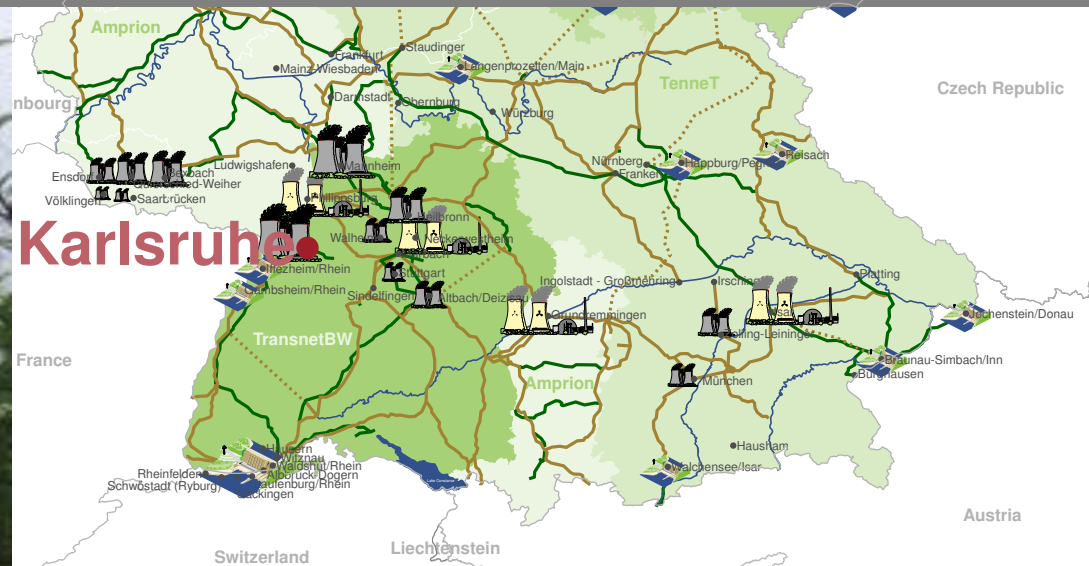


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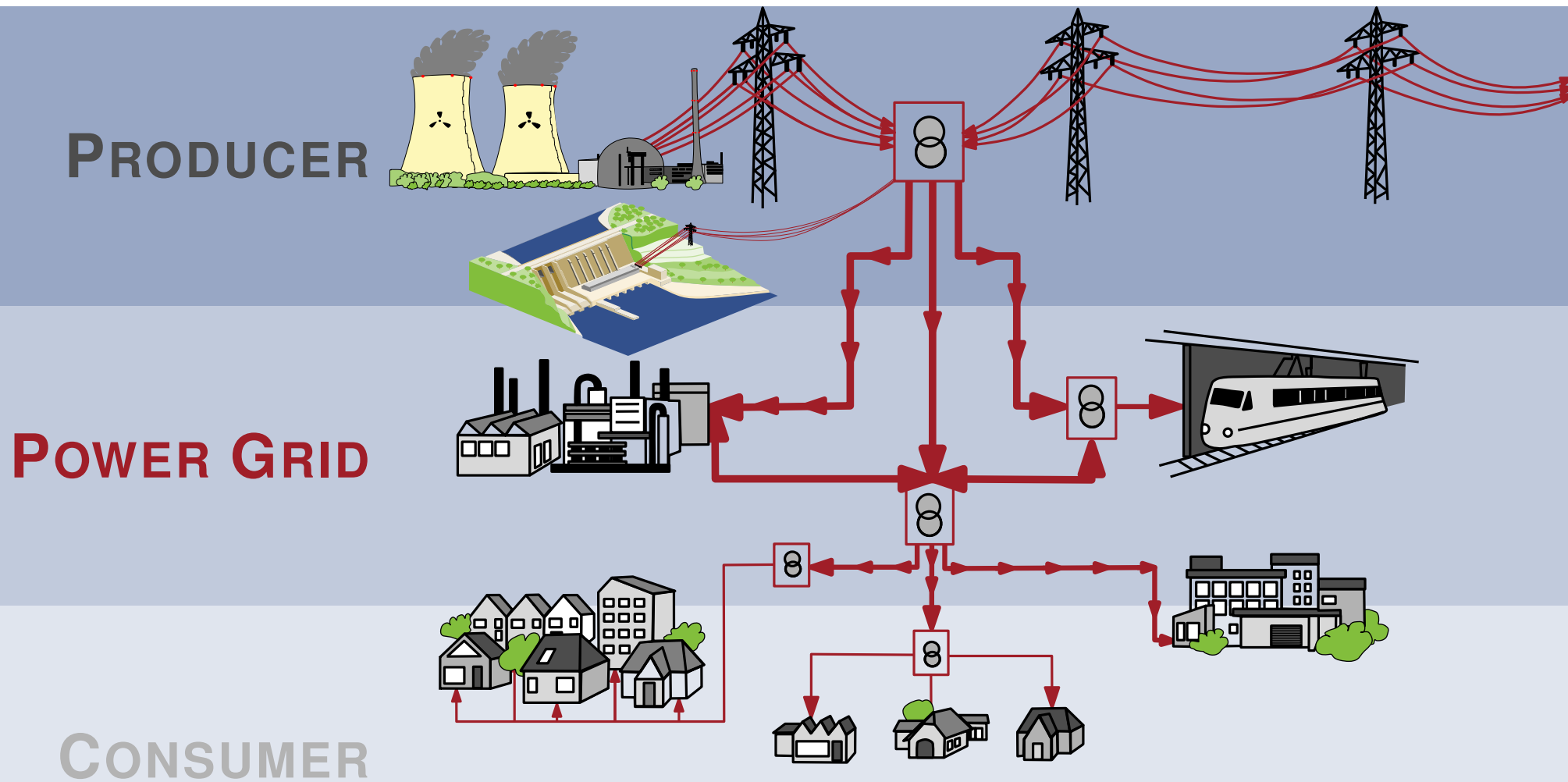
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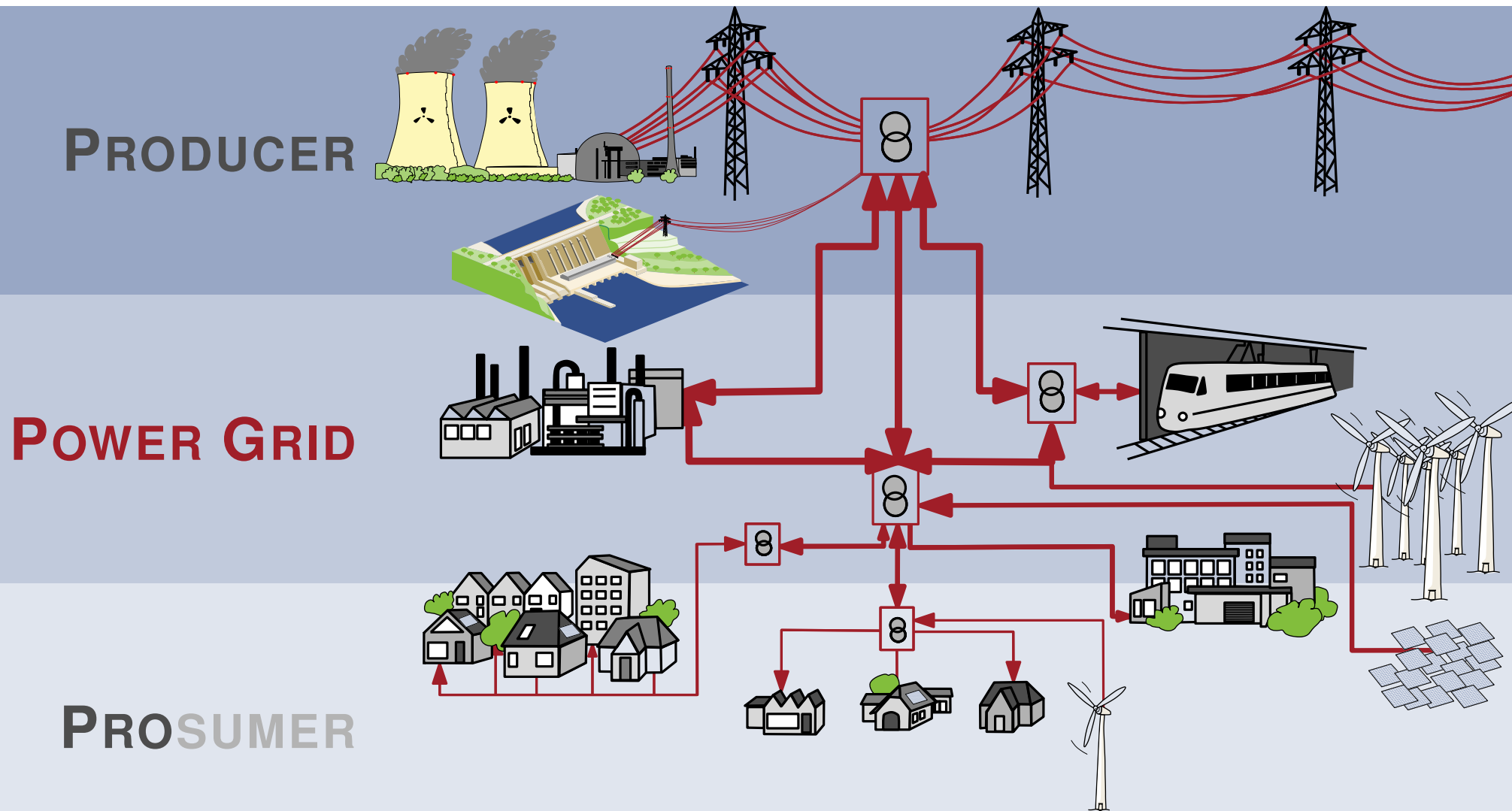
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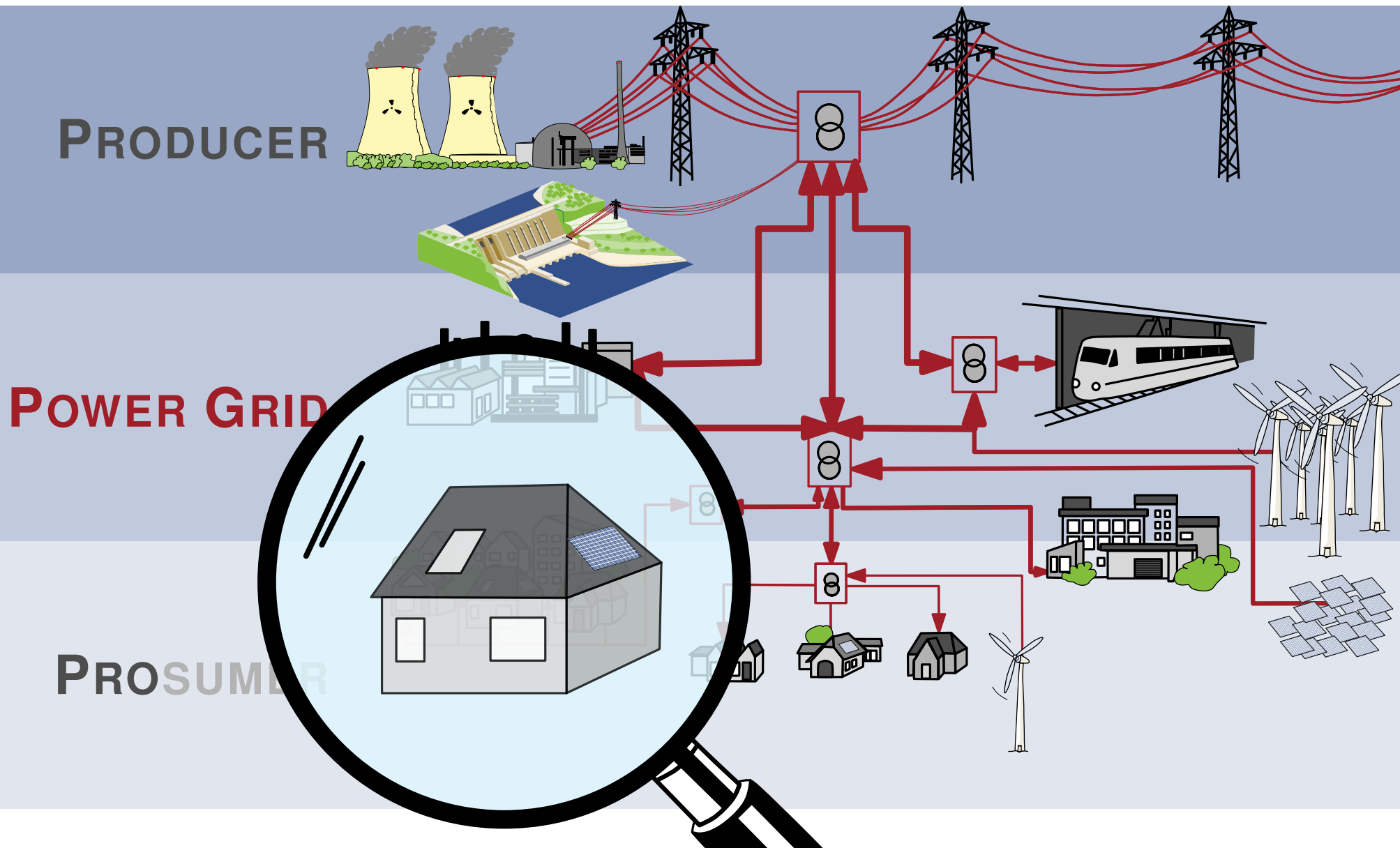
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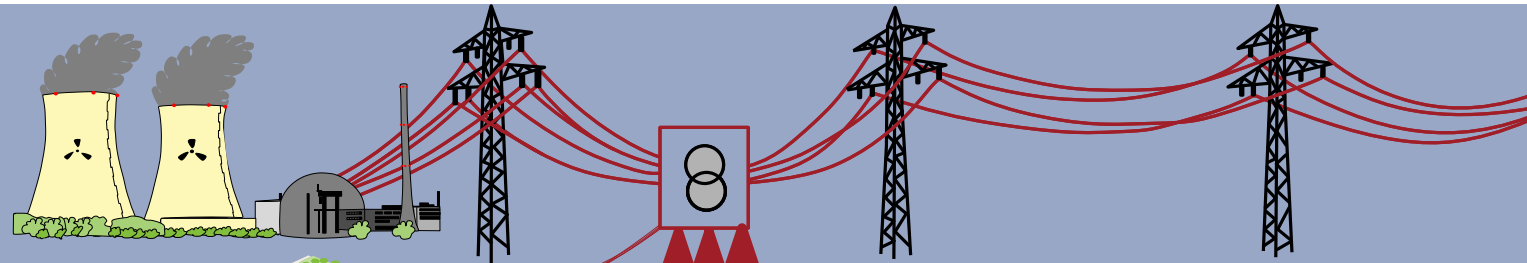


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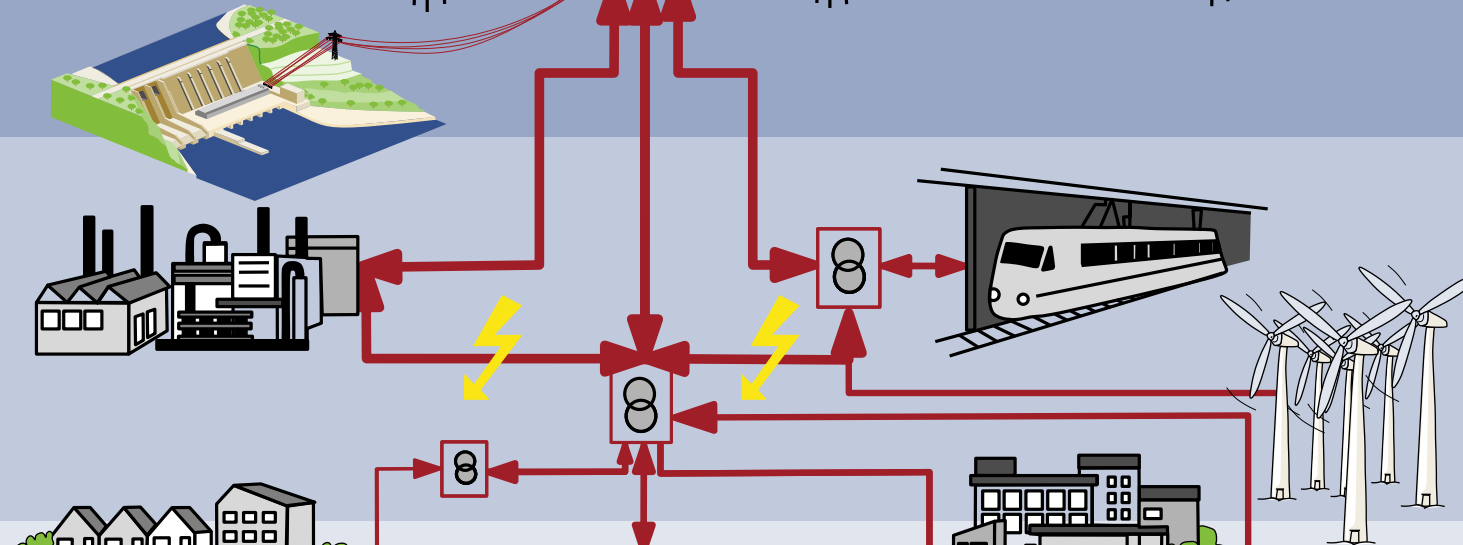


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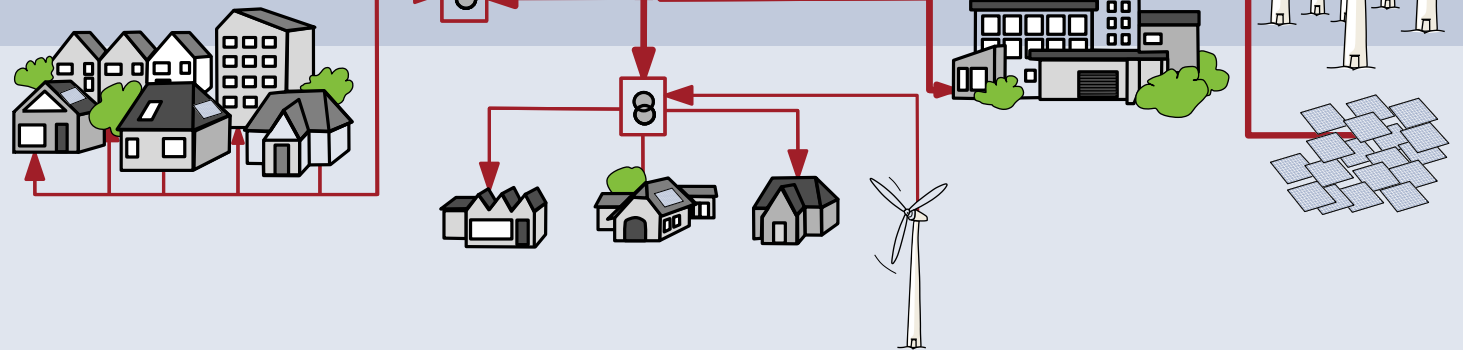
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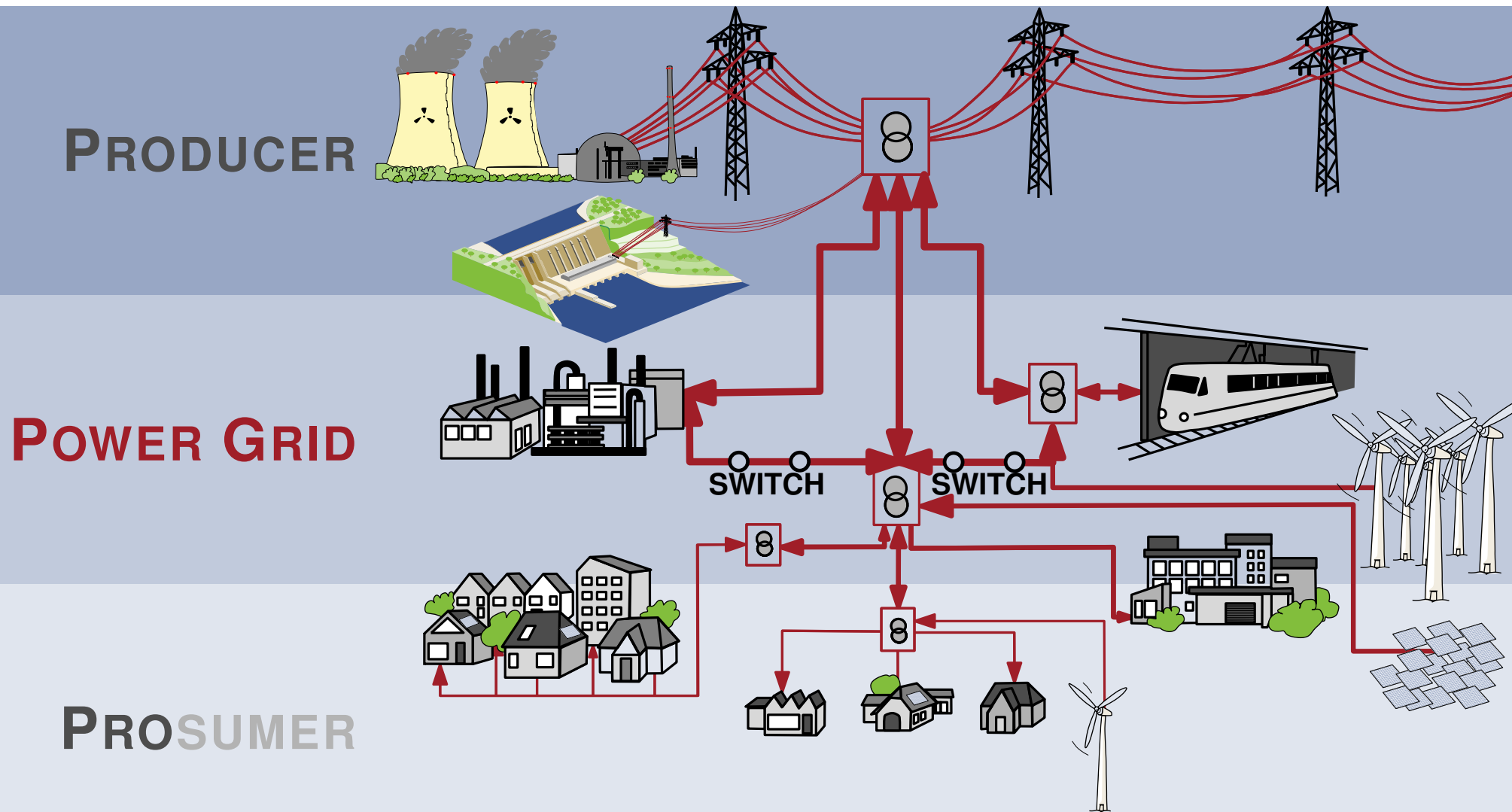
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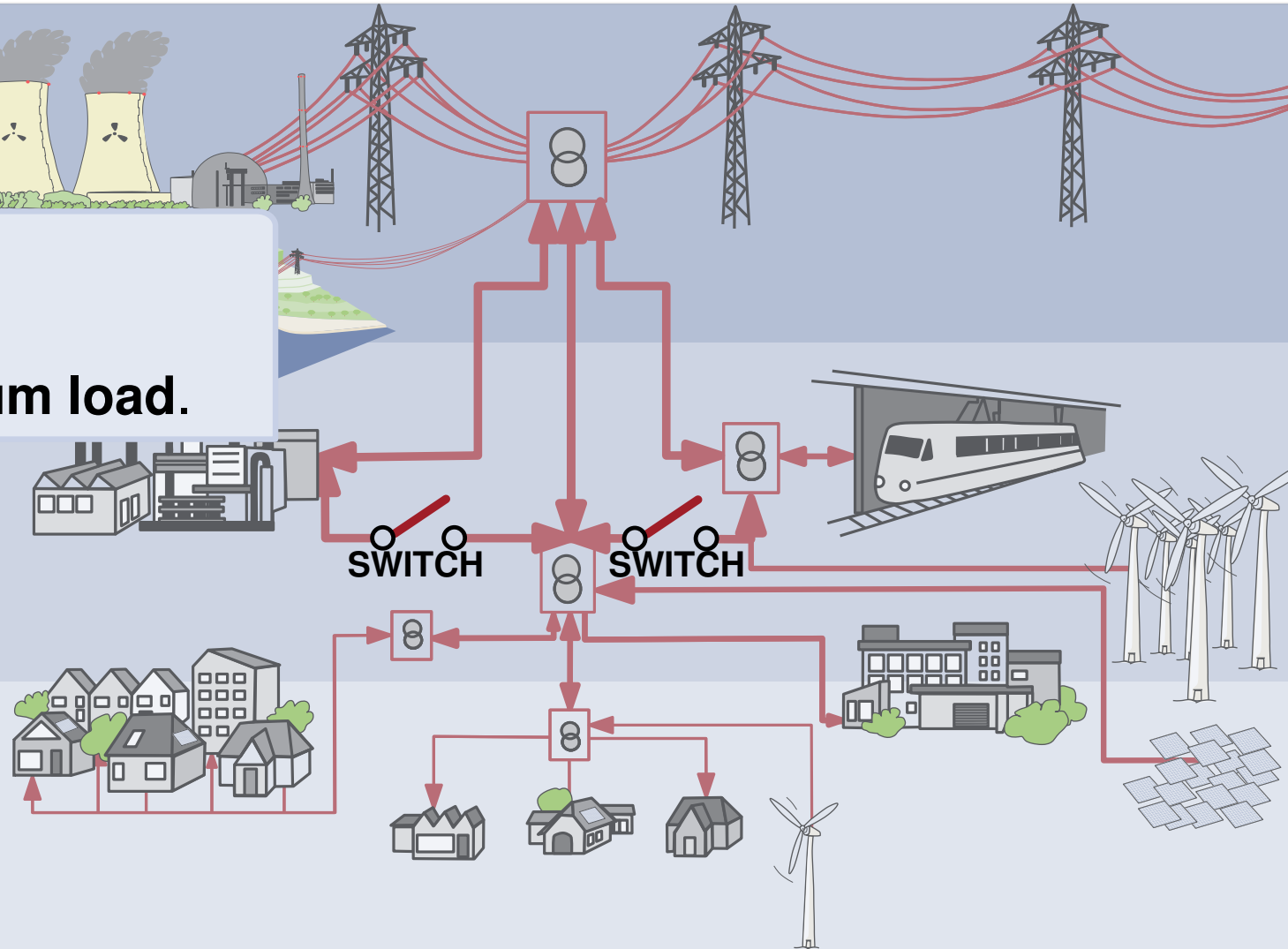
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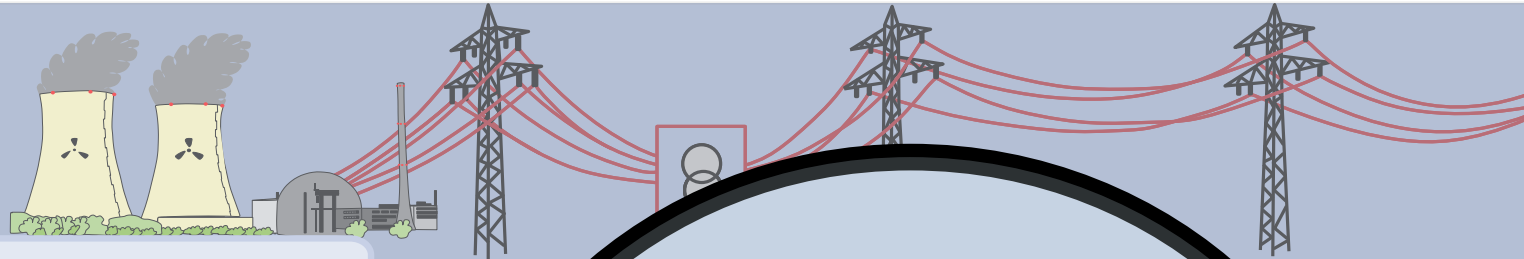
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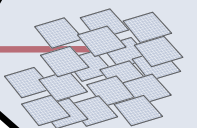
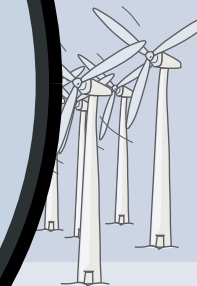
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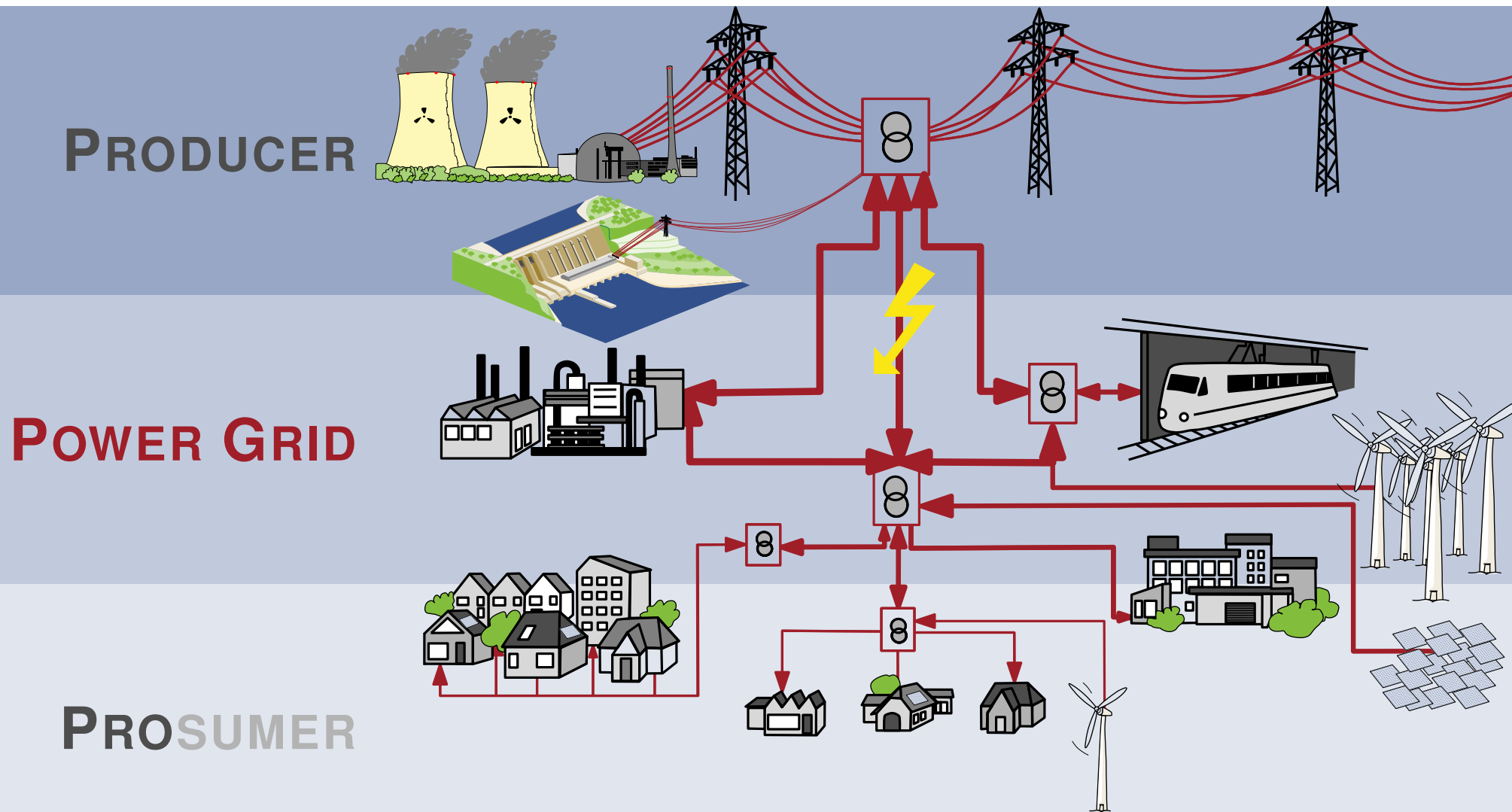


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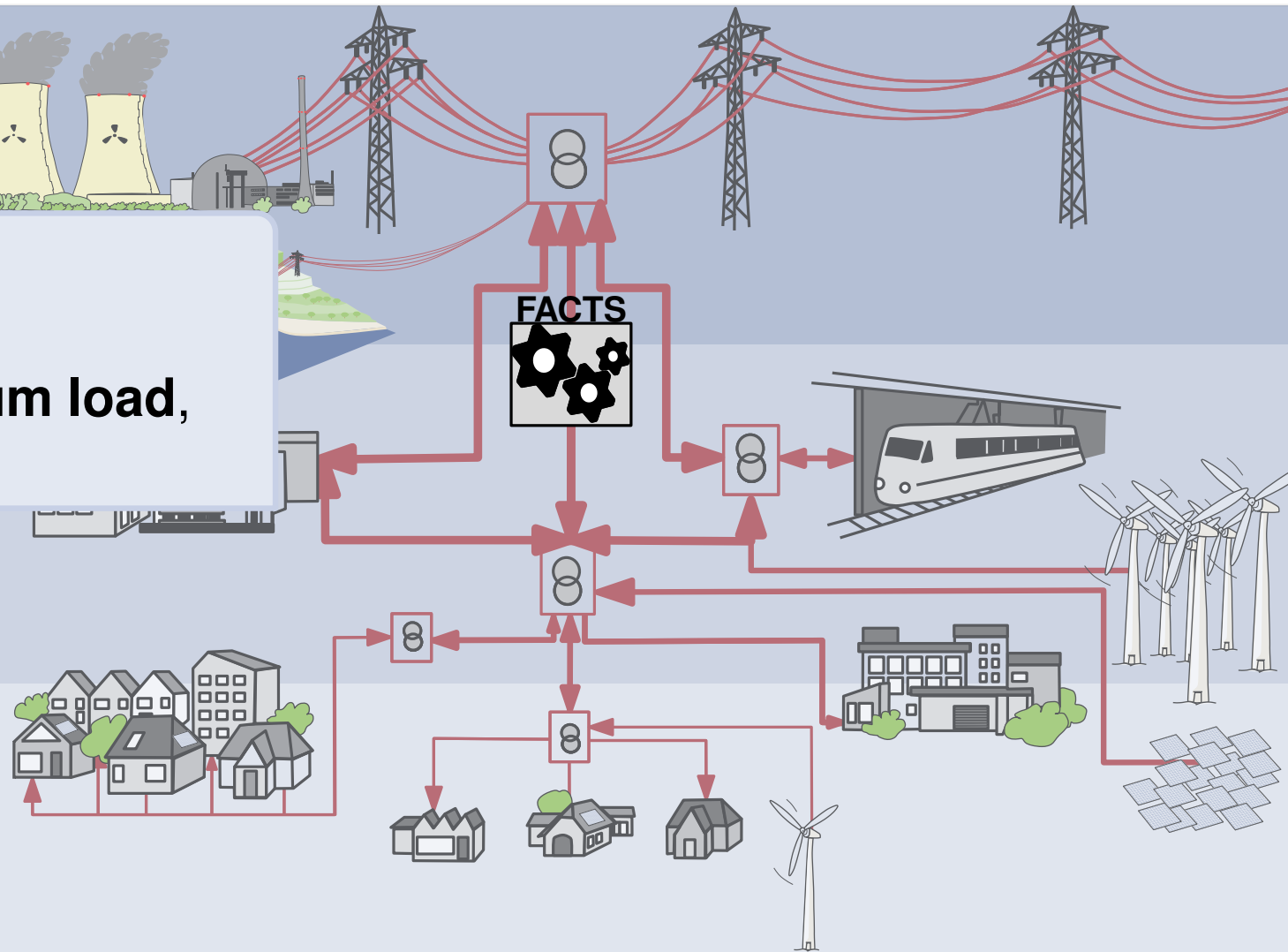
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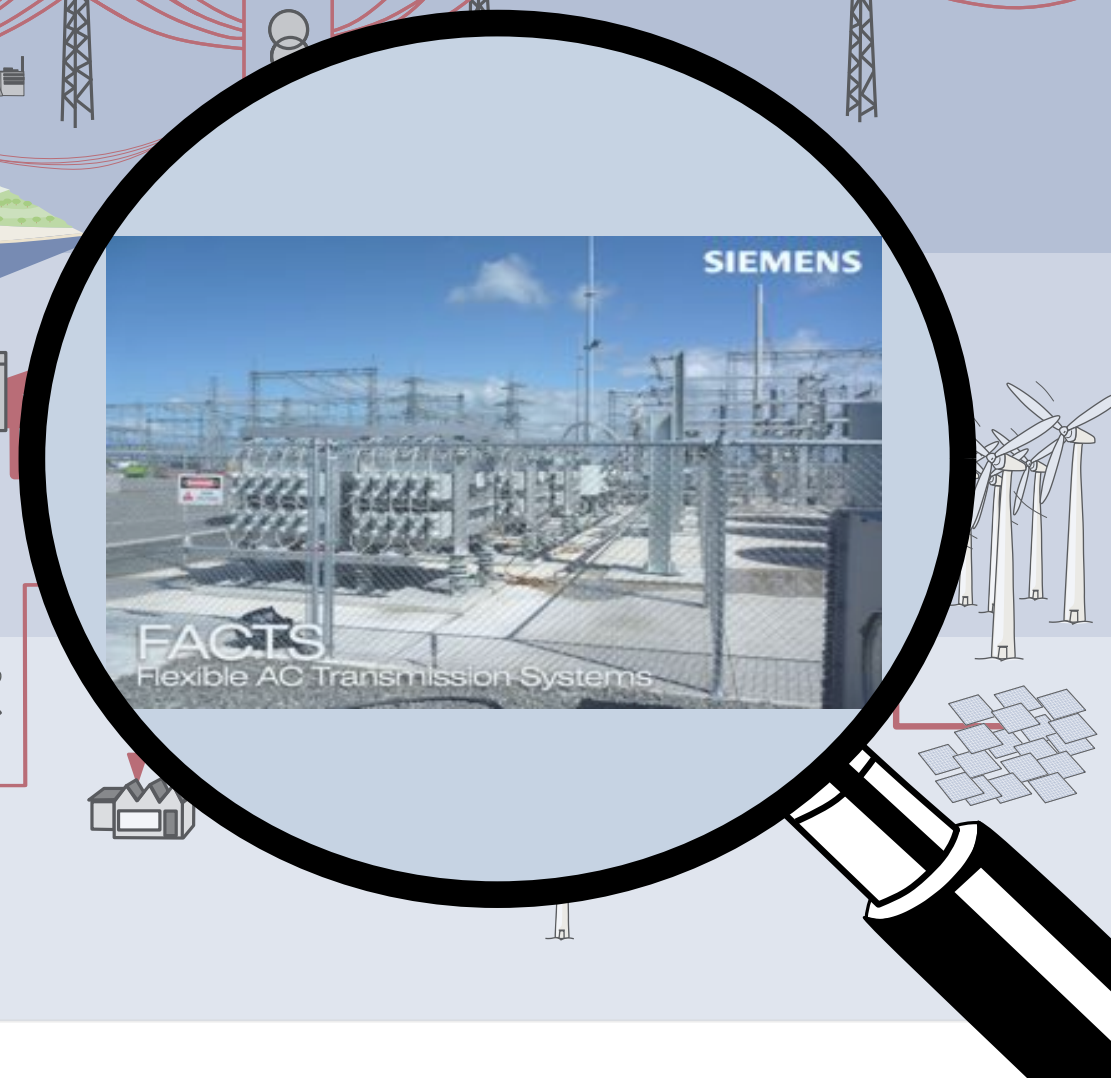
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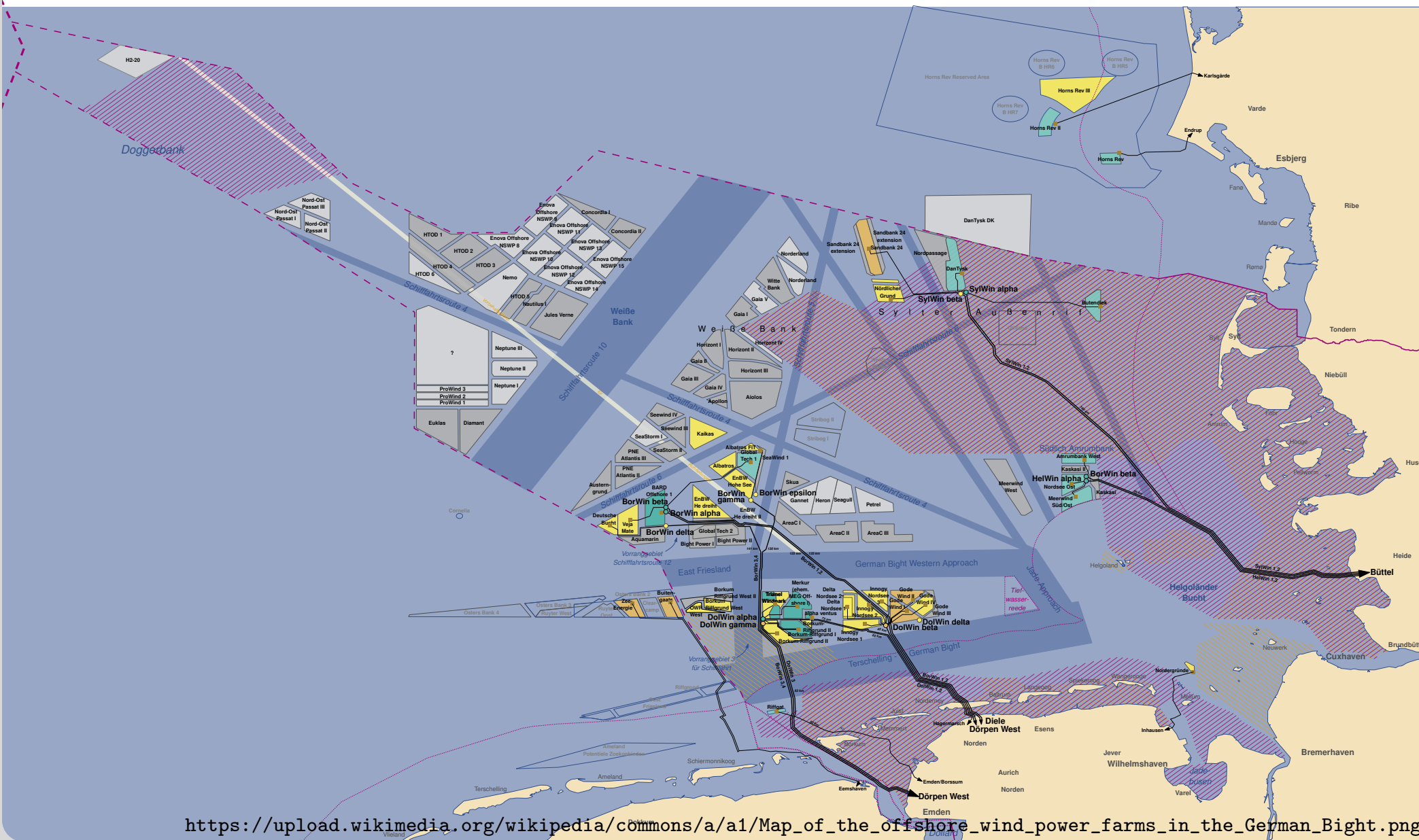
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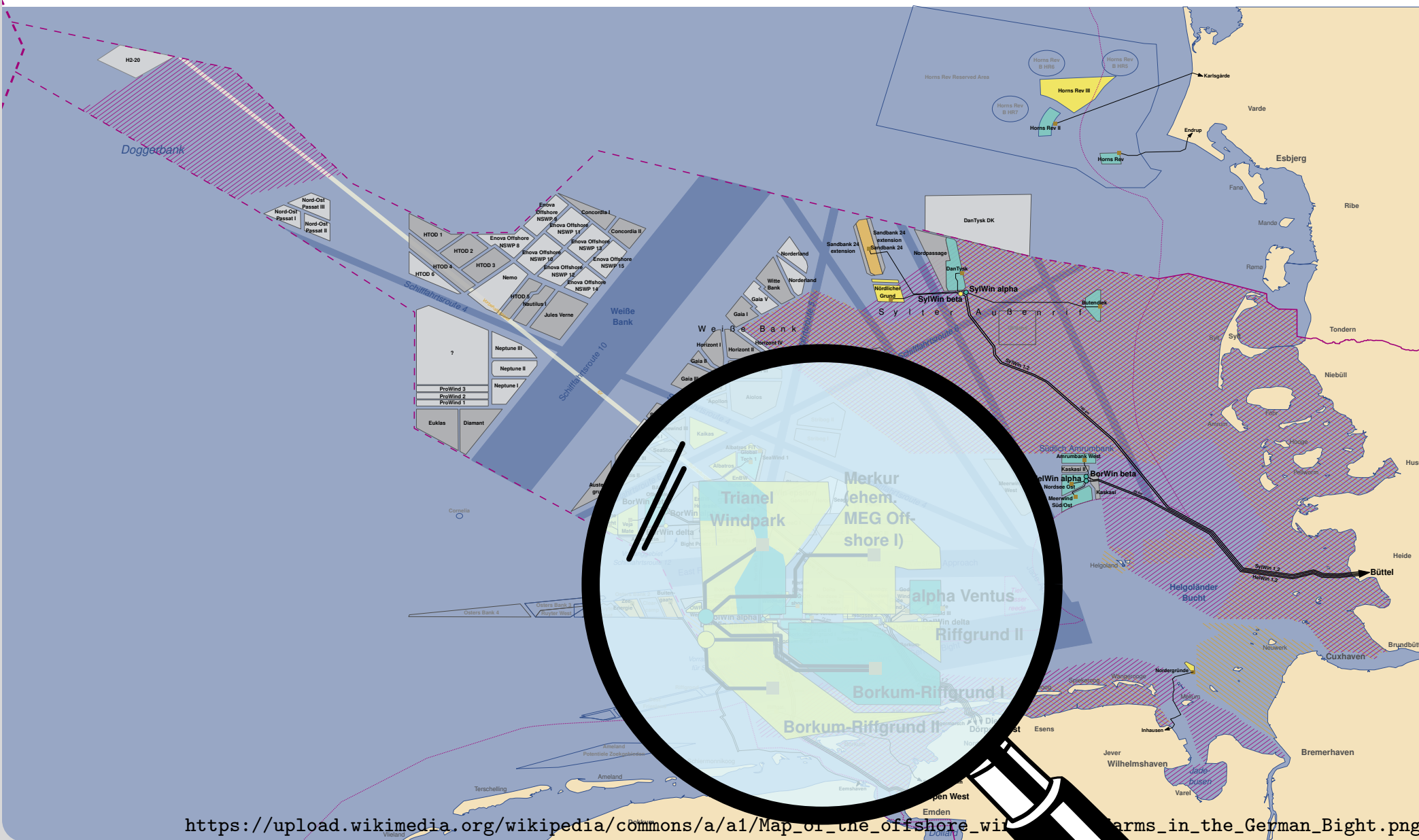


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- Increasingly distributed energy production
  - Independent power producers
  - Volatile power flows and flow directions
- ⇒ Operating the power grid gets more demanding

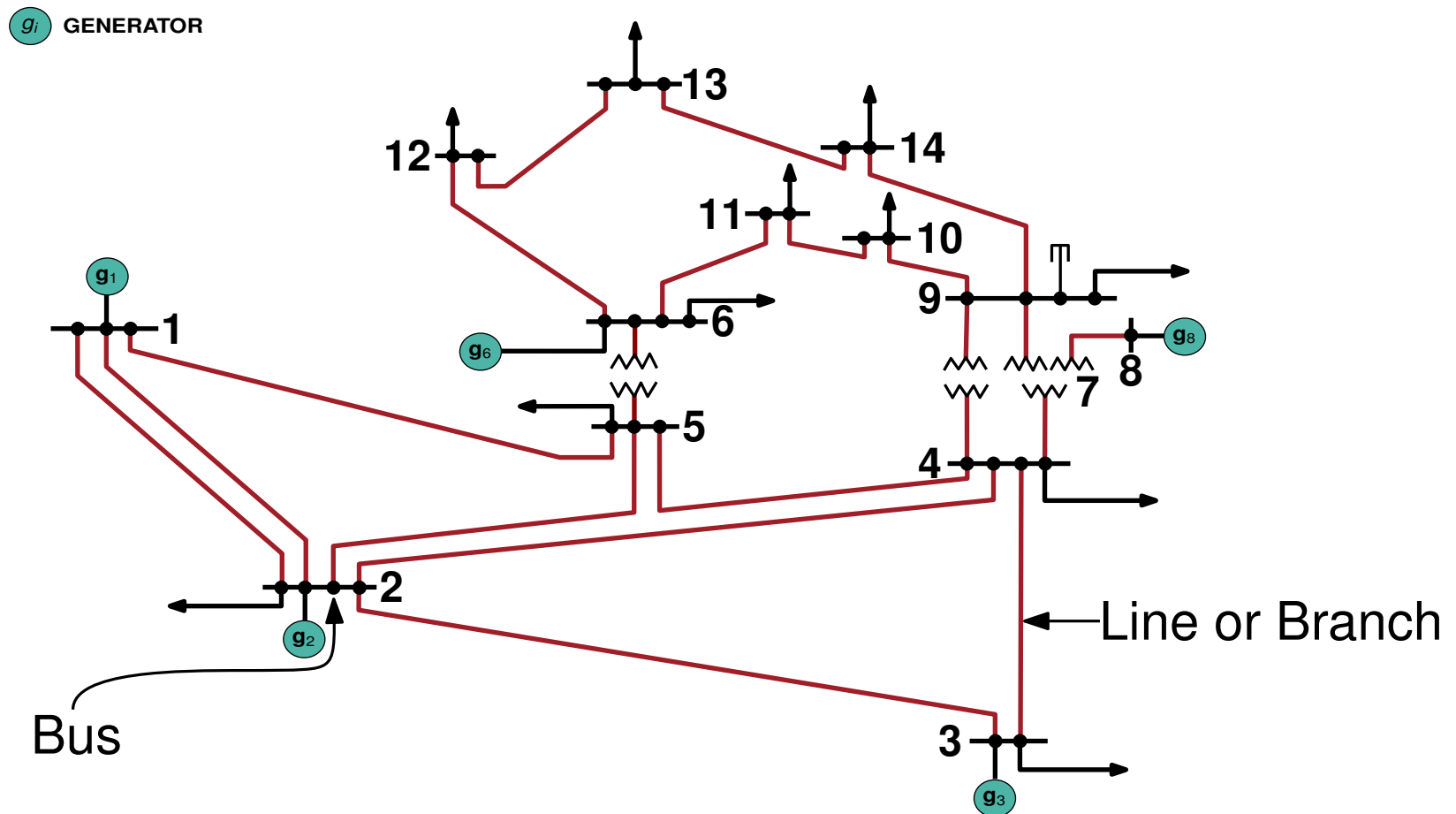
## Strategies to cope with the challenges

