

Sensitivity Analysis of the Maximum Matching Problem

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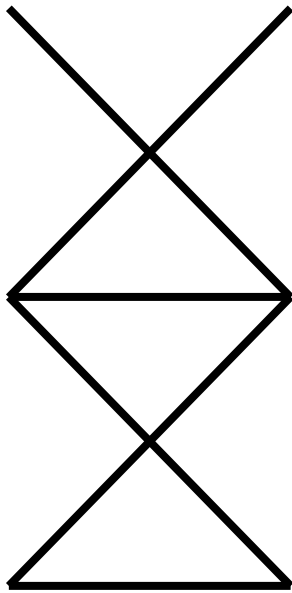
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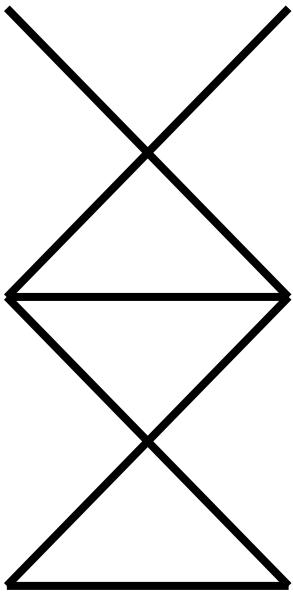
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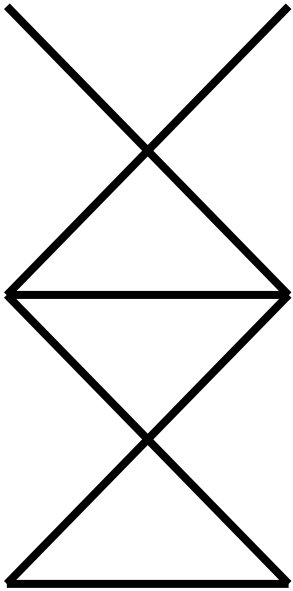
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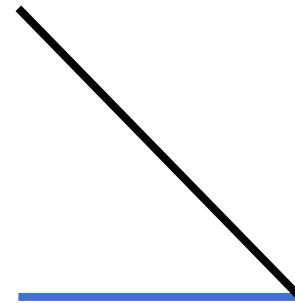
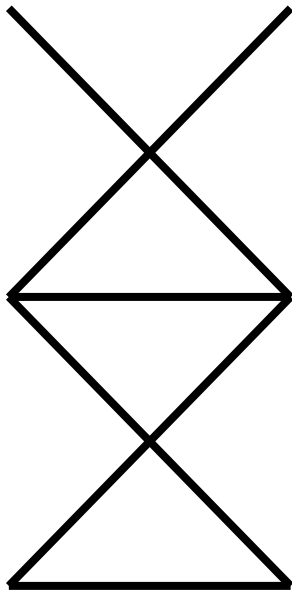
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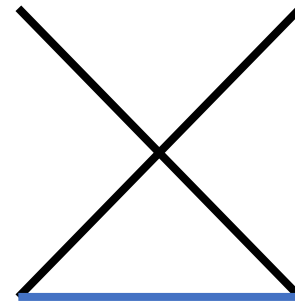
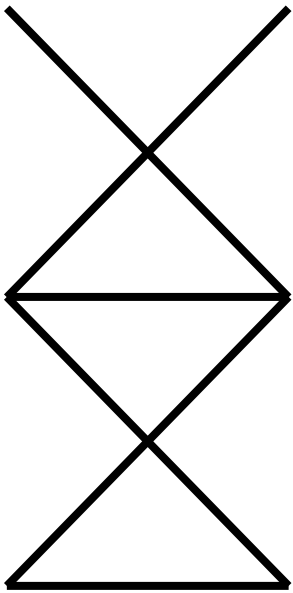
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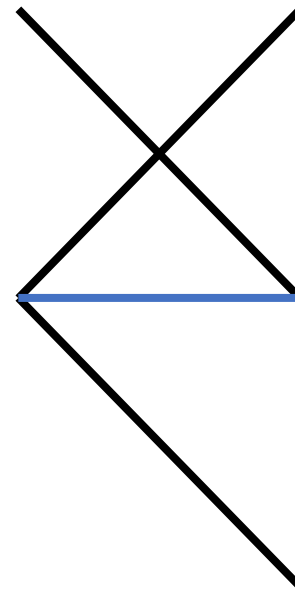
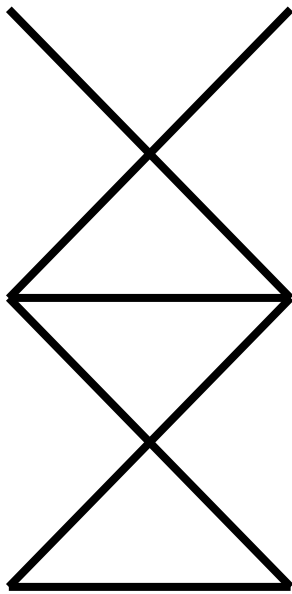
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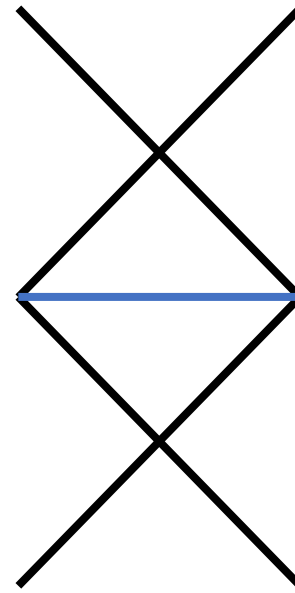
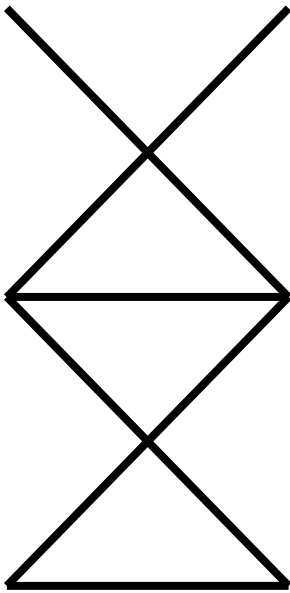
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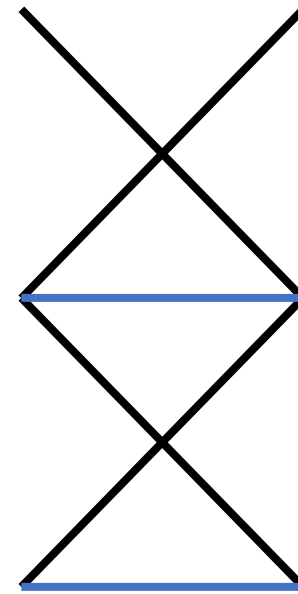
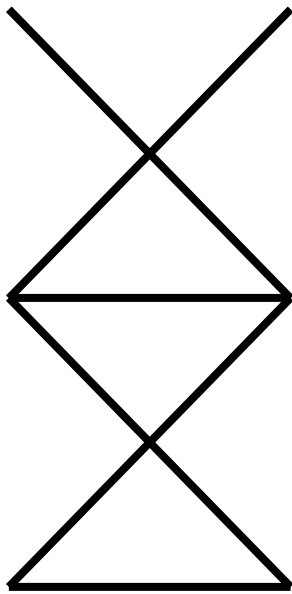
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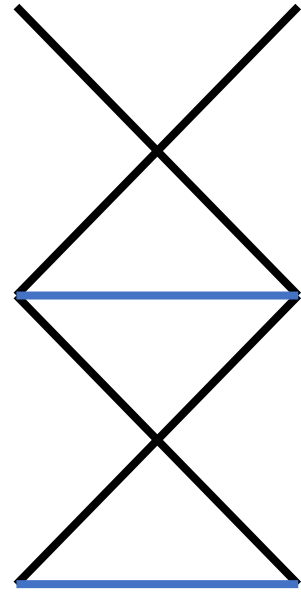
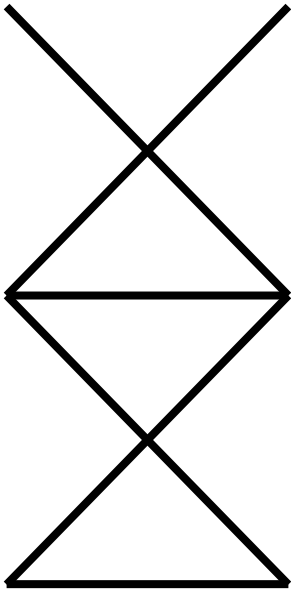
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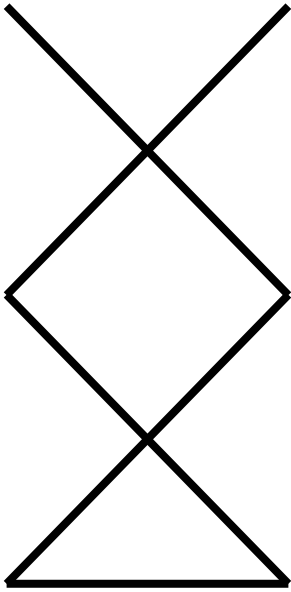
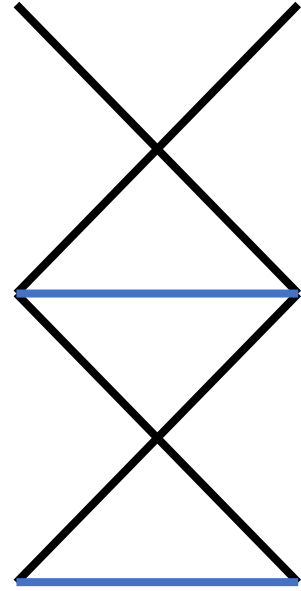
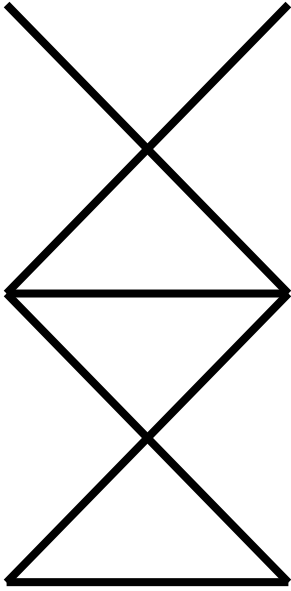


