

Improved Algorithms for Edge Colouring
in the W -Streaming Model

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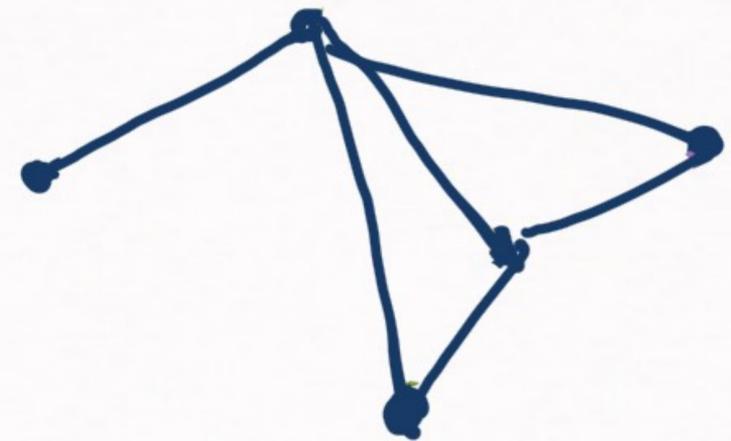
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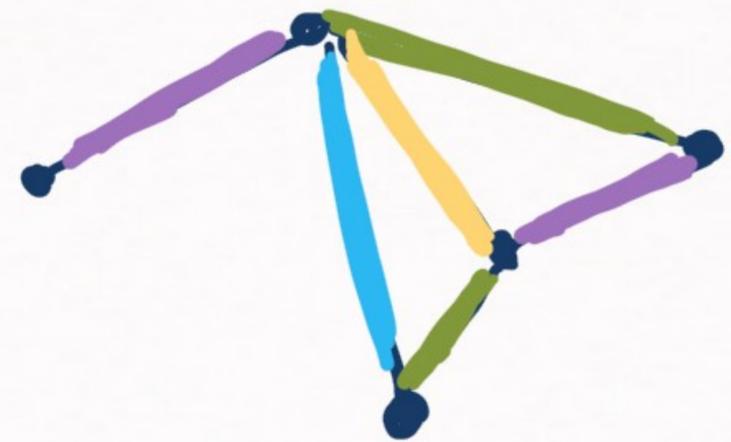
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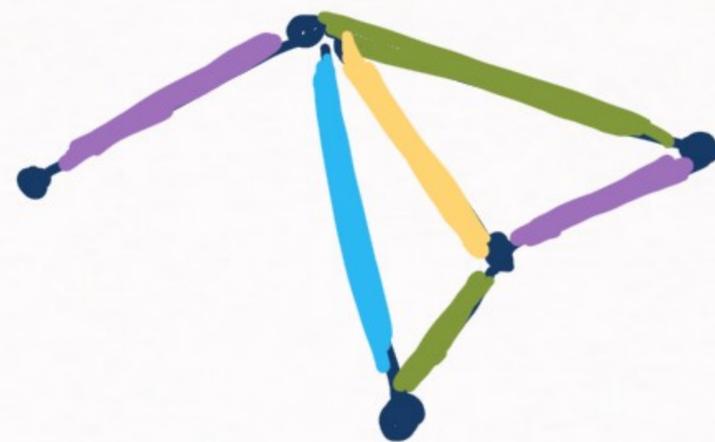
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(Vizing) ($\Delta = \text{max deg.}$)
- Δ required; NP-Complete to determine Δ vs. $\Delta + 1$



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[Our
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(uploaded talk;
★ animated ★ slides!)

- $(1+o(1))\frac{\Delta^2}{s}$ colours
* in $\tilde{O}(ns)$ space

Today's
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(all other algs use $\tilde{O}(n)$ space)

