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- Graph G=(V,E) directed or undirected
- Adjacency list representation
- Goal: Systematically explore every vertex and every edge
- Idea: search deeper whenever possible
  - Using a LIFO queue (Stack; FIFO queue used in BFS)

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- Maintains several fields for each $v \in V$
- Like BFS, colors the vertices to indicate their states. Each vertex is
  - Initially white,
  - grayed when discovered,
  - blackened when finished
- Like BFS, records discovery of a white $v$ during scanning Adj[$u$] by $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

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- Unlike BFS, predecessor graph $G_\pi$ produced by DFS forms spanning forest
- $G_\pi=(V,E_\pi)$ where

$$E_\pi=\{(\pi[v],v): v\in V \text{ and } \pi[v]\neq \text{NIL}\}$$

- $G_\pi$= depth-first forest (DFF) is composed of disjoint depth-first trees (DFTs)

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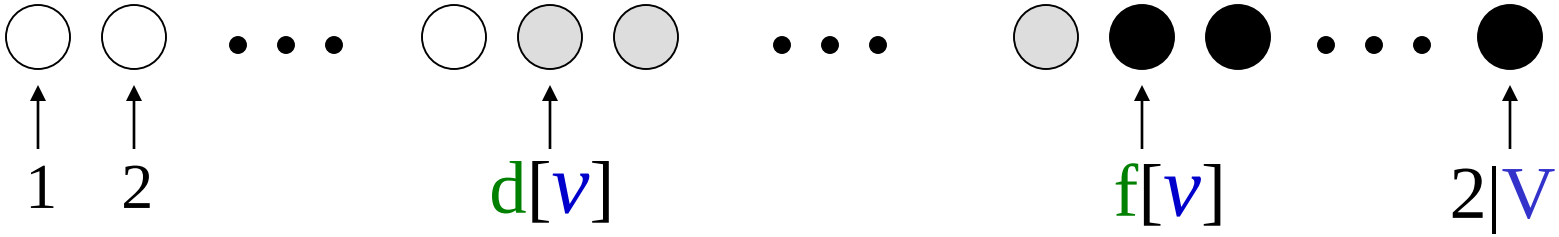
- DFS also timestamps each vertex with two timestamps
- d[$v$]: records when $v$ is first discovered and grayed
- f[$v$]: records when $v$ is finished and blackened
- Since there is only one discovery event and finishing event for each vertex we have $1 \leq d[v] < f[v] \leq 2|V|$

Time axis for the color of a vertex



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DFS(G)
    for each u∈V do
        color[u]← white
        π[u] ← NIL
    time ← 0
    for each u∈V do
        if color[u] = white then
            DFS-VISIT(G, u)
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DFS-VISIT(G, u)
    color[u]← gray
    d[u]← time ← time +1
    for each v∈ Adj[u] do
        if color[v] = white then
            π[v] ← u
            DFS-VISIT(G, v)
    color[u]← black
    f[u]← time ← time +1
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- Running time: $\Theta(V+E)$
- Initialization loop in **DFS** : $\Theta(V)$
- Main loop in **DFS**: $\Theta(V)$ exclusive of time to execute calls to **DFS-VISIT**
- **DFS-VISIT** is called exactly once for each $v \in V$ since
  - **DFS-VISIT** is invoked only on white vertices and
  - **DFS-VISIT(G, *u*)** immediately colors u as gray
- For loop of **DFS-VISIT(G, *u*)** is executed $|Adj[u]|$ time
- Since $\Sigma |Adj[u]| = E$, total cost of executing loop of **DFS-VISIT** is $\Theta(E)$

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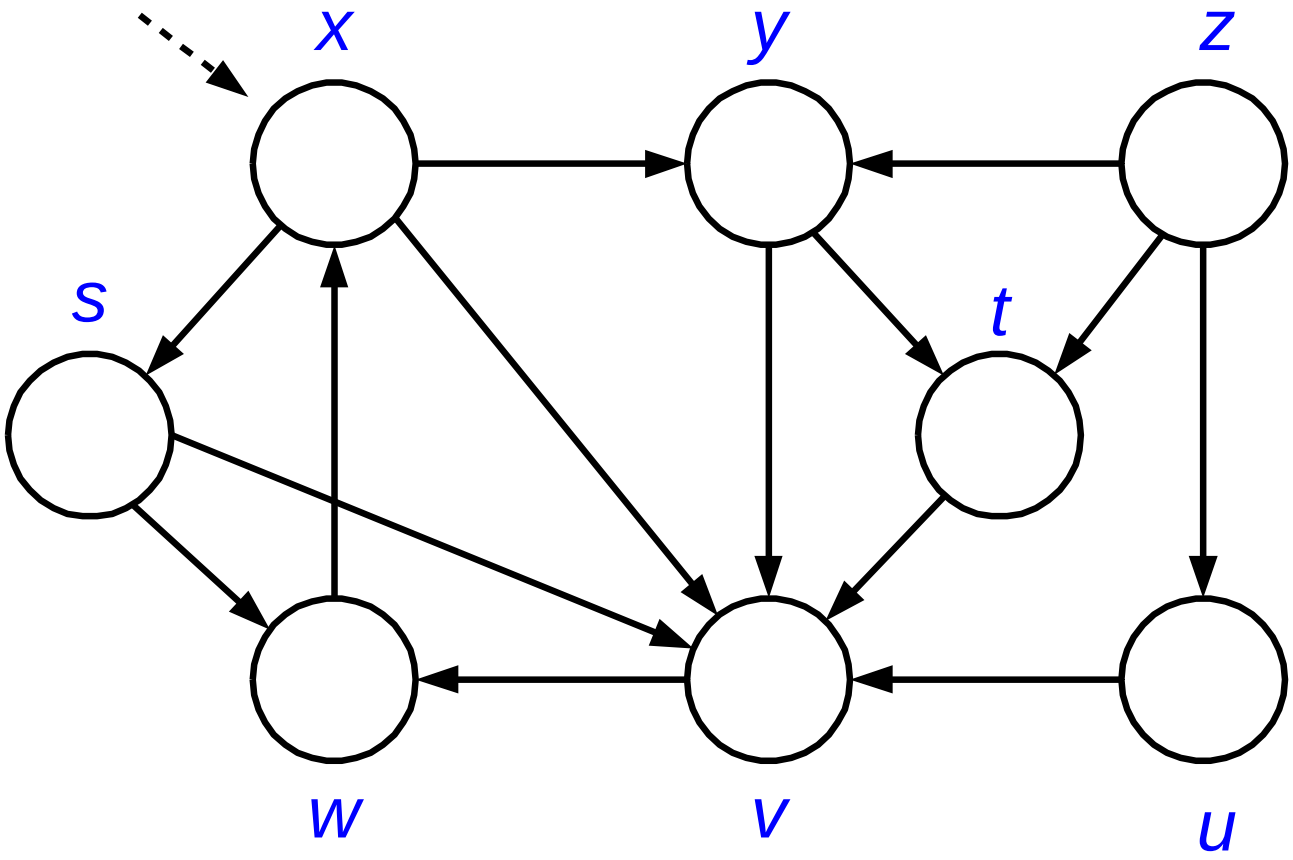

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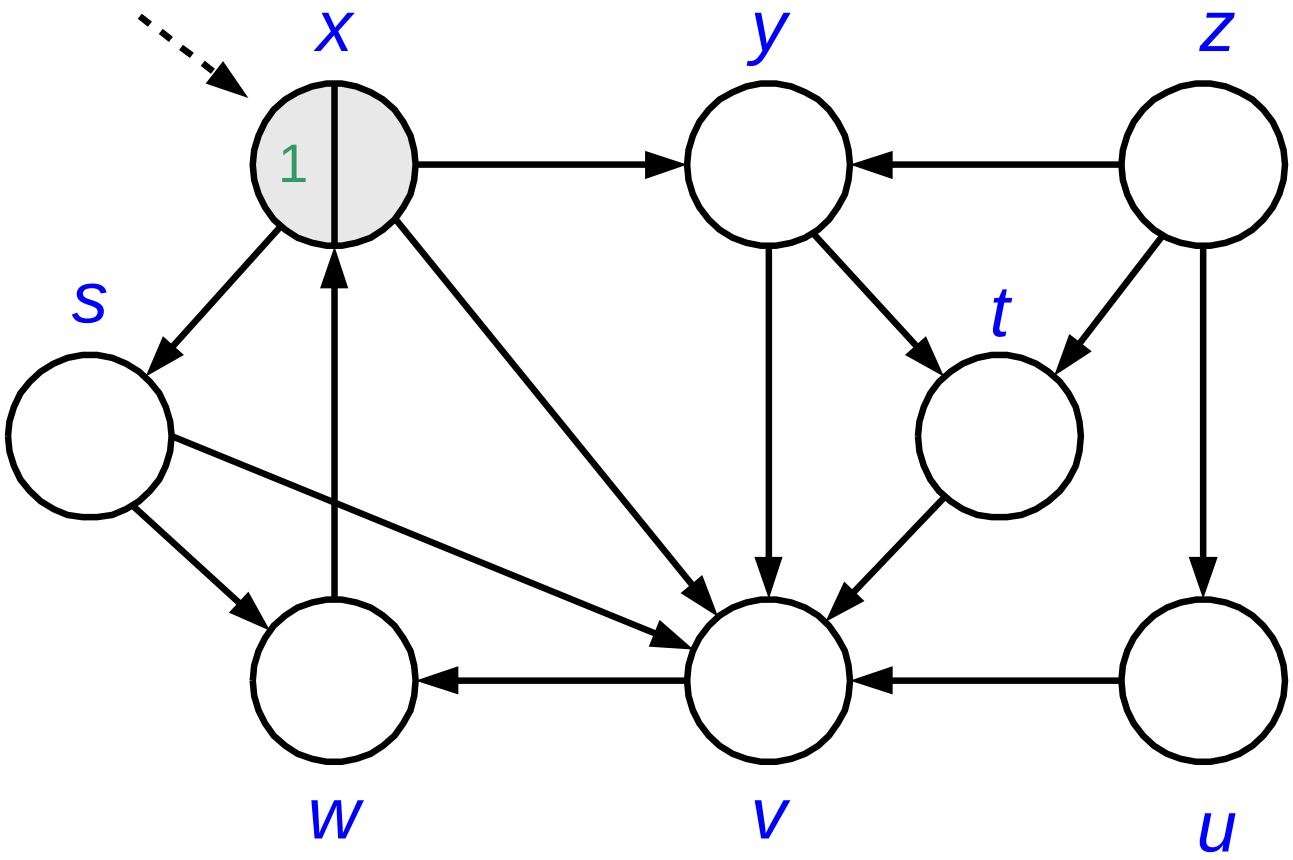

