

# A Tale of Santa Claus, Hypergraphs, and Matroids

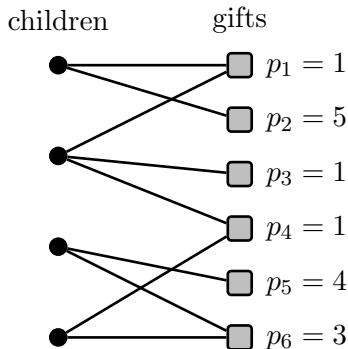
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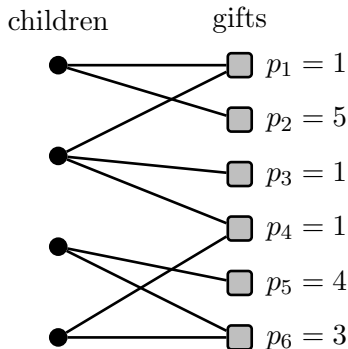
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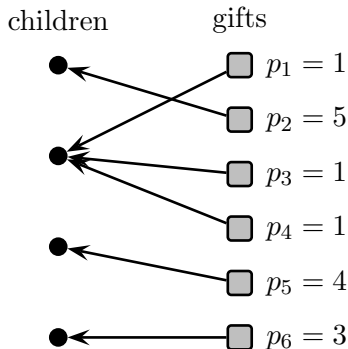
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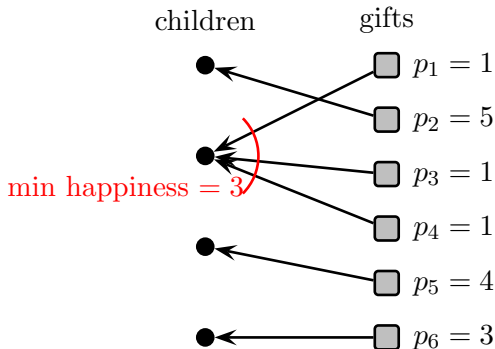
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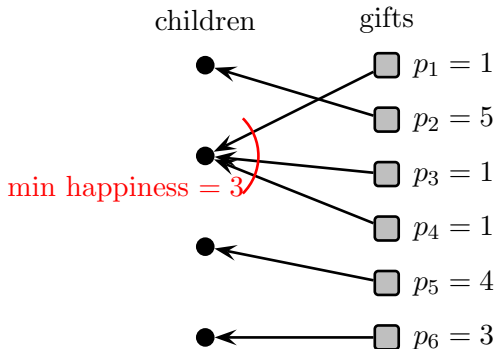
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- ▶ Alternative name: **Restricted Max Min Fair Allocation**

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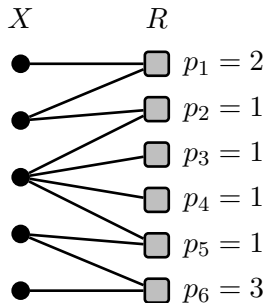
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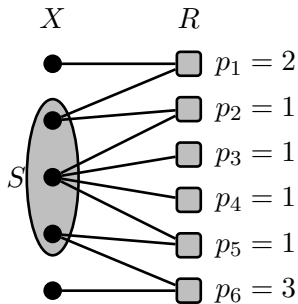
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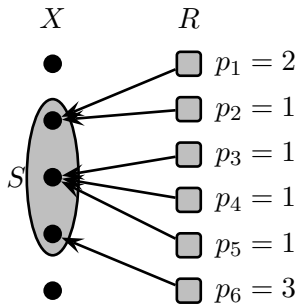
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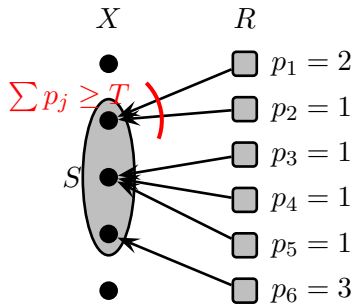
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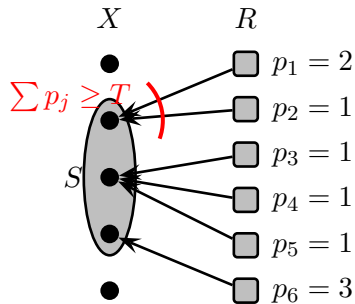
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## Linear program

$$\begin{aligned}x &\in P_{B(\mathcal{M})} \\ \sum_{j \in N(i)} p_j y_{ij} &\geq T \cdot x_i \quad \forall i \in X \\ y(\delta(j)) &\leq 1 \quad \forall j \in R \\ 0 \leq y_{ij} &\leq x_i \quad \forall (i, j) \in E\end{aligned}$$



