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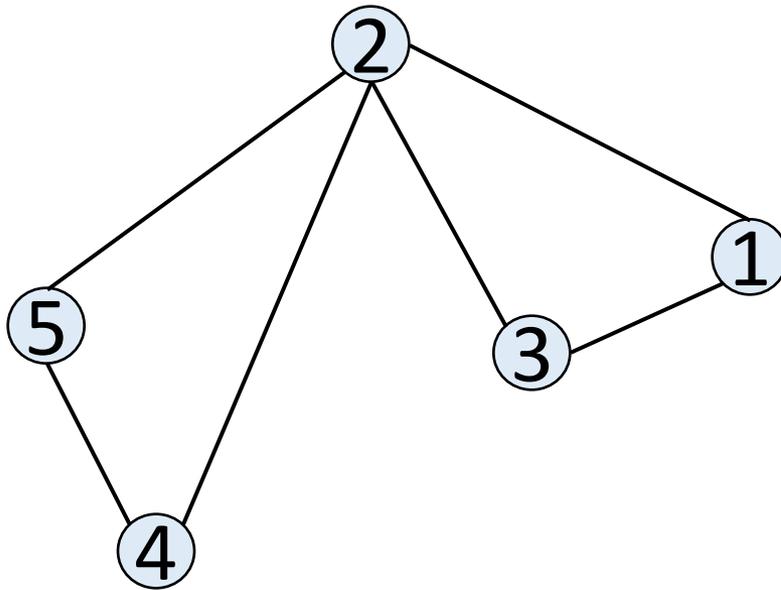
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Graph G of n nodes



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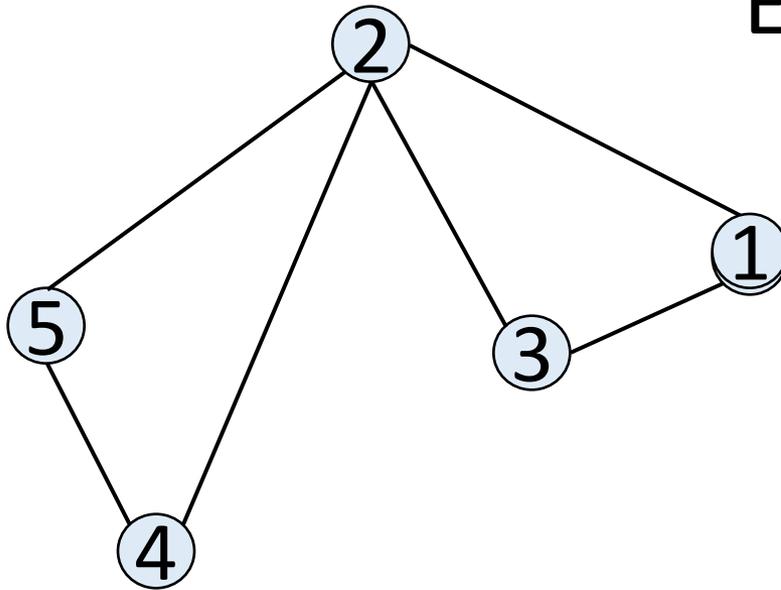
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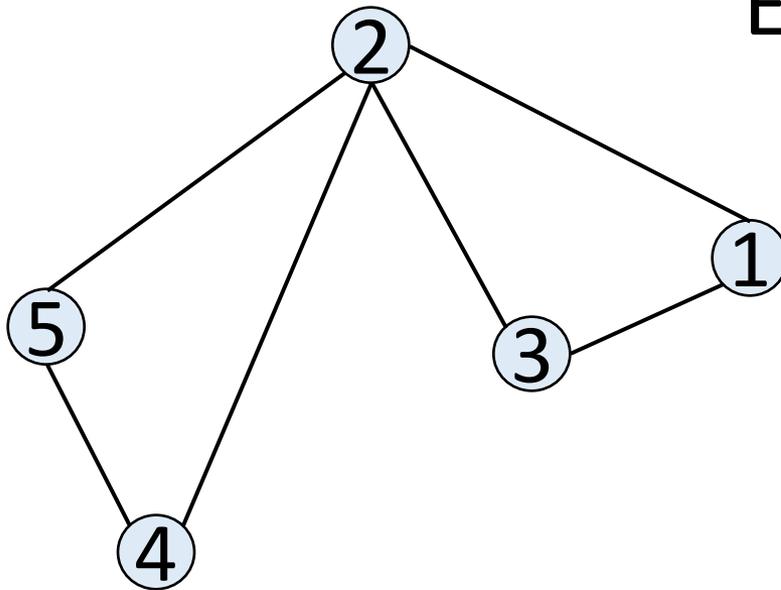


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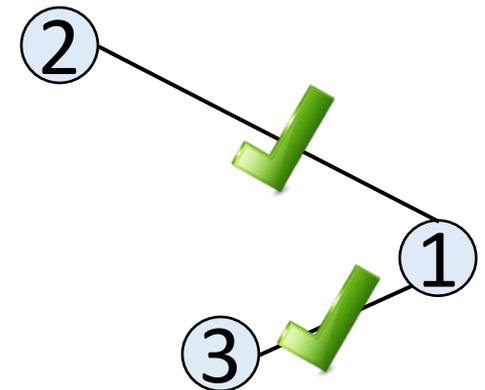
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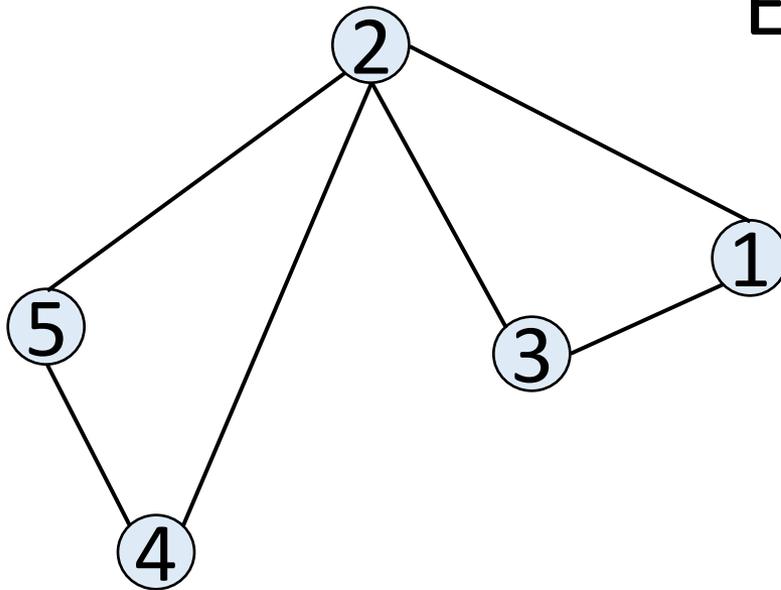
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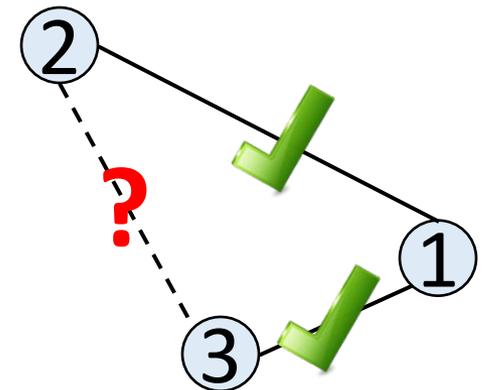
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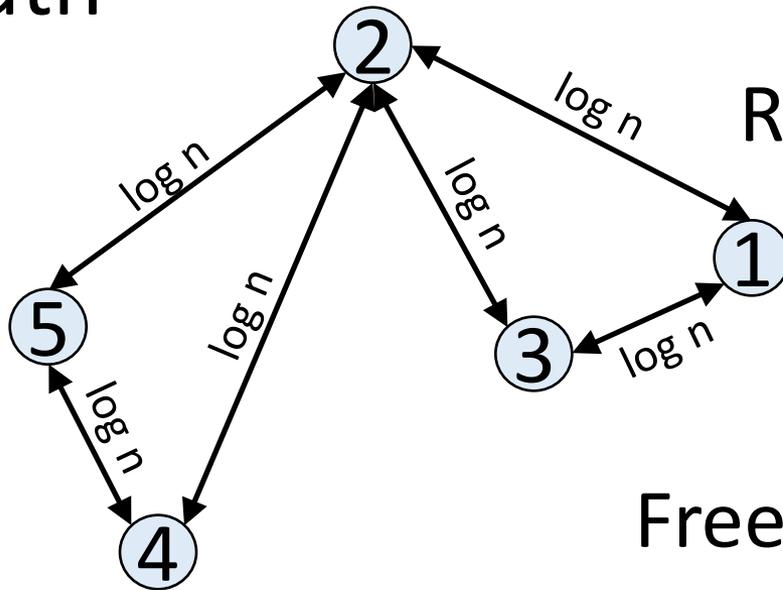
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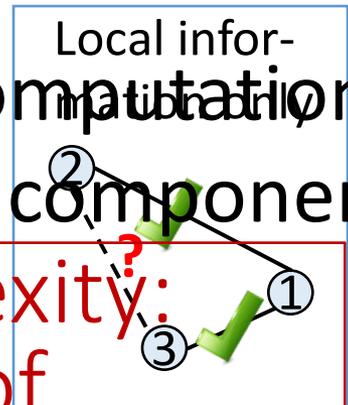
Limited
bandwidth



Synchronized rounds
Reliable communication
No faults/crashes

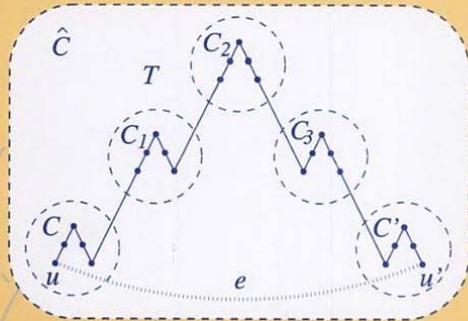
Free internal computations
Graph is one connected component

Time complexity:
number of
communication rounds



DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING

A Locality-Sensitive Approach



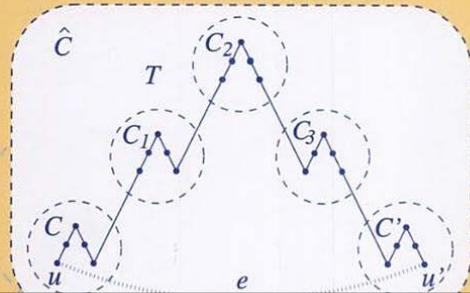
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measuring the distance between u and w looking at G as an unweighted graph, i.e., it is the minimum number of hops necessary to get from u to w .

1. Formal definition?

Throughout, we denote $\Lambda = \lceil \log \text{Diam}(G) \rceil$.

In a weighted graph G , let $\text{Diam}^{\text{unw}}(G)$ denote the unweighted **diameter** of G , i.e., the maximum unweighted distance between any two vertices of G .

Definition 2.1.2 [Radius and center]: For a vertex $v \in V$, let $\text{Rad}(v, G)$ denote the distance from v to the vertex farthest away from it in the graph G :

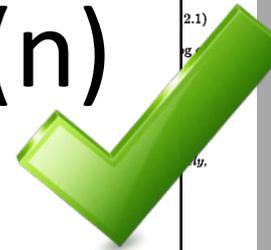
$$\text{Rad}(v, G) = \max_{w \in V} \{\text{dist}_G(v, w)\}.$$

Let $\text{Rad}(G)$ denote the radius of the network, i.e.,

$$\text{Rad}(G) = \min_{v \in V} \{\text{Rad}(v, G)\}.$$

A center of G is any vertex v realizing the radius of G (i.e., such that $\text{Rad}(v, G) = \text{Rad}(G)$). In order to simplify some of the following definitions, we avoid problems arising from 0-diameter or 0-radius graphs, by defining $\text{Rad}(G) = \text{Diam}(G) = 1$ for the single-vertex graph $G = (\{v\}, \emptyset)$.

Complexity of computing D ? $\Theta(n)$



First part of talk:

$O(n)$
[PODC 2012]

Even if $D = 3$
 $\Omega(n)$
 [SODA 2012]

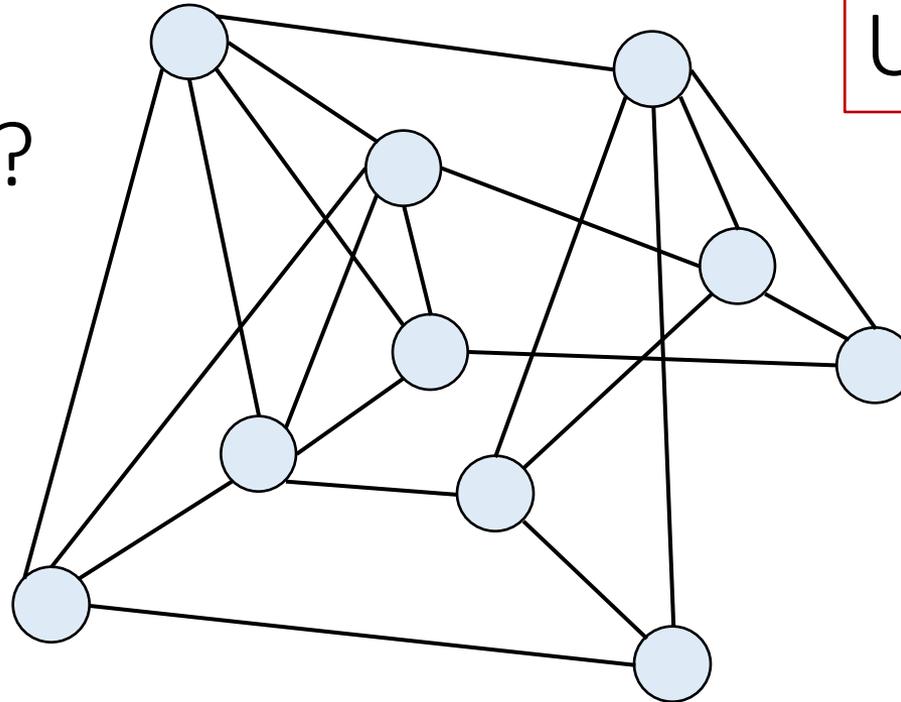
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Diameter of a network

Diameter of
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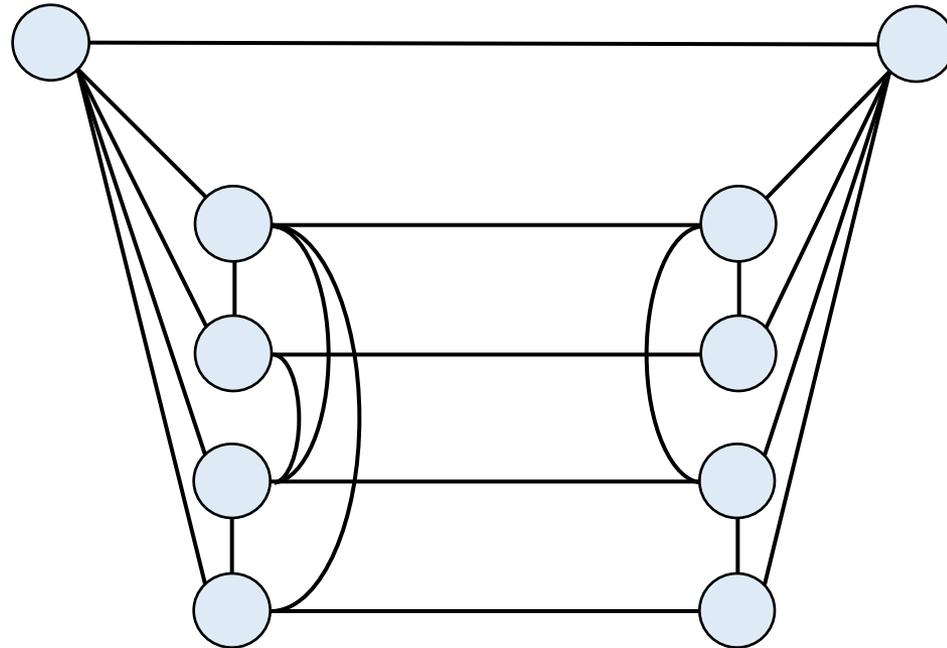


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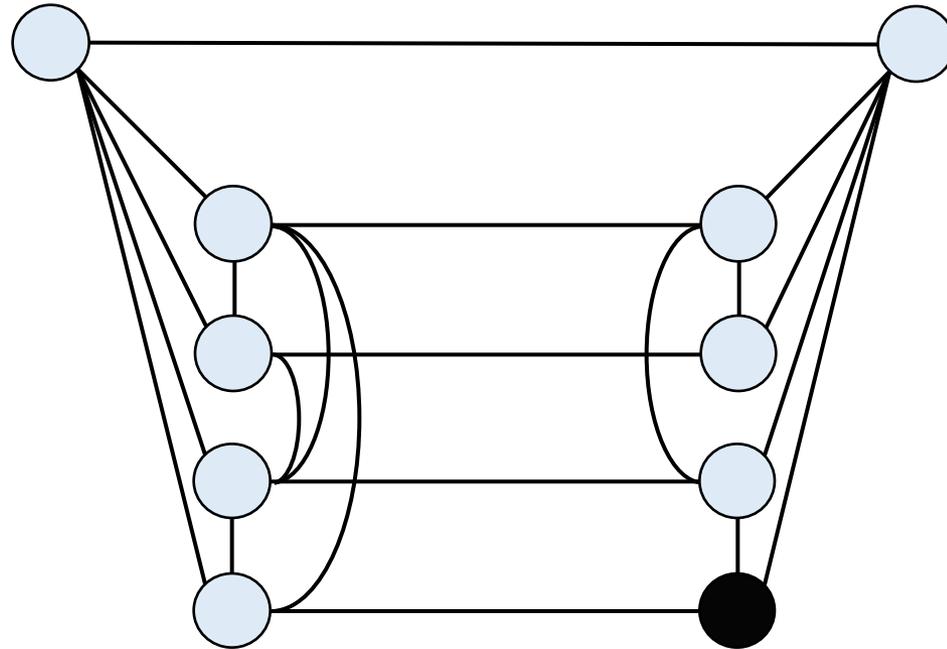
- **Distance** between two nodes = Number of hops of shortest path
- **Diameter** of network = Maximum distance, between any two nodes

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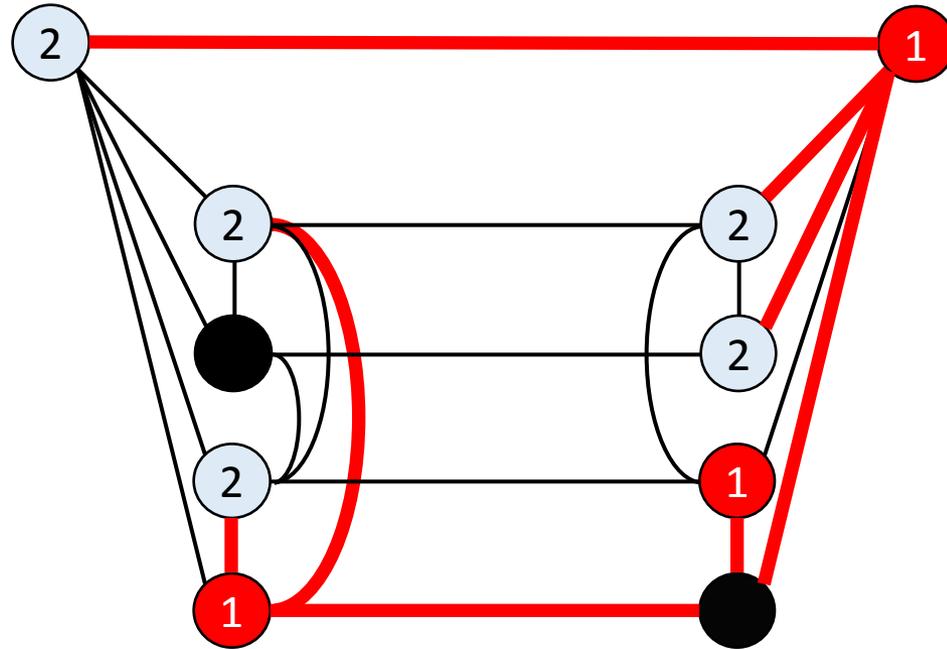
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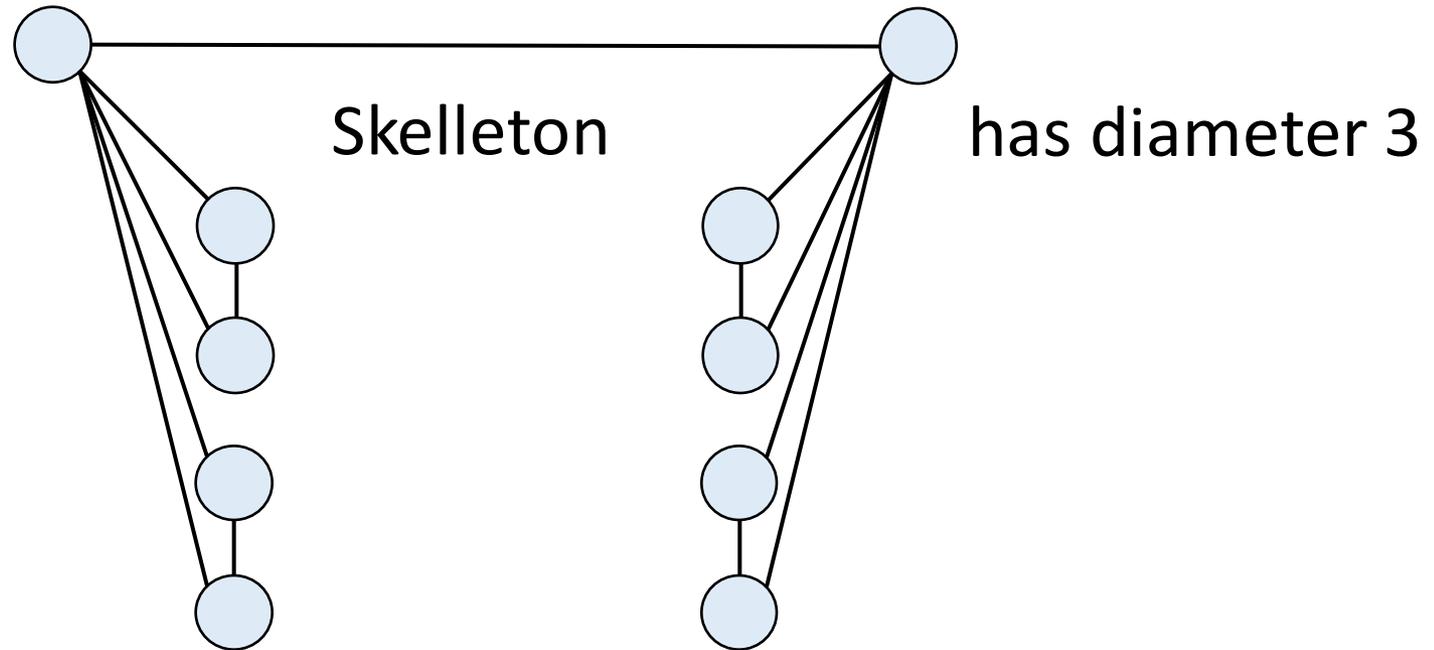
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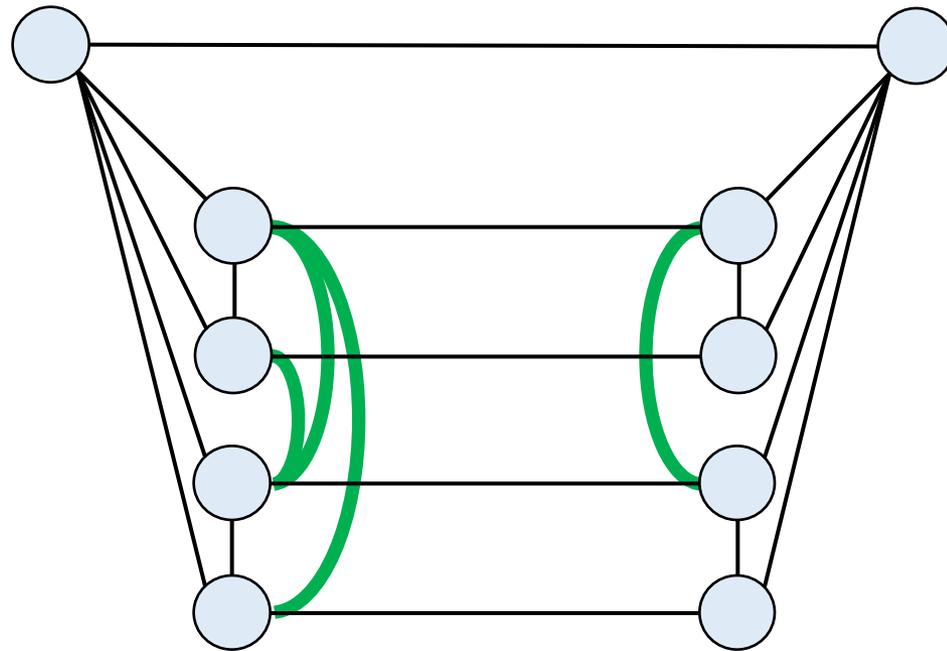
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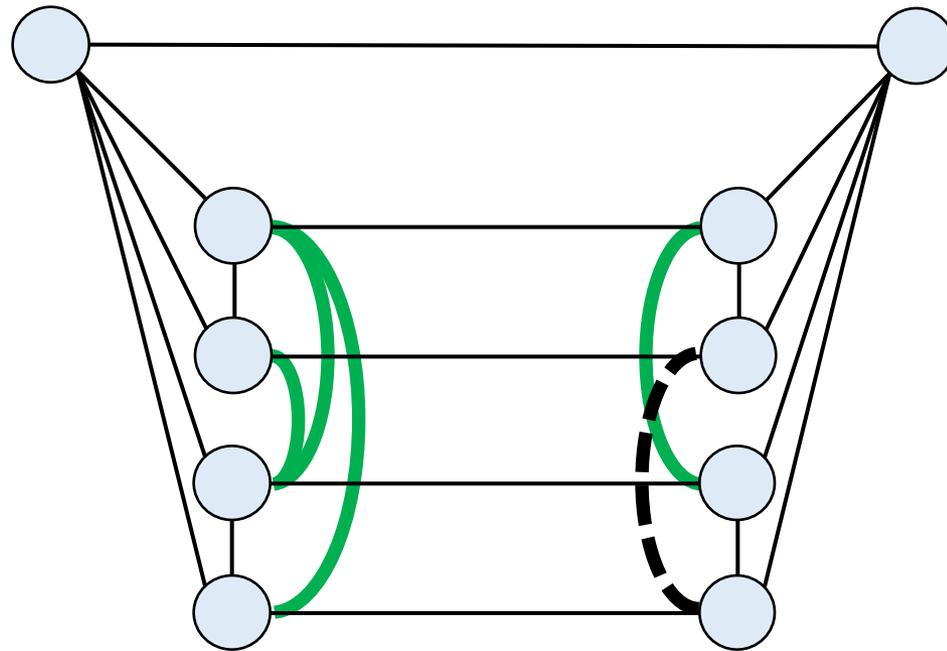


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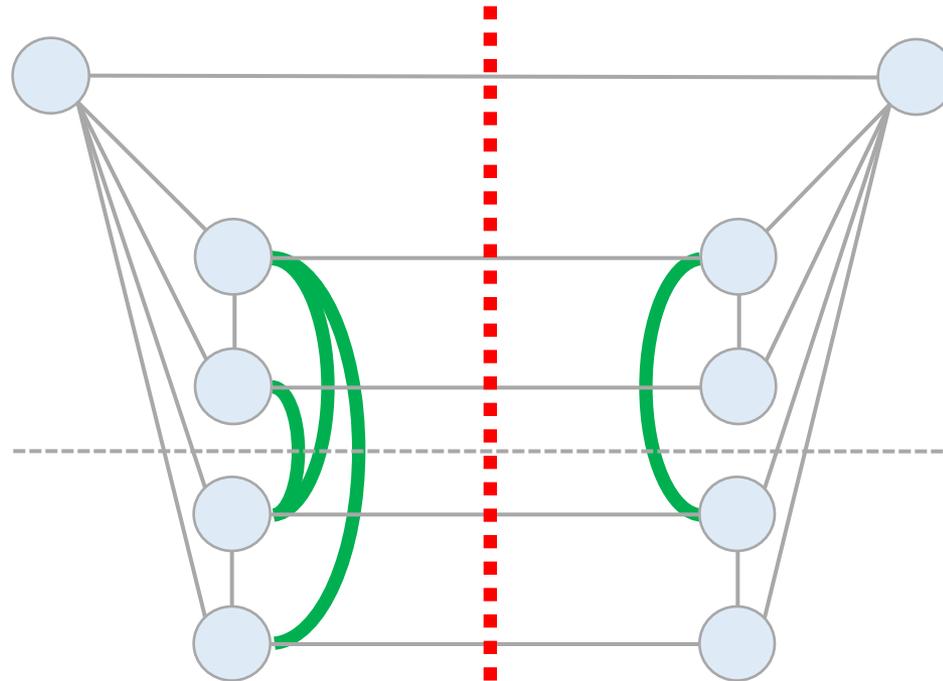


has diameter ~~3~~
2?

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$D = 2$ or 3 ?

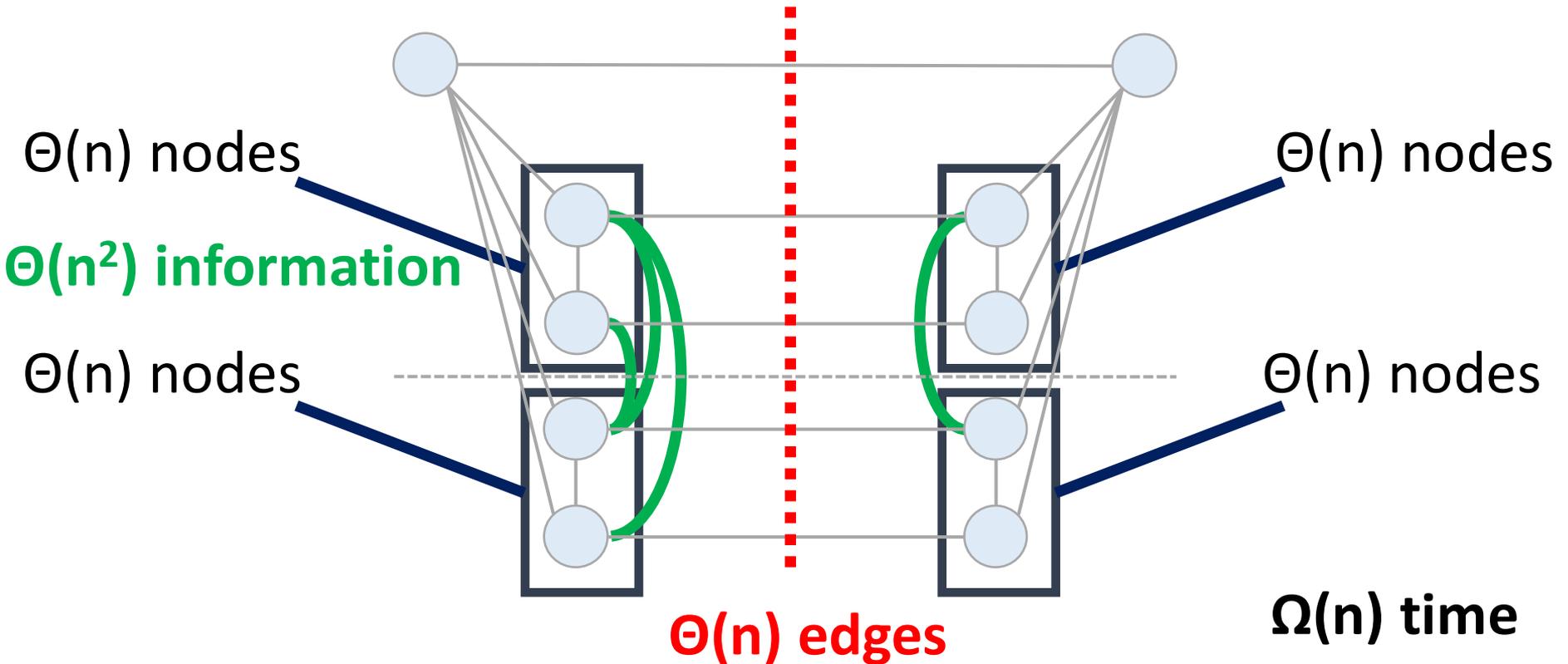
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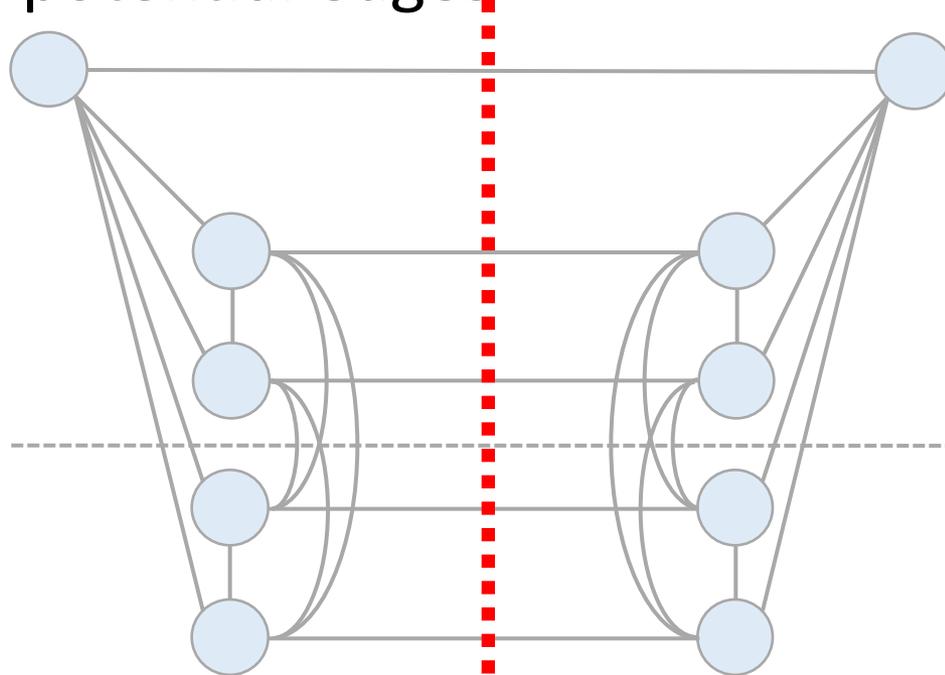
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Now: slightly more details

