Distributed Algorithms for Mobile Networks

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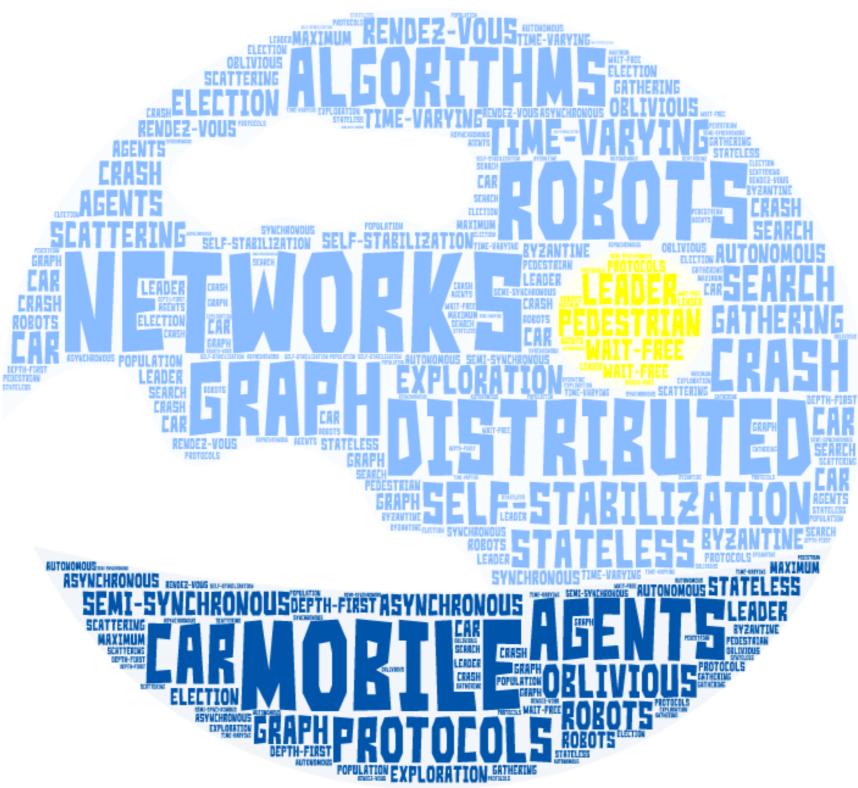
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This Lecture is **NOT** about

- Centralized algorithms
- Distributed heuristics
- Mobility-unrelated dynamic networks

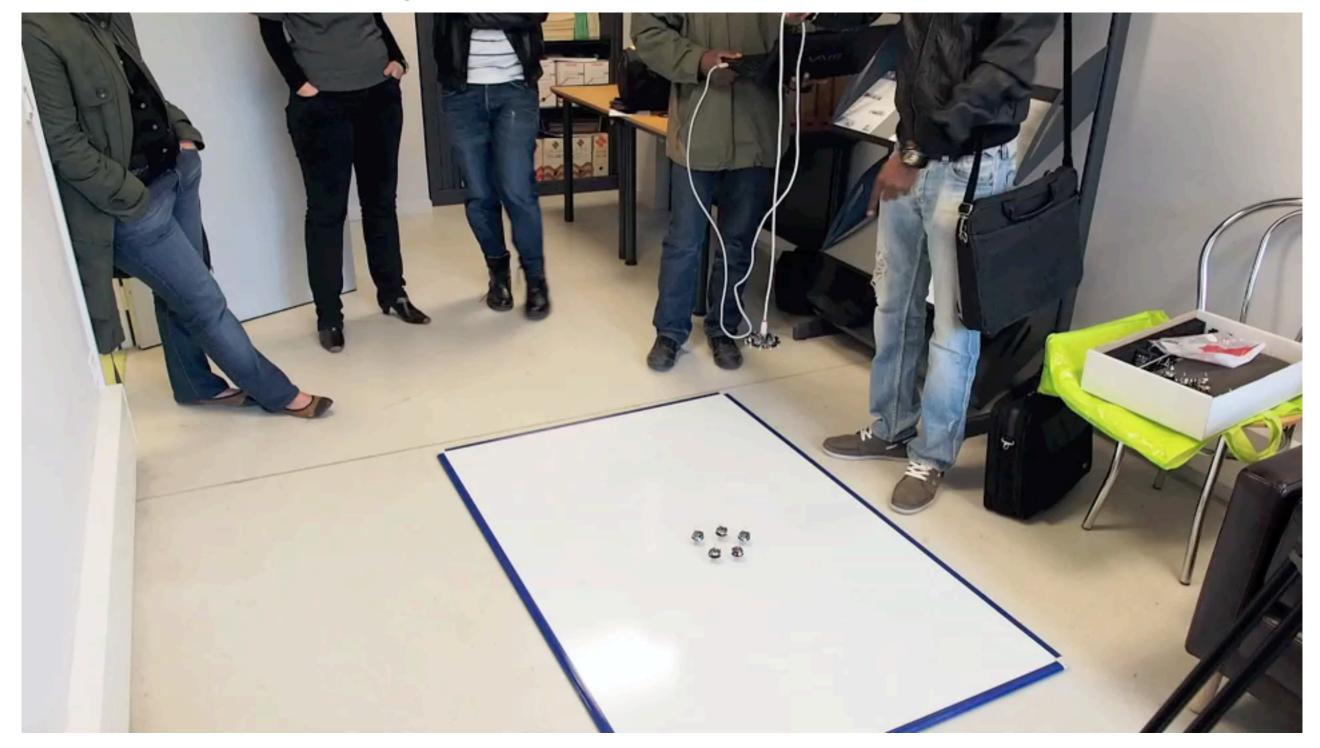
This Lecture



Two Domains

Passively Mobile Networks

Actively Mobile Networks



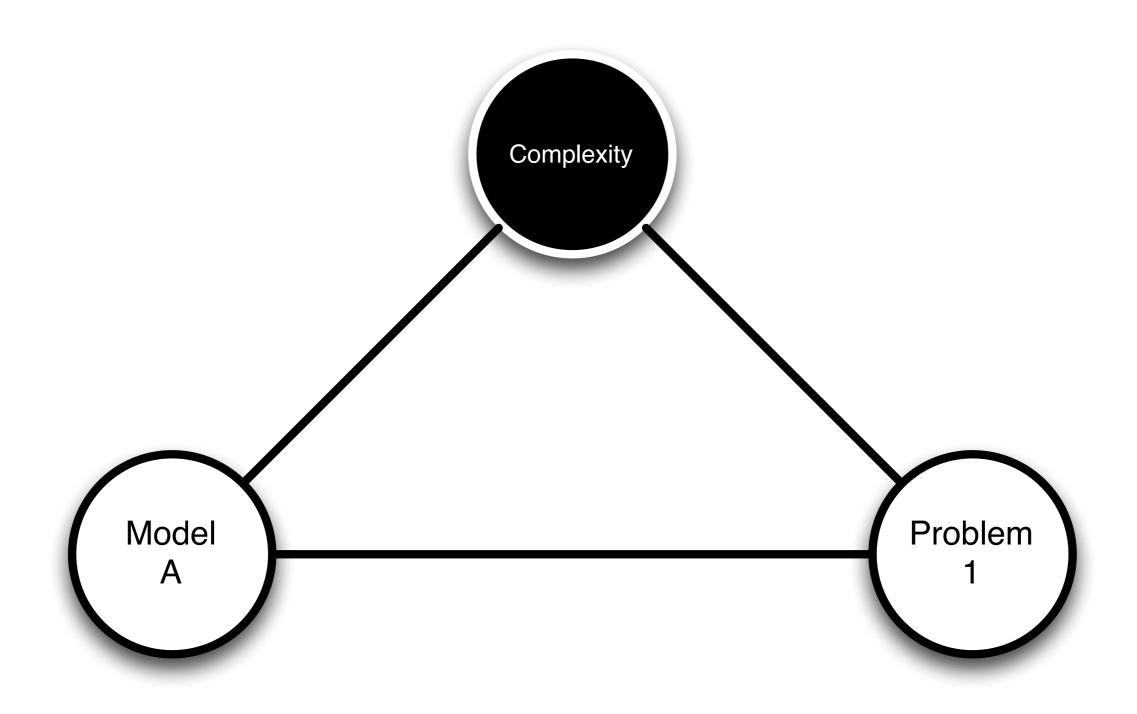
Outline

Passively mobile networks

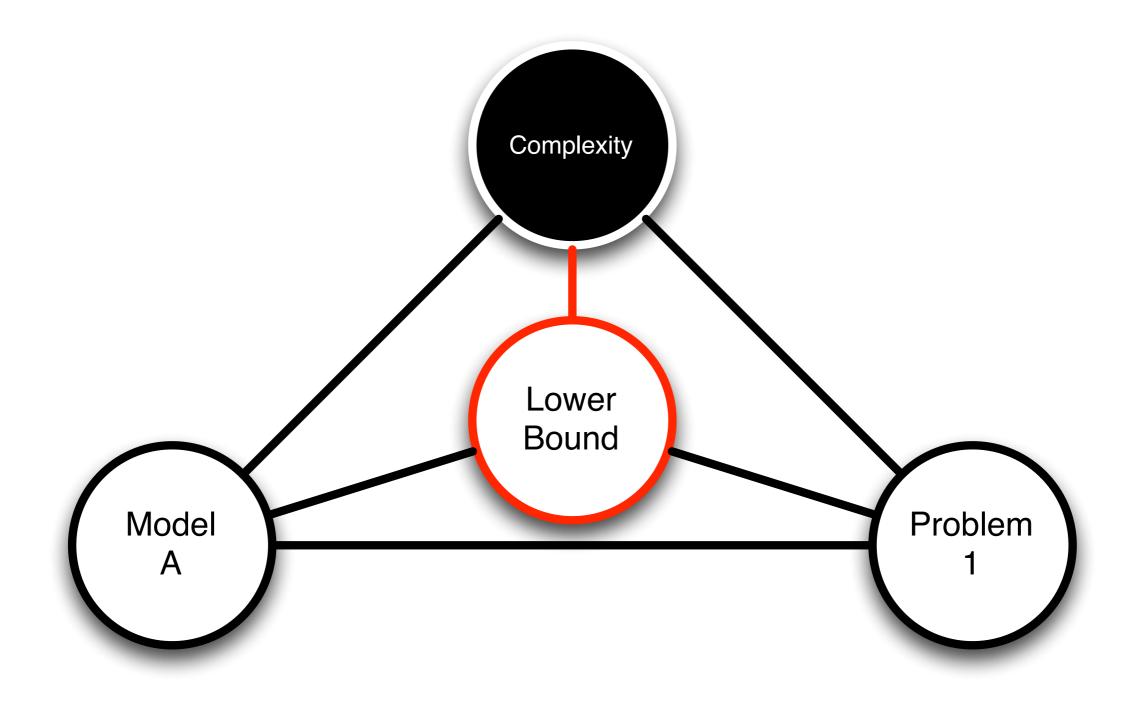
- Static Algorithms for Dynamic Networks
- Dynamic Network Models and Algorithms
- Actively mobile networks
 - Agents vs. Robots

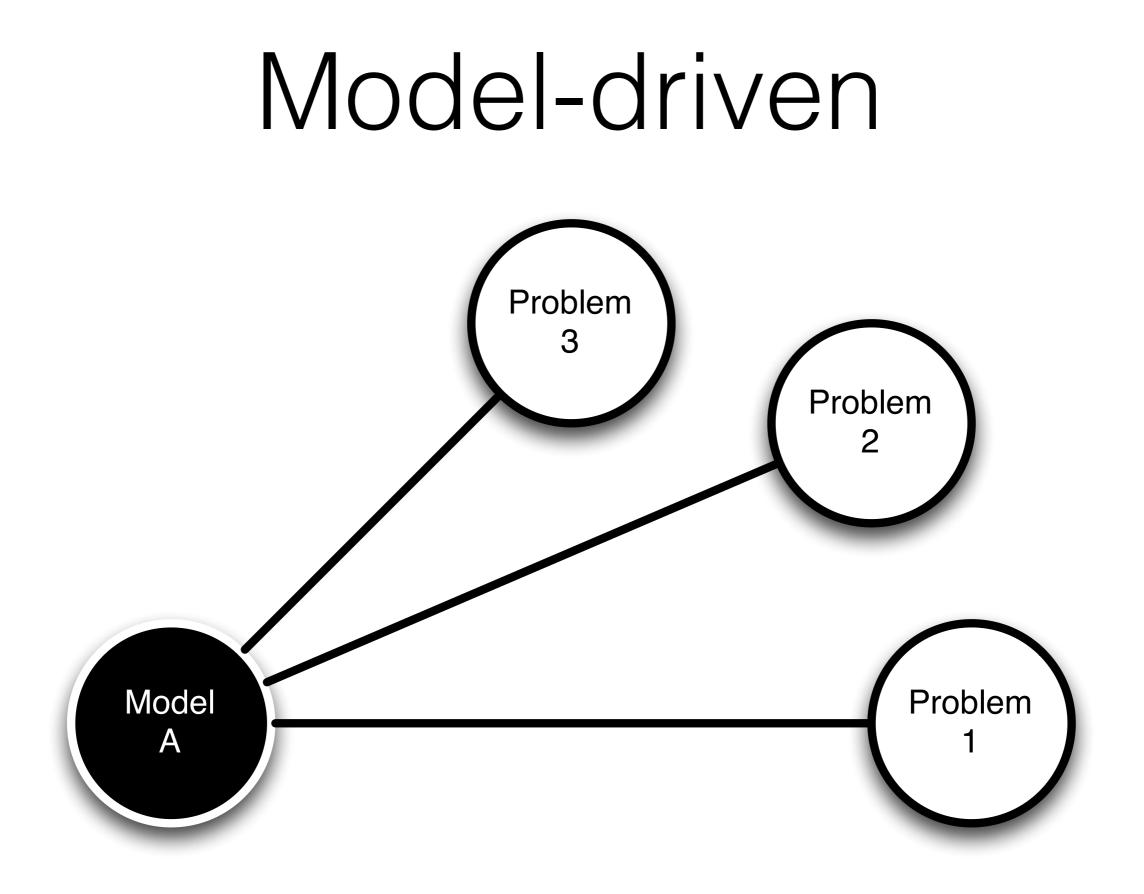
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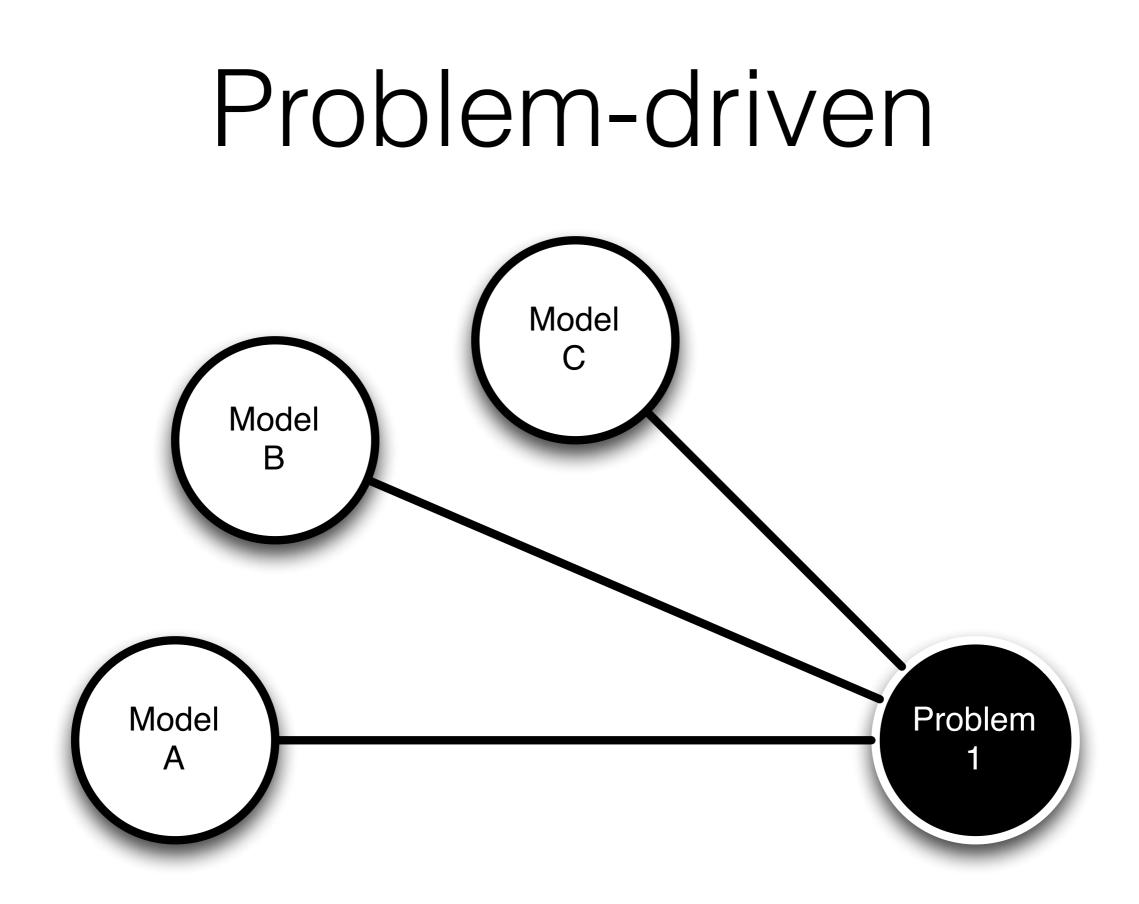
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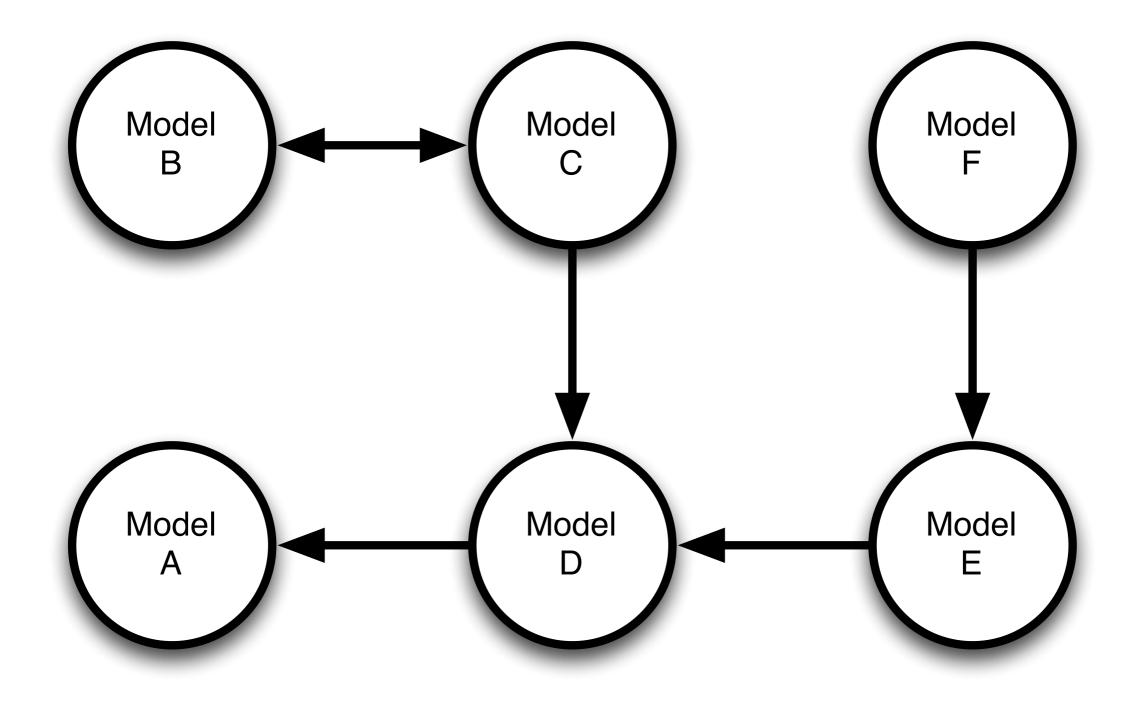
- Landing gear's frozen
- I lost my radar
- I'm out of fuel
- Lost a wing
- Lost the other one

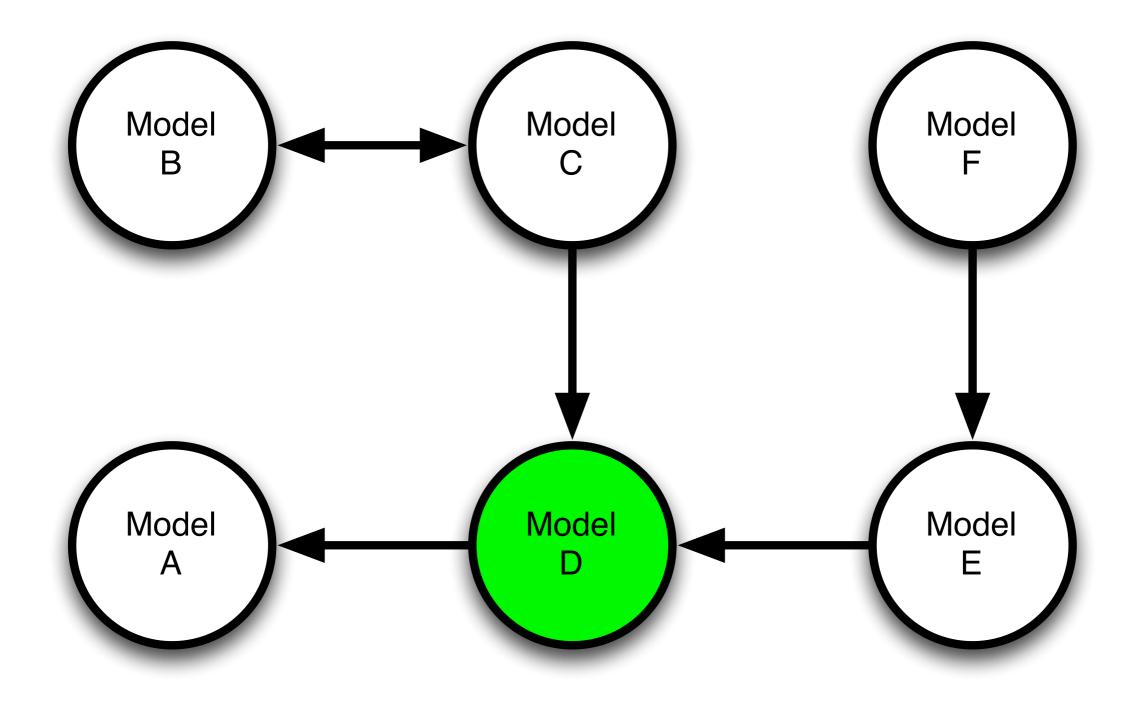


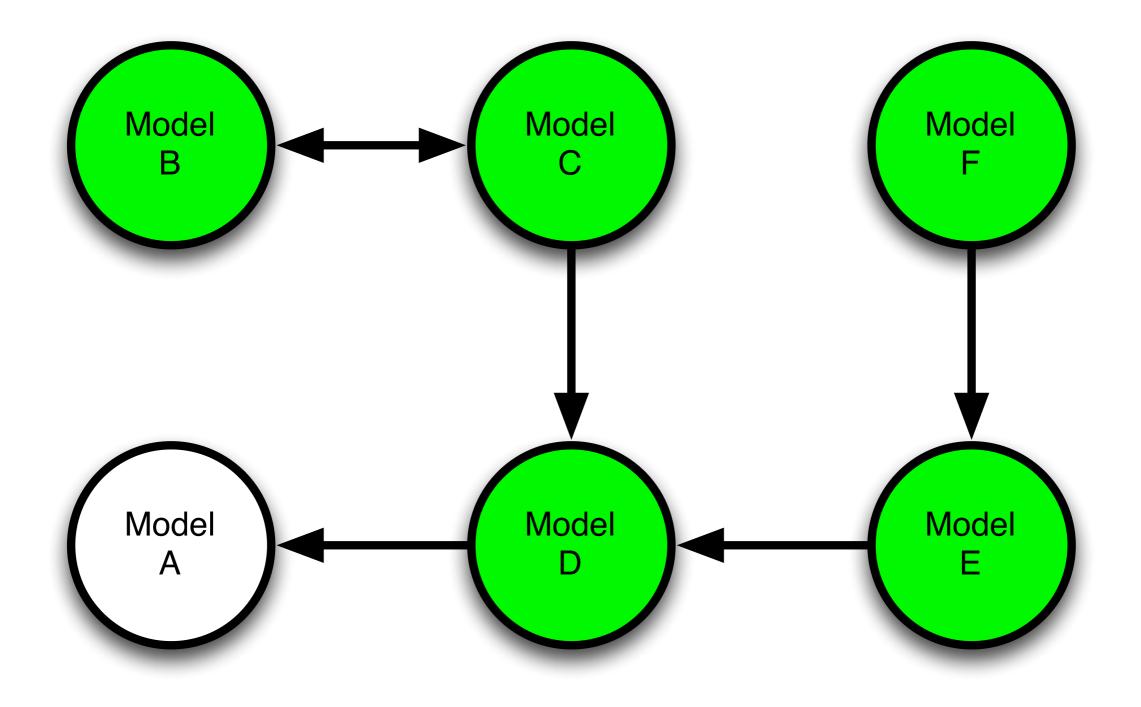


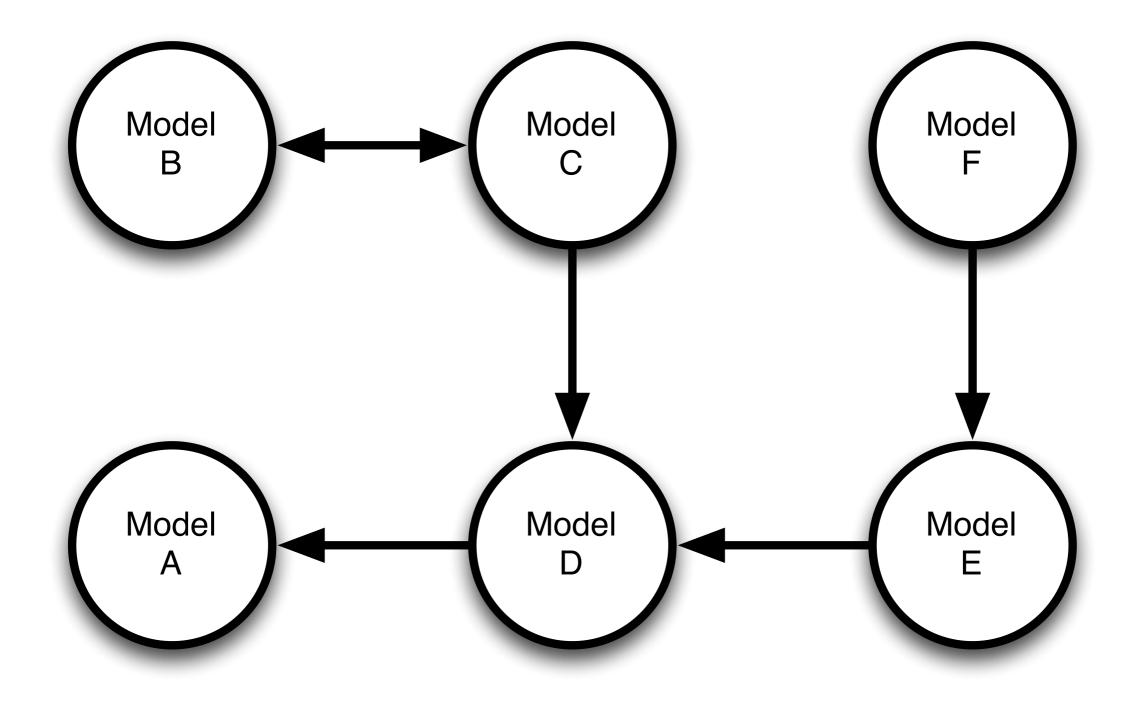
- looking good
- right for line-up
- doing fine
- Ok you can do it

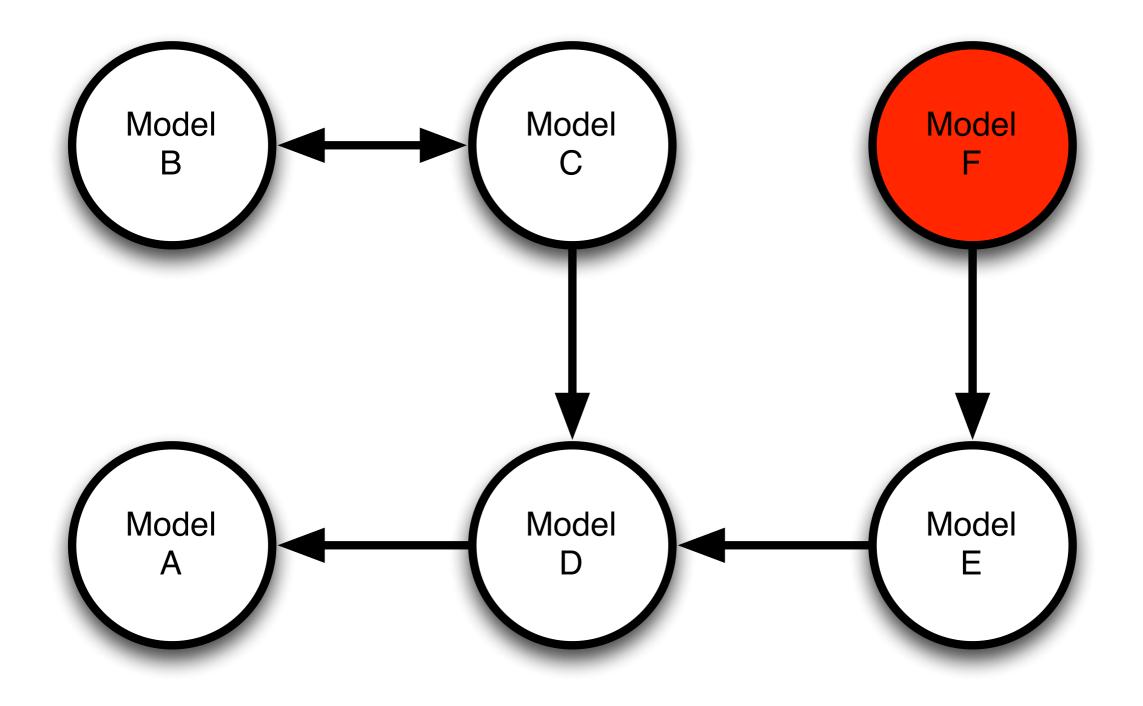


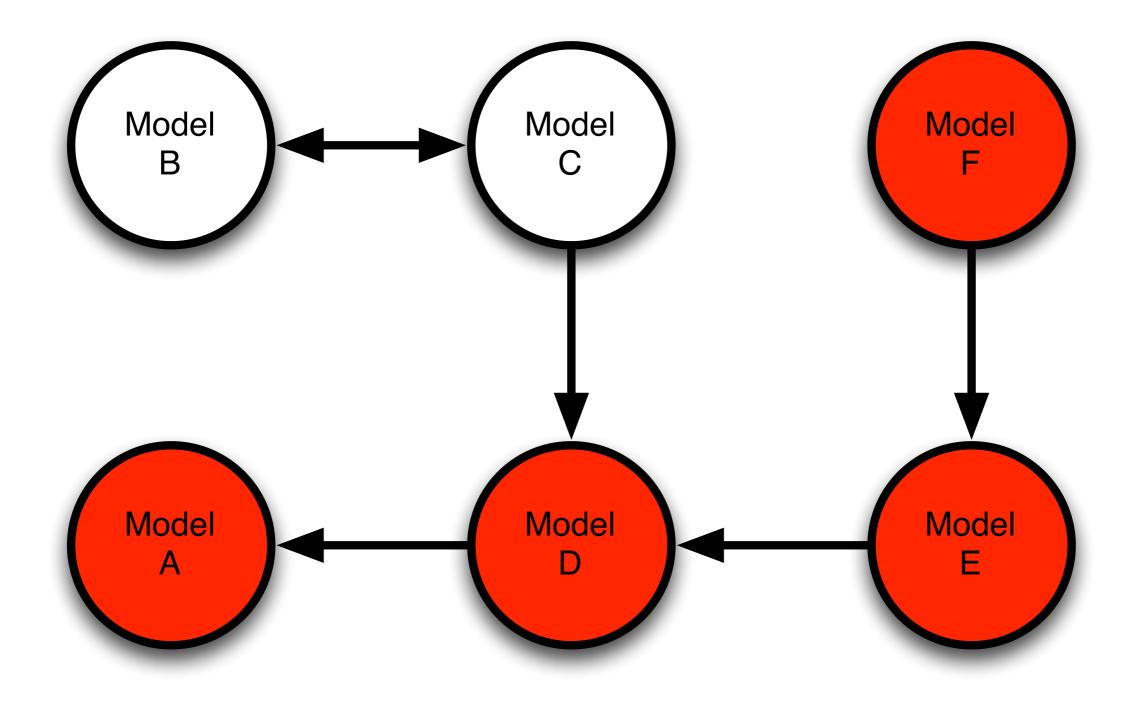






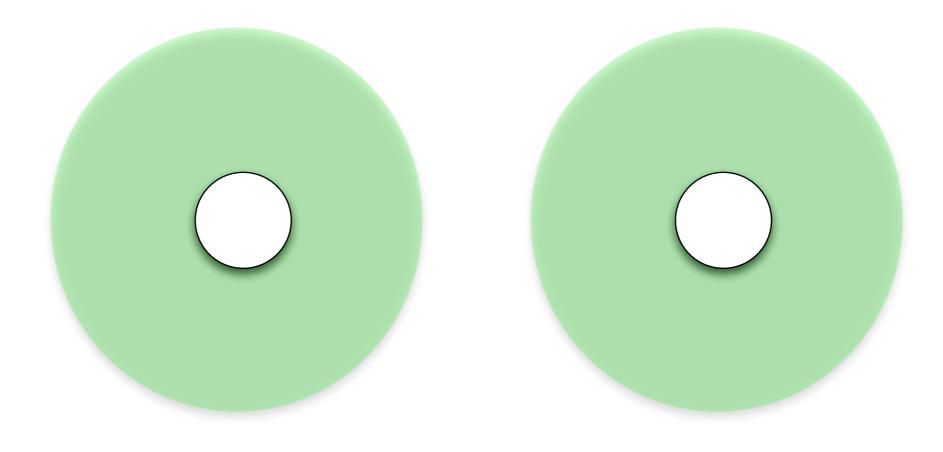




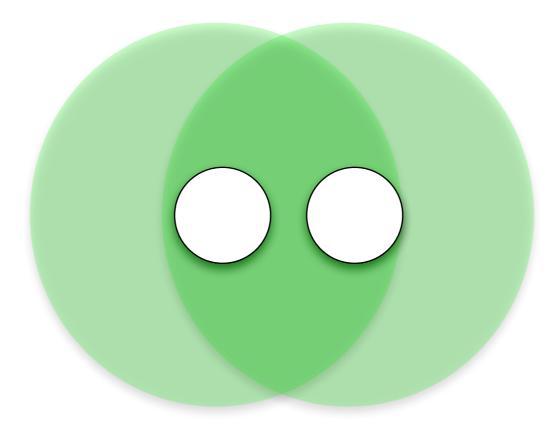


Passively Mobile Networks

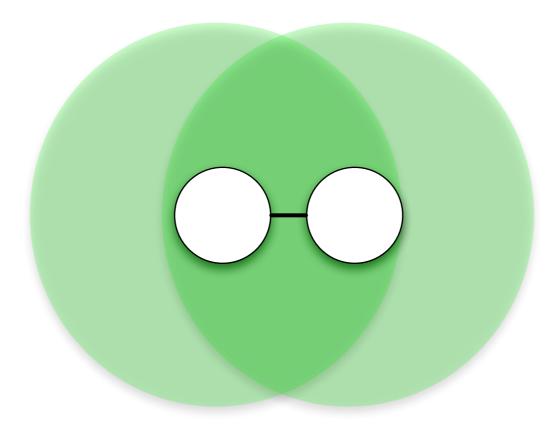
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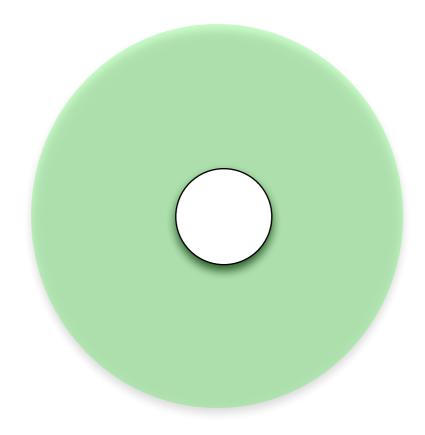
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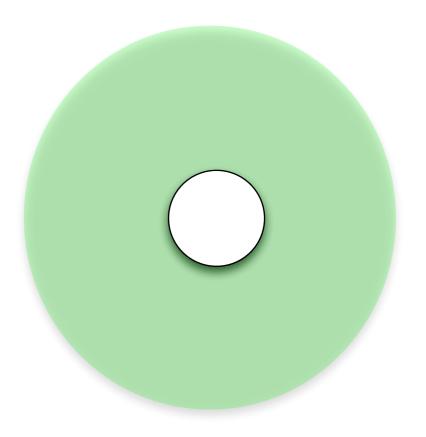


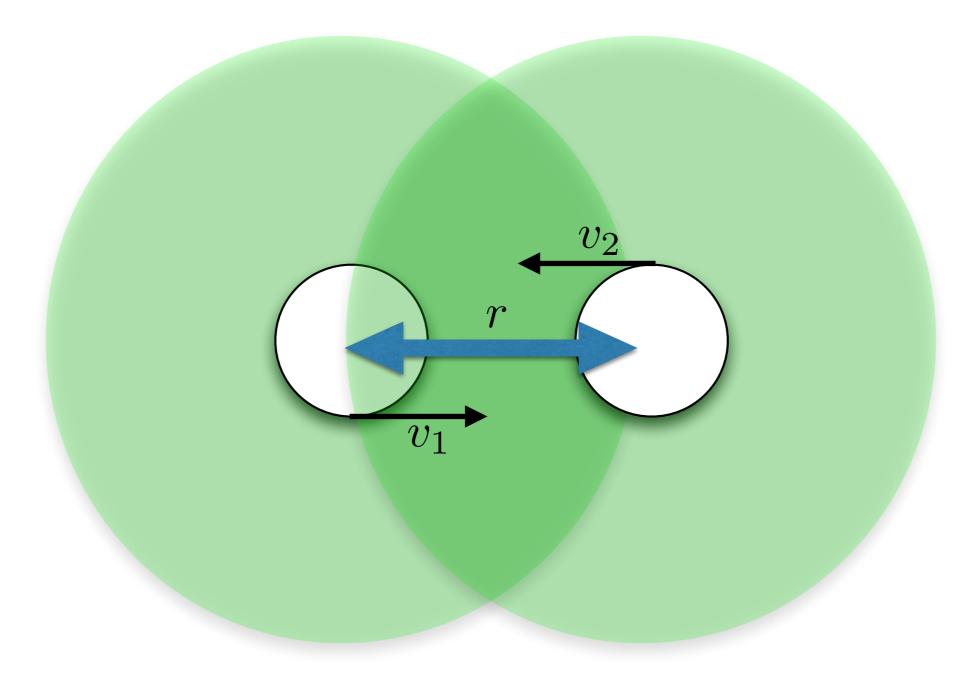
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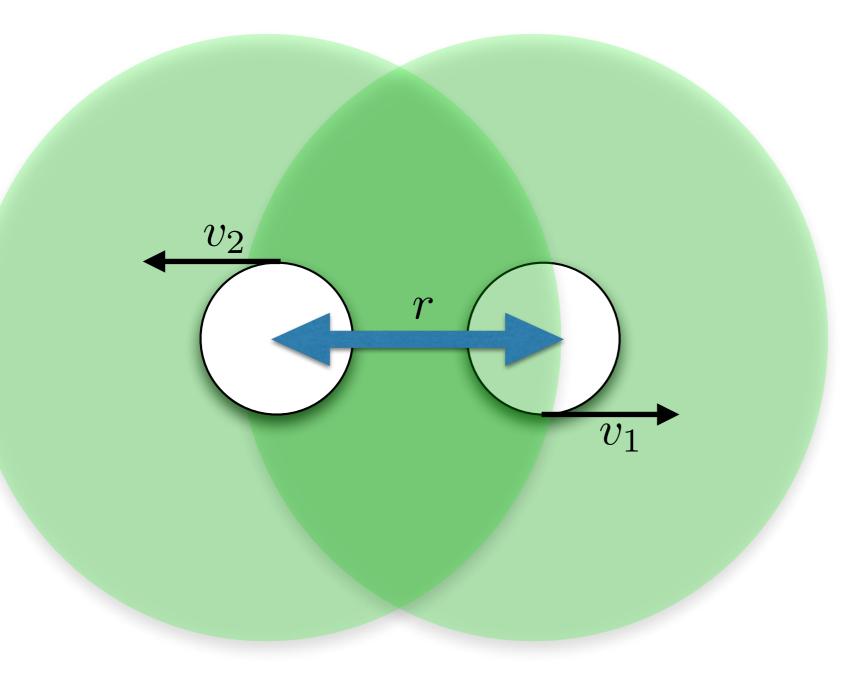


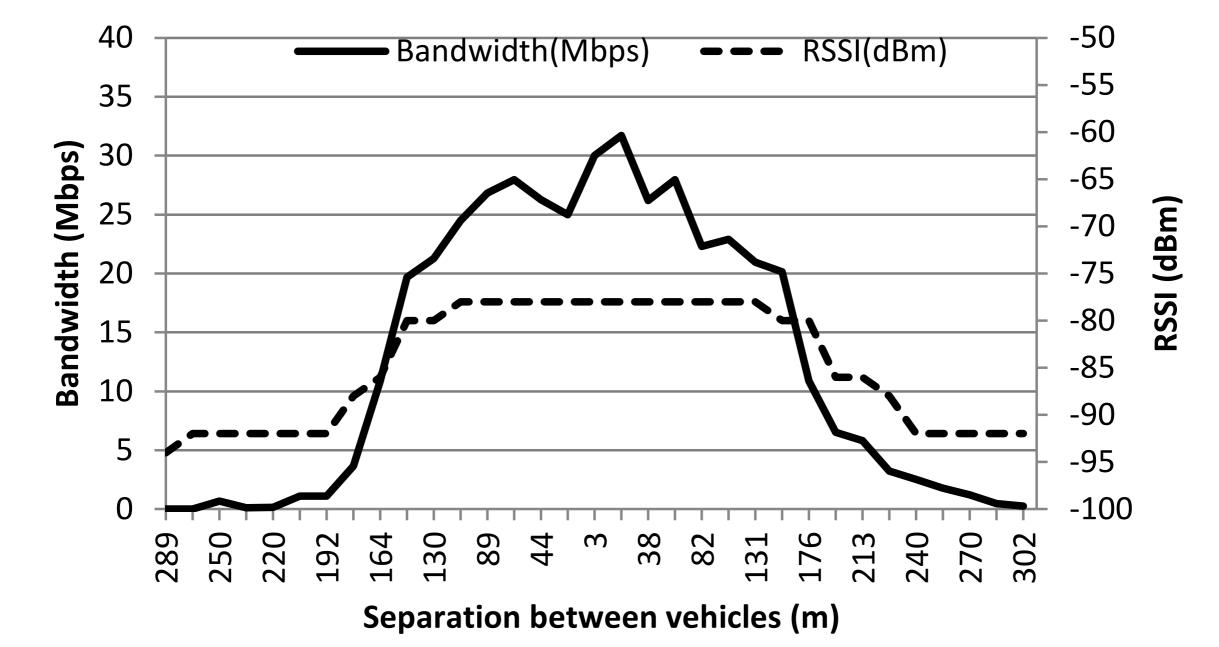
Static Algorithms for Mobile Networks



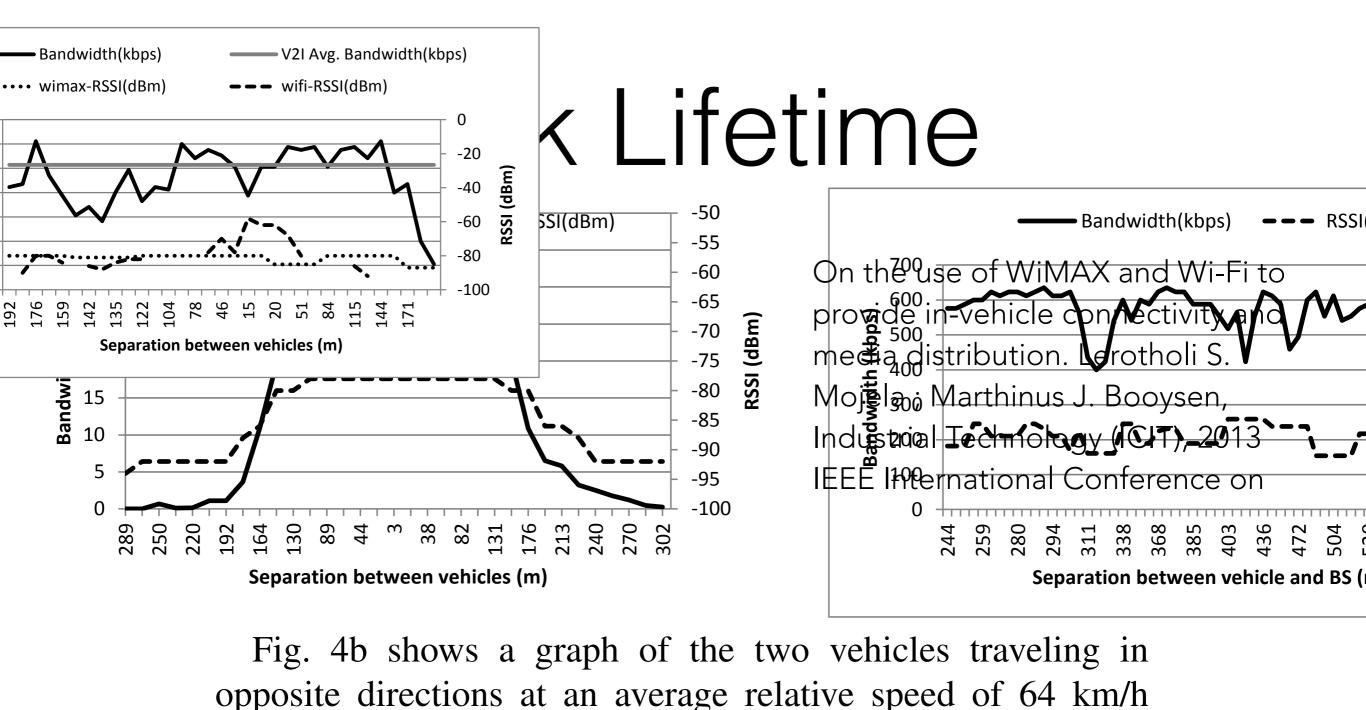


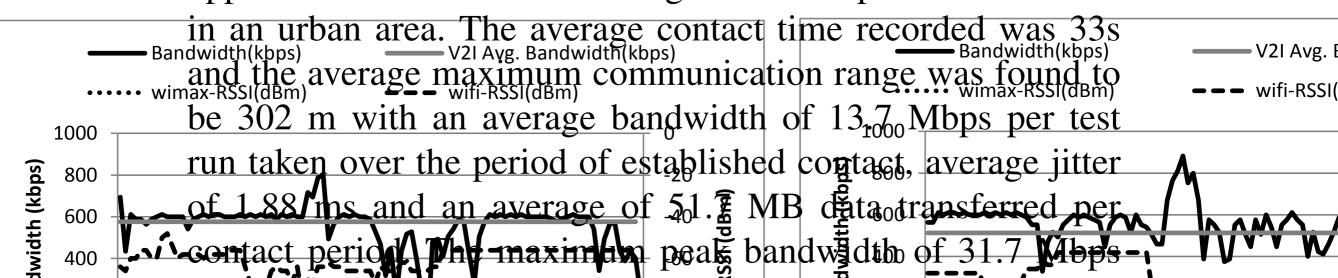






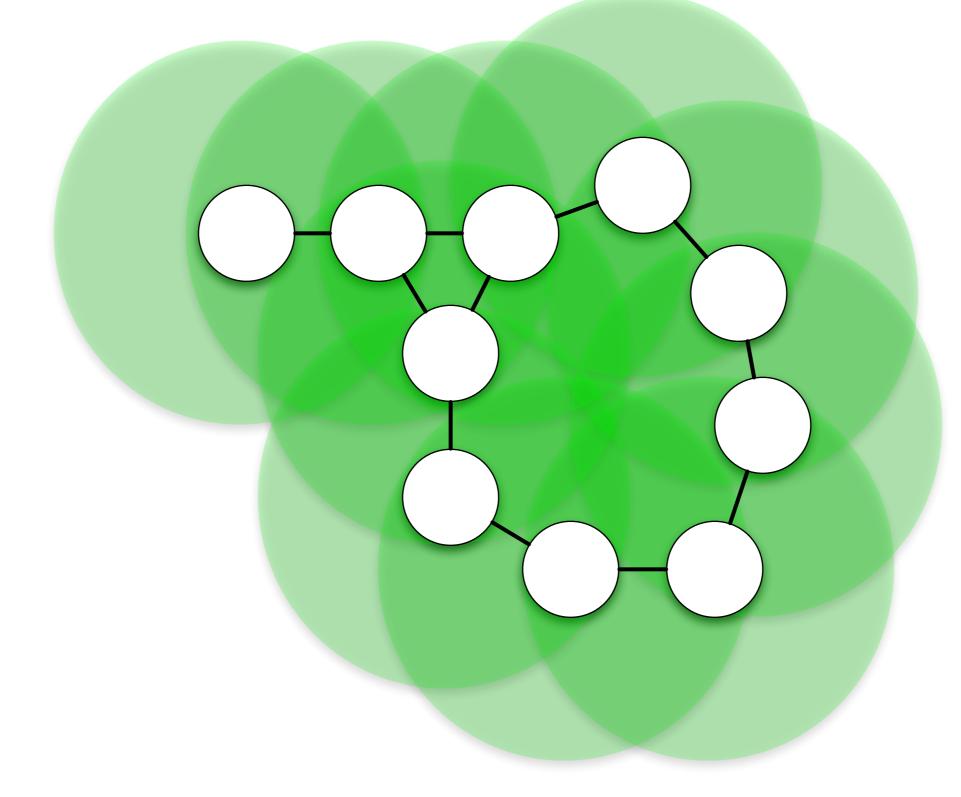
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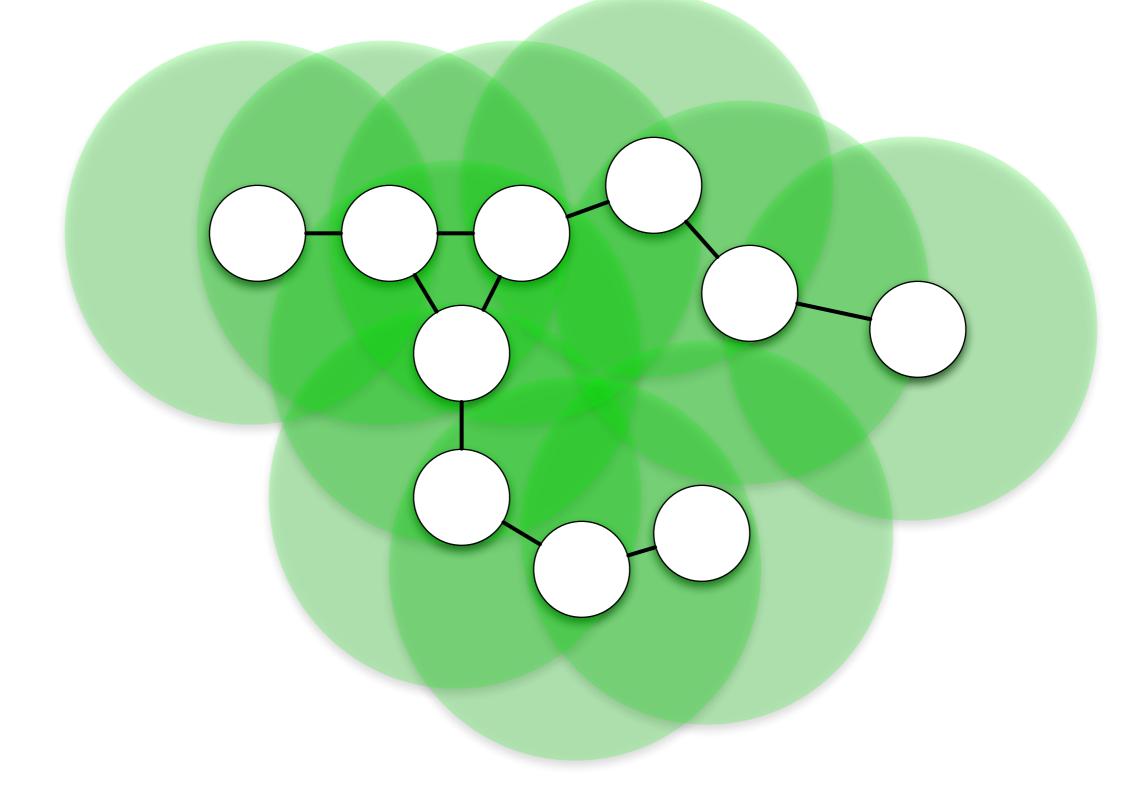


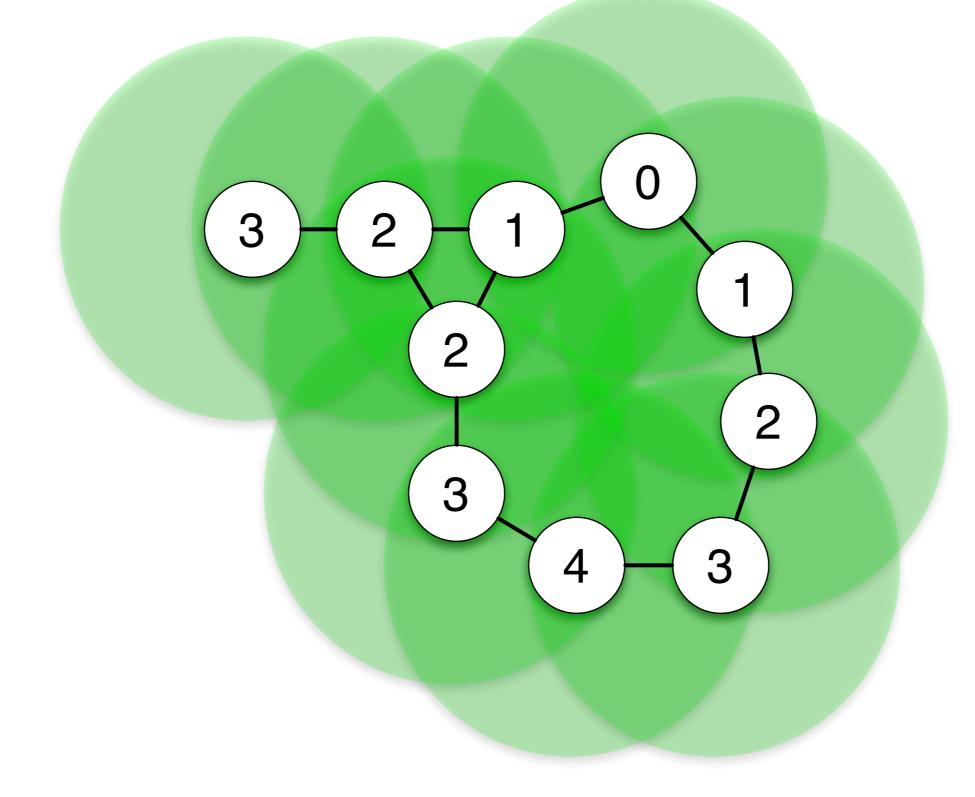


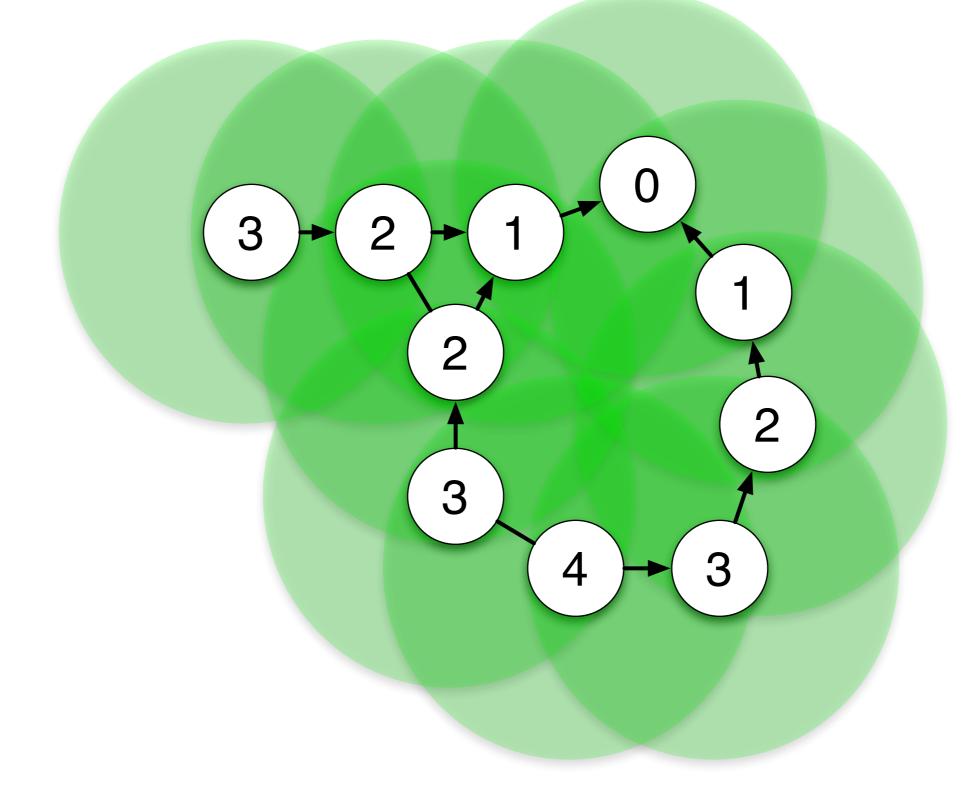
Round-trip Time

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Amsterdam	×	• 44.173ms		• 11.876ms	• 242.819ms	• 96.619ms	• 93.342ms
Auckland	×	• 295.323ms		• 280.111ms	• 241.541ms	• 199.854ms	• 211.48ms
Berlin	×	• 49.71ms		• 20.041ms	• 275.013ms	• 103.027ms	• 113.909ms
Copenhagen	×	• 43.745ms		• 25.574ms	• 272.459ms	• 117.751ms	• 100.623ms
Dallas	×	• 143.543ms		• 114.941ms	• 145.957ms	• 76.173ms	• 34.194ms
London	×	• 35.431ms		• 4.542ms	• 240.519ms	• 85.102ms	• 75.484ms
Los Angeles	×	• 157.289ms		• 141.484ms	• 112.265ms	• 58.689ms	• 71.881ms
Moscow	×	• 74.806ms		• 55.67ms	• 299.067ms	• 137.808ms	• 144.68ms
New York	×	• 130.6ms		• 77.551ms	• 171.641ms	• 17.78ms	• 47.161ms
Paris	×	• 31.085ms		—	• 260.569ms	• 103.015ms	• 107.643ms
Stockholm	×	• 59.785ms		• 27.894ms	• 285.462ms	• 123.358ms	• 115.657ms
Tokyo	×	• 267.753ms		• 268.811ms	_	• 172.841ms	• 186.818ms

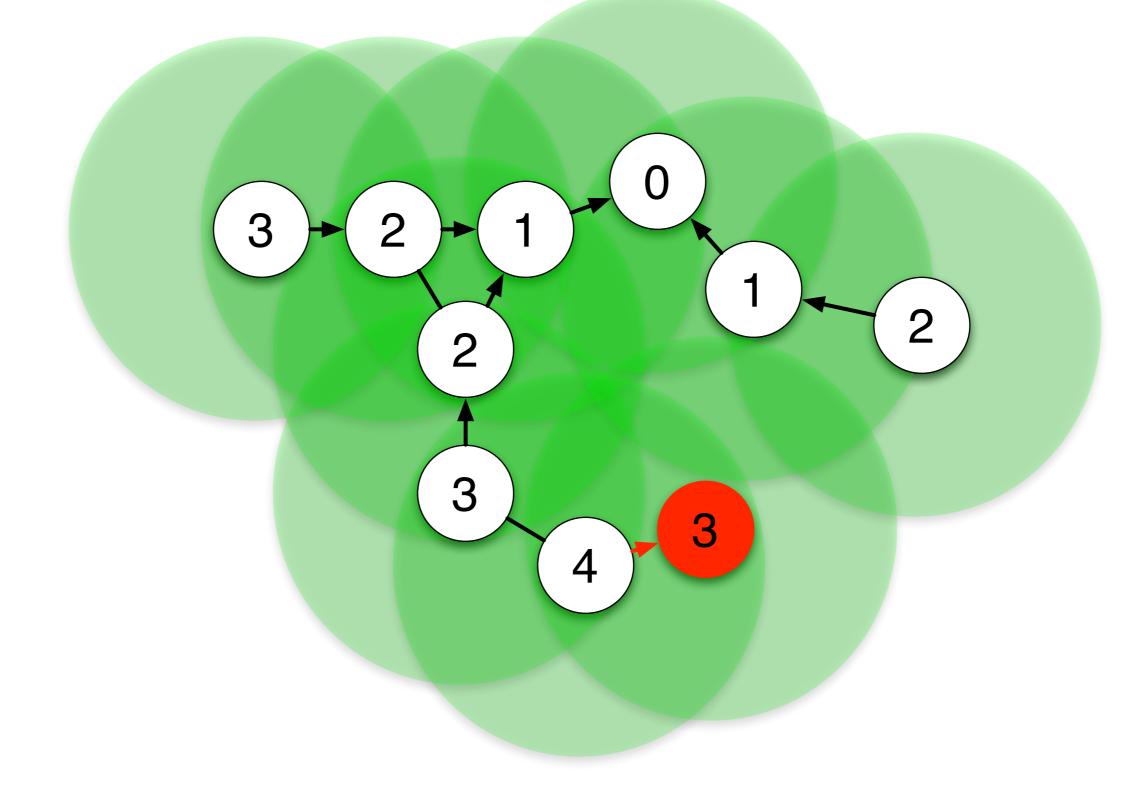




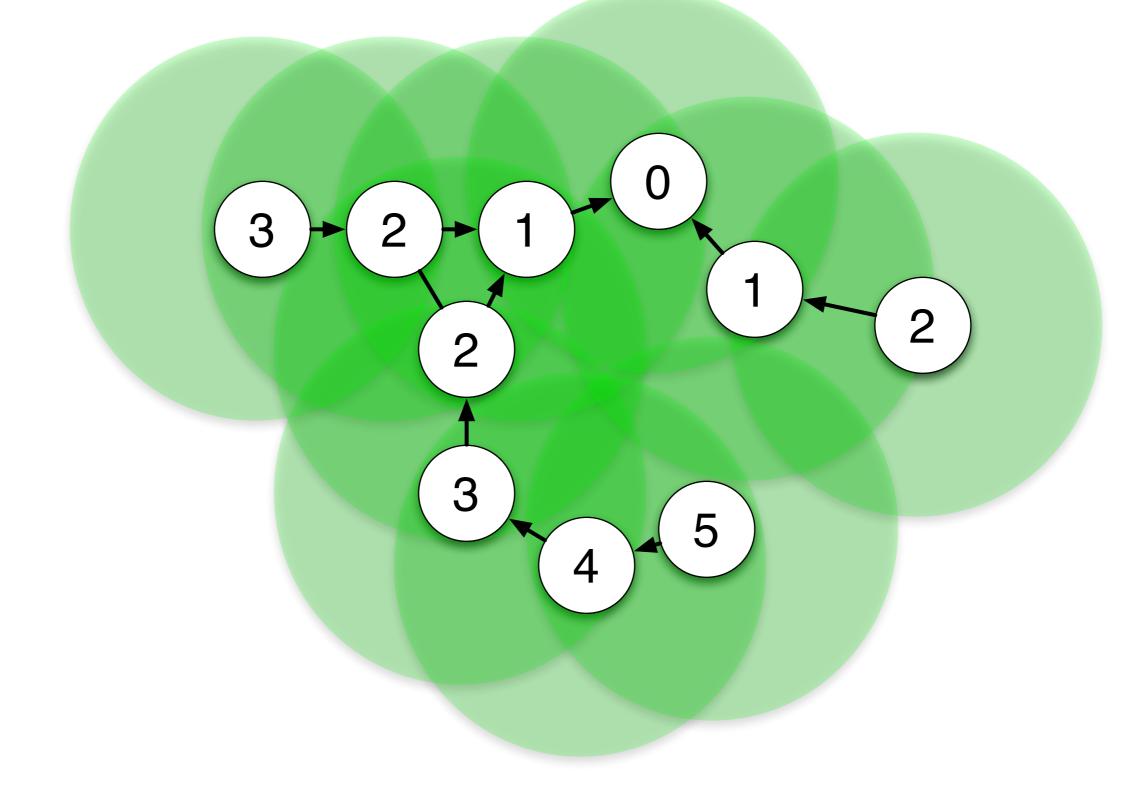




Mobility vs. Global State

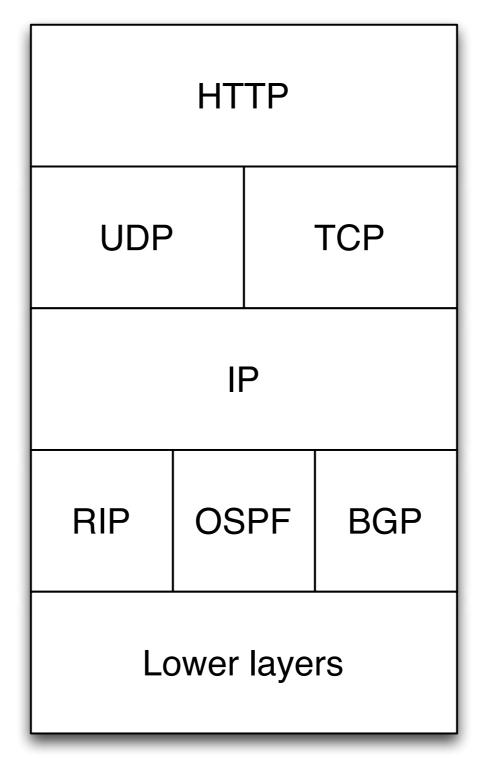


Mobility vs. Global State



Stateless Algorithms

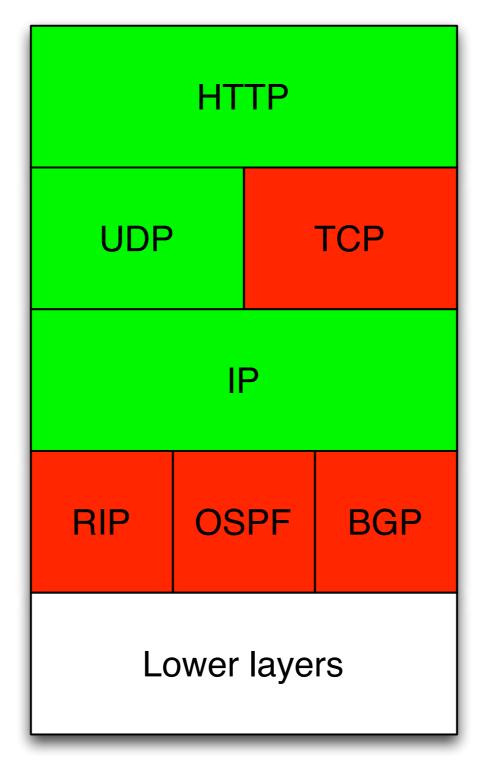
Statelessness



Statelessness

HTTP			
UDP		TCP	
IP			
RIP	OSPF		BGP
Lower layers			

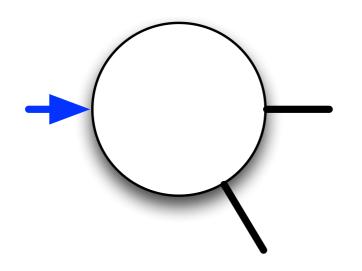
Statelessness

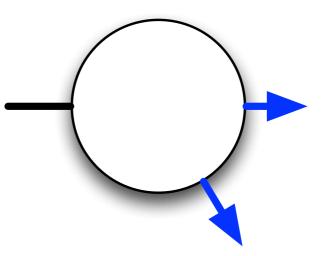


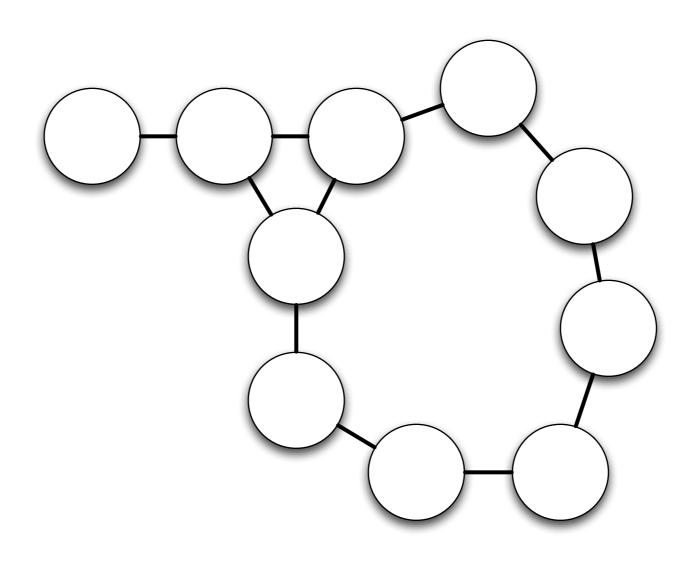
Stateless Routing

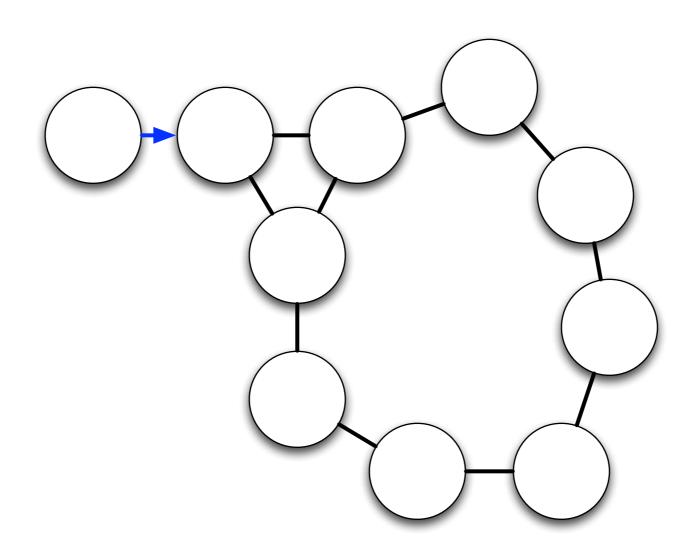
A routing algorithm is **stateless** if it is designed such that devices store *no information* about messages *between transmissions*. It is **stateful** otherwise.

