

# KADABRA is an ADaptive Algorithm for Betweenness via Random Approximation

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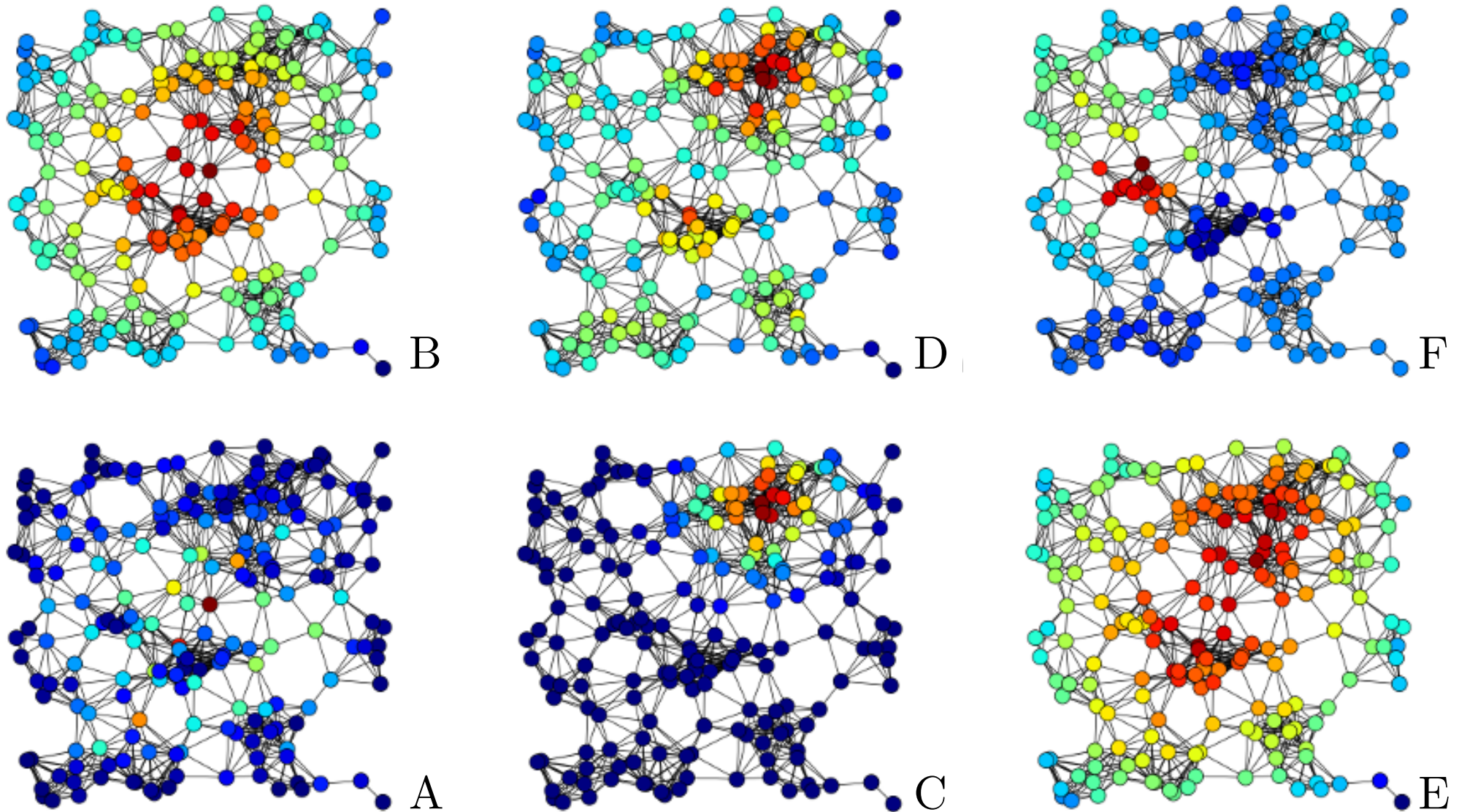


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Examples of A) Betweenness centrality, B) Closeness centrality, C) Eigenvector centrality, D) Degree centrality, E) Harmonic Centrality and F) Katz centrality of the same graph\*.

\*Source: Wikipedia.

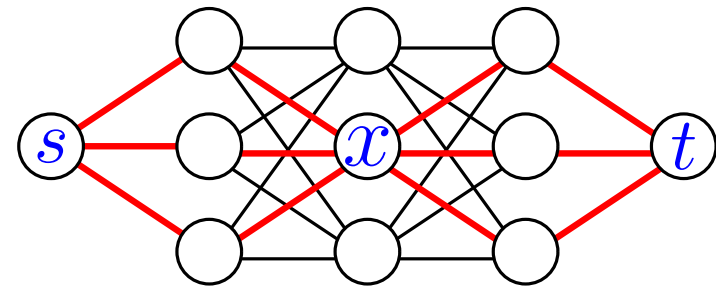
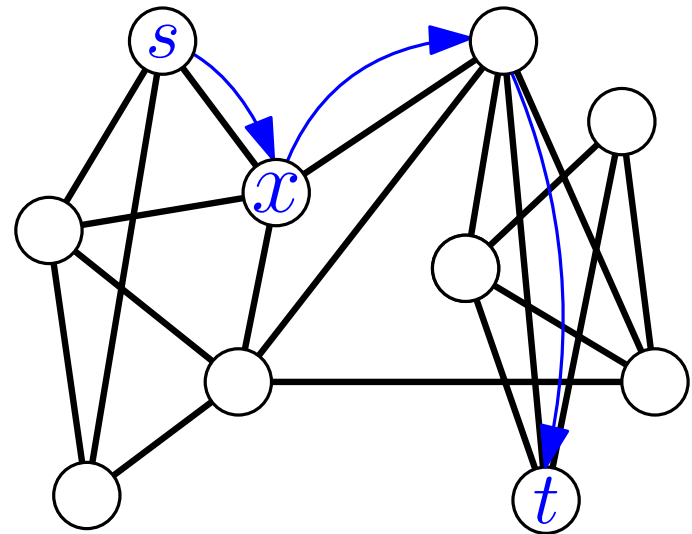
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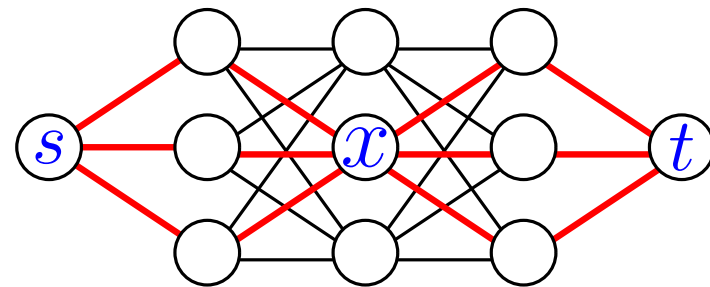
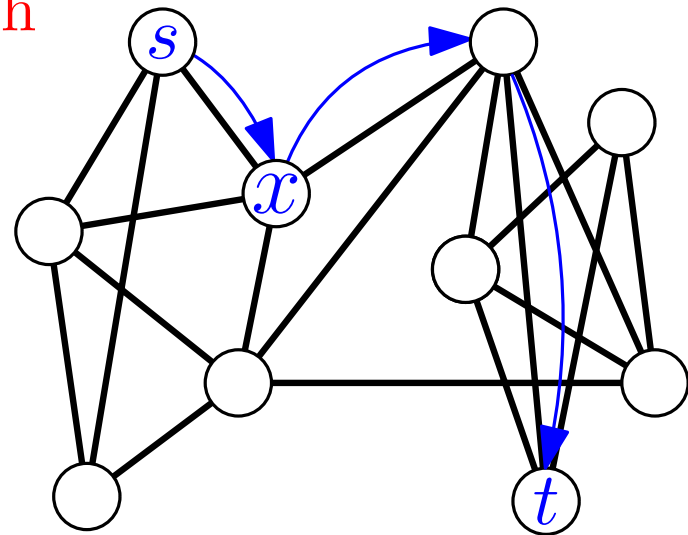
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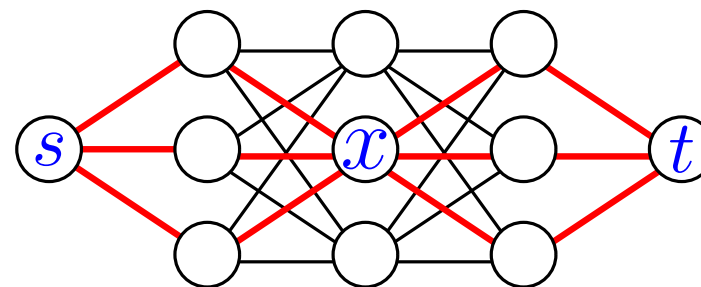
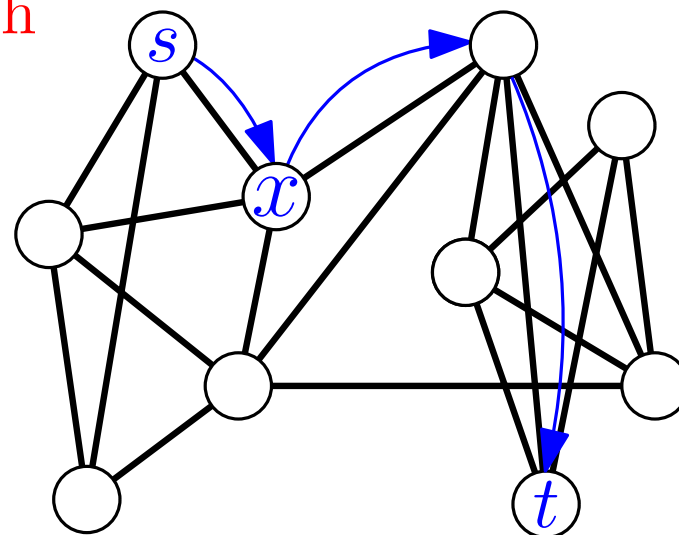
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[Brandes '01]: betweenness of all nodes in  $\mathcal{O}(mn)$

[Borassi et al. '15]: betweenness of a node requires  $\Omega(n^{2-\epsilon})$  on sparse graphs (assuming SETH)

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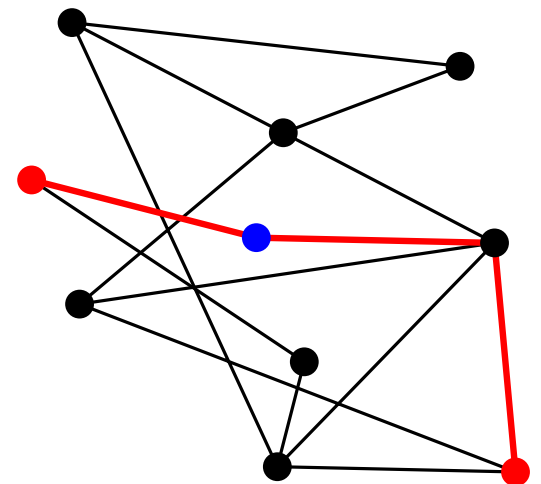
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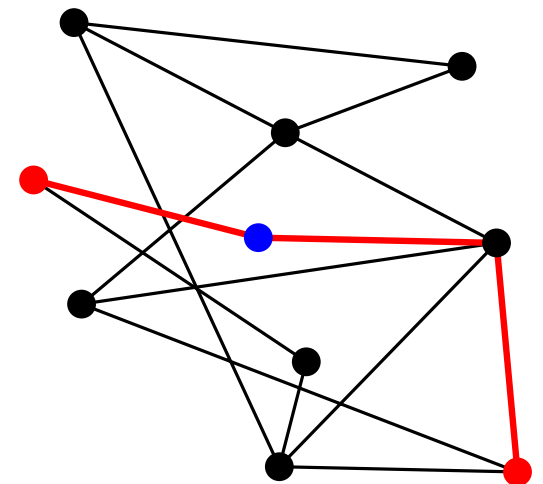
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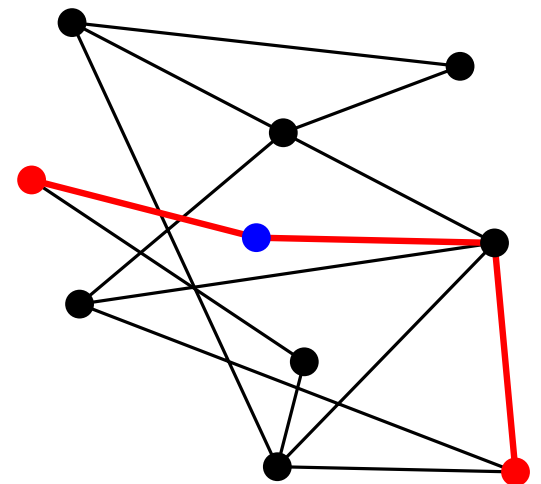
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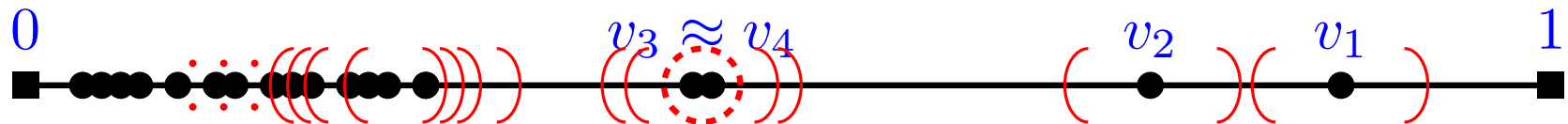
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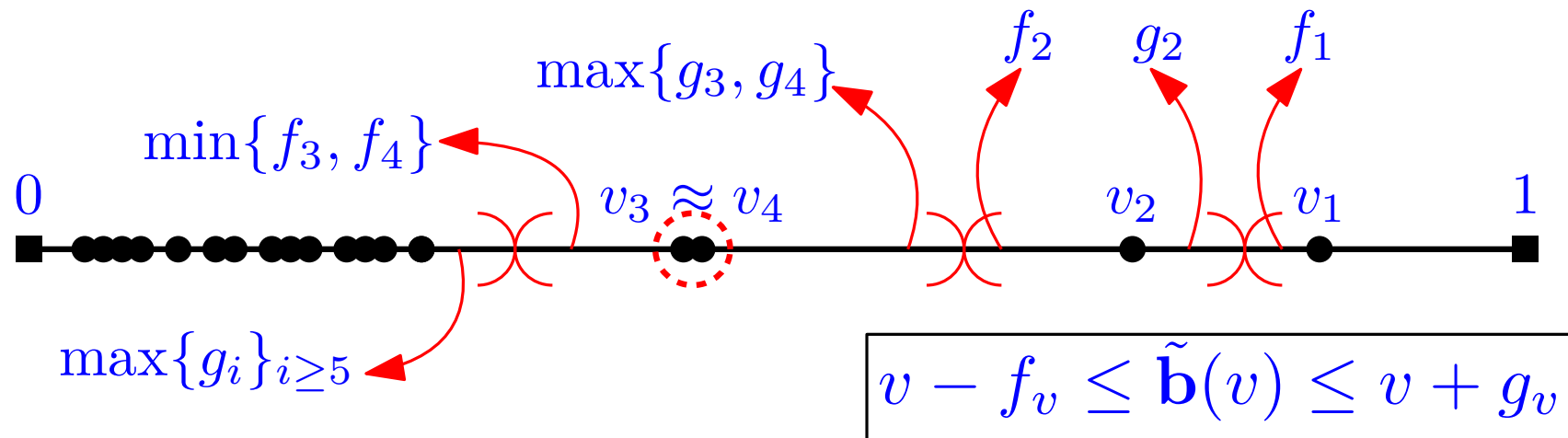


