

On the Power Assignment Problem in Radio Networks

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Problem

N stations in mobile network,
minimize power consumption while
preserving connectivity with at
most h hops.

→ Min d-D h -Range Assignment

Problem

Definition:

- Nodes in d -dimensional space
 - Power consumption = $f(\text{sending distance})$, $p = a \cdot (d^\beta)$
 - Minimize Total Power Consumption
 - Constraint: max h hops
- Min d -D h -Range Assignment
- If $h = \infty$, Min d -D Range Assignment

Problem

Questions:

What's the minimal total power consumption for a given h ?

What's the computational complexity of finding the optimal range assignment?

Are there good approximations?

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Paper

„On the power assignment
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University of Rome - 2000

Result: Complexity

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APX: Class of NP Problems that are approximable to a constant factor in polynomial time.

[details later]

Result: Hops vs. Power

Paper proves:
Optimal 2D h-Range Assignment is in

$$\Theta(\delta(S)^2 |S|^{1+1/h})$$

What does that mean?

Result: Hops vs. Power

$$\Theta(\delta(S)^2 |S|^{1+1/h})$$

S: Set of nodes

h: maximal number of hops

$\delta(S)$: minimal distance between two nodes

Result: Hops vs. Power

Example:

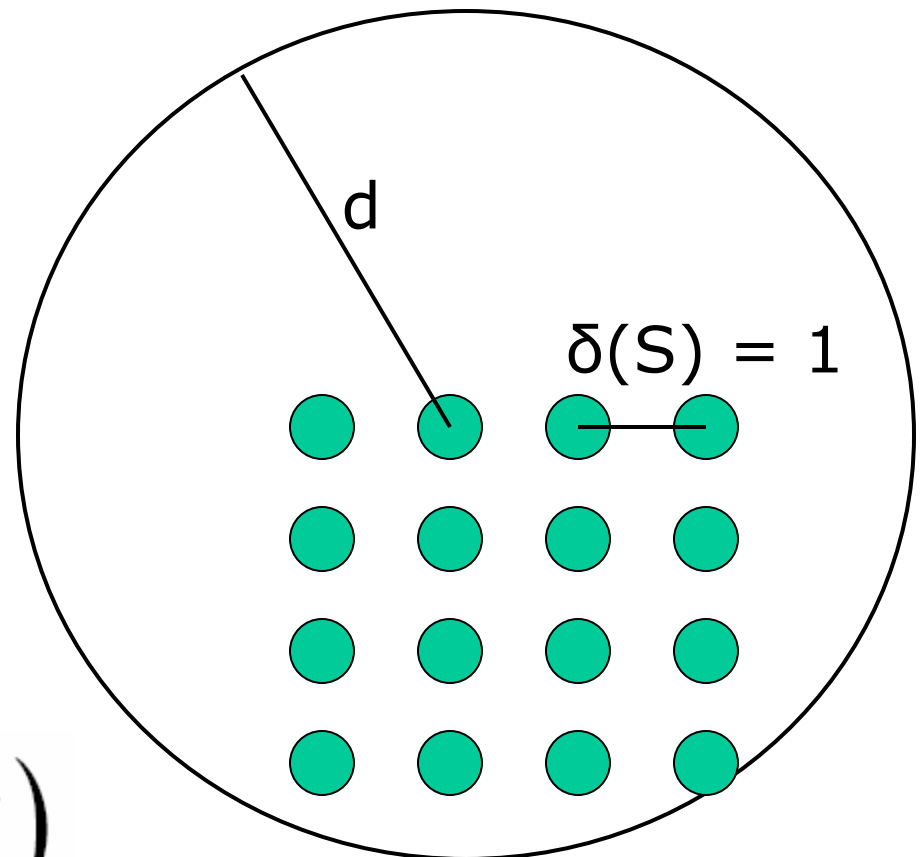
$$h = 1$$

$$\delta(S) = 1$$

$$|S| = n$$

→ whiteboard

$$\Theta(\delta(S)^2 |S|^{1+1/h})$$



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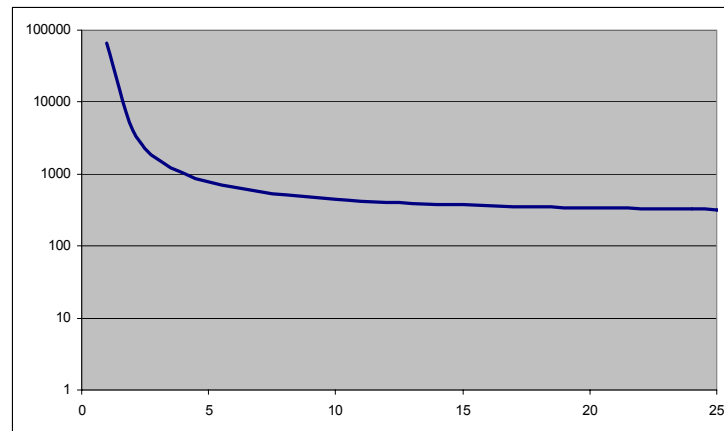
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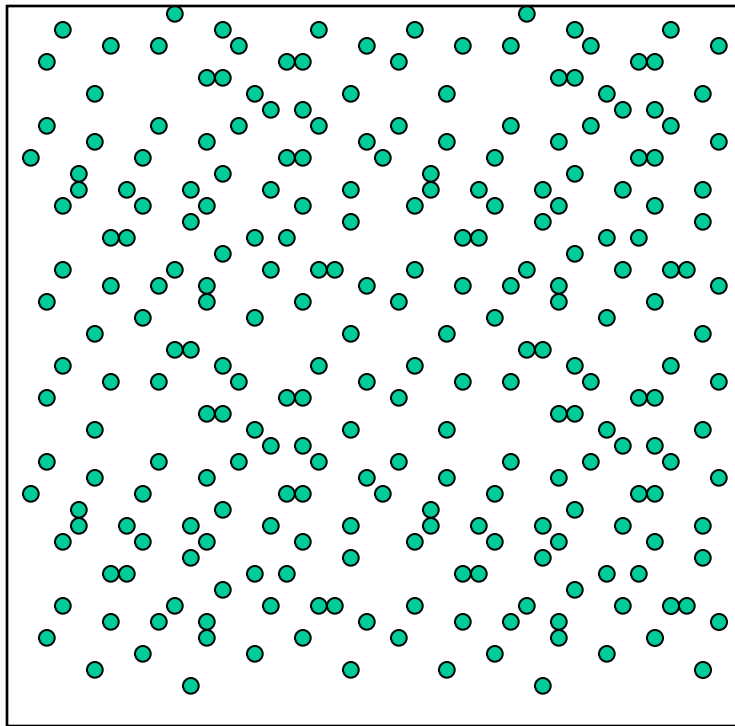
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Oh-Notation

- Lower bound: n^2 is in $\Omega(n)$
- Upper bound: 1 is in $O(n)$
- Optimum: n is in $\Theta(n)$ because n is in both, in $\Omega(n)$ and $O(n)$

Hops vs. Power

Power assignment algorithm:

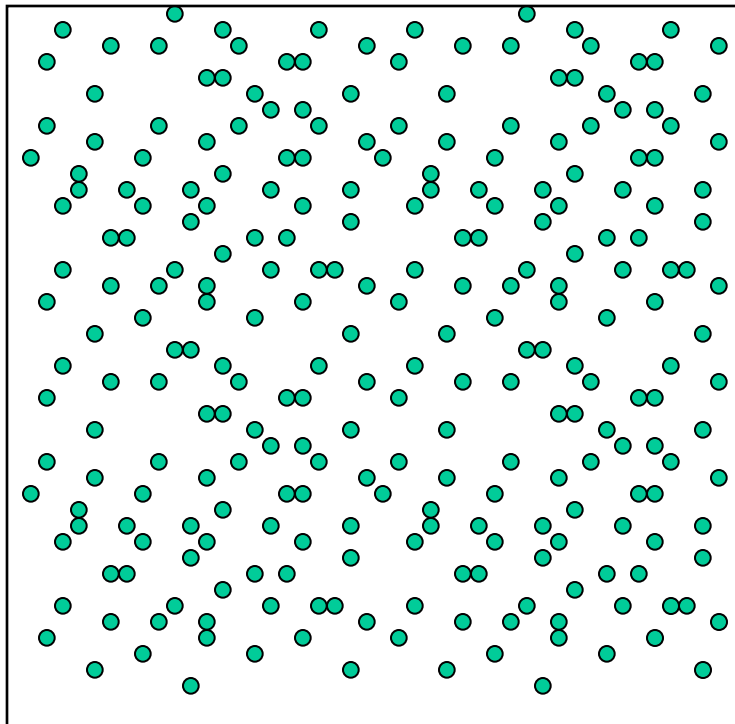


Set $h=2$, $n=256$,

Side of square: l

Hops vs. Power

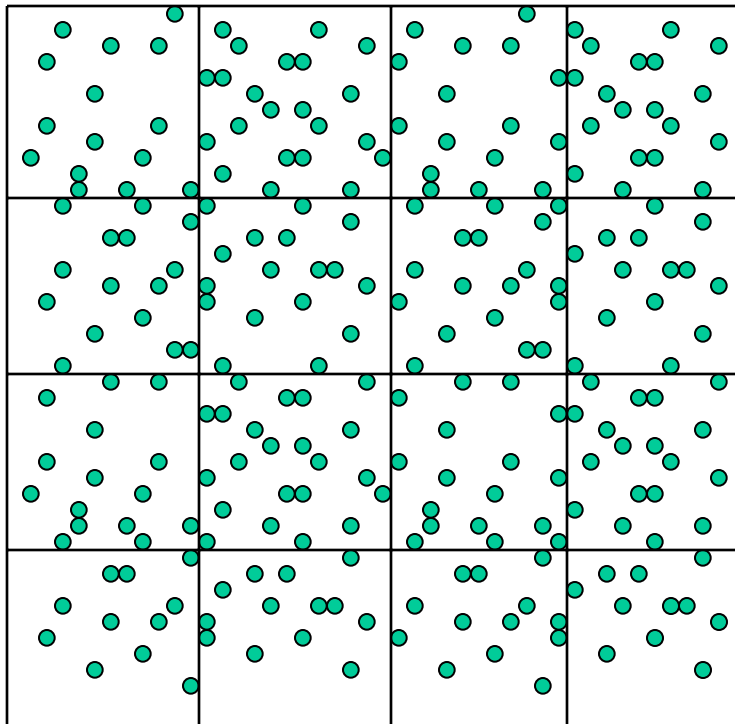
Power assignment algorithm:



Set $h=2$, $n=256$,
Side of square: l
Divide area into k^2
subsquares, with $k =$
 $n^{(1/2h)}$
 $\rightarrow k = 4$

Hops vs. Power

Power assignment algorithm (centralized):



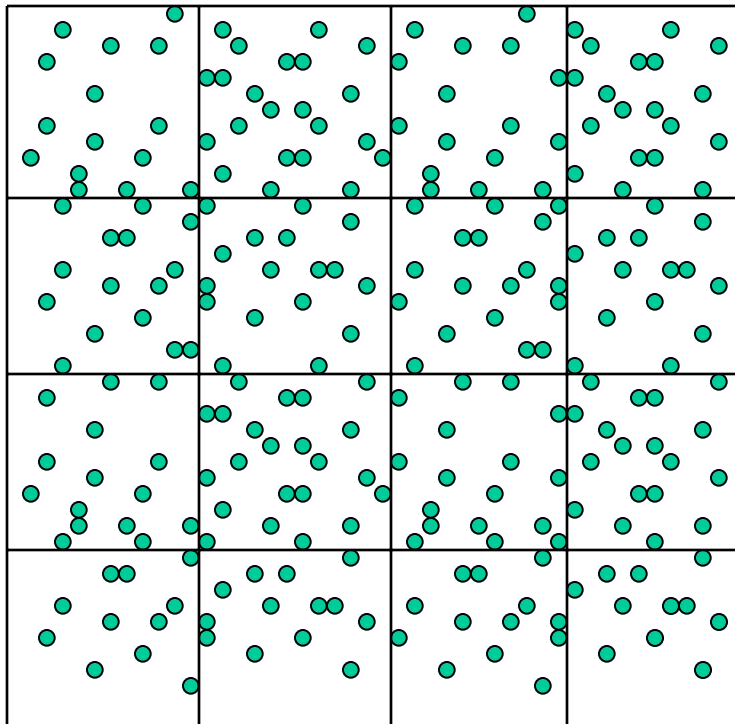
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→ 16 squares

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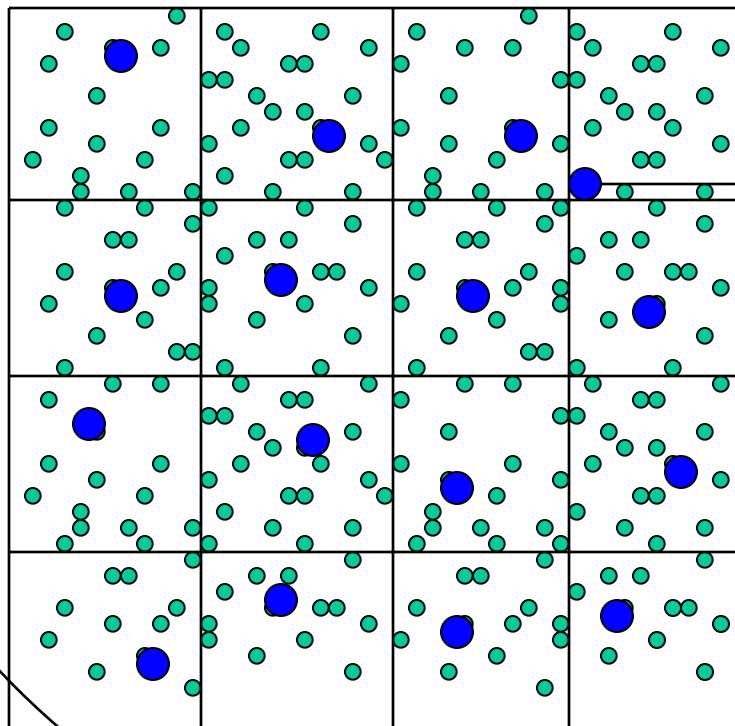


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Choose 1
station in each
square and give
it global
transmission
range.

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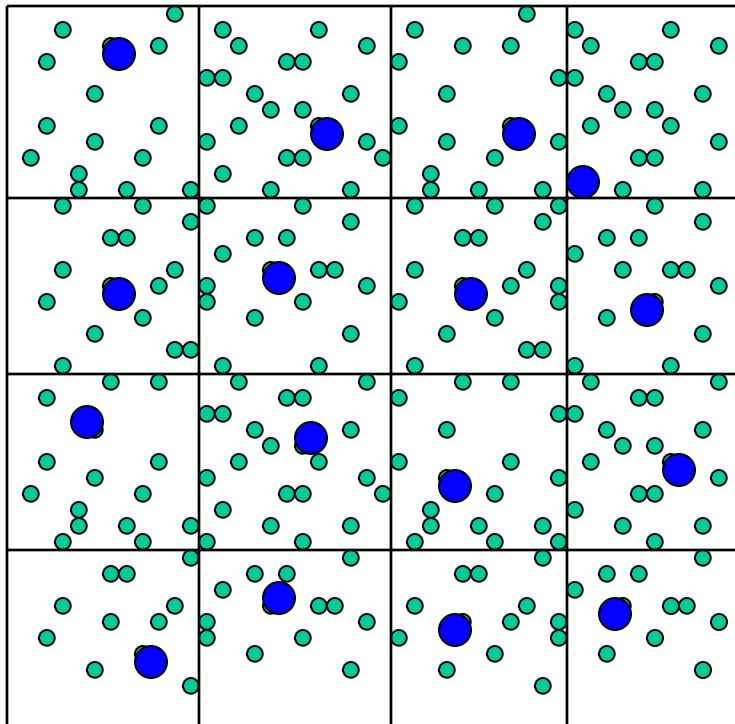
$h=2, n=256$

→ All the blue nodes are connected.

Cost so far: $12 * k^2$

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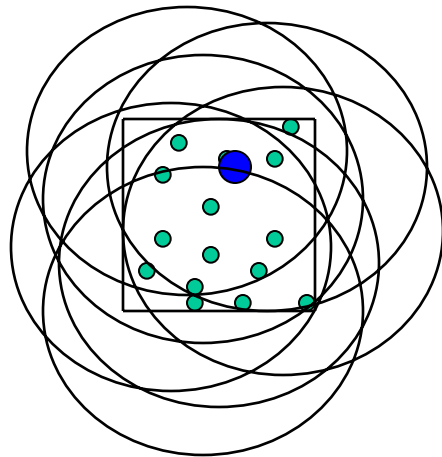


$$h=2, n=256$$

Now recursively solve the problem in each subsquare with h decreased by 1.

