Oblivious Routing and Minimum Bisection

Seminar: Approximation Algorithms

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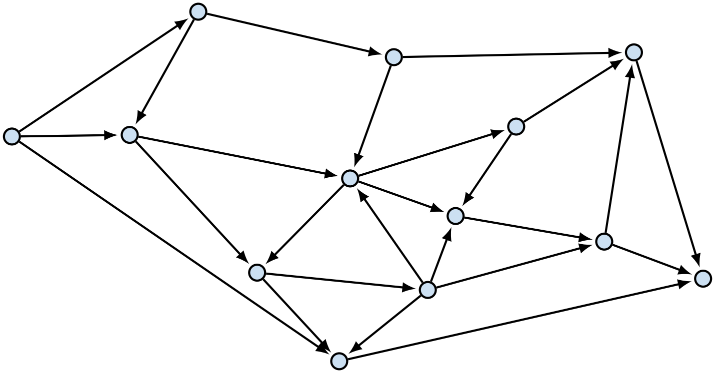

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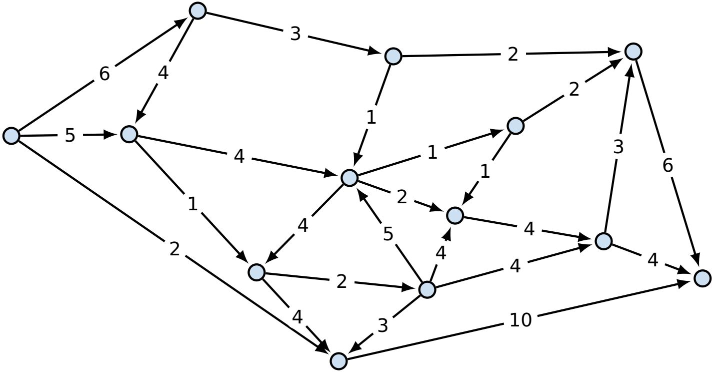

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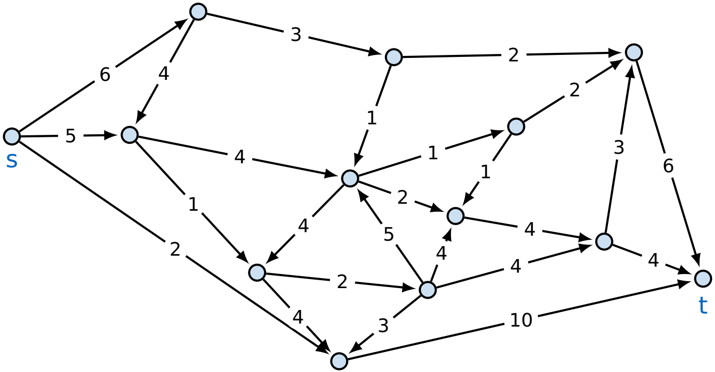

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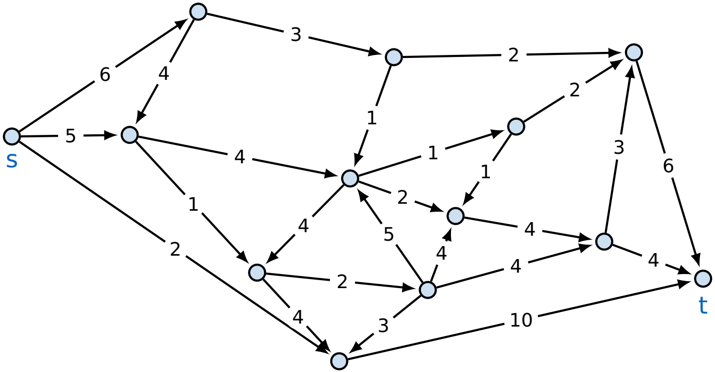

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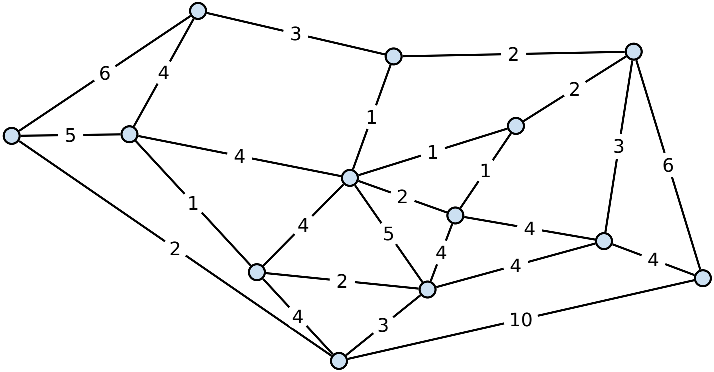

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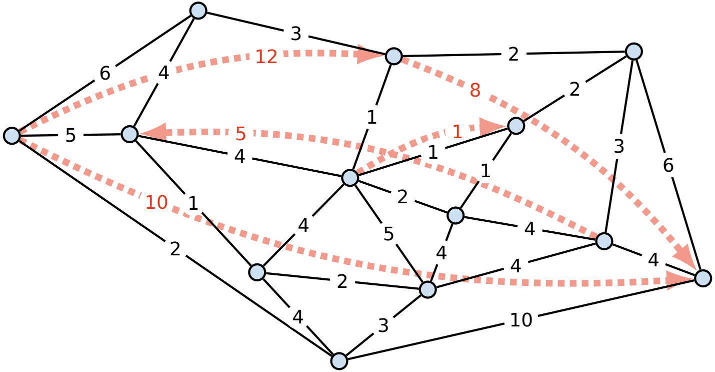

