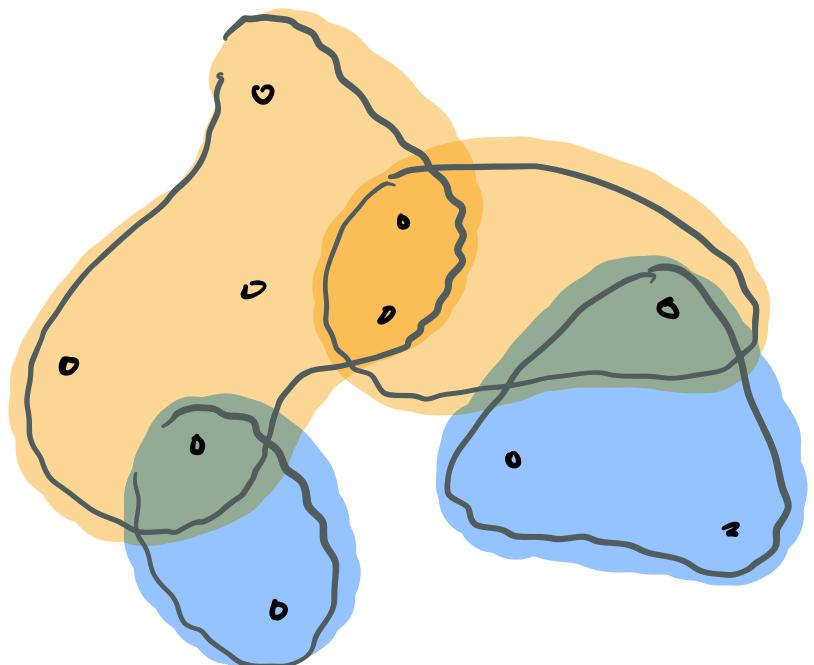


# (Hyper) Graph Partitioning

Past & Present.

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Joint work w/...

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About this talk...

PART 1 : A past result.

→ Provide a new proof for a known fast graph partitioning algorithm using convex optimization tools.

PART 2 : A present application

→ Show how this view yields new approx. algorithms for hypergraph partitioning.

Part 3 : A future direction (time permitting)

→ Future applications of these tools?

## Part I : The Past

Let's begin ...

# FINDING CUTS OF MINIMUM EXPANSION.

Input:  $G = (V, E, w^G)$ ,  $w_e^G \geq 0 \quad \forall e \in E$ .

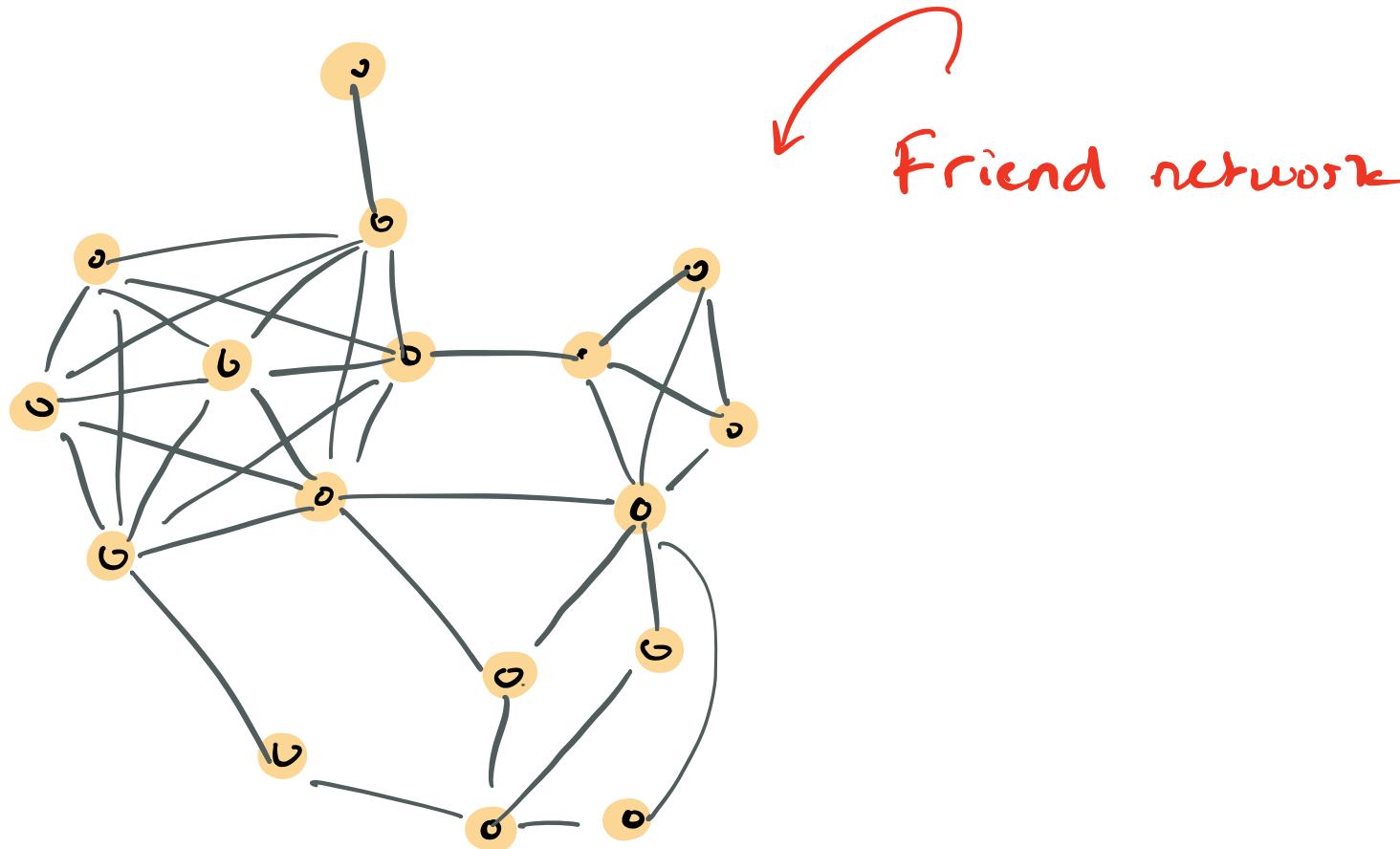
Output:  $S \subseteq V$  cut minimized for.

$$Q_G(S) = \frac{\ell_G(S, V \setminus S)}{\min \{ |S|, |V \setminus S| \}}$$

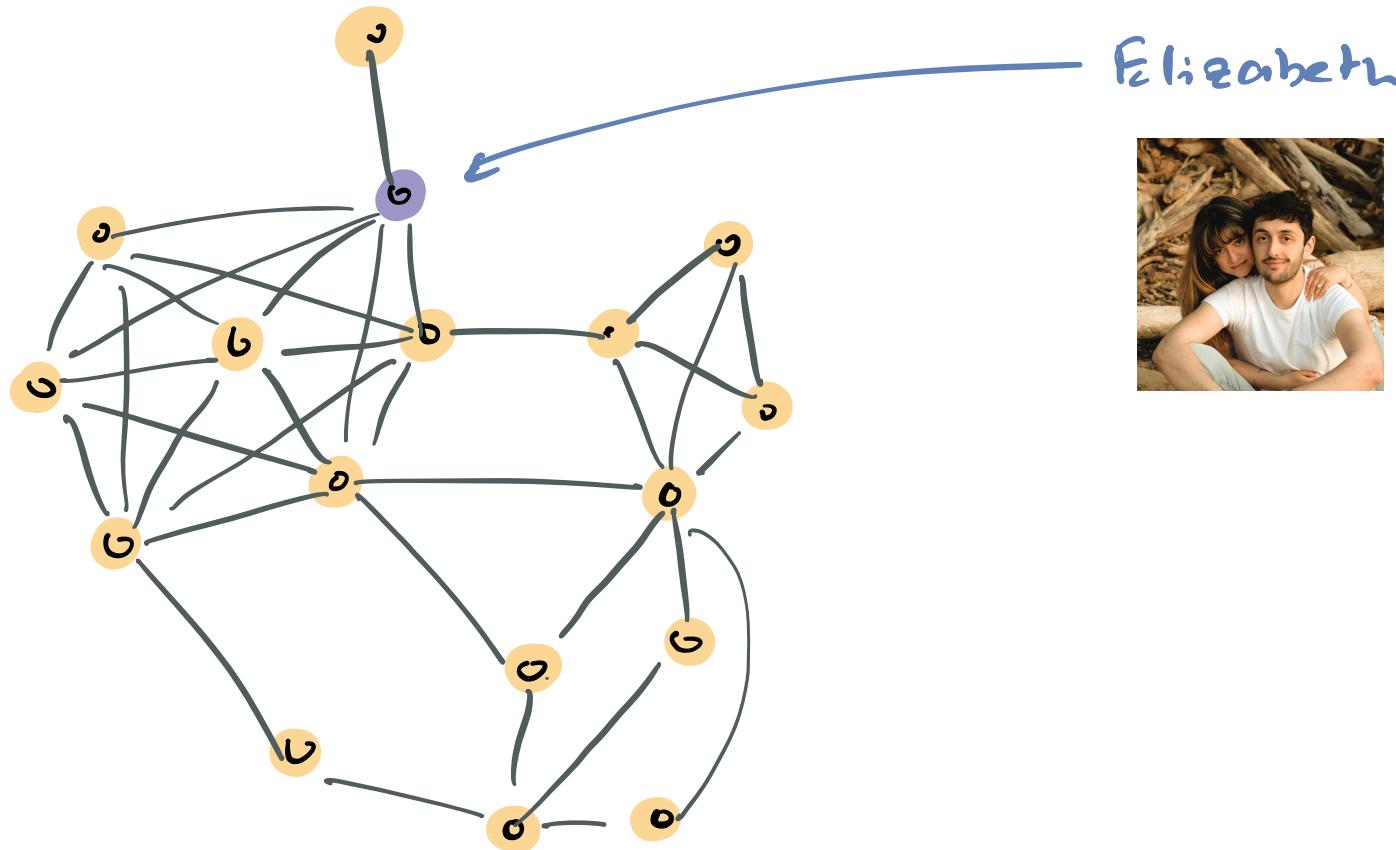
$$\rightarrow Q_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} Q_G(S)$$

$\ell_G(S, V \setminus S) \Rightarrow$  wt. sum across edges crossing  $(S, V \setminus S)$ .

