

Announcements

- Homework 1 Solutions online
- Homework 2 online due Friday
- Dian's OH changed
 - Now (probably) Tuesday 2-4, Thursday 2-3
- Stanislaw's OH changed
 - Now Tuesday 5:30-6:30

HW0 Q3 (the graph one)

- Induction on graph
 - Induct on $n = |V|$
 - Assume true for all graphs with n vertices
 - Given G with $n+1$ vertices
 - $G-v$ has n , apply inductive hypothesis
 - Add v back
 - DO NOT: start with graph on n vertices and add one more
- Note: removing a vertex does not necessarily decrease the max degree

General HW Reminder

- In order to get full credit, algorithm problems always need (unless otherwise specified):
 - The algorithm you are using
 - A proof of correctness (i.e. a proof that your algorithm correctly computes the thing that it is supposed to)
 - A proof of an appropriate runtime bound

Last Time

- Shortest Paths in Graphs
- BFS
 - Computes minimum number of edges from s to each other vertex in graph
 - At distance d only if adjacent to distance $d-1$
 - $O(|V|+|E|)$

Today

- Shortest paths with edge lengths
- Dijkstra's algorithm
- Priority queues

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We assign each edge (u,v) a non-negative length $\ell(u,v)$. The length of a path is the sum of the lengths of its edges.

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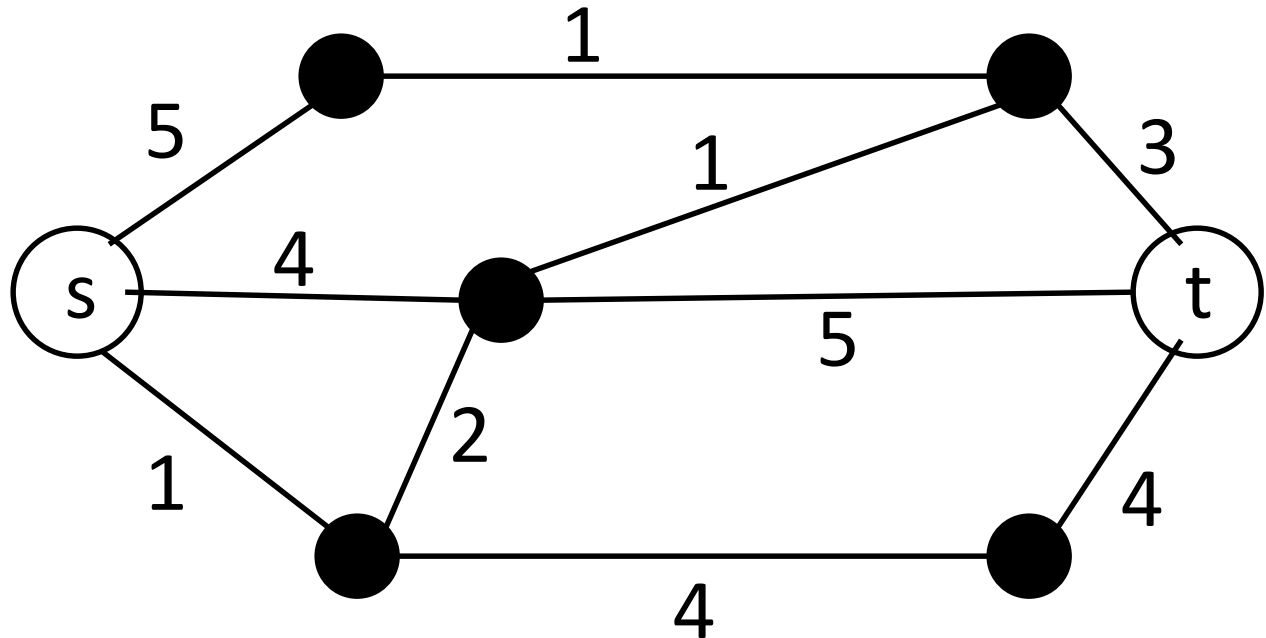
