

# Graph matching for BSP

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# Matching can win you a Nobel prize

## Marriage as an Economic Problem

Lloyd Shapley and Alvin Roth win the Nobel Prize for showing the best way to match people with what they really want.

By [Matthew Yglesias](#) | Posted Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at 1:51 PM ET



The Nobel Prize in economics went to Alvin E. Roth and Lloyd S. Shapley "for the theory of stable allocations and the practice of market design"

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# Motivation of graph matching

- ▶ **Graph matching** is a pairing of neighbouring vertices within a graph.
- ▶ Matching has applications in
  - medicine: finding suitable **donors** for organs
  - social networks: finding **friends** or partners
  - scientific computing: finding **pivot elements** in matrix computations
  - graph coarsening in multilevel methods: make the problem smaller by merging **similar vertices** before partitioning it for parallel computing
  - Finding similarity in **Protein-Protein Interaction** networks

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# Motivation of greedy/approximation graph matching

- ▶ Optimal solution is possible in polynomial time: not NP-hard.
- ▶ Time for weighted matching in graph  $G = (V, E)$  is  $\mathcal{O}(mn + n^2 \log n)$  with  $n = |V|$  the number of vertices, and  $m = |E|$  the number of edges (Gabow 1990).
- ▶ The aim is  $n = 10^9$ , and perhaps  $m = 10^{11}$ , so a time of  $\mathcal{O}(10^{20})$  is far too long. We need **linear-time** greedy algorithms, or approximation algorithms.

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# Formal definition of graph matching

- ▶ A **graph** is a pair  $G = (V, E)$  with vertices  $V$  and edges  $E$ .
- ▶ All edges  $e \in E$  are of the form  $e = (v, w)$  for vertices  $v, w \in V$ .
- ▶ A **matching** is a collection  $M \subseteq E$  of **disjoint** edges.
- ▶ Here, the graph is **undirected**, so  $(v, w) = (w, v)$ .

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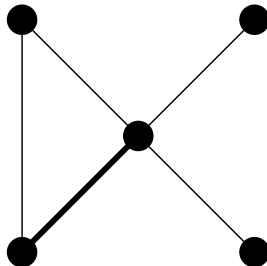
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# Maximal matching



- ▶ A matching is **maximal** if we cannot enlarge it further by adding another edge to it.

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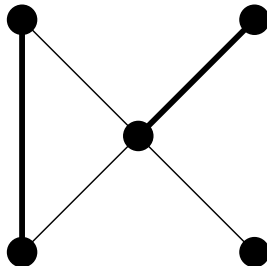
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# Maximum matching



- ▶ A matching is **maximum** if it possesses the largest possible number of edges, compared to all other matchings.

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# Edge-weighted matching

- ▶ If the edges are provided with **weights**  $\omega : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , finding a matching  $M$  which maximises

$$\omega(M) = \sum_{e \in M} \omega(e),$$

is called **edge-weighted matching**.

- ▶ Greedy matching provides us with maximal matchings, but not necessarily with maximum possible weight.

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# Sequential greedy matching

- ▶ We will first look at a sequential greedy algorithm which generates a maximal matching.
- ▶ In random order, vertices  $v \in V$  select and match neighbours one-by-one.
- ▶ Here, we can pick
  - the first available neighbour  $w$  of  $v$   
(greedy random matching)
  - the neighbour  $w$  with maximum  $\omega(v, w)$   
(greedy weighted matching)
- ▶ Or: we sort the edges by weight, and successively match the vertices  $v$  and  $w$  of the heaviest available edge  $(v, w)$   
(greedy matching)

