

# Approximation Algorithms

## Lecture 7: Scheduling Jobs on Parallel Machines

### Part I: ILP & Parametric Pruning

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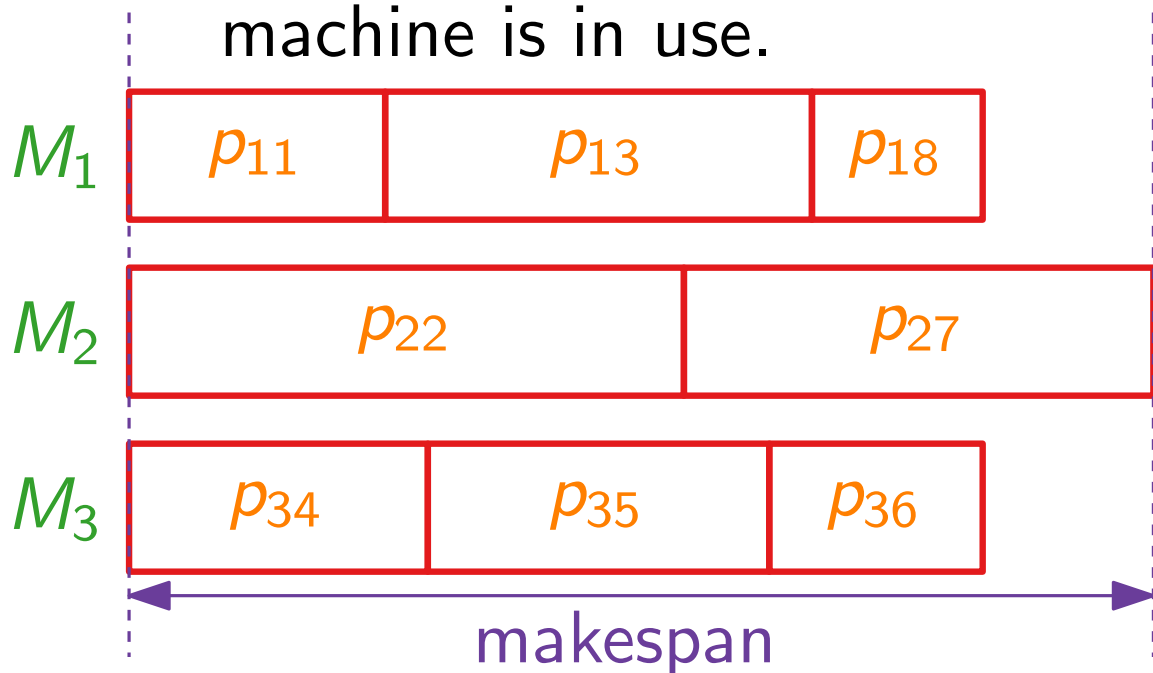
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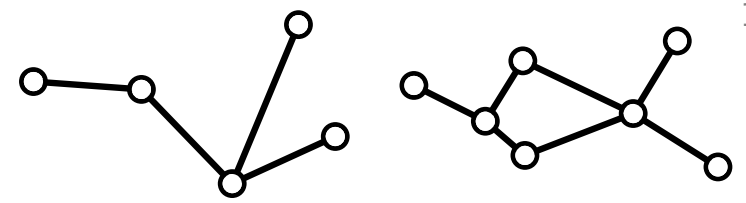


