

Massively Parallel Algorithms for Small Subgraph Counting



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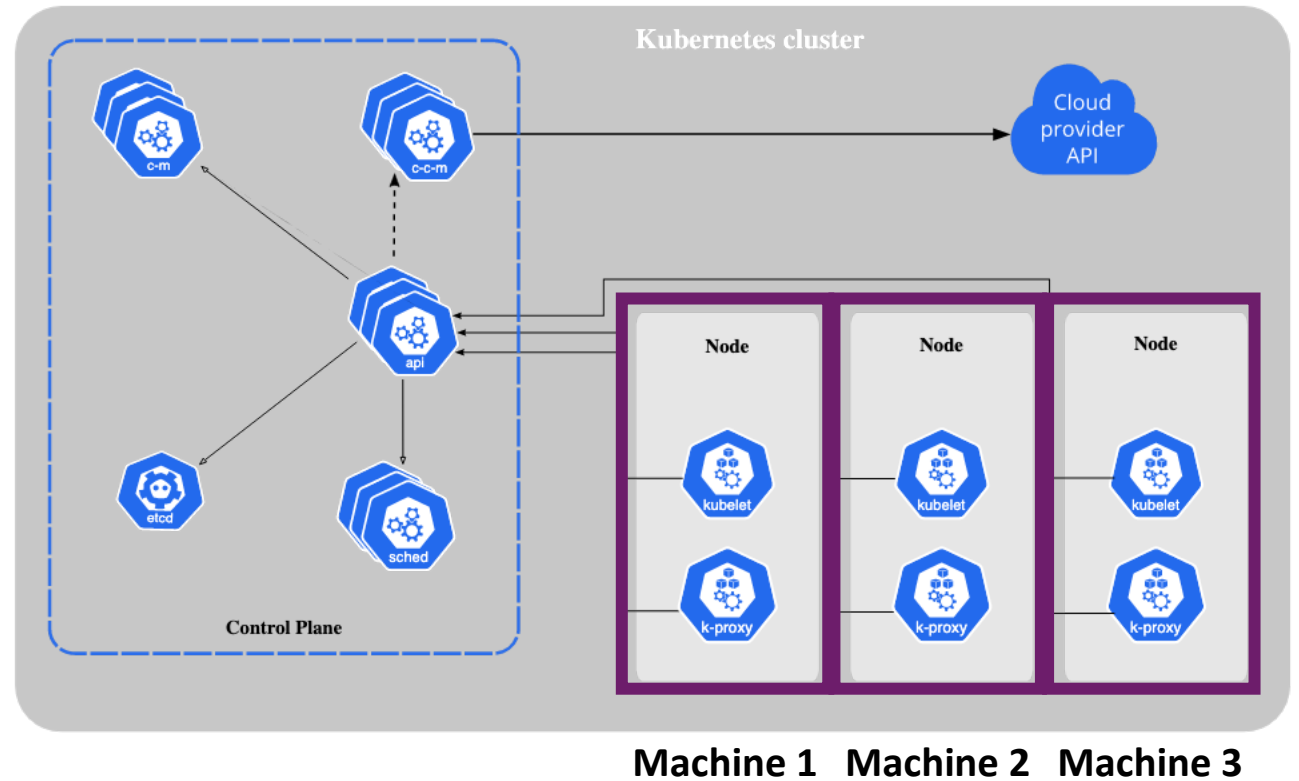
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- Theoretical standard for studying parallel frameworks such as MapReduce, Hadoop, Spark, Dryad, and Google Cloud Dataflow



Google Cloud Dataflow

Graph Algorithms in MPC Model

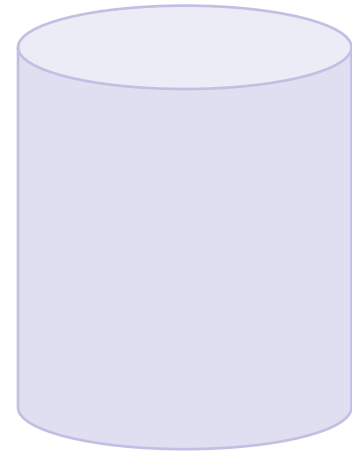
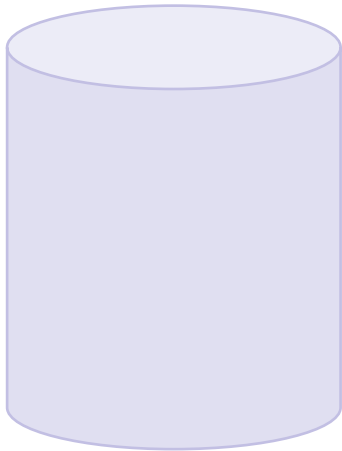
- Matching and MIS [BBDFHKU19, BHH19, GGKMR19, CLMMOS18, NO21]
- Connectivity [ASSWZ18, BDELM19, DDKPSS19]
- Graph sparsification [GU19, CDP20]
- Vertex cover [Assadi17, GGKMR18]
