

(Hyper) Graph Partitioning

Past & Present.

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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 approaches for hypergraph partitioning.

Part 3 : A future direction (time permitting)

→ Future applications of these tools?

PART 1: THE PAST

Let's begin...

FINDING CUTS OF MINIMUM EXPANSION

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

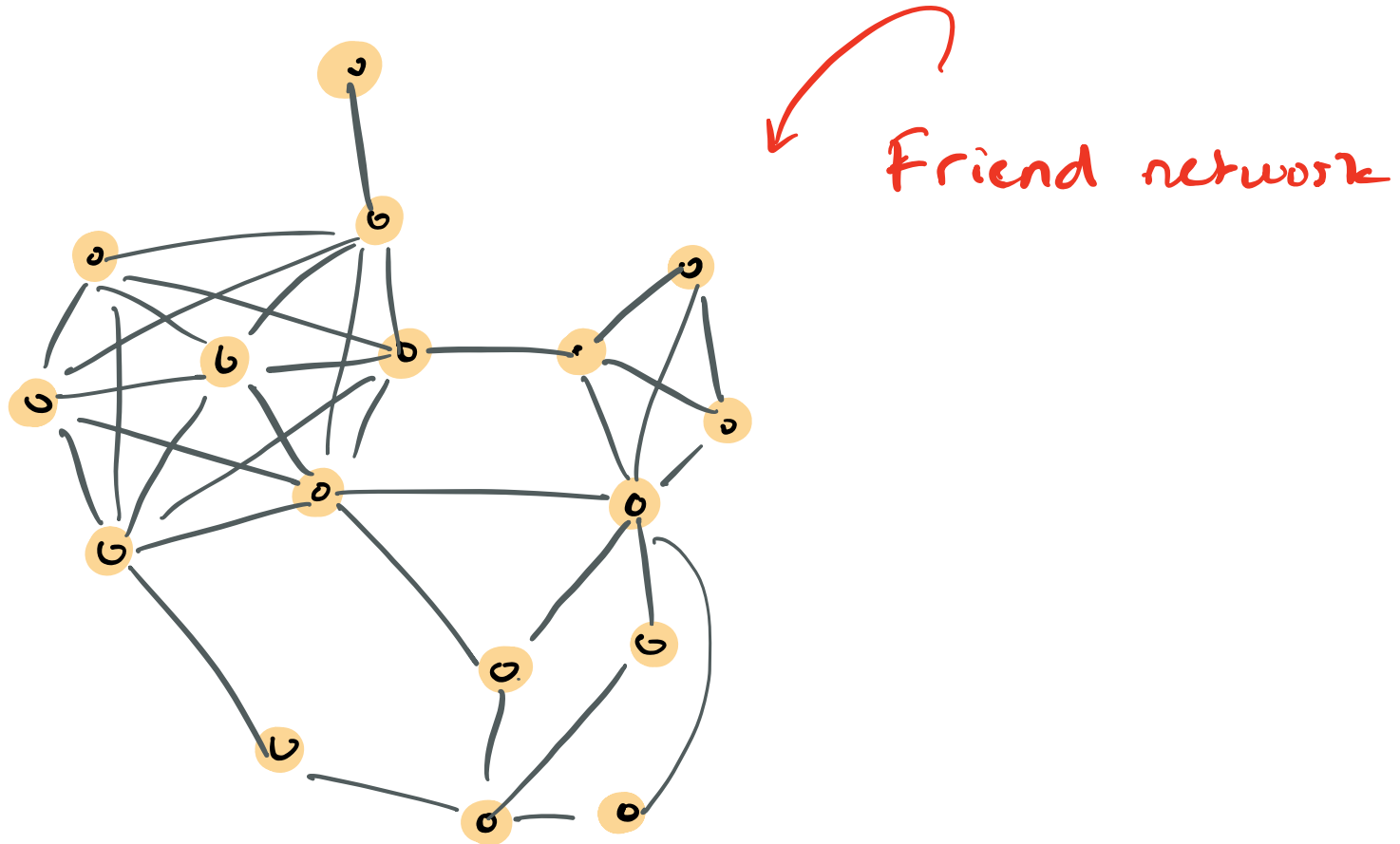
OUTPUT: $S \subseteq V$ cut minimized for,

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

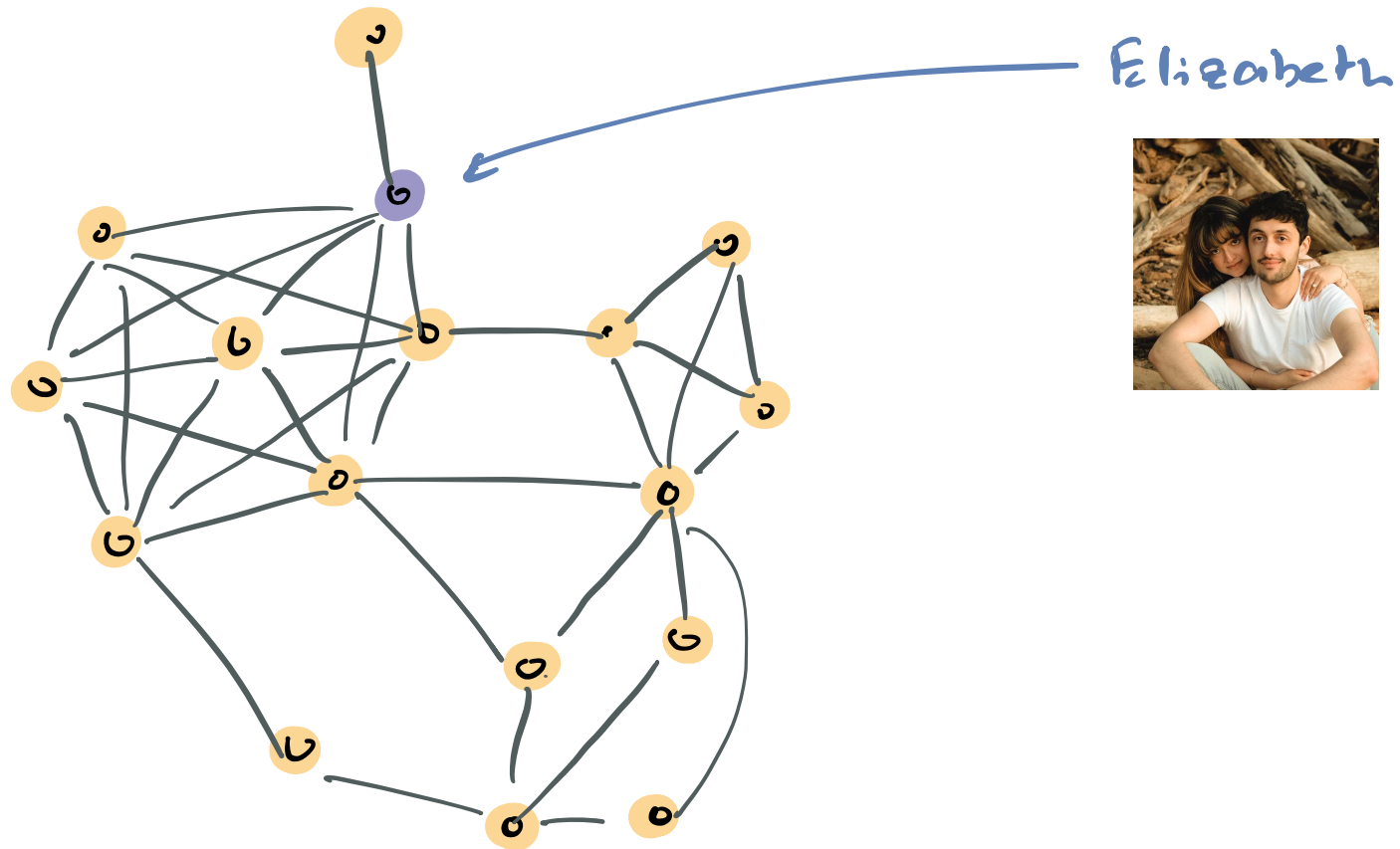
$$\longrightarrow Q_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} Q_G(S)$$

$L_G(S, V \setminus S) \Rightarrow$ wtd sum across edges crossing $(S, V \setminus S)$.