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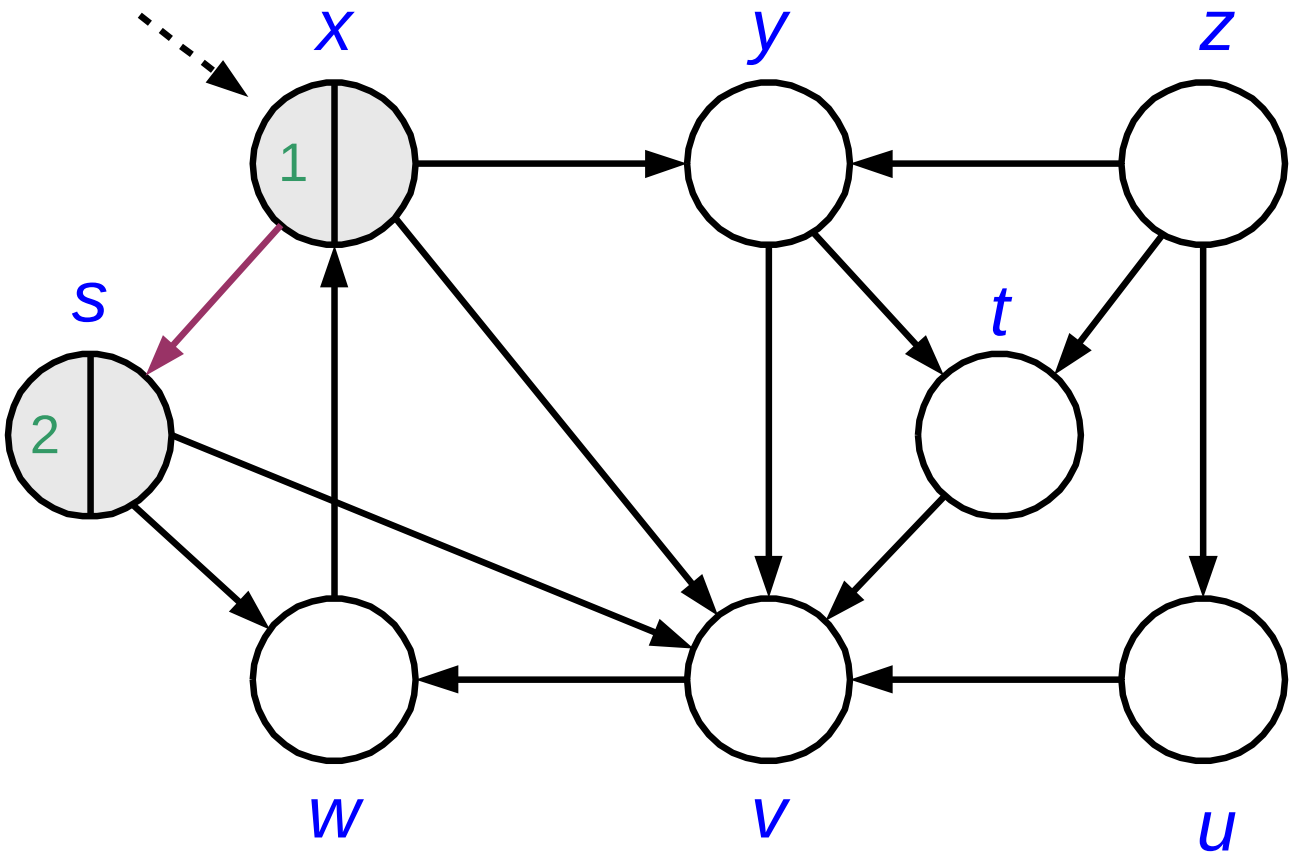

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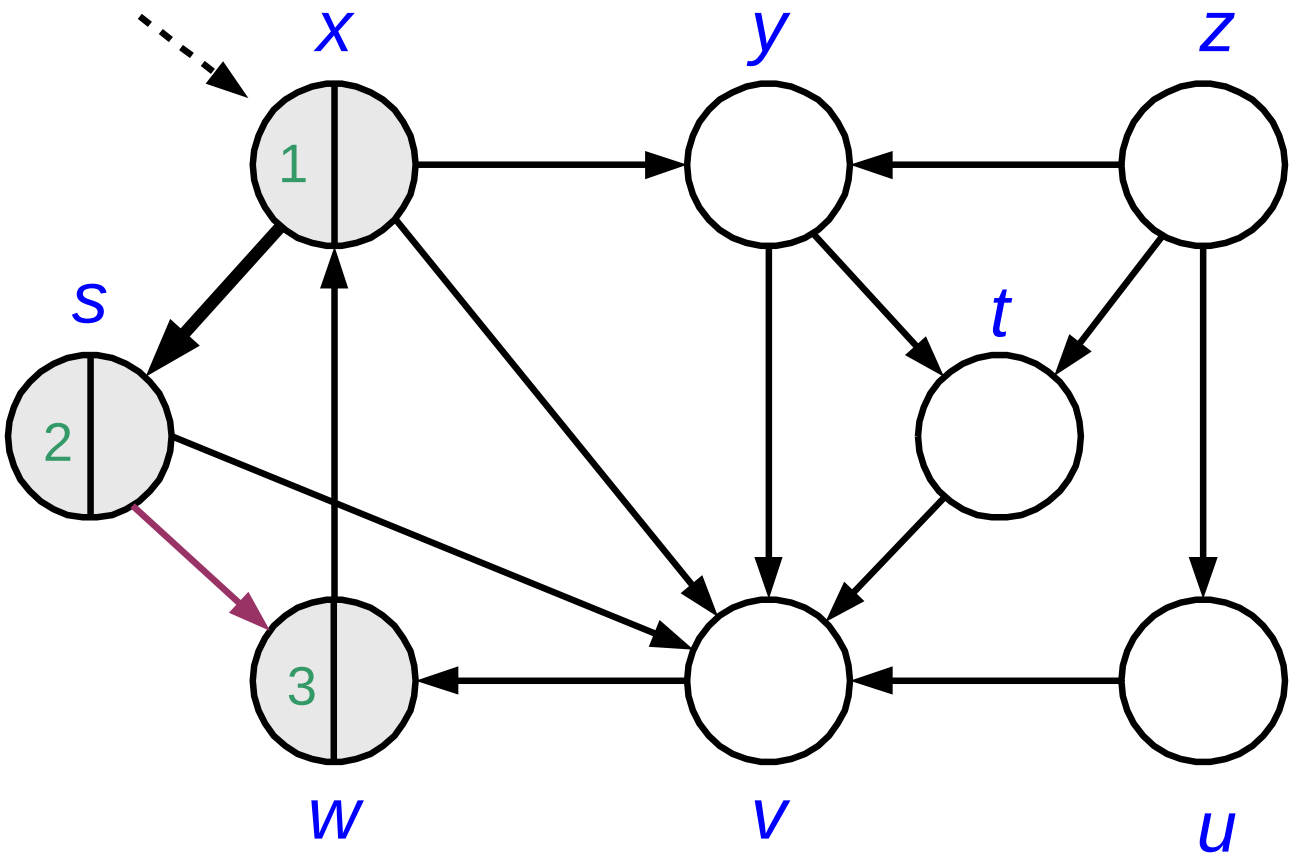

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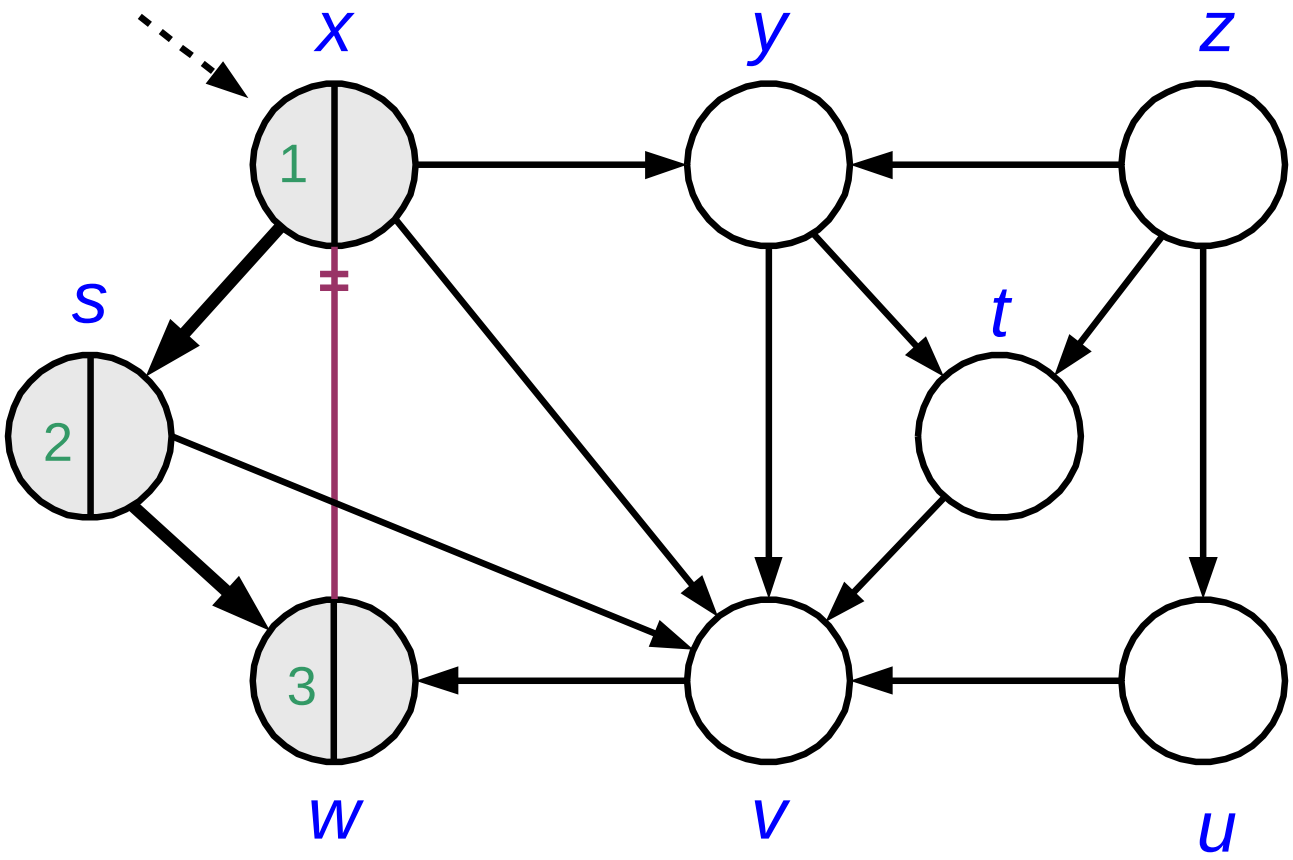

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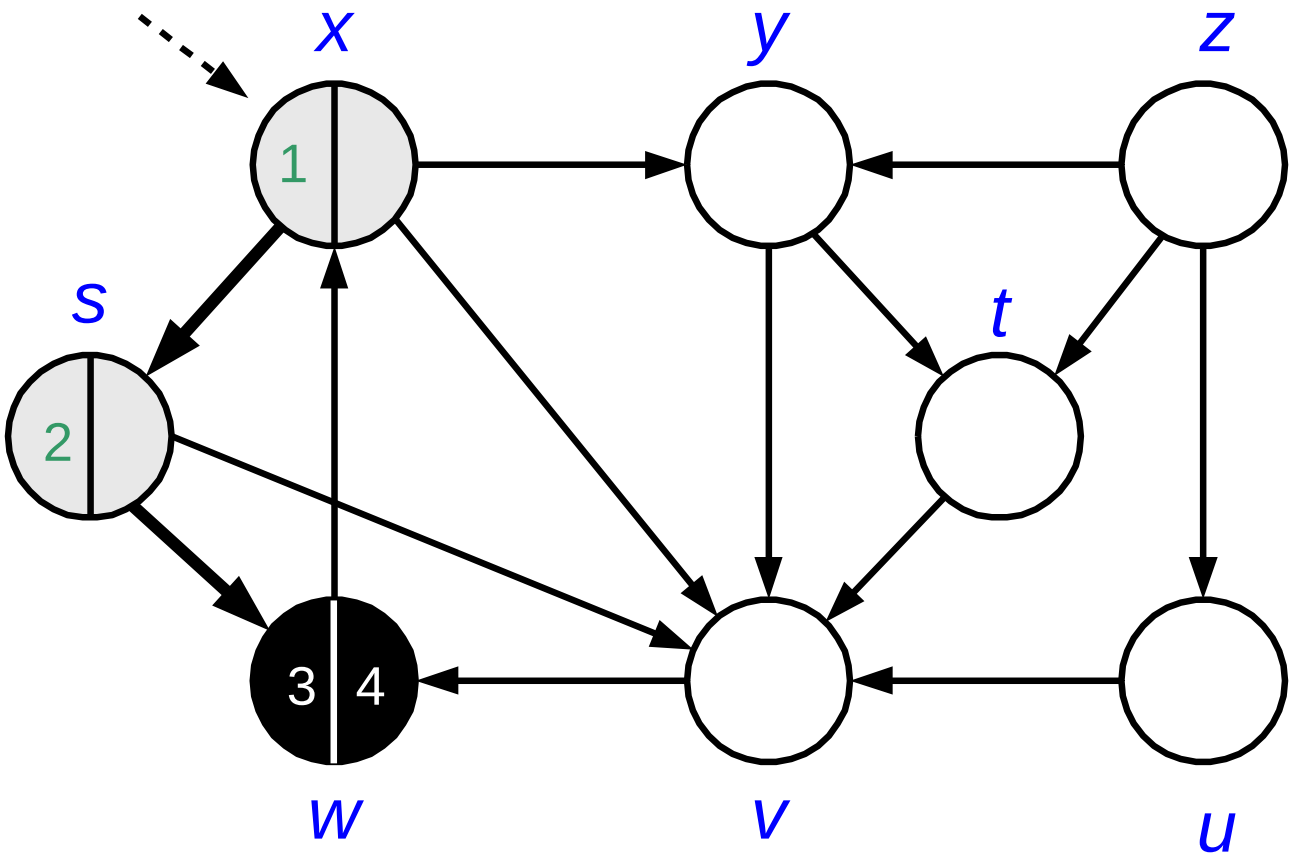