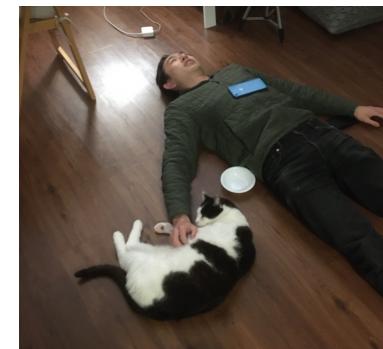
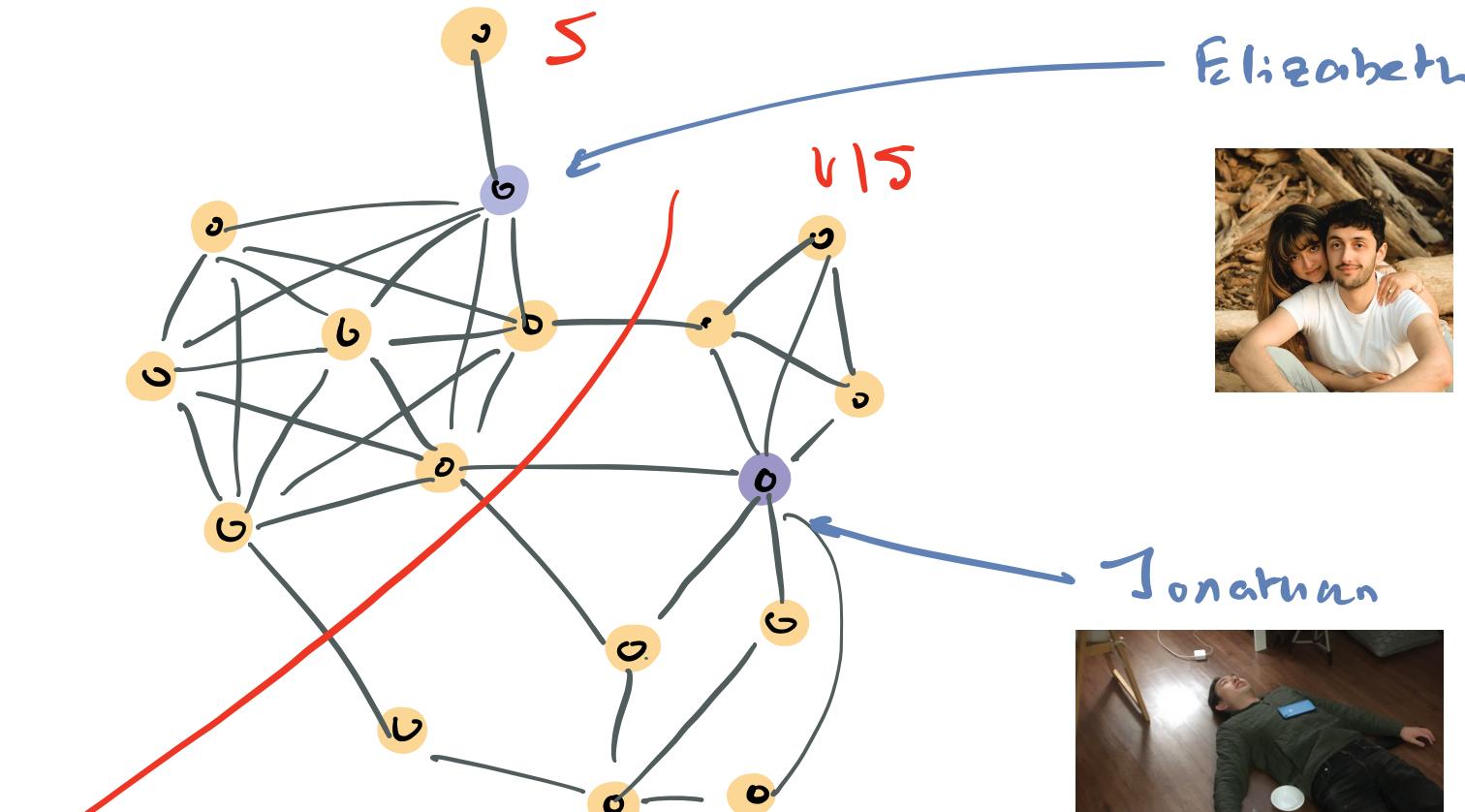
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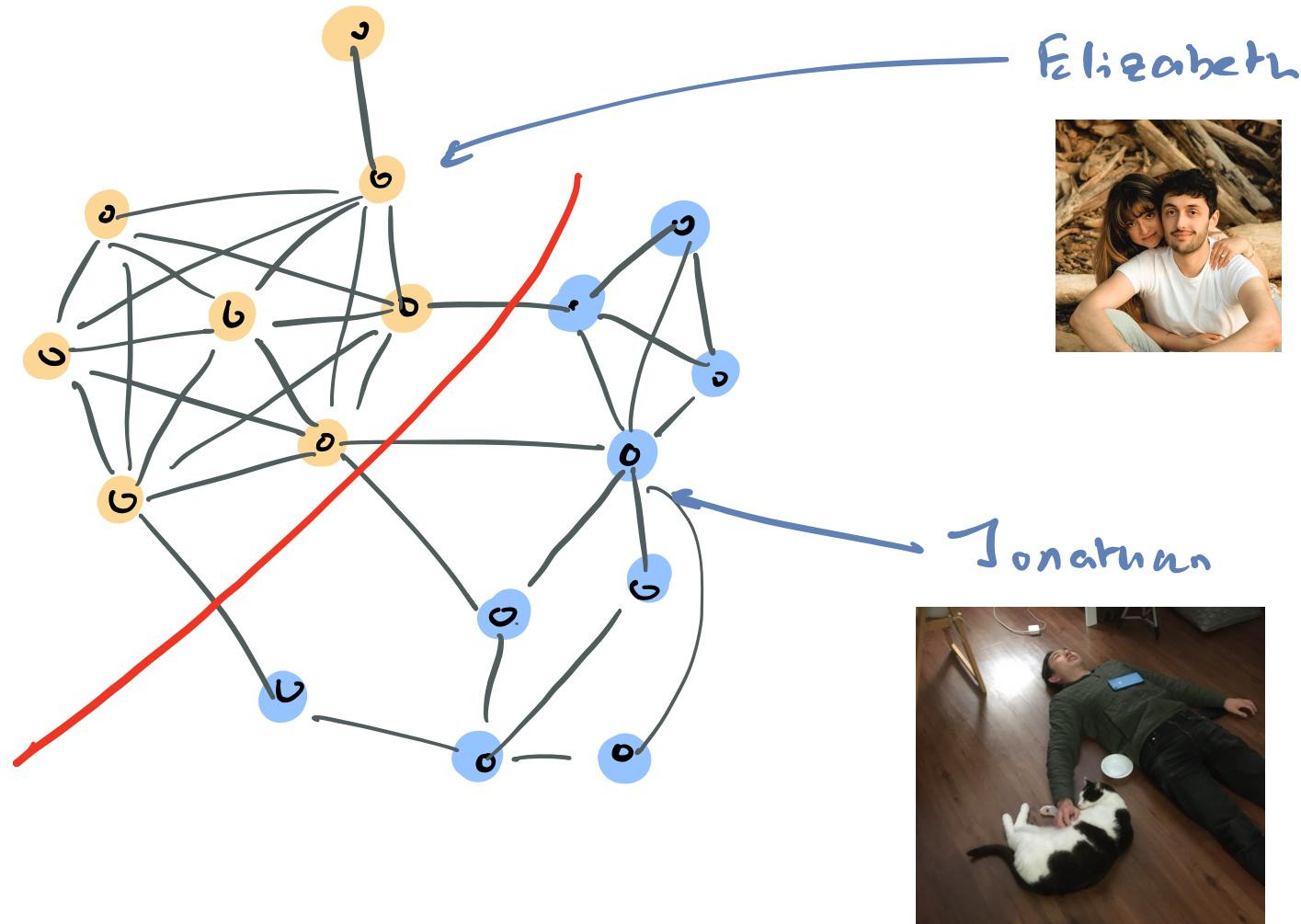


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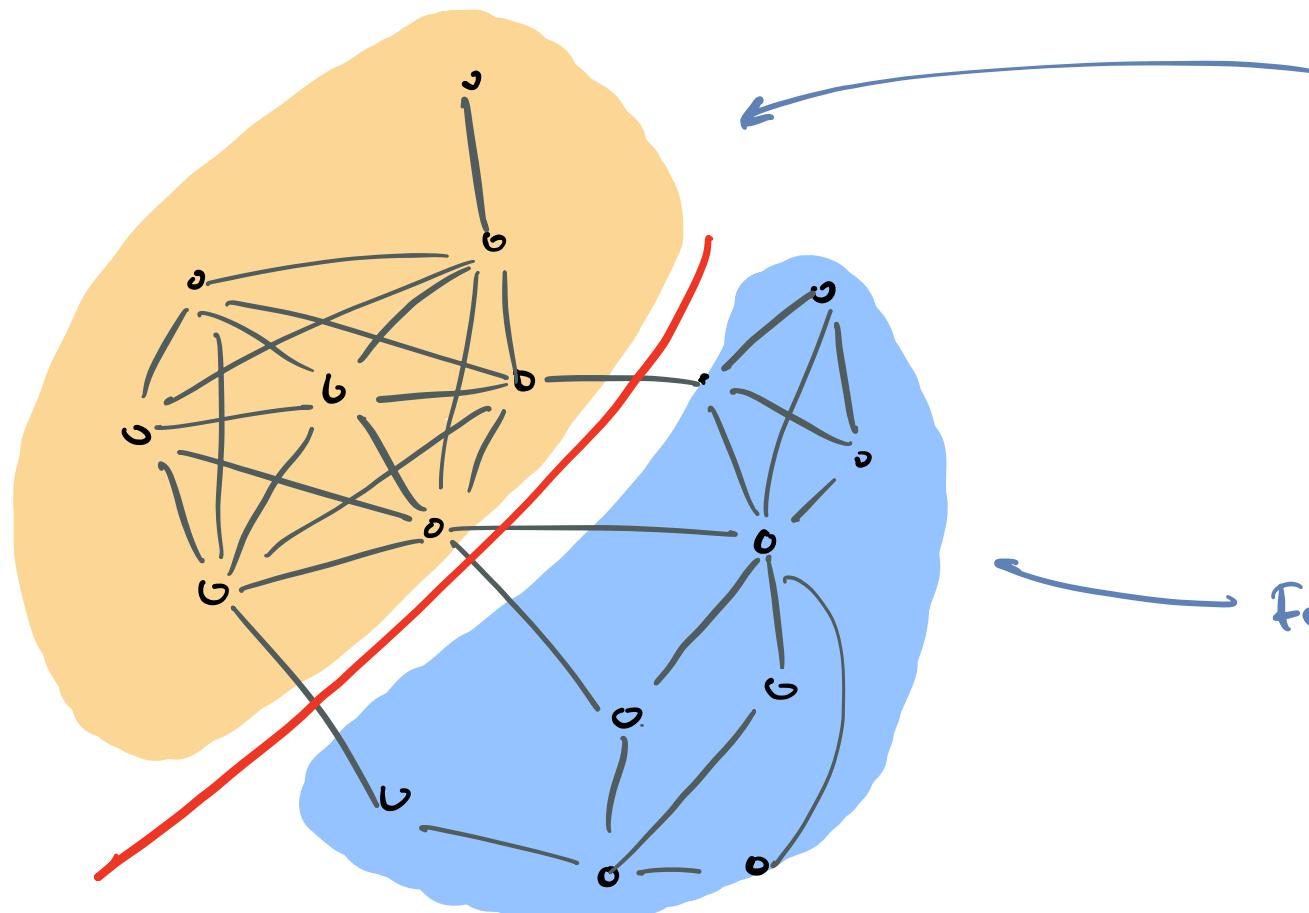


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For example ...