- MST and 2-edge connectivity [NO21]
- Well-connected components [ASW18, ASW19]
- Coloring [BDHKS19, CFGUZ19]

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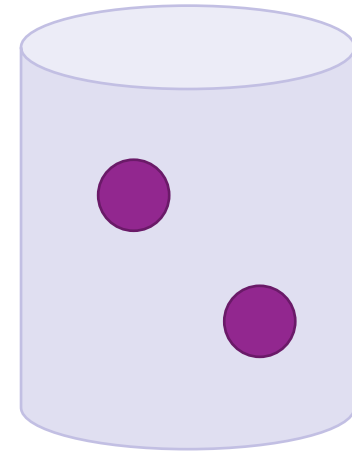
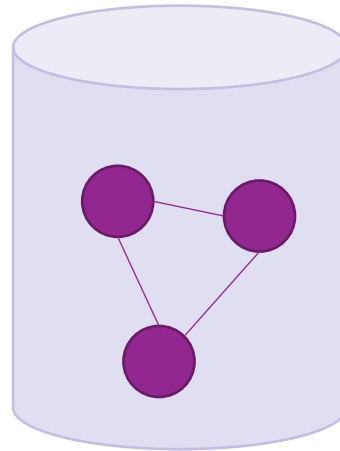
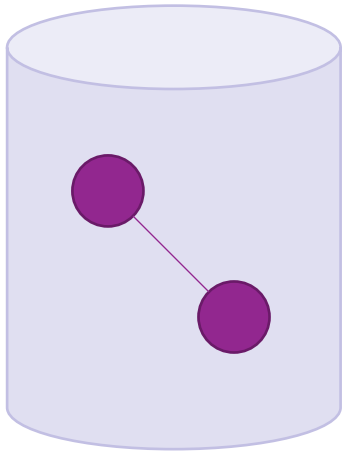
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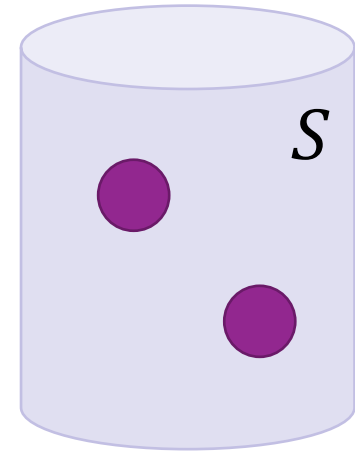
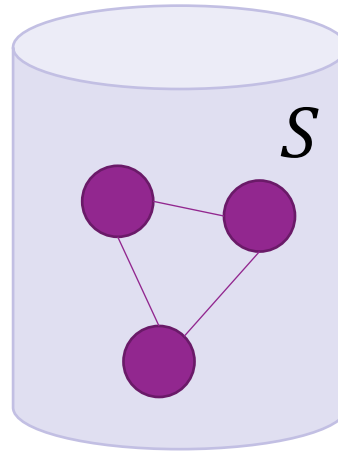
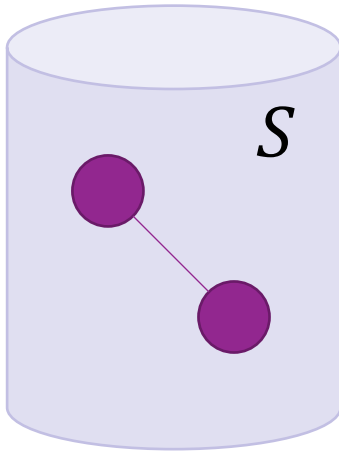
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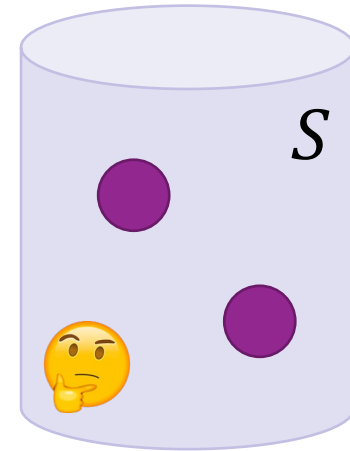
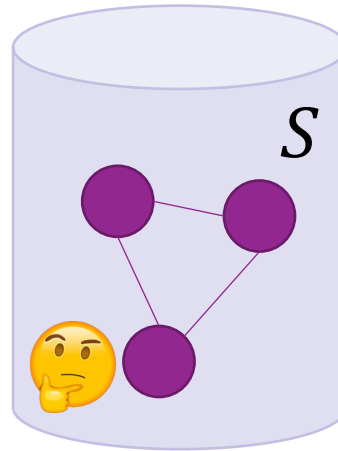
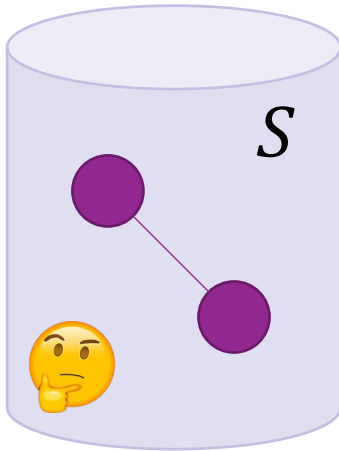
