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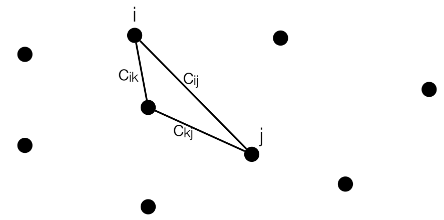

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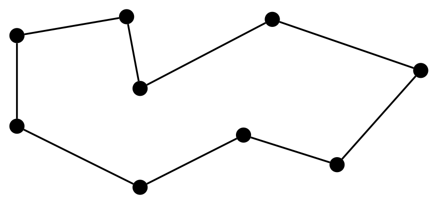

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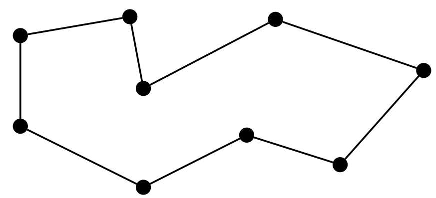

- MST is a lower bound on TSP.
  - Deleting an edge e from OPT gives a spanning tree.
  - OPT ≥ OPT - c_e ≥ MST.

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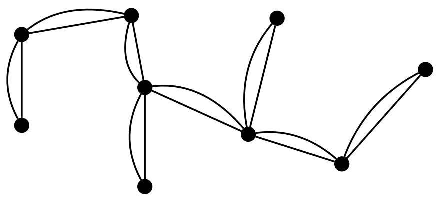

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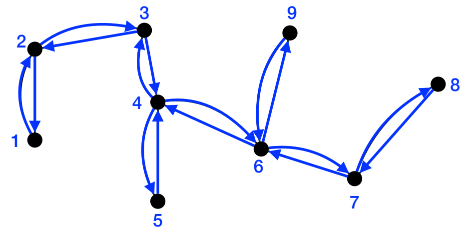

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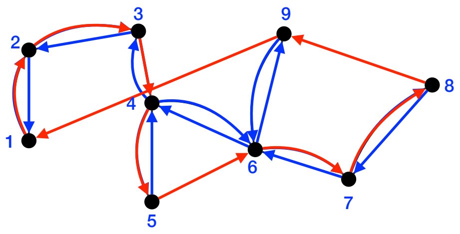

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- The double tree algorithm is a 2-approximation algorithm for TSP.

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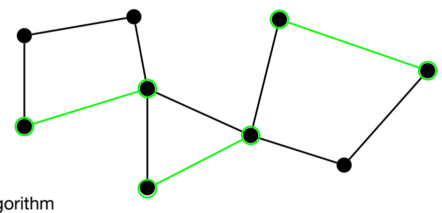

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  - Compute MST T.
  - No need to double all edges:
    - Enough to turn it into an Eulerian graph: *A graph Eulerian if there is a traversal of all edges visiting every edge exactly once.*
      - G Eulerian iff G connected and all nodes have even degree.
    - Consider set O of all odd degree vertices in T.
    - Find minimum cost perfect matching M on O.
      - Matching: no edges share an endpoint.
      - Perfect: all vertices matched.
      - Perfect matching on O exists: Number of odd vertices in a graph is even.
    - T + M is Eulerian (all vertices have even degree).

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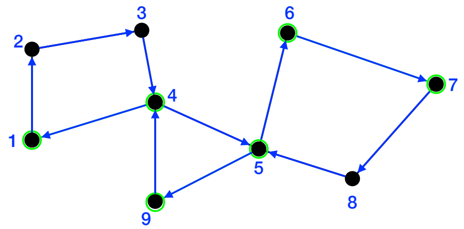

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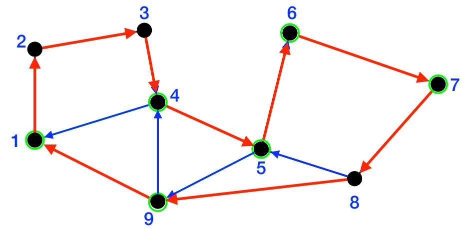

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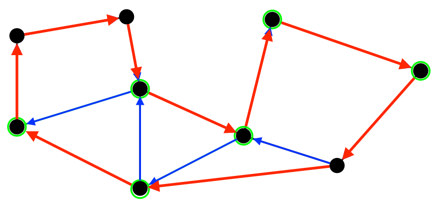

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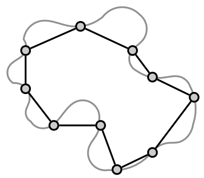

