

Finding a Bounded-Degree **Expander** Inside a Dense One

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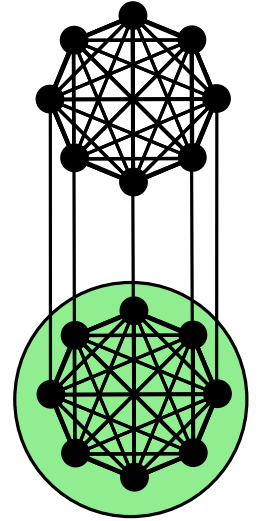
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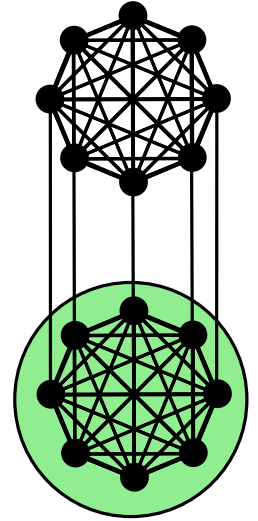
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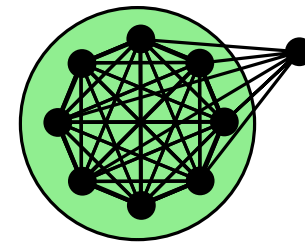
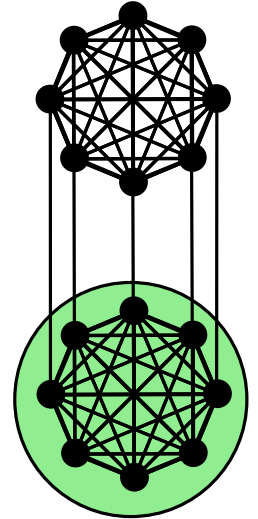
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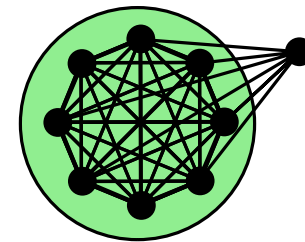
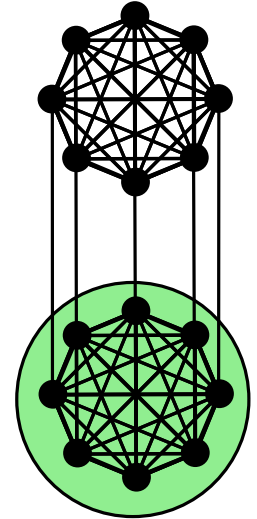
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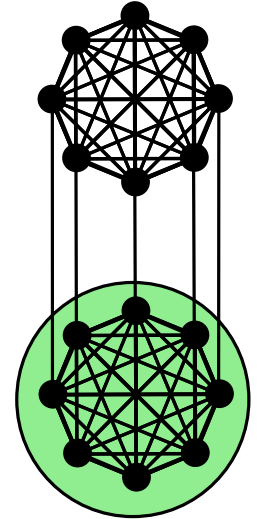


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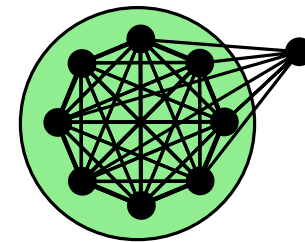
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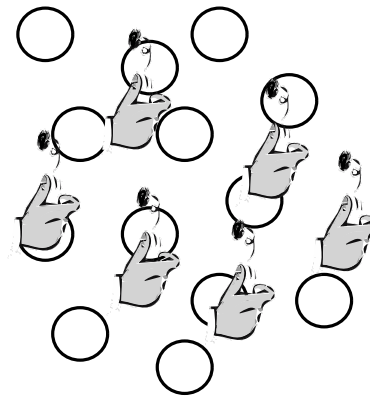
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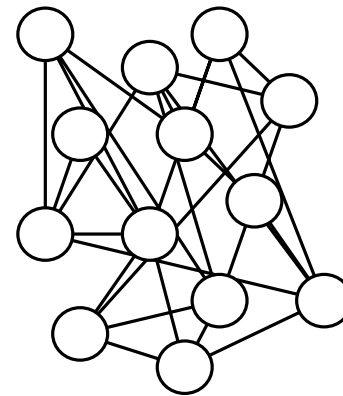
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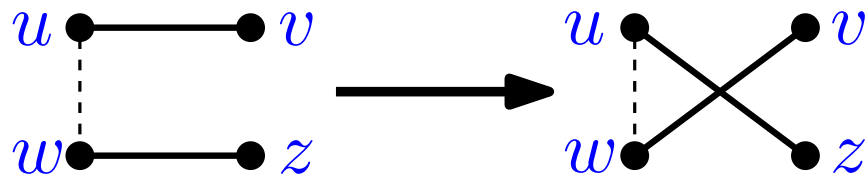
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- Allen-Zhu et al. [SODA'16]: start with a $\Omega(\log n)$ -regular graph and increase its expansion

