

Near-Feasible Stable Matchings with Budget Constraints (IJCAI'17)

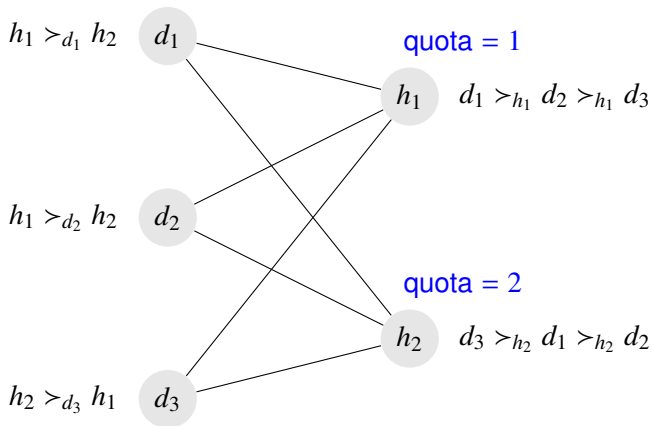
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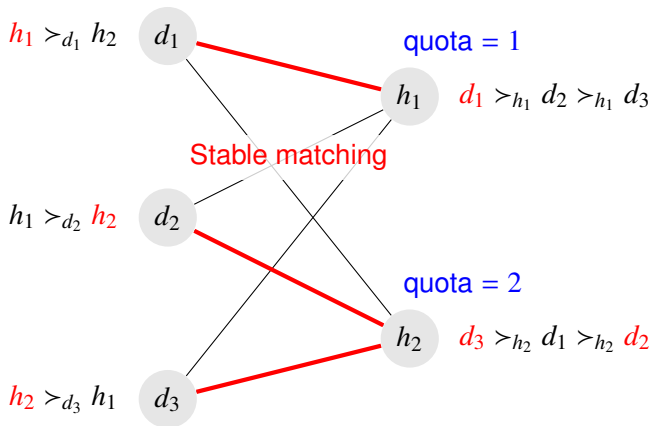
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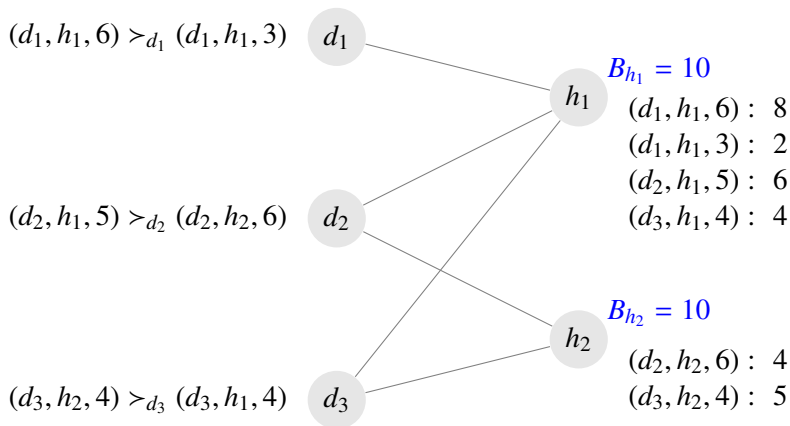
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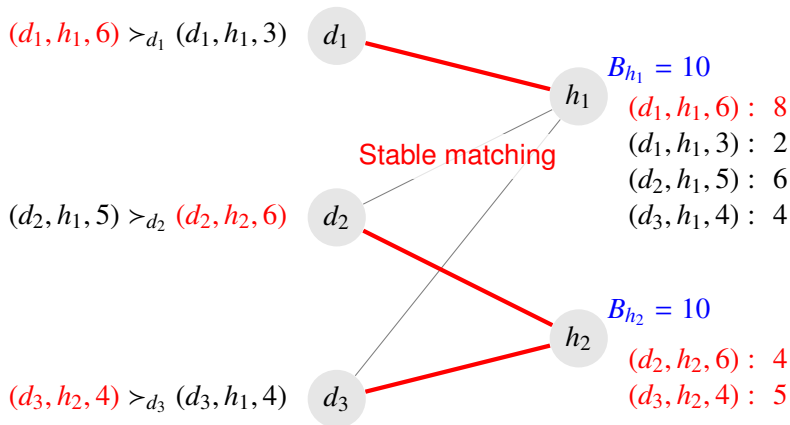


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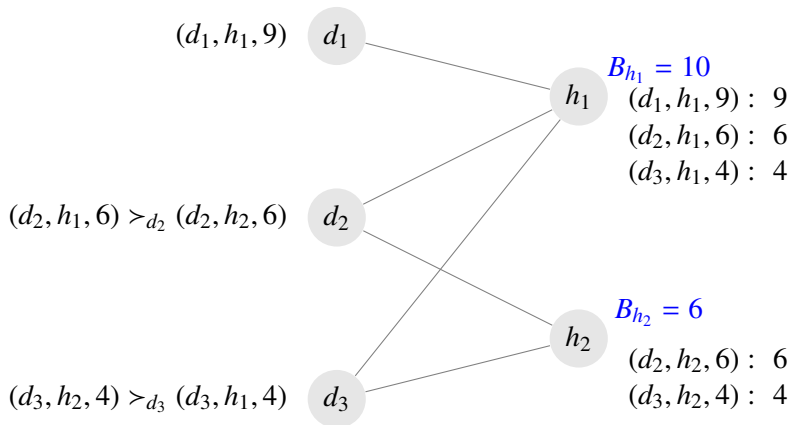
Market $(D, H, X, \succ_D, f_H, B_H)$