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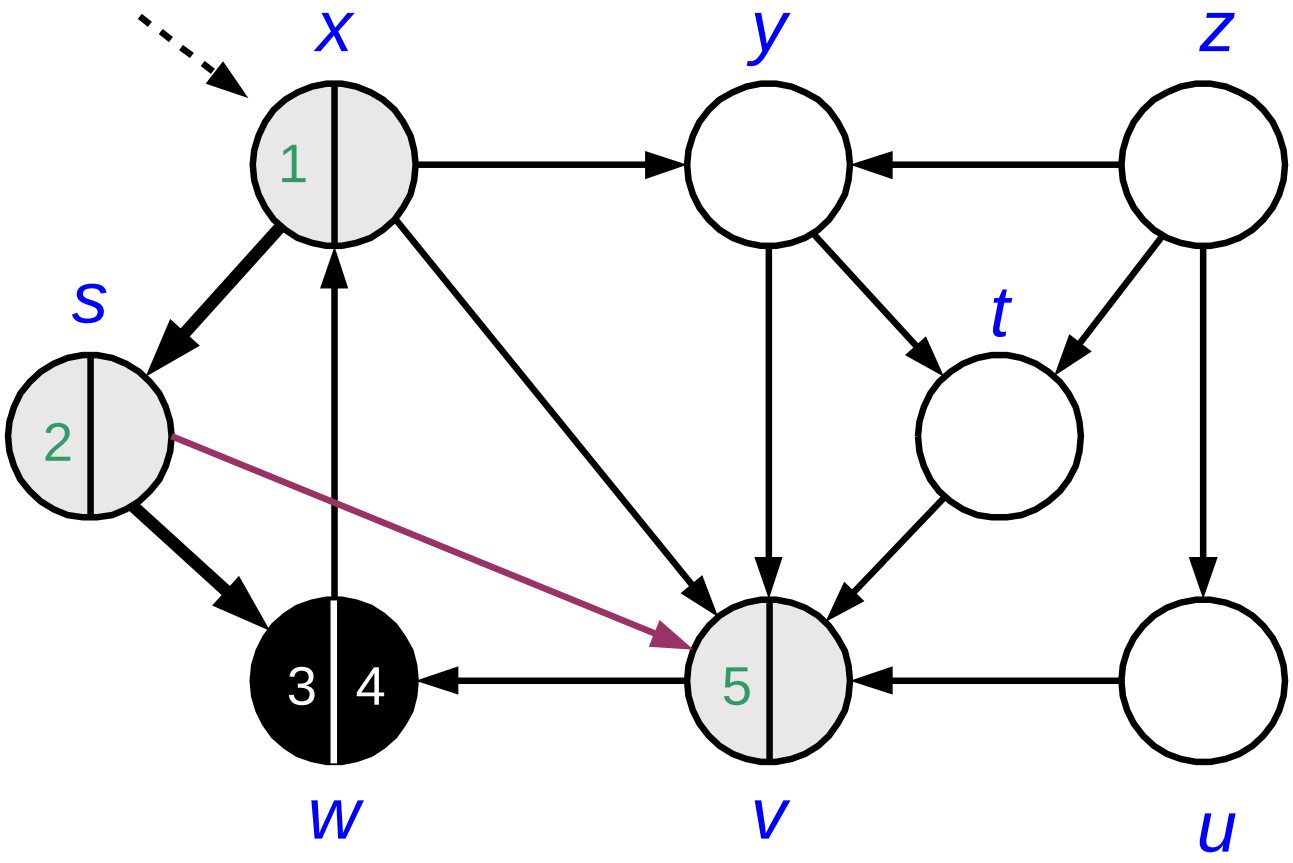

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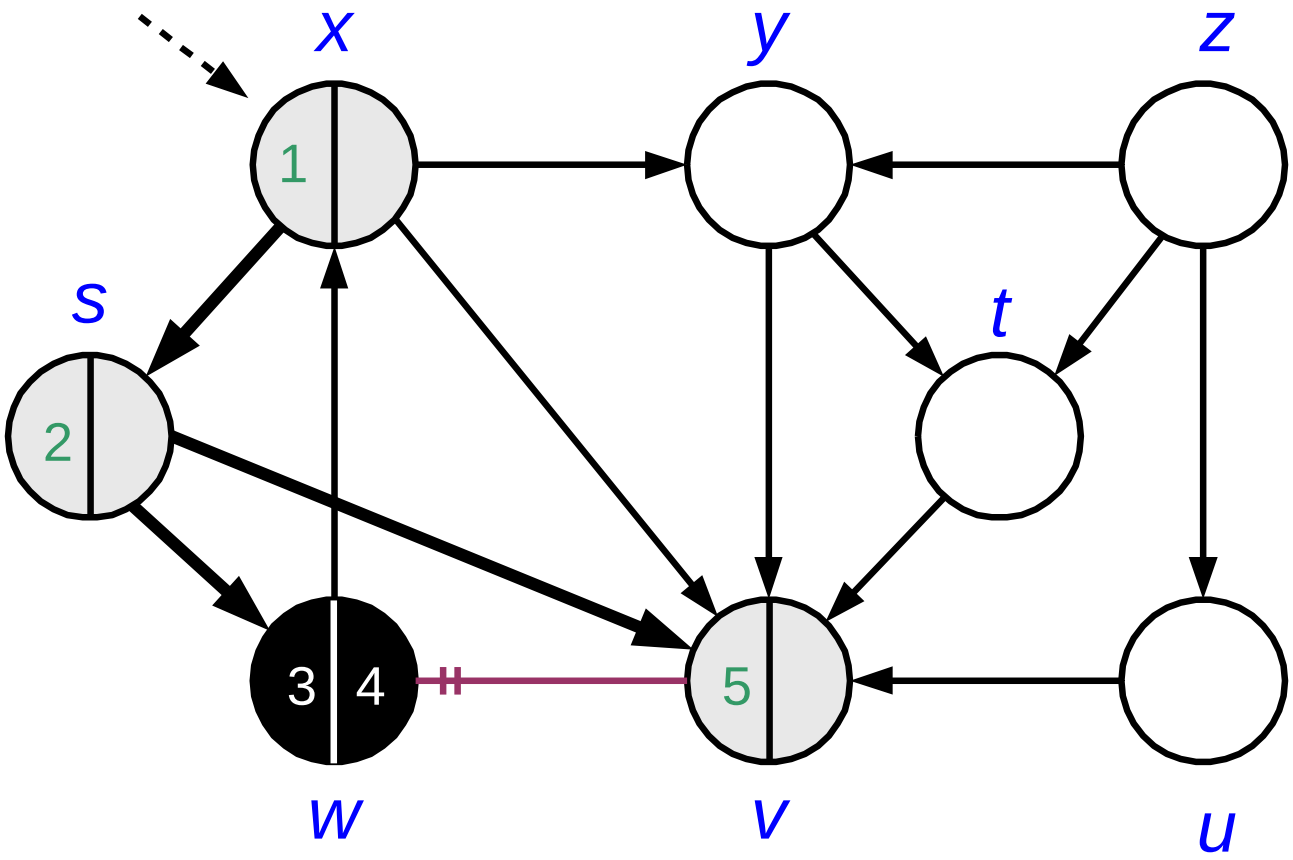

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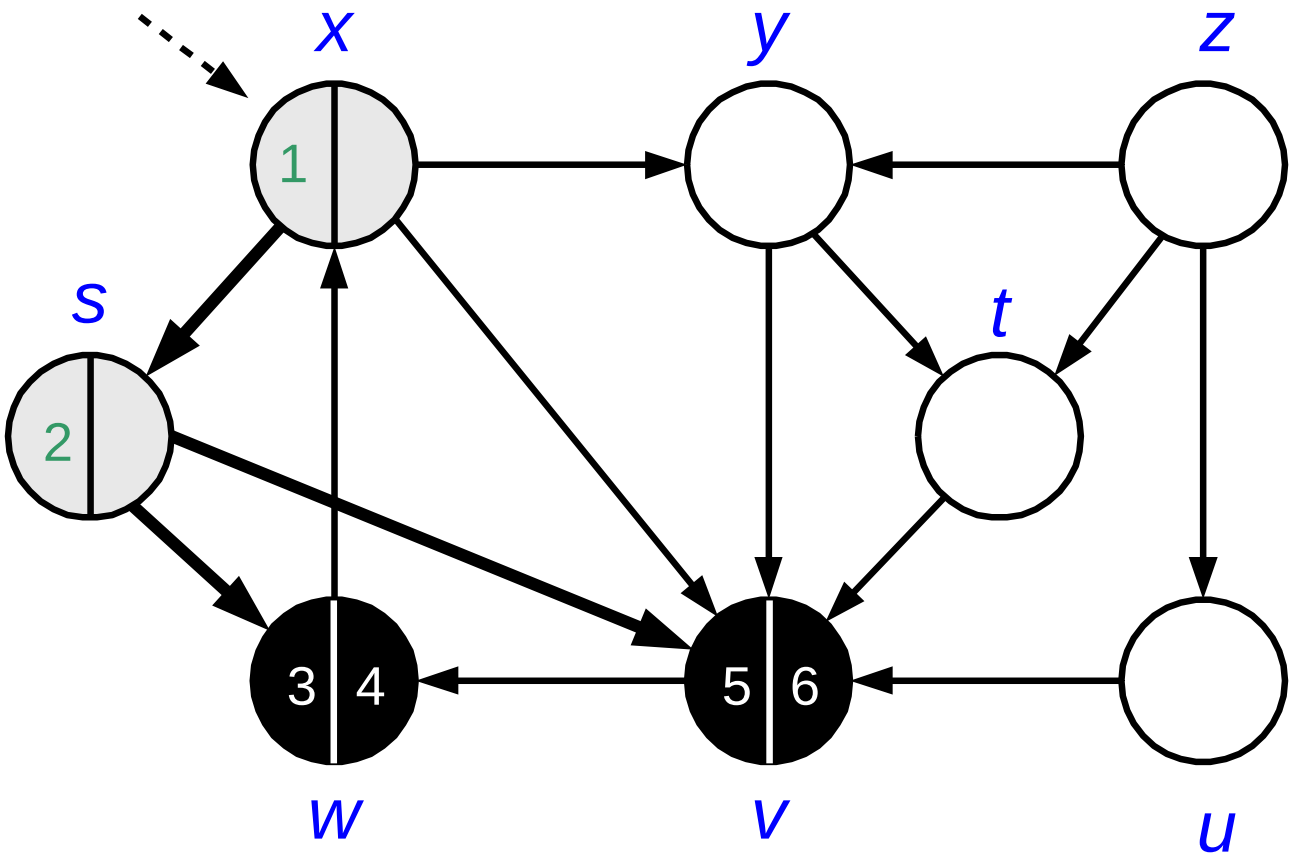

