

Step 3

## Stable matching/marriage problem

$n$  men

$$M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$$

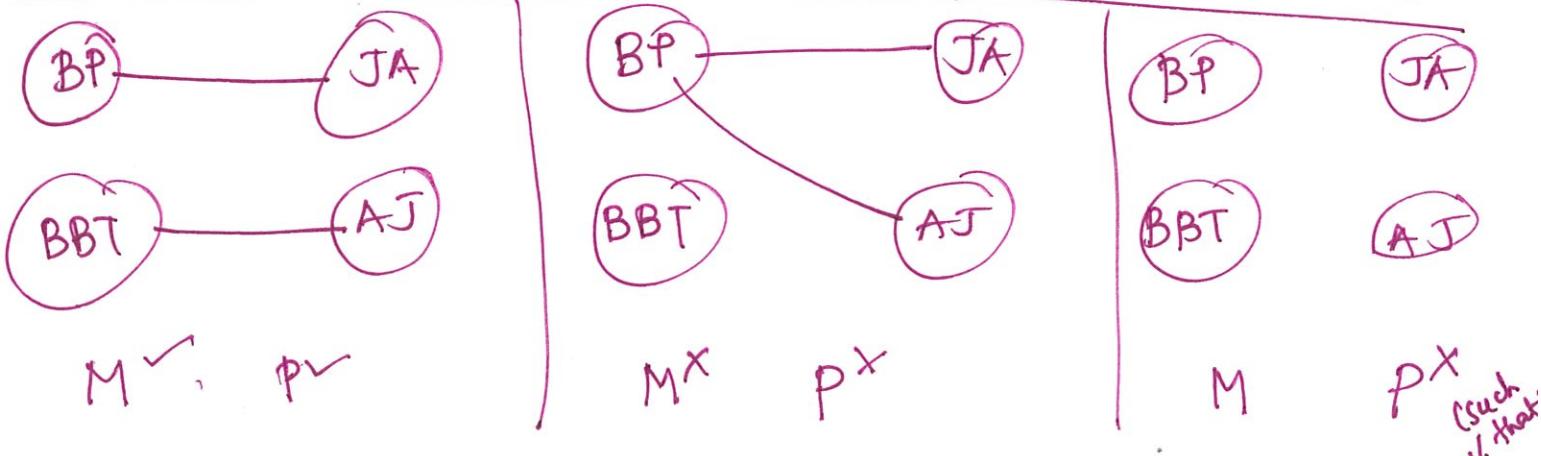
$n=2$

$n$  women

$$W = \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$$

$$W = \{JA, AJ\}$$

$$M = \{BP, BBT\}$$



Def (Matching) A subset  $S \subseteq MXW = \{(m, w) |$   
 $m \in M$   
 $w \in W\}$

is a matching IF

(subset)

- (i)  $\forall w \in W, \exists$  at most one  $m \in M$  s.t.  $(m, w) \in S$   
 (for all) (there exists)
- (ii)  $\forall m \in M, \exists$  EXACTLY one  $w \in W$  such that  $(m, w) \in S$

Def (perfect matching)