- ▶ $D = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$: a finite set of doctors
- ▶ $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_m\}$: a finite set of hospitals
- ▶ $X \subseteq D \times H \times \mathbb{R}_{++}$: a finite set of contracts
 - ▶ $(d, h, w) \in X$: hospital $h \in H$ offers wage $w \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$ to doctor d
 - ▶ $X'_d: \{(d', h', w') \in X' \mid d' = d\}$
 - ▶ $X'_h: \{(d', h', w') \in X' \mid h' = h\}$
 - ▶ x_D, x_H, x_W : the doctor, the hospital, and the wage associated with $x \in X$
- ▶ $\succ_D = (\succ_d)_{d \in D}$: a set of strict relations of $d \in D$ over $X_d \cup \{\emptyset\}$
- ▶ $f_H = (f_h)_{h \in H}$: a set of hospitals' utility
 - ▶ $f_h: X_h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{++}$: h prefers X' to X'' iff $f_h(X') > f_h(X'')$ ($X', X'' \subseteq X_h$)
 - ▶ Assumption: f_h is **additive** ($f_h(X') = \sum_{x \in X'} f_h(x)$)
- ▶ $B_H = (B_h)_{h \in H}$: a set of hospitals' budget

Stable matching

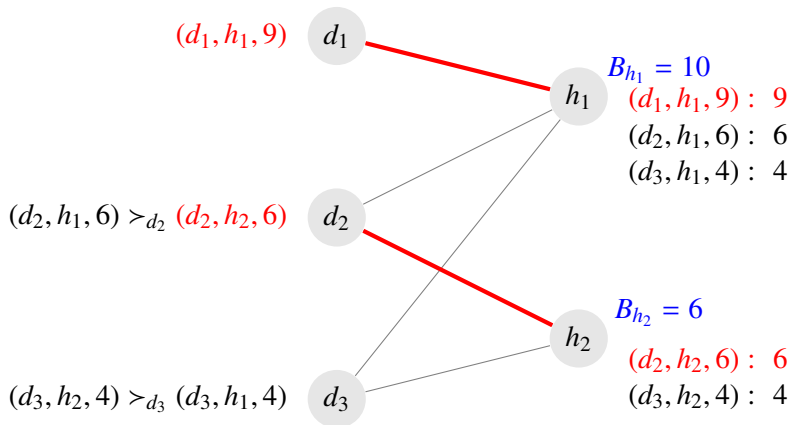
- ▶ A subset of contracts $X' \subseteq X$ is a **matching** if $|X'_d| \leq 1$ ($\forall d \in D$)
- ▶ A matching $X' \subseteq X$ is **feasible** if $w_h(X'_h) \leq B_h$ ($\forall h \in H$)
- ▶ $X'' \subseteq X_h$ is a **blocking coalition** for a matching X' if
 - ▶ $X'' \succ_{x_D} X'$ ($\forall x \in X'' \setminus X'$)
 - ▶ $f_h(X'') > f_h(X'_h)$
- ▶ A matching X' is **stable** if
 - ▶ feasible
 - ▶ \nexists feasible blocking coalition

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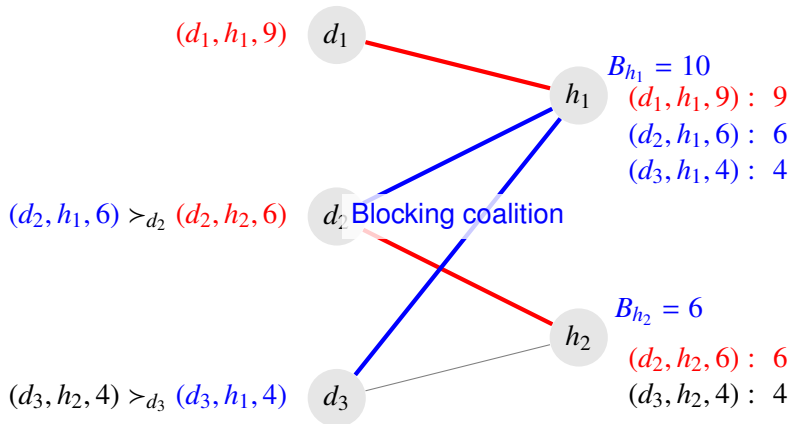
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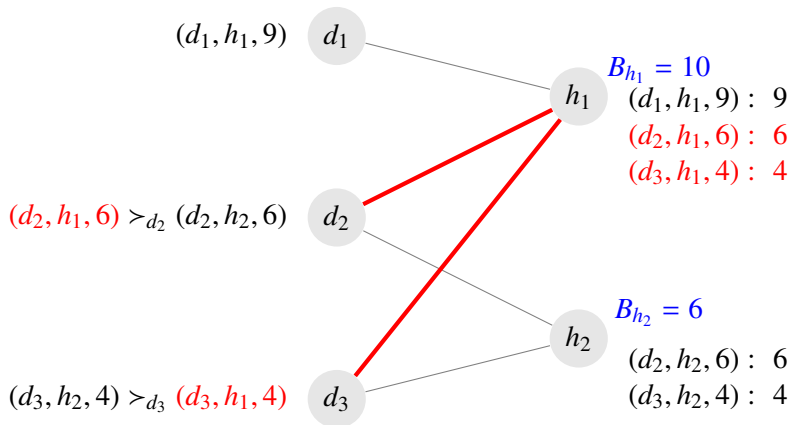
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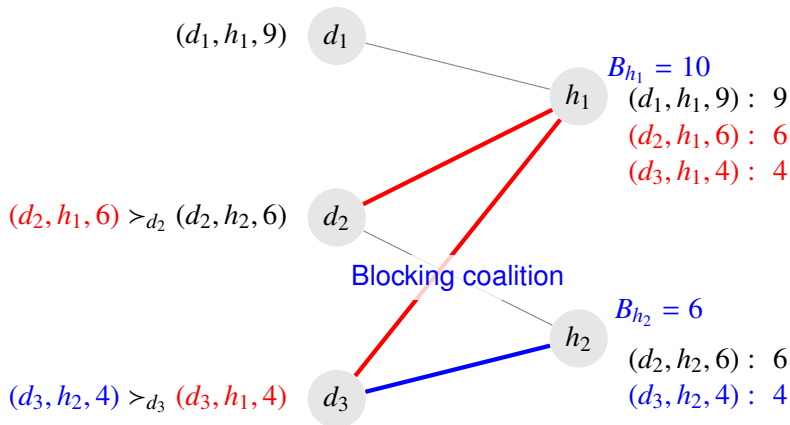
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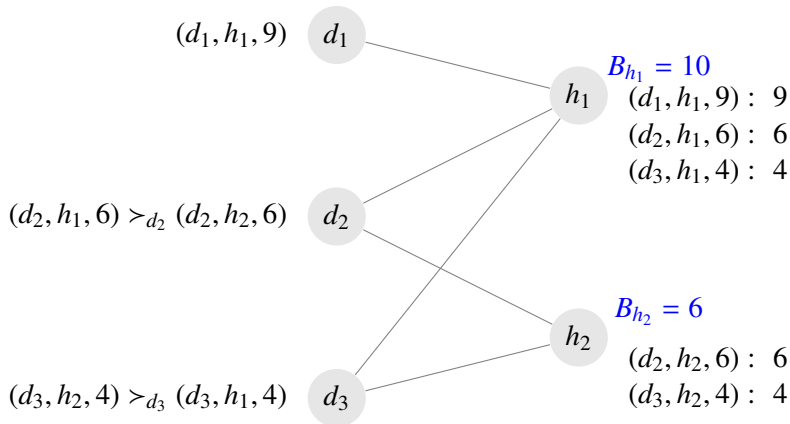
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Our approach: B'_H -stable matching