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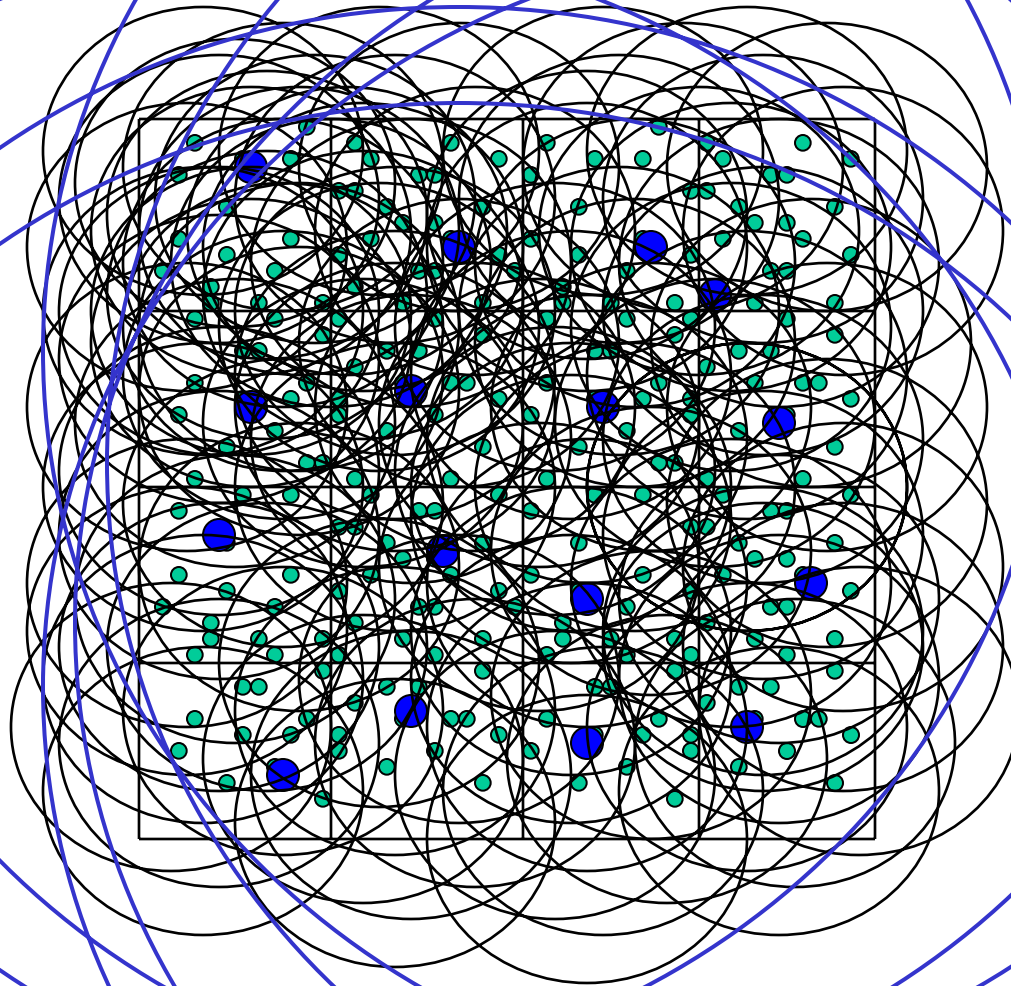
Sub-Problem:

$$h=1, n=16$$

→ all nodes get a range of l/k

→ cost of all subsquares:

$$k^2 * (n/k^2) * (l/k)^2 = n * (l/k)^2$$



Hops vs. Power

Power assignment algorithm (centralized):

→ All nodes are connected with at most 2 hops.

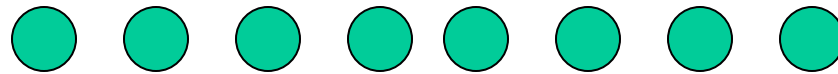
Total Cost:

$$\begin{aligned} & l^2 * k^2 + n * (l/k)^2 \\ &= l^2 * (n^{1/2}) + (n^{1/2}) * l^2 \\ &= 2 * l^2 * (n^{1/2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta(\delta(S)^2 |S|^{1+1/h})$$

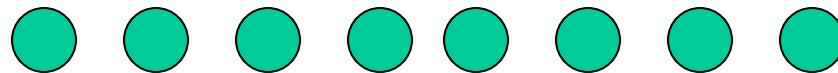
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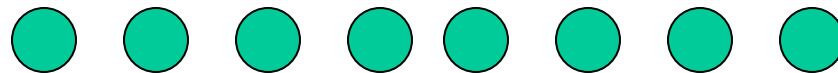


→ cost is in $O(n * (\delta(S) * n)^2) = O(n^3 * \delta(S)^2)$

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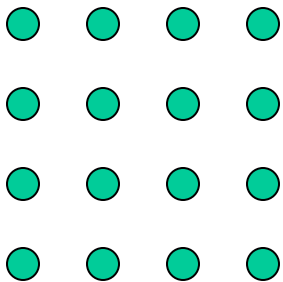
→ formula only holds for „well-spread“ instances.

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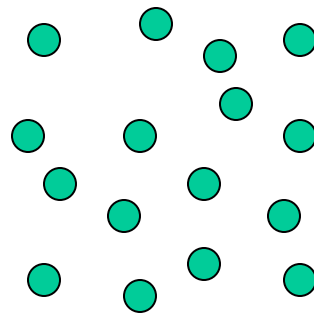
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Well Spread: $D(S) = O(\delta(S) * S^{(1/2)})$

→ idea: close to grid

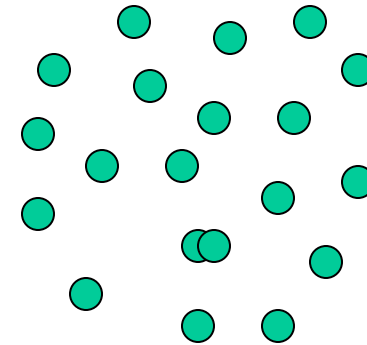


Perfectly „well spread“



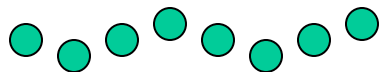
„well spread“

(obtained by moving the grid nodes a little)



Not „well spread“,

Randomly distributed on a square



Not „well spread“

Hops vs. Power

For well spread instances:

$$\Theta(\delta(S)^2 |S|^{1+1/h})$$

For instances that are randomly distributed on a square:

$$\Theta(l^2 n^{1/h})$$

[With high probability]

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Complexity Classes

Short overview over the classes P, NP, APX, as well as over the concepts of Hardness and Completeness.

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P: Class of Problems that can be solved in polynomial time.



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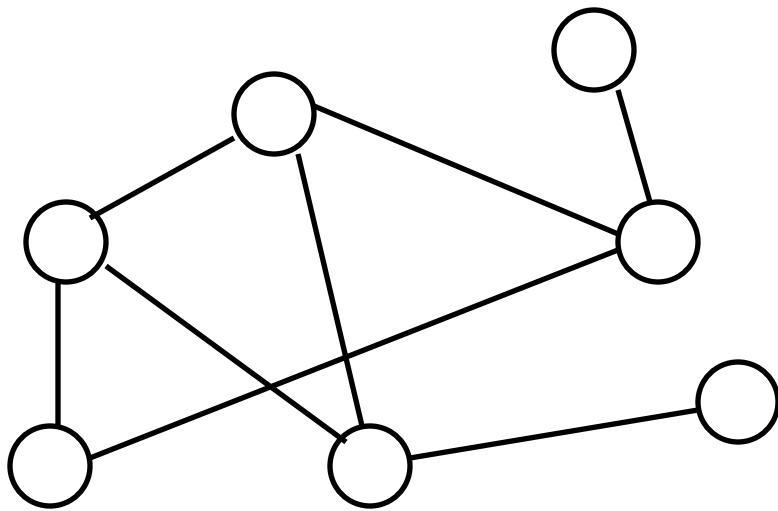
NP (or NPO): Class of Problems whose objective function can be calculated in polynomial time.

NP

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Example of an NP problem:
Min Vertex Cover

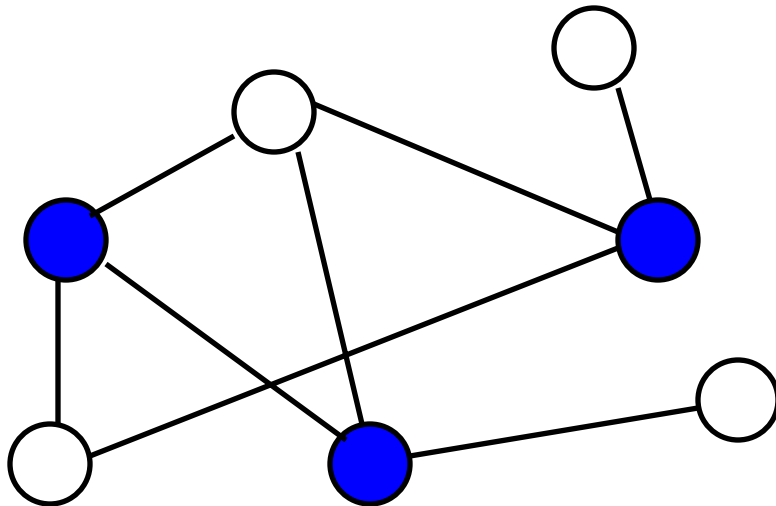


Given a graph:
Color the minimal
number of vertices blue
such that every edge is
connected to a blue
vertex.