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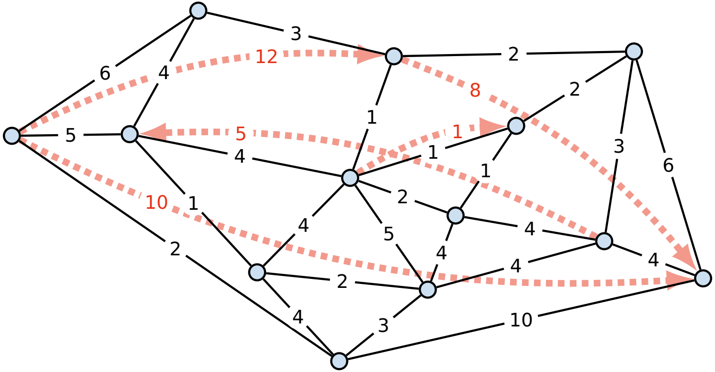

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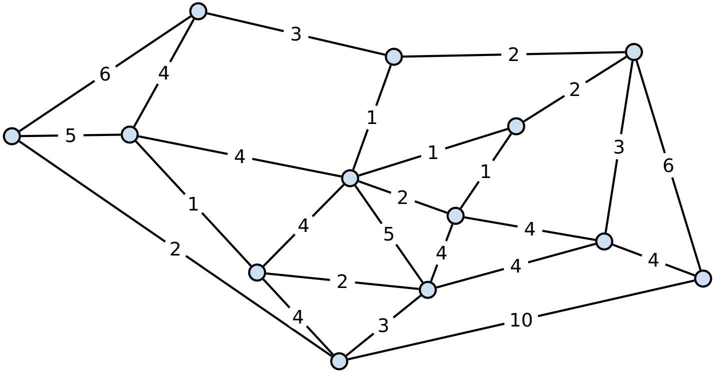

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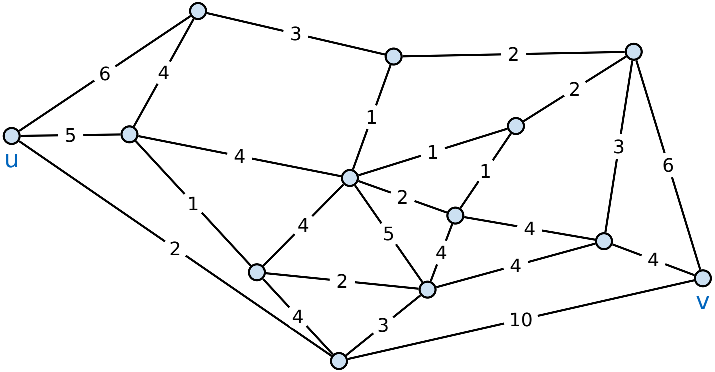

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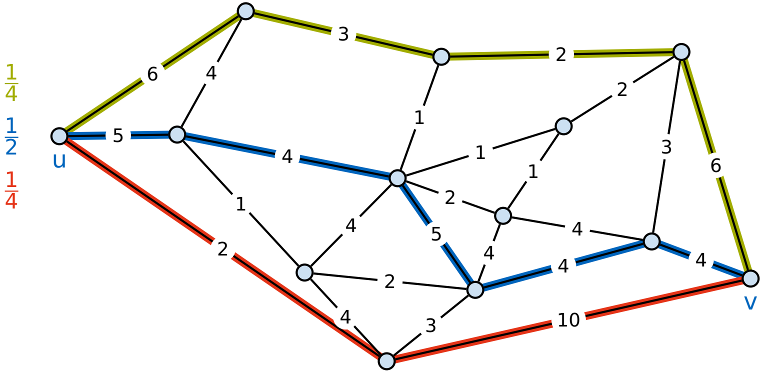

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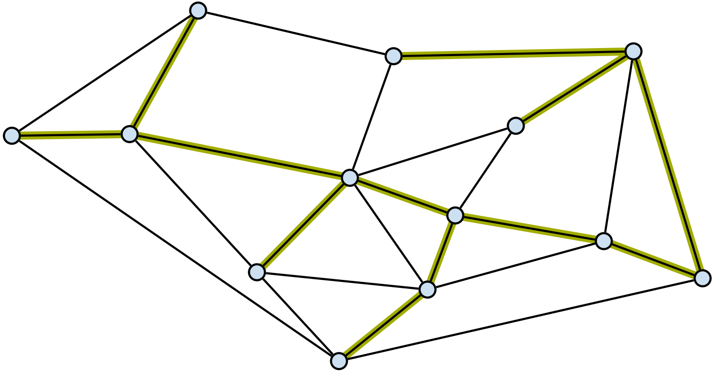

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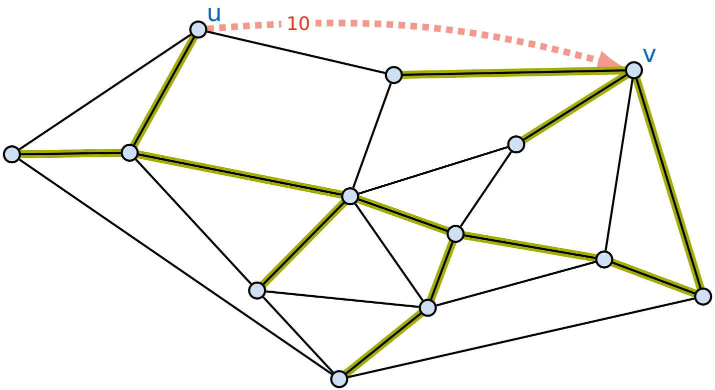

