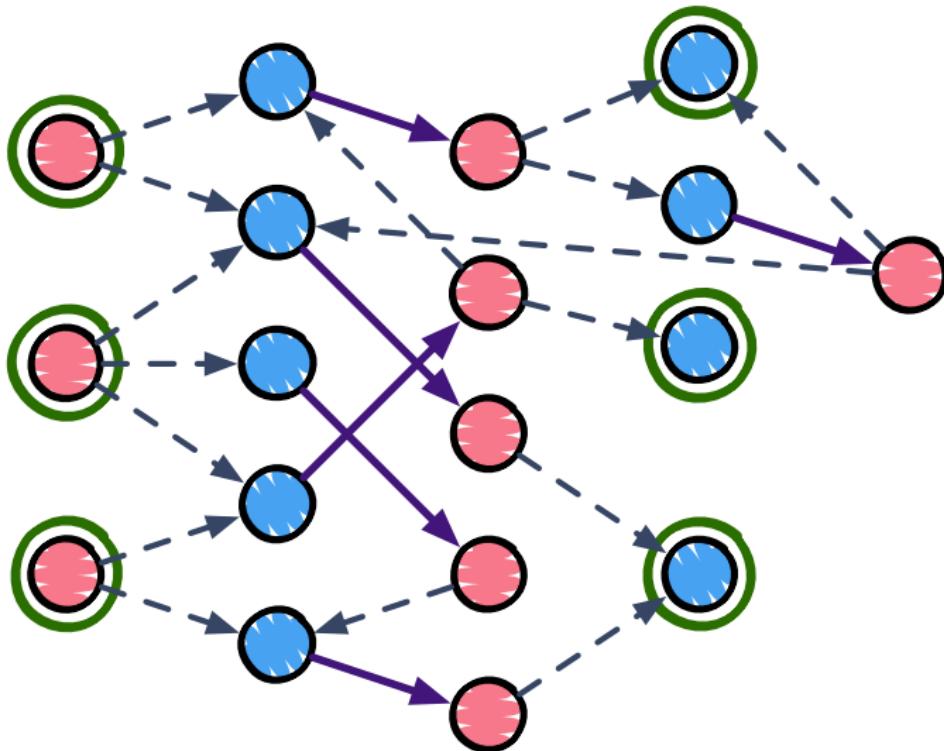
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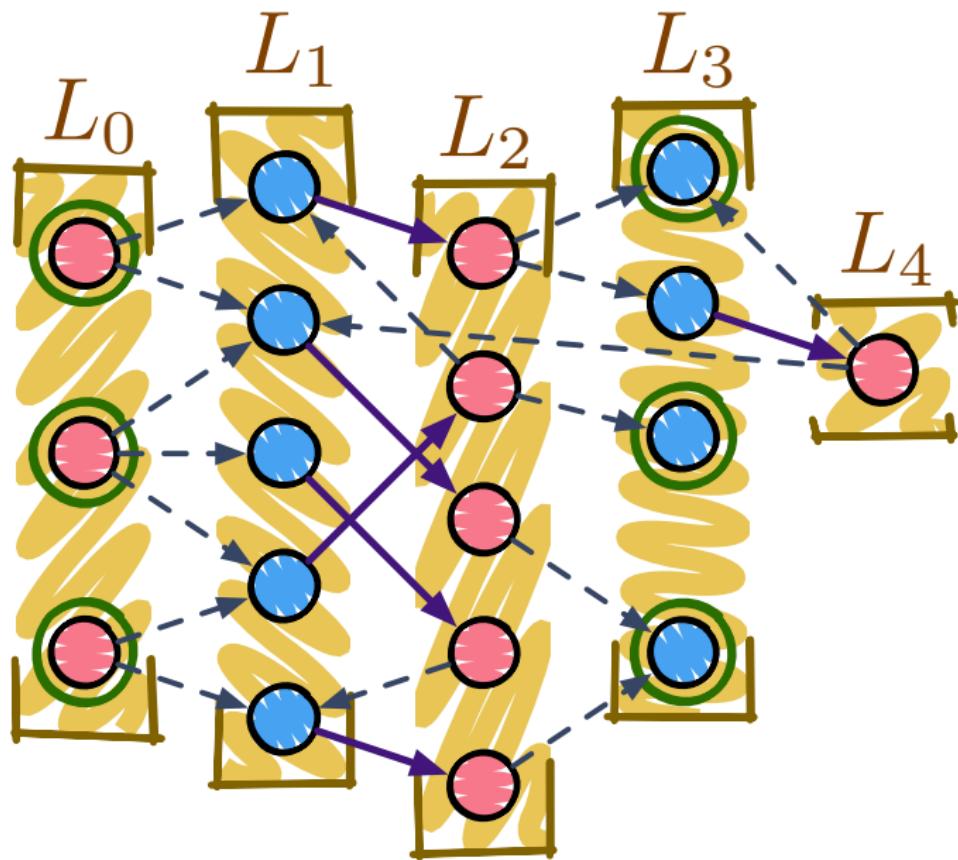
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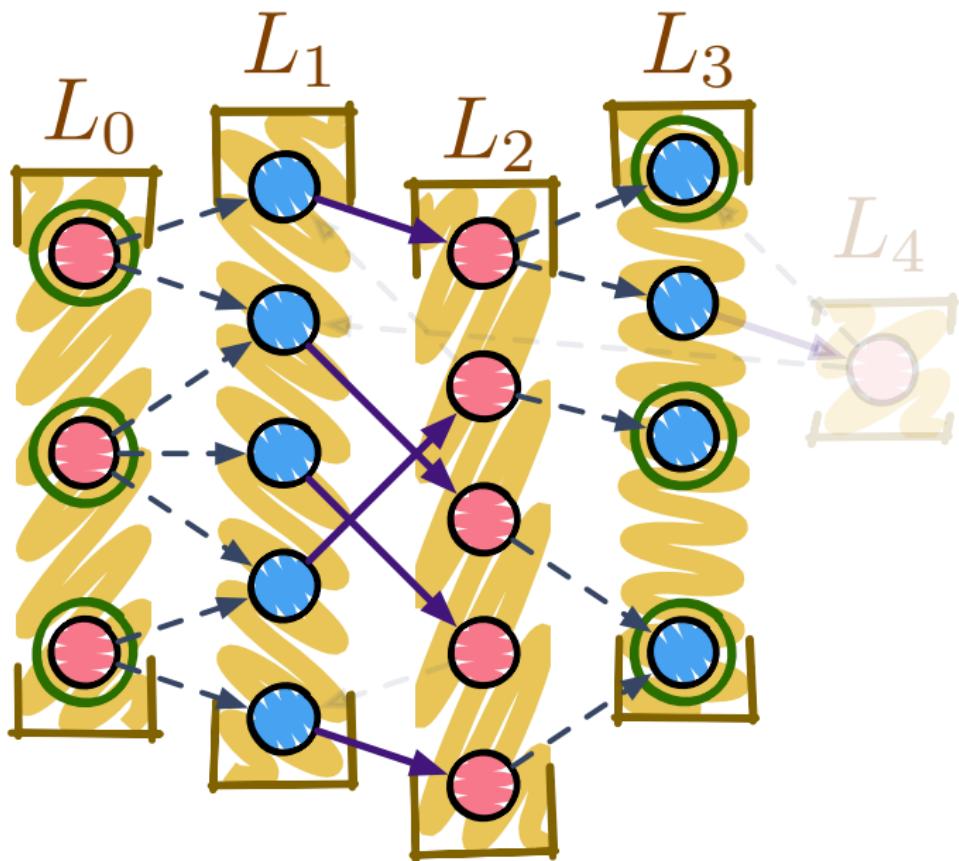
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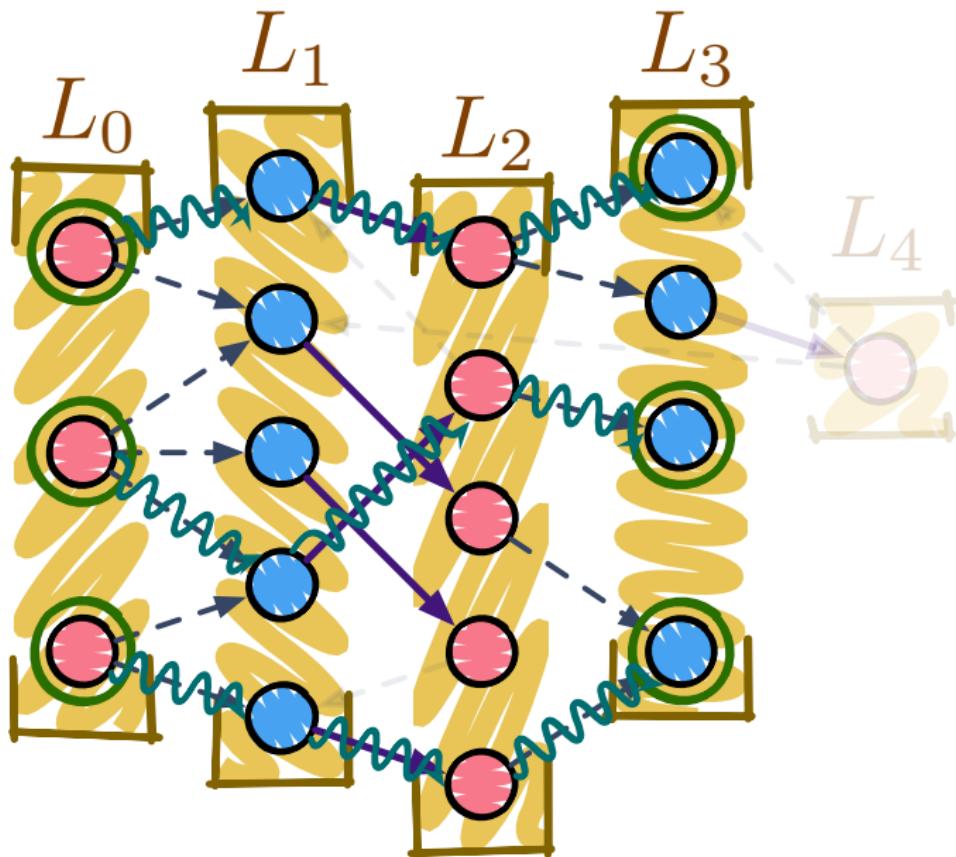
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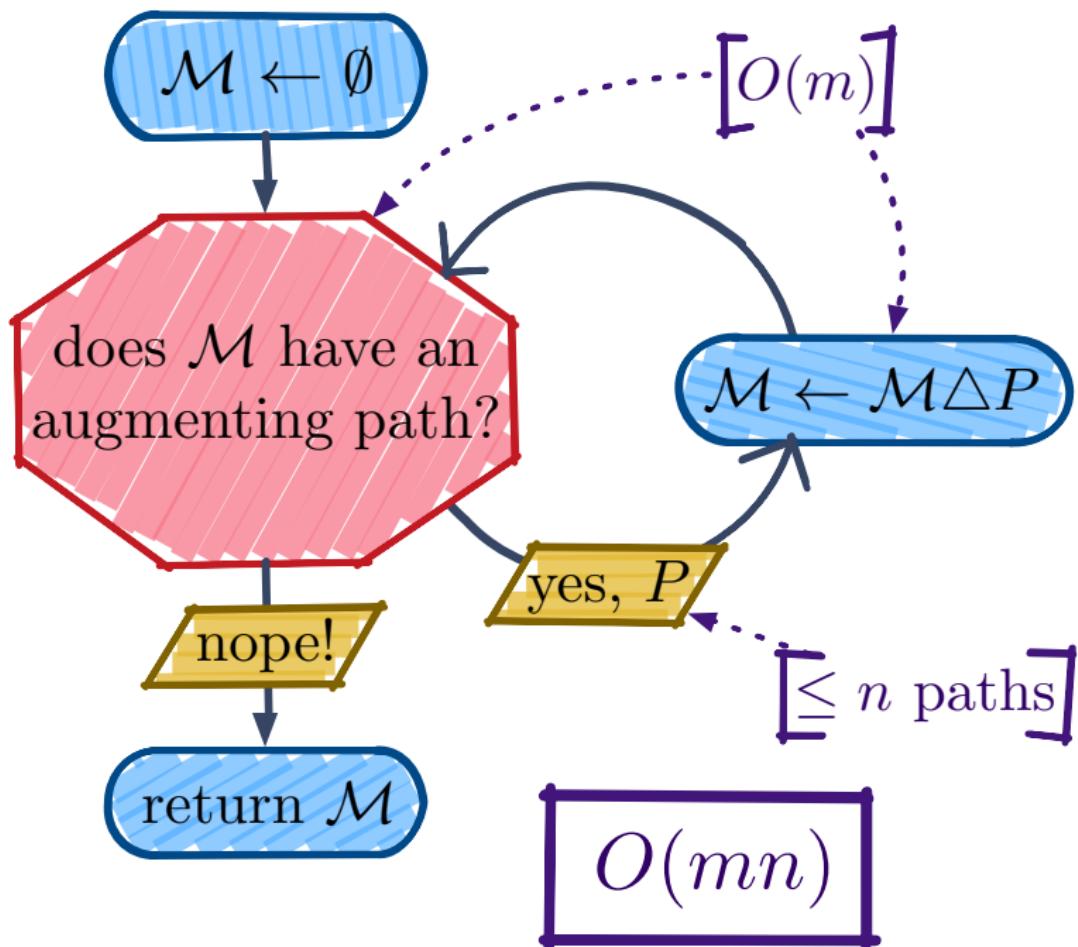


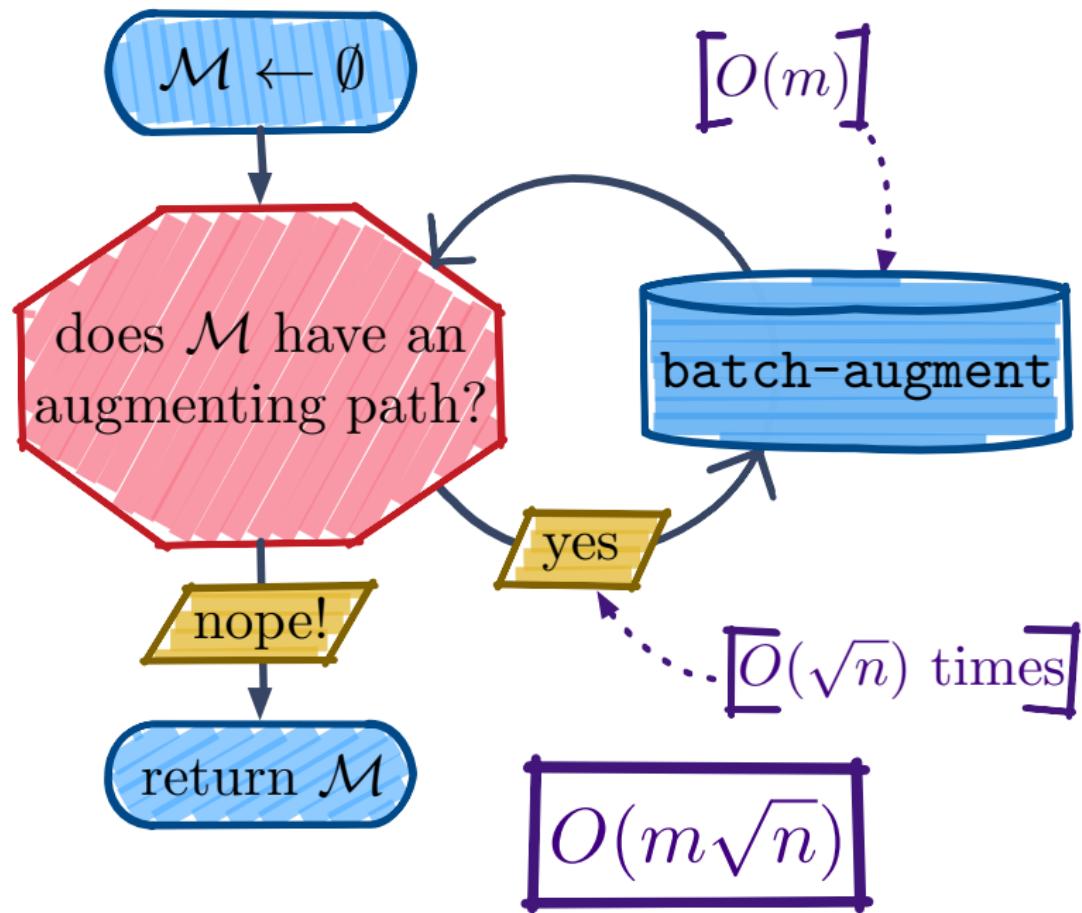
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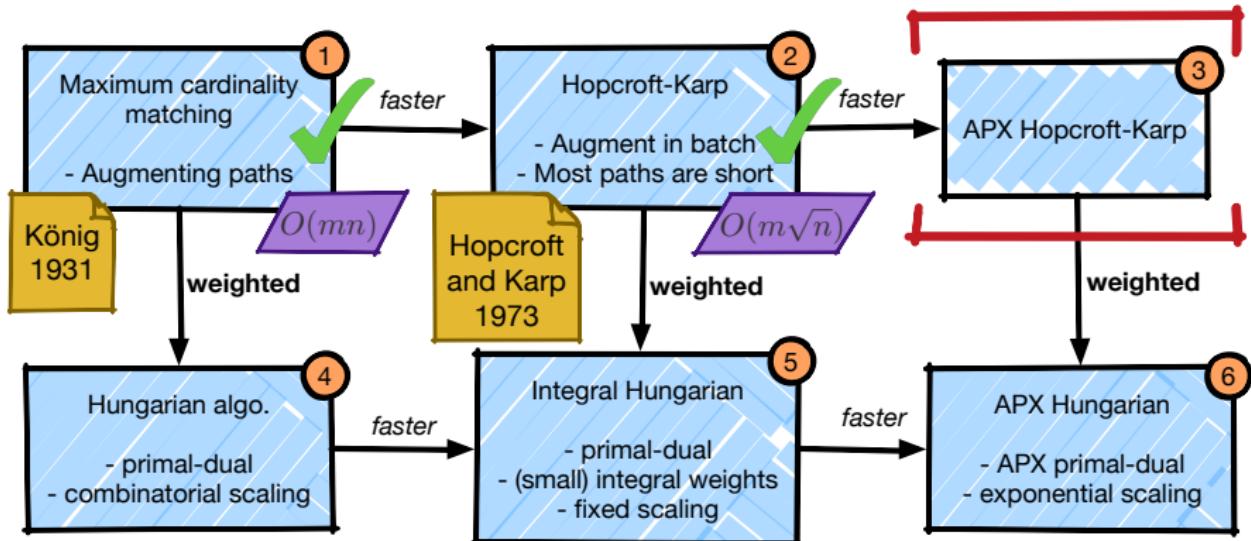