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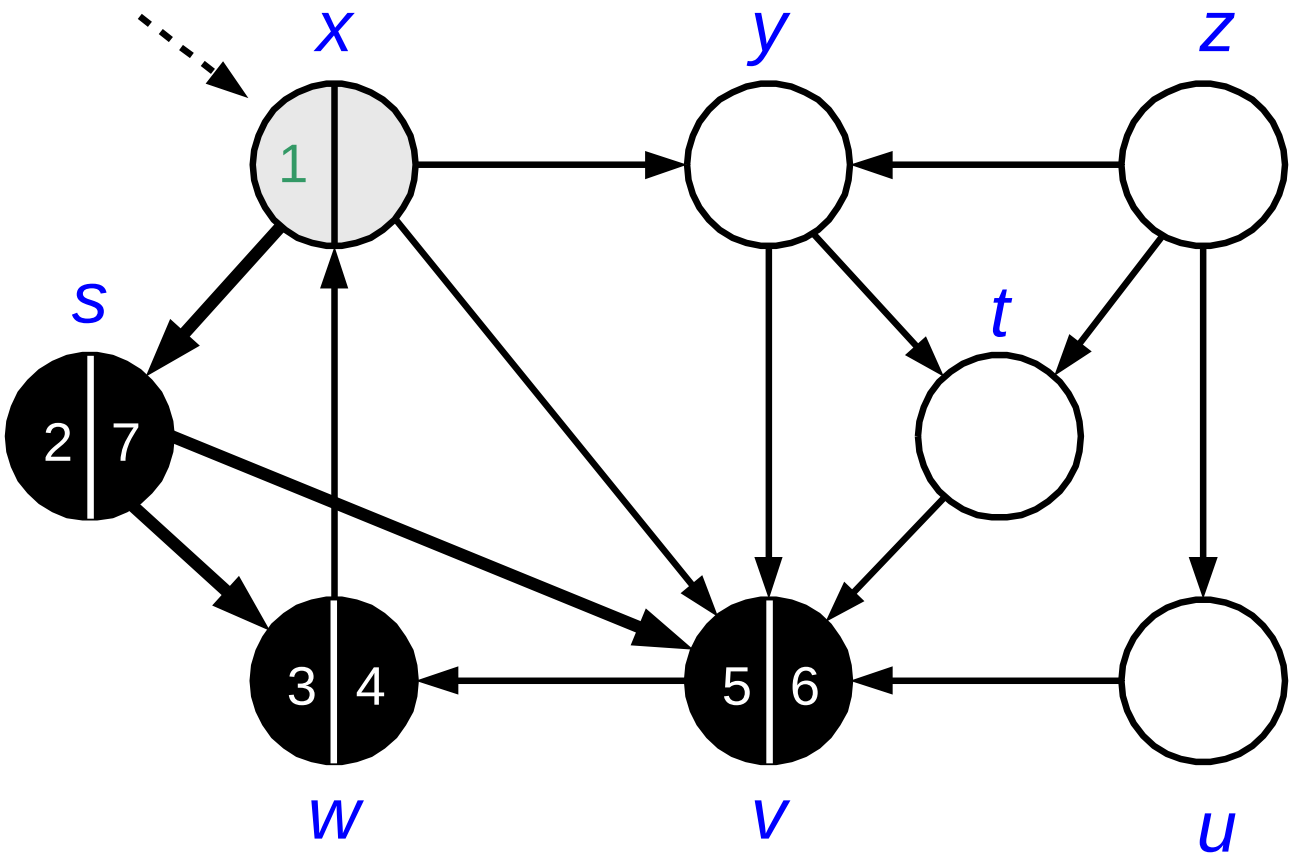

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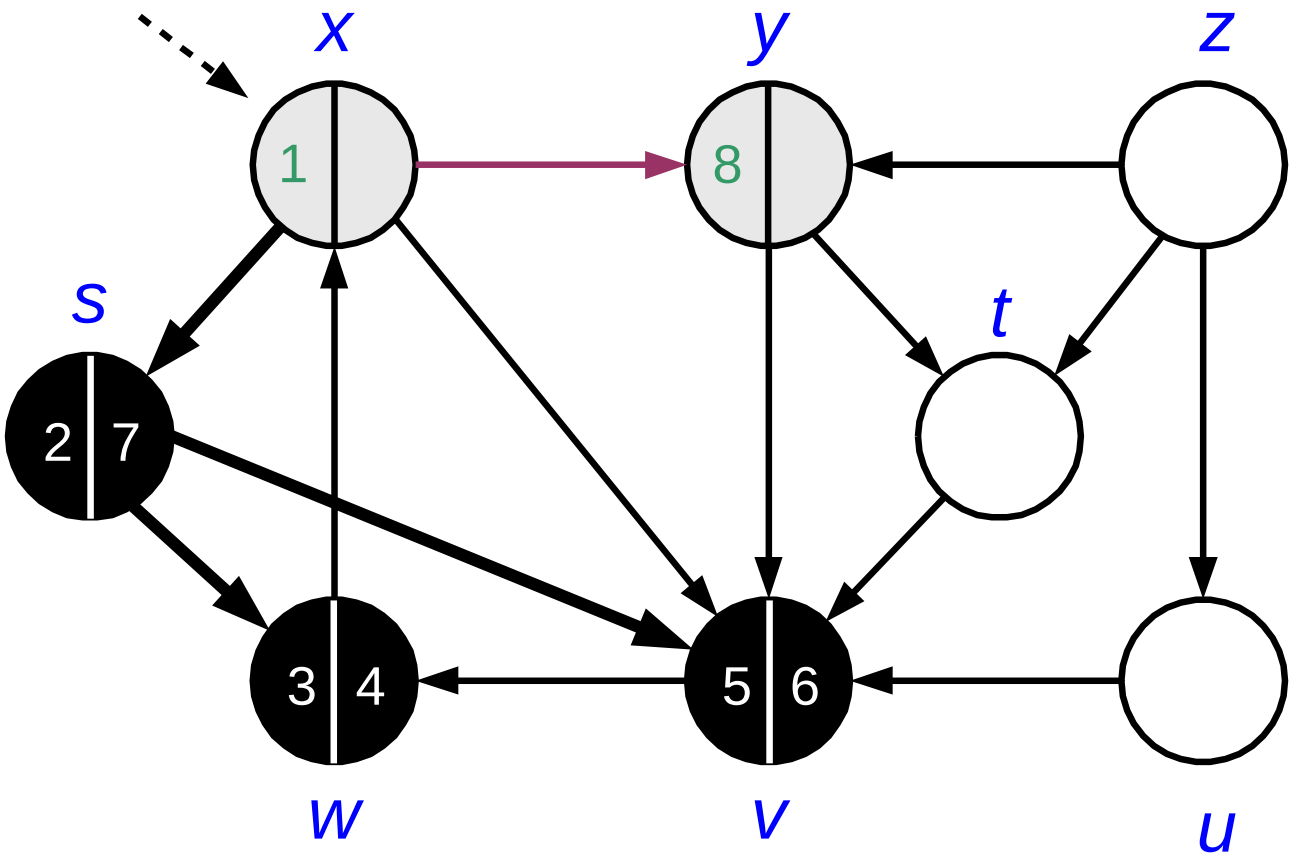

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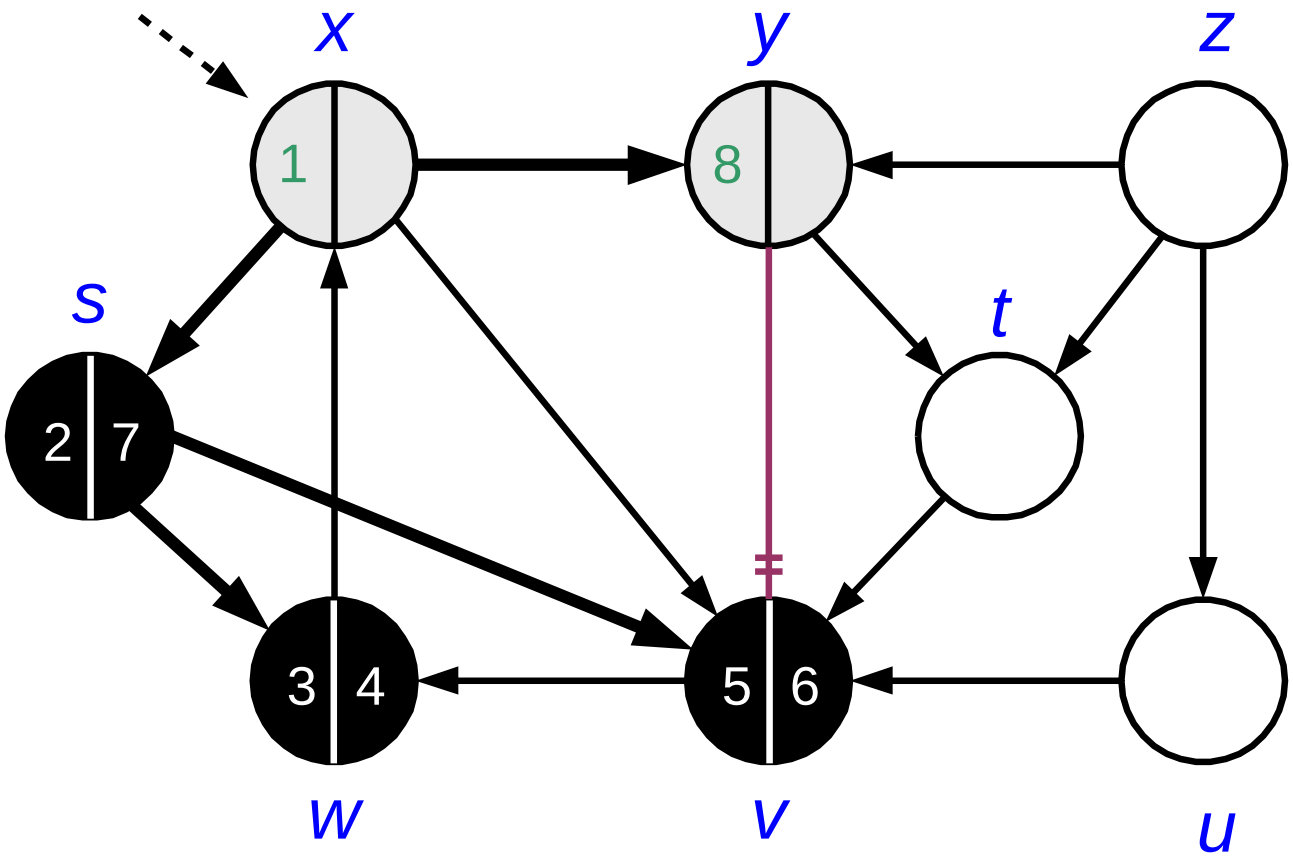