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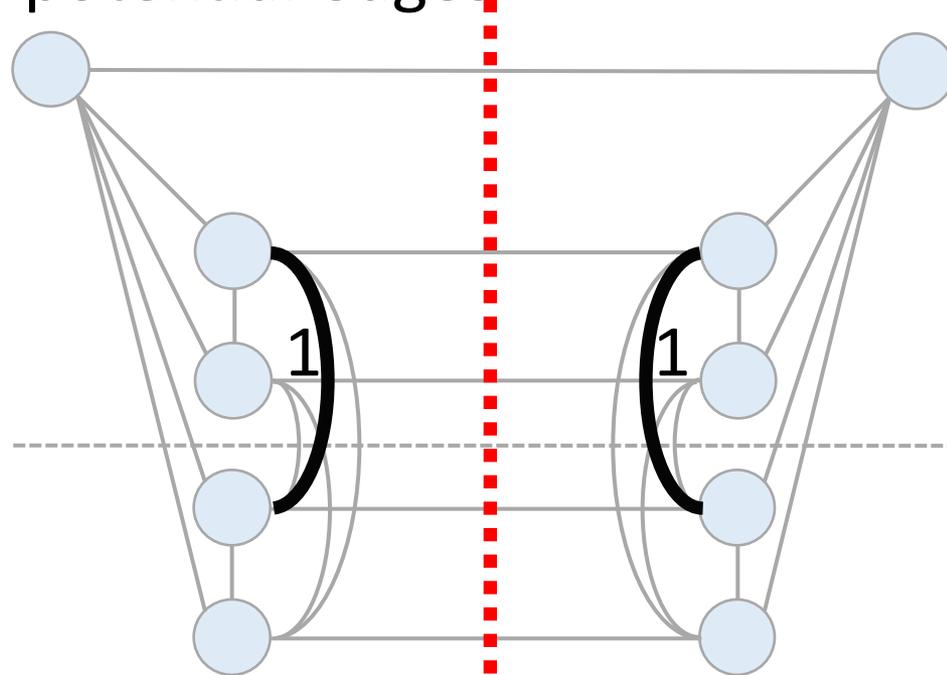
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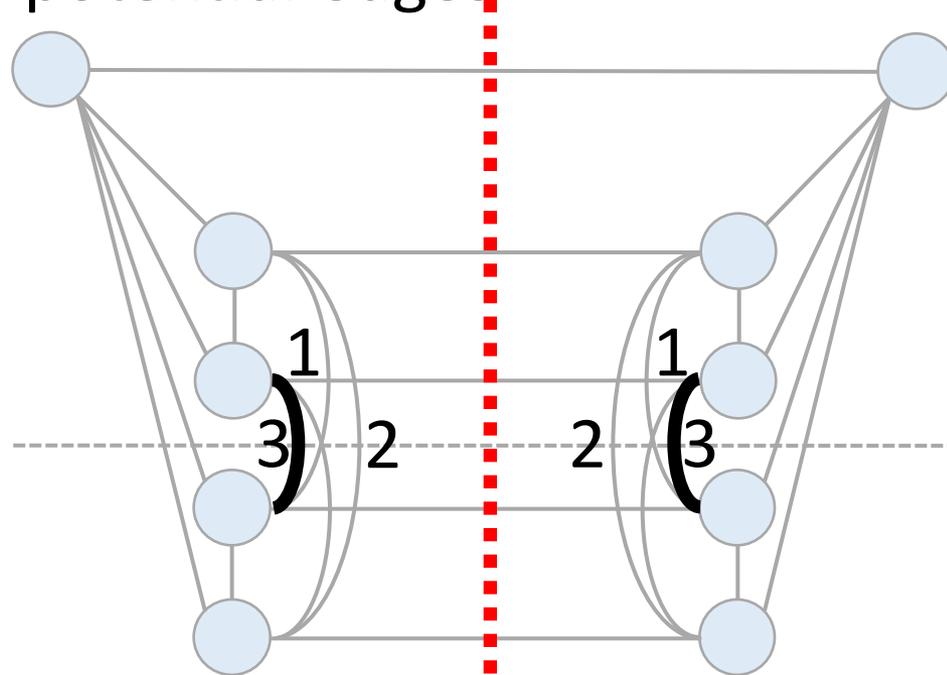
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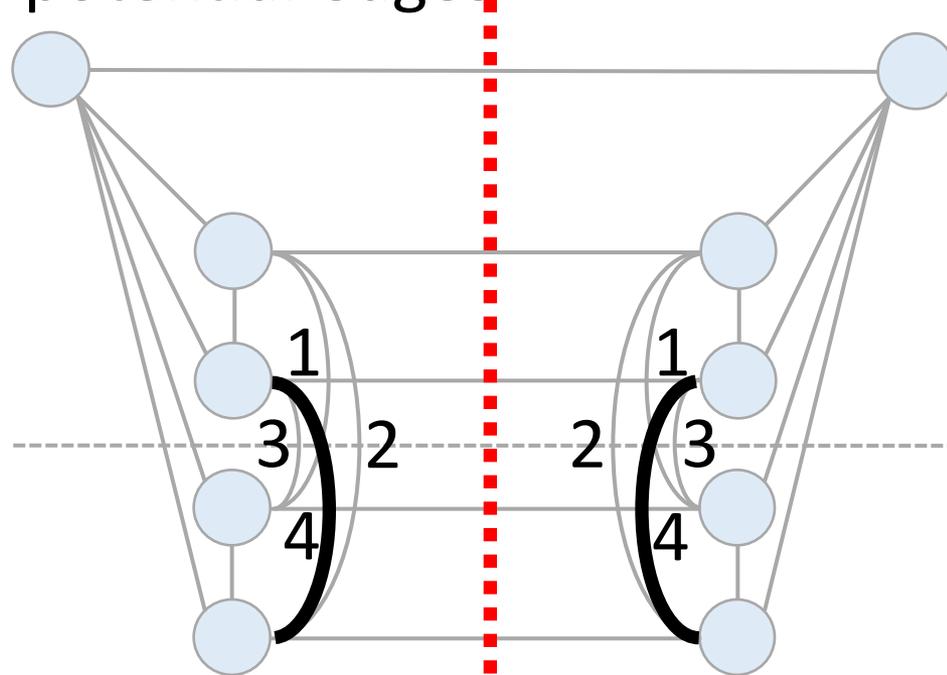
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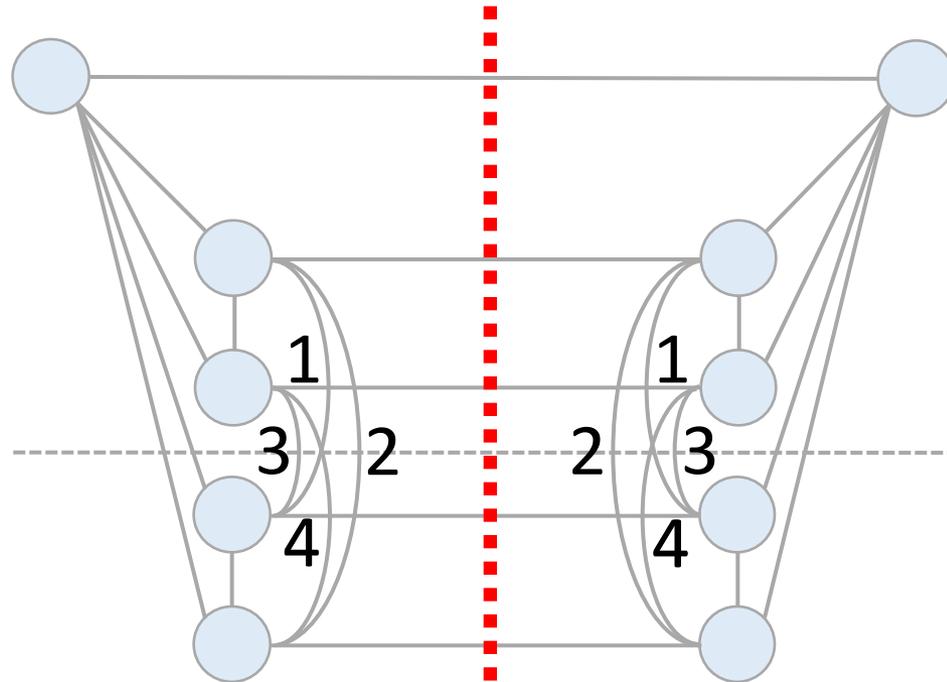
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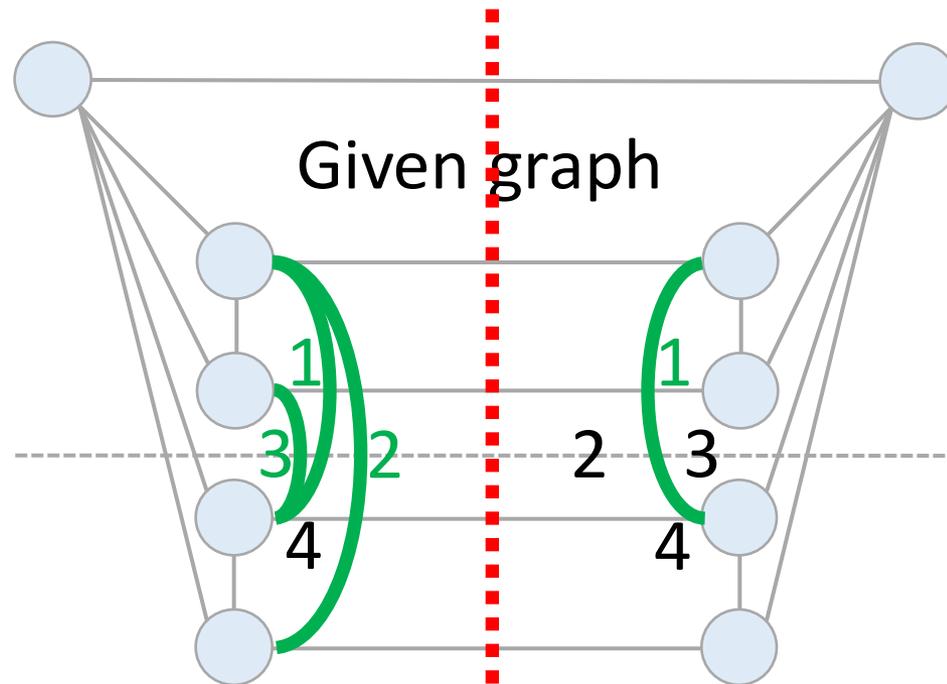
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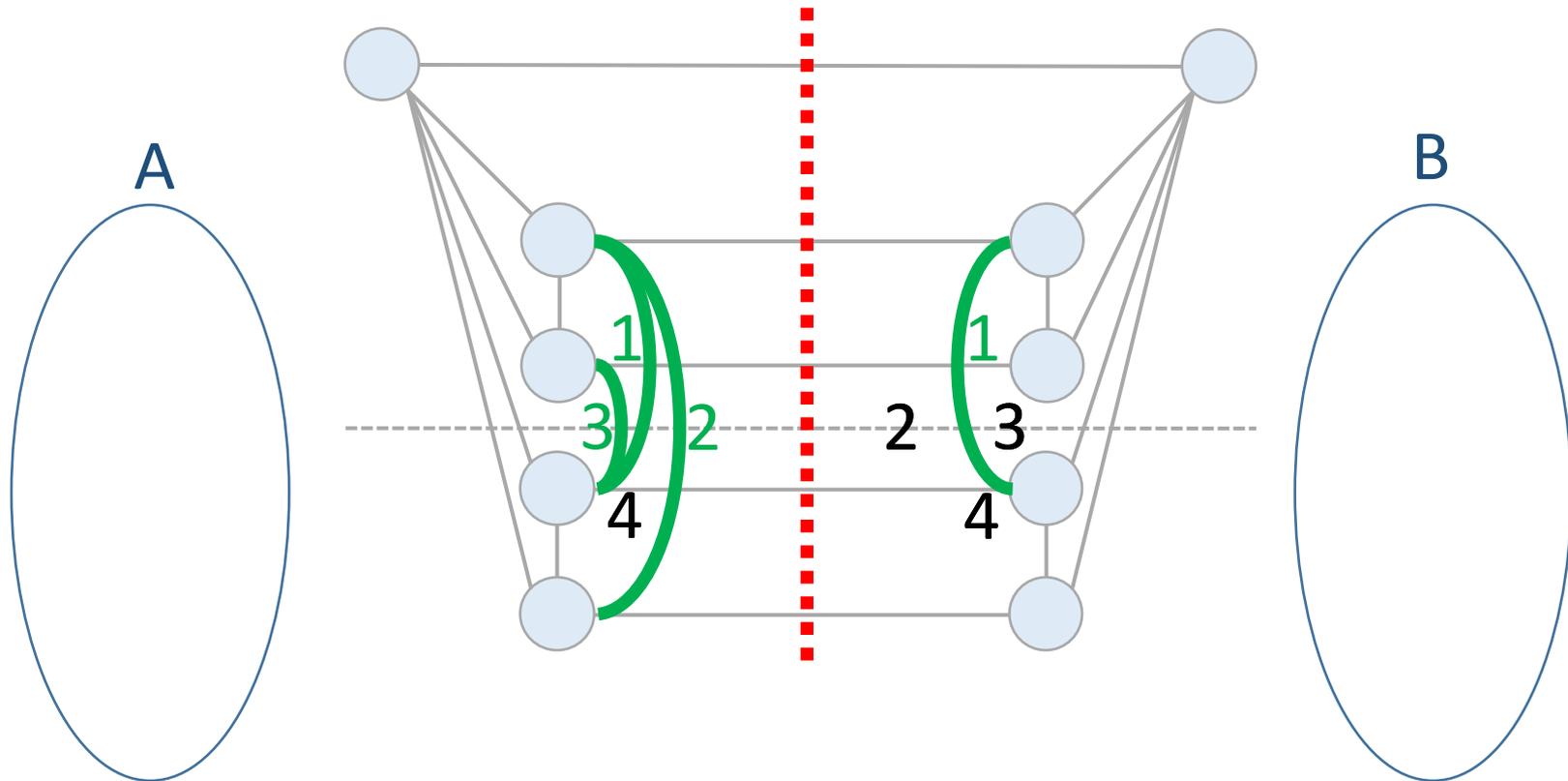
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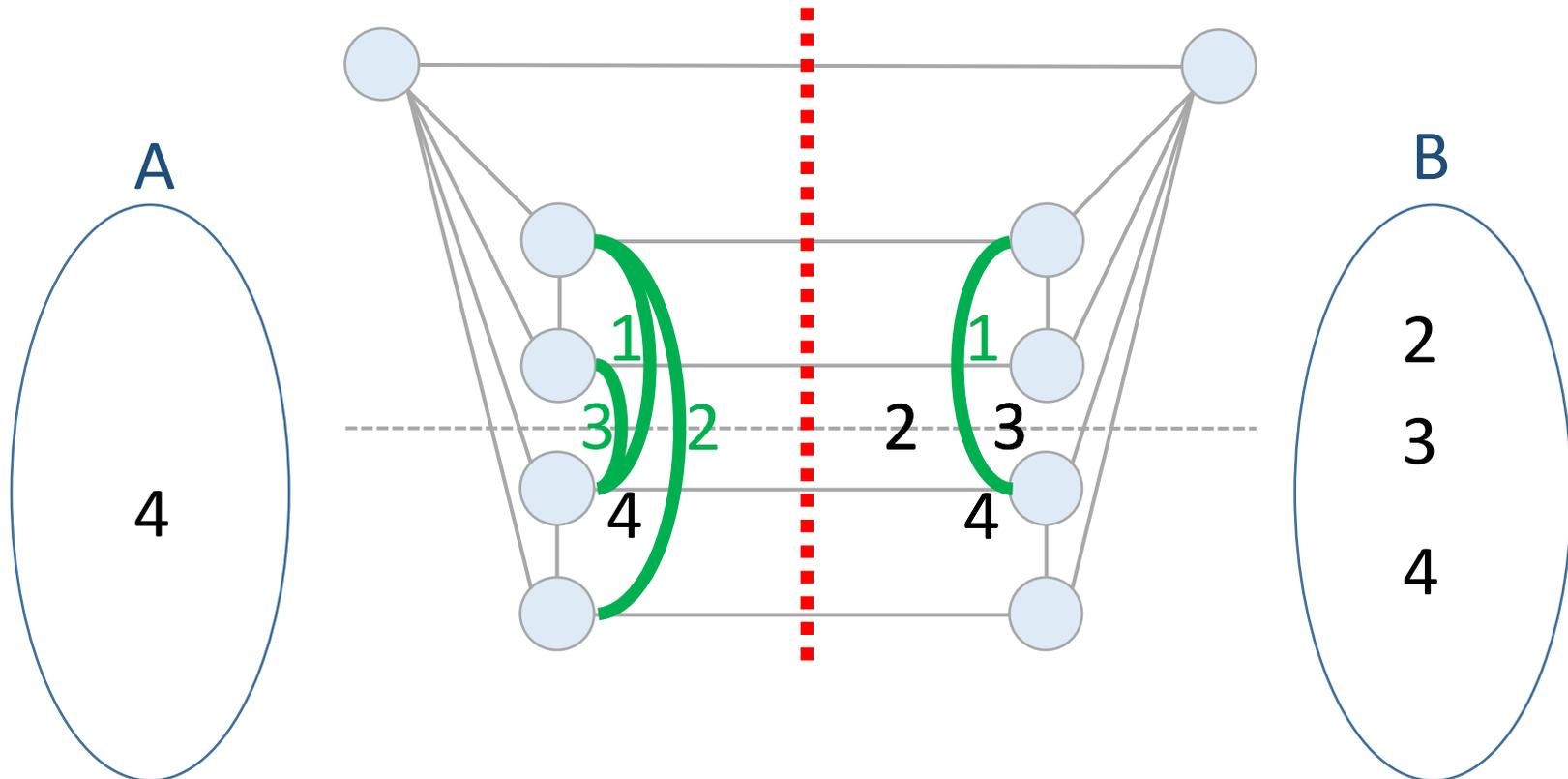
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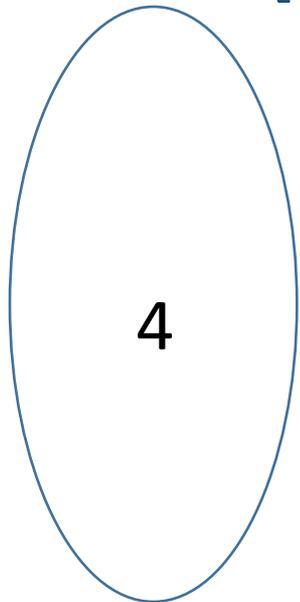
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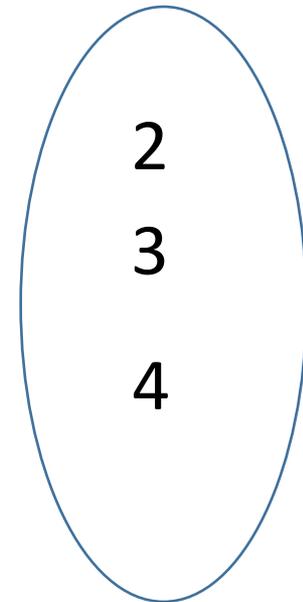
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“A and B not disjoint?”

$A \subseteq [n^2]$



$B \subseteq [n^2]$



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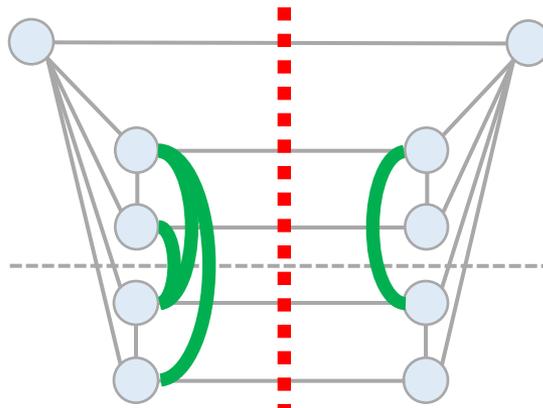
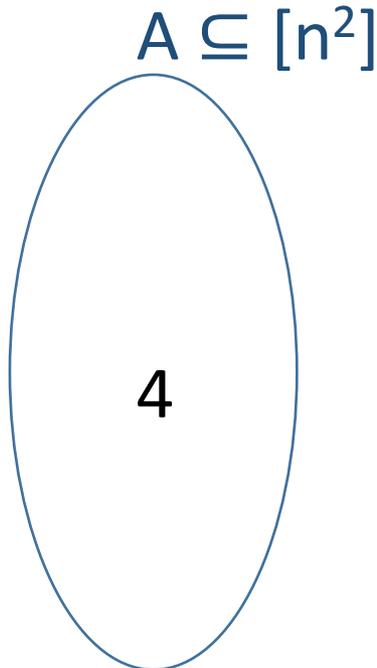
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Communication Complexity

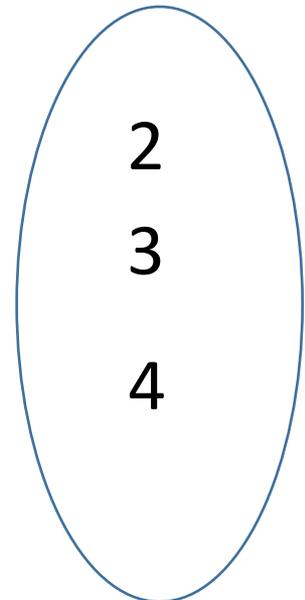
randomized: $\Omega(n^2)$ bits



$\Theta(n)$ edges

$\Omega(n)$ time

$B \subseteq [n^2]$



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Abboud, Censor-Hillel, Khoury - DISC 2016:
Even in sparse / constant degree graphs!

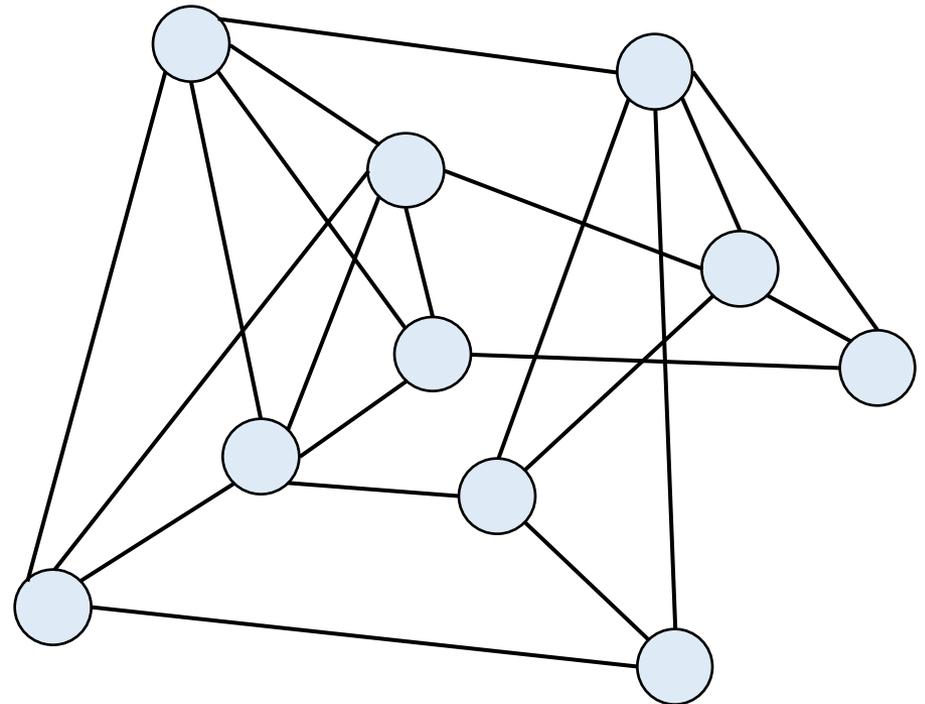
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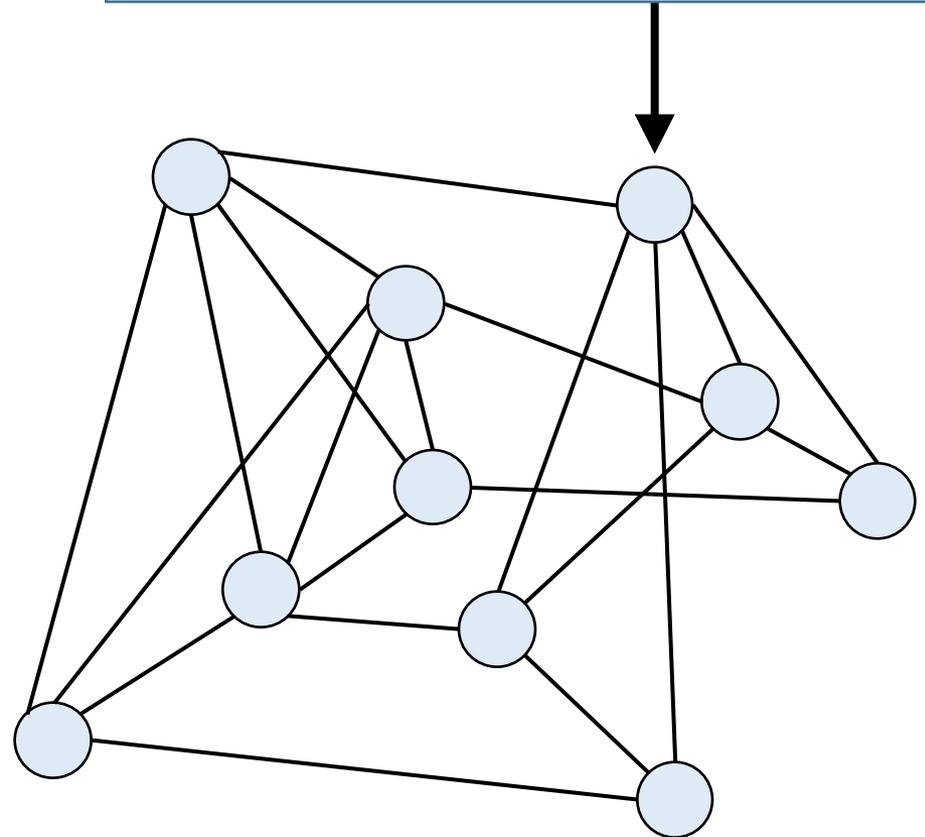
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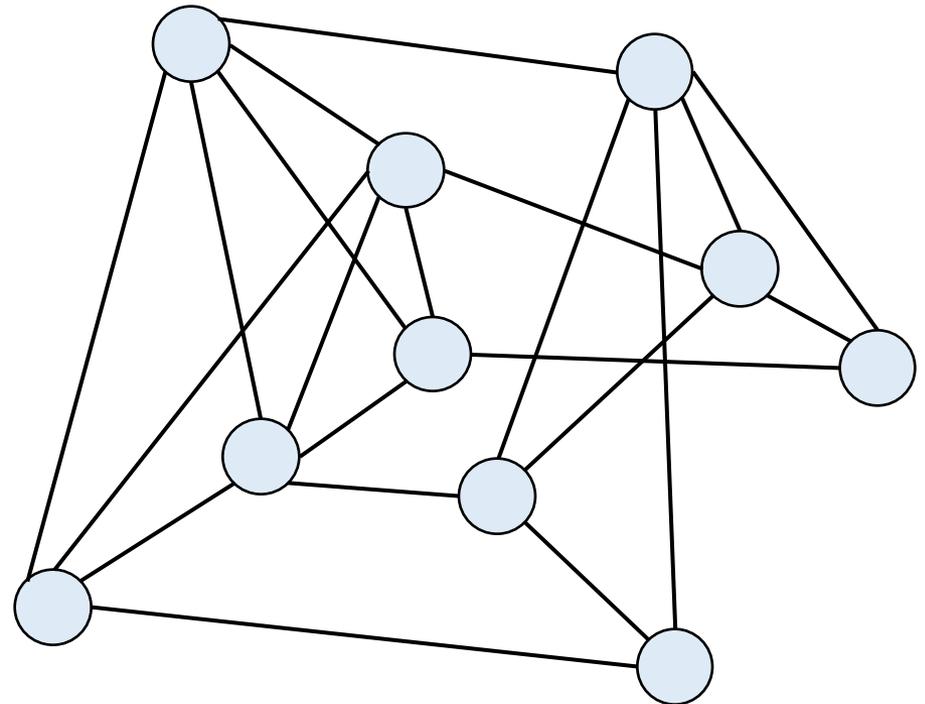
Compute All Pairs Shortest Paths

Knows its distance
to all other nodes



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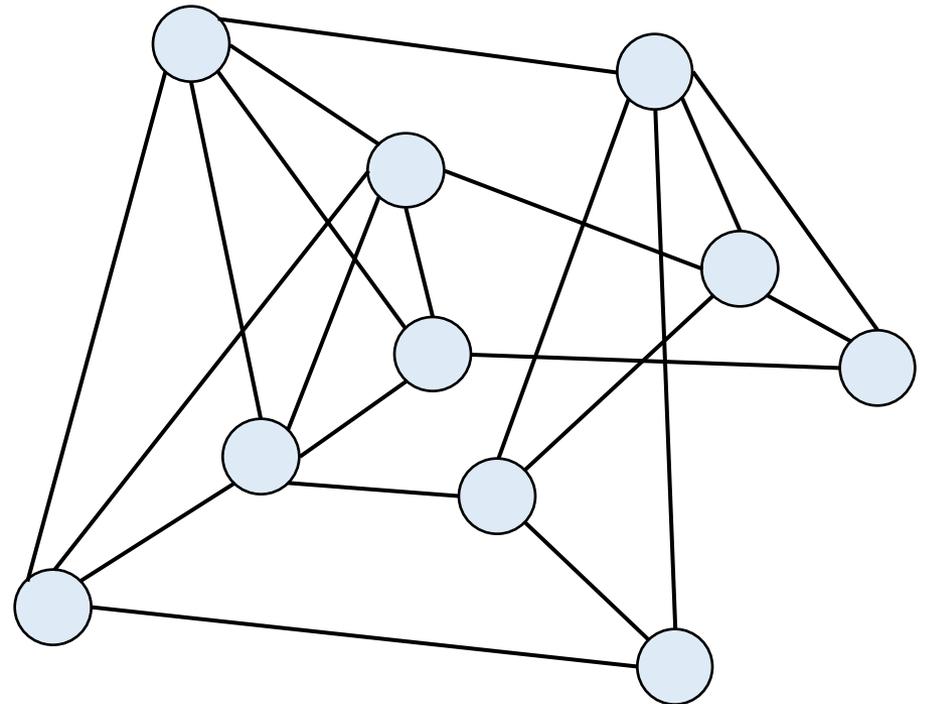
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For each node {

 compute distances to all other nodes;