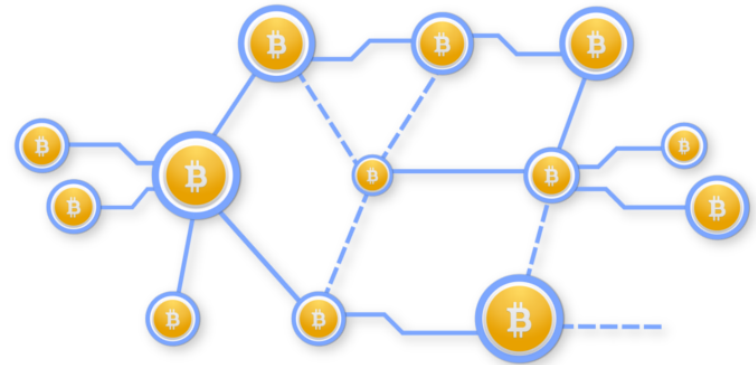


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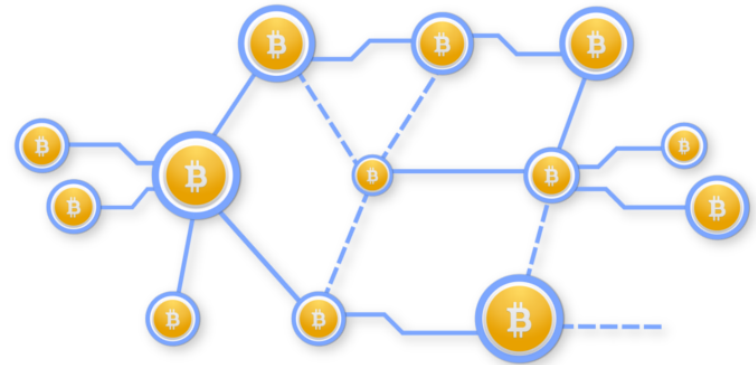
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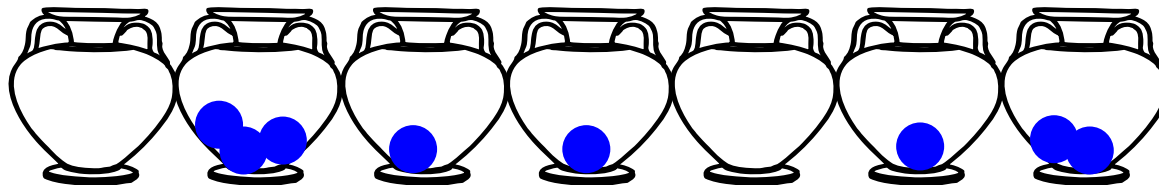
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Previous works: almost-tight load balancing in poly time (Berenbrink et al., SPAA'14)



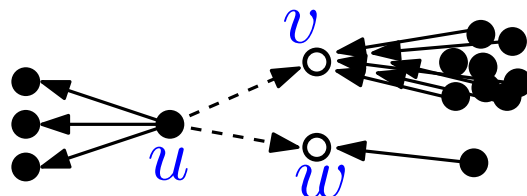
Algorithm **R**equest - **A**ccept if **E**nough **S**pace

Algorithm RAES(G, d, c) for each node v :

- Set $d_{out} = 0$ and assume connections are directed
- At the start of each round,
if ($d_{out} < d$) then
 send $d - d_{out}$ requests to random neighbors
- At the end of each round
if (current requests + new ones $\leq cd$) then
 accept all request
else
 reject all current requests

if ($d_{out} = d$) then
 forget edge orientation

Example
with $d = 5$



u is missing 2 connections.
 u asks to connect to v and w .
 v has already cd incoming connections
and refuses u 's requests.