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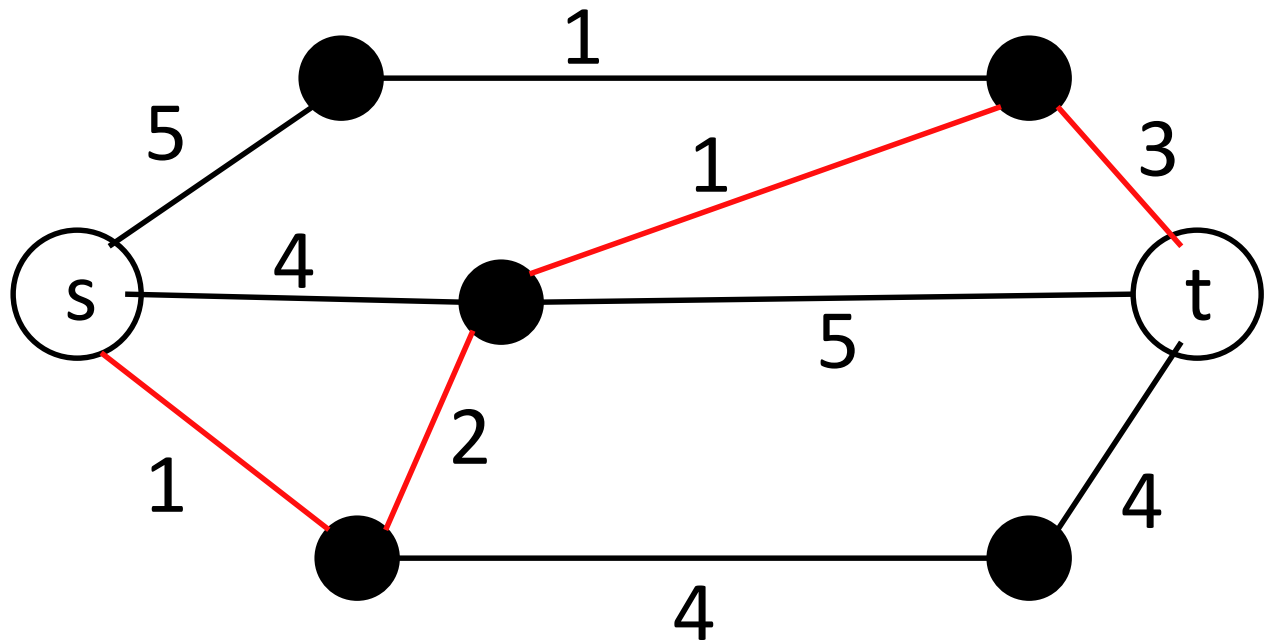
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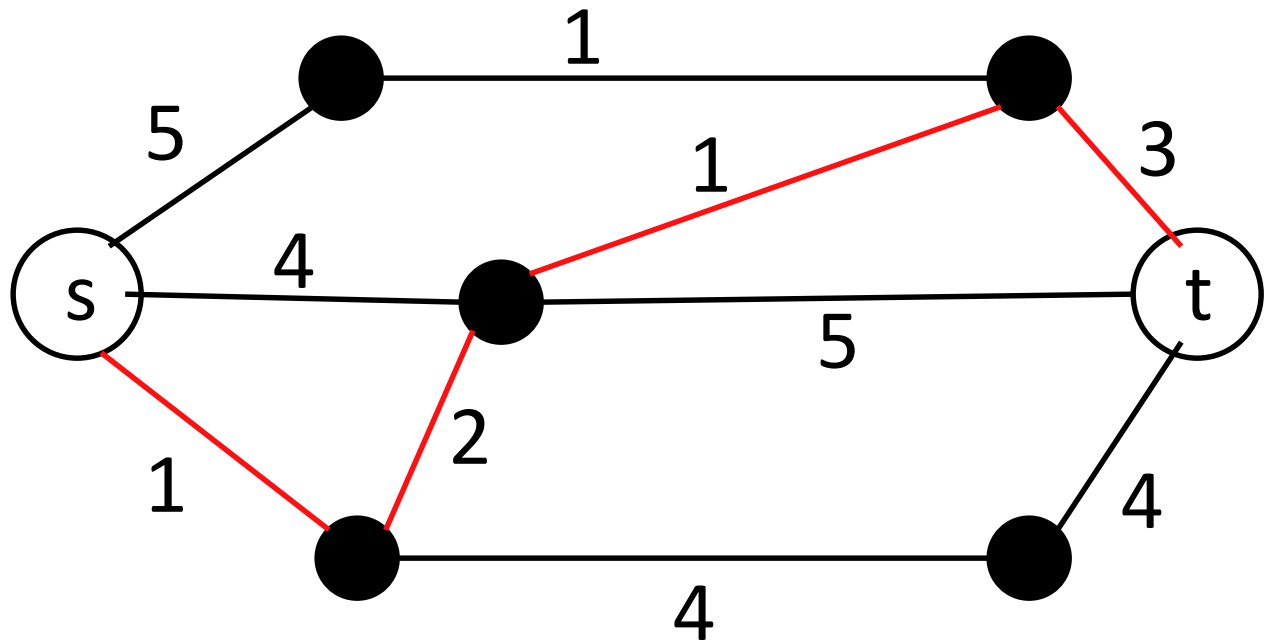
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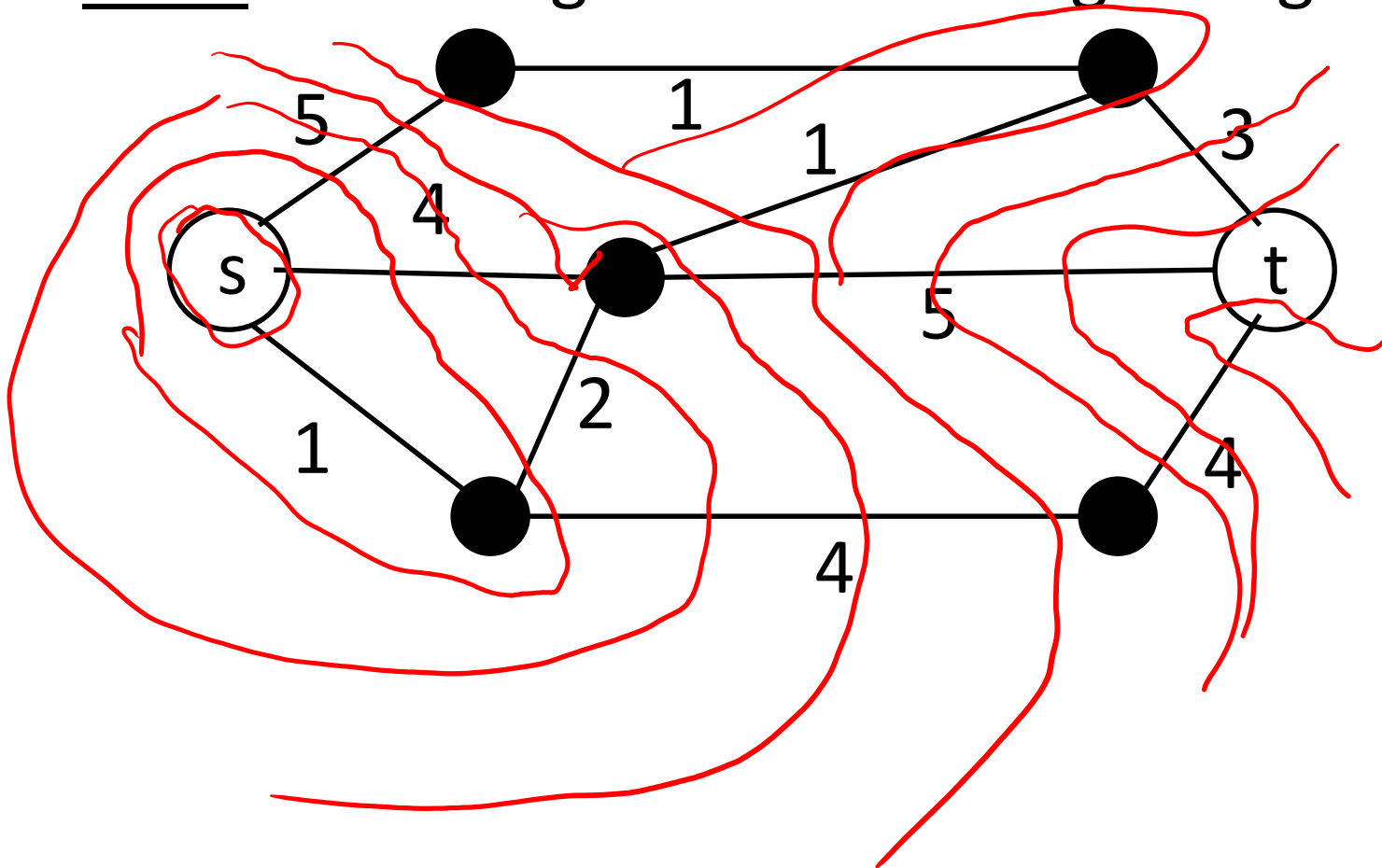
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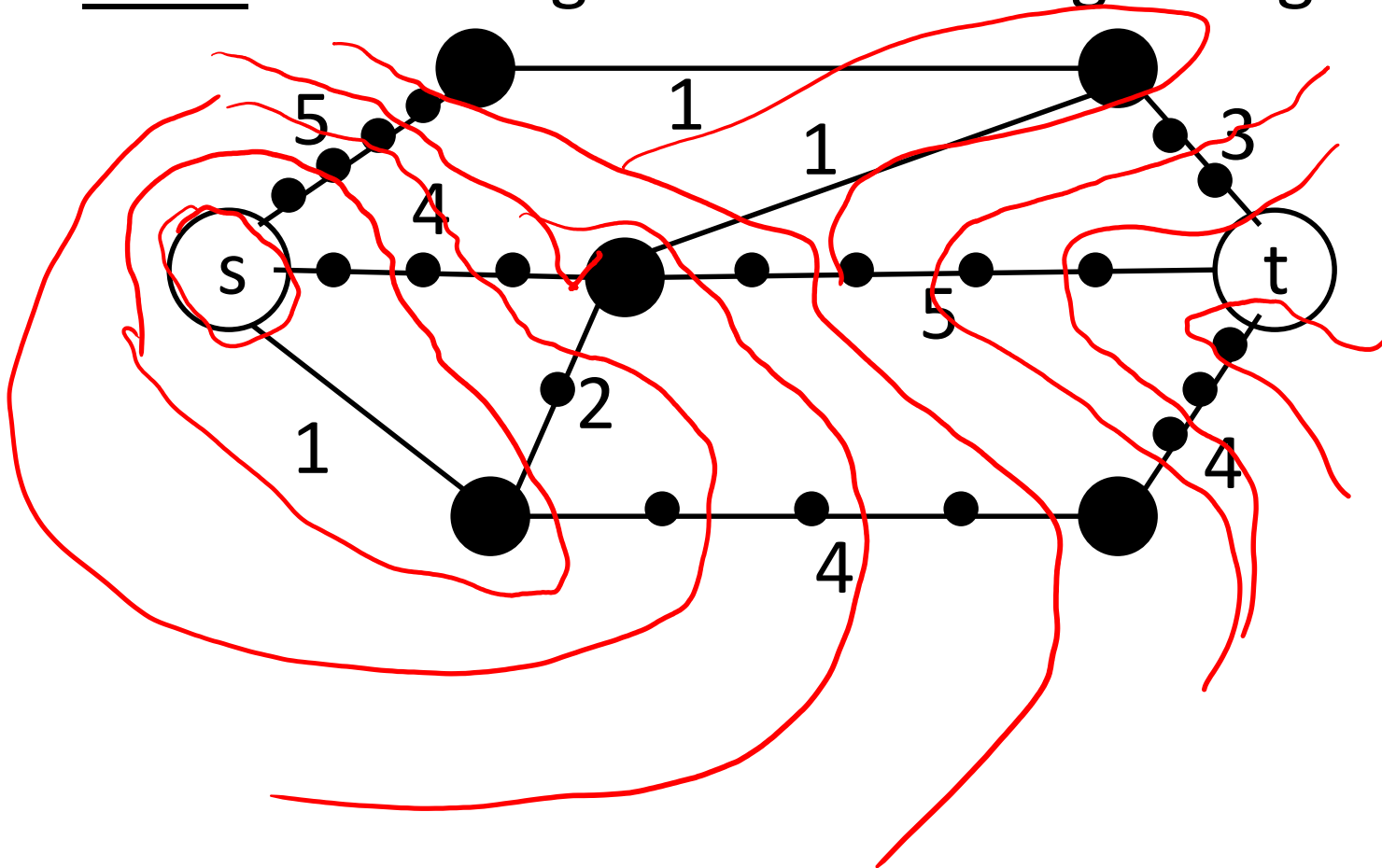
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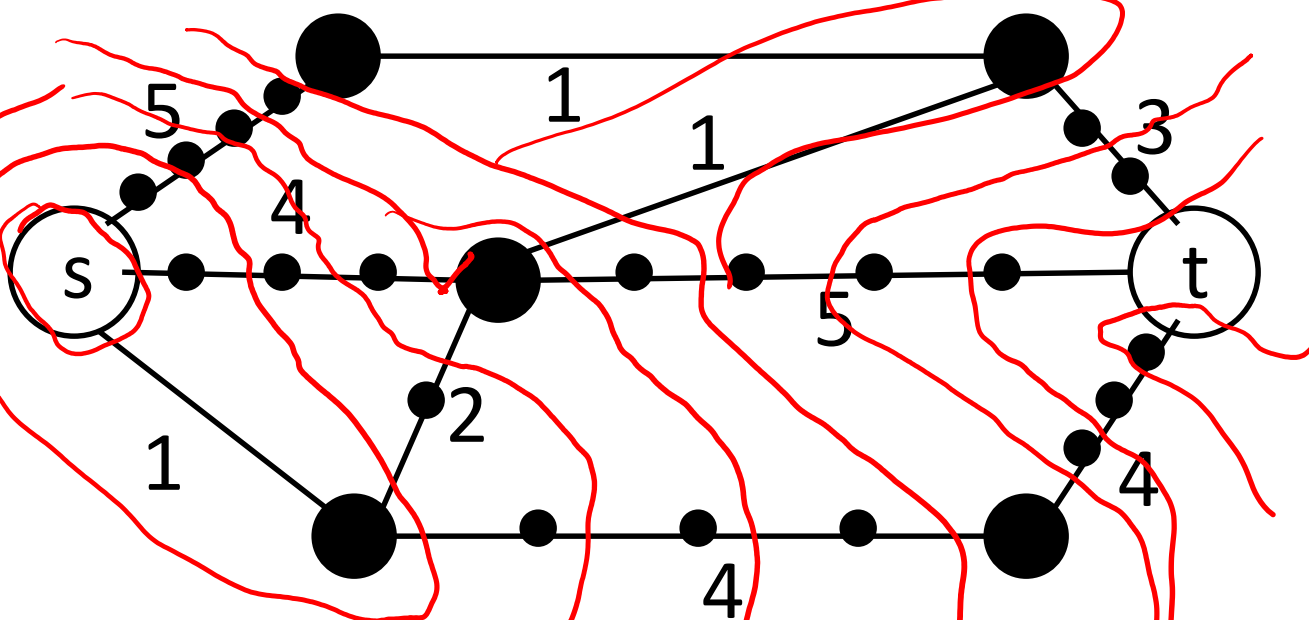
