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# Stable Matching



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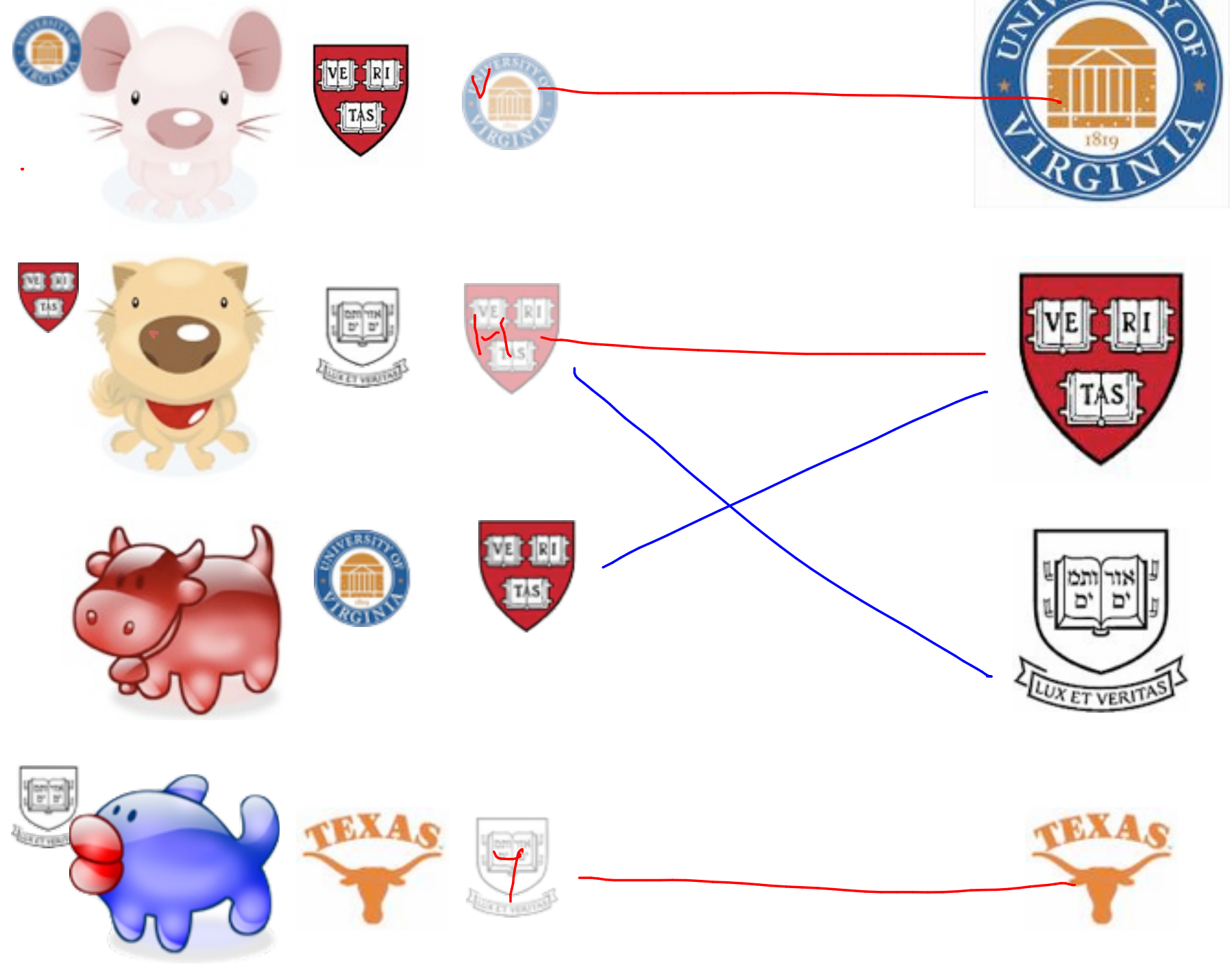


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# definition: matchings

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

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

$$\underline{S} = \{(m_i, w_j)\} \quad \text{set of pairs.}$$

① matching if  $m_i$  only occur in one pair in  $S$   
 $w_j$

② perfect if  $|S| = n$ .

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

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

Each  $m_i$  appears only one in a pairing.

A matching is perfect if every  $m_i$  appears.

definition: preferences

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

each  $m_i$  has a preference list on the set  $W$

" $w_1 \prec_{m_i} w_2$ " =  $m_i$  prefers  $w_2$  to  $w_1$

# example: preferences

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

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

$$w_1 \prec_{m_i} w_4 \prec_{m_i} w_2 \prec_{m_i} w_8 \dots \underline{w_n}$$

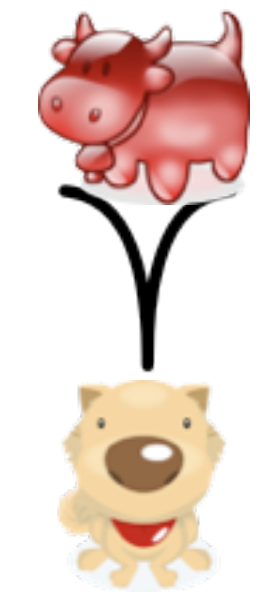
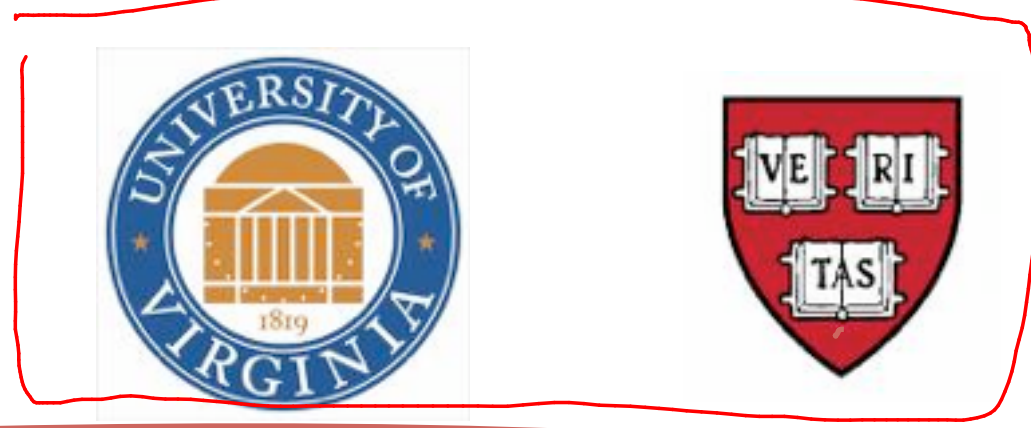


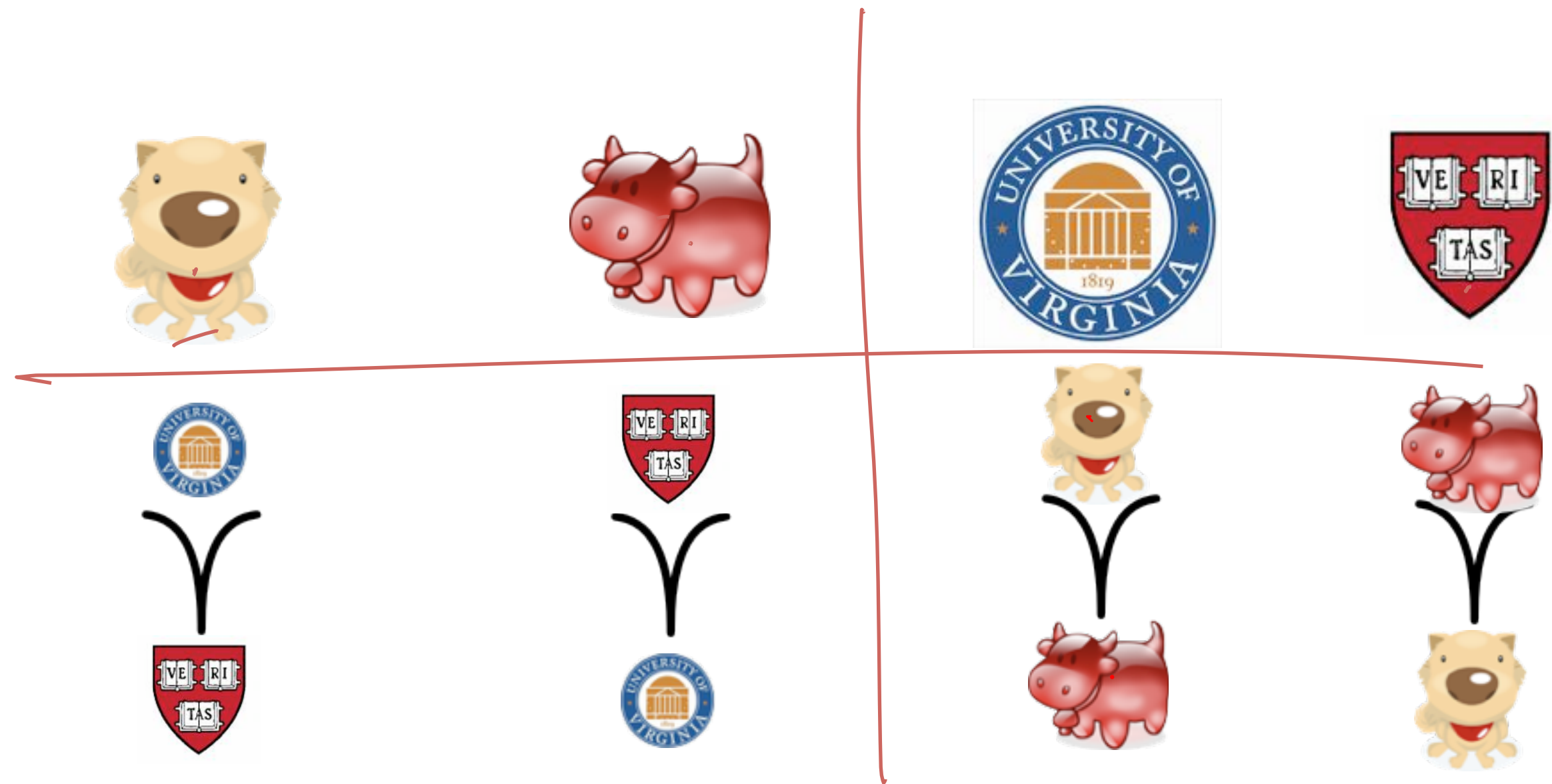


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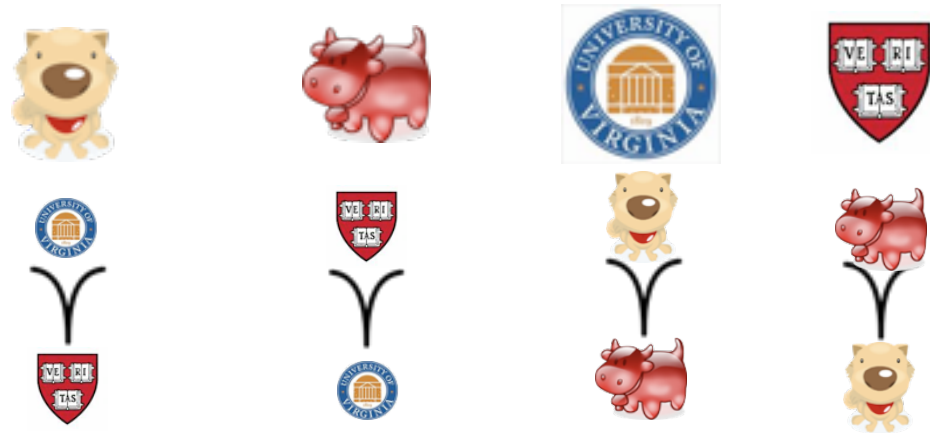
W





$$S = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Dog} \\ \text{Cow} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Veritas} \\ \text{UVA} \end{array} \right) \right\}$$

$(D, V)$ 
 $(C, H)$



def: instability

$$S = \left\{ \left( \text{Dog}, \underline{w'} \right), \left( \text{Cow}, \underline{m'} \right) \right\}$$

$S$  is unstable if  $\exists (m^*, w^*) \notin S, (m^*, w'), (m', w^*) \in S$

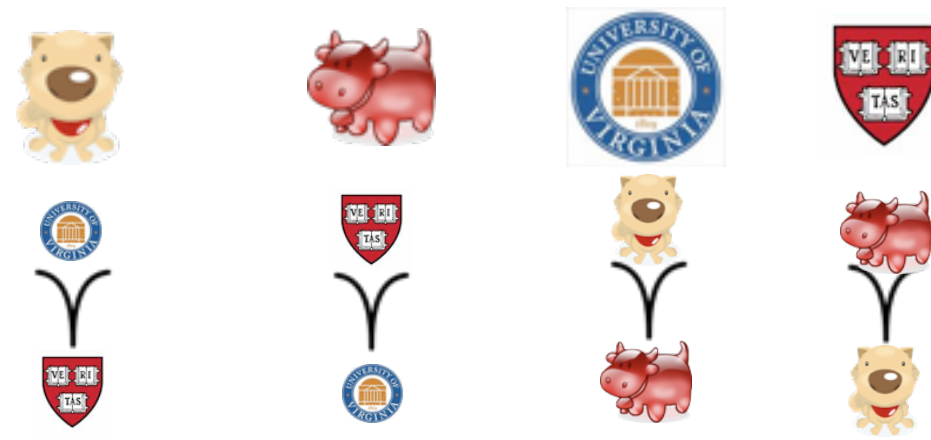
and

(1)  $\underline{m^*}$  prefers  $\underline{w^*}$  to  $w'$

(2)  $\underline{w^*}$  prefers  $\underline{m^*}$  to  $m'$

$S$  is a stable matching if there are no such triples.