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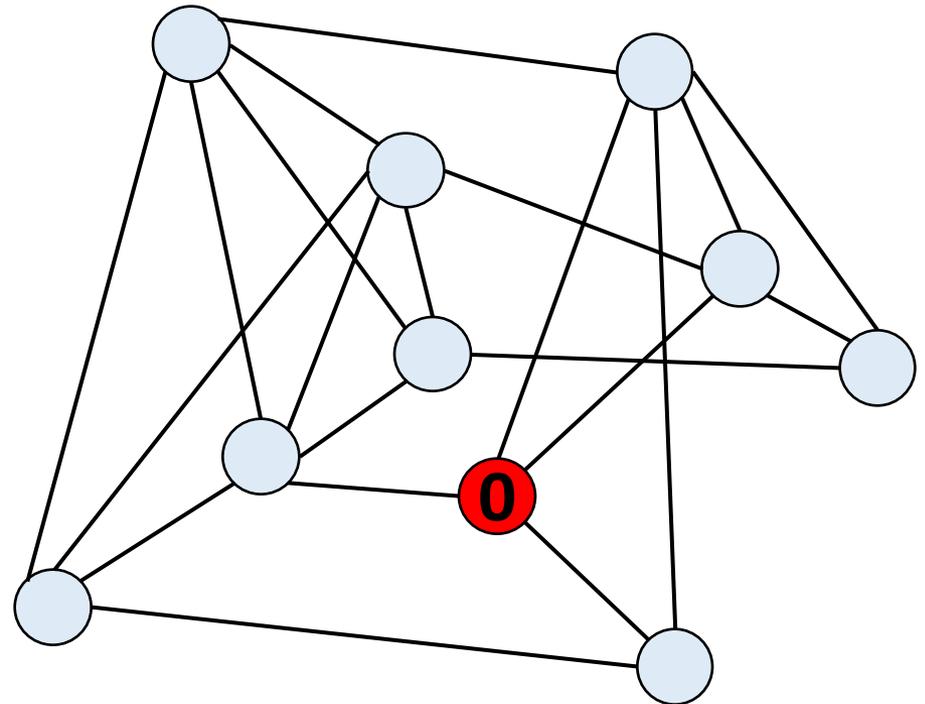
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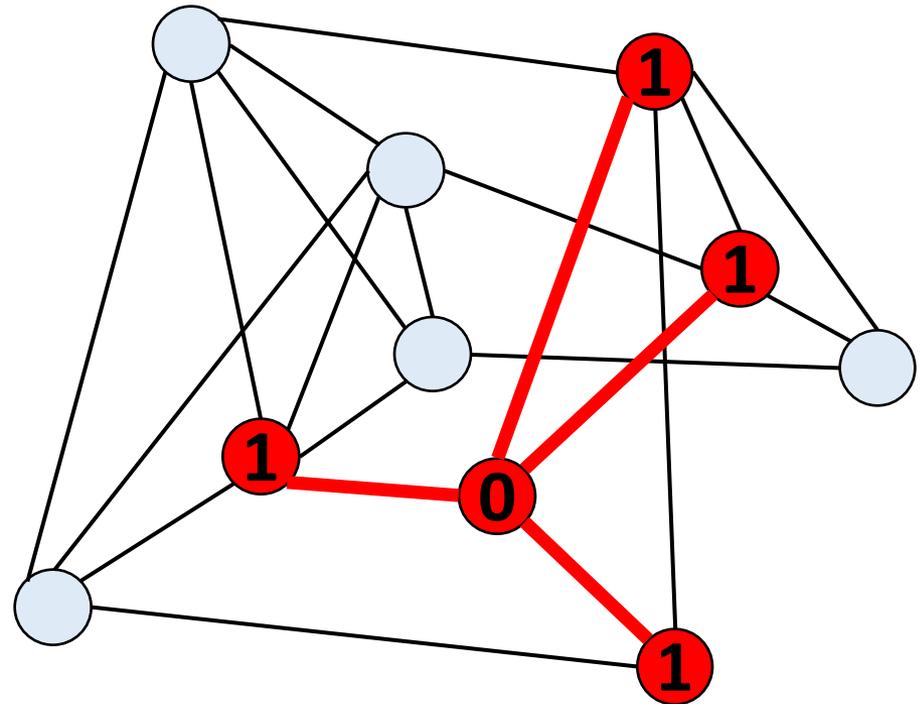
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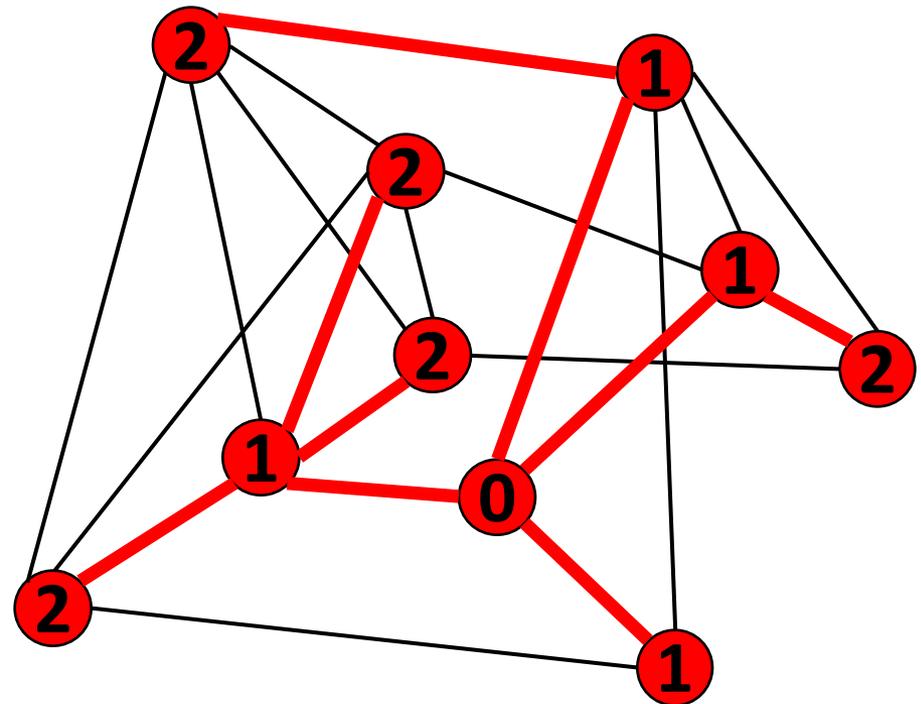
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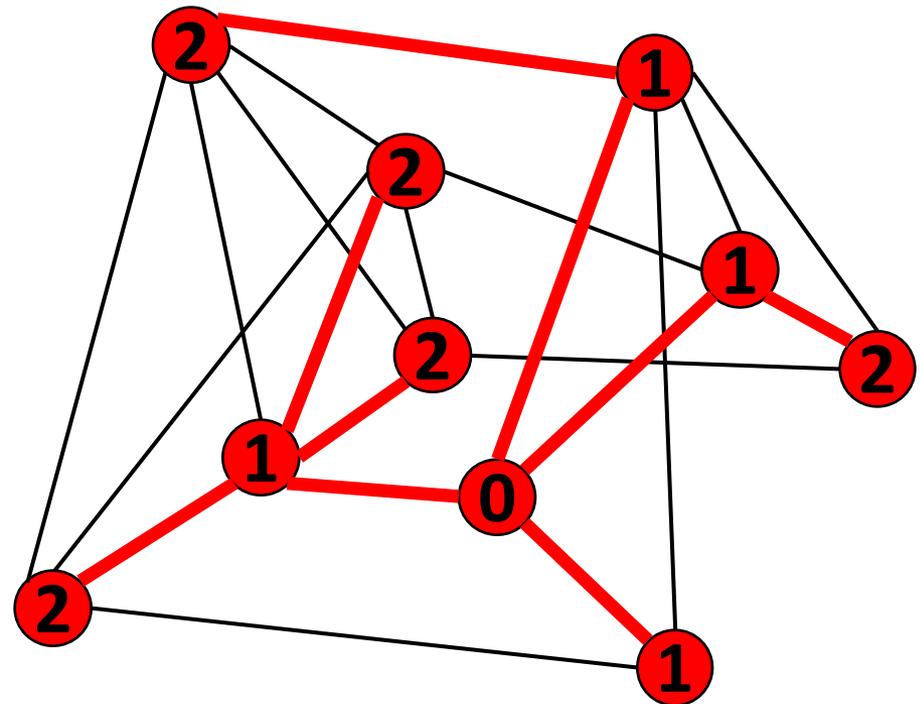
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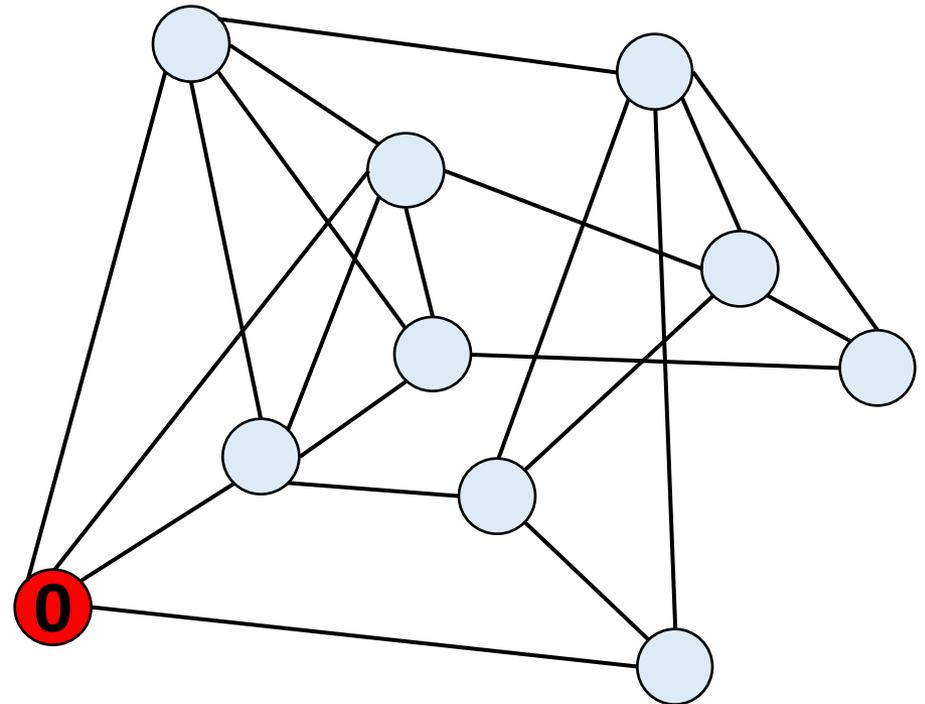
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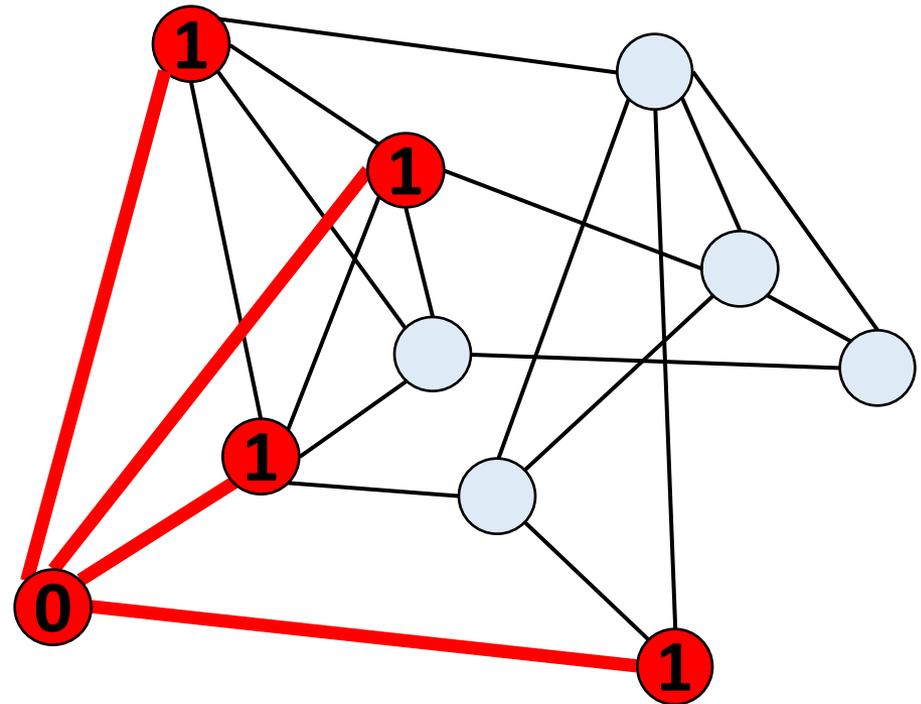
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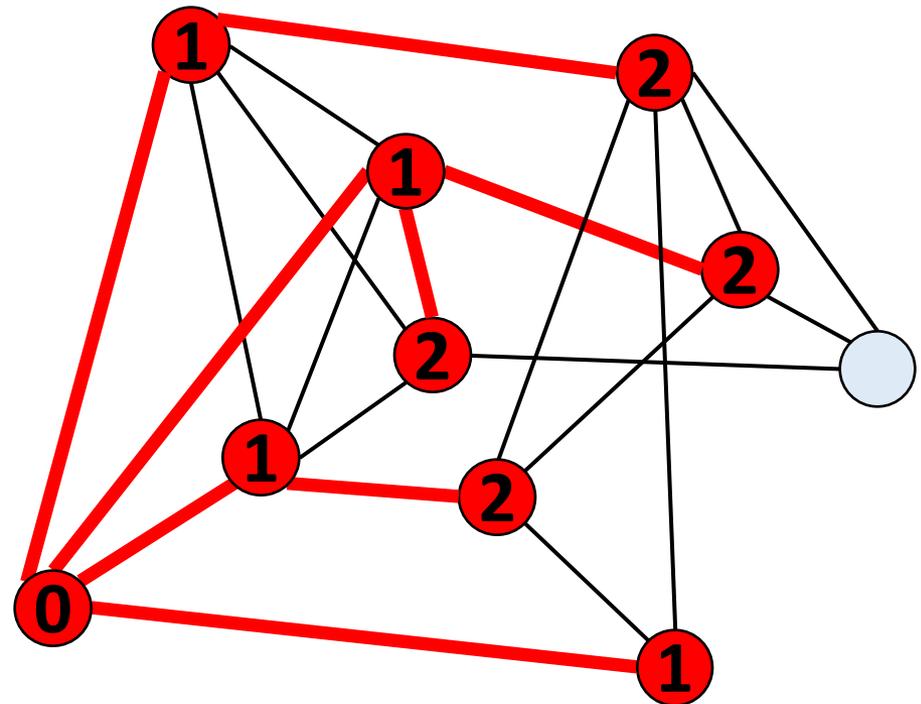
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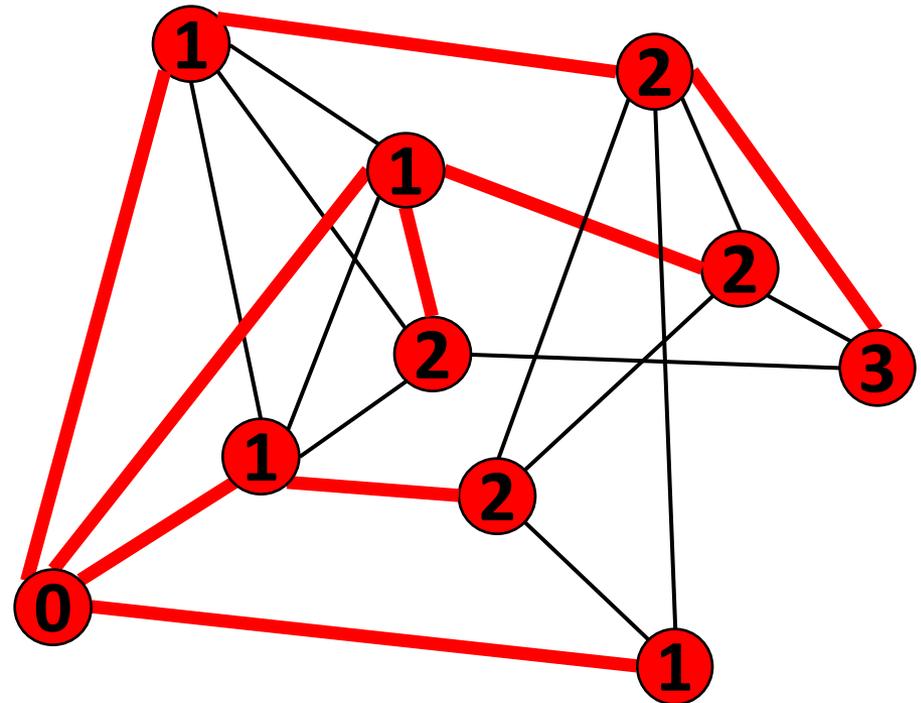
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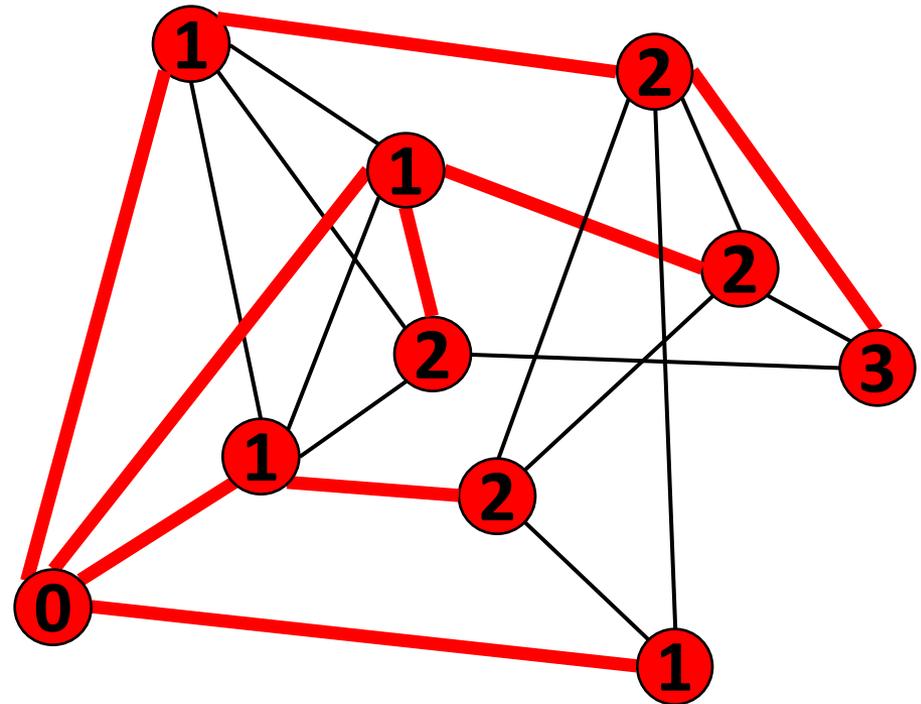
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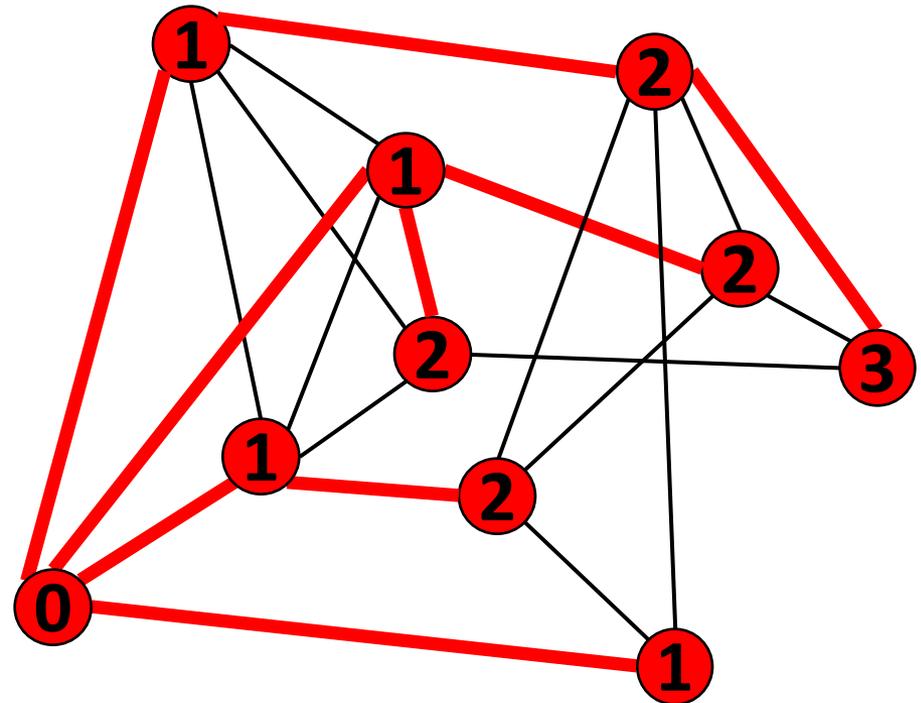
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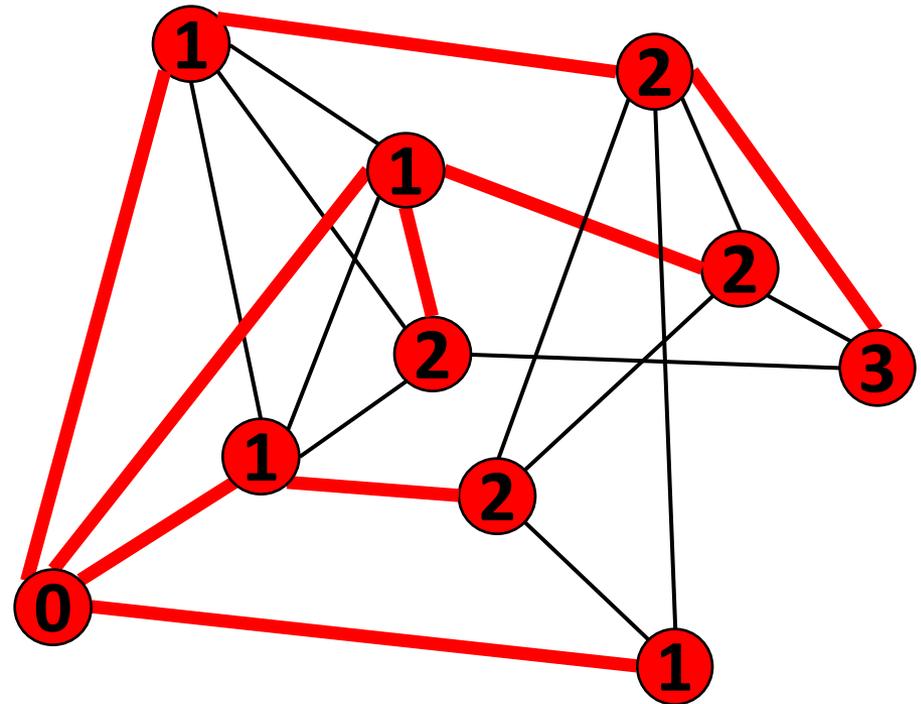
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Limited parallelism:
Only some nodes active.



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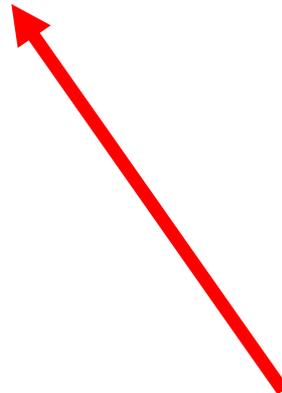
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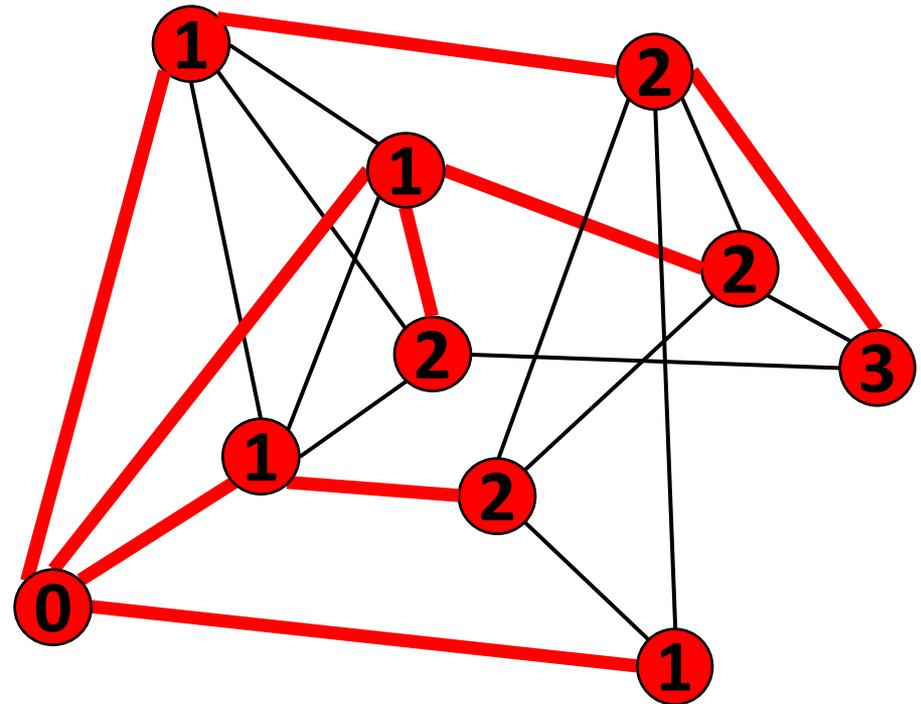
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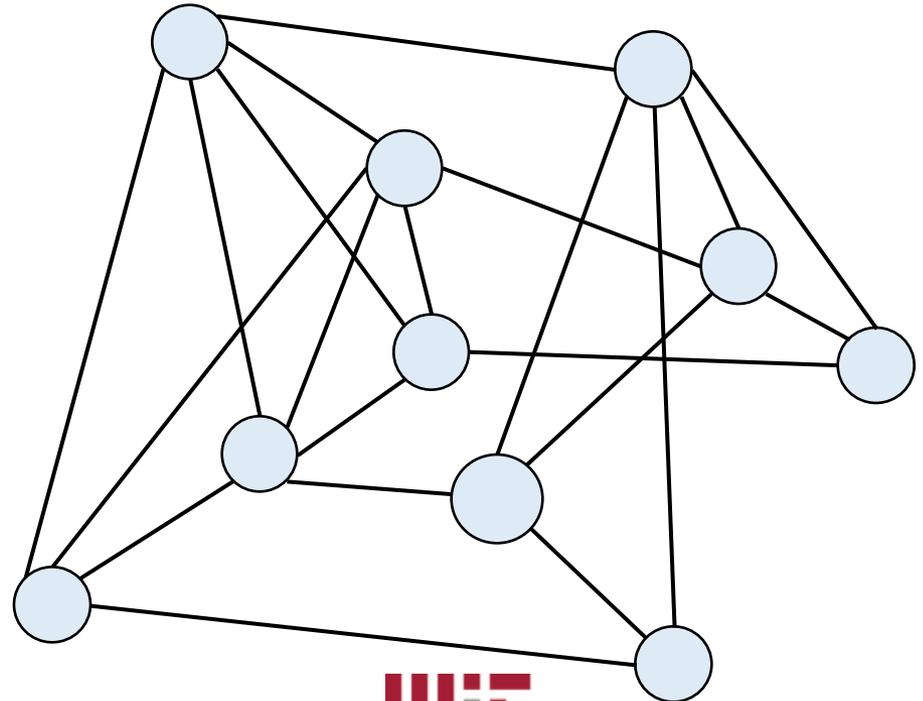
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**Wanted: All nodes
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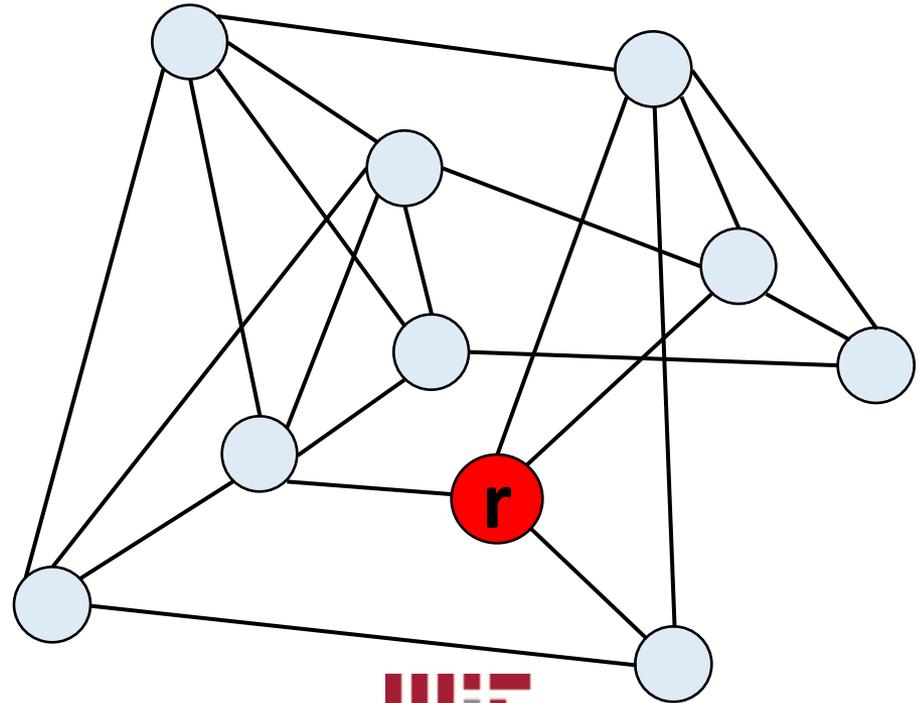
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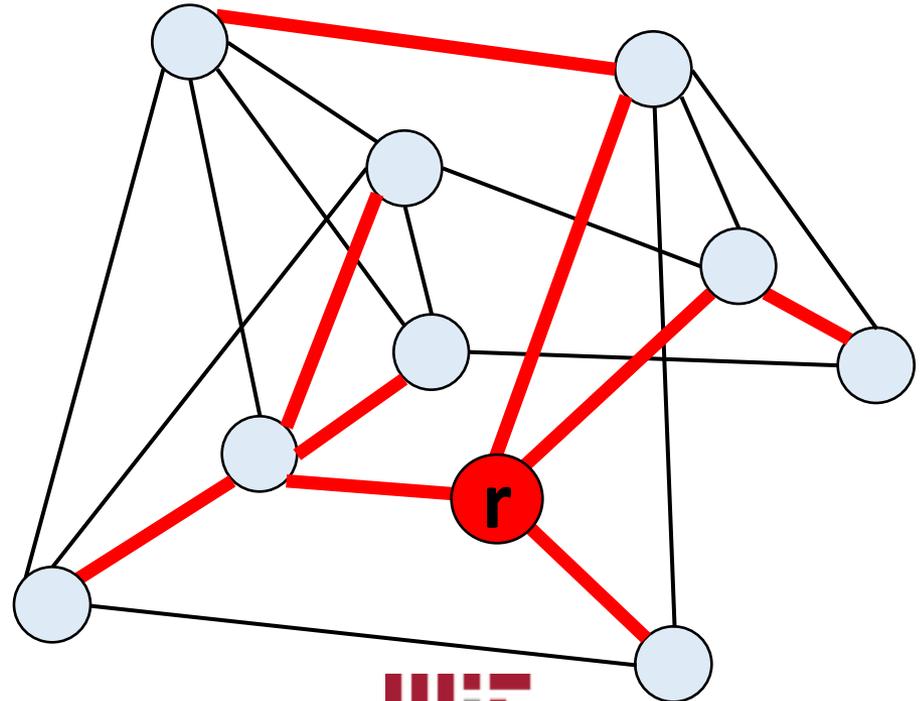
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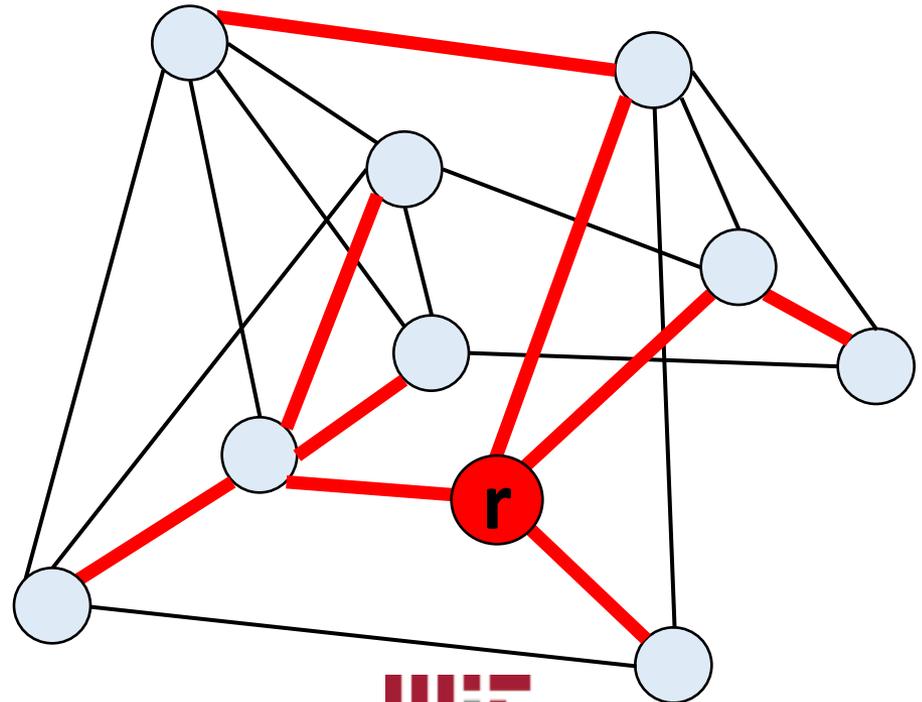
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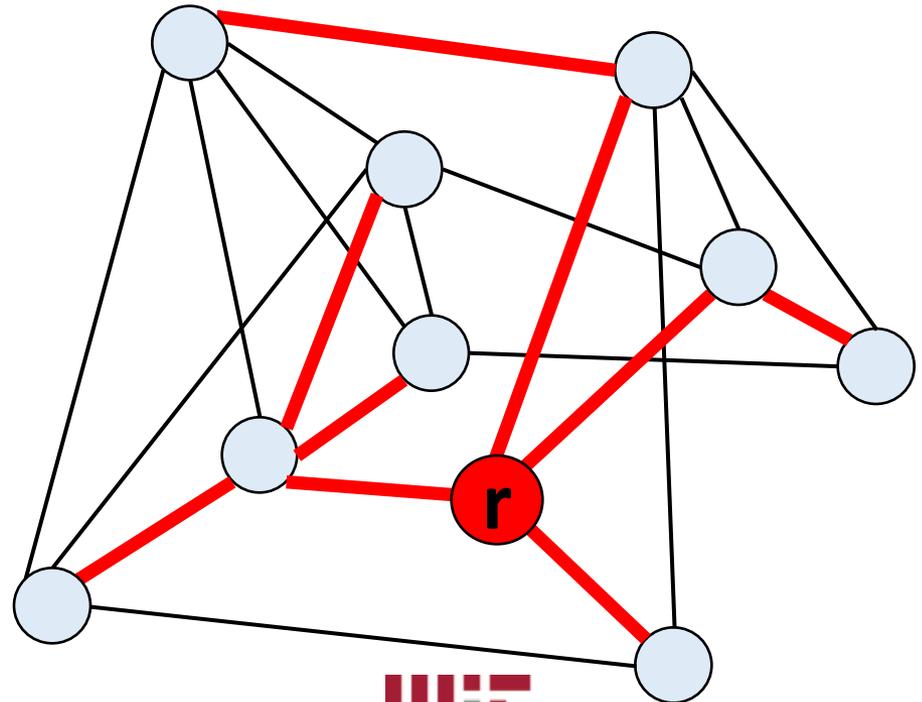
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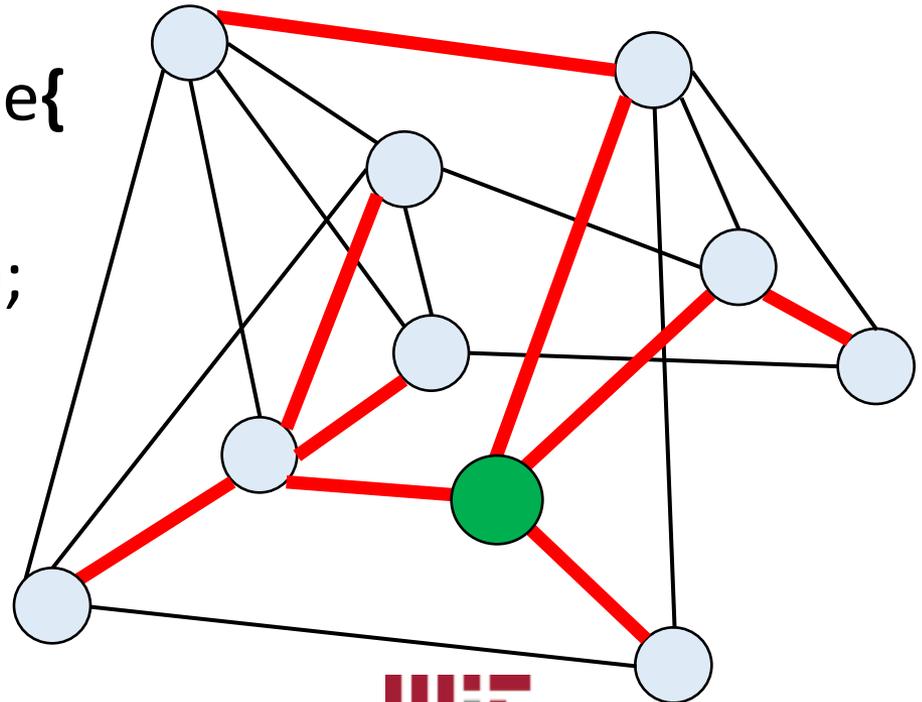
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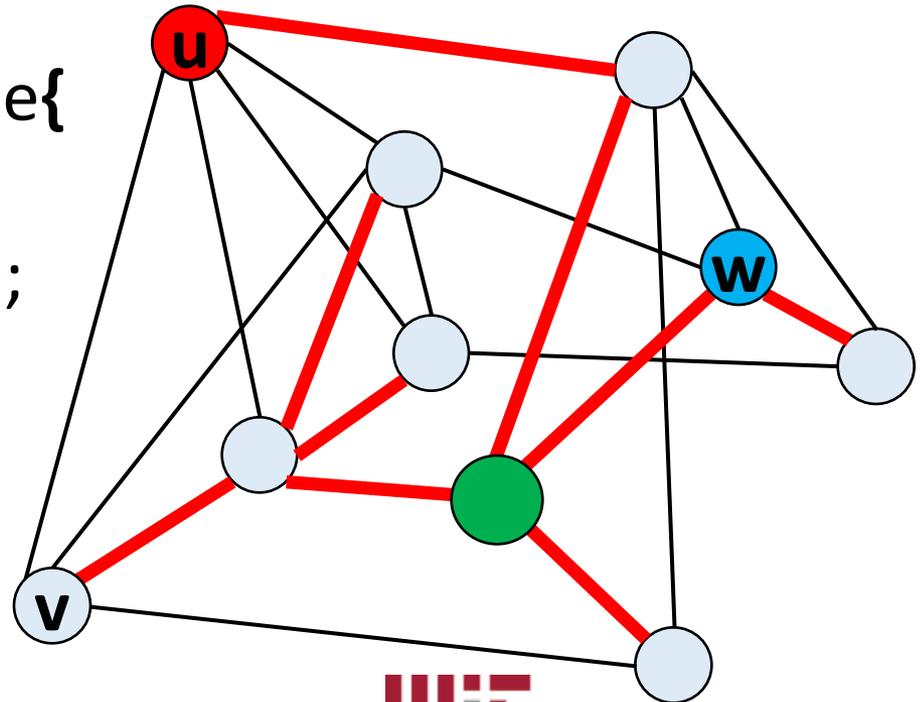


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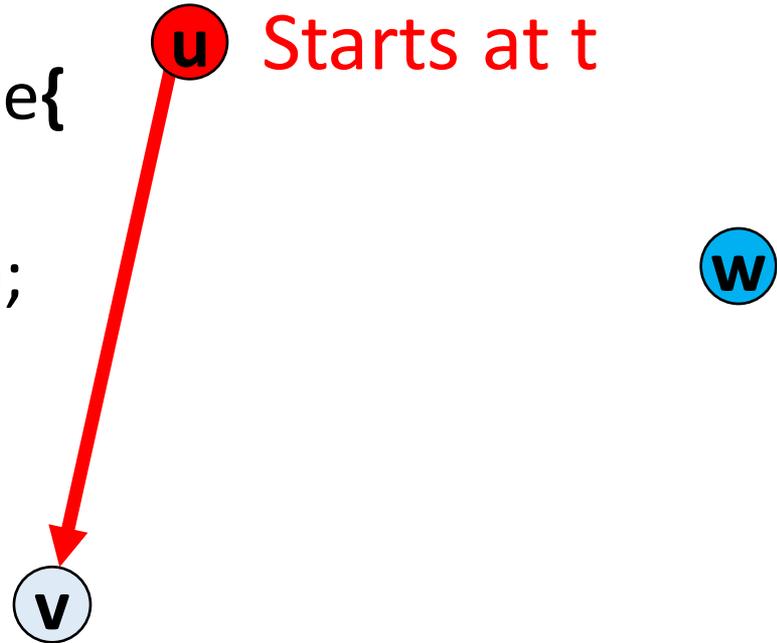
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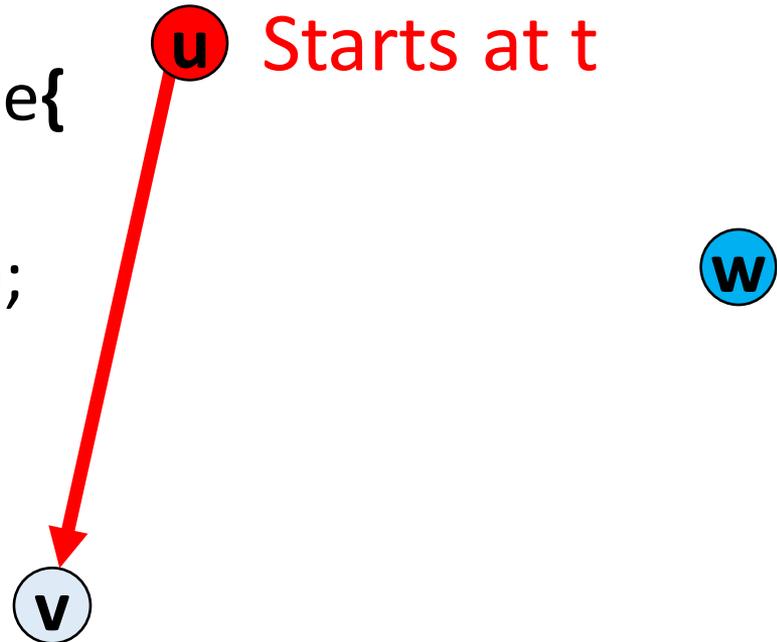