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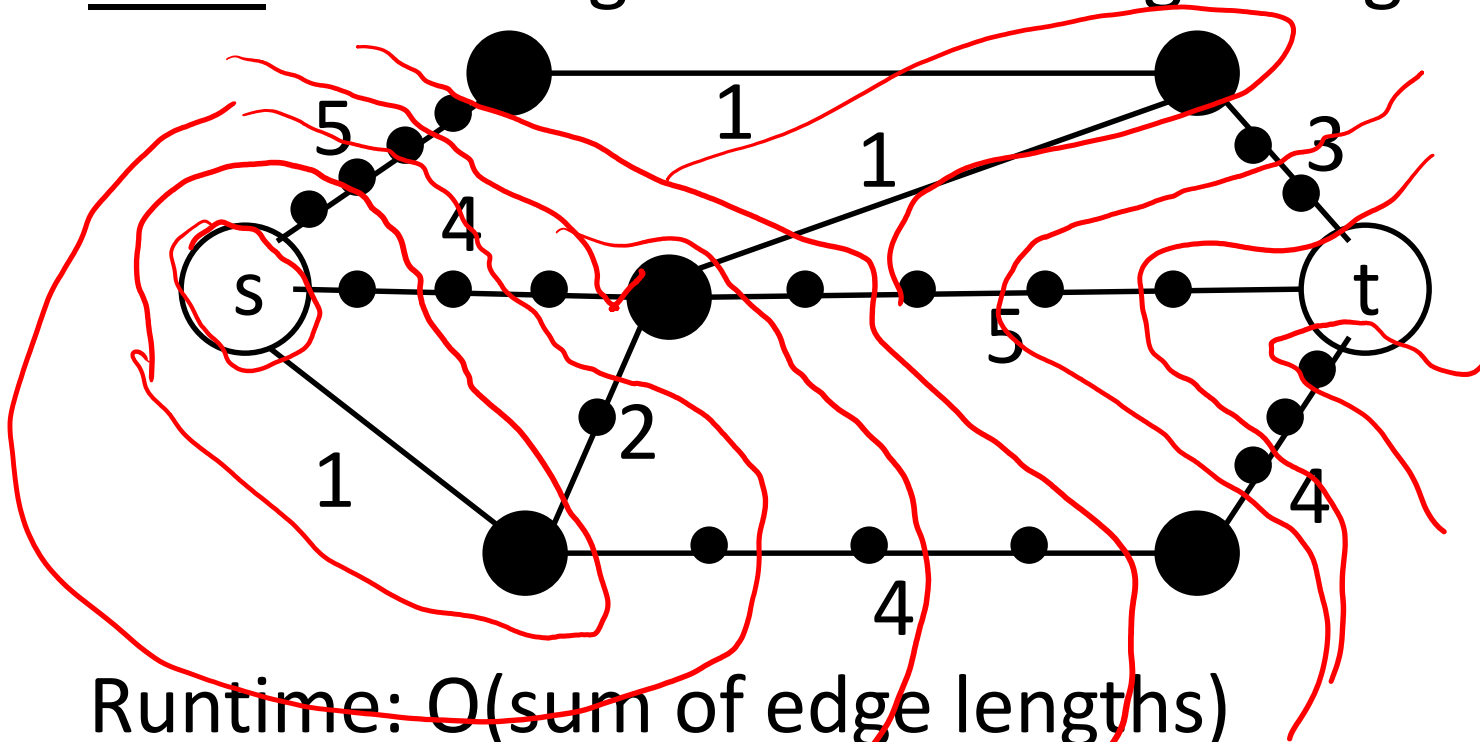
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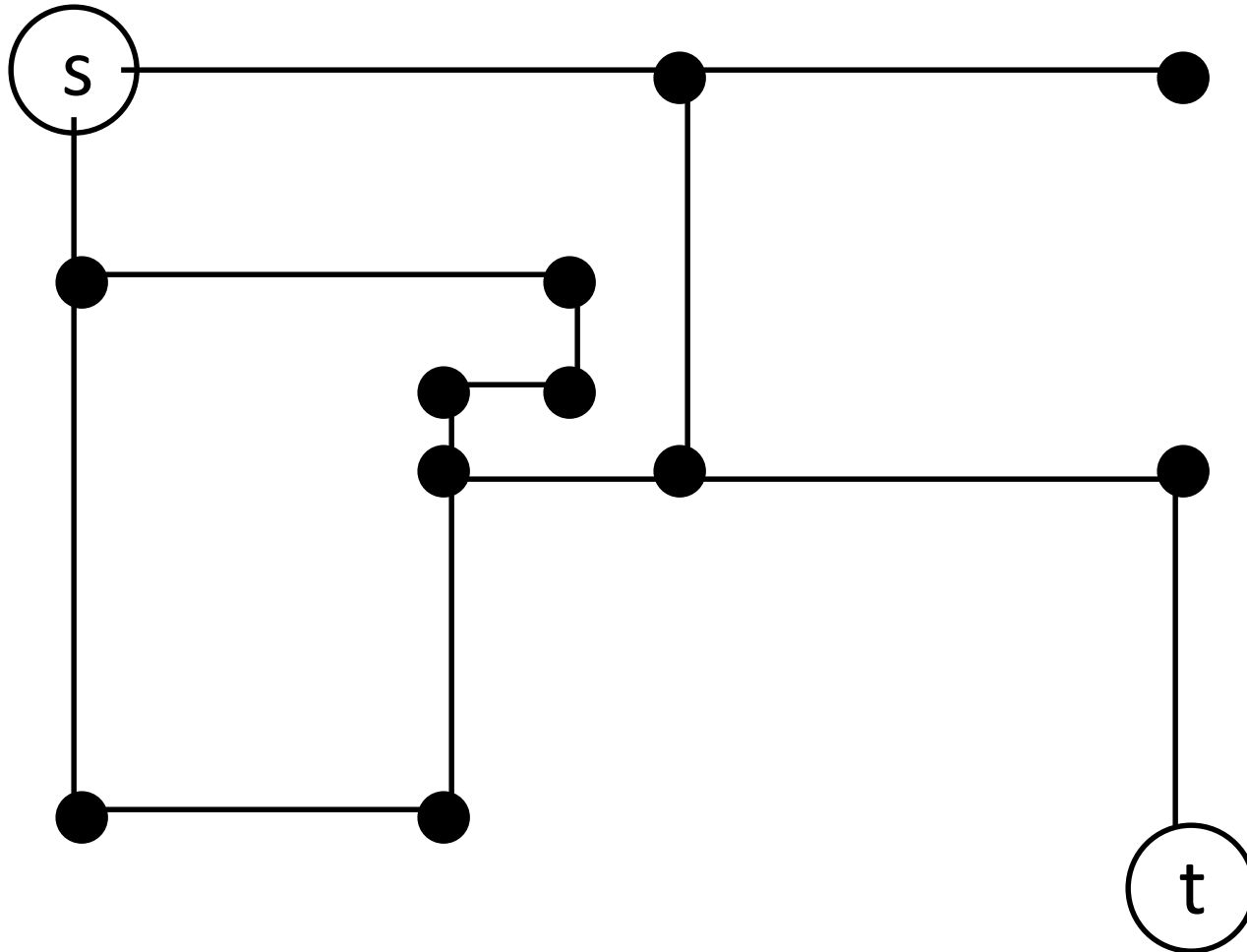
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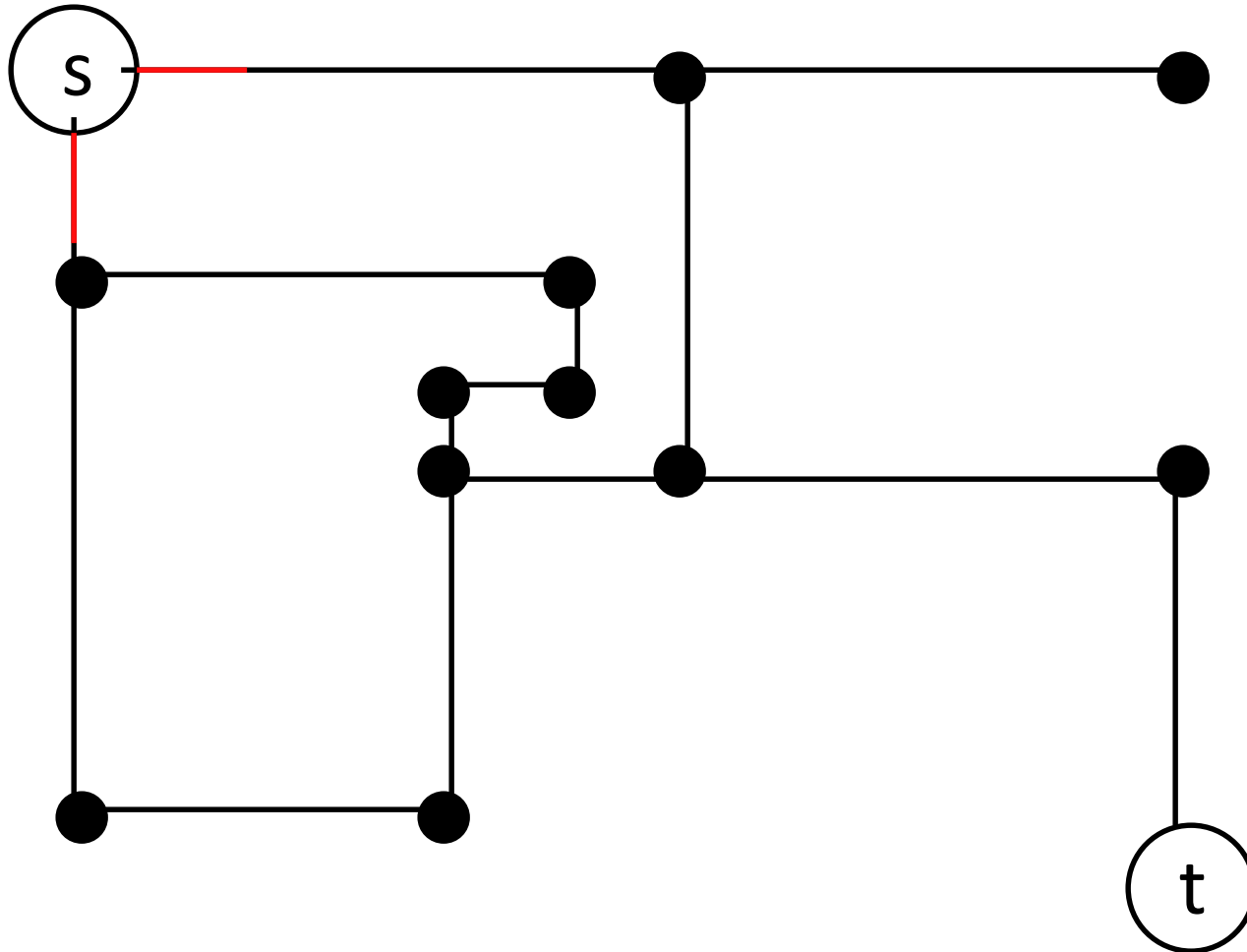
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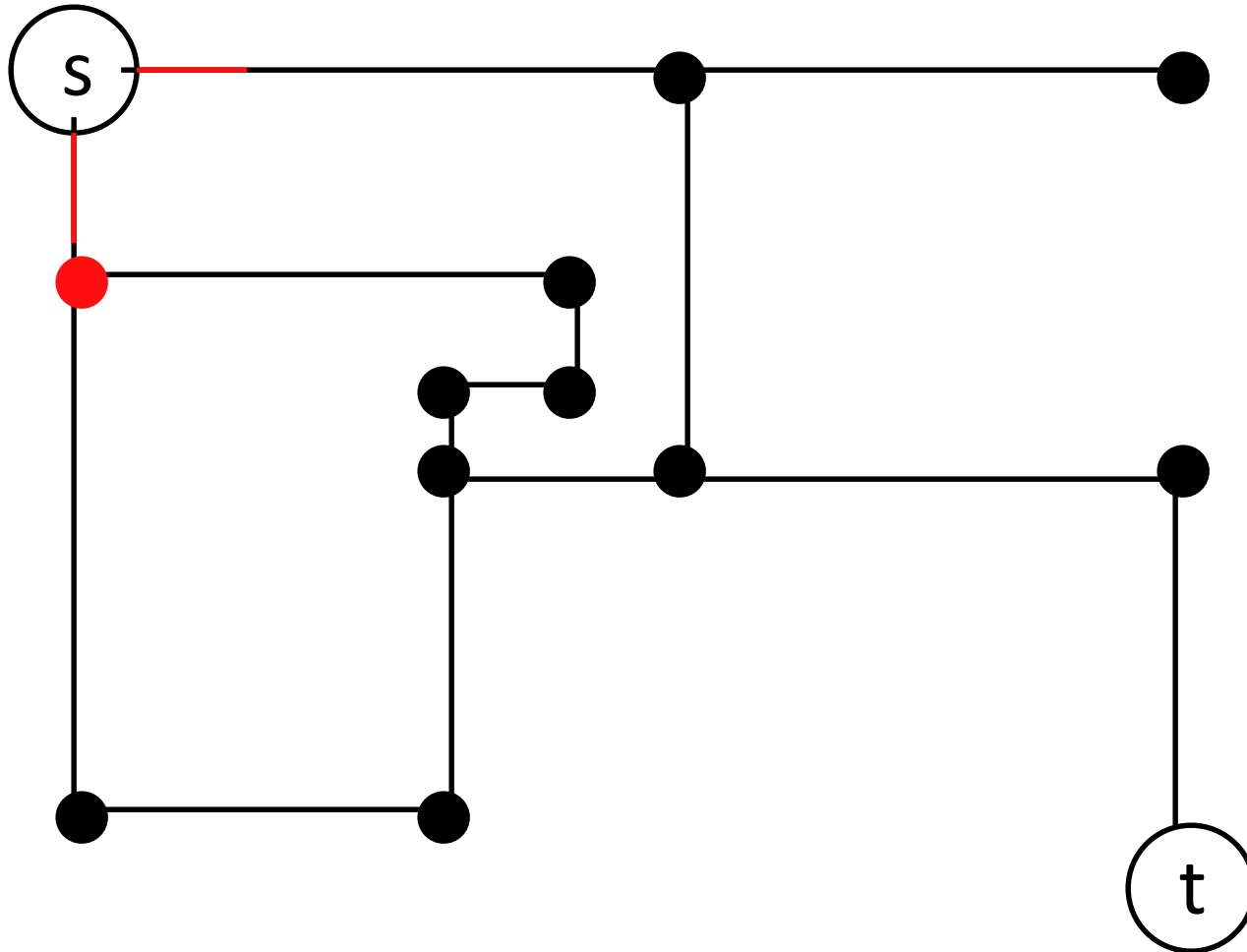