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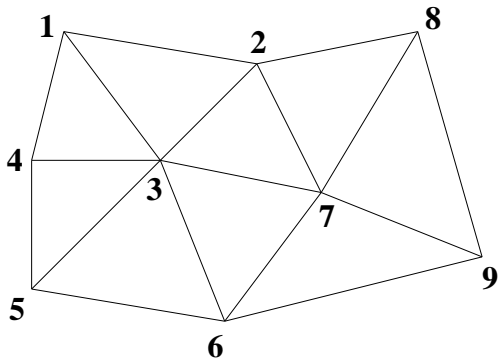
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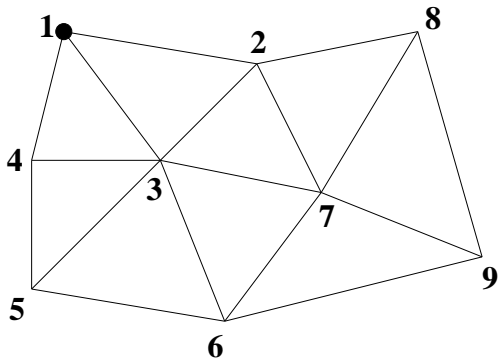
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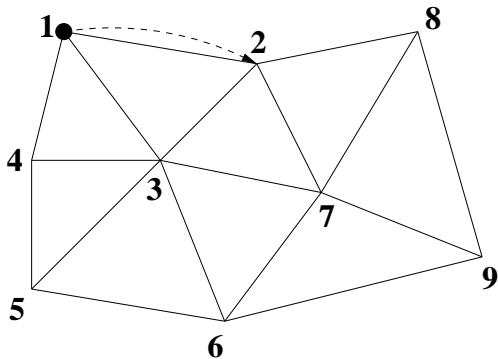
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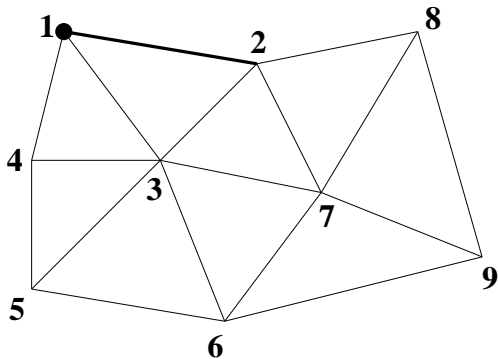
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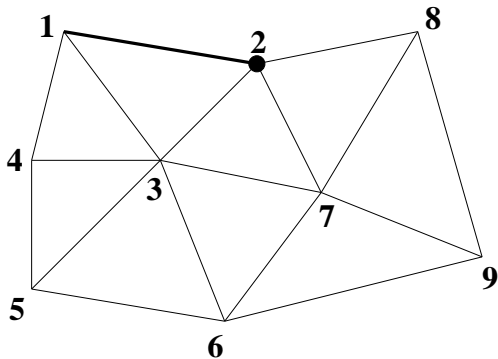
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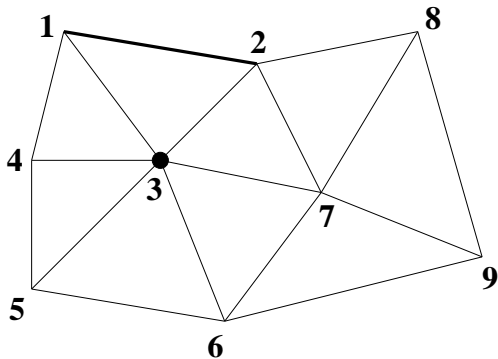
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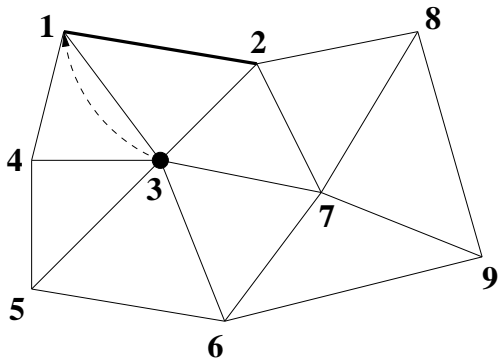
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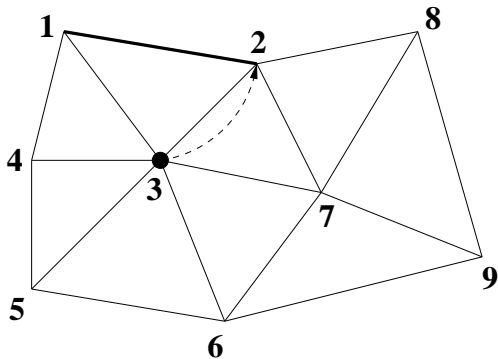
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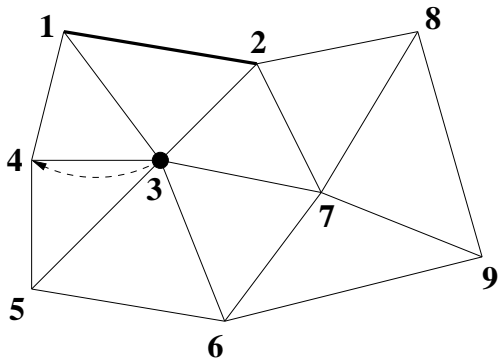
