

# Average Shortest Path Length of Graphs of Diameter 3

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# 0. Introduction

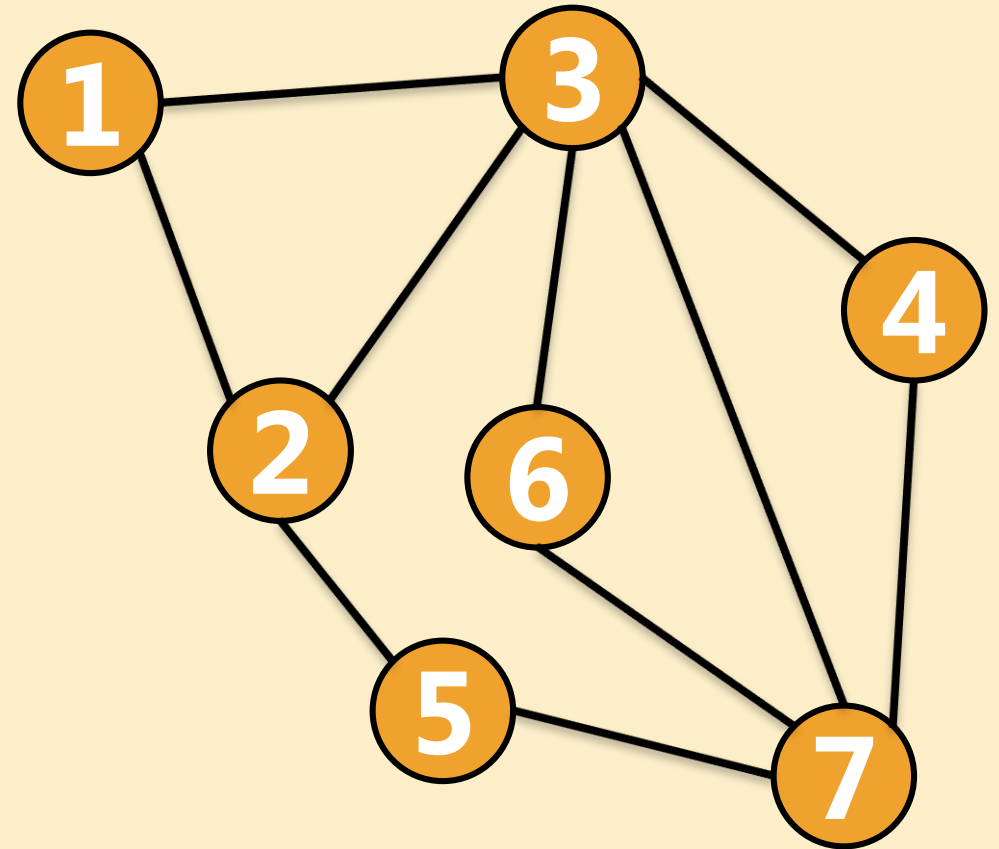
# Average Shortest Path Length (ASPL)

## *Definition*

- $G = (V, E)$  : undirected graph
- $\text{dist}(i, j)$  : length of shortest  $i$ - $j$  path
- $\text{ASPL} = \text{ASPL}(G) := \sum_{i \neq j \in V} \text{dist}(i, j) / \binom{n}{2}$
- $\text{diam}(G) := \max_{i \neq j \in V} \text{dist}(i, j)$  : diameter

# Average Shortest Path Length (ASPL)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
2		0	1	2	1	2	2
3			0	1	2	1	1
4				0	2	2	1
5					0	2	1
6						0	1
7							0



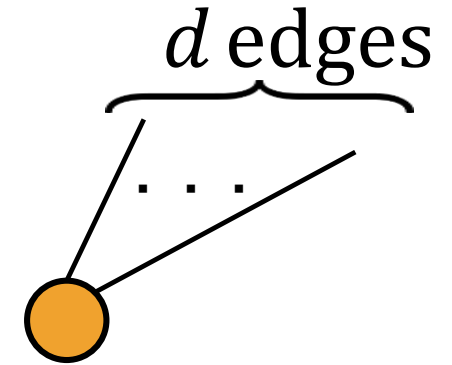
$$\text{ASPL} = \frac{1 \times 10 + 2 \times 11}{21} = 1.523\dots$$

$$\text{diam}(G) = 2$$

# Our Problem

## *Problem*

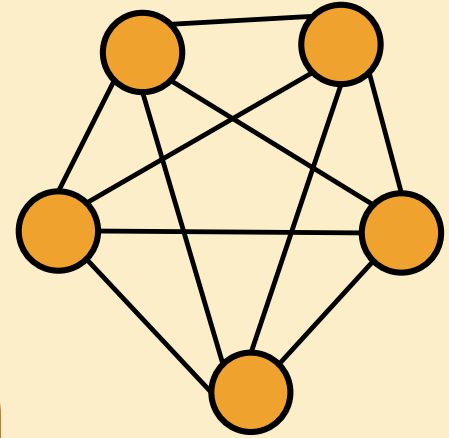
- Given  $n$  and  $d$
- Find a  $d$ -regular graph of  $n$  nodes with minimum ASPL.



( $d$ -regular graph : all degrees =  $d$ )

# Background

- lower ASPL  $\rightarrow$  less hops  $\rightarrow$  better performance
- complete graphs  $\rightarrow$  minimum ASPL
- In practice, degree (# of links) is limited
  - low ASPL graphs with **limited degree**



Complete Graph

# Related Problems

## ➤ Order / Degree Problem

- Given  $n$  and  $d$
- Find a  $d$ -regular graph of  $n$  vertices with **minimum diameter**.

unexplored

## ➤ Degree / Diameter Problem

- Given  $D$  and  $d$
- Find a  $d$ -regular graph of diameter  $D$  with **maximum number of nodes**.

explored  
(graph theory)

# Contributions

- Derive an **equality** and **inequalities** of the ASPL of graphs of diameter 3.
- Propose an efficient algorithm for our problem.