Friends from MD



Friends from Berkeley.



Finding minimum expansion cuts is ...

- NP-hard → Want **polynomial time approximation**

algorithms ... But!

Want to work over massive  
datasets.

Algorithm runs in time subquadratic  
w.r.t. size of graph

Overall Goal : Construct an algorithm that outputs

an  $O(\text{polylog}(n))$  -approximate minimum expansion  
out using  $O(\text{polylog}(n))$  maximum flows

Theorem [CKLPGS22] : Exact max flow in almost -

linear  $O(m^{1+o(1)})$  - time 

→ Almost-linear approx for expansion

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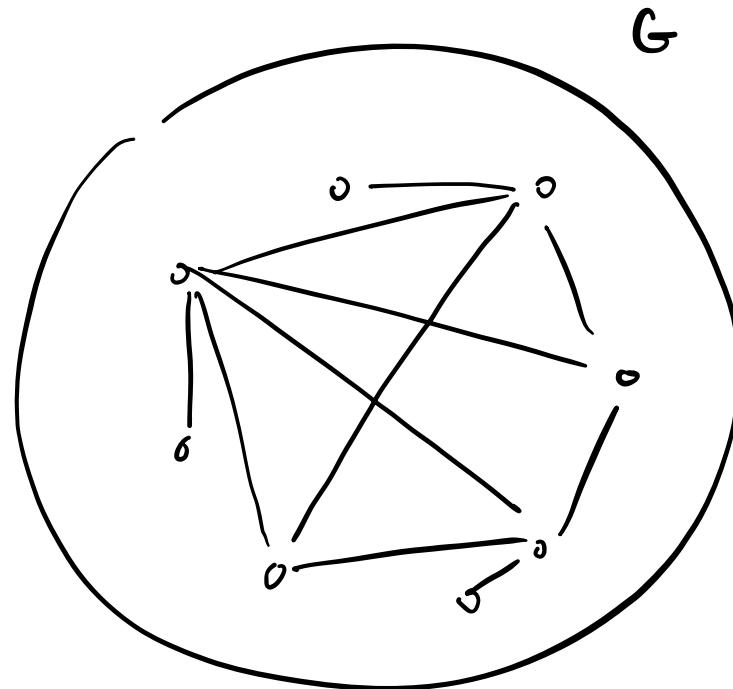
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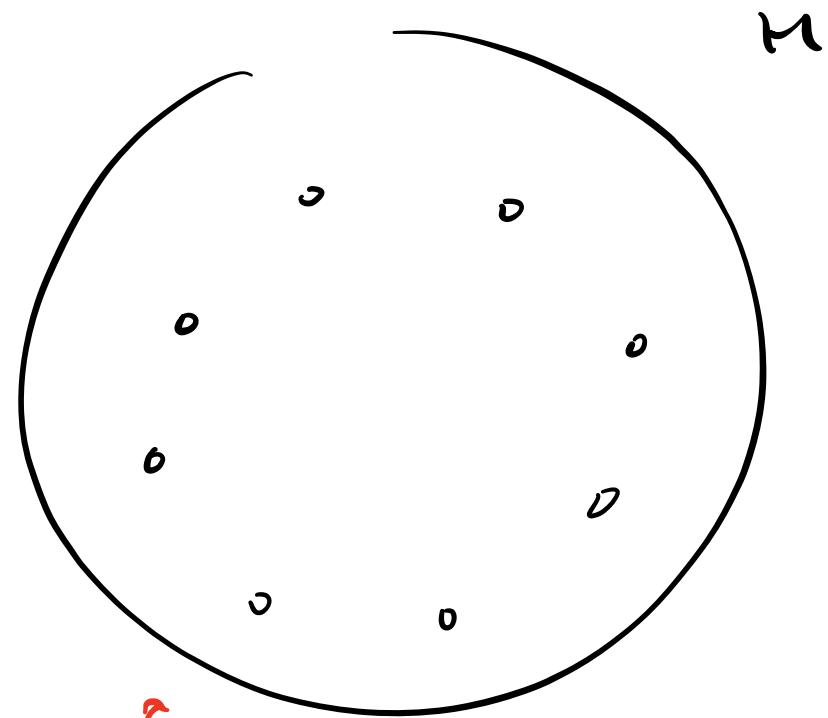
↪ Theorem [OSVVO8] : ...  $O(\log n)$  - approx ...  
 $O(\log^2 n)$  - flows.

Prelude : Cut-Matching Games.

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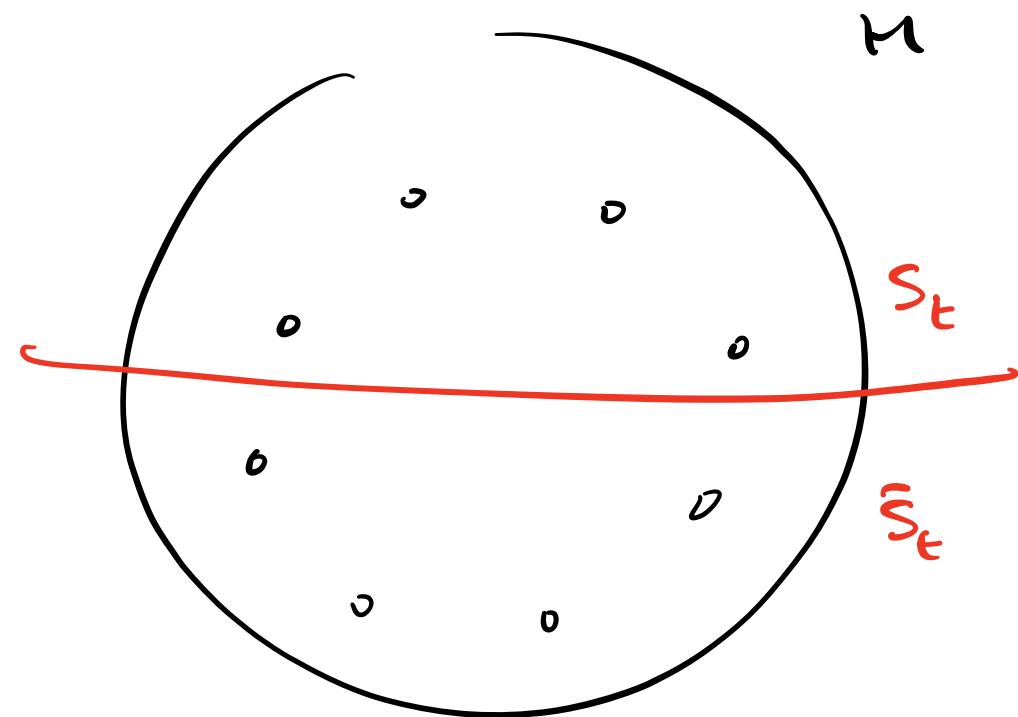
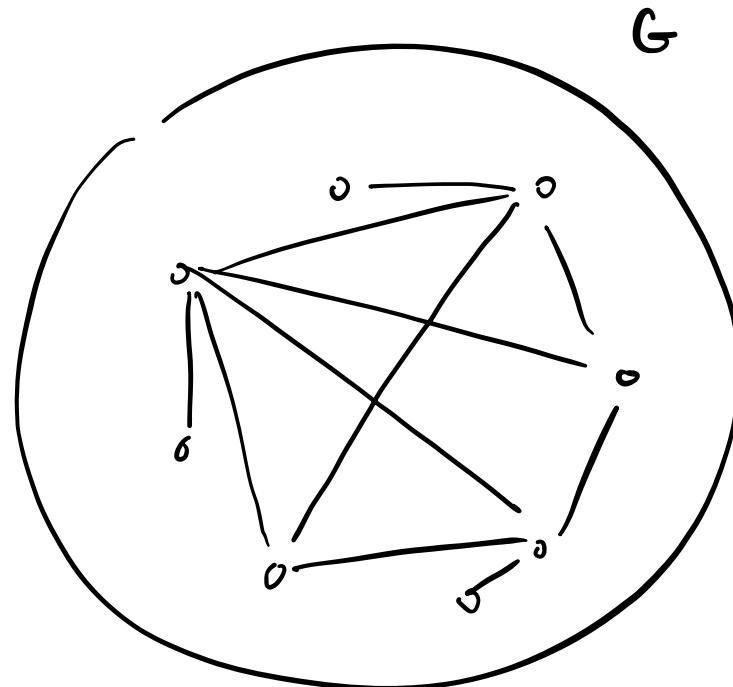