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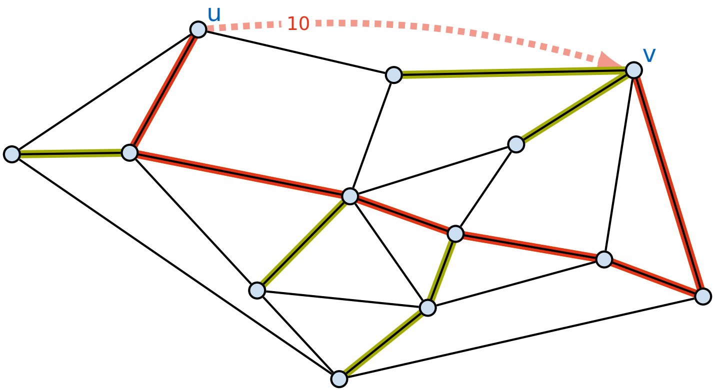

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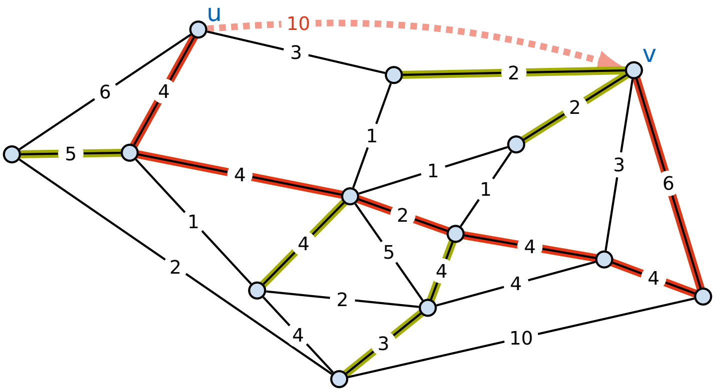

$$\rho = \max_{e \in E} \frac{f_e}{c_e} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

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- And a demand $D(e_T)$

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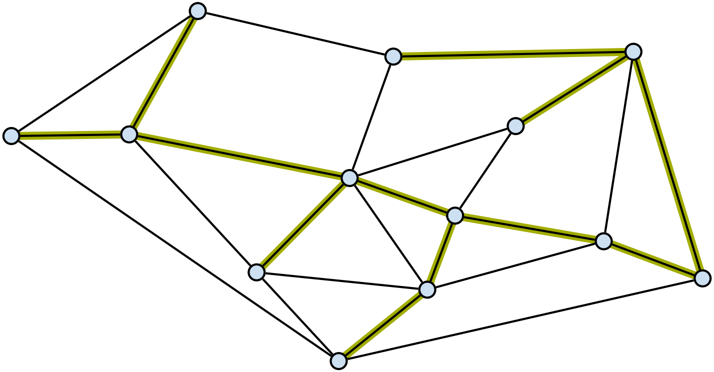

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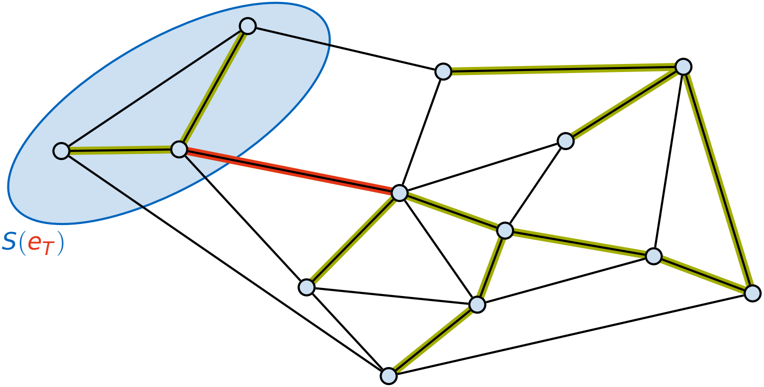

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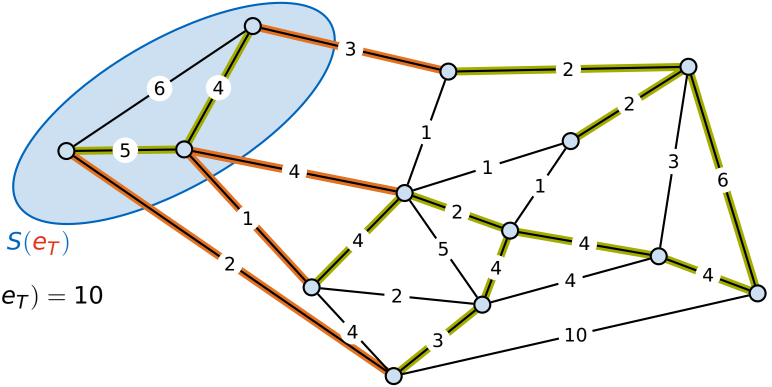

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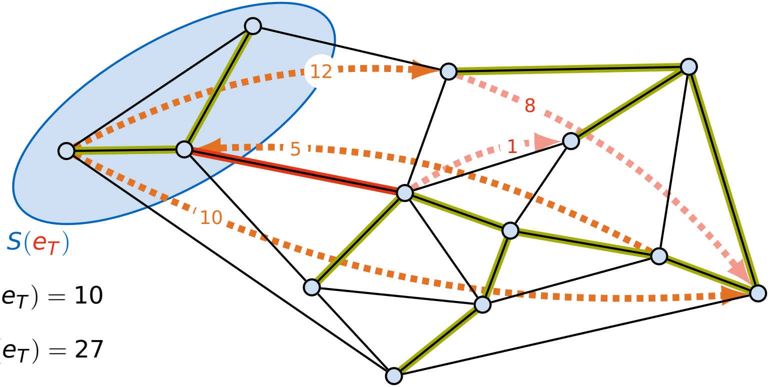

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For any tree T and any tree edge e_T, we know that for any routing in G there must be an edge with congestion

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And therefore the optimal solution ρ^* can be no better.

