

# All-Pairs Approximate Shortest Paths and Distance Oracle Preprocessing

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# Distance Oracle

Thorup & Zwick (STOC'01)

Graph  $G=(V, E)$   
 $n := |V|$   $m := |E|$

Preprocessing Algorithm

*Preprocessing Time*

Distance Oracle

*Space*

Data structure for point-to-point  
*approximate* shortest-path distances

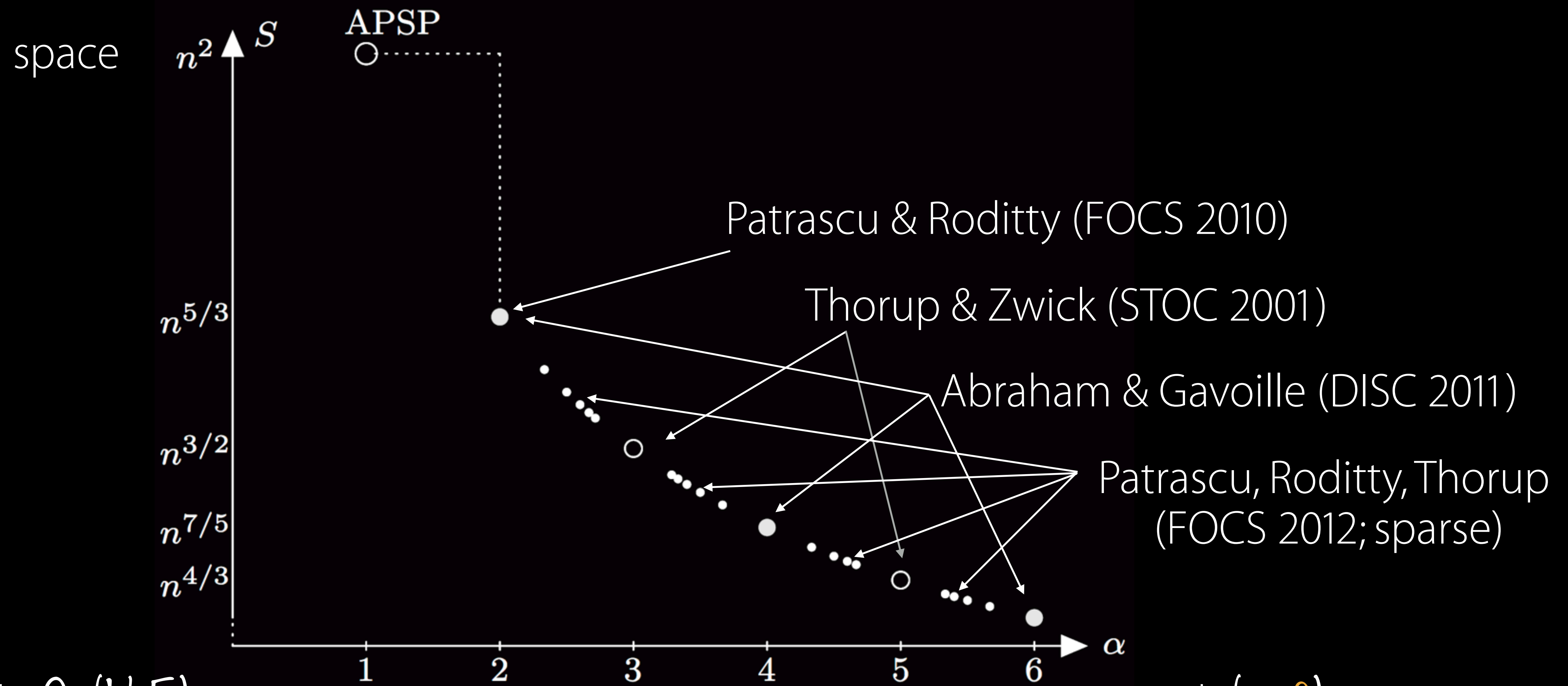
Query

*Query Time*  
 $O(1)$

stretch  $(\alpha, \beta)$

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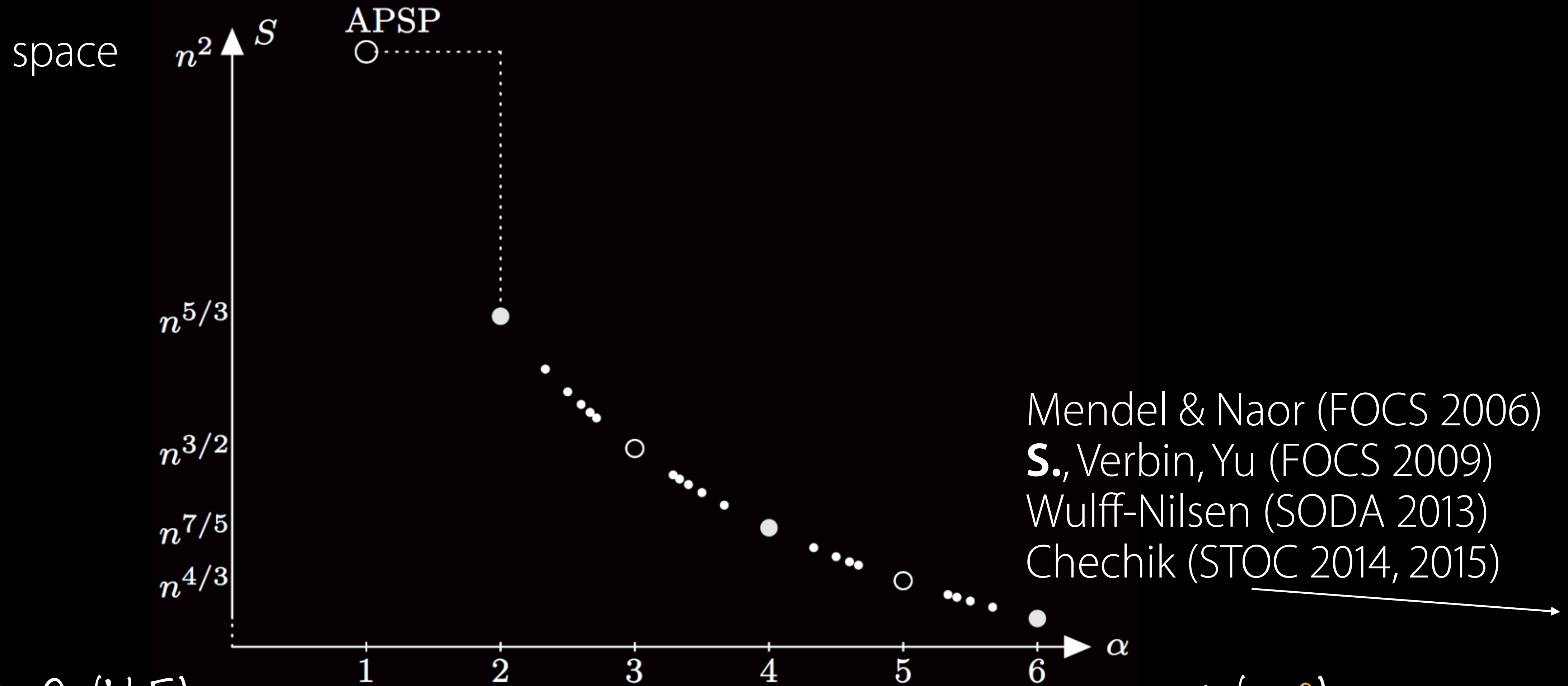
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# Space vs. Stretch vs. Query Time



Mendel & Naor (FOCS 2006)  
**S.**, Verbin, Yu (FOCS 2009)  
 Wulff-Nilsen (SODA 2013)  
 Chechik (STOC 2014, 2015)