Input graph



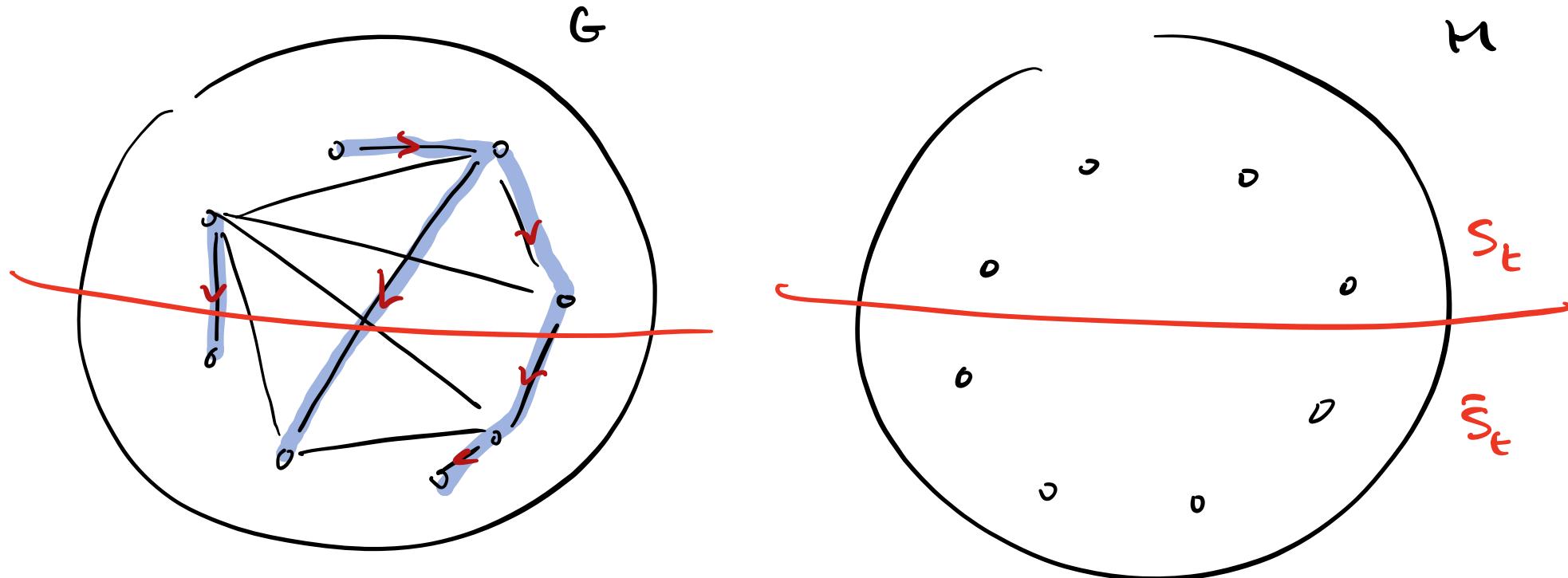
Certificate graph

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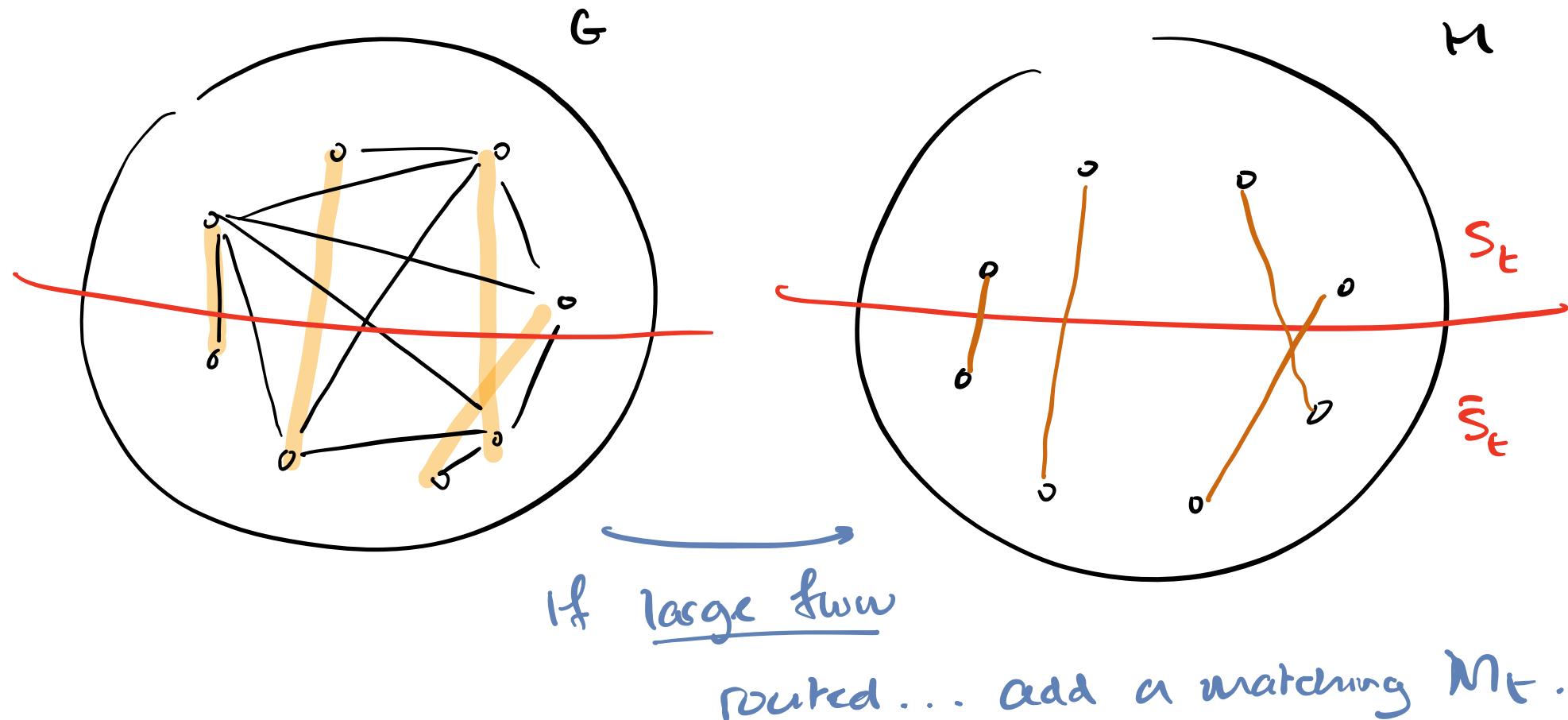
Cut Player : finds a **space bisection** of  $M$

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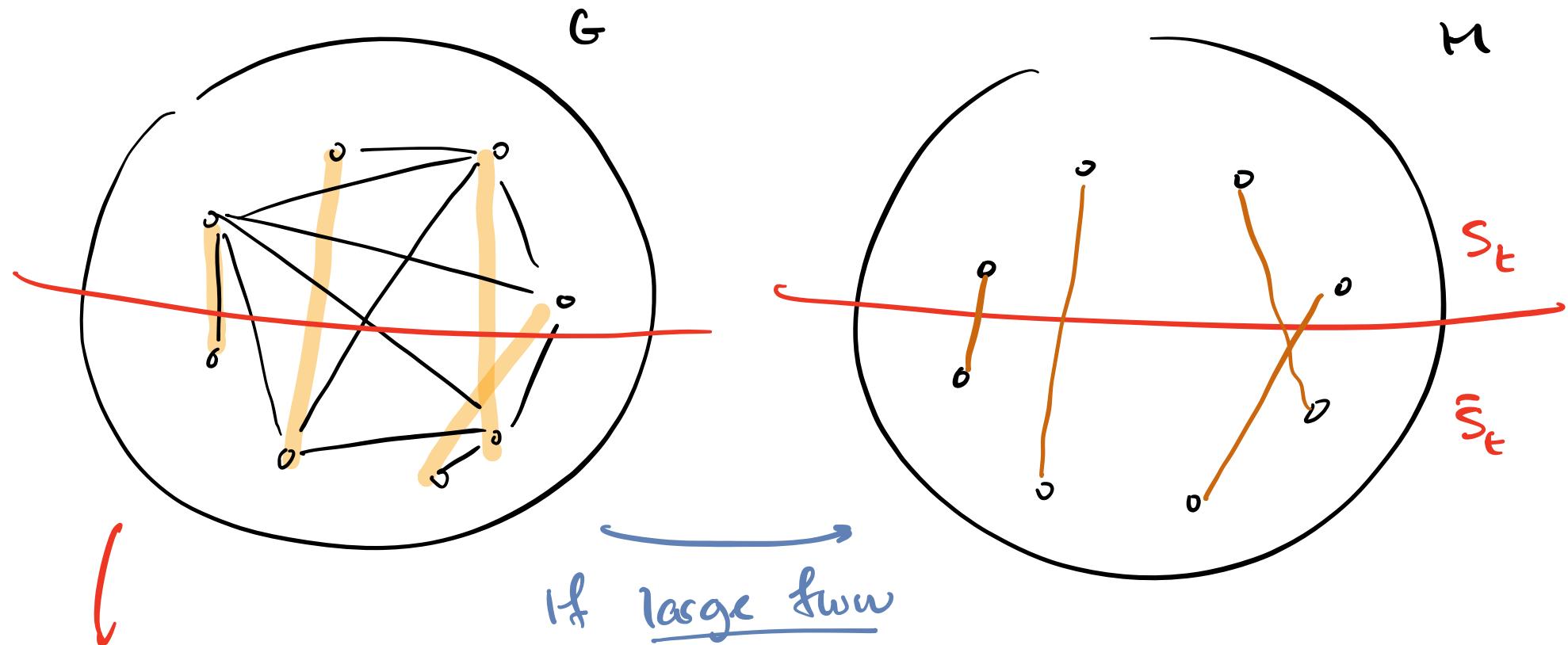
MATCHING PLAYER : tries to route flow in  $G$  across bisection from cut player.

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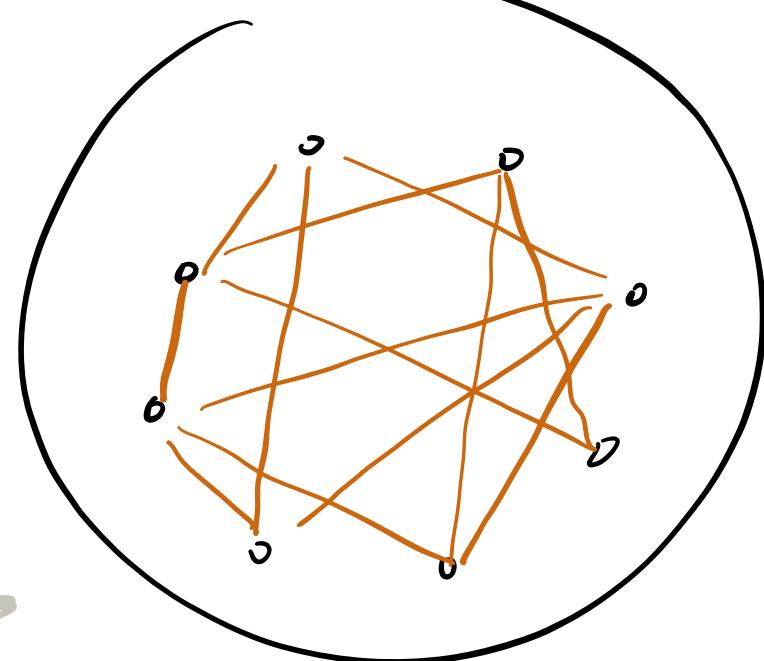
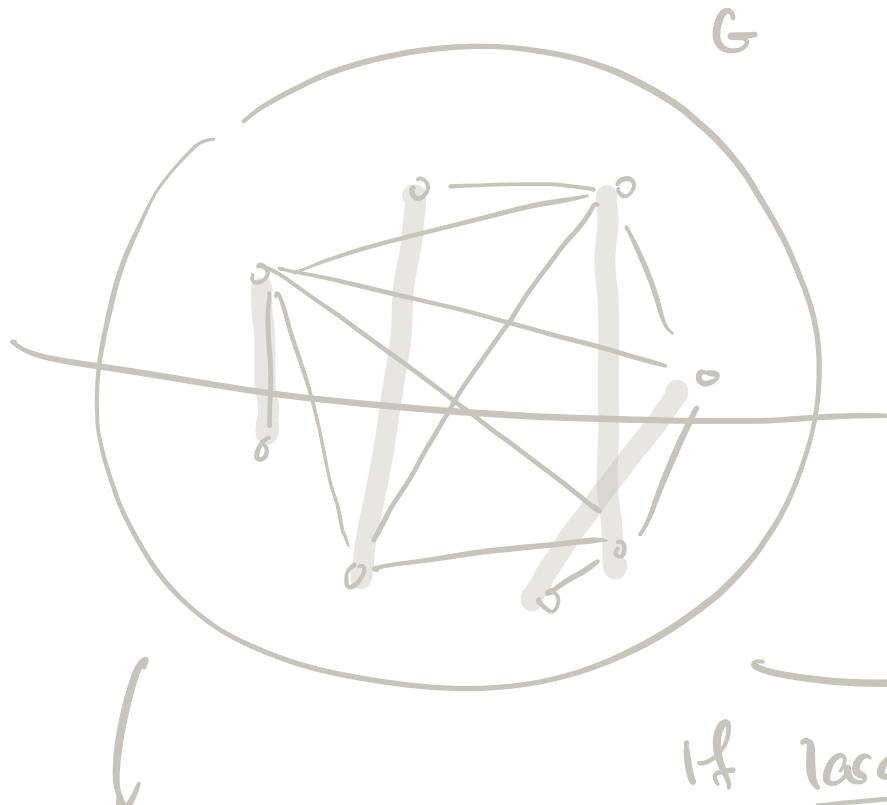
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(Spectral ...)