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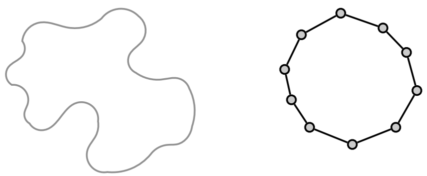

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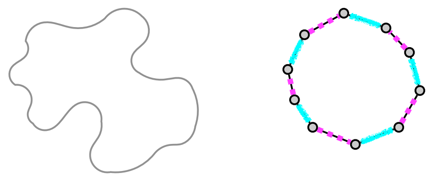

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  - OPT_O ≤ OPT.
  - can partition OPT_O into two perfect matchings O_1 and O_2.
  - cost(M) ≤ min(cost(O_1), cost(O_2)) ≤ OPT/2.
- length(τ') ≤ length(τ) = cost(T) + cost(M) ≤ OPT + OPT/2 = 3/2 OPT.
- Christofides' algorithm is a 3/2-approximation algorithm for TSP.

Set cover

Set cover problem

- Set U of n elements.
- Subsets of U: $S_1,\ldots,S_m$.
- Each set S_i has a weight $w_i \geq 0$.
- Set cover. A collection of subsets C whose union is equal to U.
- Goal. find set cover of minimum weight.

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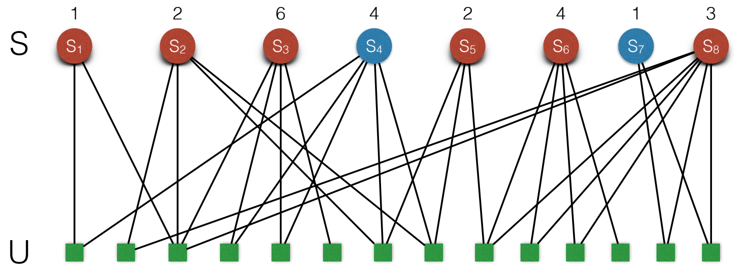

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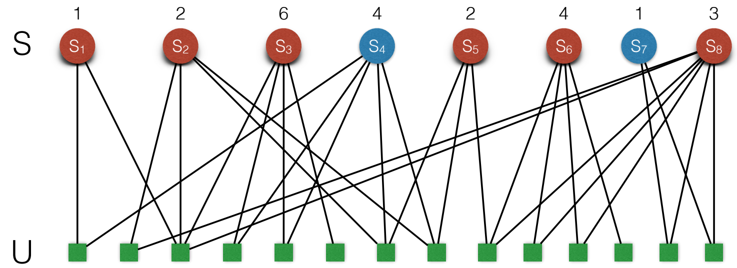

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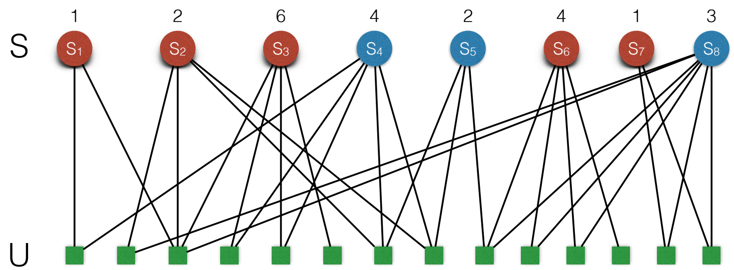

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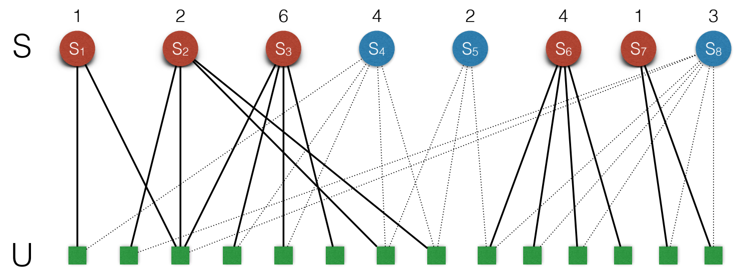

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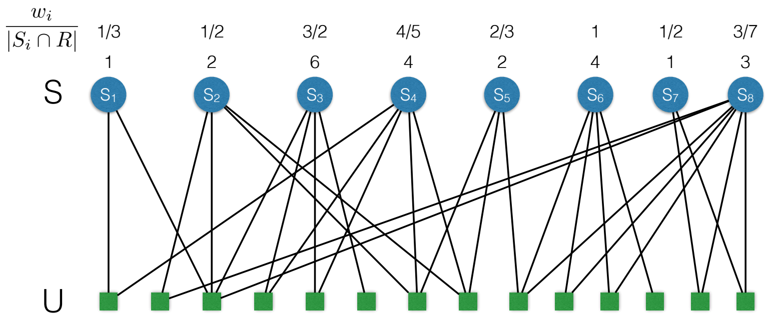

