

Parameterized Quantum Query Algorithms for Graph Problems

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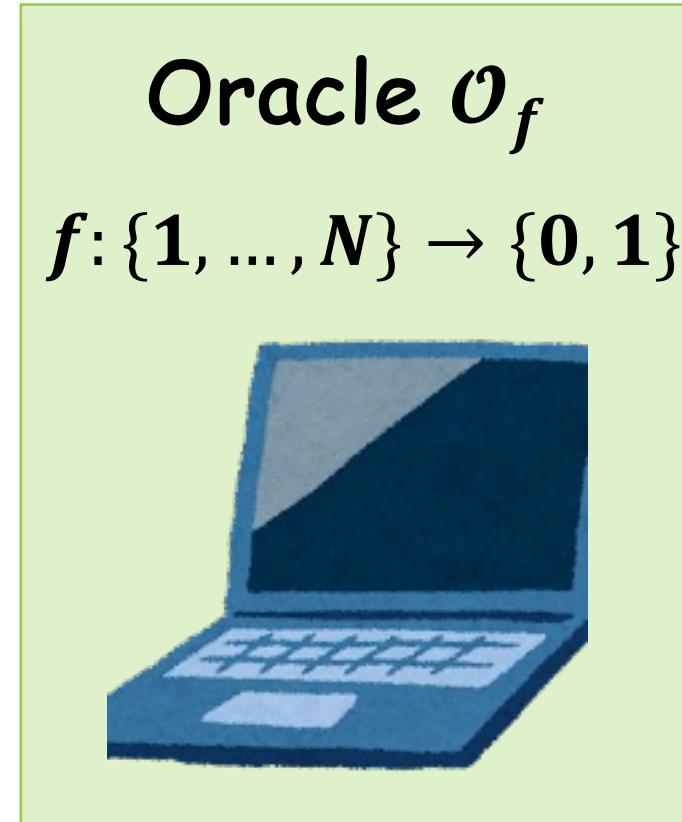
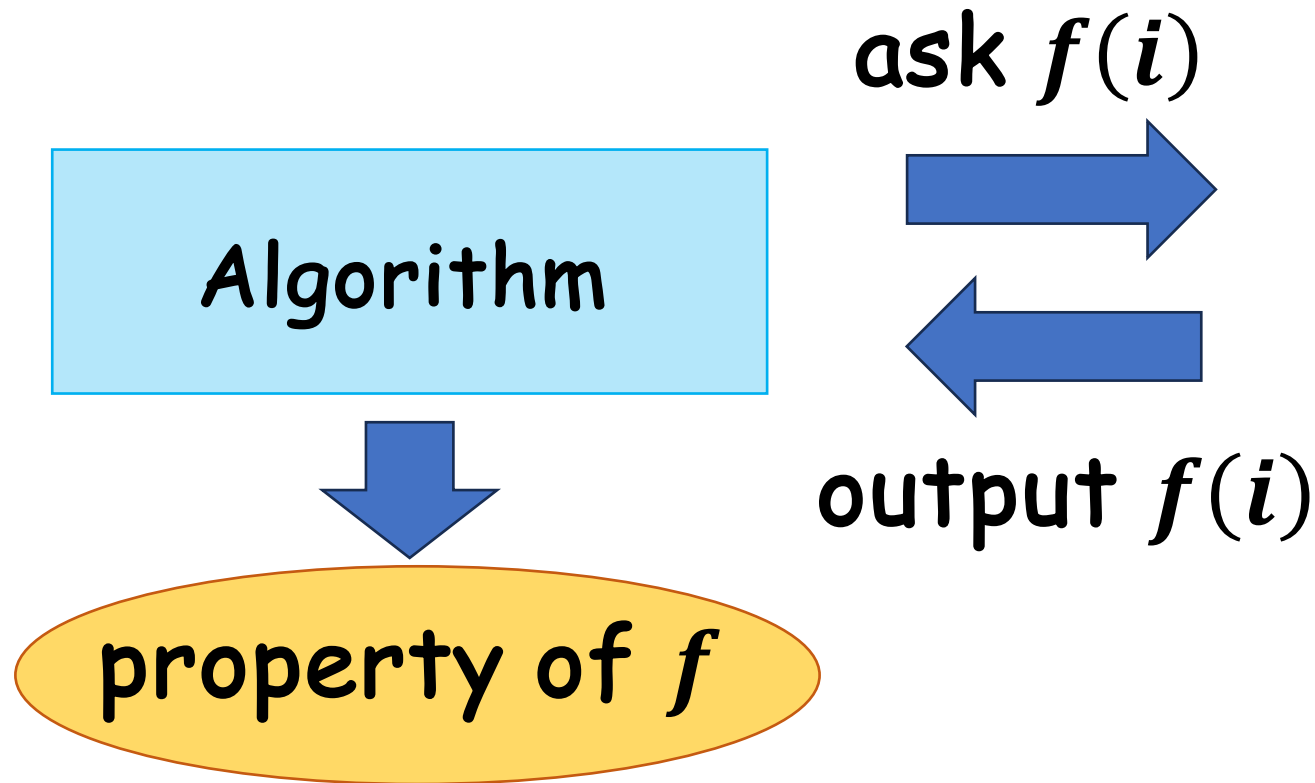
Given f as an oracle !

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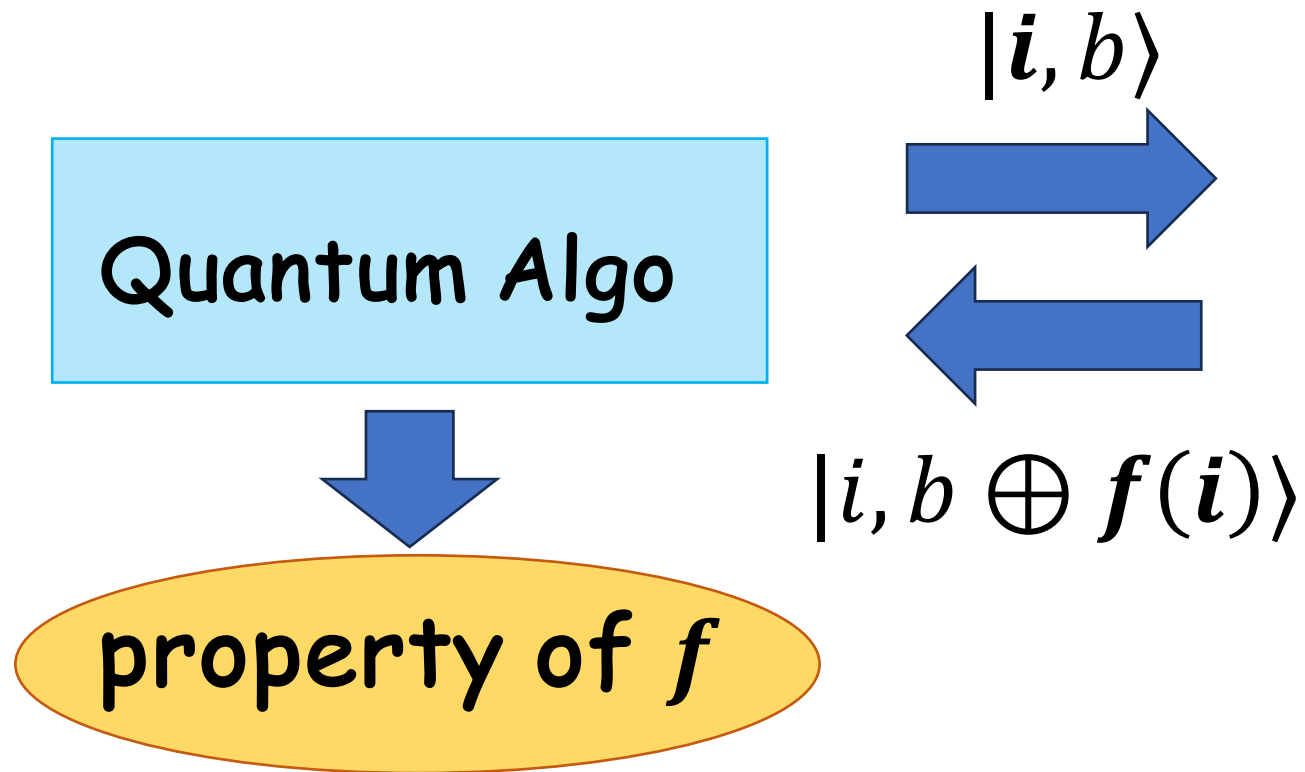