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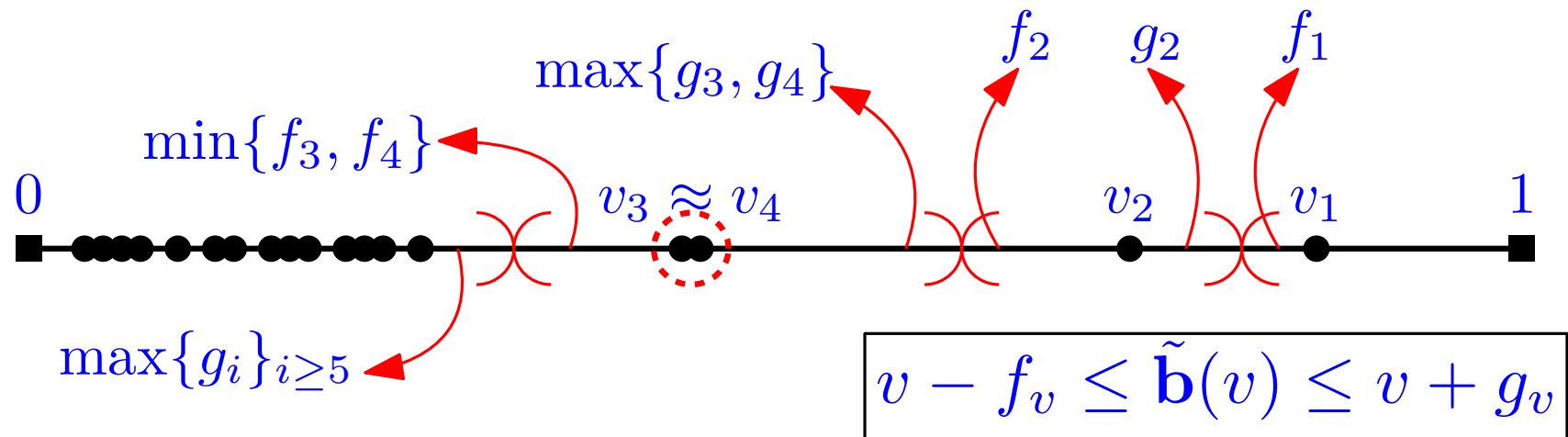


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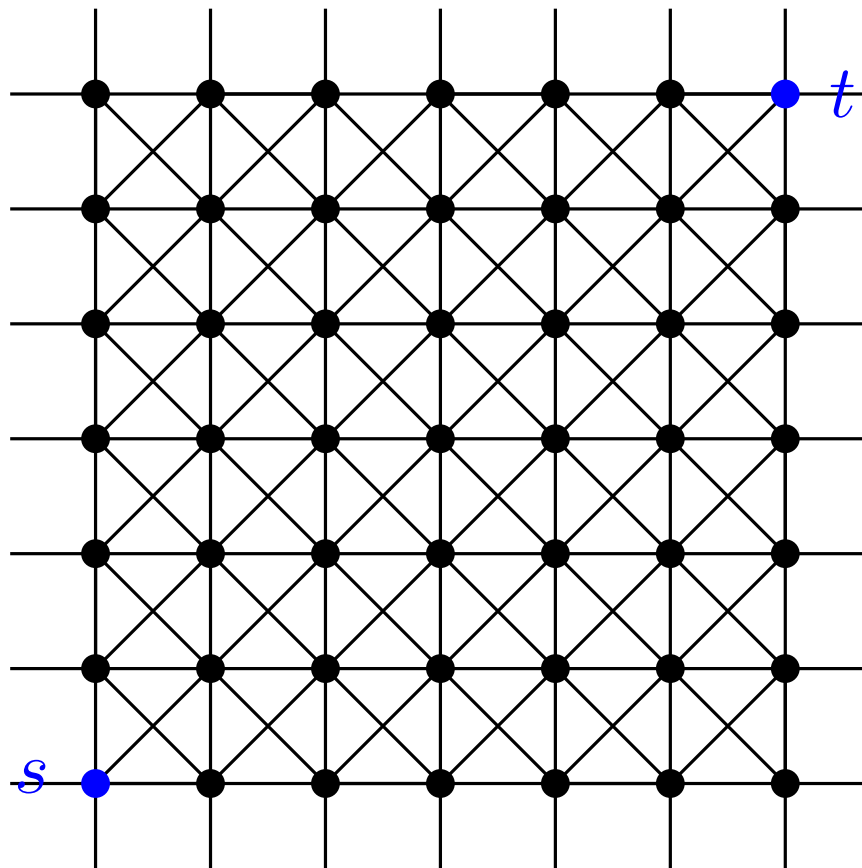
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Adaptive Sampling  
Made Rigorous
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BBBFS