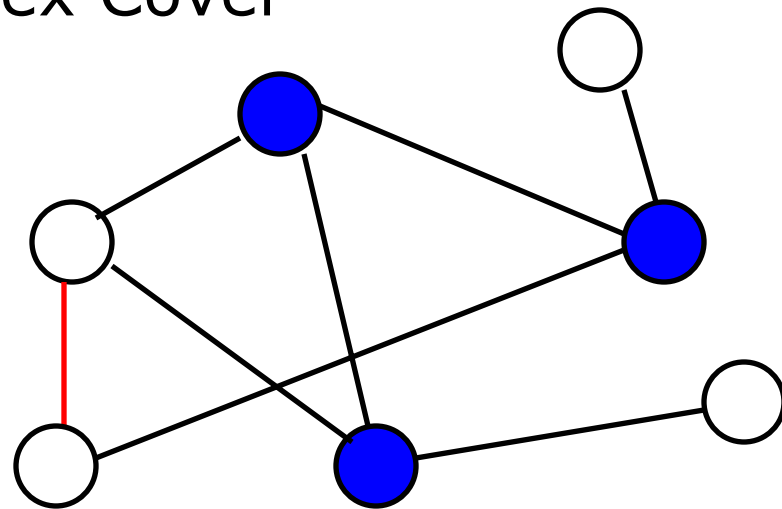
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cover



no cover

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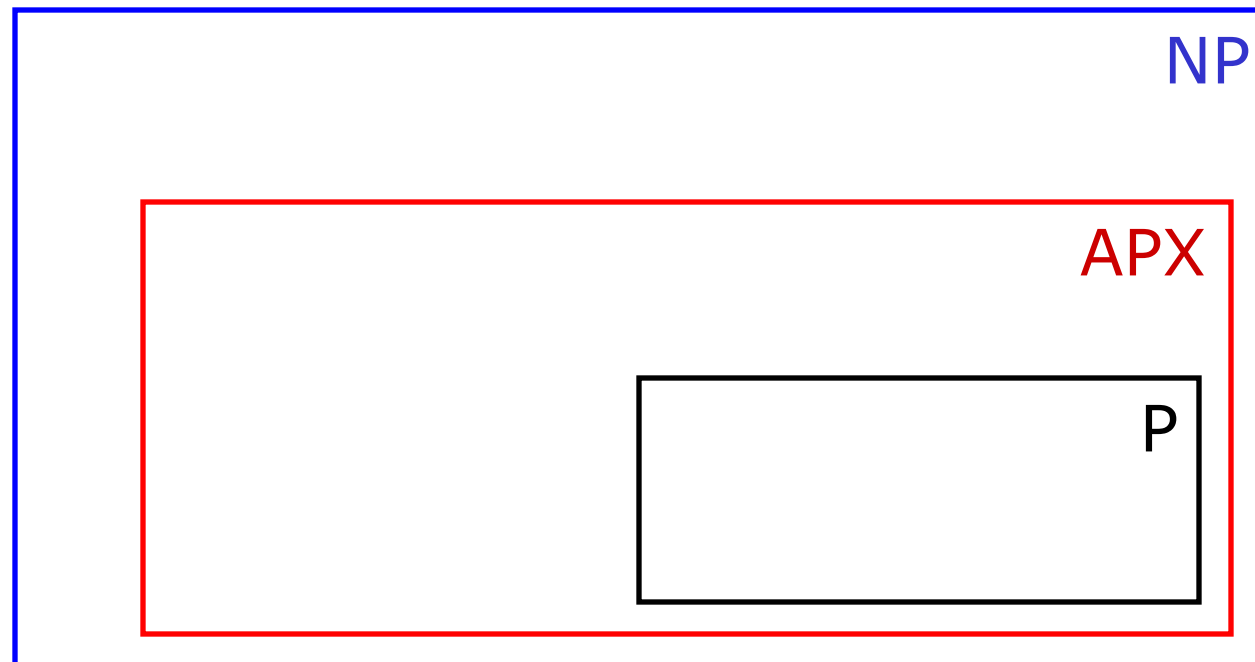


APX

Examples: Min Vertex Cover restricted to cubic graphs, Travelling Salesman in Euclidean Space

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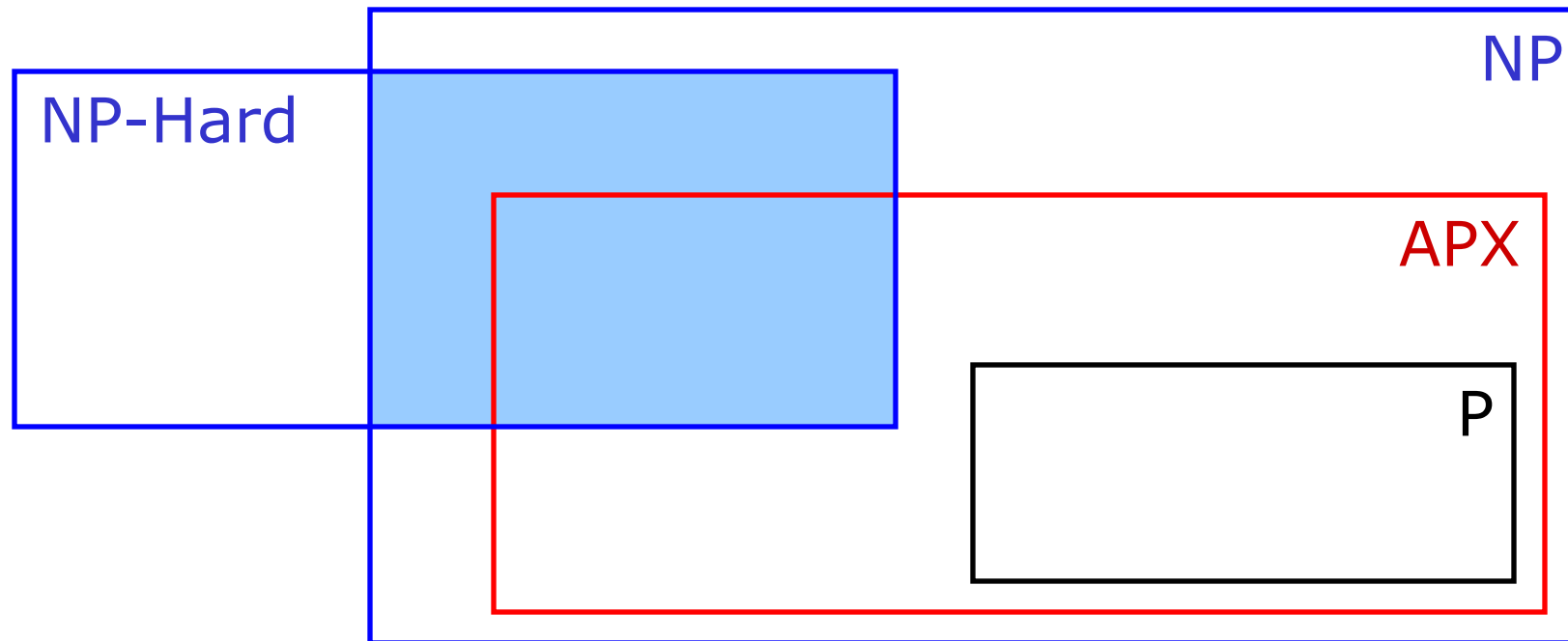
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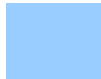


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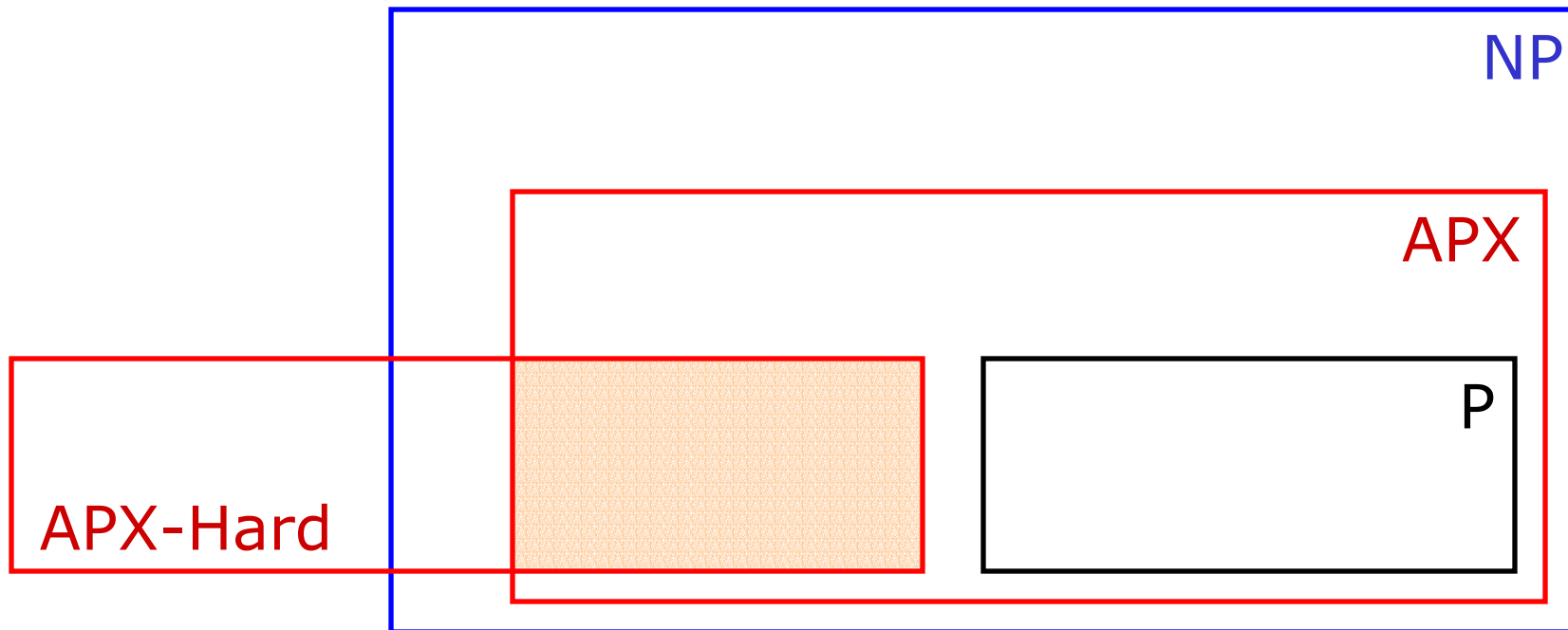