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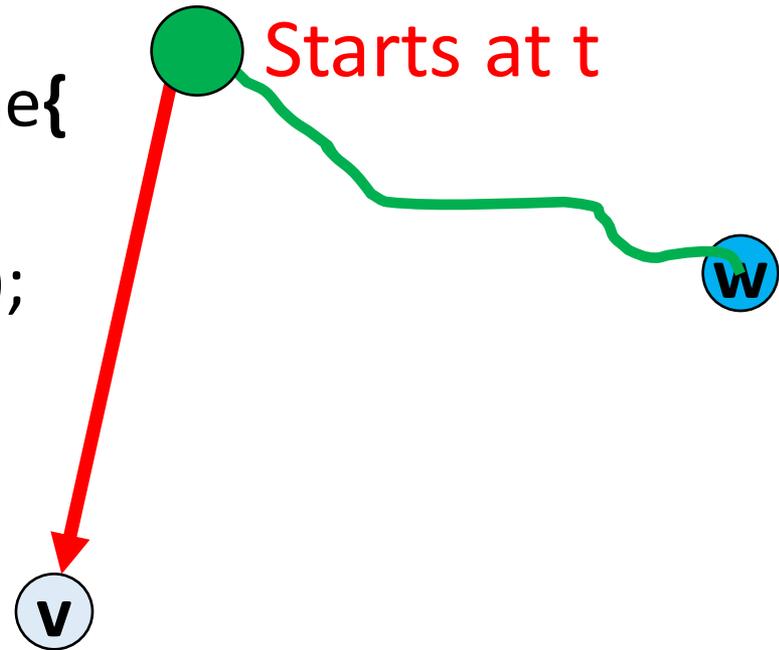
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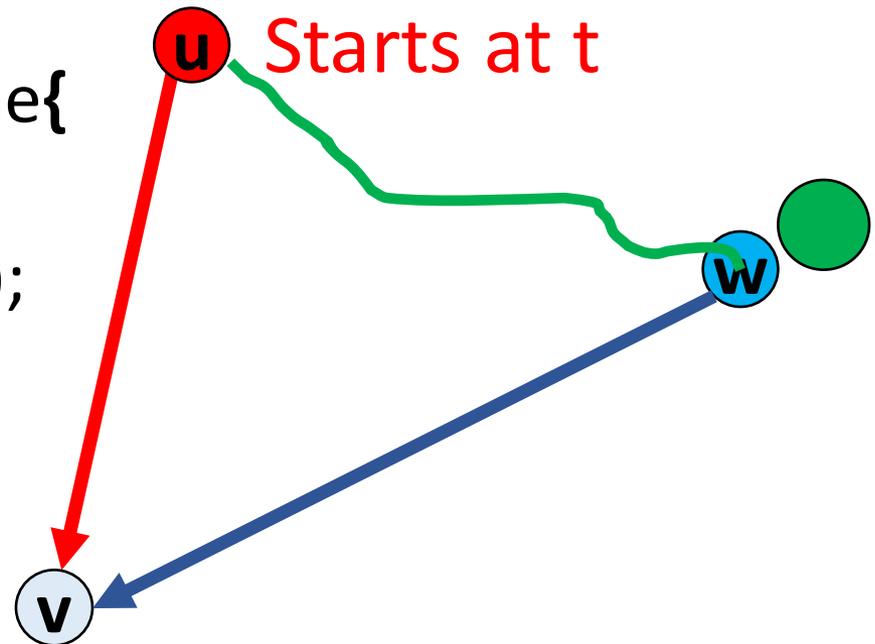


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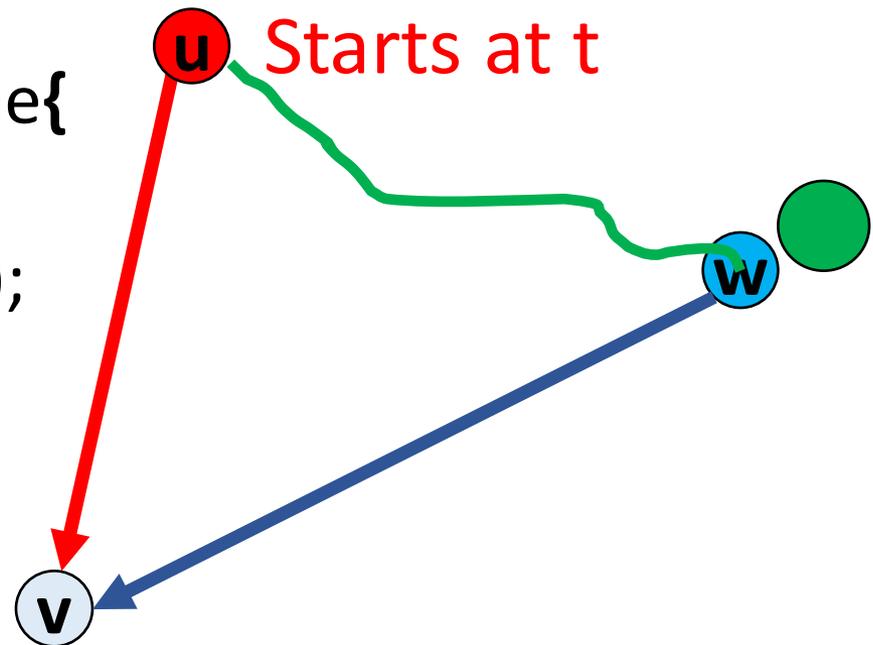
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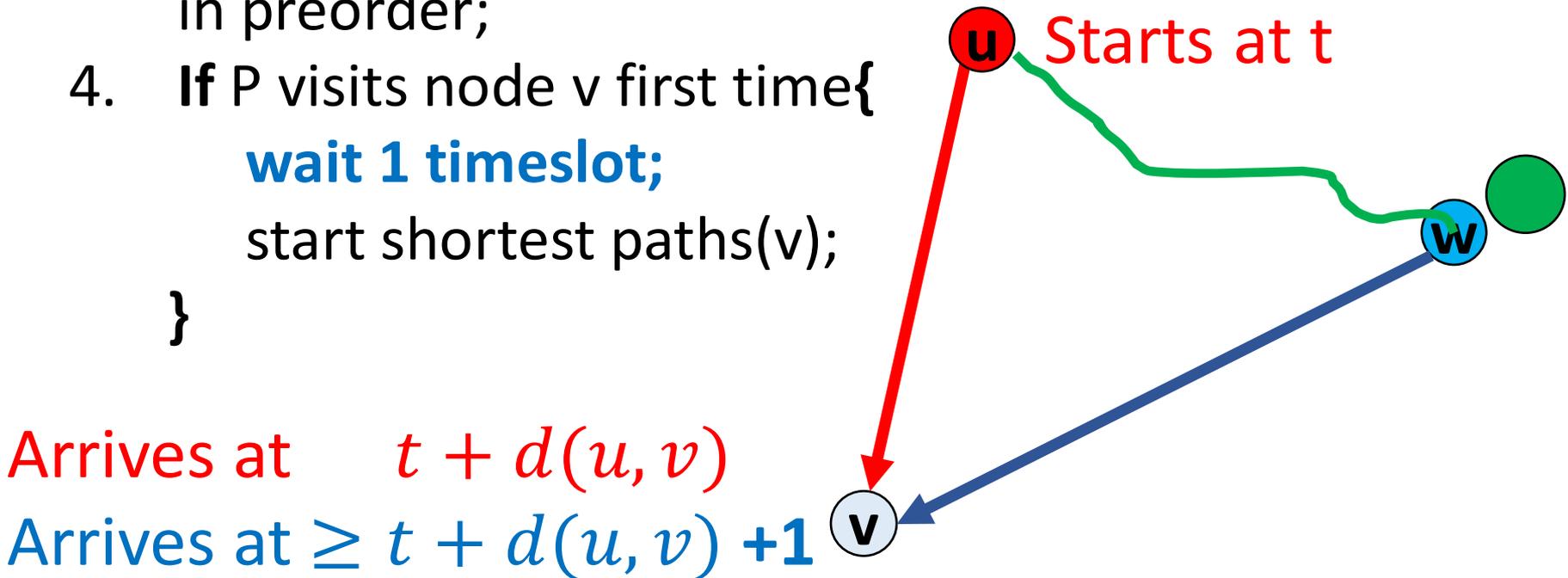
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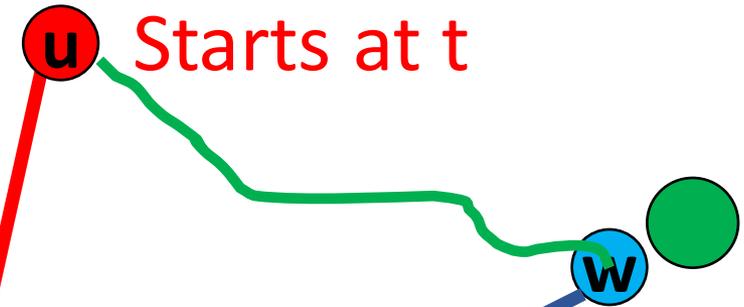
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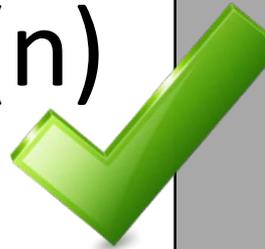
}
 v never active for u and w

at the same time!
Arrives at $t + d(u, v)$

Arrives at $\geq t + d(u, v) + 1$ **Runtime: $O(n + D) = O(n)$**



Complexity of computing D? $\Theta(n)$



Sequential: open

Extensions

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Also: good approximation algorithms for weighted graphs known. [Henzinger, Nanongkai et al.]

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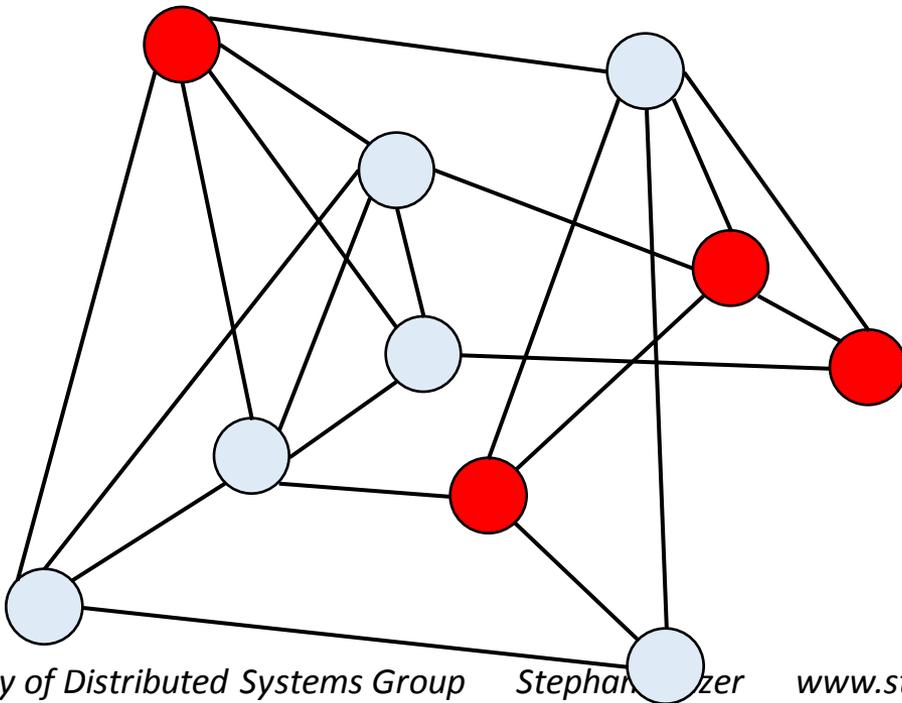
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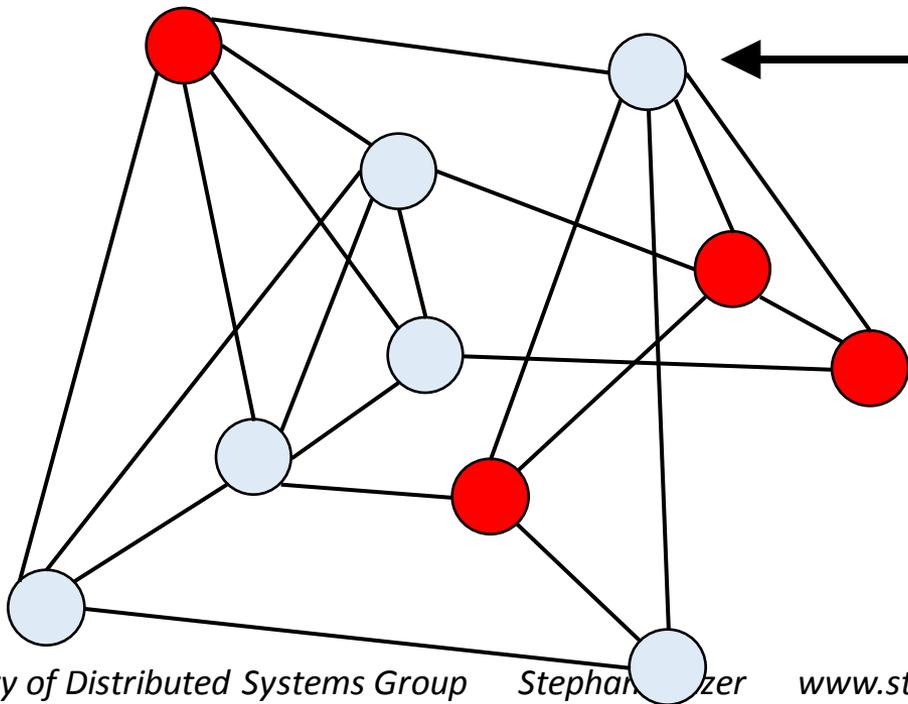
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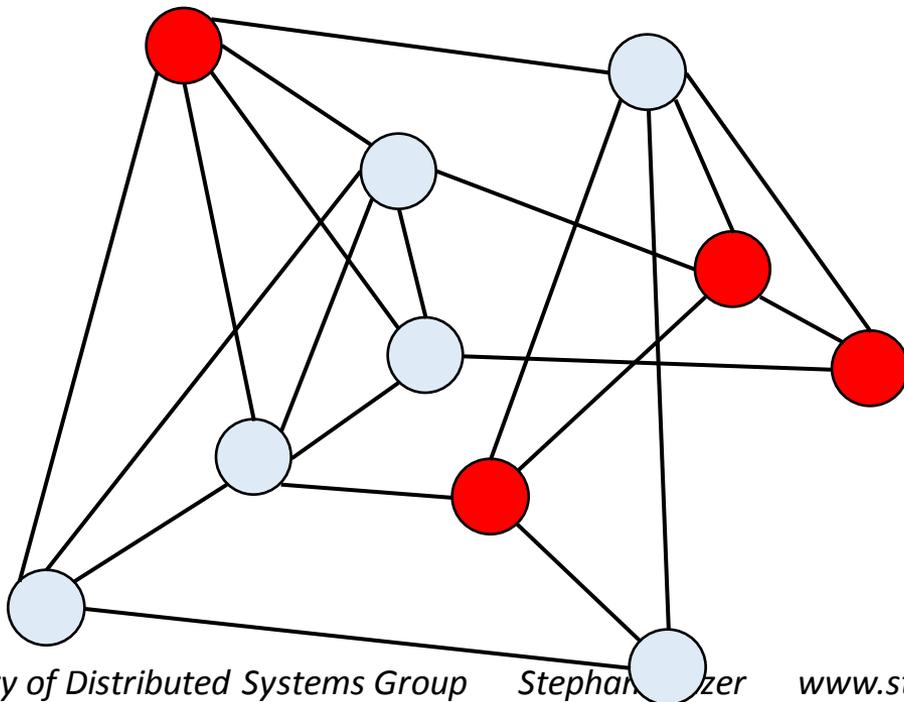


Knows its distance
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ALGO:

1. Start BFS in all S-nodes
2. Messages are forwarded depending on ID and distance traveled so far

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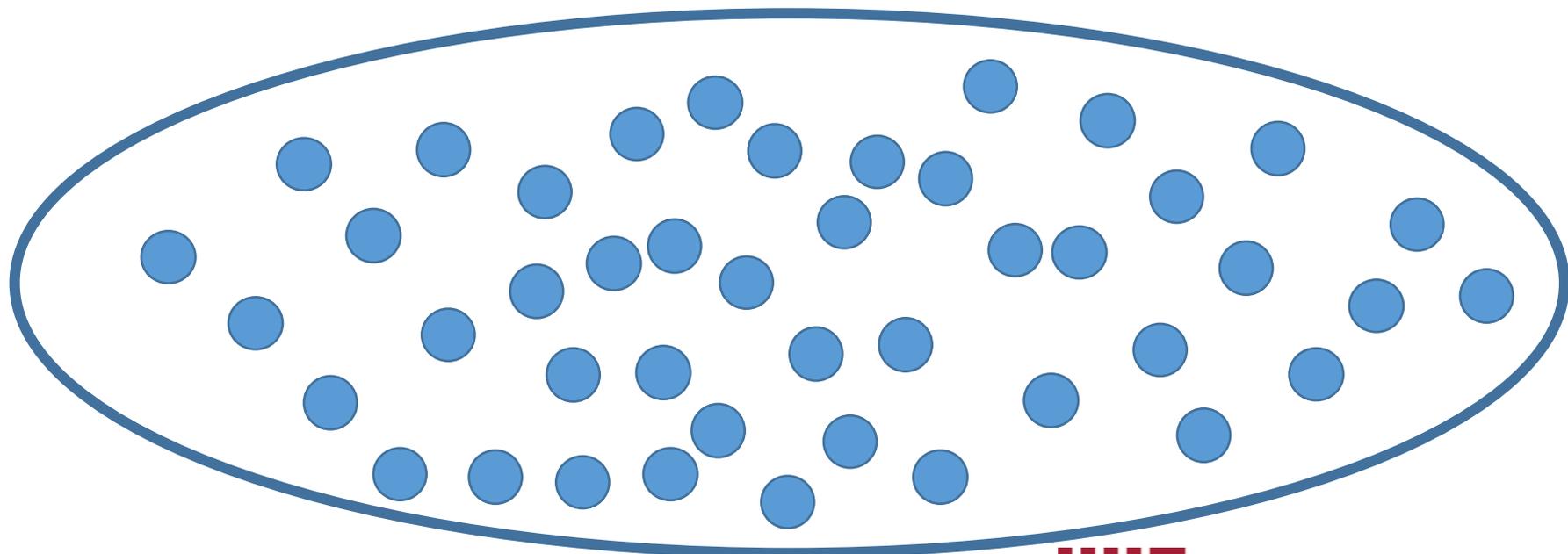
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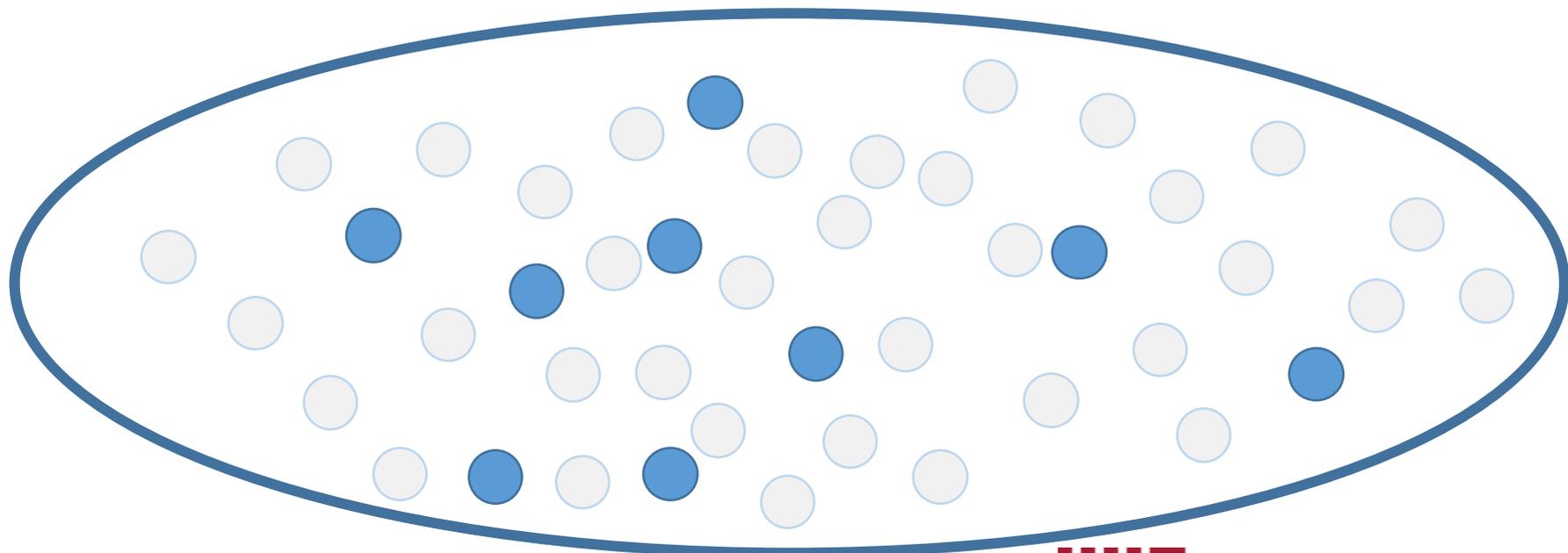
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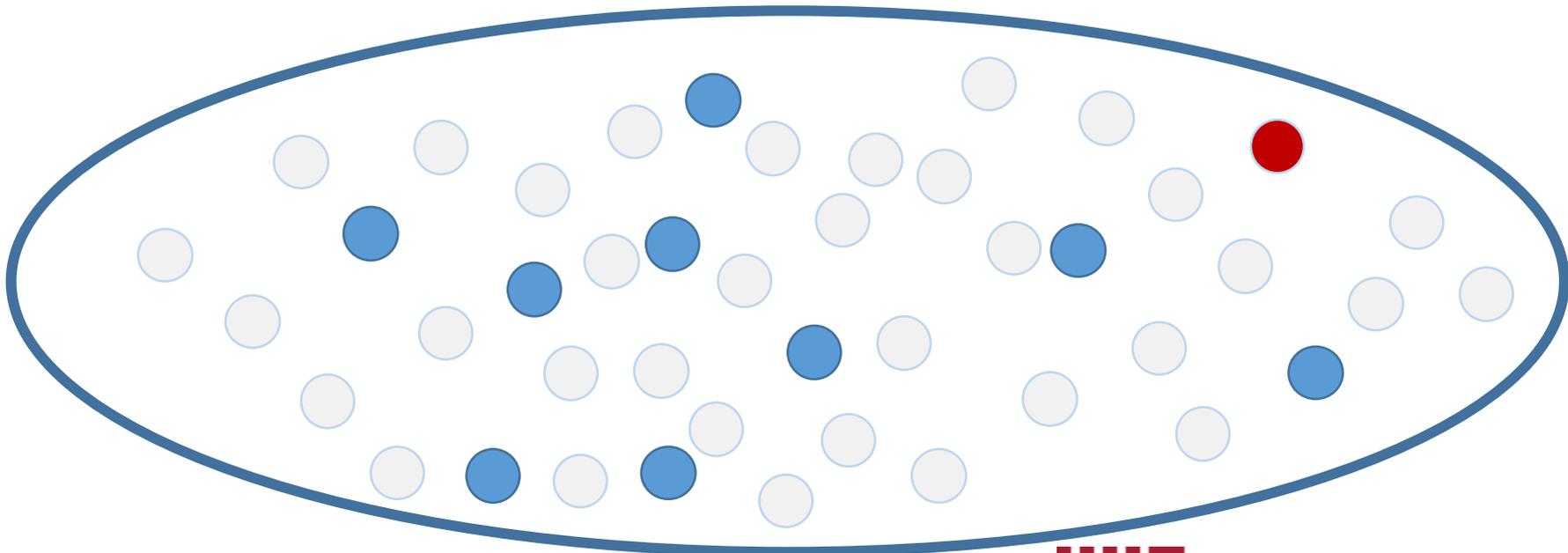
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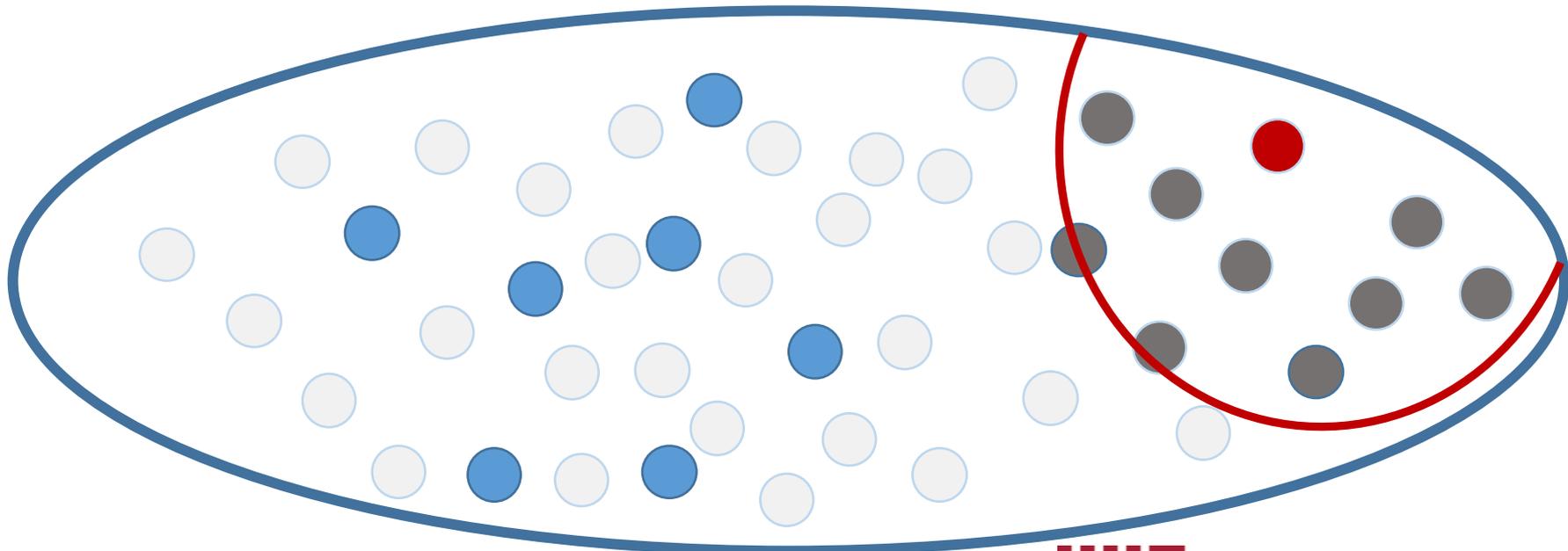


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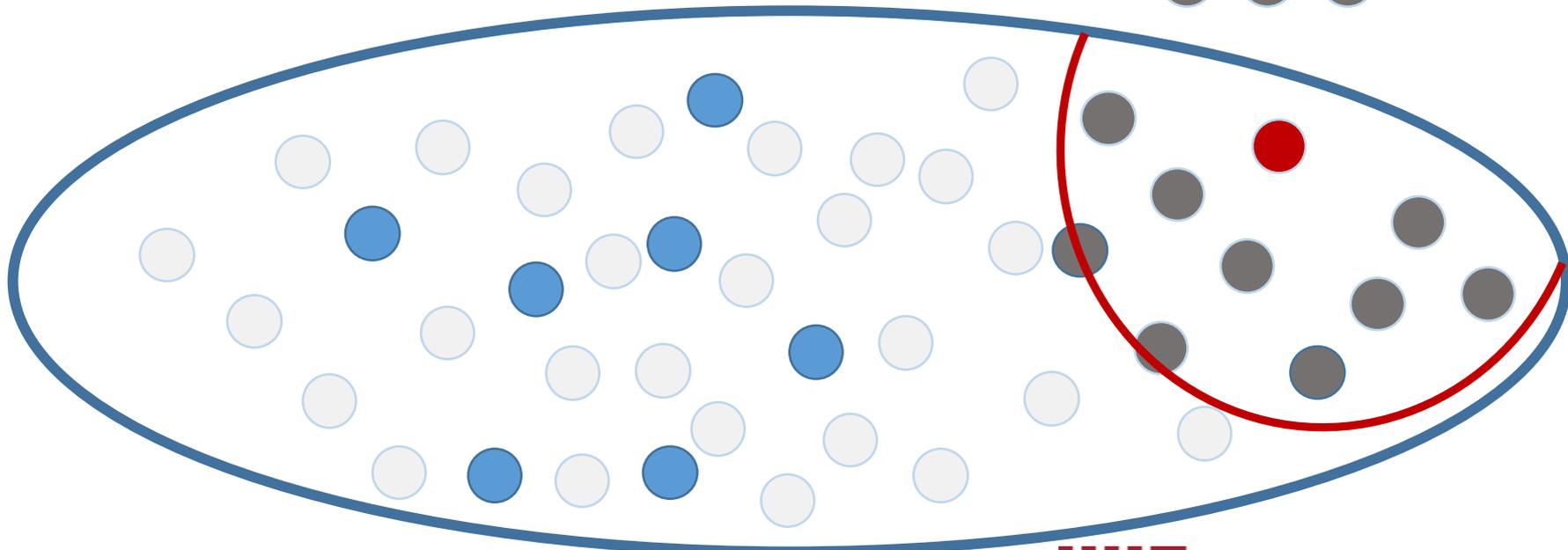
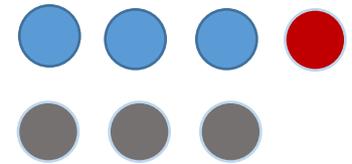
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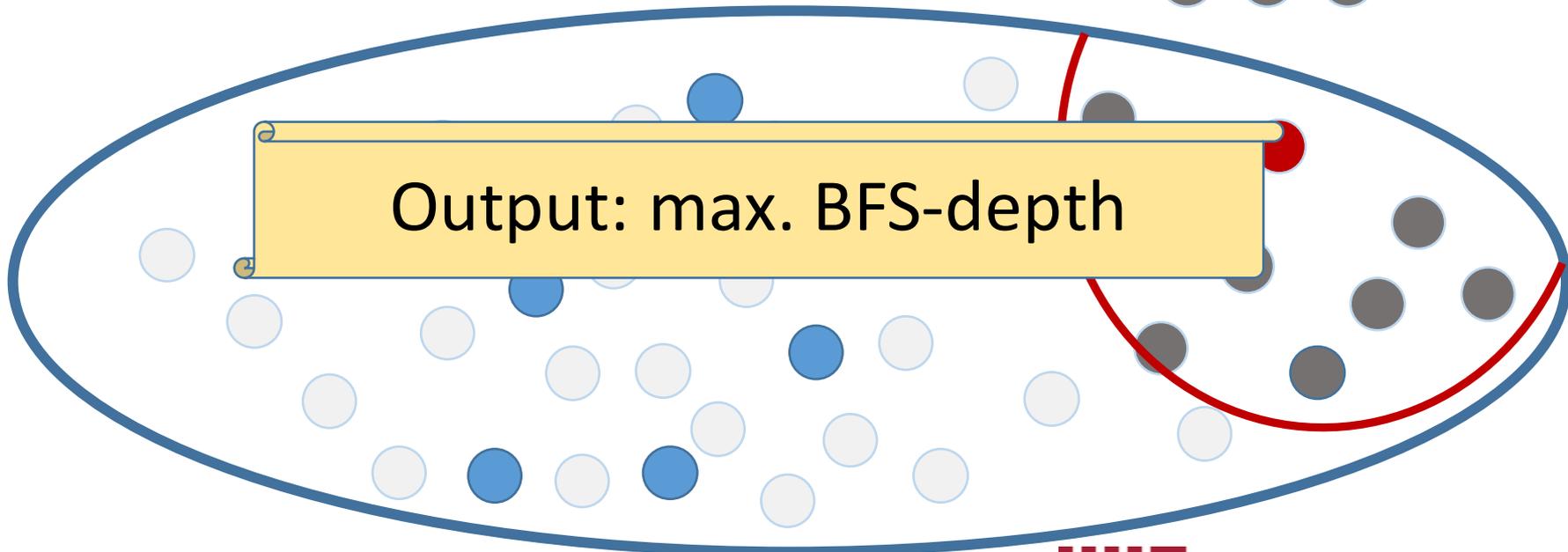
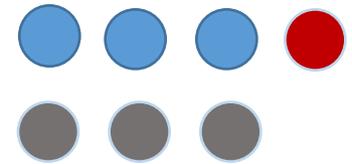
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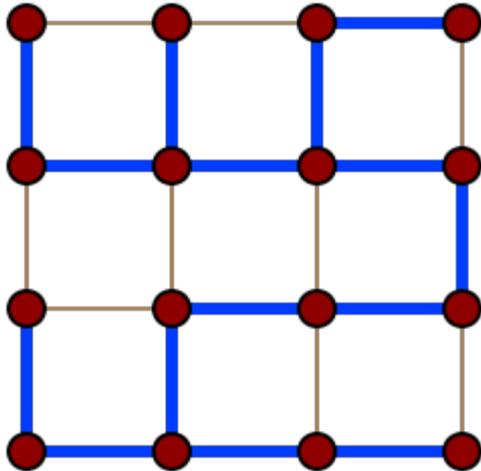
Output: max. BFS-depth

Distributed verification can be hard

(Minimum) Spanning Trees

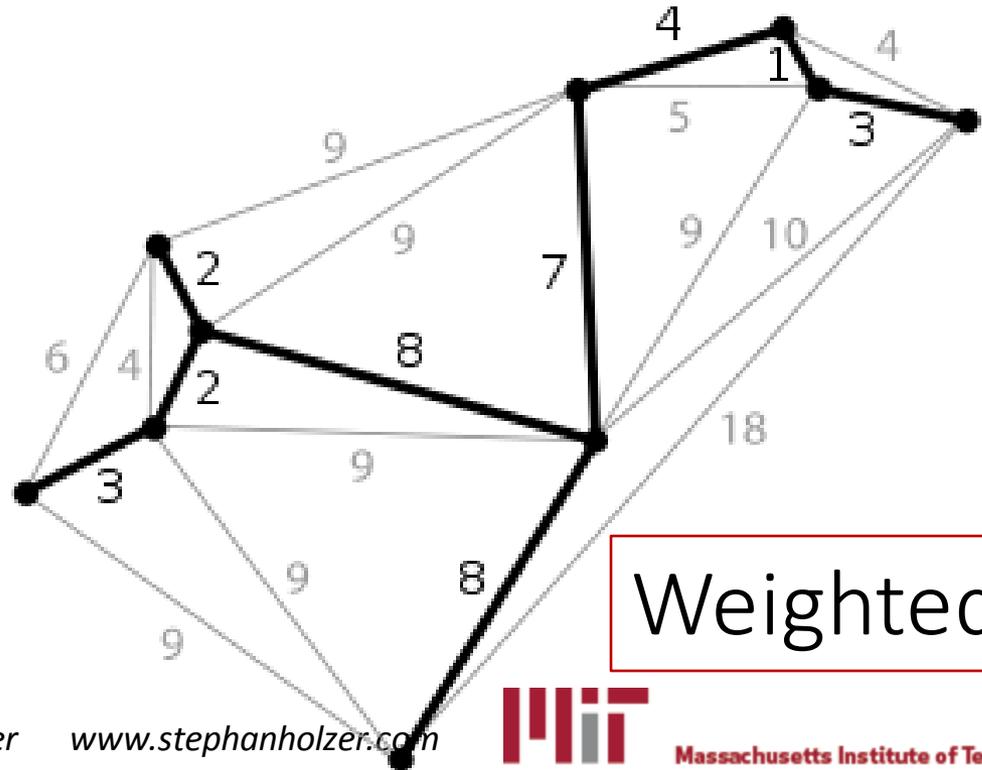
Spanning tree:

Subgraph of a graph that includes all nodes and is a tree



Minimum spanning tree:

Spanning tree of minimal total edge weight



Weighted!