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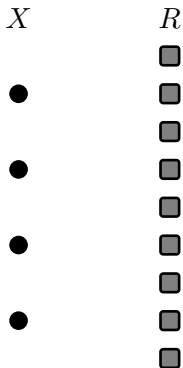
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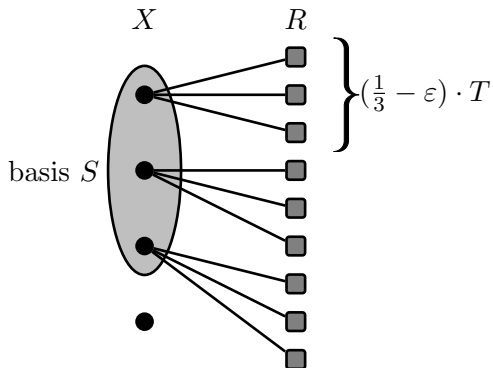
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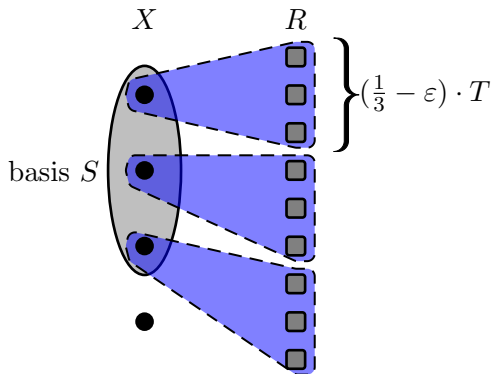
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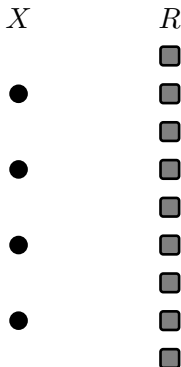
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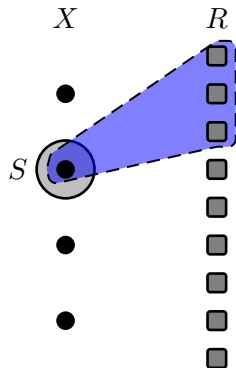
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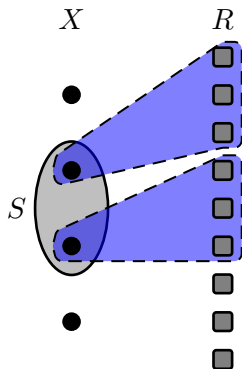
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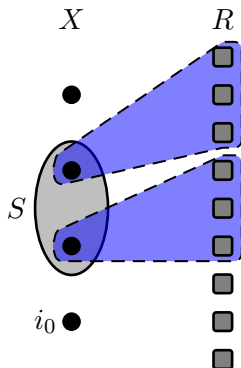
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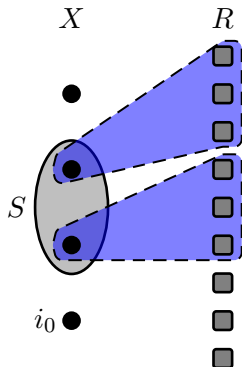
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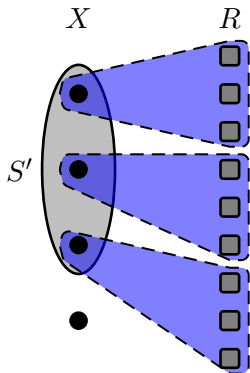
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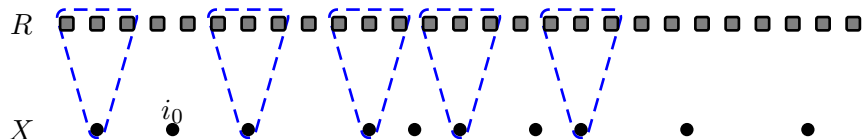
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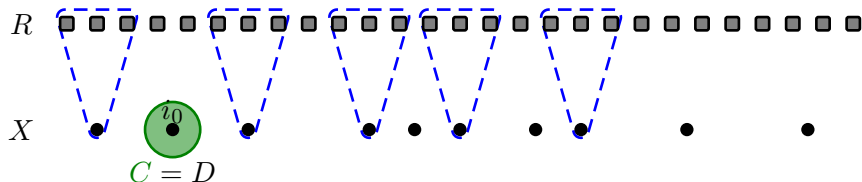
