
Matrix Martingales in Randomized Numerical Linear Algebra

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Concentration of Scalar Random Variables

Random $X = \sum_i X_i$, $X_i \in \mathbb{R}$

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2. $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$

Is $X \approx 0$ with high probability?

Concentration of Scalar Random Variables

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4. $\sum_i \mathbb{E}X_i^2 \leq \sigma^2$

gives

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gives

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Concentration of Matrix Random Variables

Matrix Bernstein's Inequality (Tropp 11)

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Concentration of Matrix Martingales

Matrix Freedman's Inequality (Tropp 11)

$$\mathbb{P}[\|\sum_i \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_i^2 \mid \text{prev. steps}]\| > \sigma^2] \leq \delta$$

Predictable quadratic variation

$$= \sum_i \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_i^2 \mid \text{prev. steps}]$$

Laplacian Matrices

Graph

$$G = (V, E)$$

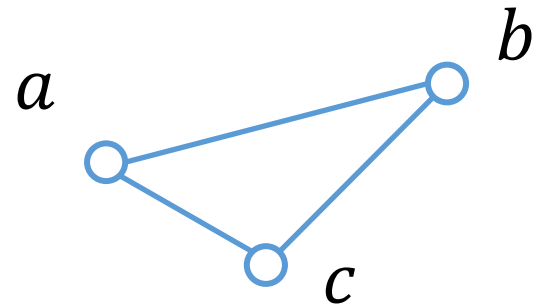
Edge weights

$$w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$n = |V|$$

$$m = |E|$$

$n \times n$ matrix



$$L = \sum_{e \in E} L_e$$

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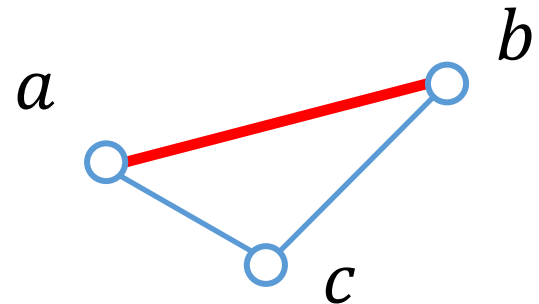
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$$L_{(a,b)} = w_{(a,b)} \begin{pmatrix} \dots & a & \dots & b & \dots \\ \vdots & & & & \\ a & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ b & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Laplacian Matrices

Graph $G = (V, E)$

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A: weighted adjacency matrix of the graph
 $A_{ij} = w_{ij}$

D: diagonal matrix of weighted degrees
 $D_{ii} = \sum_j w_{ij}$

$$L = D - A$$

Laplacian Matrices

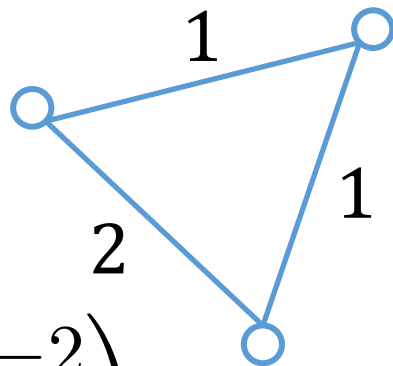
Symmetric matrix L

All off-diagonals are non-positive and

$$L_{ii} = \sum_{j \neq i} |L_{ij}|$$

Laplacian of a Graph

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Laplacian Matrices

[ST04]: solving Laplacian linear equations in $\tilde{O}(m)$ time

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[KS16]: simple algorithm

Solving a Laplacian Linear Equation

$$Lx = b$$

Gaussian Elimination

Find U , upper triangular matrix, s.t.

$$U^T U = L$$

Then

$$x = U^{-1} U^{-T} b$$

Easy to apply U^{-1} and U^{-T}

Solving a Laplacian Linear Equation

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Approximate Gaussian Elimination

Find U , upper triangular matrix, s.t.

$$U^T U \approx L$$

U is sparse.

$O\left(\log \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$ iterations to get
 ε -approximate solution \tilde{x} .