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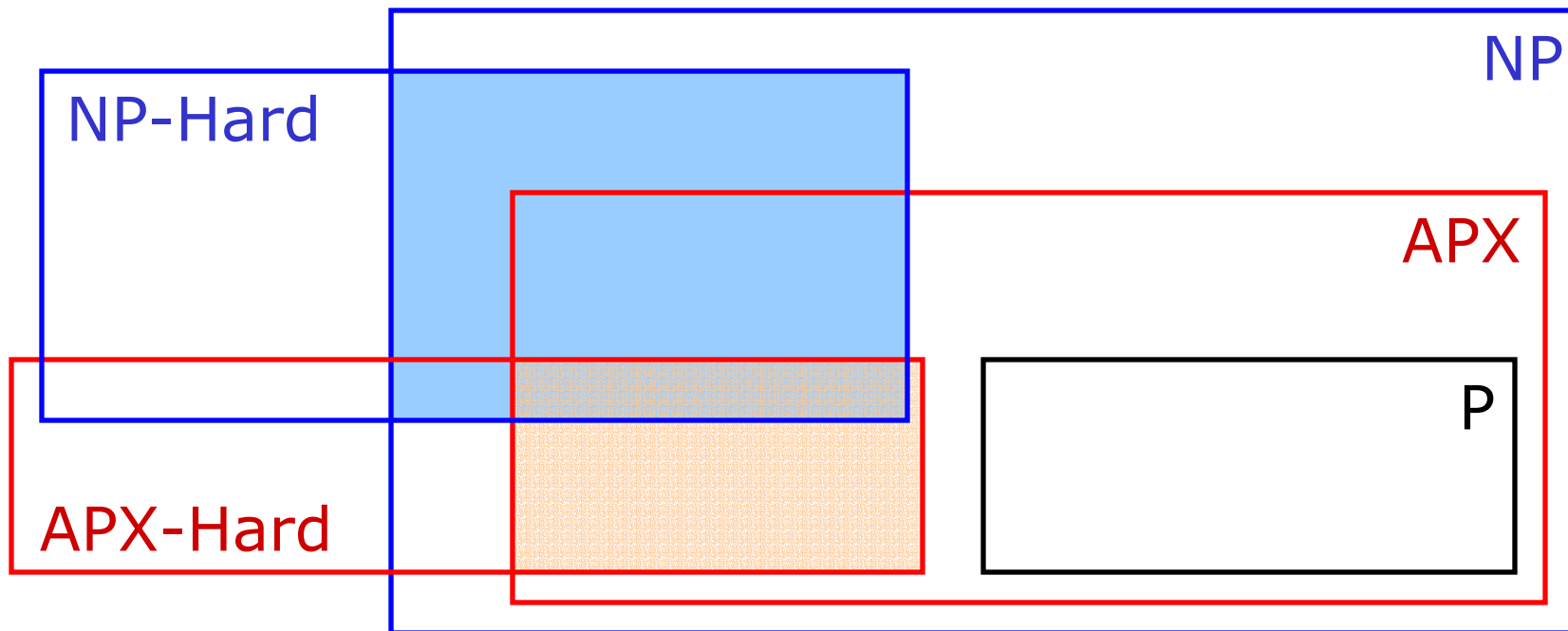


 APX-Complete

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Recipe to prove APX-Completeness of a problem A:

- show that A is in APX by giving an approximation algorithm
- show that A is APX-Hard by reducing it to another problem B that is known to be APX-Hard
- since A is in APX and APX-Hard, it follows that A is APX-Complete

(Replace „APX“ by „NP“ for NP-Completeness)

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Reducibility:

A is reducible to B if: given an polynomial time algorithm that solves instances of A, we can provide a polynomial time algorithm that solves instances of B.

Additional when reducing APX problems: Show that a constant approximation factor is preserved.

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Complexity Proof

APX-Completeness of Min 3D RA

1. Step according to recipe:

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This has already been done by Kirousis et al.

→ We believe them, so we can proceed to step
2, hehe. 😊

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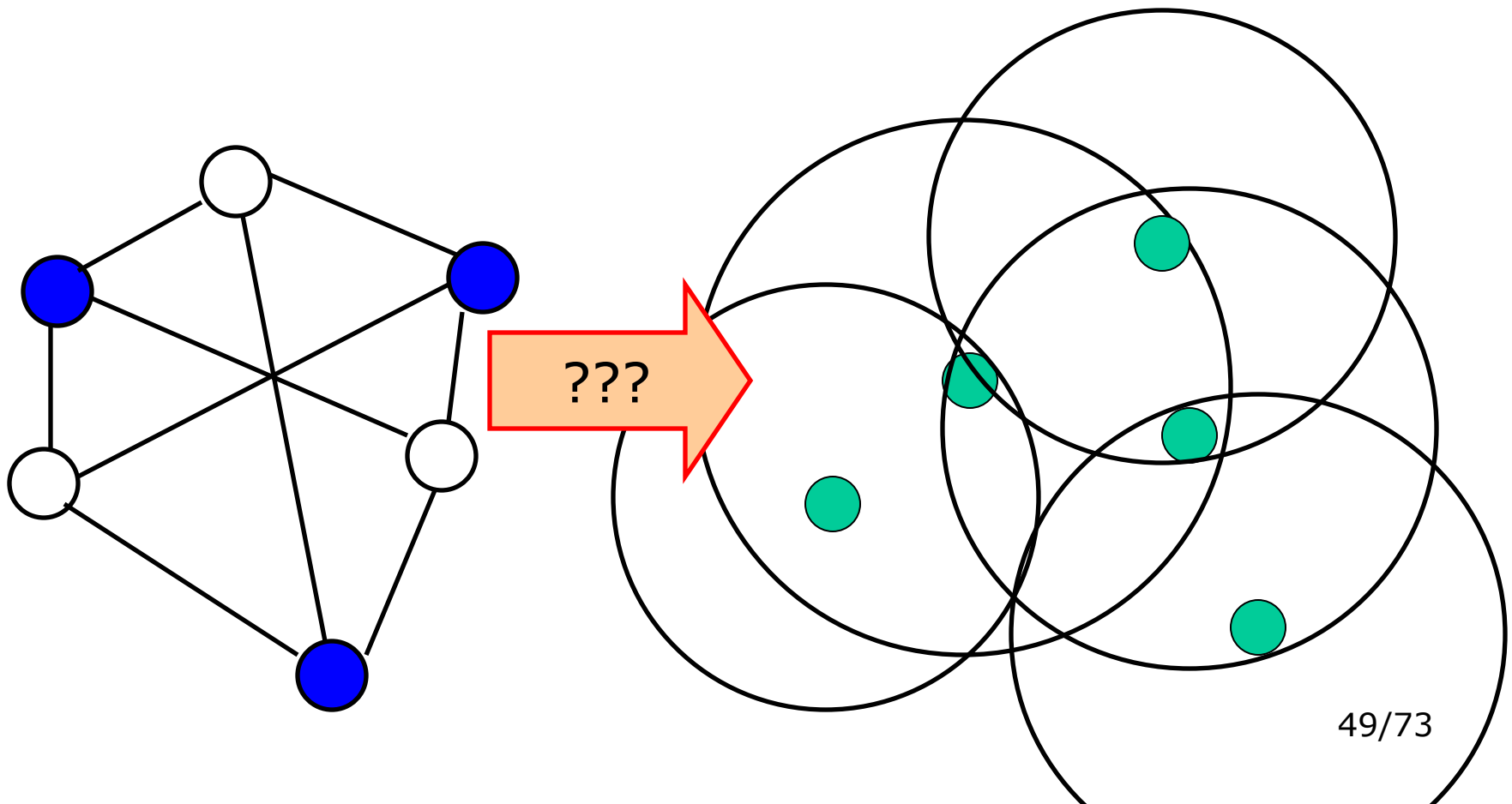
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We pick „Min Vertex Cover restricted to cubic graphs“

