

- **Weeks 1–2: informal introduction**

- network = path



- **Week 3: graph theory**

- **Weeks 4–7: models of computing**

- what can be computed (efficiently)?

- **Weeks 8–11: lower bounds**

- what cannot be computed (efficiently)?

- **Week 12: recap**

# Week 5

- LOCAL model:  
unique identifiers

# LOCAL model

- **Idea: nodes have unique names**
- **Names arbitrary but fairly short**
- **IPv4 addresses, IPv6 addresses, MAC addresses, IMEI numbers...**

# LOCAL model

- **LOCAL model =  
PN model + unique identifiers**
- **Assumption: unique identifiers  
are given as local inputs**

# LOCAL model

- **Algorithm has to work correctly for any port numbering and for any unique identifiers**
- **Adversarial setting:**
  - you design algorithms
  - adversary picks graph, port numbering, IDs

# LOCAL model

- **Fixed constant  $c$**
- **In a network with  $n$  nodes, identifiers are a subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n^c\}$**
- **Equivalently: unique identifiers can be encoded with  $O(\log n)$  bits**

# PN vs. LOCAL

- **PN: few problems can be solved**
- **LOCAL: all problems can be solved**  
(on connected graphs)

# PN vs. LOCAL

- **PN:** “*what can be computed?*”
- **LOCAL:** “*what can be computed **efficiently**?*”

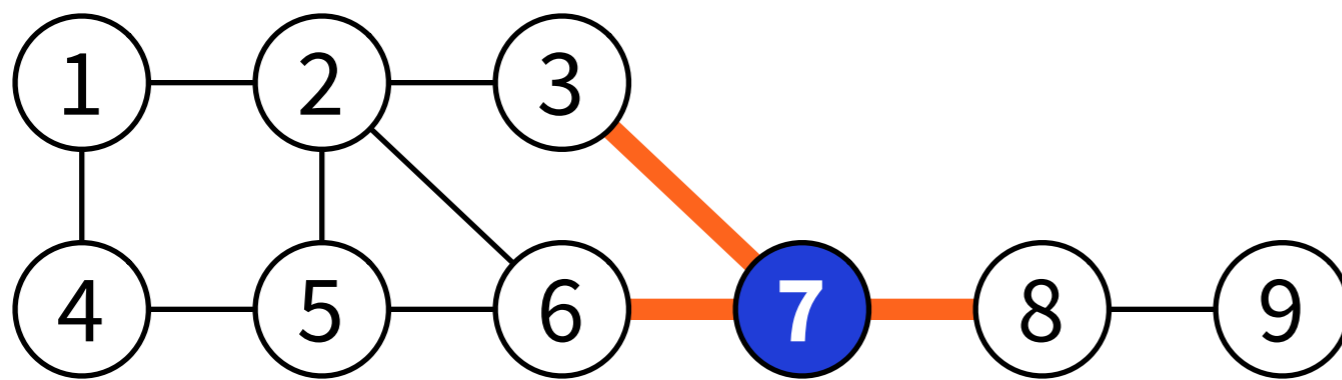


# Solving everything

- **All nodes learn everything about the graph**
  - $O(\text{diam}(G))$  rounds
- **All nodes solve the problem locally (e.g., by brute force)**
  - 0 rounds