def: instability



$$S = \left\{ \left( \overset{w'}{\text{Dog}} \text{ Veritas} \right) \left( \overset{m'}{\text{Pig}} \text{ University of Virginia} \right) \right\}$$

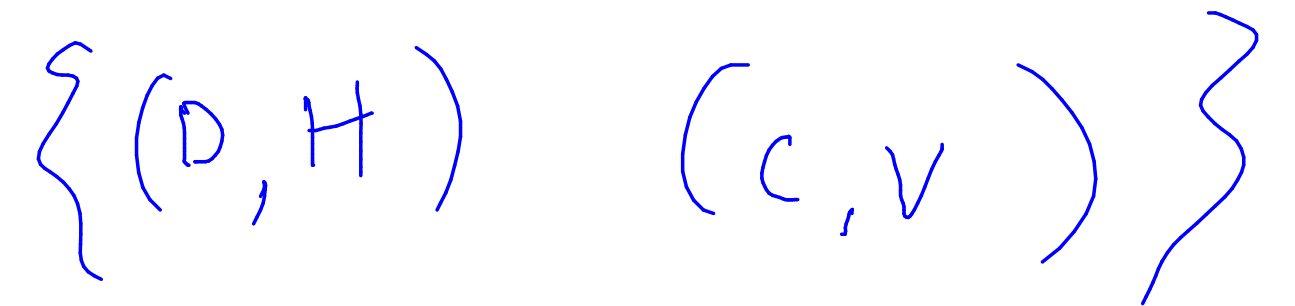
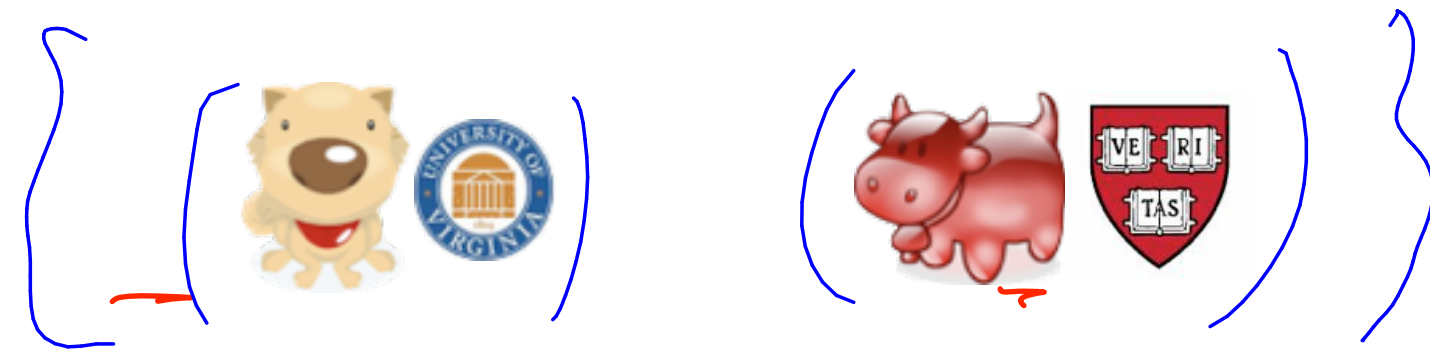
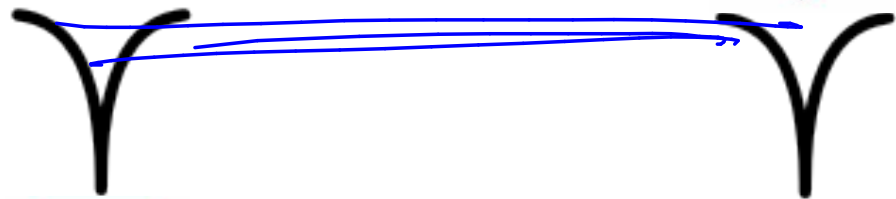
$$\left( \text{Dog} \text{ University of Virginia} \right) \quad (m^*, w^*) \notin S$$

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

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

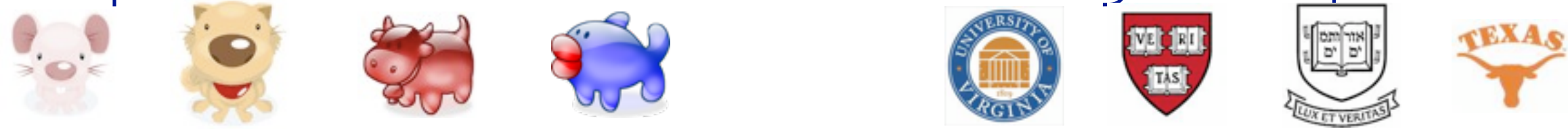


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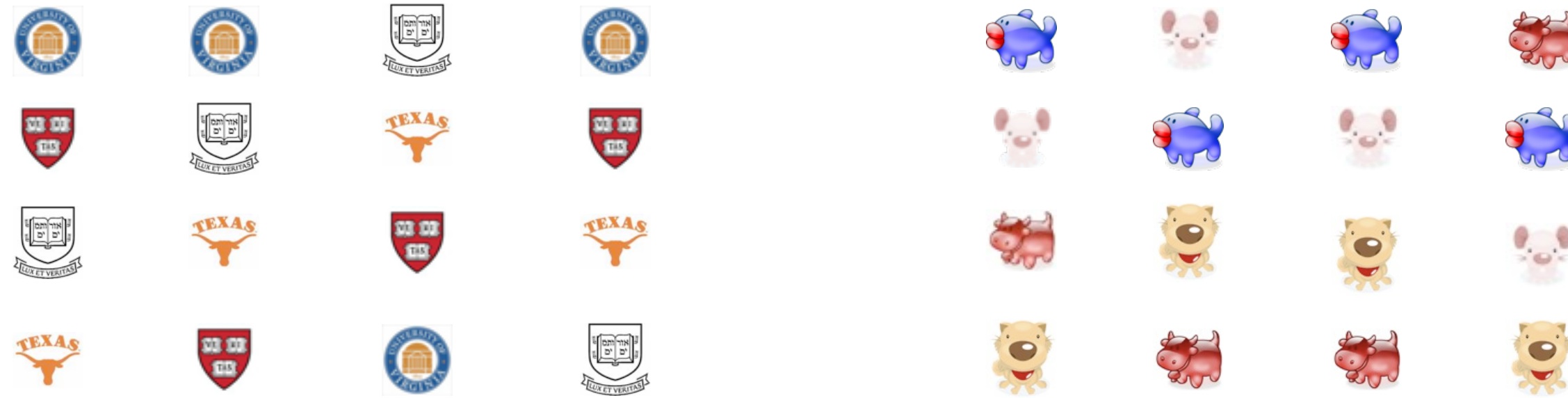


prove: for every input

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there exists a stable matching.

# proposal algorithm

Start with an empty matching  $S$

While  $\exists$  an unmatched  $m$  who has not exhausted his preference list

Let  $w$  be the first  $w$  on  $m$ 's list who he has not asked

If  $w$  is unpaired,  $PAIR(m, w)$

If  $(m', w) \in S$  and  $w$  prefers  $m$  to  $m'$

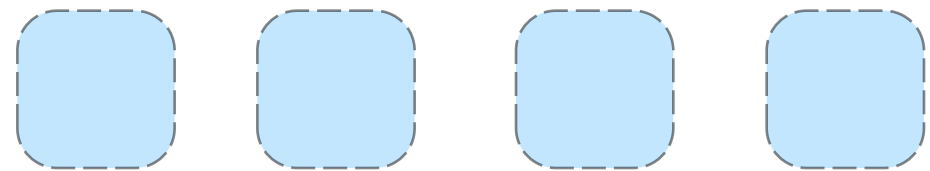
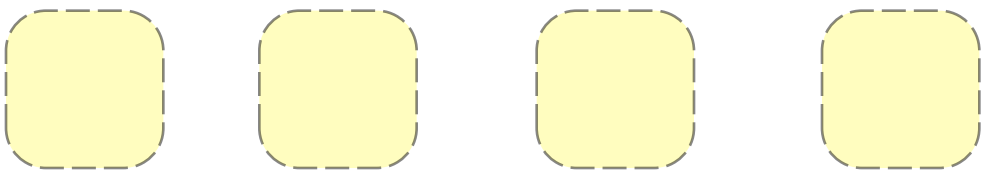
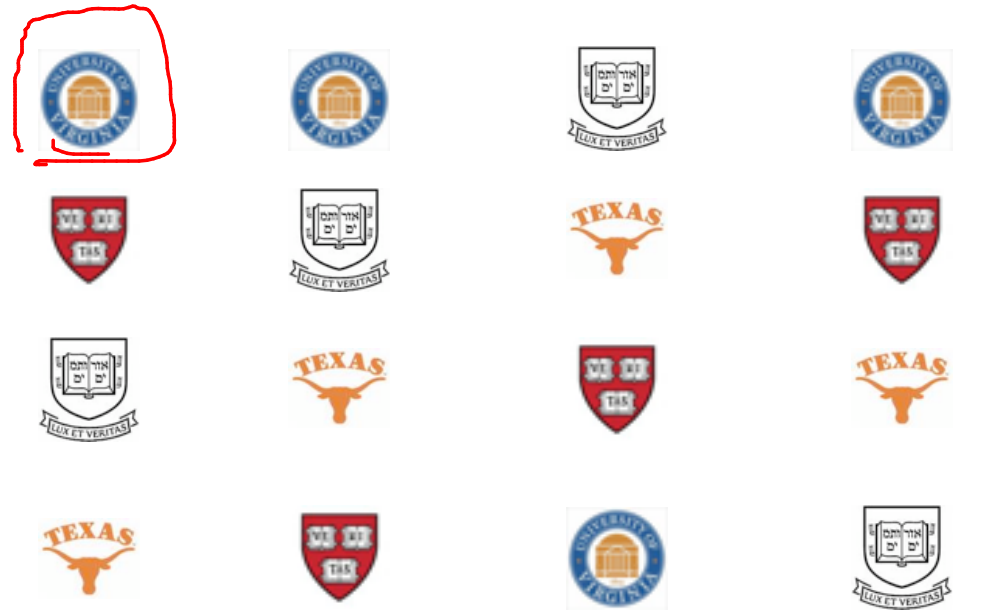
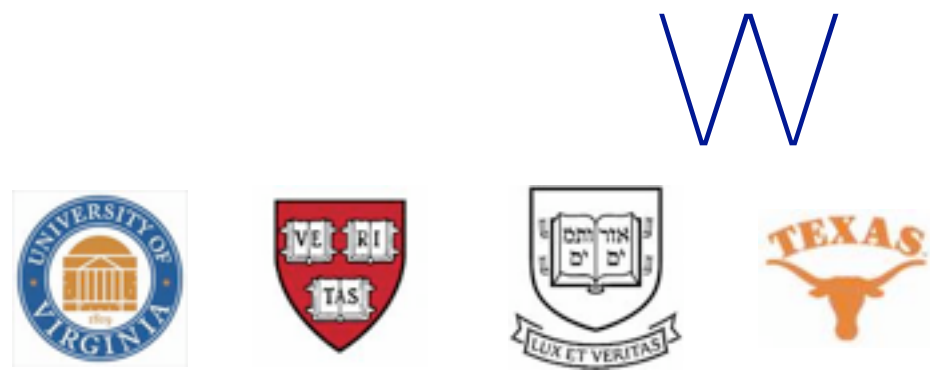
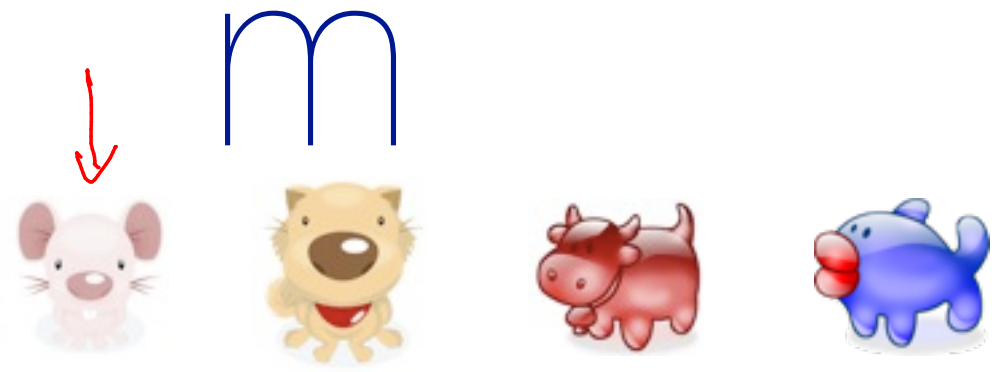
Breakup  $(m', w)$