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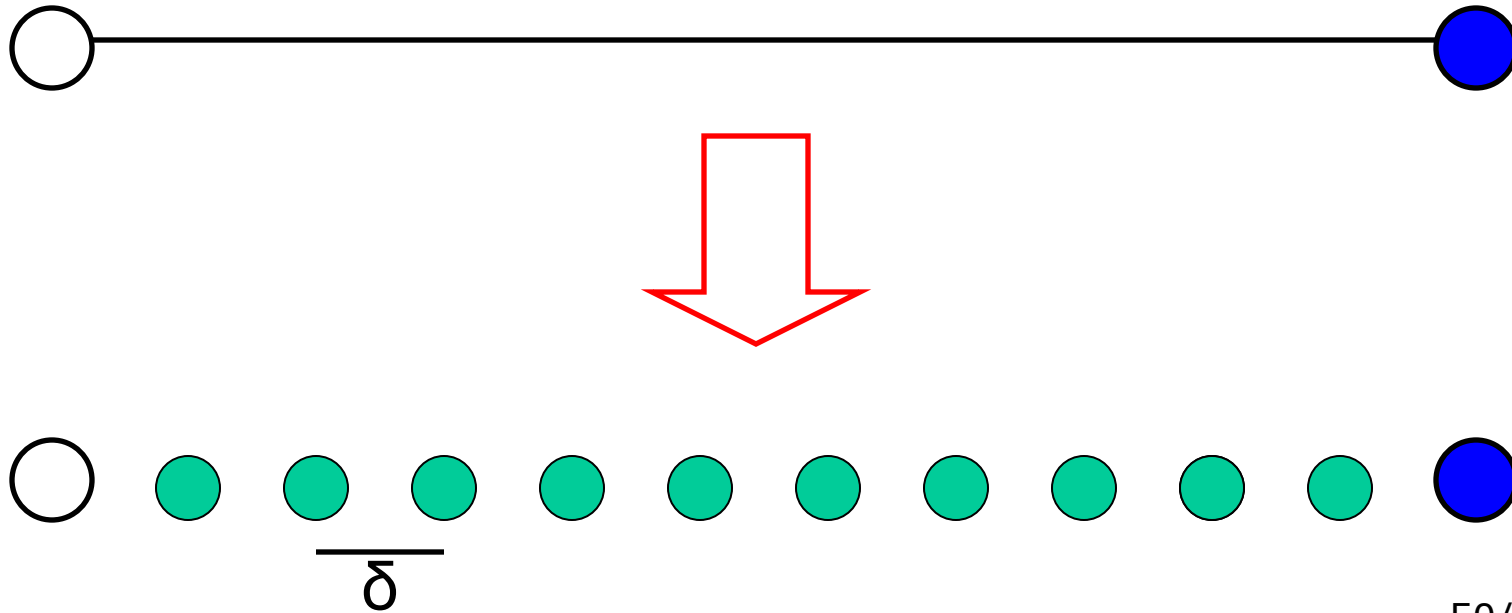
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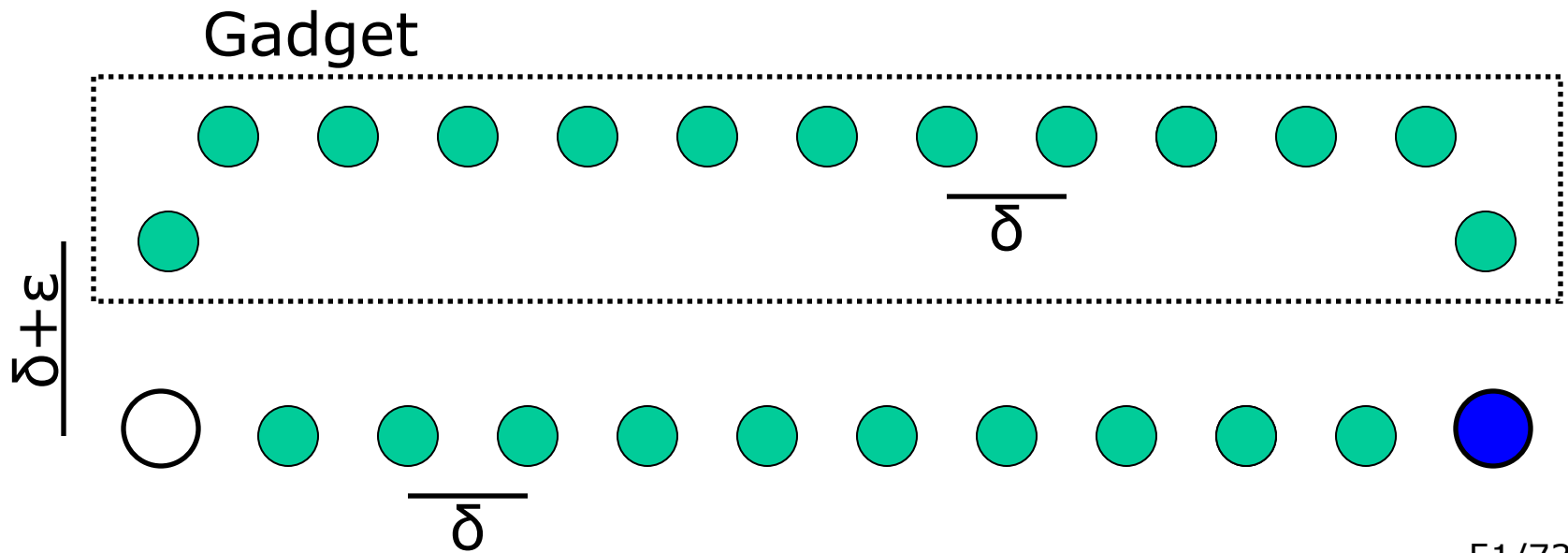
1. Each edge in Vertex Cover is replaced by a chain of radio stations



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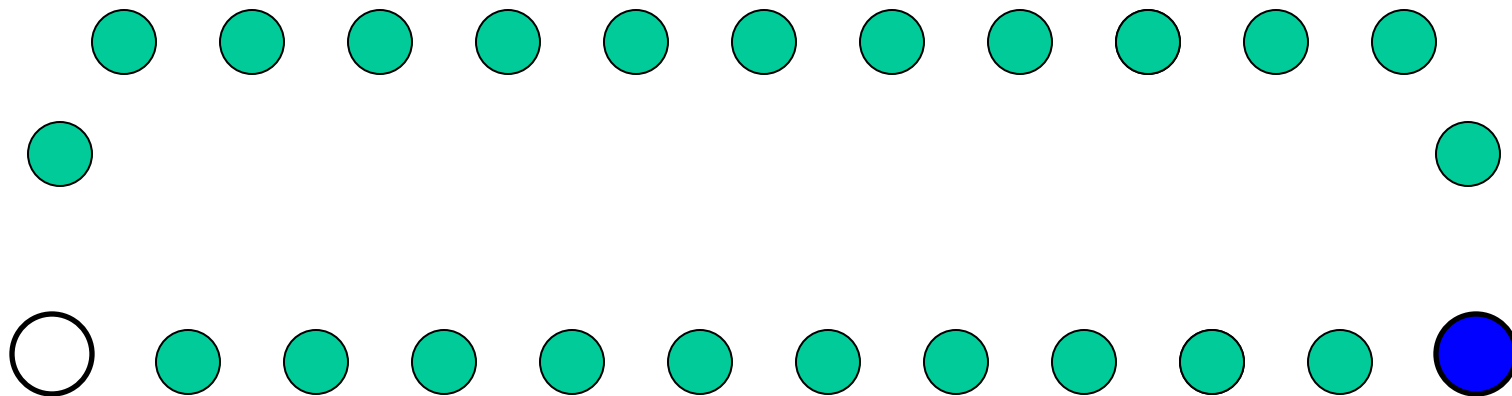
2. We add a „gadget“ to each chain



