

# Maximum Matching in $O(\log \log n)$ Passes in Dynamic Streams

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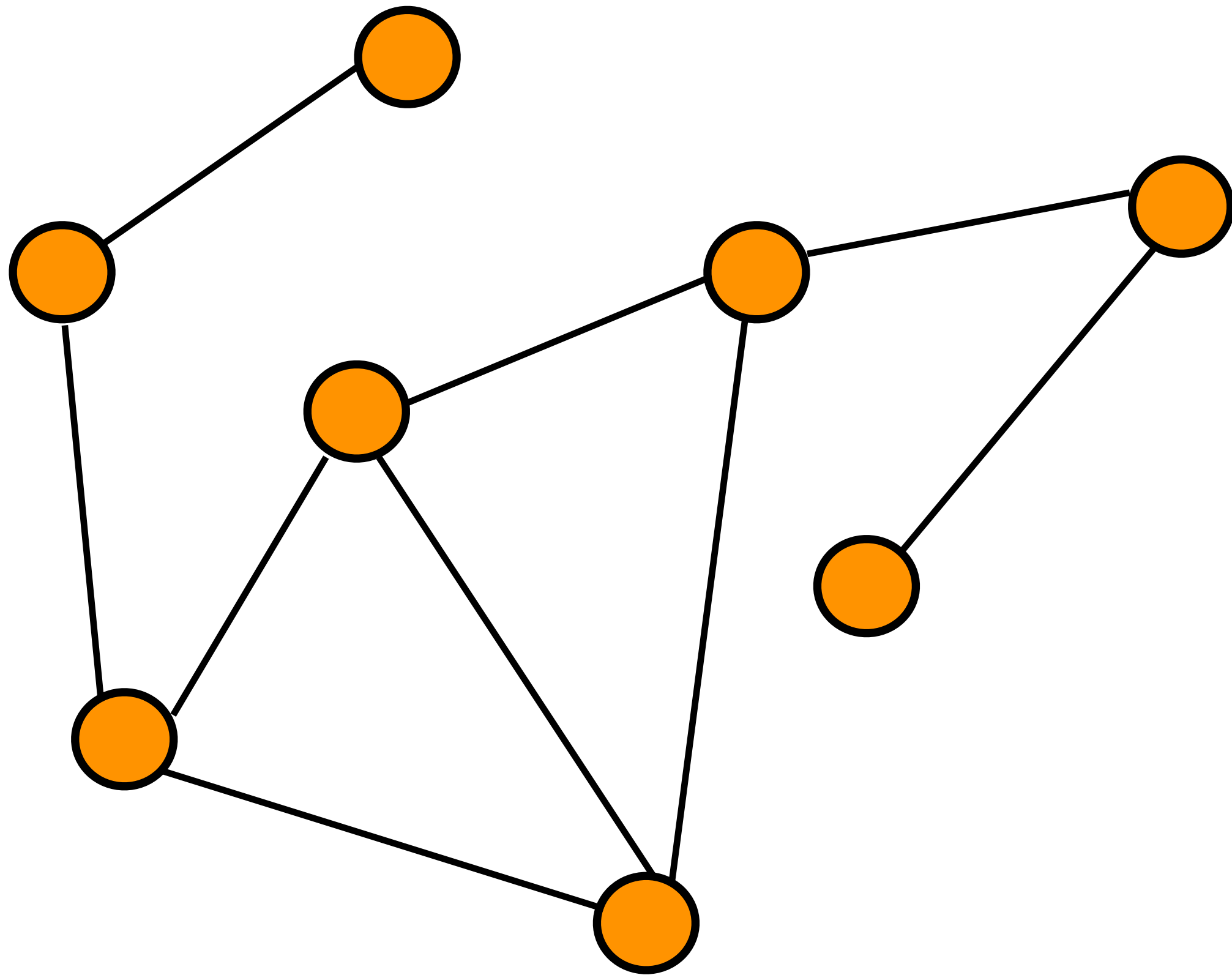
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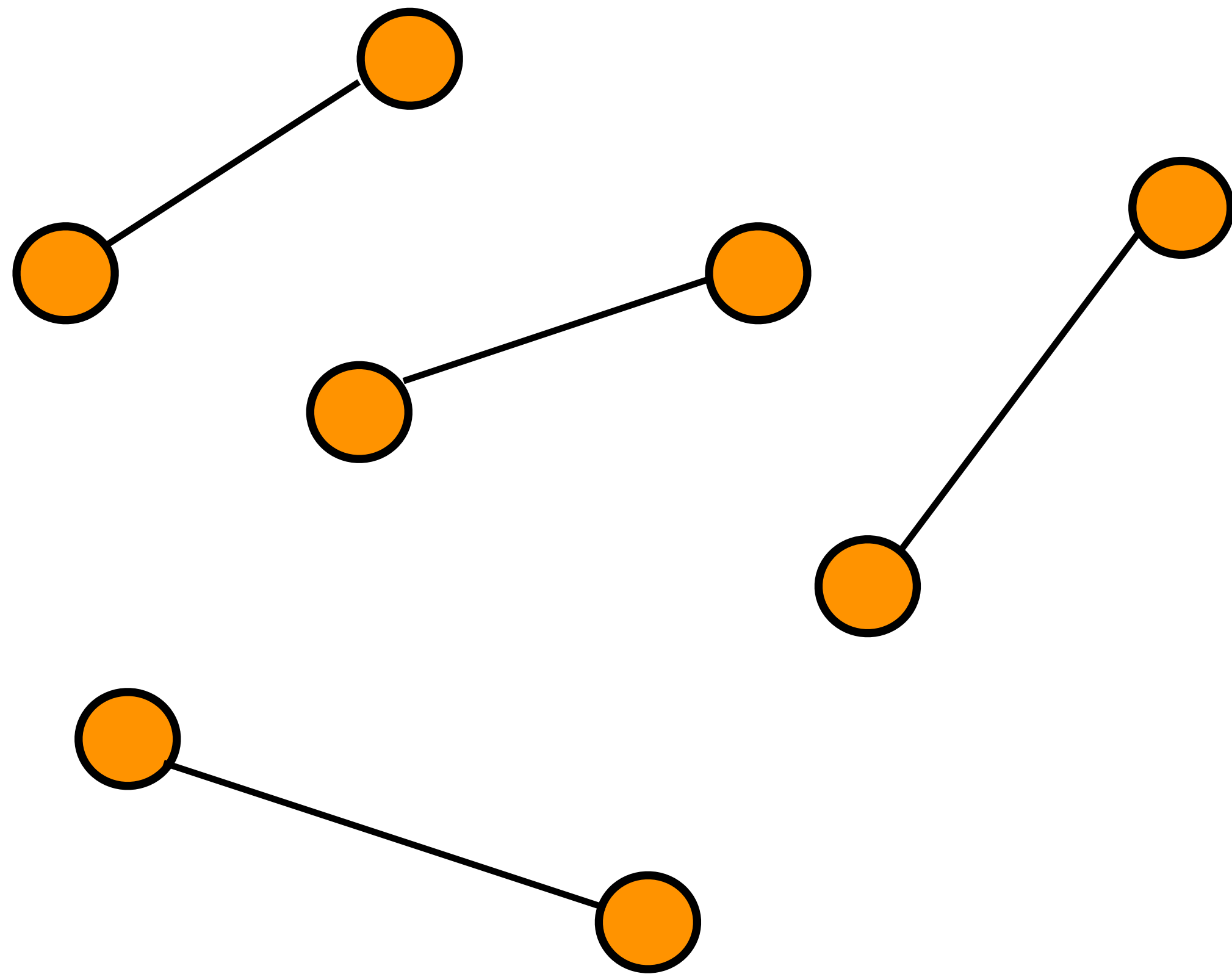
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$$G = (V, E)$$

$n$  vertices and  $m$  edges

# Matchings in Graphs



$M \subseteq E$  of edges

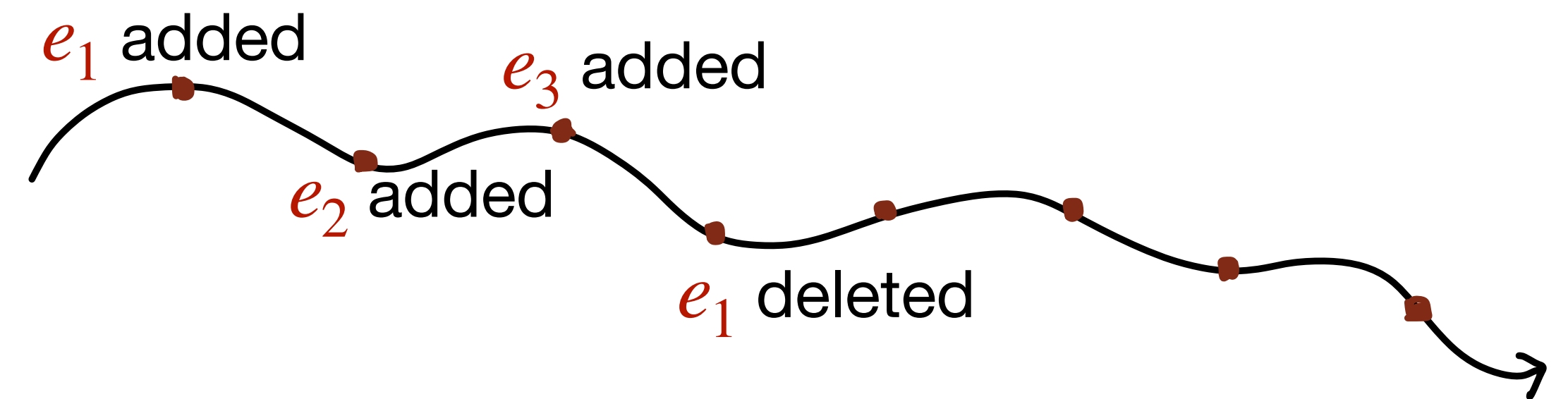
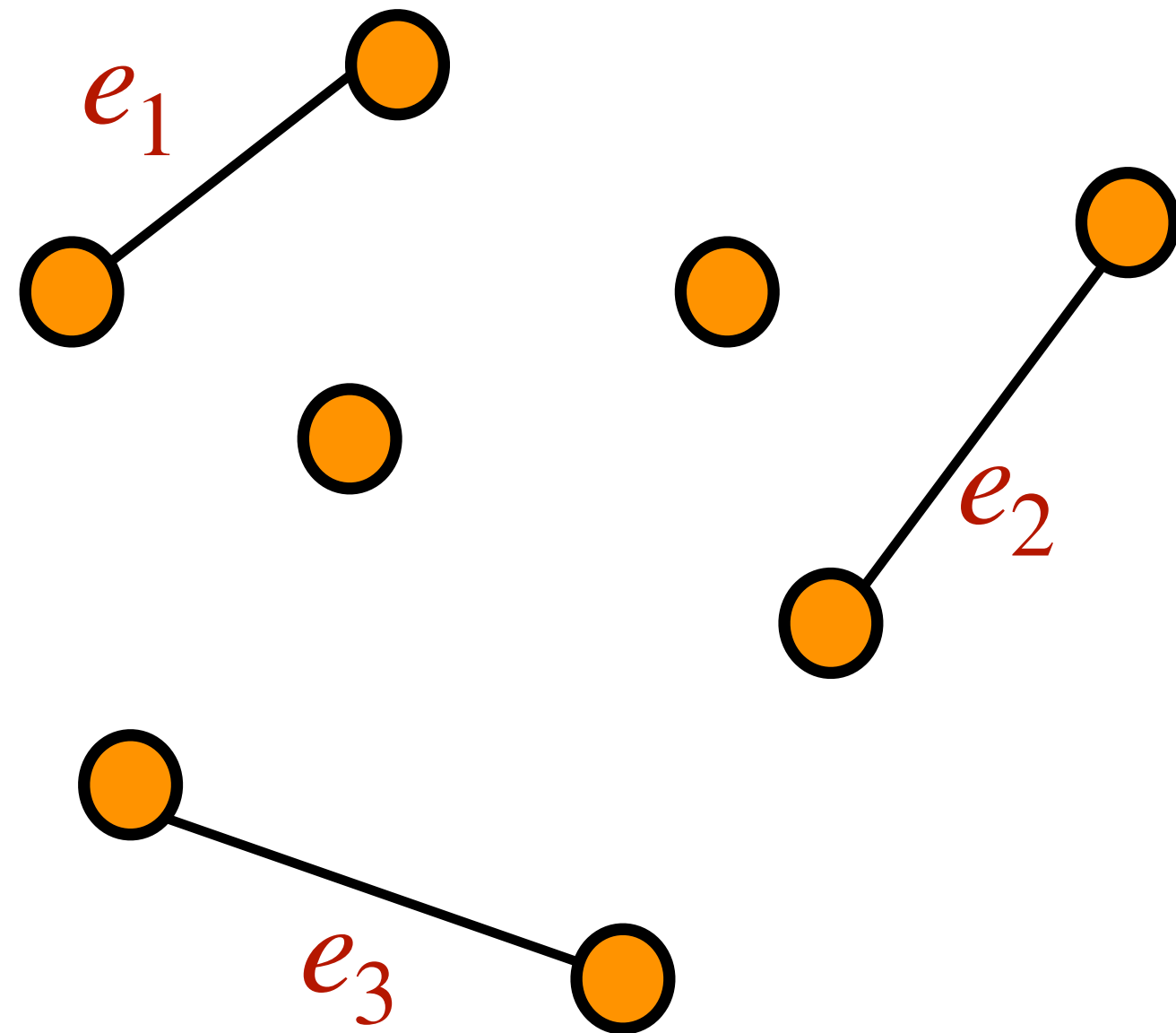
At most one edge  
incident to every vertex

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[Ahn-Guha-McGregor '12]

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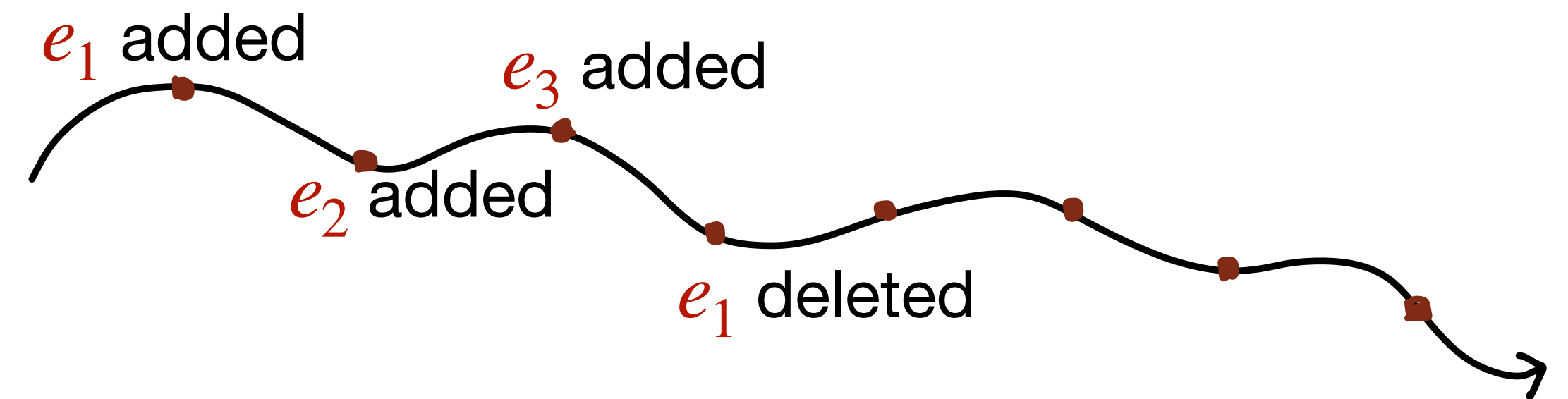
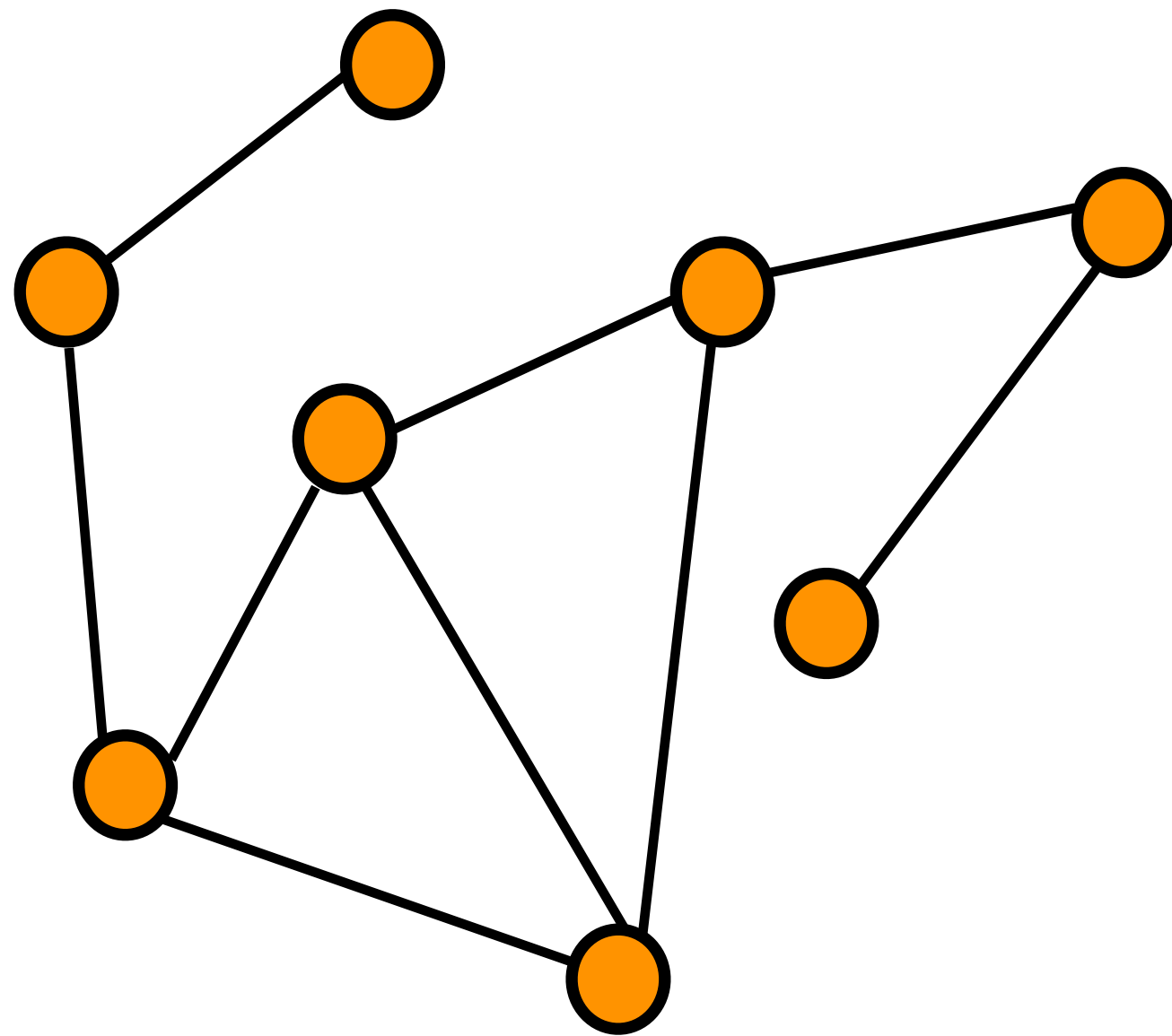
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Space:  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$

May be repeated for multiple passes

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# Matching in Dynamic Streams

- Multi-Pass Algorithms

[Ahn-Guha-McGregor '12, Ahn-Guha '15, Assadi '24]

- Single Pass Results

[Konrad '15, Chitnis-Cormode-Hajiaghayi-Monemizadeh '15, Assadi-Khanna-Li-Yaroslavtsev '16, Chitnis-Cormode-Esfandiari-Hajiaghayi-McGregor-Monemizadeh-Vorotnikova '16, Assadi-Khanna-Li '17, Dark-Konrad '20, Assadi-Shah '22]

Focus on  $O(1)$ -approx



# Boosting Approximation Ratio

Any algorithm for matching

[McGregor '05,  
Gamlath-Kale-Mitrovic-Svensson '19]

$O(1)$ -approximation

$p$  passes

$s$  space

Unweighted

$(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation

$O_\epsilon(p)$  passes

$O_\epsilon(s)$  space

Weighted

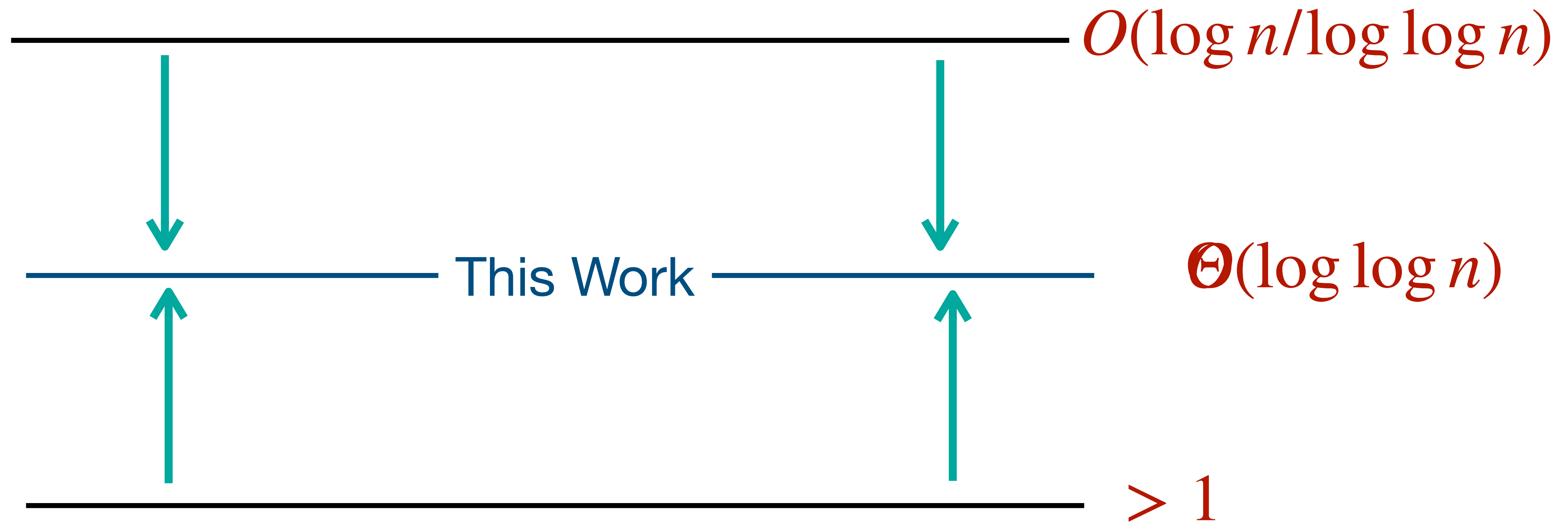
# Main Question

Number of passes?

Semi-streaming space:  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$        $O(1)$ -approximation ratio

# Prior Work on $O(1)$ -approx

[Lattanzi-Moseley-Suri-Vassilvitskii-11, Ahn-Guha-McGregor '12, Ahn-Guha '15, Assadi '24] Number of Passes



[Assadi-Khanna-Li-Yaroslavtsev '16, Dark-Konrad '20]

# Our Results

In  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$  space, there is an  $O(\log \log n)$ -pass algorithm for  $O(1)$ -approximation of maximum matching.

Reminder: We can boost to  $(1 + \epsilon)$  for any constant  $\epsilon$

In  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$  space, for any constant  $c > 1$ , any  $c$ -approximation of maximum matching requires  $\Omega(\log \log n)$  passes.

# This Talk: Only Upper Bound

In  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$  space, there is a  $O(\log \log n)$ -pass algorithm for  $O(1)$ -approximation of maximum matching.

This is a sketching algorithm.

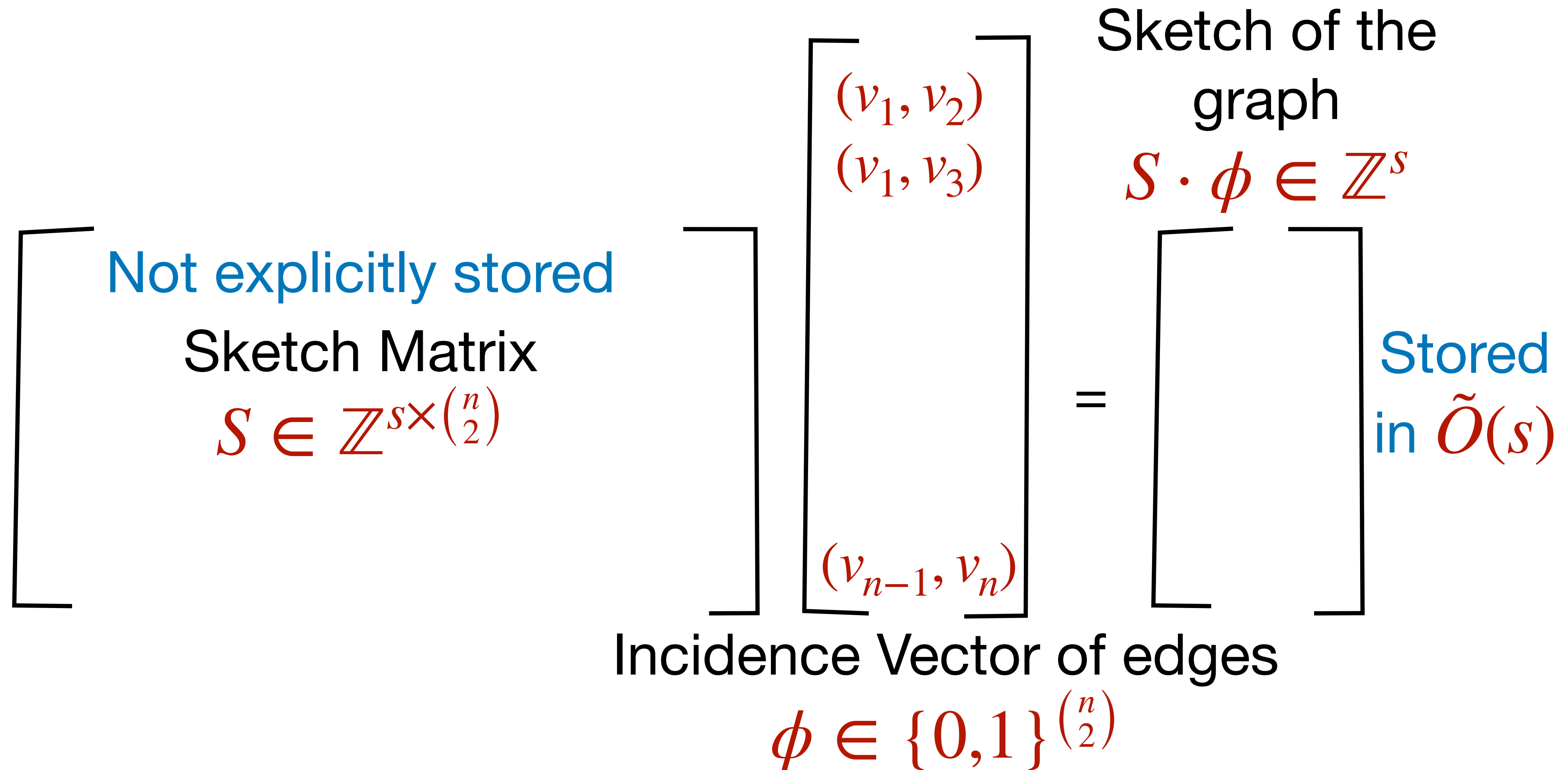
# Graph Sketching Technique

Sketch Matrix  
 $S \in \mathbb{Z}^{s \times \binom{n}{2}}$

Incidence Vector of edges  
 $\phi \in \{0, 1\}^{\binom{n}{2}}$

Sketch of the graph  
 $S \cdot \phi \in \mathbb{Z}^s$

# Graph Sketching Technique



# For one Edge Insertion or Deletion

$$S \cdot \phi_1 + S \cdot \phi_2 = S \cdot (\phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

Sketch of current graph

Update

Sketch of updated graph

Just find  $S \cdot \phi_{\text{update}}$  and add to current sketch



# Multi-Round Adaptive Sketching

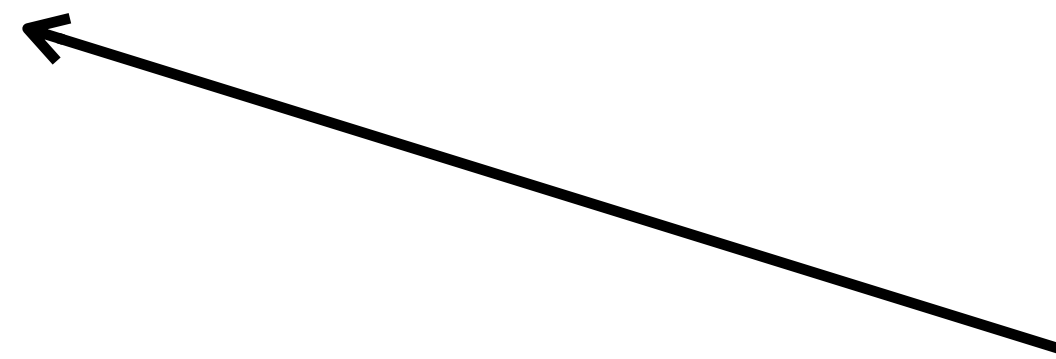
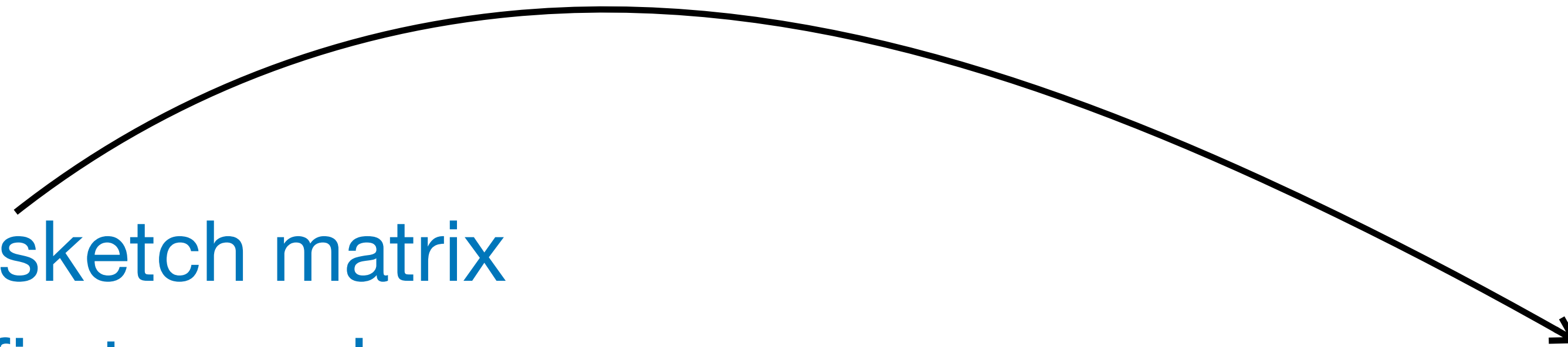
Decide on sketch matrix  
 $S_1$  for first round

Get sketch of graph  $S_1 \cdot \phi$

Continue for next round

Decide next sketch matrix  $S_2$   
for second round  
based on  $S_1 \cdot \phi$

$r$ -round adaptive sketching gives  
 $r$ -pass dynamic streaming algorithm



# Sketching Algorithm

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Adaptive sketching algorithm

$\tilde{O}(n)$ -size sketches

$O(\log \log n)$ -rounds

# Implication for MPC model

[Czumaj-Lacki-Madry-Mitrovic-Onak-Sankowski '18,  
Ghaffari-Gouleakis-Konrad-Mitrovic-Rubinfeld '18,  
Assadi-Bateni-Bernstein-Mirrokhni-Stein '19,  
Behnezhad-Hajiaghayi-Harris '19]

