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What are the 2 restrictions on a flow  $f$ :  
① flow constraint  $\text{IN}(x) = \text{OUT}(x)$

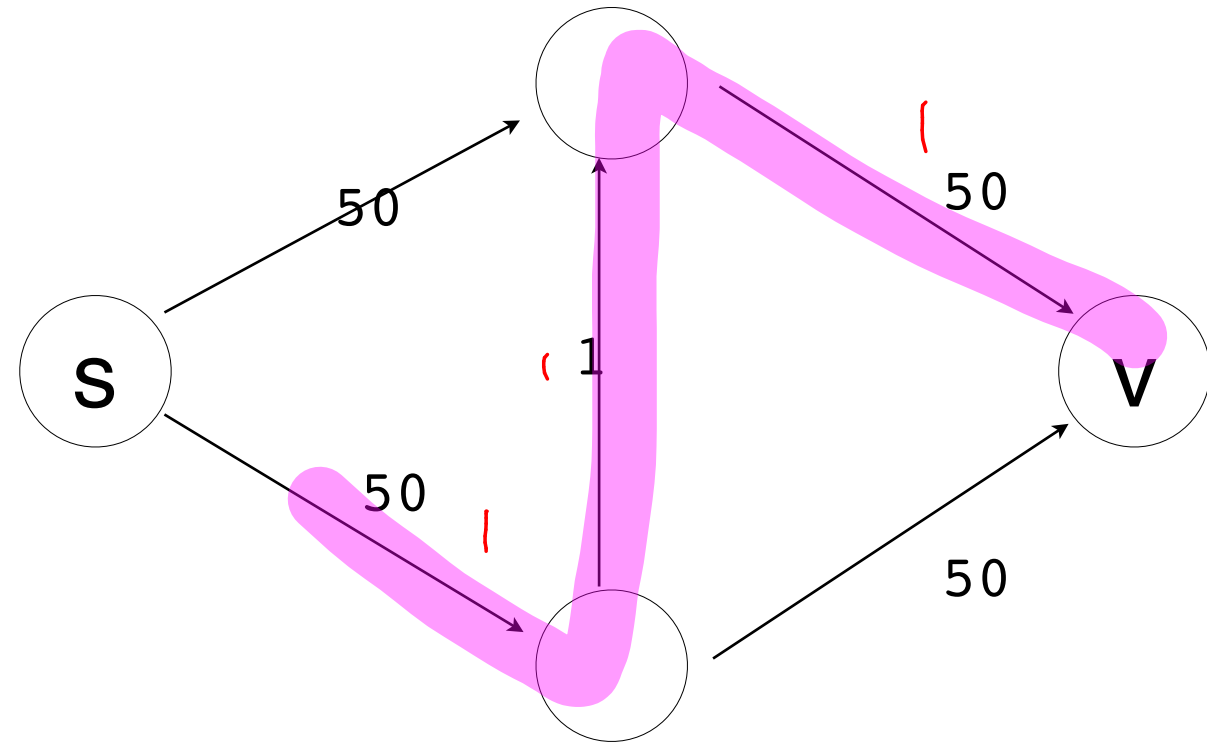
② capacity constraint  $f(e) \leq c(e)$

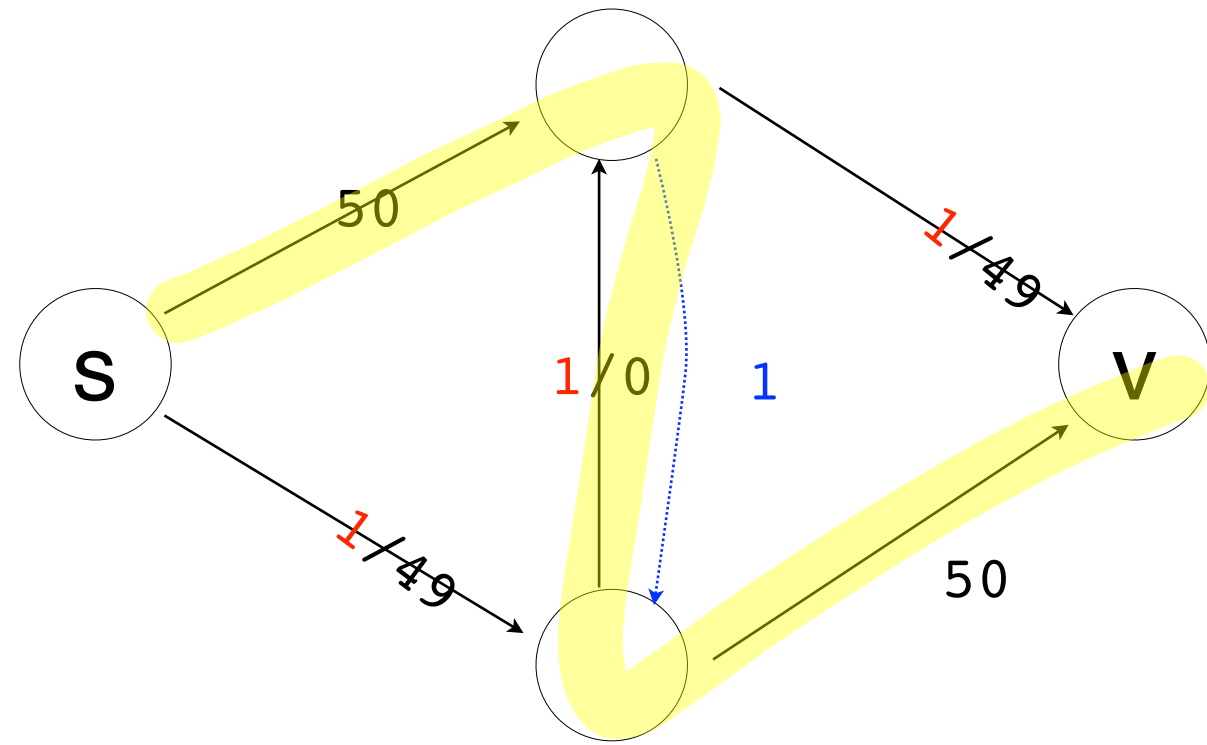
What is the value of a flow  $|f|$ :

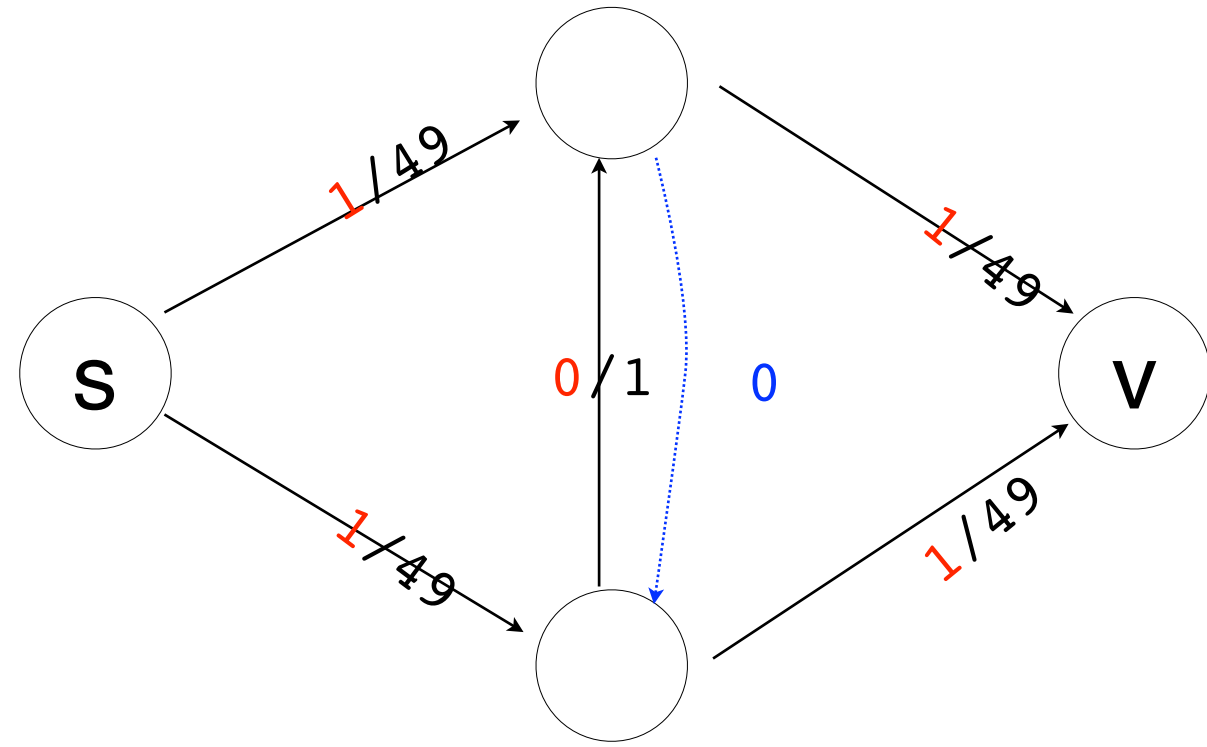
$$|f| = \text{OUT}(s) - \text{IN}(s)$$

$$\sum_{u \in V} f(s, u) - \sum_{u \in V} f(u, s)$$

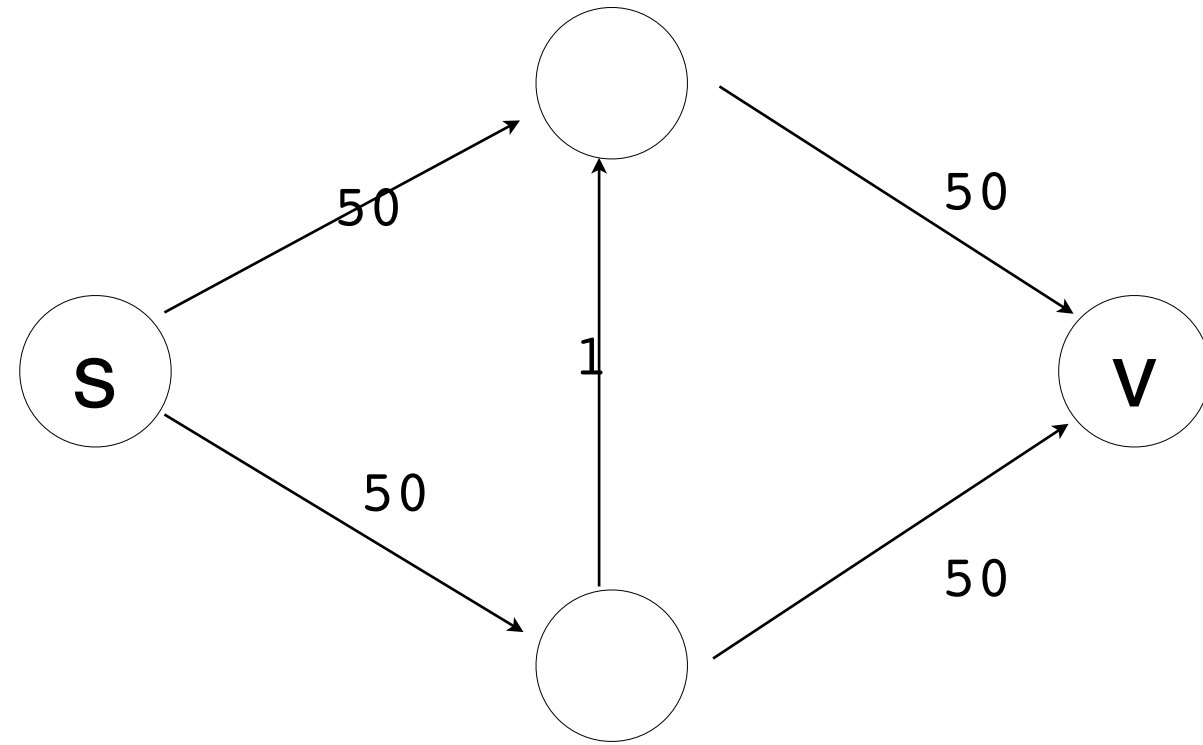
How does the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm work?







root of the problem



# Edmonds-Karp 2

choose path with fewest edges first.

$\delta_f(s, v)$  : In  $G_f$ , min # of edges on a path from  $s$  to  $v$ .