$PAIR(m, w)$

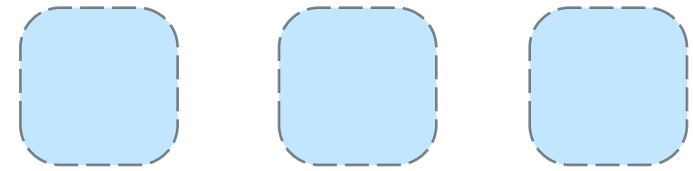
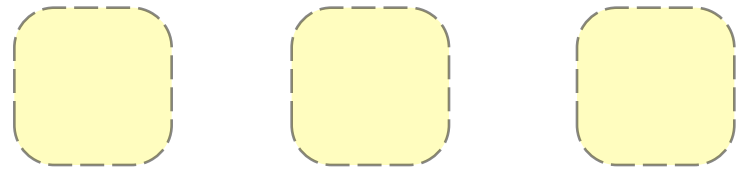
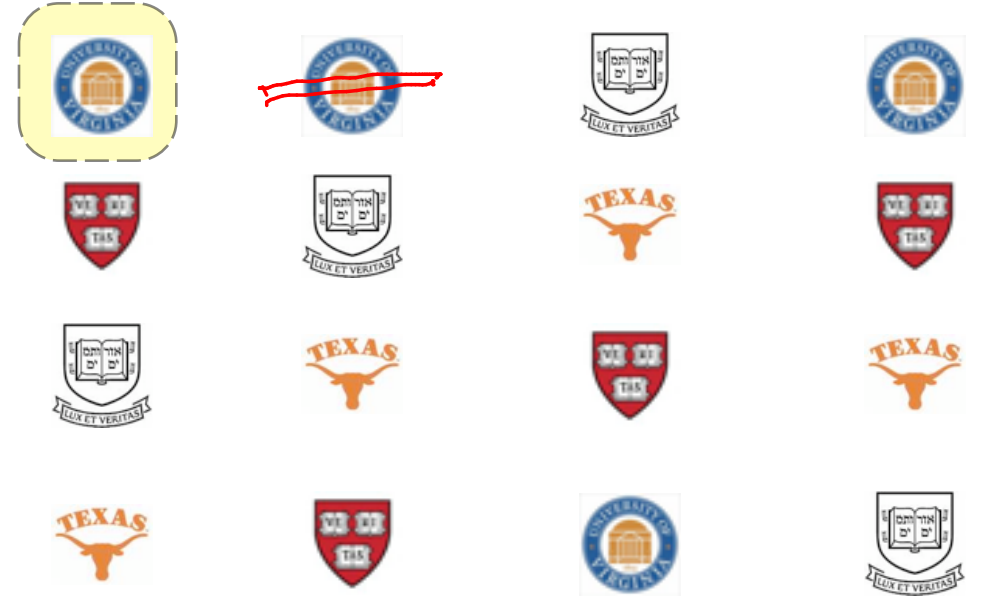
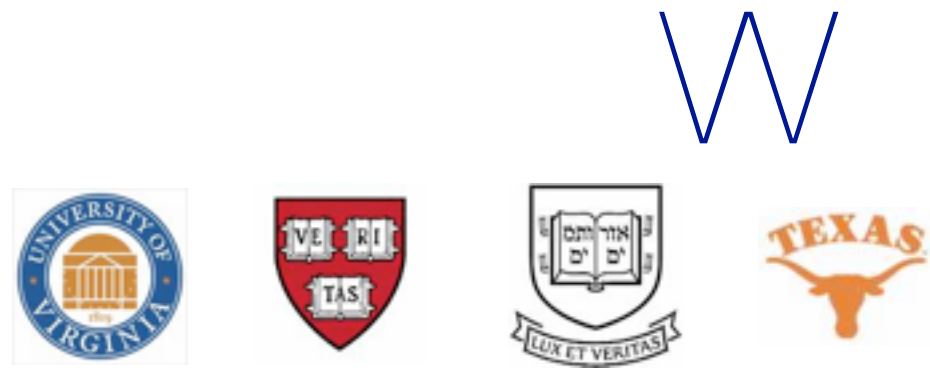
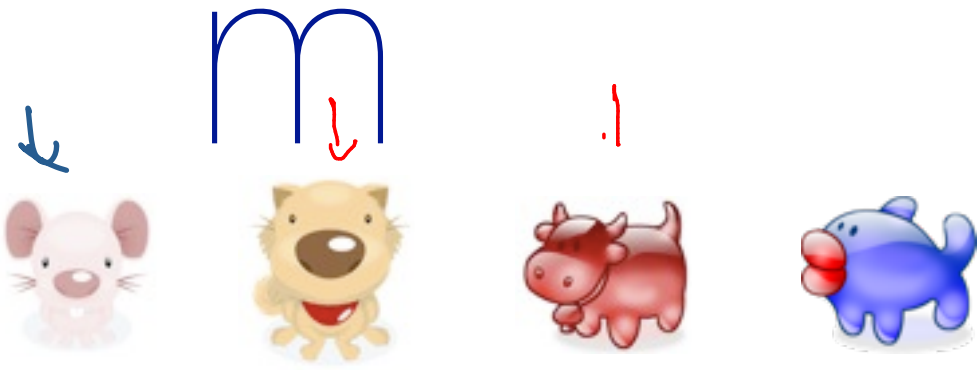
STABLEMATCH( $M, W, \prec_m, \prec_w$ )

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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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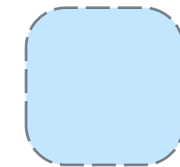
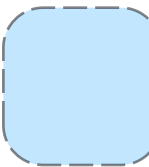
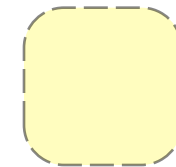
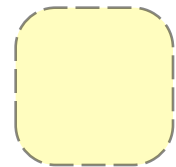
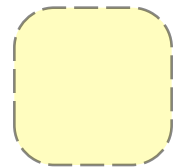
1st step



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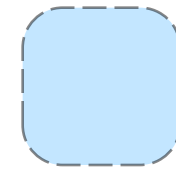
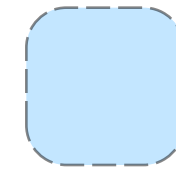
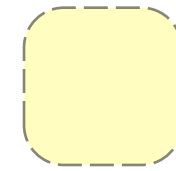
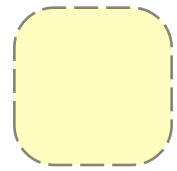
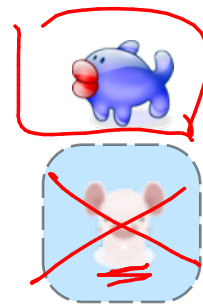
w



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w



m



w



A 4x4 grid of icons for the letter 'm'. The first two columns contain University of Virginia logos, with the top two in each column crossed out by a thick black horizontal bar. The third and fourth columns contain a mix of icons: University of Virginia logos, Texas logos, and yellow dashed boxes. At the bottom of the grid are two yellow dashed boxes.

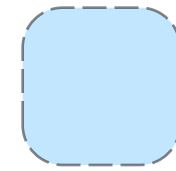
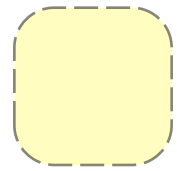
A 4x4 grid of icons for the letter 'w'. The first column contains a blue fish and a pink mouse, both enclosed in blue dashed boxes with a blue arrow pointing from the fish to the mouse. The second and third columns contain a mix of icons: pink mouse, blue fish, yellow dog, red cow, and Texas logos. The fourth column contains a pink mouse, a blue fish, a yellow dog, and a red cow, with the red cow enclosed in a blue dashed box. At the bottom of the grid are two blue dashed boxes.



m



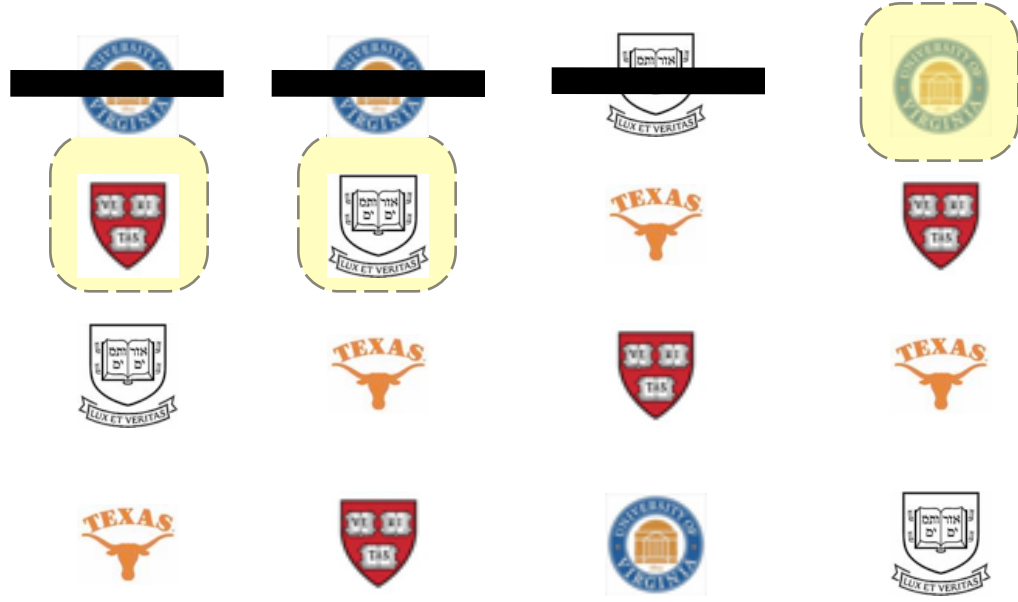
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proposal algorithm ends

each  $m$  only asks each  $w$  once.

$$|W|=n.$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^2)$  iterations of the loop.

# proposal algorithm ends

$O(n^2)$  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

① EACH  $m$  only paired w/ one  $w$ .

② Why is each  $w$  paired w/ only 1  $m$  ??

every time  $w$  is paired, she is single.

output is perfect

If  $\exists$  an unmatched  $m$ ,

Some  $f$  has not been asked.

output is perfect

if  $\exists m$  who is free, then  $\exists w$  who has not been asked

output is stable = S

Spse not. That means  $\exists (m^*, w^*) \notin S$  and  $(m^*, w^1), (m^1, w^*) \in S$   
Such that  $m^*$  prefers  $w^*$  to  $w^1$  &  $w^*$  prefers  $m^*$  to  $m^1$

→ Consider the moment when  $(m^*, w^1)$  are paired in the execution.

$m^*$  was single.  $m^*$  must have already asked  $w^*$ .

$w^*$  must have rejected  $m^*$  in favor of  $\hat{m}$ .

$$\Rightarrow m^* <_{w^*} \hat{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \underline{m^1 = \hat{m}} \text{ or } \underline{\hat{m} <_{w^*} m^1}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^* \leq_{w^*} m^1 \text{ which contradicts } \underline{\underline{\quad}}$$

(GALE-SHAPLEY)

output is stable

$$\exists (m^*, w), (m, w^*) \in S \quad w \prec_{m^*} w^* \quad m \prec_{w^*} m^*$$

spse not.

# output is stable

spse not.  $\exists (m^*, w), (m, w^*) \in S$      $w \prec_{m^*} w^*$      $m \prec_{w^*} m^*$

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

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

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

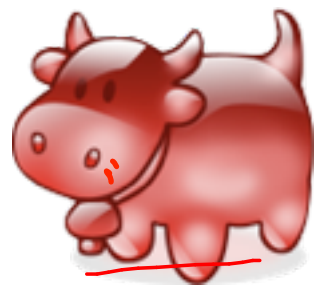
then either  $m' \prec_{w^*} m$  or  $m' = m$

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



# Proposer wins

M



↓

7 propose

$(D, U), (C, H)$

$(C, U), (D, H)$

# Proposer wins



# Remarkable theorem

w is valid for m:  $\exists$  some stable matching  $S$  s.t.  $(m, w) \in S$

best(m):  $w$  s.t.  $(m, w)$  is VALID and every  $w_m^* \succ w$  is not VALID.

$S^*$ :  $\left\{ (m, \text{best}(m)) \right\}_{m \in M}$

Thm: GS returns  $S^*$ . (every execution of it).

# GS is man-optimal.

Proof: Consider some execution  $E$  of GS that returns  $S \neq S^*$ .

$\Rightarrow$  some  $m$  is not matched with their best VALID match.

$\Rightarrow$  some  $w$  must have rejected a VALID  $m$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Consider the first time some  $w$  rejects a VALID  $m$ .

ask + reject

breakup

@ this point,  $(m', w)$  have been matched

But  $w$  is VALID for  $m$ , so  $\exists (m, w) \in S'$ ,

who does  $m'$  match with in  $S'$ ??  $(m', w')$   $\in S'$ .

$\rightarrow$  Since this is the first rejection in  $E$ , then

$w'$  could not have rejected  $m'$  in  $E$  at this point.

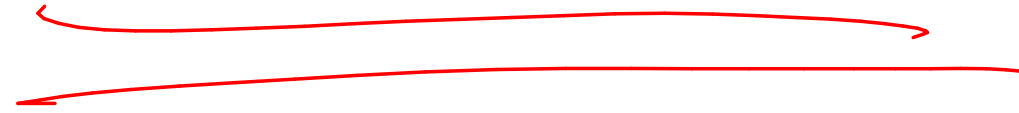
(To be fixed).

# GS matching vs Wopt

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MAN-optimal.

- The MAN-optimal matching is the worst-possible  
stable matching for  $w$ .

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a new technique  
for algorithm  
design

# MergeSort(n)

<base case>

MergeSort(n/2) <left half>

MergeSort(n/2) <right half>

Merge(left,right) <combine>



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$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

MergeSort(n) <f(n) 2MergeSort(n/2)

# Typesetting

$$\text{BEST}_n = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEST}_0 + S_{1,n}^2 \\ \text{BEST}_1 + S_{2,n}^2 \\ \text{BEST}_2 + S_{3,n}^2 \\ \dots \\ \text{BEST}_{\ell-1} + S_{\ell,n}^2 \\ \dots \\ \text{BEST}_{n-1} + S_{n,n}^2 \end{array} \right.$$

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solving  $\text{BEST}_n$  can be reduced to solving  $n-1$   $\text{BEST}_i$  problems and combining the answer in linear time.