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Proof Technique: *Encoding Argument*

(omitted: message complexity using martingale theory)

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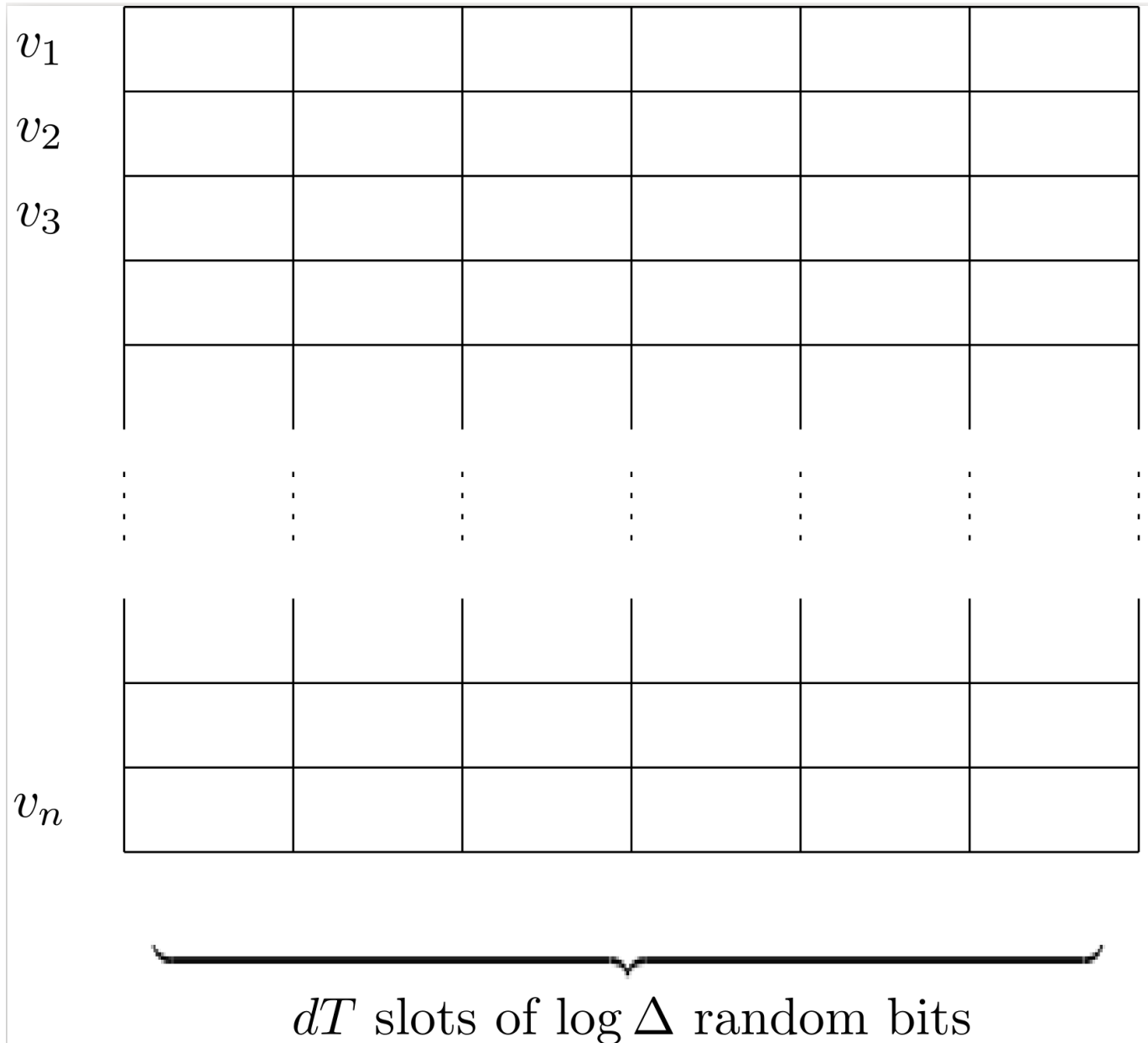
By the Encoding Lemma