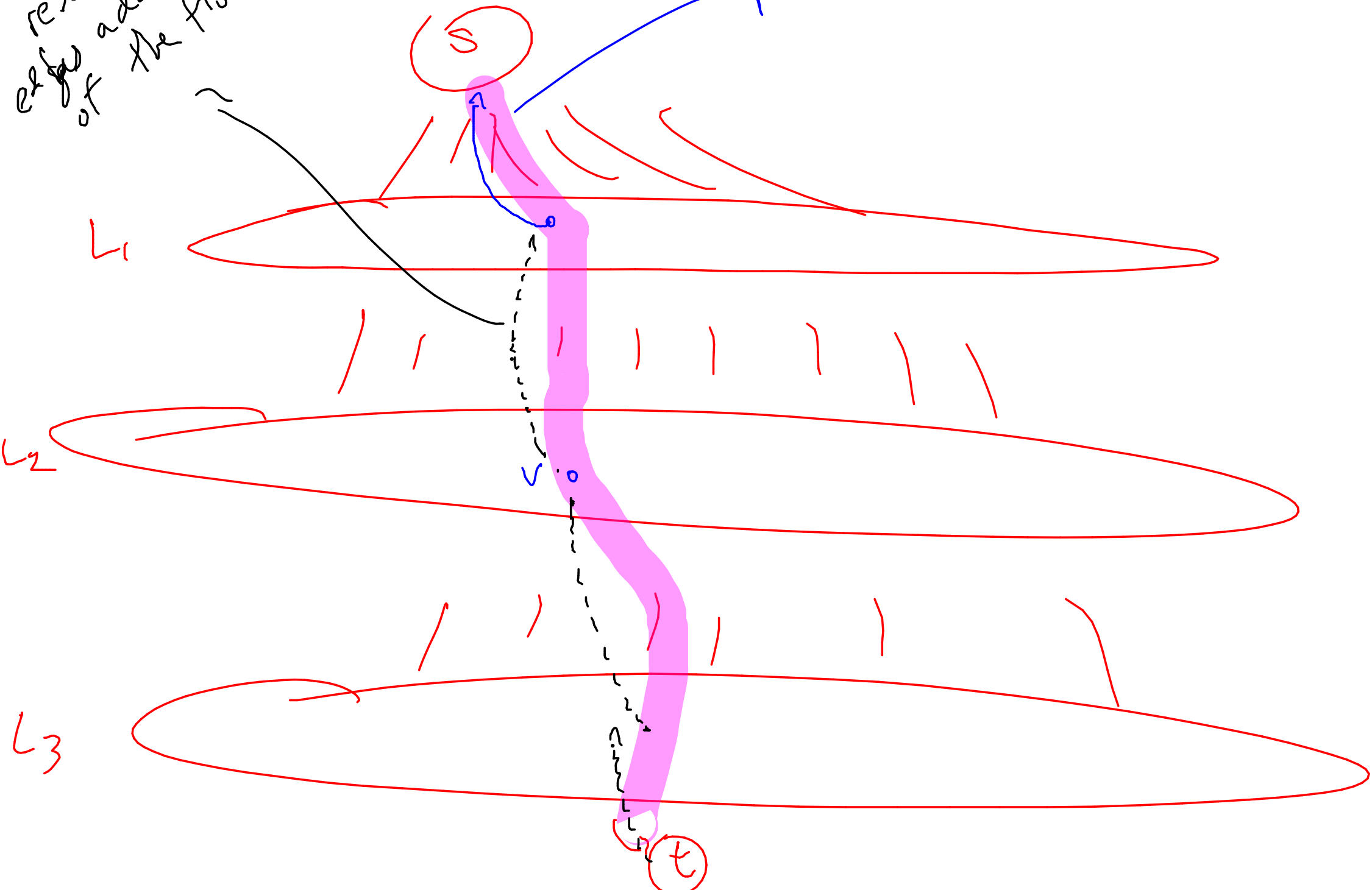
# Observation

$\delta_f(s, v)$  increases monotonically thru exec

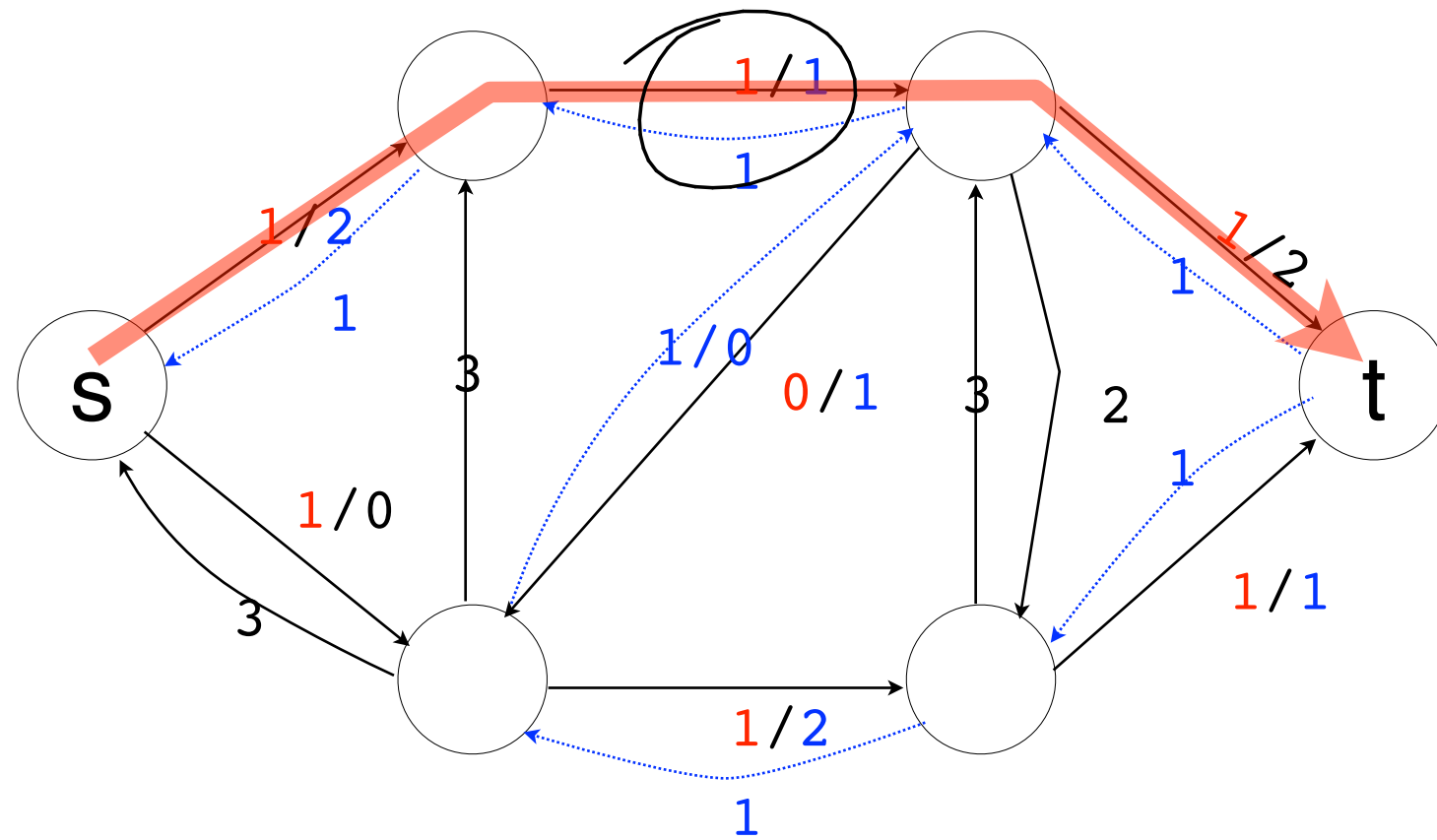
$$\delta_{i+1}(v) \geq \delta_i(v)$$

residual  
edge added by  
of the flow

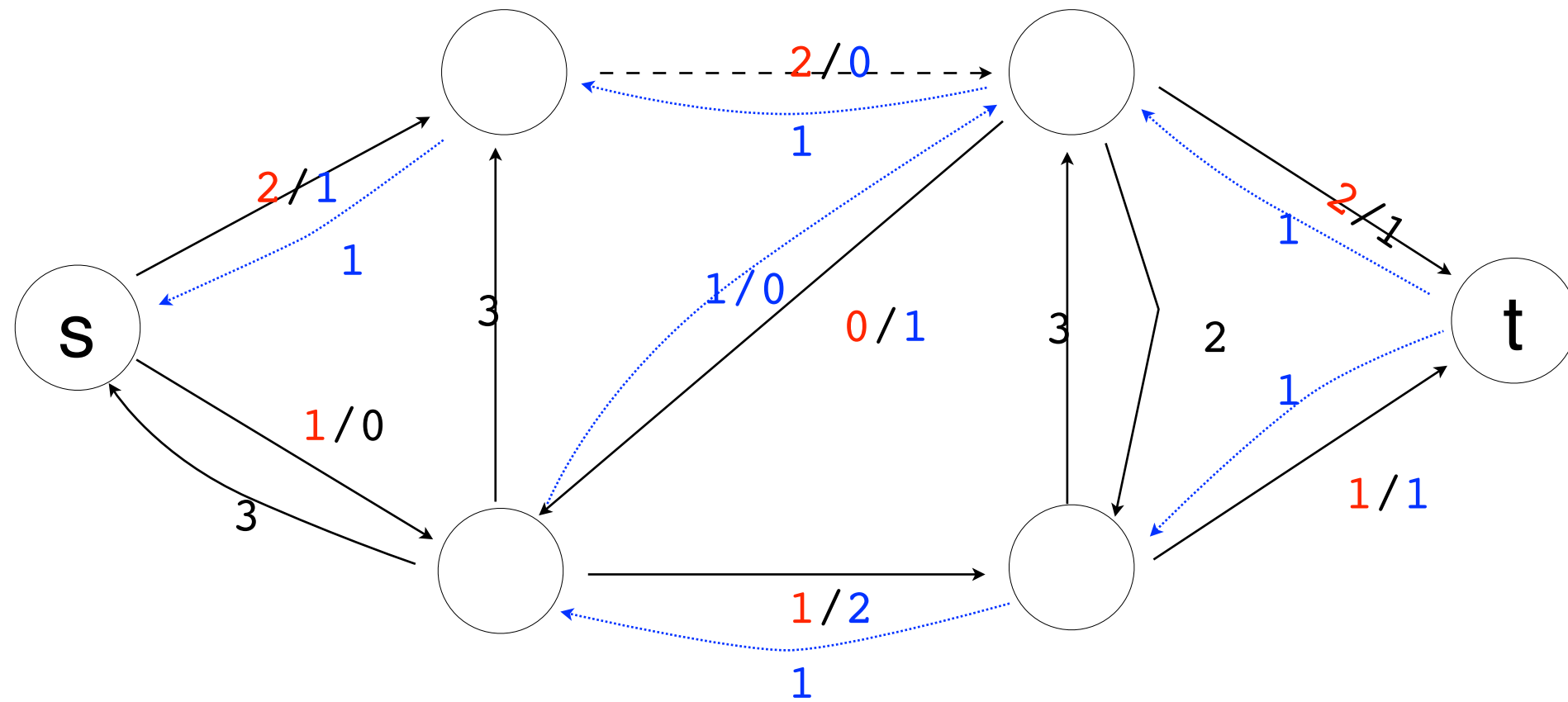
path at time  $i$  from  $s$  to  $t$ .



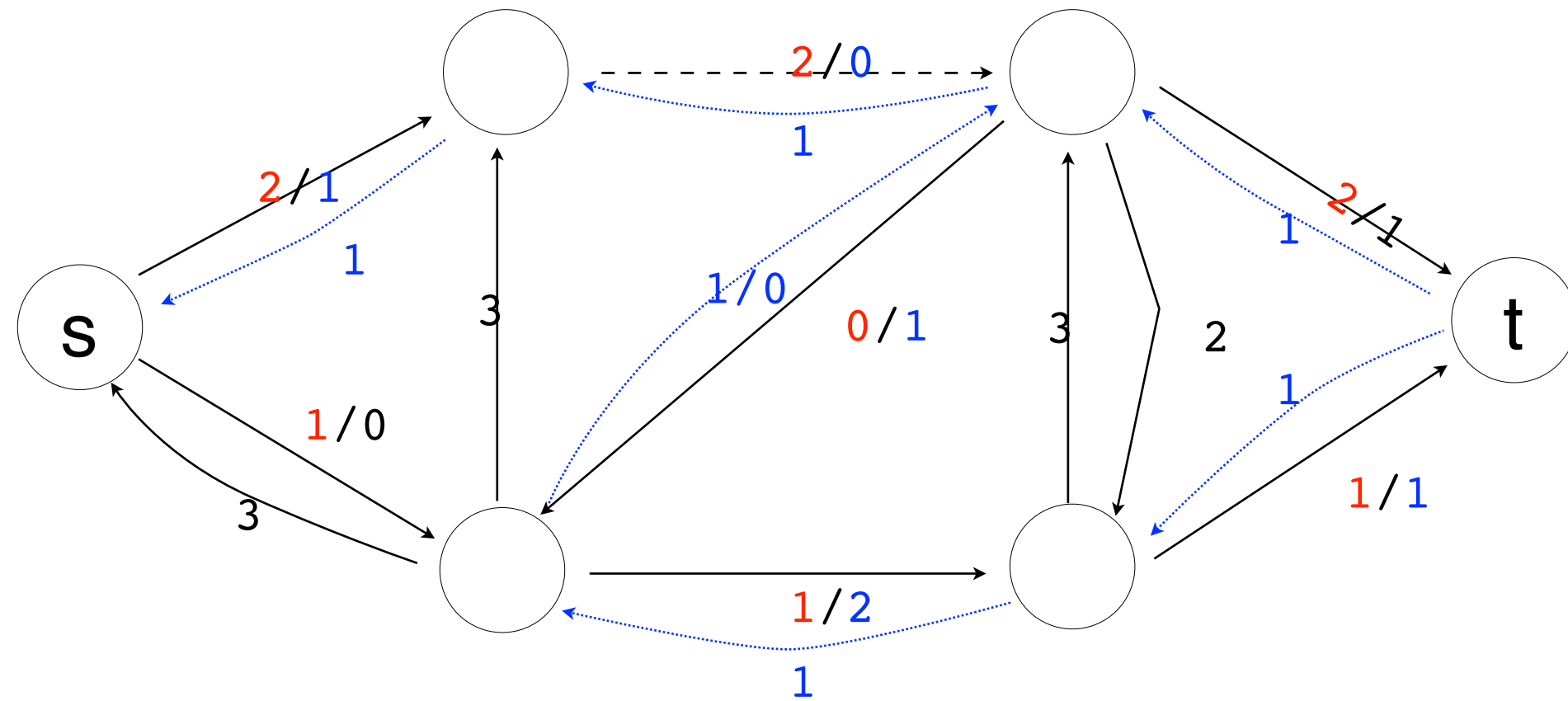




for every augmenting path, some edge is critical.

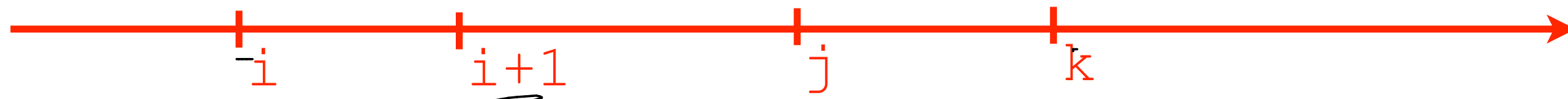


critical edges are removed in next residual graph.



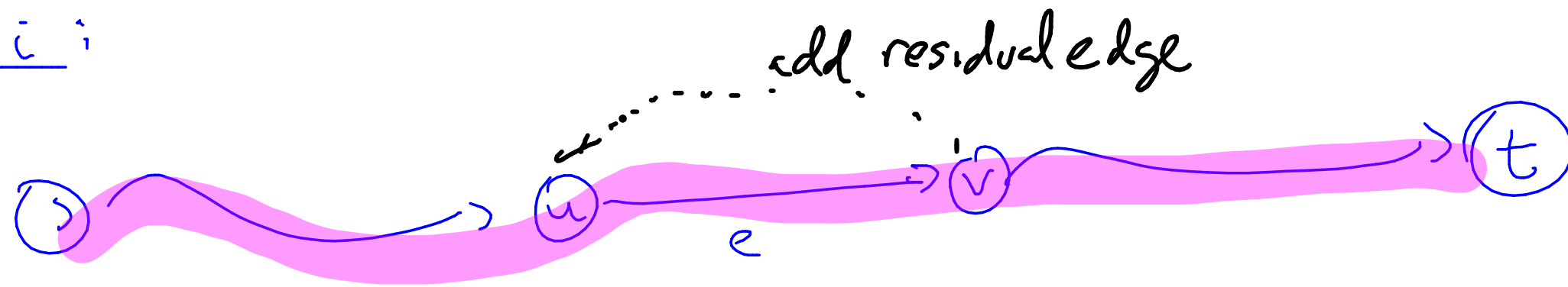
key idea: how many times can an edge be **critical**?

Time



first time edge  $e=(u,v)$  becomes critical

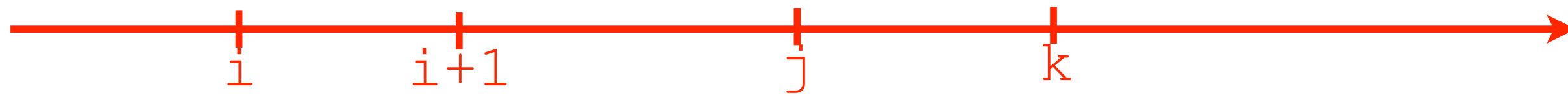
time  $i$ :



$$\underline{d_i(s,v) = d_i(s,u) + 1}$$

time  $i+1$ :

$$d_{i+1}(s,v) \neq d_i(s,v) = d_i(s,u) + 1$$



first time  $(u,v)$  is critical:

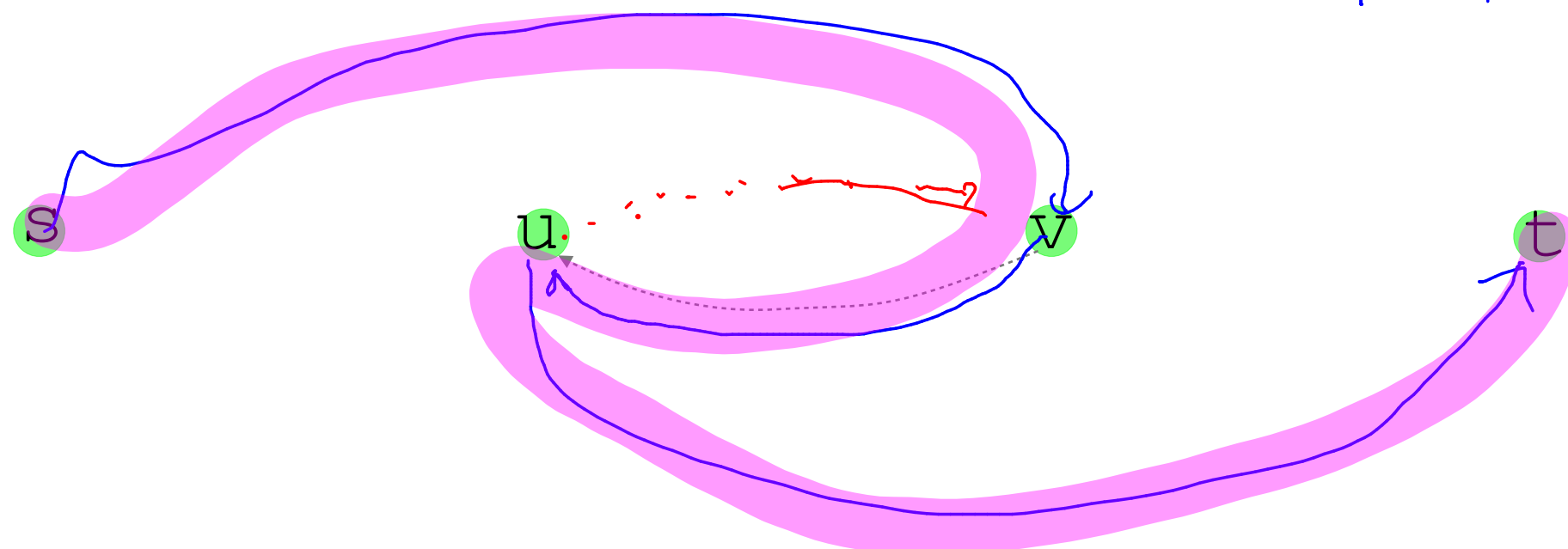


time  $i+1$ :  $(u,v)$  is critical:  $\delta_{i+1}(s, v) \geq \delta_i(s, u) + 1$

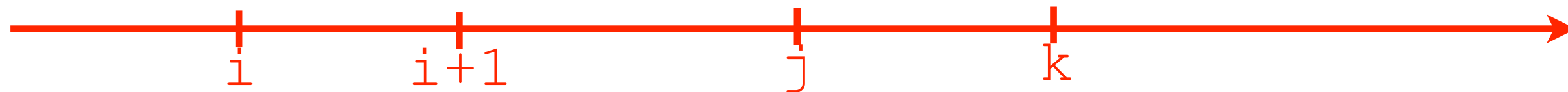


time j: Edge  $(u,v)$  STRIKES BACK

some path from  $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightarrow u \rightsquigarrow t$   
 must become the shortest  
 augmenting path



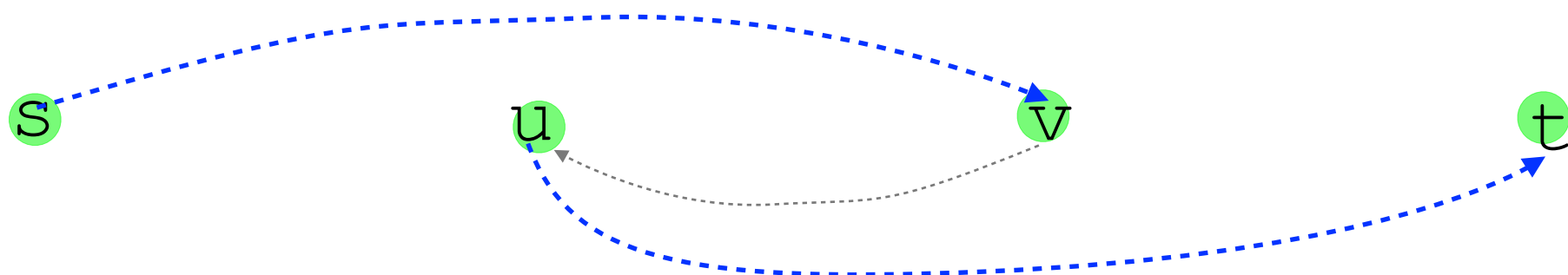
$$\delta_j(s, u) = \delta_j(s, v) + 1 \geq \delta_{i+1}(s, v) + 1 \geq \delta_i(s, u) + 1 + 1$$



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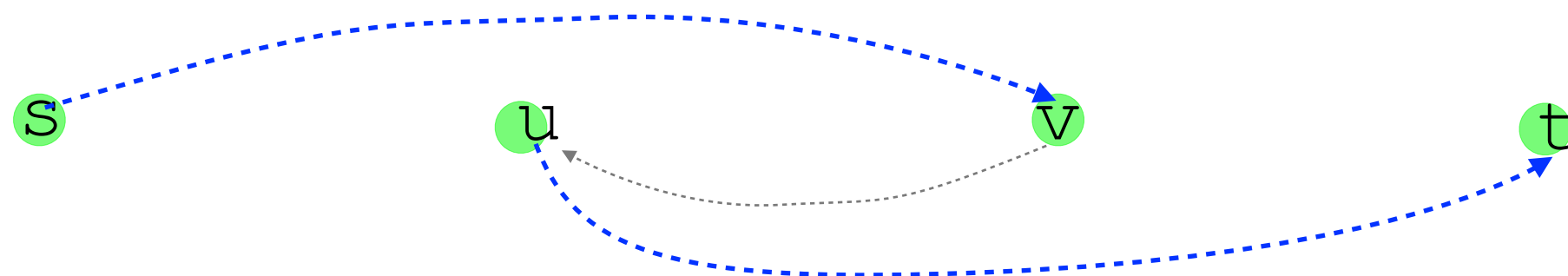
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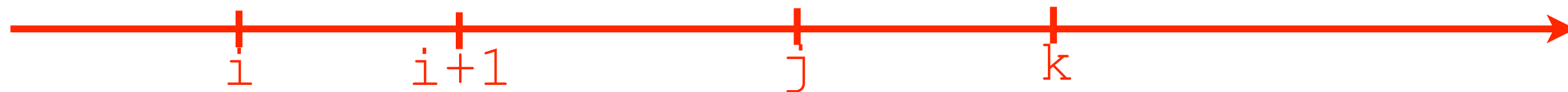
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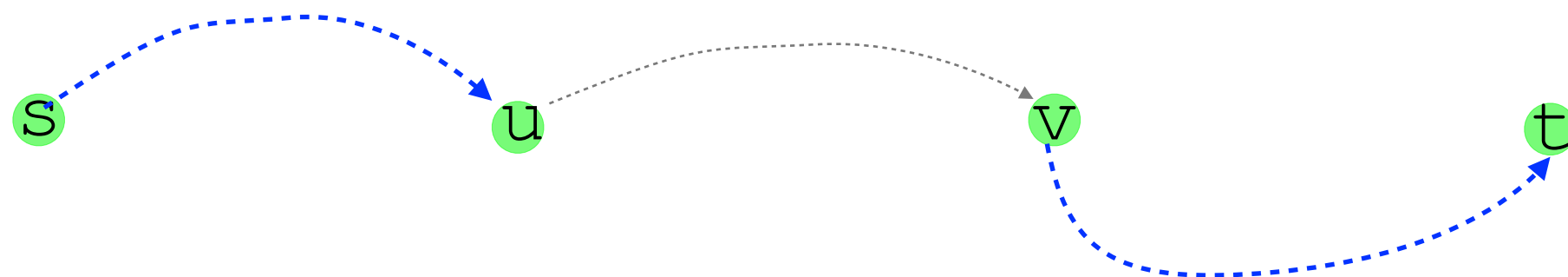






time  $k$ : RETURN OF THE  $(u,v)$  critical

$$\delta_k(s, u) \geq \delta_i(s, u) + 2$$



QUESTION: How many times can  $(u,v)$  be critical?