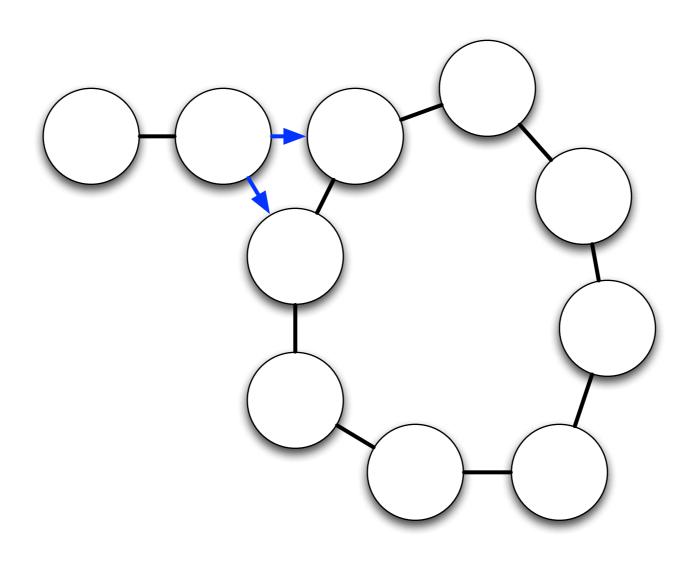
Flooding

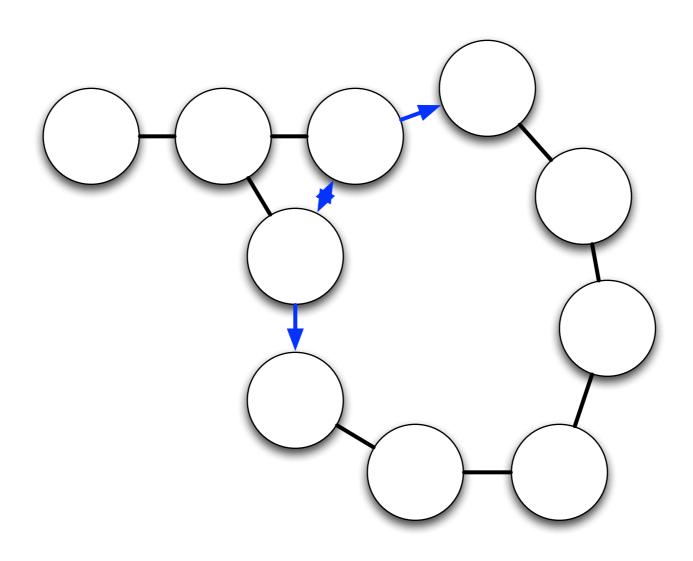


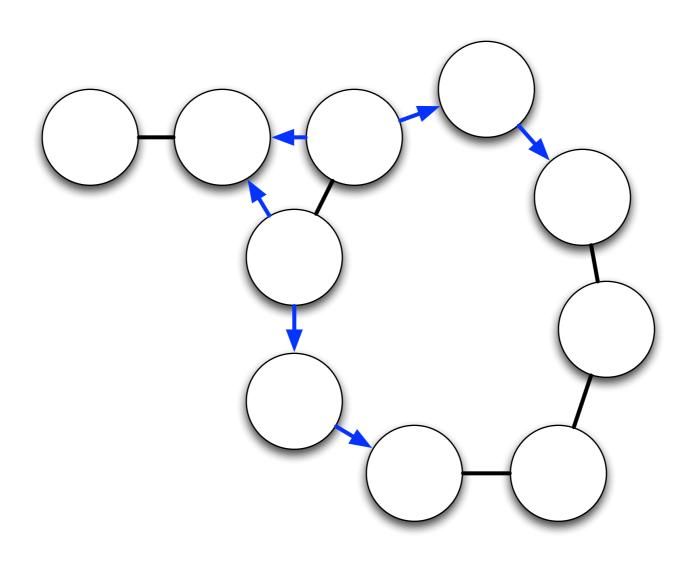


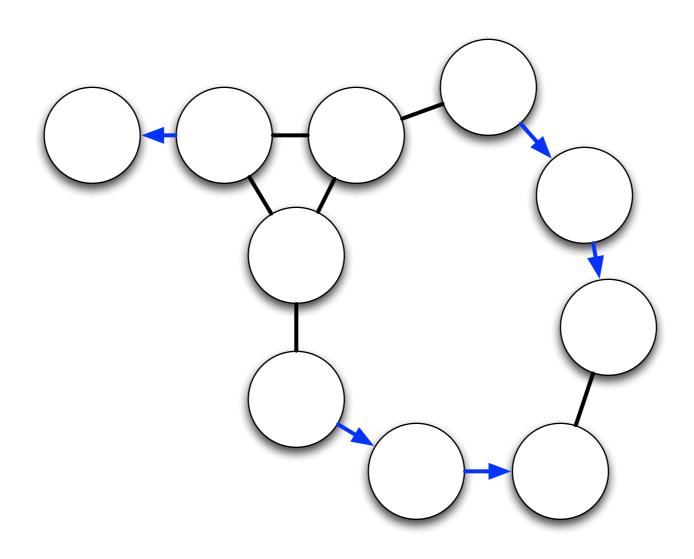


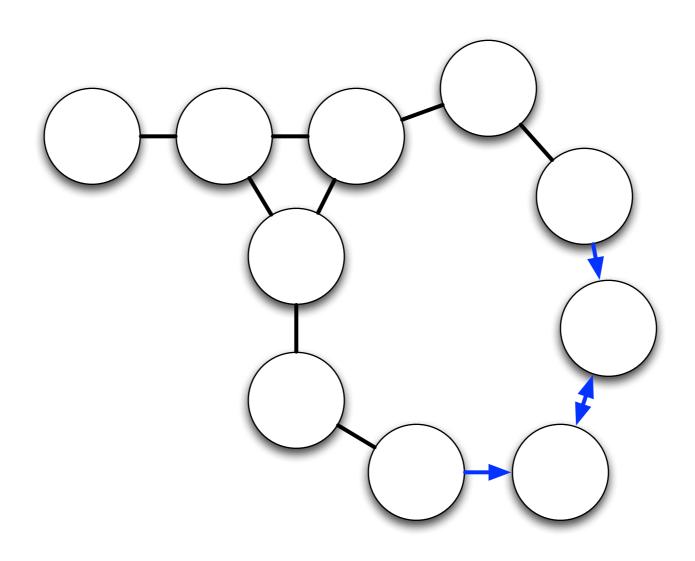


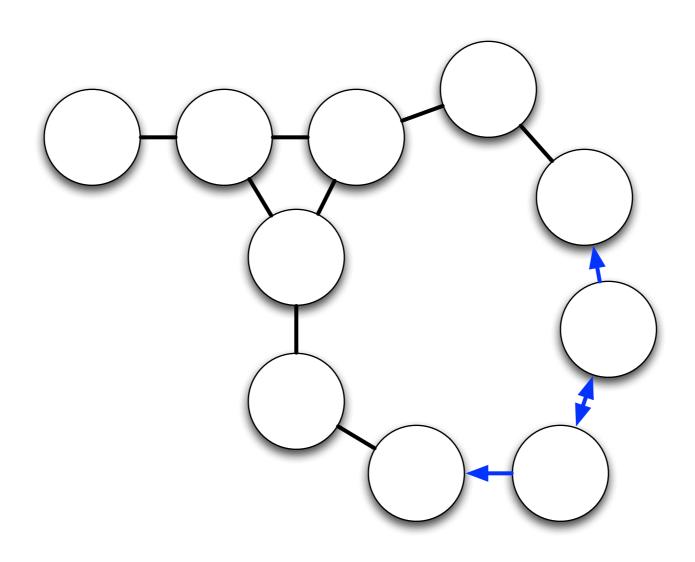


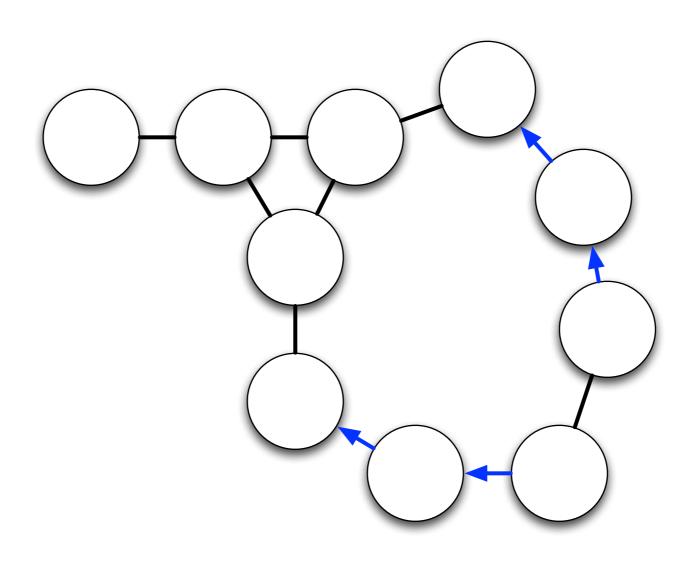


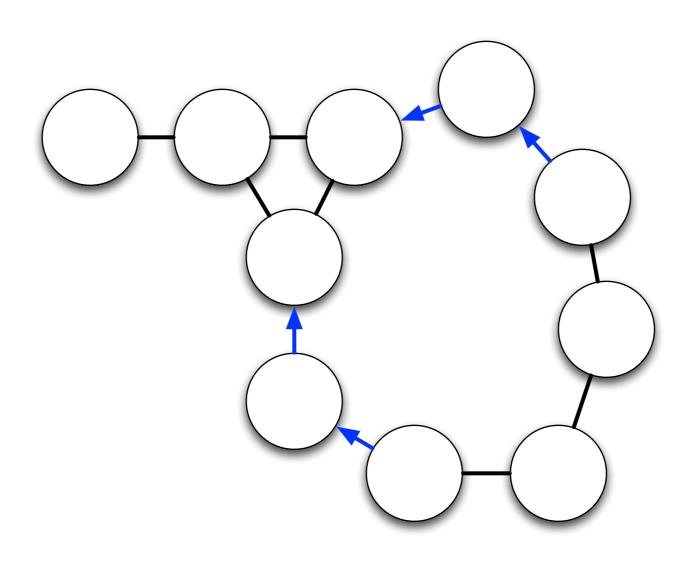


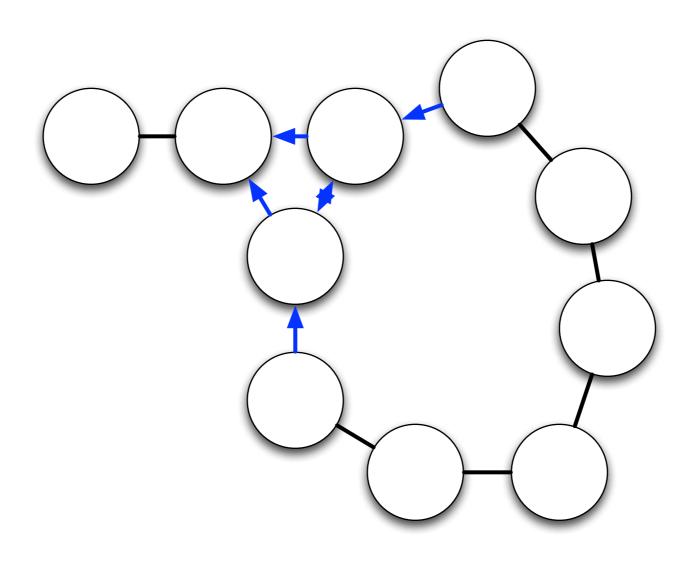


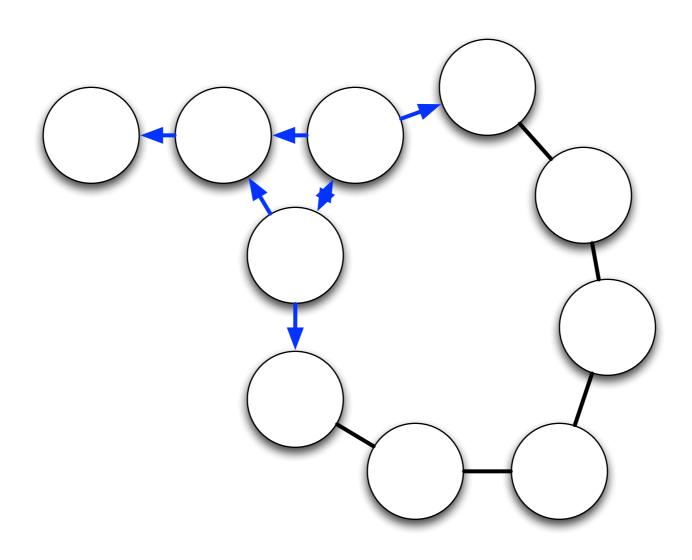


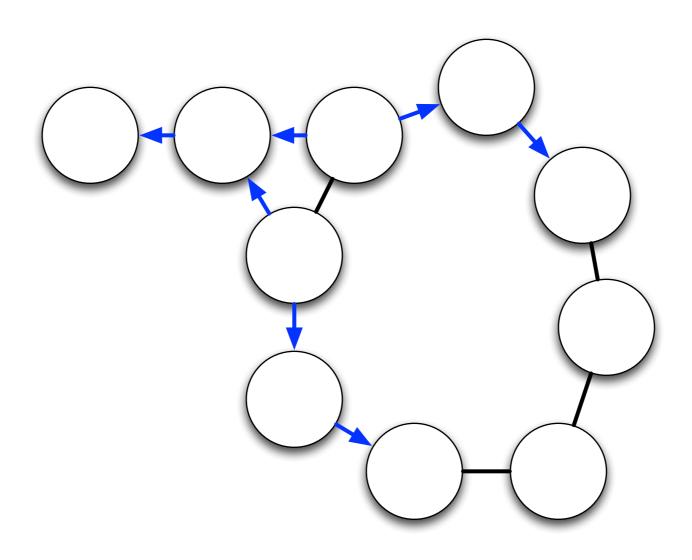


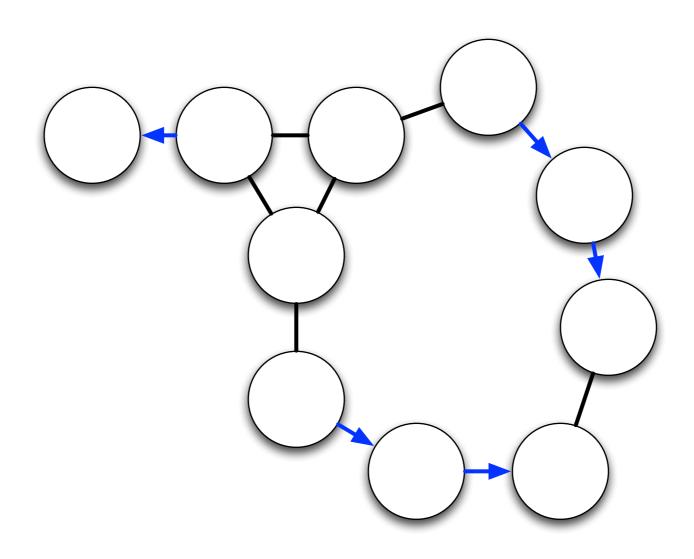




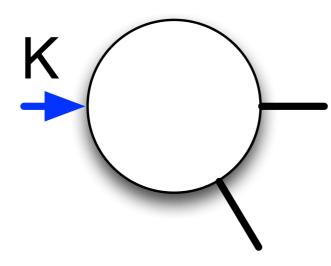


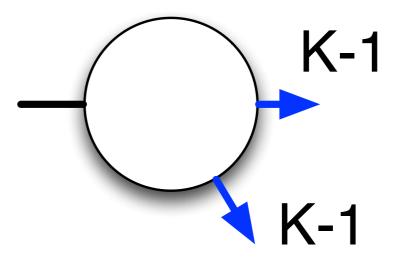


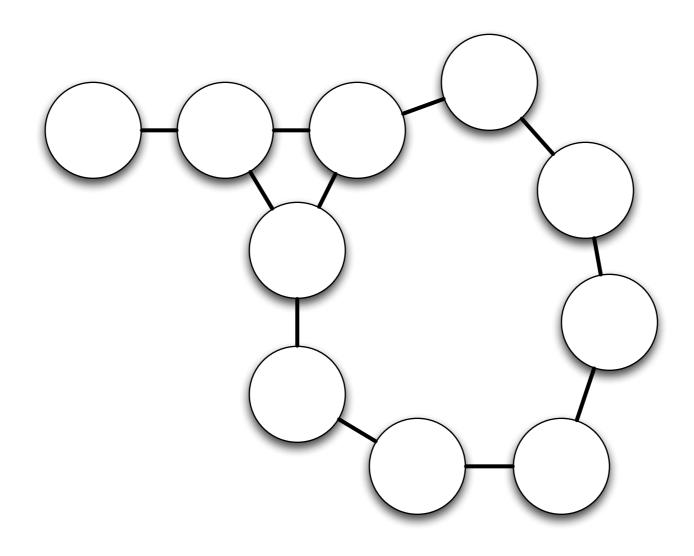


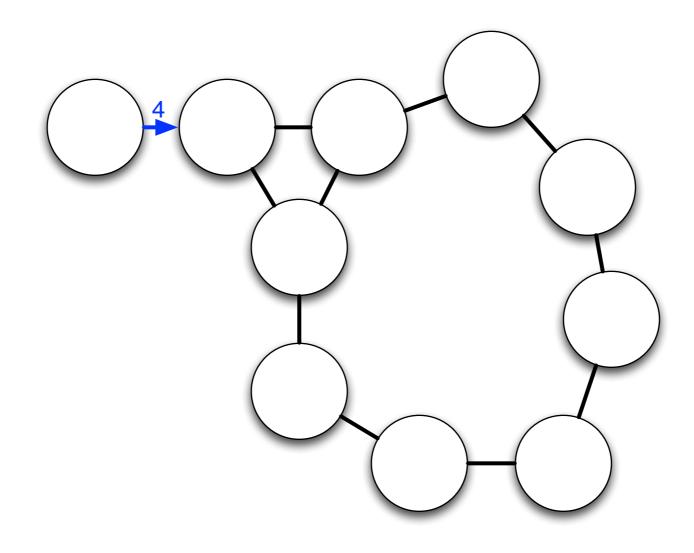


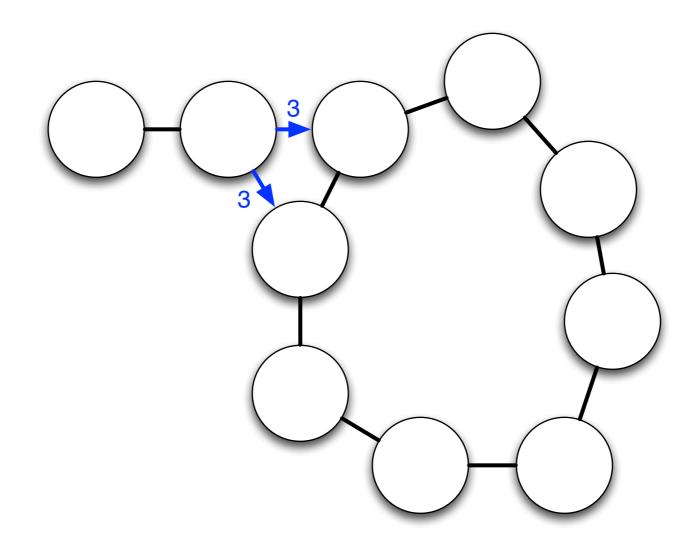
Flooding v2

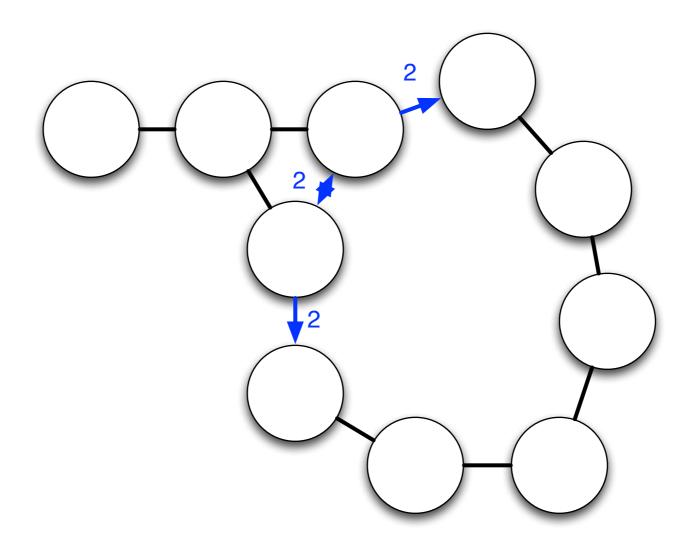


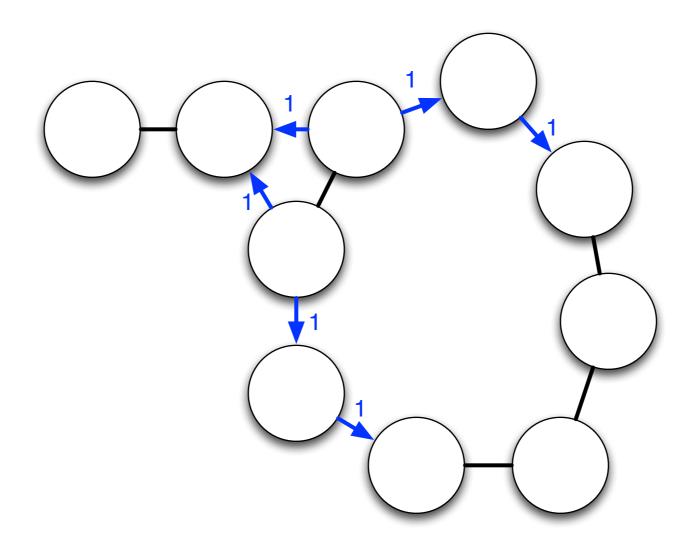


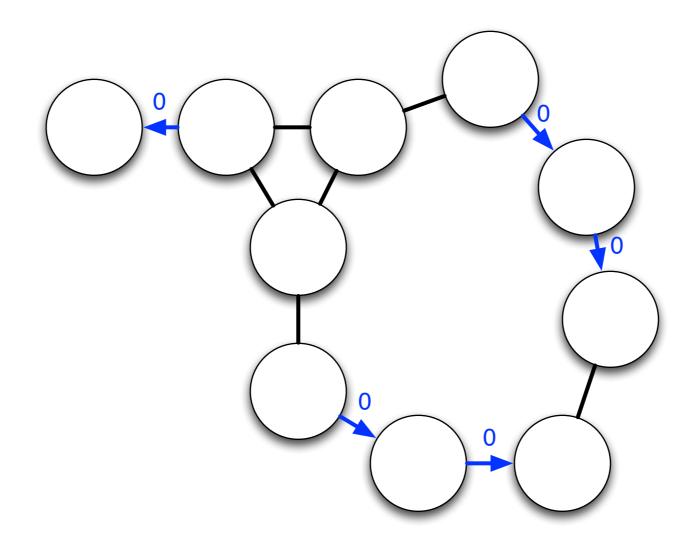


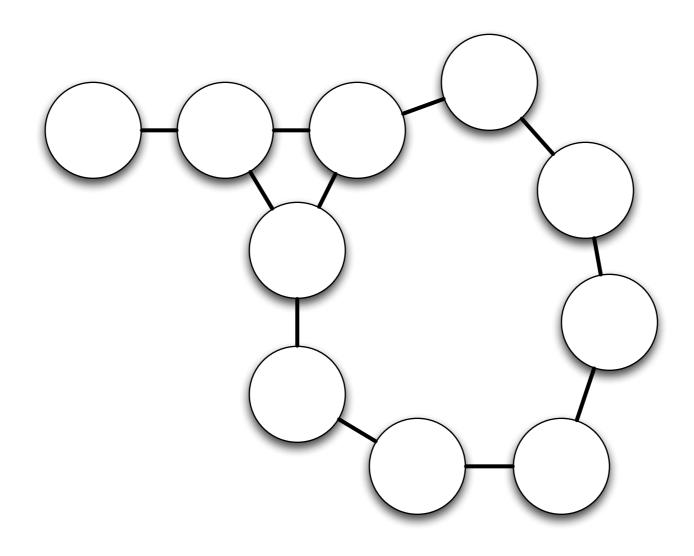




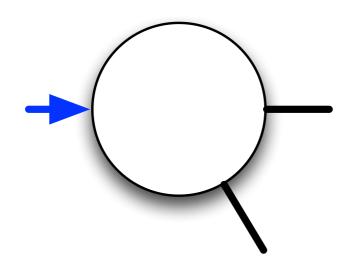


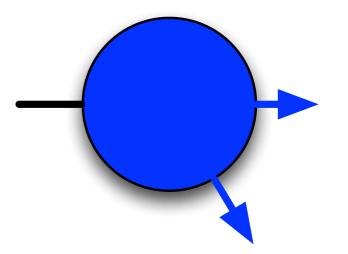


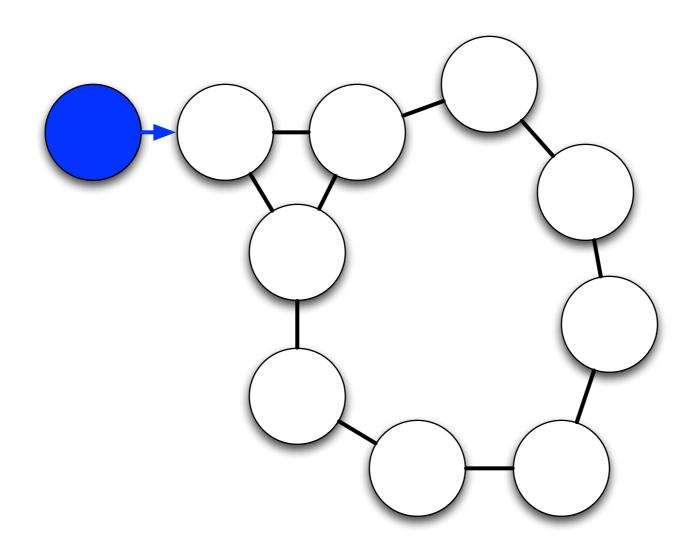


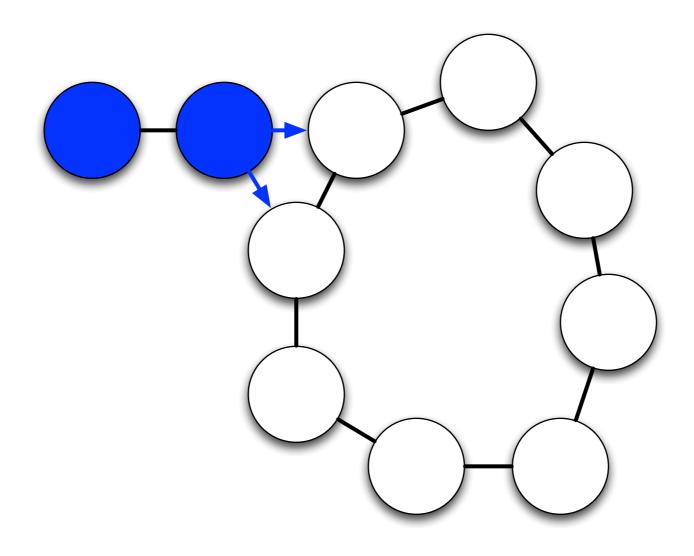


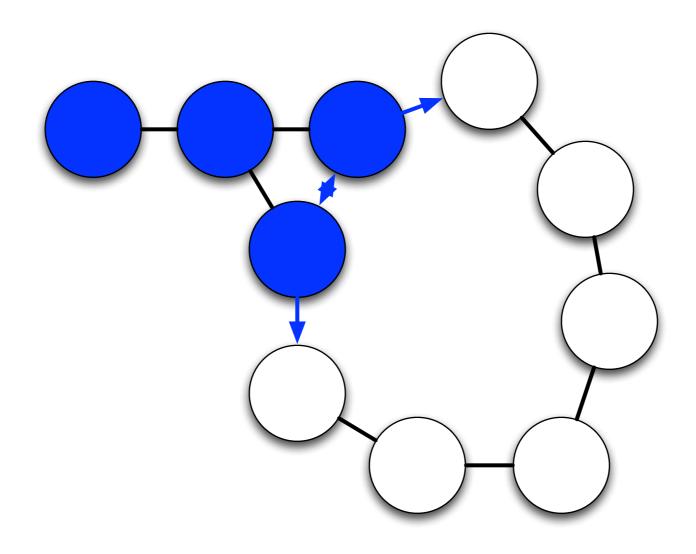
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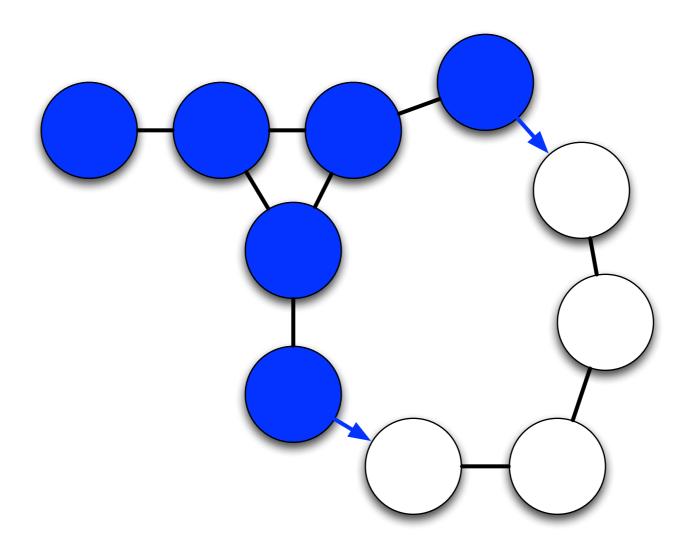


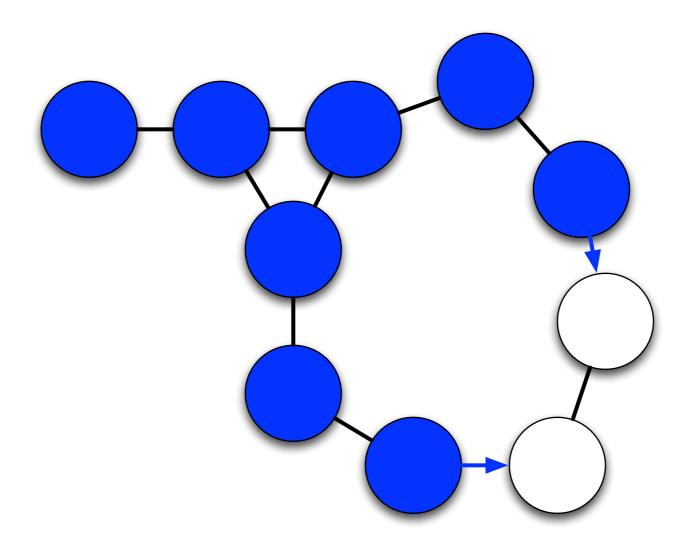




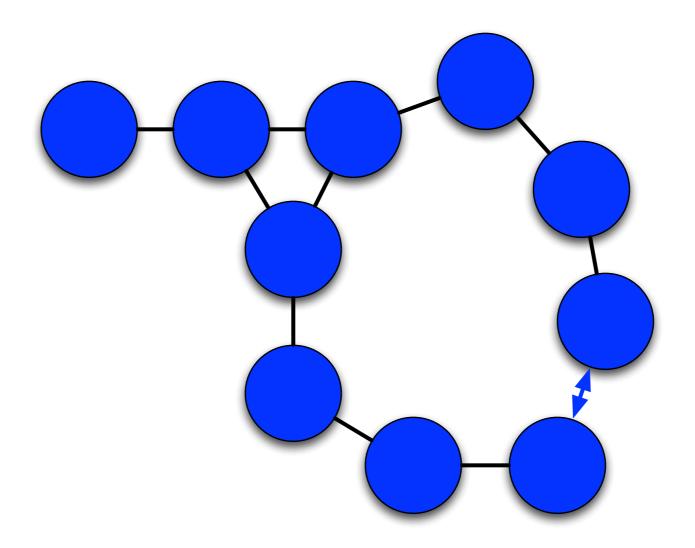




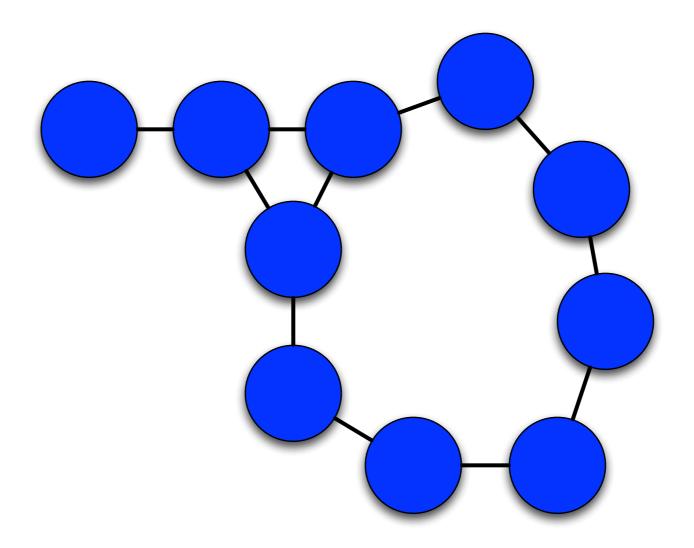




Stateful Flooding



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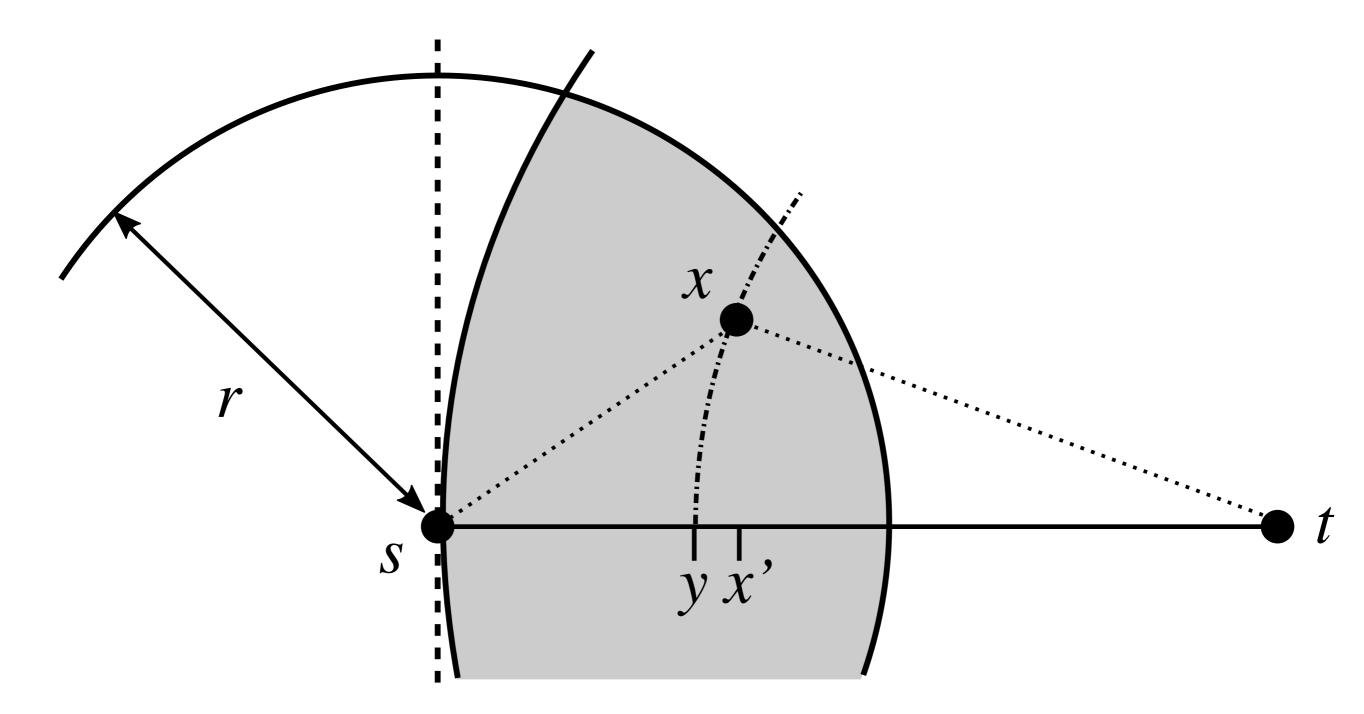


Geometric Routing

- Each node is aware of its *coordinates* (and those of its neighbors)
- The message contains the coordinates of the destination
- **Goal**: deliver the message to the destination without routing tables

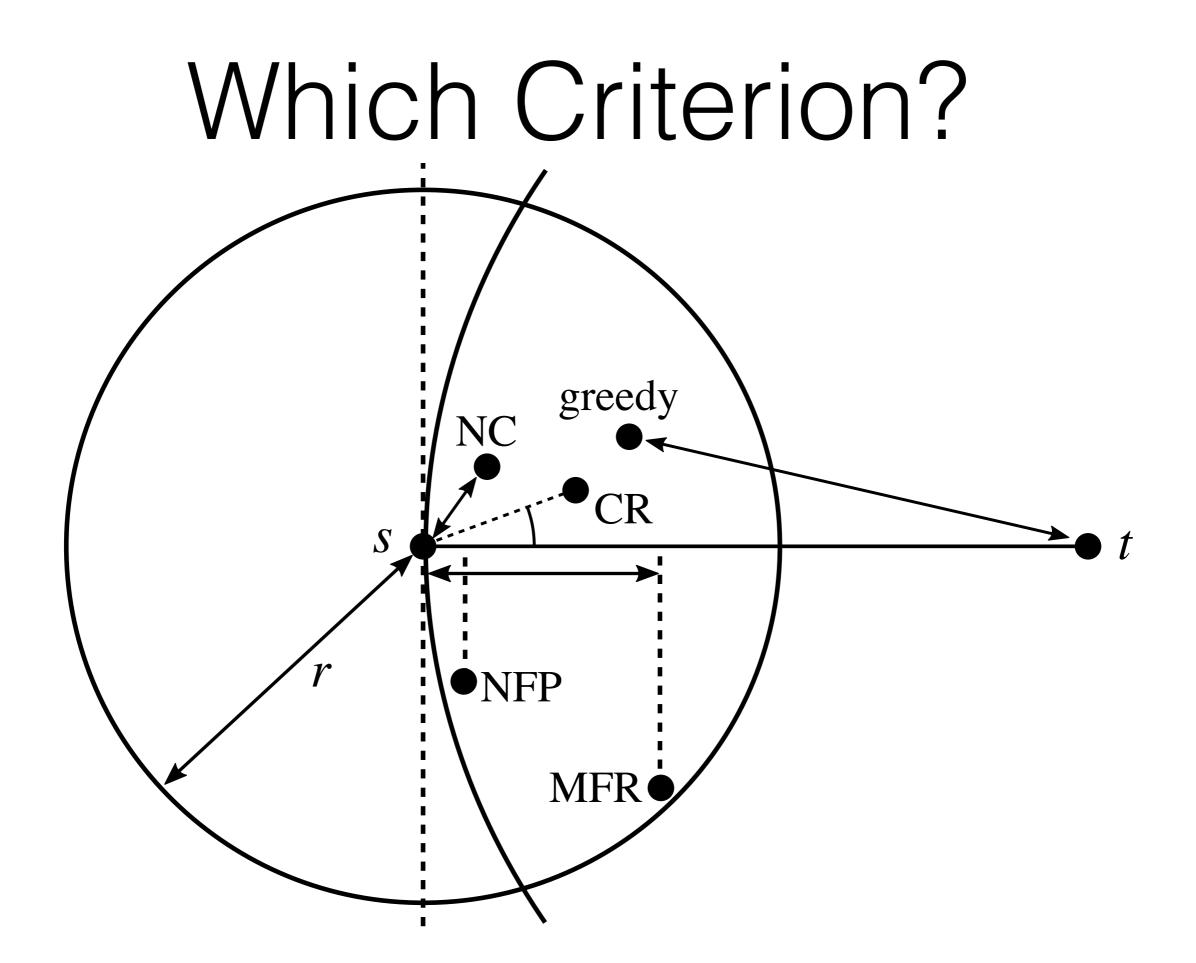
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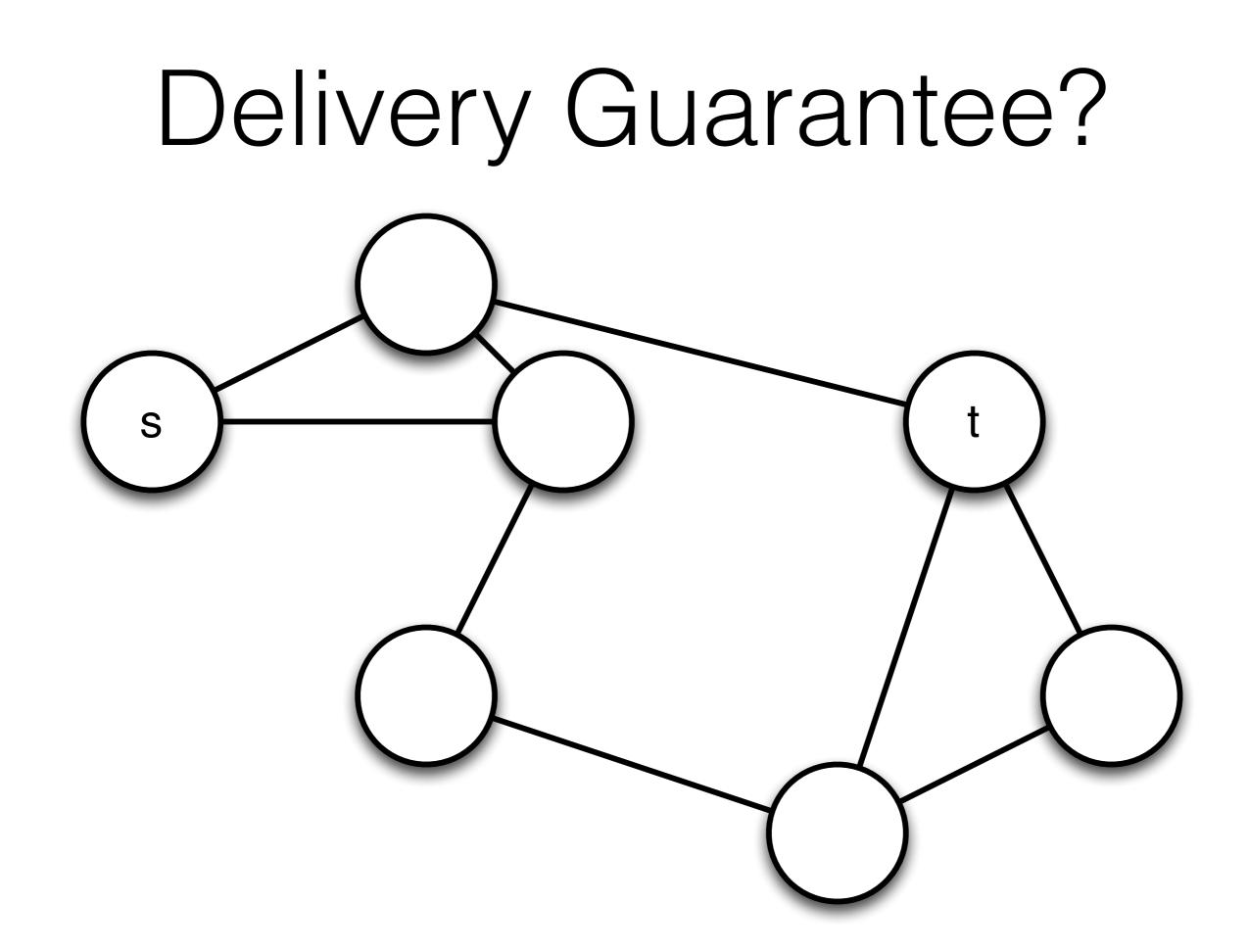
Progress vs. Distance



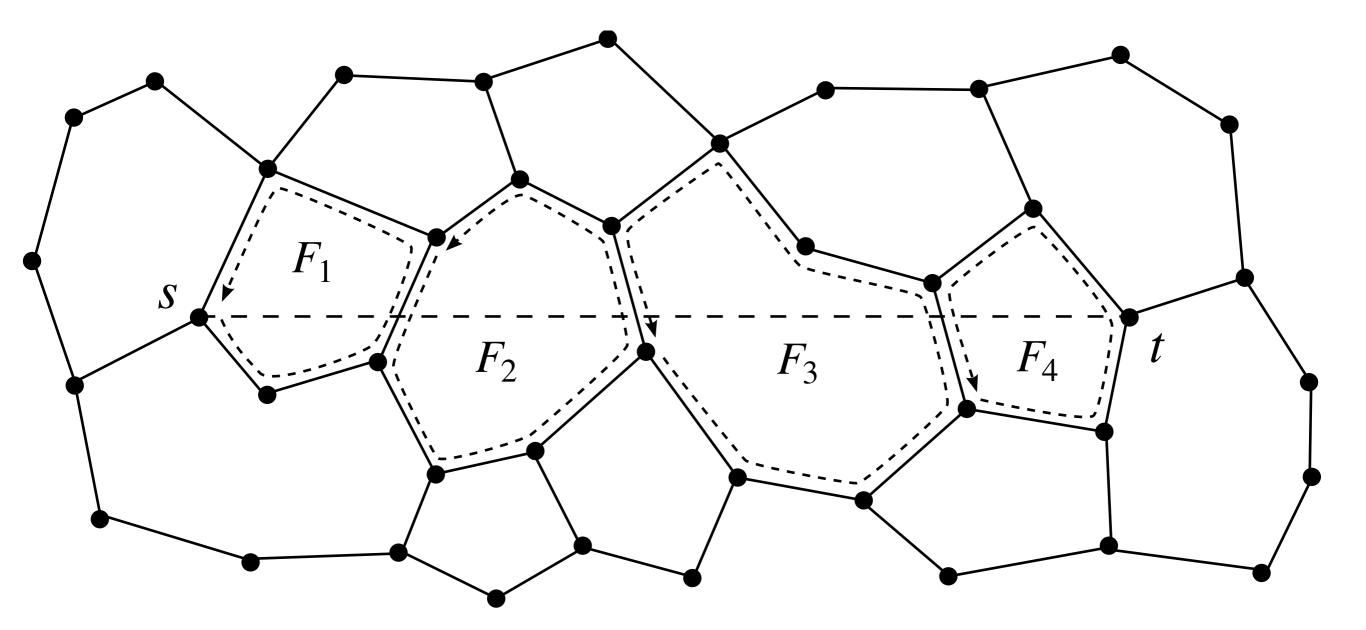
Which Criterion?

- **MFR**: most forwarding progress
- **CR**: minimize angular criterion
- Greedy: minimize distance to destination
- NC: nearest closer
- **NFP**: nearest with forwarding progress

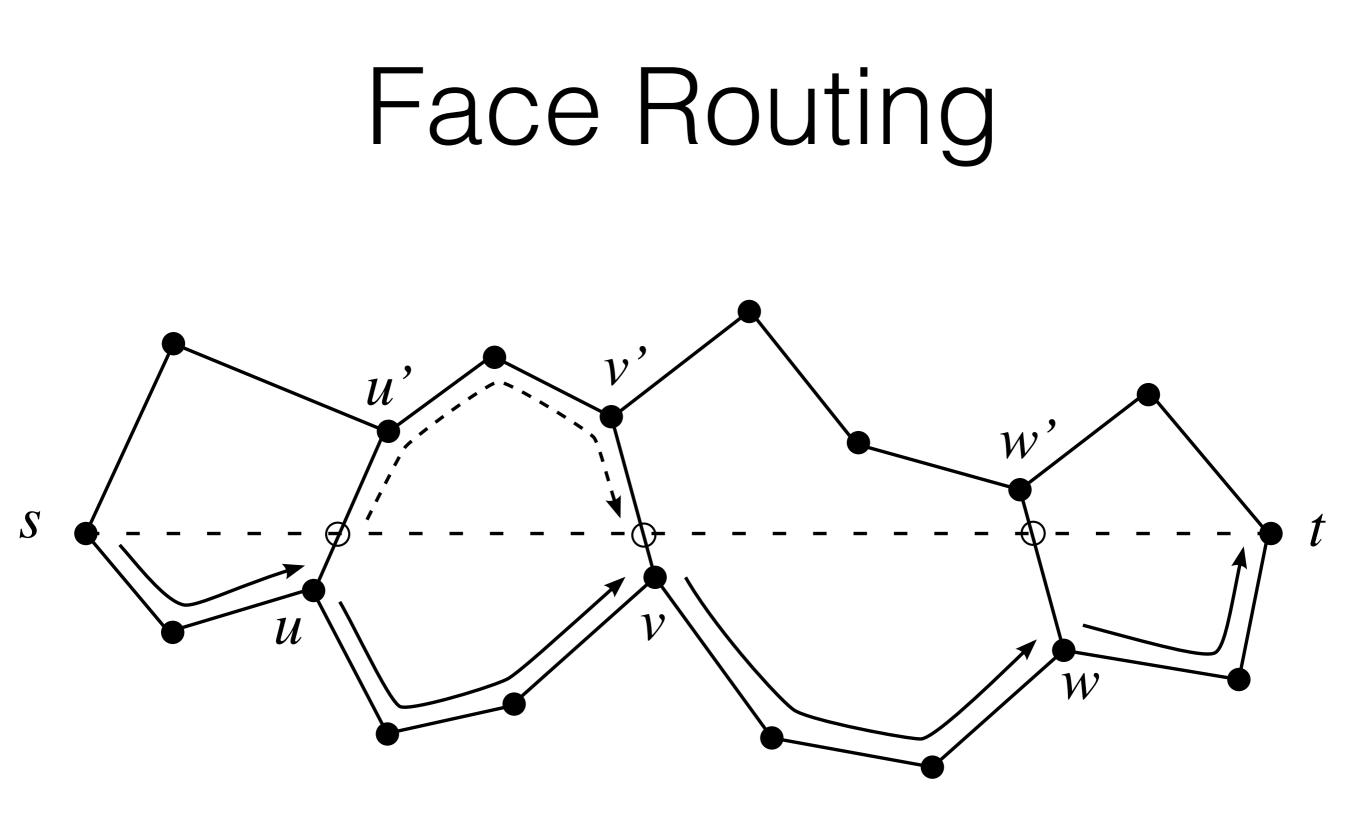


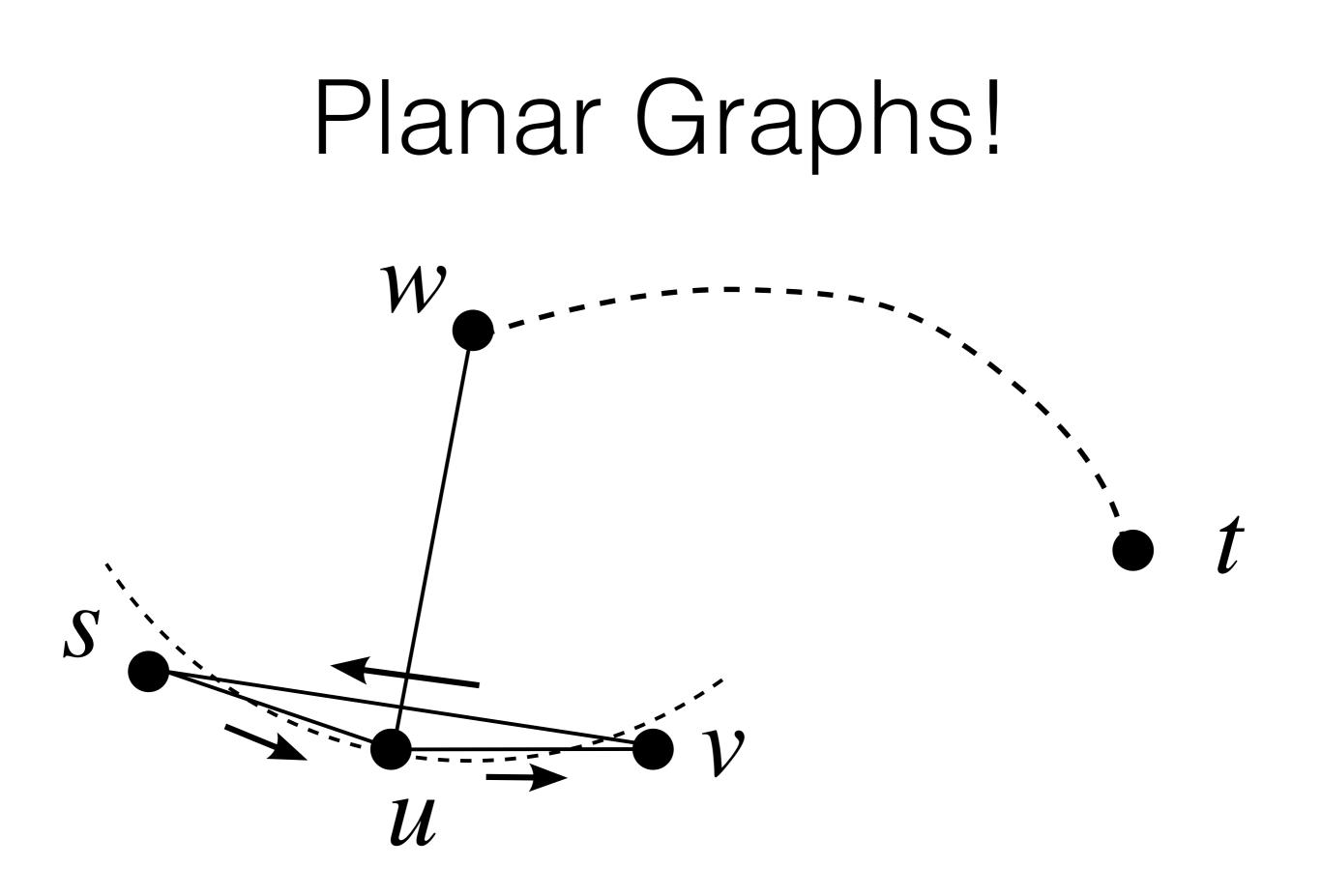


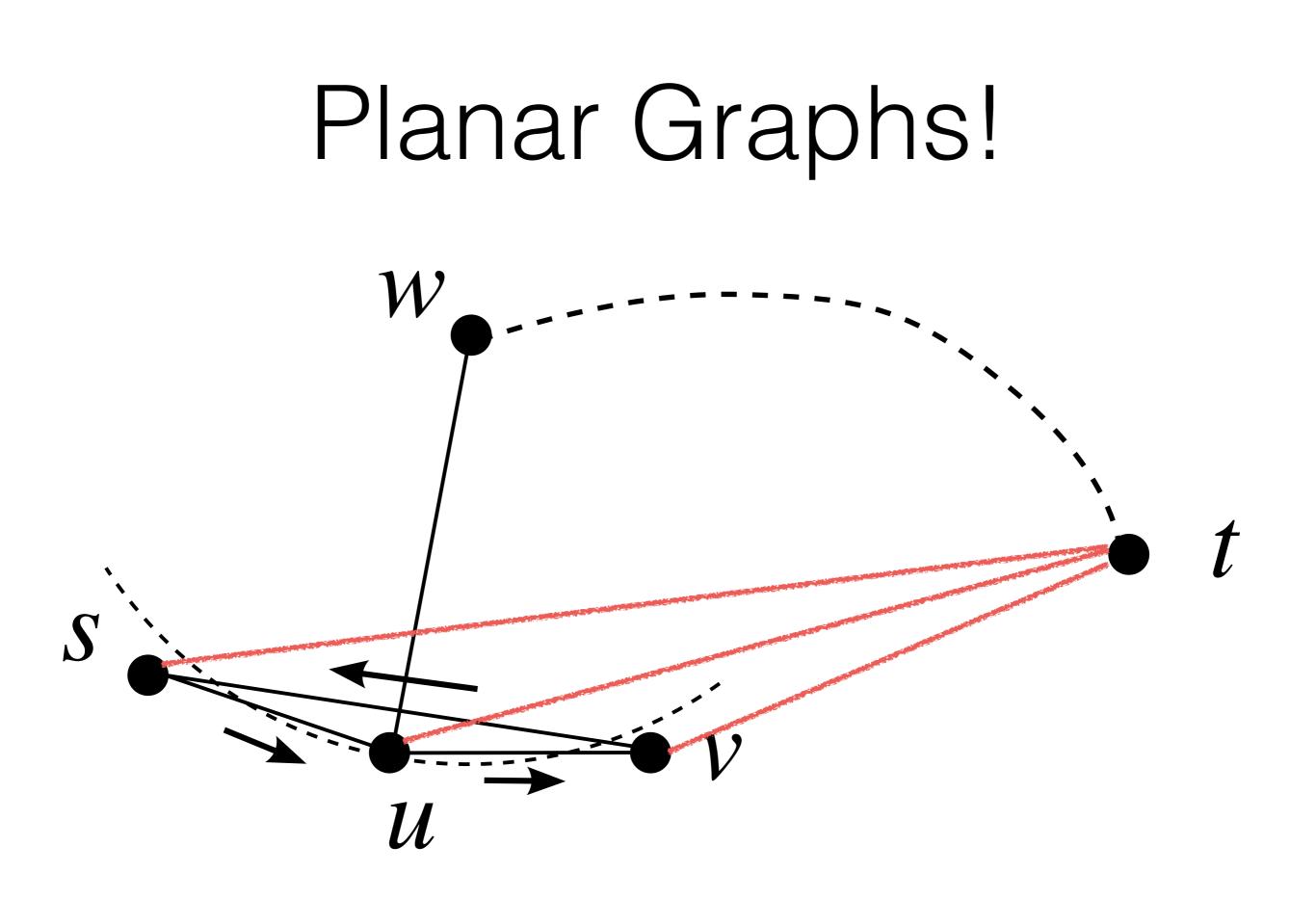
Planar Graph Routing



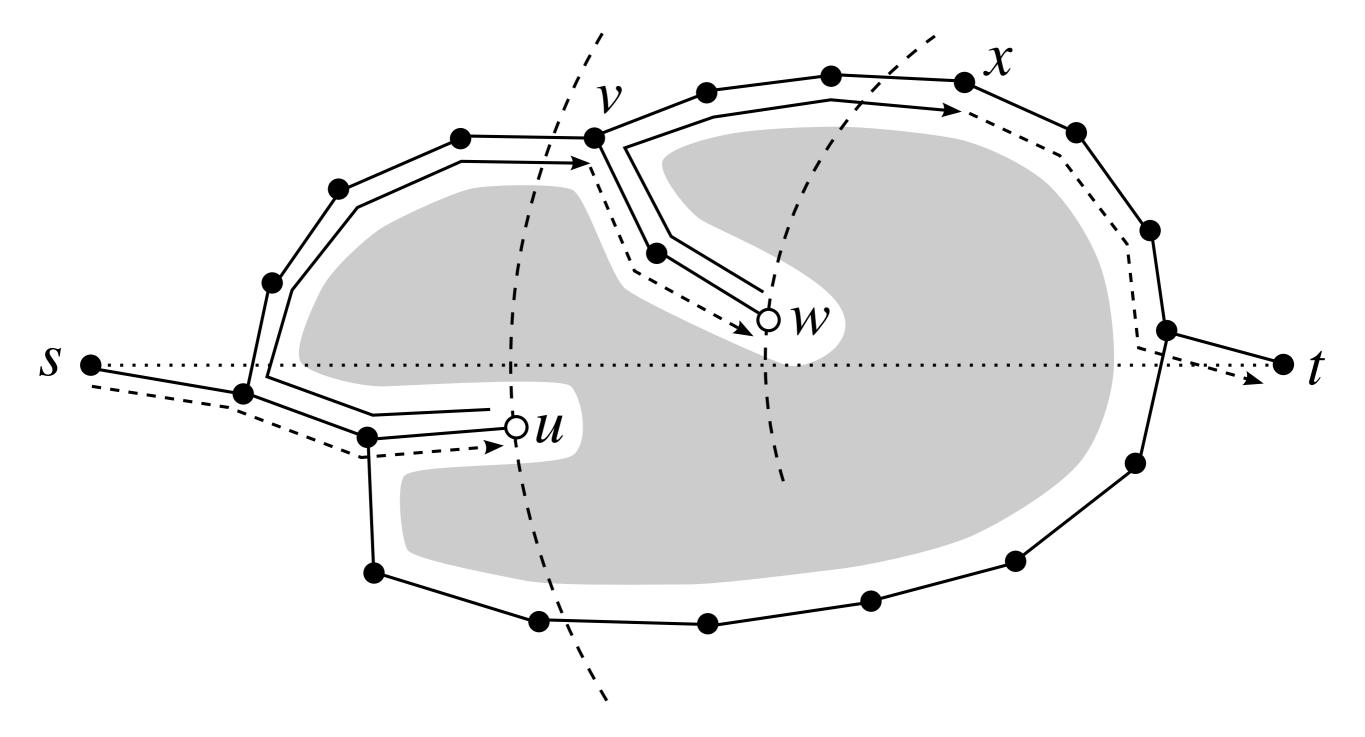
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Self-stabilization

Self-stabilization 101

Example

$$U_0 = a$$

 $U_{n+1} = \frac{U_n}{2}$ if U_n is even $U_{n+1} = \frac{3U_n+1}{2}$ if U_n is odd

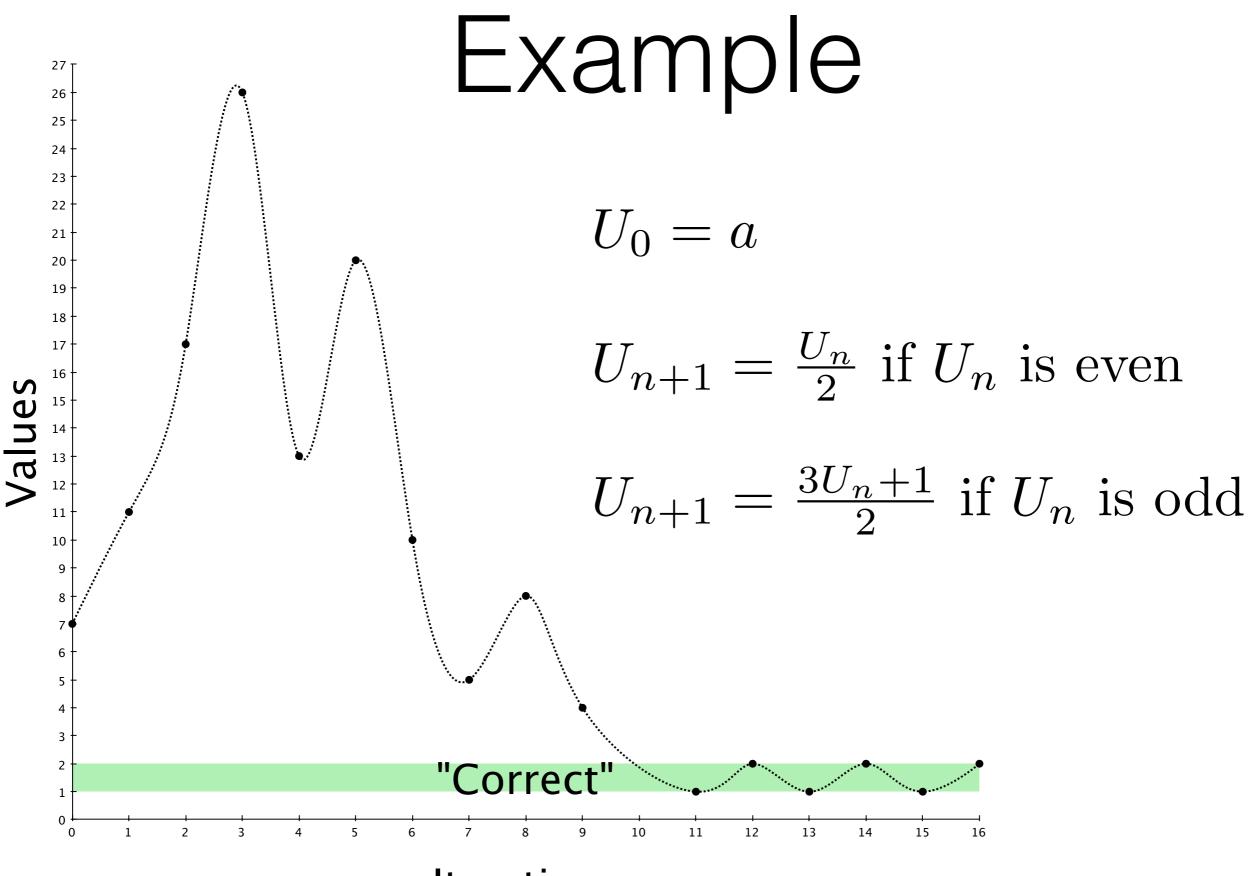
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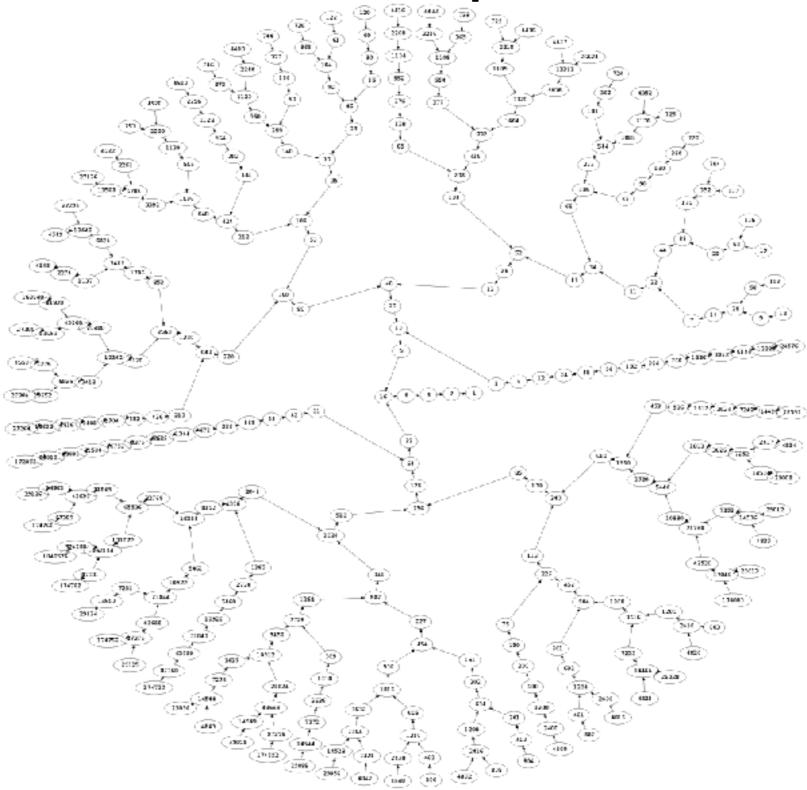
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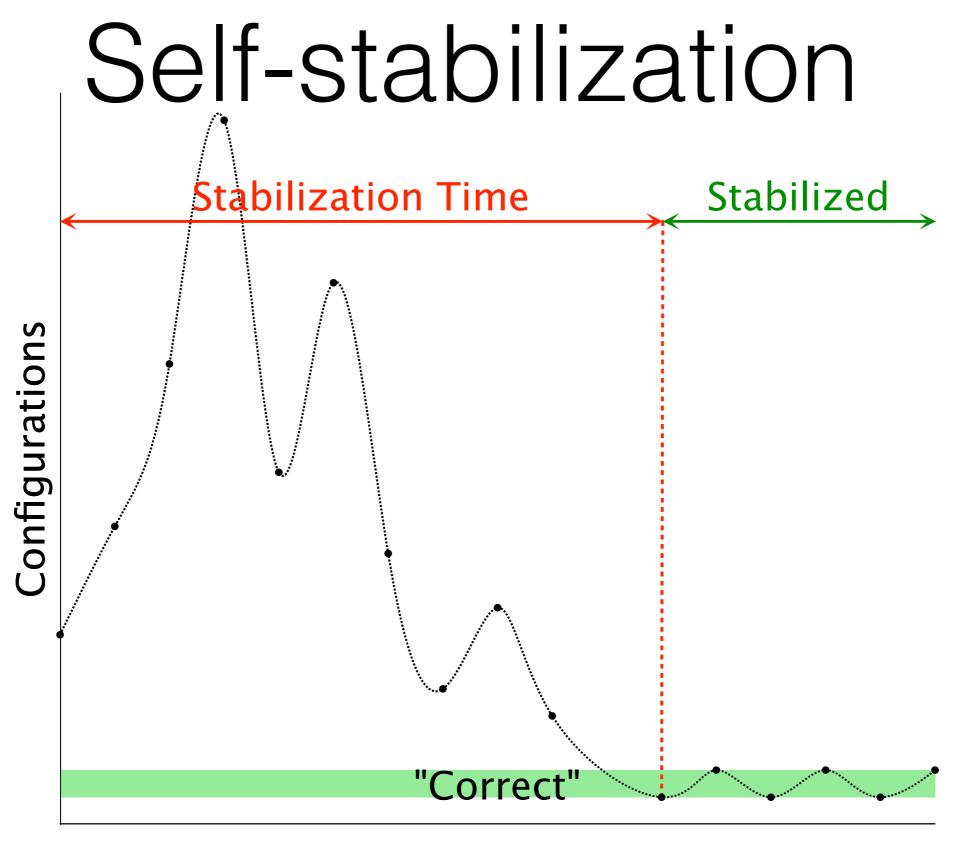
n	0	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12
U_n	7	11	17	26	13	20	10	5	8	4	2	2



Iterations

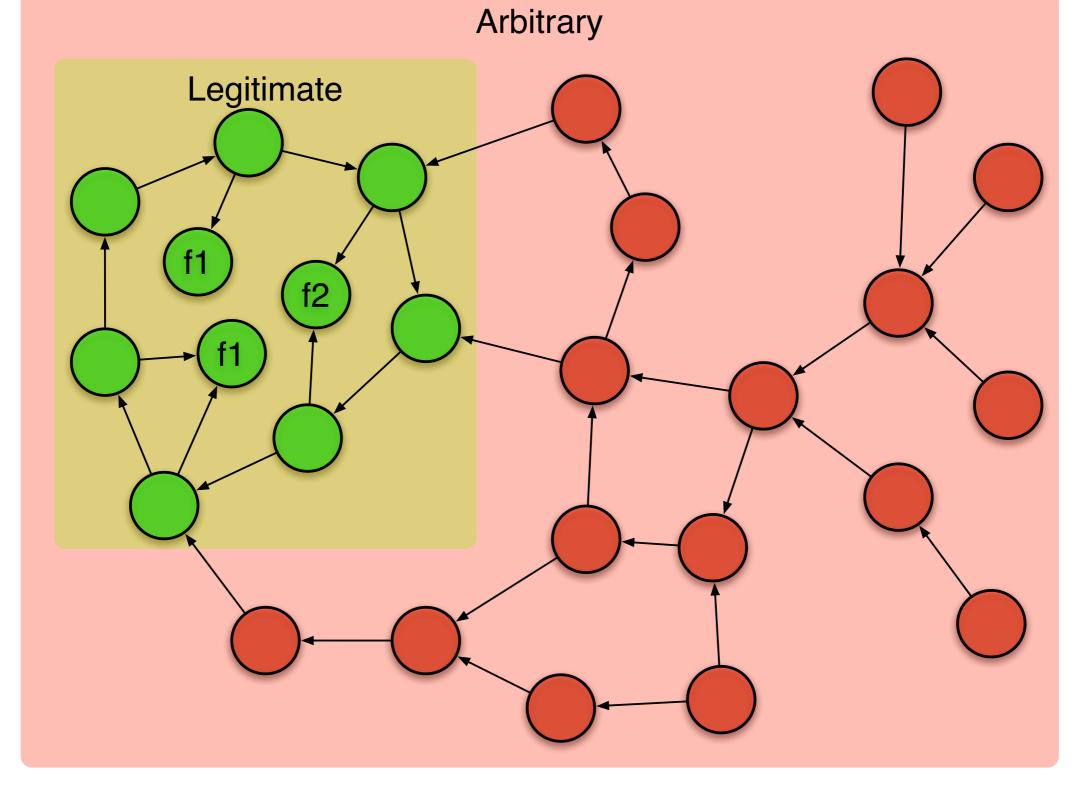




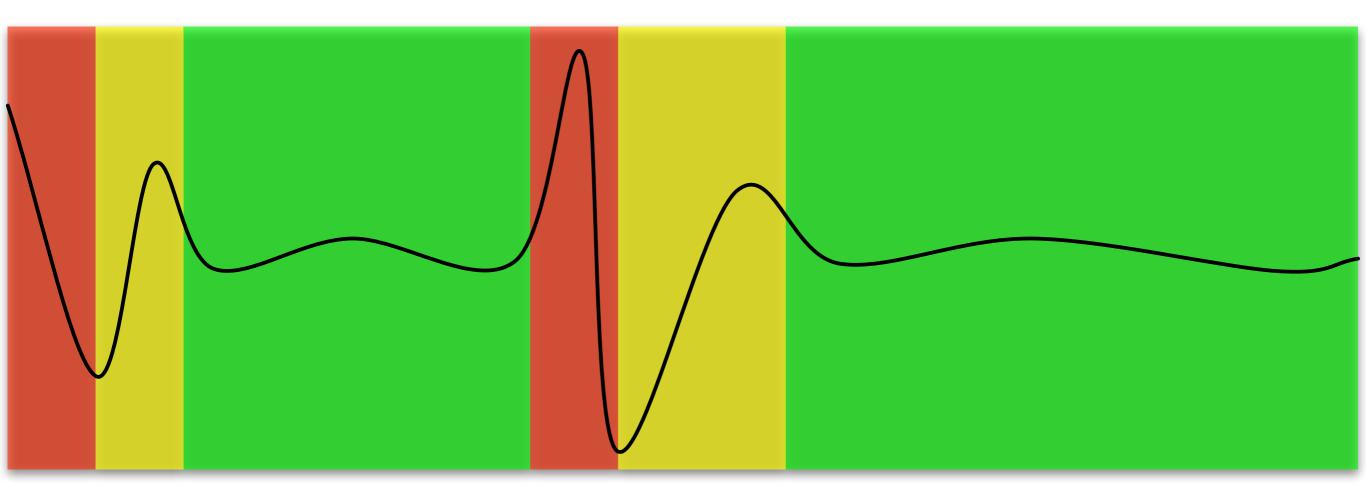


Time

Self-stabilization



Self-stabilization



Distributed Systems

- **Configuration**: product of the local states of system components
- **Execution**: interleaving of the local executions of the system components

Distributed Systems

- **Classical**: Starting from a particular initial configuration, the system immediately exhibits correct behavior
- **Self-stabilizing**: Starting from any initial configuration, the system eventually reaches a configuration from which its behavior is correct

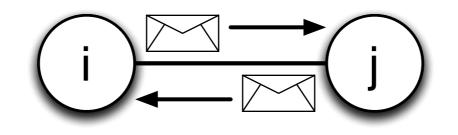
Distributed Systems

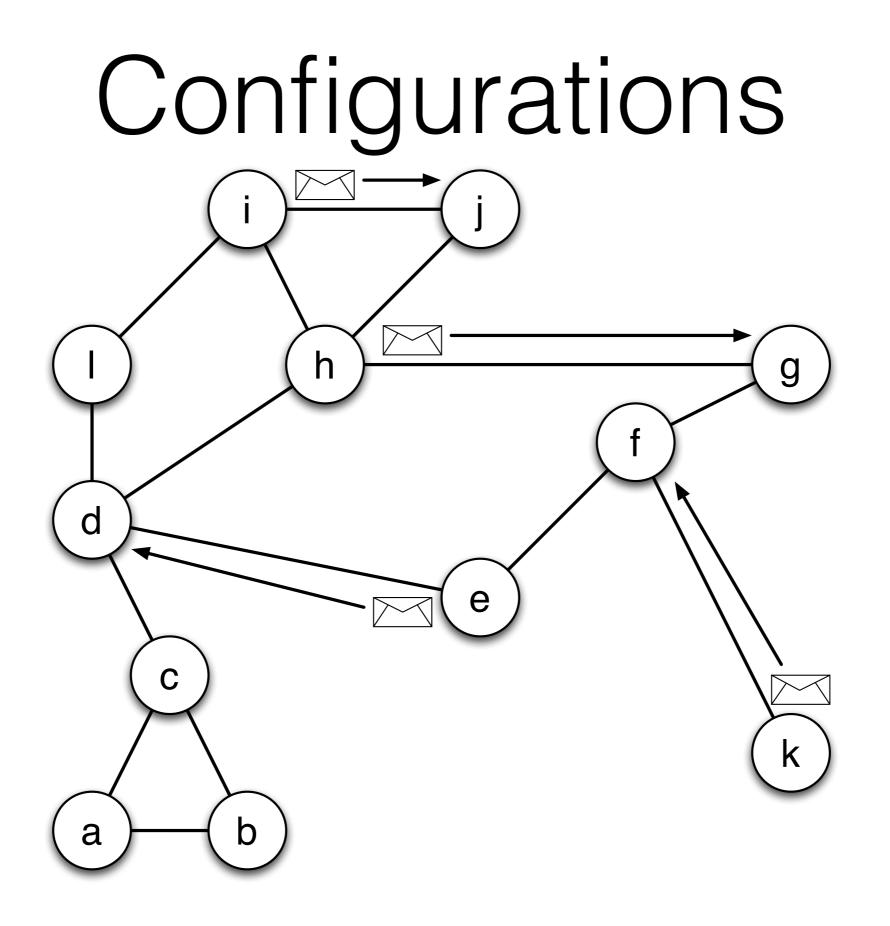
- **Self-stabilizing**: Starting from any initial configuration, the system eventually reaches a configuration from which its behavior is correct
 - Defined by *Dijkstra* in 1974
 - Advocated by *Lamport* in 1984 to address faulttolerant issues
 - Stale states due to **mobility** can be recovered!