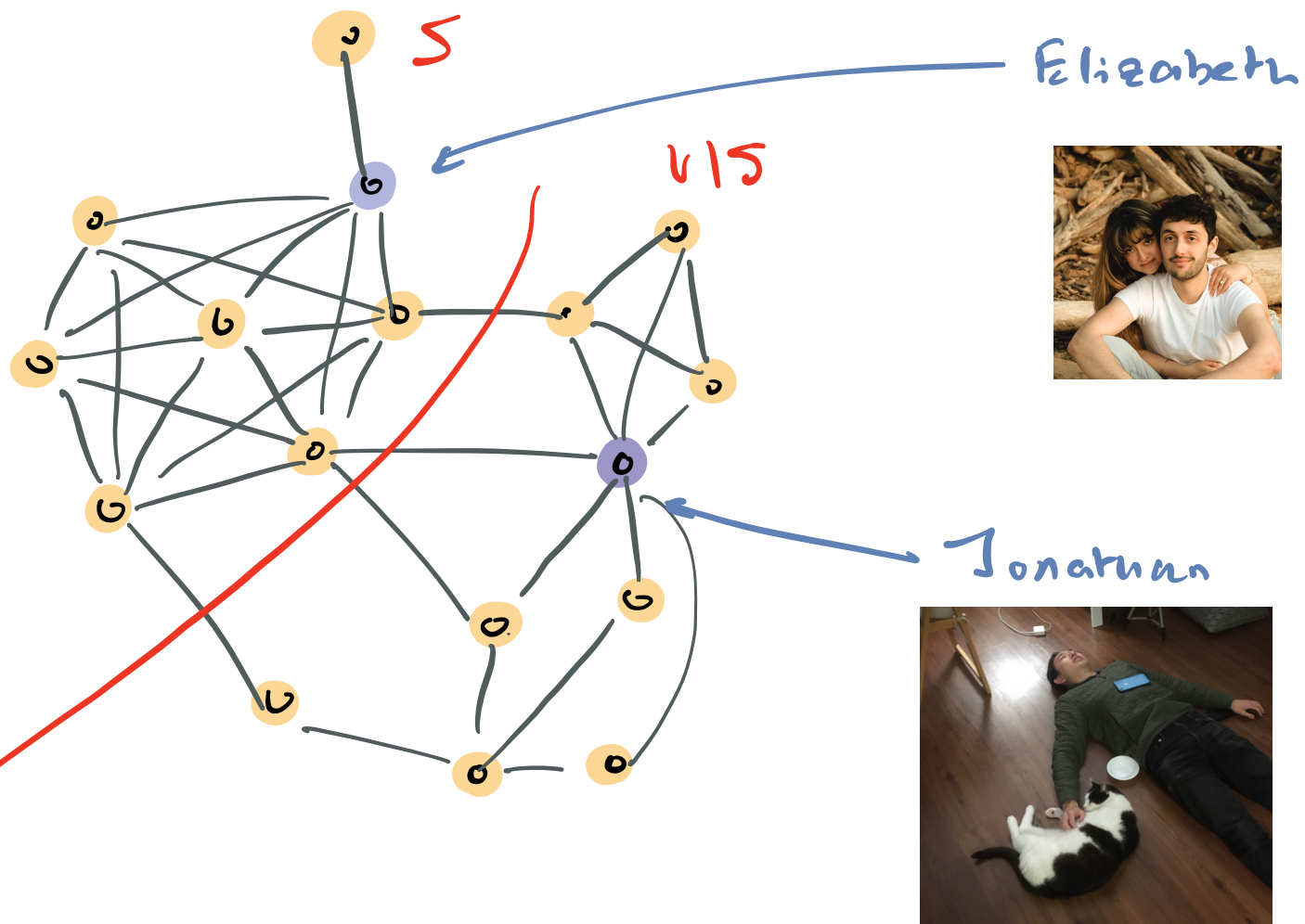
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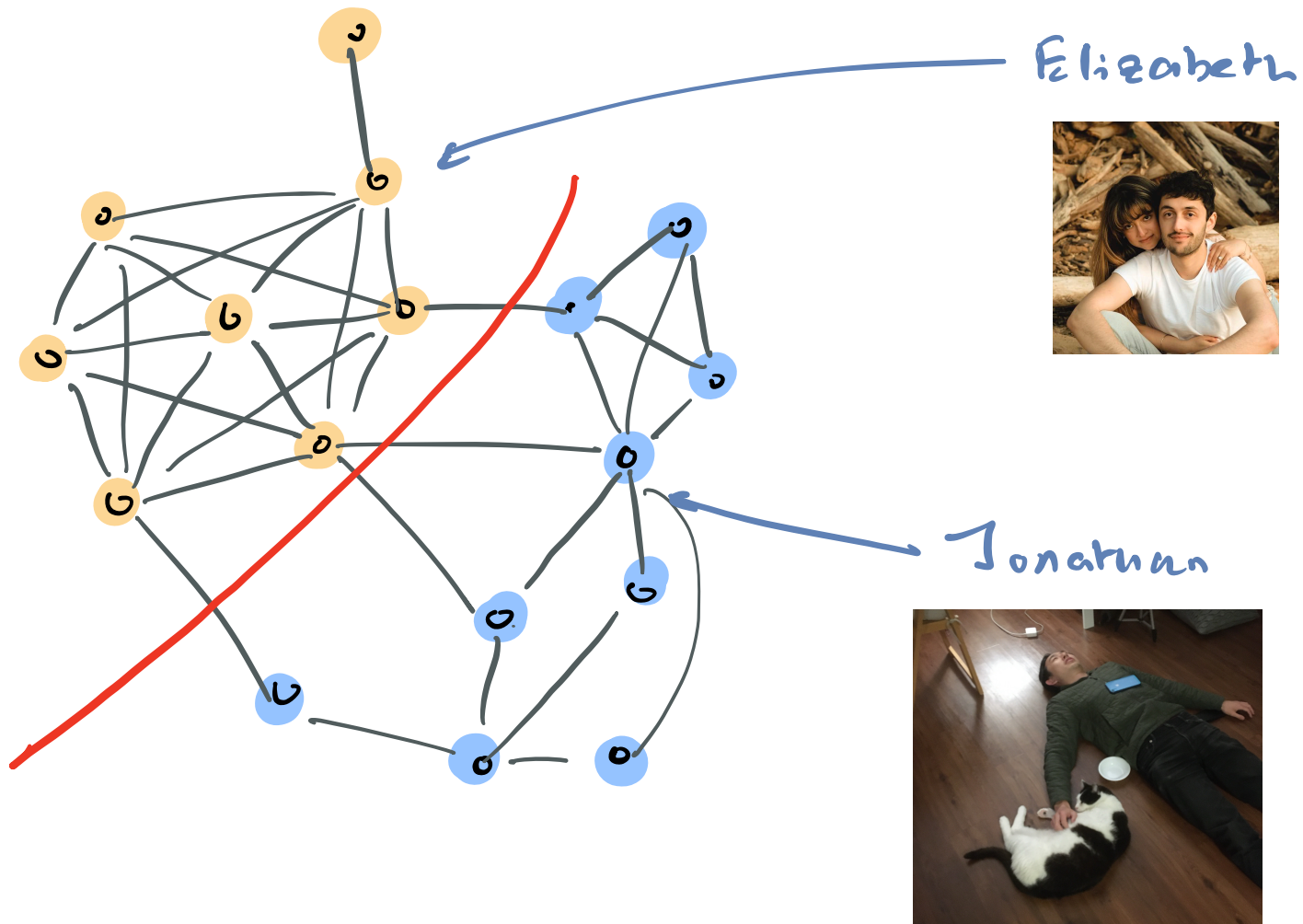
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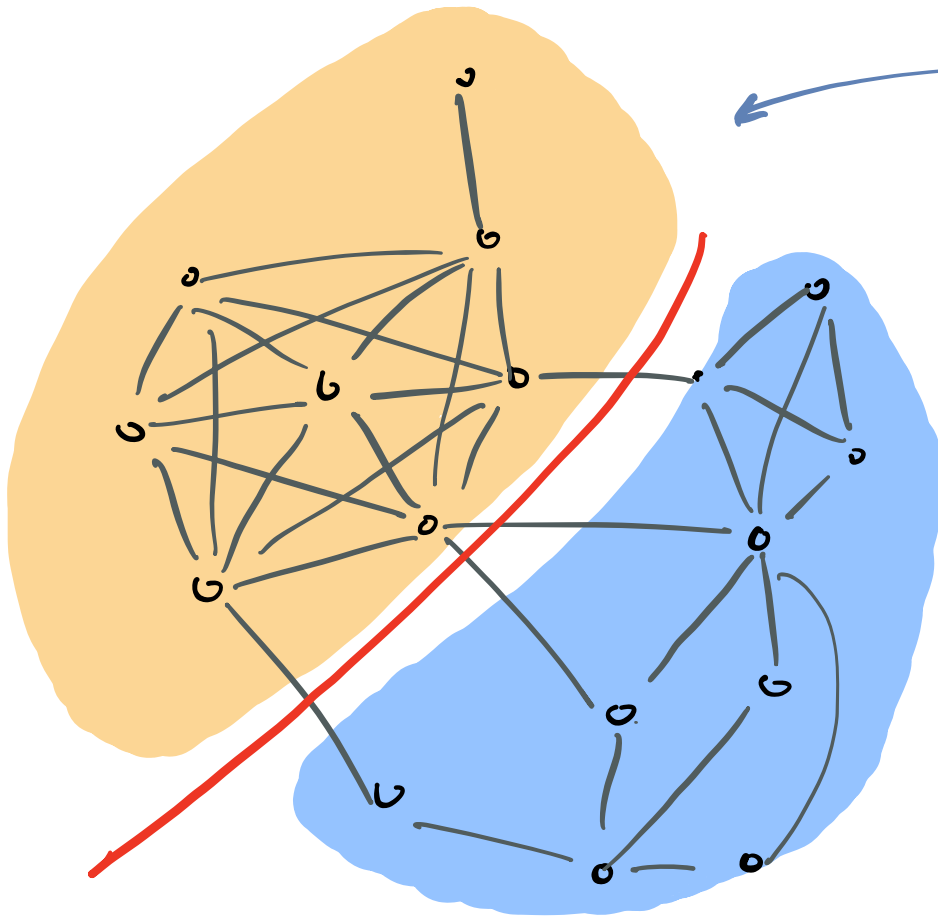
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Friends from MD



Friends from Berkeley.



