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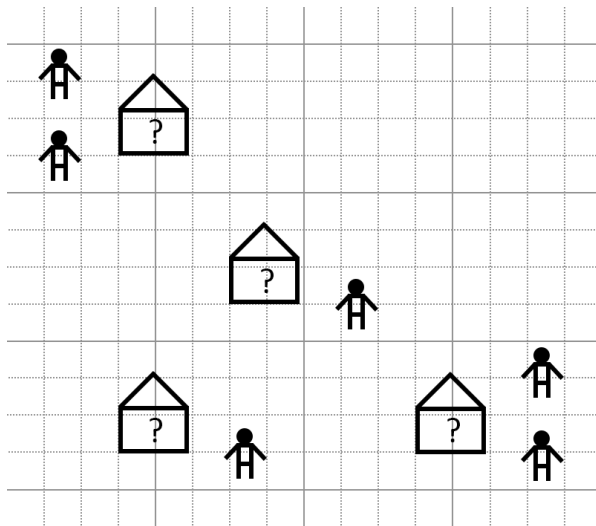
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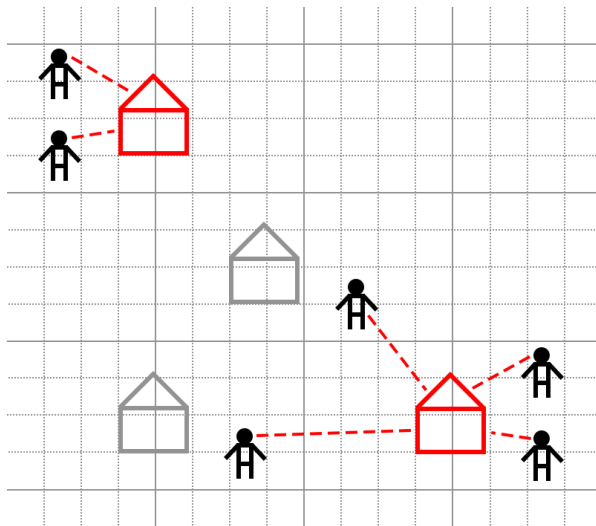
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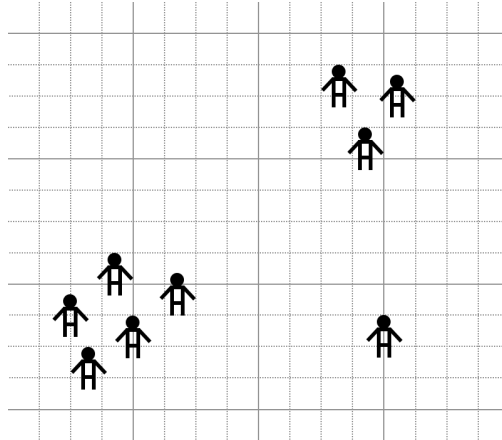
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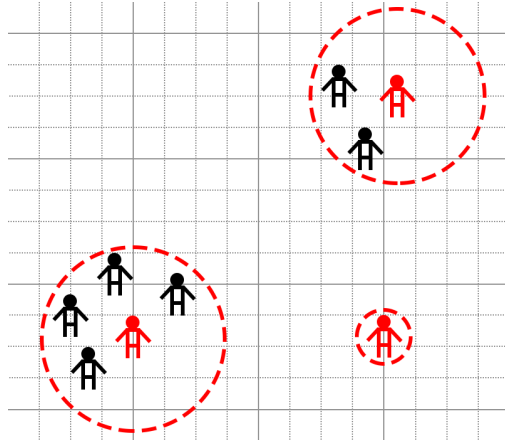
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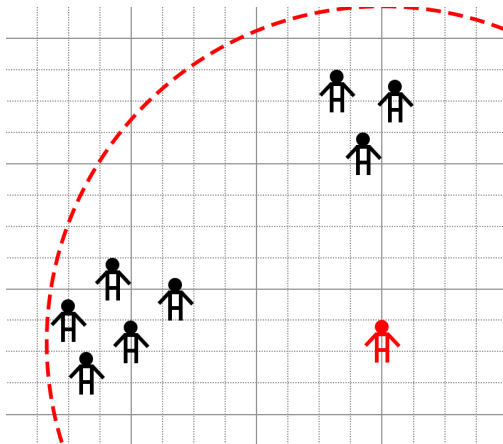
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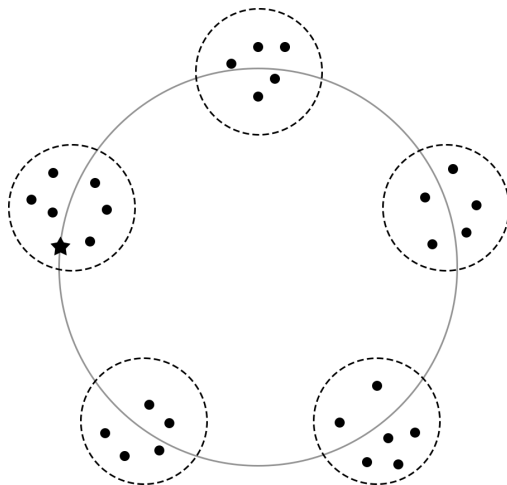