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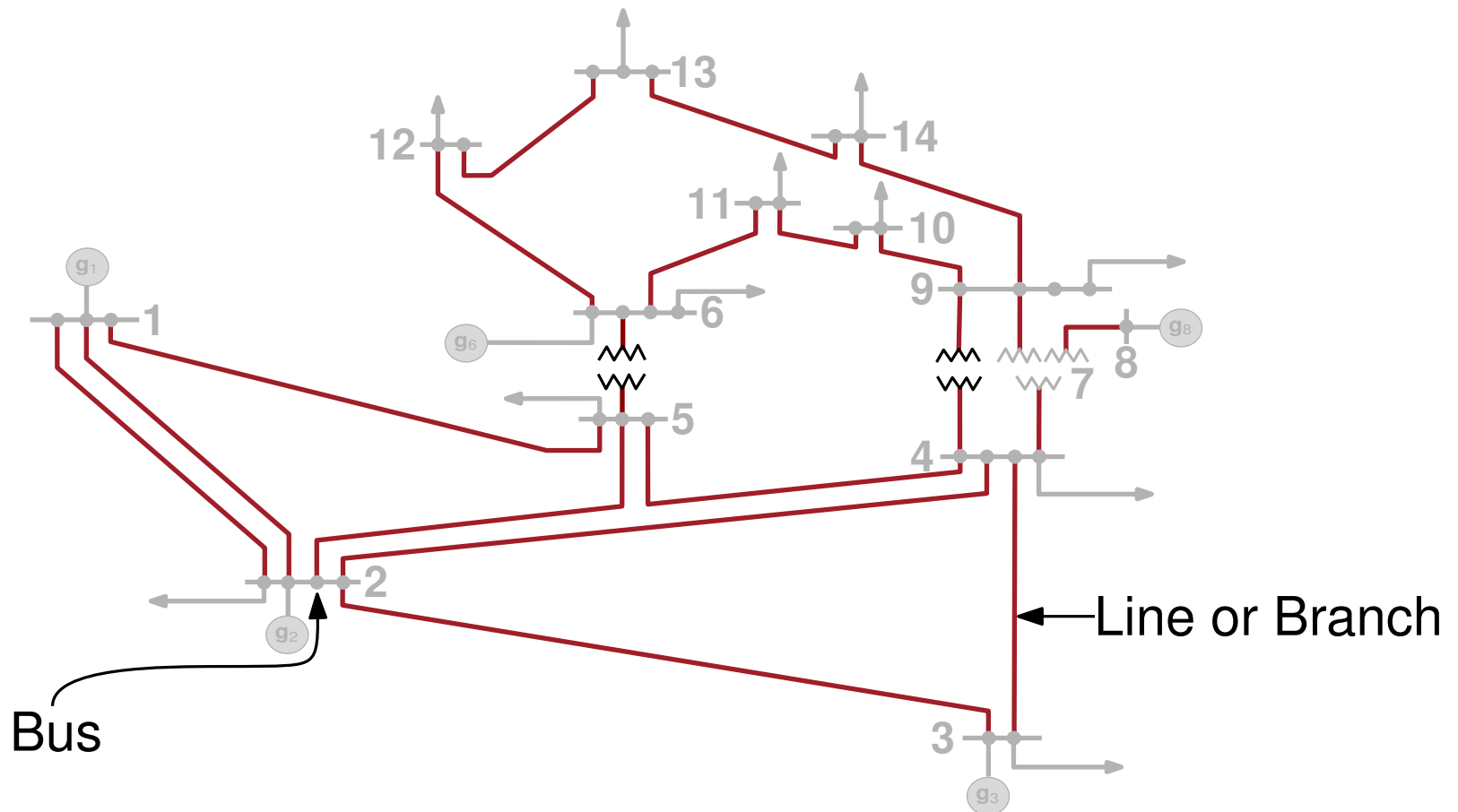


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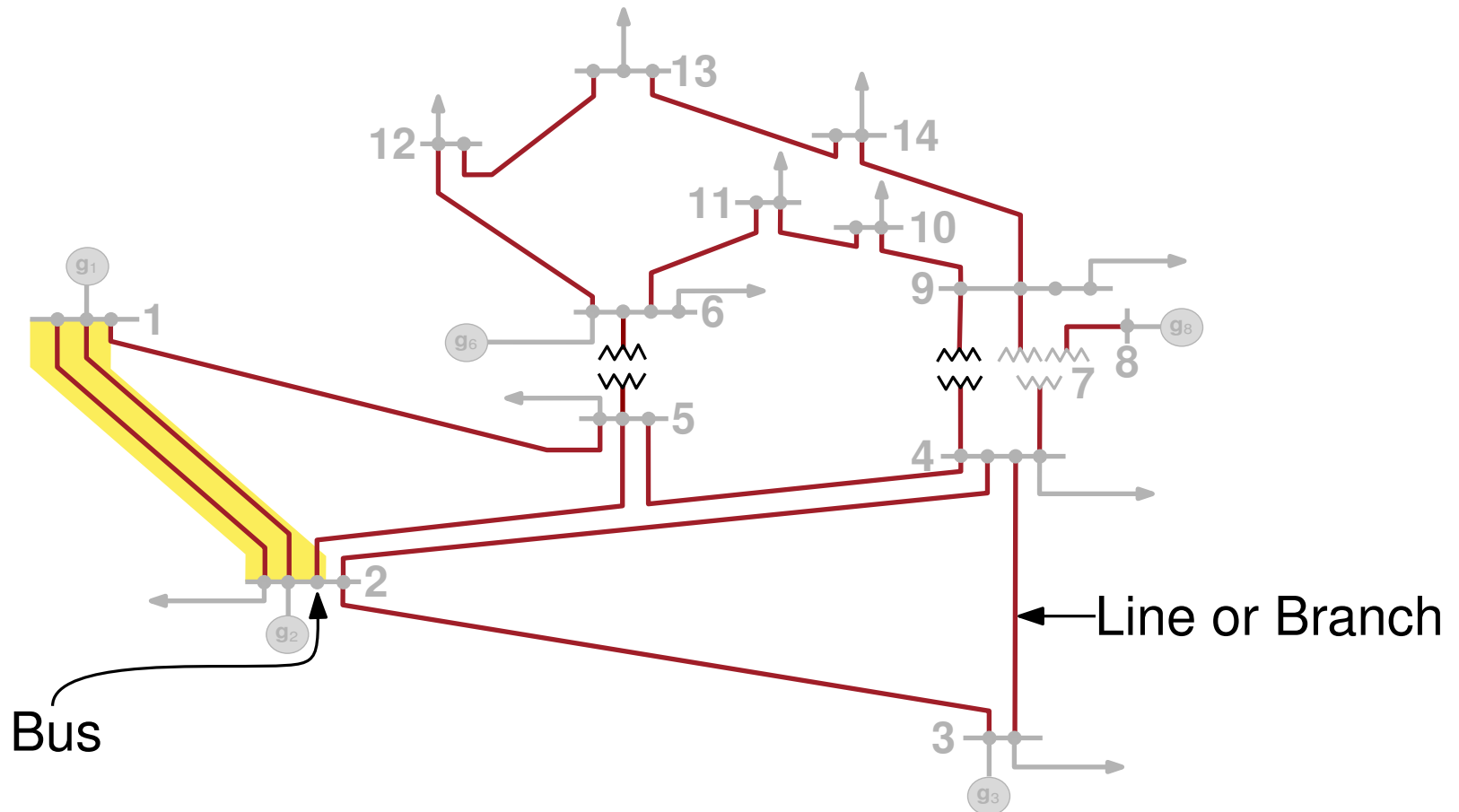
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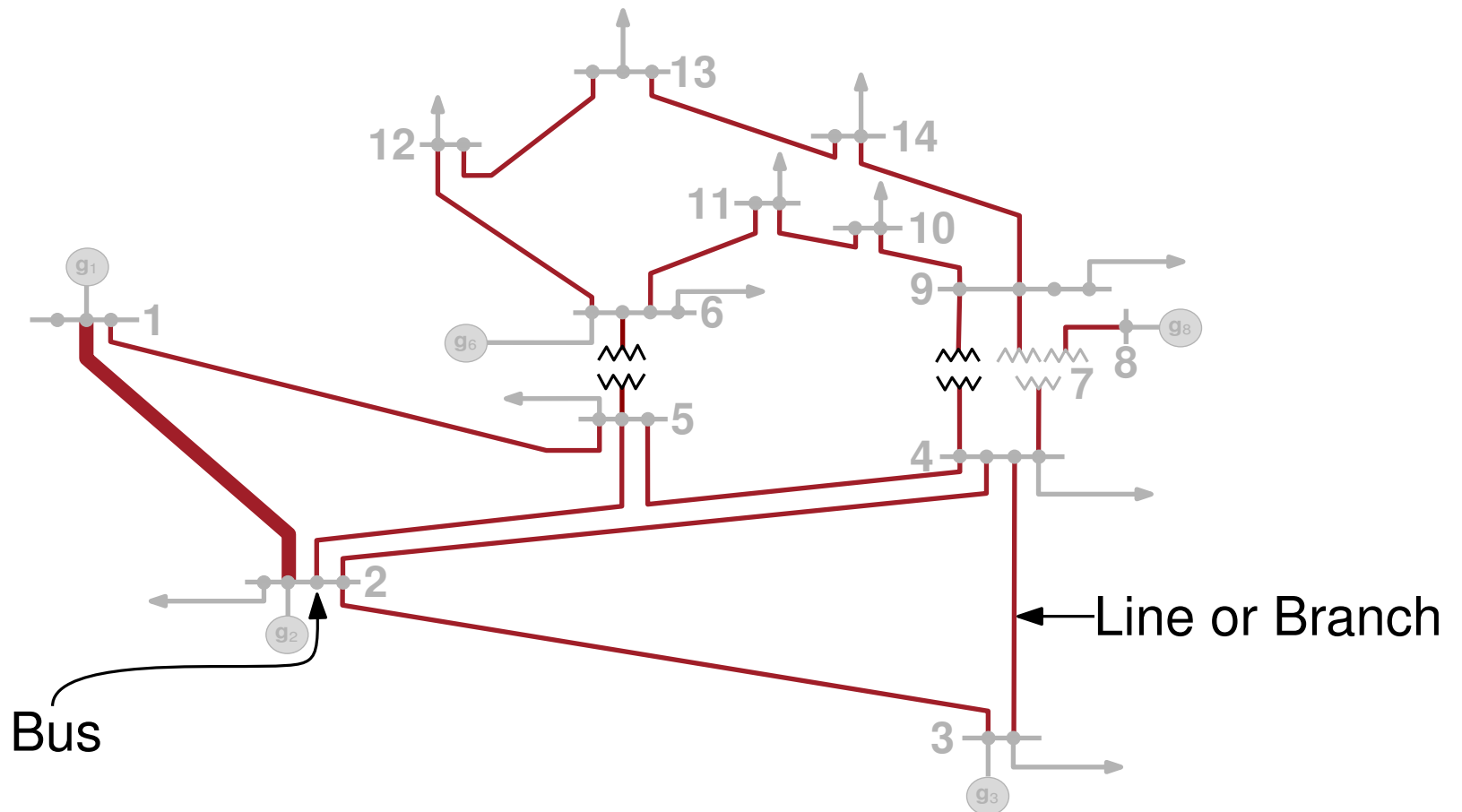


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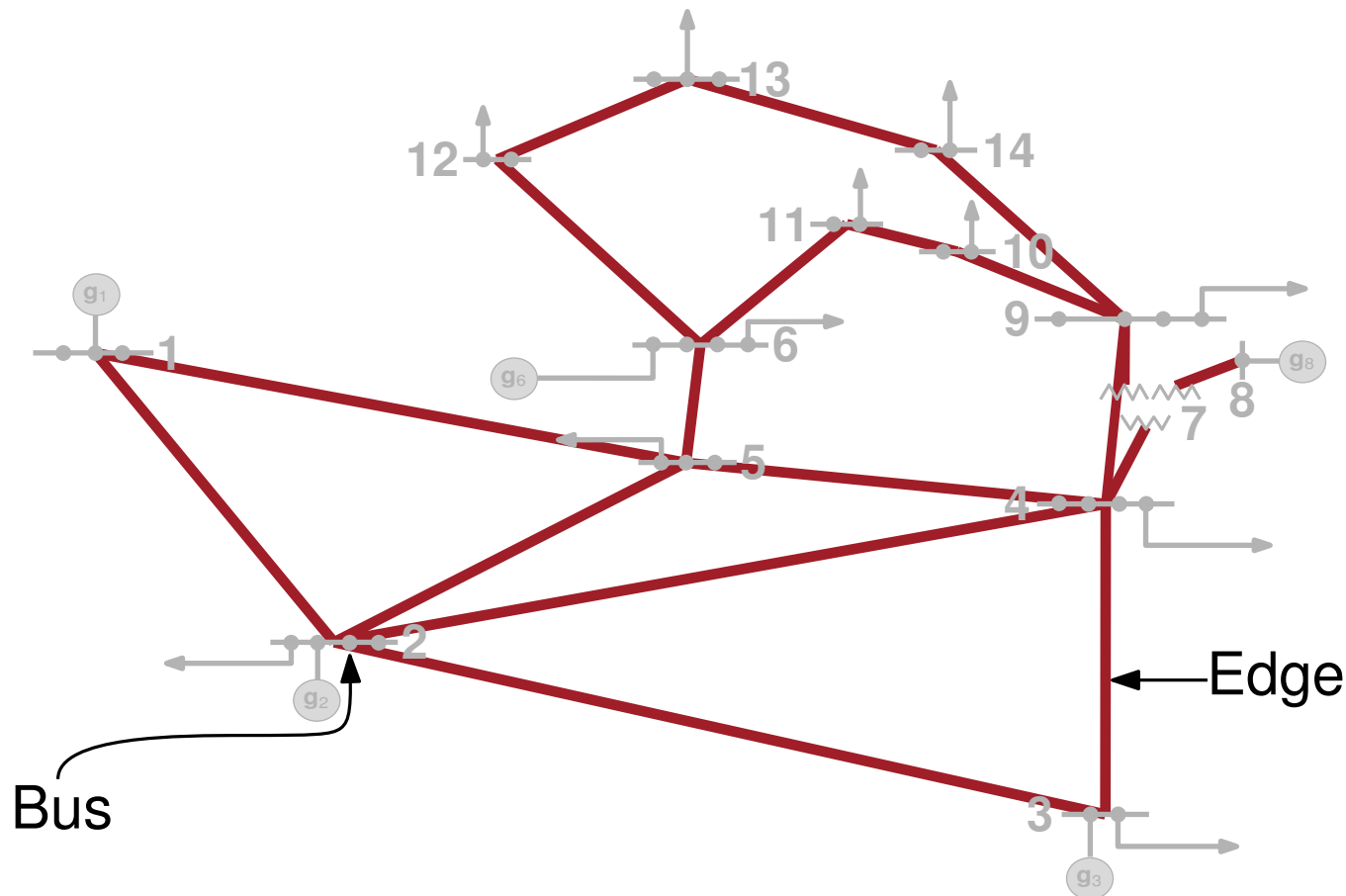


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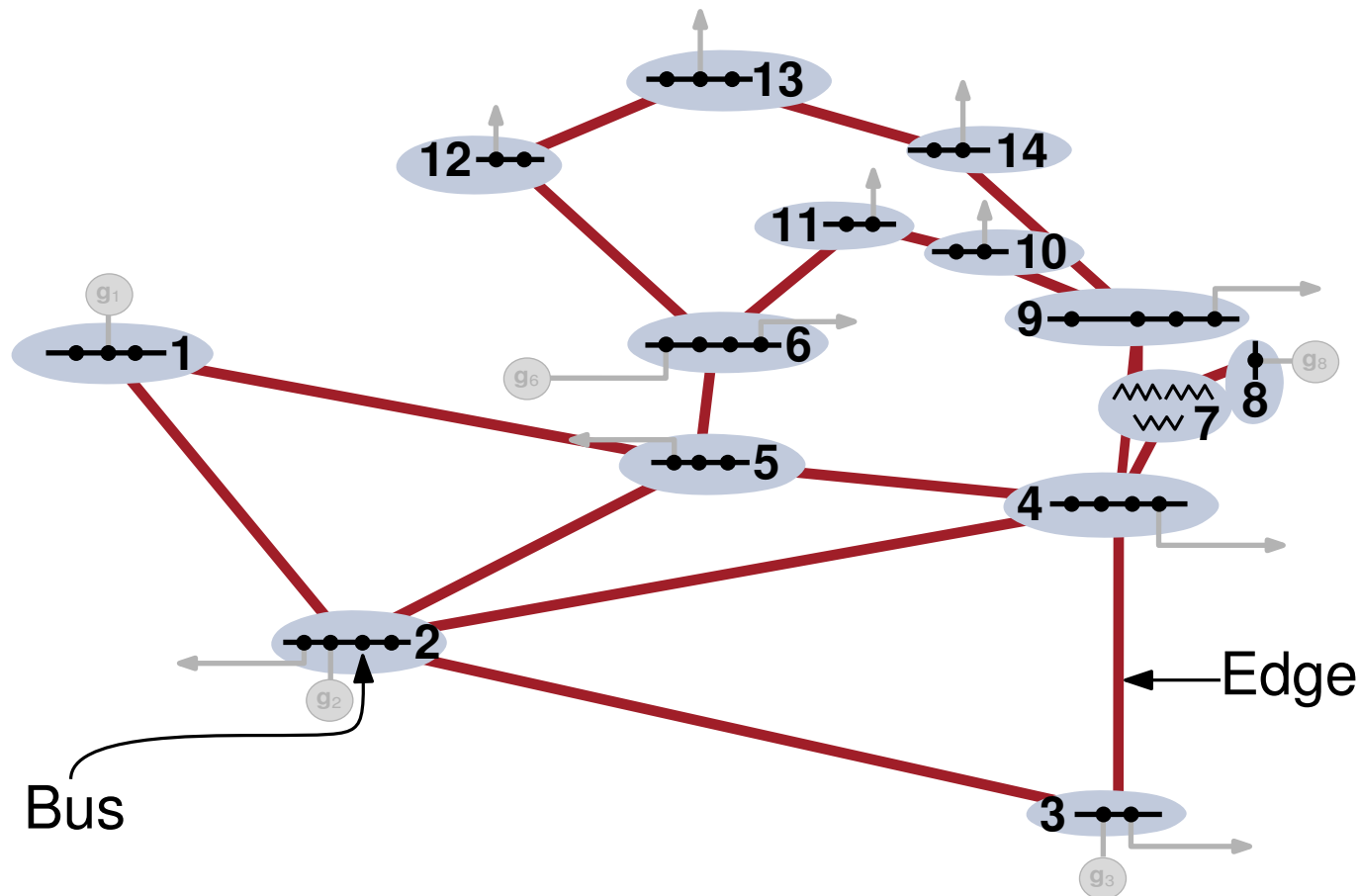


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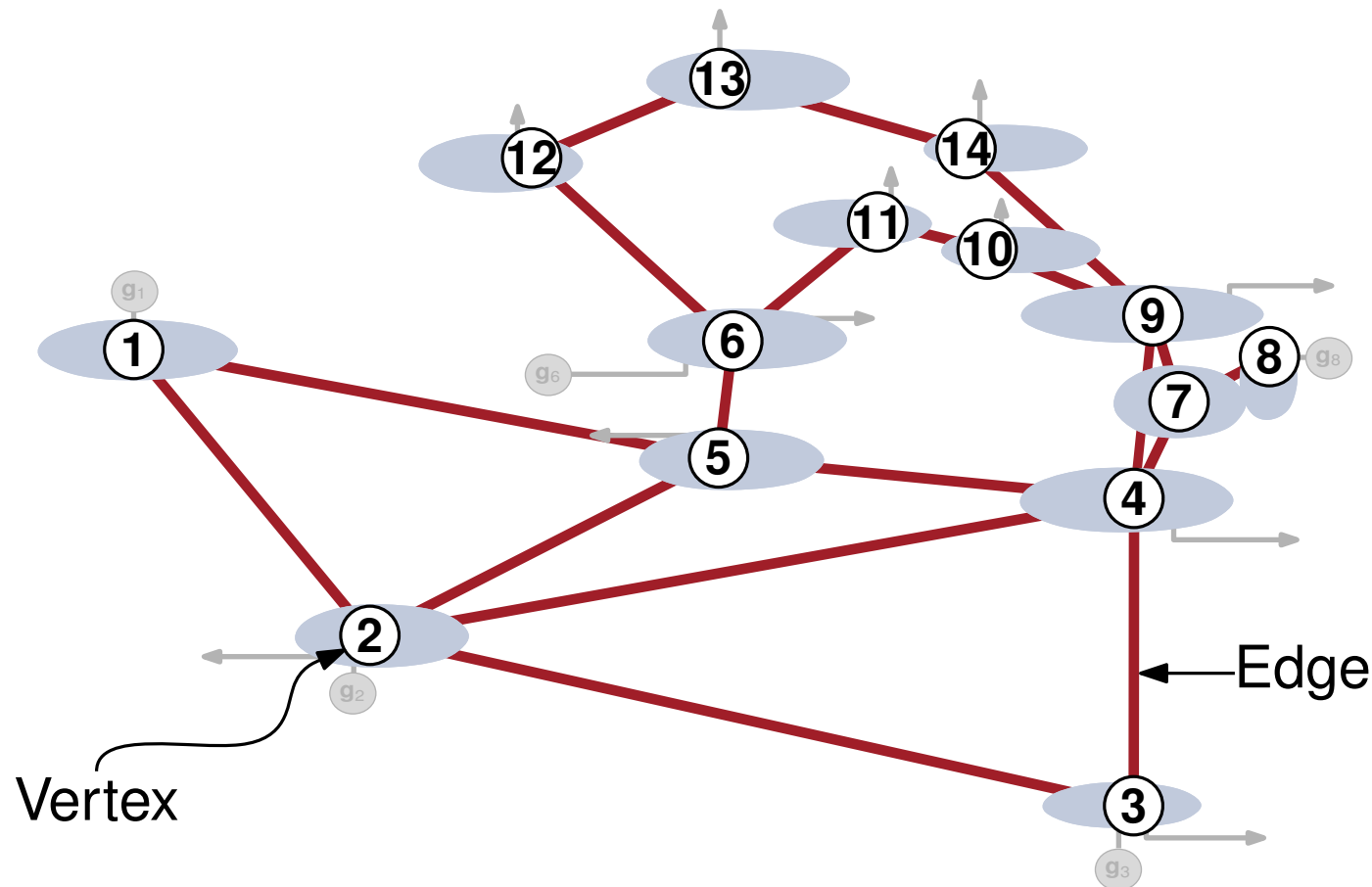


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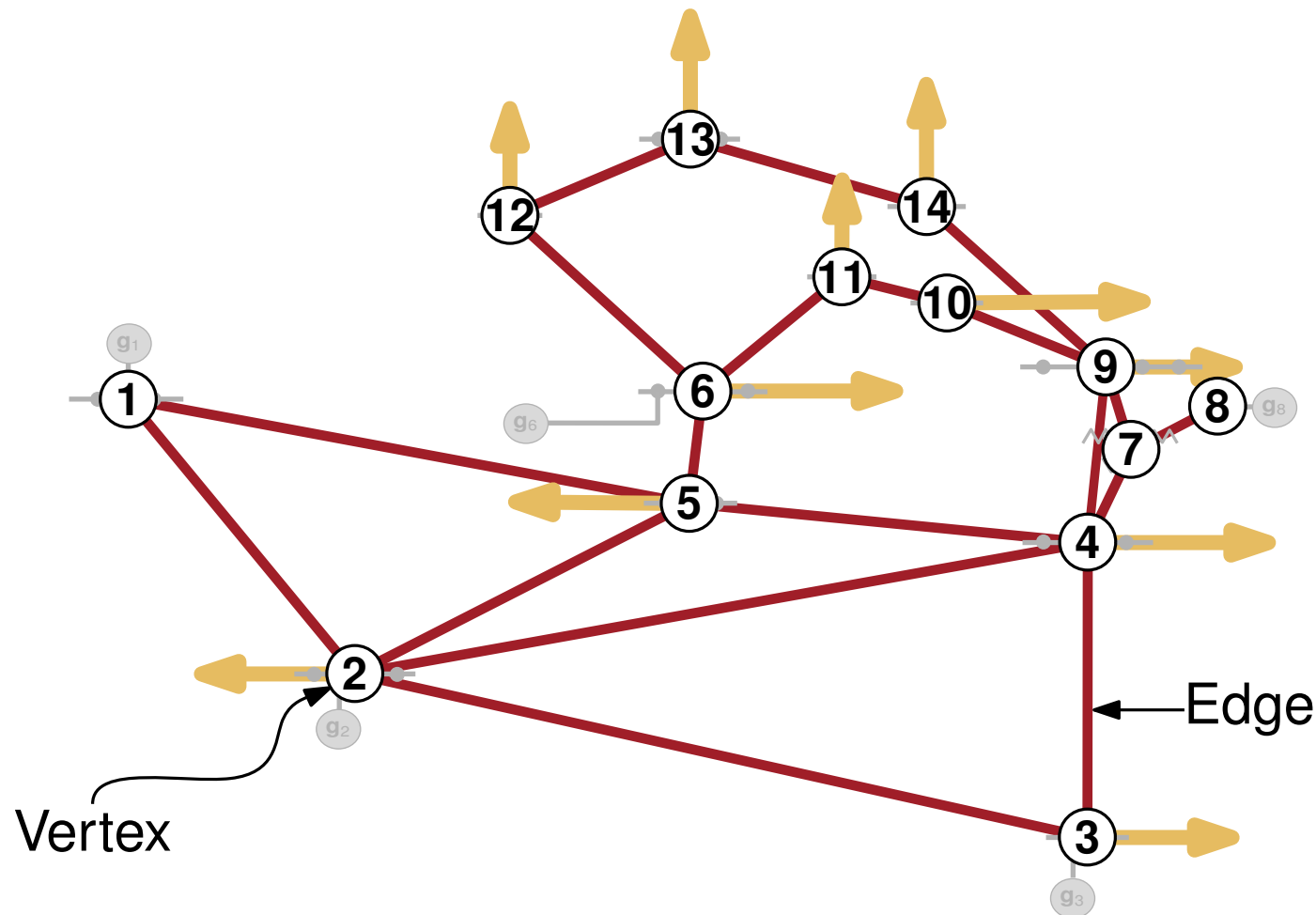


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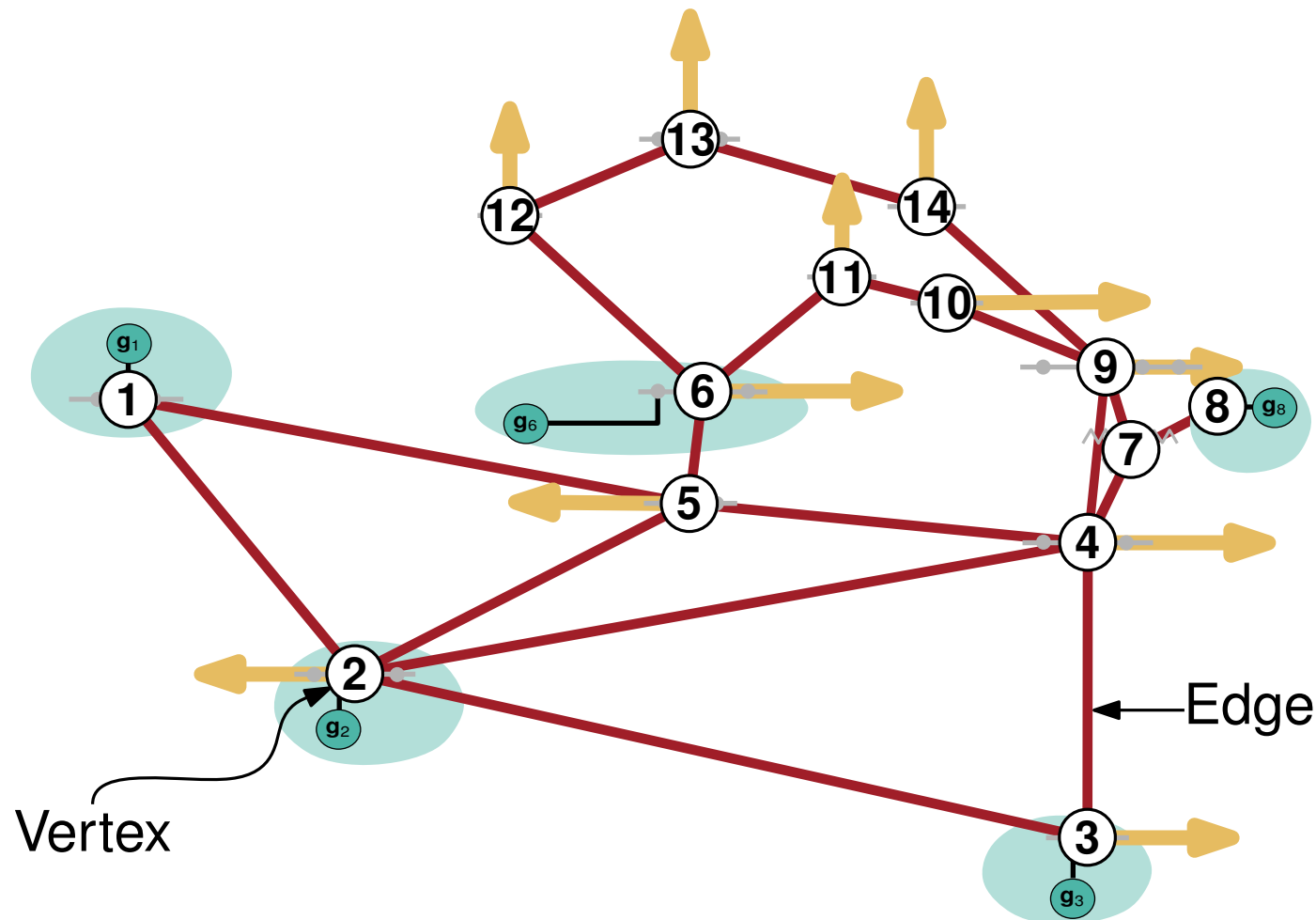


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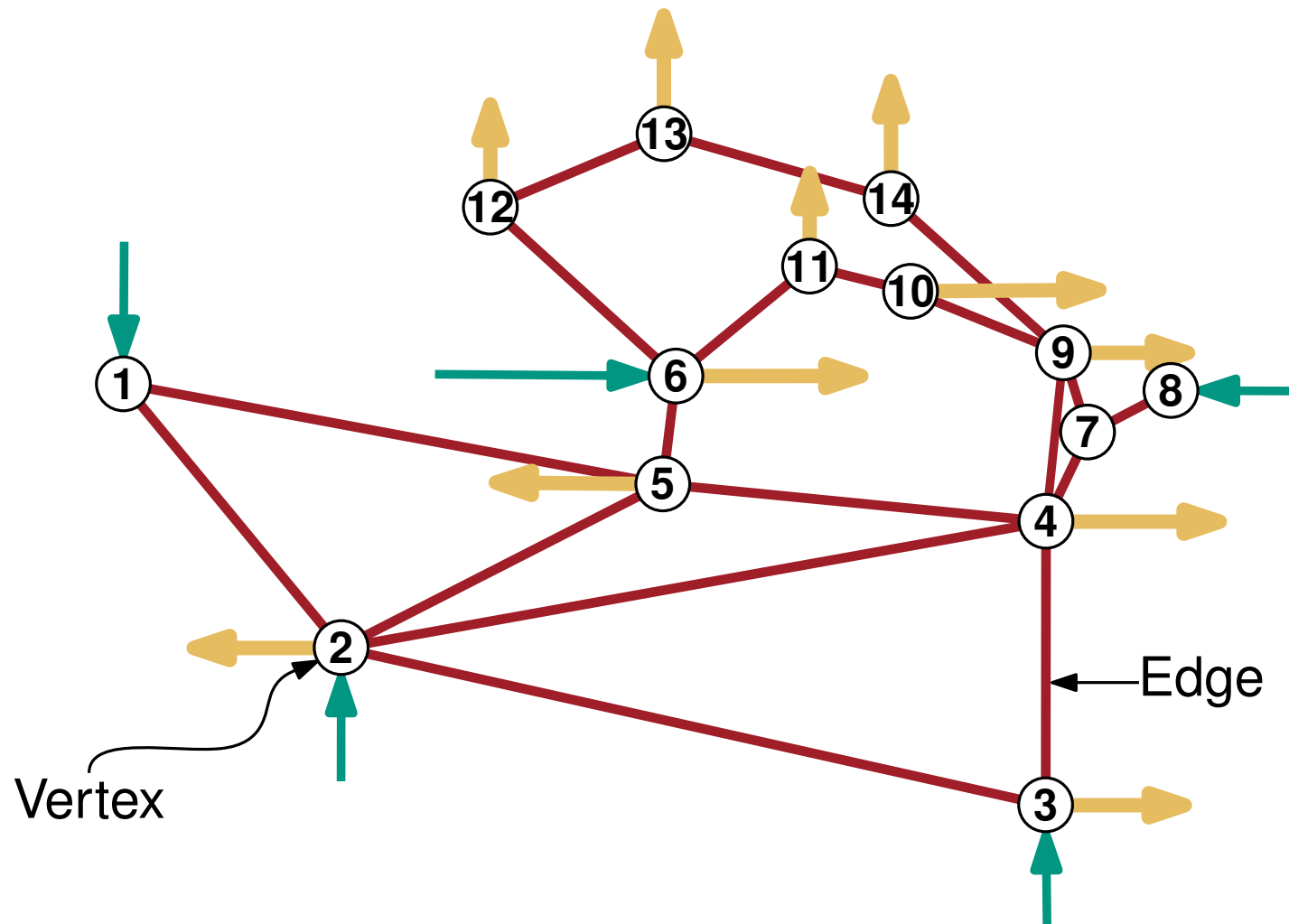


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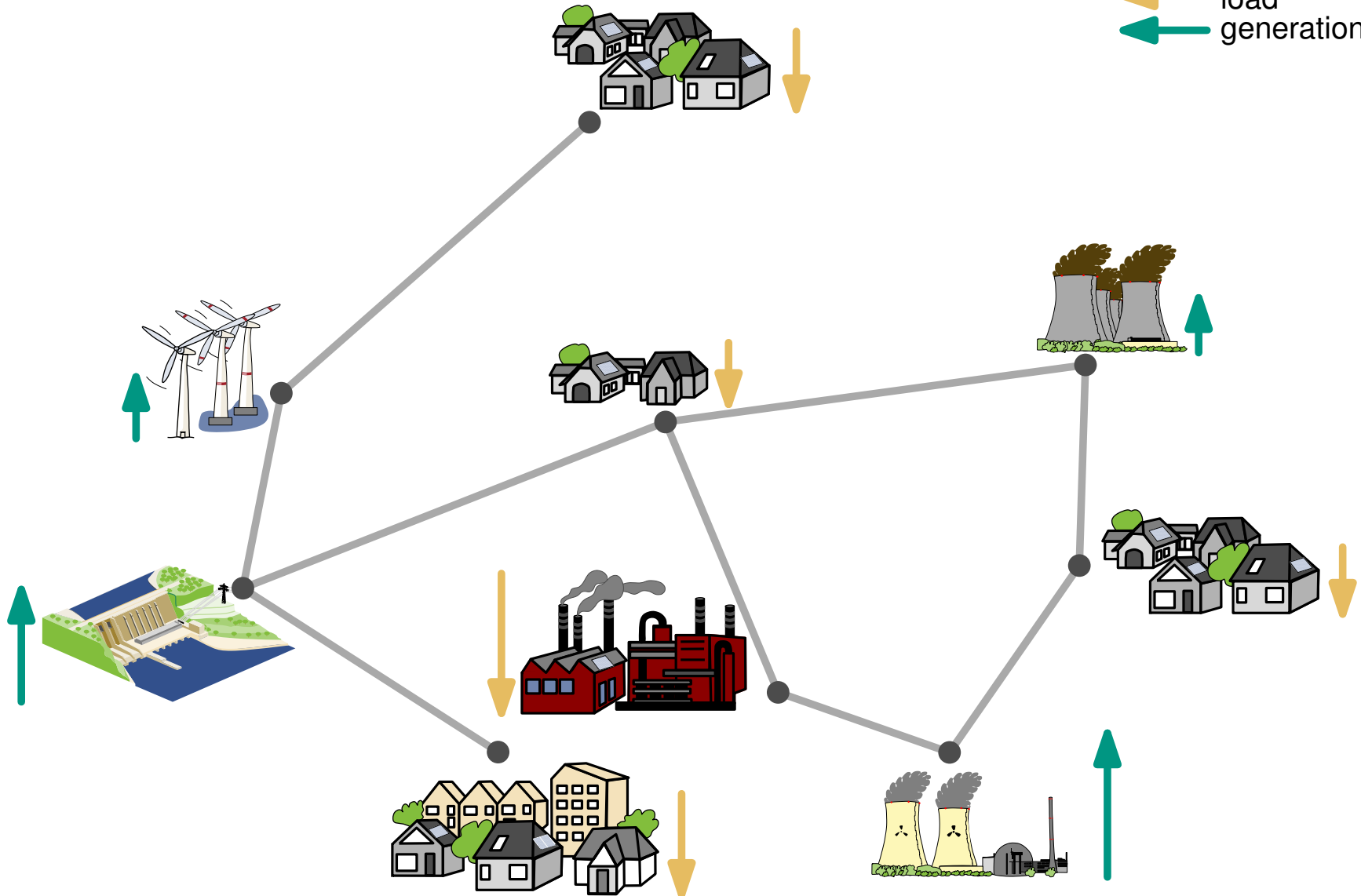


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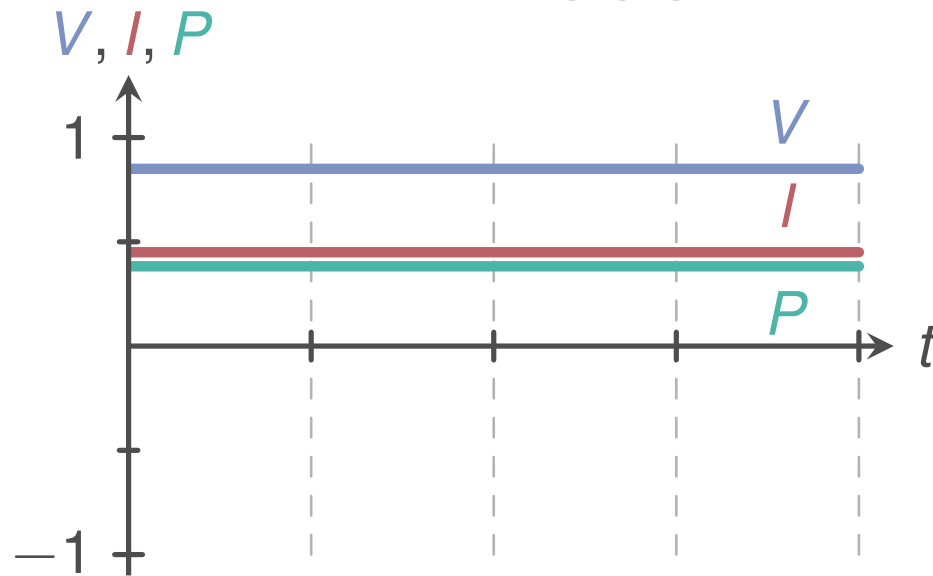
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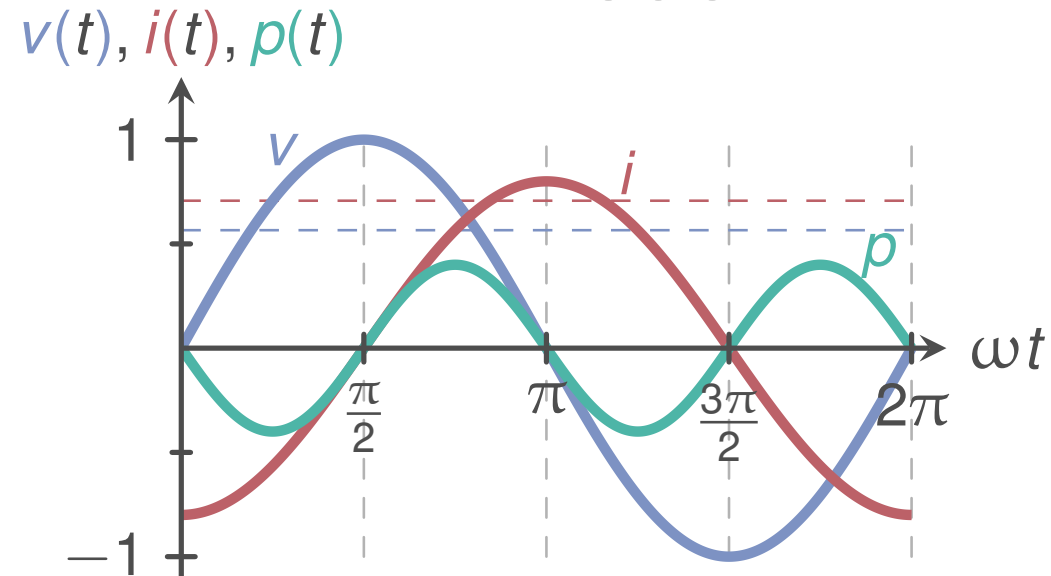
# AC vs. DC Conservation of Flow

## DC model











- Same polarity
- Linear
- Convex
- Most digital devices use DC
- Allows the connection of different AC systems

## AC model



- Periodically changing polarity
- Complex
- Non-convex
- Most homes are wired for AC
- AC voltage levels conversion easier  $\Rightarrow$  easier to distribute

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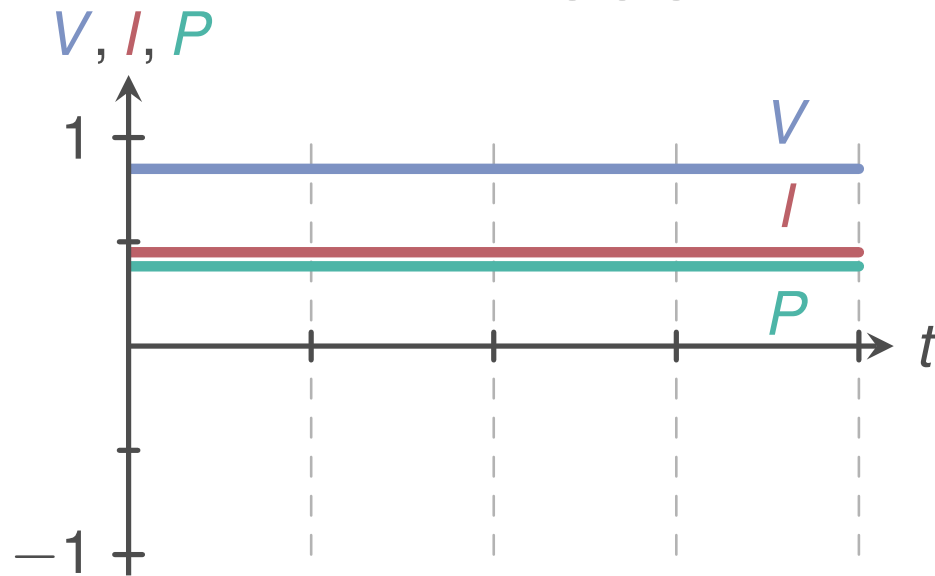
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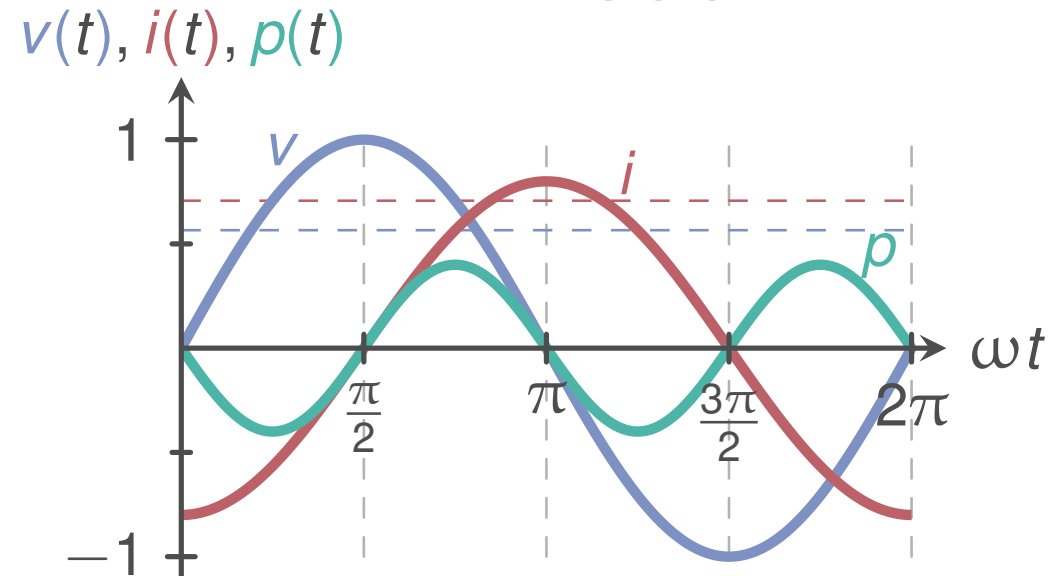
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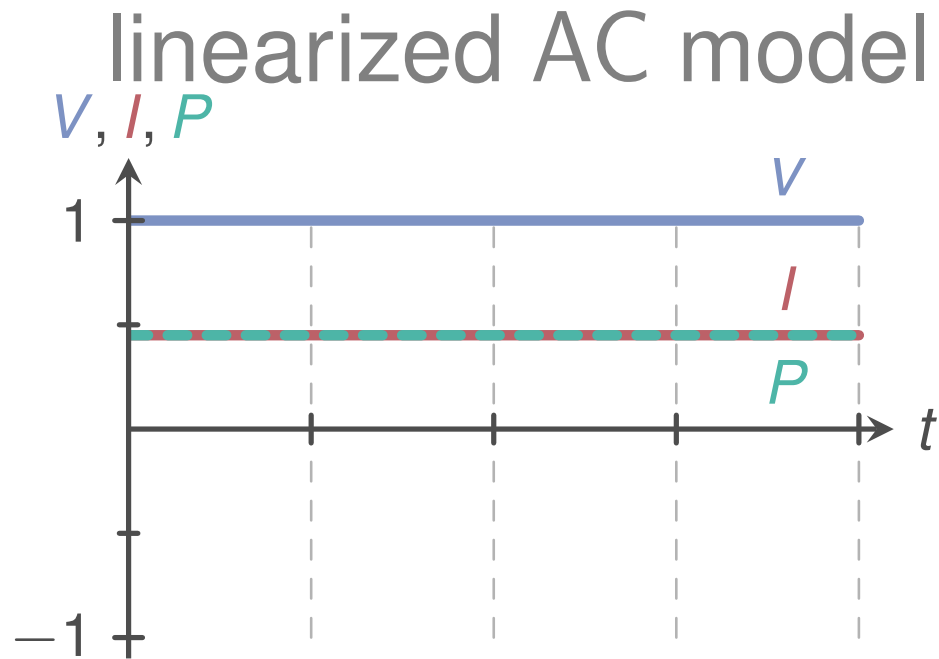


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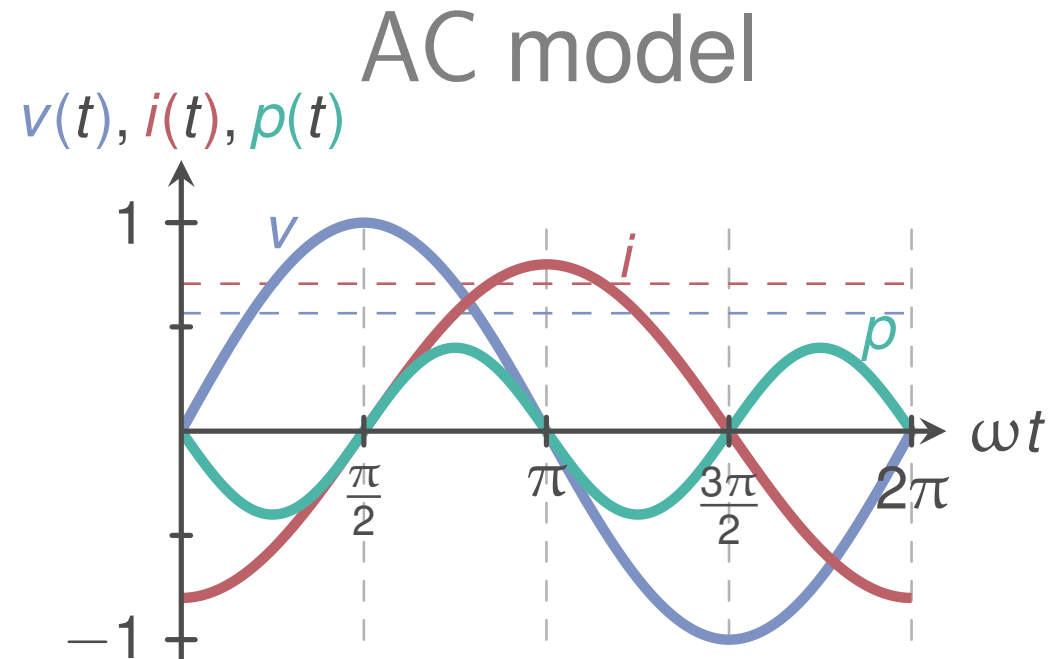


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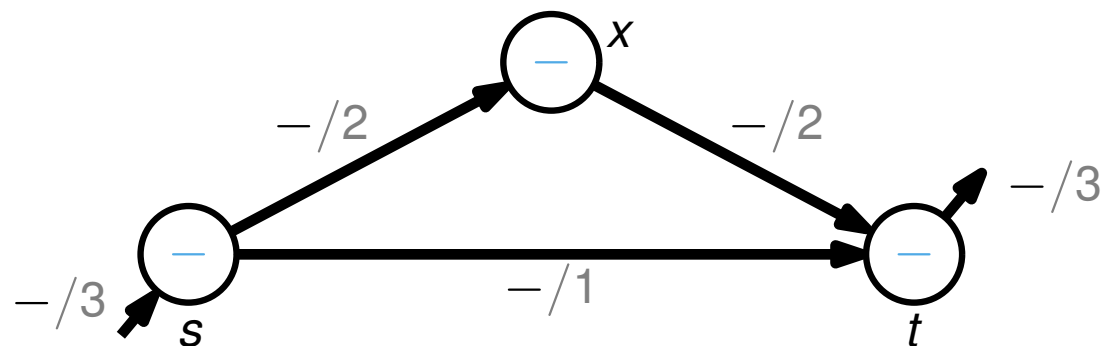


- Normalization of the system
- Neglect of resistance, reactive power and other elements
- Linear equation system