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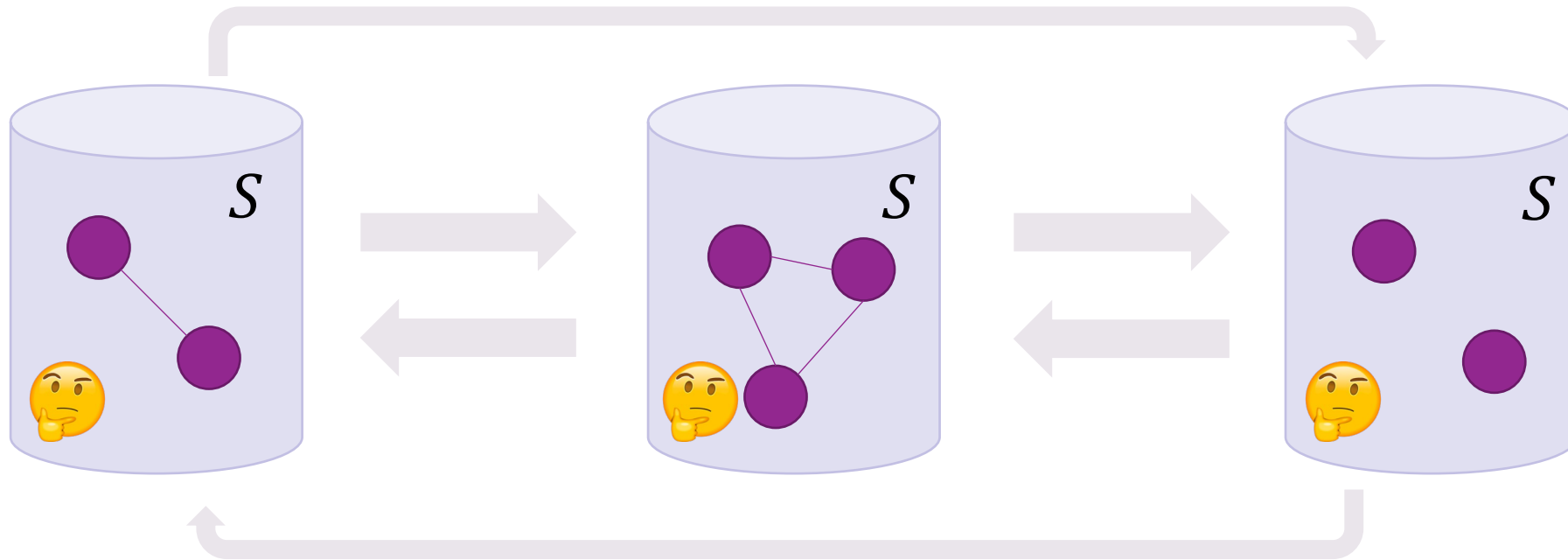
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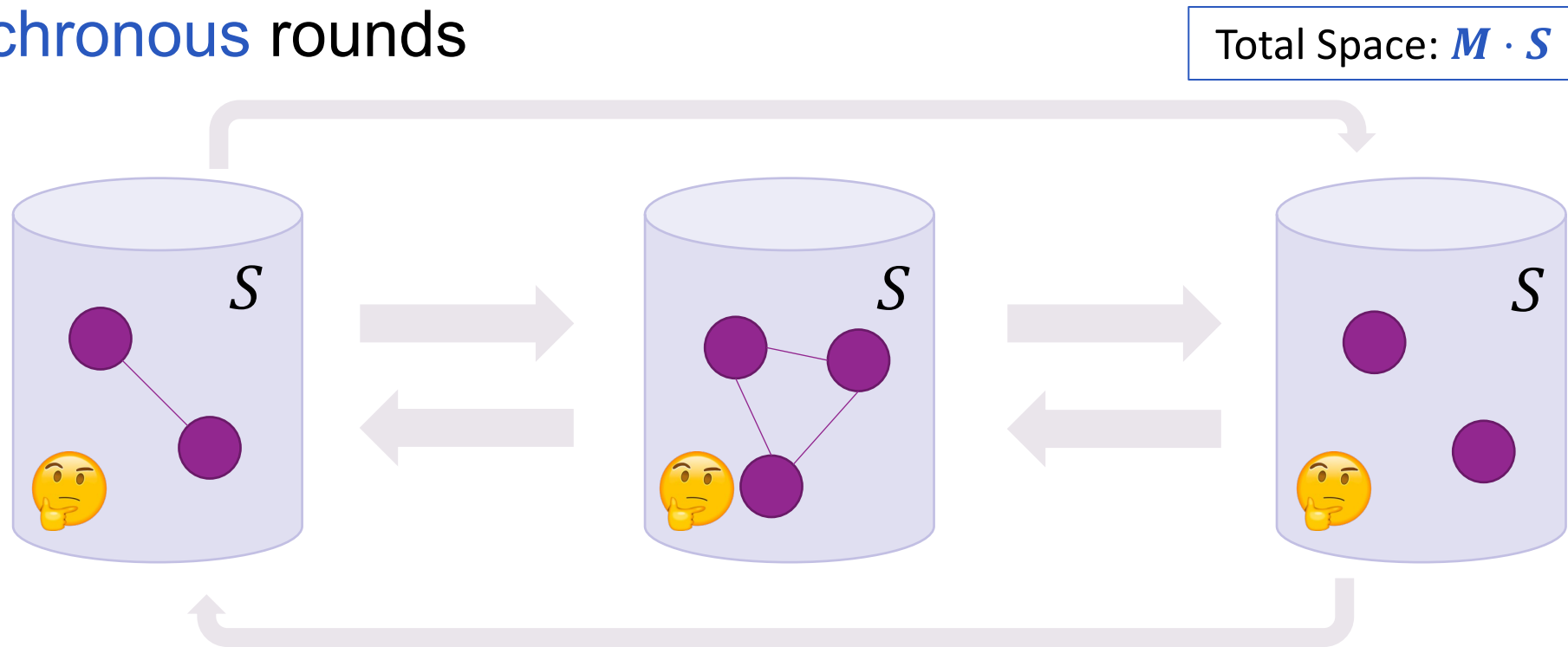
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All are **sublinear in number of edges m** in graph

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Better space per machine or better total space
when $\alpha \leq m^{1/2-\epsilon}$, but worse number of rounds

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Better rounds and space per machine,
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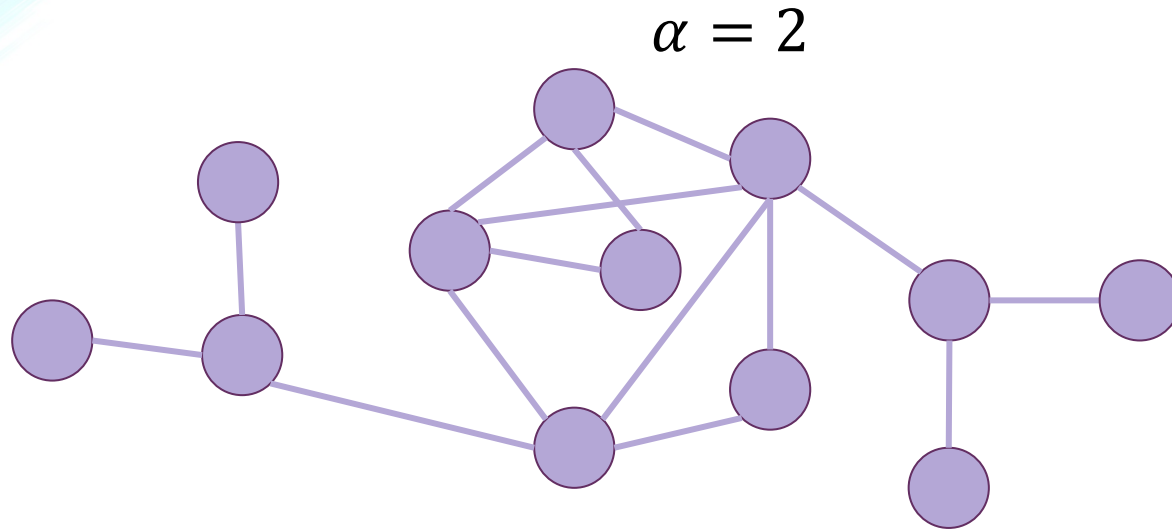
Standard Triangle Counting:

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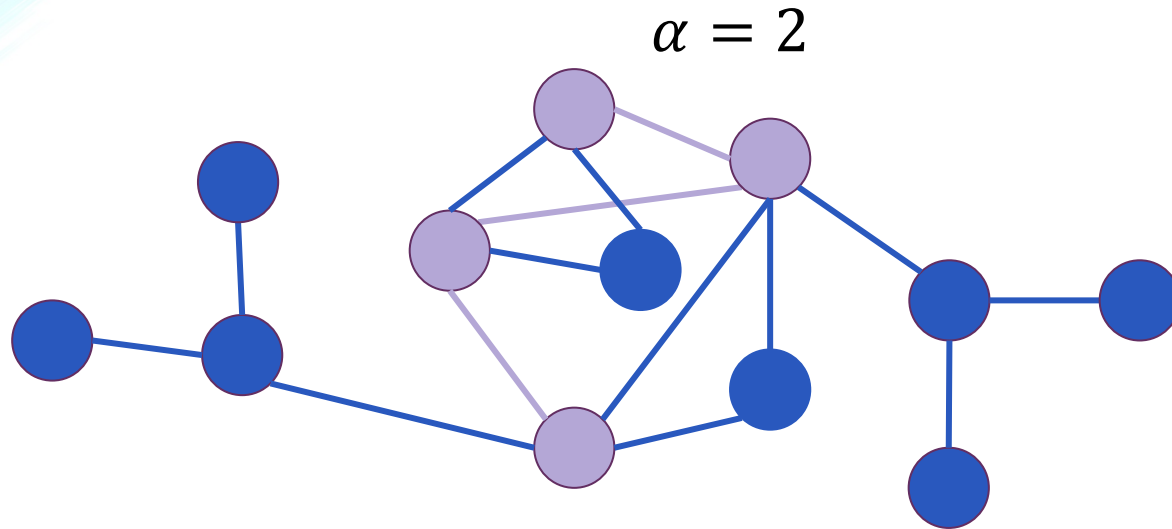
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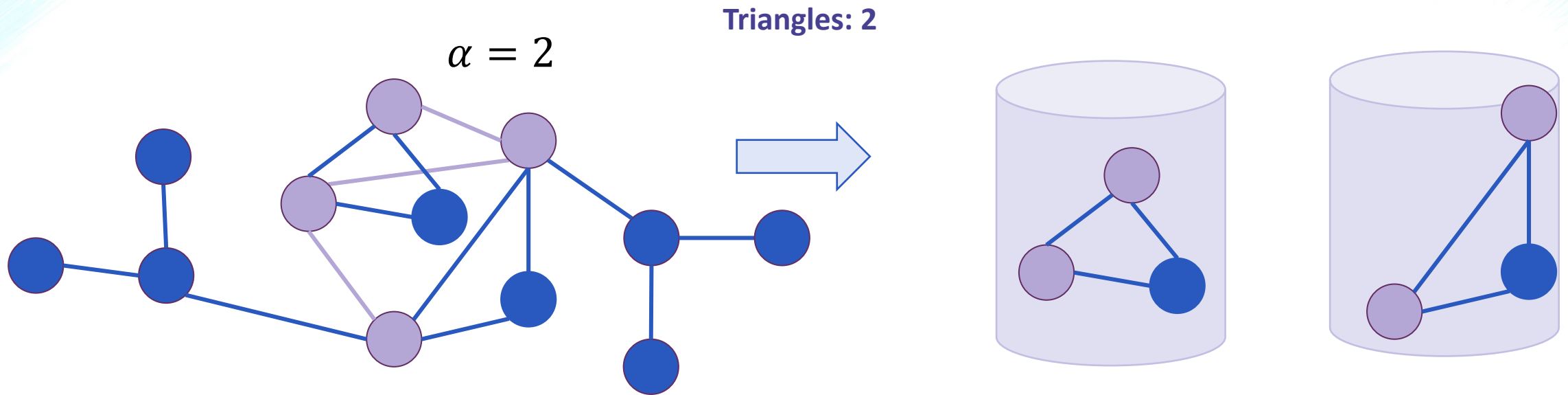
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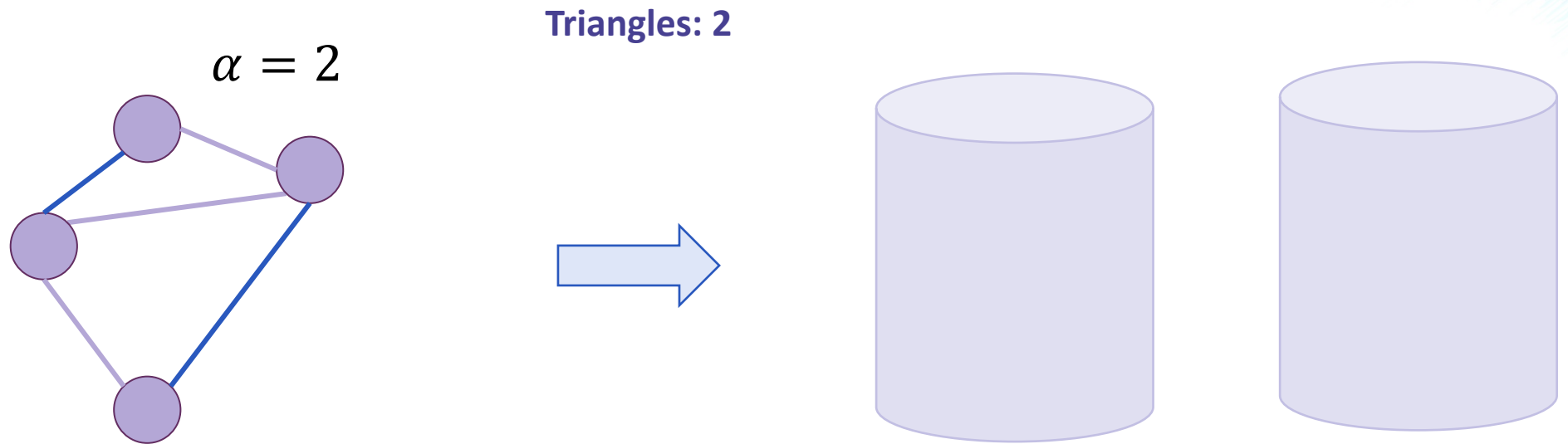
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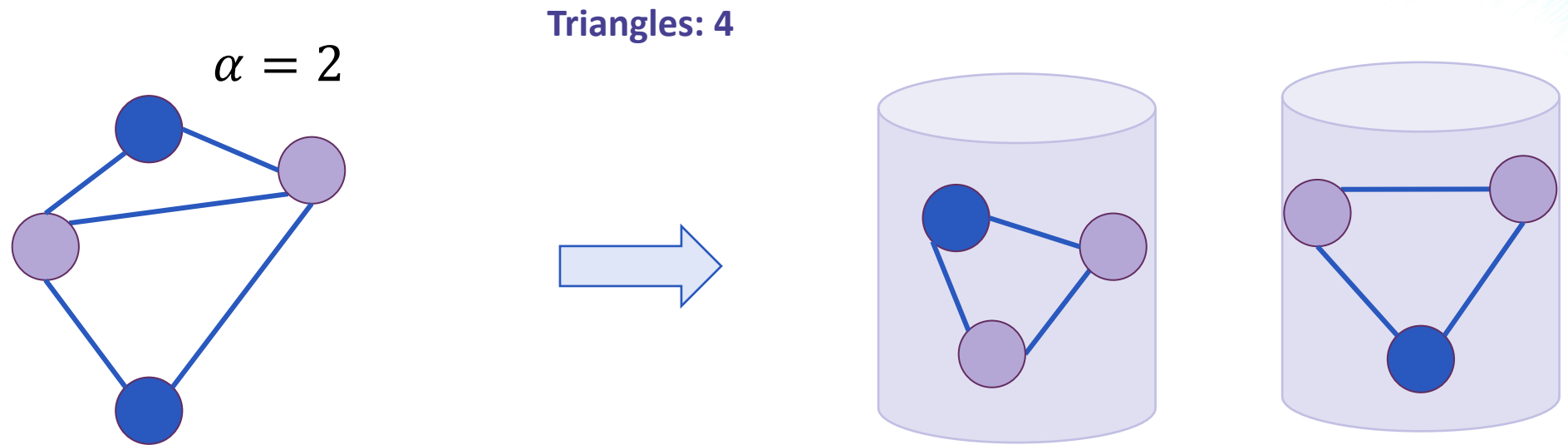
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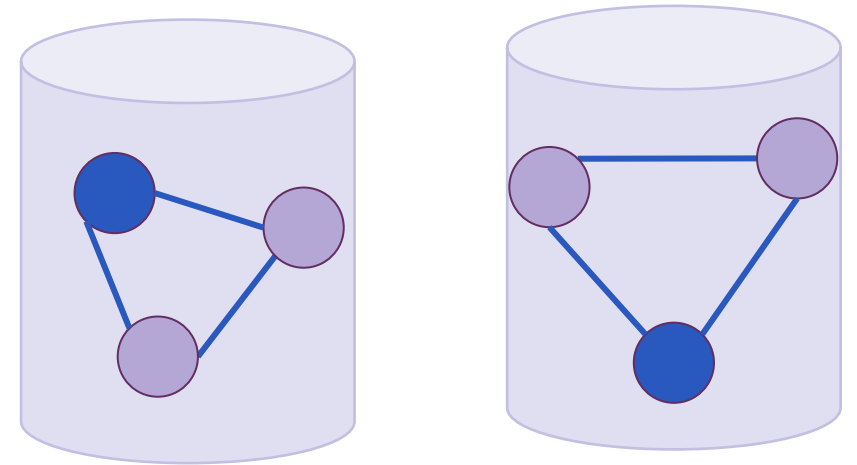
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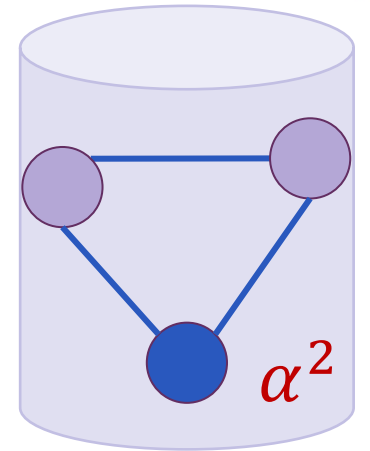
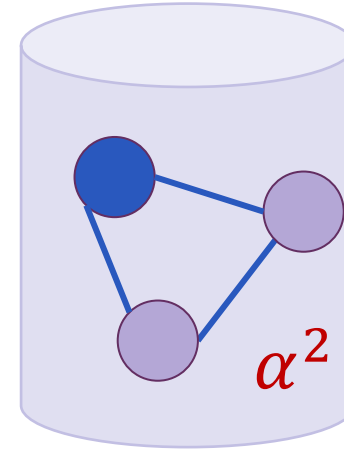
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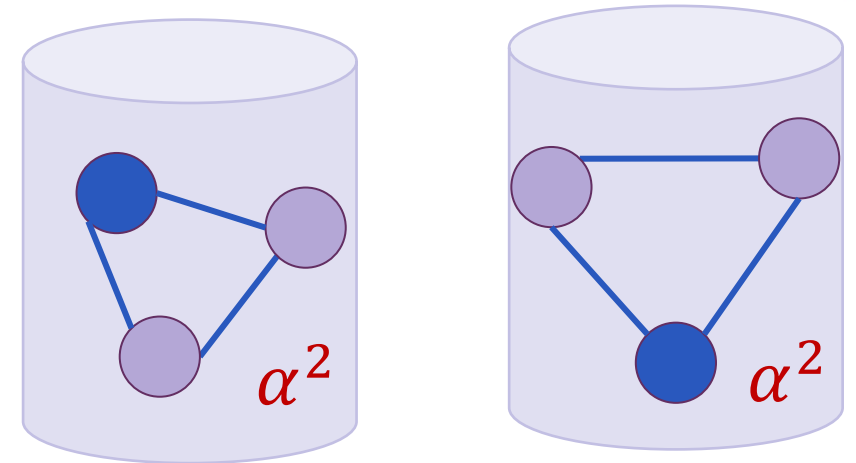