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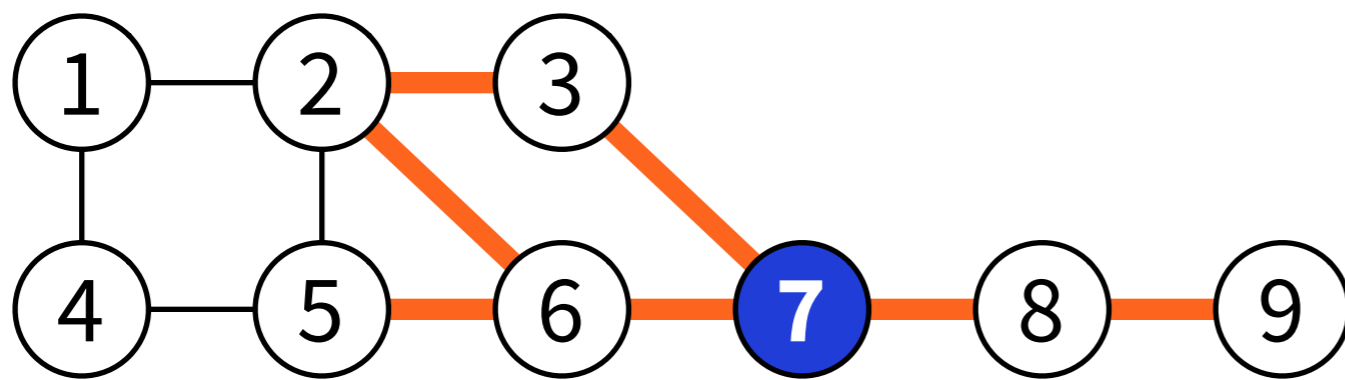
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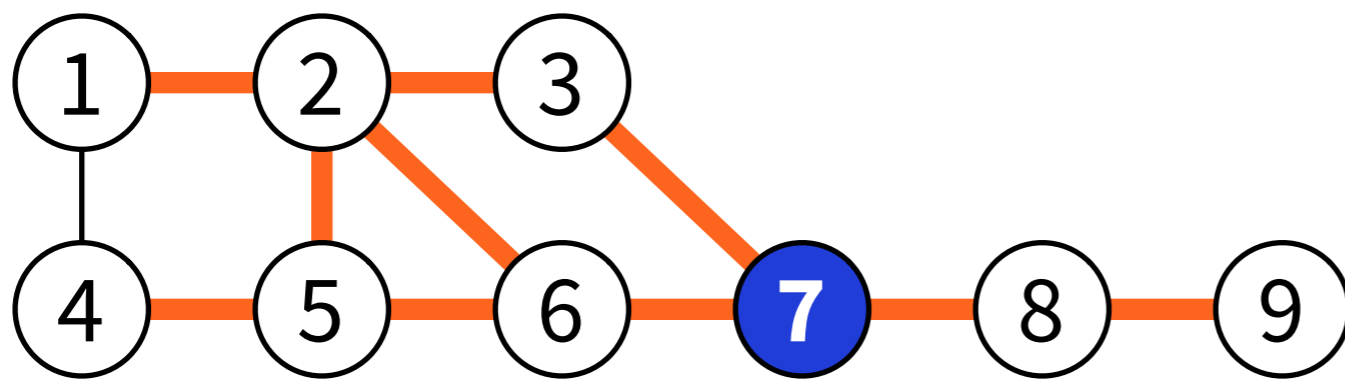
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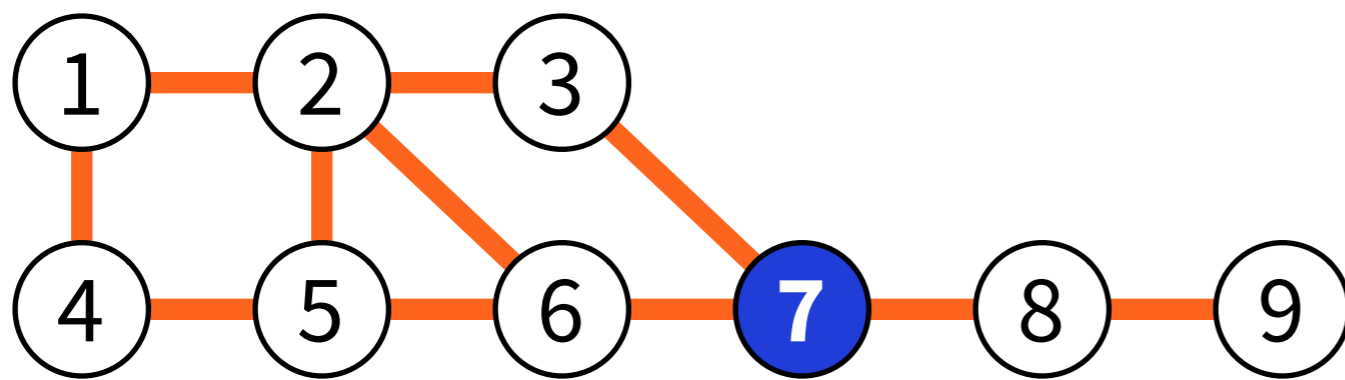
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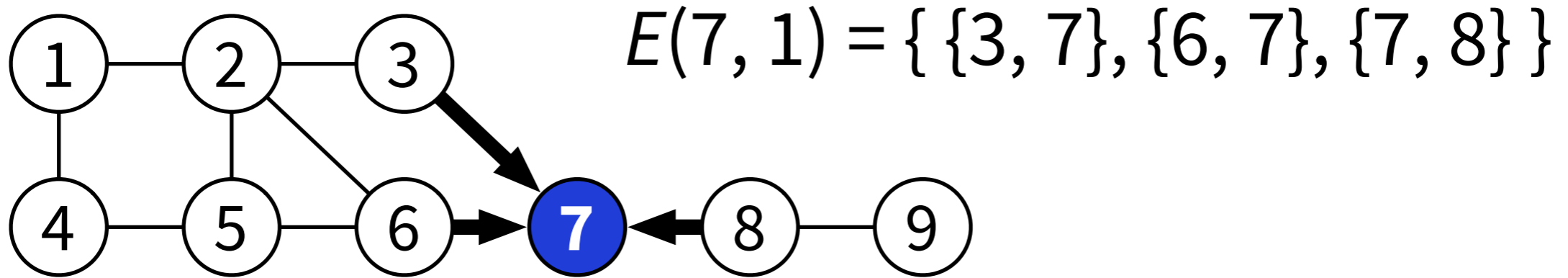
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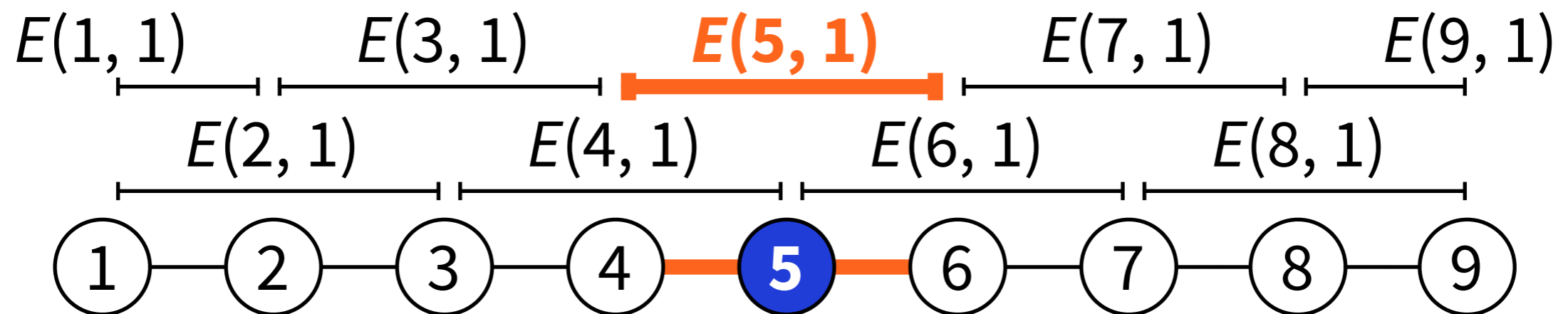