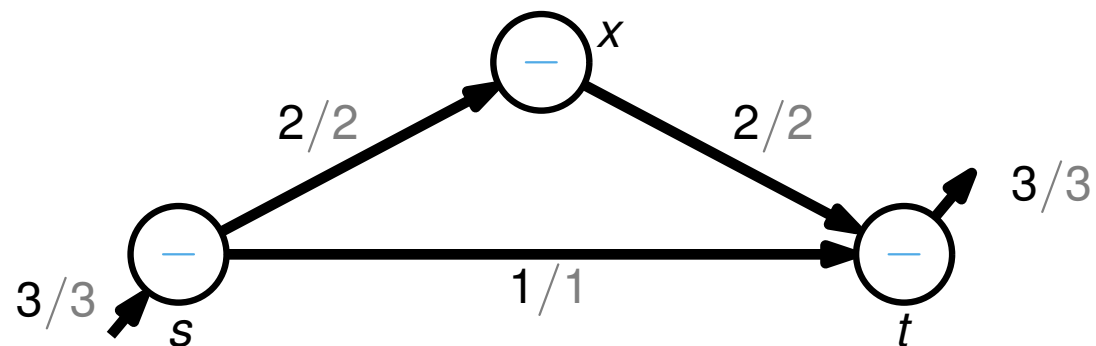


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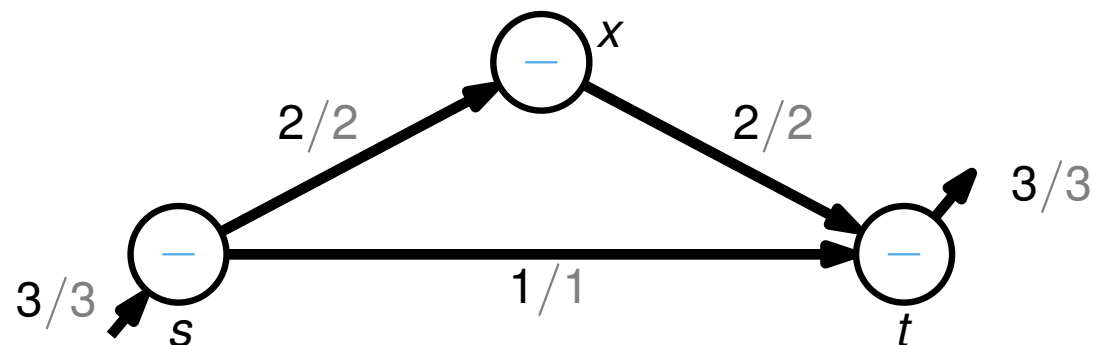
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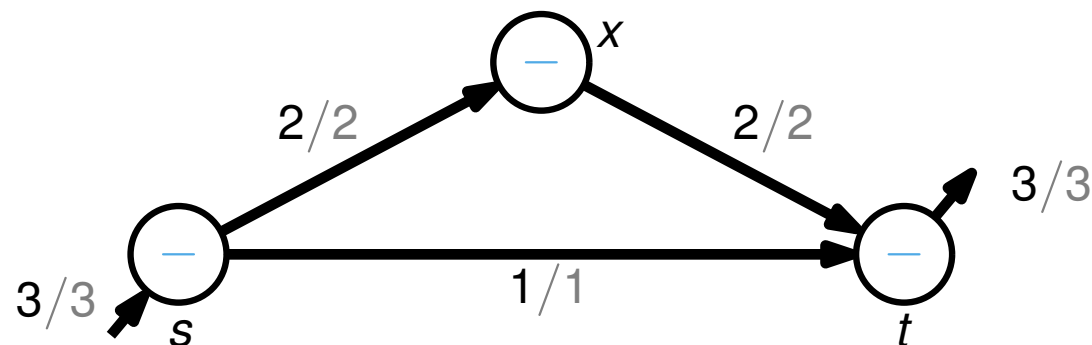
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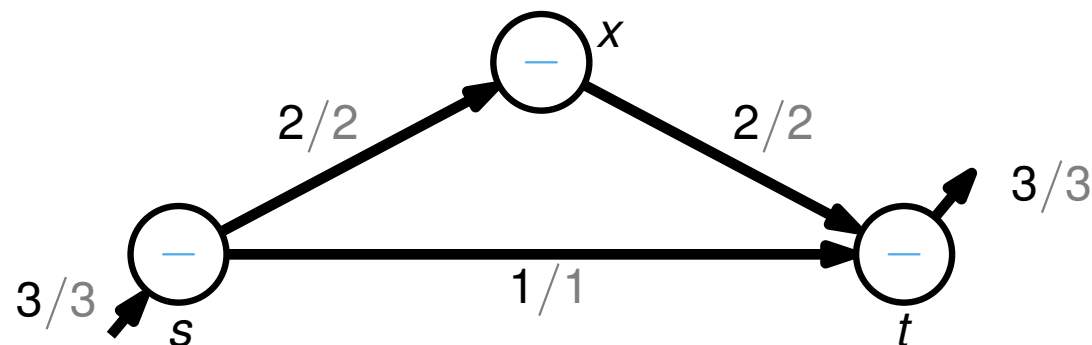
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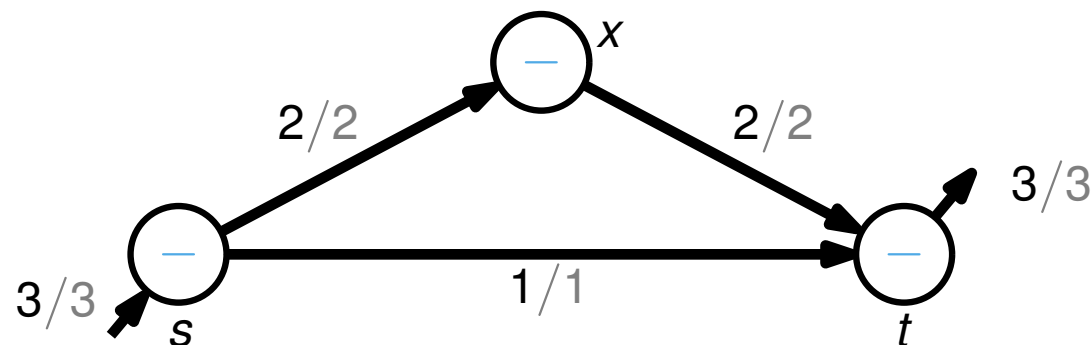


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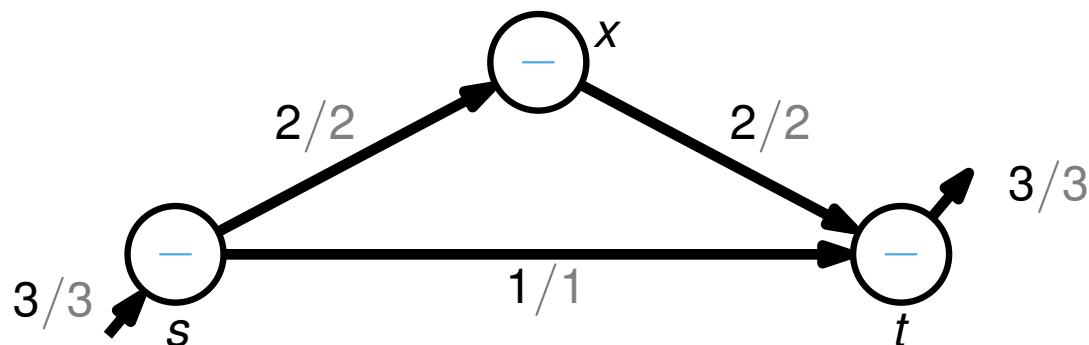
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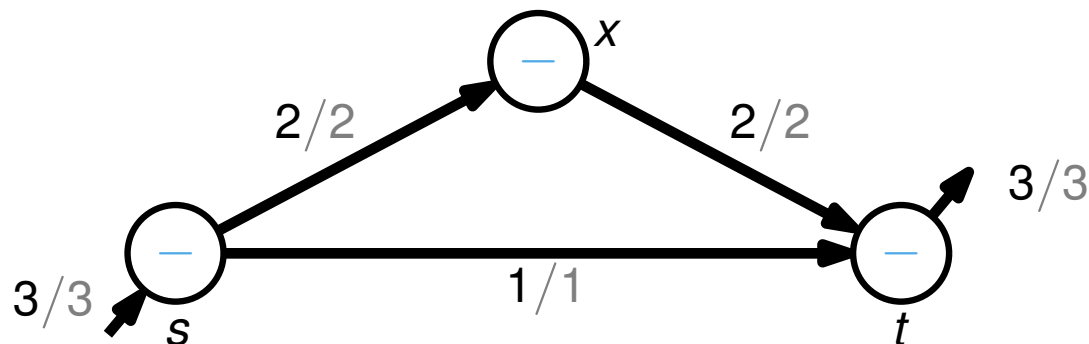
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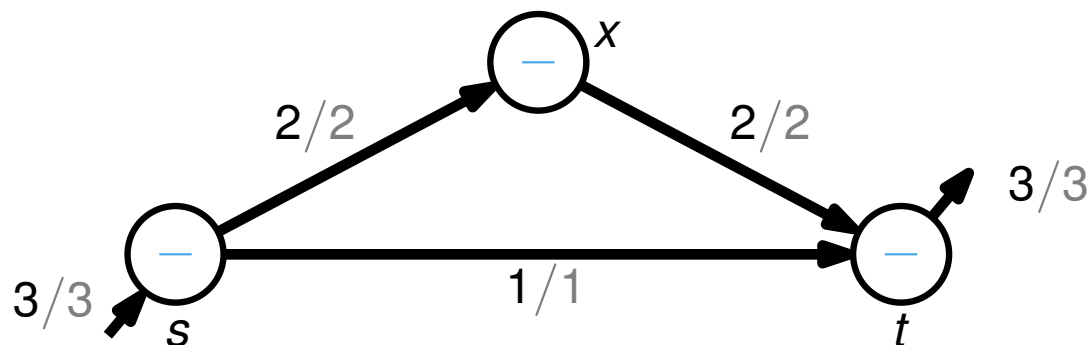
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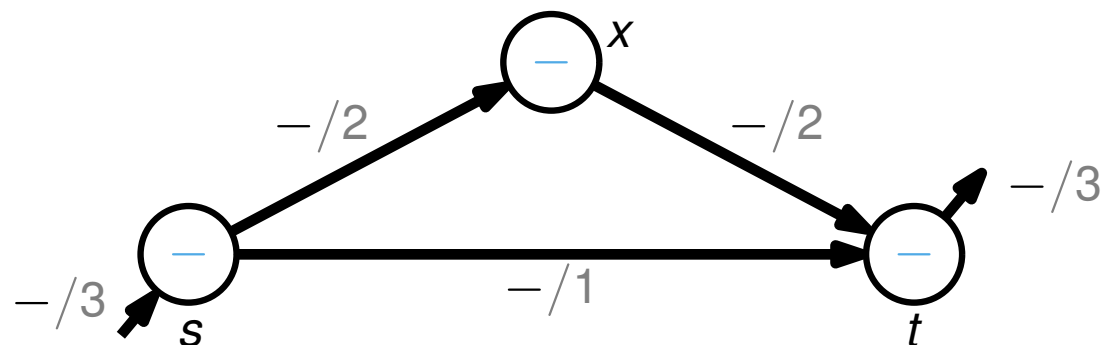


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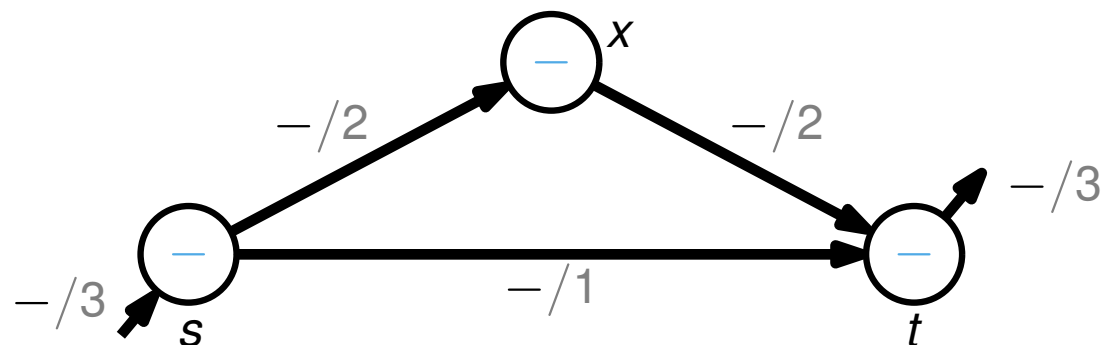


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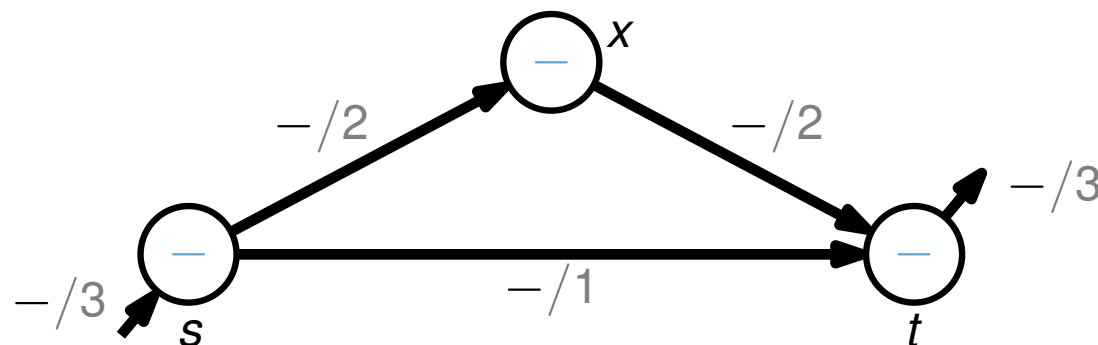


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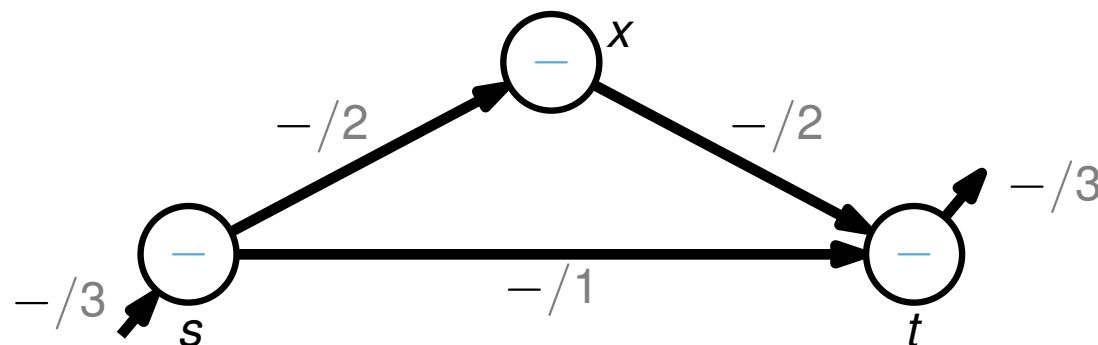
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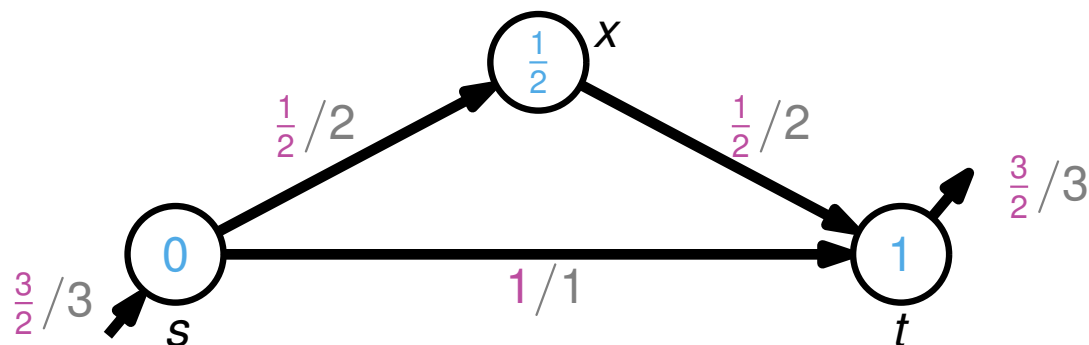
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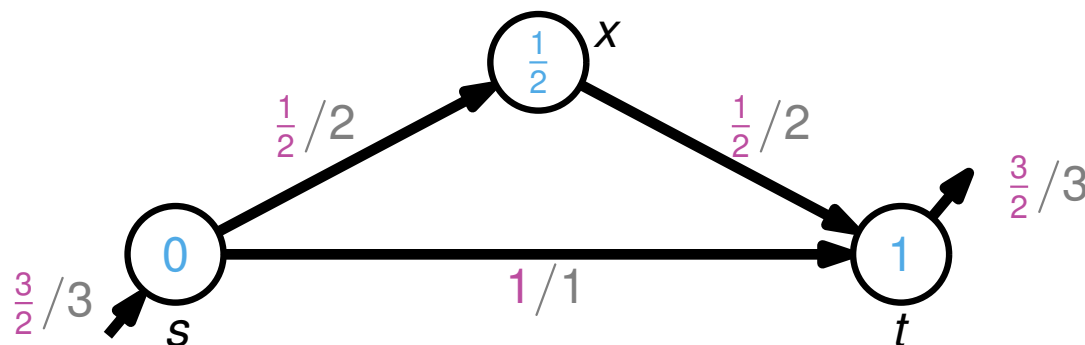
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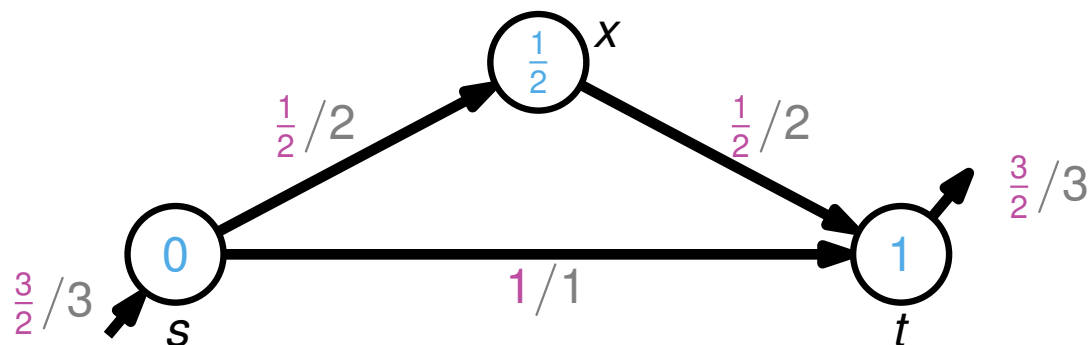
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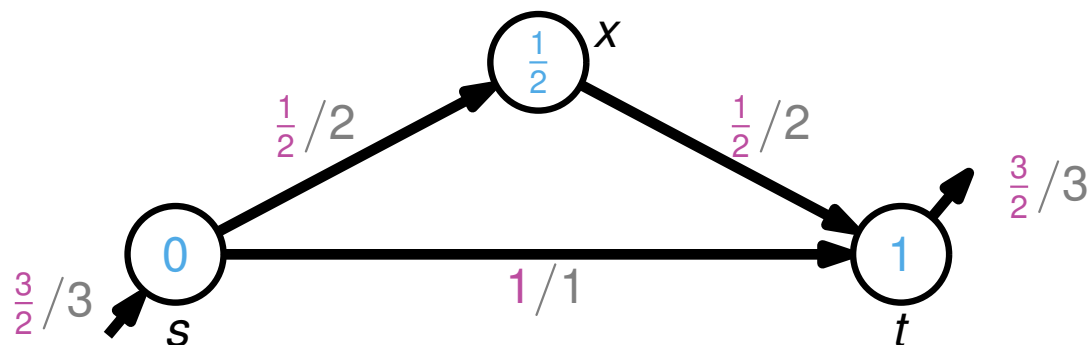
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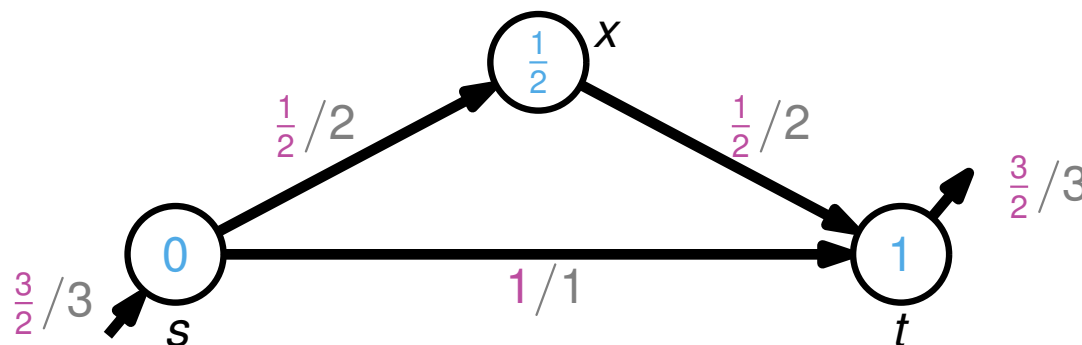
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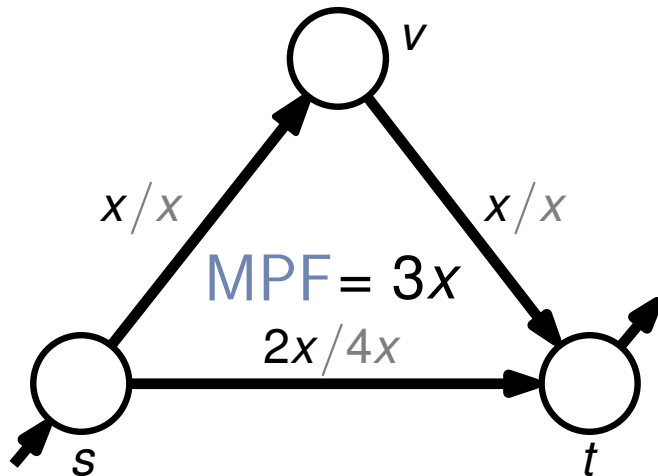
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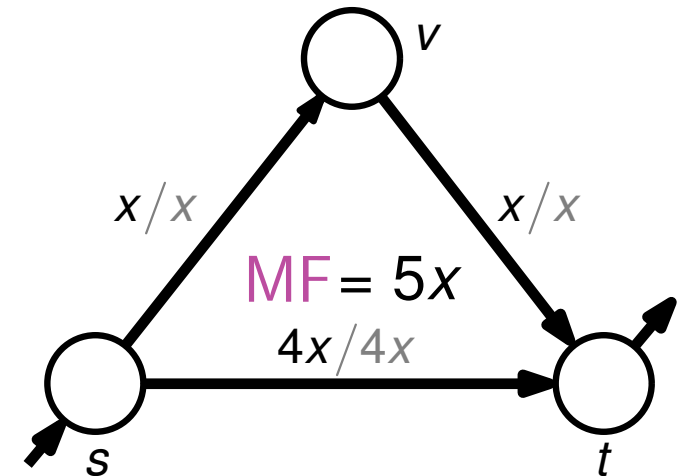
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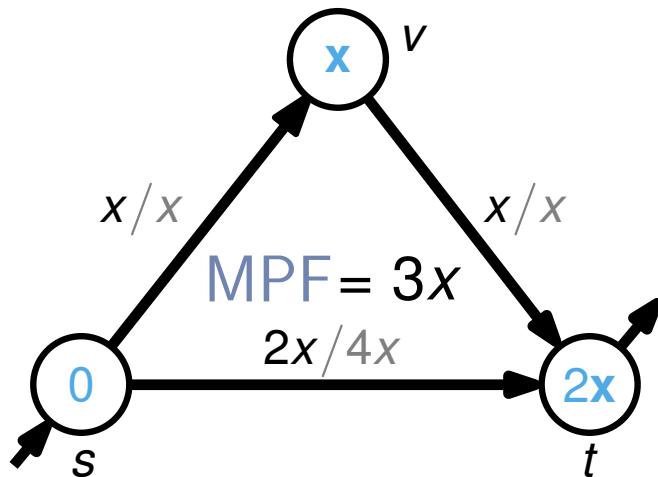
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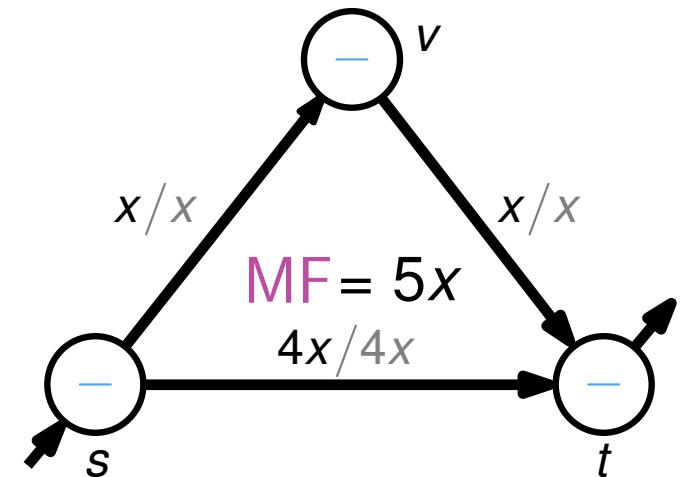
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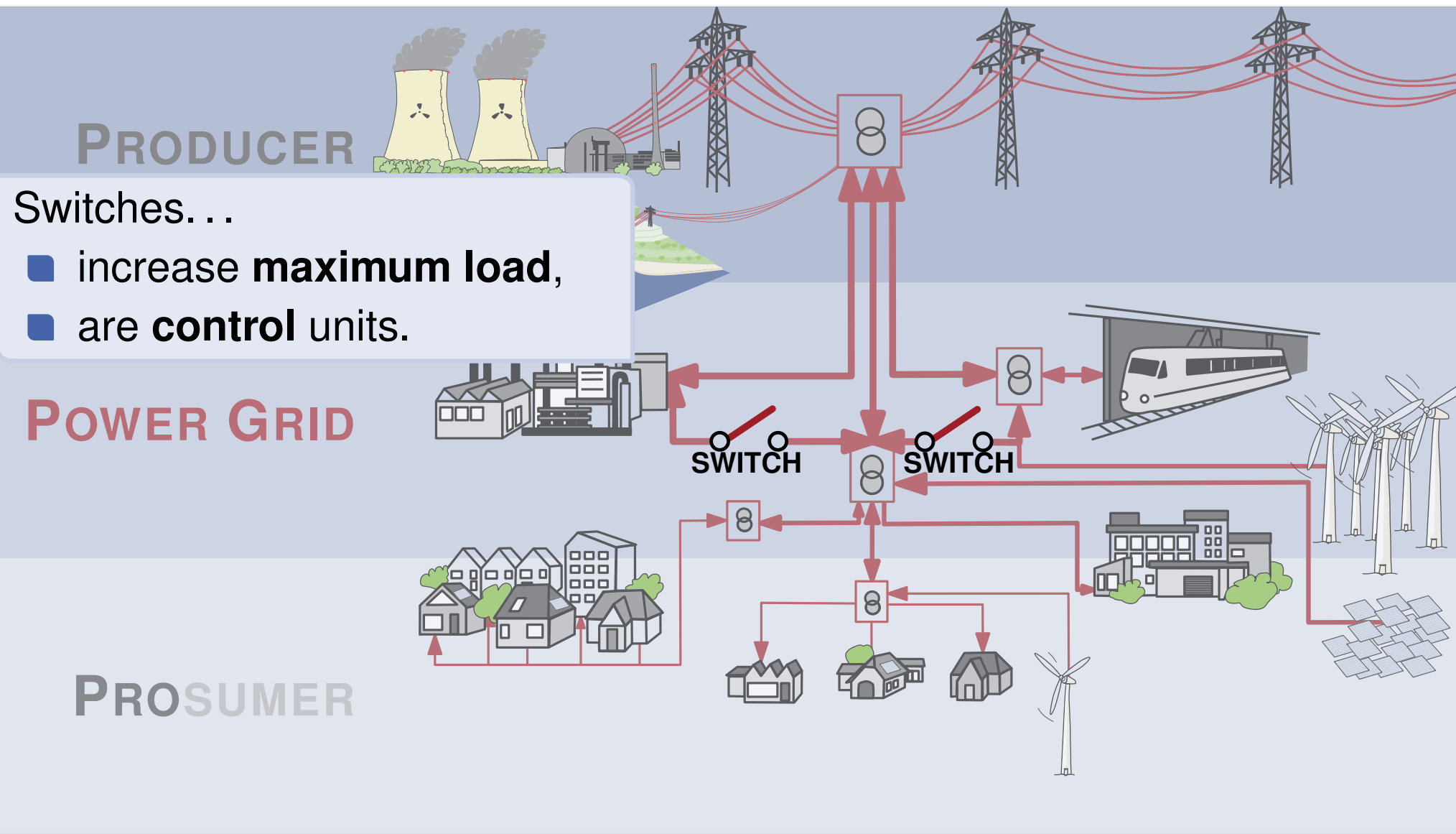
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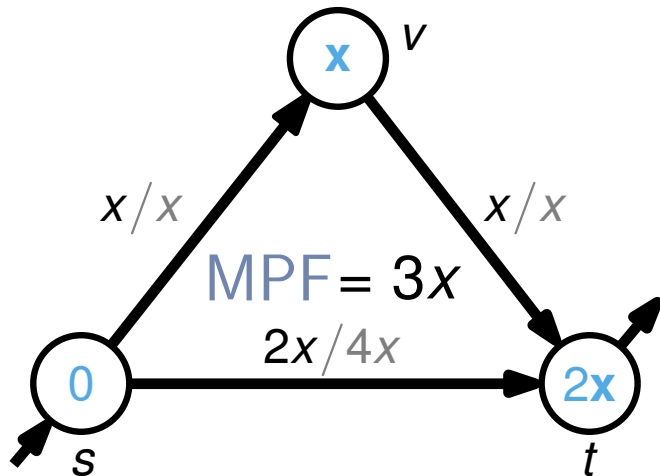


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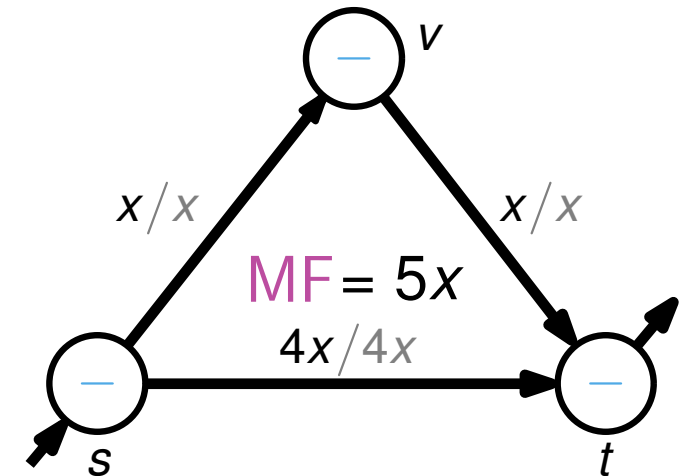
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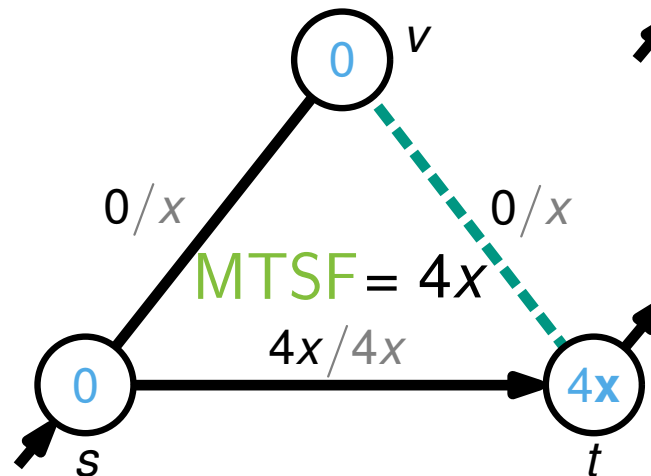
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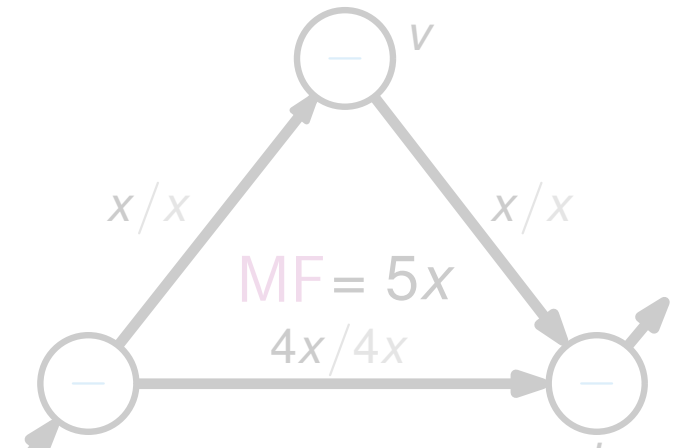
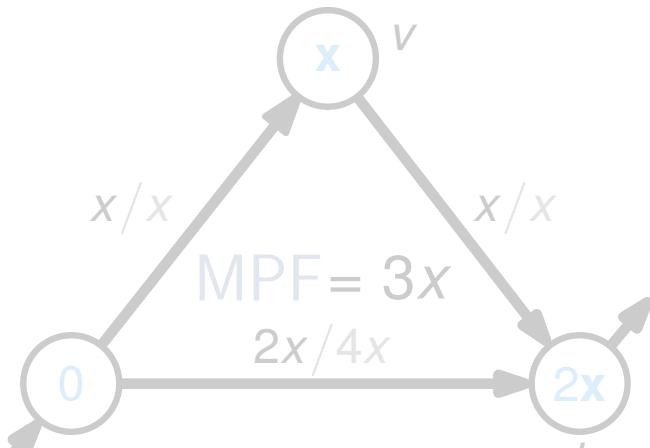
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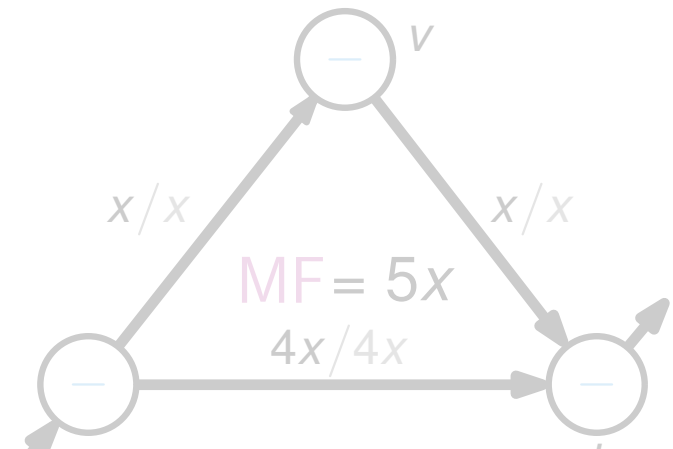
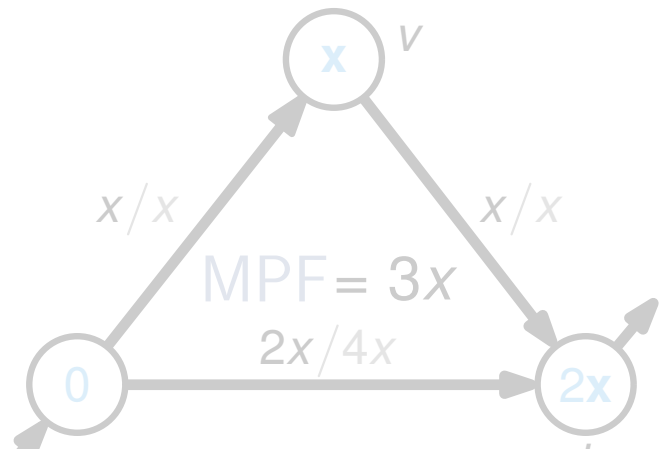
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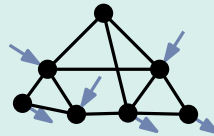
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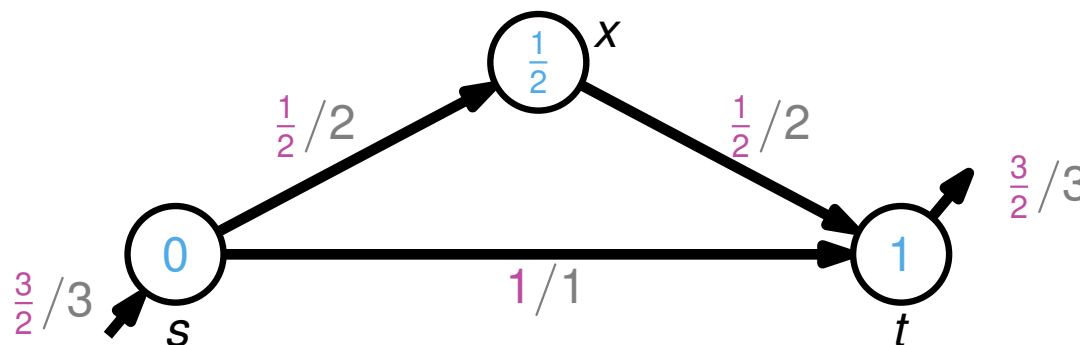
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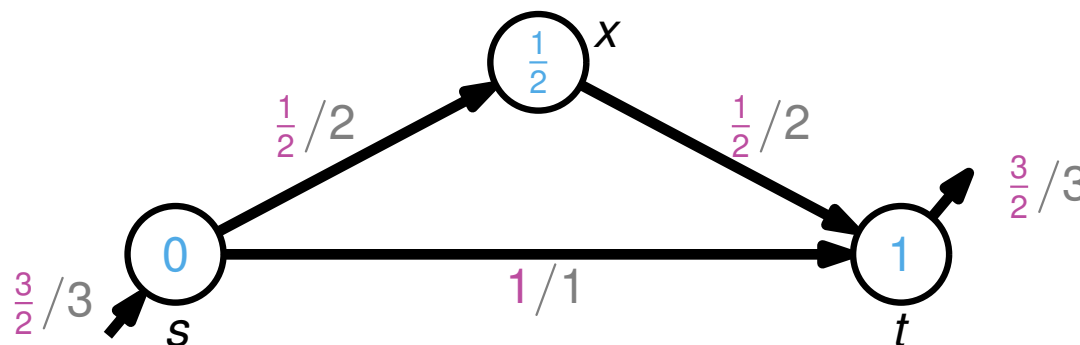
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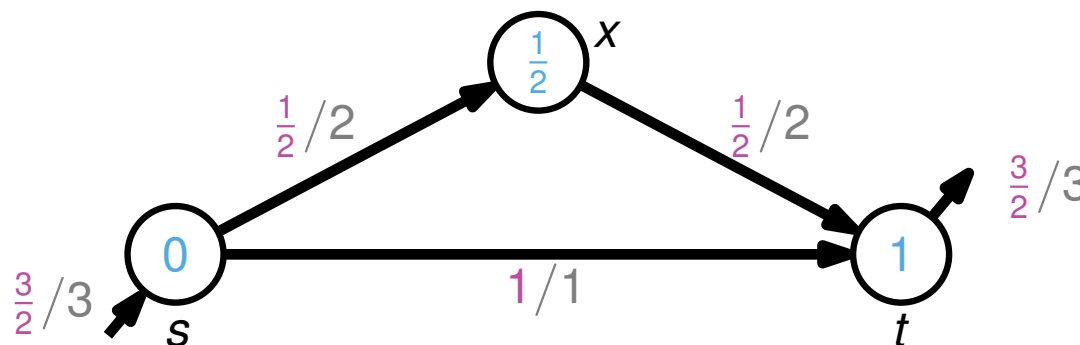
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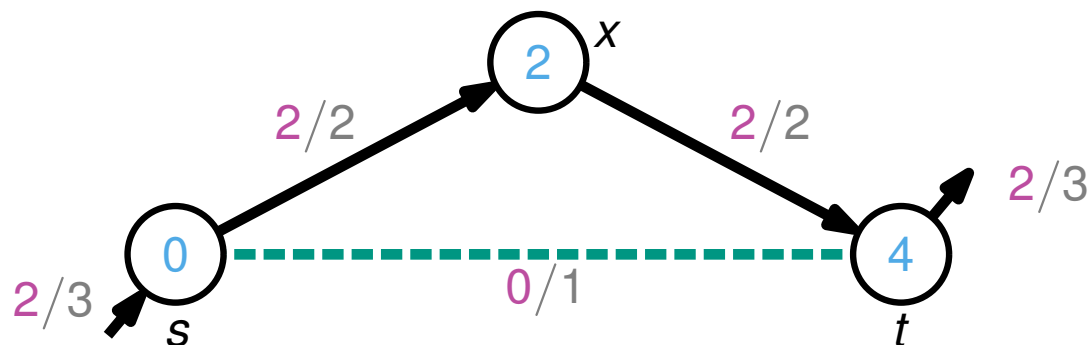
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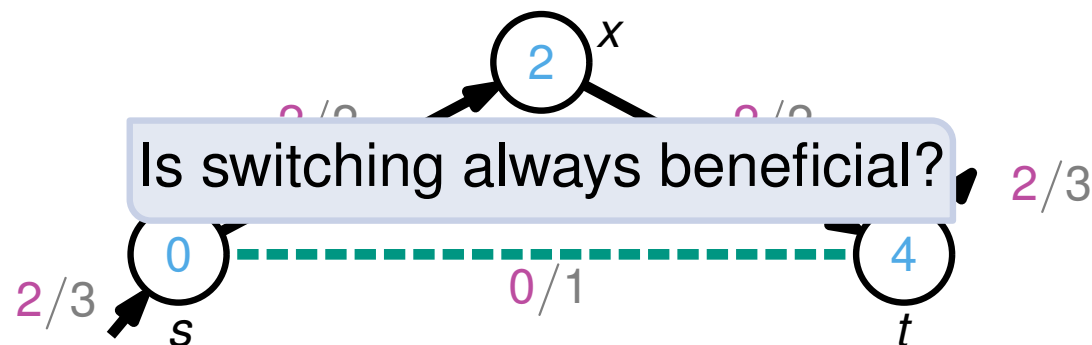
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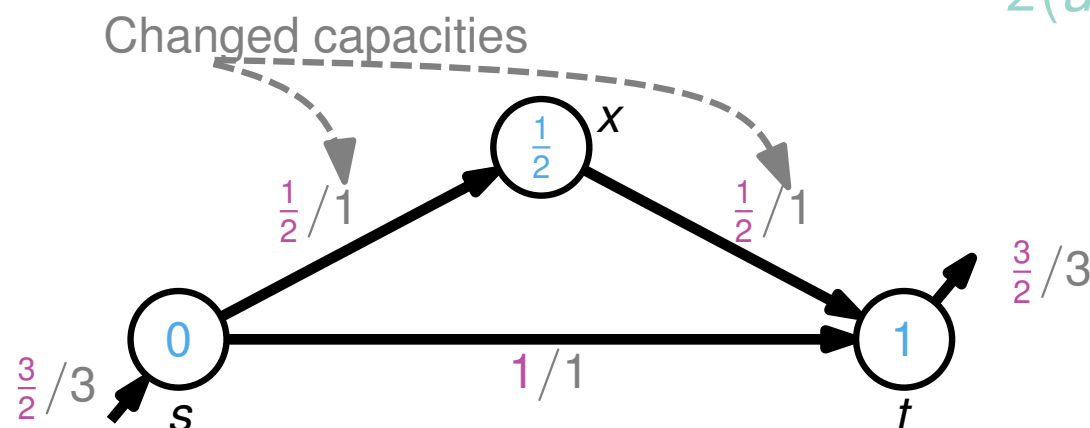
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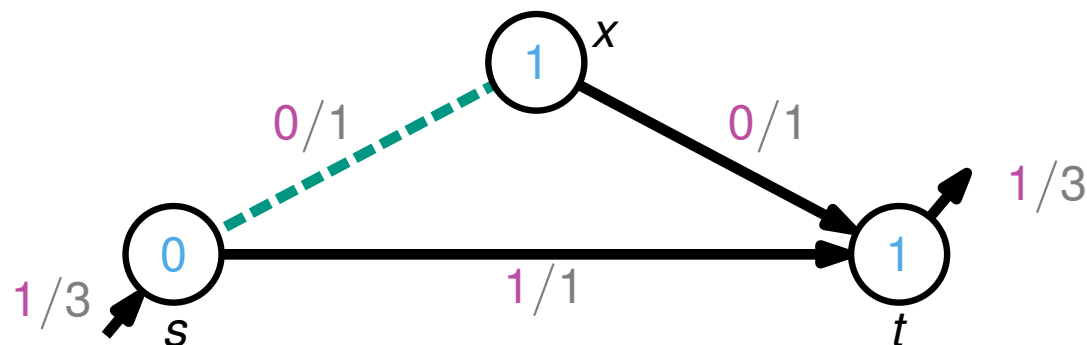
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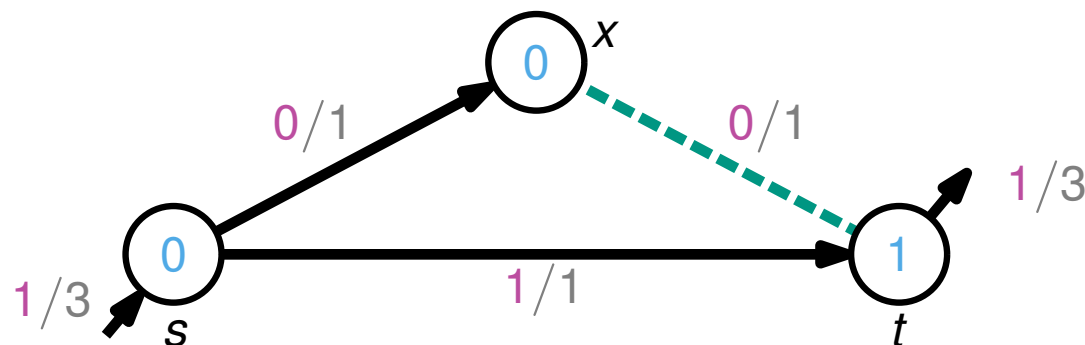
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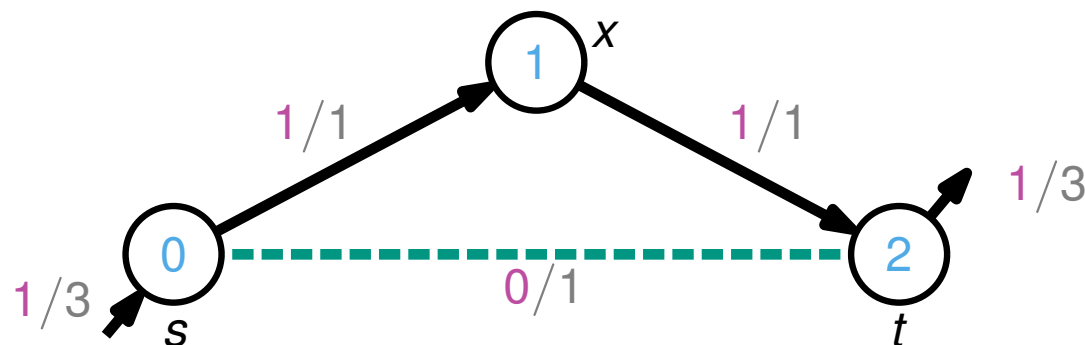
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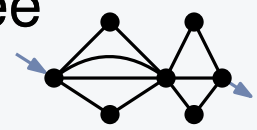
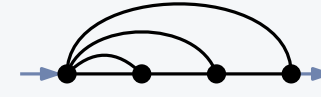
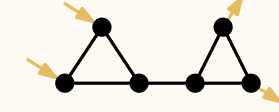
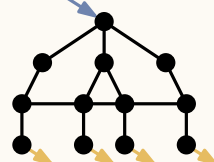
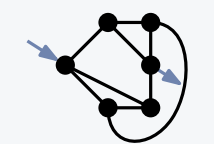
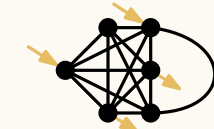
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# Overview of the MTSF Results

