

Deterministic Recurrent Communication and Synchronization in Restricted Sensor Networks

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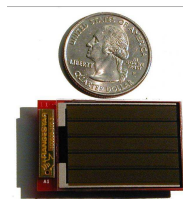
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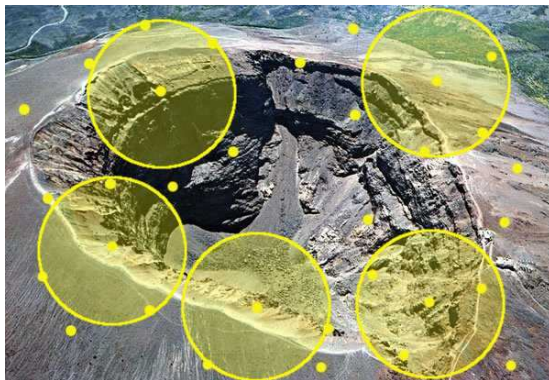
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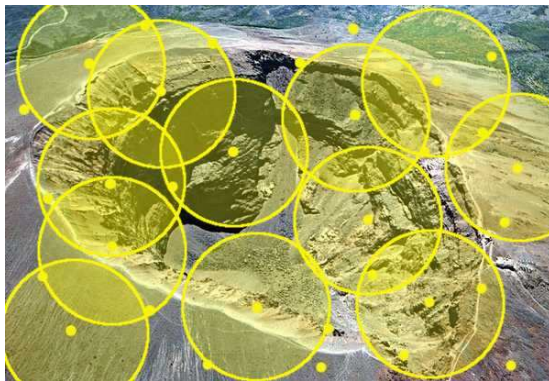
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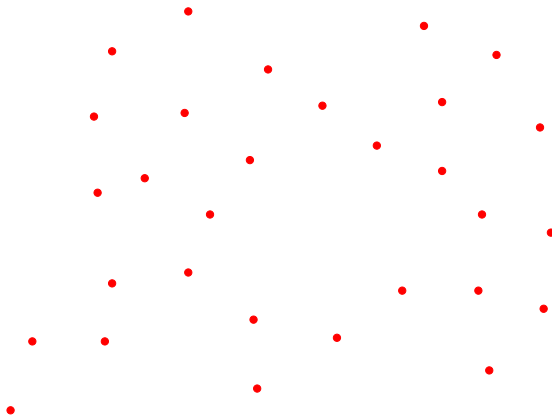
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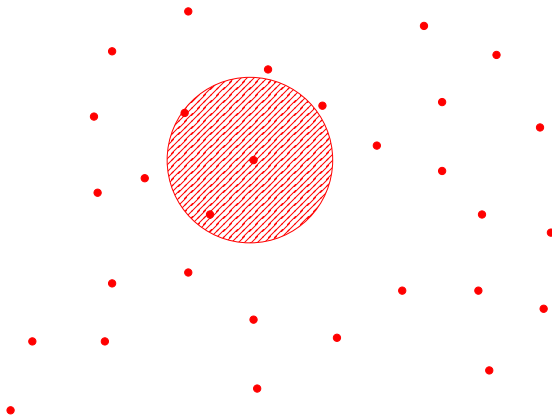
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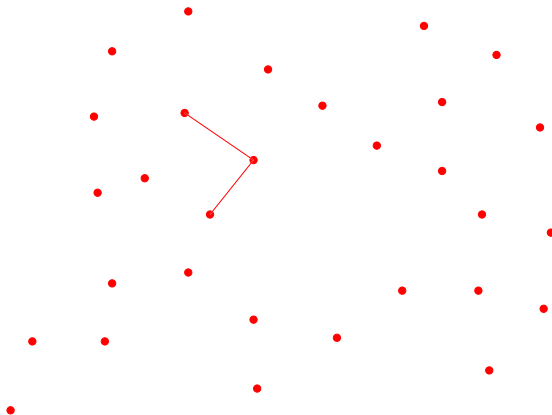
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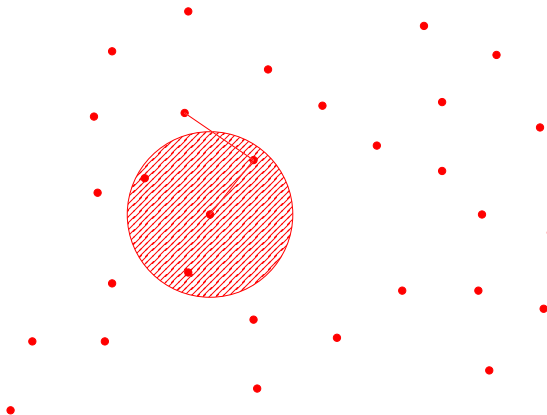
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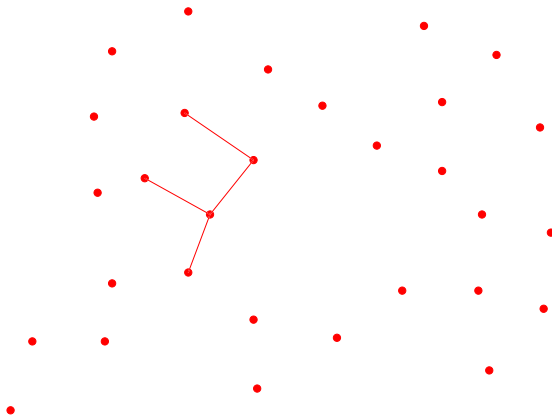
