

Algorithms for Hard Problems on Low Highway Dimension Graphs

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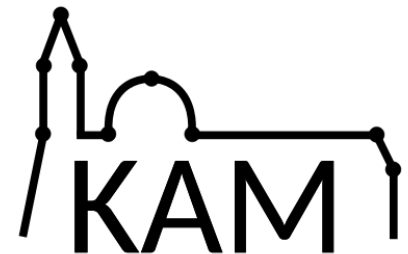
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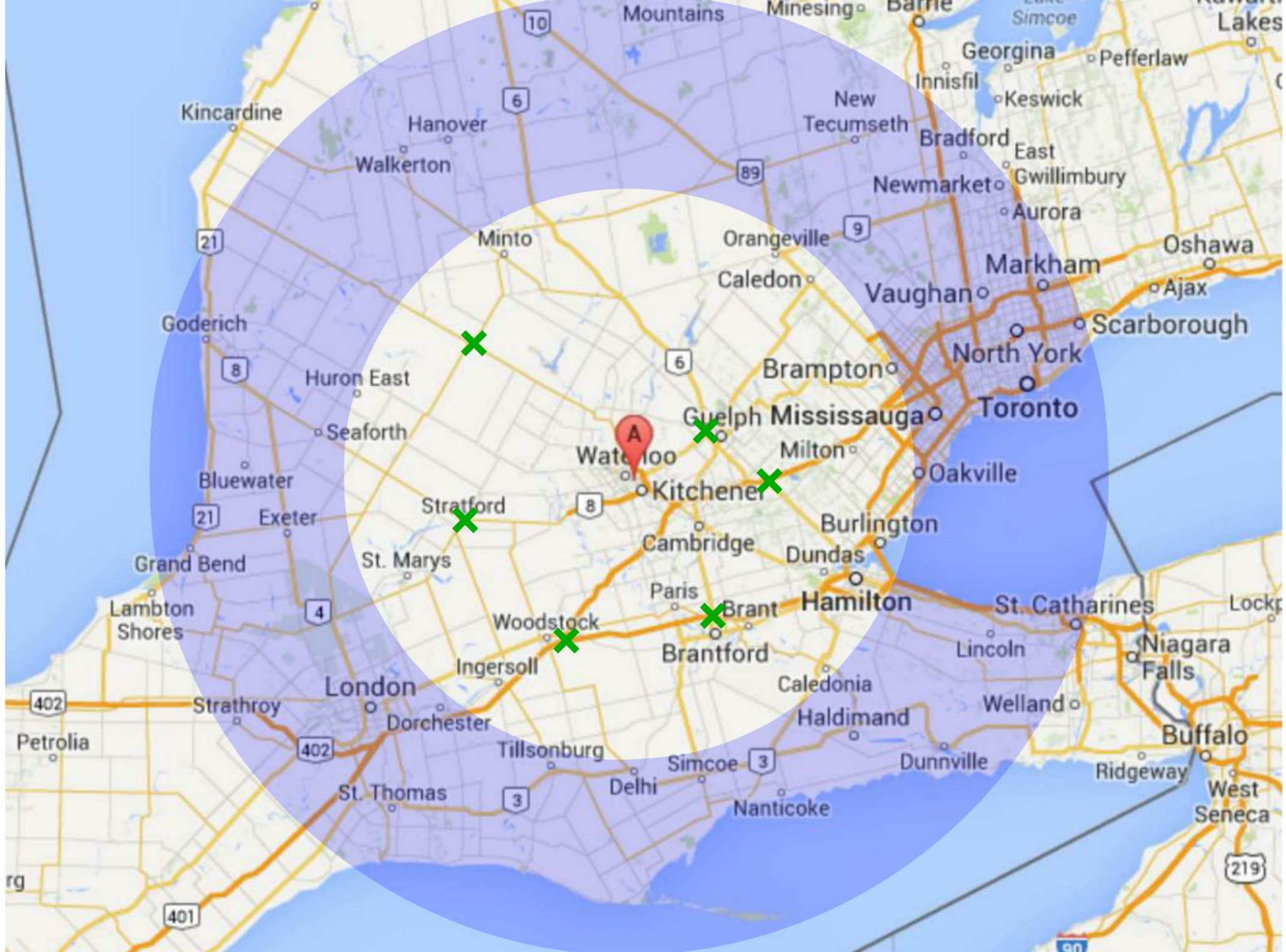
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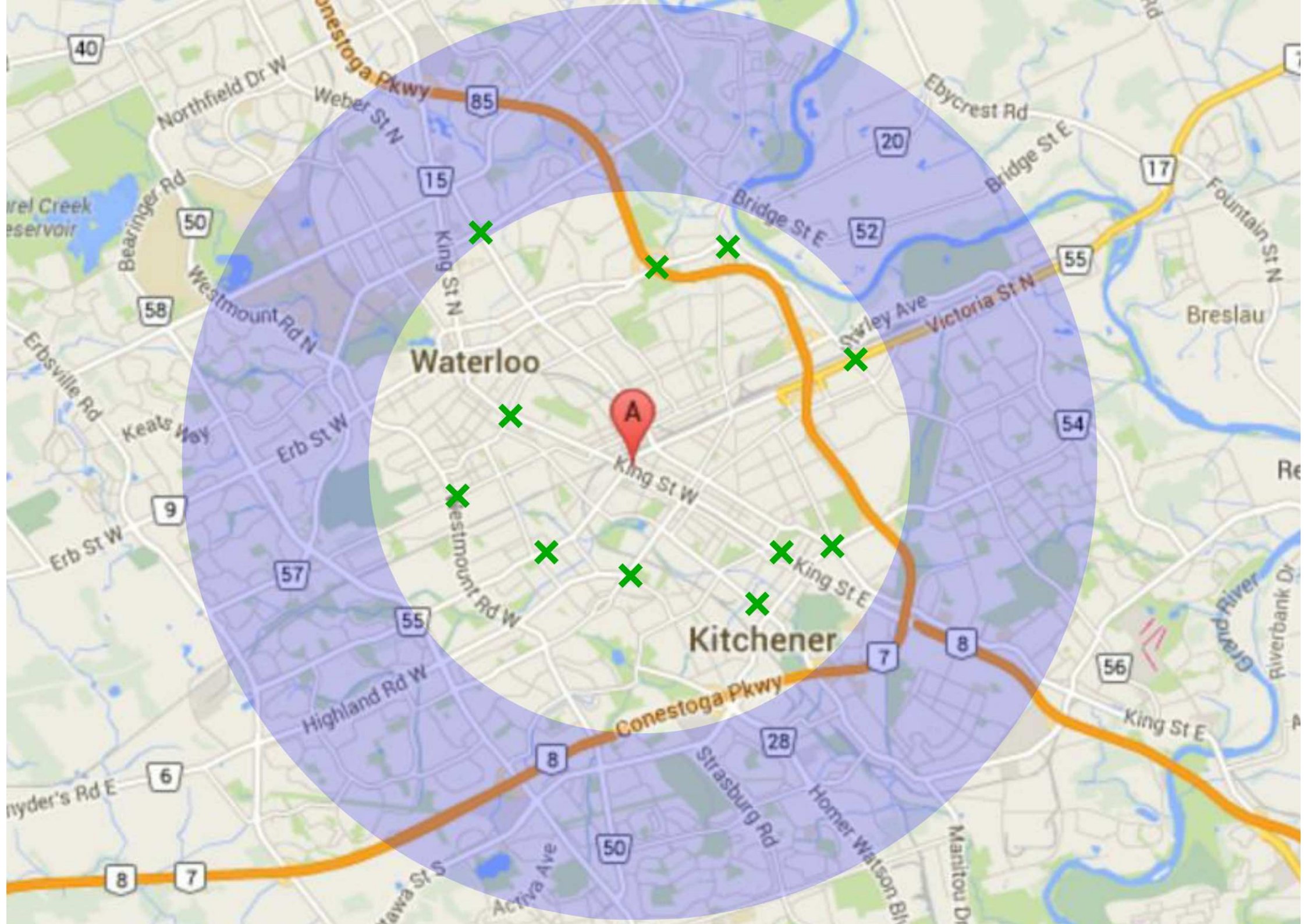
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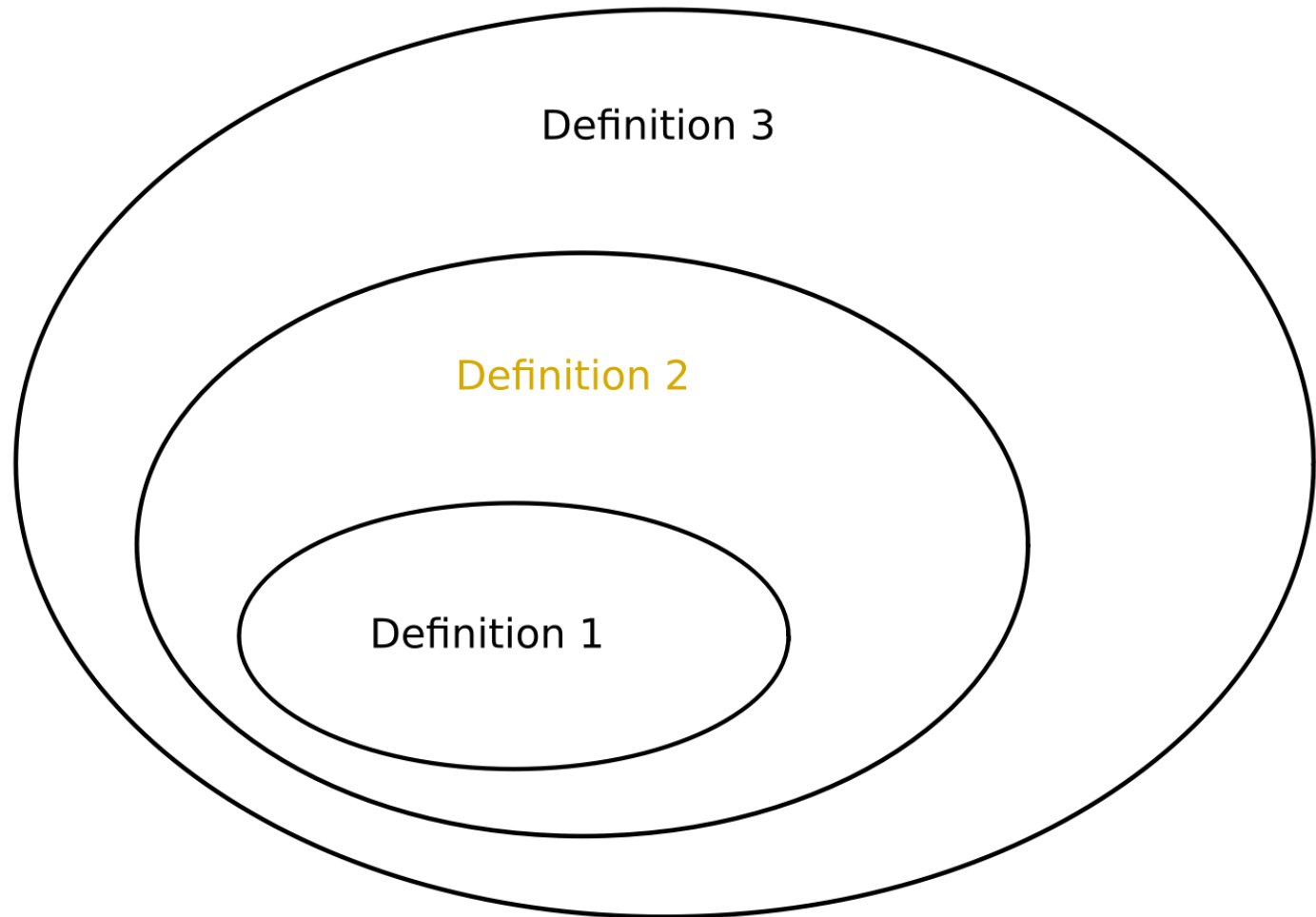






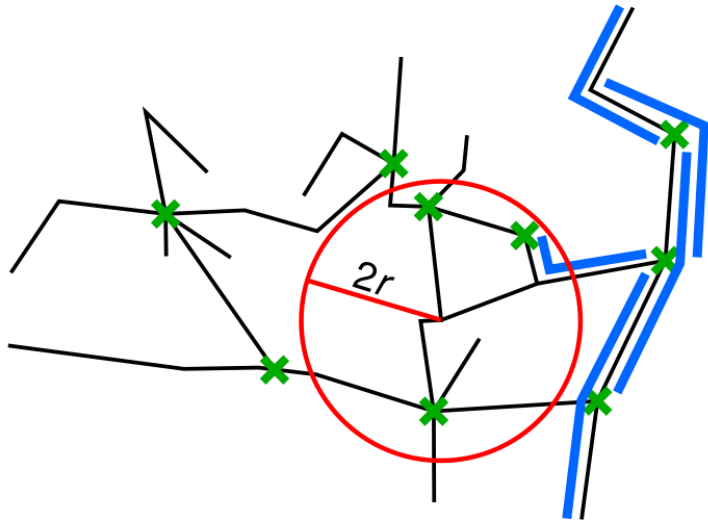
The Highway Dimension

[Abraham et al. '10, '11, '13]



Shortest-Path Covers

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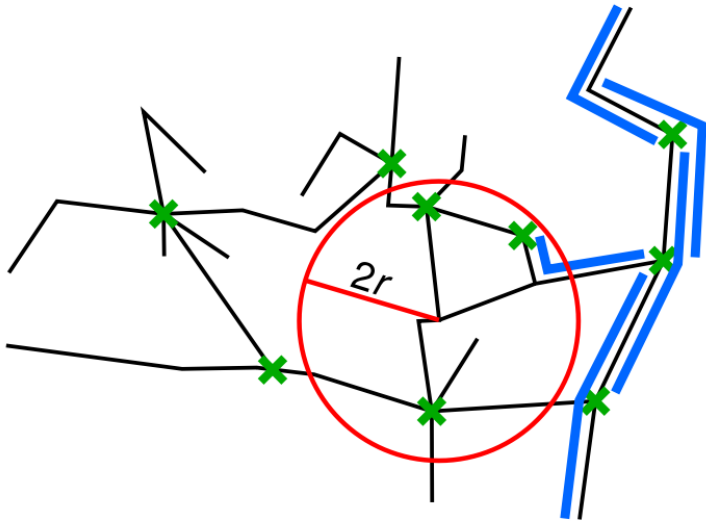
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Shortest-path cover:

- hitting set $\text{SPC}(r) \subseteq V$ for $\mathcal{P}_{(r,2r]}$
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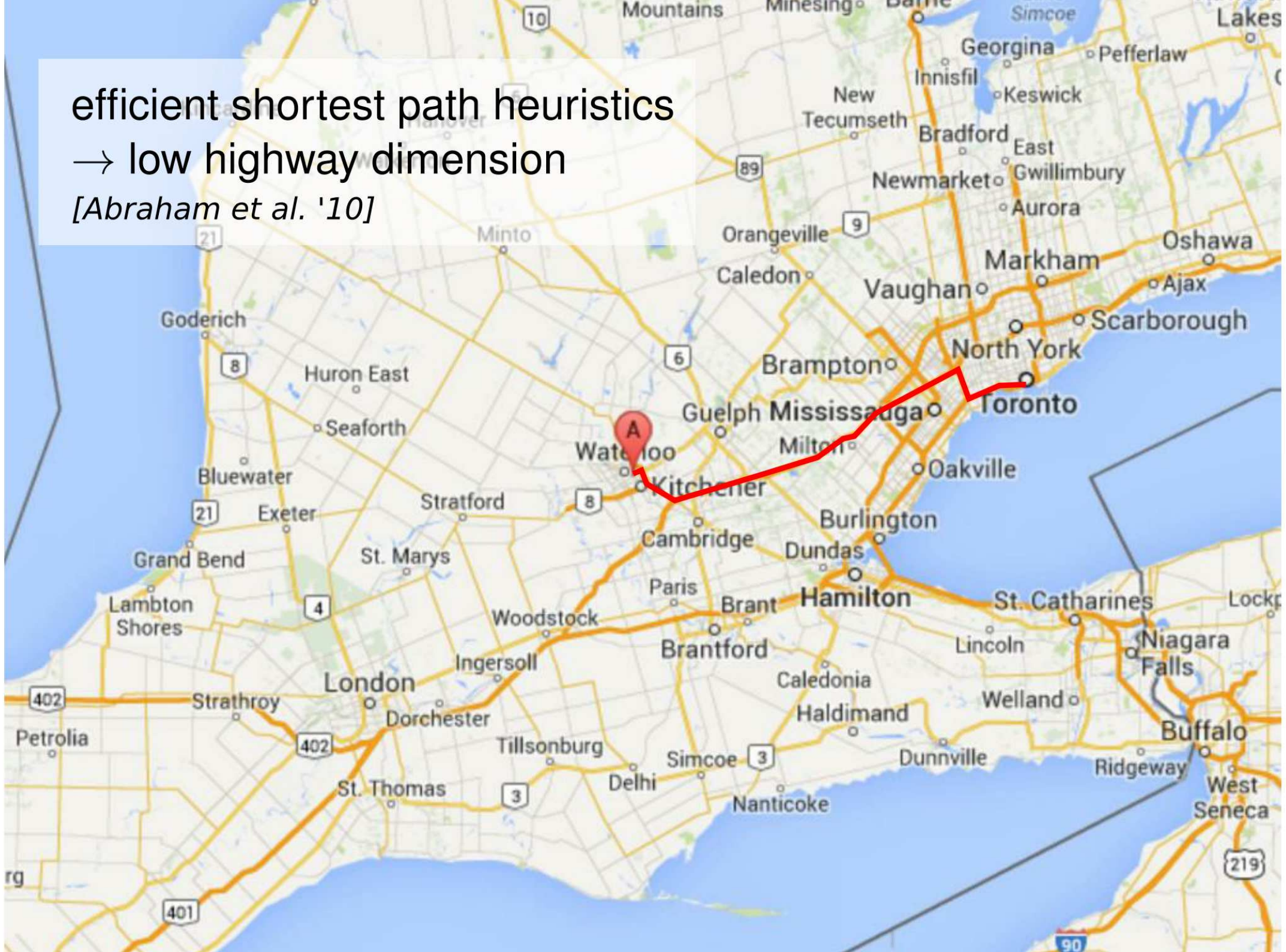
Highway dimension $h \Rightarrow$

- there is locally h -sparse $\text{SPC}(r)$ for every scale r ,
- locally $O(h \log h)$ -sparse shortest-path covers can be computed (NP-hard in general).

efficient shortest path heuristics

→ low highway dimension

[Abraham et al. '10]



Travelling Salesperson (TSP):

– given:

- graph $G = (V, E)$
- edge weights $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

– find:

- closed walk (tour) T visiting all of V
- $\min w(T)$

A map of Southern Ontario, Canada, showing a red path that visits various cities and returns to its starting point. The path starts at a red pin labeled 'A' in Waterloo, then goes to Kitchener, Cambridge, Brantford, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, West Seneca, London, and finally returns to Waterloo. The map includes major highways like 401, 402, 8, 10, 21, 3, 4, 6, and 219, and labels for numerous cities and towns.

NP-hard problems

Facility Location:

– given:

- graph $G = (V, E)$
- edge weights $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$
- opening costs $c : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

– find:

- facilities $F \subseteq V$
- $\min \sum_{v \in V} \text{dist}(v, F) + \sum_{u \in F} c(u)$

A map of Southern Ontario, Canada, showing major cities and highways. Several brown building icons representing facilities are placed on the map at locations such as Waterloo, Kitchener, Hamilton, and London. A red pin labeled 'A' is also visible near Waterloo. The text 'NP-hard problems' is overlaid in large black font at the bottom right of the map.

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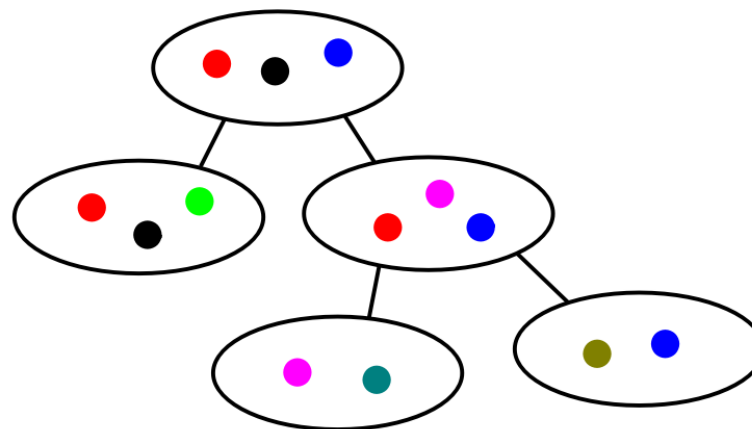
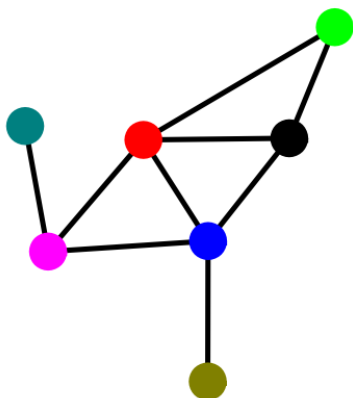
Treewidth

Tree decomposition of graph $G = (V, E)$:
tree T and bags $X_w \subseteq V$ for each $w \in V(T)$ s.t.

1. $\bigcup_{w \in V(T)} X_w = V$
2. $\forall uv \in E, \exists w \in V(T): u, v \in X_w$
3. $\forall v \in V: T[\{w \in V(T) \mid v \in X_w\}]$ is connected

Width: $\max\{|X_w| - 1 \mid w \in V(T)\}$

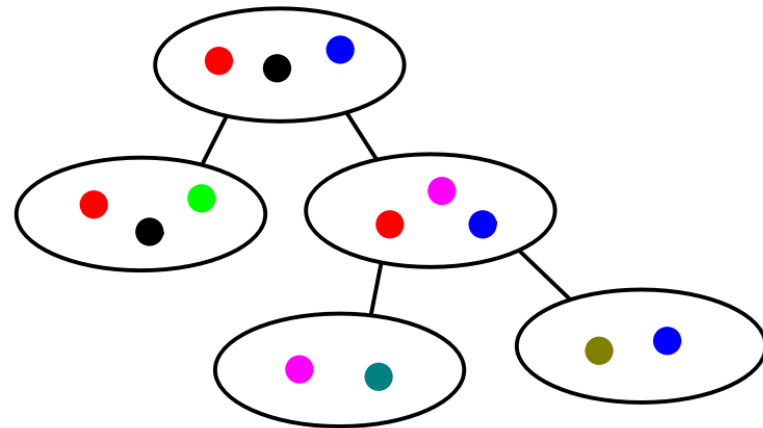
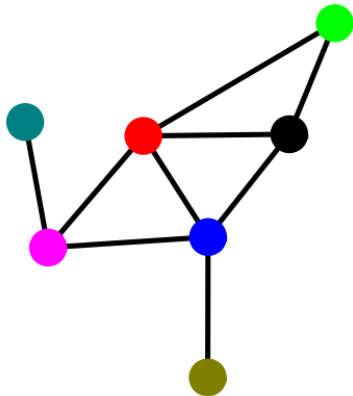
Treewidth of G : min width of any tree decomposition

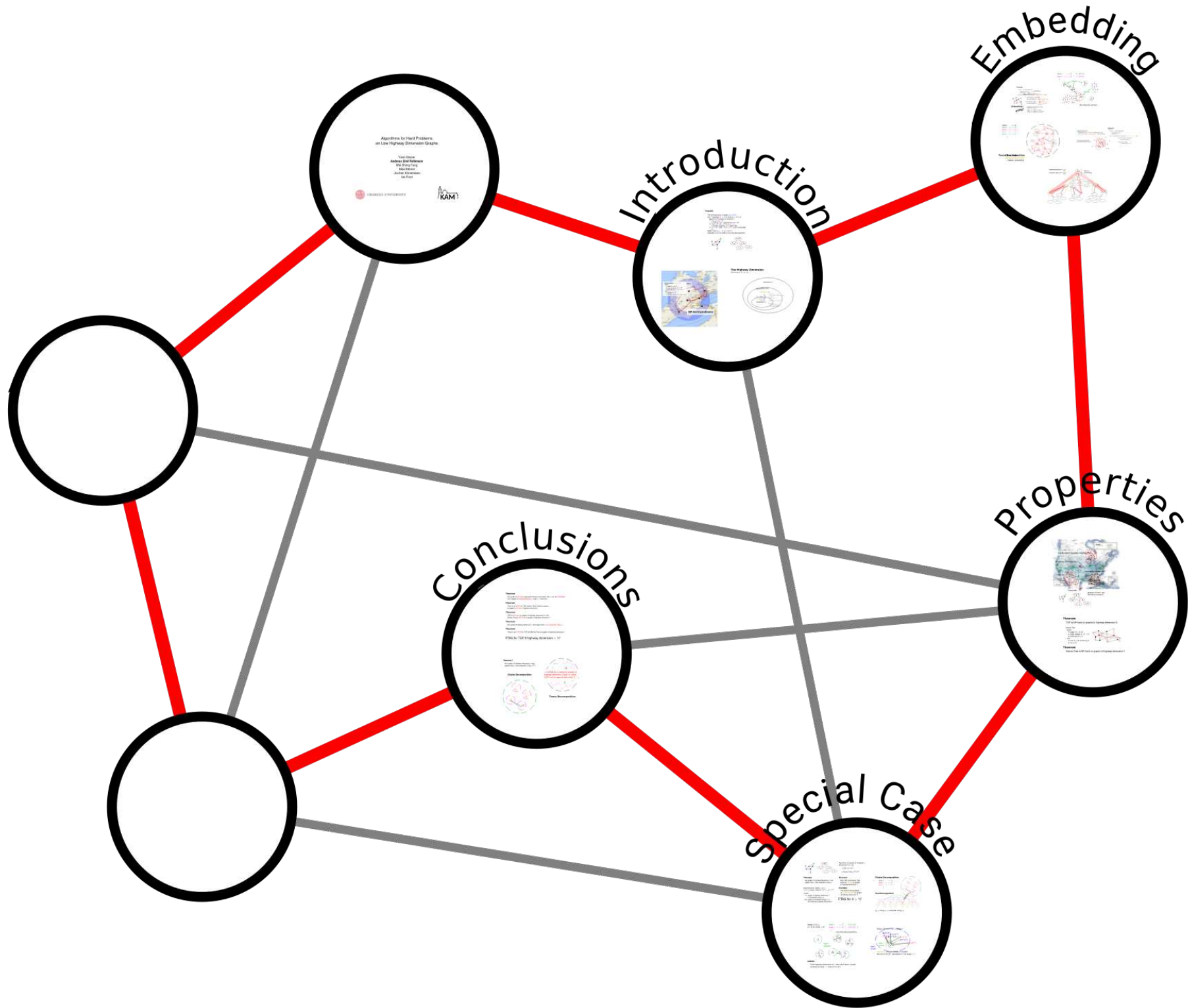


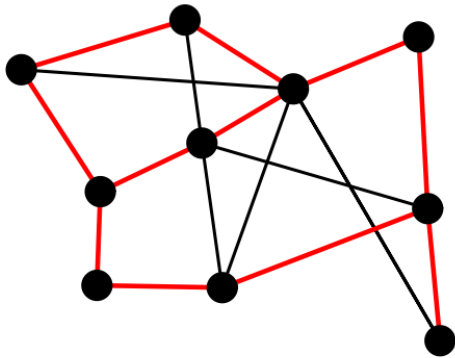
Treewidth

Algorithms for graphs of treewidth t :

- TSP: $2^{O(t)} n^{O(1)}$ [Bodlaender et al. '03]
- Facility Location: $n^{O(t)}$ [Ageev '92]
- ...







Embeddings

Graph H with $V = V(H) = V(G)$ s.t.

