

Peer-to-peer energy-aware tree network formation

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The problem

- A population of nodes
- Each node has some initial energy, *limited memory*, and moves arbitrarily in a bounded networking area
- When two nodes meet, they **interact**
 - create network connections and exchange energy
- Goal: define interaction protocols so that the nodes are able to form **tree networks** and achieve desired **energy distributions**

Related work

- **Population protocols**
 - Angluin, Aspnes, Eisenstat, and Ruppert (Distributed Computing 2007)
- **Network formation among computationally weak agents**
 - Michail and Spyralis (Distributed Computing 2016)
- **Peer-to-peer energy balance**
 - Nikolettseas, Raptis and Raptopoulos (MASS 2016)
- **Star formation + peer-to-peer energy balance**
 - Madhja, Nikolettseas, Raptopoulos, and Tsolovos (MSWIM 2016)

Modeling assumption

- Mobility can be abstracted by assuming that all interactions between nodes are planned by a **fair probabilistic scheduler**
- At each time step, a pair of nodes is selected independently and uniformly at random among all possible pairs

Subgoals

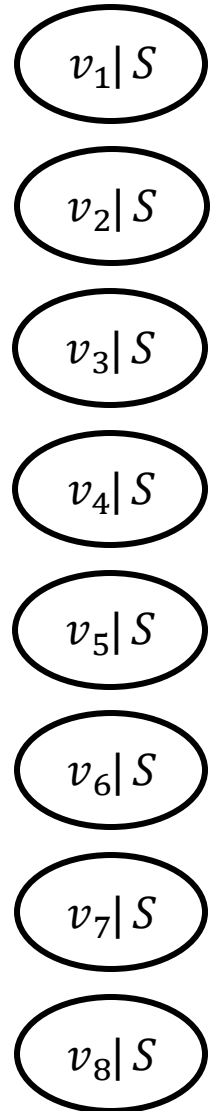
- Goal: define interaction protocols so that the nodes are able to form **tree networks** and achieve desired **energy distributions**
- Subgoal 1: tree network formation
 - **Arbitrary** and **binary** spanning trees
- Subgoal 2: peer-to-peer energy exchange
 - **Exact, relaxed,** and **exact up to the root** energy distributions

Arbitrary tree network formation

- A node can be
 - **isolated** if it is not connected to any other node (S)
 - **leaf** if it has a parent, but no children (L)
 - **internal** if it has a parent and children (I)
 - **root** if it does not have parent, but has children (R)
- When two nodes (u, v) interact, v becomes a child of u if
 - v is isolated, or
 - both u and v are roots

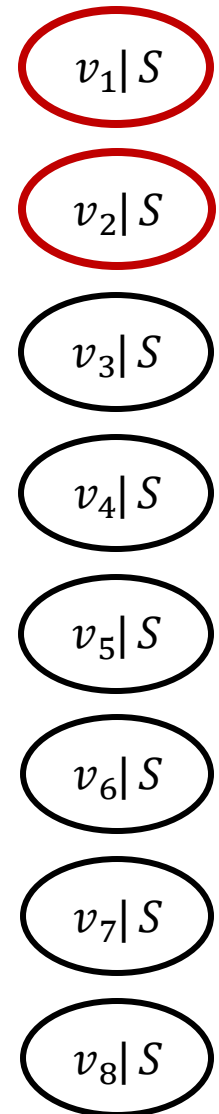
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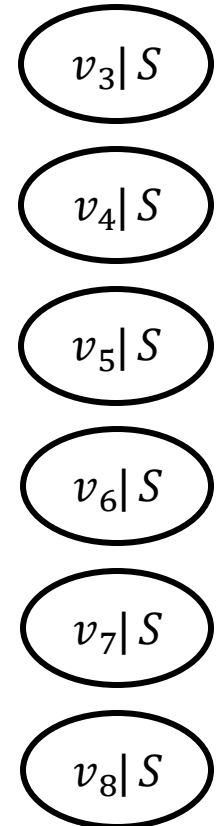
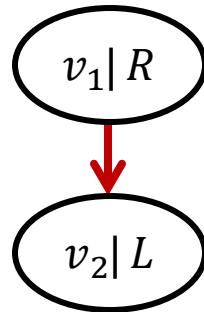
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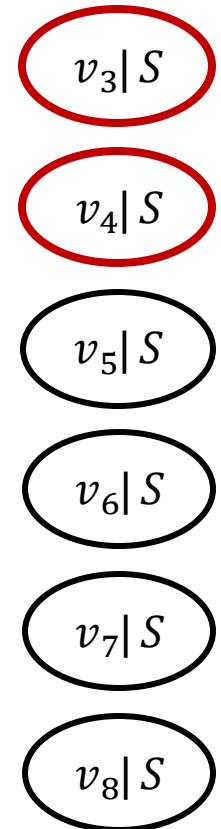
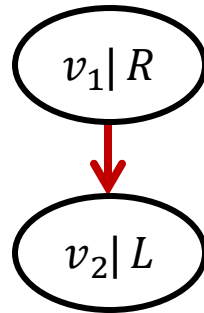
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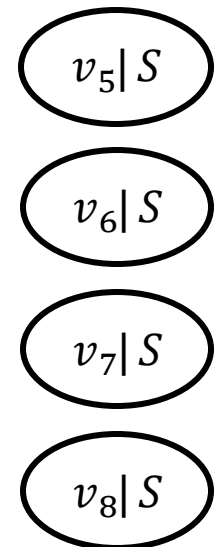
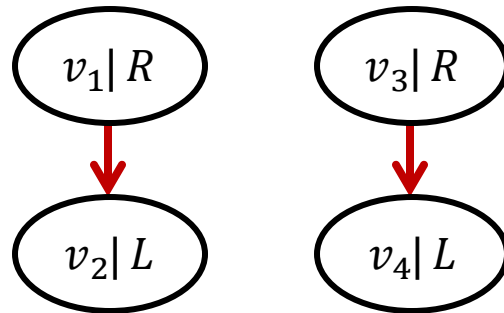
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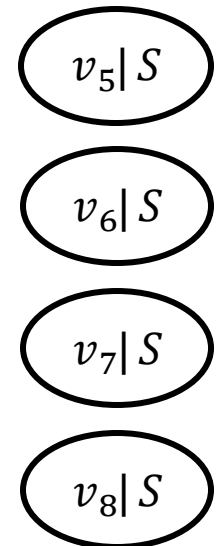
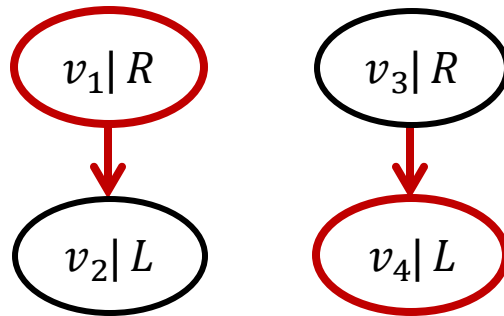
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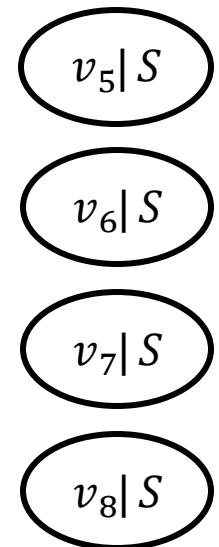
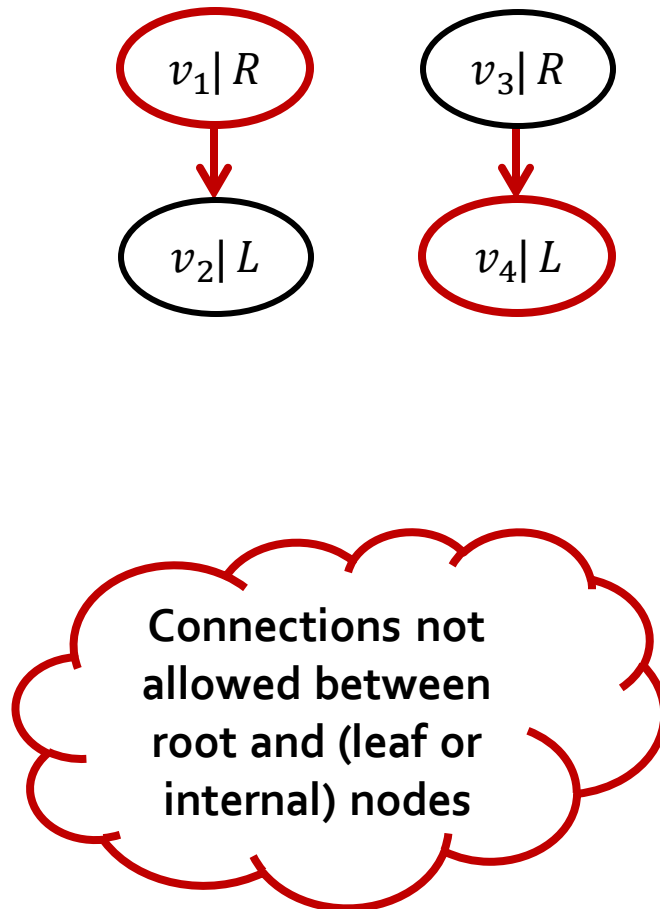
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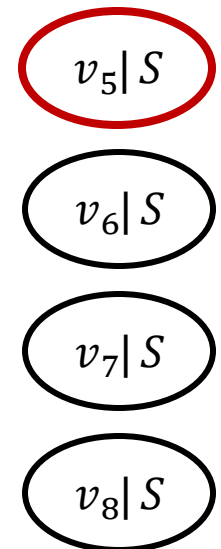
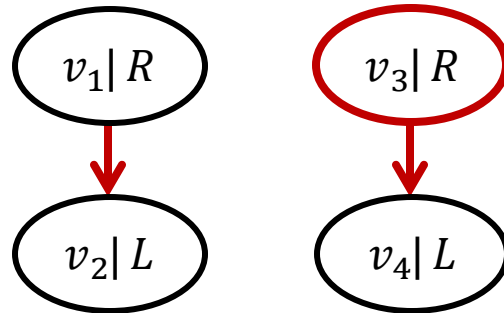
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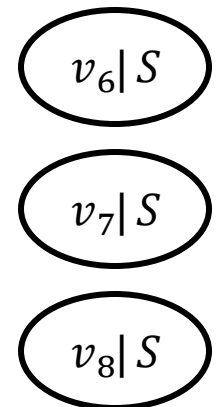
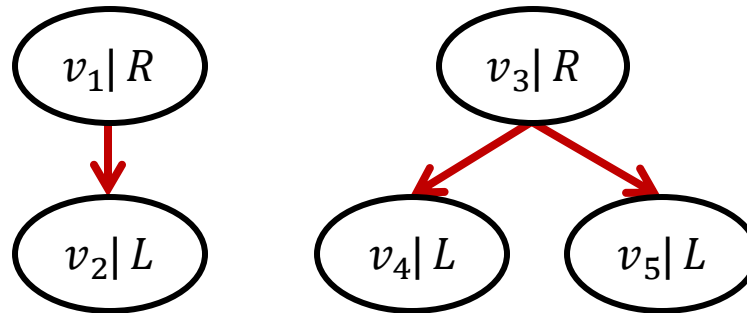
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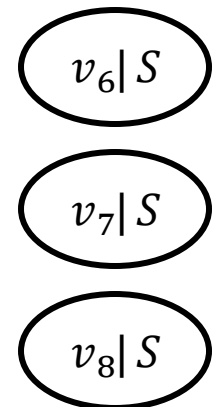
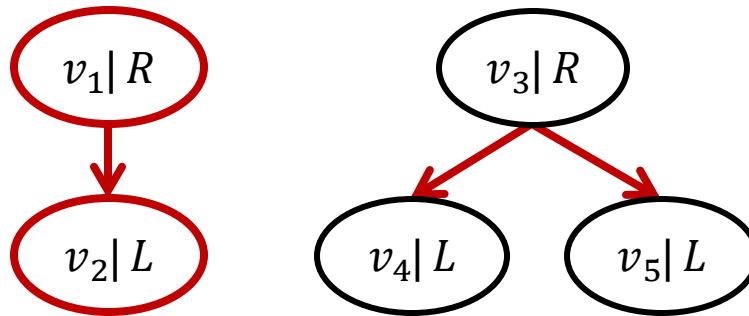
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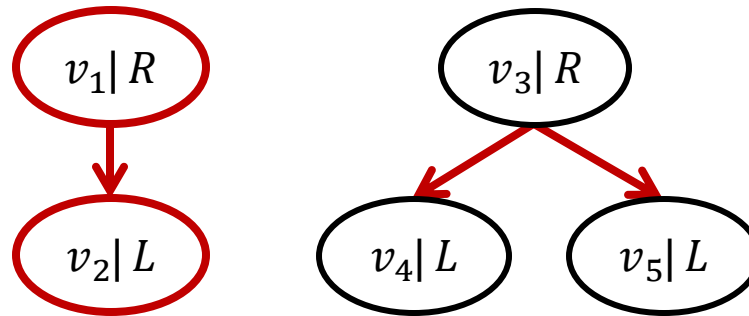
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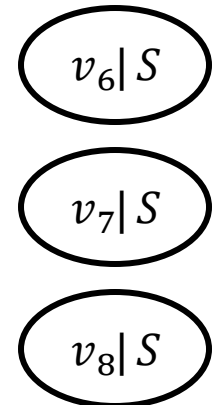