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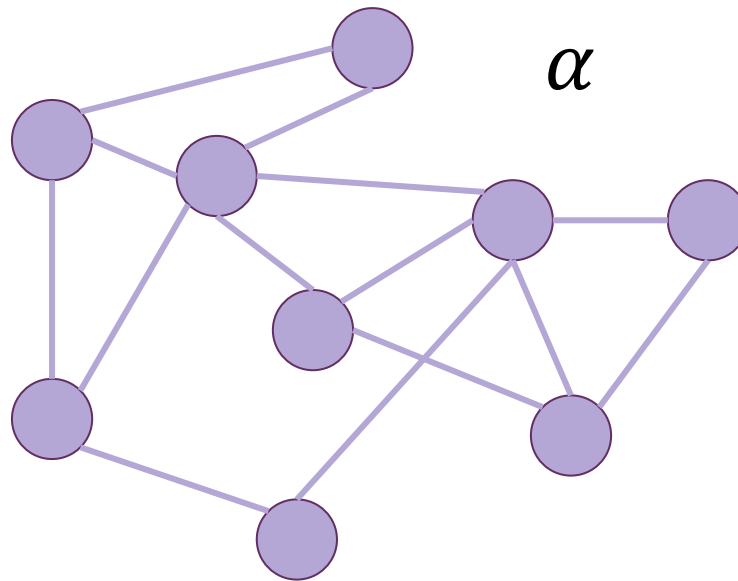
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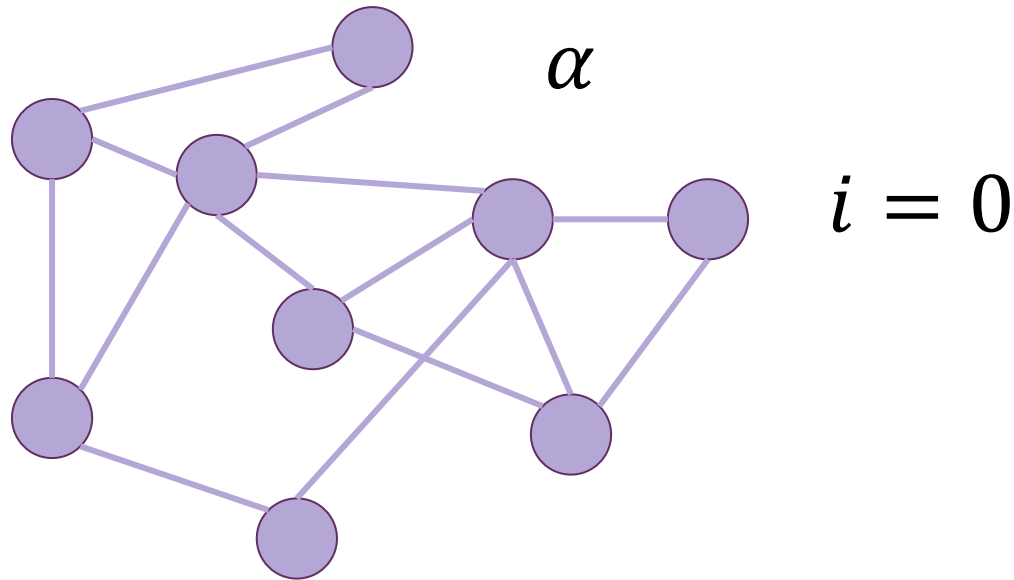
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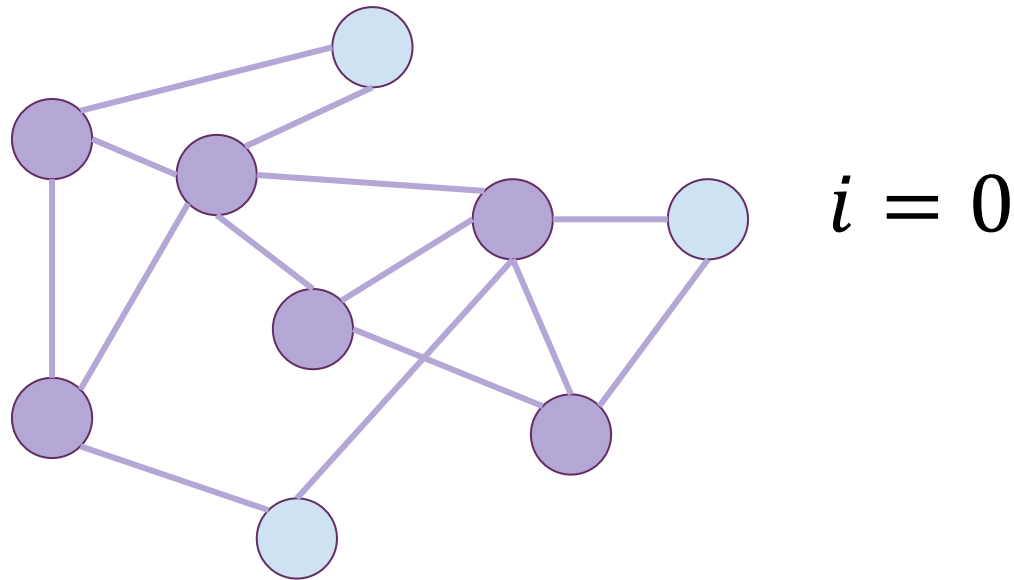
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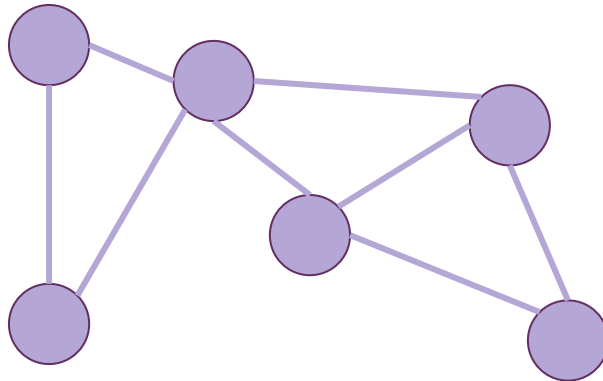
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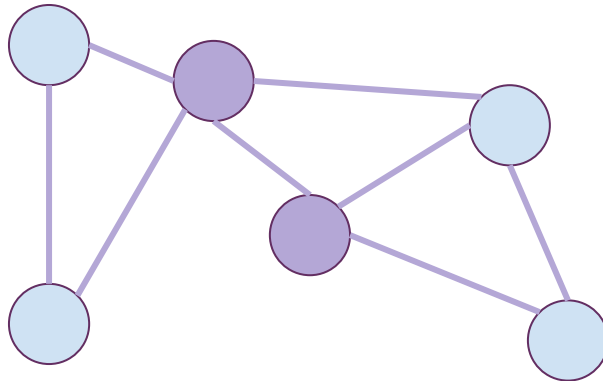


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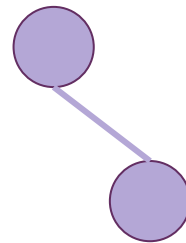


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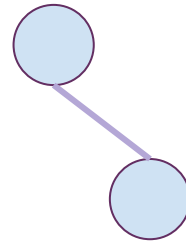