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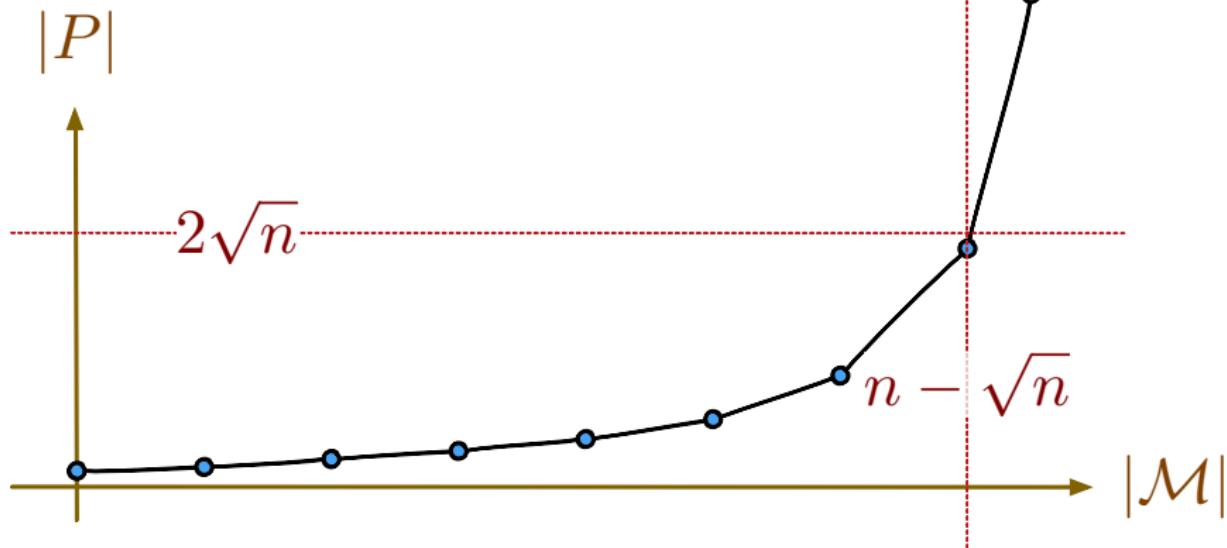




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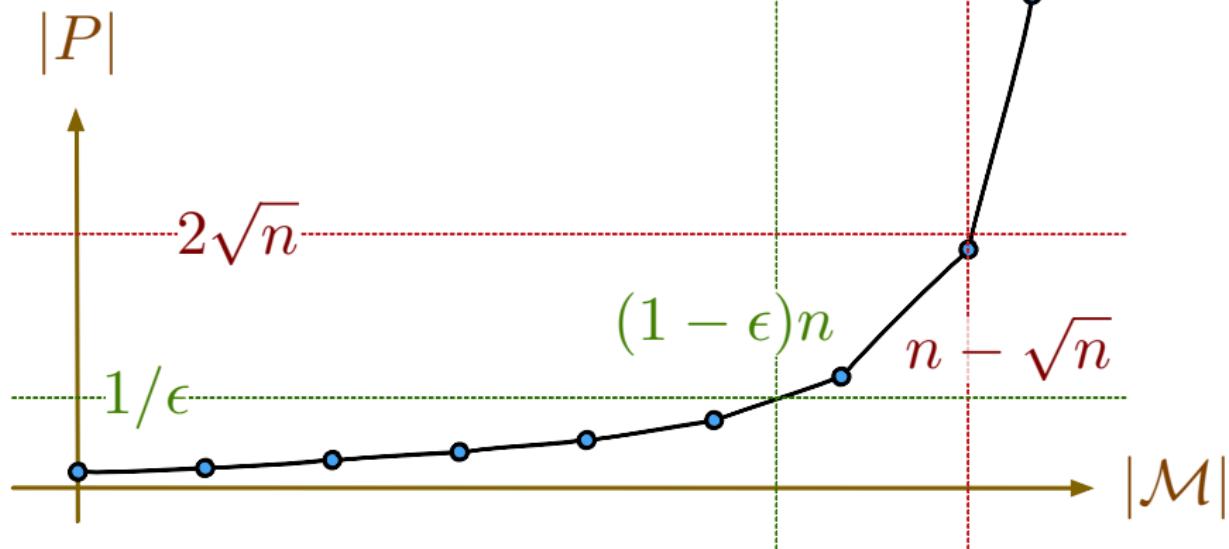
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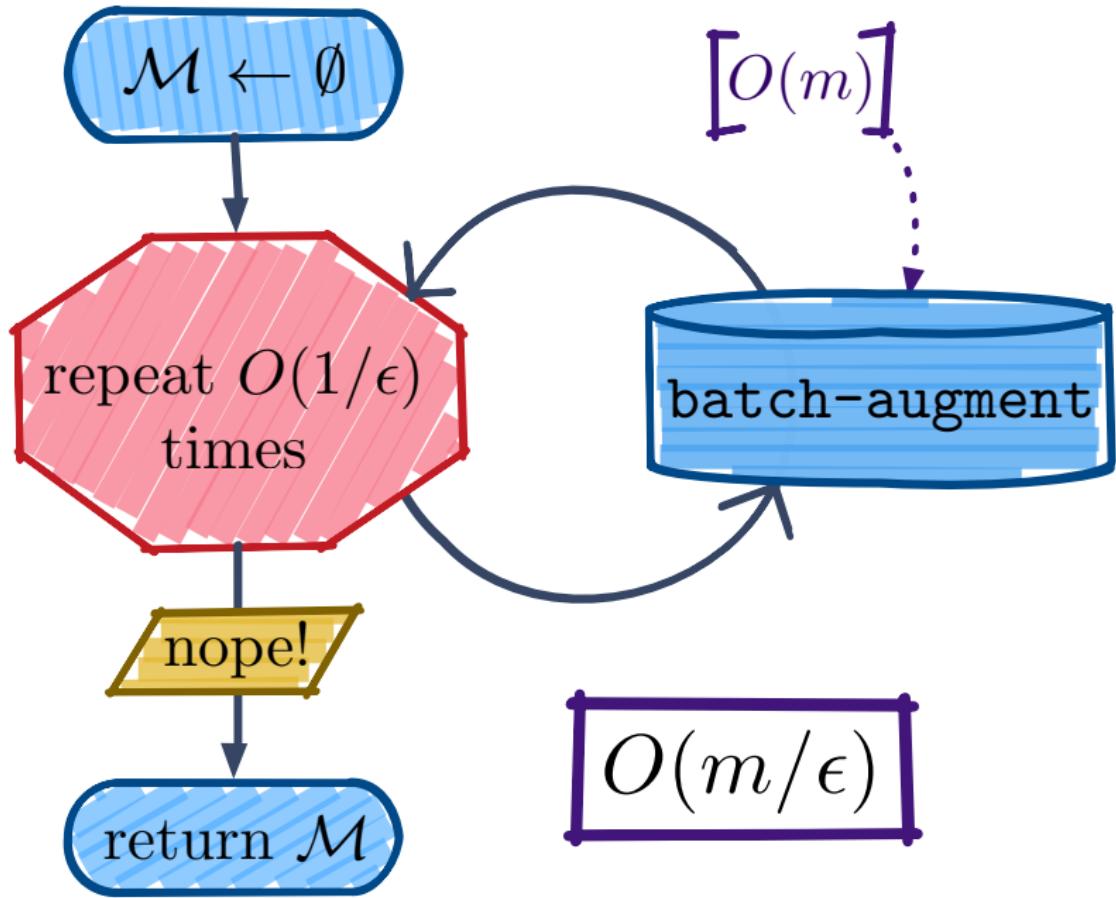


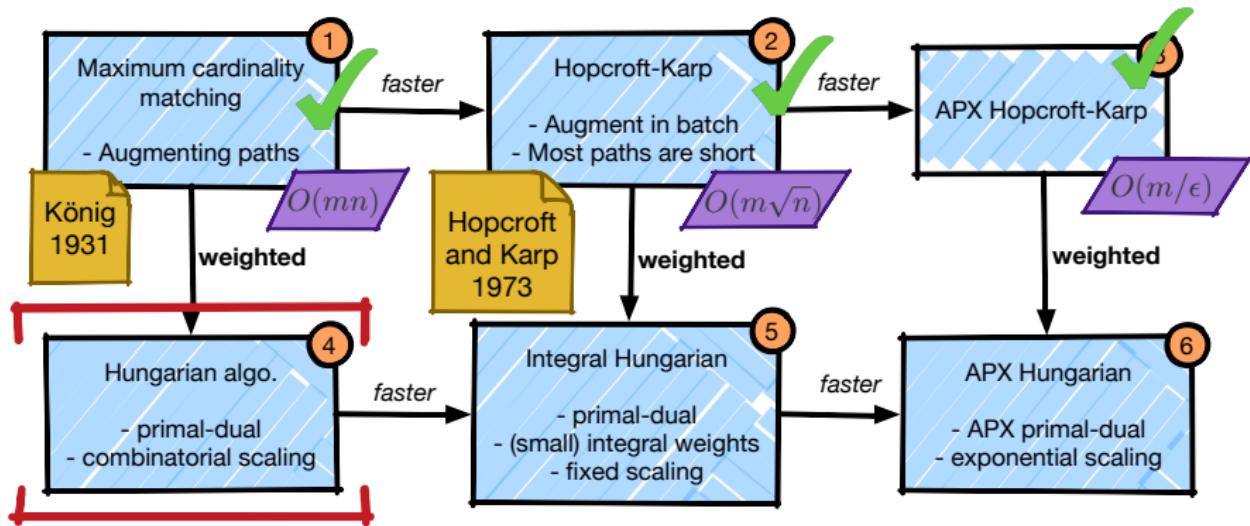
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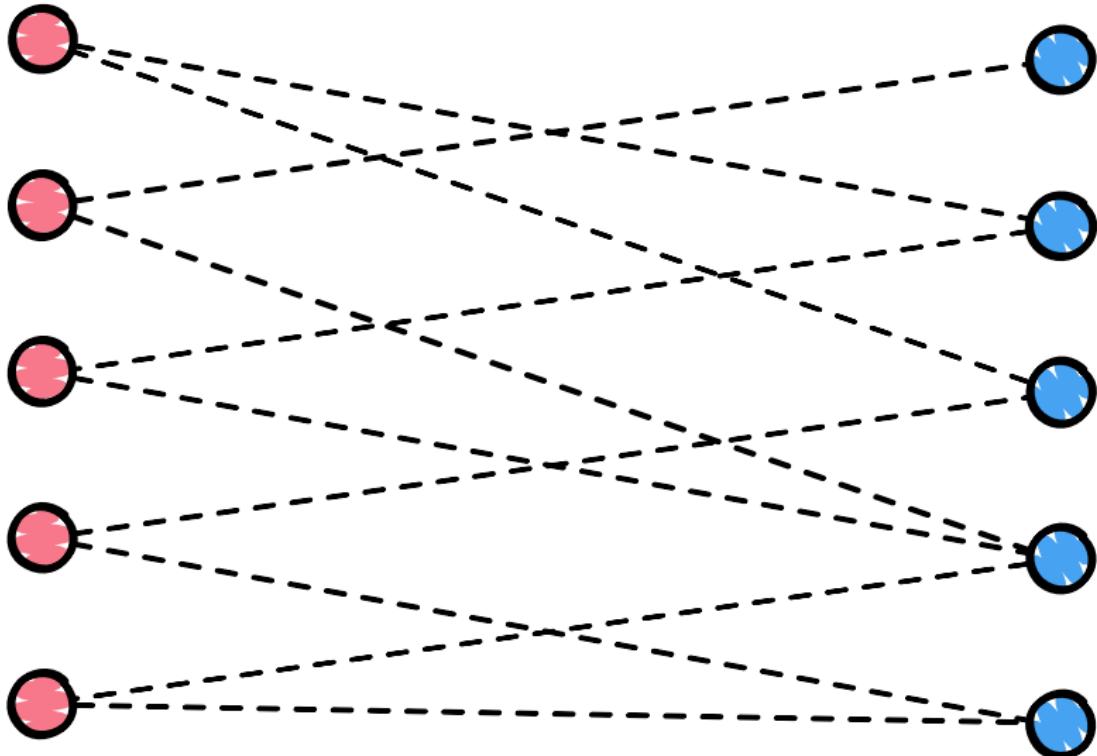
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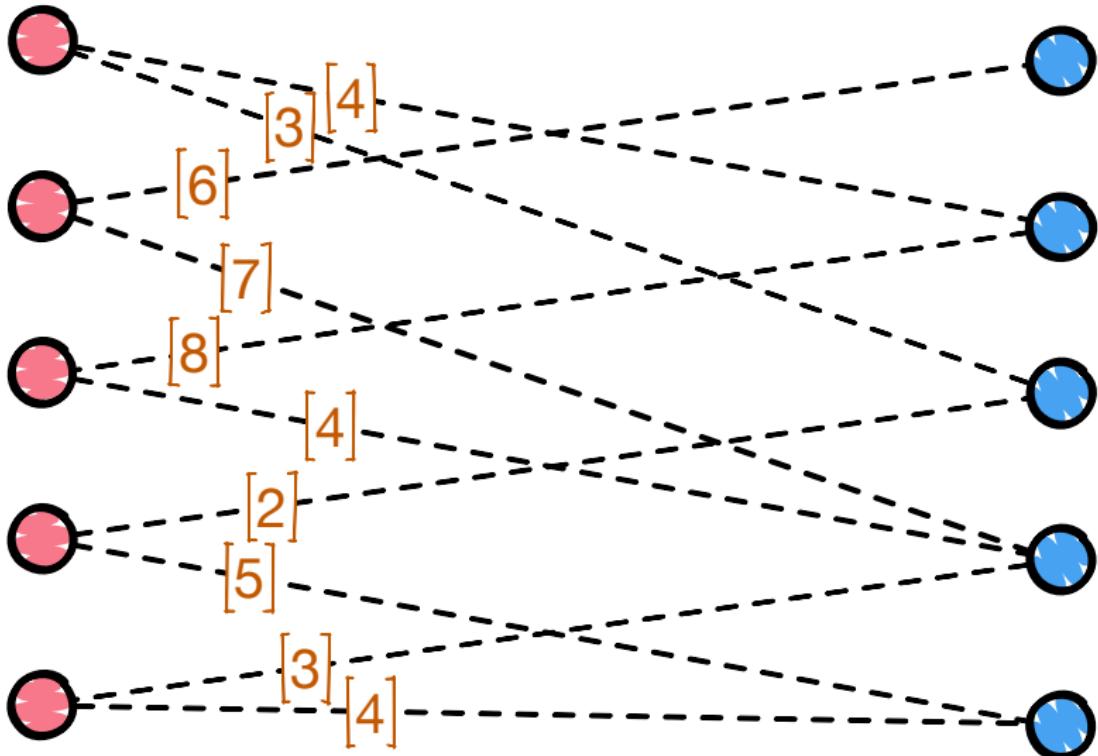




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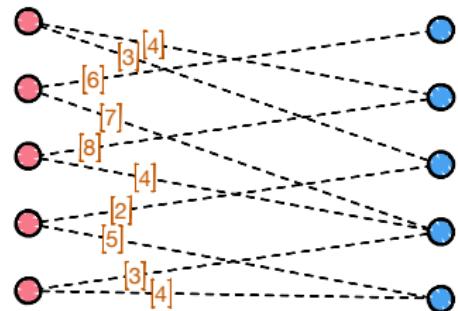


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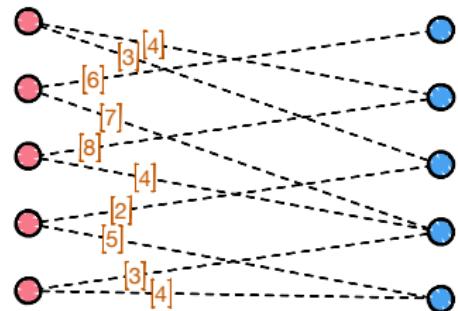
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x, y optimal if:

Orthogonality

$$x(\{\ell, r\}) > 0 \Rightarrow y(\ell) + y(r) = w(\{\ell, r\})$$

$$y(\ell) > 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{e \in \delta(\ell)} x(e) = 1$$

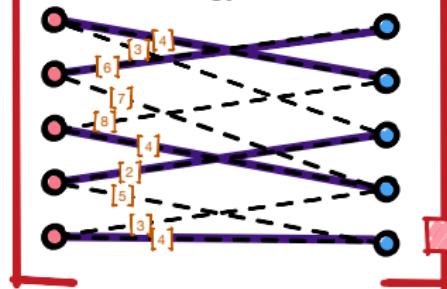
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$$\{\ell, r\} \in E$$

$$\ell \in L$$

$$r \in R$$

Primal



Dual

$$y(\ell) + y(r) \geq w(\{\ell, r\})$$
$$y(v) \geq 0$$

$$\{\ell, r\} \in E$$
$$v \in L \cup R$$

\mathcal{M}



y



Orthogonality

$$\{\ell, r\} \in \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow y(\ell) + y(r) = w(\{\ell, r\})$$

$$\{\ell, r\} \in E$$

$$y(\ell) > 0 \Rightarrow \ell \in V(\mathcal{M})$$

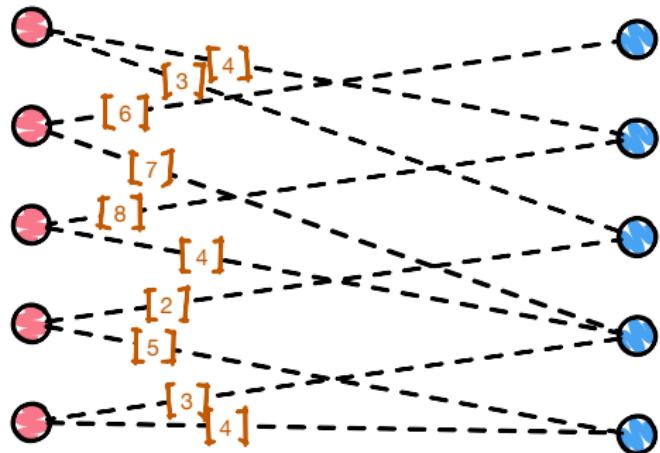
$$\ell \in L$$

$$y(r) > 0 \Rightarrow r \in V(\mathcal{M})$$

$$r \in R$$



$$w(\mathcal{M}) = \text{OPT}$$



Dual

$$\begin{array}{ll} y(\ell) + y(r) \geq w(\{\ell, r\}) & \{\ell, r\} \in E \\ y(v) \geq 0 & v \in L \cup R \end{array}$$

Orthogonality

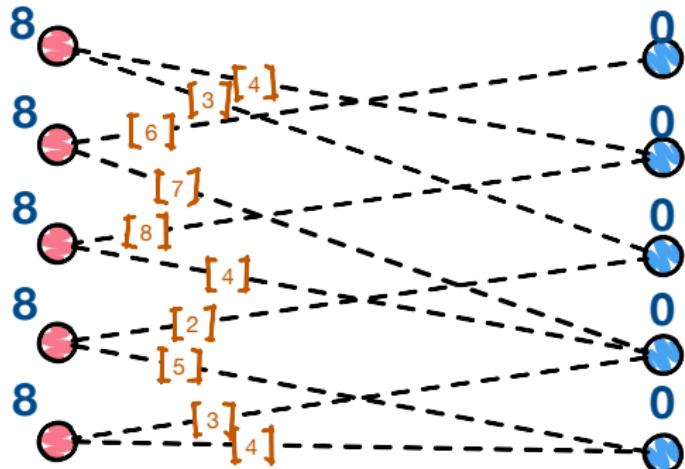
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$$\forall \ell \in L$$

$$y(r) \leftarrow 0 \quad \forall r \in R$$



Dual

$$y(\ell) + y(r) \geq w(\{\ell, r\}) \quad \{\ell, r\} \in E$$

$$y(v) \geq 0$$

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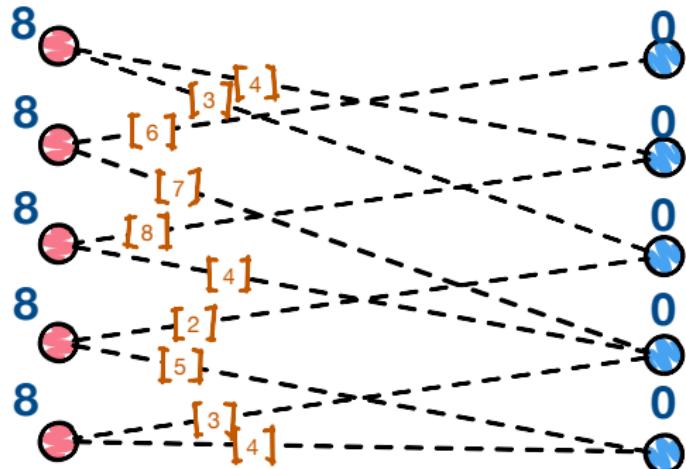
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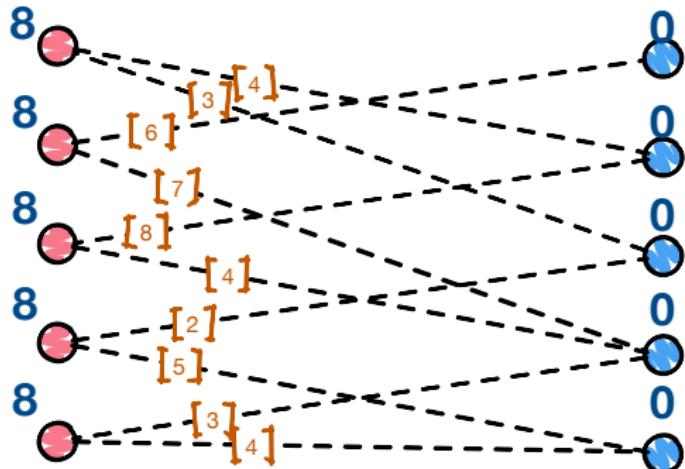
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GOAL

push $y(\ell) \downarrow 0$

\forall exposed $\ell \in L$

Orthogonality

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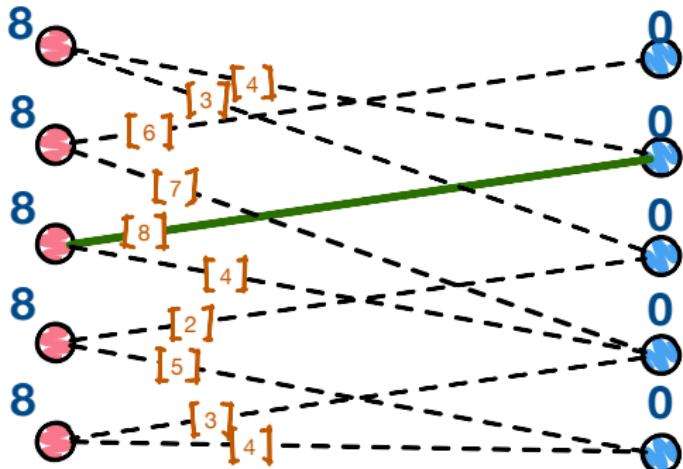
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for all exposed
 $\ell \in L?$