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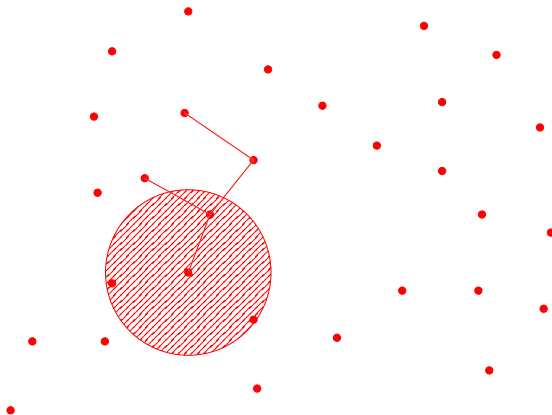
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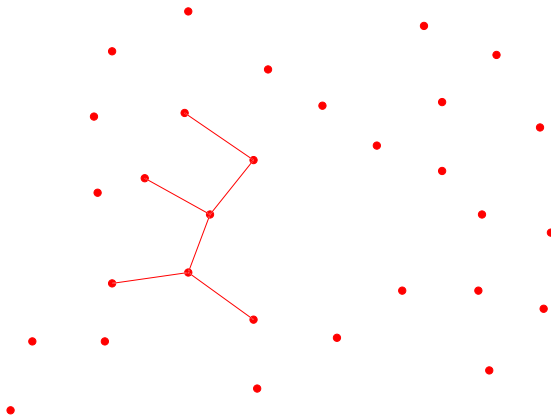
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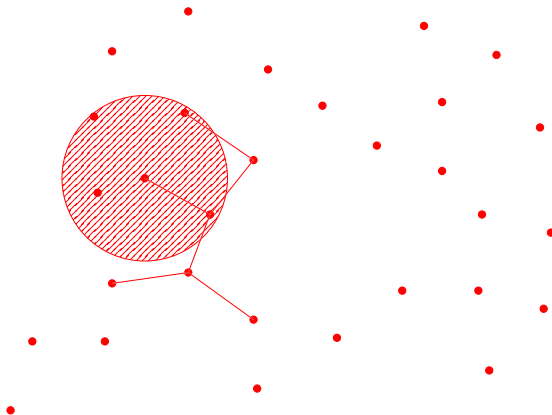
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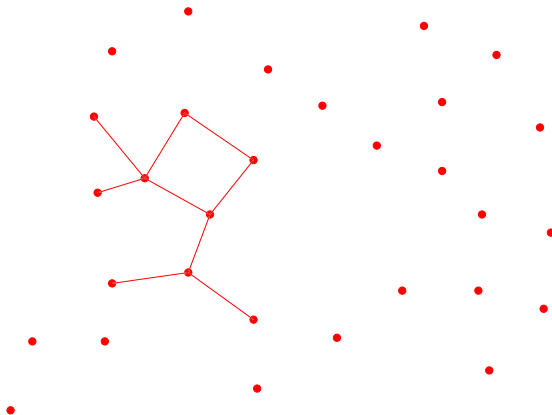
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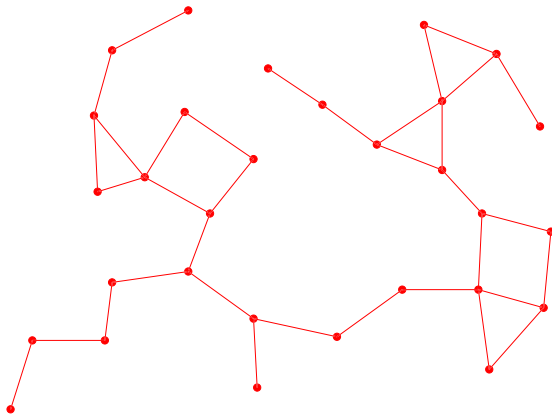
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A τ -*adversary* is an adversary that awakens all the nodes of the network within a window time of size τ , i.e., no node is awakened at a time $t \geq \tau$. Additionally, a τ -adversary does not recover crashed nodes. The parameter τ is assumed known by the nodes.

