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Pipelining Broadcasts on Heterogeneous Platforms

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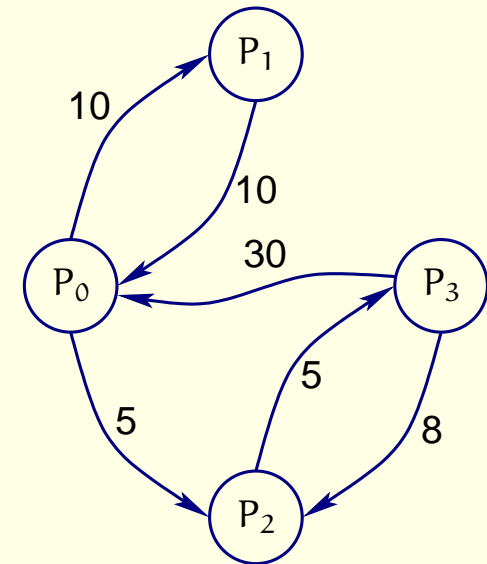
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Framework of the platform

- $G = (P, E, c)$
- Let P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n be the n processors
- $(P_j, P_k) \in E$ denotes a communication link between P_i and P_j
- $c(P_j, P_k)$ denotes the time to transfer one unit message from P_j to P_k
- one-port for incoming communications
- one-port for outgoing communications



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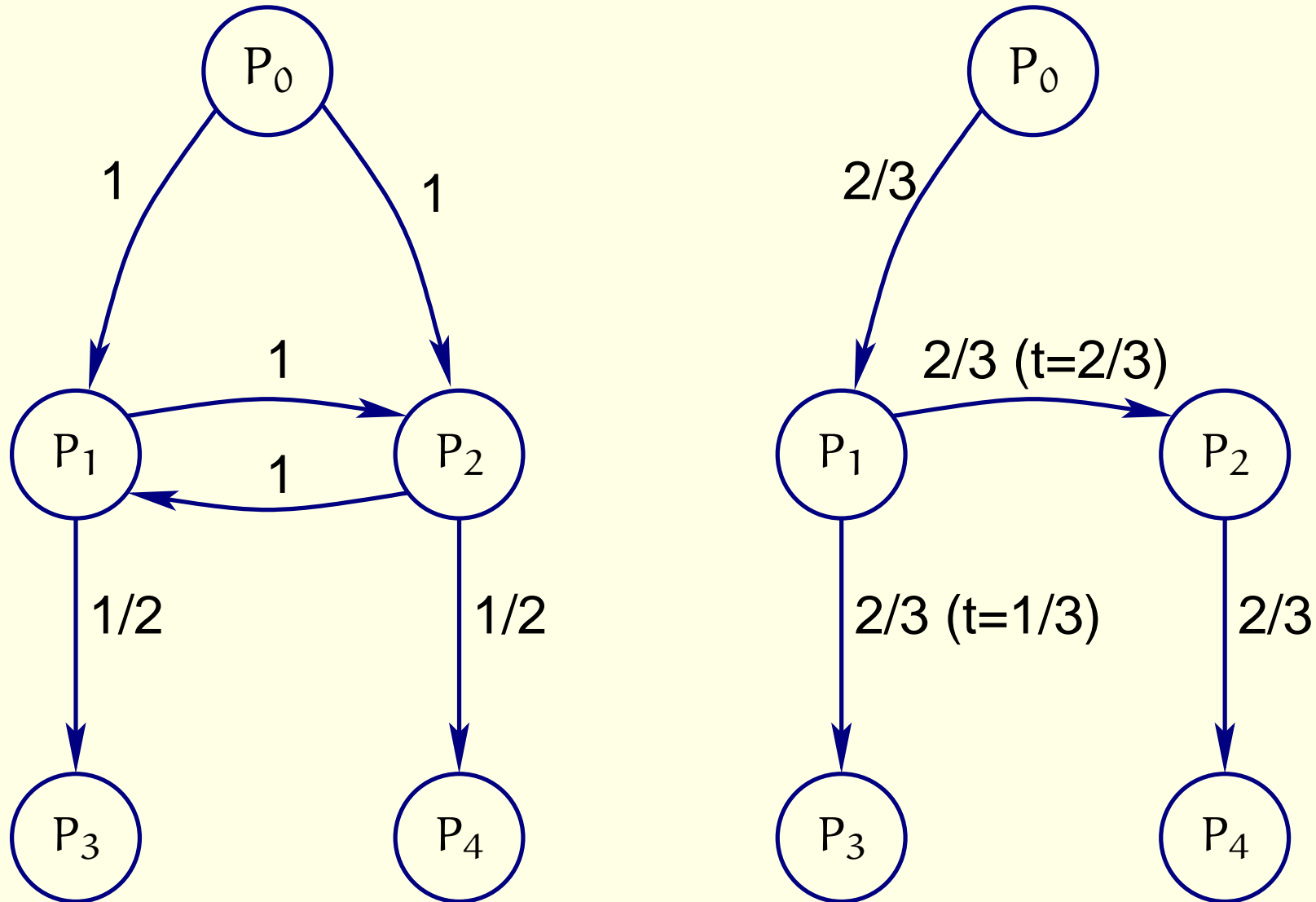
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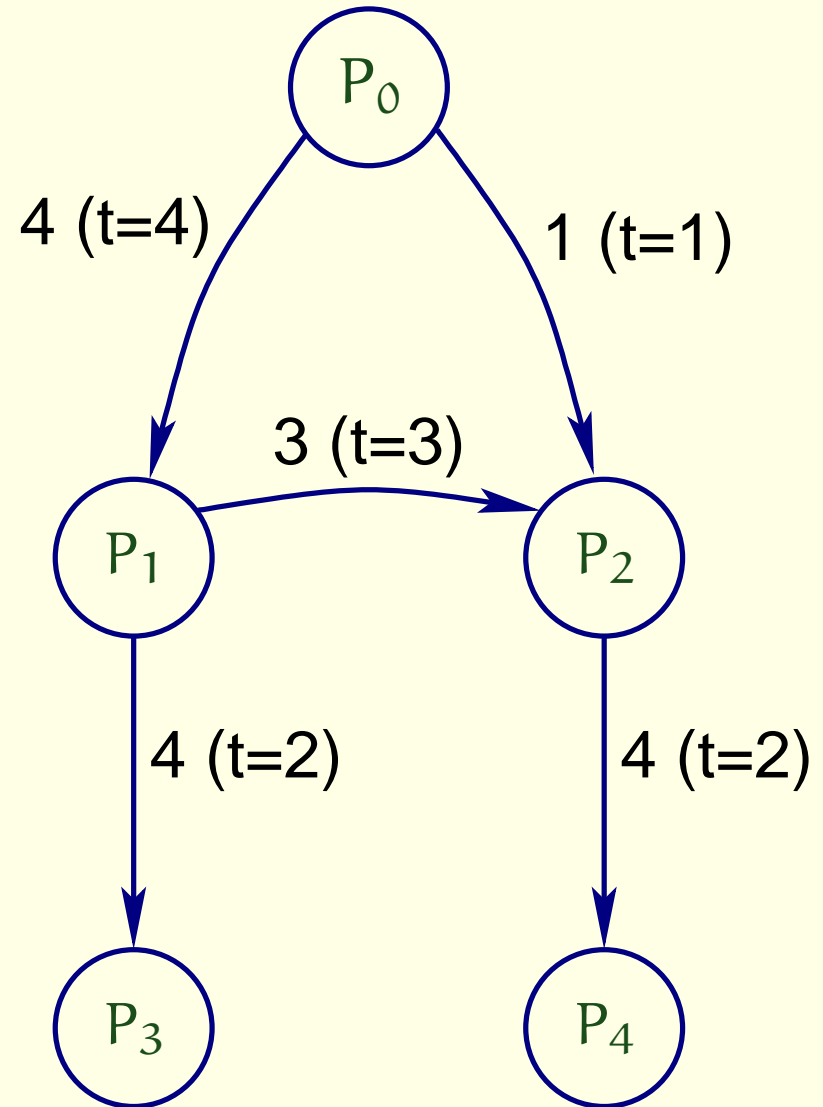
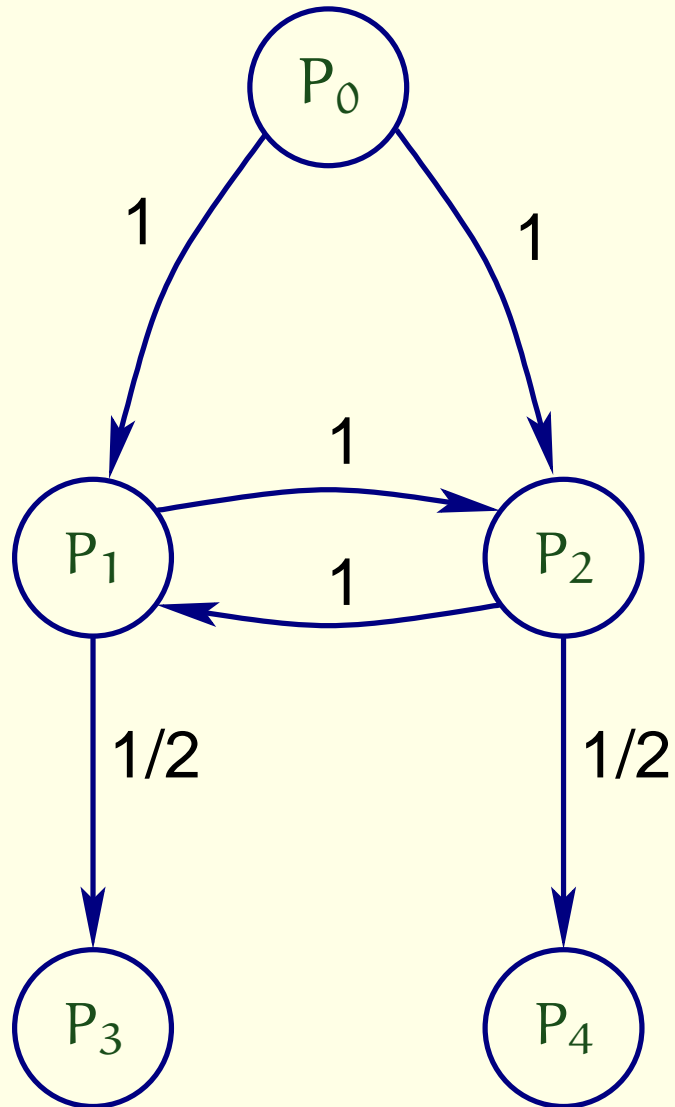
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With a DAG