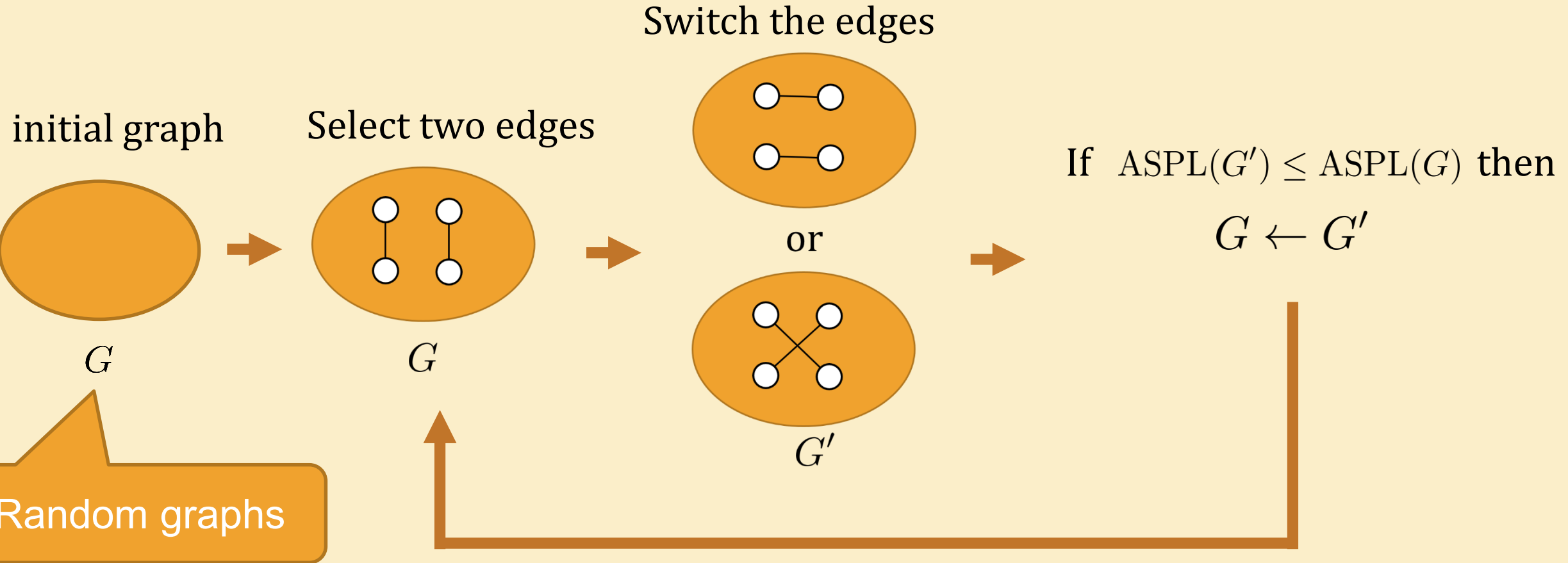


# 1. Naïve Algorithm

# Local Search

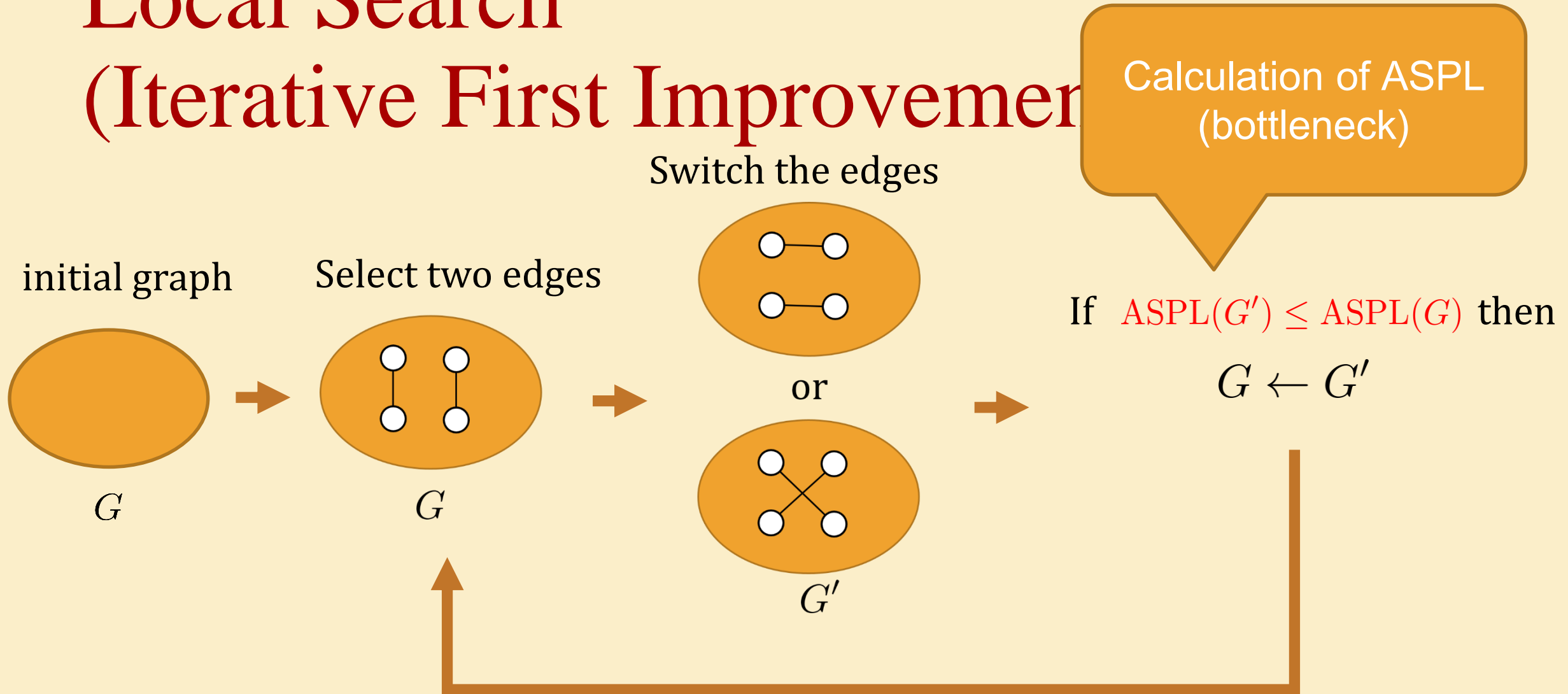
- Construct a  $d$ -regular graph (initial graph).
- Repeat improving the graph.
- Terminate when some condition is satisfied.