Definition

An ∞ -*adversary* is an adversary that has no restriction on when nodes are awakened.

DRC Problem

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A distributed protocol solves the *deterministic recurrent communication* (DRC) problem if it guarantees that, for every step t and every pair $(u, v) \in E$, there is some step $t' \geq t$ such that, in step t' , v receives an application message from u .

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Related Work

- *Message passing:*

[ABLP'92] Each node receives from all neighbors in $O(k^2 \log^2 n / \log(k \log n))$. \rightarrow synchronous start. $\omega(1)$ -degree bipartite-graphs requiring $\Omega(k \log k)$. \rightarrow not embeddable in GG.

- *Broadcast & gossiping:*

[CGR'00, CGOR'00, CR'03, CGGPR'02] \rightarrow synchronous start, global clock, etc.

- *Selection*

[Kowalski'05] Static, $\exists O(k \log(n/k))$, +[I'02]: $O(k \text{ polylog } n)$. \rightarrow synchronous start. Dynamic $O(k^2 \log n)$. \rightarrow nodes turn off upon succ. transmission.

- *Selective families:*

[I'02] $\exists(k, n)$ -selective families of size $O(k \text{ polylog } n)$.

[DR'83] (m, k, n) -selectors must be $\Omega(\min\{n, k^2 \log_k n\})$ when $m = k$.

[DBGV'03] (k, k, n) -selectors must be $\geq (k-1)^2 \log n / (4 \log(k-1) + O(1))$ and $\exists(k, k, n)$ -selectors of size $O(k^2 \ln(n/k))$.

All \rightarrow synchronous start.

Our Solution

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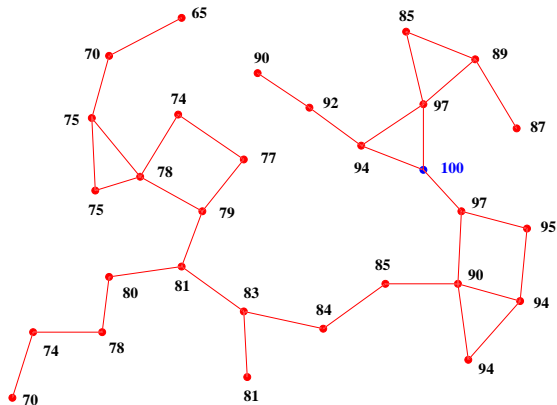
The Synchronization Problem

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We say that a protocol solves the *synchronization problem* if there exists a time t from which the protocol guarantees that the network is synchronized at all times after t , and every node that awakes eventually gets synchronized. The maximum time between a node awaking and getting synchronized is the *synchronization time* of the protocol.

