

Distributed Computing in Dynamic Networks

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Impact of the dynamics on definitions and feasibility

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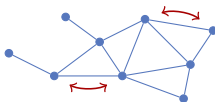
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No centralization available. Direct interaction.

(Think globally, act locally)

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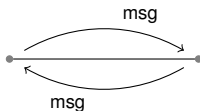
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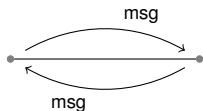
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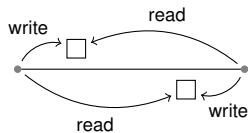


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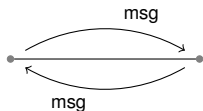


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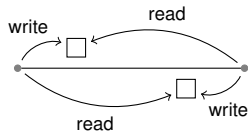


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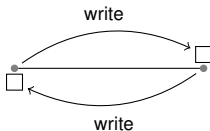
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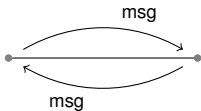


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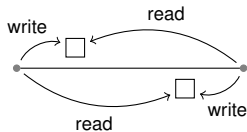


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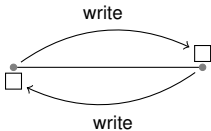
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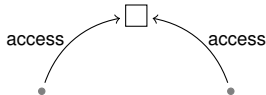
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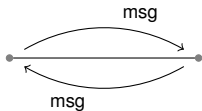


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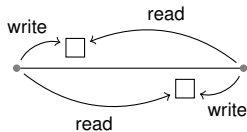


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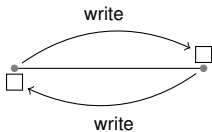
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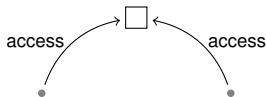
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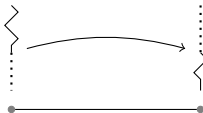
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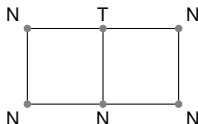
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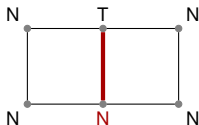


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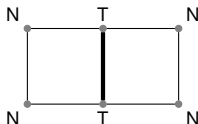


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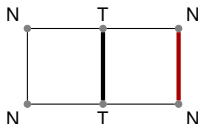


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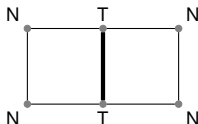


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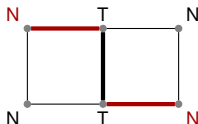


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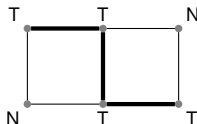


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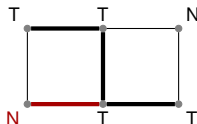


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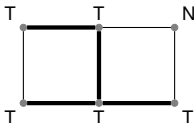


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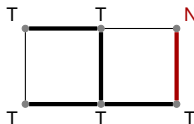


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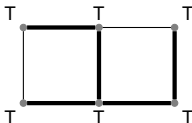


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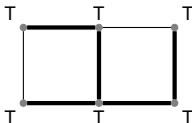


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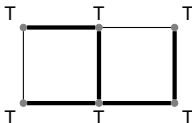
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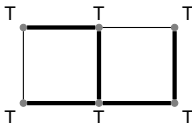


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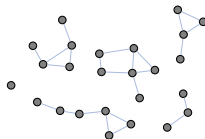
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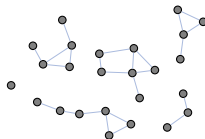
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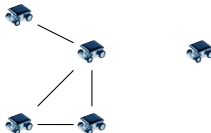
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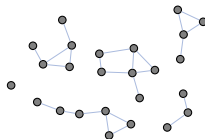
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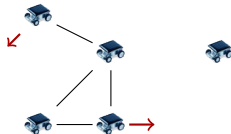
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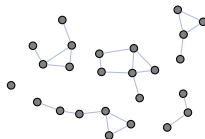
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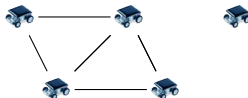
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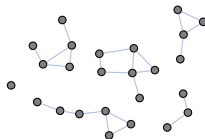
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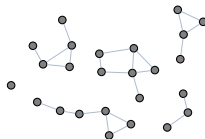
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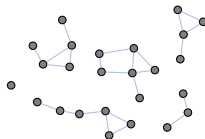
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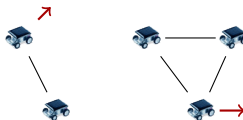
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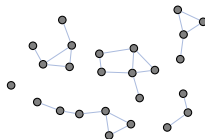
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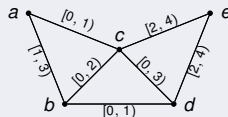


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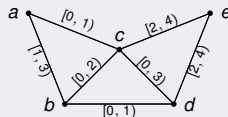


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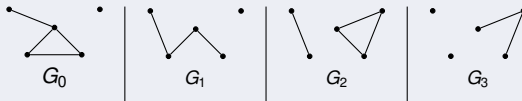
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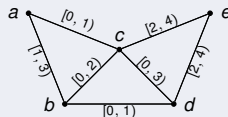



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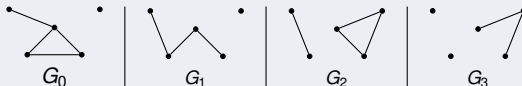
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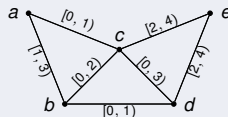



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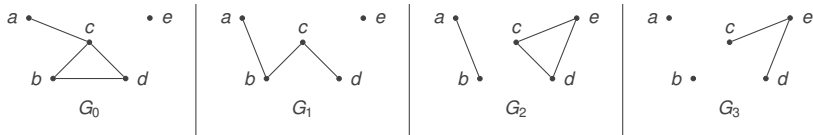