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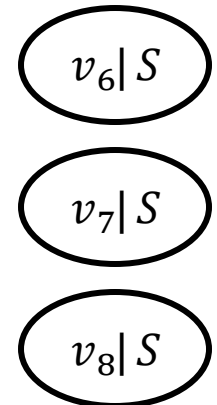
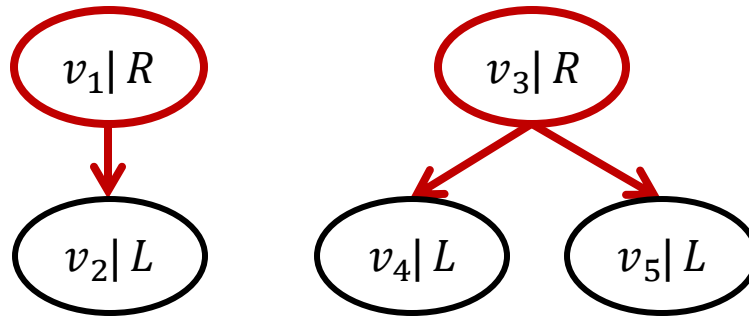


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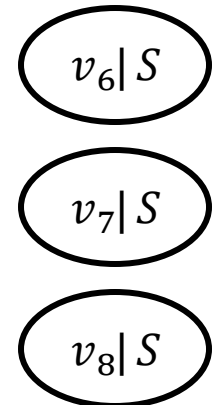
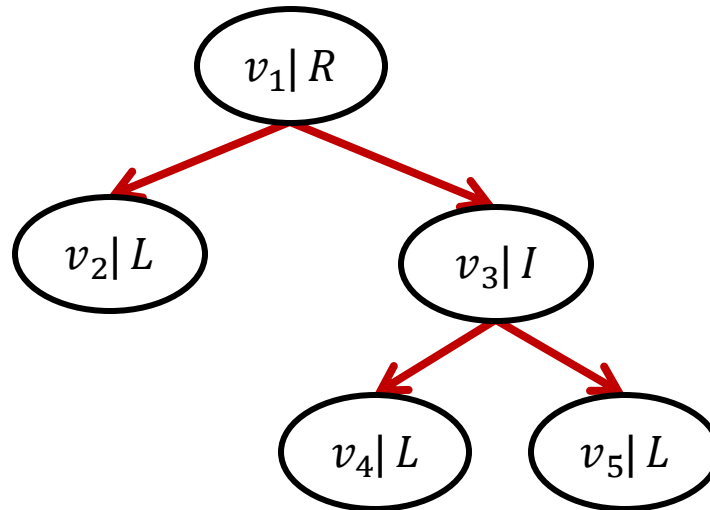
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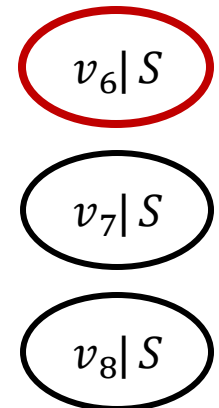
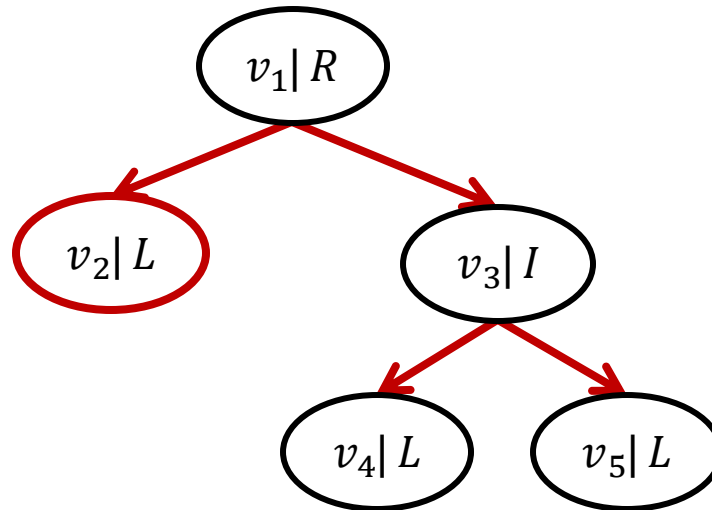
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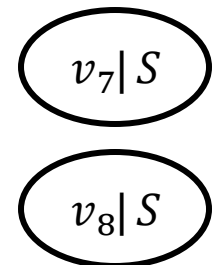
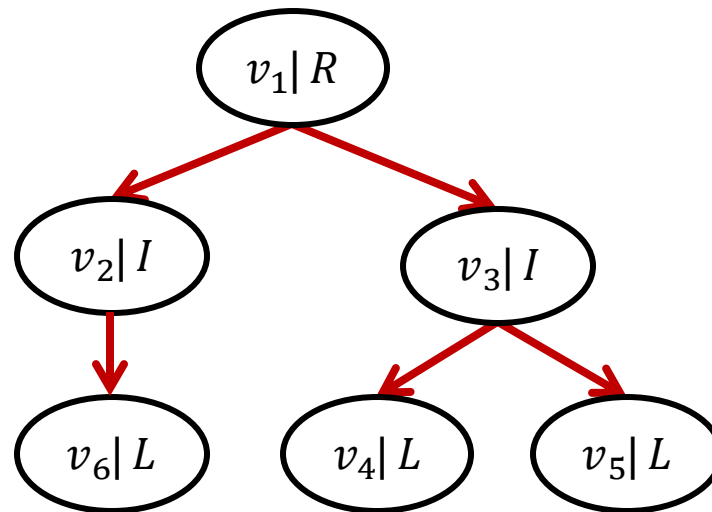
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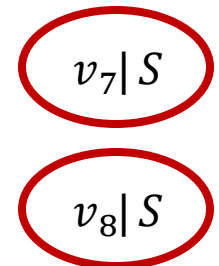
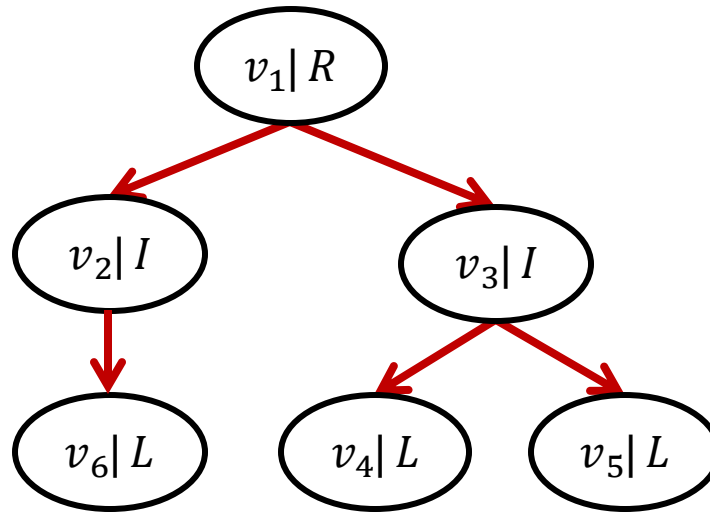
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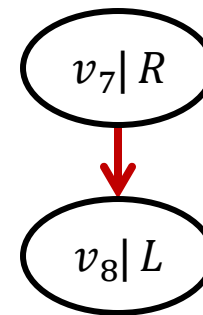
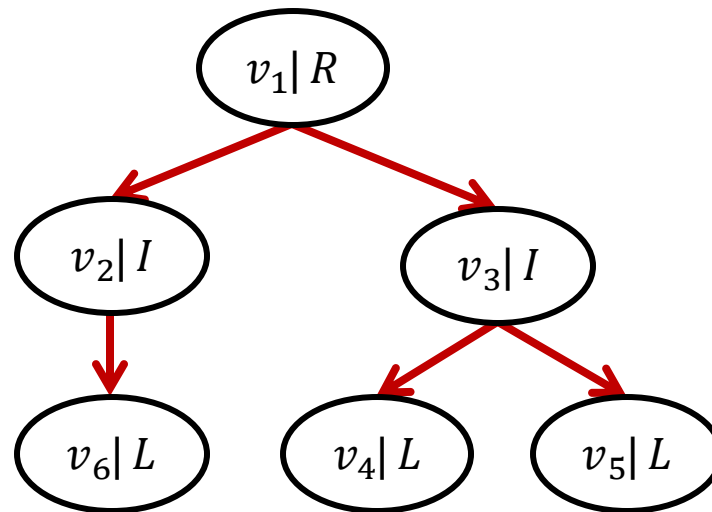
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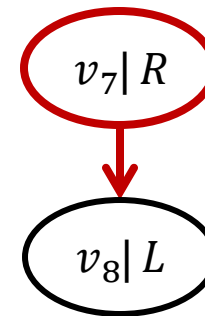
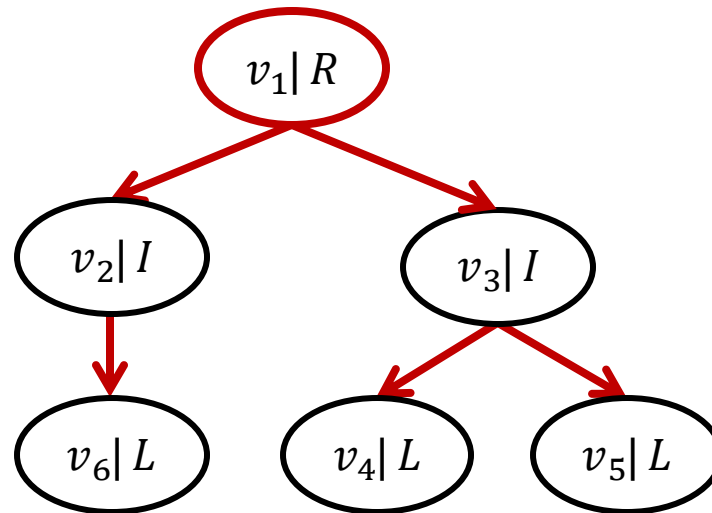
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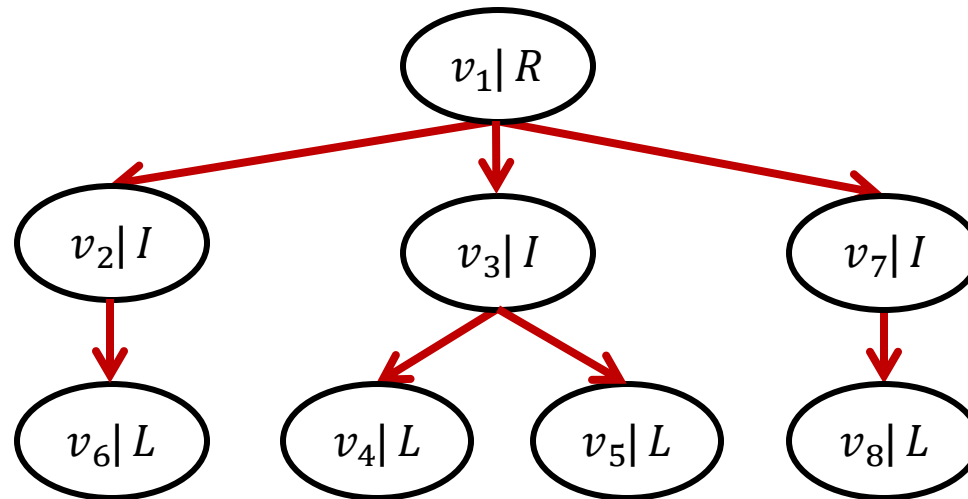
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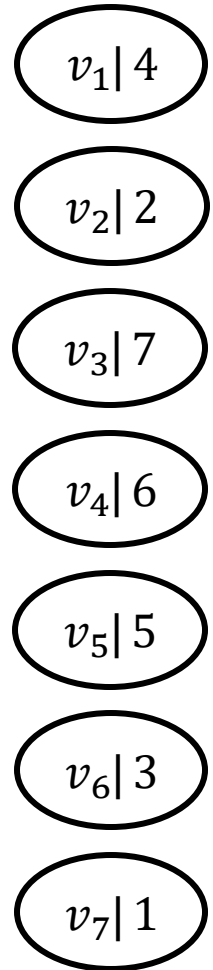