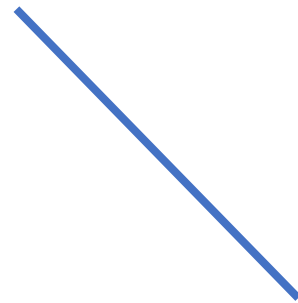
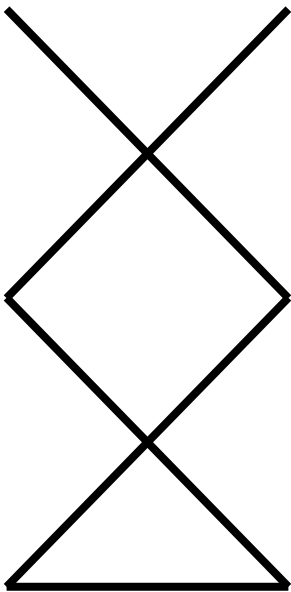
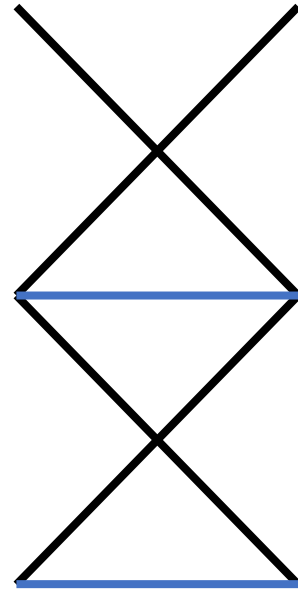
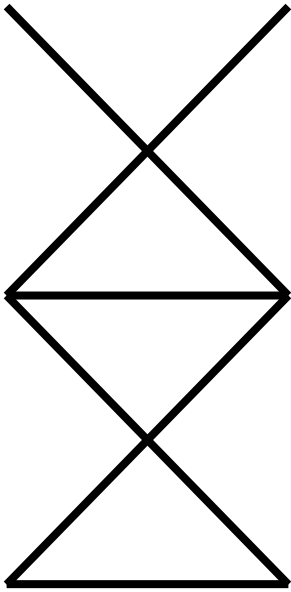
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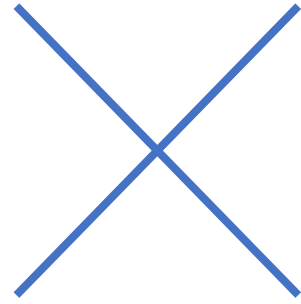
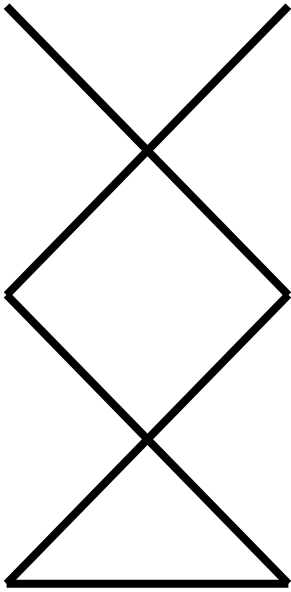
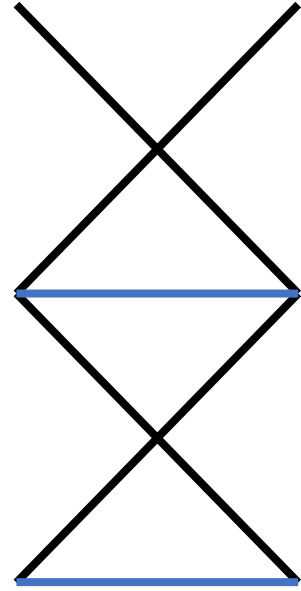
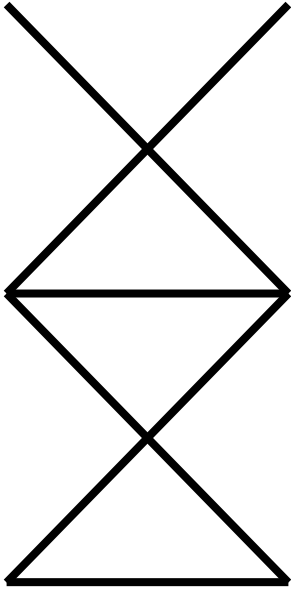
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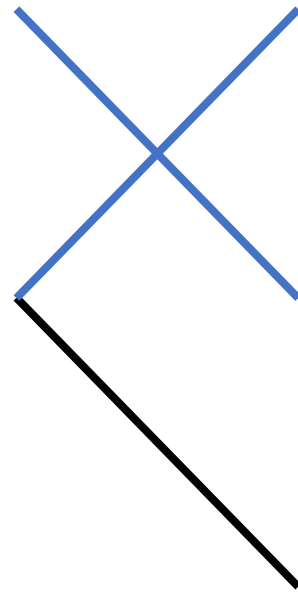
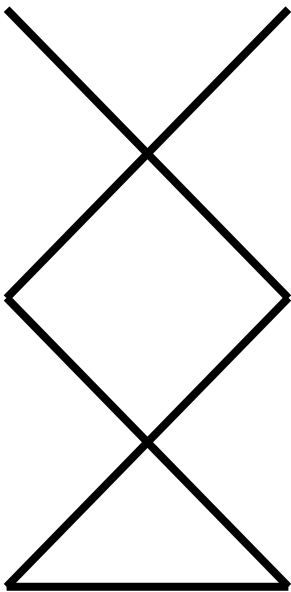
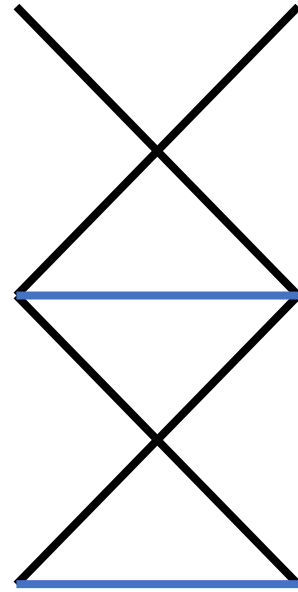
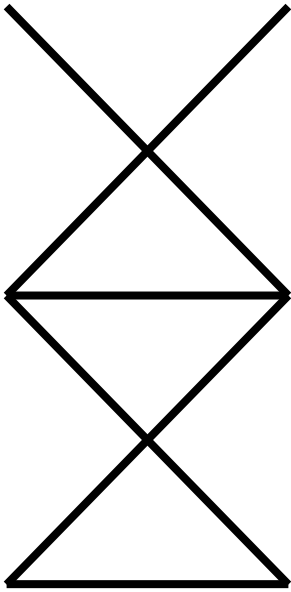