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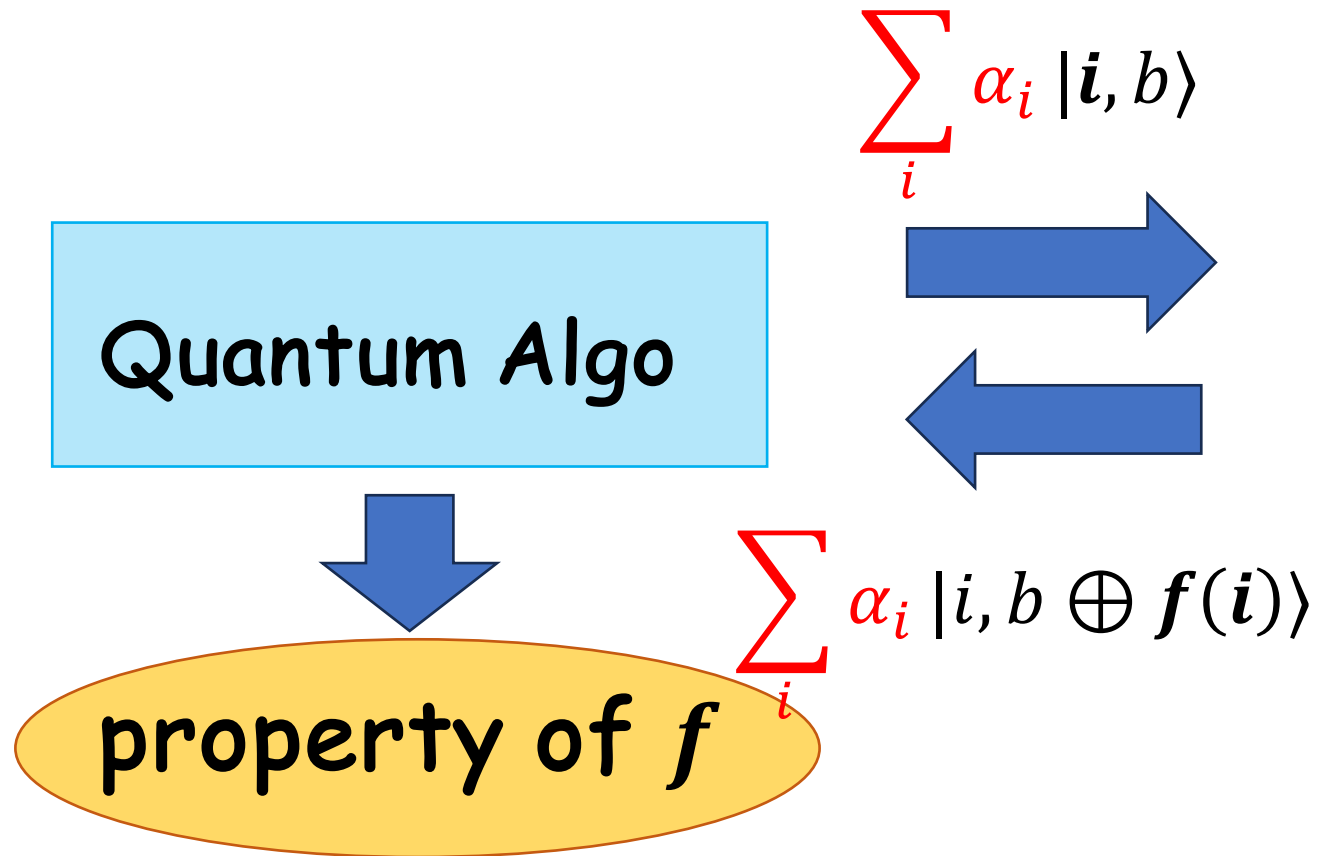
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Quantum Query Complexity for Graph Problems

Adjacency Matrix Model

Quantum oracle access to $E_M: \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$$E_M(u, v) = 1 \Leftrightarrow (u, v) \in E(G)$$

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Even through classical algorithms require $\Theta(n^2)$ queries, ...

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k : constant



k : large (e.g., $k = \Theta(\log n)$, $k = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$)

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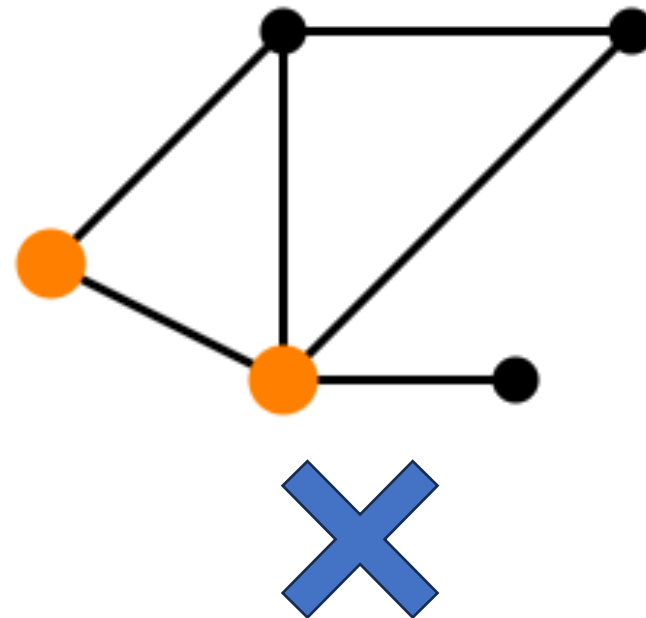
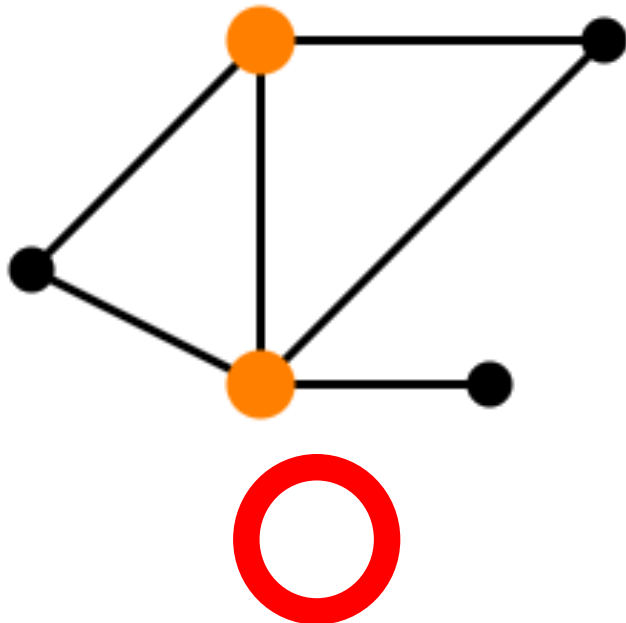
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Find : a **vertex cover** $S \subseteq V$ of size **at most k**

every edge of G has at least one endpoint in S

e.g.)