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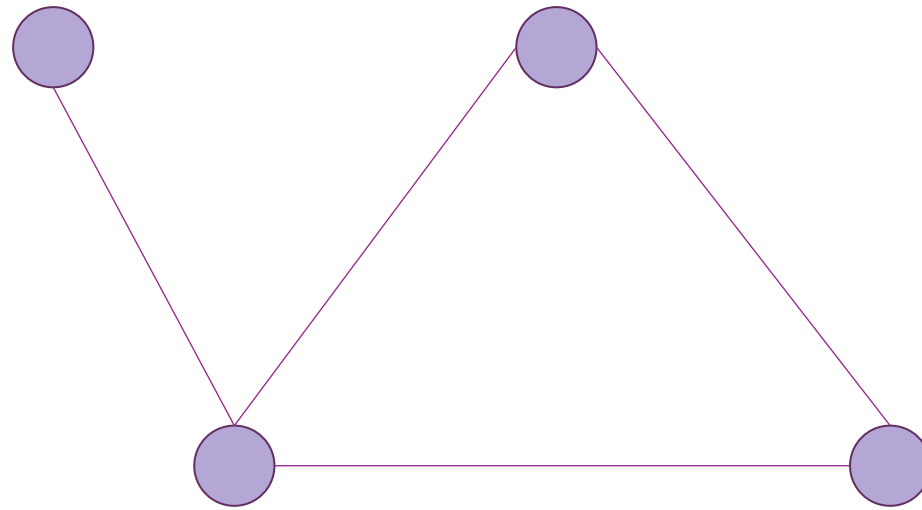
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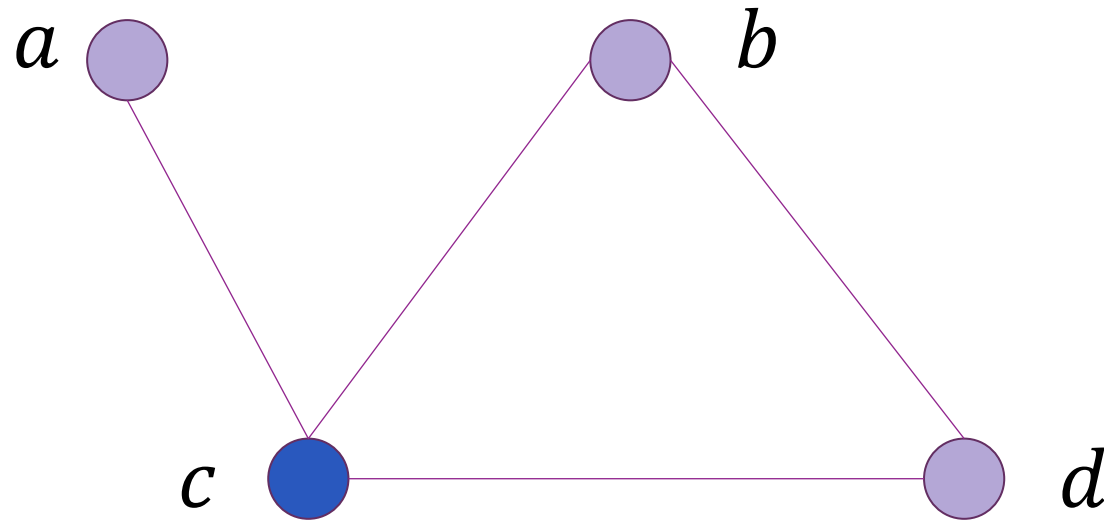
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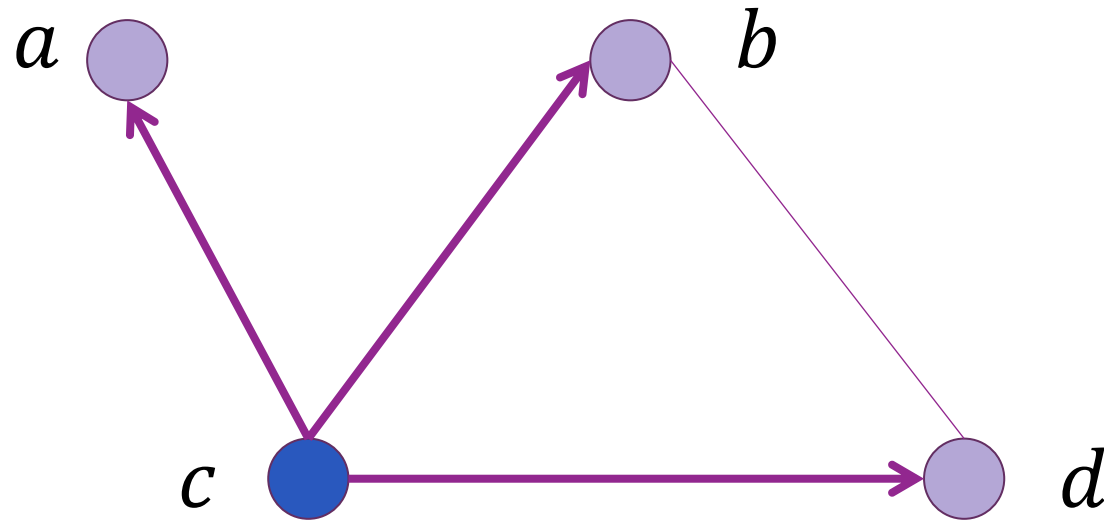
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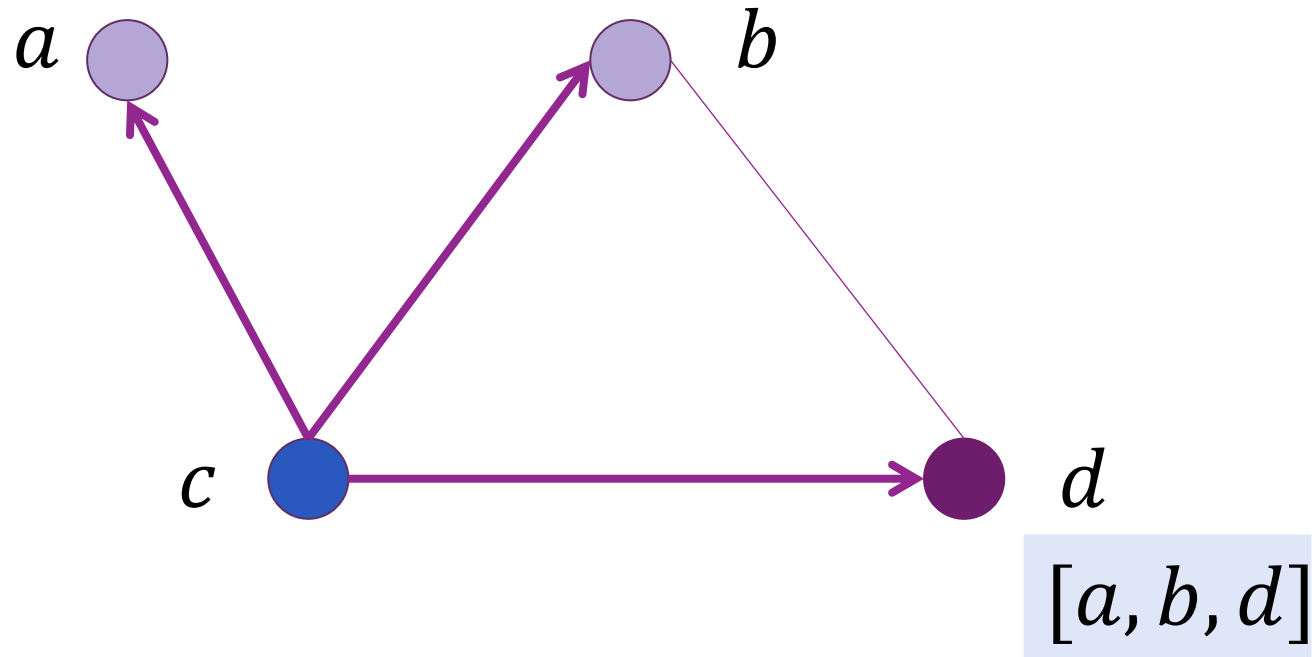
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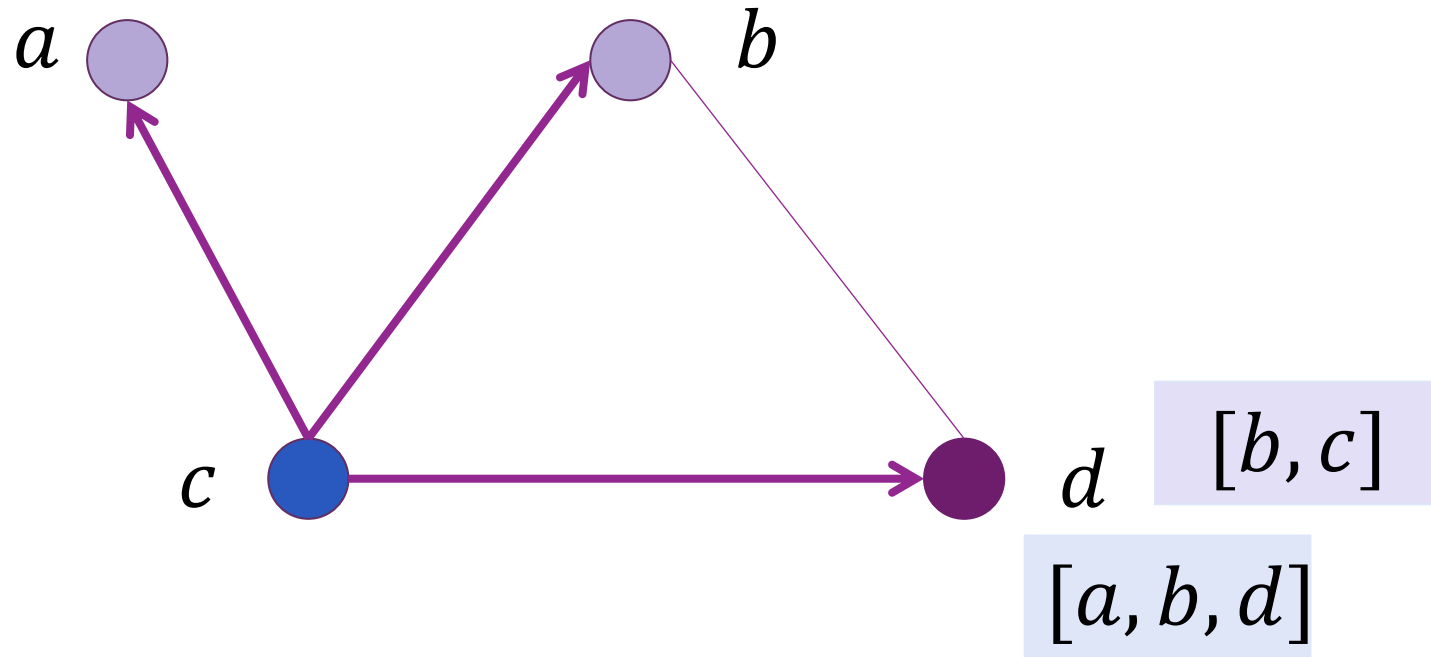
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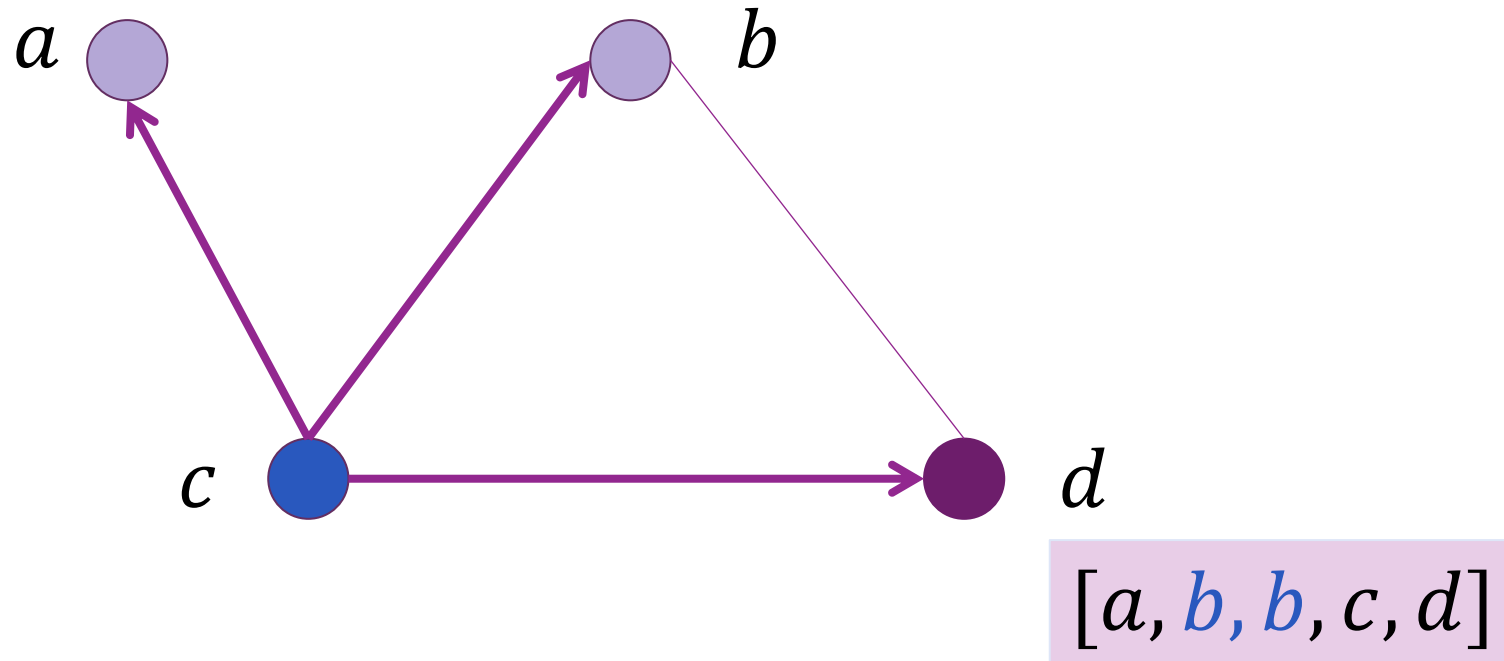
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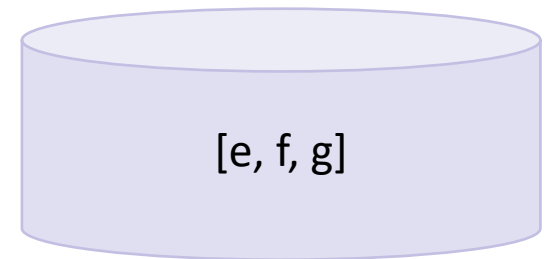