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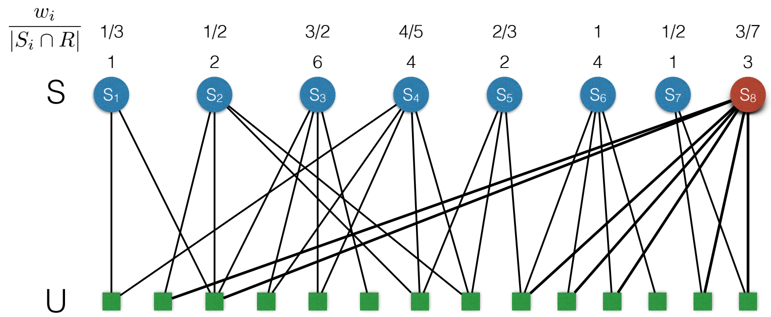

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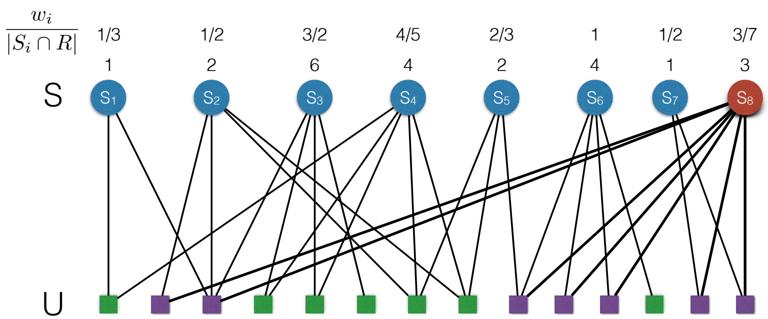

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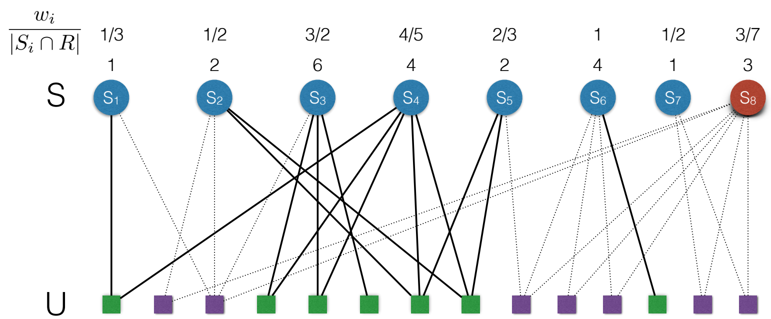

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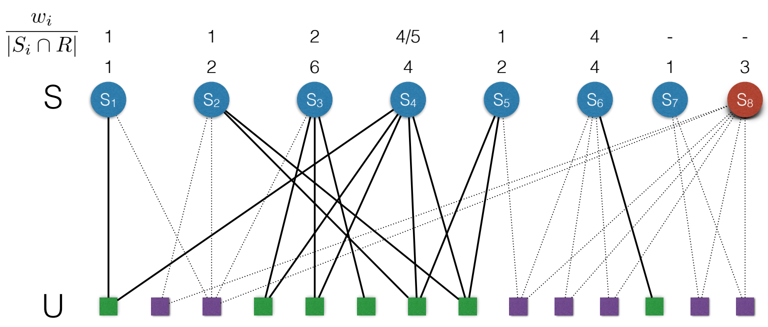

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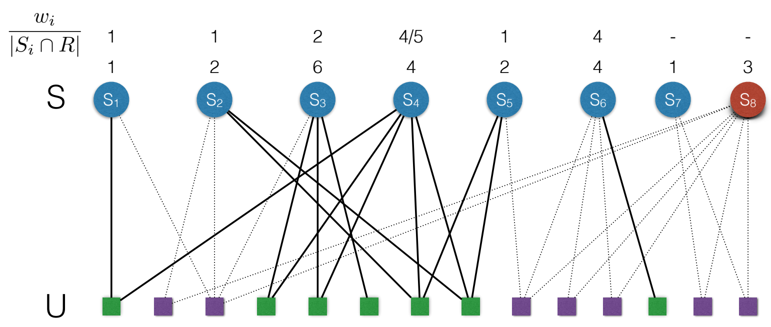