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# Time Complexity

$n = \#$  of nodes  
 $d = \text{degree}$

- Calculating  $\text{ASPL}(G) \cdots O(VE) = O(n^2d) \rightarrow$  too slow
- For  $G$  of diameter 3  $\cdots O(d) (\text{ASPL}(G') - \text{ASPL}(G)) \rightarrow$  still slow

# Time Complexity

$n = \#$  of nodes  
 $d = \text{degree}$

Does not work well!!!

• For  $e$

# Our Target

$n$  = # of nodes  
 $d$  = degree

- The input  $(n, d)$  for which a.e. graphs are **diameter 3**
- More precisely,  $n \approx d^2$  ( $n$  is near to  $d^2$ )

From numerical  
experiments

## 2. Observation & Main Theorem



# Observation

distance table of graphs of **diameter 3**:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
2		0	*	*	*	*	*
3			0	*	*	*	*
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each nonzero value = 1,2 or 3

# of cells of 1 = # of edges =  $nd/2$

- $ASPL(G) \propto 1 \times \#1 + 2 \times \#2 + 3 \times \#3$

- $\#1 + \#2 + \#3 = \binom{n}{2}$

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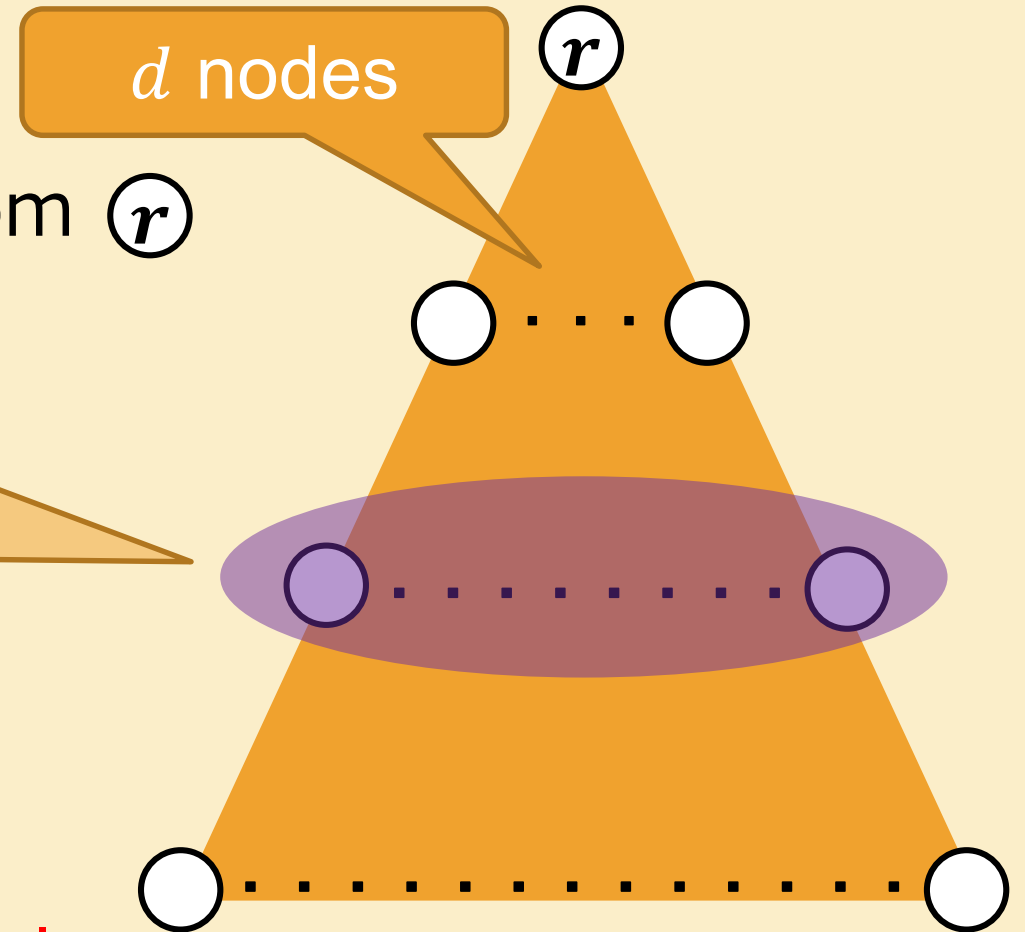
Assume diameter = 3