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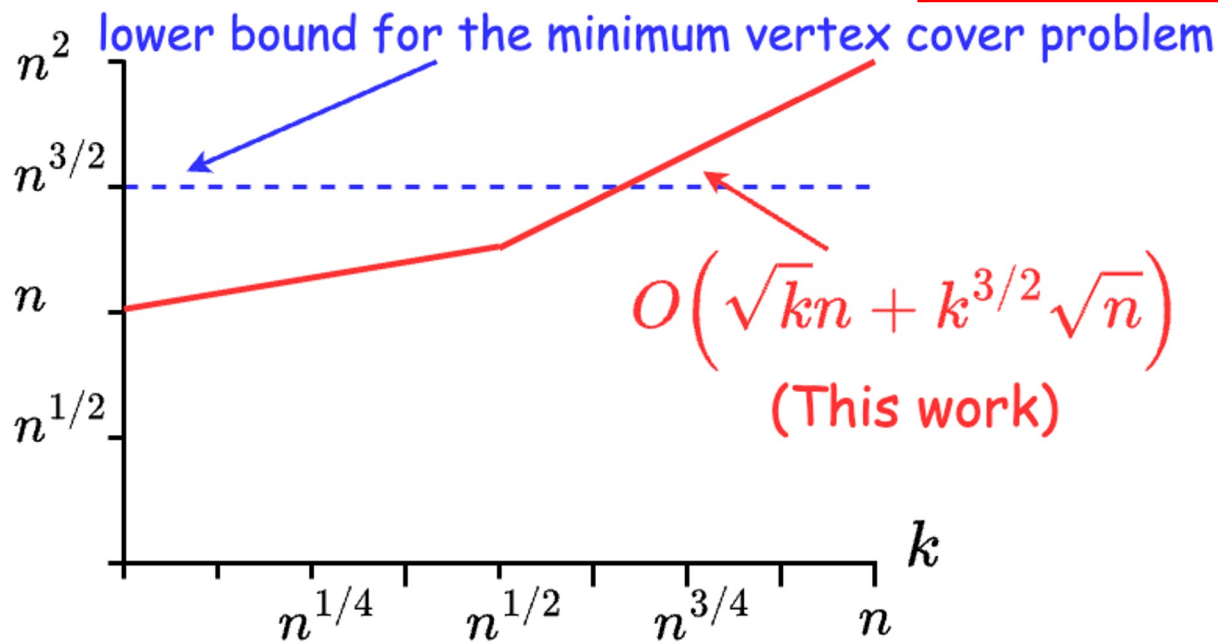
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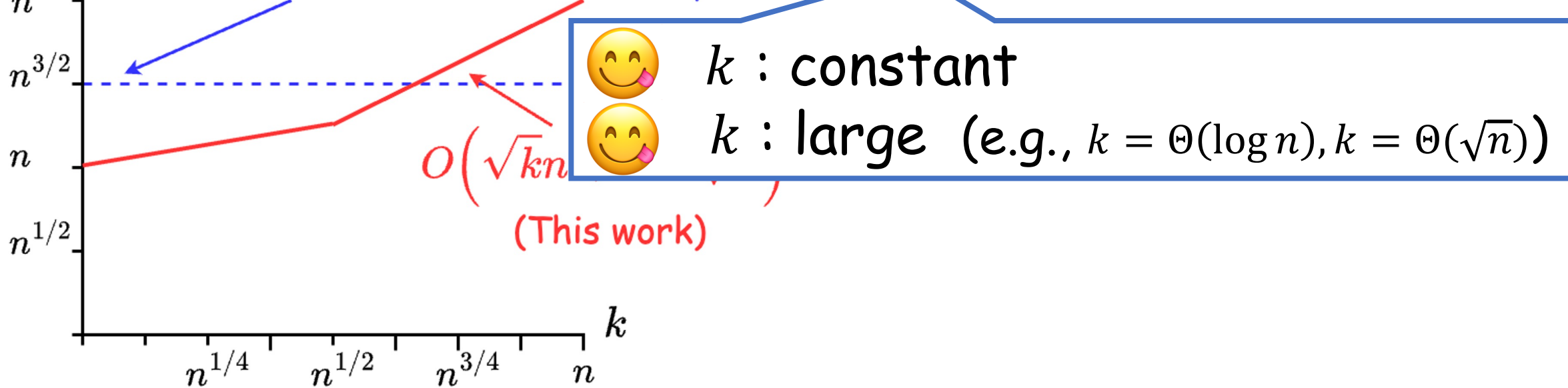
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n^2 lower bound for the minimum vertex cover problem



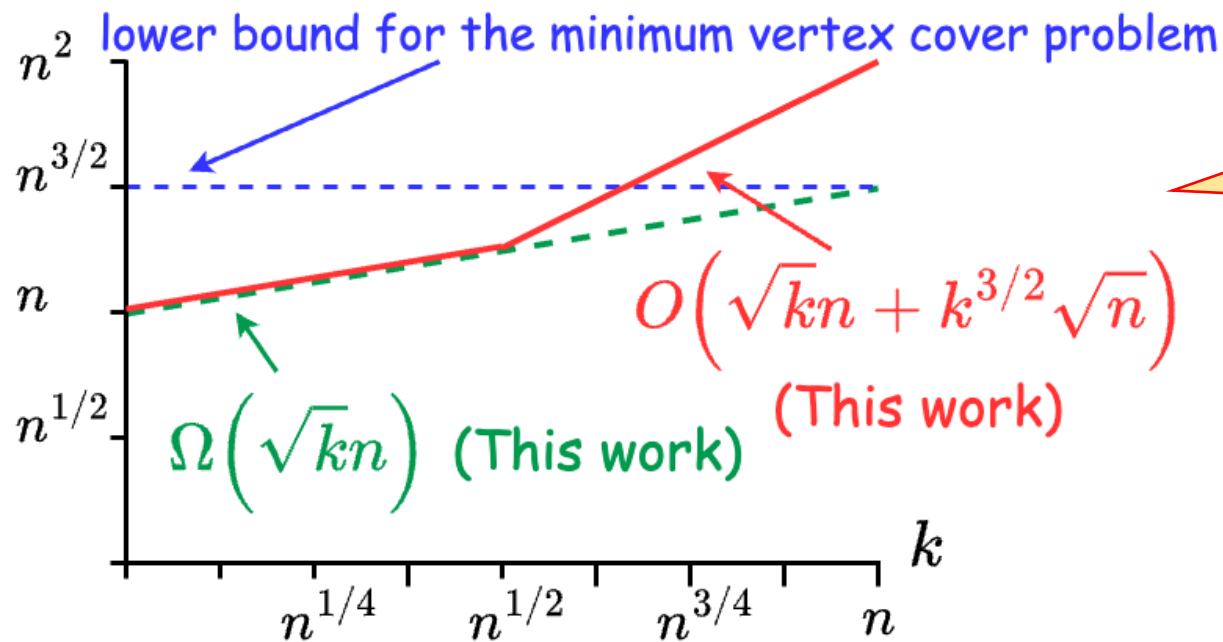
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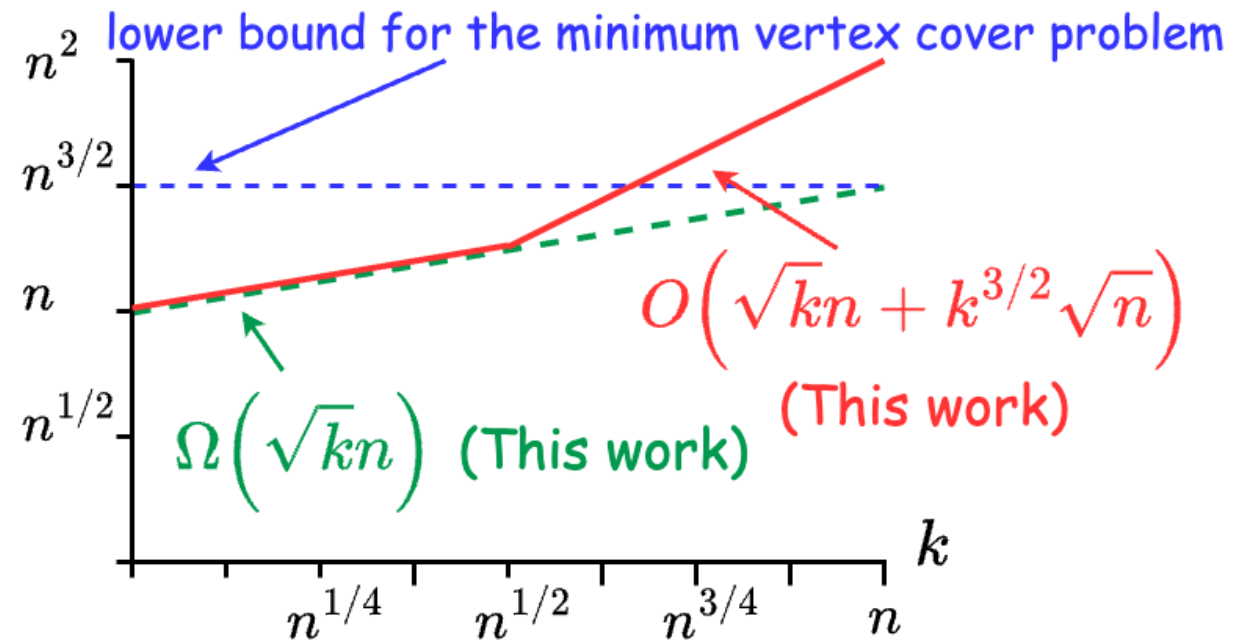
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Significance