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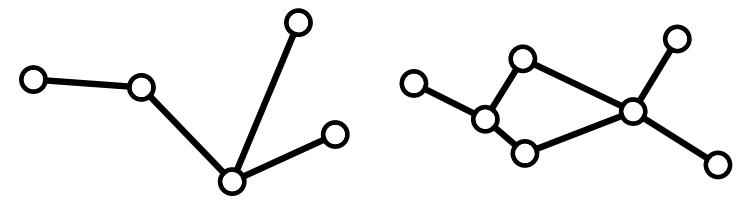
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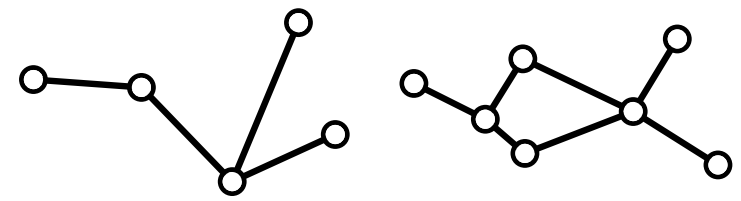
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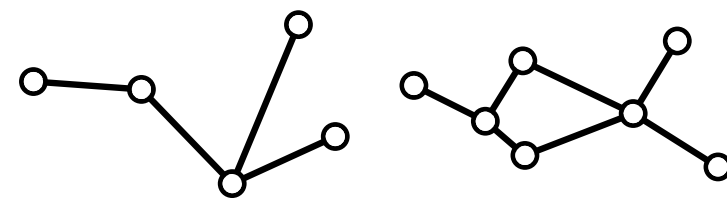
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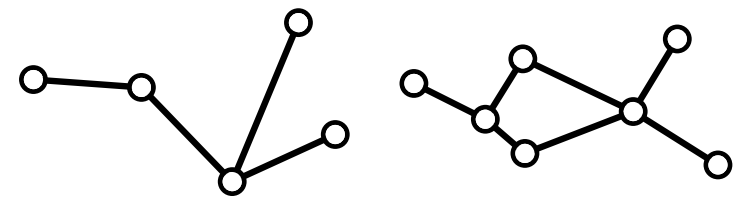
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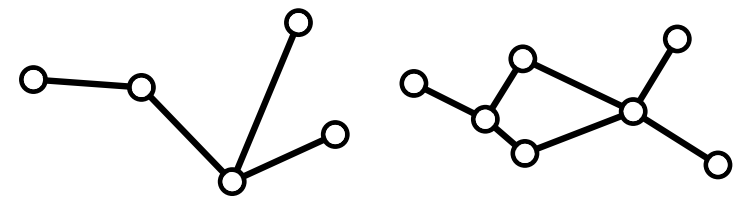
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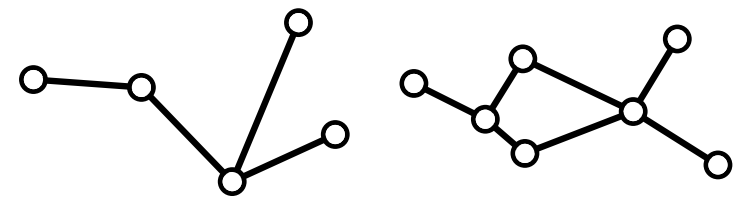
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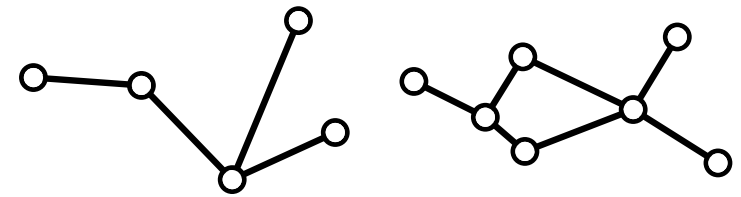
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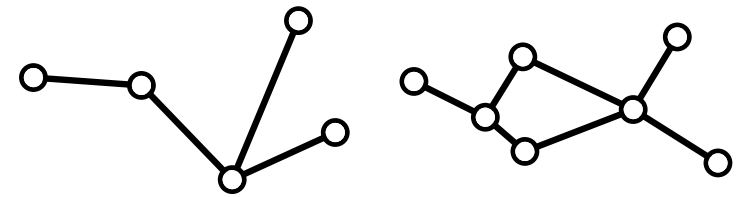