allow a central planner to add or redistribute the budgets ($B_H \rightarrow B'_H$)

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Main results

Theorem

$0 < \forall \alpha < \forall \beta < 1, \exists \text{market } (D, H, X, \succ_D, f_H, B_H)$ such that

- ▶ $x_W \leq \beta \cdot B_{x_H}$ ($\forall x \in X$) and
- ▶ $\nexists B'_H$ -stable matching if $B_h \leq B'_h \leq (1 + \alpha)B_h$ ($\forall h \in H$)

Theorem

\exists mechanism such that

- ▶ strategy-proof for doctors and
- ▶ it provides a B'_H -stable matching such that

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GDA mechanism [Hatfield–Milgrom 2005]

- ▶ $\text{Ch}_D : 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$
 - ▶ $\text{Ch}_d(X') = \begin{cases} \{x\} & (\text{if } x \in X'_d \text{ and } x \succeq_d x' \forall x' \in X'_d \cup \{\emptyset\}) \\ \emptyset & (\text{if } \emptyset \succ_d x' \text{ for all } x' \in X'_d) \end{cases}$
 - ▶ $\text{Ch}_D(X') := \bigcup_{d \in D} \text{Ch}_d(X'_d)$
- ▶ $\text{Ch}_H : 2^X \rightarrow 2^X$
 - ▶ $\text{Ch}_H(X') := \bigcup_{h \in H} \text{Ch}_h(X'_h)$ where Ch_h is a choice function of h
 - ▶ We have some **flexibility** when we are allowed to violate budgets

Generalized Deferred Acceptance (GDA)

input: $X, \text{Ch}_D, \text{Ch}_H$ **output:** matching $X' \subseteq X$

$R \leftarrow \emptyset;$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots$ **do**

$Y \leftarrow \text{Ch}_D(X \setminus R);$

$Z \leftarrow \text{Ch}_H(Y);$

$R \leftarrow R \cup (Y \setminus Z);$

if $Y = Z$ **then return** $Y;$

Important properties

Substitutability (SUB)

$$X'' \subseteq X' \subseteq X \implies \text{Ch}_H(X') \cap X'' \subseteq \text{Ch}_H(X'')$$

Irrelevance of Rejected Contracts (IRC)

$$\text{Ch}_H(X'') \subseteq X' \subseteq X'' \subseteq X \implies \text{Ch}_H(X') = \text{Ch}_H(X'')$$

Law of Aggregate Demand (LAD)

$$X'' \subseteq X' \subseteq X \implies |\text{Ch}_H(X'')| \leq |\text{Ch}_H(X')|$$

Theorem (Hatfield and Milgrom 2005)

- ▶ Ch_H satisfies SUB and IRC \Rightarrow GDA produces X' such that
 - ▶ $X' = \text{Ch}_D(X') = \text{Ch}_H(X')$
 - ▶ $\nexists X'' \subseteq X_h$ such that $X'' \neq \text{Ch}_h(X'_h)$ and $X'' = \text{Ch}_h(X'_h \cup X'') \subseteq \text{Ch}_D(X' \cup X'')$
- ▶ Ch_H further satisfies LAD \Rightarrow GDA is strategy-proof for doctors

New property: Compatibility

- ▶ Choice functions should maximize the hospital's utility
- ▶ We allow choice functions to violate budget constraints

Definition (Compatibility (COM))

$$\text{Ch}_h(X') \in \arg \max_{X'' \subseteq X': w_h(X'') \leq \max\{B_h, w_h(\text{Ch}_h(X'))\}} f_h(X'') \quad (\forall X' \subseteq X_h)$$

Theorem

Ch_H satisfies SUB, IRC, and COM \Rightarrow GDA produces X' such that

- ▶ X' is B'_H -stable
- ▶ $B'_H = (\max\{B_h, w_h(X')\})_{h \in H}$

Direct choice function

$$\text{Ch}_h(X') \in \arg \max_{X'' \subseteq X'_h, w_h(X'') \leq B_h} f_h(X'')$$

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 - ▶ let $x_i = (d_i, h, i)$, $f_h(x_i) = i$, and $B_h = 5$
 - ▶ then $\text{Ch}_h(\{x_3, x_4\}) = \{x_4\}$ but $\text{Ch}_h(\{x_2, x_3, x_4\}) = \{x_2, x_3\}$
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- ☺ $w_h(\text{Ch}_h(X')) \leq B_h$
- ☹ hard to compute (NP-hard)

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Our mechanisms

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1. strategy-proof mechanism that gives a B'_H -stable matching such that