# HUFFMAN

Finding an optimal code for an  $X$  character alphabet

solved by  
can be reduced to

Finding an optimal code for an  $X-1$  character alphabet

WE HAVE BEEN SOLVING PROBLEM A  
BY SOLVING **SMALLER VERSIONS OF**  
PROBLEM A

GENERAL IDEA:

SOLVE PROBLEM A BY SOLVING  
PROBLEM B

# REDUCTION

PROBLEM<sub>a</sub>  $\leq_{f(n)}$  PROBLEM<sub>b</sub>



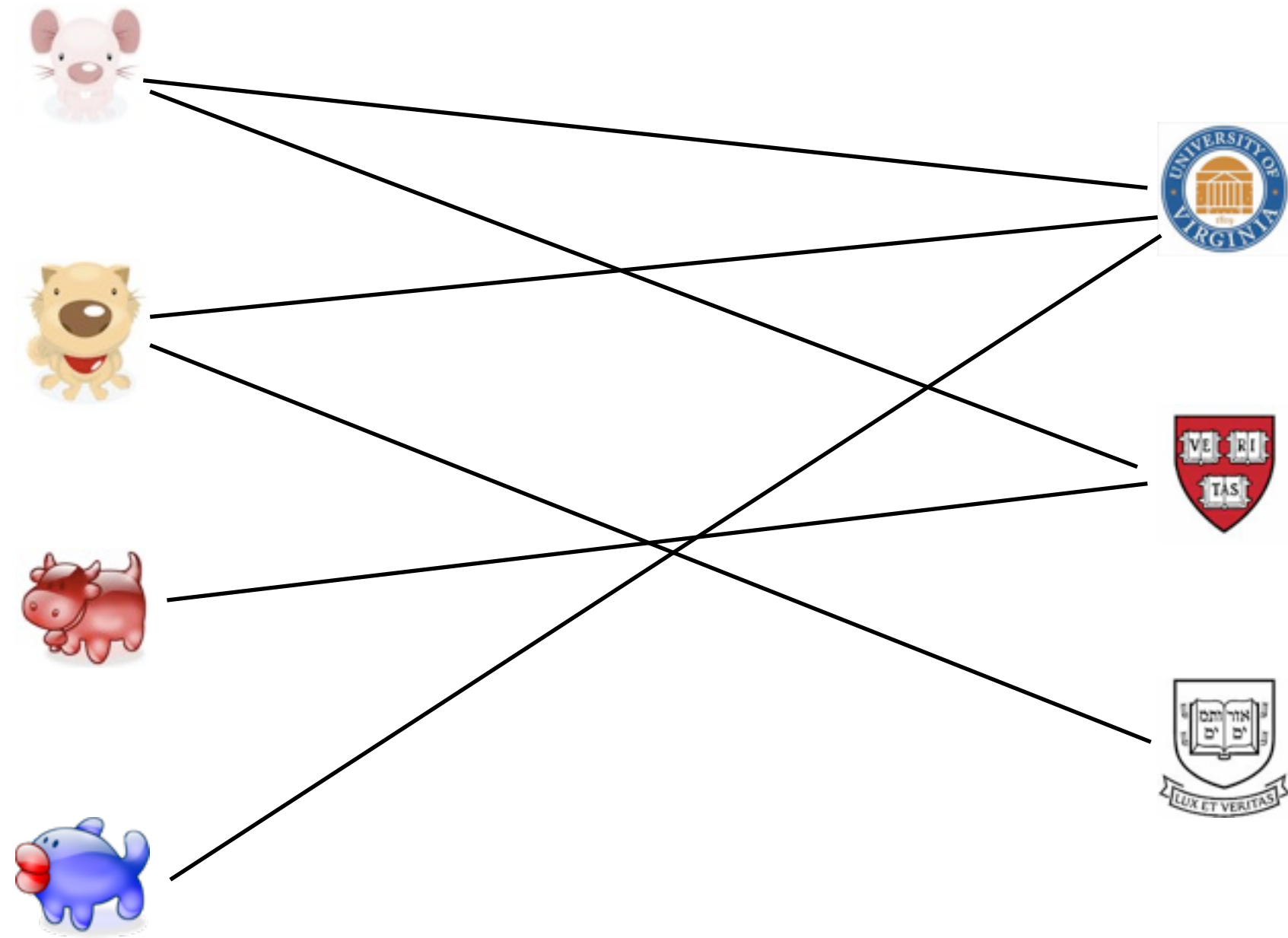
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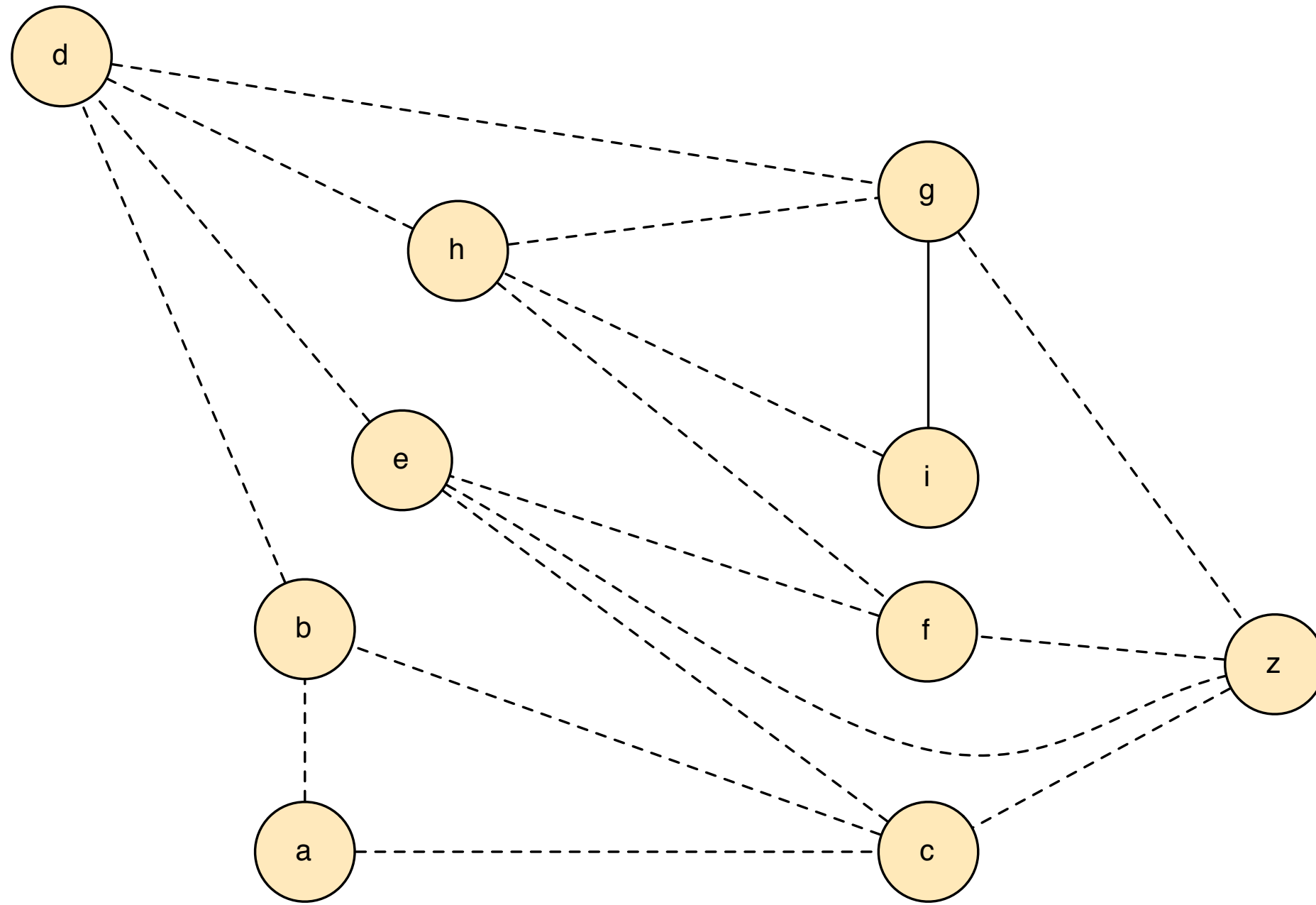
$\exists c, d$

$$T(\text{PROBLEM}_a(n)) \leq f(n) + cT(\text{PROBLEM}_b(dn))$$

# MAXIMUM BIPARTITE MATCHING



# EDGE-DISJOINT PATHS



MAX BIPARTITE

$\leq_{e+v}$

maxflow

max edges

$\leq_{e+v}$

maxflow

# TRIPLET PROBLEM

given numbers

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

determine whether there is a triplet

$$(x_i, x_j, x_k)$$

such that

$$x_i + x_j + x_k = 0$$

3, -6, 5, 2, 6, 8, -1, 12, 7, -10, -3, 14

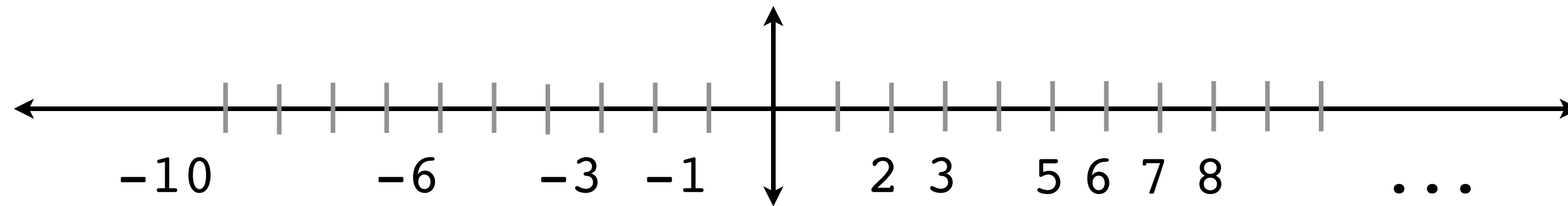
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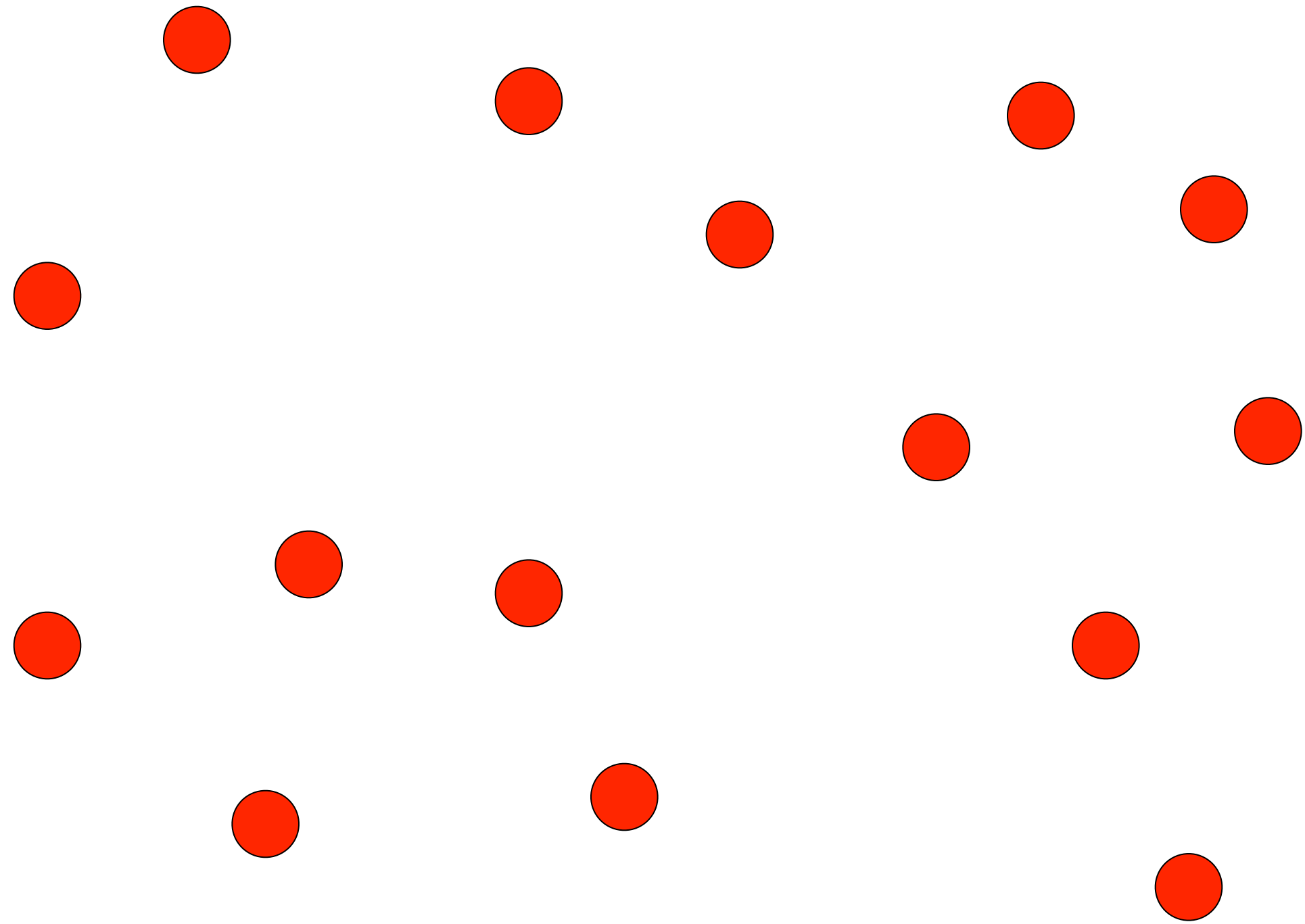




# COLINEARITY

given points in the plane  $((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n))$

determine whether any 3 are co-linear but not horizontal.

