

# Approximating Upper Degree-Constrained Partial Orientations

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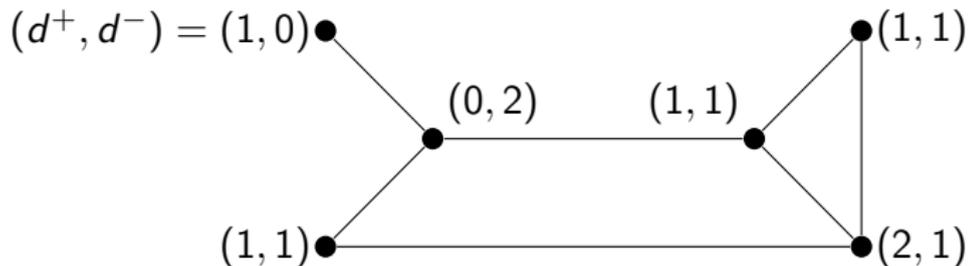
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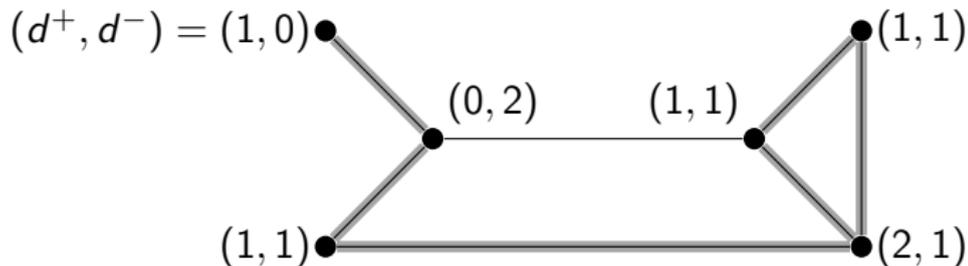
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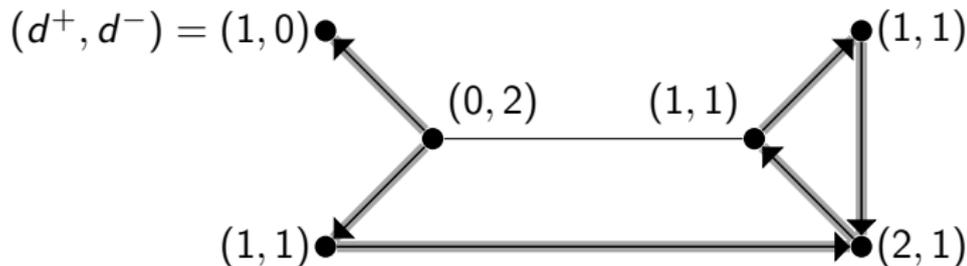
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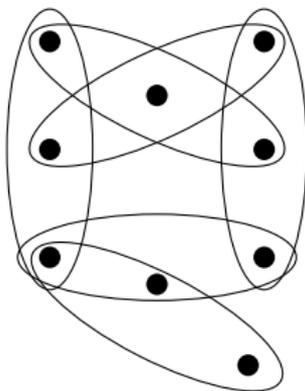
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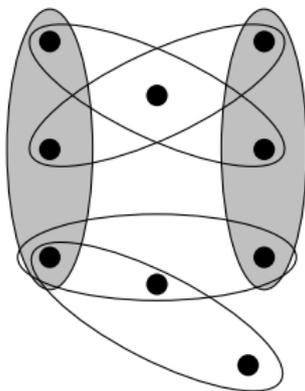


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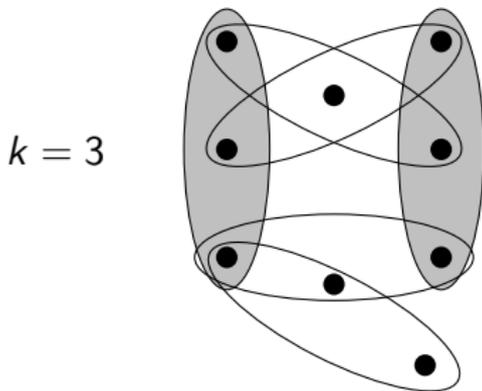