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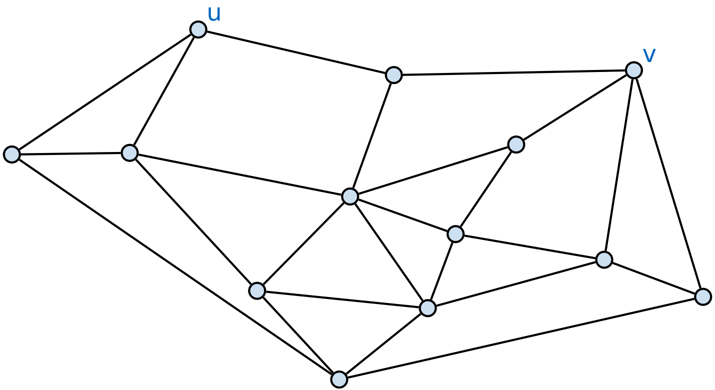

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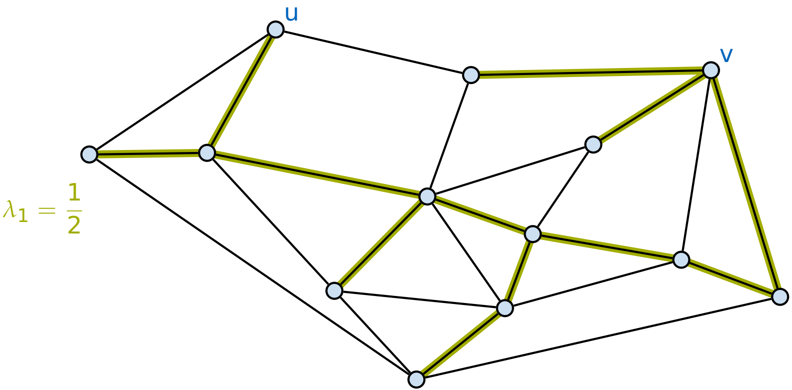

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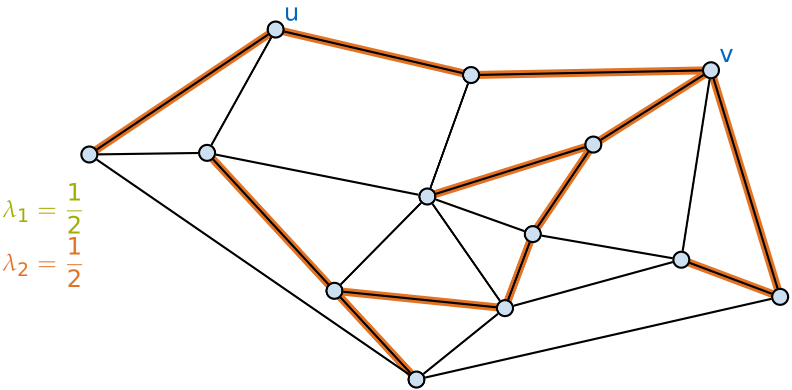

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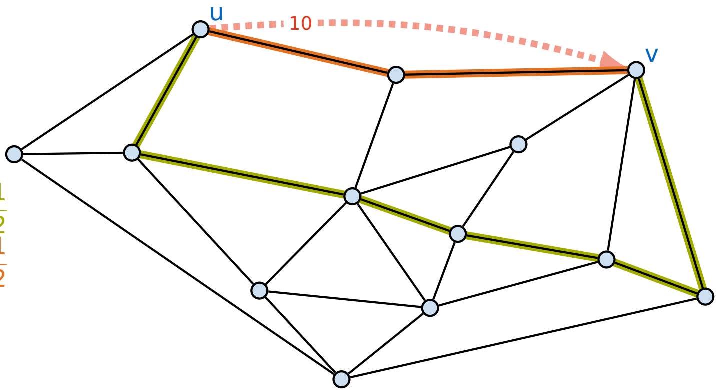

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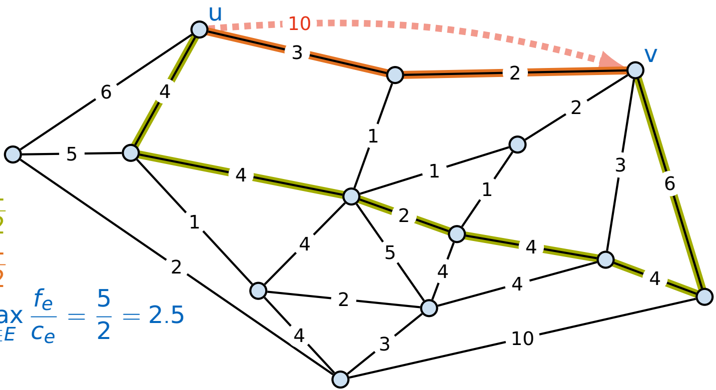