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Encoding Arg. for Running Time (Warm Up)

Implementation:
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If RAES doesn't
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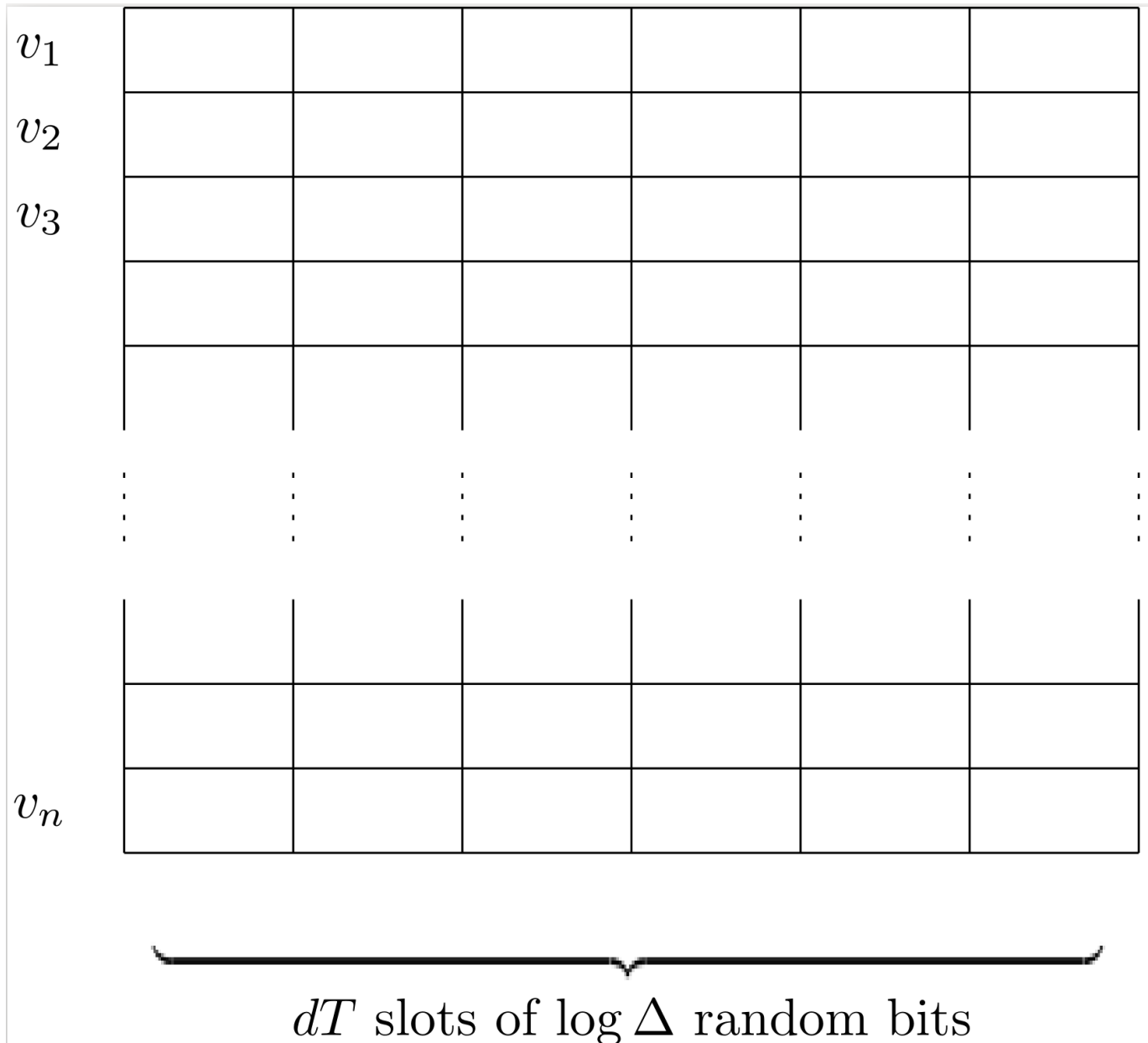