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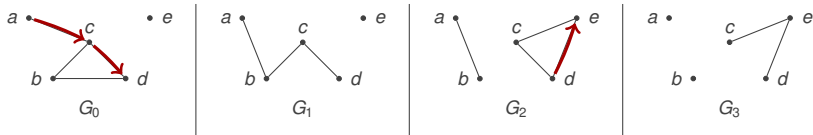
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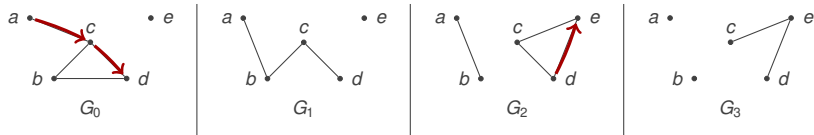
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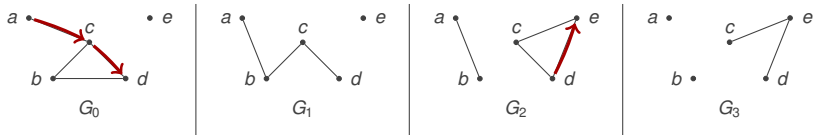


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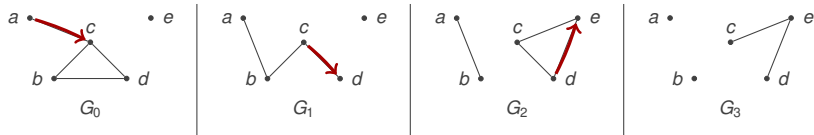
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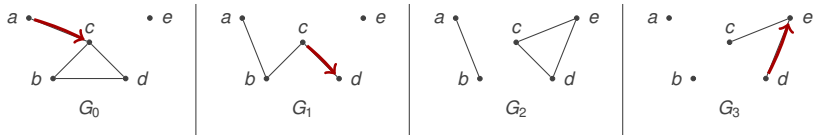
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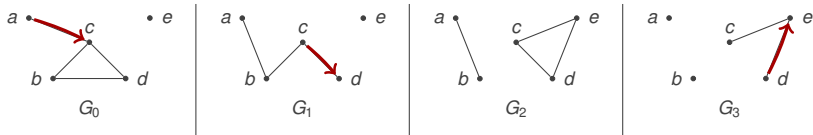
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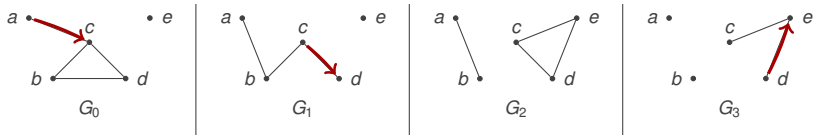
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Basic graph concepts



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Ex : $((ac, t_1), (cd, t_2), (de, t_3))$ with $t_{i+1} \geq t_i$ and $\rho(e_i, t_i) = 1$

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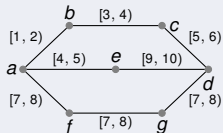
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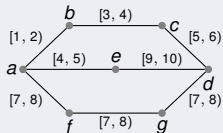
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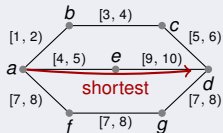
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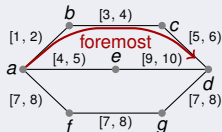
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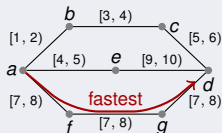


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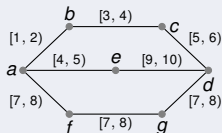


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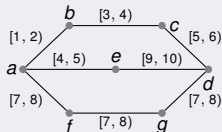


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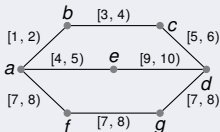
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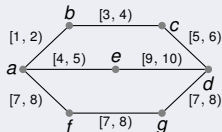
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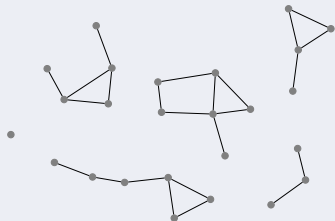
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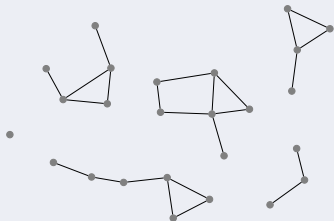
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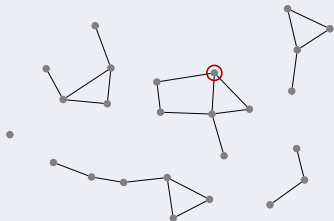


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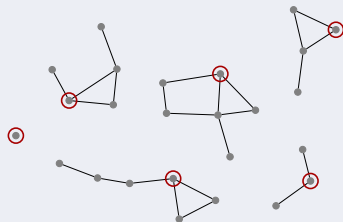
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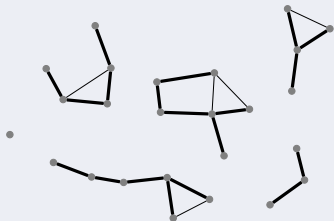
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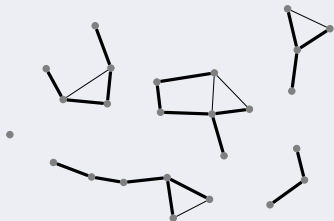
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G_2



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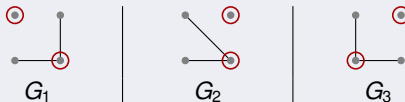