$\frac{V}{2}$  because  $\delta_n(s, u)$  is always at most  $V-1$ .

edge critical only  $\frac{V}{2}$  times.

there are only  $E$  edges.

ergo, total # of augmenting paths:  $O(EV)$

time to find an augmenting path:  $O(E+V)$

total running time of E-K algorithm:  $O(E^2V)$

FF  $O(E|f^*|)$

EK2  $O(E^2V)$  DINC  $O(EV^2)$

PUSH-RELABEL

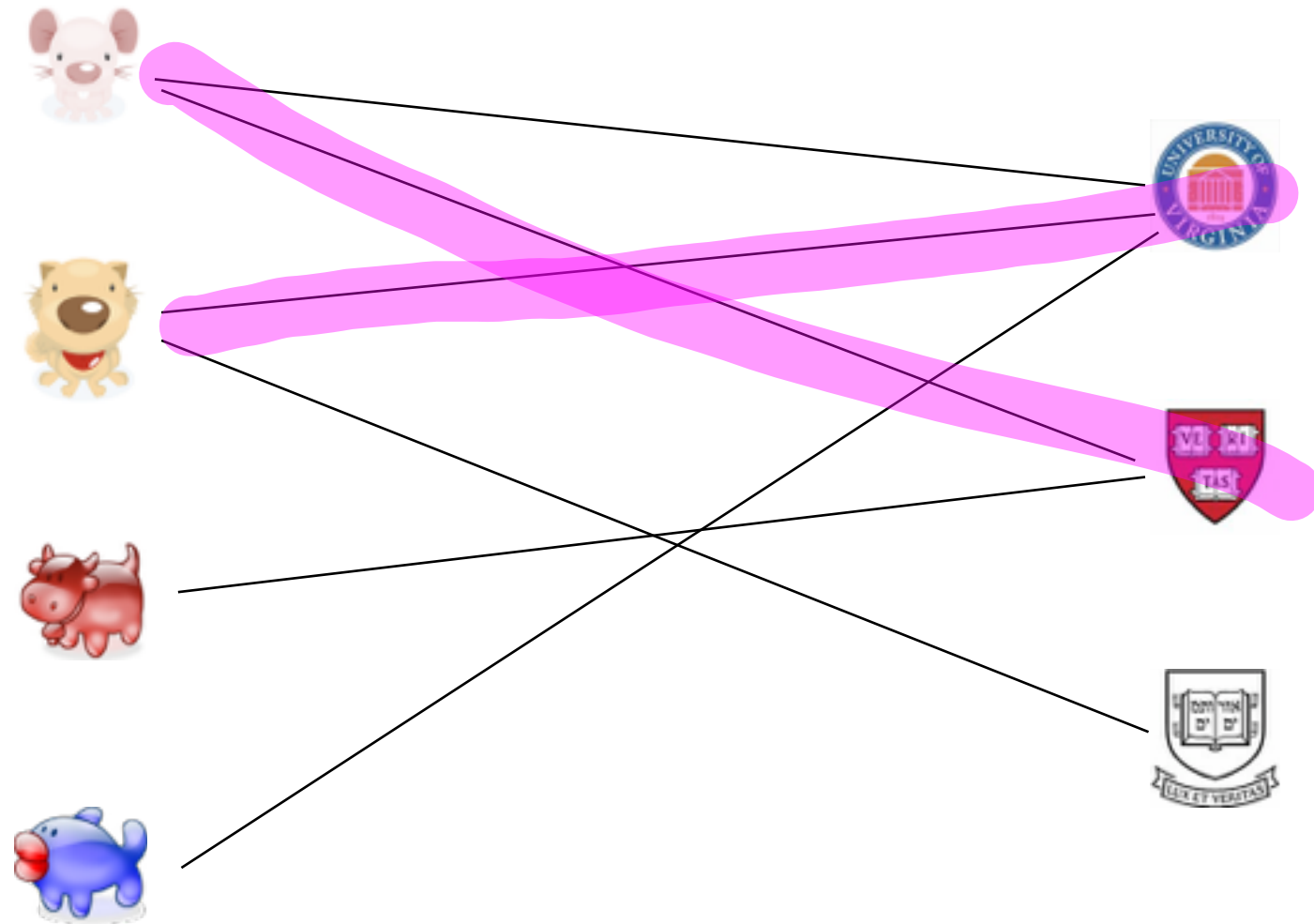
→ FASTER PUSH-RELABEL  $O(V^3)$

Goldberg Rao:  $O\left(E \min\{V^{2/3}, E^{1/2}\} \log\left(\frac{V^2}{E}\right) + \log(U)\right)$

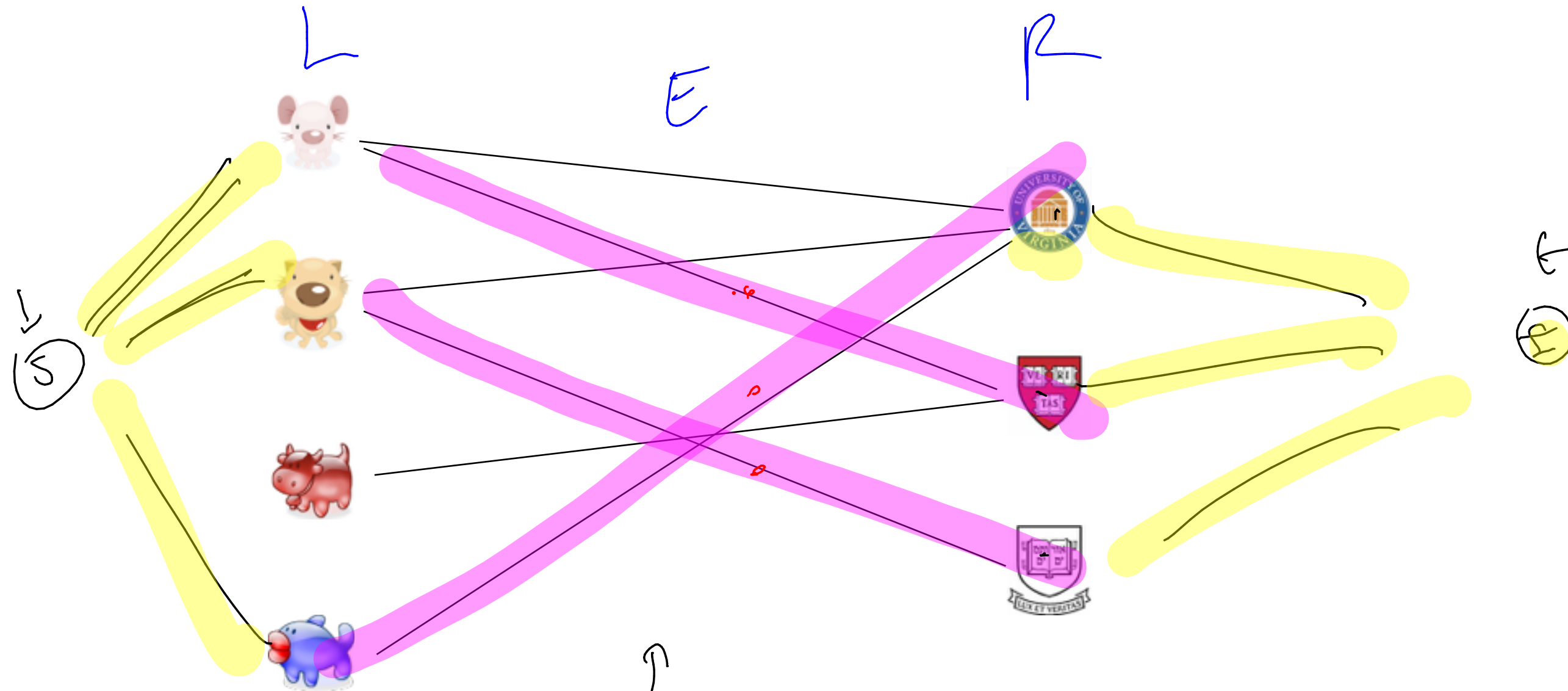
max of  
edge  
capacities

Bipartite

# maximum bipartite matching



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$f e e m$ , add 1 unit of flow

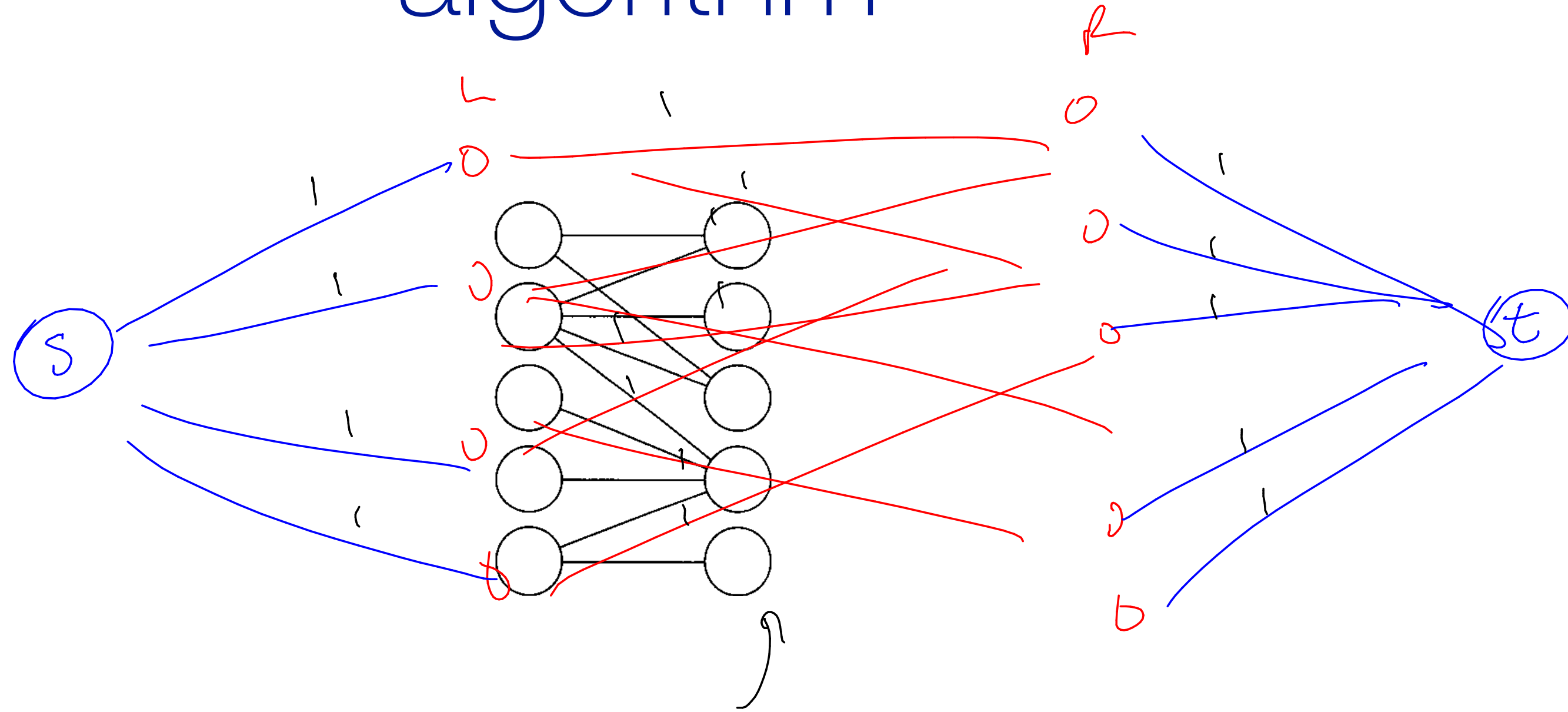
# bipartite matching

problem: given a bipartite graph,  $G = (L, R, E)$ , all  $E$  are  
between  $L$  and  $R$

Find a <sup>"largest"</sup> subset  $M \subseteq E$  such that each node occurs at most  
once in  $M$ ,

Further find the largest such  $M$ .

# algorithm

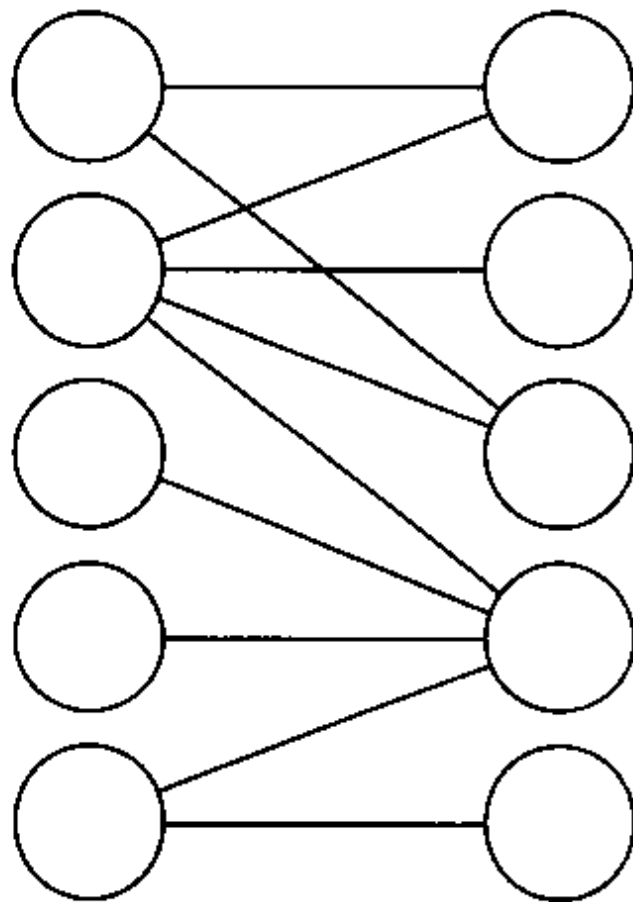


$$G' = (V = \{s, t\} \cup L \cup R, E \text{ as above}) \quad w$$



# algorithm

1. MAKE NEW  $G'$   
FROM INPUT  $G$ .
2. RUN FF ON  $G'$
3. OUTPUT ALL MIDDLE EDGES  
WITH FLOW  $F(E) \neq 1$ .



# correctness

IF G HAS A MATCHING OF SIZE K, THEN G' has a MAX FLOW of  $k$ .

Proof: Given a matching  $M$  of size  $k$ , construct a flow  $f$  which assigns 1 unit of flow to each  $e \in M$ , and 1 unit of flow from  $(s \rightarrow u)$  and  $(v \rightarrow t)$  for every  $e = (u, v) \in M$ .

① show that  $f$  is a valid flow.

Ⓐ capacity constraint

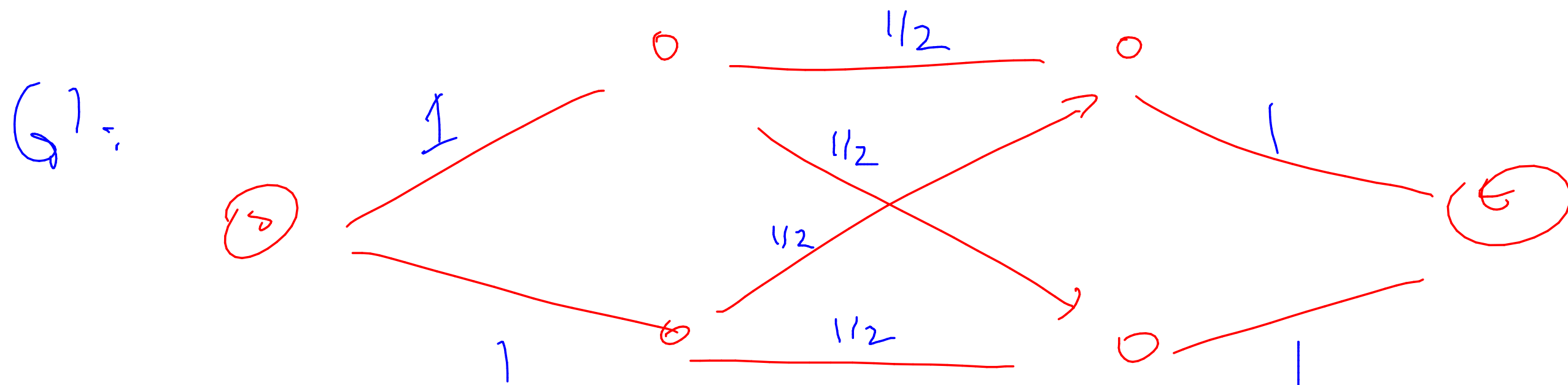
Ⓑ flow constraint (conservation)

# correctness

IF  $G'$  HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN  $G$  has a matching of size  $K$ .

Consider all edges in  $G'$  between  $L$  and  $R$  of  $f(e) = 1$ .

Add  $e$  to  $M$ .  $\Rightarrow |M| = K$ , so  $G$  has a  $K$ -matching.



$G'$  has a flow of 2.

# integrality theorem

IF CAPACITIES ARE ALL INTEGRAL, THEN FF returns an integral flow.

Proof: By induction.

Base case: @ start, FF has an integral flow (0)

Spse true after  $i$  iterations.

On iteration  $i$ , flow is integral, so residual capacities on all edges are integral. FF finds an augmenting path  $P$ , and the min capacity edge will therefore be integral.  $\Rightarrow$  flow <sup>remains</sup> integral on iteration  $i+1$ .

# correctness

HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN  $G$  HAS  $K$ -MATCHING.

B/c  $G$  has integral capacities, the ff returns an integral flow.

Every edge has either  $f(e)=0$  or  $f(e)=1$ .

Set  $M$  to be all edges b/w  $L$  and  $R$  w  $f(e)=1$ . Can be at most  $K$  by MIN-CUT theorem.

Each node appears at most once in  $M$  by

the conservation constraint.