Approximate Gaussian Elimination

Theorem [KS]

When L is an **Laplacian** matrix with m non-zeros, we can find in $O(m \log^3 n)$ time an upper triangular matrix U with $O(m \log^3 n)$ non-zeros, s.t. w.h.p.

$$U^T U \approx L$$

Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

Find \mathbf{U} , upper triangular matrix, s.t $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{M}$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 16 & -4 & -8 & -4 \\ -4 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ -8 & 0 & 14 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & -4 & -8 & -4 \\ -4 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ -8 & 0 & 14 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the rank-1 matrix that agrees with M on the first row and column.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & -4 & -8 & -4 \\ -4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -8 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

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Subtract the rank 1 matrix.

We have **eliminated the first variable**.

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Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 10 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

The remaining matrix is PSD.

Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 10 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find rank-1 matrix that agrees with our matrix on the **next** row and column.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

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Subtract the rank 1 matrix.

We have **eliminated the second variable**.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

Repeat until all parts written as rank 1 terms.

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Additive View of Gaussian Elimination

What is special about Gaussian Elimination on Laplacians?

The **remaining matrix** is always Laplacian.

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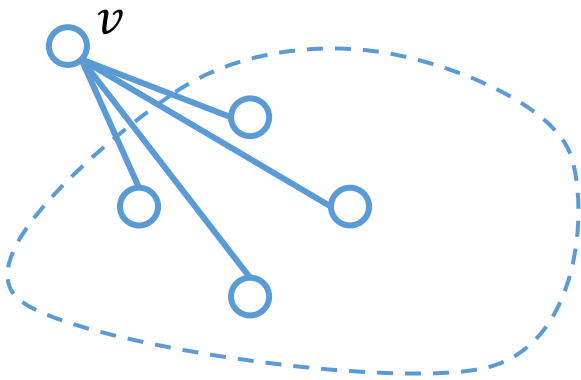
A new Laplacian!

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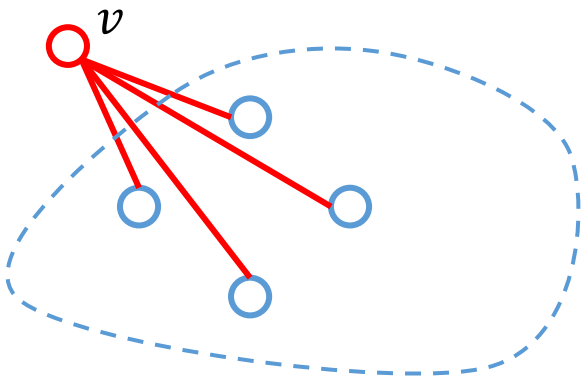


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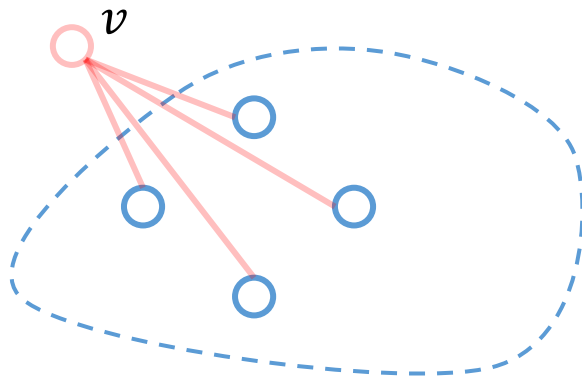