1. small distortion of distances:

$$\forall u, v \in V : \text{dist}_G(v, u) \leq \text{dist}_H(v, u) \leq \delta \text{dist}_G(v, u).$$

2. structurally simple:

bounded treewidth

stretch/distortion

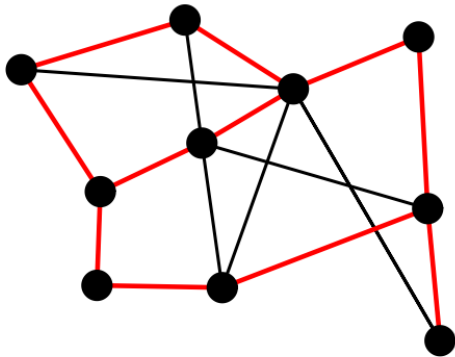


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- highway dimension h
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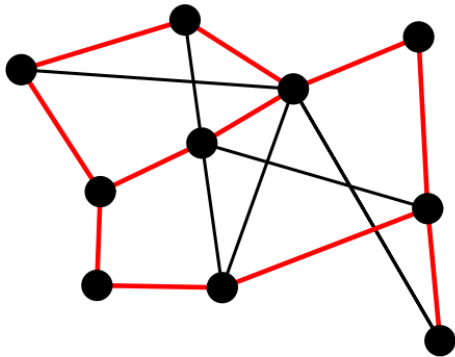
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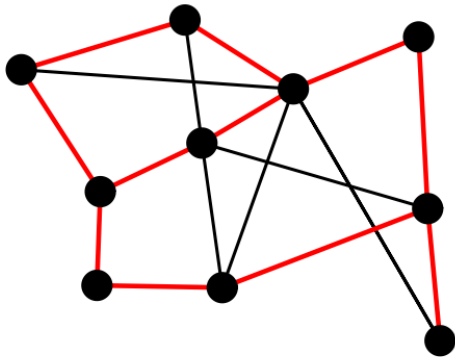
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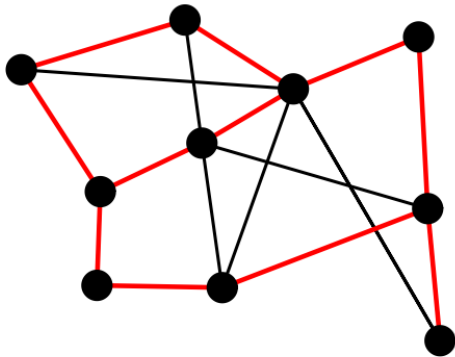
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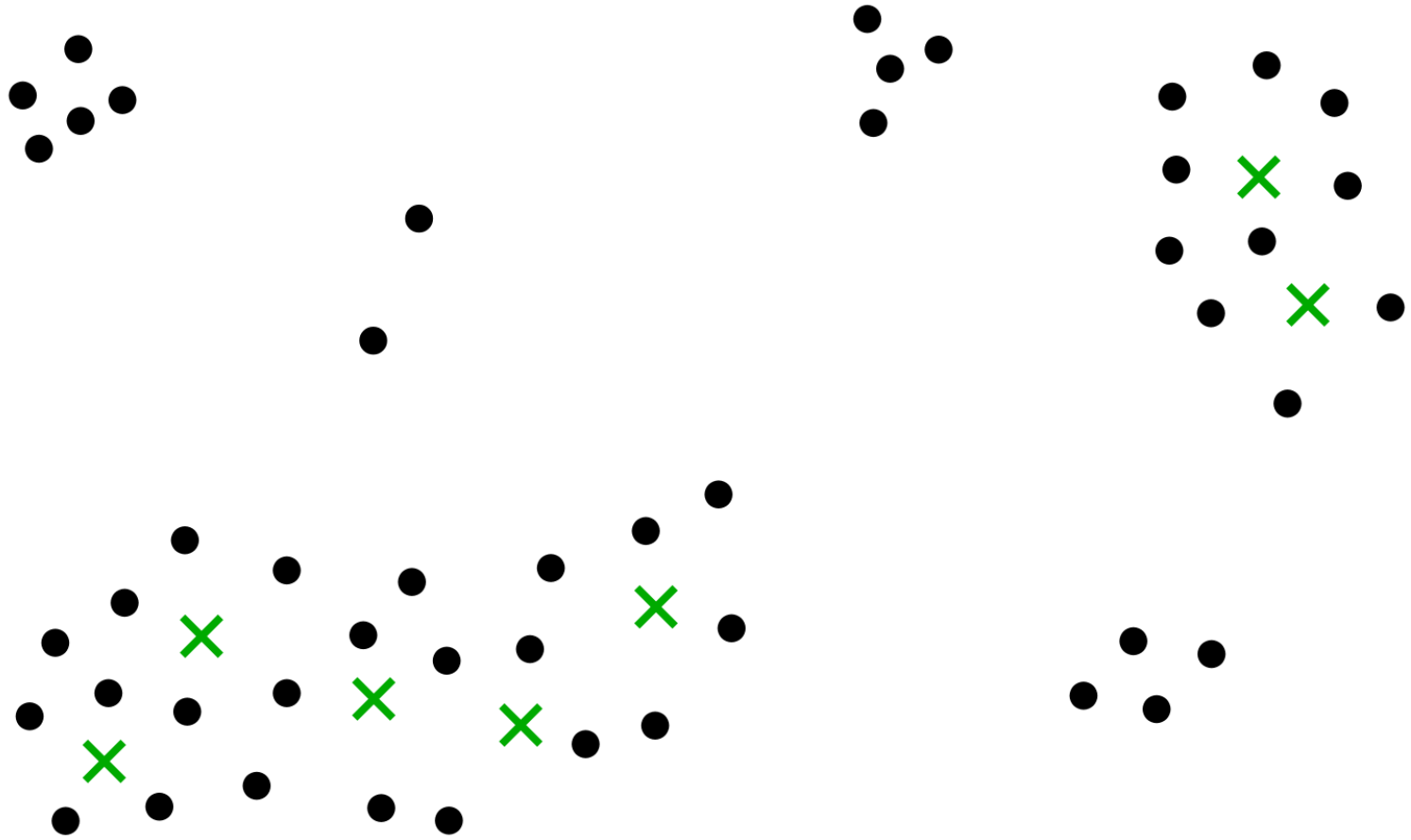
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(APX-hard in general)

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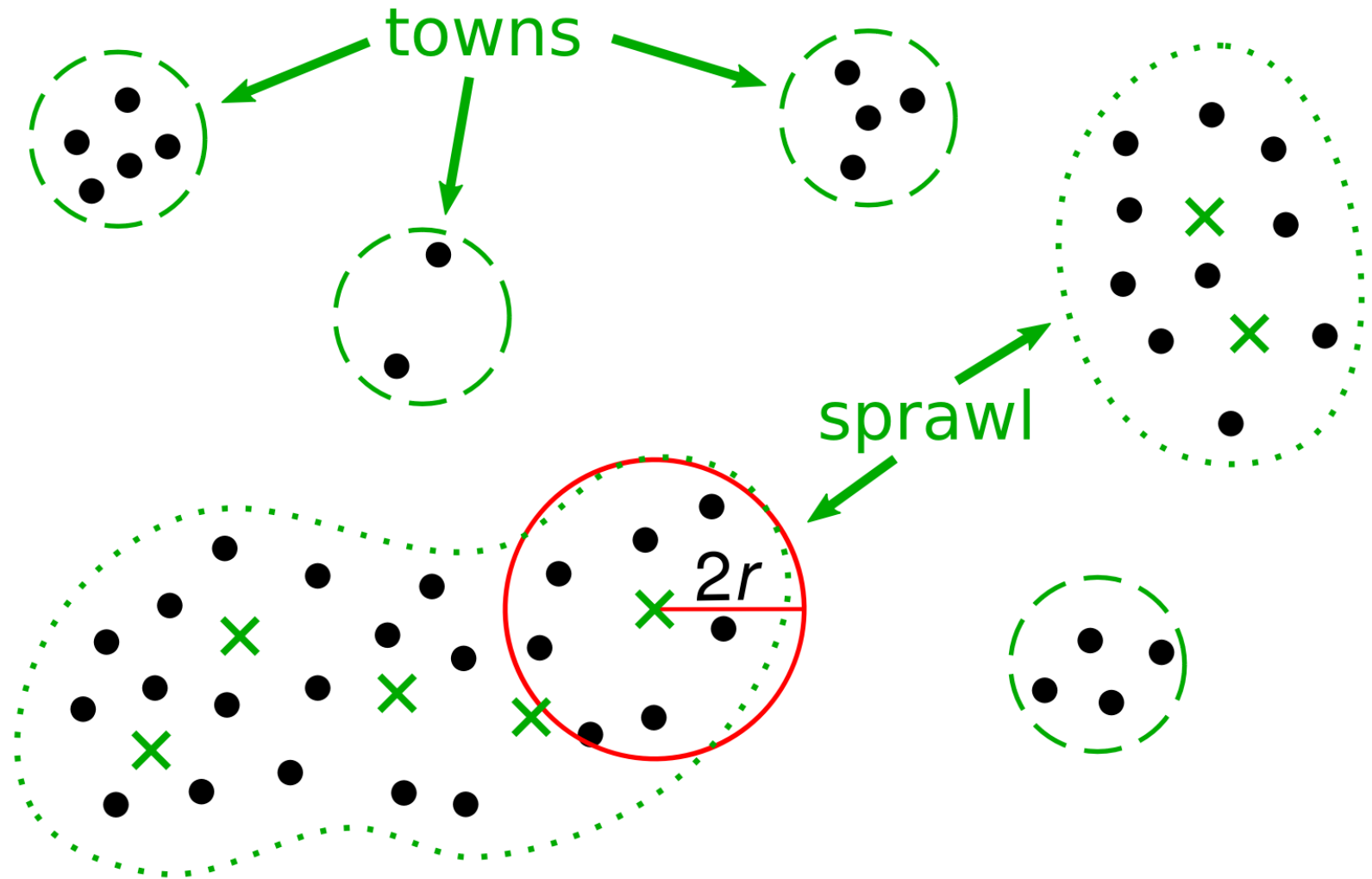
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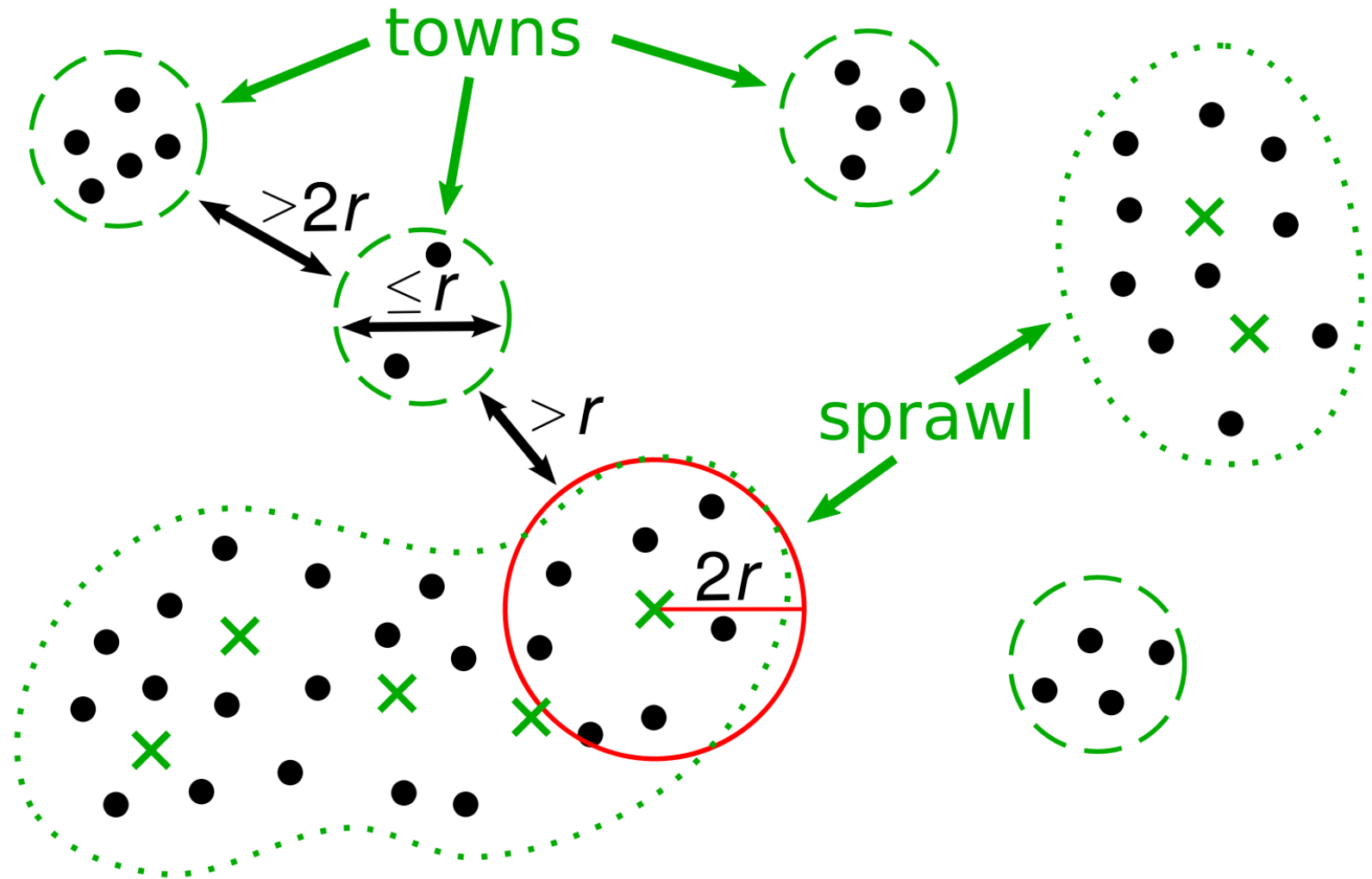
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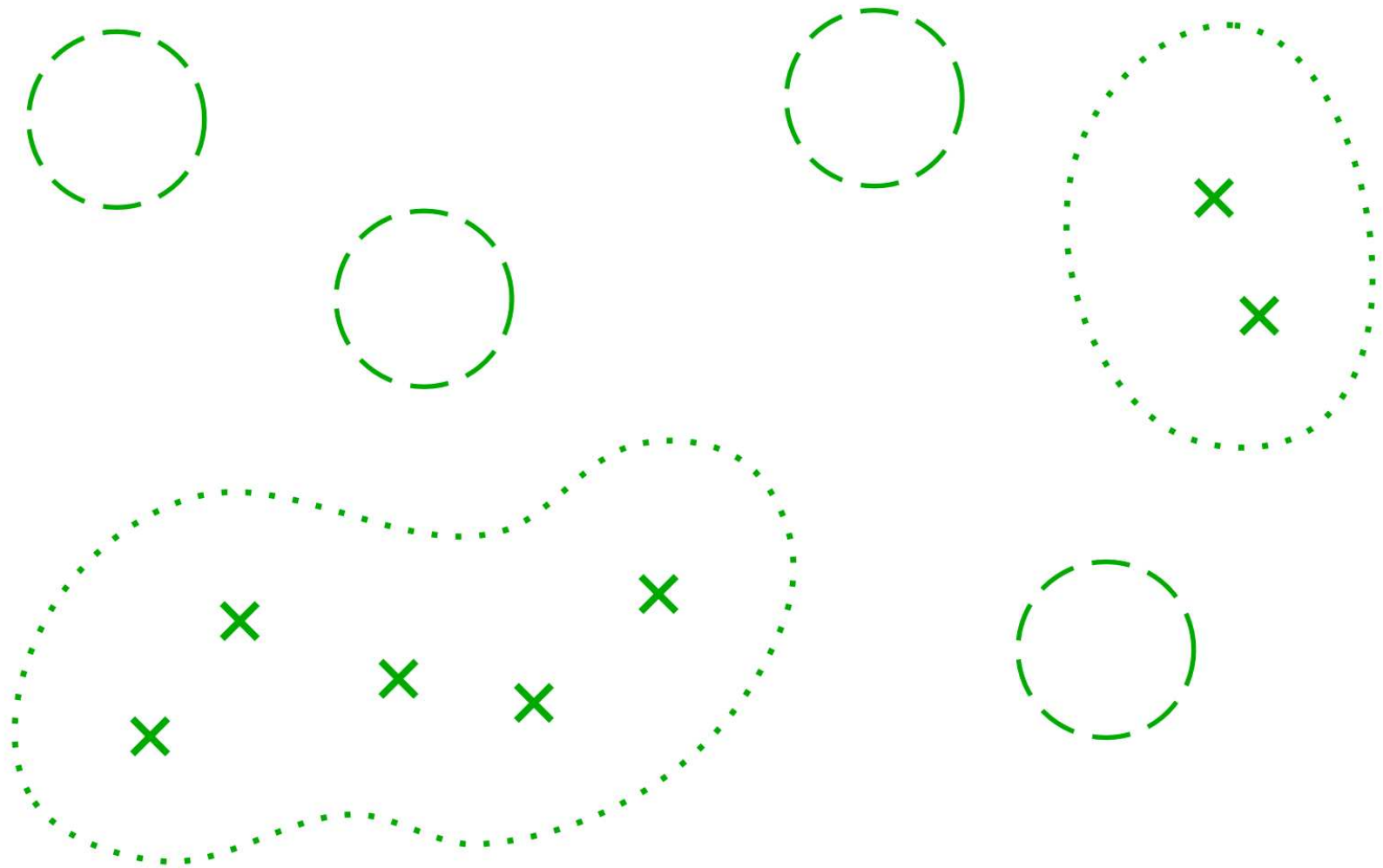
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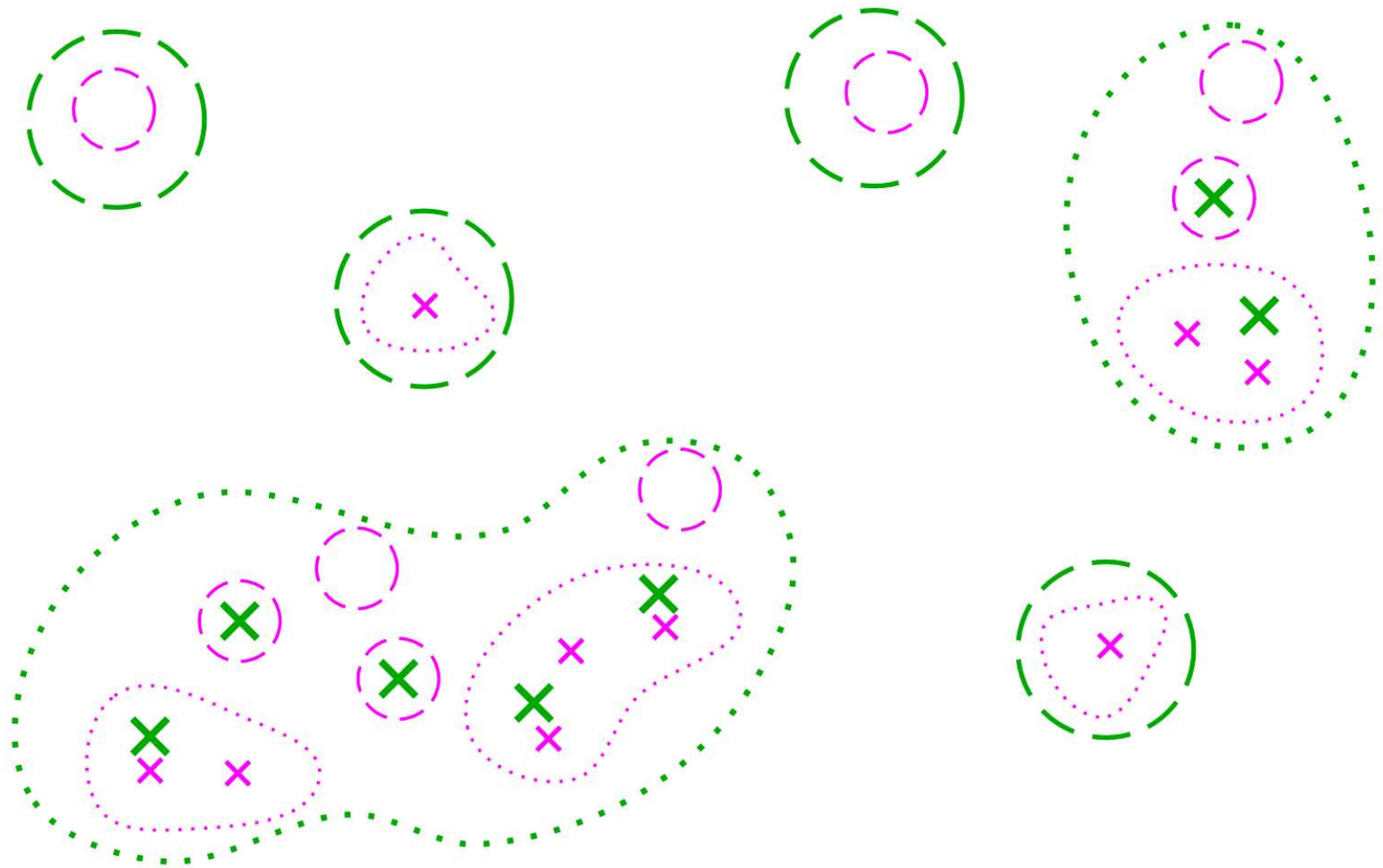