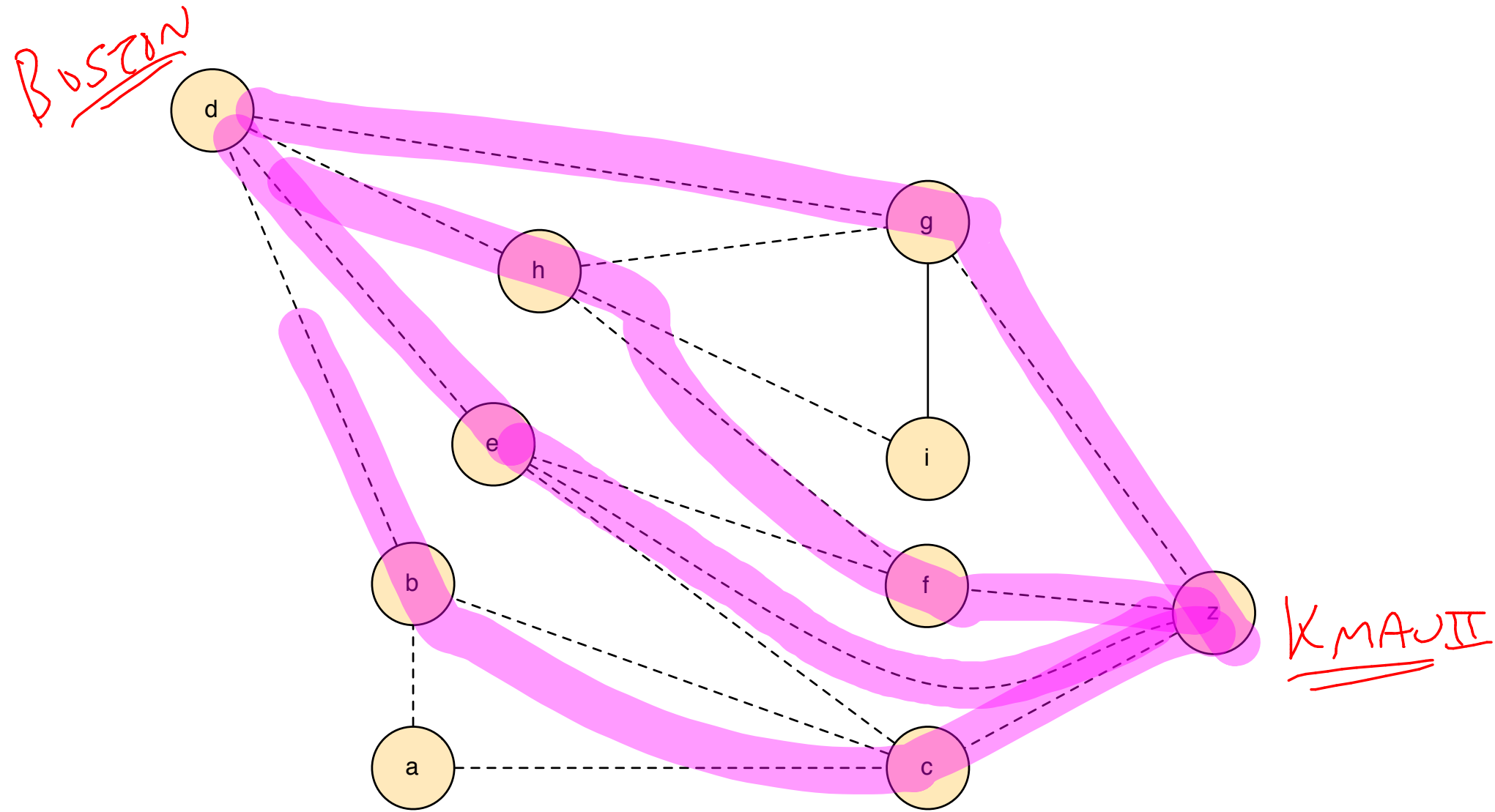
# running time

$$O(E \cdot |F|) \sim$$

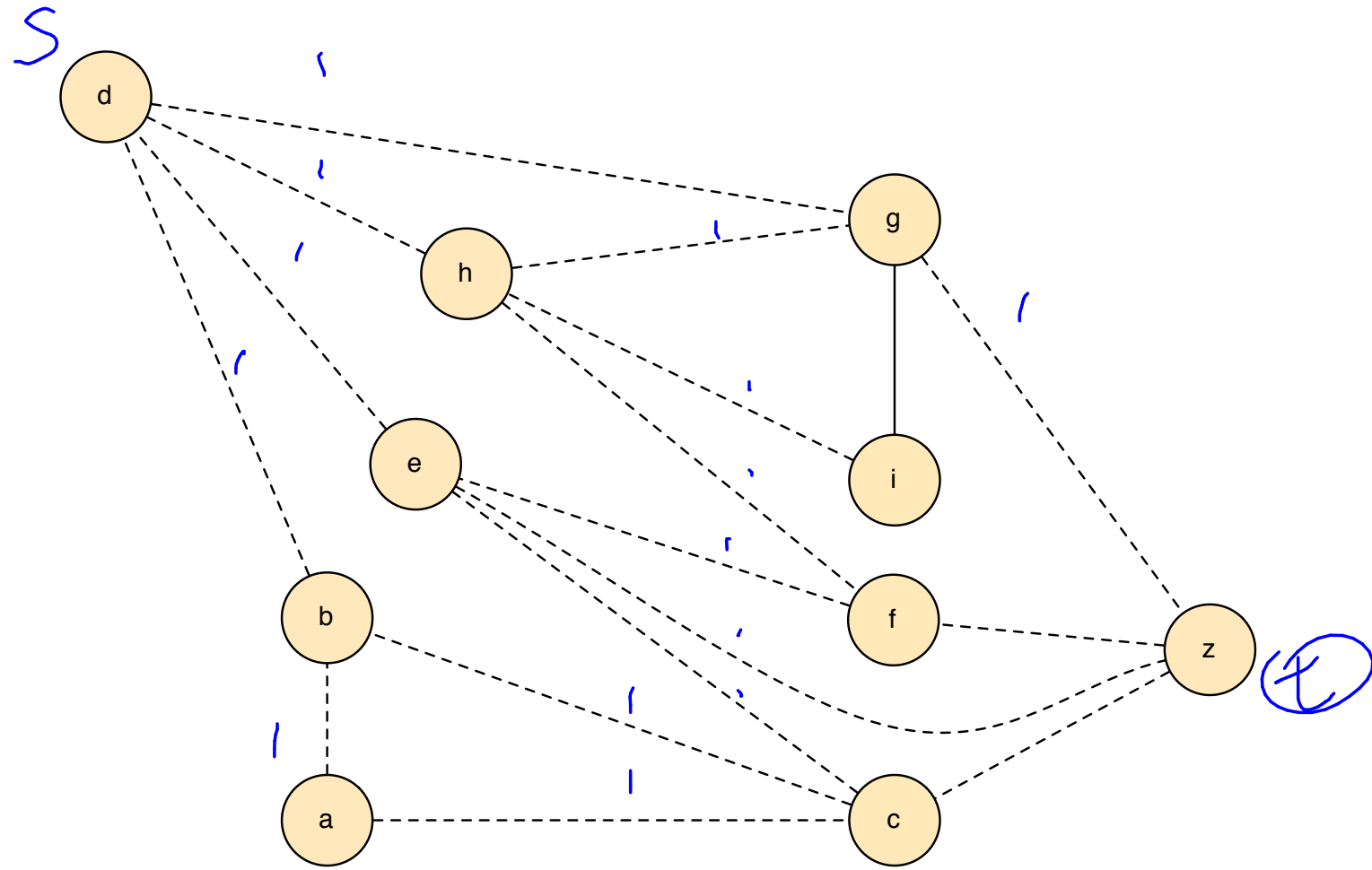
$$O(E - V)$$

↑ b/c the  
max matching has  
size  $L$  or  $R \sim V$ .

# edge-disjoint paths



# algorithm



Argue that this is correct

① If  $G$  has  $k$  edge disjoint paths

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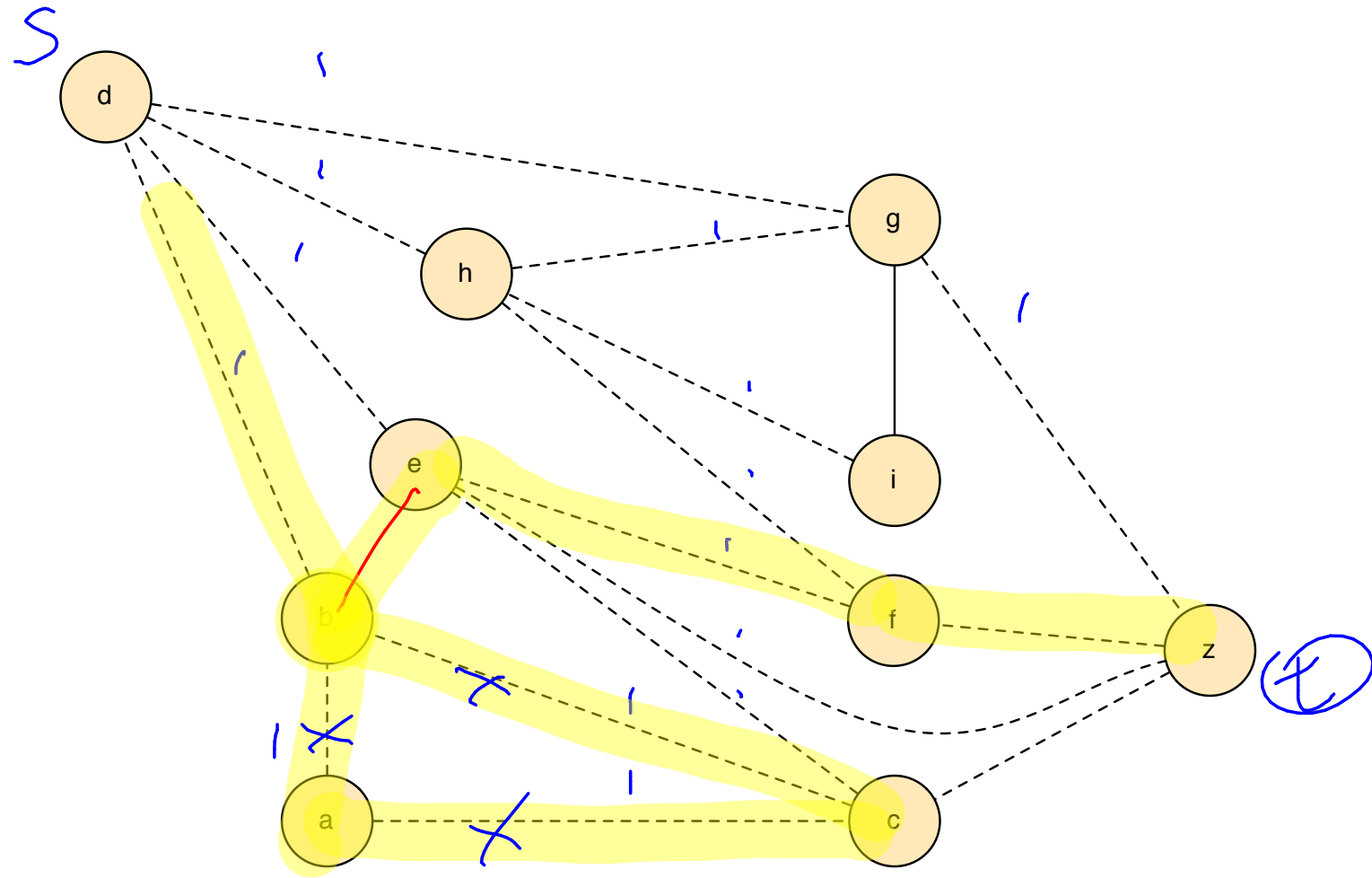
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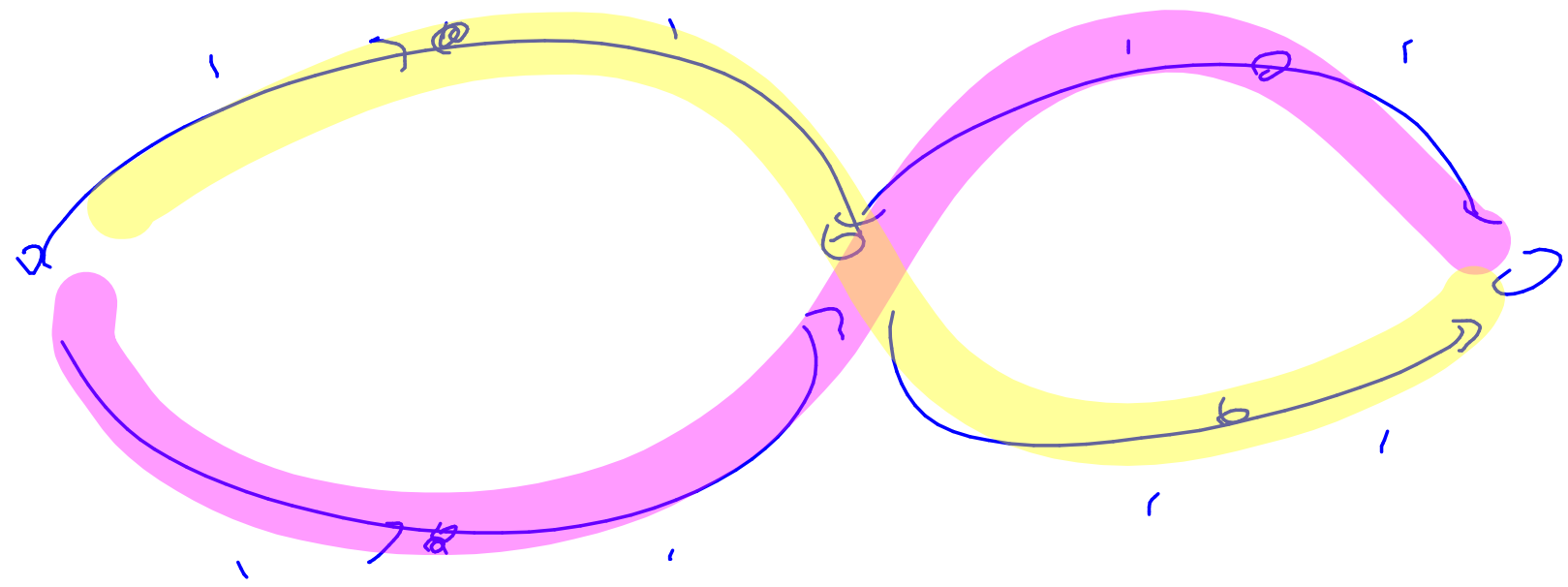
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1. Compute max flow
2. Remove all edges with  $f(e) = 0$ .
3. Walk from  $s$ .
  1. If you reach a node you have visited before, erase flow along path
  - 2. If you reach  $t$ , add this path to your set, erase flow along path.

works by induction on the # of edges with  $f(e) = 1$



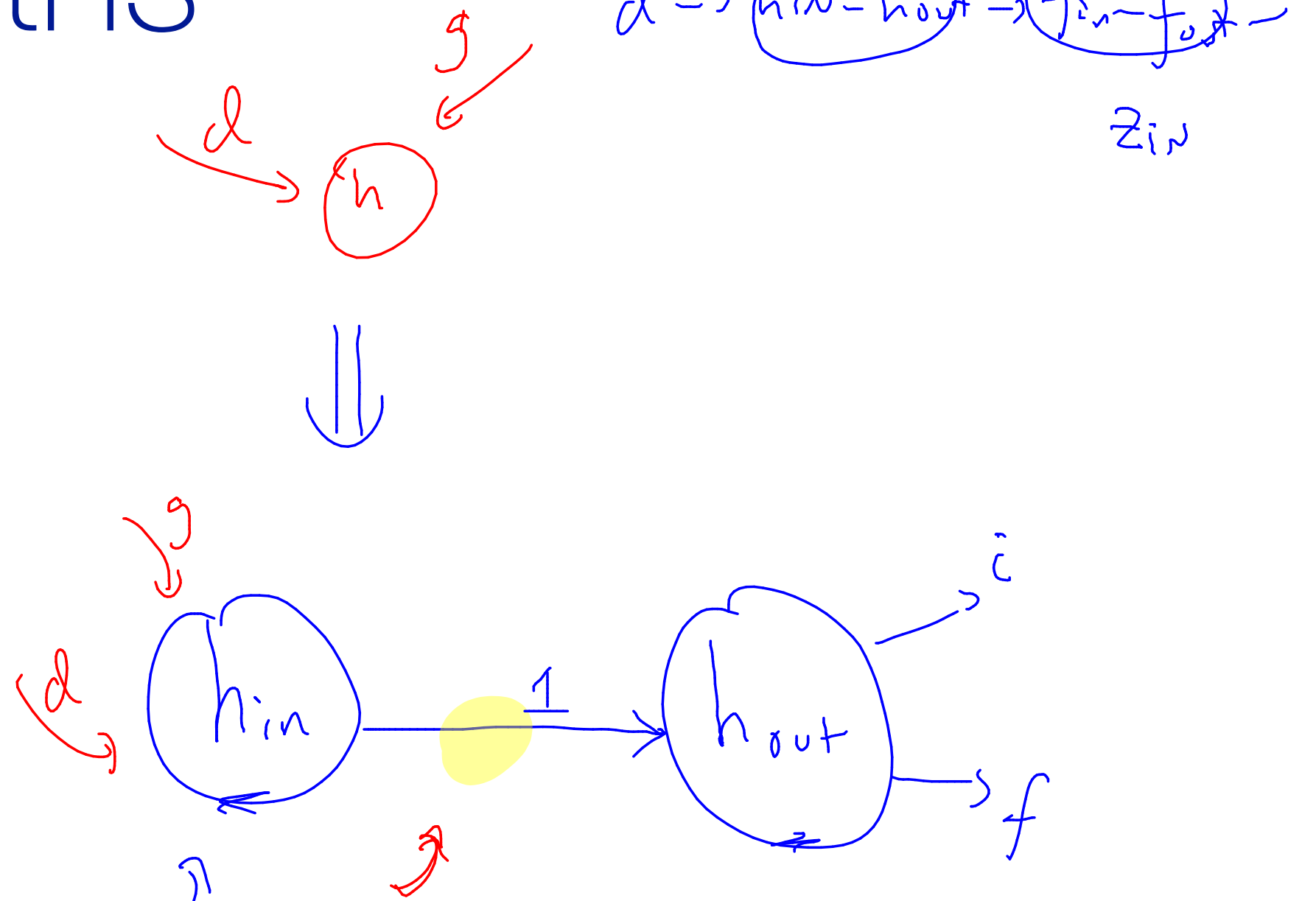
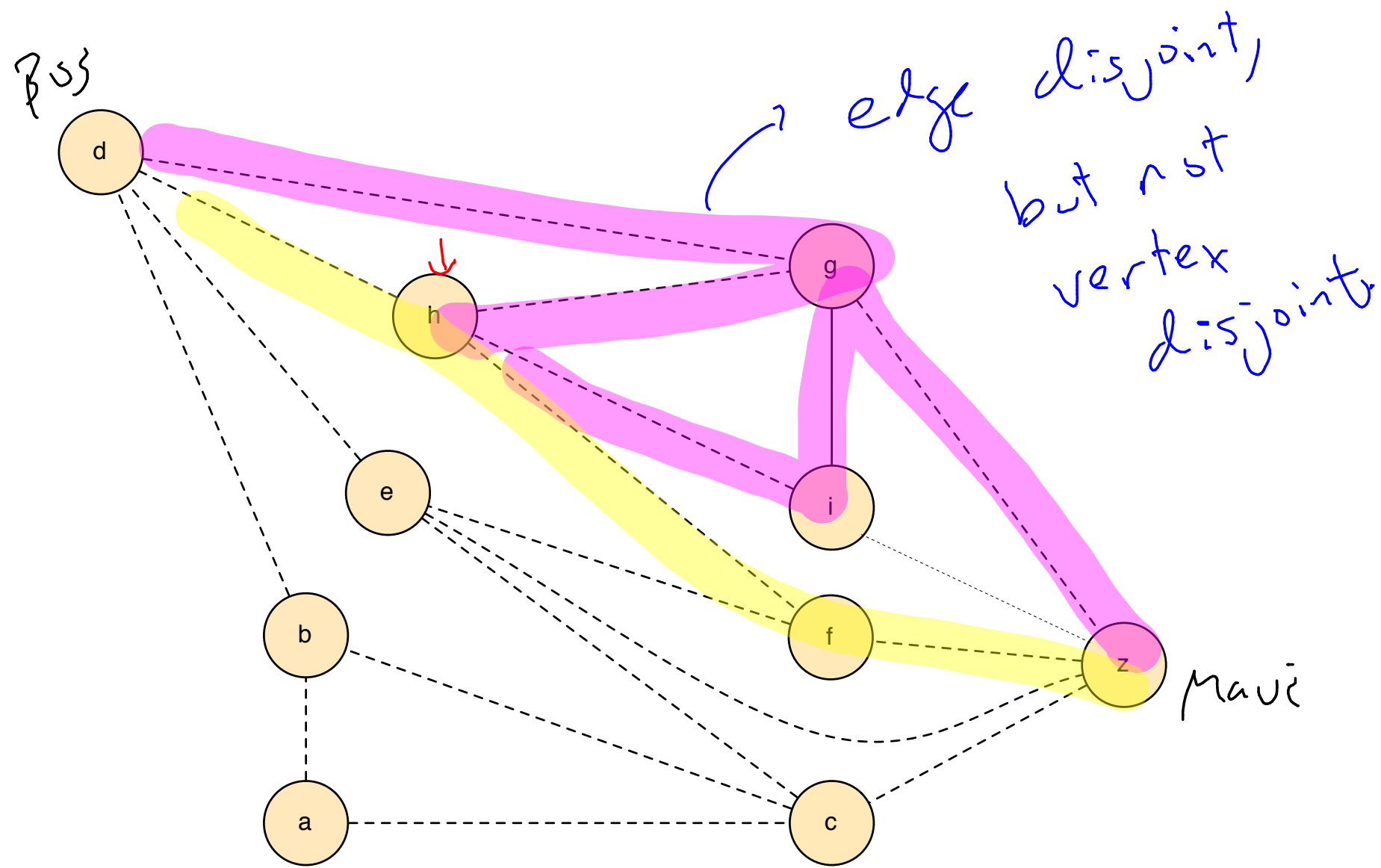
# analysis