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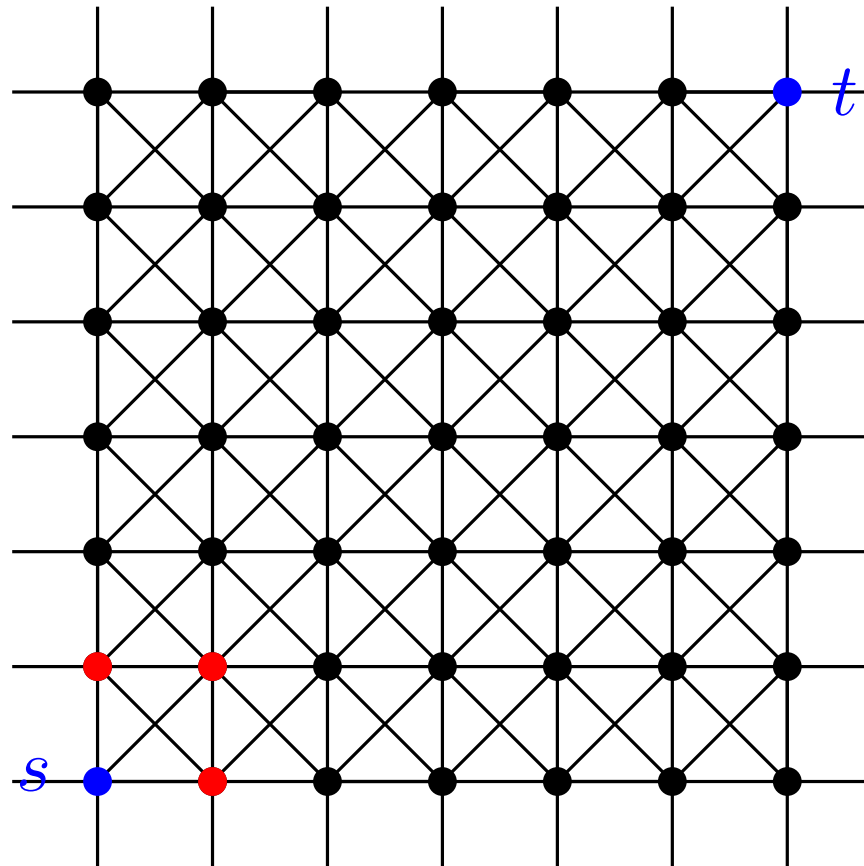
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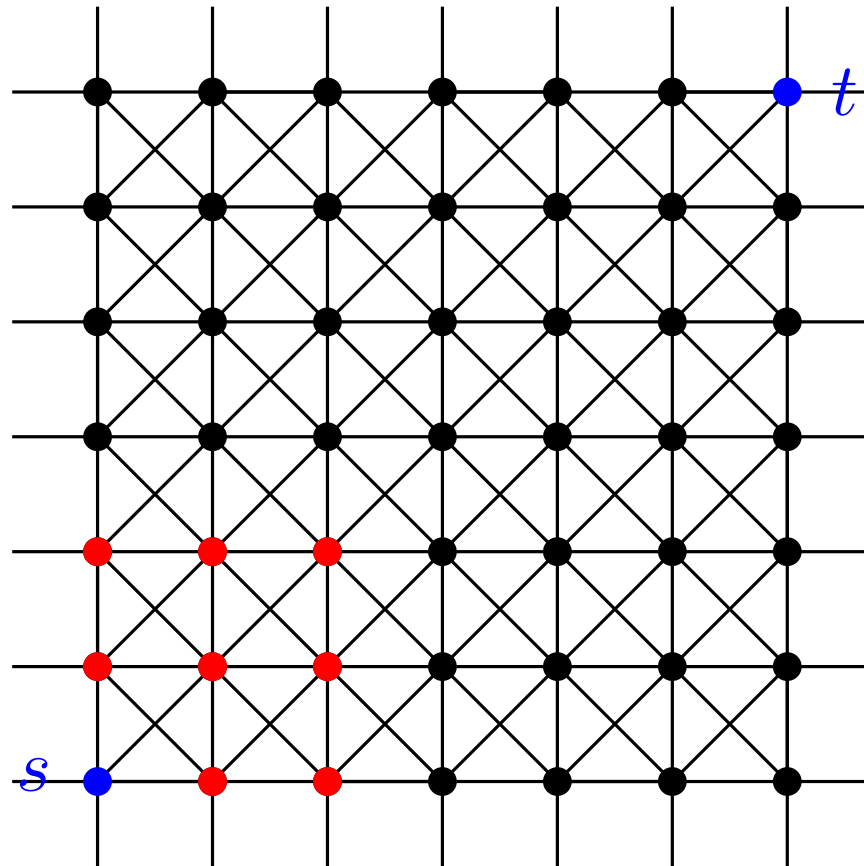
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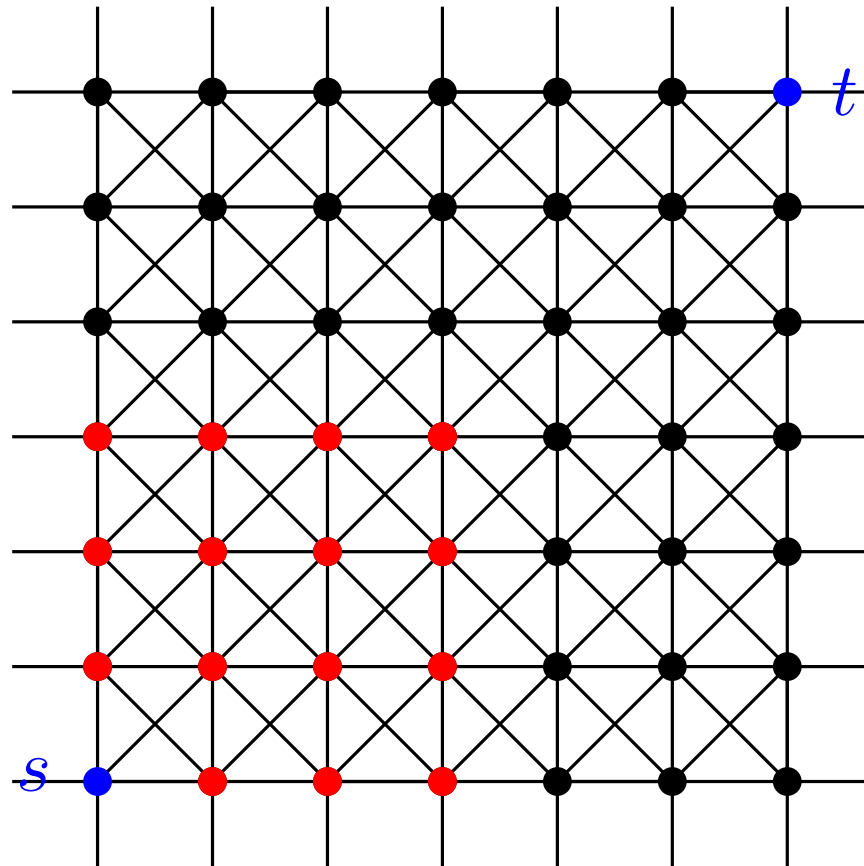
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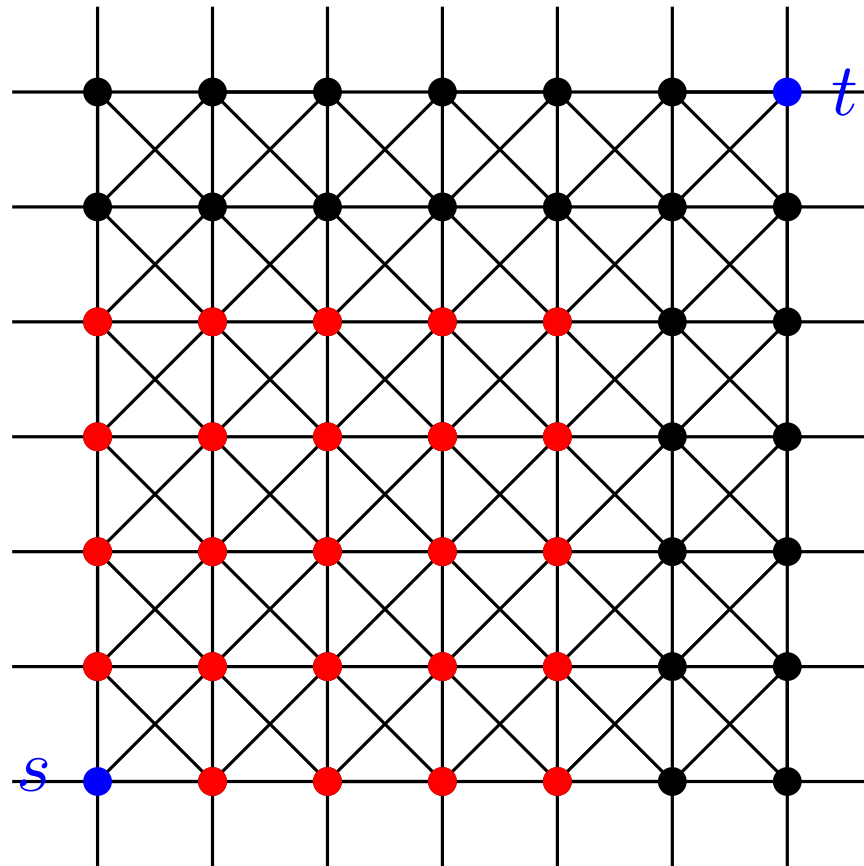
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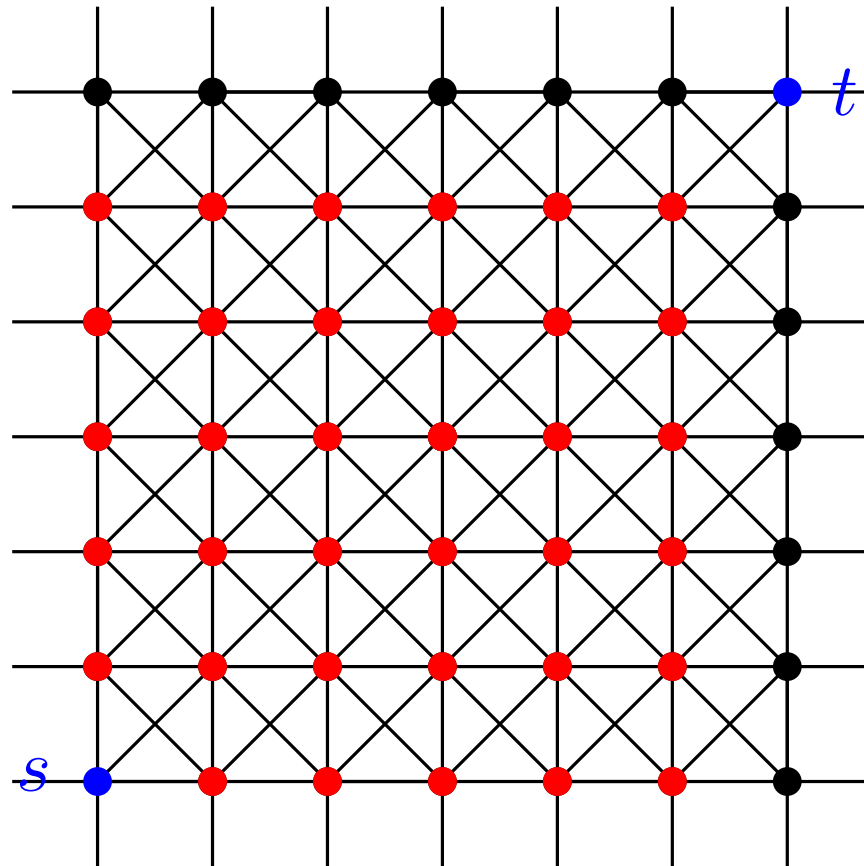
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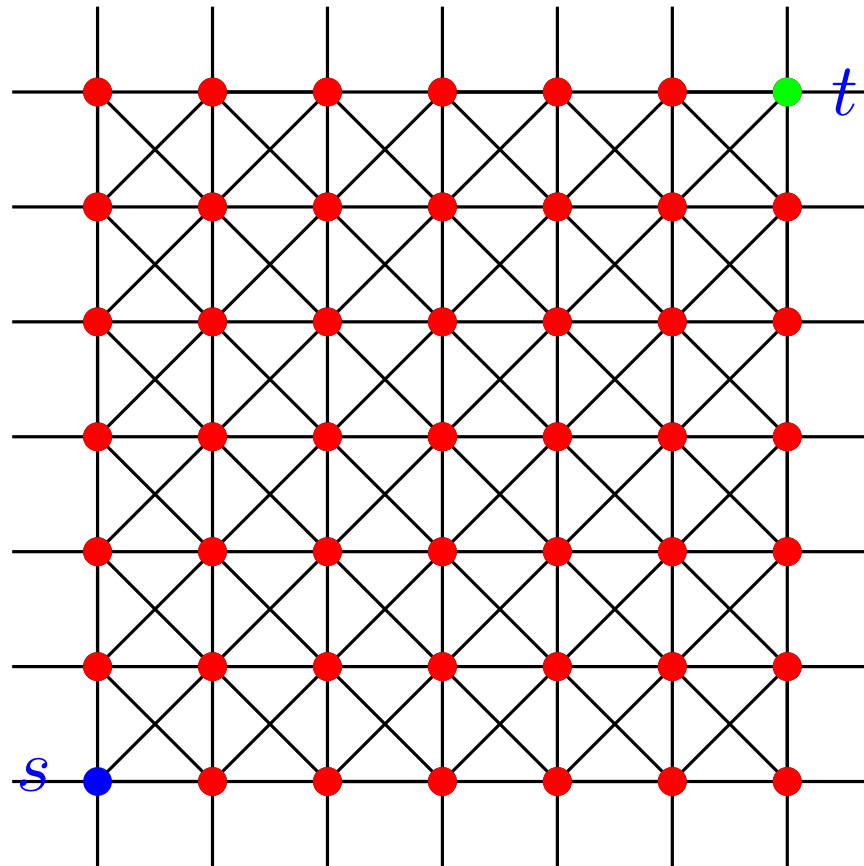
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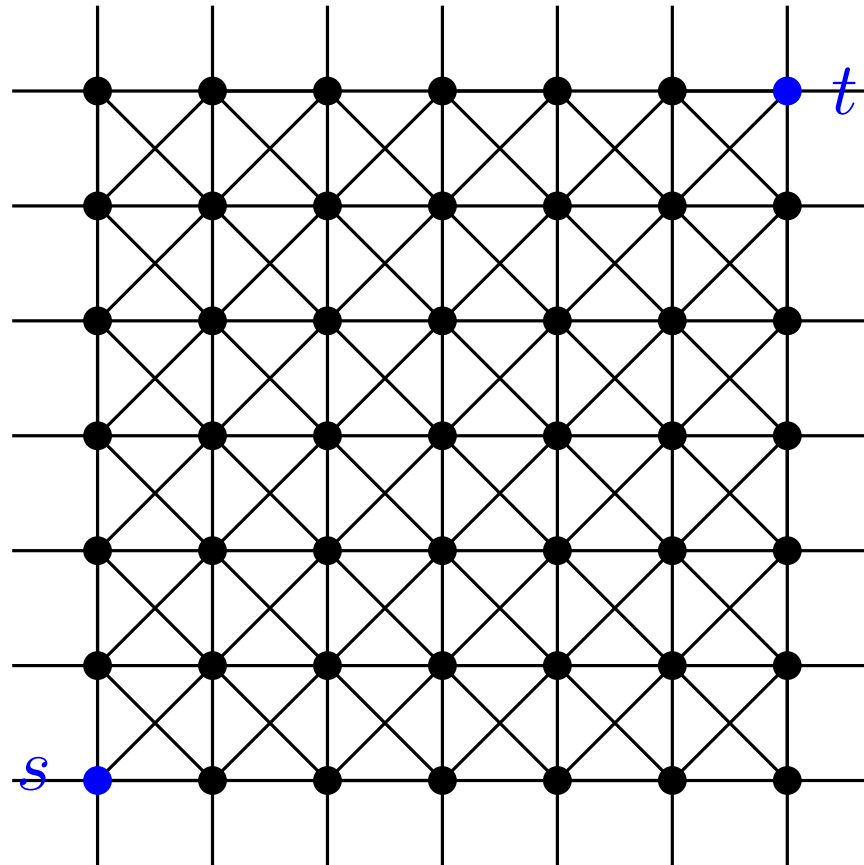