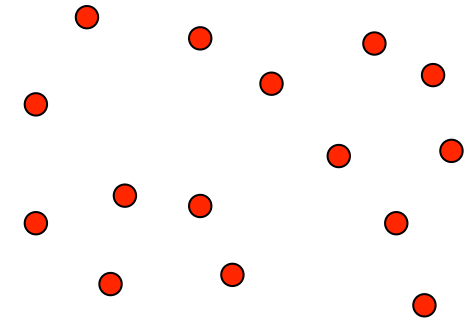


# HOW CAN WE COMPARE 2 PROBLEMS?

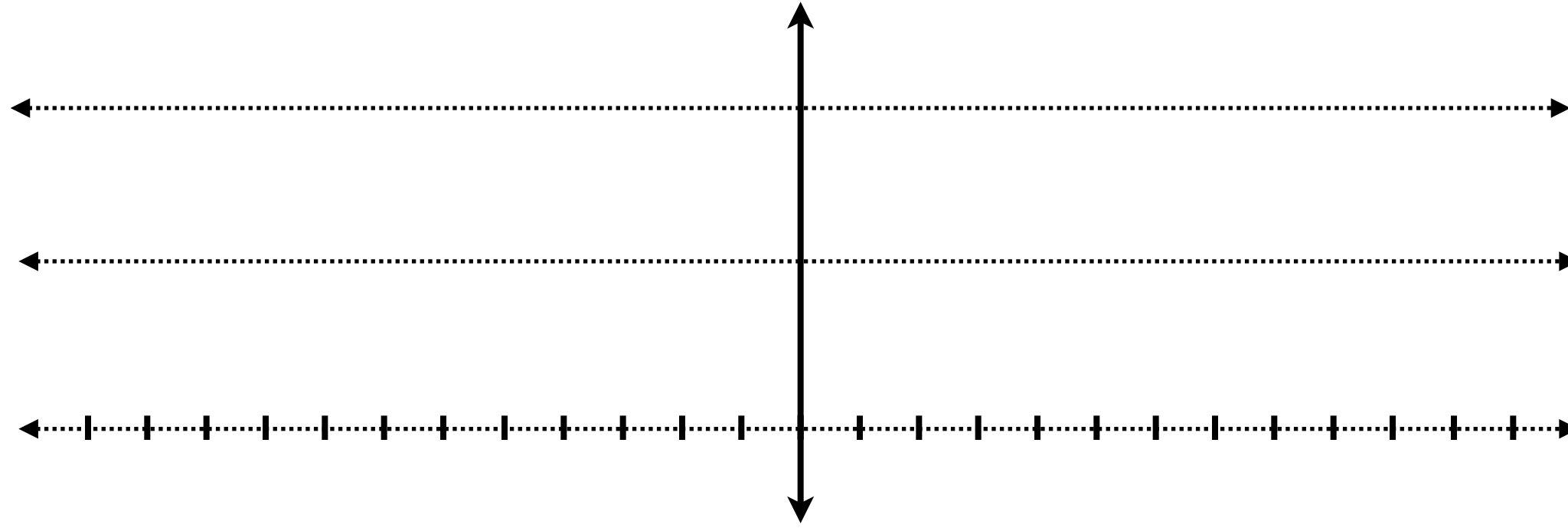
PROBLEM<sub>a</sub>  $\leq_{f(n)}$  PROBLEM<sub>b</sub>

$$T(\text{PROBLEM}_a(n)) \leq f(n) + cT(\text{PROBLEM}_b(dn))$$

3,-6,5,2,6,8,-1,12,7,-10,-3,14

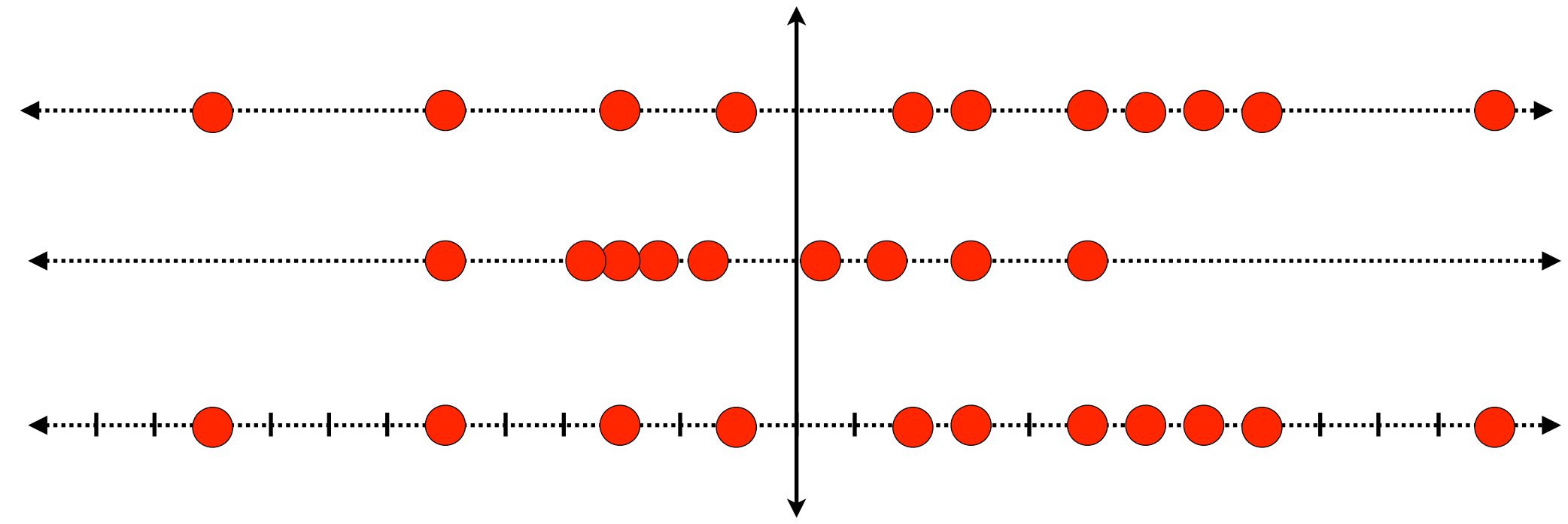


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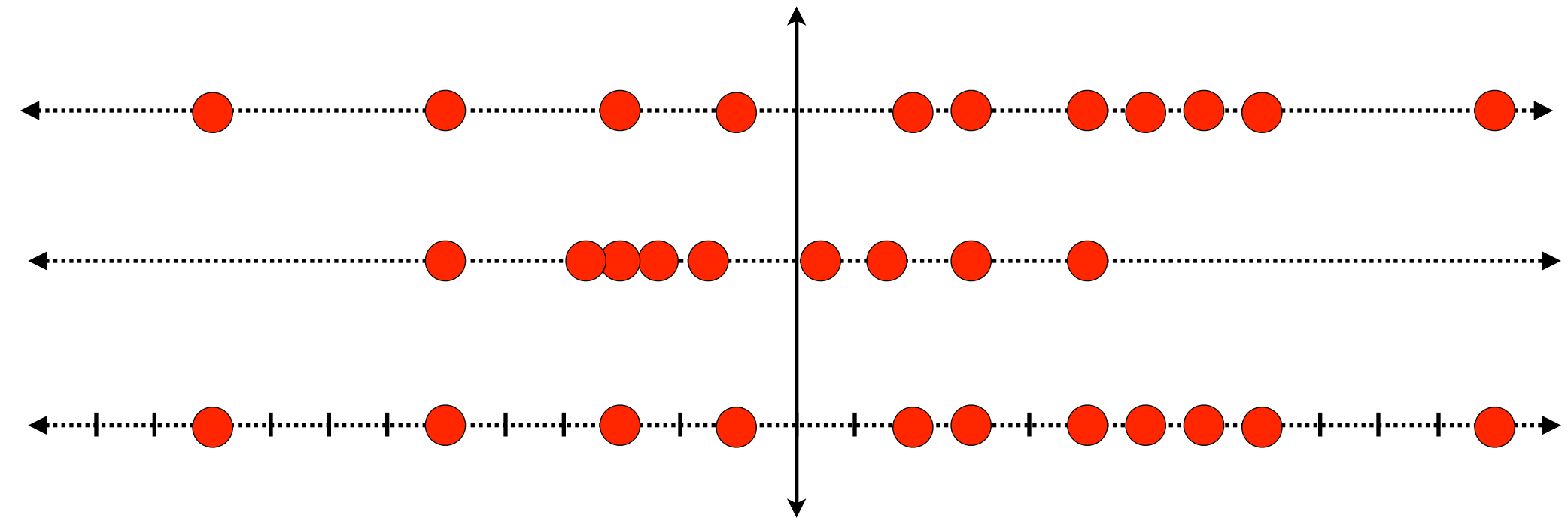
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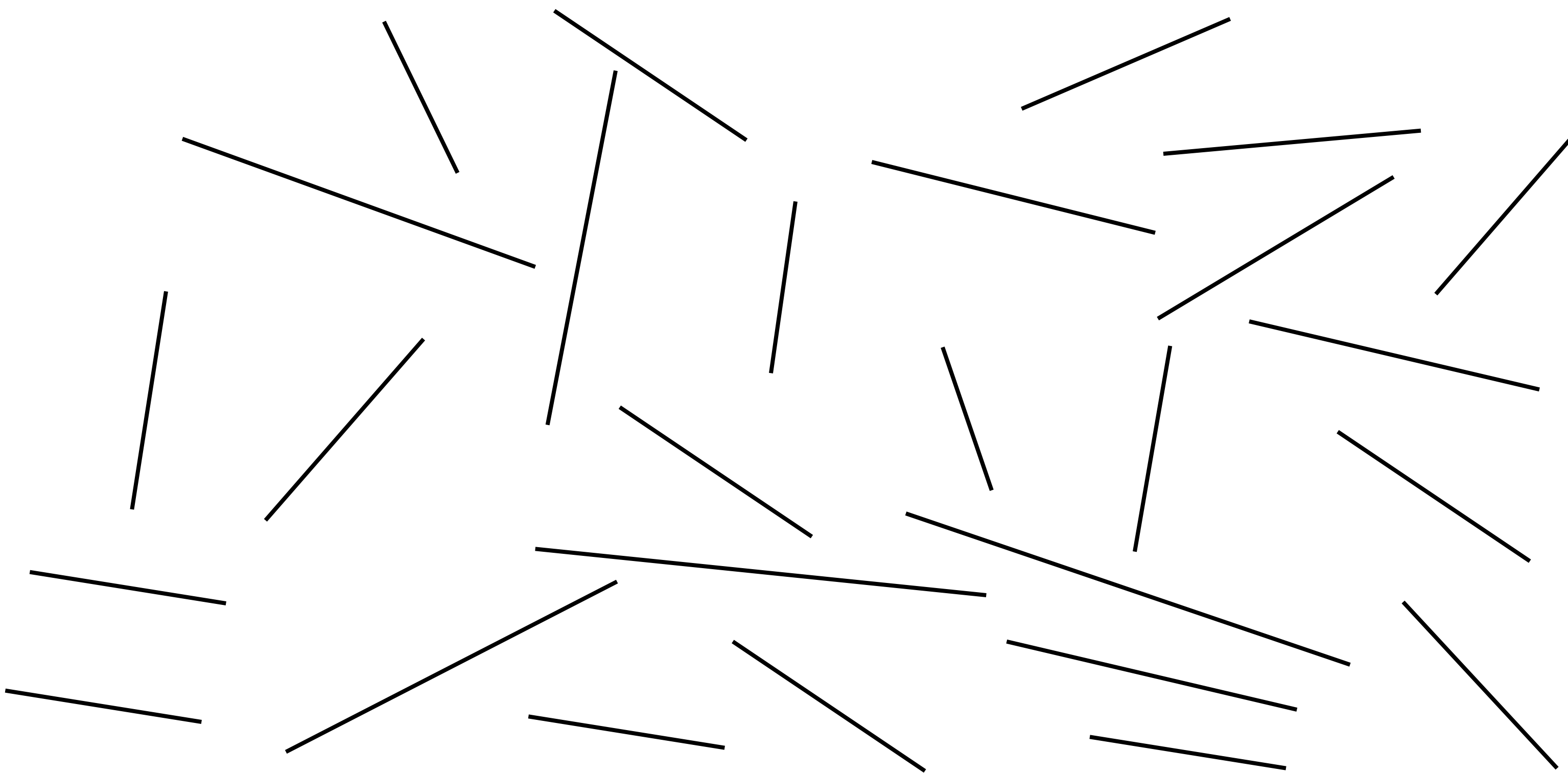


T is a TRIPLET-set if and only if P is a COLINEAR set.