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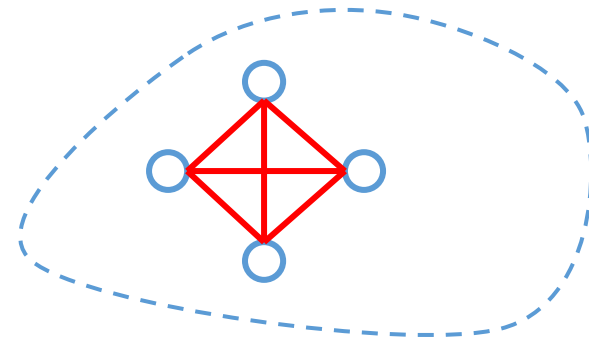
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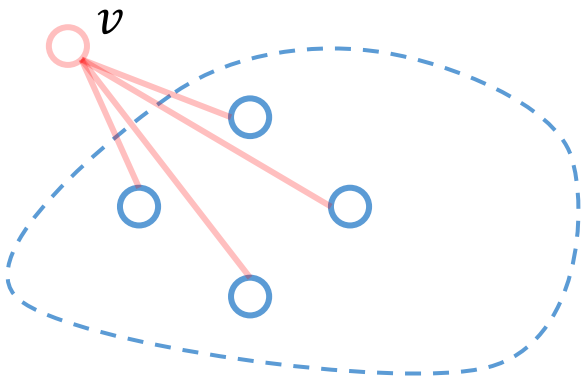
Elimination creates a clique on the neighbors of v

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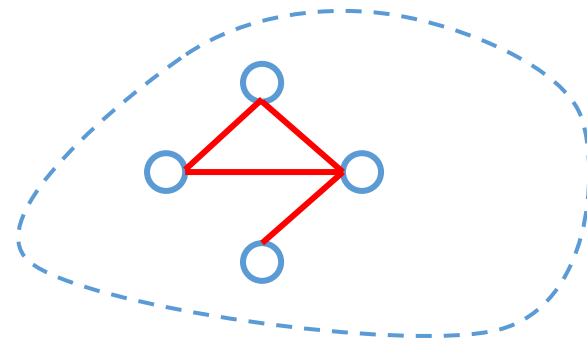
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Laplacian cliques can be sparsified!

Gaussian Elimination

1. Pick a vertex v to eliminate
2. Add the clique created by eliminating v
3. Repeat until done

Approximate Gaussian Elimination

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1. Pick a **random** vertex v to eliminate
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Approximate Gaussian Elimination

1. Pick a **random** vertex v to eliminate
2. **Sample** the clique created by eliminating v
3. Repeat until done

Resembles **randomized** Incomplete Cholesky

Approximating Matrices by Sampling

Goal

$$U^T U \approx L$$

Approach

1. $\mathbb{E} U^T U = L$
2. Show $U^T U$ concentrated around expectation

Gives $U^T U \approx L$ w. high probability

Approximating Matrices in Expectation

Consider eliminating the first variable

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Original
Laplacian

Rank 1
term

Remaining graph
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Rank 1 term Remaining graph + sparsified clique

Then $\quad = \mathbf{L}^{(0)}$

Approximating Matrices in Expectation

Let $\mathbf{L}^{(i)}$ be our approximation after i eliminations

If we ensure at each step

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \\ \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \end{array} \right)$$

Sparsified clique Clique

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \mathbf{L}^{(i)} = \mathbf{L}^{(i-1)}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{L}^{(i)} - \mathbf{L}^{(i-1)} \mid \text{previous steps} \right] = \mathbf{0}$$

Approximation?

Approximate Gaussian Elimination

Find U , upper triangular matrix, s.t.

$$U^T U \approx L$$

~~$$\|U^T U - L\| \leq 0.5$$~~

$$\|L^{-1/2} U^T U L^{-1/2} - I\| \leq 0.5$$

Essential Tools

Isotropic position

$$\bar{\mathbf{Z}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{L}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{L}^{-1/2}$$

Goal is now

$$\overline{\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I} \approx \mathbf{0}$$