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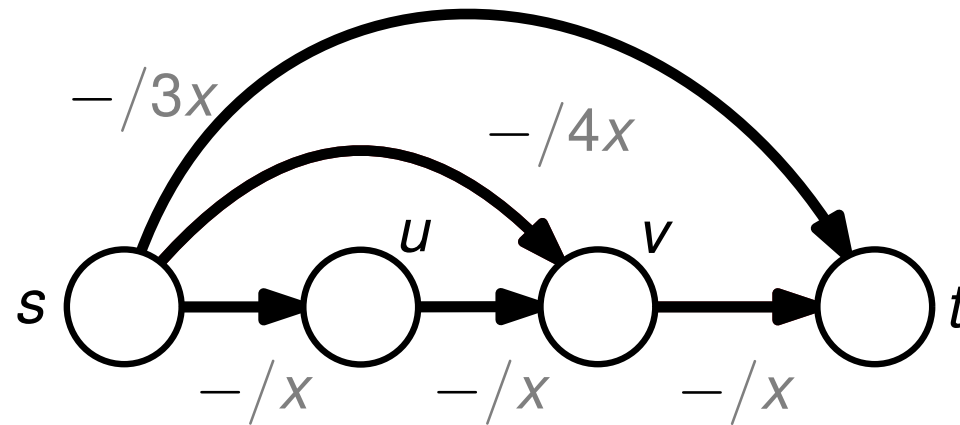
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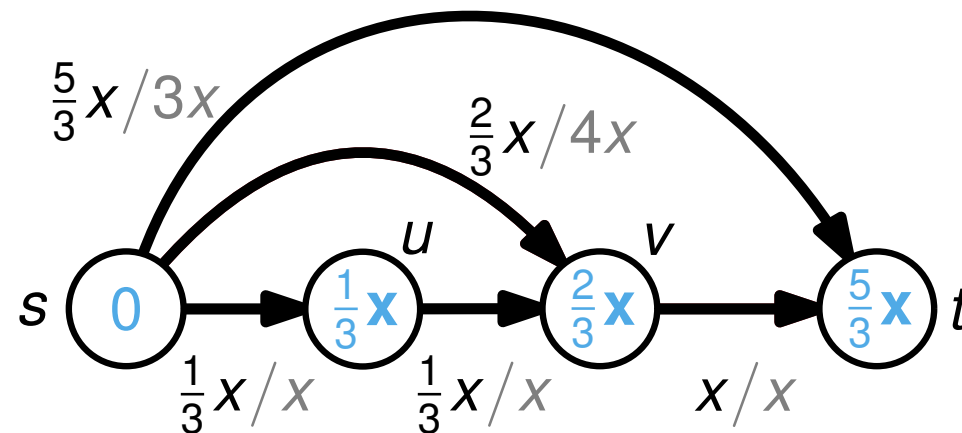
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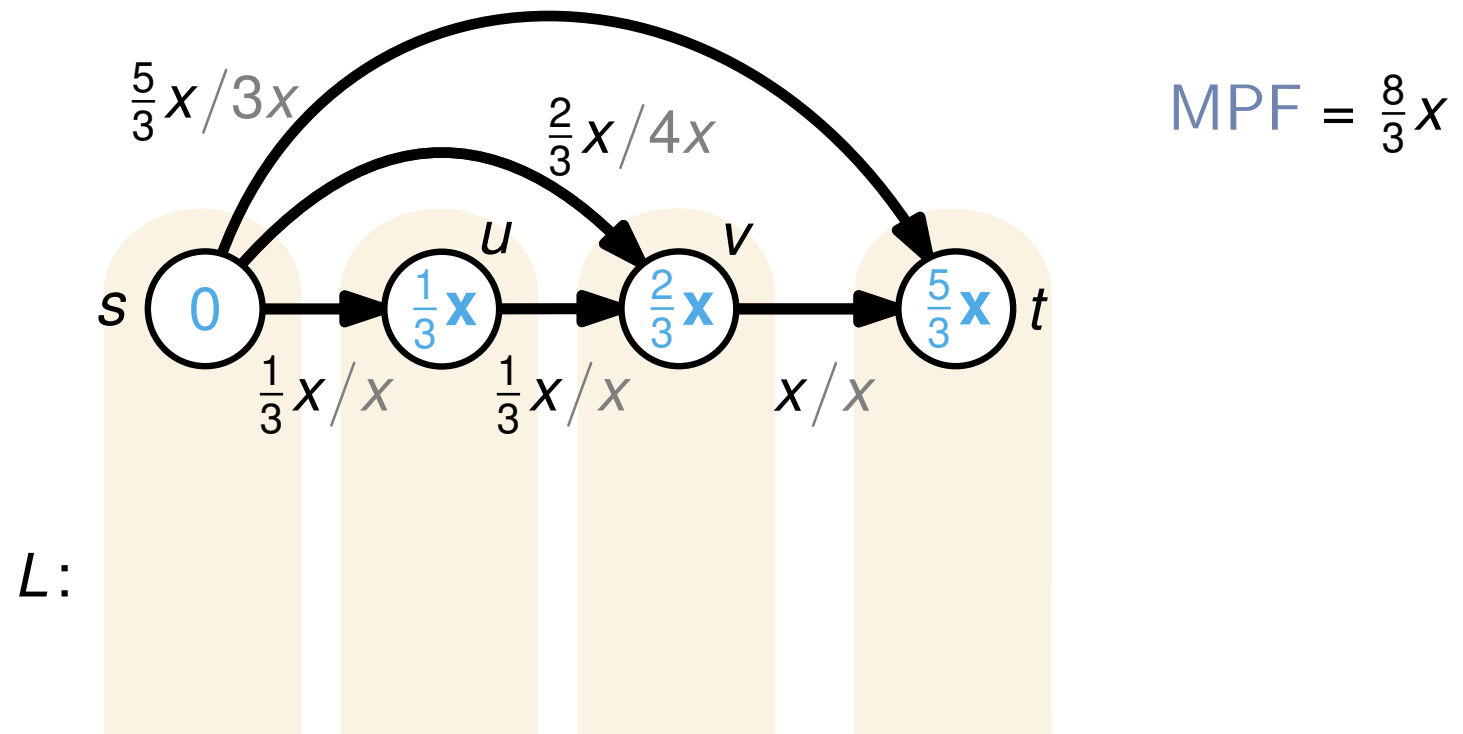
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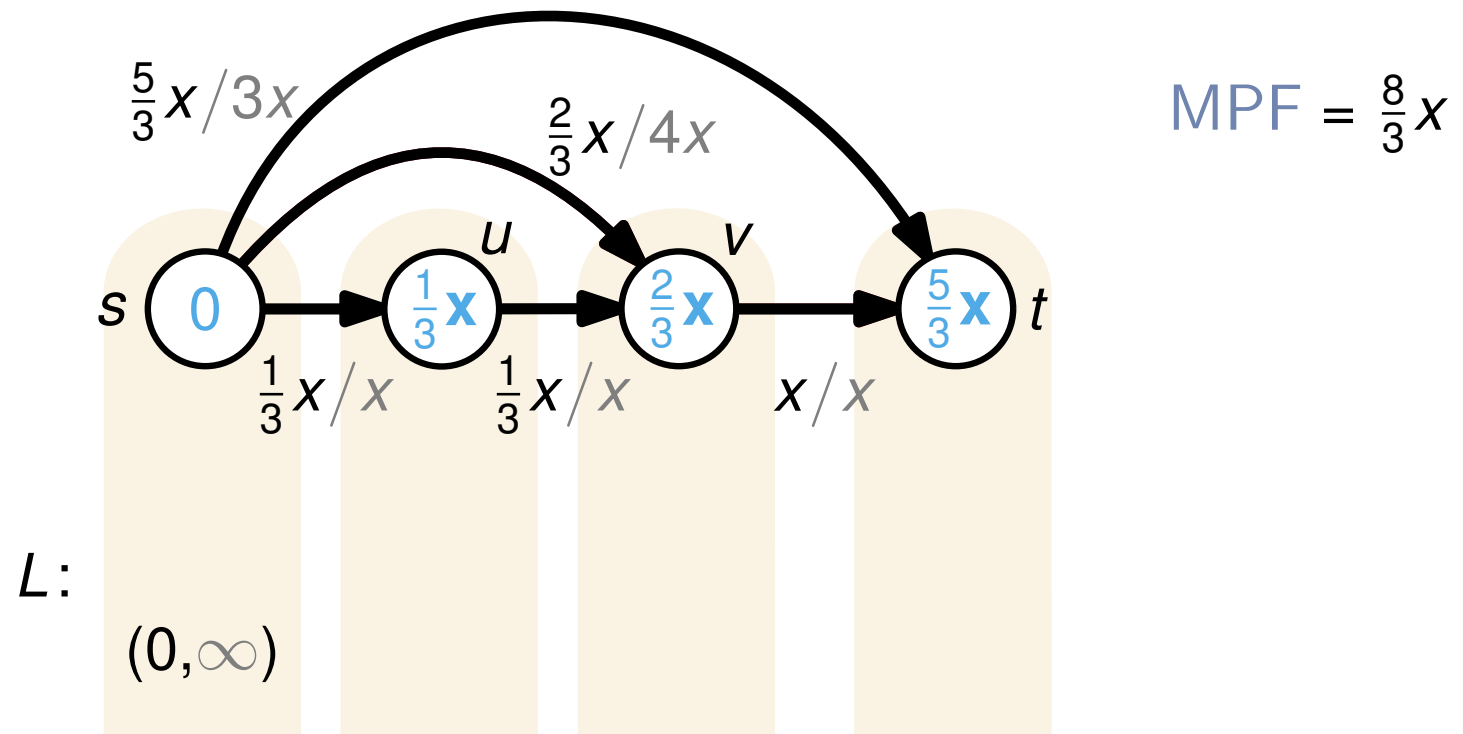
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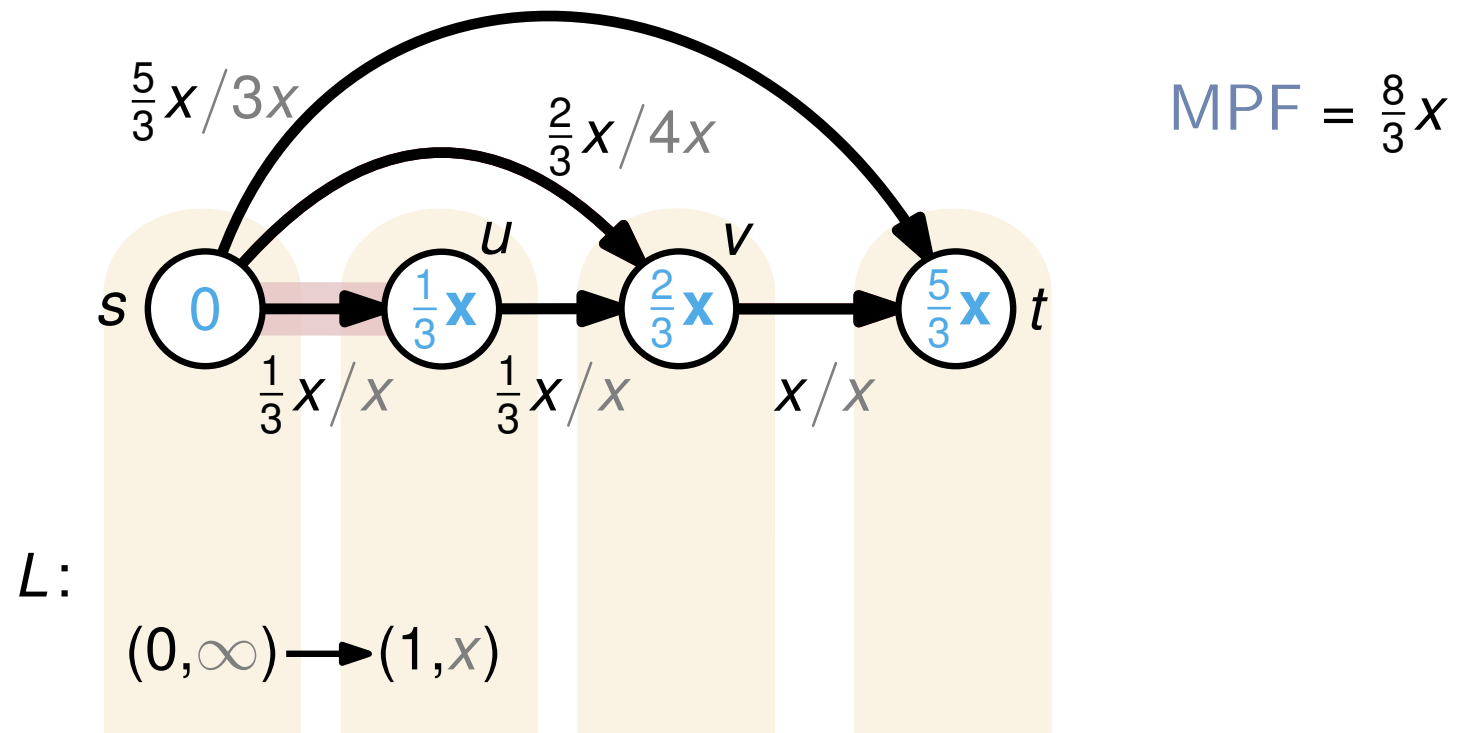
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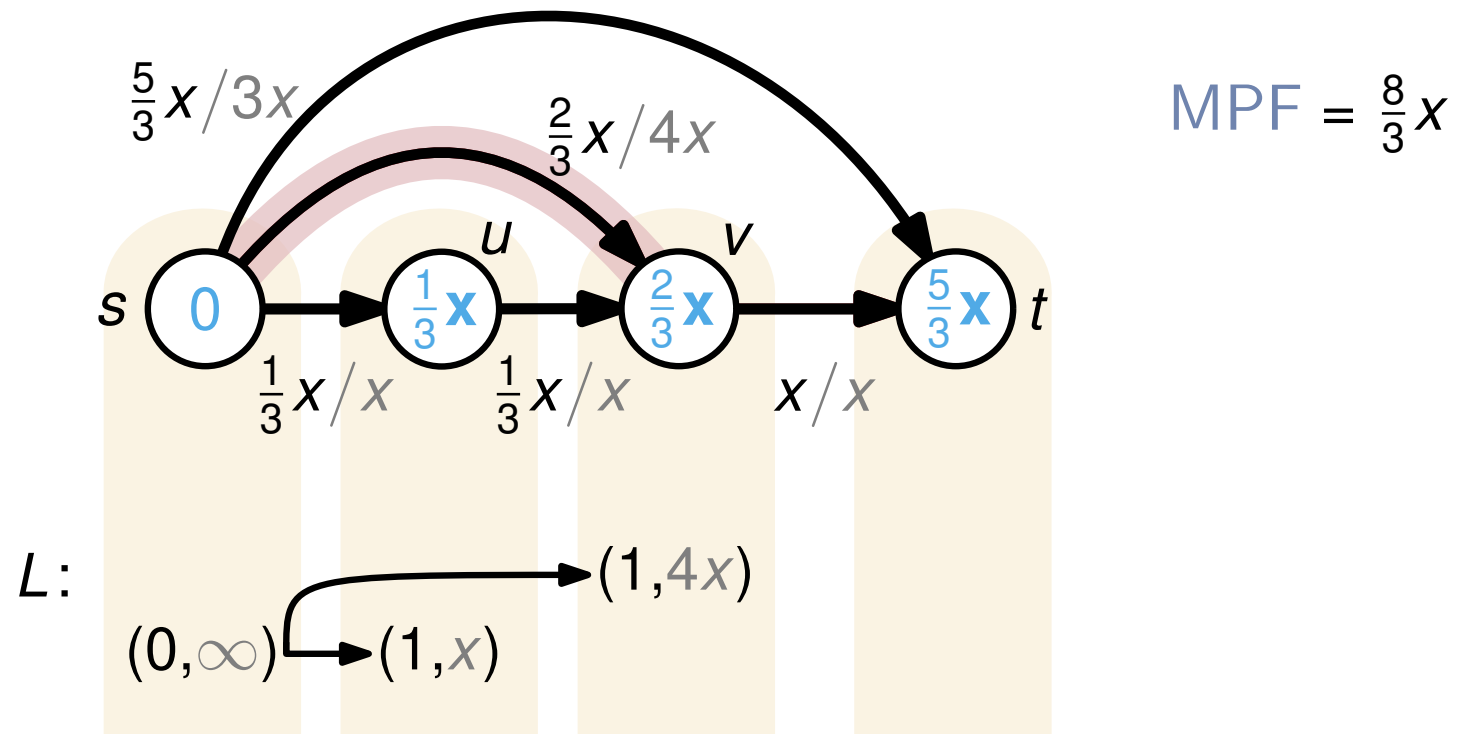
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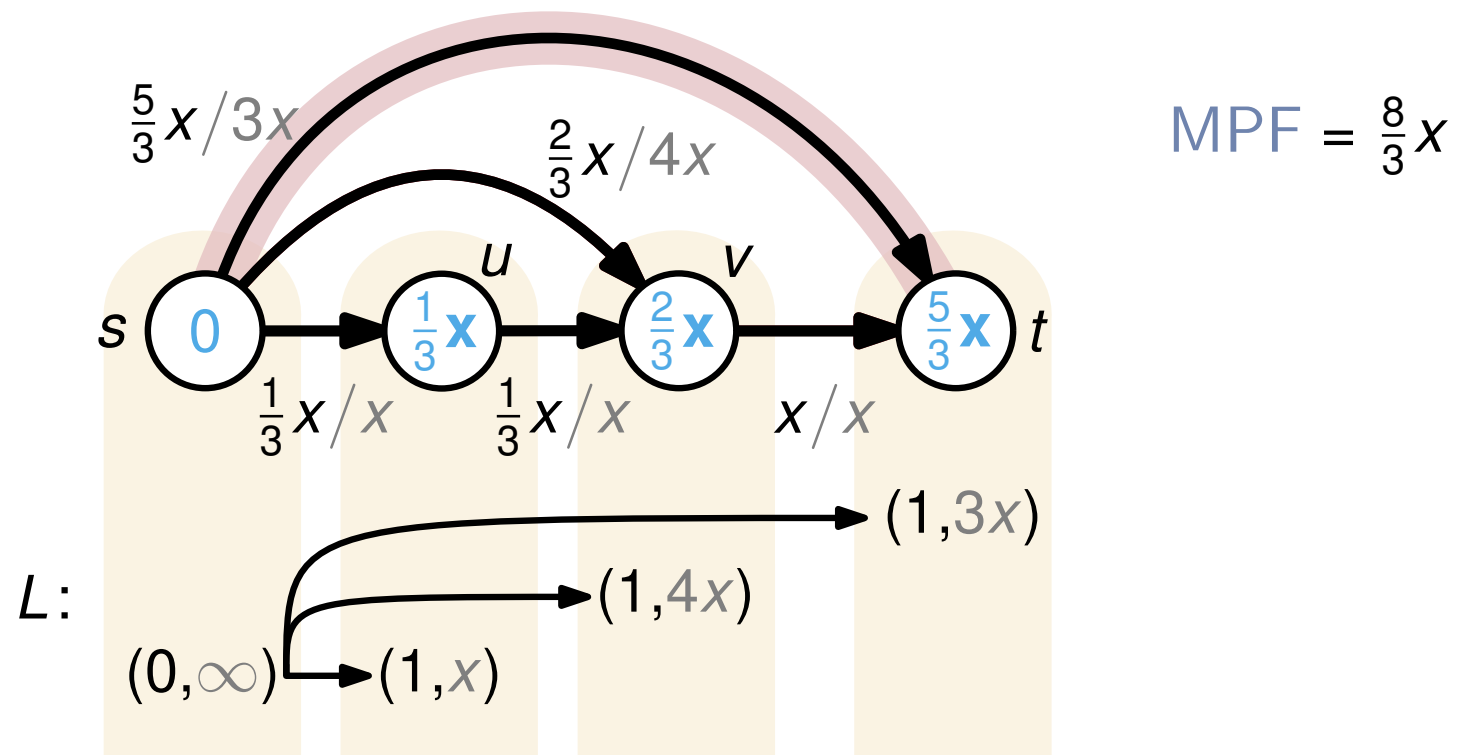
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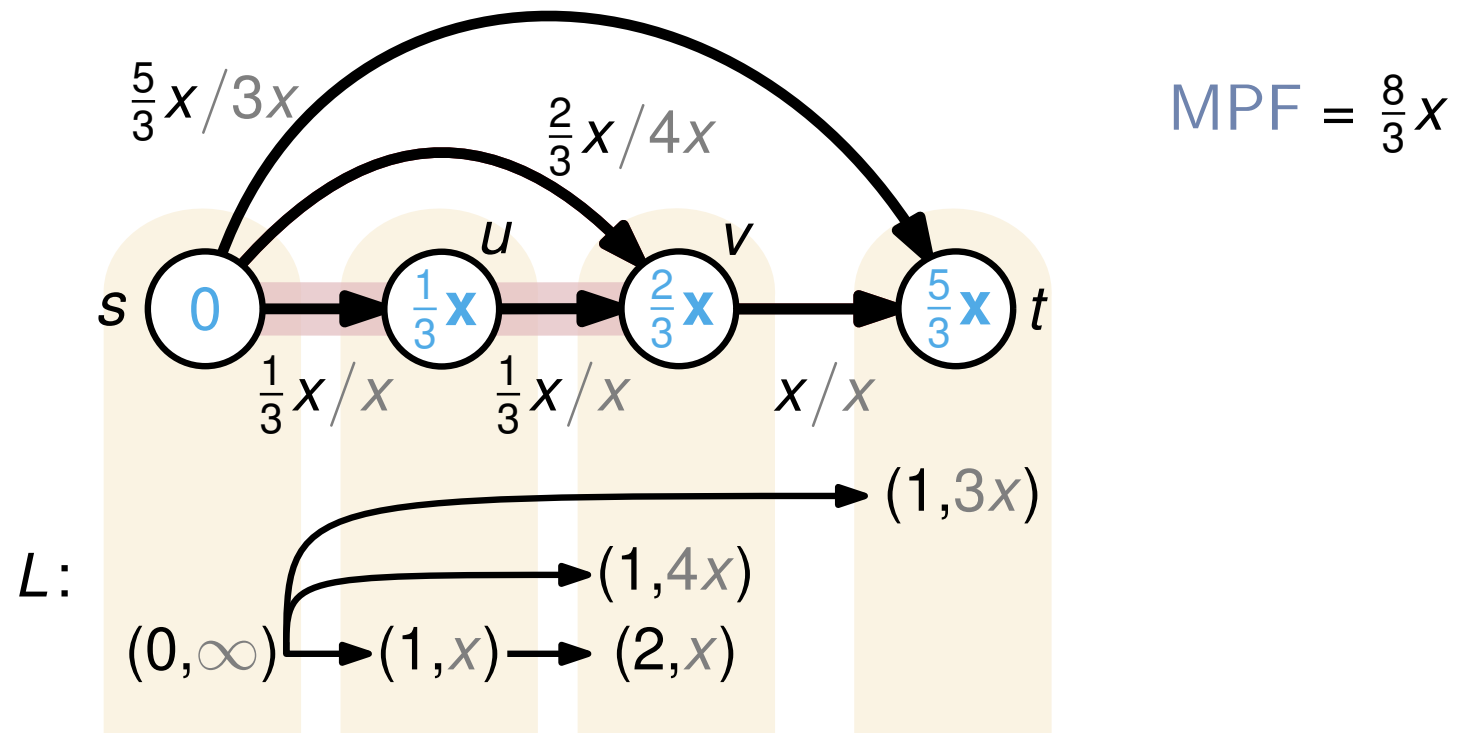
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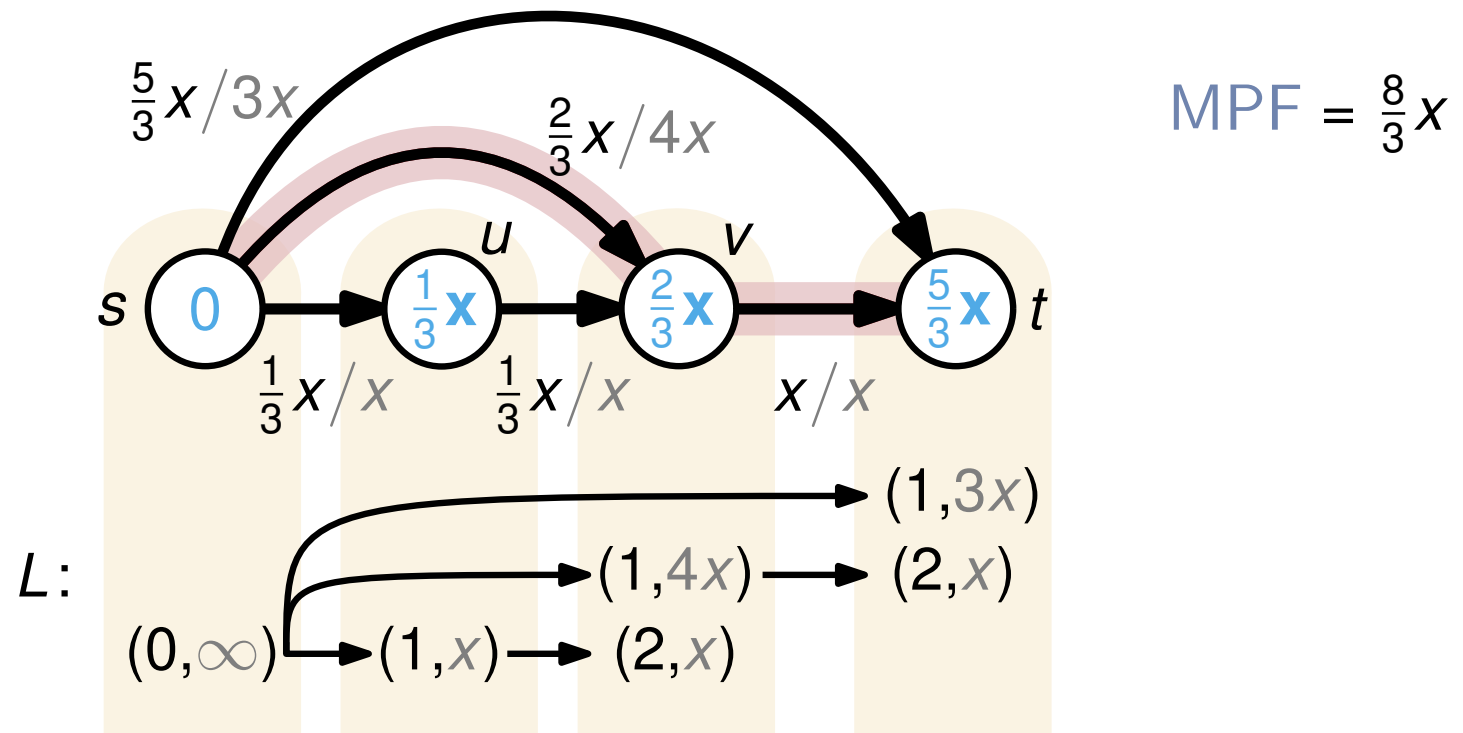
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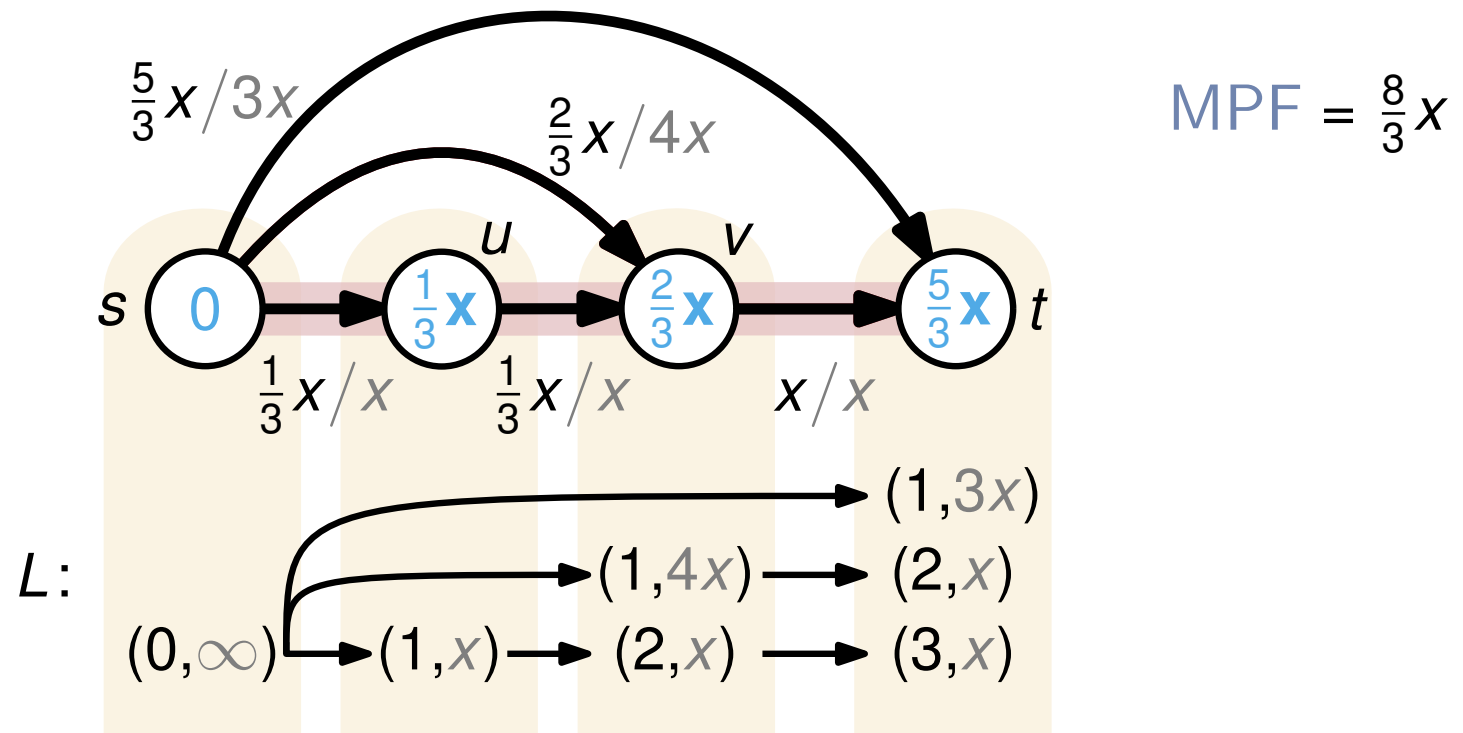
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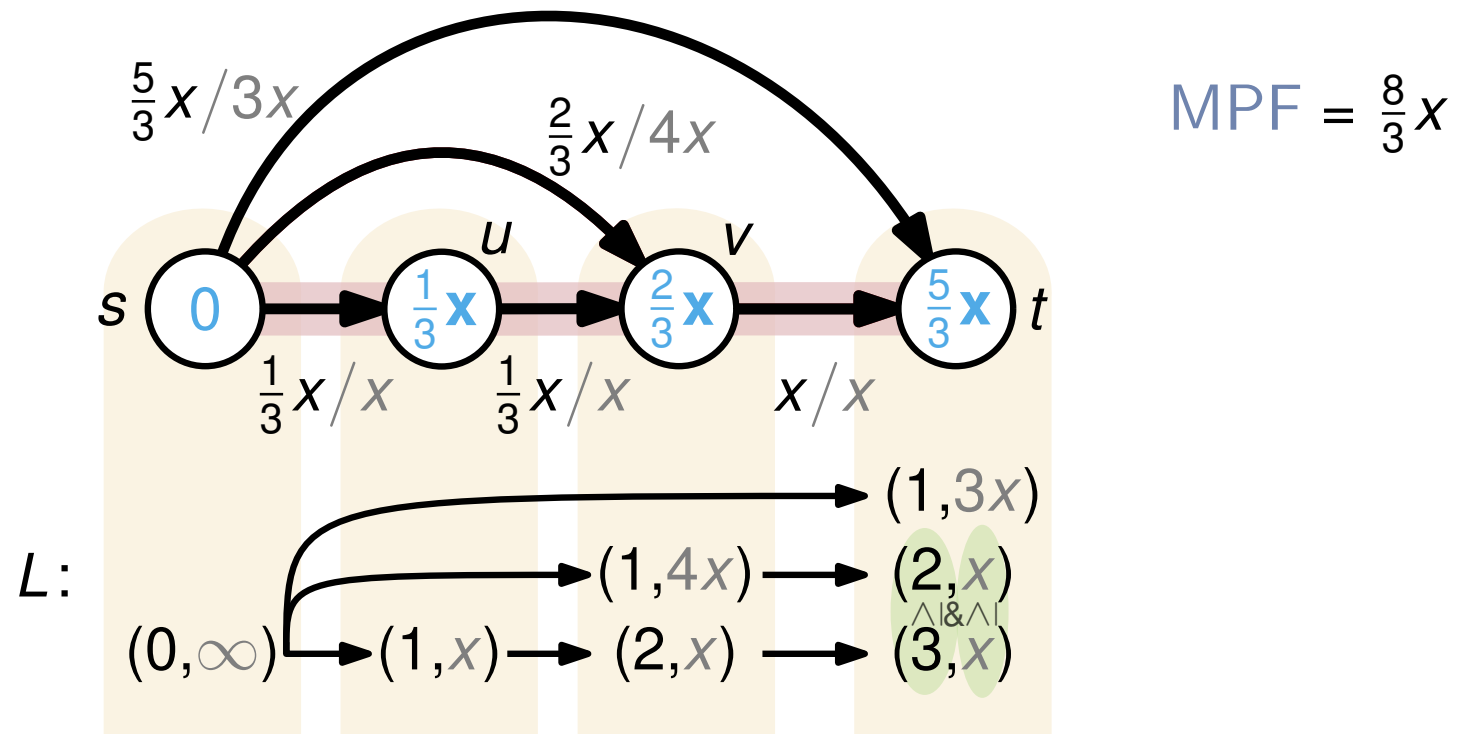
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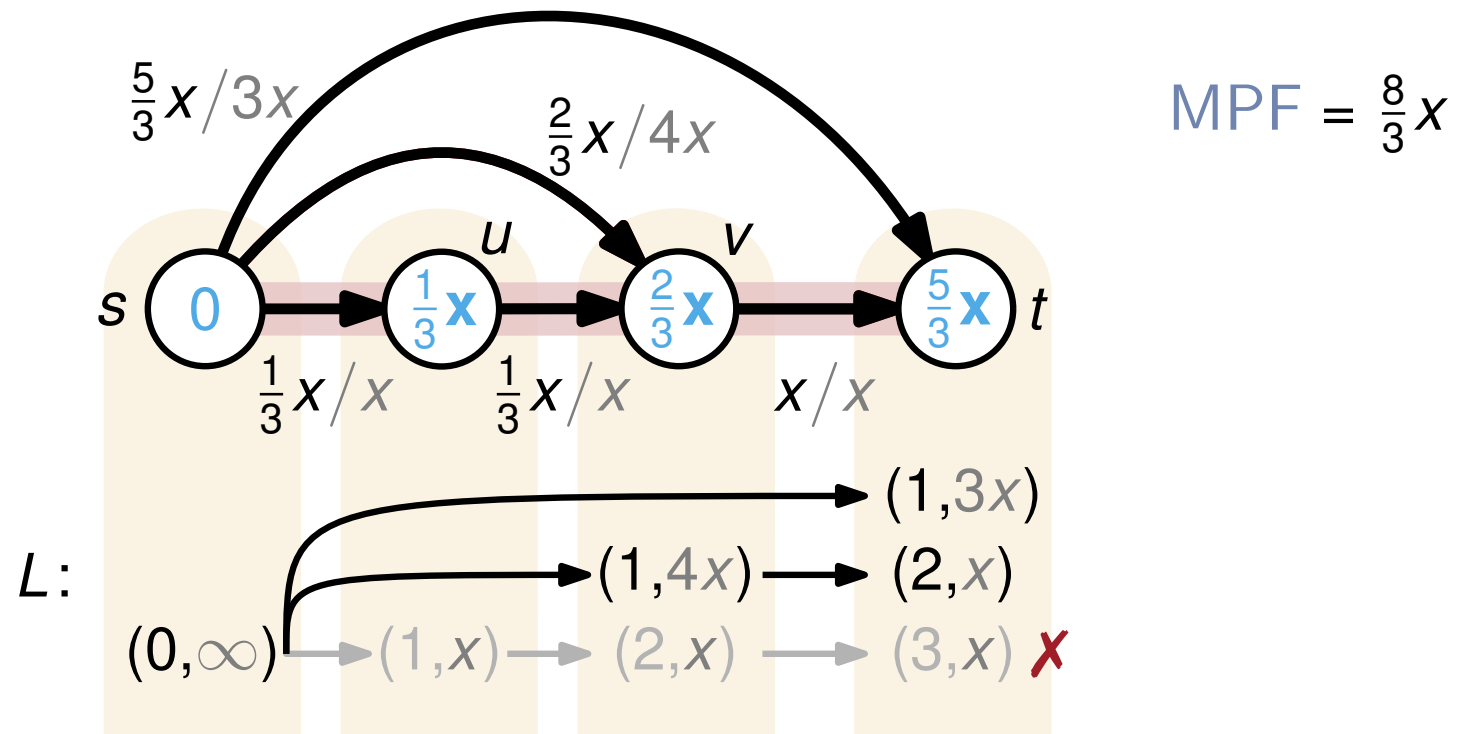
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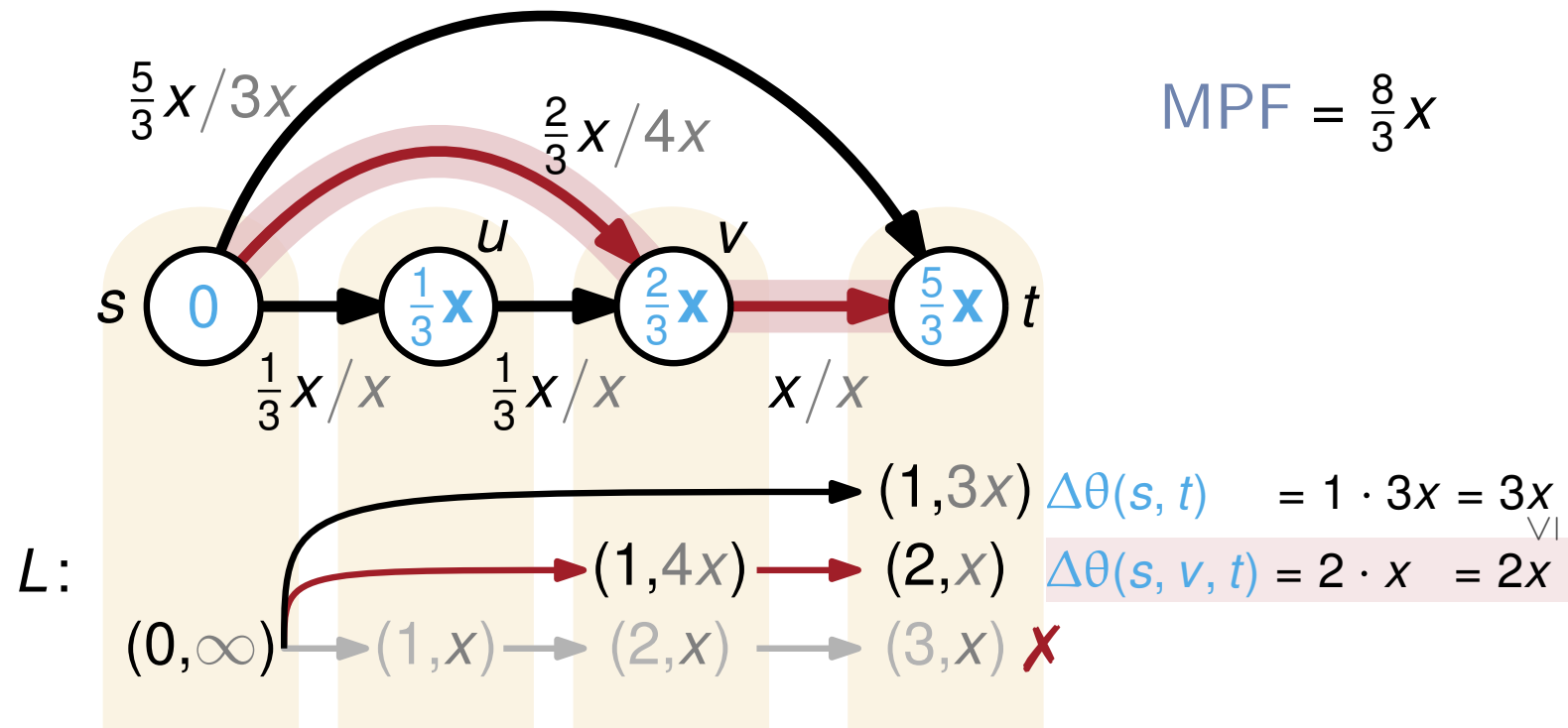
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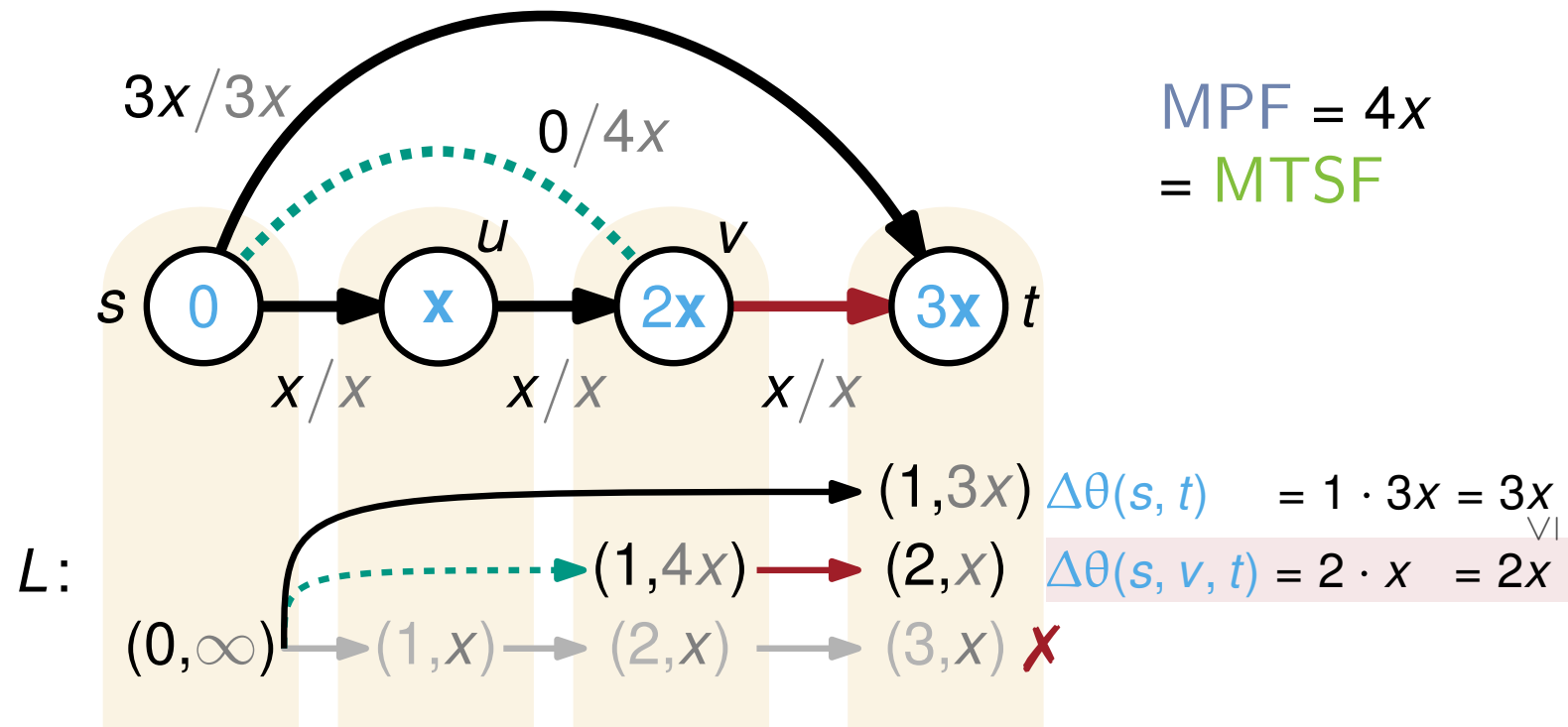
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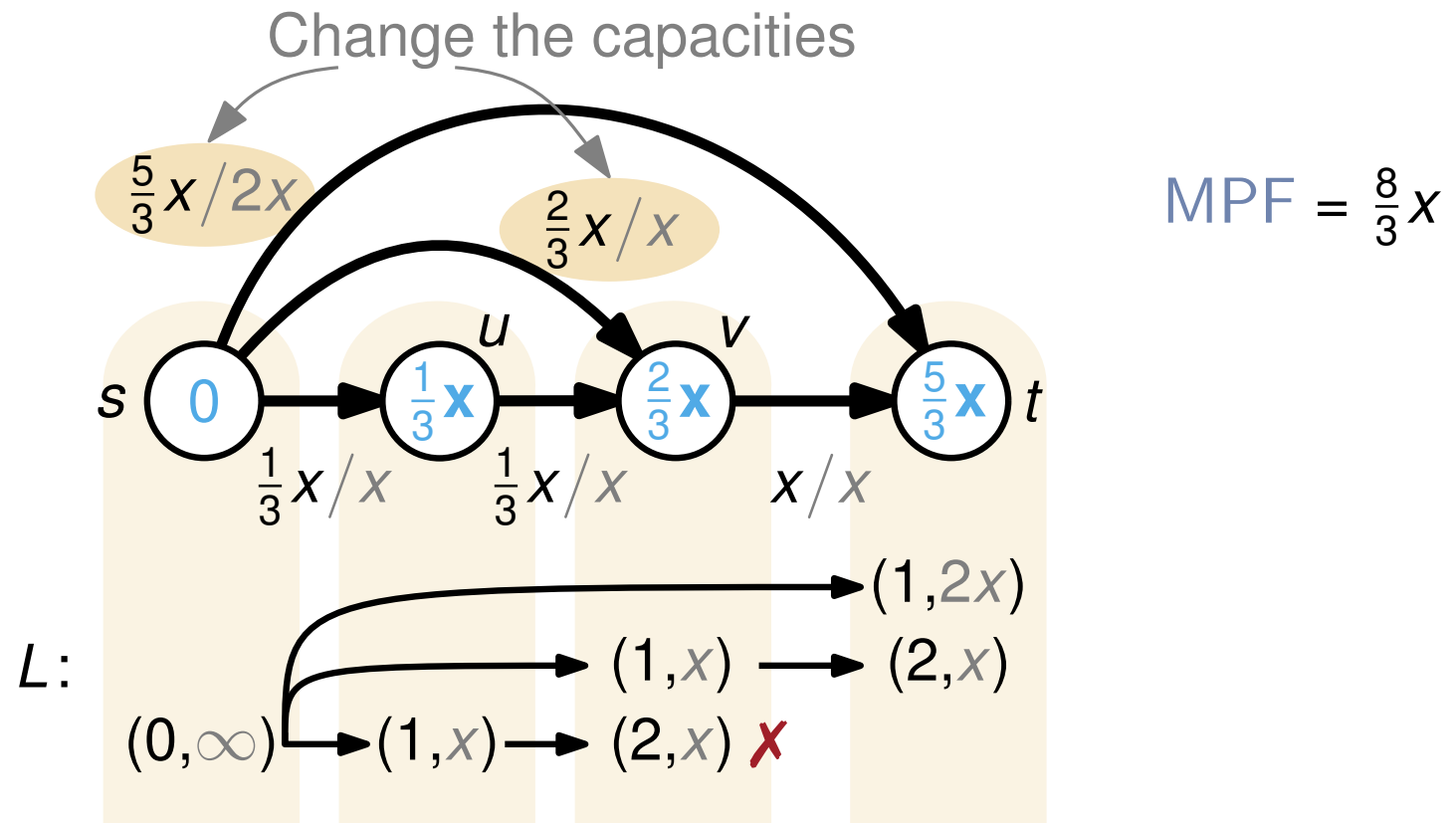
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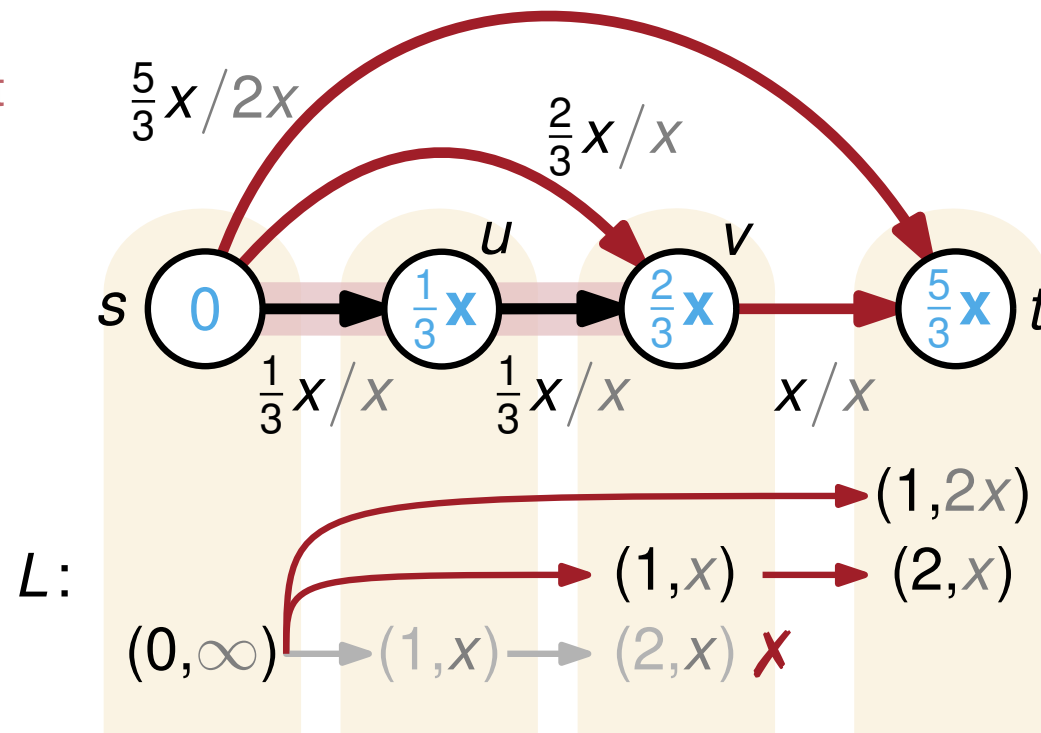
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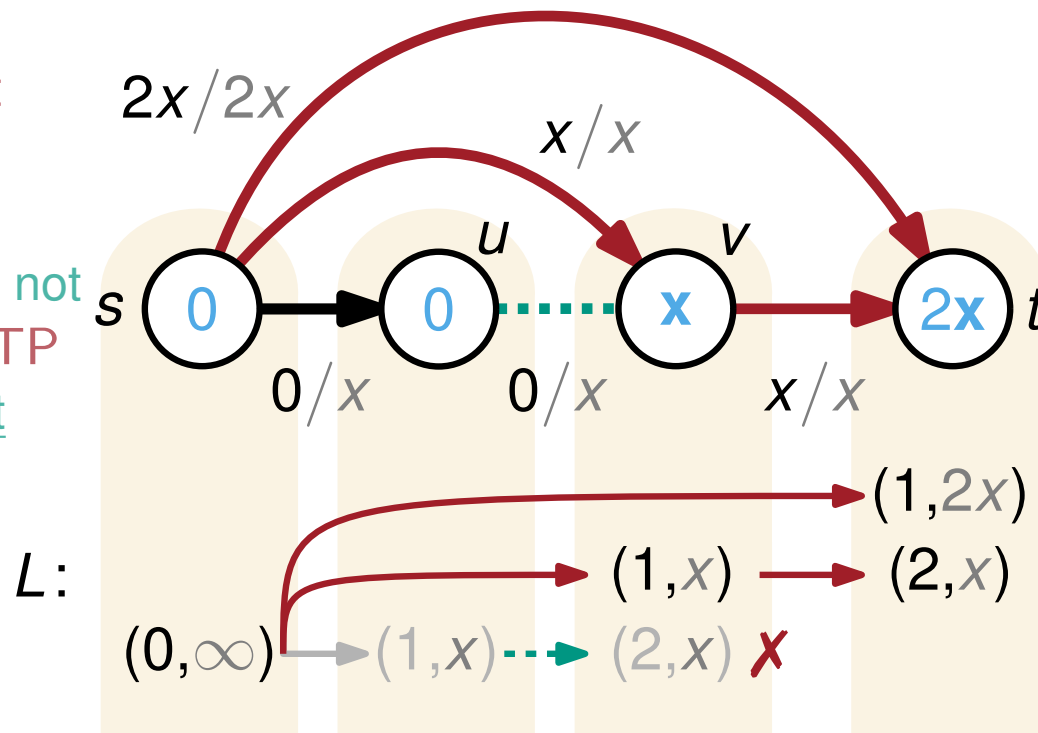
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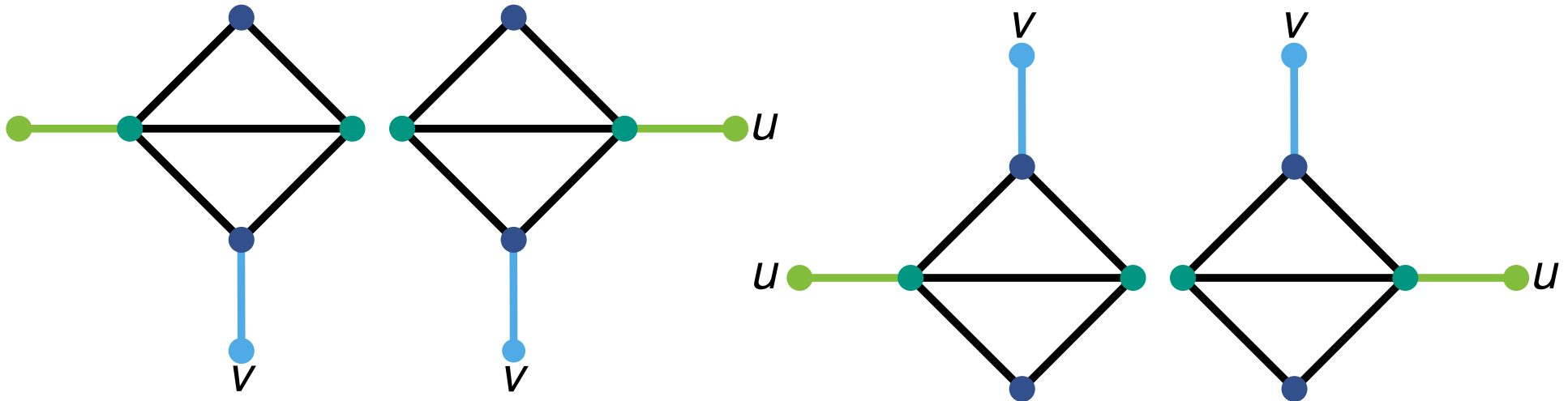


$$\text{MPF} = 3x$$

$$= \text{MTSF}$$

# Penrose Graphs

[Section 5; Grastien et al., 2018]



- girdle vertices
- tip vertices
- dart extension
- kite extension

All cases show penrose graphs, where  $u$  and  $v$  are either generators or consumers, but not both the same. They are a combination of a **kite graph** (i.e., diamond graph with an additional edge on one of the **tip vertices**) and a **dart graph** (i.e., diamond graph with an additional edge on one of the **girdle vertices**).