Expands!



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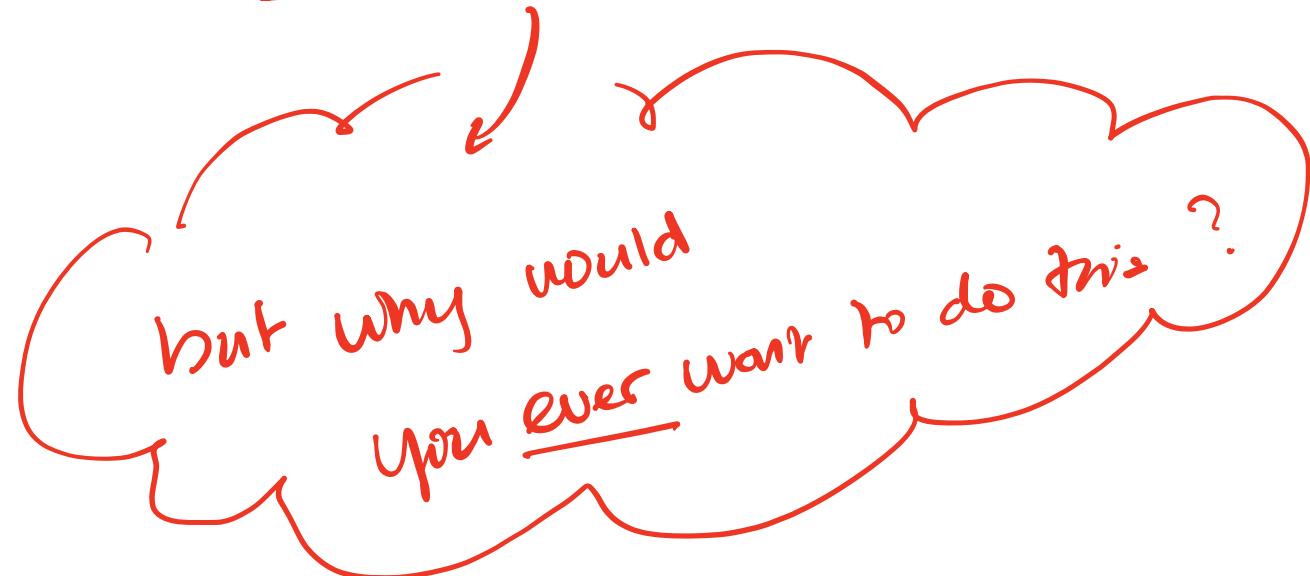
Sparse cut!  $\longrightarrow$  After  $O(\log^2 n)$  rounds ...

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→ let's go...

# Local Convex Surrogates (Step #1)

Fact: Given any wd graph  $G = (V, \mathcal{E}, w^G)$

$$cl_G = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{\sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} \cdot (x_i - x_j)}{\min_n \|x - u^n\|_1}$$

$\bar{q}_G(x)$

Claim:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^V, s \in \mathbb{R}^V, s \perp \mathbb{1}, \|s\|_\infty \leq 1$ .

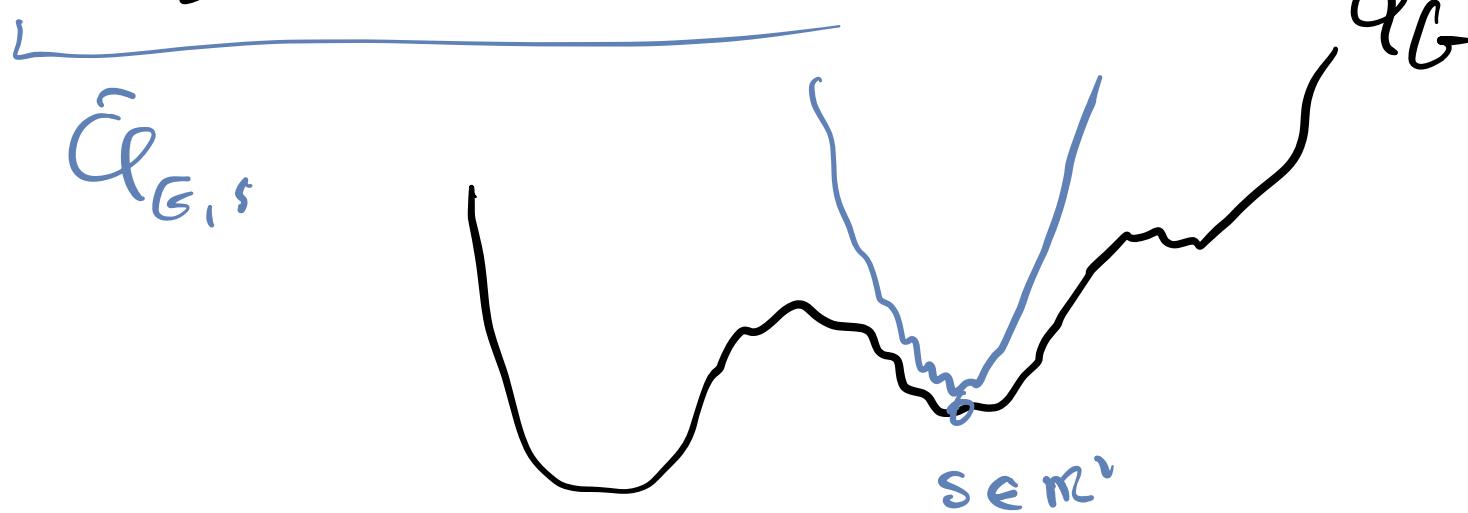
$$\min_n \|x - u^n\|_1 \geq |\langle s, x \rangle|$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{q}_G \leq \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{\sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{E}} w_{ij} \cdot (x_i - x_j)}{|\langle s, x \rangle|}$$

$\{ \min_{\substack{m \in \mathbb{N} \\ x \in \mathbb{R}^n}} \bar{Q}_G(x) : \underbrace{s \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|s\|_\infty \leq 1, s \perp \mathbb{D}}_{\text{"seeds"}} \}$

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{ij \in E} w_{ij}^G \cdot \|x_i - x_j\| \quad A, B \subseteq V, \text{disjoint}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \langle x, s \rangle = 1$$



$$s = \mathbb{1}_A - \frac{|A|}{|B|} \cdot \mathbb{1}_B$$

If you only take away **one thing** from this talk...

- We can produce a family of **local convex surrogates** for expansion.
  - ↳ Through this - leverage convex duality.
- Furthermore the duals produce **local certificates** for expansion.
  - ↳ Boosting to produce **a global lower bound**.
- $\ell_1$ -analogue of expansion still non-convex!.
- The cut and matching player actions.

## Local Dual Certificates (Step #2)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \bar{Q}_{G,s}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{dual}} \text{max } \alpha. \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \beta^T f = s. \\
 & \frac{1}{w_e} \cdot |f_e| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \quad \forall e \in E.
 \end{aligned}$$

Claim: If  $D$  is the demand graph of  $f$  solved

from the dual of  $Q_{G,s}$  then

$$\bar{Q}_D \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \bar{Q}_G$$

## Boosting Local Certificate (Step #3)

→ The **flow-embedding statement** is additive.

If you have  $T \geq 0$  demand graphs  $D_1, \dots, D_T$

from solving  $\overline{C}_{G, \text{st}}^k$  each embedding into  $G$

w/ congestion  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_T > 0$  then

$$M = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T D_t \quad \xrightarrow{\text{edge-wise!}}$$

"embeds" into  $G$  w/ congestion  $\frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \rho_t$ .

## Boosting Local Certificate (Step #3)

- The flow-embedding Statement is additive.
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- Given a sequence of seeds  $s, \dots, s_n \in \mathbb{R}^v$  outputting cut w/ smallest  $\overline{C}_{G, s_t}$  produces a  $O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2(\ln)}\right)$ -approximation to expansion.

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the demand graphs  $D_1, \dots, D_T$  average to produce

$$H = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T D_t \quad \text{a } \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right) \text{-expander.}$$

$$\hookrightarrow T \leq O(\log^2 n).$$

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QUESTIONS?