Consider "Breadth First Search" from  $r$

- many nodes  $\rightarrow$  low ASPL
- We want to **increase them**

- # of   $\leq d(d - 1)$

equality holds  $\rightarrow$  graph is **optimal**



# Moore Bound

*Fact (the Moore Bound)*

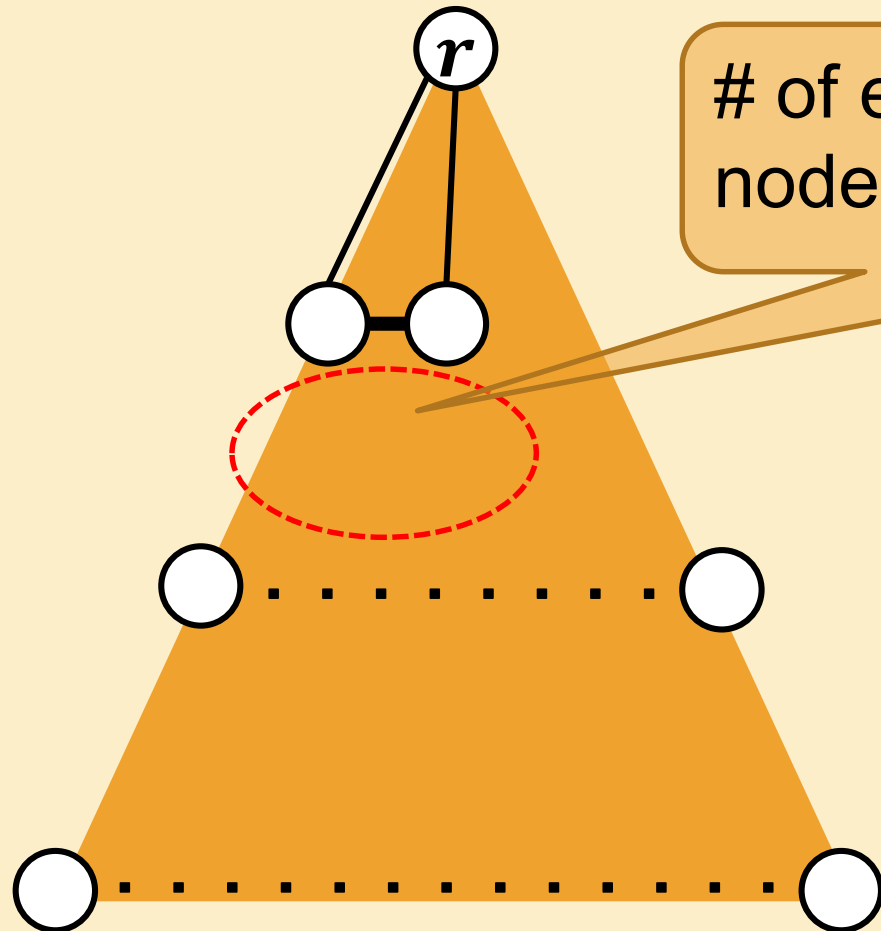
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the ASPL when # of  is maximum