Configurations

int x = 0;if(x == 0)// code assuming x equals 0 } else { // code assuming x does not equal 0 }

Configurations





Hypotheses

Atomicity

• A «*stabilizing*» sequential program

int x = 0;

- • •
- while(x == x) {
 x = 0;
 // code assuming x equals 0

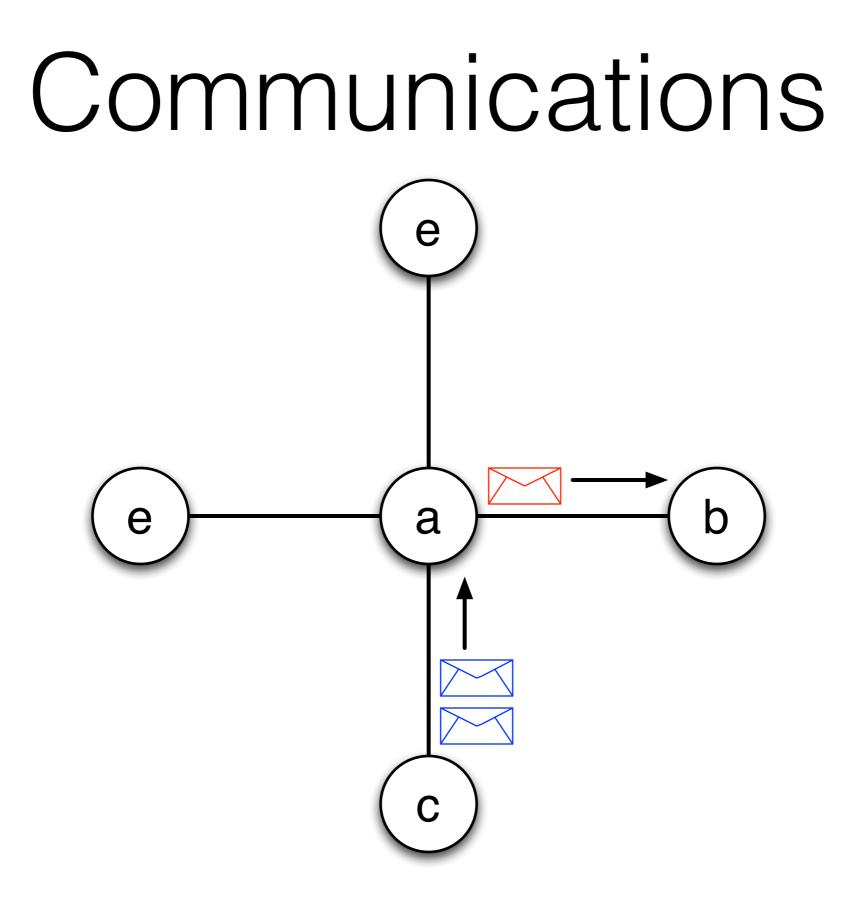
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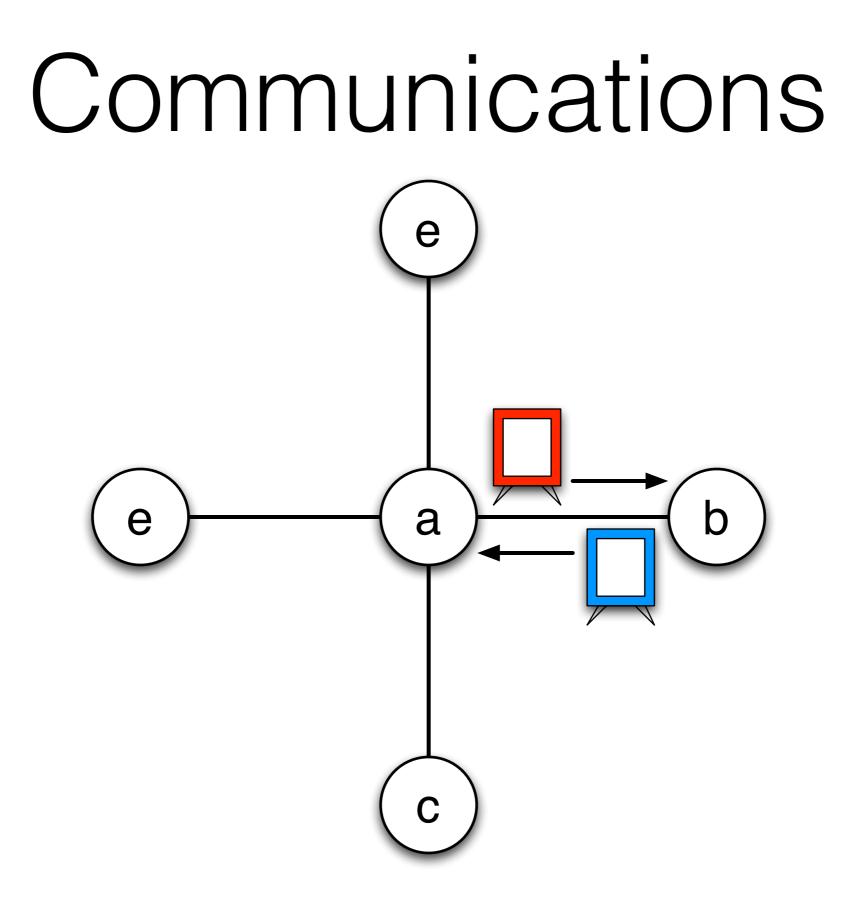
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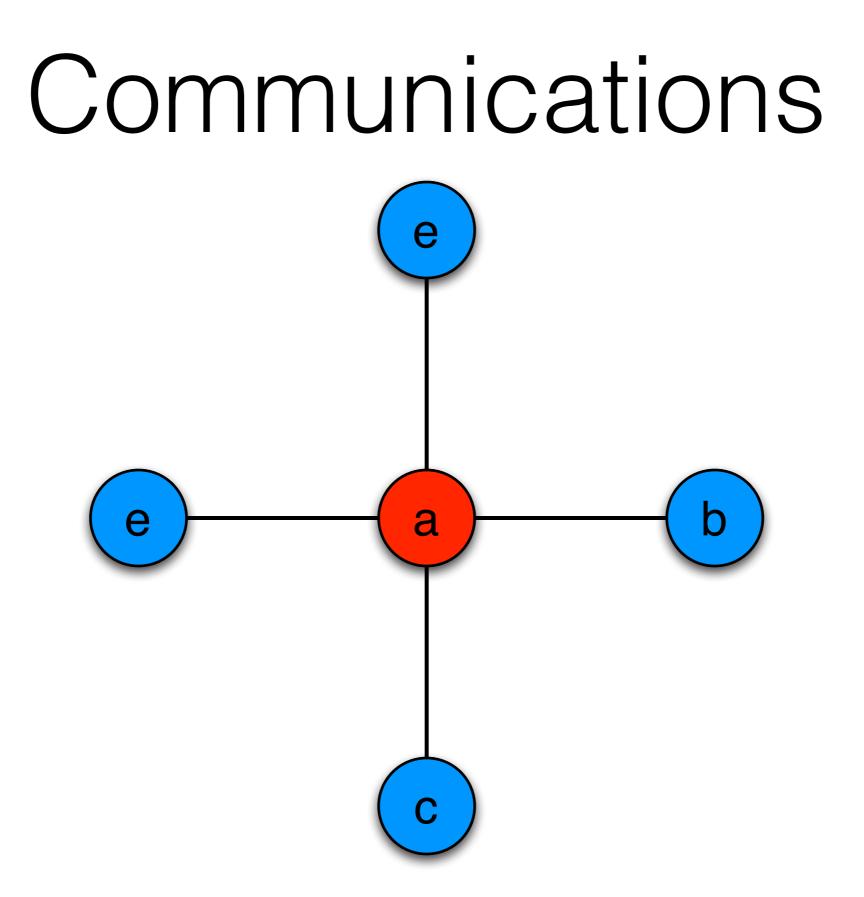
0 iconst_0

- 1 istore_1
- 2 goto 7
- 5 iconst_0
- 6 istore_1
- 7 iload_1
- ▶8 iload_1
 - 9 if_icmpeq 5

Problem

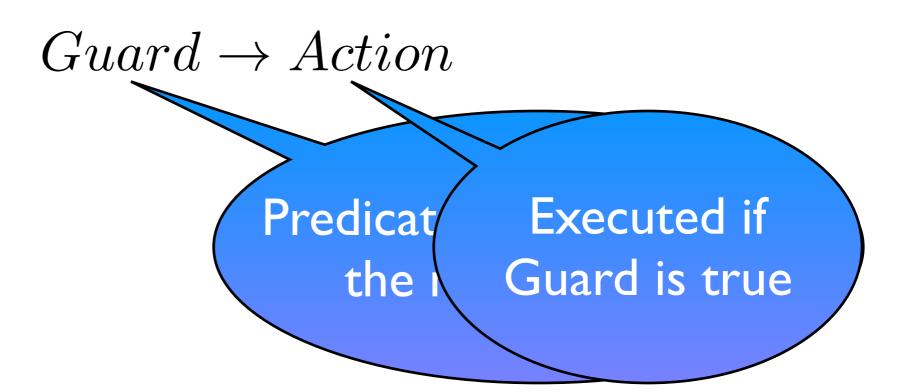




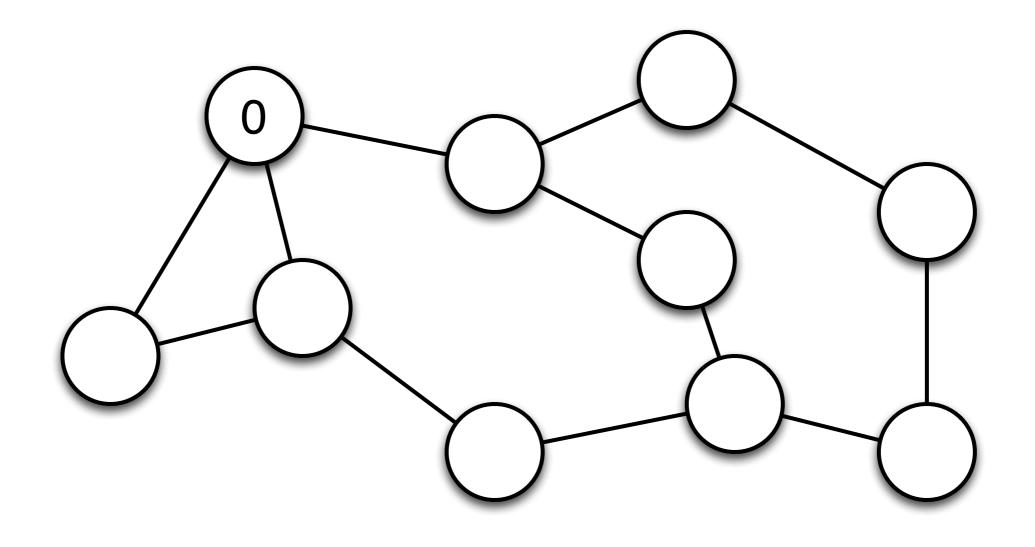


Example

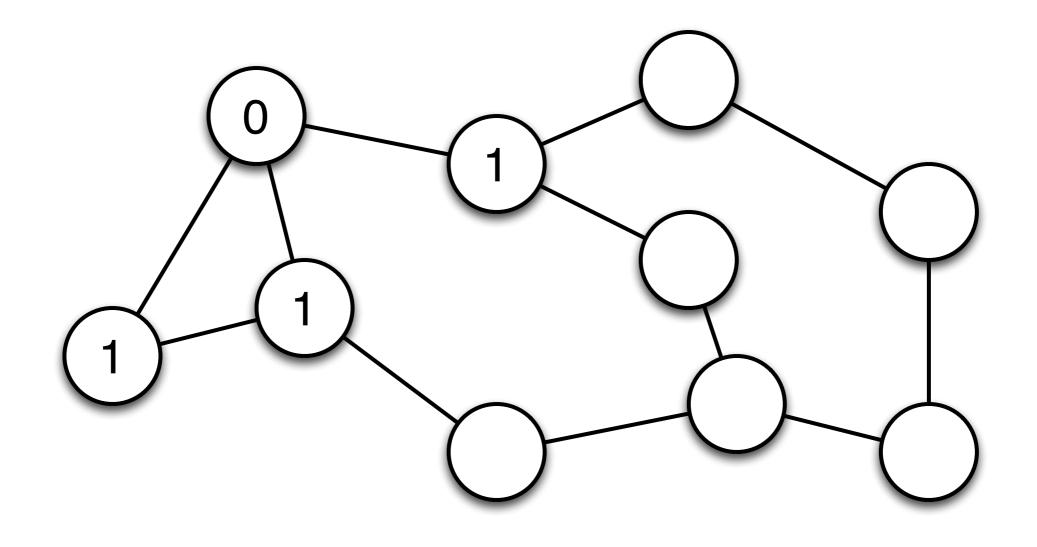
- Shared memory: in one atomic step, read the state of all neighbors and write own state
- Guarded command

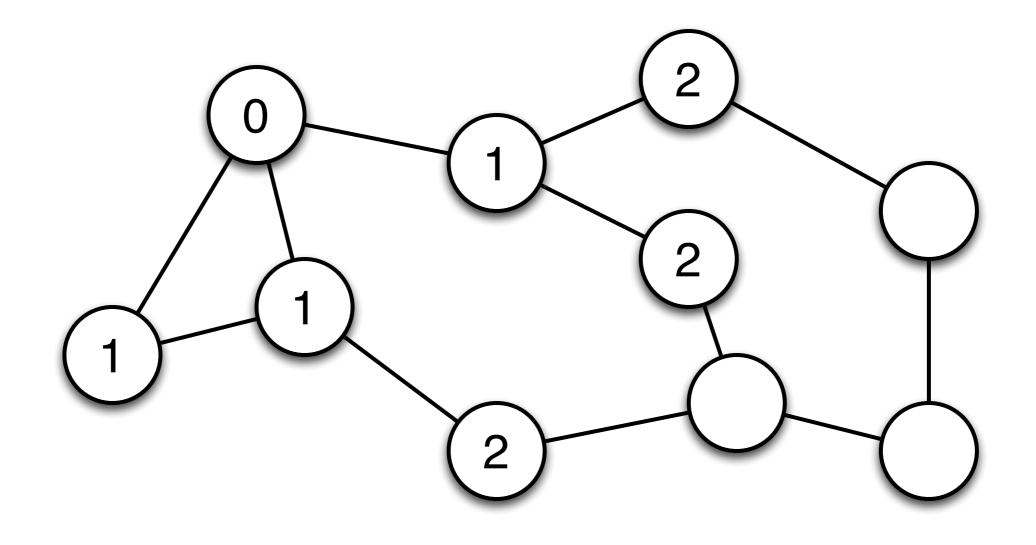


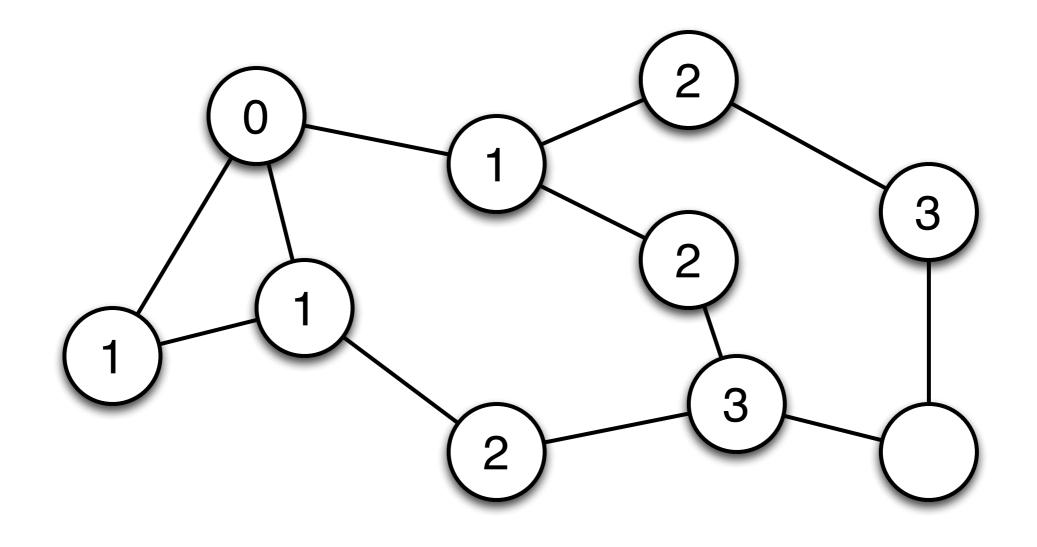
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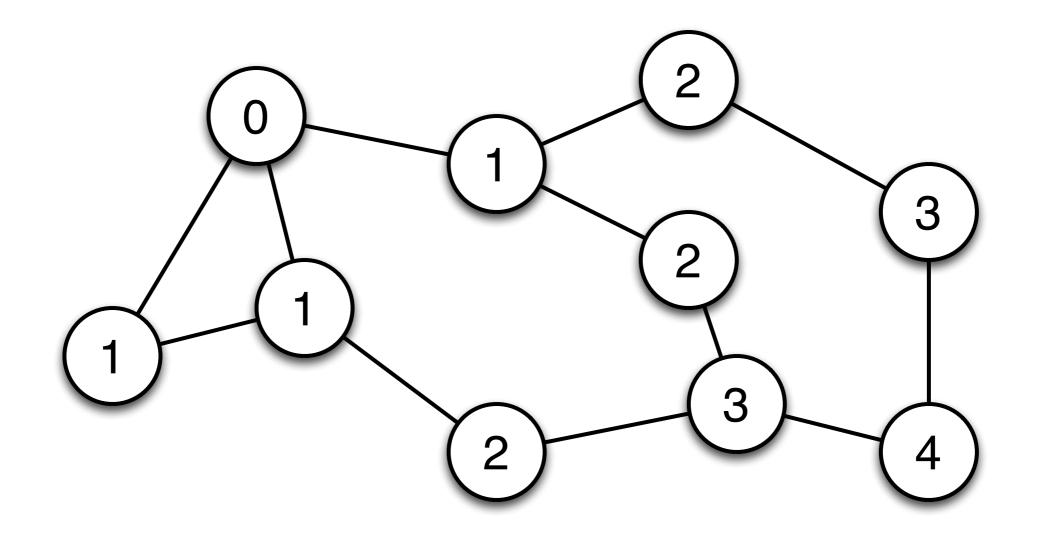


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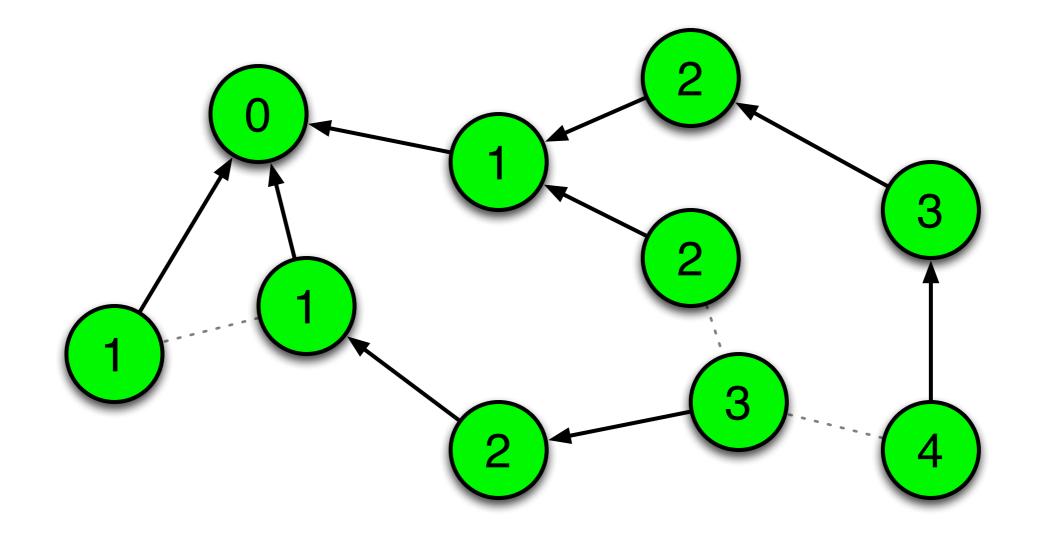


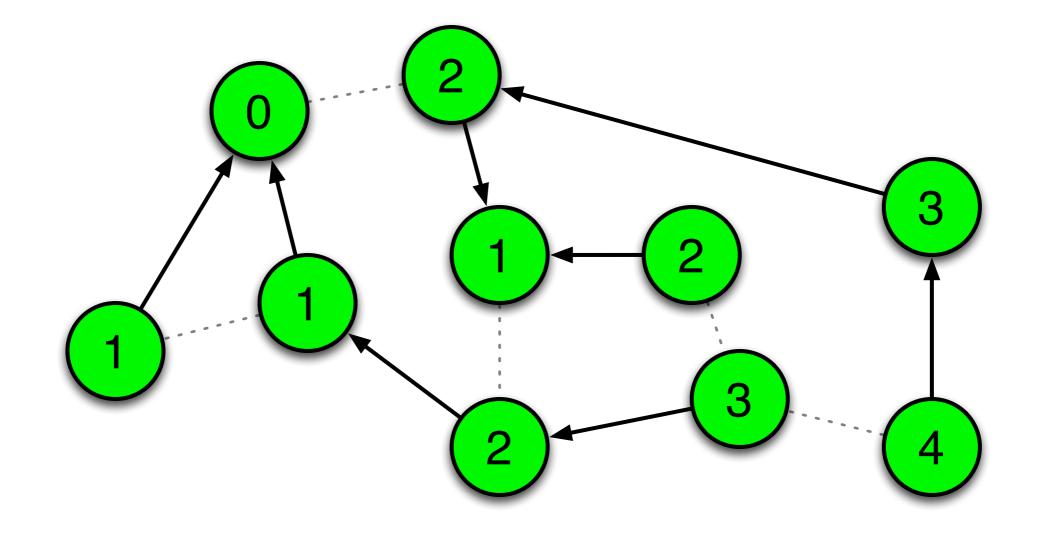


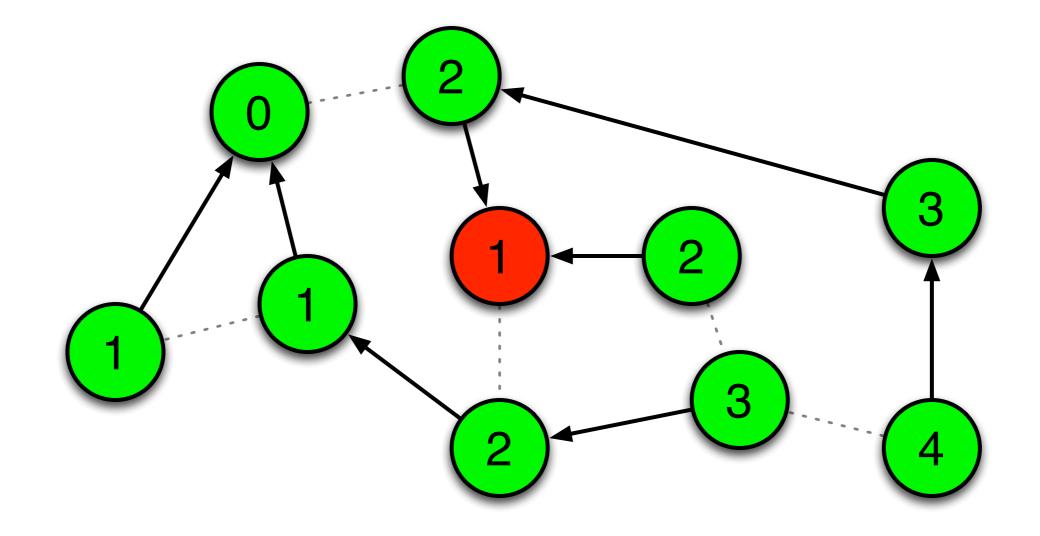


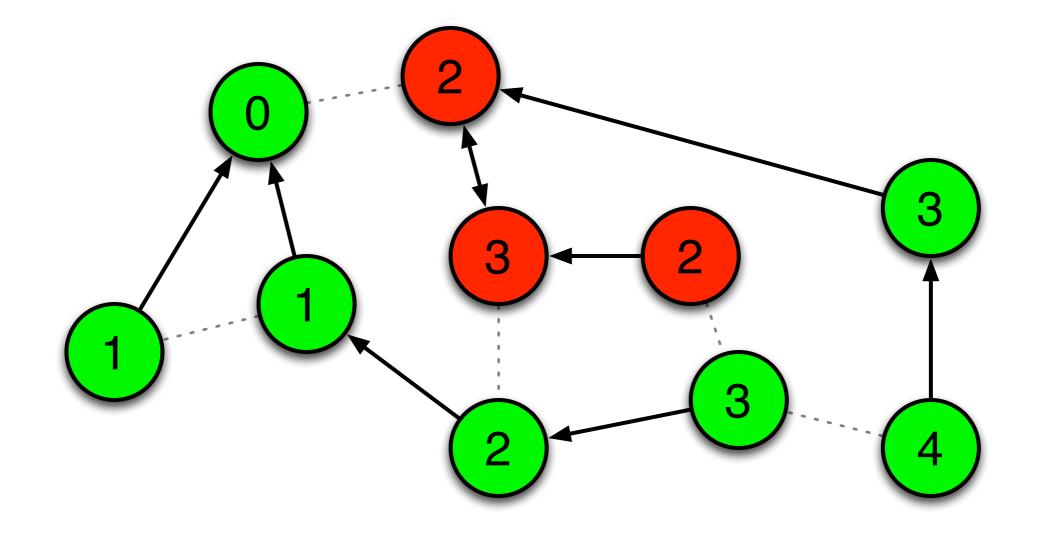


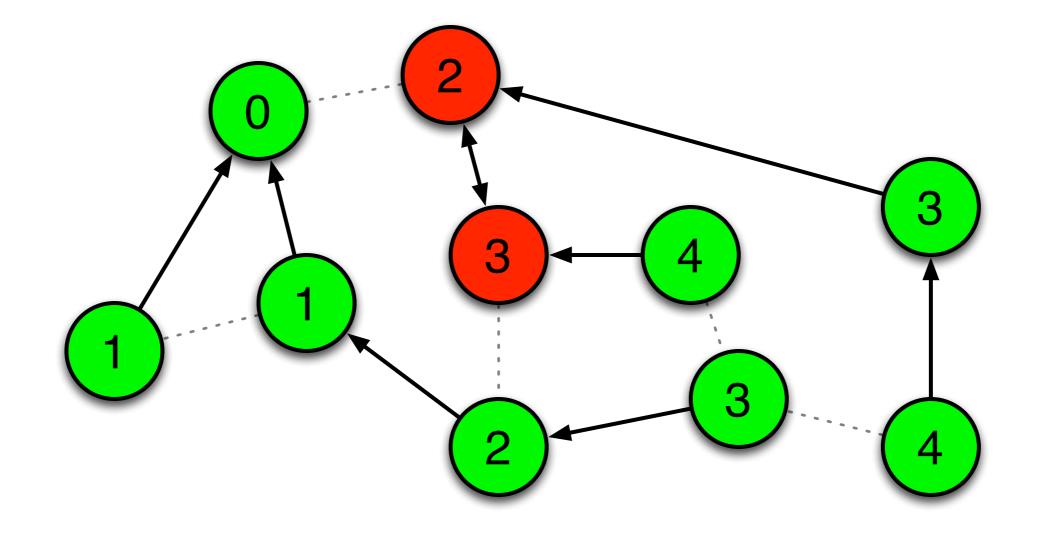
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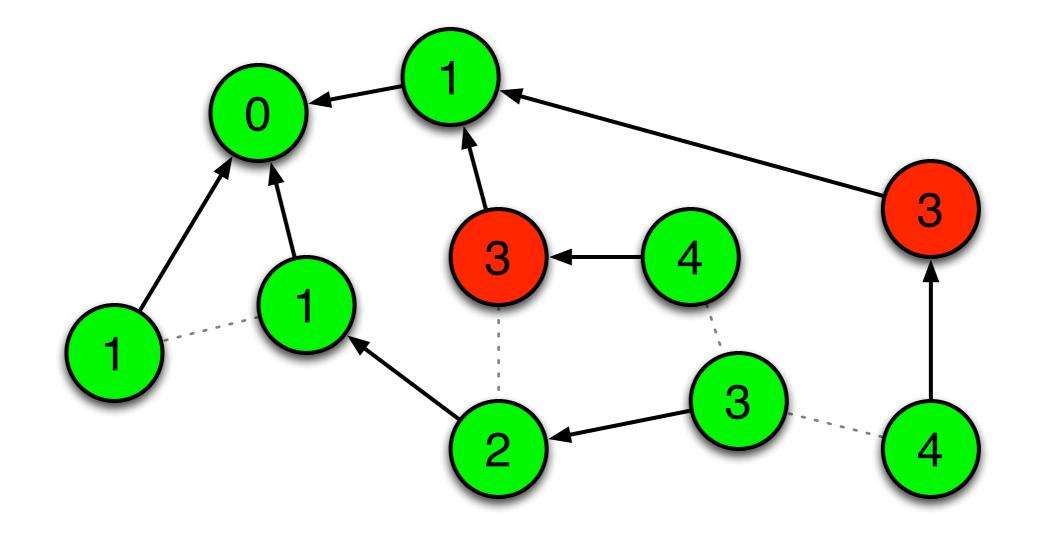


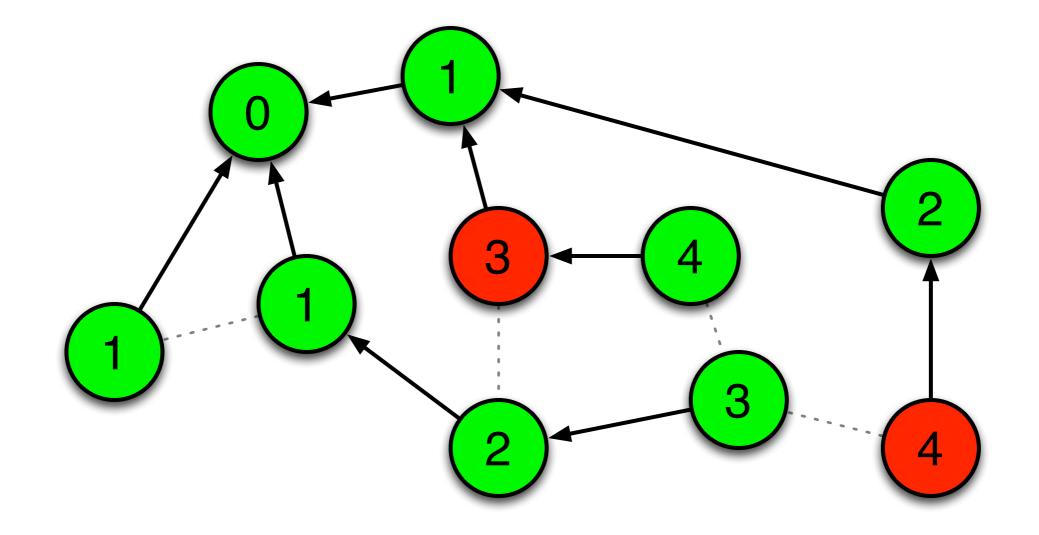


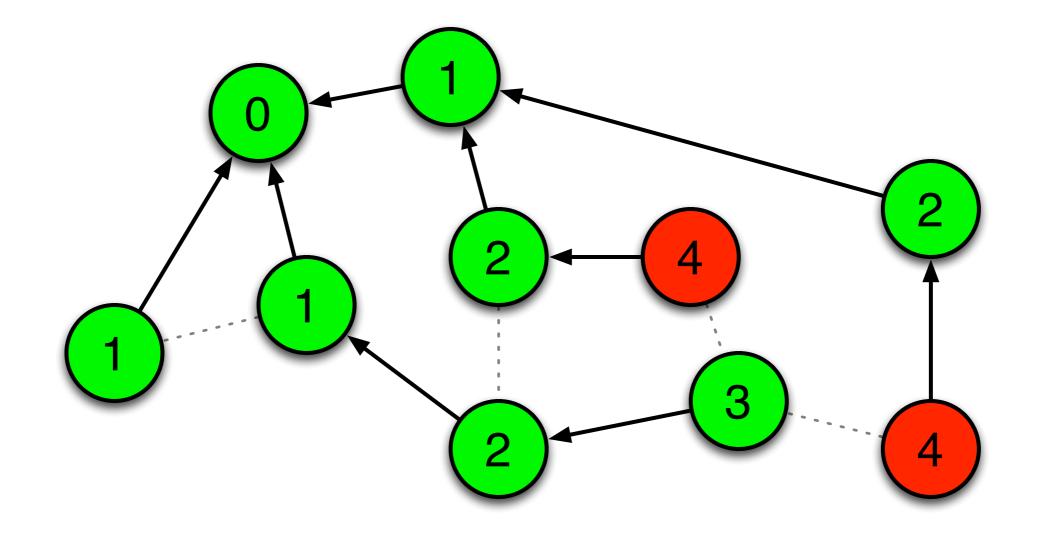


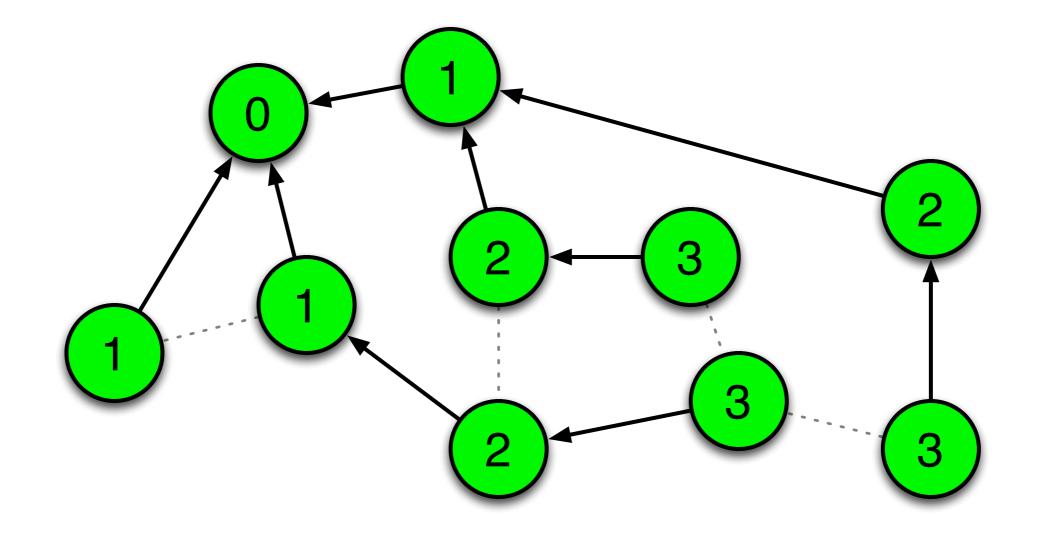








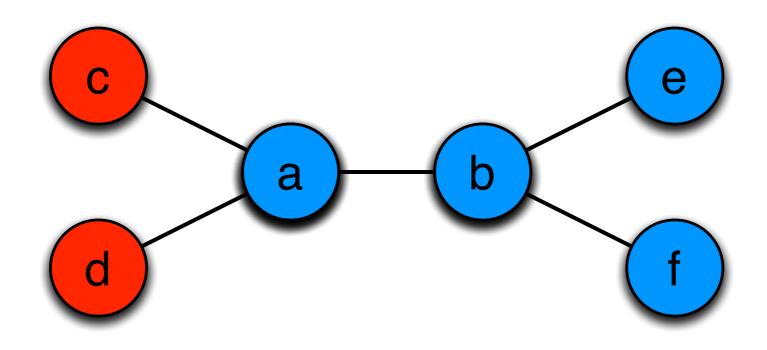




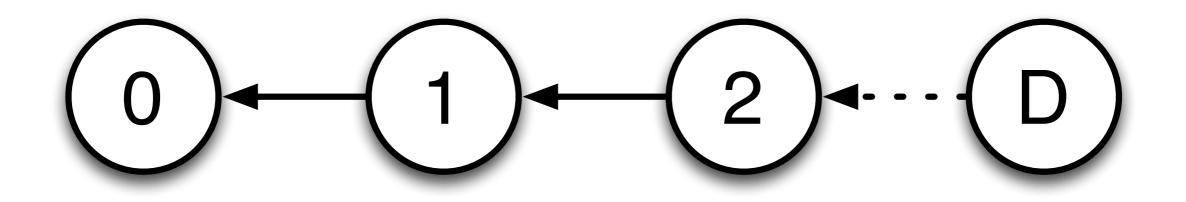
Scheduling

- Scheduler (a.k.a. Daemon): the daemon chooses among activatable processes those that will execute their actions
 - can be seen as an *adversary* whose role is to prevent stabilization

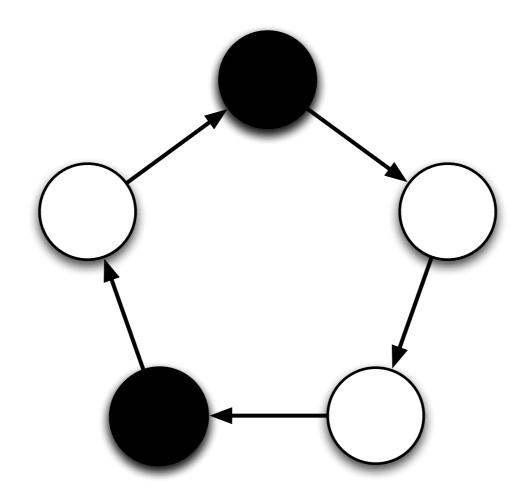
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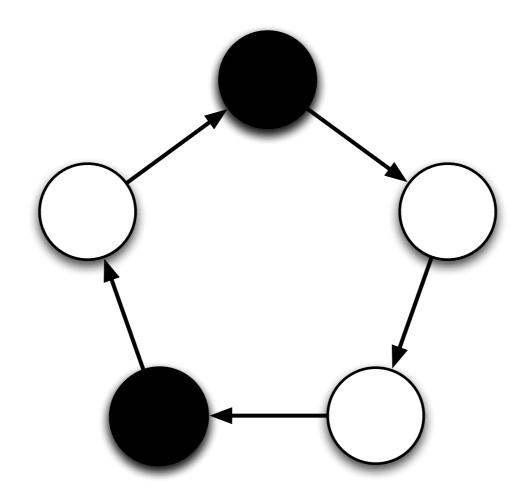
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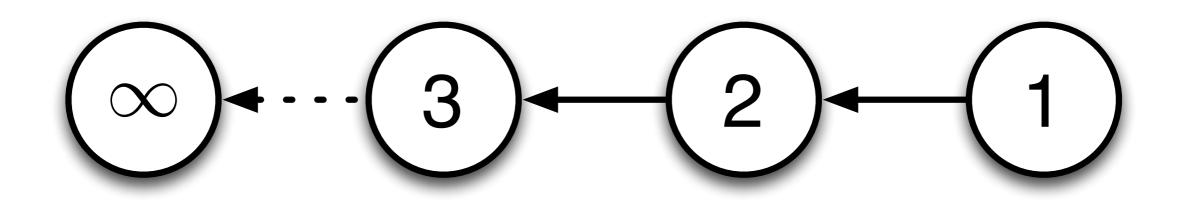


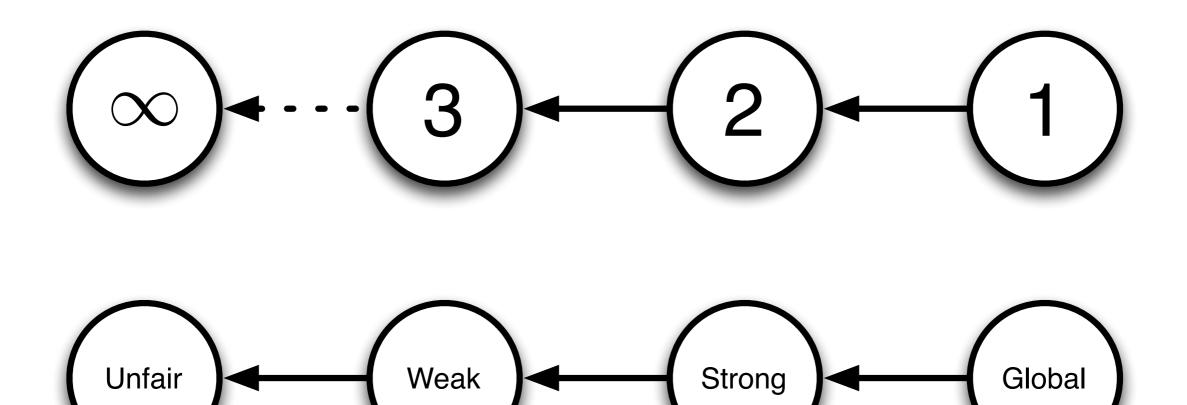
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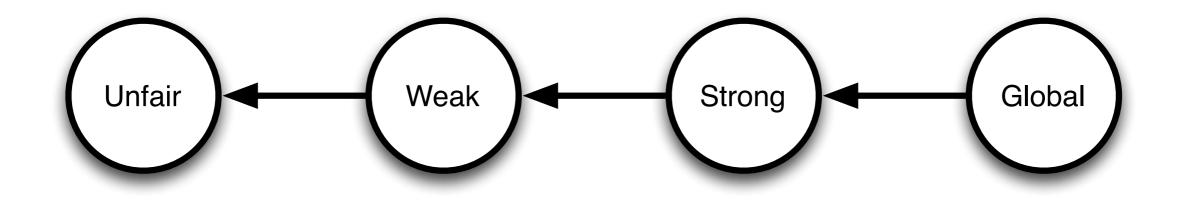
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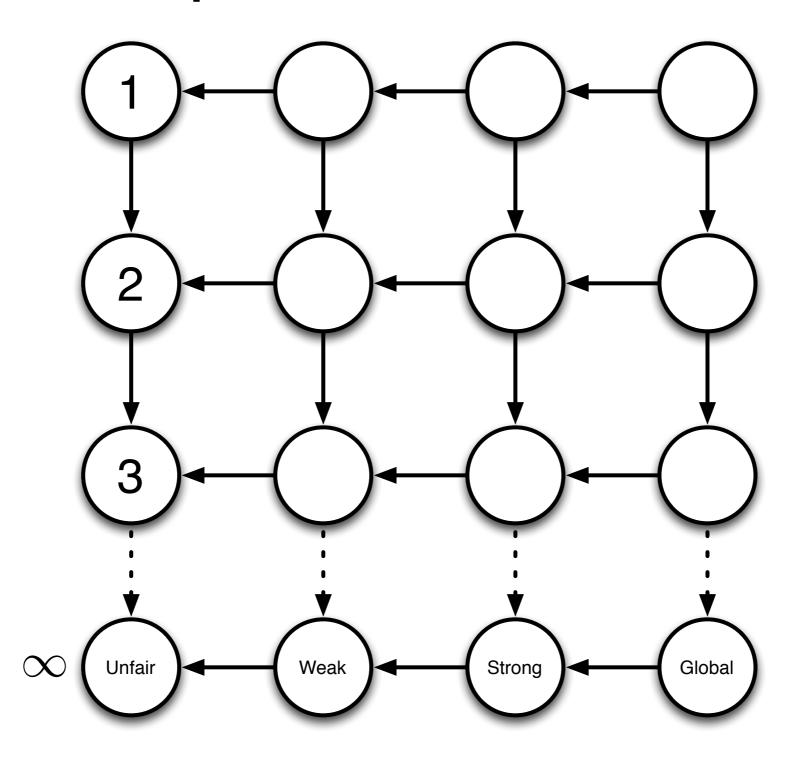




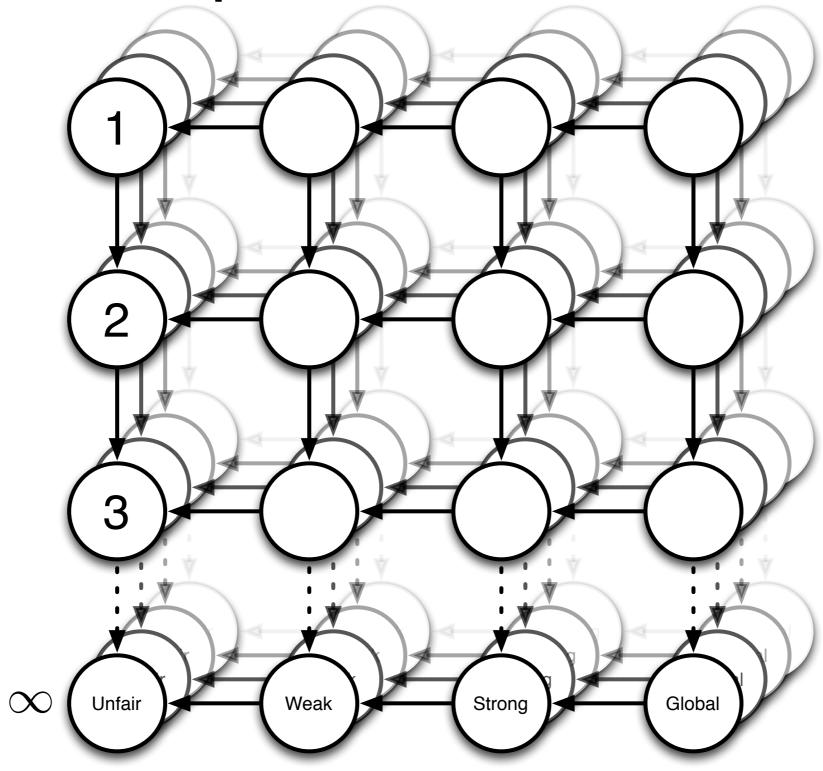
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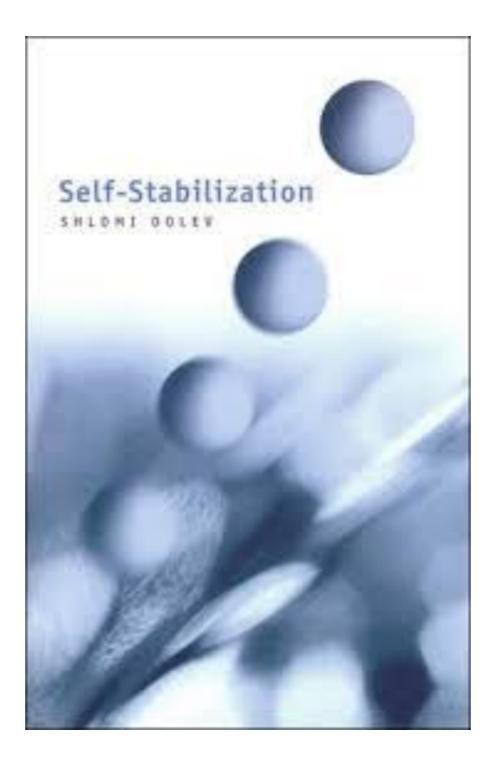
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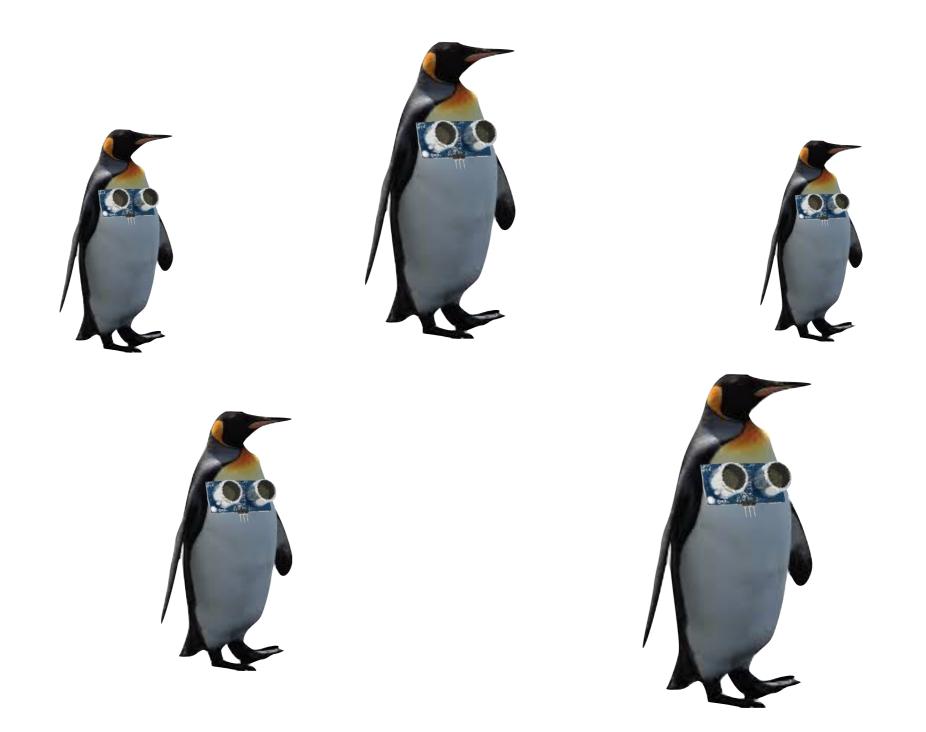


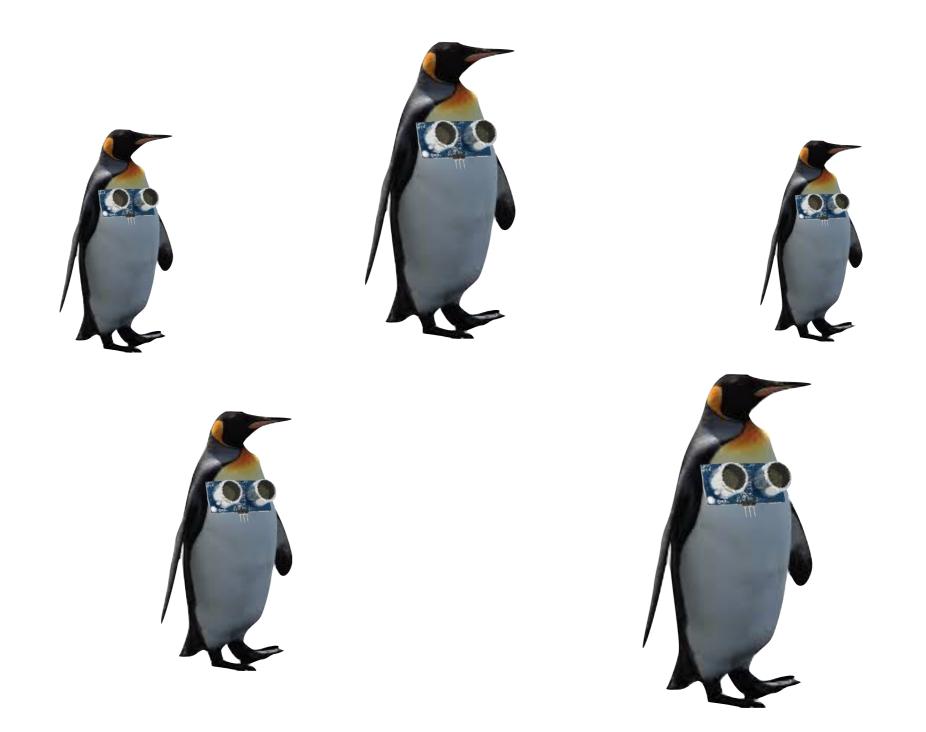
Self-stabilization





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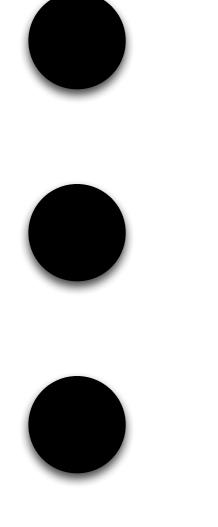
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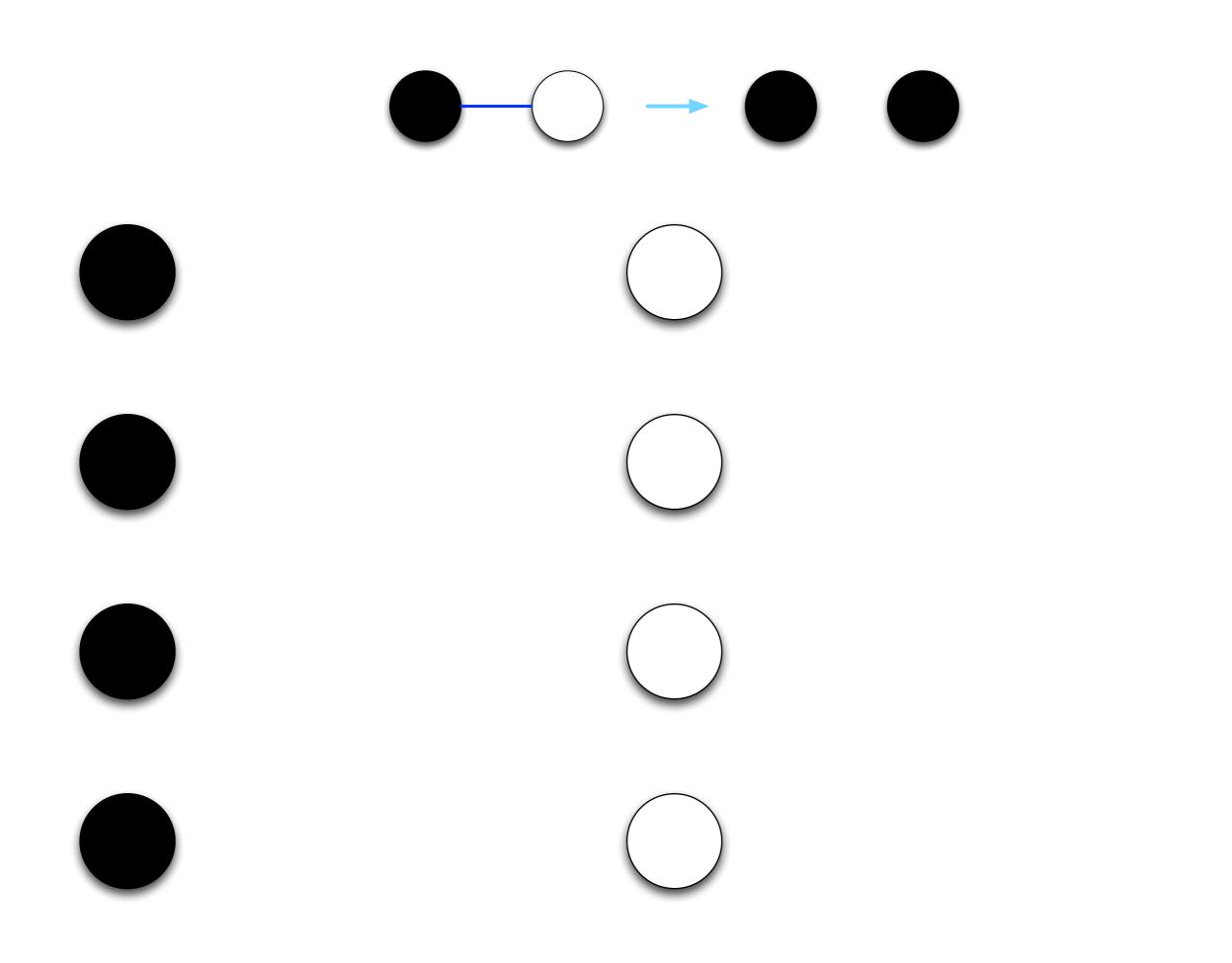
- A Population Protocol is a 6-tuple (X,Y,Q,I,O,T)
 - X: Set of inputs
 - Y: Set of outputs
 - Q: Set of states
 - I: Input mapping function, $X \longrightarrow Q$
 - **O**: Output mapping function, $Q \longrightarrow O$
 - **T**: Transition function, $\mathsf{Q} \times \mathsf{Q} \longrightarrow \mathsf{Q} \times \mathsf{Q}$

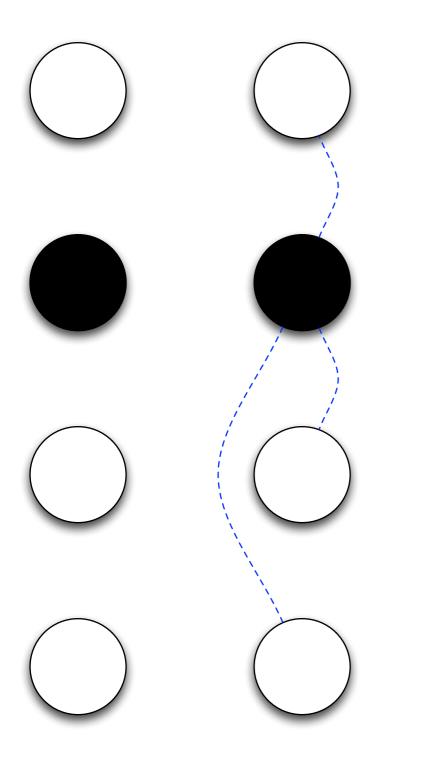
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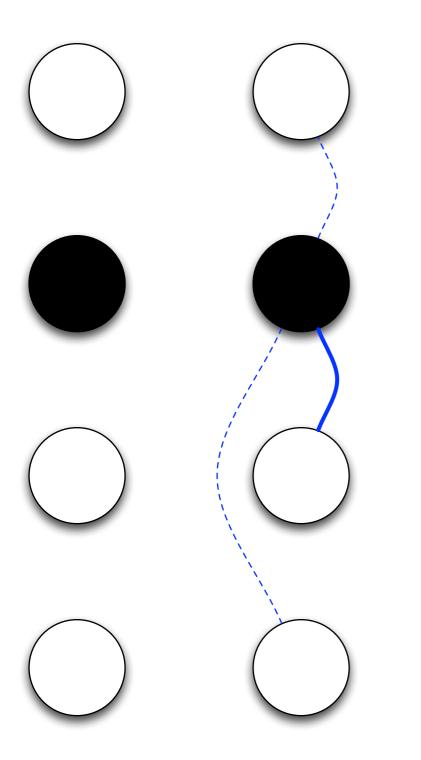
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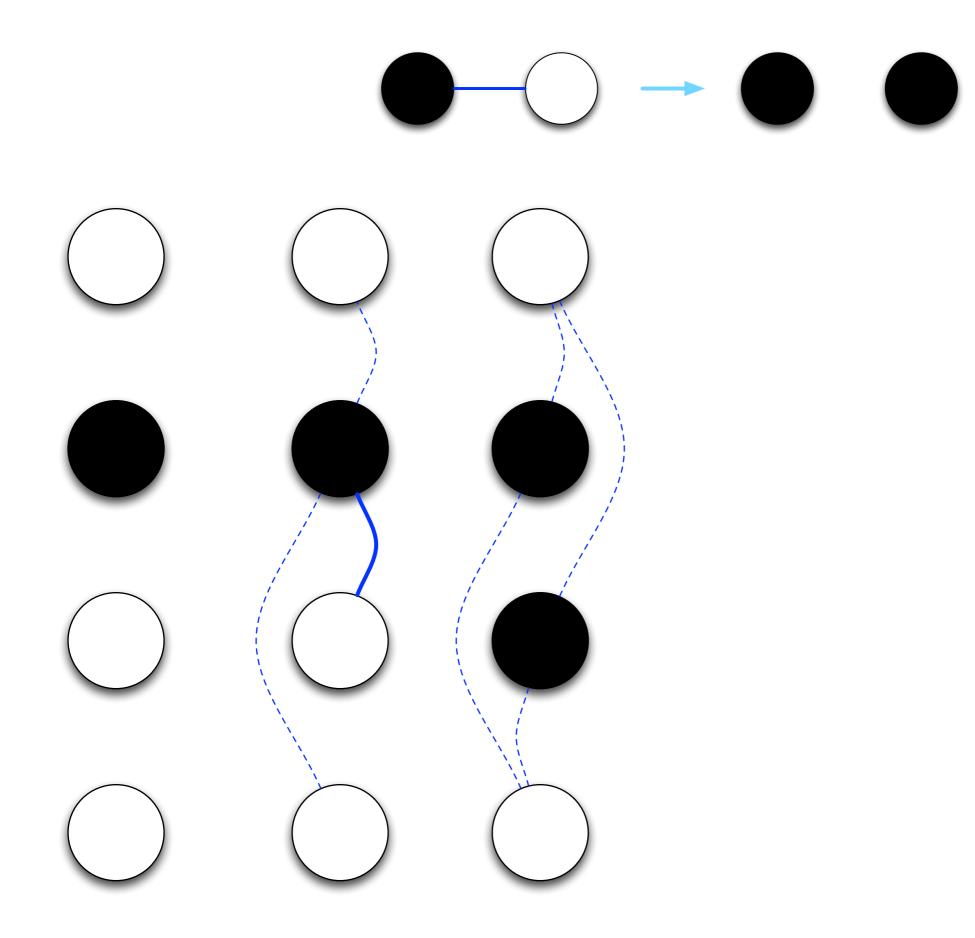


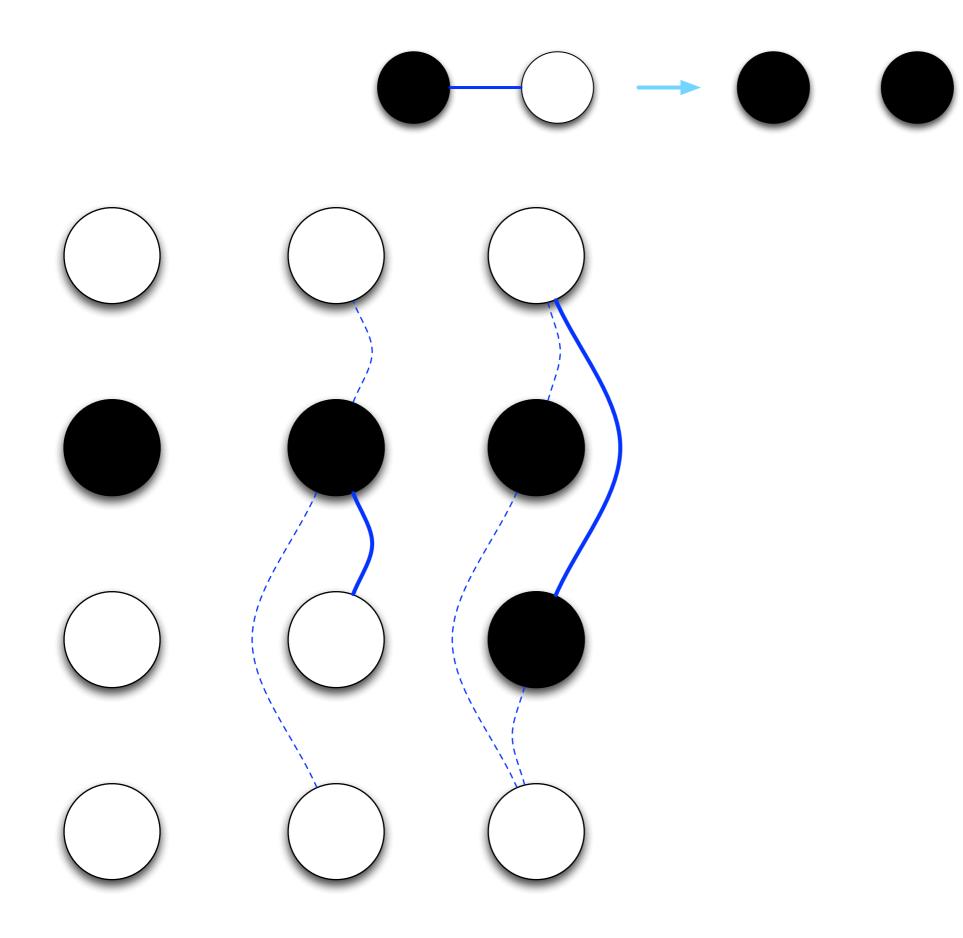


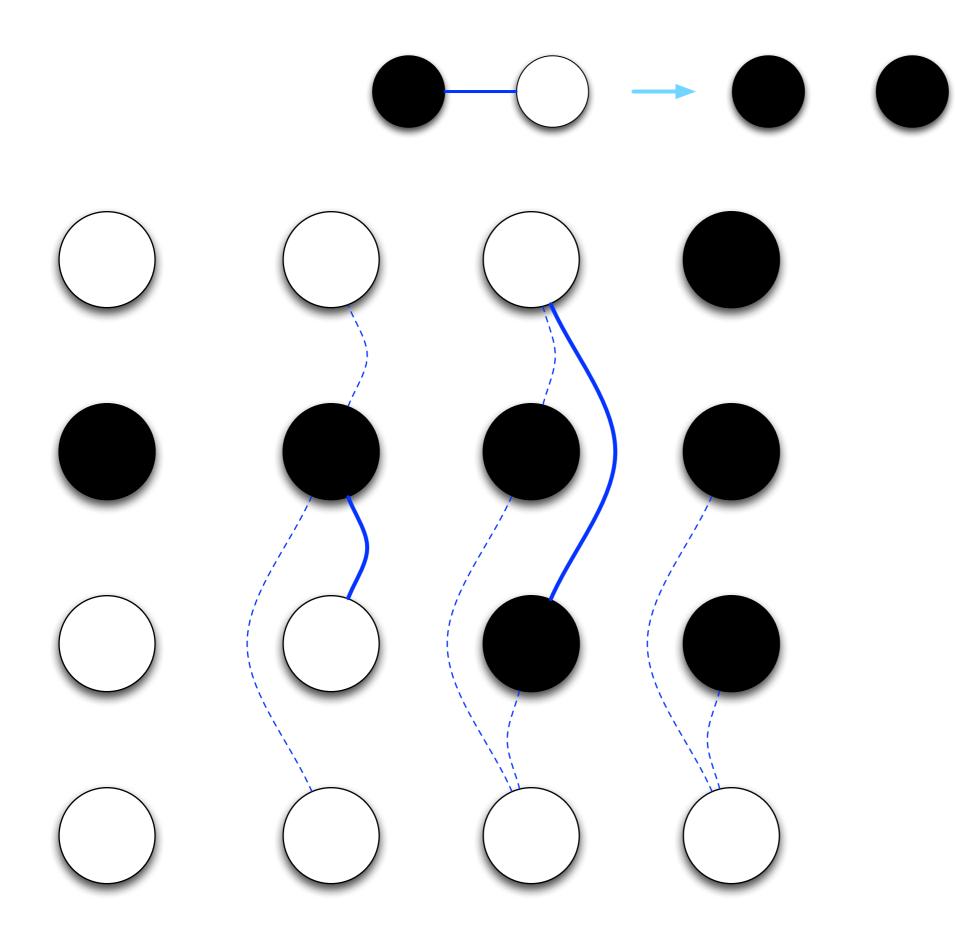


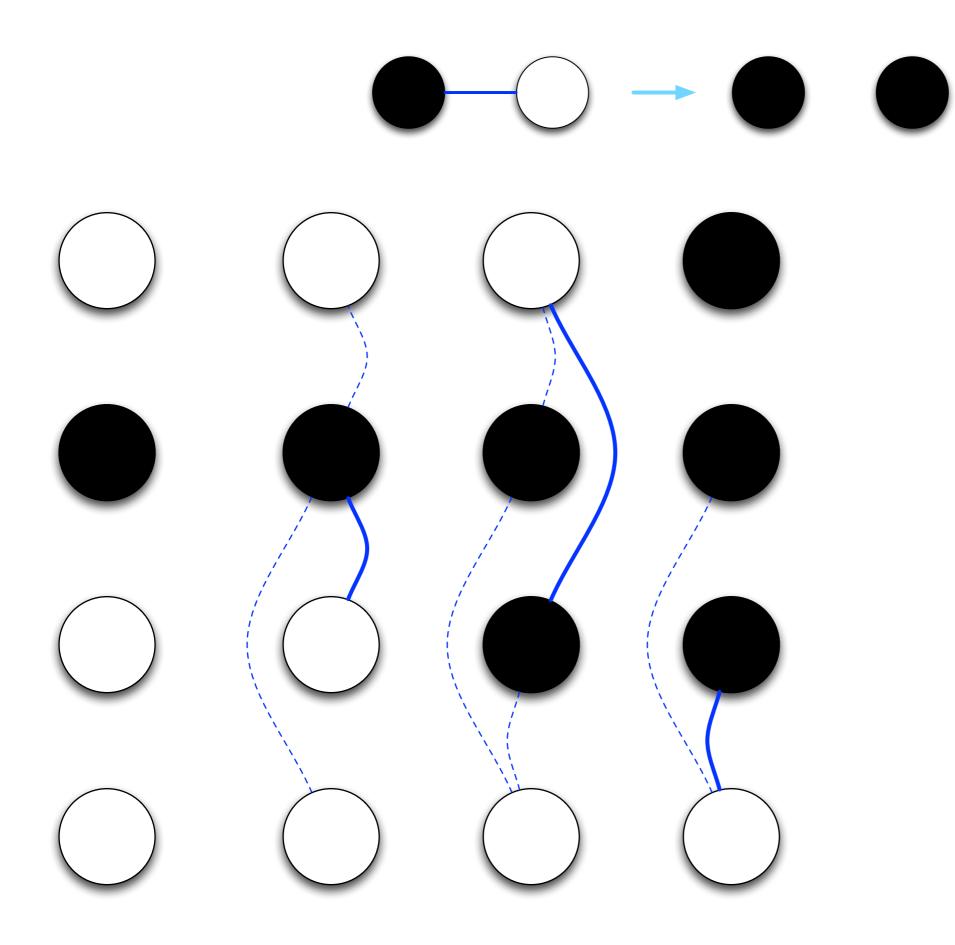


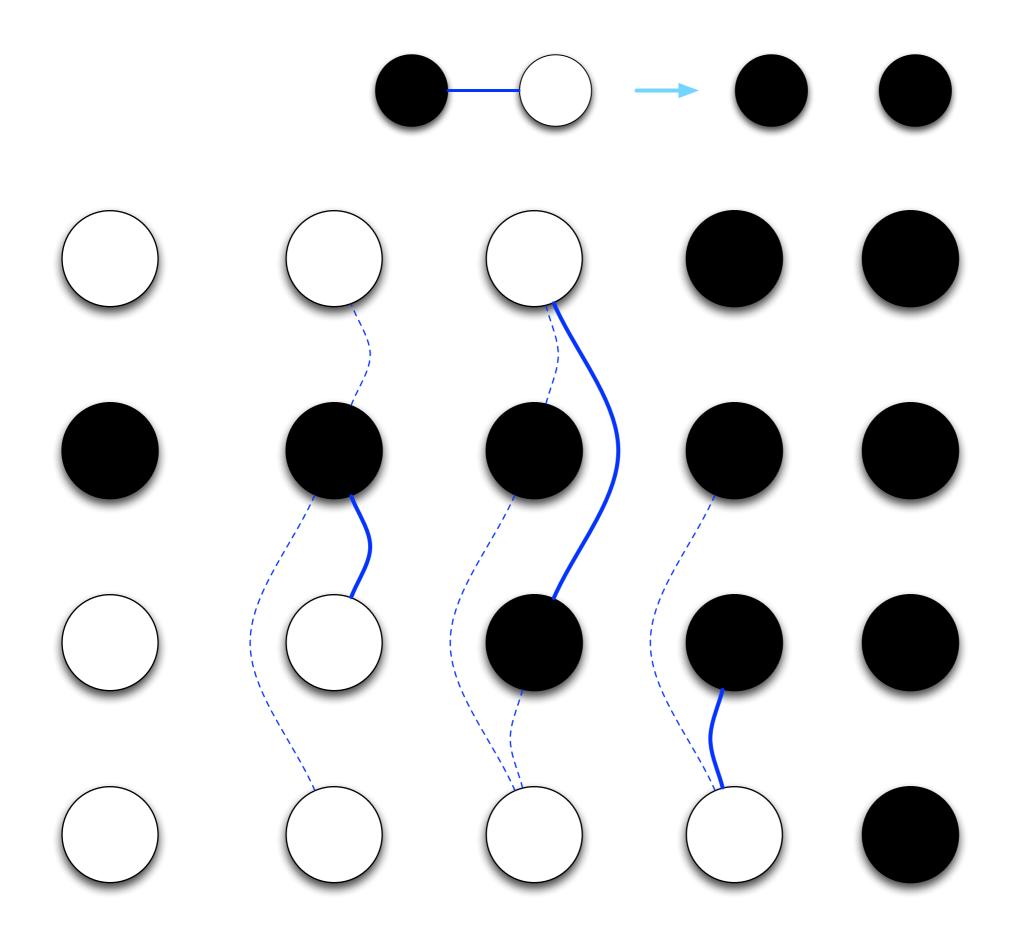






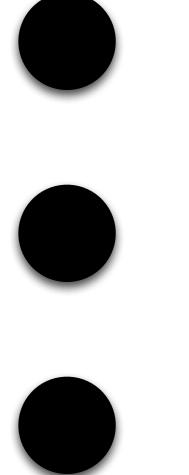






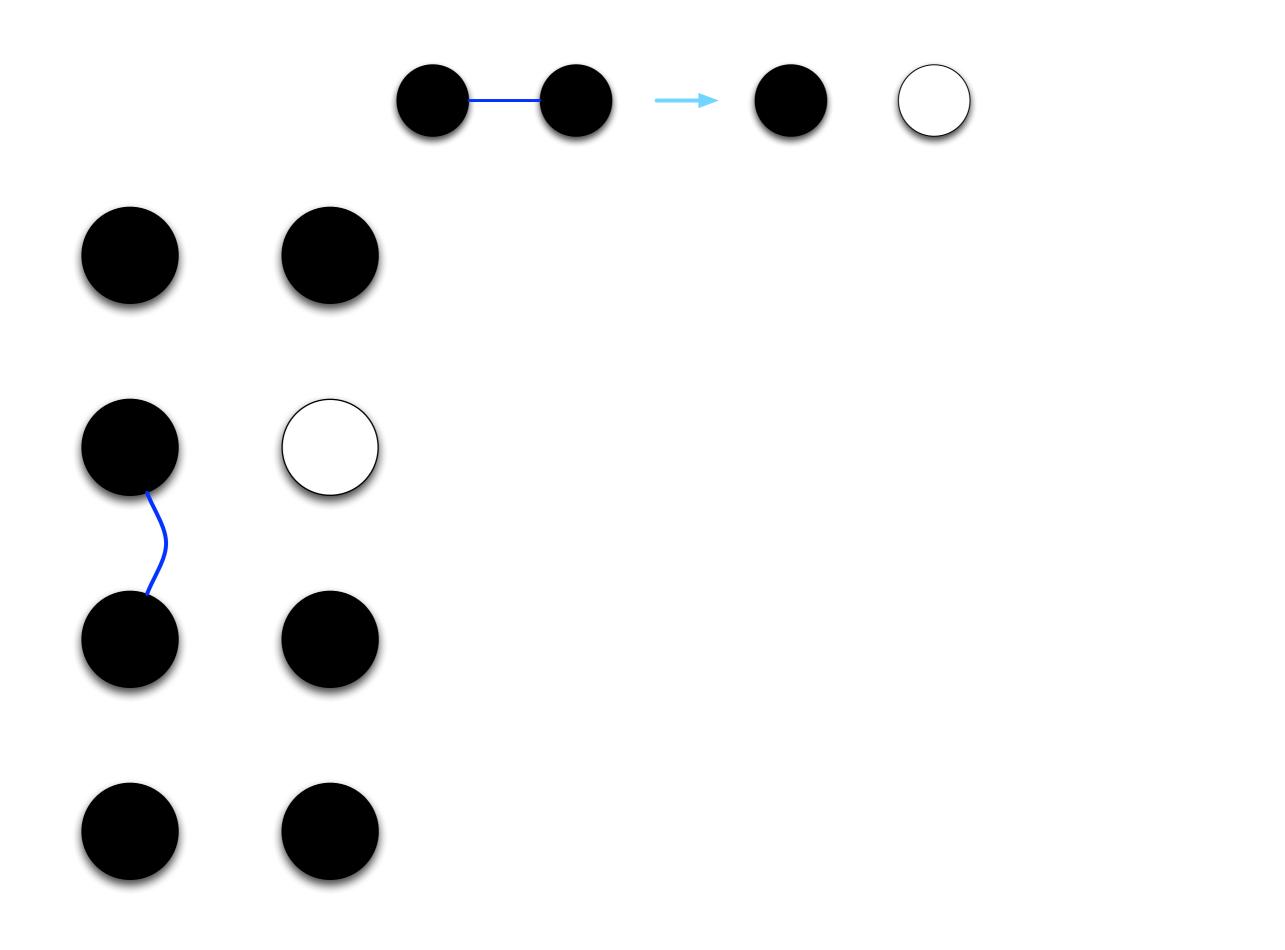
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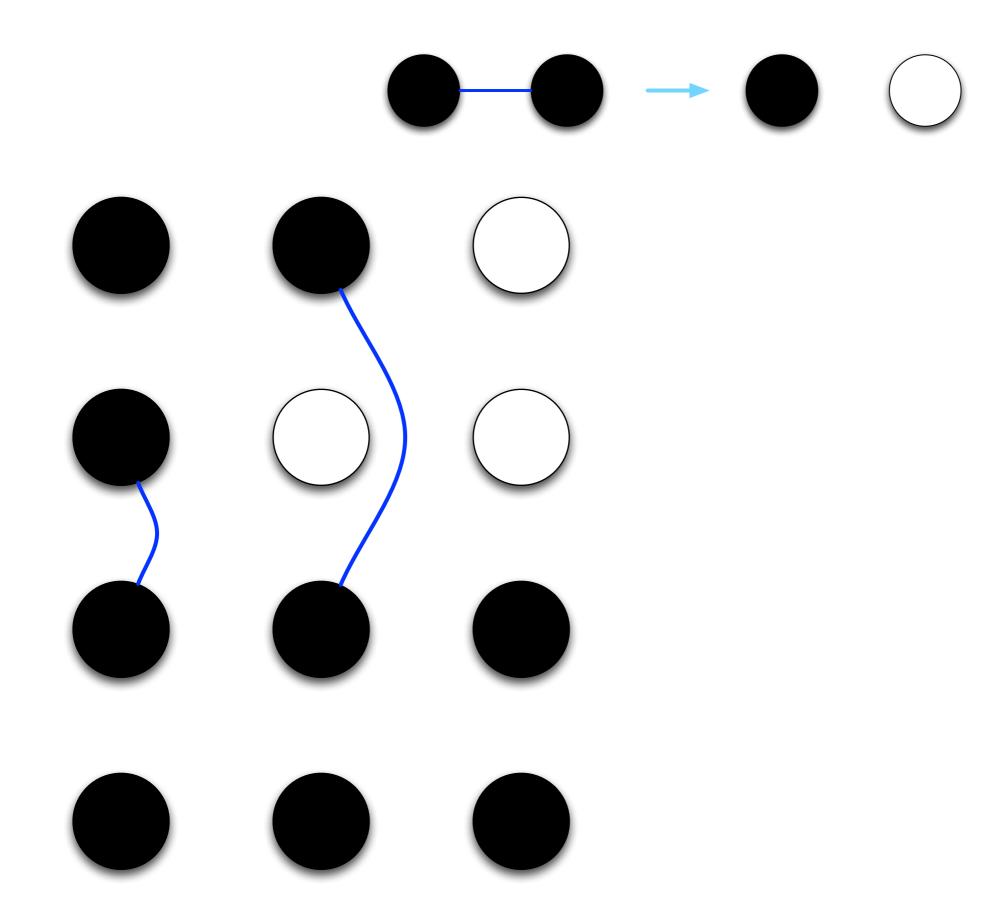
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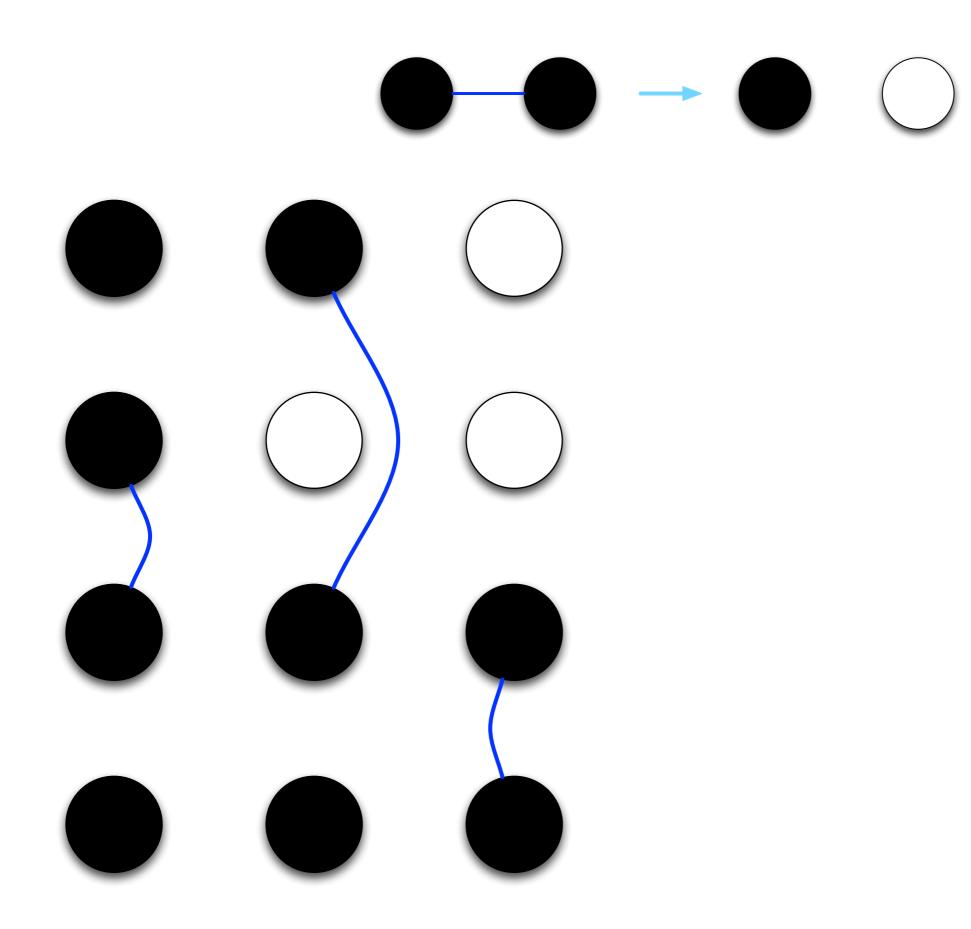