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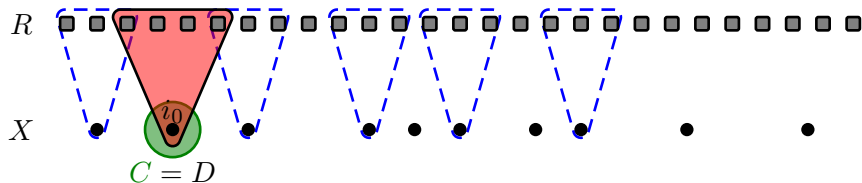
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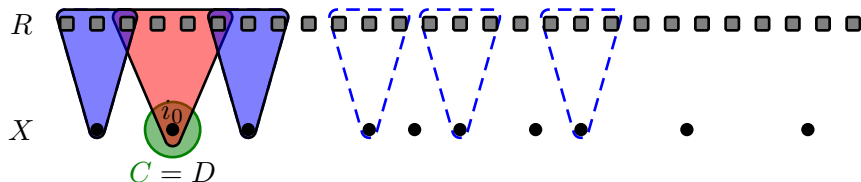
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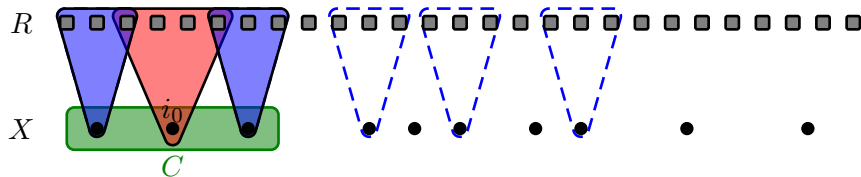
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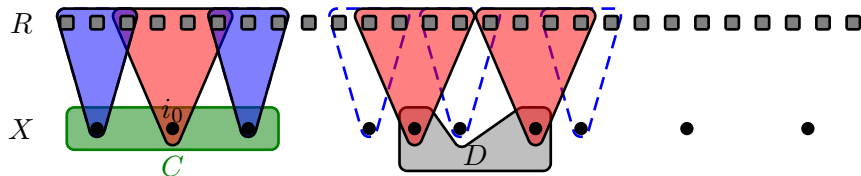
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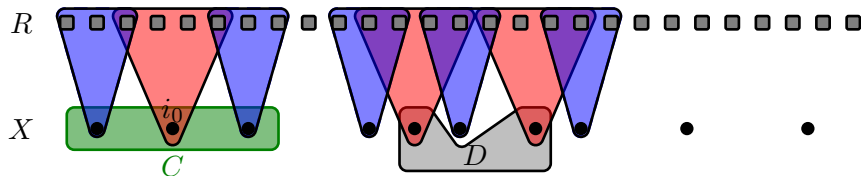
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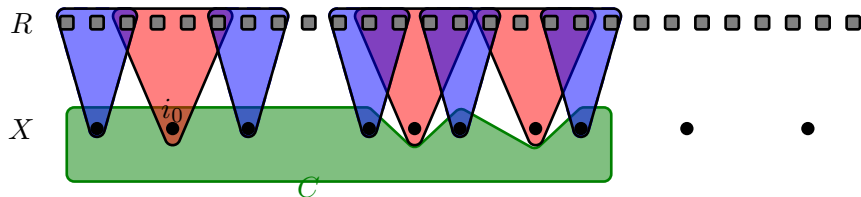
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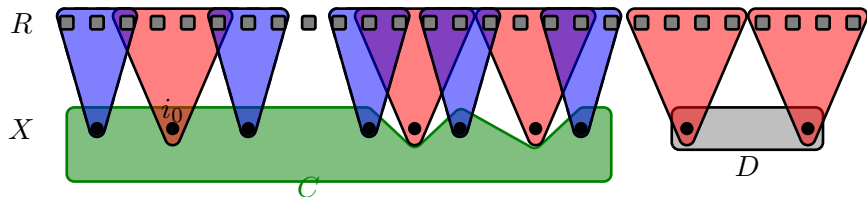
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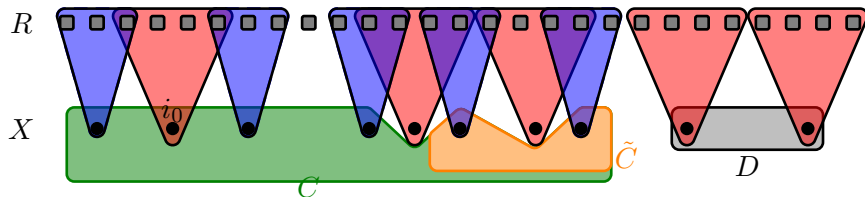
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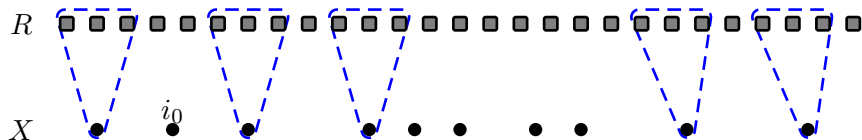
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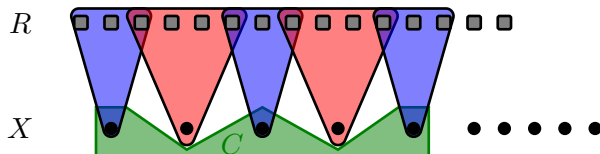