# Flexible AC Transmission Systems (FACTS)

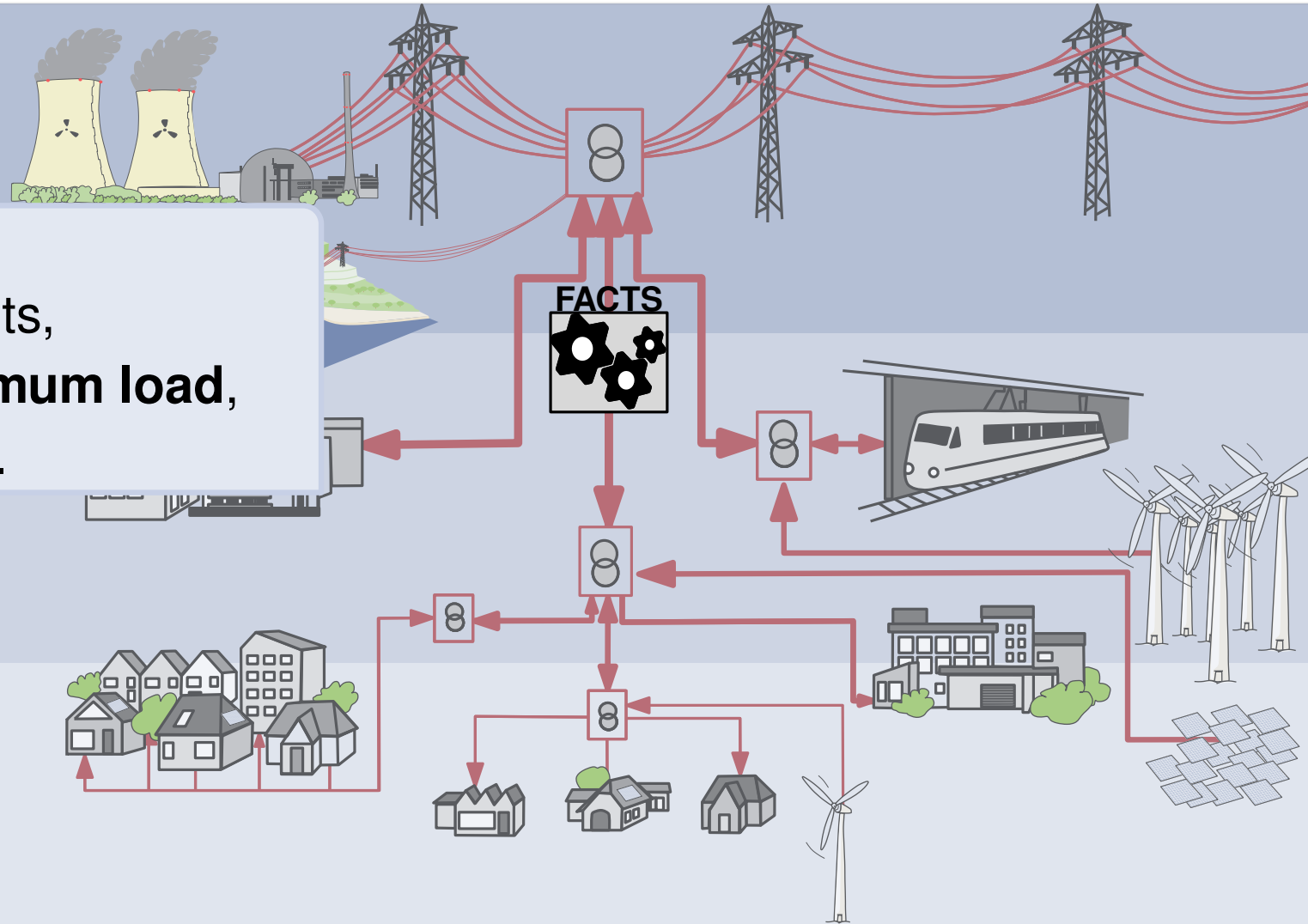
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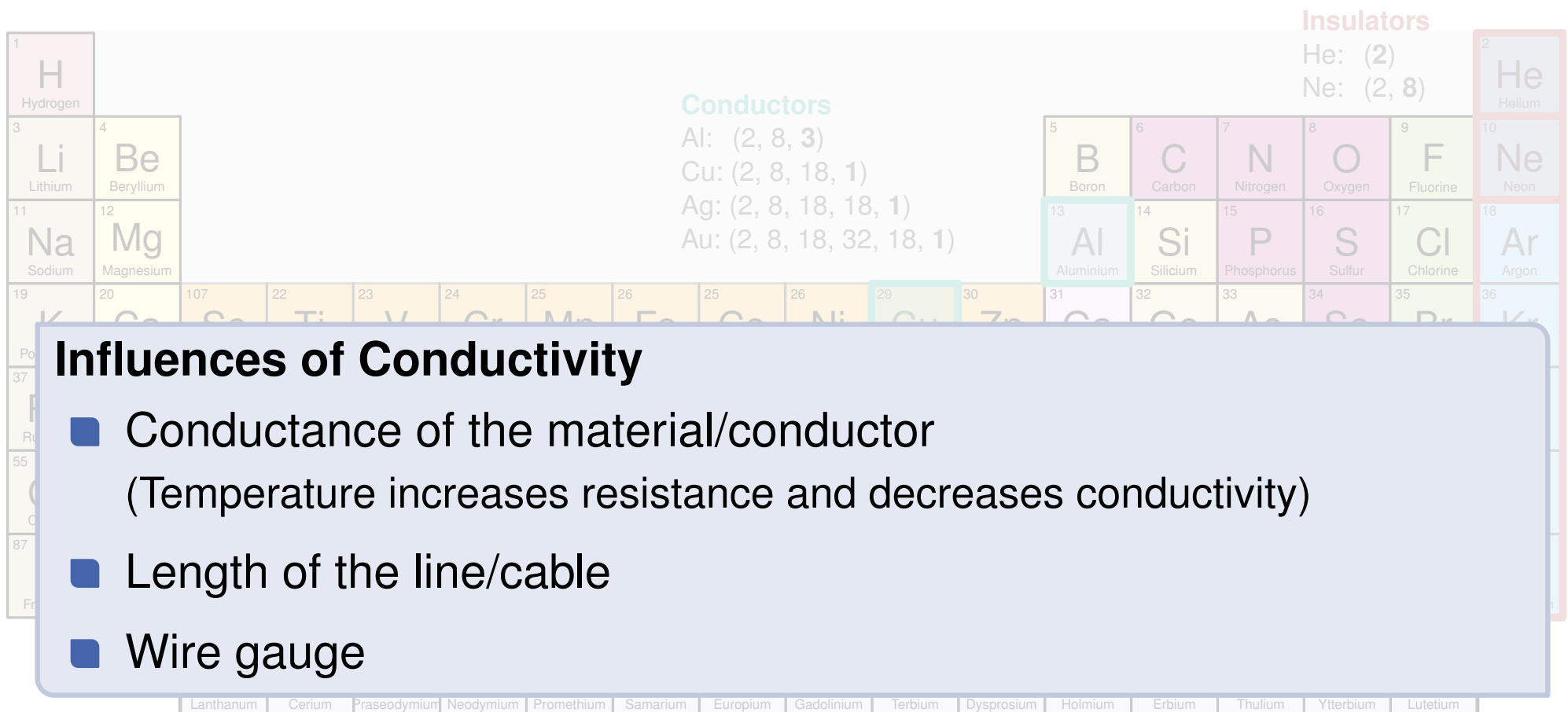
- are **control** units,
- increase **maximum load**,
- are **expensive**.

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# Influence of Conductivity



The periodic table is shown with elements categorized into Conductors and Insulators. Conductors are highlighted in light blue and include Al, Cu, Ag, and Au. Insulators are highlighted in light red and include He, Ne, Ar, Kr, Xe, and Rn. The noble gases are also listed with their electron configurations: He: (2), Ne: (2, 8), Ar: (2, 8, 18), Kr: (2, 8, 18, 32), Xe: (2, 8, 18, 32, 18), and Rn: (2, 8, 18, 32, 18, 32).

**Conductors**  
Al: (2, 8, 3)  
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Ag: (2, 8, 18, 18, 1)  
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**Insulators**  
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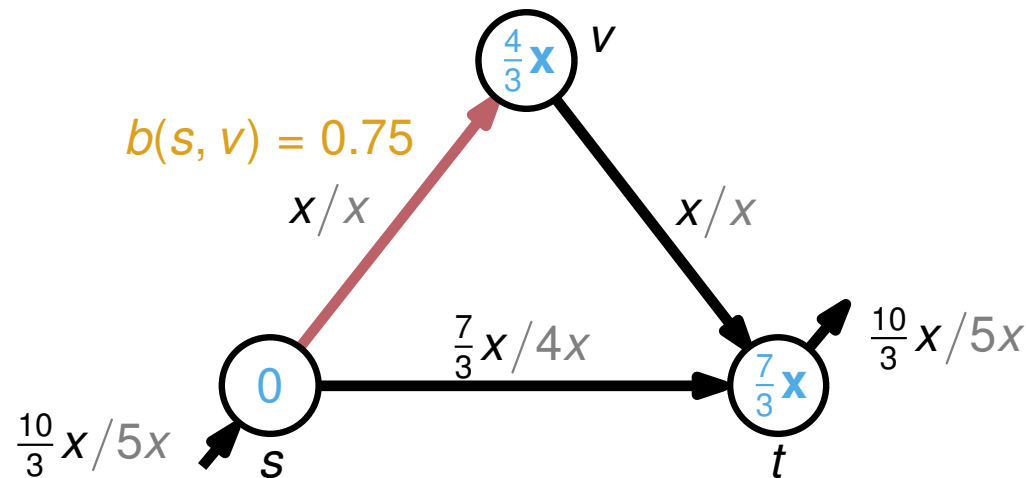
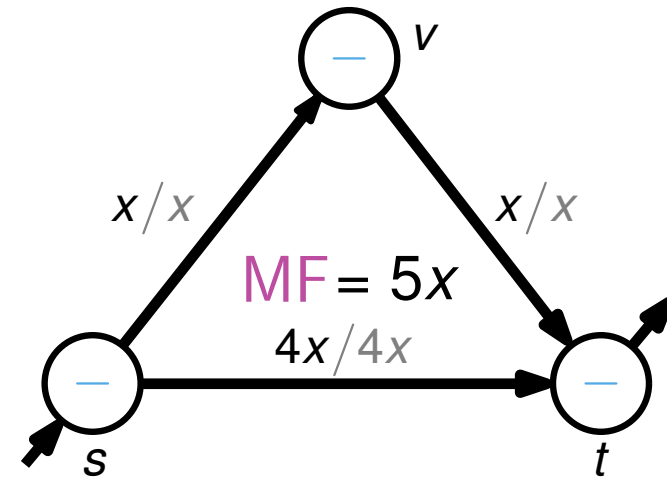
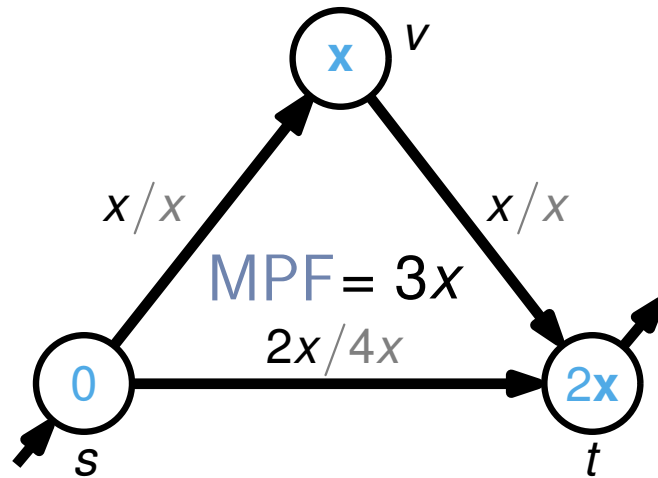
## Influences of Conductivity

- Conductance of the material/conductor  
(Temperature increases resistance and decreases conductivity)
- Length of the line/cable
- Wire gauge

In the linear AC-Model the conductivity can be changed by the **susceptance**  $b(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}$ . To change the **susceptance** we use **FACTS**.



# The **MAXIMUM FACTS FLOW (MFF)** Problem

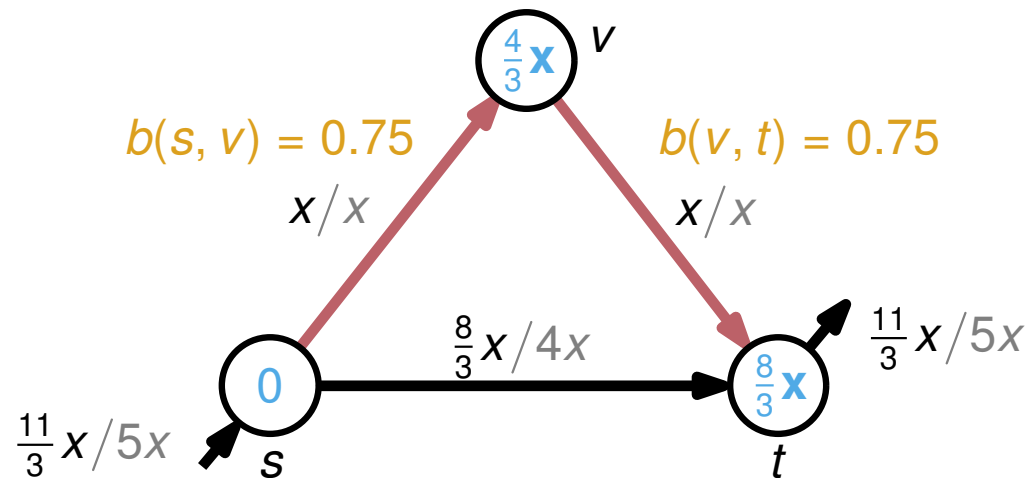
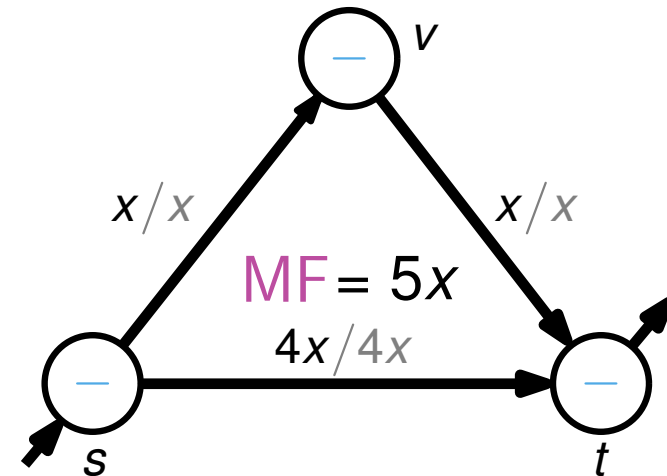
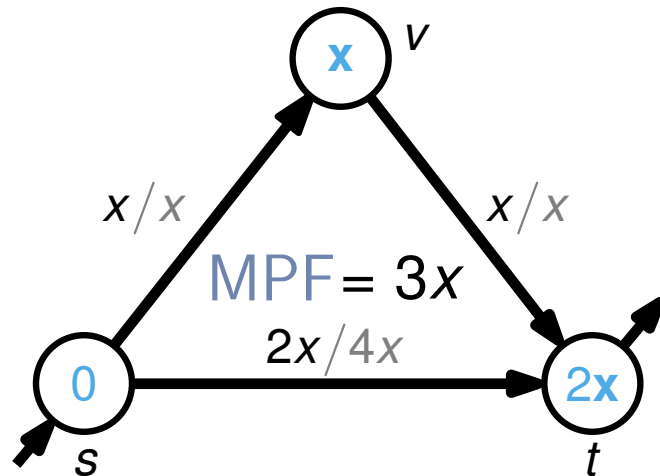


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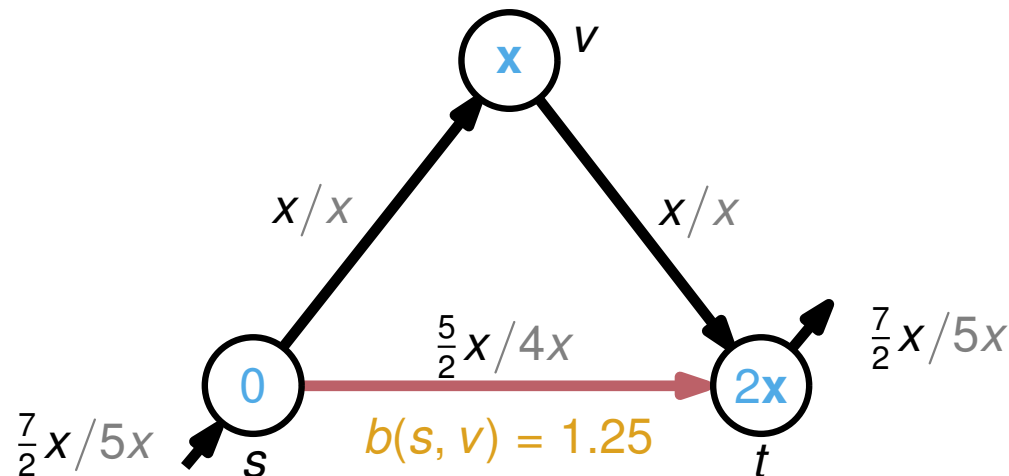
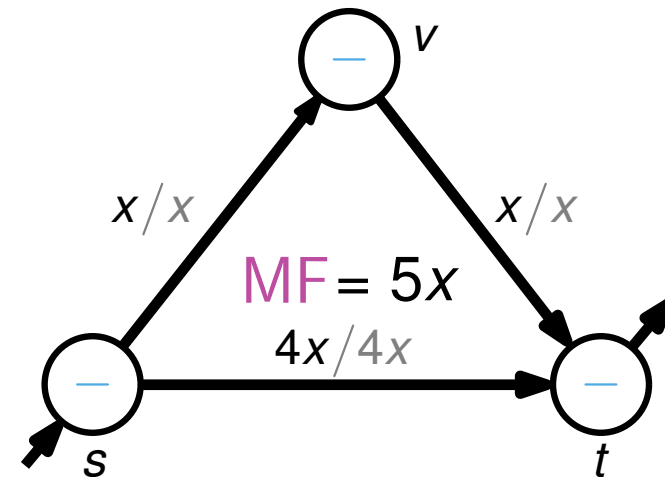
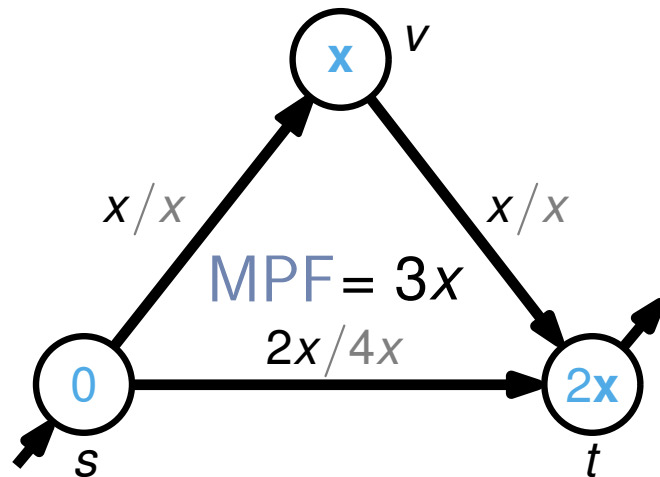
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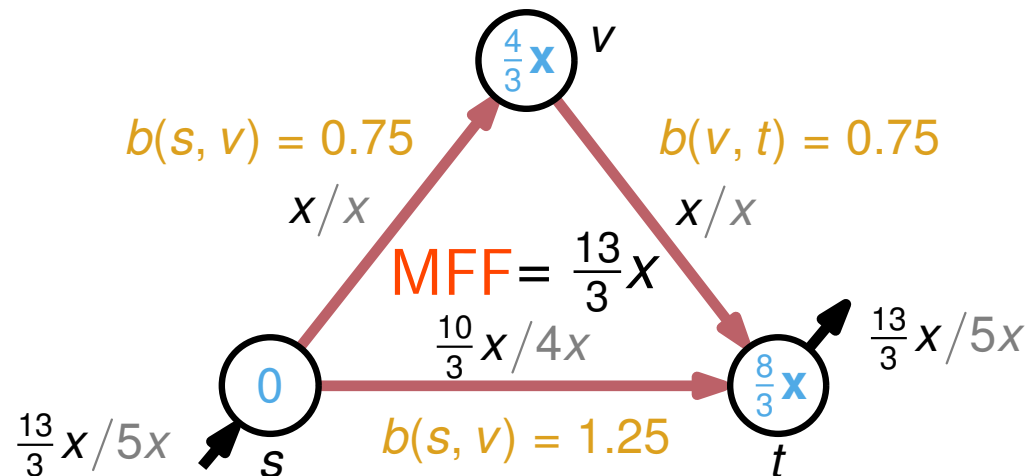
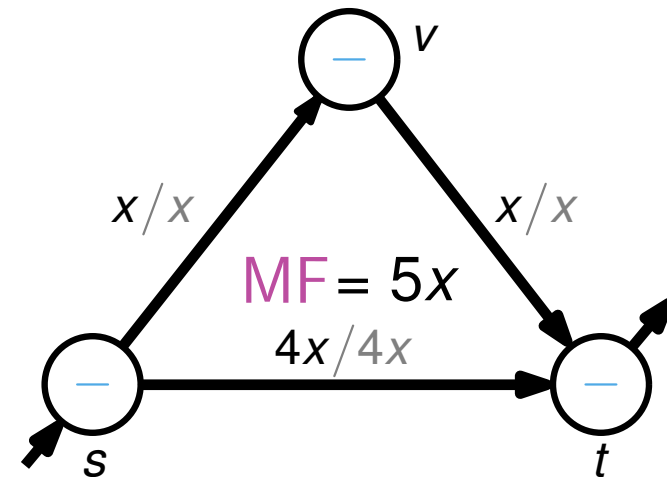
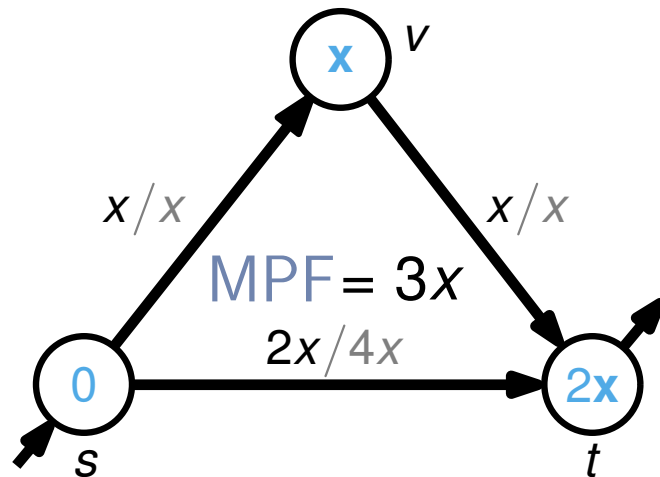


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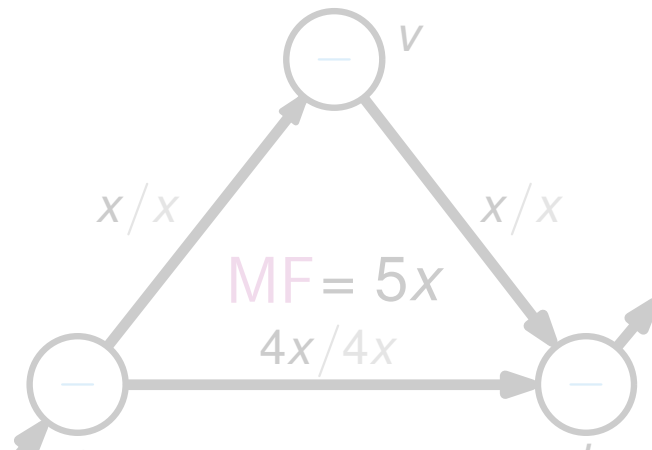
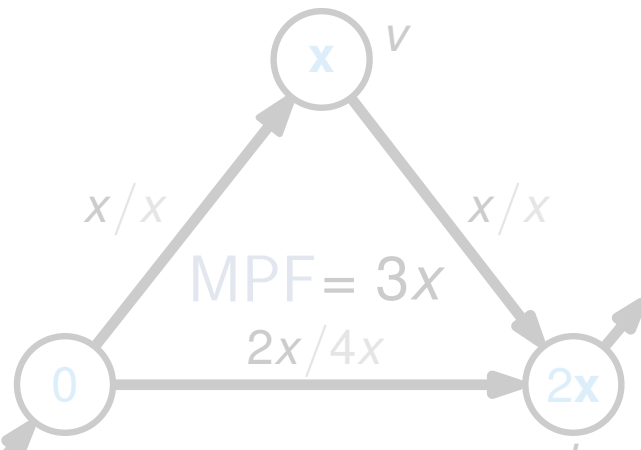
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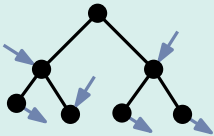


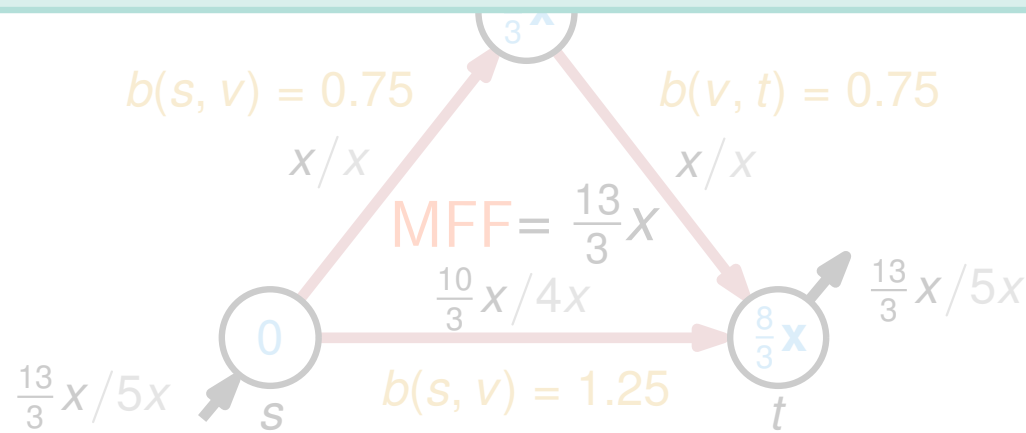
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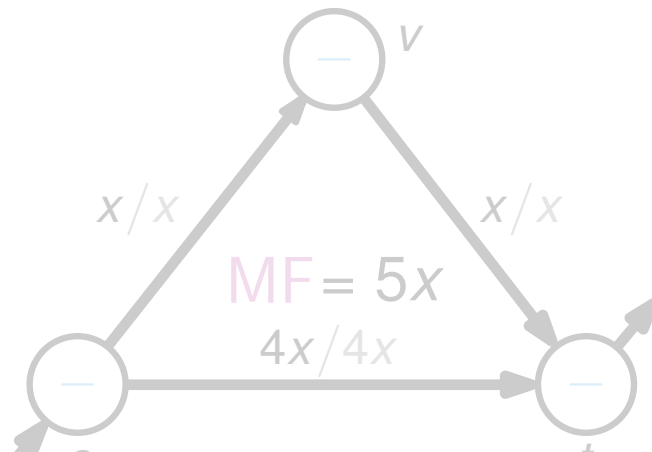
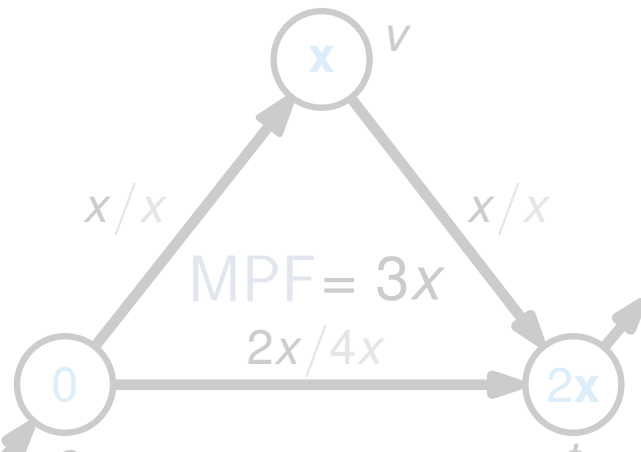

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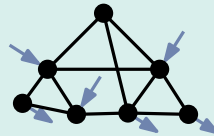


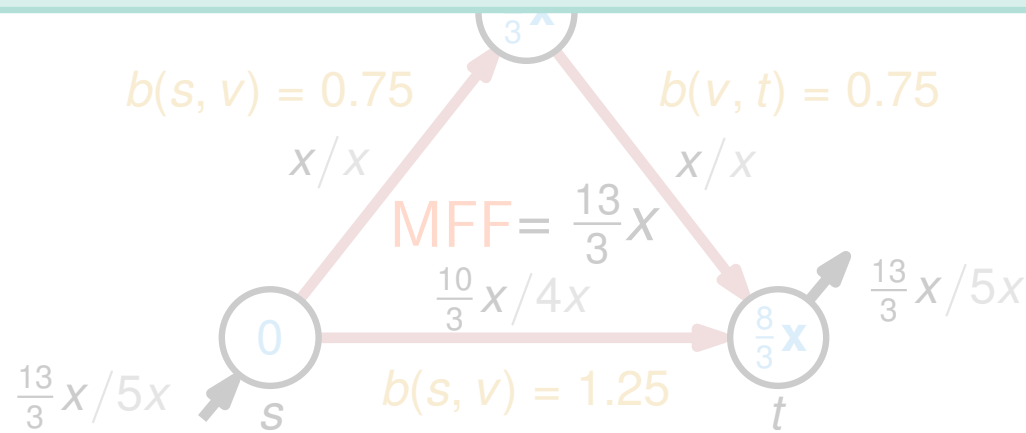
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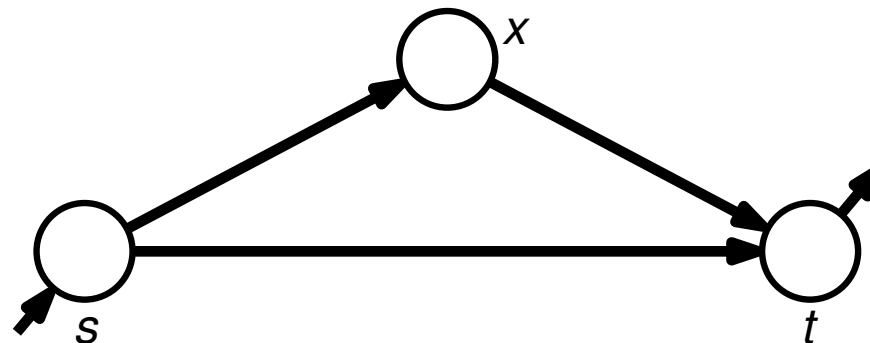
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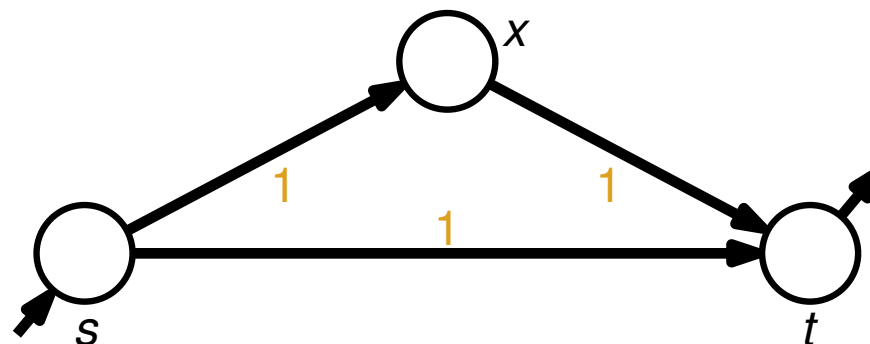
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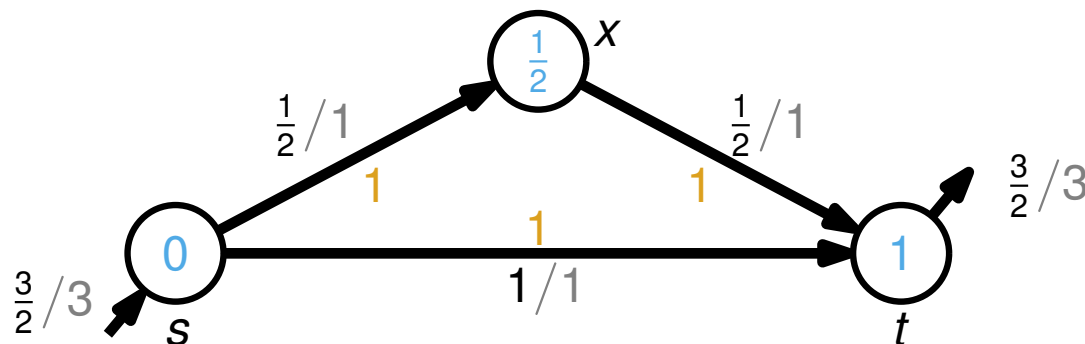
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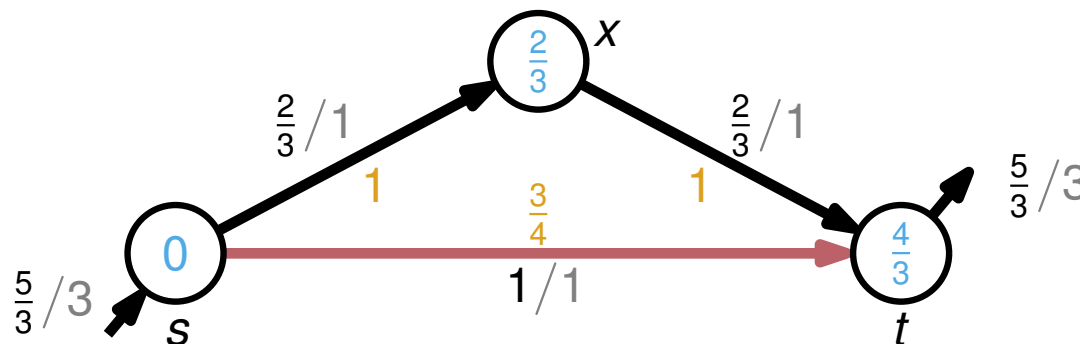
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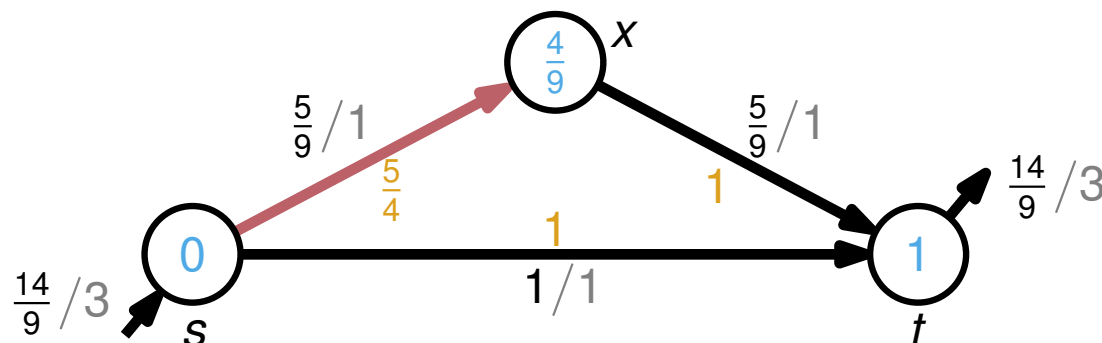
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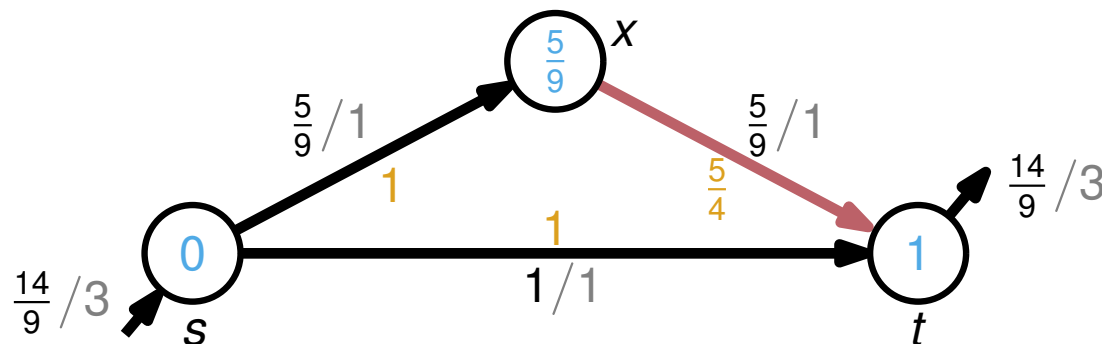
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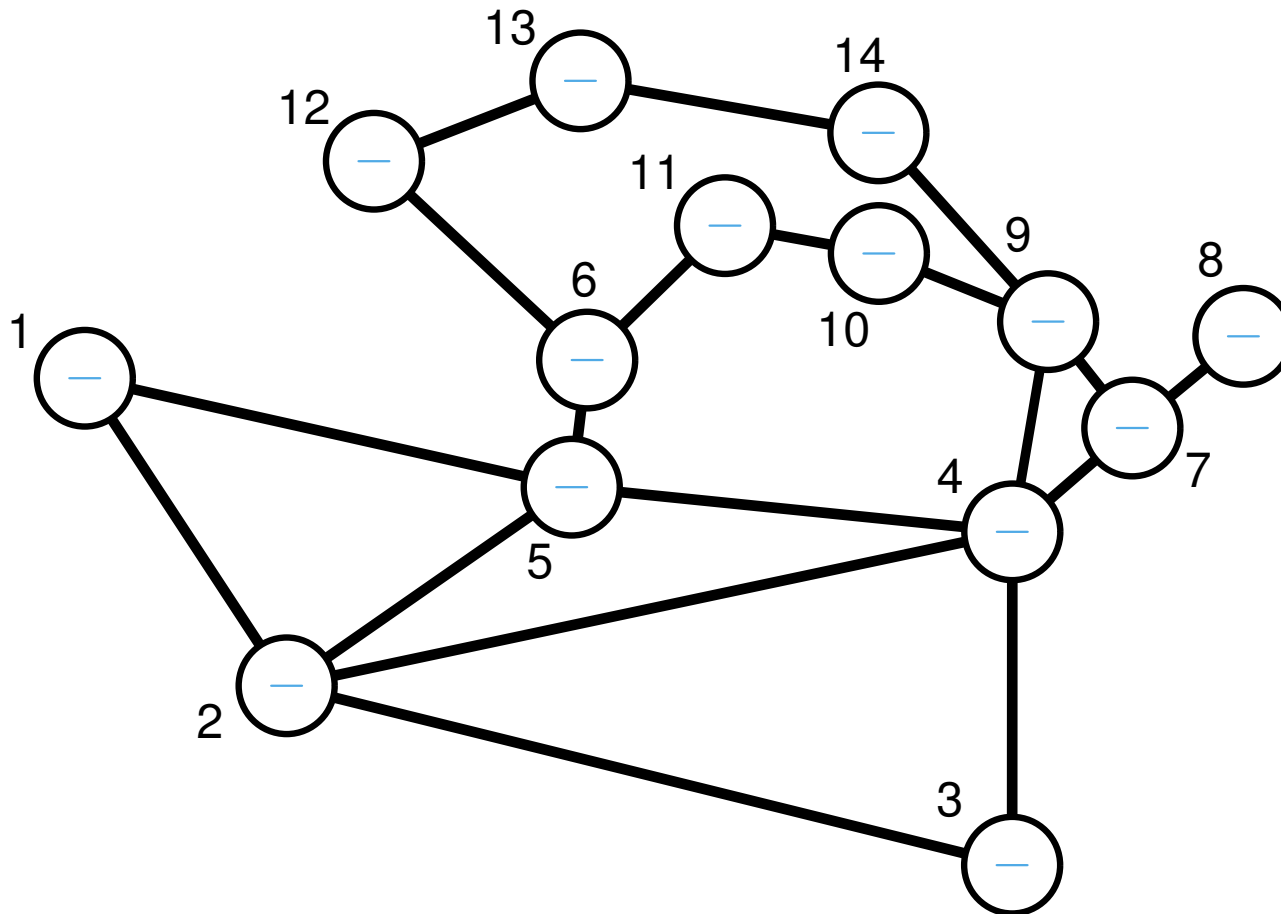
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## **Optimization Problem OFF**

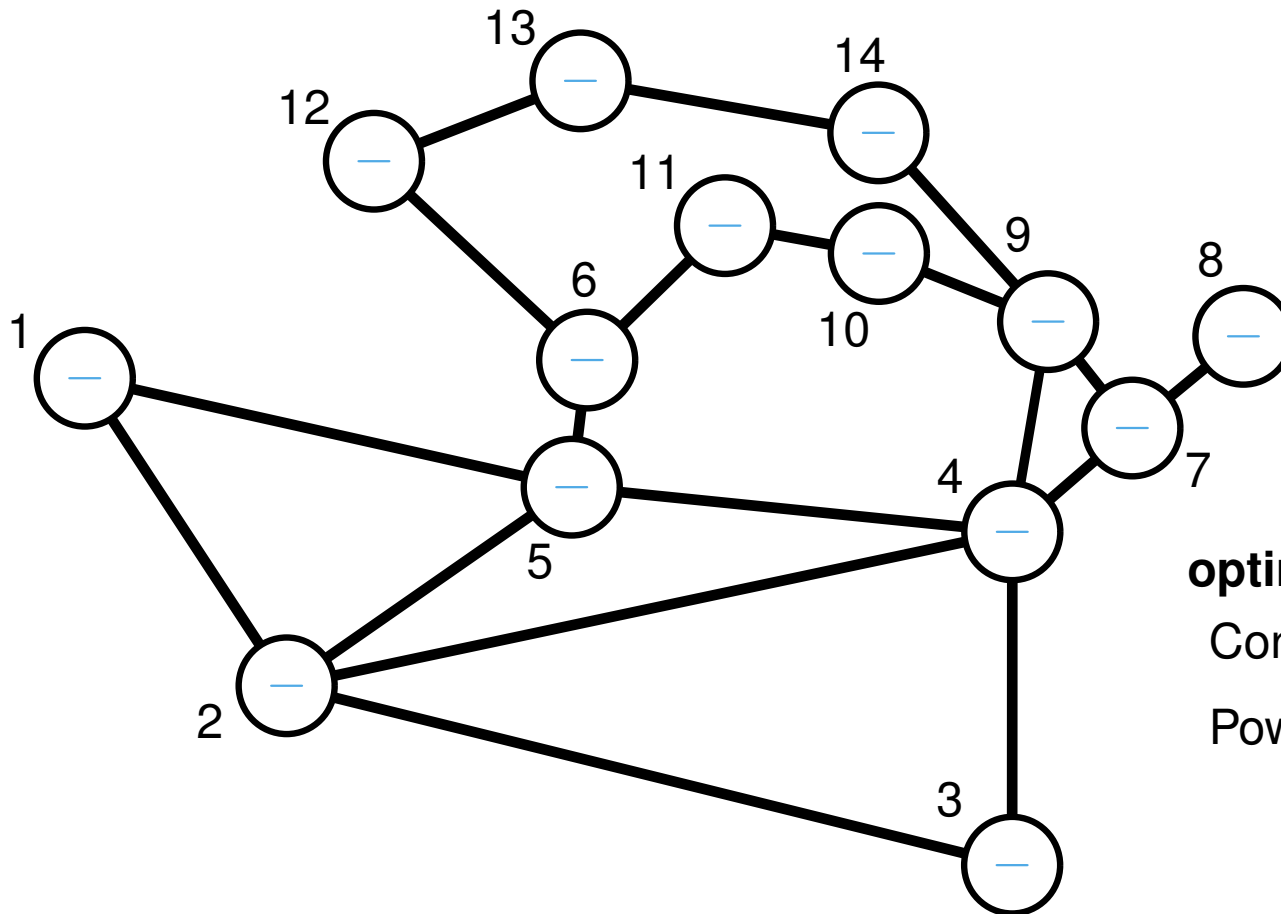
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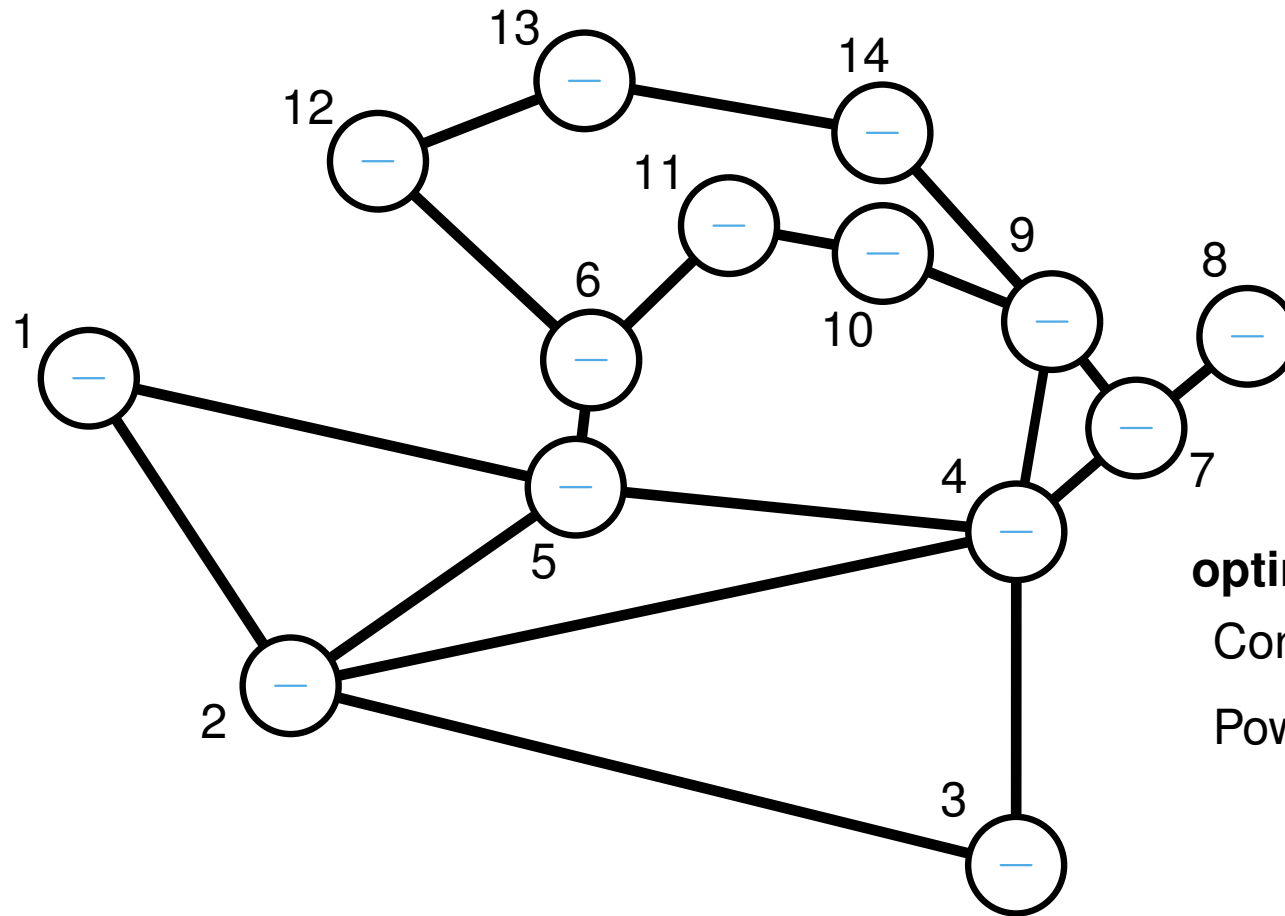
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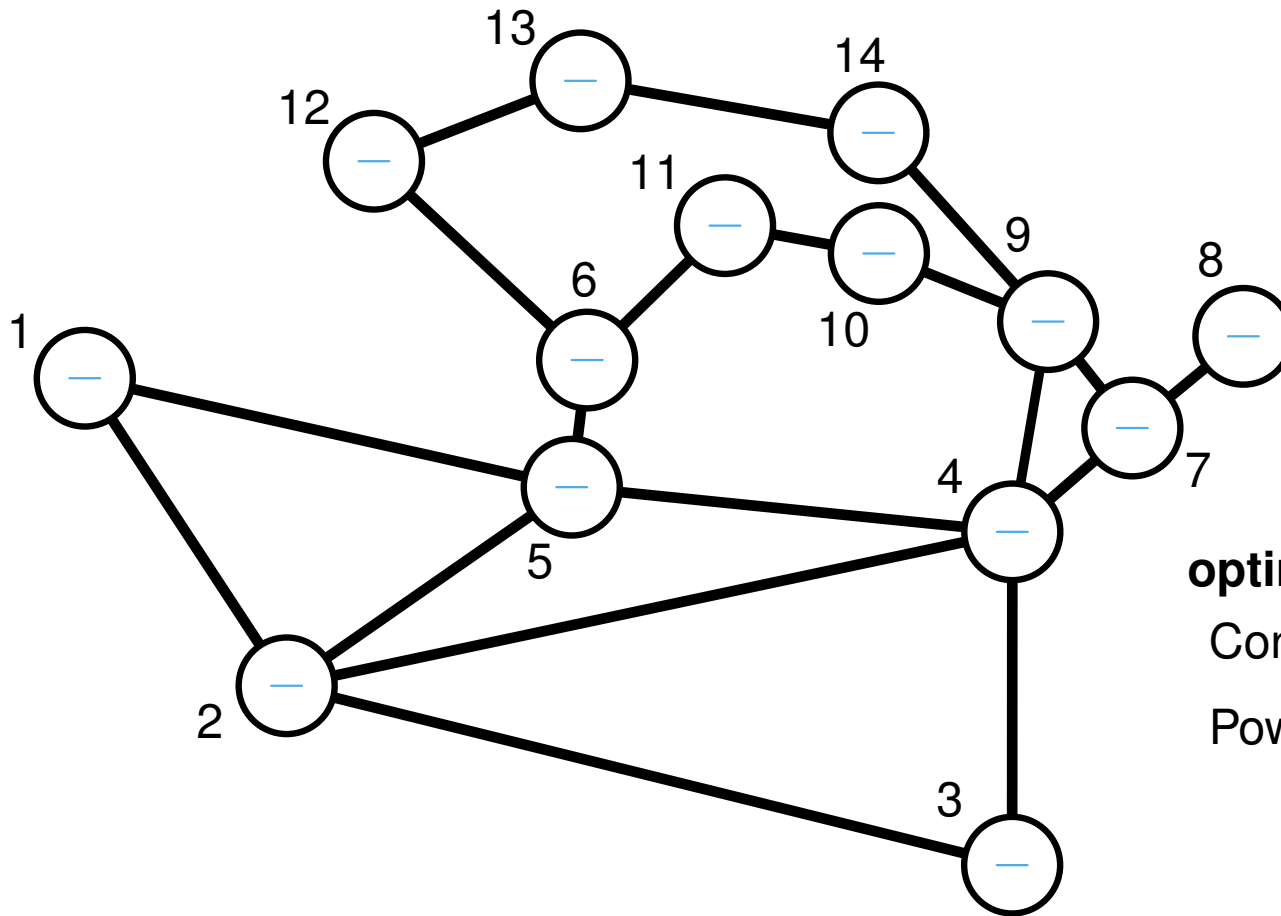
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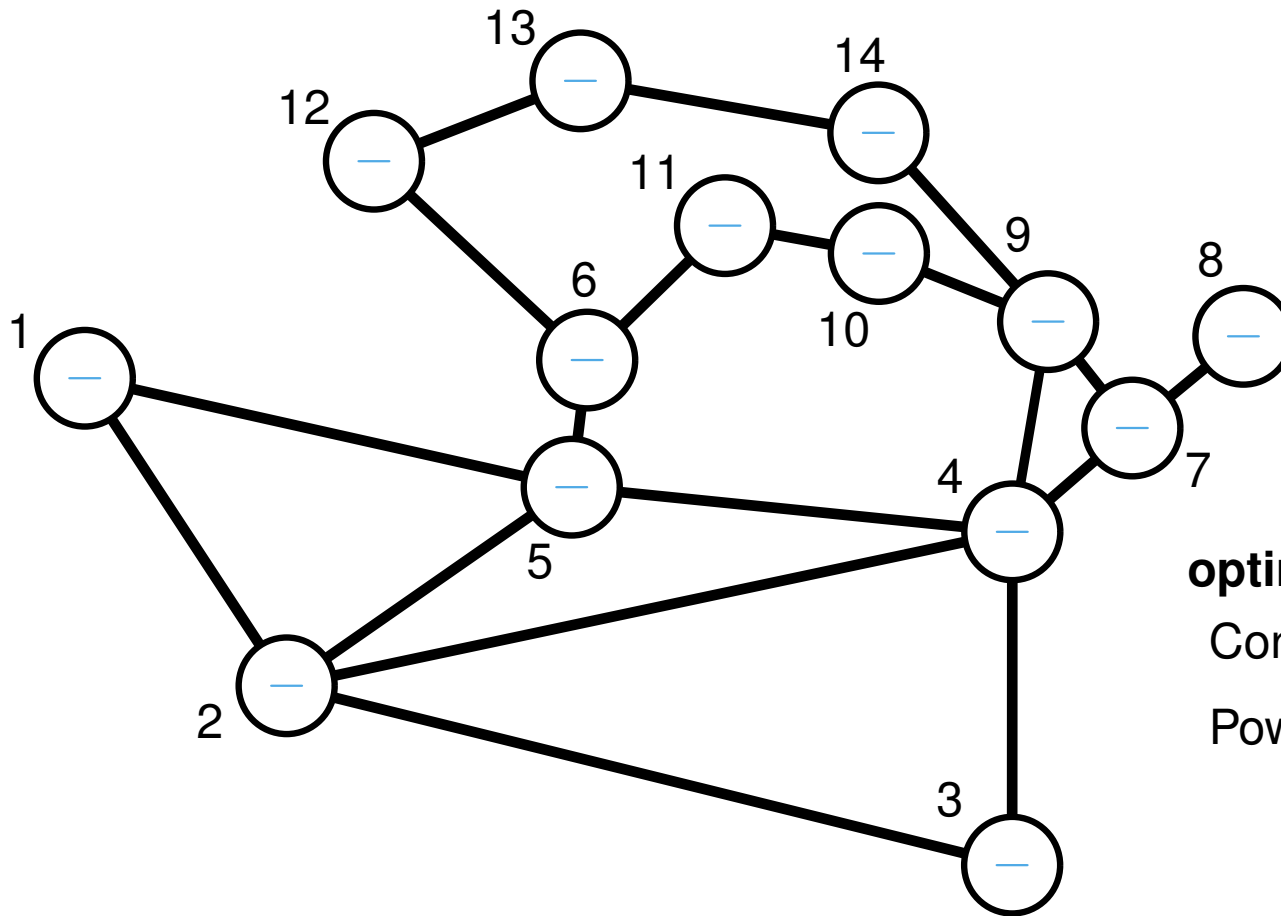
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## Physical Model