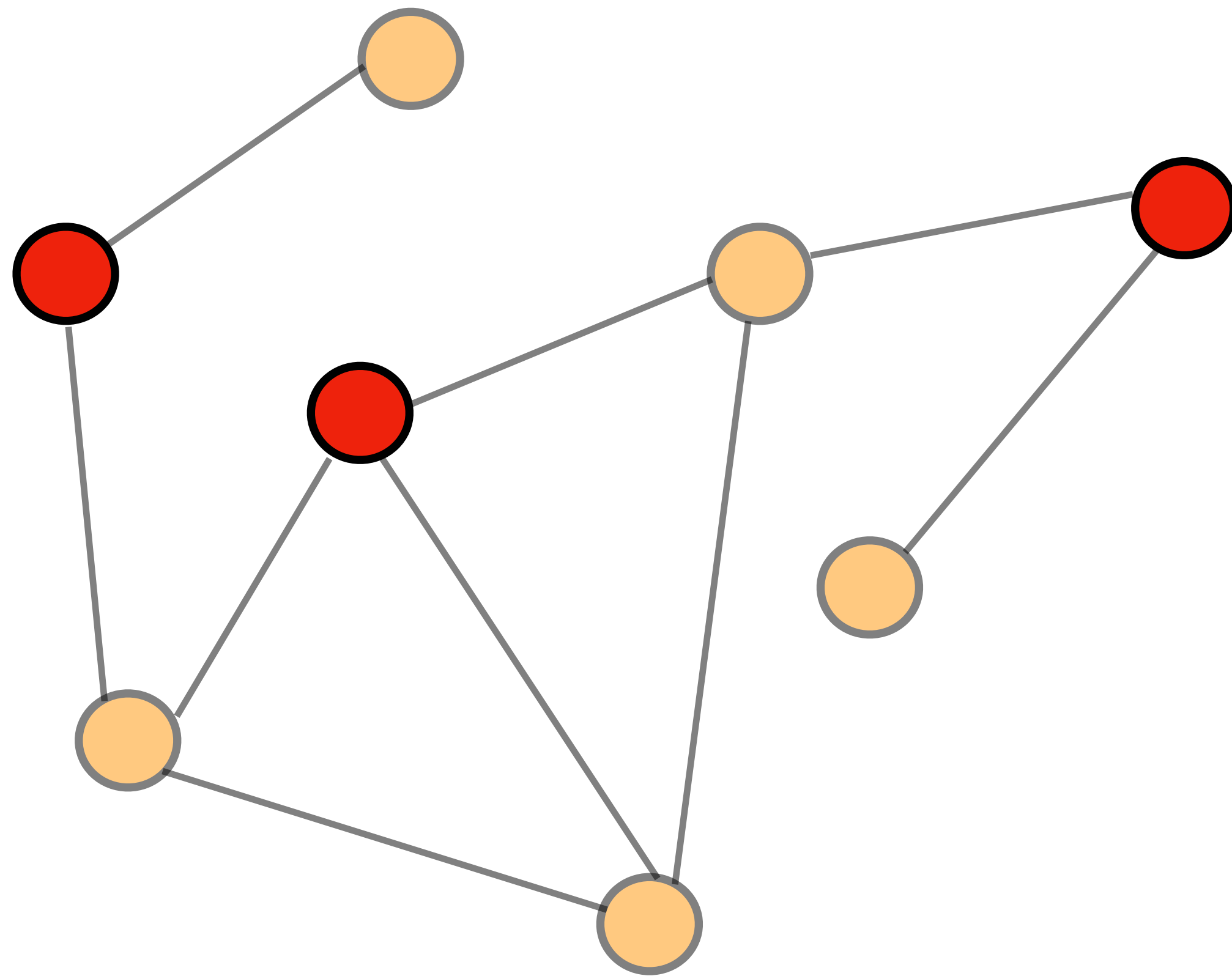
MPC algorithm with machines of  $\tilde{O}(n)$  memory and  
 $\tilde{O}(n)$  working memory in  $O(\log \log n)$  rounds

# Our Techniques

# One Phrase Summary

Connection between Matching and Maximal Independent Sets

# Maximal Independent Set (MIS)

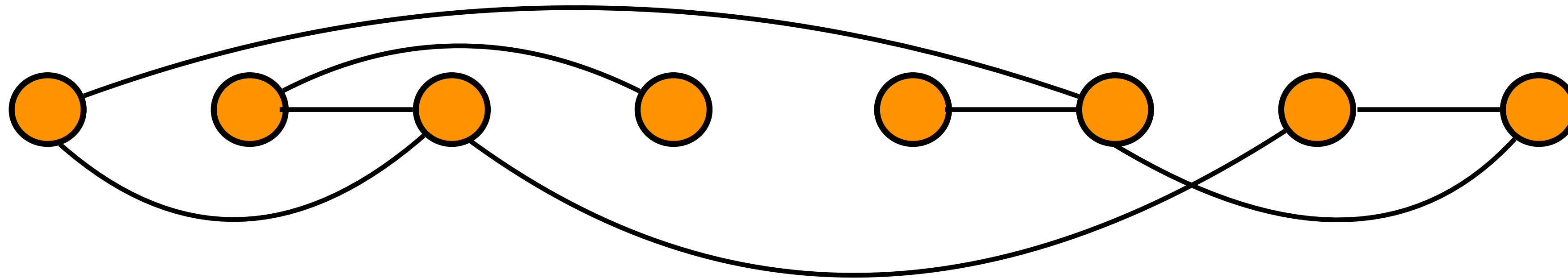


Any independent set  
which is NOT a proper subset  
of another independent set

Finding them is easy!

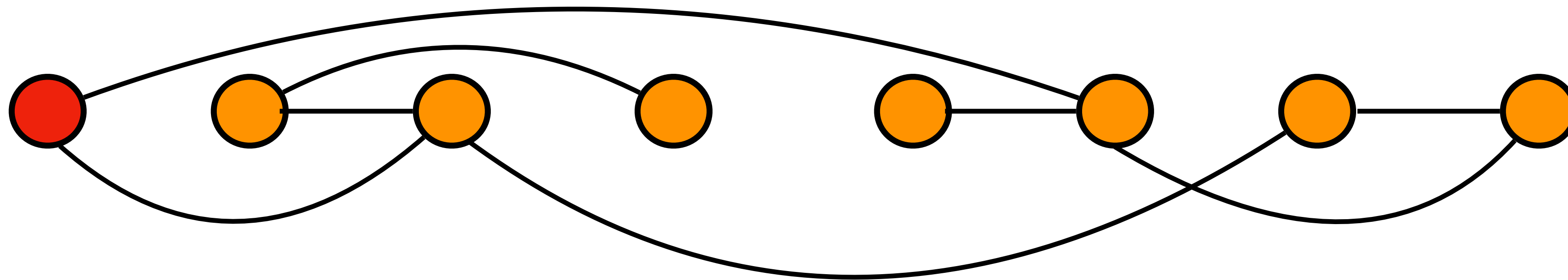
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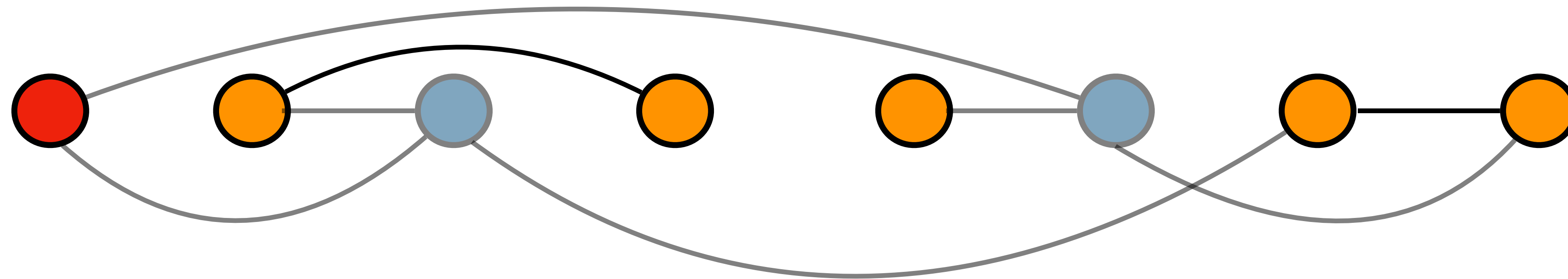
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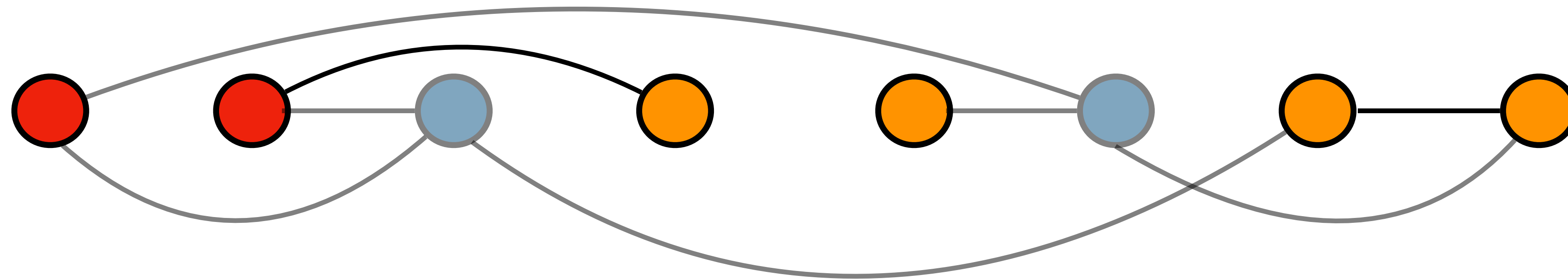
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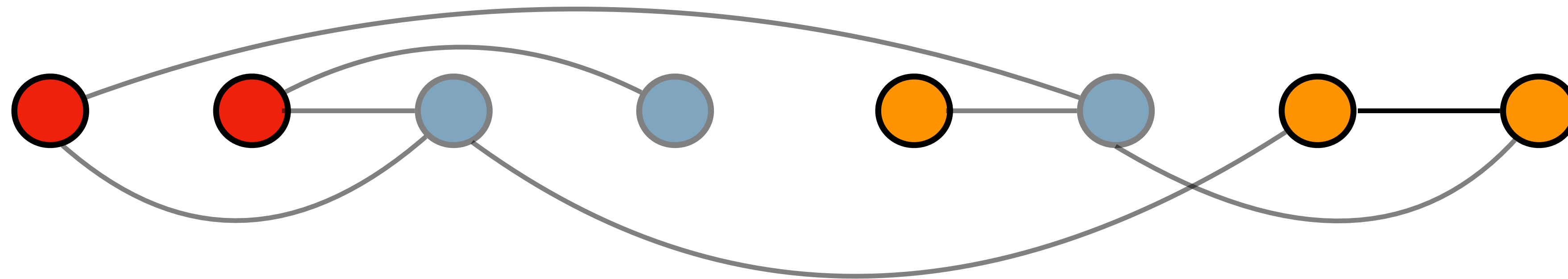
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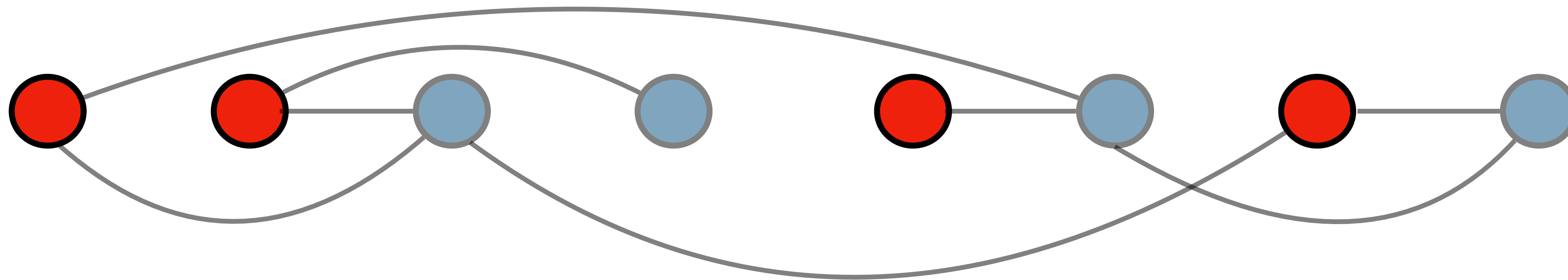
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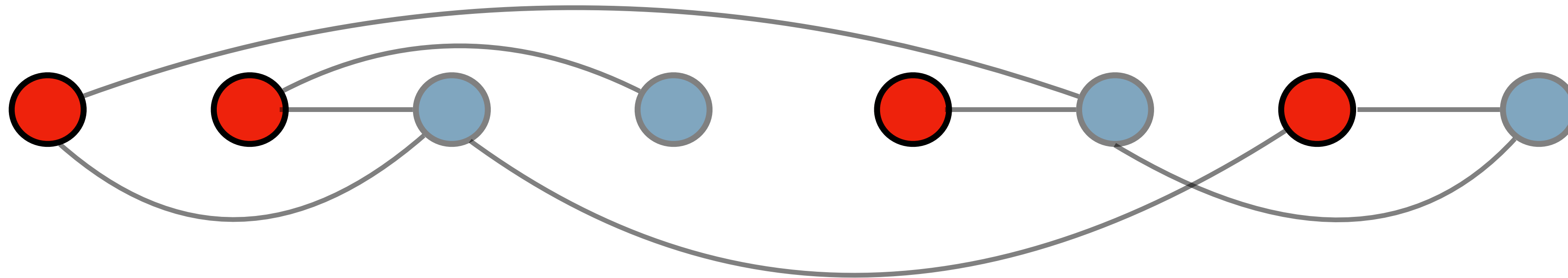
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Can be implemented in  $O(\log \log n)$ -passes in  $\tilde{O}(n)$  space

[Ahn-Cormode-Guha-McGregor-Wirth '15]

This is tight [Assadi-Konrad-Naidu-S '24]

**Back to Our Results ...**

# Our Results

MIS in  $O(\log \log n)$  passes  
[Ahn-Cormode-Guha-McGregor-Wirth '15]



$O(\log \log n)$  upper bound  
for matchings  
in dynamic streams

Machinery developed to  
prove  $\Omega(\log \log n)$  pass  
lower bound for MIS  
[Assadi-Konrad-Naidu-S '24]



$\Omega(\log \log n)$  lower bound  
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Insertion Only Streams



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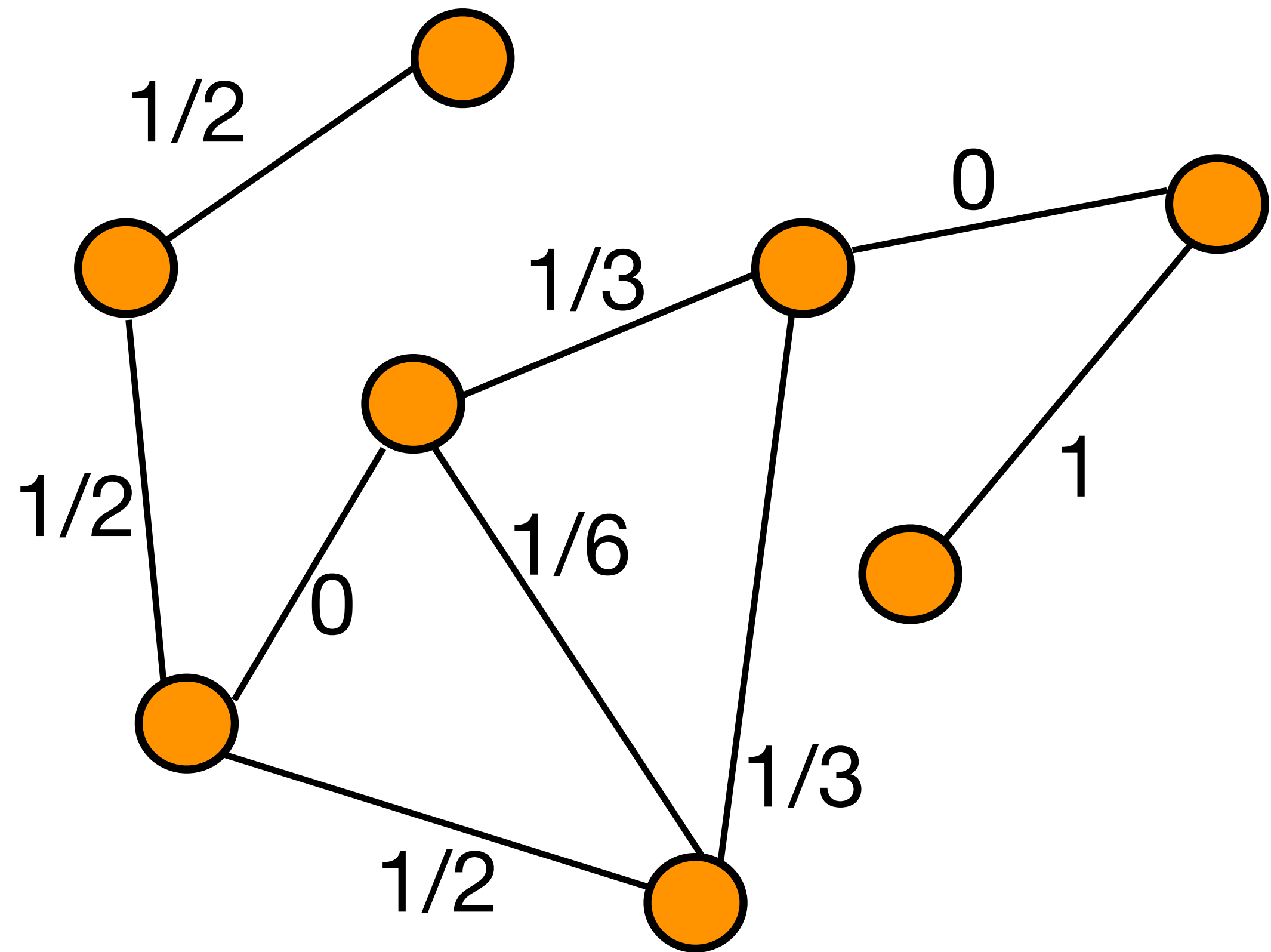
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# Fractional Matching

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Sample each edge w.p.  
 $x_e \cdot O(\log n)$  independently

Set of sampled edges  
contains  $O(1)$ -approx  
integral matching

Swallows integrality gap



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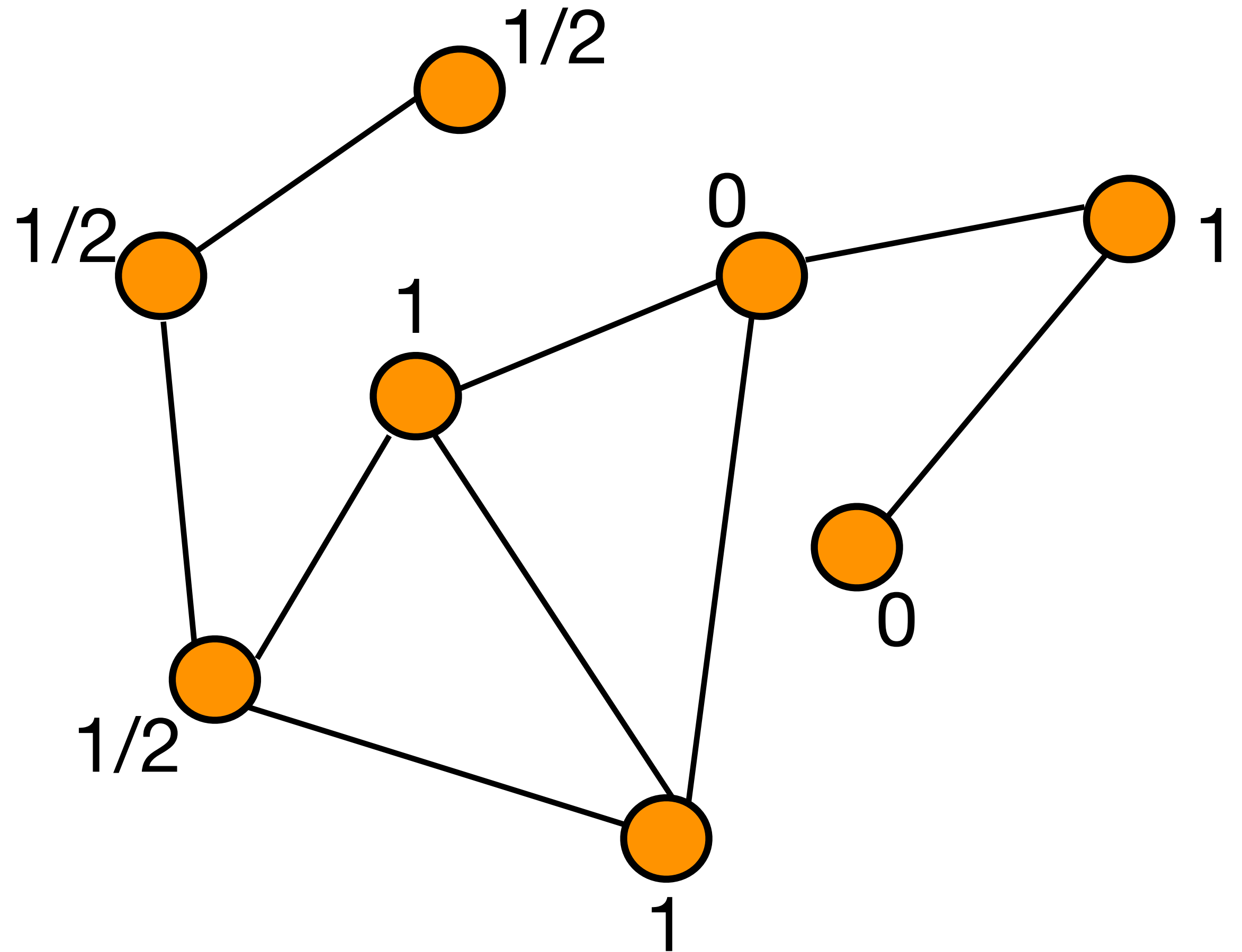
We try to find only  
a fractional matching

# Dual of Fractional Matching - Vertex Cover (VC)

$$\min \sum_u y_u$$

For all edges  $(u, v)$ ,  $y_u + y_v \geq 1$

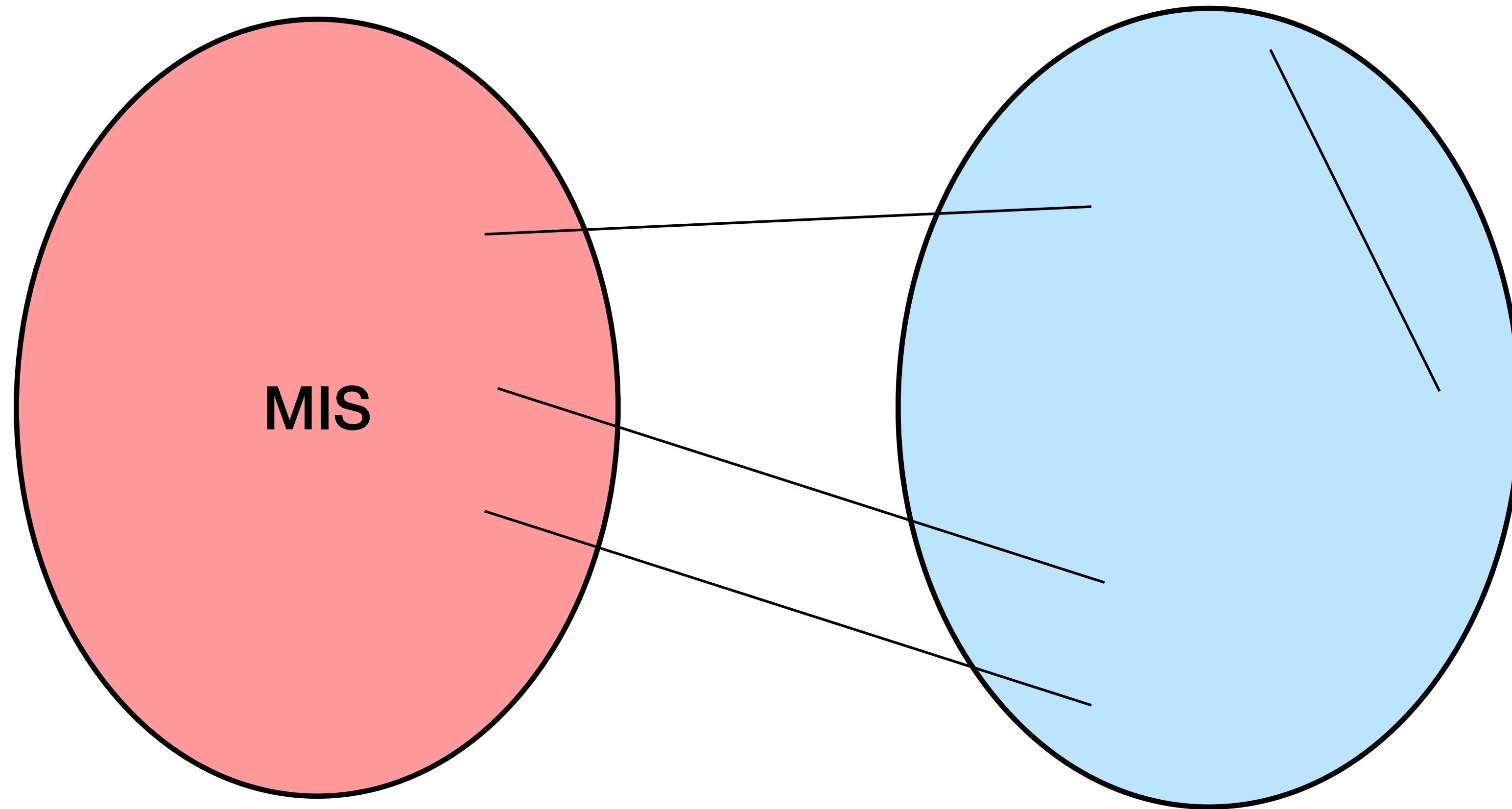
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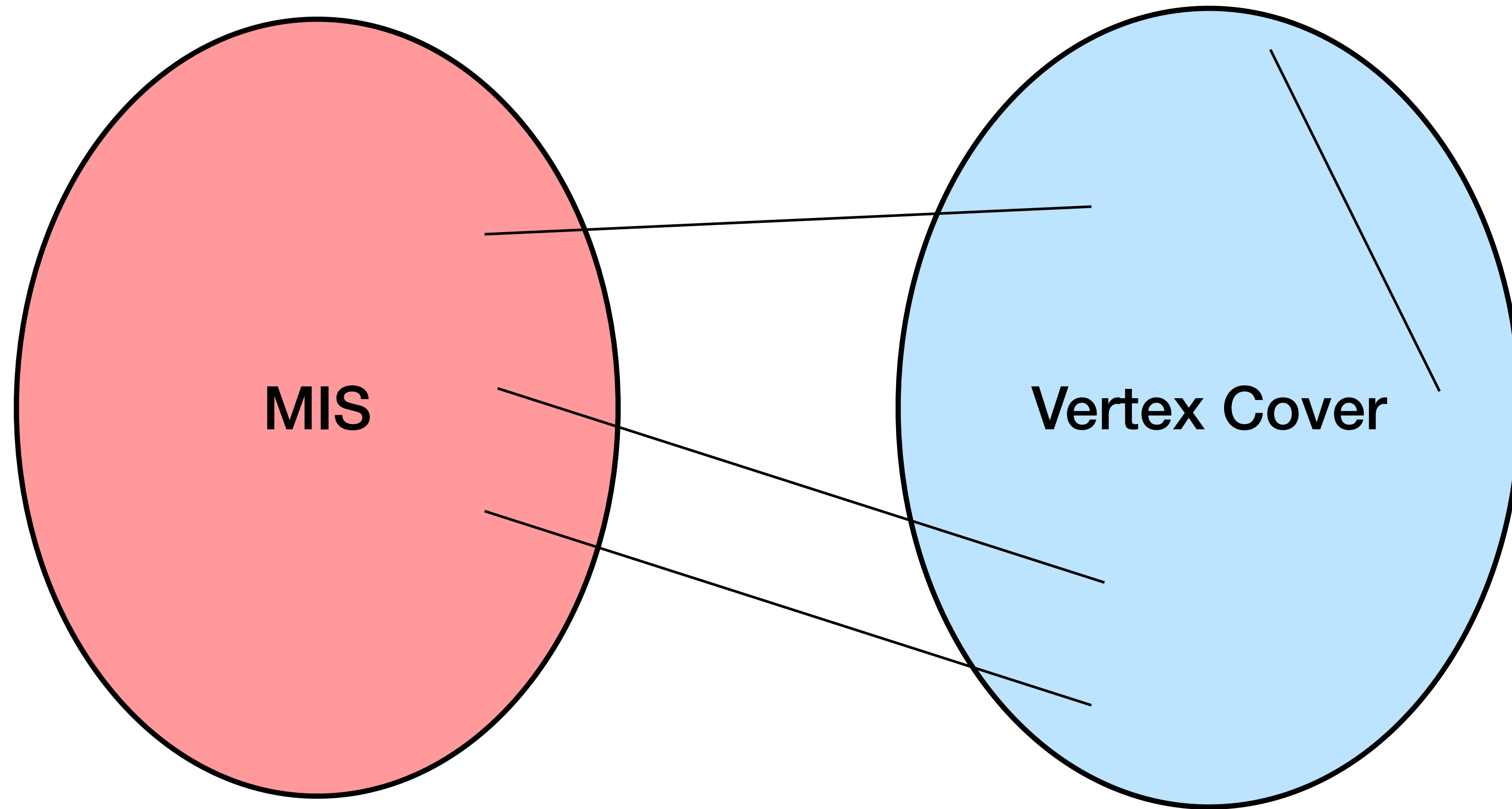
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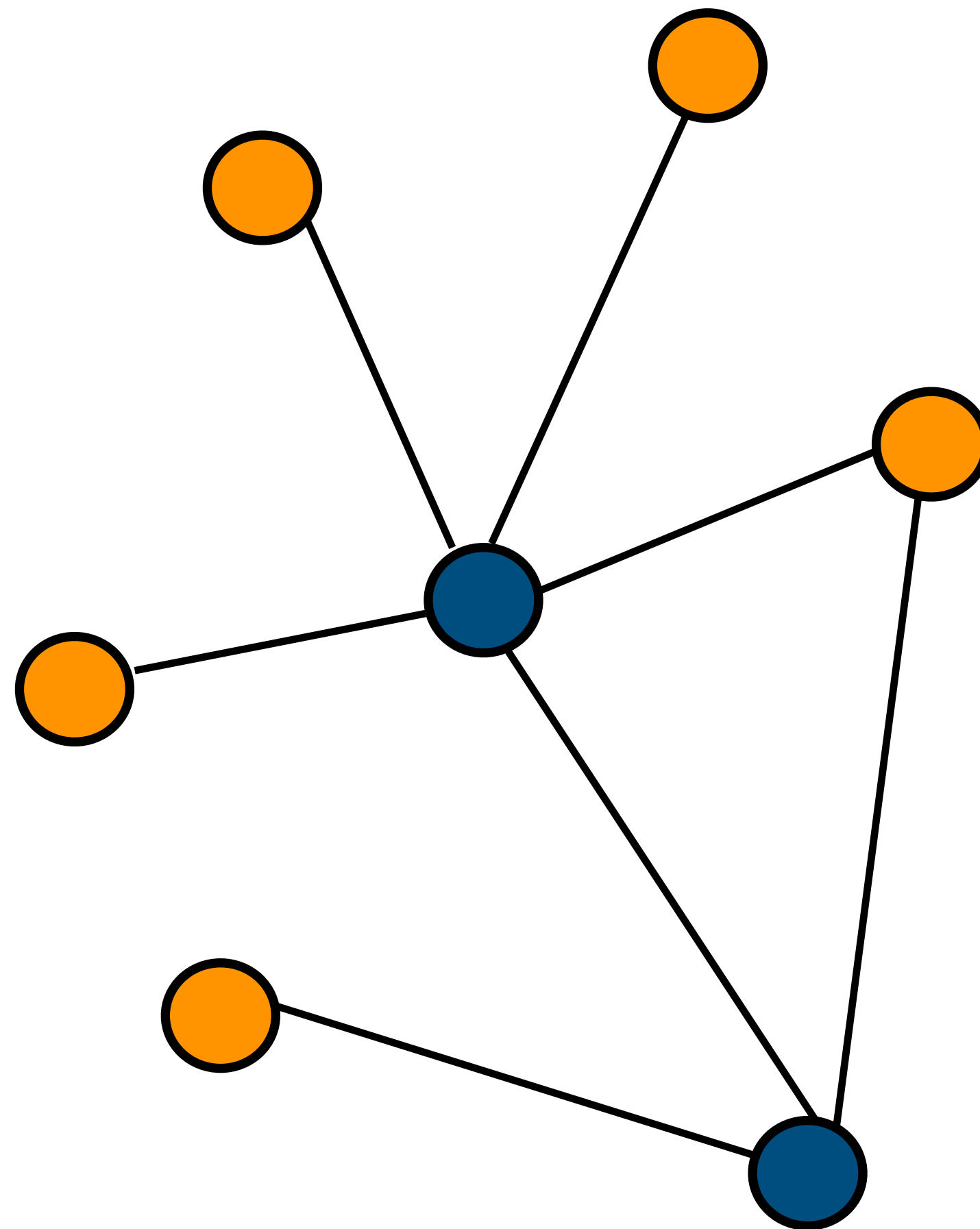
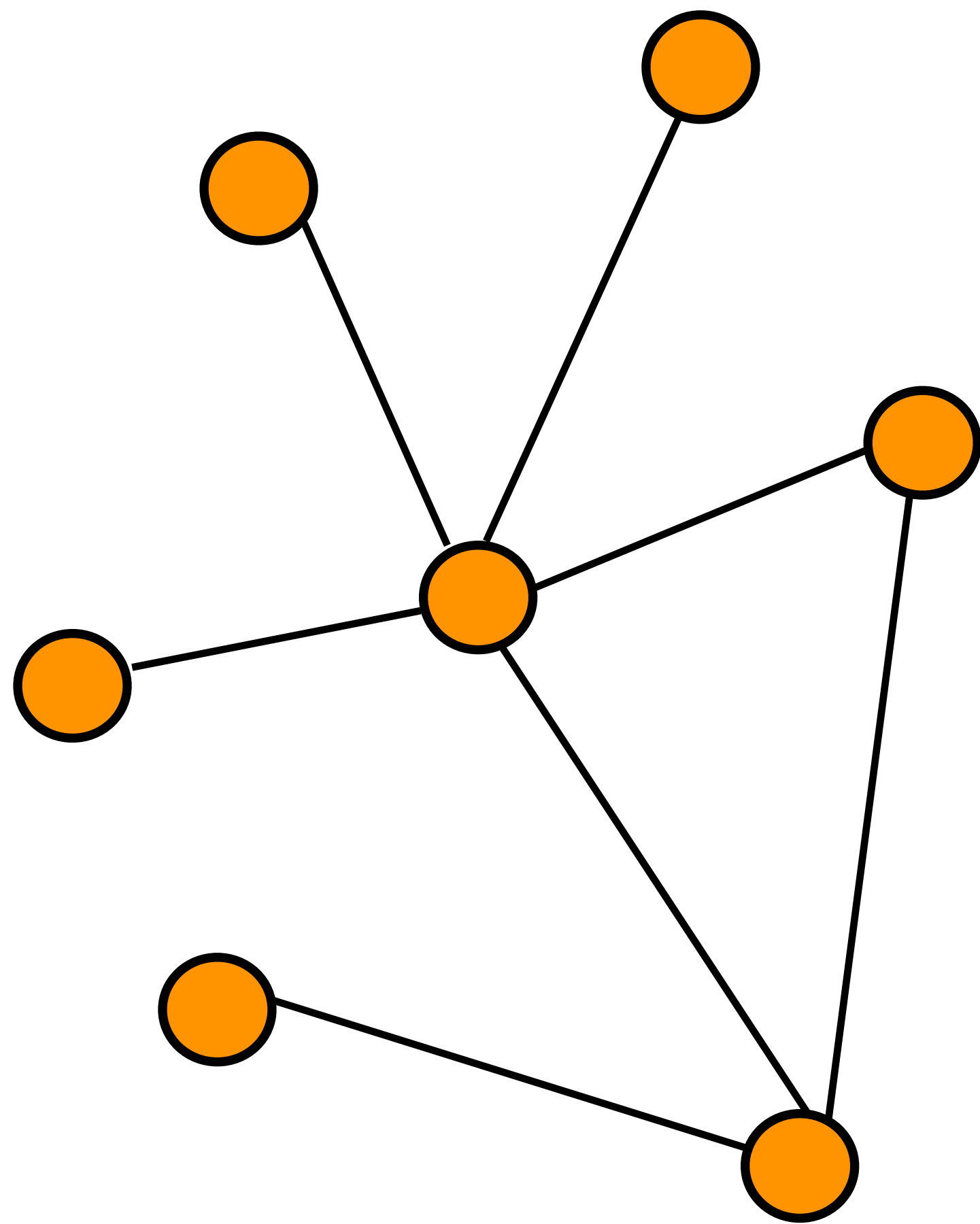