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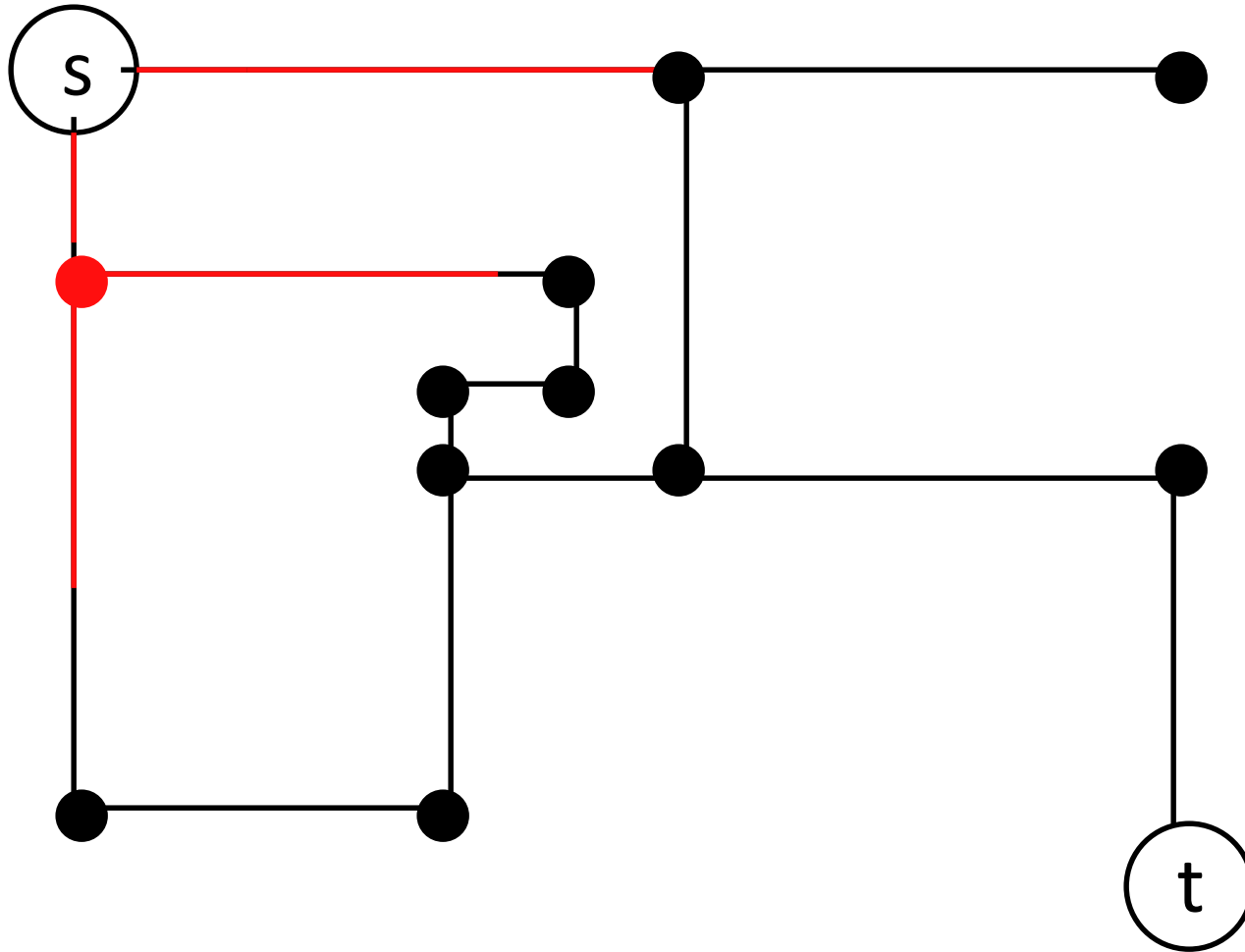
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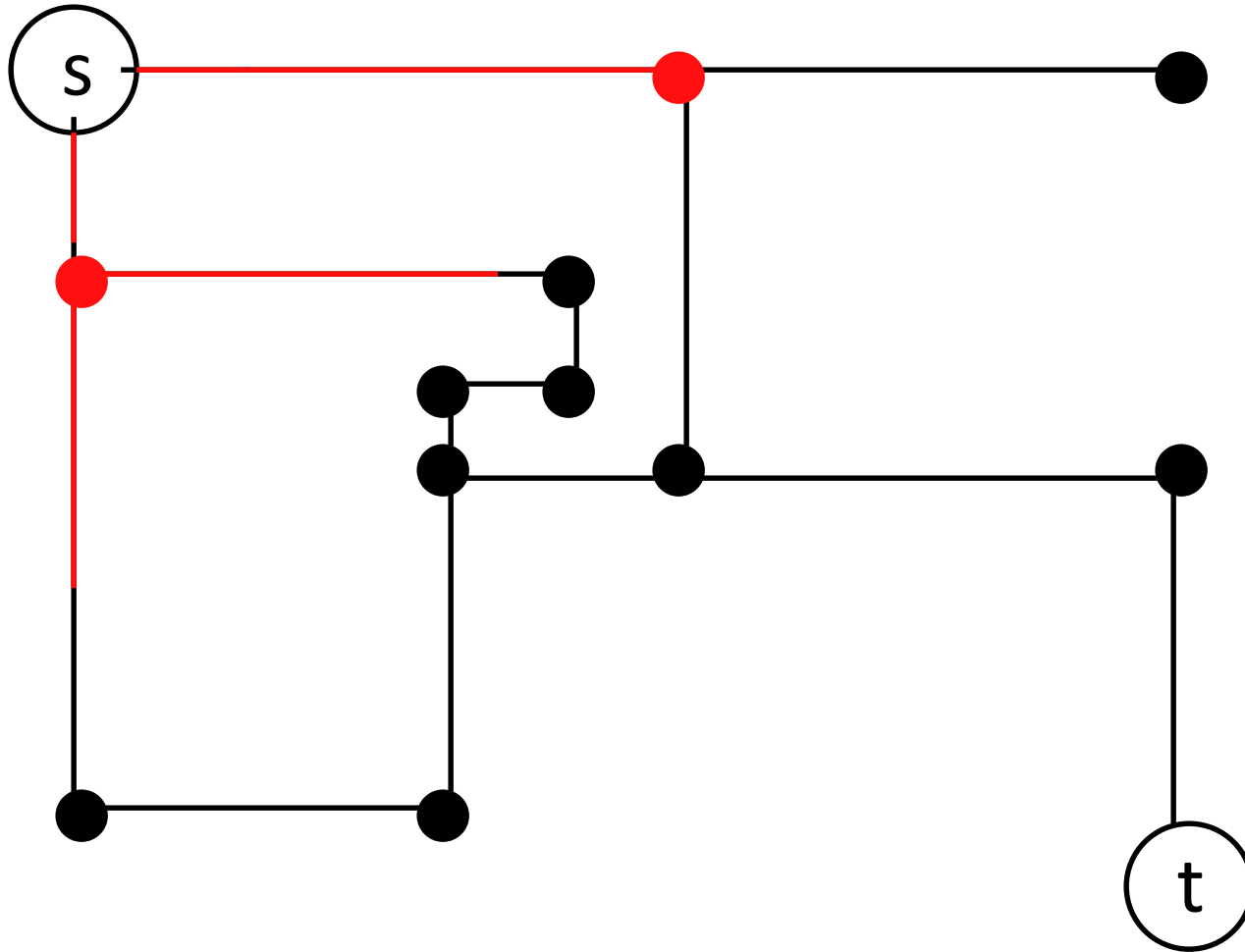
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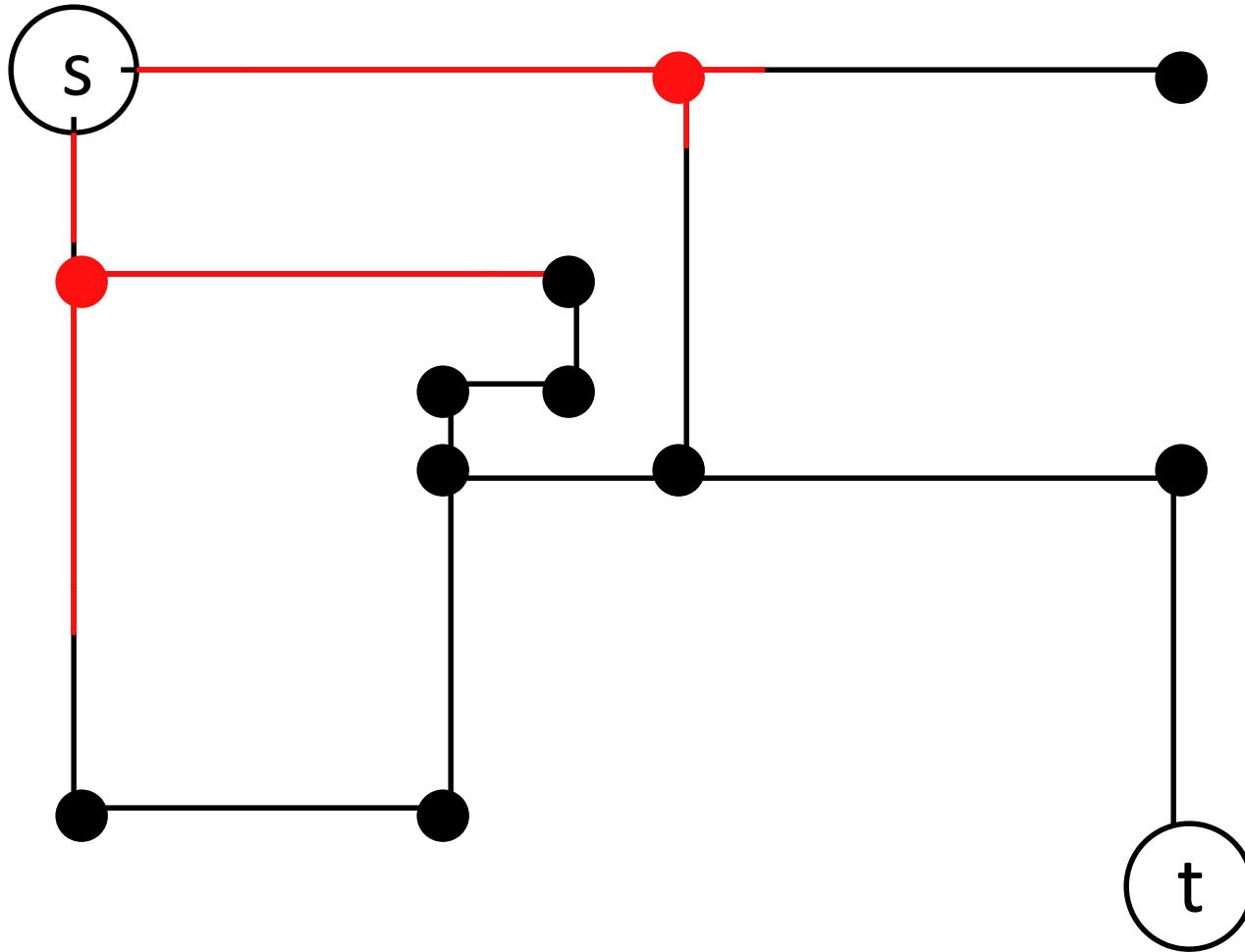
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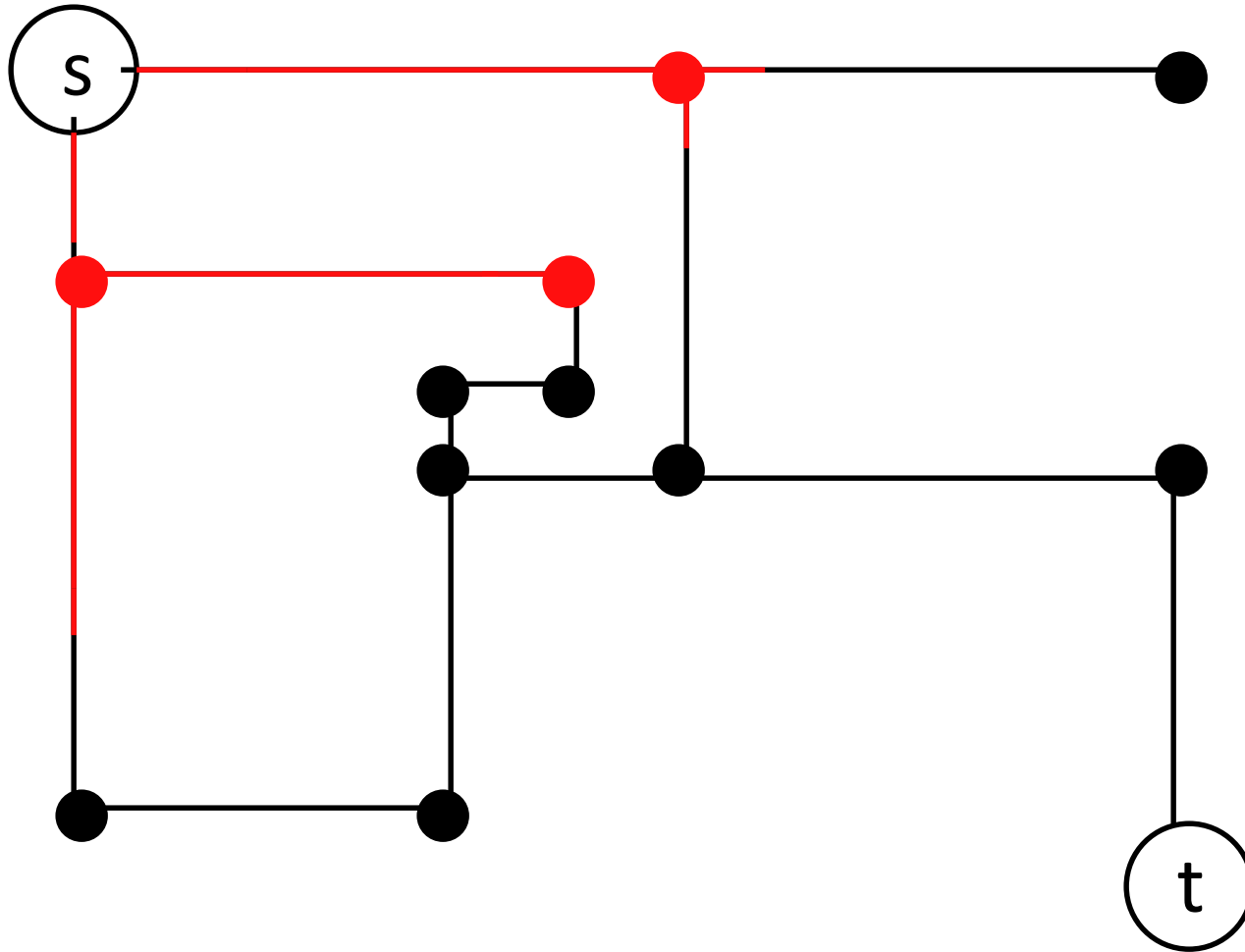
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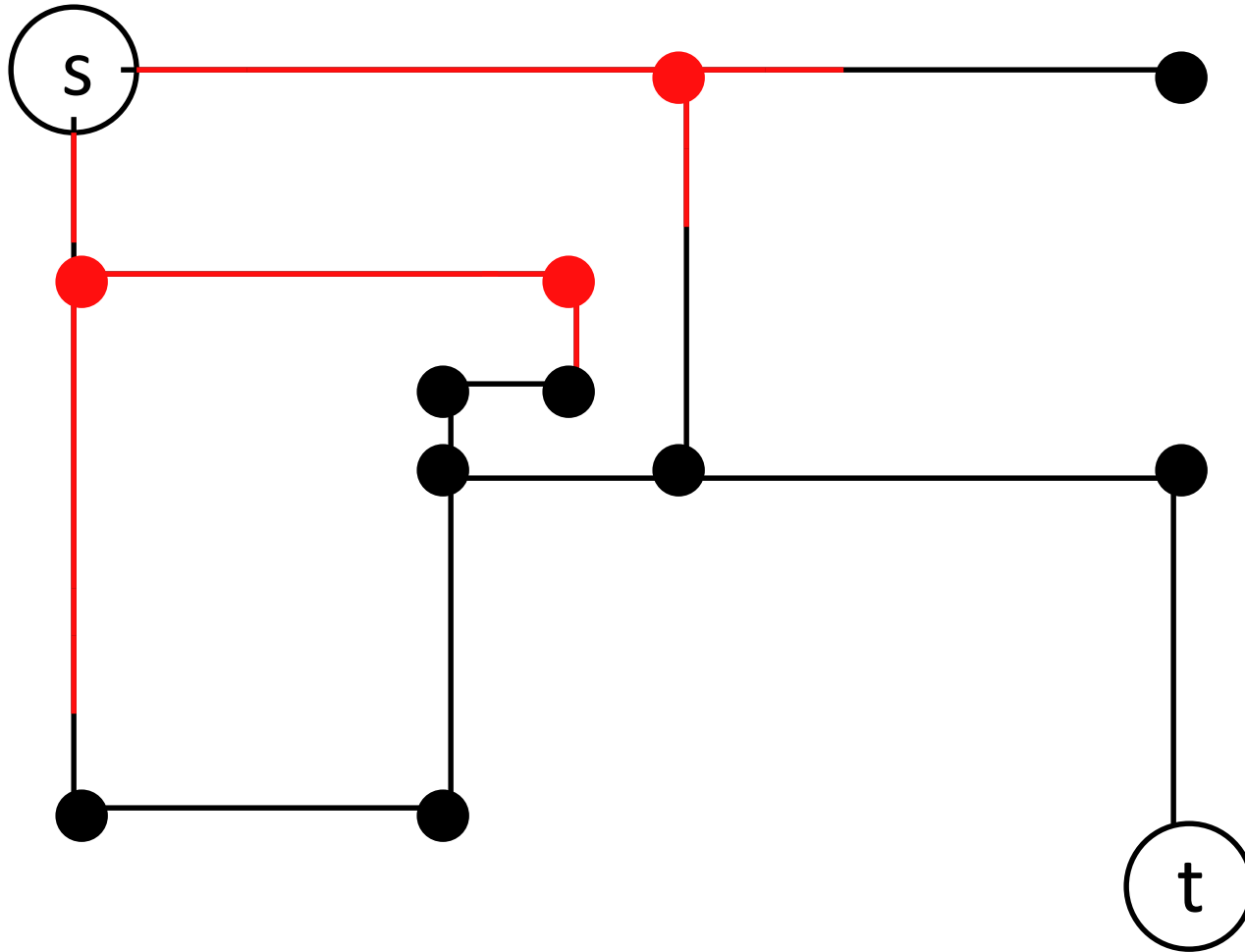