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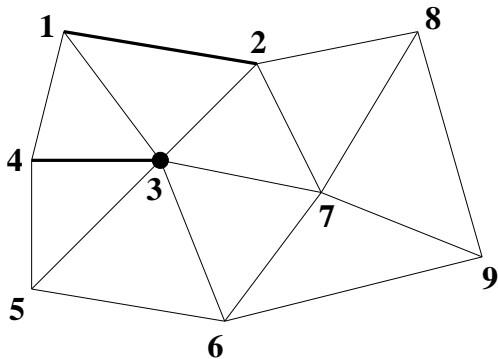
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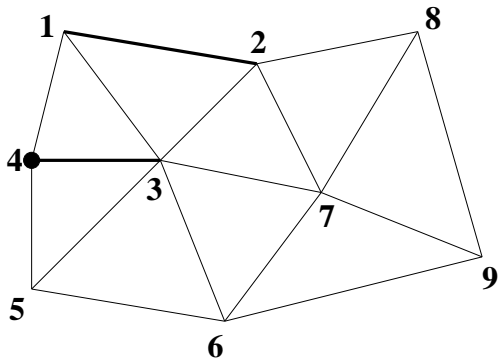
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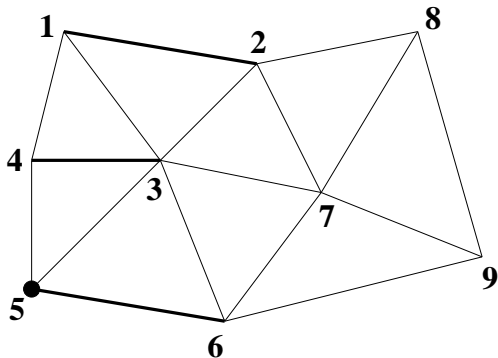
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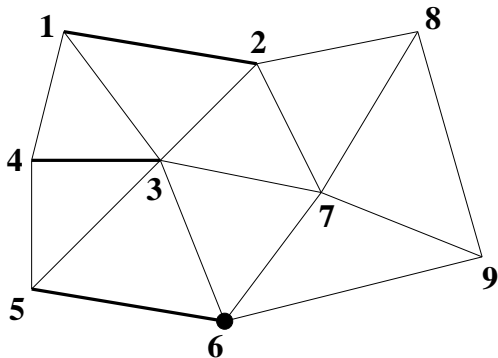
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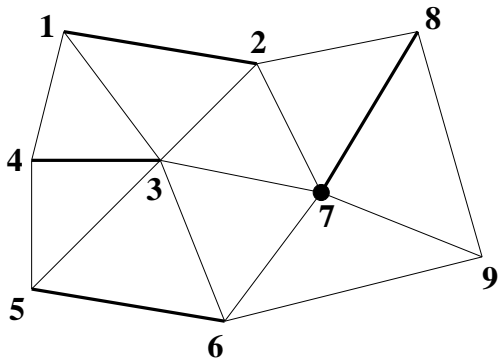
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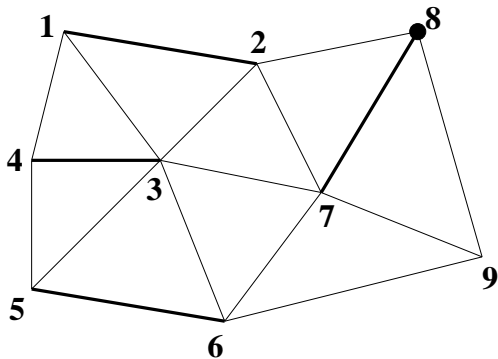
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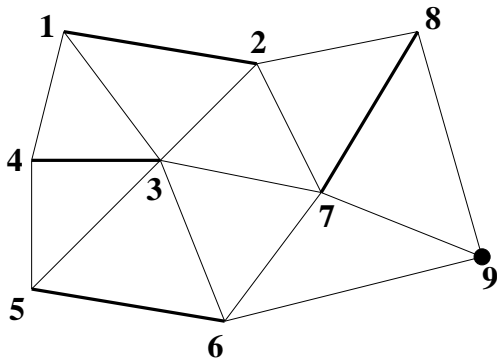
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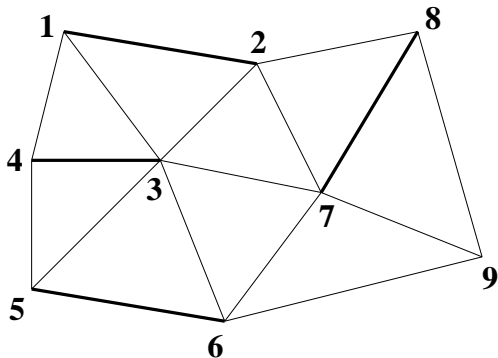
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# Greedy is a 1/2-approximation algorithm