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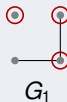
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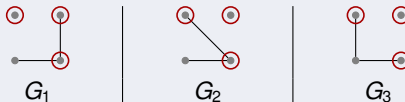
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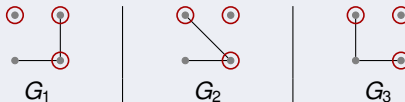
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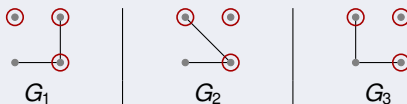


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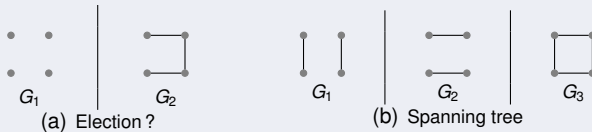


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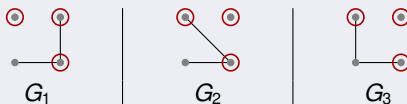
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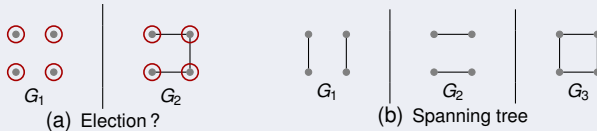


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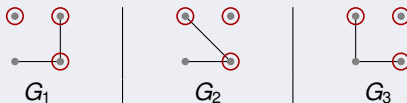
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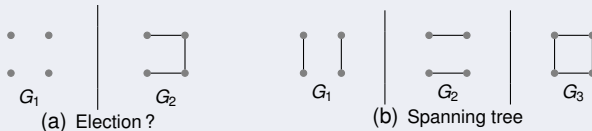
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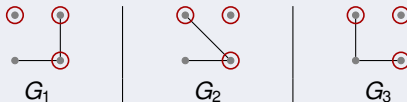
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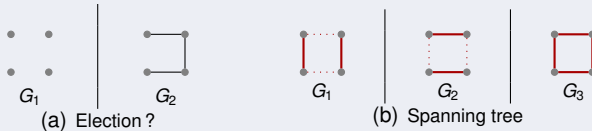
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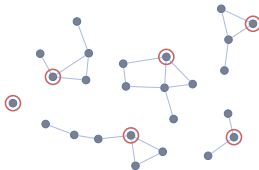
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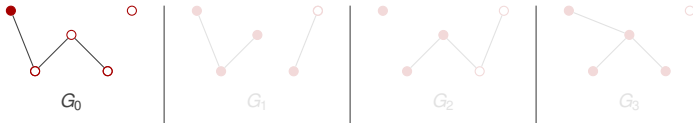
Topological assumptions for distributed algorithms




Feasibility, Necessary and sufficient conditions, ...

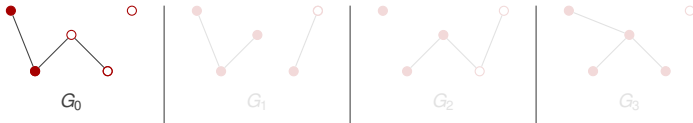
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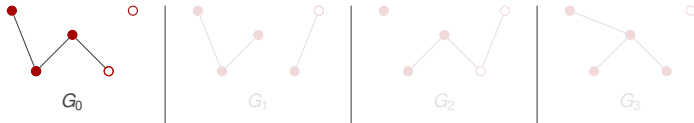
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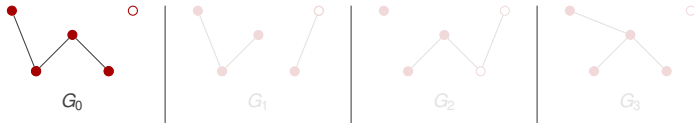
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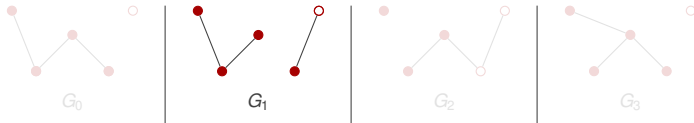
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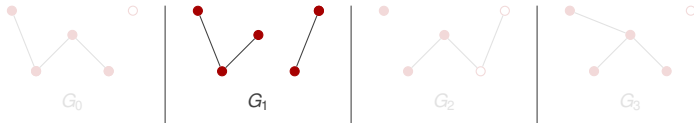
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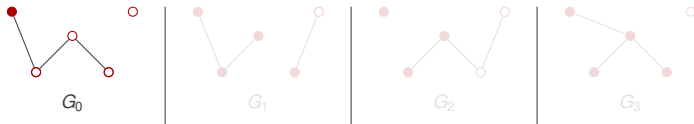
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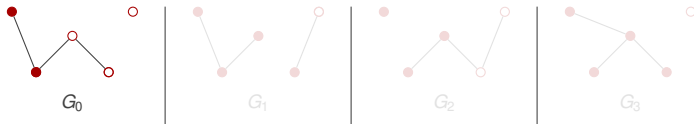
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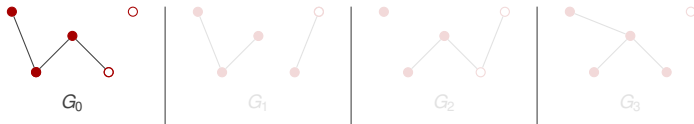
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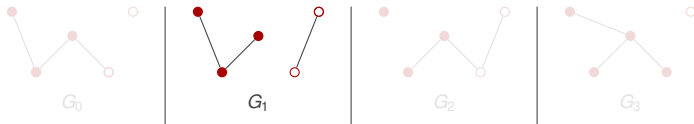
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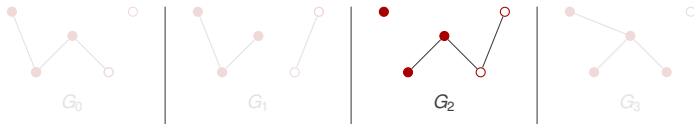
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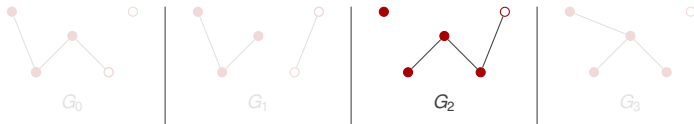
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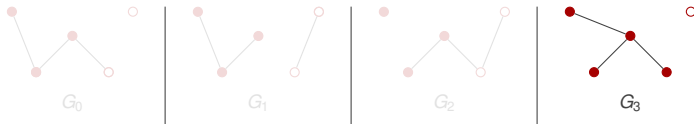
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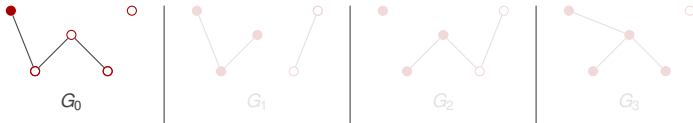
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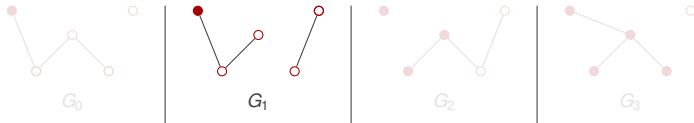
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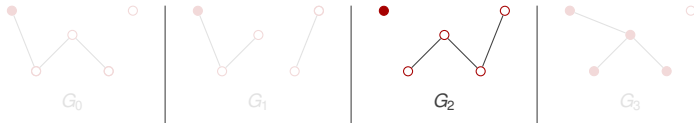
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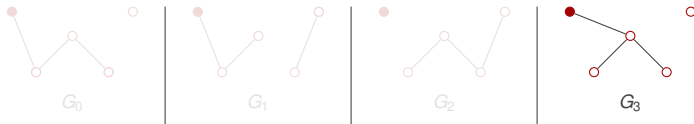
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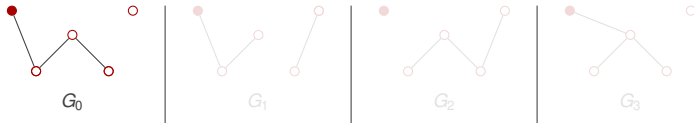
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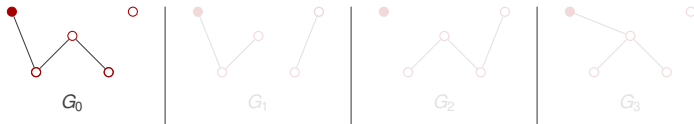
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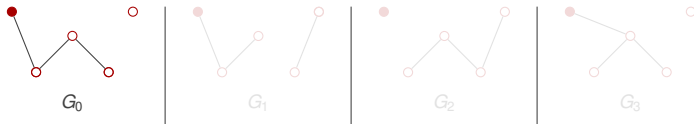