???

no

yes

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return  $\mathcal{M}$ 
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Dual

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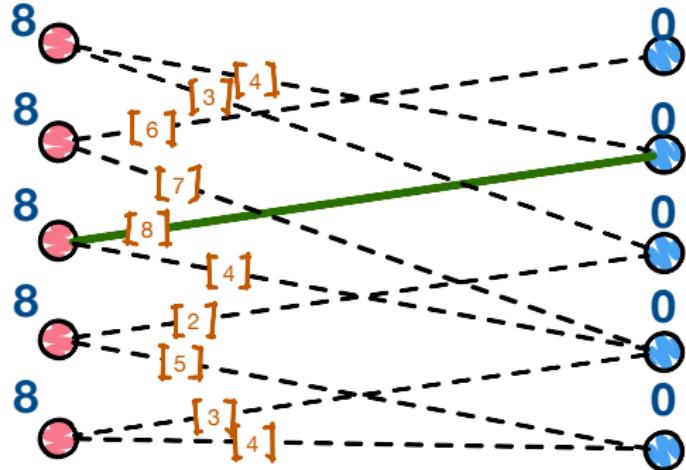
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we can add
“tight” edges
to our matching



Dual

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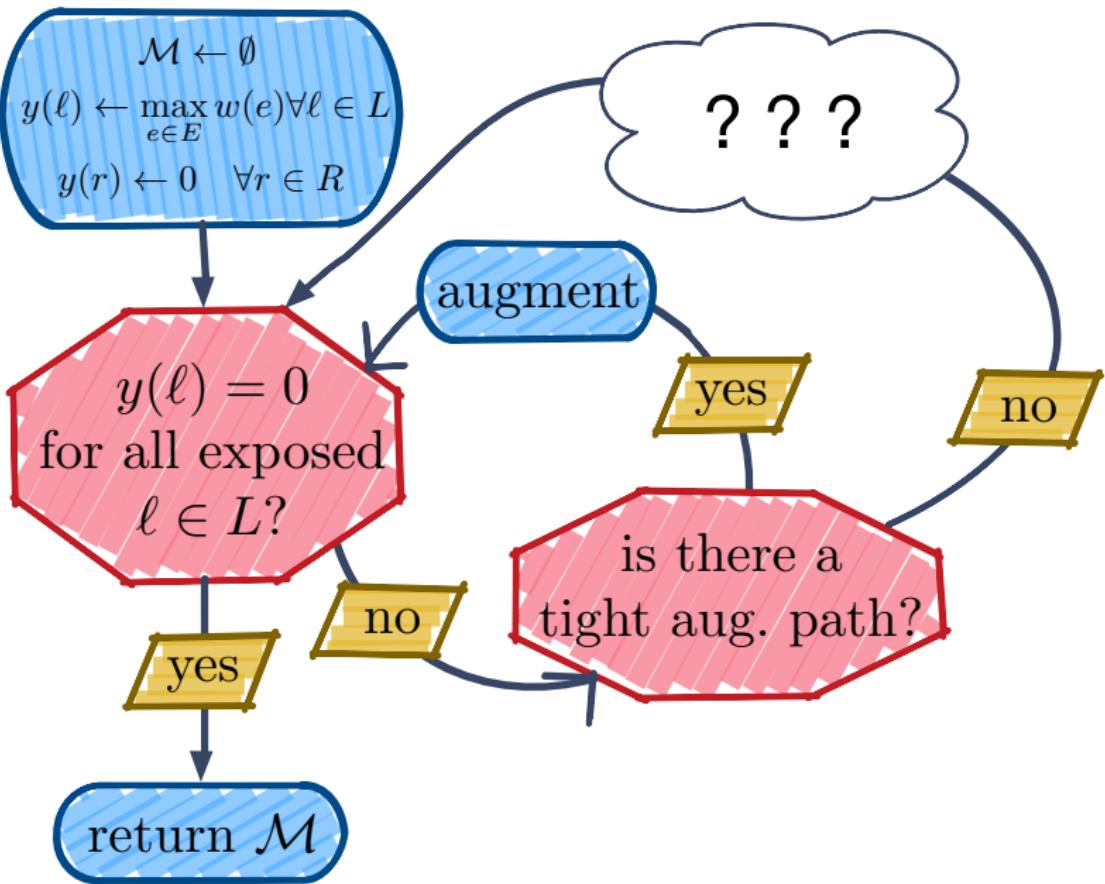
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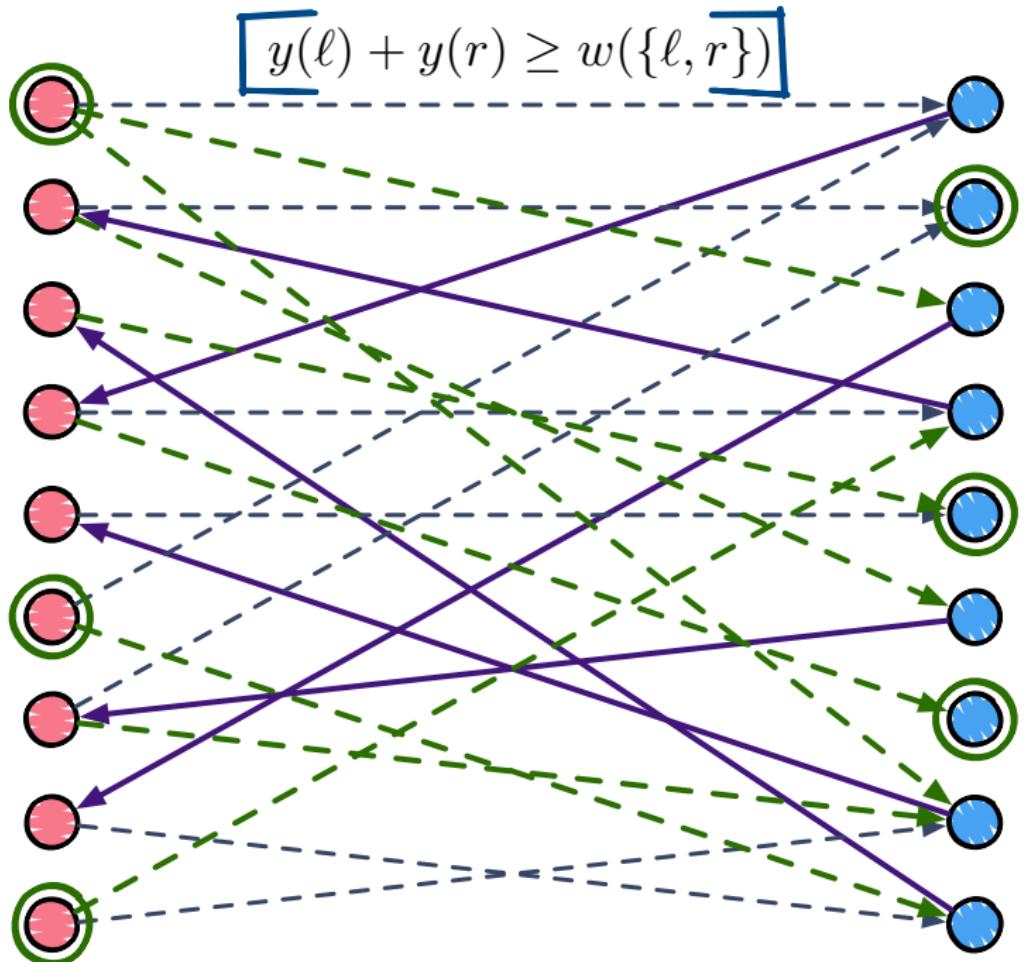
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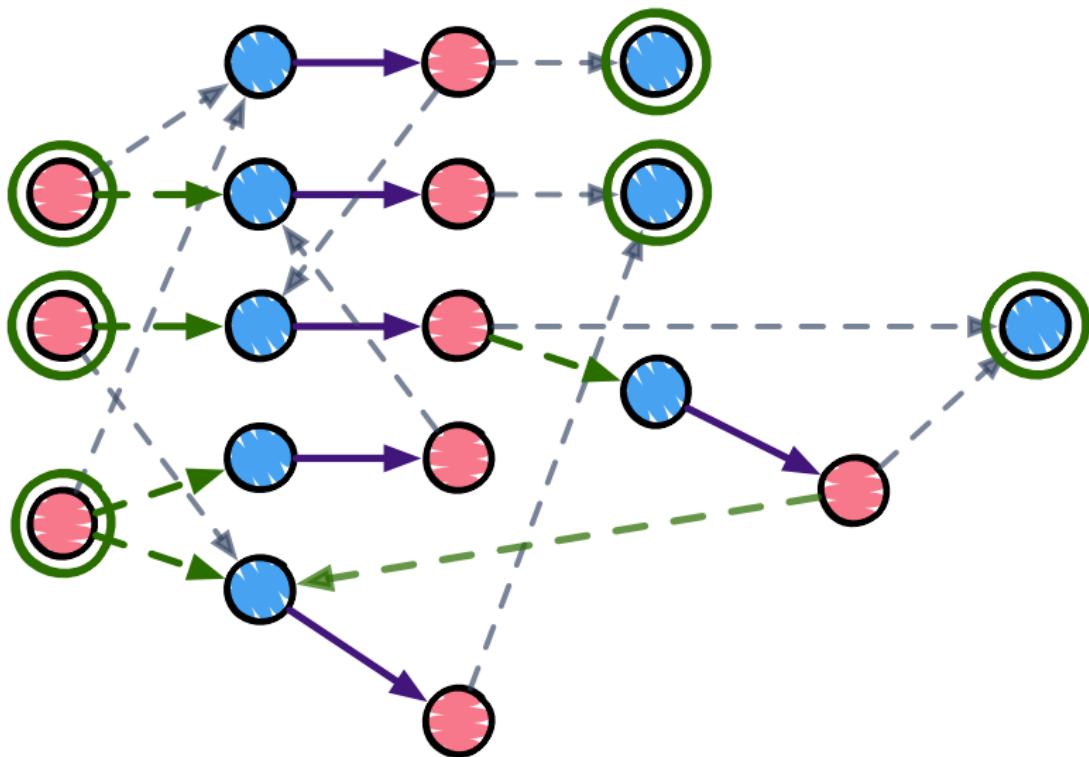
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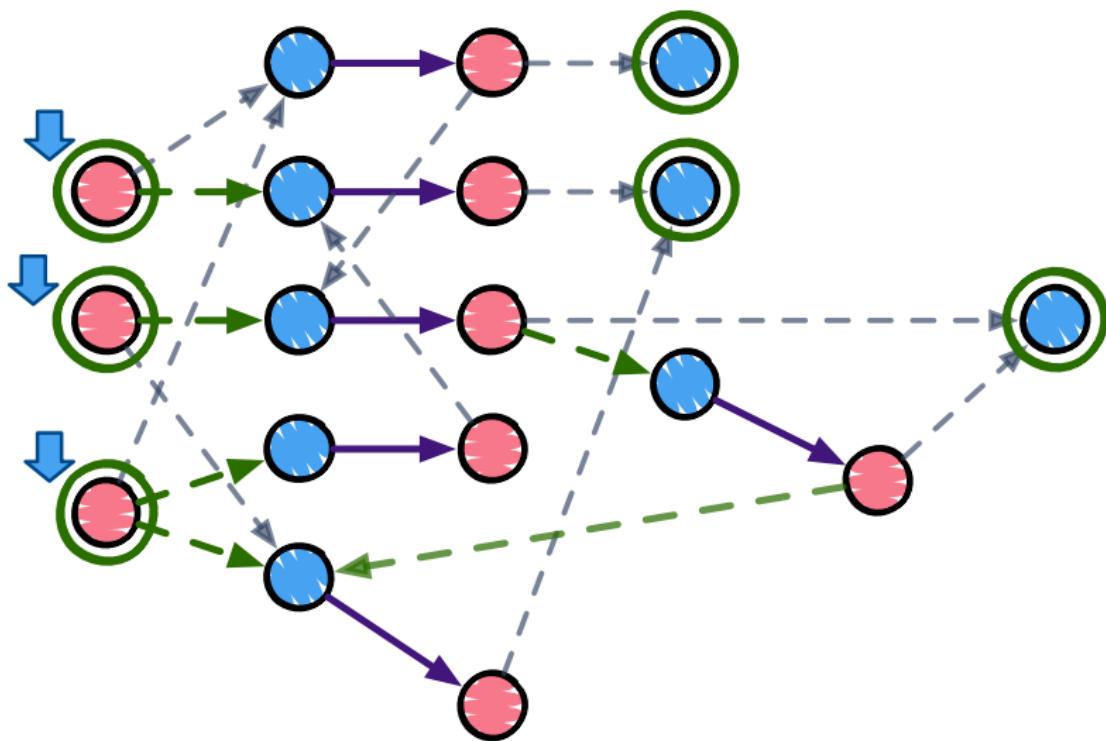
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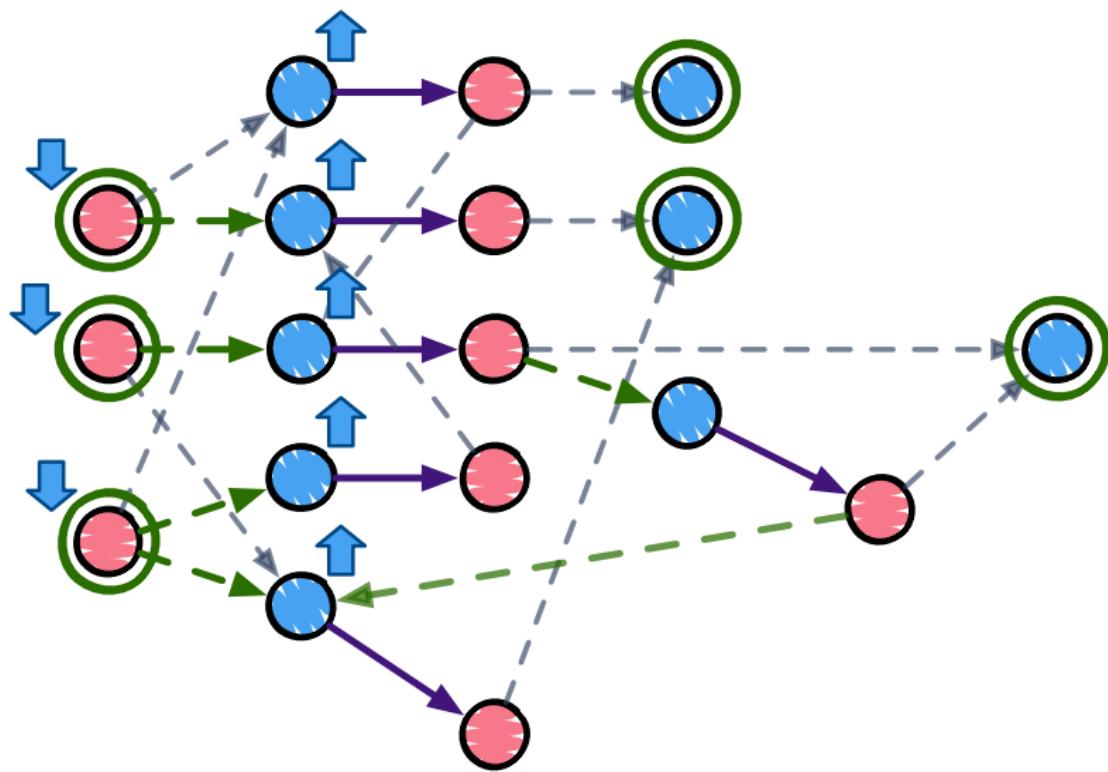
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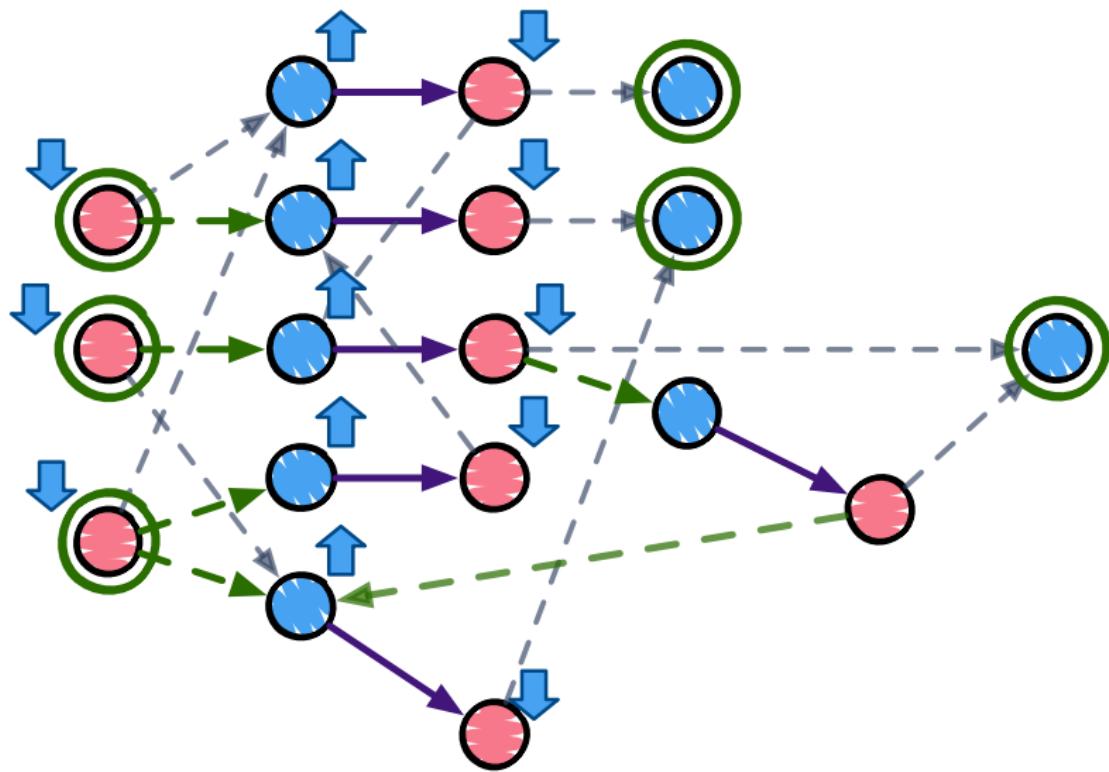
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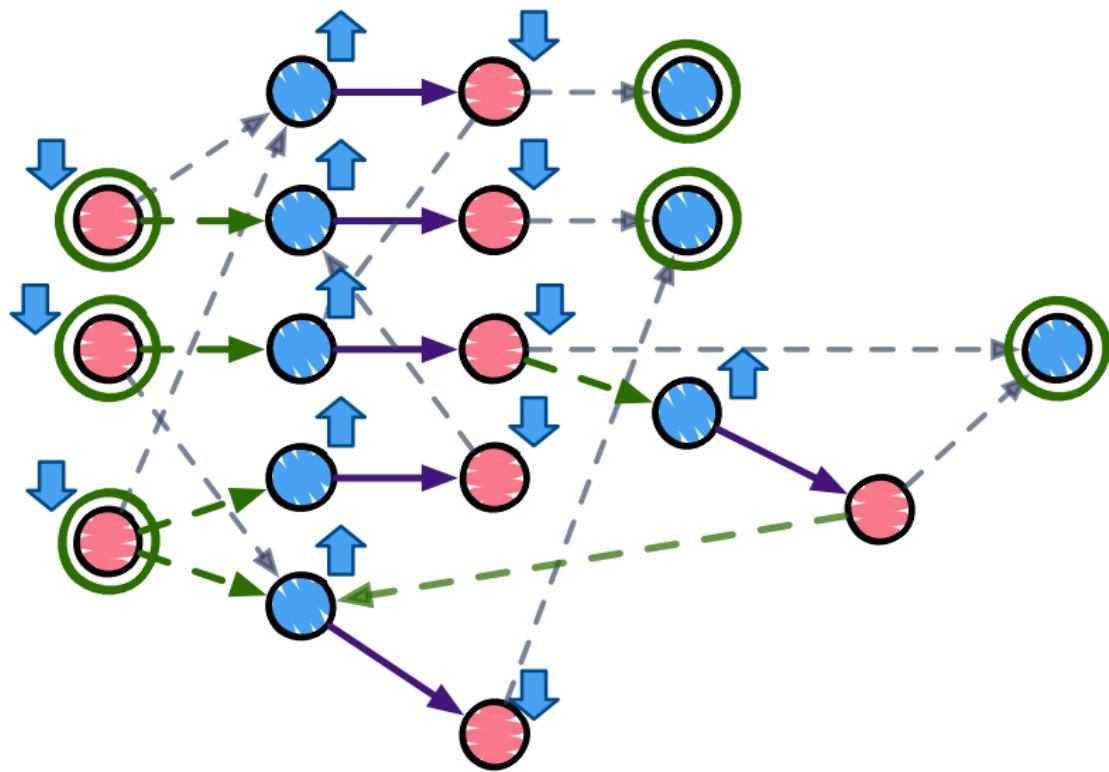
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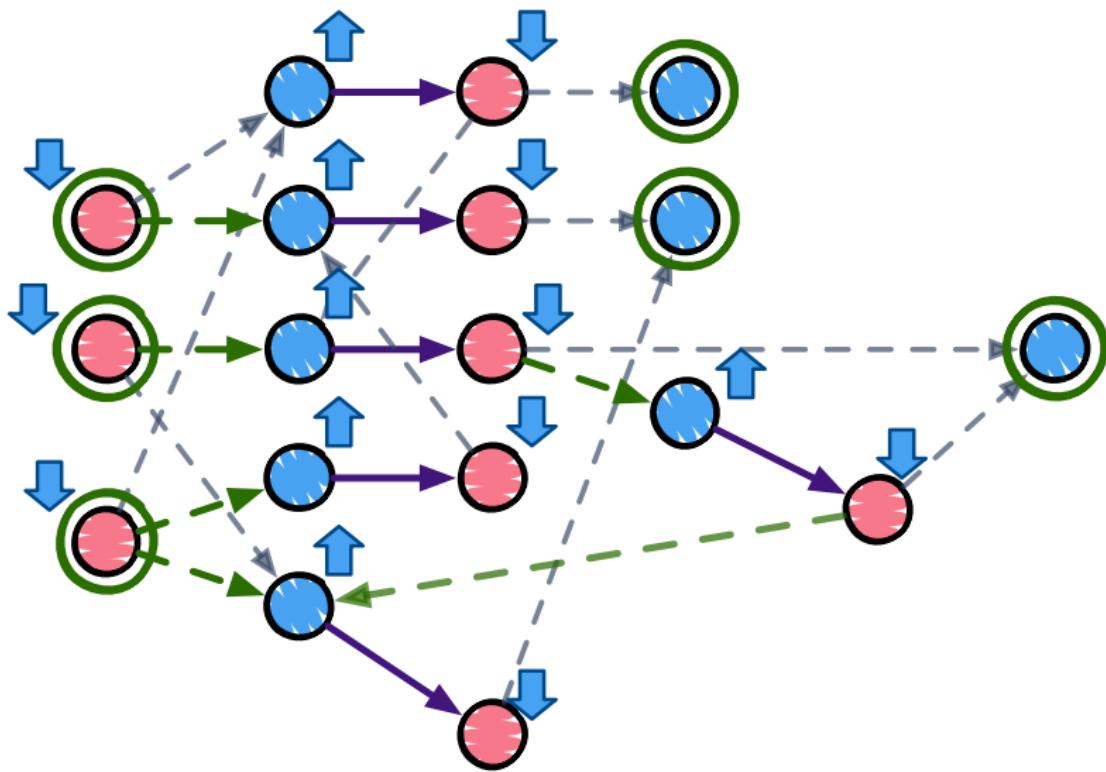
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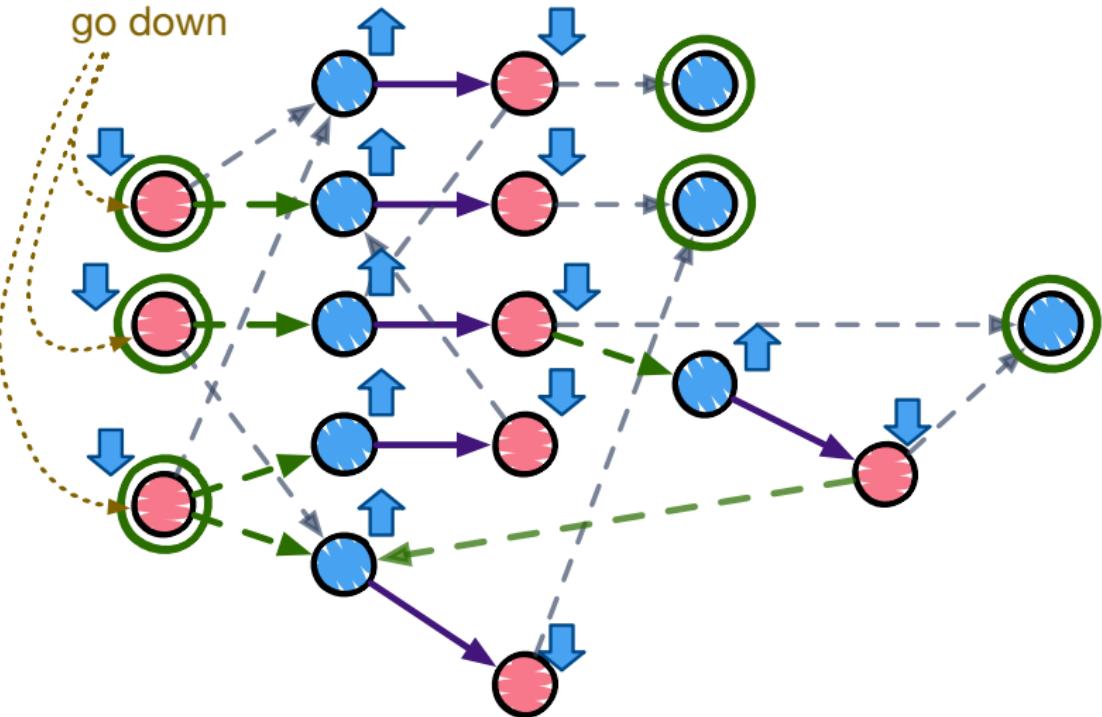