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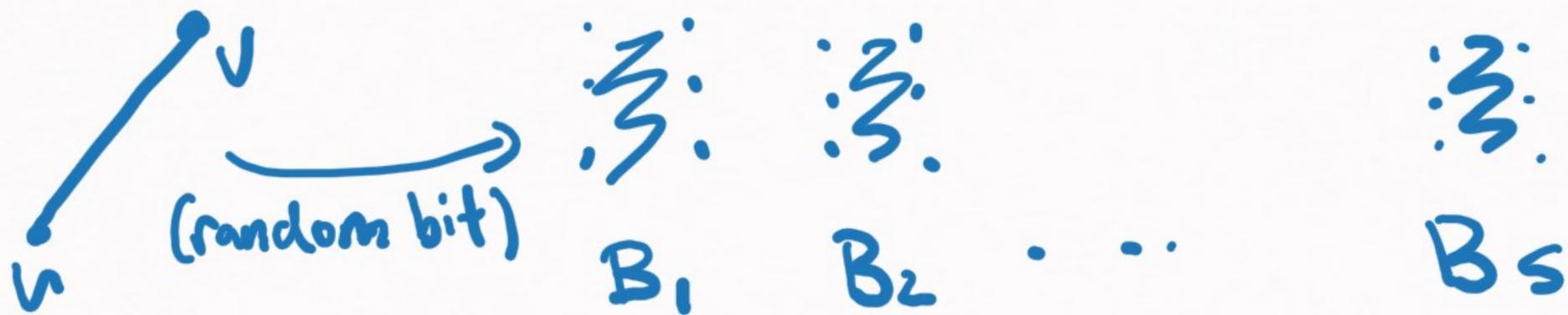
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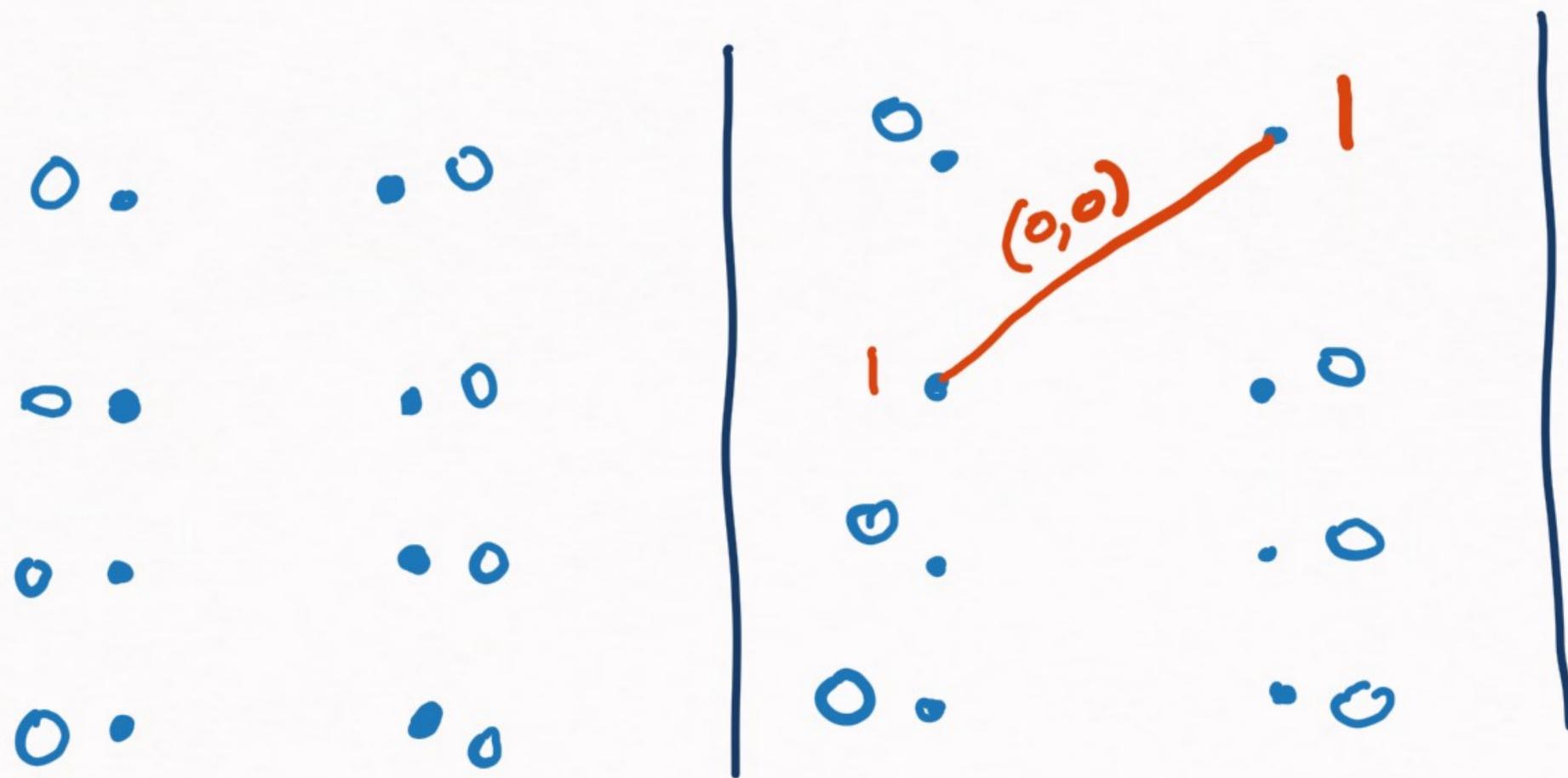
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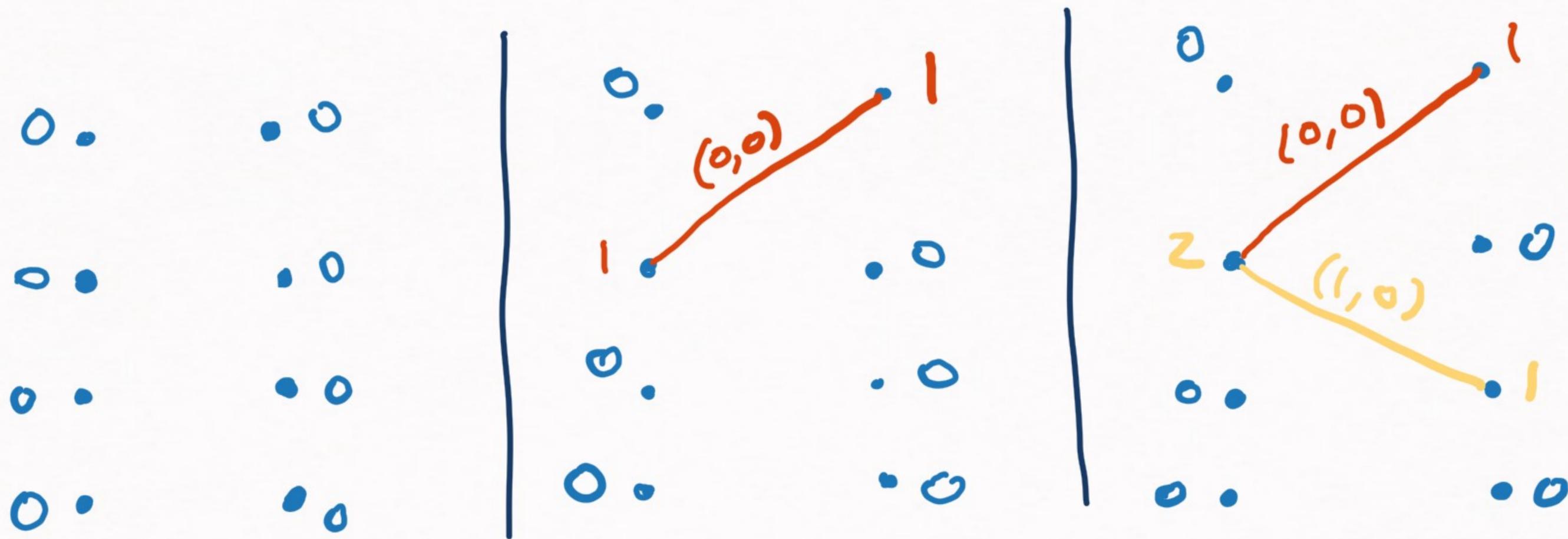