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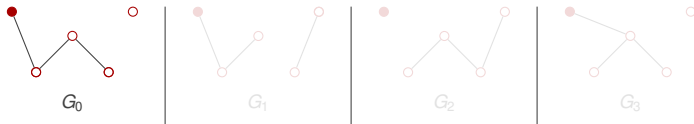
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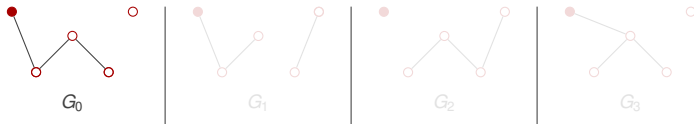
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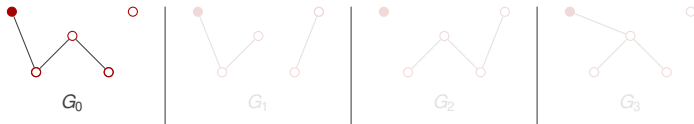
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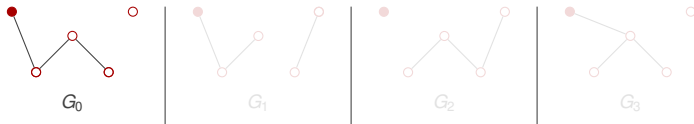
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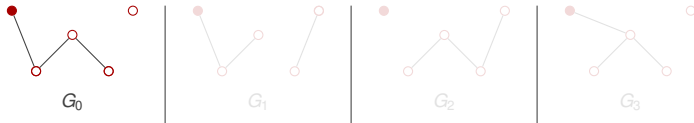
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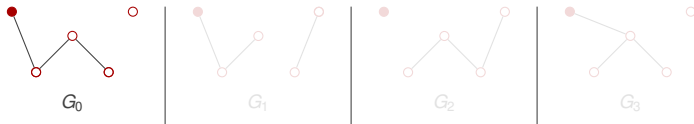
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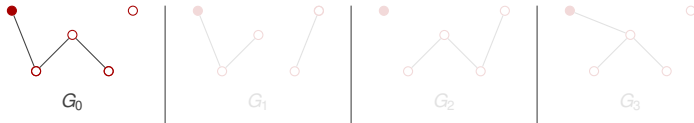
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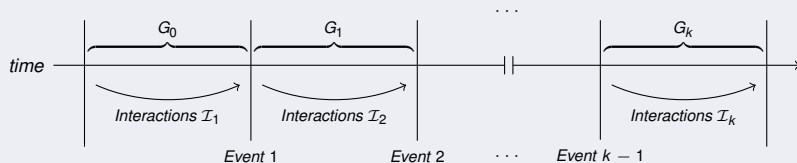
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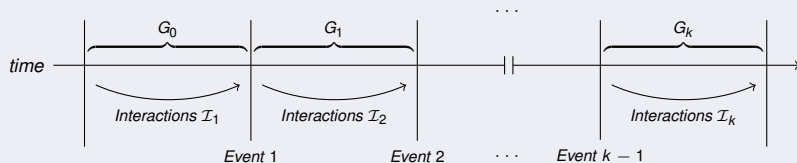
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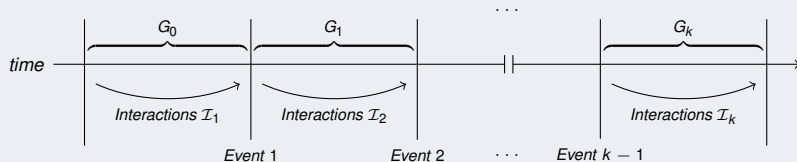
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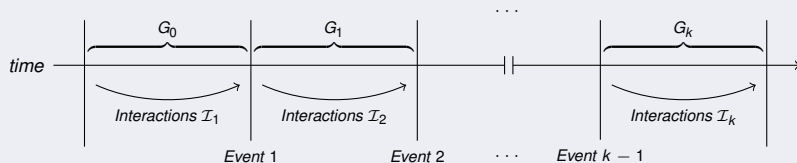