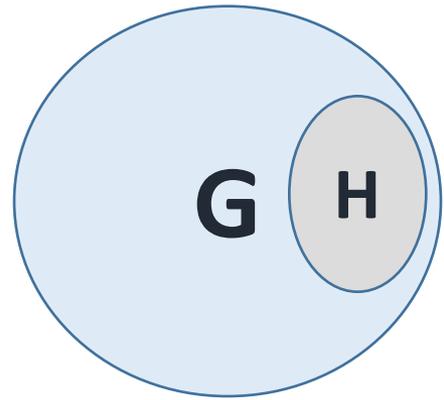
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Distributed **Verification** and Hardness of Distributed Approximation

Sequential world:

CONGEST world:

NP-complete problem SAT
Solving: seems hard
Verifying assignment: easy



Sequential: Verification

Verify: H spanning tree of G?
 $O(n^{1/2})$

Distributed: Verification can be **harder** than computing

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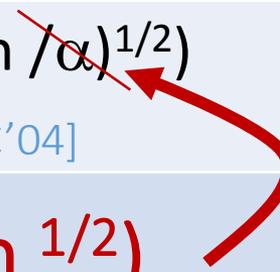
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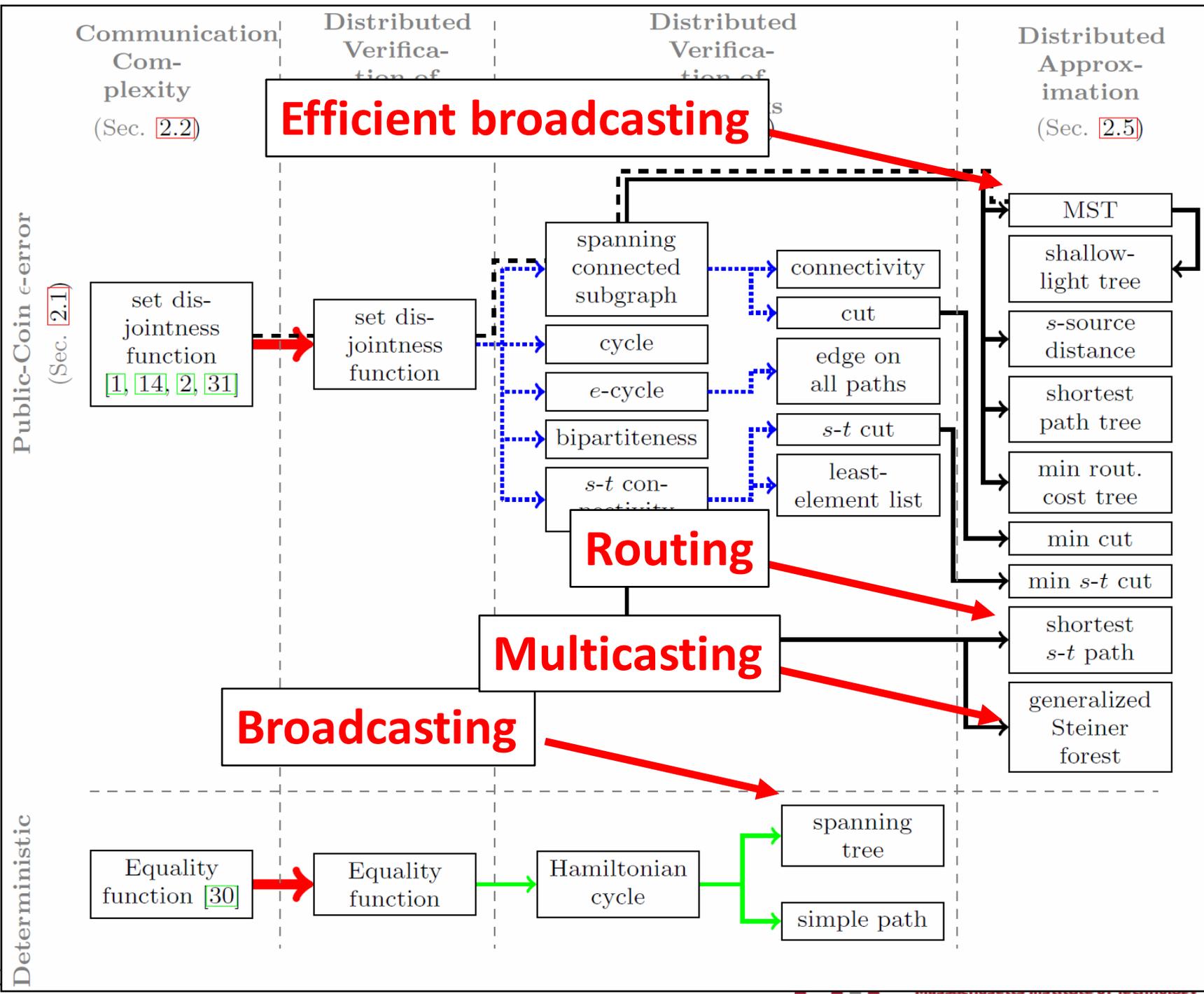
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King, Kutten, Thorup
PODC'15:

Message Complexity
 $o(m)$



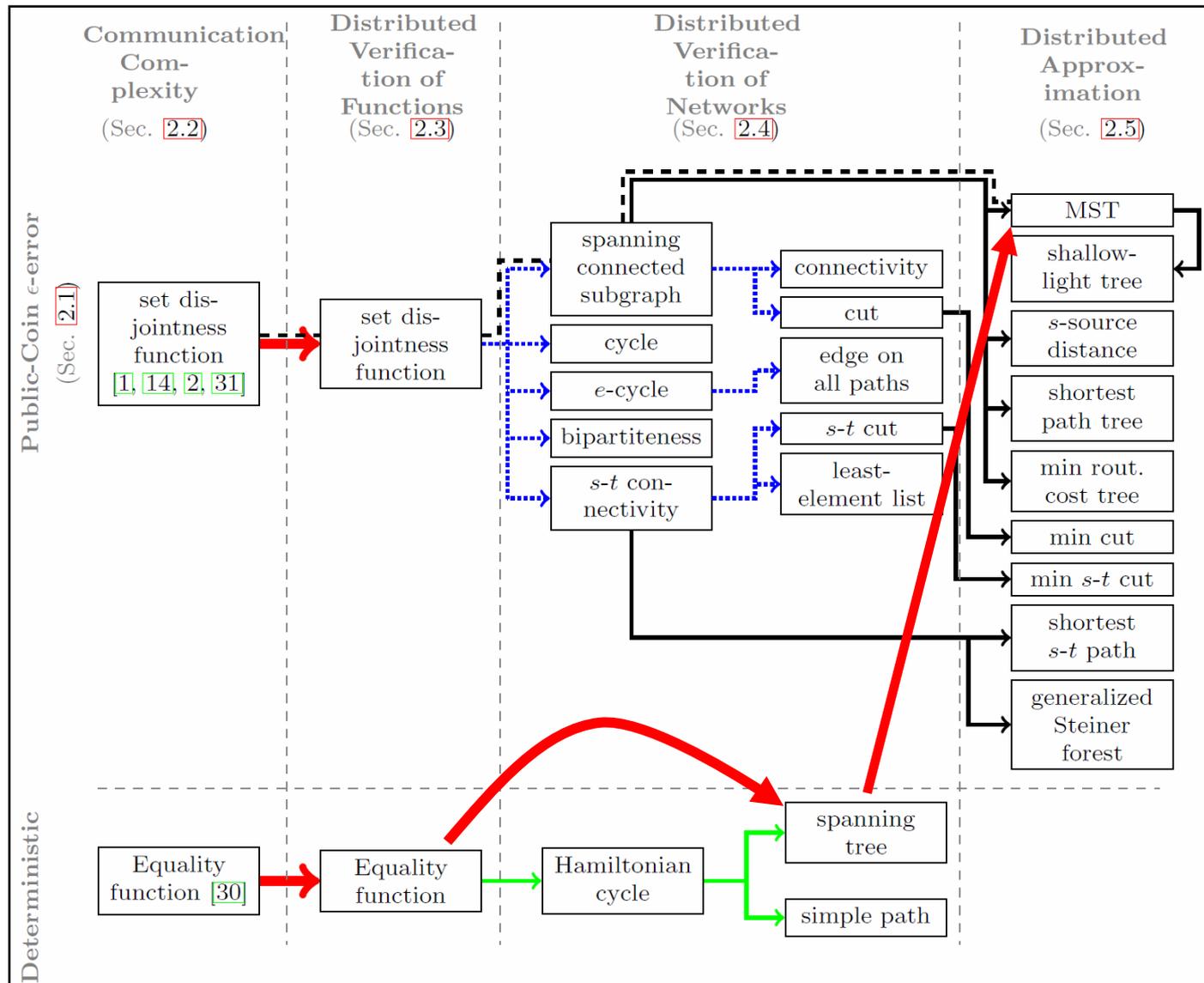
General technique for lower bounds

Connects communication complexity to distributed comp.

Connects verification to approximation

Many bounds tight

Systematic study of distributed verification



Distributed algorithms for the above problems require

$\Omega(n^{1/2}+D)$ time

Three steps of reduction

Communication Complexity

Direct equality verification
lower bound $\Omega(n)$

Well-known result in
communication complexity

simulation
theorem

Distributed Algorithms

Distributed equality verification
lower bound $\Omega(n^{1/2})$

Similar to lower bounds of
graph streaming algorithms

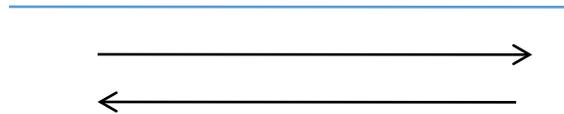
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Similar to hardness of TSP

Approx MST lower
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Communication complexity of EQUALITY

$x=y?$



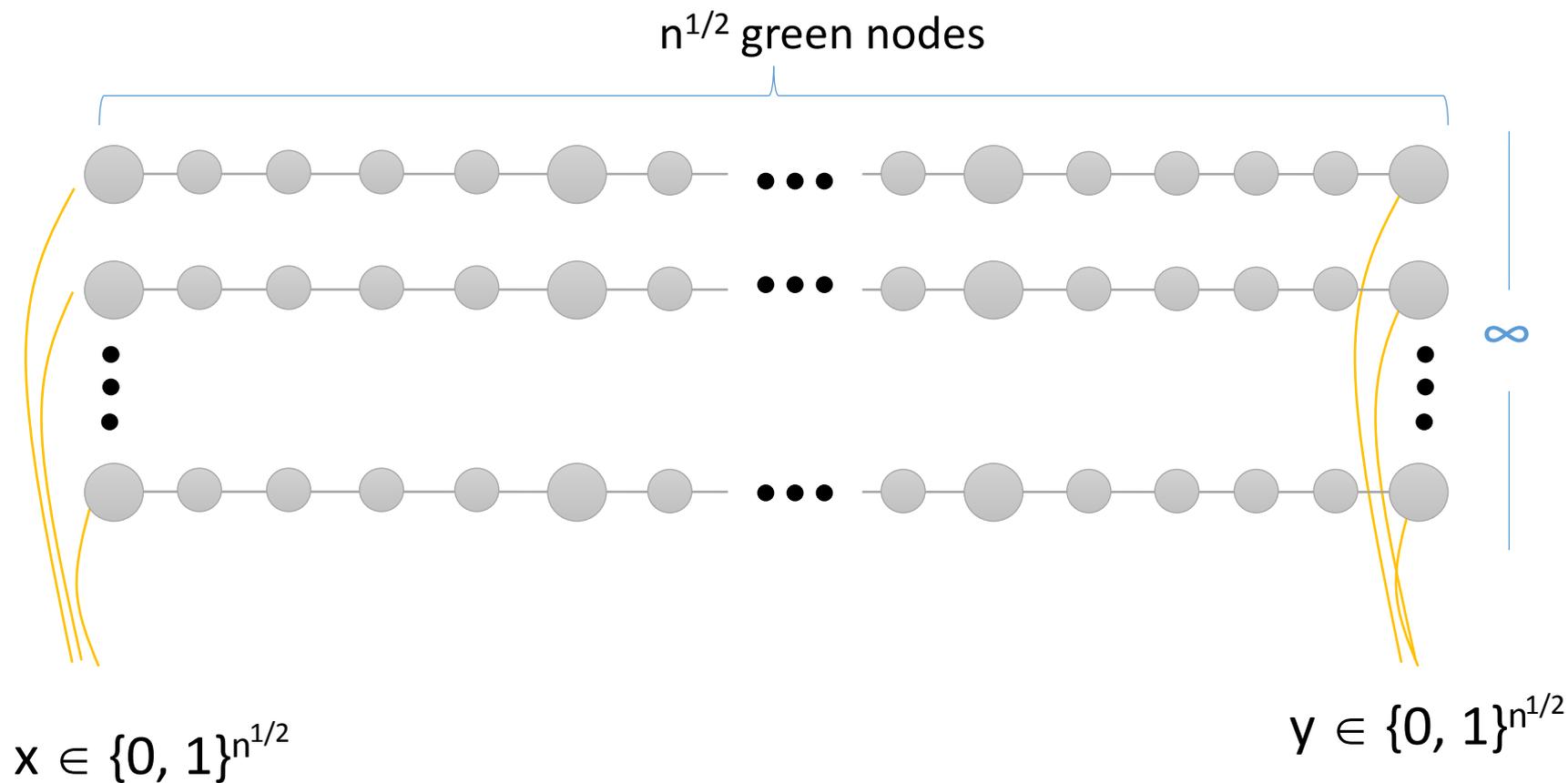
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Deterministic: $\Omega(k)$

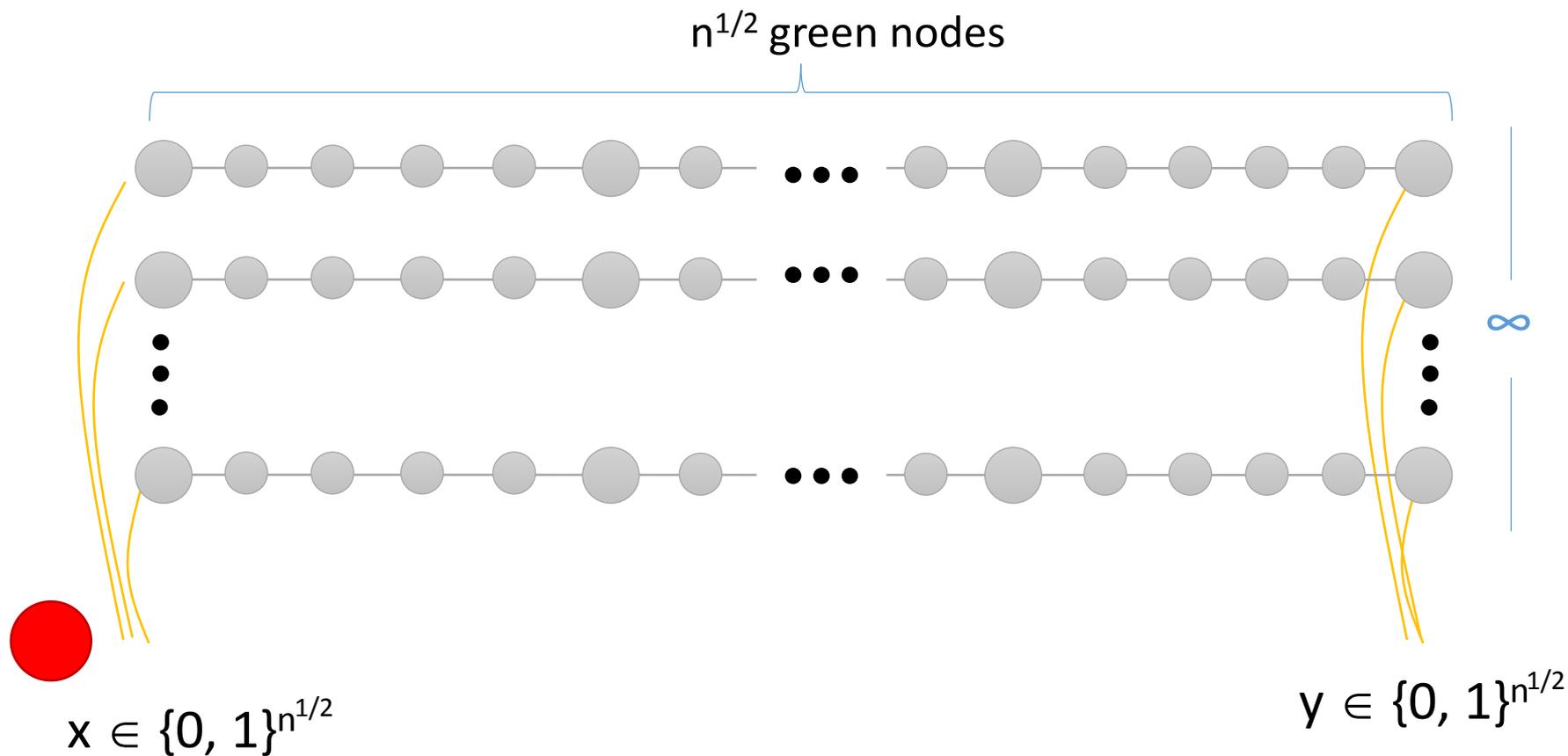
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Distributed time complexity of EQUALITY