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- Consider **Parameterized ver.**

Technique

- **Quantum Query Kernelization**



Kernelization

kernel

Input : instance (G, k)

Output : another **equivalent small** instance (G', k') ,
or conclude that (G, k) is a Yes-instance or a No-instance

- (G, k) is a Yes instance $\Leftrightarrow (G', k')$ is a Yes instance
- $E(G') \leq f(k)$
- $k' \leq g(k)$

Buss-Goldsmith's Kernelization for k -vertex cover

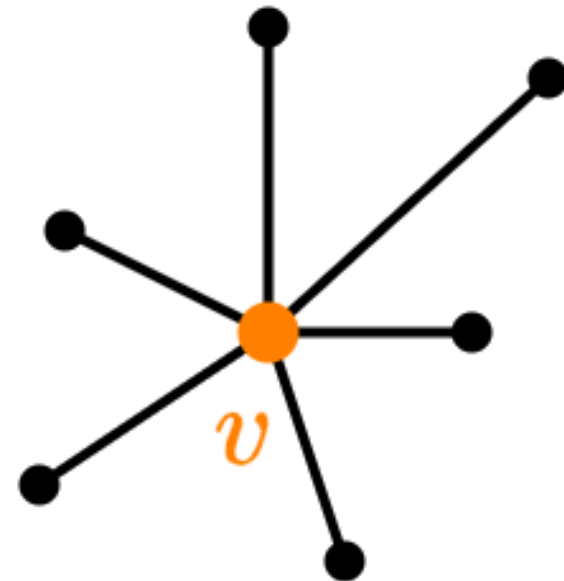
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If v is not in a vertex cover, then it must contain all neighbors of v .

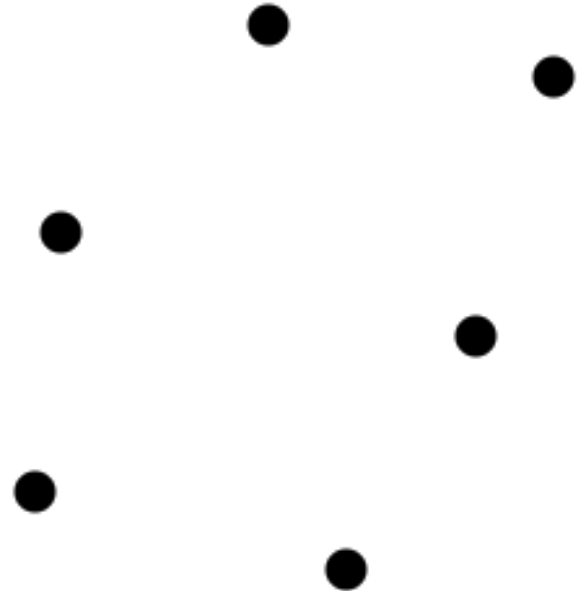


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Fact: After Applying Rules 1 and 2, **if $|E(G)| > k^2$,
then (G, k) is a No instance**

New Approach: Quantum Query Kernelization

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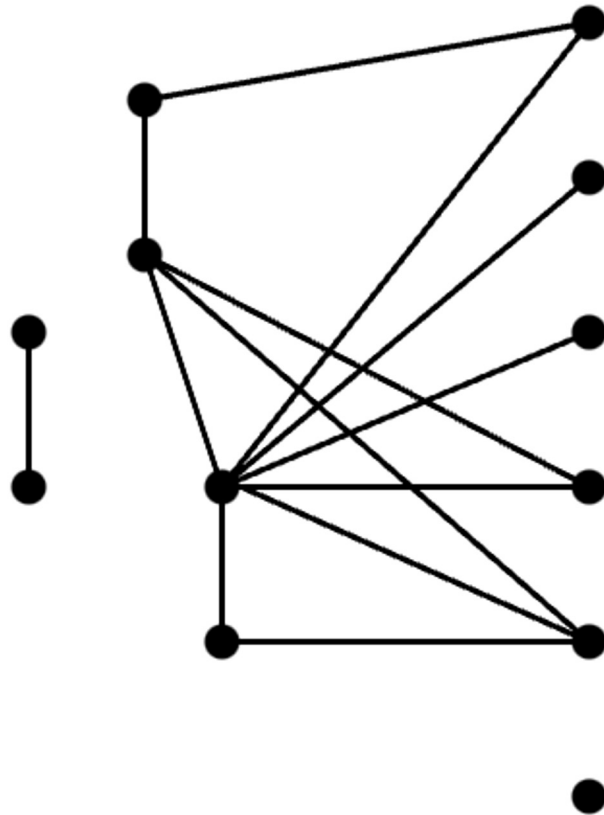
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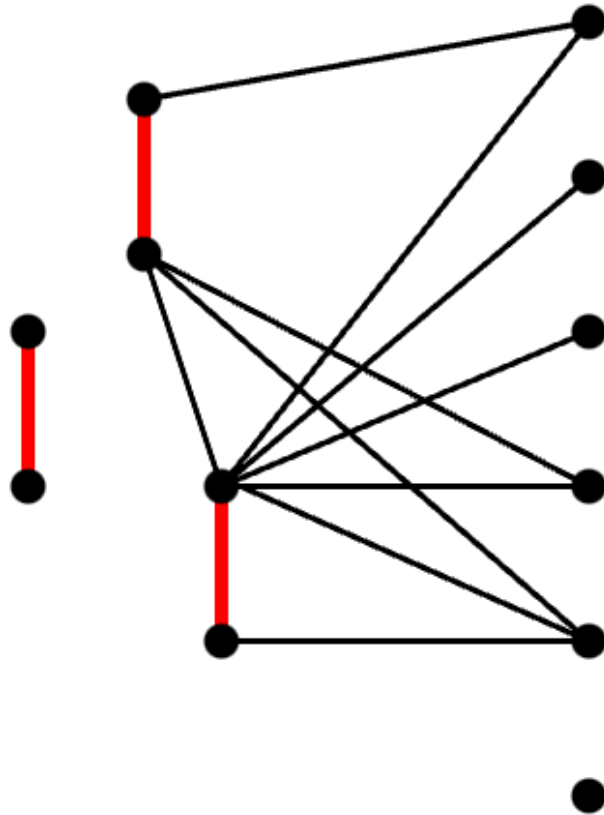
After Applying quantum query kernelization,
just apply classical algorithm for (G', k') .