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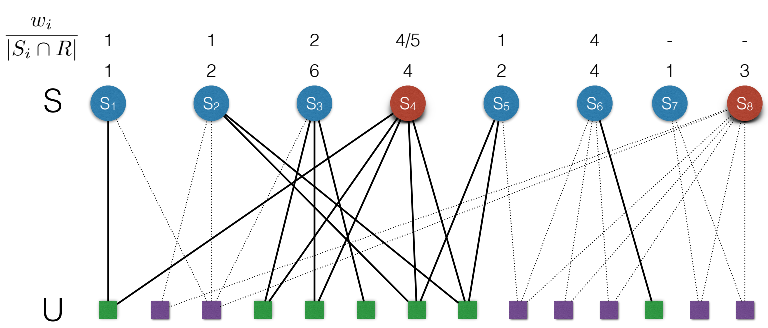

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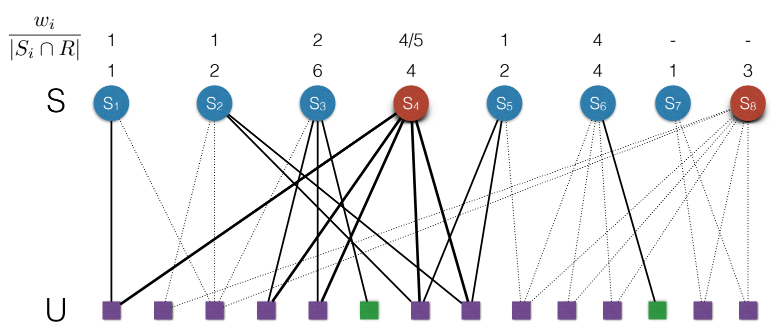

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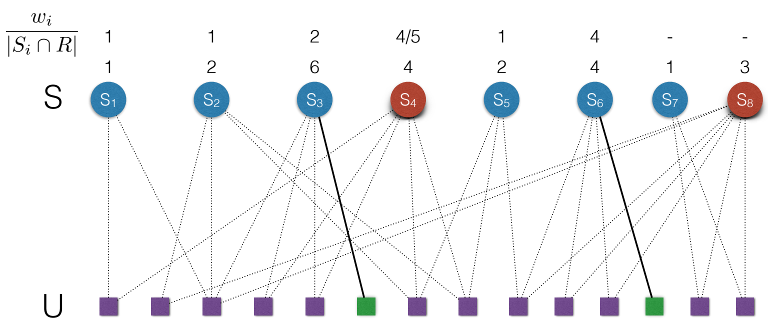

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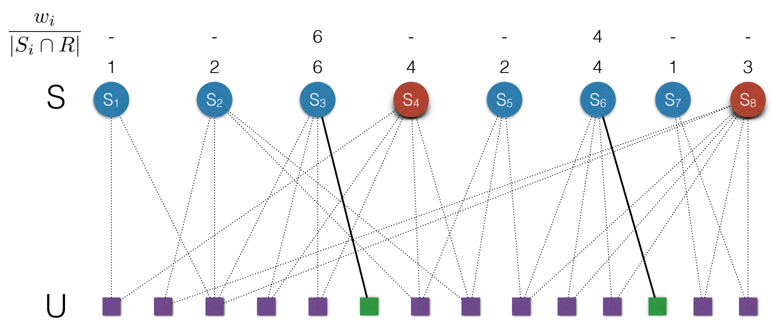

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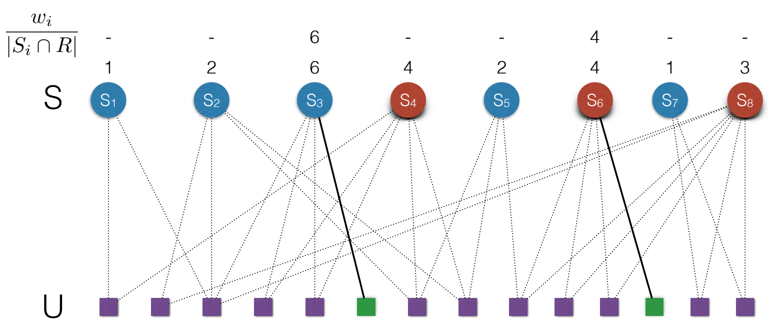

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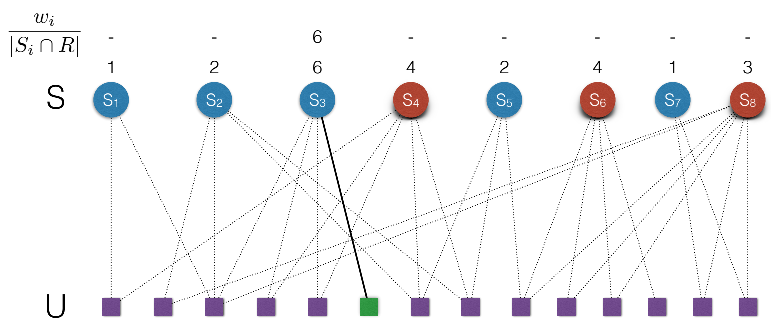