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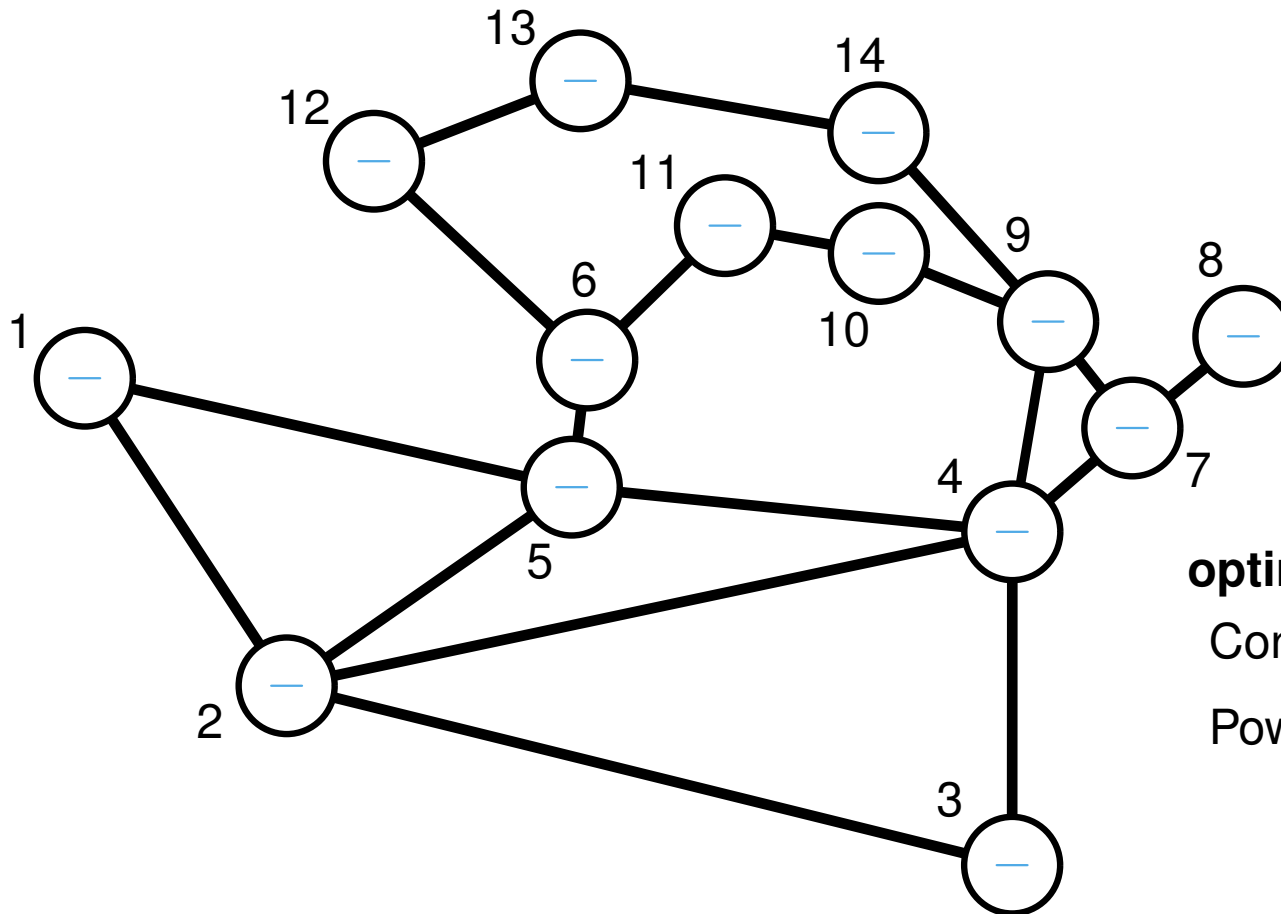


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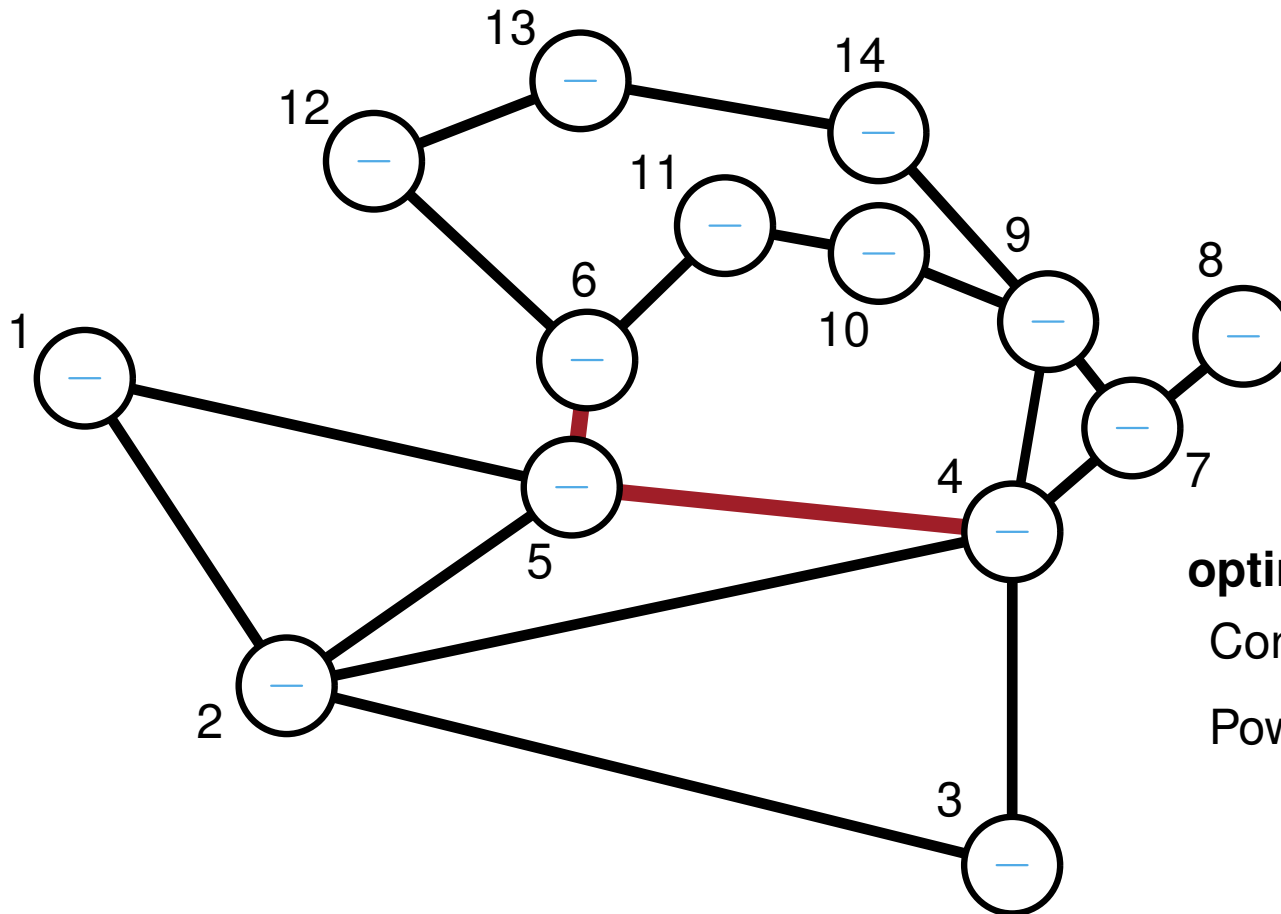
Physical Model

upper bound

Flow Model

lower bound

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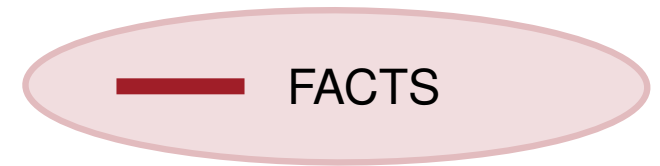
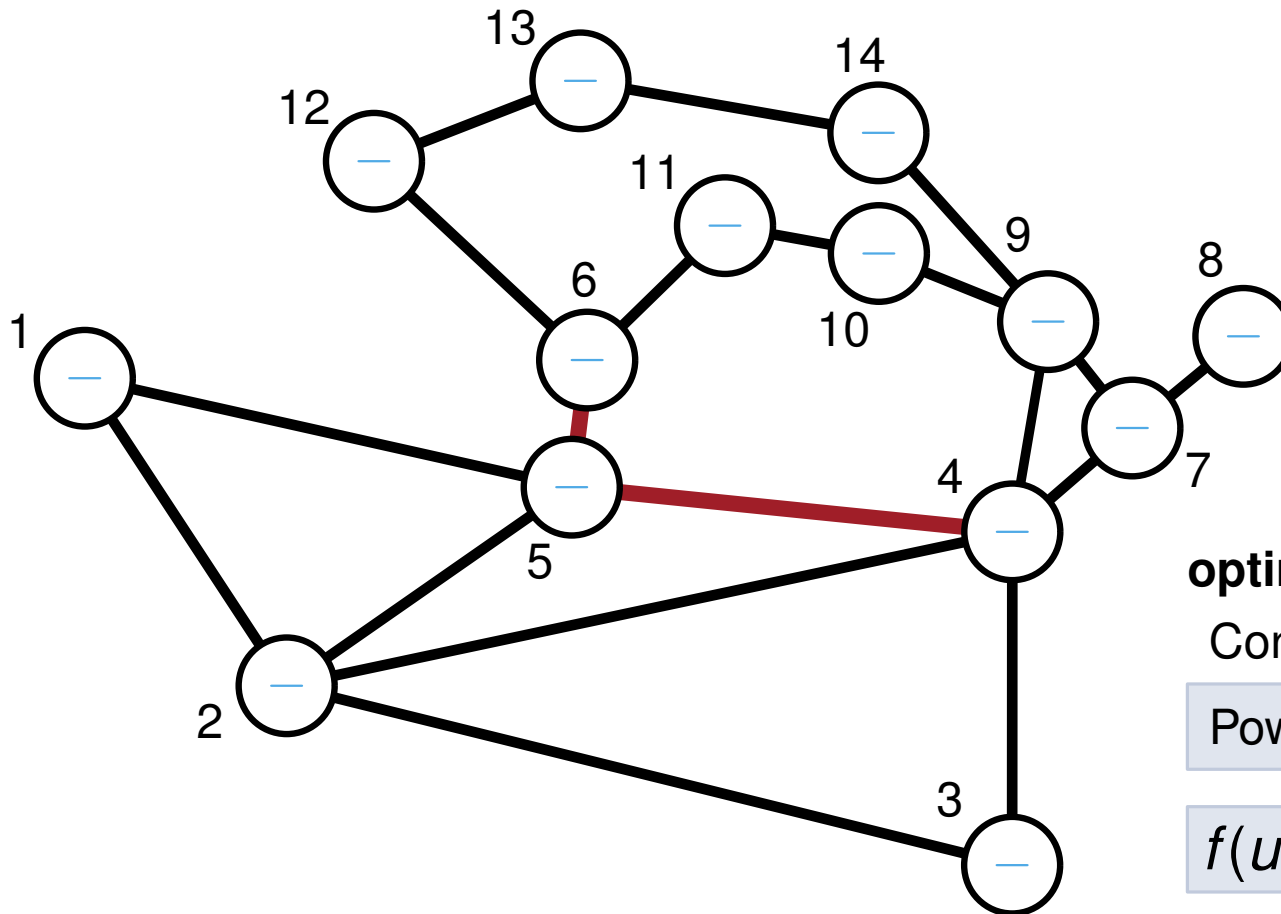
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## Matching the Flow Model [Leibfried et al. & Mchedlidze et al., 2015]

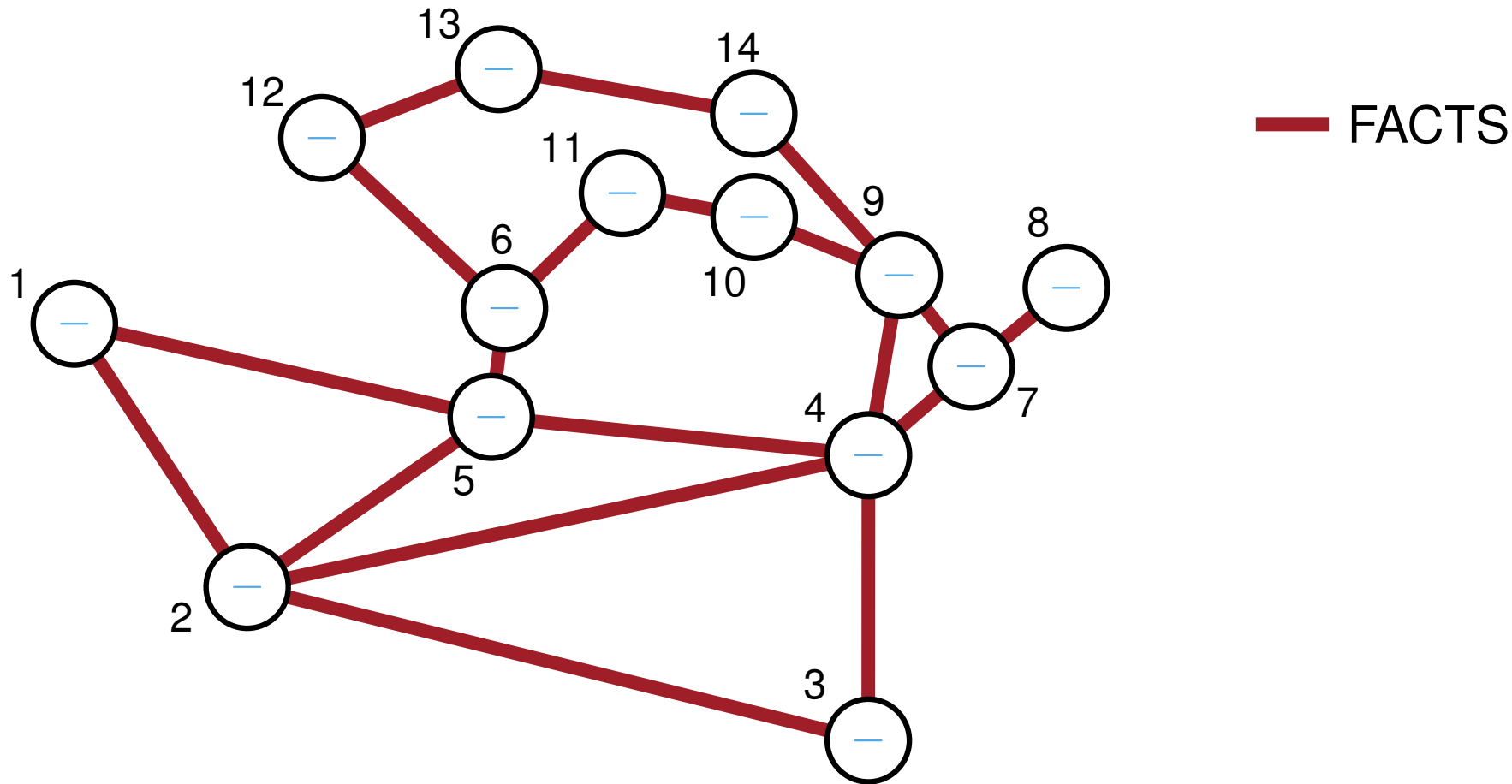
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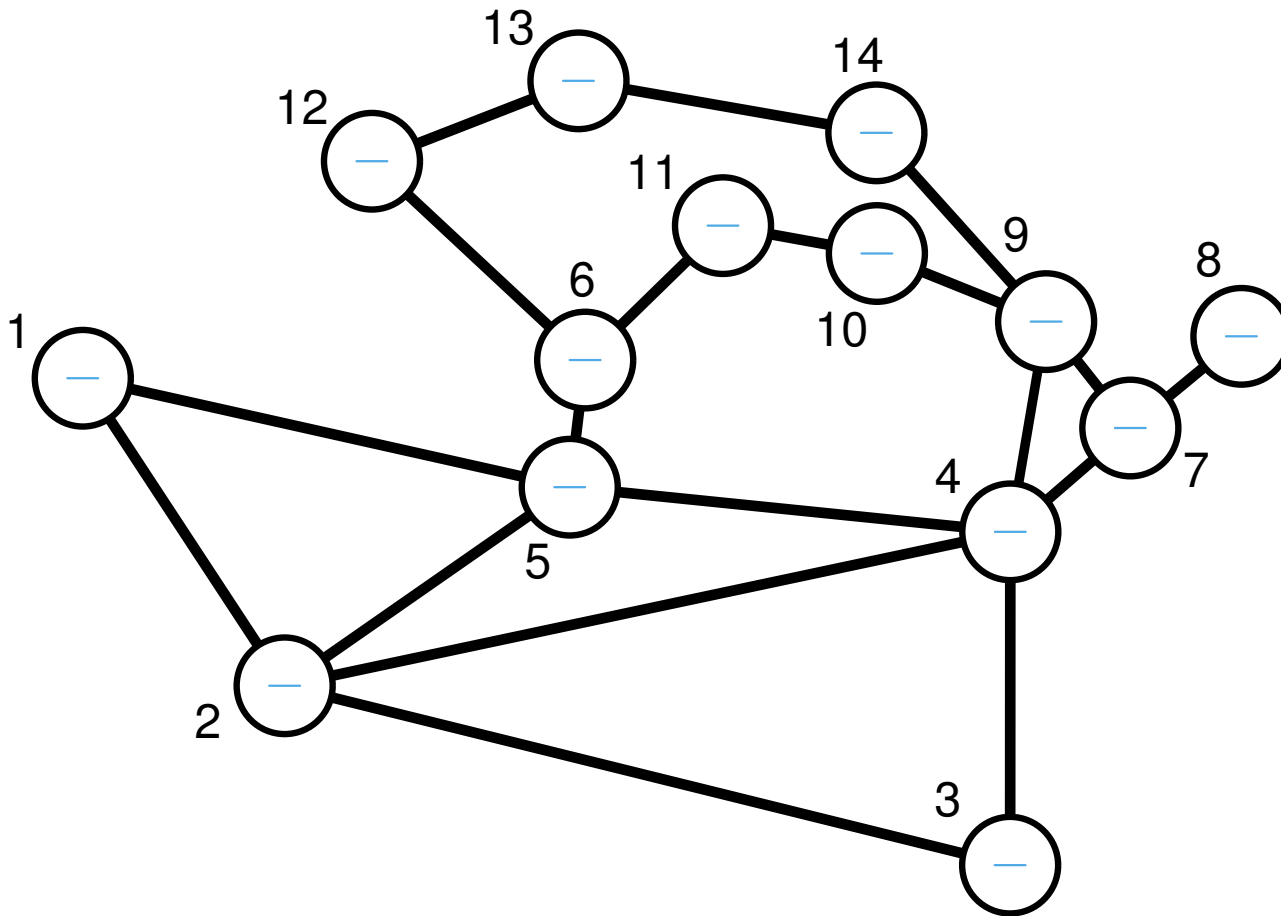
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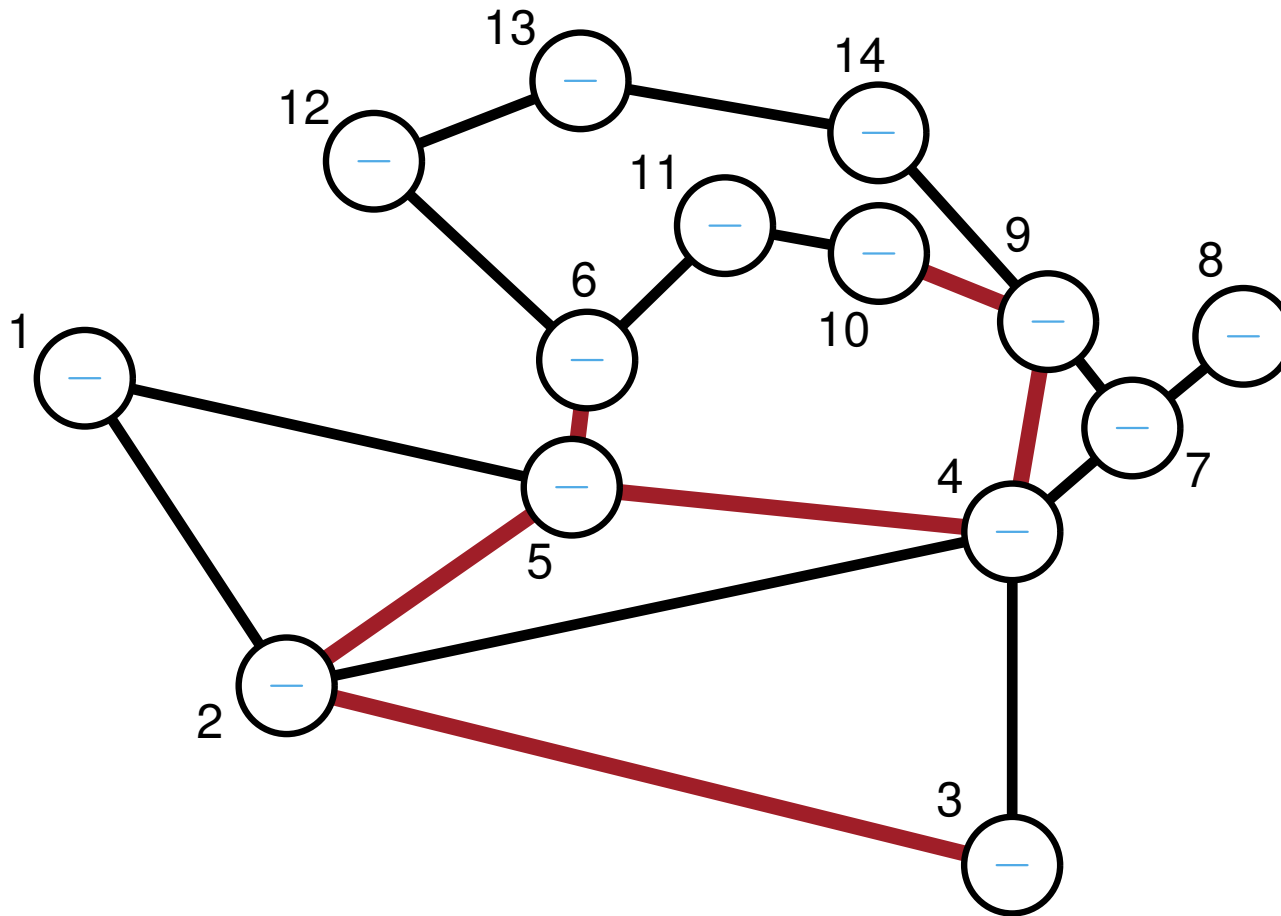
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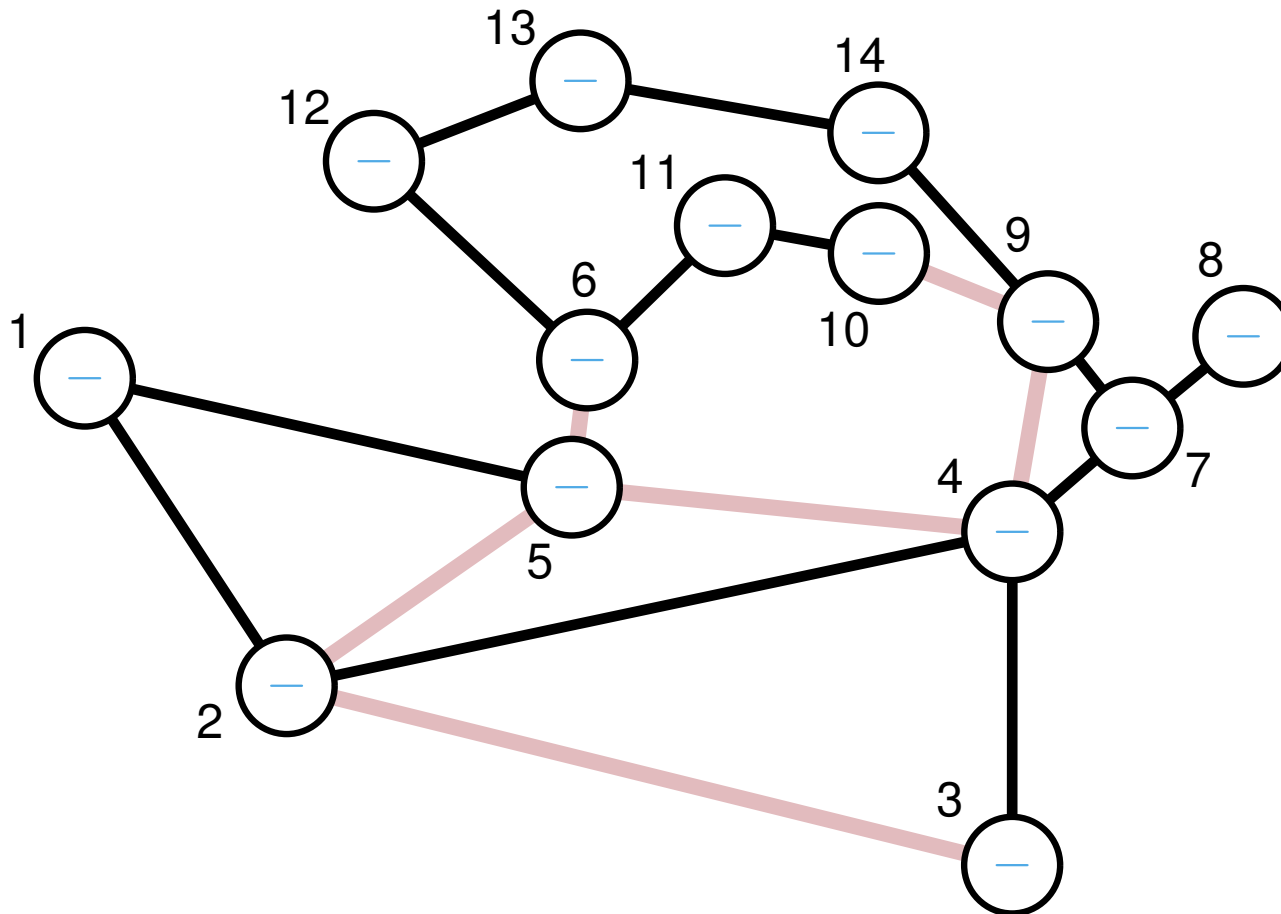


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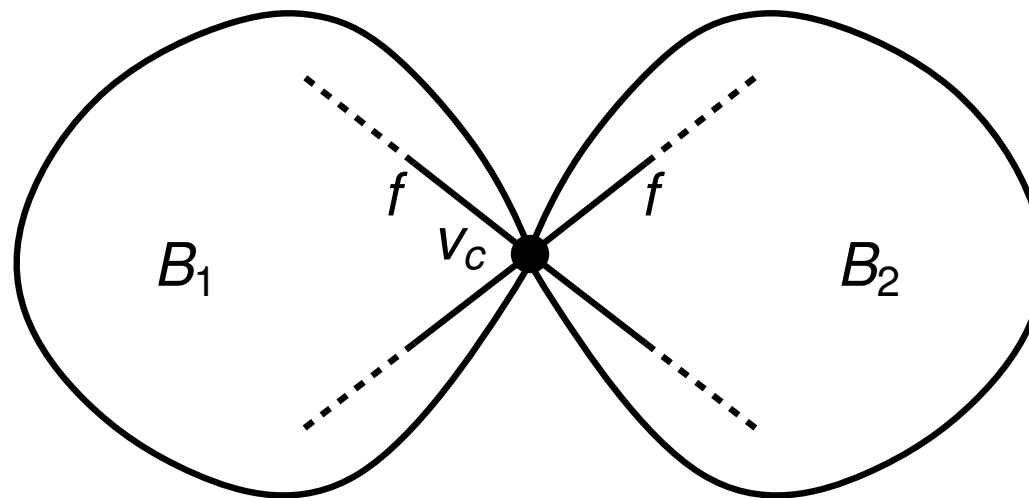


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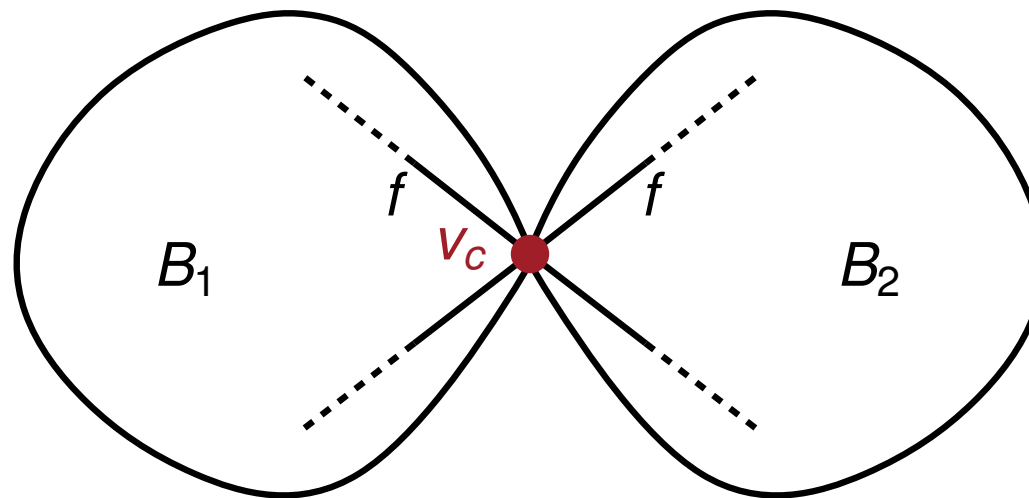
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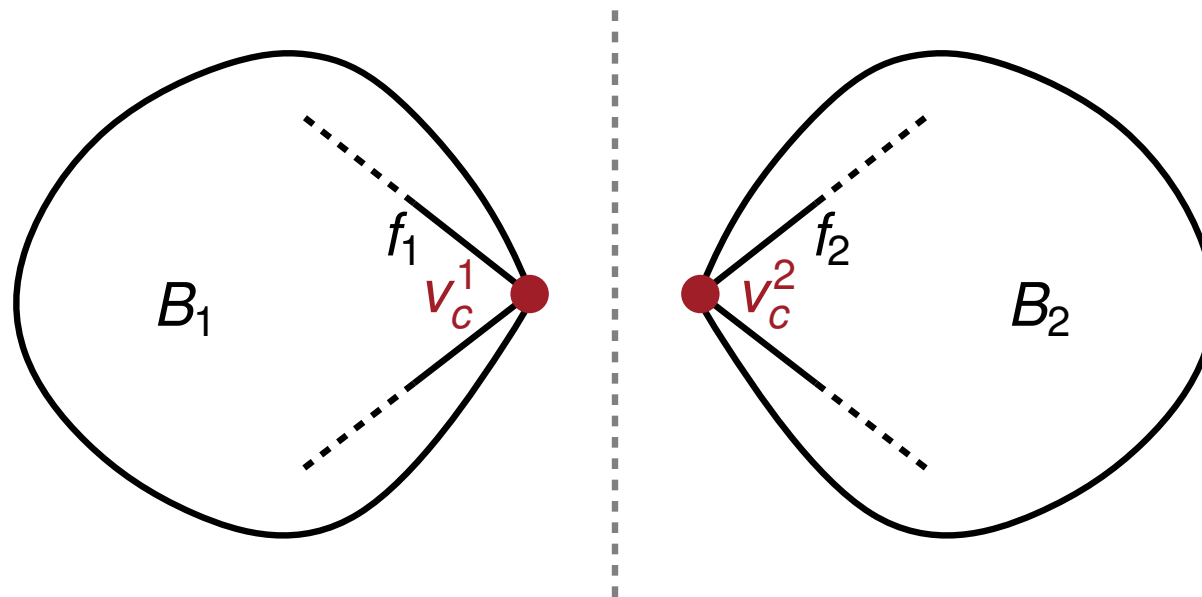
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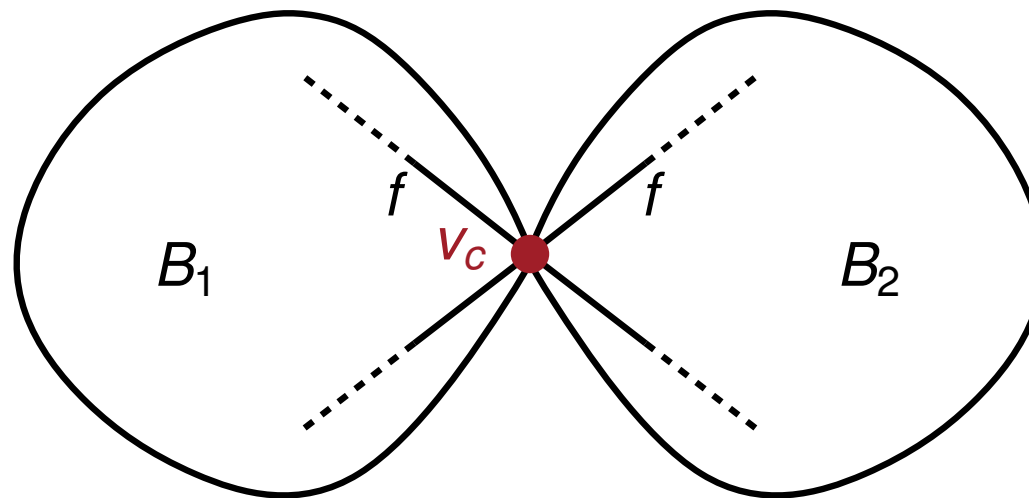
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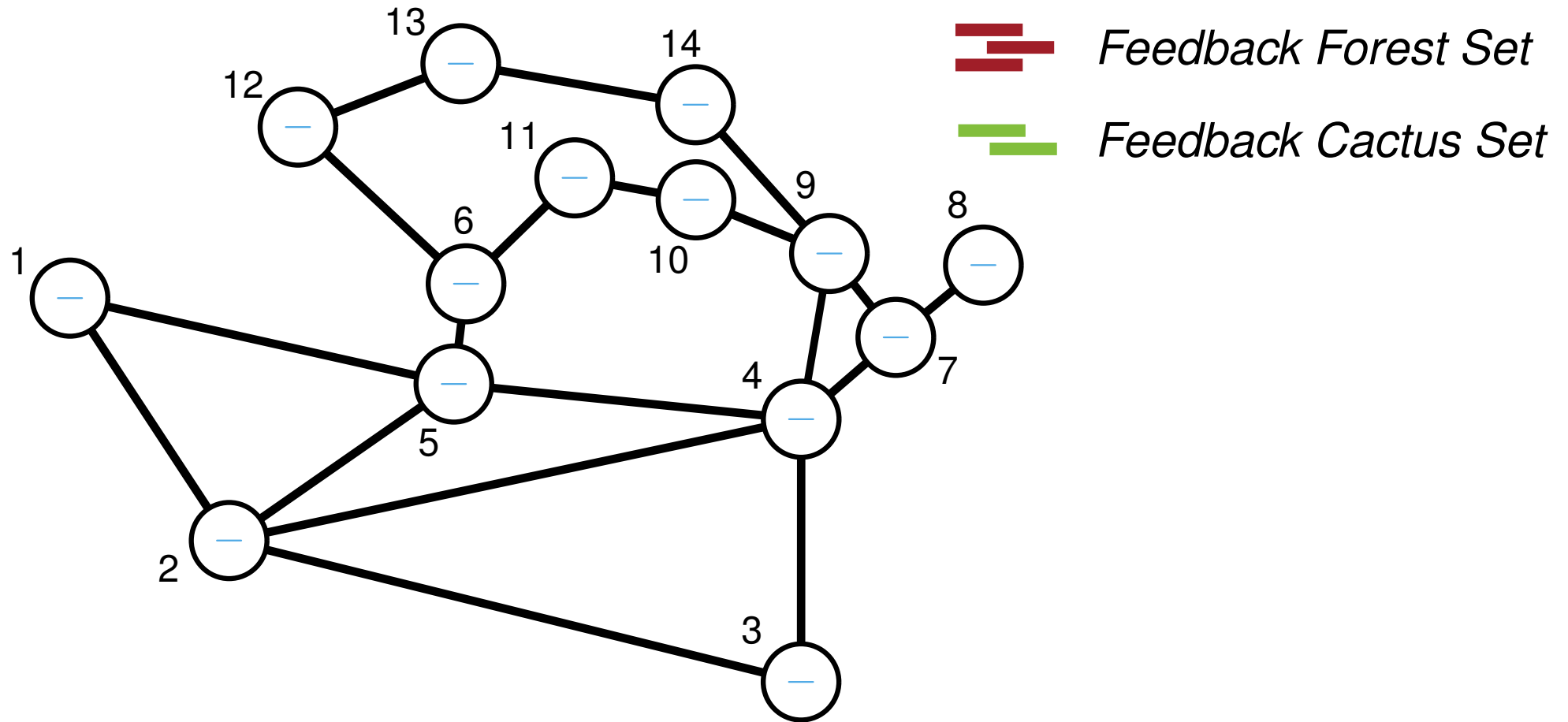
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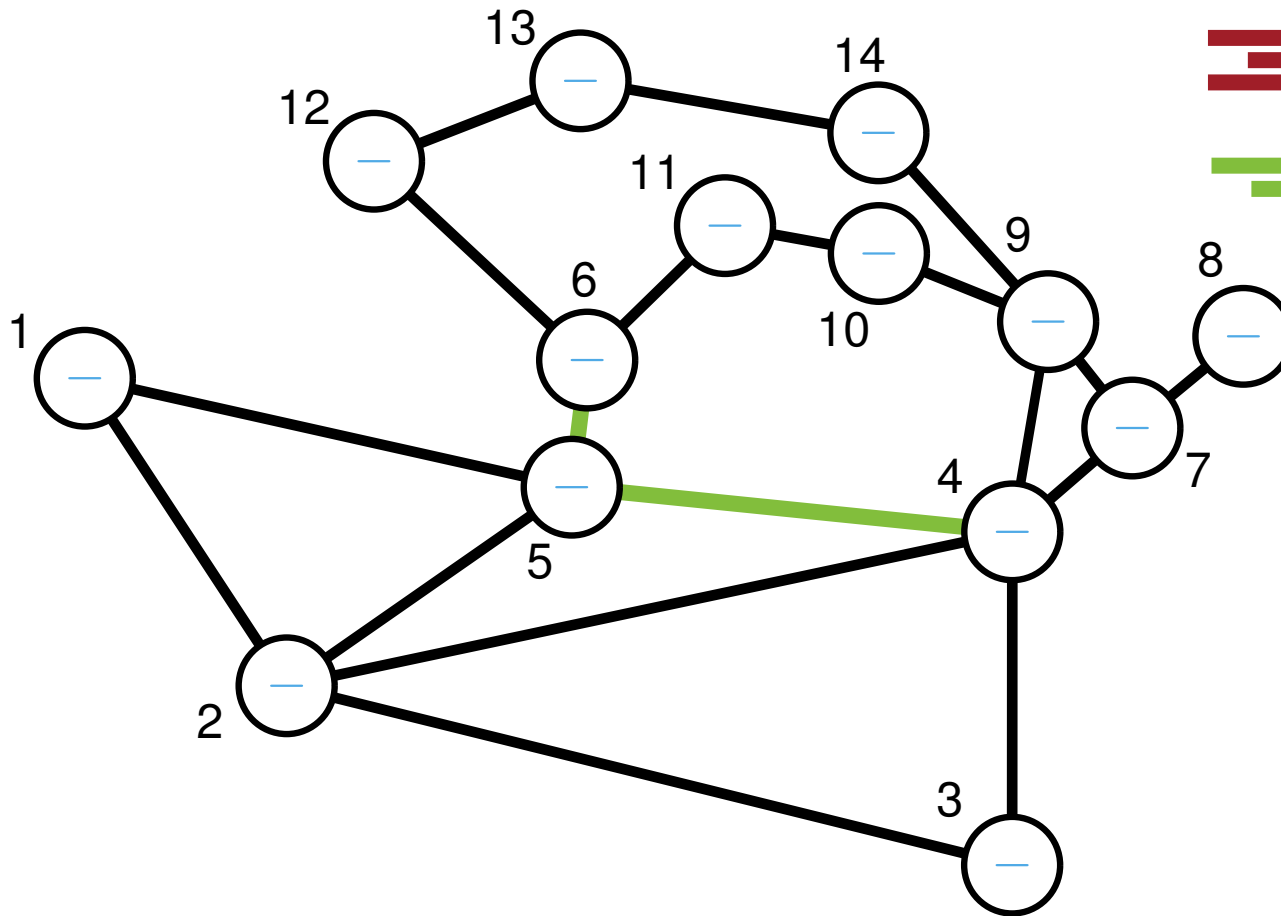
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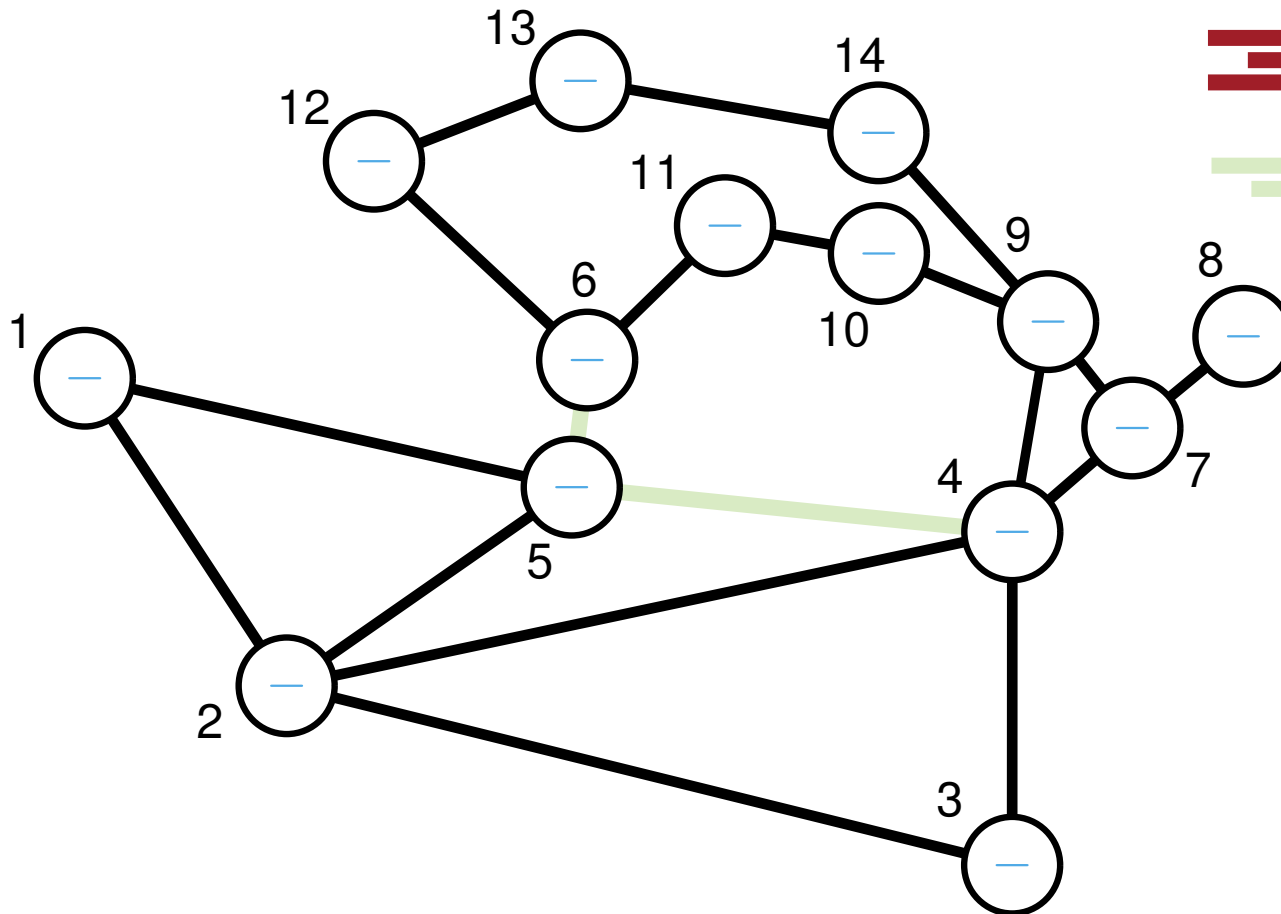