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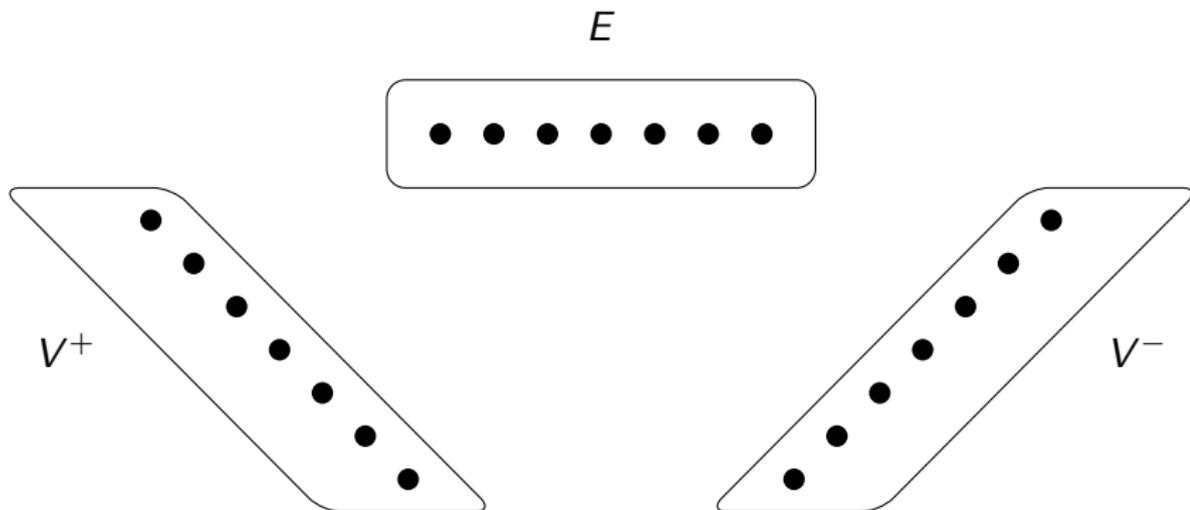
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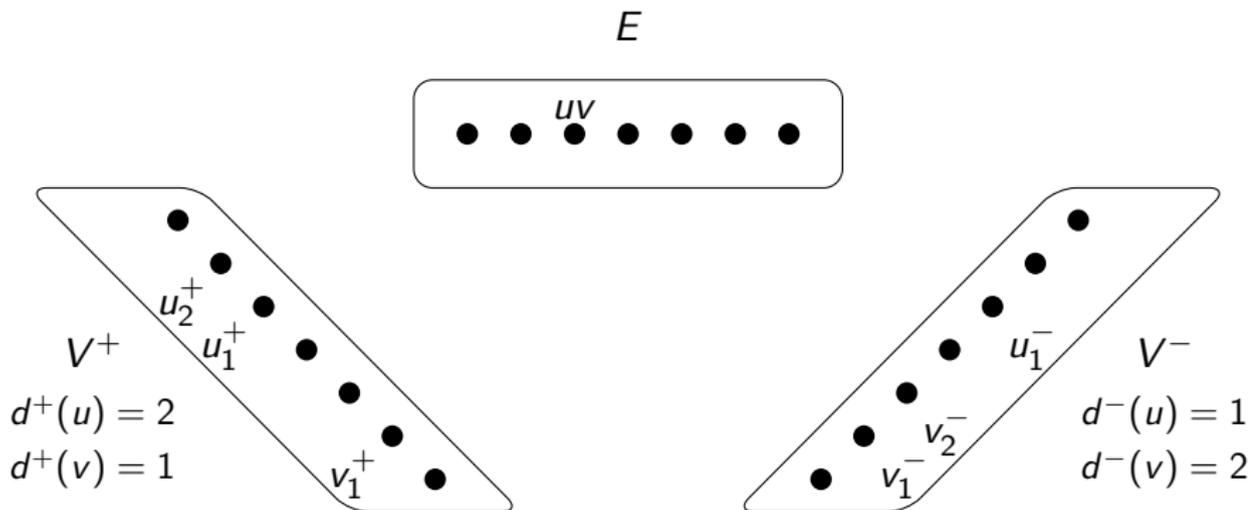
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