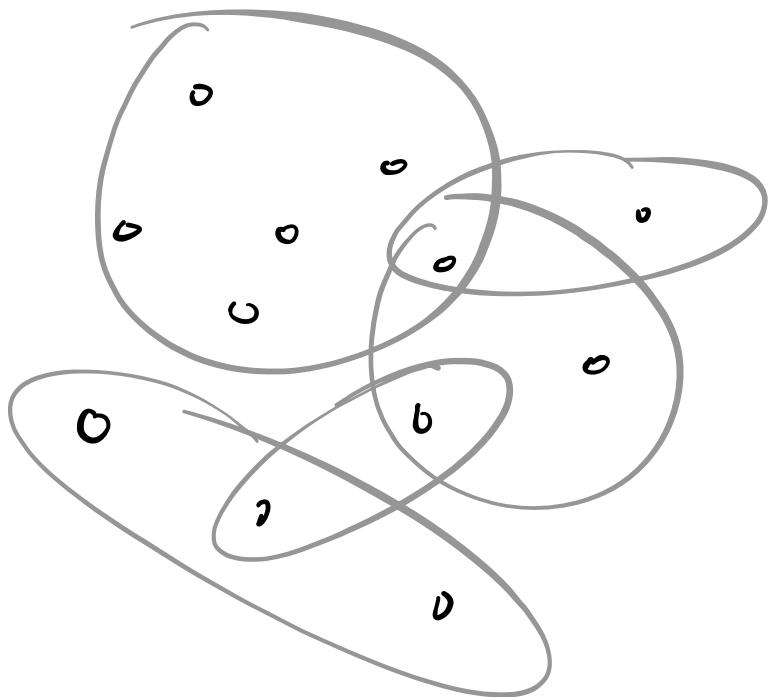
## PART 2: THE PRESENT

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Even though we give a new proof of CM-games, the algorithm is still a known result...

→ Applying this view to hypergraph partitioning

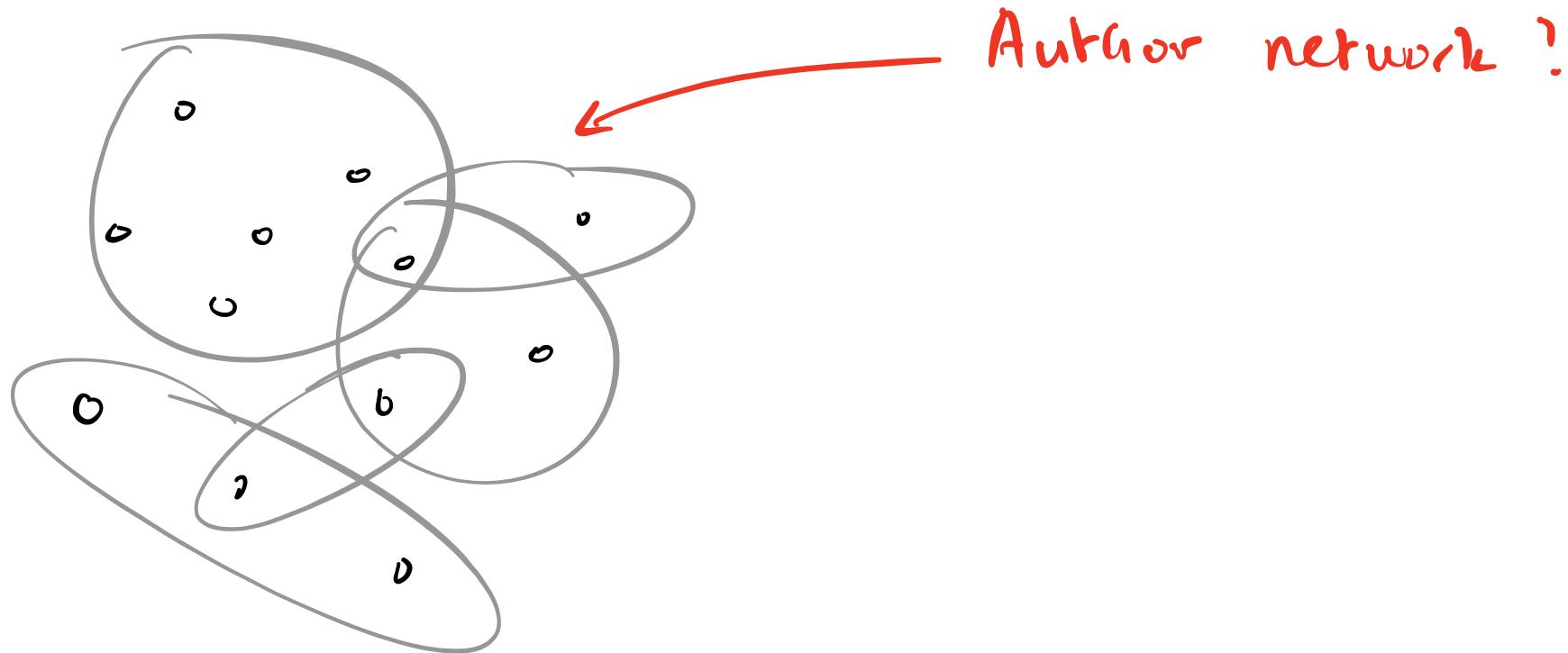
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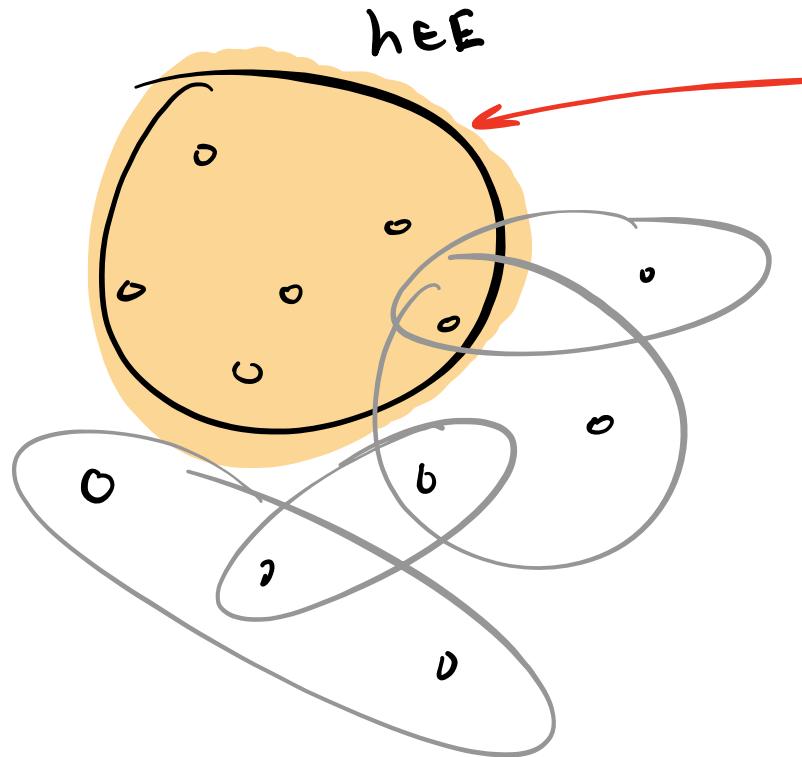
$G = (V, E, w^G, \mu)$  where

- **Hyperedges** are subsets of vertices  $E \subseteq 2^V$ .
- Hyperedges are **weighted**  $w_h^G > 0 \quad \forall h \in E$
- Vertices have a positive **measure**  $\mu_i > 0 \quad \forall i \in V$

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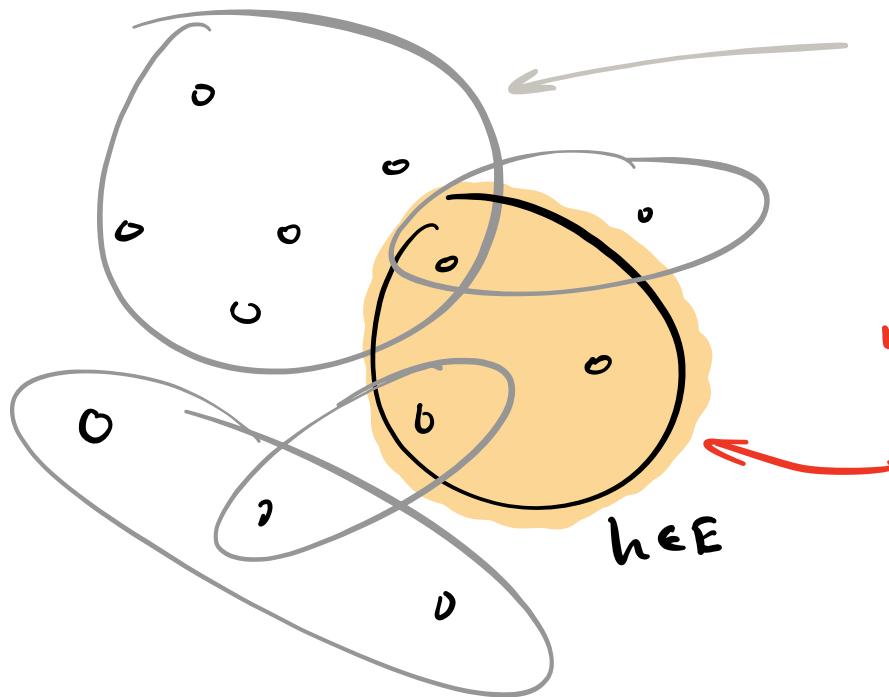
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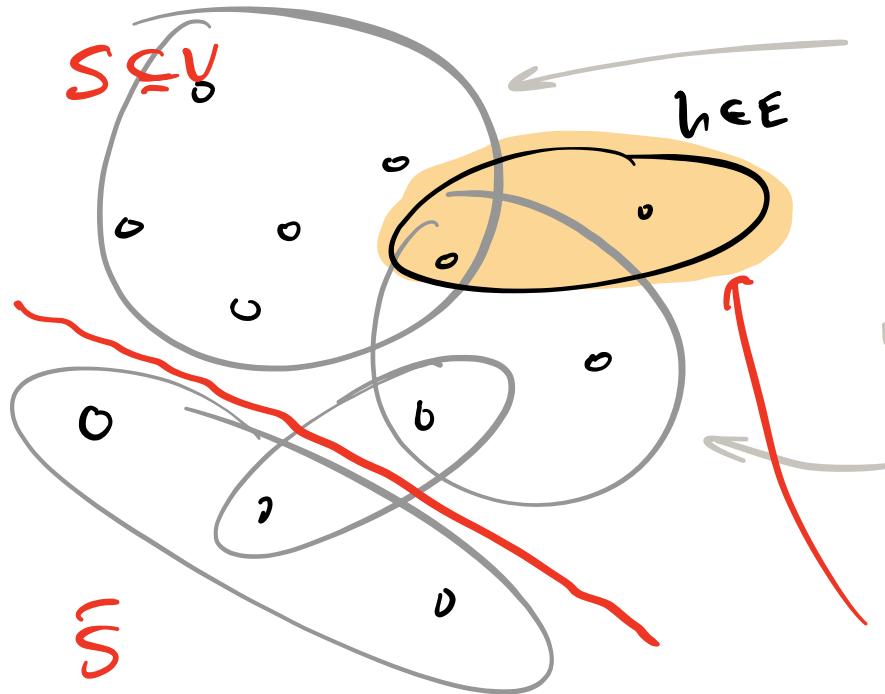
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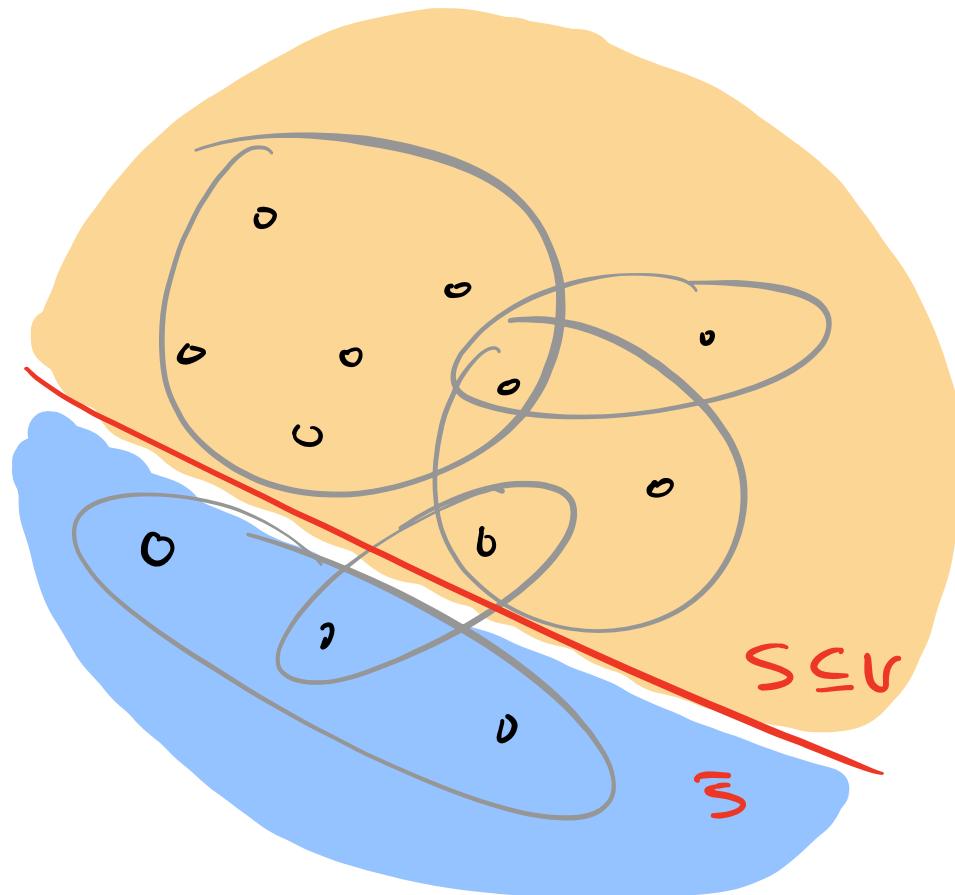