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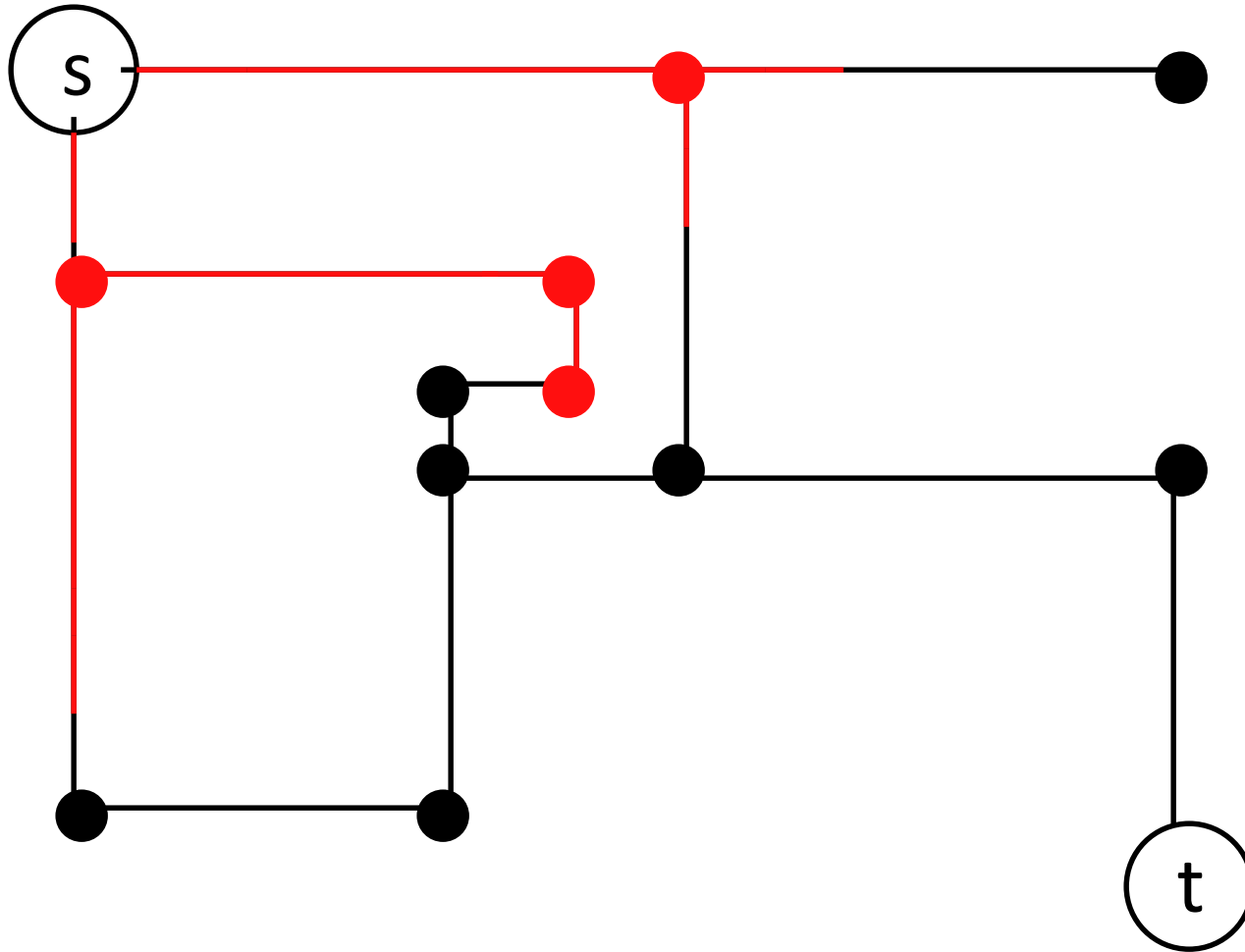
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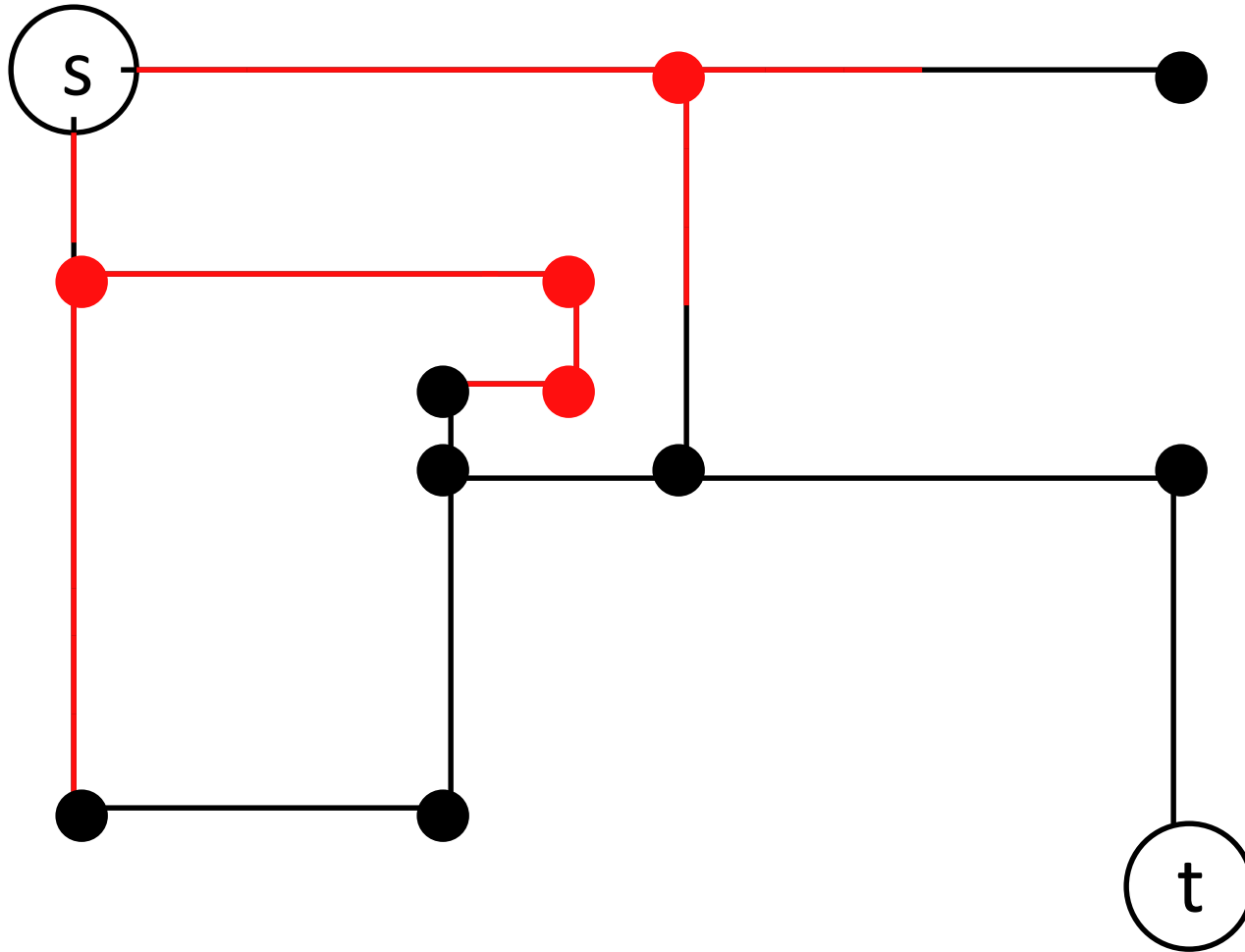
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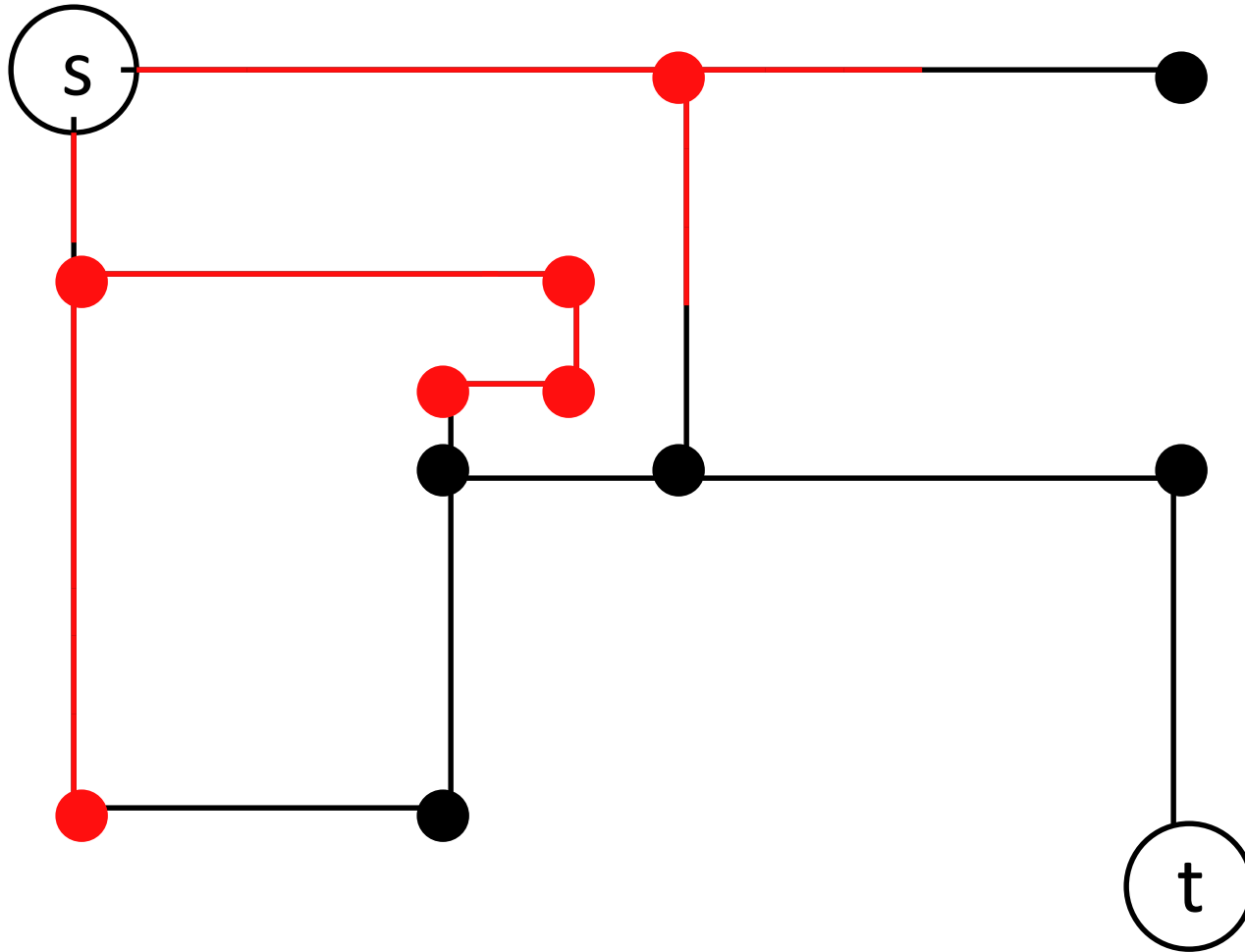
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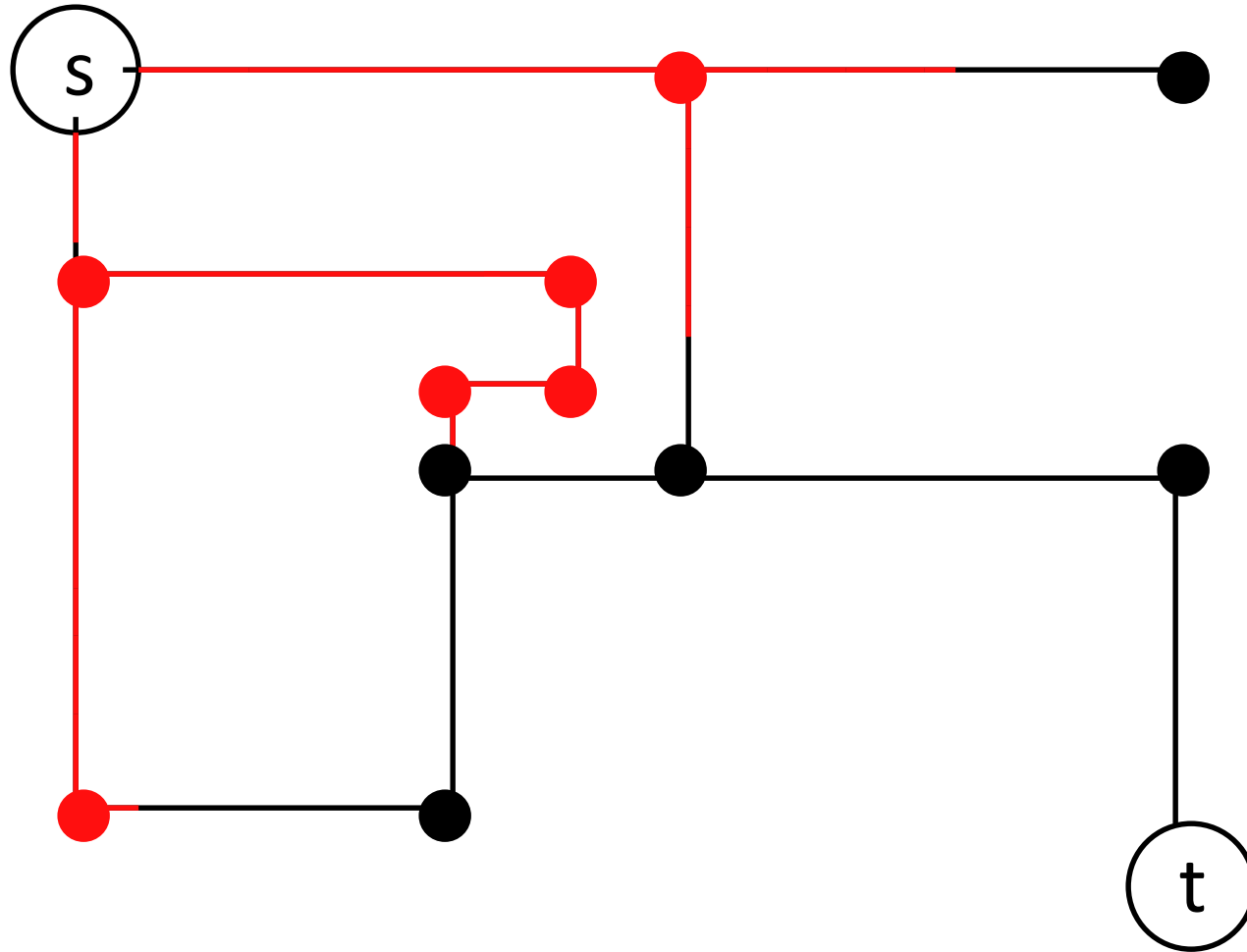
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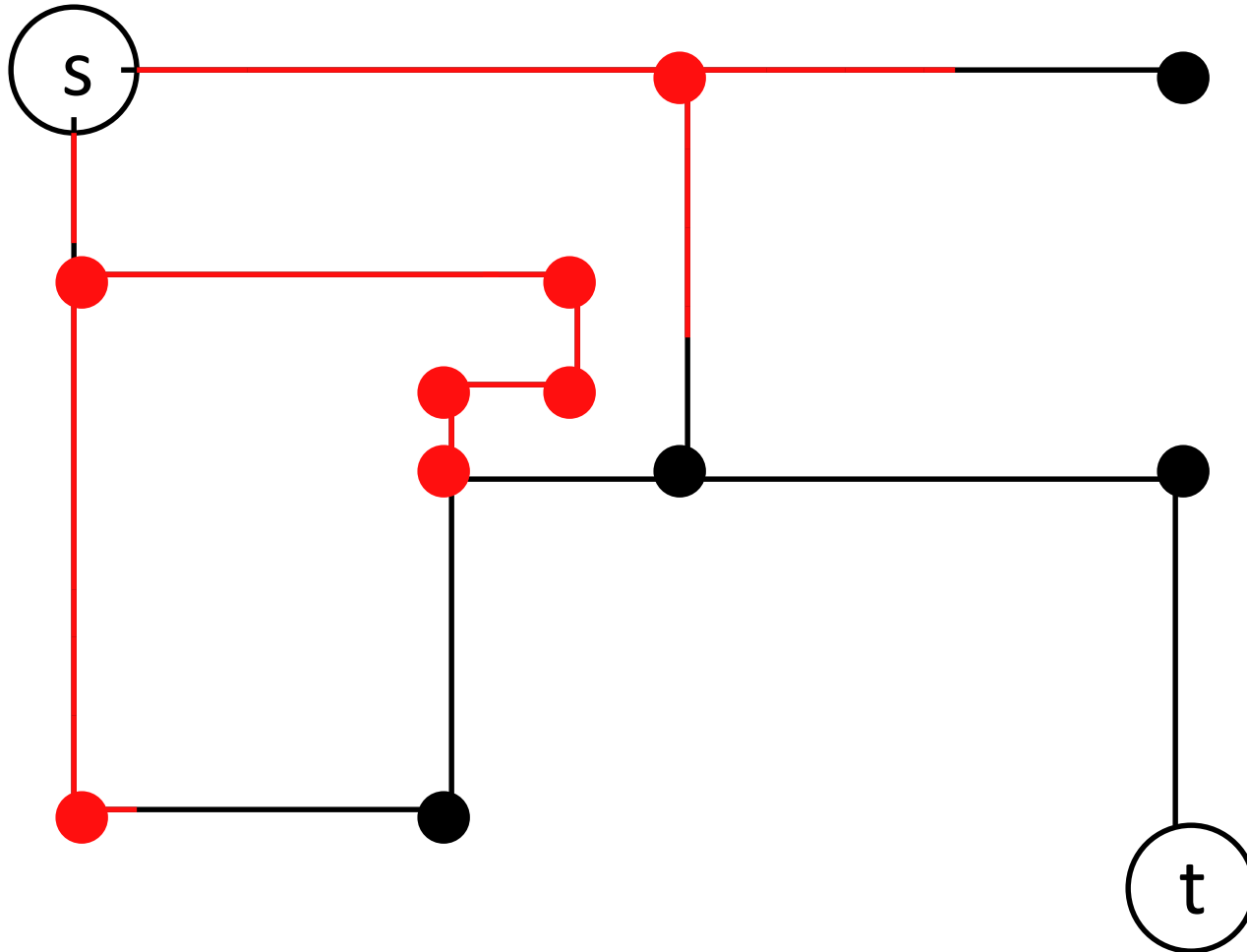
