



Uniform Reliability for Unbounded Homomorphism-Closed Graph Queries

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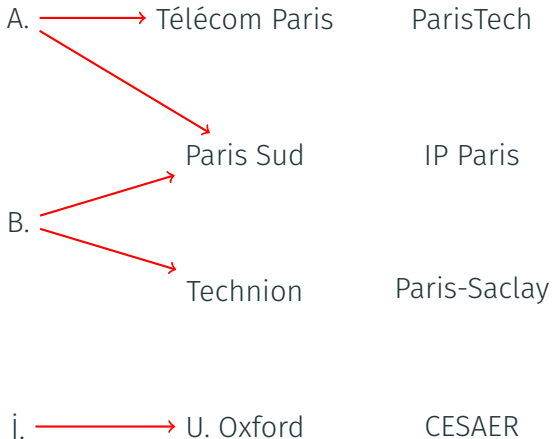
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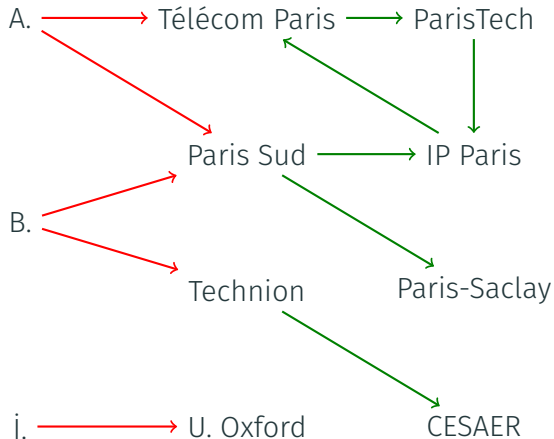
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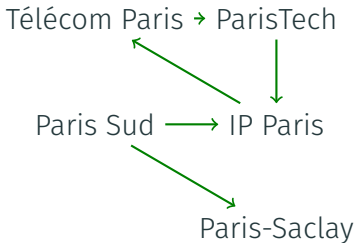
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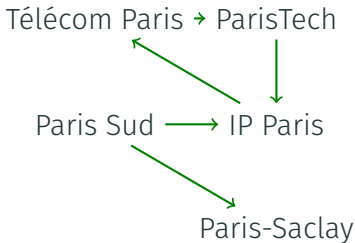


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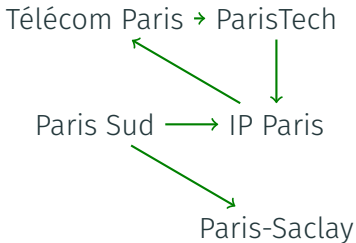
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- Generalization of (two-terminal unweighted directed) **network reliability** [Valiant, 1979, Provan and Ball, 1983]:
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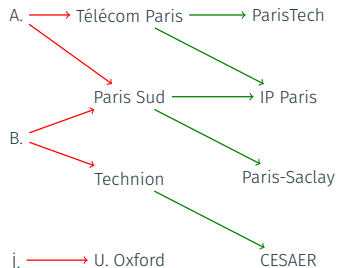
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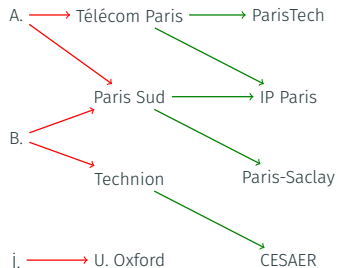


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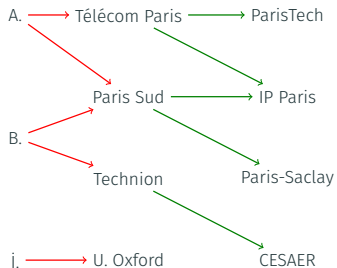
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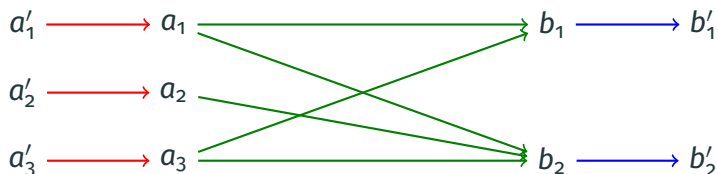
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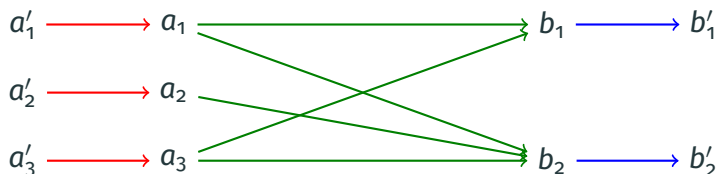
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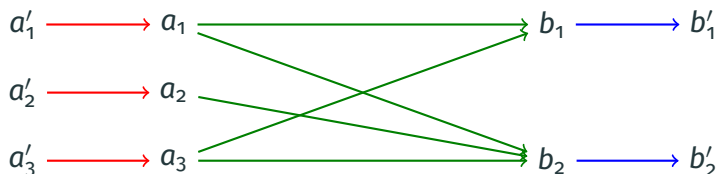
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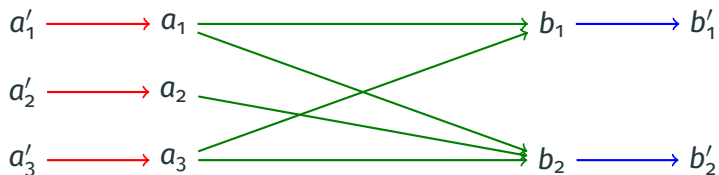
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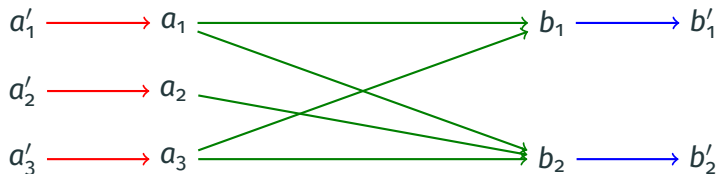