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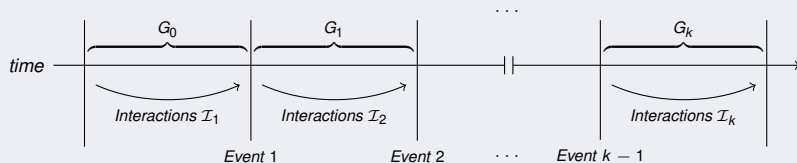
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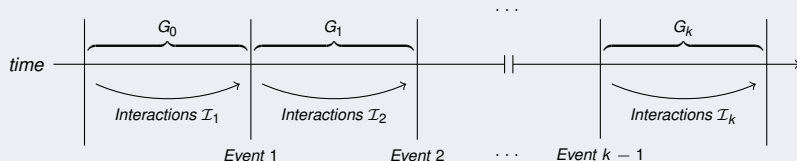
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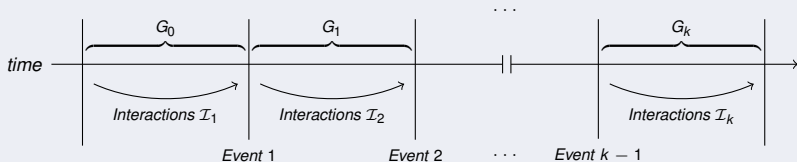
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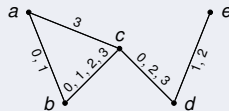
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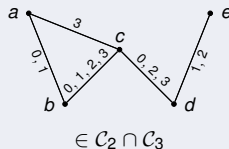
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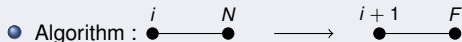
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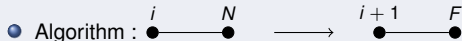


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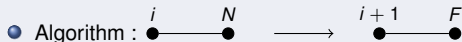
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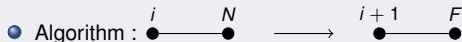
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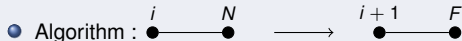
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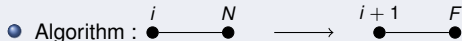
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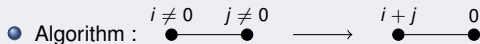
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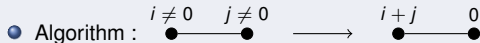


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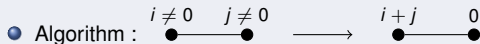
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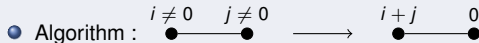
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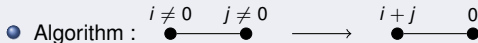
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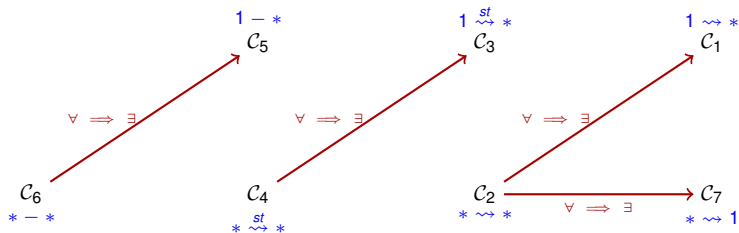
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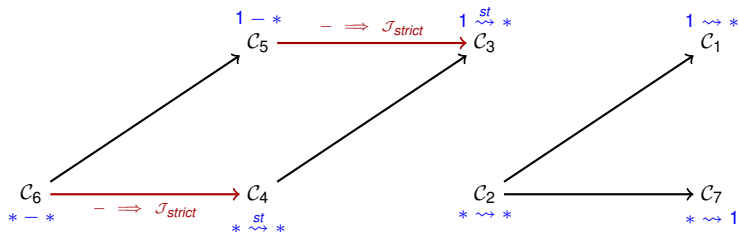
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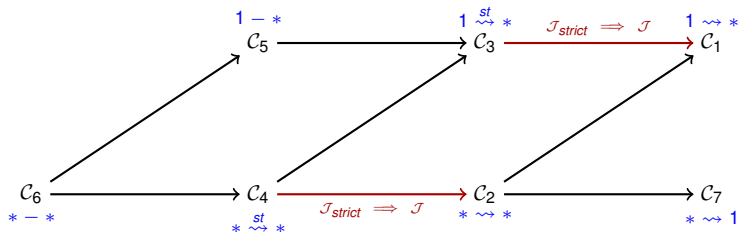
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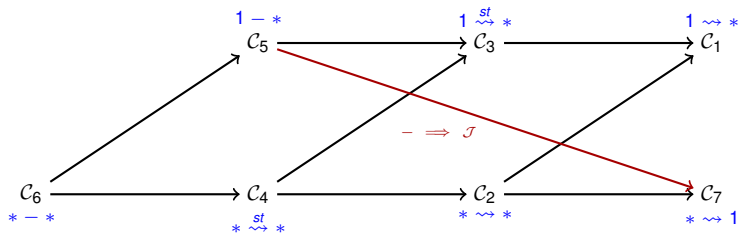
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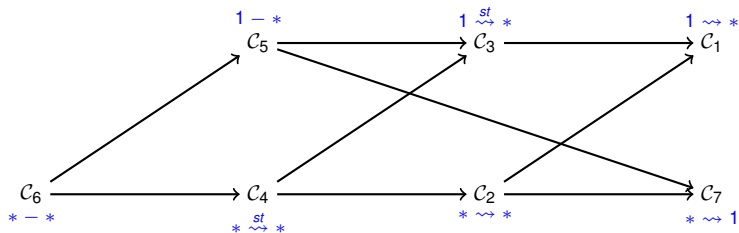
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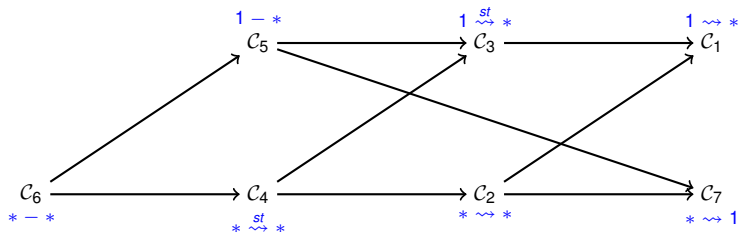
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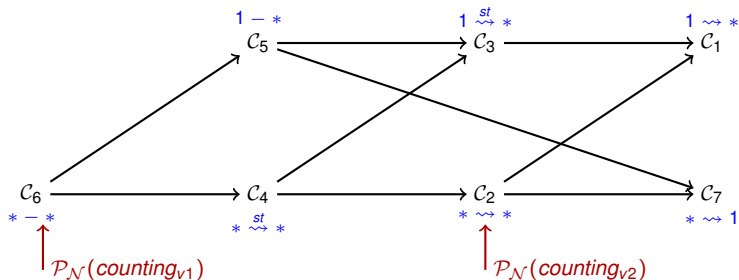