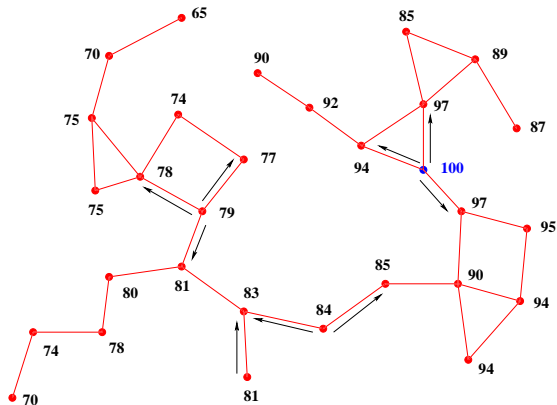
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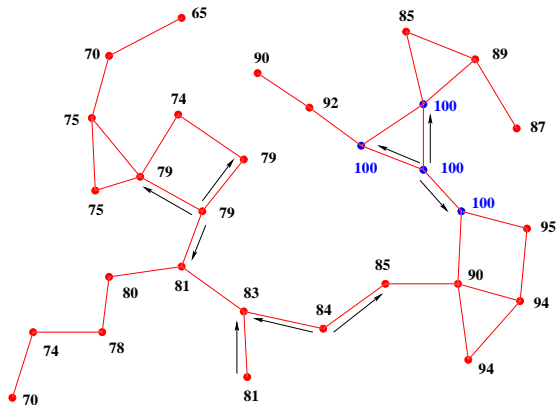
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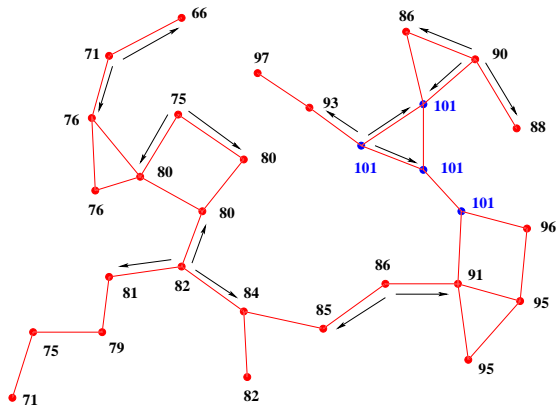
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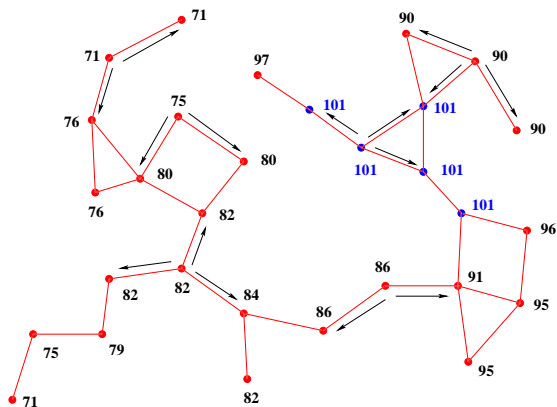
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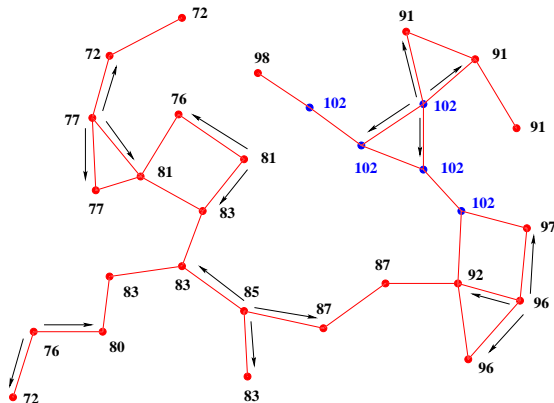