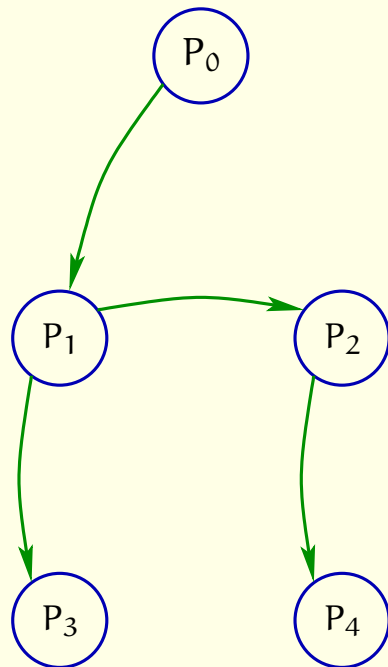
The throughput with the best DAG is 4 messages every 5 tops



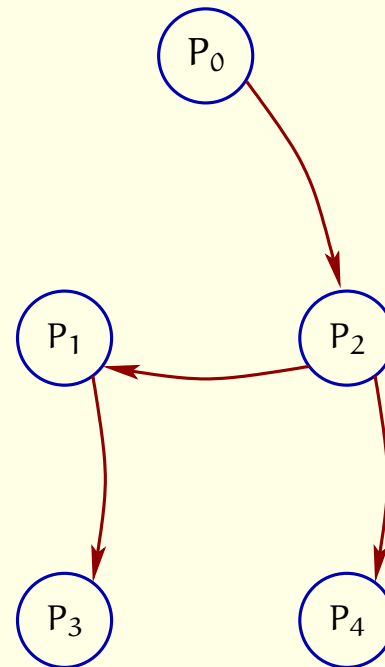
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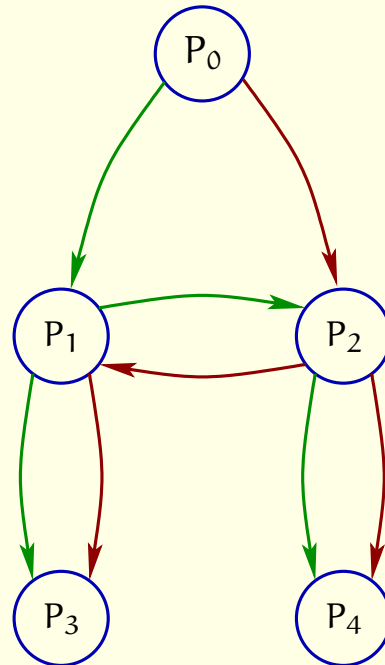
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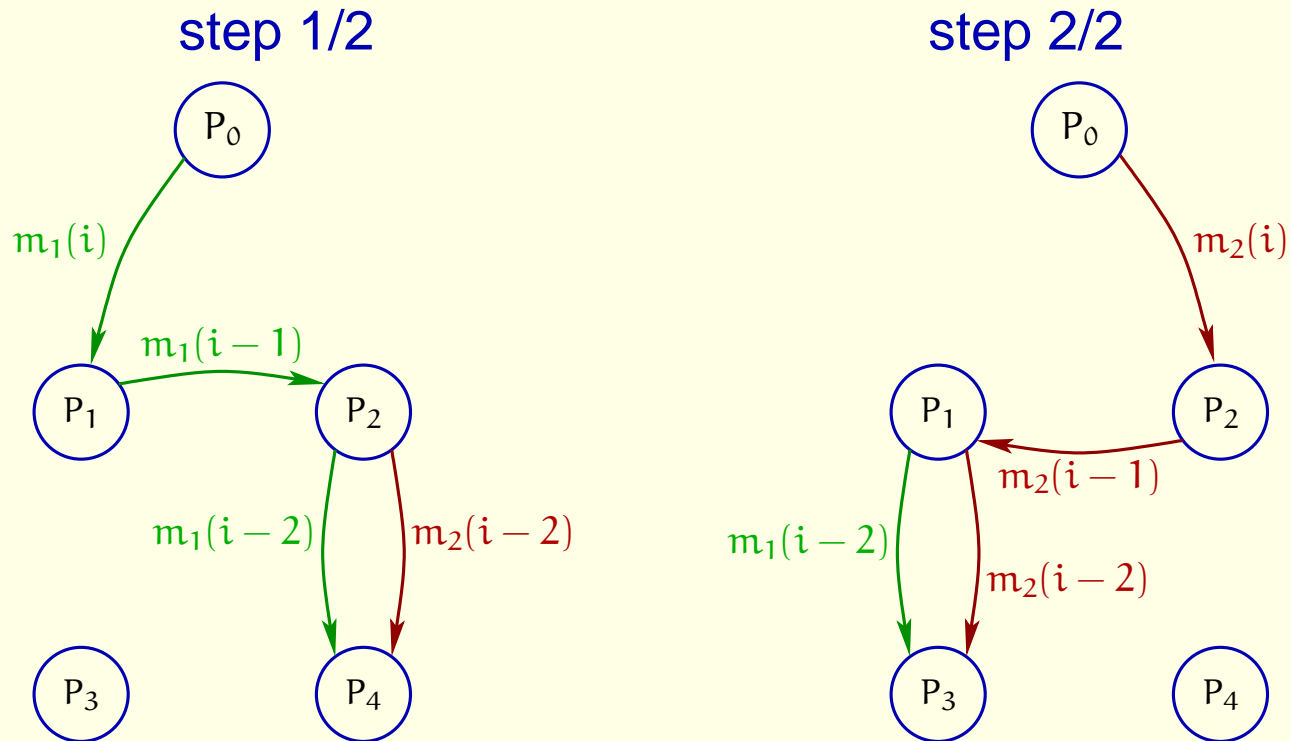
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Problem Formalization

- **Input:** $G = (P, E, c)$
- **Output:**
 - The best throughput $\frac{p}{q}$
 - A “compact” description of the behavior of the nodes.

During q time steps

- step 1: $P_{i_1}^{(1)}$ sends 1 mess to $P_{j_1}^{(1)}$
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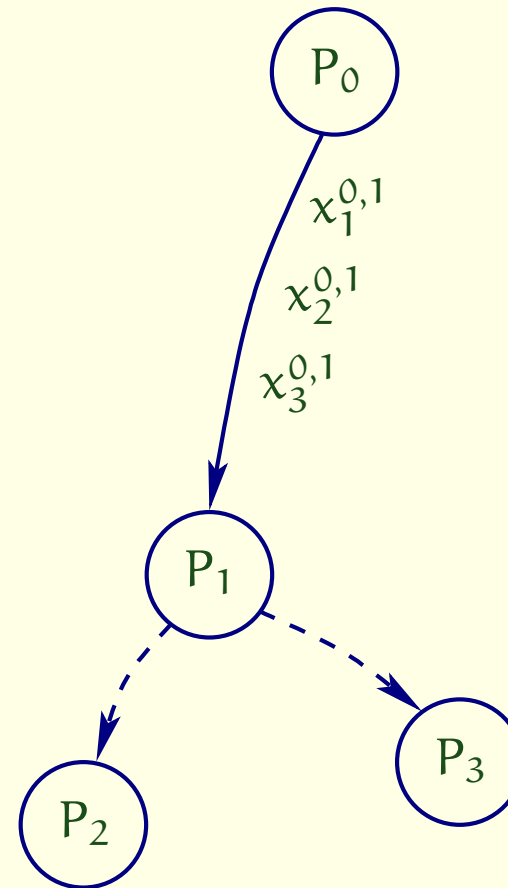
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Broadcast: Linear Program (1)