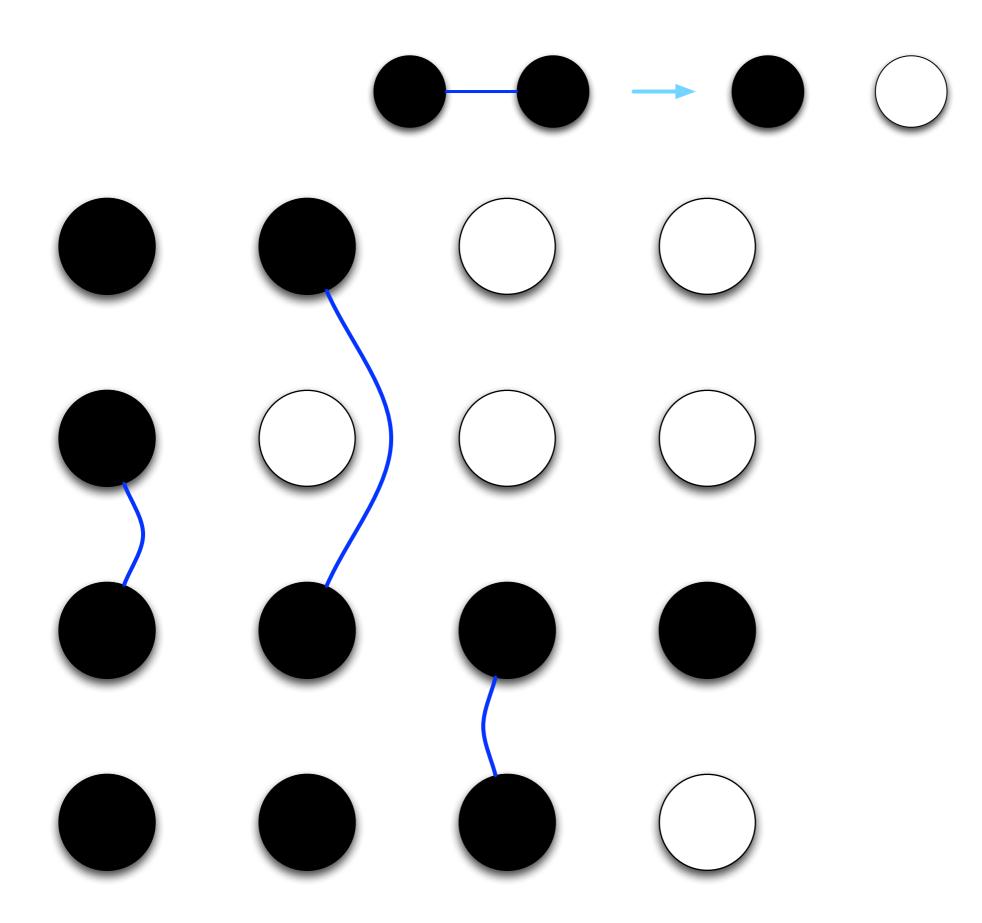




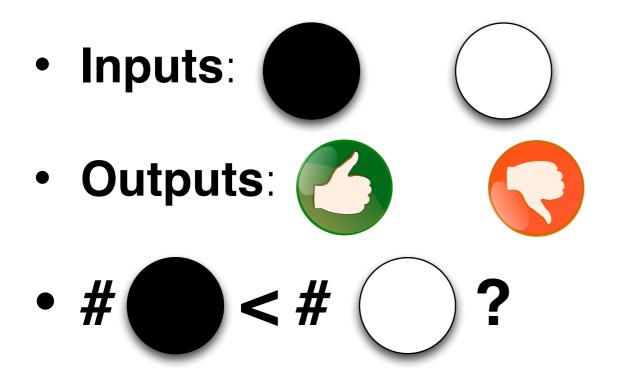


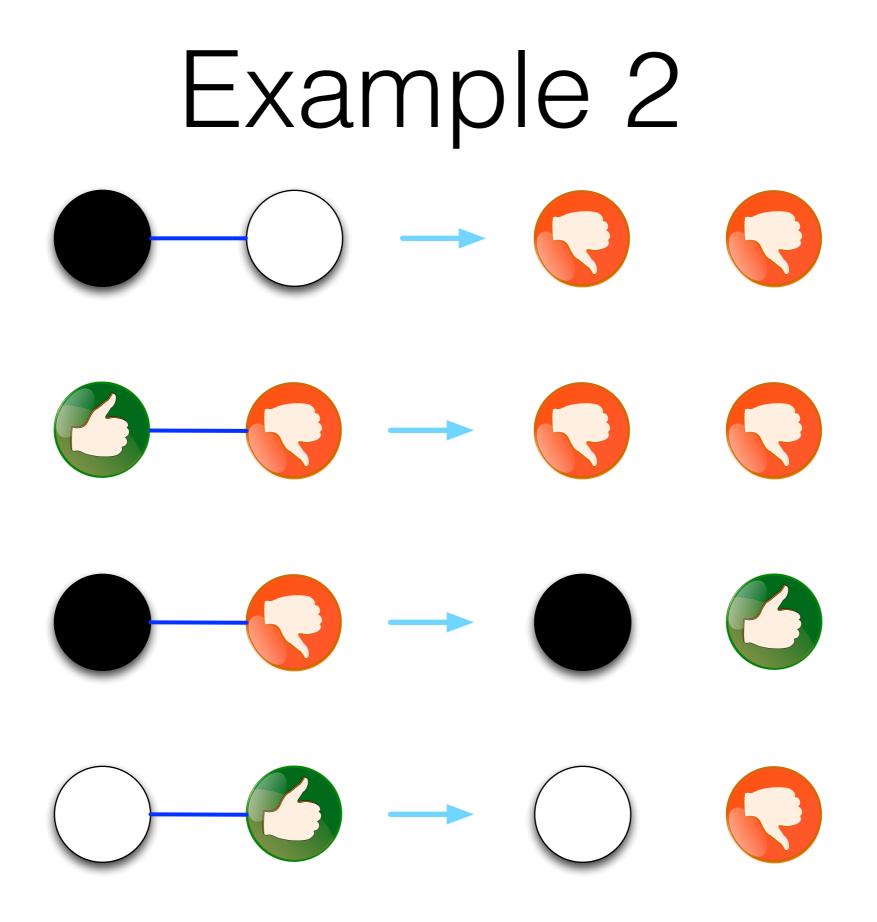


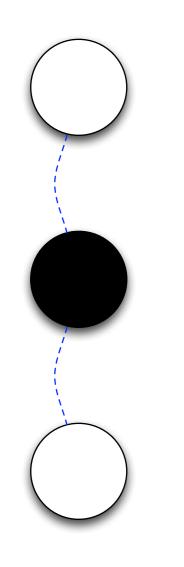


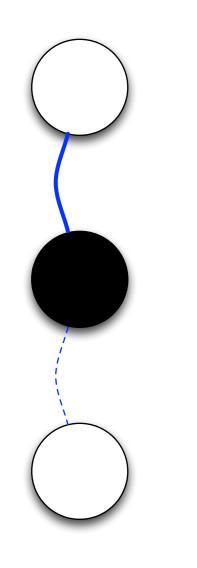


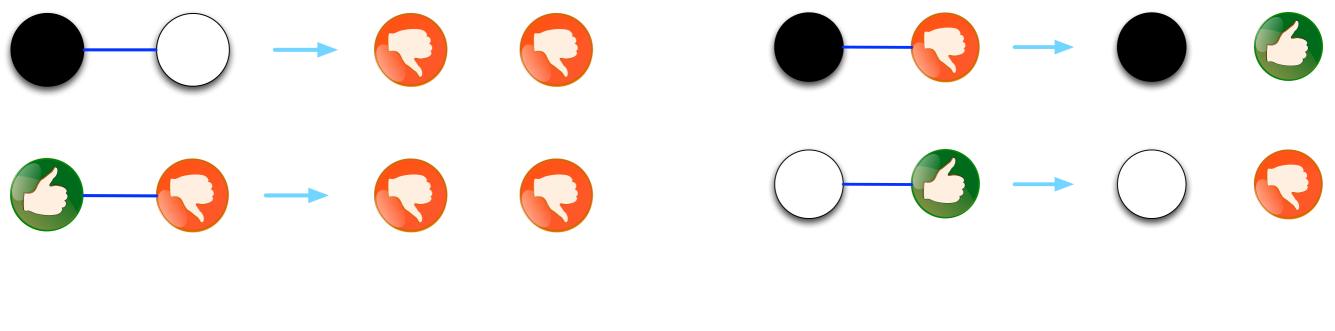
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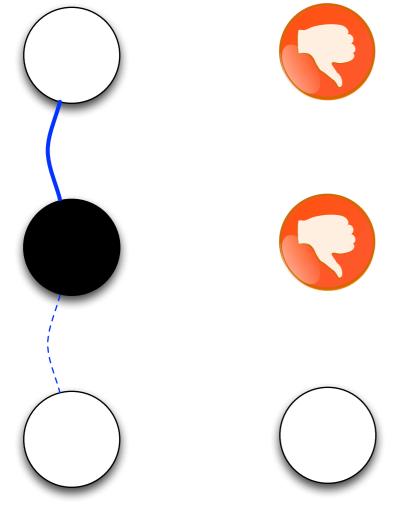


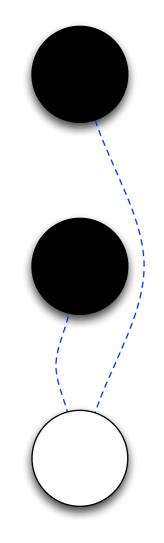


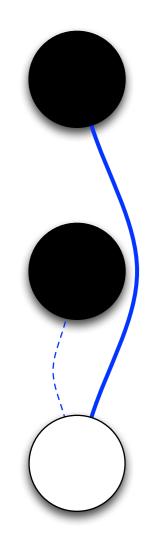


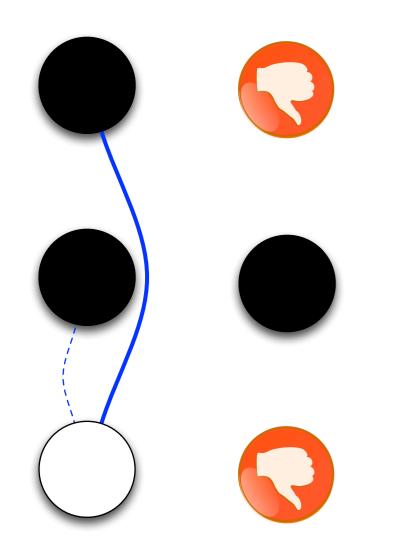


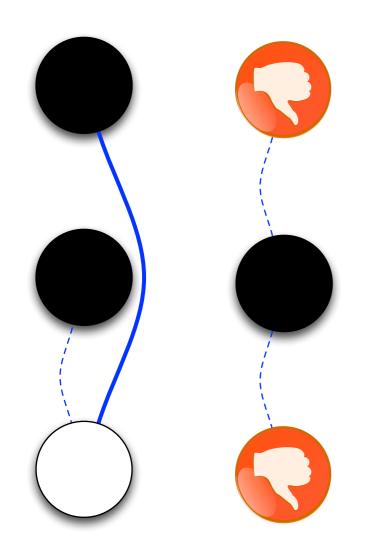


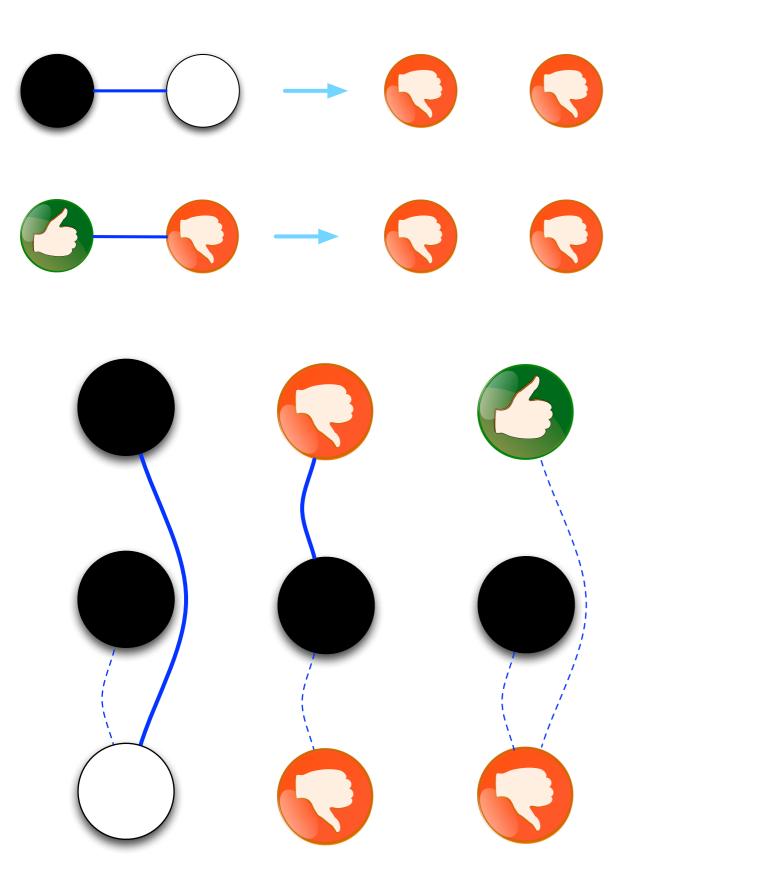




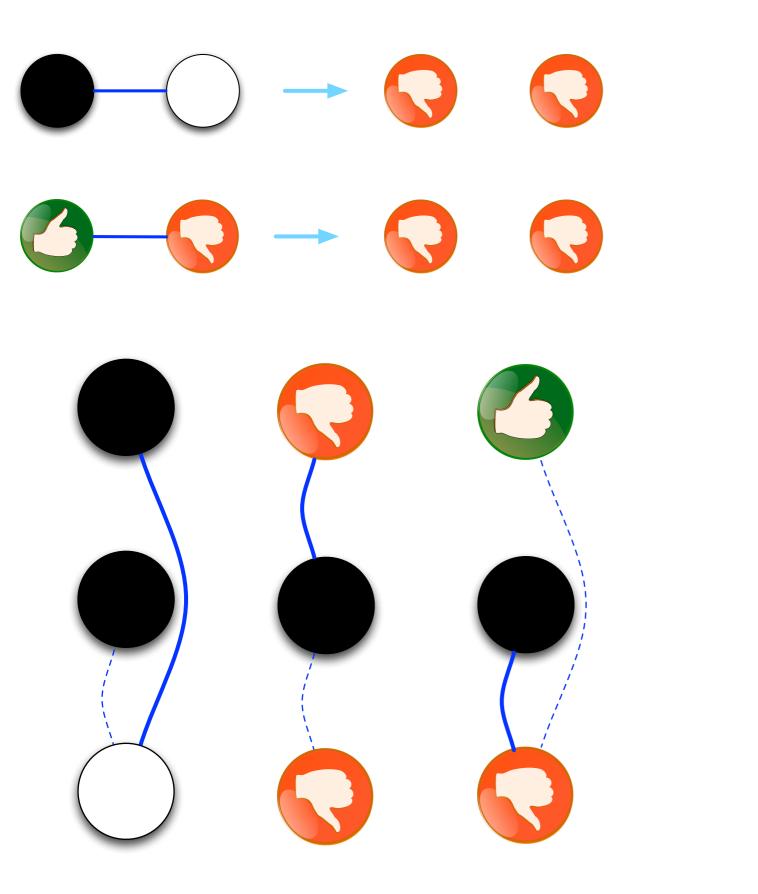


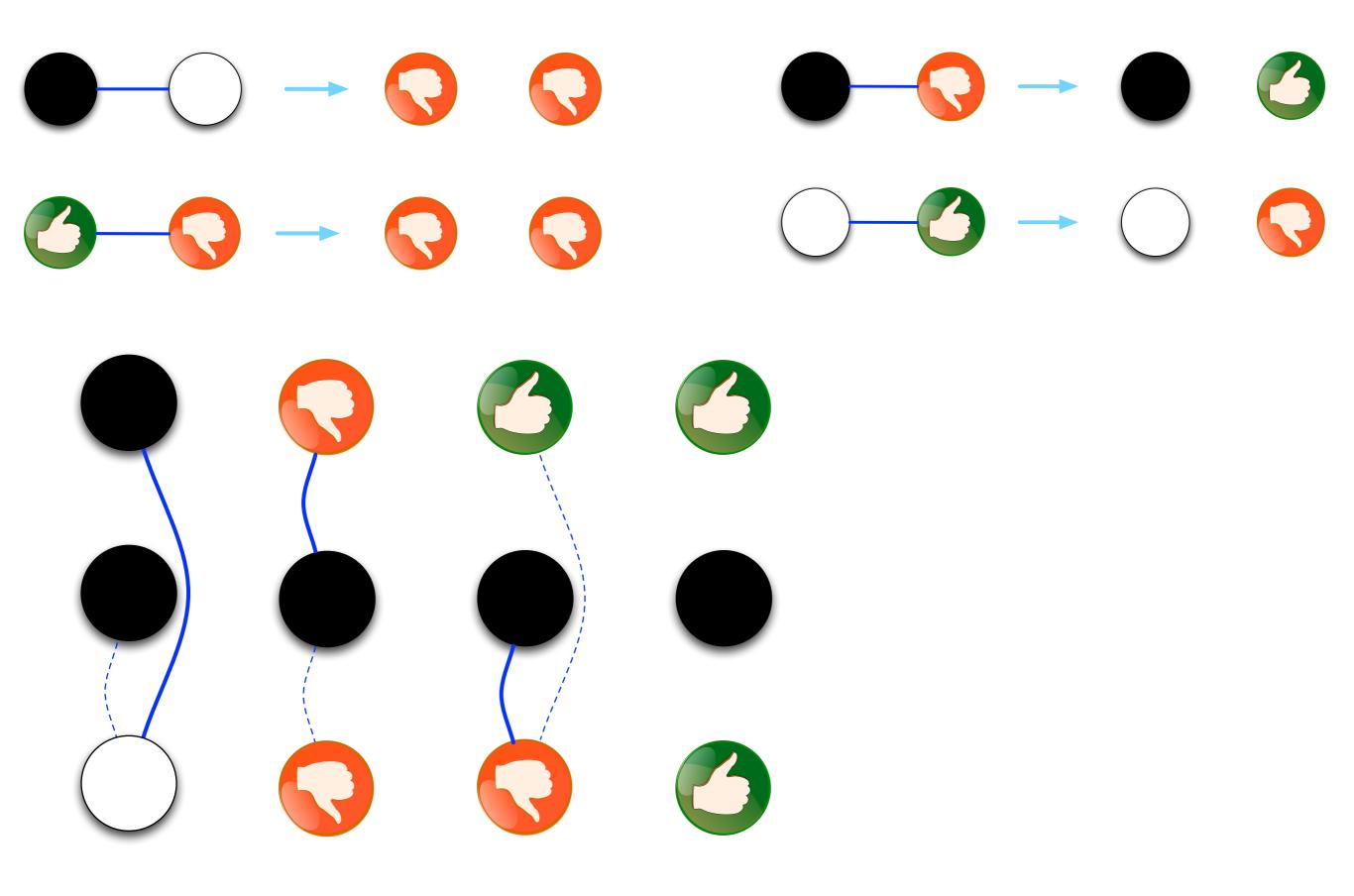


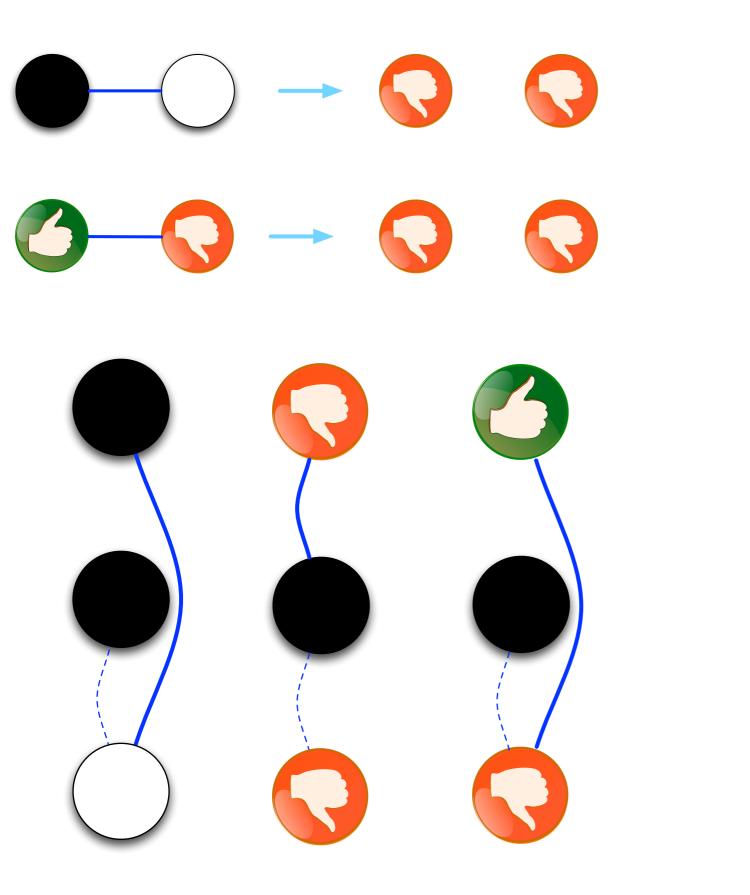




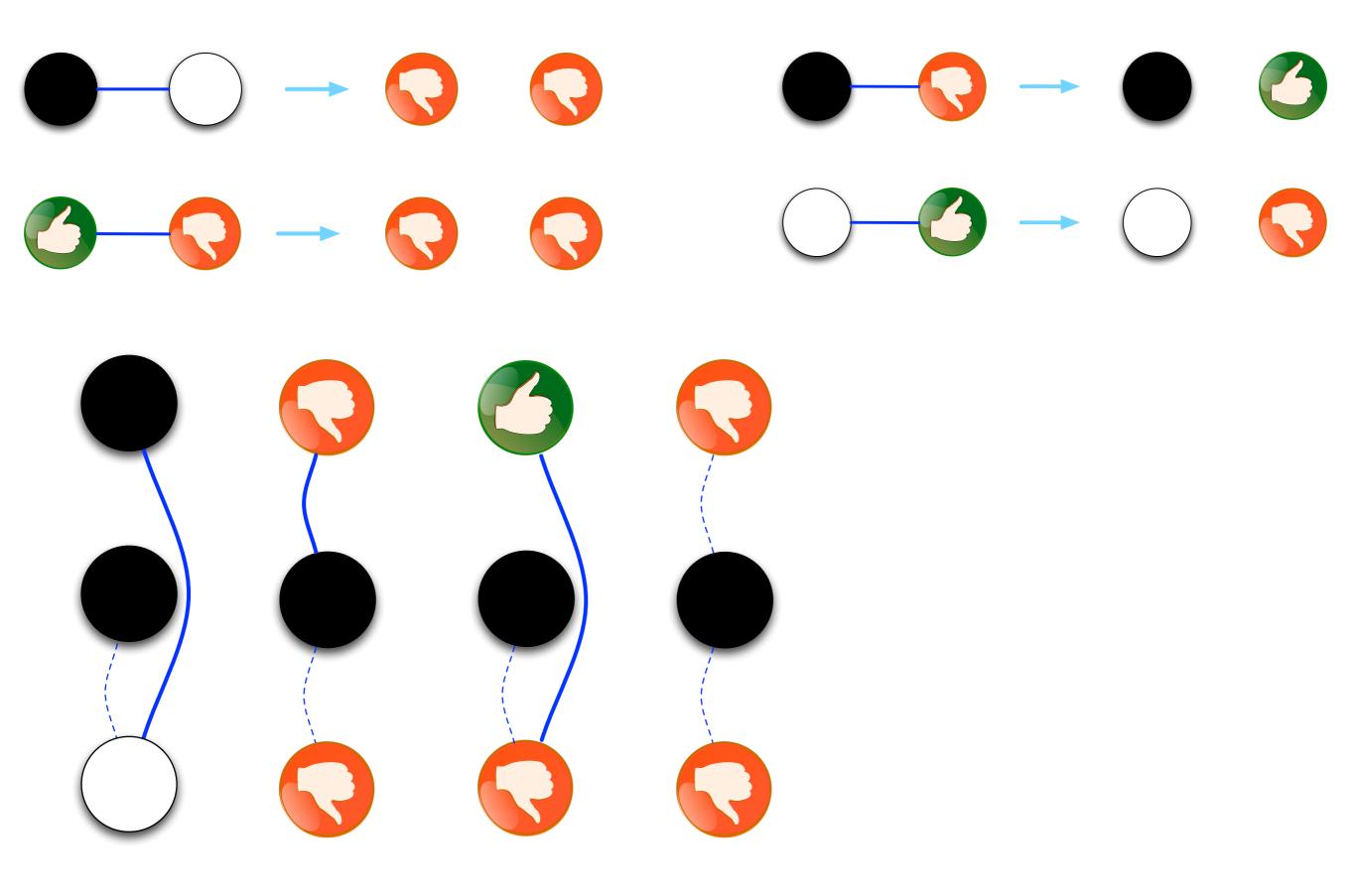
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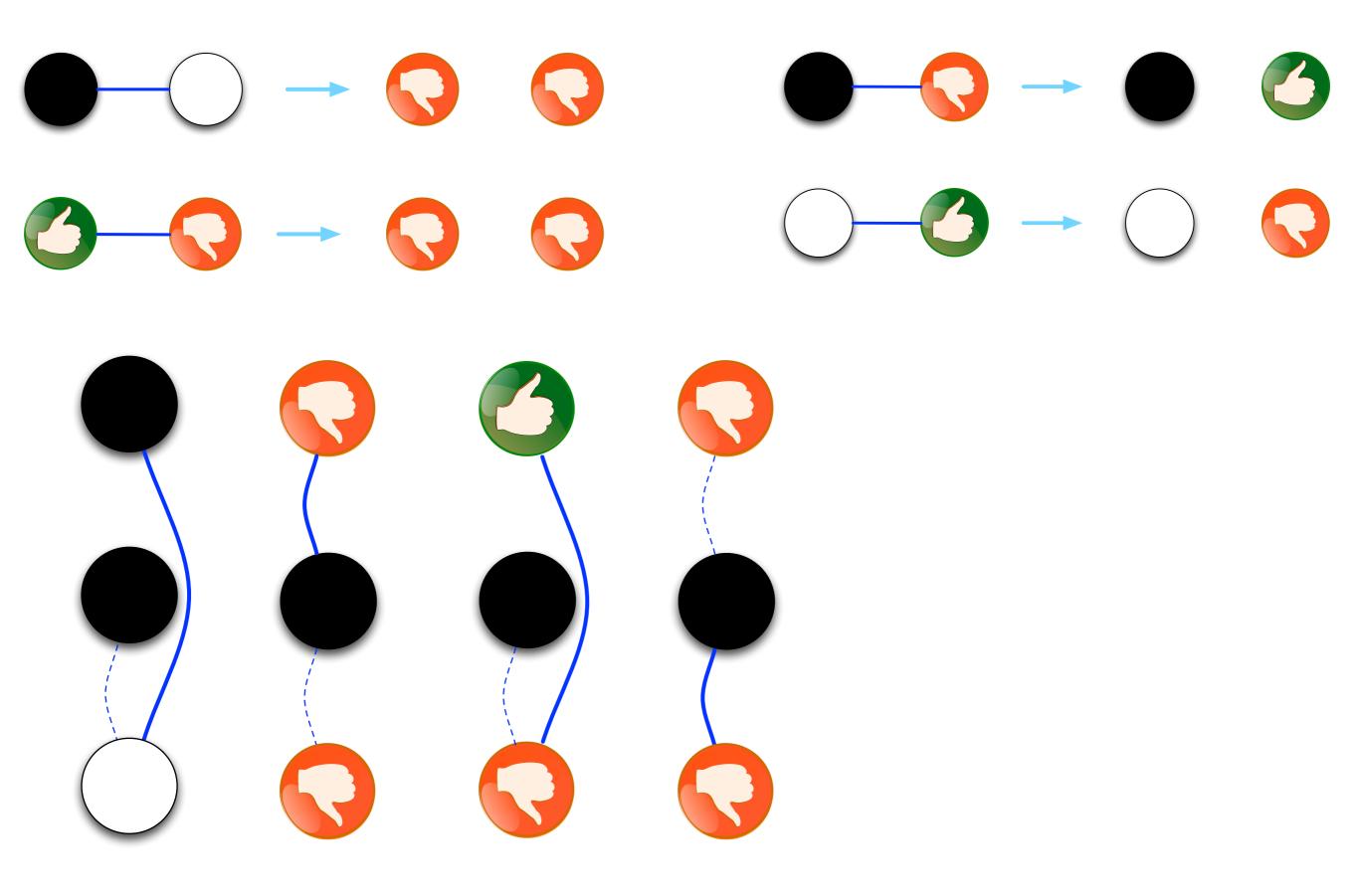


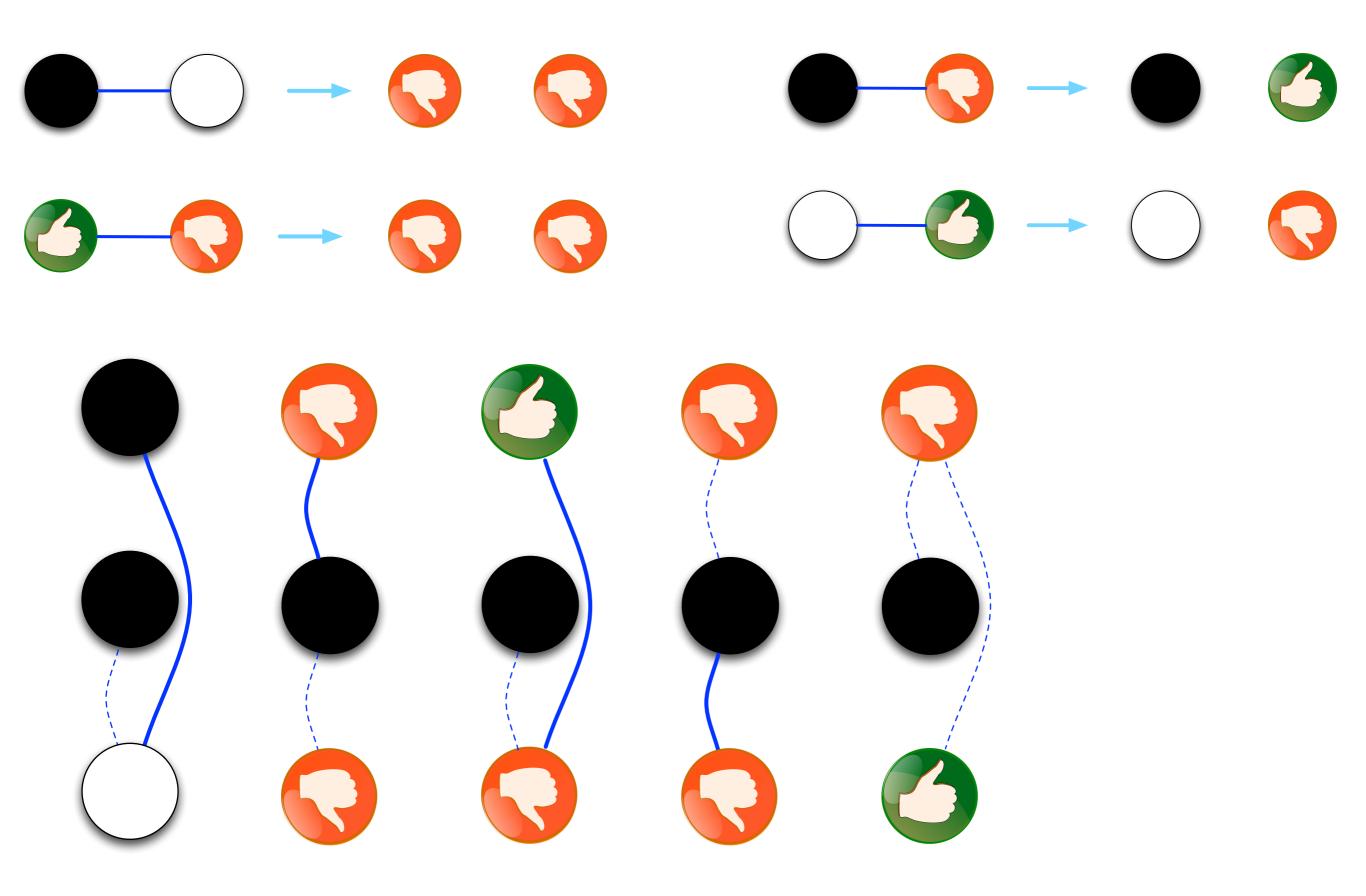


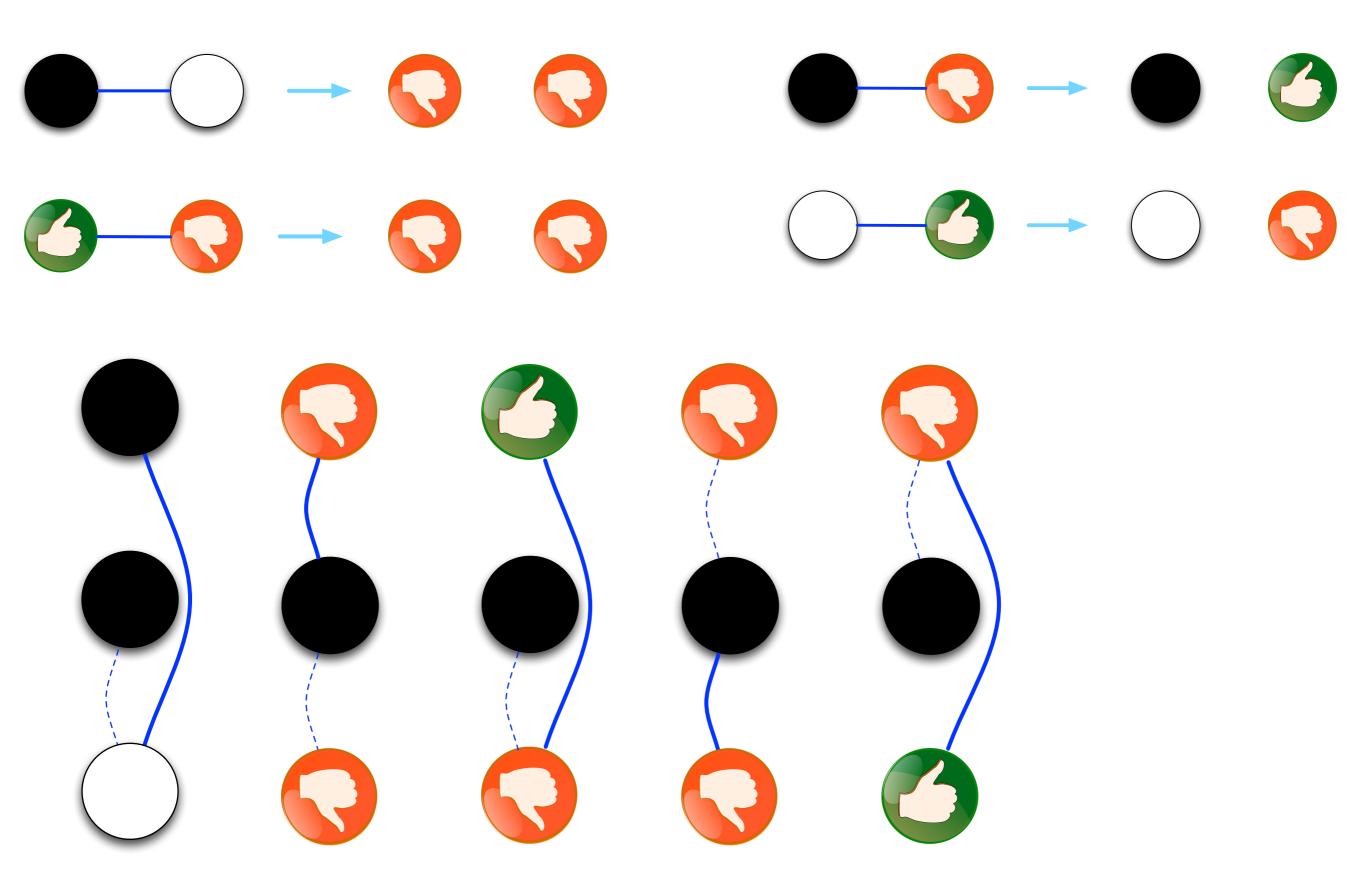


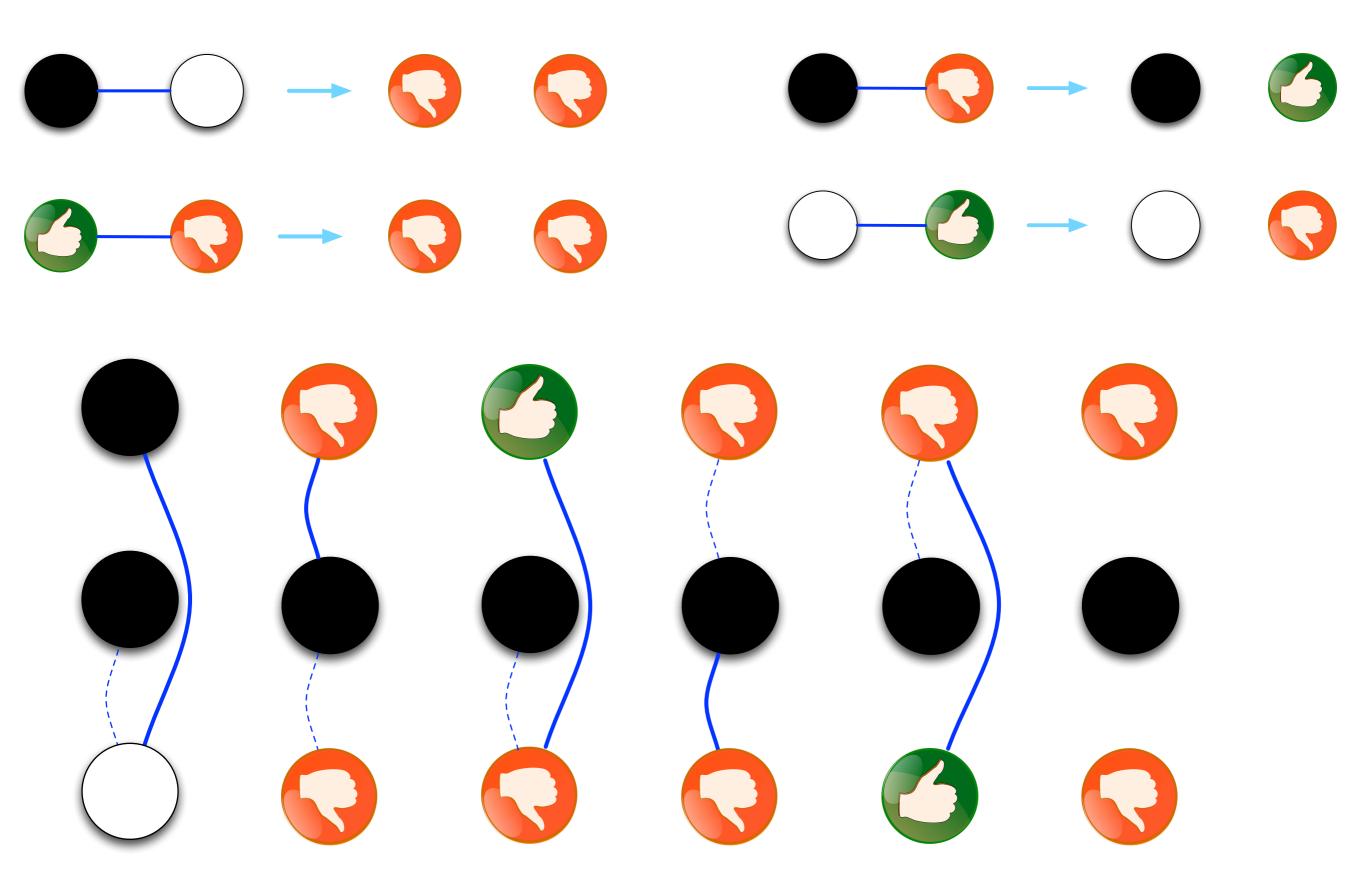
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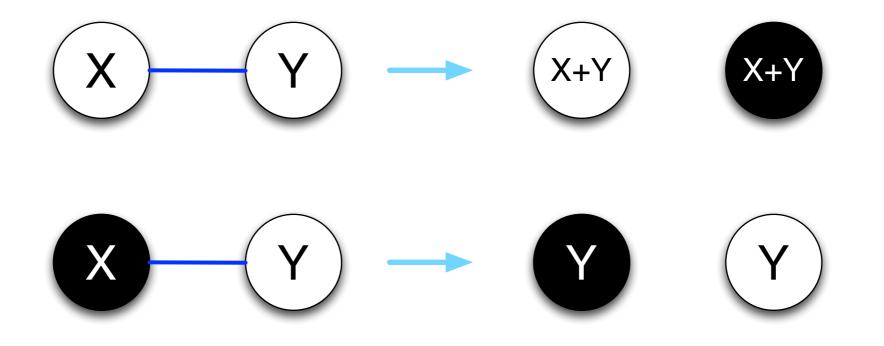


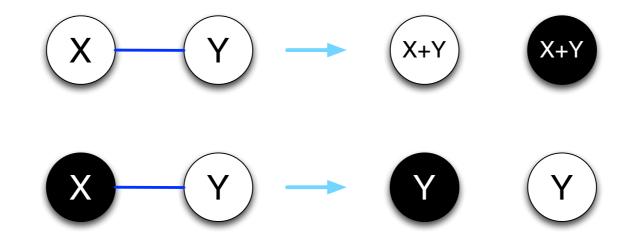


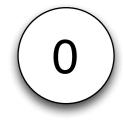
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- Outputs: (0)(1)(2)(3)(0)(1)(2)(3)
- Sum mod 4 ?