After calculations we see that we save
 $\frac{1}{2} \ell_v \log(\alpha c) - \log n = \Omega(\log n)$

Encoding Argument for Expansion

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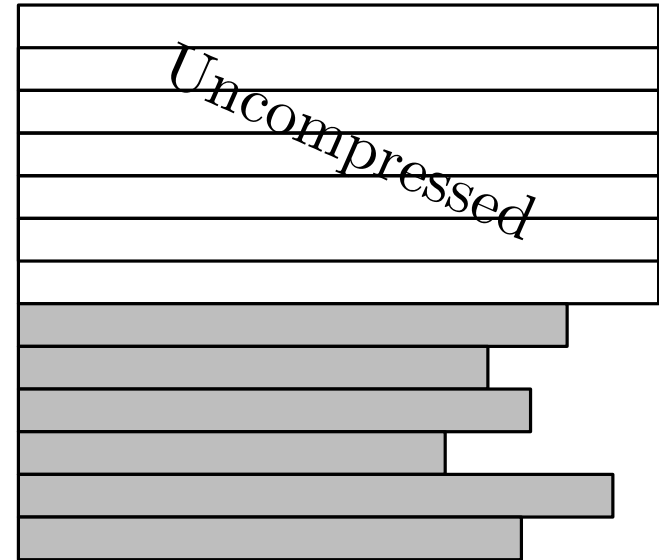
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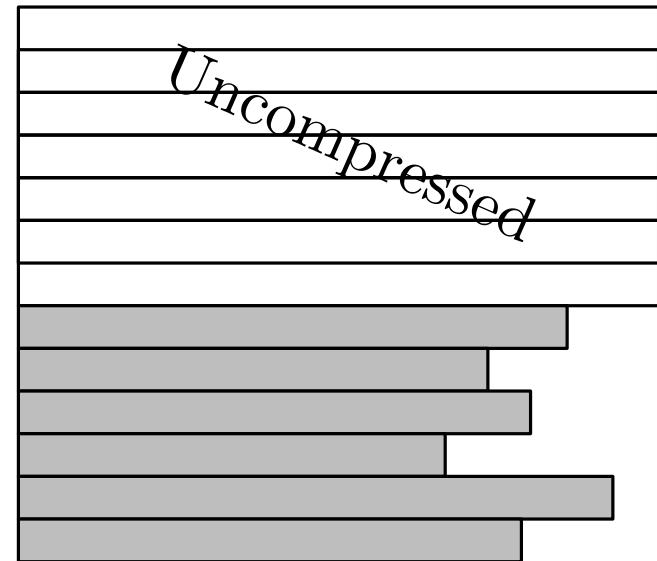
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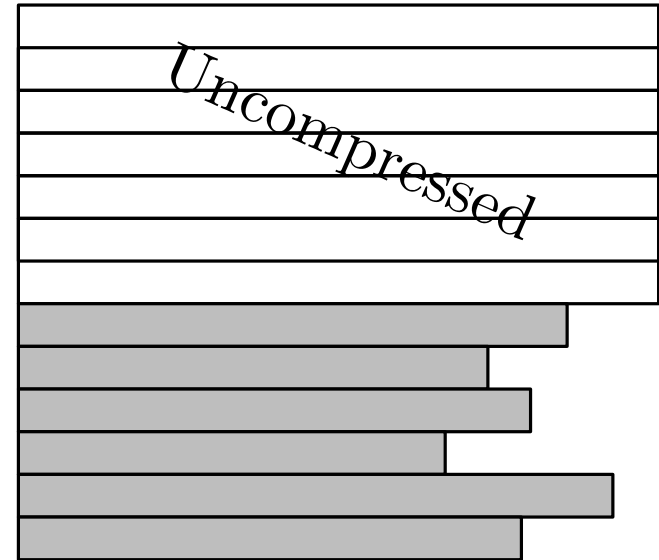
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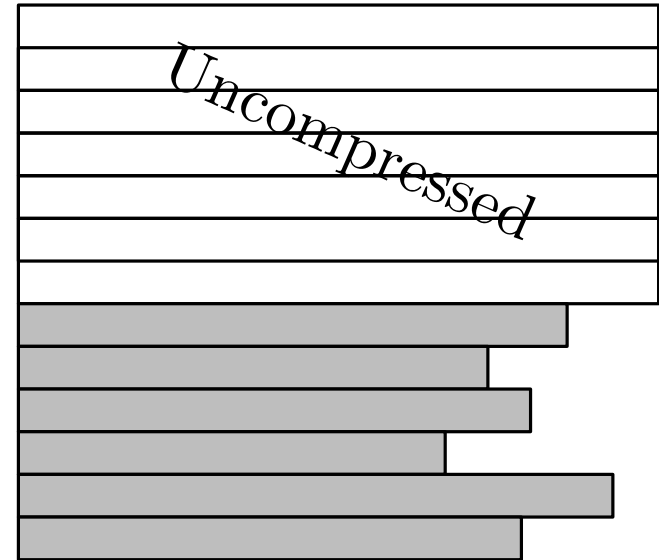