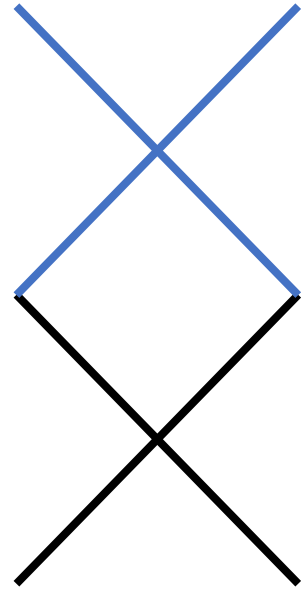
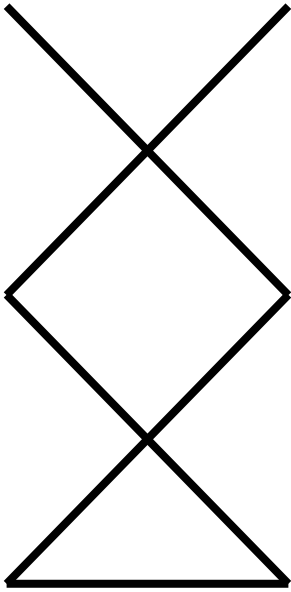
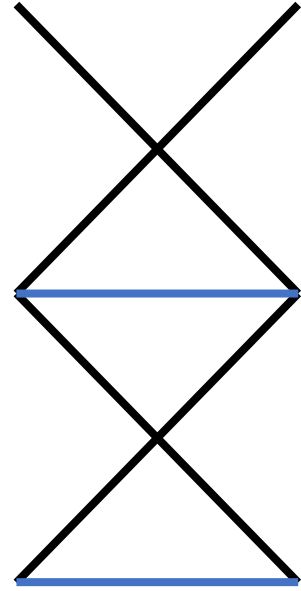
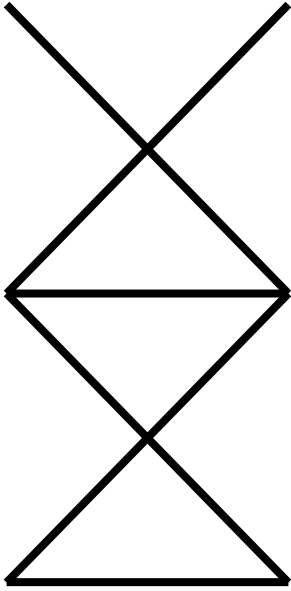