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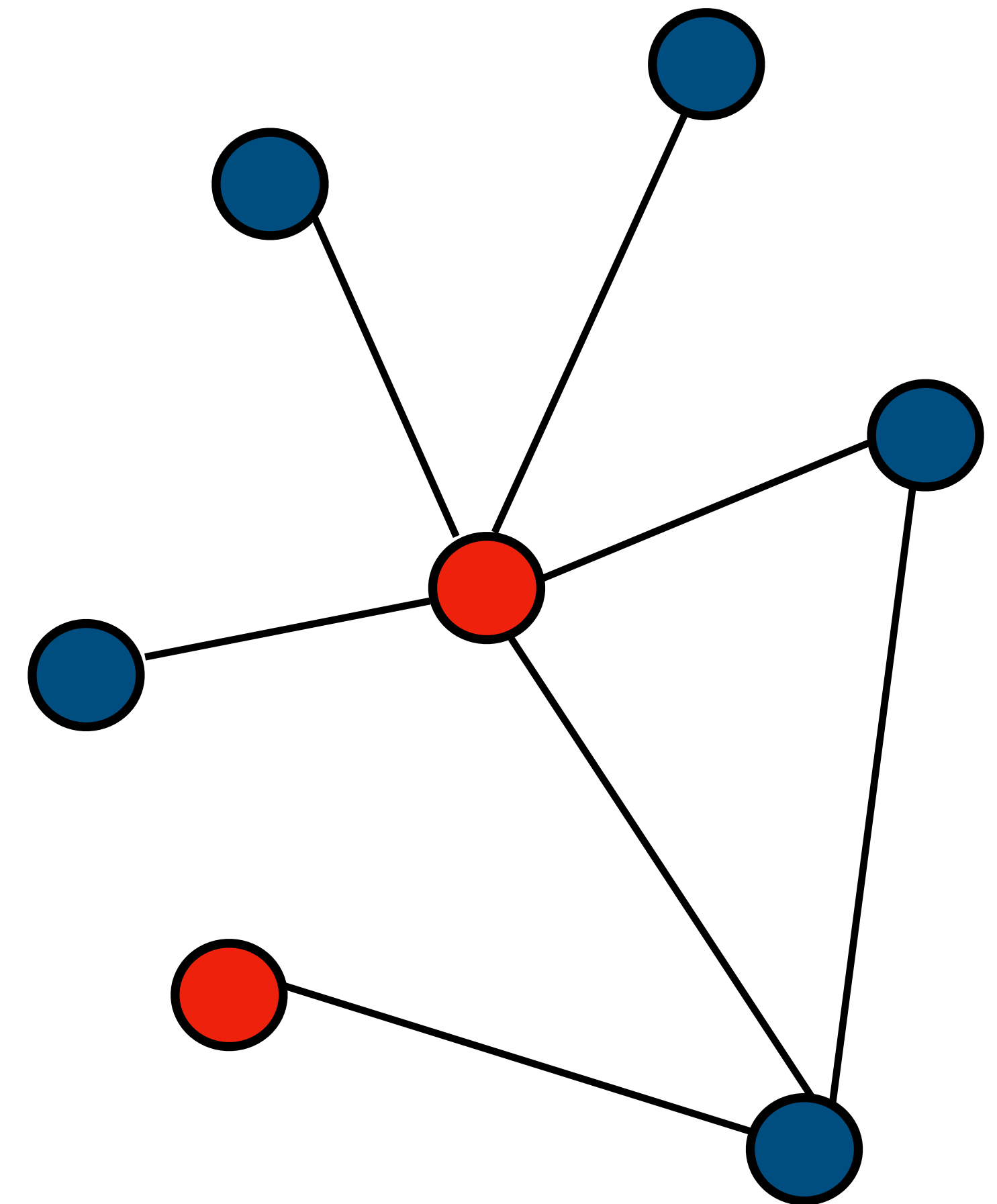


How good a vertex cover?

# Generally not a good VC



Minimum VC

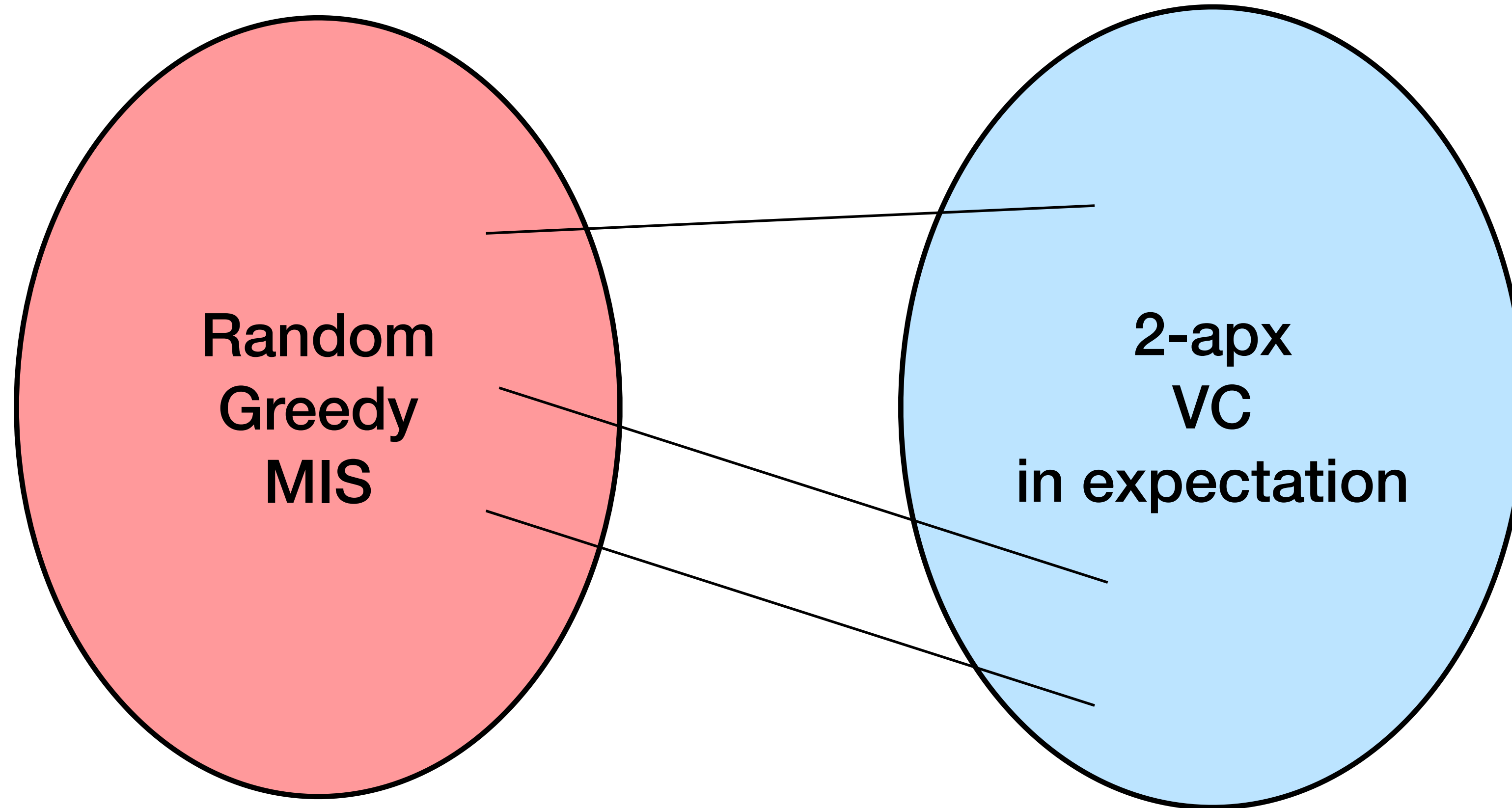


Complement of MIS

**How about Complement of  
RGMIS?**

# Random Greedy MIS (RGMIS) - 2- $\text{apx}$ VC

[Veldt '24]



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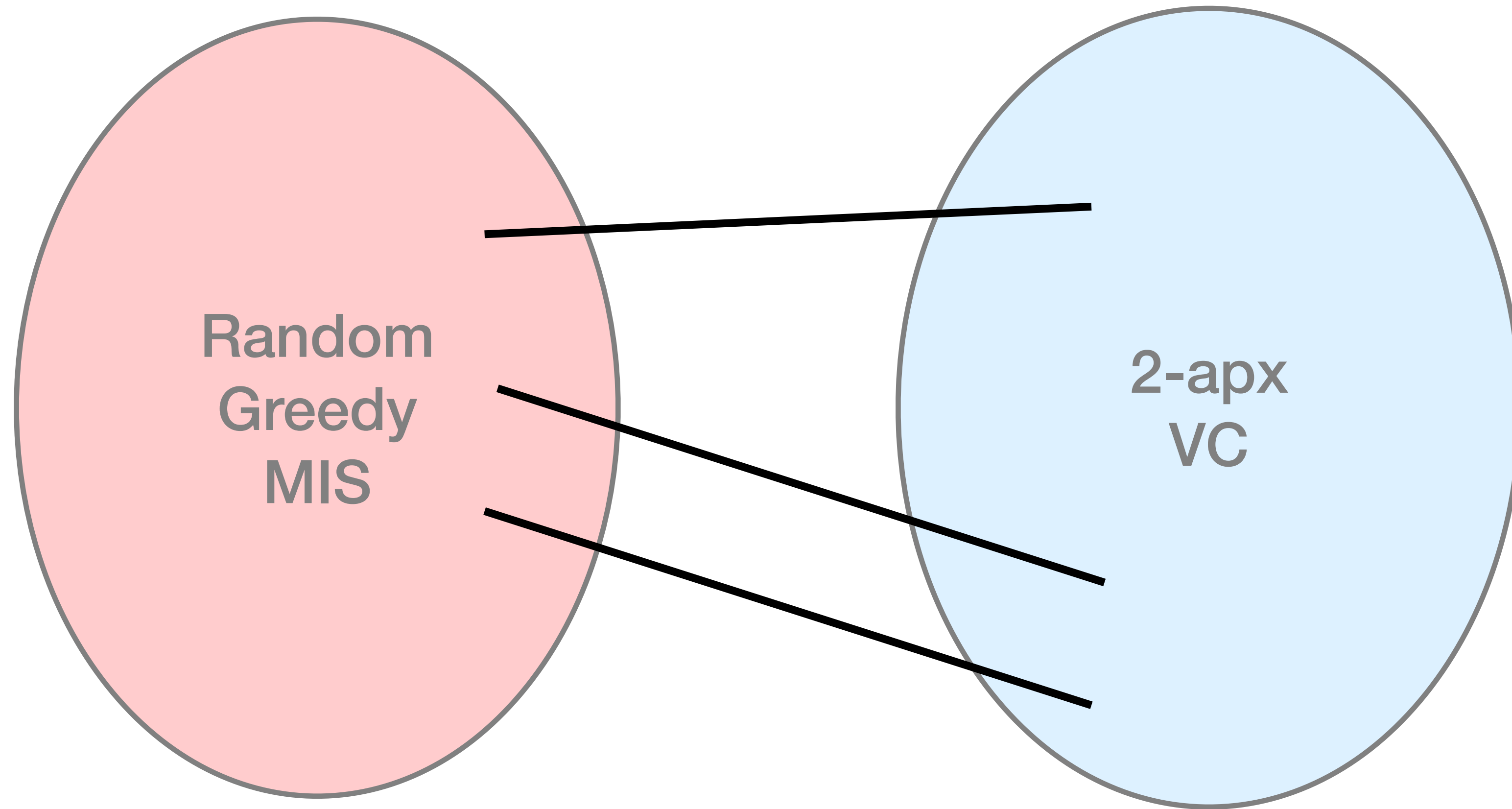
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This gives a 2-approx VC in expectation!

By an application of LP Duality

# Proof of [Veldt '24]



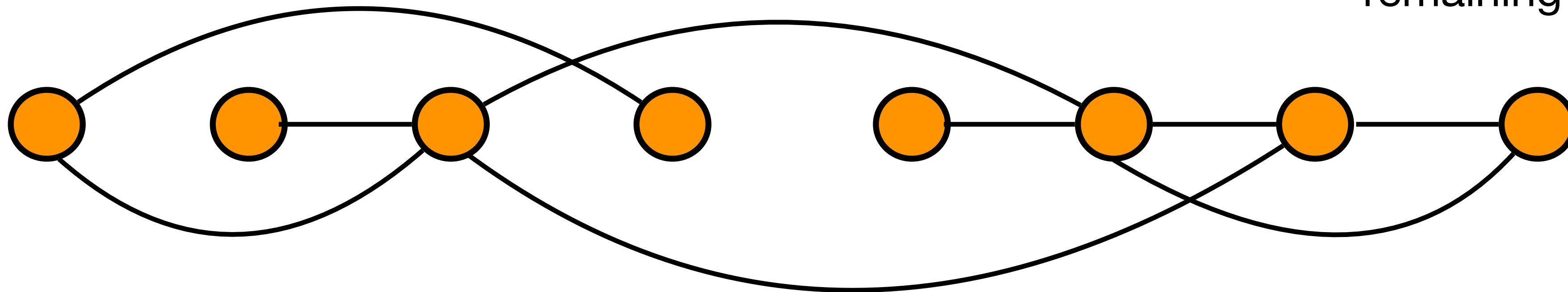
Focus on edges which “send” vertices to VC



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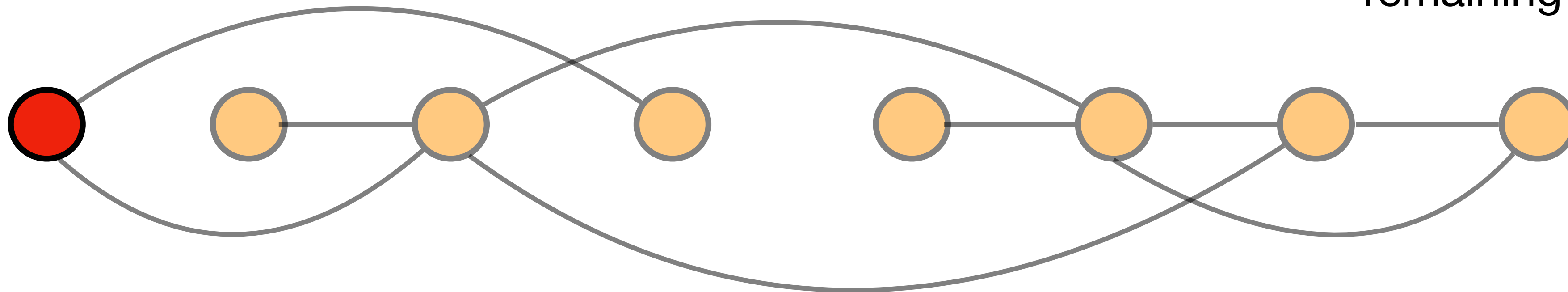
Process vertices in the order of the permutation

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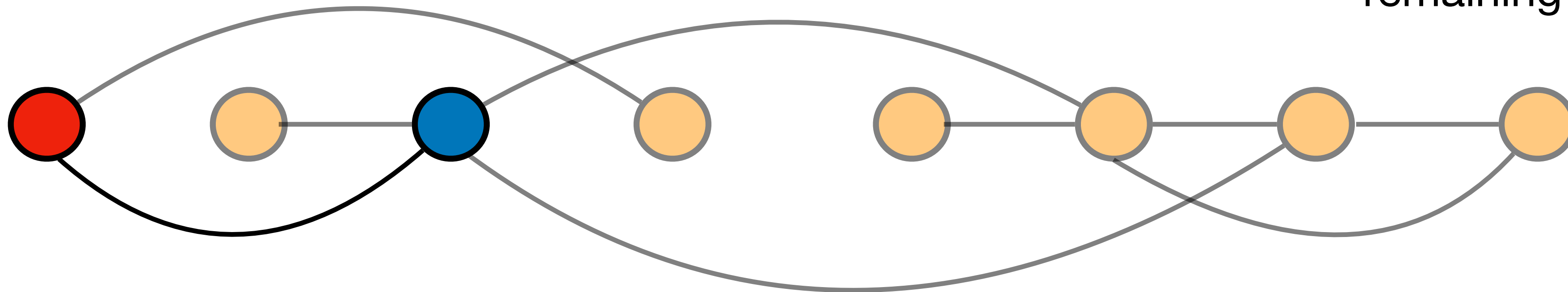
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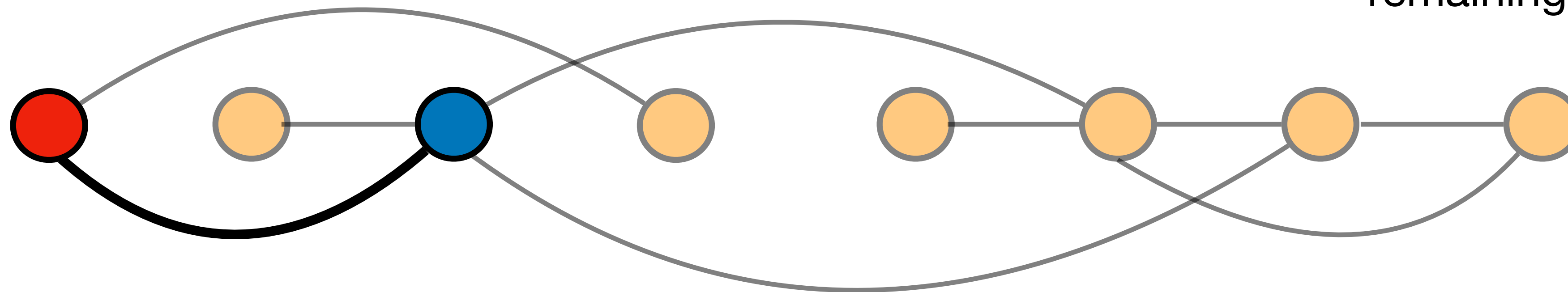
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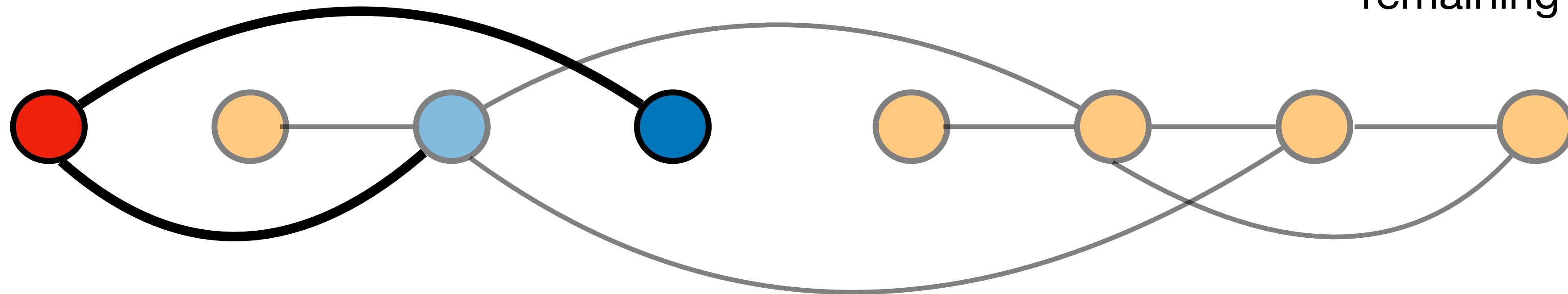
Edge which sends the blue vertex to VC



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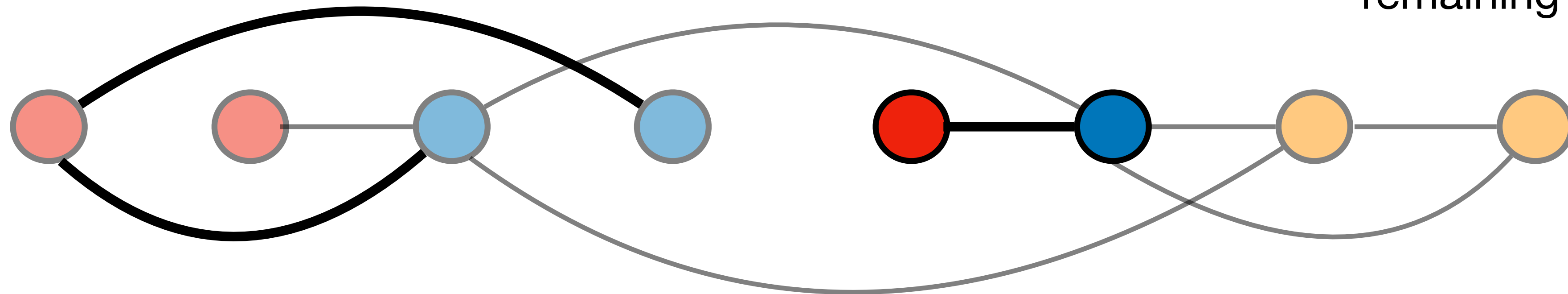
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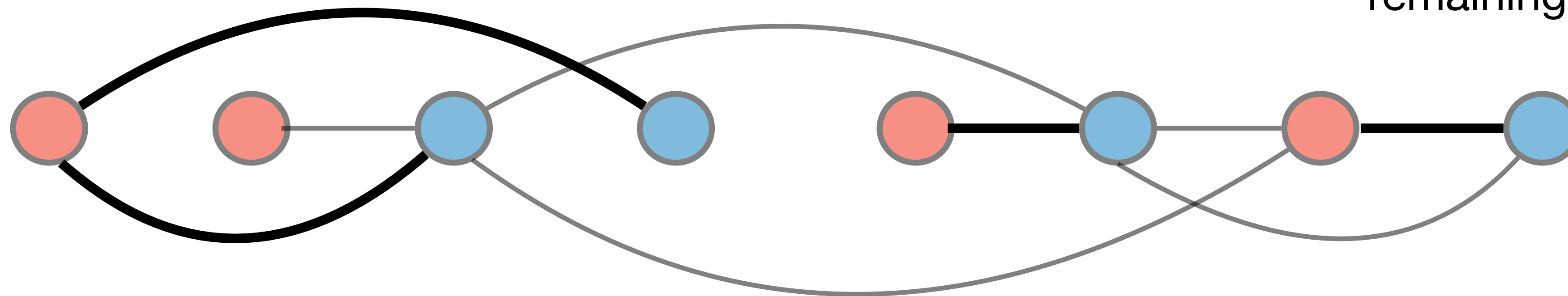
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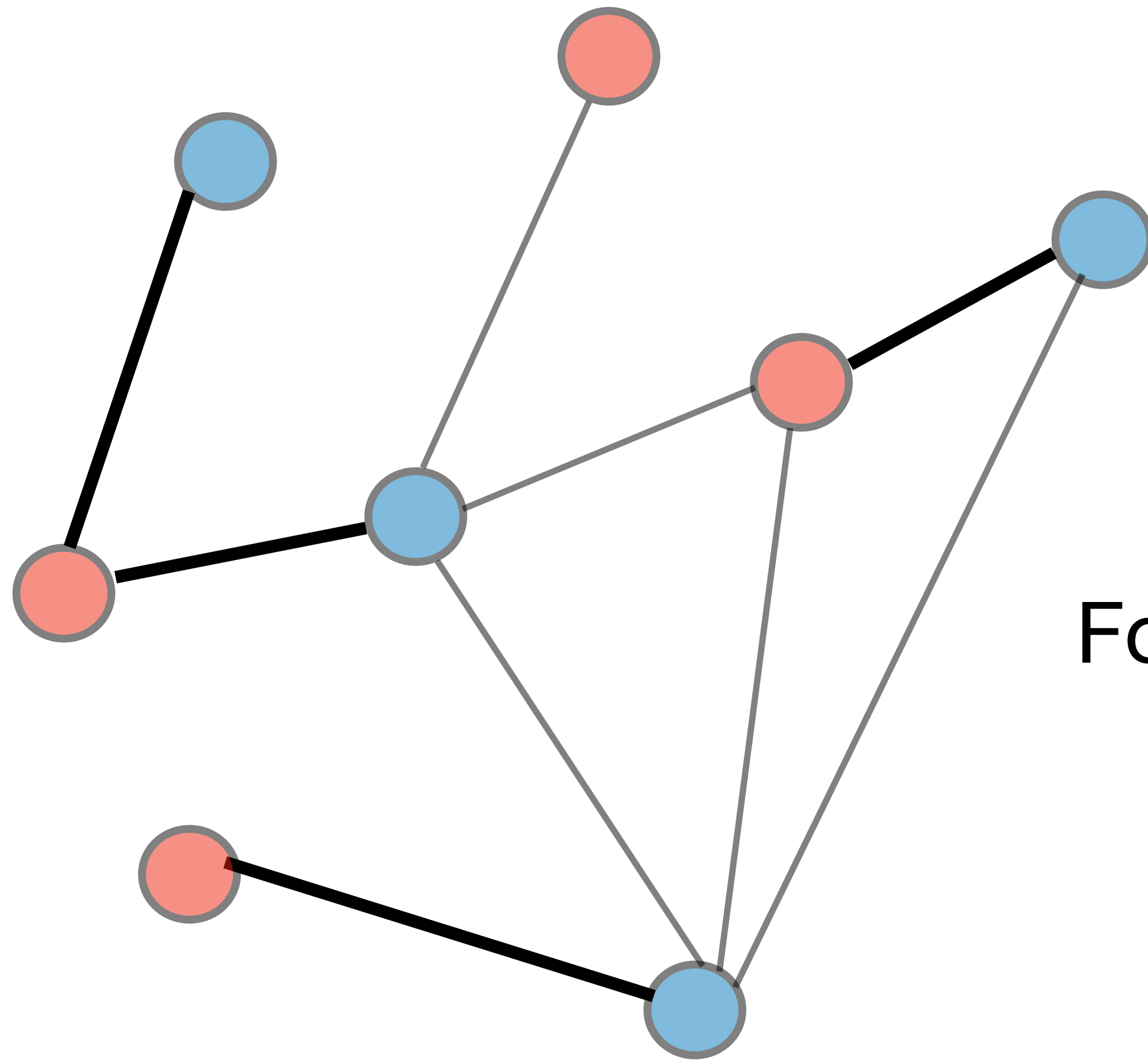
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After we process:



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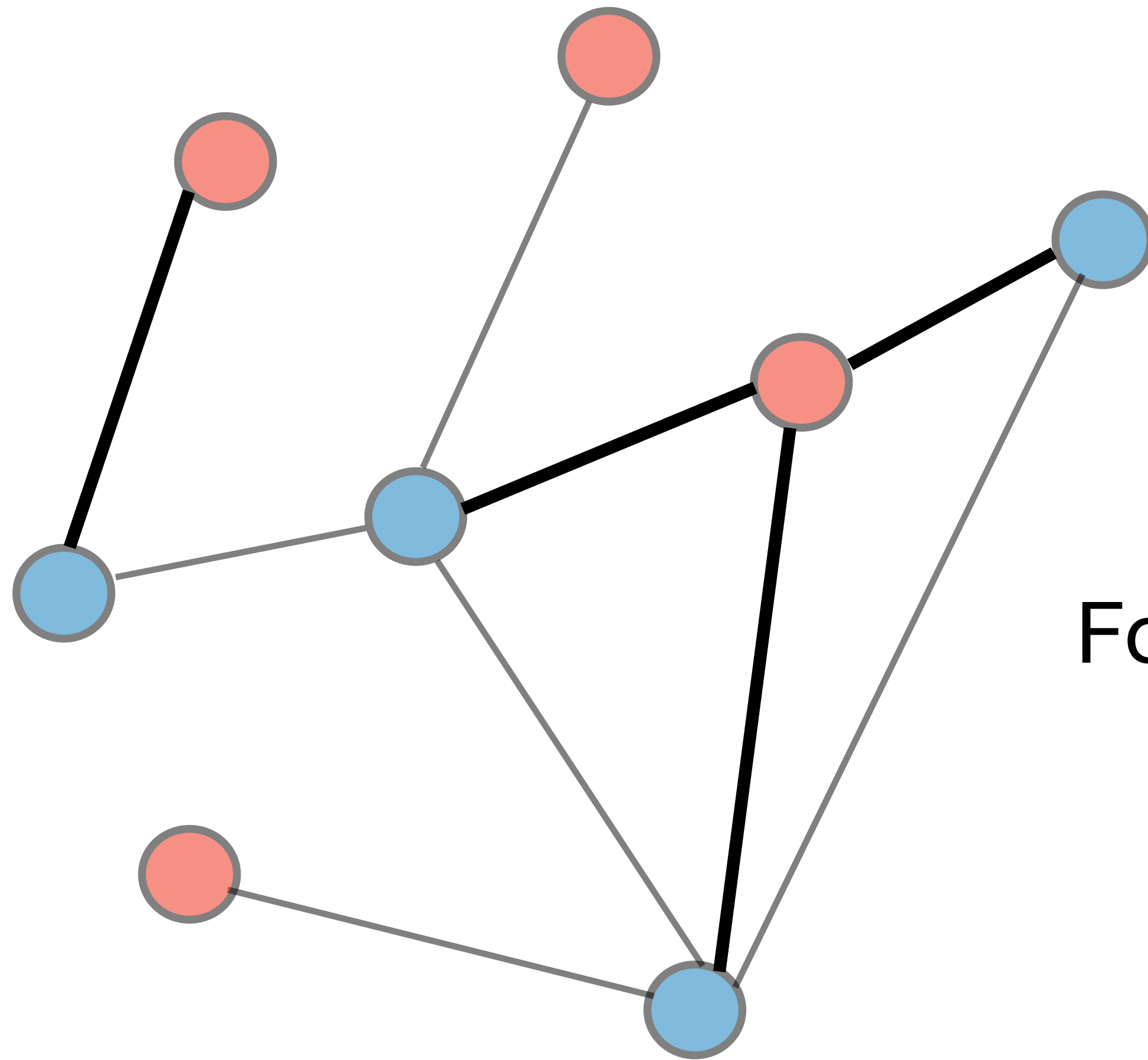
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Focus on edges which “send” vertices to VC

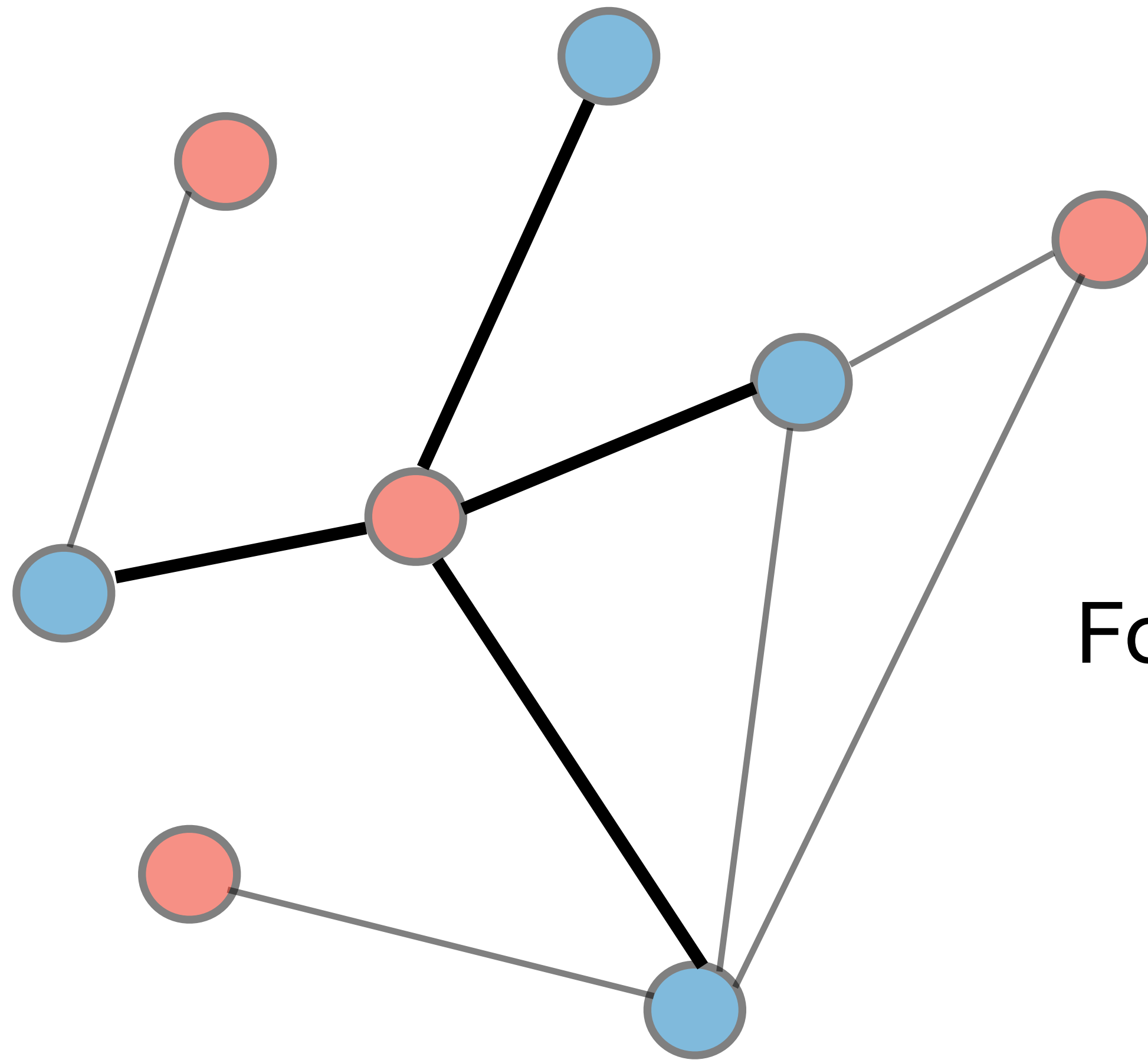


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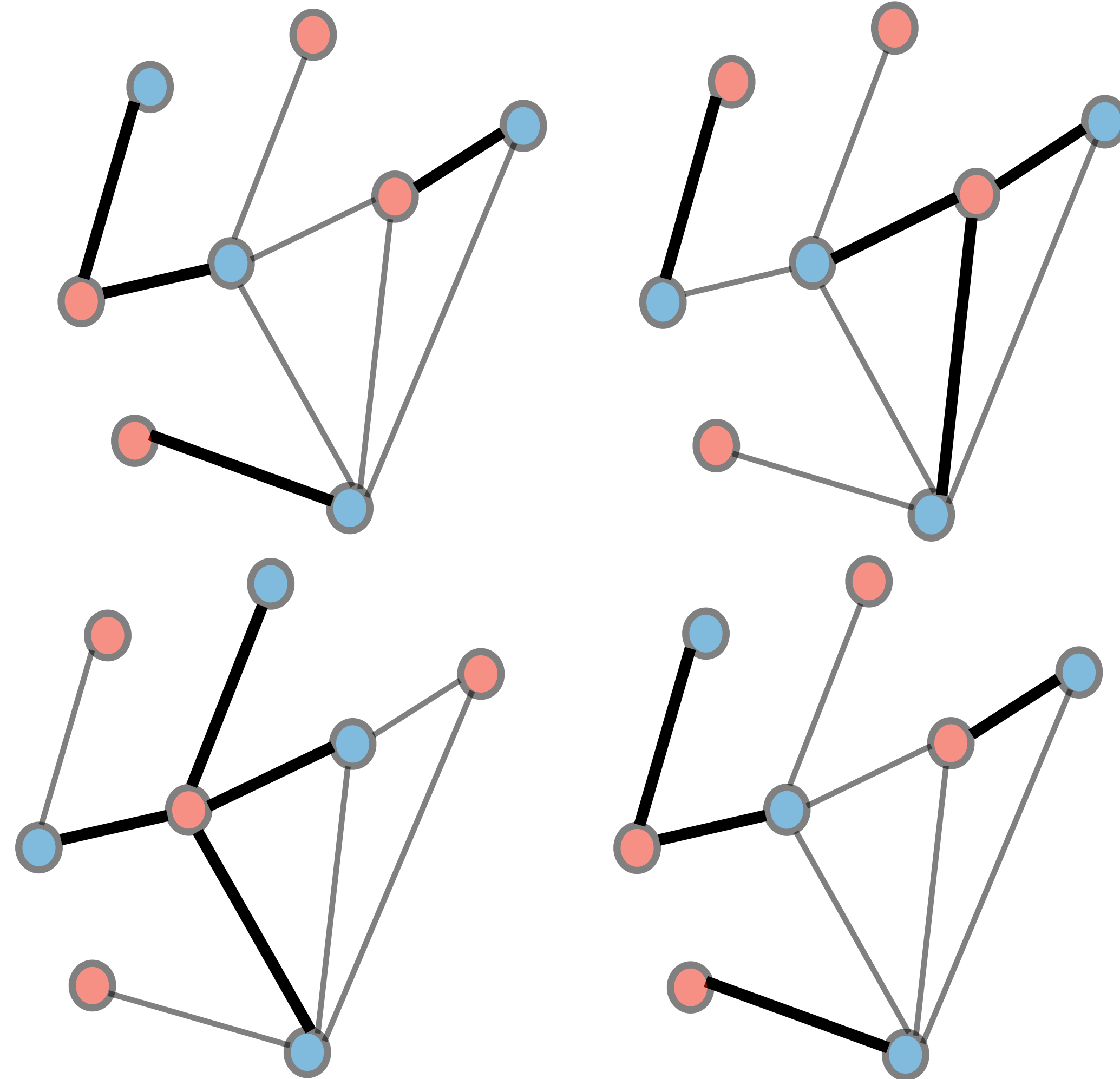
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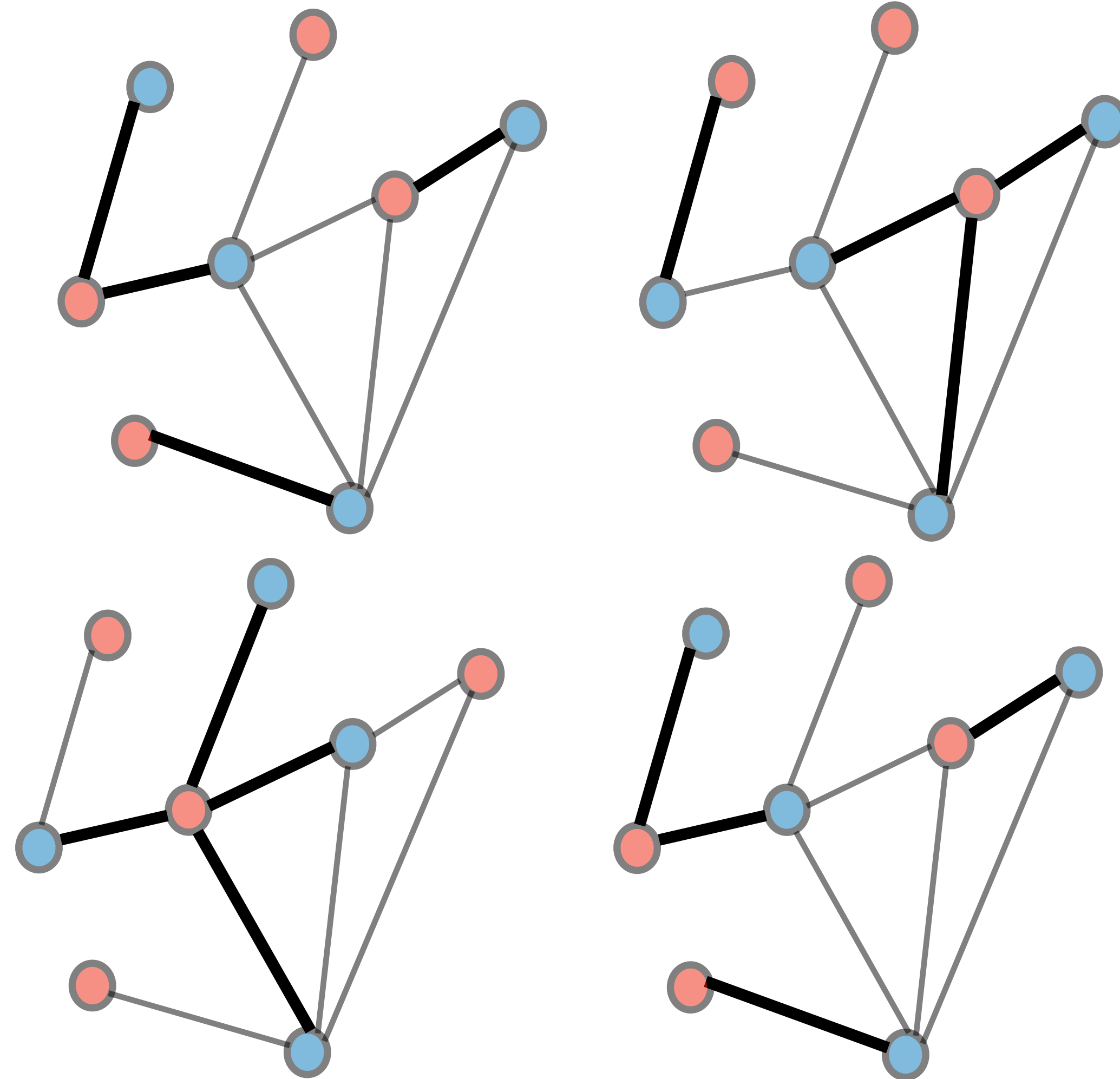
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# RGMIS to Fractional Matching

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$x_e = p_e/2$  is a fractional matching

[Veldt '24]

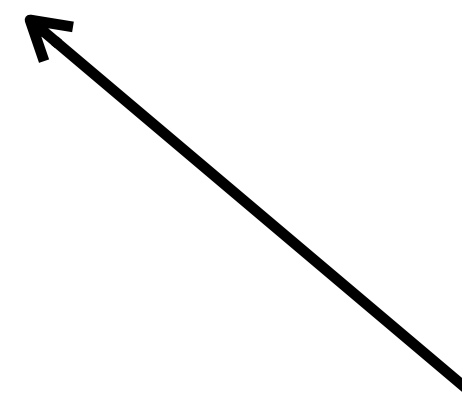
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# So are we done?

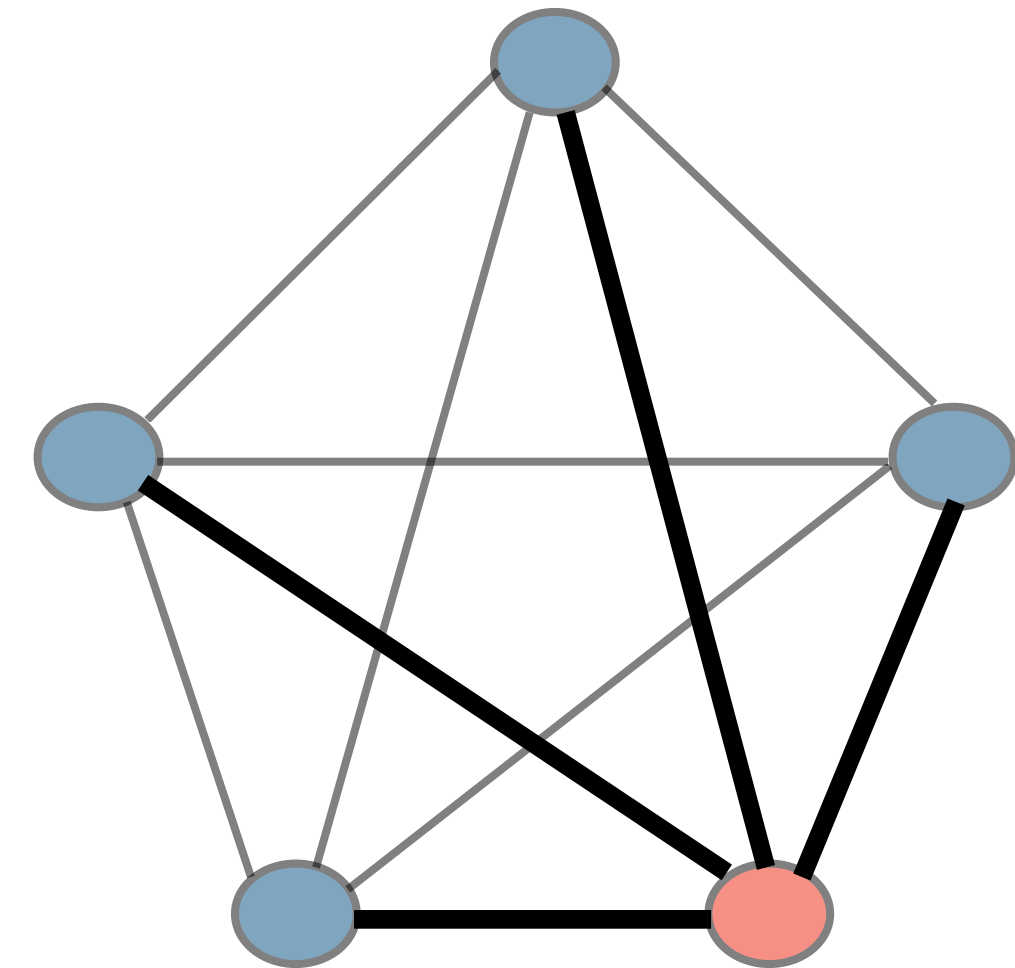
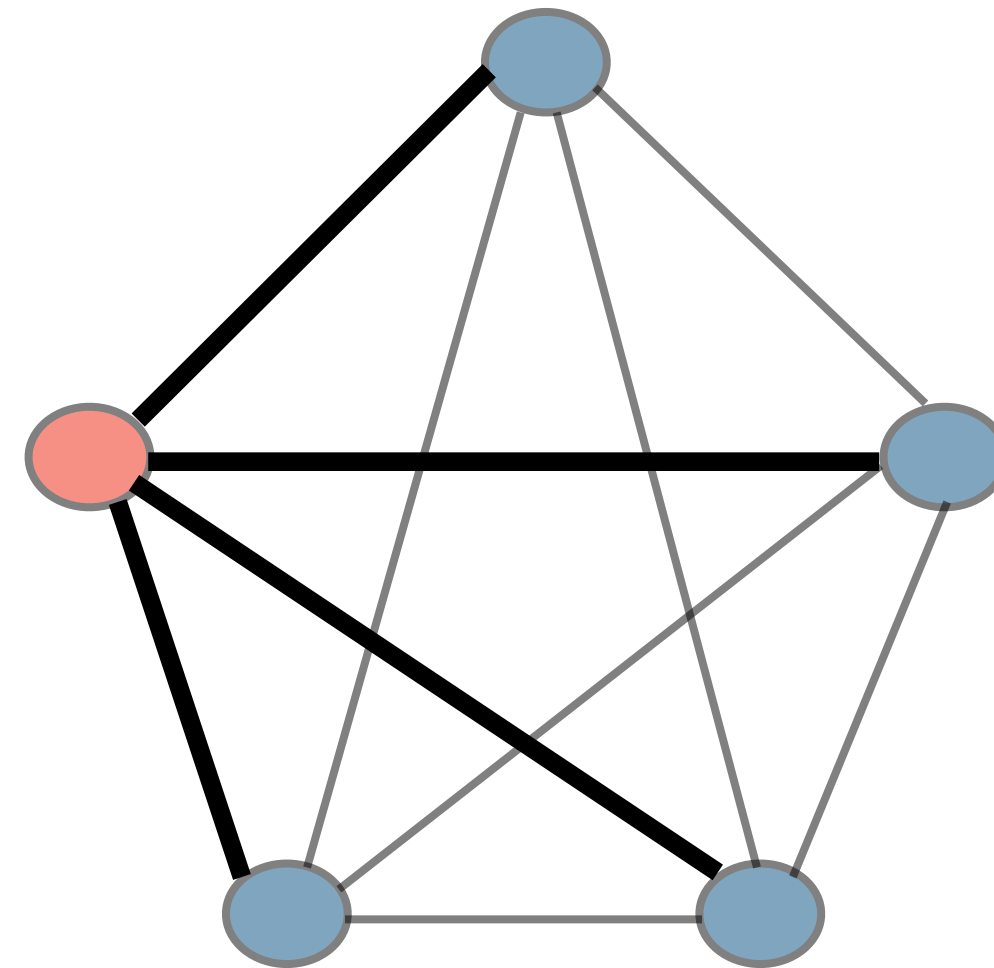
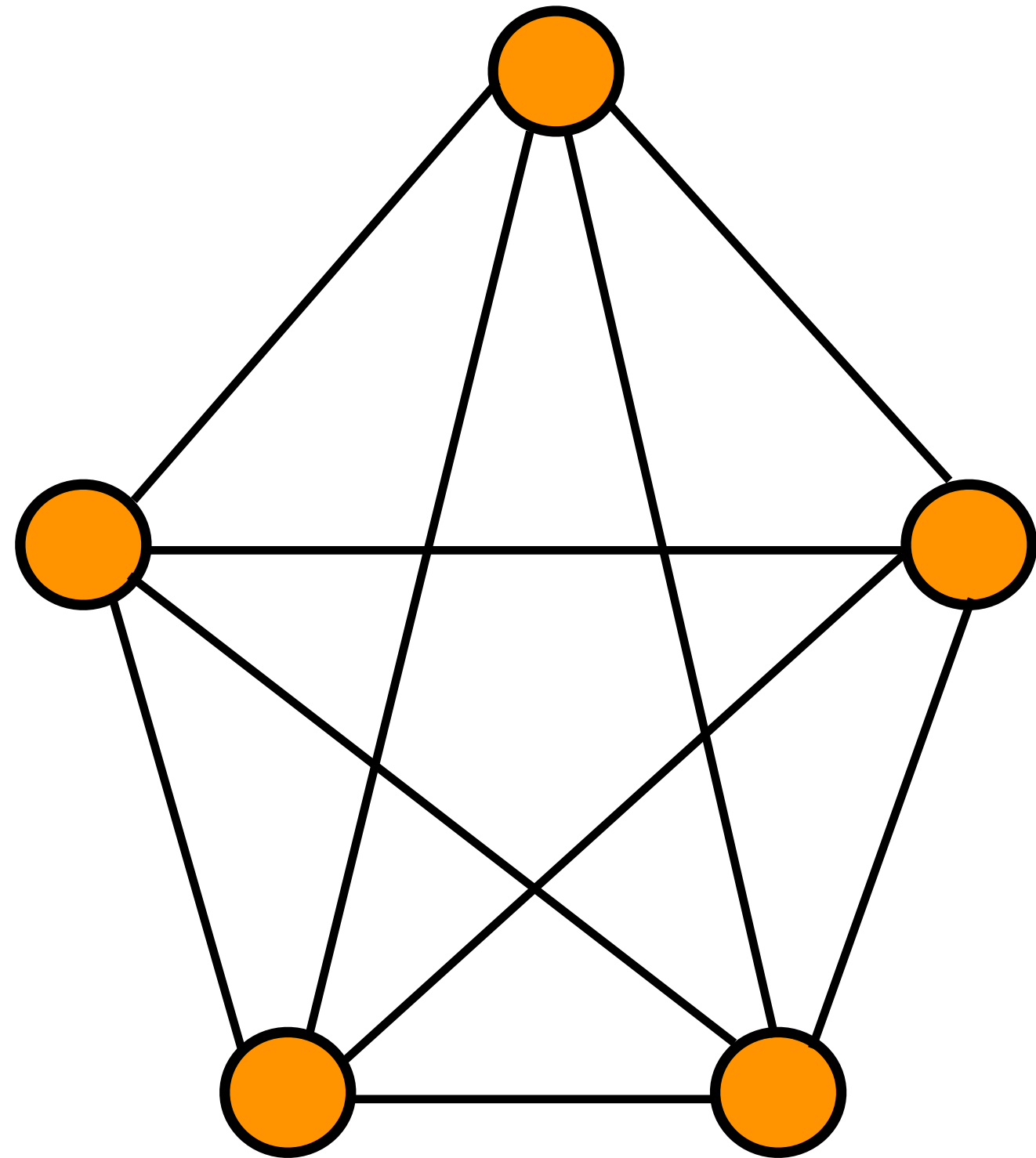
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Sampling according to fractional matching is enough to find  $O(1)$ -approx integral matching

Sampling Process is not independent!