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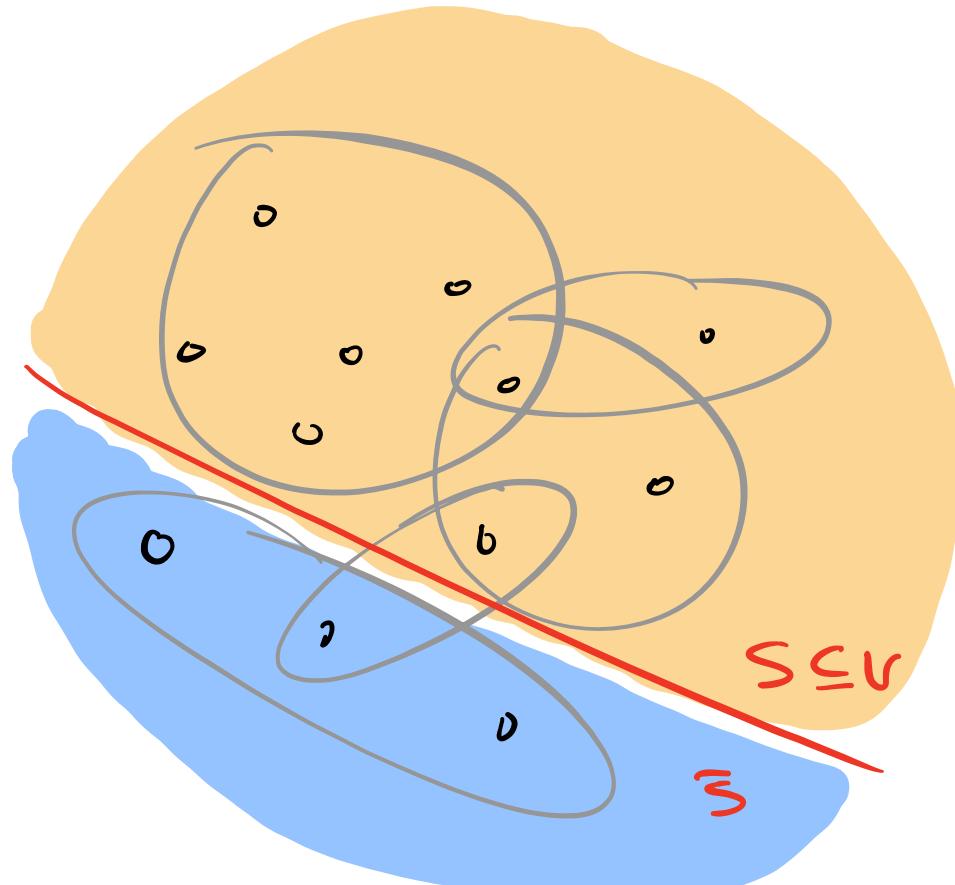
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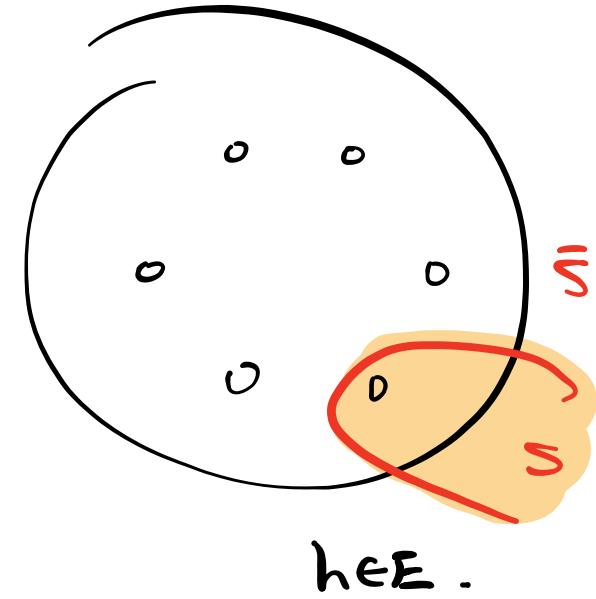
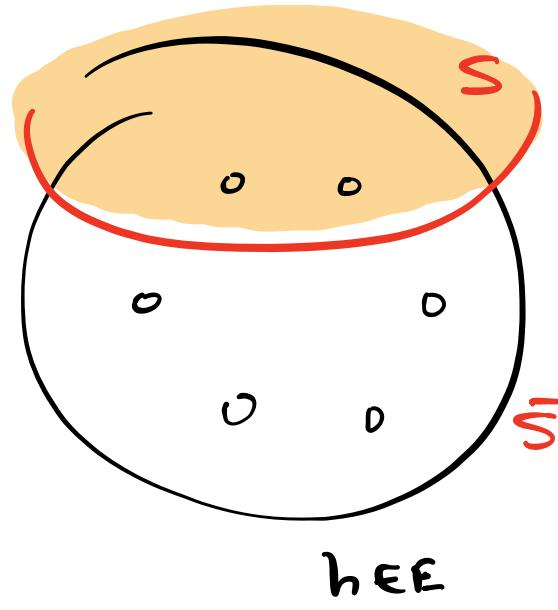
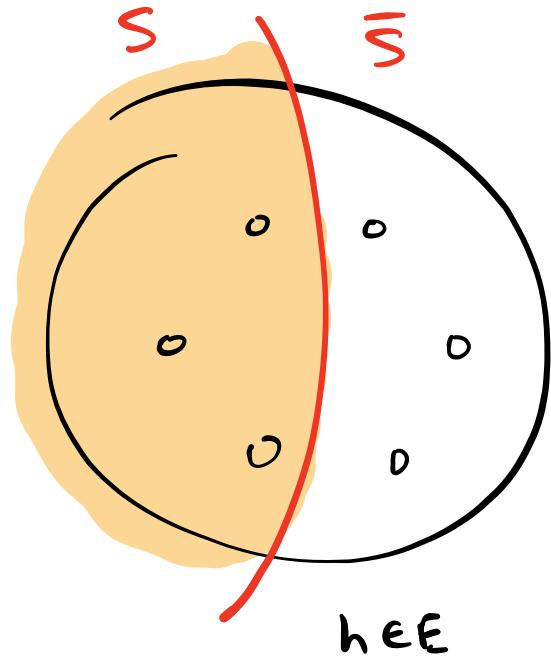
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But Hyperedges can be cut in multiple ways.



→ Need to **quantify** the **cost of cutting**  
**a hyperedge.**

## Polymatroidal Cut functions

Def (polymatroid) : A hyperedge cut for  $\delta_h : 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a polymatroid if there exists set functions

$F_h^-, F_h^+ : 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that

$$\delta_h(S) = \min \{ F_h^-(S), F_h^+(h \setminus S) \}.$$

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cut functions

Submodular -  $f: 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \forall S, T \subseteq h$

$$f(S \cup T) \leq f(S) + f(T) - f(S \cap T)$$

monotone -  $f: 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, \forall S \subseteq T \subseteq h$

$$f(S) \leq f(T)$$

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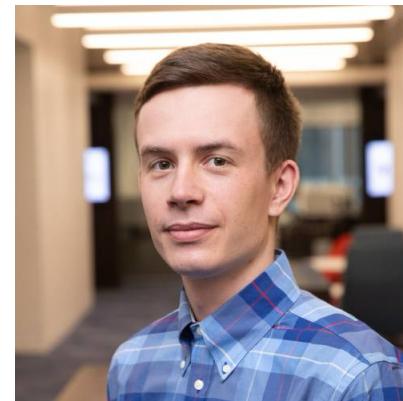
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Great talk  
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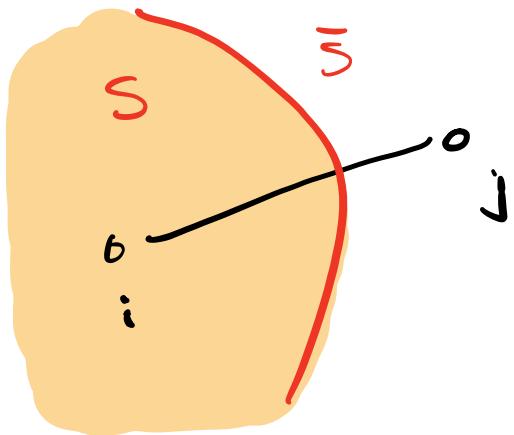
# Why Study polymatroidal cut functions

→ polymatroidal cut functions...