IF  $G$  HAS  $K$  DISJOINT PATHS, THEN

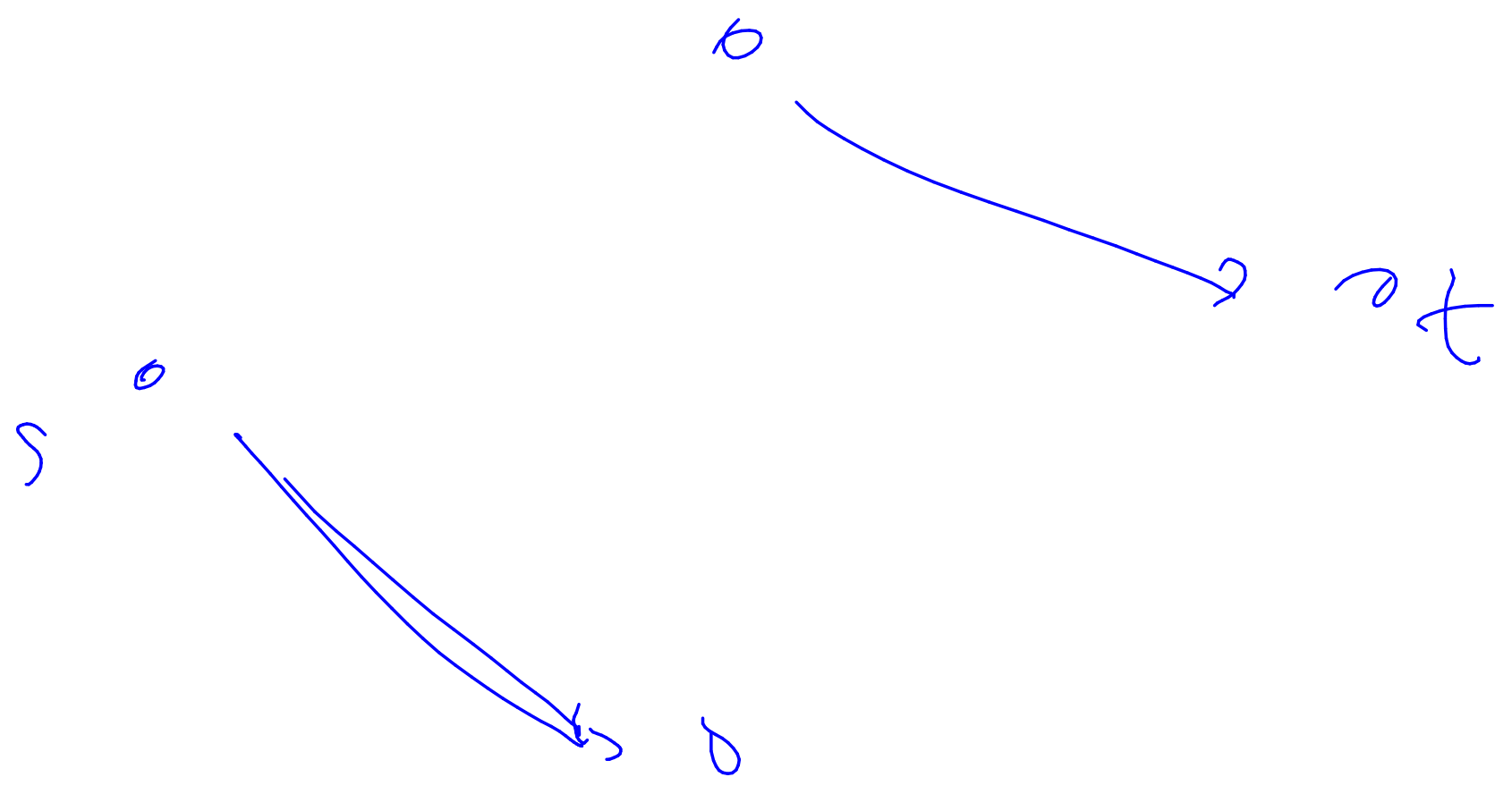
# analysis

' $G$ ' HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN

# vertex-disjoint paths



- ① Make  $G'$  by substituting gadget for every node in  $G$ ,
- ② Compute edge disjoint paths in  $G'$ ,
- ③ Turn  $\mathcal{J}$  into the node disjoint paths of  $G$ .



# baseball elimination

Against

	W	L	Left	A	P	N	M
ATL	83	71	8	-	1	6	1
PHL	80	79	3	1	-	0	2
NY	78	78	6	6	0	-	0
MONT	77	82	3	1	2	0	-



# baseball elimination

	W	L	Left	Against				
				N	B	Bo	T	D
NY	75	59	<u>28</u>		3	<del>8</del> 7	<del>7</del>	3
BAL	71	63	28	<del>3</del>		<del>2</del>	<u>7</u>	4
BOS	69	66	27	<u>8</u> <sup>7</sup> <sub>1</sub>	<del>2</del>			
TOR	63	72	27	7	<u>7</u>			
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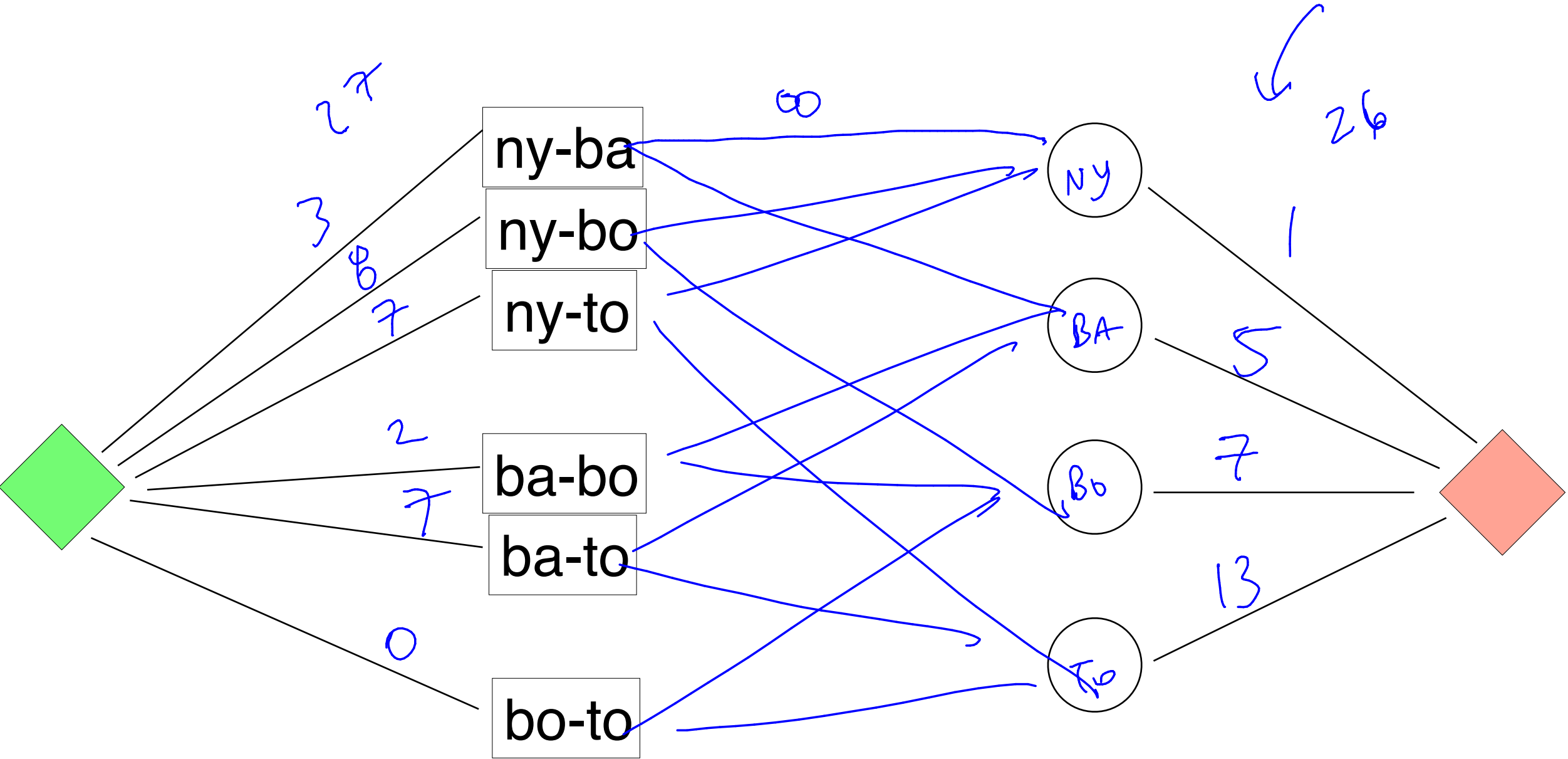

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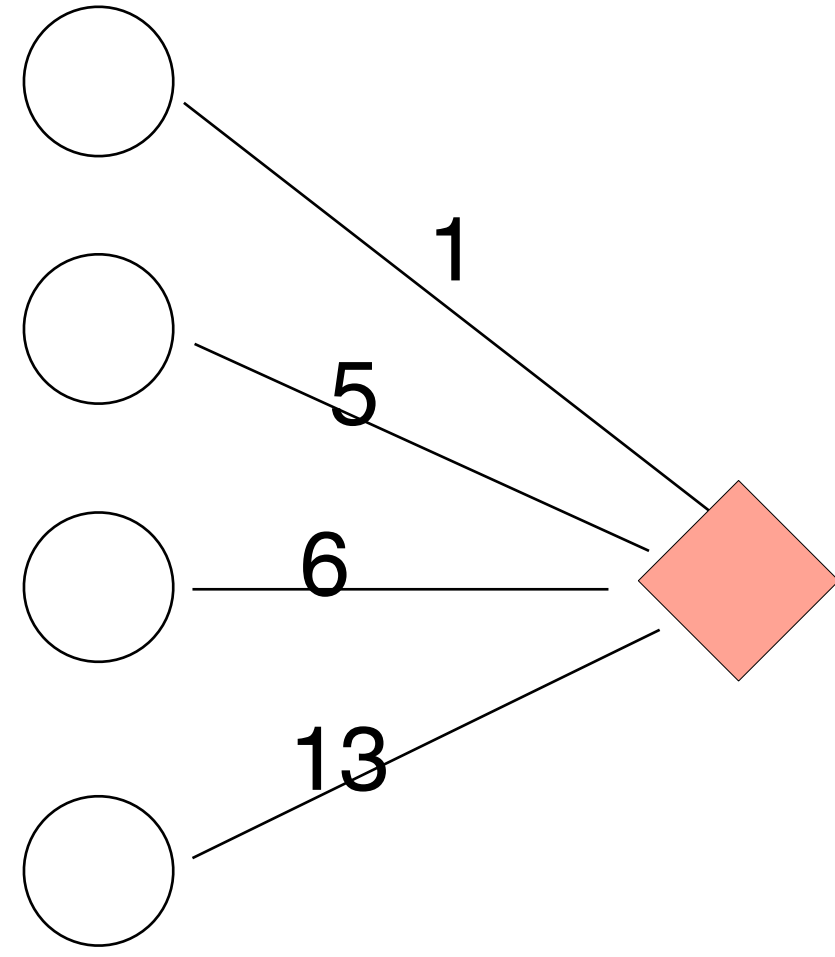
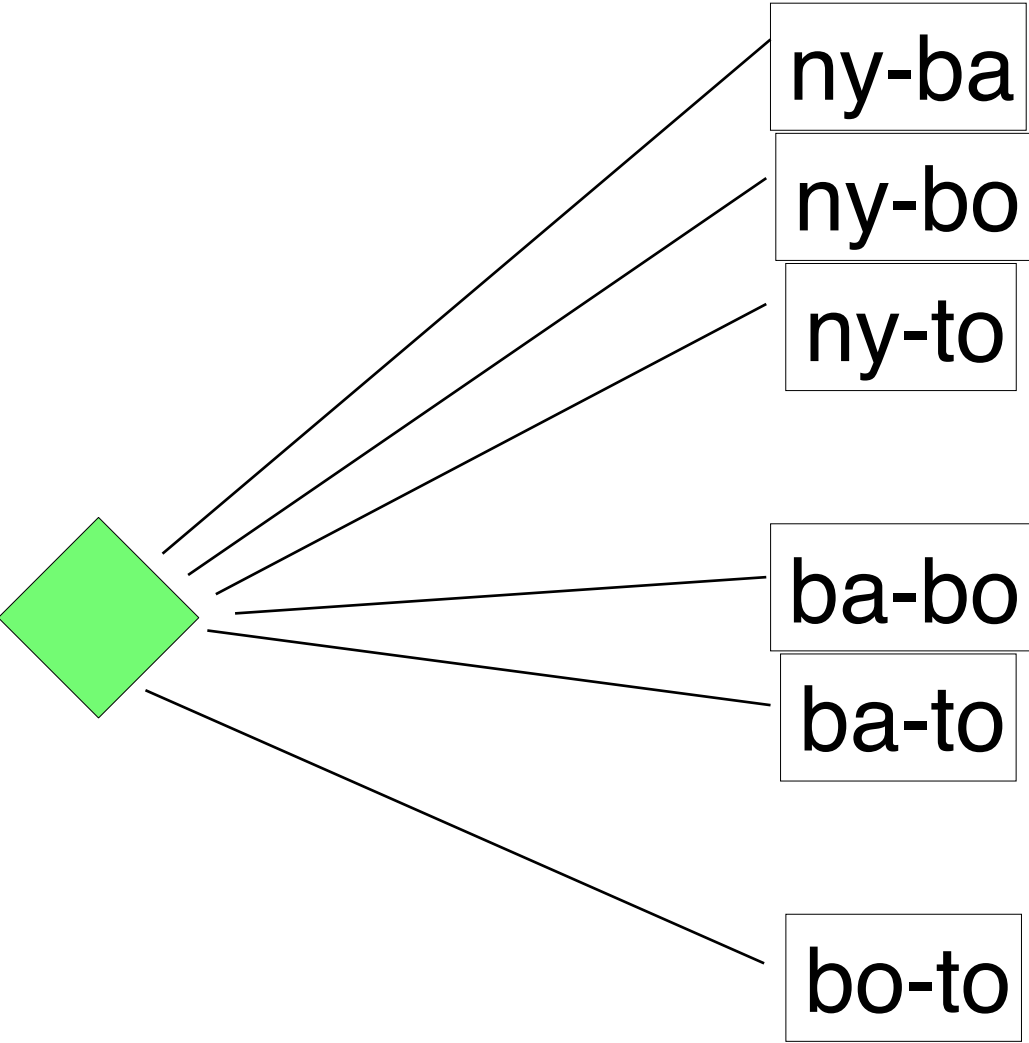
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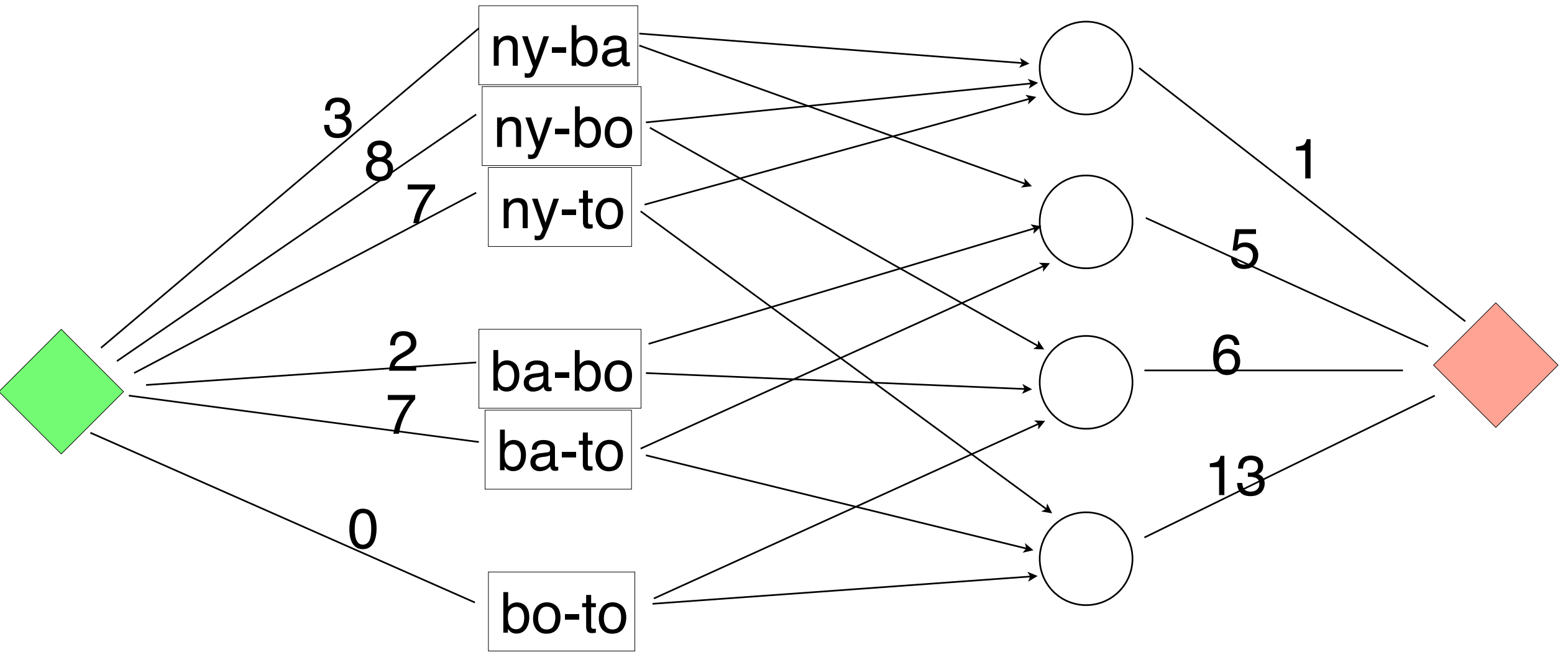
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Gabriel García Márquez