# SEGMENT PARTITION



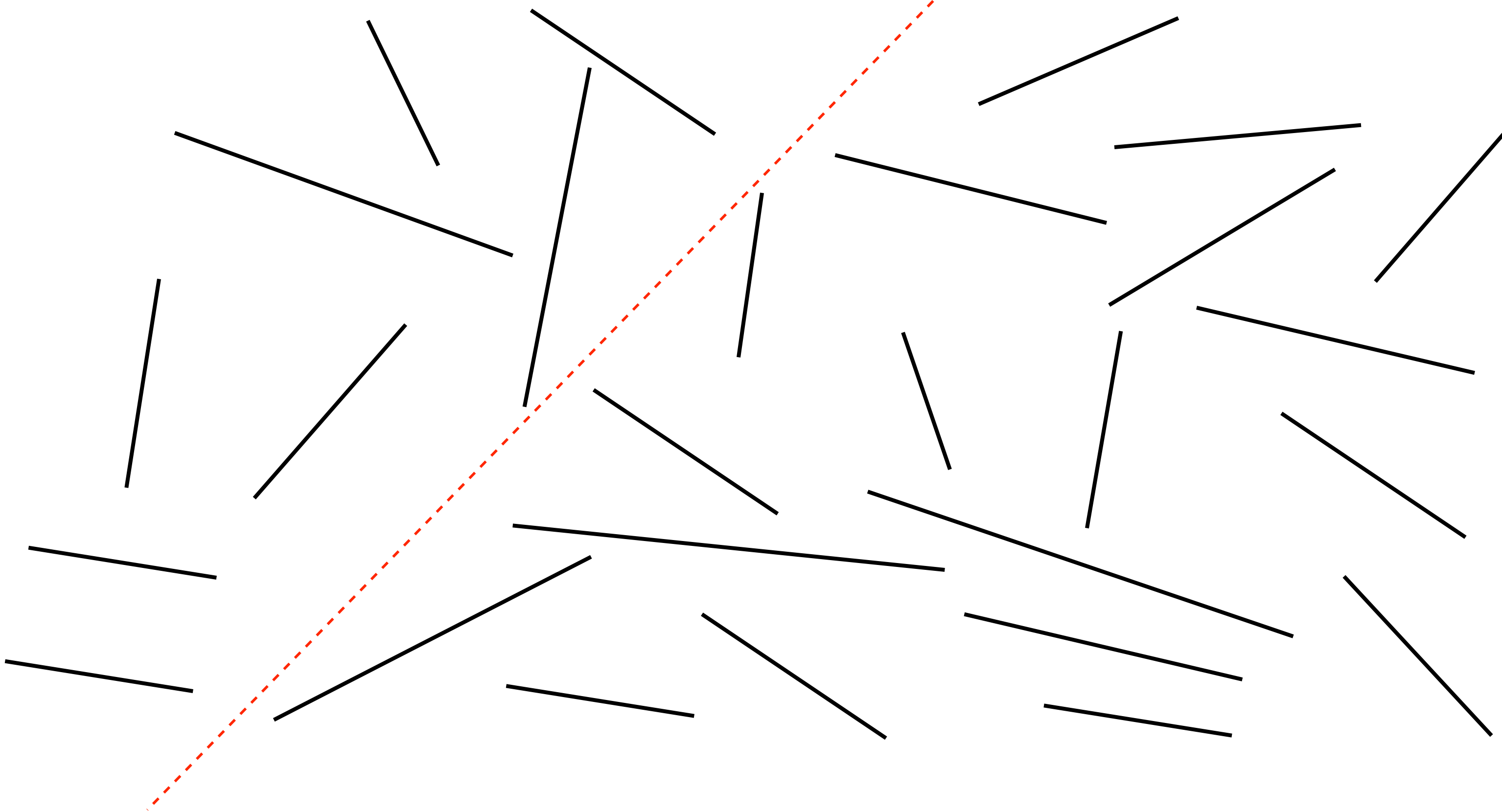
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Problem: Given a set of line segments in the plane, determine if there exists a line that partitions the segments into two sets.

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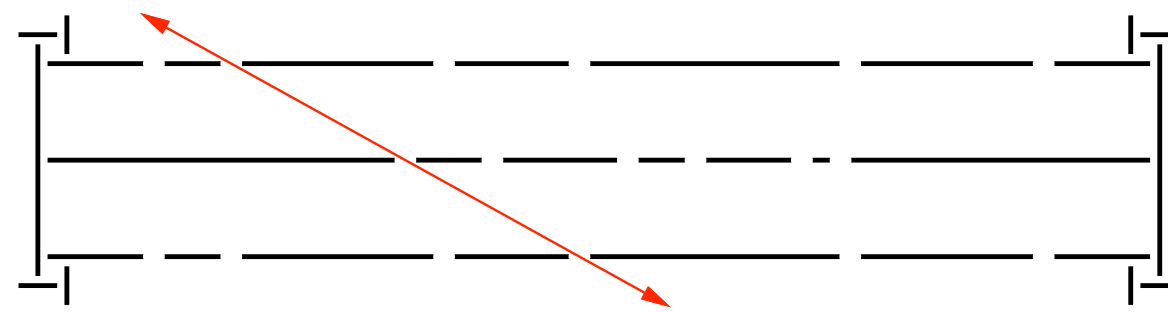
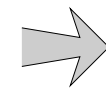
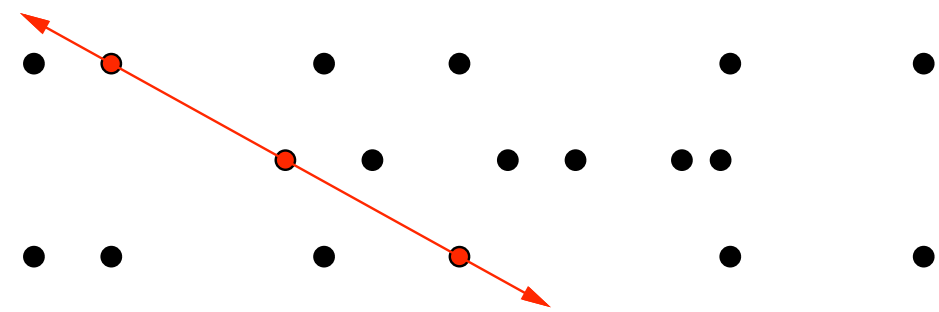


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WHY DO WE CARE?

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

# 3SAT PROBLEM

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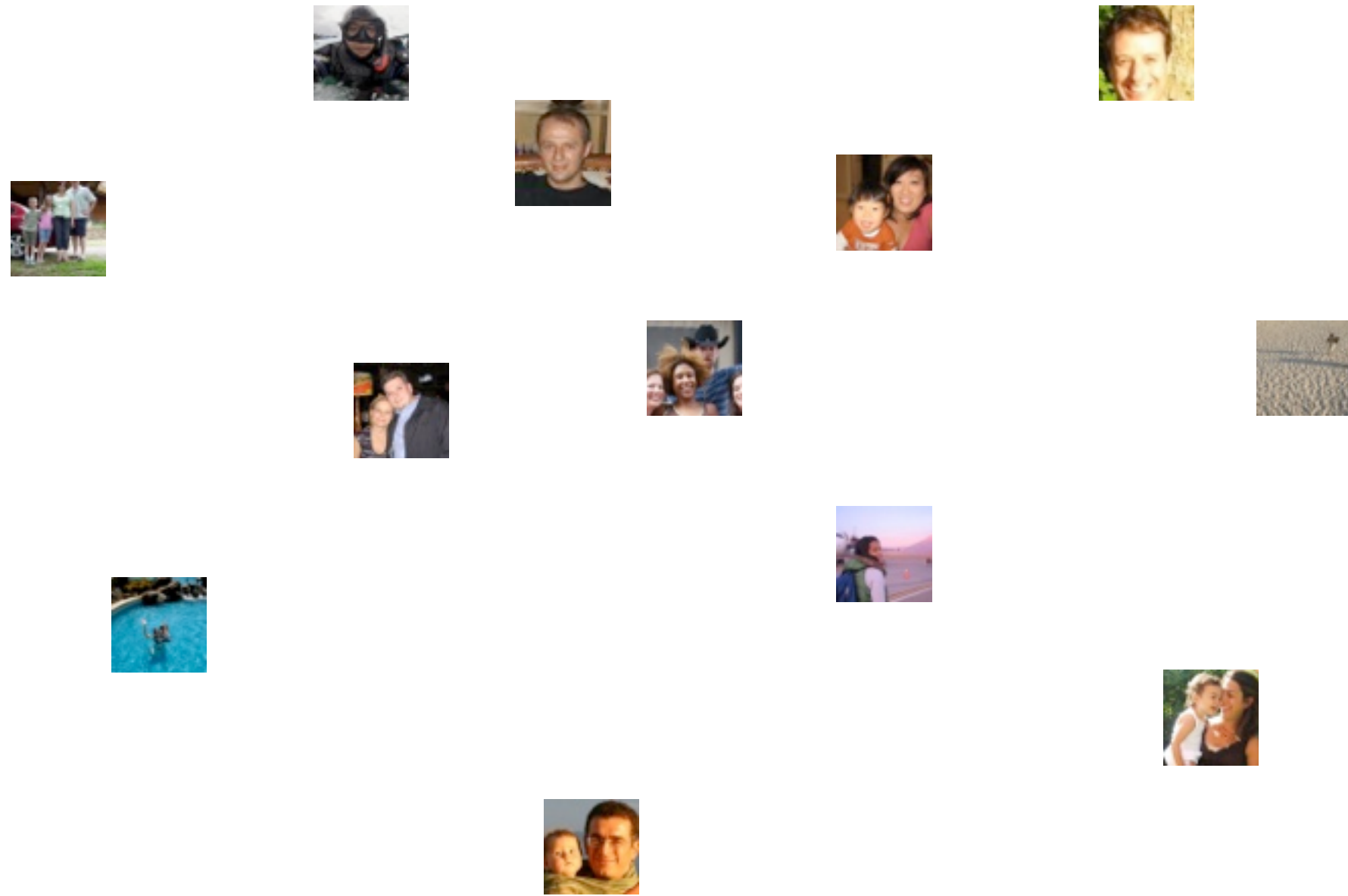
output: “

# 3SAT EXAMPLE

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# PARTY PROBLEM

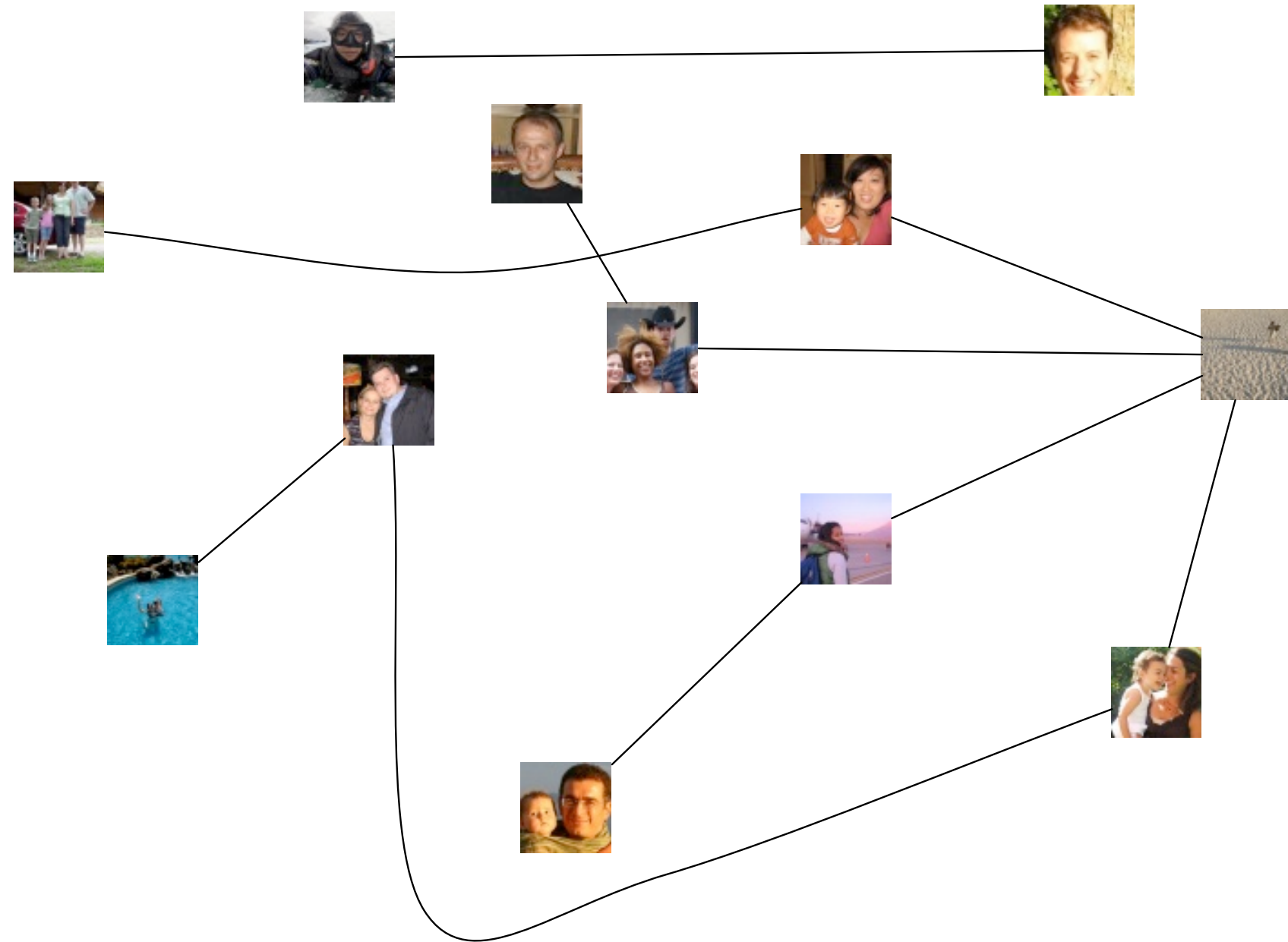


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a set  $S \subseteq V$  is an **independent set** if  
no two nodes in  $S$  are joined by an edge.