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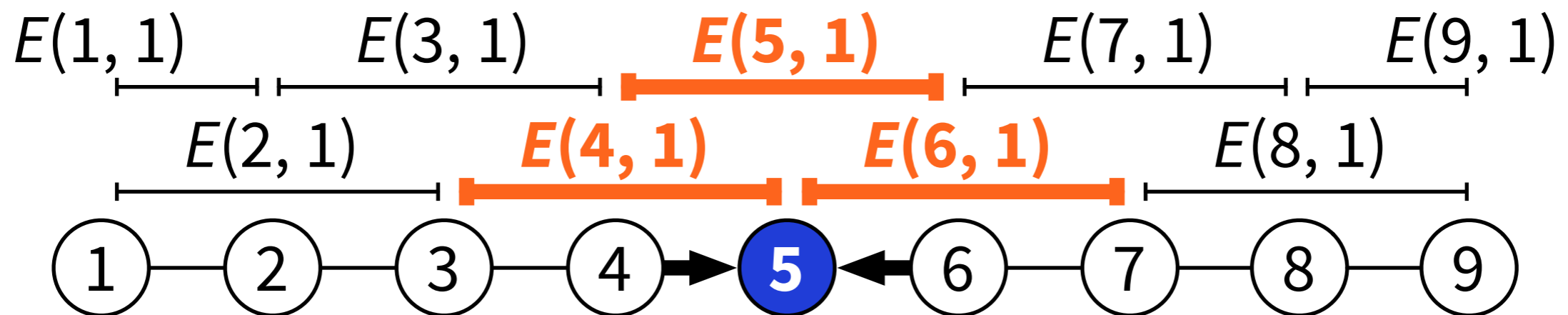
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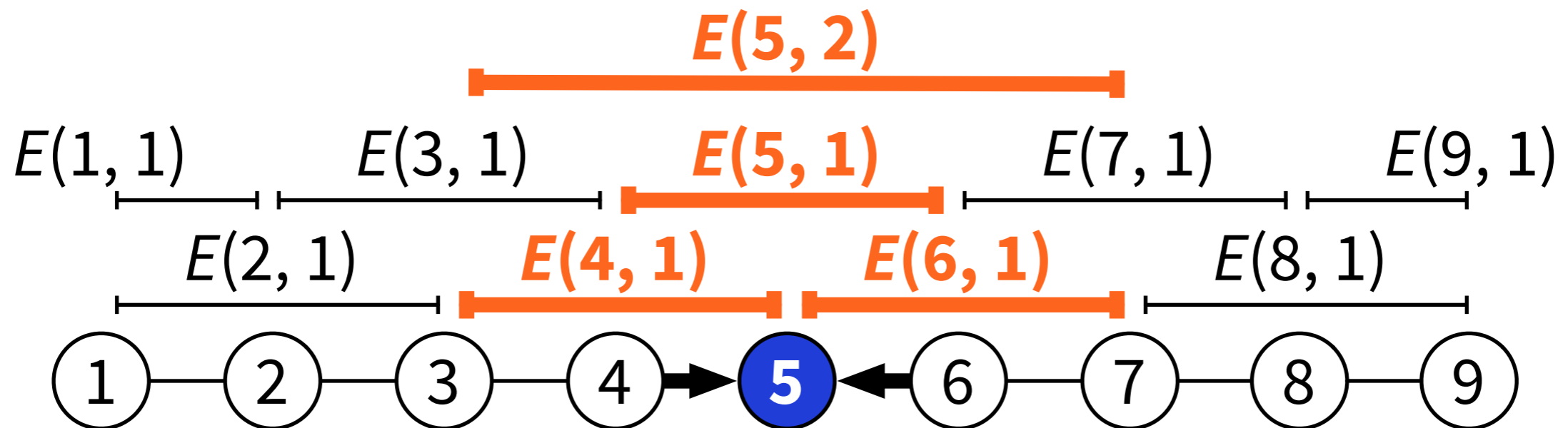
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- **One of the following holds:**
  - $E(v, r) \neq E(v, r + 1)$ : **learn something new**
  - $E(v, r) = E(v, r + 1) = E$ : **we can stop**
- **Proof idea:**
  - if  $E(v, r) \neq E$ , there are unseen edges adjacent to  $E(v, r)$ , and they will be in  $E(v, r + 1)$