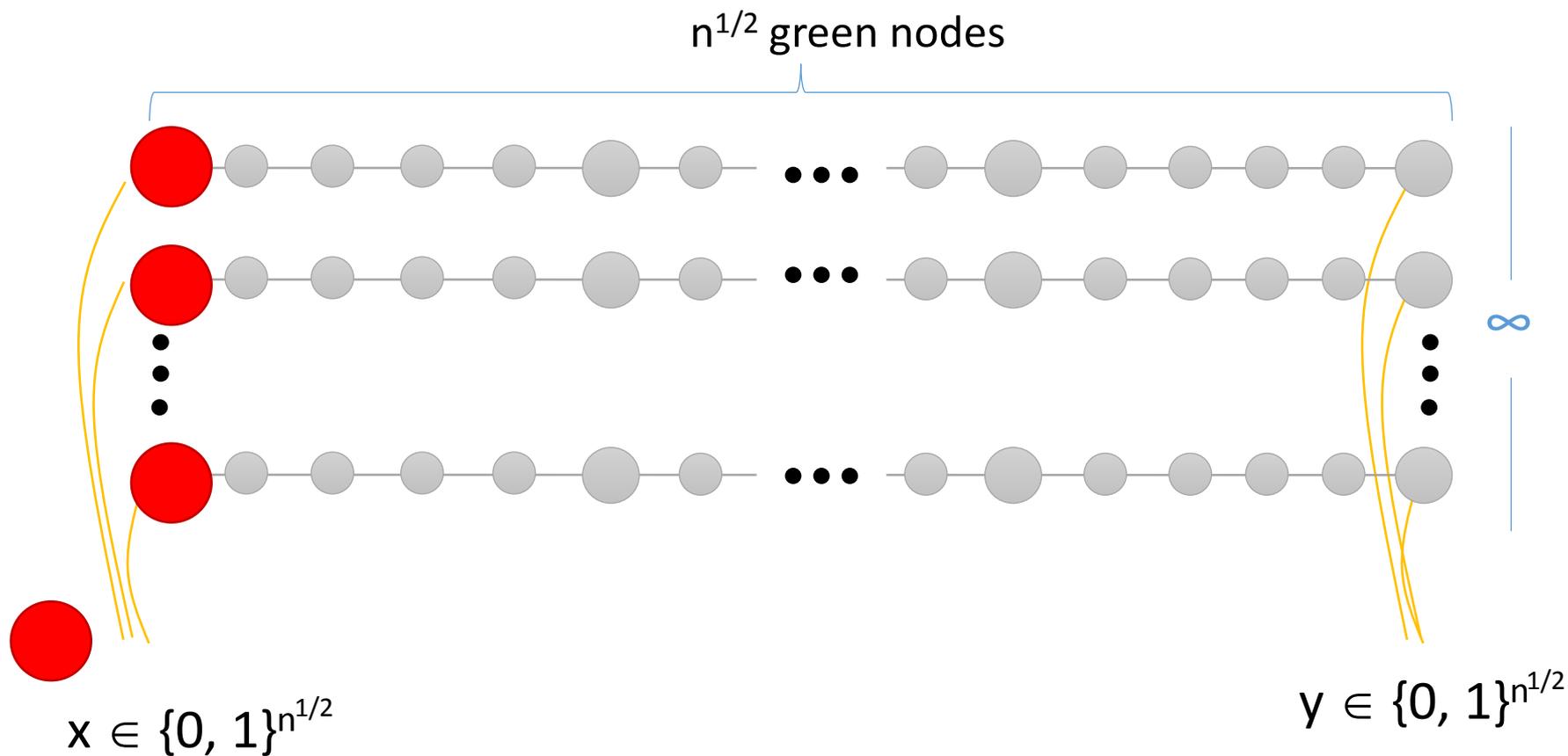
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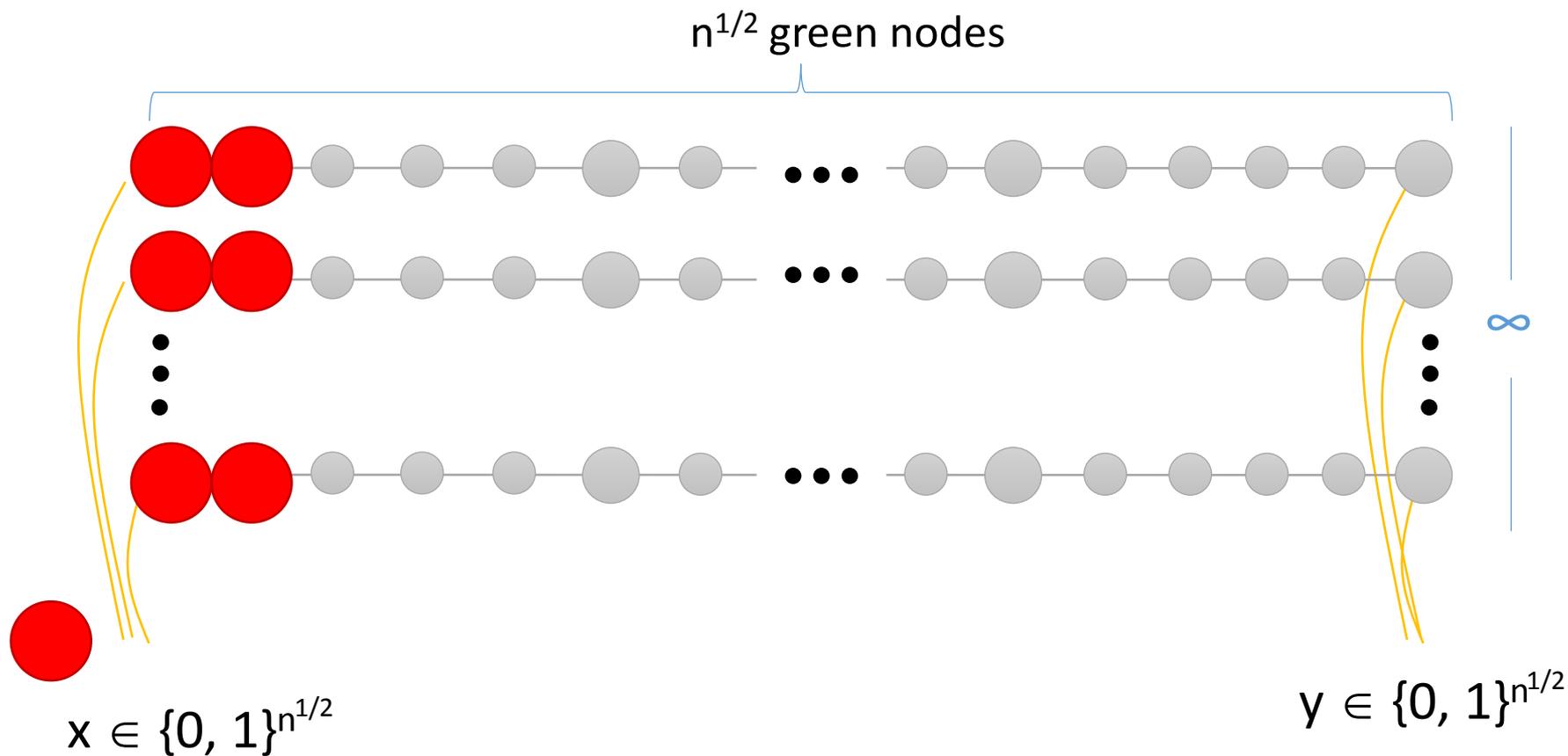
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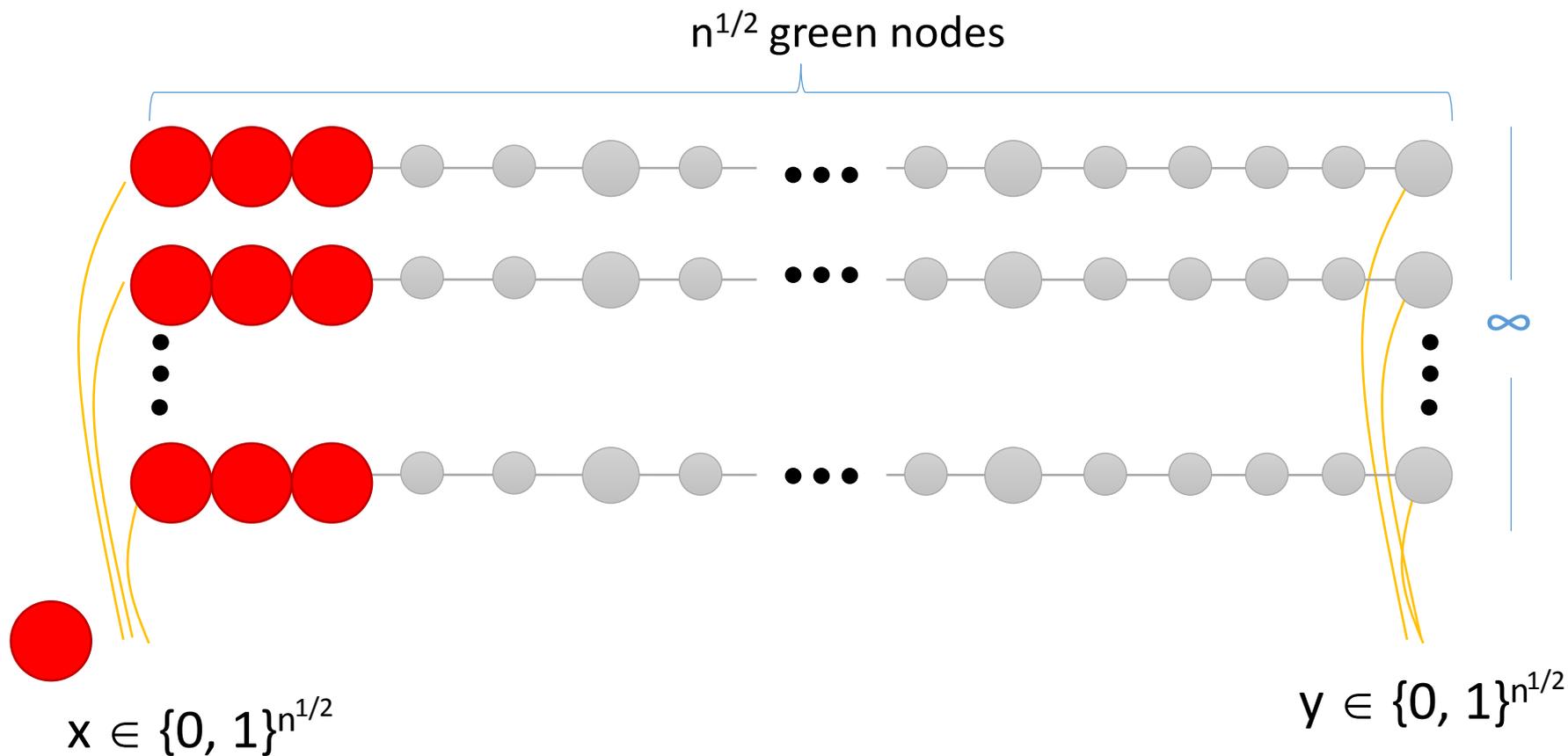
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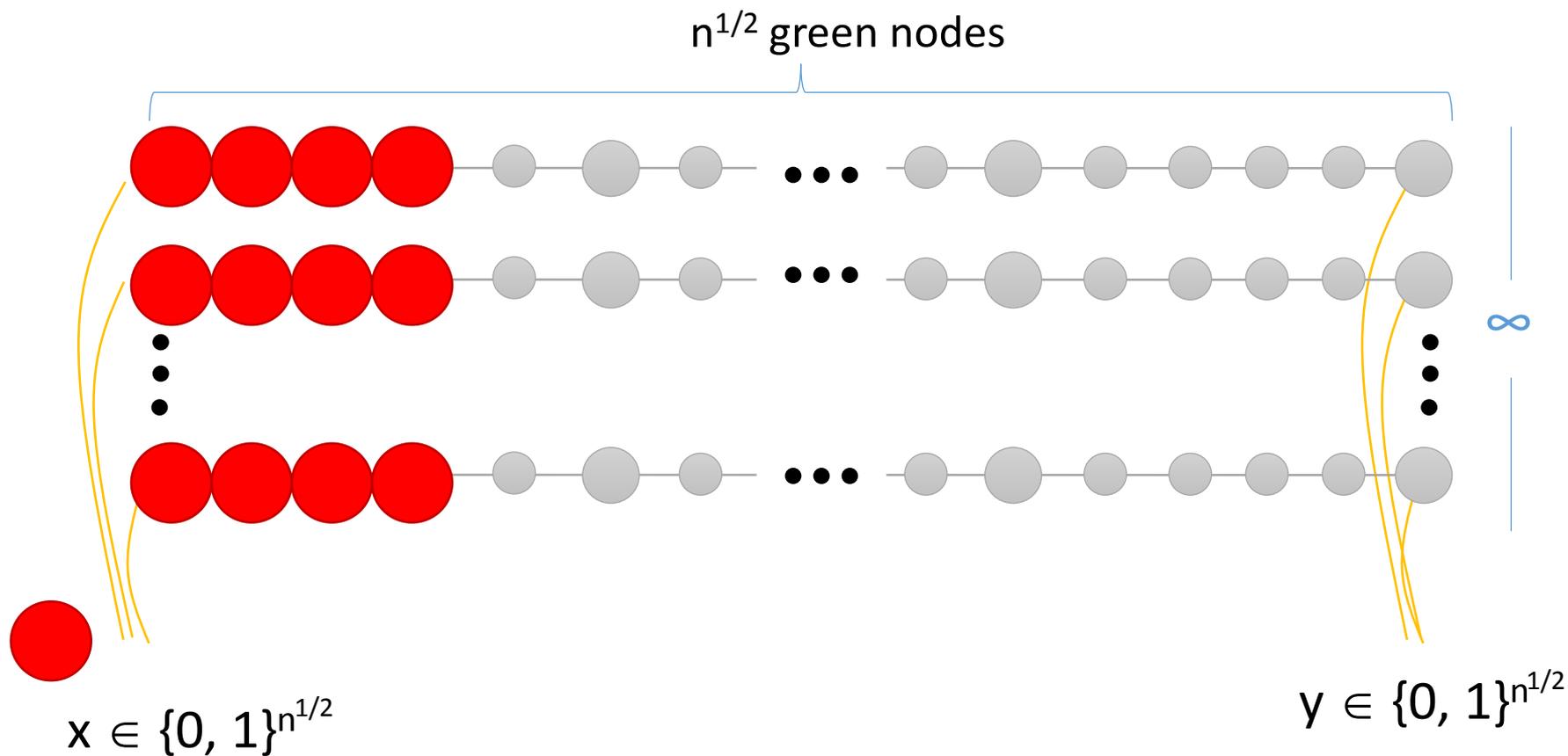
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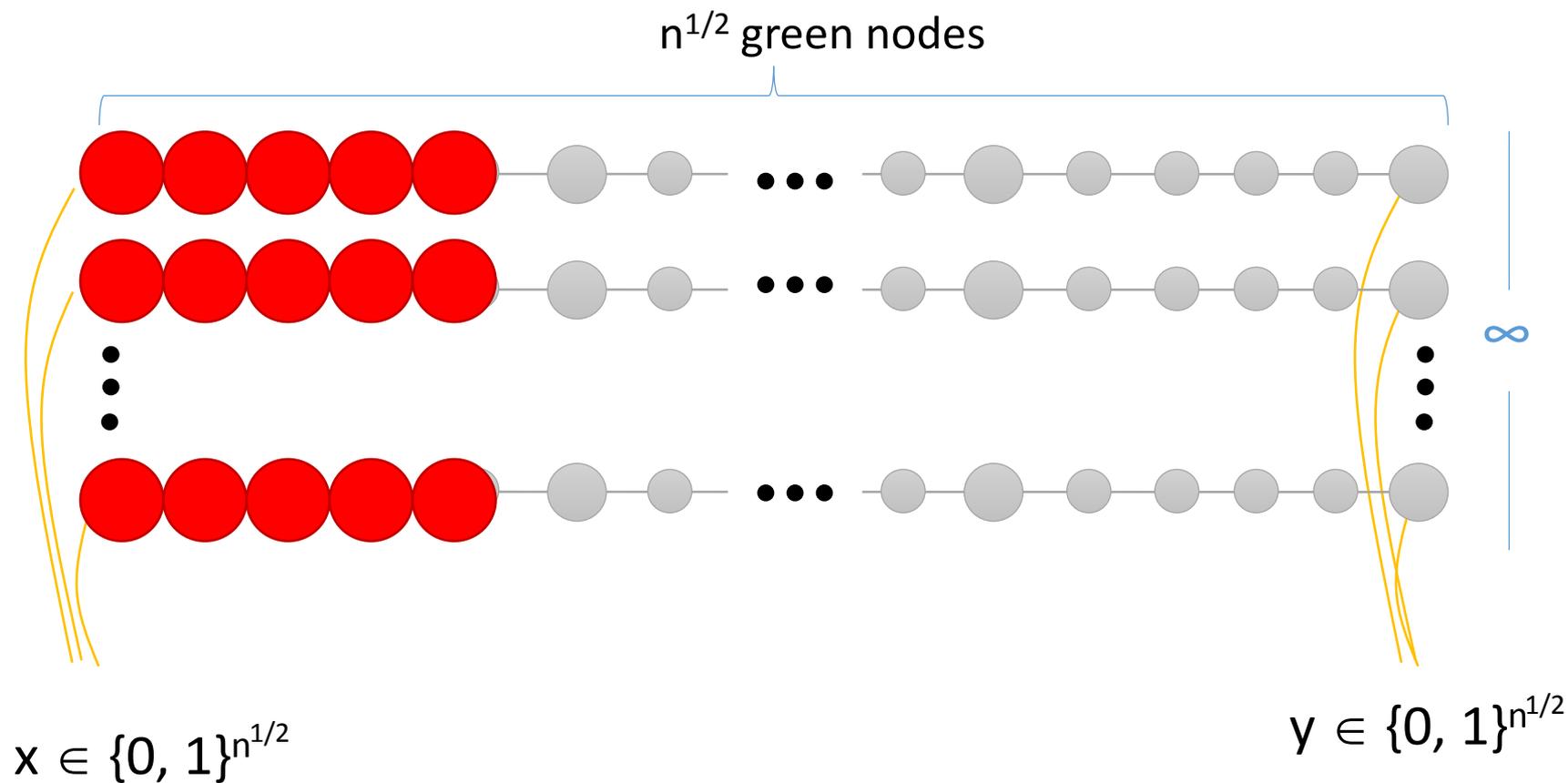
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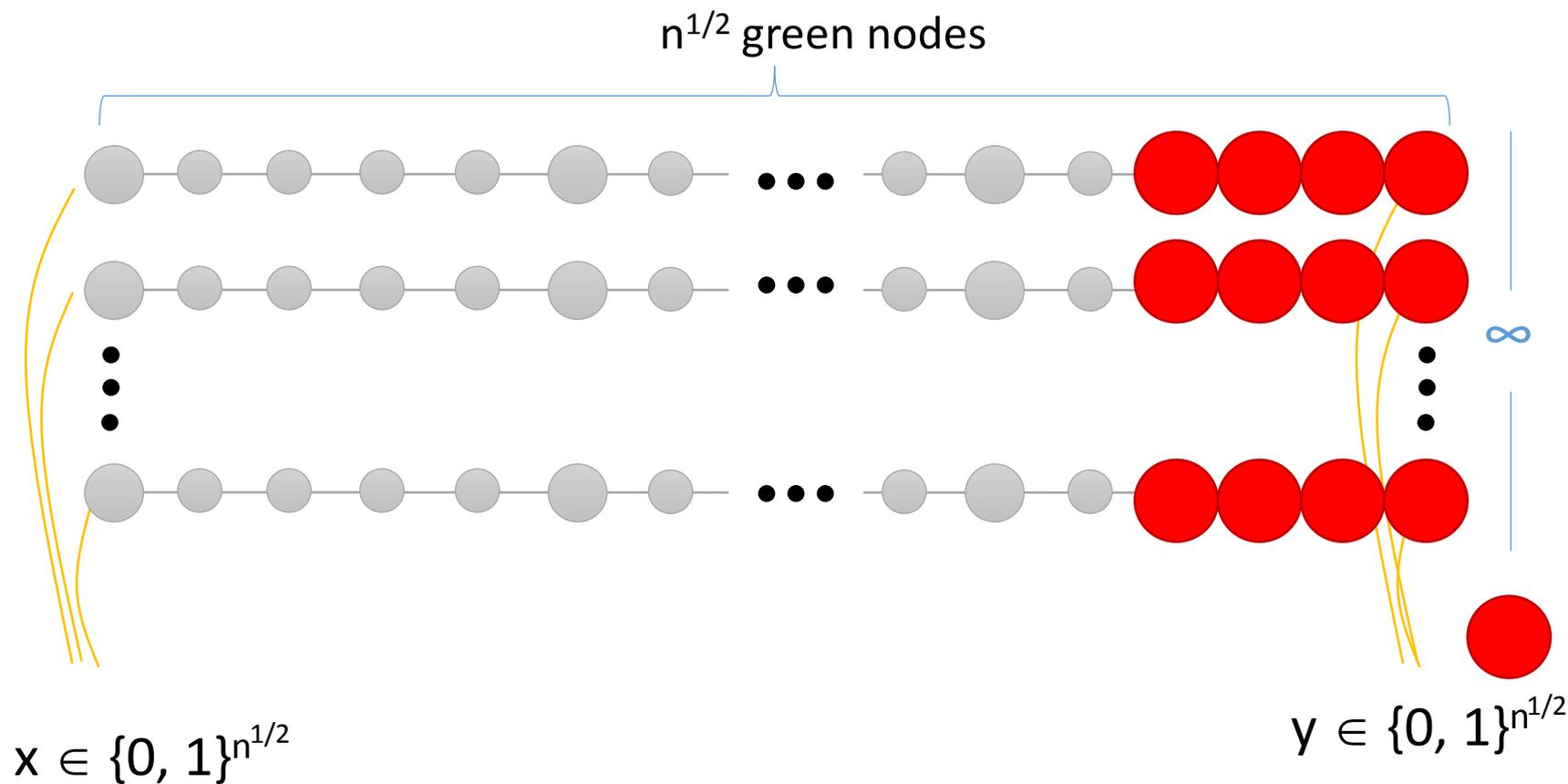
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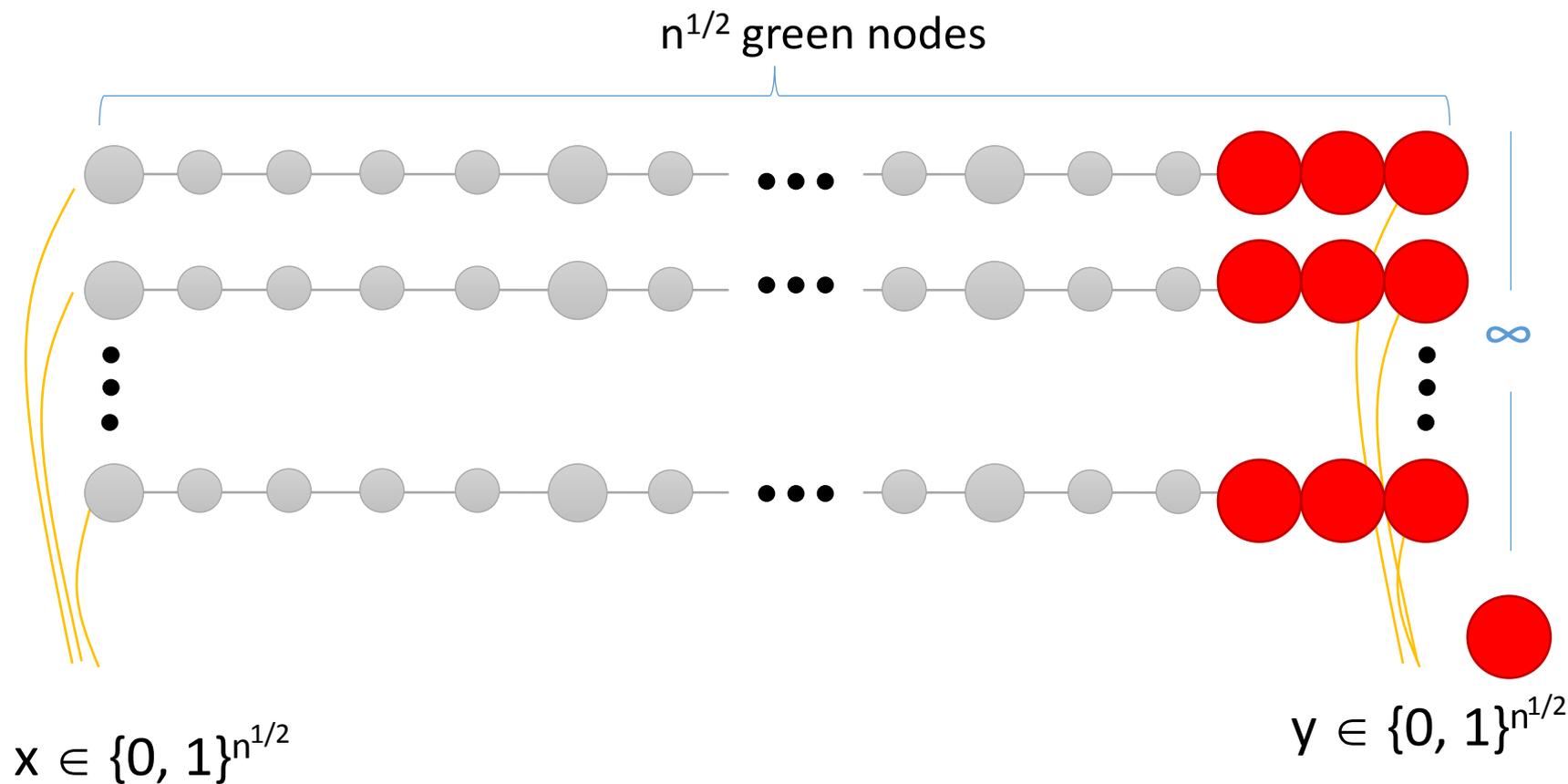
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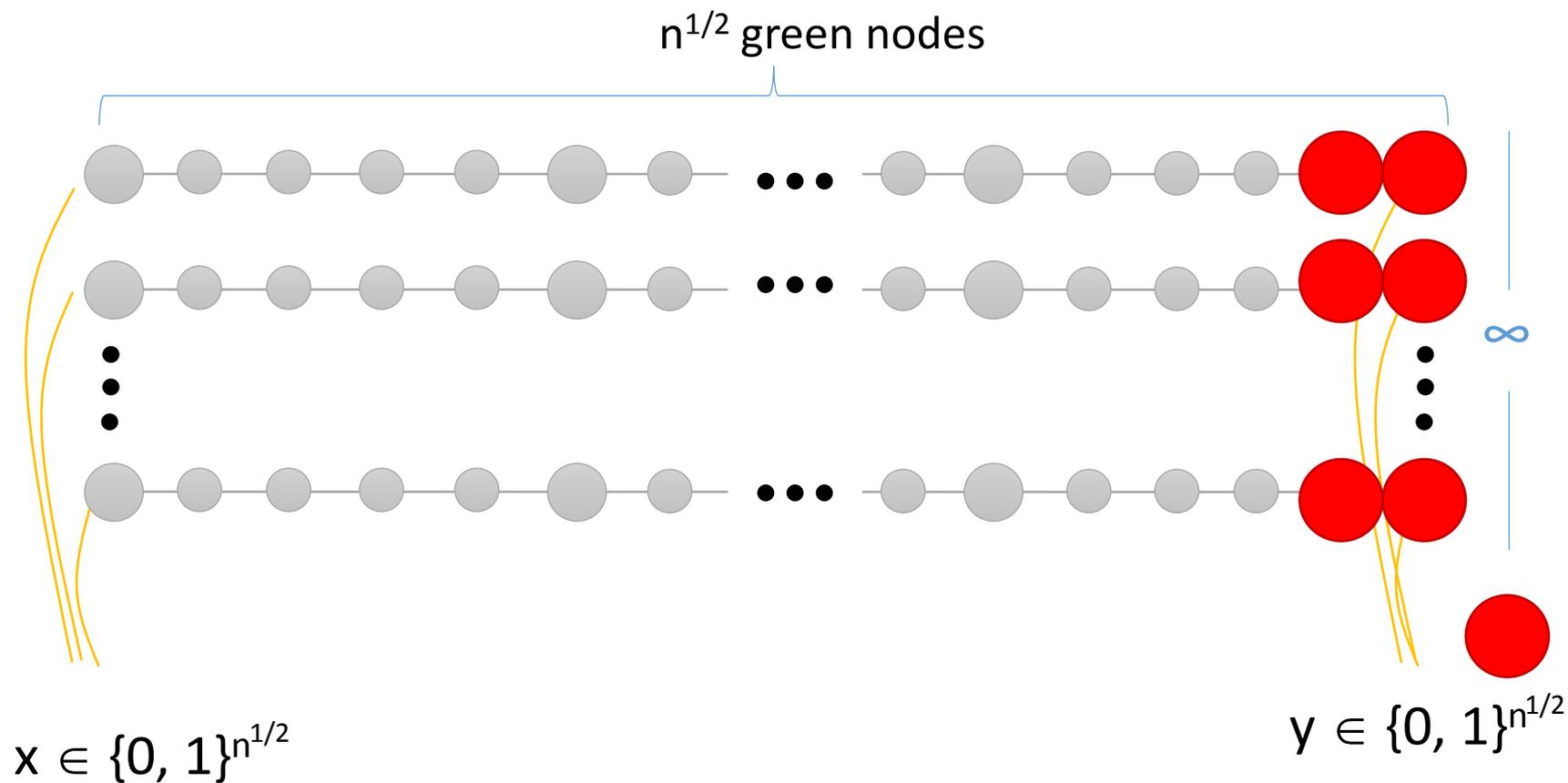
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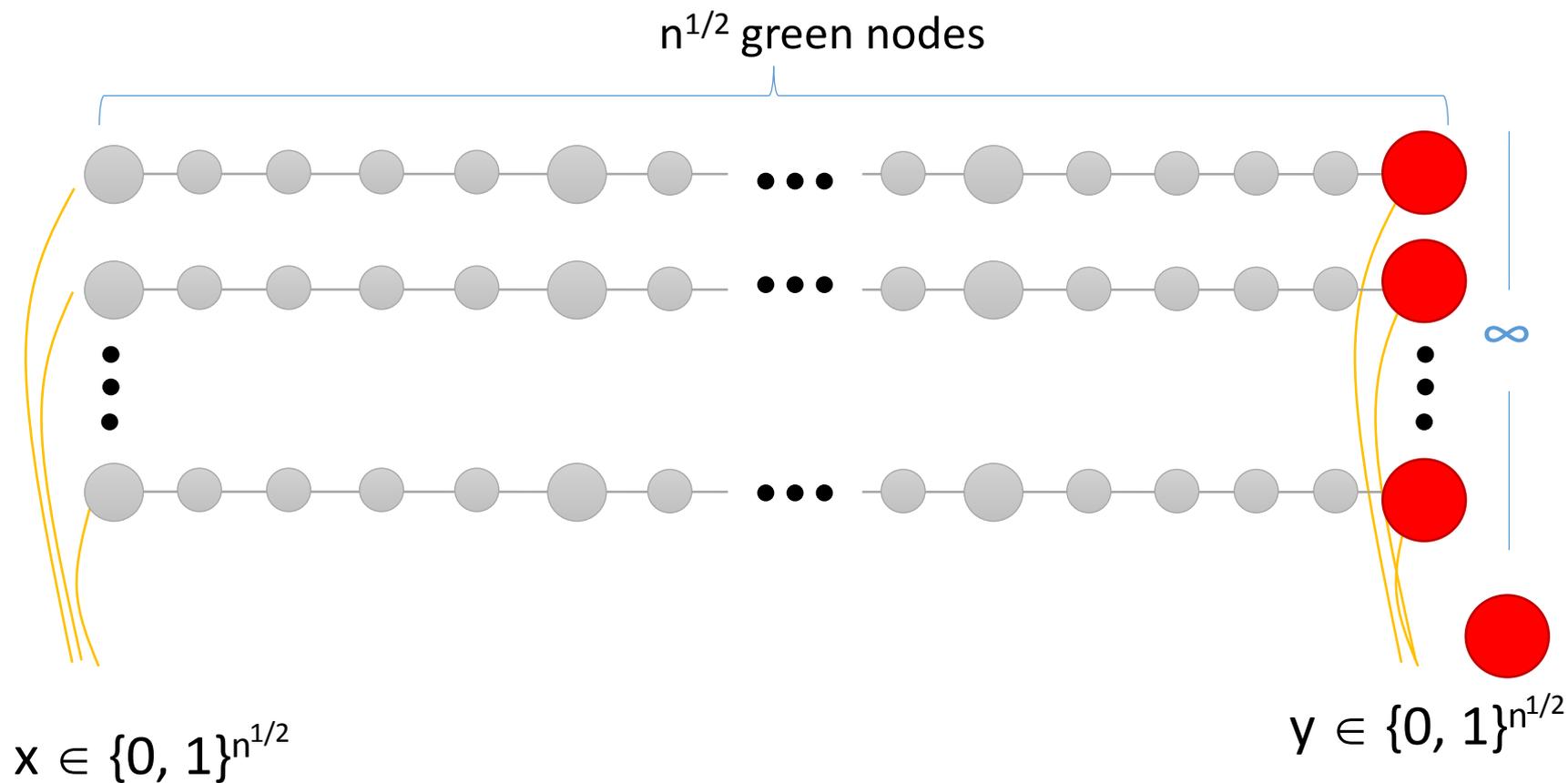
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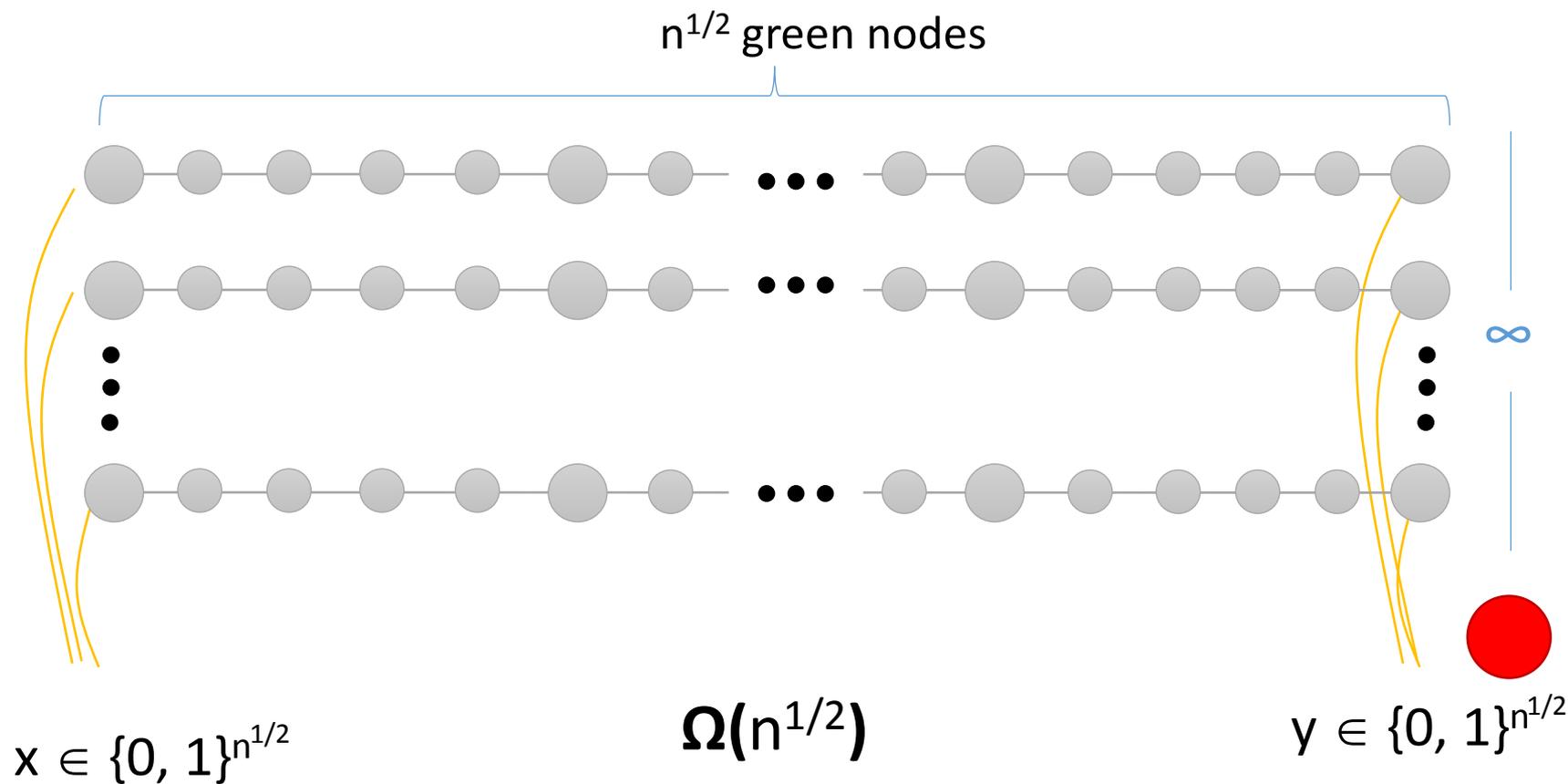
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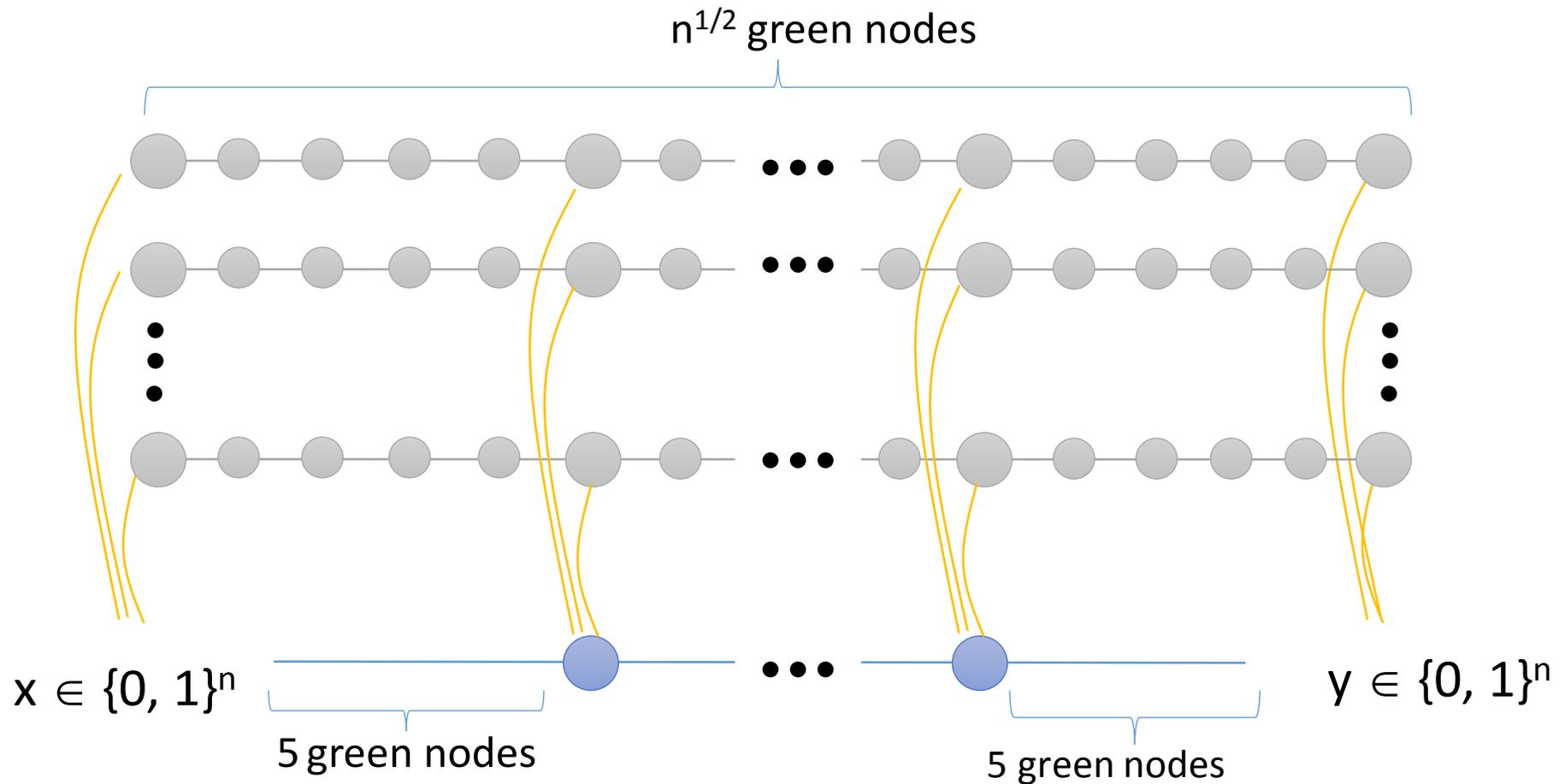
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Make the diameter smaller

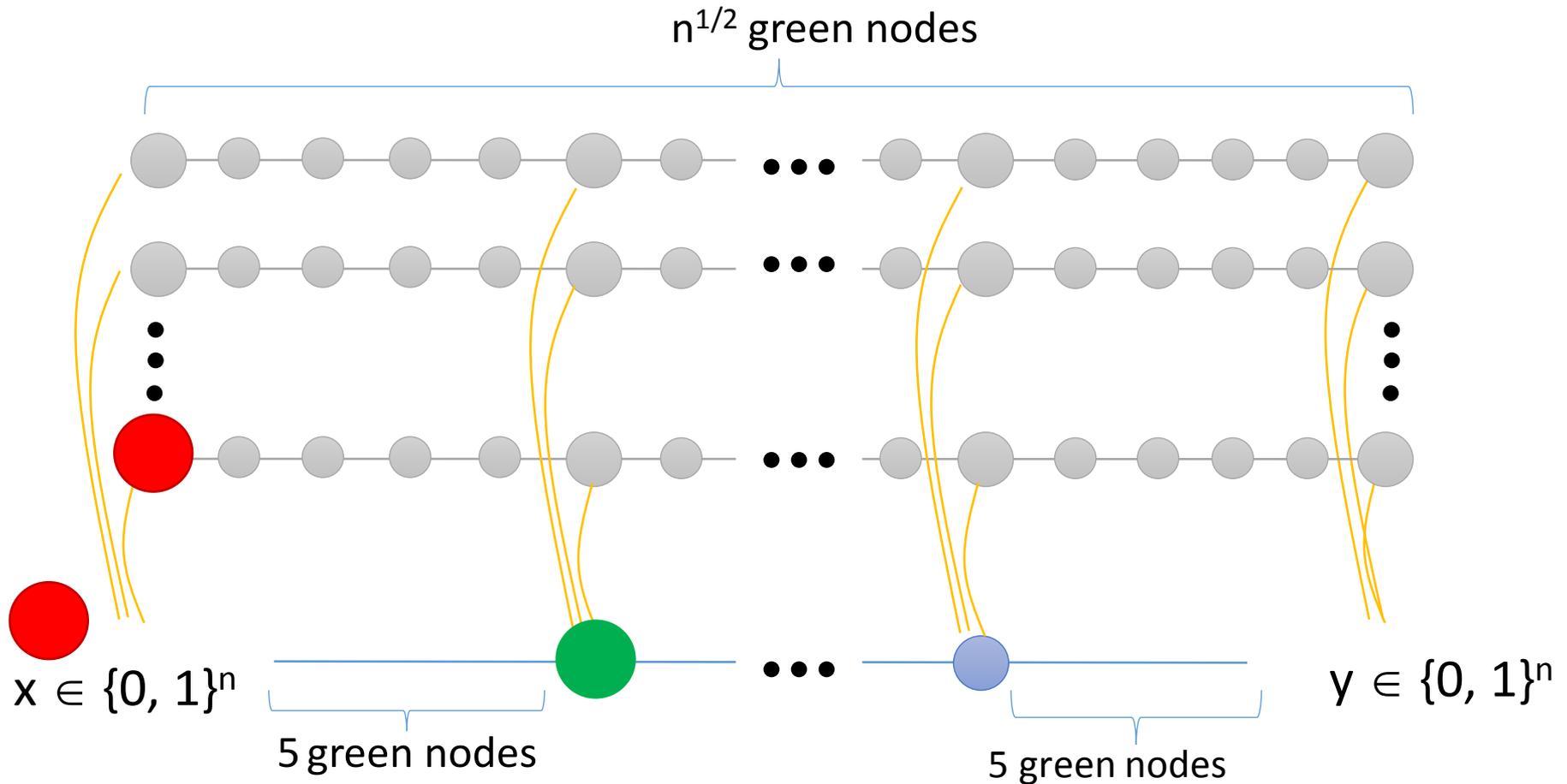
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How many steps do we need?