Binary tree network formation

- A node can be
 - **isolated**
 - **leaf**
 - **internal with one child**
 - **Internal with two children**
 - **root with one child**
 - **root with two children**
- Each node v stores an initially **unique random number** w_v
- When two nodes (u, v) interact, v becomes a child of u if
 - v is isolated and u has less than two children, or
 - v is a root, u has less than two children, and $w_u < w_v$
- When a parent-child pair interacts, the child adopts the number stored in the parent

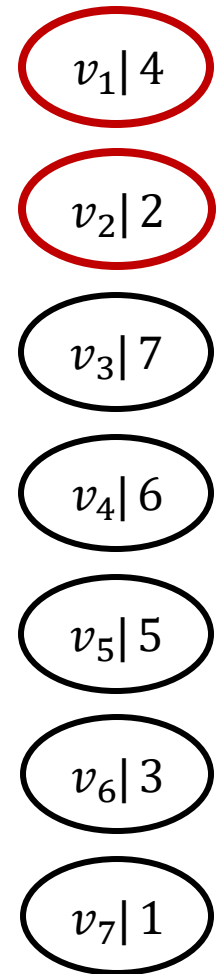
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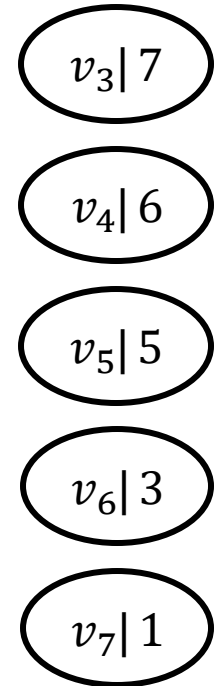
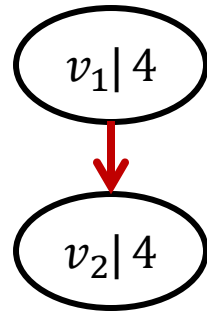
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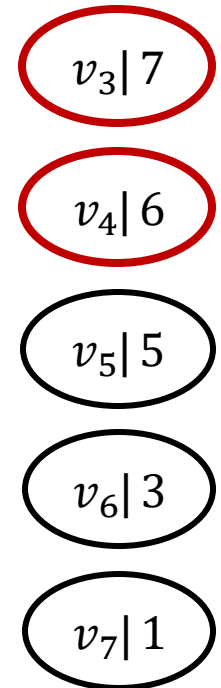
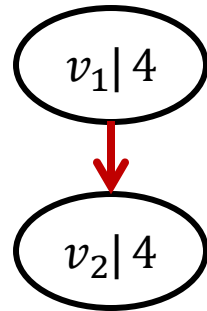
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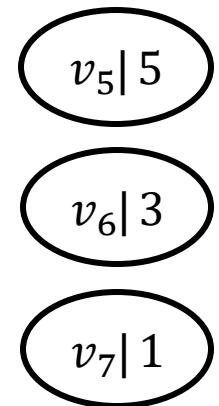
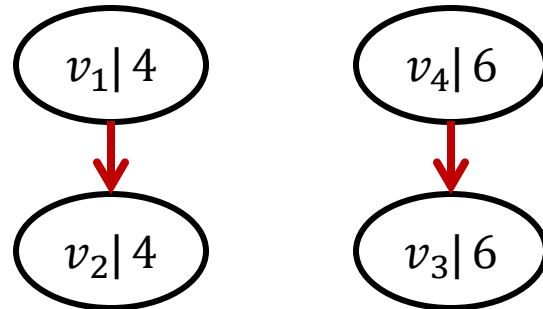
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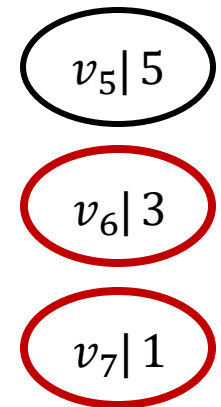
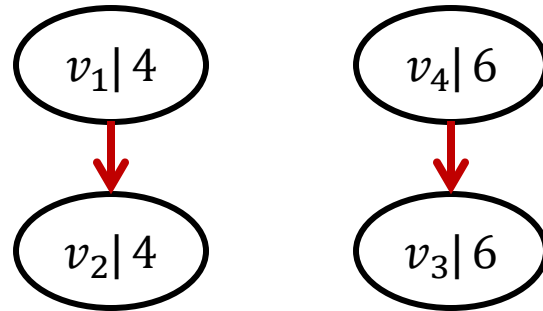
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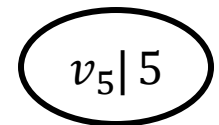
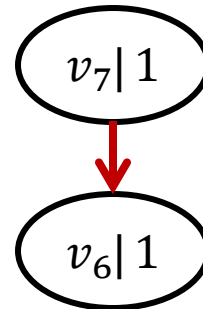
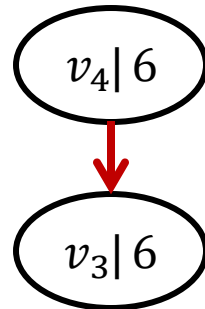
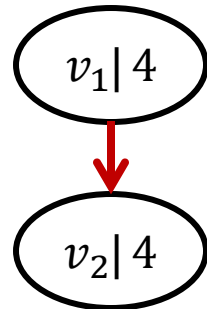
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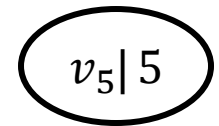