# Example:

# Graph colouring

- We can solve everything in  $O(\text{diam}(G))$  time
- What can be solved much faster?
- Example: graph colouring with  $\Delta + 1$  colours
  - can be solved in  $O(\Delta^{0.51} + \log^* n)$  rounds
  - today: how to do it in  $O(\Delta^2 + \log^* n)$  rounds?

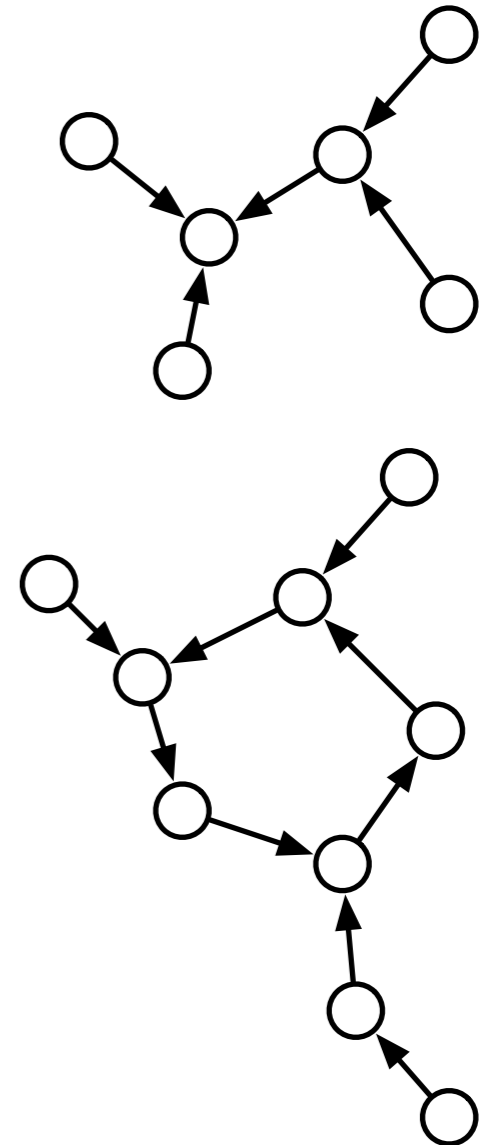
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# **Graph colouring**

- **Setting: LOCAL model,  $n$  nodes, any graph of maximum degree  $\Delta$**
- **We assume that  $n$  and  $\Delta$  are known**
  - if not known: guess some  $n$  and  $\Delta$ , colour what you can, increase  $n$  and  $\Delta$ , ...

# Directed pseudoforest

- **Directed graph, outdegree  $\leq 1$**
- **Each node has at most one “successor”**
- **Easy to 3-colour in time  $O(\log^* n)$ , we will use this as subroutine**



# Directed pseudoforest

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# Algorithm P3CBit: Fast colour reduction

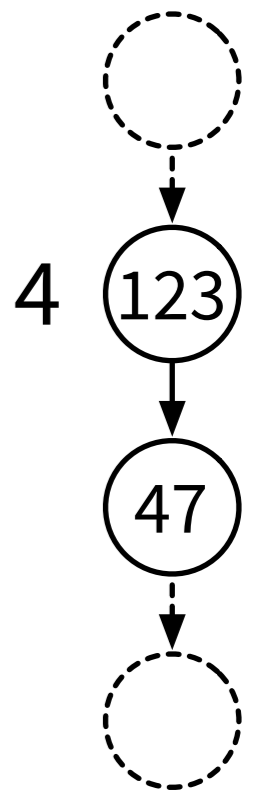
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- **Recall path-colouring algorithm P3CBit:**
  - nodes **only look at their successor**
  - my new colour  $\neq$  successor's new colour
  - works equally well in directed pseudoforests!