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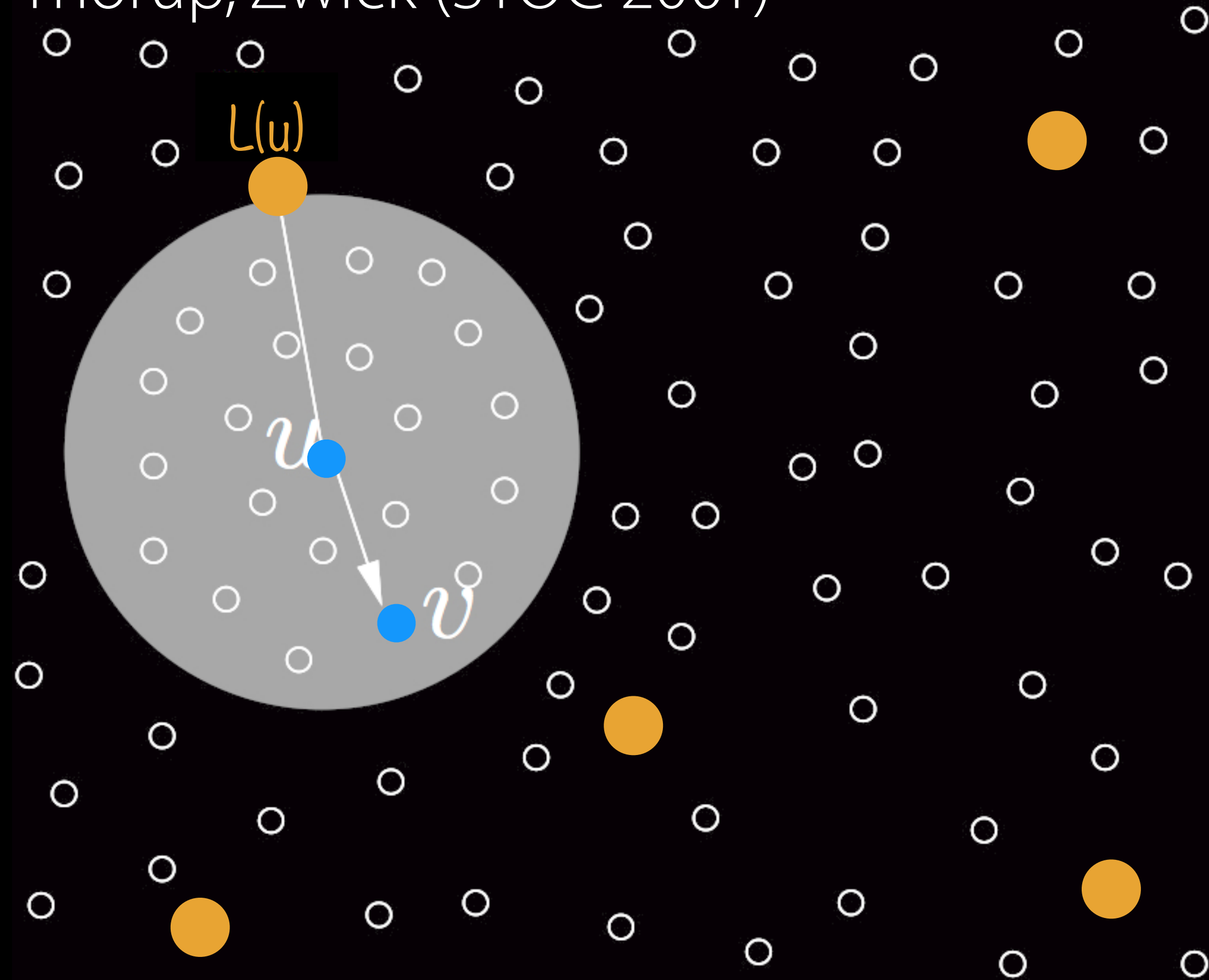
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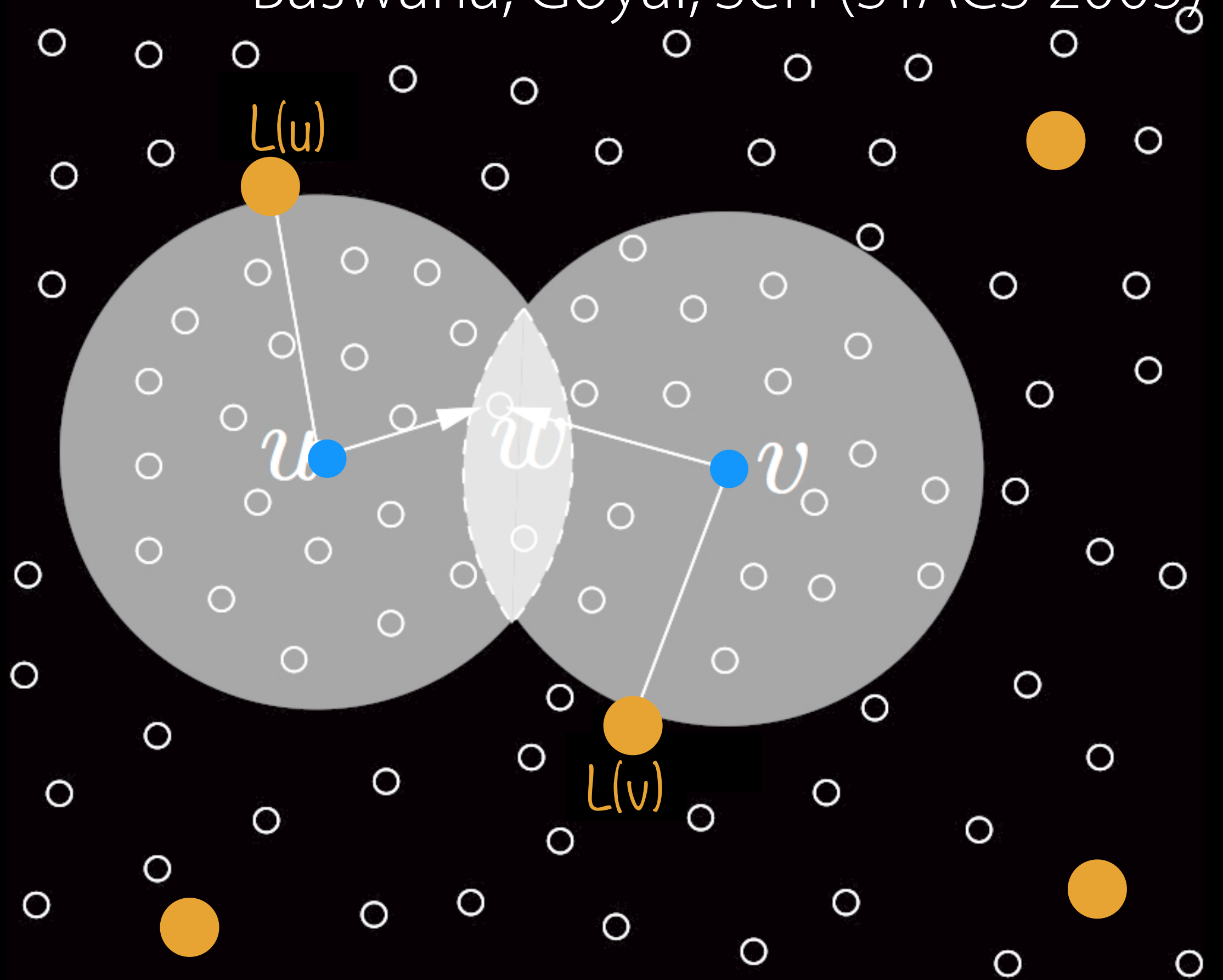
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# Landmarks and Balls

Thorup, Zwick (STOC 2001)



Baswana, Goyal, Sen (STACS 2005)