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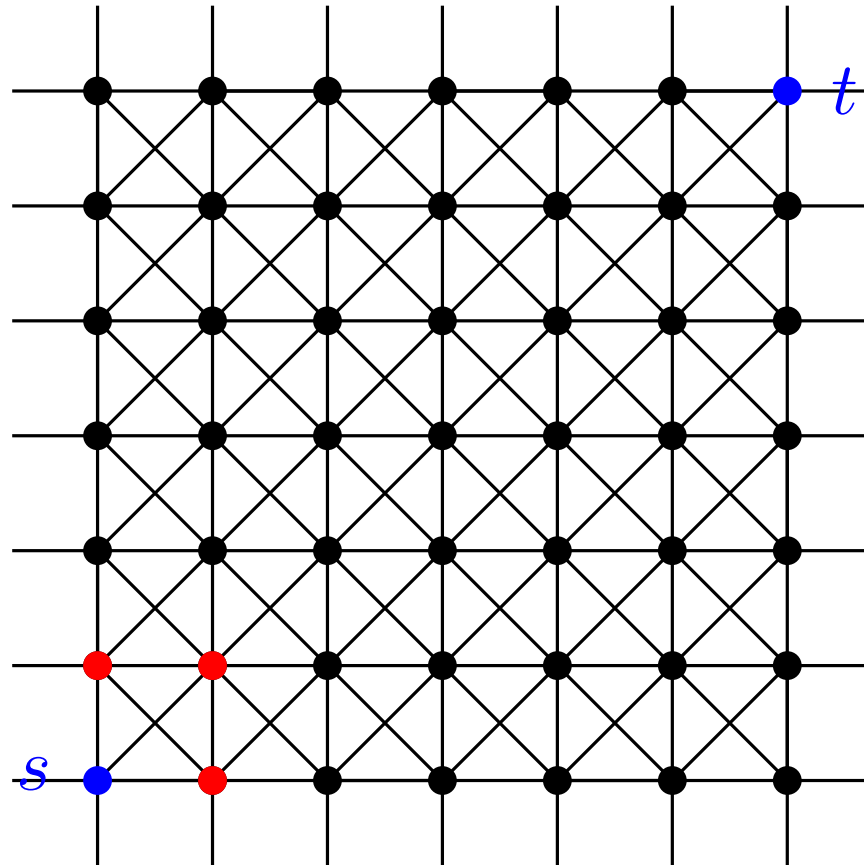
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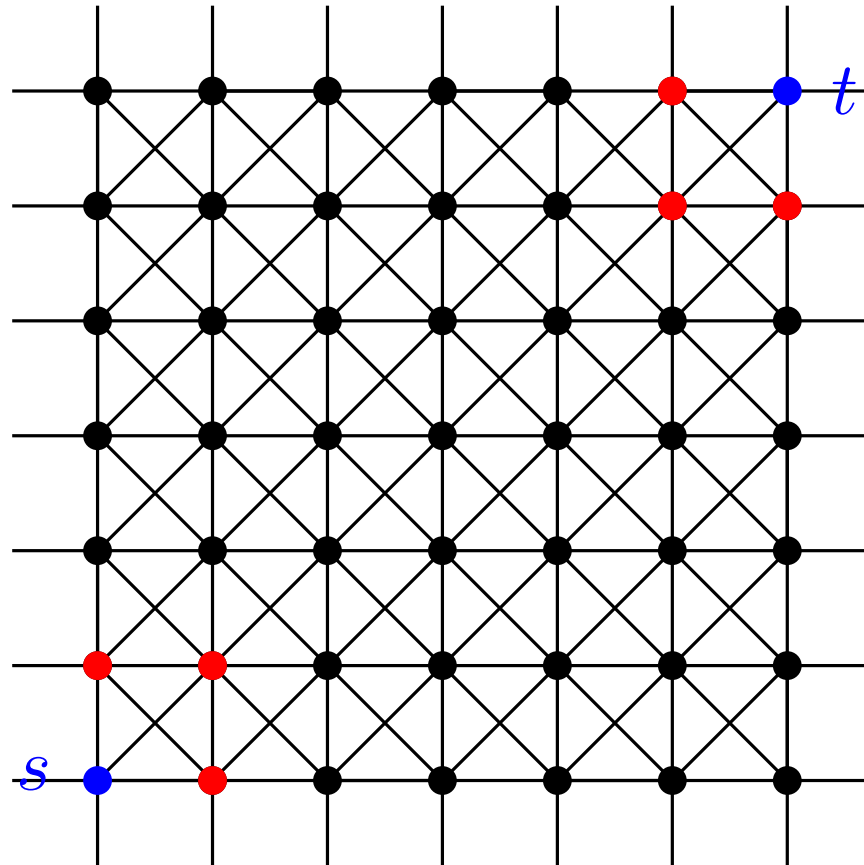
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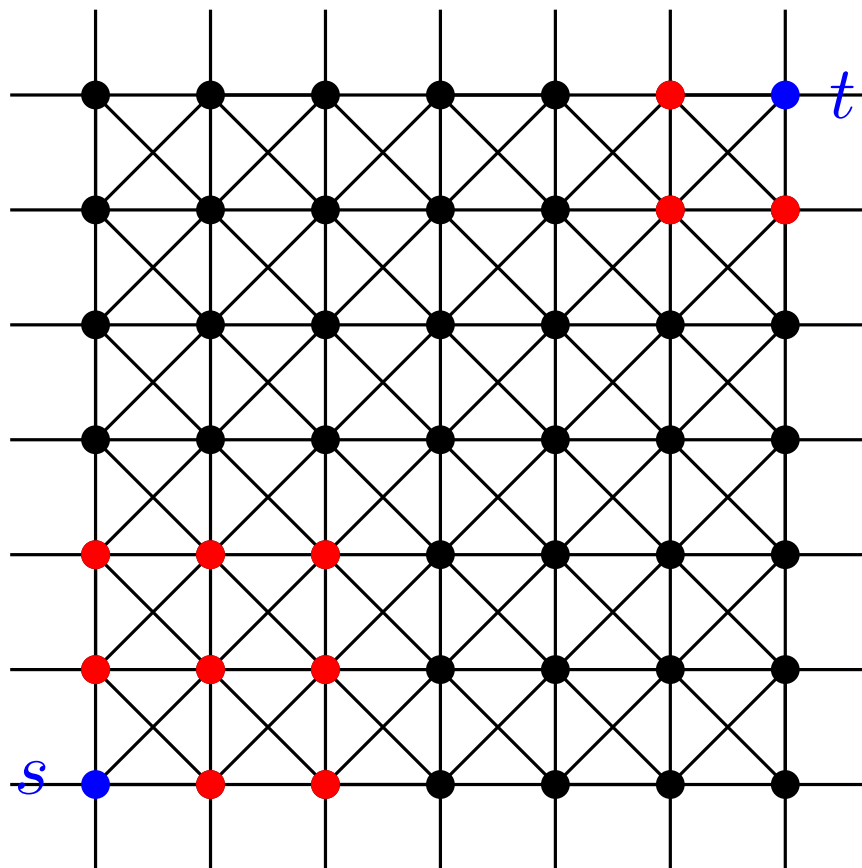
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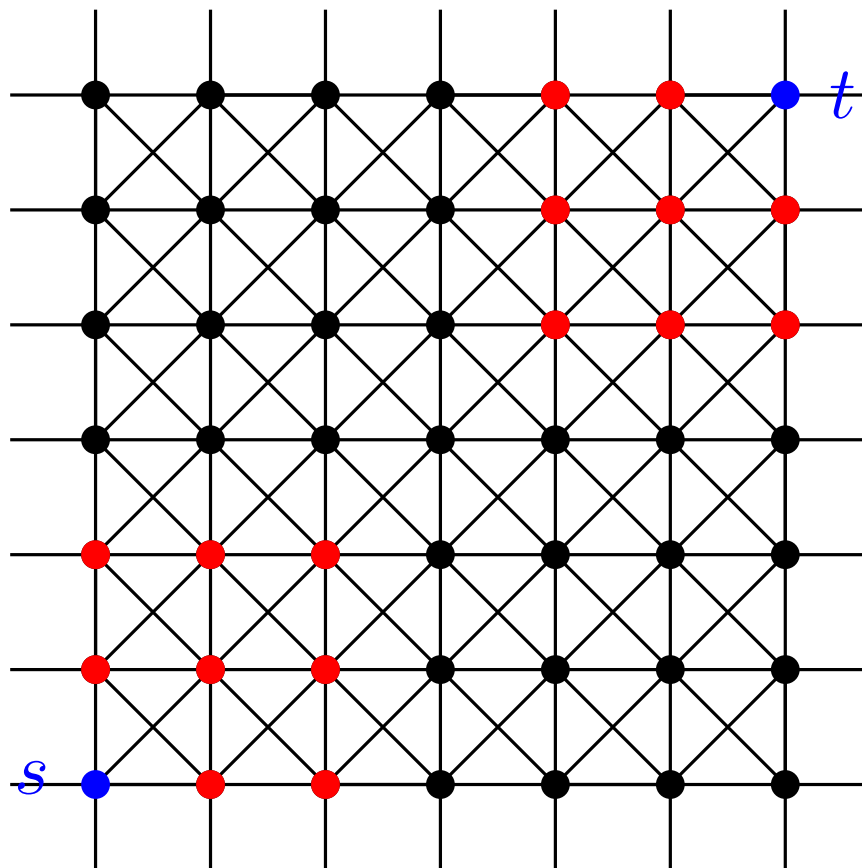
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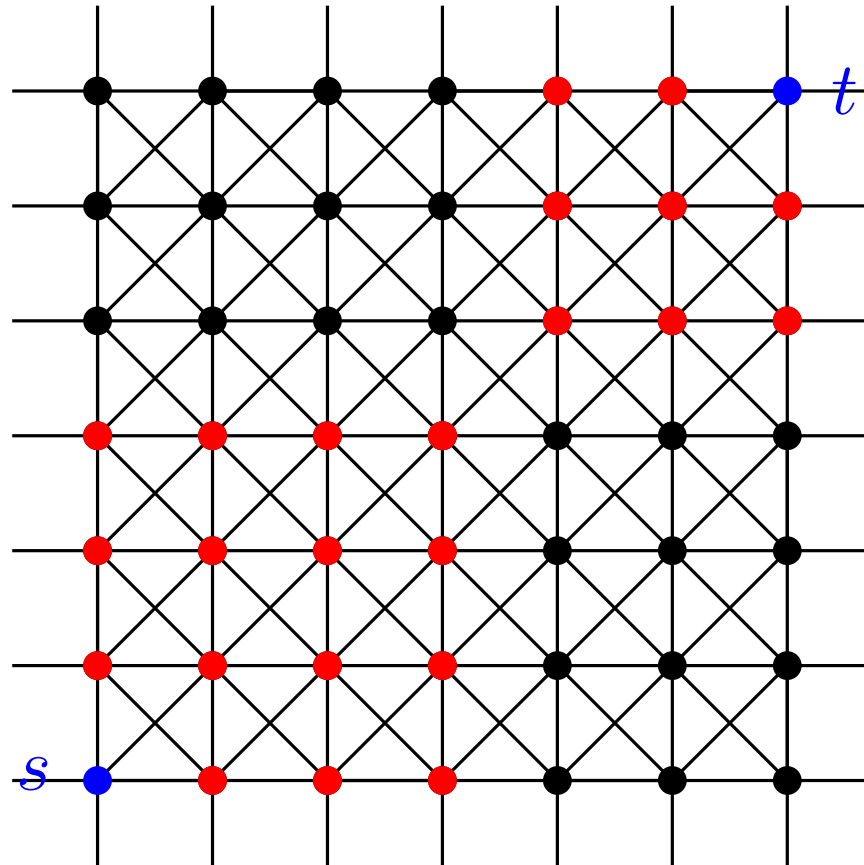
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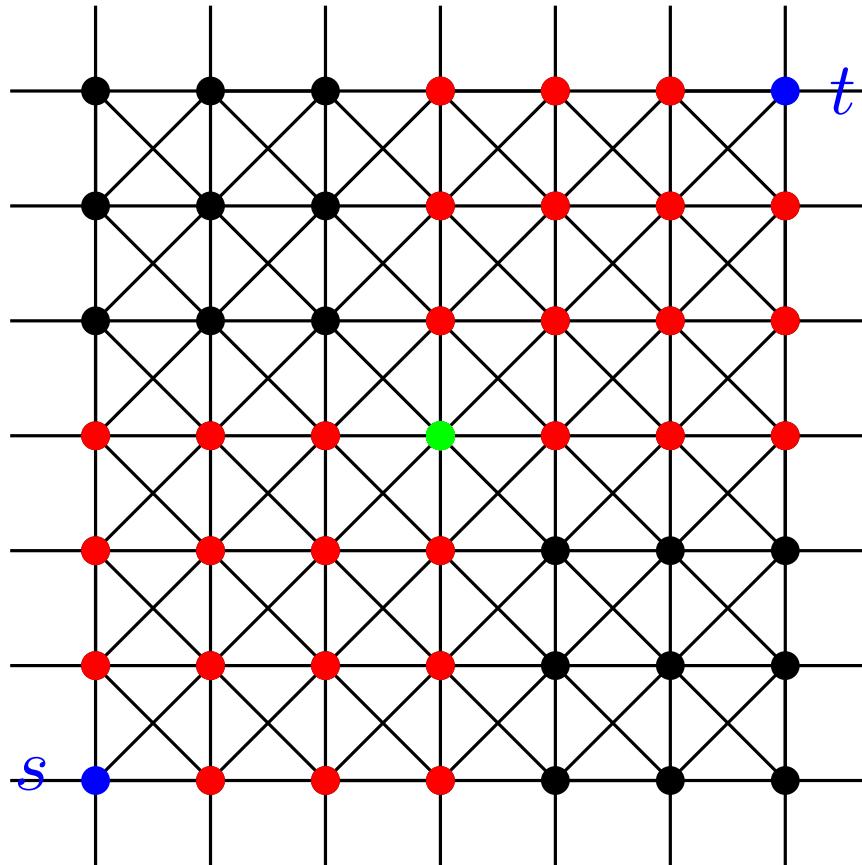
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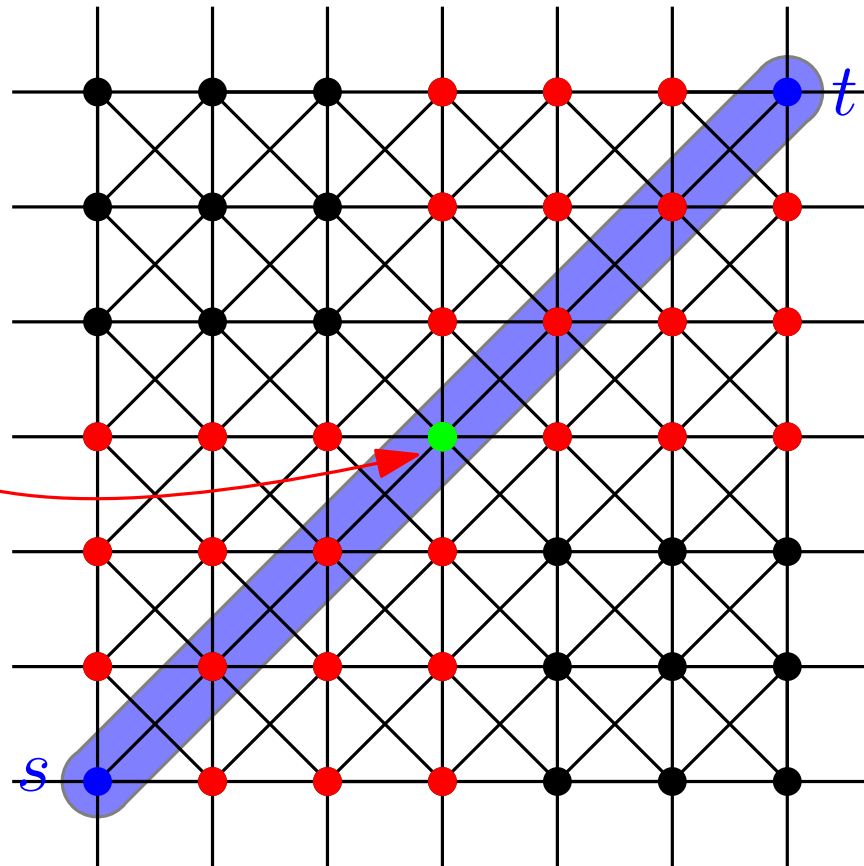