# The Issue of the Star



Edges we get from each run of MIS are  
a bunch of stars

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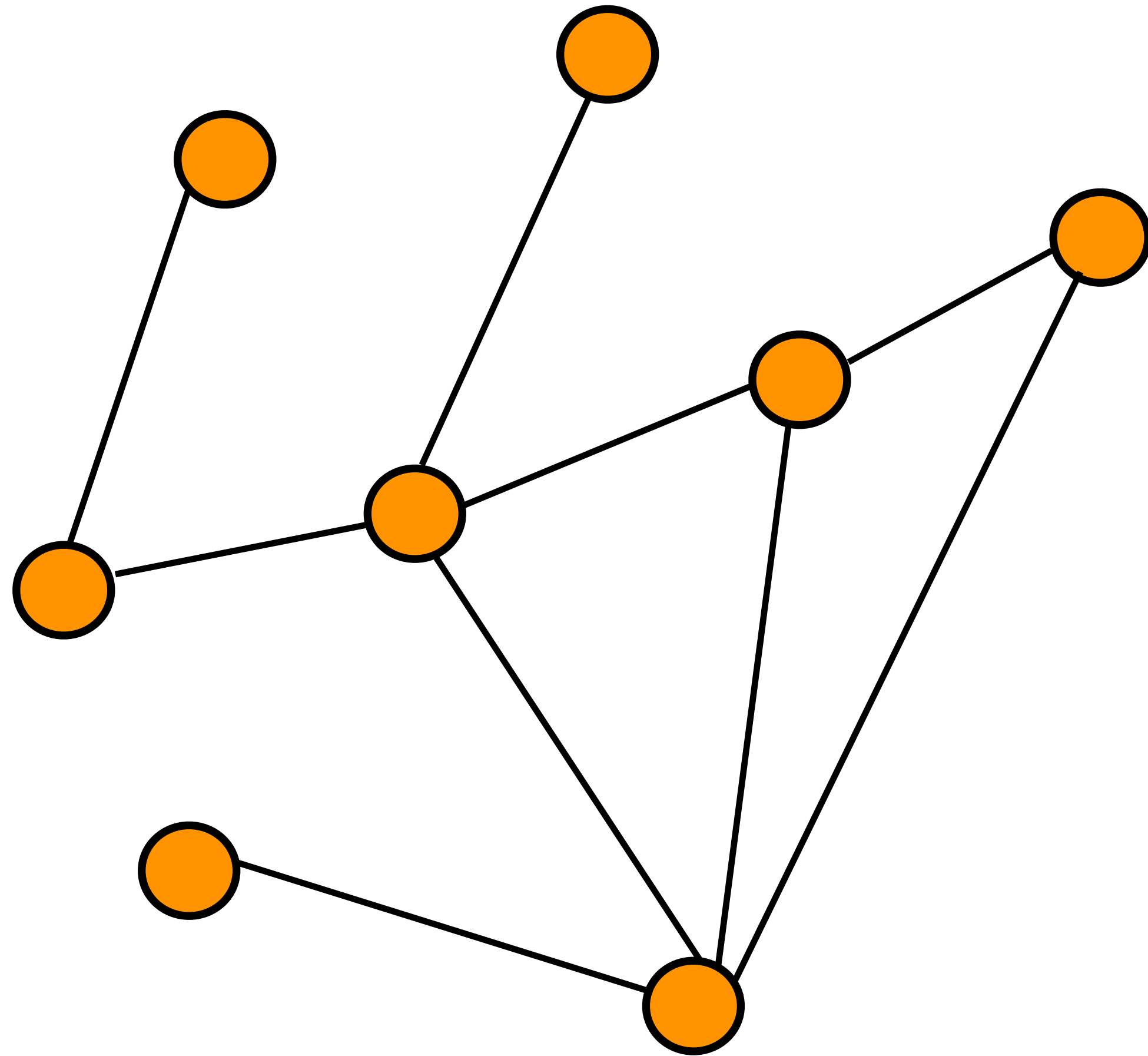
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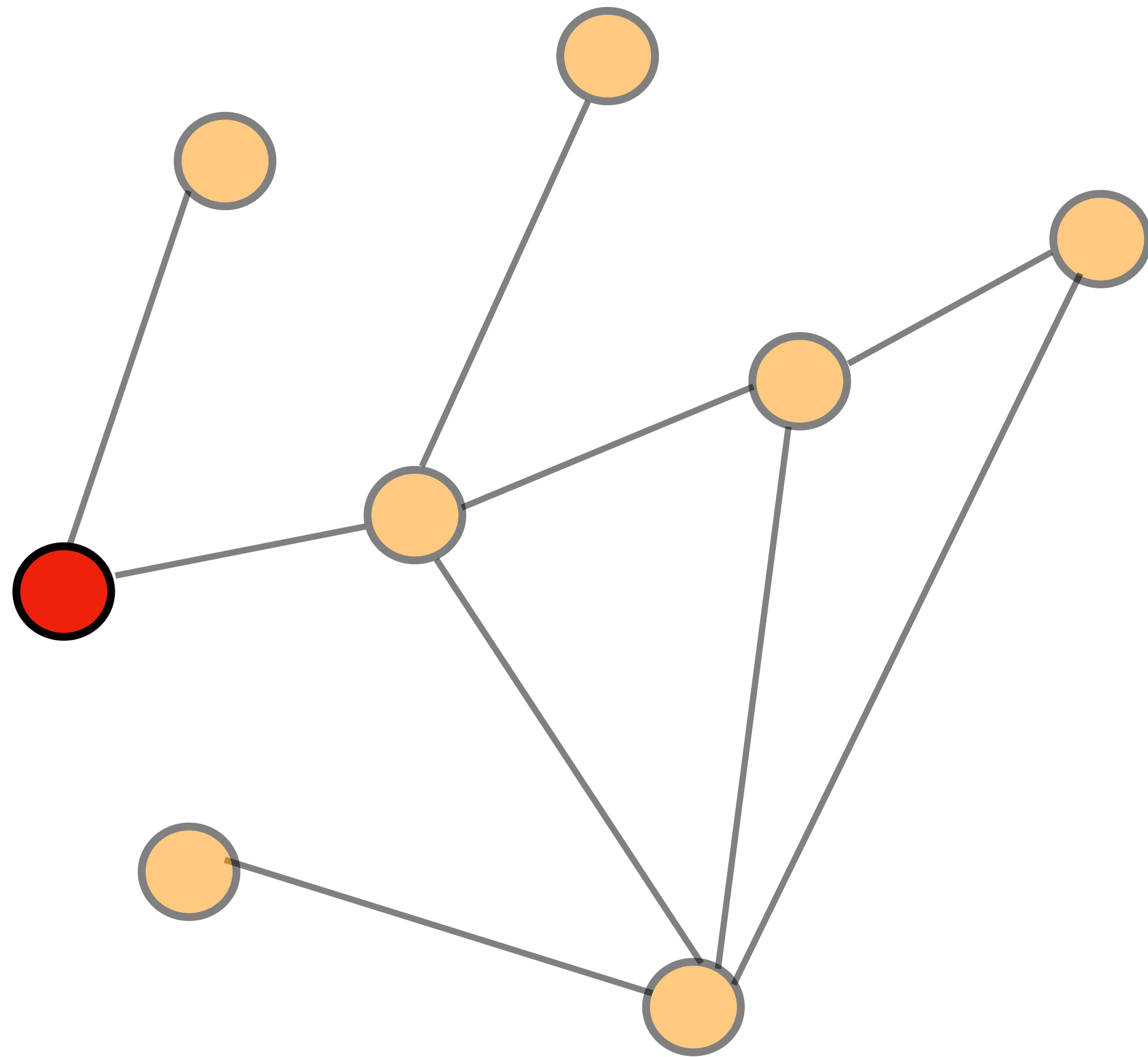
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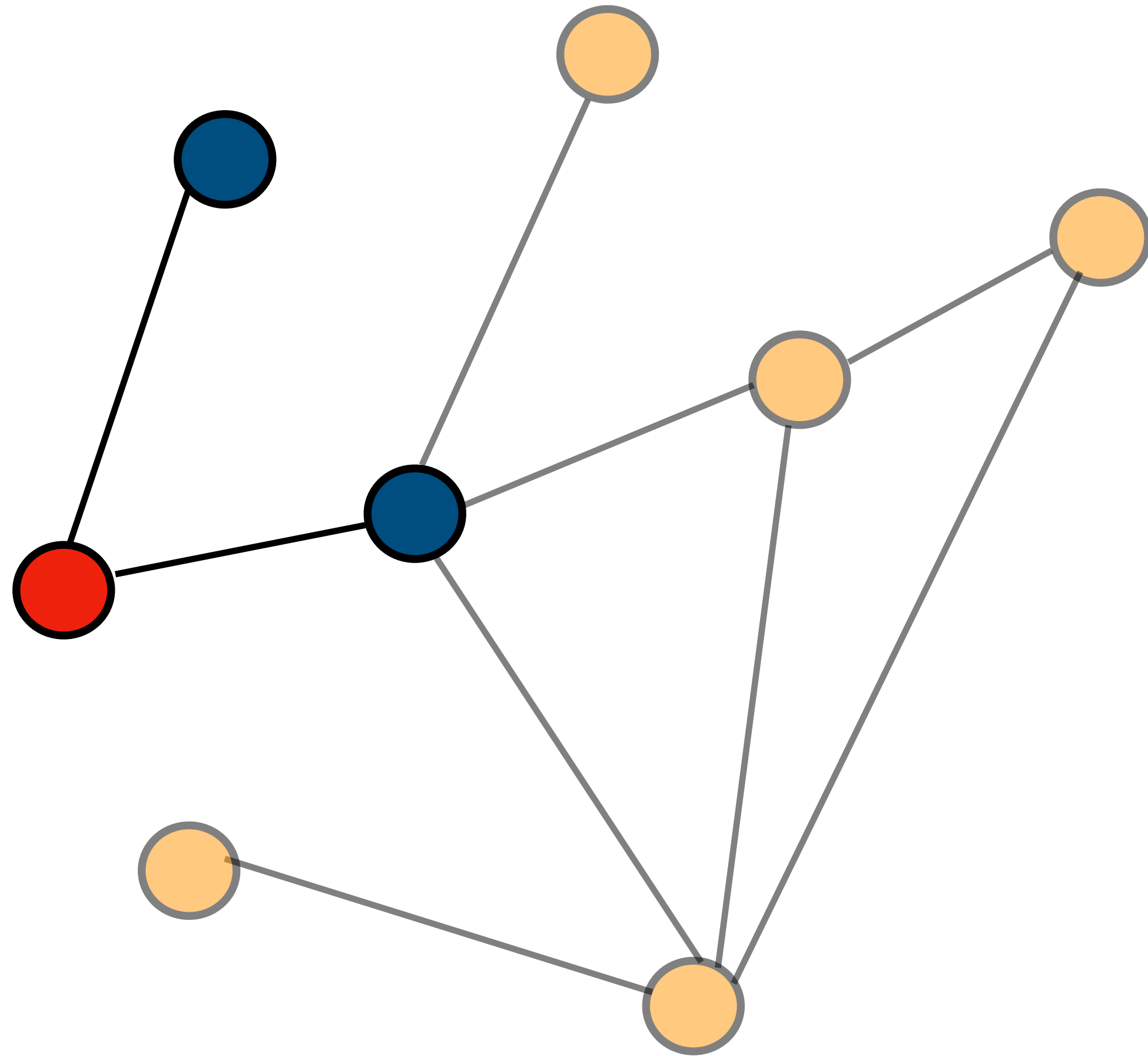
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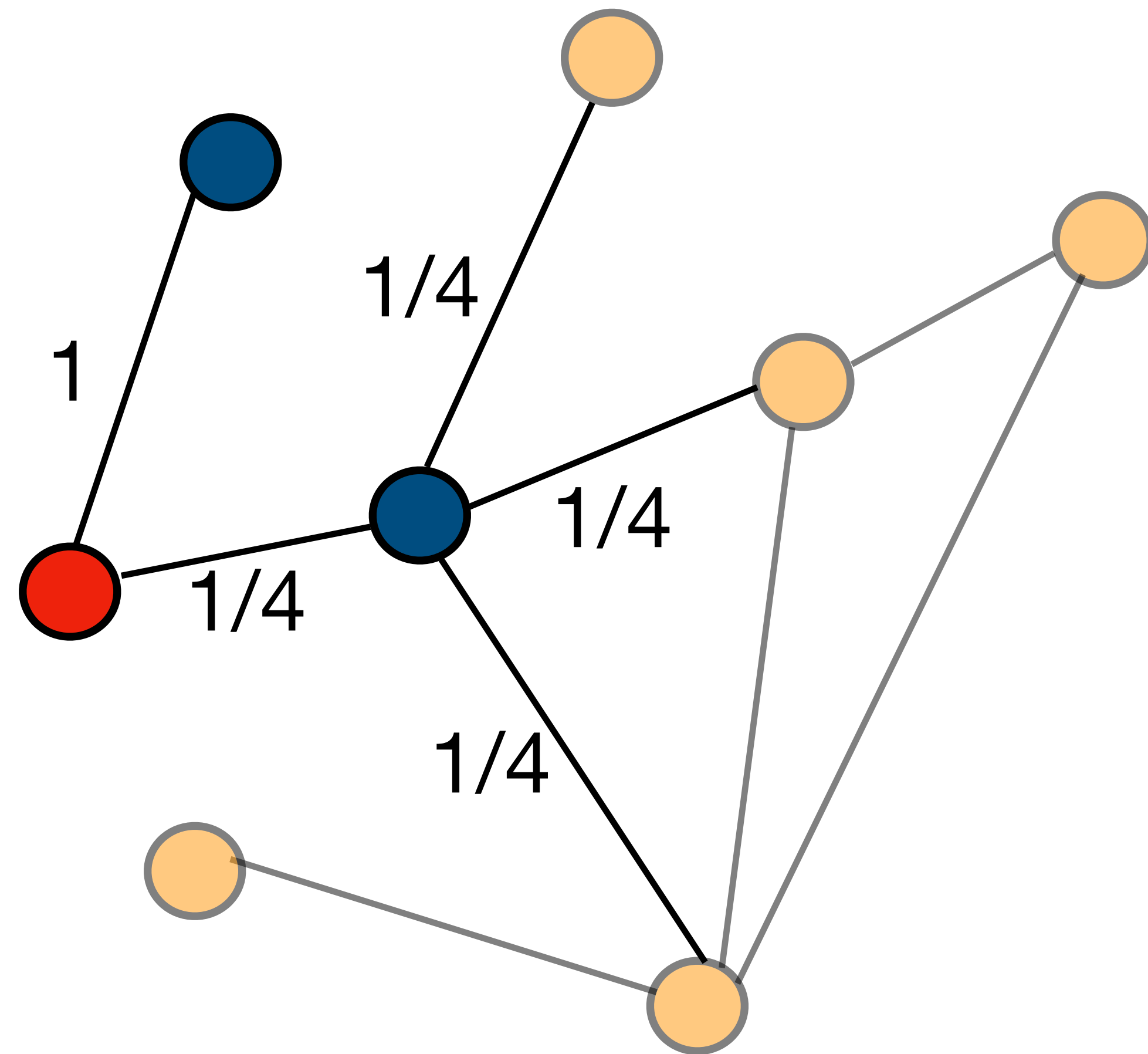
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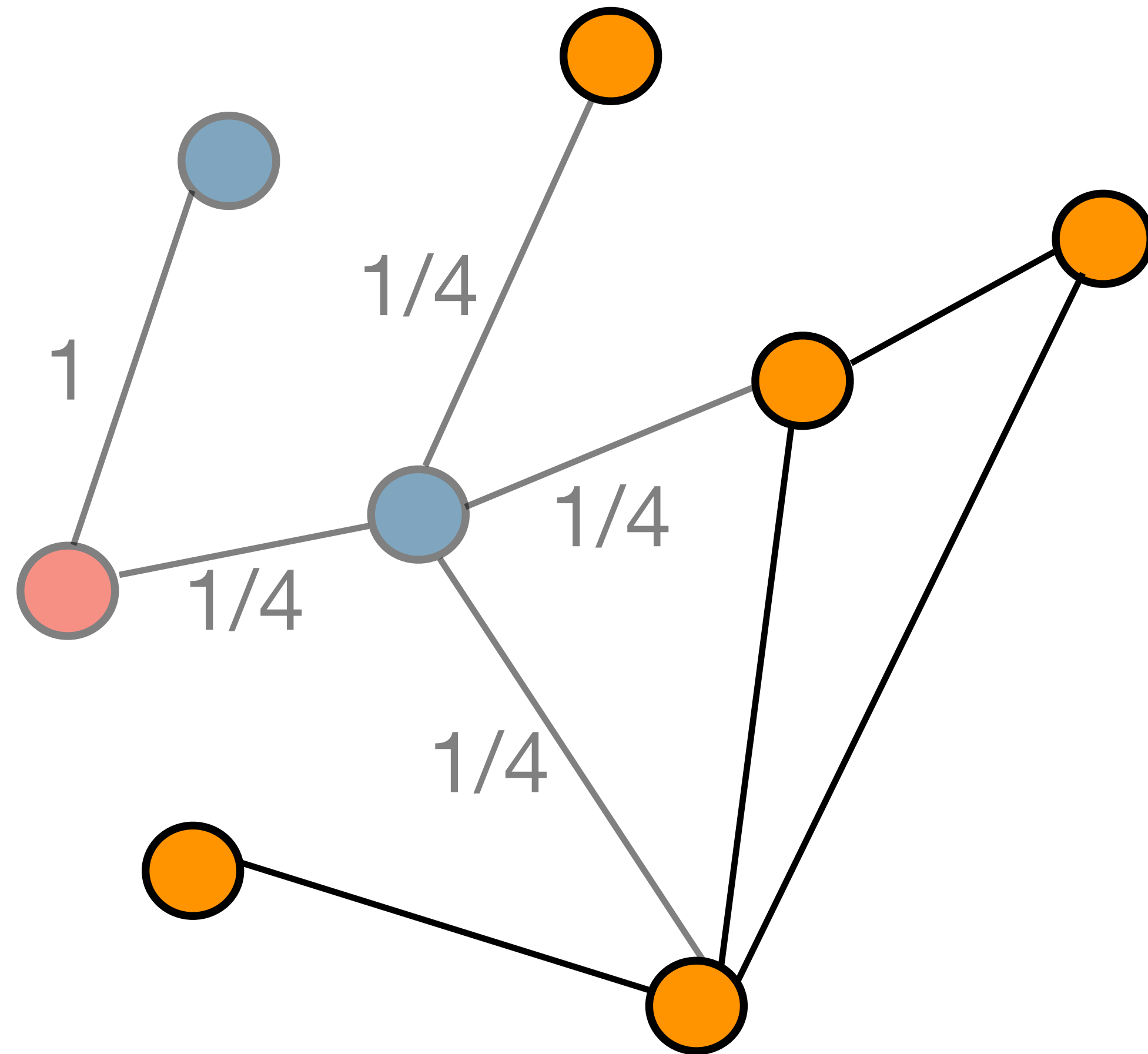
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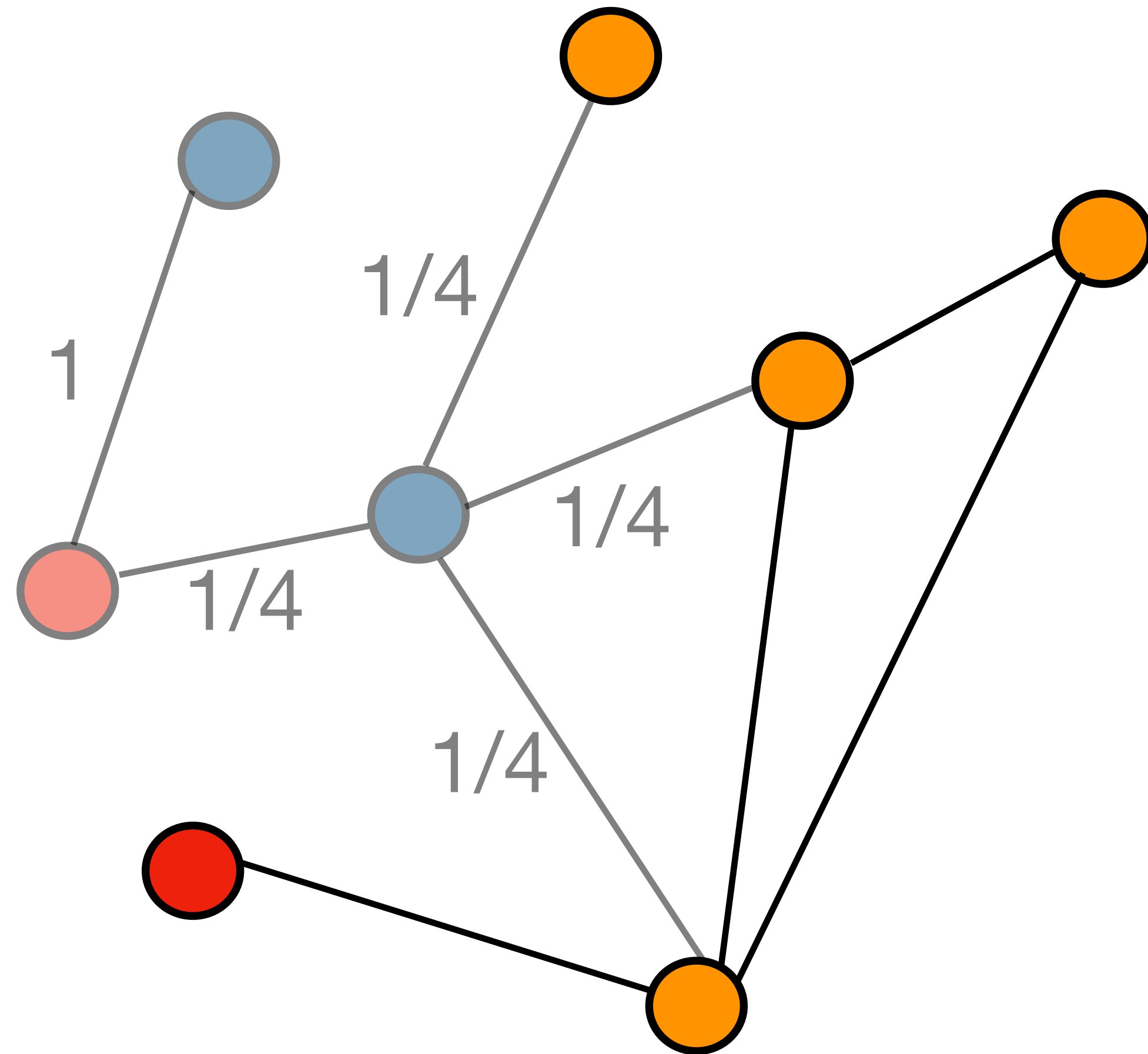
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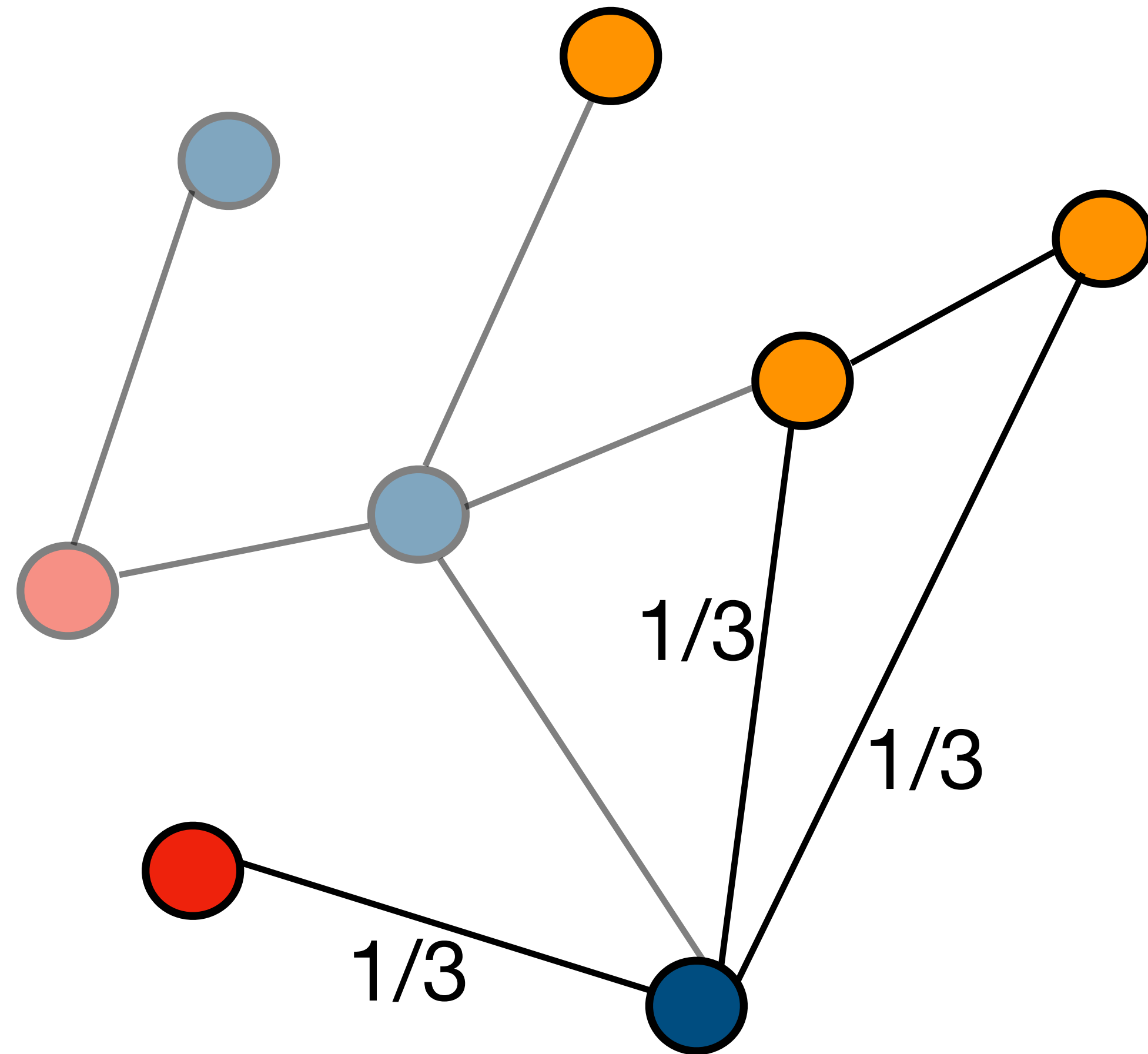


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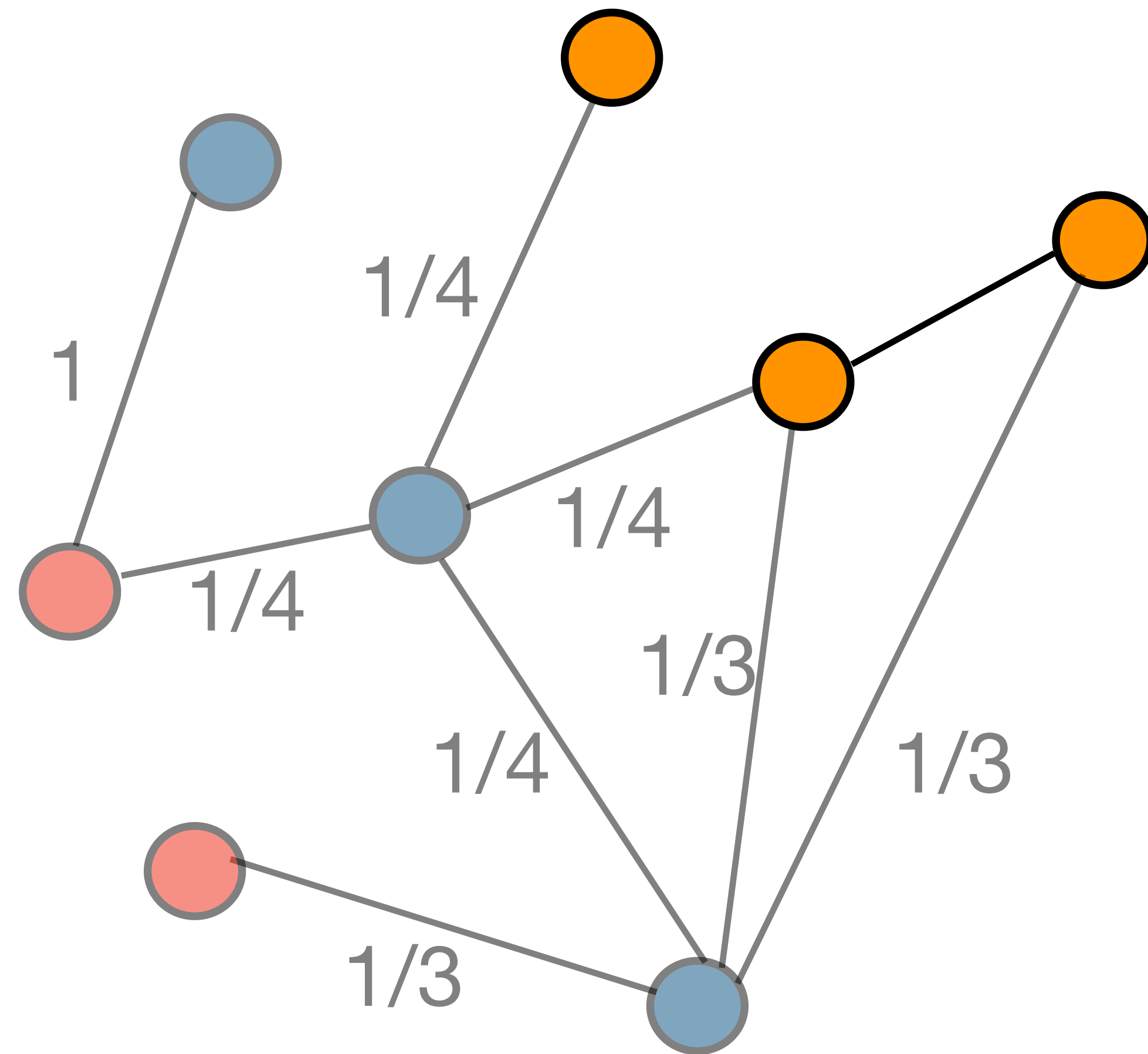
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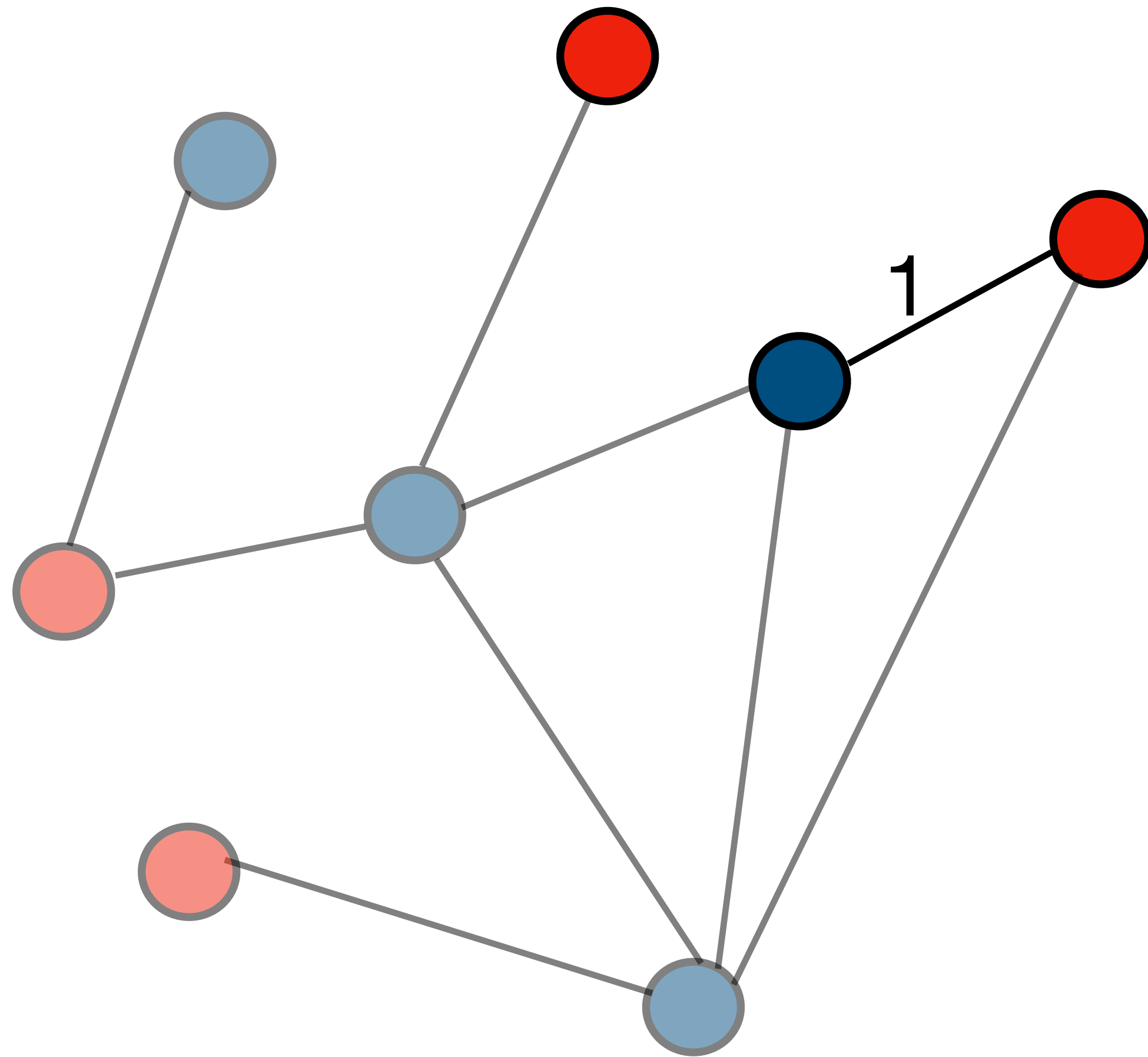
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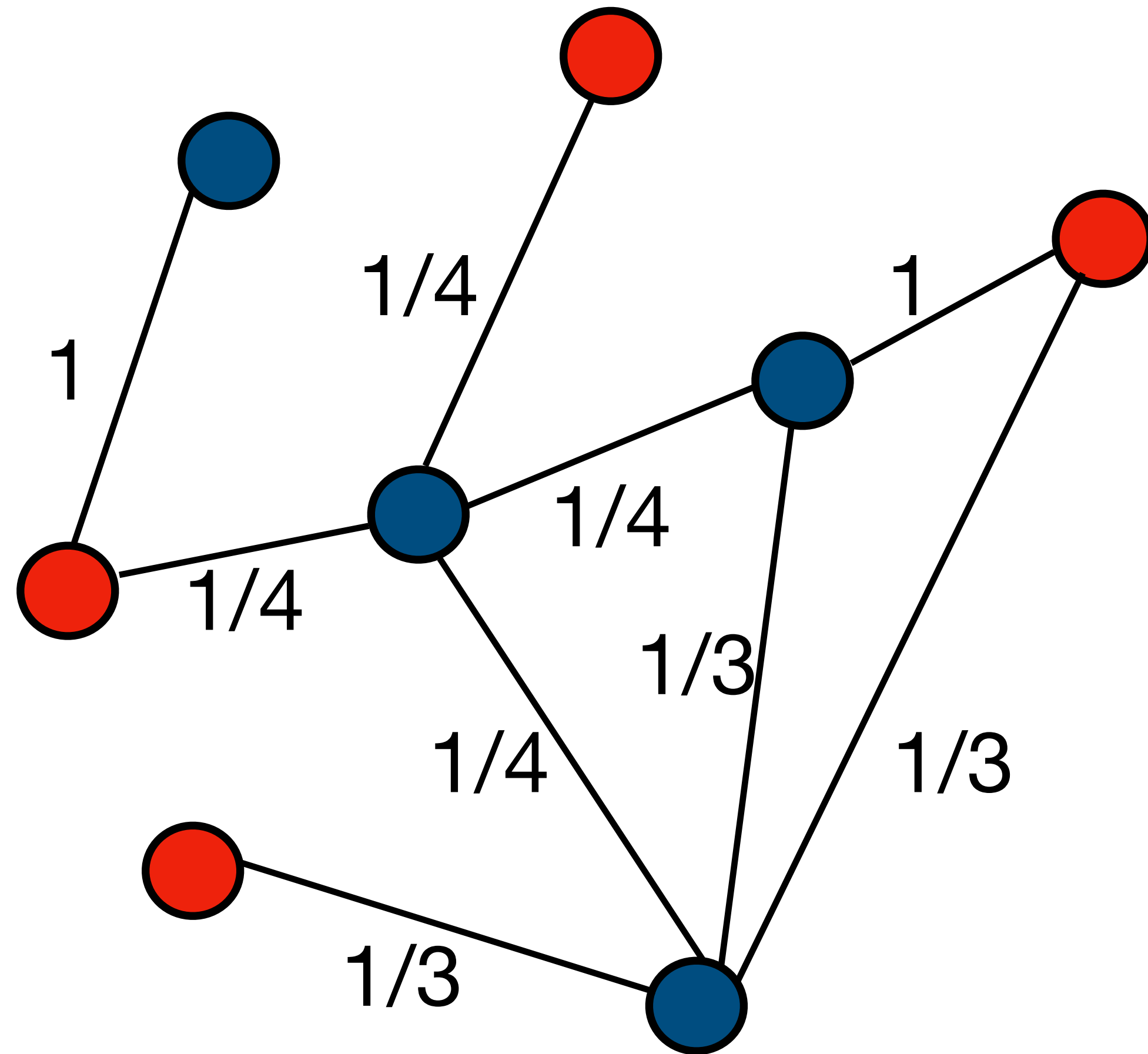
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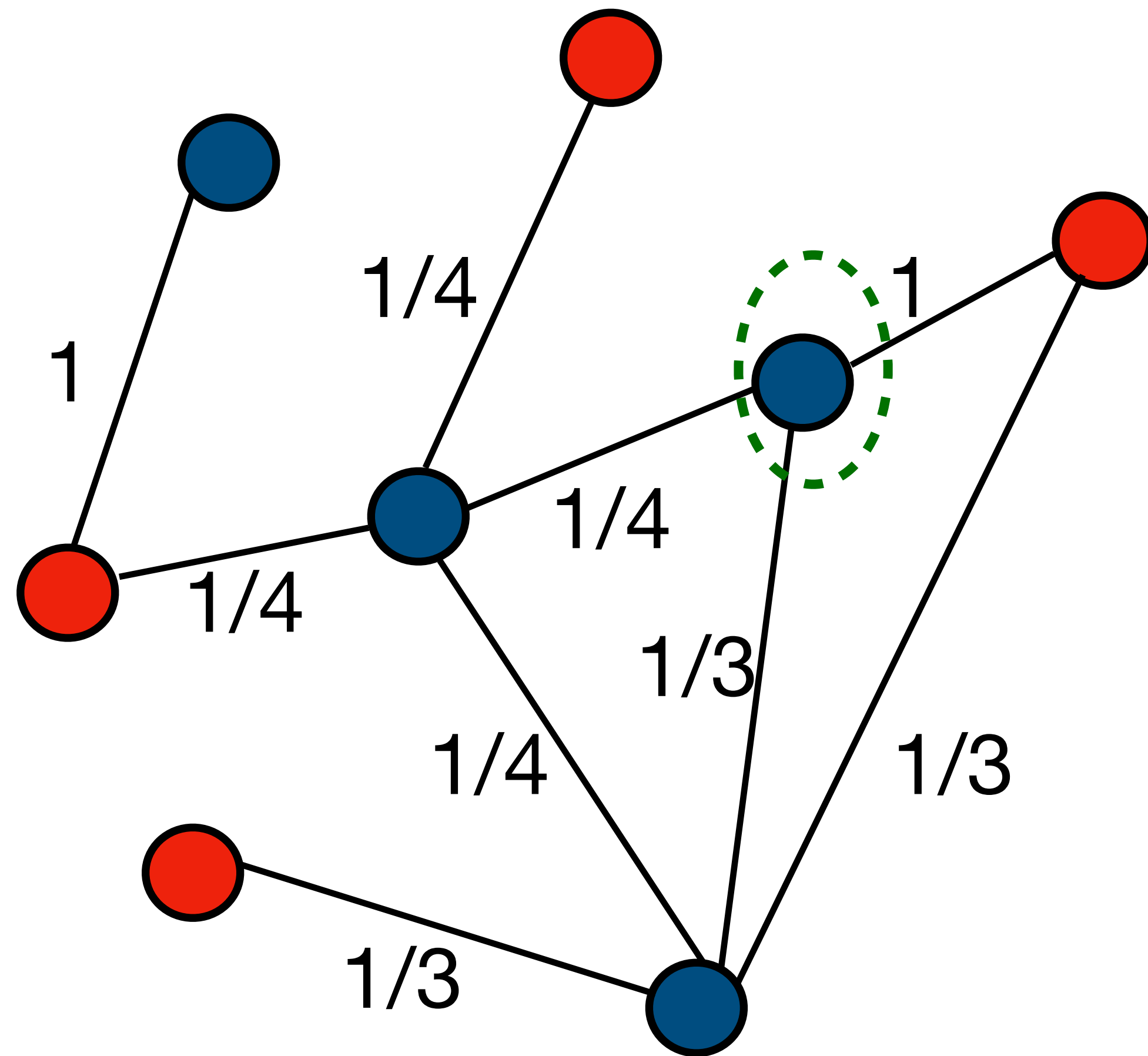
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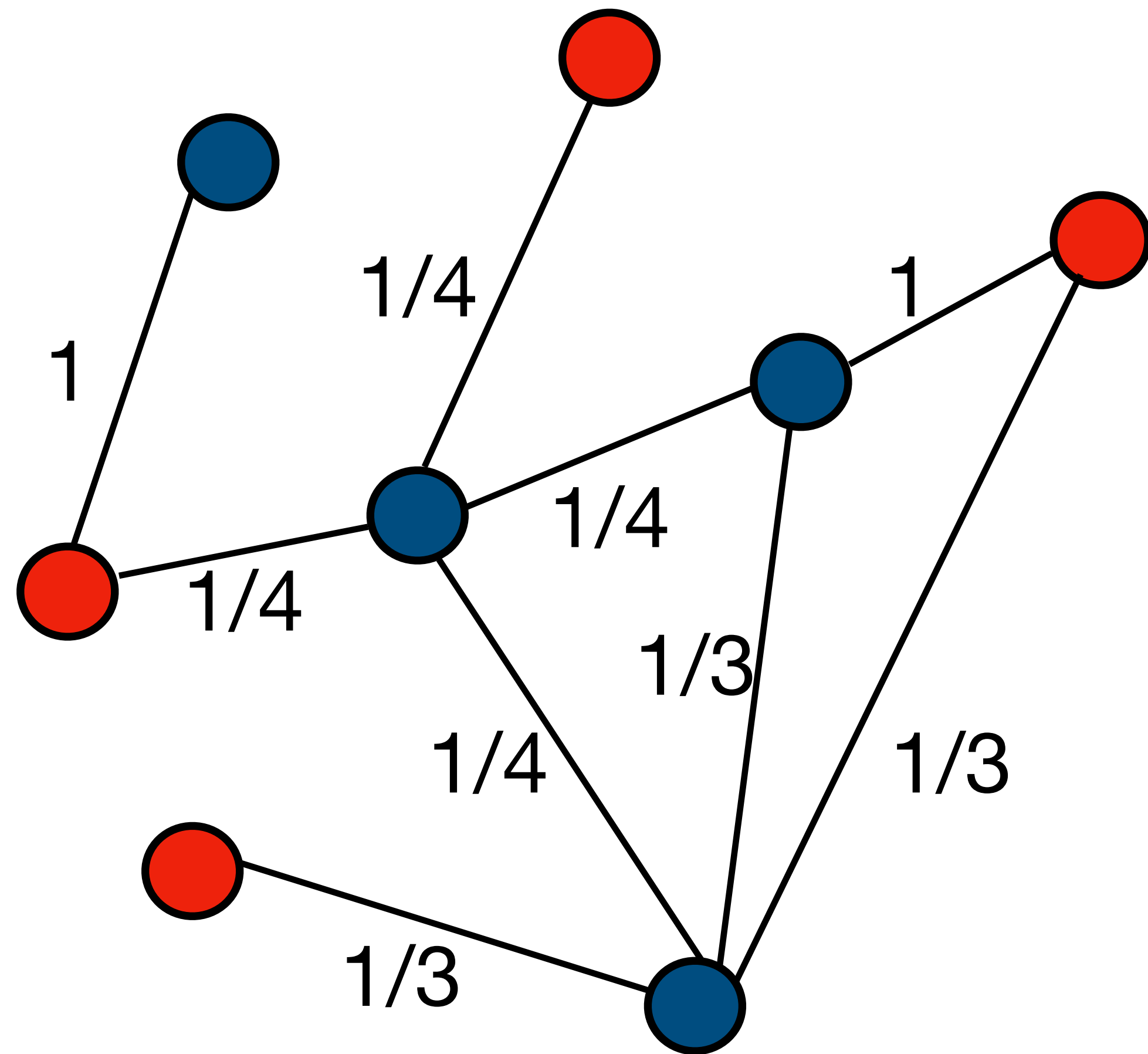
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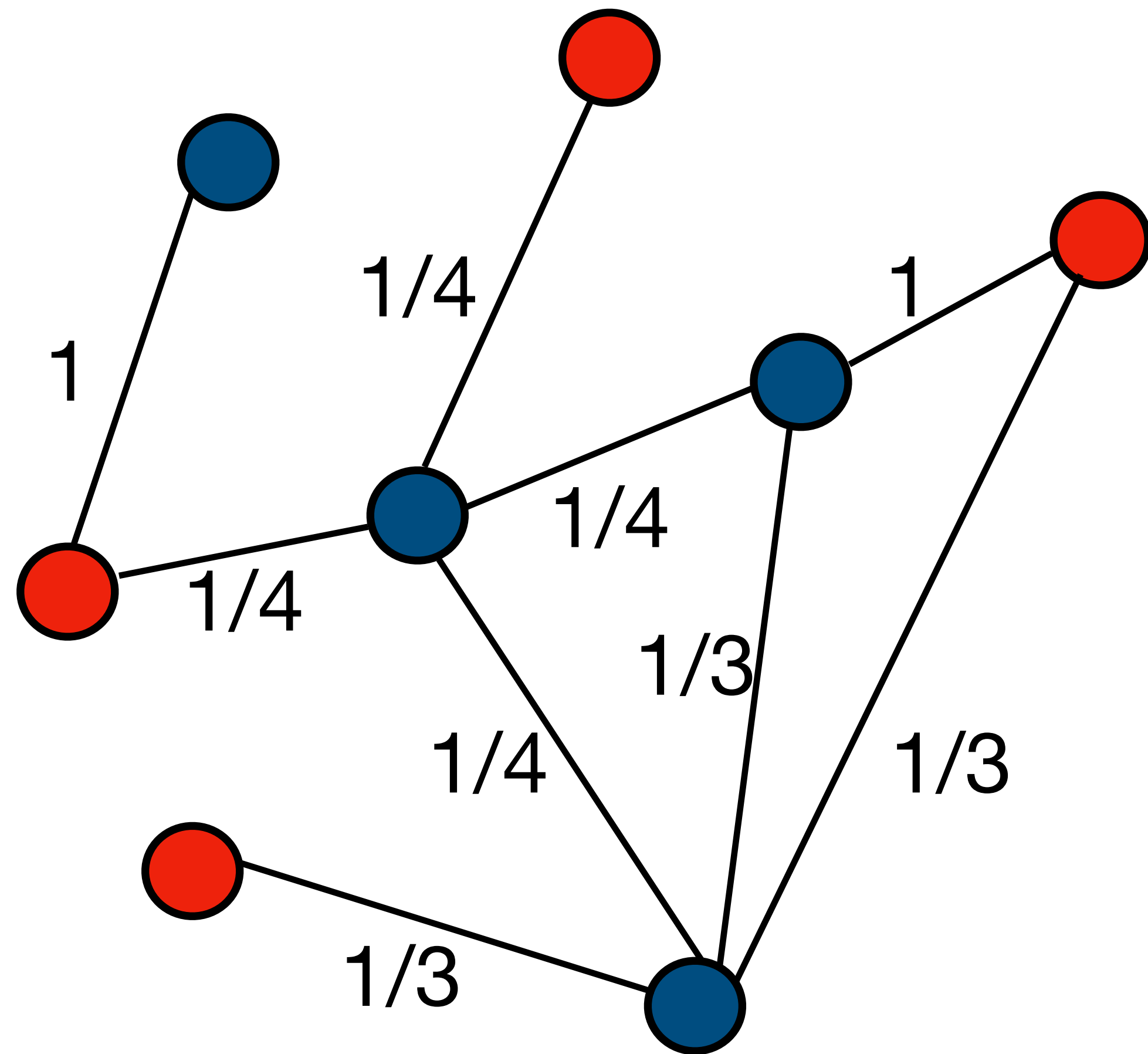
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Do we approximately satisfy LP with large value?