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The conditions are

- $\forall i, \sum_k x_i^{0,k} = 1$
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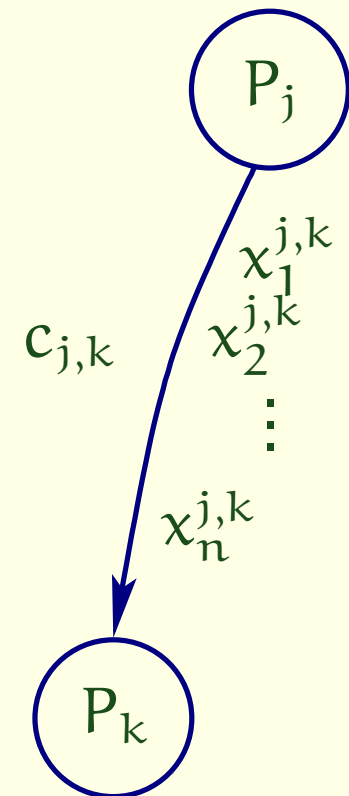
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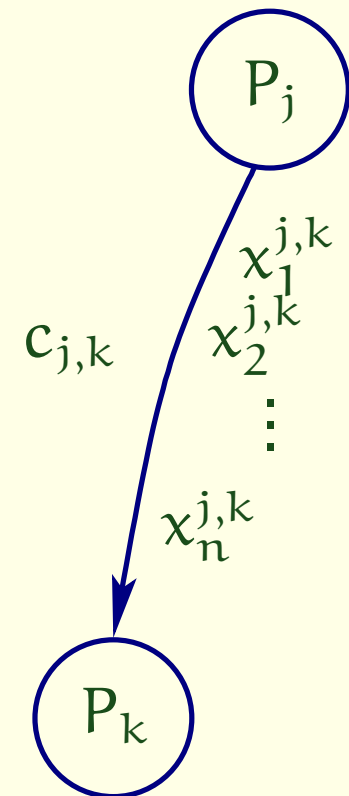
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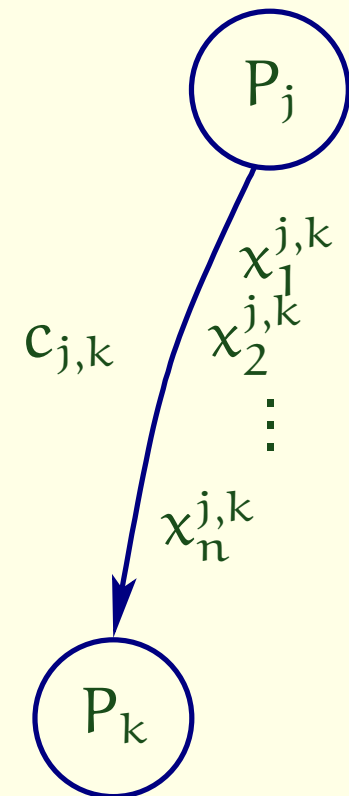
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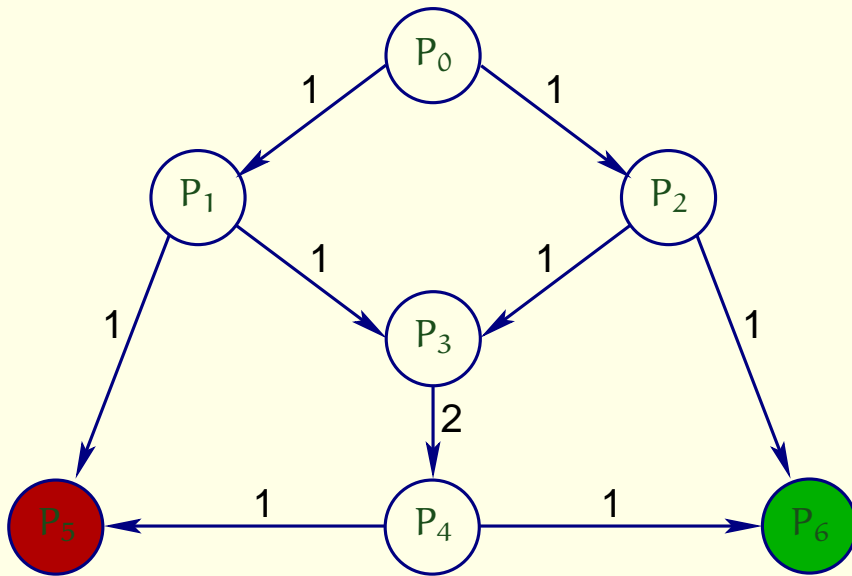
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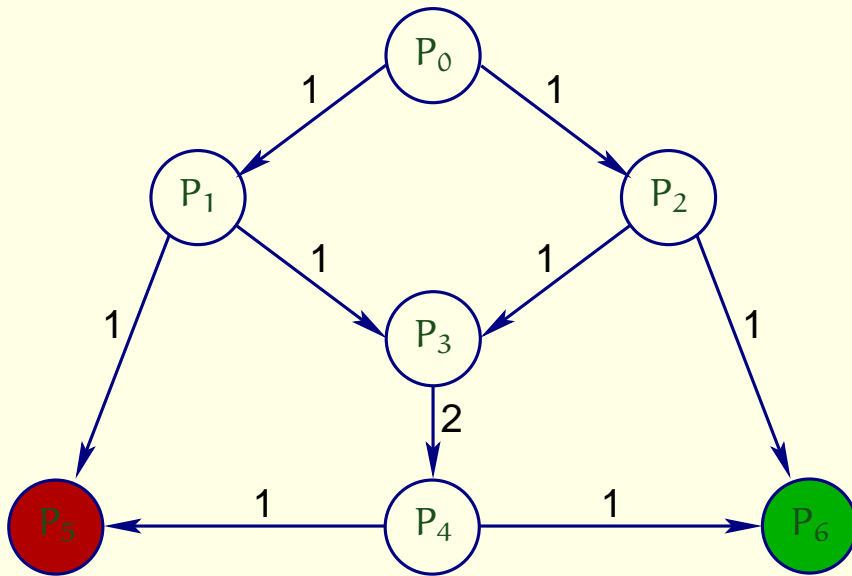
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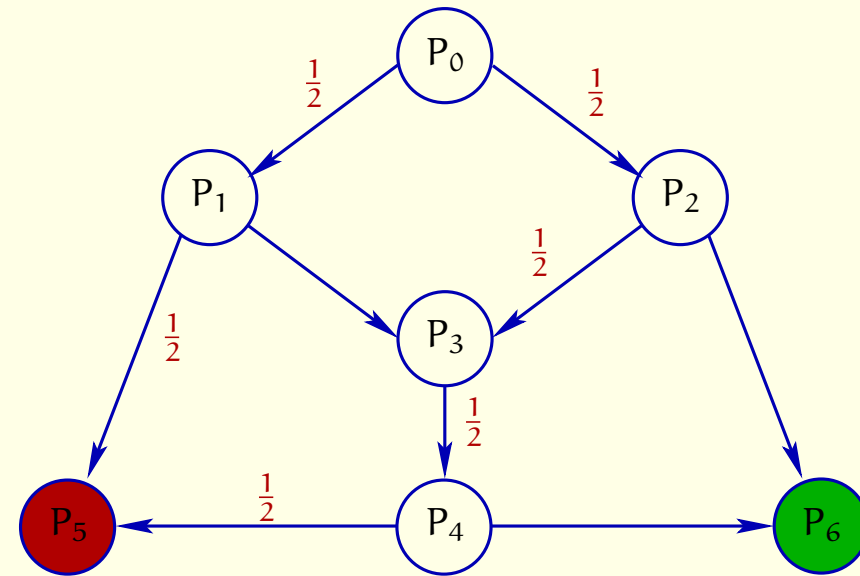


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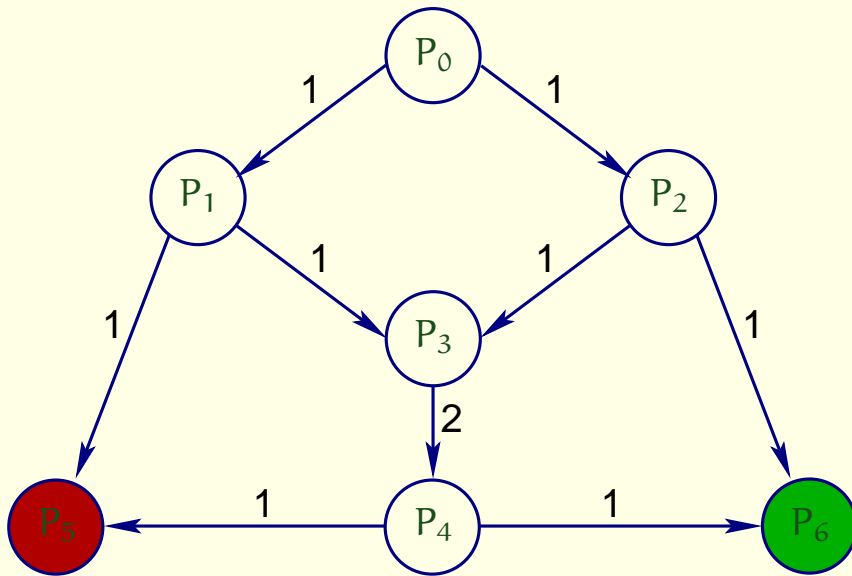