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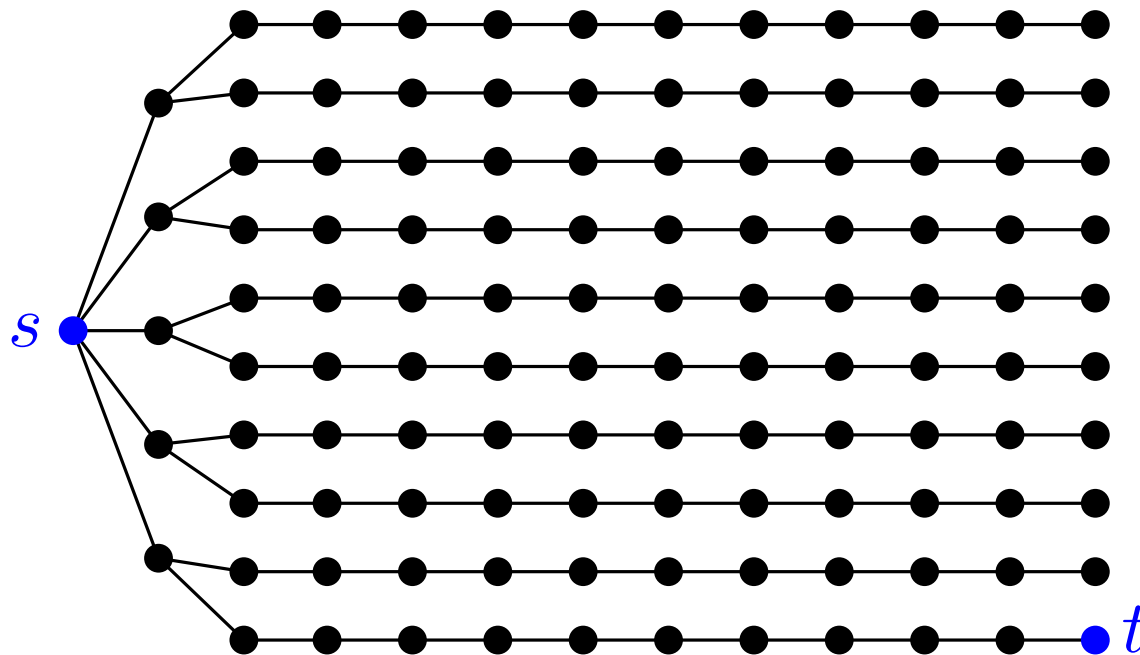
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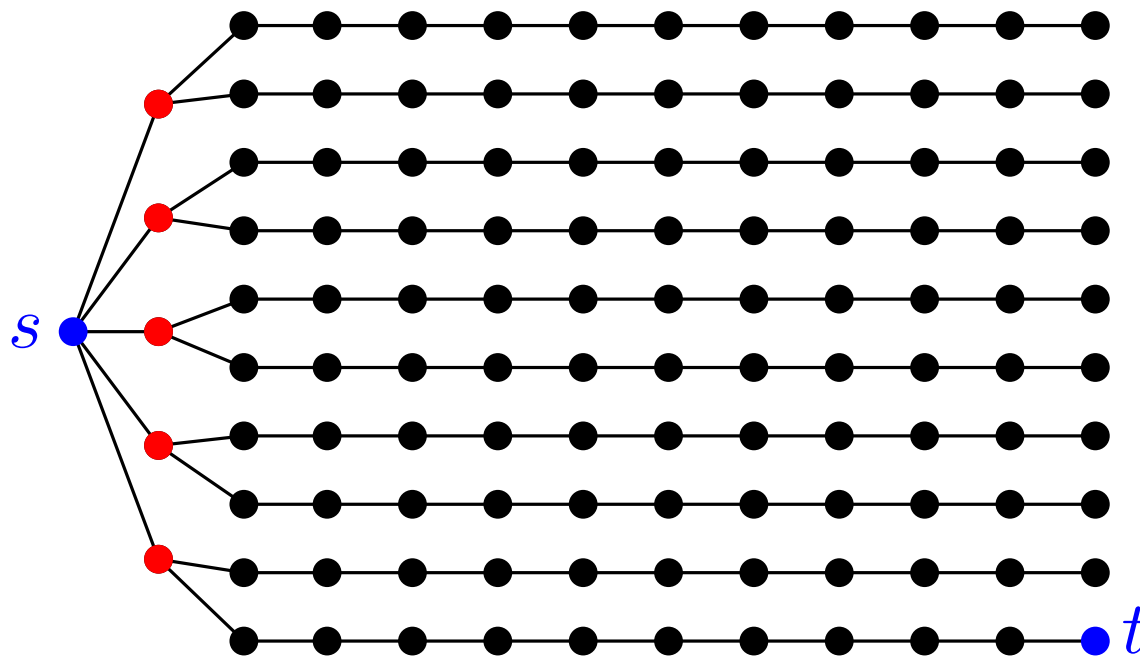
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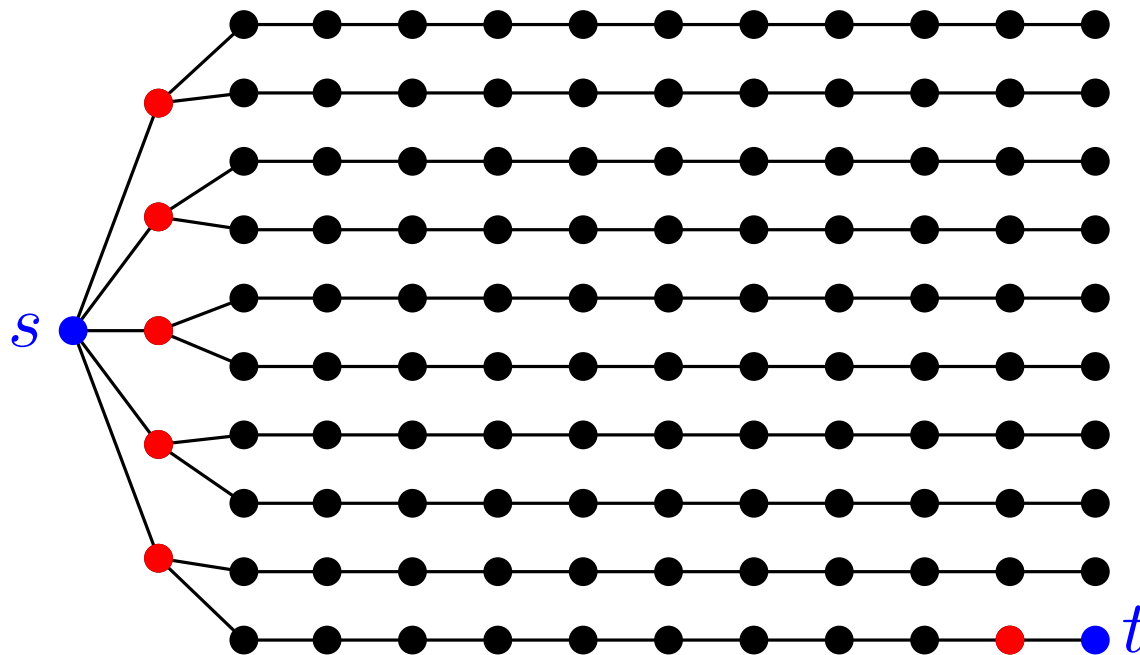
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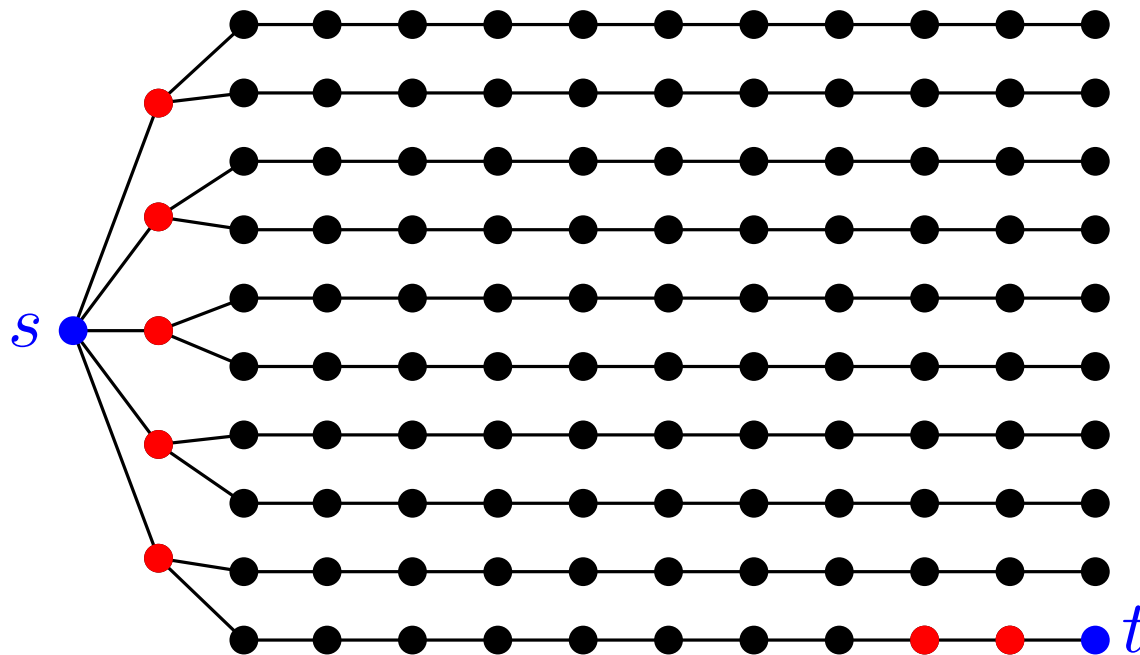
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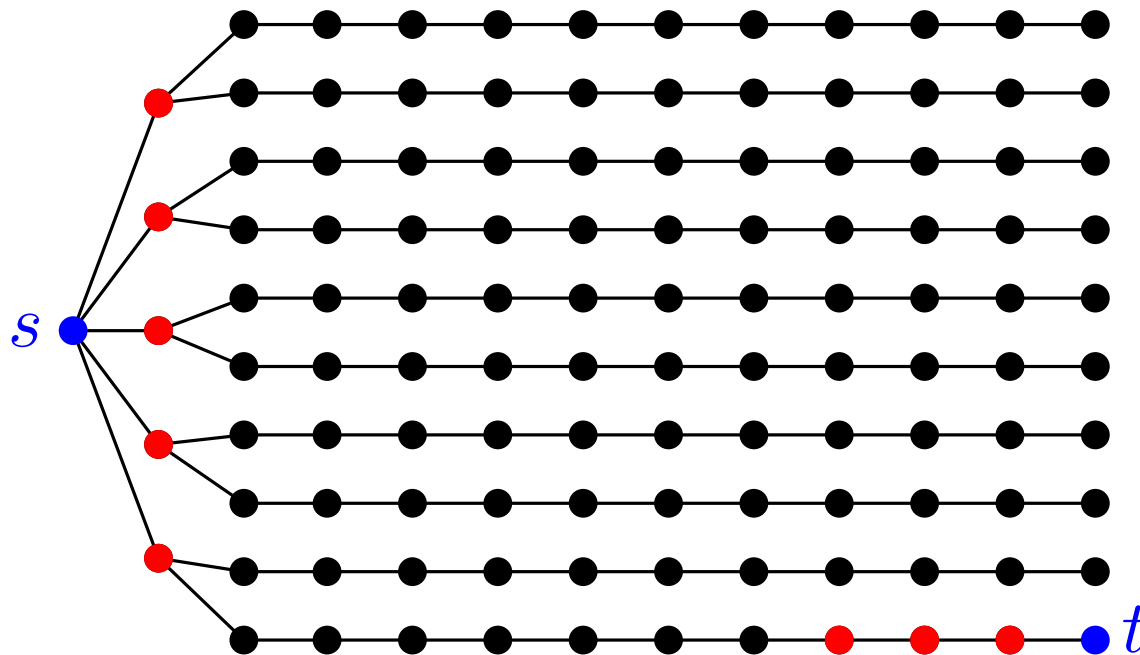
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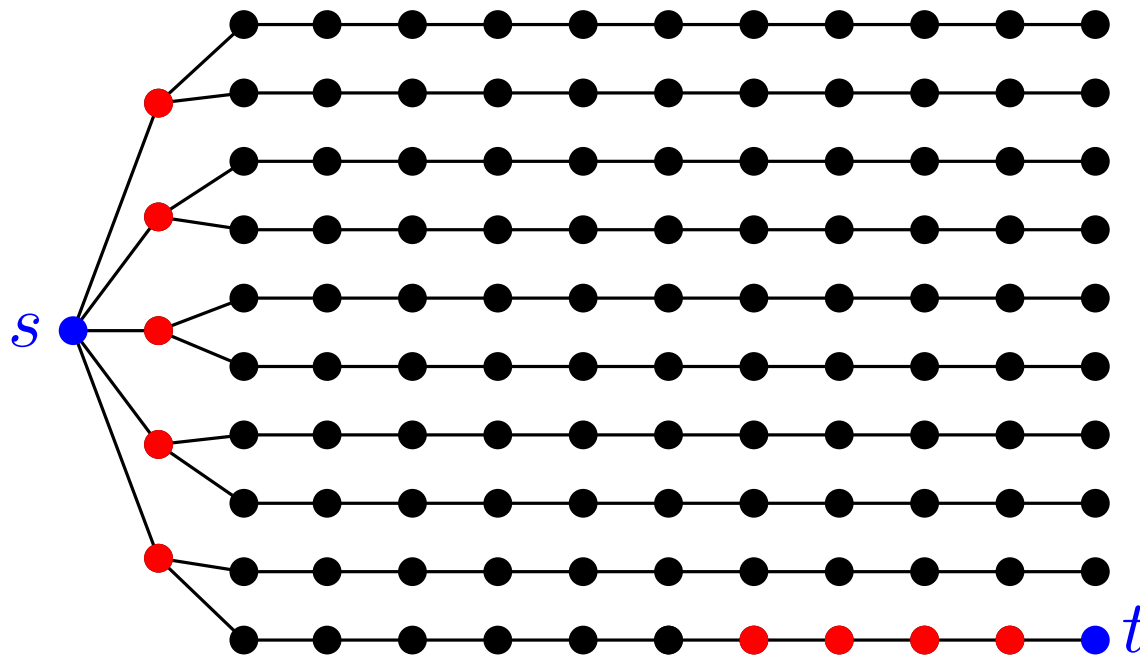