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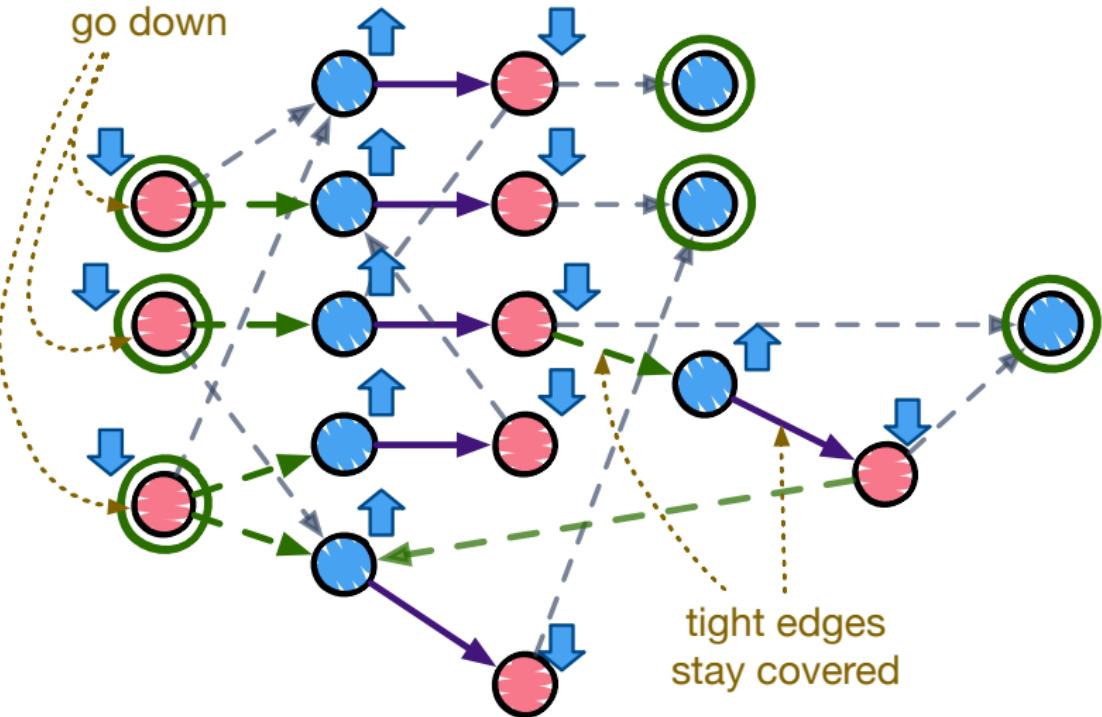
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go down

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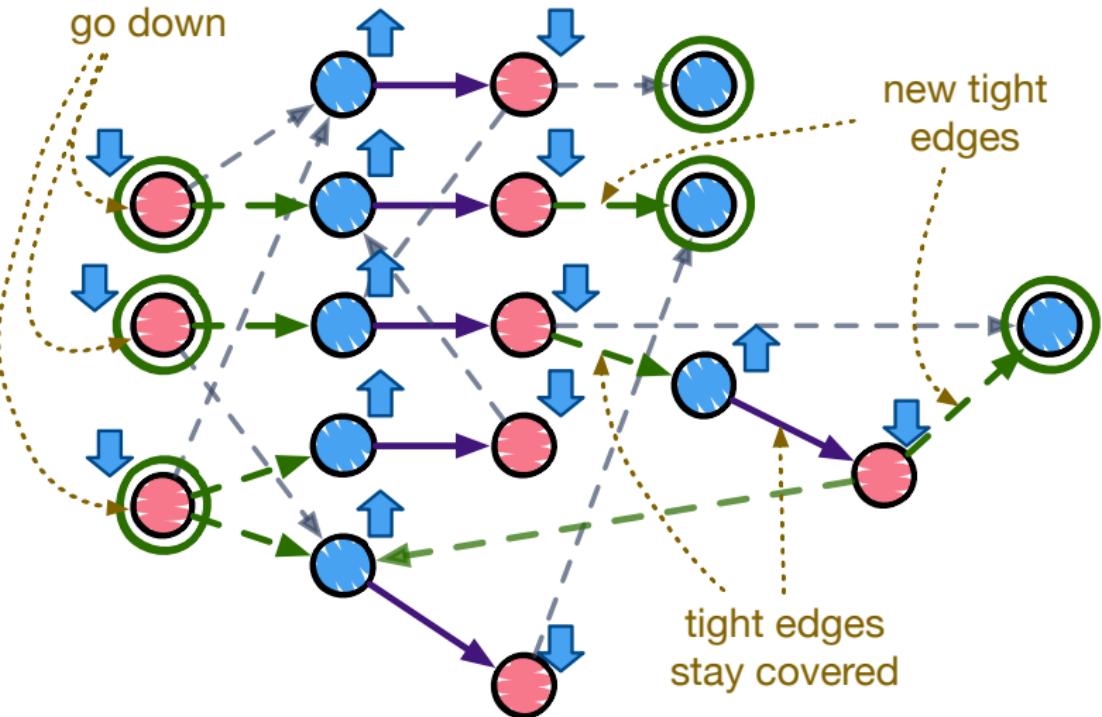


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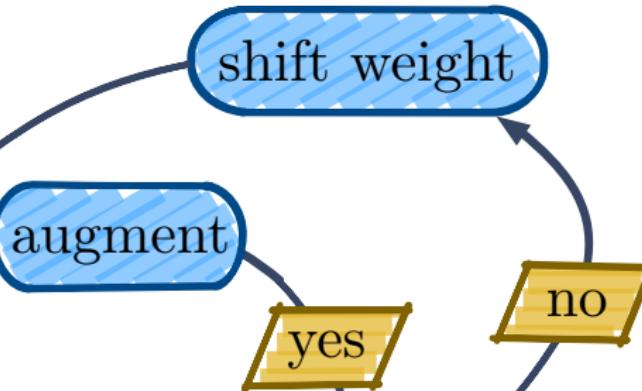


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is there a
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augment

shift weight

$[O(m)] \times [n \text{ times}]$

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no

yes

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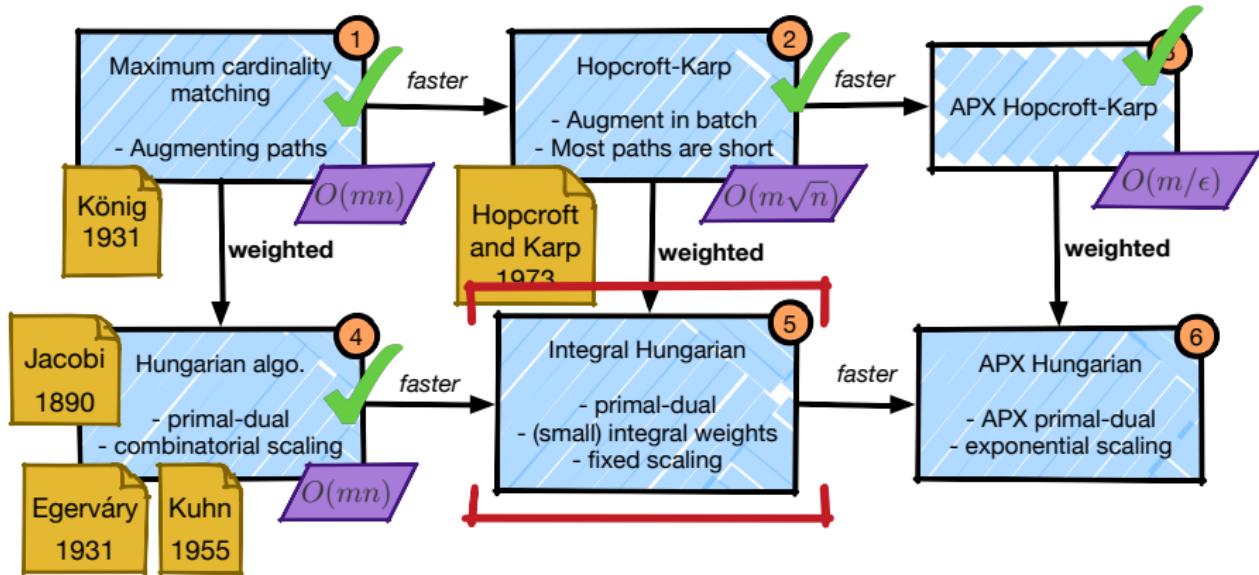
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$O(mn)$

Using Egervary's reduction and Konig's maximum matching algorithm, in the fall of 1953 I solved several 12 by 12 assignment problems (with 3-digit integers as data) by hand. Each of these examples took under two hours to solve and I was convinced that the combined algorithm was 'good'.

This must have been one of the last times when pencil and paper could beat the largest and fastest electronic computer in the world.