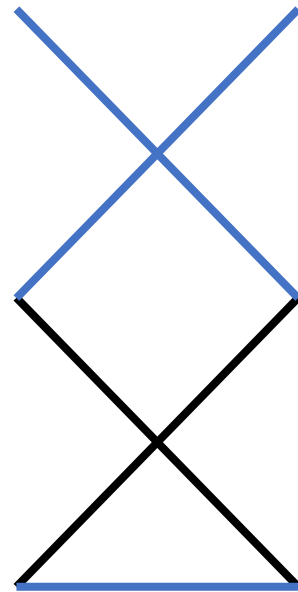
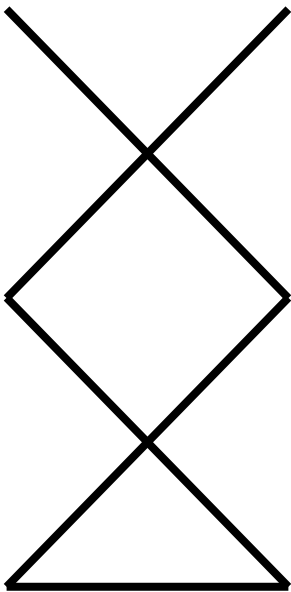
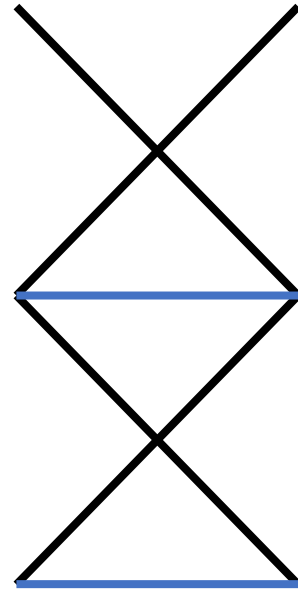
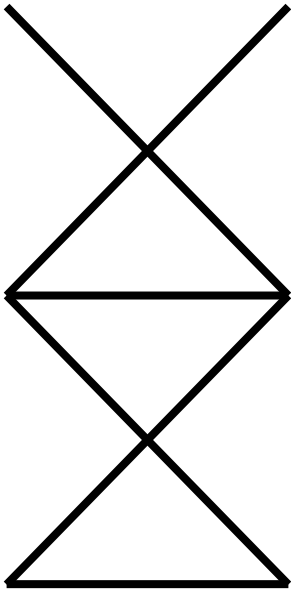


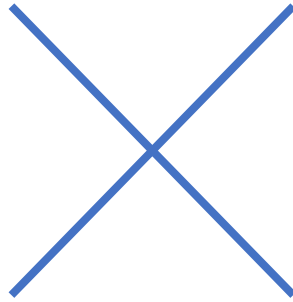
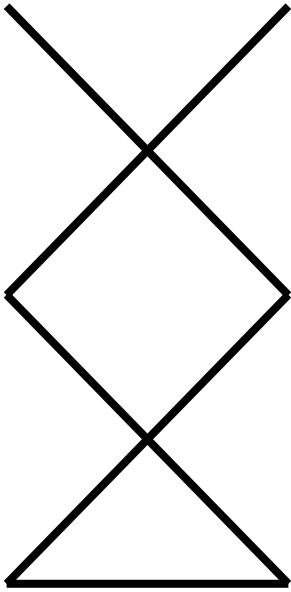
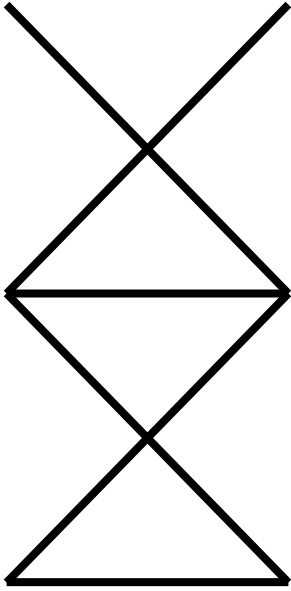


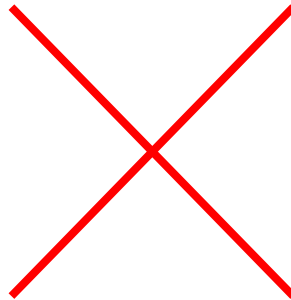
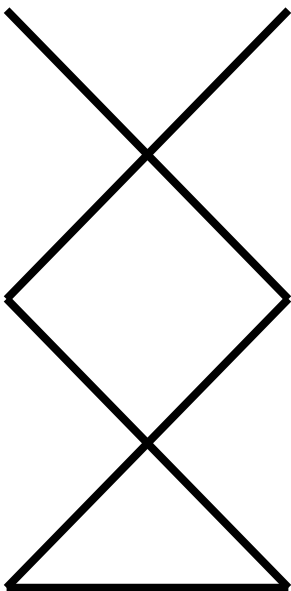
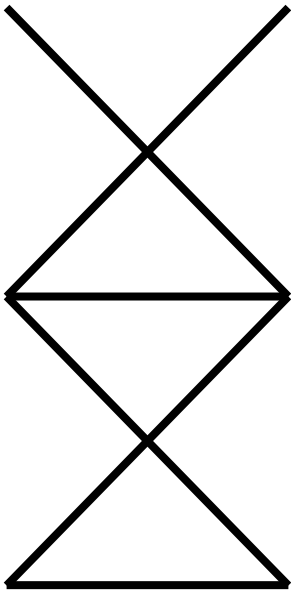