PSD Order

$$\mathbf{A} \preceq \mathbf{B}$$

iff for all \mathbf{x}

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{B} \mathbf{x}$$

Matrix Concentration: Edge Variables

$$Y_e = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p_e} L_e & \text{w. probability } p_e \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Zero-mean variables

$$X_e = Y_e - L_e$$

Isotropic position variables

$$\bar{X}_e$$

Predictable Quadratic Variation

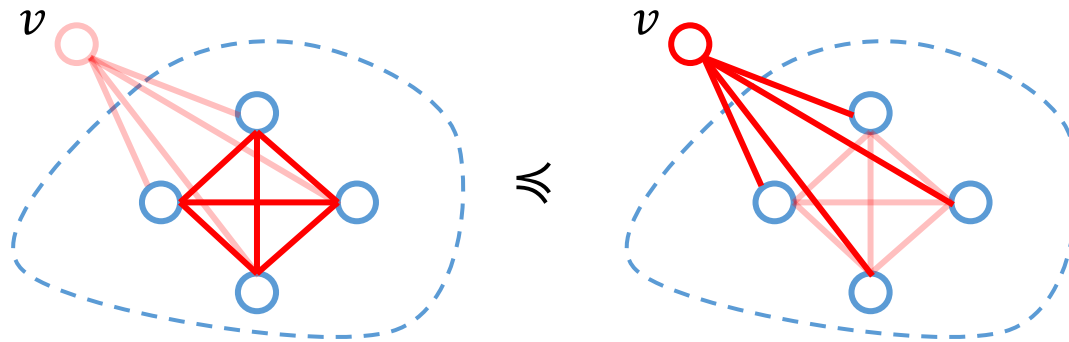
Predictable quadratic variation = $\sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 \mid \text{prev. steps}]$

Want to show $\mathbb{P}[\|\sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 \mid \text{prev. steps}]\| > \sigma^2] \leq \delta$

Promise: $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_e^2 \ll r\bar{L}_e$

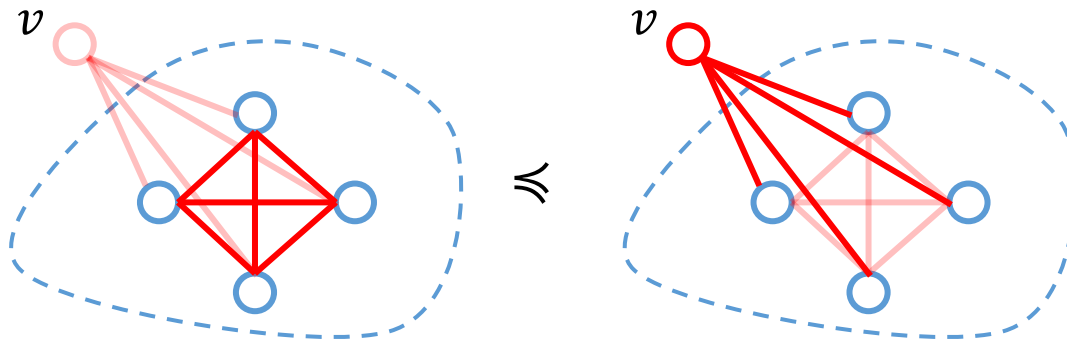


Sample Variance



$$\sum_{e \in \text{elim. clique of } v} \bar{L}_e \cong \sum_{e \ni v} \bar{L}_e$$

Sample Variance



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_v \sum_{e \in \text{elim. clique of } v} \bar{L}_e &\approx \mathbb{E}_v \sum_{e \ni v} \bar{L}_e \\
 = \frac{2 \text{current lap.}}{\# \text{ vertices}} &\approx \frac{4\bar{L}}{\# \text{ vertices}} = \frac{4I}{\# \text{ vertices}}
 \end{aligned}$$

WARNING: only true w.h.p.

Sample Variance

Recall $\mathbb{E}\bar{X}_e^2 \leq r\bar{L}_e$

Putting it together

$$\mathbb{E}_v \sum_{\substack{e \in \text{elim. clique of } v \\ e \in \text{elim. clique of } v}} \bar{X}_e^2 \leq r \frac{4I}{\# \text{ vertices}} \frac{4I}{\# \text{ vertices}}$$

variance

in one round of elimination

Sample Variance

$$\sum_{\text{rounds of elimination}} \text{variance} \approx \sum_{\text{rounds of elimination}} r \cdot \frac{4I}{\# \text{ vertices}}$$

$$\approx 4 r \log n \cdot I$$



Summary

Matrix martingales: a natural fit for algorithmic analysis

Understanding the Predictable Quadratic Variation is key

Some results using matrix martingales

Cohen, Musco, Pachocki '16 – online row sampling

Kyng, Sachdeva '17 – approximate Gaussian elimination

Kyng, Peng, Pachocki, Sachdeva '17 – semi-streaming graph sparsification

Cohen, Kelner, Kyng, Peebles, Peng, Rao, Sidford '18 – solving Directed Laplacian eqs.