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what must we do to?



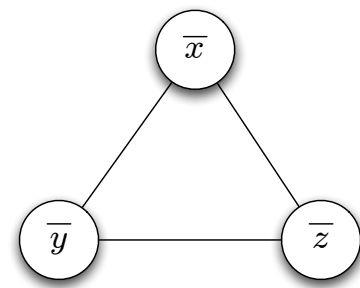
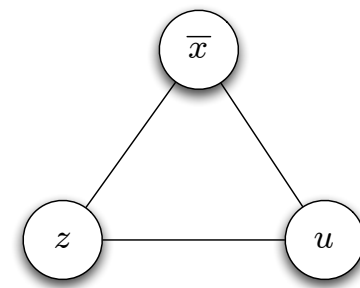
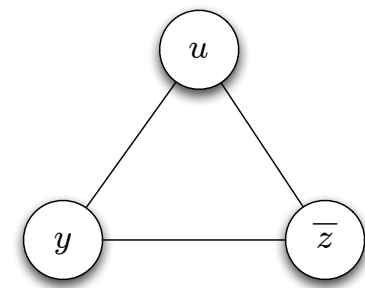
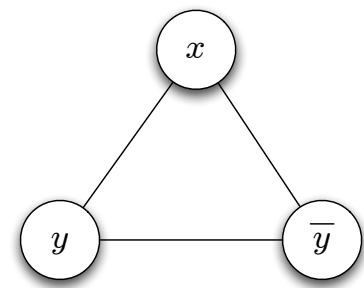
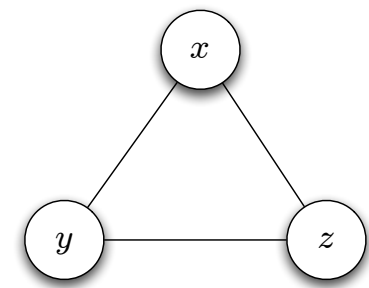
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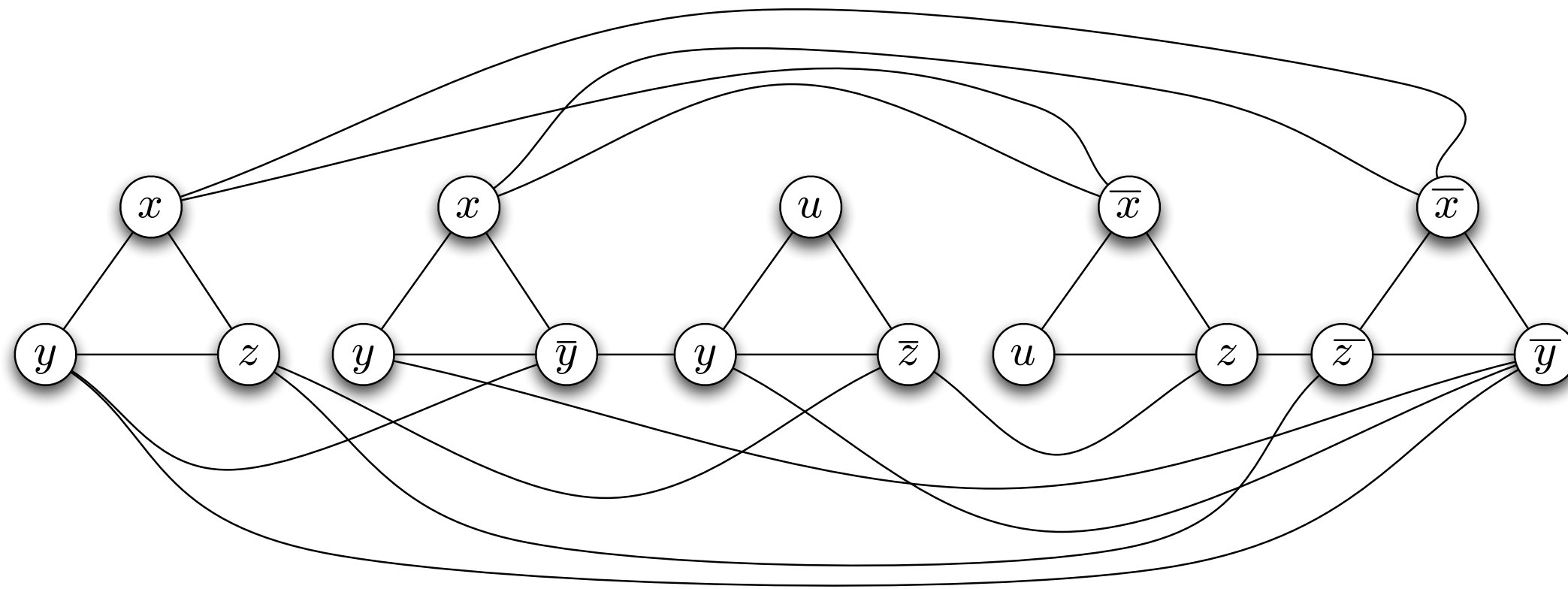


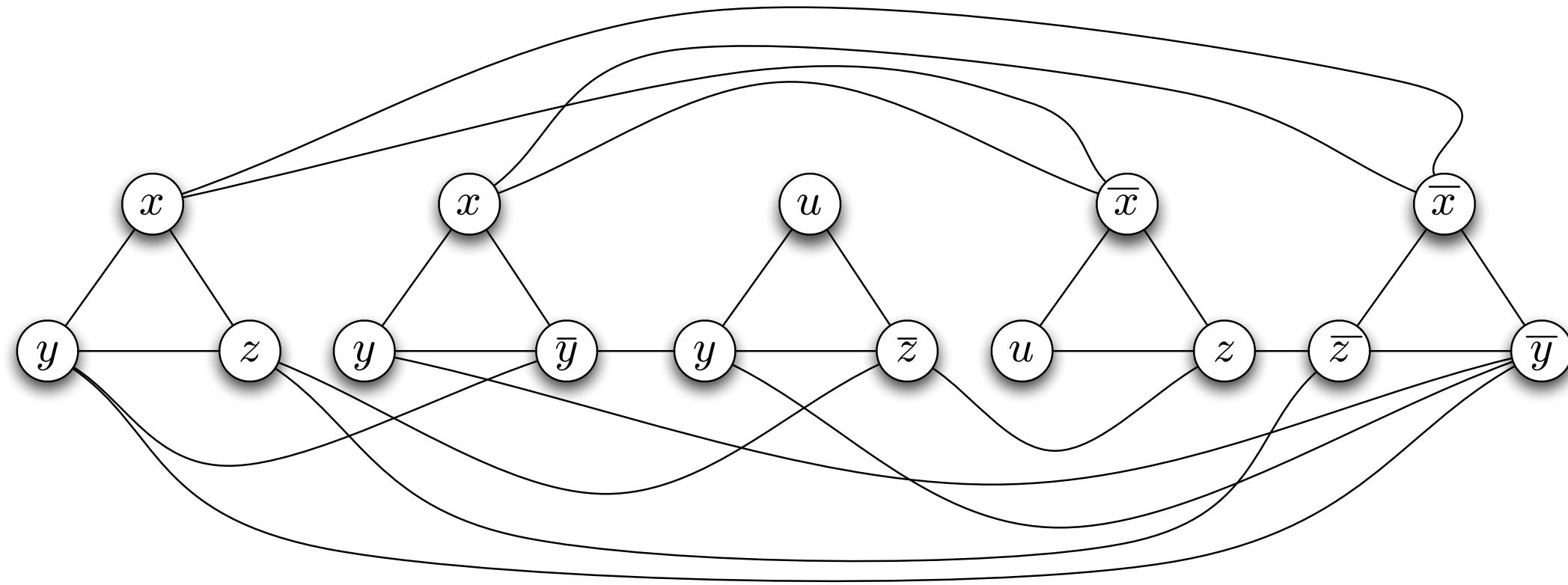
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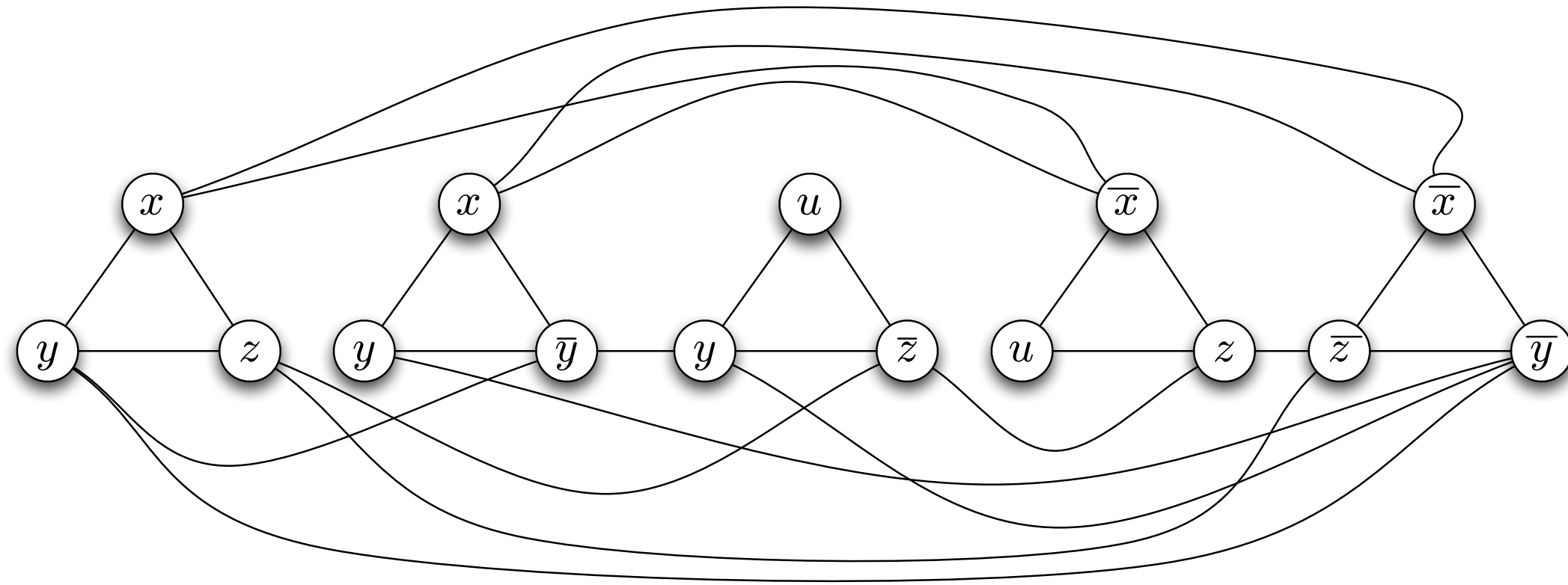


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$\phi \in \text{SAT} \implies$



$(G, k) \in \text{INDSET} \implies$

# COMPLEXITY THEORY

# Theory of NP

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a language  $L$  belongs to the class NP iff

$\exists A, c$  such that

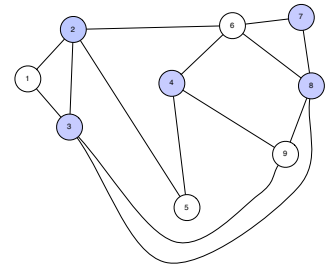
$$L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid \exists y \in \{0, 1\}^{|x|^c} \text{ s.t. } A(x, y) = 1\}$$