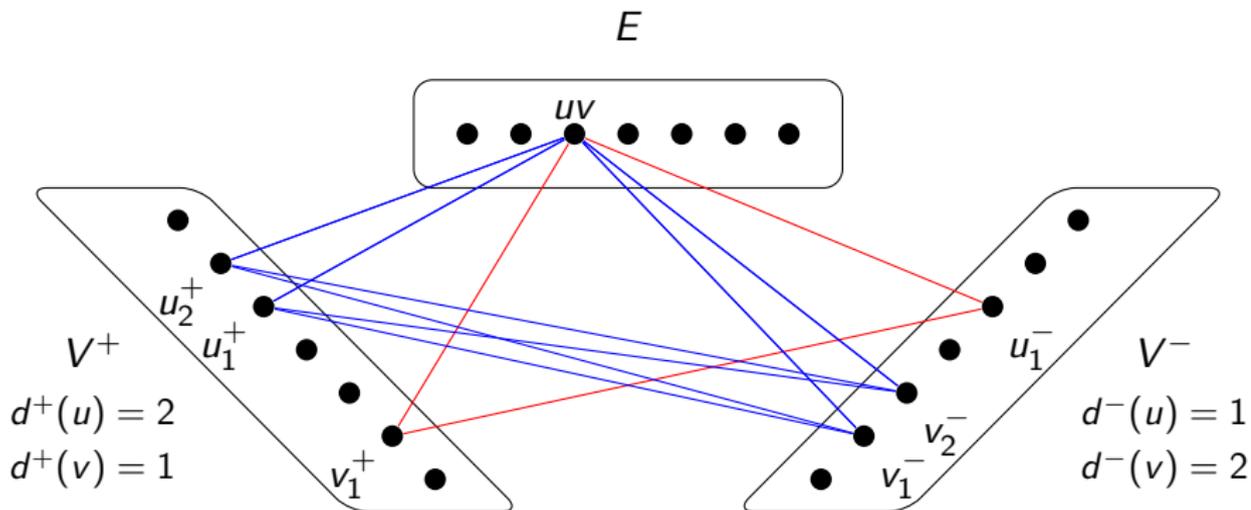
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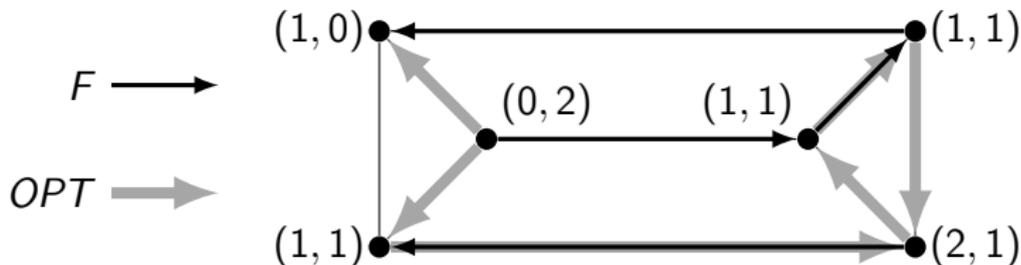
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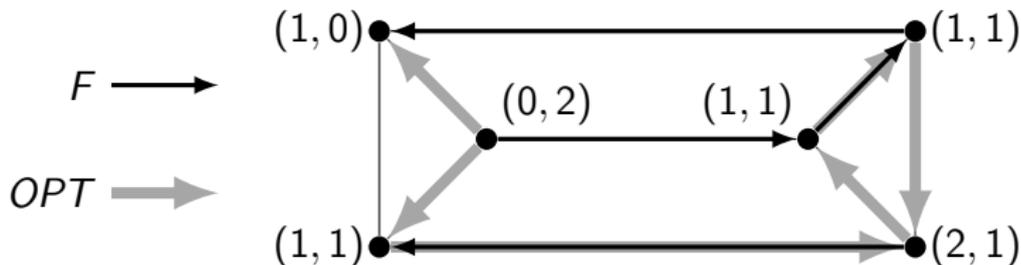