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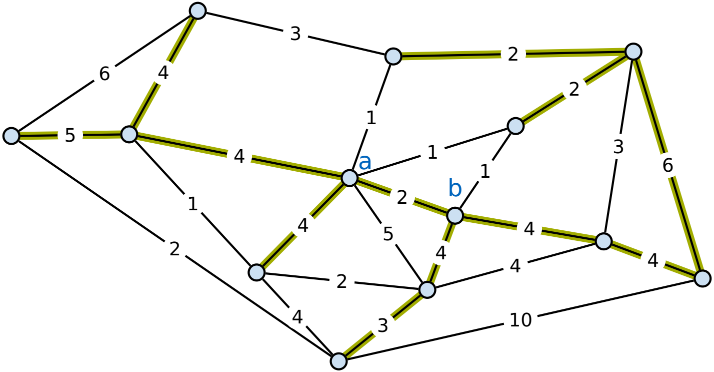

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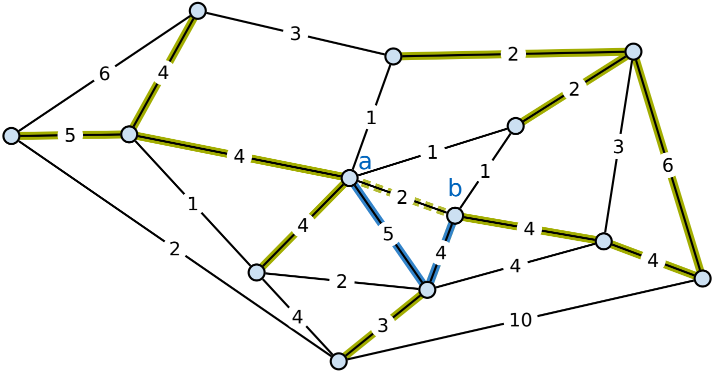

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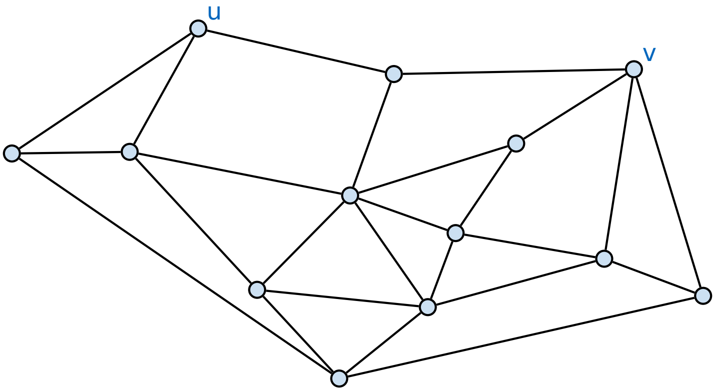

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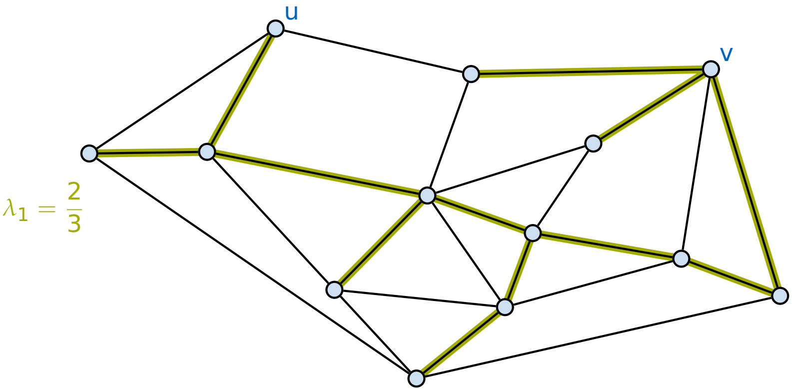

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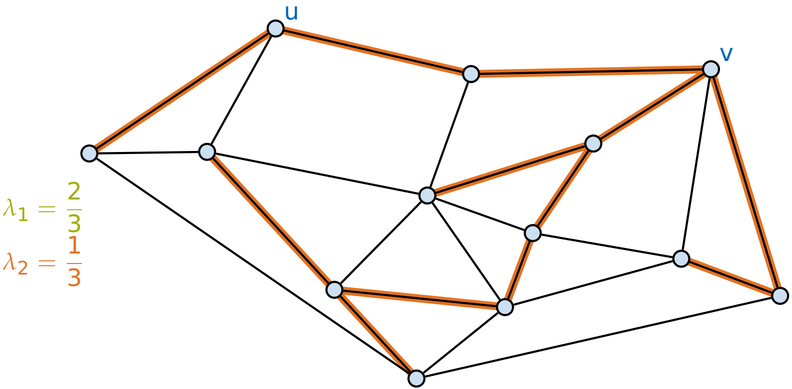

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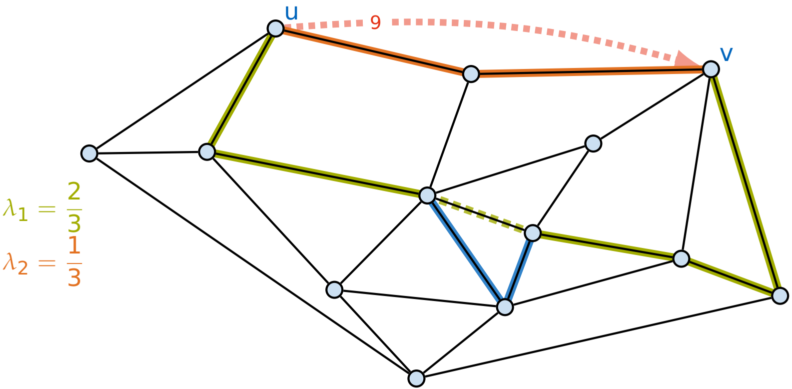