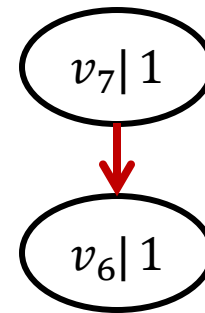
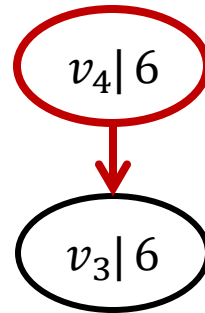
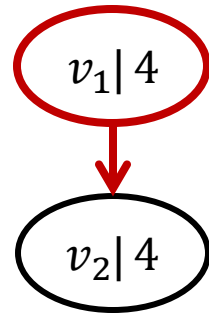
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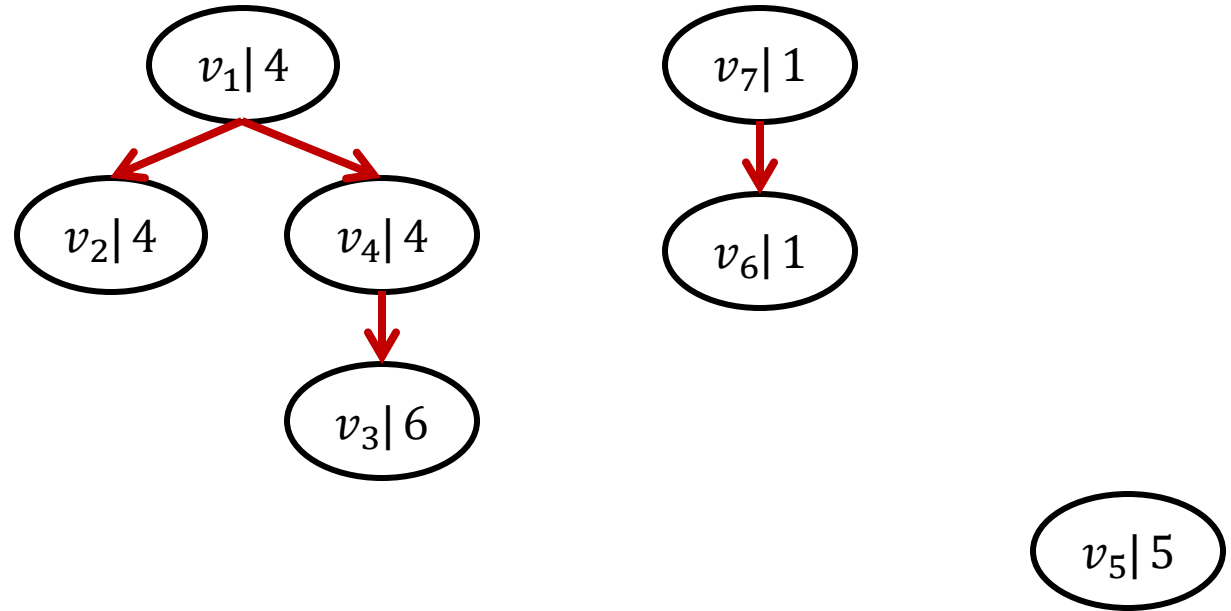
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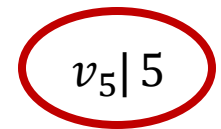
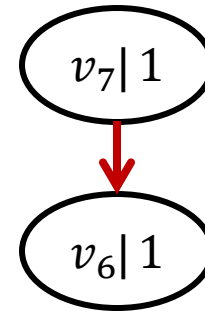
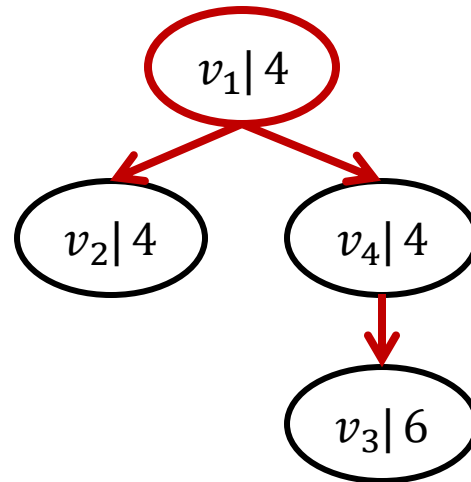
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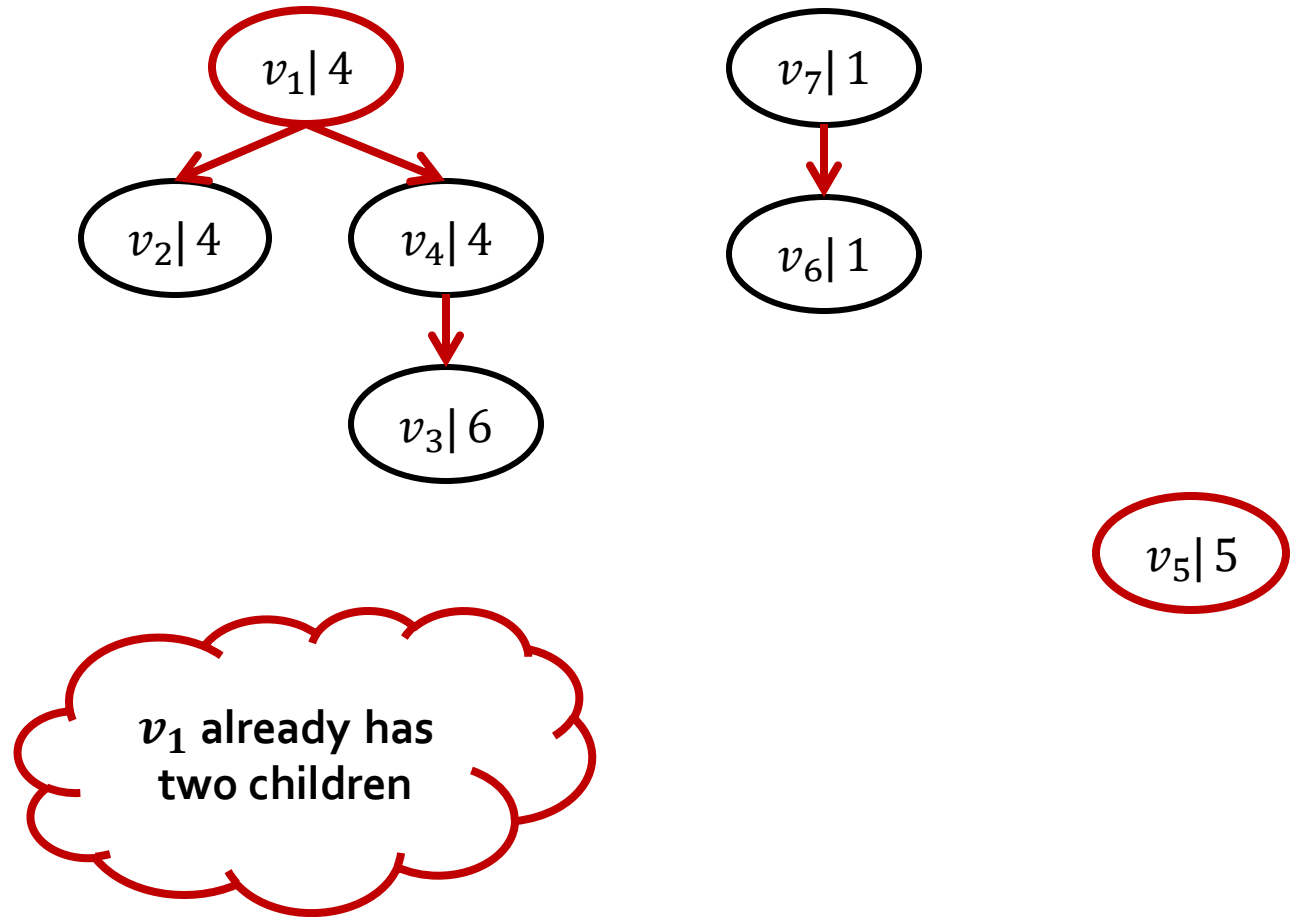
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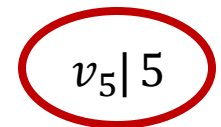
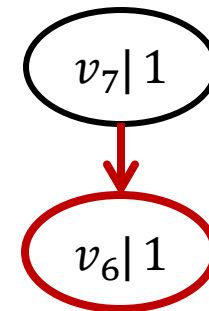
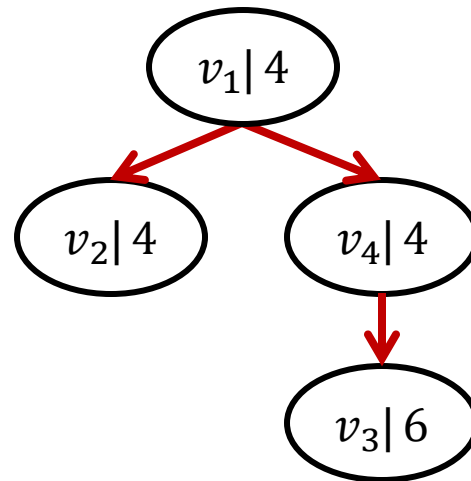
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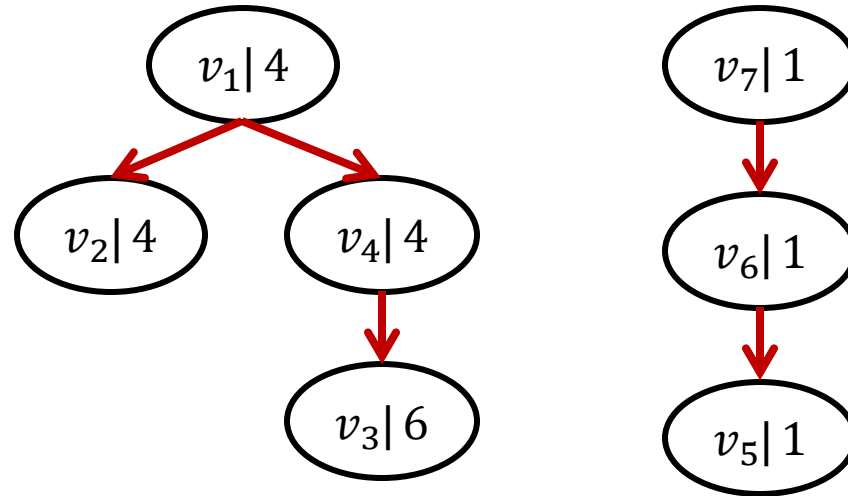
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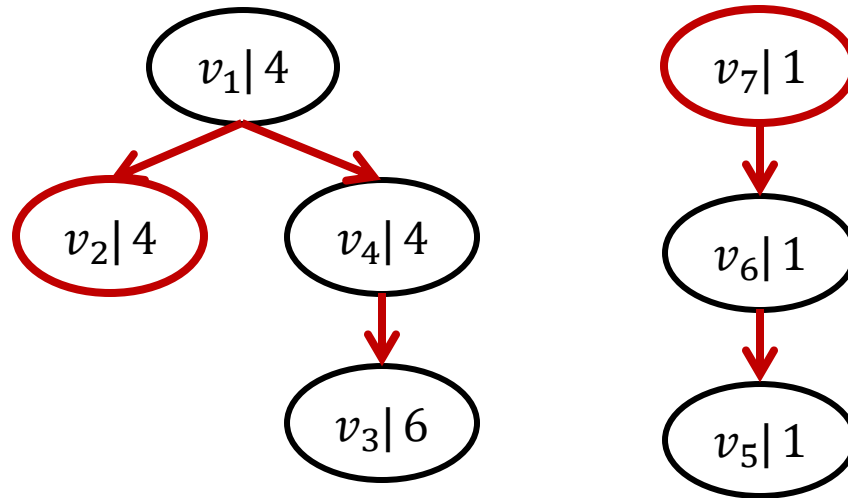
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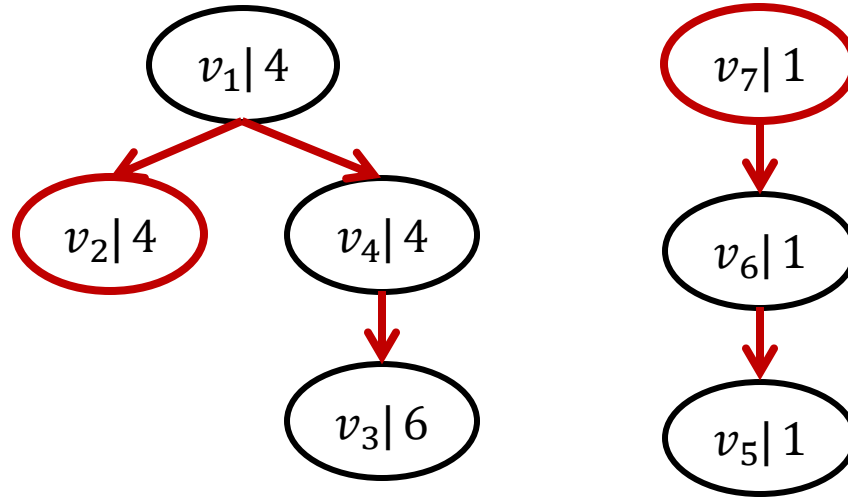
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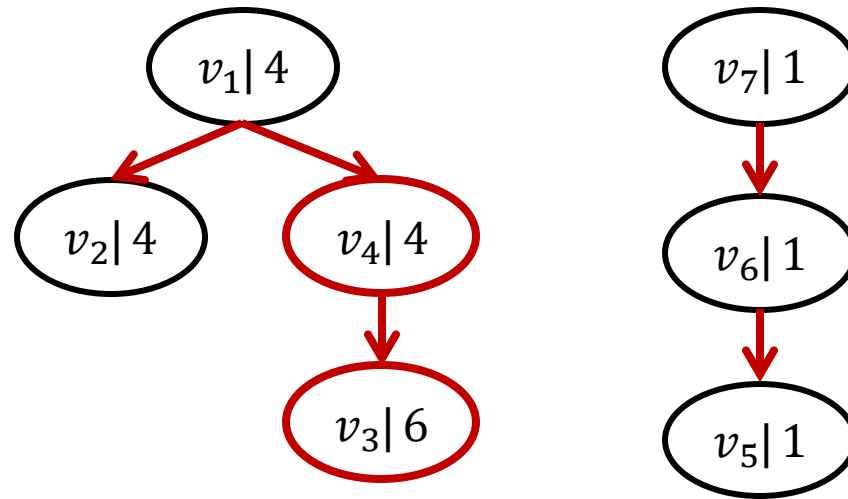
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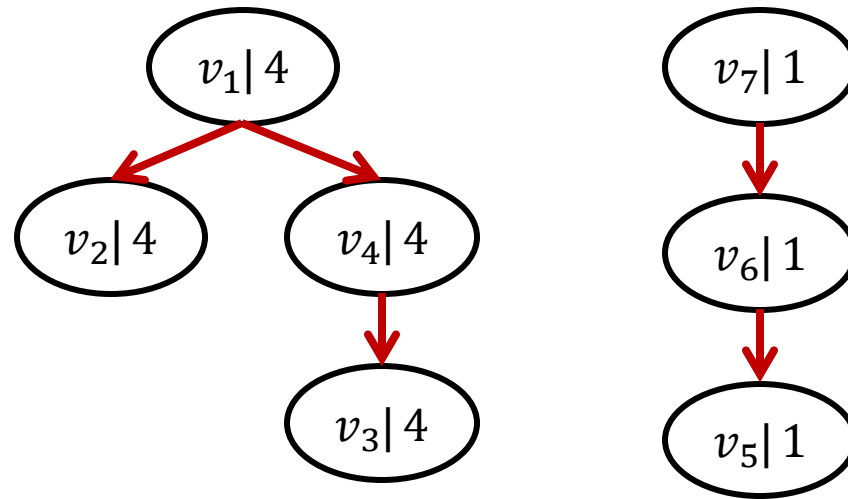
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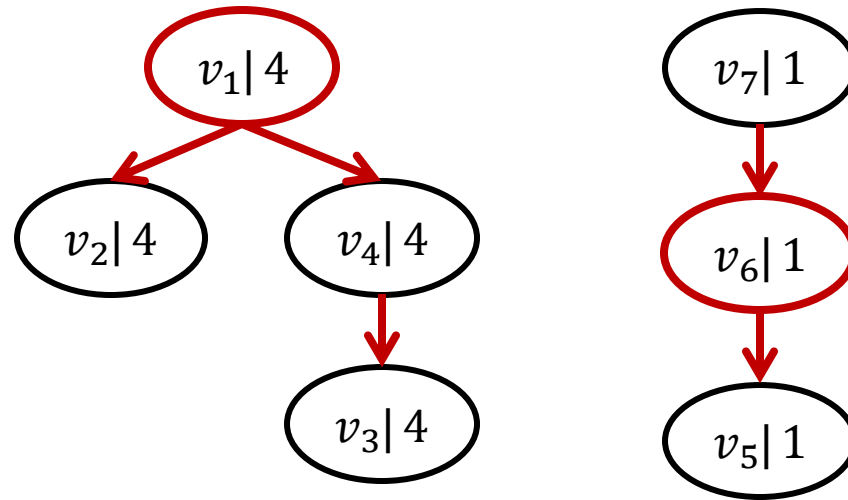
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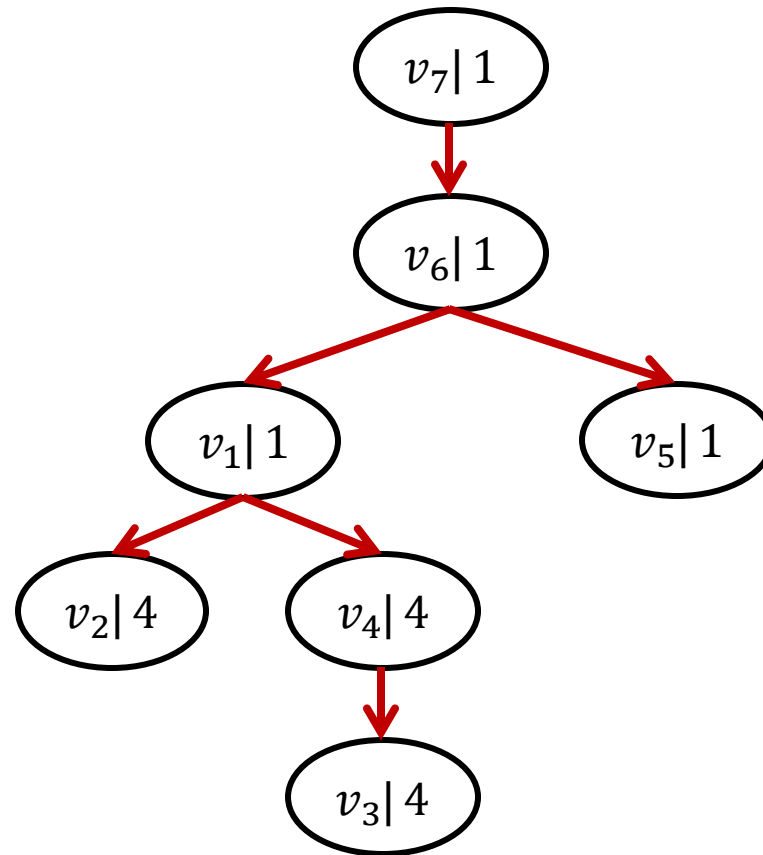
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Energy distributions