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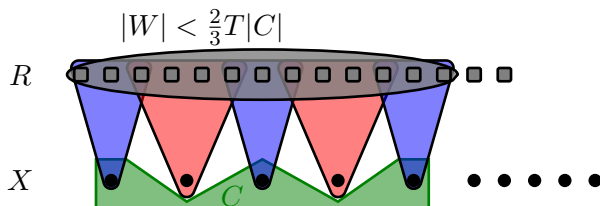


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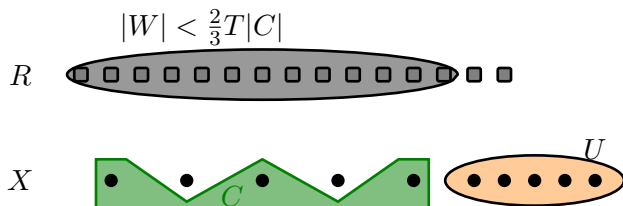


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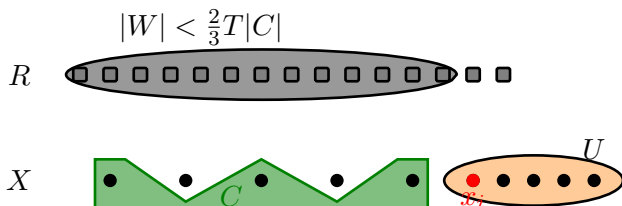


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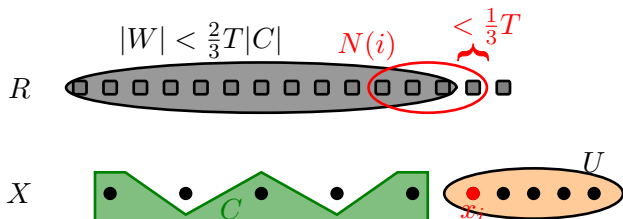


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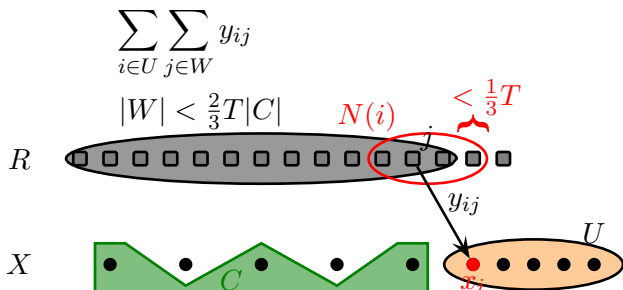