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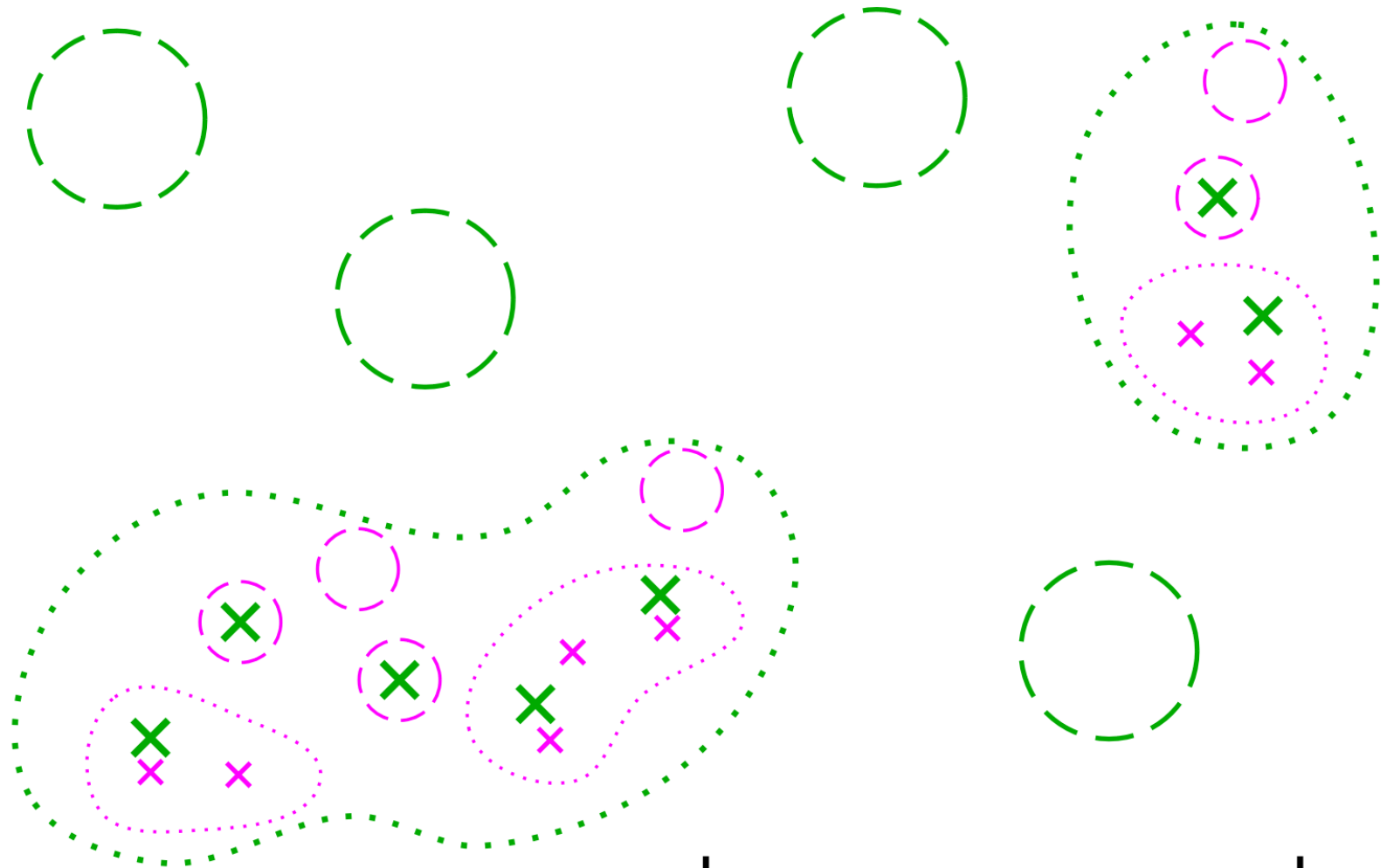
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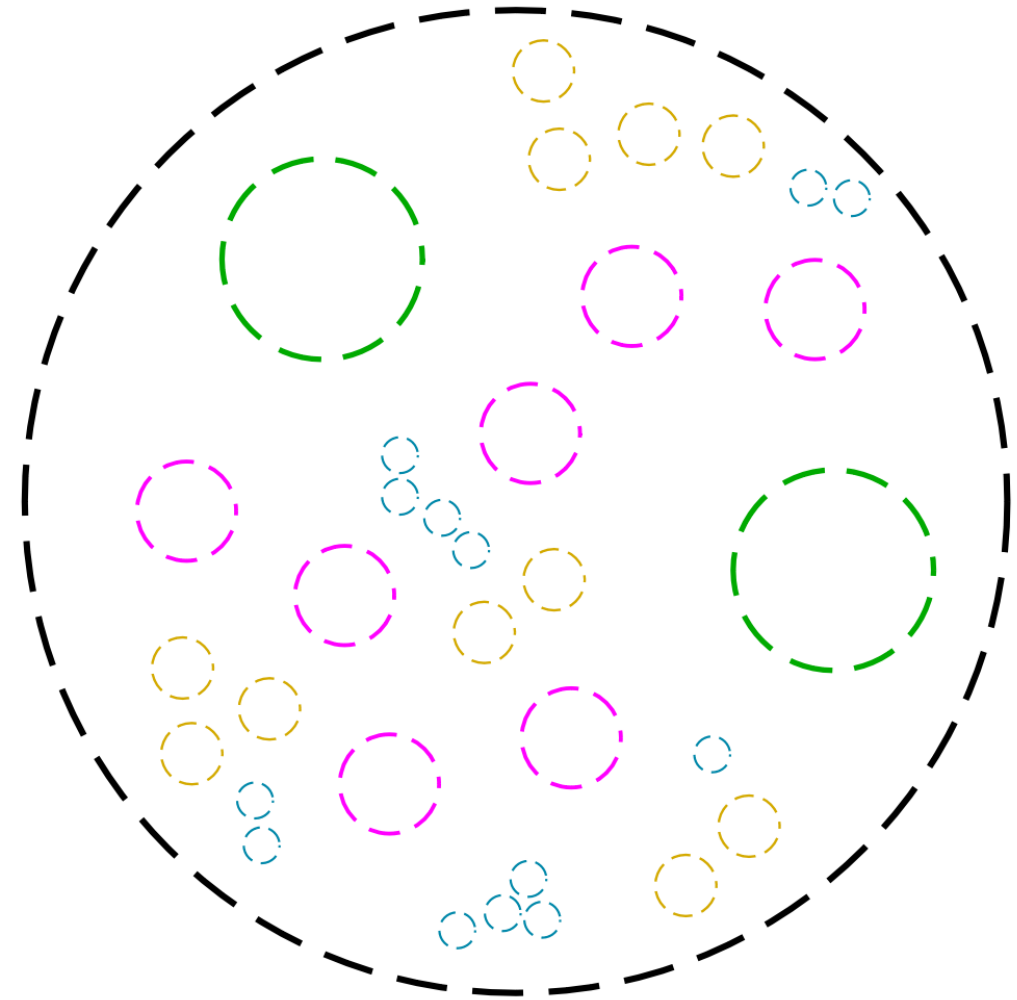
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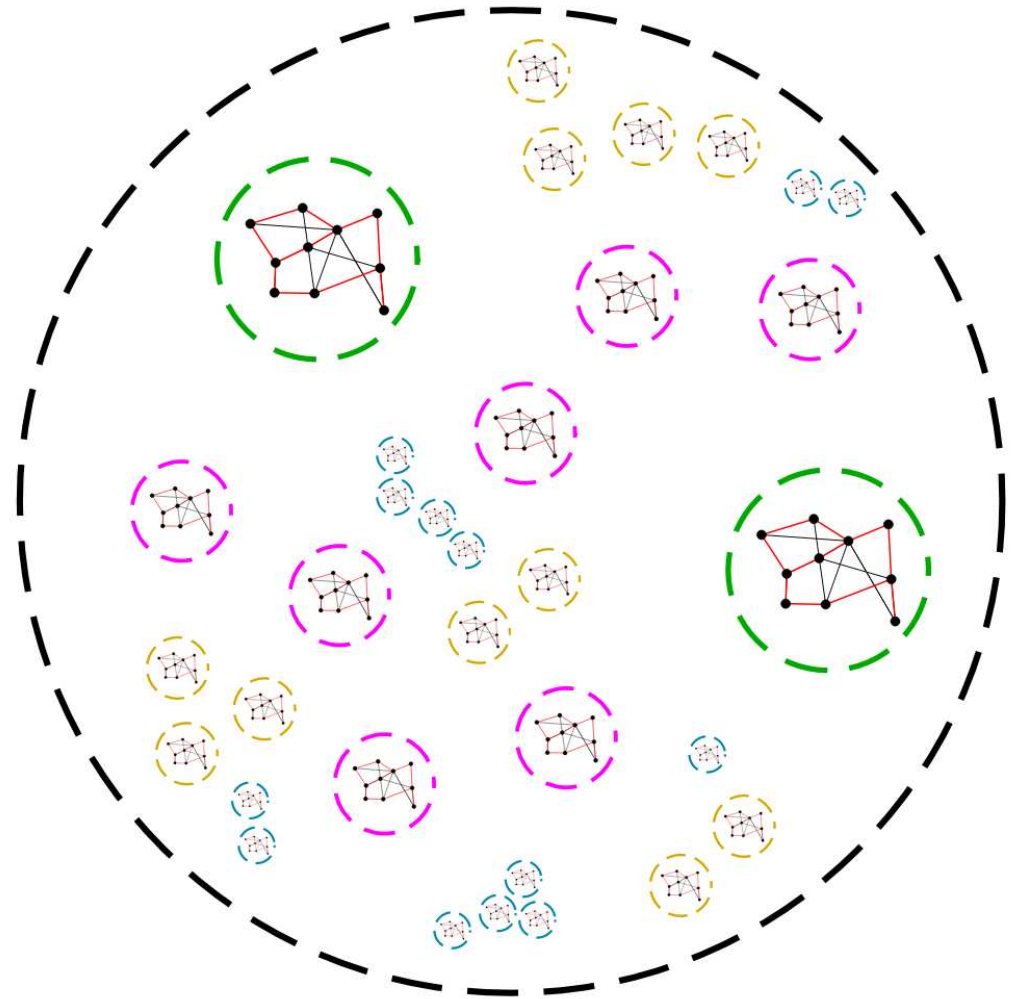
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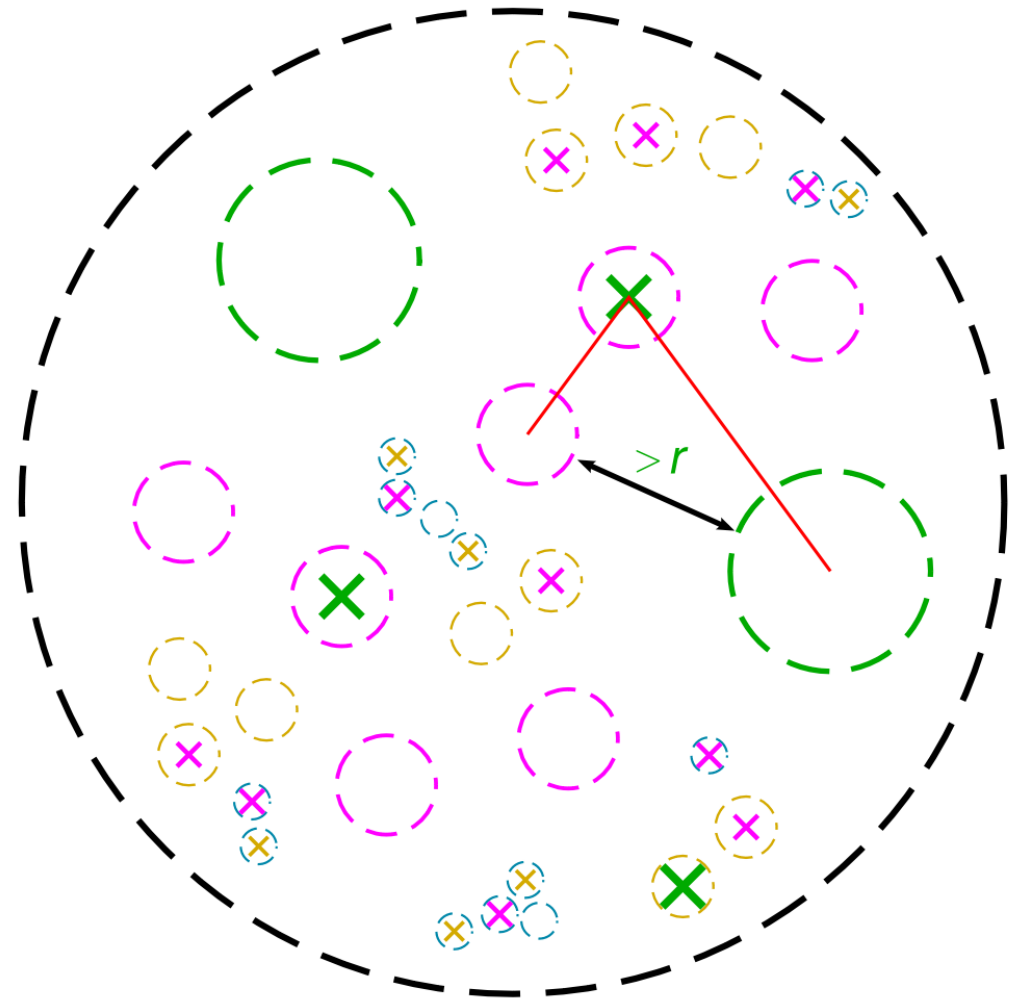
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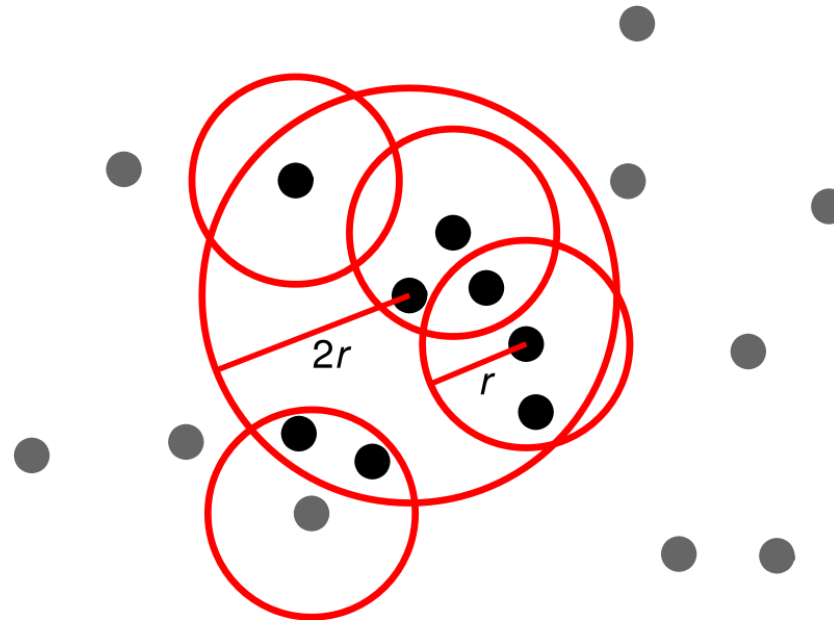
Core Hubs

Doubling dimension d :

for every ball $B_{2r}(v) := \{w \in V \mid \text{dist}(v, w) \leq 2r\}$

there are at most 2^d balls of radius r covering $B_{2r}(v)$.

"bounded volume growth":
Euclidean/Manhattan metrics



Theorem

[Talwar '04]

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- doubling dimension d
- aspect ratio α

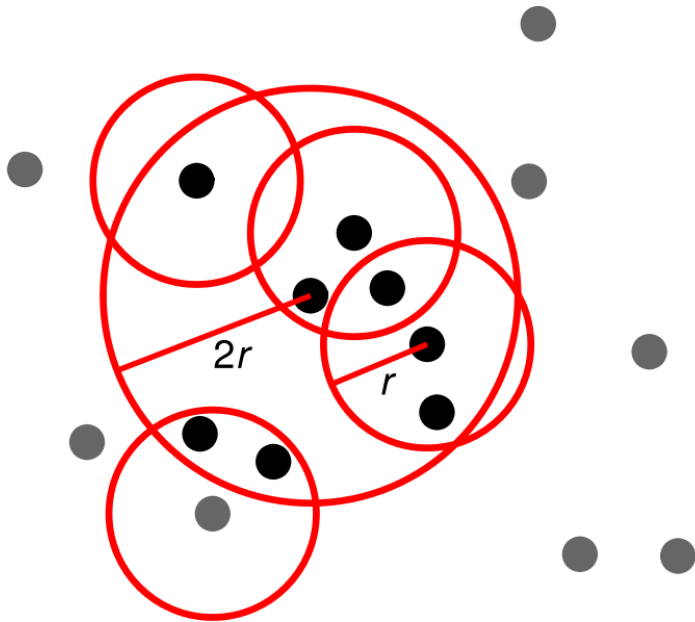
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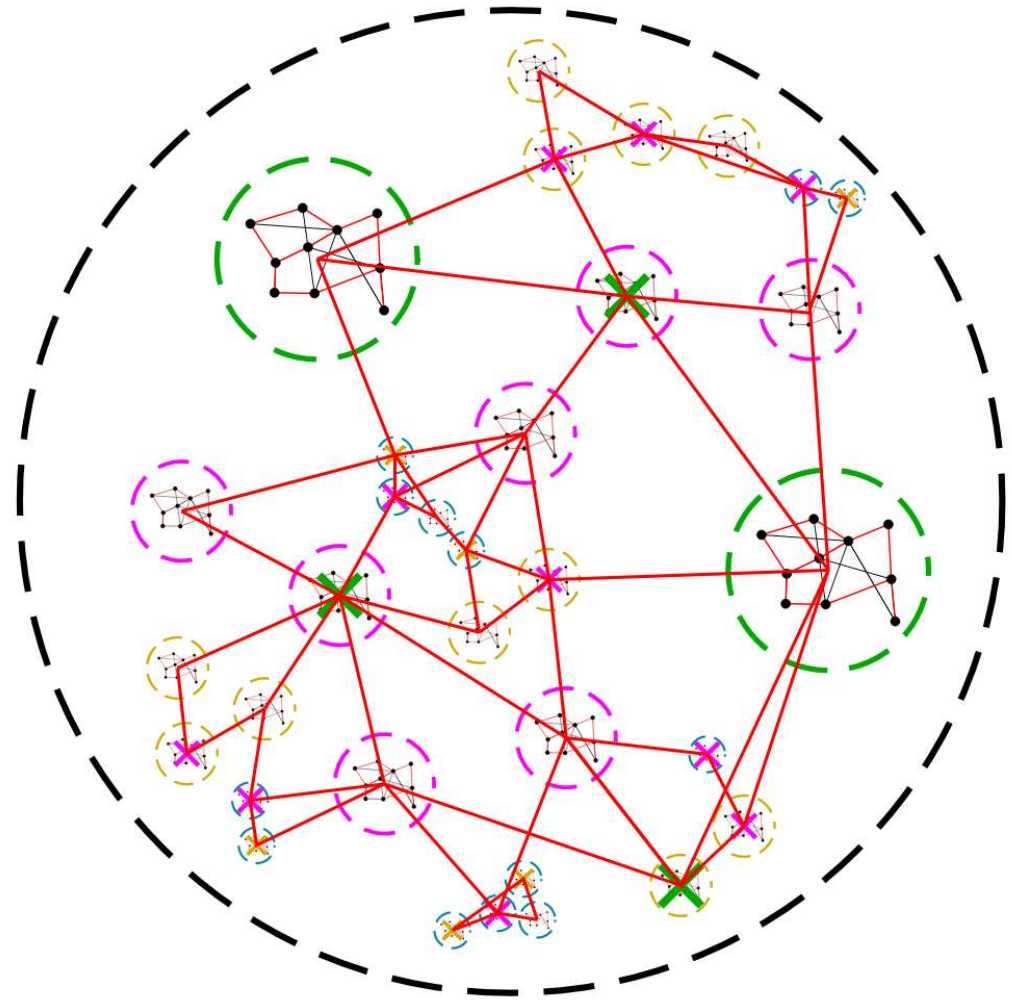
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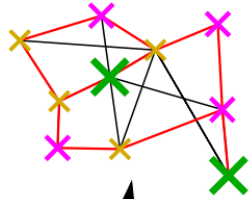
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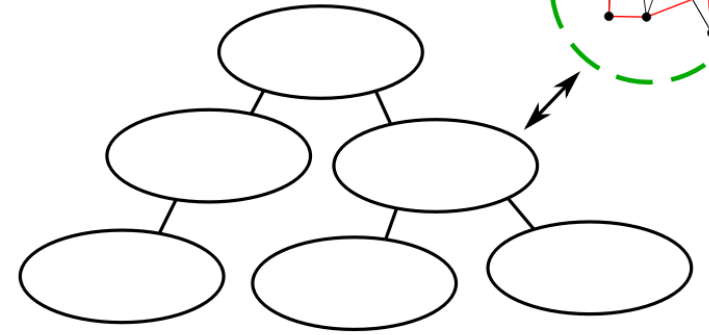
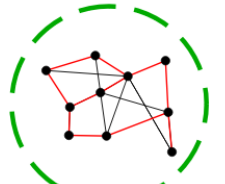
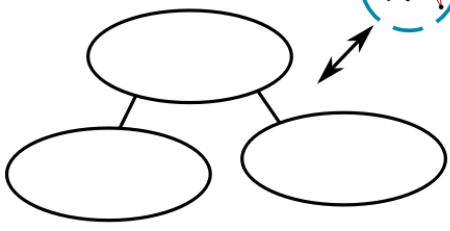
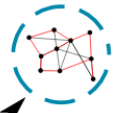
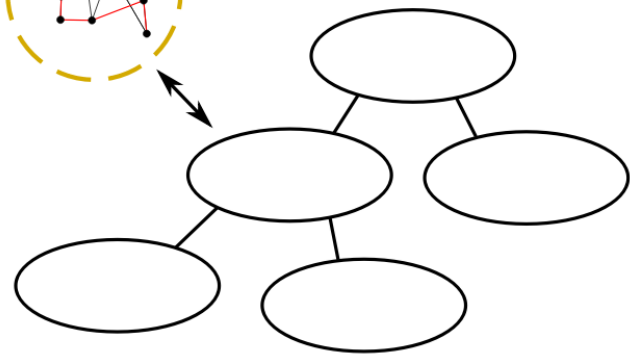
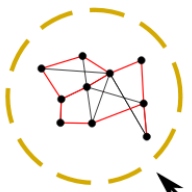
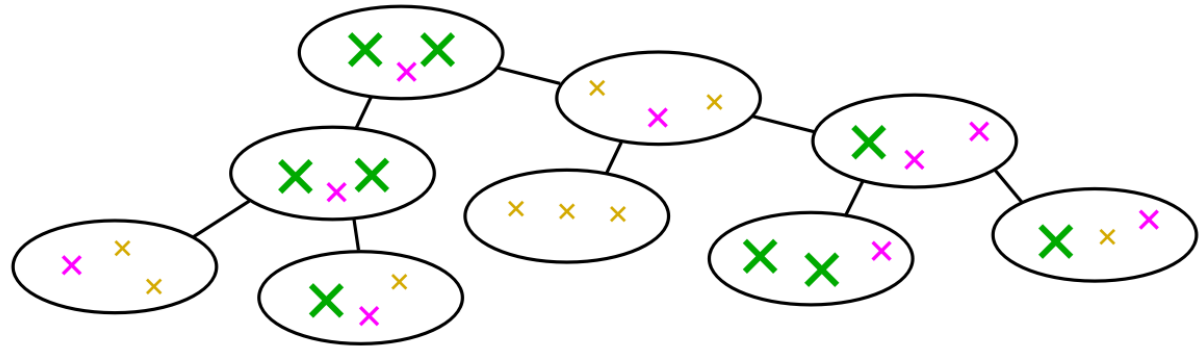
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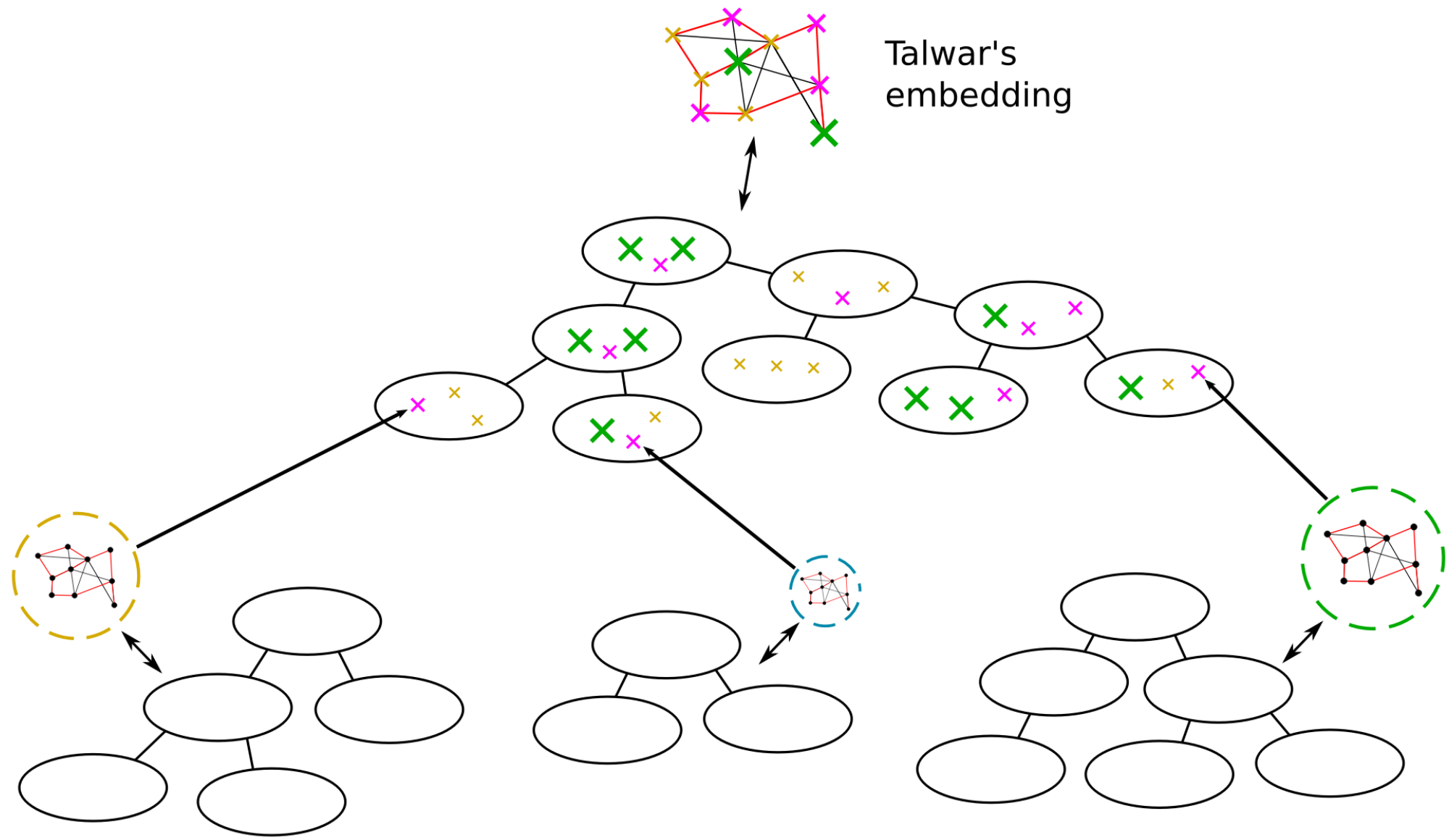
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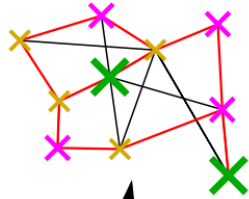


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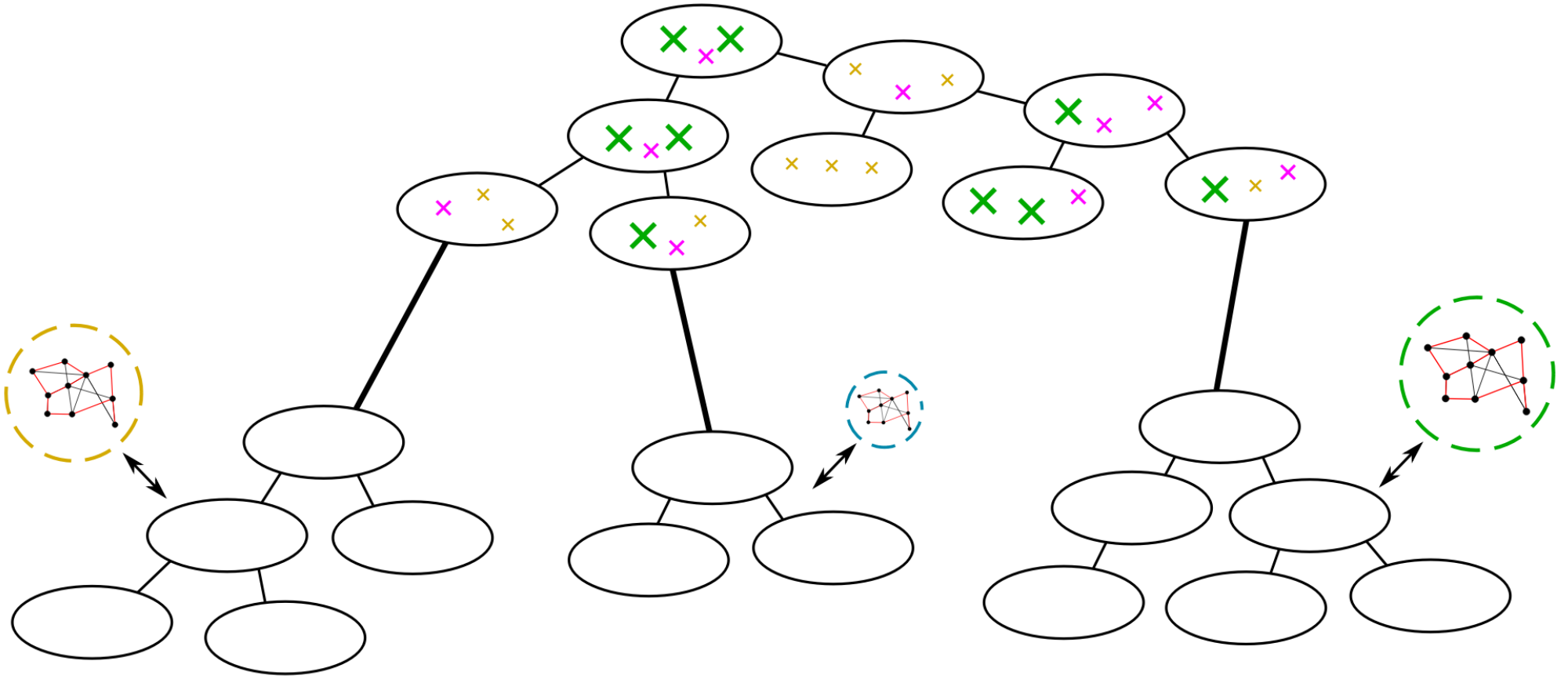


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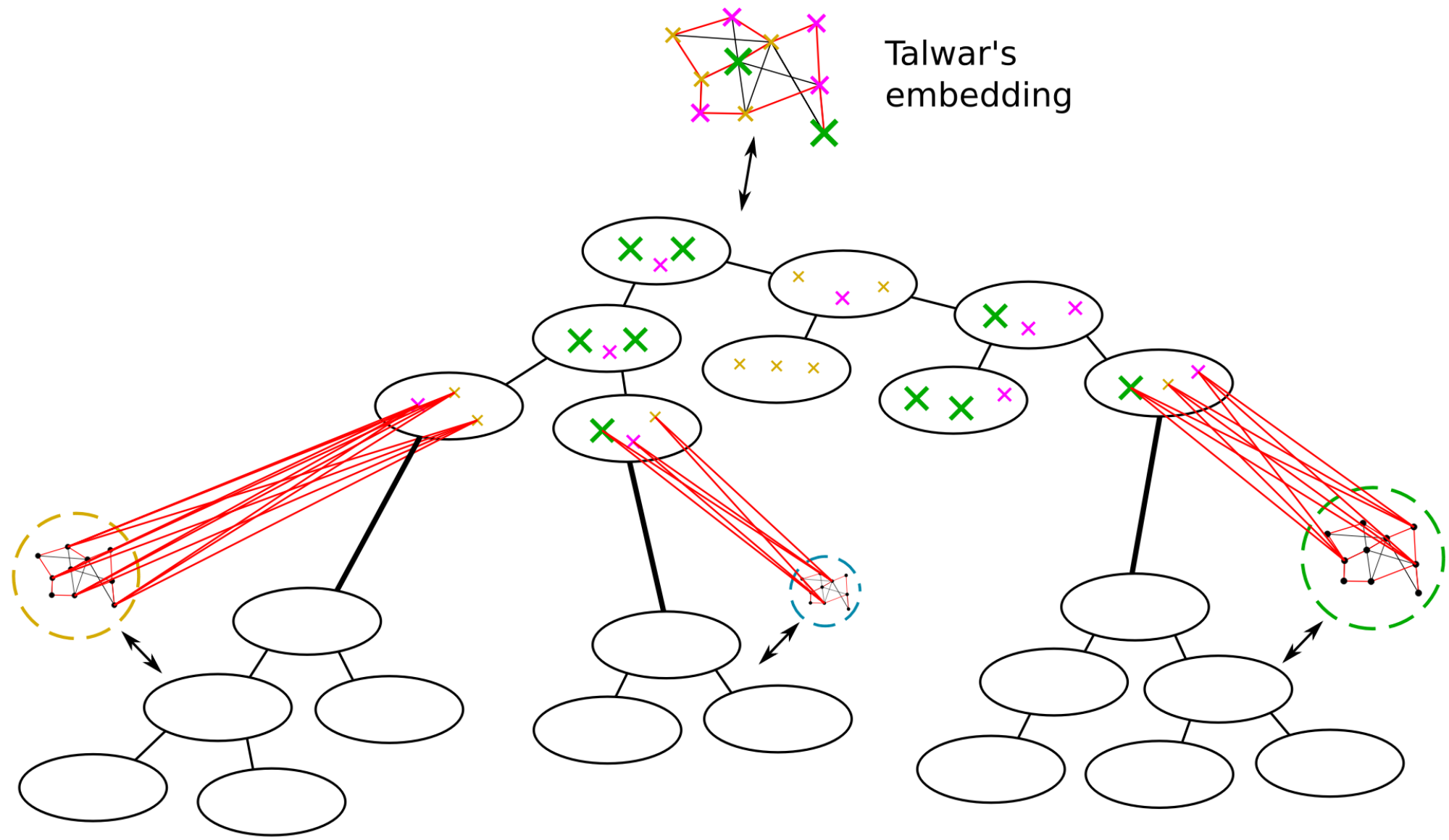