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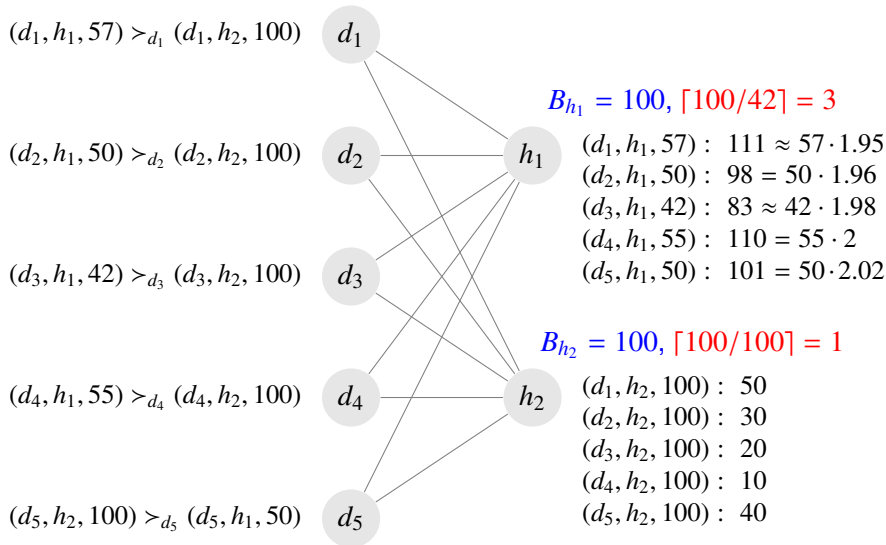
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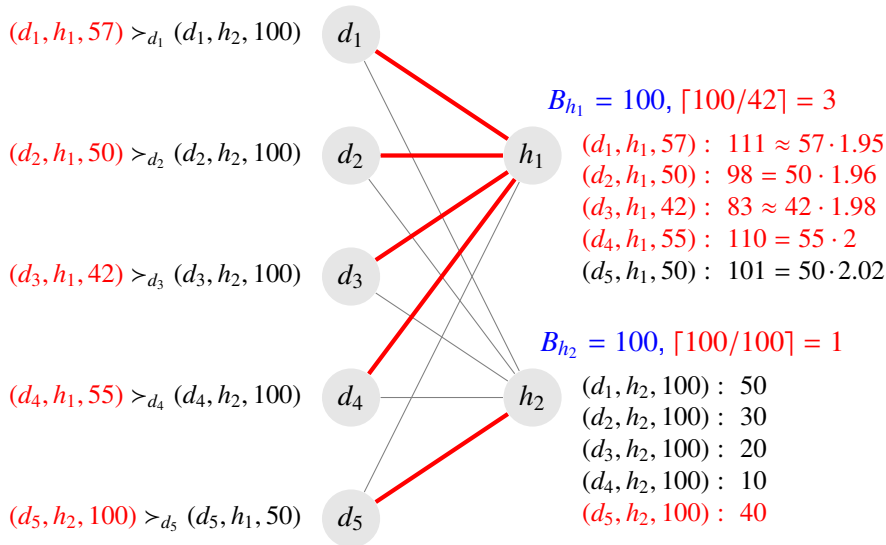
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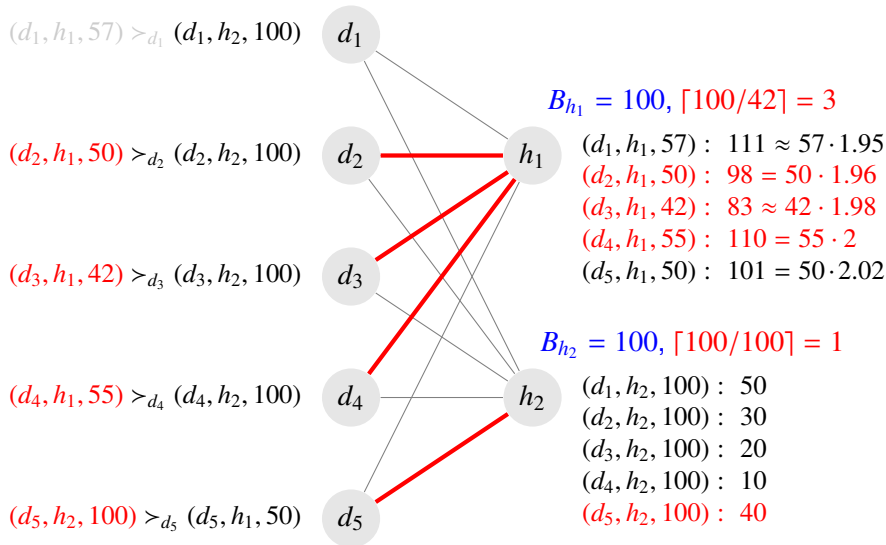
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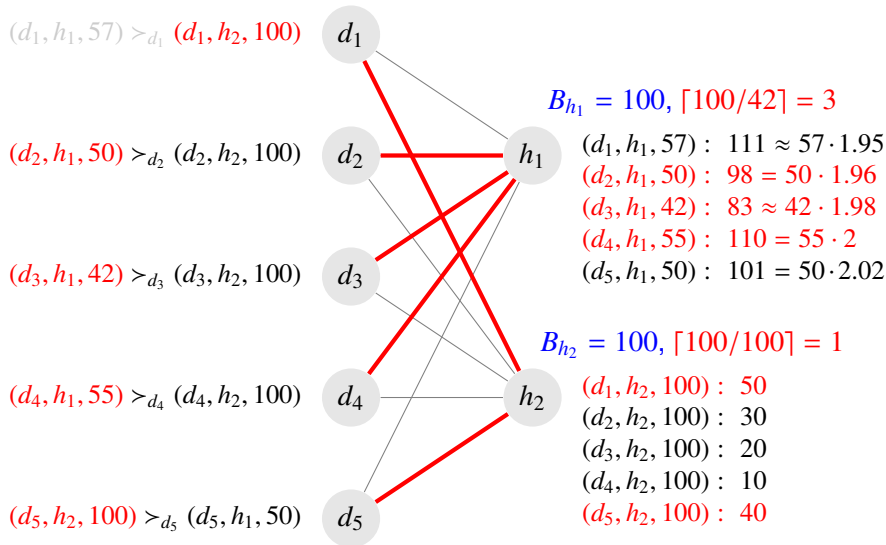
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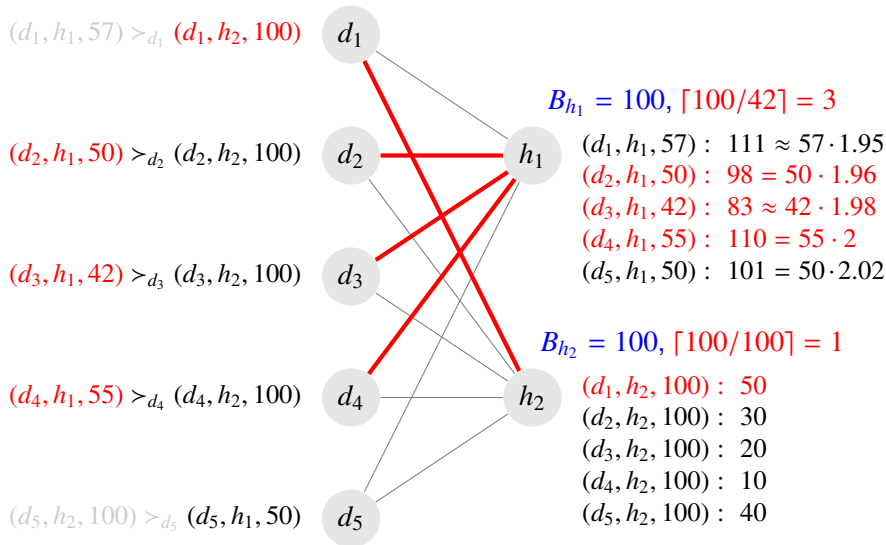