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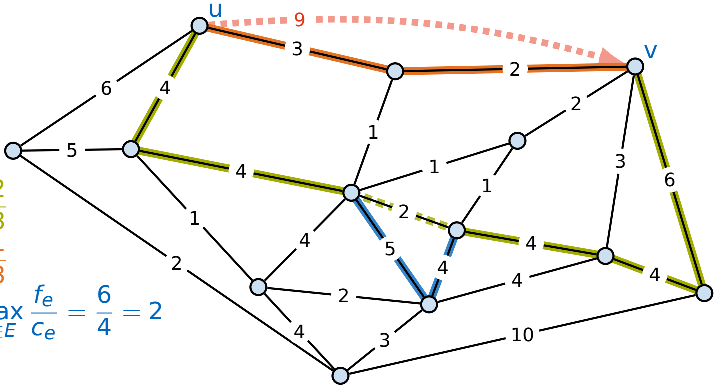

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Routing with multiple pathtrees

- Again suppose we now find a set of trees such that for some α

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How do we find such a set of trees? How large is α?

Primal Program

Let $\mathcal{I}$ be the exponentially large set of all pathtrees.
We want to find the best trees with smallest α.

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\begin{aligned}
\min_{\alpha,\lambda} \quad & \alpha \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i \sum_{\substack{e_T \in T_i : \\ (u,v) \in P_i(e_T)}} C_i(e_T) \leq \alpha c_{uv} \qquad \forall u, v \in V \\
& \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \lambda_i = 1 \\
& \lambda \geq 0
\end{aligned}
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We want to show that $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}(\log n)$

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If $z \in \mathcal{O}(\log n)$ then $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}(\log n)$ by strong duality

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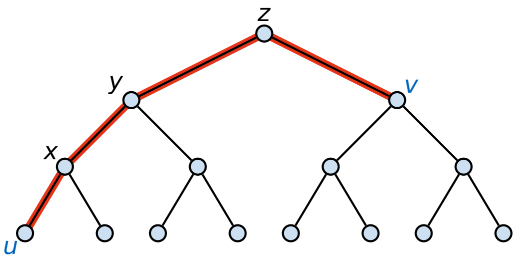

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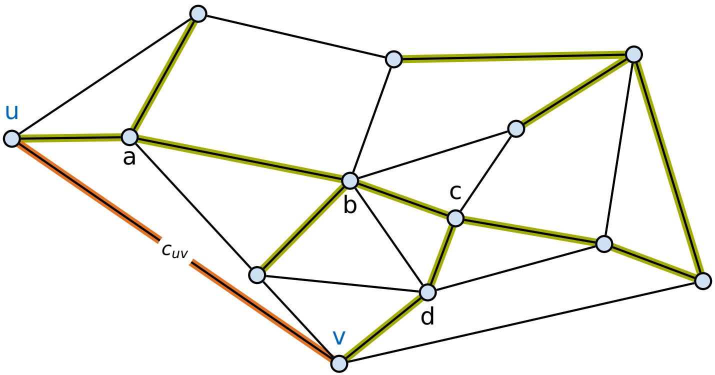

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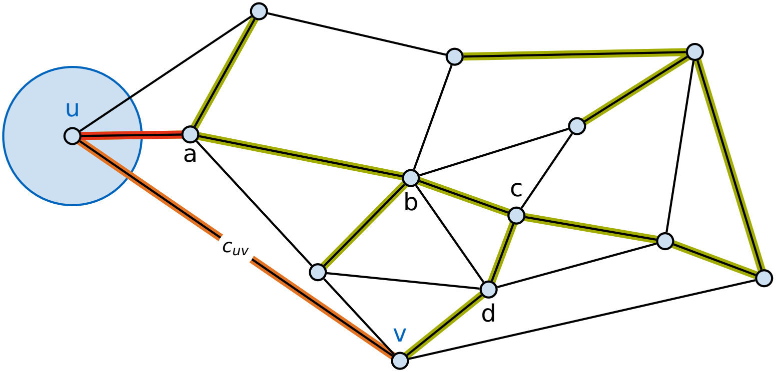

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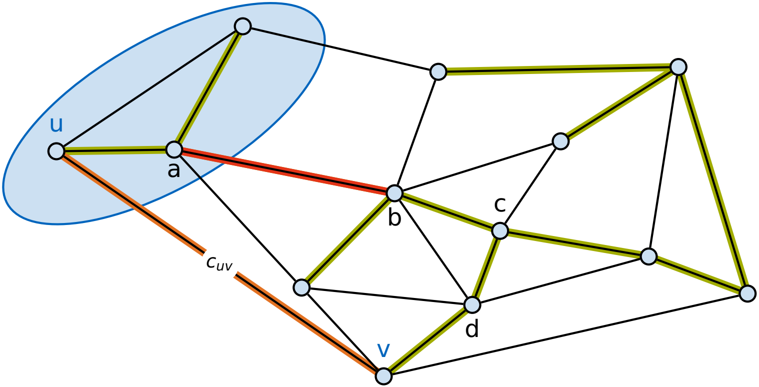

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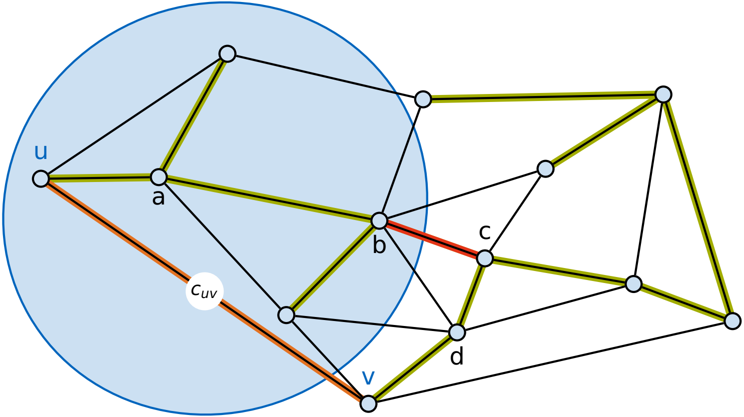