# Observation

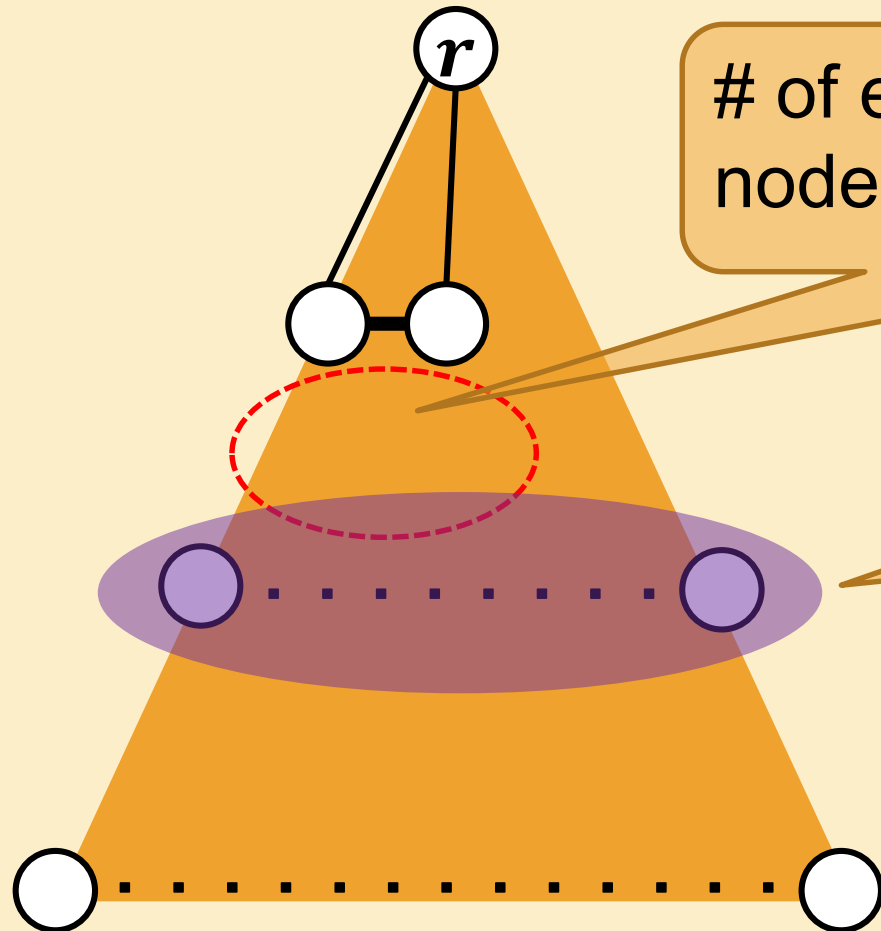
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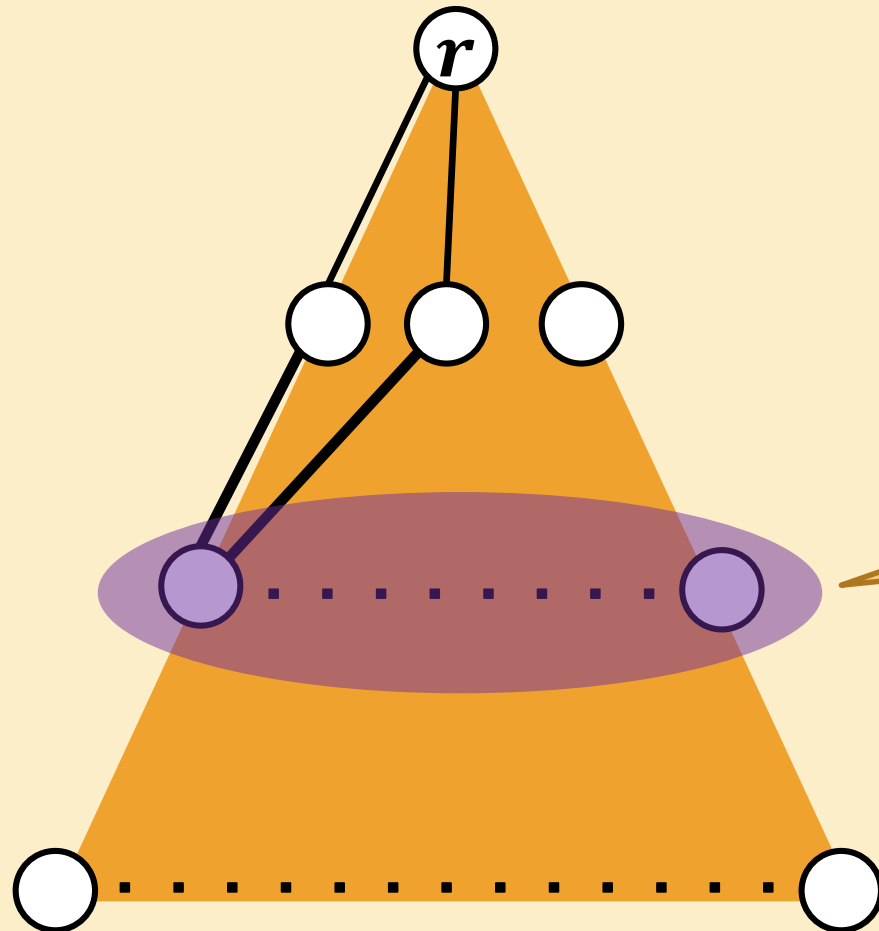
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**Triangles are undesirable**

# Observation

Here is a Square...

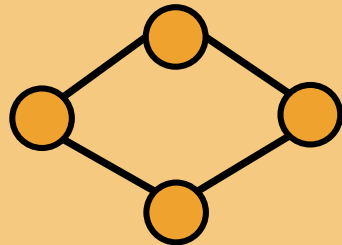
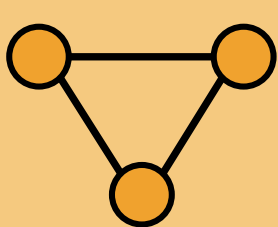


decrease them!!

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# Observation

- no triangles, no squares
  - ASPL is minimum (i.e. the Moore Bound)



are undesirable

- we want to **decrease triangles and squares**



# Moore Bound (again)

*Fact (the Moore Bound)*

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# ASPL Upper Bound

## *Theorem*

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$$\binom{n}{2} \cdot \text{ASPL}(G) \leq 3 \binom{n}{2} - \frac{nd}{2} - nd^2 + 3\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \end{array} \right\} + 2\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{square} \end{array} \right\}$$

(This bound can be seen as an **approximation**.)

# ASPL Lower Bound

## Theorem

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$$\binom{n}{2} \cdot \text{ASPL}(G) \geq 3 \binom{n}{2} - \frac{nd}{2} - nd^2 + 3\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with 1 internal node} \end{array} \right\} + 2\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{square} \\ \text{with 2 internal nodes} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$- \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with 2 internal nodes} \end{array} \right\} - \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with 3 internal nodes} \end{array} \right\}$$

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# ASPL Characterization

## Theorem

$G = (V, E)$ :  $d$ -regular,  $n$  nodes, **diameter = 3**

$$\binom{n}{2} \cdot \text{ASPL}(G) = 3 \binom{n}{2} - \frac{nd}{2} - nd^2 + 3\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{3 nodes} \end{array} \right\} + 2\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{square} \\ \text{4 nodes} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} (-1)^m \left[ \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with } m-1 \text{ nodes} \\ \text{in a red oval} \end{array} \right\} \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{with } m \text{ nodes} \\ \text{in a red oval} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$m - 1$  nodes                       $m$  nodes