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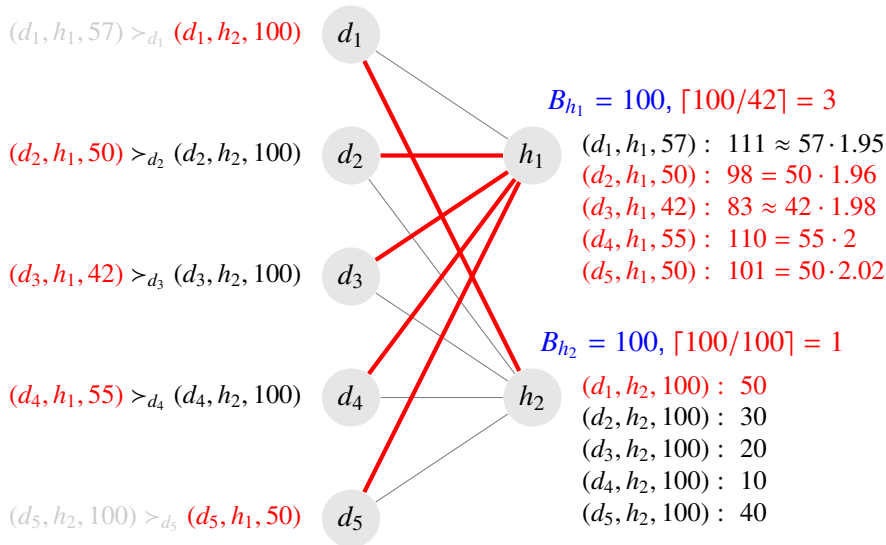
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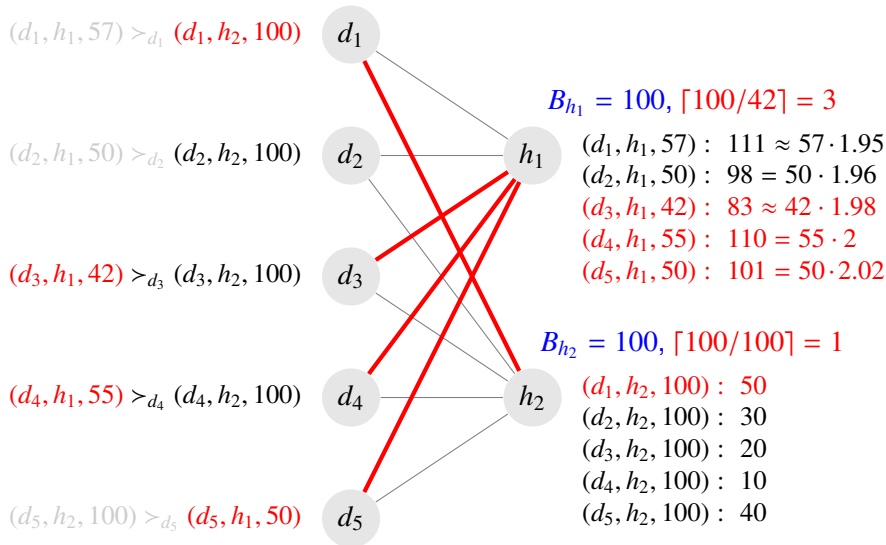
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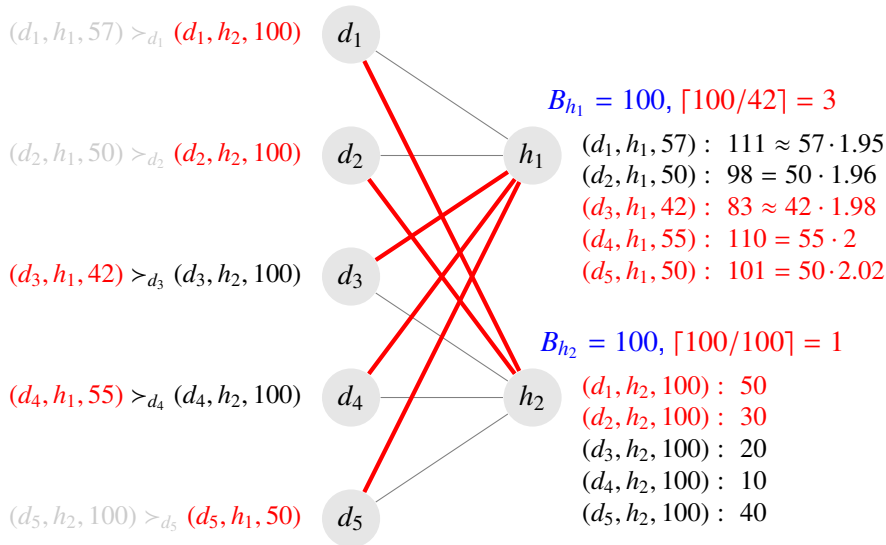
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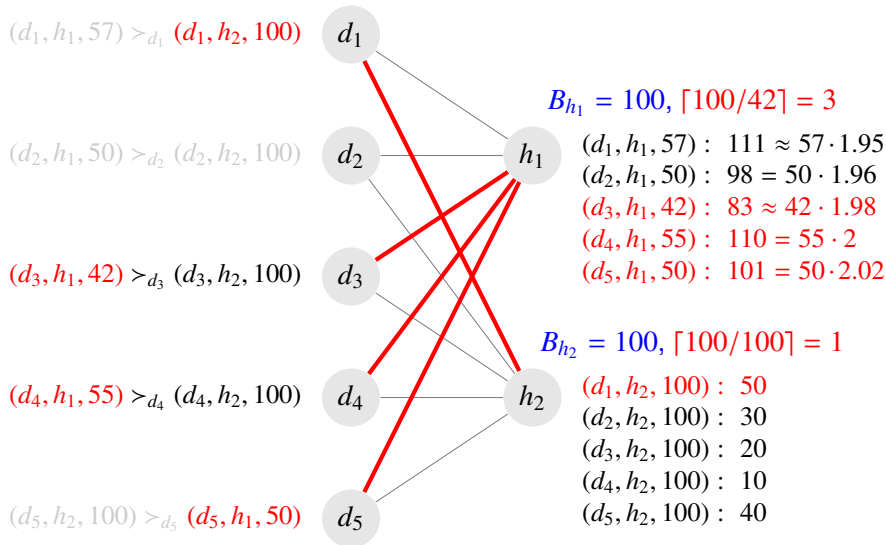