Kyng, Song '18 – Matrix Chernoff bound for negatively dependent random variables

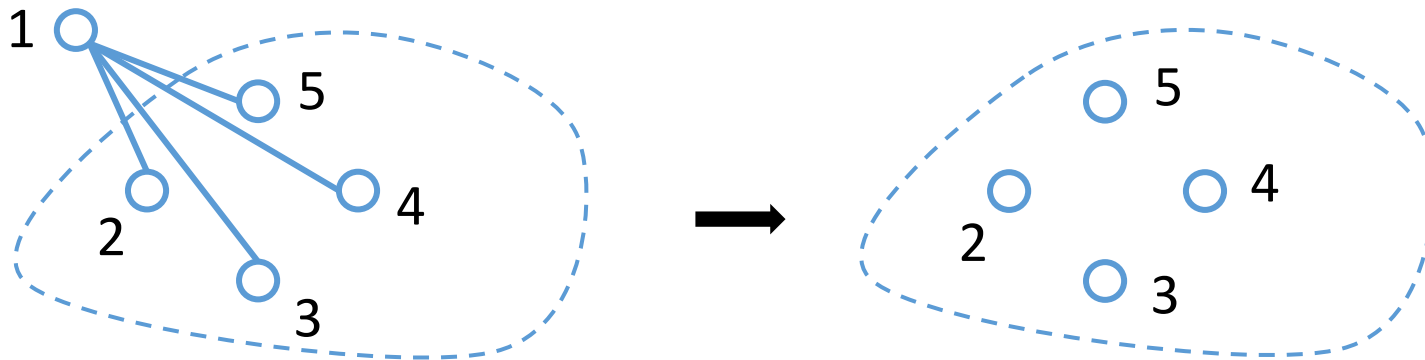
Thanks!