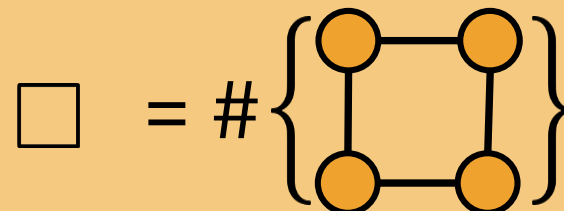
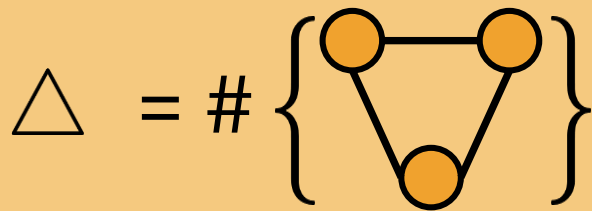
# 3. Proposed Algorithm

# Proposed Algorithm

Evaluate graphs by

$$f(G) = 3\triangle + 2\square$$

where



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$$\binom{n}{2} \cdot ASPL(G) \leq 3 - \frac{nd}{2} - nd^2 + 3\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{graph} \end{array} \right\} + 2\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{square} \\ \text{graph} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\triangle = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle} \\ \text{graph} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\square = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{square} \\ \text{graph} \end{array} \right\}$$

# Time Complexity

- $f(G') - f(G)$  : can be calculated in  $O(1)$  time

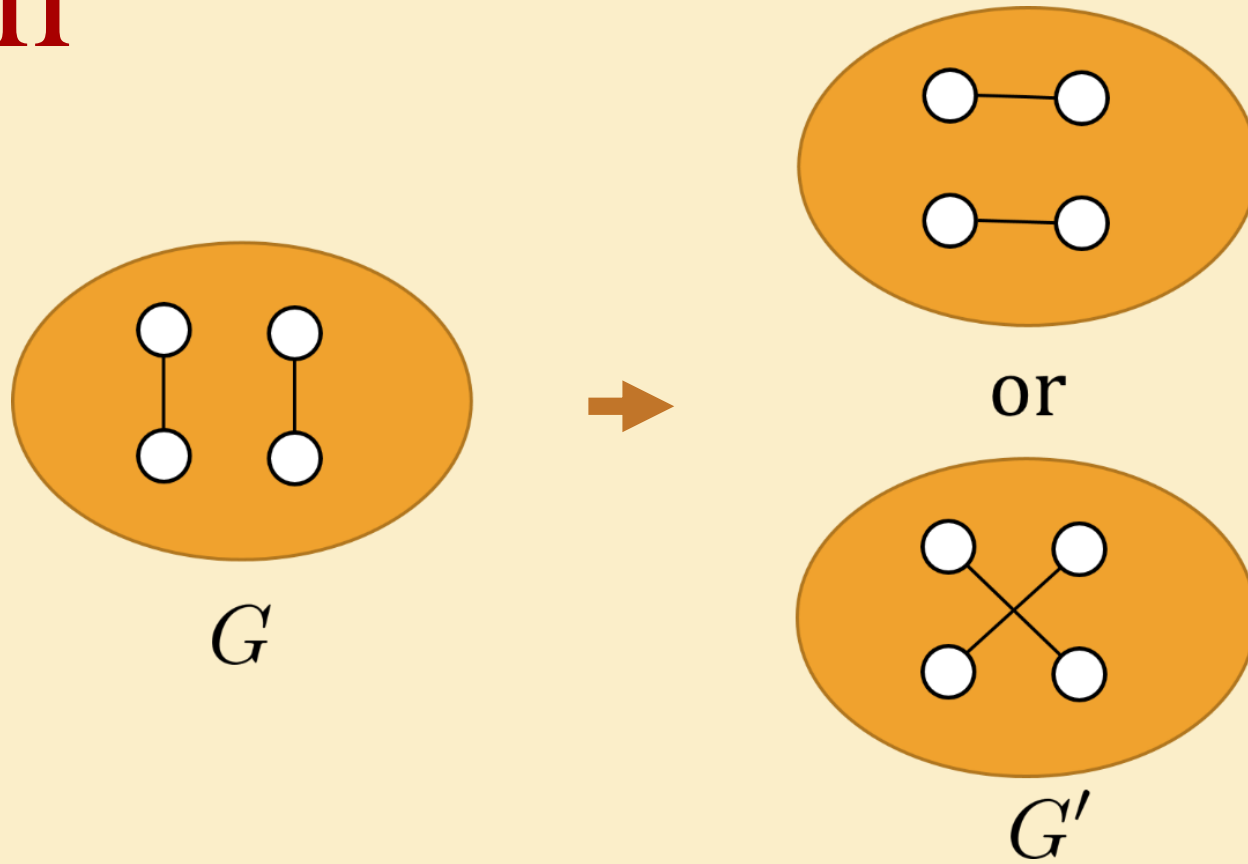
Obtained by **switching** two edges of  $G$