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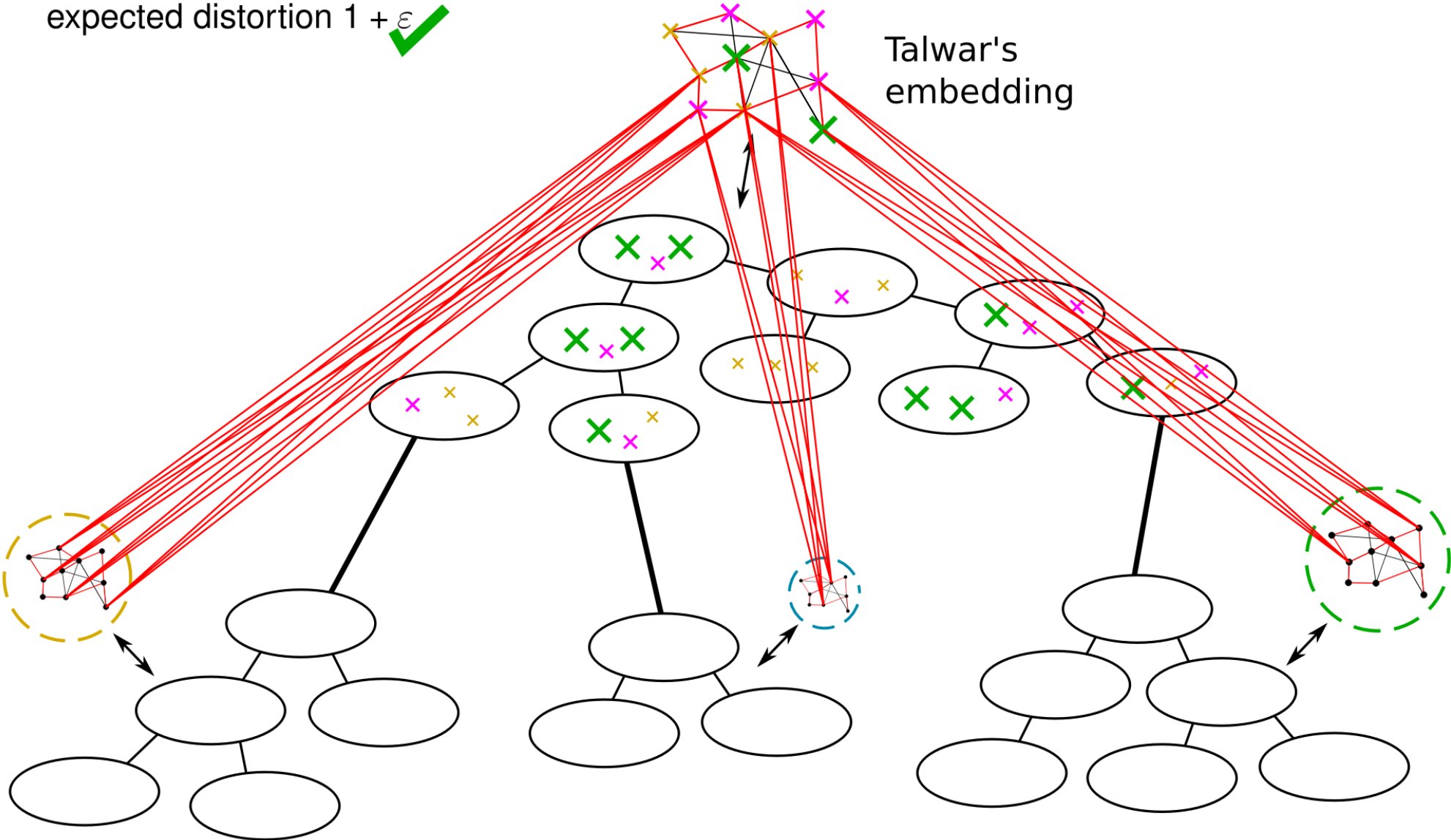


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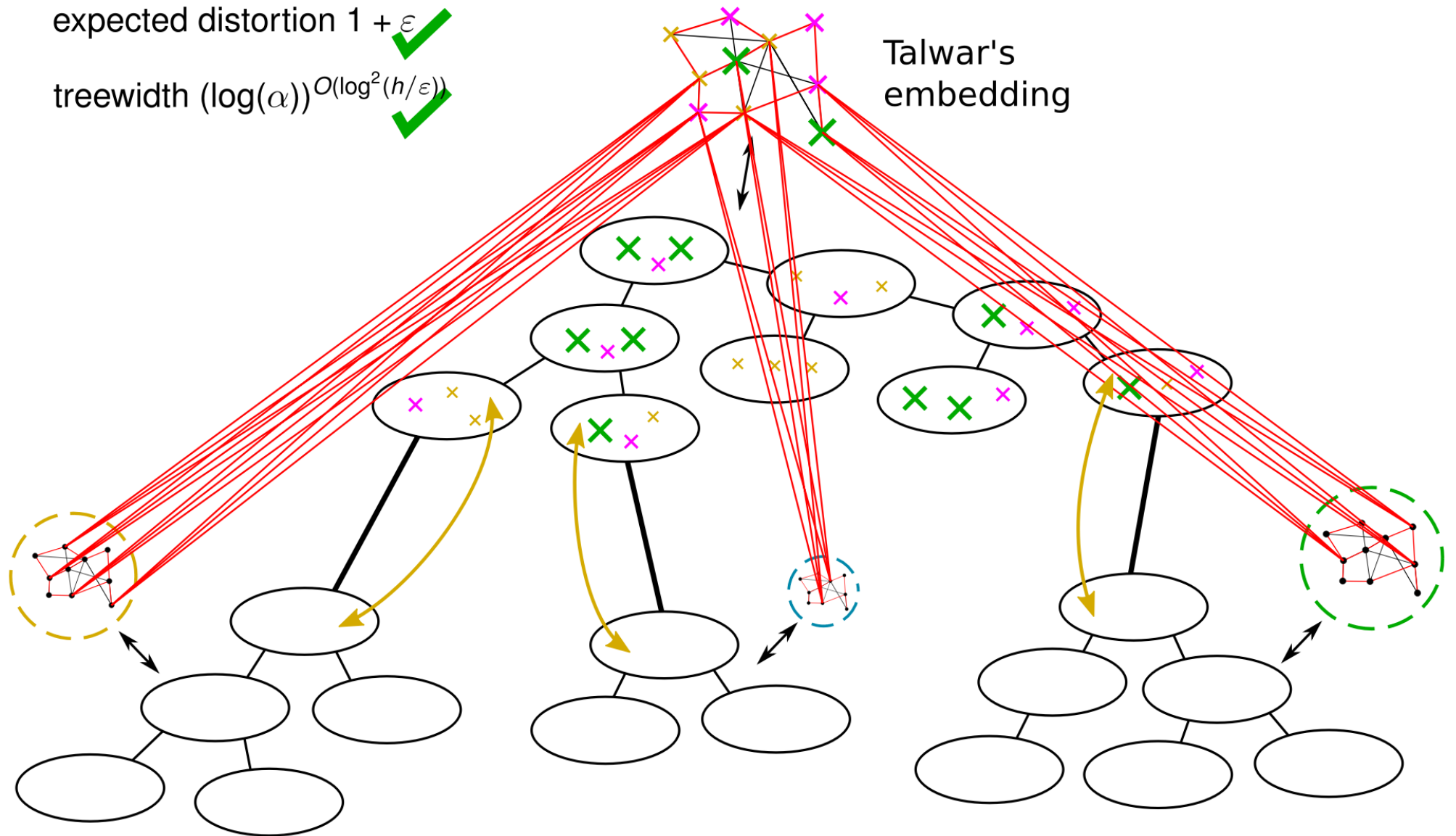
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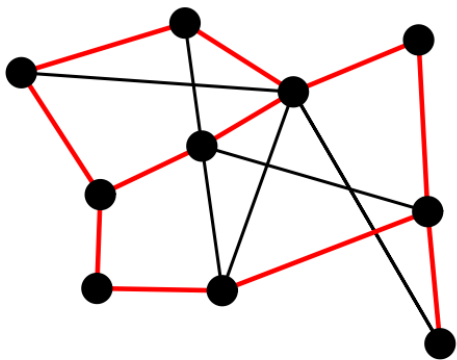


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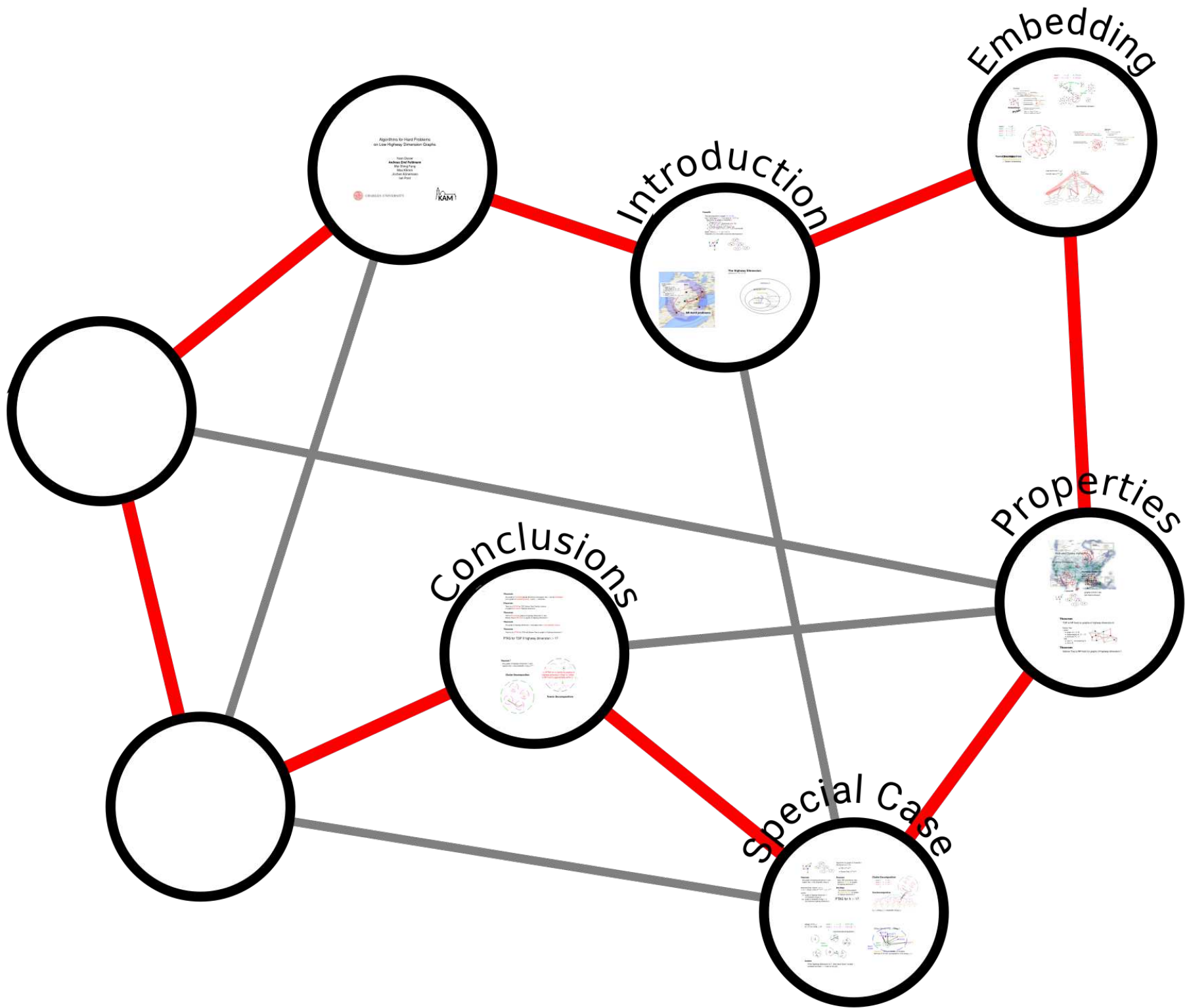
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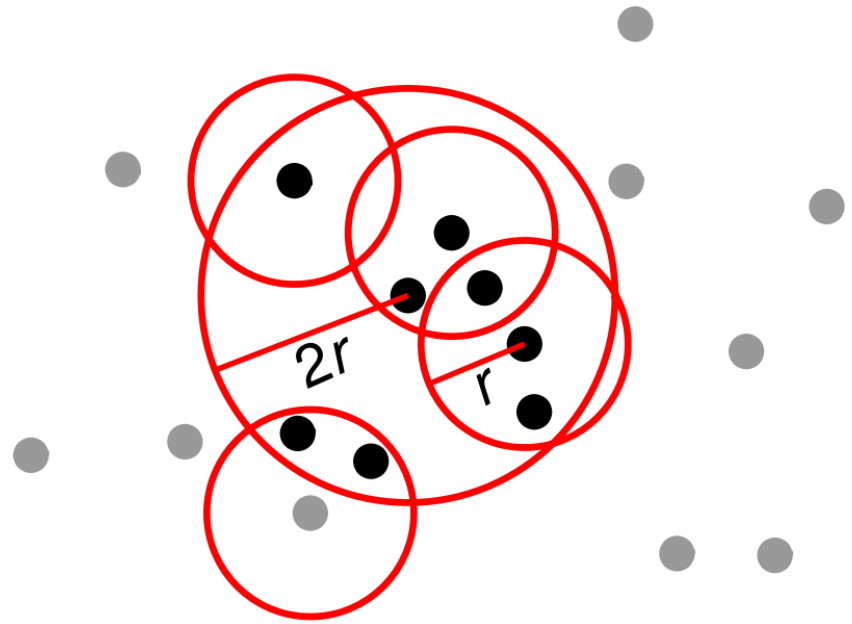
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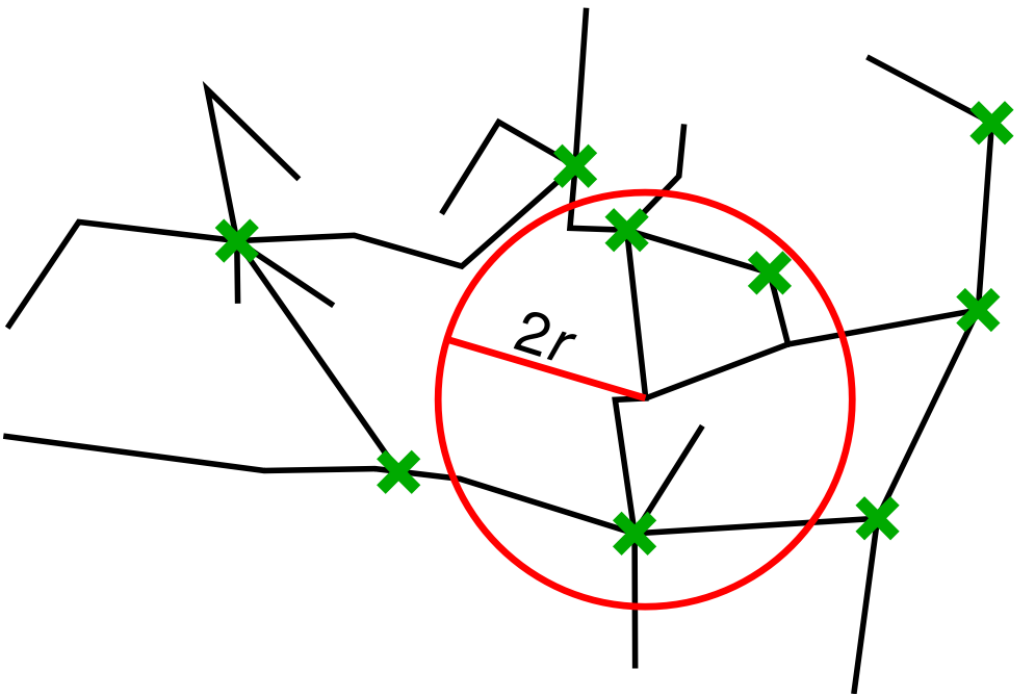
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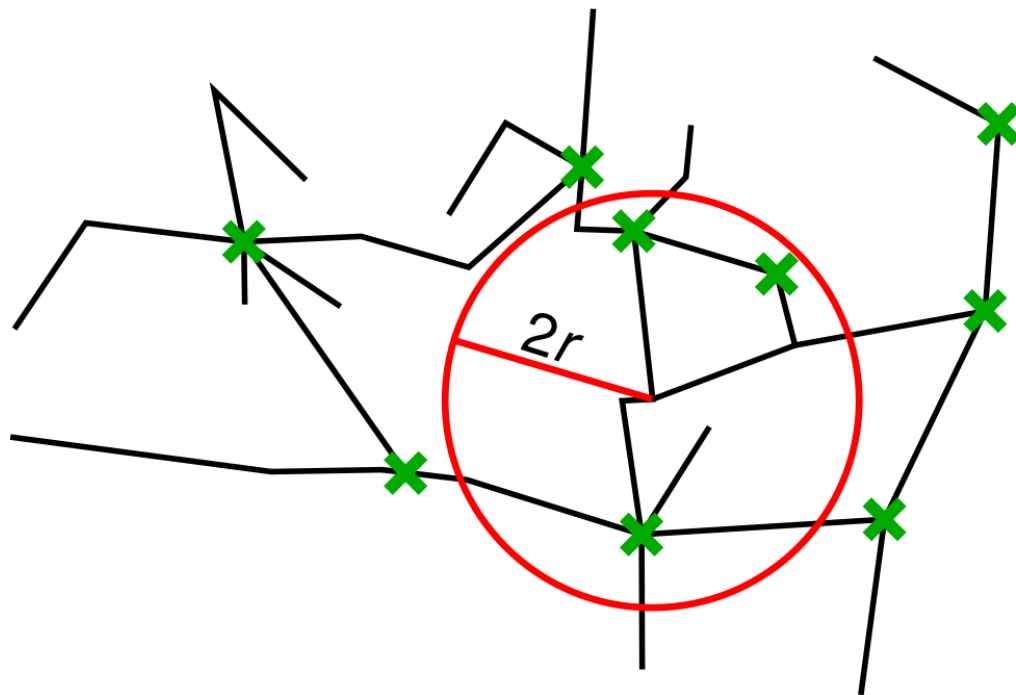
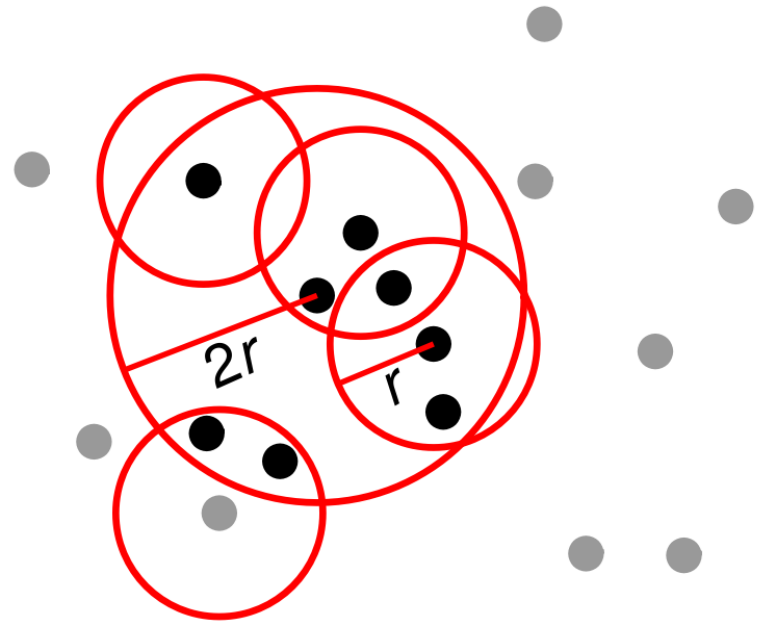


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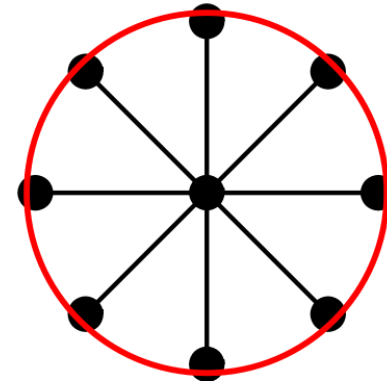


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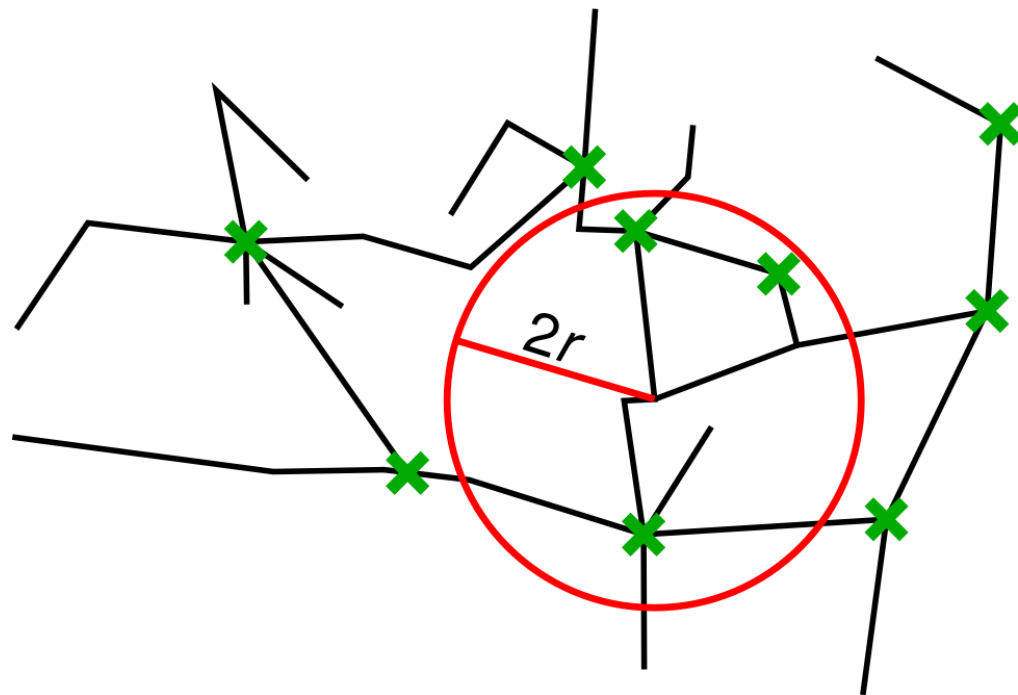
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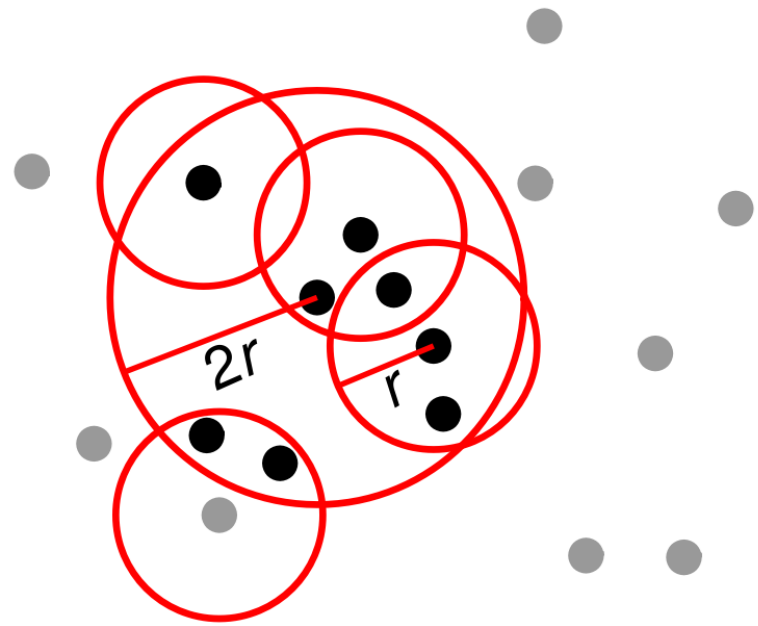
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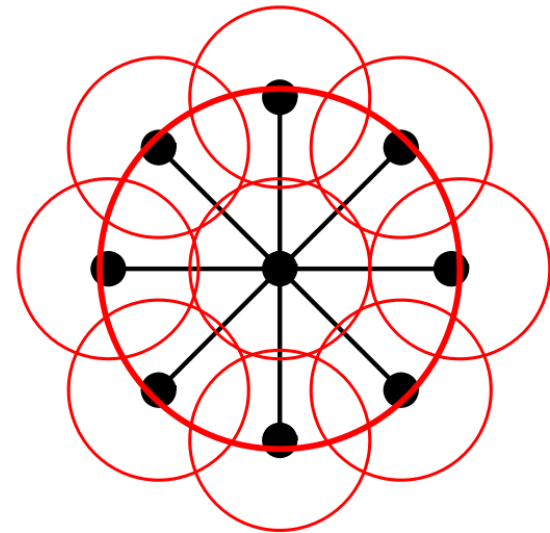
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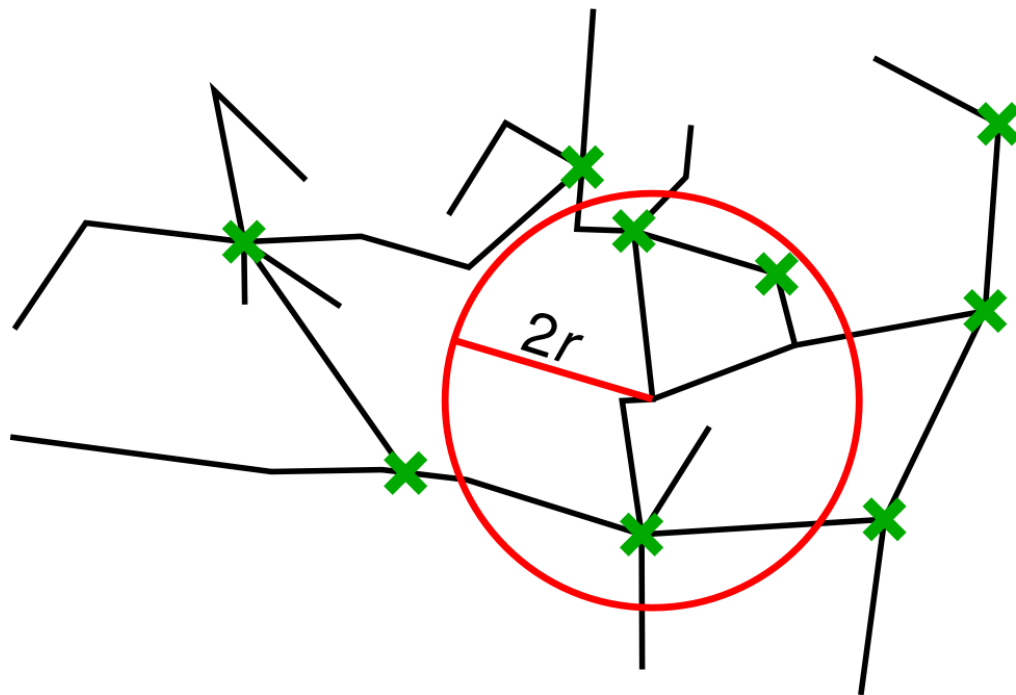
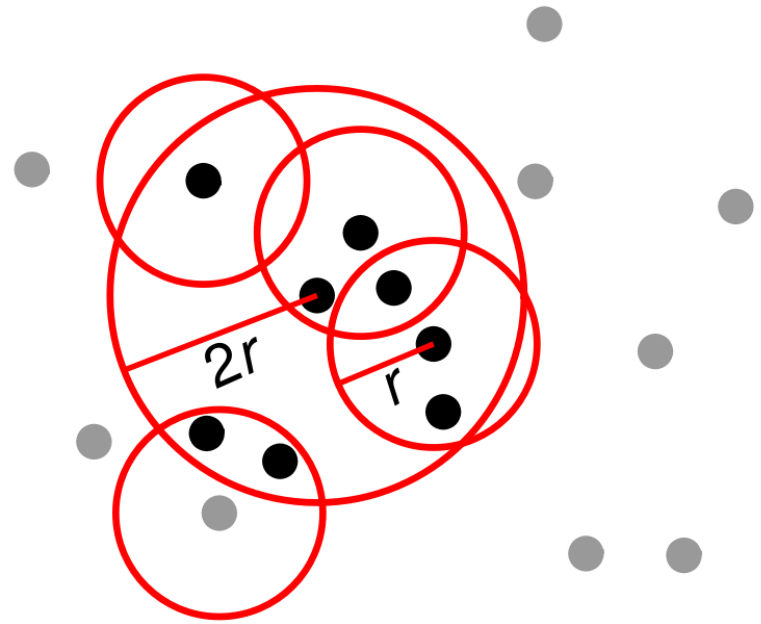