- Nodes of **lower depth** (closer to the root of the tree network) should have **more energy than** nodes of **higher depth**
- Motivation by **data propagation**
 - Nodes closer to the data sink are involved in almost all propagations and need more energy to operate properly
- **Exact distribution:** every node has **exactly twice** the energy of each of its children
- **Relaxed distribution:** every node has **at least twice** the energy of each of its children
- **Exact up to the root:** every node has **exactly twice** the energy of each of its children, **except** possibly for the root of the tree

Scenarios considered

- **Lossless case:** no energy is lost during any exchange
- **Lossy case:** some fraction of the energy that should be exchanged is lost
- **Scenario (FK):** full knowledge of network and total initial energy
- **Scenario (NK):** no knowledge
- **Scenario (PK):** knowledge of total initial energy only

Synopsis of theoretical results

- **Lossless scenario (FK):** *ideal-target protocol*
 - Guaranteed to converge to the unique exact distribution
- **Lossless scenario (NK):** *λ -exchange protocol*
 - Not guaranteed to converge to the exact distribution
 - Guaranteed to converge to a relaxed distribution when the network is a line (true in general via simulations)
- **Lossless scenario (PK):** *depth-target protocol* (for binary trees)
 - Guaranteed to converge to an exact up to the root distribution
- **Lossy scenarios (FK), (NK), (PK)**
 - Simulations

The ideal-target protocol

- Uses the tree network structure and the initial total energy (FK)
- Each node v can (locally) infer its **depth d_v** and the **height of the tree h**
- Sets as target energy

$$\gamma_v = 2^{h-d_v} \frac{E_{total}}{\sum_{d=0}^h n_d \cdot 2^{h-d}} = \gamma(d_v)$$

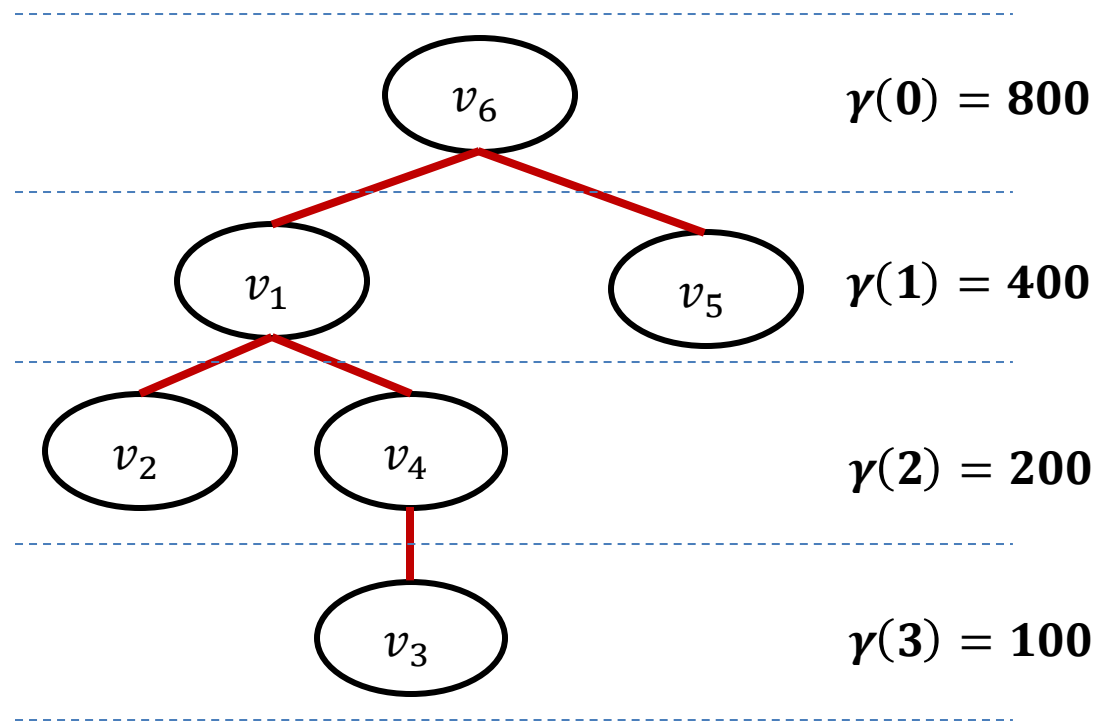
- Node v **requests** energy if its current is **strictly less than γ_v**
- Node v **can give** energy if its current is **strictly more than γ_v**

The ideal-target protocol: example

$$E_{total} = 2100$$

d	n_d
0	1
1	2
2	2
$h = 3$	1

v_1	500
v_2	100
v_3	150
v_4	400
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v_6	600