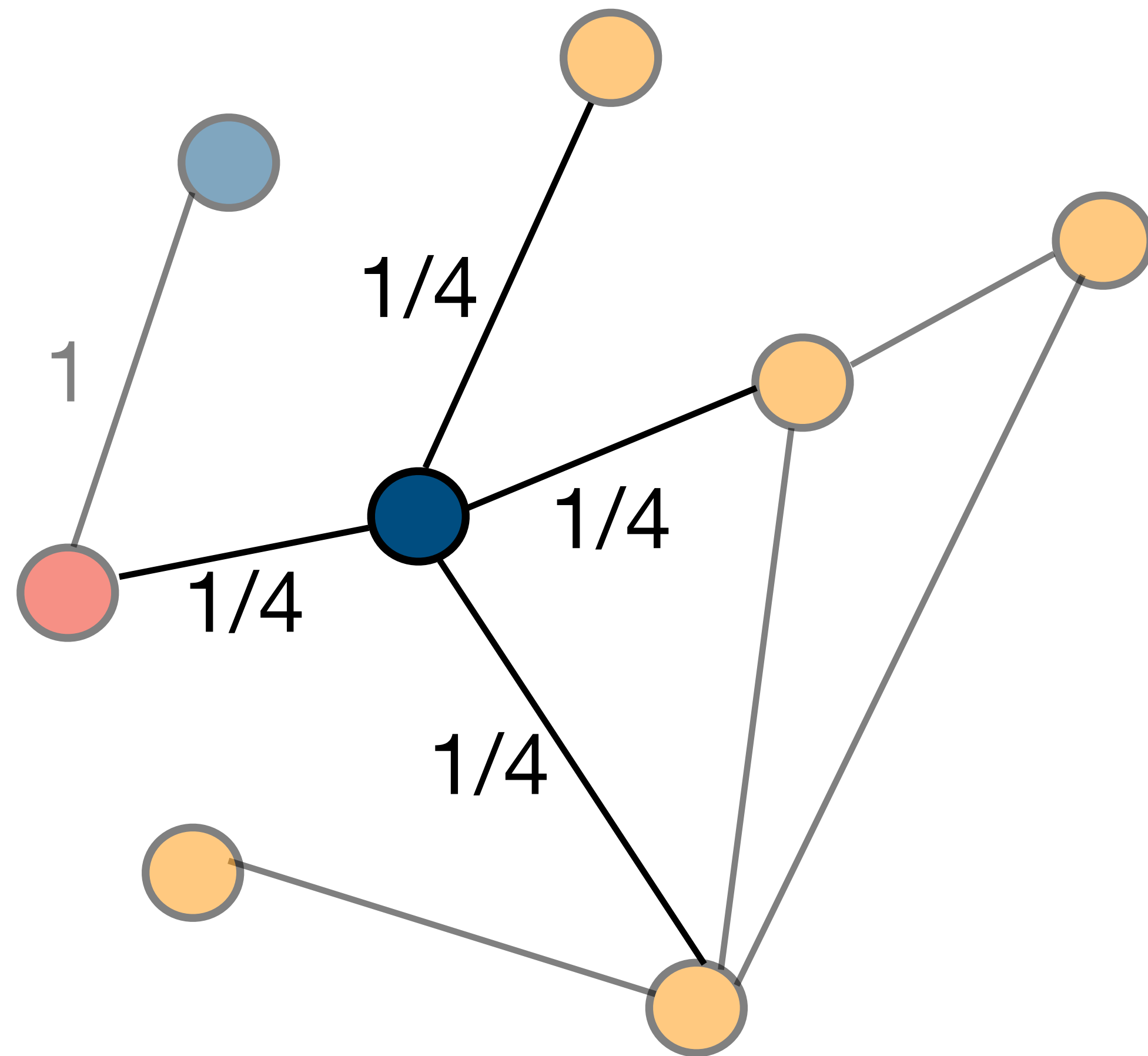
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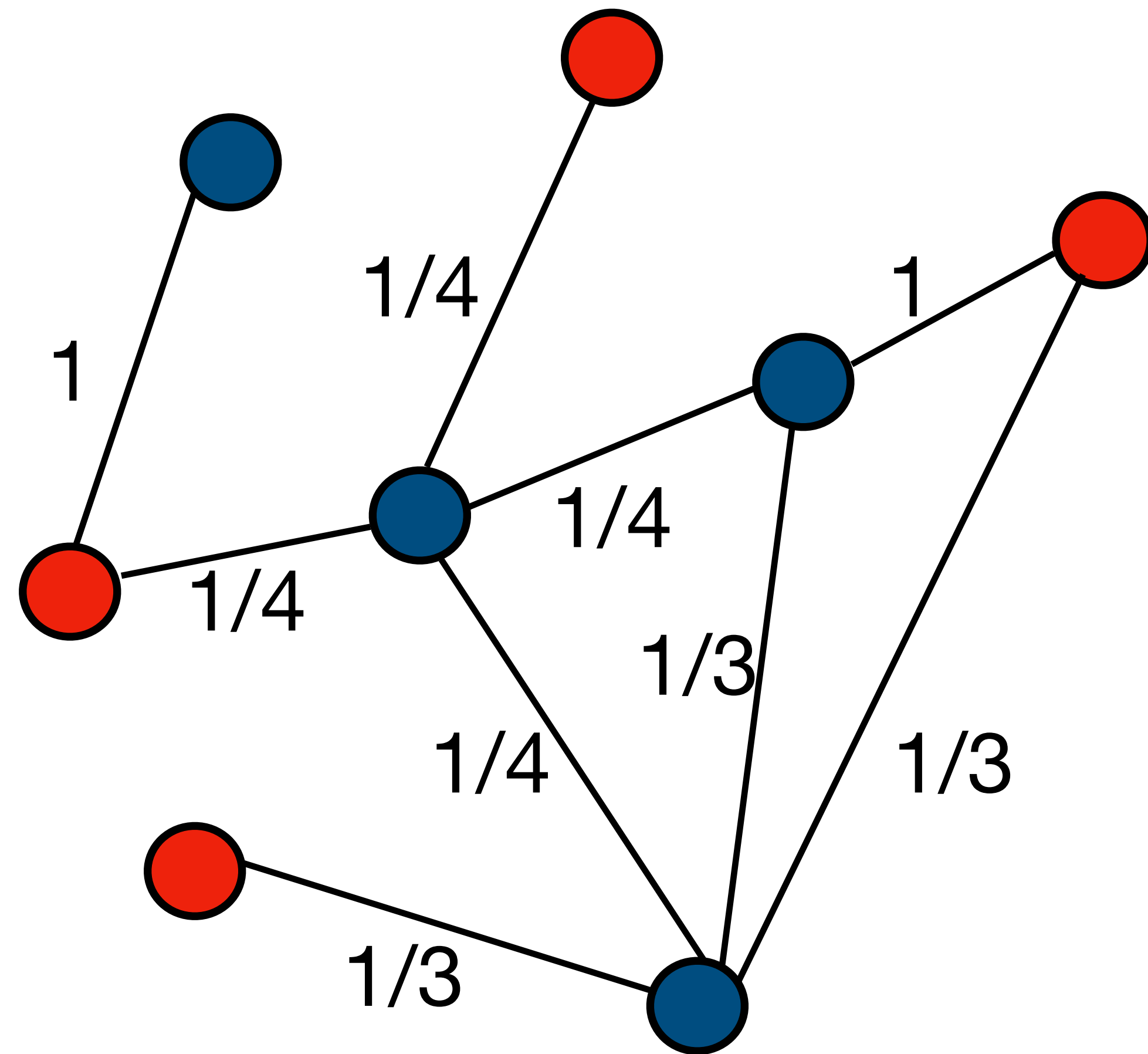


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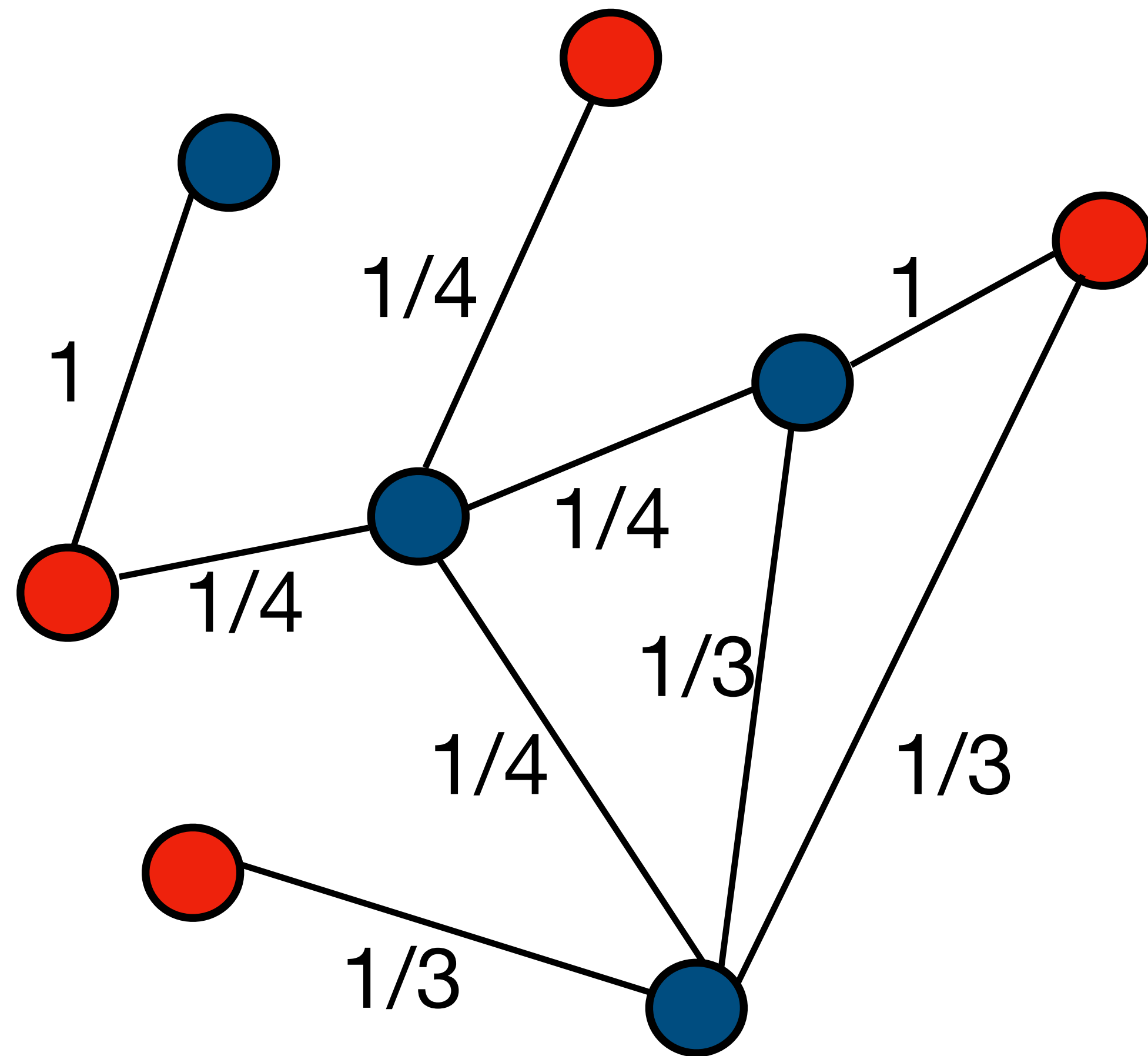


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Larger than size of maximum matching

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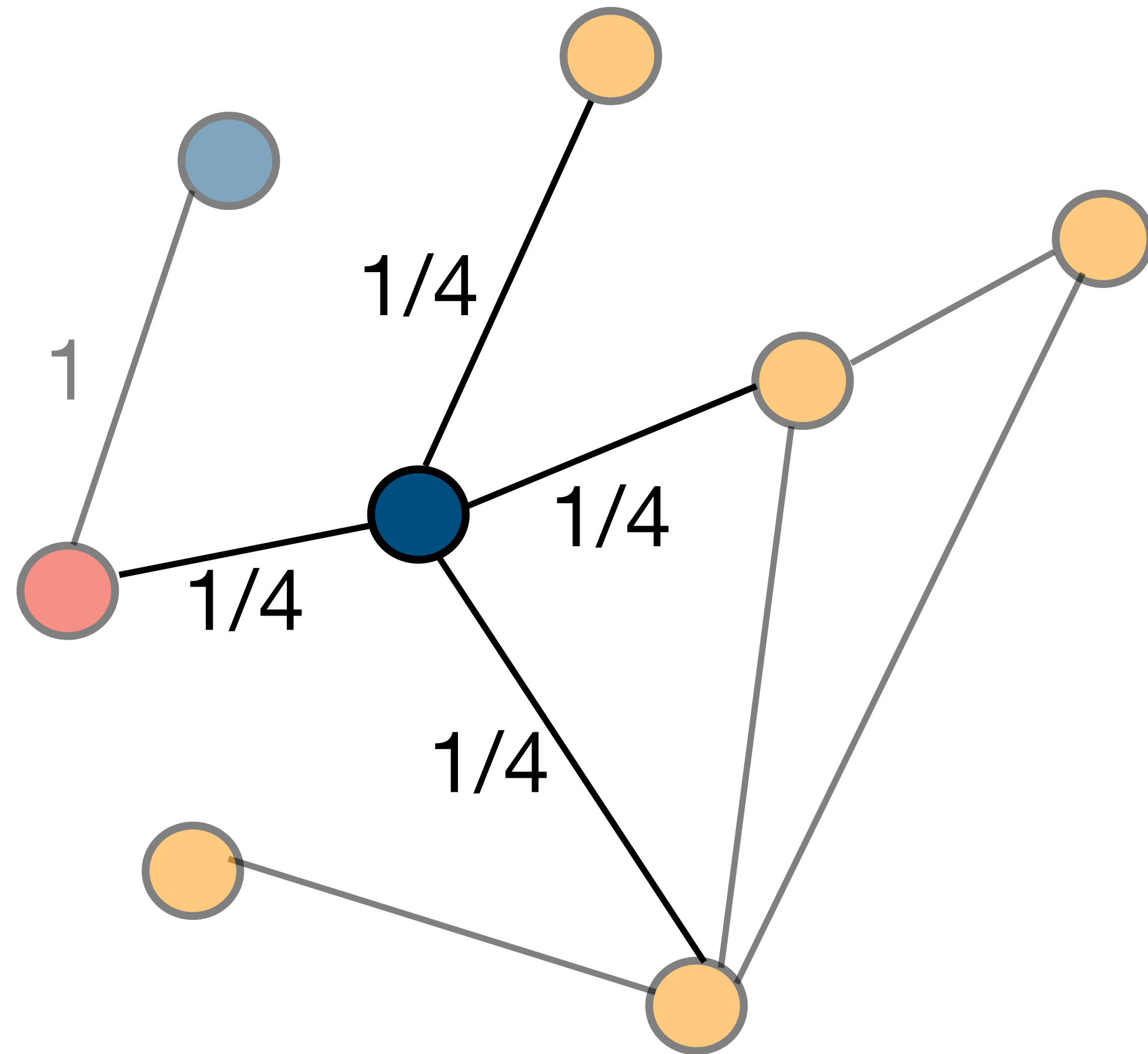
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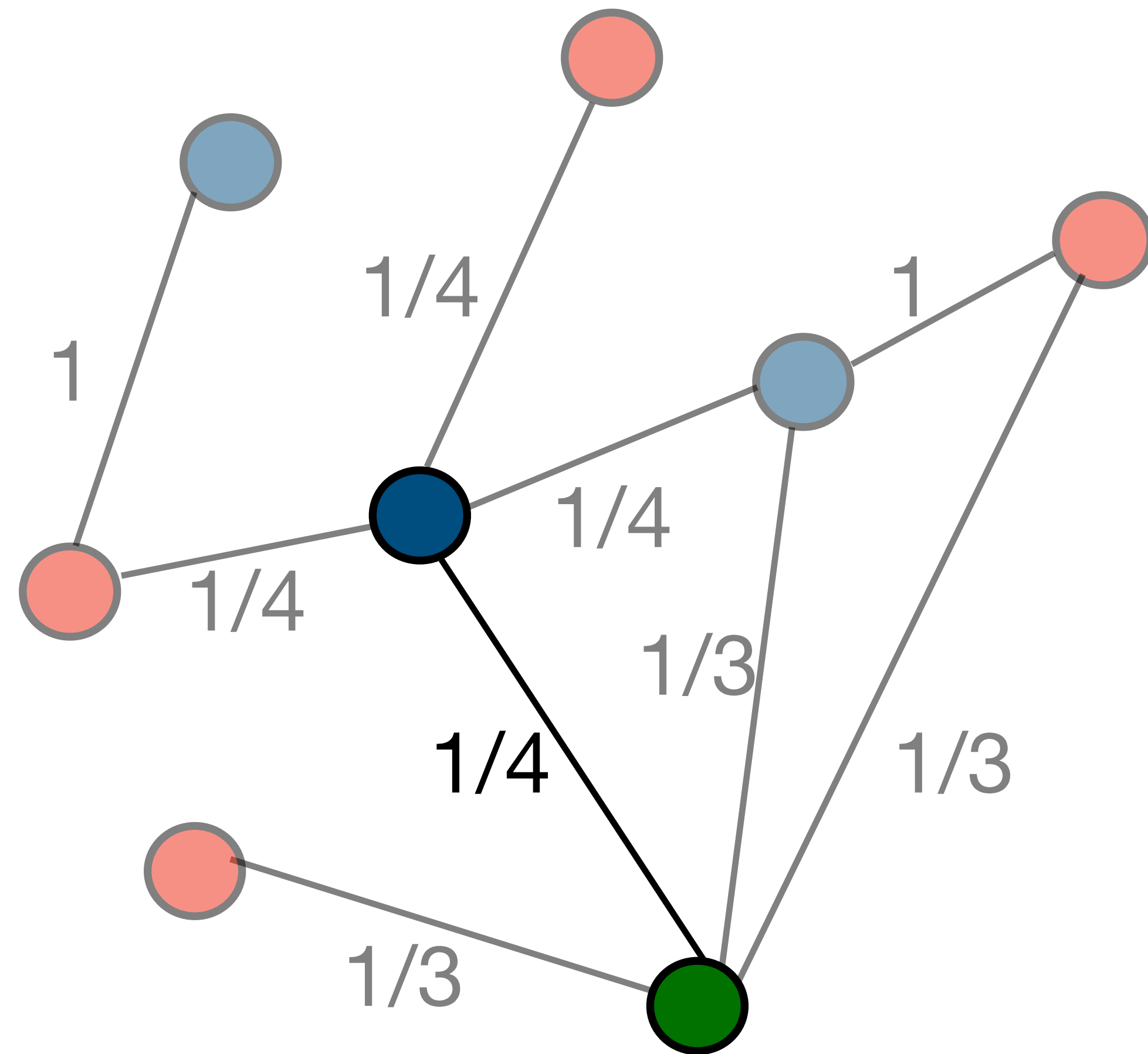
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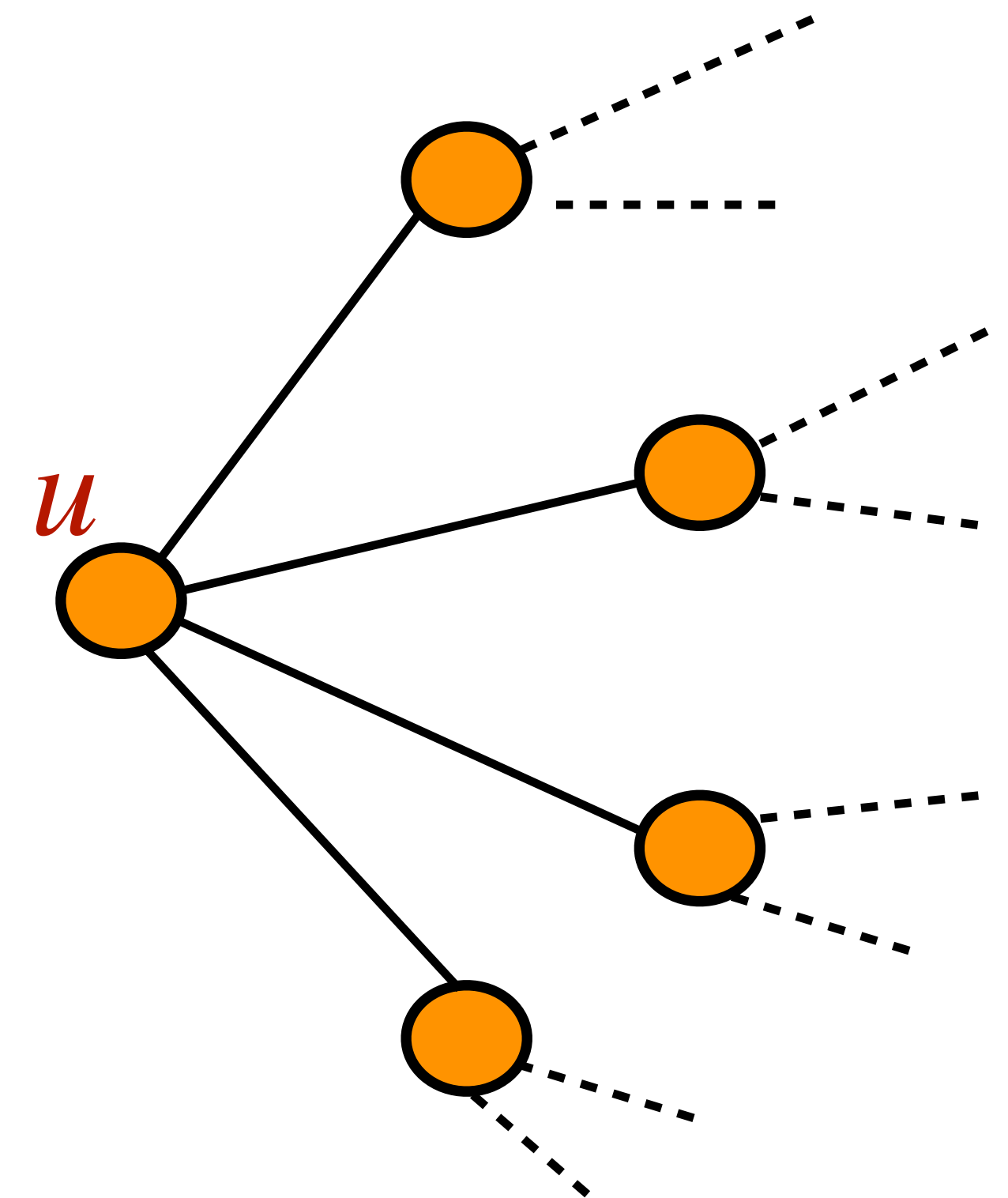
we can expect it to be **removed altogether**