Example 3



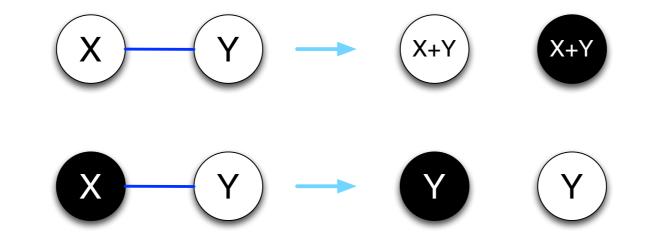


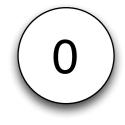


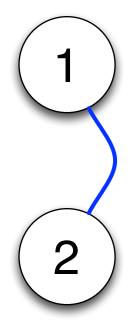




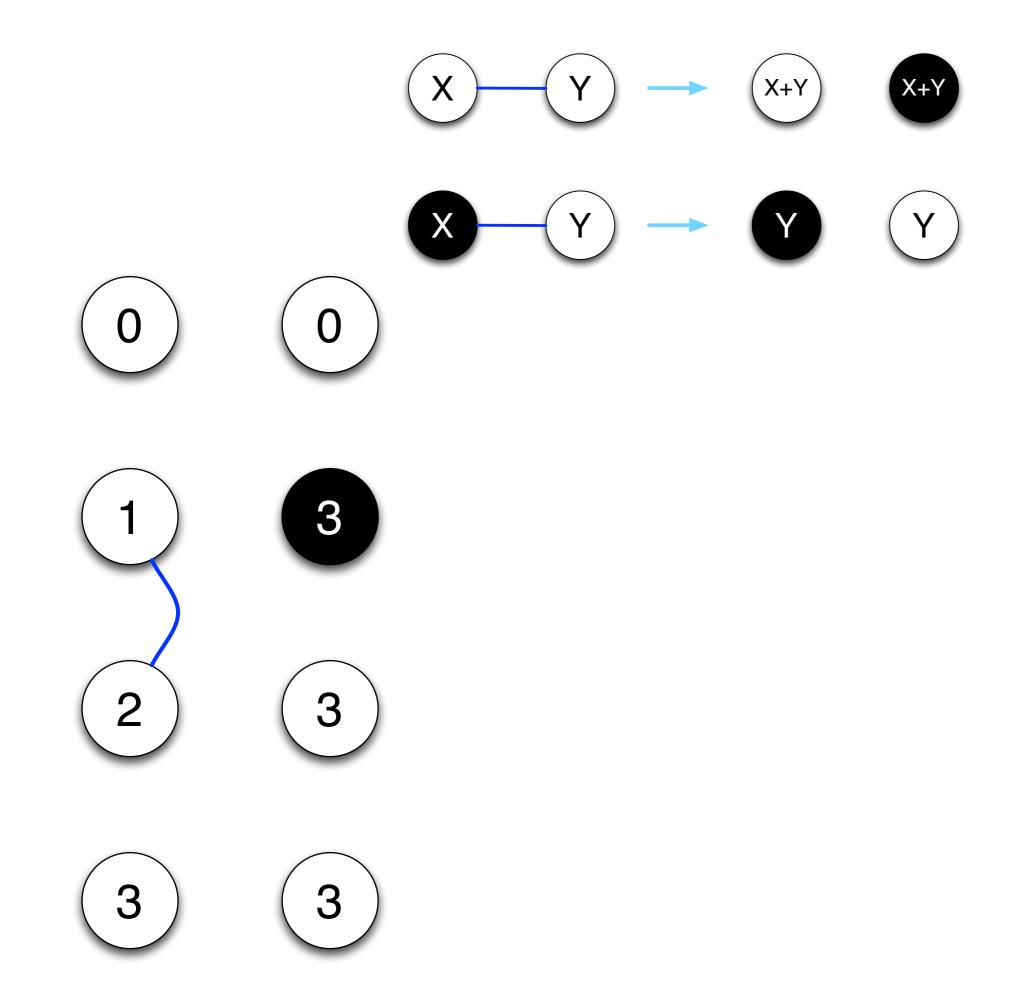


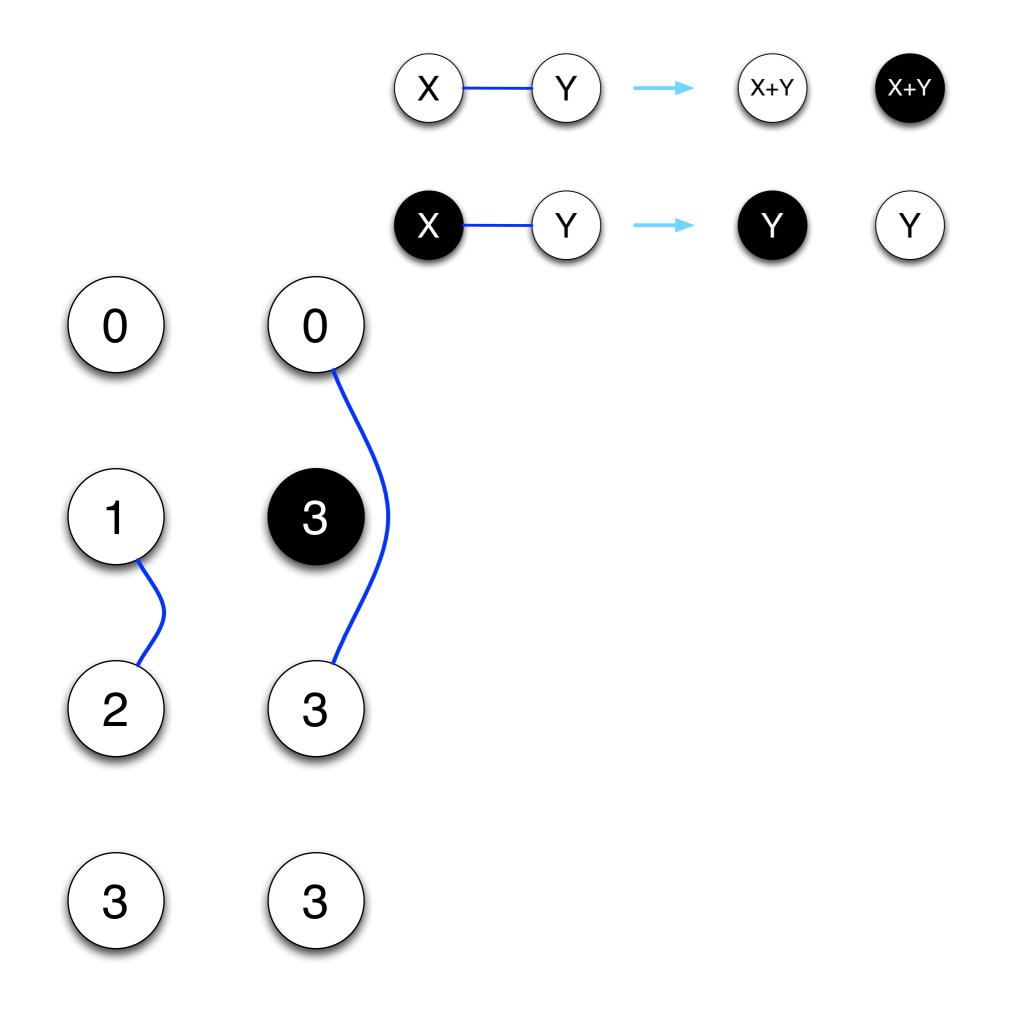


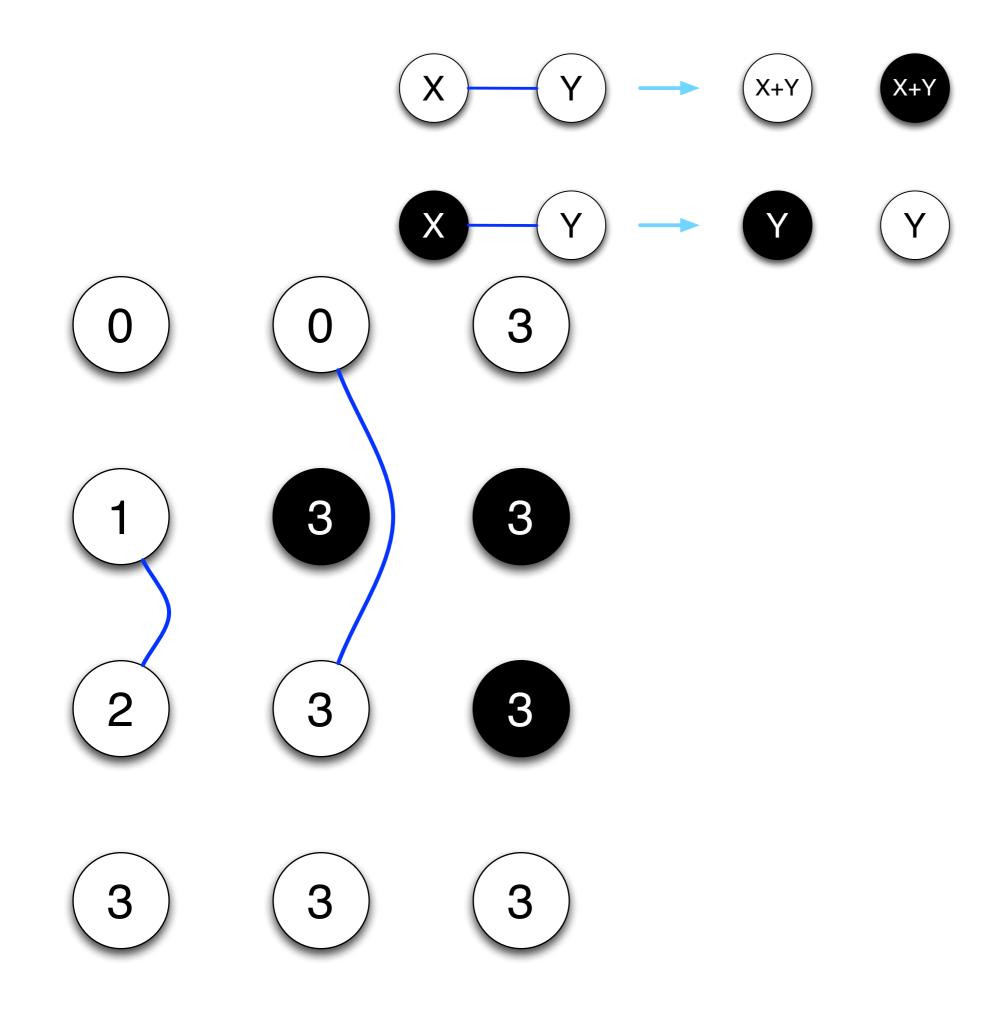


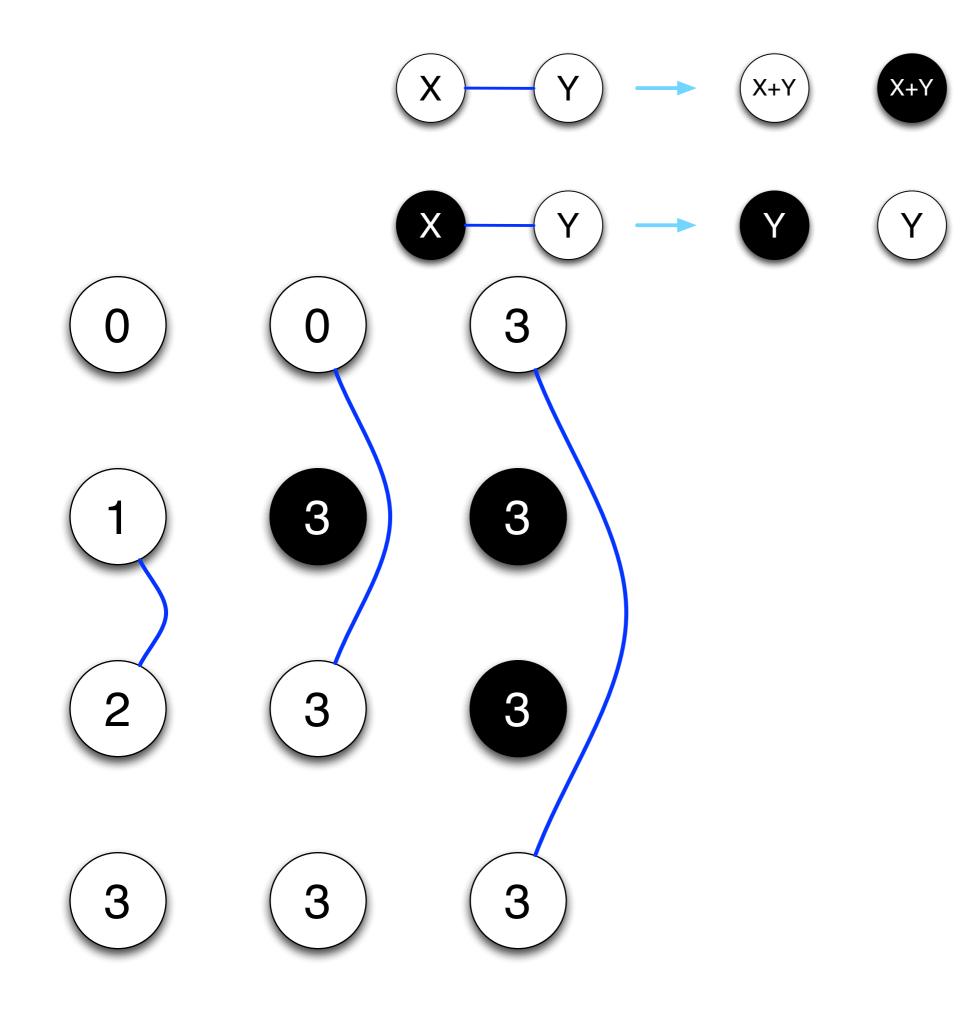


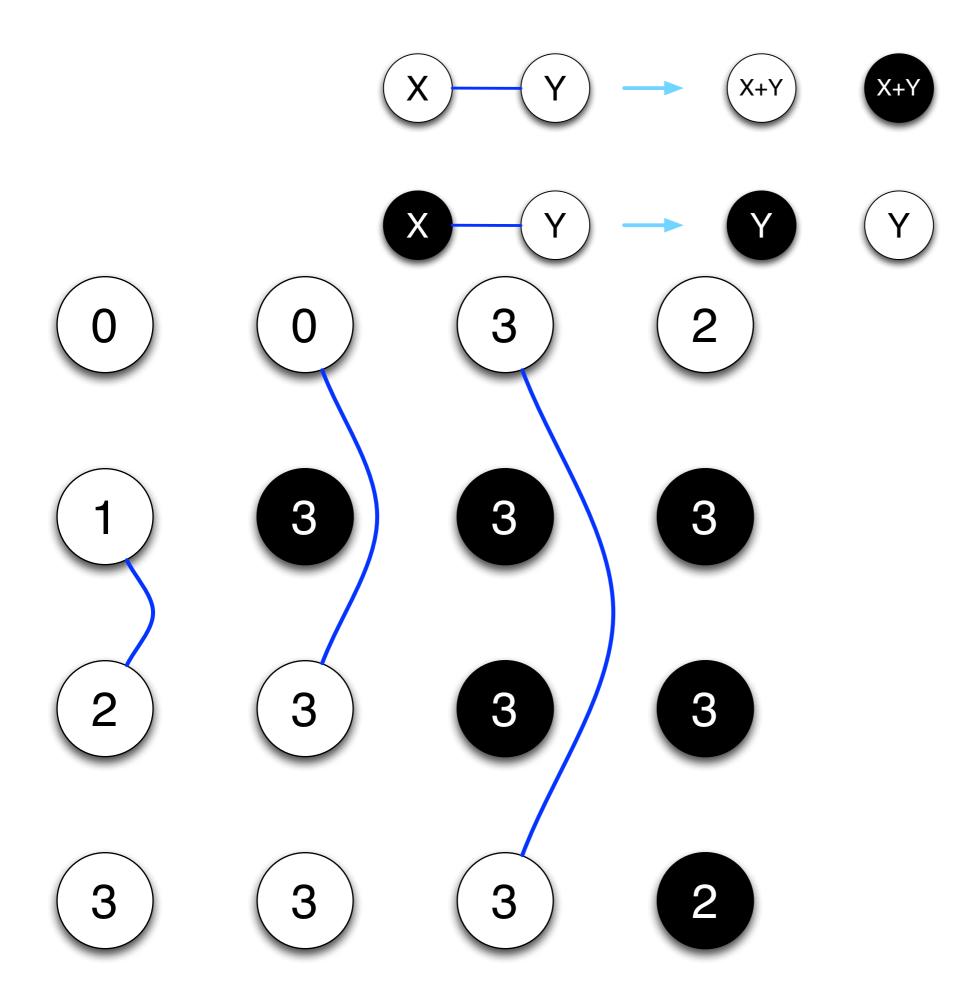


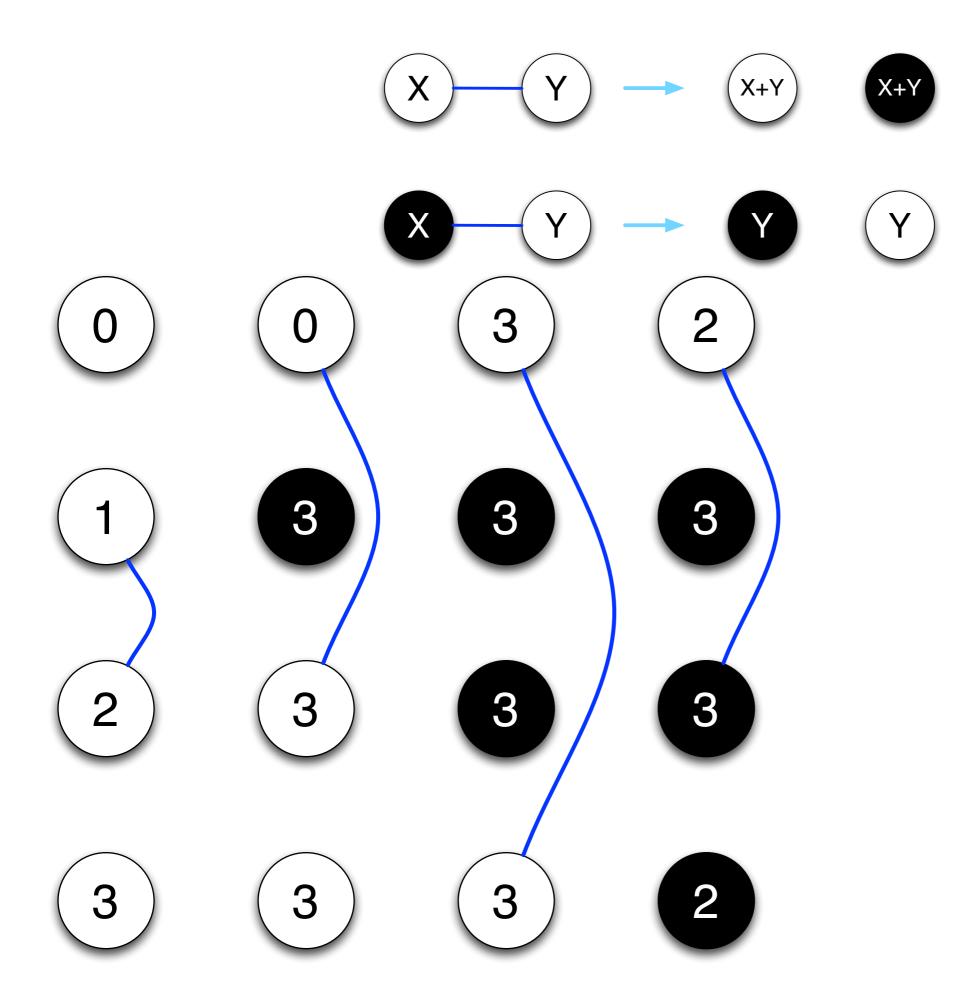


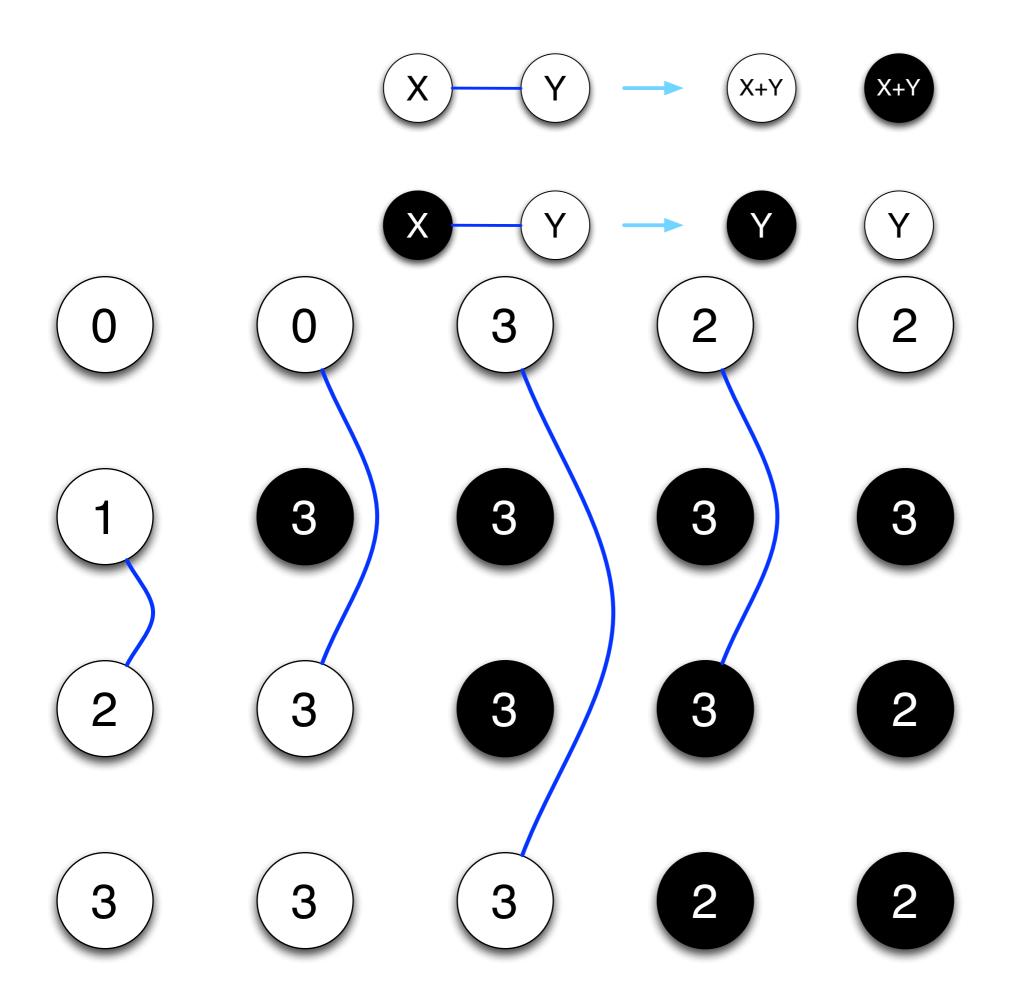


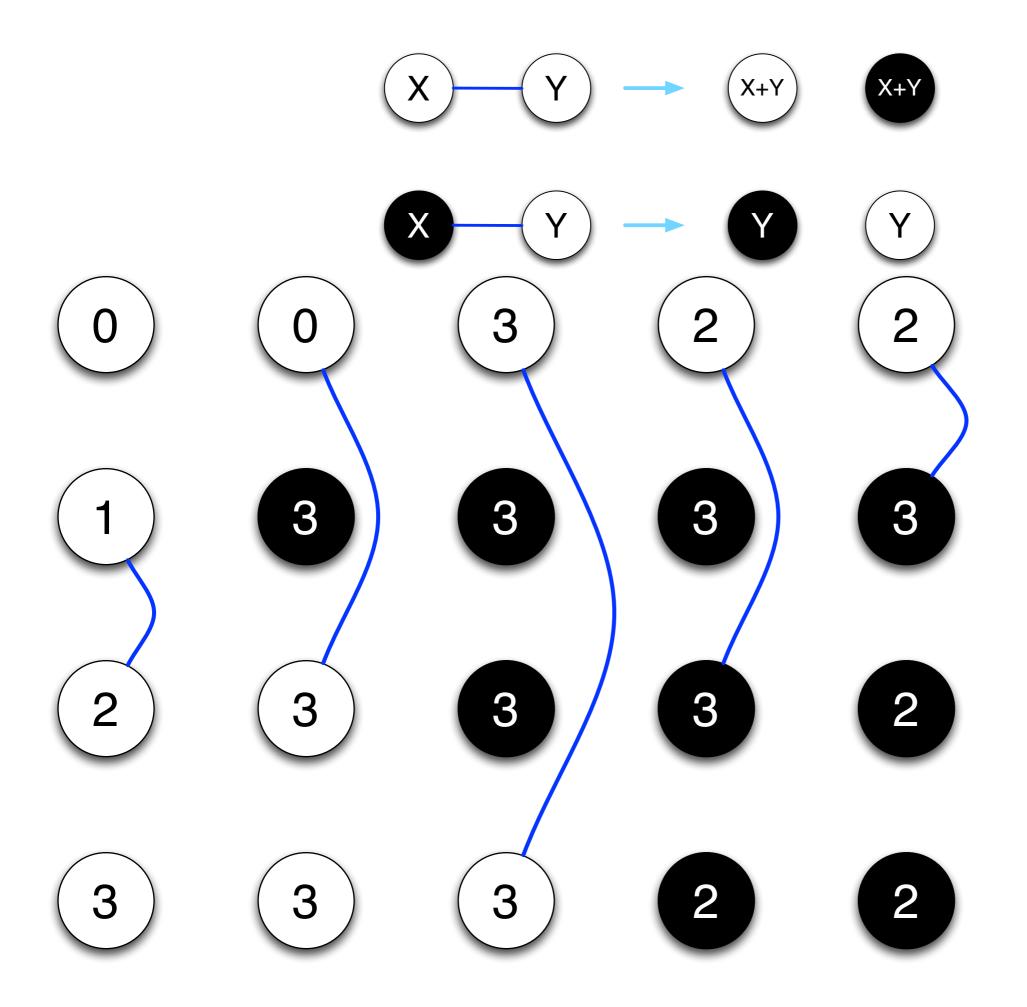


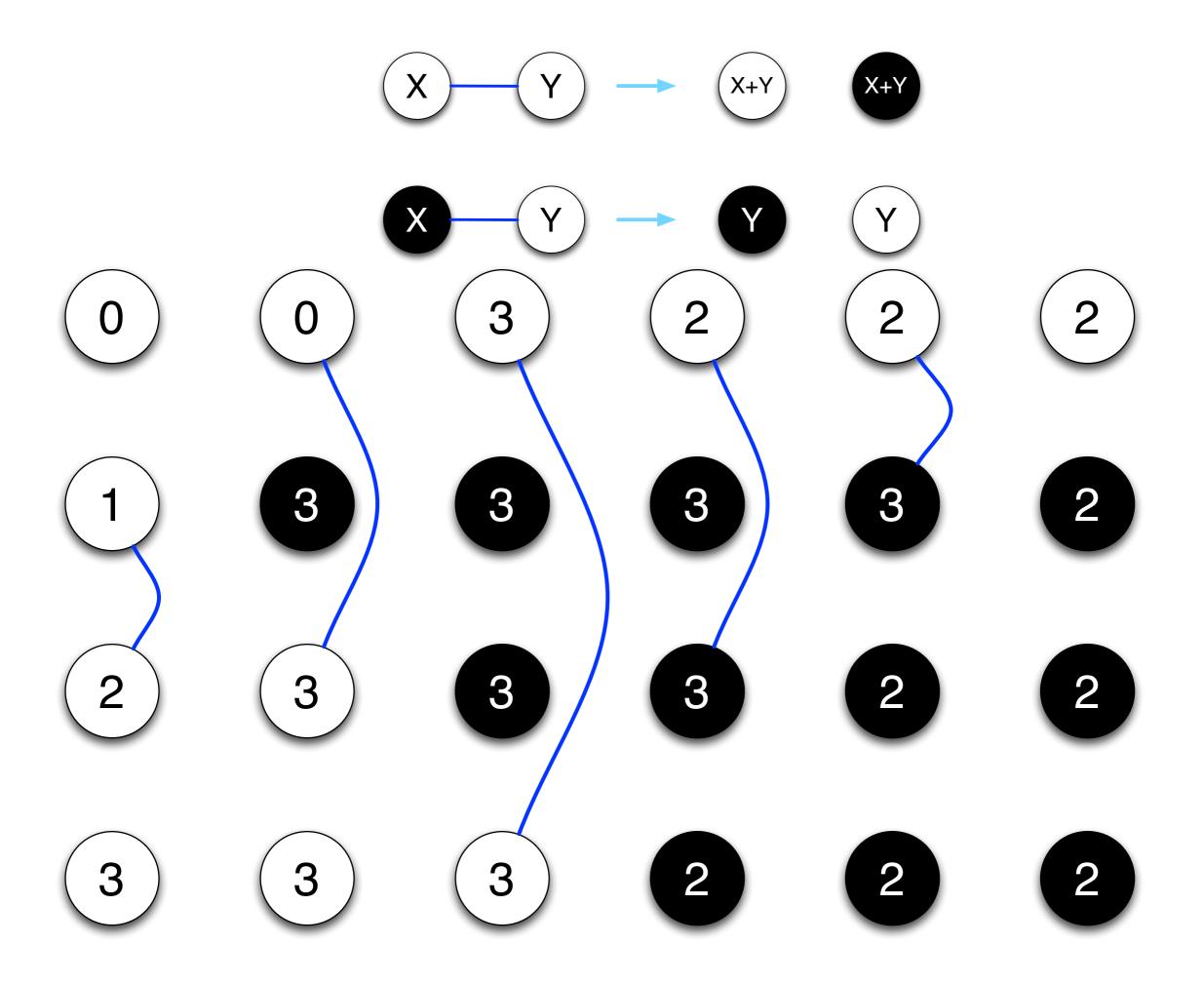




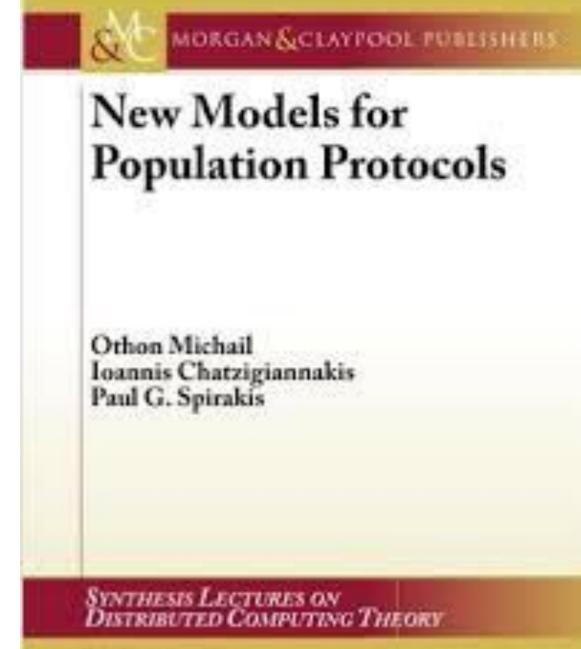








Population Protocols



New York, See Line

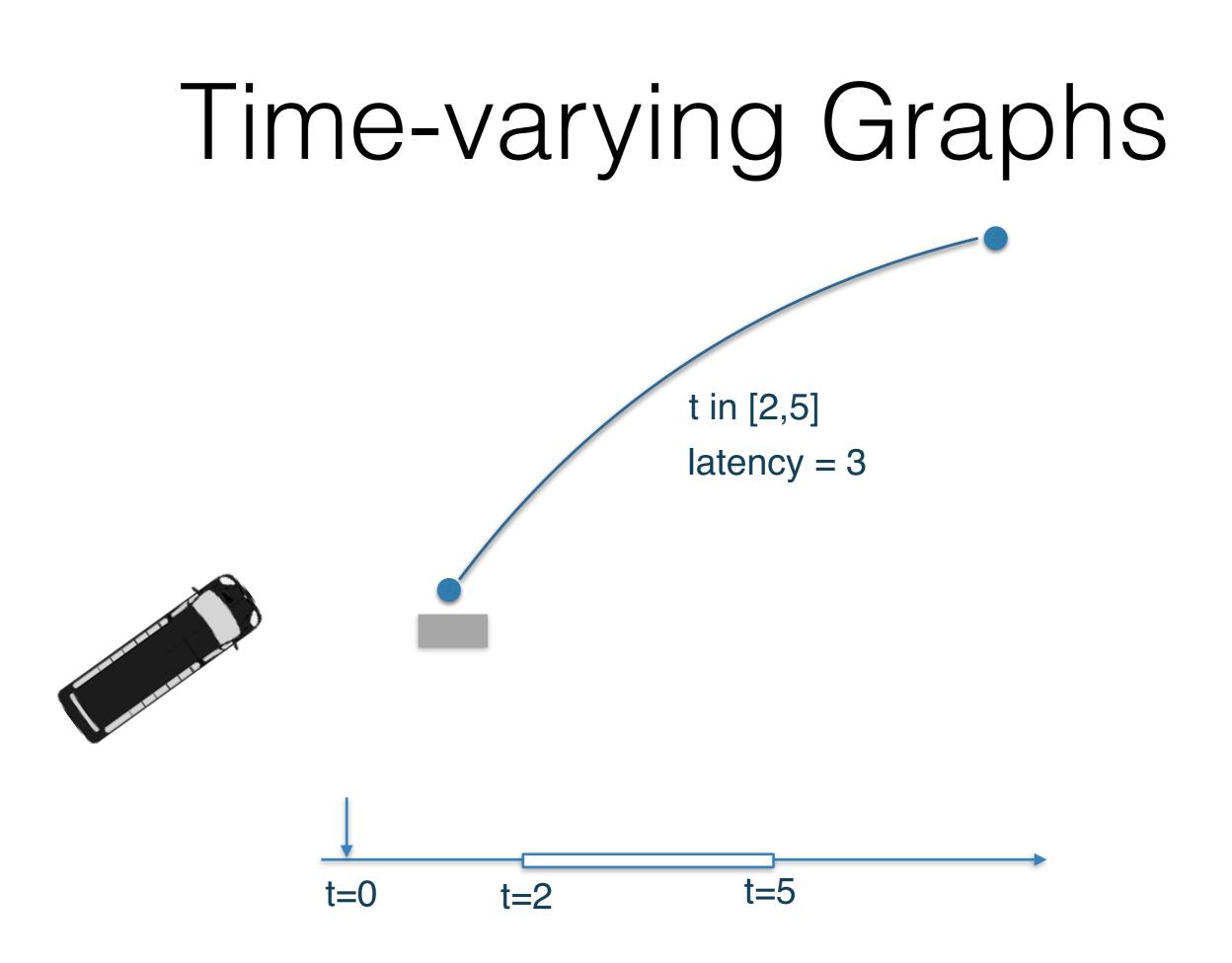
Dynamic Graphs

Time-varying Graphs

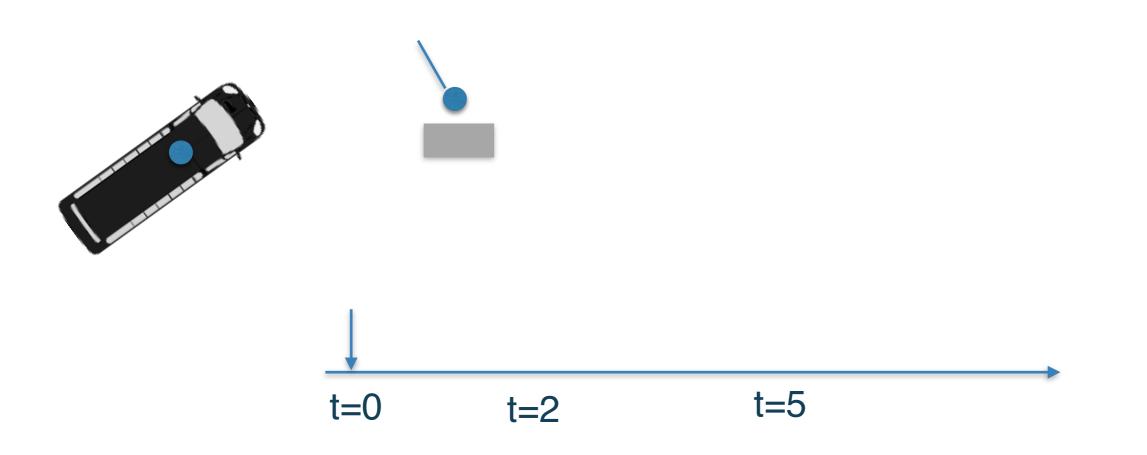
- A time-varying graph (TVG) is a 5-tuple (V,E,T,p,I)
 - V: set of nodes
 - E: (labelled) set of edges
 - **T**: lifetime, $\mathbf{T} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$
 - **p**: presence function, $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{T} \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$
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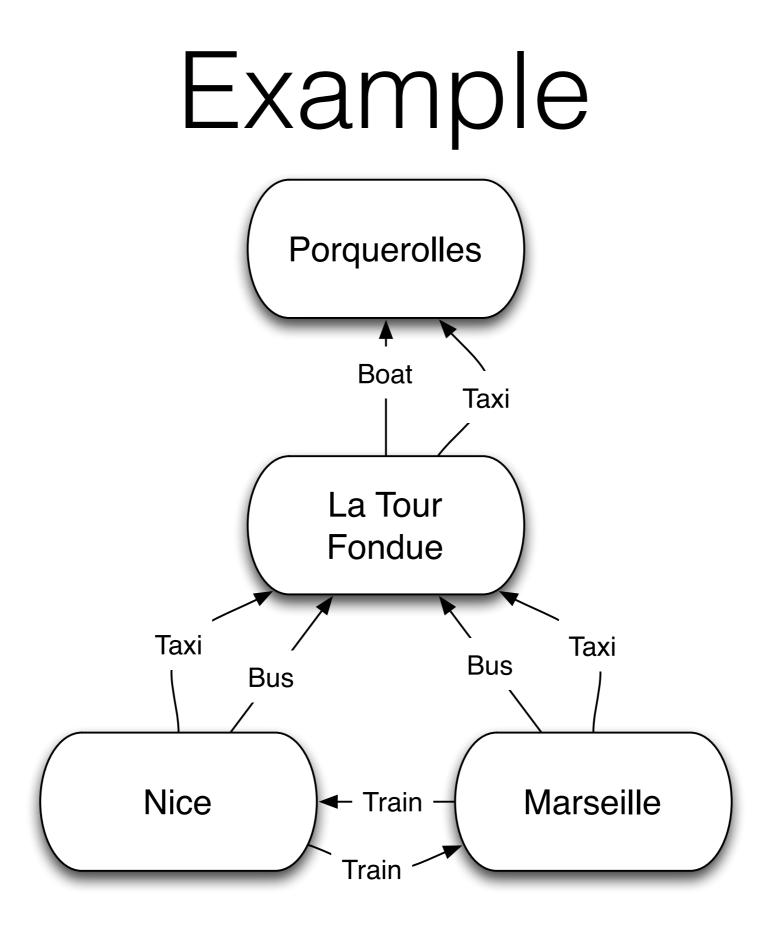
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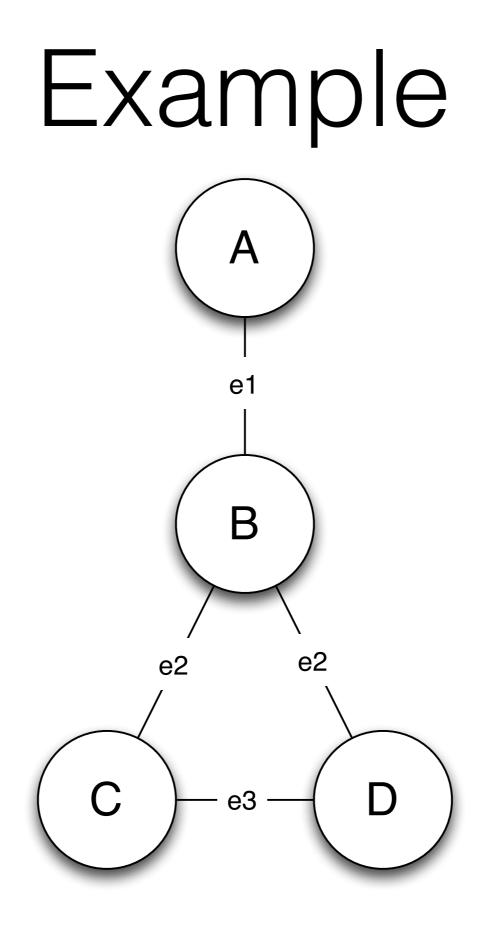
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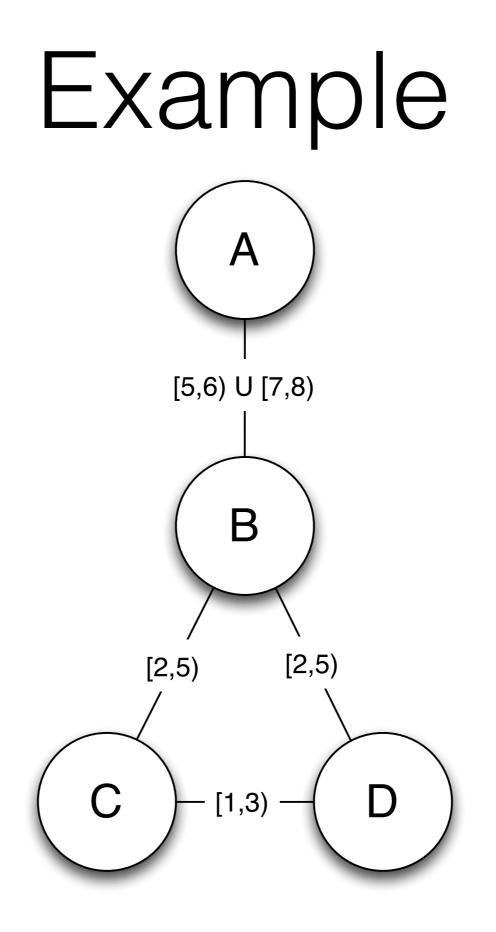


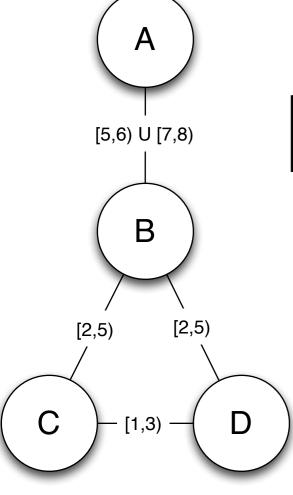
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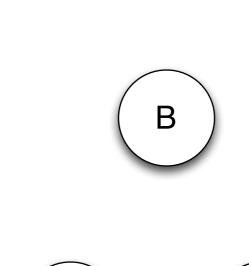






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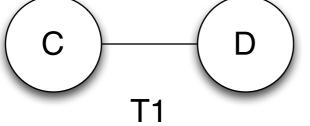
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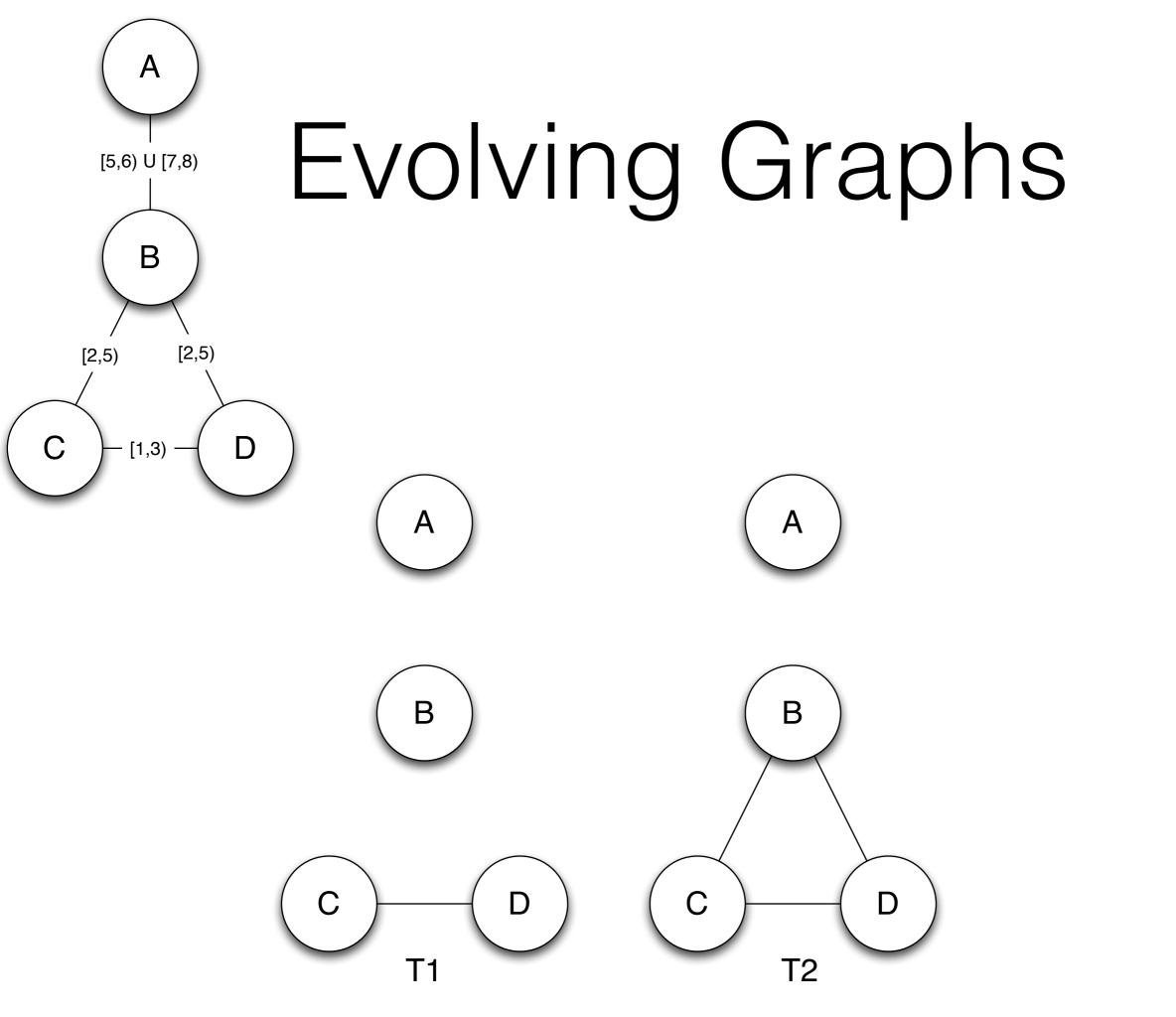
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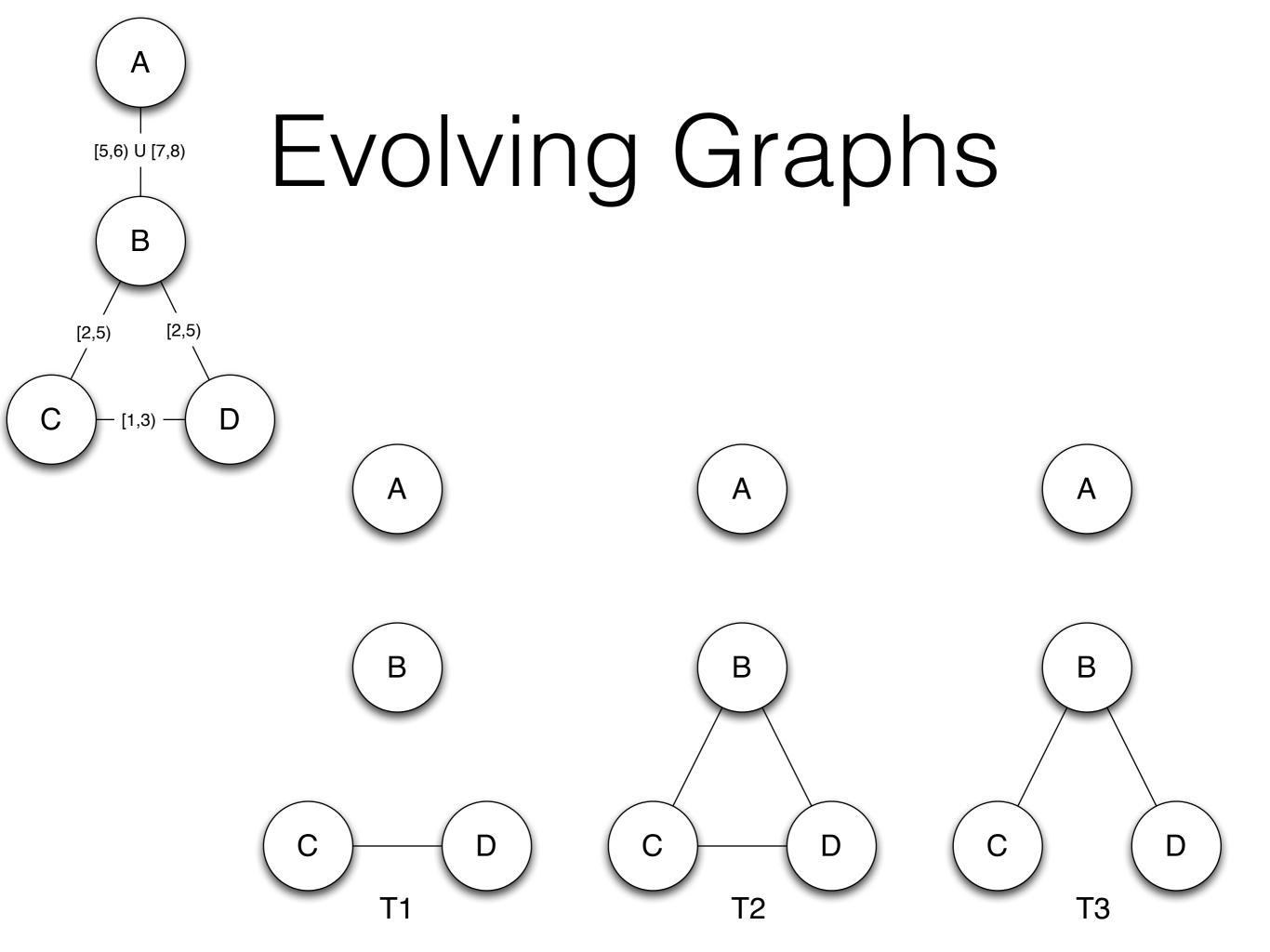
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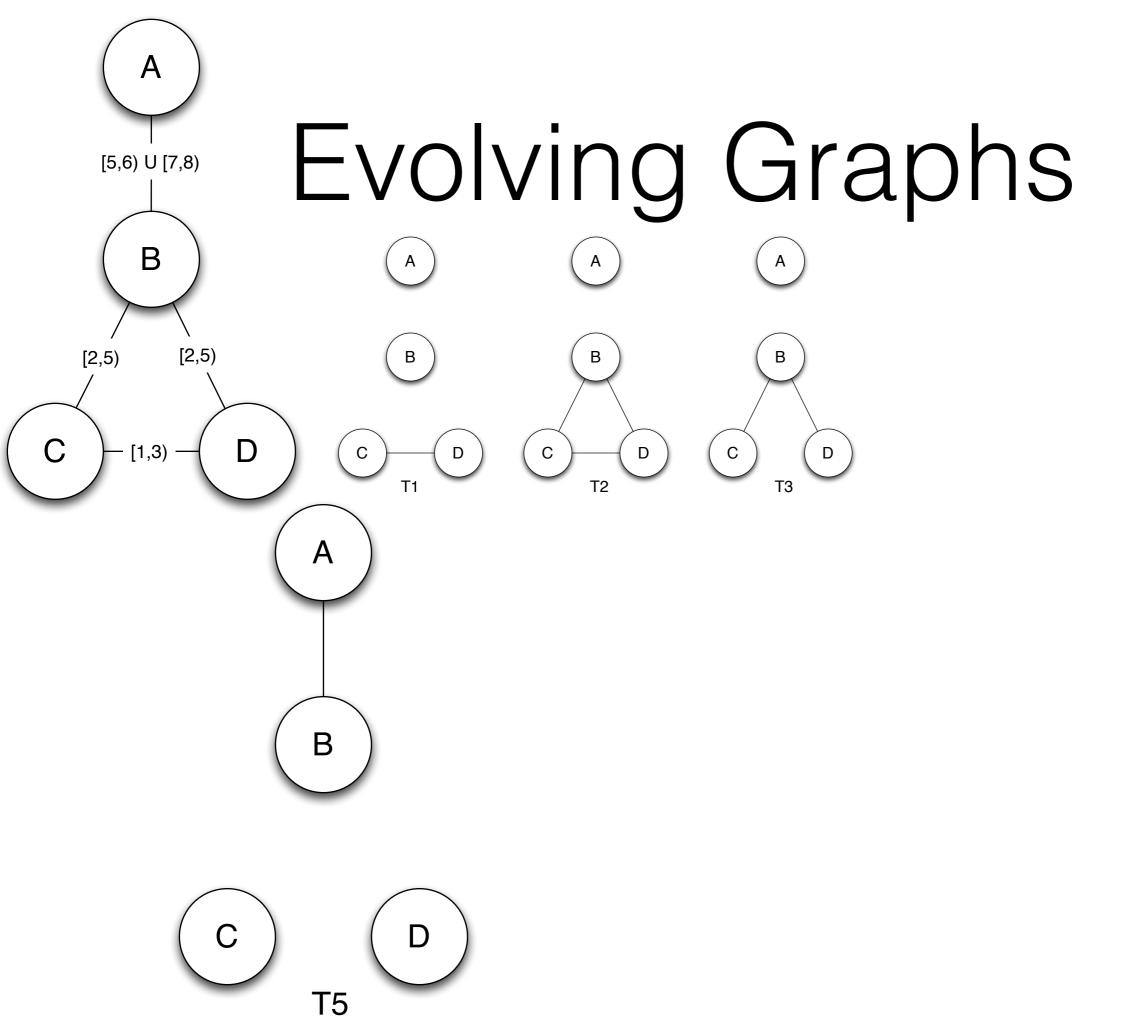
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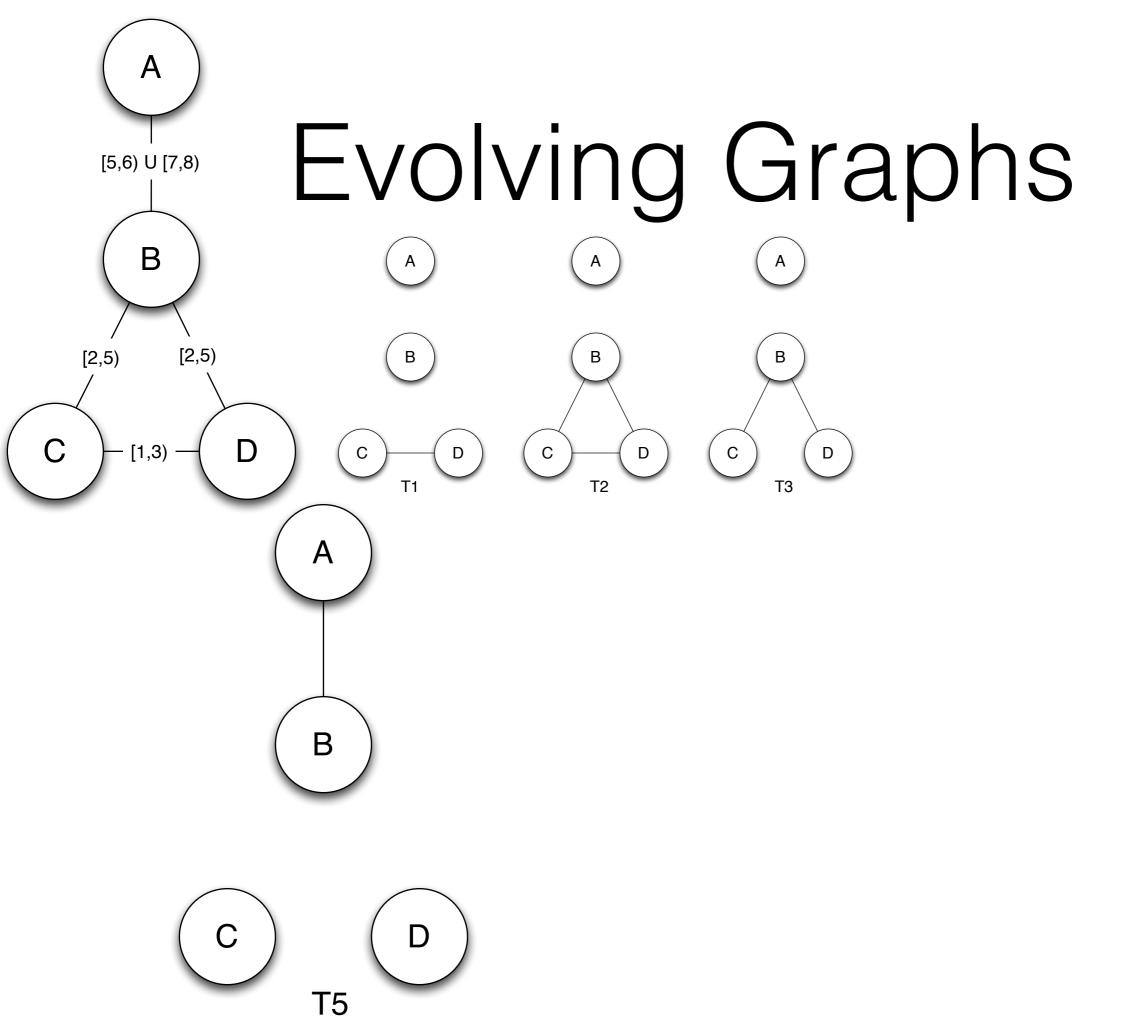
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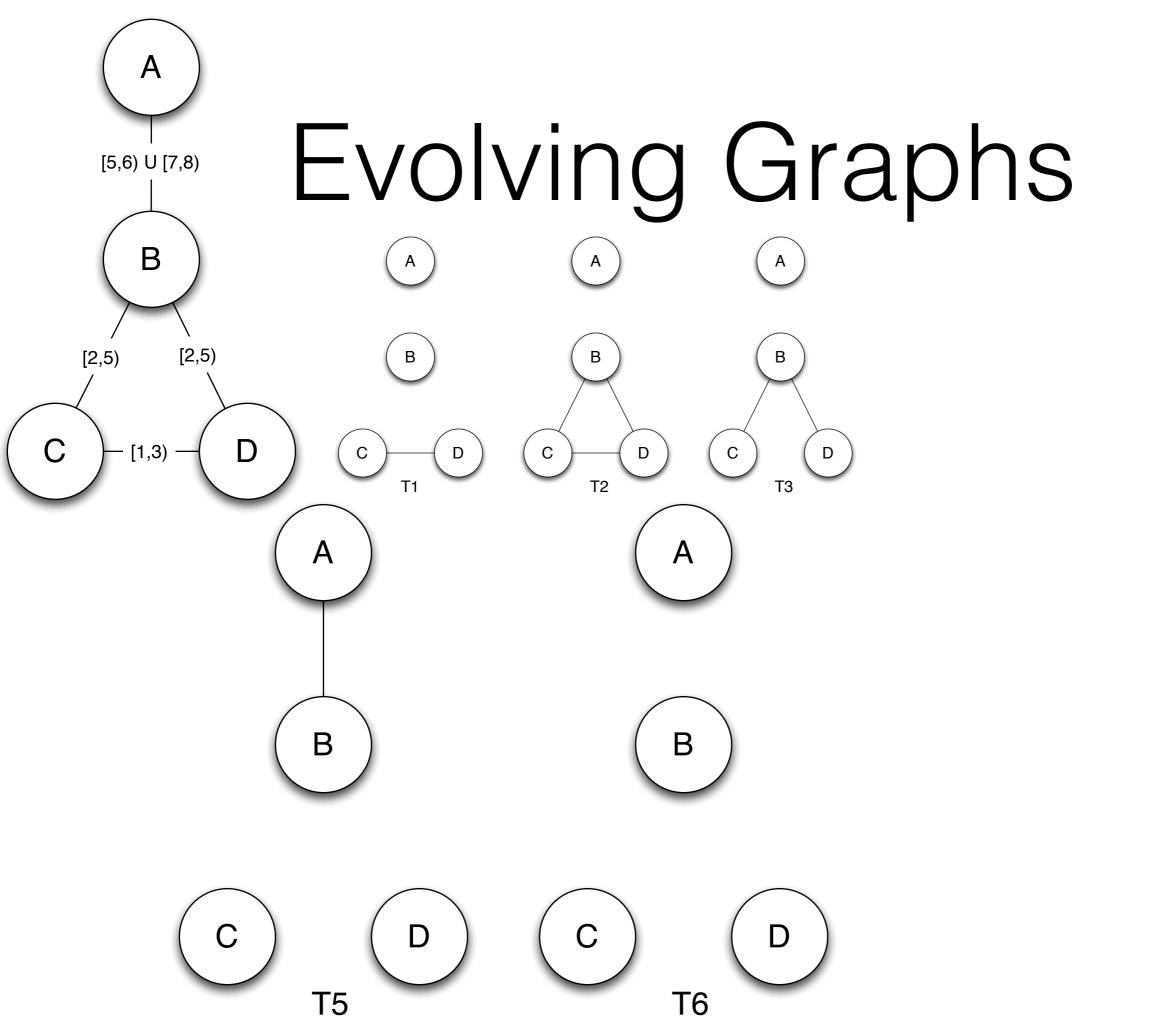


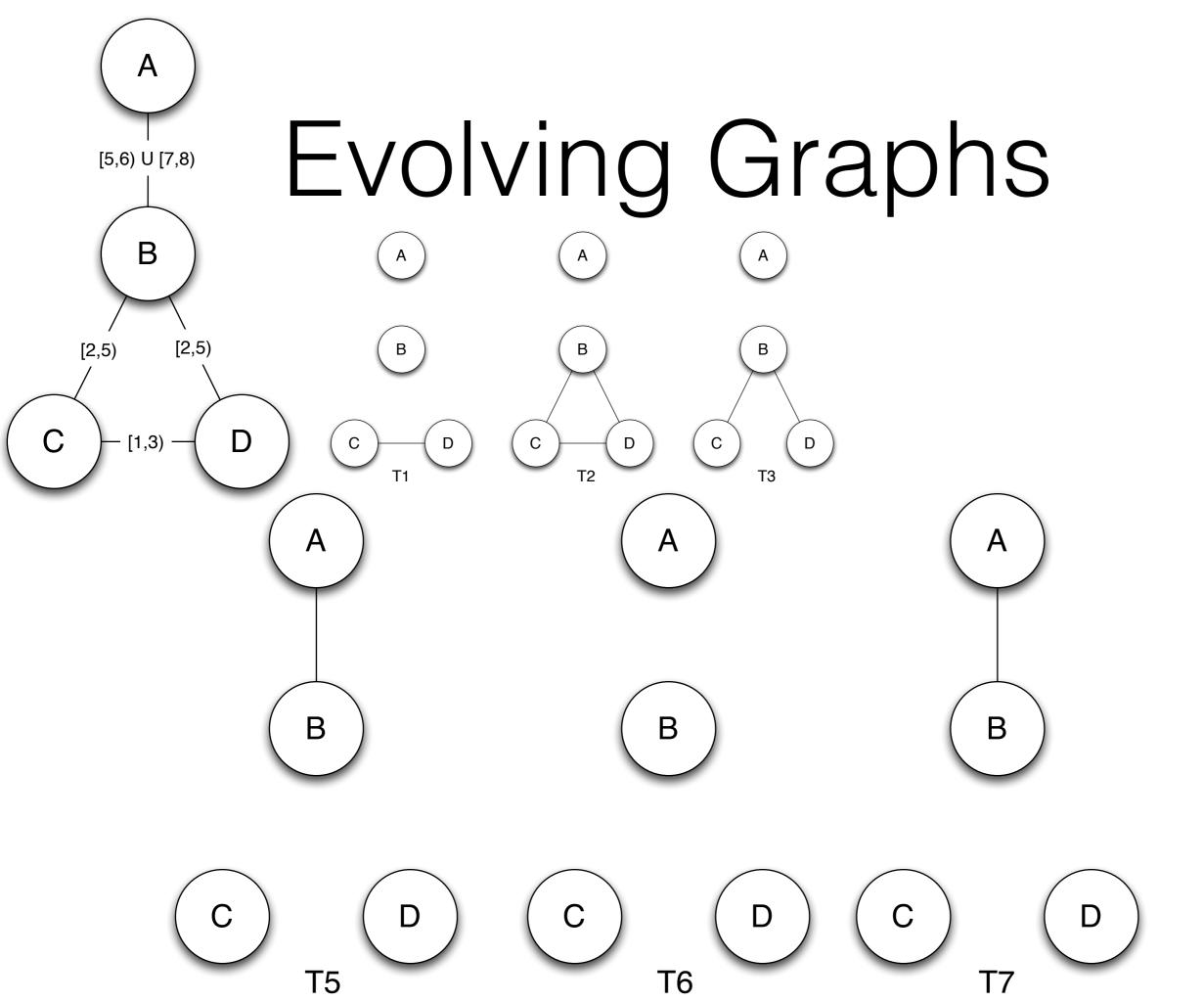




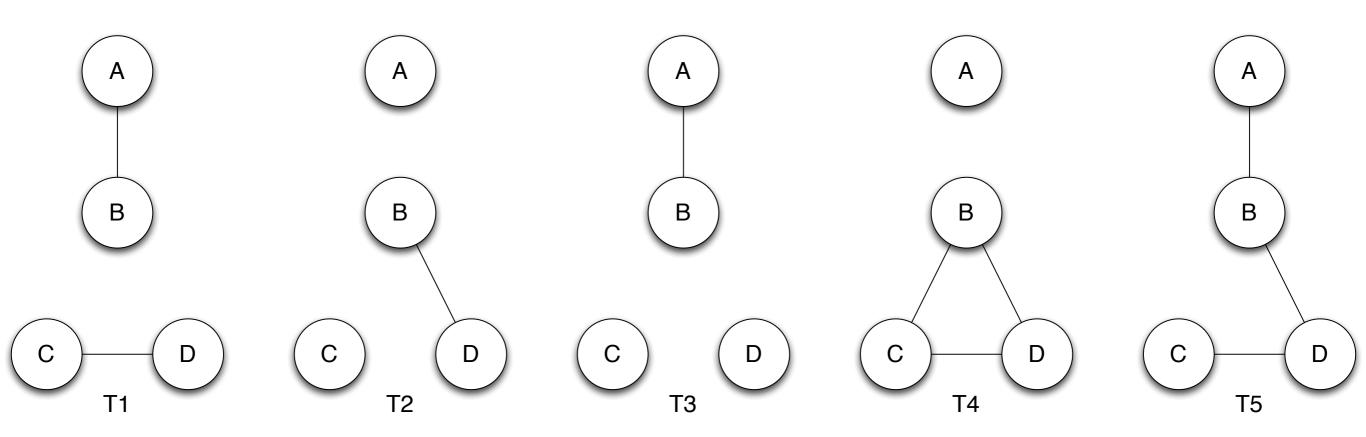




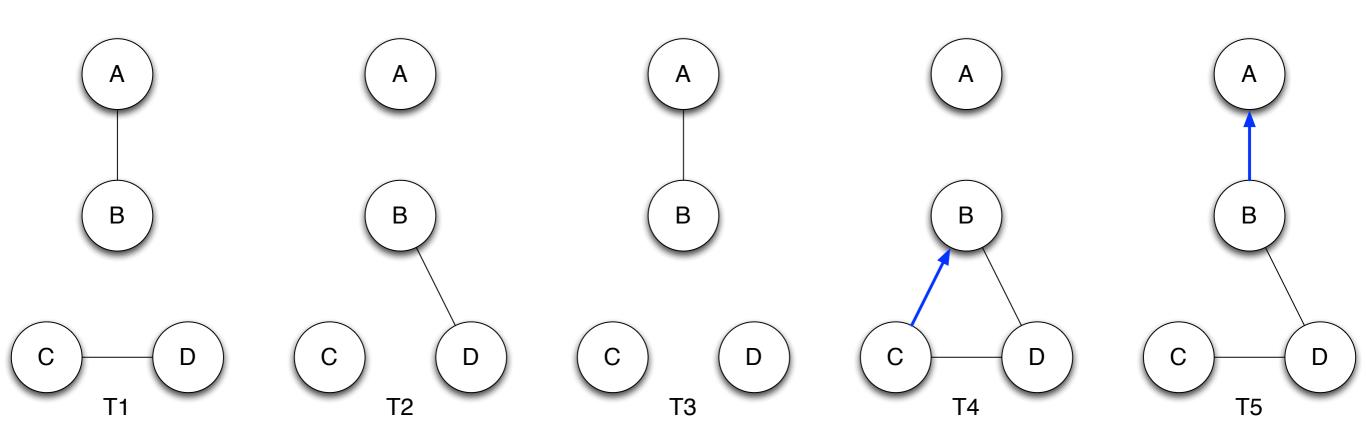




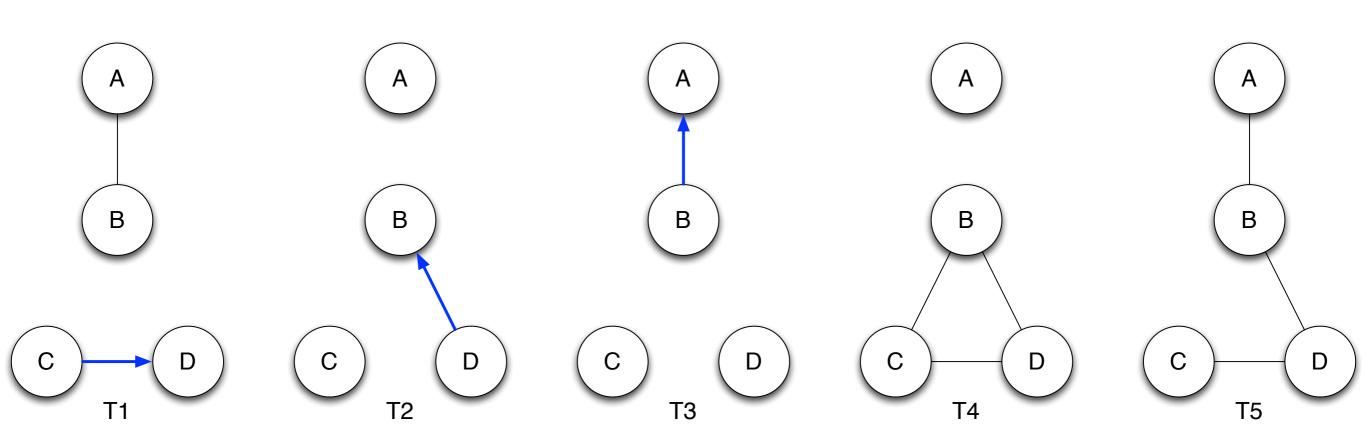
Journeys from C to A



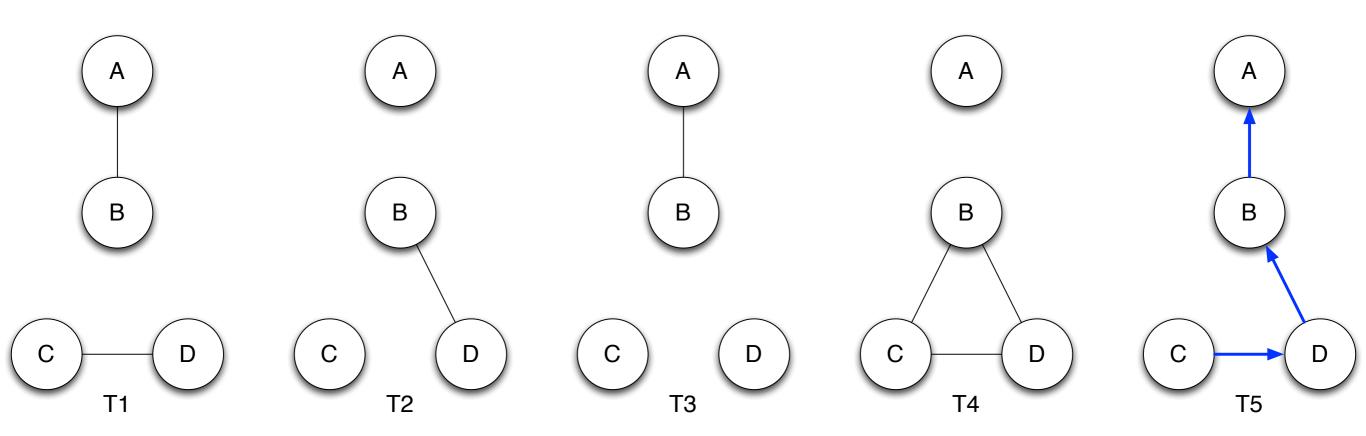
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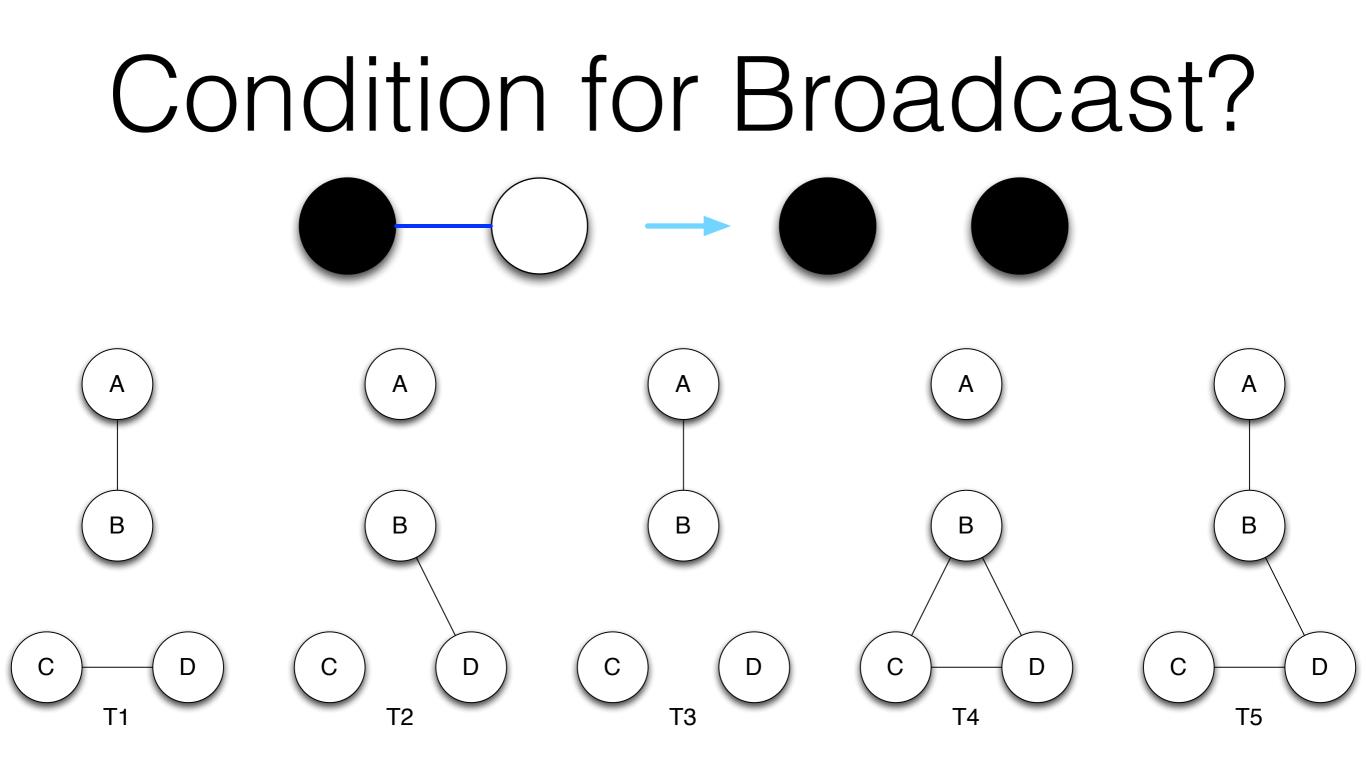


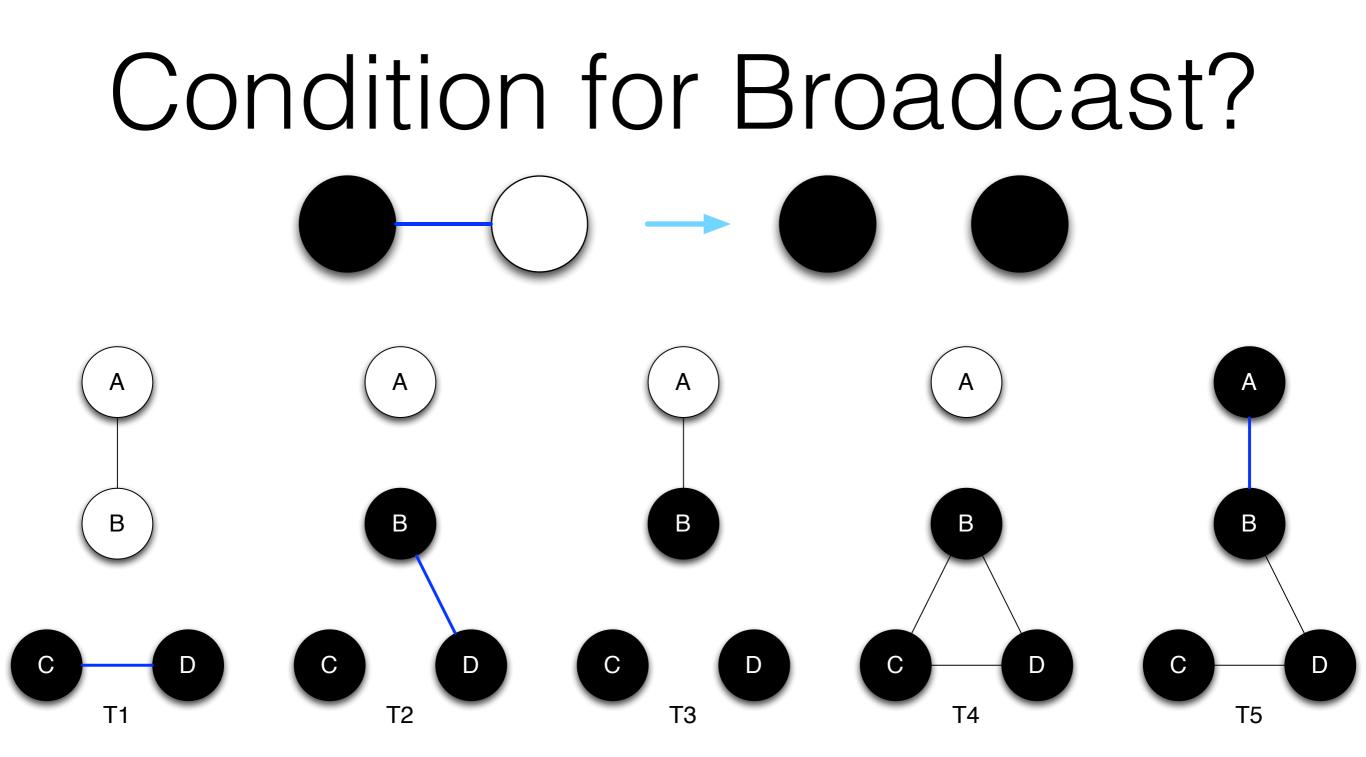
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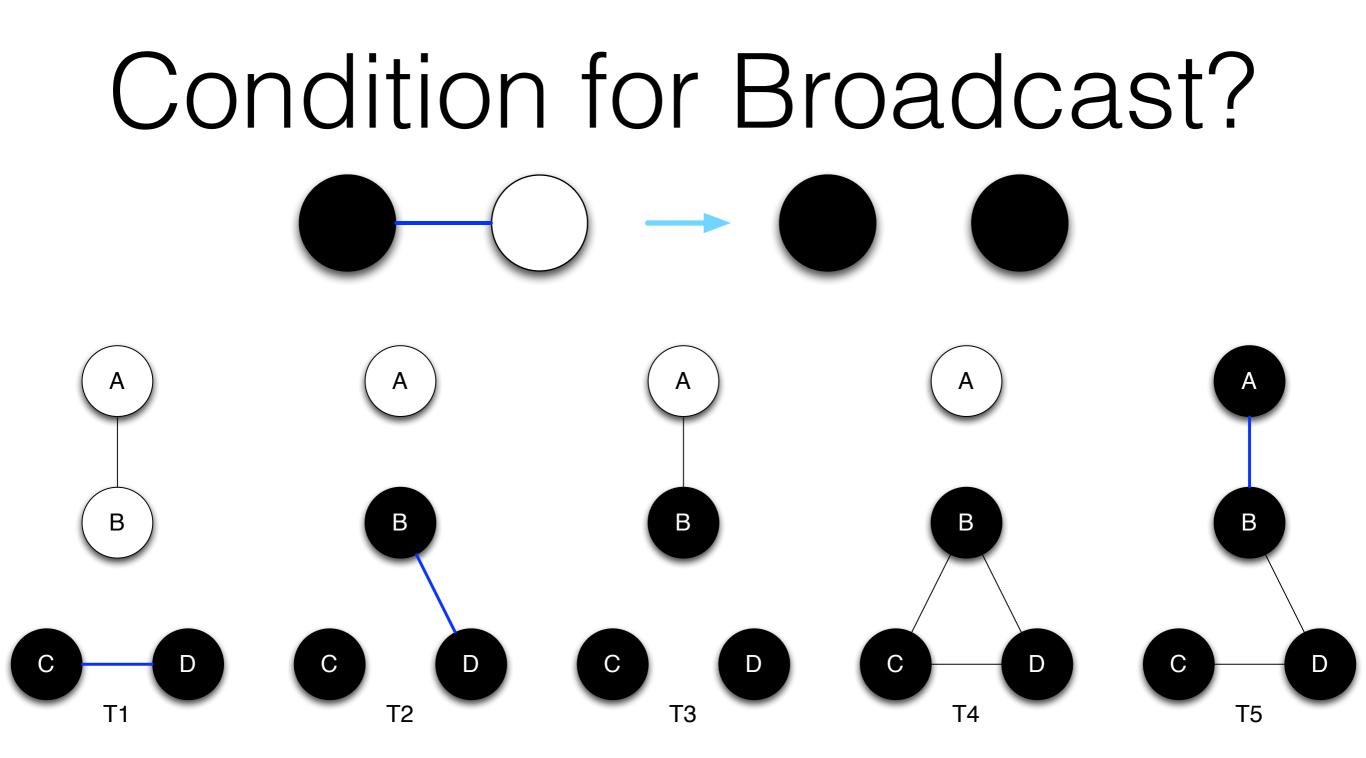


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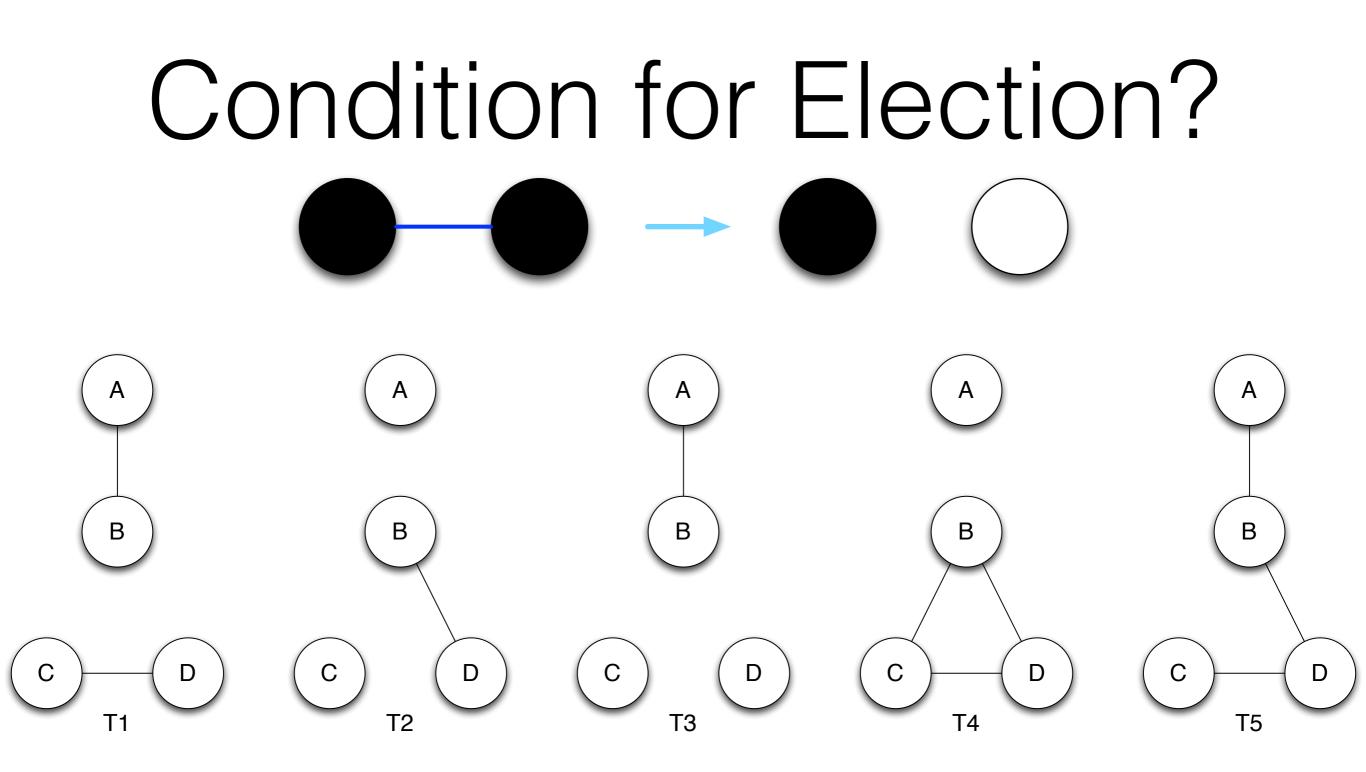


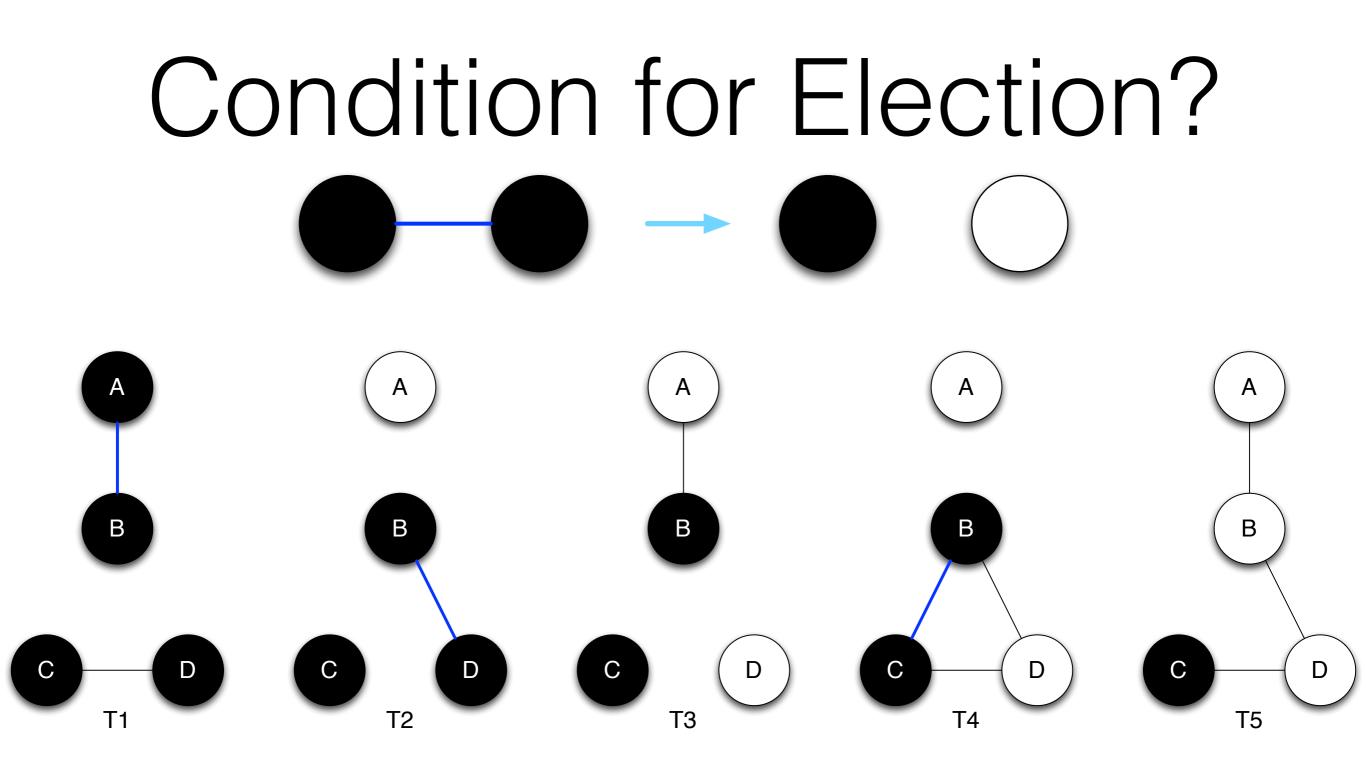


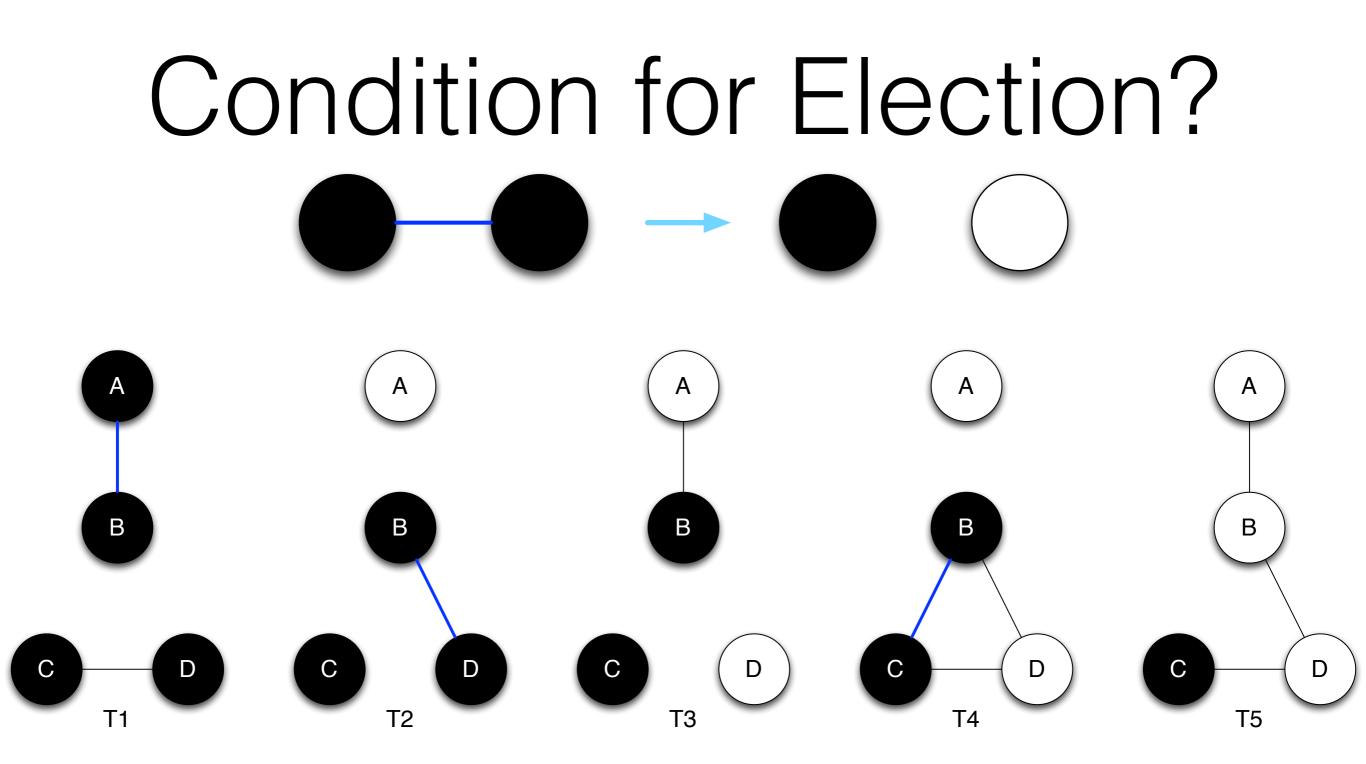




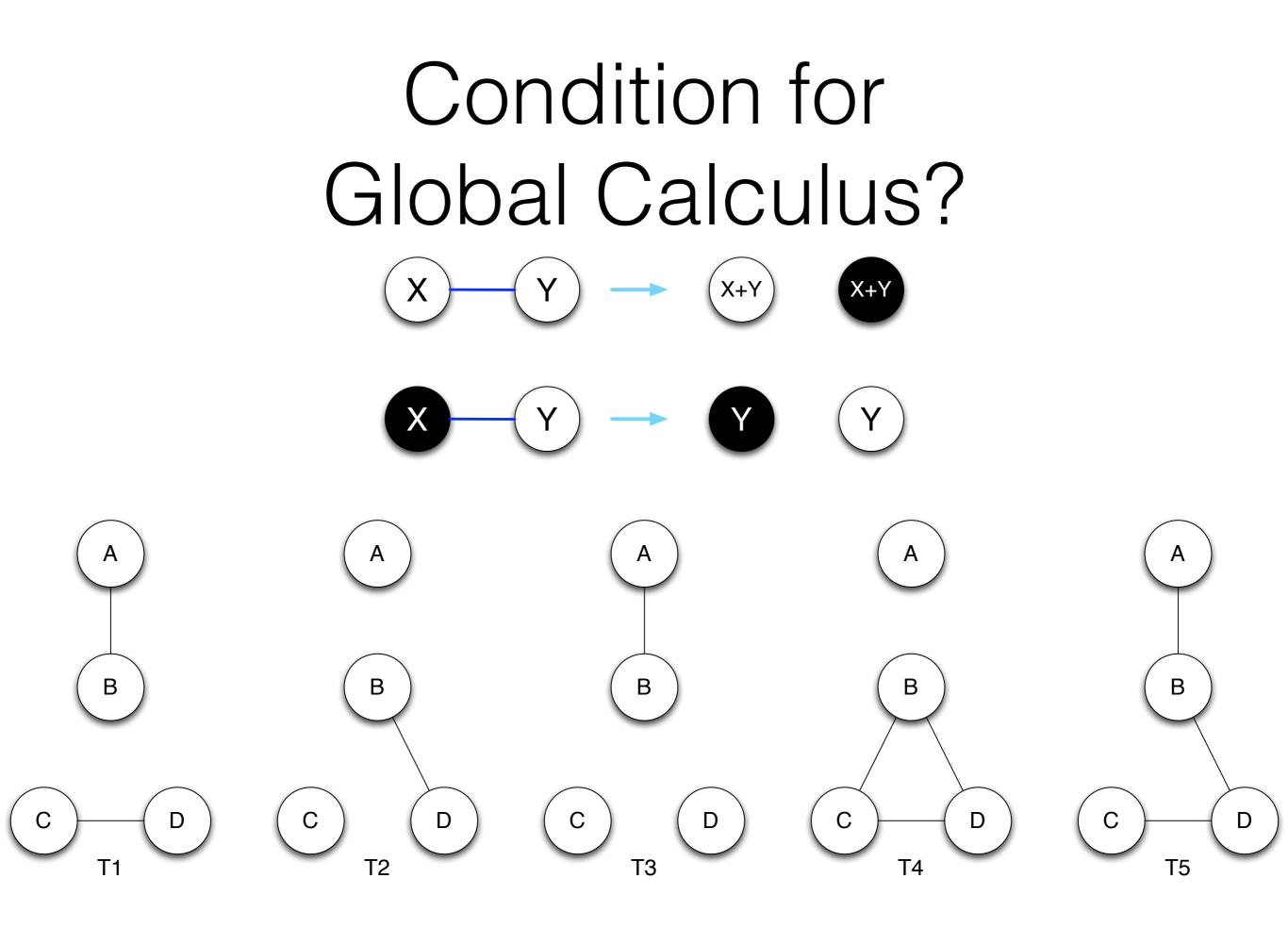
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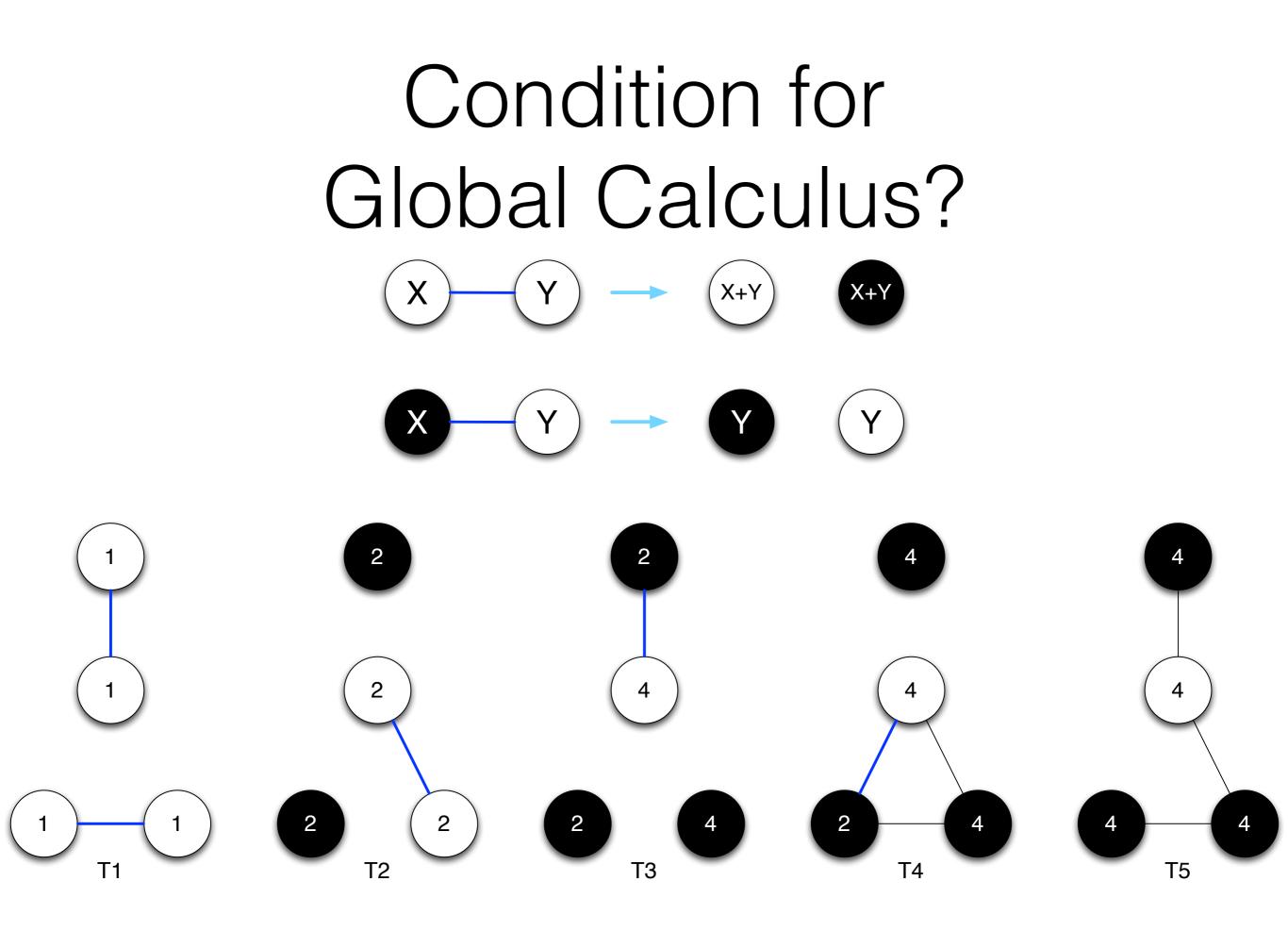






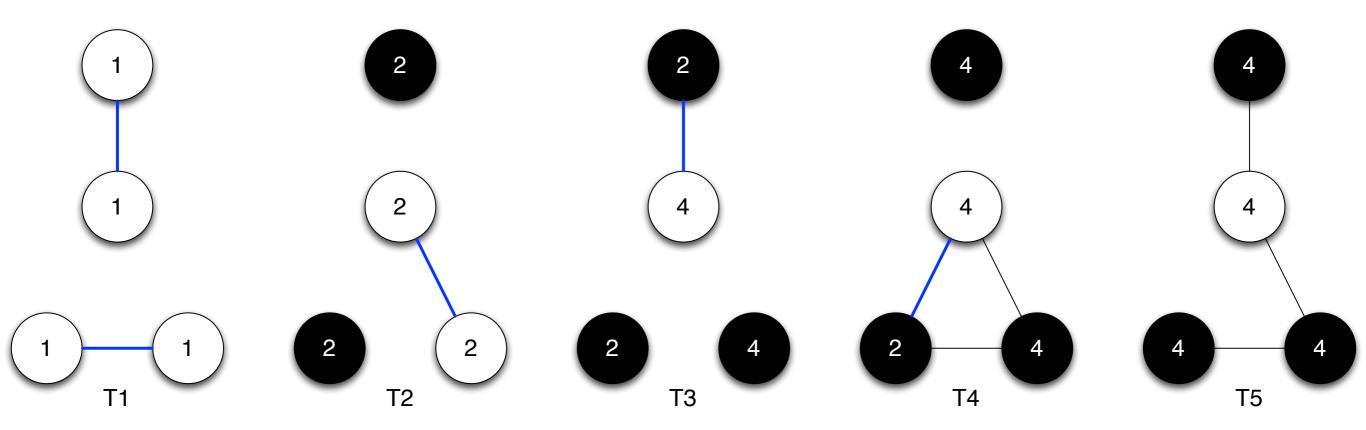
There exists a node (**C**) such that there exists a journey from every other node to it





Condition for Global Calculus?