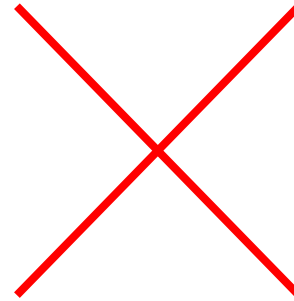






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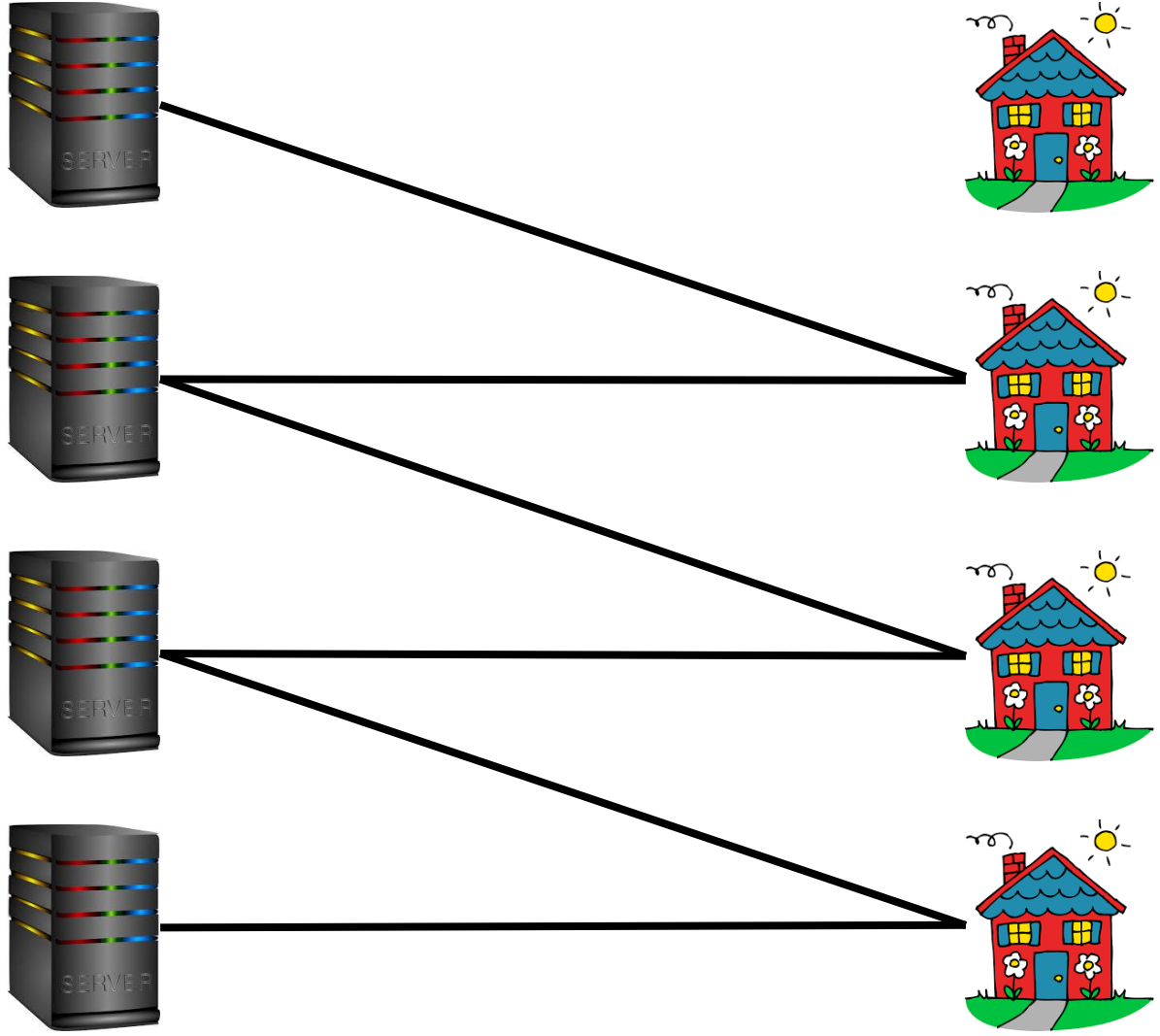
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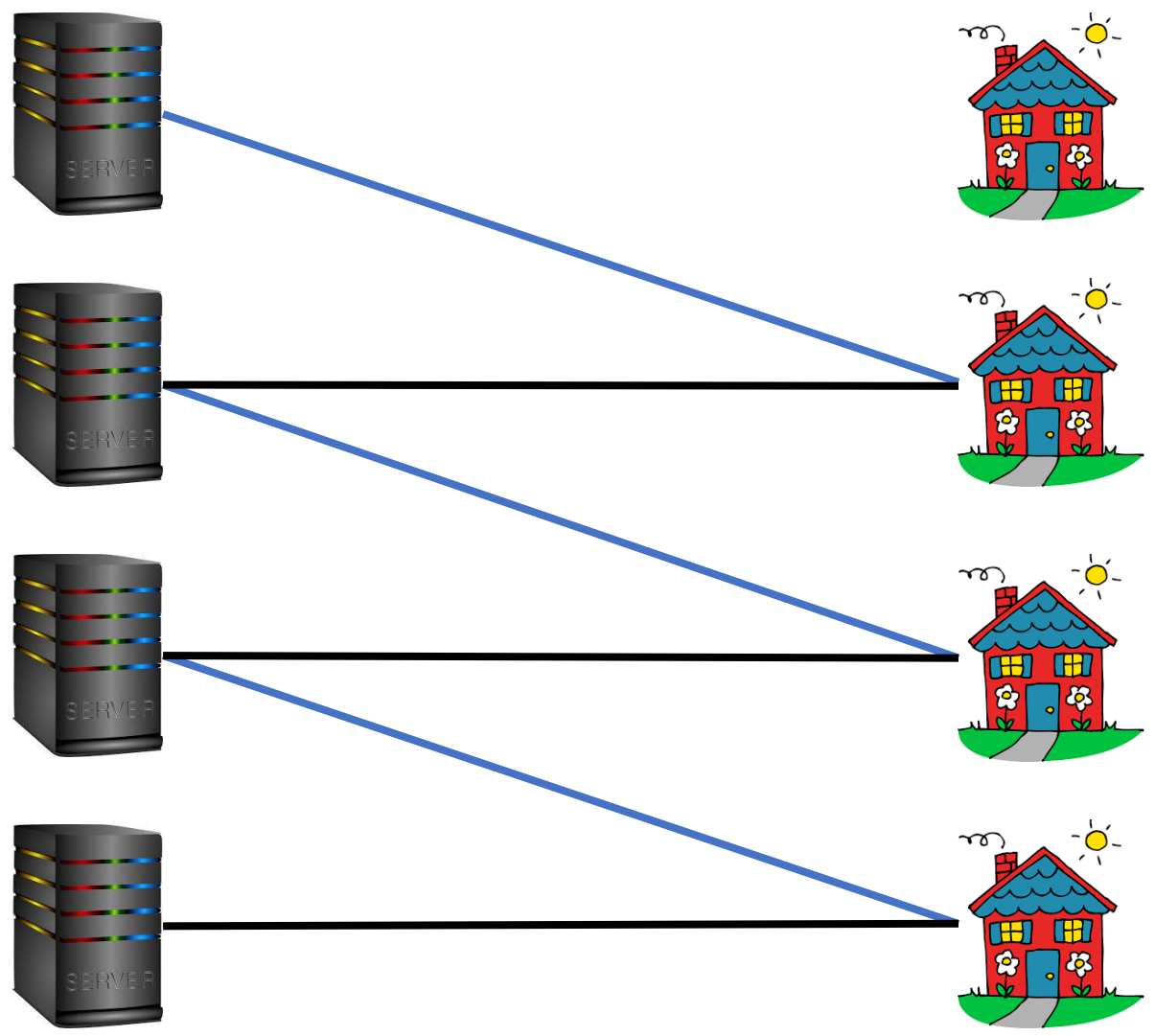