Finding minimum expansion cuts is ...

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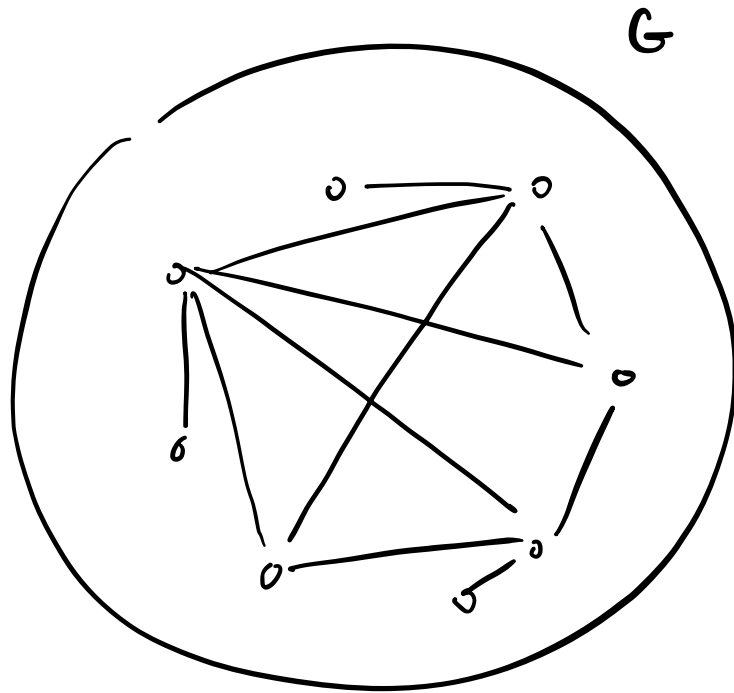
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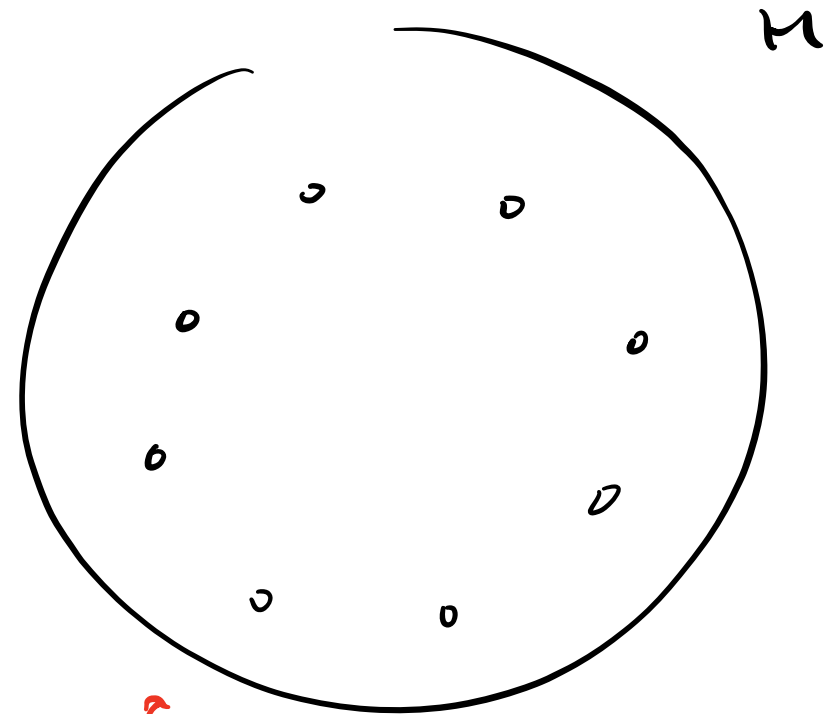
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↪ Theorem [OSVVO8]: ... $O(\log n)$ -approx...
 $O(\log^2 n)$ -flows.

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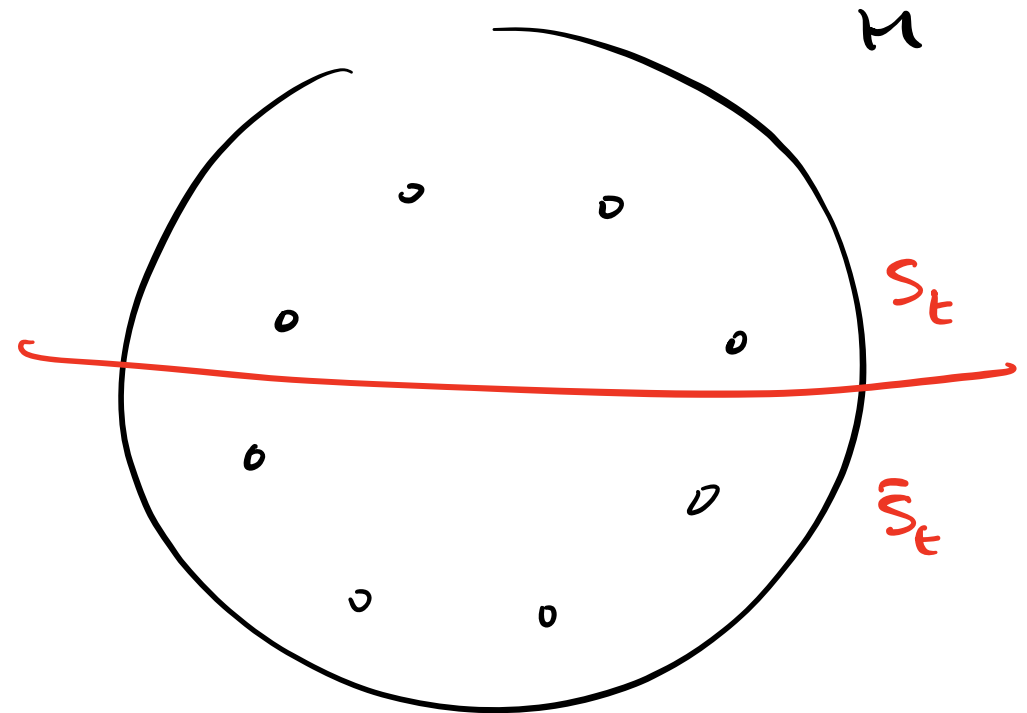
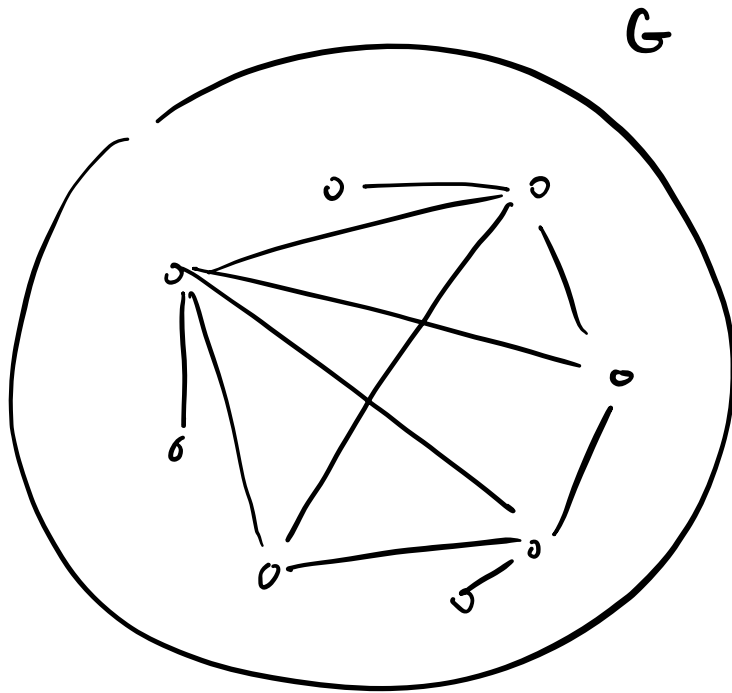