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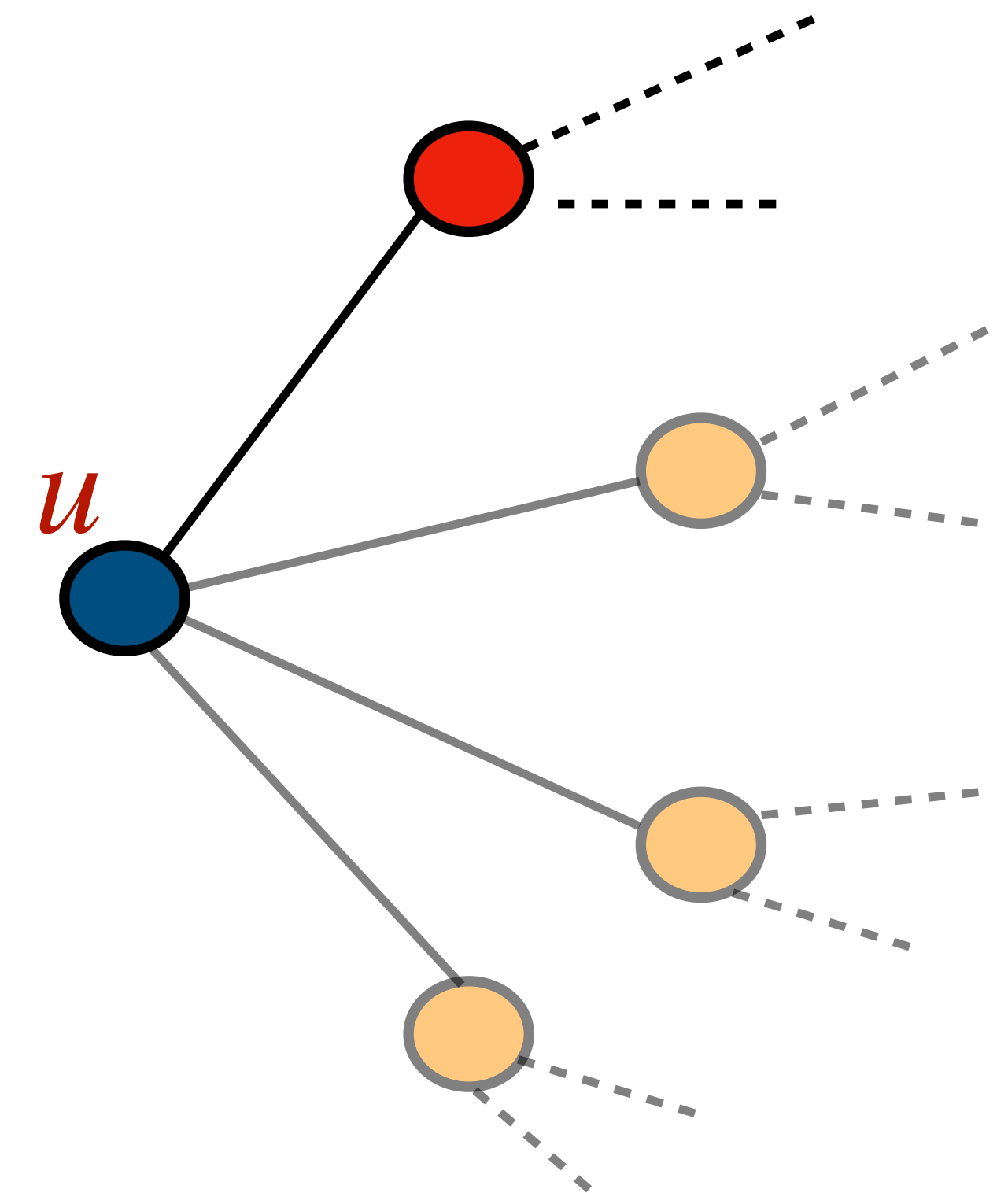
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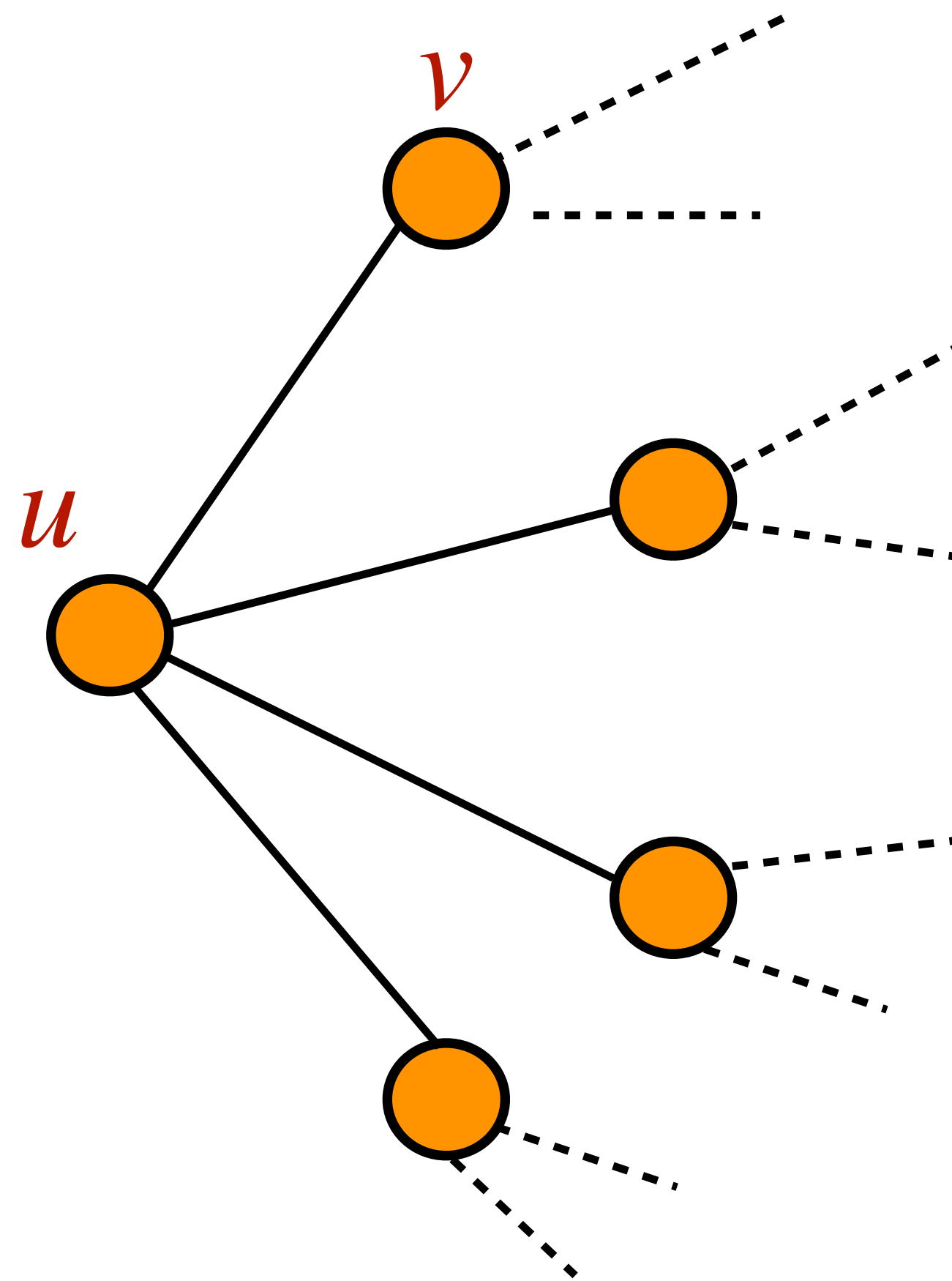
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$\text{deg}(u)/n$  probability

Probability is  $(\text{deg}(u) + 1)/n$  totally

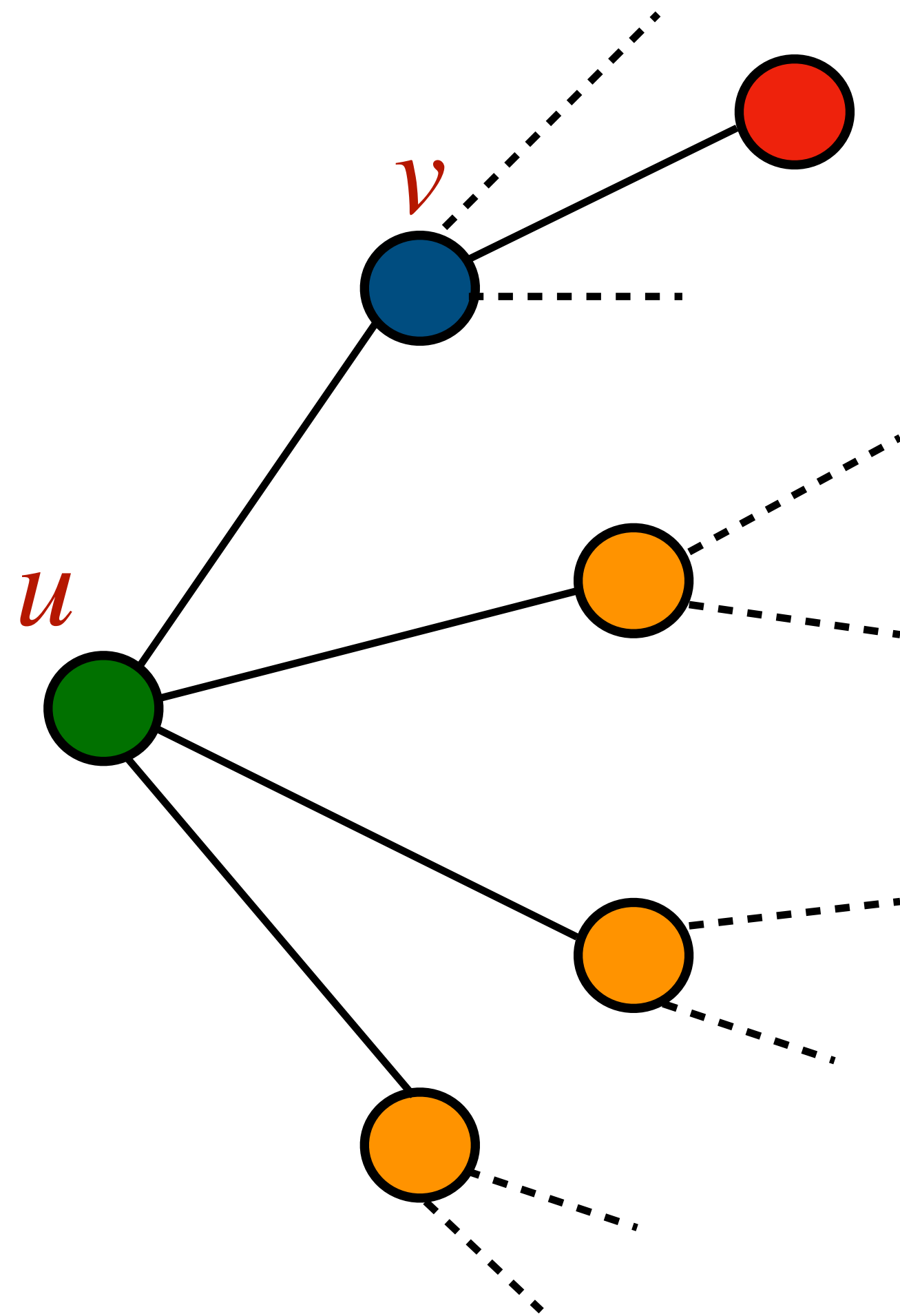


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- Mass added across edge  $(u, v)$  is  $1/\text{deg}(v)$

In expectation,  $1/n$  mass from each edge

Total expected mass is  $\text{deg}(u)/n$

If  $u$  gains a lot, it gets out

For any vertex  $u$ , in any iteration,

Expected mass from neighbors  $\leq$  Probability that  $u$  is removed

# Gain a lot, then Get out Game

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Random Variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  - mass gained at each iteration

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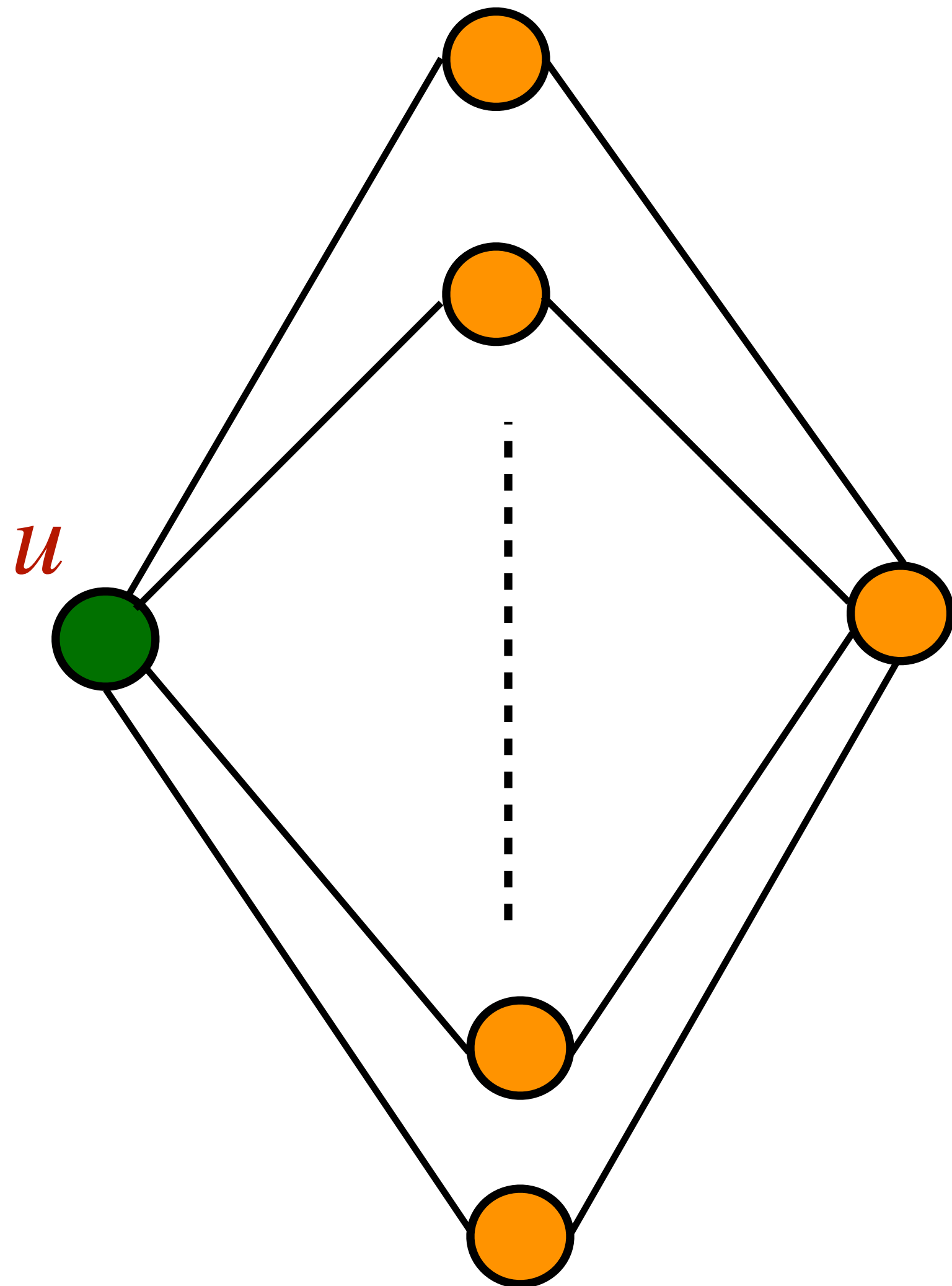
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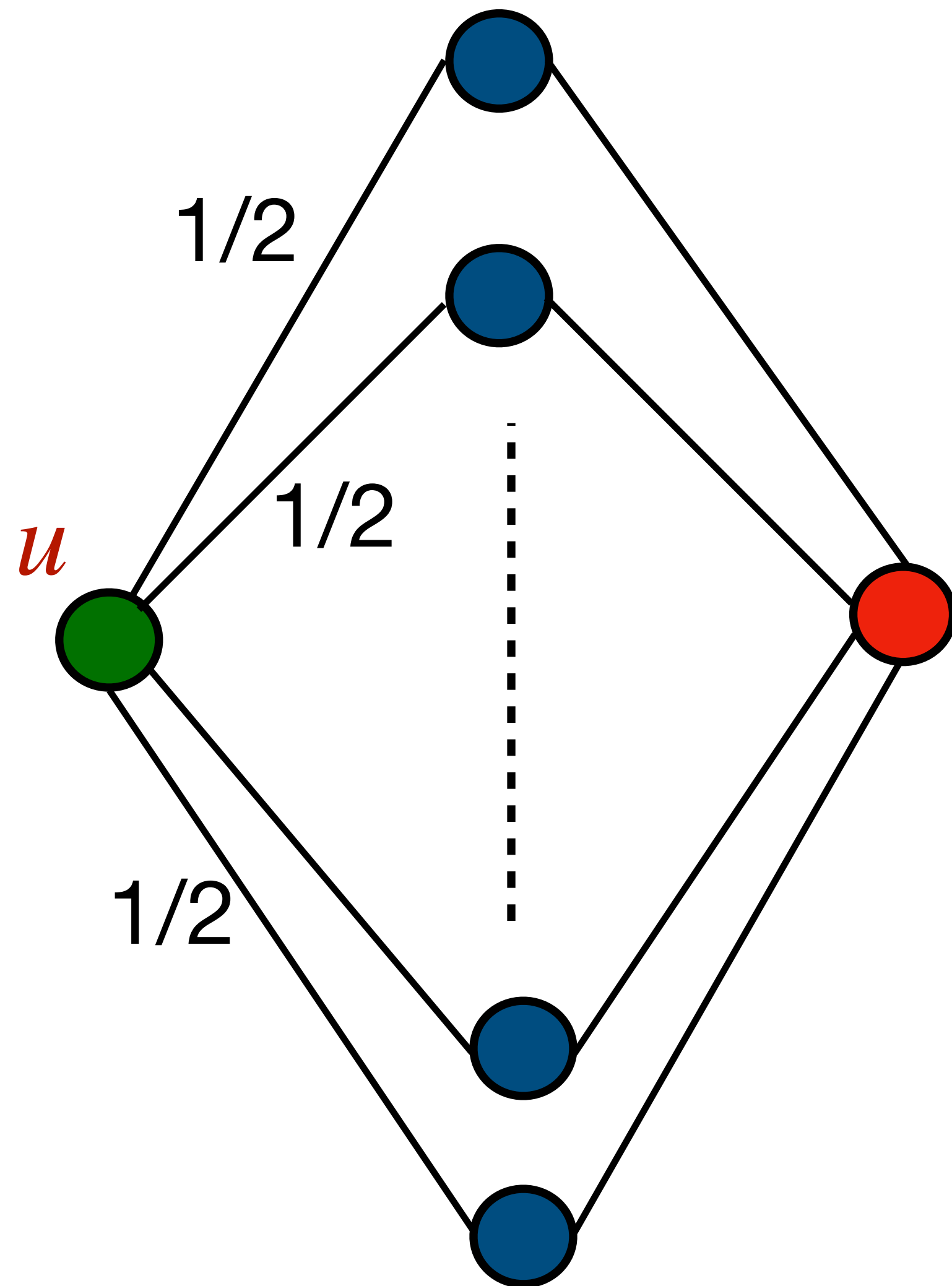
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W.p.  $= 1/n$  mass received by  $u$  is  $\approx n/2$

Expectation of mass is **still**  $O(1)$ .

Variance of mass is  $\approx n$

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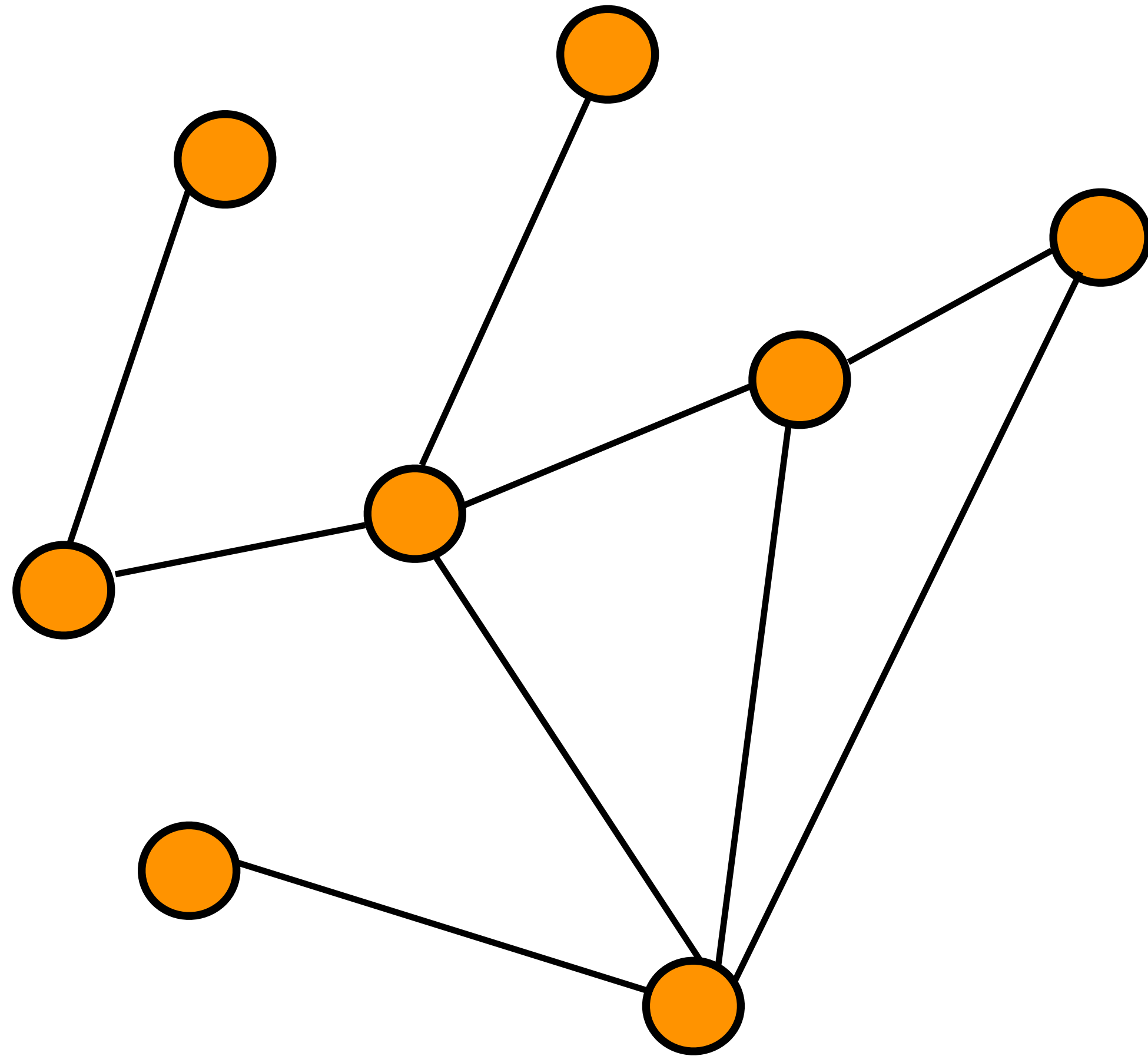
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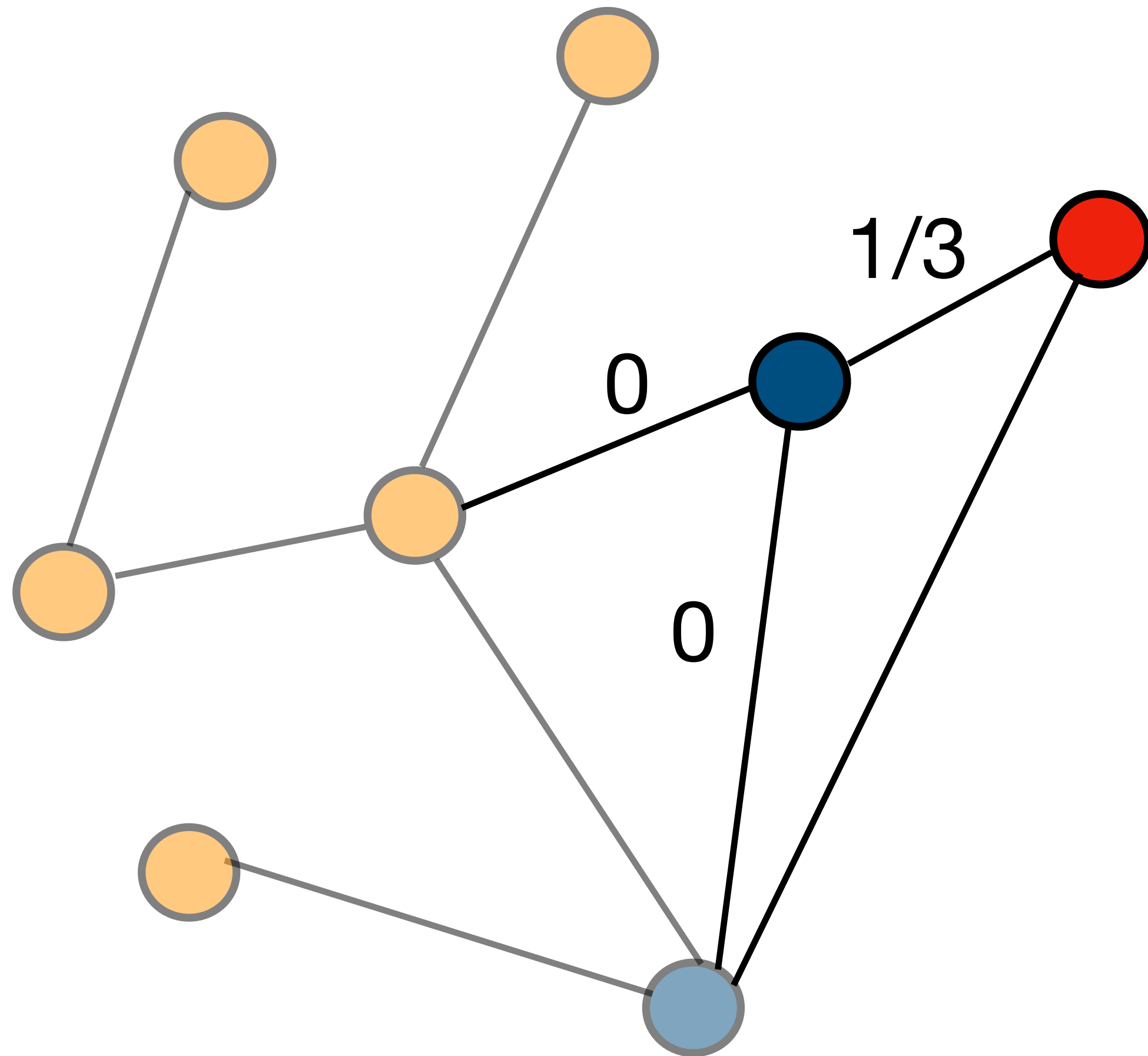
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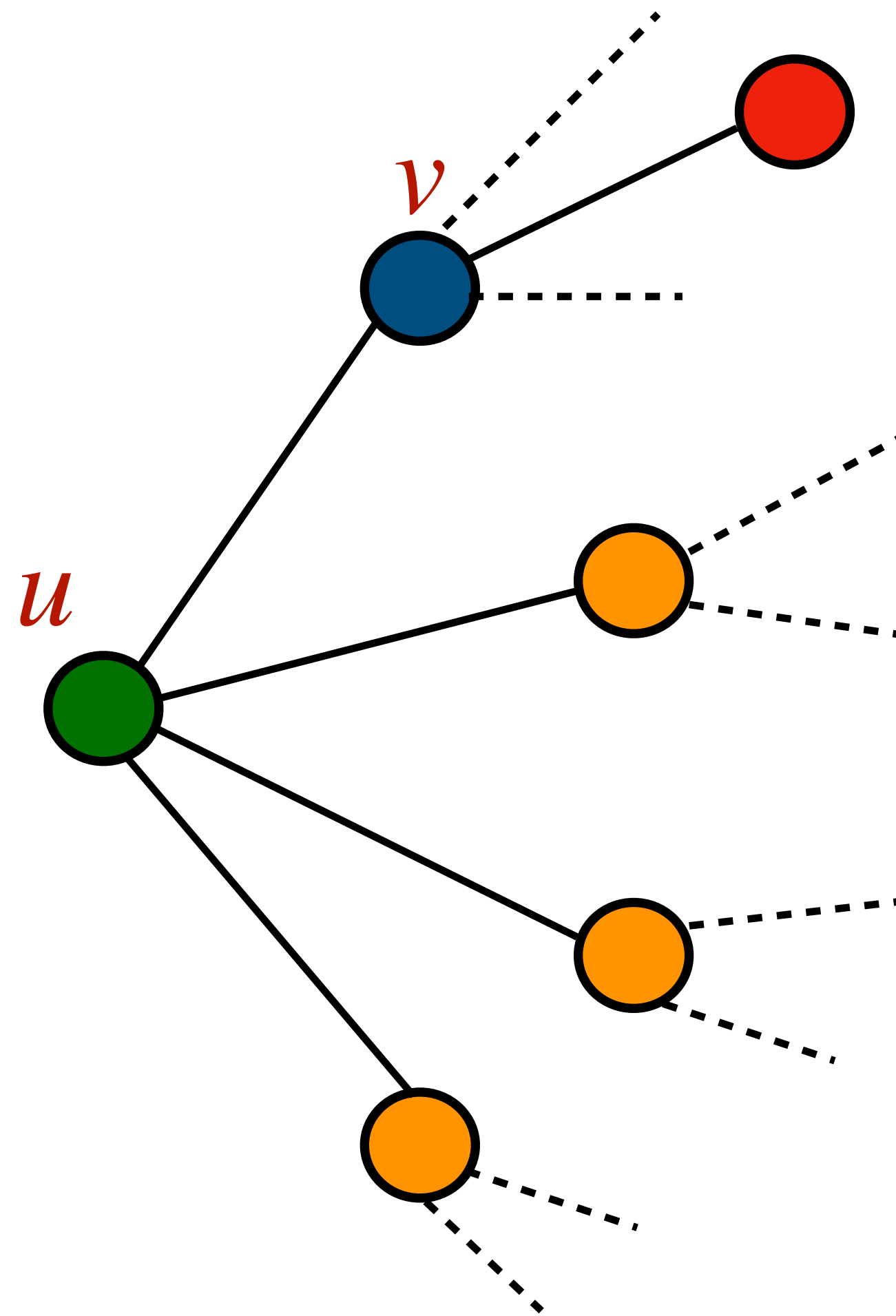