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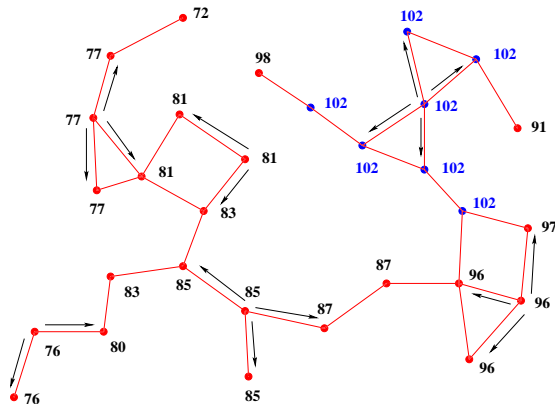
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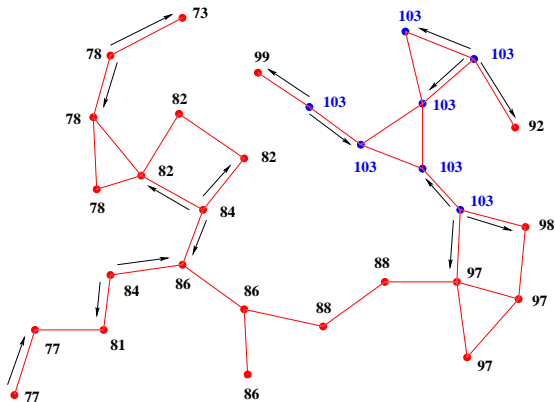
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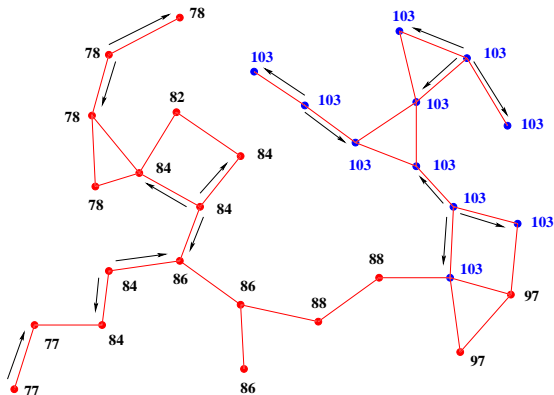
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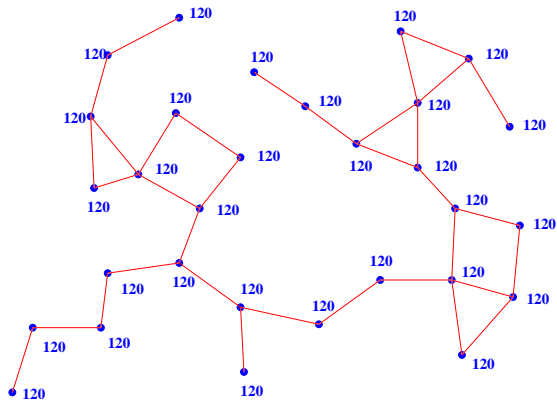
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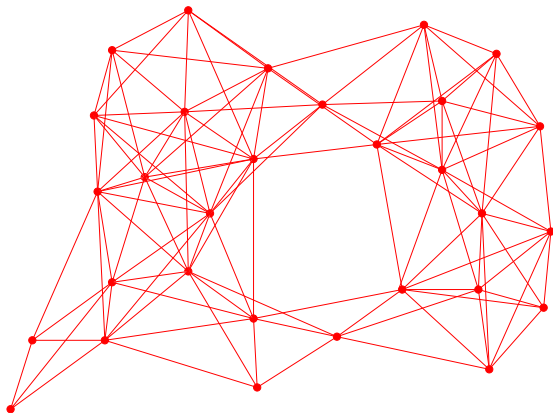
Synchronization Result