- ▶ **Weight**  $\omega(M) \geq \omega_{\text{optimal}}/2$
- ▶ **Cardinality**  $|M| \geq |M_{\text{card-max}}|/2$ , because  $M$  is maximal.

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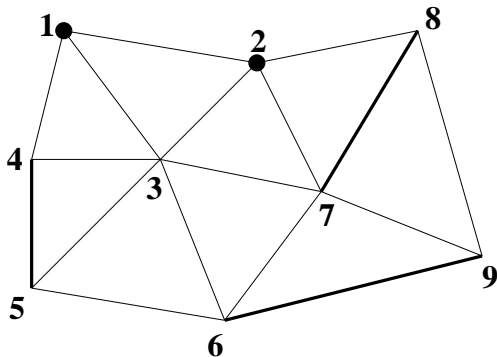
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Suppose we match vertices simultaneously.

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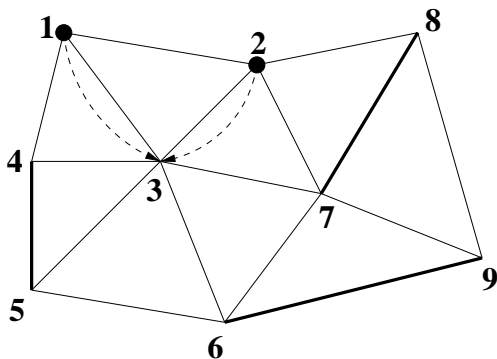
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Two vertices each find an unmatched neighbour...