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Mass added across edge  $(u, v)$  is  $1/\deg(v)$  only if  $\deg(u)$  is at most  $\deg(v)$

$$1/\deg(v) \leq 1/\deg(u)$$

Total mass is at most **1** at each iteration

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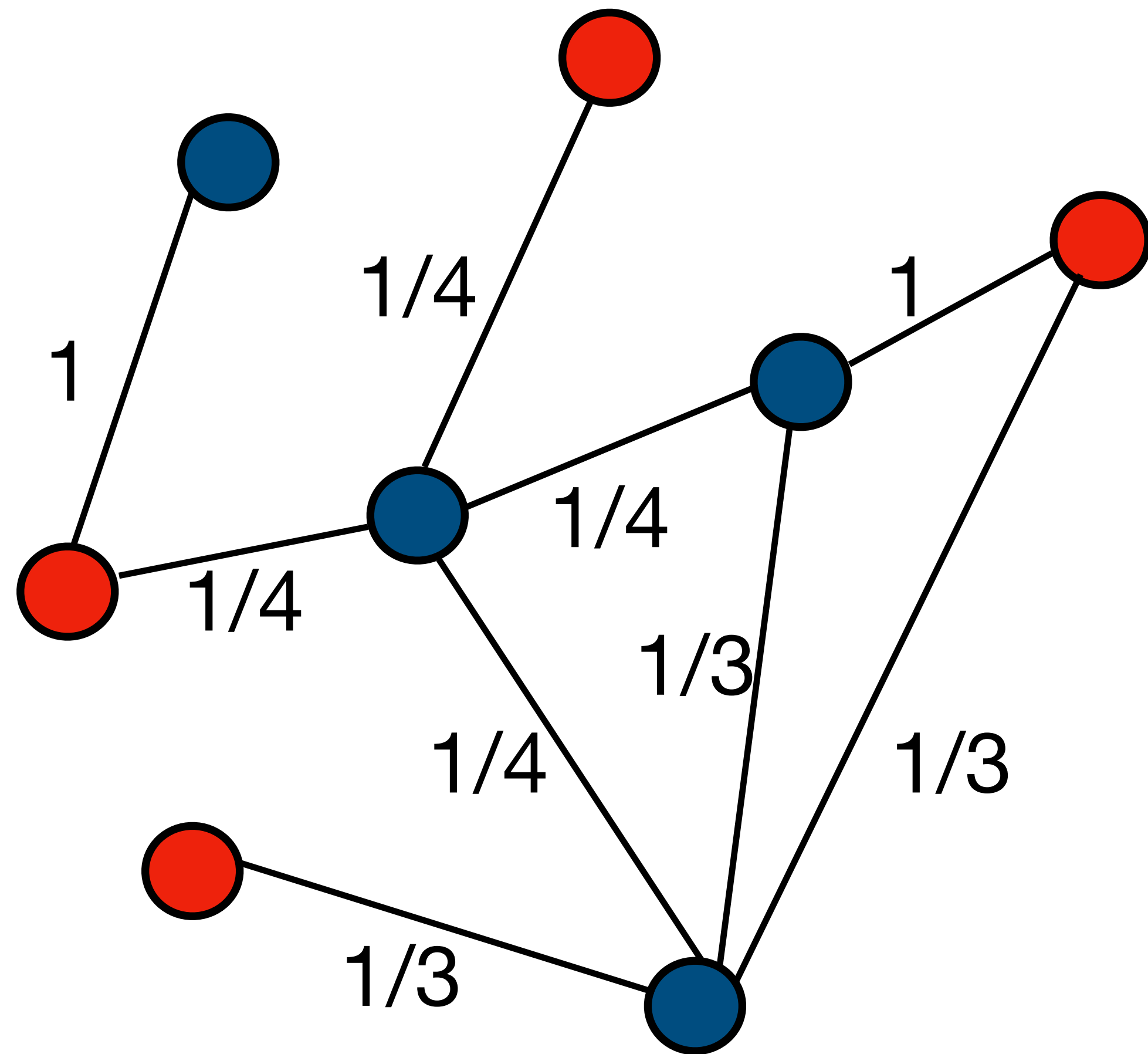
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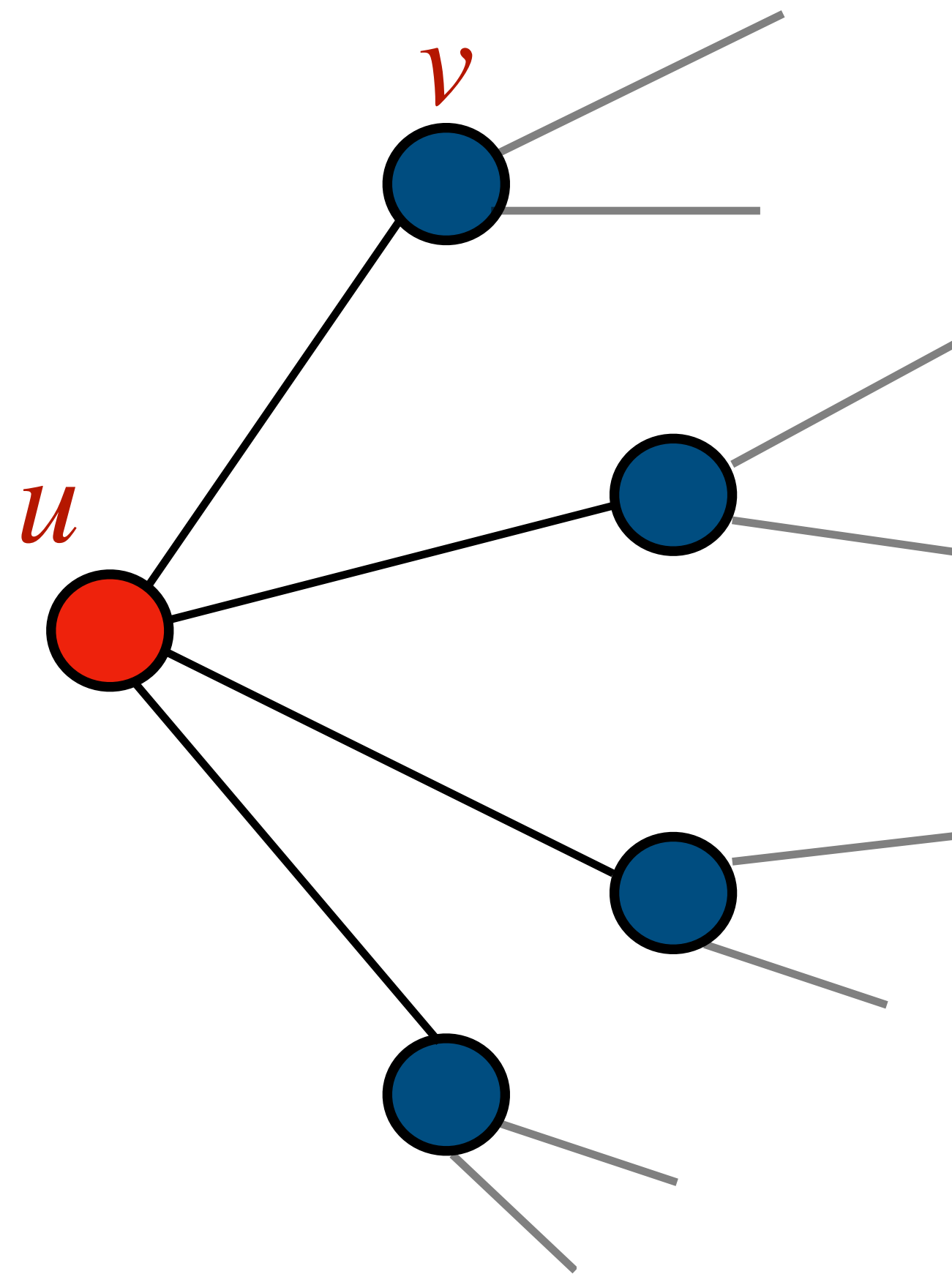
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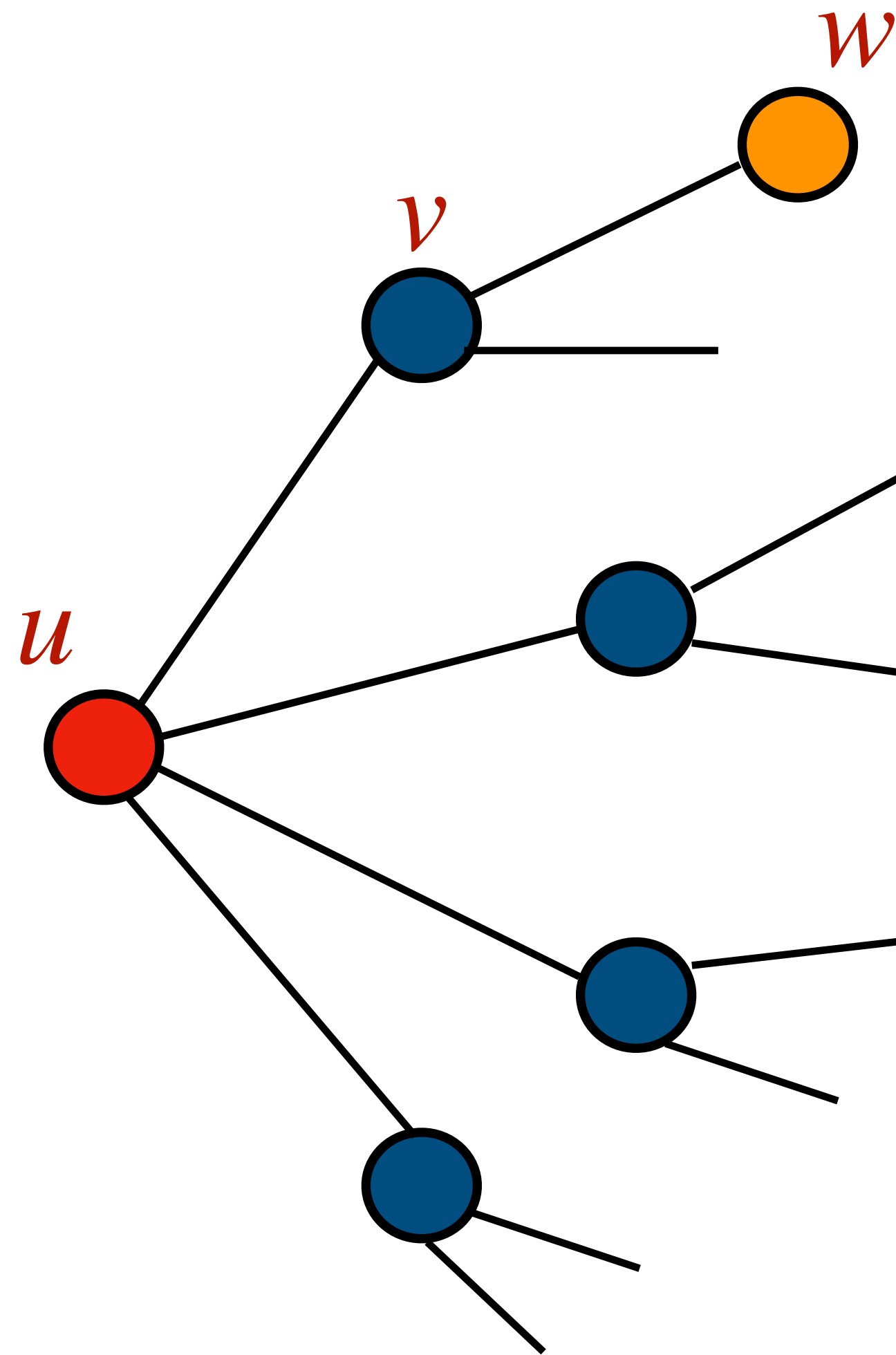
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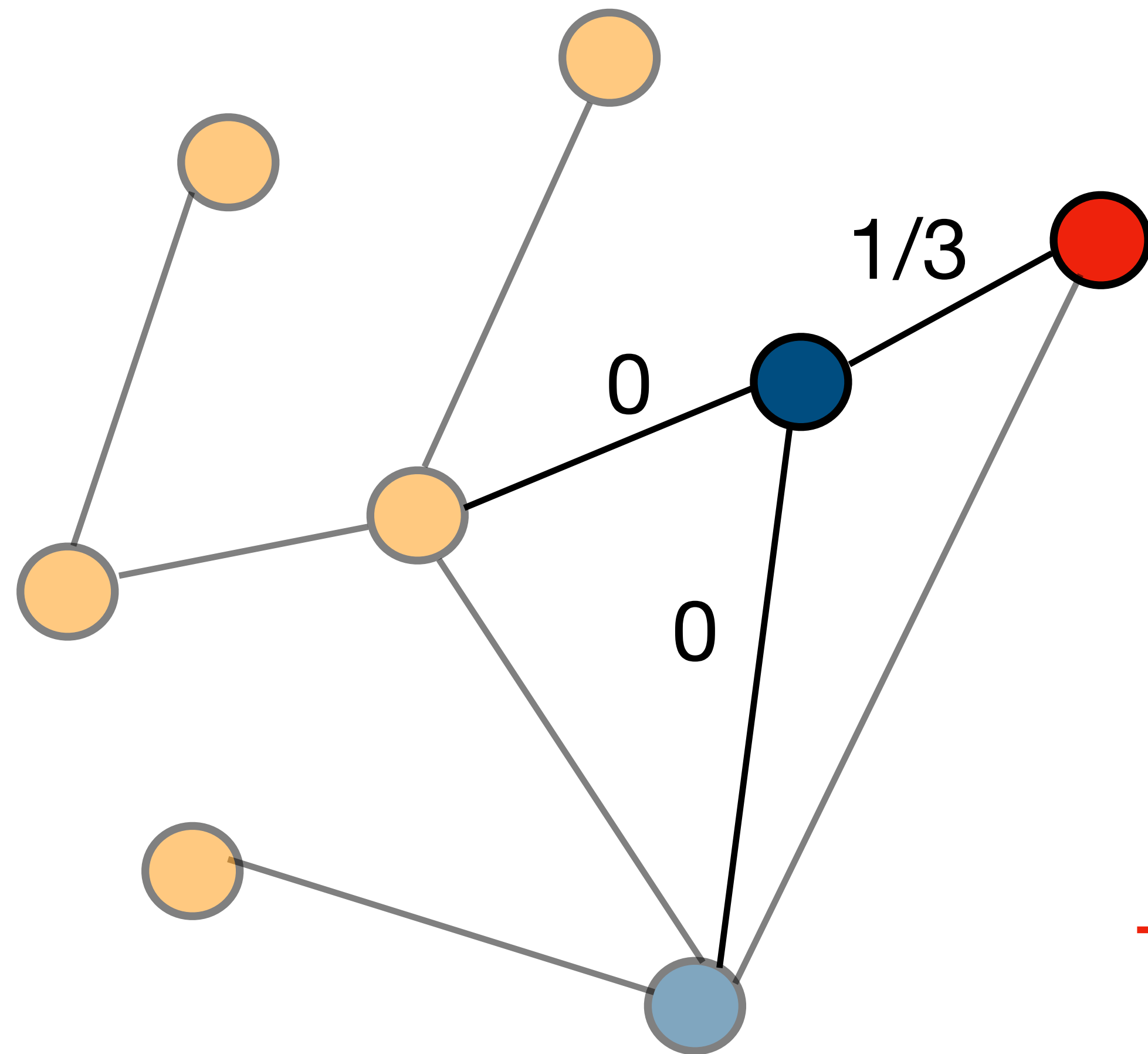
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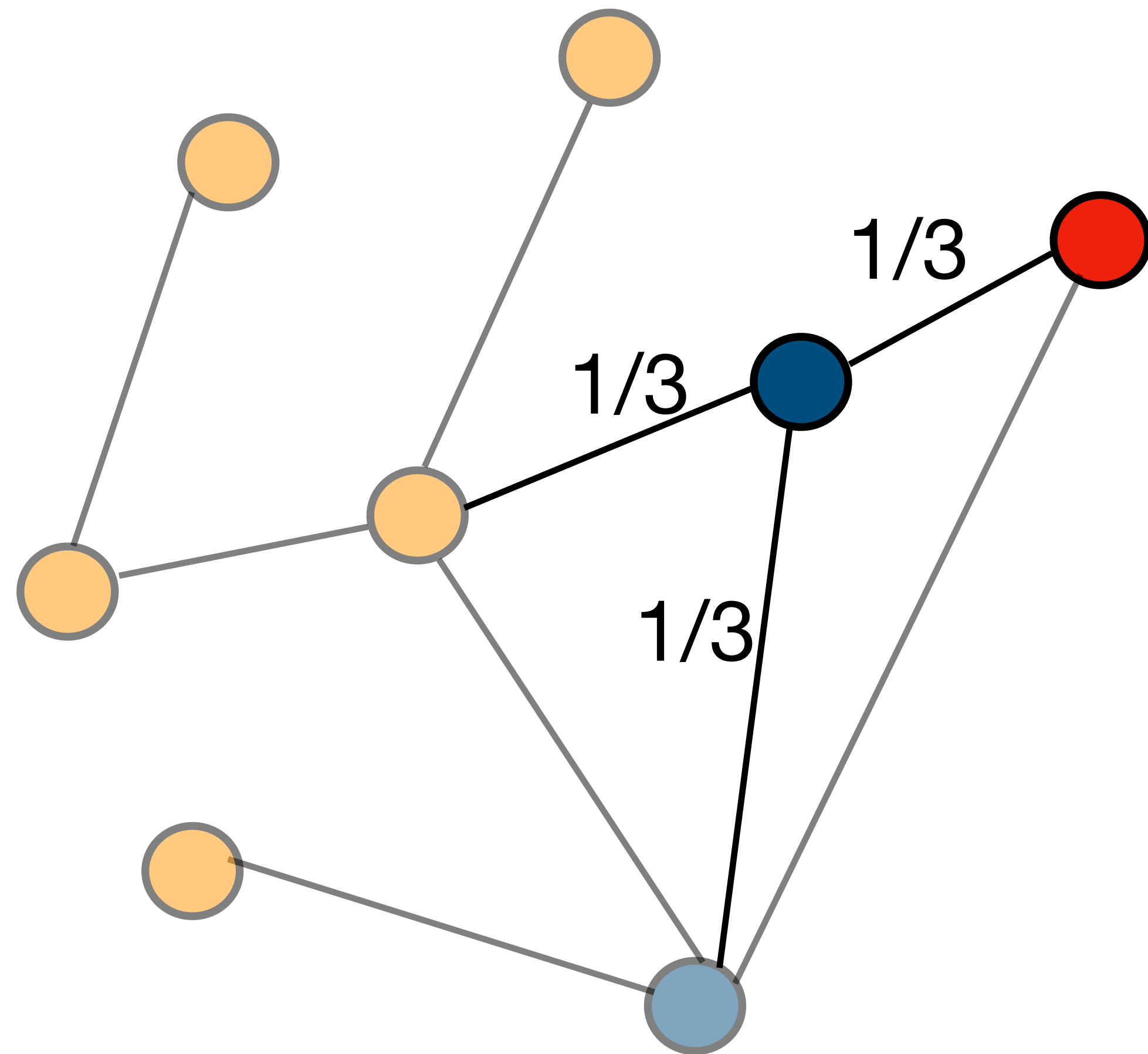
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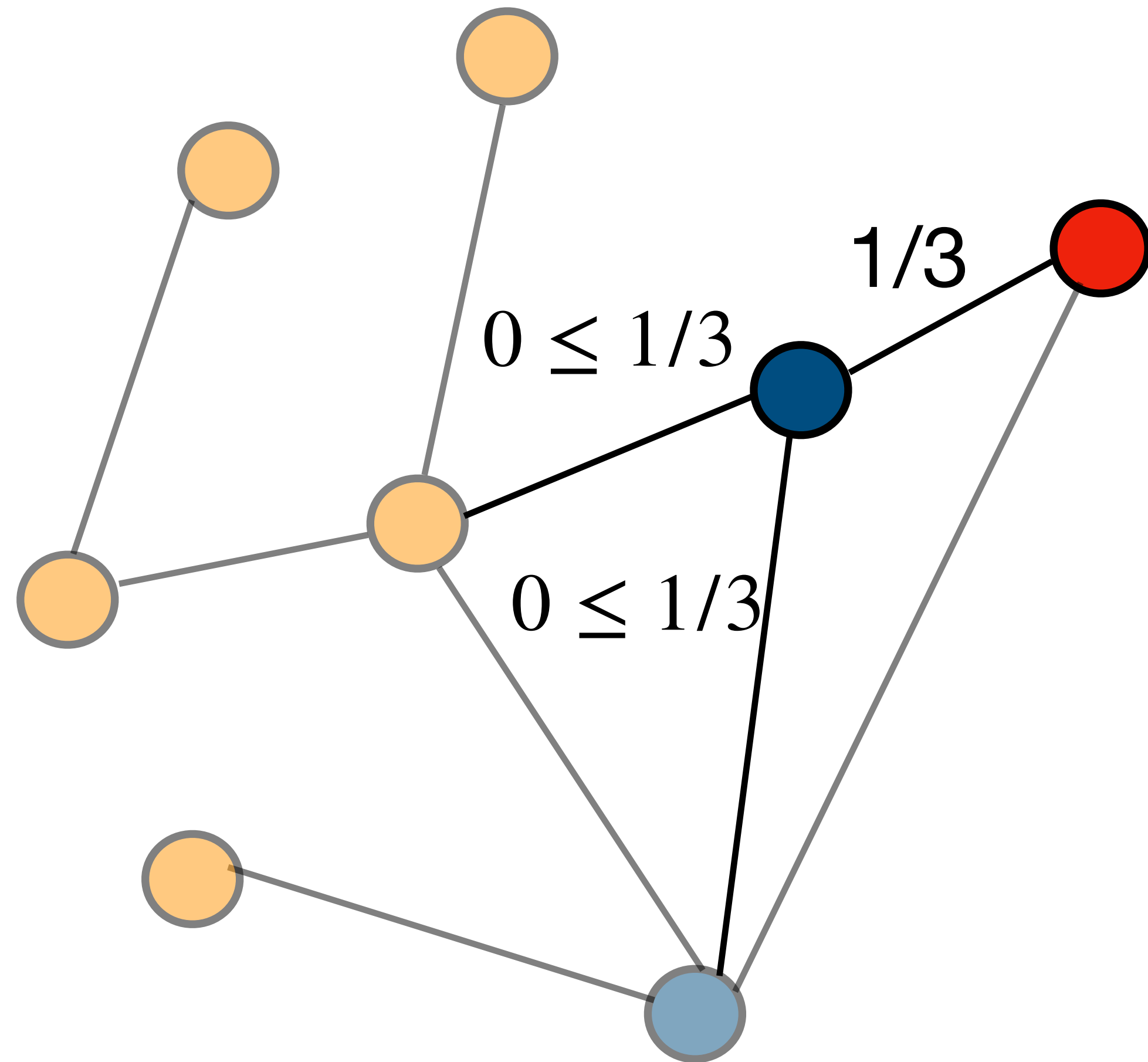
This we don't get - we do not implement  
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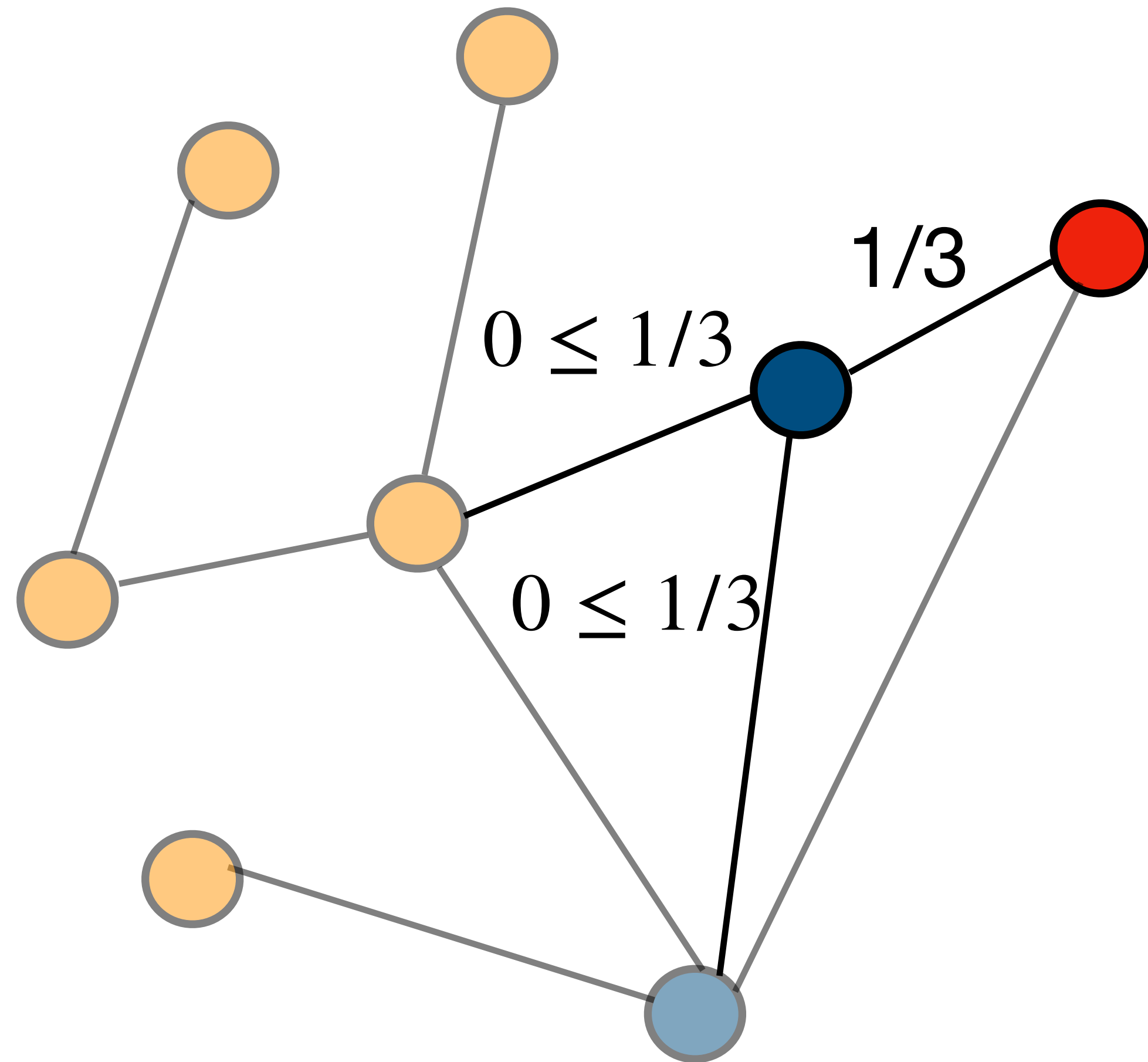
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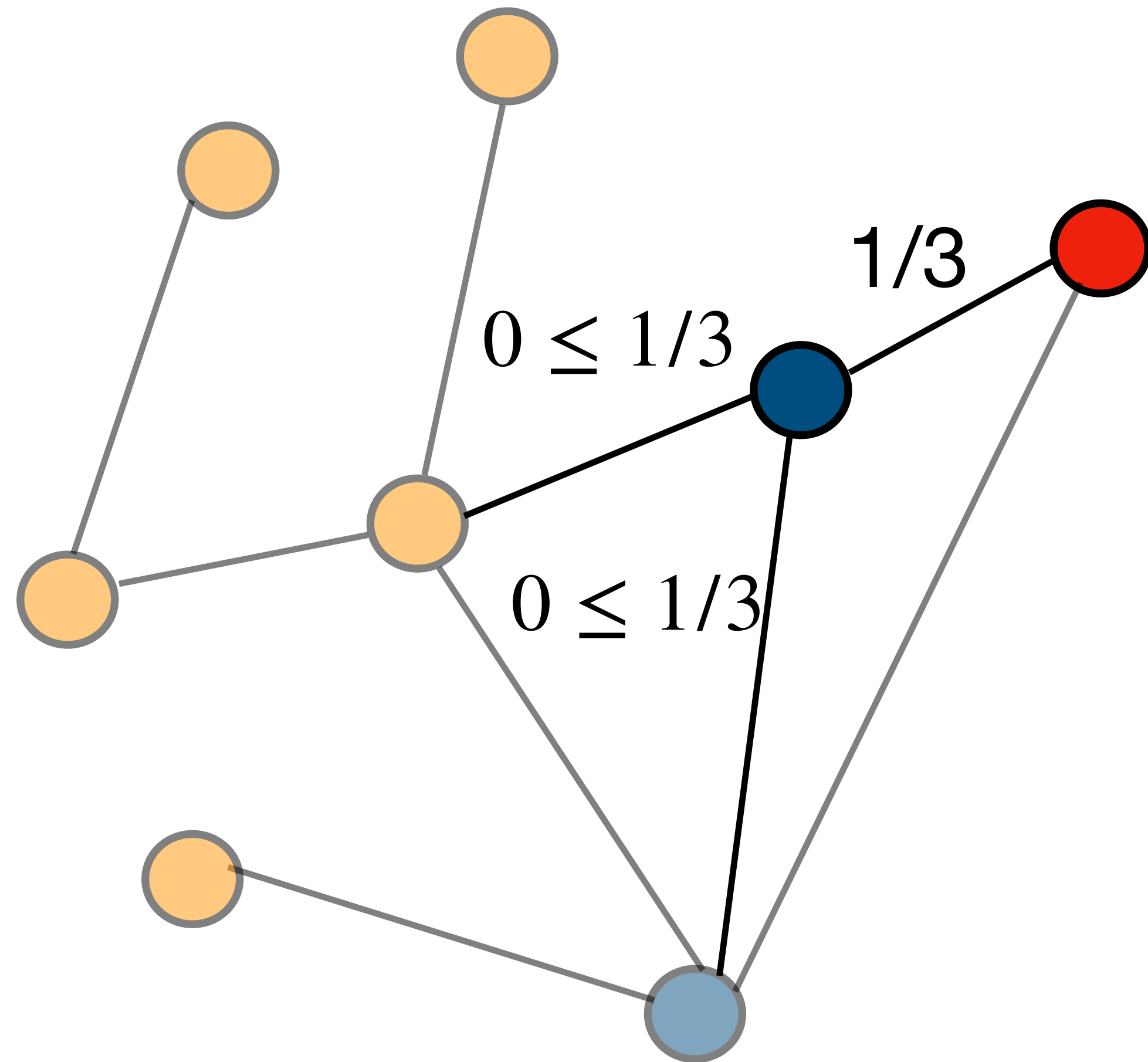


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Do we sample too many edges?

Well, no.

# Concluding Remarks

# Takeaways

We gave a reduction from random greedy MIS to  $O(1)$ -approximate maximum matching

- Inspired by [Veldt '24] reduction to vertex cover, generalized for matchings
- Using this reduction we gave a sketching algorithm for  $O(1)$ -apx matching in  $O(\log \log n)$  rounds with  $\tilde{O}(n)$  size sketches

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## Open Questions:

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[Ahn-Guha '18, Assadi-Liu-Tarjan '21, Chen-Kol-Paramonov-Saxena-Song-Yu '21, Assadi-S '23, Shang-En Huang Hsin-Hao Su '23]
- Better upper bounds or conditional lower bounds for MPC model?

Thank You!