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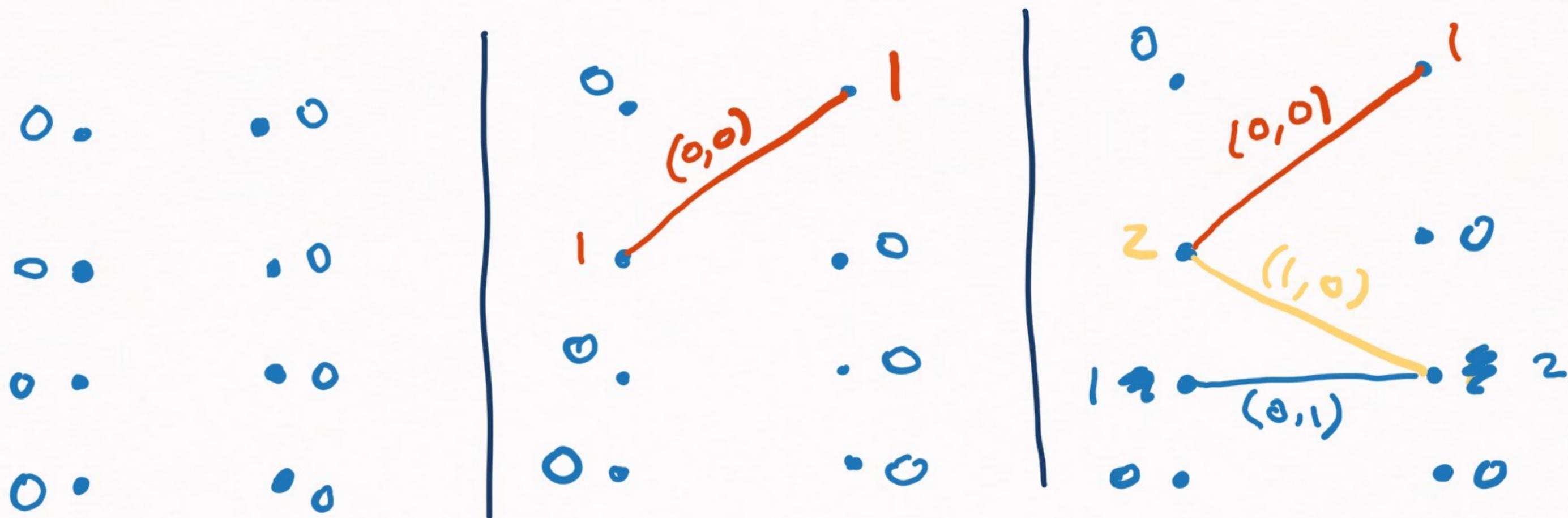
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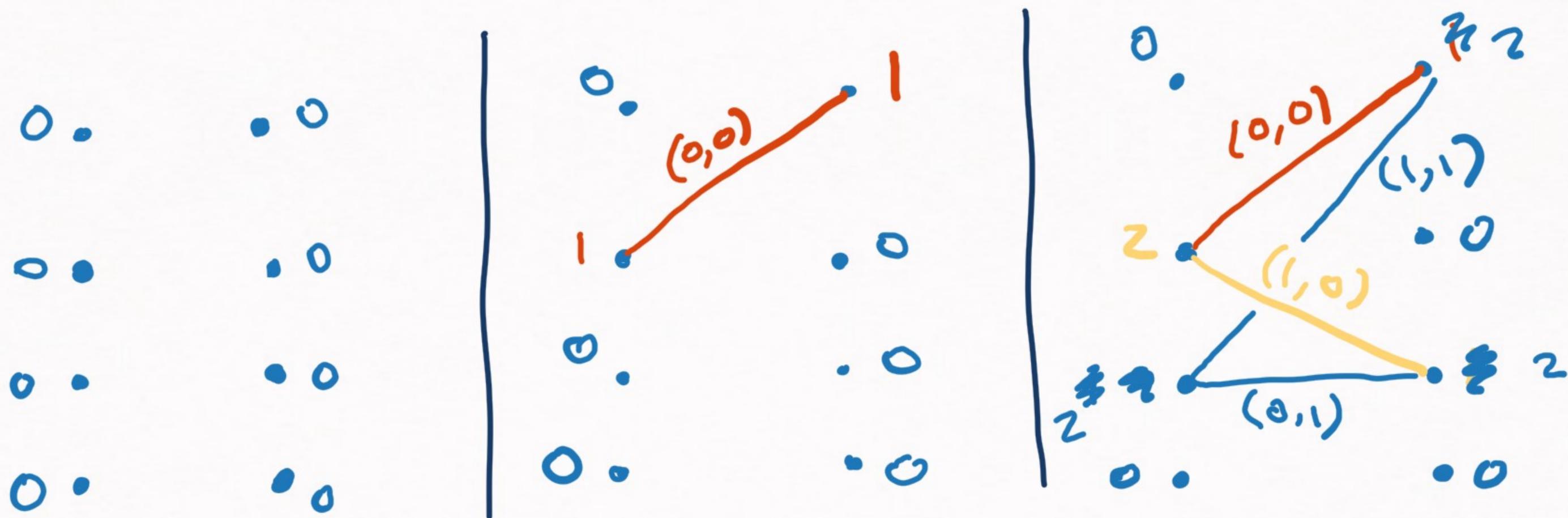
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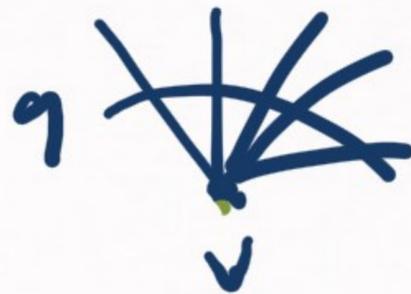
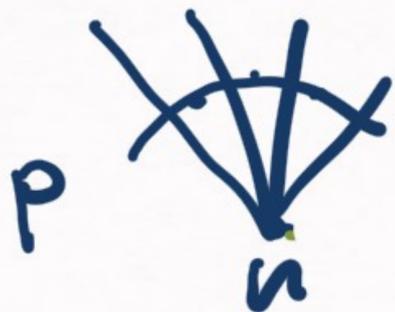


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Worst case can be achieved by streaming $\text{poly}(\Delta s)$ copies of star-shaped graphs



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