● landmarks (random sample, probability  $p$ , keep distances to all  $np$  landmarks)  
balls (all nodes closer than nearest landmark, expected size  $1/p$ ; use ball or triangulate)

● ball intersection (store all nodes with intersecting balls, expected size  $1/p^2$ )

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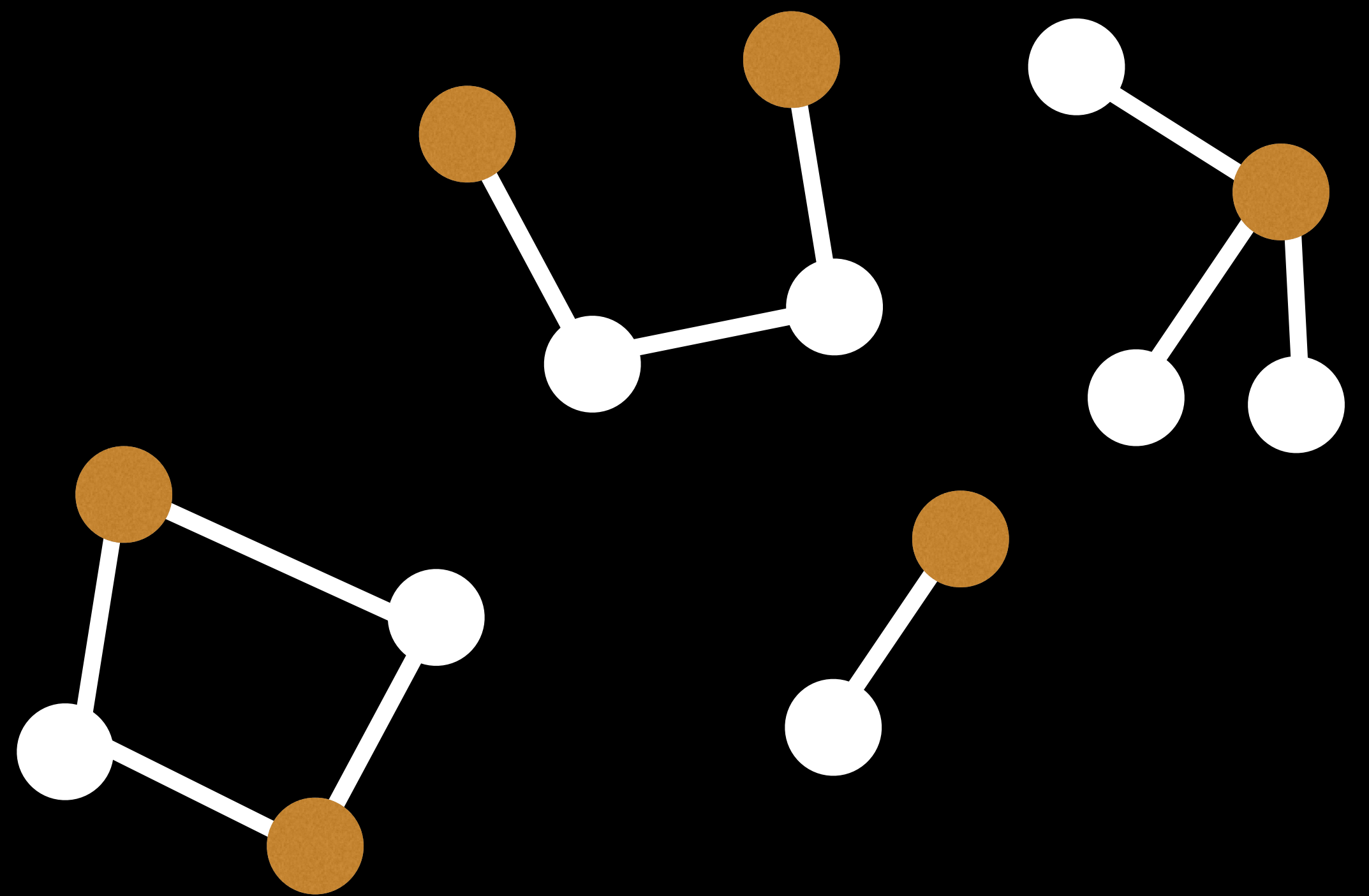
# Dominating Sets

each node or a neighbor is in the **dominating set**

Aingworth, Chekuri, Indyk, Motwani  
(SODA 1996)

Dominating Set for  
*High-Degree Nodes*  $\deg(v) > \delta$

Size:  $\sim n / \delta$





# How to exploit Dominating Sets

Berman, Kasiviswanathan (WADS 2007)