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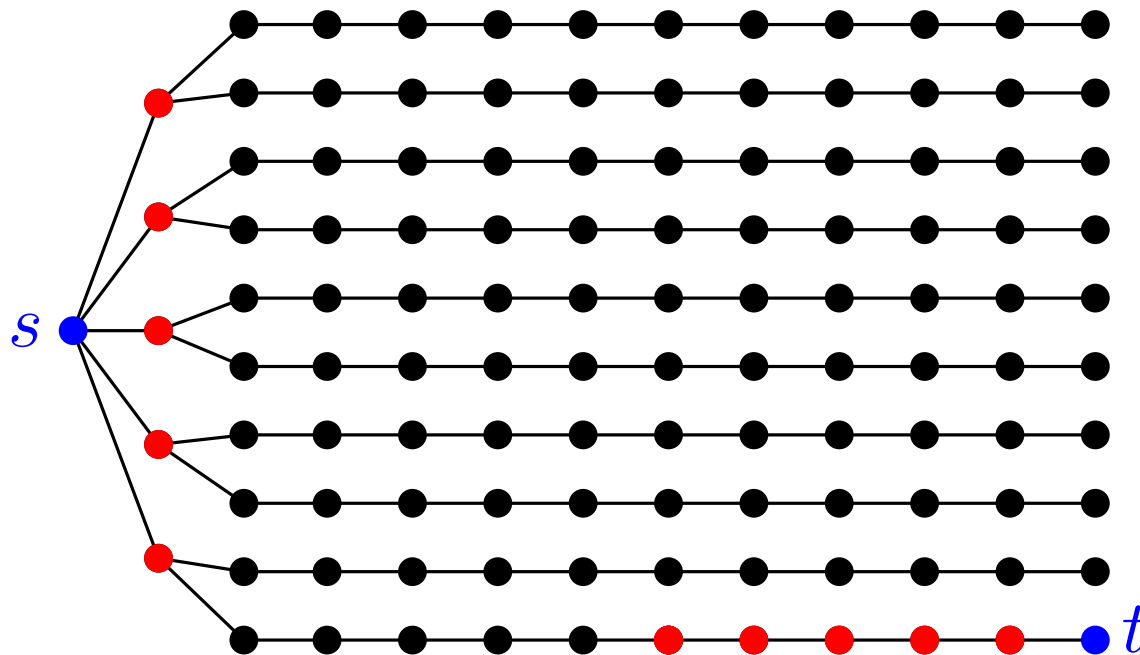
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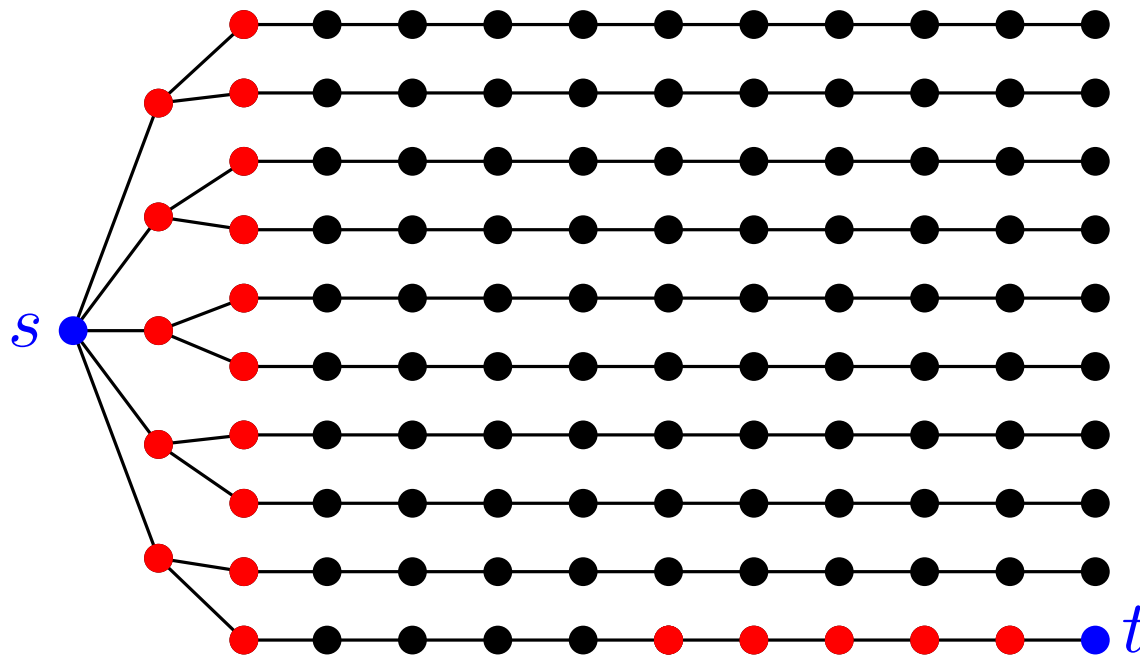
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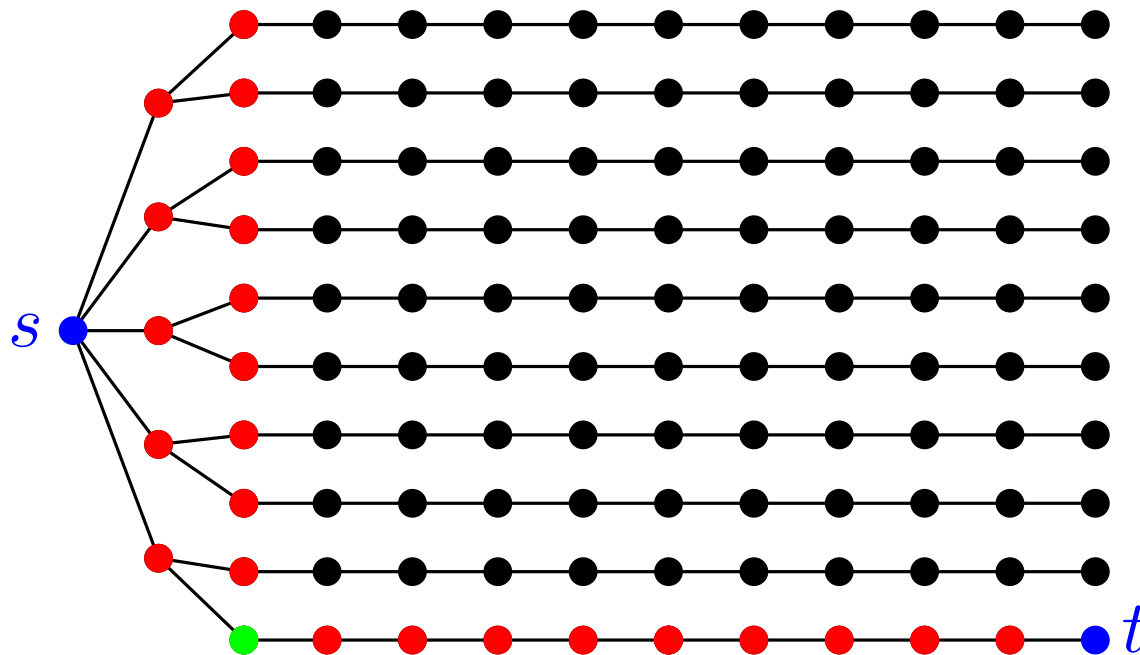
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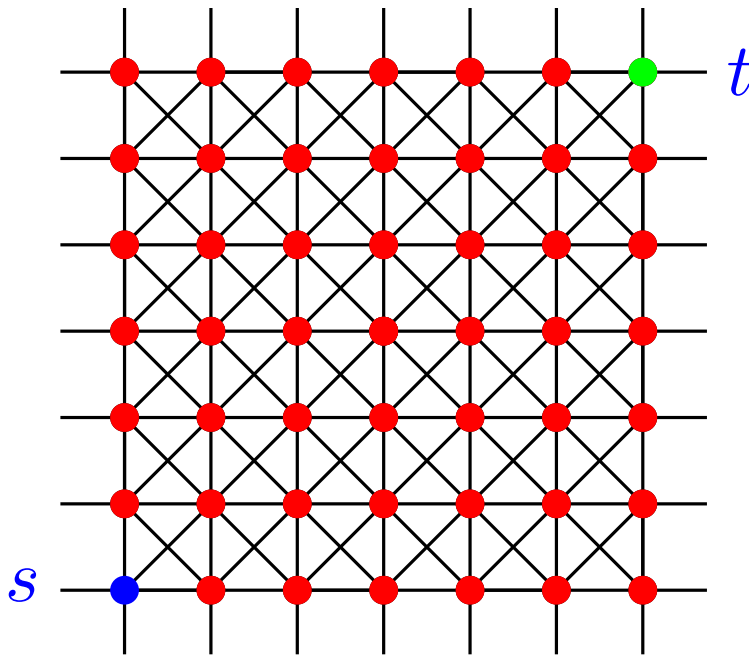
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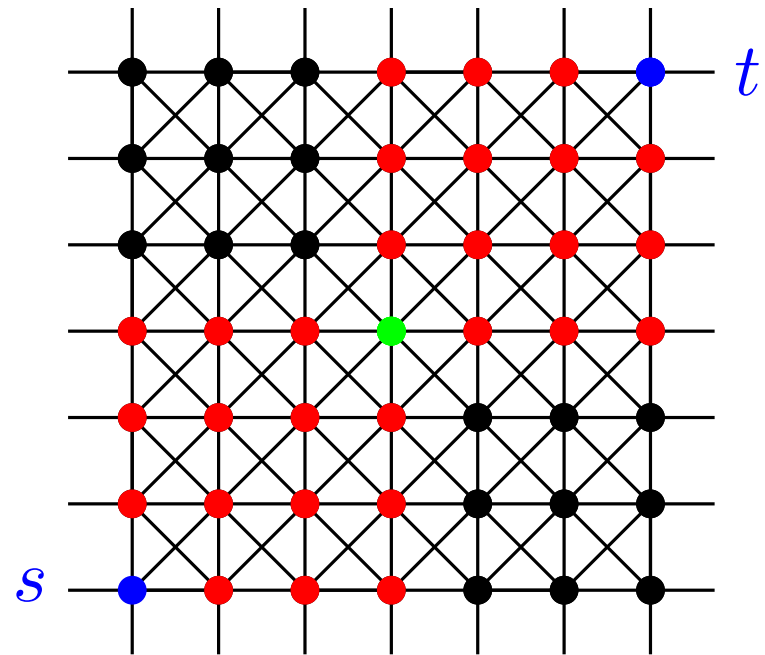
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Speed-up of BBBFS vs simple BFS?