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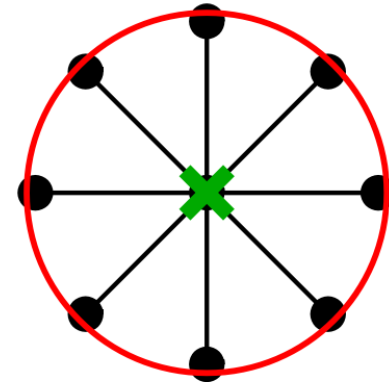


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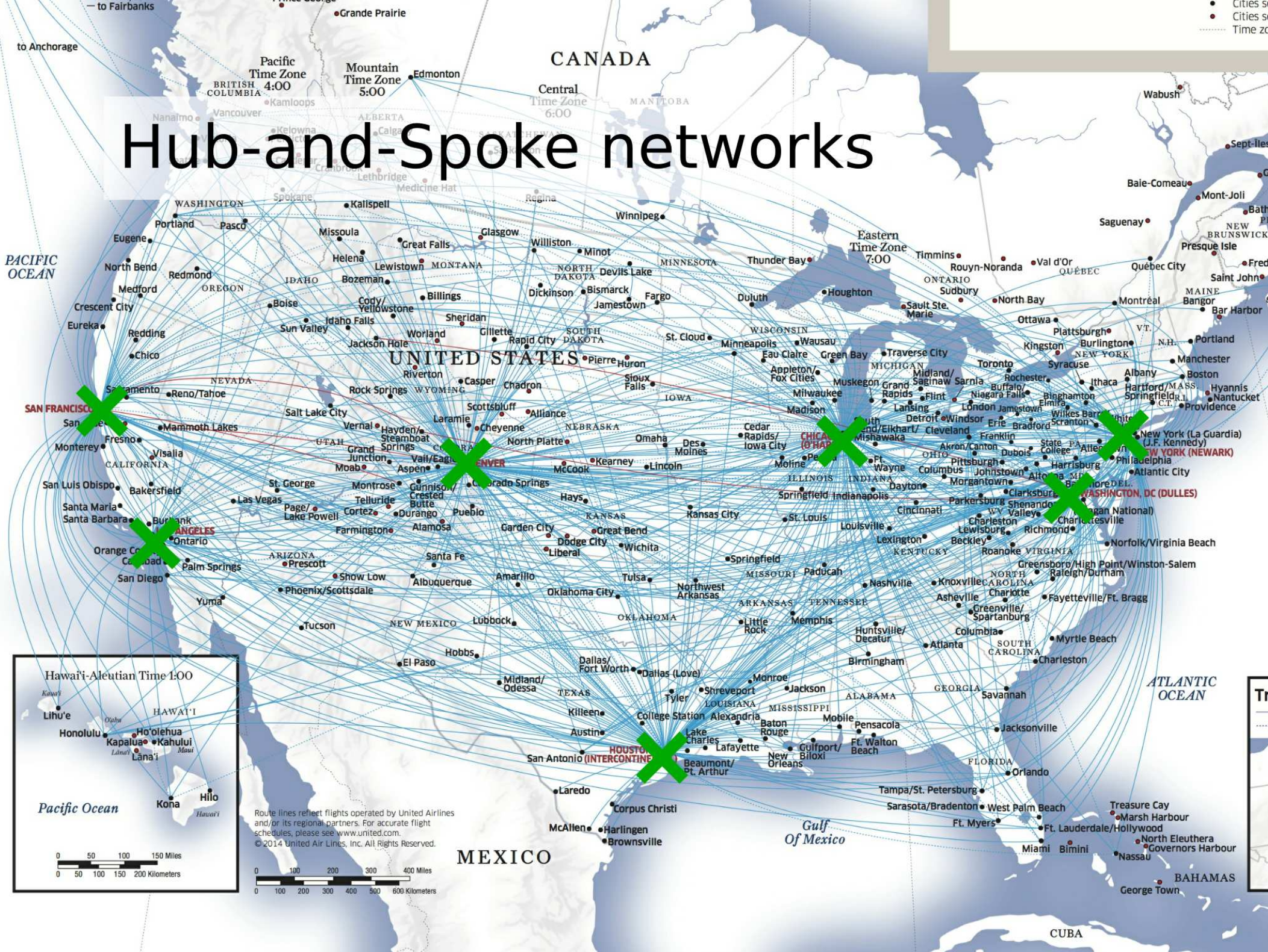
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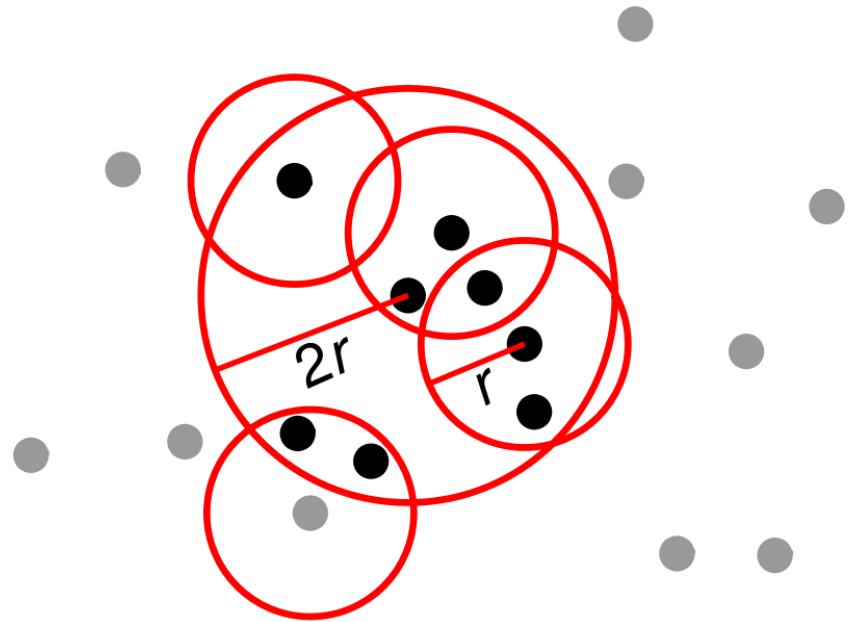


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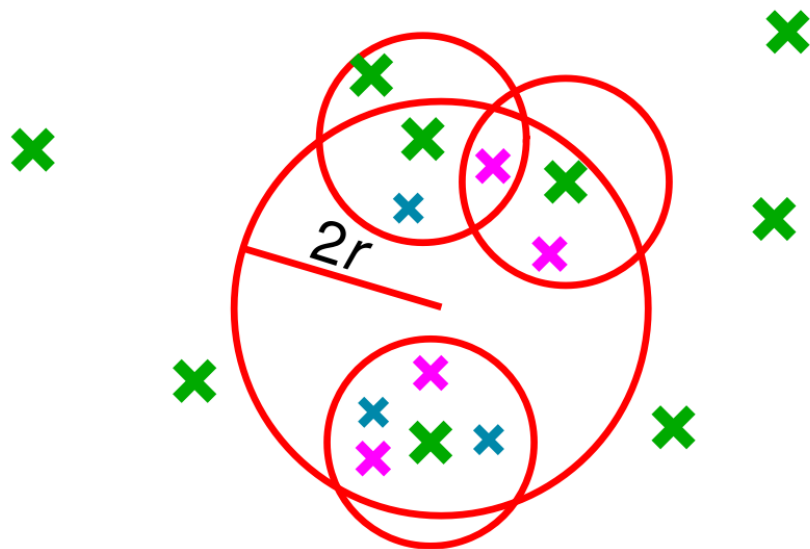


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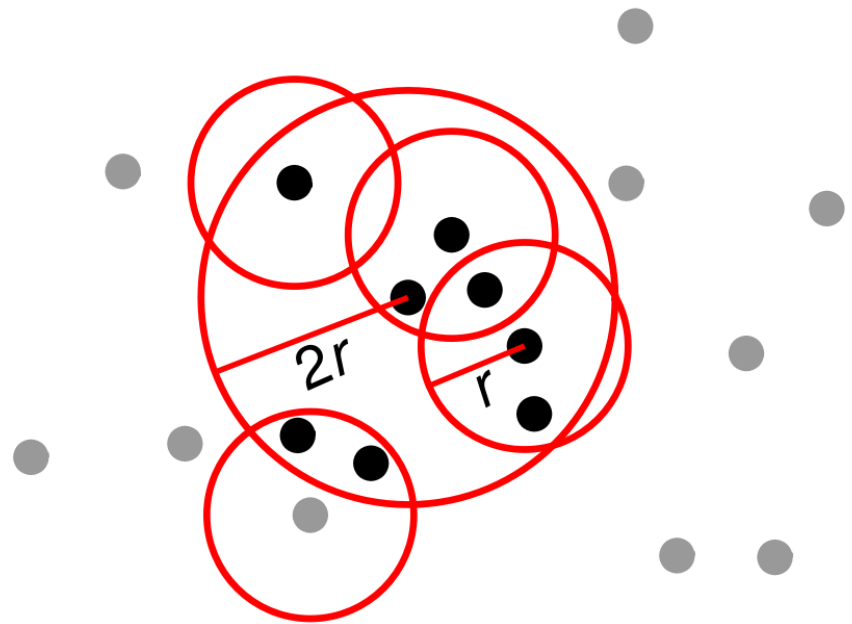
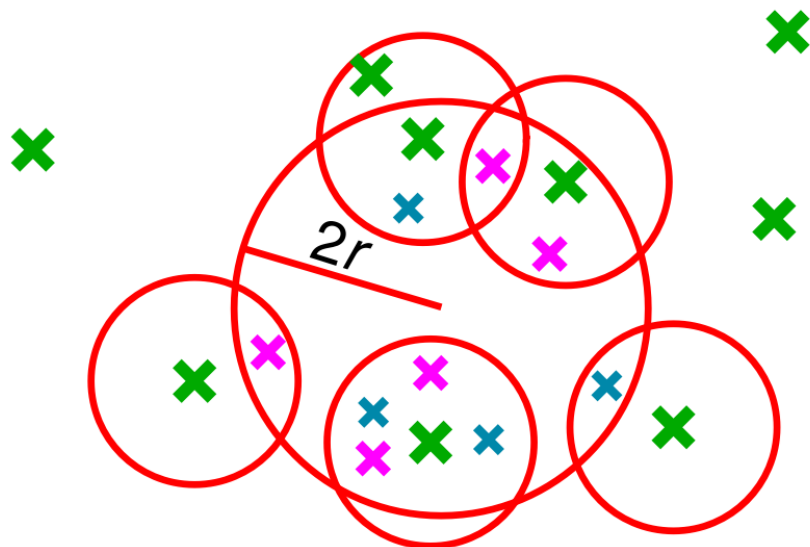


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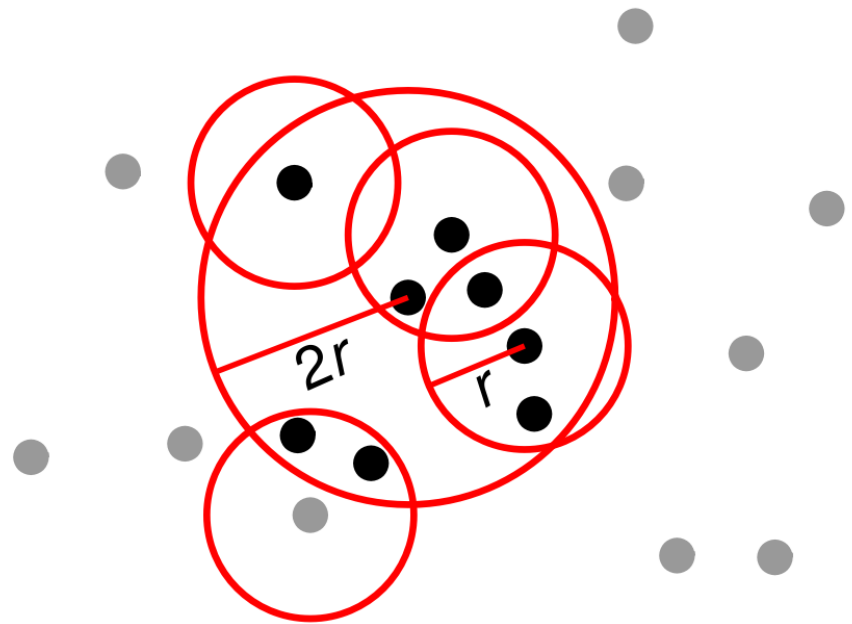
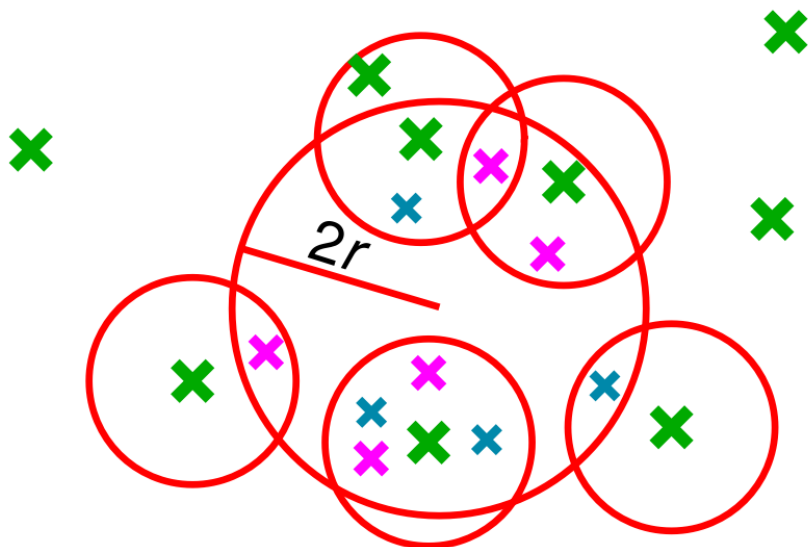
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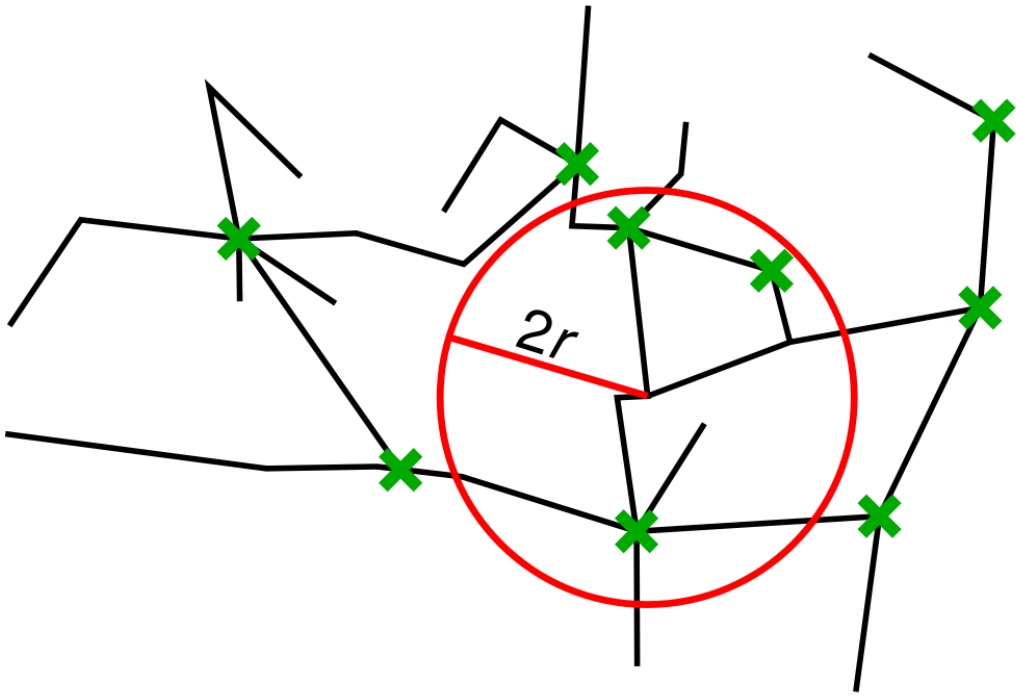


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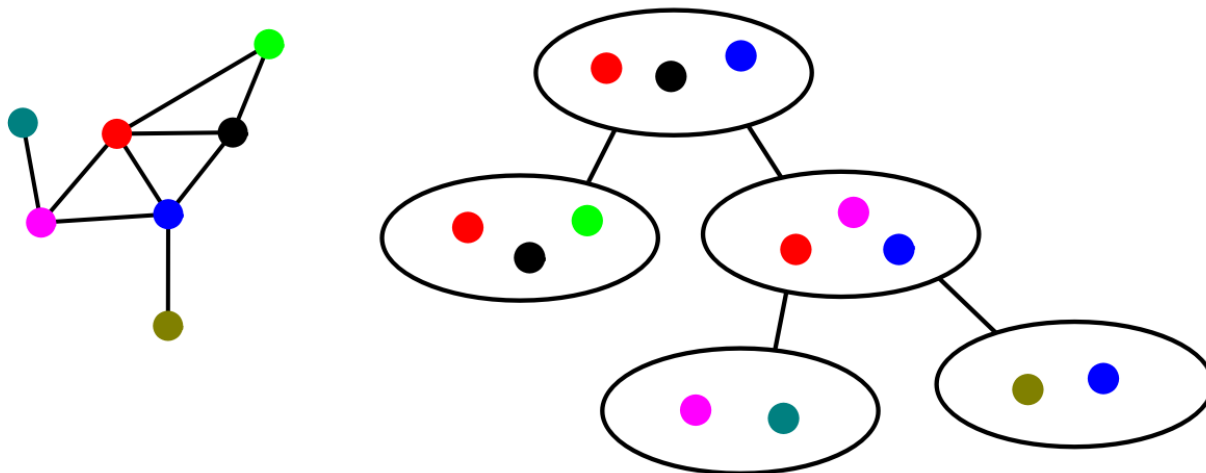
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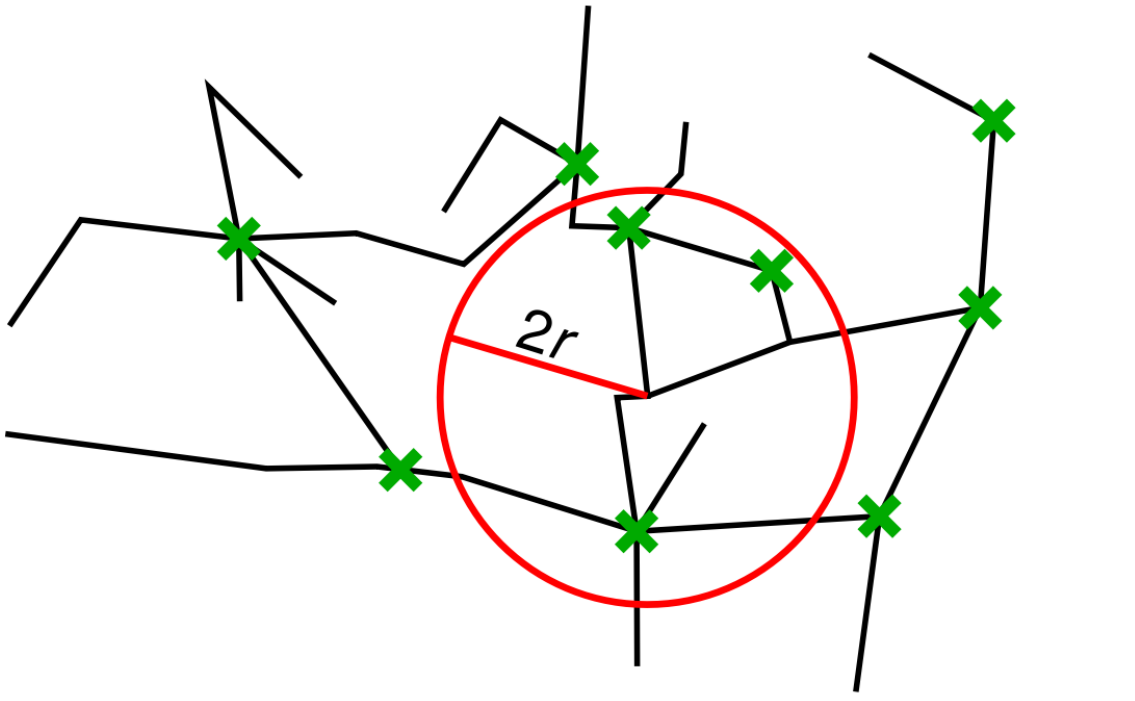
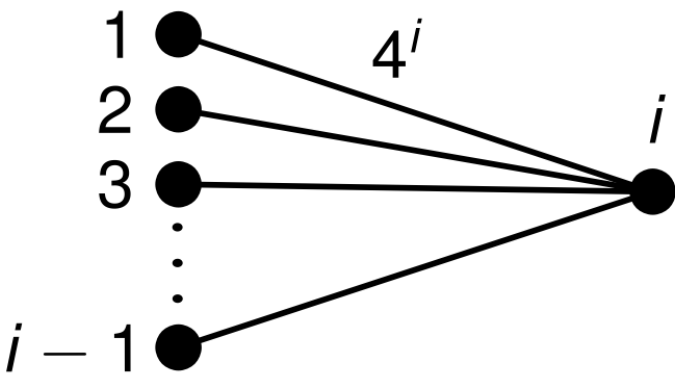


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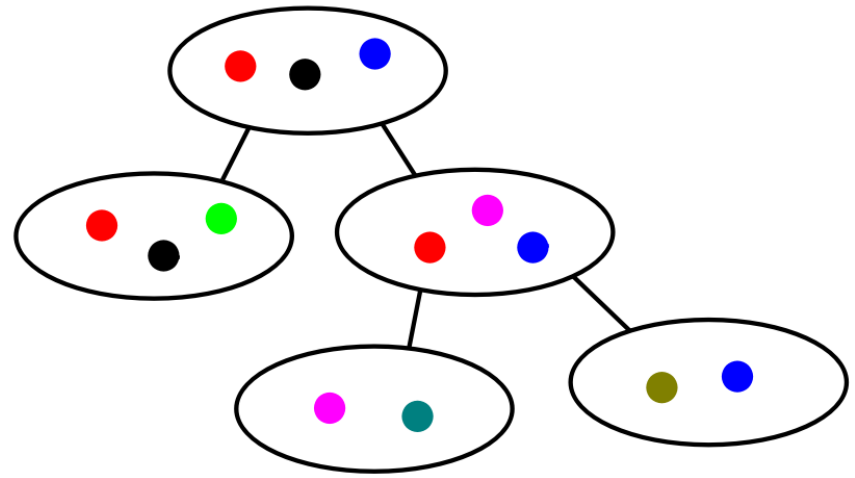
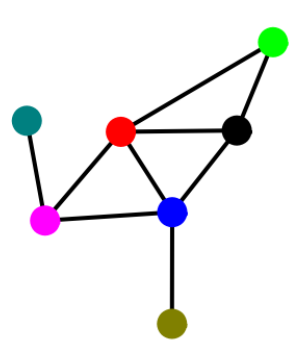


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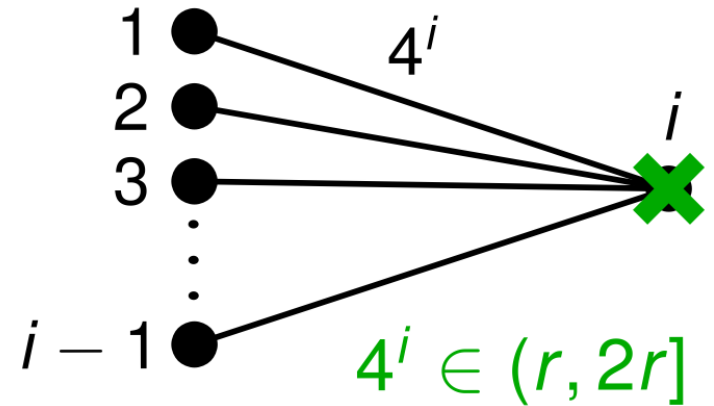
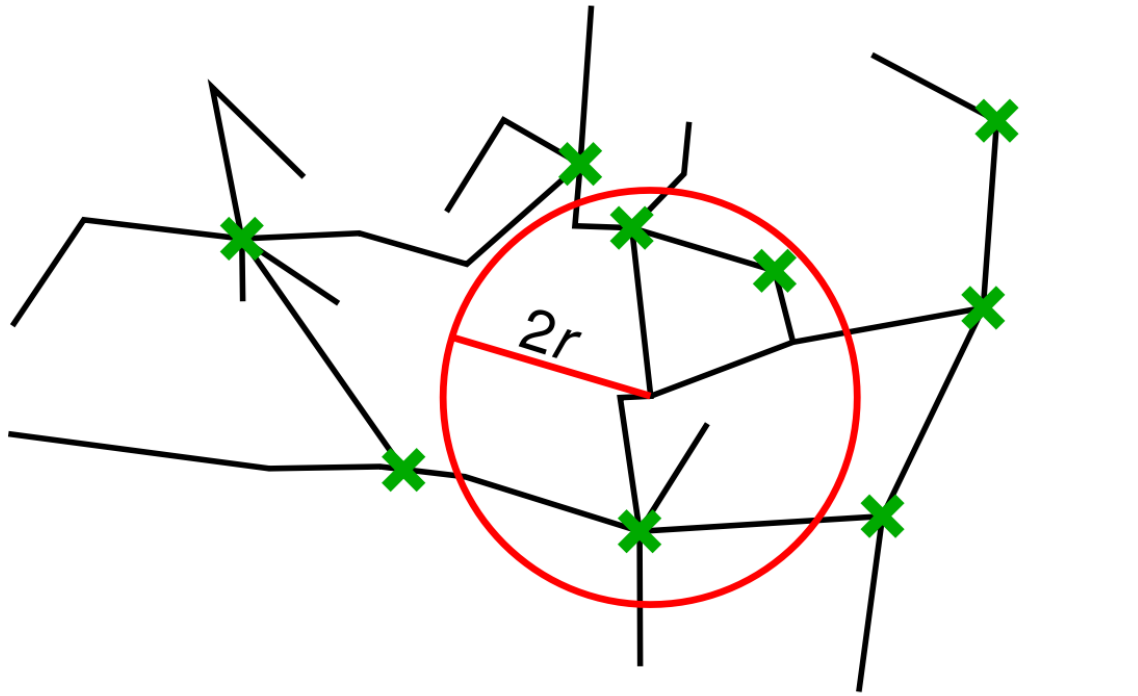


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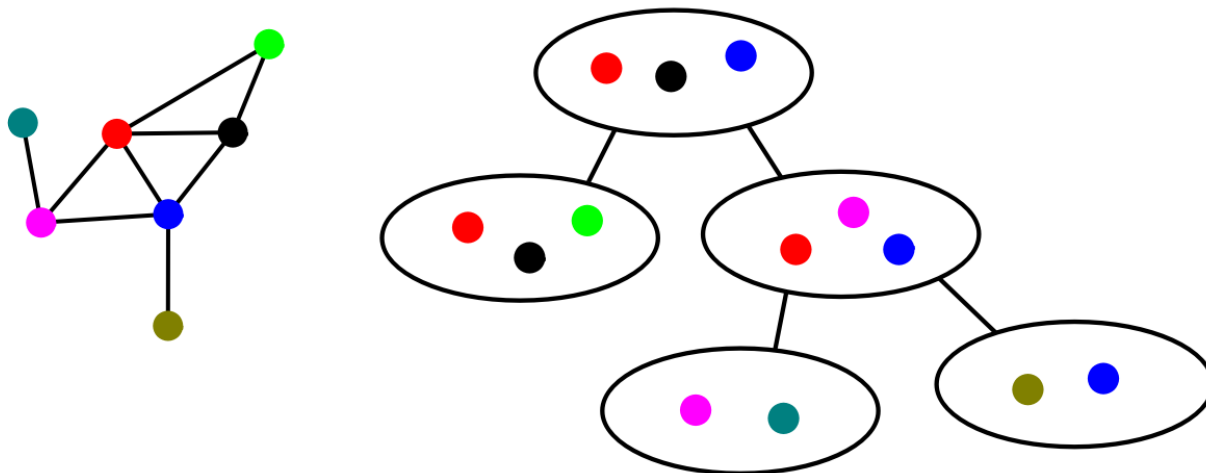