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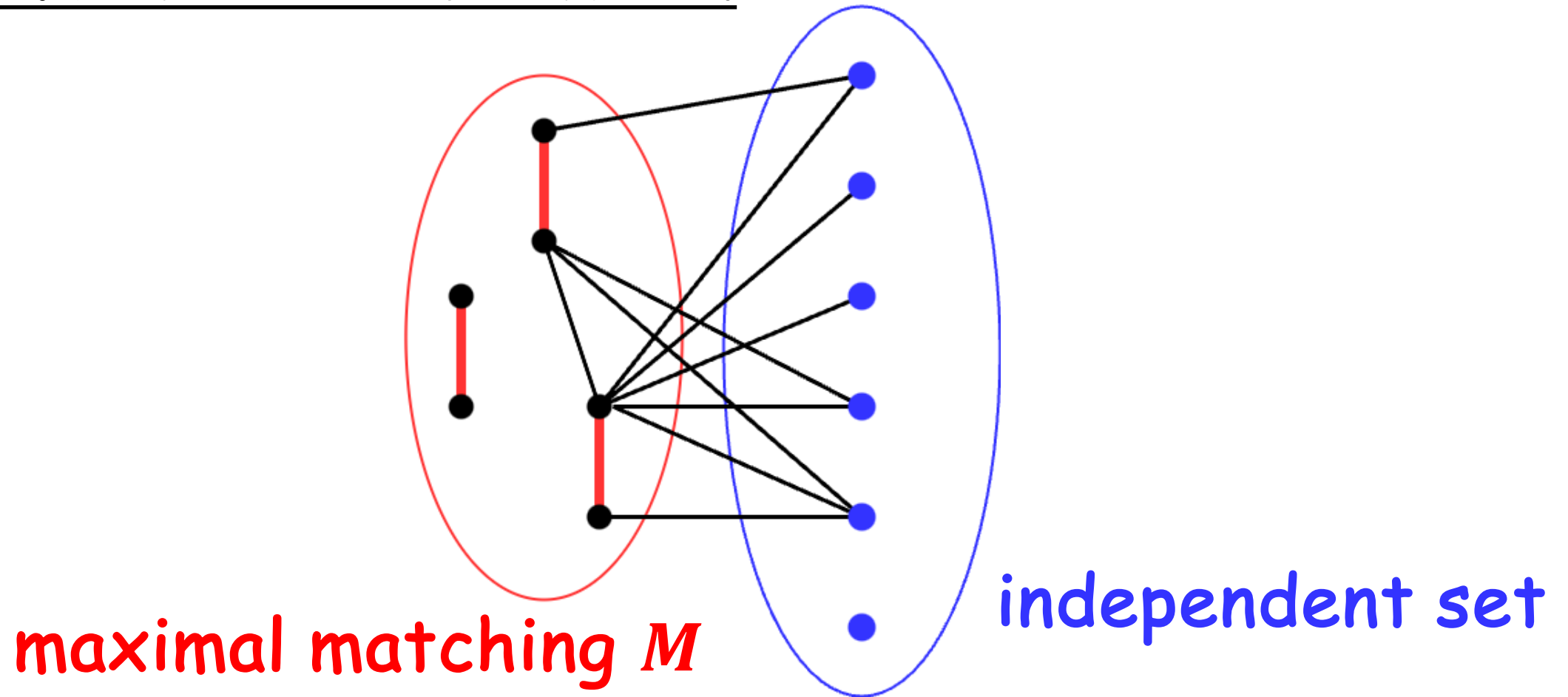


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Crucial Observation



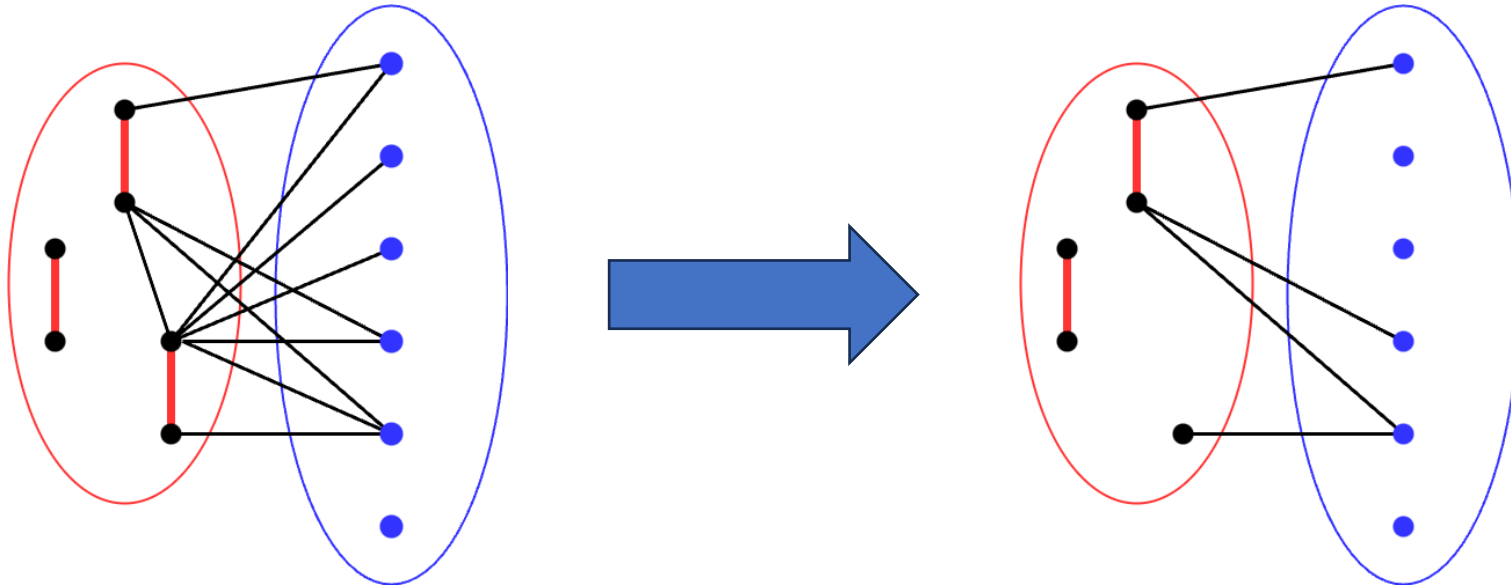
👉 All edges touch an endpoint of an edge in M !