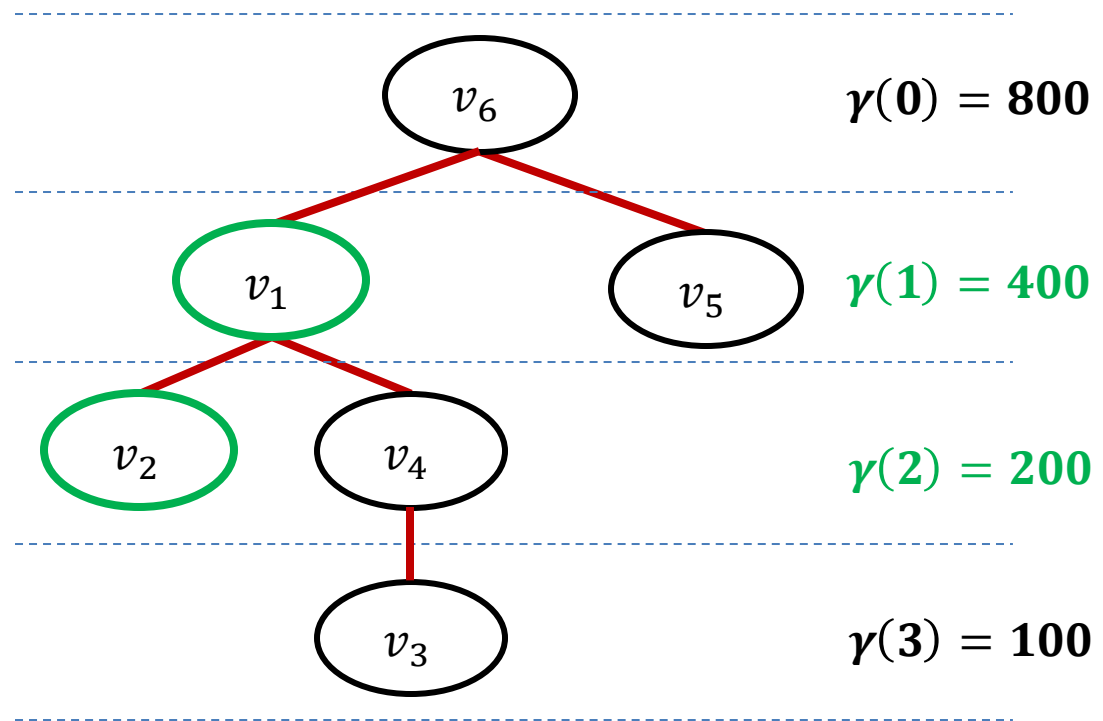


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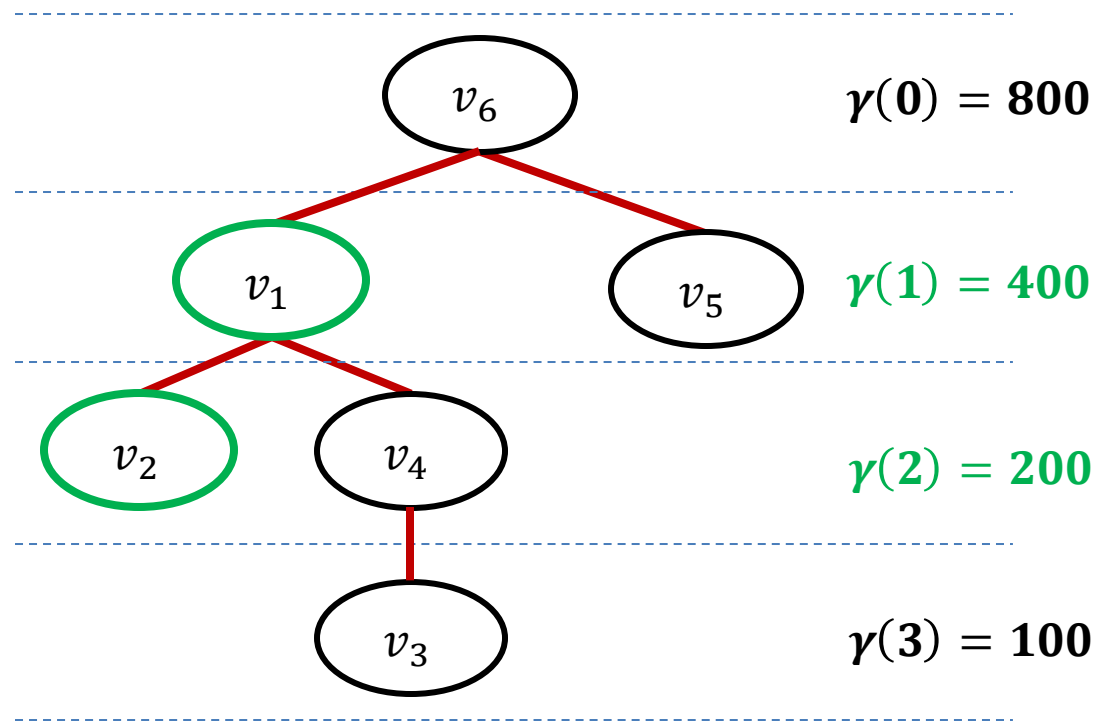


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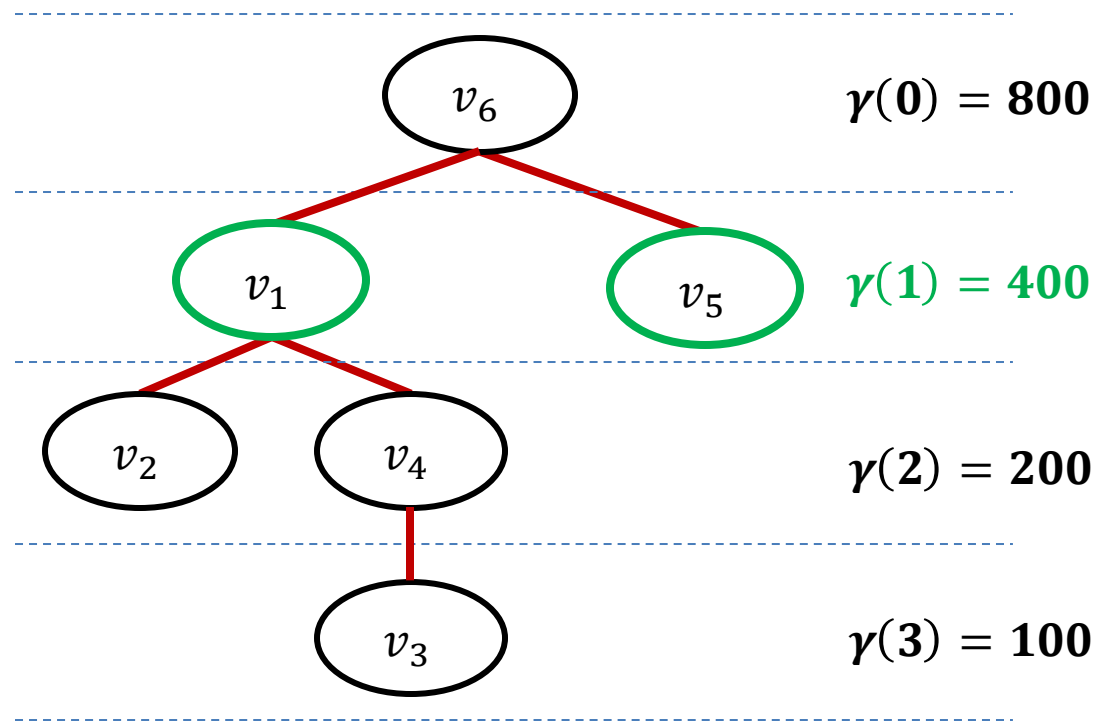


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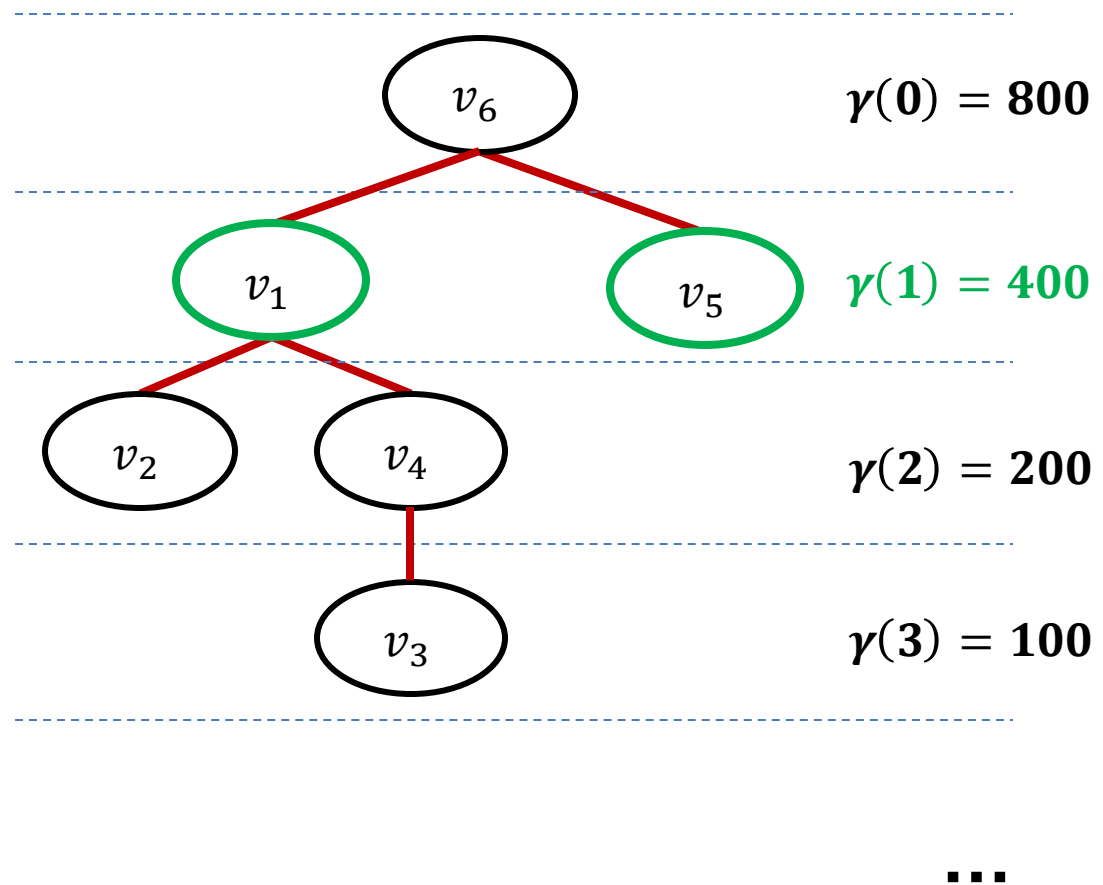


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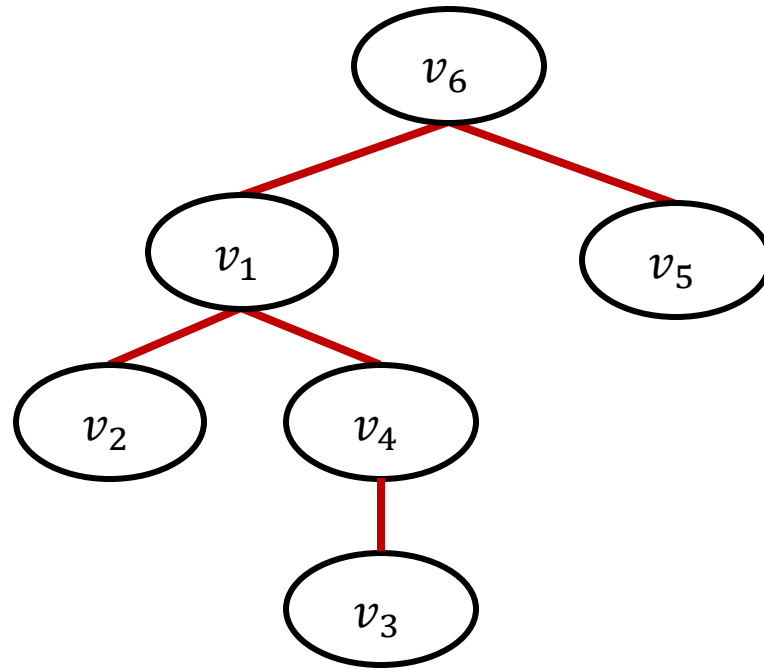


The λ -exchange protocol

- No global knowledge (NK)
- Energy can be exchanged only during interactions between parent-child pairs of nodes (p, c)
- If the energy of p is *strictly less* than λ times the energy of c , then their total energy is redistributed amongst them so that p has **exactly λ times** the energy of c