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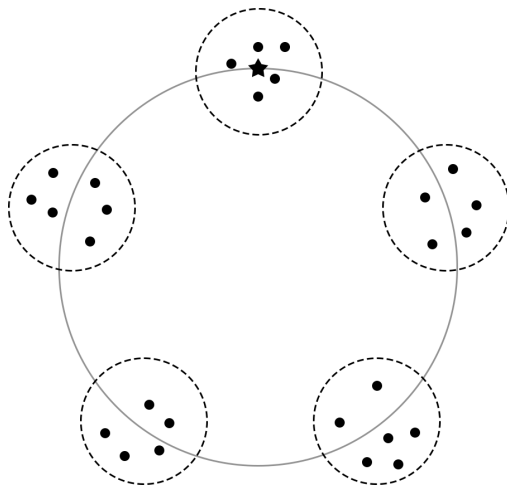
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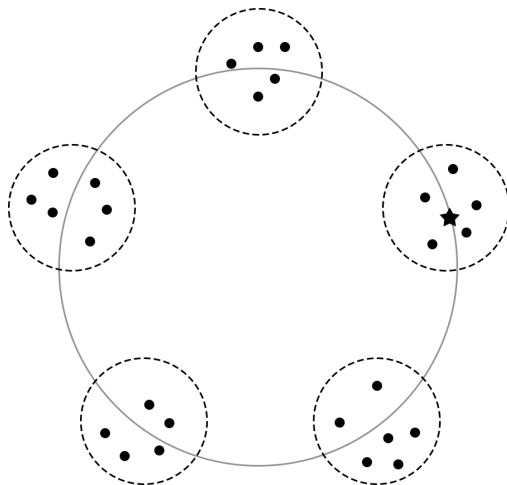
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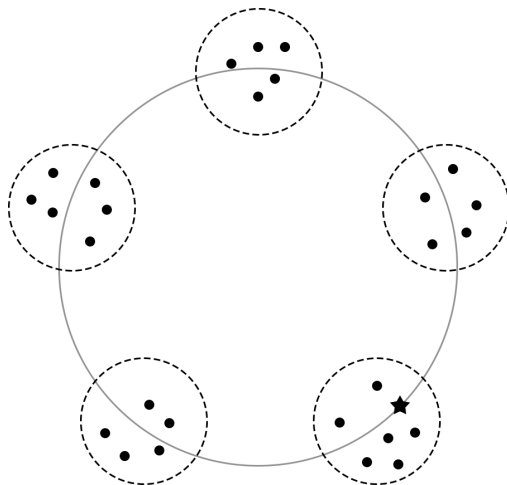
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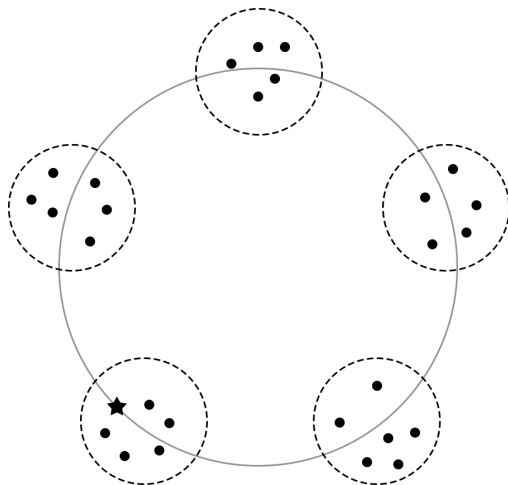
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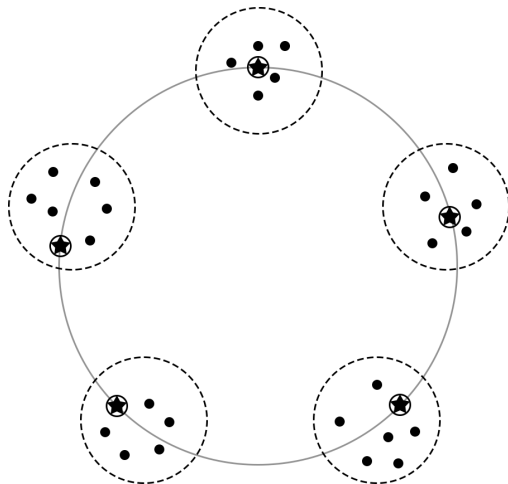
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# Definitions