Love in the  
Time of  
Tindera







We have a  
group of  
suitors and  
reviewers



**2>1>3**



**2>3>1**



**1>3>2**



Each has preferences over the other group



**1>3>2**



**1>2>2**



**3>2>1**

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We seek a  
**stable**  
**matching**  
between  
the two



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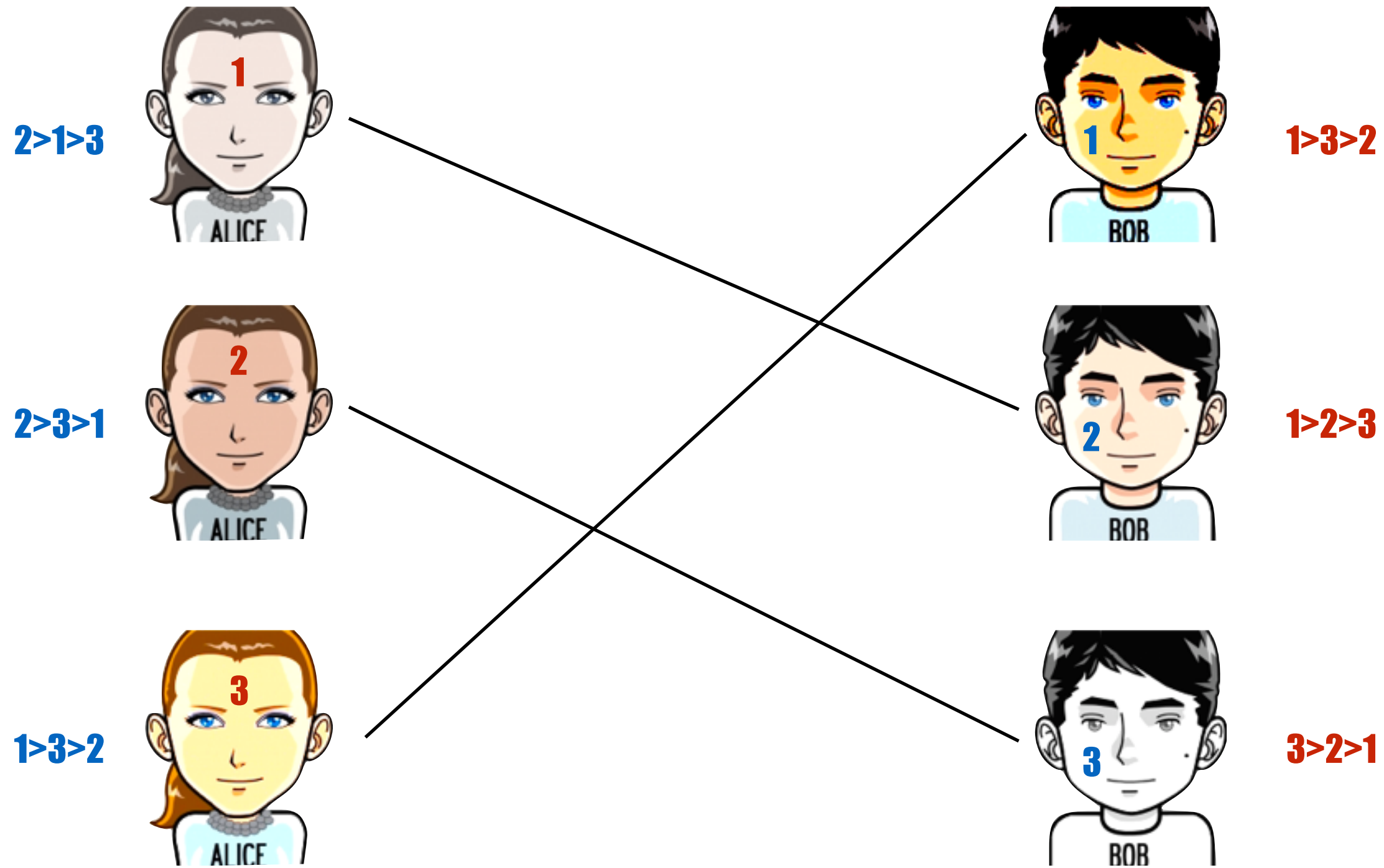


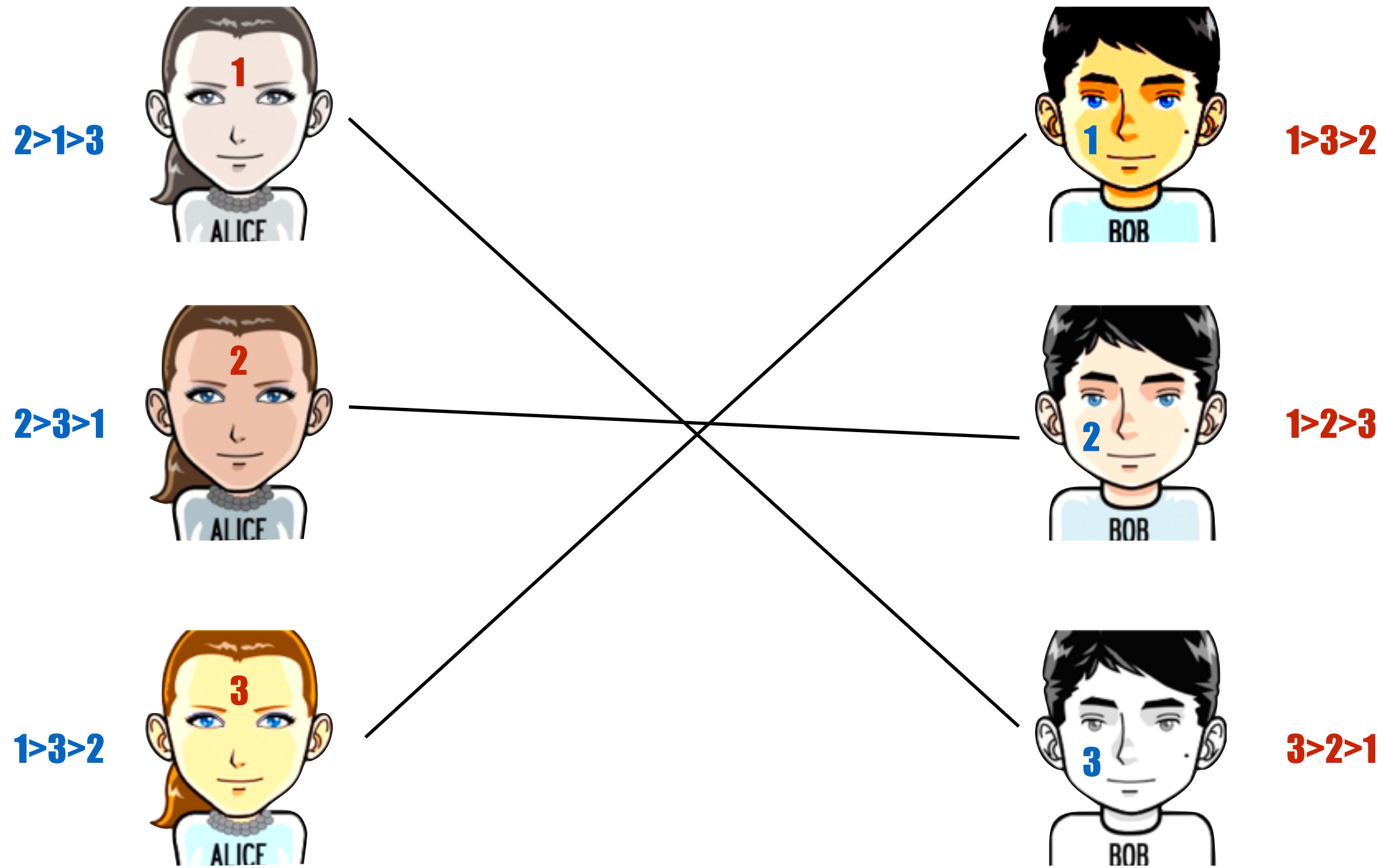
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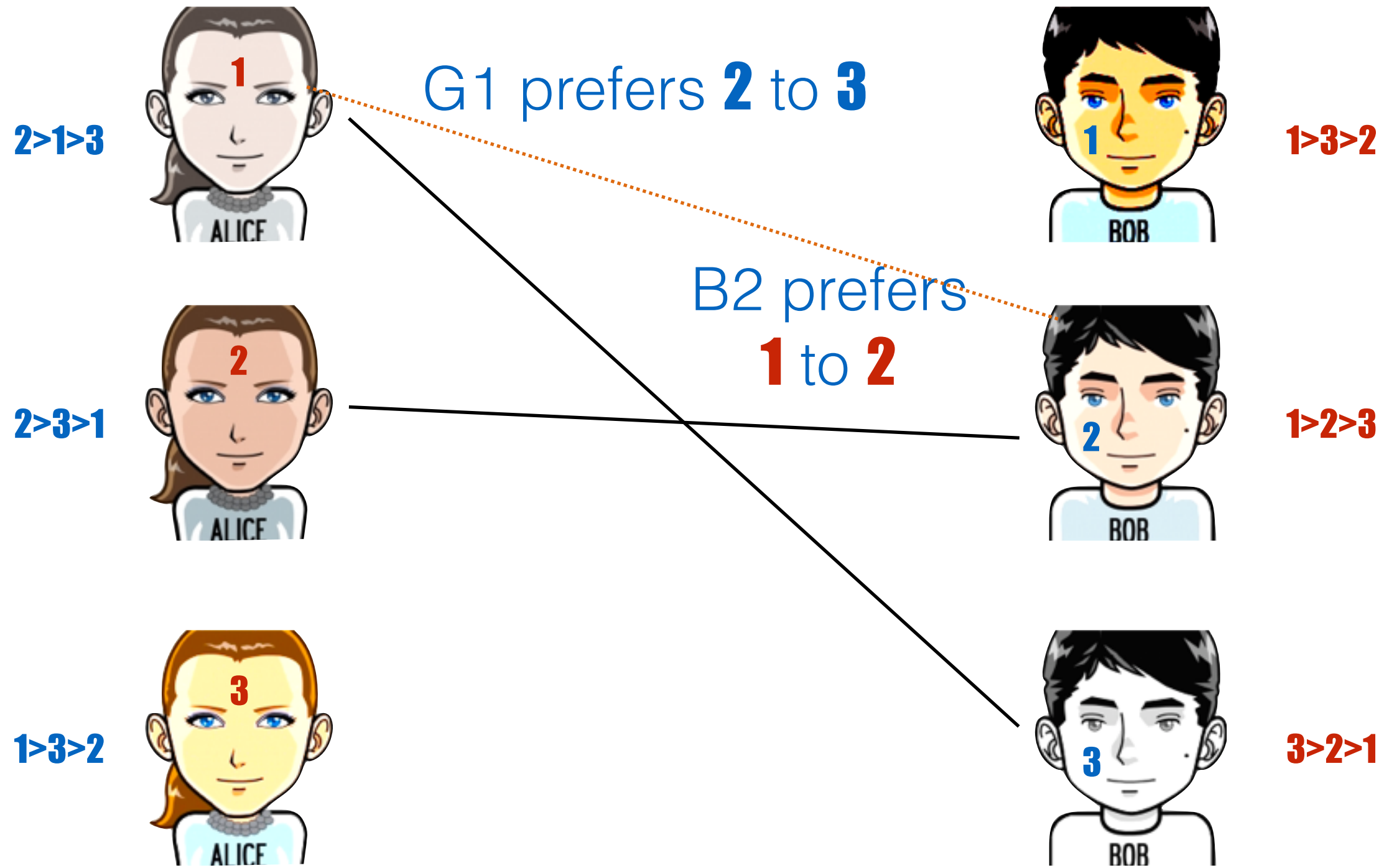
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Unstable Matching

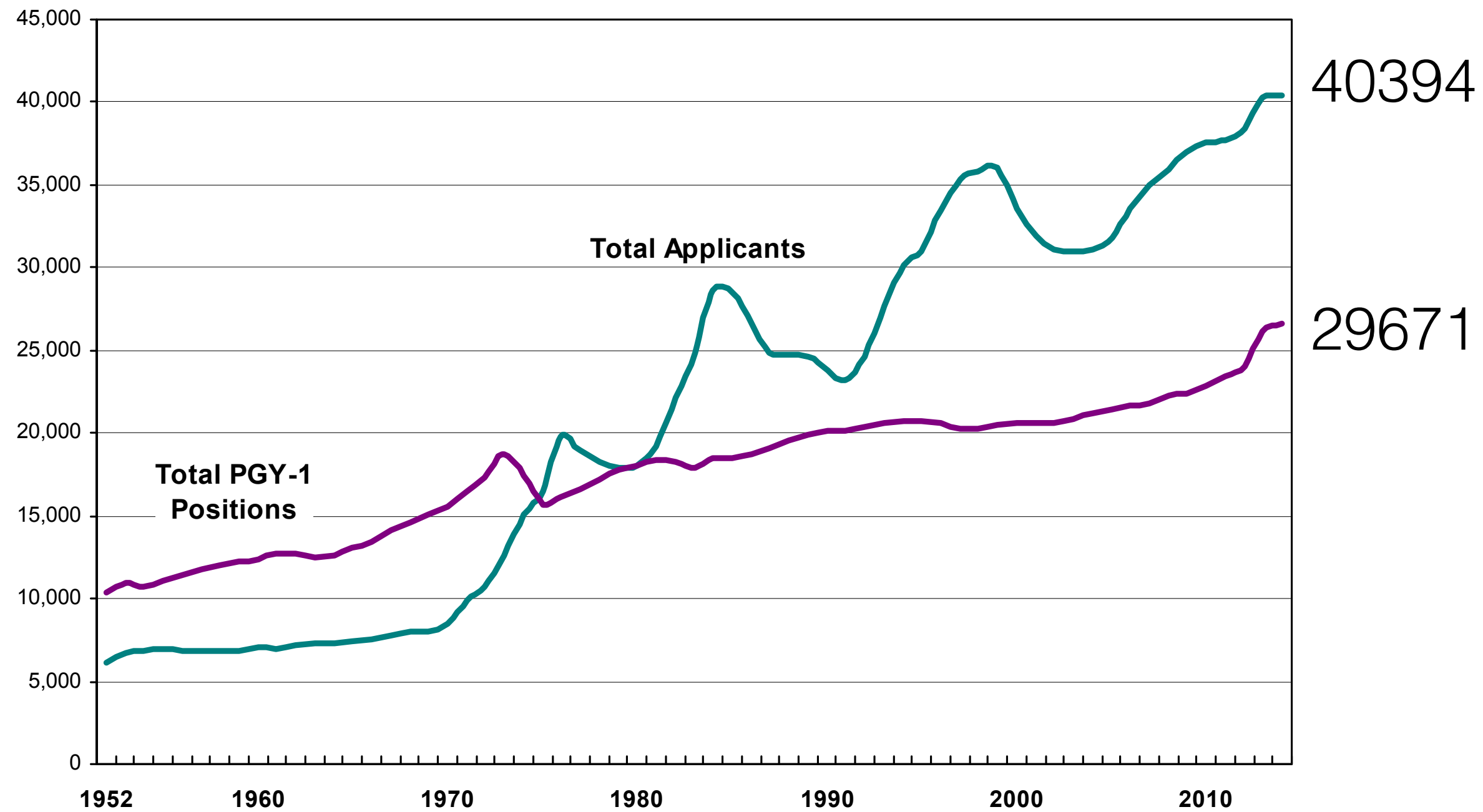


Unstable Matching

# Stable Matching

Stable  
matching has  
many practical  
applications

**Figure 1** Applicants and 1st Year Positions in The Match, 1952 - 2014





Applicant Type	Matched		
	2013 Graduates	Prior Year Graduates <sup>1</sup>	Total
CMG	2571	74	2645
IMG	146	353	499
USMG	23	2	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>3169</b>



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$M =$

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$$M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$$

$$W = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$$

$$S = \{(m_{i_1}, w_{j_1}), \dots, (m_{i_k}, w_{i_k})\}$$

Each  $m_i$  ( $w_i$ ) appears only one in a pairing.

A matching is perfect if every  $m_i$  appears.