Input graph



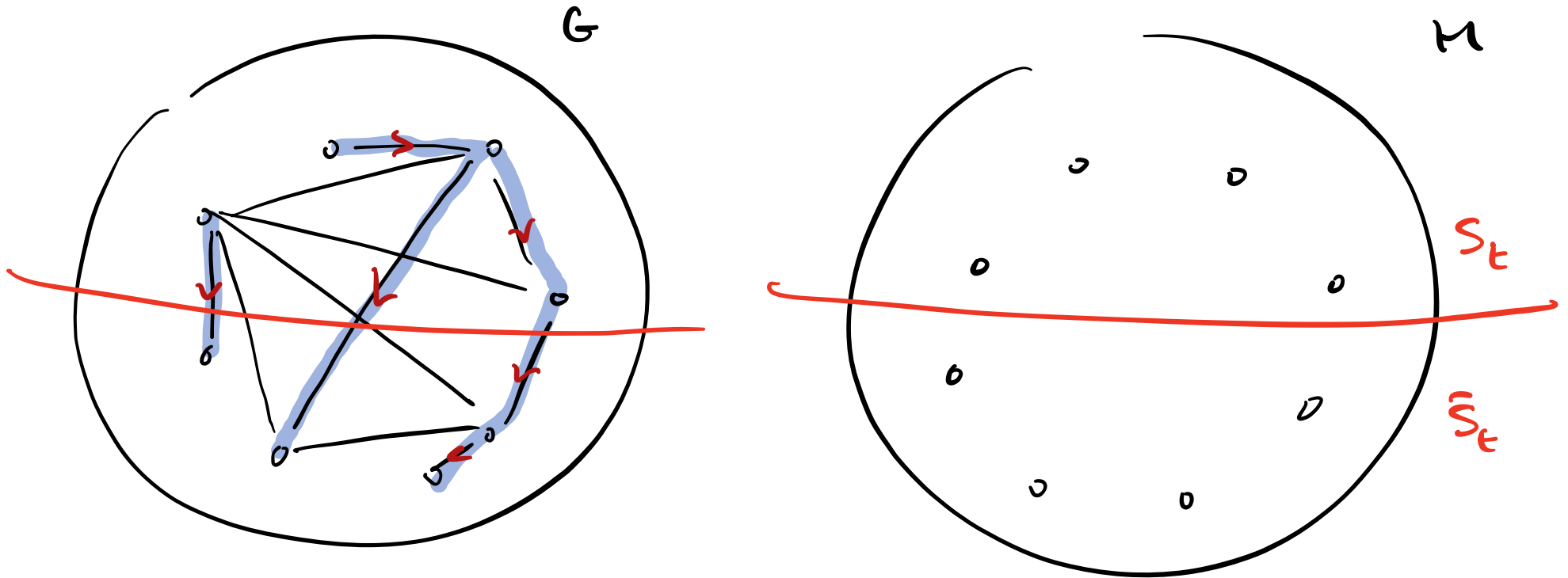
Certificate graph

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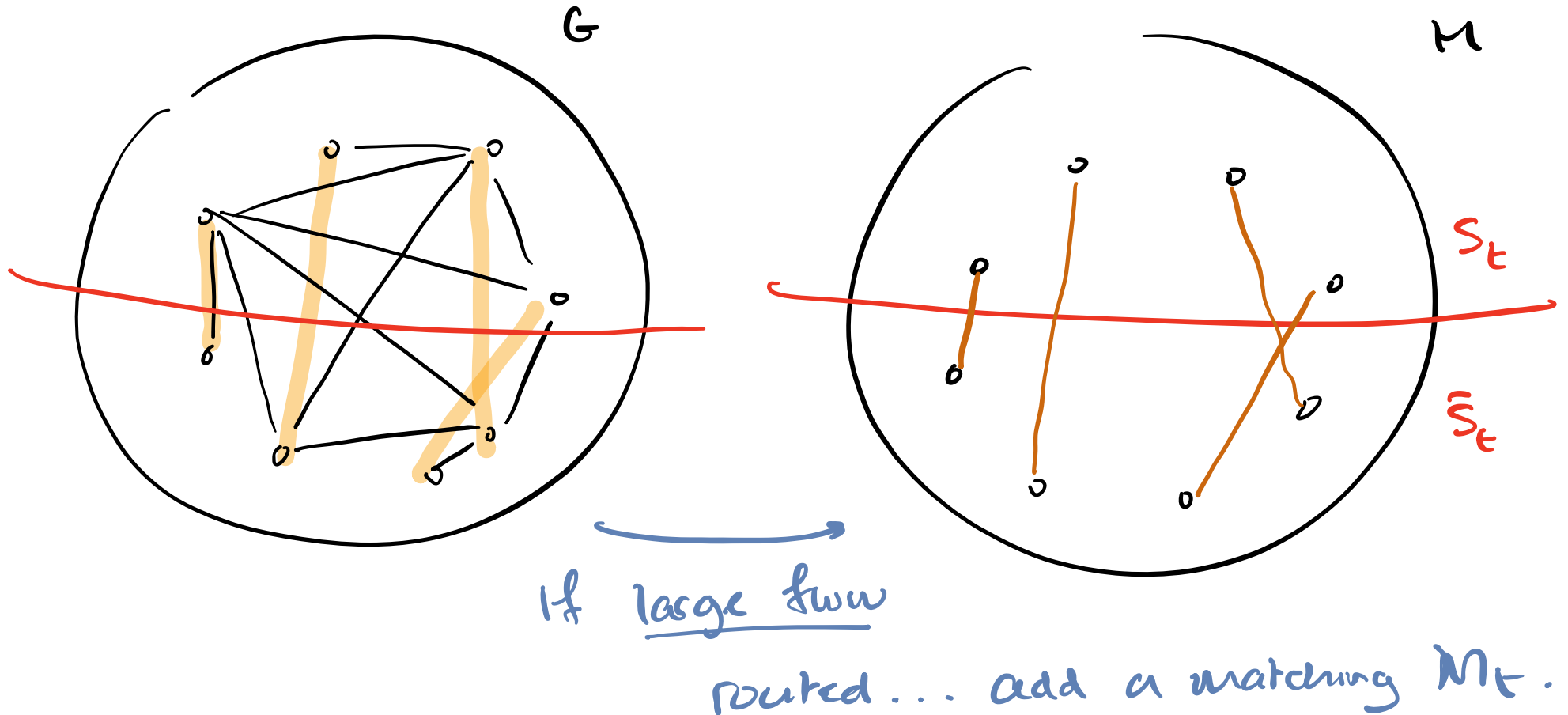
Cut Player : Finds a space bisection of M

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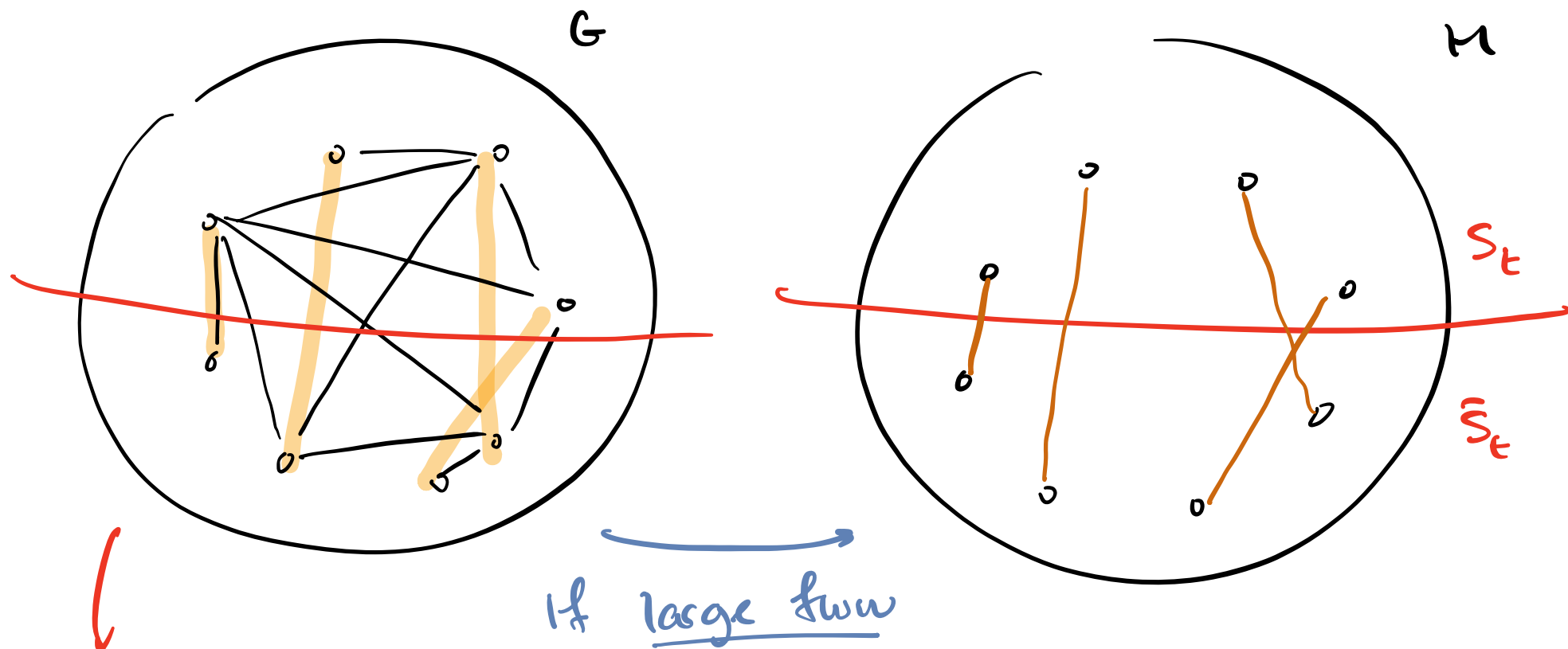
MATCHING PLAYER : tries to route flow in G across
bisection from cut player.