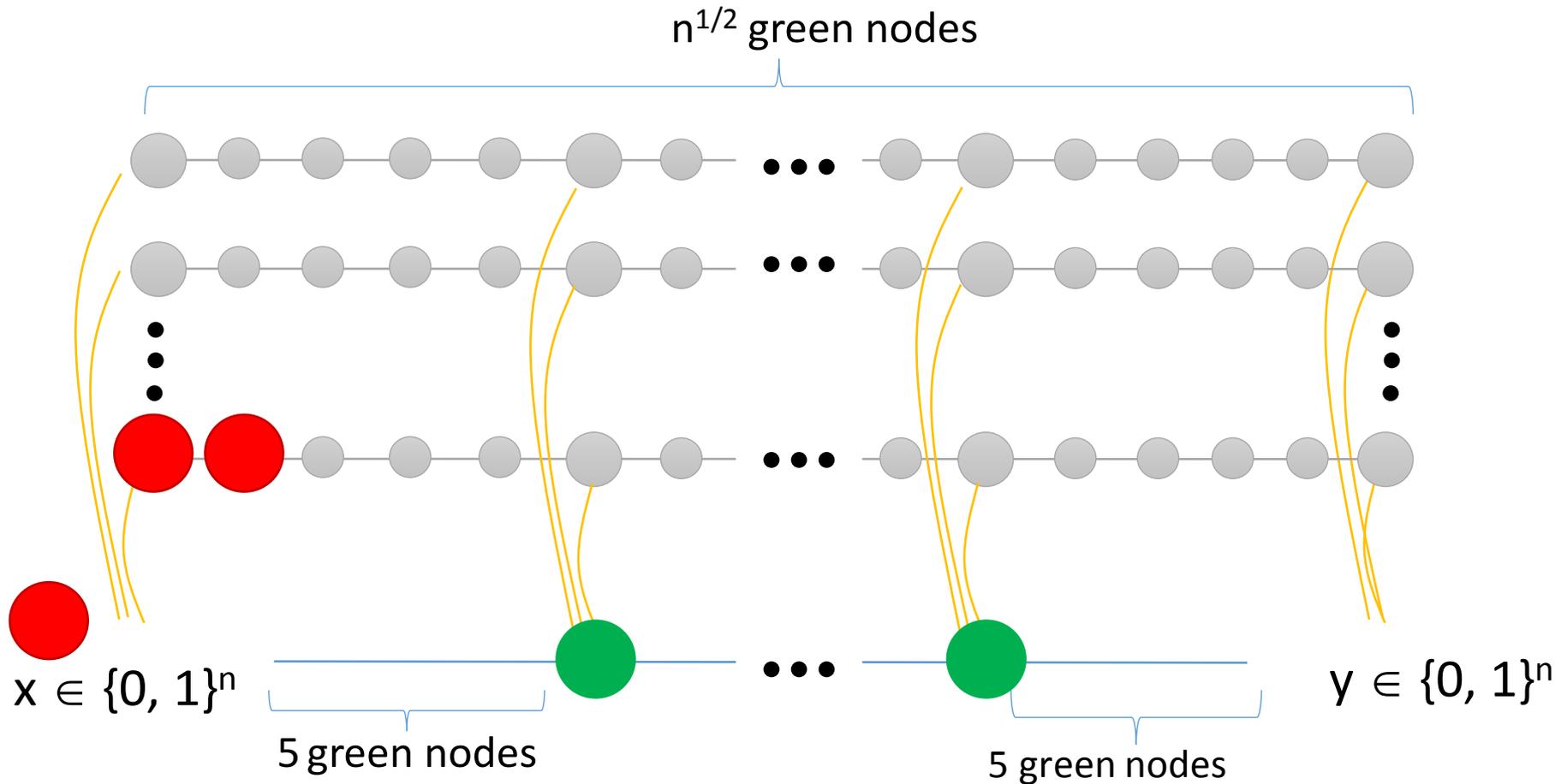
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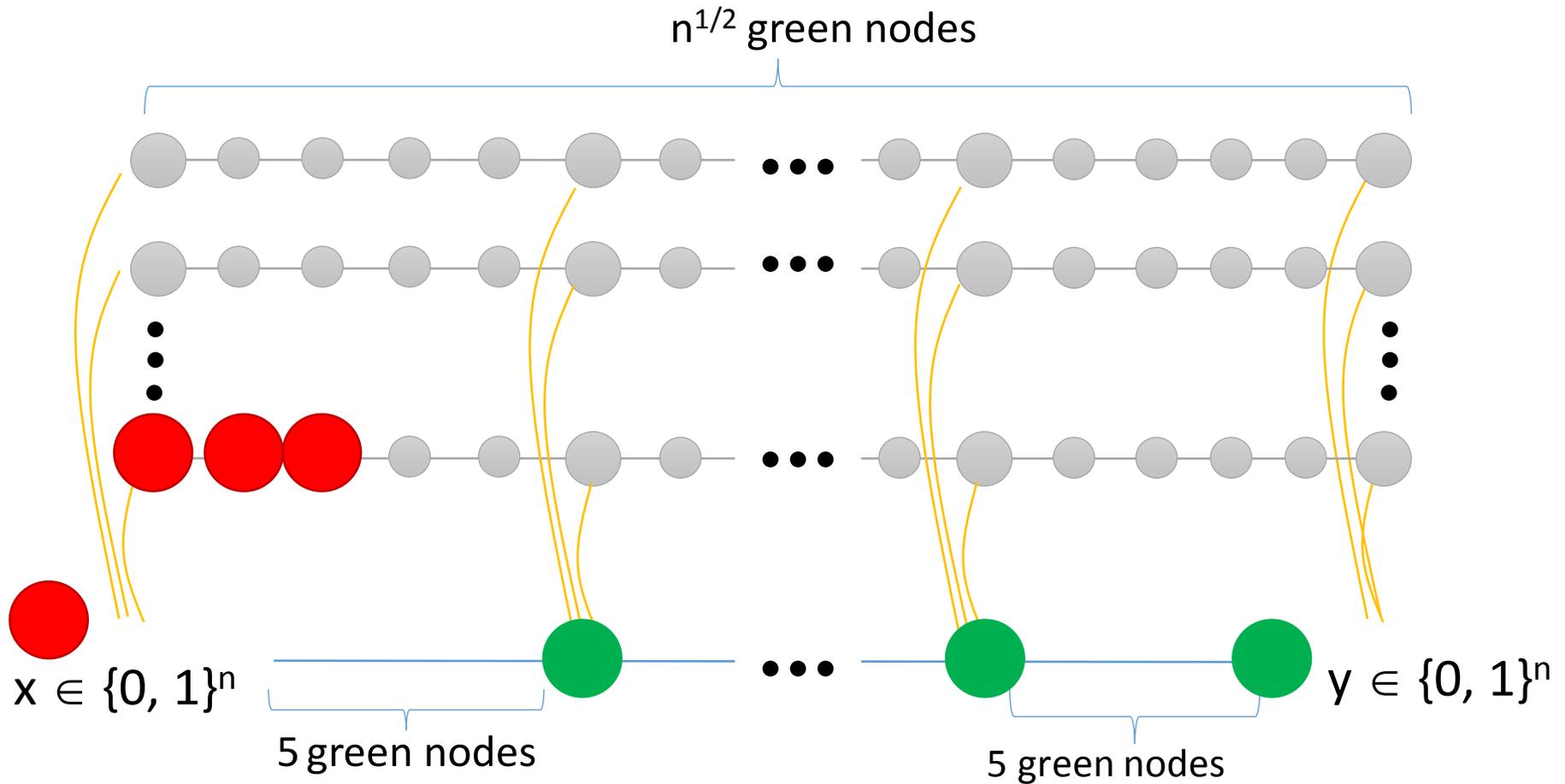
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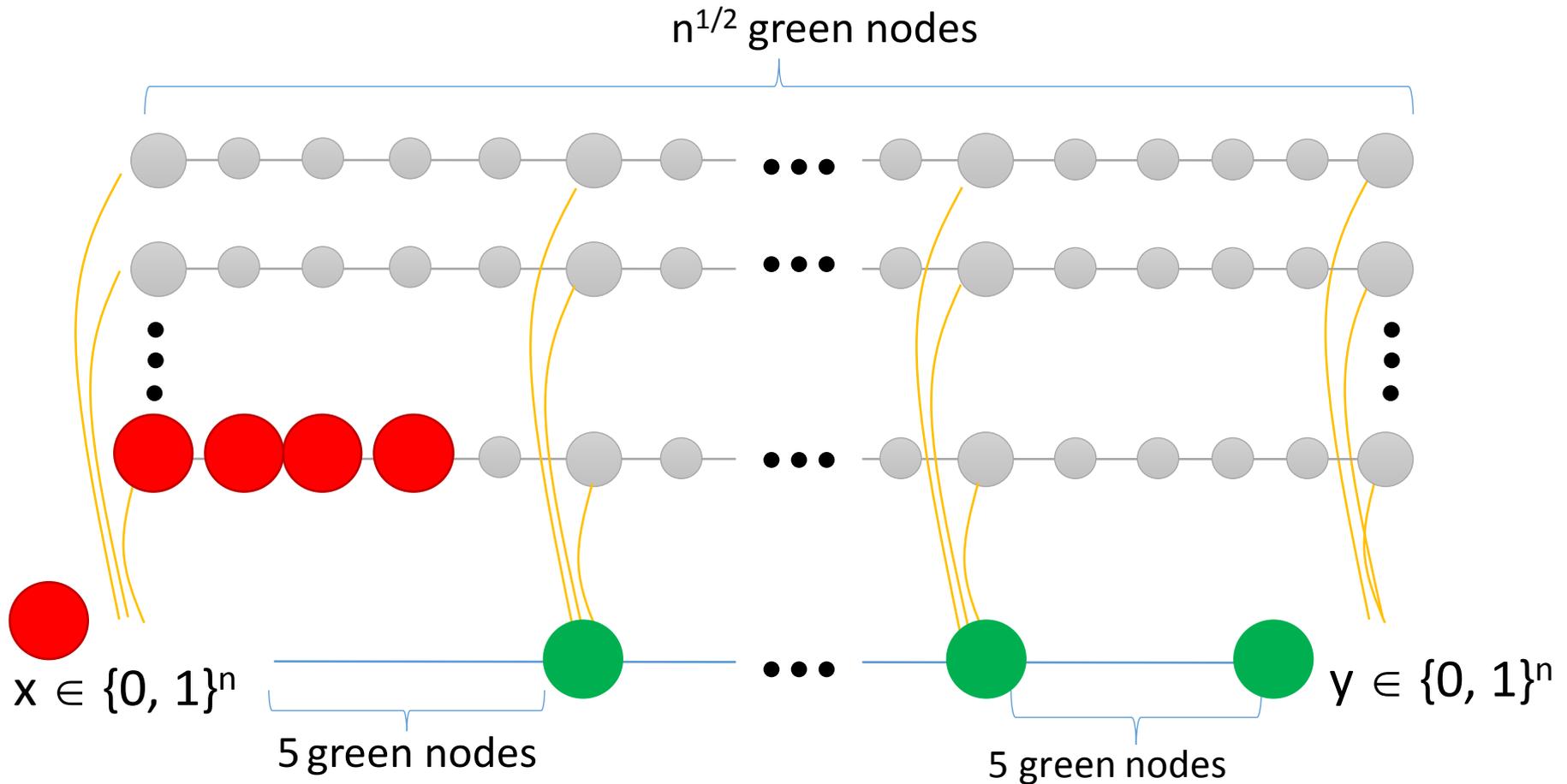
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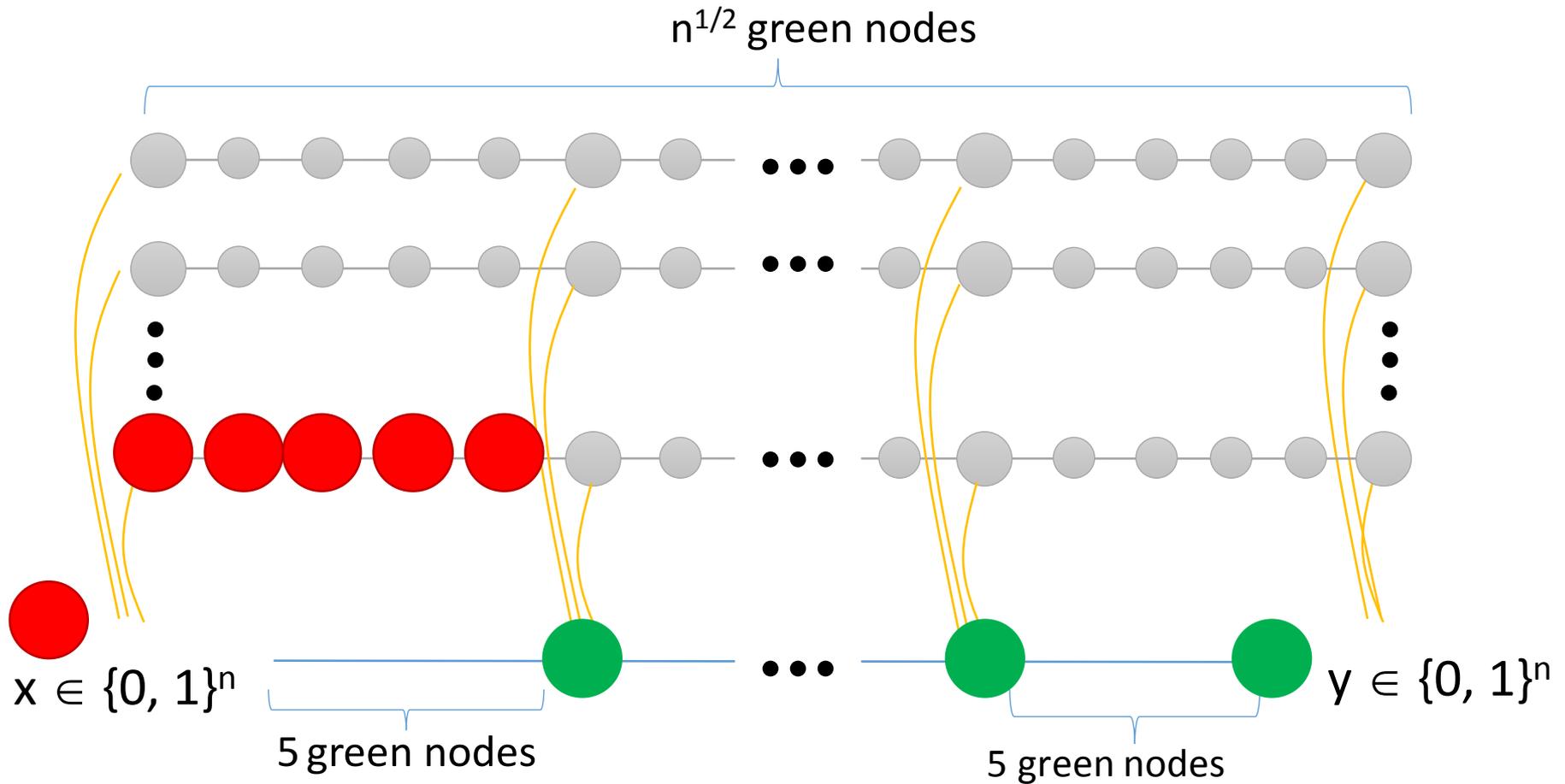
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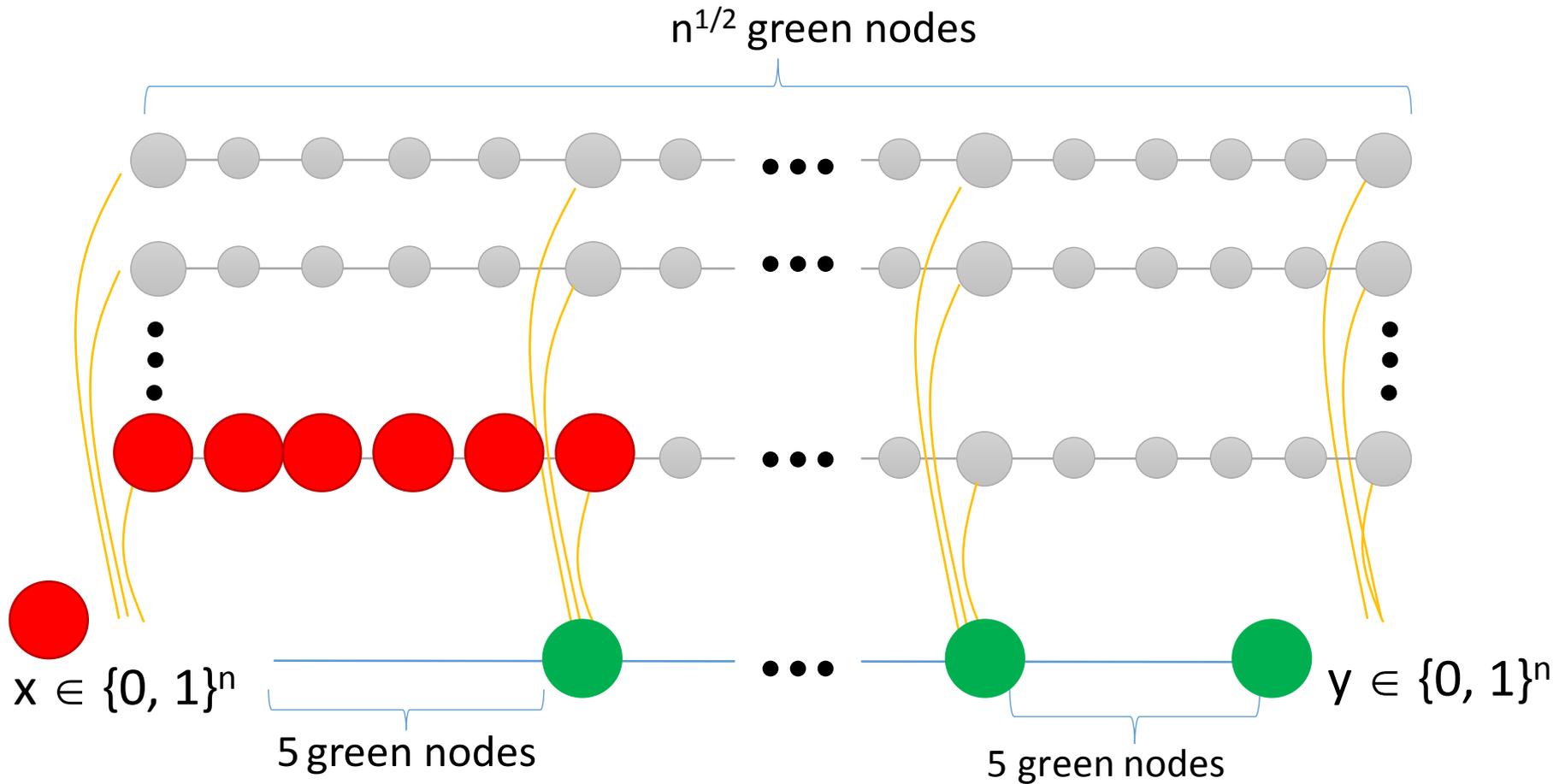
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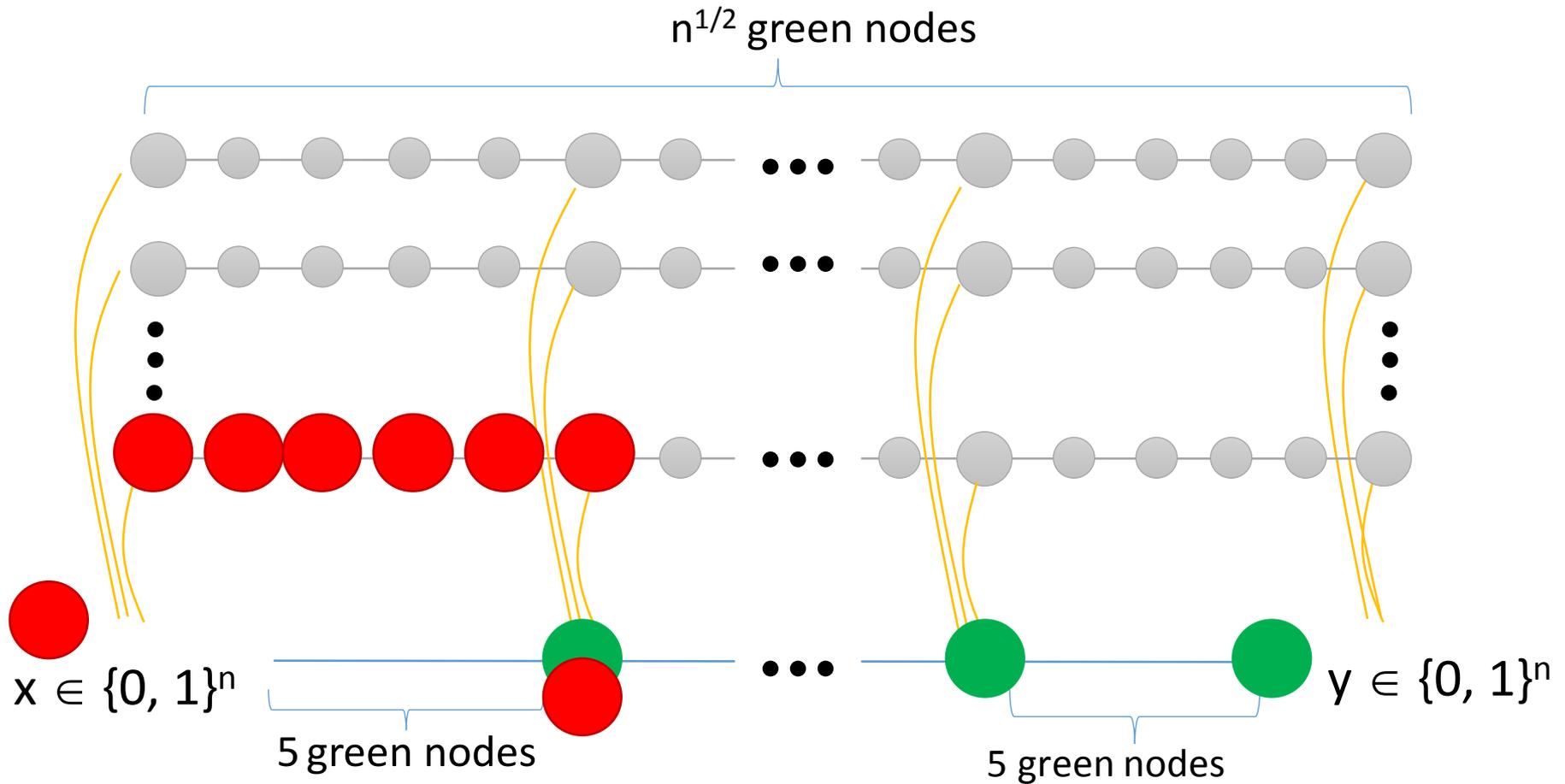


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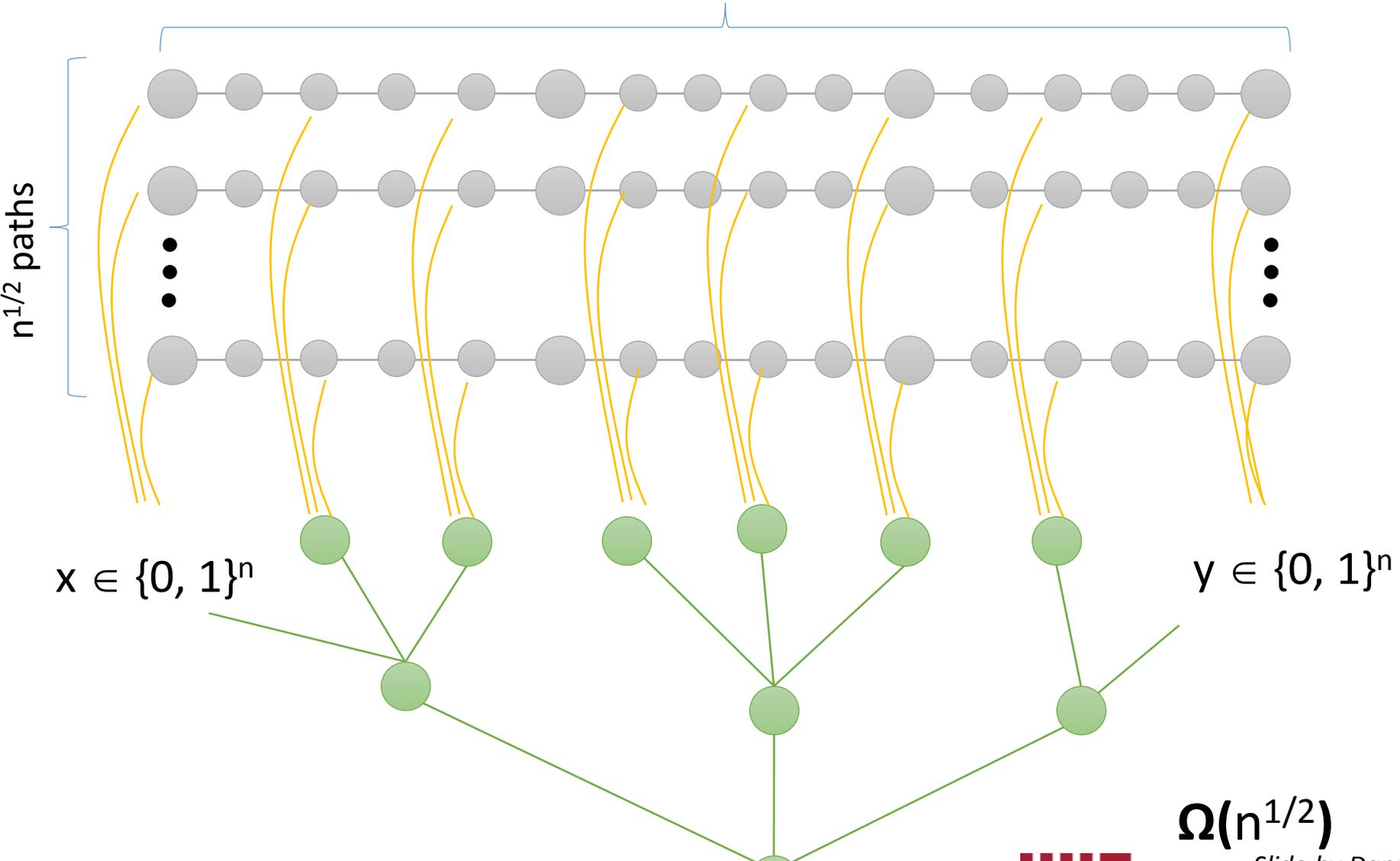


No high speedup

Reduce diameter ...

Diameter = $\log n$

$n^{1/2}$ green nodes



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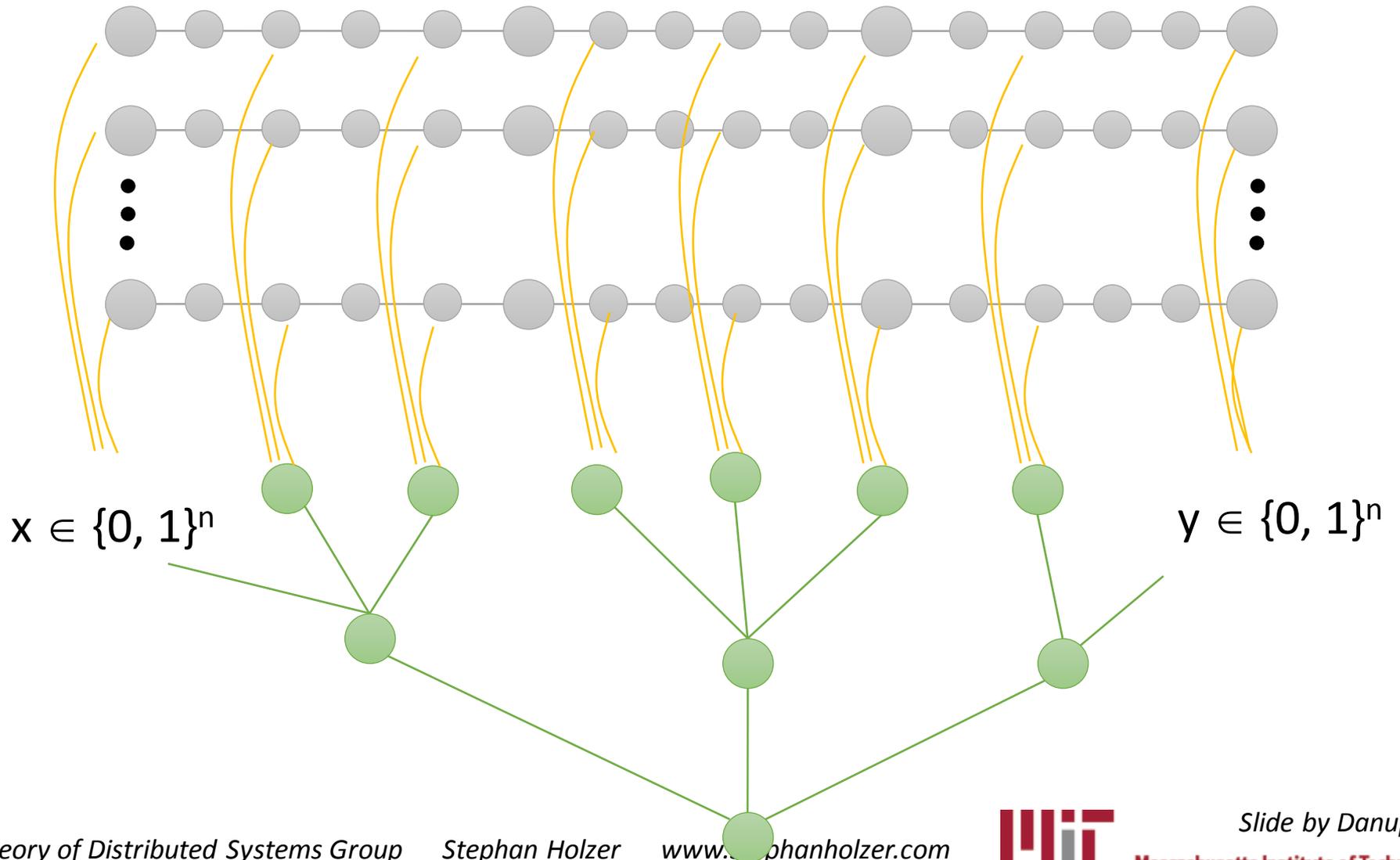
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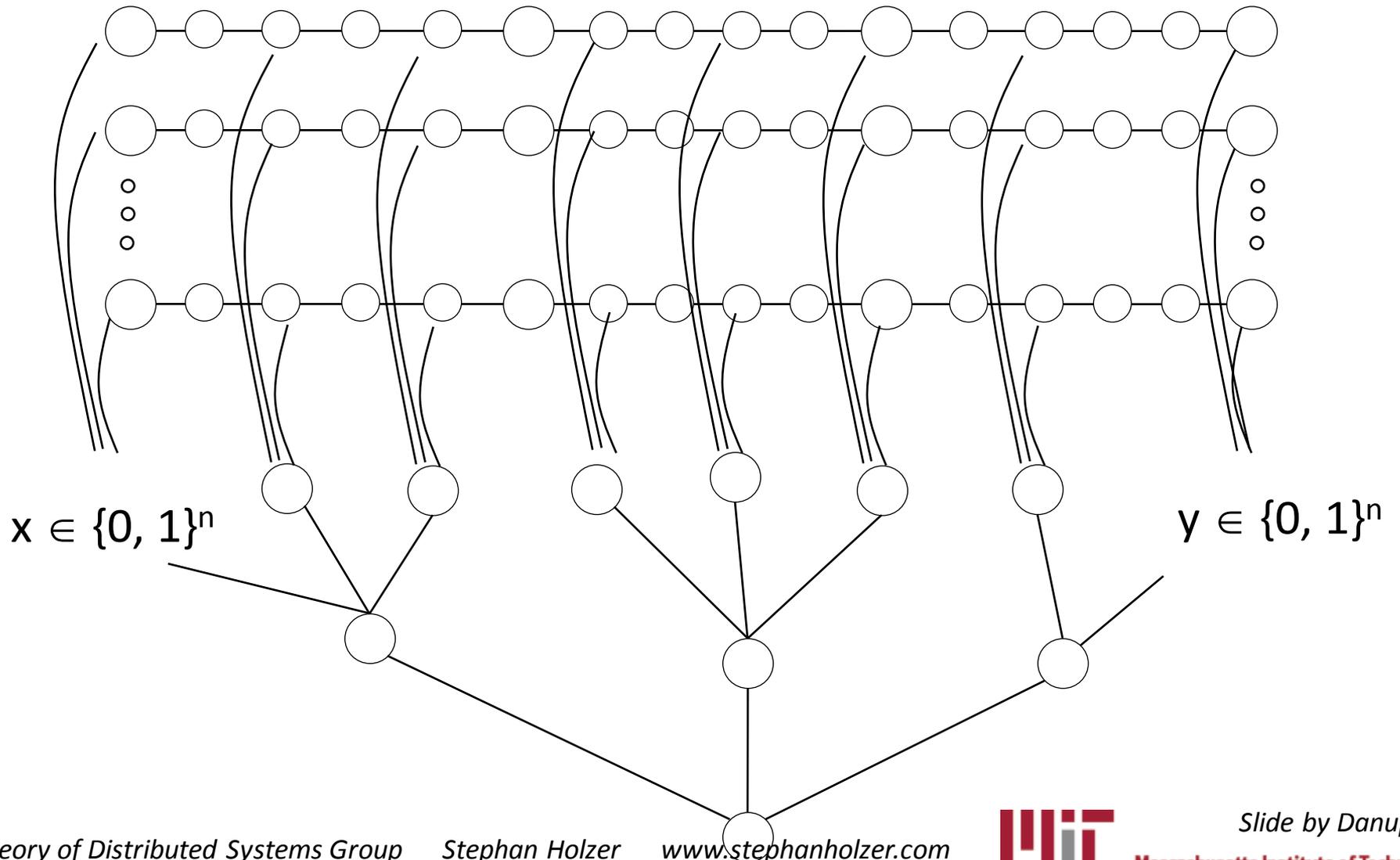
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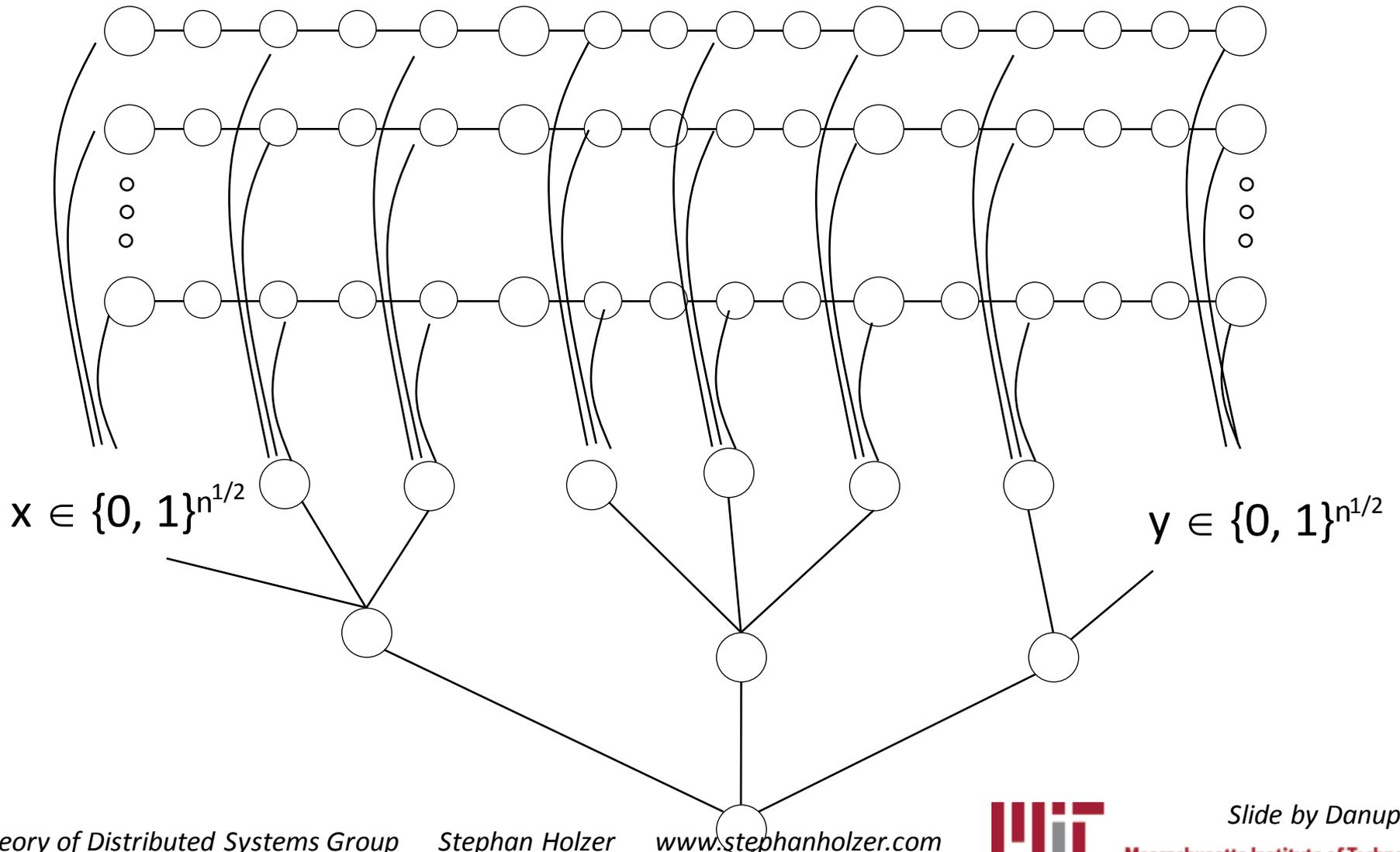
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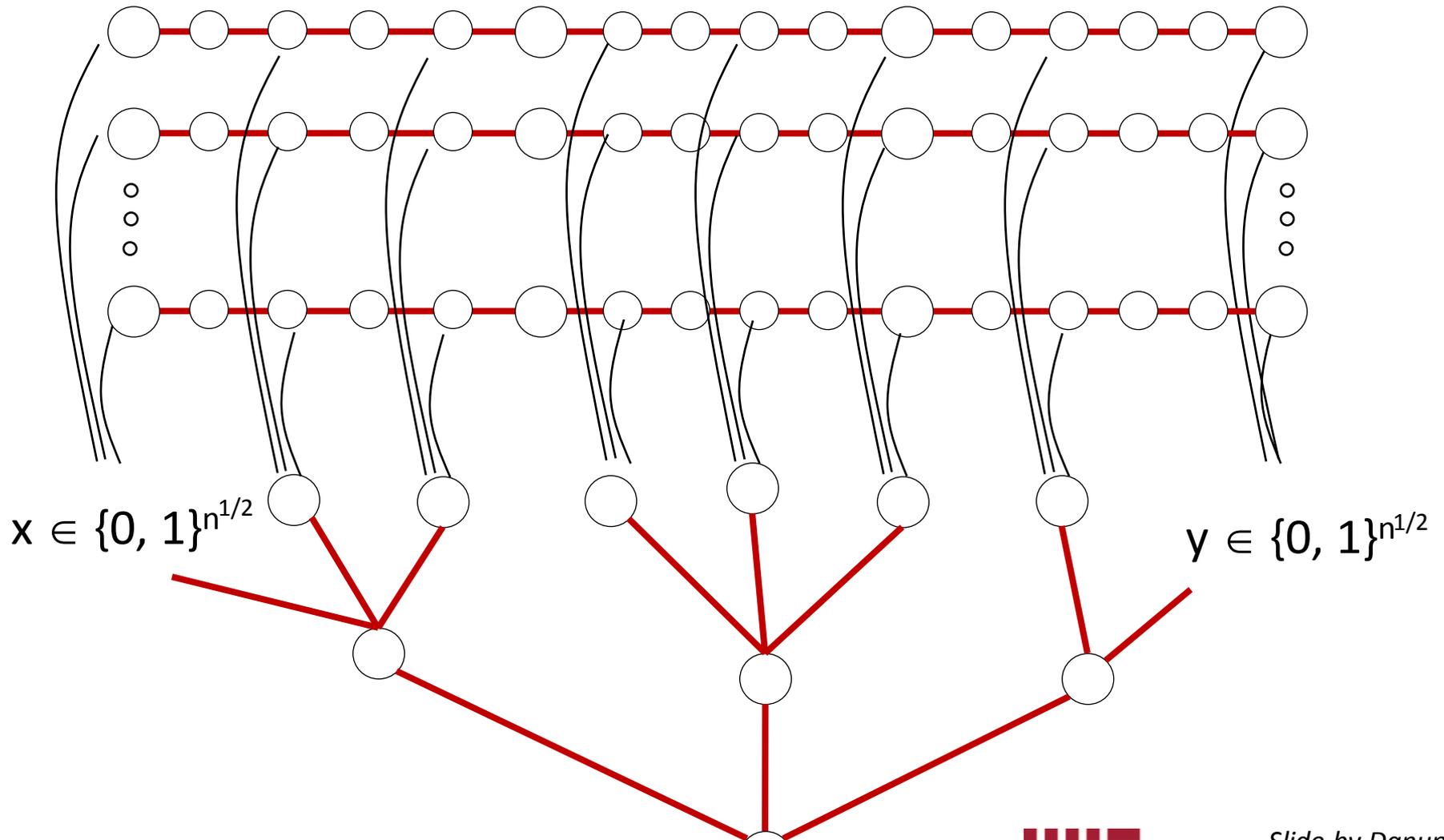
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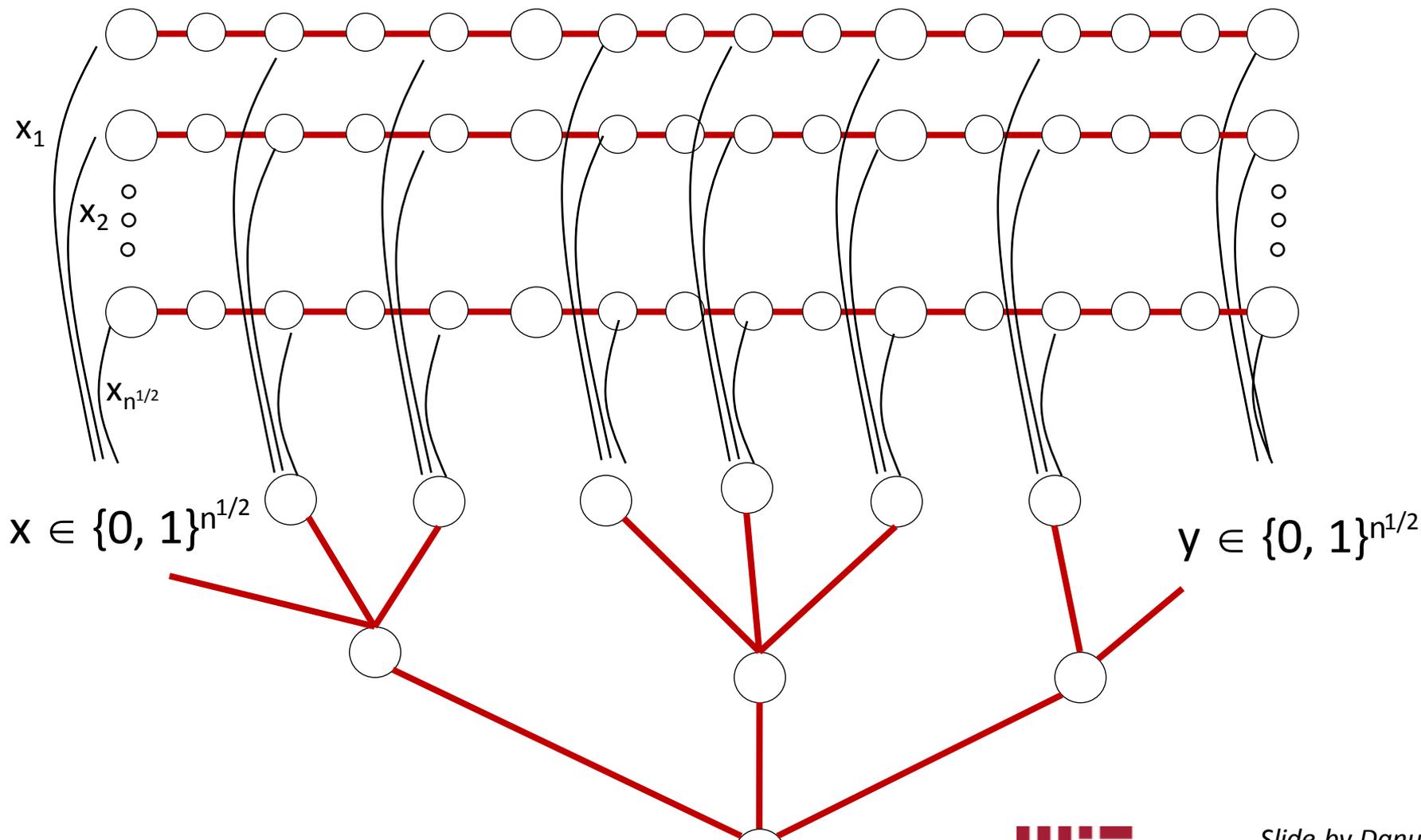
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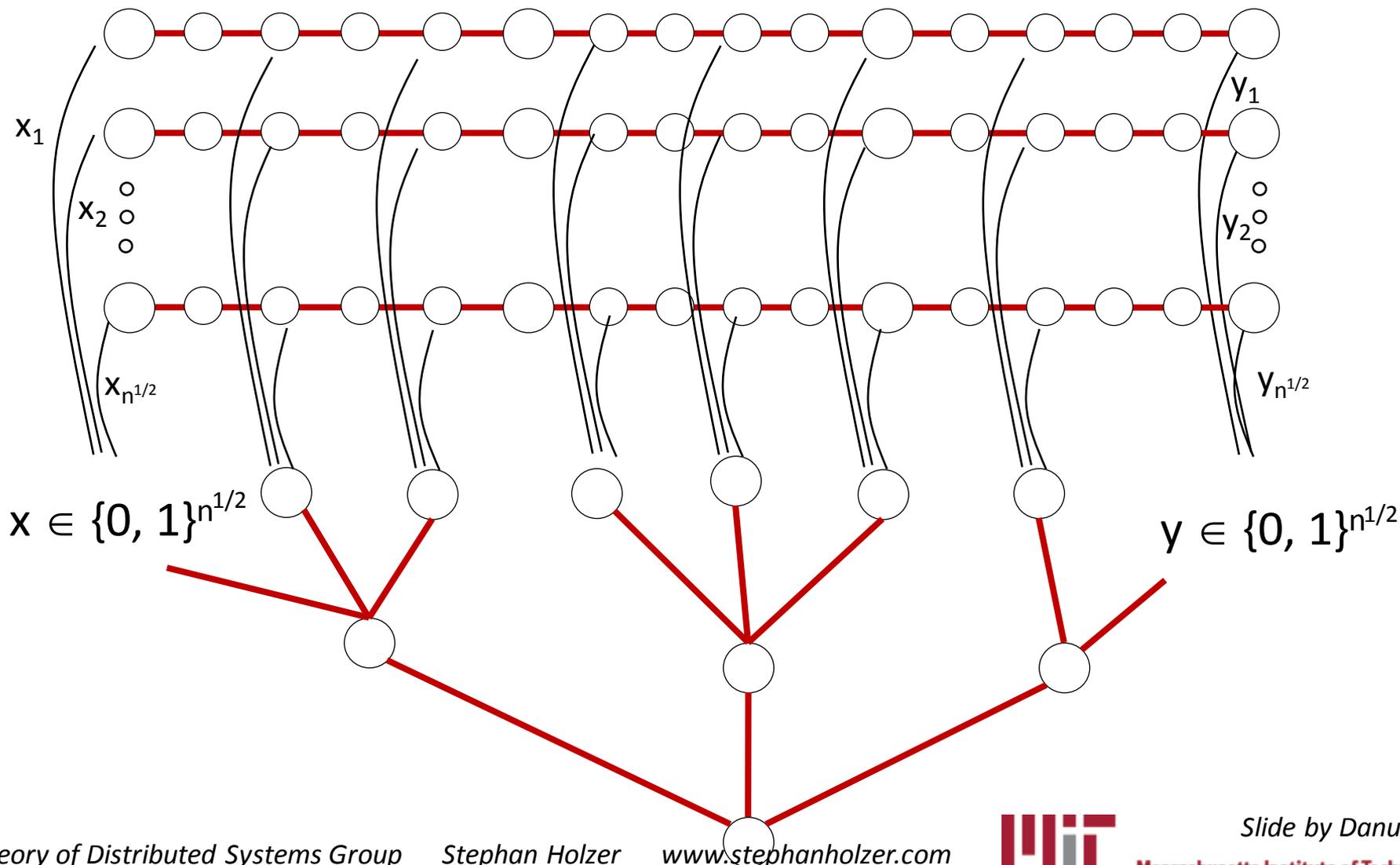