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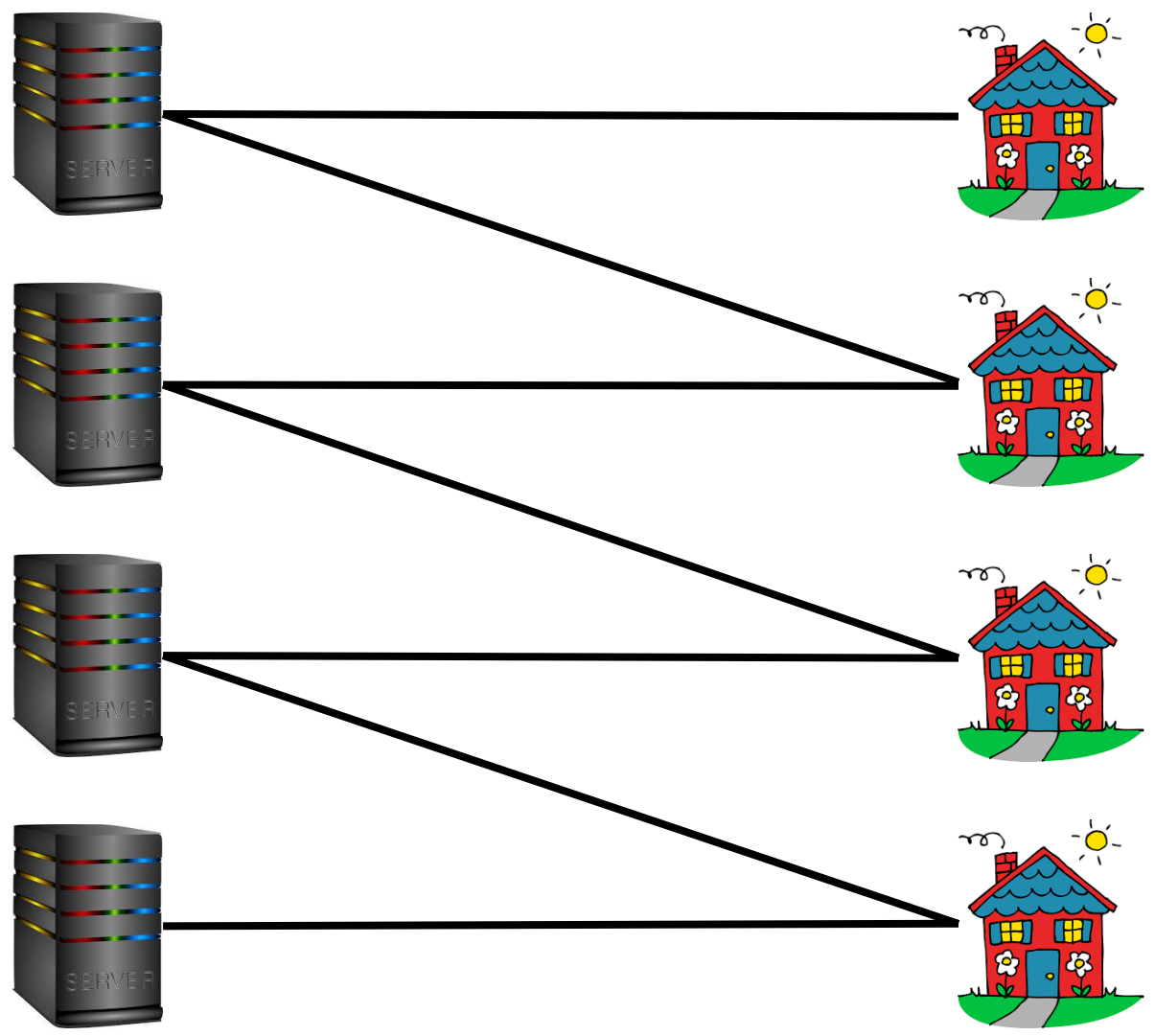
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where d_{EMD} is the Earth Mover Distance