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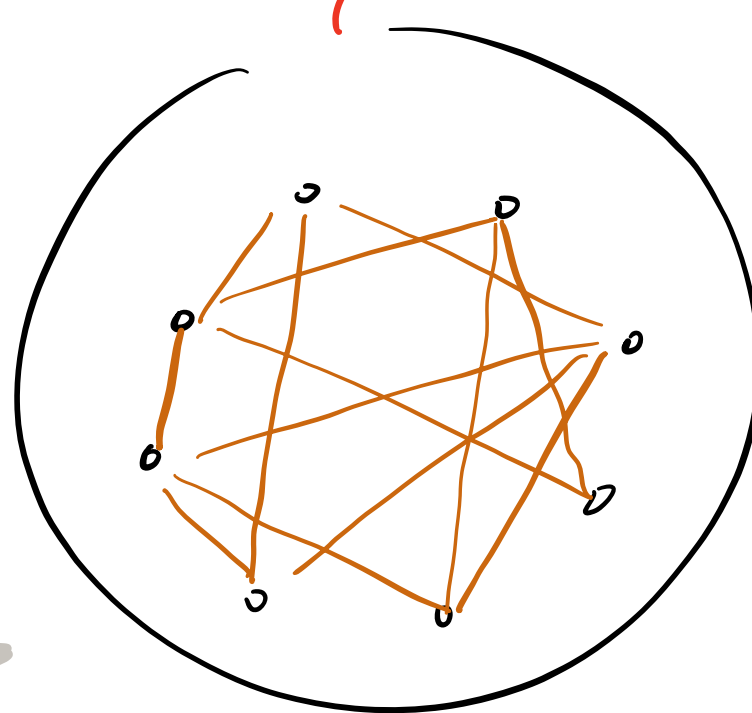
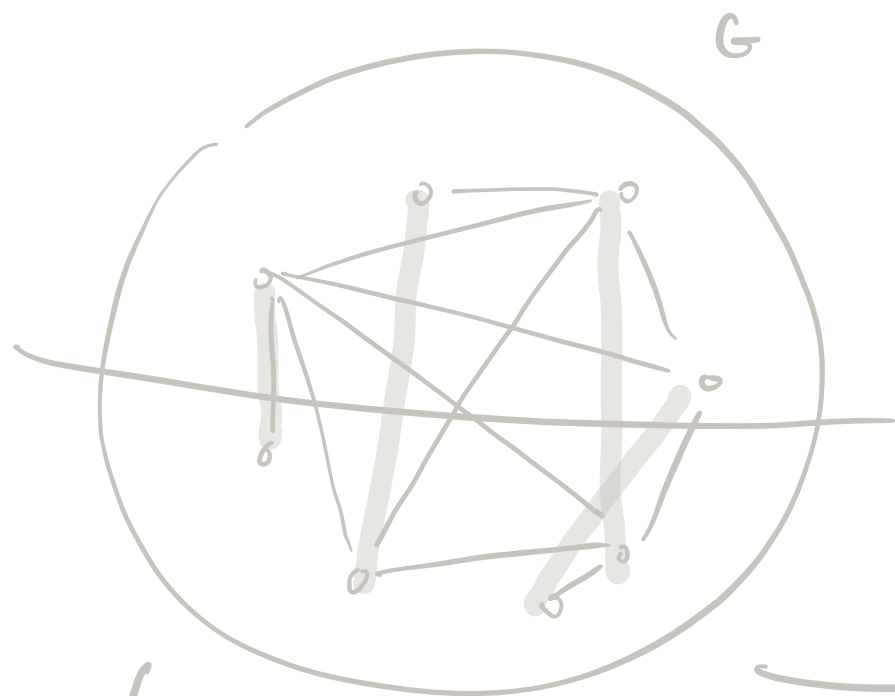
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Prelude : Cut-Matching Games.

(Spectral ...)

Expander !



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

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but why would
you ever want to do this?

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read: Mmmmm...

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→ let's go...

Local Convex Surrogates (Step #1)

Fact: Given any wtd graph $G = (V, E, w^G)$

$$Q_G = \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \frac{\sum_{ij \in E} w_{ij} \cdot \|x_i - x_j\|}{\min_u \|x - u\|_1}$$

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

$$\min_u \|x - u\|_1 \geq |\langle s, x \rangle|$$

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

$\bar{Q}_G(x)$
 \bar{Q}_G

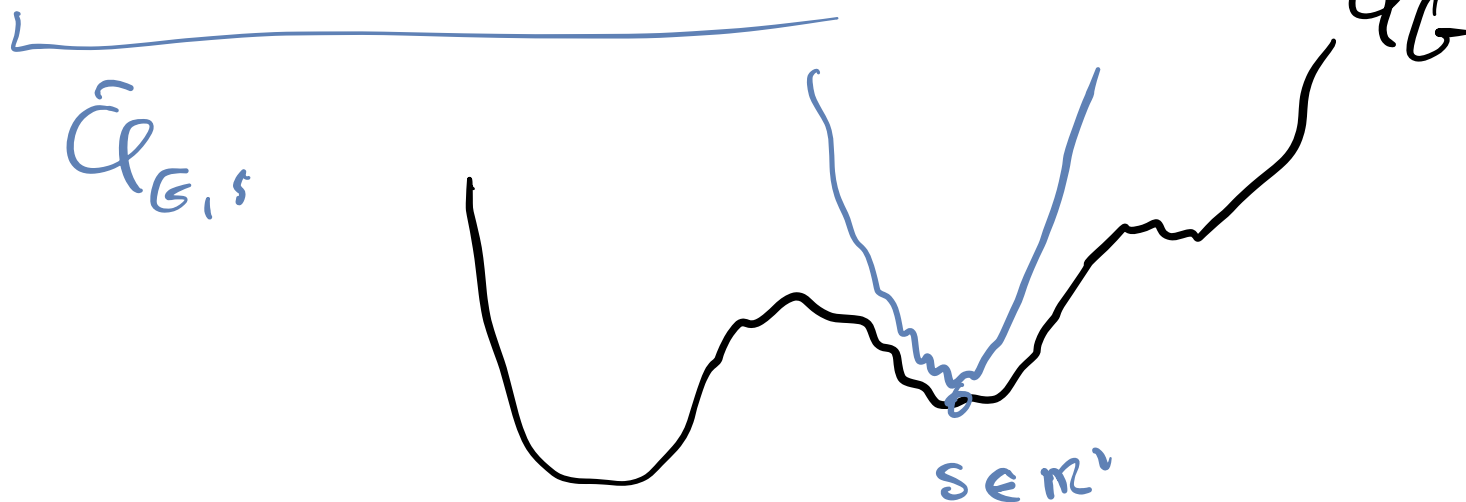
$$\left\{ \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \bar{Q}_G(x) : \underbrace{s \in \mathbb{R}^V, \|s\|_\infty \leq 1, s \perp \mathbb{1}}_{\text{"seeds"}} \right\}$$

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^V} \underbrace{\bar{Q}_{G,s}(x)}_{\sum_{i,j \in E} w_{ij}^G \cdot |x_i - x_j|}$$

$A, B \subseteq V$ disjoint

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

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



If you only takeaway **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**.

→ ℓ_1 -analogue of expansion still non-convex.!

→ The cut and matching player actions.

Local Dual Certificates (Step #2)

$$\min \bar{Q}_{G,s}(x) \xrightarrow{\text{dual}} \max \alpha.$$

$$\text{s.t. } B^T f = s.$$

$$\frac{1}{w_e} \cdot |f_e| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \quad \forall e \in E.$$

Claim: If D is the demand graph of t 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 $T > 0$ demand graphs D_1, \dots, D_T
 from solving \bar{C}_{G, s_t}^k each embedding into G
 w/ congestion $p_1, \dots, p_T > 0$ then

$$M = \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T D_t$$

← edge-wise!

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

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- The flow-embedding statement is additive.
- The bound is excellent when H is an expander.
- Given a sequence of seeds $s_1, \dots, s_T \in \mathbb{R}^v$ outputting cut w/ smallest \overline{Q}_{G, S_t} produces a $O\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_2(h_n)}\right)$ -approximation to expansion.

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

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

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

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- An $O(\log n)$ -approximation for expansion using $O(\log^2 n)$ maximum flows!

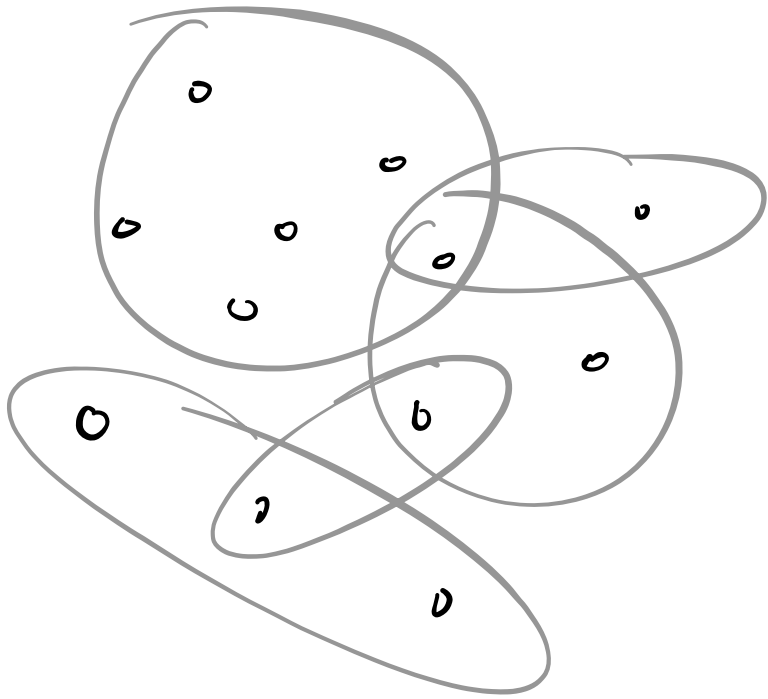
QUESTIONS?