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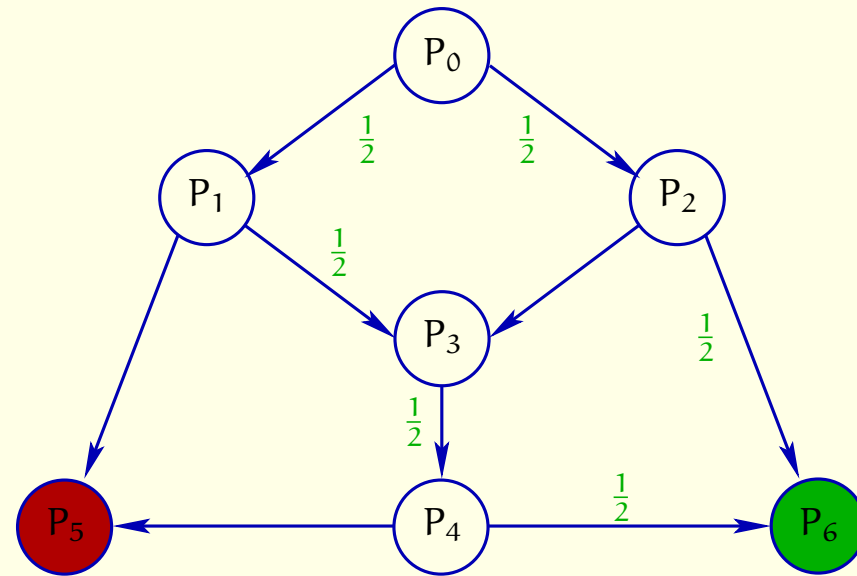


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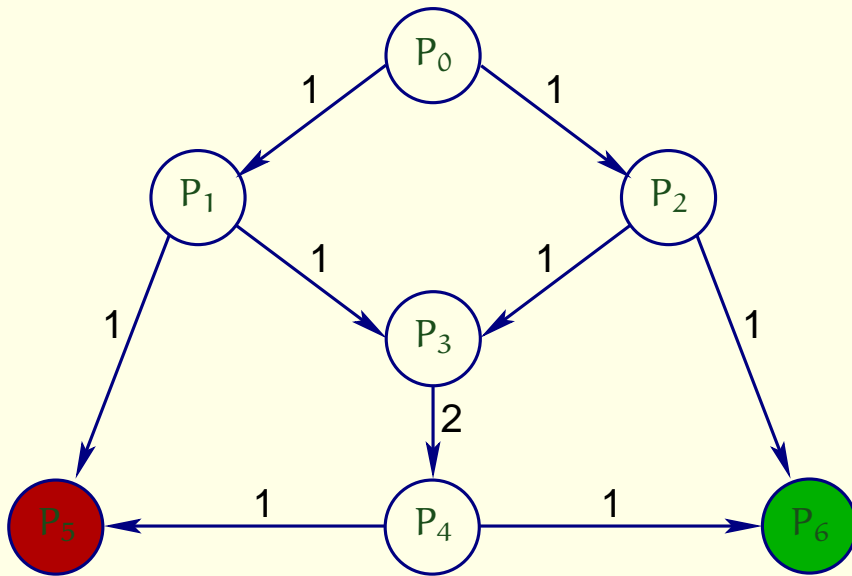


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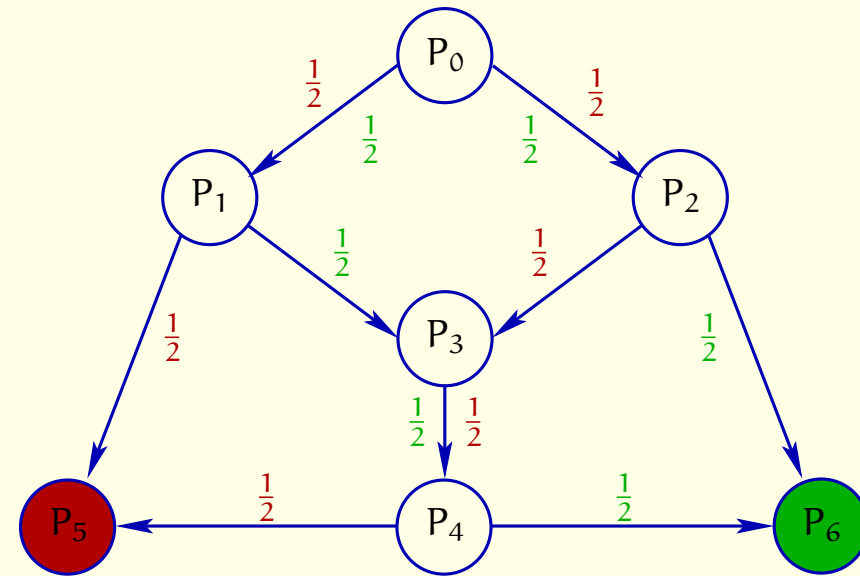


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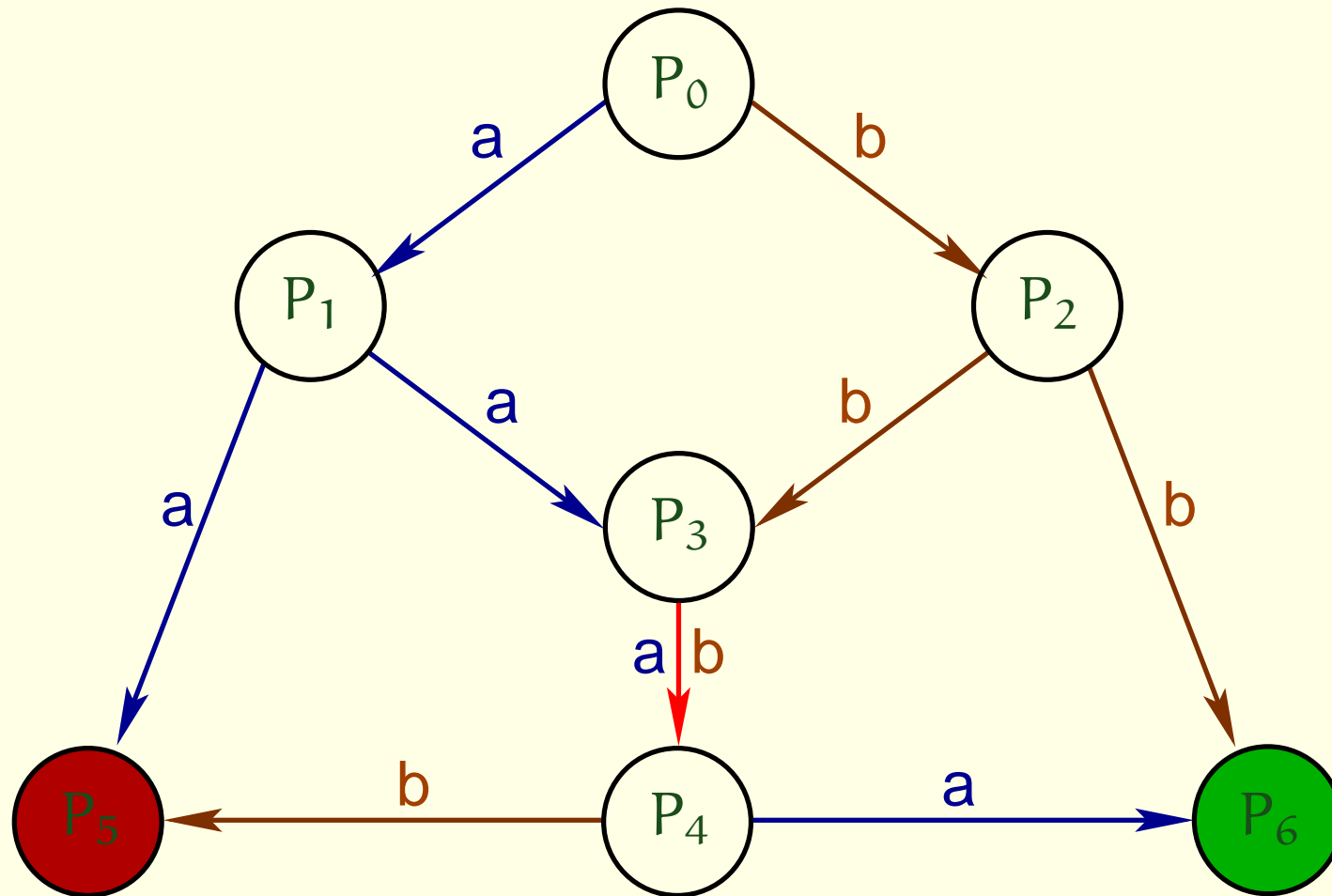