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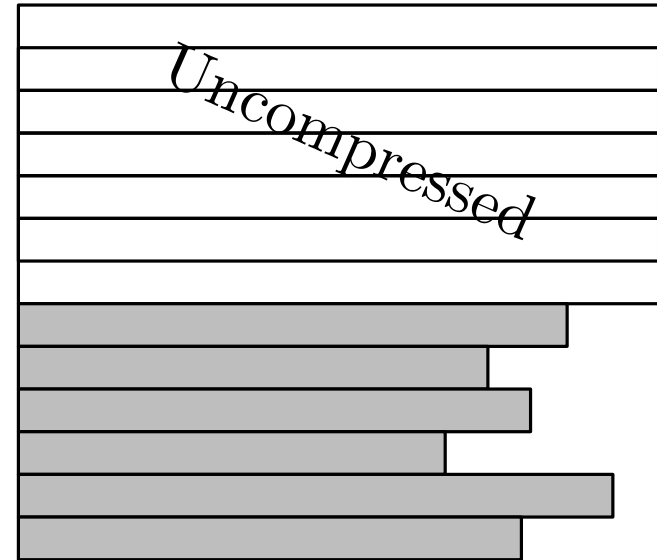
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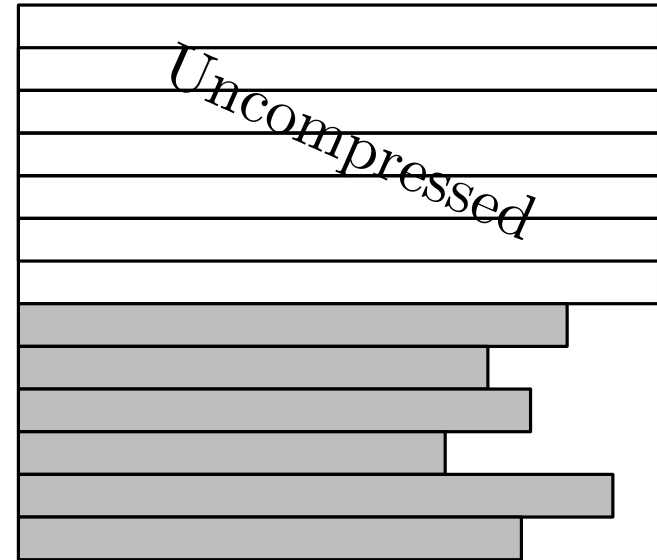
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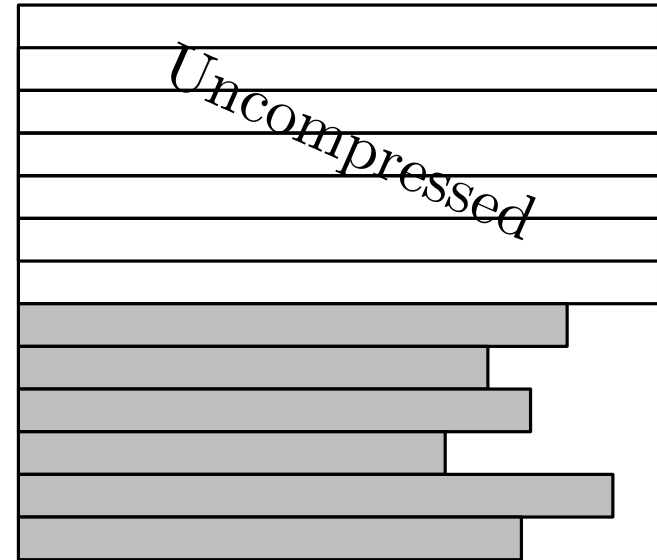
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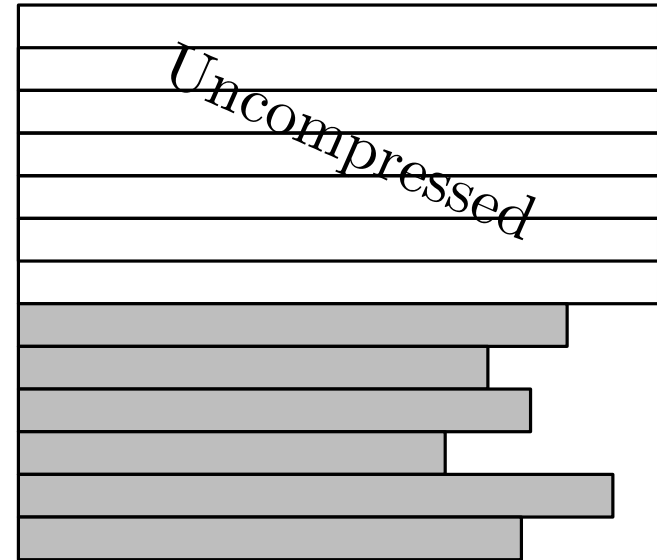
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Where $rss(v)$ is the number of rejected connections from v to semisaturated nodes and $rc_t(v)$ is the number of rejected connections from v to critical nodes at time t