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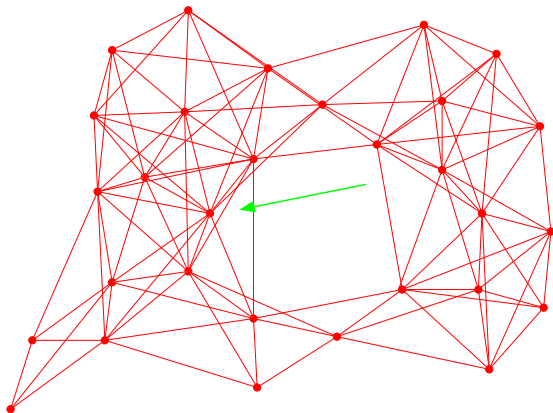
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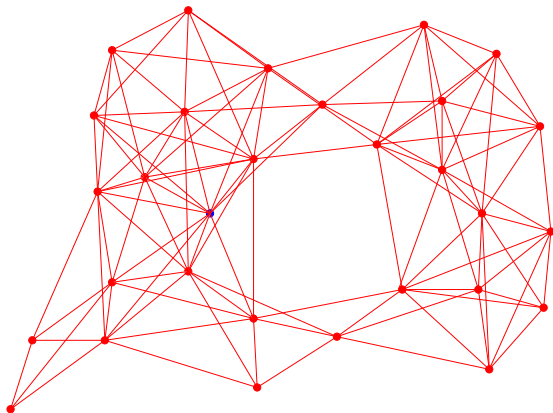
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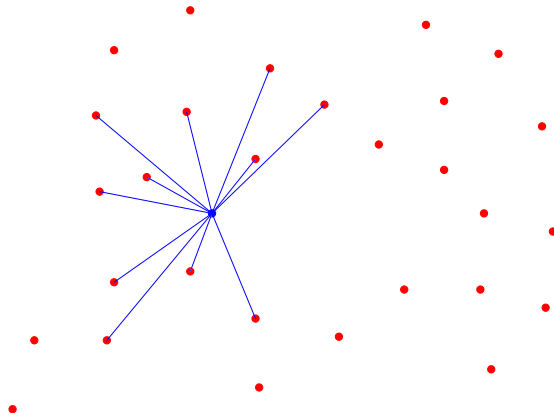
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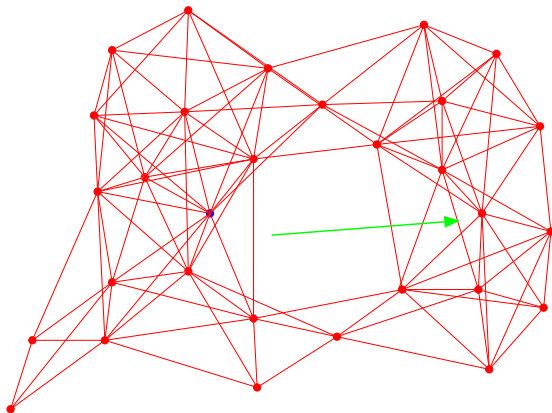
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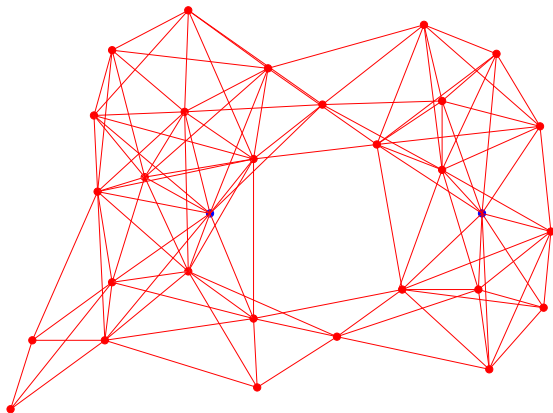
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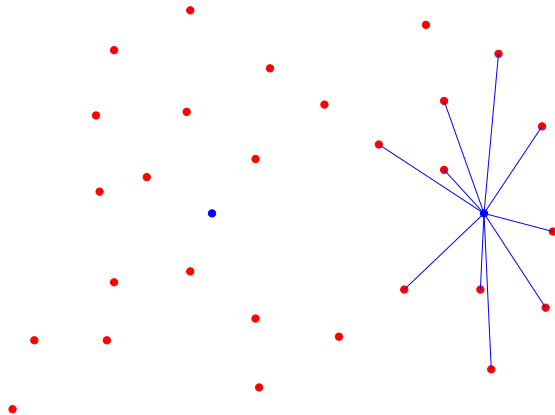
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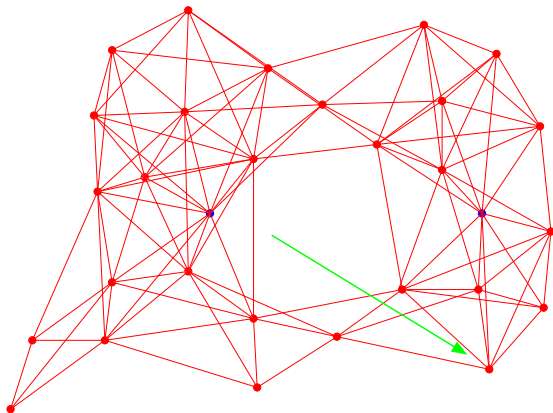