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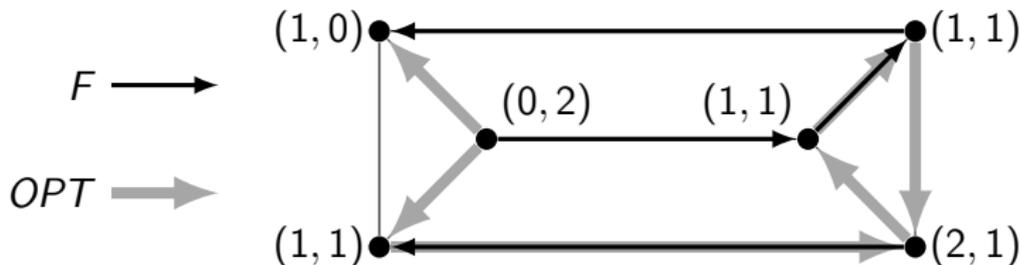


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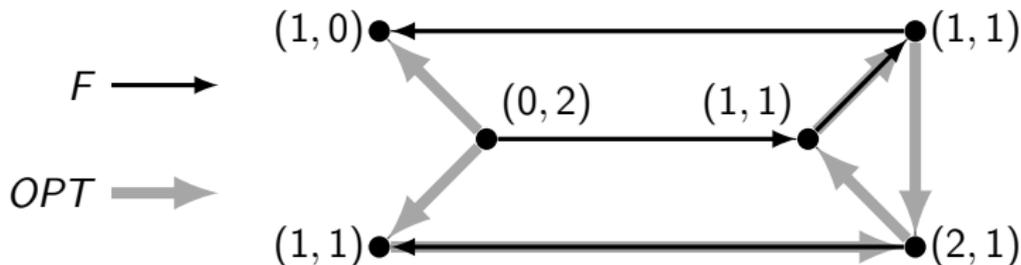
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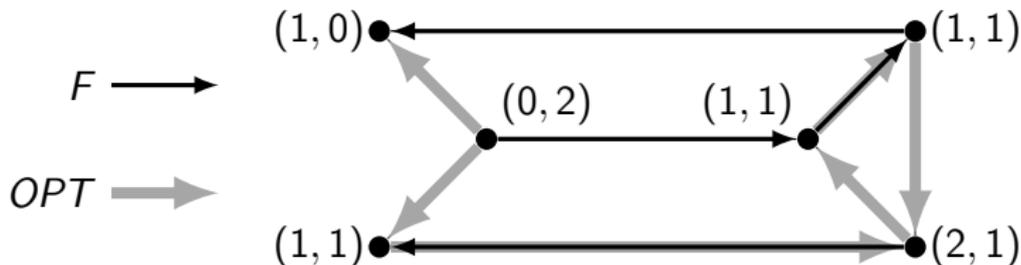
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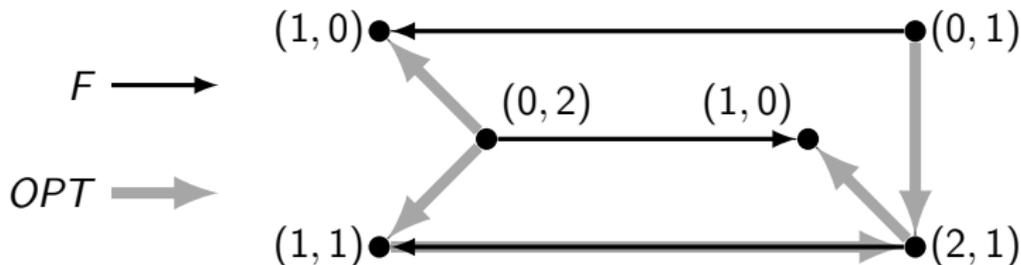
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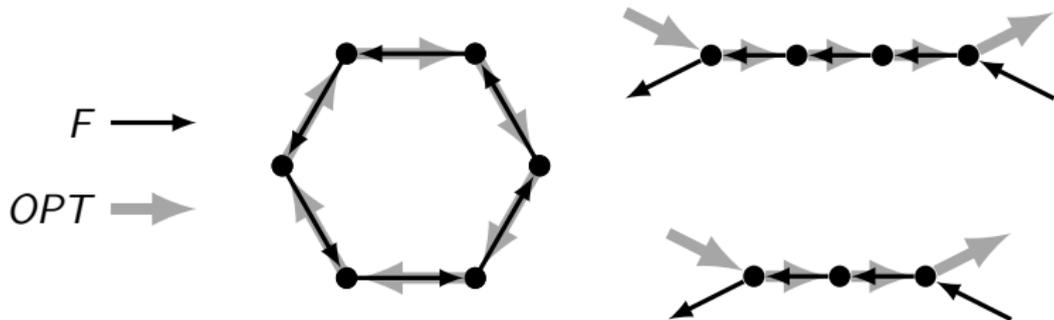
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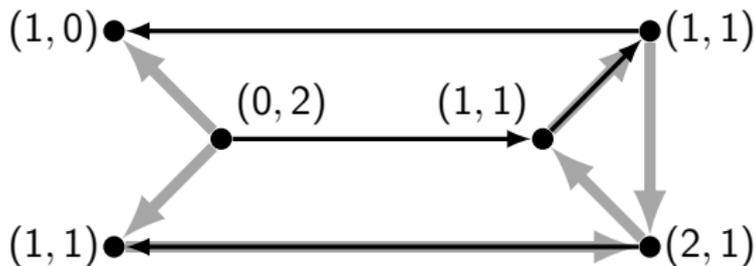
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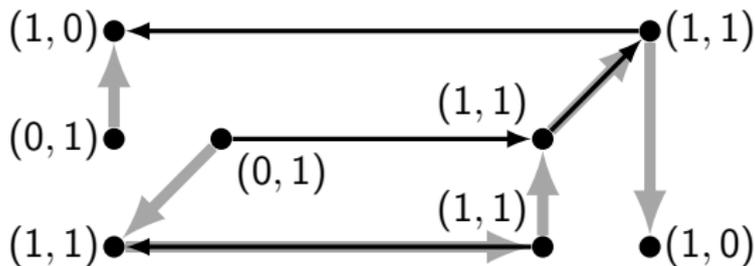