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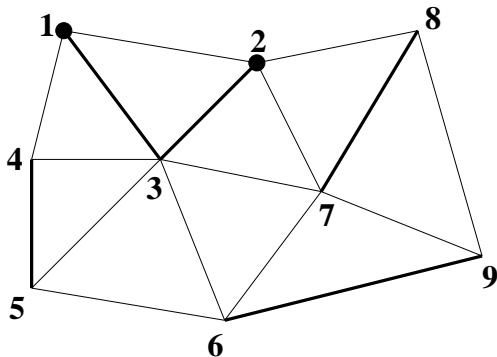
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... but generate an **invalid** matching.

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# Dominant-edge algorithm

```
while  $E \neq \emptyset$  do  
  pick dominant edge  $(v, w) \in E$   
   $M := M \cup \{(v, w)\}$   
   $E := E \setminus \{(x, y) \in E : x = v \vee x = w\}$   
   $V := V \setminus \{v, w\}$   
return  $M$ 
```

- ▶ An edge  $(v, w) \in E$  is **dominant** if

$$\omega(v, w) = \max\{\omega(x, y) : (x, y) \in E \wedge (x = v \vee x = w)\}$$

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# Proof: algorithm is 1/2-approximation

- ▶ Let  $M$  be the matching produced by the **dominant-edge** algorithm.
- ▶ Let  $M^*$  be a **maximum matching** with weight  $\omega_{\text{optimal}}$ .
- ▶ Let  $e^* = (a, b) \in M^*$ . If both  $a$  and  $b$  are not matched in  $M$ , we could add  $(a, b)$  to  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is not maximal.
- ▶ Contradiction, because the algorithm only terminates when it produces a maximal matching.
- ▶ Therefore,  $a$  or  $b$  is matched in  $M$ .

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## Proof (cont'd)

- ▶ Let  $M^* = \{e_0^*, \dots, e_{k-1}^*\}$ . For each edge  $e_i^* \in M^*$ , define an edge  $e_i \in M$ , as follows. If  $e_i^* \in M$ ,  $e_i = e_i^*$ , otherwise  $e_i$  is the edge that removes  $e_i^*$  from  $E$  in the algorithm.
- ▶ It may happen that  $e_i = e_j$  for  $i \neq j$ .
- ▶  $\omega(e_i) \geq \omega(e_i^*)$  for all  $i$ , since  $e_i$  is locally dominant in the algorithm and removes  $e_i^*$ , or  $e_i = e_i^*$ .
- ▶ Every edge  $e \in M$  can occur at most twice in the list of  $e_i$ 's, since it can remove from  $E$  at most 2 edges from  $M^*$ .

$$2\omega(M) \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \omega(e_i) \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \omega(e_i^*) = \omega_{\text{optimal}}$$

- ▶ Hence  $\omega(M) \geq \omega_{\text{optimal}}/2$ .

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# Sequential approximation algorithm: initialisation

```
function SEQMATCHING( $V, E$ )  
  for all  $v \in V$  do  
     $pref(v) = null$   
   $D := \emptyset$   
   $M := \emptyset$   
  
  { Find dominant edges }  
  for all  $v \in V$  do  
     $Adj_v := \{w \in V : (v, w) \in E\}$   
     $pref(v) := \operatorname{argmax}\{\omega(v, w) : w \in Adj_v\}$   
    if  $pref(pref(v)) = v$  then  
       $D := D \cup \{v, pref(v)\}$   
       $M := M \cup \{(v, pref(v))\}$ 
```