# WHY IS TRIPLET IN NP?

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

# WHY IS INDSET IN NP?



# COMPLEXITY CLASSES

NP

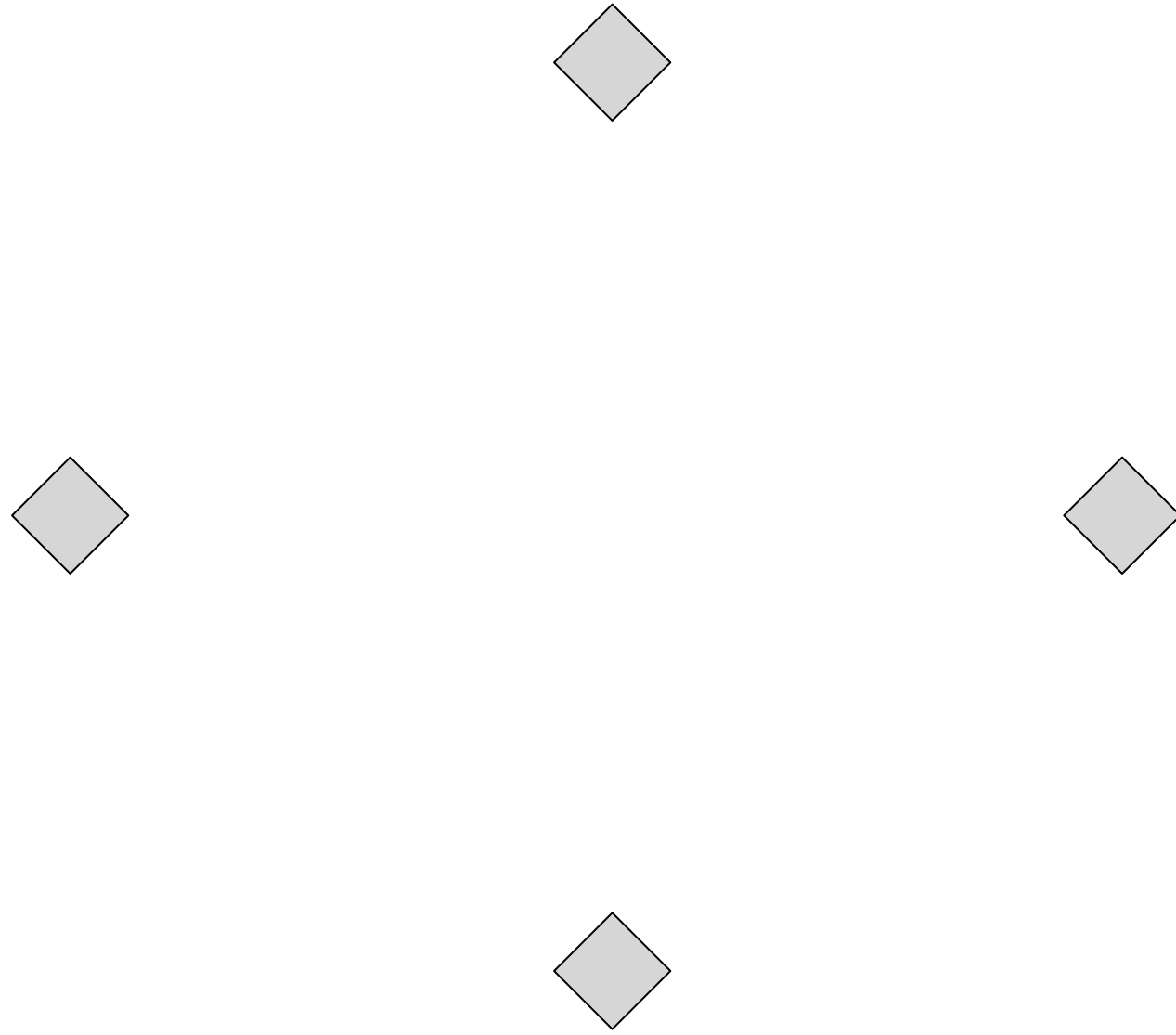
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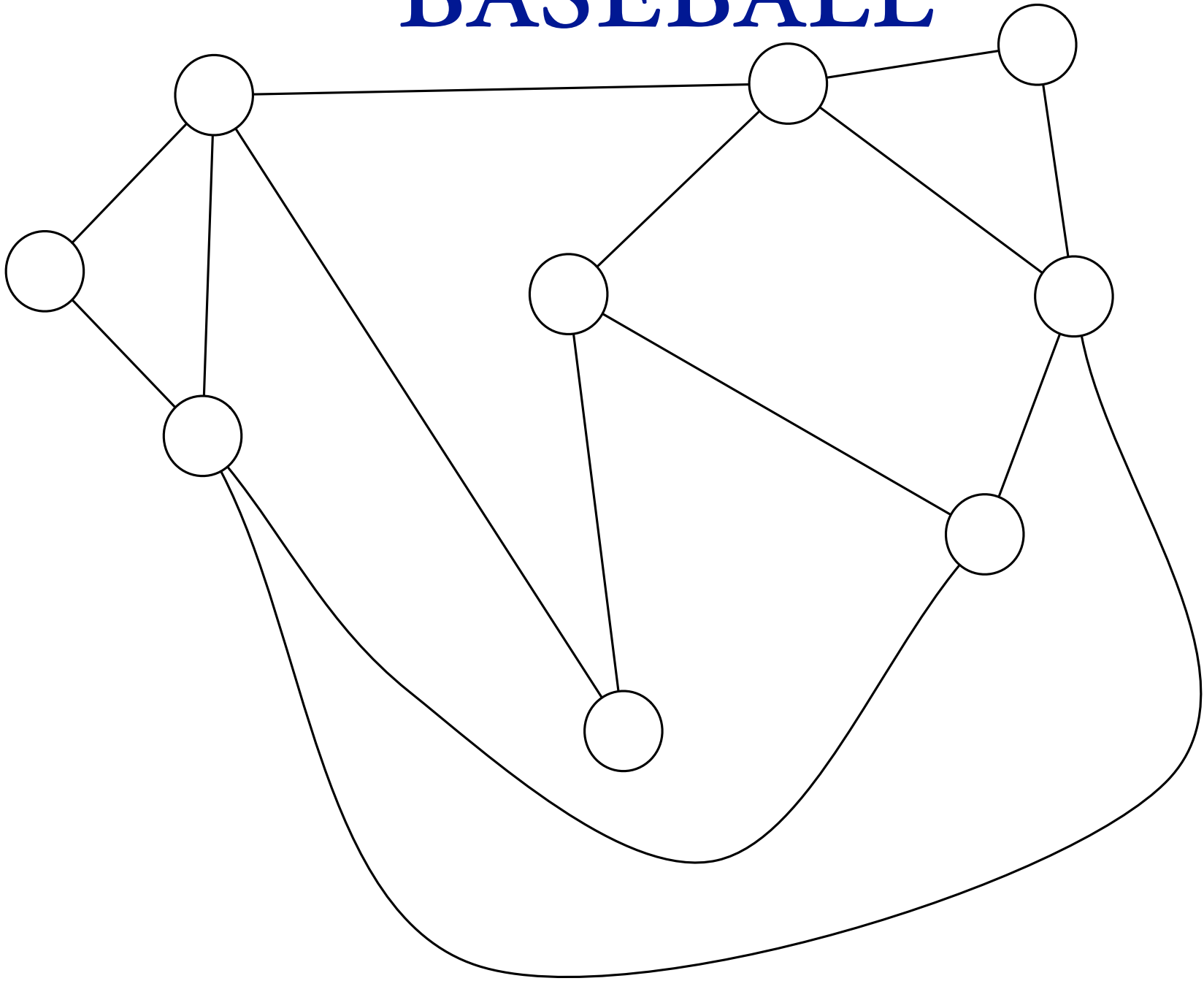


# THE IMPLICATION OF THIS

# BASEBALL



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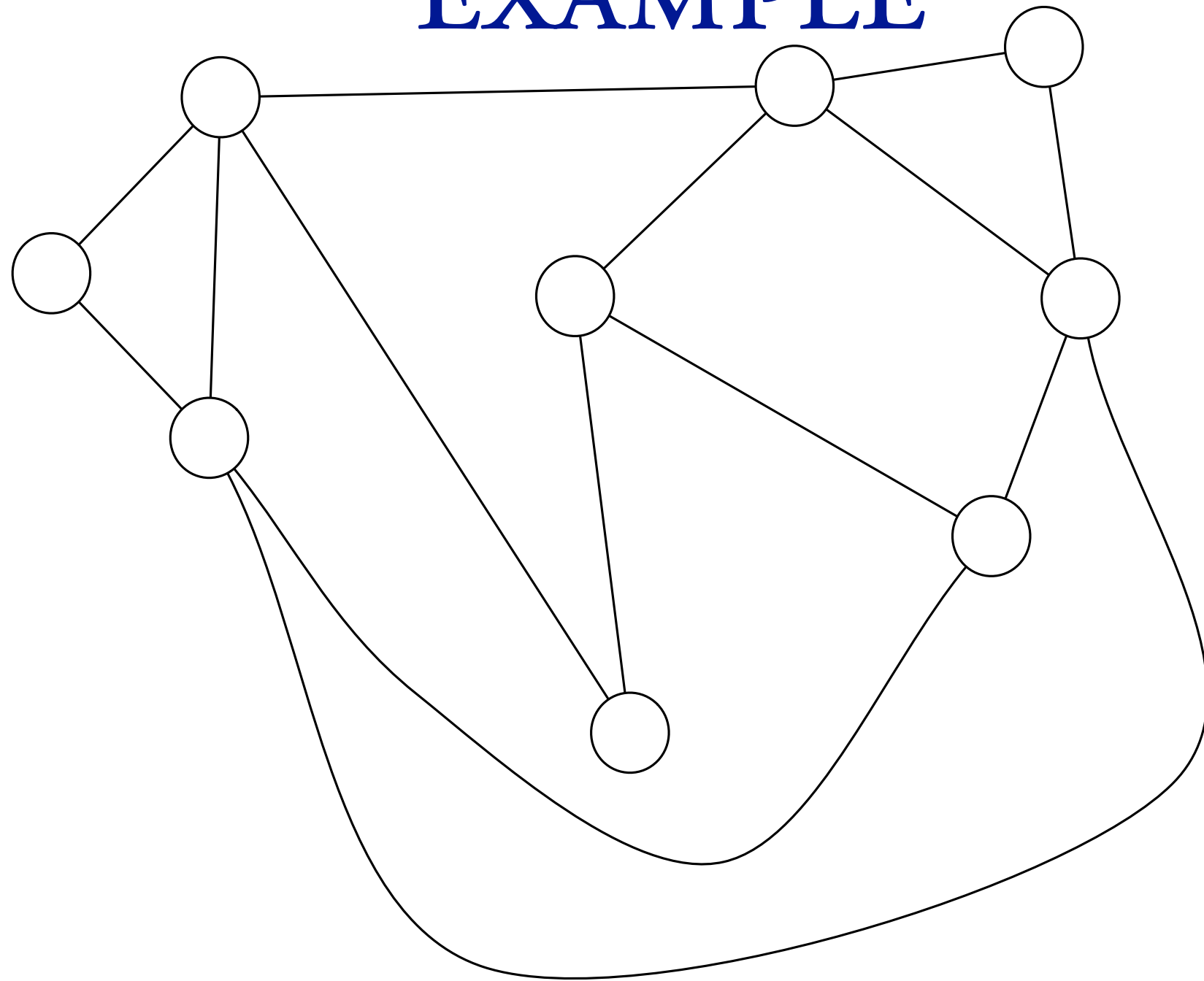


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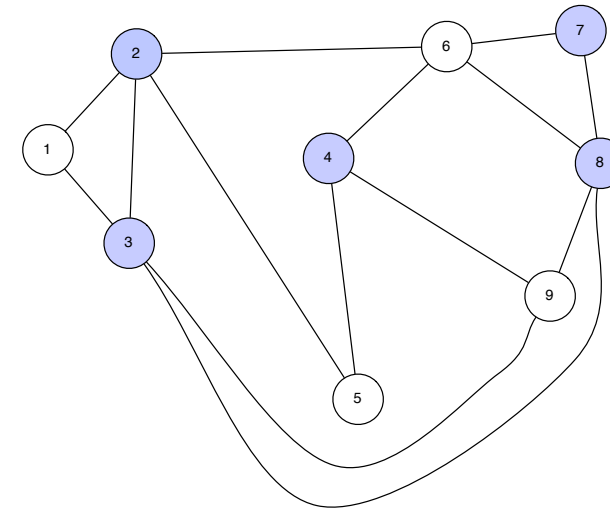
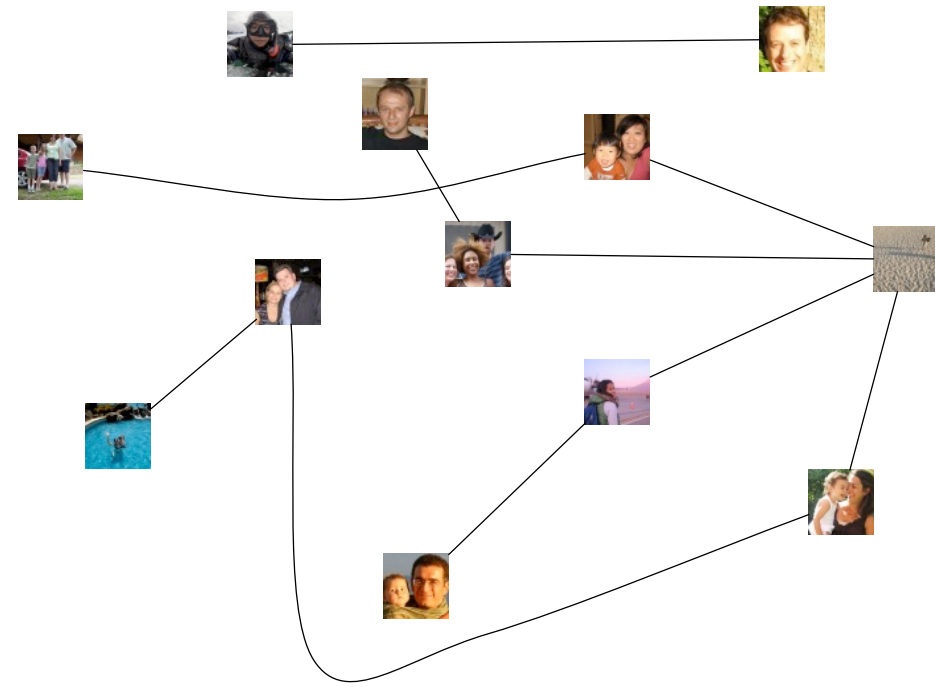


a **vertex cover** of a graph is a set  $C \subseteq V$   
such that  $\forall (x, y) \in E$   
either  $x \in C$  or  $y \in C$

# EXAMPLE



**GOAL:** given a graph  $G$ ,



MAXINDSET  $\leq O(V)$  MINVERTEXCOVER