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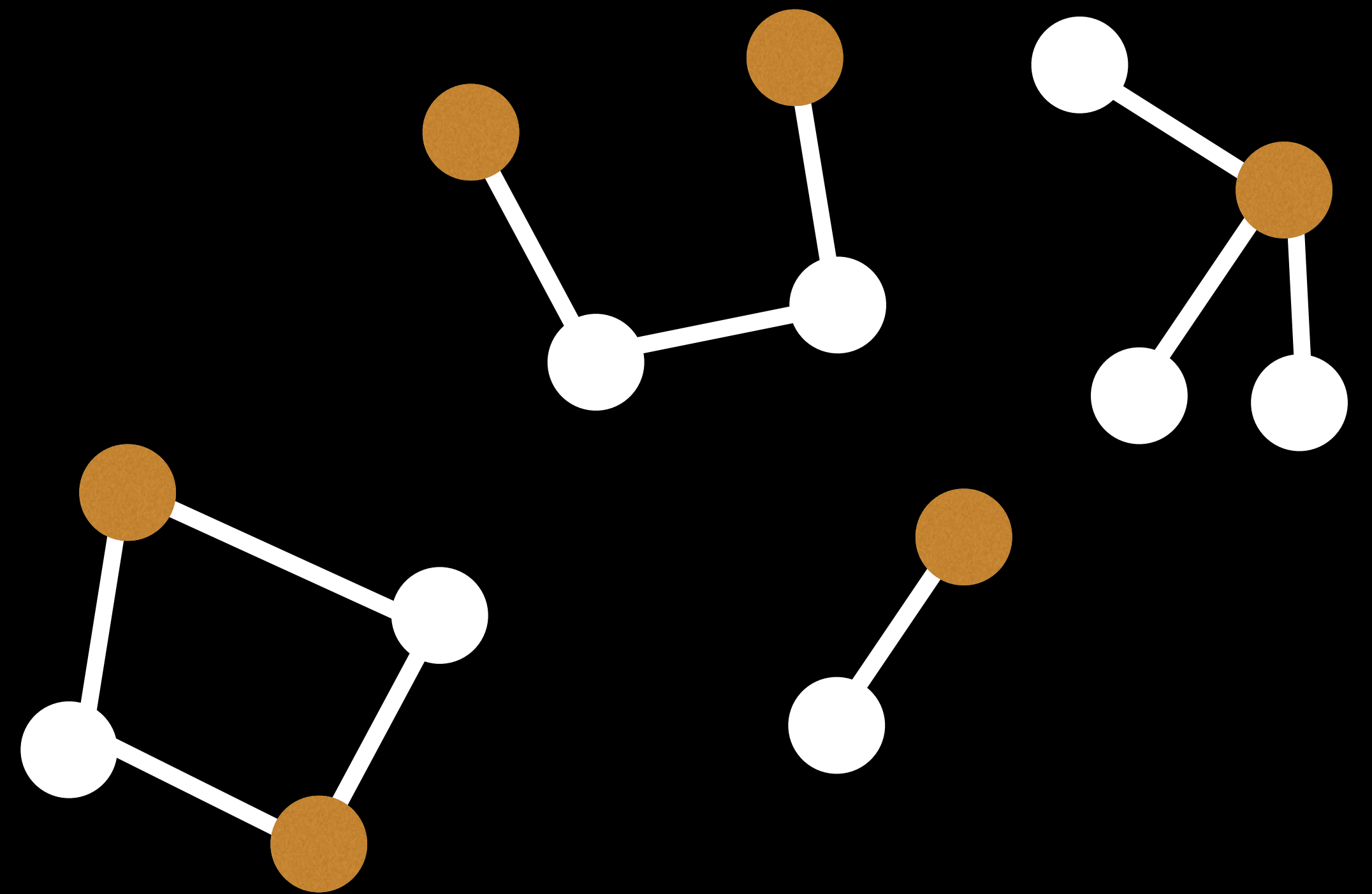
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nearest dominator: *landmark*