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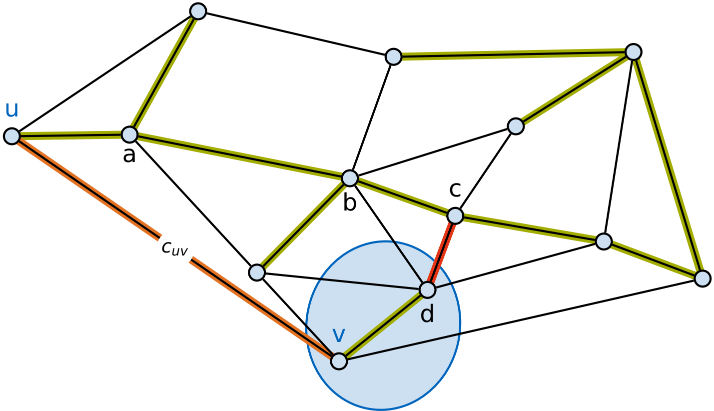

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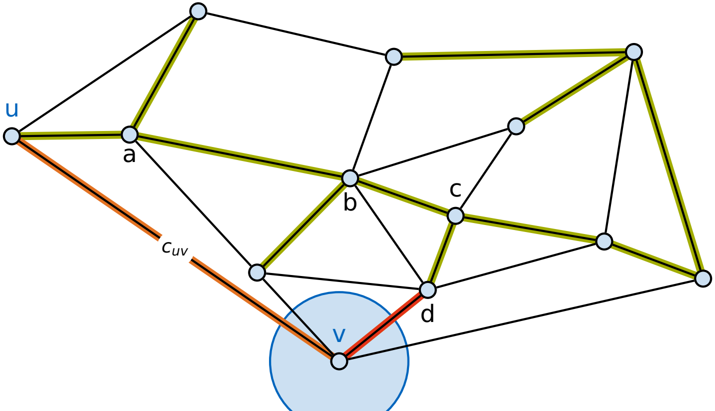

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Primal Program

Let $\mathcal{I}$ be the exponentially large set of all pathtrees.
We want to find the best trees with smallest α.

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- There is a λ such that $\alpha \in \mathcal{O}(\log n)$
- Solving the LP is an $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$-approximation
- But why are polynomially many trees enough?

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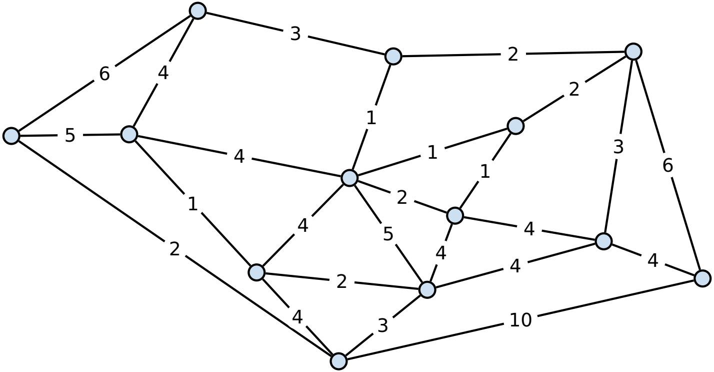

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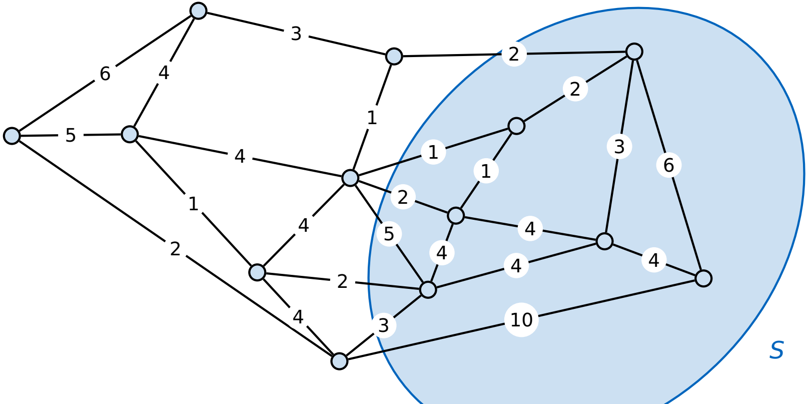

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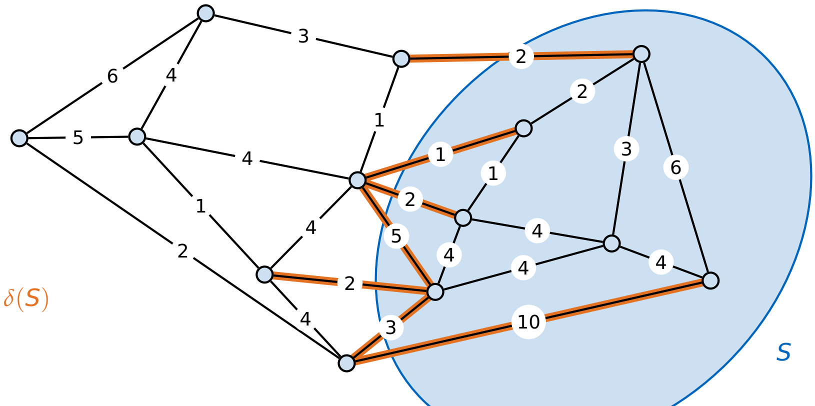