There exists a node (**Center**) such that there exists a journey from every other node to it *and back*



Connectivity Classes

- There exists a node *r* from which a journey reaches every other node $1 \rightsquigarrow *$
- There exists a node *r* such that there exists a journey from every other node to it $* \rightsquigarrow 1$
- There exists a node *r* such that there exists a journey from every other node to to and back $1 \gtrsim *$

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More Classes

There exists a journey between any two nodes * ~> *

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- There exists a roundtrip journey between any two nodes ***
- There exists a journey between any two nodes infinitely often $$\mathop{\rm k} \to {\cal R}$$
- Every edge appears infinitely often

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More Classes

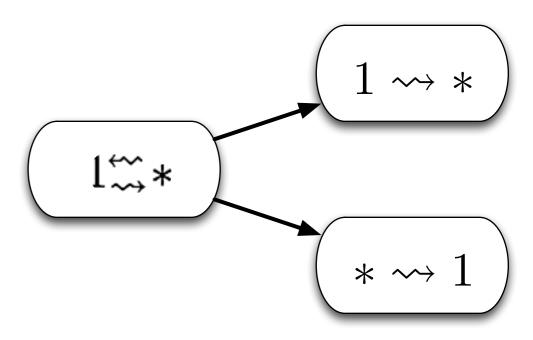
- Every edge appears infinitely often, and there is an upper bound between between two occurrences
- Every edge appears infinitely often with some period p

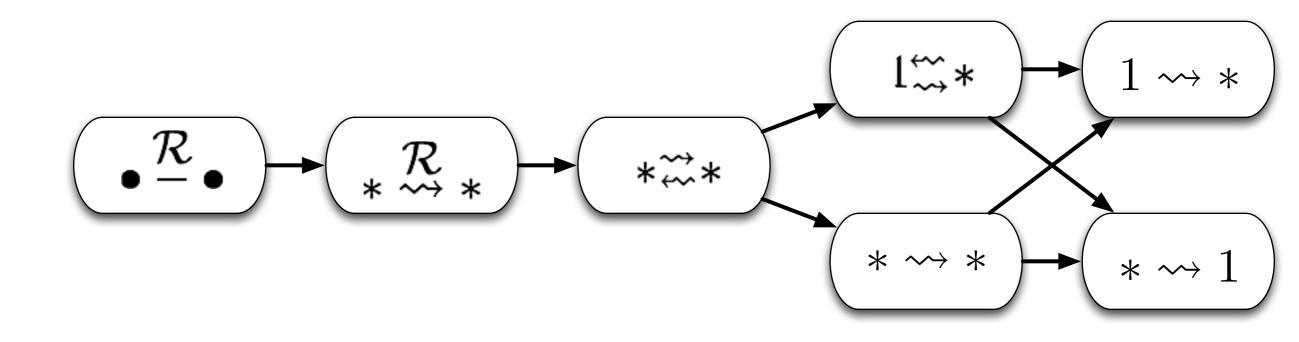
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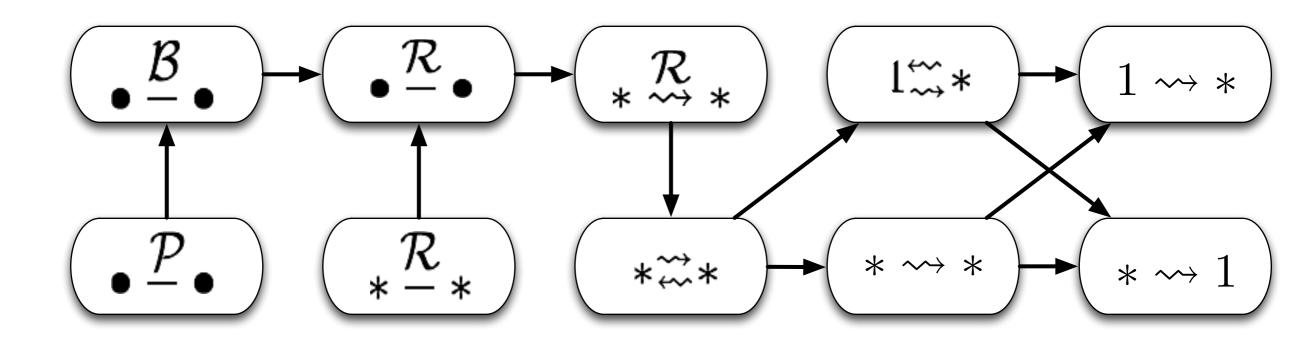
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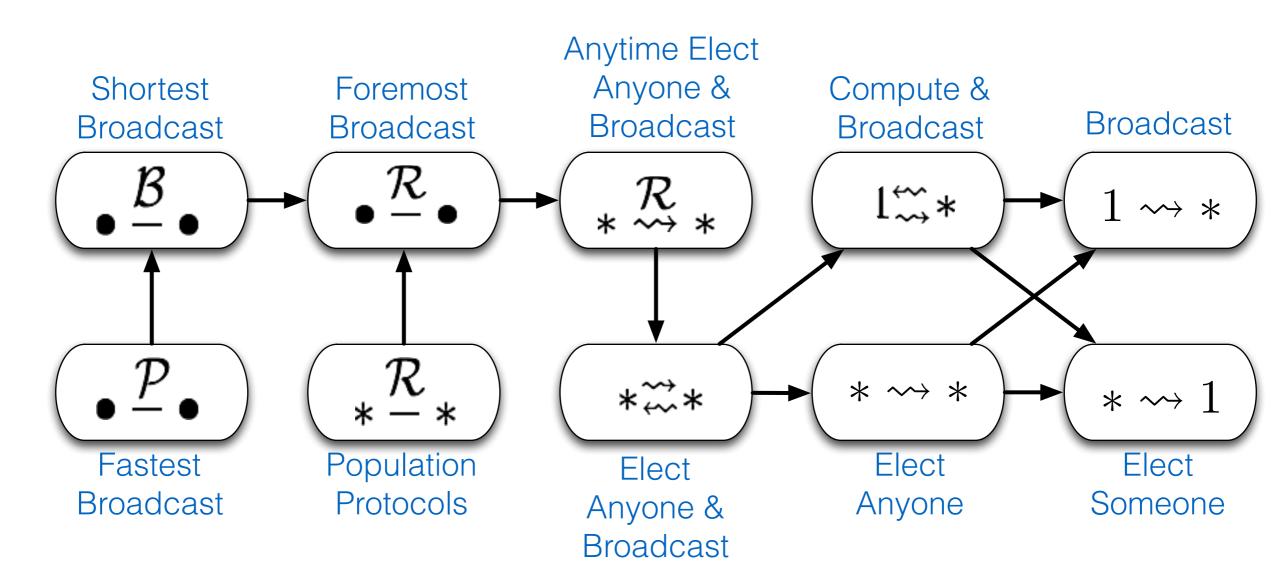
- At any time, the graph is connected
- Every spanning subgraph lasts at least T time units
- Every edge appears infinitely often, and the underlying graph is a clique $\frac{\mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{R}}$

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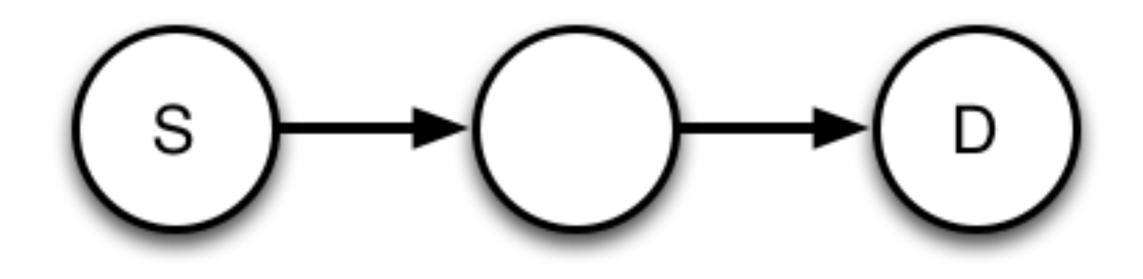
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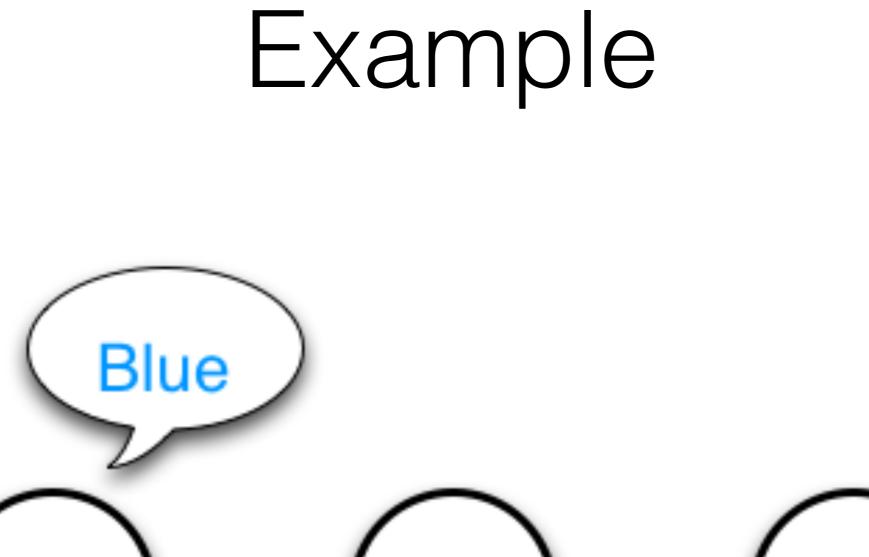
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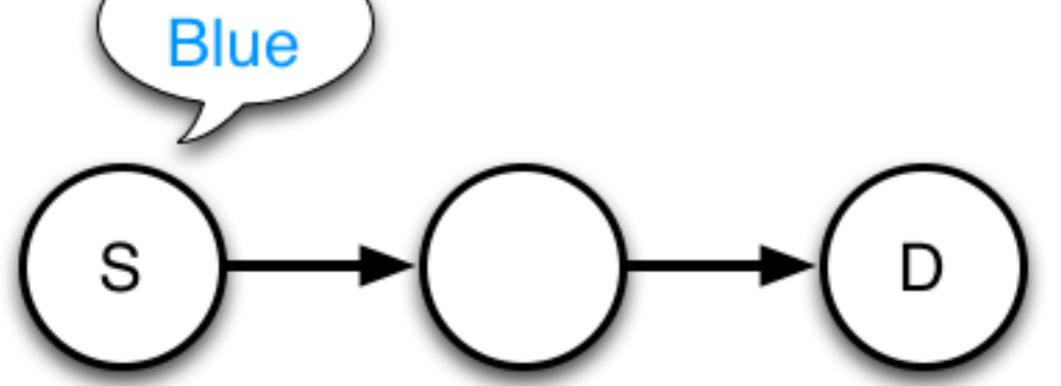
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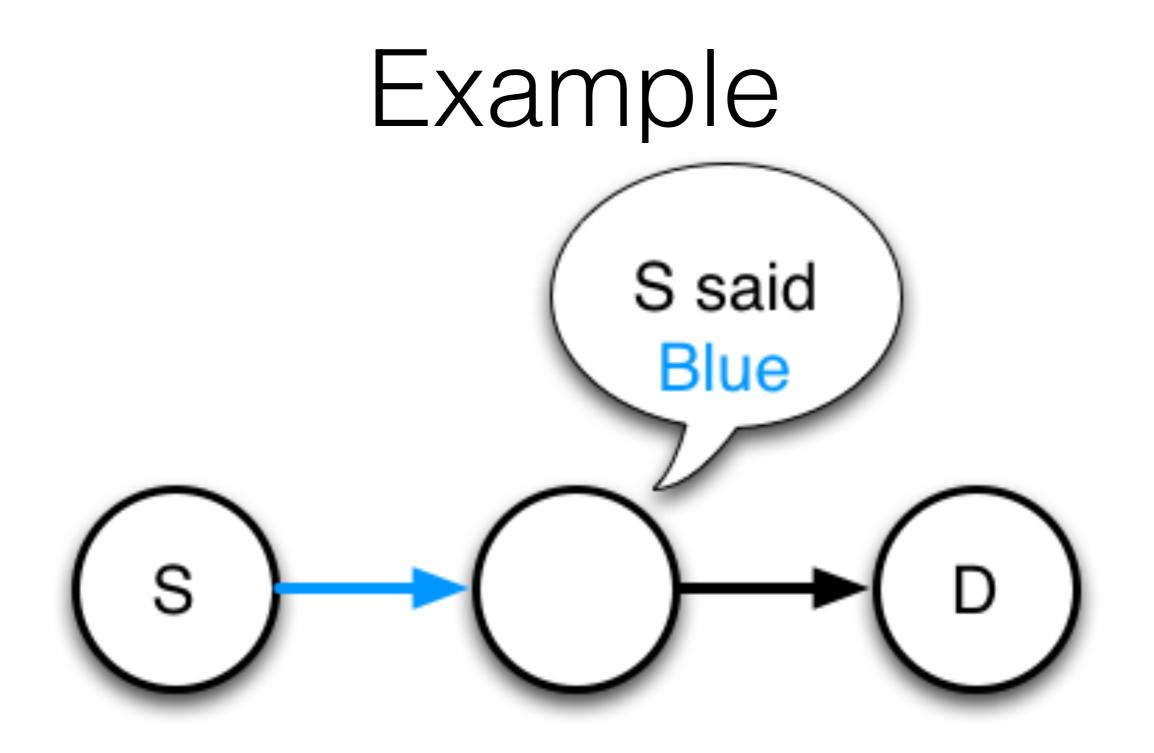
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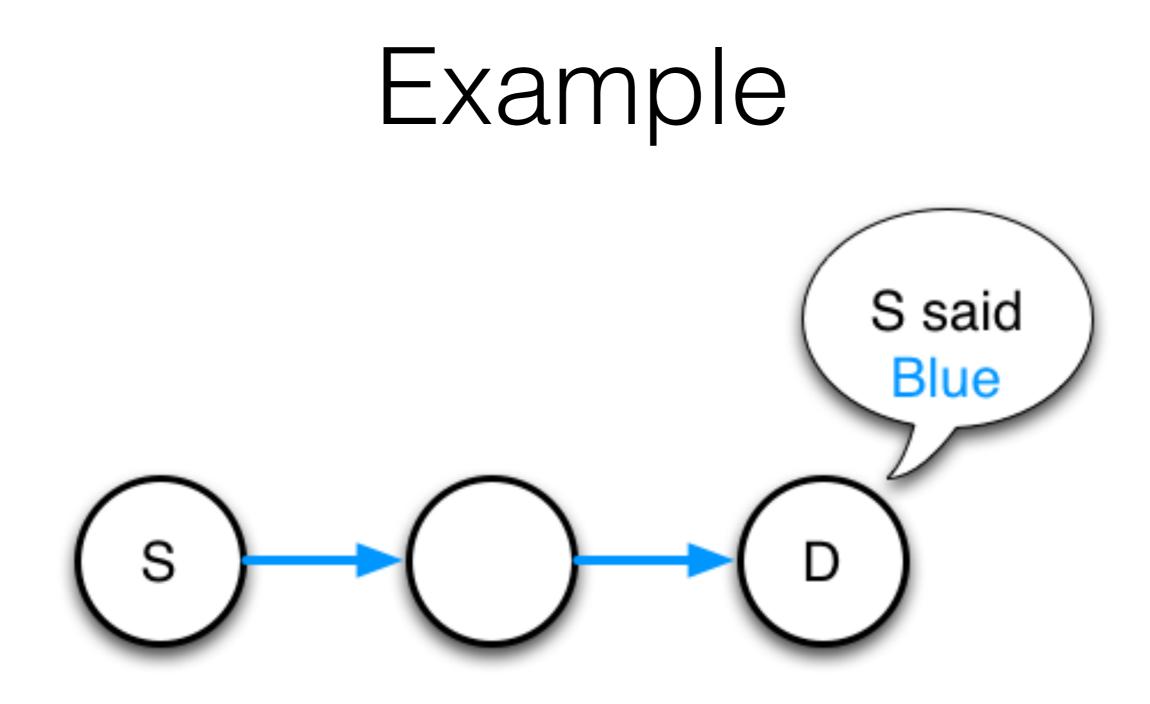


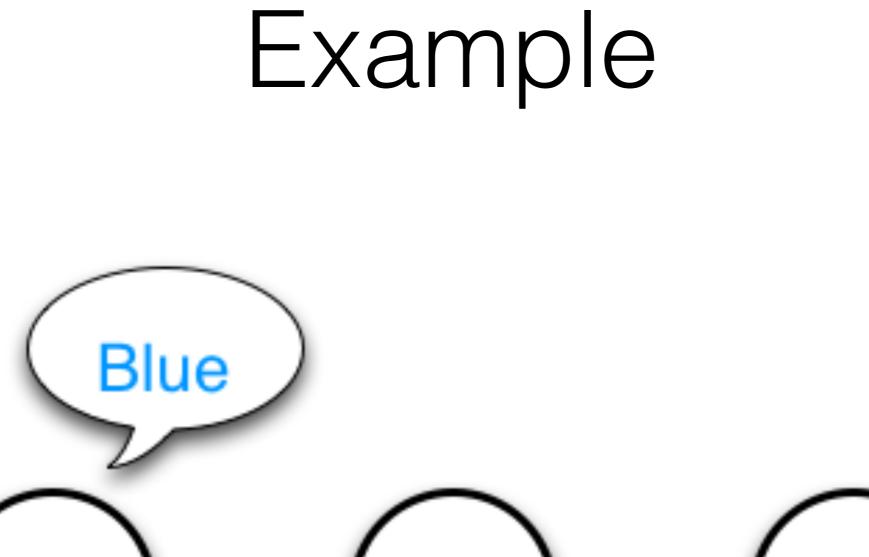
Information broadcast in multi hop networks

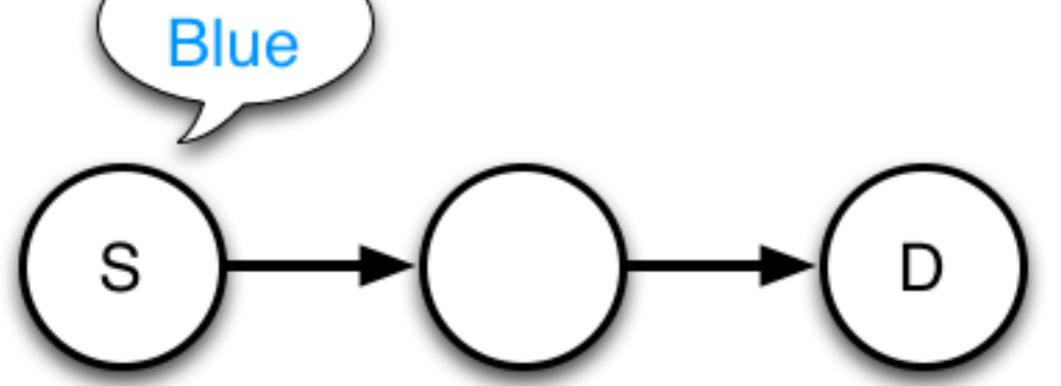


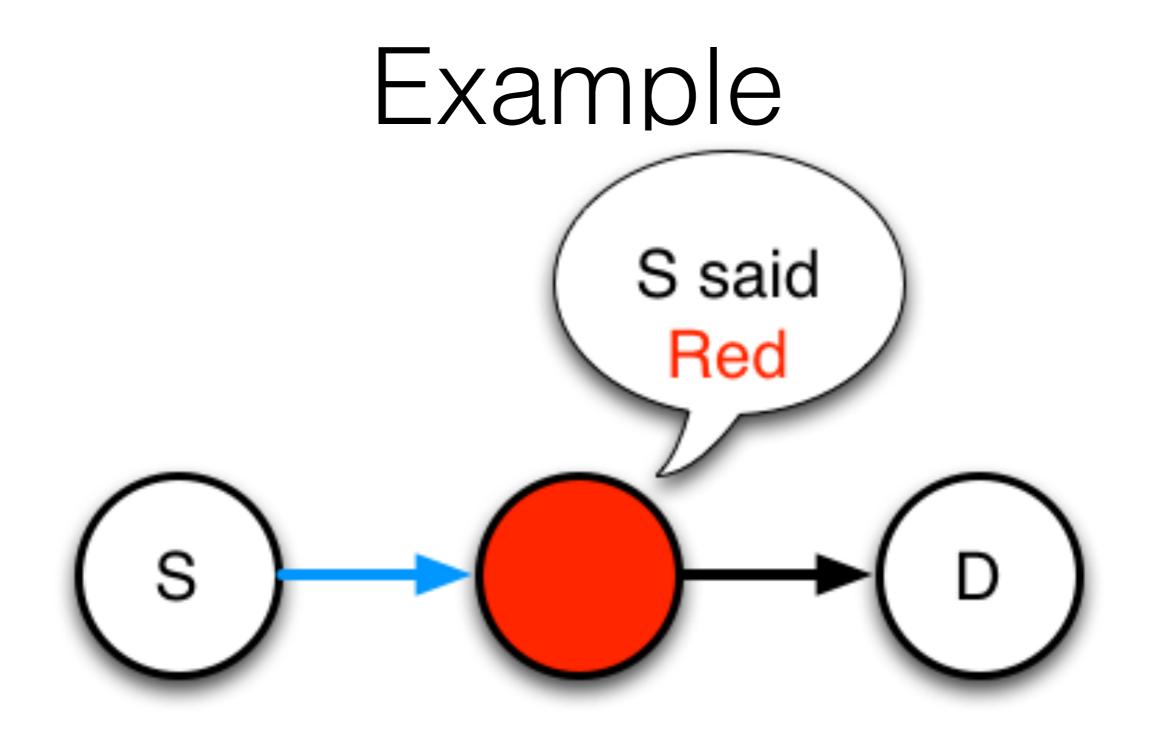




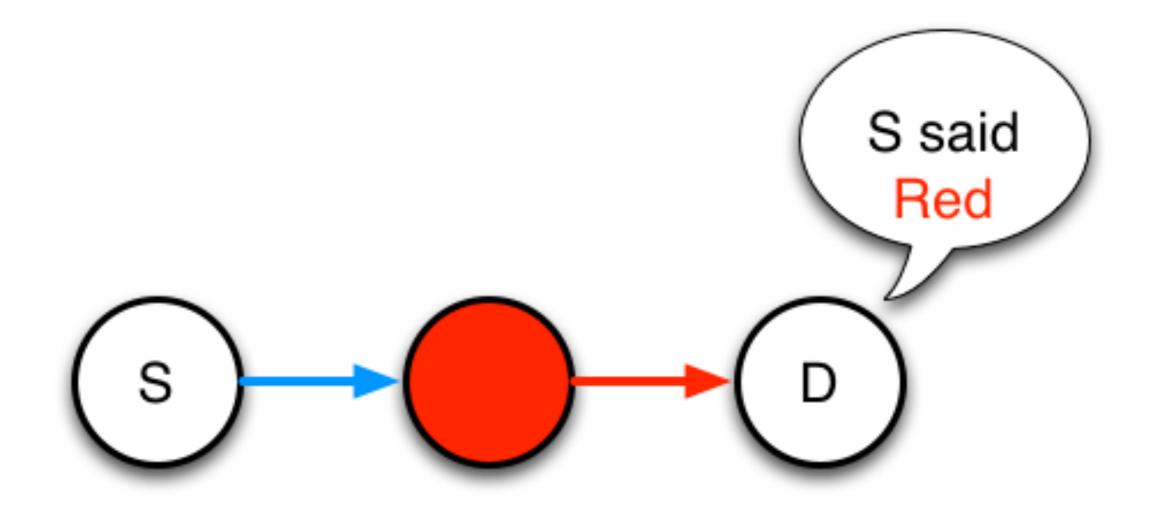




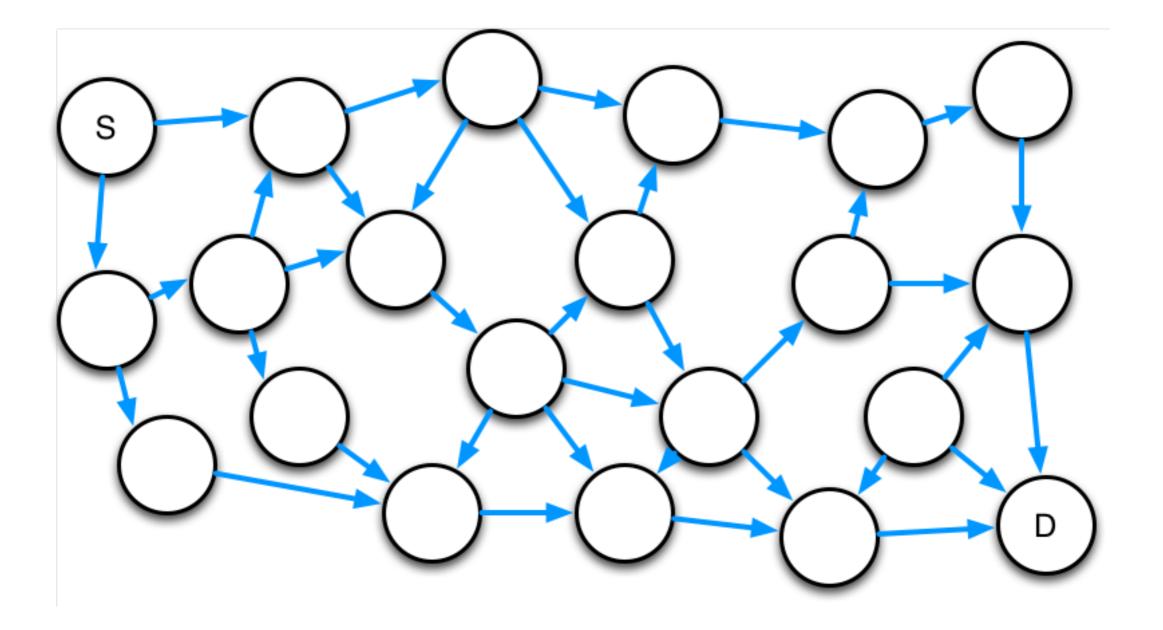




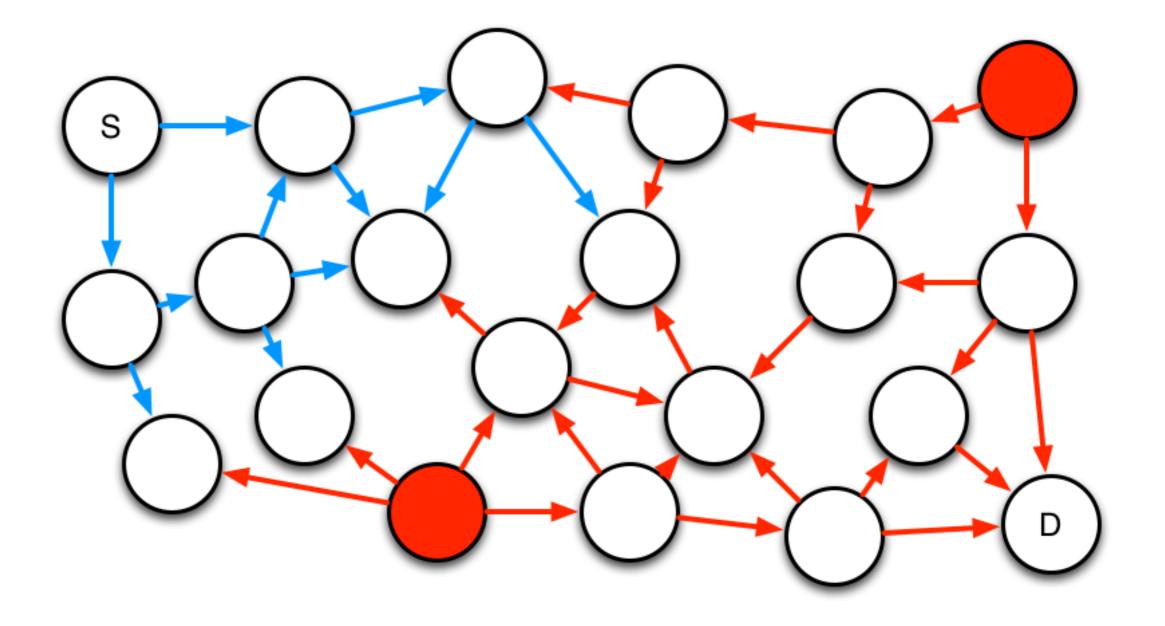




Information Broadcast

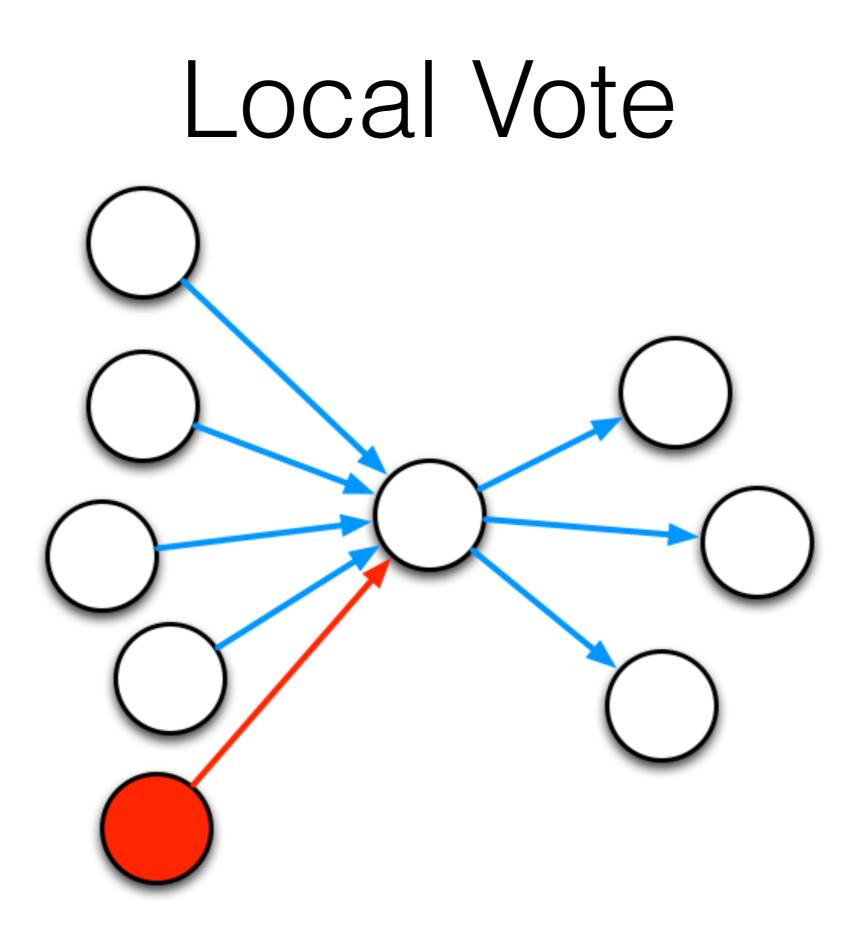


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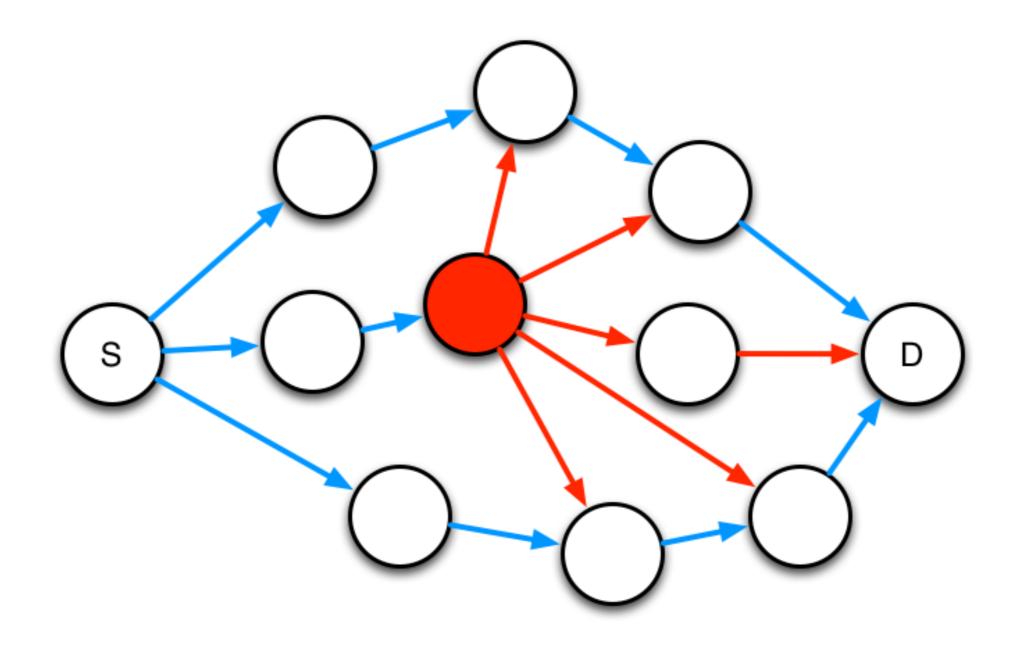


Objective

- Broadcast algorithms resilient to Byzantine Failures
 - No false message ever accepted
 - Correct messages always received



Vote on Multiple Paths

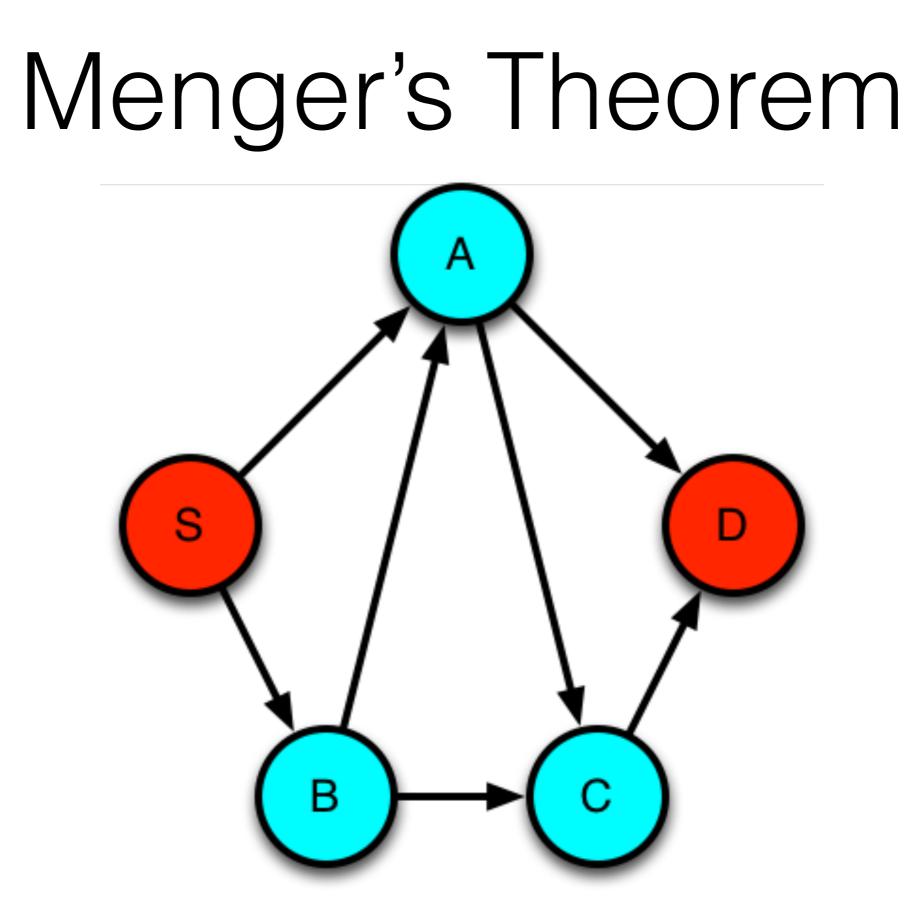


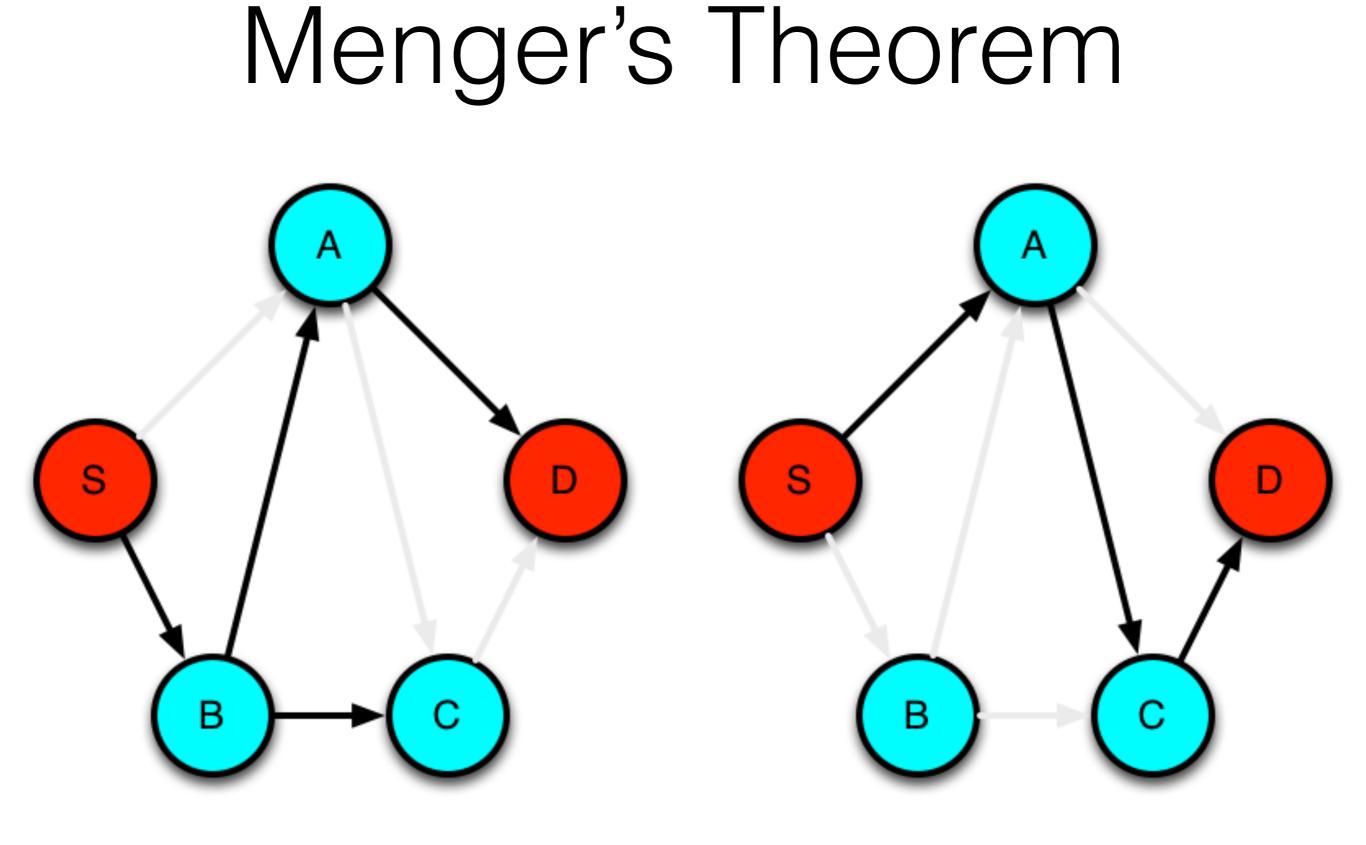
Condition for reliable communication in static networks

- k = number of Byzantine nodes
- **Condition**: 2k+1 node-disjoint paths between the source and the destination

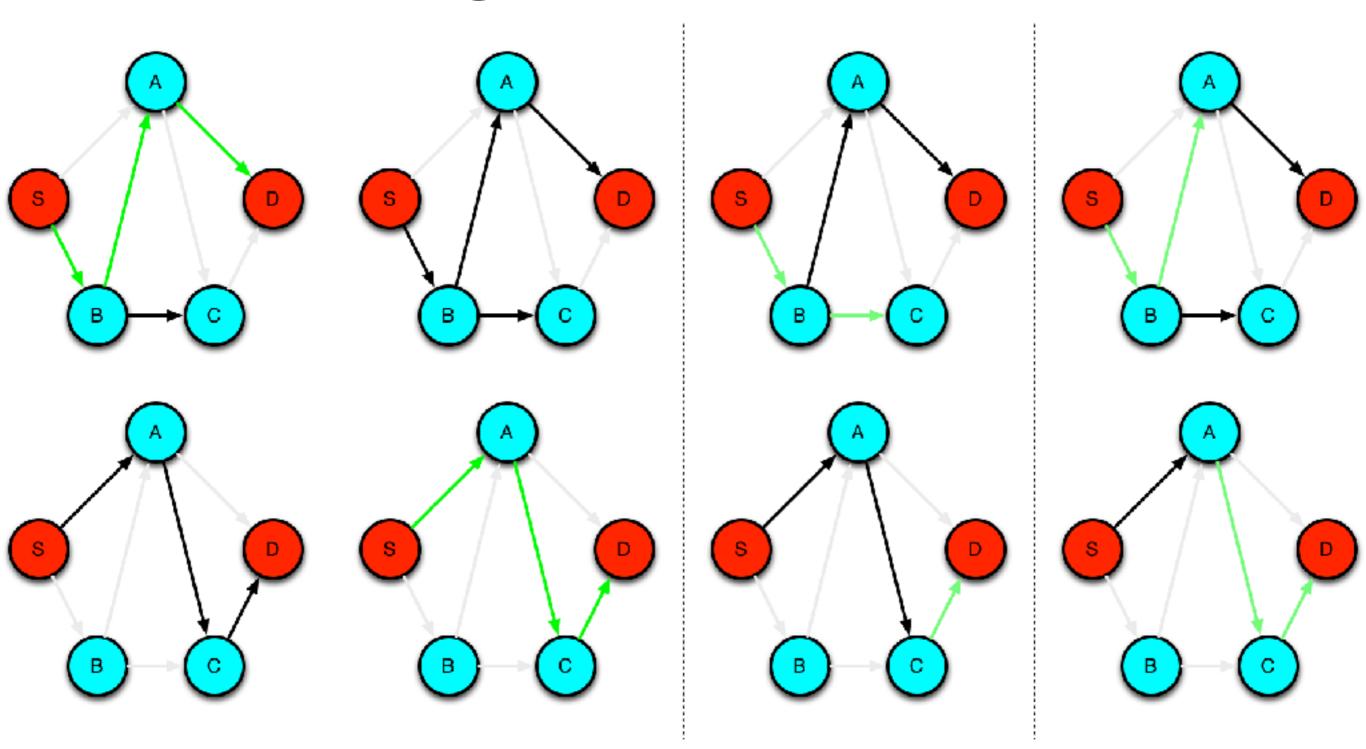
Enter Dynamic Networks







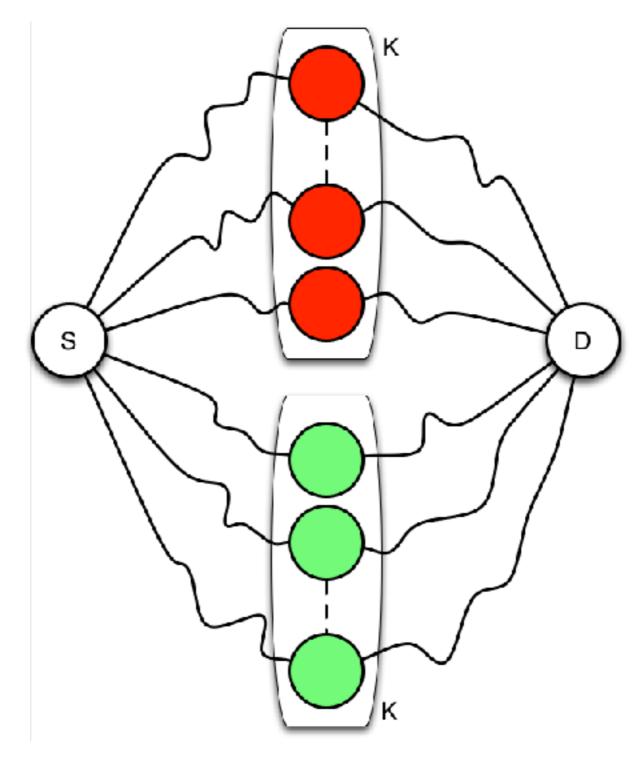
Menger's Theorem



Condition in Dynamic Networks

- k=number of Byzantine nodes
- Condition: 2k+1 nodes must be removed to cut all dynamic paths

Necessary Condition



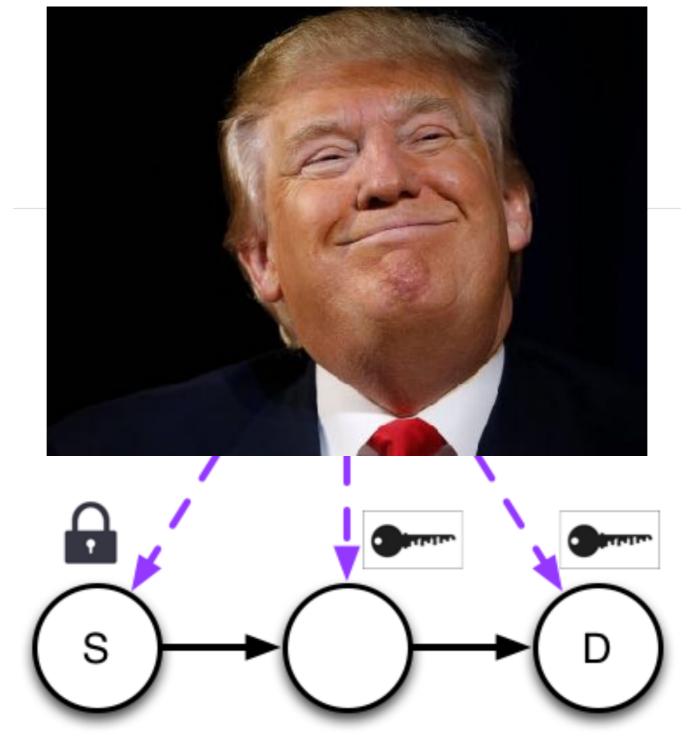
Sufficient Condition

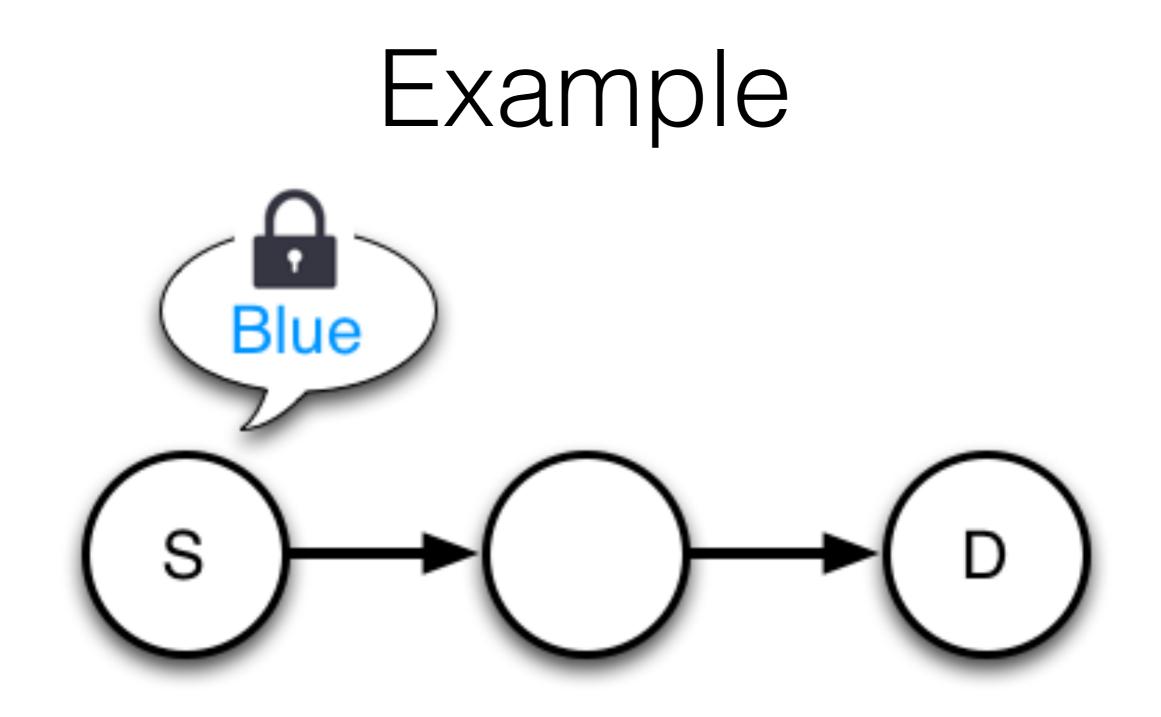
- Send the message through *all* journeys
- Register the journeys
- When a set of journeys that cannot be cut by 2k nodes is collected, accept the message

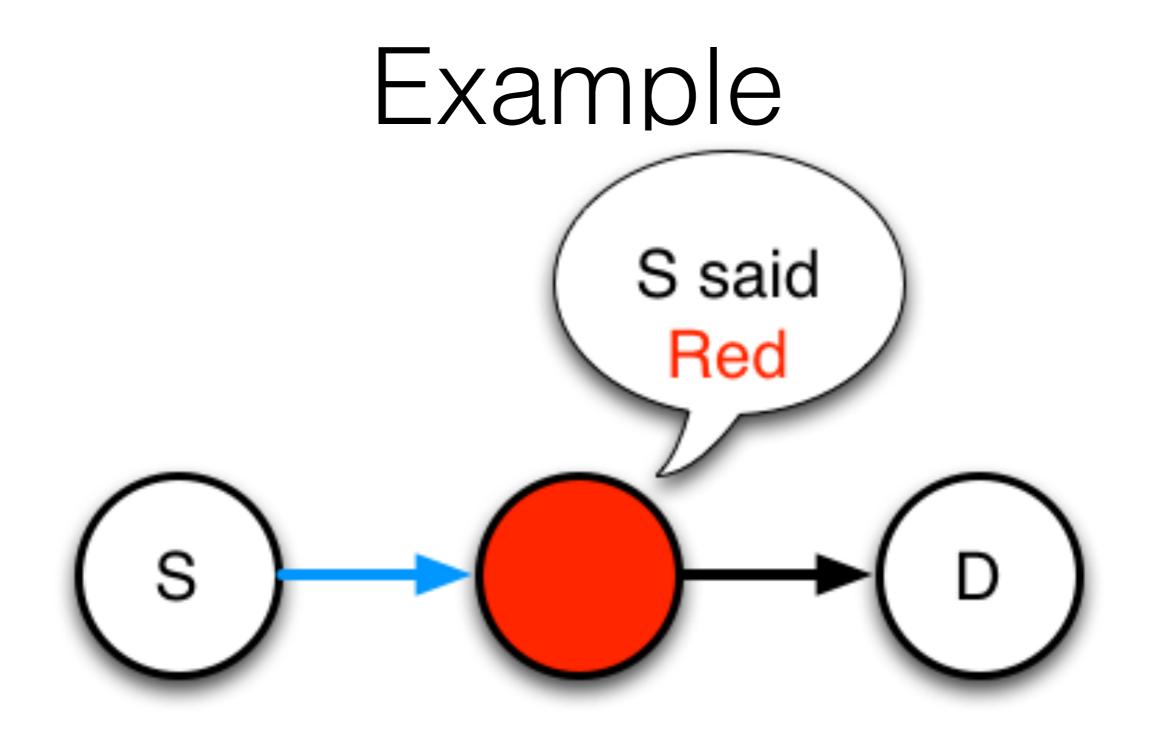
Why not Cryptography?



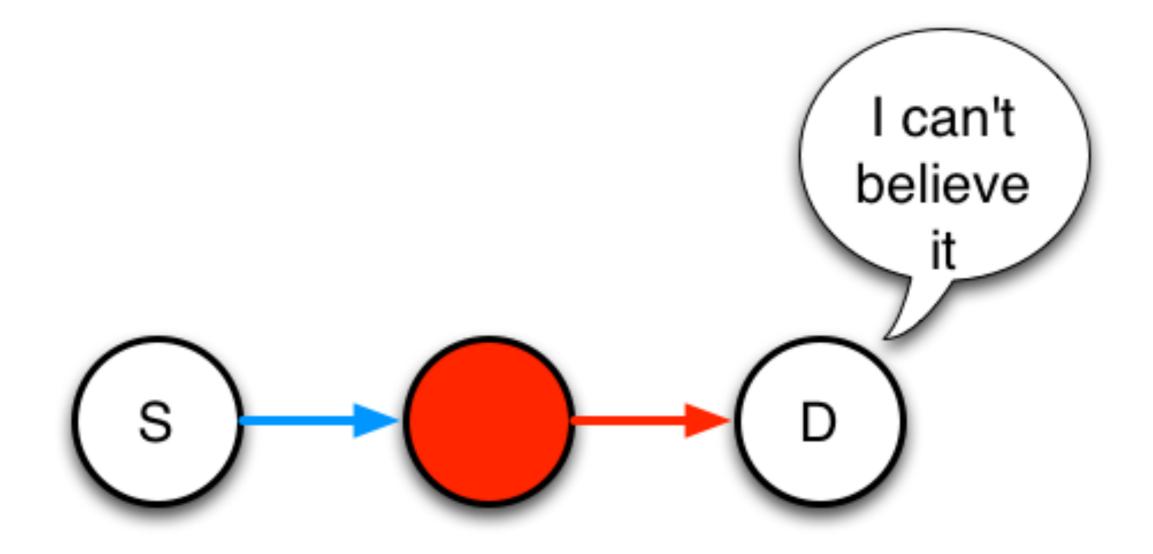
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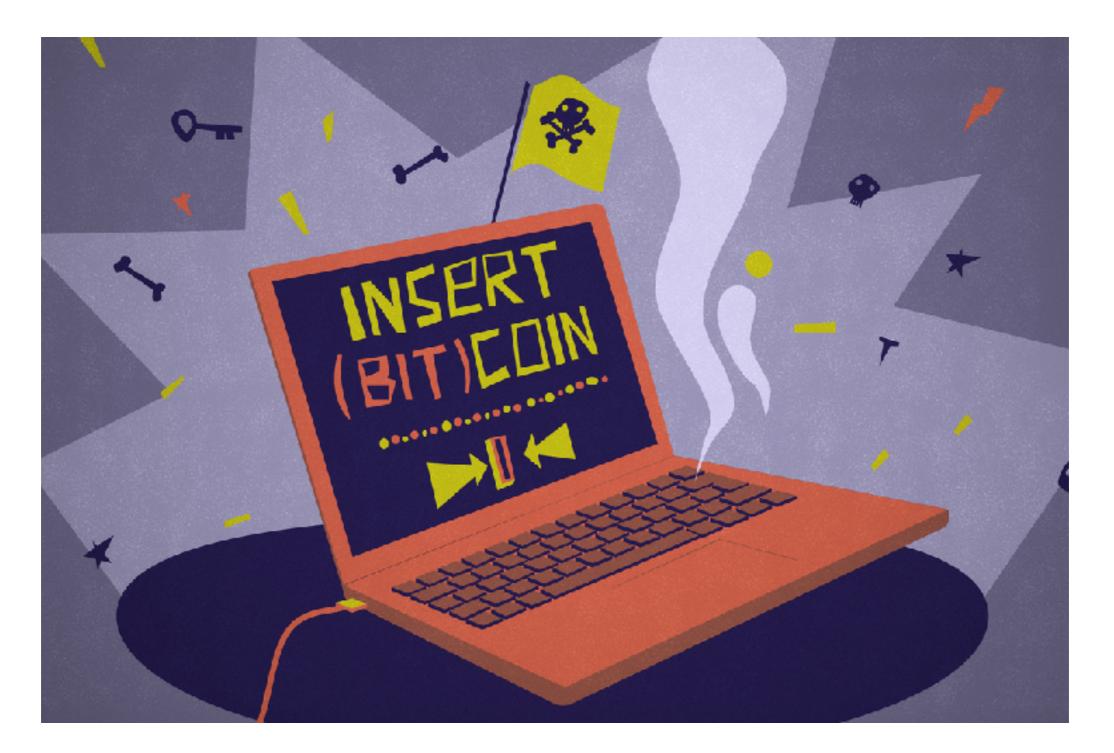
Trusted third party



Trusted keys

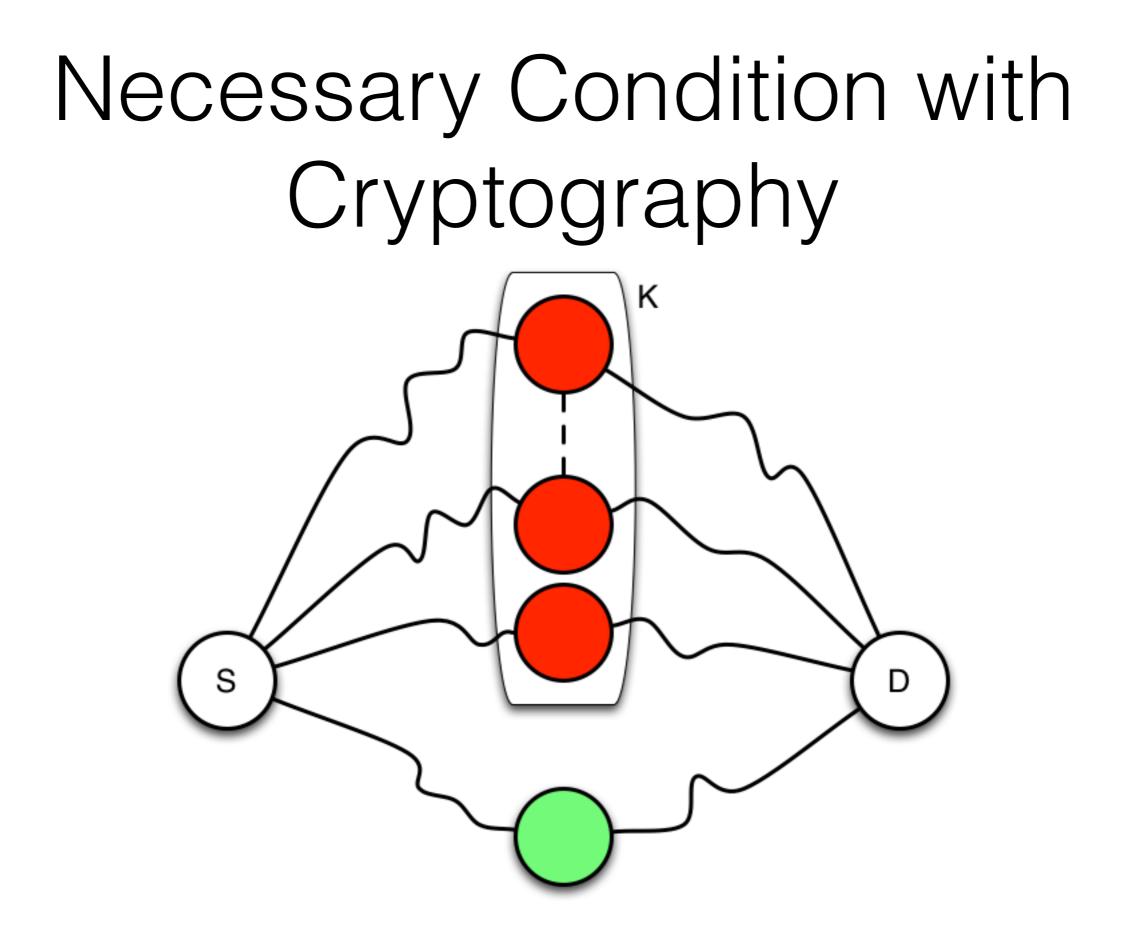


Trusted Software



Condition in Dynamic Networks with Cryptography

- k = number of Byzantine nodes
- Condition: k+1 nodes must be removed to cut all journeys



Sufficient Condition with Cryptography

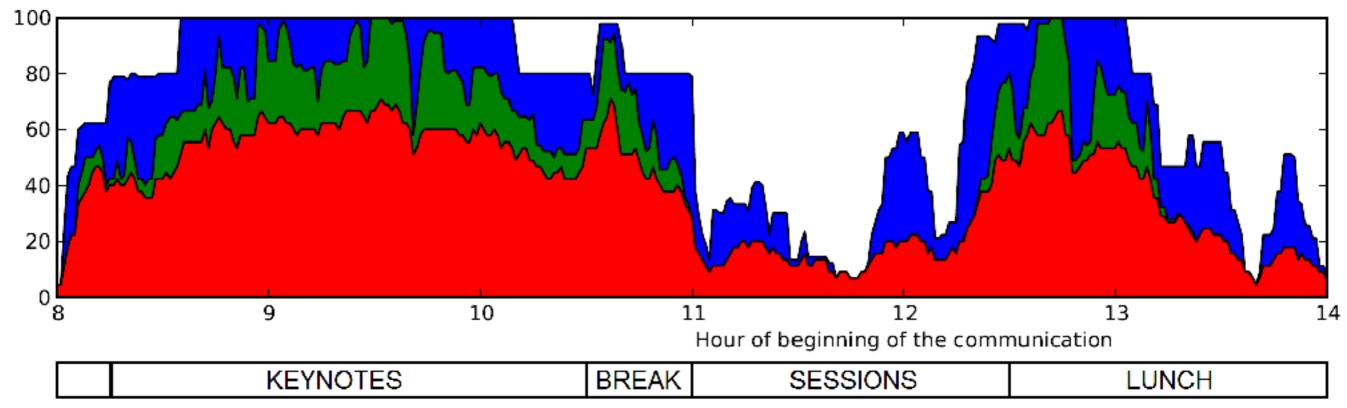
- Send the message through all journeys
- When a cryptographically acceptable message arrives, accept it

Case Studies

- Participants in a conference
- Agents in the subway

Participants Interacting in a Conference

Percent of pairs communicating within 10 minutes

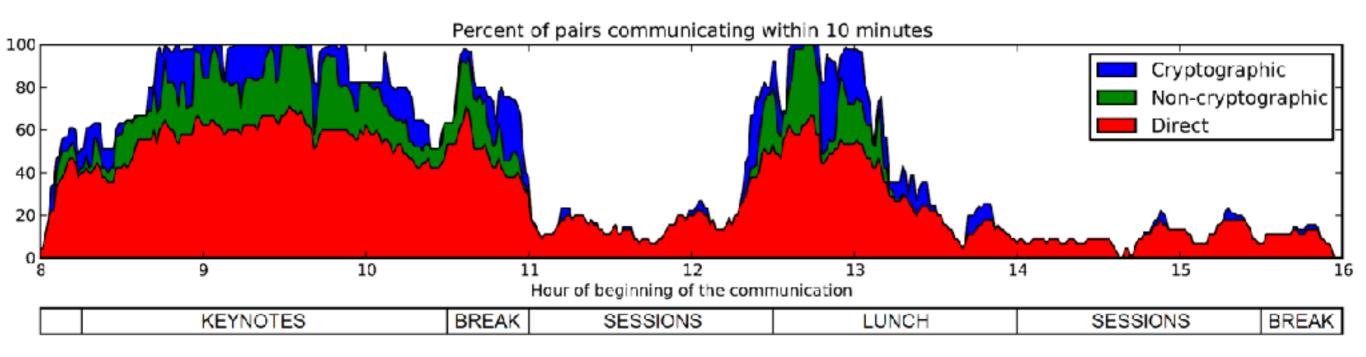


Unreliable multihop communication



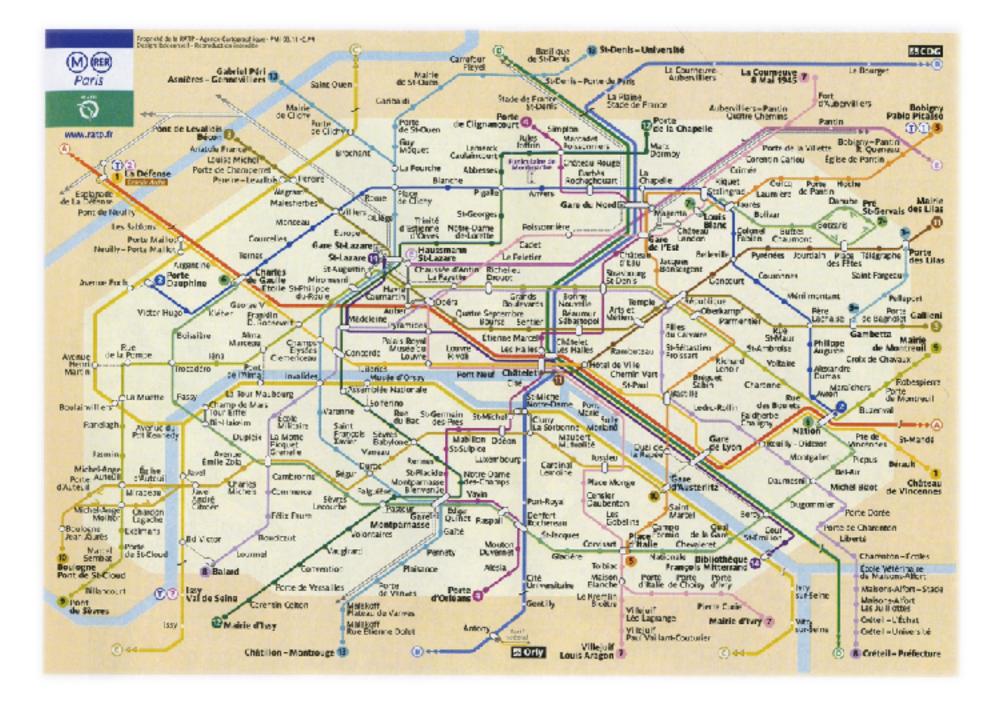
- Reliable multi hop communication
- Direct communication

Participants Interacting in a Conference

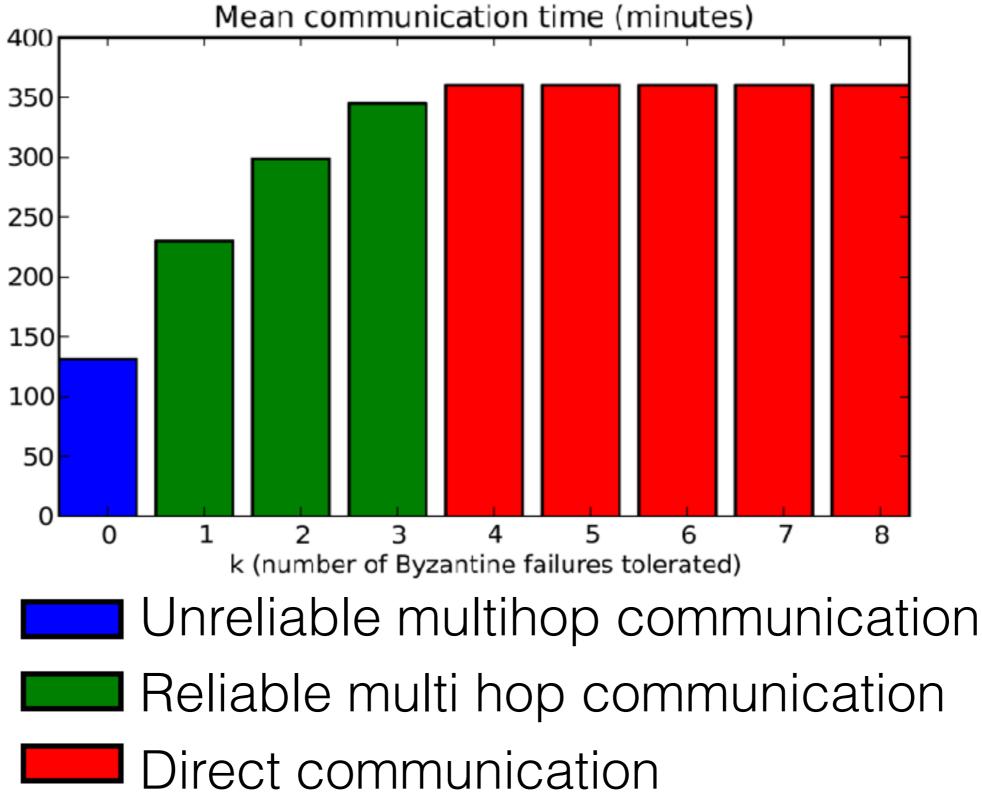


Cryptographic multihop communication
 Non-Cryptographic multi hop communication
 Direct communication

Paris Subway Users



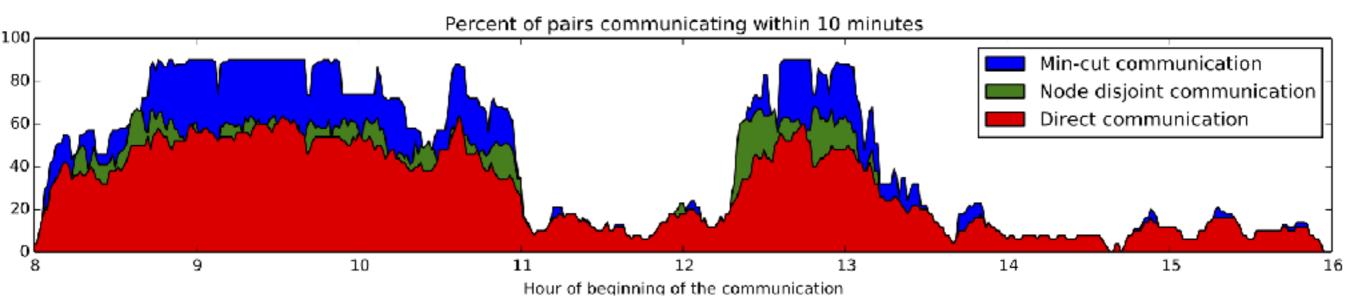
Paris Subway Users



Conclusion

- Classical node-disjoint paths cannot be used as « if and only if » condition
- Falling back to (dynamic) Min-cut works