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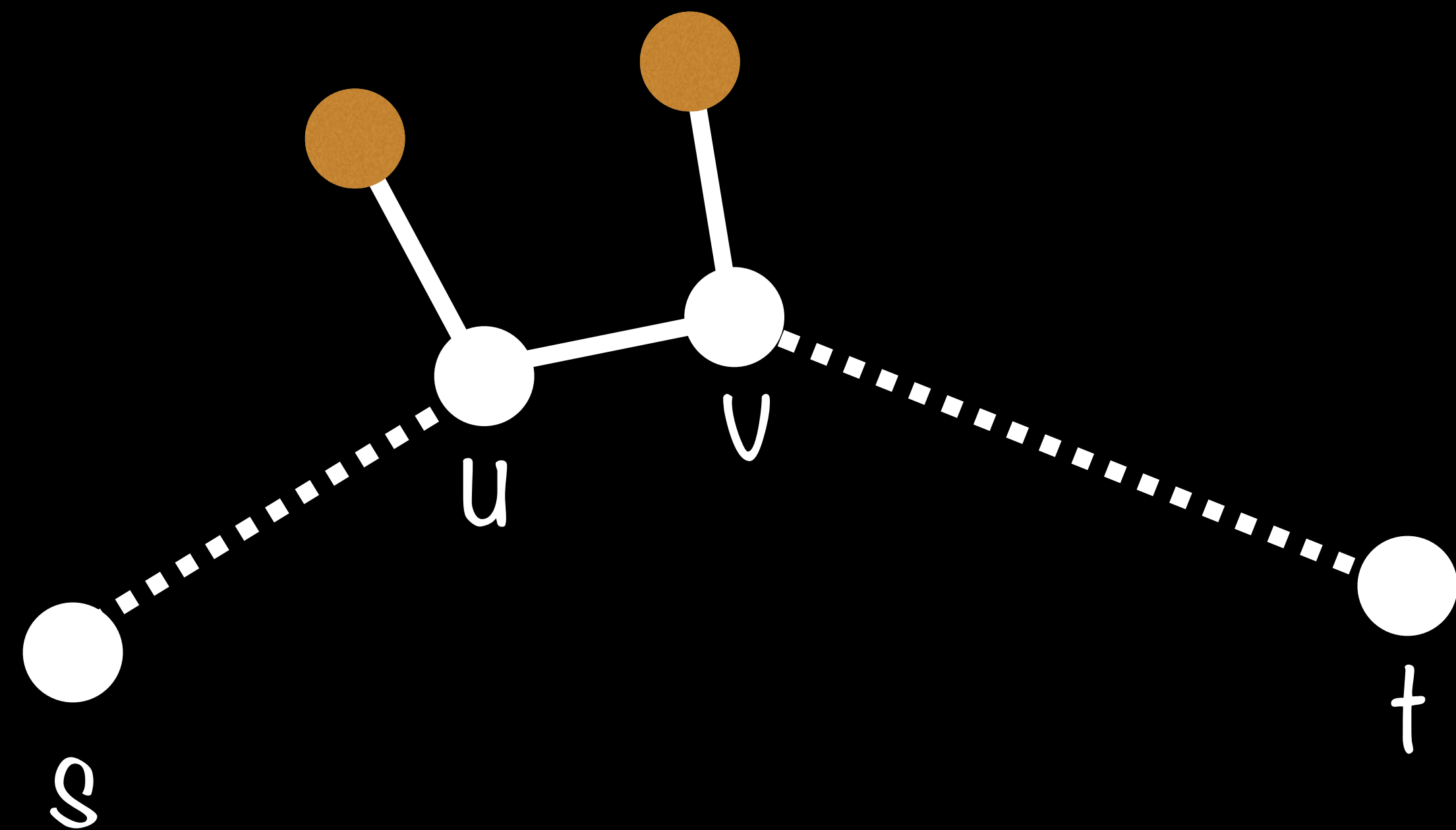
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edge  $uv$  has highest degree  
among edges on shortest  $s-t$  path  