- Harold Kuhn,
On the origin of the Hungarian method

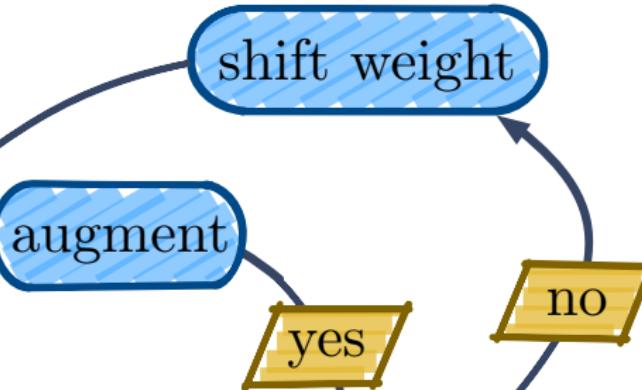


What if the weights are small and integral?

$$w(e) \in \{1, \dots, W\} \quad \forall e \in E$$

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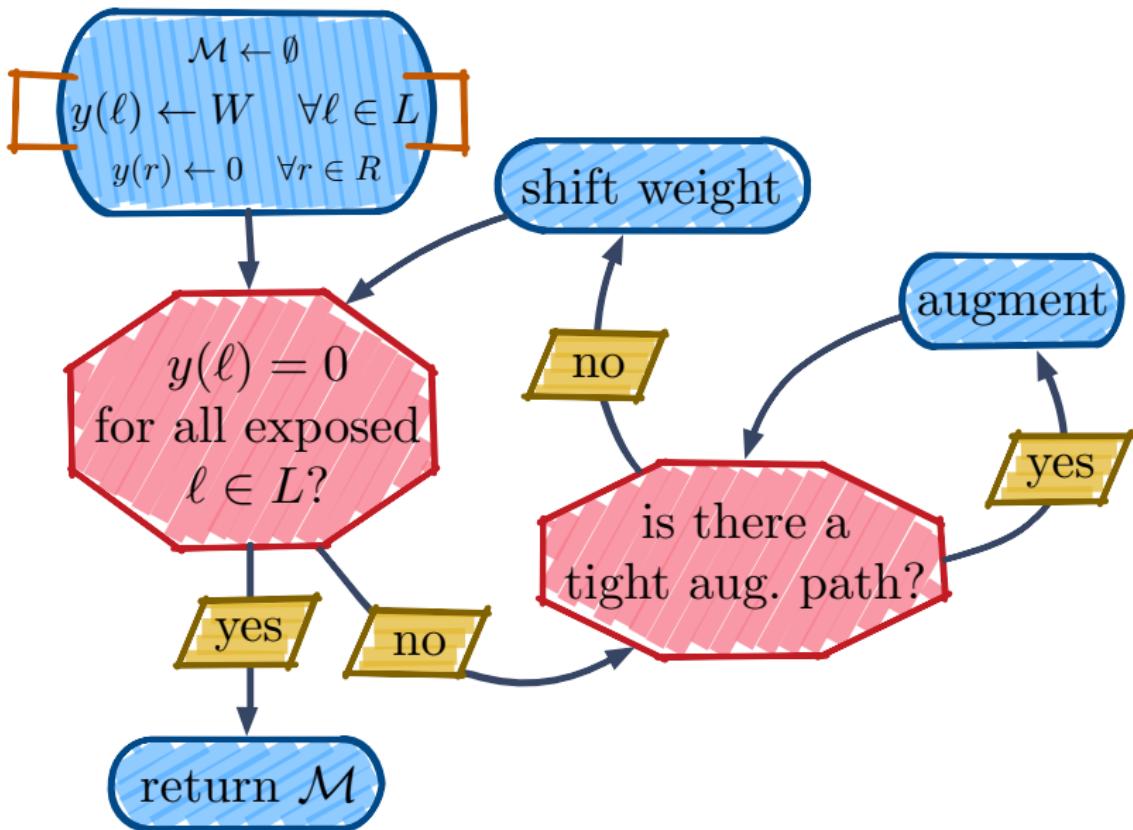
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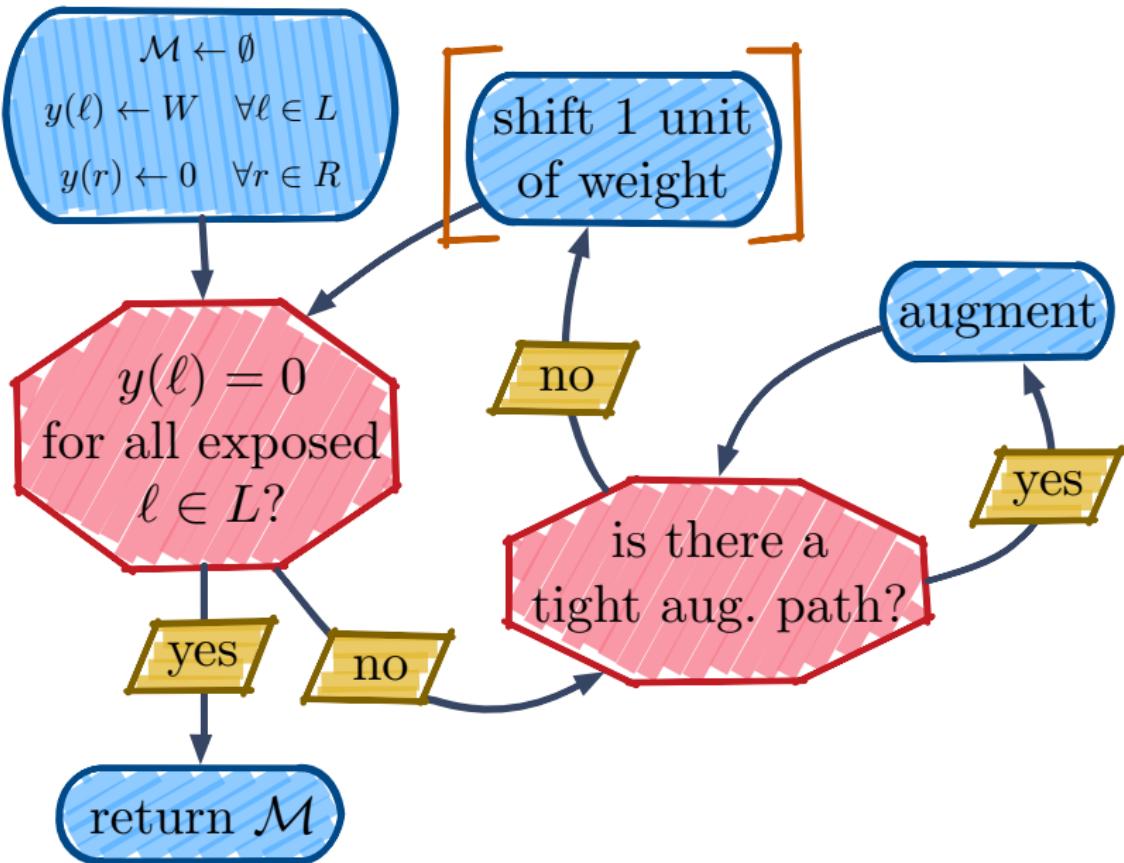
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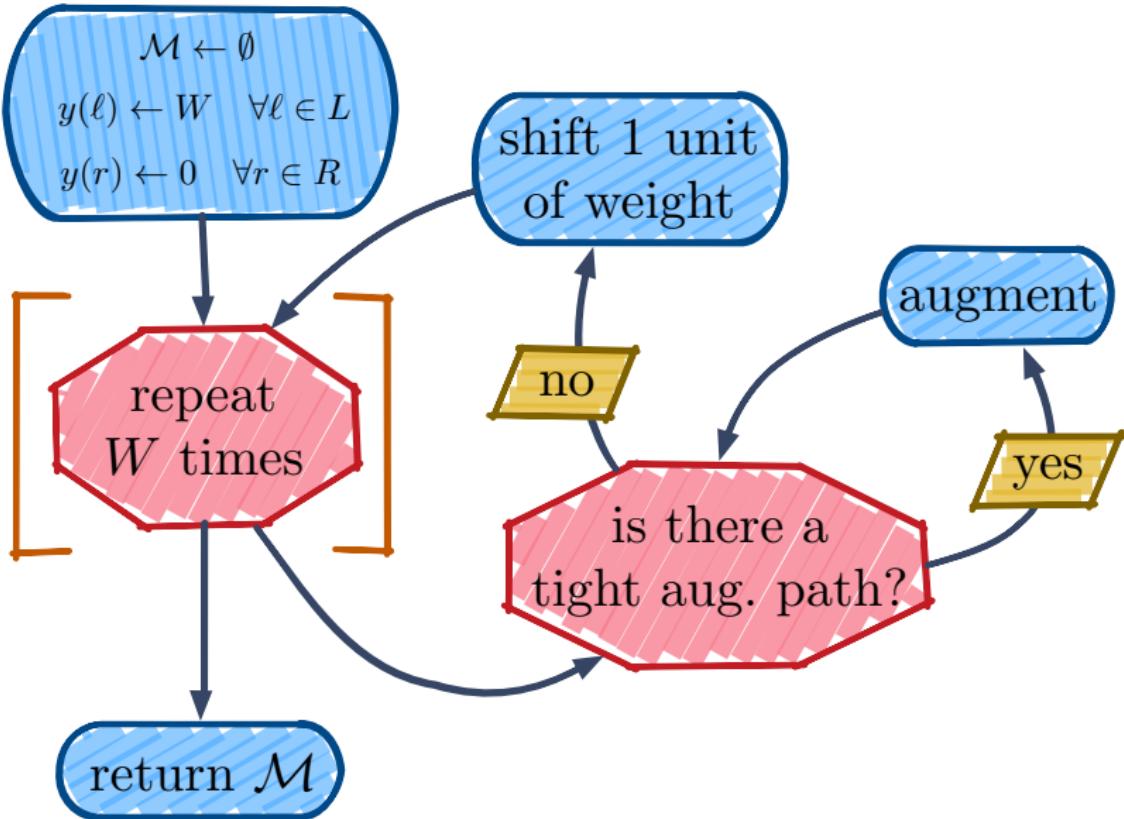
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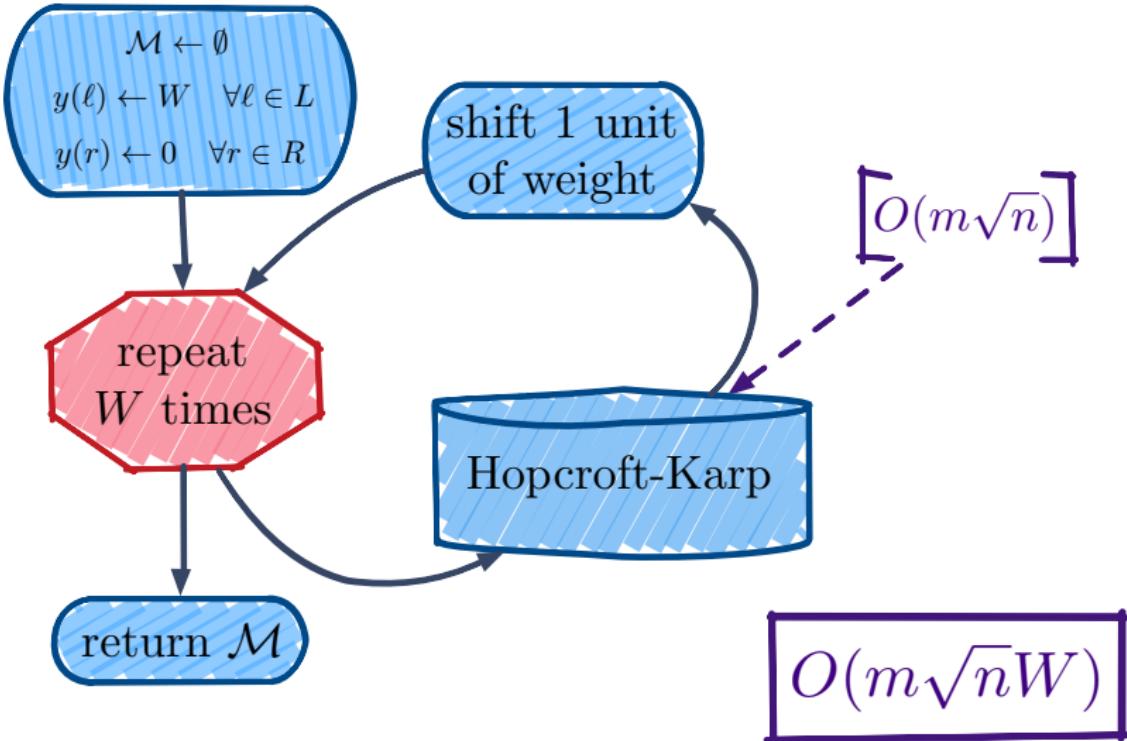
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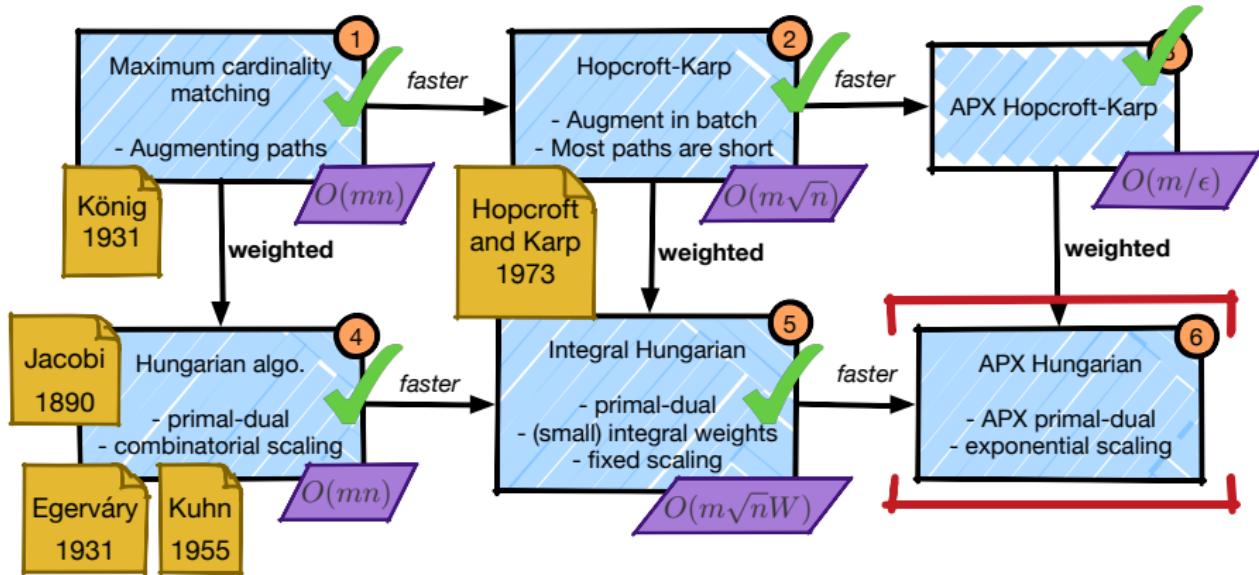
shift 1 unit
of weight

repeat
 W times

Hopcroft-Karp

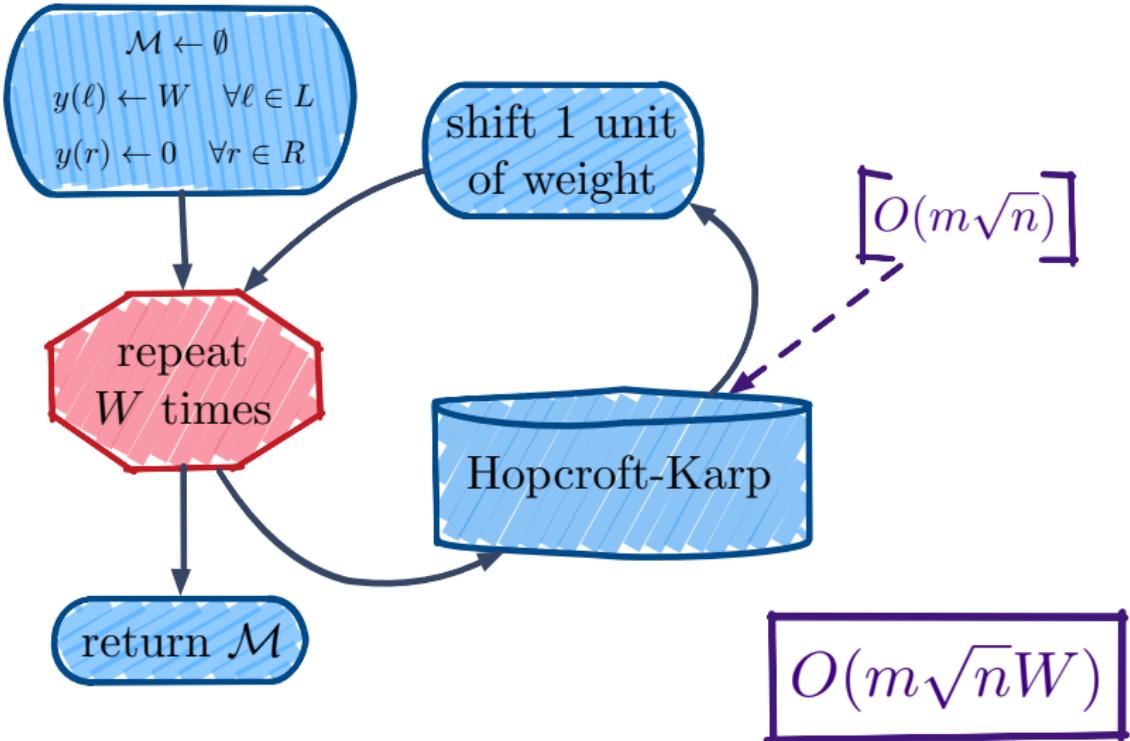
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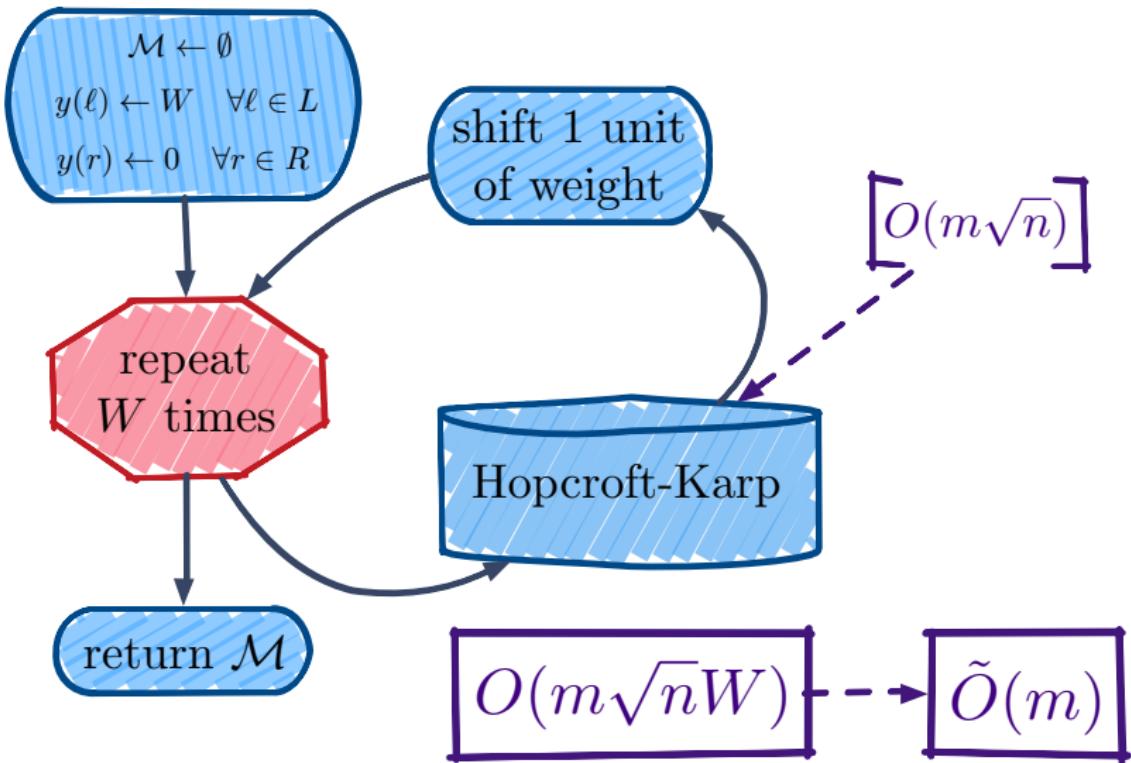