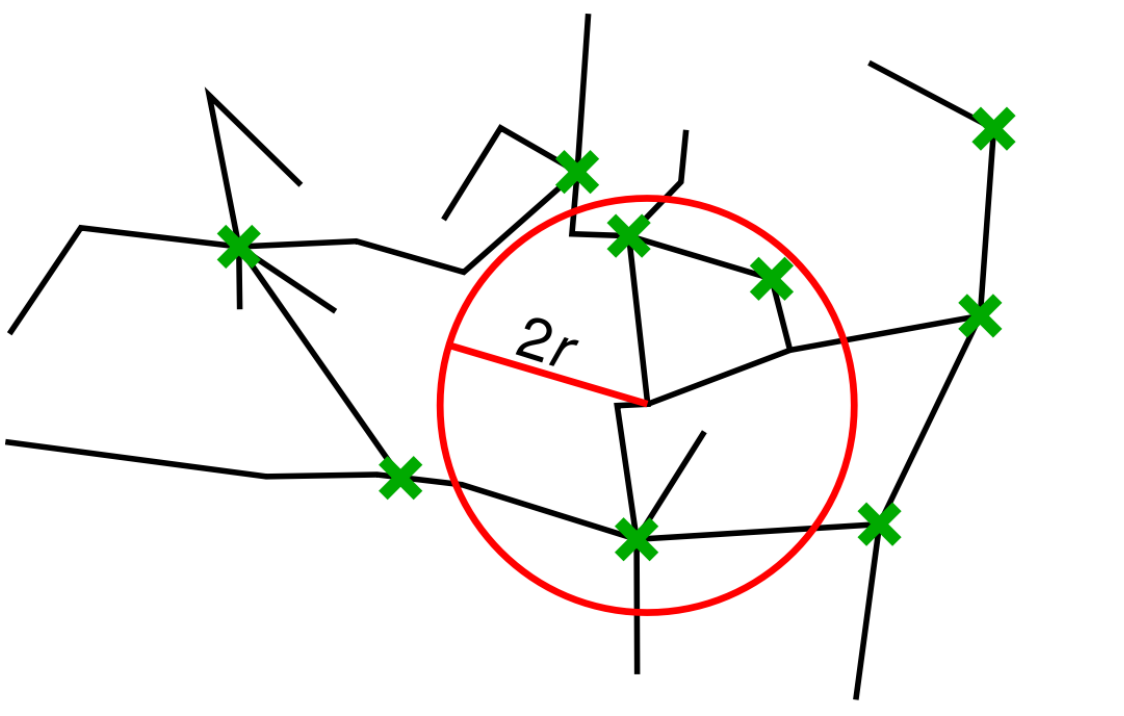
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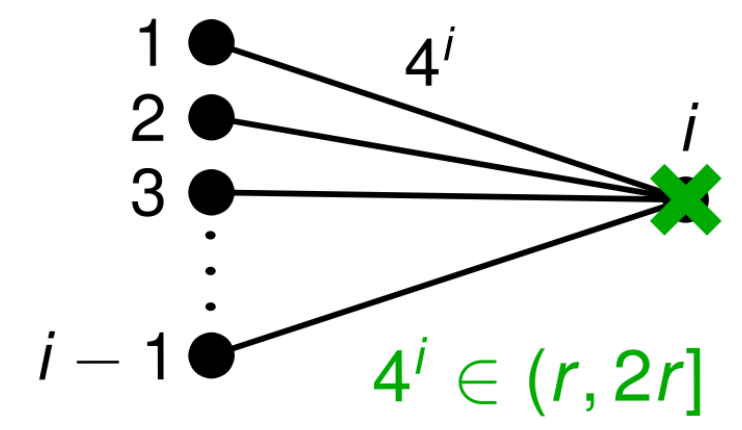


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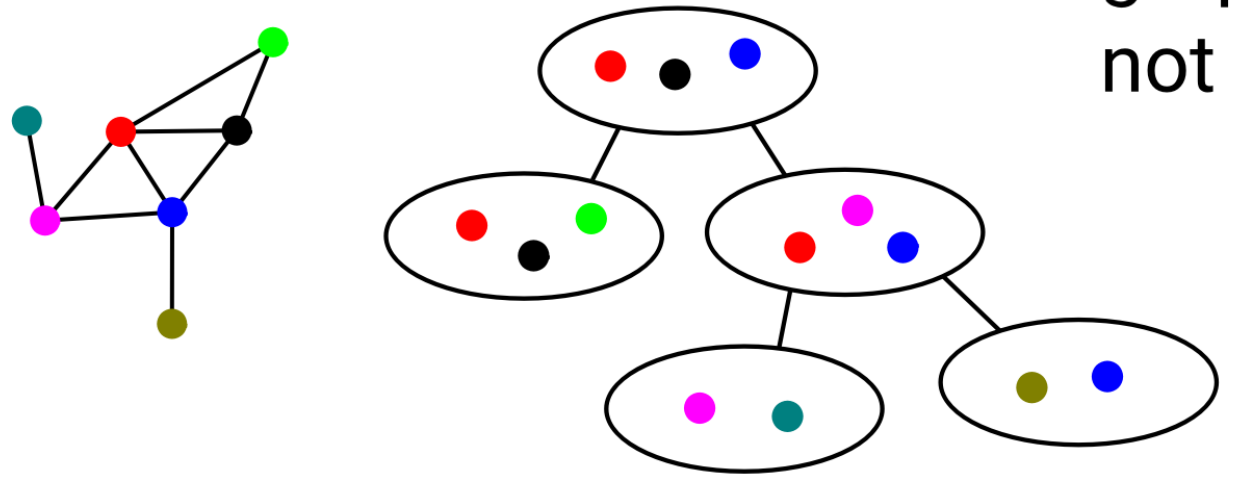


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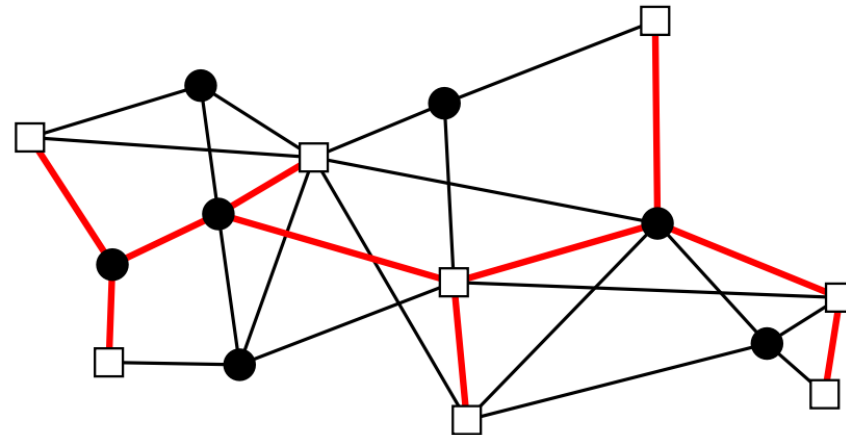
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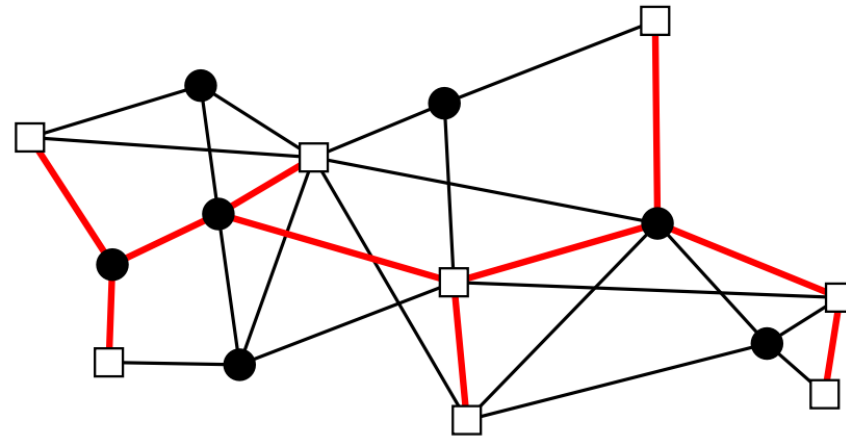
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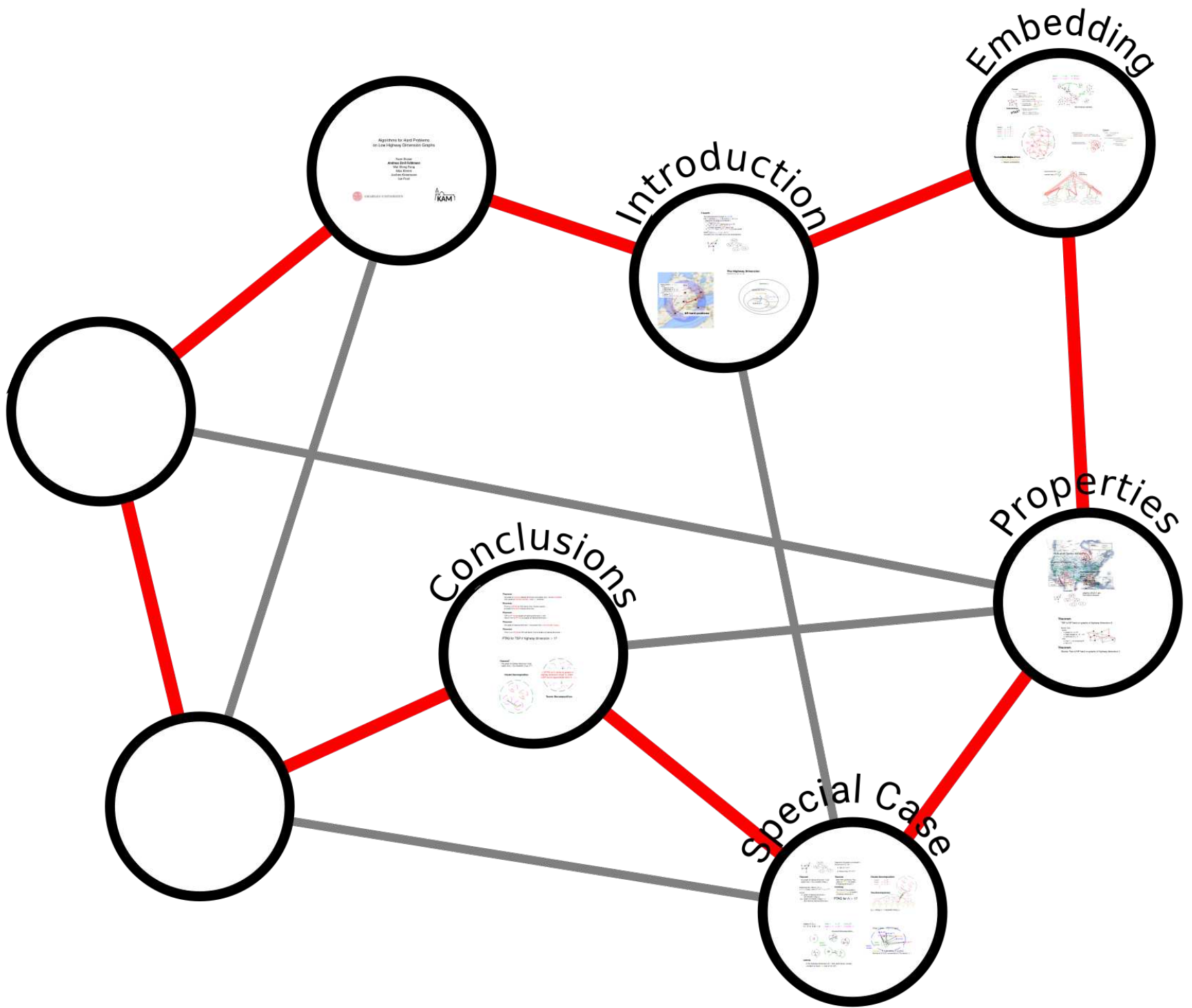
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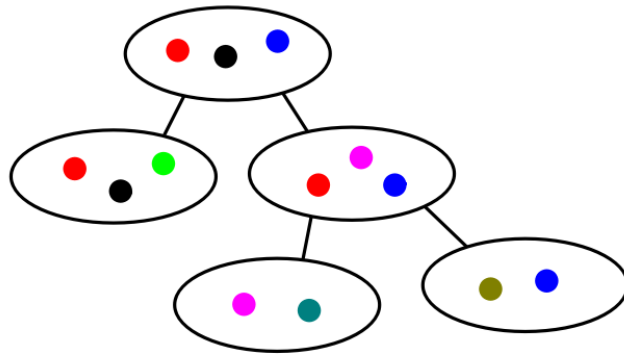
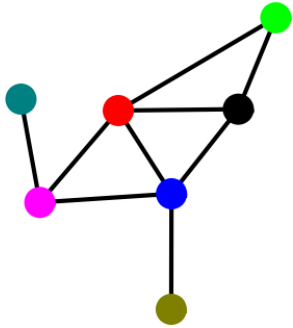
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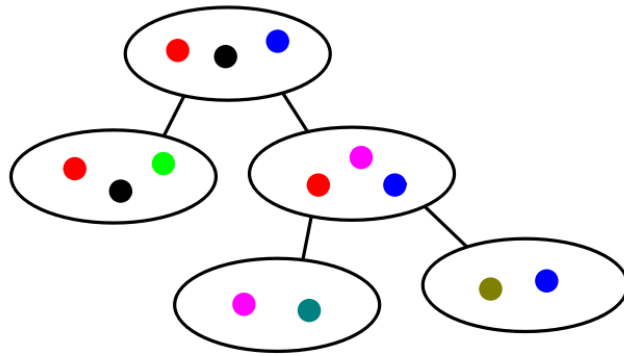
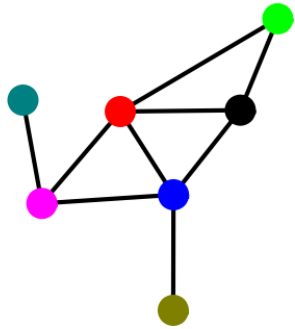
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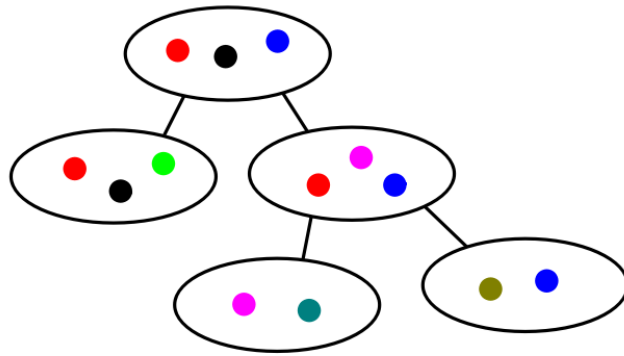
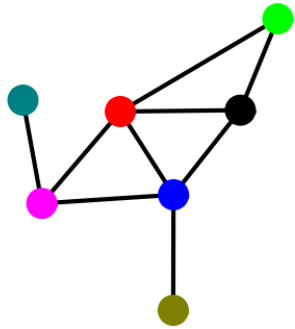


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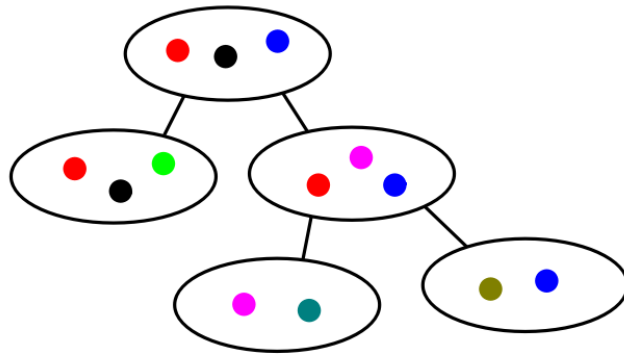
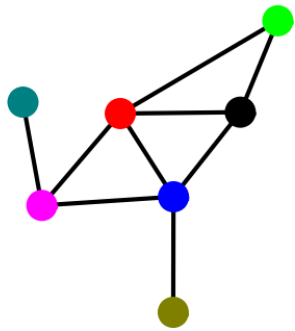
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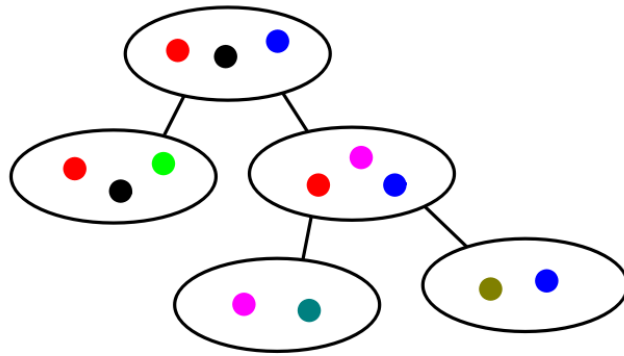
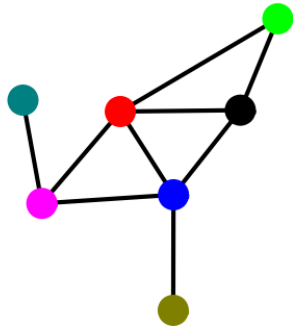
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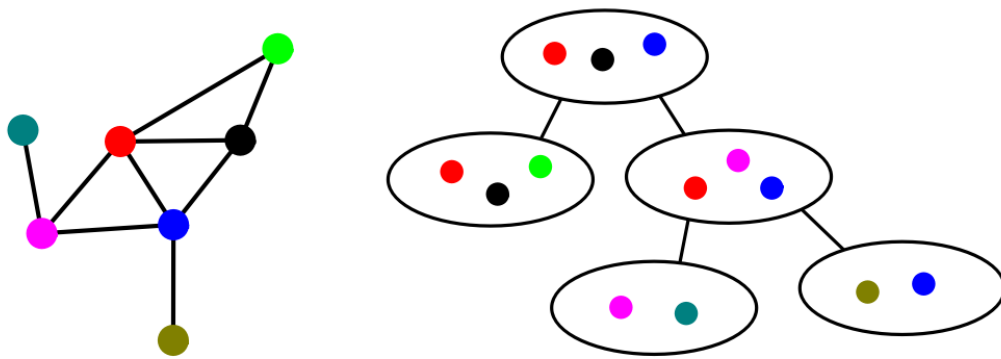
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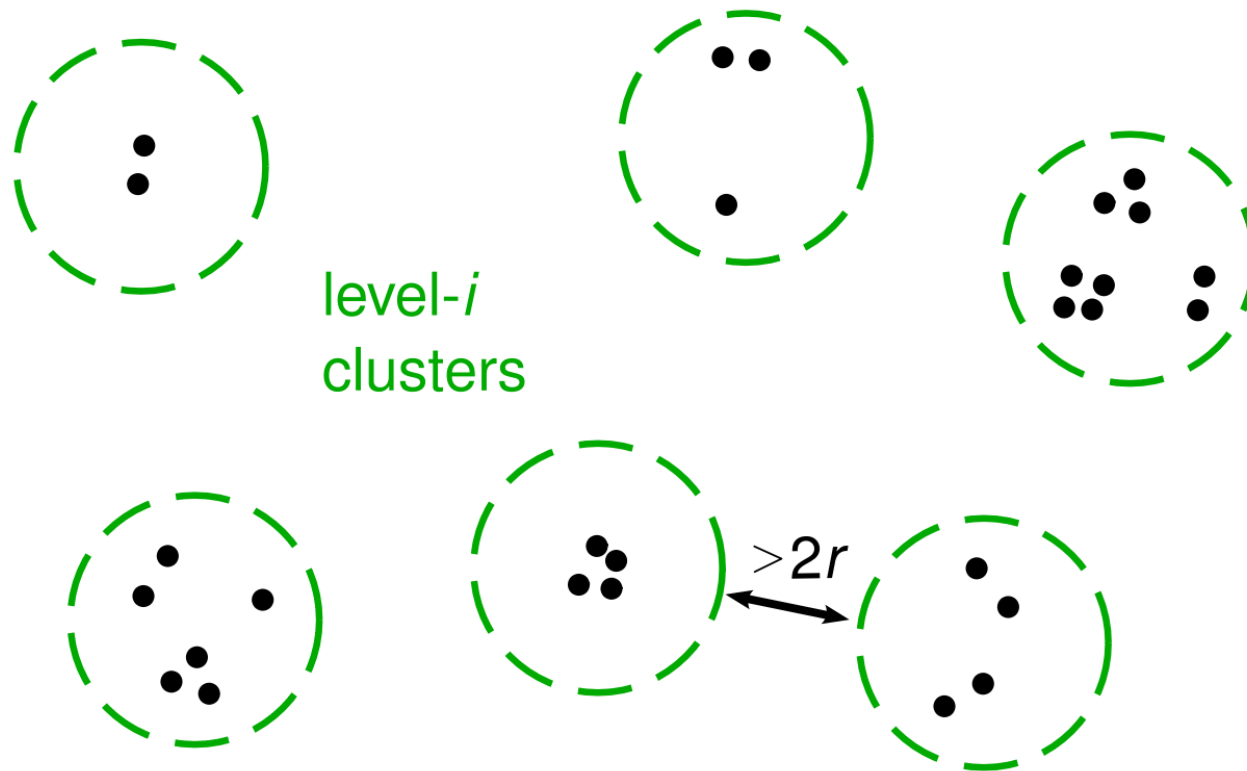
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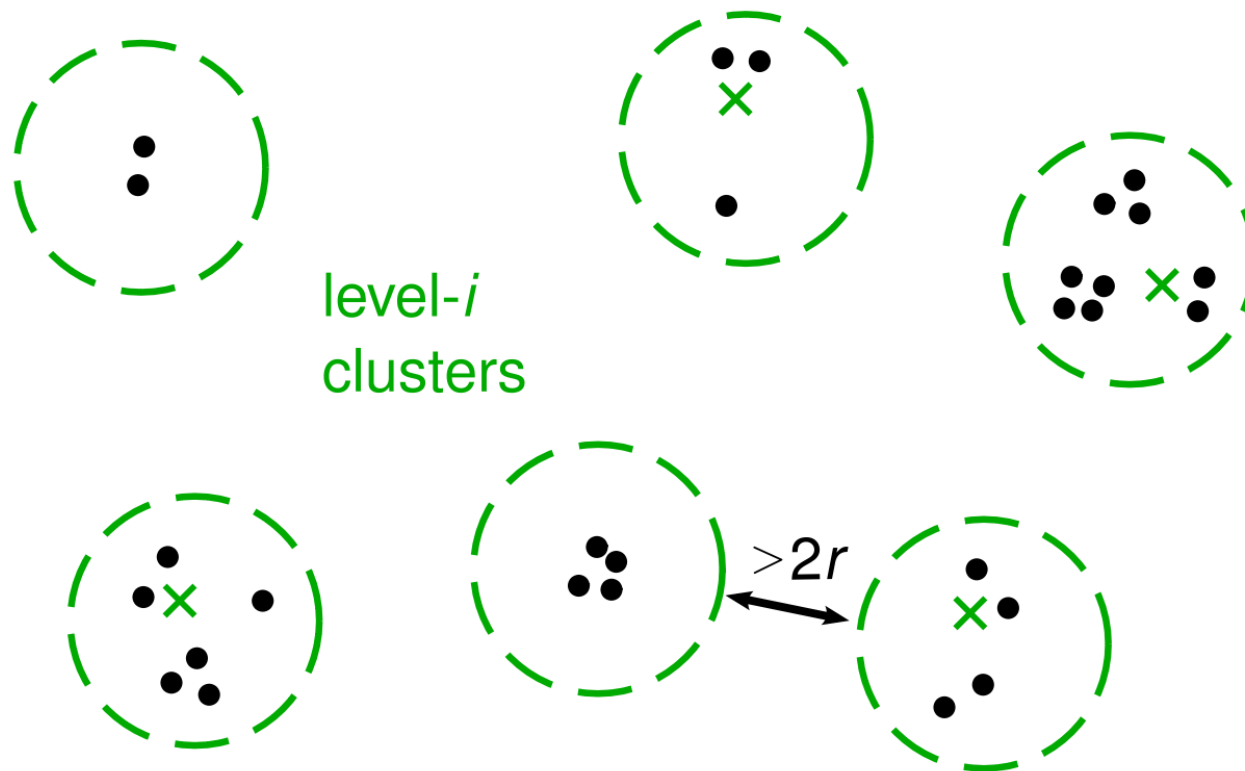
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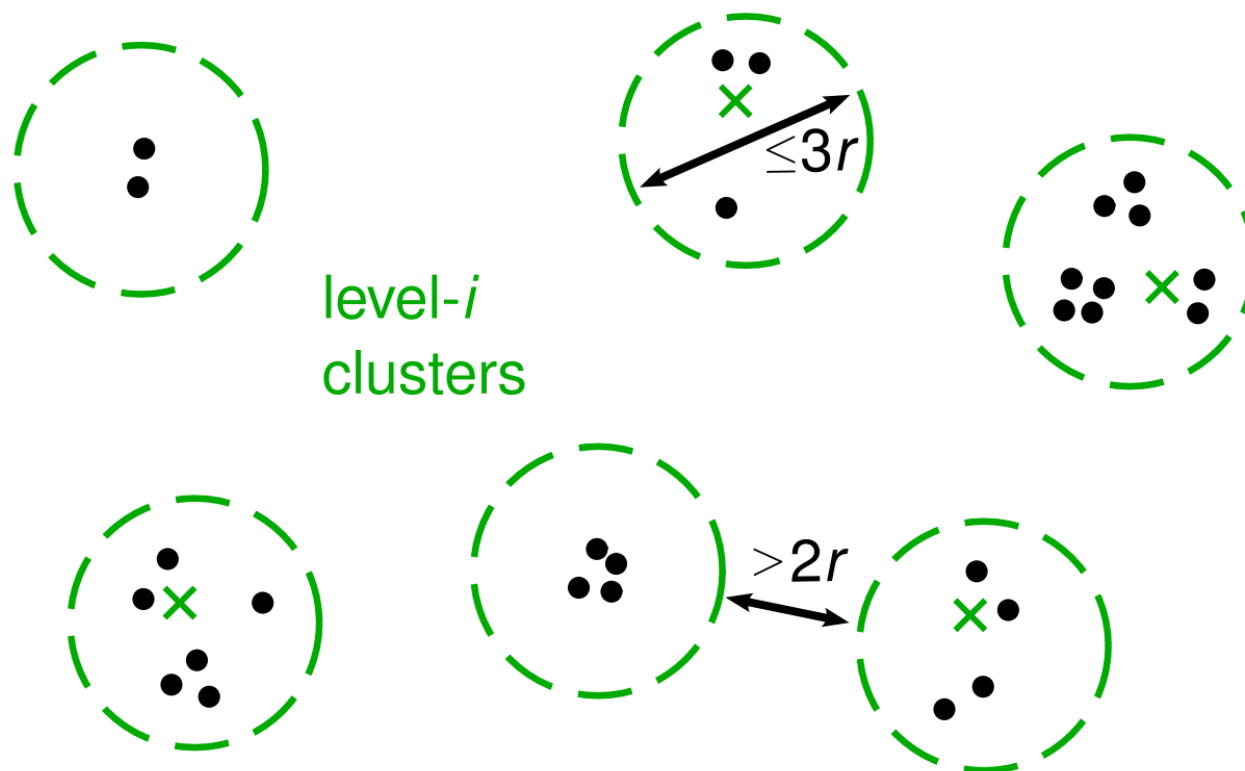