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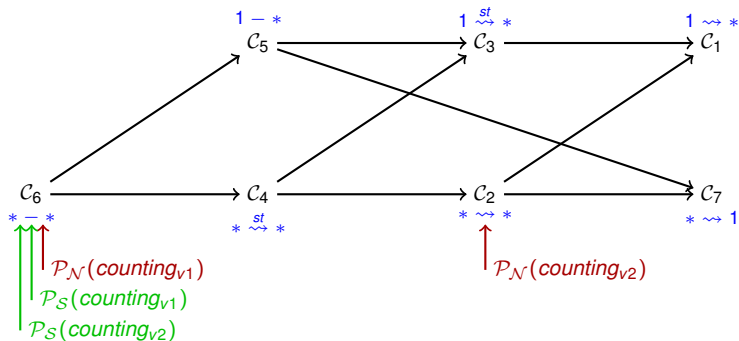
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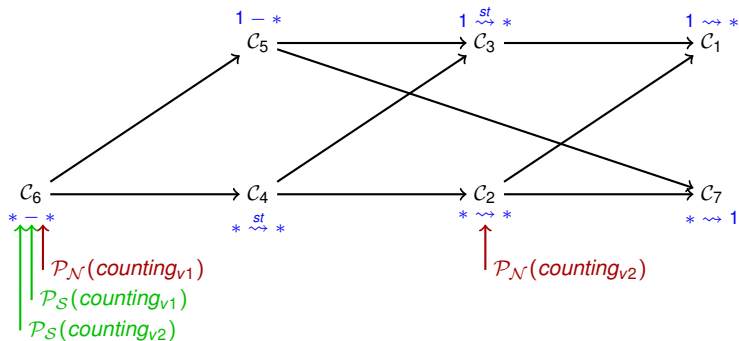
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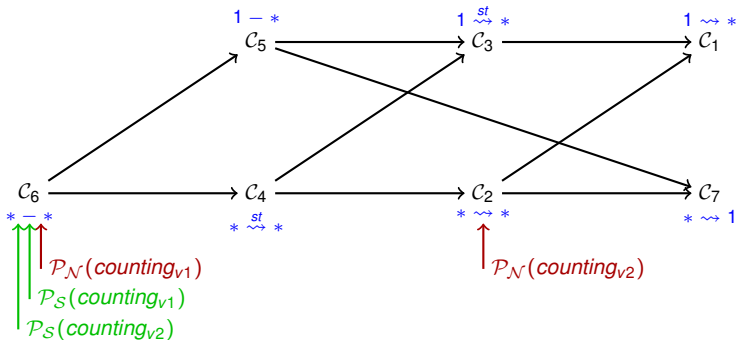
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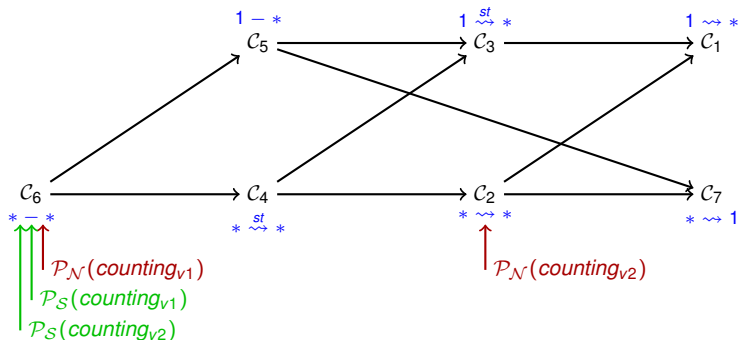
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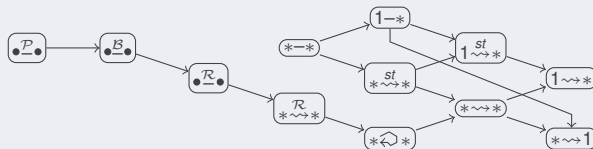
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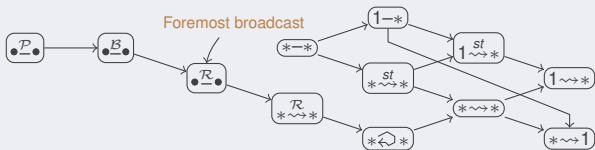
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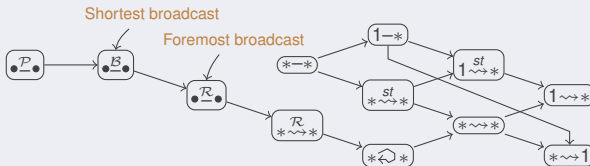
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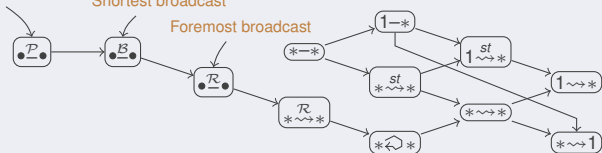