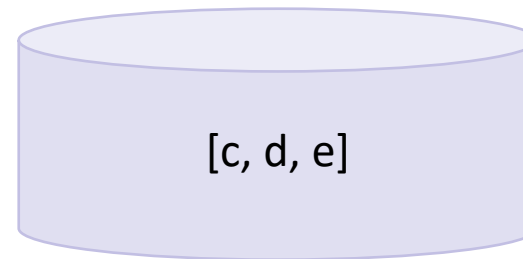
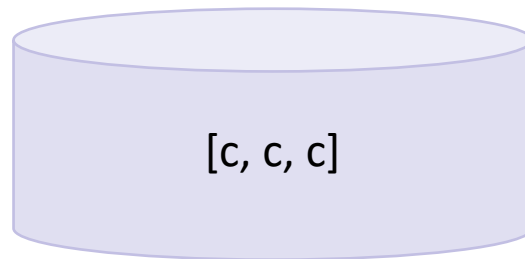
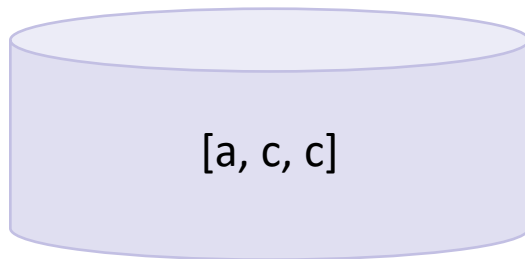


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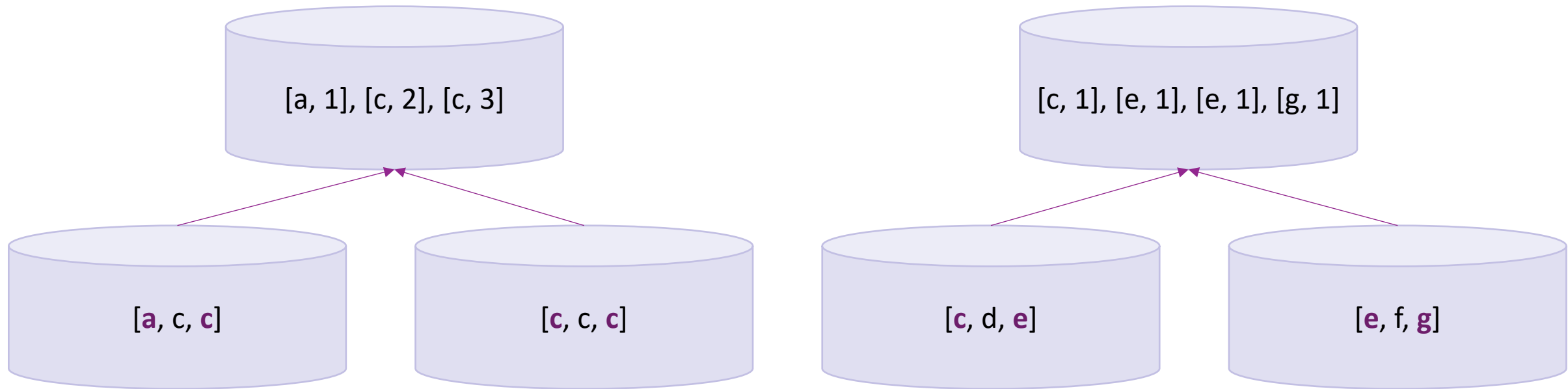
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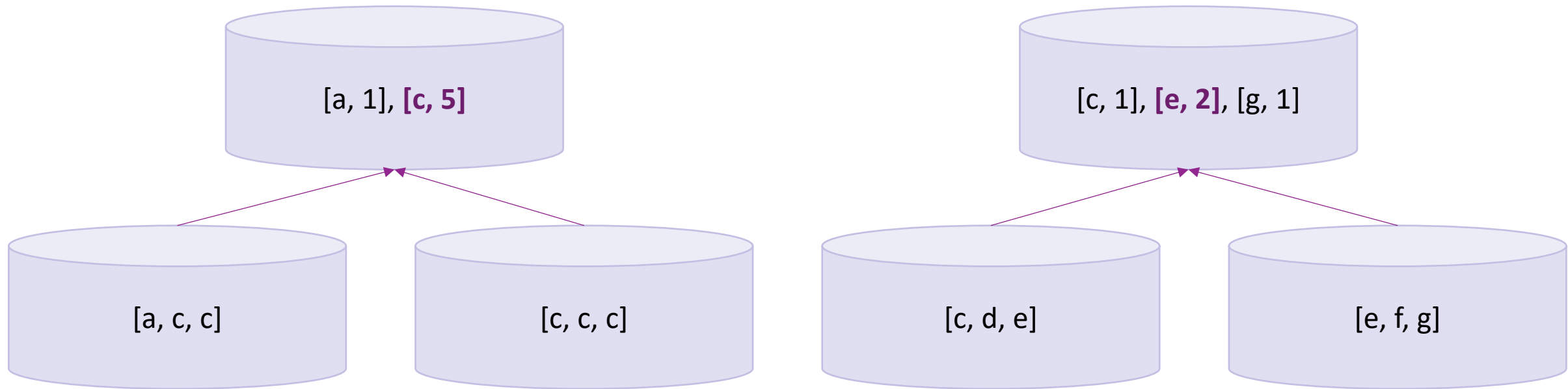
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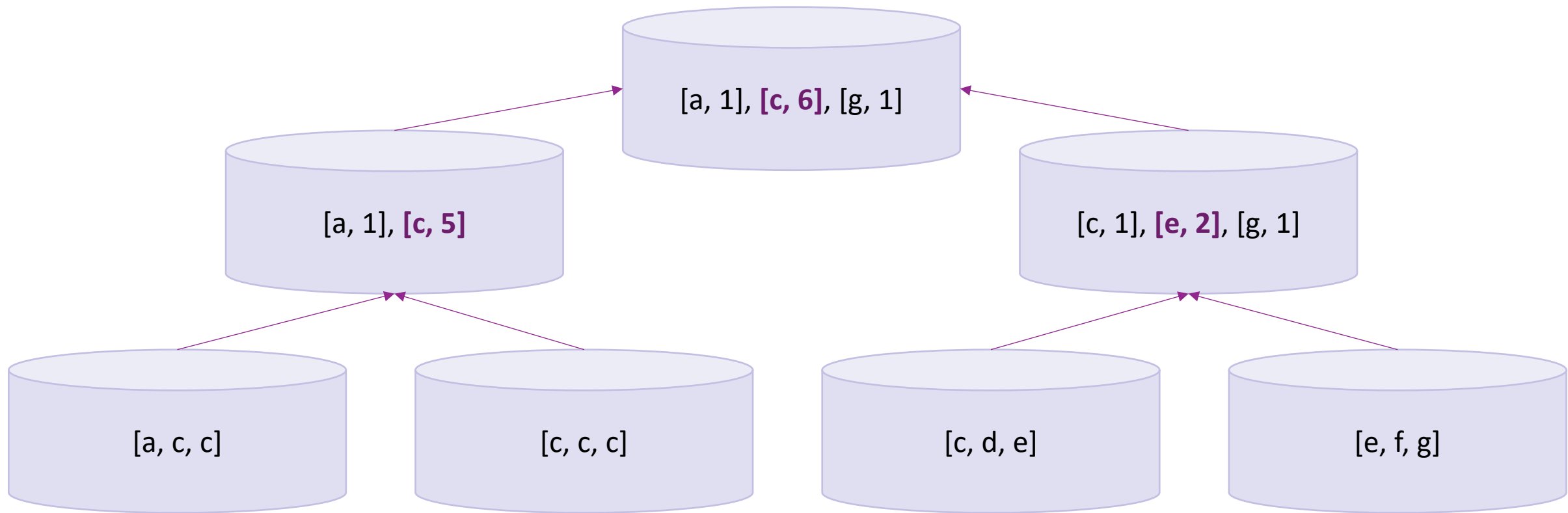
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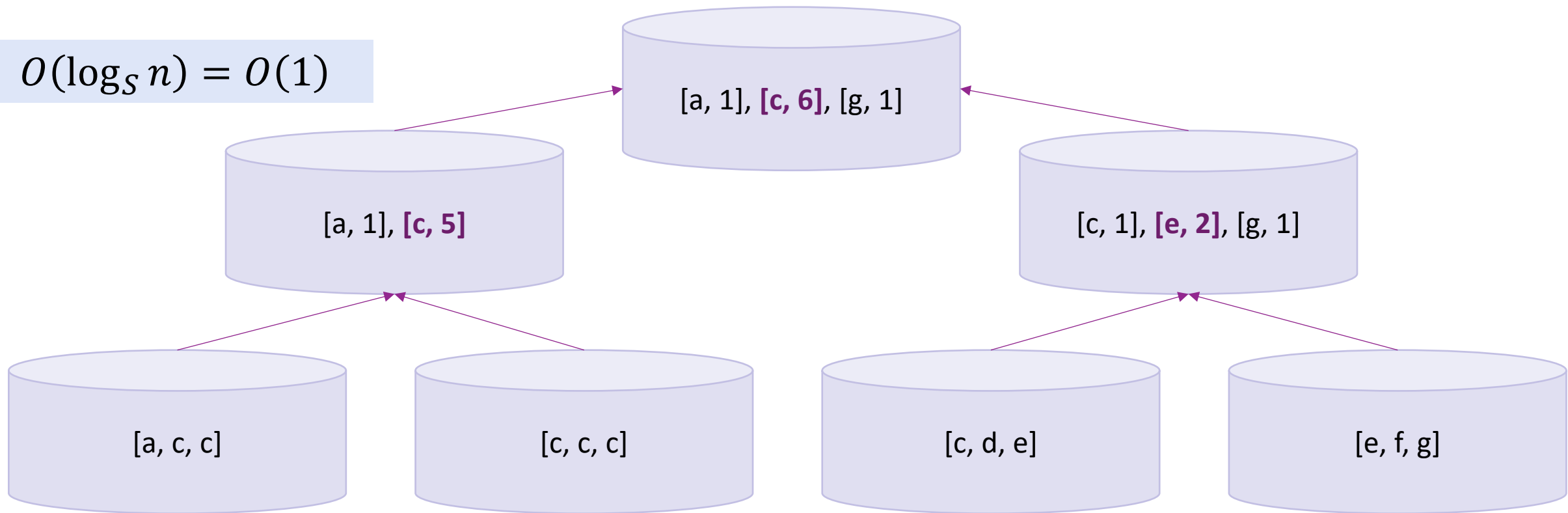
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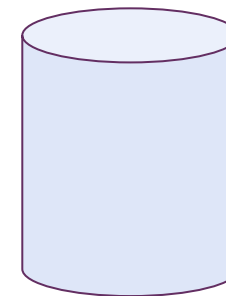
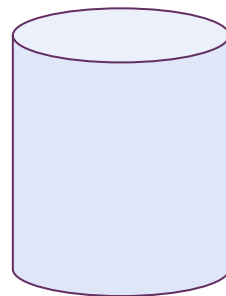
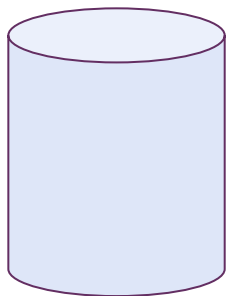