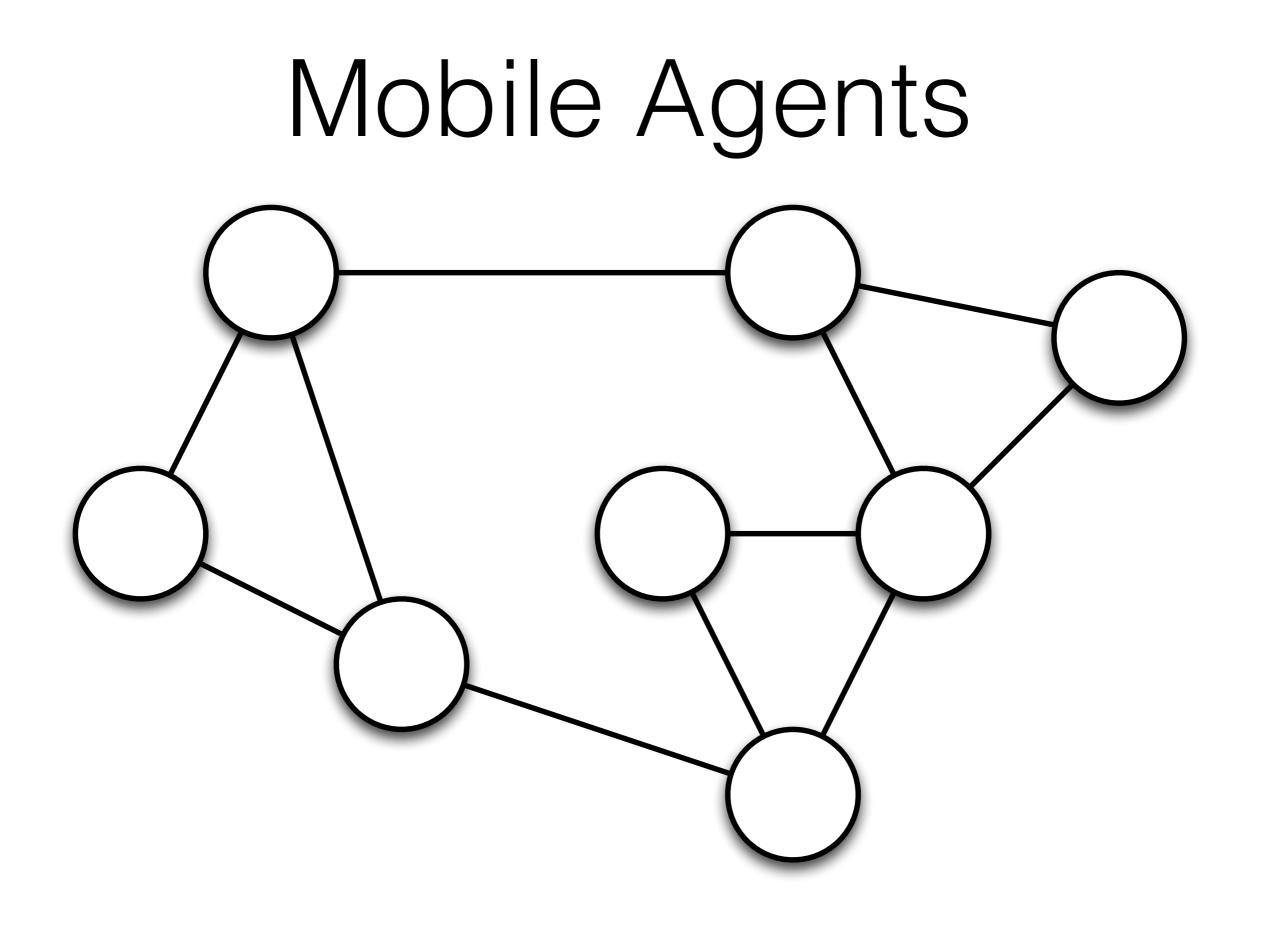
IF vs. IFF

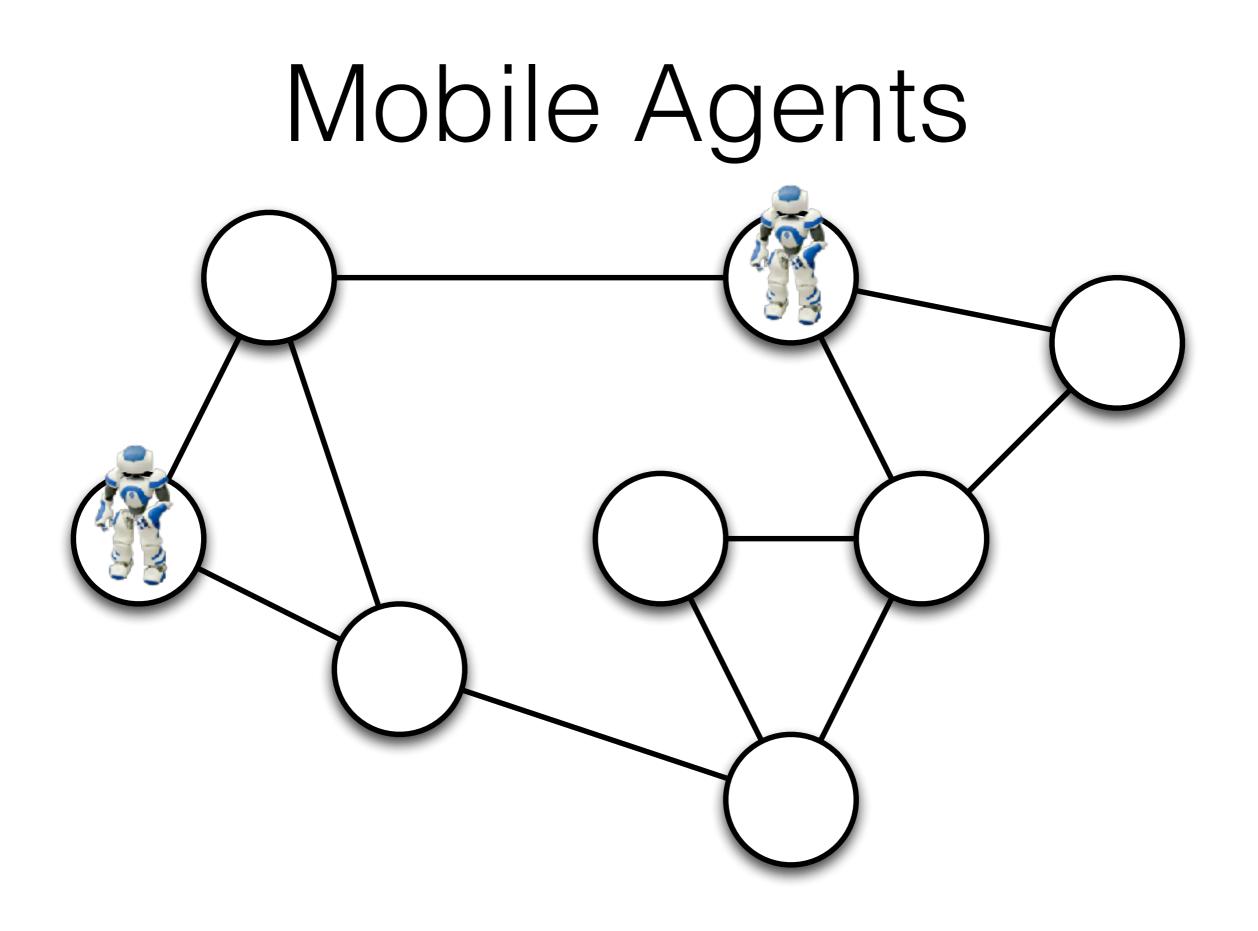


Min-cut multihop communication
Node-disjoint multihop communication
Direct communication

Actively Mobile Networks

Mobile Agents



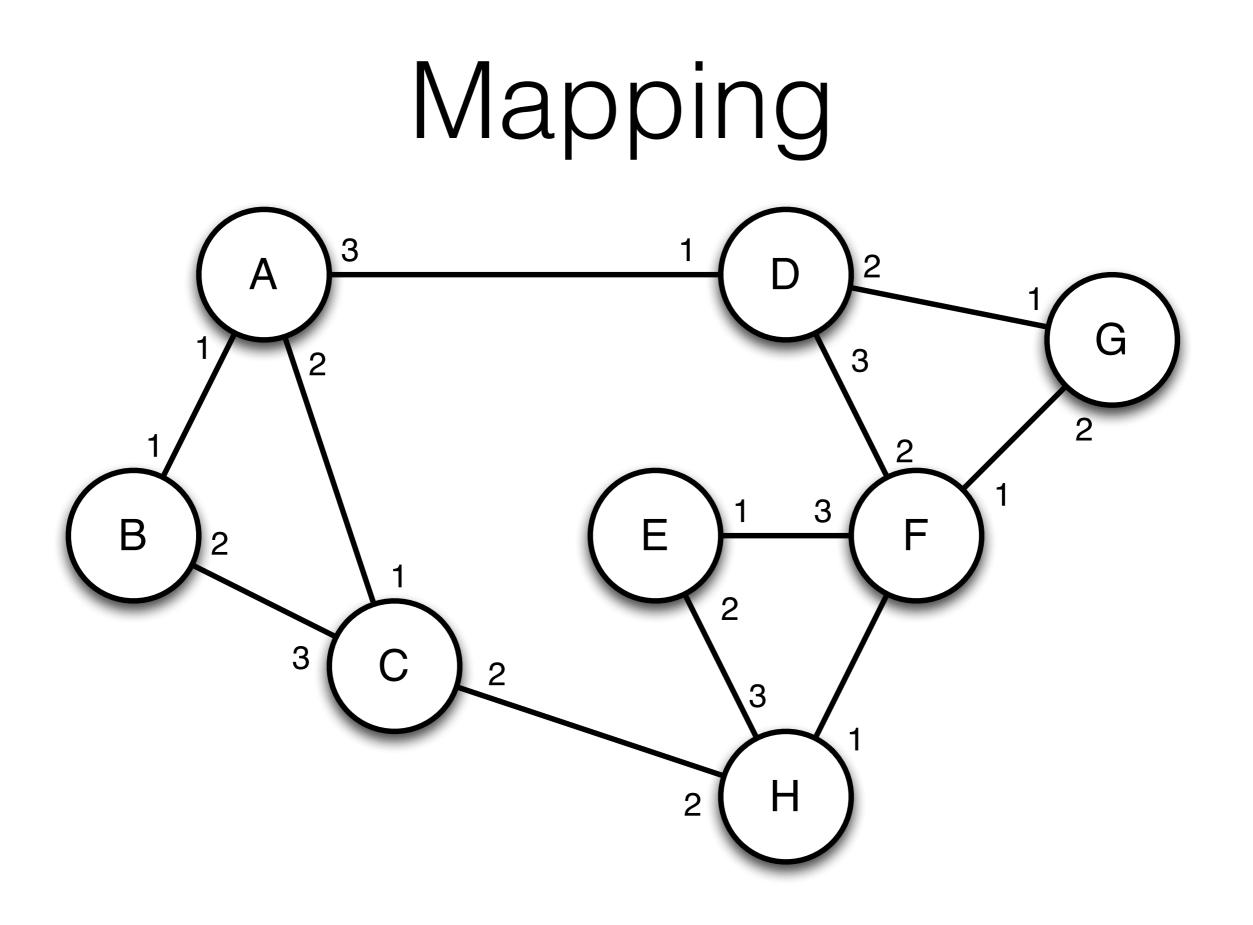


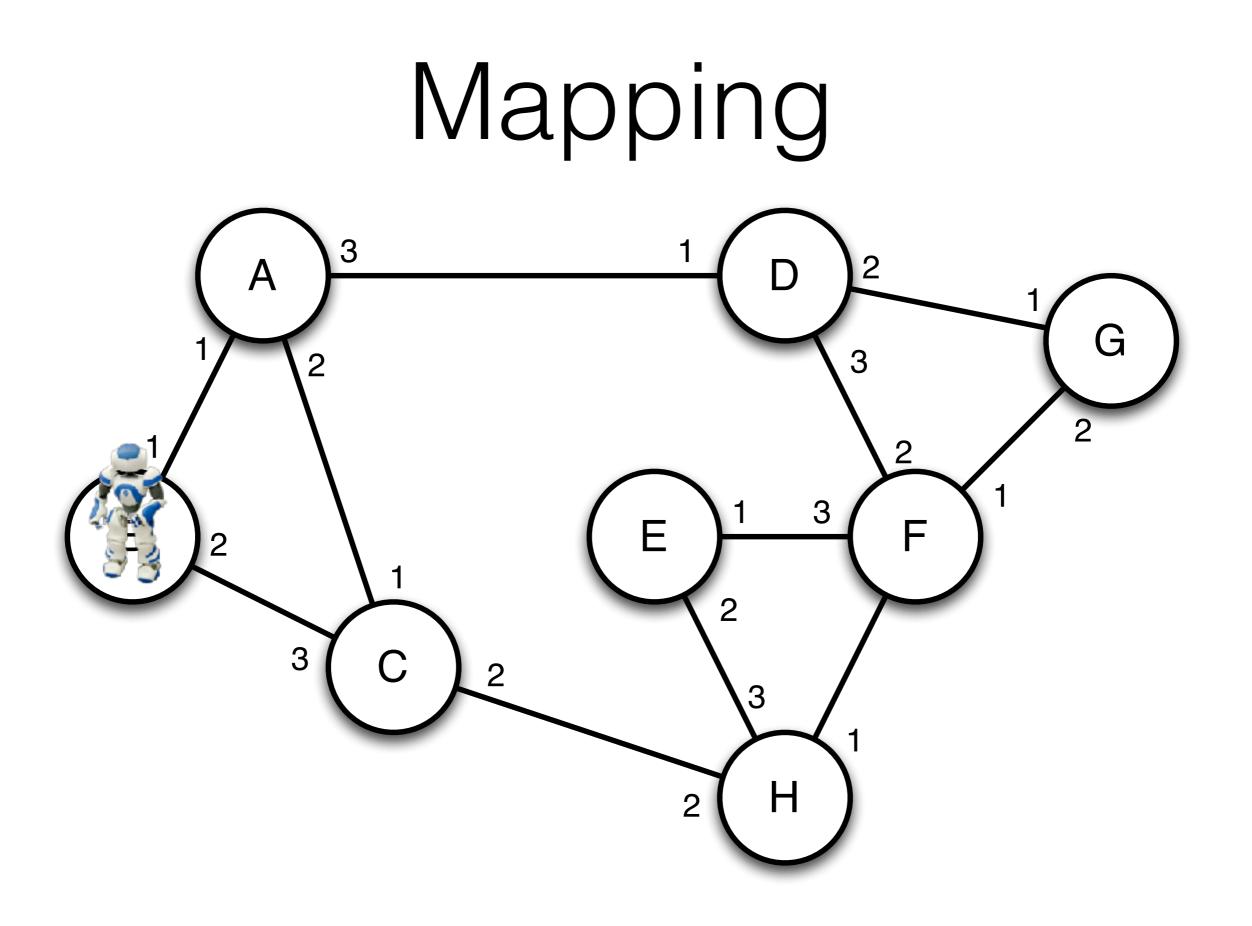
Problems to Solve

- **Exploration** (perpetual or with stop)
- · Mapping
- · Rendez-vous
- Black hole search
- Capturing an intruder

Models

- Network (anonymous vs. ID based)
- Agents (anonymous vs. ID based)
- Synchrony
- Initial (structural) knowledge
- Communications (none, peebles, whiteboards)
- Agent **memory** (infinite, bounded, constant)

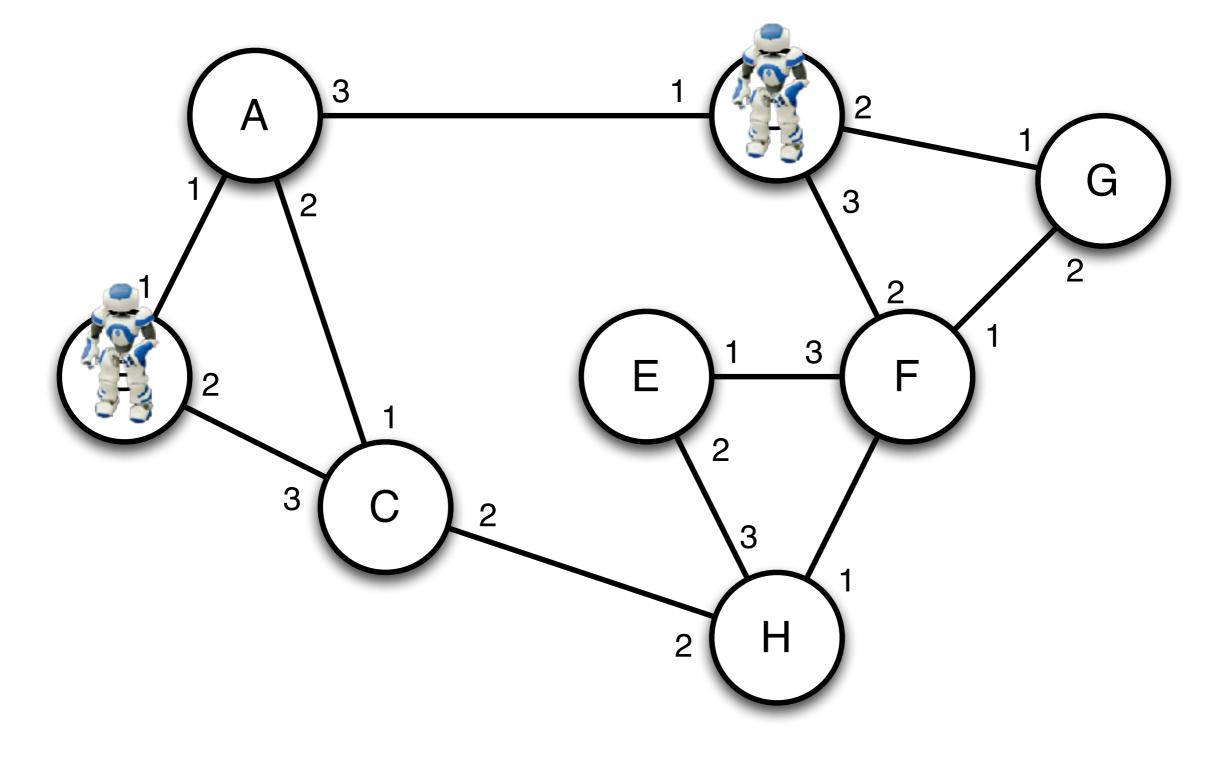


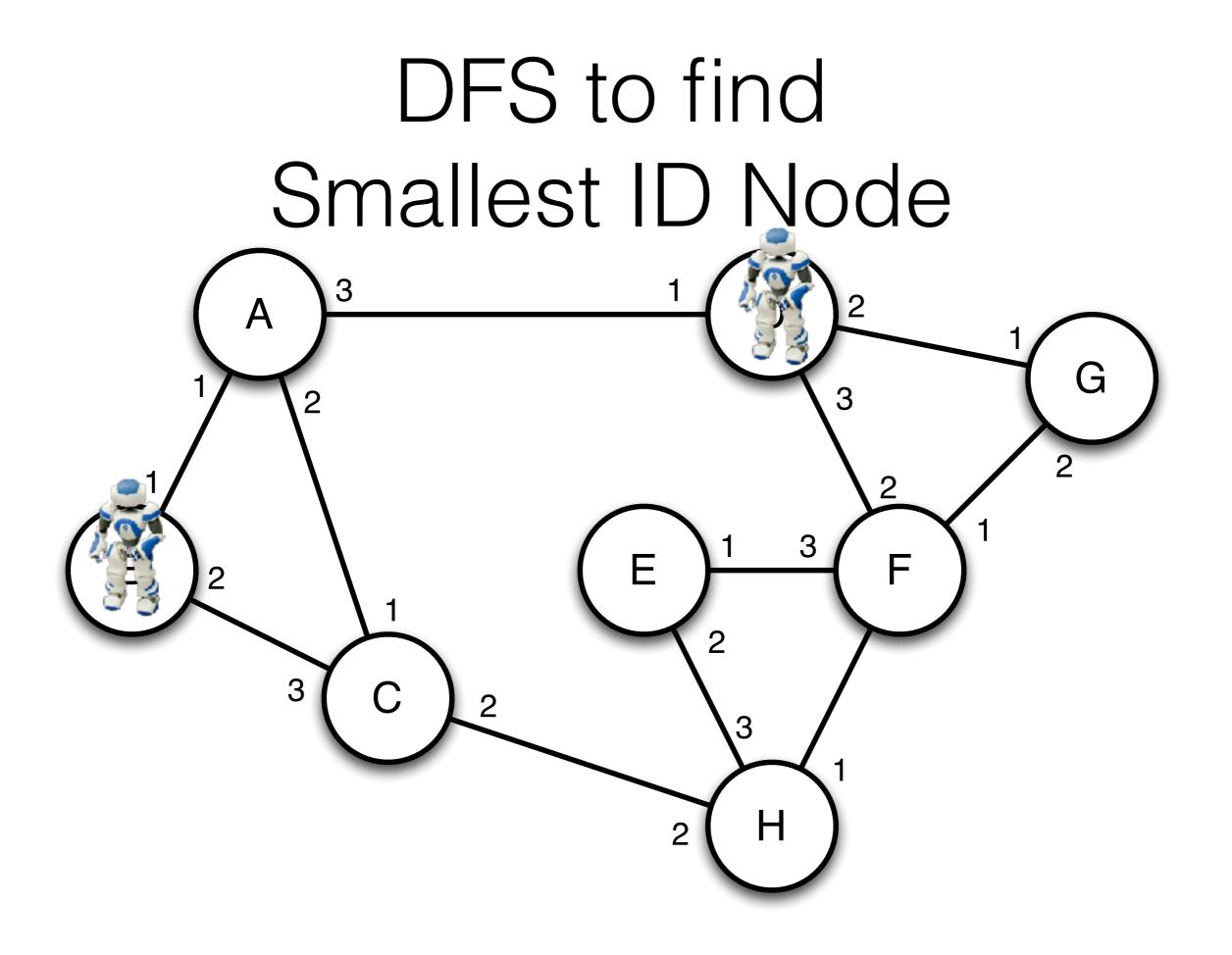


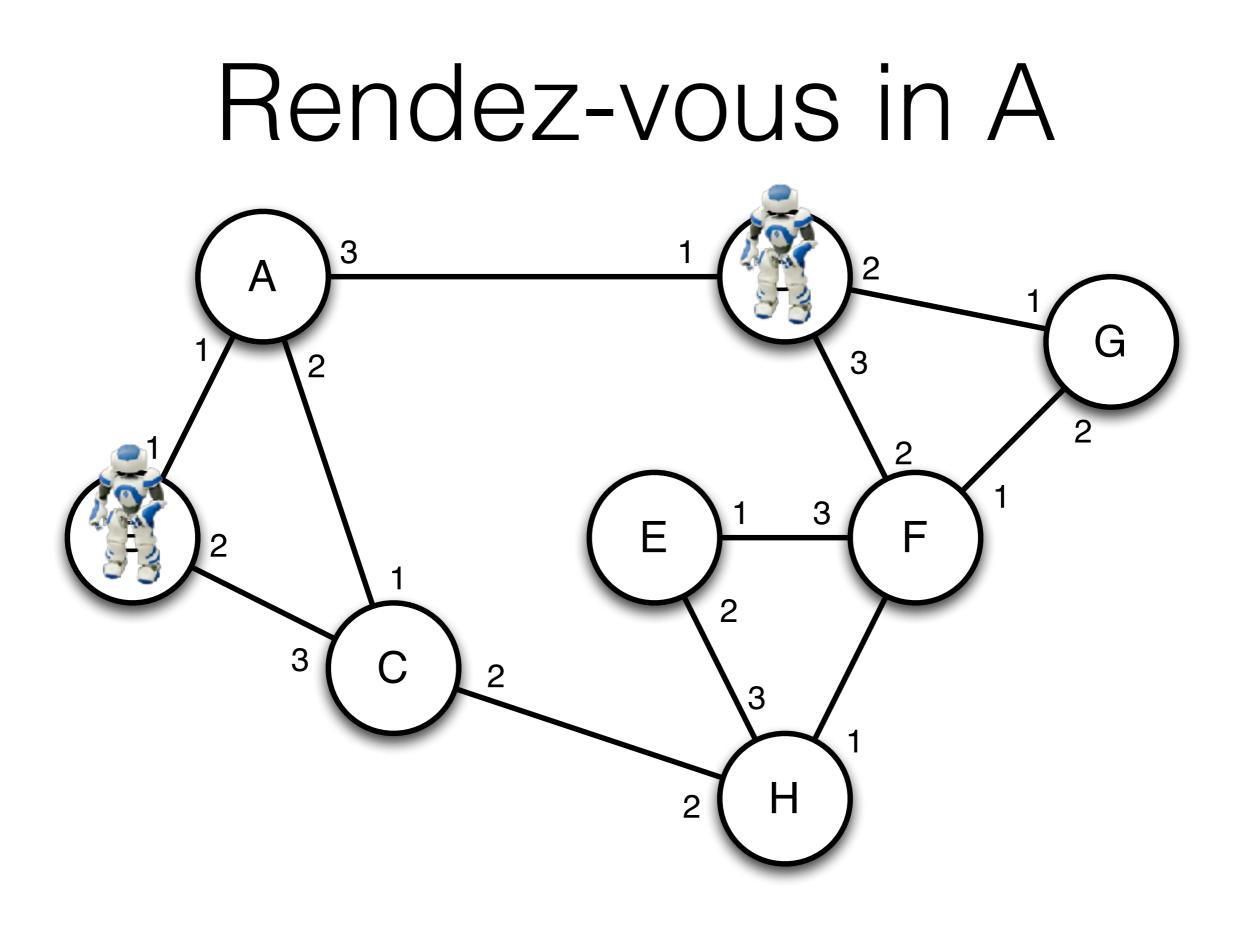
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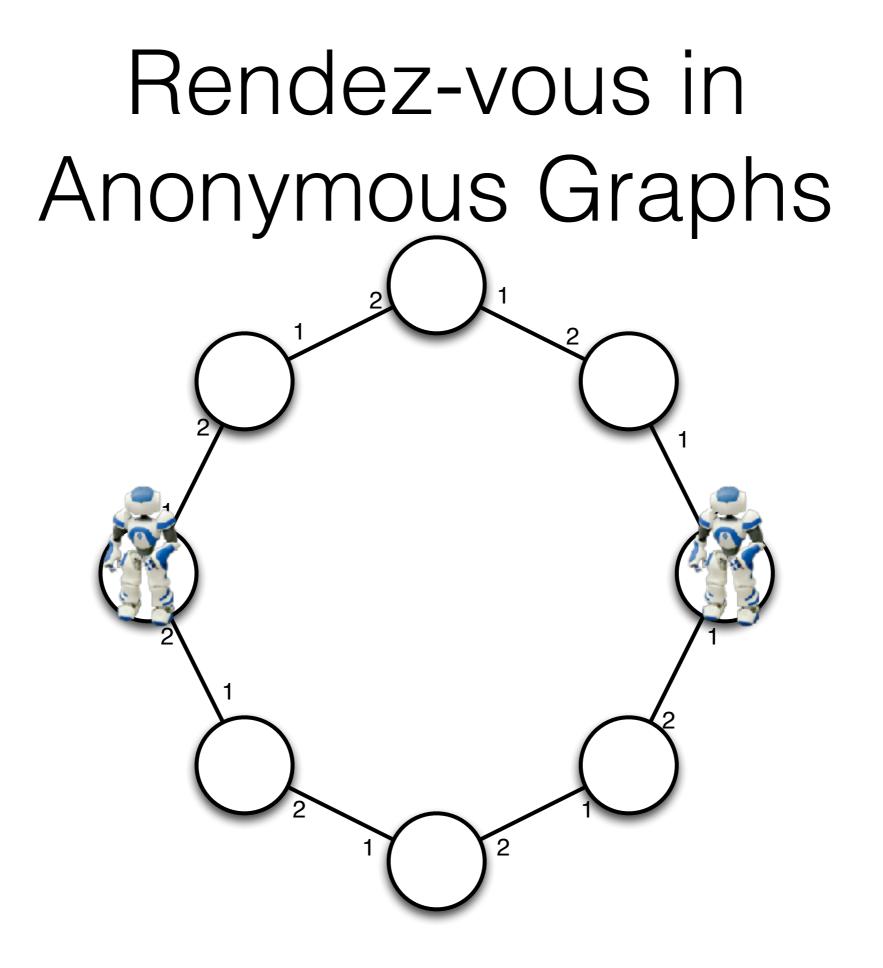
- Two (or more) mobile agents must meet in a graph
- They start on **distinct** locations
- Computability?
- Complexity?

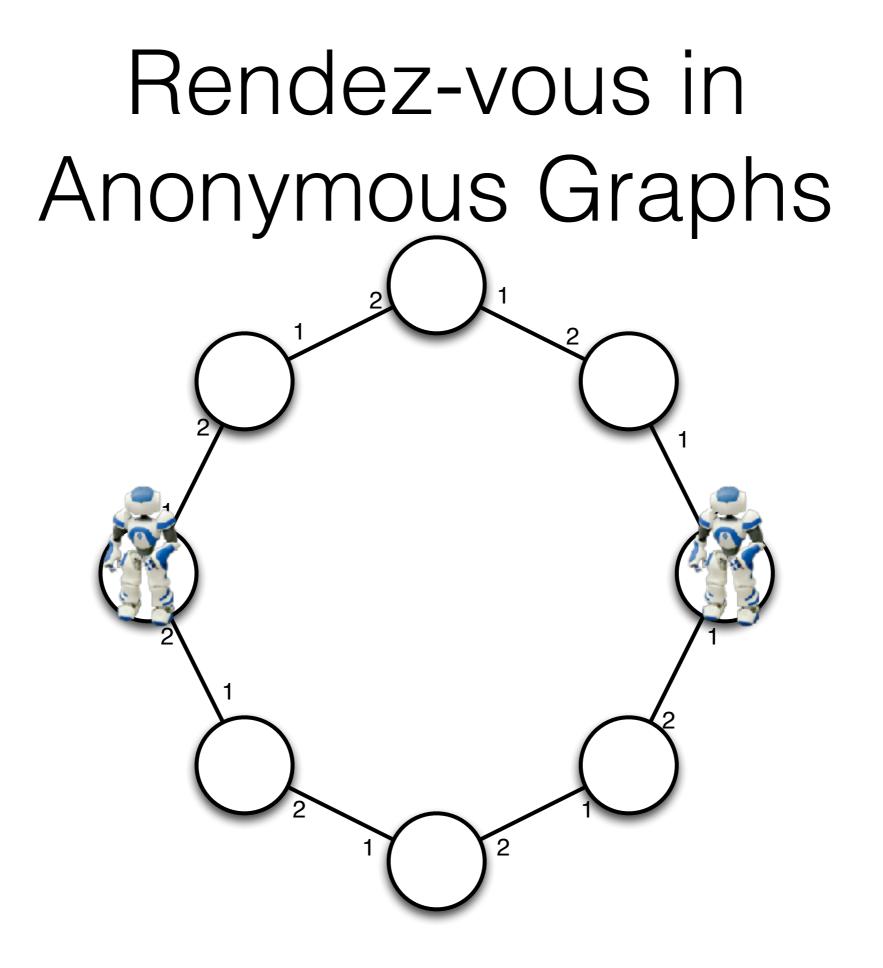
Rendez-vous in ID Graphs

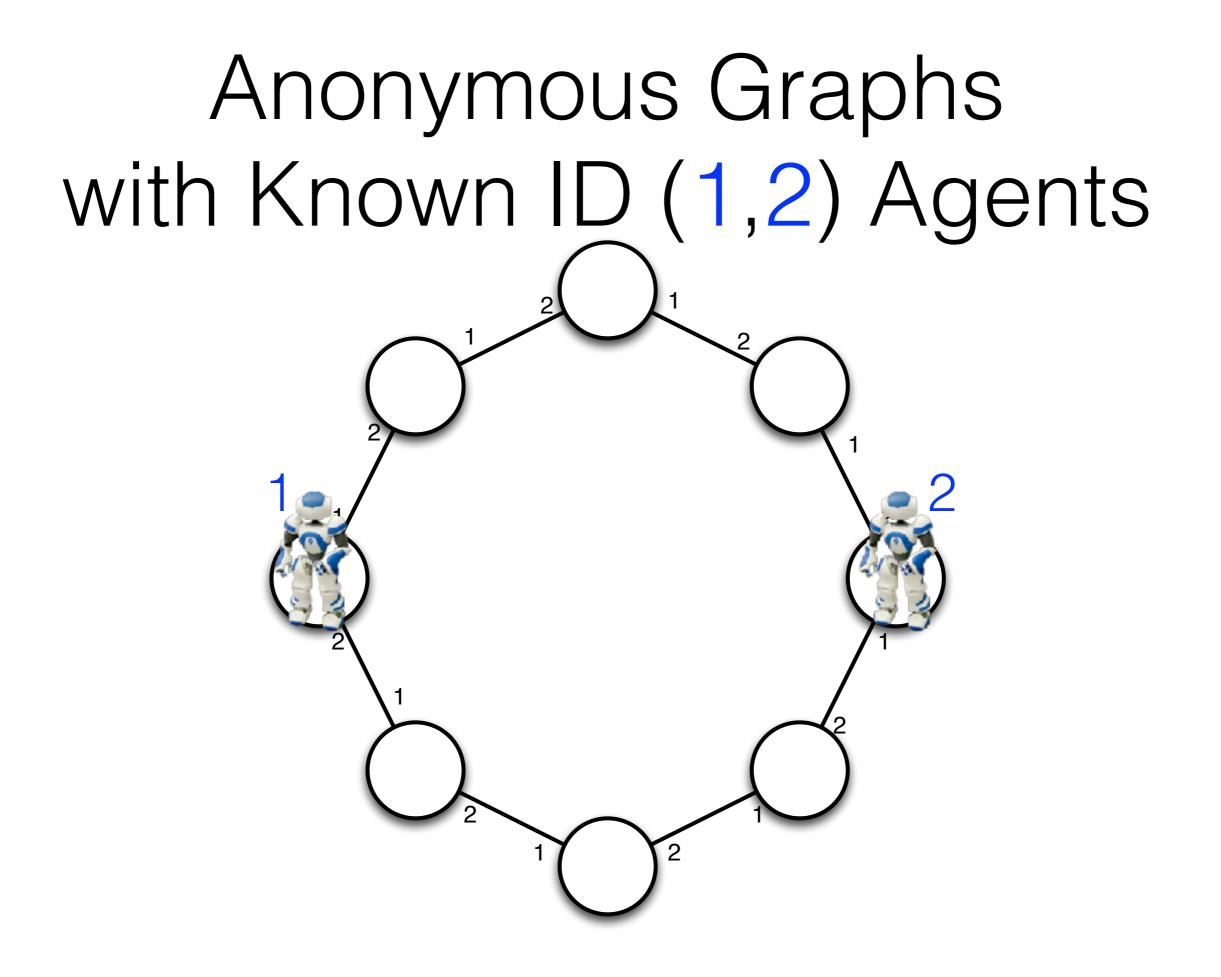


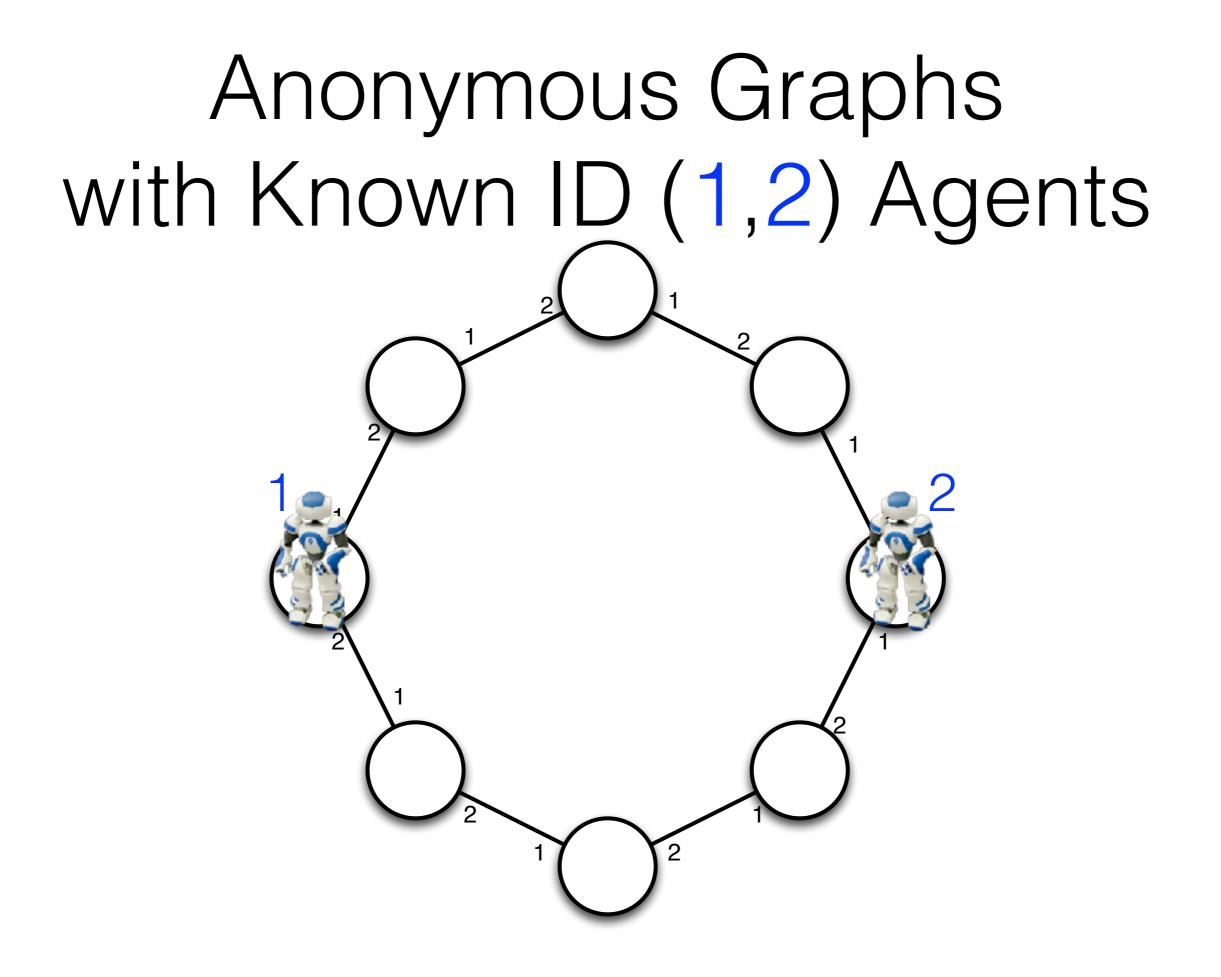


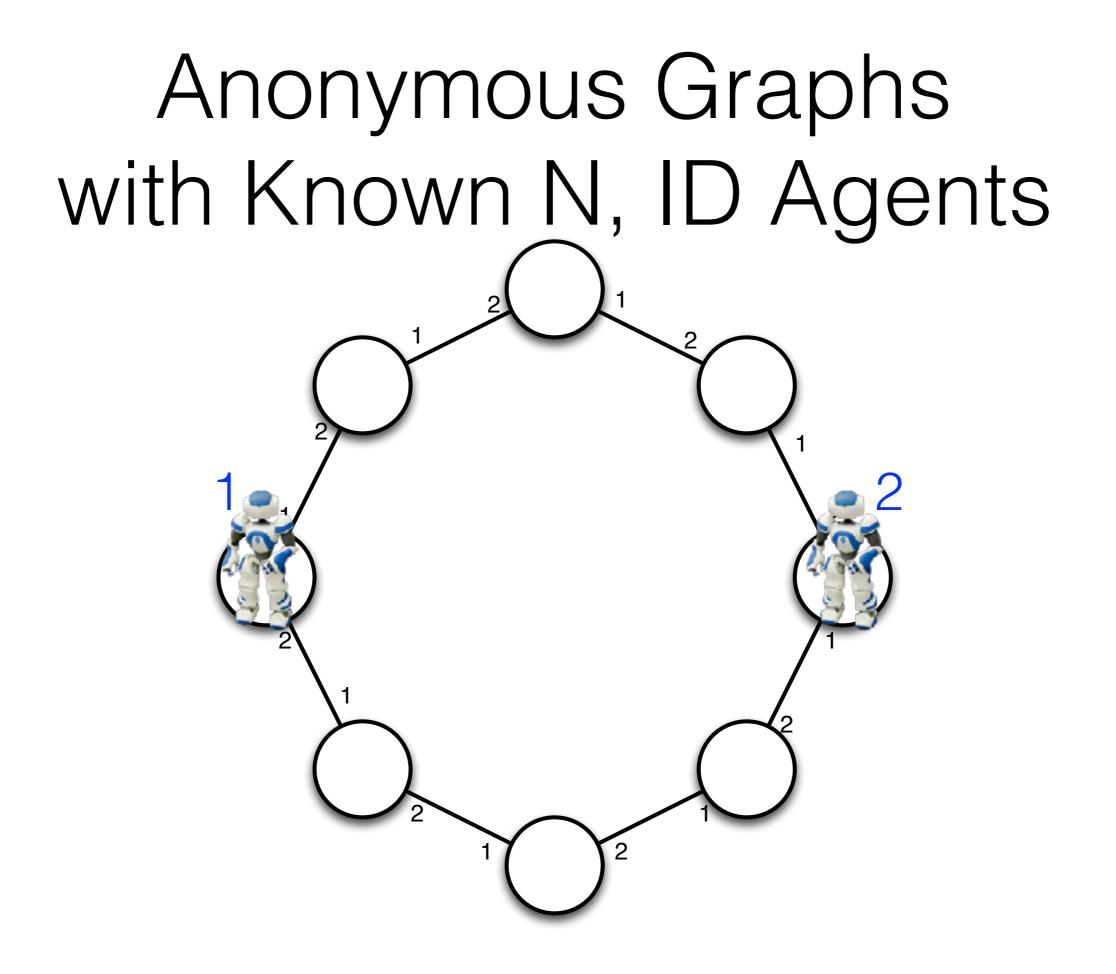


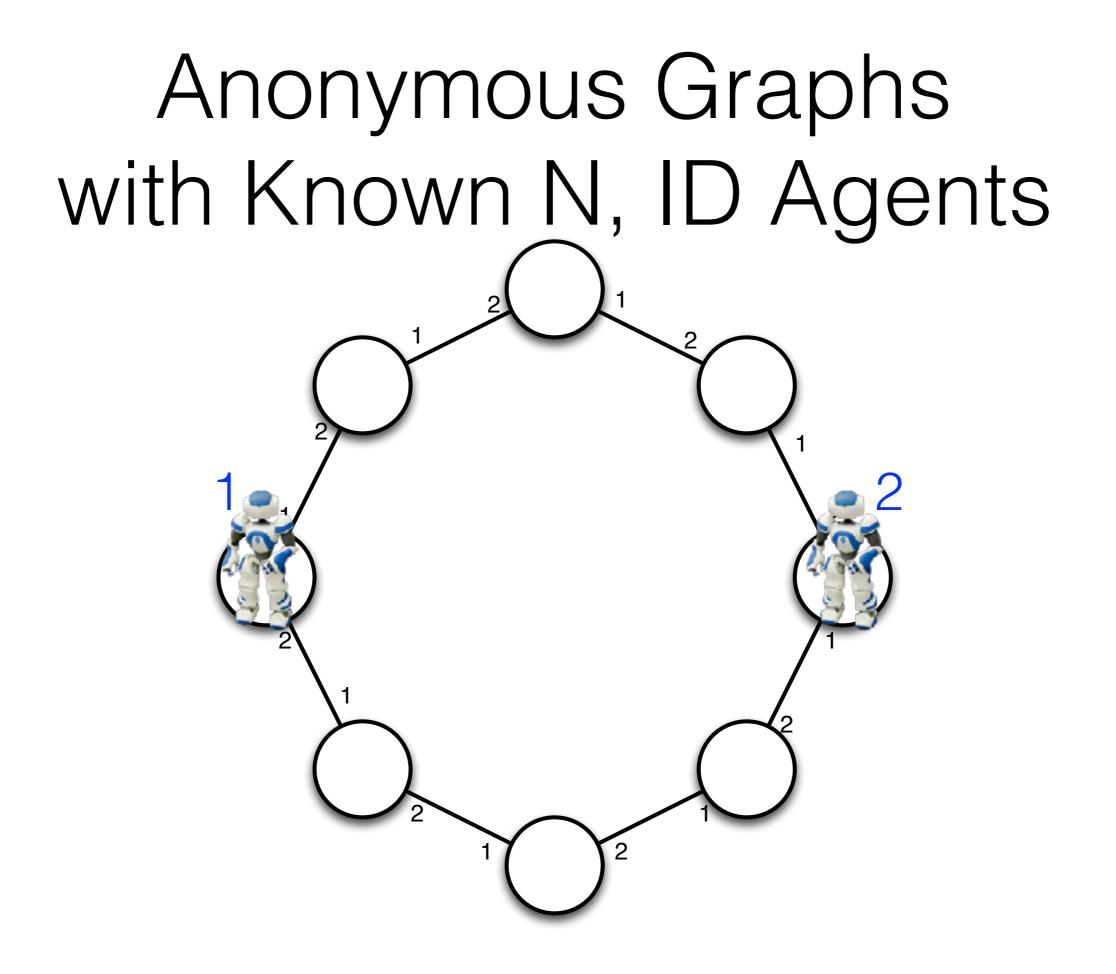


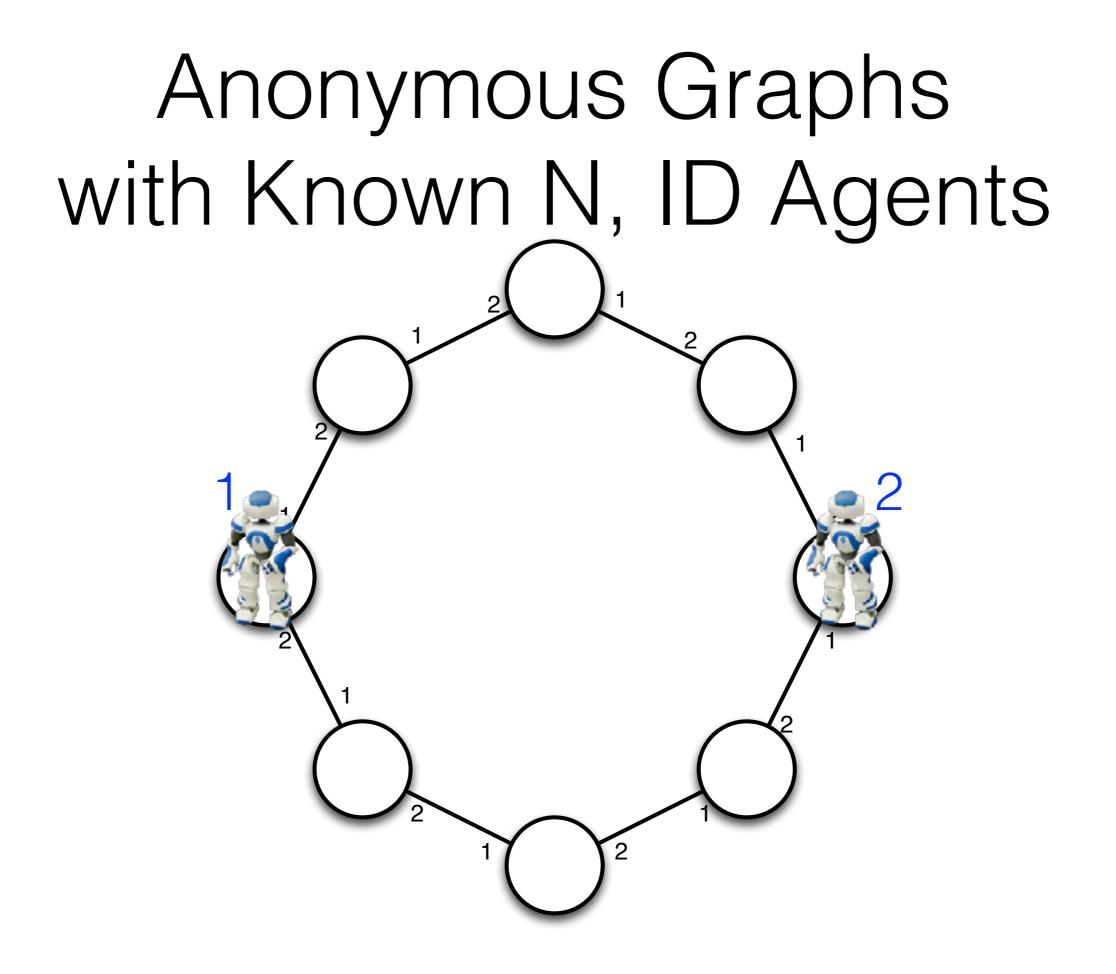


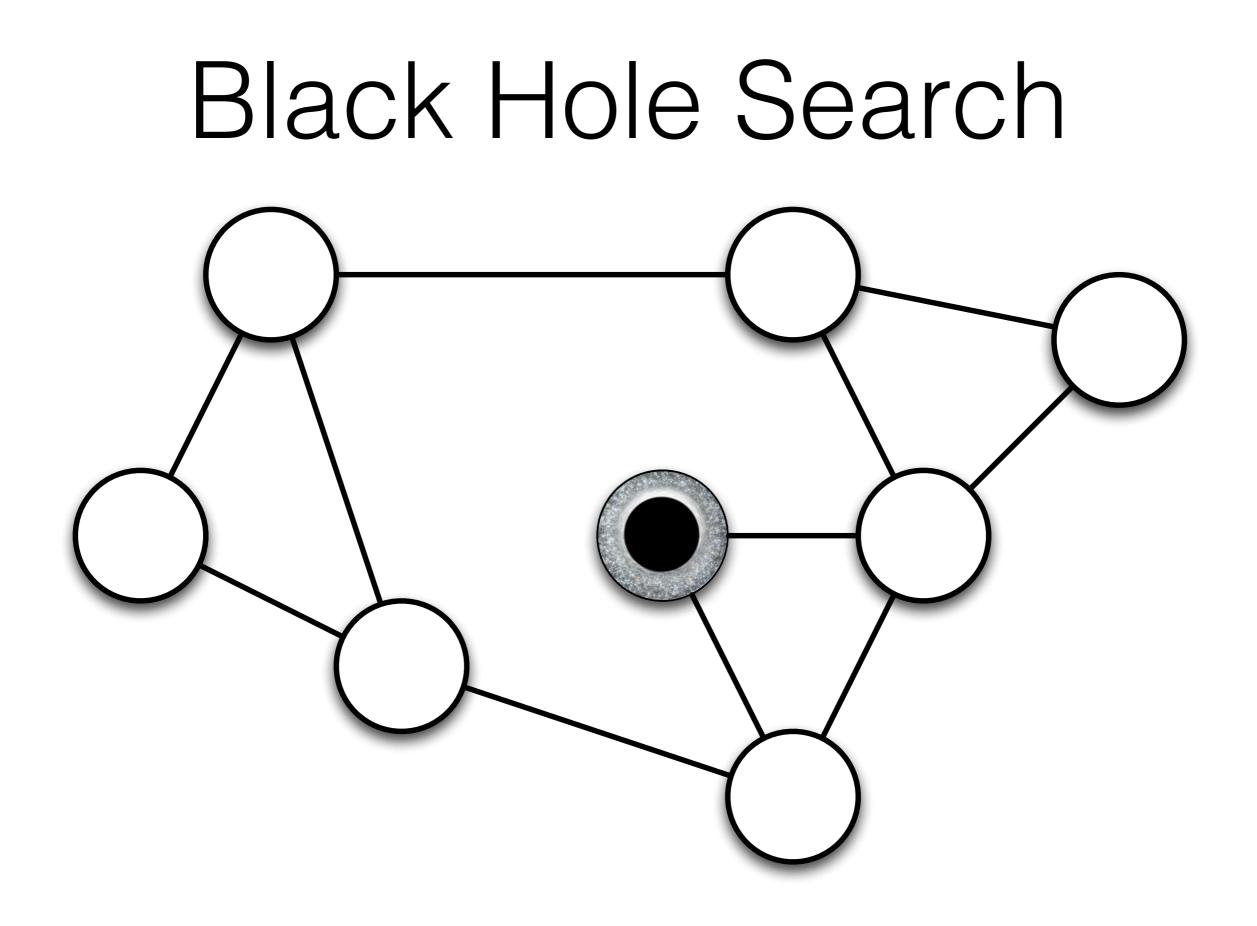


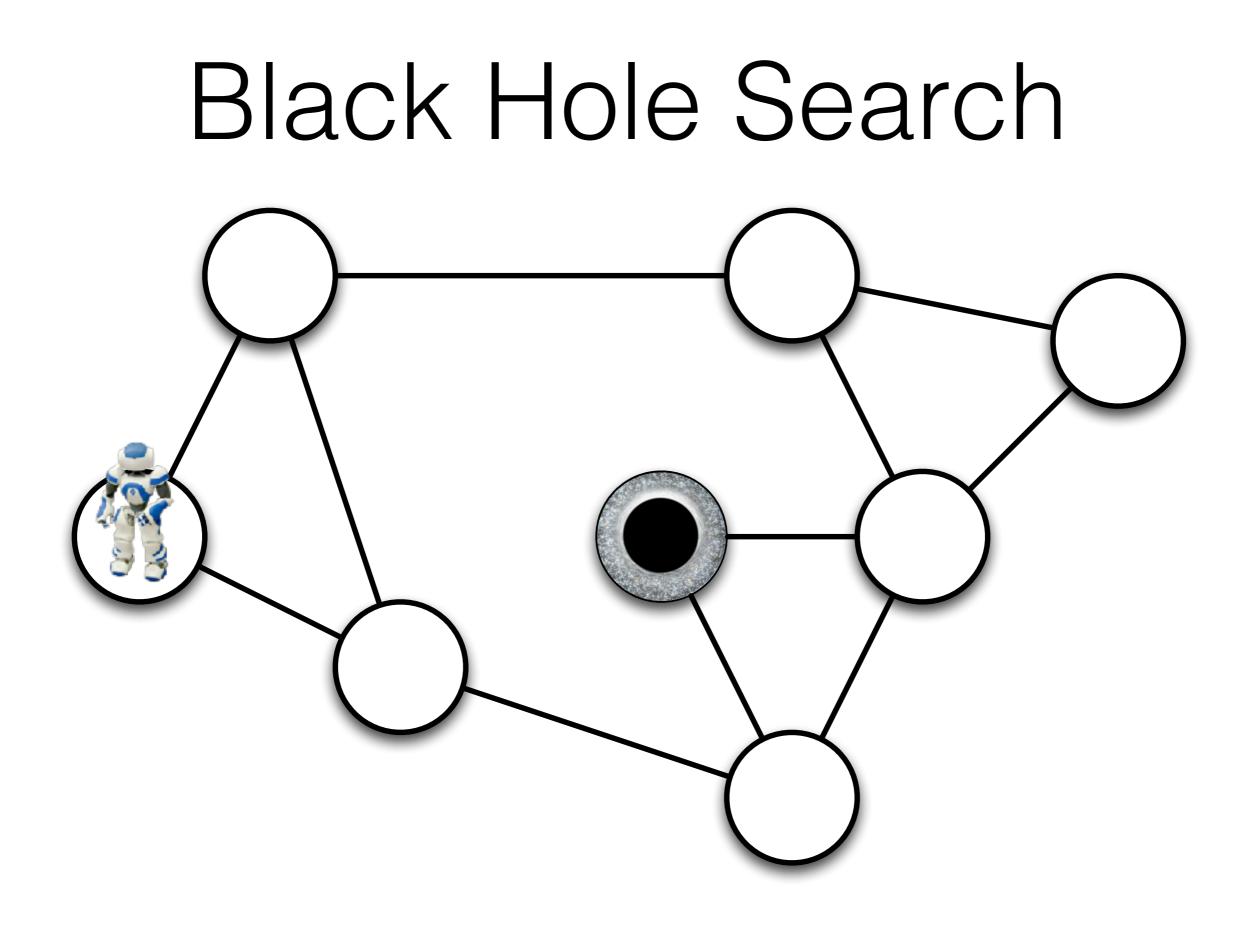








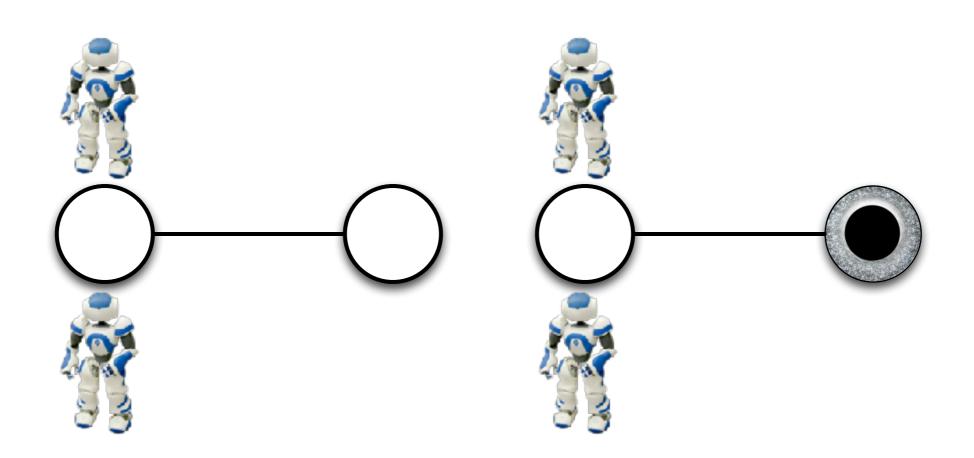




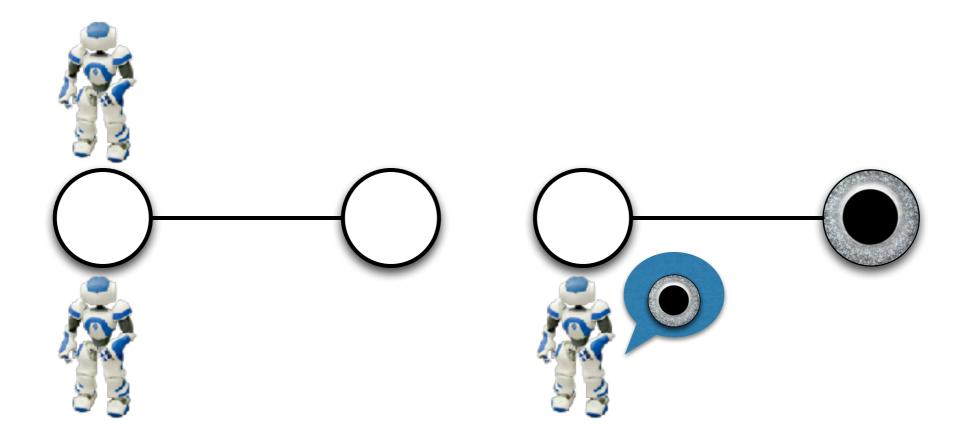
Black Hole Search

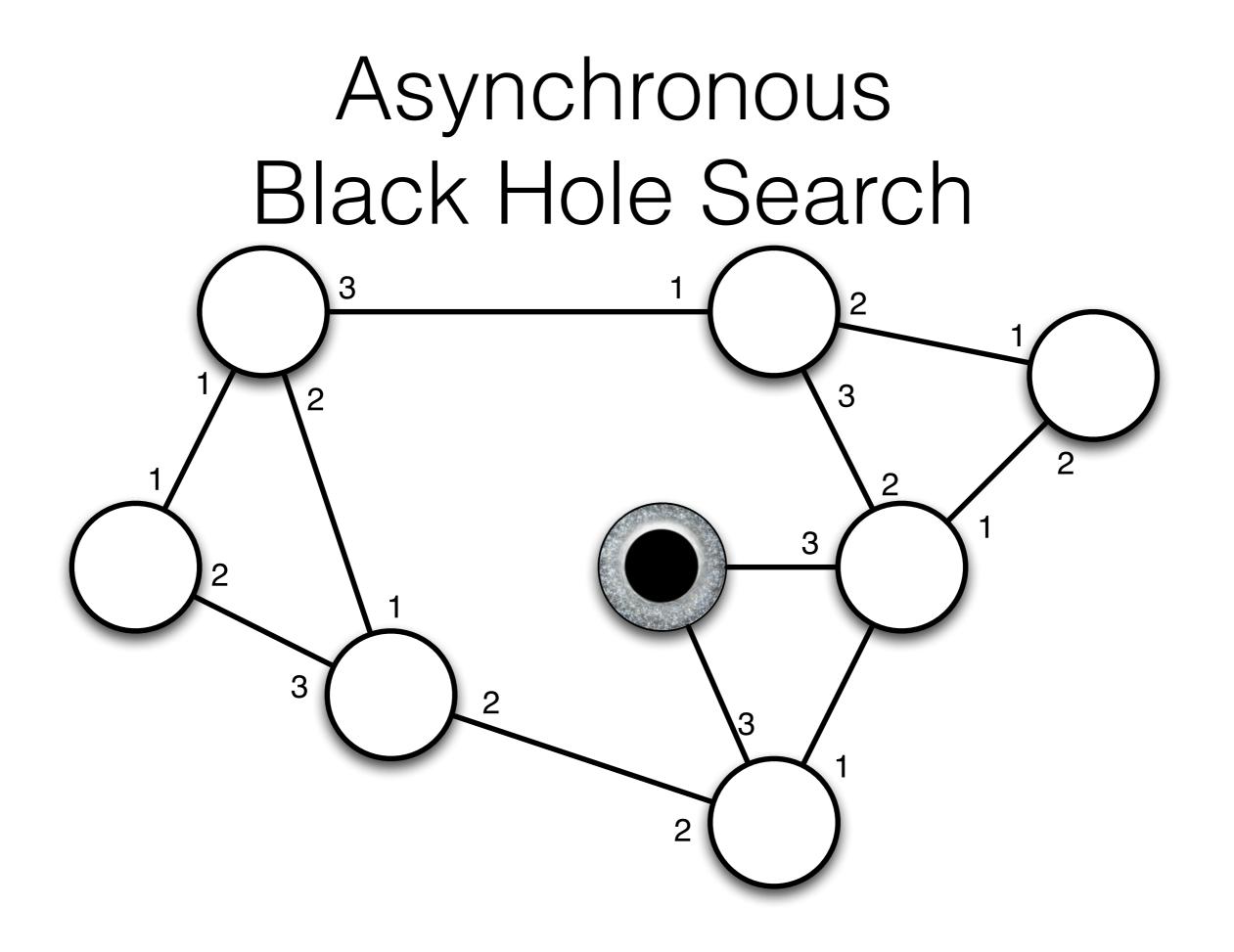
- A **single** black hole in the graph
- The black hole does not disconnect the graph
- Identify each **adjacent edge**
- Minimize #agents, #moves

Synchronous Agents

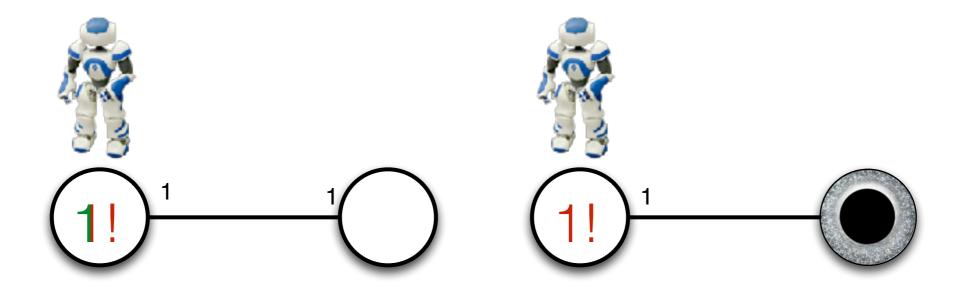


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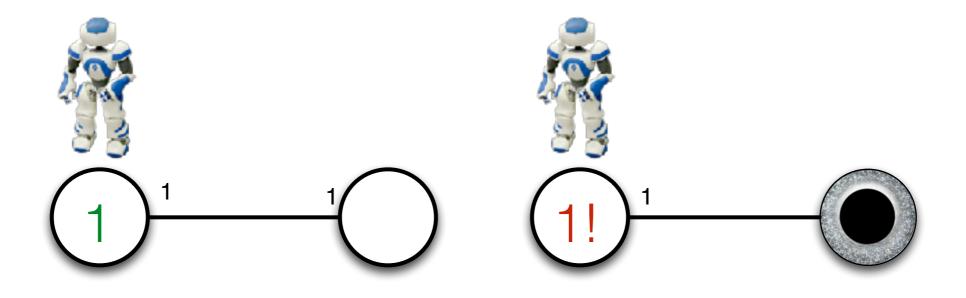


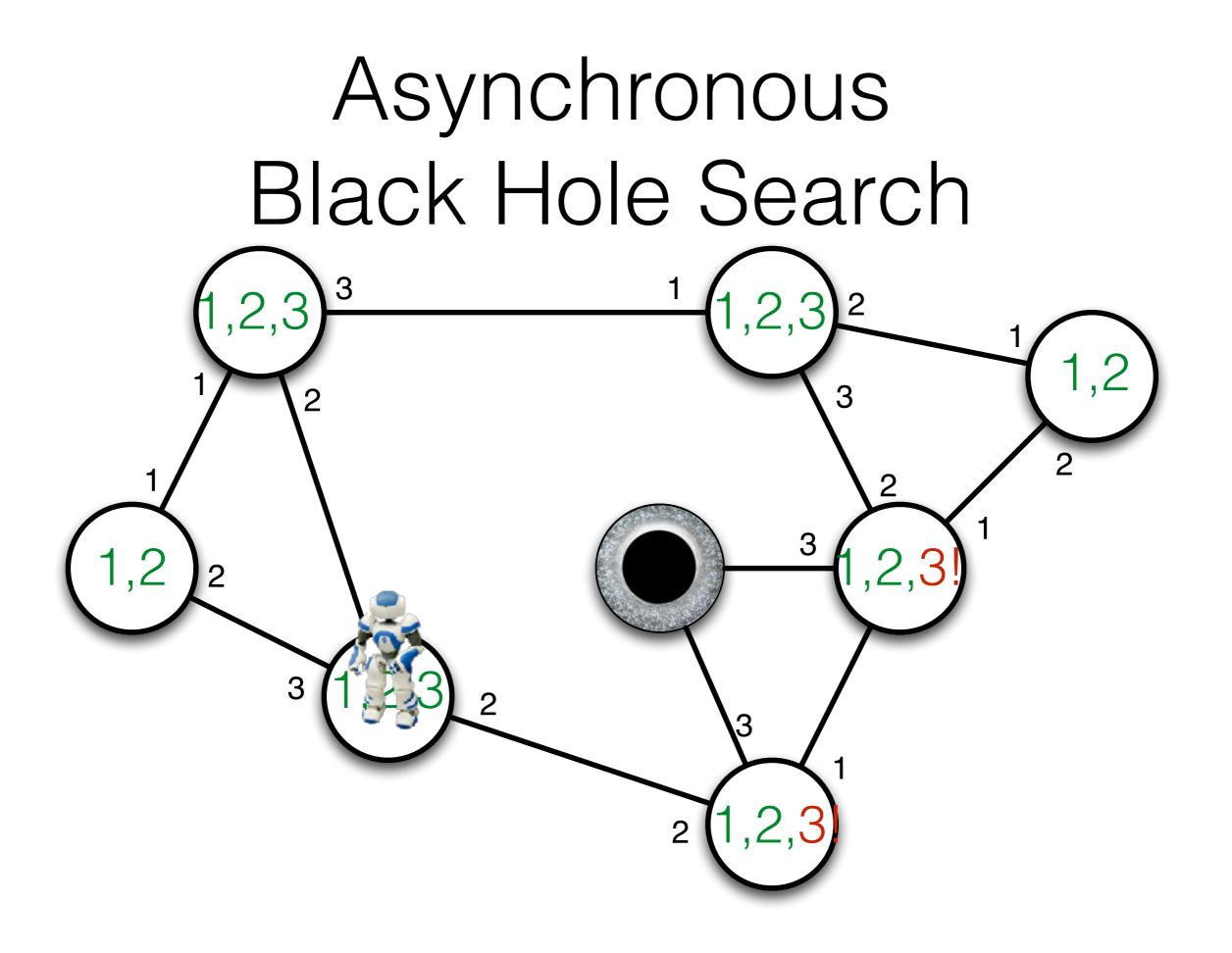


Asynchronous Black Hole Search

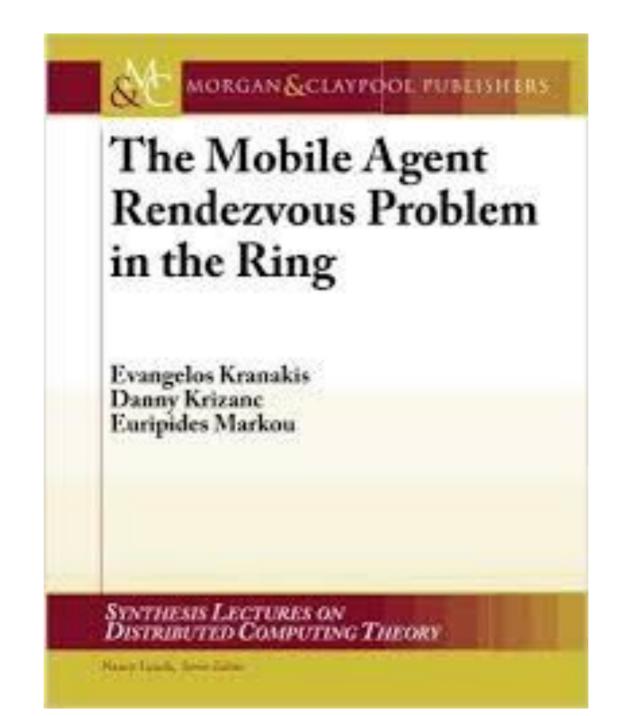


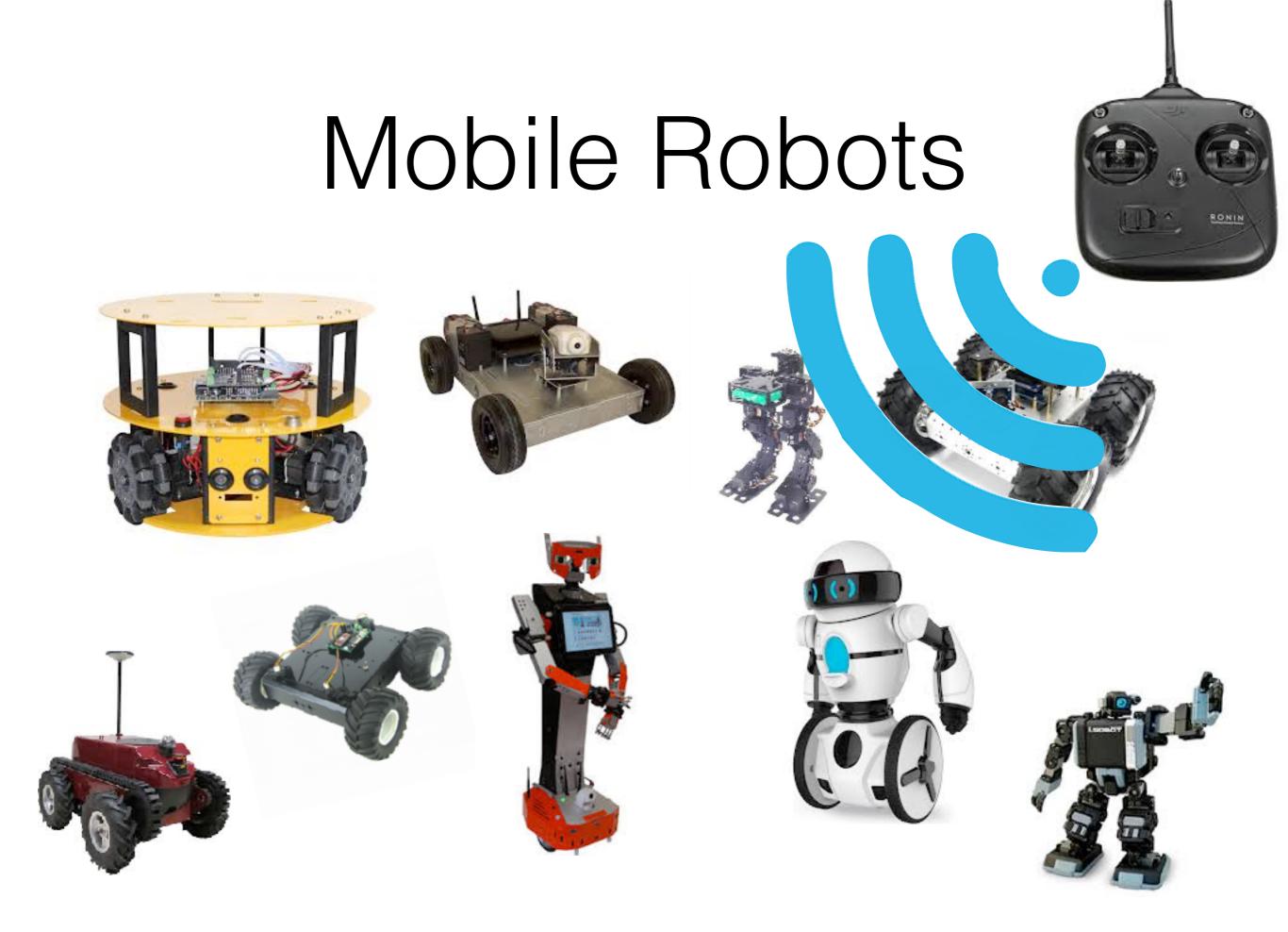
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Mobile Agents