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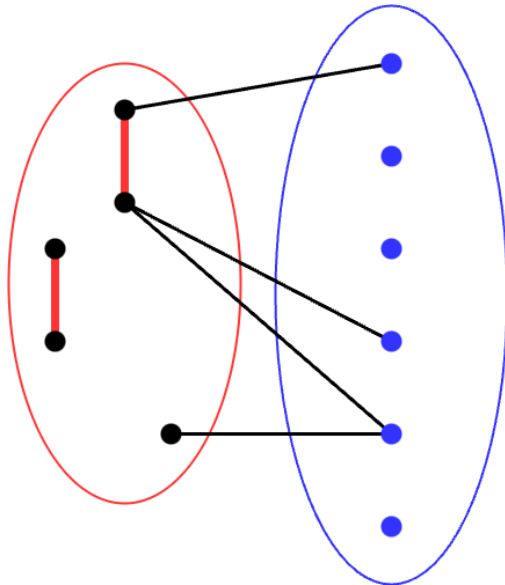


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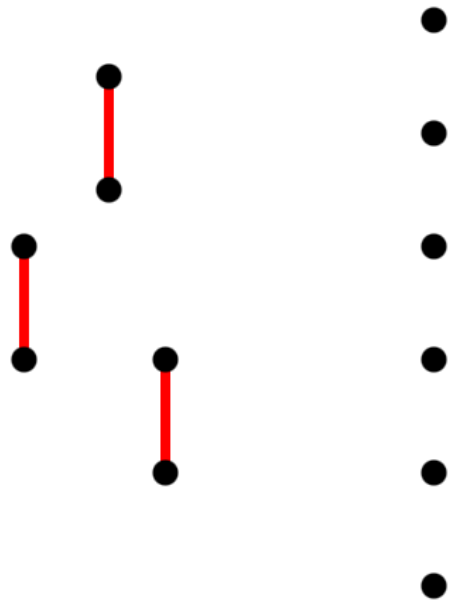


Lem: After Step1 and 2, $|E(G)| \leq 2k^2$

Quantum Query Kernelization

Step1 Find a matching of size at least $k + 1$
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a maximal matching M of size at most k