On a en entrée :

- Set  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $n$  clients
- Set  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $m$  facilities
- Set  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $t$  time steps
- Opening cost  $f$  and switching cost  $g$
- Distances  $d^t(i, j)$  for each (facility, client) pair and each time step

We seek to connect all clients and minimize costs

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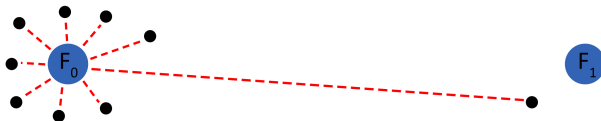
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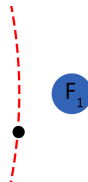
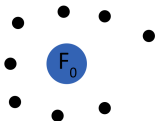
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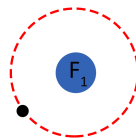
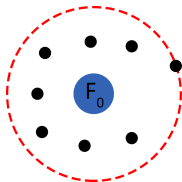
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## Théorème

[Dinur - Steurer, 2013] *SET-COVER* has no  $(1 - \varepsilon) \log n$  approximation unless  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NP}$ .

Which gives us :

## Théorème

*Dynamic Facility Location Minimizing Sum of Radii* has no  $(1 - \varepsilon) \log n$  approximation unless  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NP}$ .

However this result doesn't hold in the metric case.

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# Algorithms in the general (non-metric) case

# Formulation en Programme Linéaire

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Three sets of boolean variables with :

- $y_{ir}^t$  equals 1 iff  $i$  is open with radius  $r$  at time  $t$
- $x_{ij}^t$  equals 1 iff  $j$  is connected to  $i$  at time  $t$
- $z_{ij}^t$  equals 1 iff  $j$  connected to  $i$  between  $t - 1$  and  $t$

Minimize

$$\sum_{i,t,r} y_{ir}^t \cdot (f + r) \quad + \quad g \sum_{i,j,t} z_{ij}^t$$

With the constraints :

- $\forall j, t \quad \sum_i x_{ij}^t \geq 1$
- $\forall i, j, t \quad x_{ij}^t \leq \sum_{r \geq d^t(i,j)} y_{ir}^t$
- $\forall i, j, t \geq 1 \quad z_{ij}^t \geq x_{ij}^t - x_{ij}^{t-1}$

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# Preprocessing : choosing when clients switch facilities

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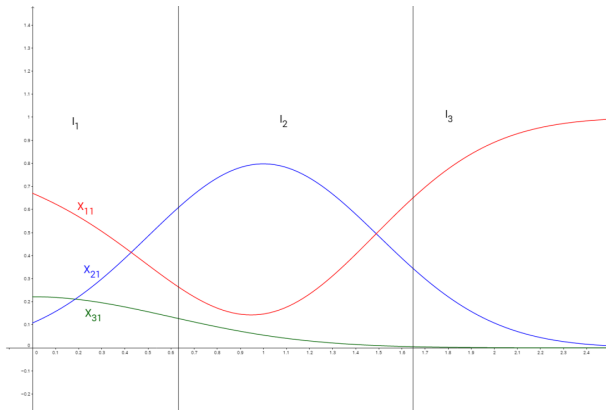
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Lemme

*(EMS) Preprocessing multiplies the cost by at most 2*



# Opening facilities

Algorithm 1 :

- Repeat  $\log(Z) + 1$  times
  - For each facility  $i$ , draw  $a_i$  uniformly in  $[0, 1]$
  - For each time step  $t$ , open facility  $i$  with the biggest radius  $R$  such that

$$a_i \leq \sum_{r \geq R} y_{ir}^t$$

*It's equivalent to opening  $i$  with a radius distributed along the  $y_{ir}^t$ , while maintaining timewise coherence*

- Open each facility with the biggest radius among the  $\log(Z) + 1$  partial solutions