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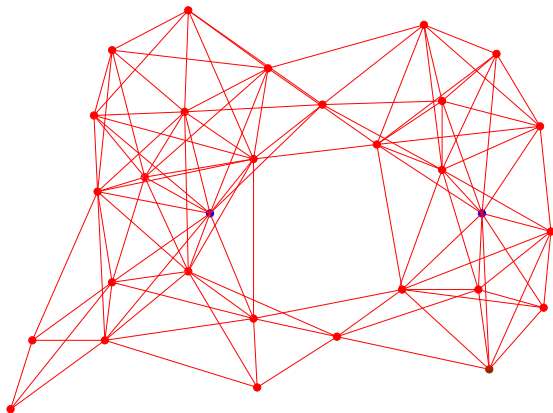
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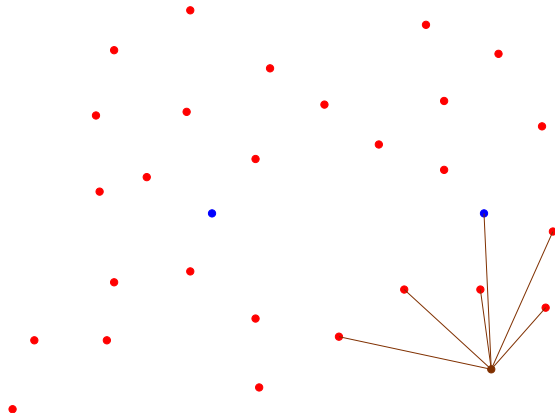
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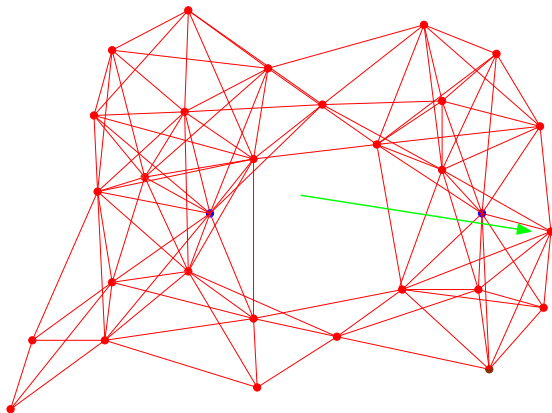
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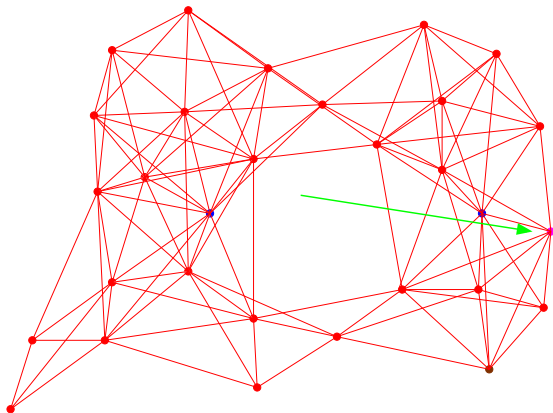
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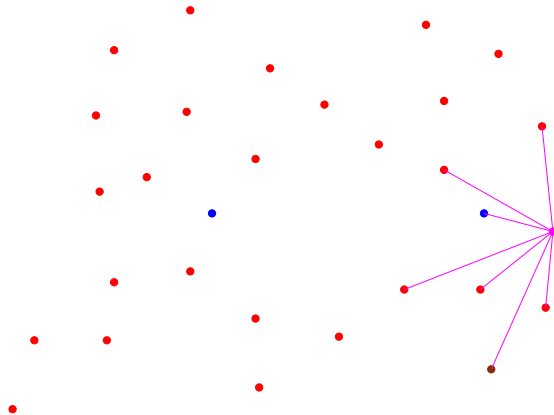
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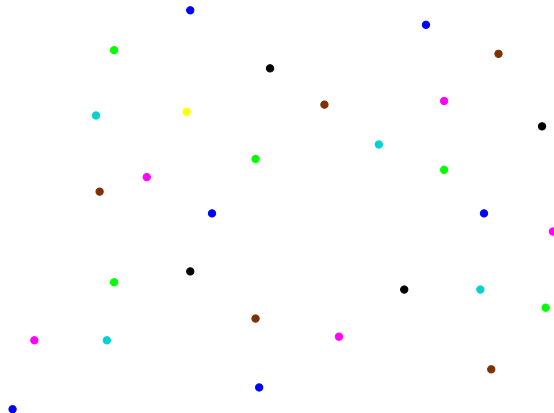
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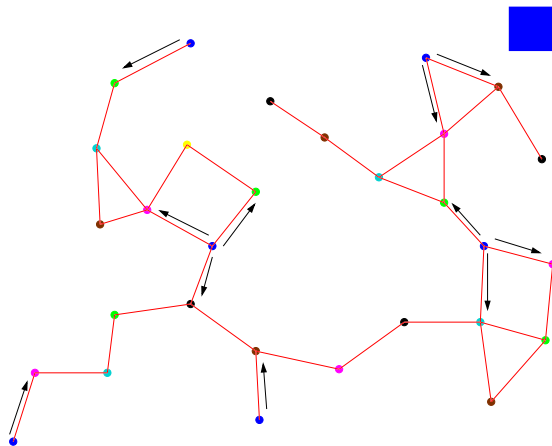