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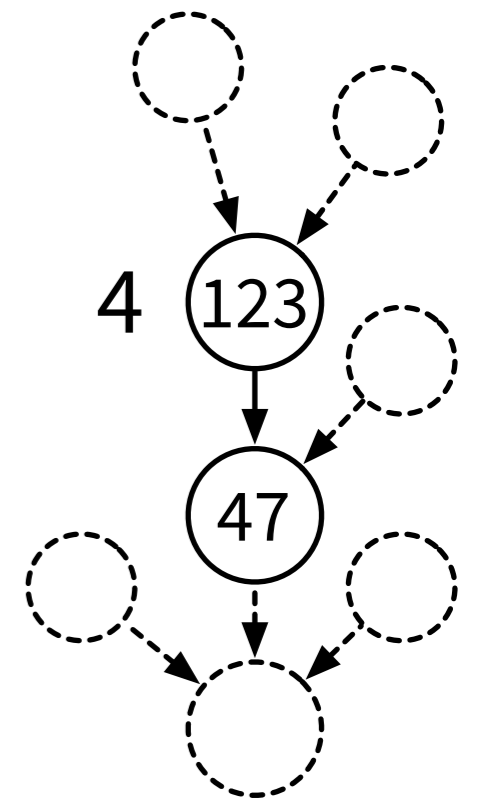
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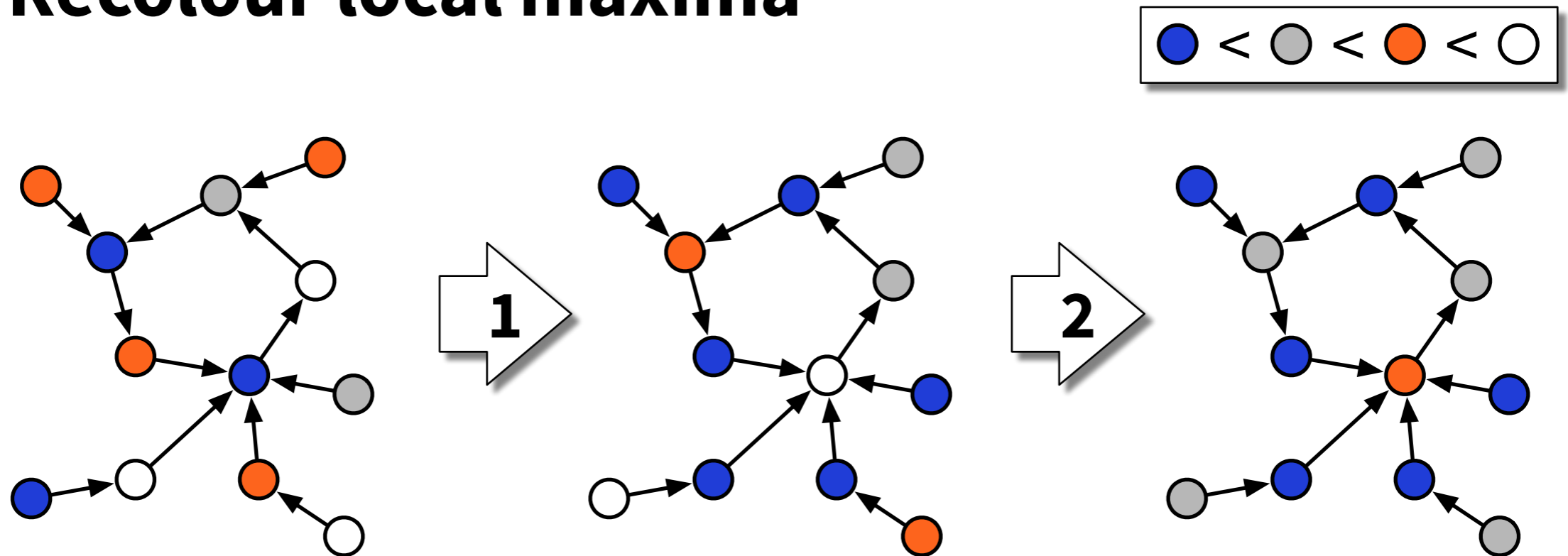
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to reduce the number of colours to 6**
- **Apply a greedy algorithm  
to reduce the number of colours to 3**