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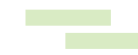
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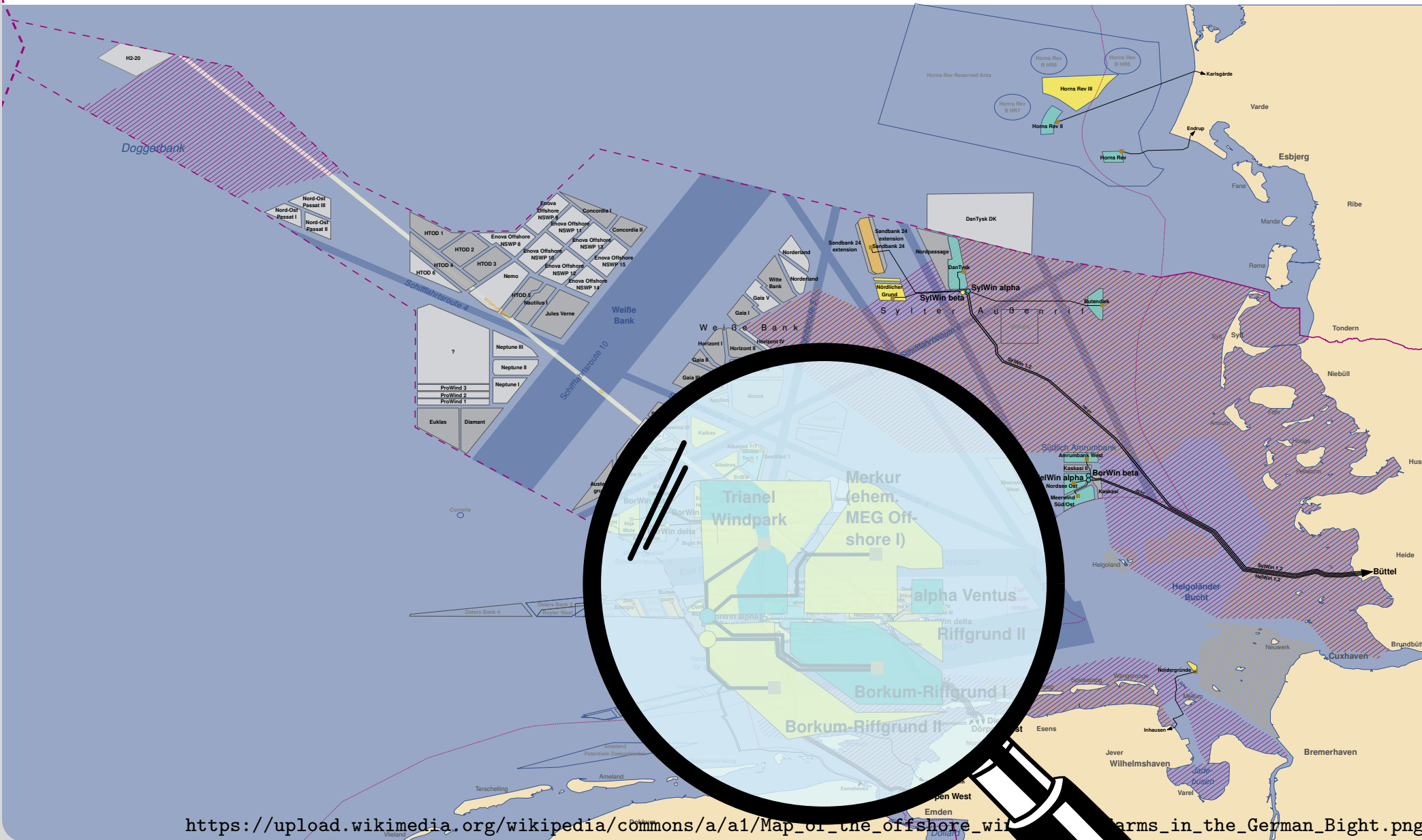
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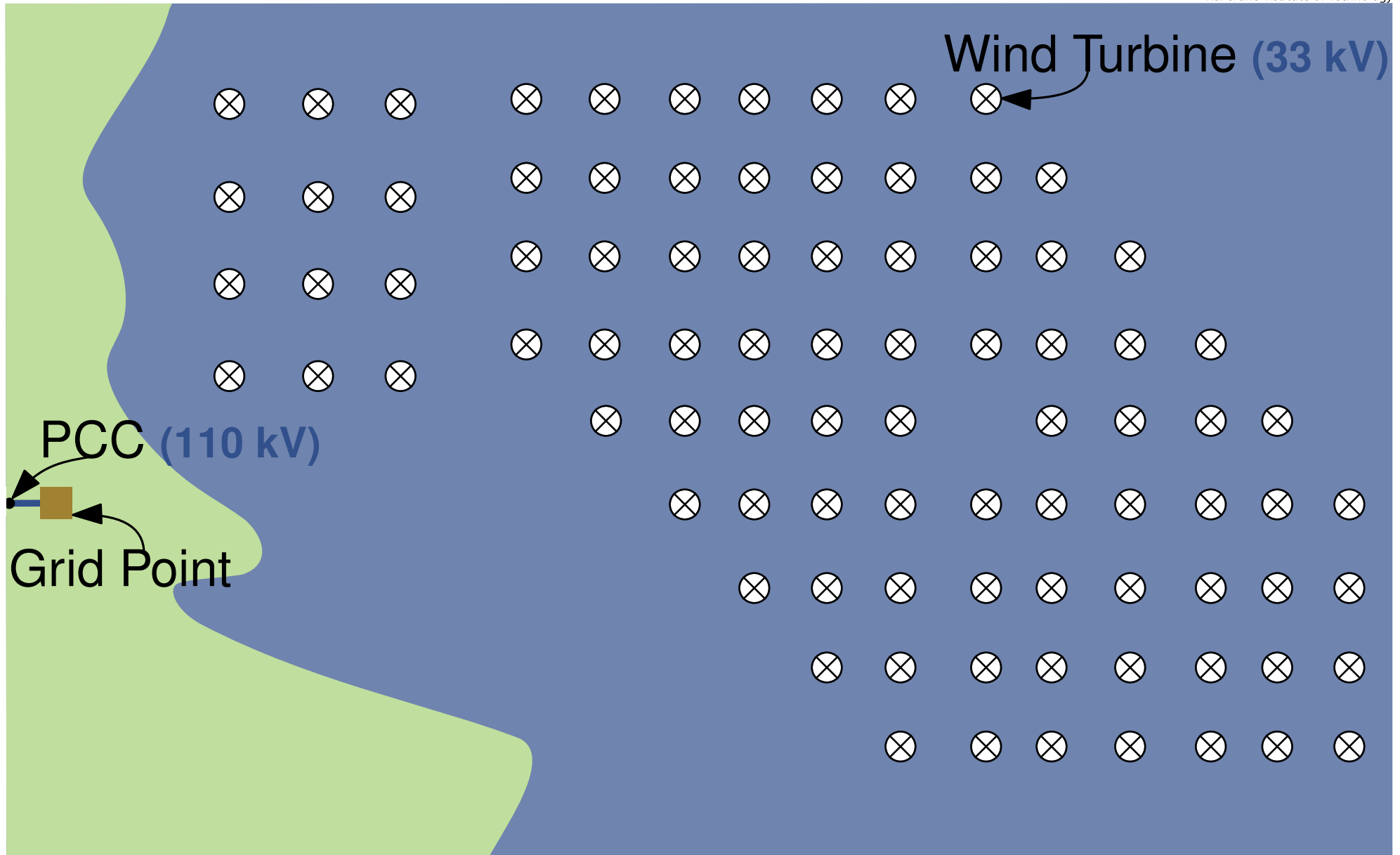
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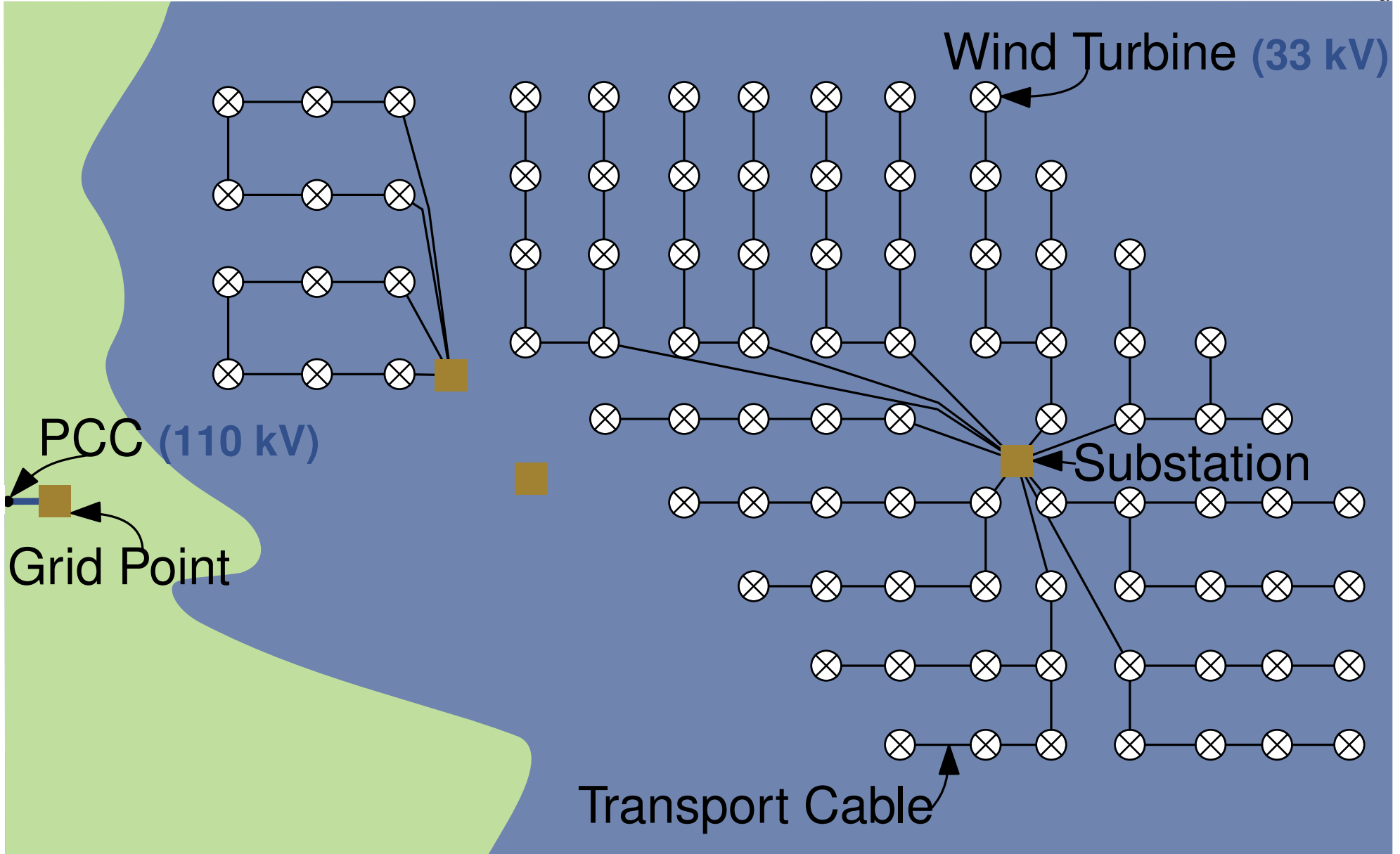
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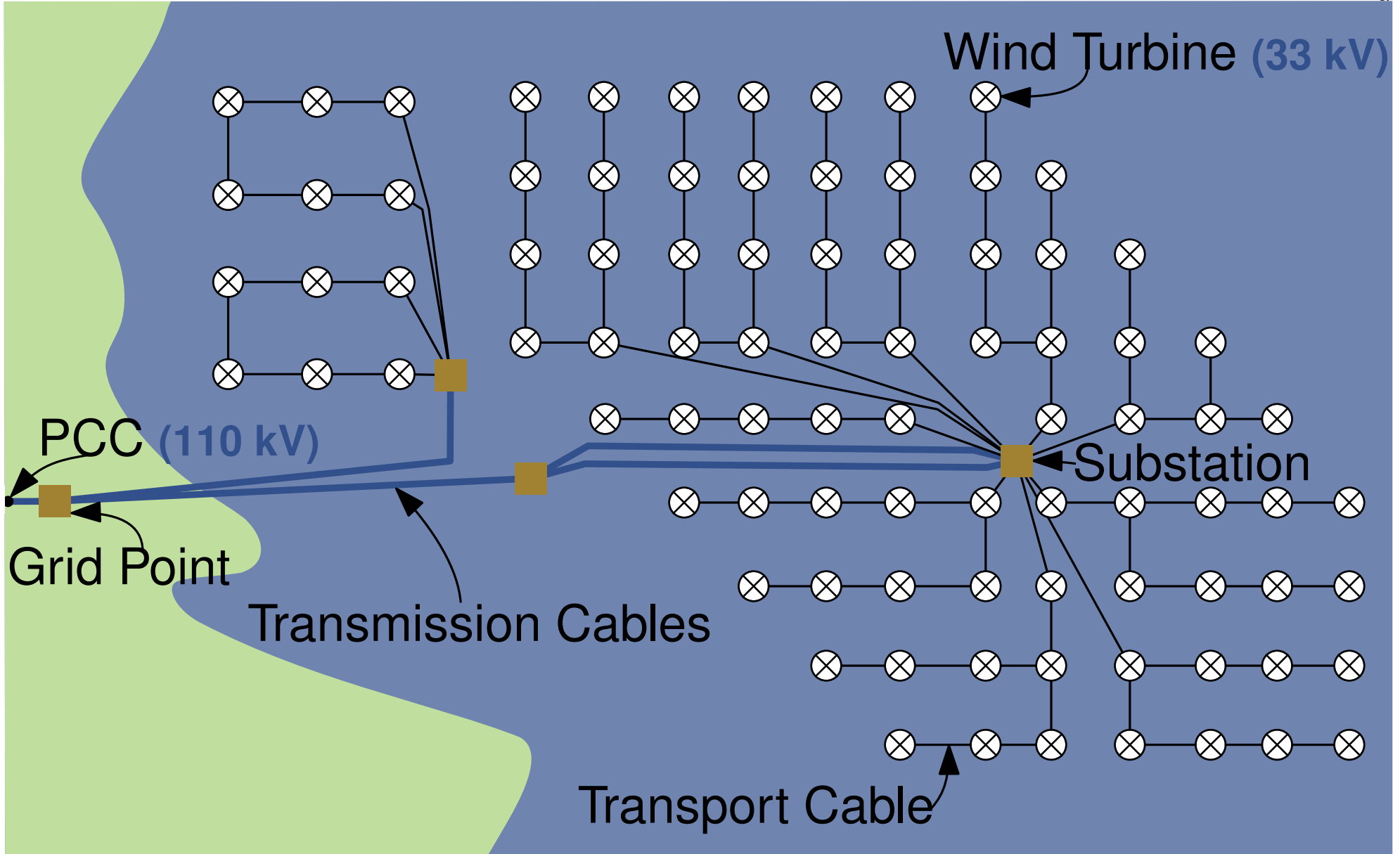
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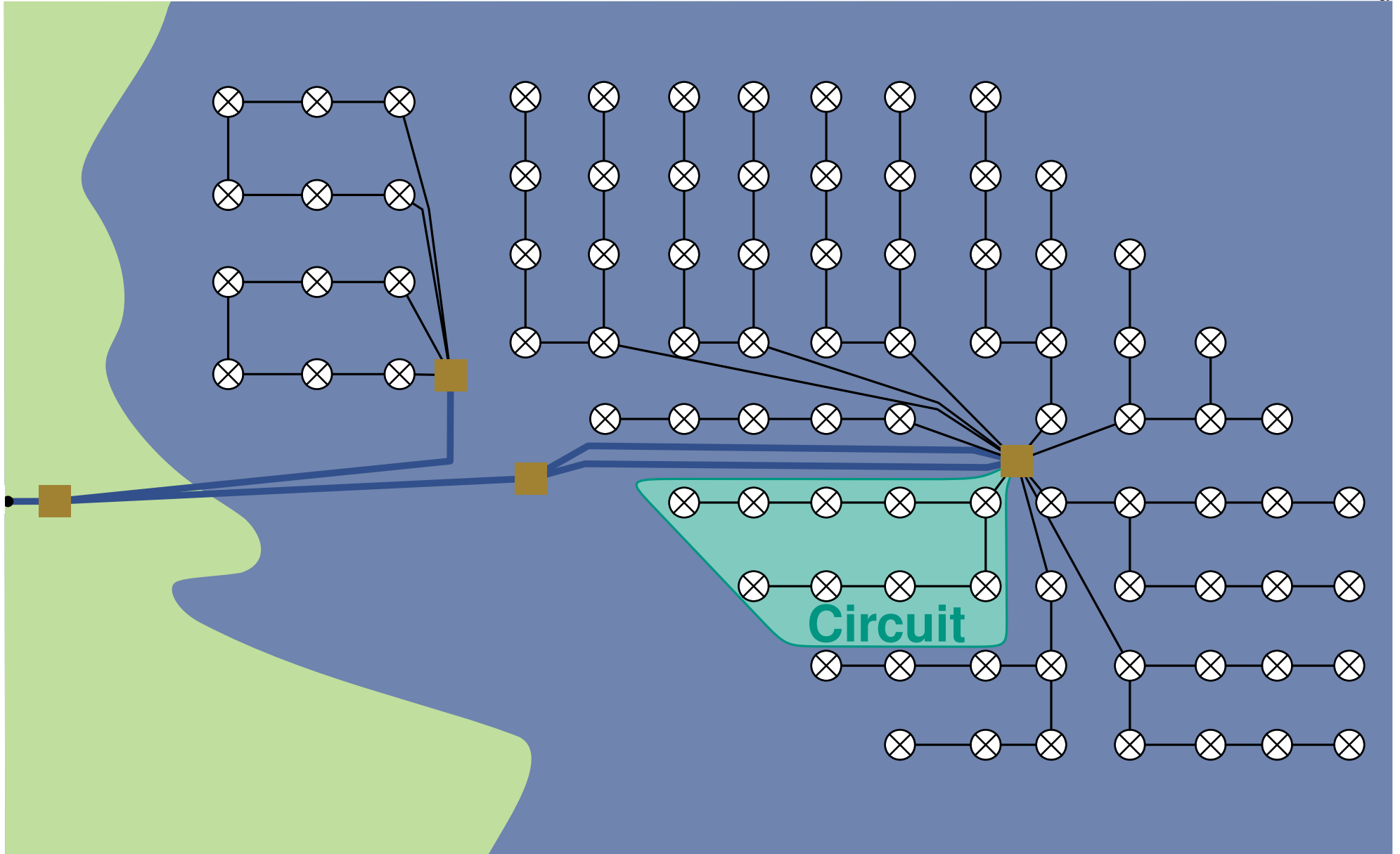


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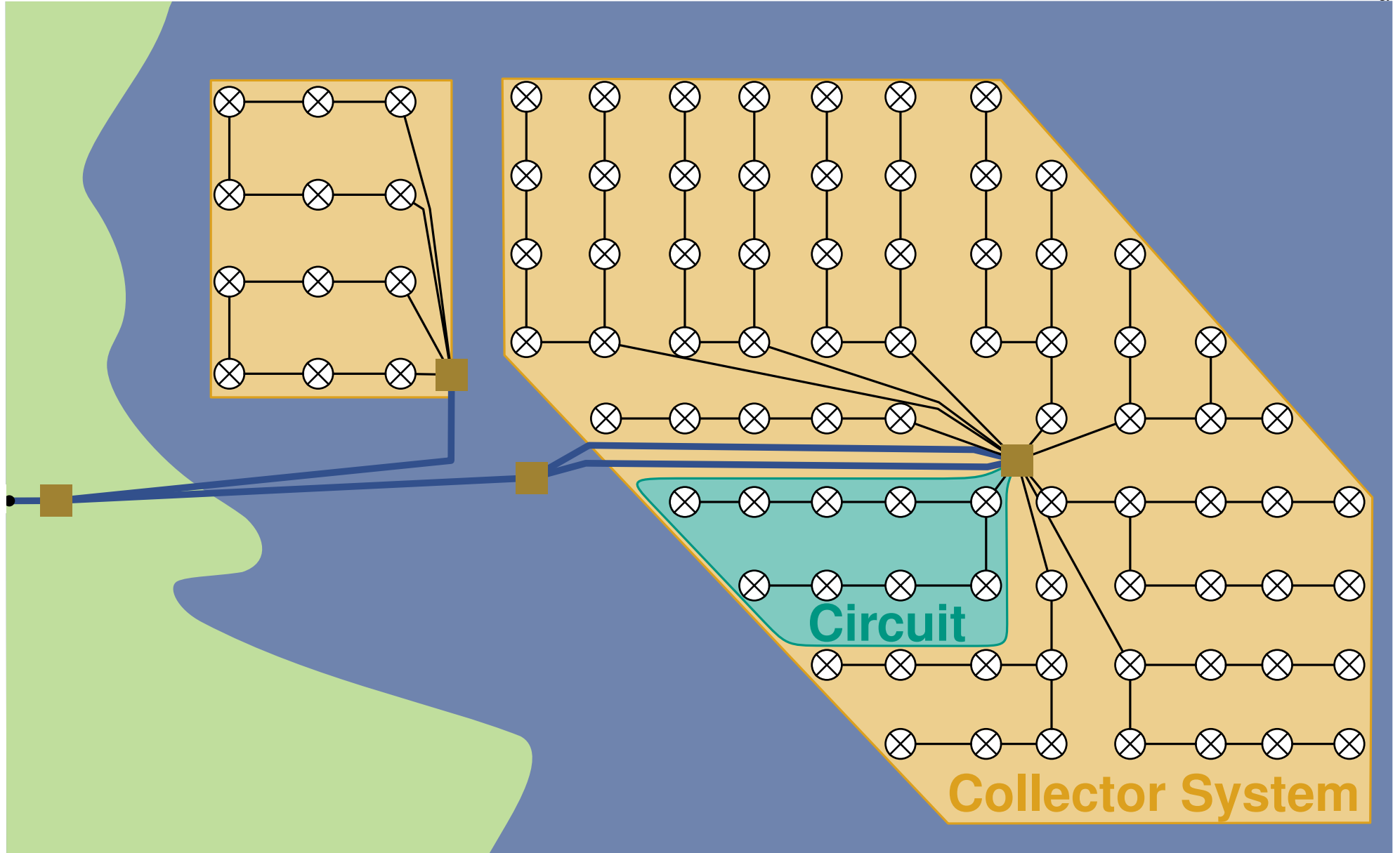
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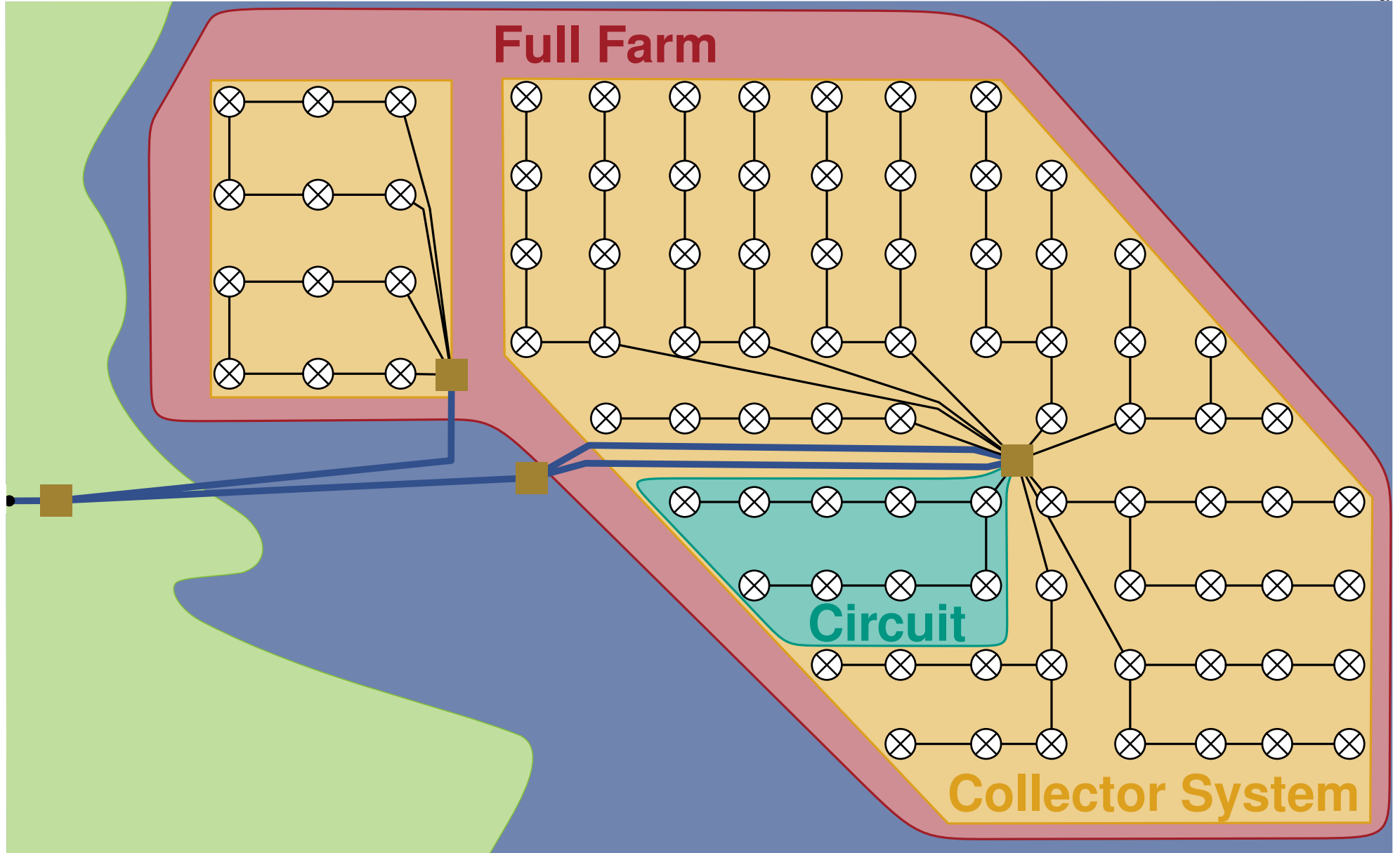
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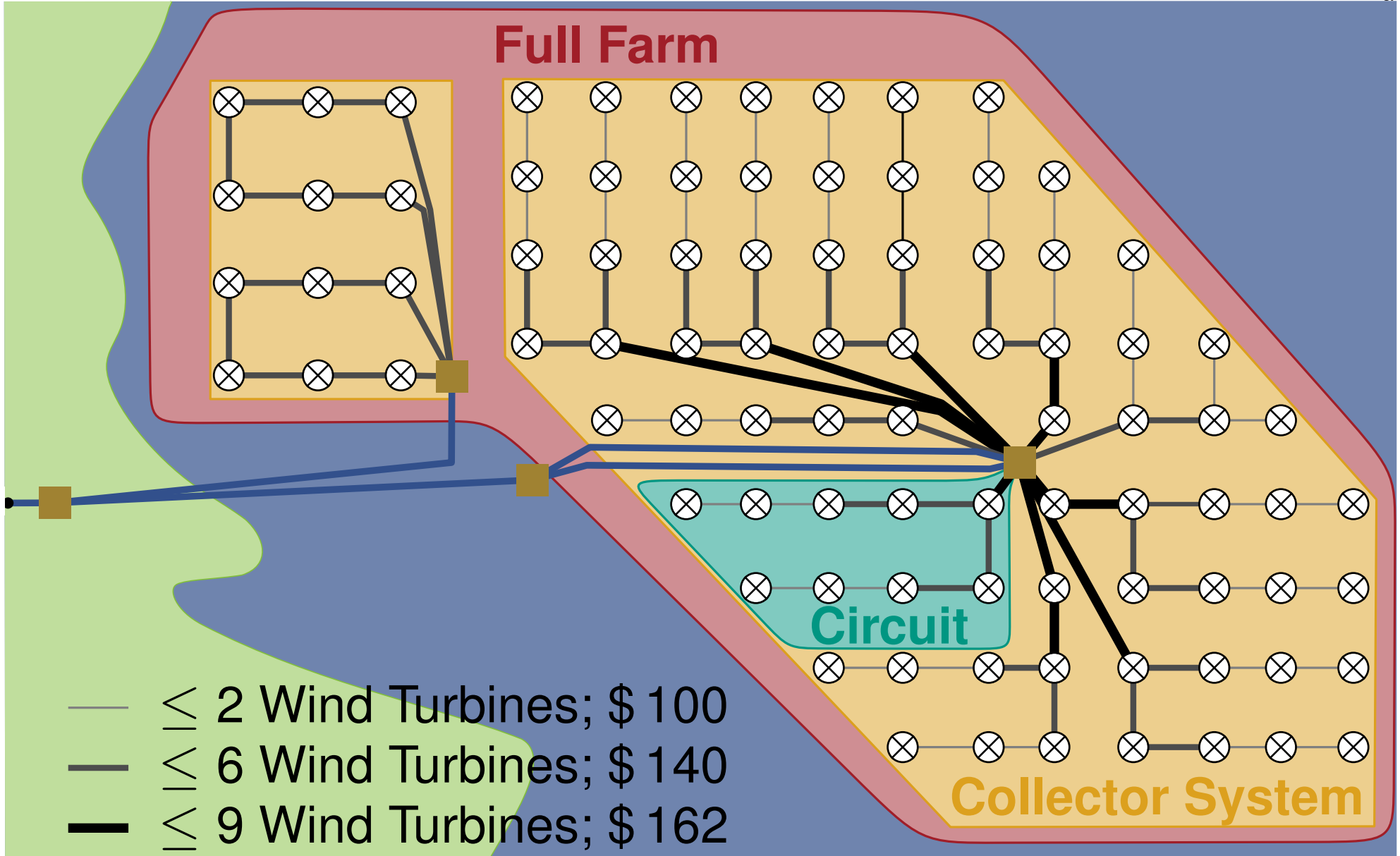
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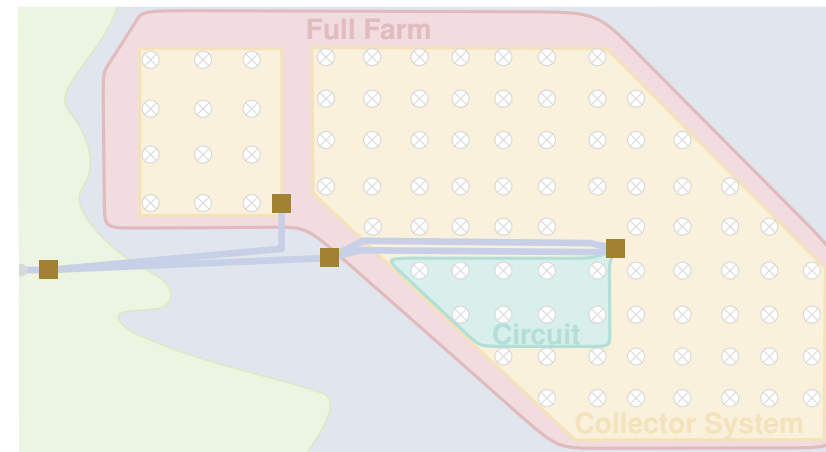


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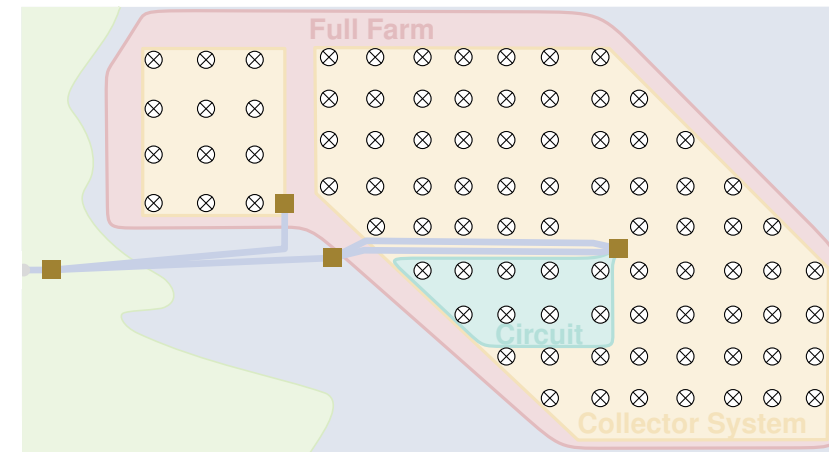
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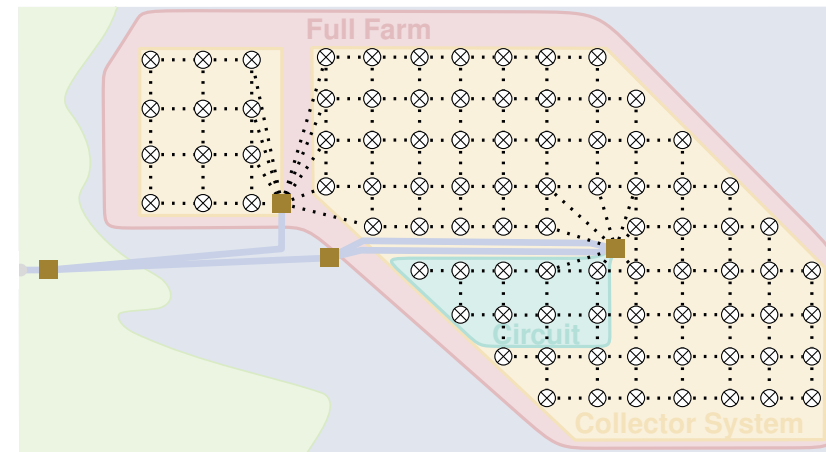
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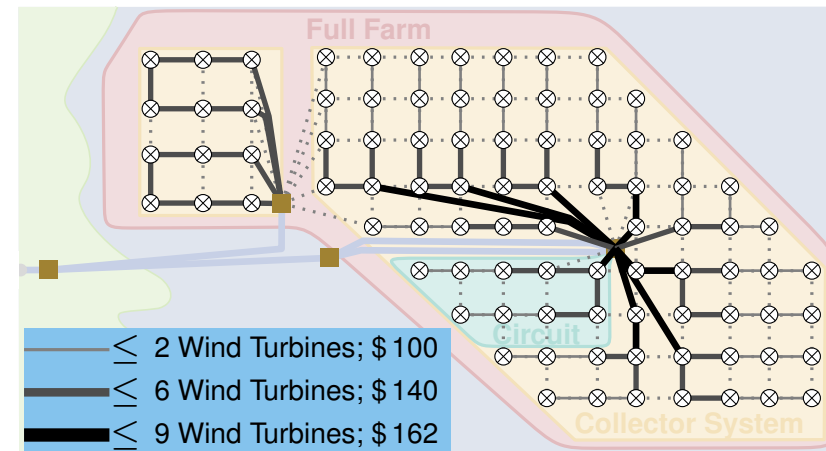
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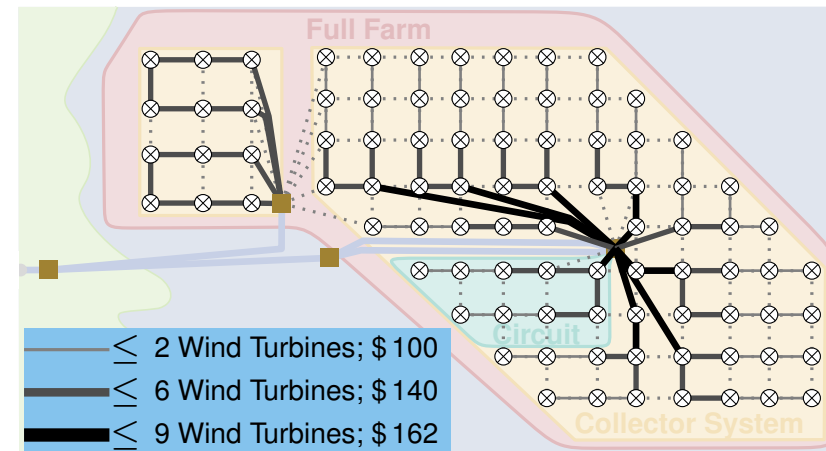
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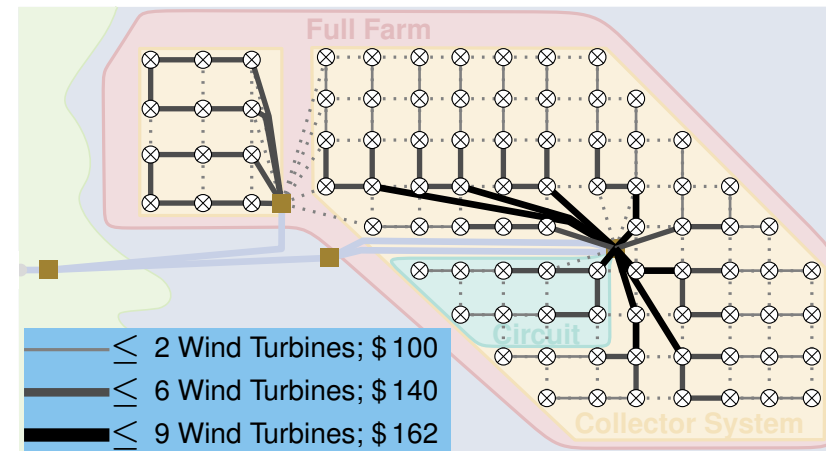


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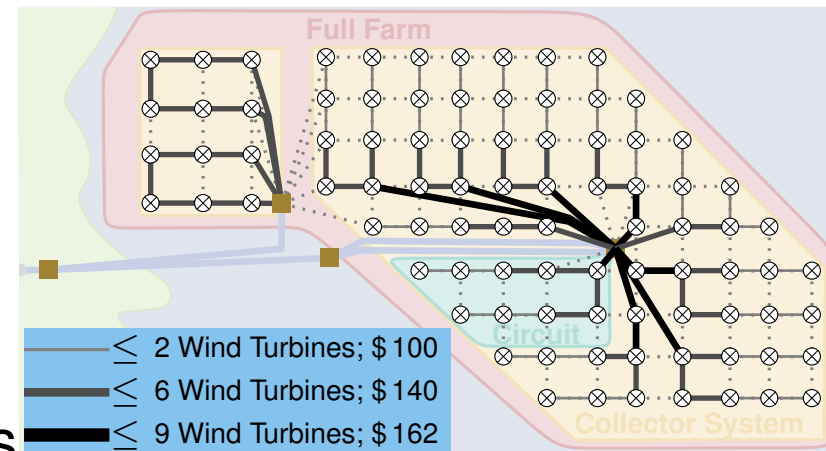
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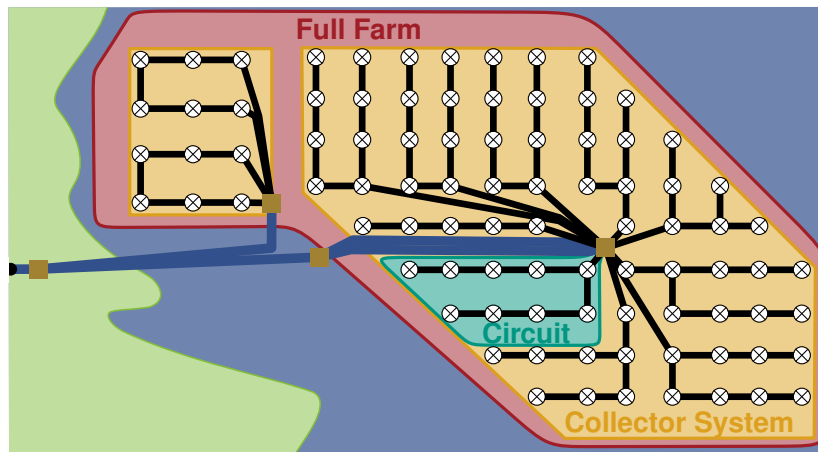
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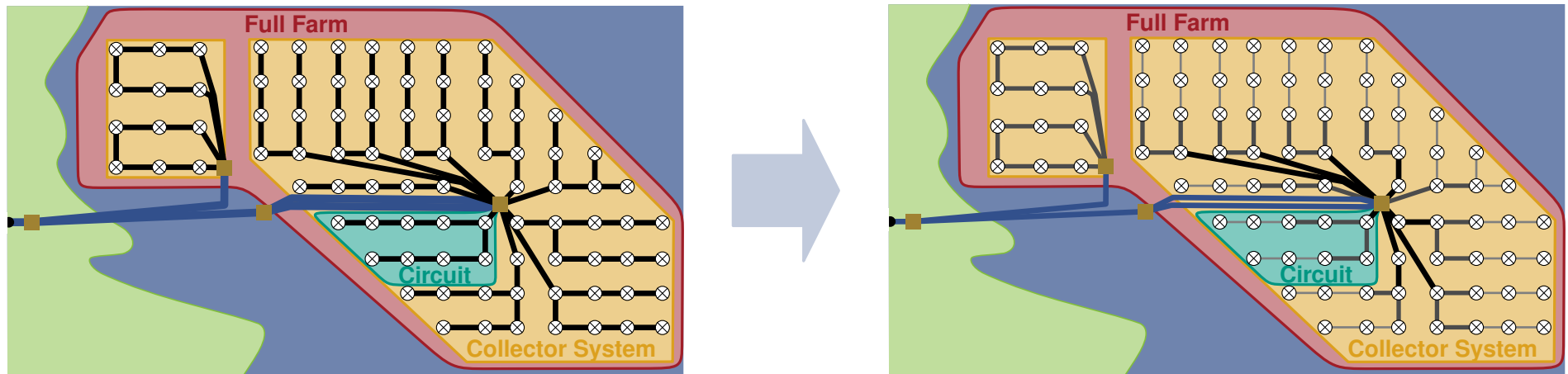


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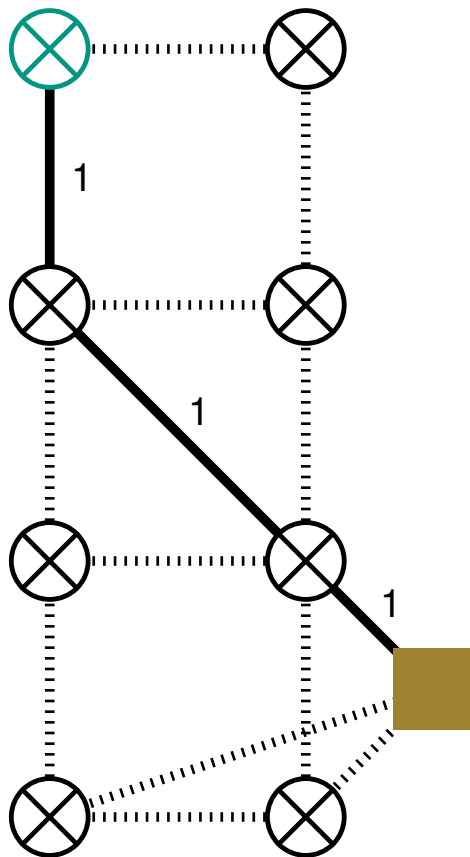
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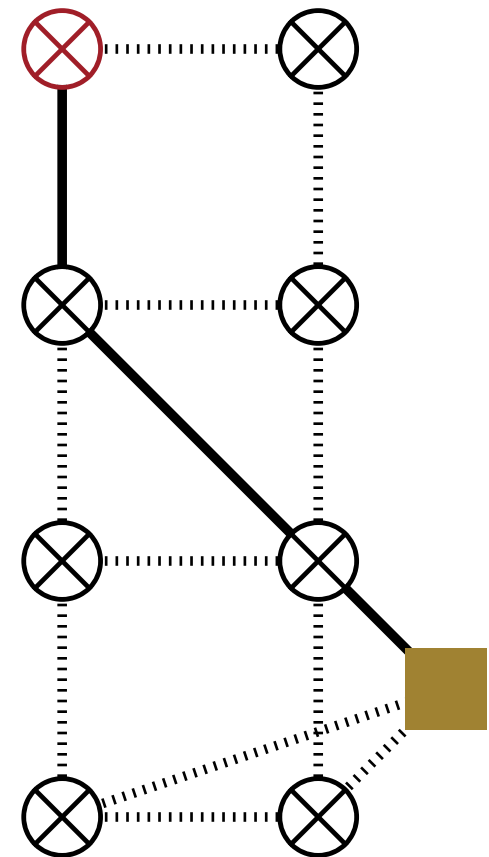
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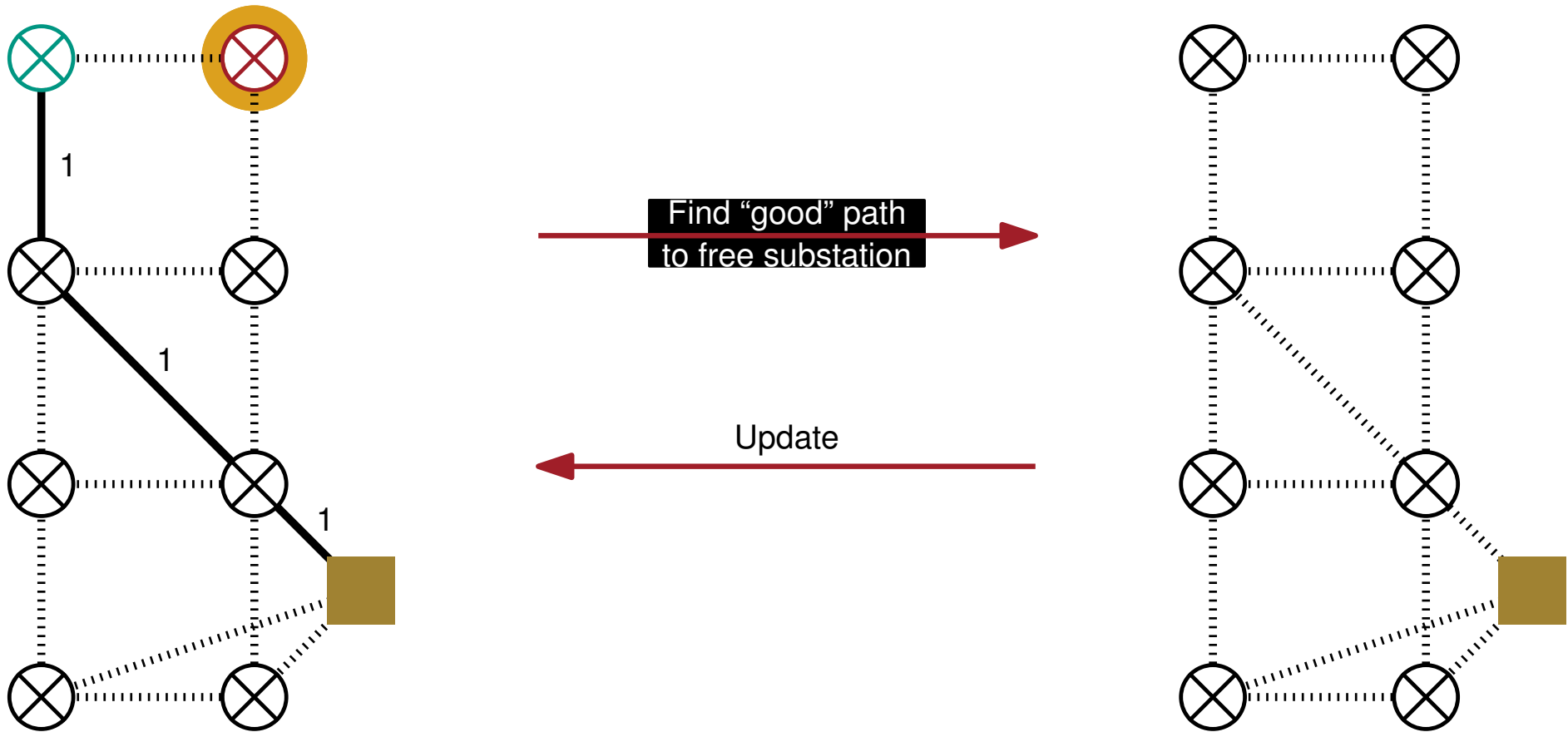
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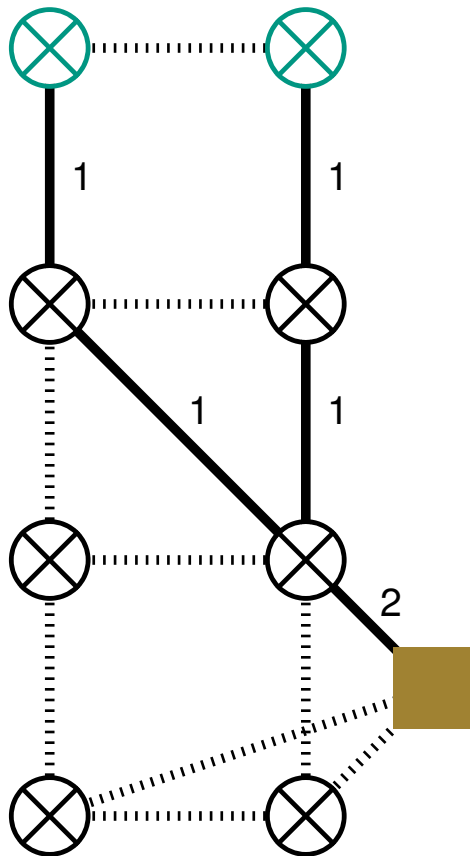
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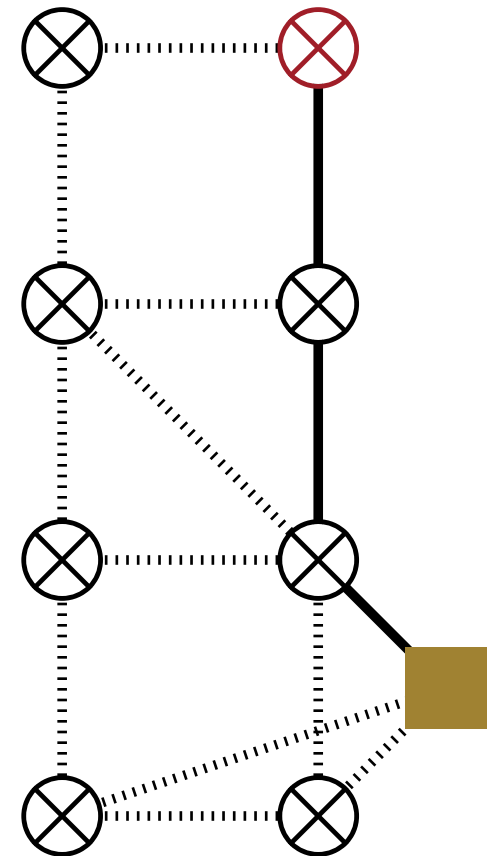
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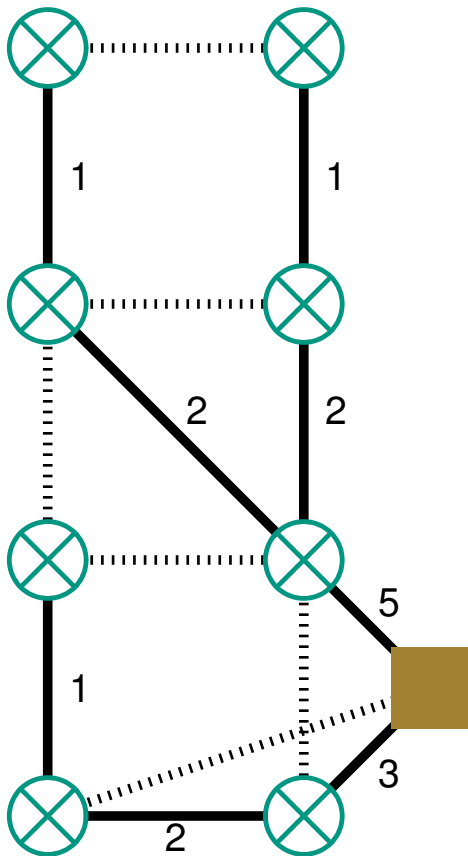
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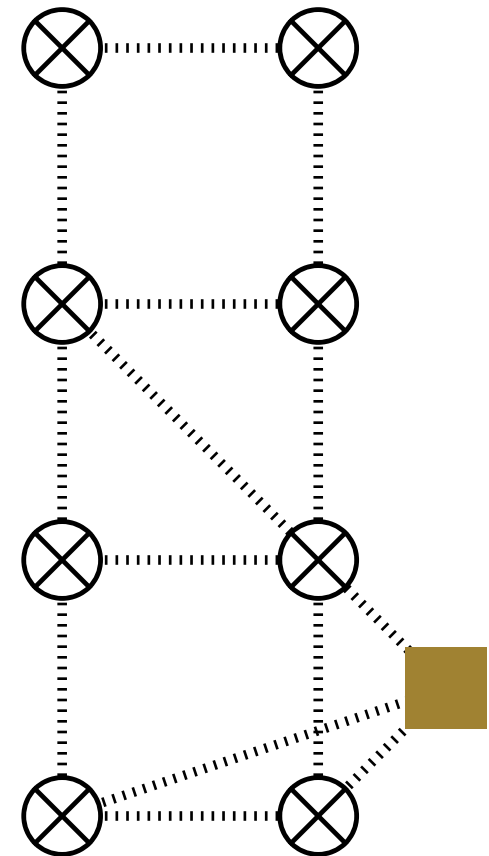
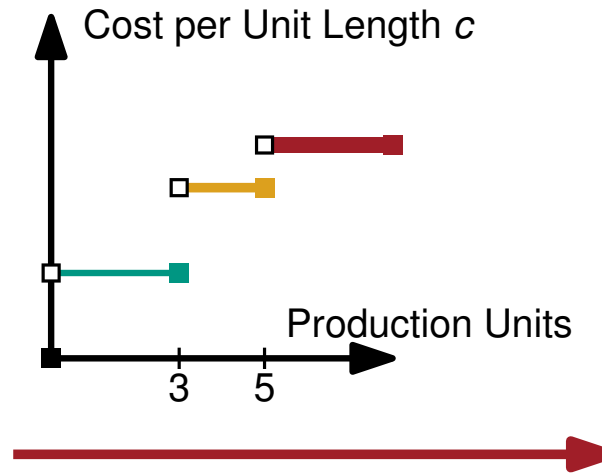
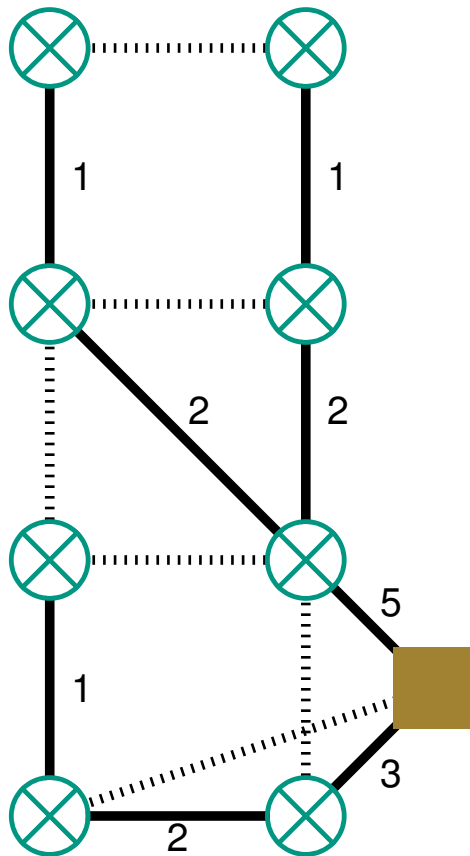
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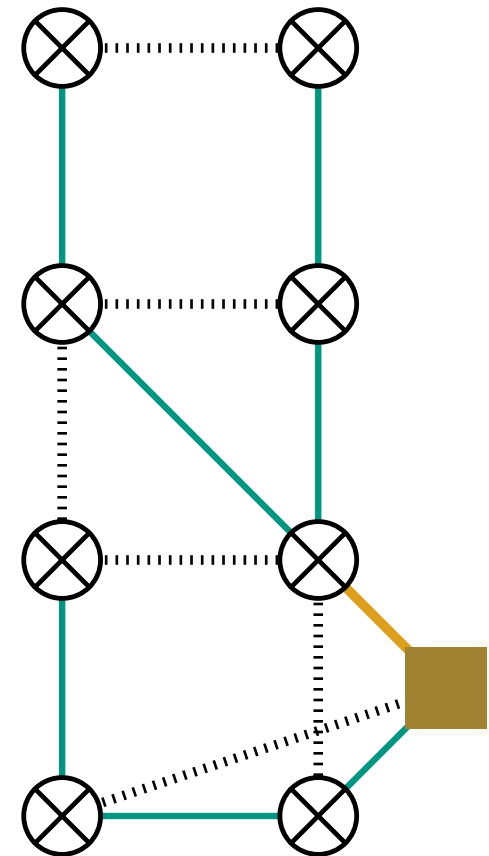
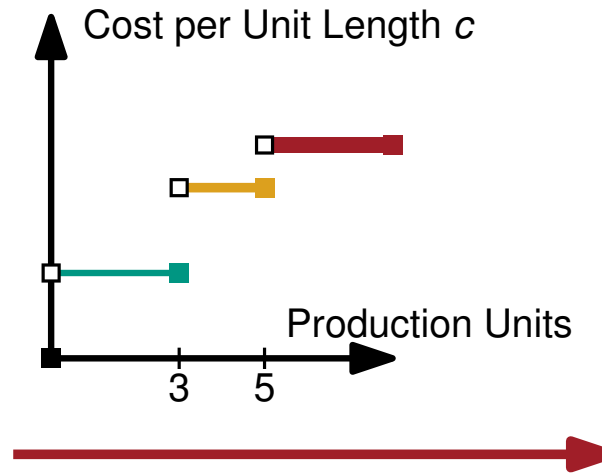
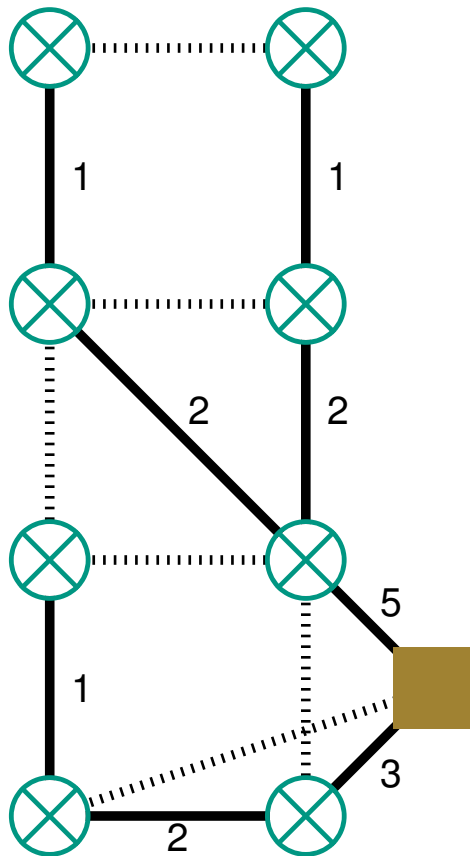
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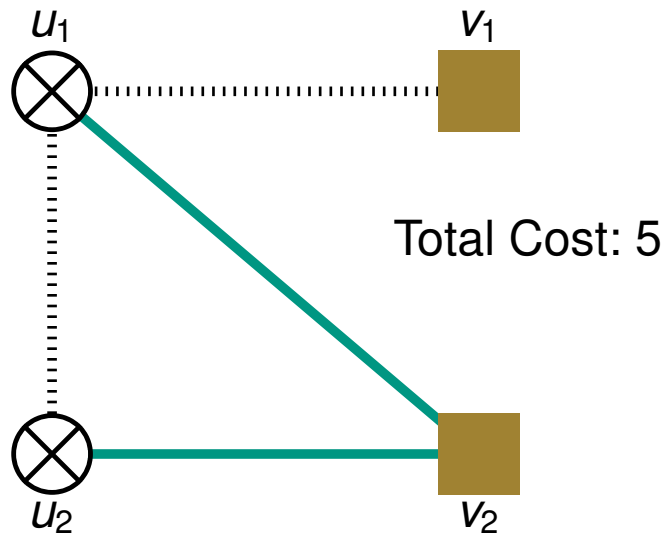