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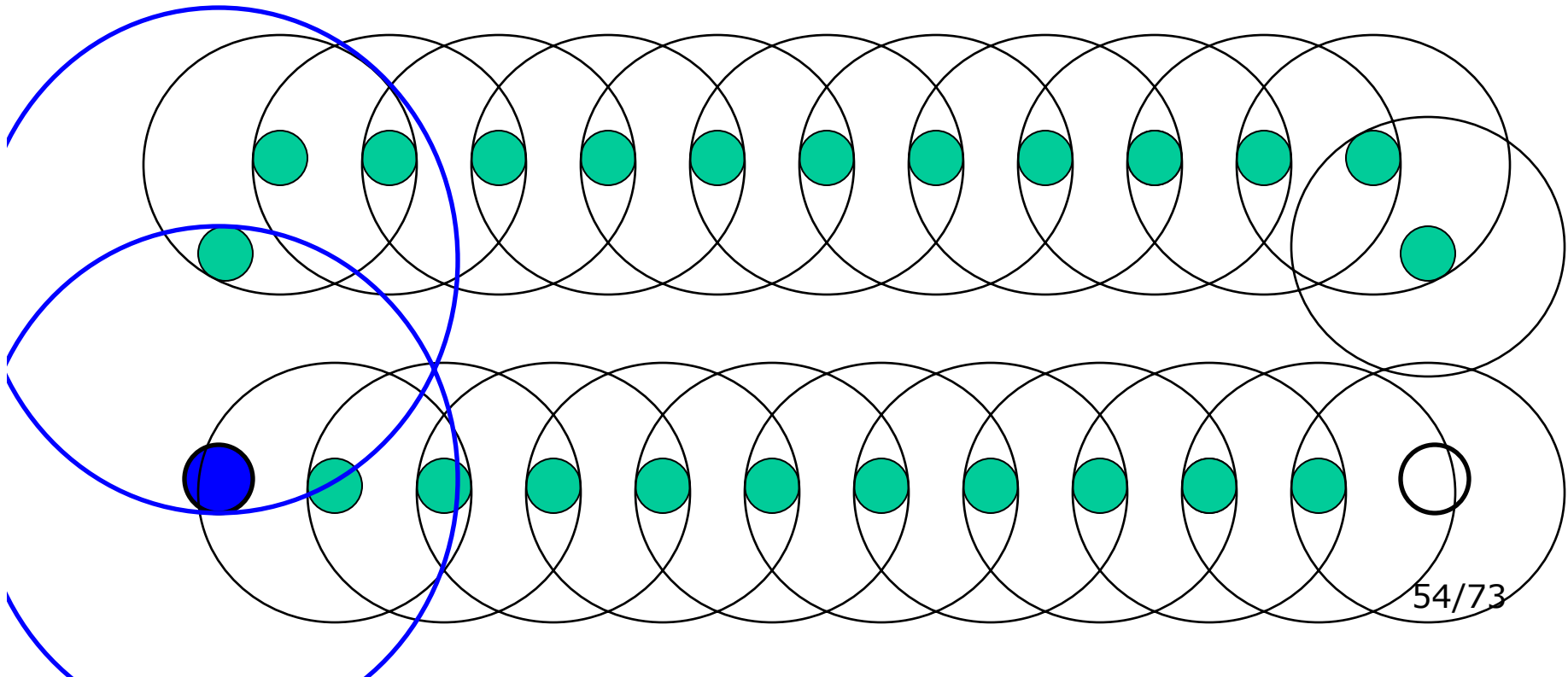
Optimal power assignment?



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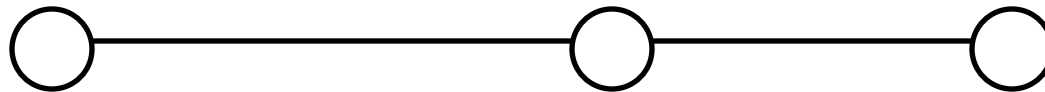
Equivalent Solution:



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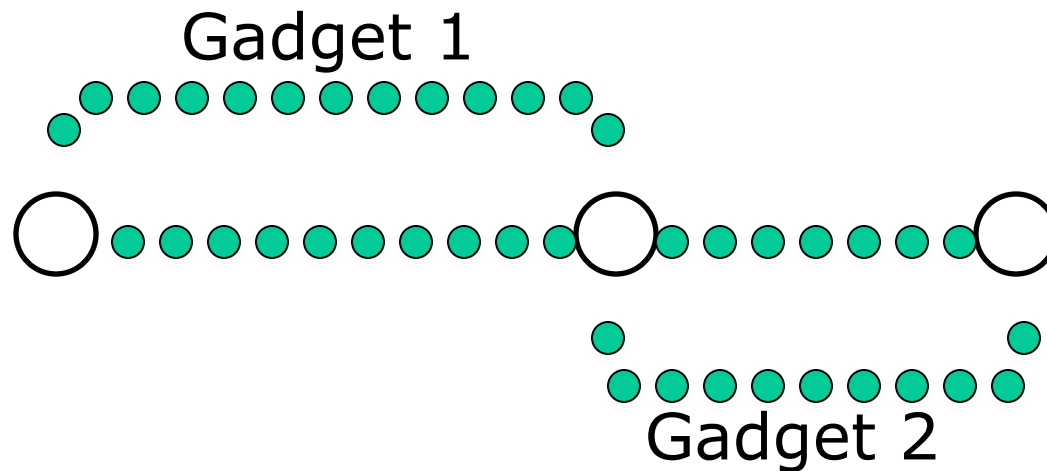
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What would this graph look like when converted?



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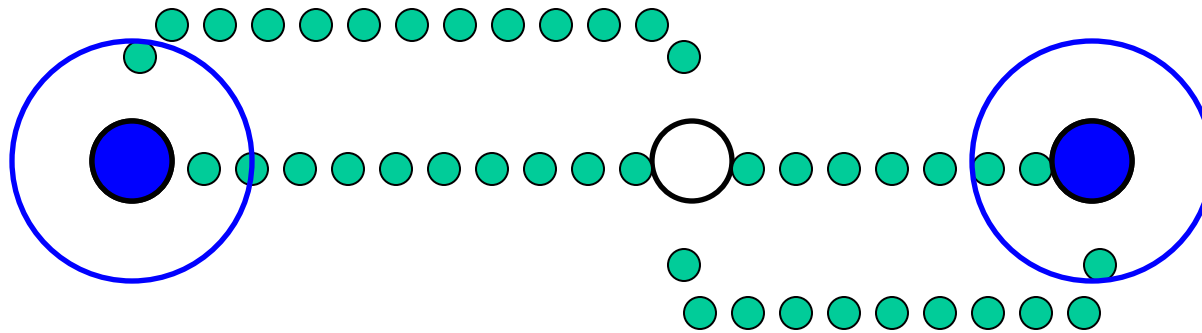
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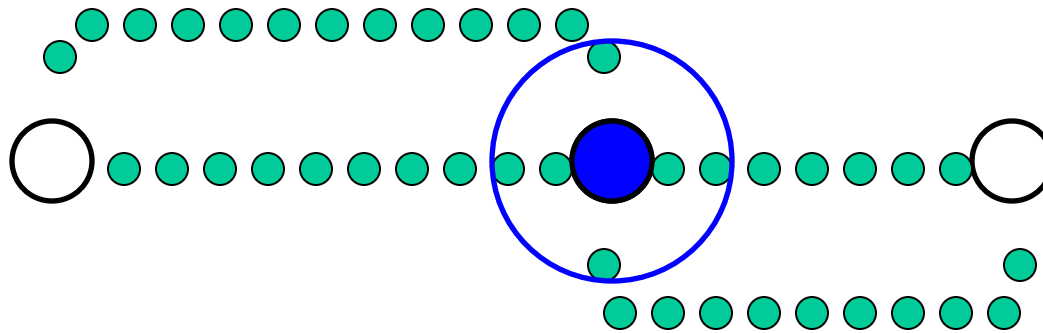
Optimal Solution: Candidate A



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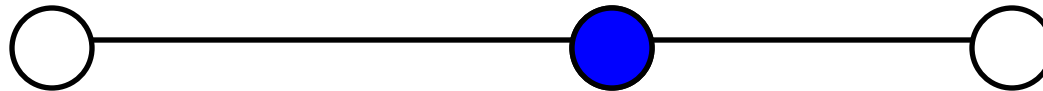
Optimal Solution: Candidate B



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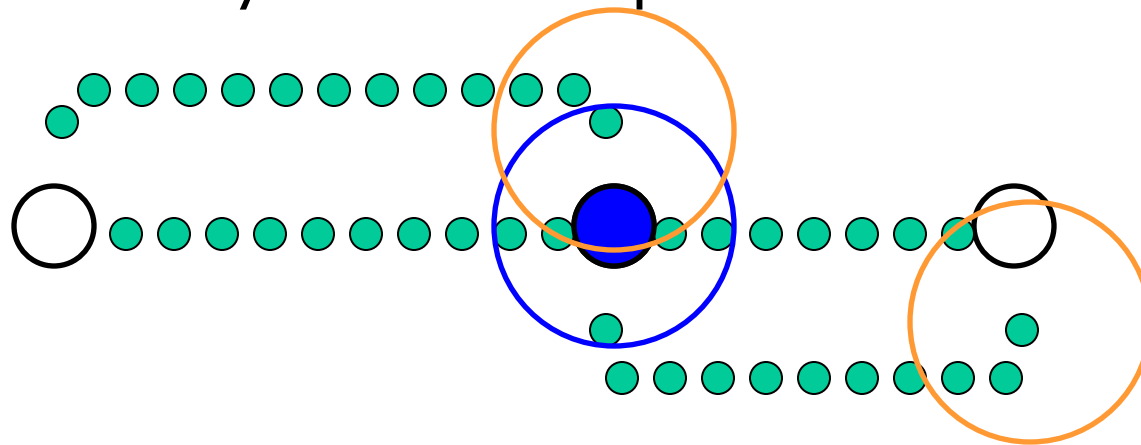
→ We have implicitly found the Min Vertex Cover by solving the Range Assignment Problem



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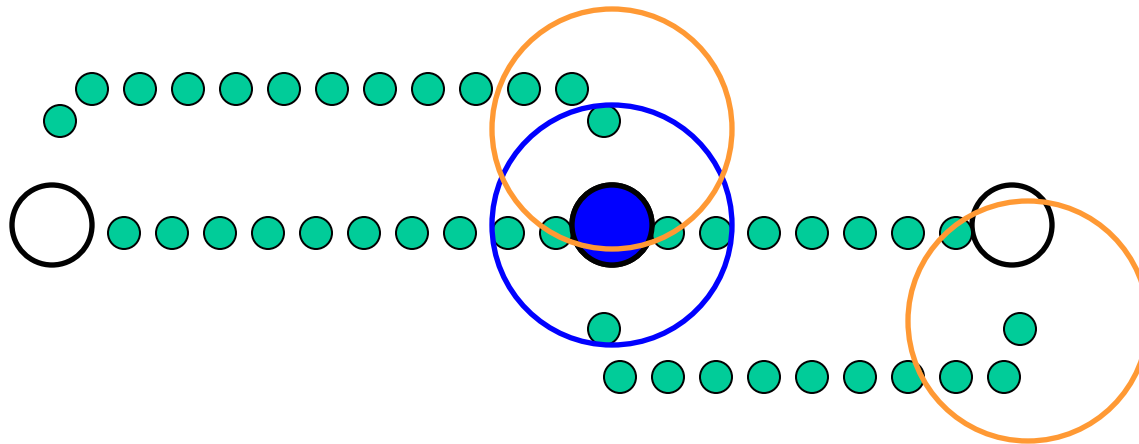
After having converted the graph, can we guarantee that we are still only a constant factor away from the optimal solution?