## Covering each client

Interval  $I$  of client  $j$  isn't covered by facility  $i$  if there is  $t \in I$  such that

$$a_i \geq \sum_{r \geq d^t(i,j)} y_{ir}^t$$

By the LP's second constraint, for  $t \in I$

$$\sum_{r \geq d^t(i,j)} y_{ir}^t \geq \min_{t \in I} x_{ij}^t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x_{ij}^I$$

The probability of being covered is then at least

$$1 - \left( \prod_i \left( 1 - x_{ij}^I \right) \right) \underset{\text{LP}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}$$

Repeating  $\log(Z) + 1$  times, each client-interval is covered with probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$

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- Switching costs at most  $Z \cdot g$ , by preprocessing at most  $2 \cdot OPT$
- Cost expectation by facility equal to  $\sum y_{ir}^t(r + f)$
- Expection of cost for partial solutions equal to  $OPT$
- Recombining costs less than summing

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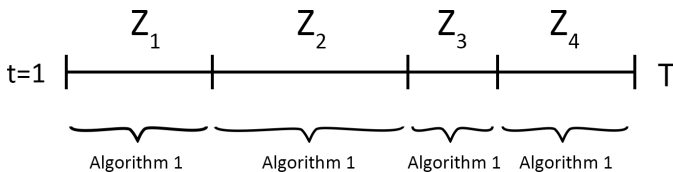
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## Corollaire

*Algorithm 1 is an  $O(\log(nT))$  approximation*

## $\log n$ -Approximation

- If  $Z \leq n^2$  use Algorithm 1
- Else cut time in sequences such that  $n \leq Z_i < 2n$  and use 'Algorithm 1 on each sequence



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*Algorithm 2 is an  $O(\log n)$  approximation*

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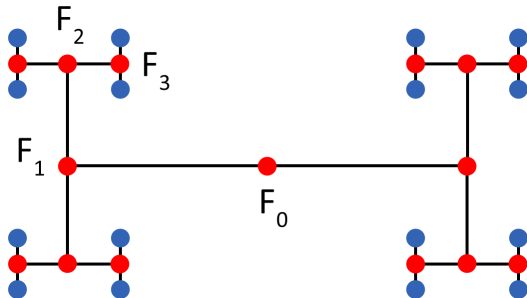
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# ANS Algorithm

- There is an  $O(1)$  approximation for the sum of distances [An, Norouzi-Fard, Svensson, 2014]
- We propose a natural adaptation of this algorithm
- It can be at best a  $\Omega(\log \log n)$  approximation
- Counter-example :



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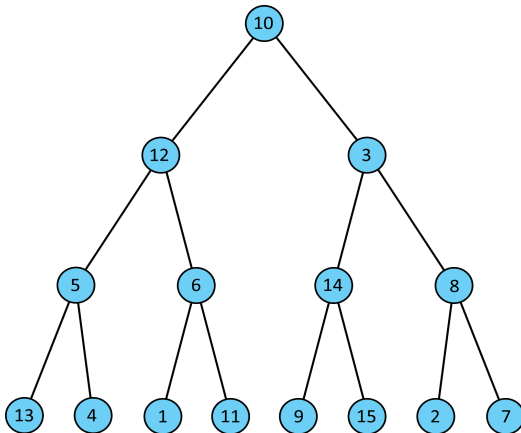
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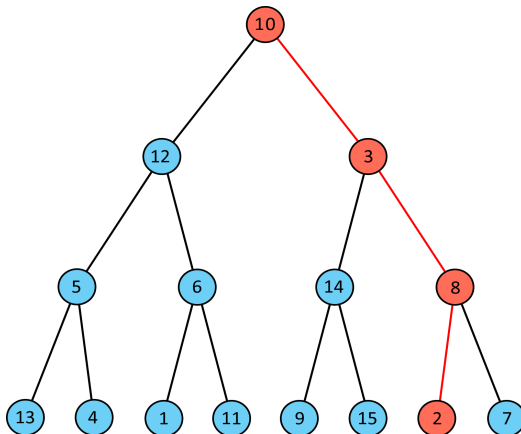
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*Finding such a branch has probability at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ .*