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# Sequential approximation algorithm: main loop

```
while  $D \neq \emptyset$  do  
  pick  $v \in D$   
   $D := D \setminus \{v\}$   
  for all  $x \in Adj_v \setminus \{pref(v)\} : (x, pref(x)) \notin M$  do  
     $Adj_x := Adj_x \setminus \{v\}$   
     $pref(x) := \operatorname{argmax}\{\omega(x, w) : w \in Adj_x\}$   
    if  $pref(pref(x)) = x$  then  
       $D := D \cup \{x, pref(x)\}$   
       $M := M \cup \{(x, pref(x))\}$   
return  $M$ 
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# Dominant-edge algorithm

- ▶ Based on **dominant edges**:  
 $v = \text{pref}(w)$  and  $w = \text{pref}(v)$ .
- ▶ Dominance is a local property: easy to parallelise.
- ▶ Algorithm keeps going until set of dominant vertices  $D$  is empty and matching  $M$  is maximal.
- ▶ Assumption without loss of generality: weights are **unique**.  
Otherwise, add  $r \cdot \epsilon$  to weight, with  $r \in [0, 1]$  random, or use vertex numbering to break ties.

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# Time complexity

- ▶ Linear time complexity  $\mathcal{O}(|E|)$  if edges of each vertex are sorted by weight.
- ▶ Sorting costs are

$$\sum_v \deg(v) \log \deg(v) \leq \sum_v \deg(v) \log \Delta = 2|E| \log \Delta,$$

where  $\Delta$  is the maximum vertex degree.

- ▶ This algorithm is based on a dominant-edge algorithm by Preis (1999), called LAM, which is linear-time  $\mathcal{O}(|E|)$ , does not need sorting, and also is a 1/2-approximation, but is hard to parallelise.

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# Parallel algorithm (Manne & Bisseling, 2007)

- ▶ Processor  $P(s)$  has vertex set  $V_s$ , with

$$\bigcup_{s=0}^{p-1} V_s = V$$

and  $V_s \cap V_t = \emptyset$  if  $s \neq t$ .

- ▶ The adjacency set  $Adj_v$  of a vertex  $v$  may contain vertices  $w$  from **another processor**.

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# Halo vertices

- ▶ We define the set of **halo vertices**

$$H_S = \bigcup_{v \in V_S} \text{Adj}_v \setminus V_S$$

- ▶ The weights  $\omega(v, w)$  are stored with the edges, for all  $v \in V_S$  and  $w \in V_S \cup H_S$ .
- ▶  $E_S = \{(v, w) \in E : v \in V_S\}$   
is the subset of all the edges connected to  $V_S$ .

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## Parallel algorithm for $P(s)$ : initialisation

**function** PARAMATCHING( $V_s, H_s, E_s$ , distribution  $\phi$ )

**for all**  $v \in V_s$  **do**

$pref(v) = null$

$D_s := \emptyset$

$M_s := \emptyset$

{ Find dominant edges }

**for all**  $v \in V_s$  **do**

$Adj_v := \{w \in V_s \cup H_s : (v, w) \in E_s\}$

$pref(v) := \operatorname{argmax}\{\omega(v, w) : w \in Adj_v\}$

**if**  $pref(v) \in V_s$  **then**

**if**  $pref(pref(v)) = v$  **then**

$D_s := D_s \cup \{v, pref(v)\}$

$M_s := M_s \cup \{(v, pref(v))\}$

**else**

**put**  $proposal(v, pref(v))$  in  $P(\phi(pref(v)))$

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# How to propose



Source: [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

*proposal*( $v, w$ ):  $v$  proposes to  $w$

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## Parallel algorithm for $P(s)$ : main loop

```
while  $D_s \neq \emptyset$  do  
  pick  $v \in D_s$   
   $D := D \setminus \{v\}$   
  for all  $x \in Adj_v \setminus \{pref(v)\} : (x, pref(x)) \notin M_s$  do  
    if  $x \in V_s$  then  
       $Adj_x := Adj_x \setminus \{v\}$   
       $pref(x) := \operatorname{argmax}\{\omega(x, w) : w \in Adj_x\}$   
      if  $pref(x) \in V_s$  then  
        if  $pref(pref(x)) = x$  then  
           $D_s := D_s \cup \{x, pref(x)\}$   
           $M_s := M_s \cup \{(x, pref(x))\}$   
        else  
          put  $proposal(x, pref(x))$  in  $P(\phi(pref(x)))$   
        else  $\{x \in H_s\}$   
          put  $unavailable(v, x)$  in  $P(\phi(x))$ 
```

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# Parallel algorithm for $P(s)$ : communication (1)