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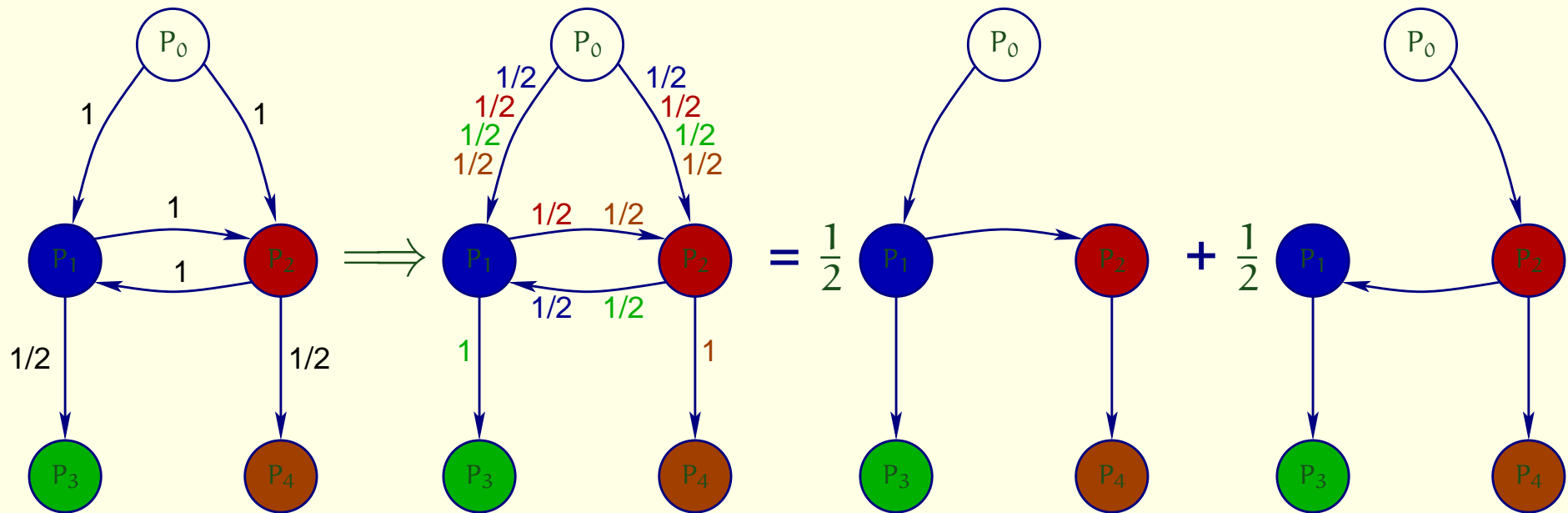
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Nevertheless, the obtained throughput is not feasible:



Lower Bound ??? Broadcast Example

For broadcast, the bound is nevertheless tight:



2 disjoint broadcast trees T_1 and T_2 , of weight $\frac{1}{2} \implies 1$ message broadcast at every top.

- How to find the trees ?
- How to keep the number of (weighted) trees relatively low ?

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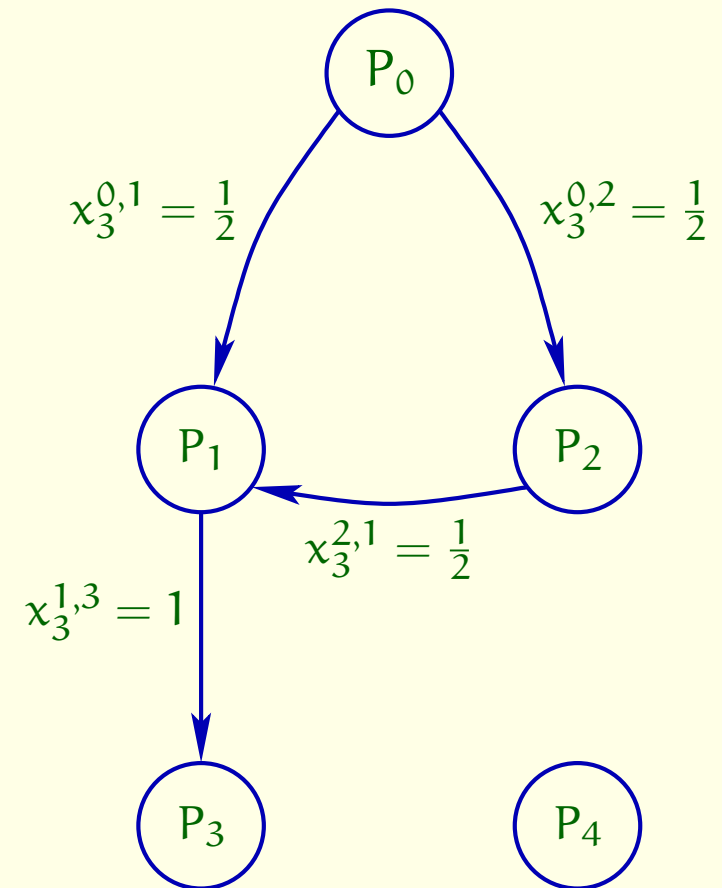
We know that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{fraction of messages leaving } P_0 & \sum x_i^{0,k} = 1 \\ \text{fraction of messages arriving at } P_i & \sum x_i^{j,i} = 1 \\ \text{conservation law at } P_i \neq P_0, P_i & \sum x_i^{j,k} = \sum x_i^{k,j} \end{array} \right.$$