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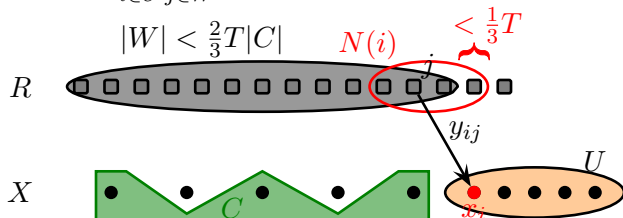
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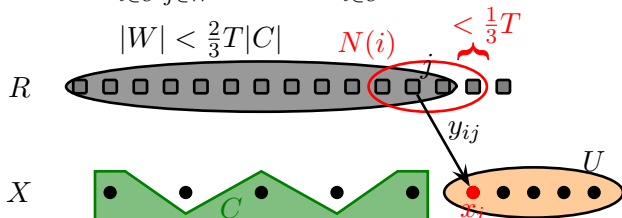
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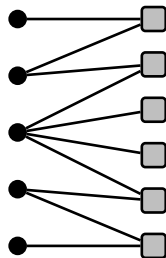
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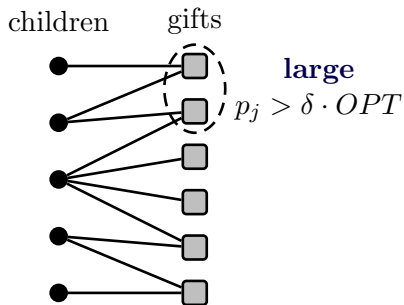
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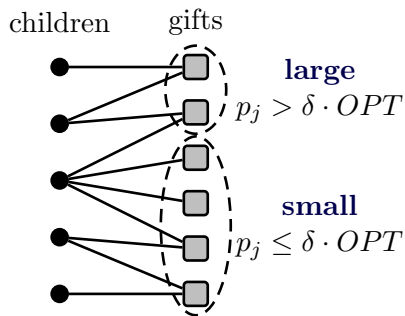
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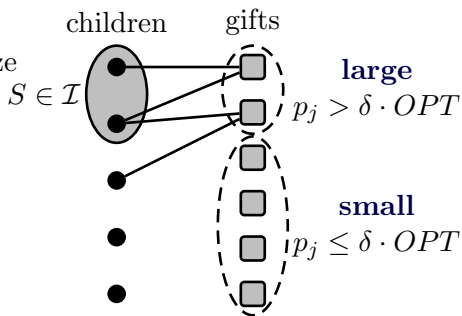
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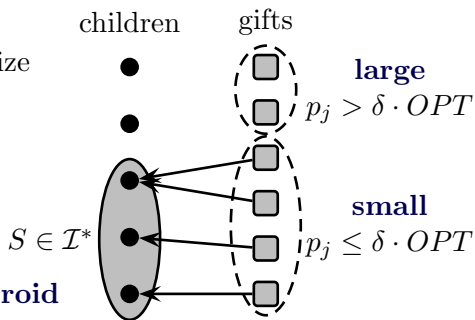
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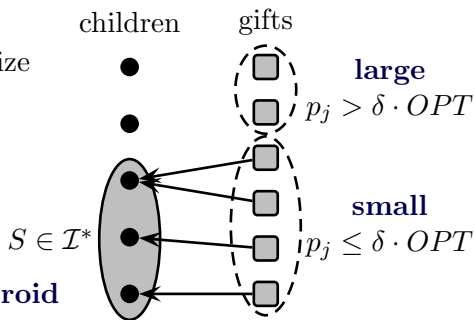


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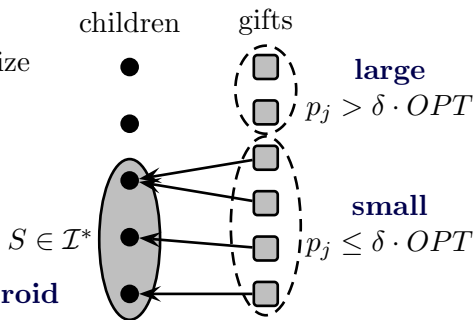
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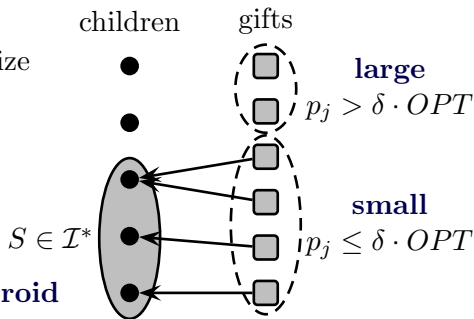
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