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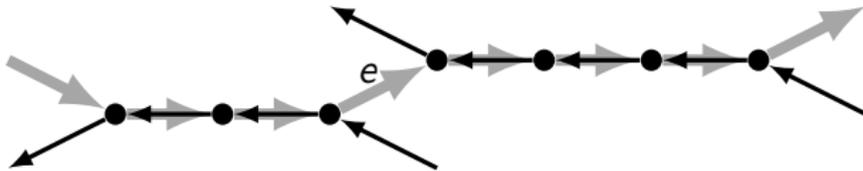
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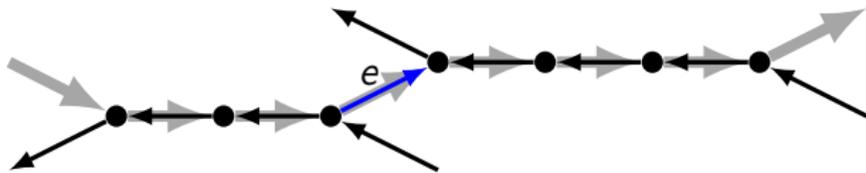
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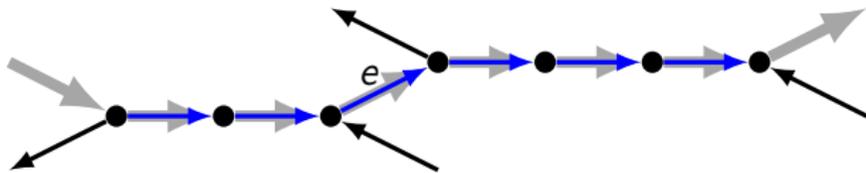


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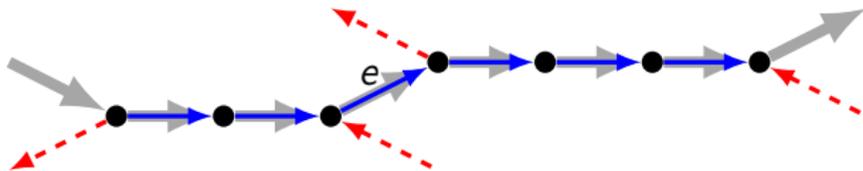


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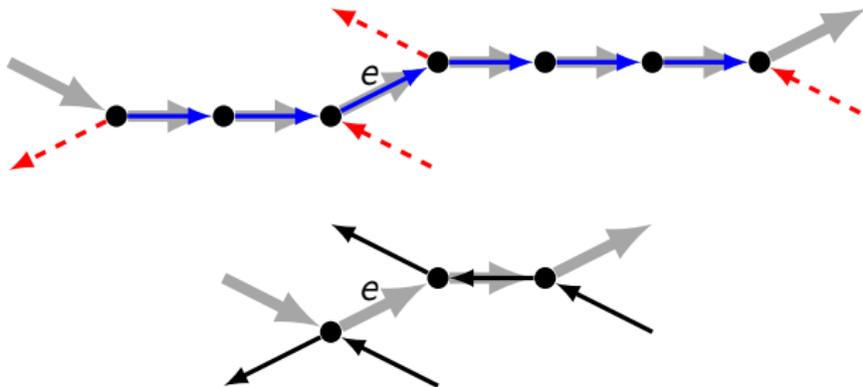