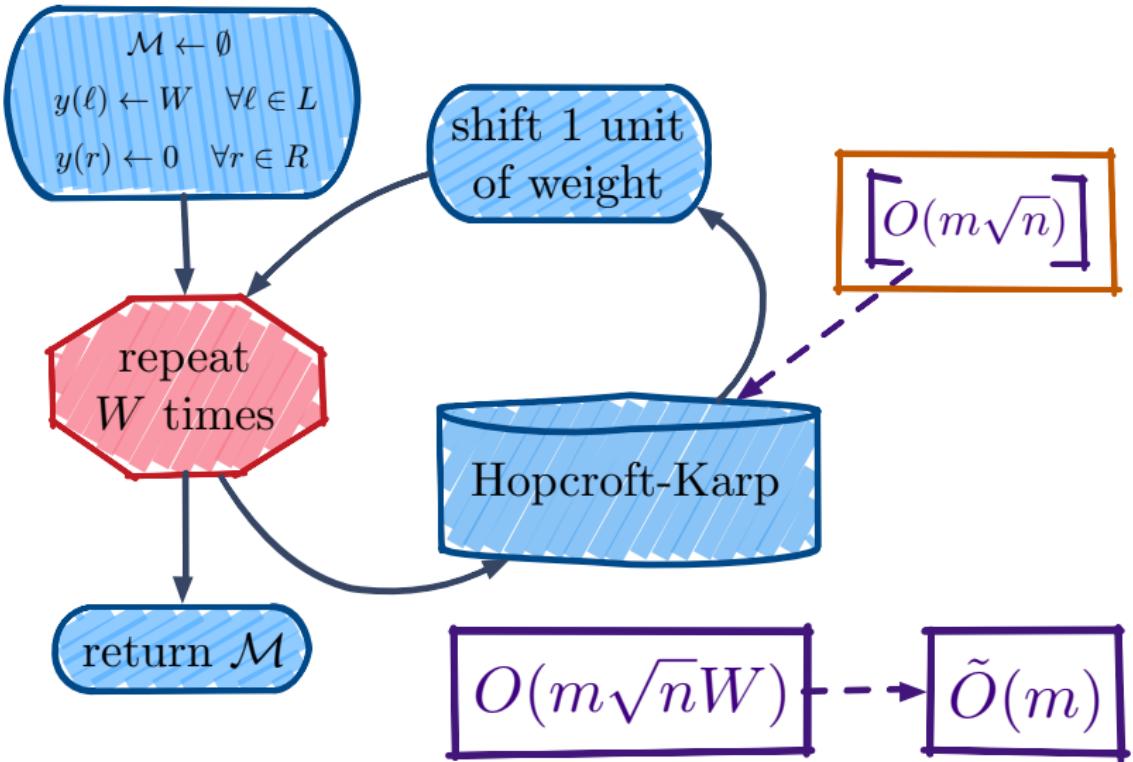


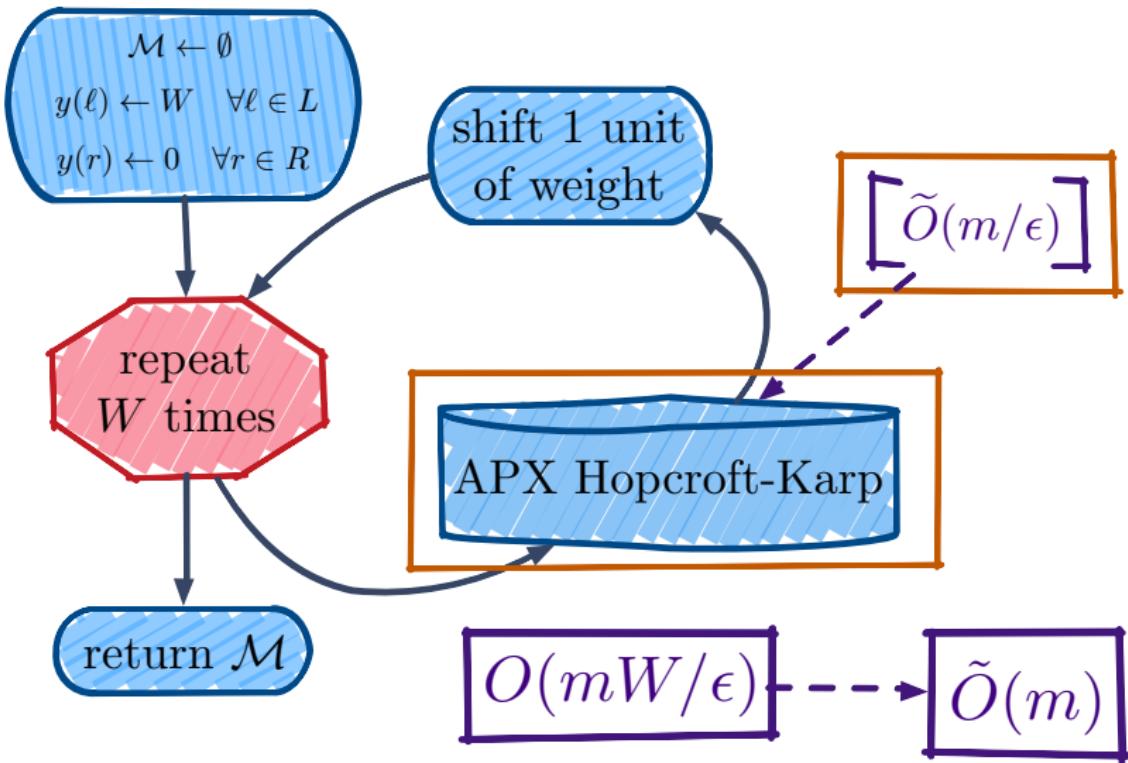
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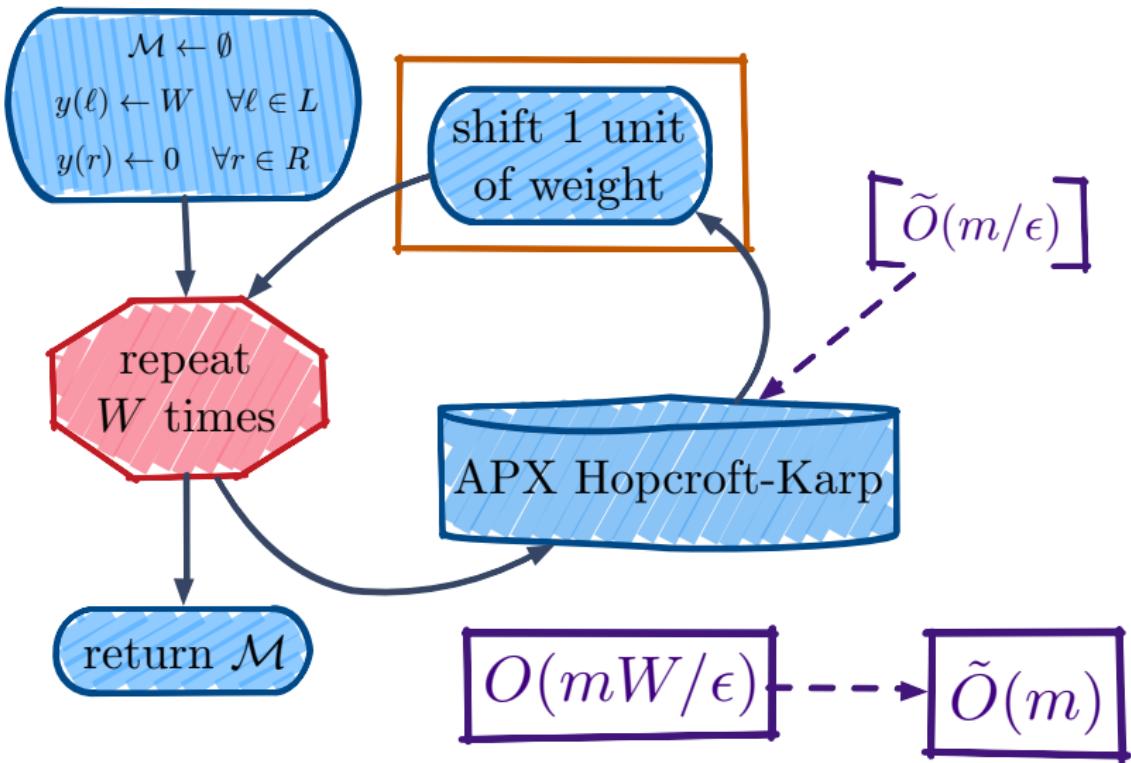
1. Approximate primal-dual conditions
2. Exponential scaling
3. Approximate cardinality at each scale
4. Lossy weight shift



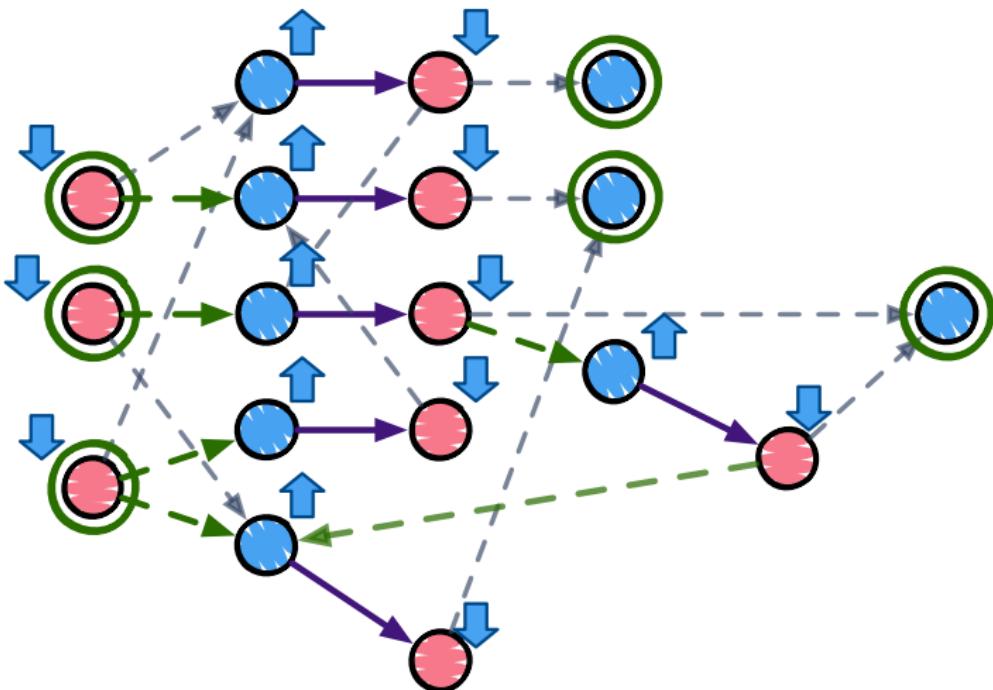






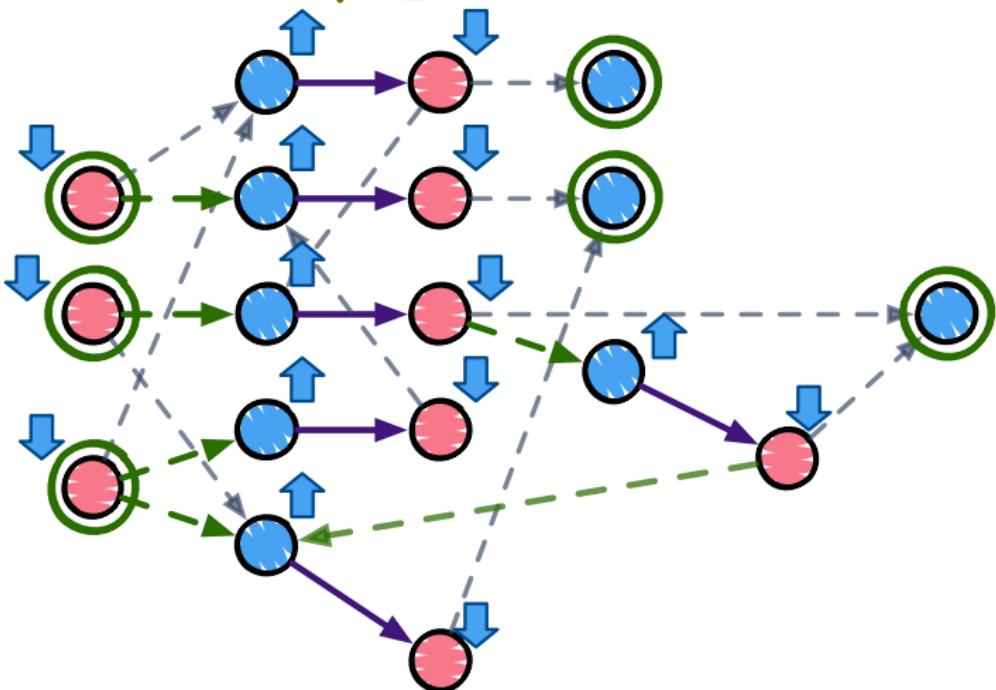


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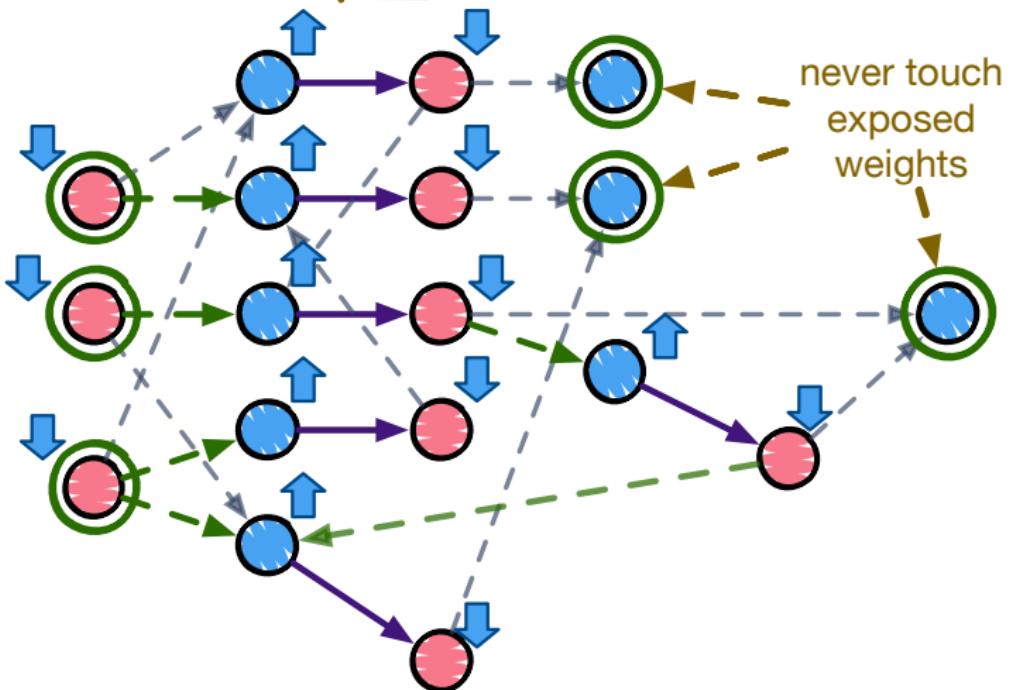
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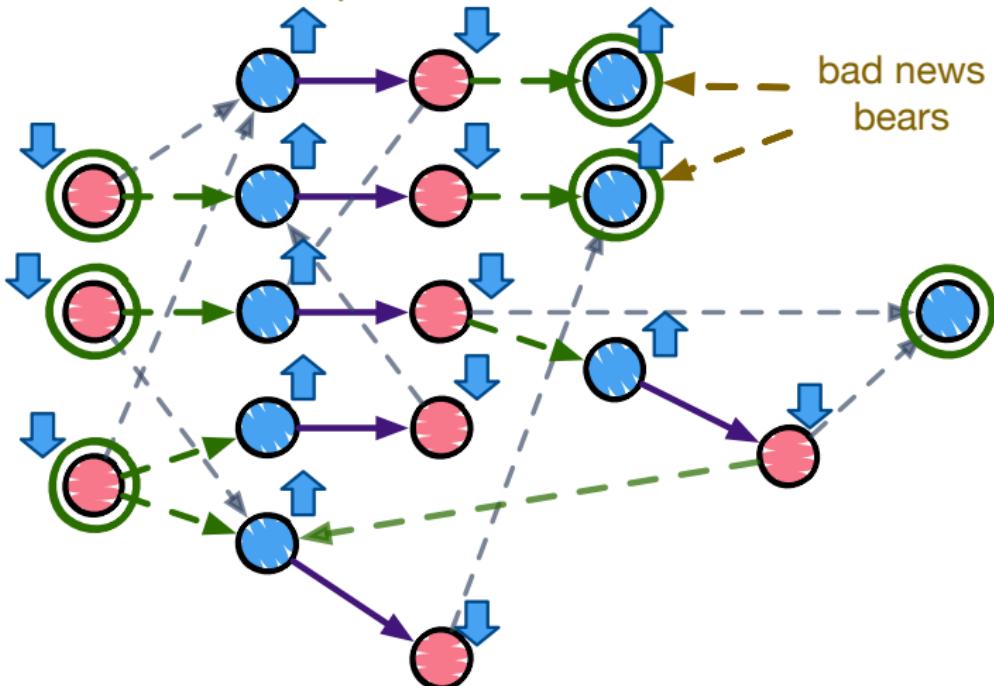
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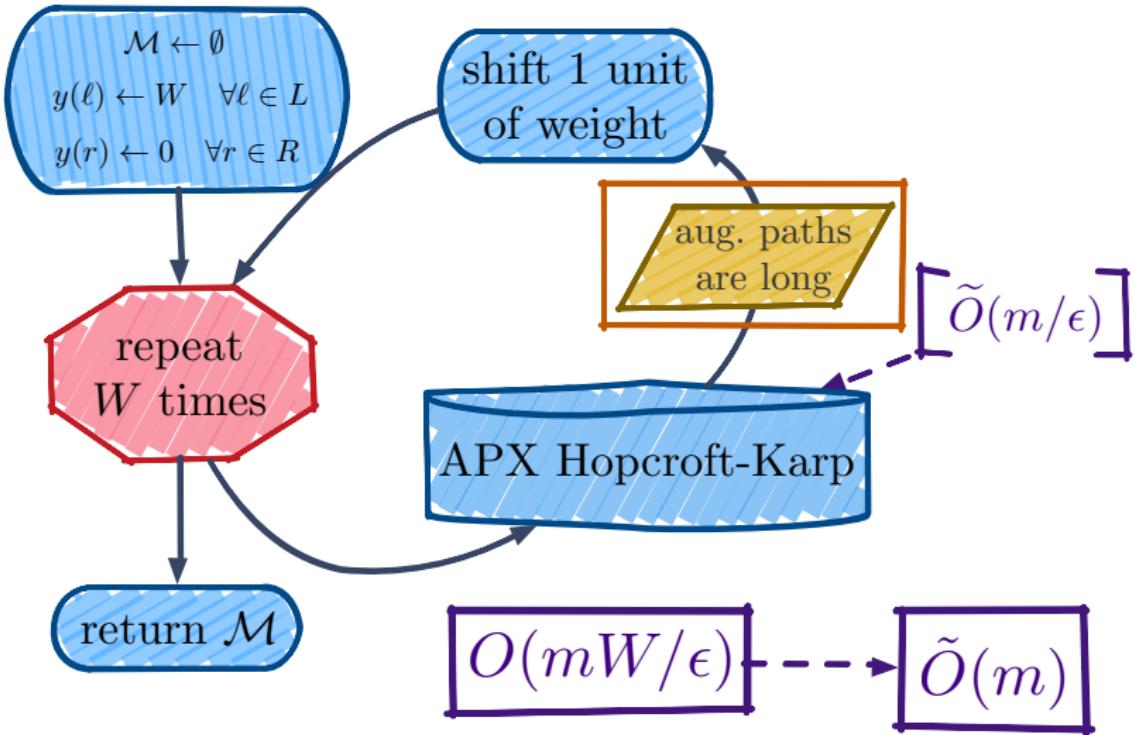
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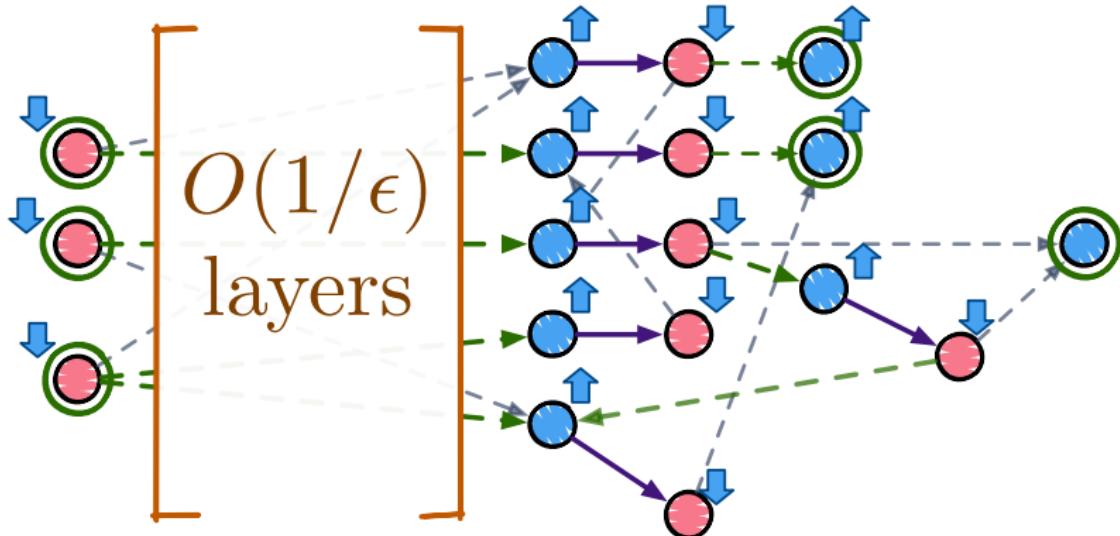
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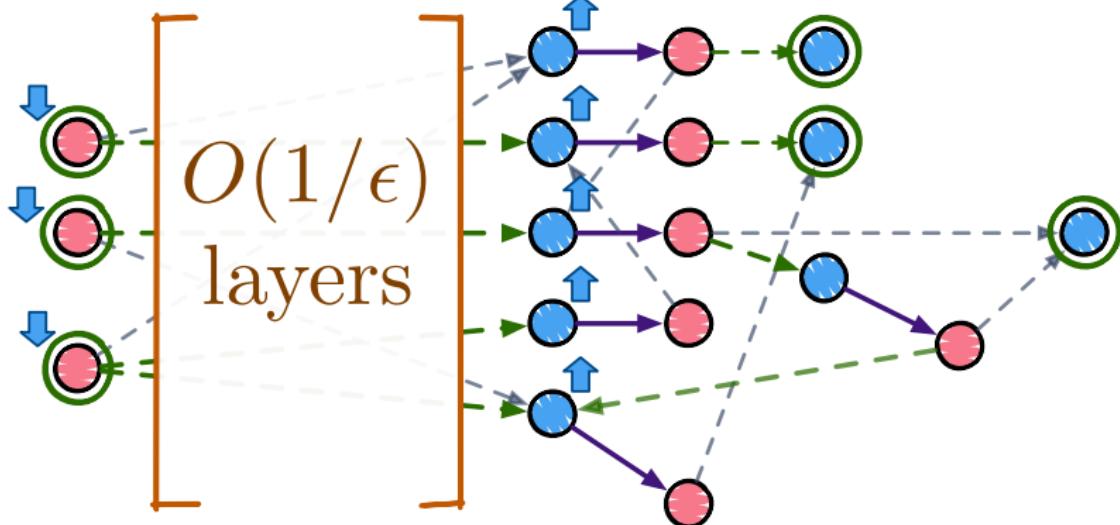
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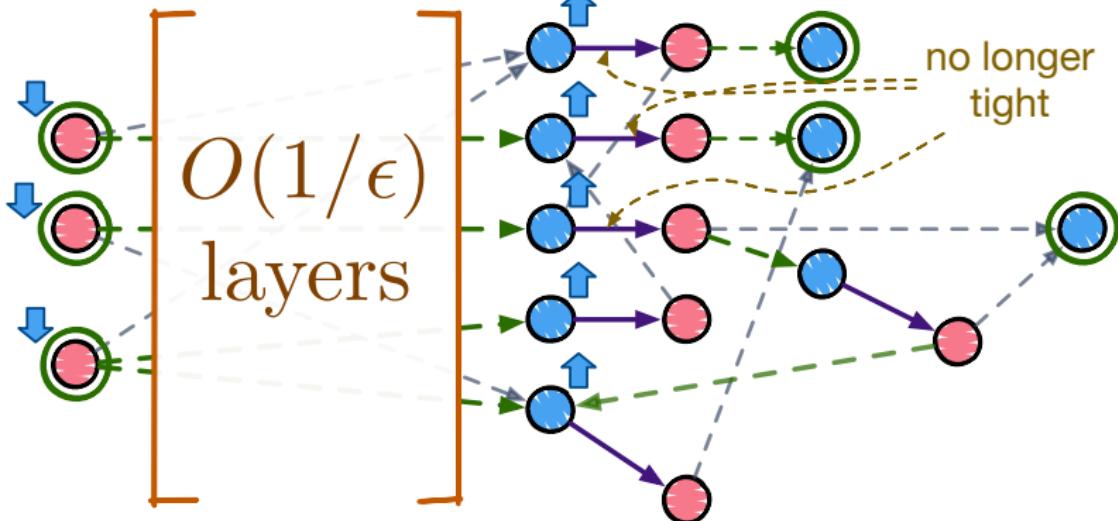
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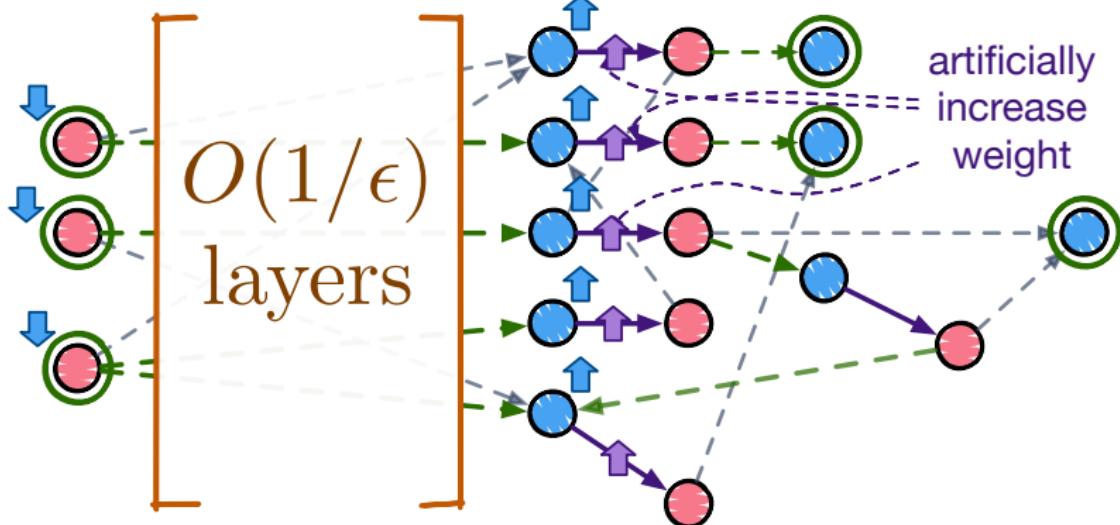
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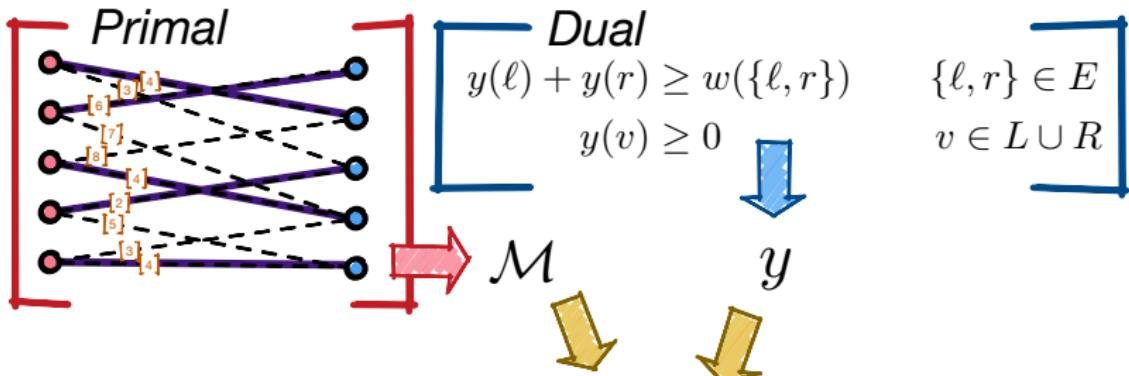
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Orthogonality