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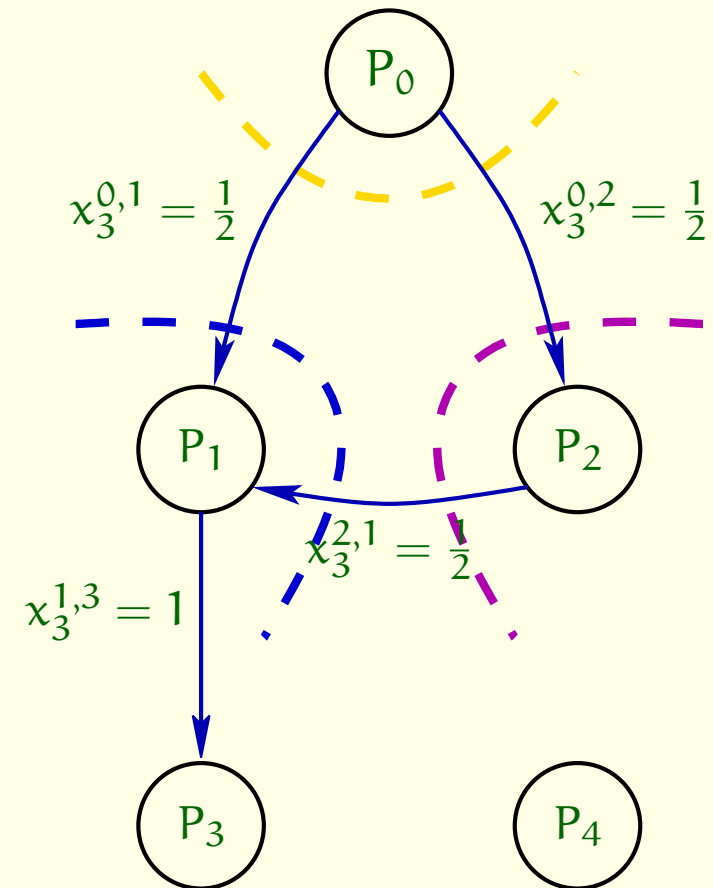
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A nice graph theorem

- $c(P_0, P_i)$ minimum weight to remove to disconnect = 1
- $c(P_0) = \min c(P_0, P_i) = 1$
- $n_{j,k} = \max_i \{x_i^{j,k}\}$ is the fraction of messages through (P_j, P_k) .

Theorem 1. (*Weighted version of Edmond's branching Theorem*)

Given a directed weighted $G = (P, E, n)$, $P_0 \in P$ the source we can find P_0 -arborescences T_1, \dots, T_k and weights $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ with $\sum \lambda_i \delta(T_i) \leq n$ with

$$\sum \lambda_i = c(P_0) = 1,$$

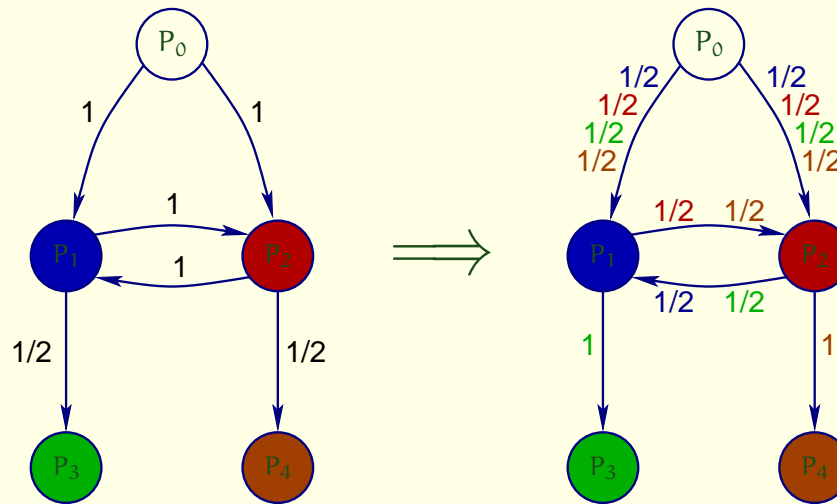
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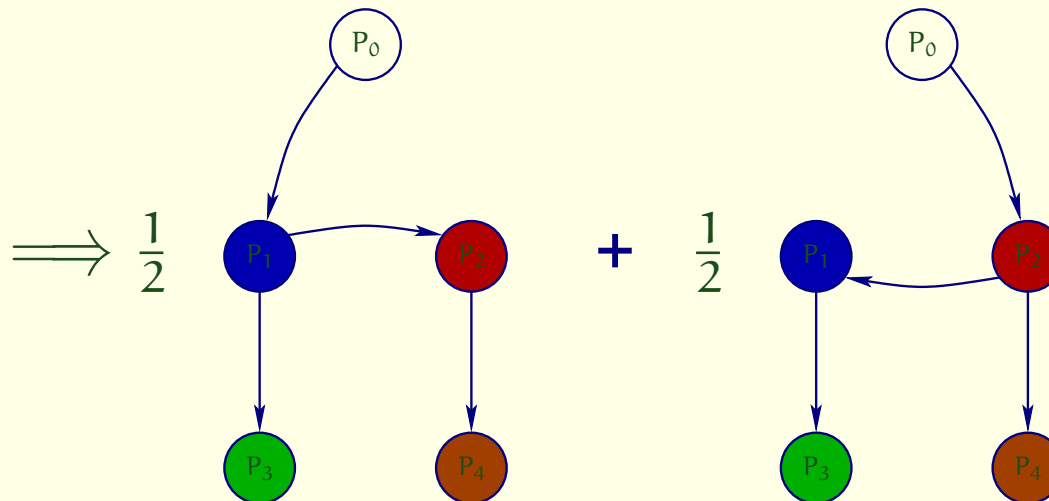
- the set of trees, their weights
- and the number of trees is “low”: $\leq |E| + |V|^3$.

A nice graph theorem (2)

1. Linear program:



2. Schrijver's algorithm for weighted Edmond's theorem



Compact description of the solution?