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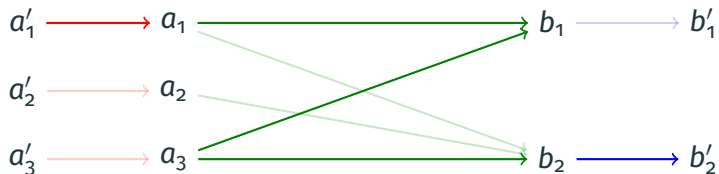
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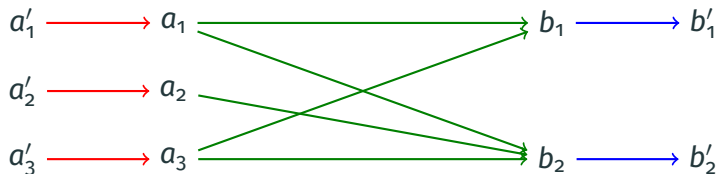
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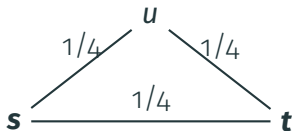
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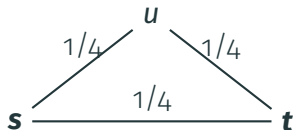
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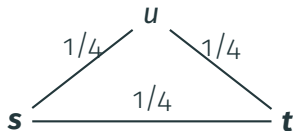


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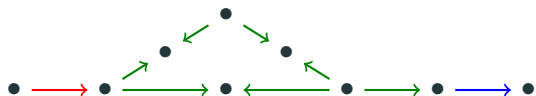
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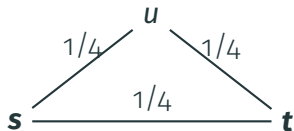
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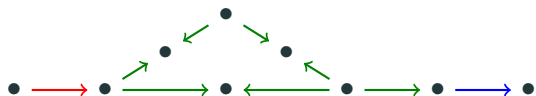
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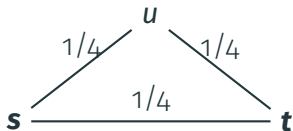


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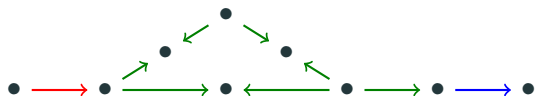
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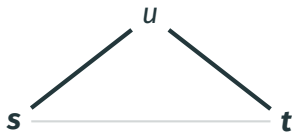


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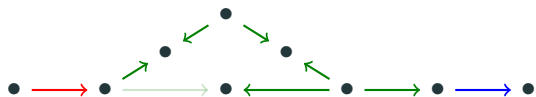
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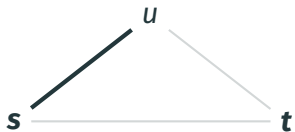


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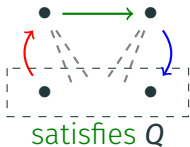
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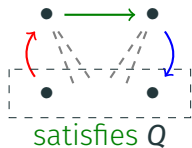
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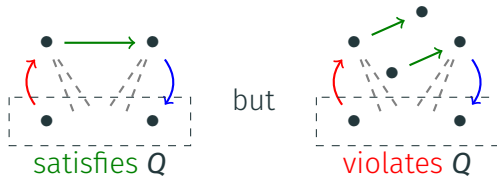
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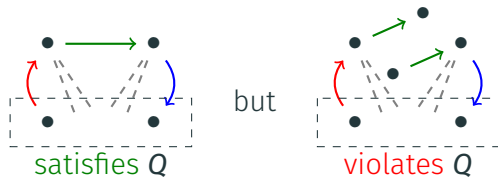
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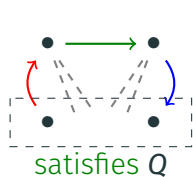
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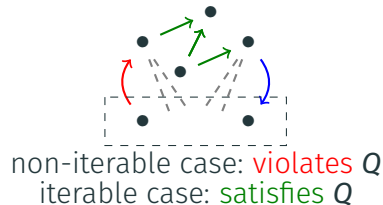
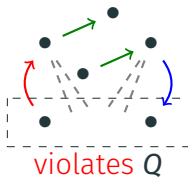
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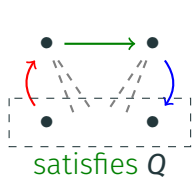
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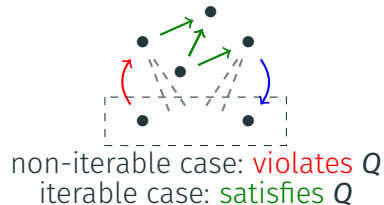
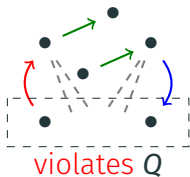
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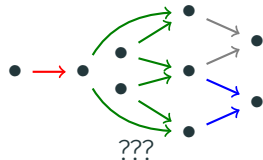
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