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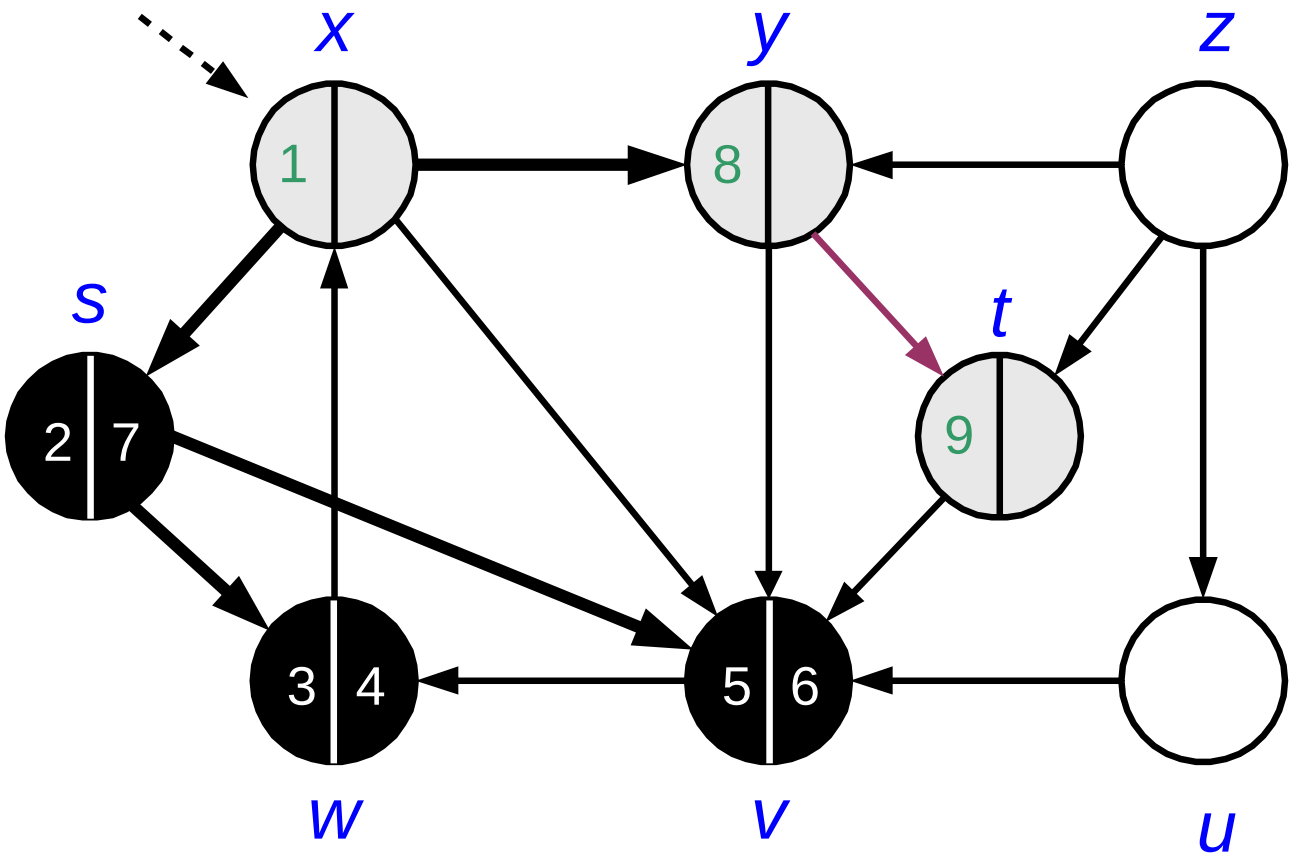

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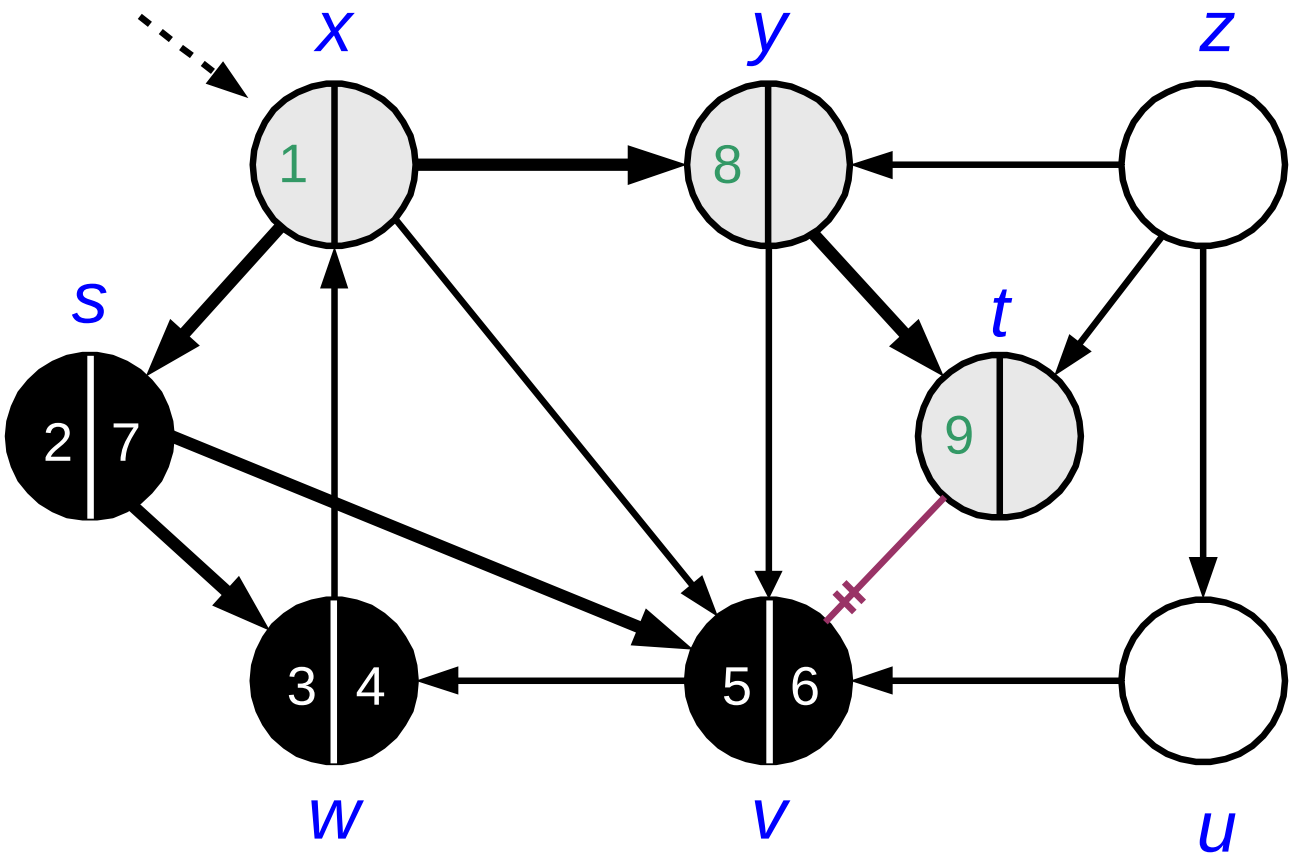

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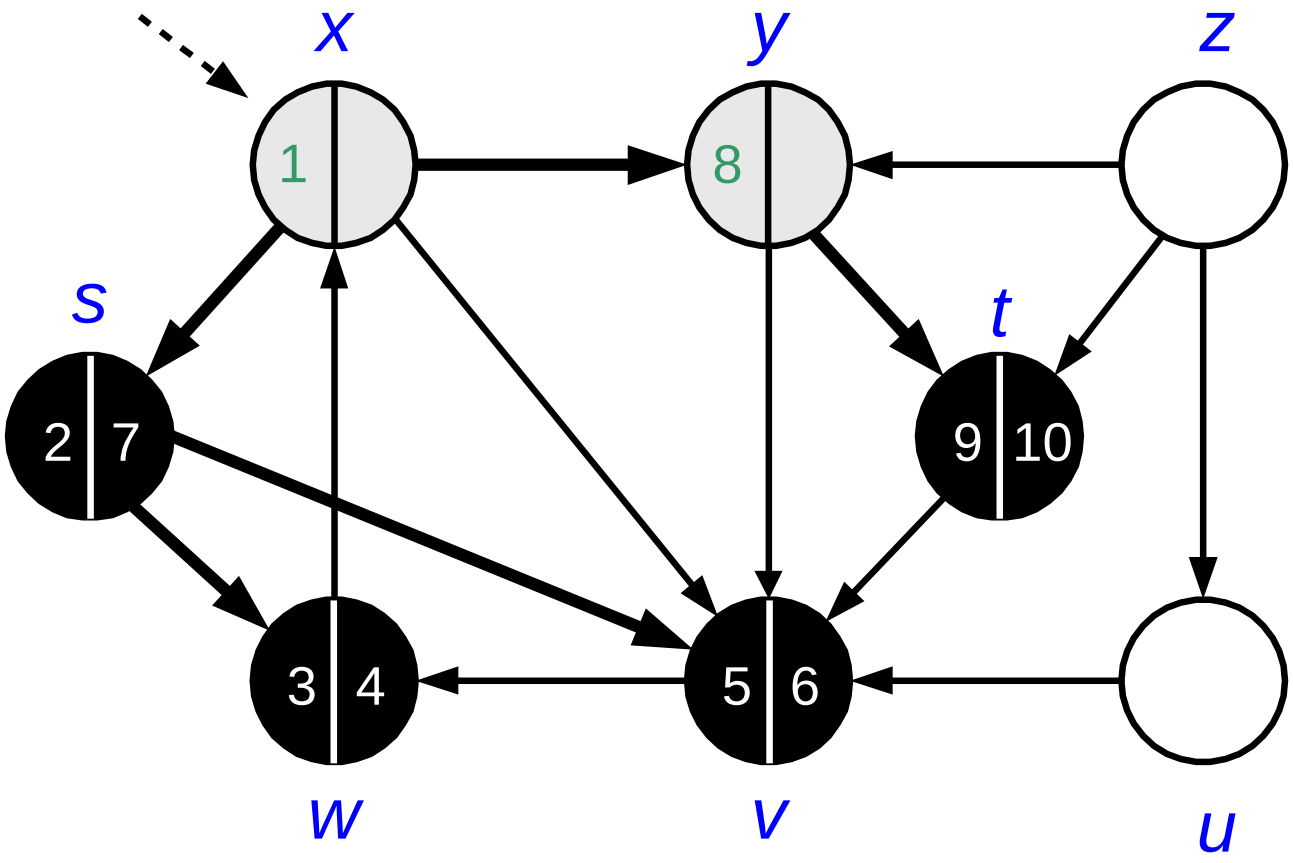

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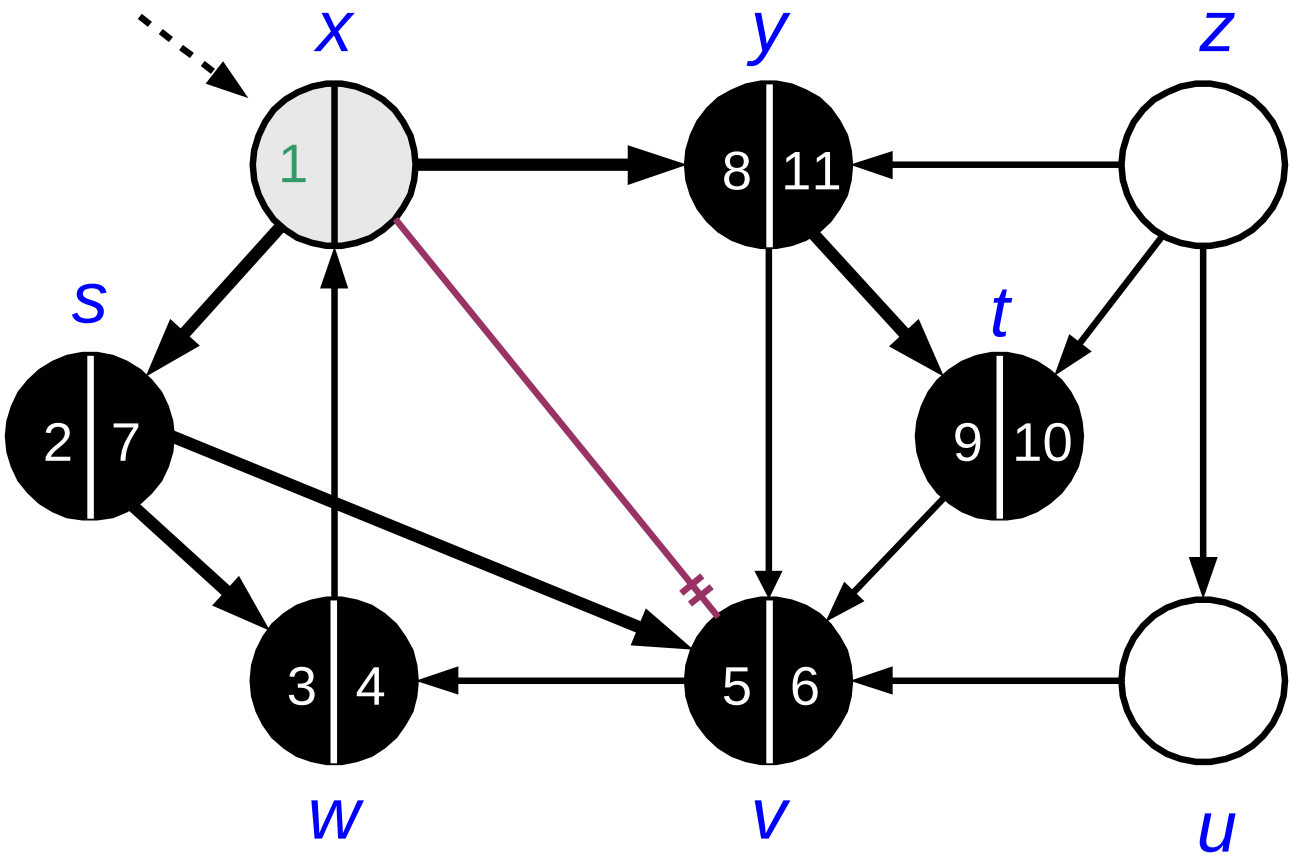