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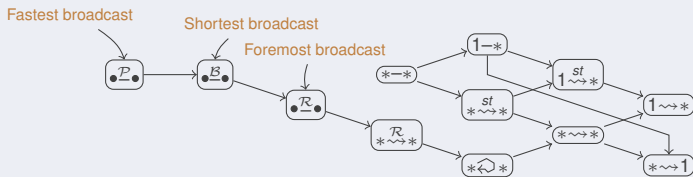
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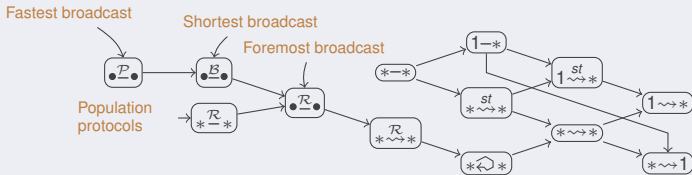


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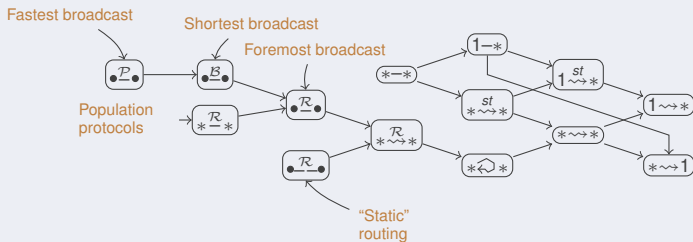
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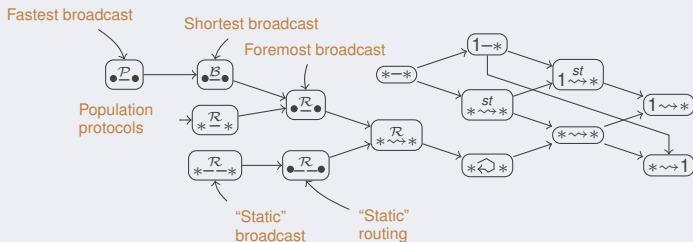
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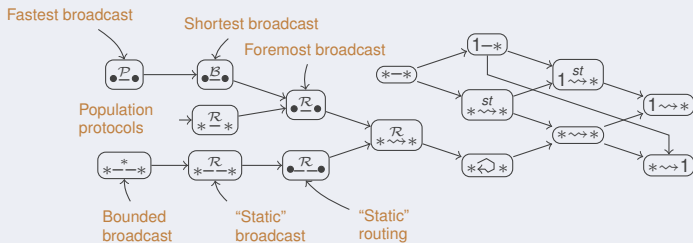
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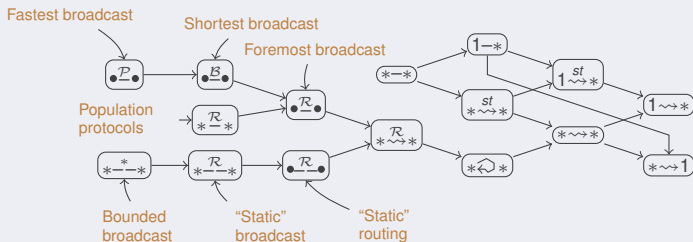
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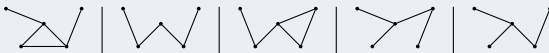
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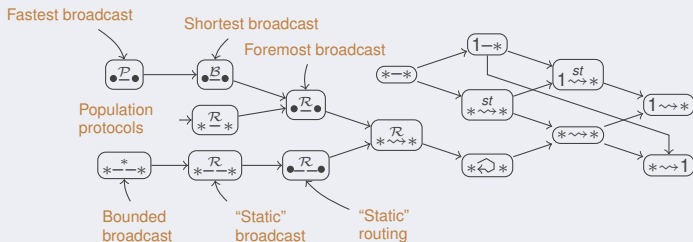
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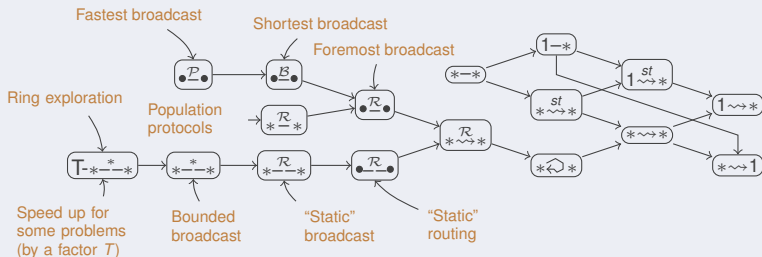