Image credits: Julia Nikolaeva

# Definition: preferences

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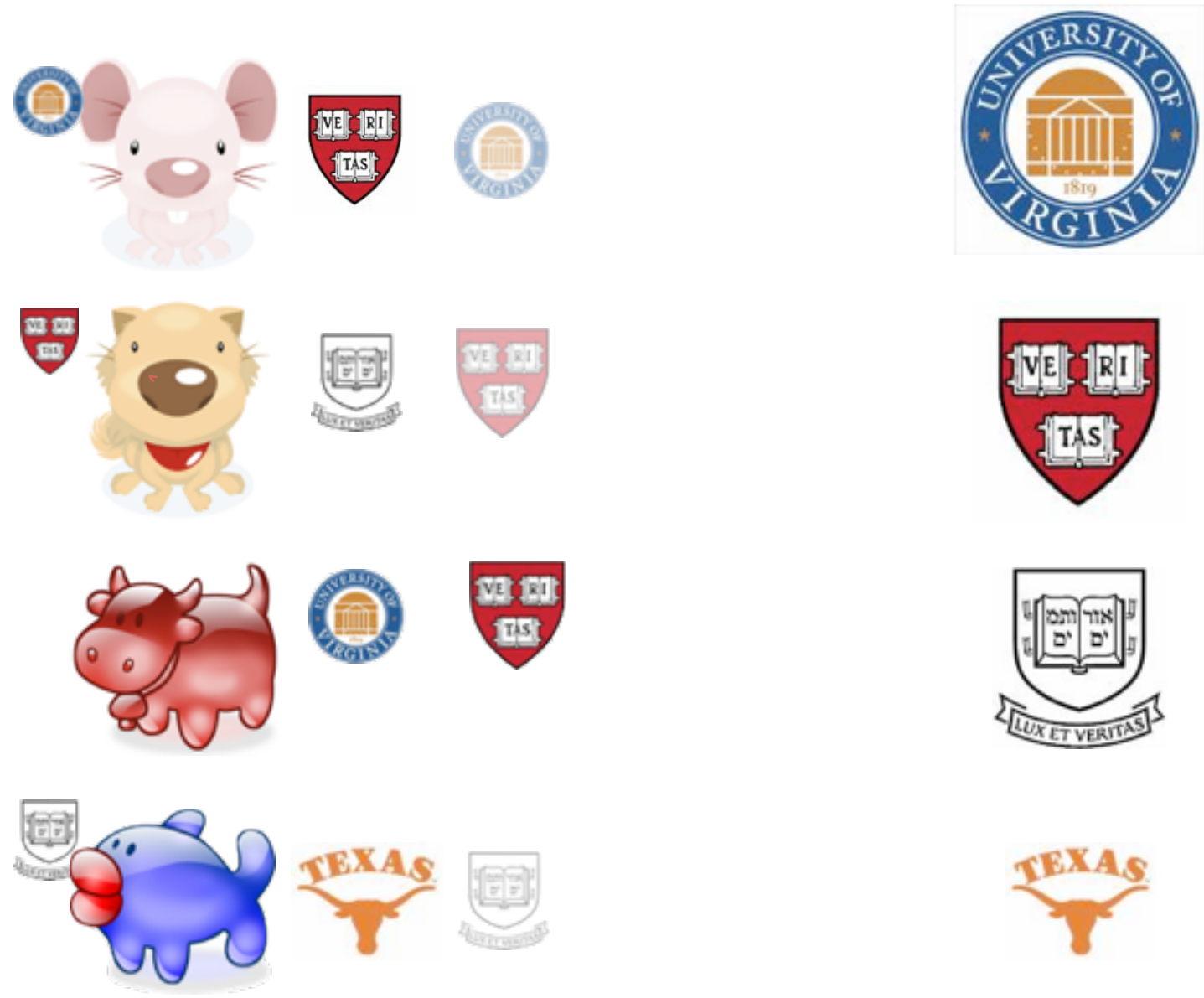


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# Example: preferences

$$M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$$

$m_i$  has a preference relation  $\prec_{m_i}$   
on the set  $W$

$$w_1 \prec_{m_i} w_4 \prec_{m_i} w_2 \prec_{m_i} w_8 \cdots w_n$$



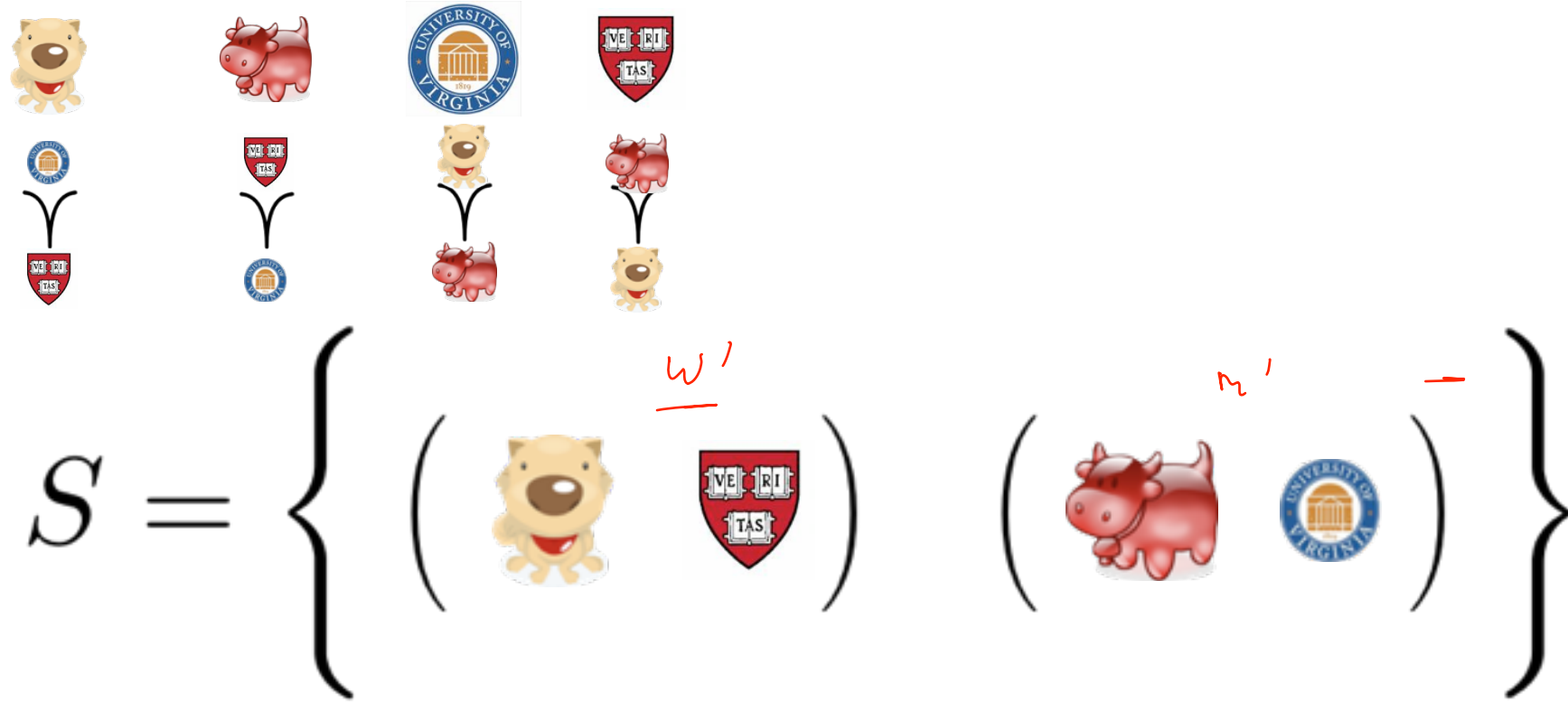




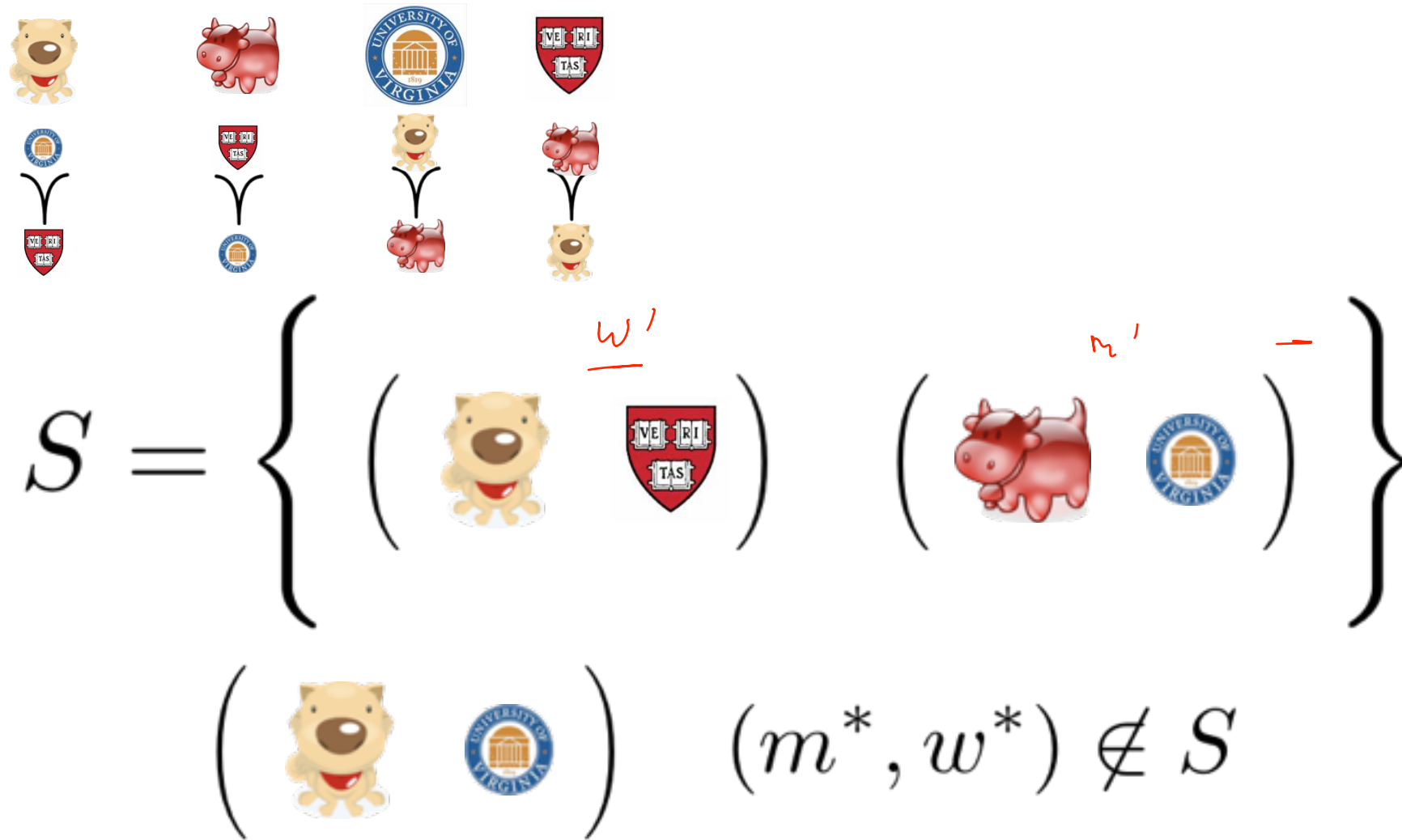


$$S = \left\{ \left( \text{dog} \quad \text{Veritas} \right) \quad \left( \text{cow} \quad \text{University of Virginia} \right) \right\}$$

# Def: instability



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$$w' \prec_{m^*} w^*$$

$$m' \prec_{w^*} m^*$$

**M** = { (s<sub>1</sub>,r<sub>1</sub>), (s<sub>2</sub>,r<sub>2</sub>), ... (s<sub>n</sub>,r<sub>n</sub>) }

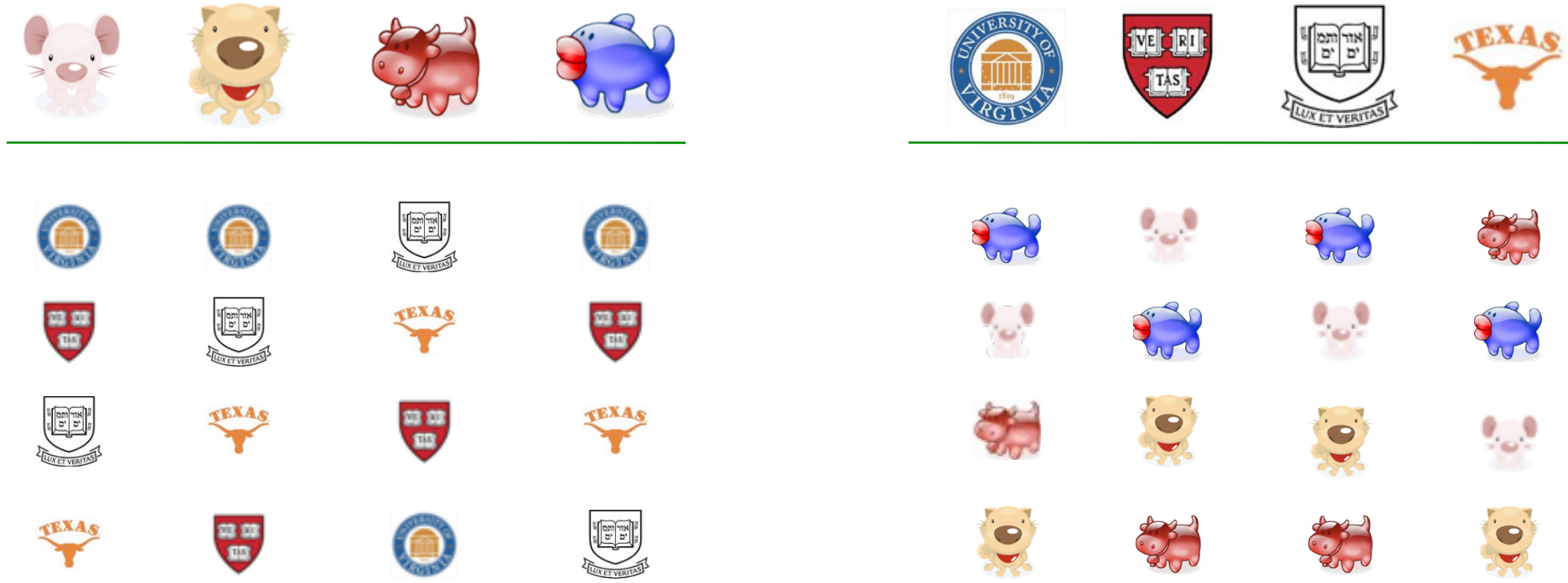
is a stable matching if

No unmatched pair (s\*,r\*) prefer each other to their partners in M

# Example 2



# Prove: for every input



there exists a stable matching.

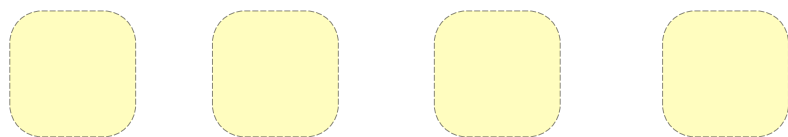
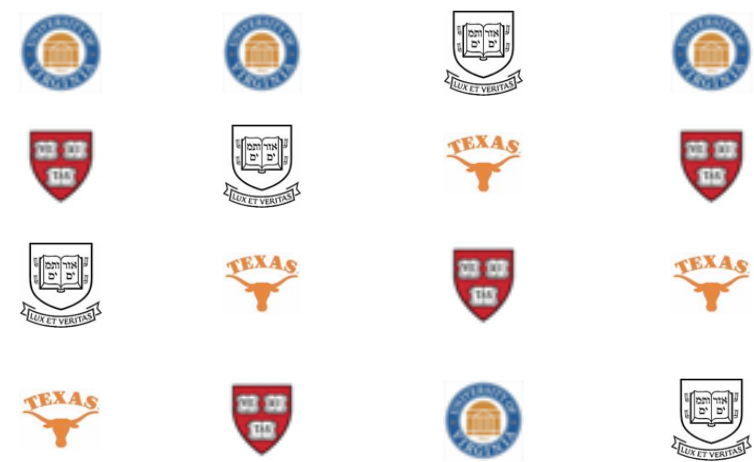
proposal algorithm

STABLEMATCH( $M, W, \prec_m, \prec_w$ )