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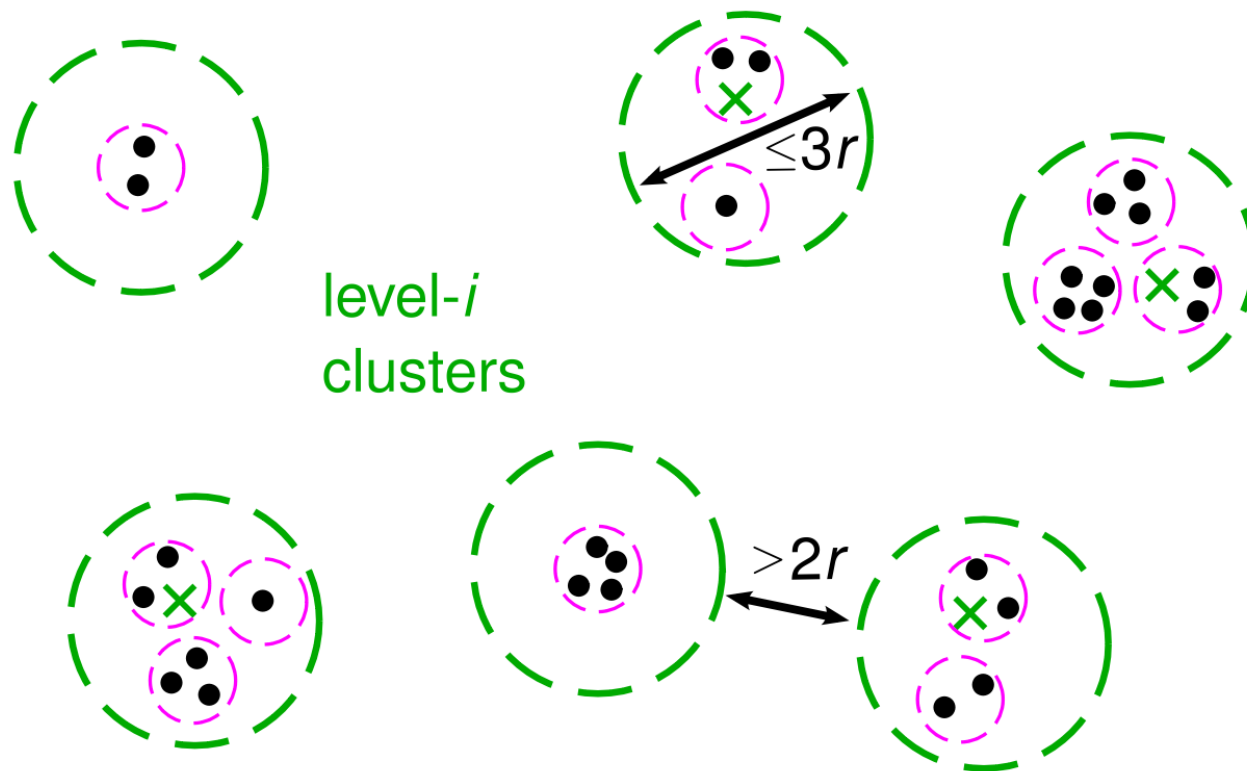


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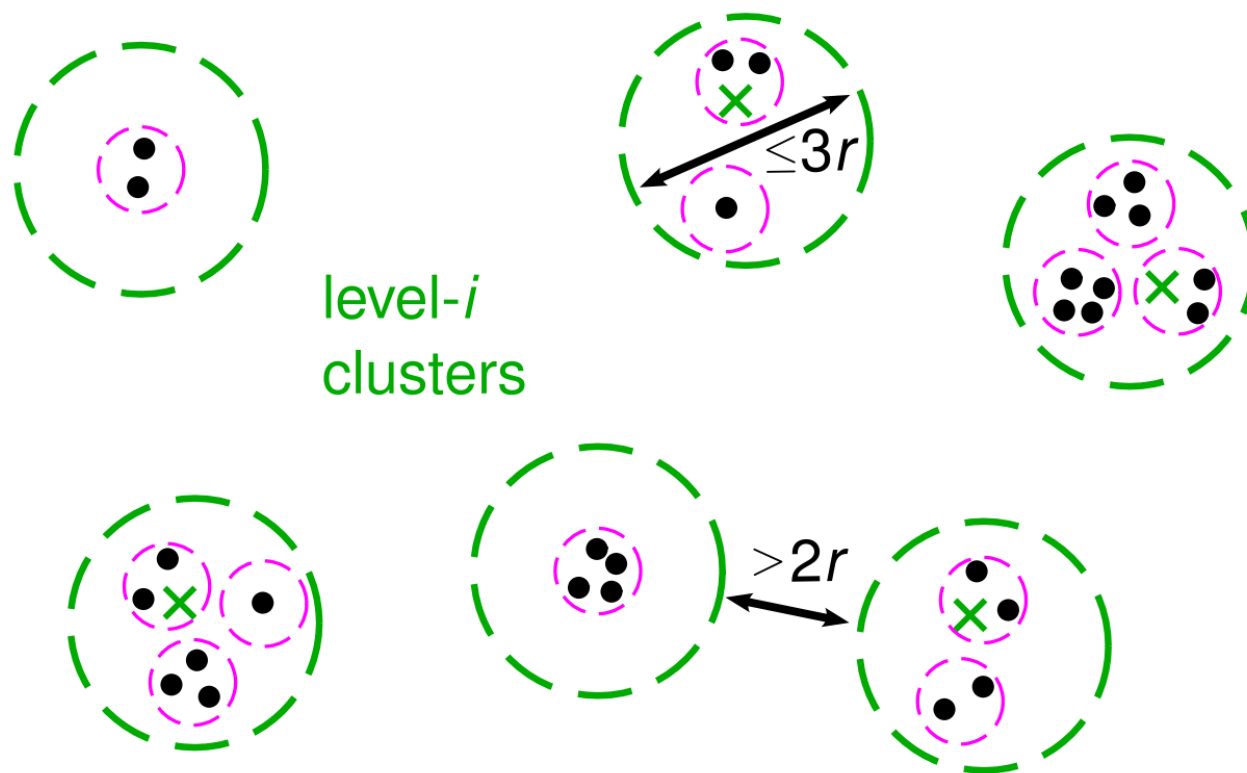
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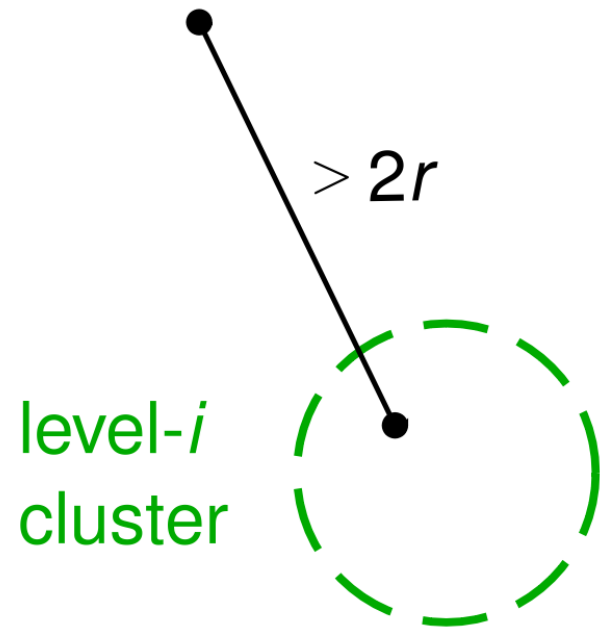
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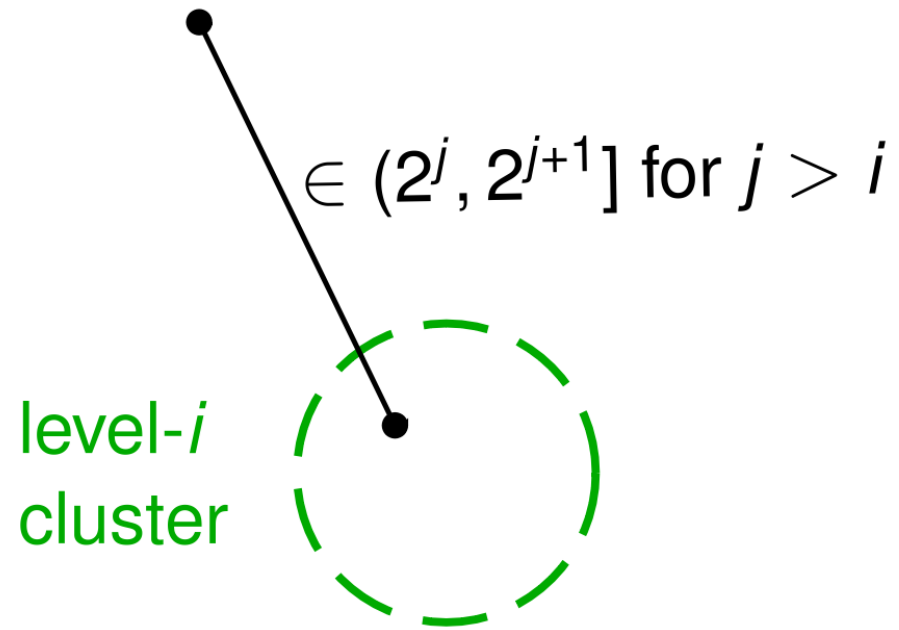
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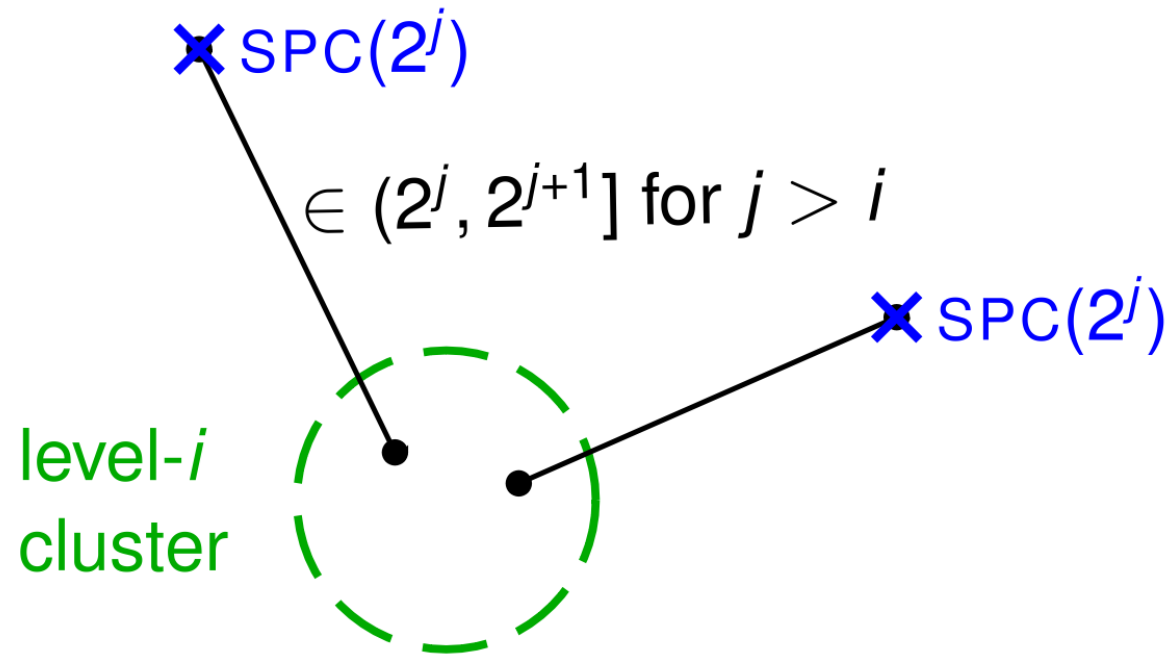


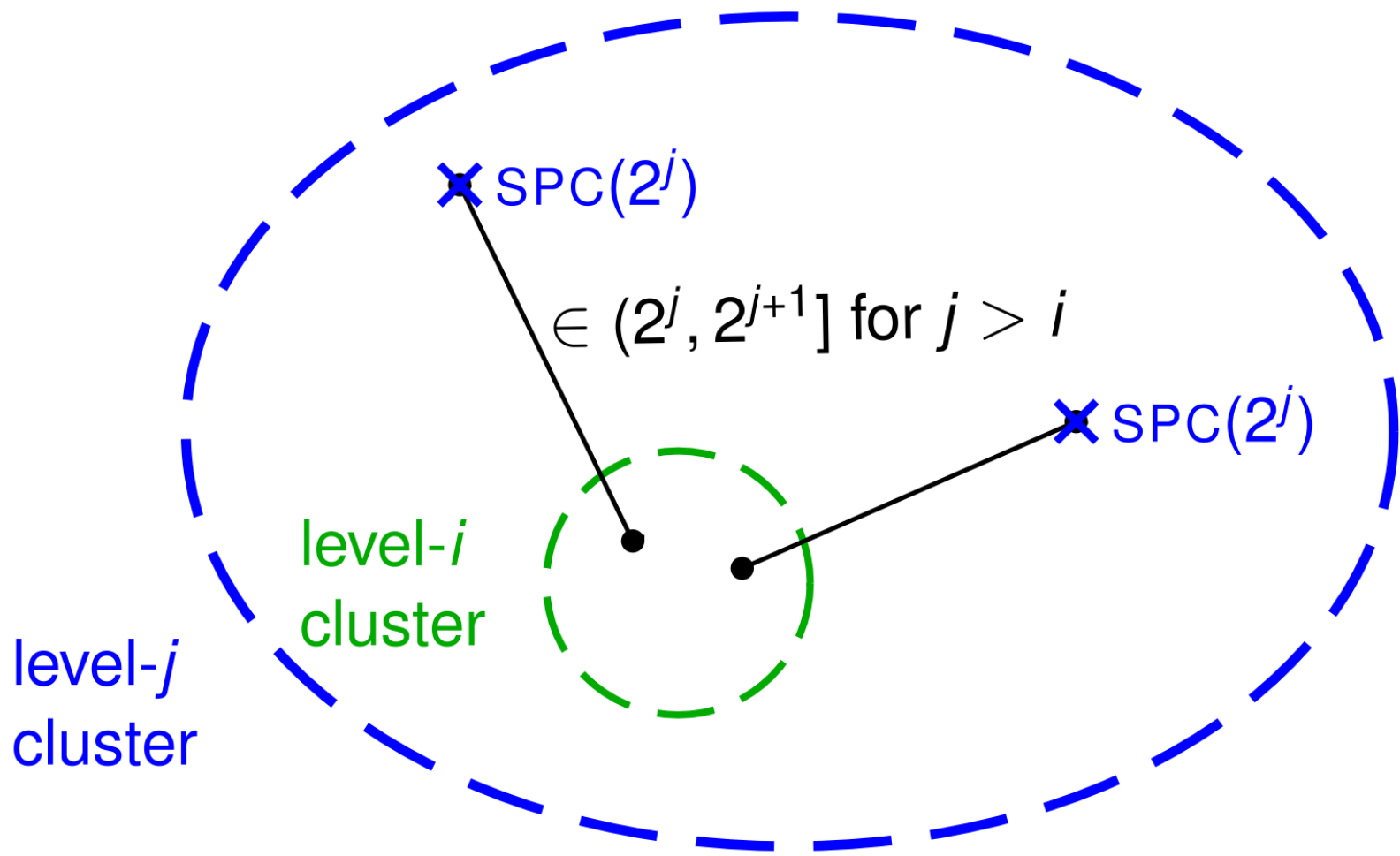
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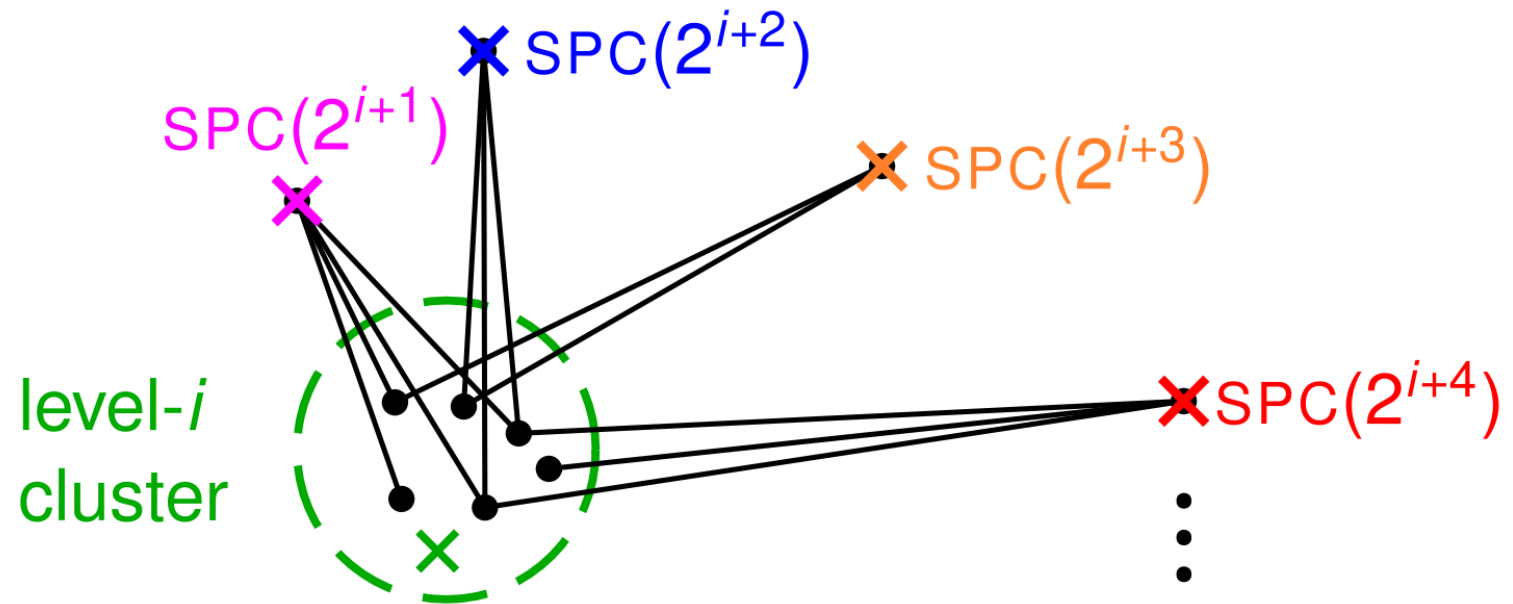
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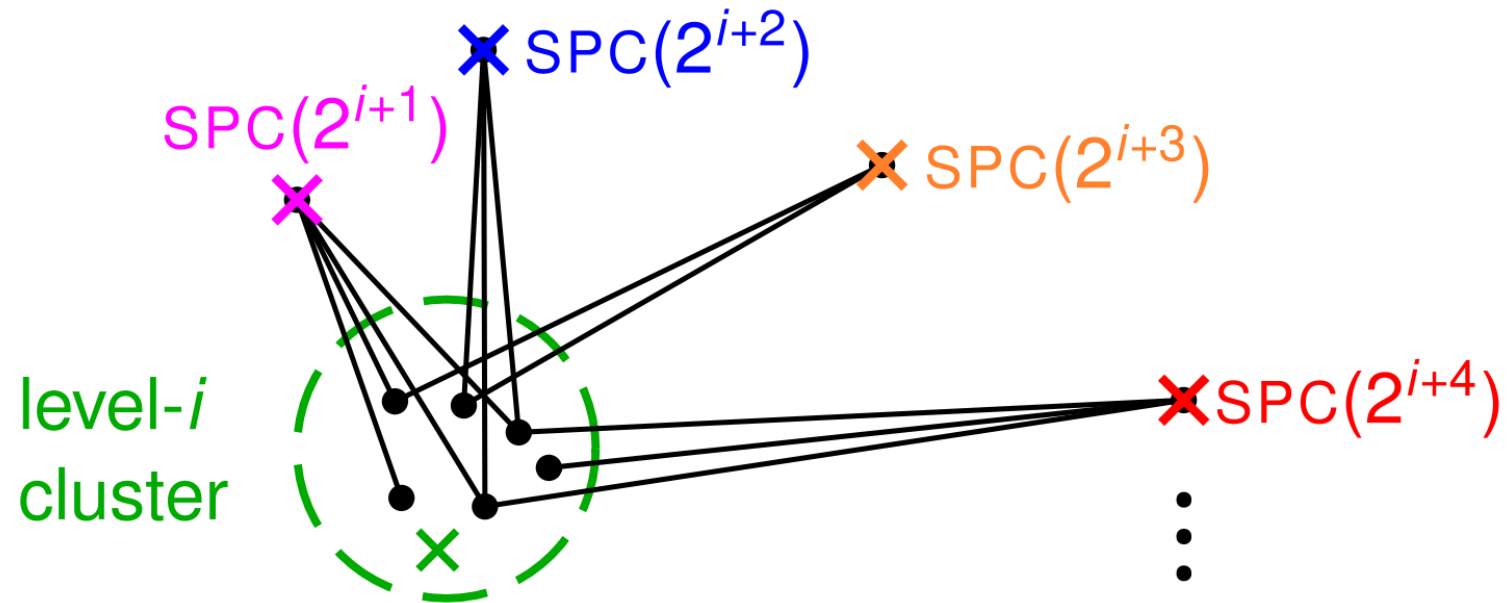
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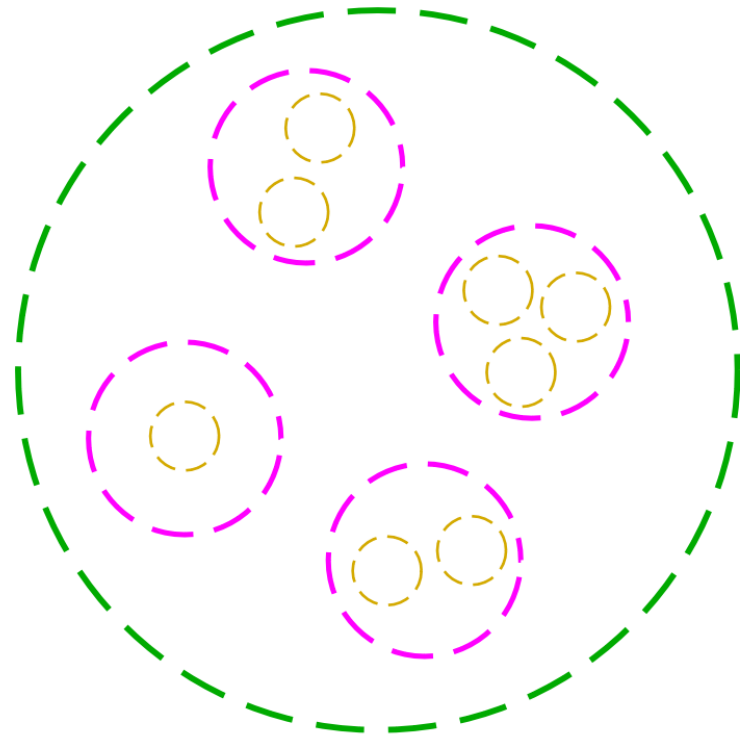
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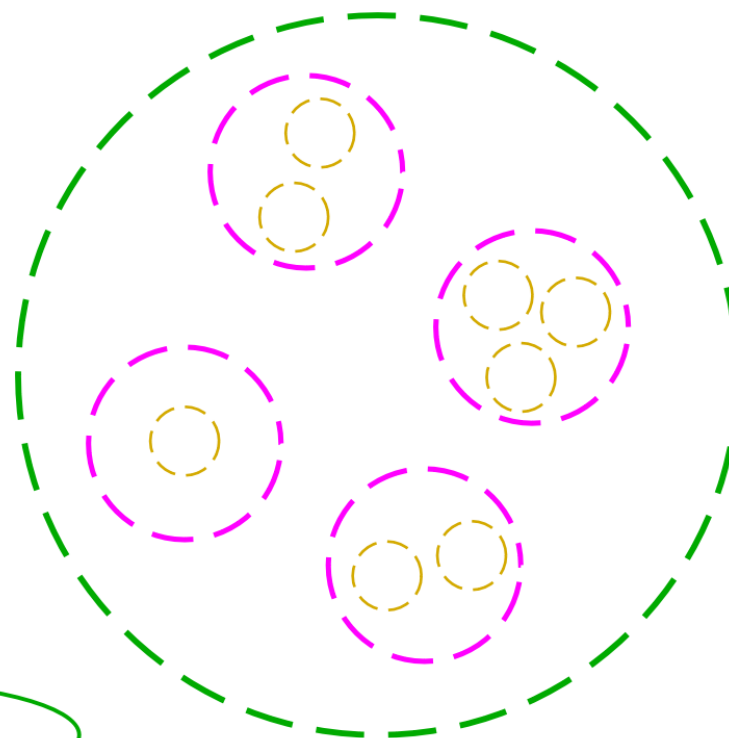
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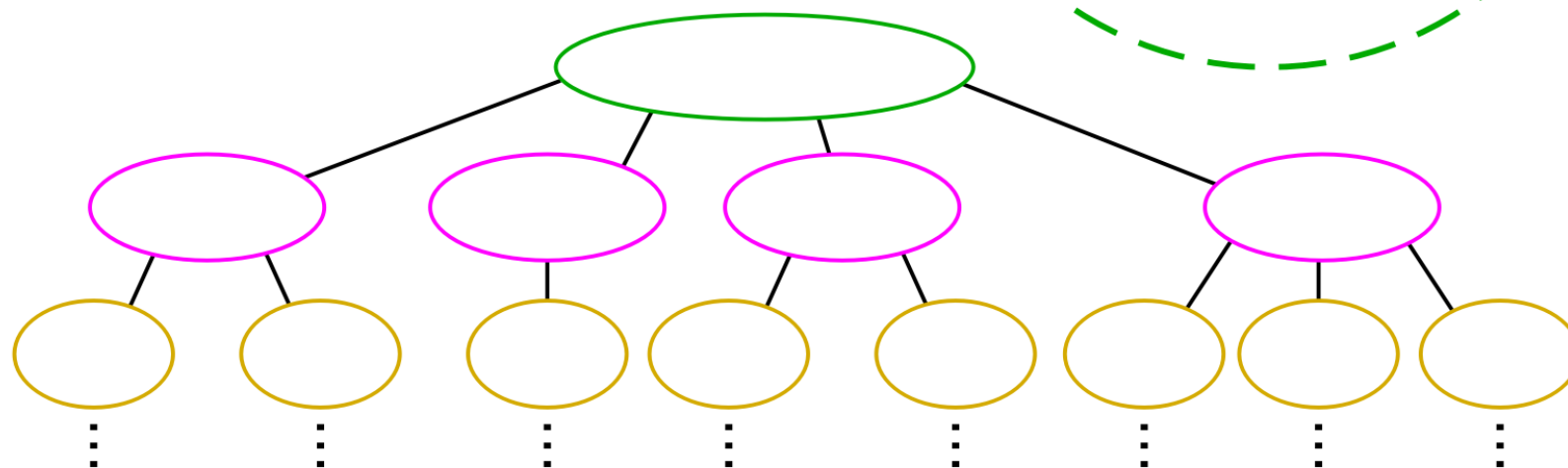