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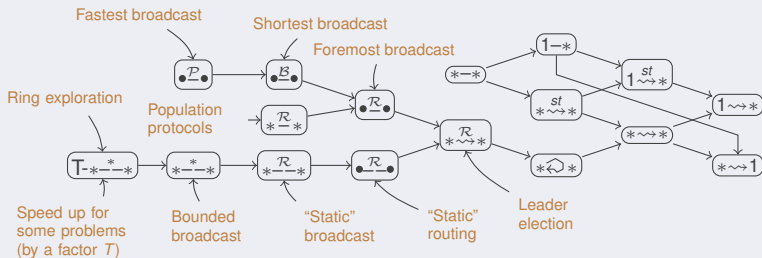
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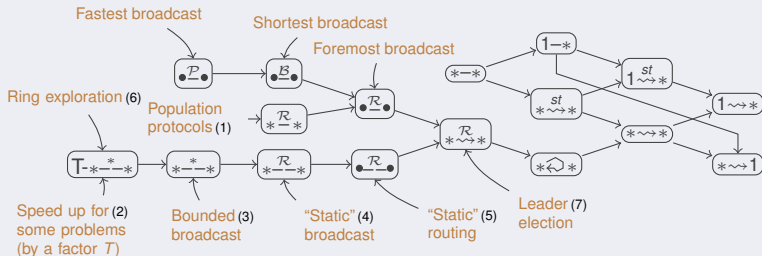
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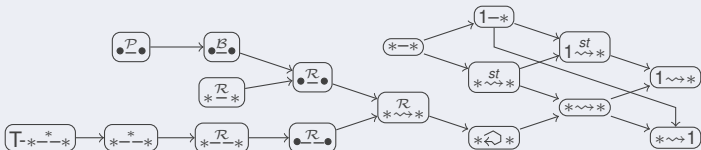


- (1) Complete graph of interaction (Angluin, Aspnes, Diamadi, Fischer, Peralta, 2004)
- (2) T-interval connectivity (Kuhn, Lynch, Oshman, 2010)
- (3) Constant connectivity (O'Dell and Wattenhofer, 2005)
- (4) Eventual instant connectivity (Ramanathan, Basu, and Krishnan, 2007)
- (5) Eventual instant routability (Ramanathan, Basu, and Krishnan, 2007)
- (6) T-interval connectivity (Ilcinkas, Wade, 2013)
- (7) Recurrent temporal connectivity (Arantes, Greve, Sens, Simon, 2013)
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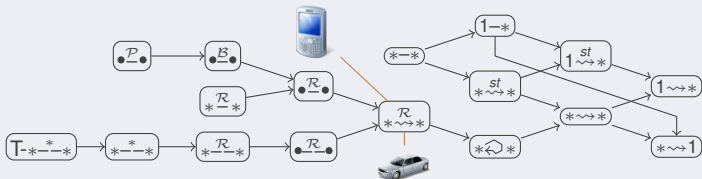
Classifying further

(C., Flocchini, Quattrociocchi, Santoro, 2012)

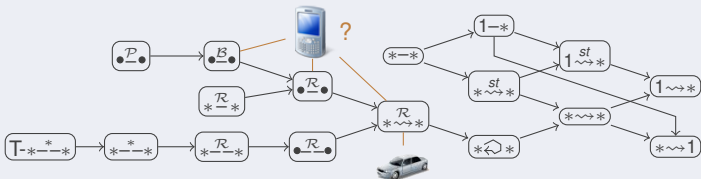
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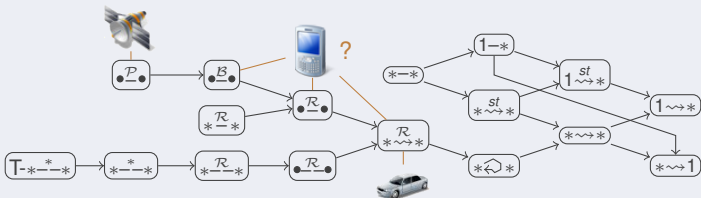
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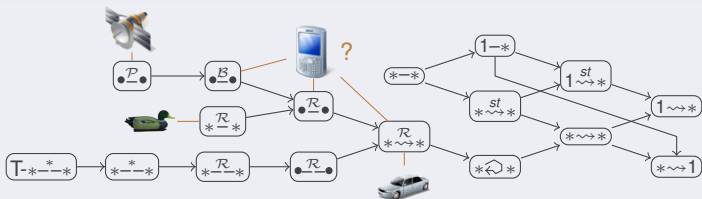
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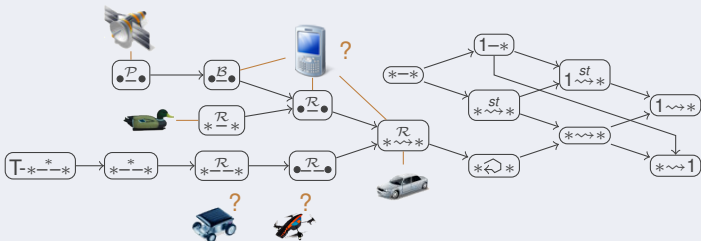
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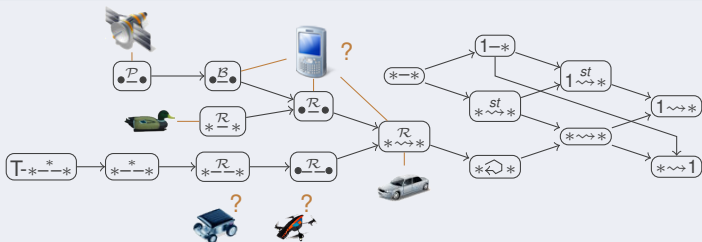
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How to proceed ?

- Generate connection traces
- Test properties

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→ Generate connection traces

- Test properties

- Temporal Connectivity (*Whitbeck et al. 2012; Barjon et al., 2014*)
- T-Interval Connectivity (*C. et al., 2014*)

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