(will return  $\min$  among all levels  $\delta$ )

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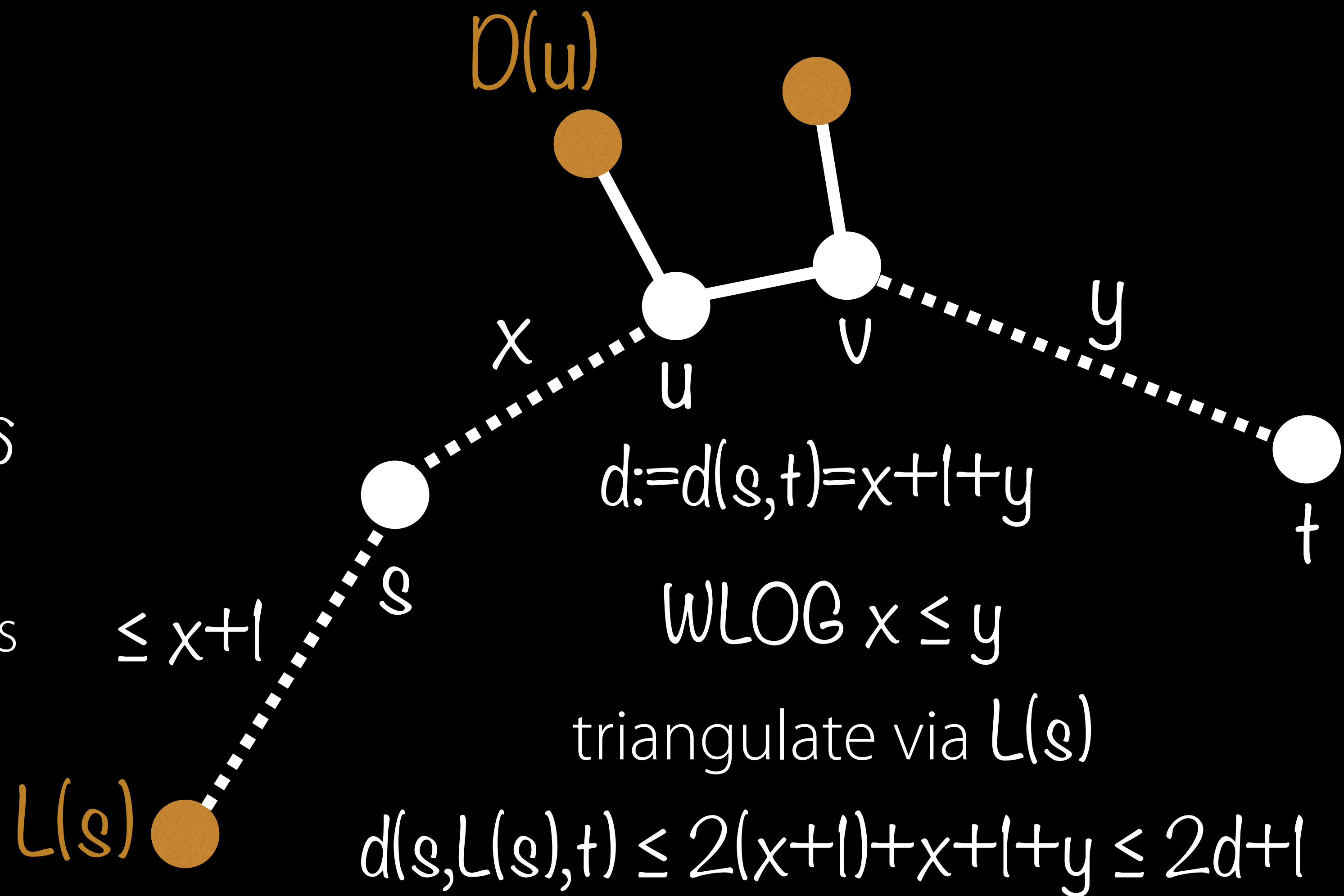
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can't afford to query all log n levels  
but don't know  $\deg(uv)$