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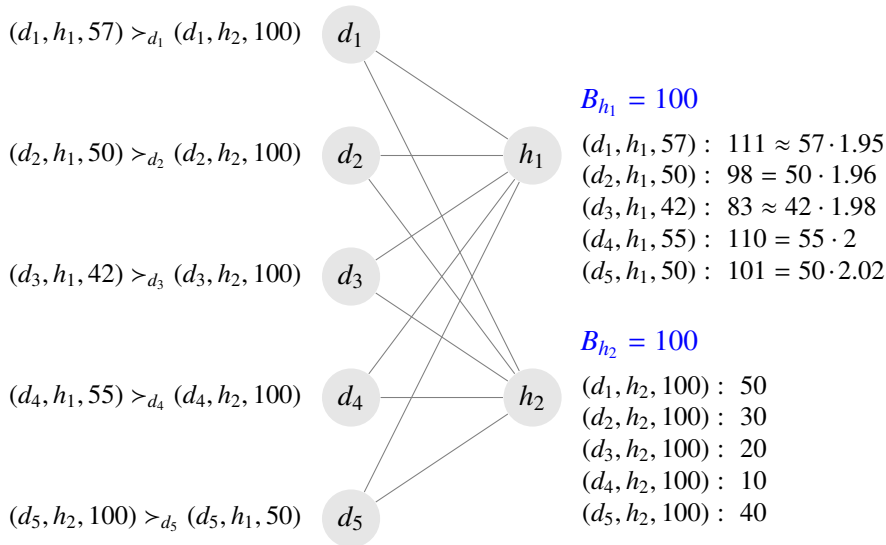
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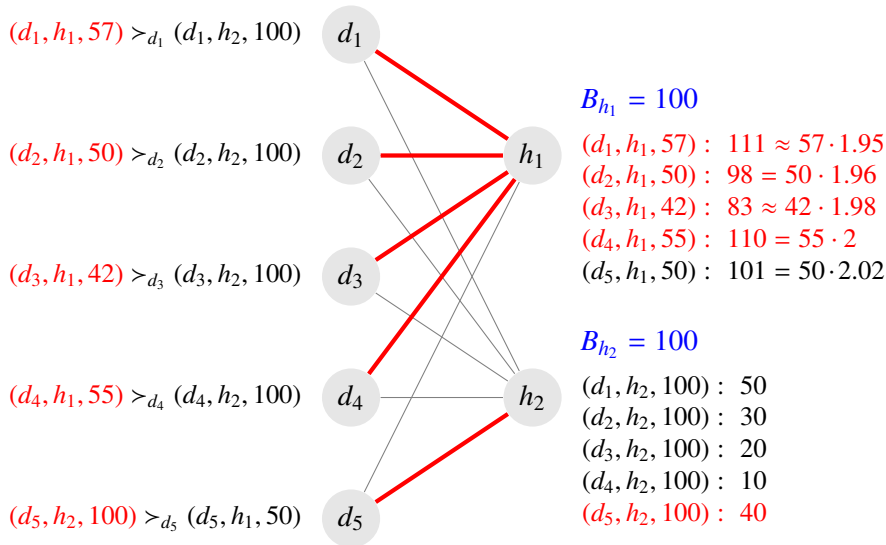
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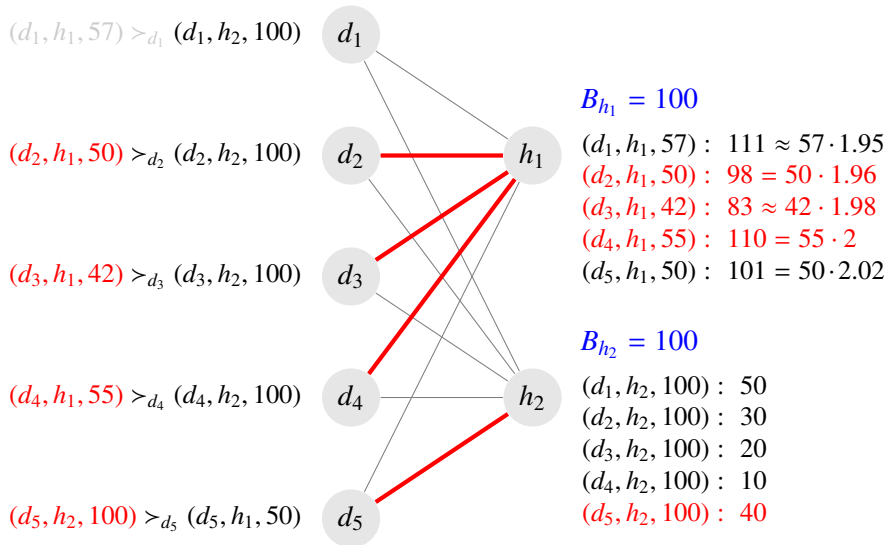
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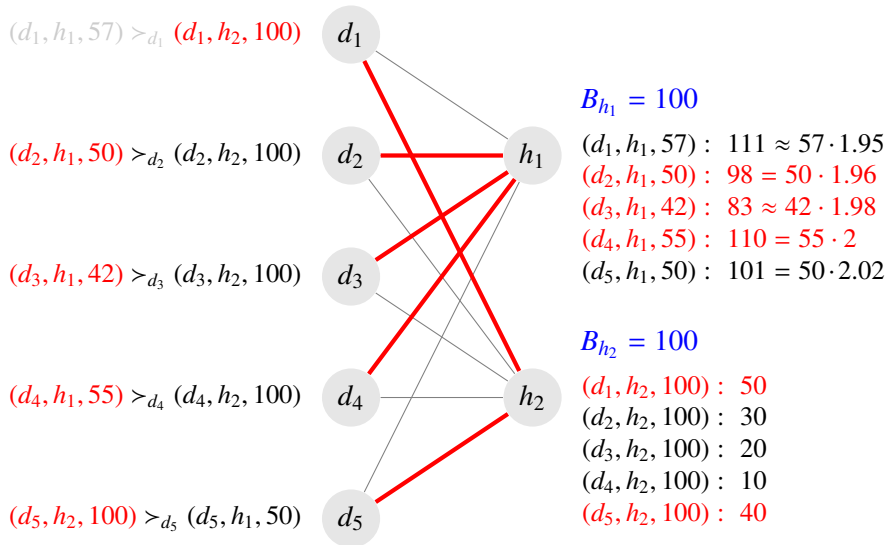
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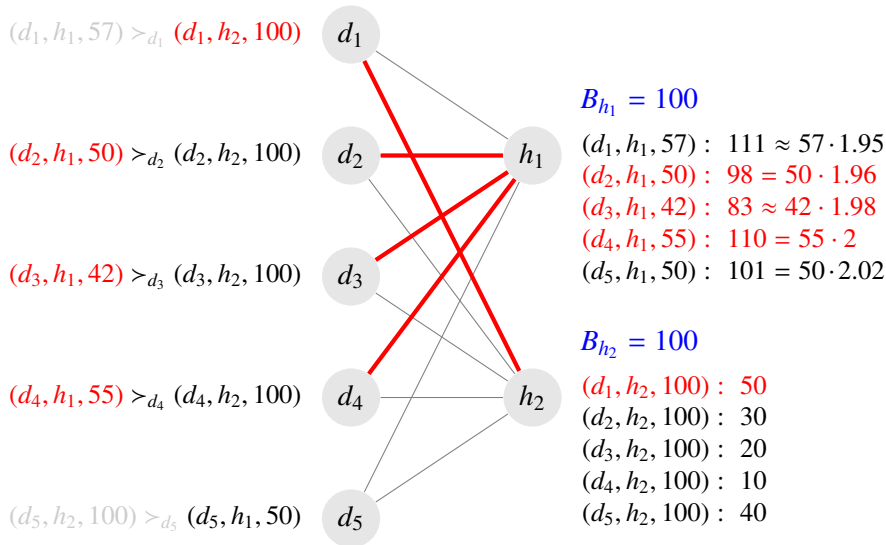