We use

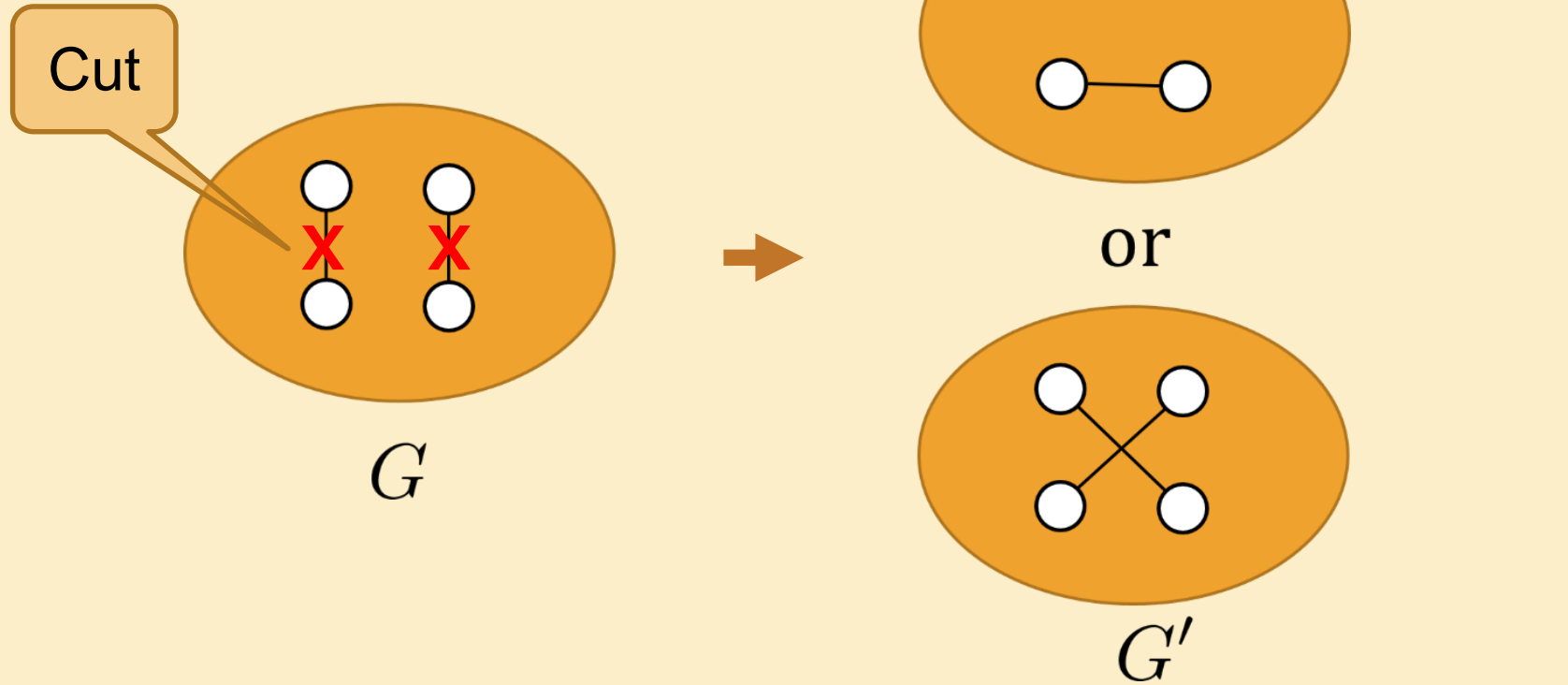
- $T2[i][j] := \#$  of  $i$ - $j$  paths of length 2
- $T3[i][j] := \#$  of non-backtracking  $i$ - $j$  paths of length 3



# Switch



# Switch



How many triangles/squares appear & disappear ?

# Evaluation Algorithm

Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by switching



Then

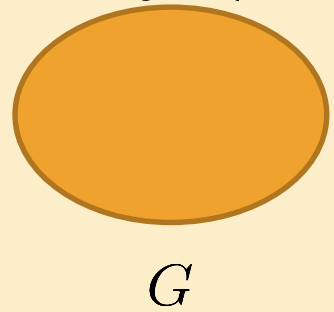
$$\begin{aligned}
 f(G') - f(G) = & 3( - T2[a][b] - T2[c][d] + T2[a][c] + T2[b][d] \\
 & - 2(T1[a][d] + T1[b][c])) \\
 & + 2( - T3[a][b] - T3[c][d] + T3[a][c] + T3[b][d] \\
 & - 2(T2[a][d] + T2[b][c] - T1[a][d]T1[b][c]))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(G) = 3\Delta + 2\Box$$

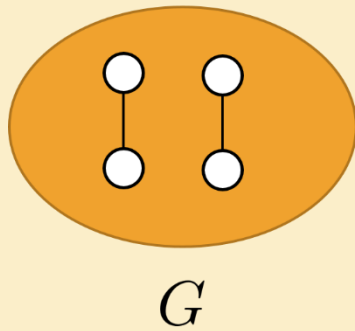
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computes

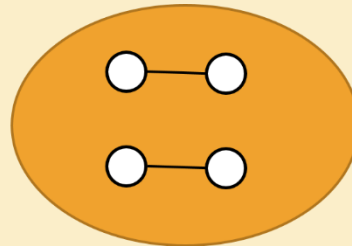
- initial graph
- arrays (T2, T3)



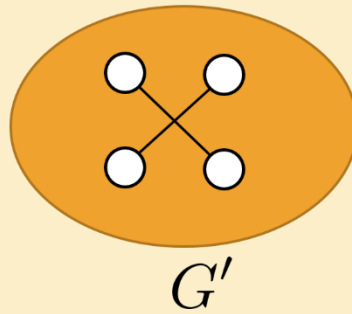
Select two edges



Switch the edges



or



If  $f(G') \leq f(G)$  then  
 $G \leftarrow G'$   
Update T2 and T3



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# Proposed Local Search (Iterative First Improvement)