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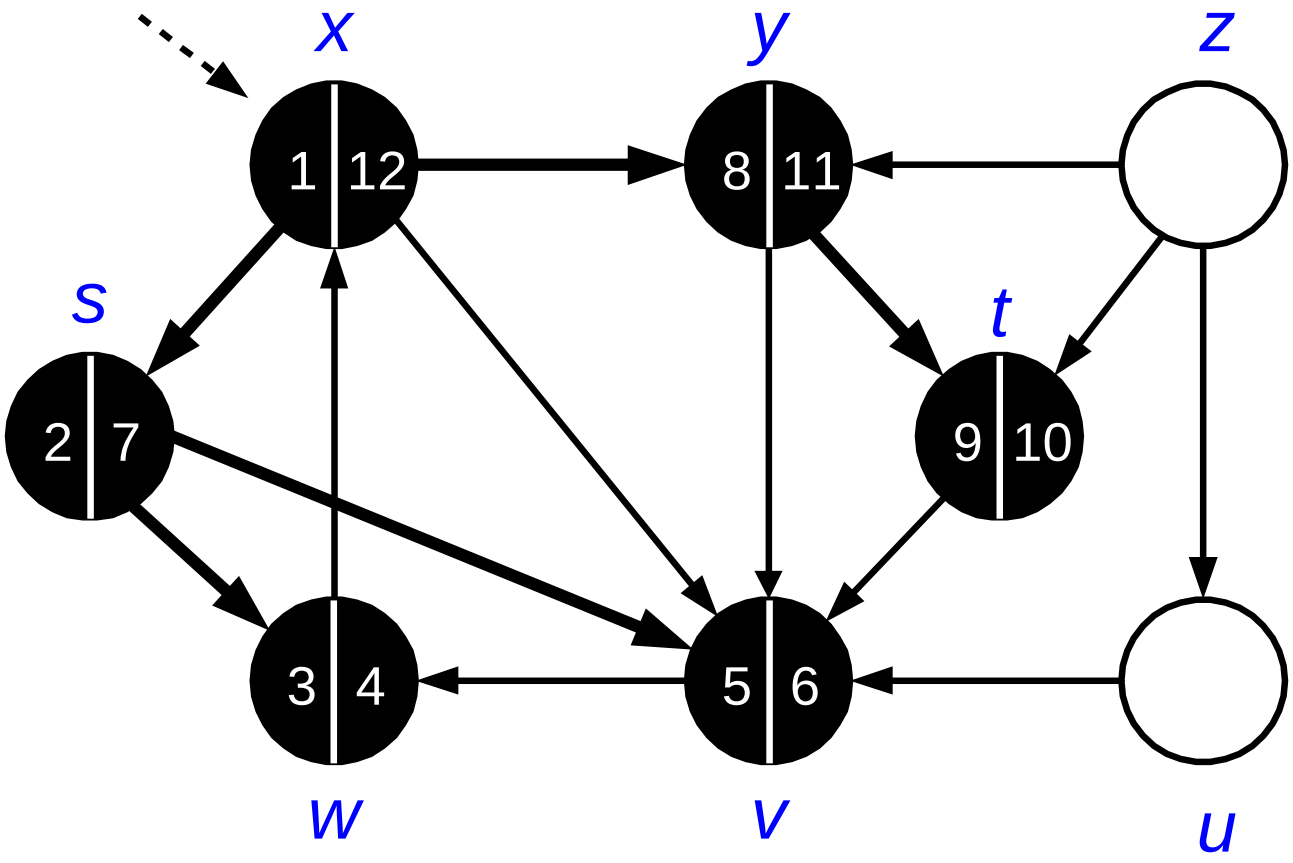

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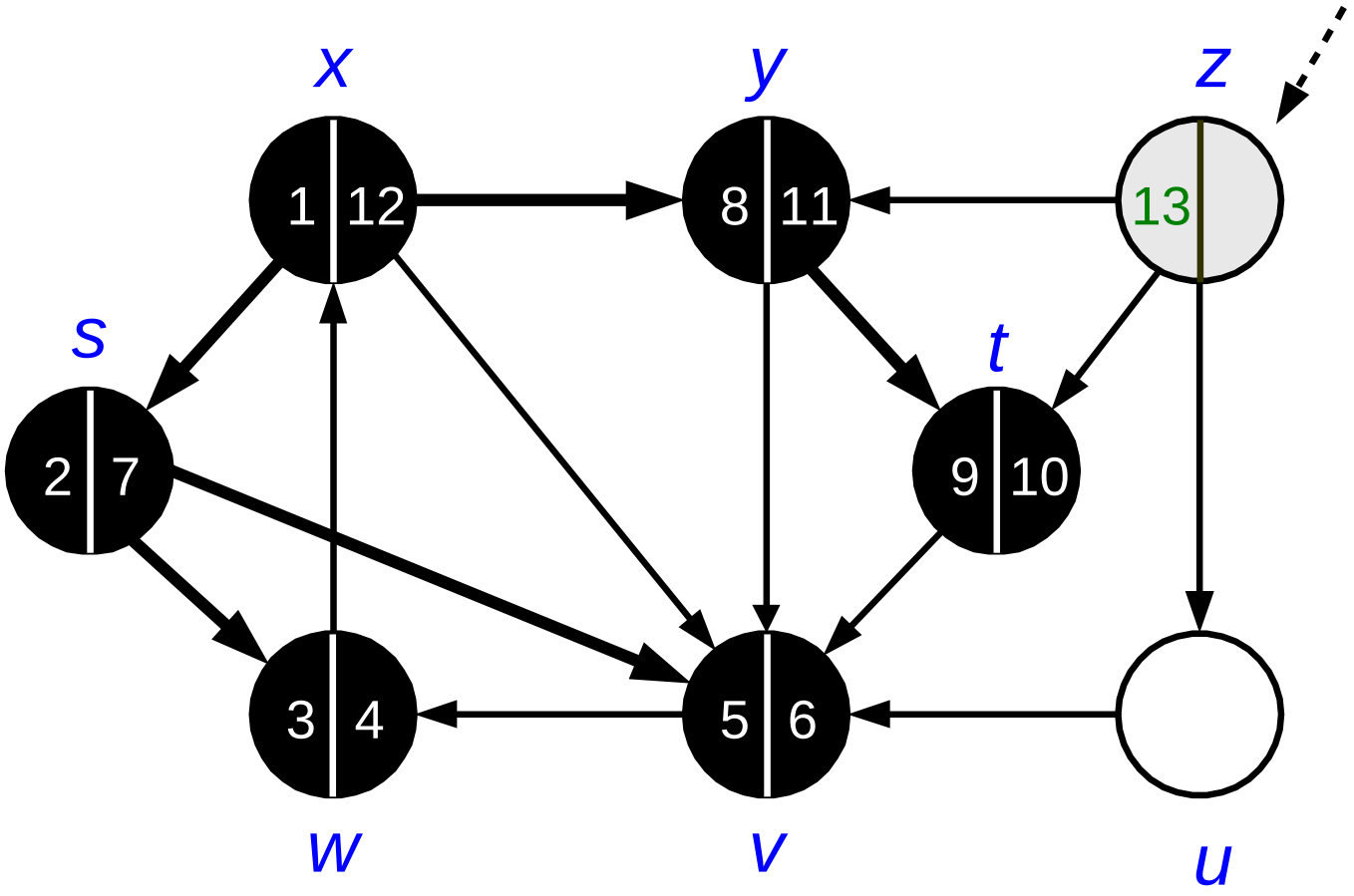

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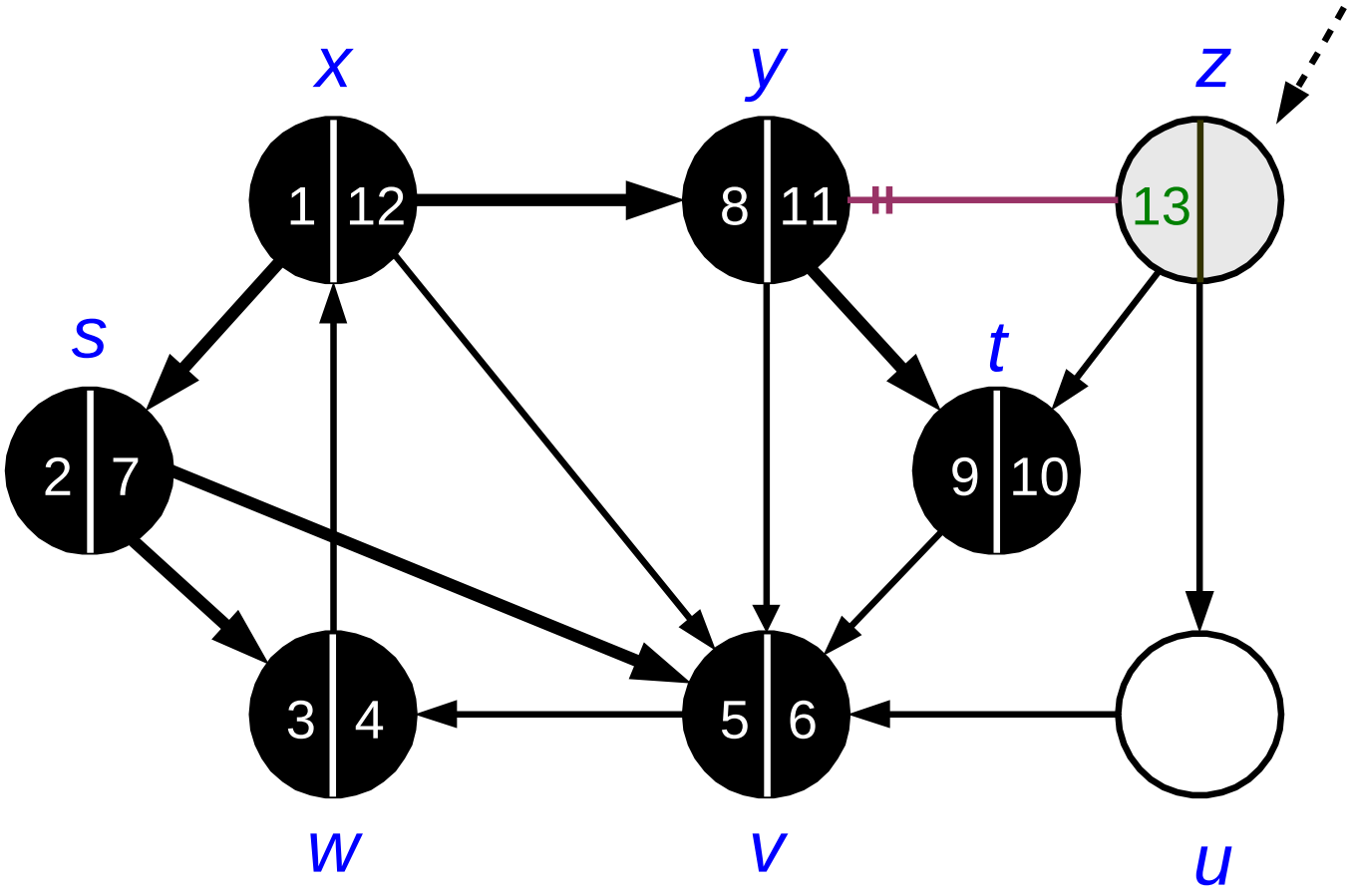