- Expressive: captures many typically considered (hyper)graph partitioning objectives.
- Structured: metric flow techniques still apply to produce fast approx algs.

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Undirected



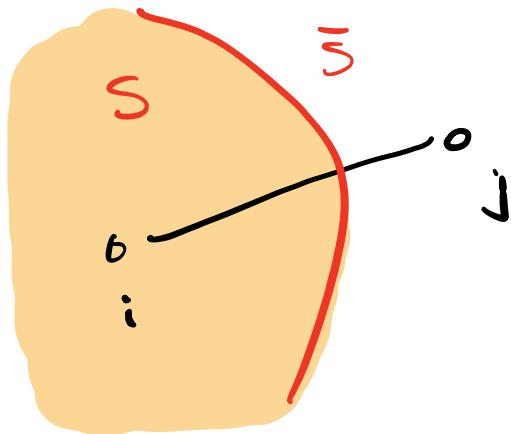
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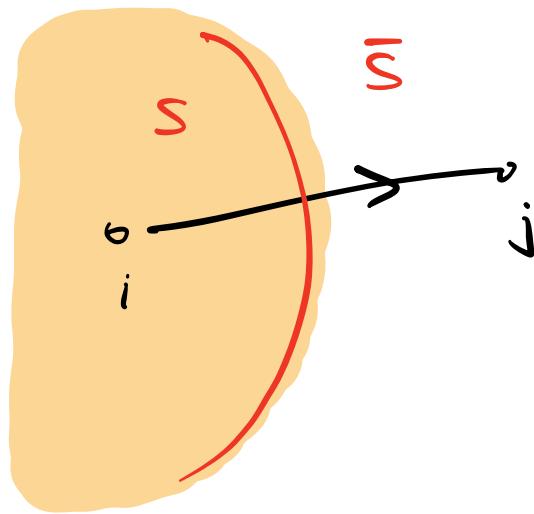
$$F_h^-(S) \quad F_h^+(h|S) \longrightarrow F_h^-(S) = F_h^+(S)$$

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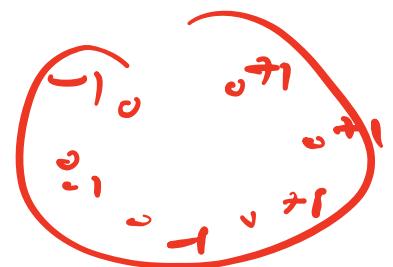
## Minimum Ratio Cut.

INPUT: Hypergraph  $G = (V, E, w^b, \mu)$  w/ polymatroidal cut fns.  $\{\delta_h\}_{h \in E}$

Output:  $S \subseteq V$  minimizing ratio cut objective

$$\underline{\Phi}_G(S) := \frac{\sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \delta_h(S)}{\min \{\mu(S), \mu(\bar{S})\}}$$

Denote  $\Psi_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} \Psi_G(S)$  ...



Our result...

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Lovász

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extension

diag( $\mu$ )

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$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{G,S} &= \min \sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \bar{\delta}_h(x) \\ \text{s.t. } & \langle S, x \rangle = 1 \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^V\end{aligned}$$

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Flow improvement

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{G,S} = \min & \sum_{h \in E} w_h^G \cdot \bar{\delta}_h(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & \langle S, x \rangle_{\mu} = 1 \\ & x \in \mathbb{R}^V \end{aligned}$$

dual

$$\max \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t.} & \sum_{h \in E} f_h = s \\ & \frac{1}{w_h} \cdot f_h \in \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot B(\delta_h) \quad \forall h \in E \\ & f_h \in \mathbb{R}^h \quad \forall h \in E \end{aligned}$$

Hypergraph flow

Base polytope

QUESTIONS ?

THANK You!

SECRET CONTENT

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## Part 3 : THE FUTURE

The regret bound from MNMNU.

$$J_2(f_H) \geq \frac{1-\epsilon n}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \langle h_{\theta_t}, x_t \rangle - \frac{\log n}{\eta T}$$

Defn :  $S, T \subseteq V$  disjoint are  $\Delta$ -separated if.

$$\|v_i - v_j\|^2 \geq \Delta \cdot \frac{1}{\mu(S) \cdot \mu(T)} \cdot \sum_{ij \in V} \|v_i - v_j\|^2$$

$$\forall i \in S, j \in T.$$

Nonuniform demands?

1. Fast algorithms for non-uniform sparsest

cut

2.  $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\log n}}\right)$  - separated sets for non-uniform

Sparsest cut w/ product demands.

↪ in  $O(\log^k n)$  flows.

3. Polytime-worst case approximations for  
non-uniform sparsest cut.

## Notion of Flow Embedding

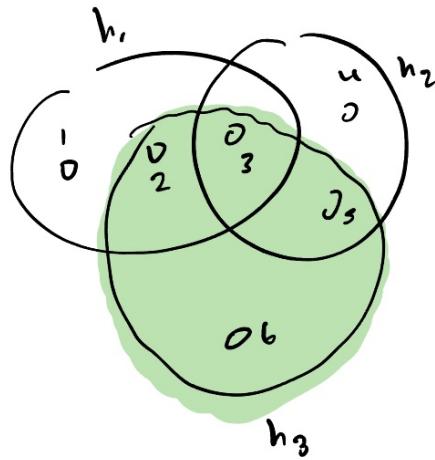
If  $H = (V, E_H, w^H)$  is a directed graph and  $G = (V, E_G, w^G, \mu)$  is a hypergraph equipped w/ polymatroidal cut functions  $\{\delta_h\}_{h \in E}$  then  $H \xrightarrow{\delta} G$  if  $\exists$  a hypergraph flow  $\{f_h^{(u,v)}\}_{\substack{h \in E_G, (u,v) \in E_H}} \text{ s.t.}$

1. The flow is routable in  $G$  :

$$\sum_{h \in E_G : h \ni u} f_h^{(u,v)}(u) = w_{uv}^H \text{ and } \sum_{h \in E : h \ni v} f_h^{(u,v)}(v) = -w_{uv}^H$$

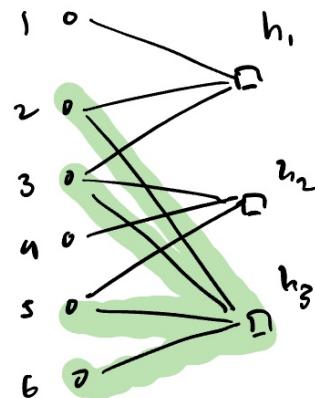
2. The flow has congestion  $\leq \rho$

$$\sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} (f_h^{(u,v)})_+ \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^-) \text{ and } \sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} (f_h^{(u,v)})_- \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^+)$$



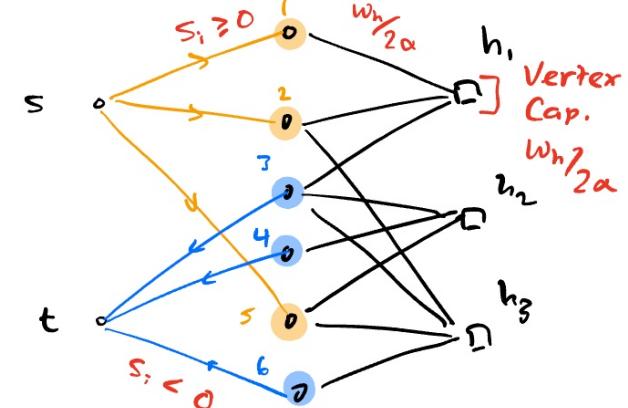
Hypergraph

$$G = (V, E, w)$$



Factor graph  $\hat{G}$

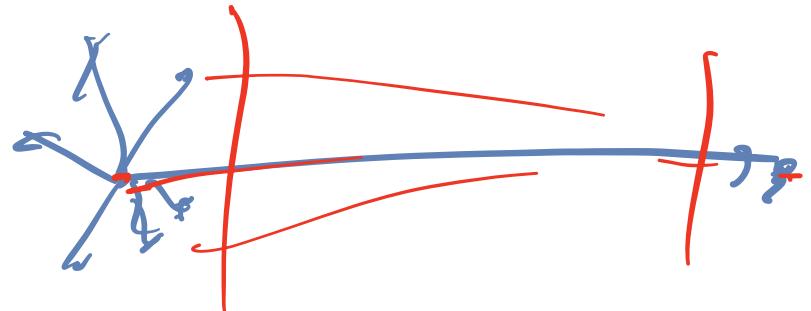
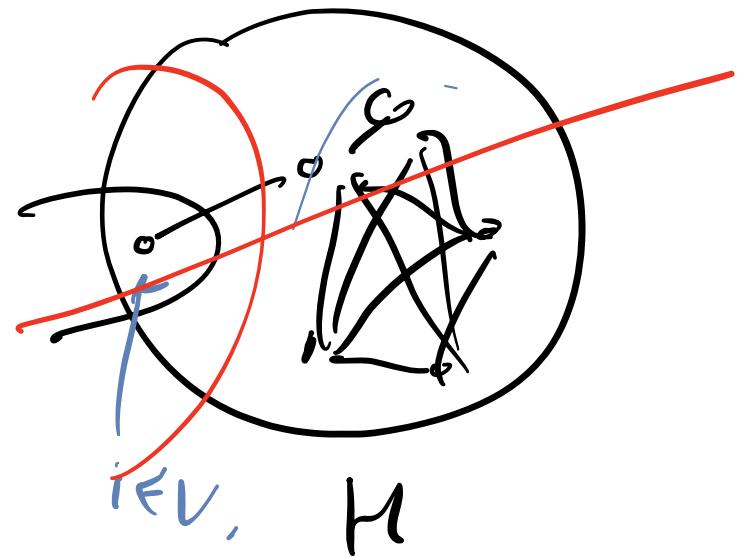
$$E(\hat{G}) = \{(i, h) : i \in h \wedge h \in E\}$$



Flow network given seed

$$s = \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & +1 & -1 \end{array} \right)^T$$

1 2 3 4 5 6



$$\delta_n: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \implies P_{\delta_n} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum_{i \in s} |x_i| \leq \delta_n\}.$$

$$\|x\|_{\delta_n} := \max_{\substack{y \in P_{\delta_n} \\ y \perp \mathbb{1}}} \langle y, x \rangle.$$

$$\min_u \max_{y \in P_{\delta_n}} \langle y, x - u \mathbb{1} \rangle.$$

$$\|x\|_{\delta_n} \leq \delta_n(x) \leq 2 \cdot \|x\|_{\delta_n}$$