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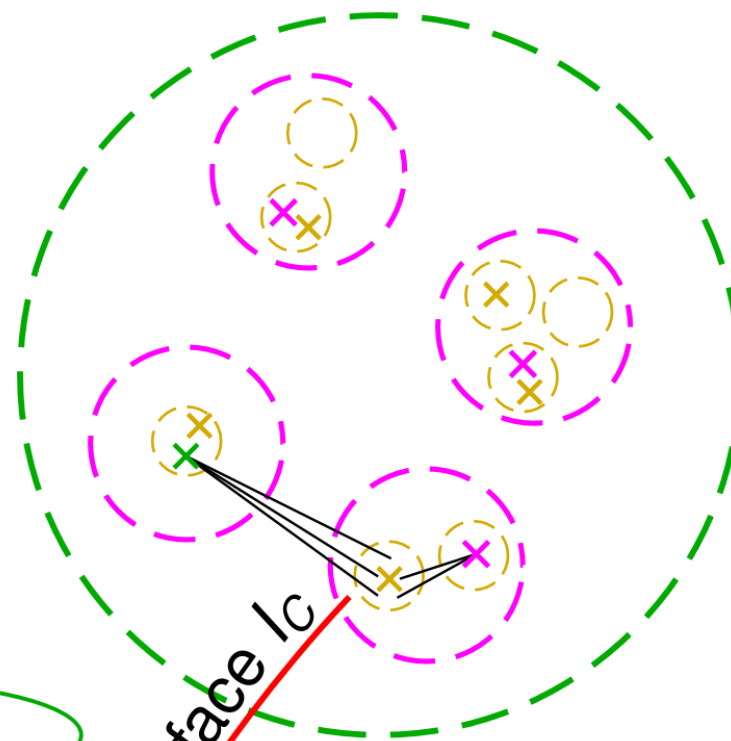


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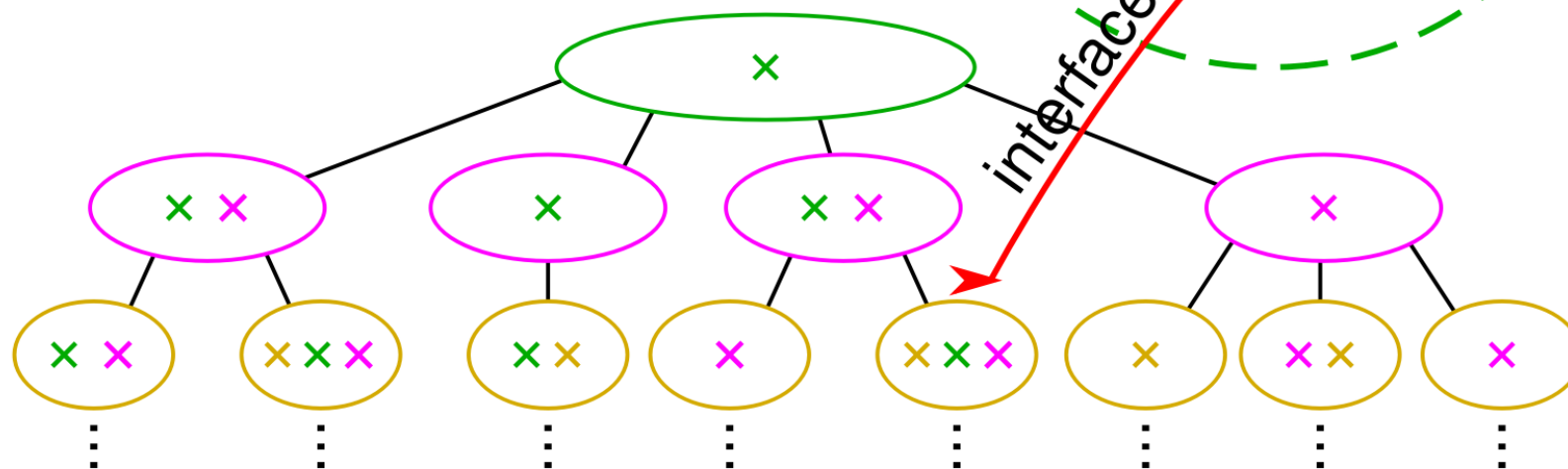


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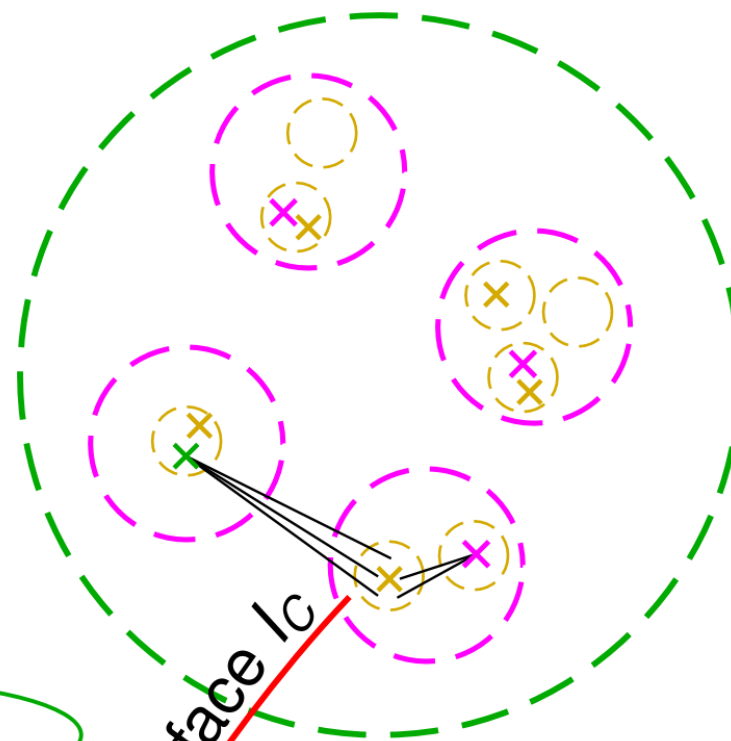


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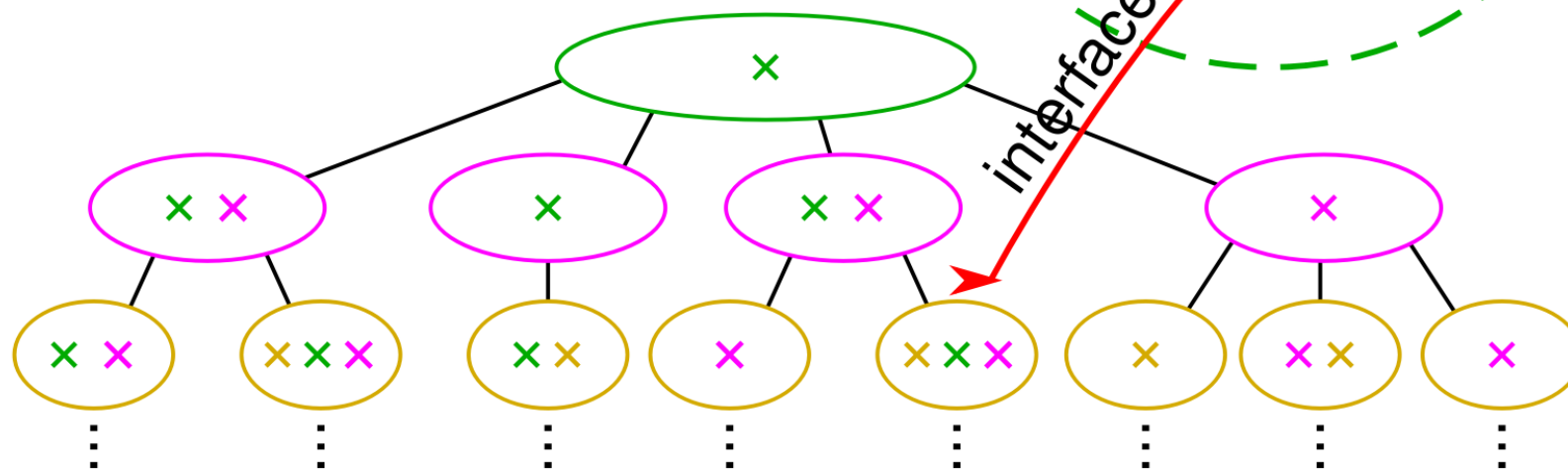


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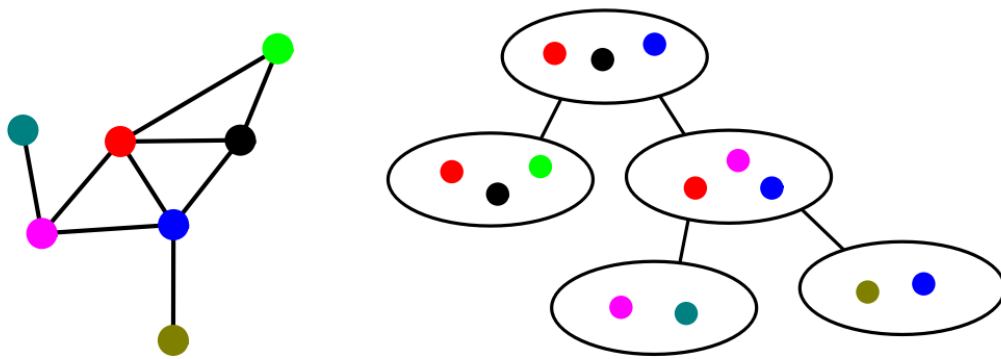
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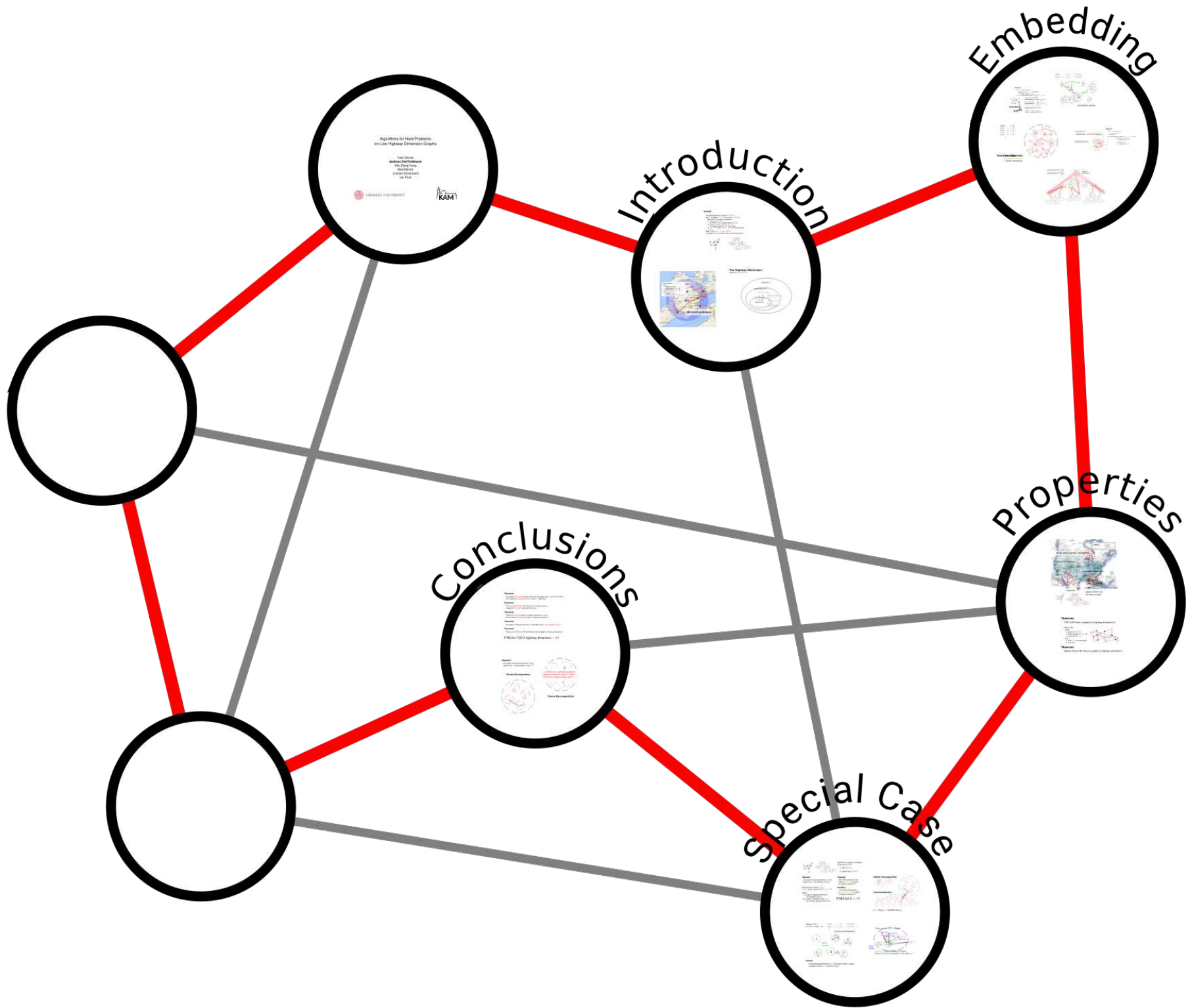
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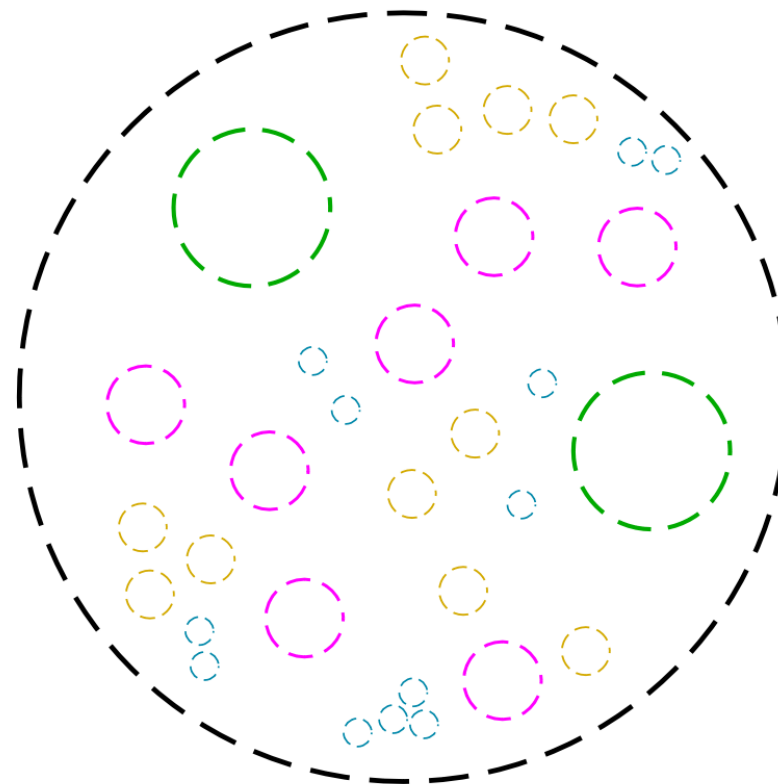
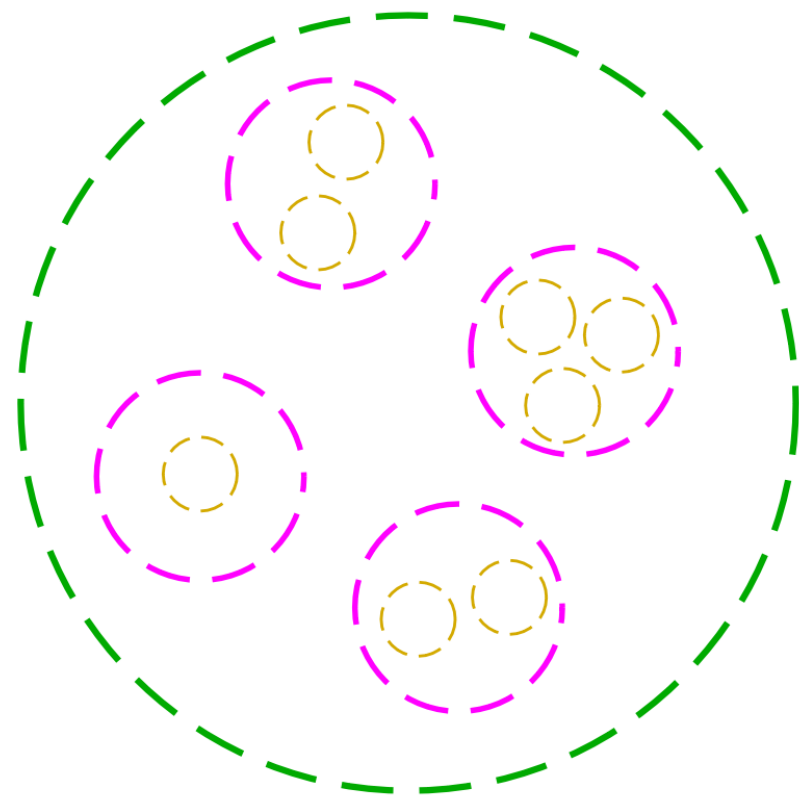
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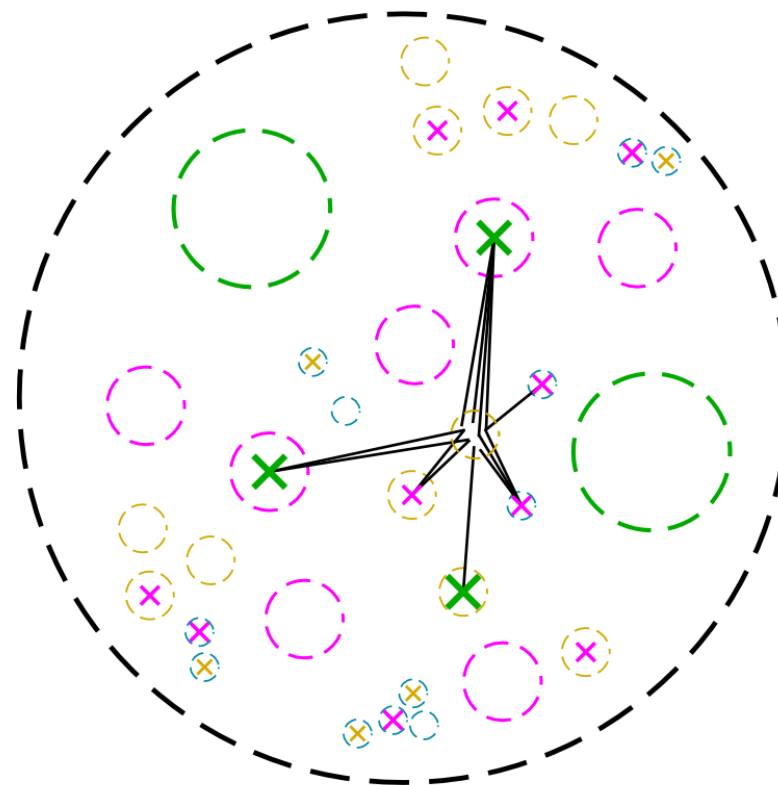
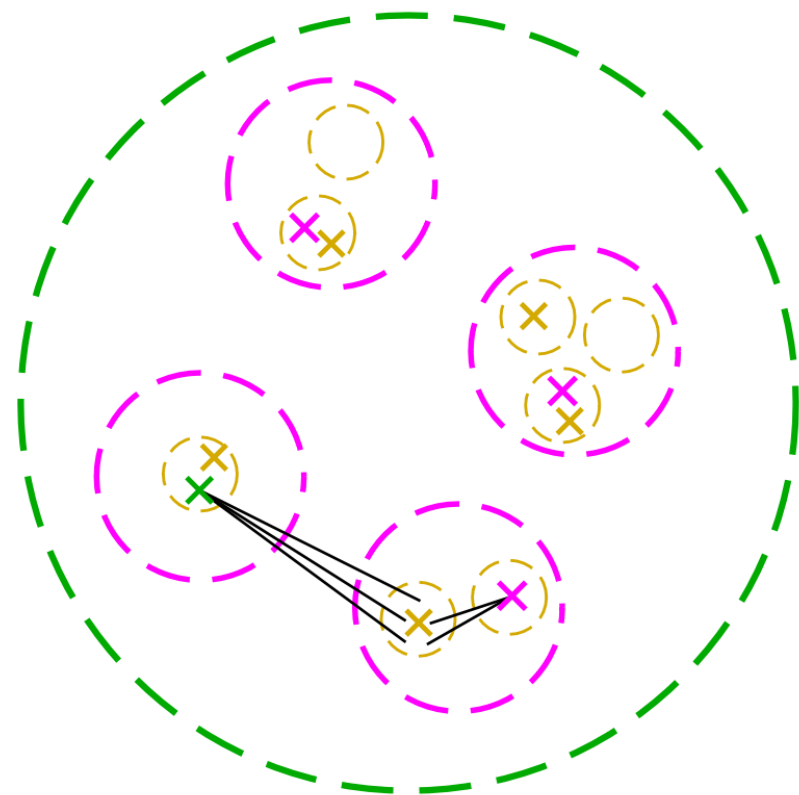


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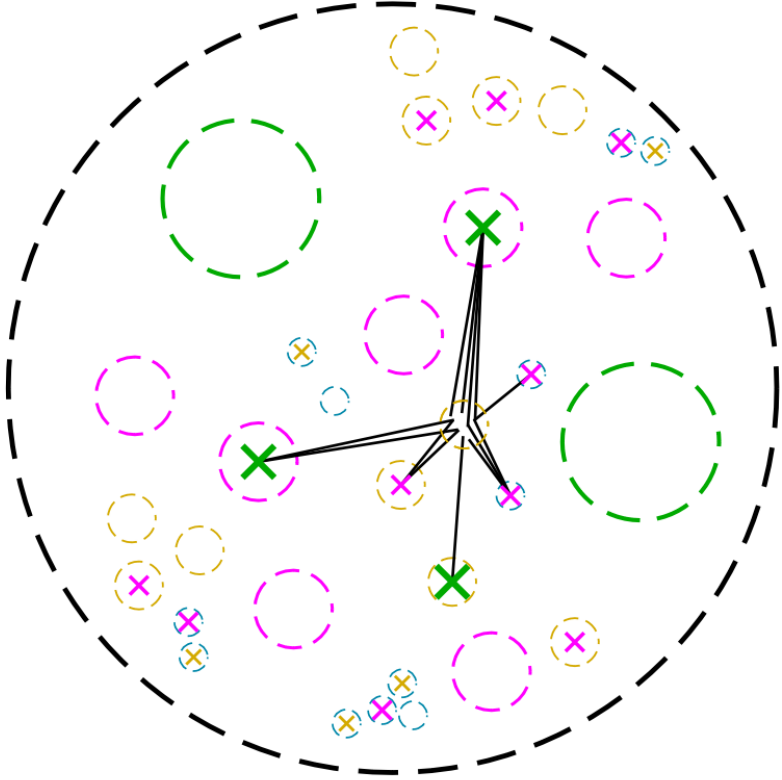
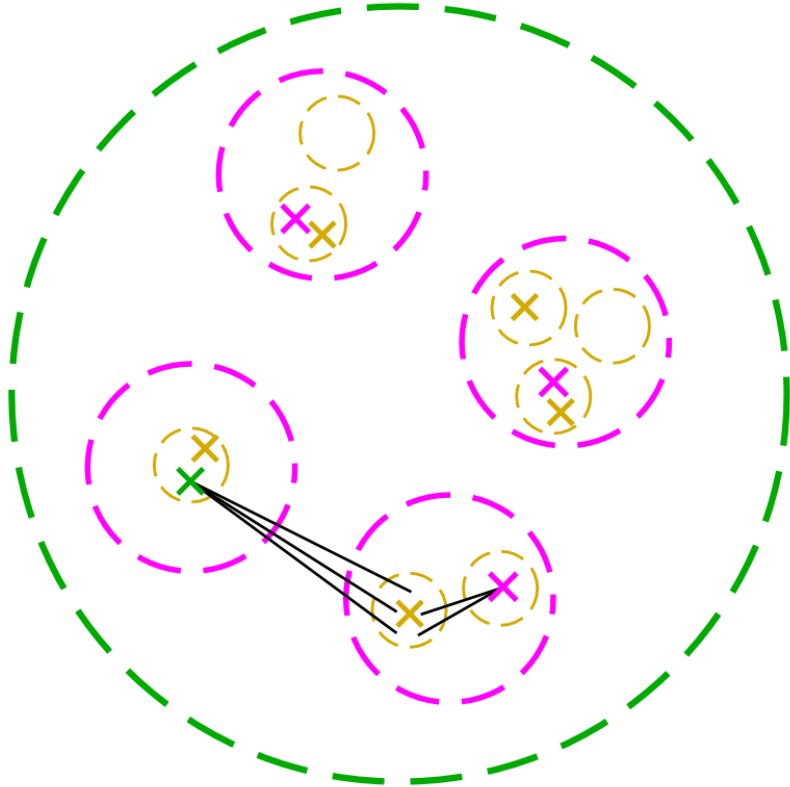


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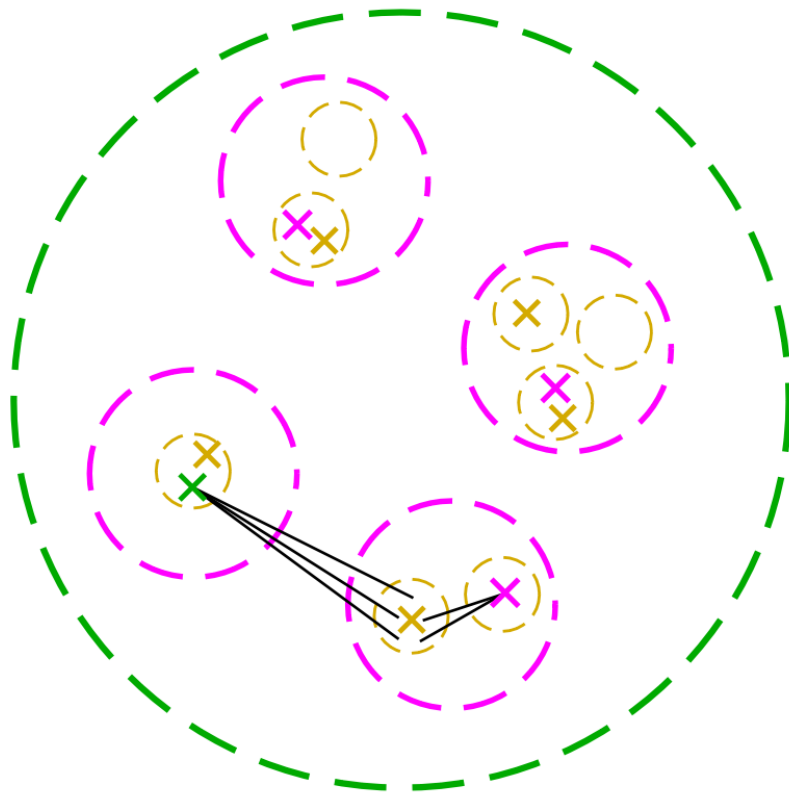


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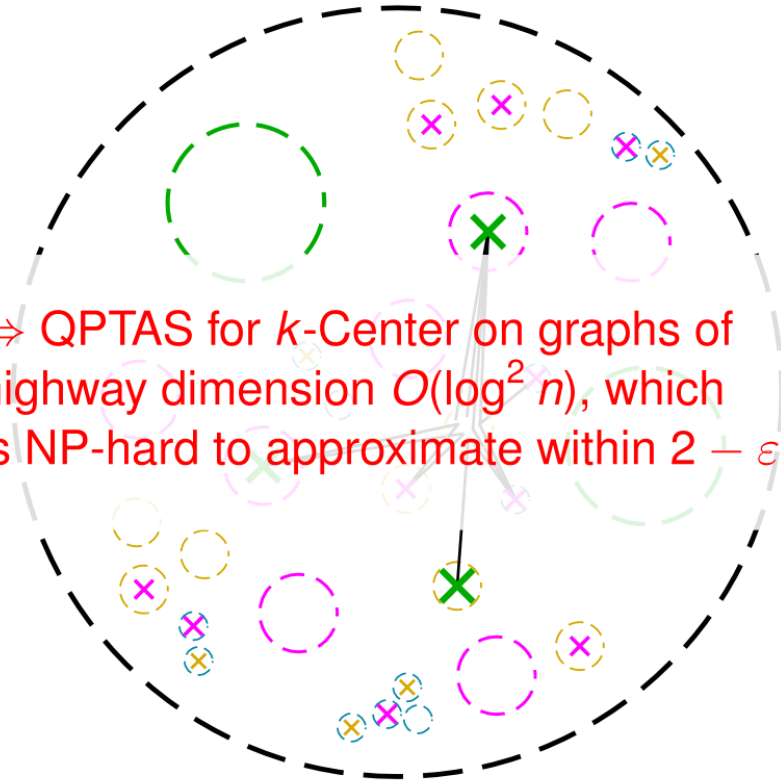
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