PART 2: THE PRESENT

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

→ Applying this view to hypergraph partitioning

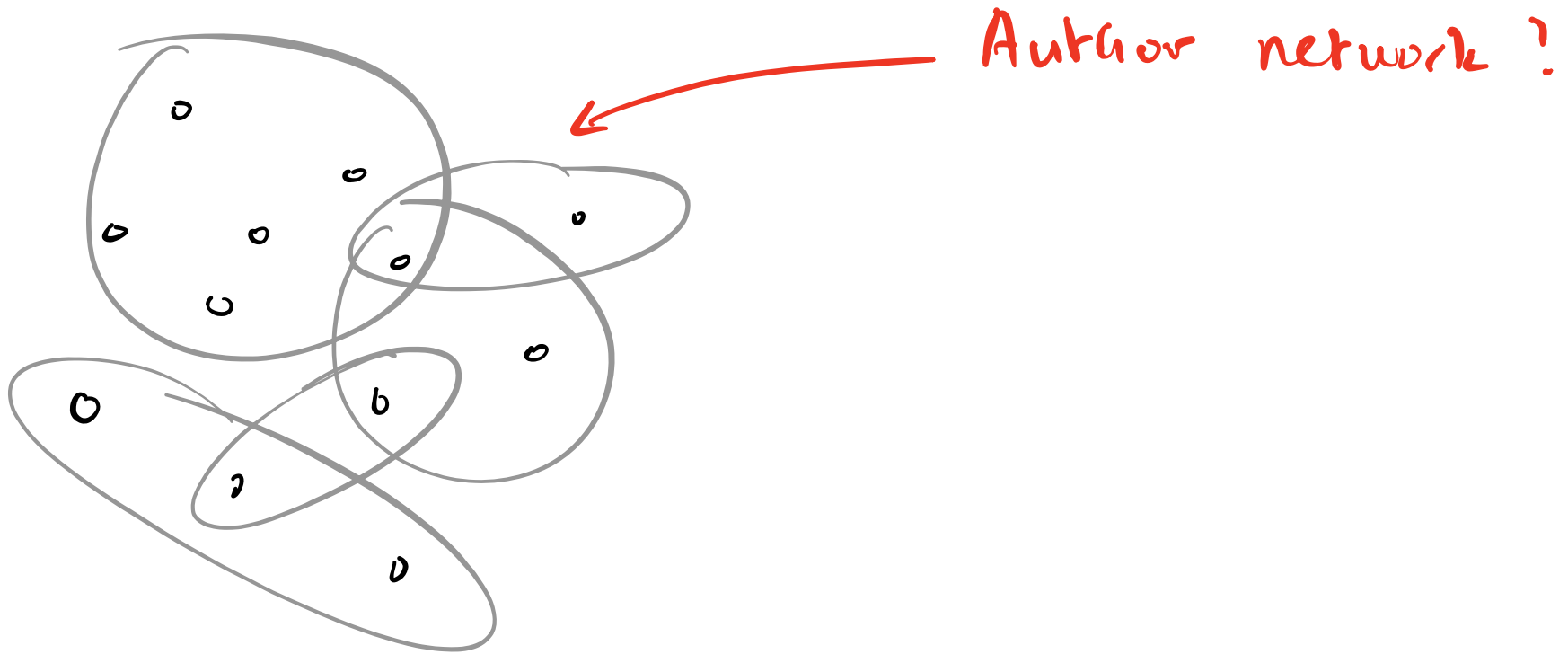
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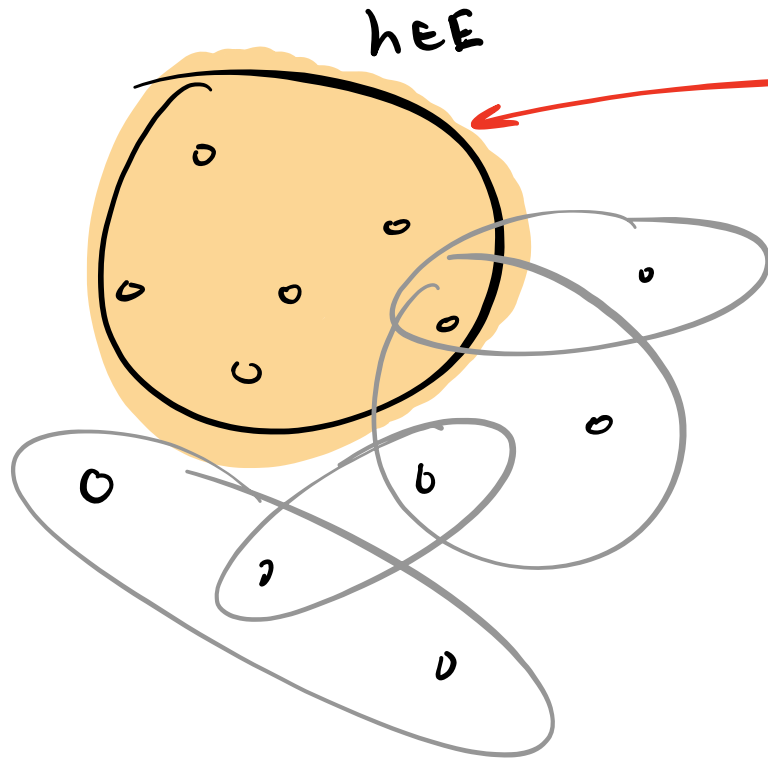
$G = (V, E, w^G, \mu)$ where