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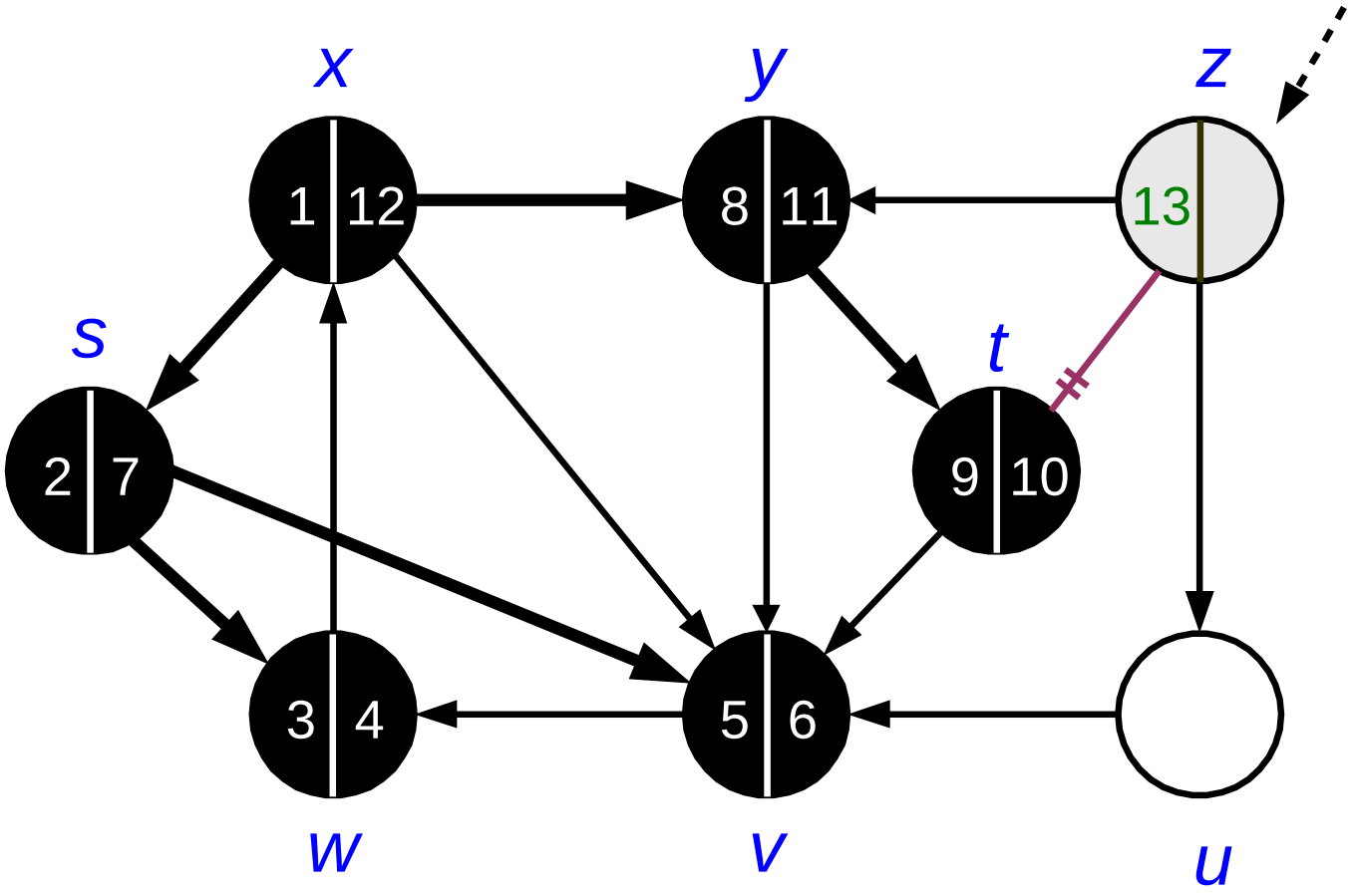

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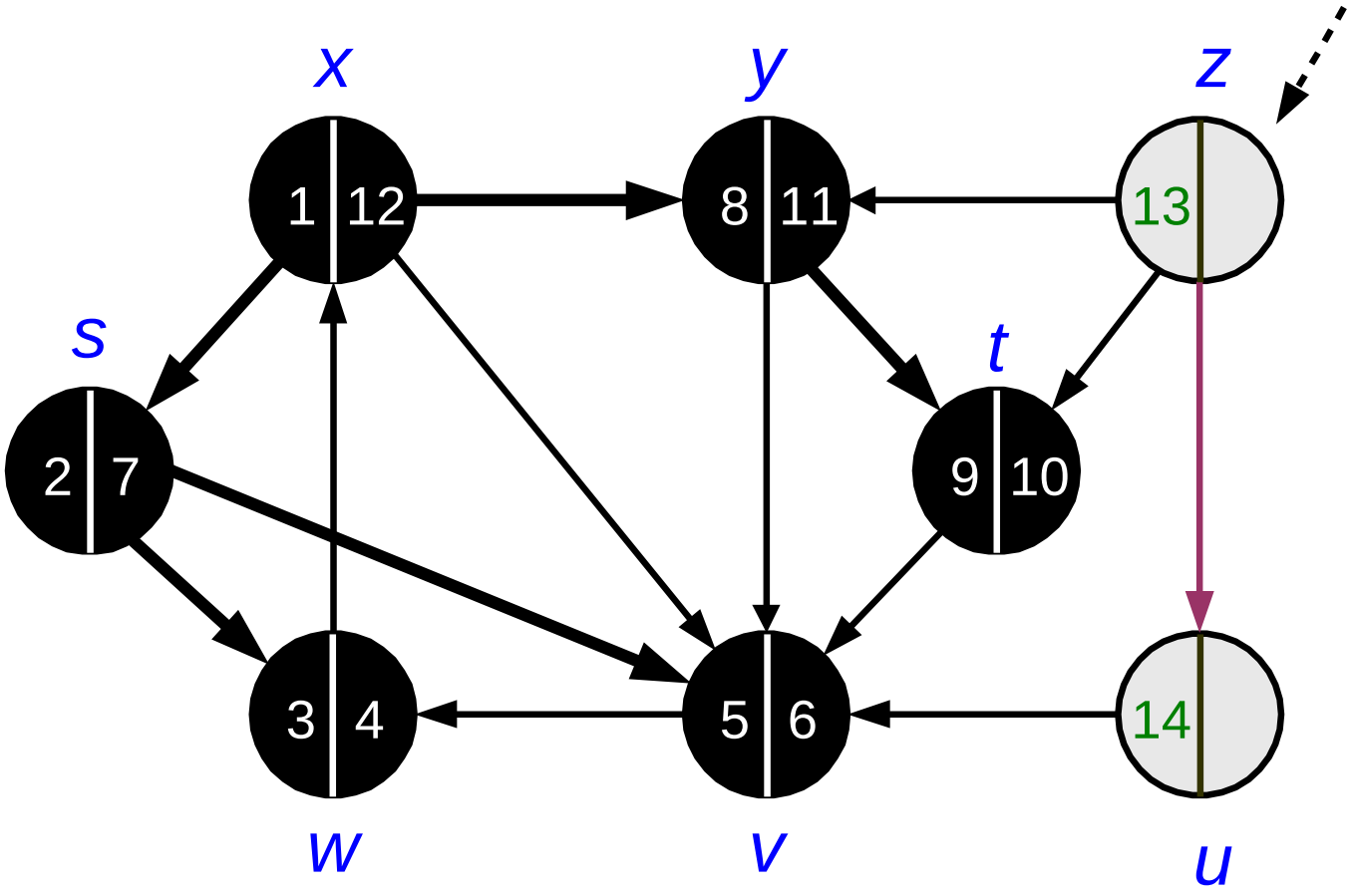

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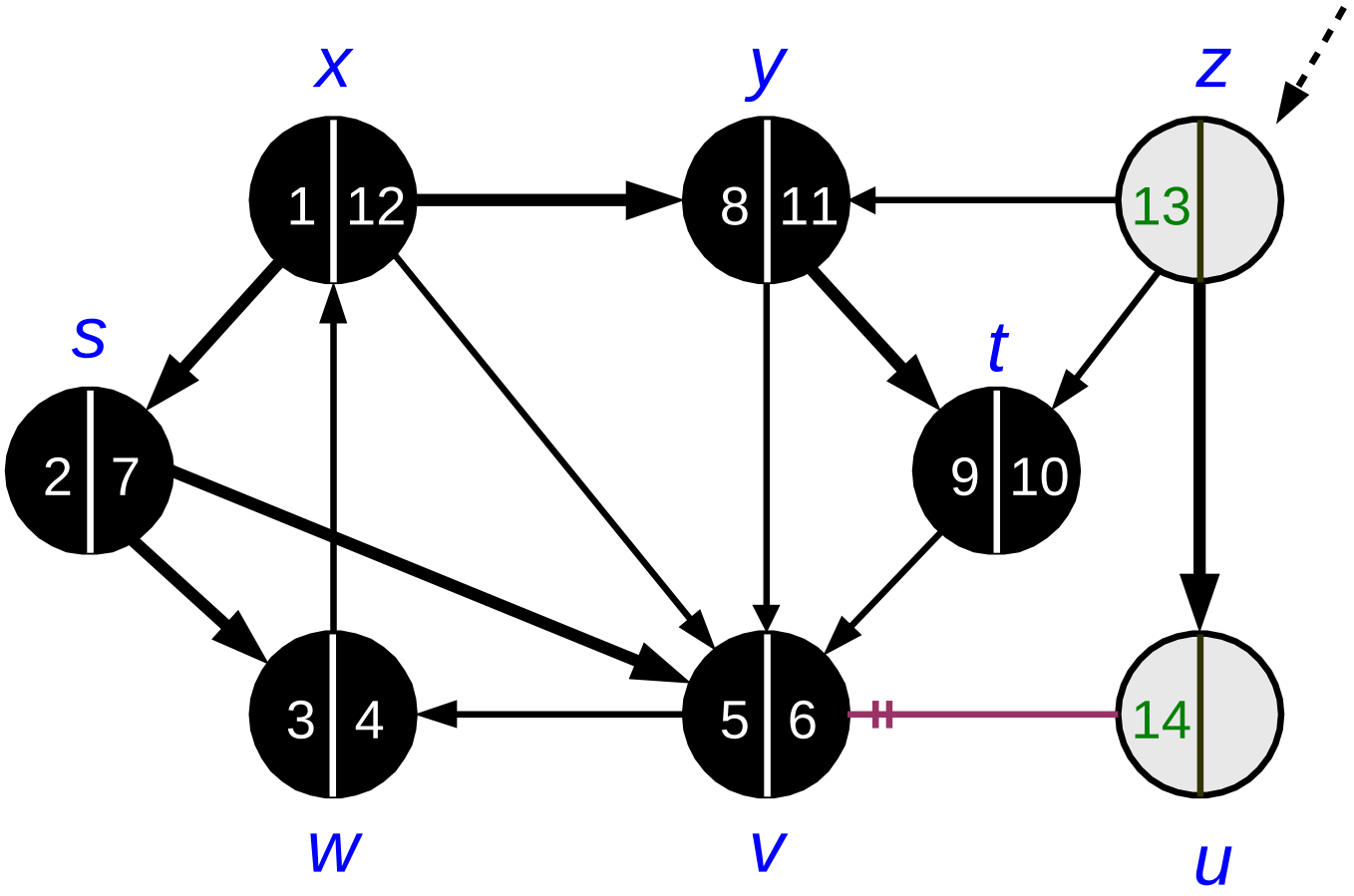