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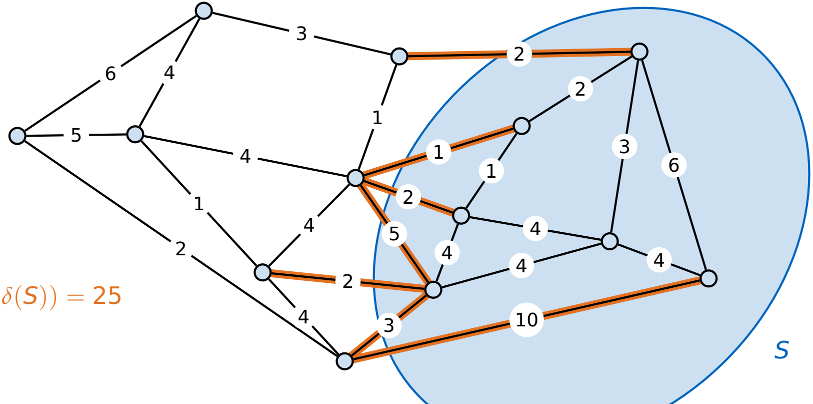

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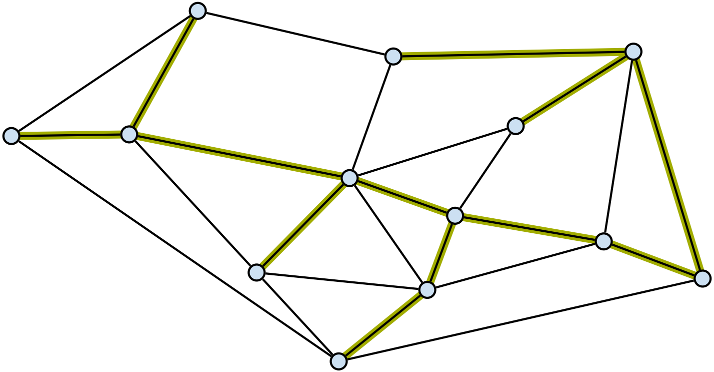

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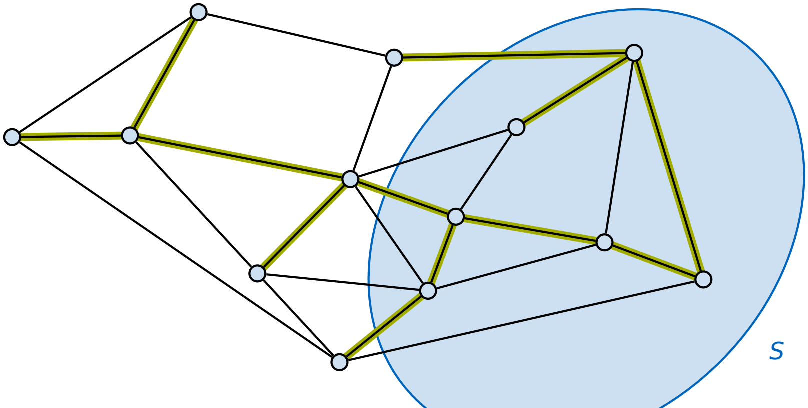

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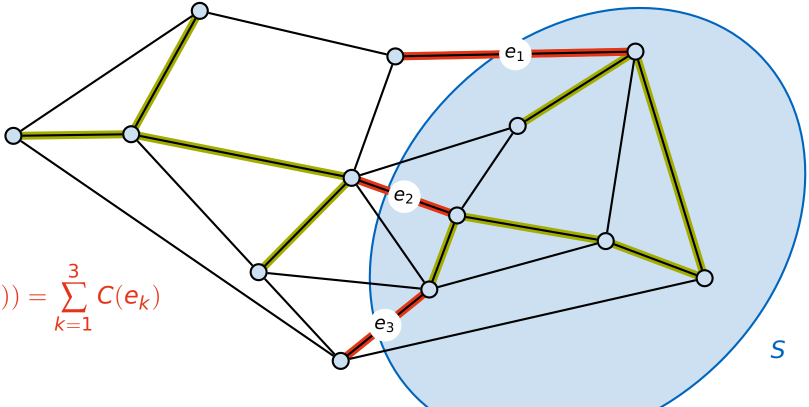

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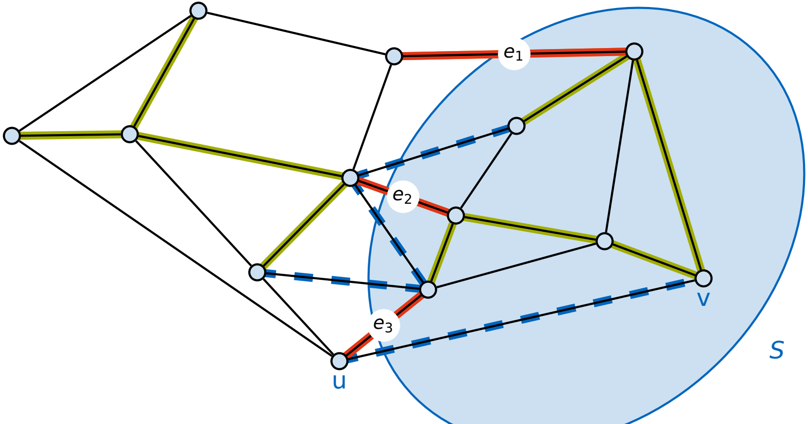

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