using **Grover's search**



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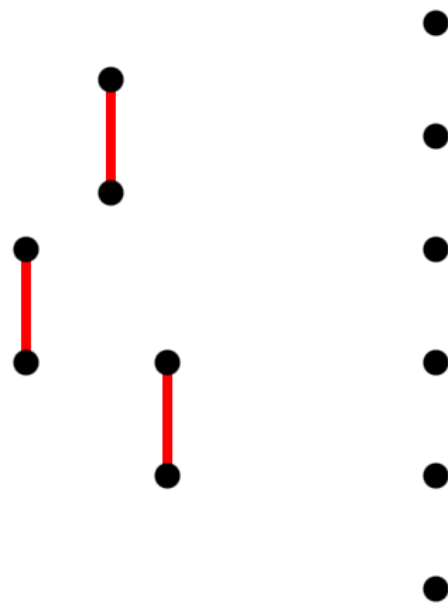
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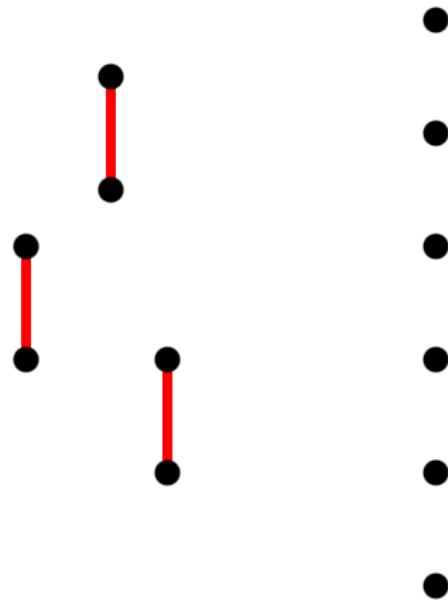
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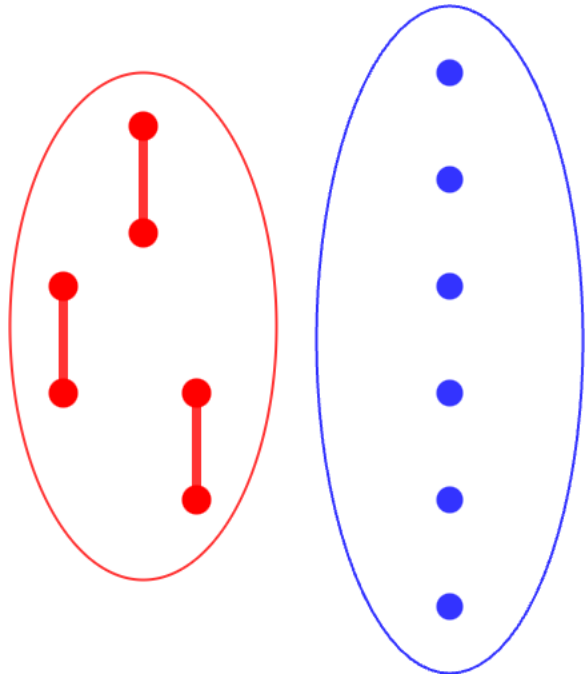
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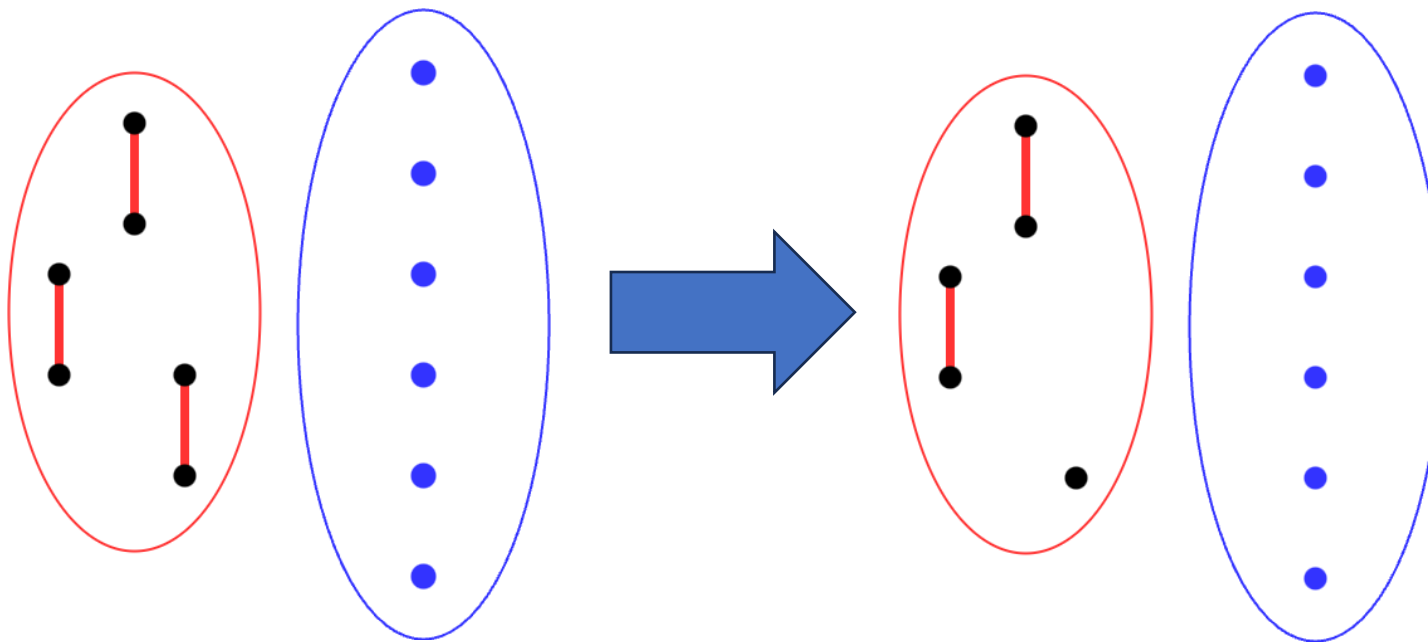
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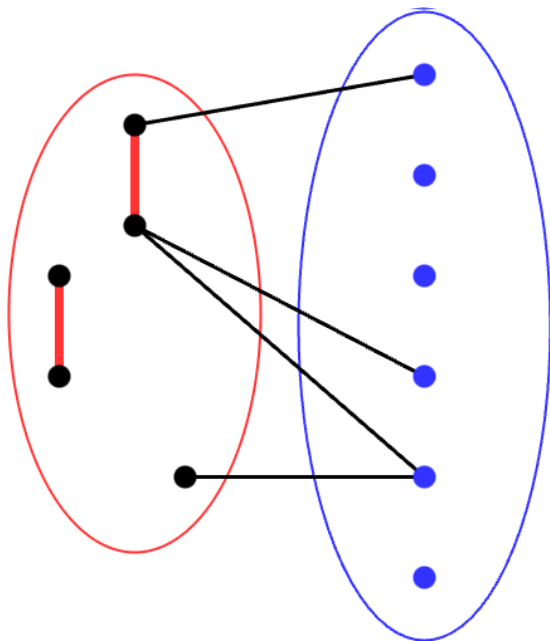
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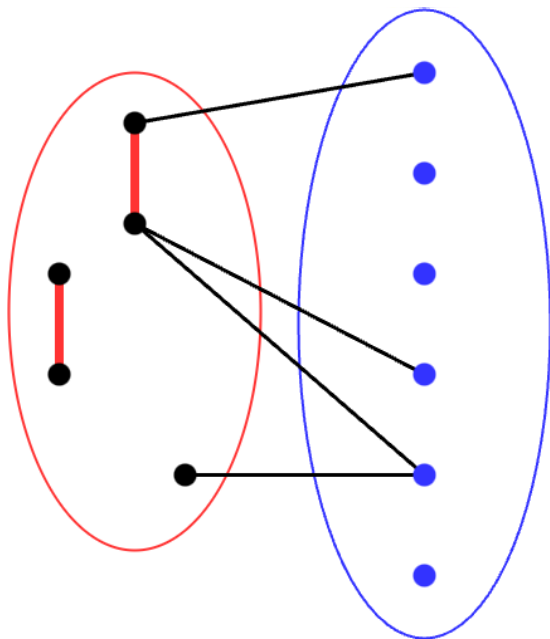
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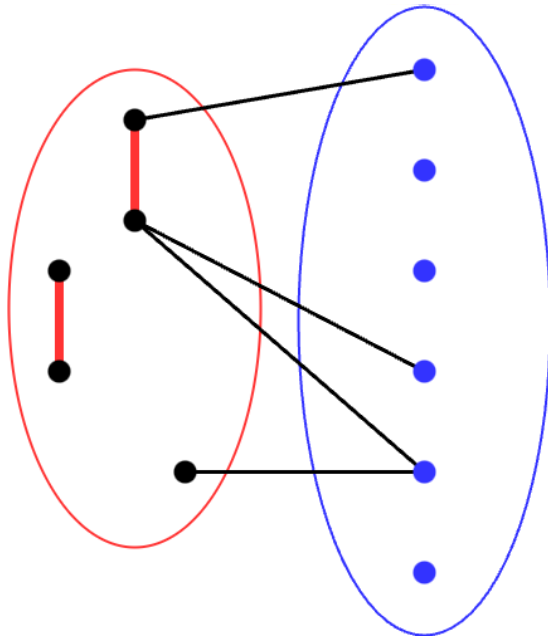
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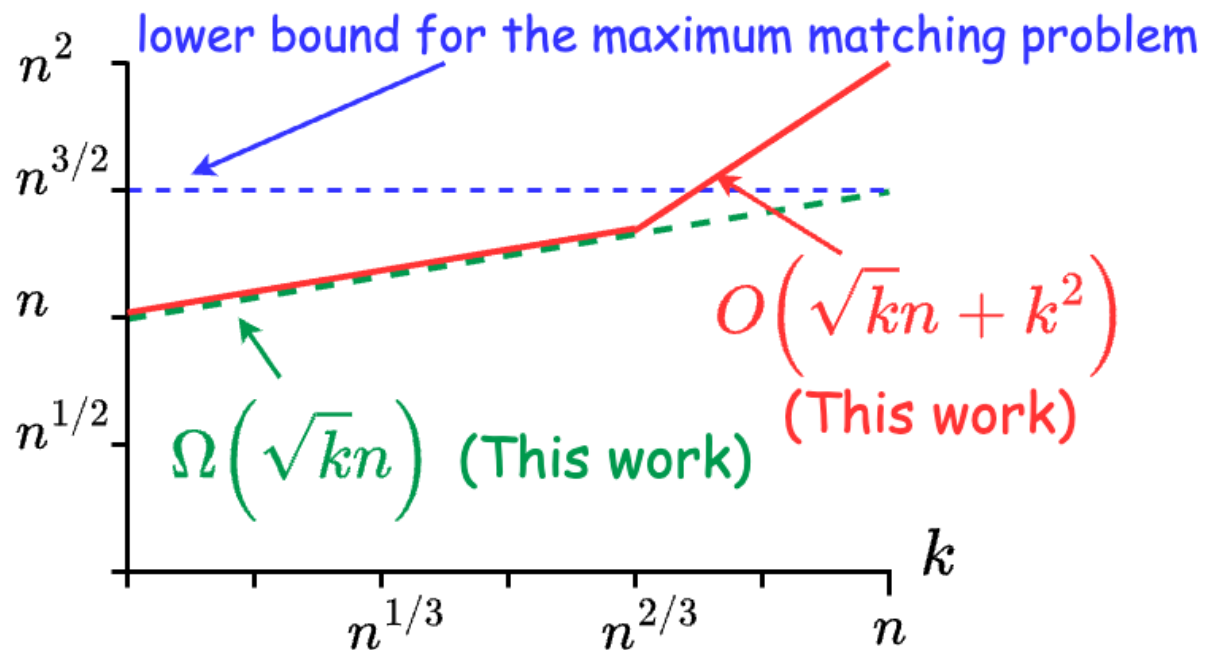
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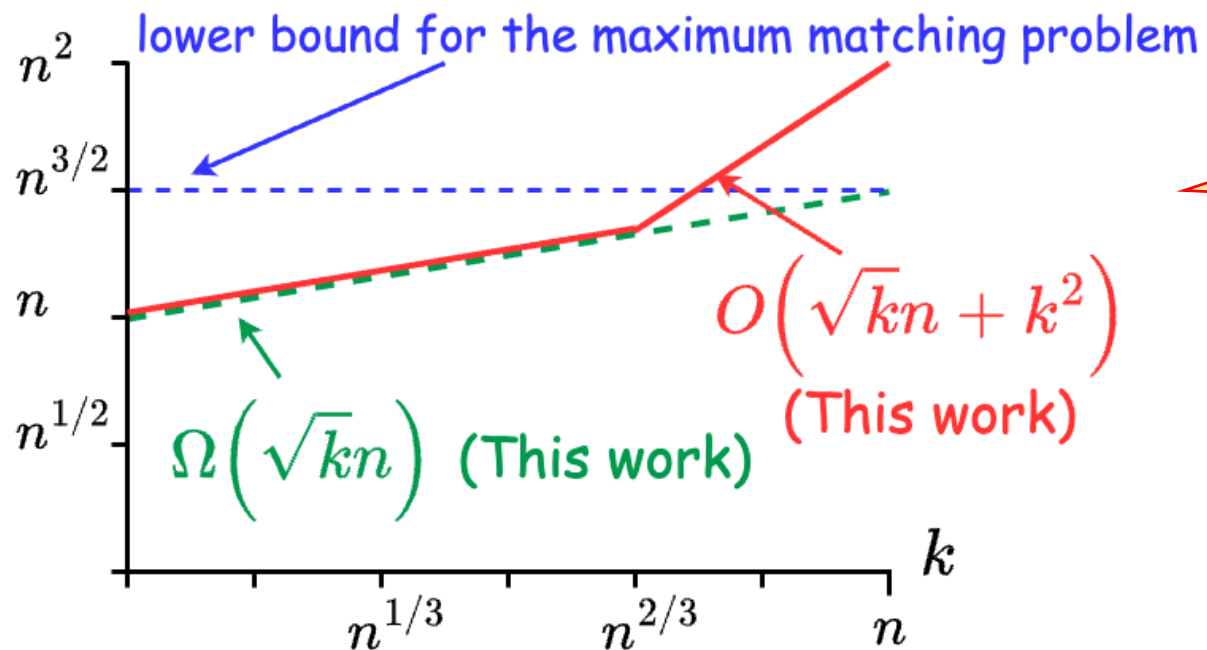
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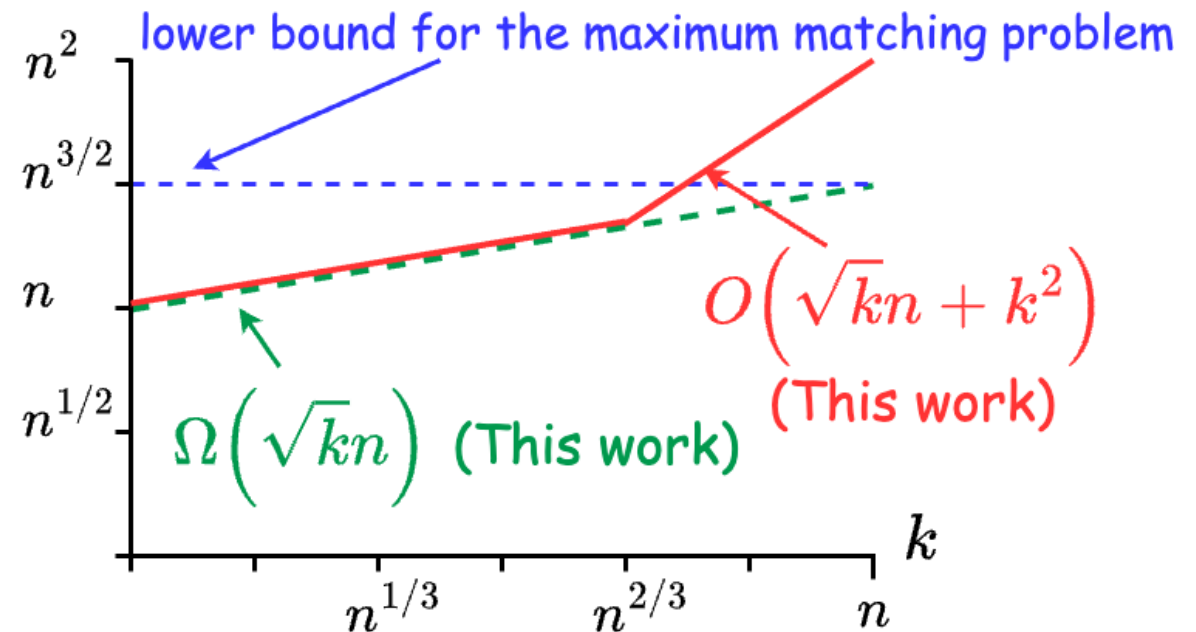
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Message