Compression Summary

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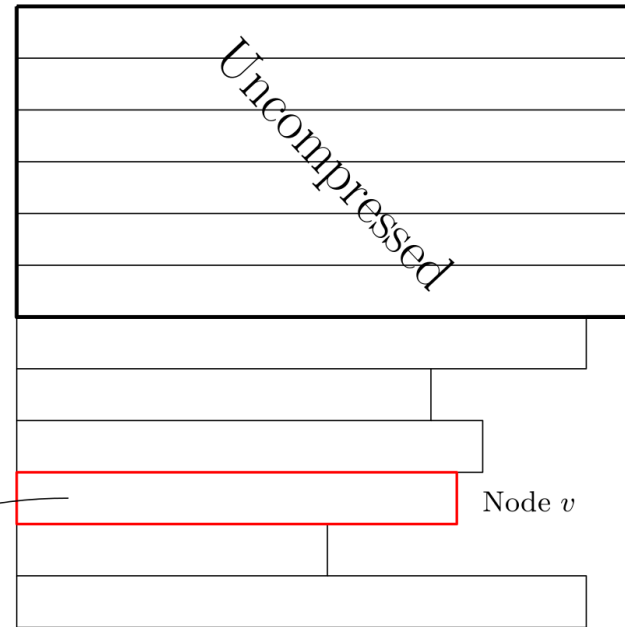
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Nodes in $V \setminus S$

Nodes in S



9 bronze badges

Subset of accepted requests	Subset of accepted requests in S	Destinations of accepted requests outside S (uncompressed) + + inside S (compressed)	Destinations of rejected requests
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Thank You!