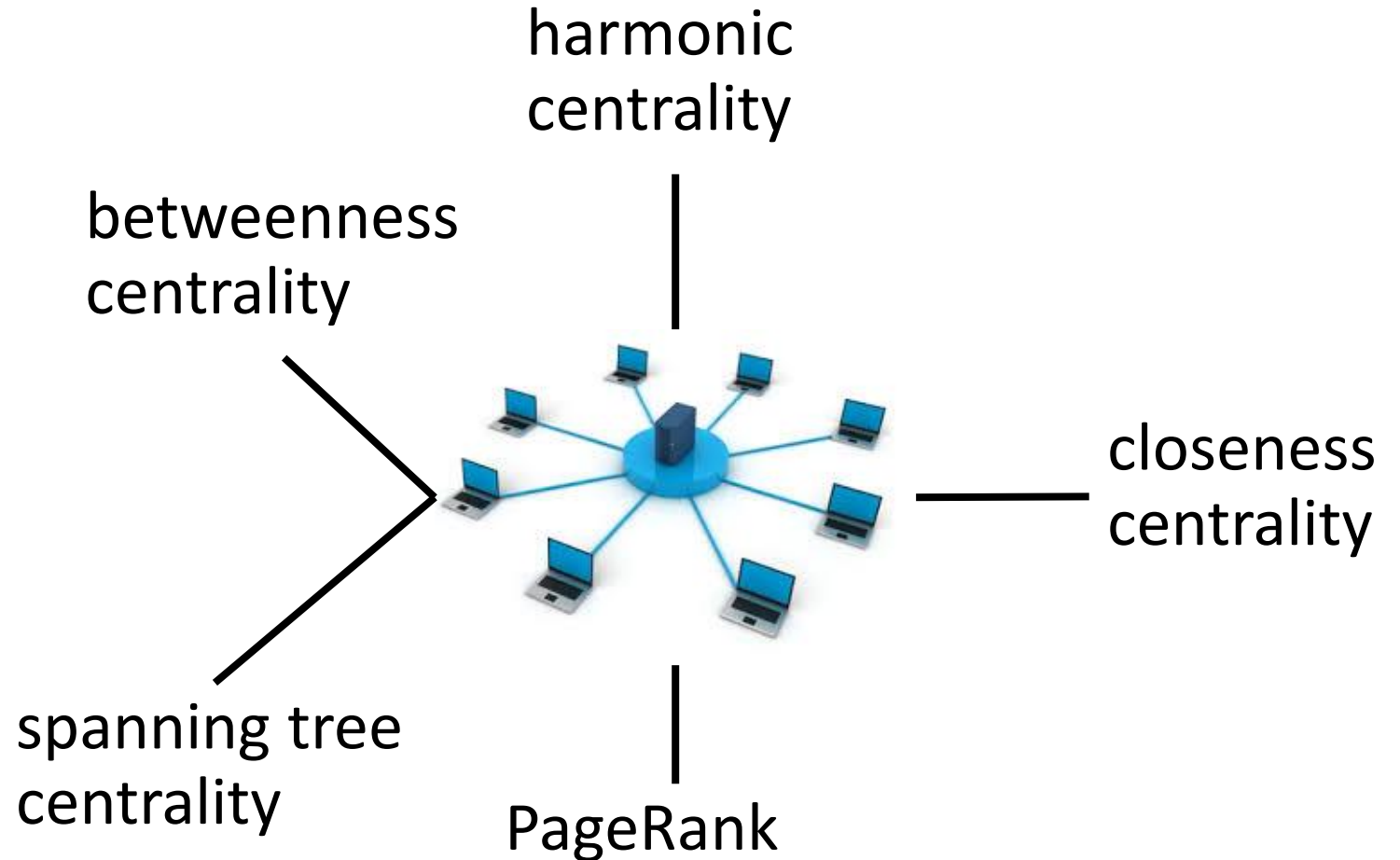






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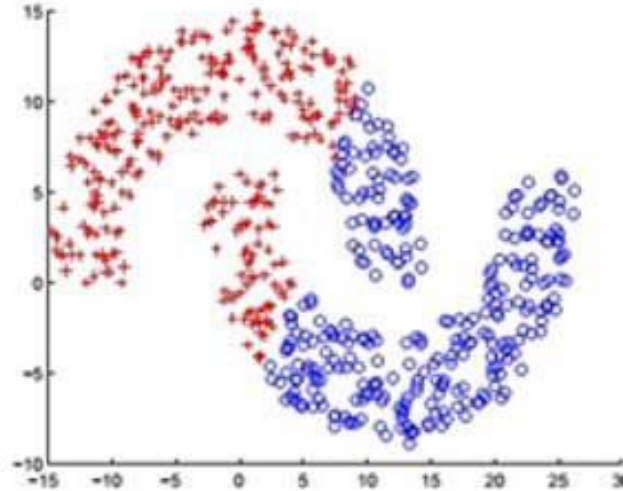
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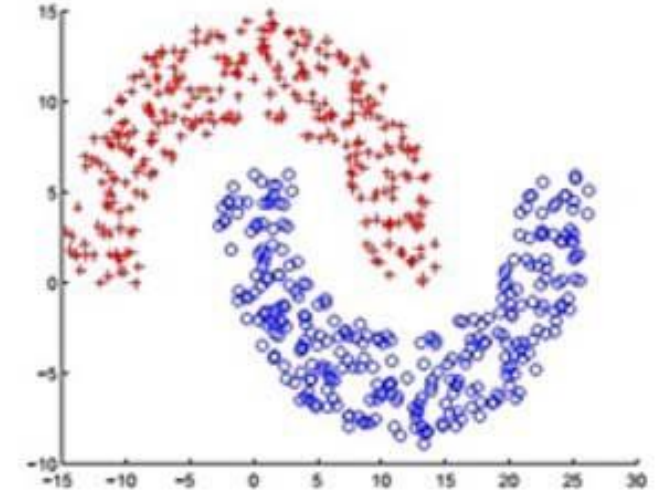
Problem	Output	Approximation Guarantee	Average Sensitivity
Minimum Spanning Forest	Edge set	1 < ∞	$O(\frac{n}{m})$ $\Omega(\frac{n}{m})$
Global Minimum Cut	Vertex set	$2 + \epsilon$ 1 < ∞	$n^{O(\frac{1}{\epsilon \text{OPT}})}$ $\Omega(n)$ $\Omega\left(\frac{n \text{OPT}}{\text{OPT}^2}\right)$
Minimum s - t Cut	Vertex set	additive $O(n^{2/3})$	$O(n^{2/3})$
Maximum Matching	Edge set	$1/2$ $1 - \epsilon$ 1	1 $\tilde{O}\left(\left(\frac{\text{OPT}}{\epsilon^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\Omega(\epsilon^2)}}\right)$ $\Omega(n)$
Minimum Vertex Cover	Vertex set	2	2
2-Coloring	Vertex set	—	$\Omega(n)$

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- ❖ Peng and Yoshida [PY20] for spectral clustering



(a) K-means



(b) Spectral Clustering

From Average Sensitivity to Worst-Case Sensitivity

- ❖ We introduce the definition of worst-case sensitivity
- ❖ For a randomized graph algorithm A on a graph G with n vertices, the average sensitivity is defined as

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Maximum Matching

- ❖ $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for maximum matching with average sensitivity $O\left(\left(\frac{OPT}{\epsilon^3}\right)^{1/(1+\Omega(\epsilon^2))}\right)$ [VY21]
- ❖ What about worst-case sensitivity? Previous example shows greedy algorithm can have sensitivity $\Omega(n)$

Maximal Matching

- ❖ First idea: Randomized greedy for maximal matching
- ❖ The “expected” deleted/added edge appears halfway through the ordering of edges
- ❖ Intuition: Either most of the edges in the matching occur early in the ordering (dense graph) OR the deleted/added edge does not affect edges in the matching (sparse graph)

Randomized greedy for maximal matching

- ❖ Let $\pi(e)$ be the rank of e in a (fixed) random permutation
- ❖ $I_\pi(e) :=$ Neighbors of e with smaller rank than e
- ❖ e is in the maximal matching M iff no edges of $I_\pi(e)$ are in M
- ❖ Consider the set S of edges that must be modified to maintain the invariant if e is moved to the beginning of π
- ❖ Unless $\pi(e) = \min \pi(S)$, then no edges need to be modified
- ❖ $\pi(e) = \min \pi(S)$ with probability $\frac{1}{|S|}$
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Randomized greedy for maximal matching