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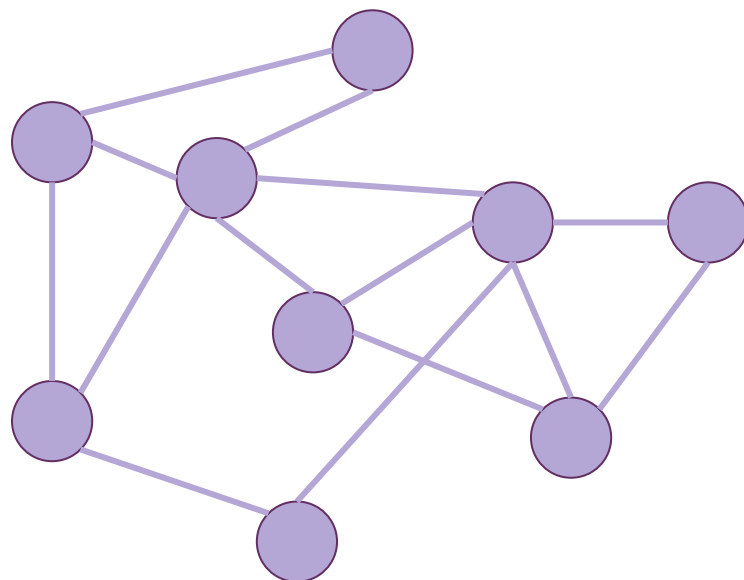
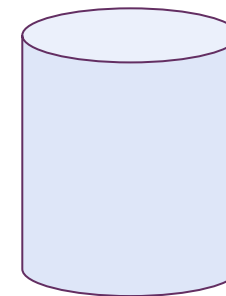
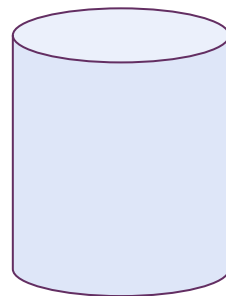
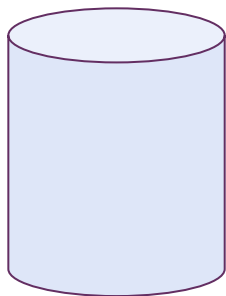
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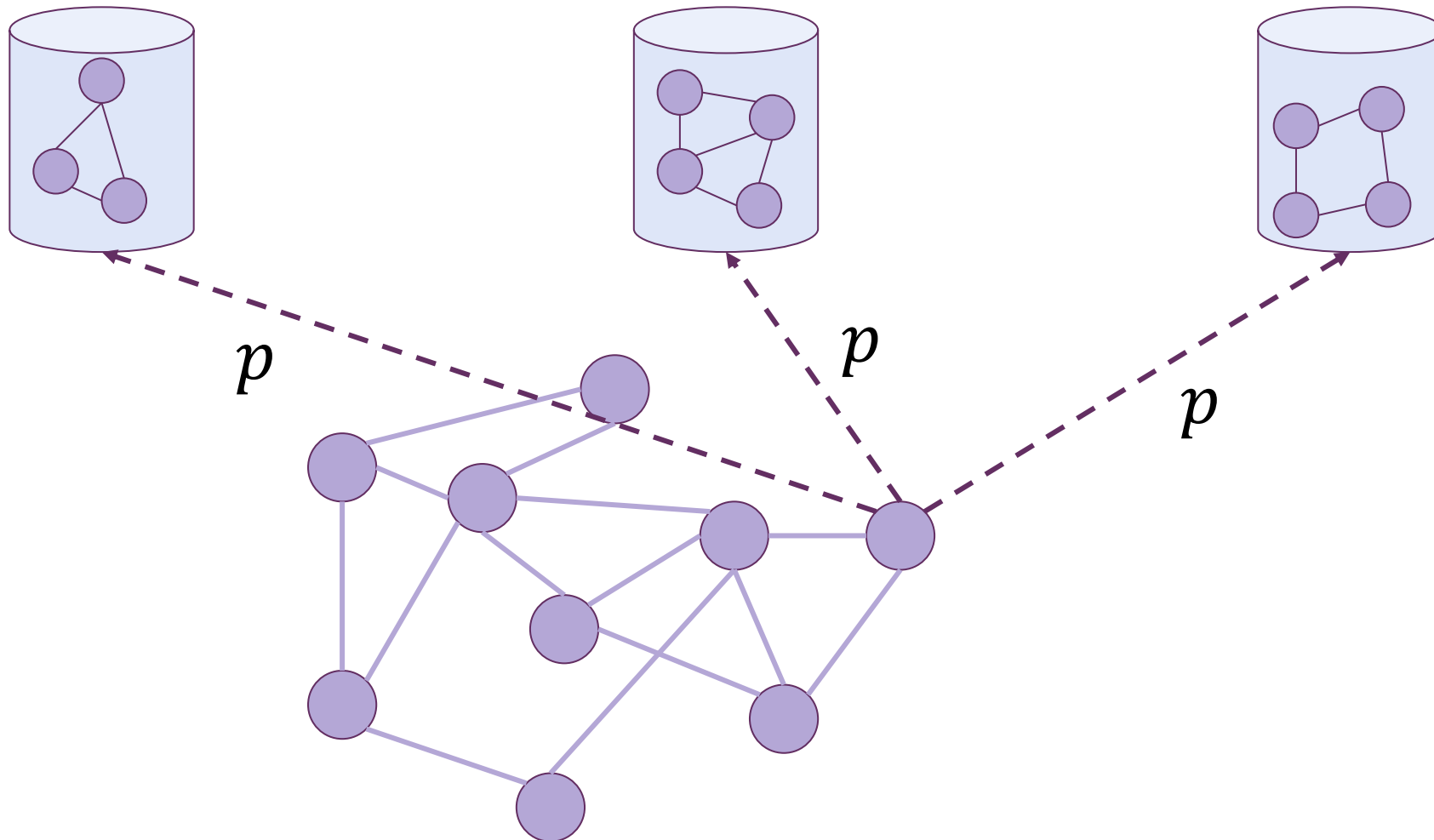
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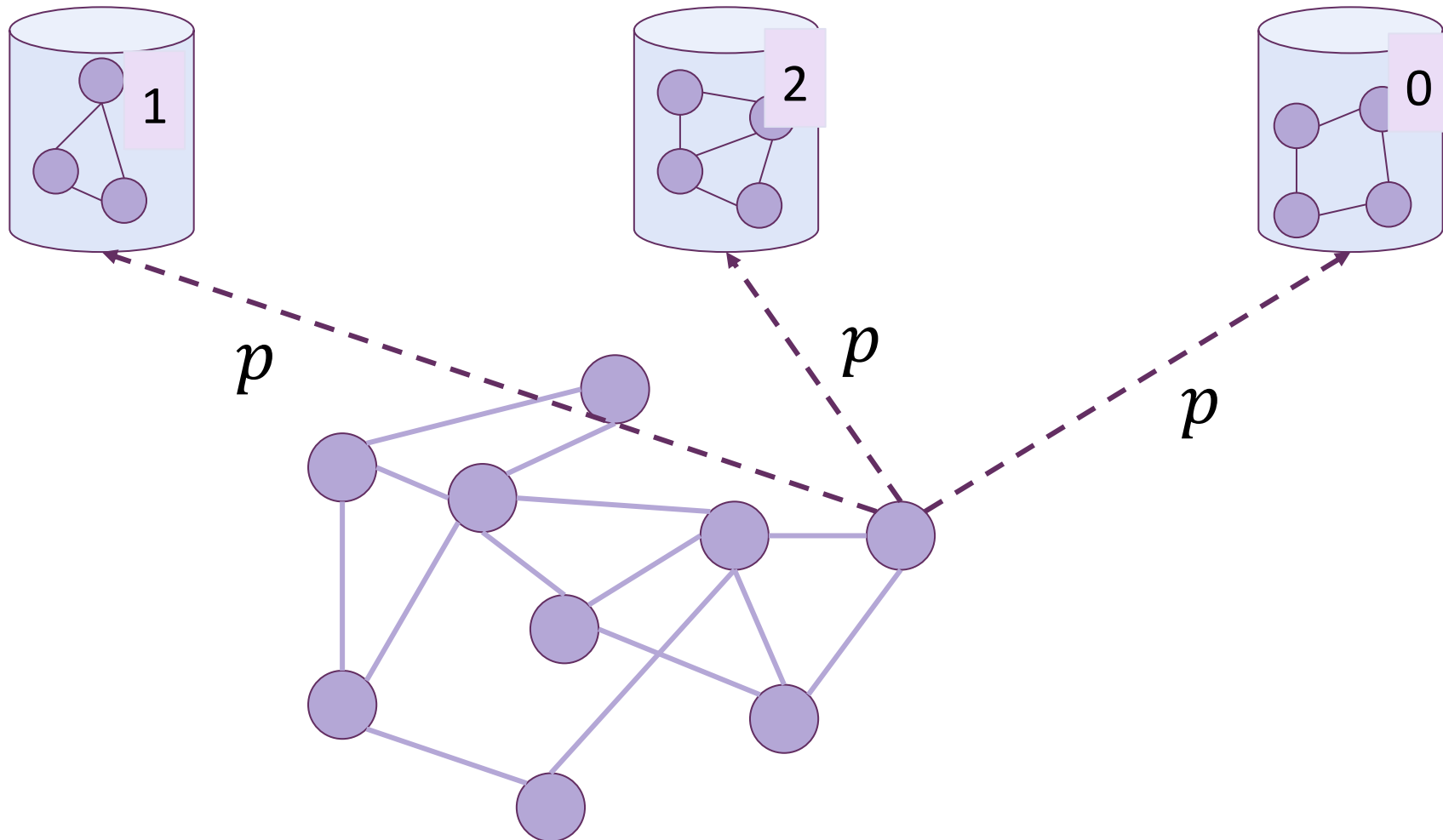
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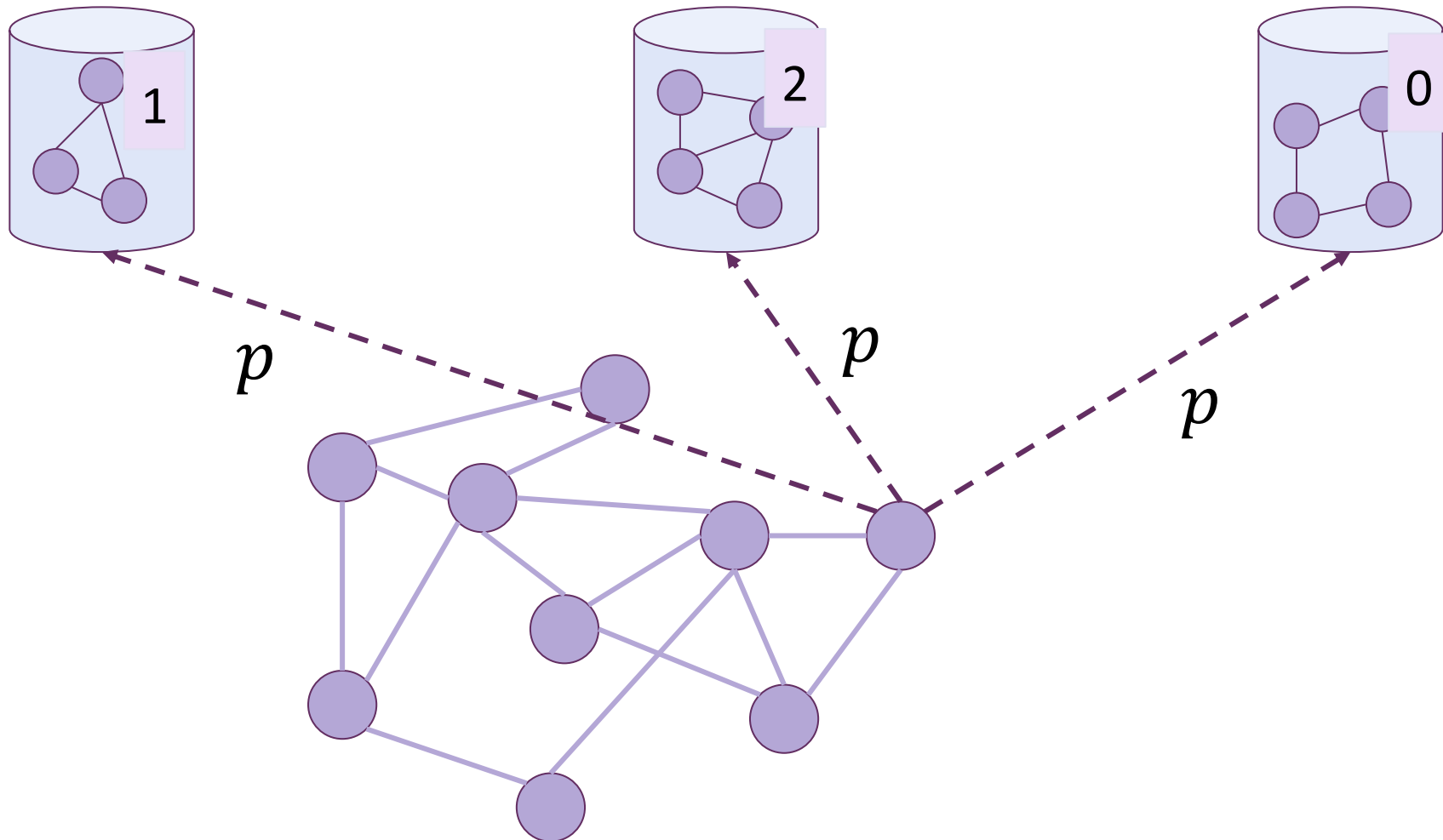
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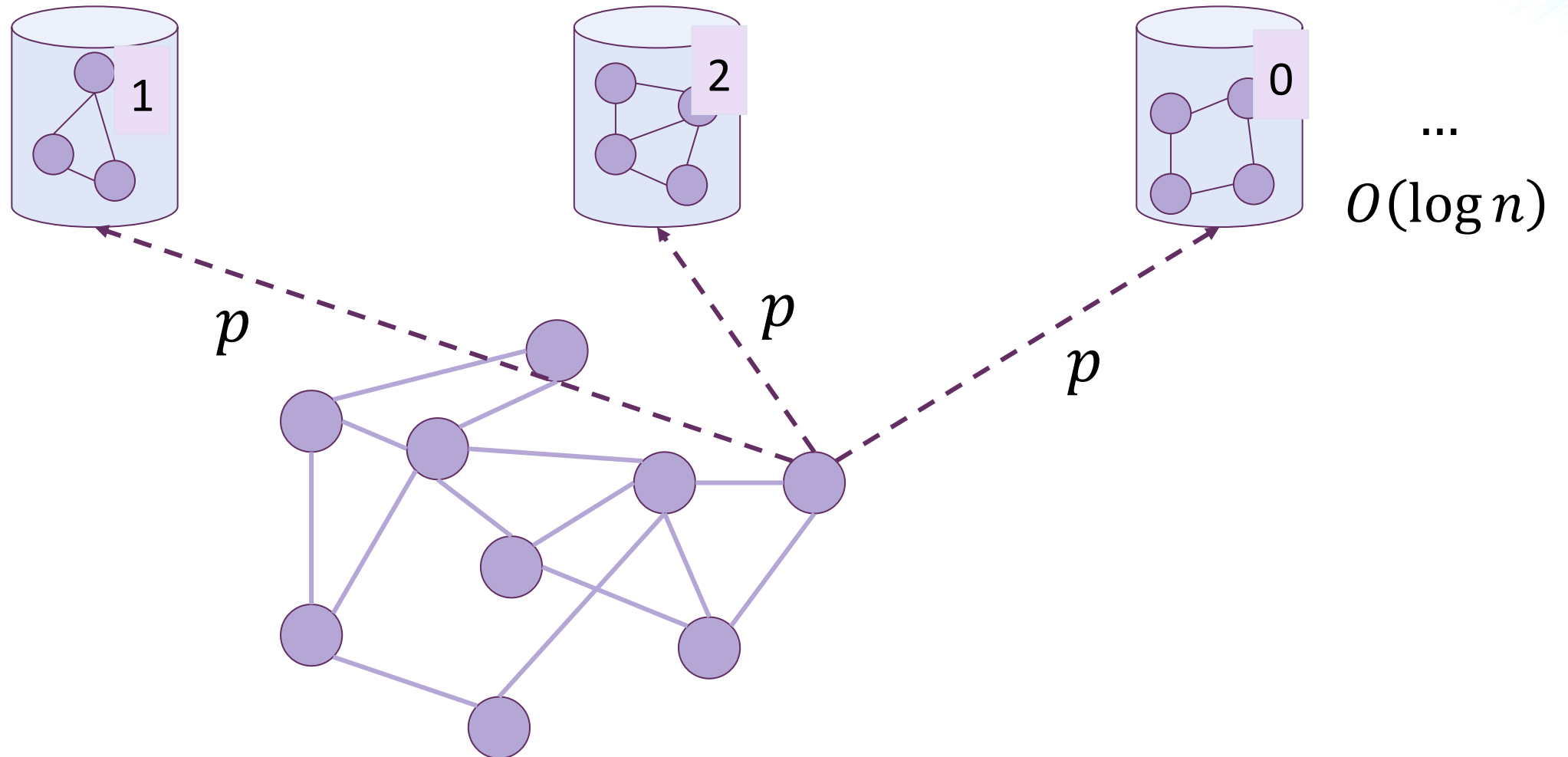
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