*time*  $m + n\delta$

$n \cdot \delta$  edges, hence *time*  $n^2$

$n^2 / \delta$  *space*

stop at  $\delta = n^{1/3}$

handle remaining  
sparse graph separately  
Baswana, Goyal, Sen, 2005

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**Tight.** (Abboud  
and Bodwin,  
STOC 2016)

**Spanner** (Woodruff, ICALP 2010)

Always include  $n^{4/3}$  edges of  $(6)$  spanner

**Portal Selection**

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**if** it is **closer** than all landmarks at levels  $j < i$ .

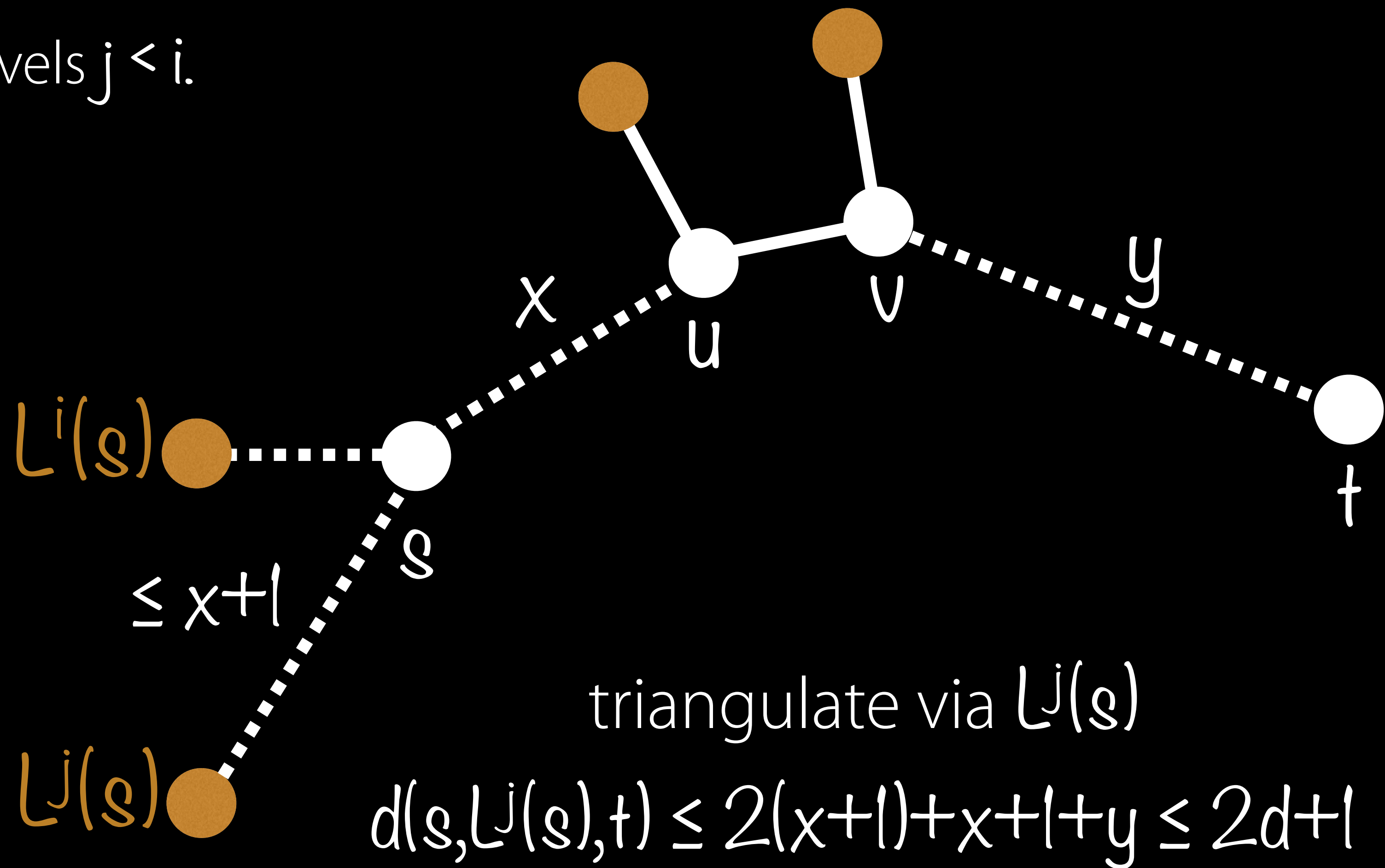
Keep nearest  $3$  portals per node.