How to Sample a Clique

For each edge $(1, v)$

pick an edge $(1, u)$ with probability $\sim w_u$

insert edge (v, u) with weight $\frac{w_u w_v}{w_u + w_v}$

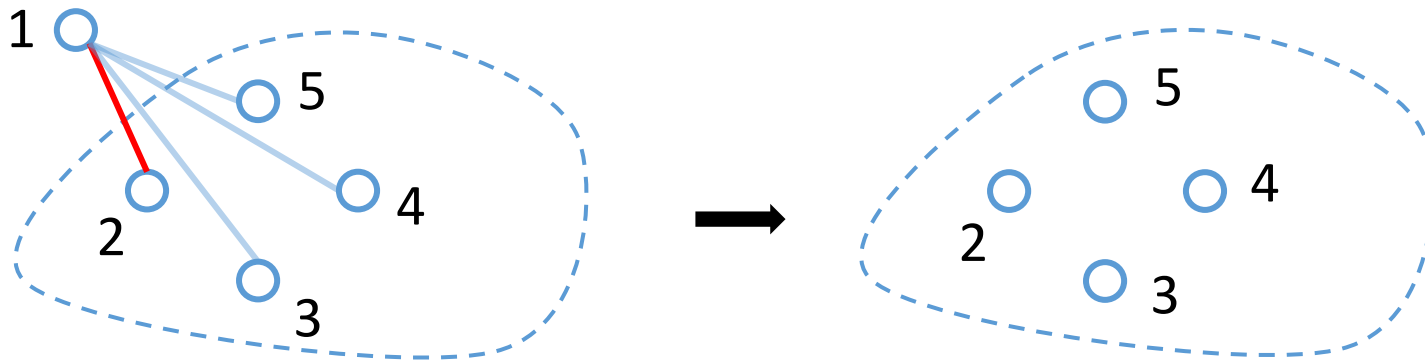


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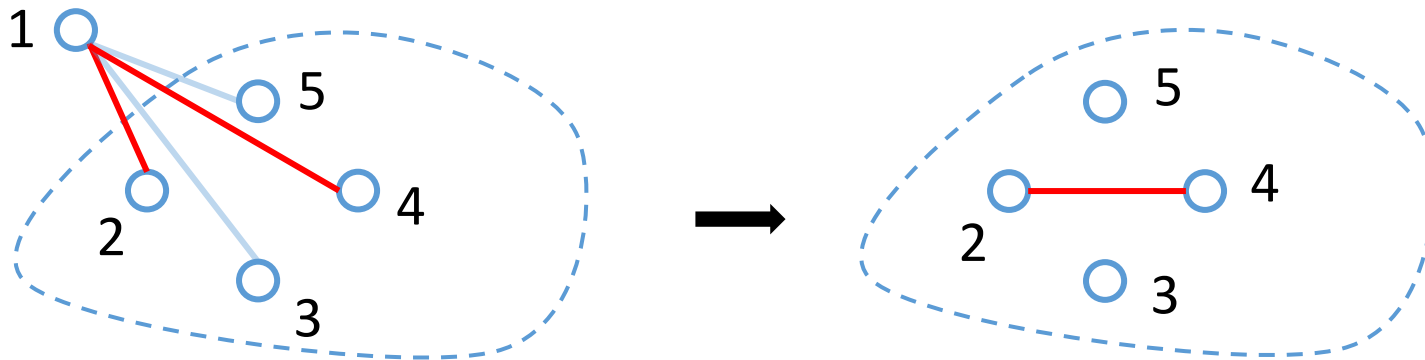


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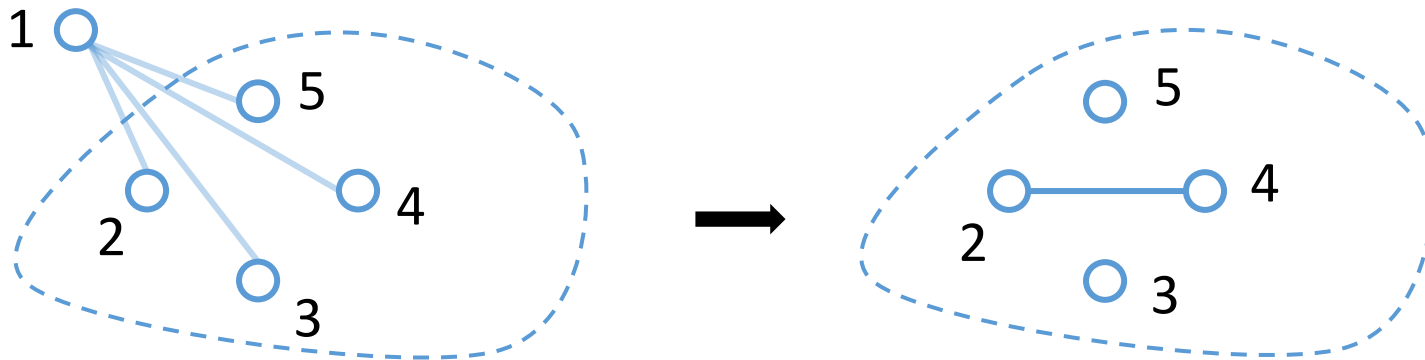