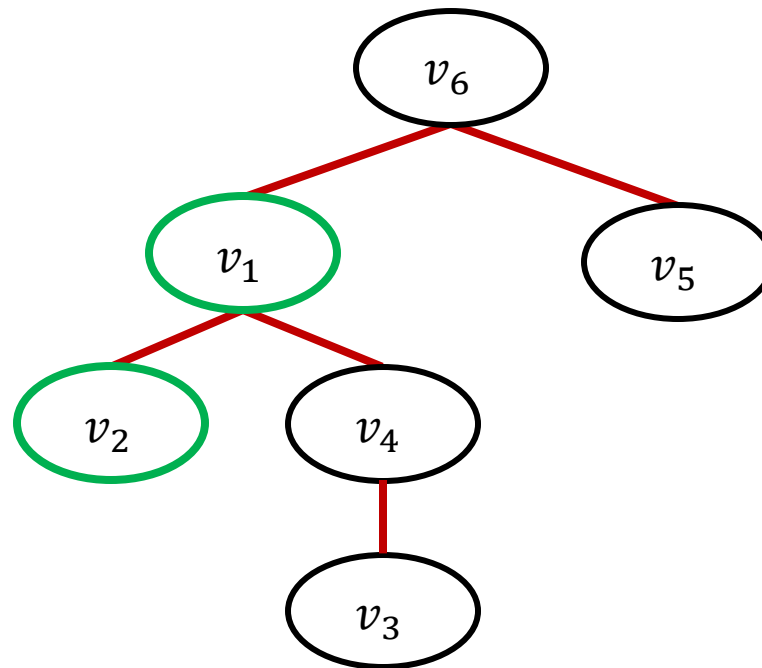
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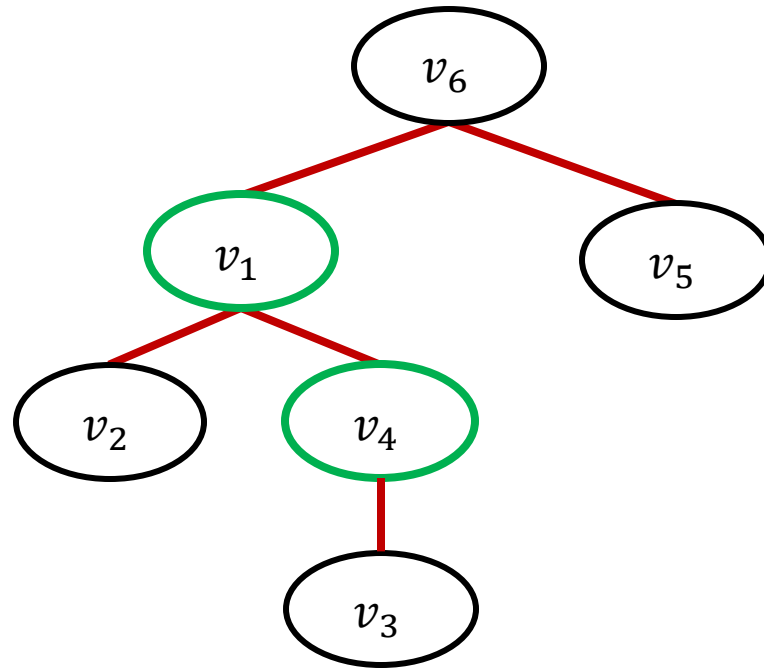
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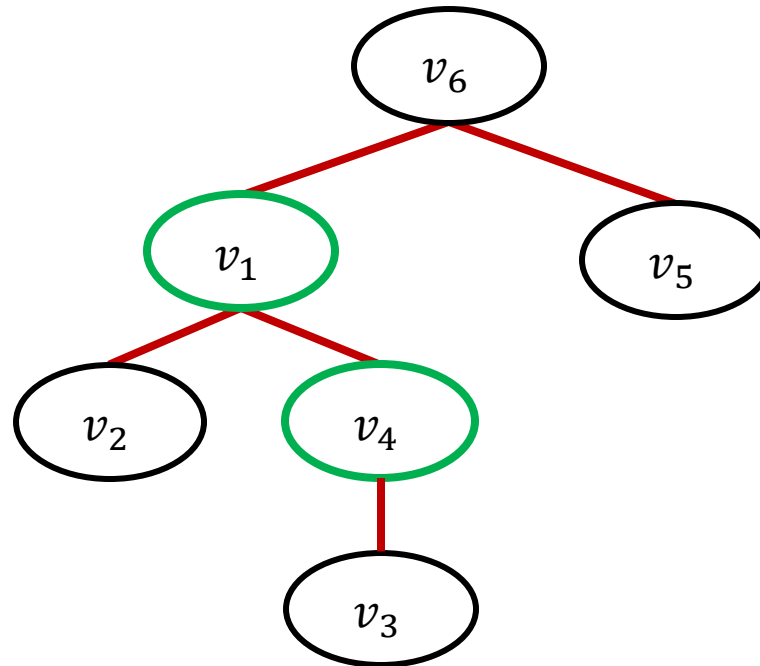
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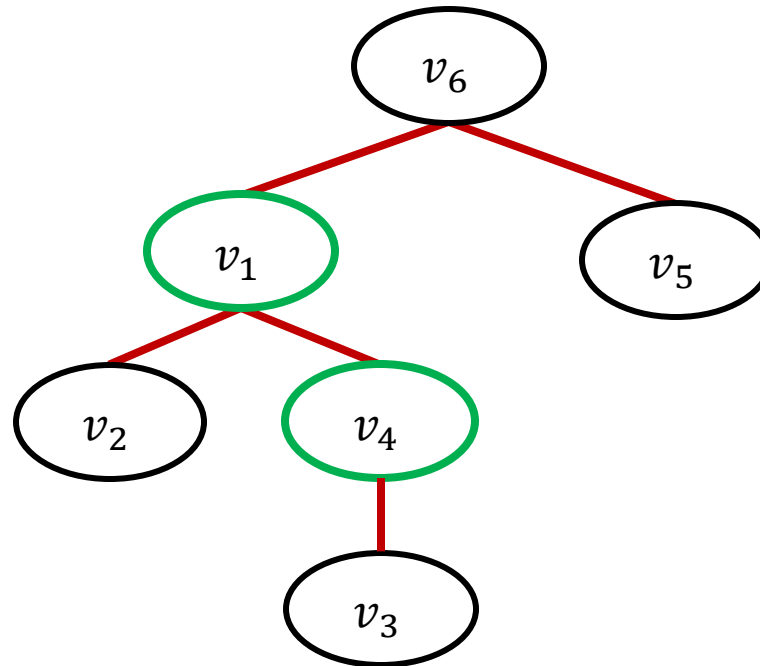
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v_1	600
v_2	100
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The depth-target protocol

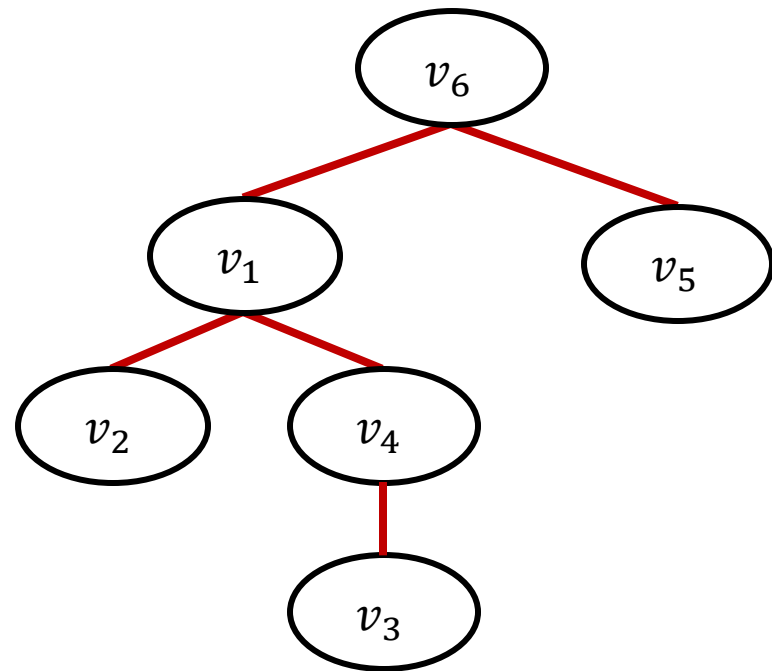
- Uses the total initial energy in the network (PK)
- Every non-root node v sets a target energy

$$\zeta_v = \frac{E_{total}}{2^{d_v}(h+1)}$$

- Node v requests energy if its current energy is less than ζ_v
- Node v can give energy if its current energy is more than ζ_v
- The root **can get or give energy**, depending on the needs of the other interacting node

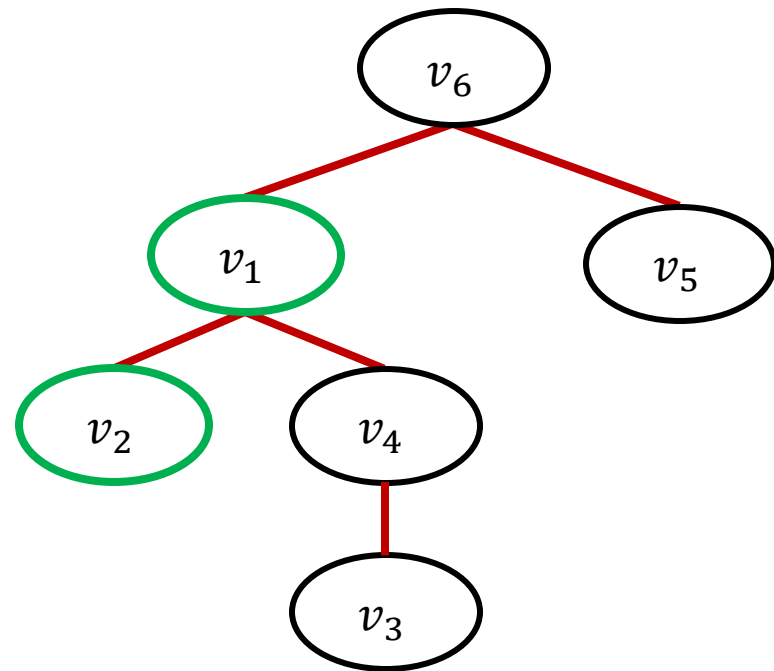
The depth-target protocol: example

	$E(t)$	ζ
v_1	500	262.5
v_2	100	131.25
v_3	150	65.625
v_4	400	131.25
v_5	350	262.5
v_6	600	—