```
for all messages  $m$  received do  
  if  $m = \text{proposal}(x, y)$  then  
    if  $\text{pref}(y) = x$  then  
       $D_s := D_s \cup \{y\}$   
       $M_s := M_s \cup \{(x, y)\}$   
      put  $\text{accepted}(x, y)$  in  $P(\phi(x))$   
  if  $m = \text{accepted}(x, y)$  then  
     $D_s := D_s \cup \{x\}$   
     $M_s := M_s \cup \{(x, y)\}$   
  ...
```

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## Parallel algorithm for $P(s)$ : communication (2)

```
for all messages  $m$  received do  
  ...  
  if  $m = \text{unavailable}(v, x)$  then  
     $\text{Adj}_x := \text{Adj}_x \setminus \{v\}$   
     $\text{pref}(x) := \text{argmax}\{\omega(x, w) : w \in \text{Adj}_x\}$   
    if  $\text{pref}(x) \in V_s$  then  
      if  $\text{pref}(\text{pref}(x)) = x$  then  
         $D_s := D_s \cup \{x, \text{pref}(x)\}$   
         $M_s := M_s \cup \{(x, \text{pref}(x))\}$   
      else  
        put  $\text{proposal}(x, \text{pref}(x))$  in  $P(\phi(\text{pref}(x)))$ 
```

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# Termination

- ▶ The algorithm alternates supersteps of **computation** running the main loop and **communication** handling the received messages.
- ▶ The whole algorithm can terminate when no messages have been received by processor  $P(s)$  and the local set  $D_s$  is empty, for all  $s$ .
- ▶ This can be checked at the every synchronisation point.

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# Load balance

- ▶ Processors can have different amounts of work, even if they have the same number of vertices or edges.
- ▶ Use can be made of a global clock based on **ticks**, the unit of time needed to handle a vertex  $x$  (in  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ ).
- ▶ After **every  $k$  ticks**, everybody synchronises.
- ▶ The BSP system takes care that messages are automatically sent, **in bulk**.
- ▶ In the next superstep, all received messages are handled.

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# Synchronisation frequency

- ▶ Guidance for the choice of  $k$  is provided by the BSP parameter  $l$ : choosing  $k \geq l$  guarantees that at most 50% of the total time is spent in synchronisation.
- ▶ Choosing  $k$  sufficiently small will cause all processors to be busy during most supersteps.
- ▶ Good choice:  $k = 2l$ ?

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## Further improvement: edge-based (2D) distribution

<i>Name</i>	<i>SpMV</i>		<i>Matching</i>	
	<i>1D</i>	<i>2D</i>	<i>1D</i>	<i>2D</i>
rw9 (af_shell10)	113	105	169	150
rw10 (boneS10)	150	145	228	189
rw11 (Stanford)	340	141	479	234
rw12 (gupta3)	710	44	1,305	61
rw13 (St.Berk.)	716	448	1,152	812
rw14 (F1)	139	130	148	139
sw1 (small world)	1,007	417	2,111	303
sw2	1,957	829	3,999	563
sw3	2,017	832	4,255	528
er1 (random)	1,856	1,133	1,788	1,157
er2	3,451	1,841	3,721	1,635
er3	5,476	2,569	6,350	1,990

**Communication volume** in sparse matrix–vector multiplication and Karp–Sipser matching.

Source: Patwary, Bisseling, Manne (2010).

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# Conclusions and outlook

- ▶ BSP is extremely suitable for parallel graph computations:
  - no need to worry about communication because we buffer messages until the next synchronisation;
  - no need for send-receive pairs;
  - **BSP cost model** gives synchronisation frequency;
  - **correctness proof** of algorithm becomes simpler;
  - **no deadlock** possible.

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