$f(G)$   $\Delta$   $\square$

calculation :  $O(1)$  time  
with arrays T2 and T3

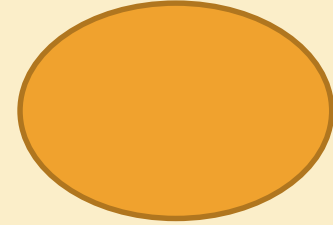
$O(nd^3)$  time

computes

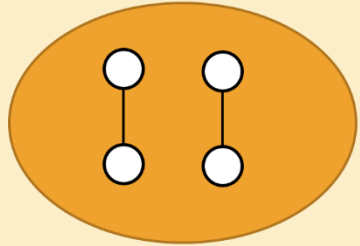
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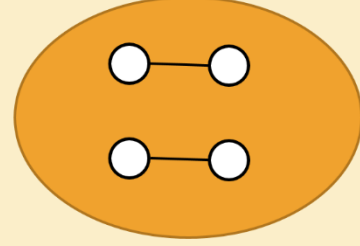
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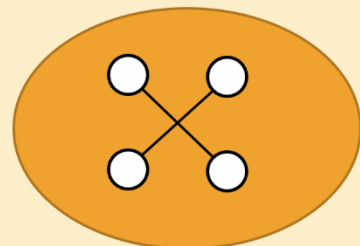
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or



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update :  $O(d^2)$  time  
(occurs rarely)

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# Proposed Local Search

(Iterative First Improvement)

$$f(G) = 3\Delta + 2\Box$$

computes

- initial graph
- a

We could obtain the local optimal solution!!

then

$G'$

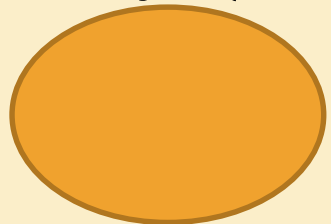
$T_3$

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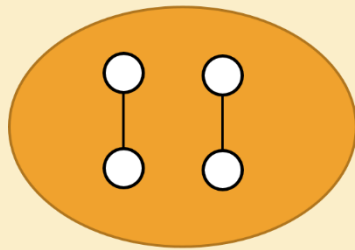
- initial graph
- arrays  $(T2, T3)$



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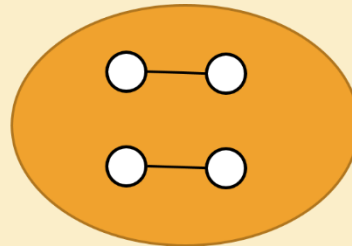
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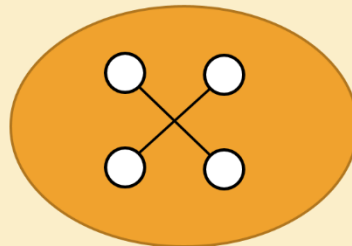
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With probability

$$\min \left\{ 1, \exp \left( -\frac{f(G') - f(G)}{T} \right) \right\}$$

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Update T2 and T3

- $T$  is a parameter called *temperature*
- Algorithm terminates when  $T$  is sufficiently small.

# Simulated Annealing

computes

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- High  $T \rightarrow$  random search
  - Low  $T \rightarrow$  Similar to Iterative First Improvement
- We decrease  $T$  gradually.

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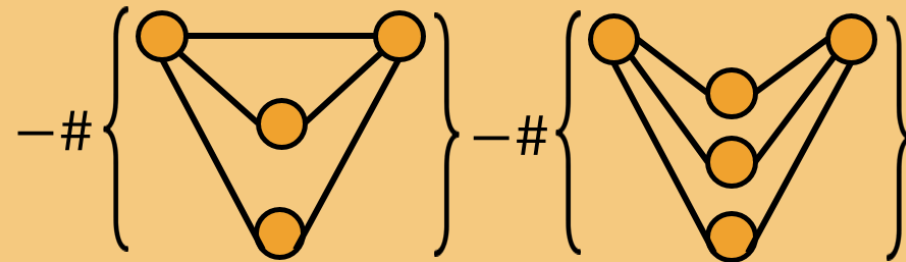
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Check the **accuracy** of **approximations** of the ASPL :

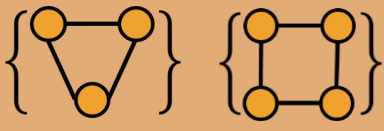
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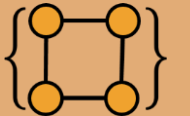
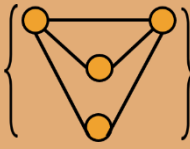
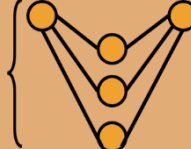
relative error:

$$(\text{approx. val} - \text{ASPL}) / \text{ASPL}$$

# Numerical Experiments

Better than  

But difficult to calculation

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Graph is sparse  
→ higher accuracy

# Numerical Experiments (2/2)

- Apply the proposed algorithm.
- $(n, d)$  for which **diameter = 3** and **sparse**
  - $(n, d) = (10000, 60), (10000, 64)$
- Start with **random** regular graphs.
- Compare the **Iterative First Improvement (IFI)** and the **Simulated Annealing (SA)**. (After the SA, do IFI)

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Some speed-up techniques (omit in this presentation)

# Numerical Experiments (2/2)

initial temperature  $T_0 = 11$

$k$ -th temperature  $T_k = T_0 / \log k$

	Random	IFI		SA	
$(n, d)$	ASPL gap	ASPL gap	Time	ASPL gap	Time
(10000, 60)	$21.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-3}$	40h 30m	$6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	60 days
(10000, 64)	$27.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$10.8 \times 10^{-3}$	37h 00m	$10.0 \times 10^{-3}$	60 days

ASPL gap = (solution ASPL - Moore Bound) / solution ASPL

# Numerical Experiments (2)

The best graphs  
in Graph Golf!!

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# 5. Conclusion

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For graphs of **diameter 3**

- **Characterize** the ASPL by # of specific structures in the graph.
- Propose an **efficient algorithm** calculating one of the upper bounds.
- We found **low ASPL graphs** by the proposed algorithm.

Future Work 1: Evaluation algorithm of 

Future Work 2: Graphs of **diameter 4** or more...