# Algorithm DPGreedy: **Slow colour reduction**

- 1. Shift: *predecessors have the same colour***
- 2. Recolour local maxima**



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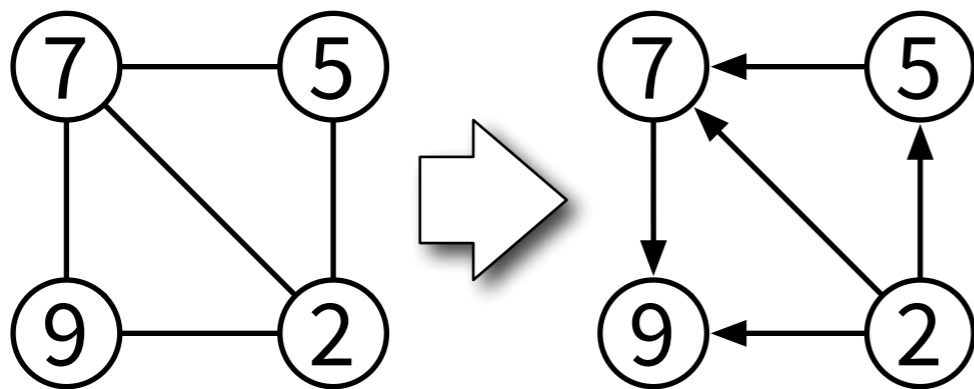
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- **Port numbers  $\rightarrow$  partition edges  
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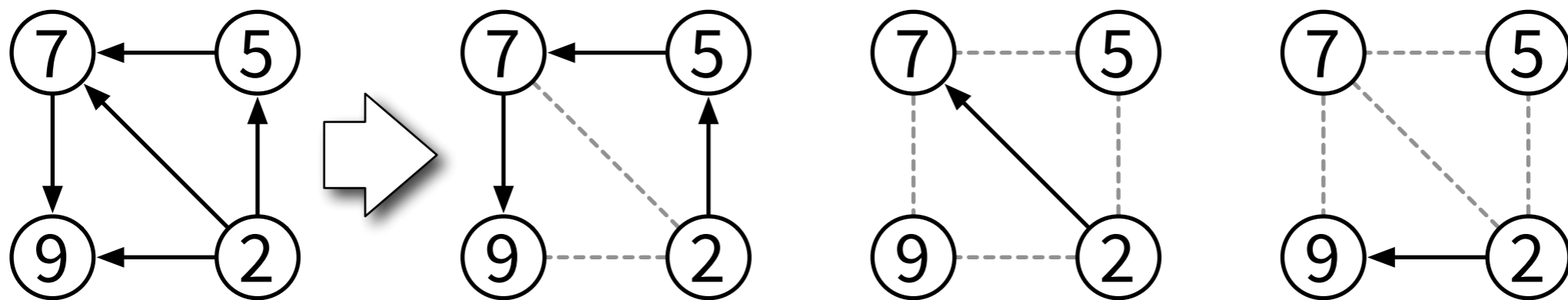
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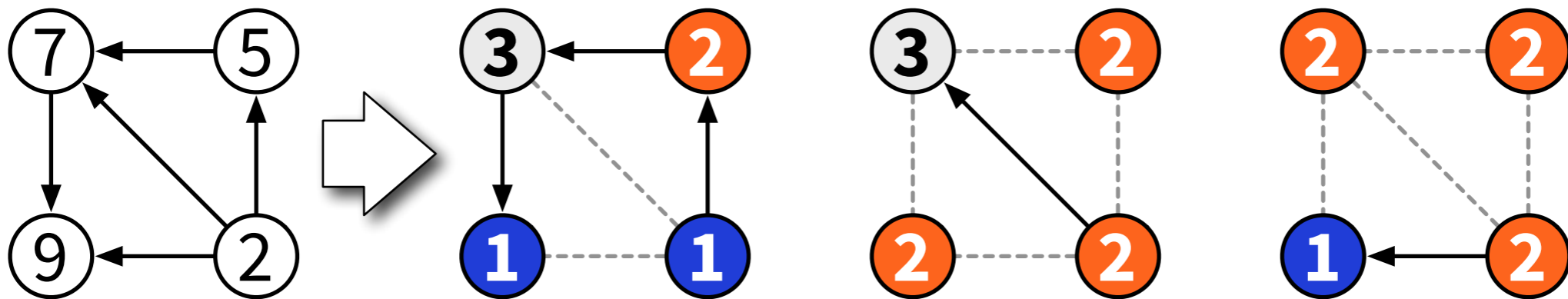
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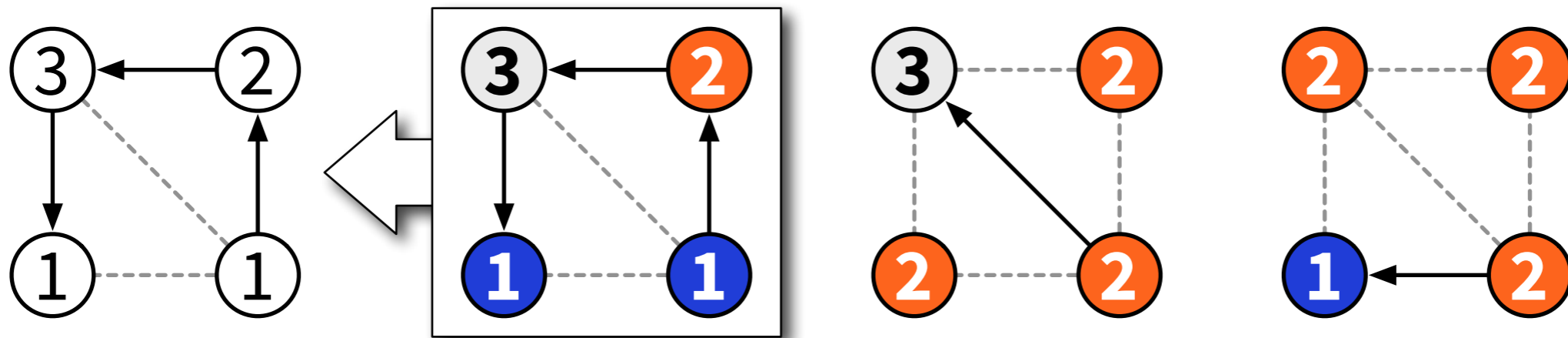
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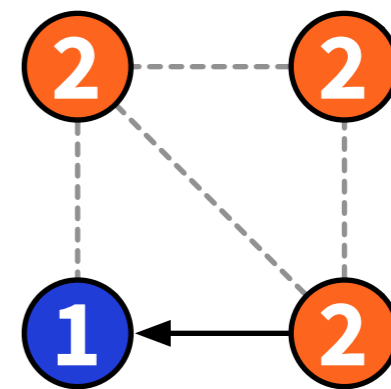