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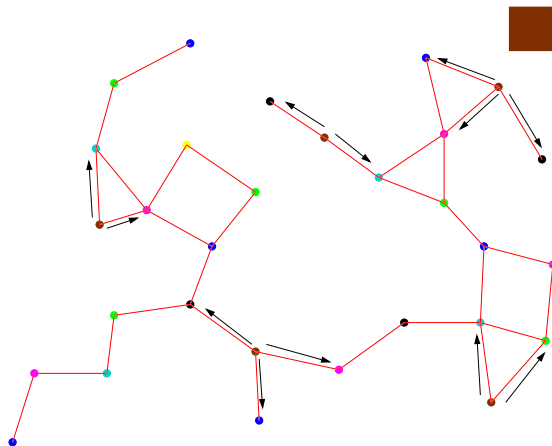
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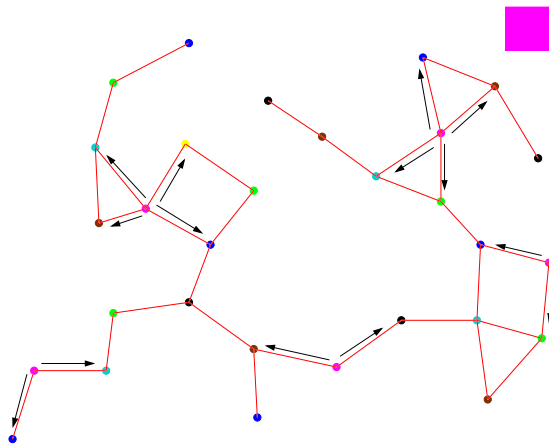
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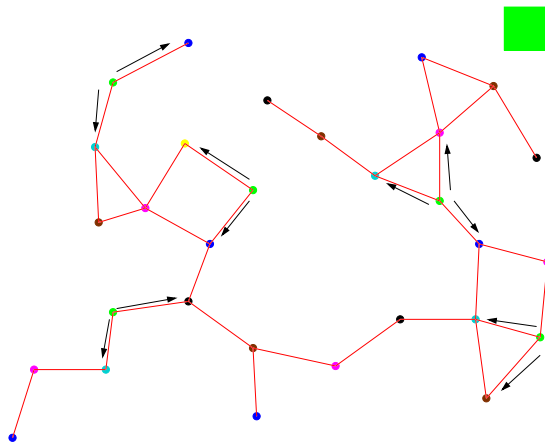
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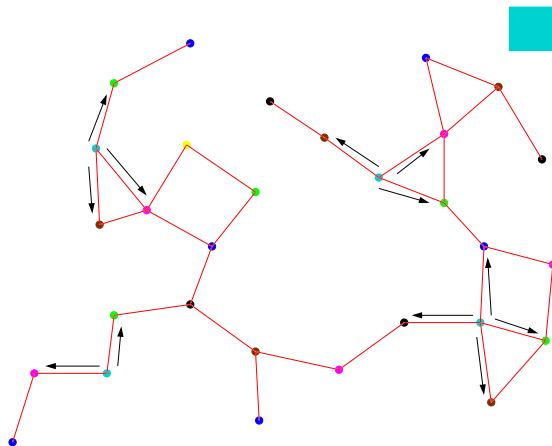
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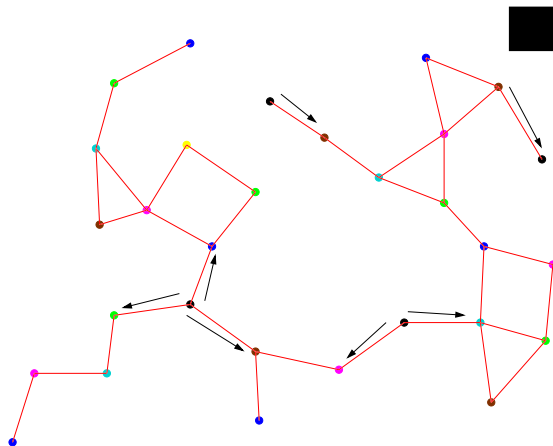
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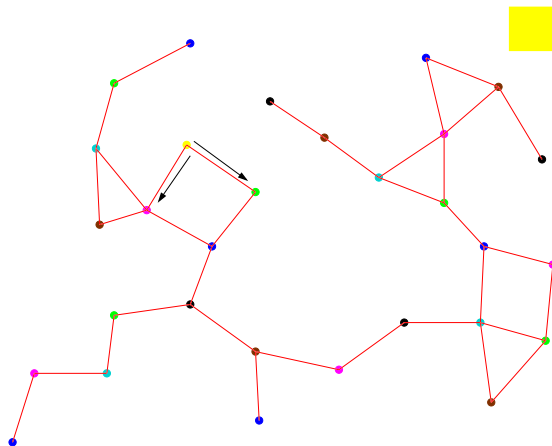
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