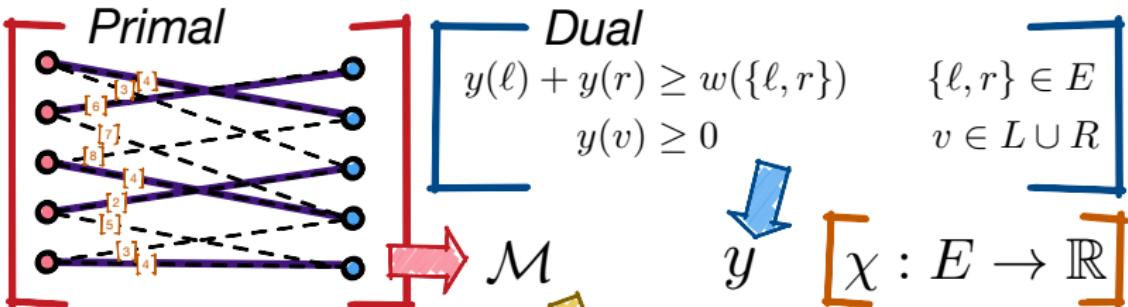
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\downarrow

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\mathcal{M}

y

$\chi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

“excess”

APX Orthogonality

$$y(\ell) + y(r) \leq w(\{\ell, r\}) + \underline{\chi(\{\ell, r\})} \quad \forall \{\ell, r\} \in \mathcal{M}$$

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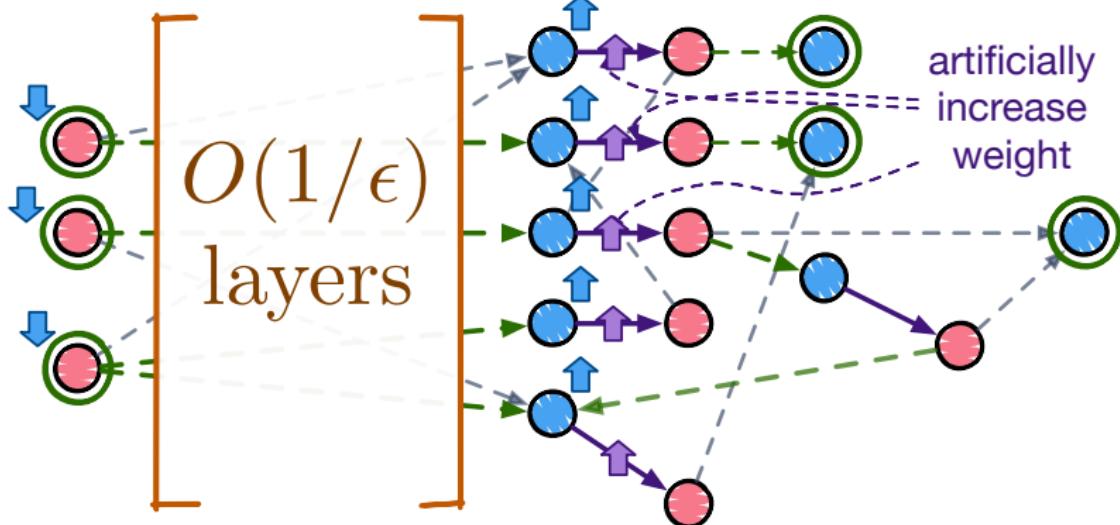
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$$\sum_{e \in \mathcal{M}} \underline{\chi(e)} \leq \epsilon \cdot w(\mathcal{M})$$

$w(\mathcal{M}) \leq \underline{(1 + \epsilon) \text{OPT}}$

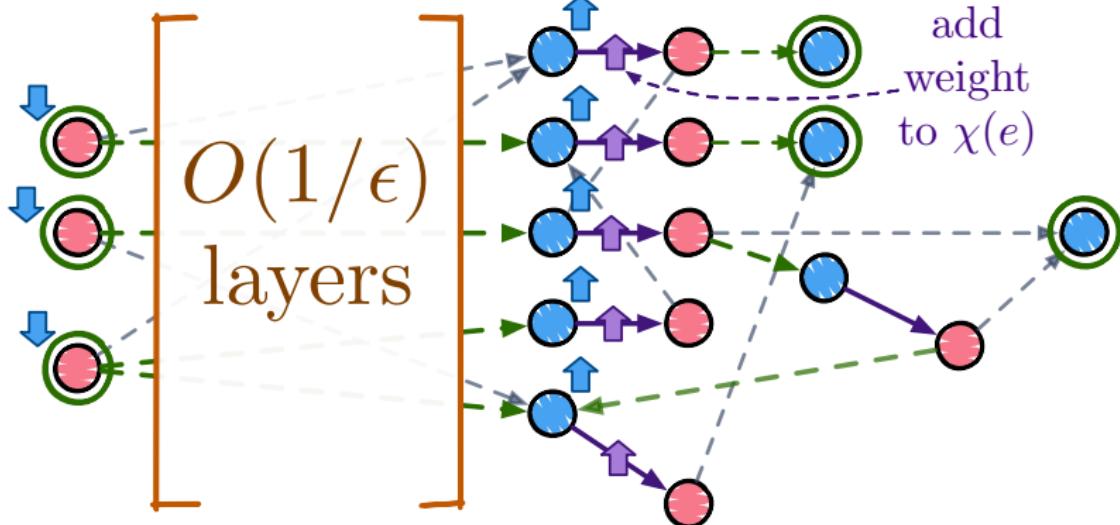
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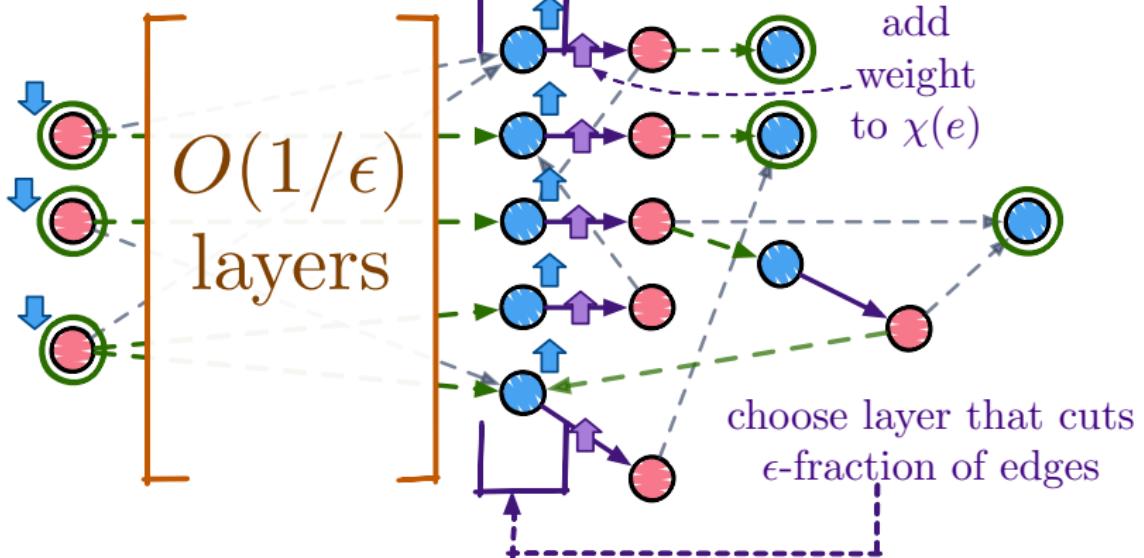
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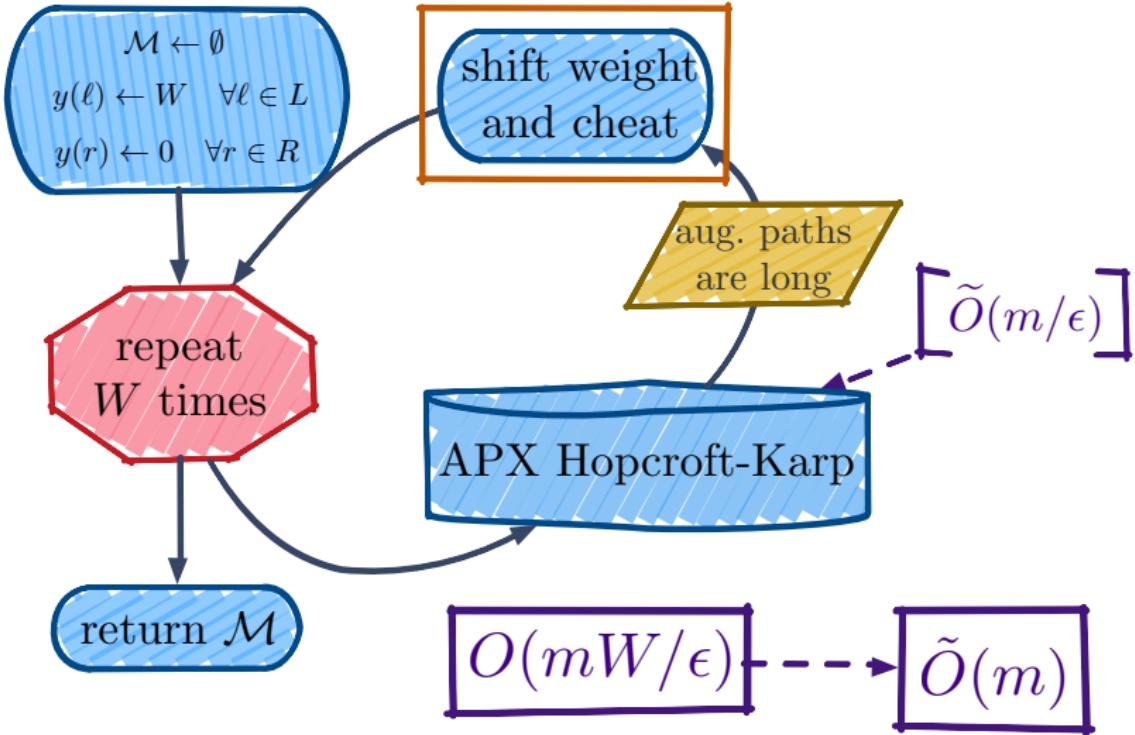
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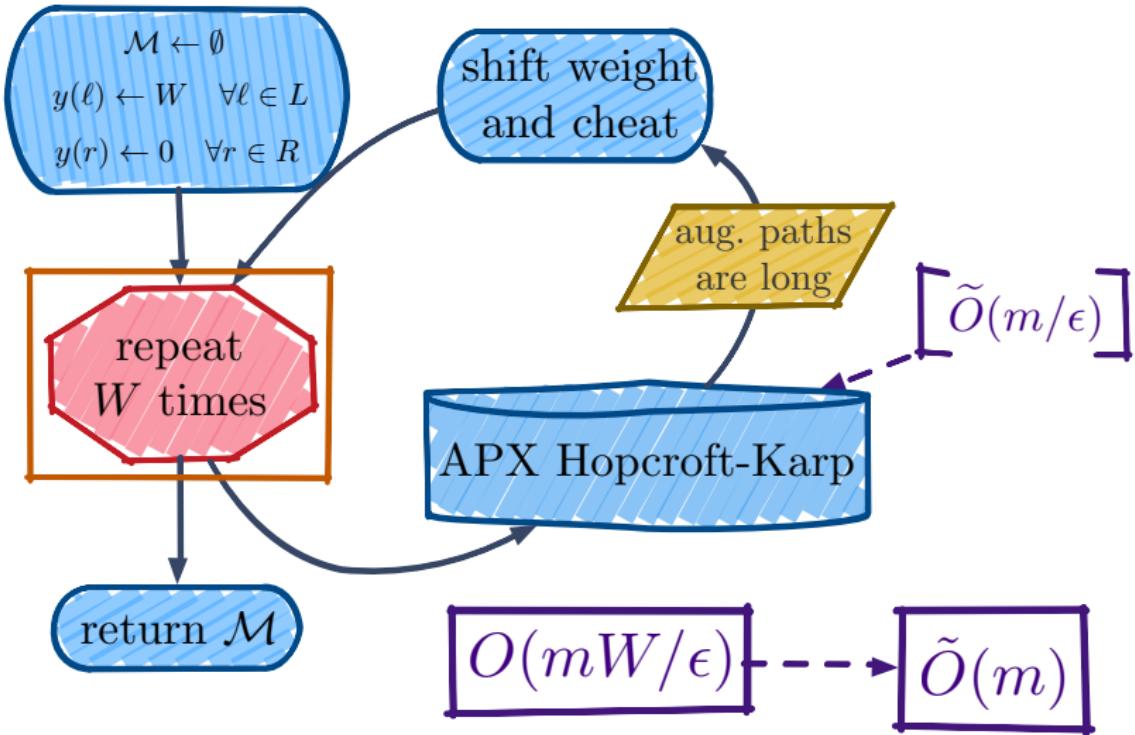