- **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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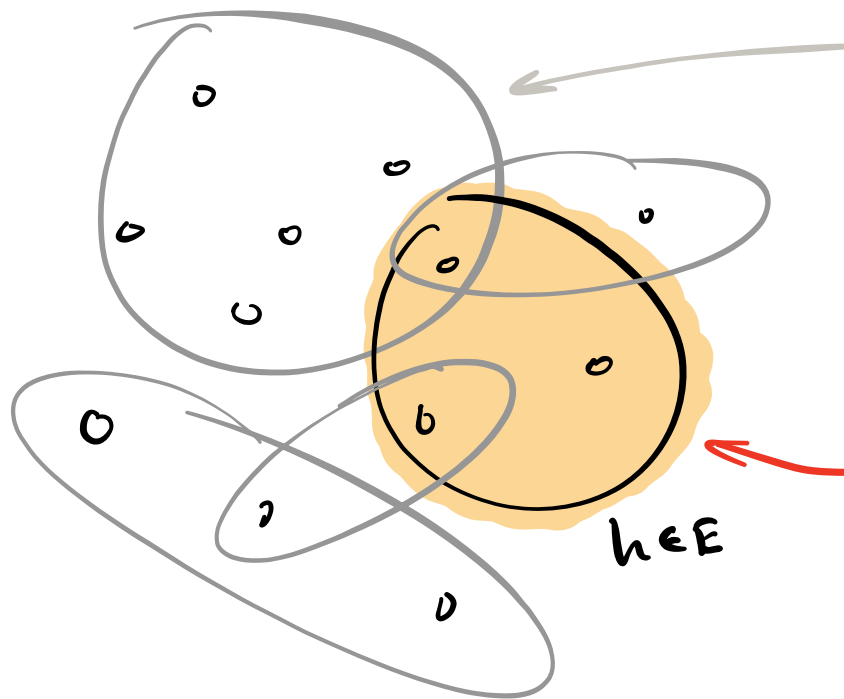
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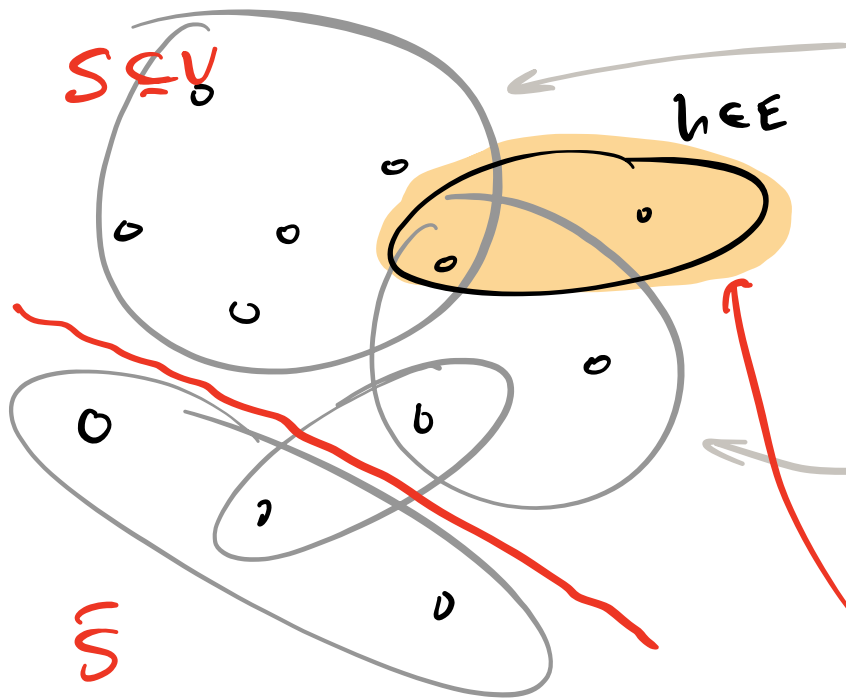
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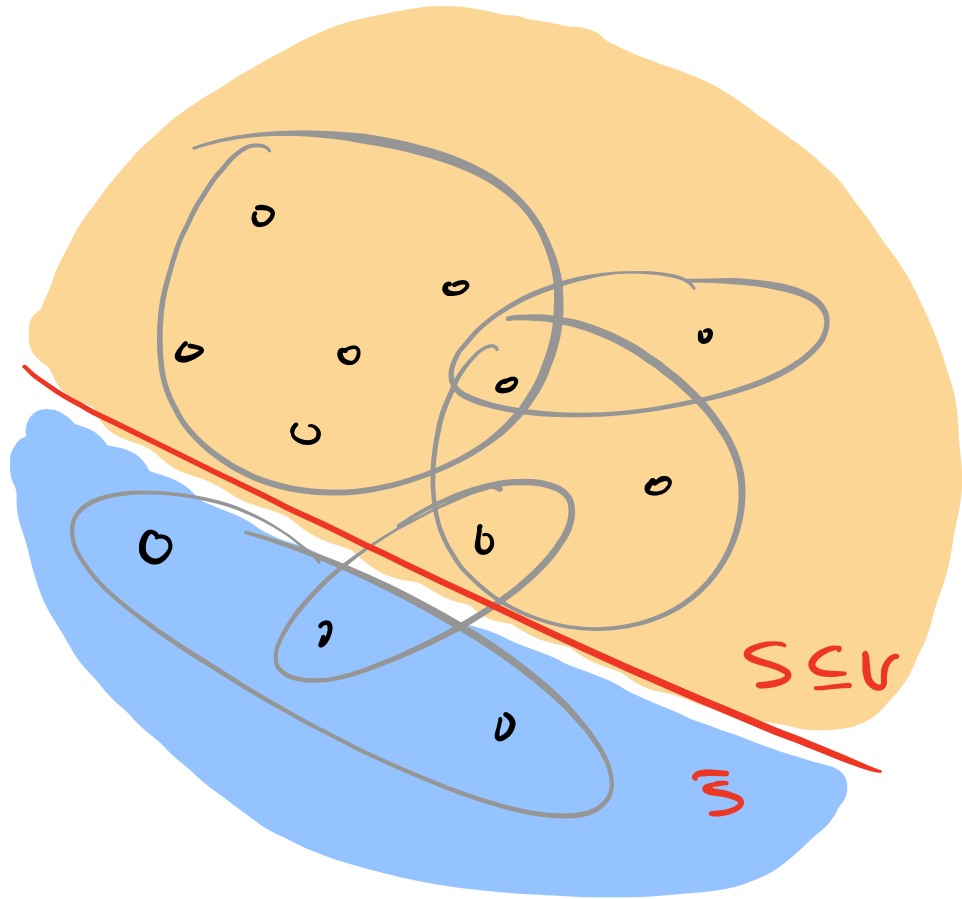
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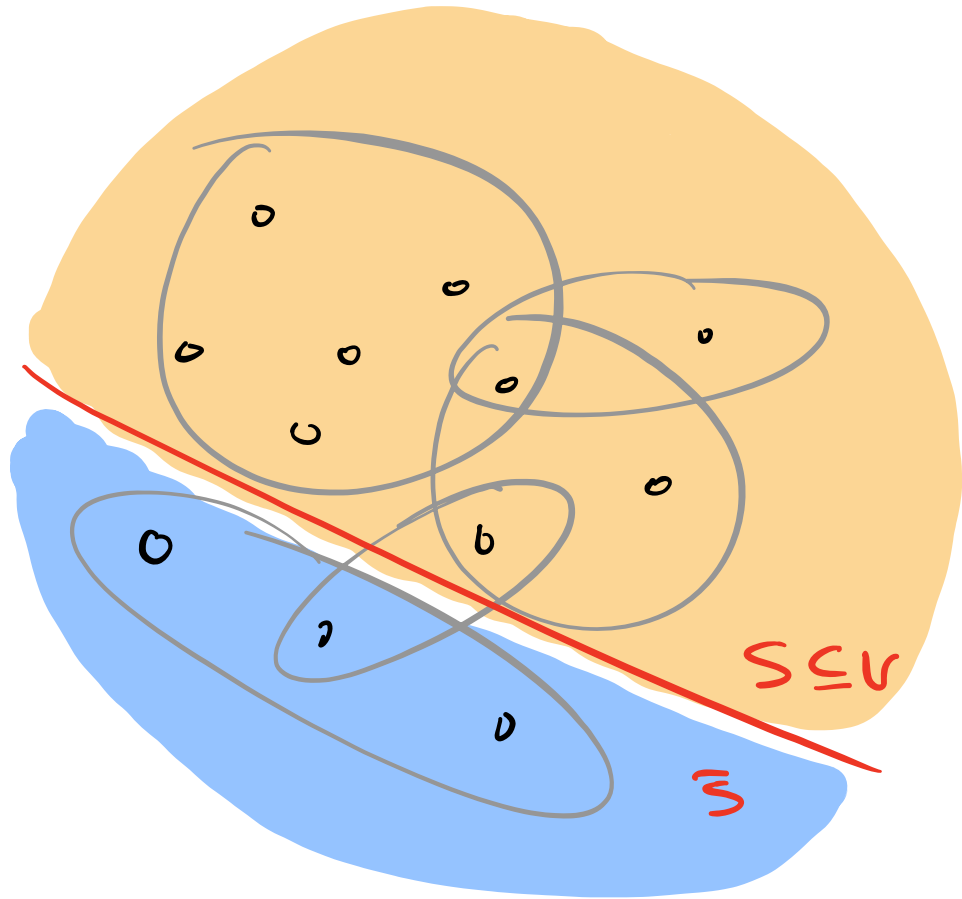
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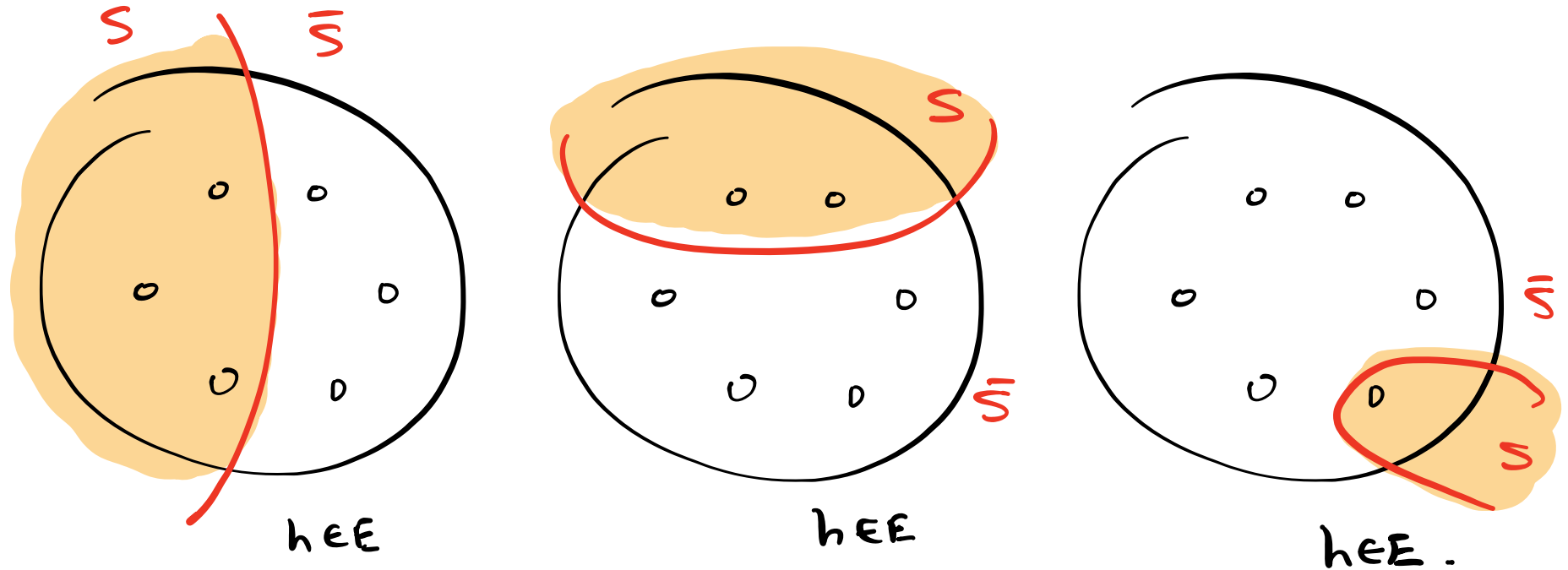
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But Hyperedges can be cut in multiple ways.



→ Need to quantify the cost of cutting a hyper edge.