- Period duration = 2 (= lcm(denominators tree coeff.))
- P_0 sends even-numbered messages to P_1 and odd-numbered messages to P_2
- Complete description for time-steps $2i$ and $2i + 1$:
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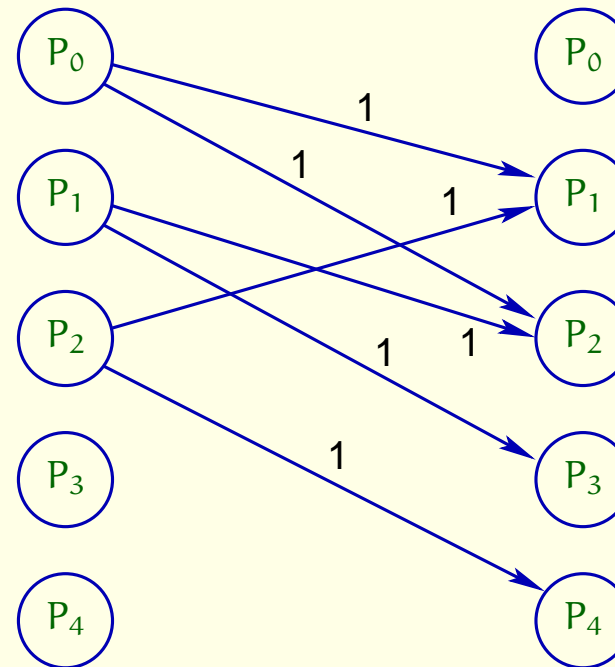
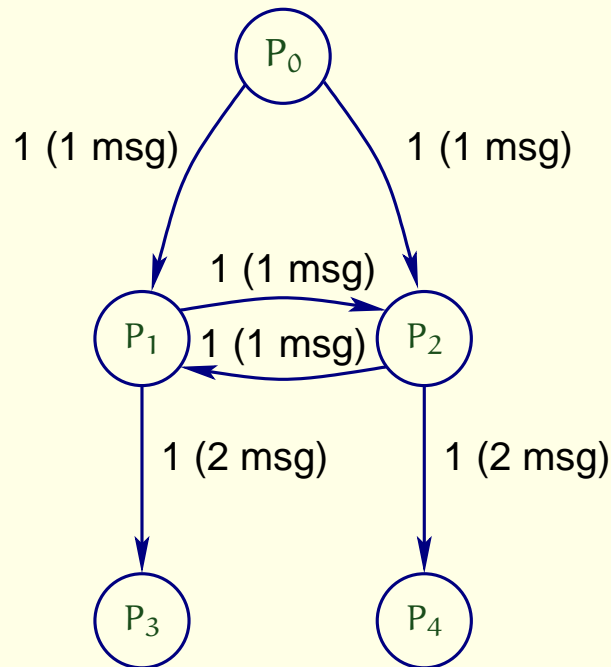
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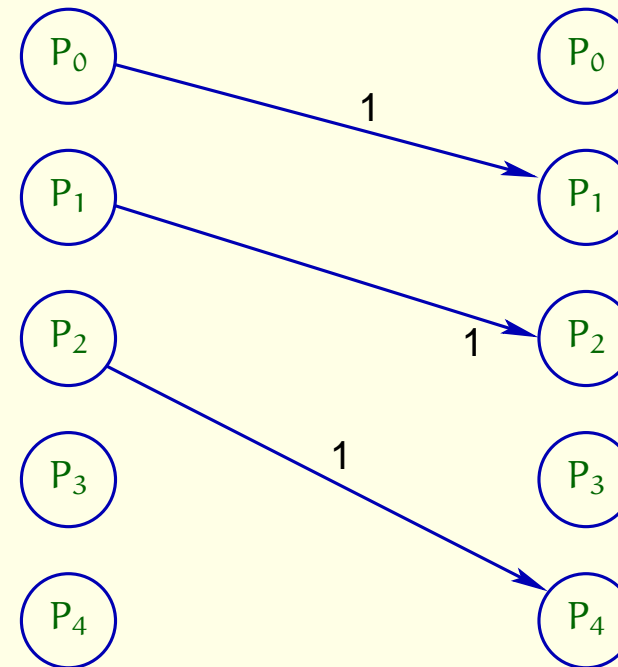
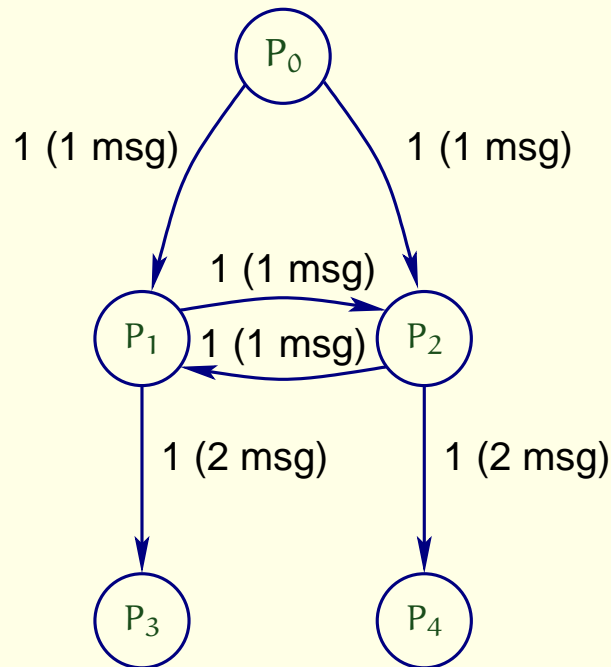
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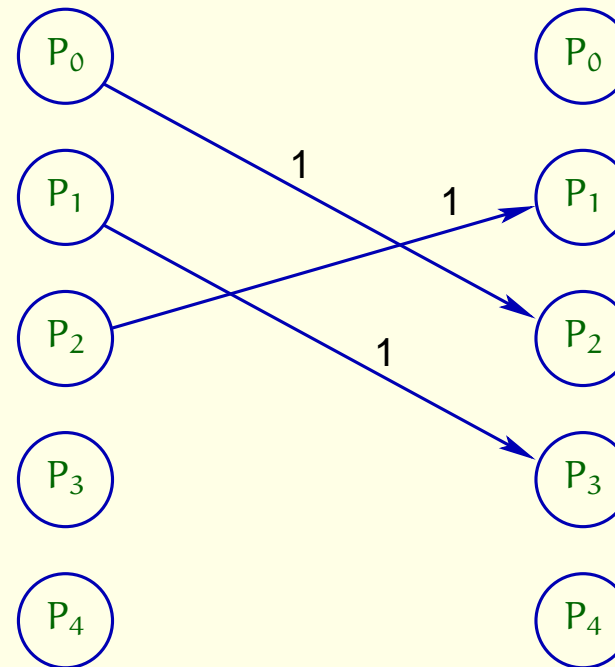
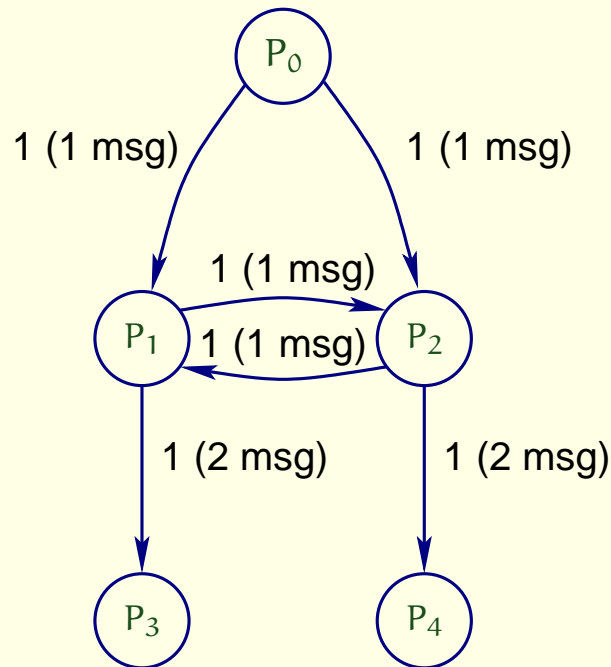
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Solution

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