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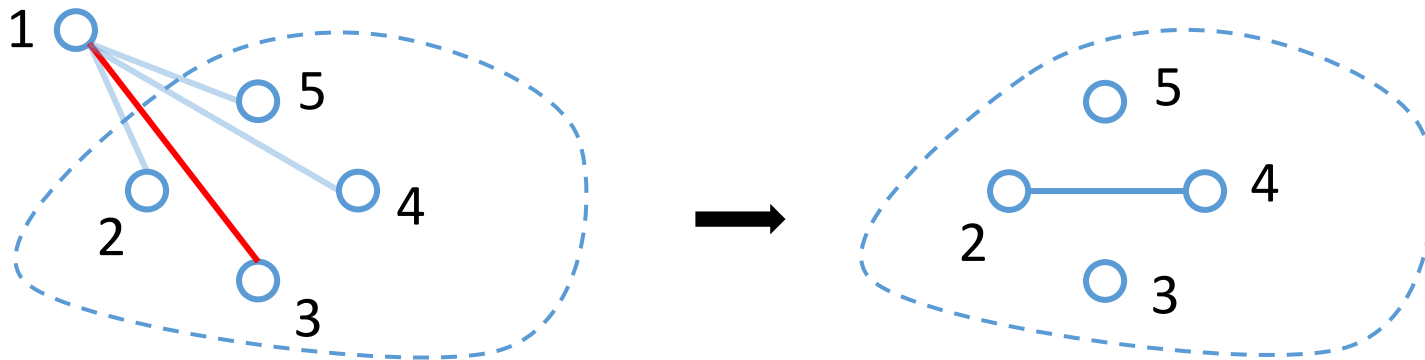


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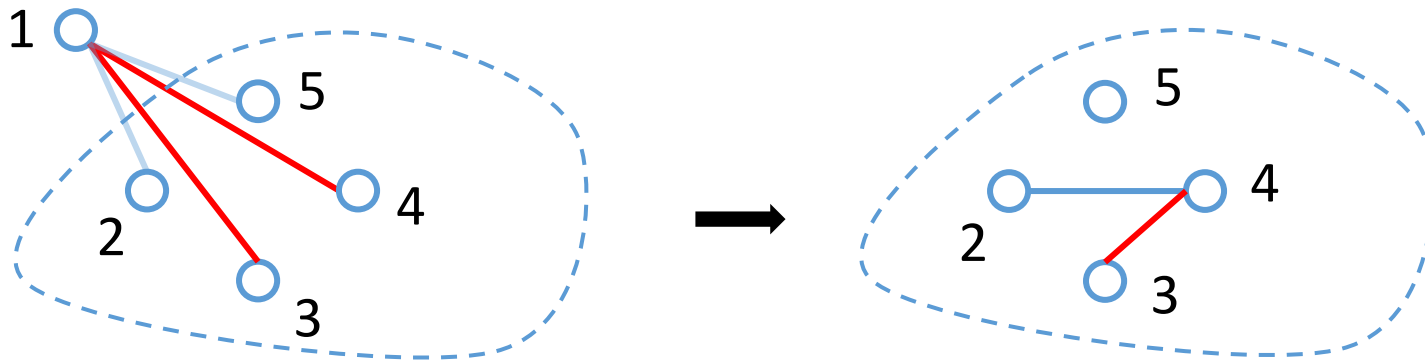


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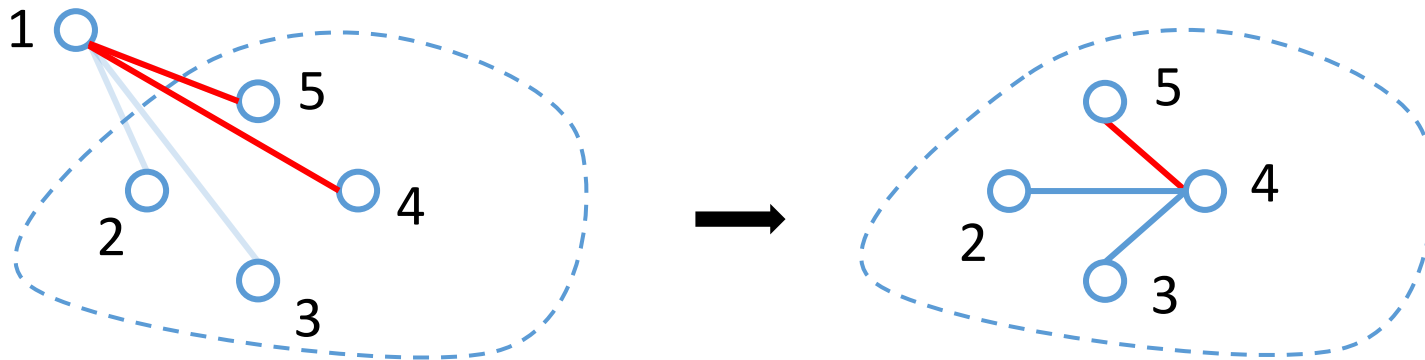