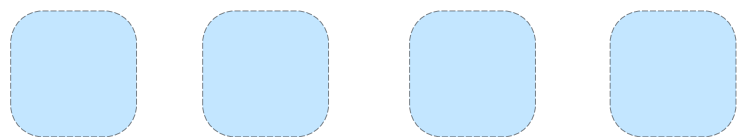
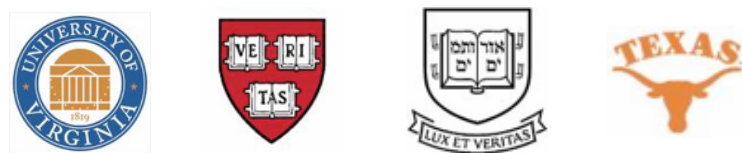
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1 Initialize all  $m, w$  to be FREE
2 while  $\exists$ FREE( $m$ ) and hasn't proposed to all  $W$ 
3   do Pick such an  $m$ 
4     Let  $w \in W$  be highest-ranked to whom  $m$  has not yet proposed
5     if FREE( $w$ )
6       then Make a new pair  $(m, w)$ 
7     elseif  $(m', w)$  is paired and  $m' \prec_w m$ 
8       do Break pair  $(m', w)$  and make  $m'$  free
9         Make pair  $(m, w)$ 
10 return Set of pairs
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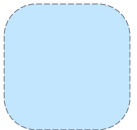
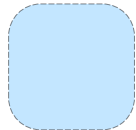
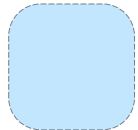
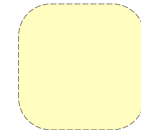
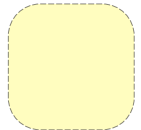
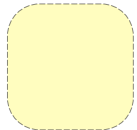
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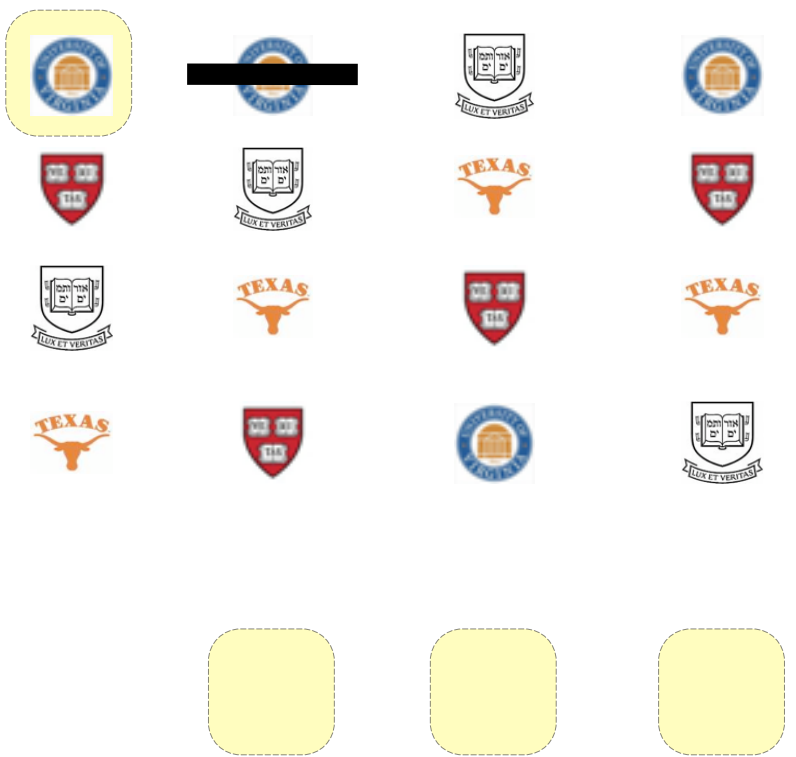
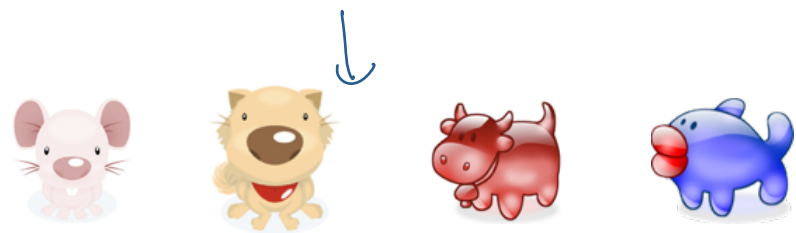
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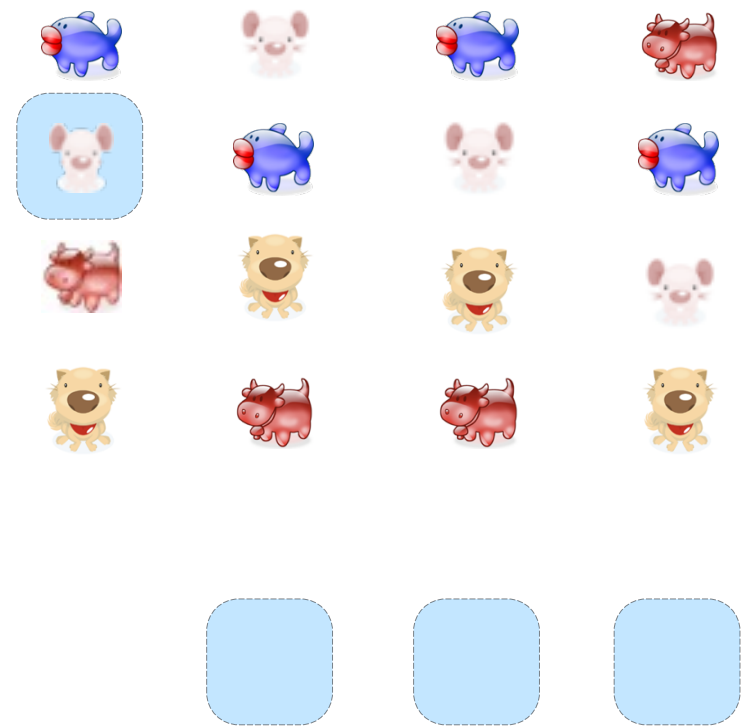
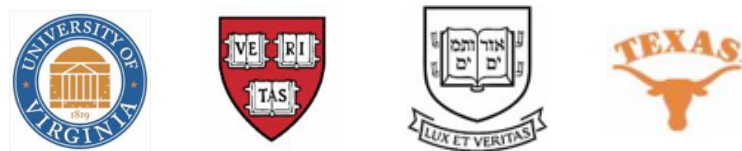
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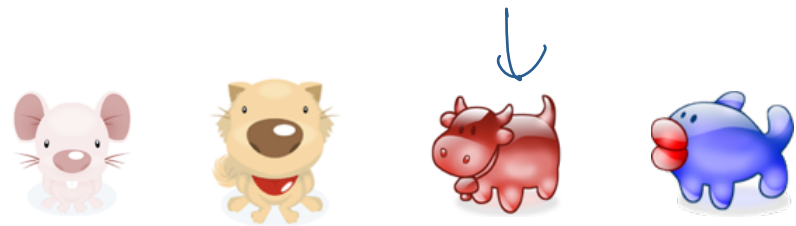
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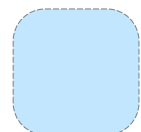
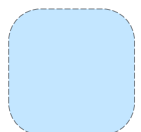
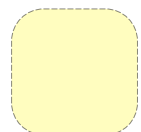
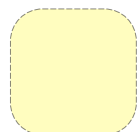
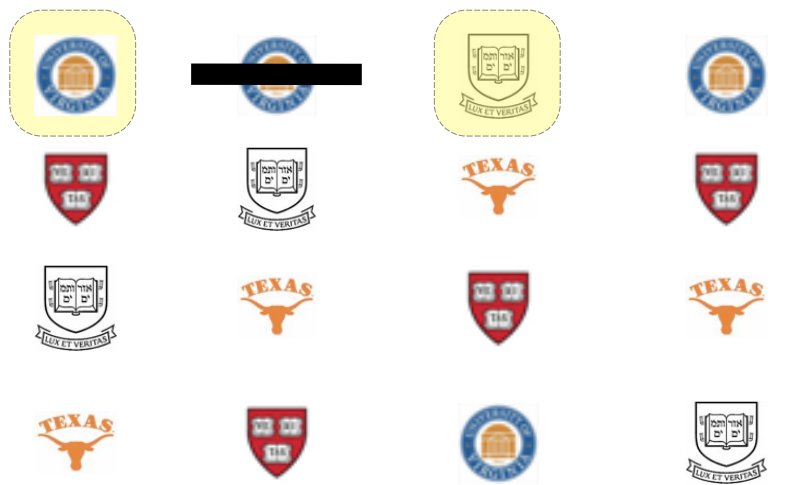
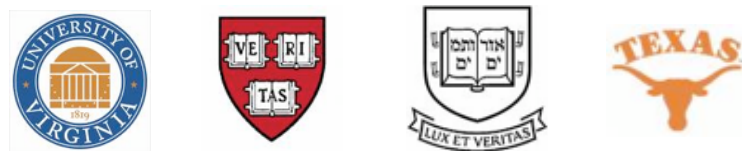
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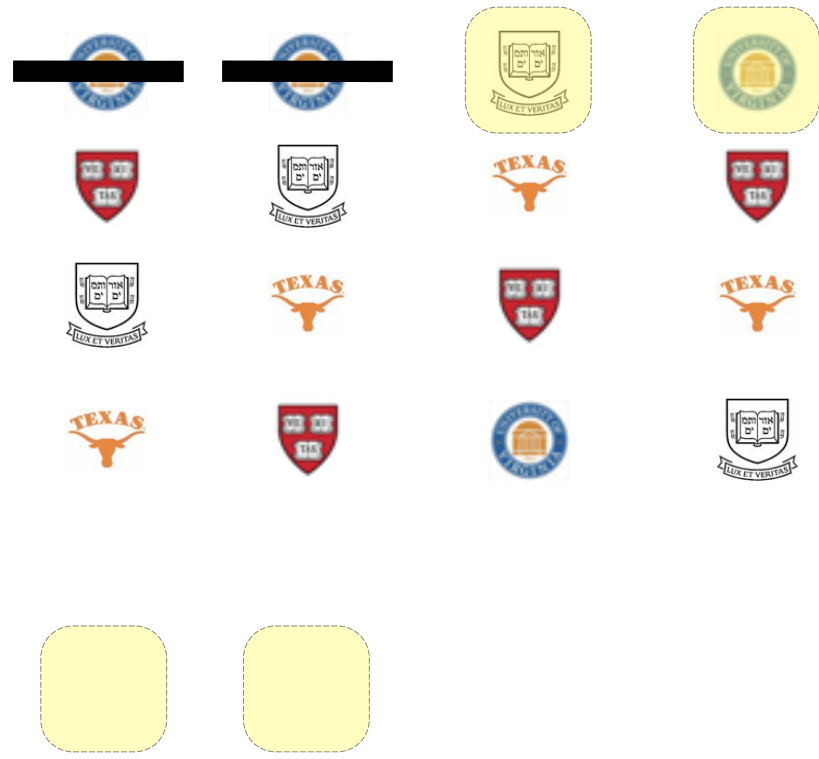
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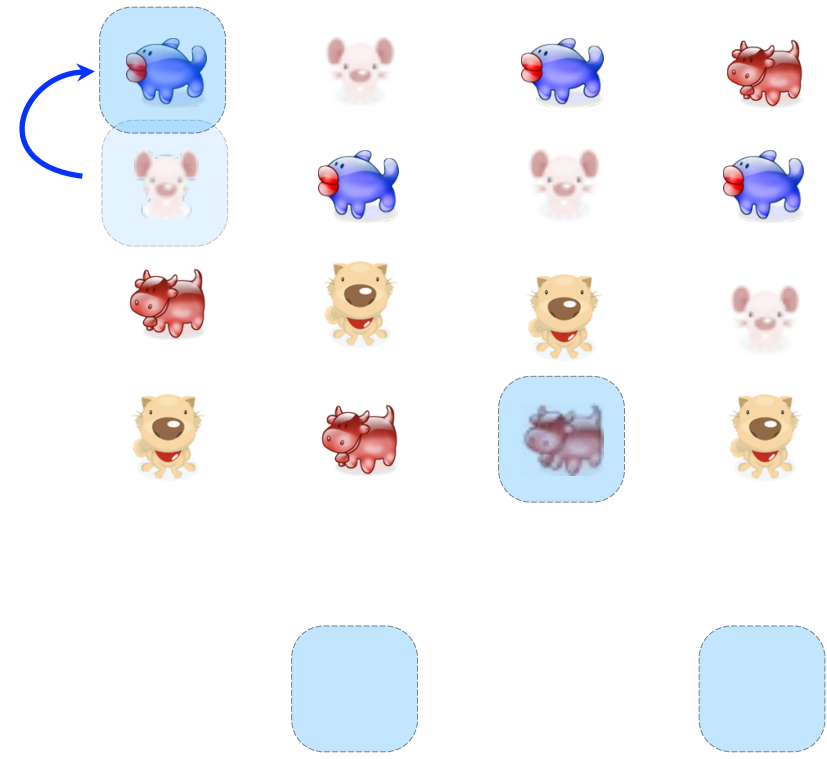
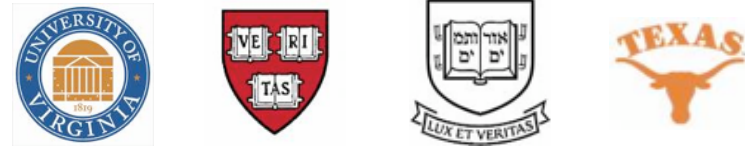
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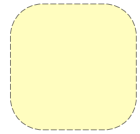
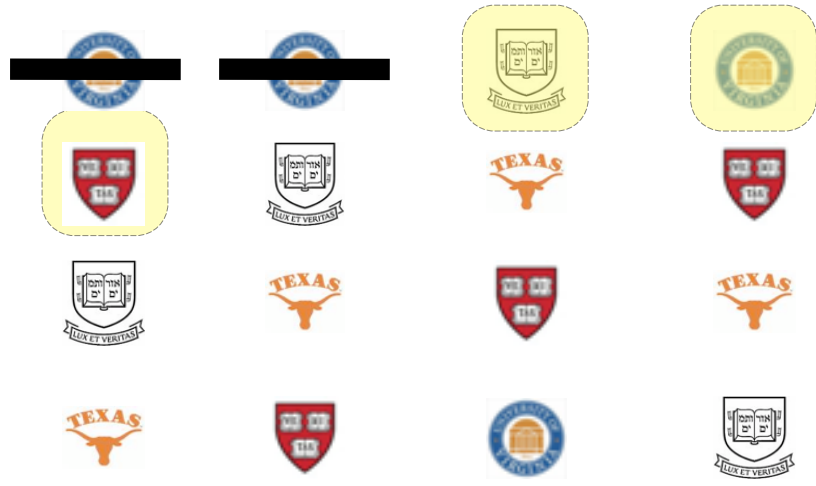
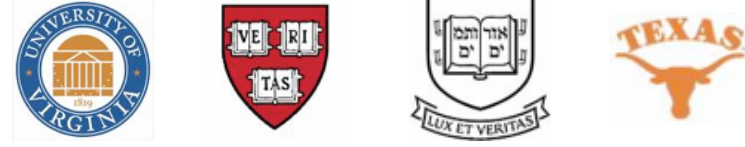
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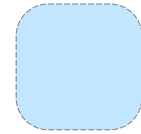
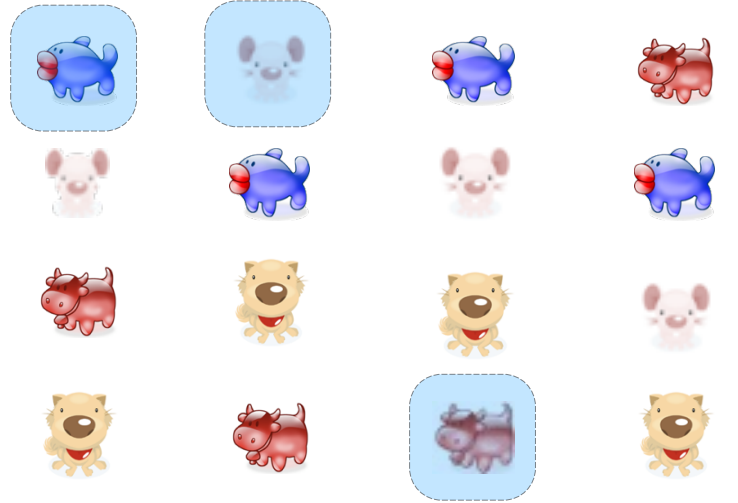
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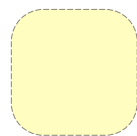
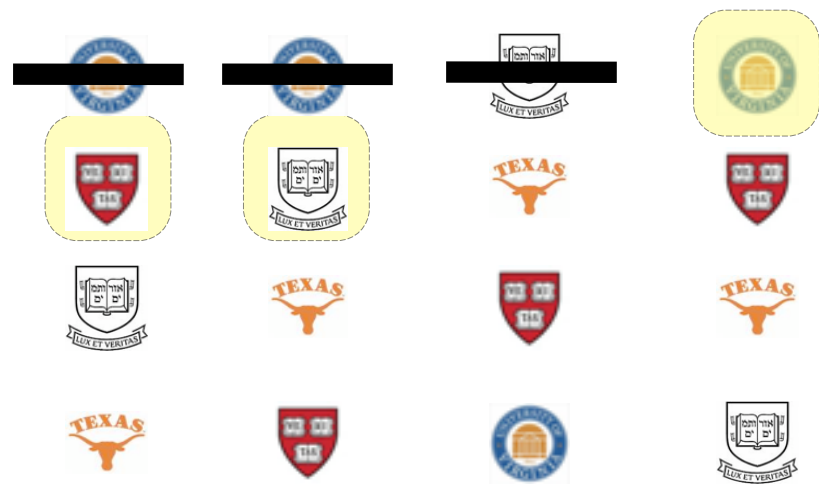
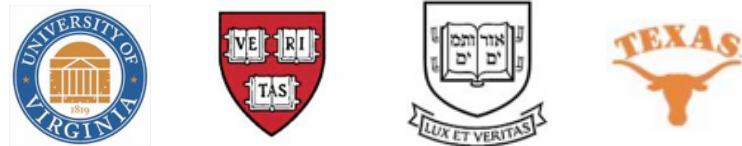
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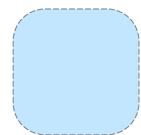
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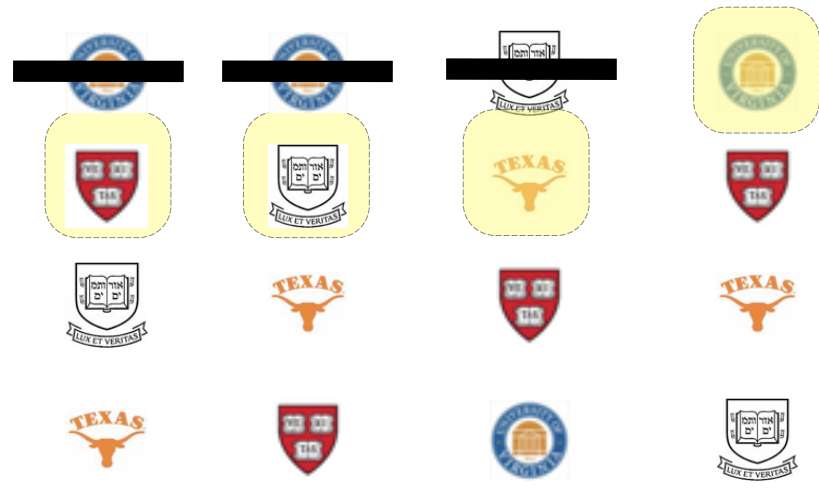
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Proposal algorithm ends

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$$O(n^2)\text{steps}$$

each  $m$  proposes at most once to each  $w$ .


each  $m$  proposes at most  $n$  times.

size of  $M$  is  $n$ .

output is a matching

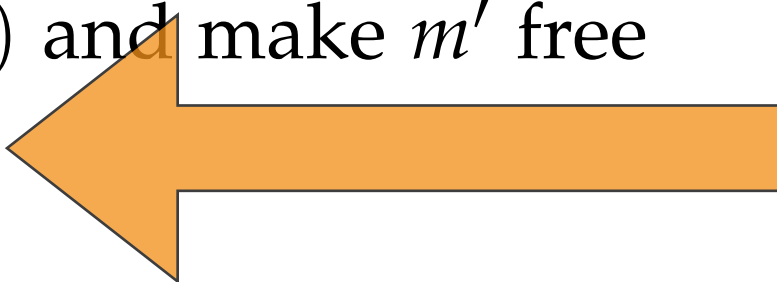
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6       then Make a new pair  $(m, w)$ 
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if  $\exists m$  who is free, then

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$m^*$  last proposal was to  $w$

but  $w \prec_{m^*} w^*$  and so  $m^*$  must have already asked  $w^*$

and must have been rejected by  $m^* \prec_{w^*} m'$

then either  $m' \prec_{w^*} m$  or  $m'=m$

which contradicts assumption  $m \prec_{w^*} m^*$

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# Remarkable theorem

$w$  is valid for  $m$ :

$\text{best}(m)$ :

GS is Suitor-optimal.

# GS matching vs R-opt

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R1

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