“You may get a factor 2...  
Not worth the complications!”



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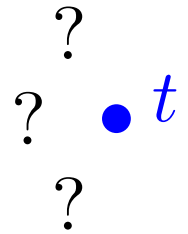
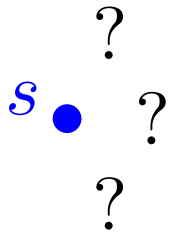


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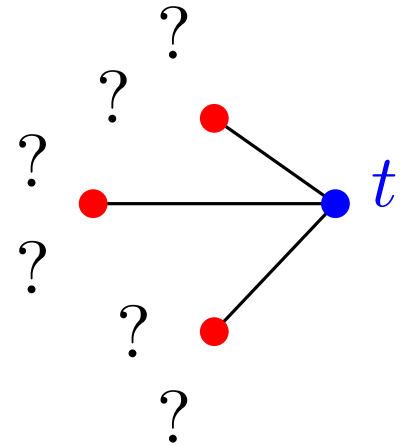
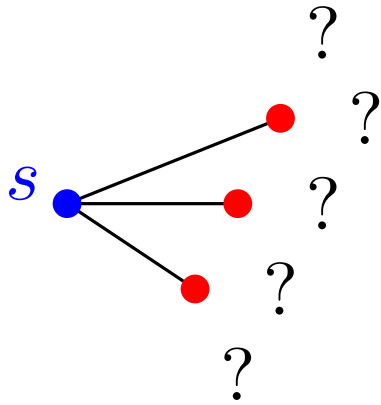
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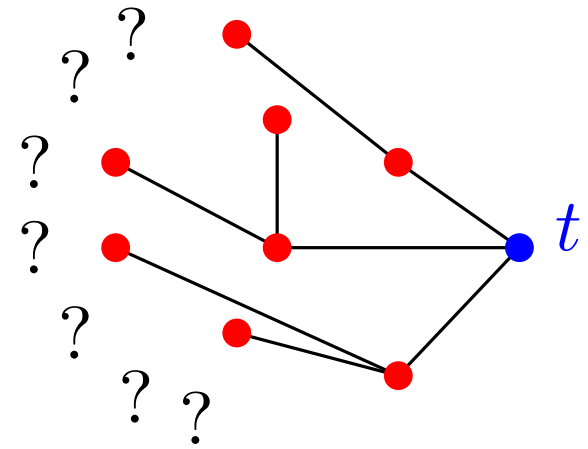
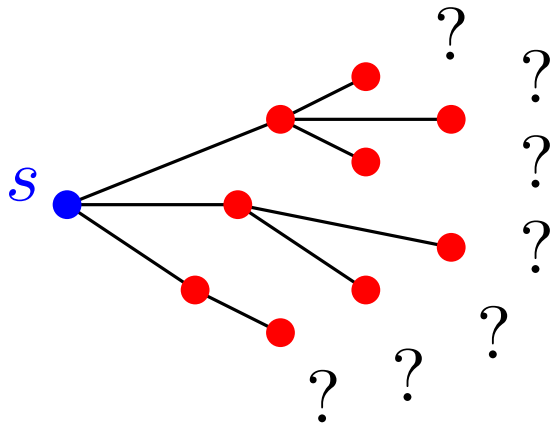
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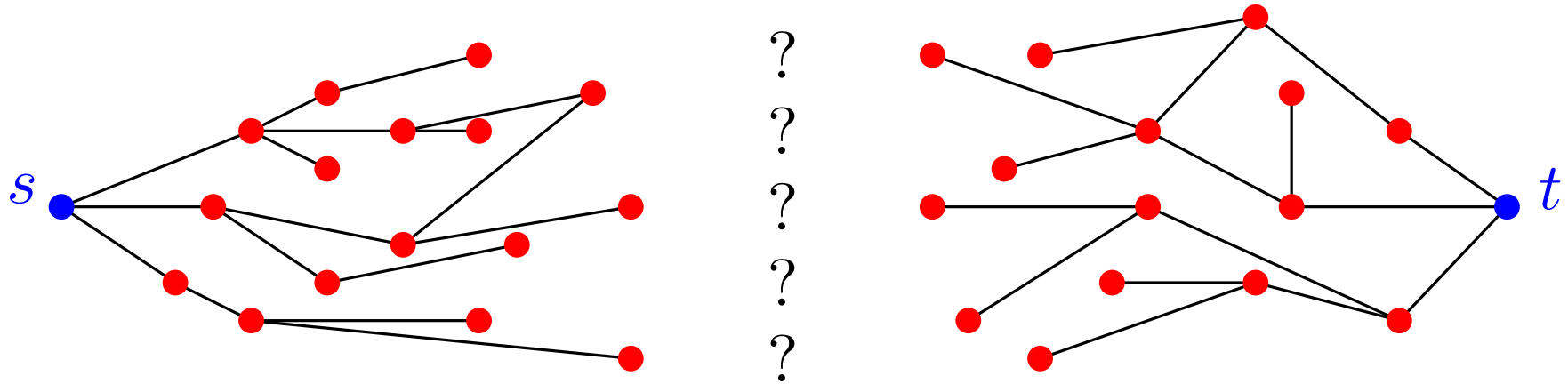
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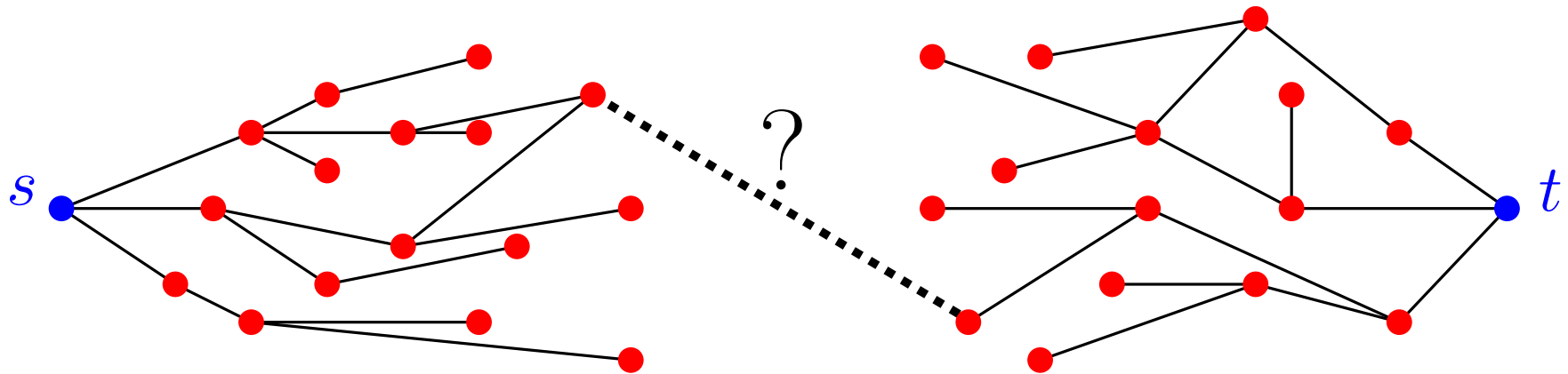
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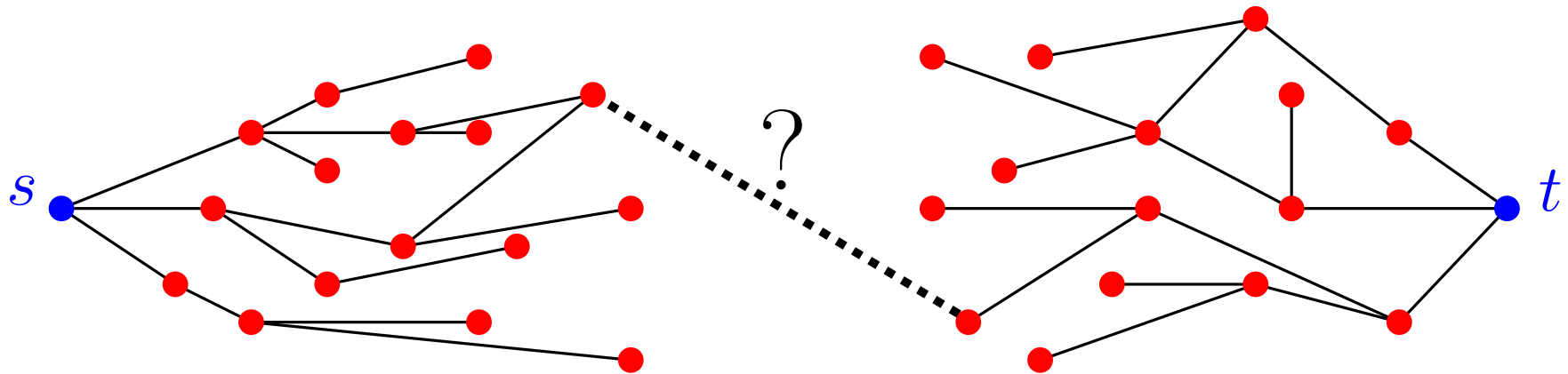
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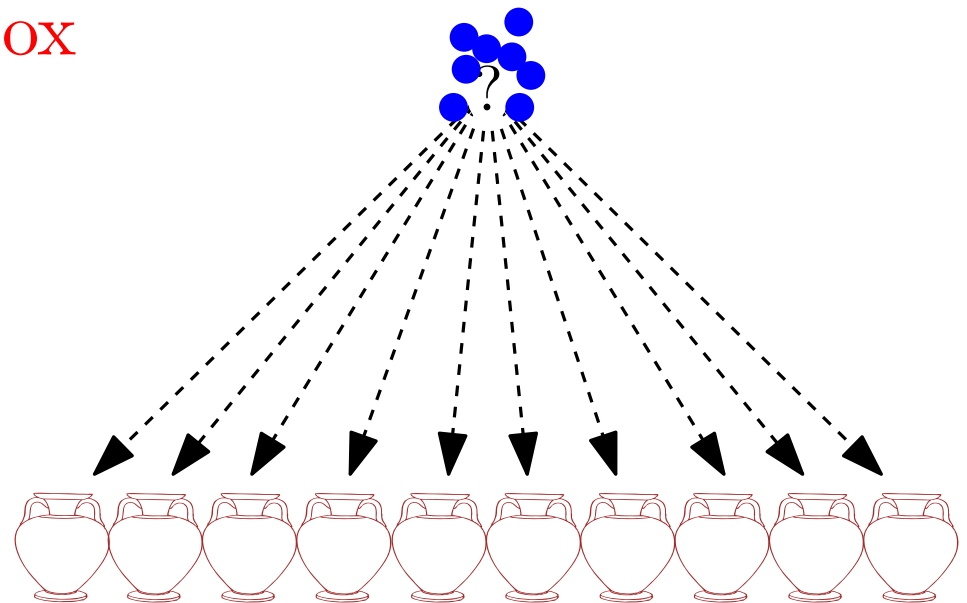


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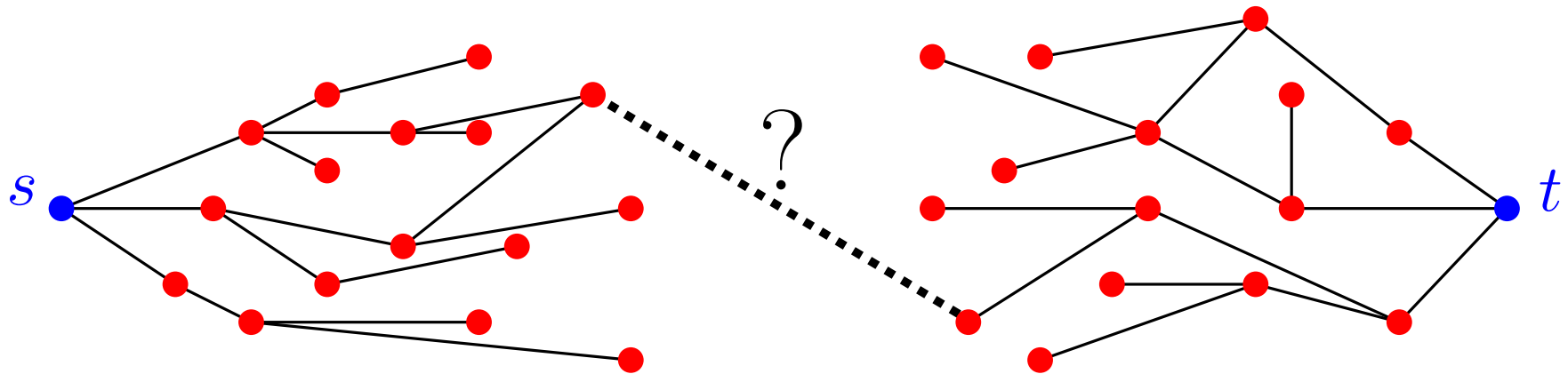
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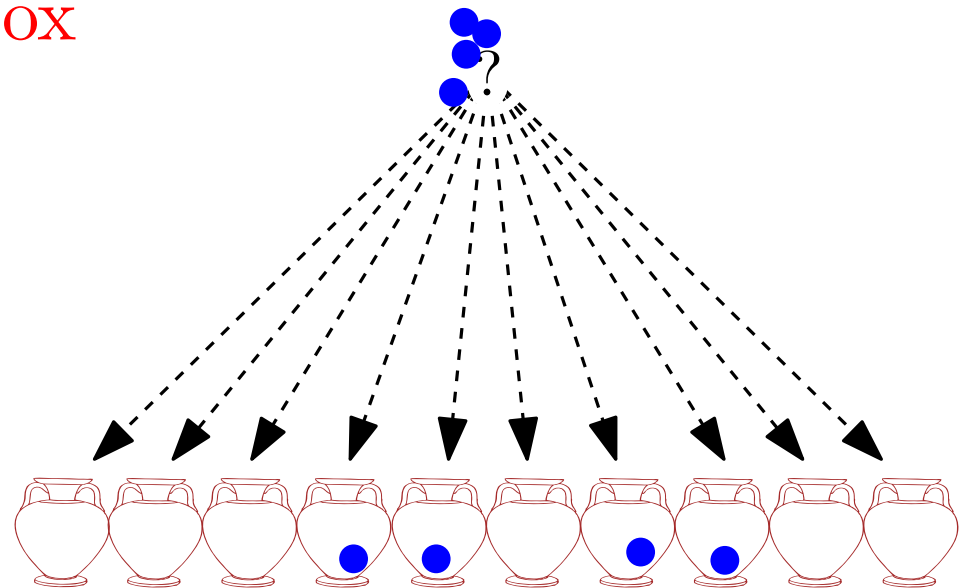


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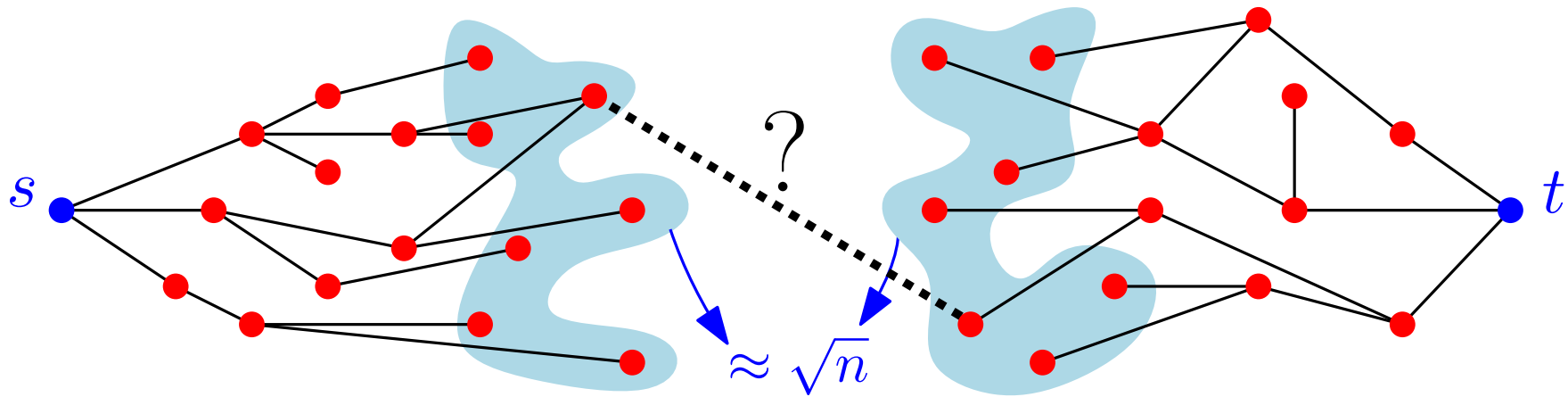
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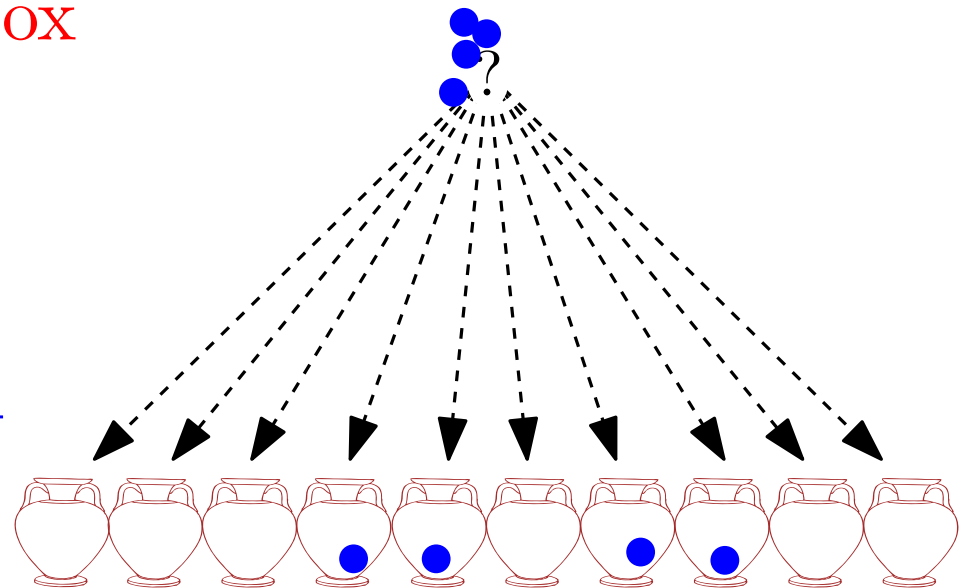
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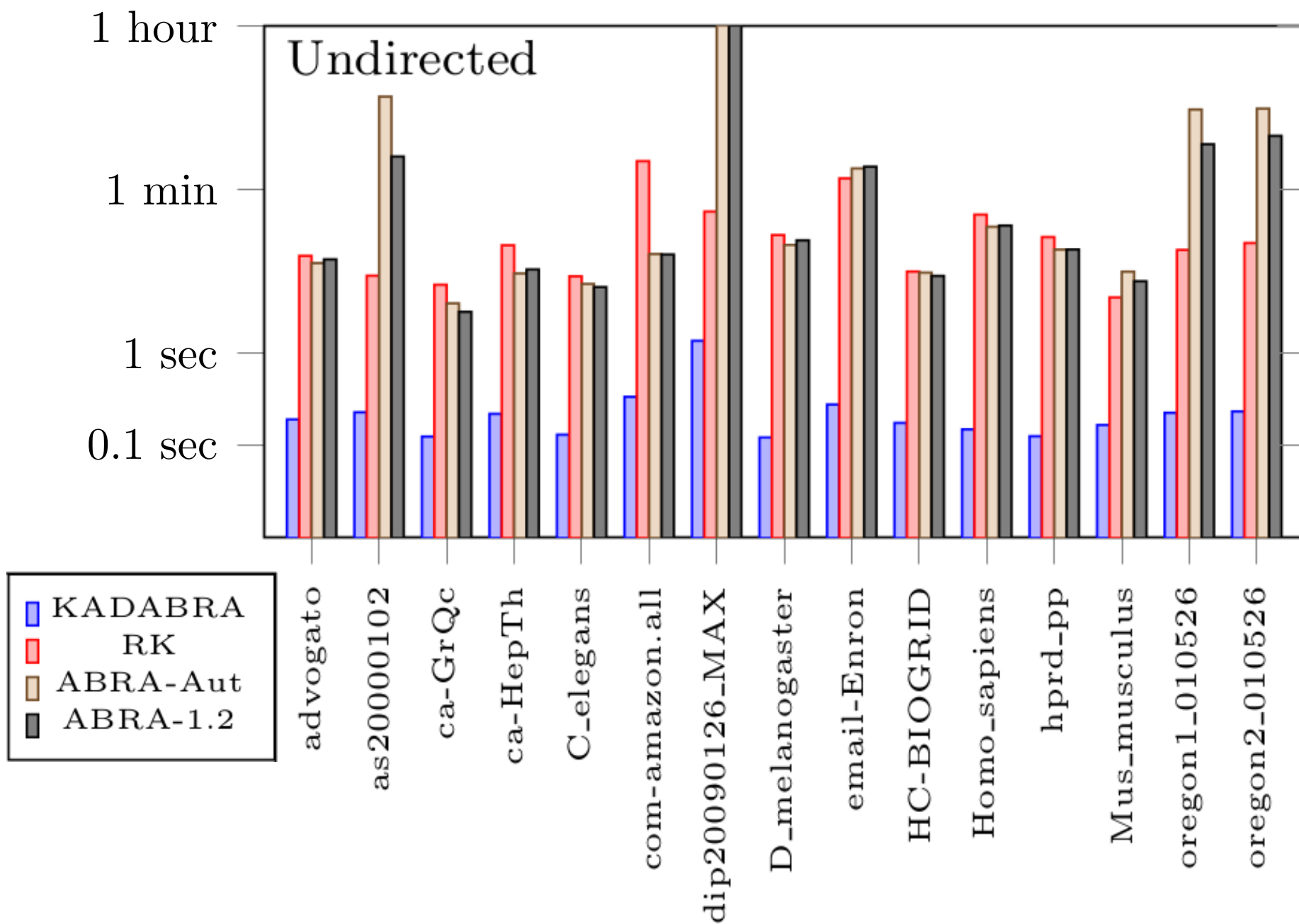
# BBBFS on Random Graphs