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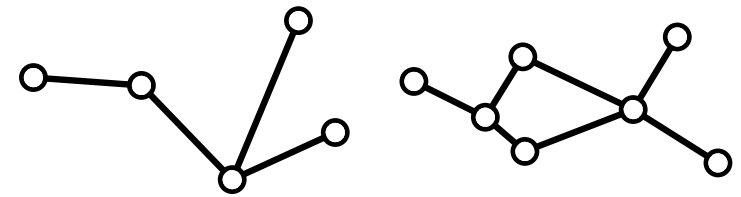
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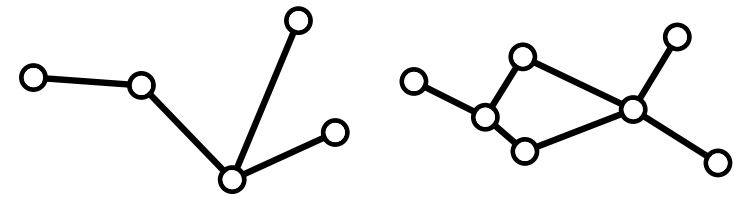
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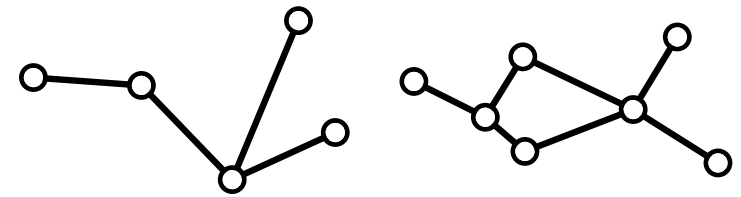
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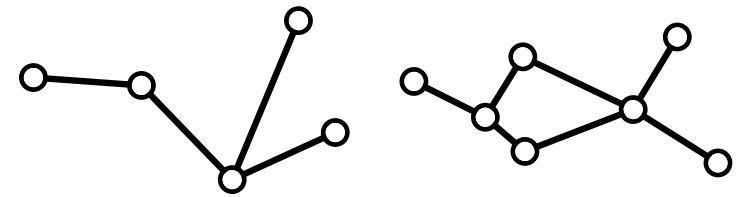
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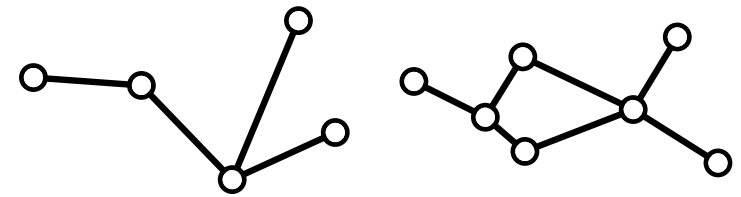
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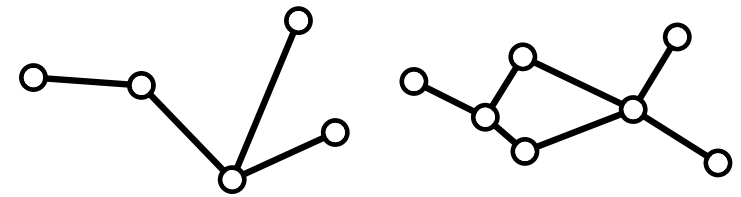
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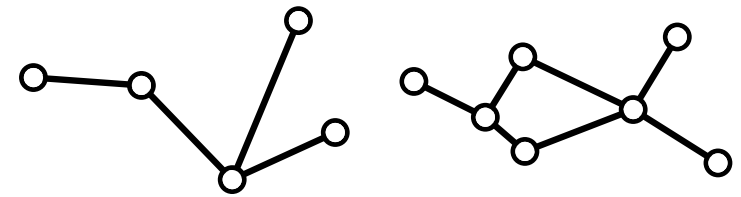
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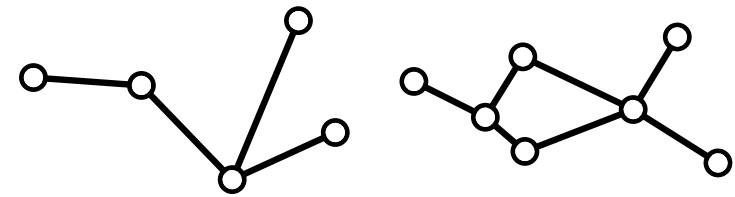
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