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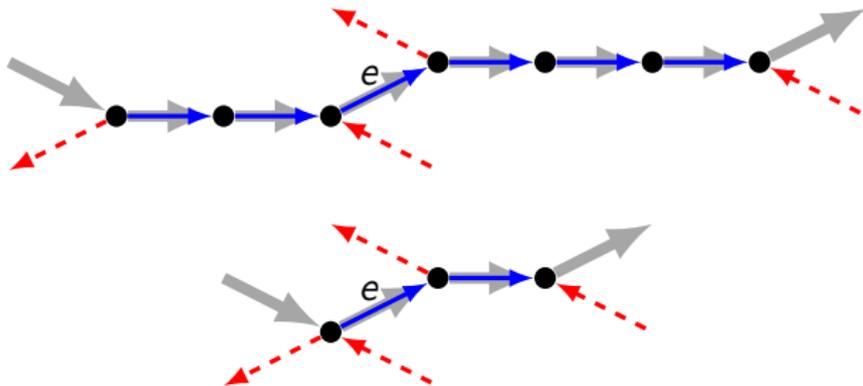


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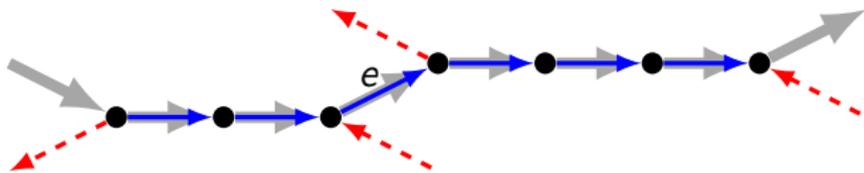
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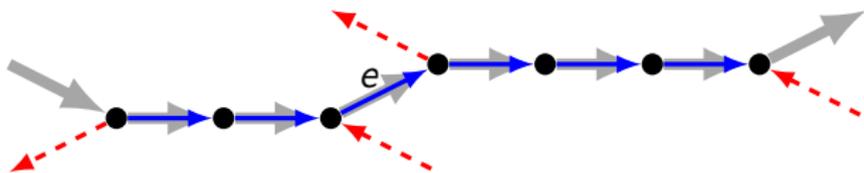
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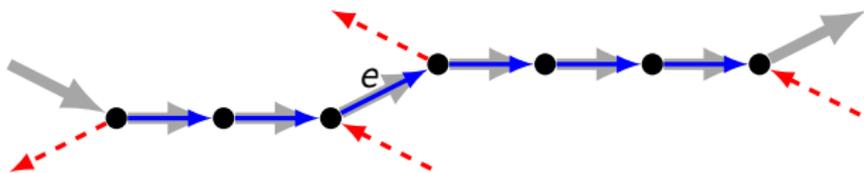
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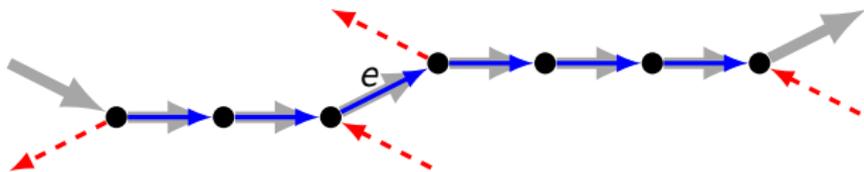
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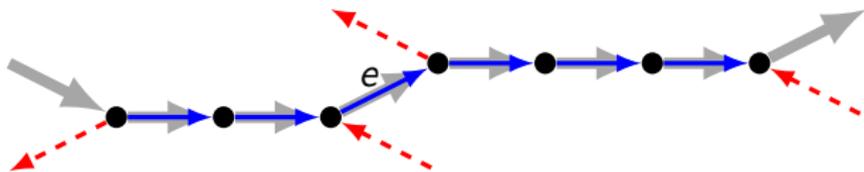
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## Theorem

Local search maximum  $F$  satisfies  $|\overline{OPT} \setminus \overline{F}| \leq 2|\overline{F} \setminus \overline{OPT}| + \varepsilon|F|$ .  
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  - quasipolynomial running time,
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Thank you for your attention!



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