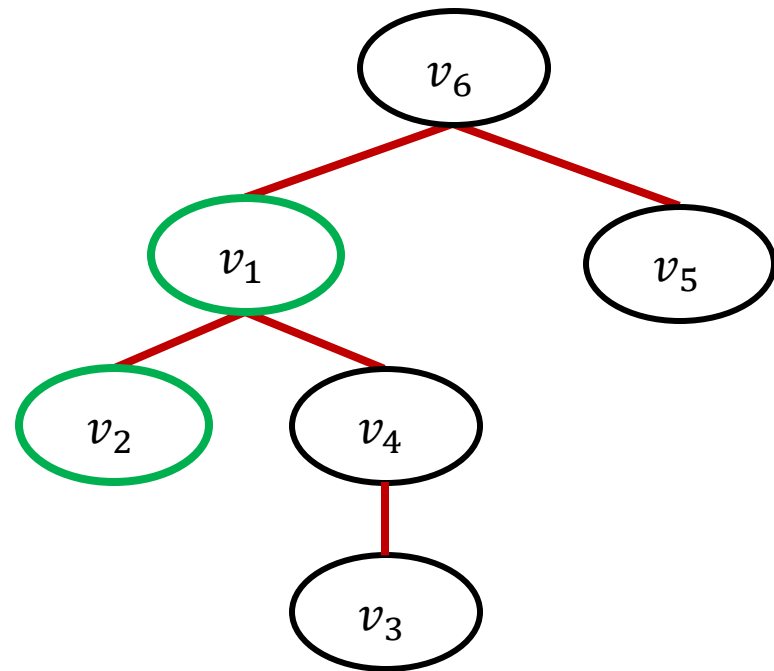
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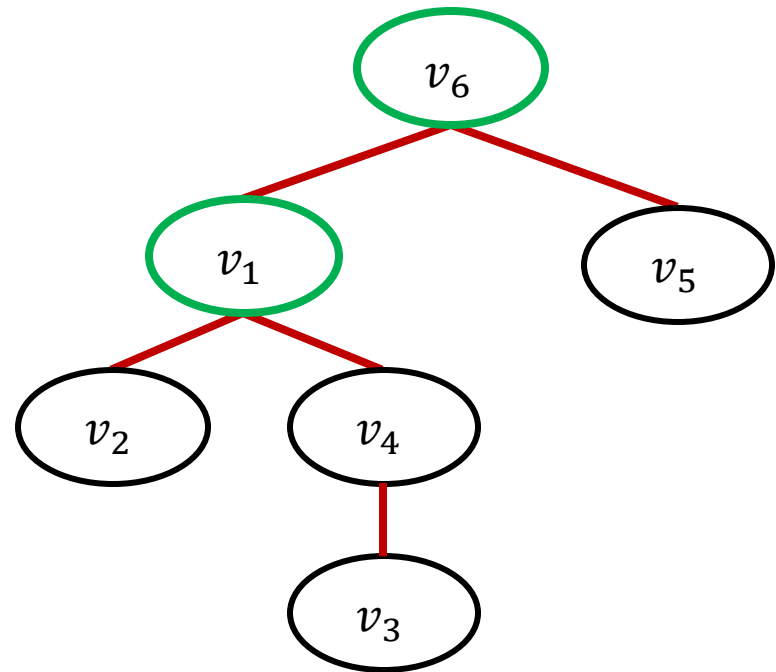
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v_6	600	—



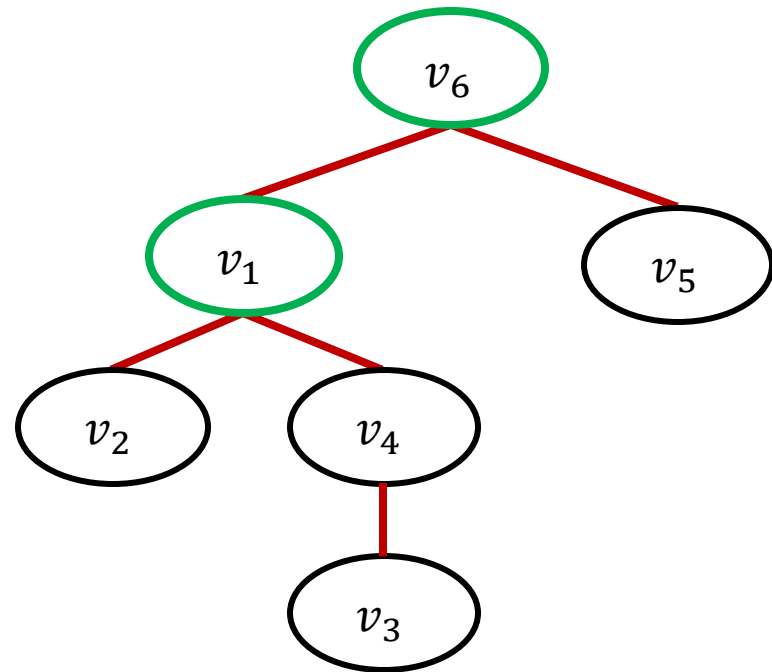
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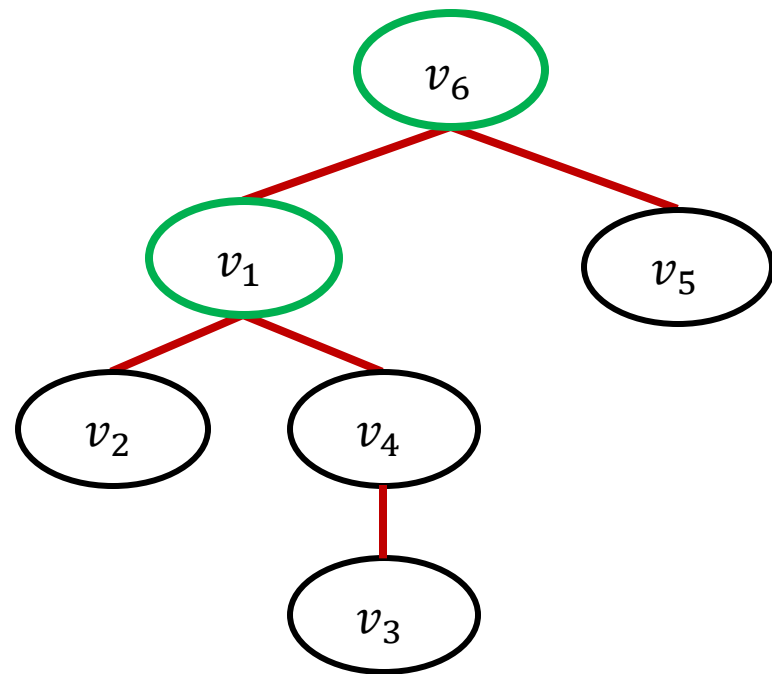
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v_6	806.25	—



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Simulation setup

- Populations of 10, 30, and 50 nodes
- Total initial energy analogous to the number of nodes and is split among them randomly
- The energy that is lost during every exchange is a random variable following $N(0.2,0.05)$
- Each simulation was repeated 100 times (statistical smoothness)

Distribution and energy distance

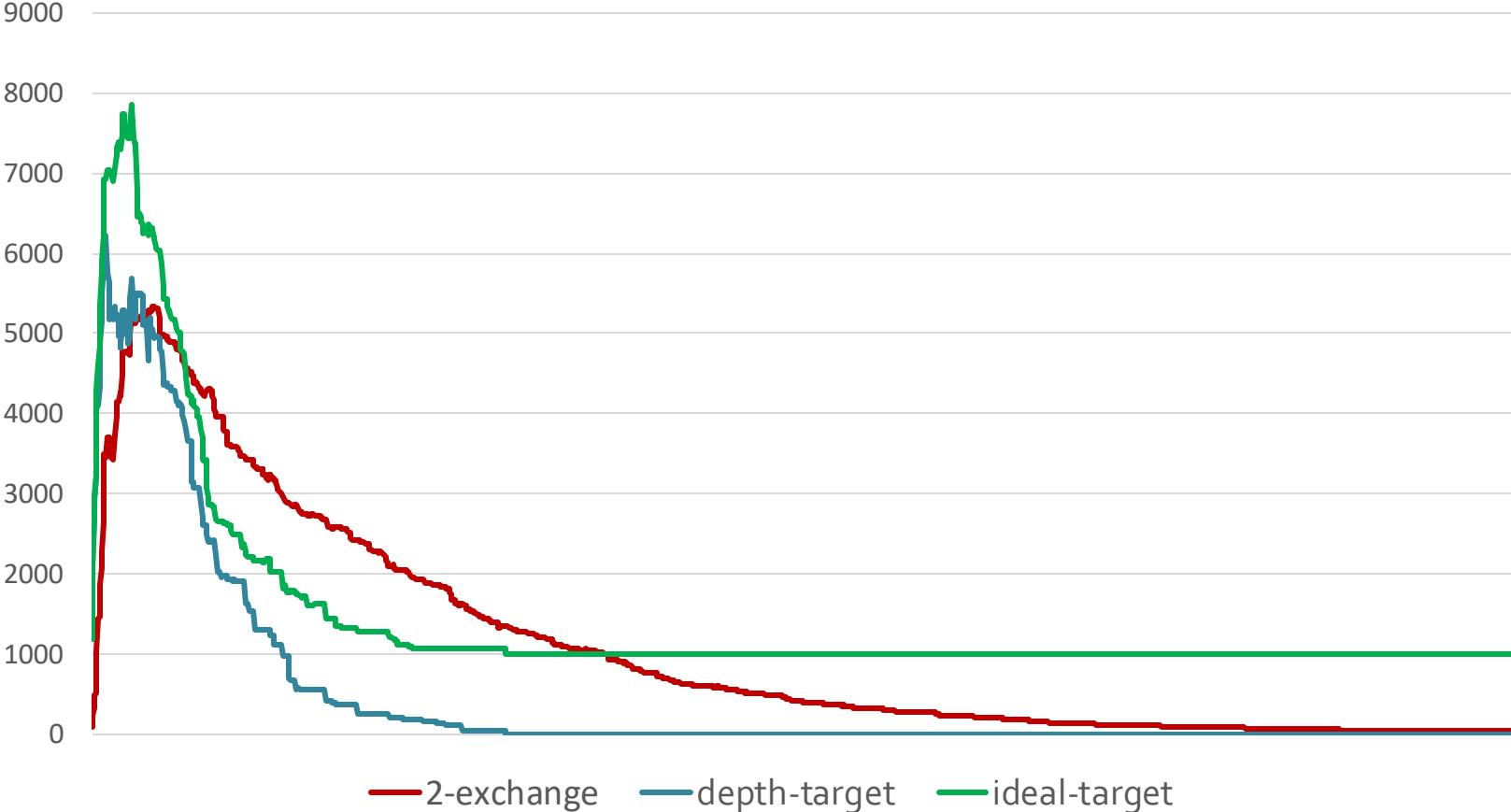
- DD measures the total energy that has to be redistributed at time t in order to achieve a relaxed distribution

$$DD(t) = \sum_{(p,c)} (2E_c(t) - E_p(t)) \mathbf{1}\{E_p(t) < 2E_c(t)\}$$

- The convergence time of λ -exchange is the smallest τ such that $DD(\tau) = 0$
- The convergence time of ideal-target and depth-target is the smallest τ such that $DD(\tau) = DD(t)$ for any $t \geq \tau$
- ED measures the total energy that has been misplaced in the final distribution

$$ED = \frac{1}{2} \sum_v |E_v(\tau) - \gamma_v|$$

Simulation results



Distribution distance for $n = 10$

Simulation results

	$n = 10$	$n = 30$	$n = 50$
ideal-target	5.77 %	8.99 %	10.77 %
2-exchange	5.36 %	7.14 %	12.09 %
depth-target	32.85 %	42.63 %	49.54 %

Energy distance

Possible extensions

- Energy distributions with additive more energy for nodes of lower depth (instead of multiplicative more energy)
- Formation of more predictable tree networks (e.g. balanced trees)
- Nodes cannot store arbitrary levels of energy: what is going on if we assume that every node has a battery limit?
- Other network structures and corresponding energy distributions

Thank you!