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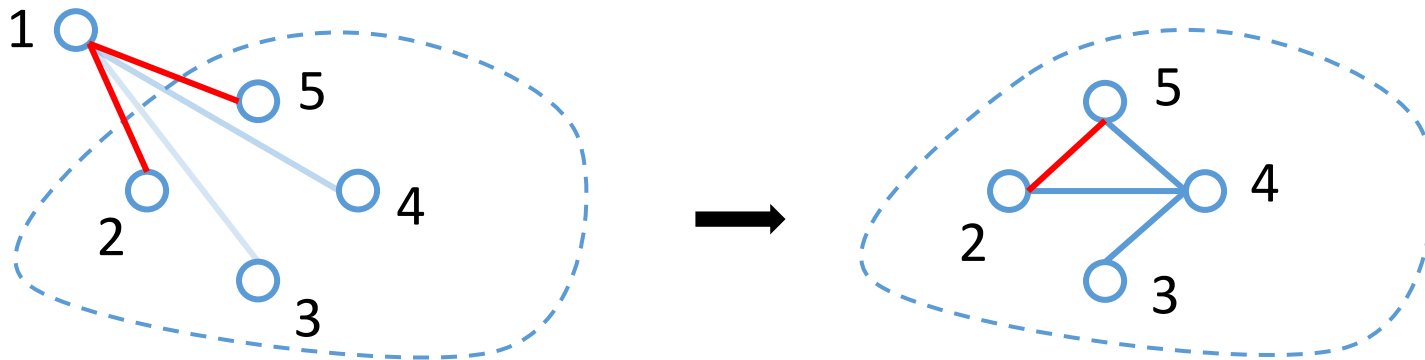


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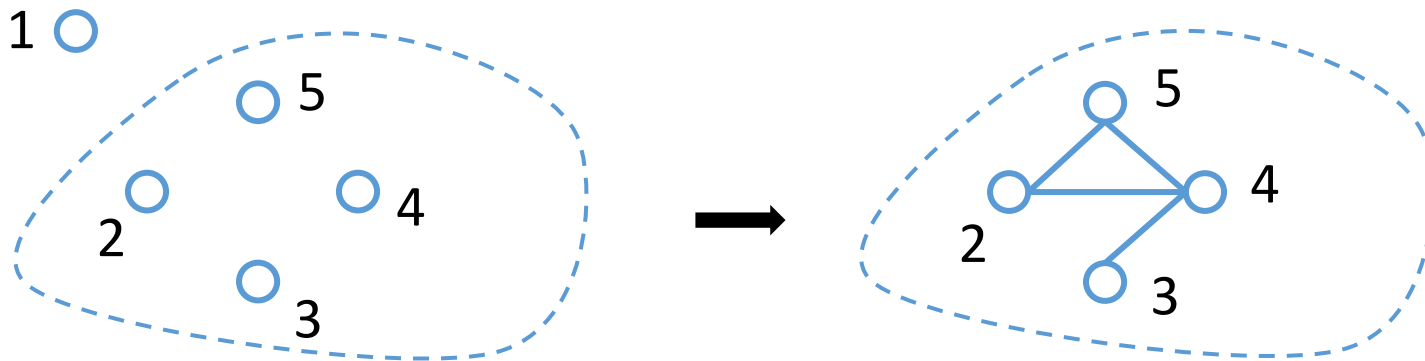


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