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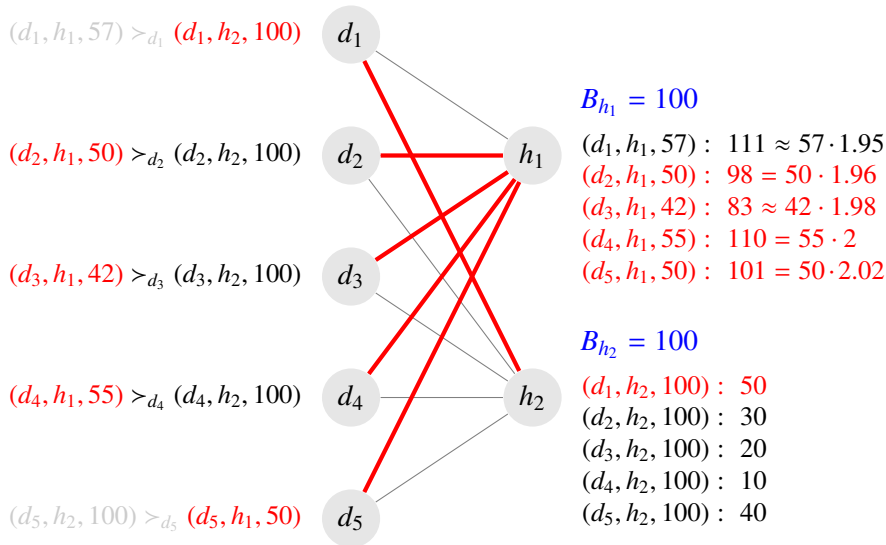
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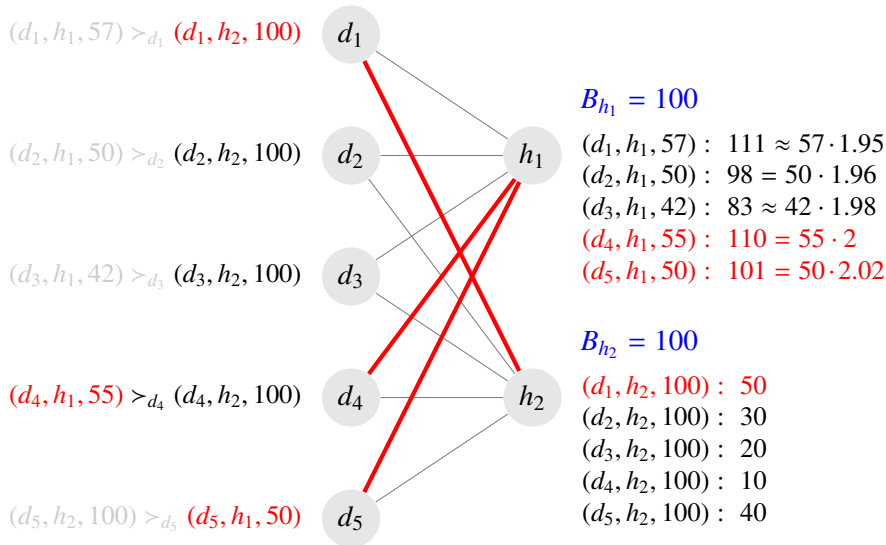
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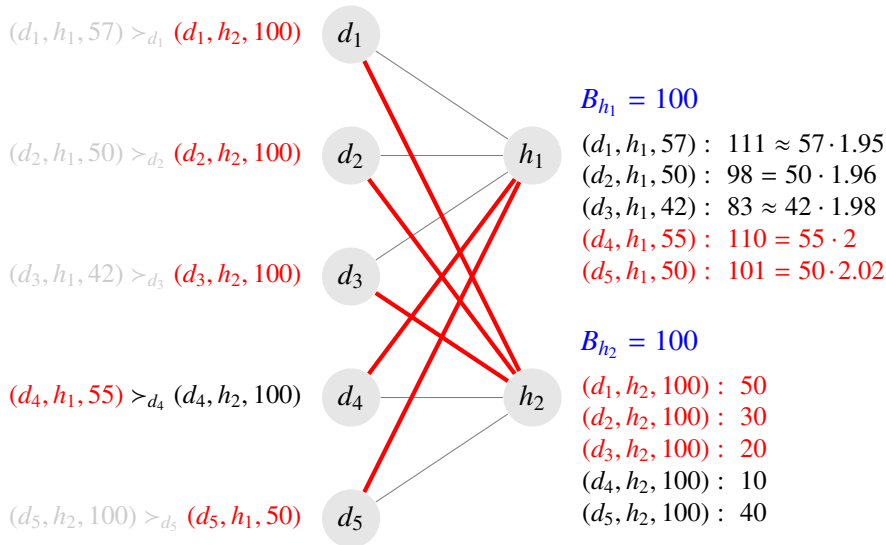
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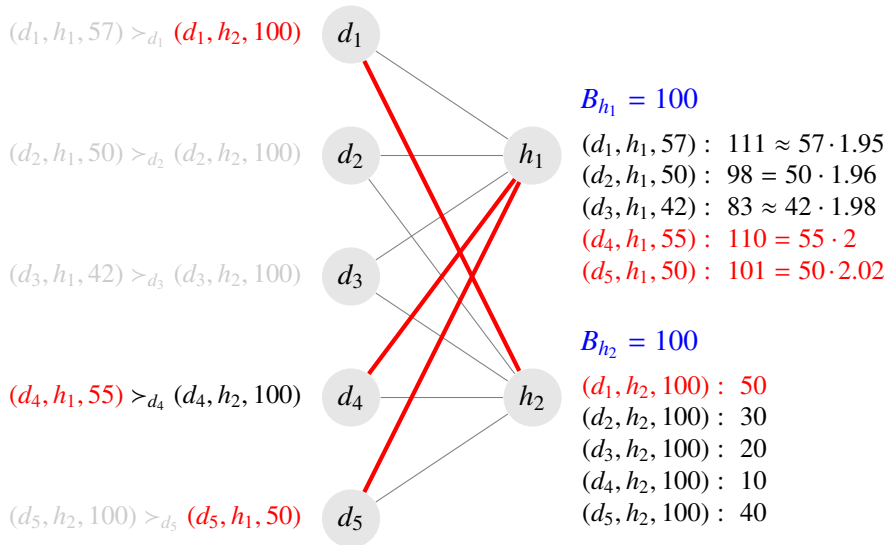
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Theorem