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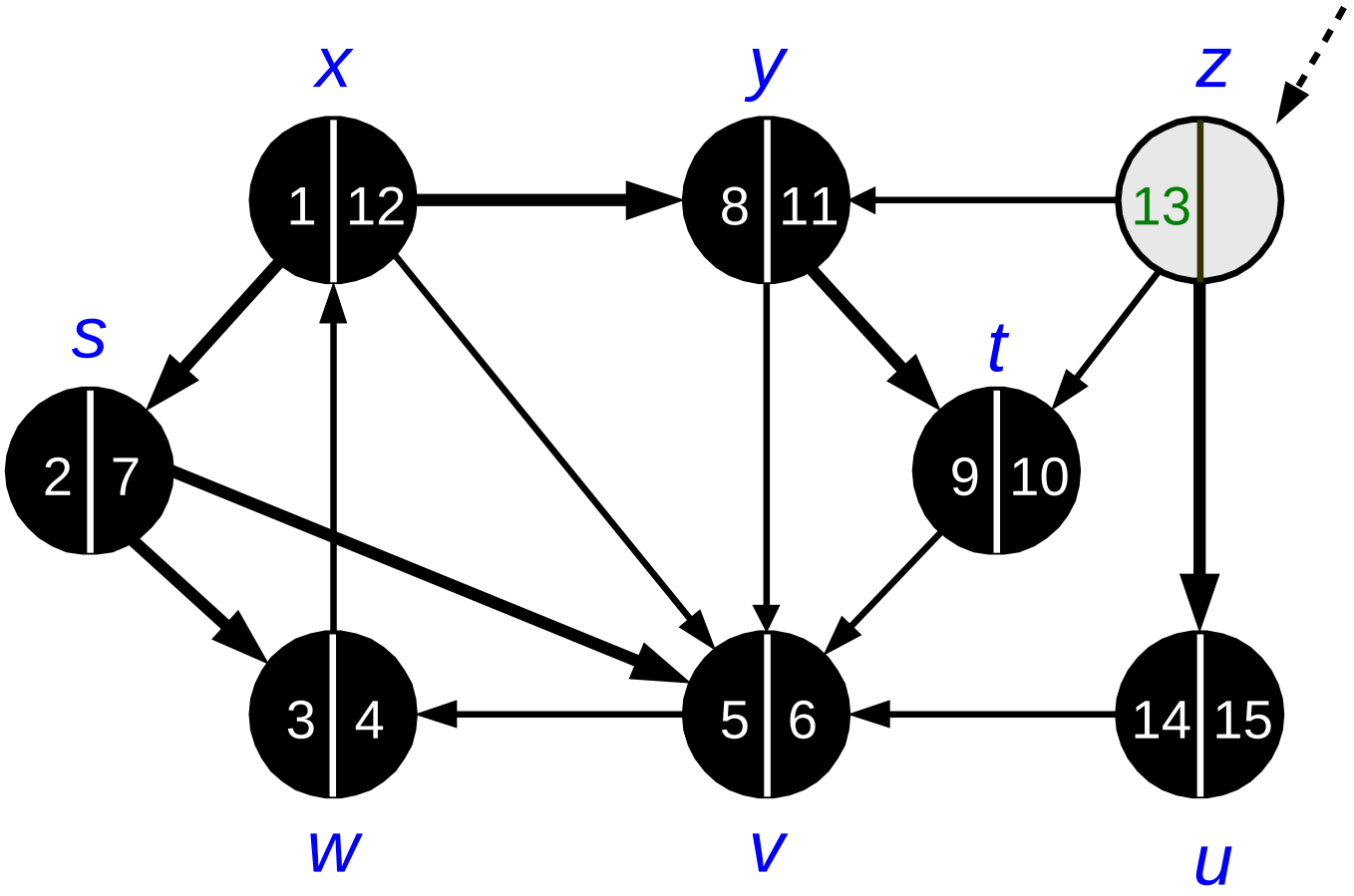

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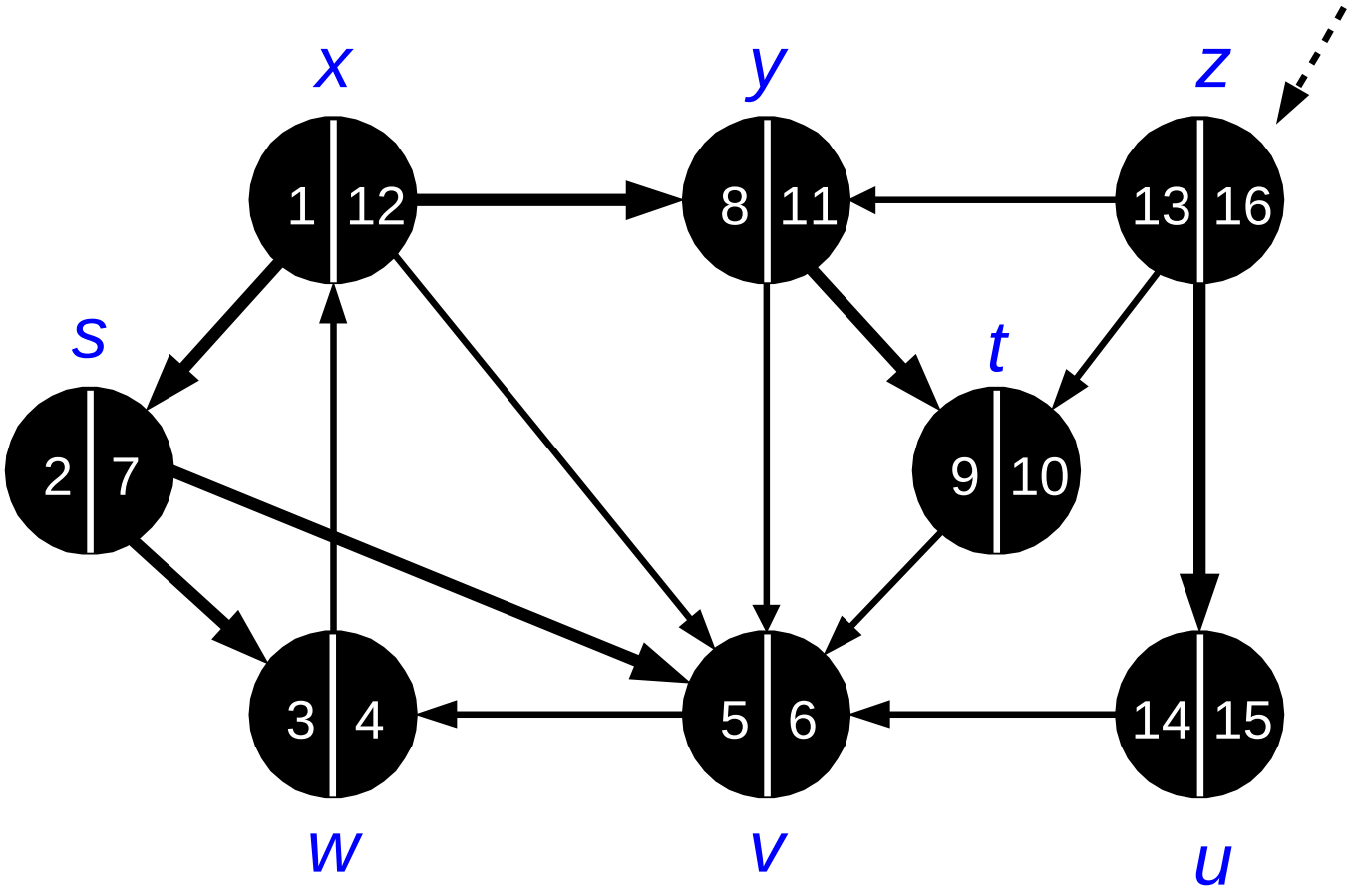

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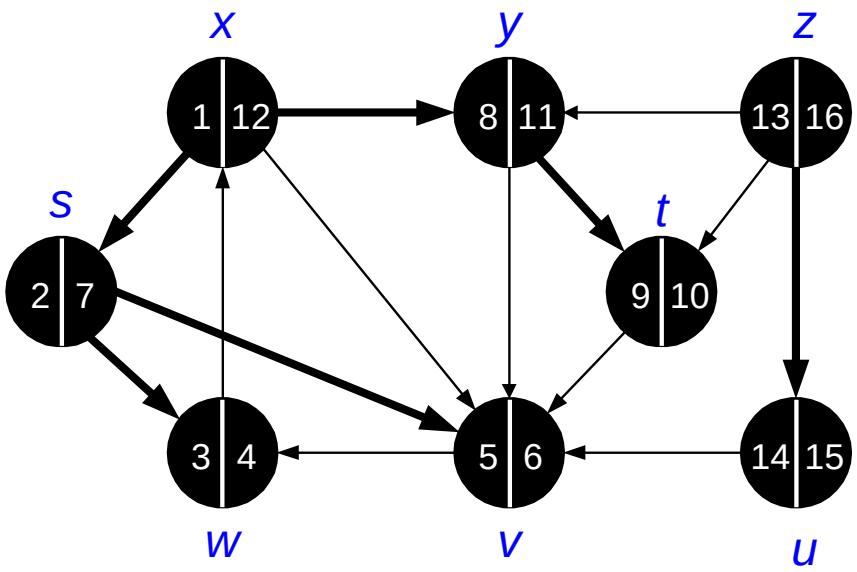
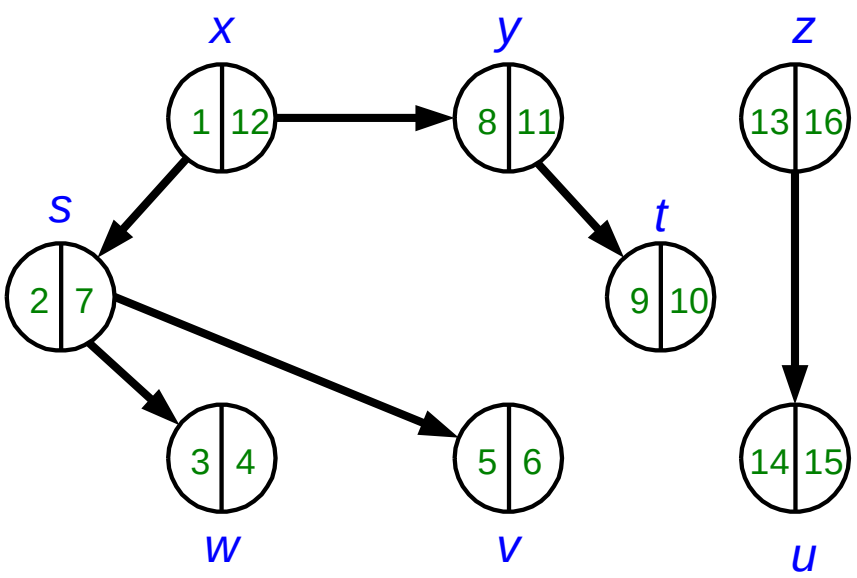
|  |  |

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