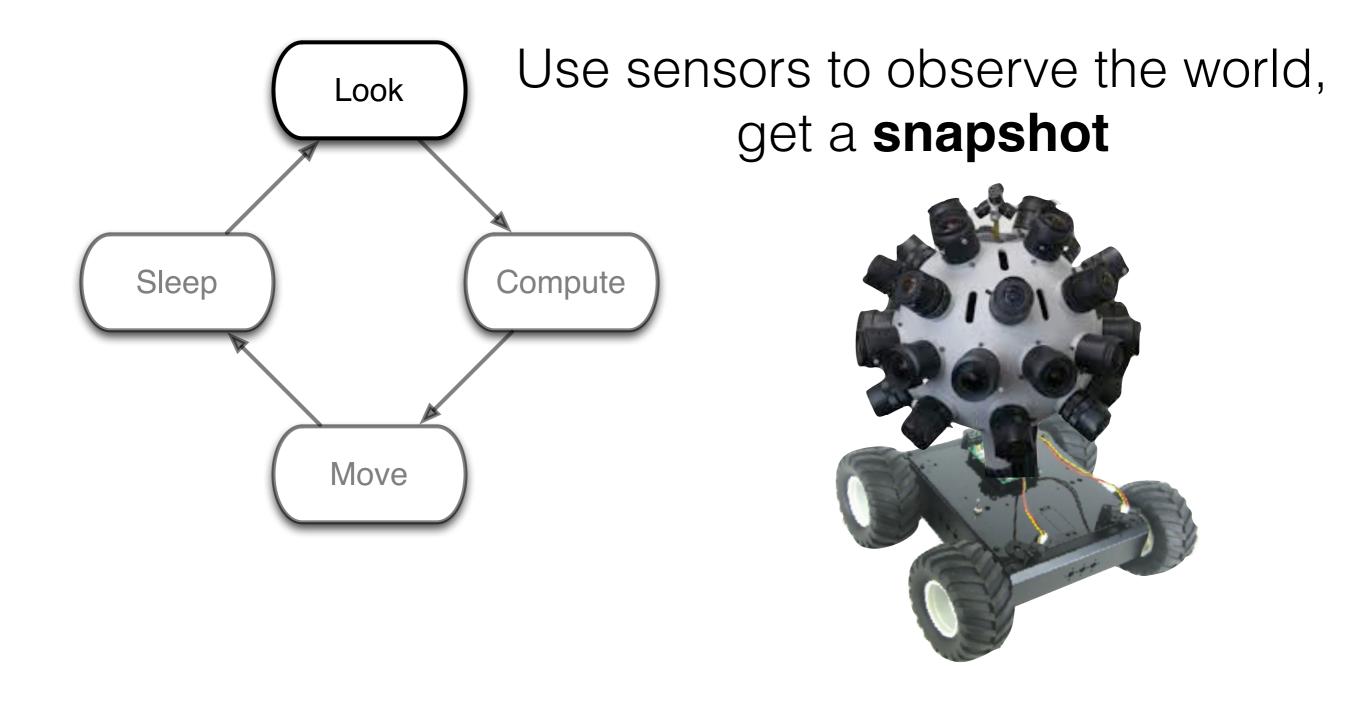


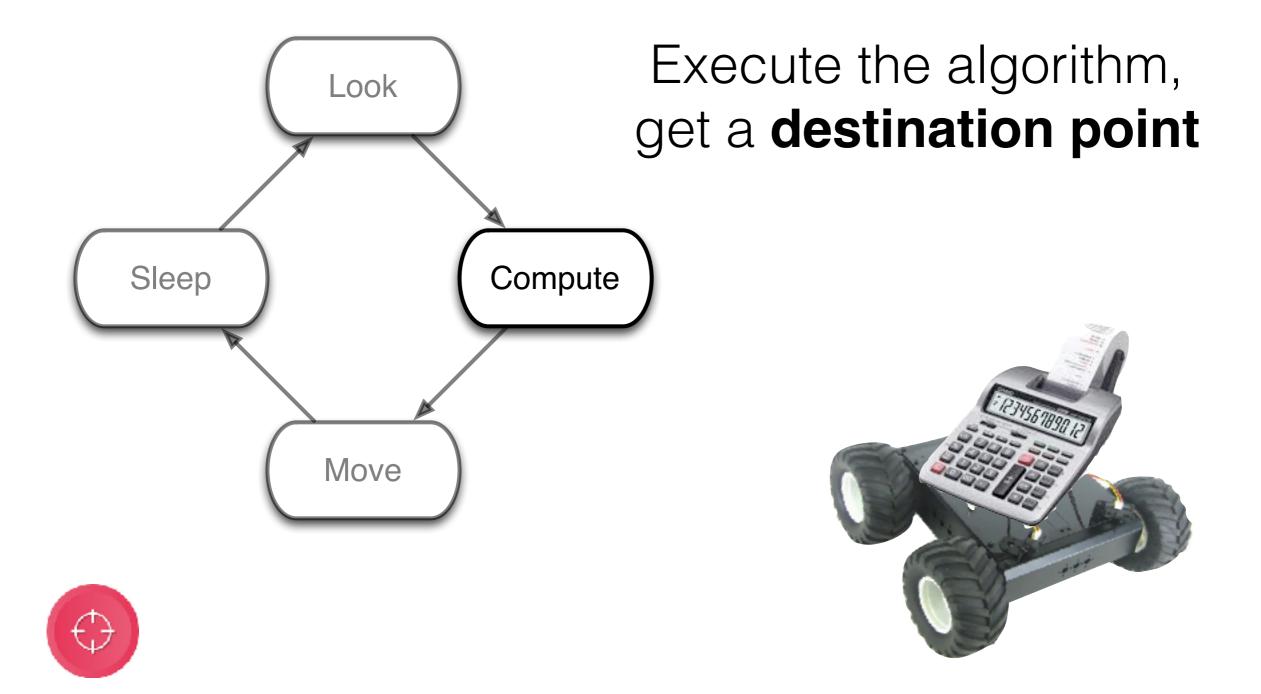


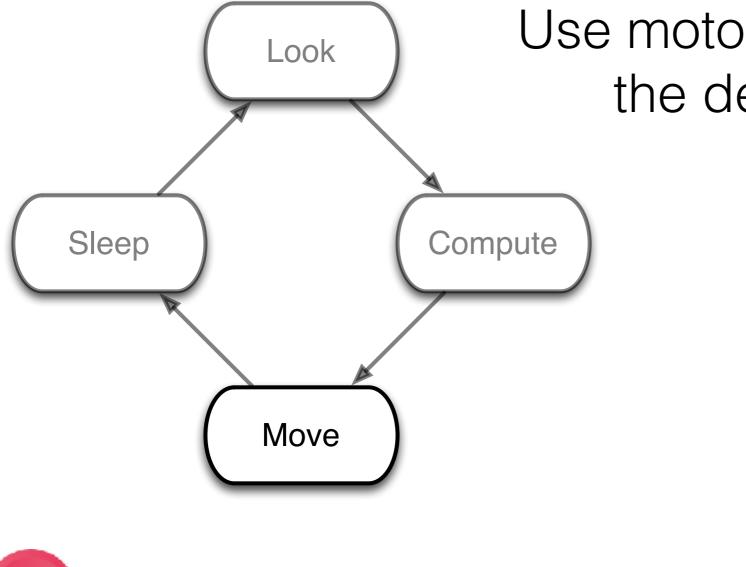




- Autonomous (no central control)
- Homogeneous (run same algorithm)
- **Identical** (indistinguishable)
- **Silent** (no explicit communication)



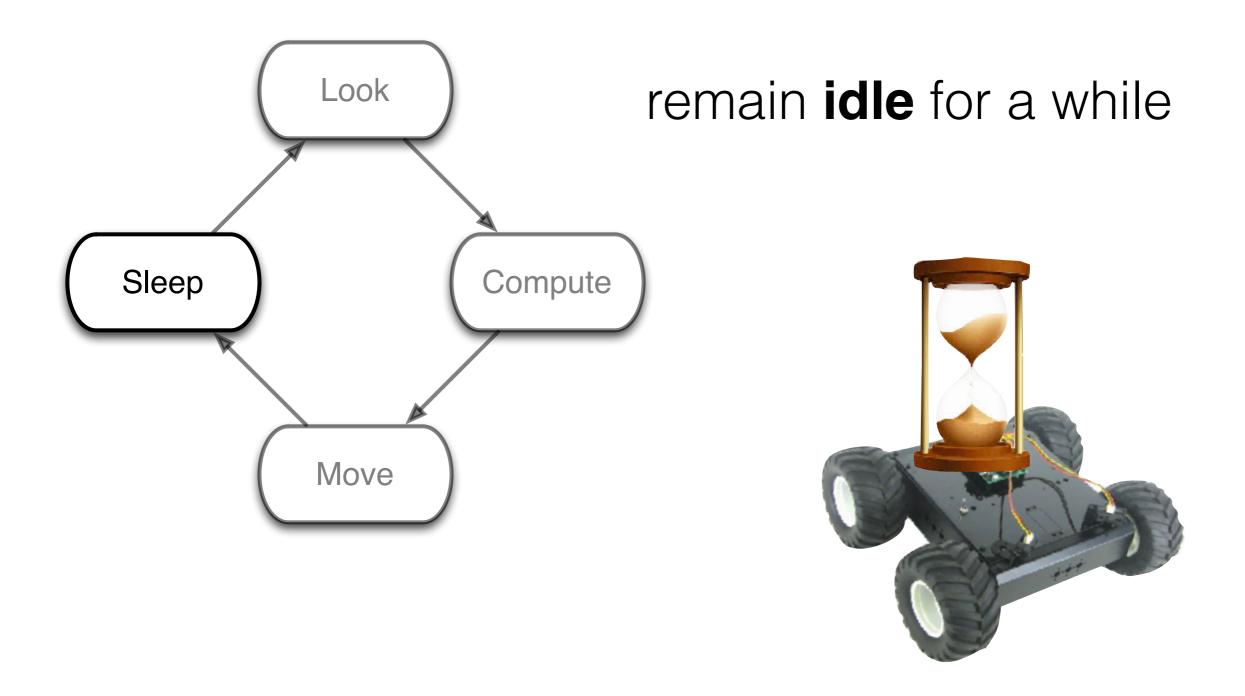




Use motors to **move toward** the destination point





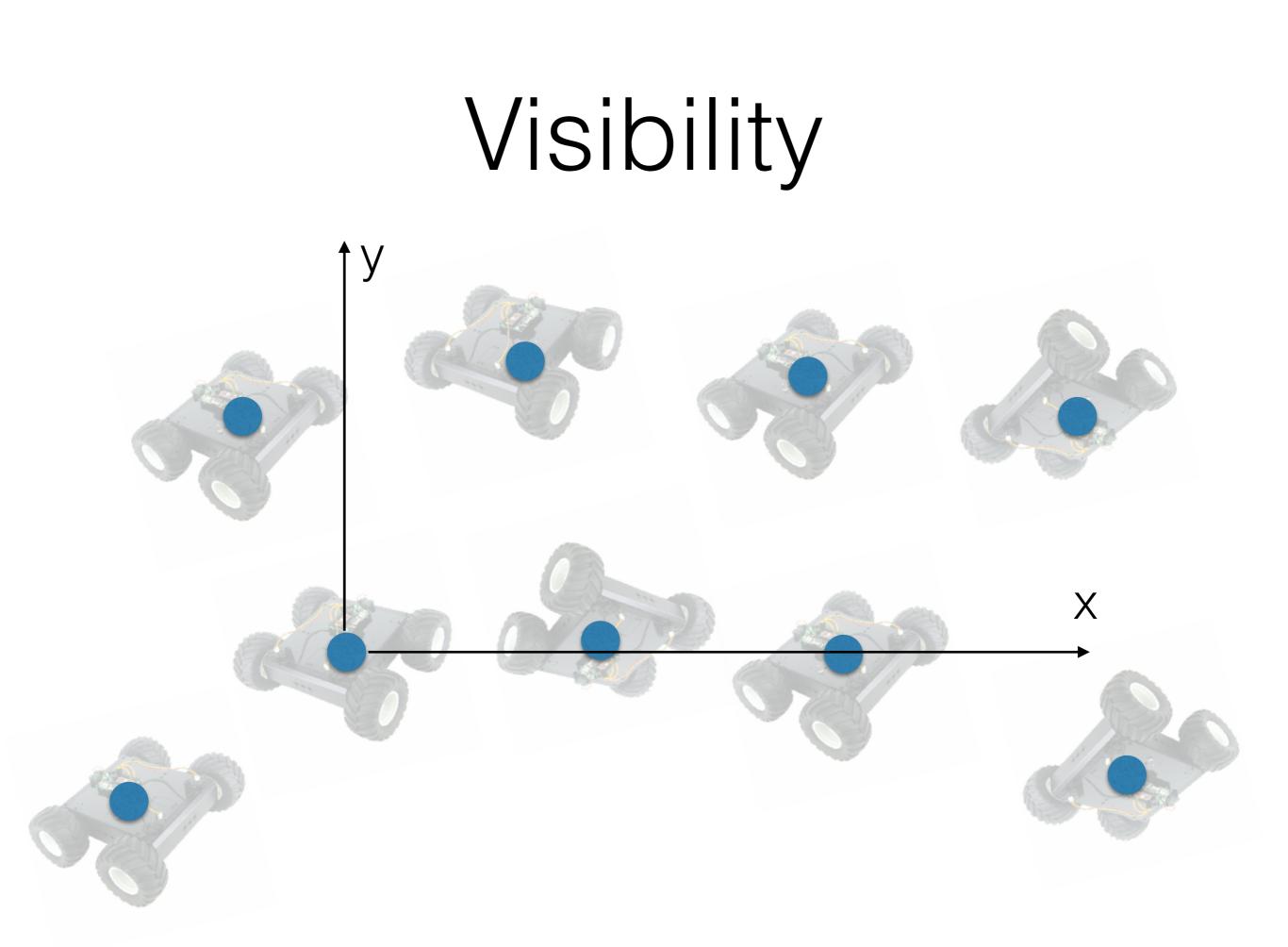


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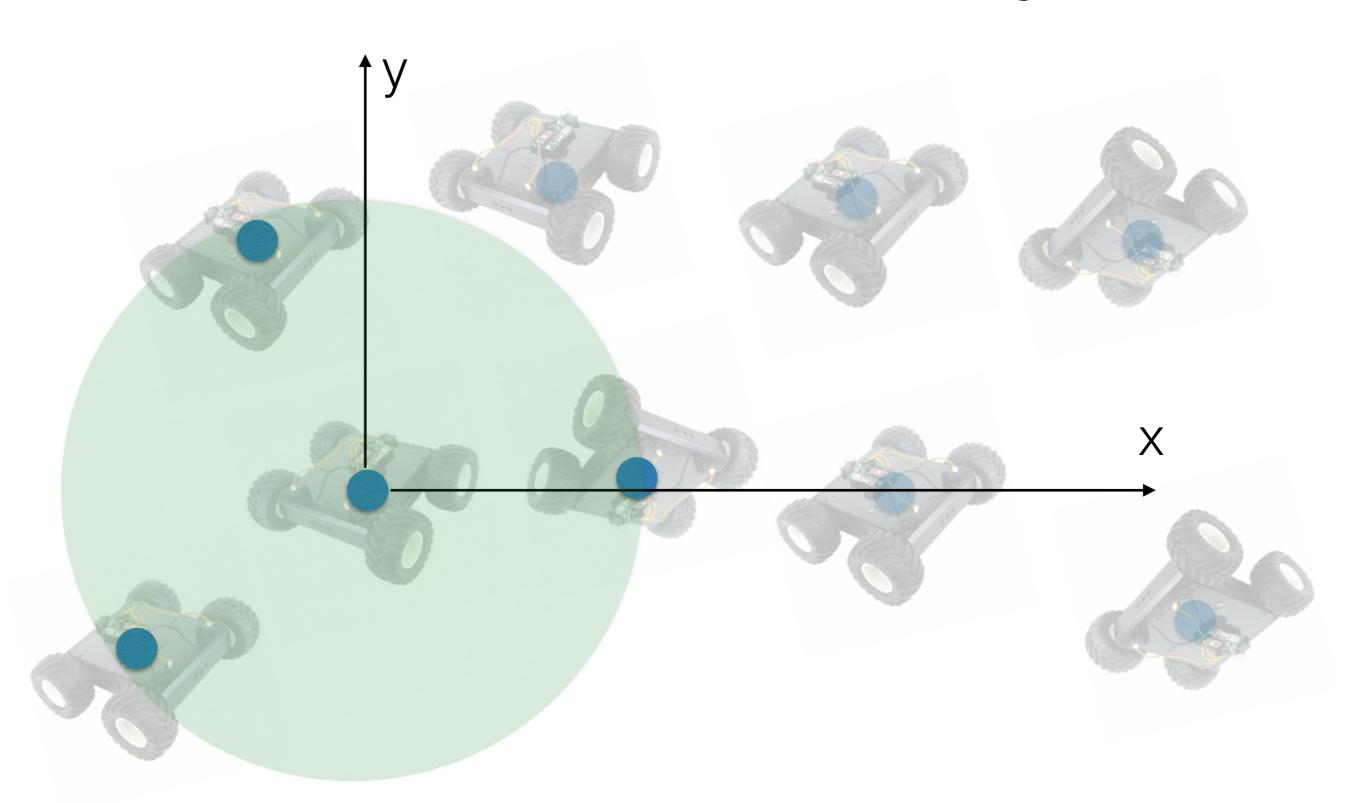


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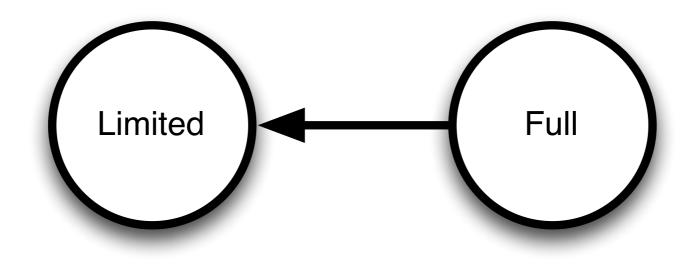




Limited Visibility



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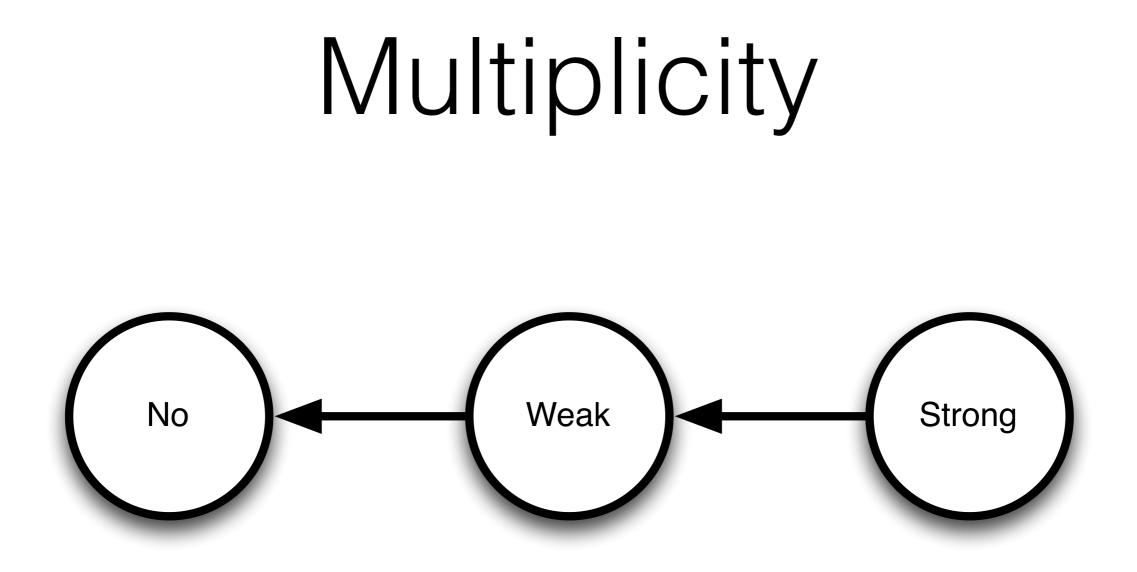


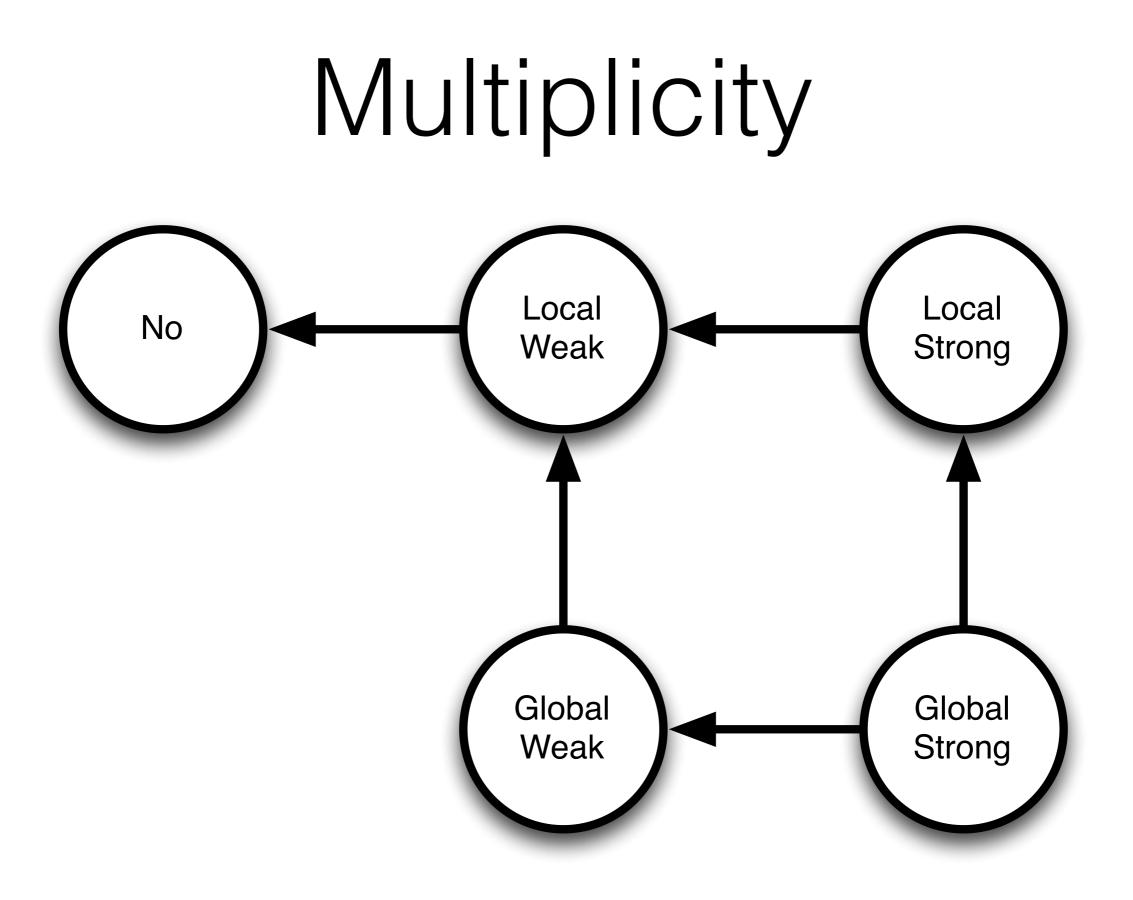
Multiplicity Detection

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How many robots do you see?

- No detection
- Weak multiplicity detection
- Strong multiplicity detection





Memory





Persistent Memory

Volatile Memory

Oblivious Robot Memory

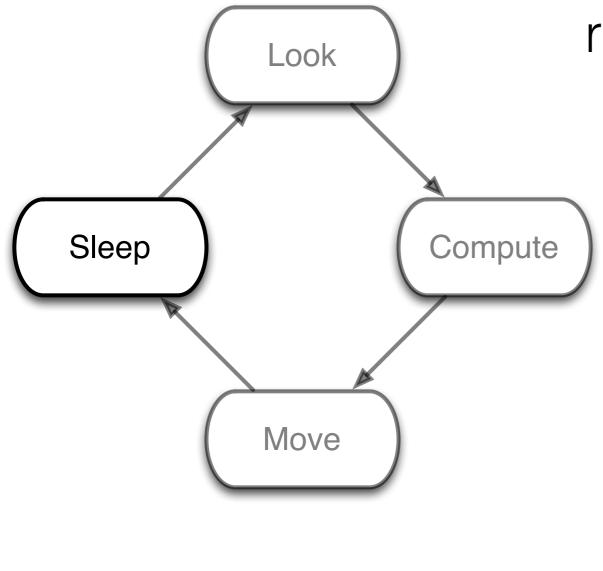
Algorithm





Volatile Memory

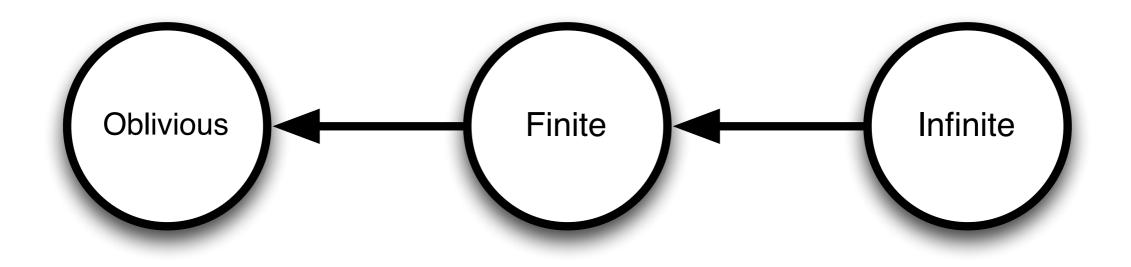
Oblivious Robot Life Cycle

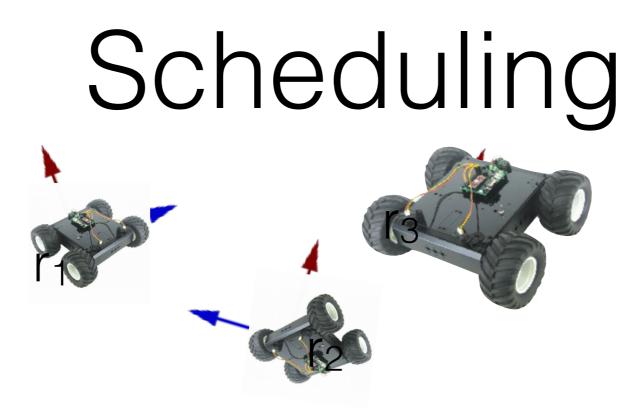


remain **idle** for a while, forget about the past



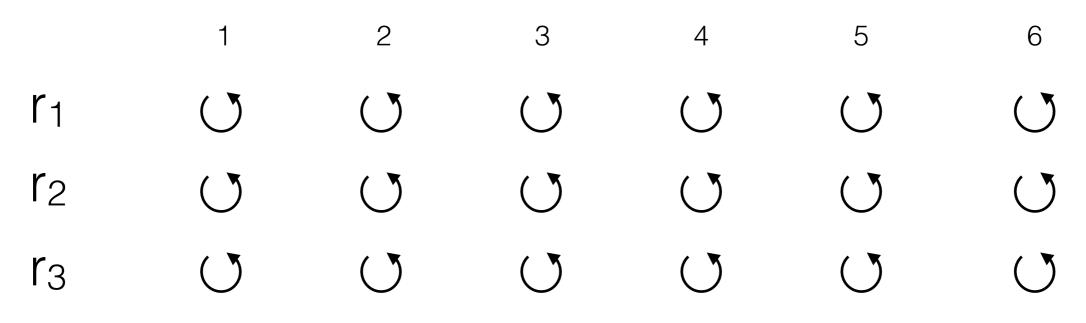
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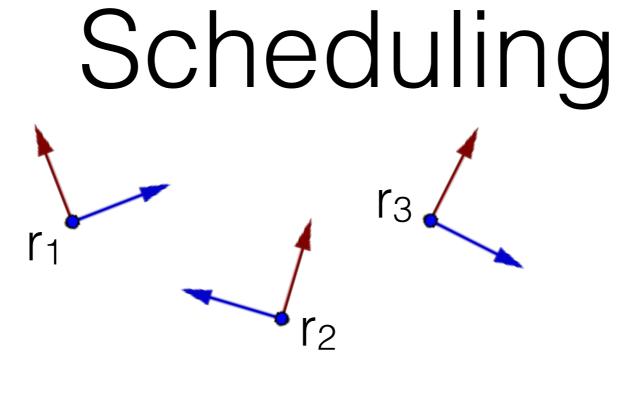




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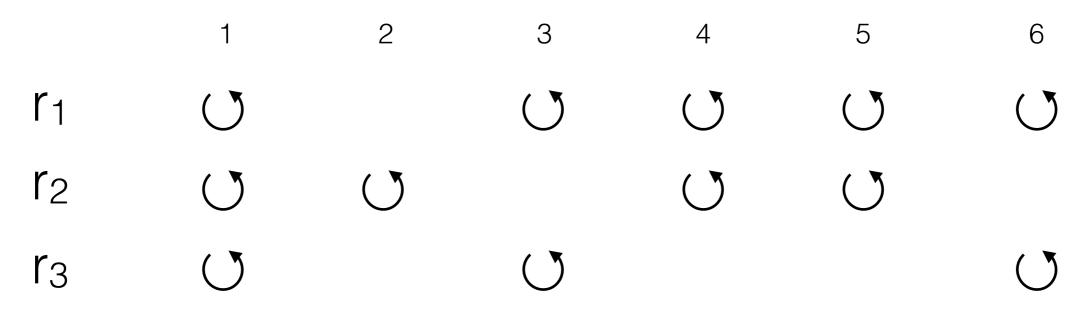
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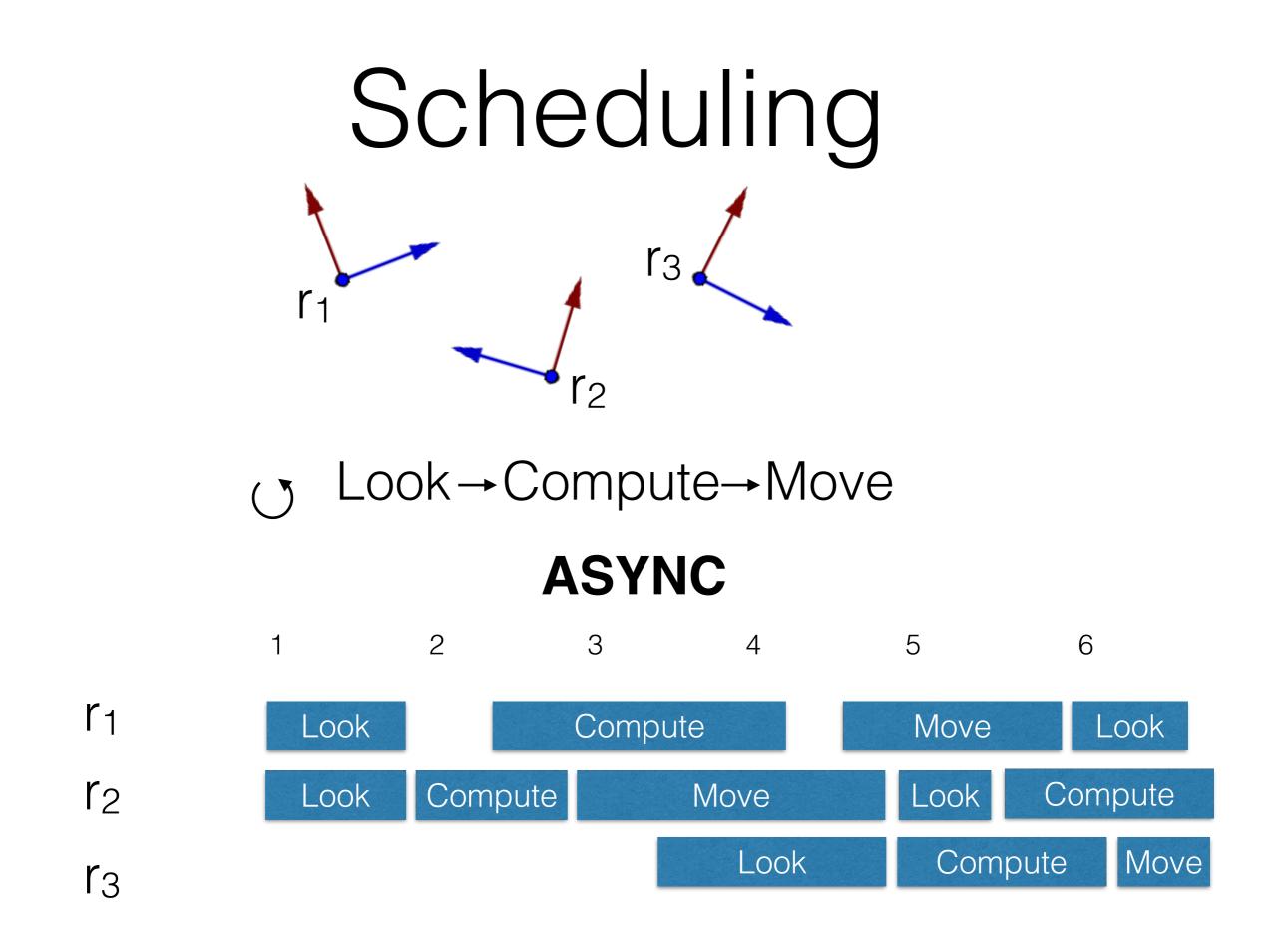




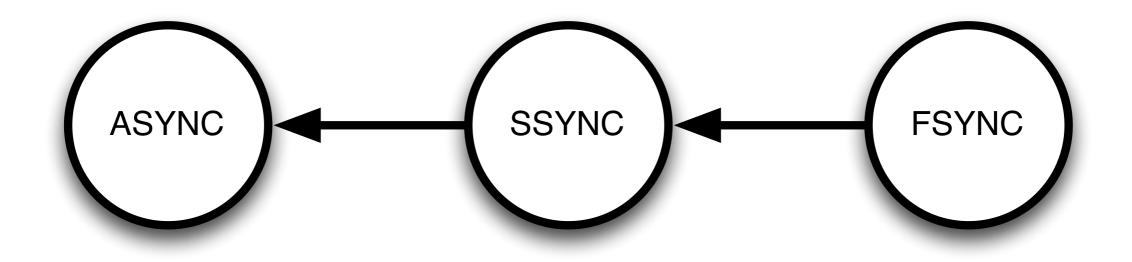
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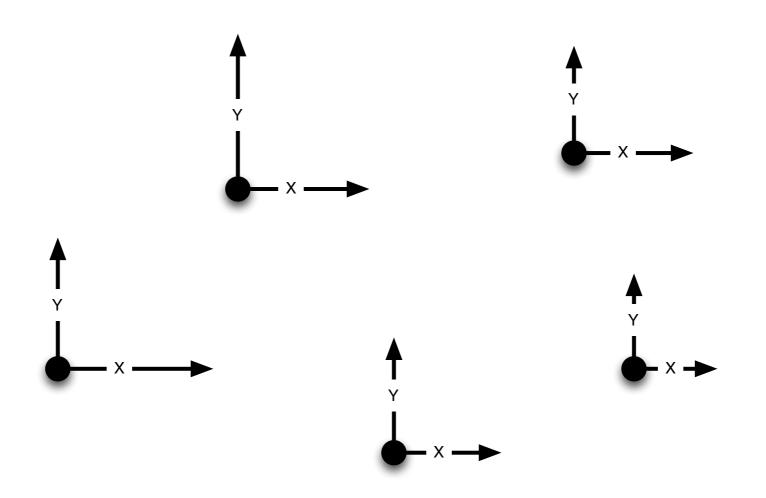




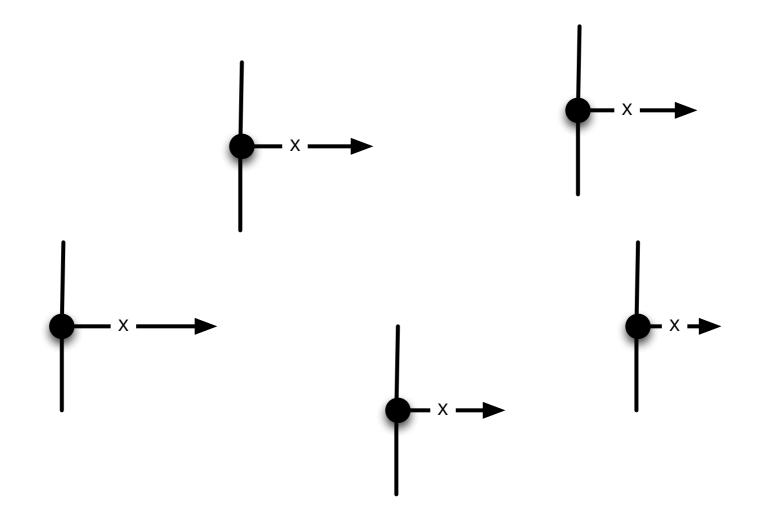
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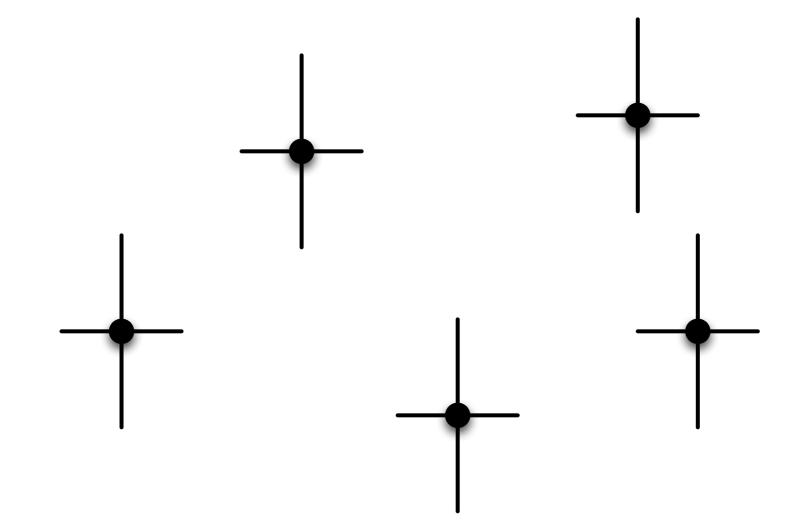
Two Axes Direction and Orientation



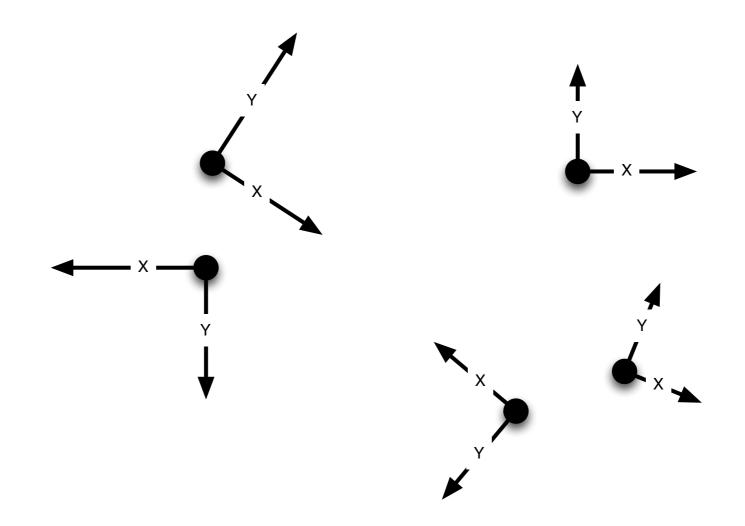
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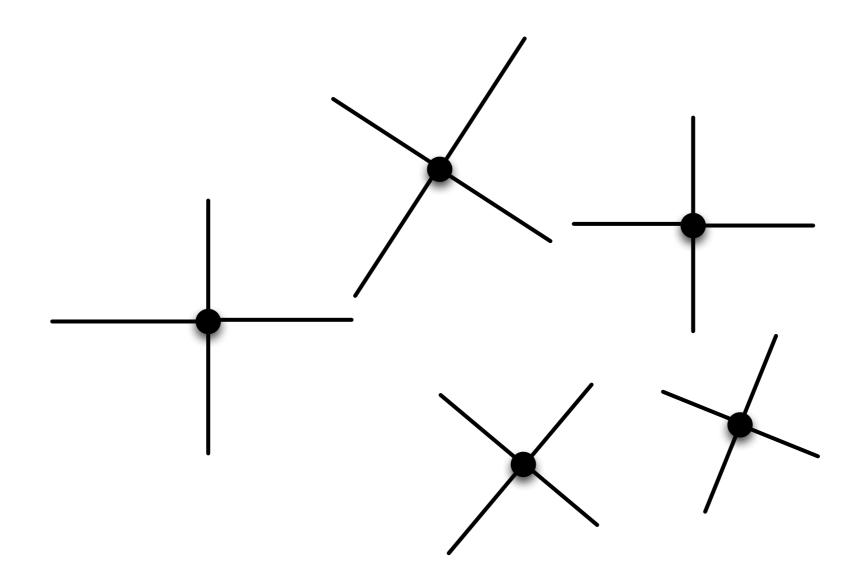
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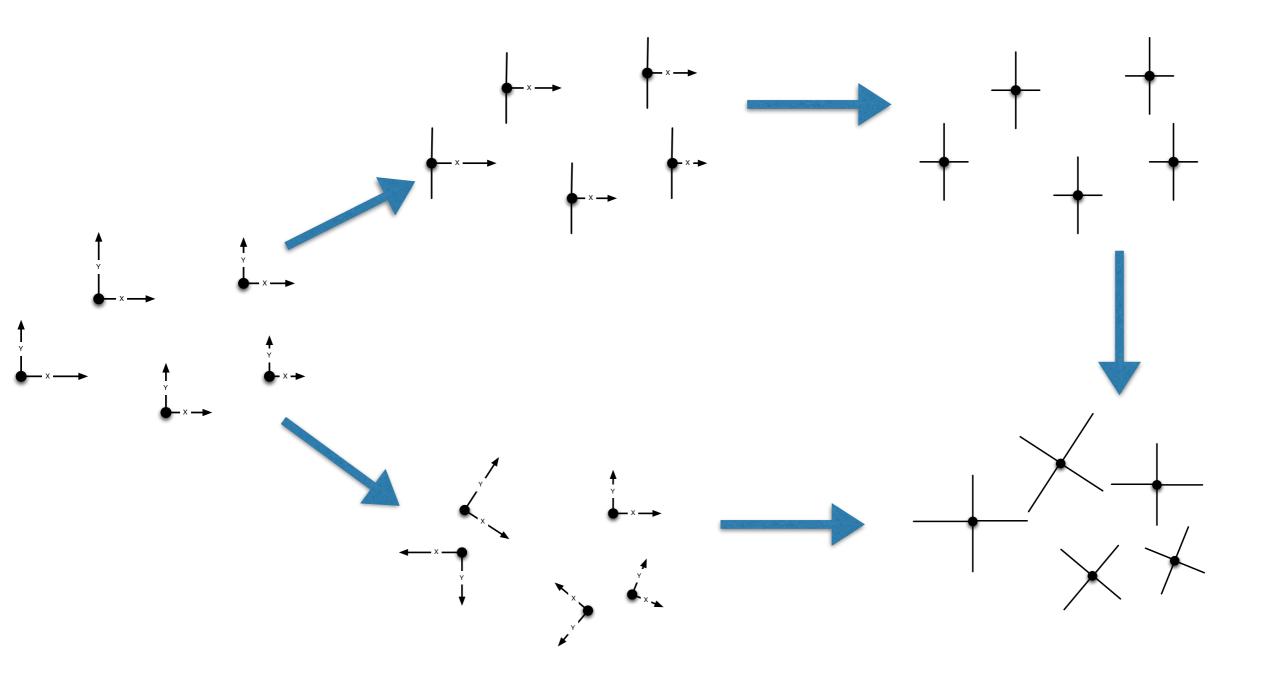




No Agreement





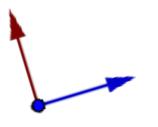


Scattering

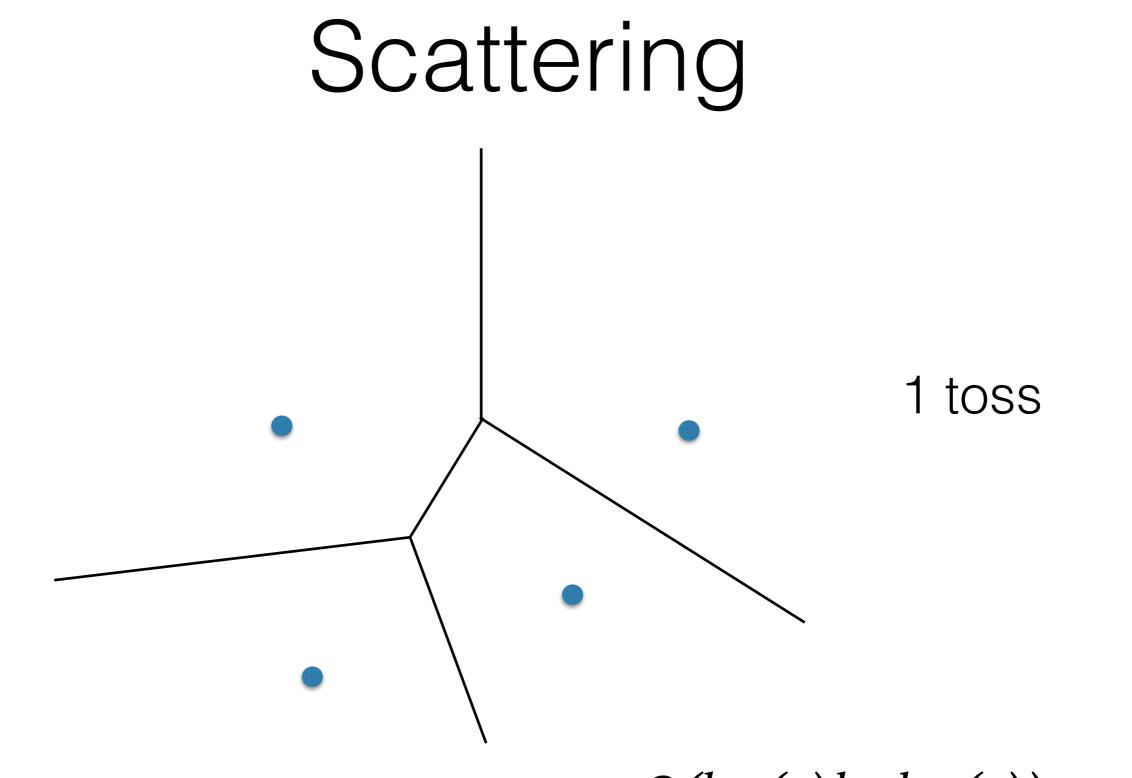
Scattering

No two robots should occupy the same position

No deterministic solution

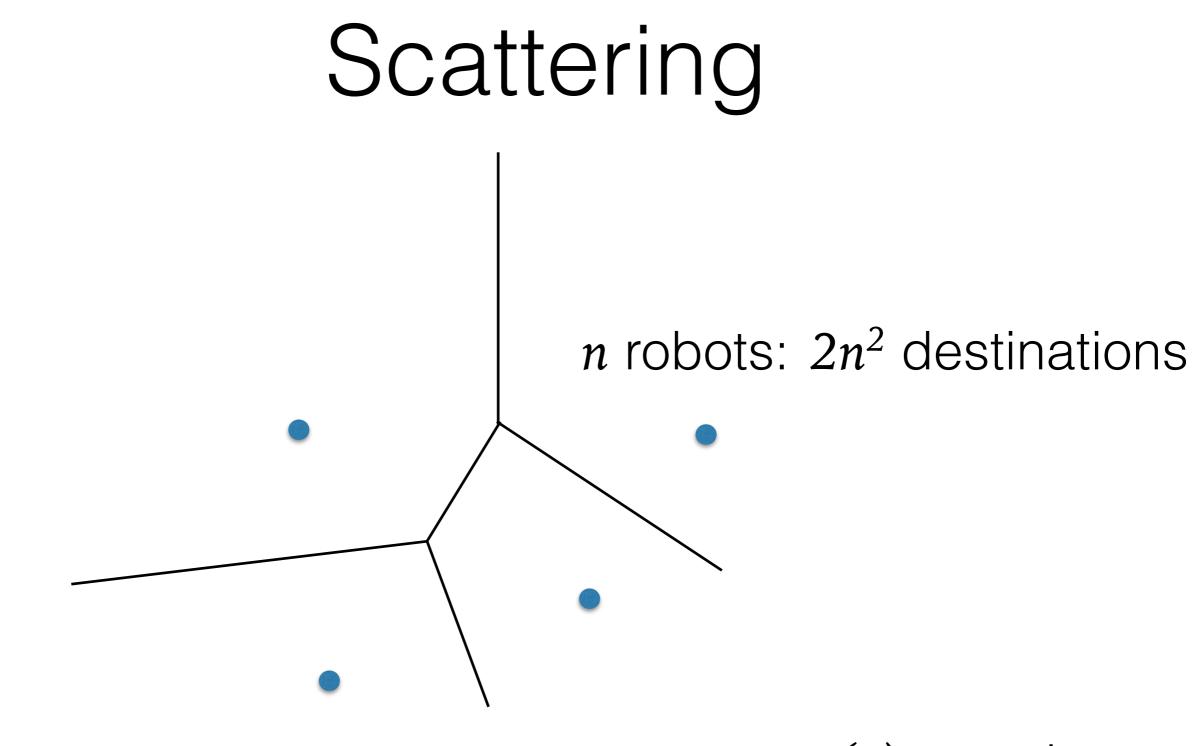


• No termination without multiplicity detection



O(log(n)loglog(n)) rounds

Yoann Dieudonné and Franck Petit. Scatter of robots. Parallel Processing Letters 19.01 (2009): 175-184.



O(1) rounds

Julien Clément, Xavier Défago, Maria Potop-Butucaru, et al. *The cost of probabilistic agreement in oblivious robot networks*. Information Processing Letters, 2010, vol. 110, no 11, p. 431-438.

How Many Tosses?

Minimum?

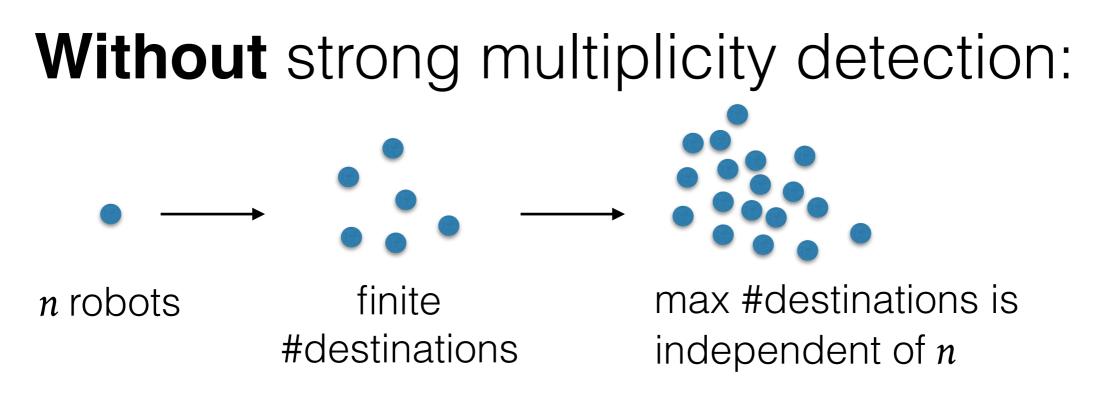
Influence of multiplicity detection?

Relationship with scattering speed?

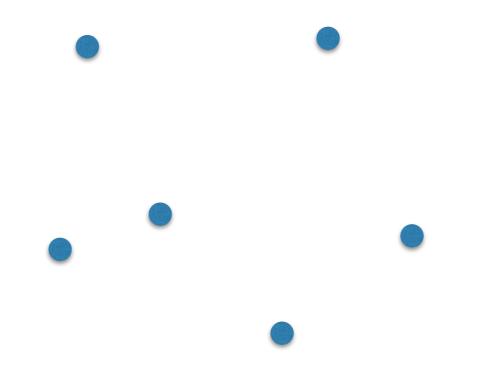
Optimal Speed

With strong multiplicity detection:

Algorithm with optimal #tosses terminates in O(1) rounds

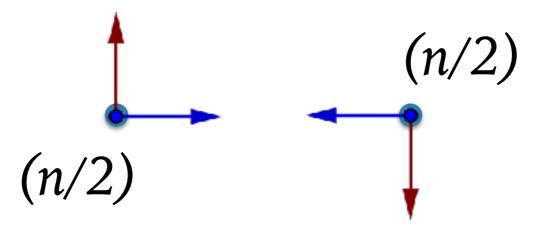


O(1) rounds scattering of *n* robots is impossible How fast can we go?





Impossible for two robots

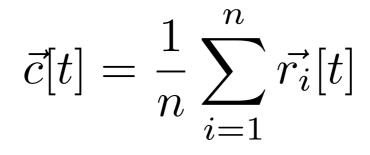


A bivalent configuration

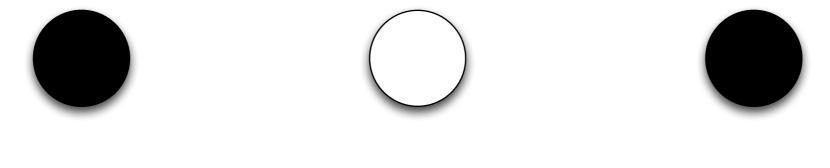
Gathering vs. Convergence

- Gathering: robot must reach the same point in finite time
- Convergence: robots must get closer at time goes by

Center of Gravity

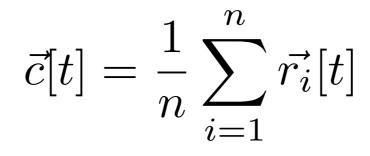




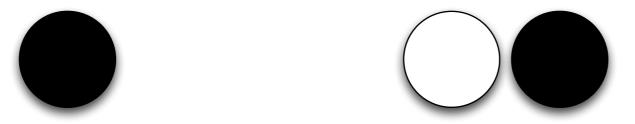




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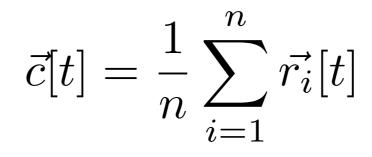


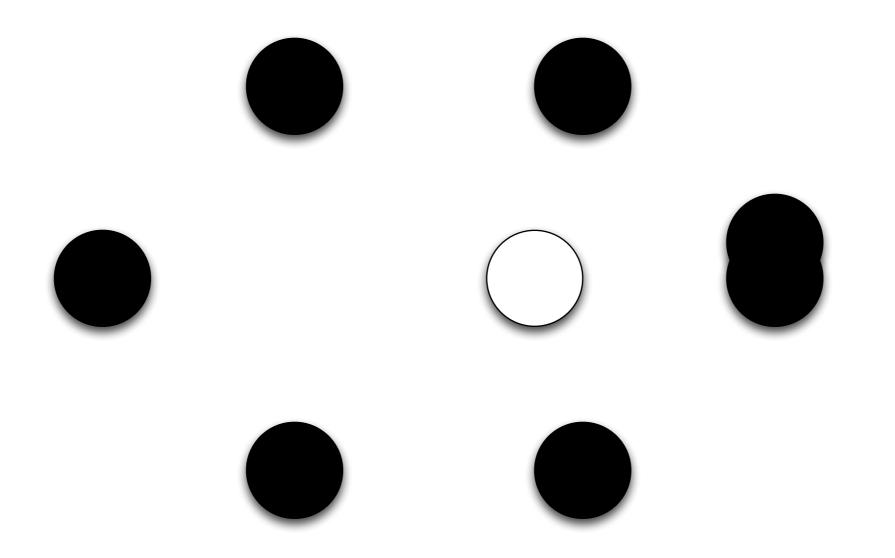


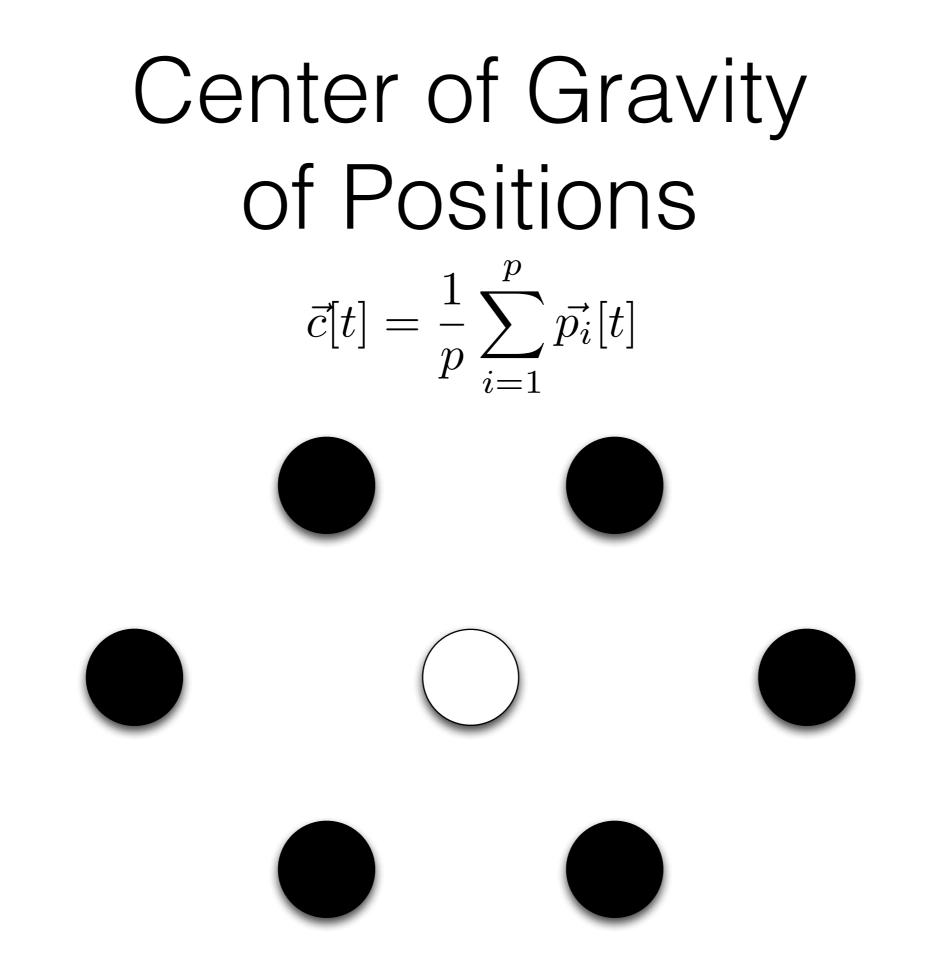




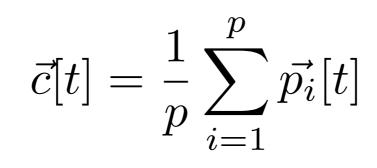




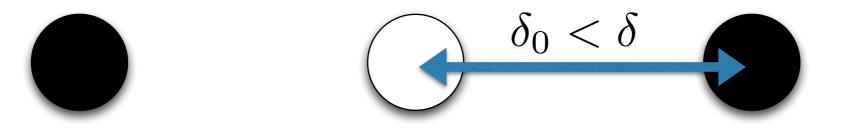




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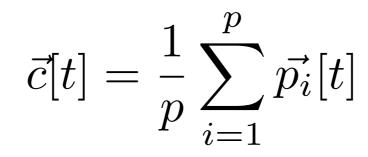






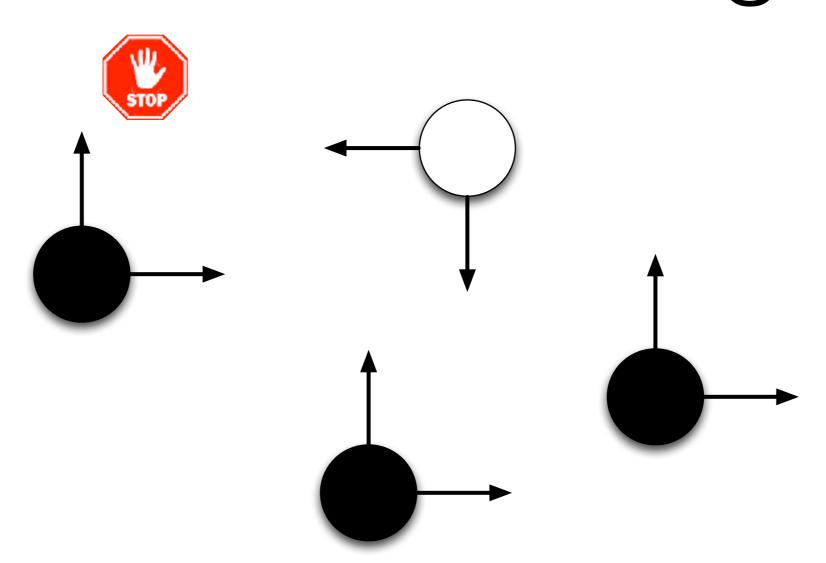


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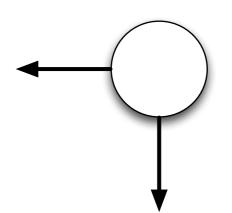


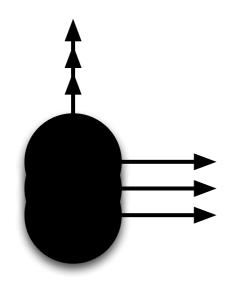


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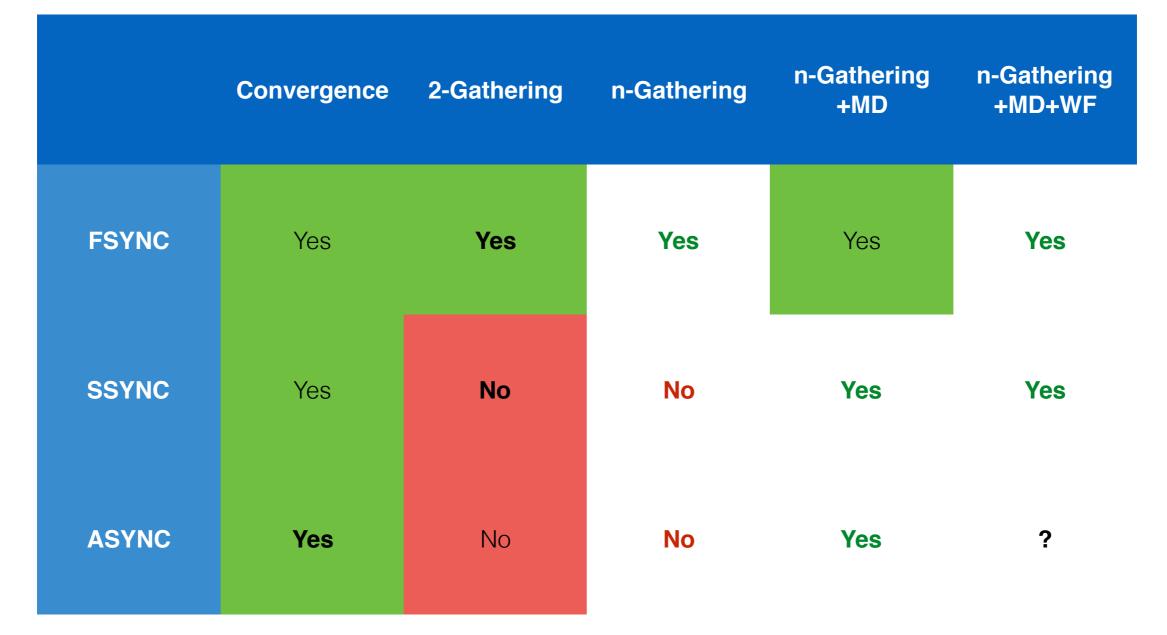




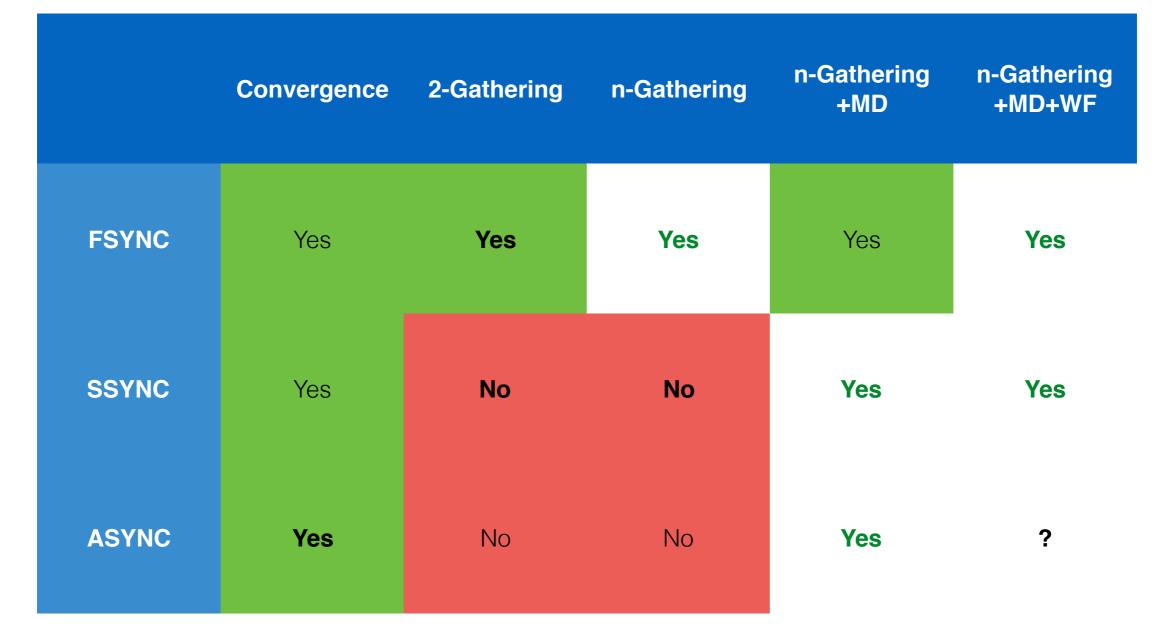
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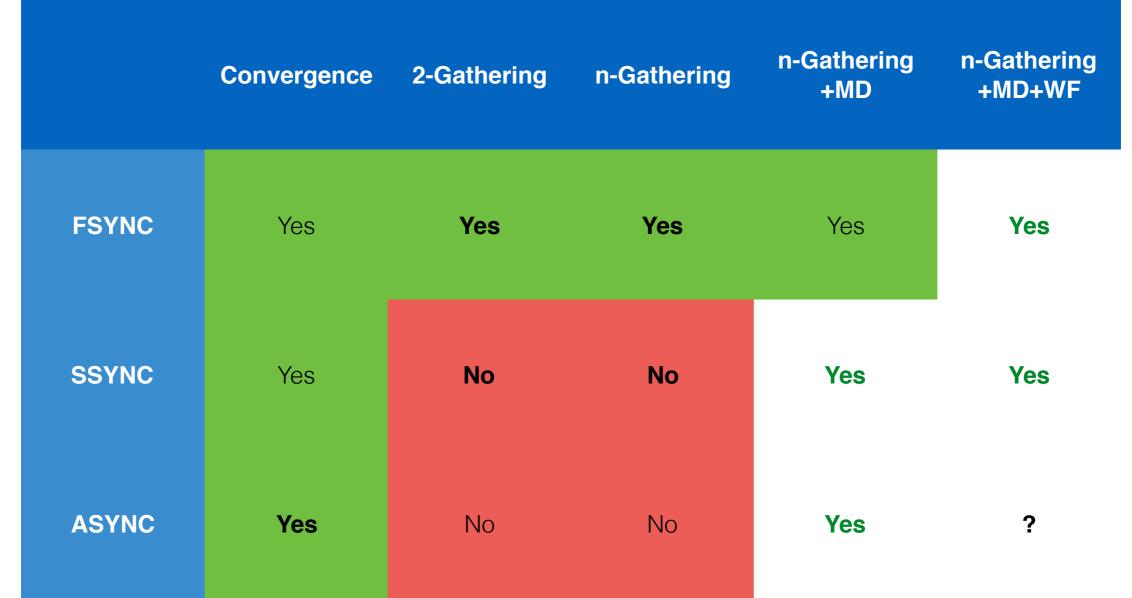
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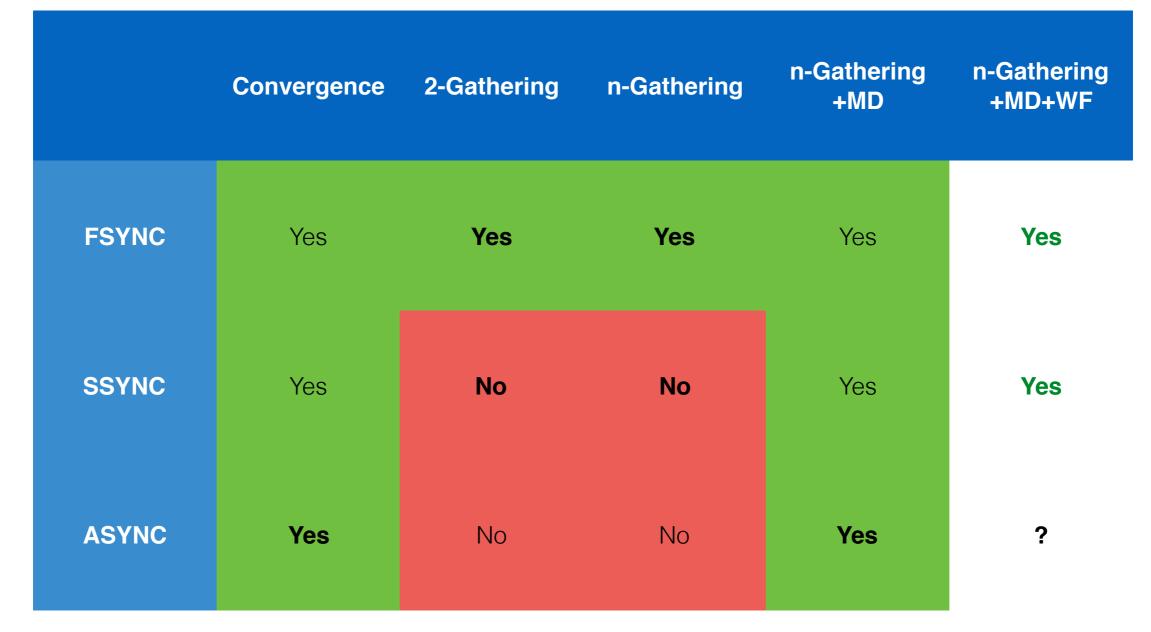
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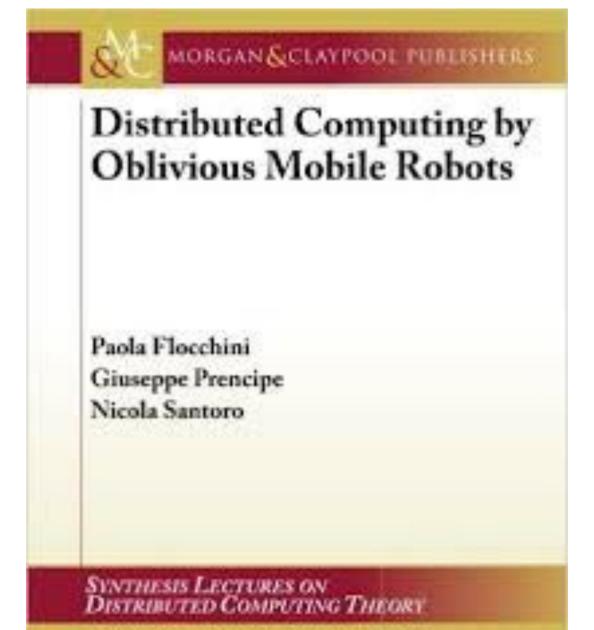


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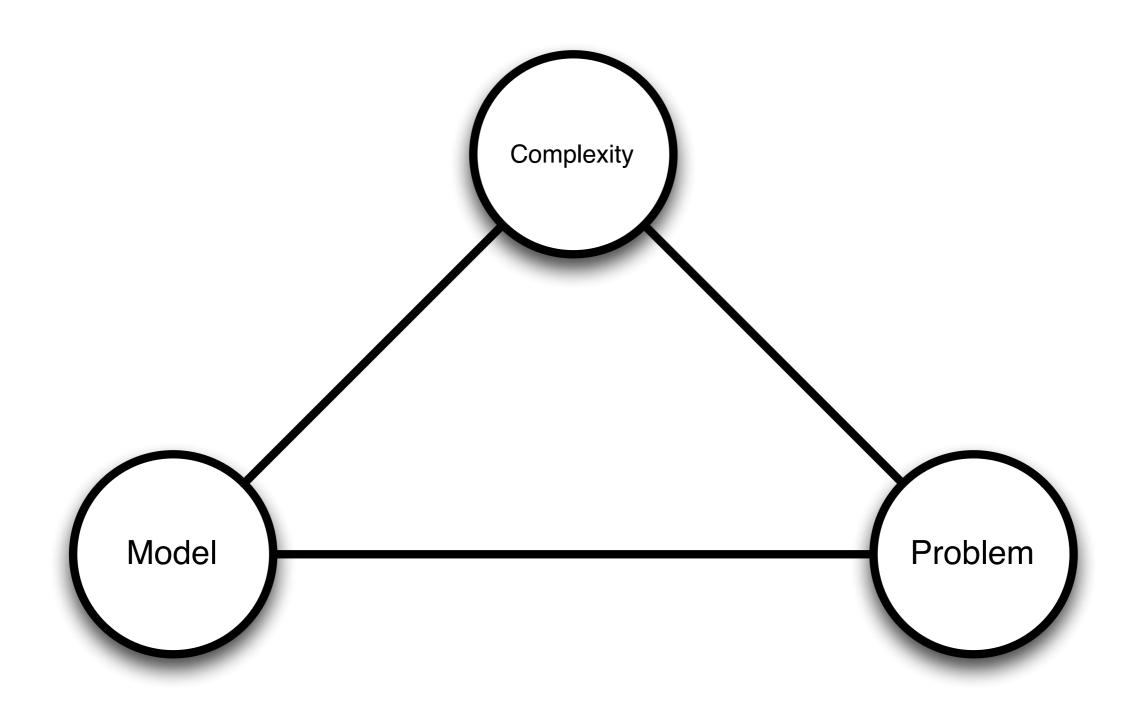
Mobility as an Adversary

- Can corrupt the distributed state of a network
- Can reduces communication capacity
- Can increase uncertainty
- Can increase protocol complexity

Mobility as a Friend

- Mobility can be the solution to the problem
- Mobility can improve efficiency
- Mobility can promote simplicity

Mobile Networks



Thank You