$0 < \forall \alpha < \forall \beta < 1, \exists$ market $(D, H, X, \succ_D, f_H, B_H)$ such that

- ▶ $x_W \leq \beta \cdot B_{x_H}$ ($\forall x \in X$) and
- ▶ $\nexists B'_H$ -stable matching if $B_h \leq B'_h \leq (1 + \alpha)B_h$ ($\forall h \in H$)

Theorem

\exists mechanism such that

- ▶ strategy-proof for doctors and
- ▶ it provides a B'_H -stable matching such that

$$B_h \leq B'_h \leq \left(\max_{x \in X_h} x_W \right) \cdot \left[\frac{B_h}{\min_{x \in X_h} x_W} \right] \quad (\forall h \in H)$$

Theorem

\exists mechanism that provides a B'_H -stable matching such that

$$B_h \leq B'_h < B_h + \max_{x \in X_h} x_W \quad (\forall h \in H)$$

Other results for special cases

Theorem

If $f_h(X'_h) = w_h(X'_h)$, \exists mechanism such that

- ▶ strategy-proof for doctors and
- ▶ it provides a B'_H -stable matching such that

$$B_h \leq B'_h < B_h + \max_{x \in X_h} x_W \quad (\forall h \in H)$$

Theorem

If $f_h(X'_h) = w_h(X'_h)$, \exists mechanism that gives a B'_H -stable matching such that

$$B_h \leq B'_h < 1.5 \cdot B_h \quad (\forall h \in H)$$

Theorem

If $f_h(X'_h) = |X'_h|$, \exists mechanism such that

- ▶ strategy-proof for doctors and
- ▶ it provides a stable matching