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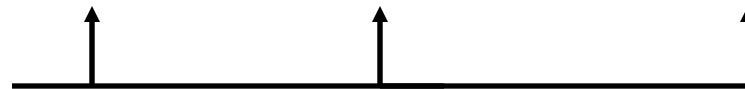
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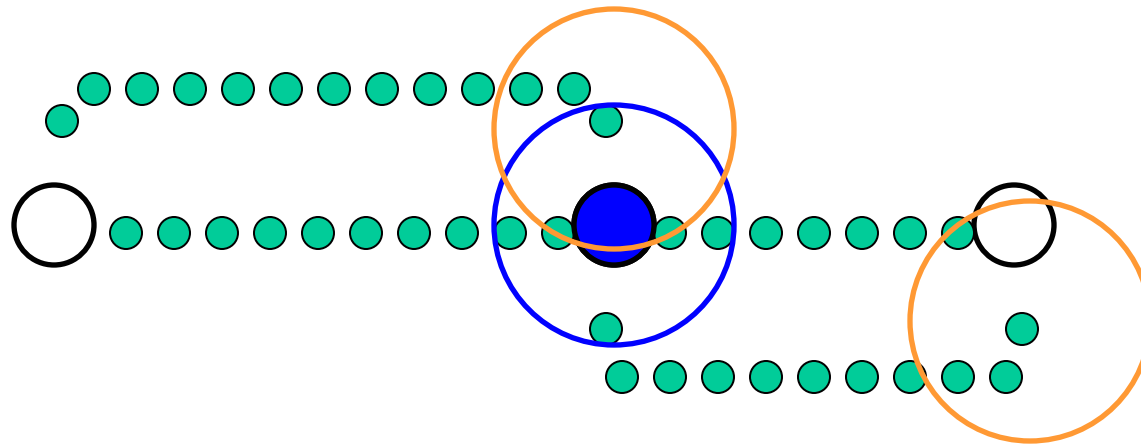
$$\text{apxRA} = \text{apxVC} * (\delta + \epsilon)^2 + m * \epsilon^2 + n * (\delta + \epsilon)^2$$

Can be made
smaller than
any given
constant.



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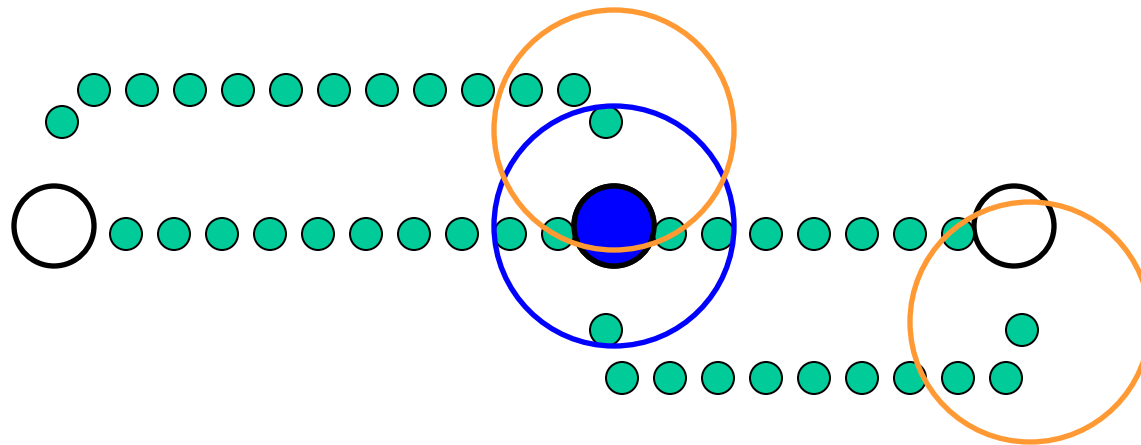


$$\text{apxRA} = \text{apxVC} * c^2 + 1 + n * c^2$$

Between
apxVC and
 $3 * \text{apxVC}$

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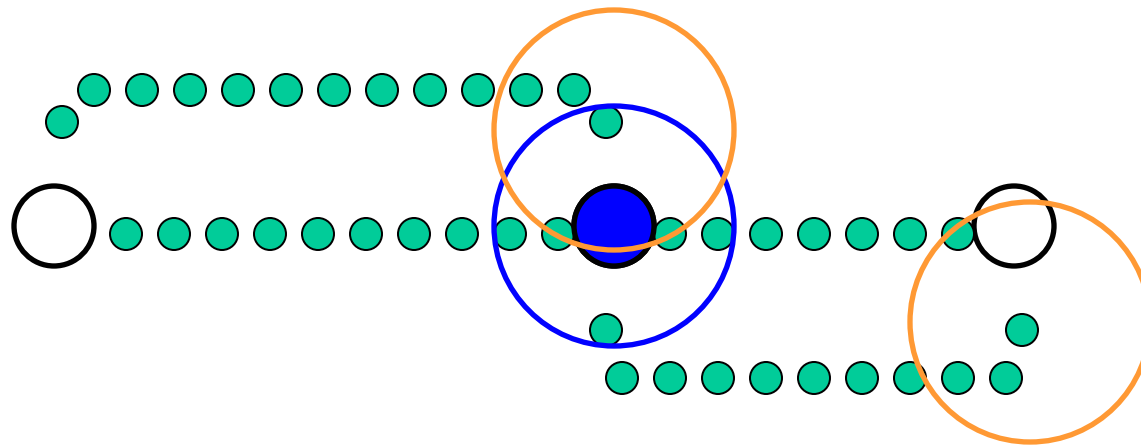


$$\text{apxRA} = c_3 * \text{apxVC} * c_2 + 1$$

→ changing apxRA by a constant factor also changes apxVC by a constant factor.

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$$\text{apxRA} = c3 * \text{apxVC} * c2 + 1$$

The paper proves this in a correct way and concludes that:

$$fVC = 5 * fRA - 4$$

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-> only for NP-Completeness

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No „Min 2D h -Range Assignment“ algorithm will ever consume less energy than $O(n^{(1+1/h)})$

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Relevance of paper:

Superficial measurement: has been cited in 12 papers so far (all self-citations) -> low impact.

But: We can now judge the quality of distributed algos better, since we know the optimum.

Conclusions

My impression:

- A provably wrong statement
- A prove we did not understand
- I do not entirely trust every detail in the paper (e.g. does it really work for all betas?)

Open Questions

Is „Min 2D h-Range Assignment“ APX-Complete?

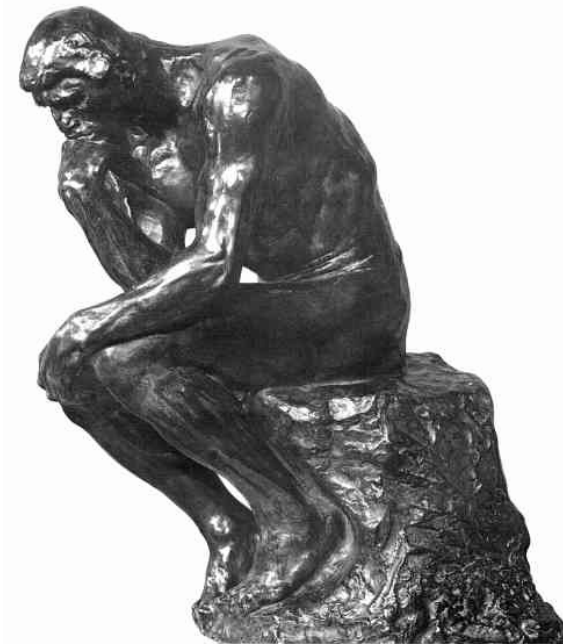
Distributed Algorithm?

Not much known about „Min d-D h-Range Assignments“ in general, even for the 1 dimensional case
(is it in P? in NP? In APX?)

→ maybe in newer papers of Clementi et al.

Questions

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DER DENKER, 1880. Bronze, Höhe 71,9 cm. Musée Rodin, Paris