- ❖ Let π be the rank of e (fixed) permutation
- ❖ $I_\pi(e) := \text{Number of edges with rank less than } \pi(e)$
- ❖ $I_\pi(e) = \sum_{e' \in E, \pi(e') < \pi(e)} \mathbb{1}_{e' \text{ is not matched}}$
- ❖ Consider randomized greedy algorithm to maintain the invariant
- ❖ Unless $\pi(e) = 1$, edge e is modified
- ❖ $\pi(e) = \min_{S \ni e} \pi(e)$ with probability $\frac{1}{|S|}$
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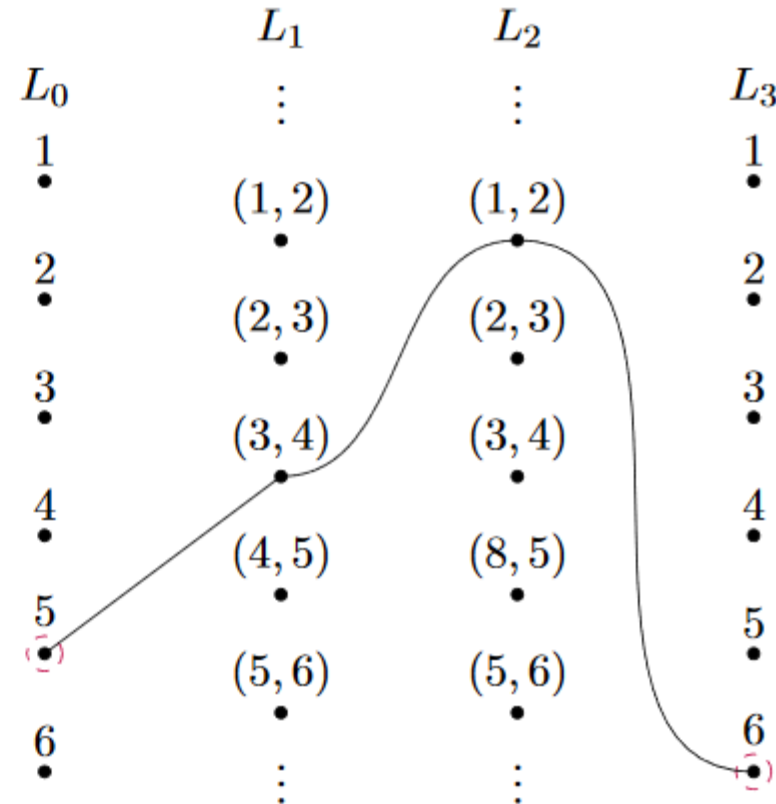
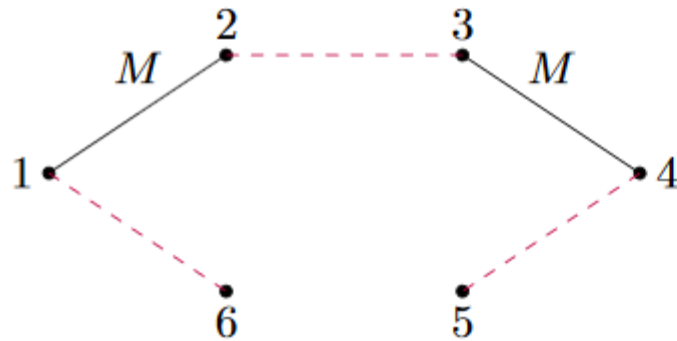
Similar idea used for maximal independent set in the dynamic distributed setting [CHK16]

Step 1: Maximal Matching

- ❖ First idea: Randomized greedy for maximal matching with worst-case sensitivity $O(1)$
- ❖ From maximal matching to $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for maximum matching?
- ❖ Modify the layered graph in the multi-pass streaming algorithm of McGregor [M05]

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- ❖ Samples roughly $K = \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{2^{O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)}}$ augmenting paths
- ❖ Worst-case sensitivity $O(3^K) = O_{\epsilon}(1)$
- ❖ Runtime: $O((n + m)K)$

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Deterministic Algorithm

- ❖ Ingredient #1: Deterministic local computation algorithm (LCA) by Cole and Vishkin for 6^Δ -coloring of a graph with degree Δ using $O(\Delta \log^* n)$ queries [CV86]
- ❖ Partitions the graph into forests and assigns each node a color based on the LSB that differs between the node ID and its parent ID
- ❖ Fact #1: Deterministic LCA only queries vertices within distance $O(\log^* n)$

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- ❖ Ingredient #2: Framework by Parnas and Ron [PR07] that simulates local distributed algorithms using deterministic LCA using $\Delta^{O(c)}$ probes
- ❖ Iterate through colors and add each edge to maximal matching M if no adjacent edge is already in M
- ❖ Fact #2: Framework only queries vertices within distance $O(6^\Delta)$

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- ❖ Fact #1: Deterministic LCA only queries vertices within distance $O(\log^* n)$
- ❖ Fact #2: Framework only queries vertices within distance $O(6^\Delta)$
- ❖ Sensitivity analysis: At most $O(\Delta^{6^\Delta} + \log^* n)$ queries in the LCA can be affected by a single deletion/addition

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Our Results (2)

- ❖ Theorem: Any deterministic constant-factor approximation algorithm for the maximum matching problem has worst-case edge sensitivity $\Omega(\log^* n)$.
- ❖ Theorem: For a graph with edge weights bounded by $W = \text{poly}(n)$ and a trade-off parameter α , there exists an algorithm that outputs a 4α -approximation to the maximum weighted matching in $O(m \log_\alpha n)$ time. For $\alpha = 2$, the algorithm has weighted sensitivity $O(W \log n)$ and normalized weighted sensitivity $O(\log n)$. For $\alpha > 2$, the algorithm has weighted sensitivity $O(W)$ and normalized weighted sensitivity $O(1)$.

Future Directions

- ❖ Worst-case analysis of monotone submodular maximization by McMeel and Yoshida [MY20]
- ❖ Worst-case (normalized) weighted sensitivity for other graph problems?
- ❖ Constant factor approximation algorithm for maximum weighted matching with “low” worst-case sensitivity?
- ❖ Can we get $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for maximum weighted matching with “low” worst-case (normalized) weighted sensitivity?