Polymatroidal Cut Functions

Def (polymatroid): A hyperedge cut fn $\delta_h: 2^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ 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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$$f(S \cup T) \leq f(S) + f(T) - f(S \cap T)$$

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

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

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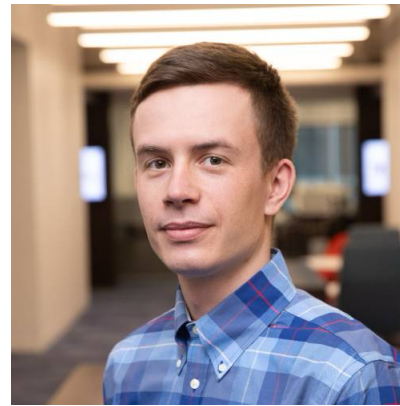
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Great talk
by Erasmo
Tani



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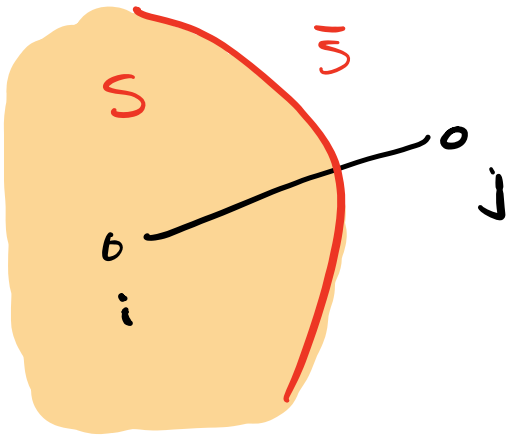
Why Study polymatroidal cut fns

→ 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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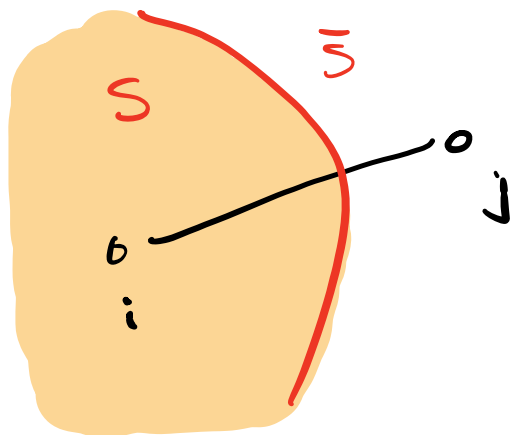
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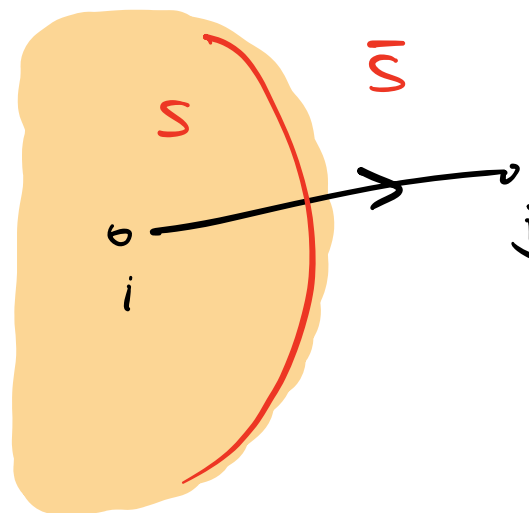
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$$F_h^-(S) \neq F_h^+(S)$$

Minimum Ratio Cut.

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

OUTPUT: $S \subseteq V$ minimizing **ratio cut objective**

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



Denote $\Phi_G = \min_{S \subseteq V} \Phi_G(S) \dots$

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Lovász
extension

diag(μ)

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Cut improvement.



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Flow improvement

Hypergraph flow

Base polytope

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

dual



$$\max \alpha$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{h \in E} f_h = S$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_h} \cdot f_h \in \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot B(\delta_h) \quad \forall h \in E$$

$$f_h \in \mathbb{R}^h \quad \forall h \in E$$

QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

SECRET CONTENT

PART 3 : THE FUTURE

The regret bound from mmwu.

$$\lambda_2(\mathbf{L}_H) \geq \frac{1-\epsilon\eta}{T} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^T \langle \mathbf{L}_{D_t}, \mathbf{X}_t \rangle - \frac{\log n}{\eta T}$$

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

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

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

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.
 \hookrightarrow 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 $H \preceq_p G$ if \exists a hypergraph

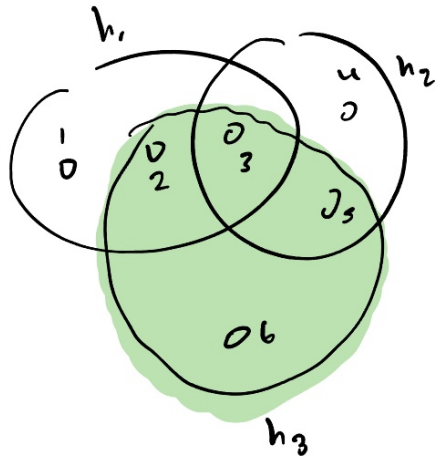
flow $\{f_h^{(u,v)}\}_{h \in E_G, (u,v) \in E_H}$ s.t.

1. The flow is **routeable in G** :

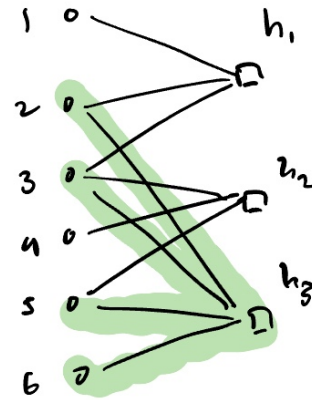
$$\sum_{h \in E_G: h \ni u} f_h^{(u,v)}(u) = w_{uv}^H \text{ and } \sum_{h \in E_G: h \ni v} f_h^{(u,v)}(v) = -w_{uv}^H$$

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

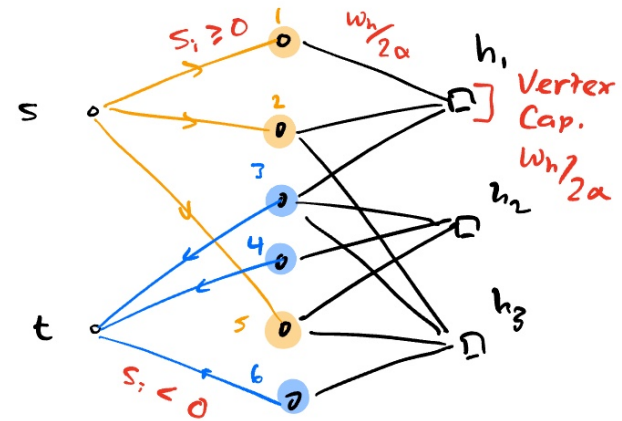
$$\sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} \left(f_h^{(u,v)} \right)_+ \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^-) \text{ and } \sum_{(u,v) \in E_H} \left(f_h^{(u,v)} \right)_- \in \rho \cdot w_h^G \cdot P_{\text{sym}}(F_h^+)$$



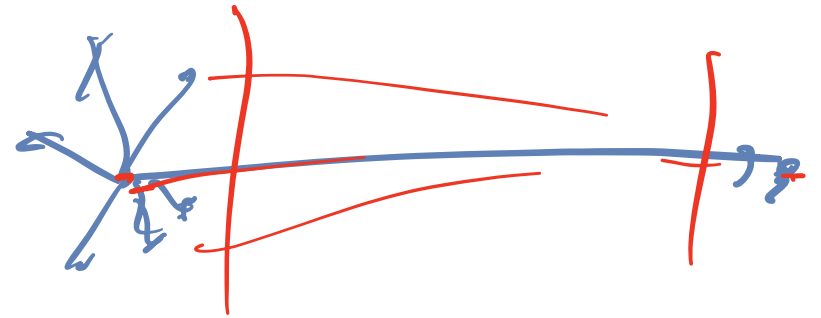
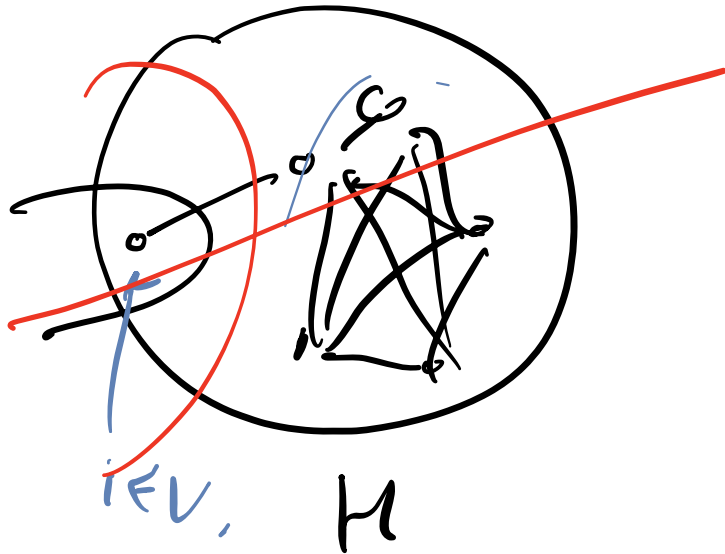
Hypergraph
 $G = (V, E, w)$



Factor graph \hat{G}
 $E(\hat{G}) = \{ (i, h) : i \in h \forall h \in E \}$



Flow network given seed
 $S = \begin{pmatrix} +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & +1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T$
 $i=1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$



$$\delta_h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^V \Rightarrow P_{\delta_{\text{syn}}} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^V : \sum_{i \in S} |x_i| \leq \delta_h |S| \right\}.$$

$$\|x\|_{\delta_h} := \max_{\substack{y \in P_{\delta_{\text{syn}}} \\ y \perp \mathbb{Q}}} \langle y, x \rangle.$$

$$\min_u \max_{y \in P_{\delta_{\text{syn}}}} \langle y, x - u \rangle.$$

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