**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a graph generated by one of the following models:

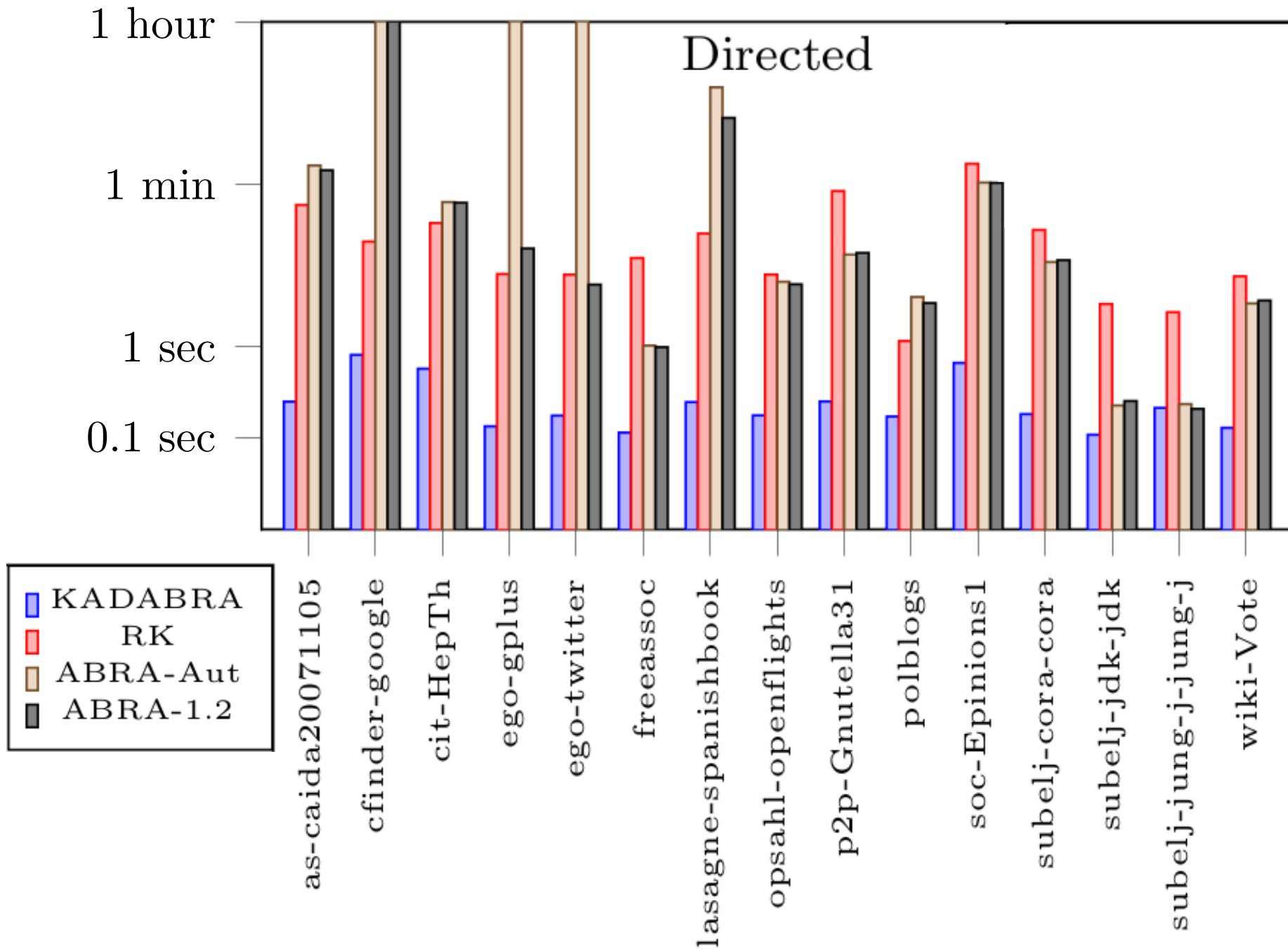
- the Configuration Model,
- the Norros-Reittu model,
- the Chung-Lu model, and the
- Generalized Random Graph model.

For each fixed  $\epsilon > 0$ , and for each pair of nodes  $s$  and  $t$ , w.h.p. the time needed to compute an  $st$ -shortest path through a BBBFS is  $\mathcal{O}(n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon})$  if the degree distribution  $\lambda$  has finite second moment,  $\mathcal{O}(n^{\frac{4-\beta}{2}+\epsilon})$  if  $\lambda$  is a power law distribution with  $2 < \beta < 3$ .

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Wikipedia graph ( $|V| = 4229697$ ,  $|E| = 102165832$ )

Rank	Page	Lower	$\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$	Upper
1)	USA	0.046278	0.047173	0.048084
2)	France	0.019522	0.020103	0.020701
3)	UK	0.017983	0.018540	0.019115
4)	England	0.016348	0.016879	0.017428
5-6)	Poland	0.012092	0.012287	0.012486
5-6)	Germany	0.011930	0.012124	0.012321
7)	India	0.009683	0.010092	0.010518
8-12)	WWII	0.008870	0.009065	0.009265
8-12)	Russia	0.008660	0.008854	0.009053
8-12)	Italy	0.008650	0.008845	0.009045
8-12)	Canada	0.008624	0.008819	0.009018
8-12)	Australia	0.008620	0.008814	0.009013

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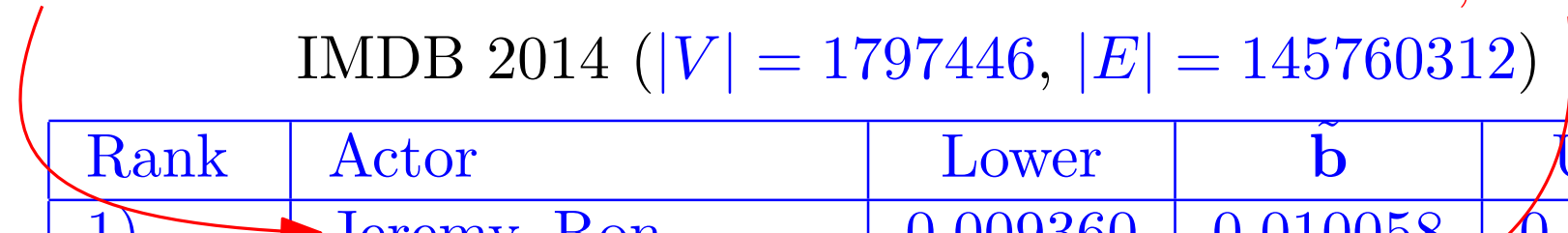
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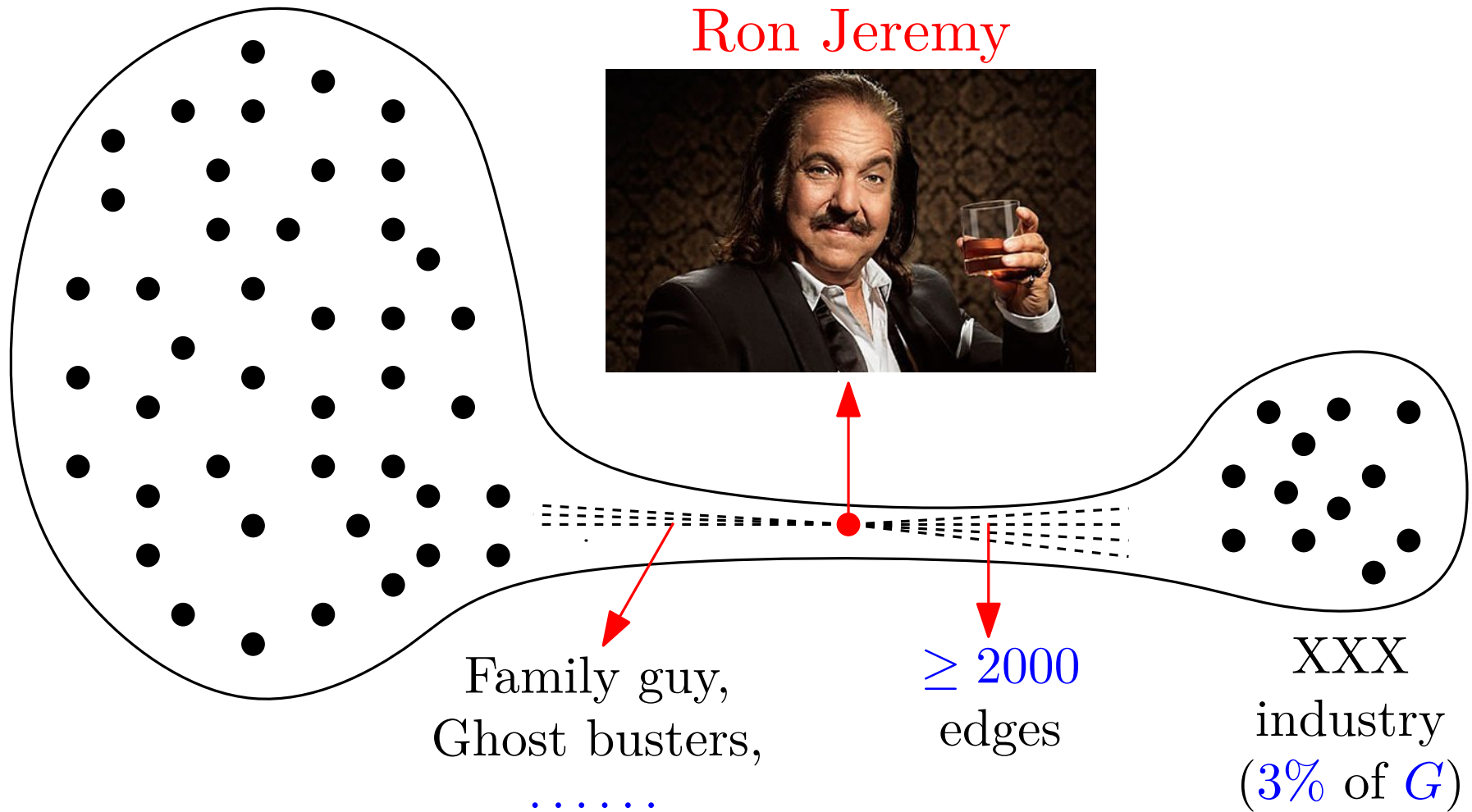


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