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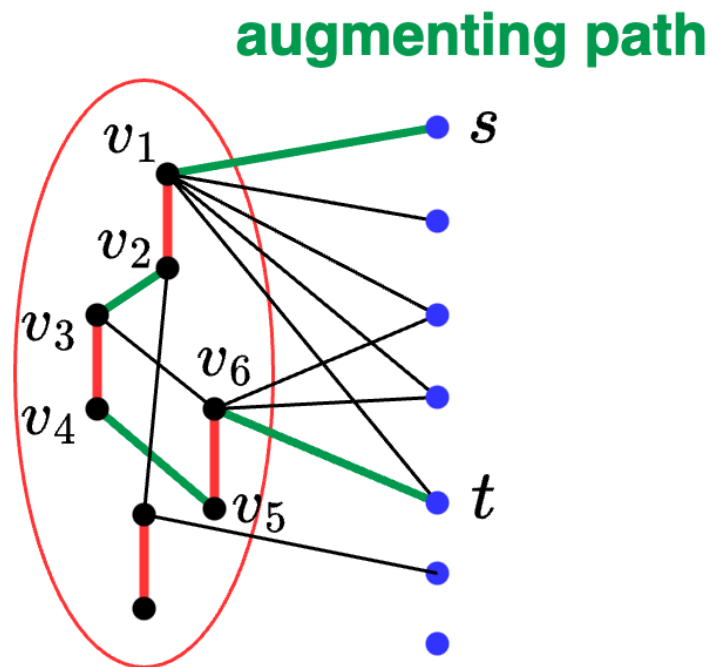
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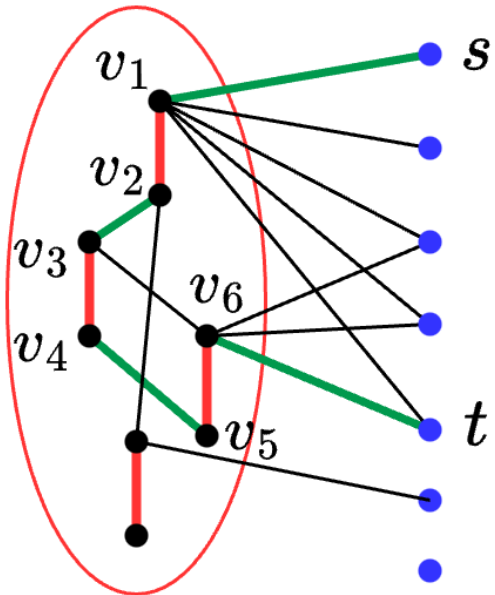
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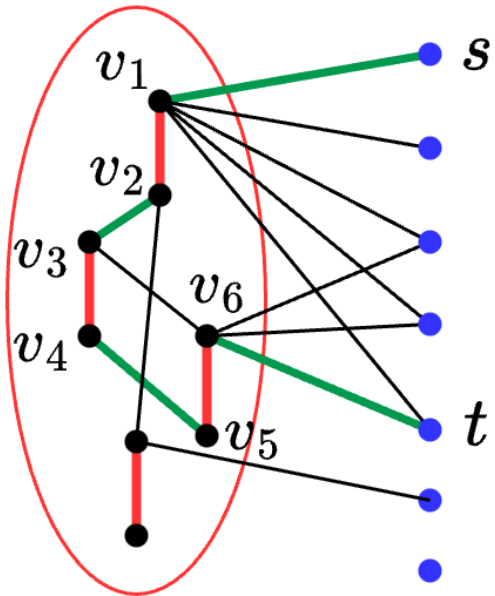
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