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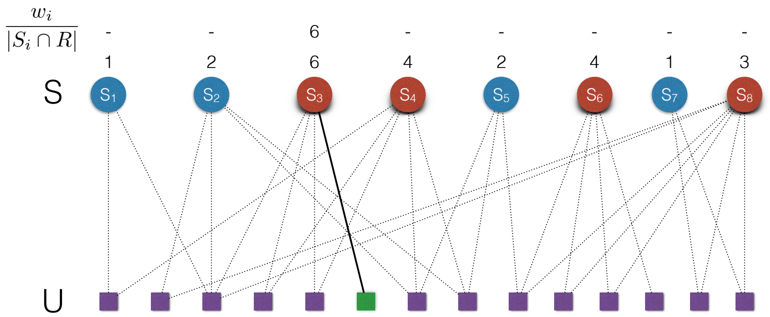

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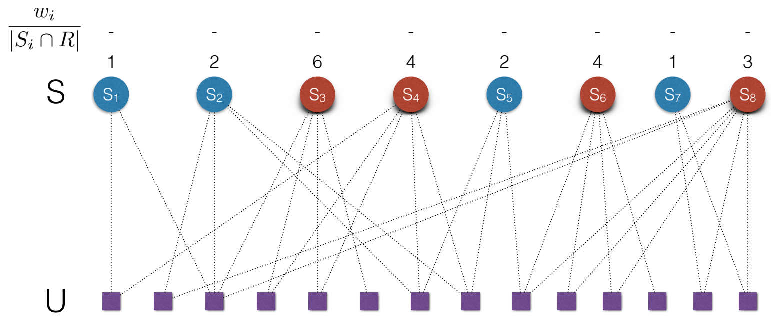

Set cover: greedy algorithm

Greedy-set-cover

Set R := U and C := Ø

while R ≠ Ø

Select the set S_i minimizing $\frac{w_i}{|S_i \cap R|}$

Delete the elements from S_i from R.

Add S_i to C.

endwhile

Return C.

- Greedy-set-cover is a n O(log n)-approximation algorithm:
  - polynomial time ✓
  - valid solution ✓
  - factor O(log n)

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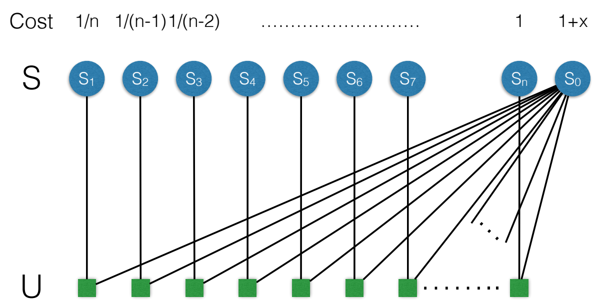

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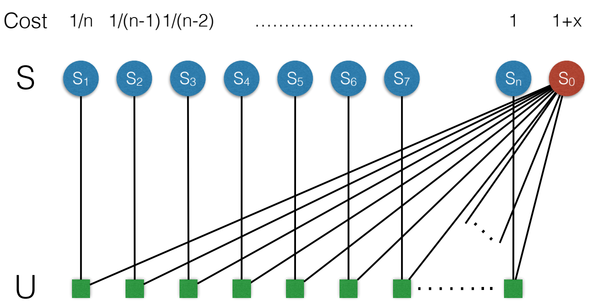

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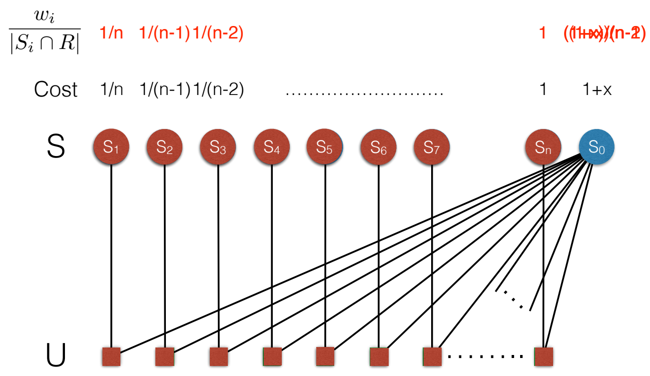

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Greedy = 1/n + 1/(n-1) + 1/(n-2) …….. = H_n