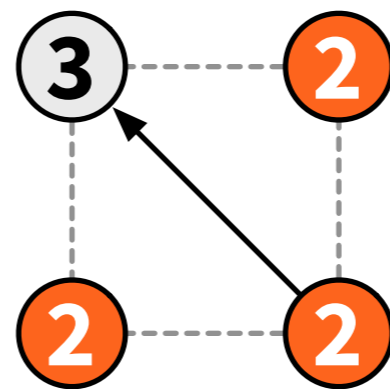
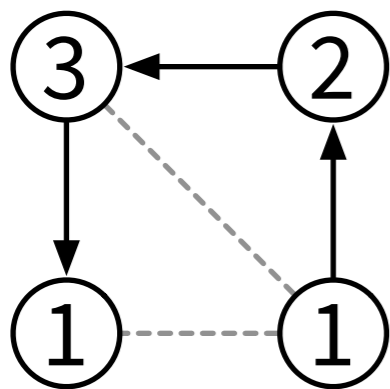
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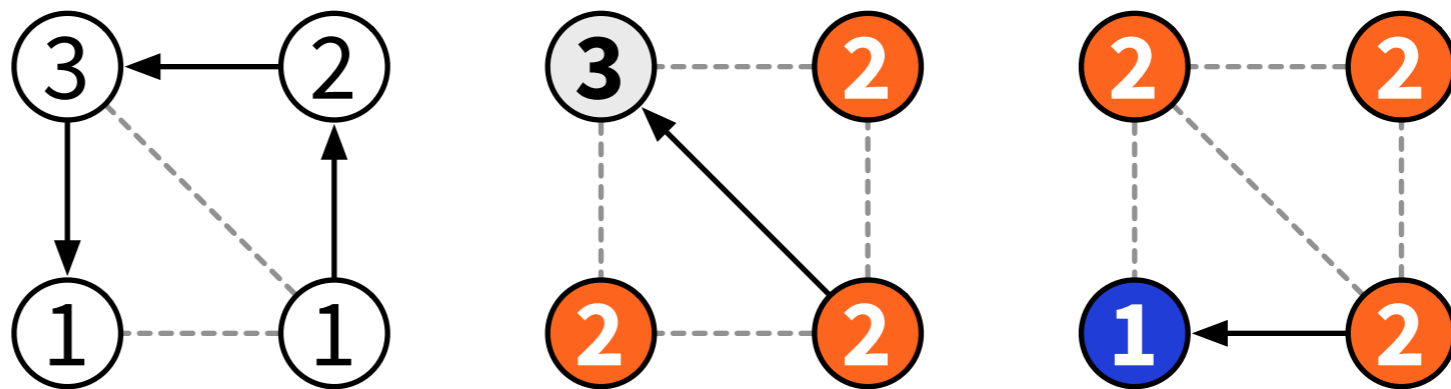
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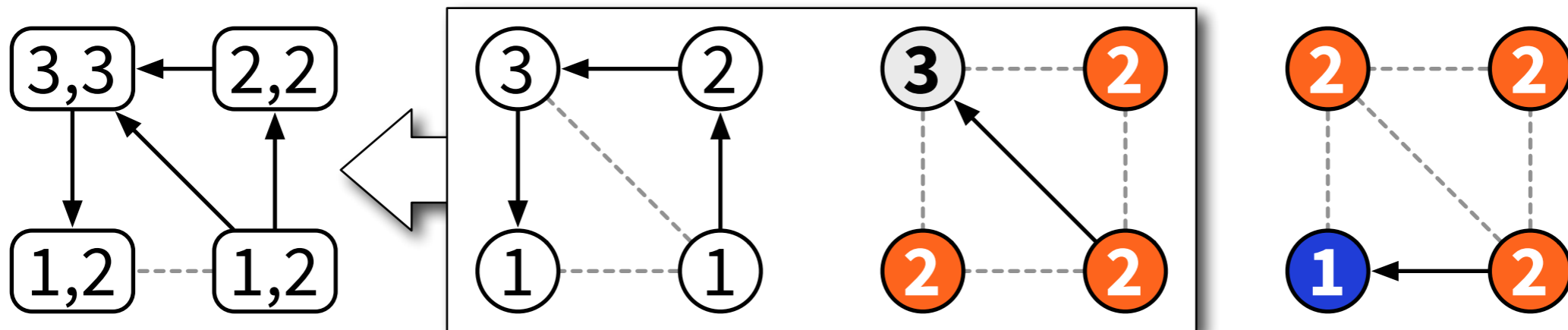
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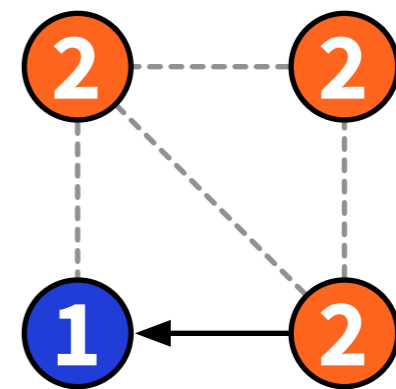
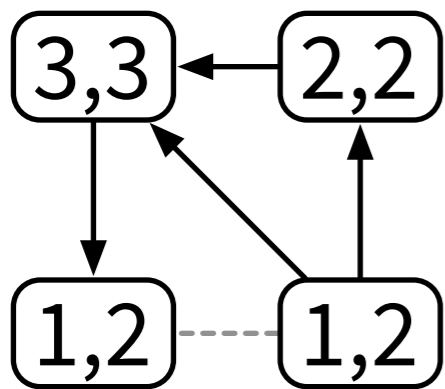
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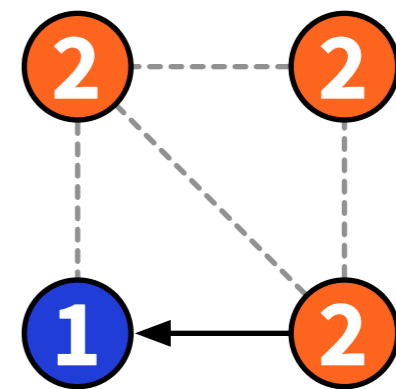
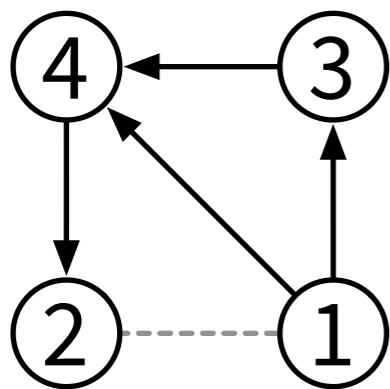
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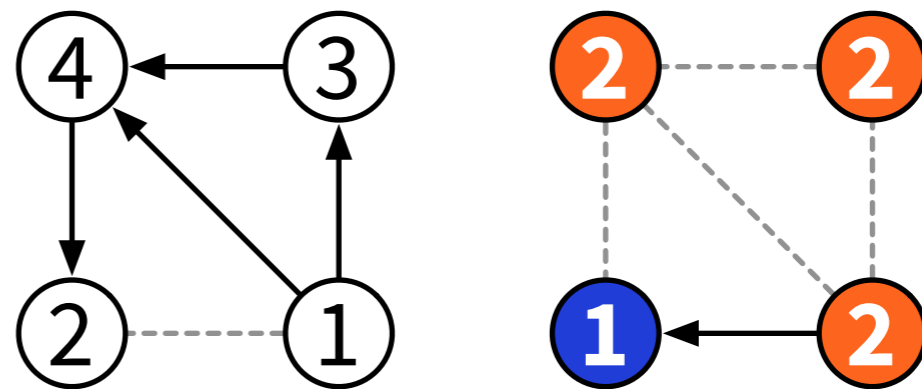