# Portal Selection

Landmark at level  $n/2^i$  is a *portal* for  $s$   
 if it is *closer* than all landmarks at levels  $j < i$ .

$i > j$  means that the BFS from  $L^i(s)$   
 runs in a subgraph of  
 the BFS from  $L^j(s)$

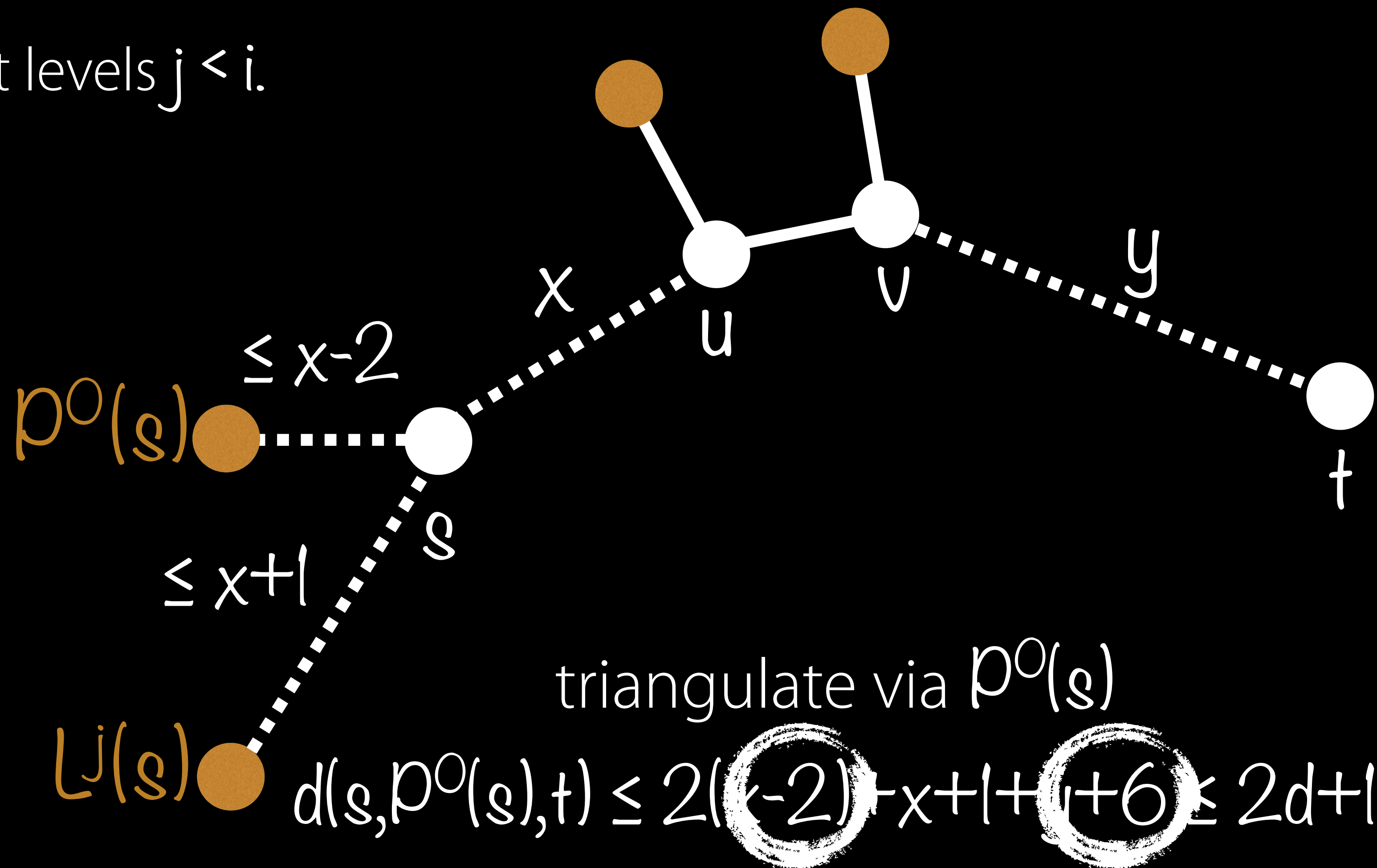
better to triangulate via  $L^j(s)$   
 unless  $d(s, L^i(s)) < d(s, L^j(s))$



# $\beta/2 = 3$ Portals

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If the best  $L^j(s)$  is  
*not* among the portals,  
 it must be *far* away:  
 $d(s, L^j(s)) \geq d(s, p^0(s)) + 3$



# Preprocessing

compute  $(1,6)$  spanner [Woodruff]

for  $\delta = n, n/2, n/4, \dots, n/2^i, \dots, n^{1/3}$

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in low-degree graph  $\deg(v) < 2\delta$   
plus edges of spanner

store distances to all dominators  
nearest dominator: *landmark*

for each node: nearest **3 portals**

compute oracle for  $\deg(v) < 2n^{1/3}$  graph  
[Baswana, Goyal, Sen]

Query  $d(s,t)$

return min among

6 triangulations via top **3 portals**  
*and* estimate from sparse oracle



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