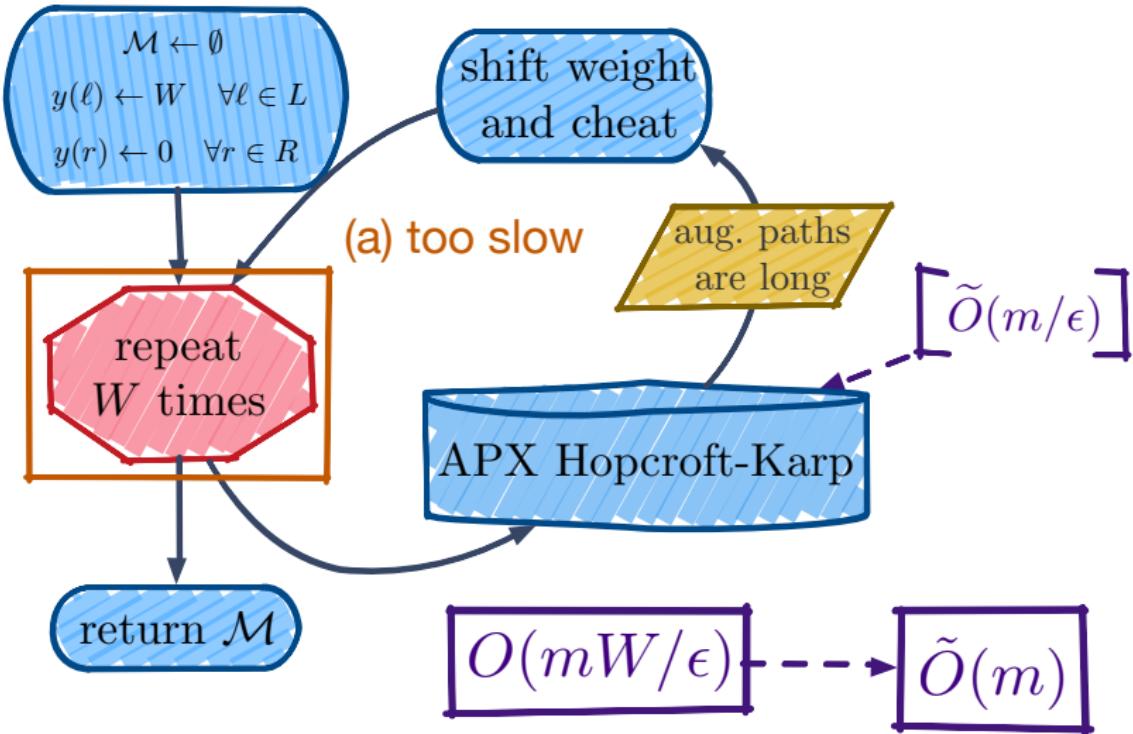
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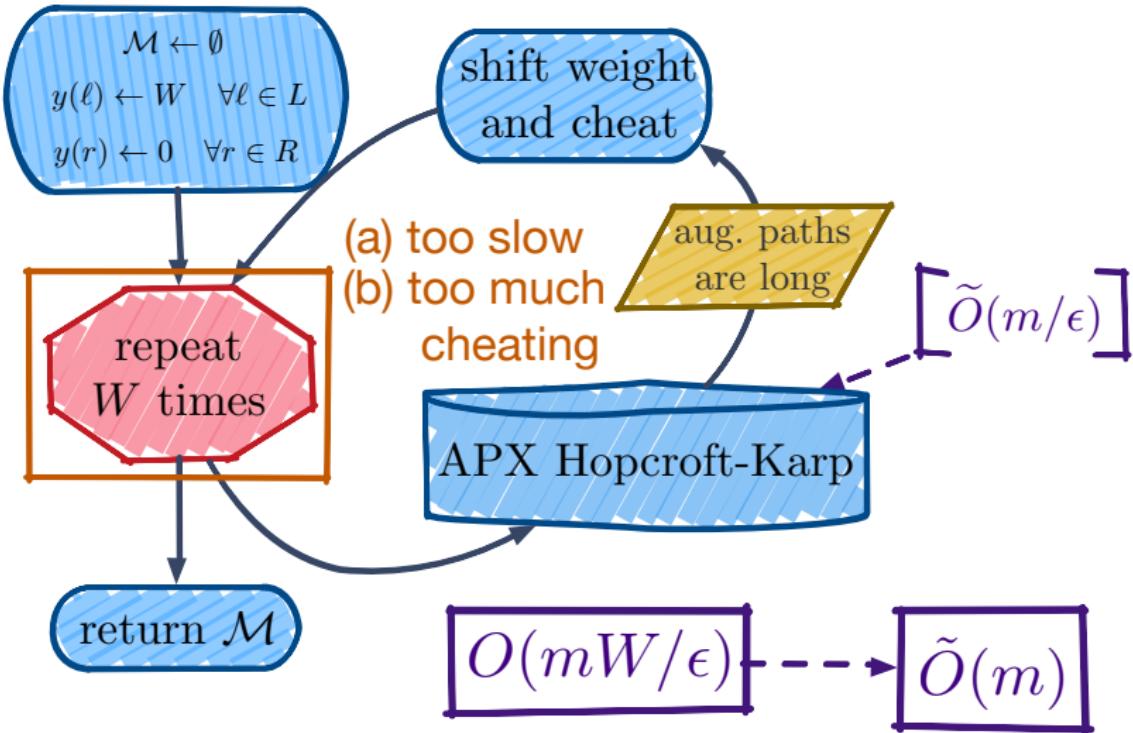
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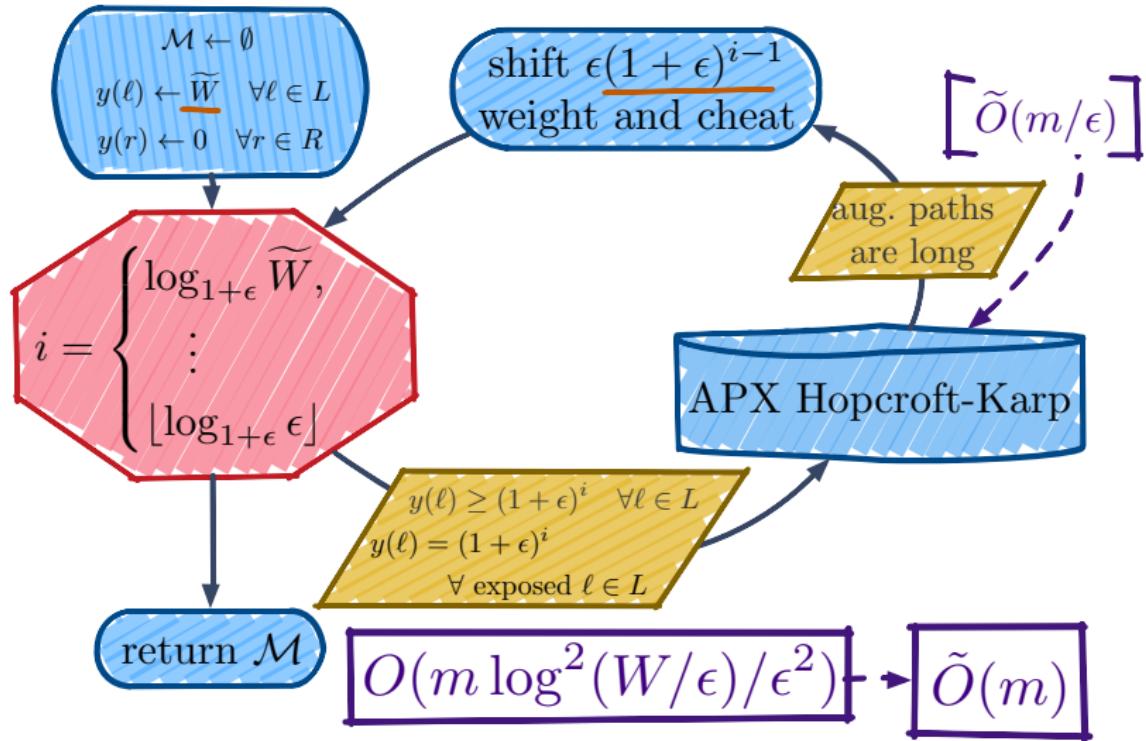
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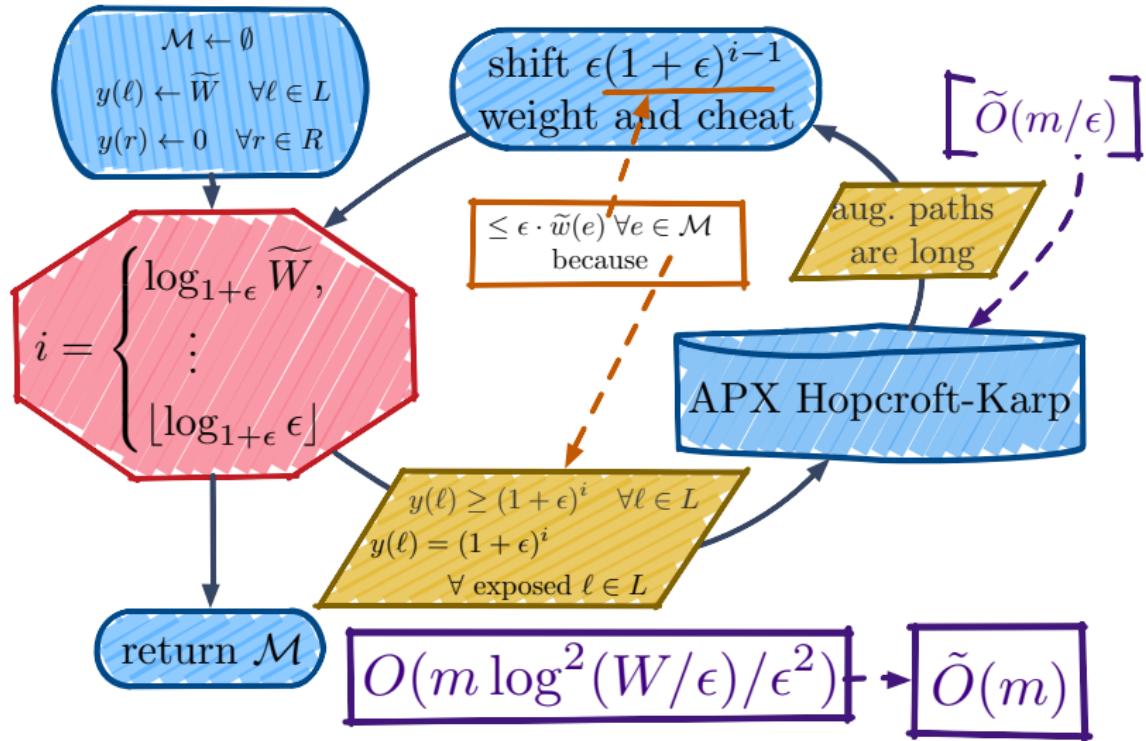
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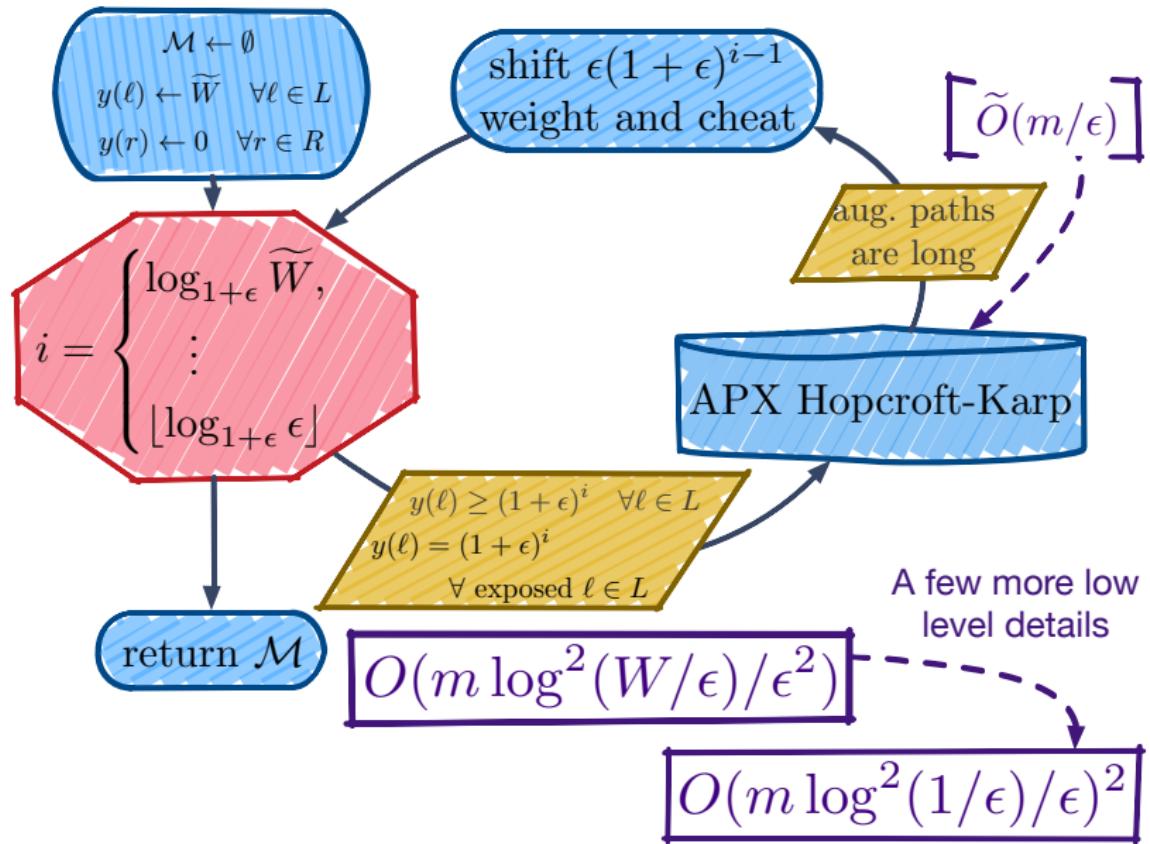
$(1 - \epsilon)$ -APX w/r/t $\tilde{w} \Rightarrow (1 - O(\epsilon))$ -APX w/r/t w

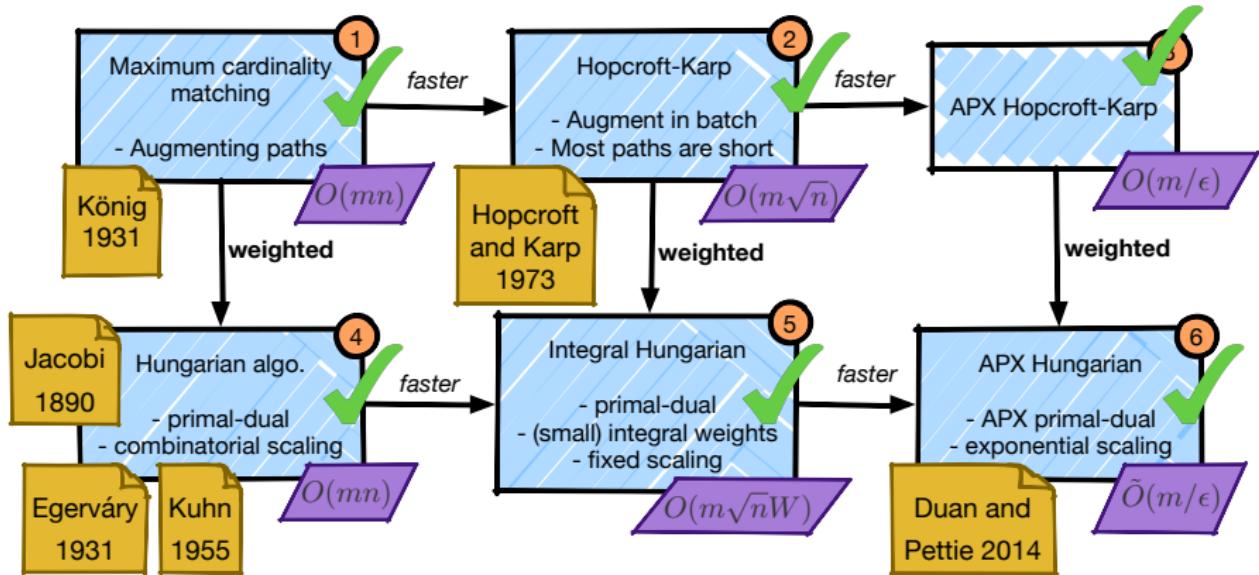
2. Operate in units of $\epsilon(1 + \epsilon)^{i-1}$ for “scales”

$$i = \log_{1+\epsilon} \widetilde{W}, \dots, \lfloor \log_{1+\epsilon} \epsilon \rfloor$$

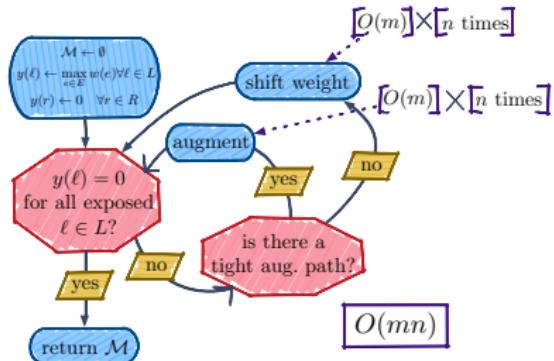
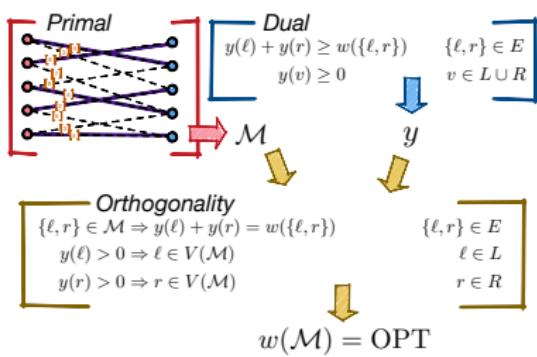




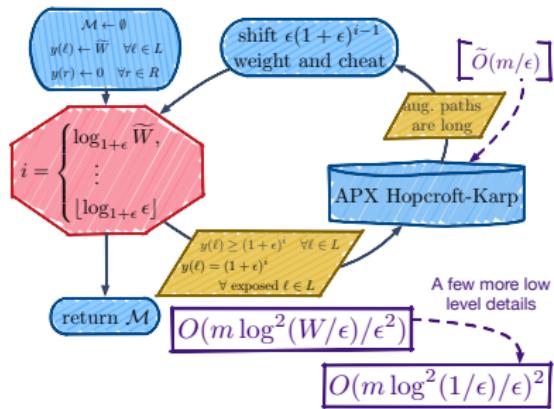
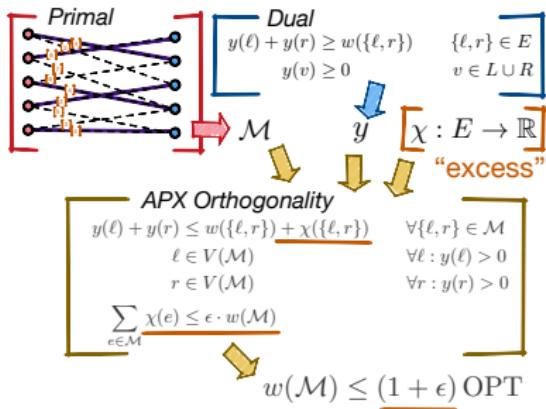




exact algorithm



approximate algorithm



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