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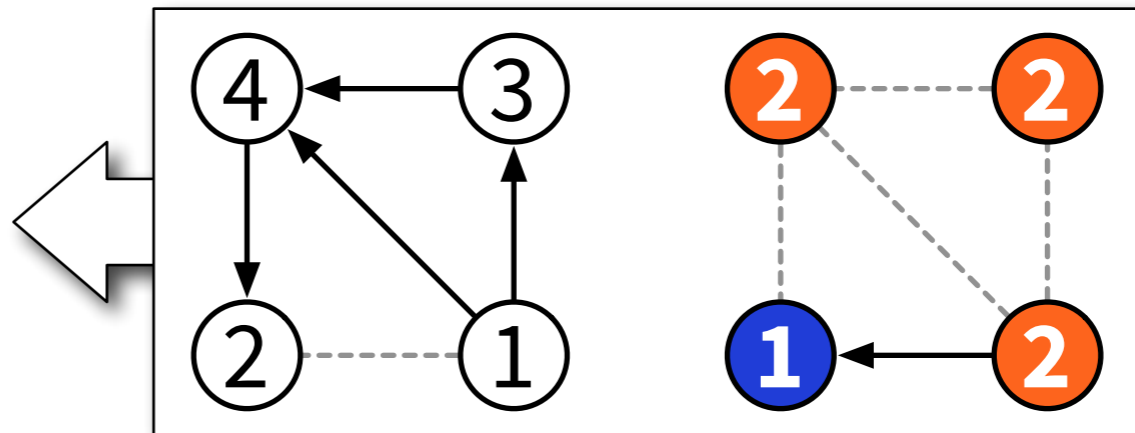
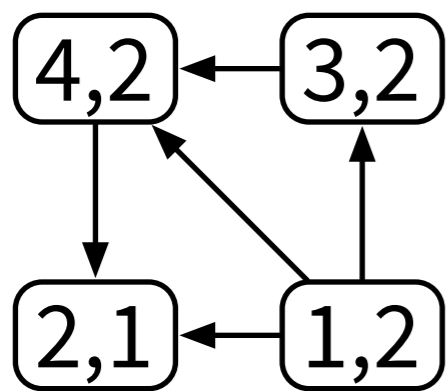
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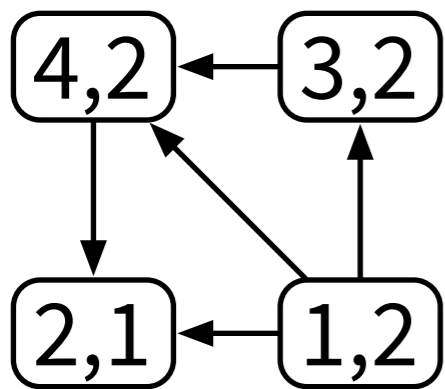
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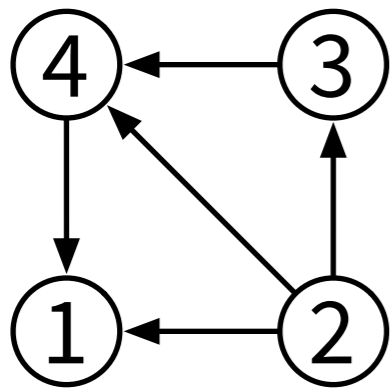
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- **There are  $O(\Delta)$  such steps**

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  - example: graph colouring

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  - cheating with large messages
  - what if we can only use small messages?
  - this is covered next week...

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