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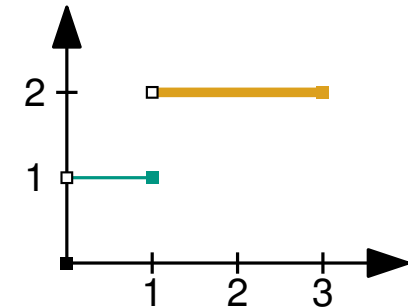
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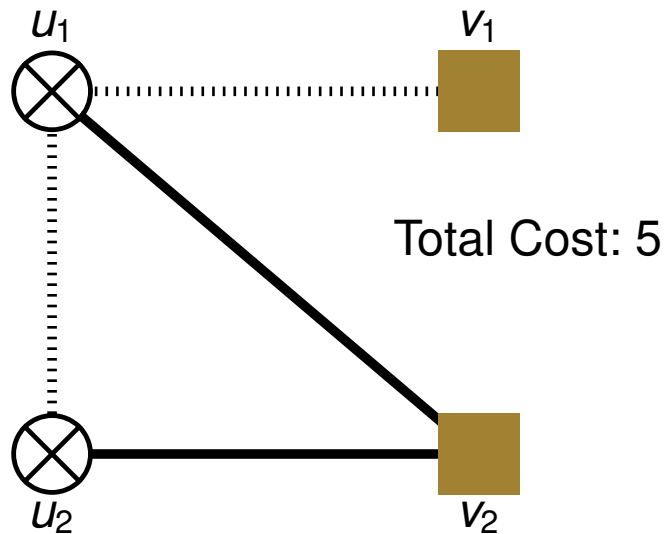
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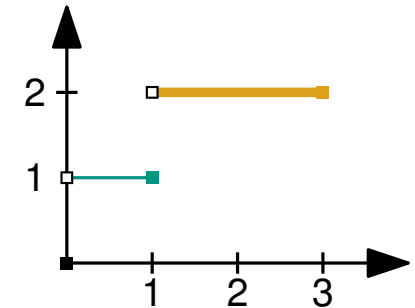
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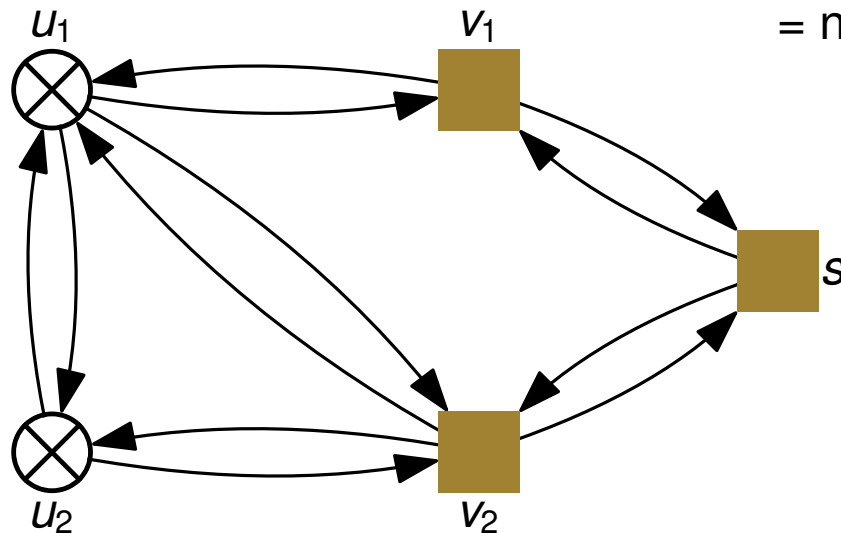
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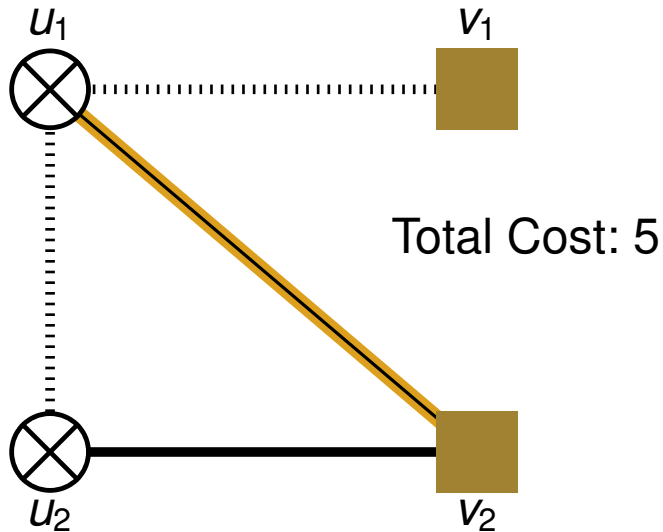


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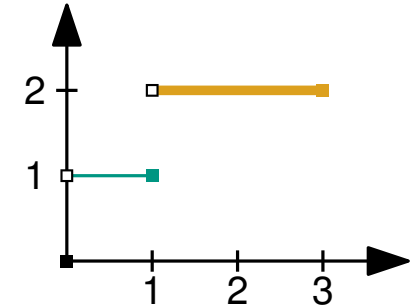




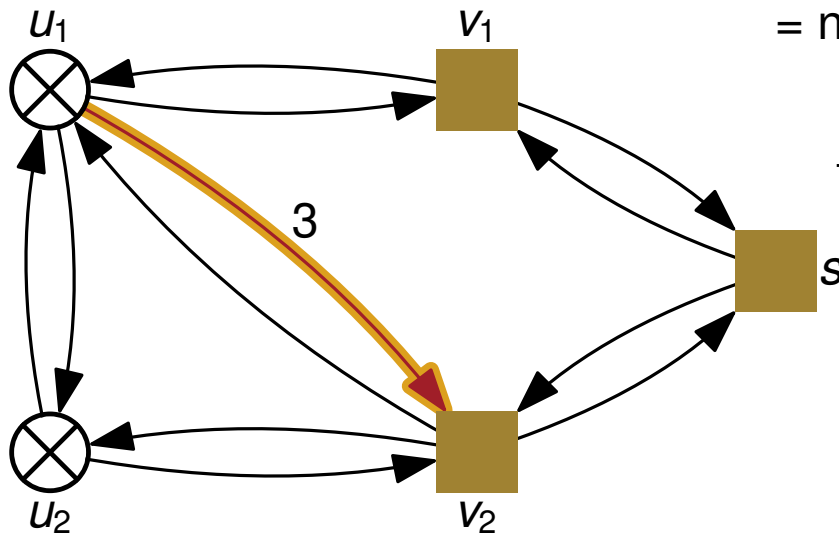
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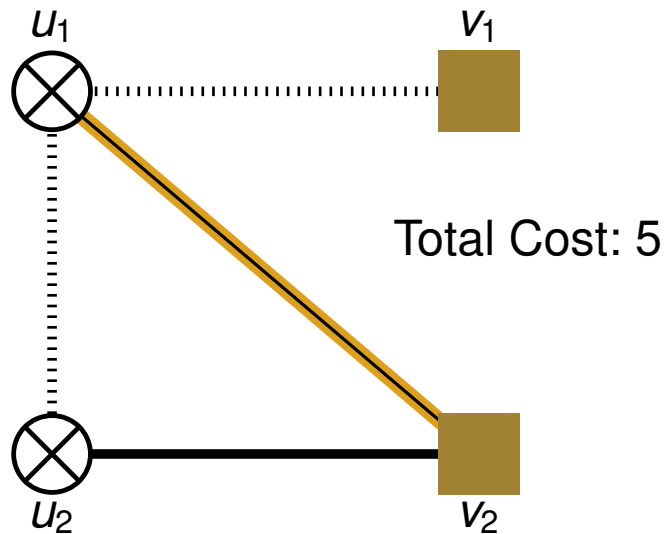


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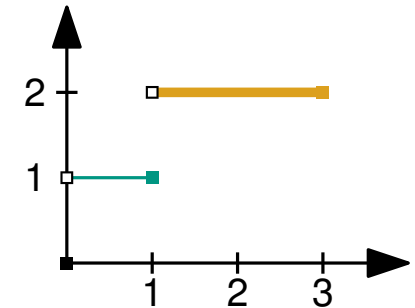


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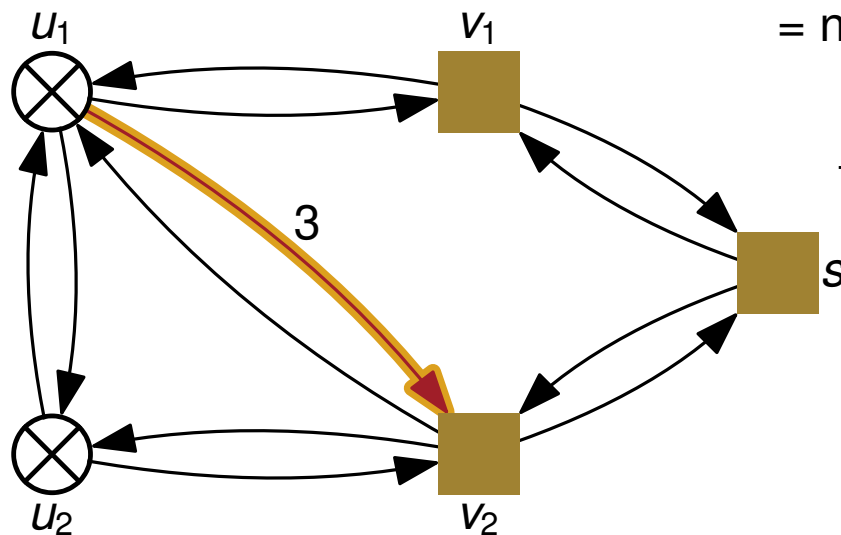
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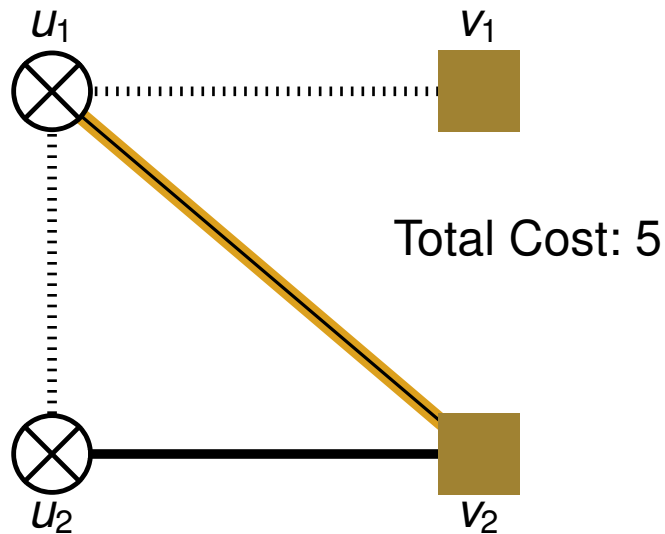


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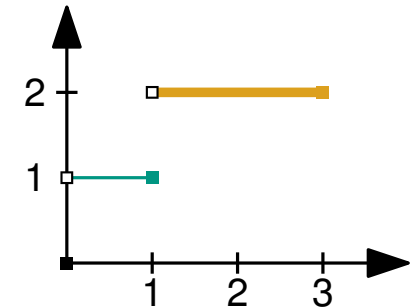


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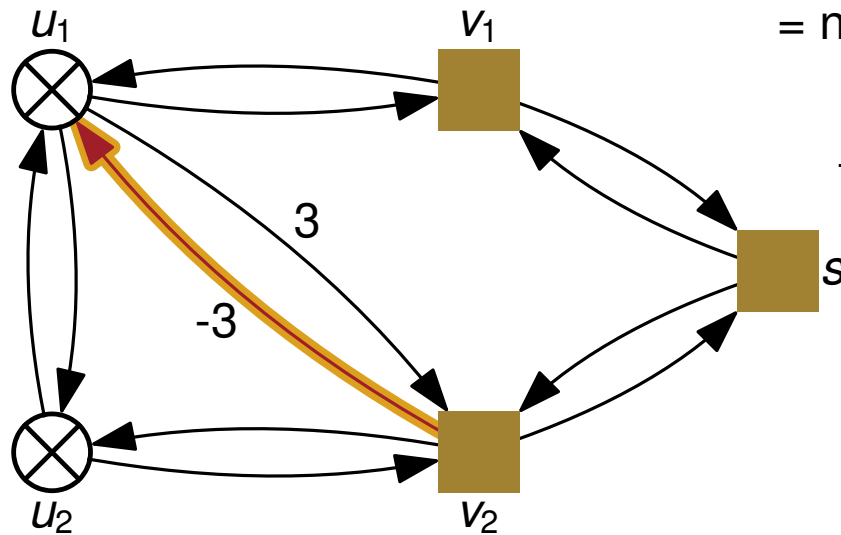
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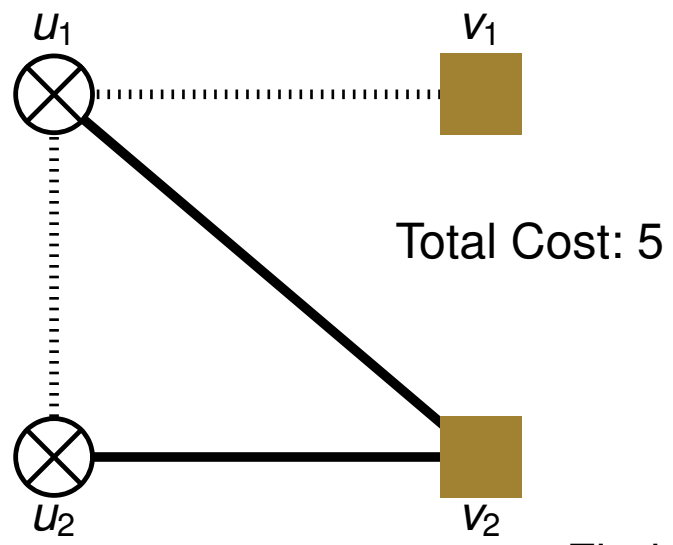


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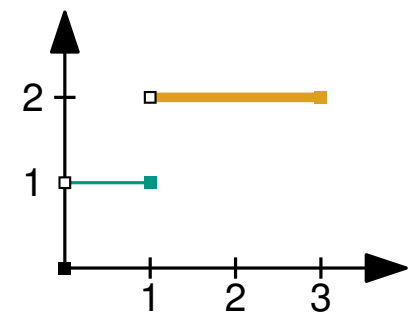


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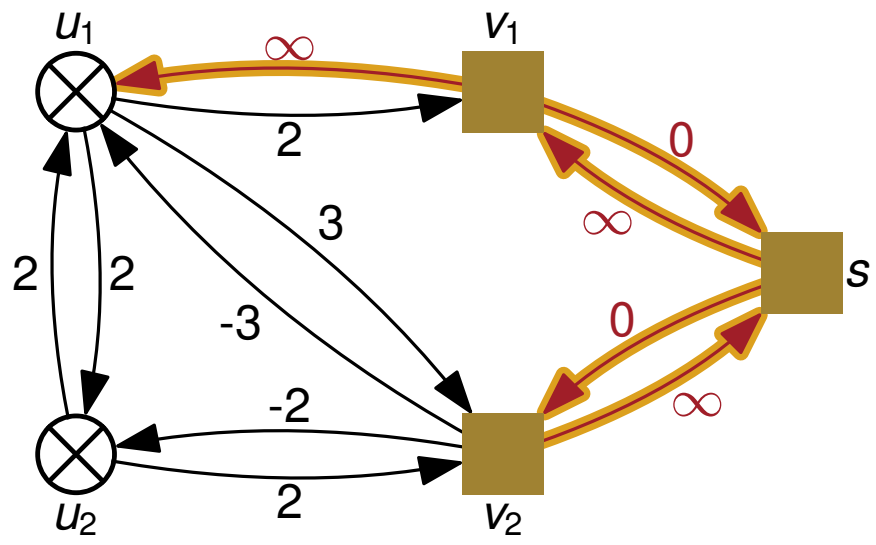
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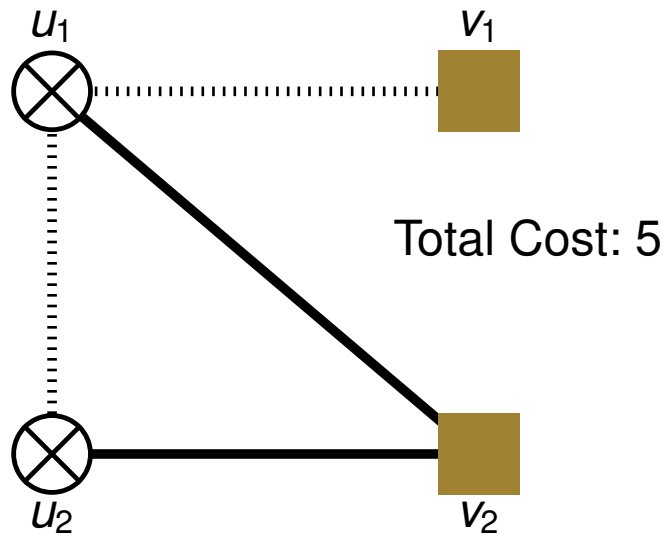
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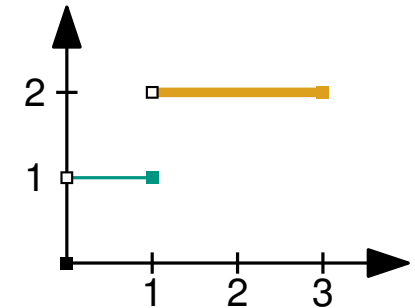
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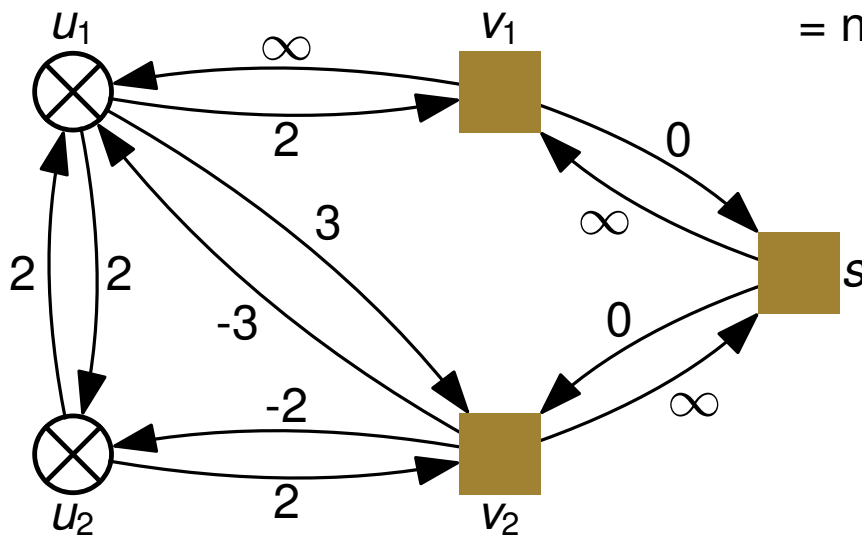
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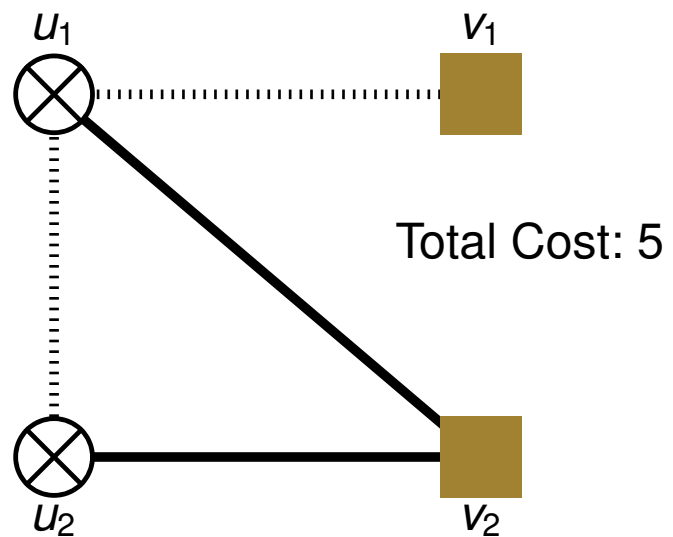
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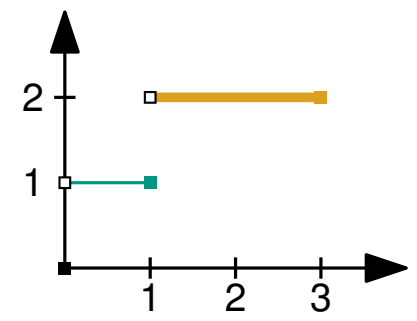
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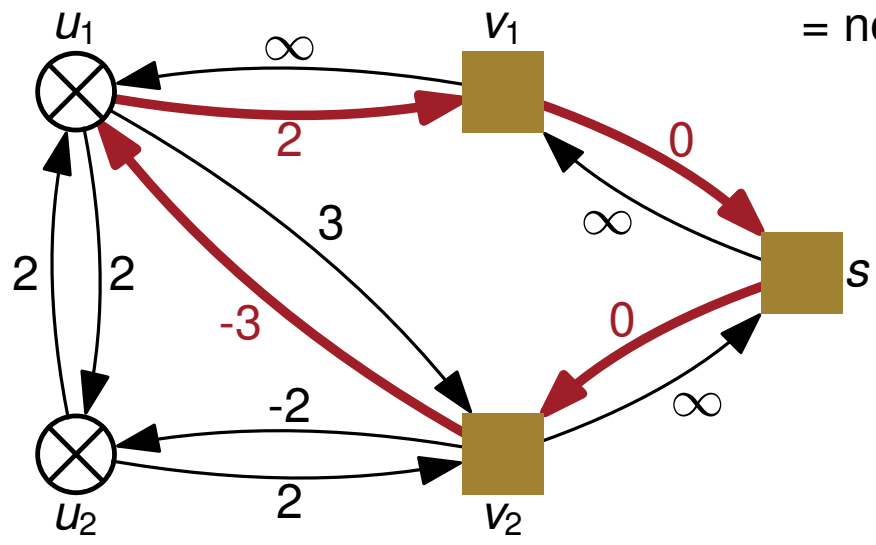
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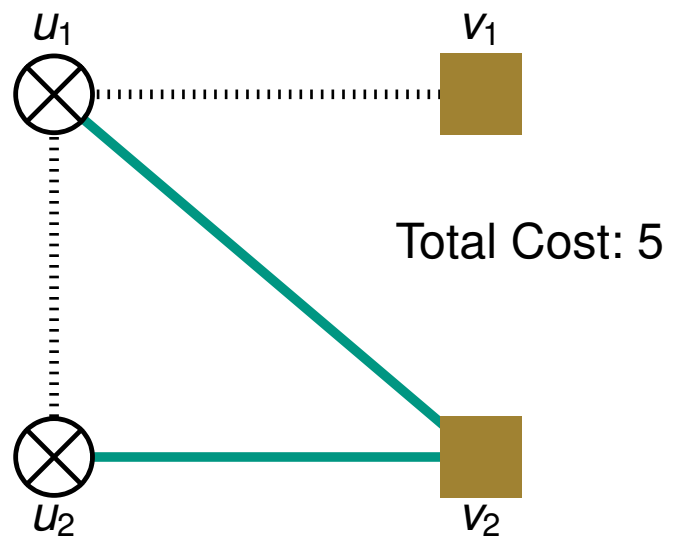
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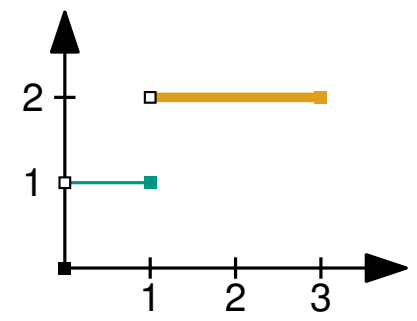
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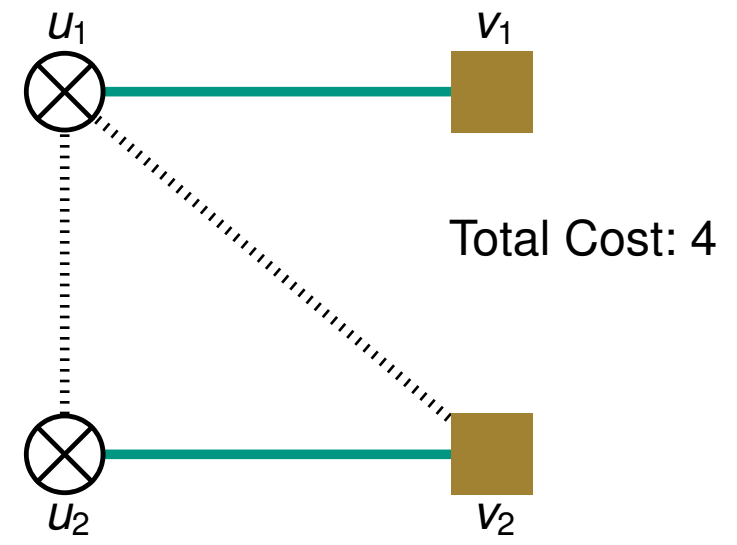
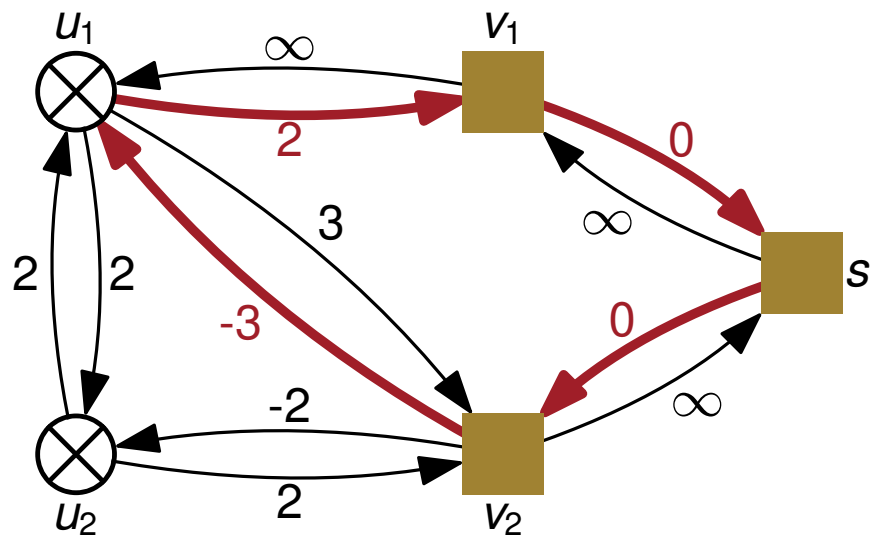
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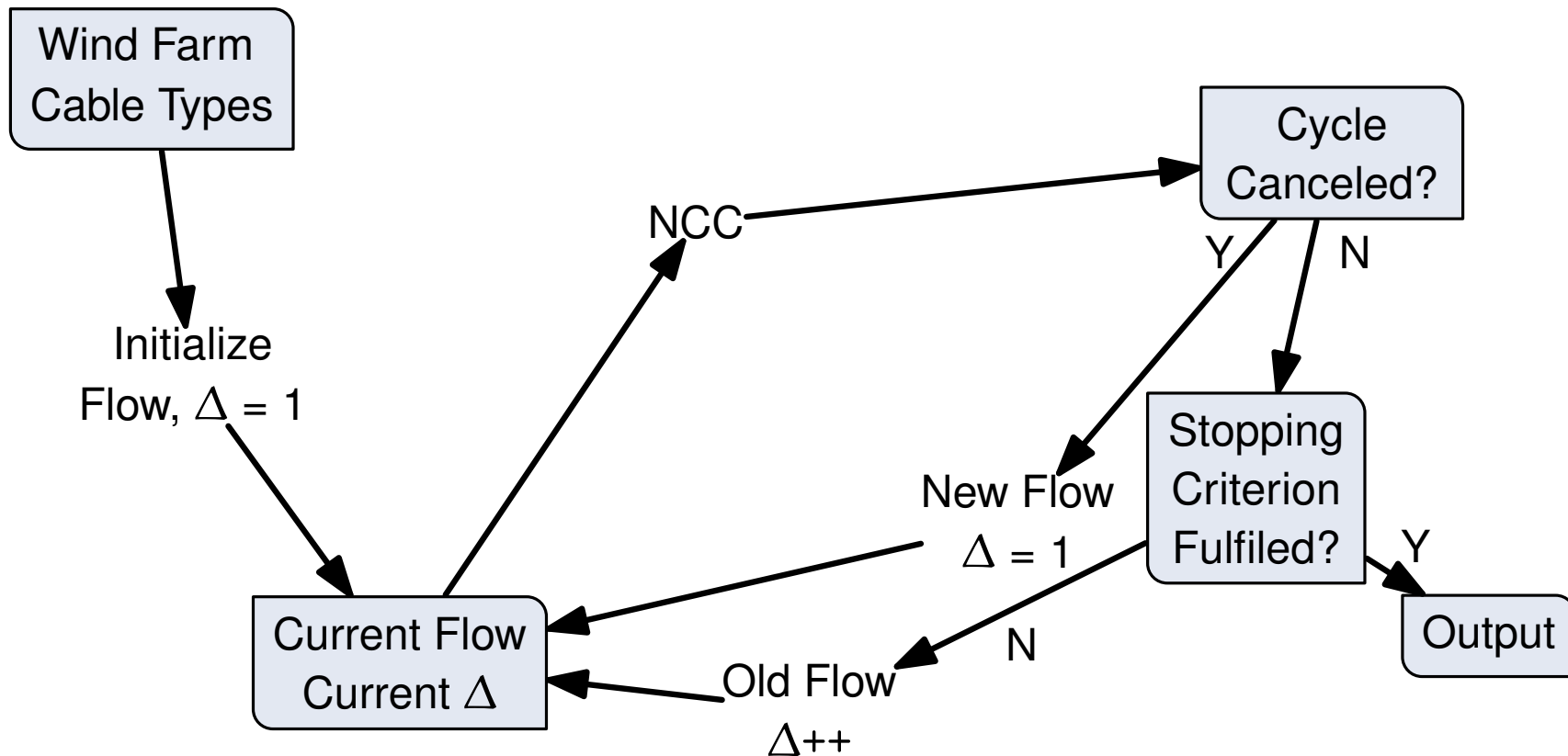


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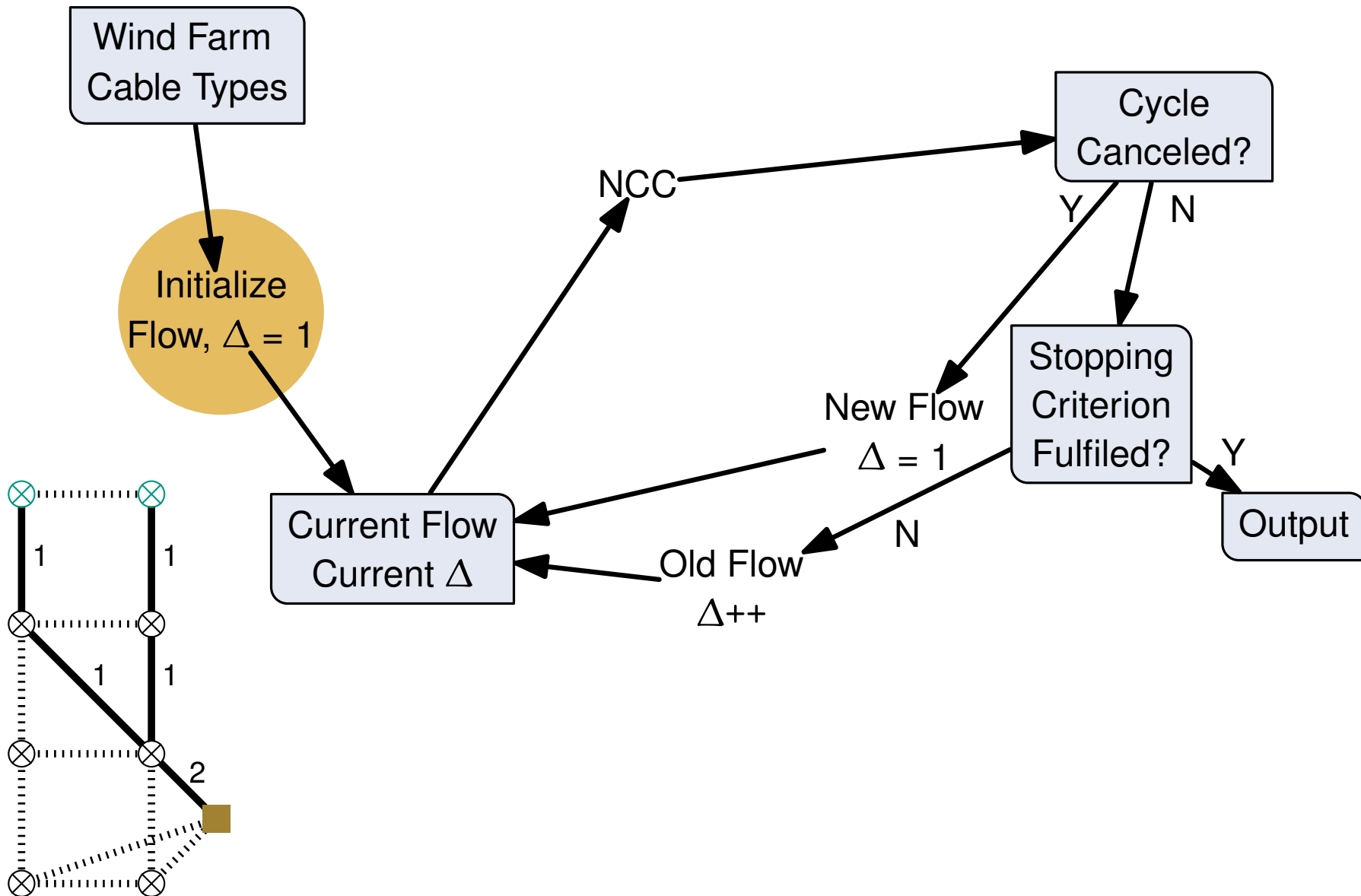
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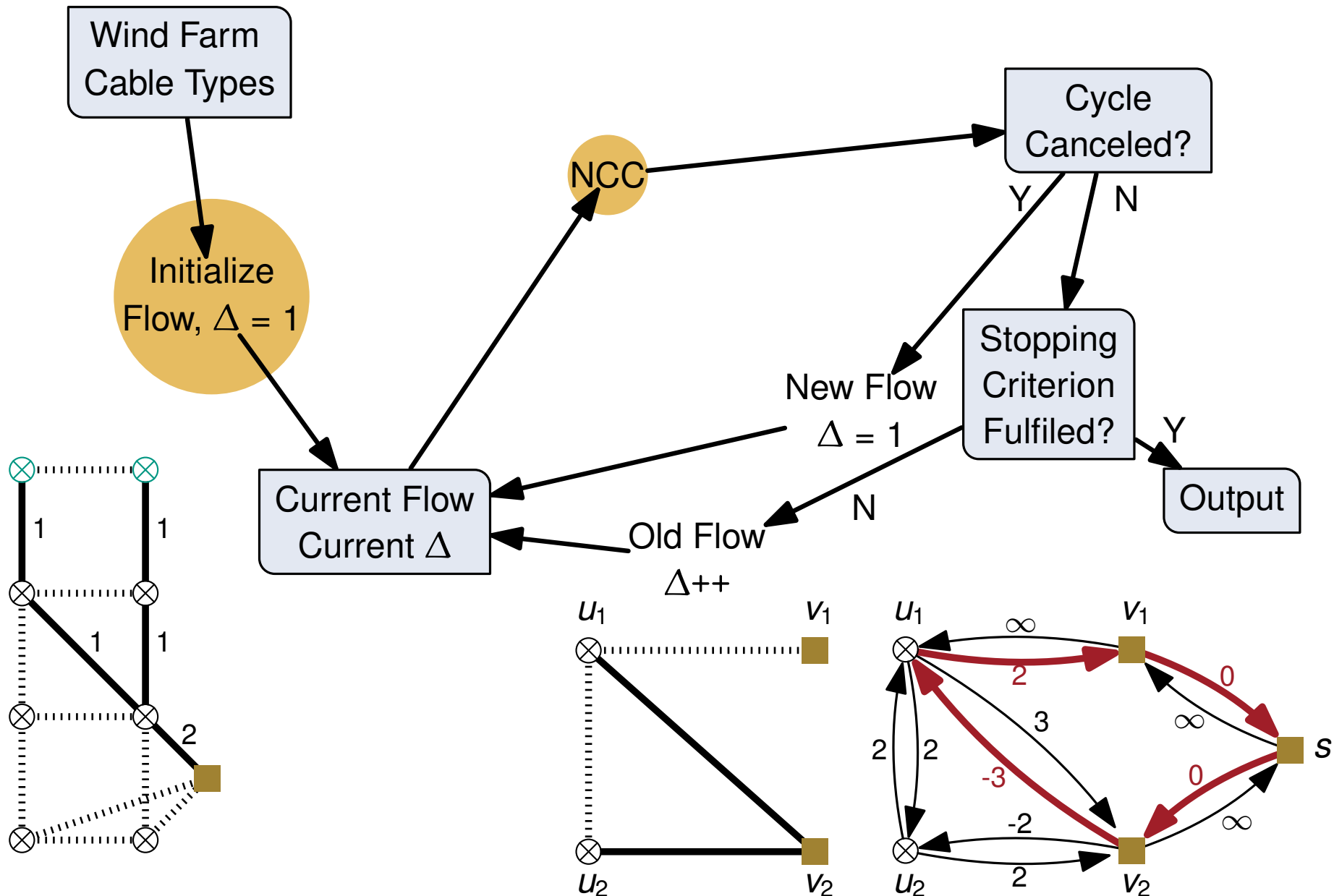
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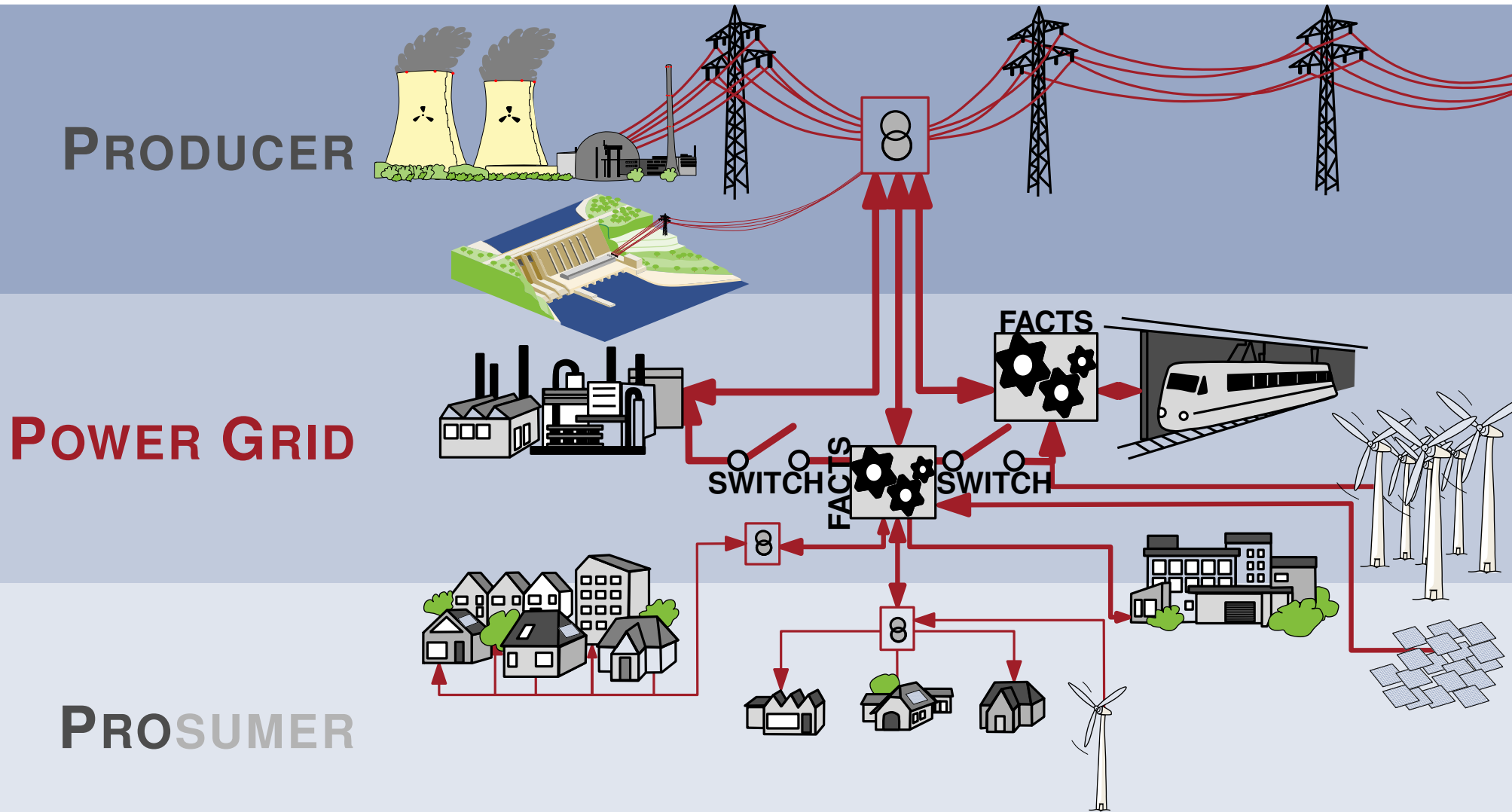


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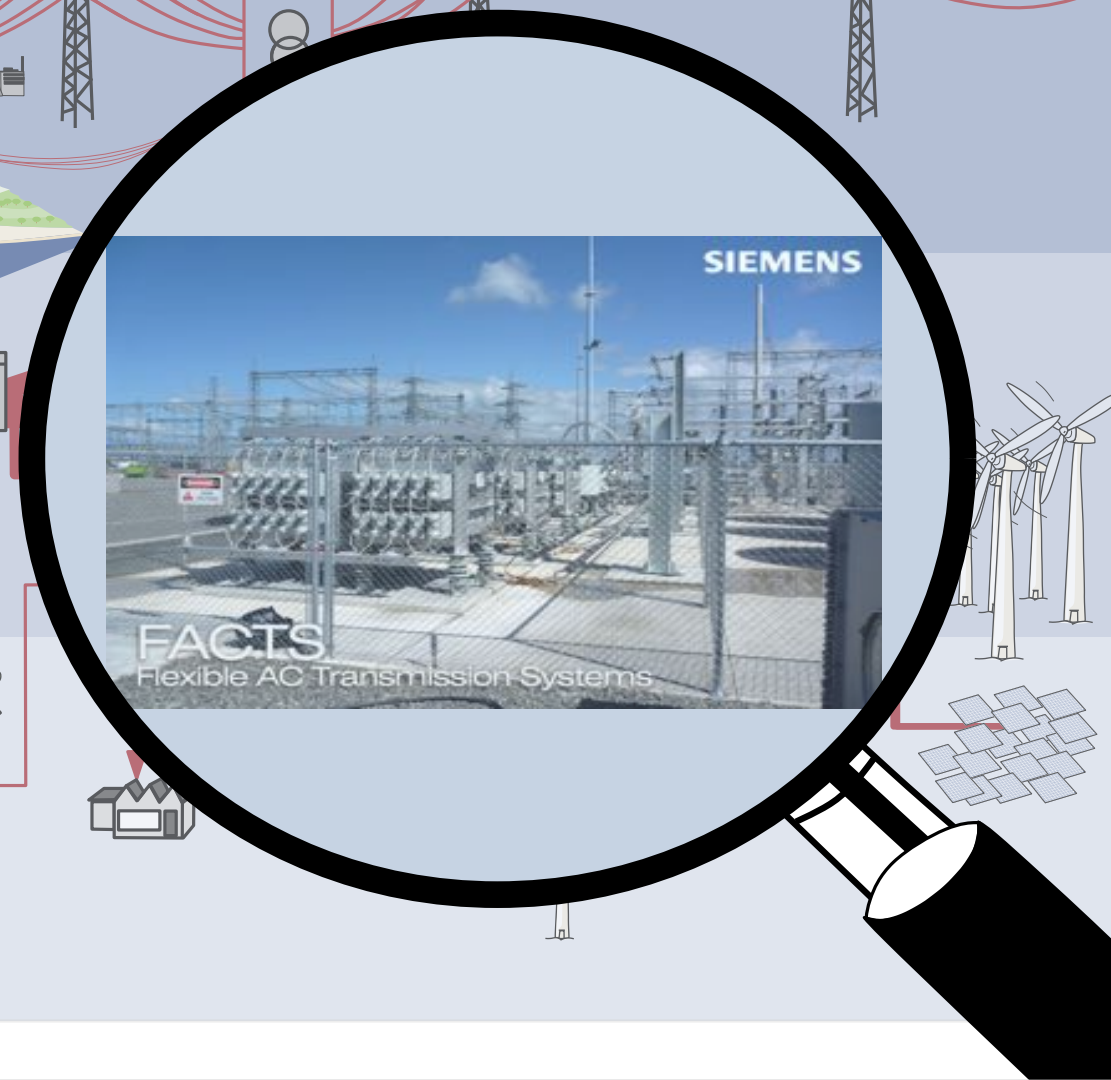
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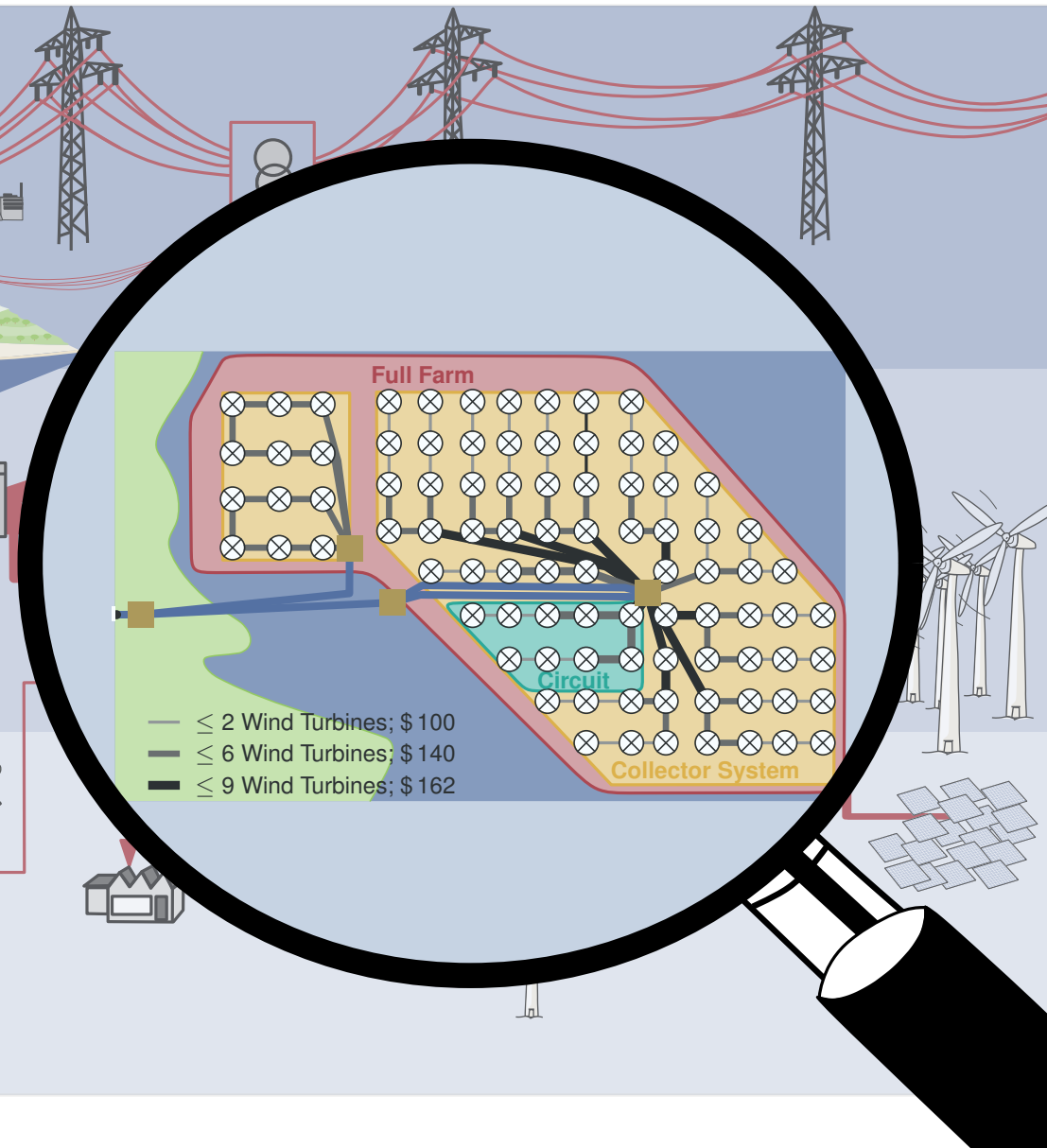
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