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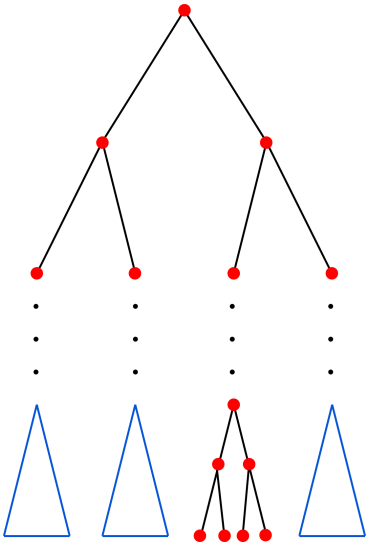
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Our results on Dynamic Facility Location :

	Non-Metric (Algorithm/Hardness)	
	$\sum$ Distances	$\sum$ Radii
Static	$O(\log n) / \Omega(\log n)$	$2 \log n / (1 - \varepsilon) \log n$
Dynamic	$O(\log n \cancel{\times}) / \Omega(\log n)$	$4 \log n / (1 - \varepsilon) \log n$

Moreover, modified ANS cannot give better than  $\Omega(\log \log n)$  for the sum of radii.

## Futur work

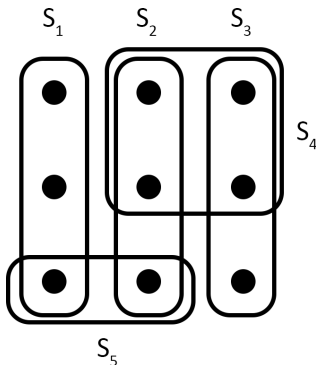
Remaining problems :

- Can we find an upper bound for modified ANS ?
- Can we find a constant approximation algorithm in the metric case ?

Any questions ?

# SET-COVER problem

- Set  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $n$  elements
- Collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$
- How to cover  $\mathcal{A}$  with a minimal cardinality subset of  $\mathcal{B}$ ?



# SET-COVER reduction

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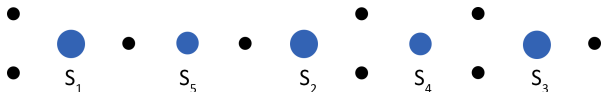
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- A client  $j$  for each element  $a_j \in \mathcal{A}$
- A facility  $i$  for each set  $b_i \in \mathcal{B}$
- Set  $d(i, j) = 1$  if  $a_j \in b_i$  and  $d(i, j) = \infty$  otherwise



# Preprocessing

- Set  $t_0 = 1$
- Greedily find the greatest  $t_{k+1}$  such that

$$\sum_i \min_{t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}[} x_{ij}^t \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

- Set for all  $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$

$$\widehat{x}_{ij}^t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2 \cdot \min_{t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}[} x_{ij}^t$$

- And

$$\widehat{y}_{ir}^t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2 \cdot y_{ir}^t$$

# Proof of the combinatorial lemma

- The root's key is in the top  $1/3$  with probability  $1/3$
- If we only take an  $\varepsilon$  proportion of nodes :
  - Each node's key has probability at least  $\frac{2}{3} - \varepsilon$  to be smaller than the root's.
  - We can find a path through a subtree of height  $\frac{n}{2}$  with constant probability
  - From this node at height  $\frac{n}{2}$  we can find an other path of length  $\frac{n}{2}$  hence a branch with the property
- We handle dependency and the value of  $\varepsilon$  by only looking at an arbitrarily small proportion of nodes

## Lemme

*A good branch exists with probability at least*

$$\frac{2 + 27 \cdot \tanh^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)}{48} \approx 0.3506$$



# Modified ANS Algorithm

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Presentation of  
the problem

Facility  
Location  
Reduction from  
SET-COVER

Algorithms in  
the general  
(non-metric)  
case

Linear Program  
Preprocessing  
 $\log(nT)$ -  
Approximation  
 $\log n$ -  
Approximation

Metric case

Conclusion

- Take an LP solution
- Use the preprocessing
- Draw  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for each facility with distribution along  $e^{-a_i x}$
- Draw an uniform permutation of clients
- Draw an arrow from client  $j$  to facility  $i$  with minimal  $a_i$  with  $x_{ij}^t > 0$
- Draw an arrow from each facility to the client of lowest rank such that  $x_{ij}^t > 0$
- Assign each client to the facility in the loop of length 2 you get by following the arrows

## Experimental results

Series of 10 groups of  $10^7$  instances for the combinatorial lemma :

Height	5	6	7
Observed probability	0.473	0.453	0.441
Spread over 10 groups	0.0008	0.0018	0.0015

Height	8	9	10
Observed probability	0.431	0.423	0.418
Spread over 10 groups	0.0013	0.0021	0.0017