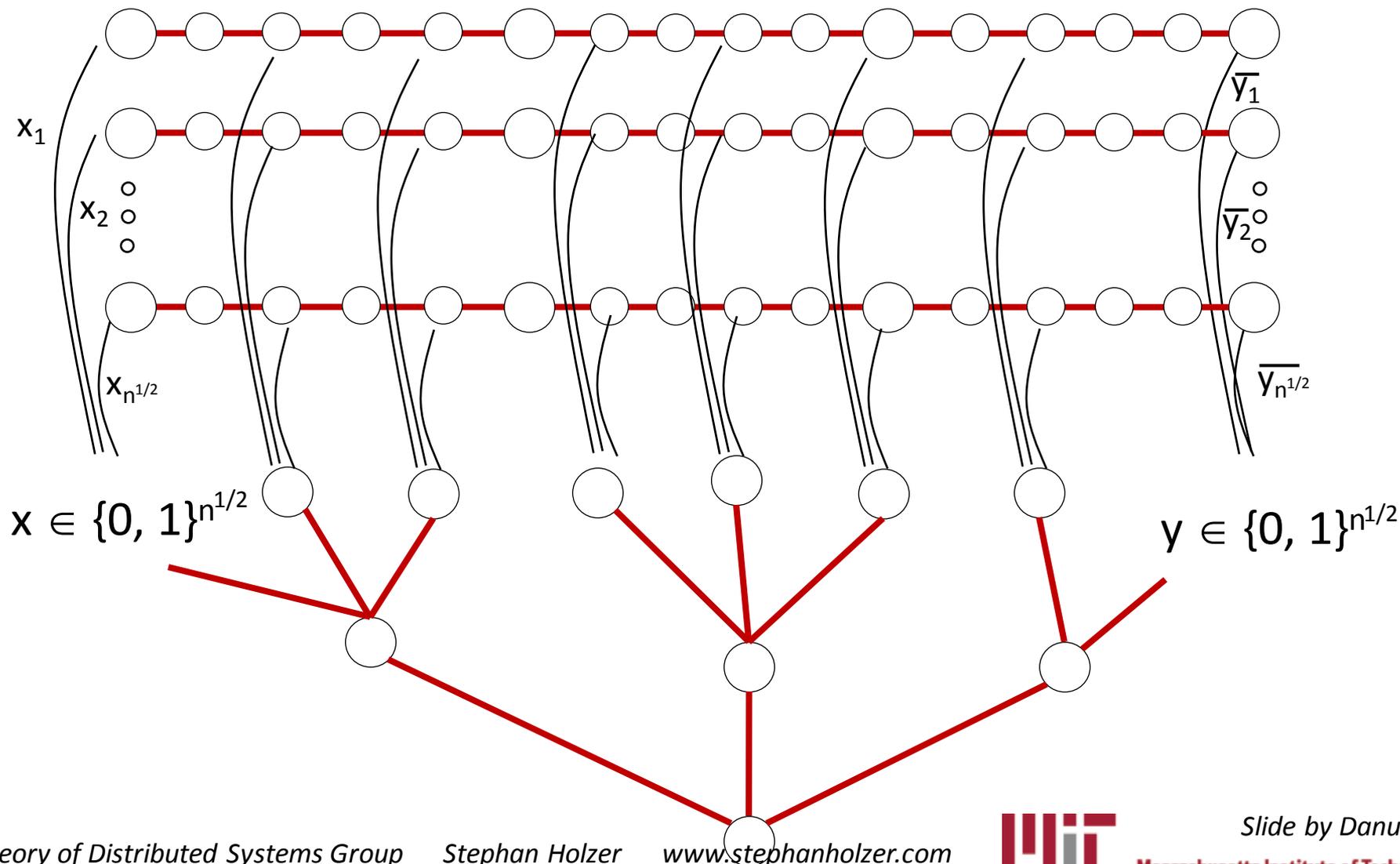




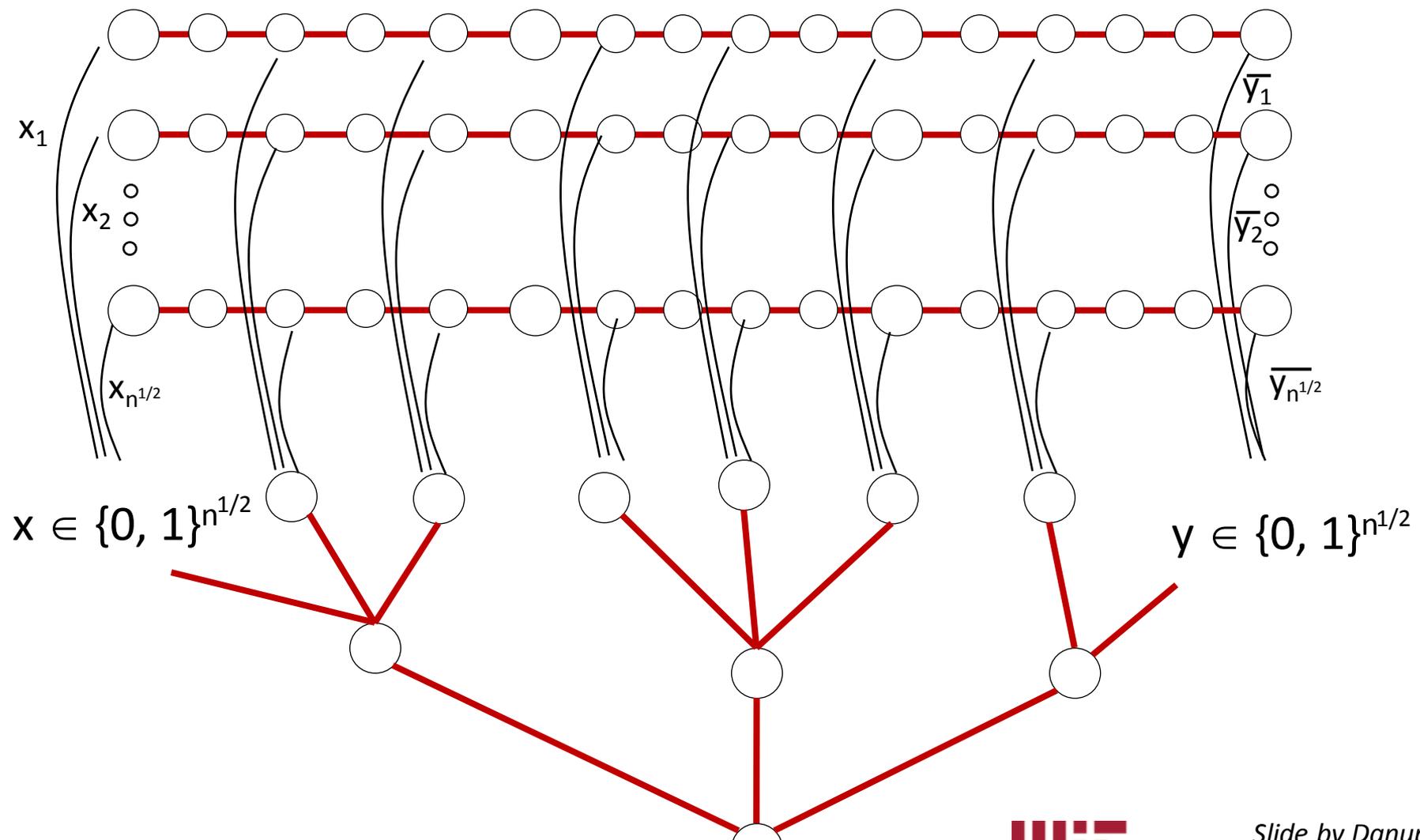




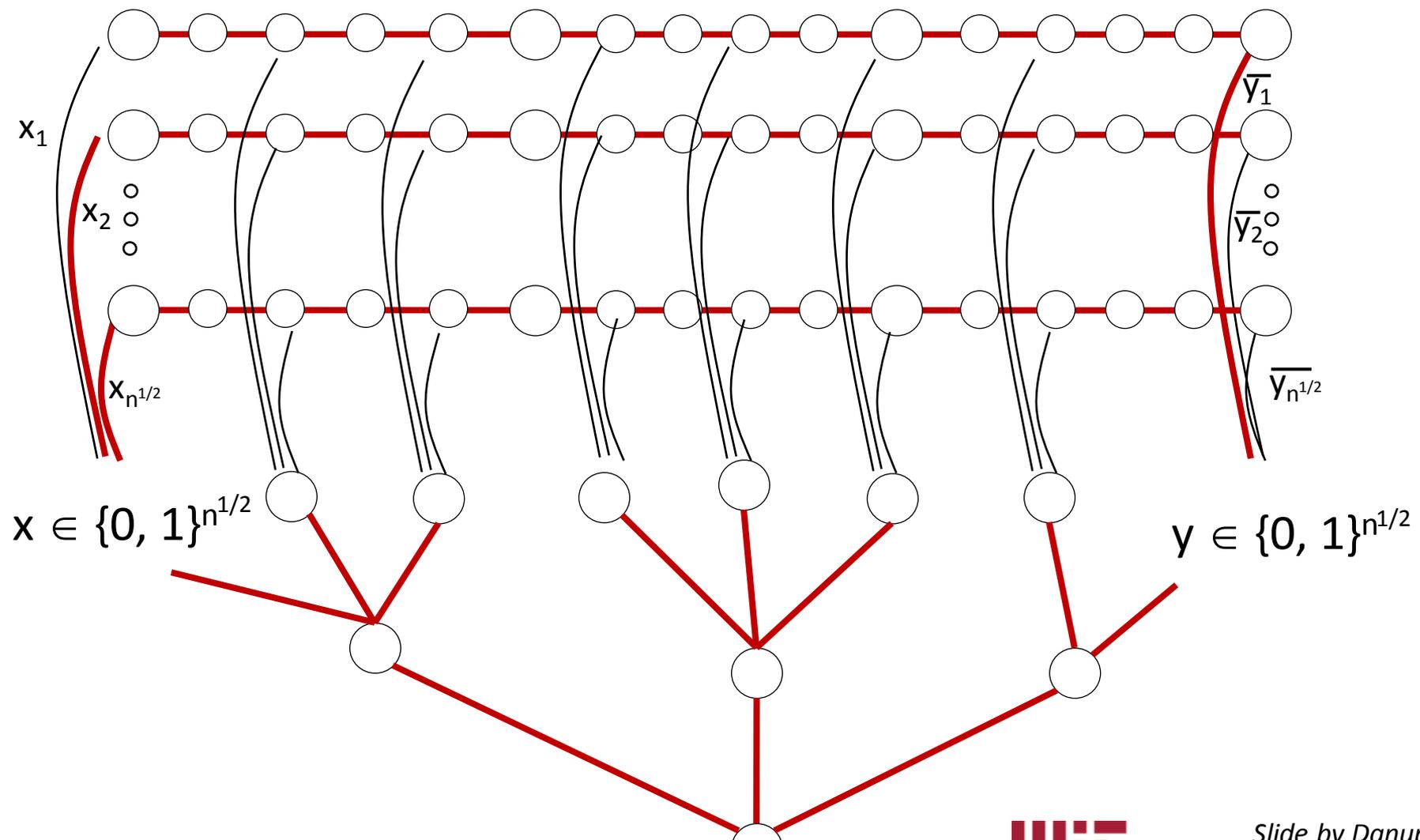




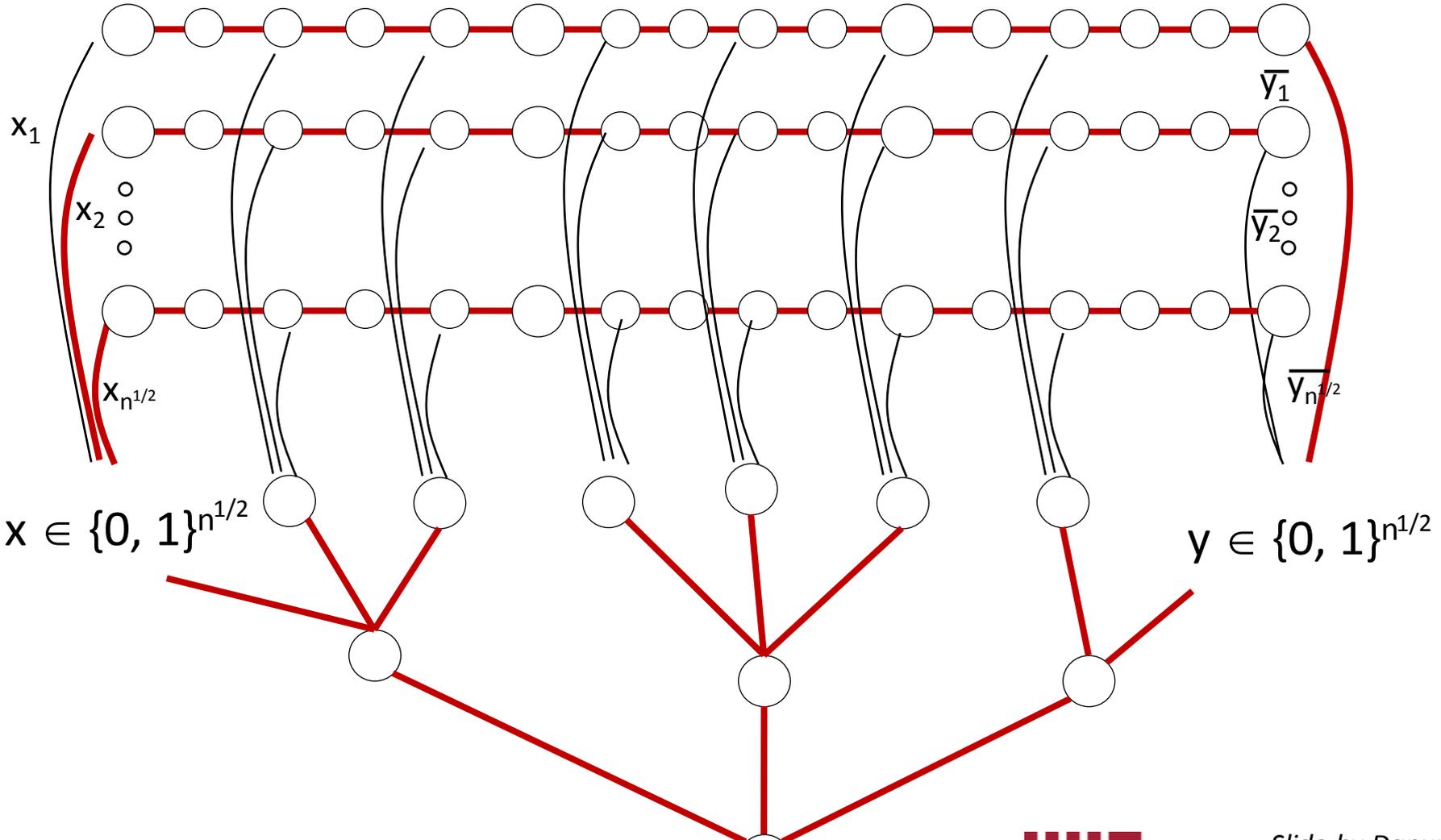
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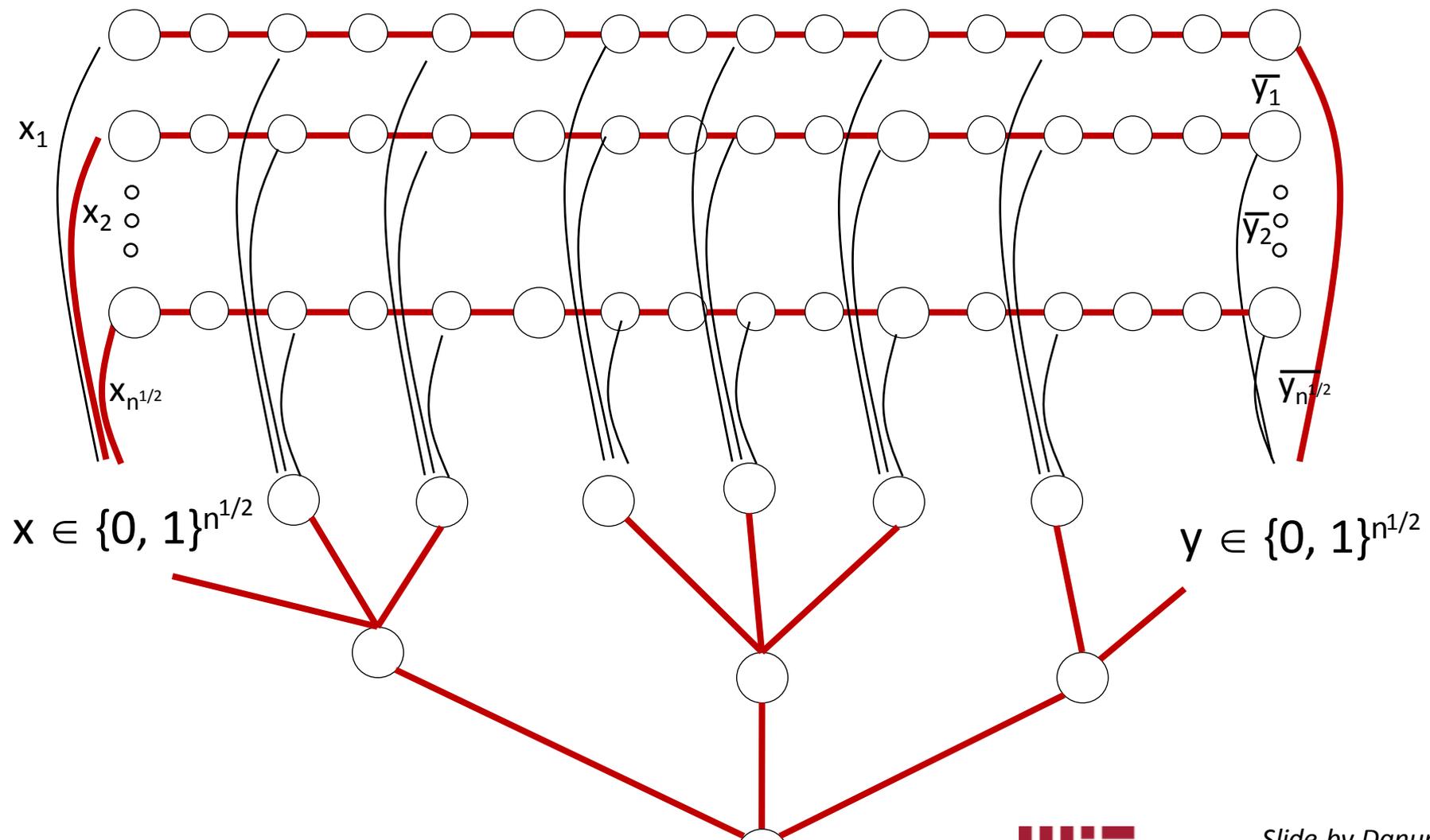


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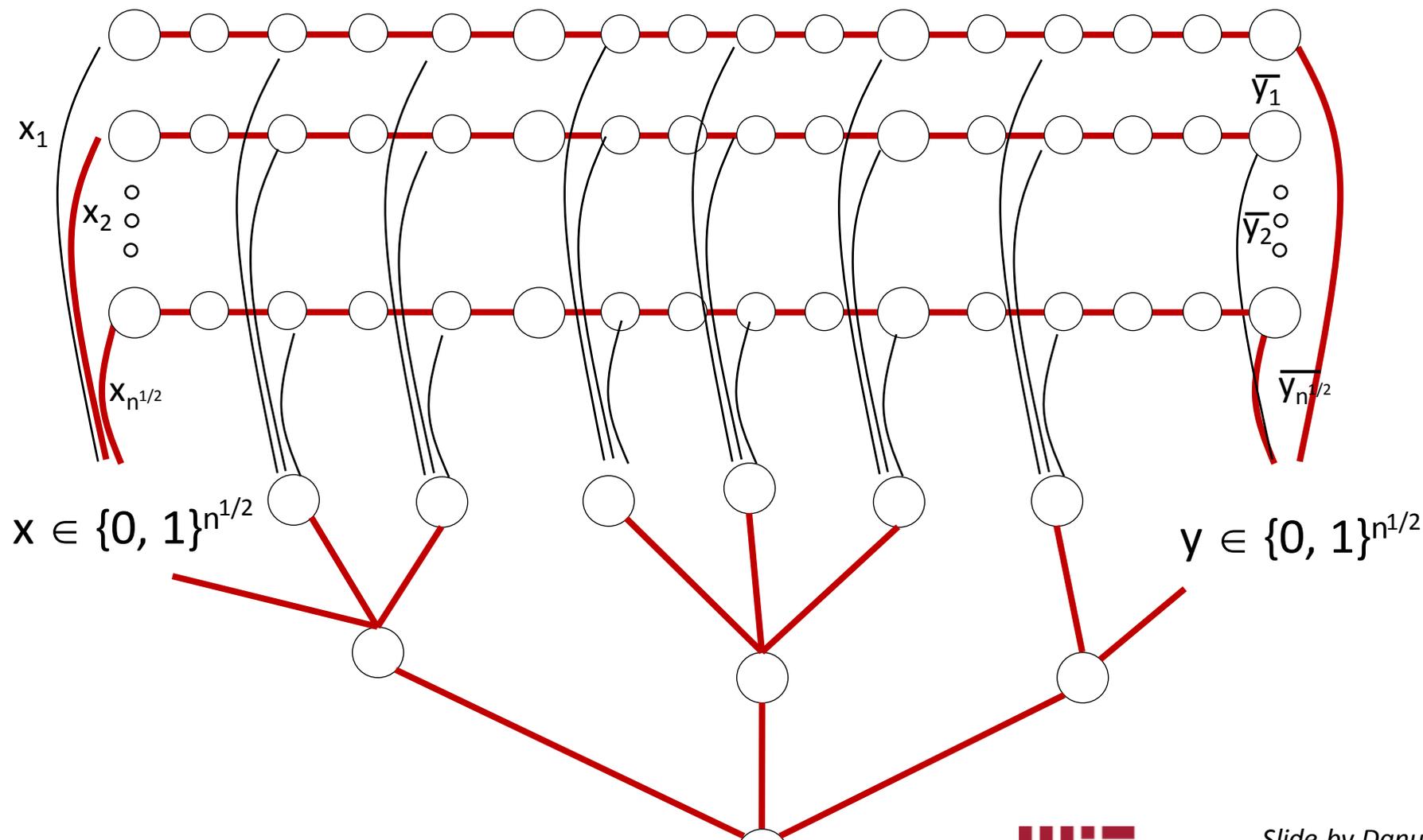
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Valid spanning tree



Another Example: $x=01\dots1$ $y=01\dots0$

Subgraph with cycle



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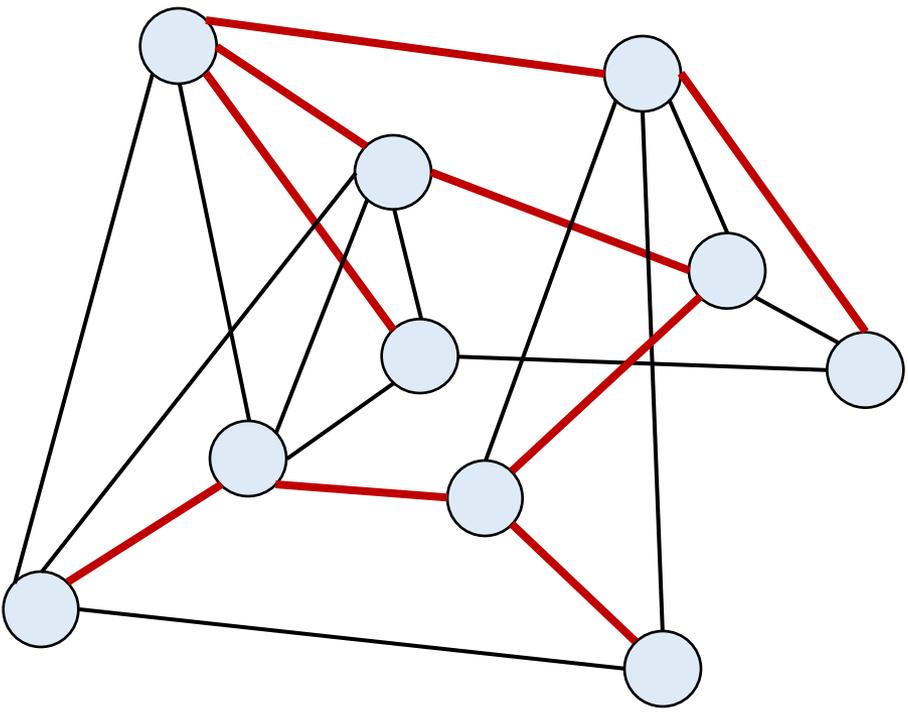
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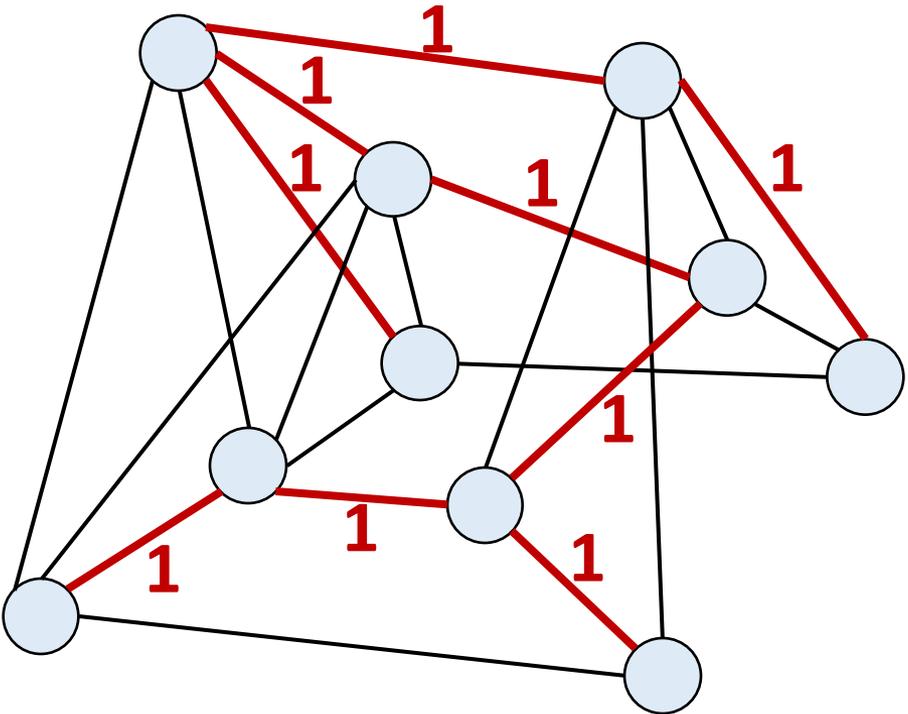
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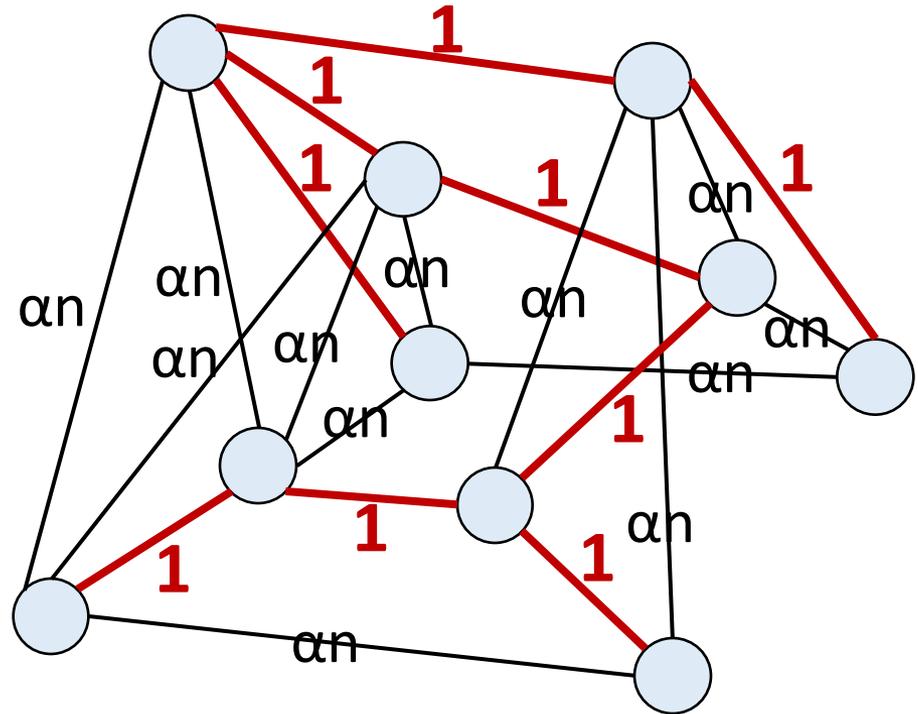
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Observe: iff H is ST, H is MST of weight $n-1$

Observe: iff H is ST, no α -MST besides H

Thus: α -approximating a MST takes $\Omega(n^{1/2})$

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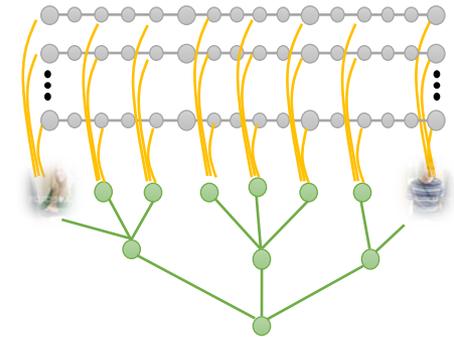
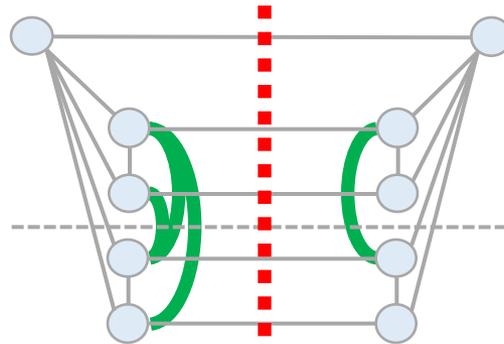
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Deterministic lower bound.

Randomized: use DISJOINTNESS and
Different intermediate steps.

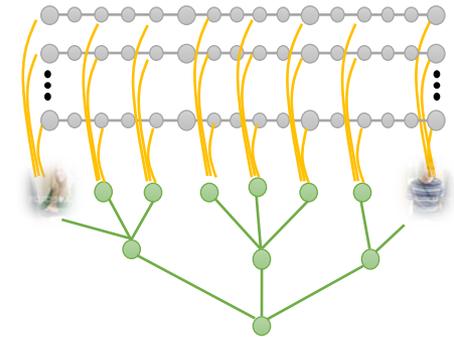
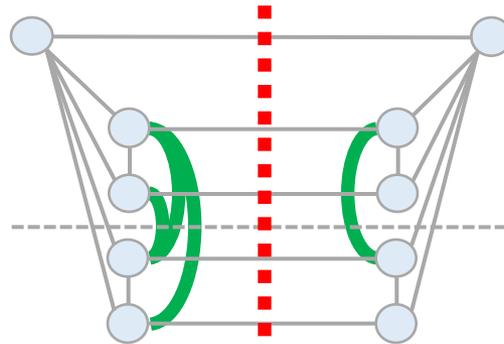
Simulation Theorem: works for any function.

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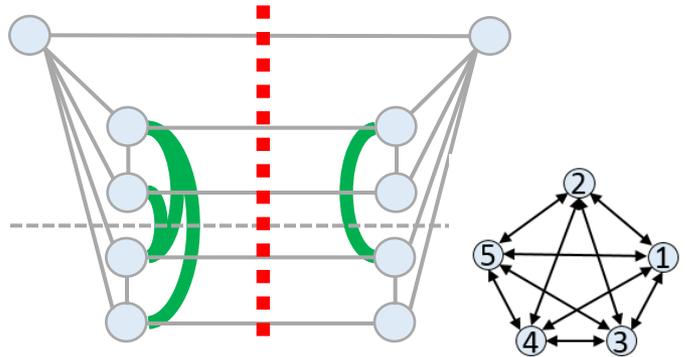
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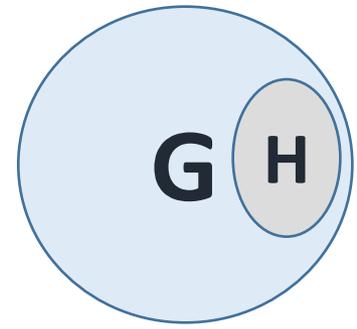
Summary



Diameter $\Omega(n)$

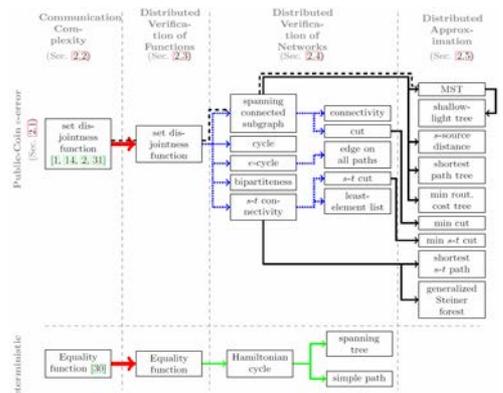
1. Pick a root-node r ;
2. $T := \text{BFS-Tree}(r)$;
3. Pebble P traverses T in preorder;
4. If P visits node v first time {
 wait 1 timeslot;
 start shortest paths(v);
 }

Diameter $O(n)$

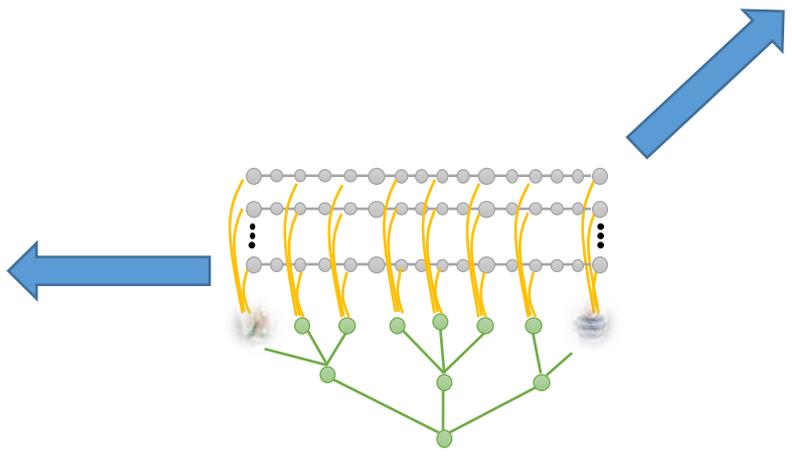


Verification harder than computing

α -MST
 $\Omega(n^{1/2})$



22 Lower bounds



Simulation Theorem

Thanks!