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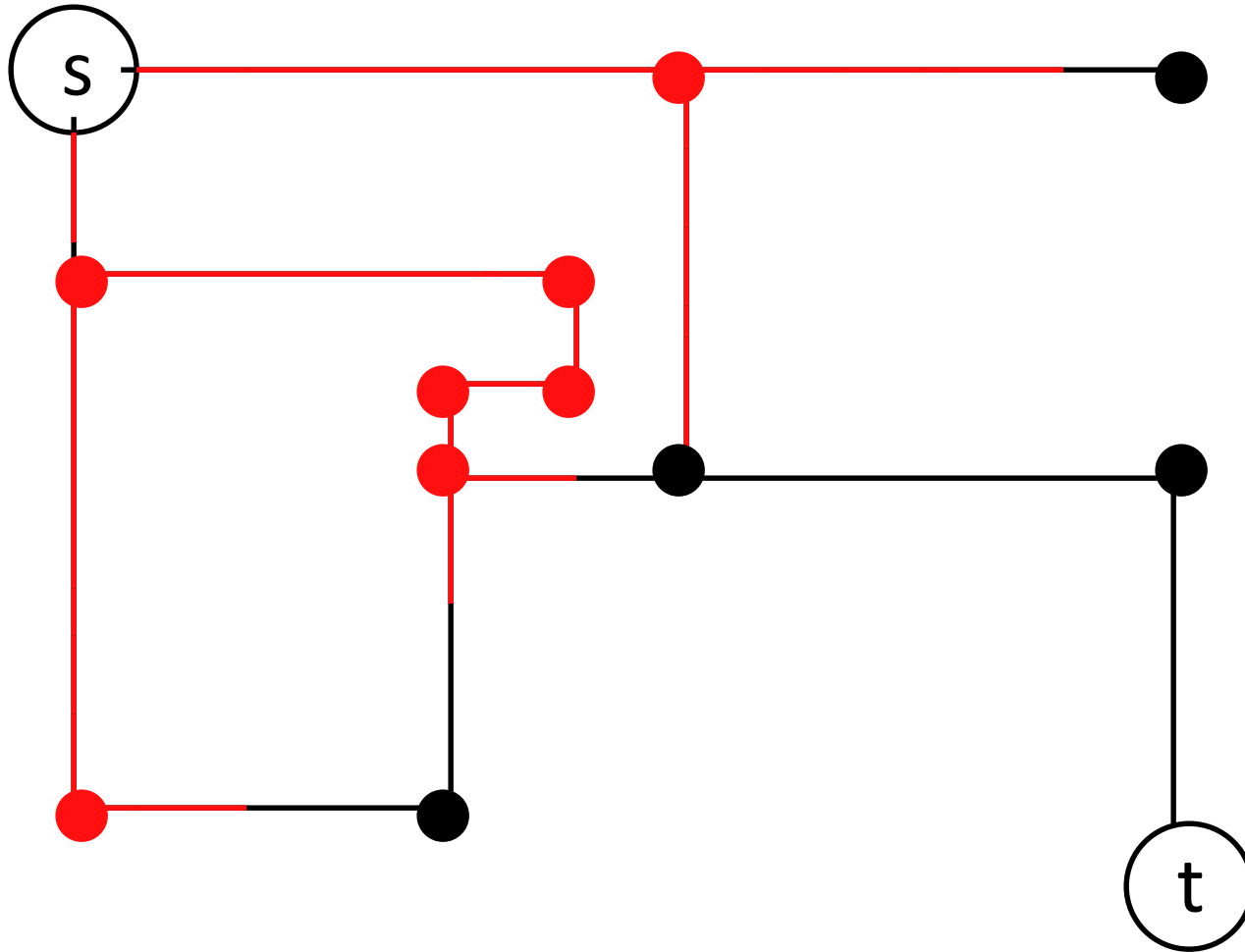
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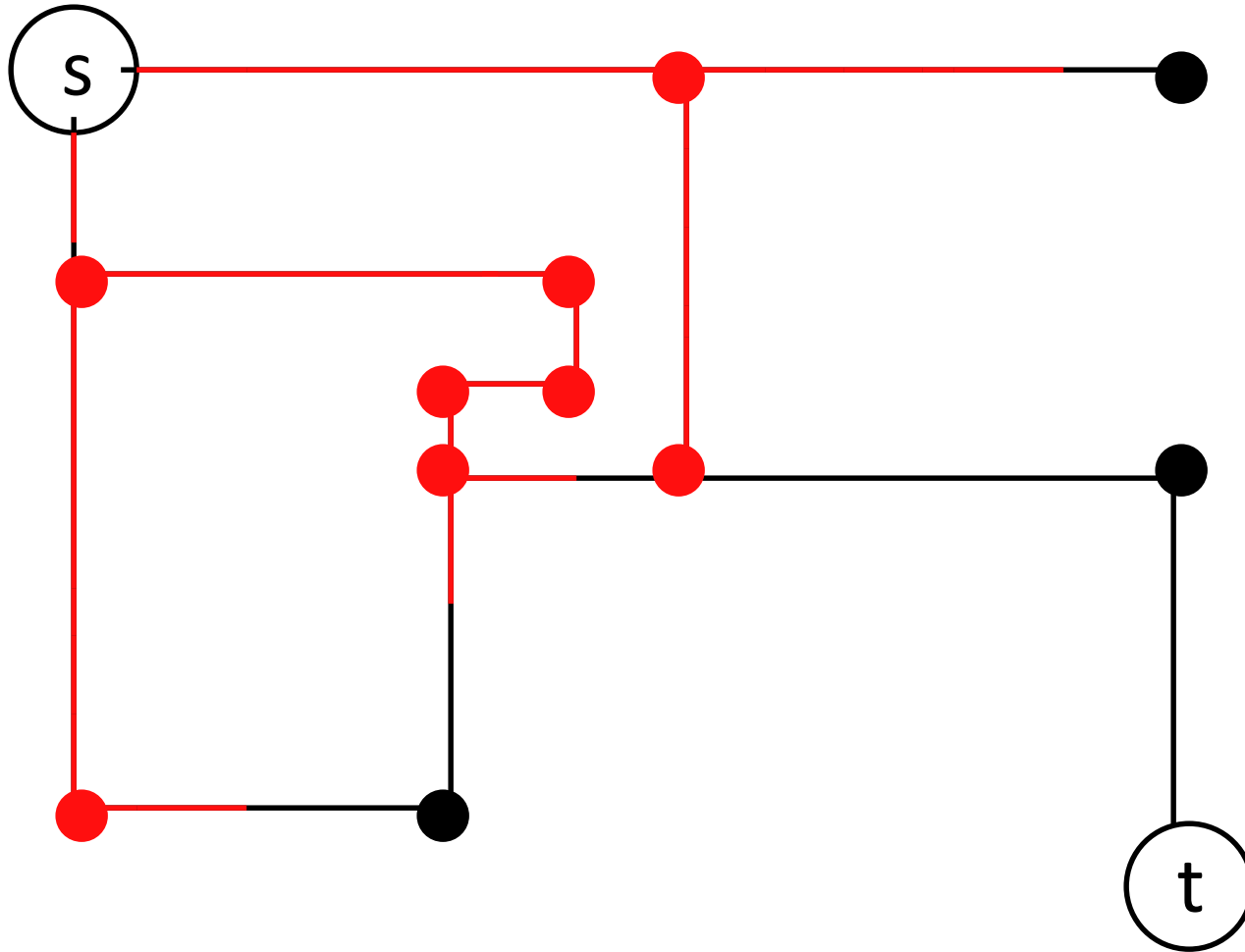
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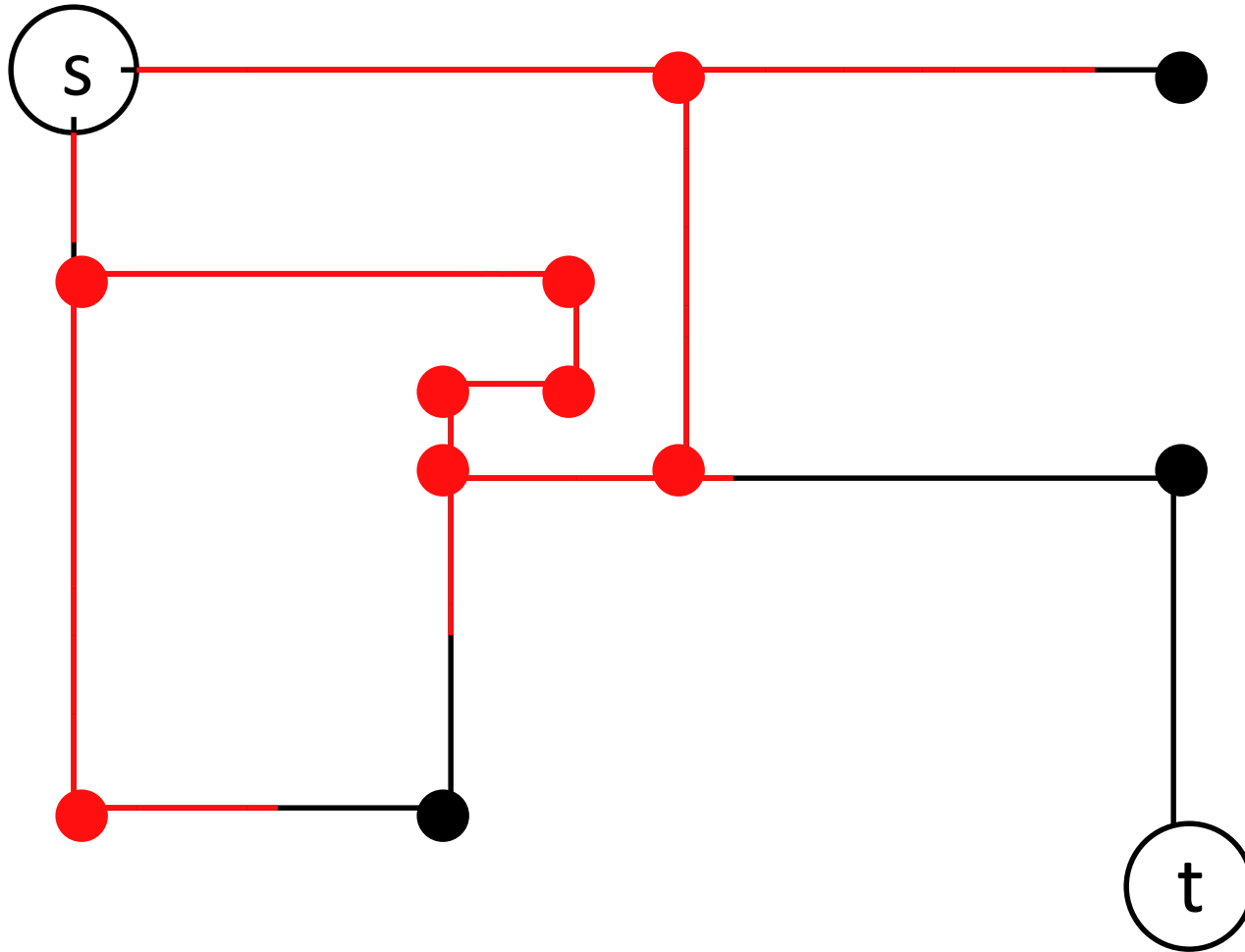
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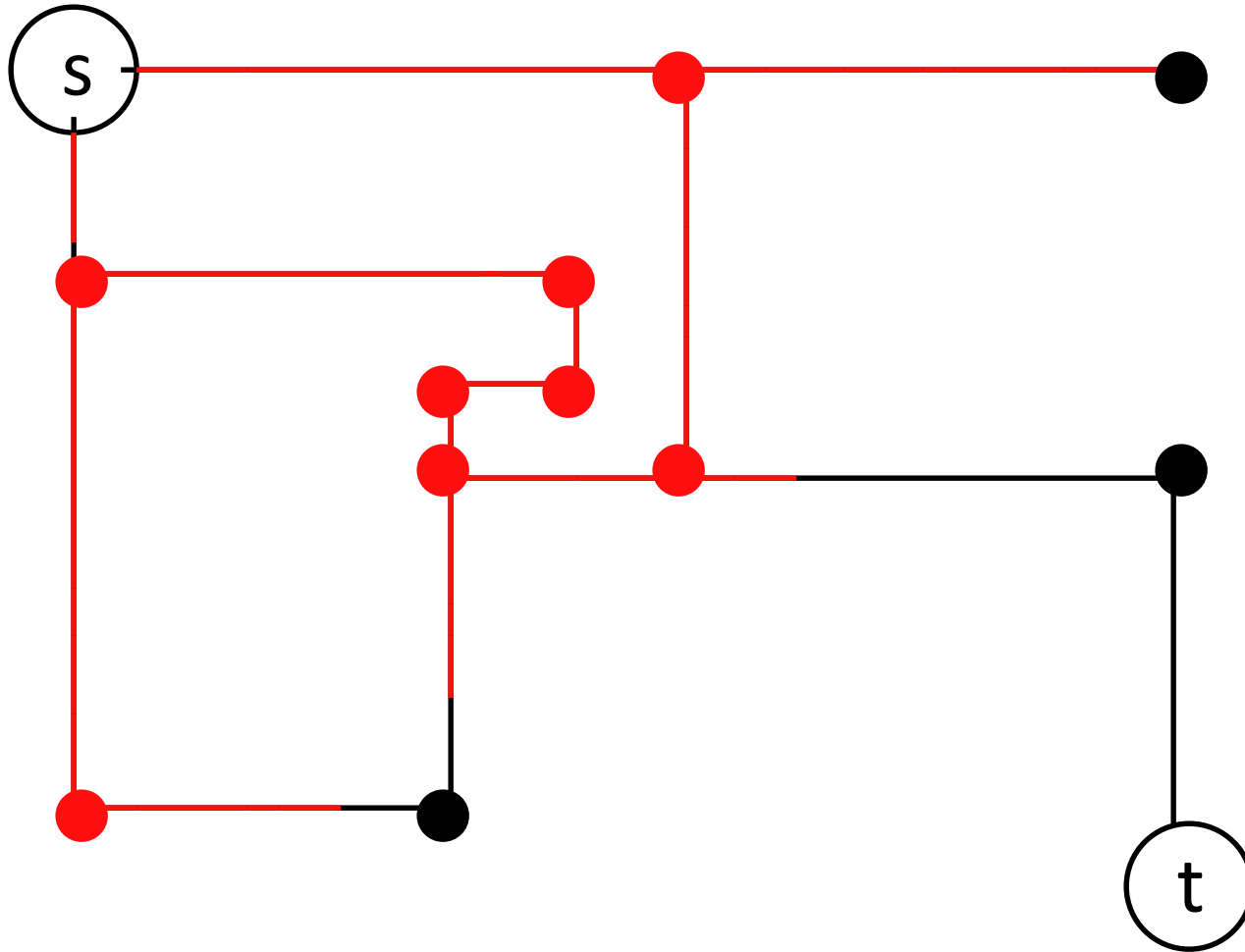
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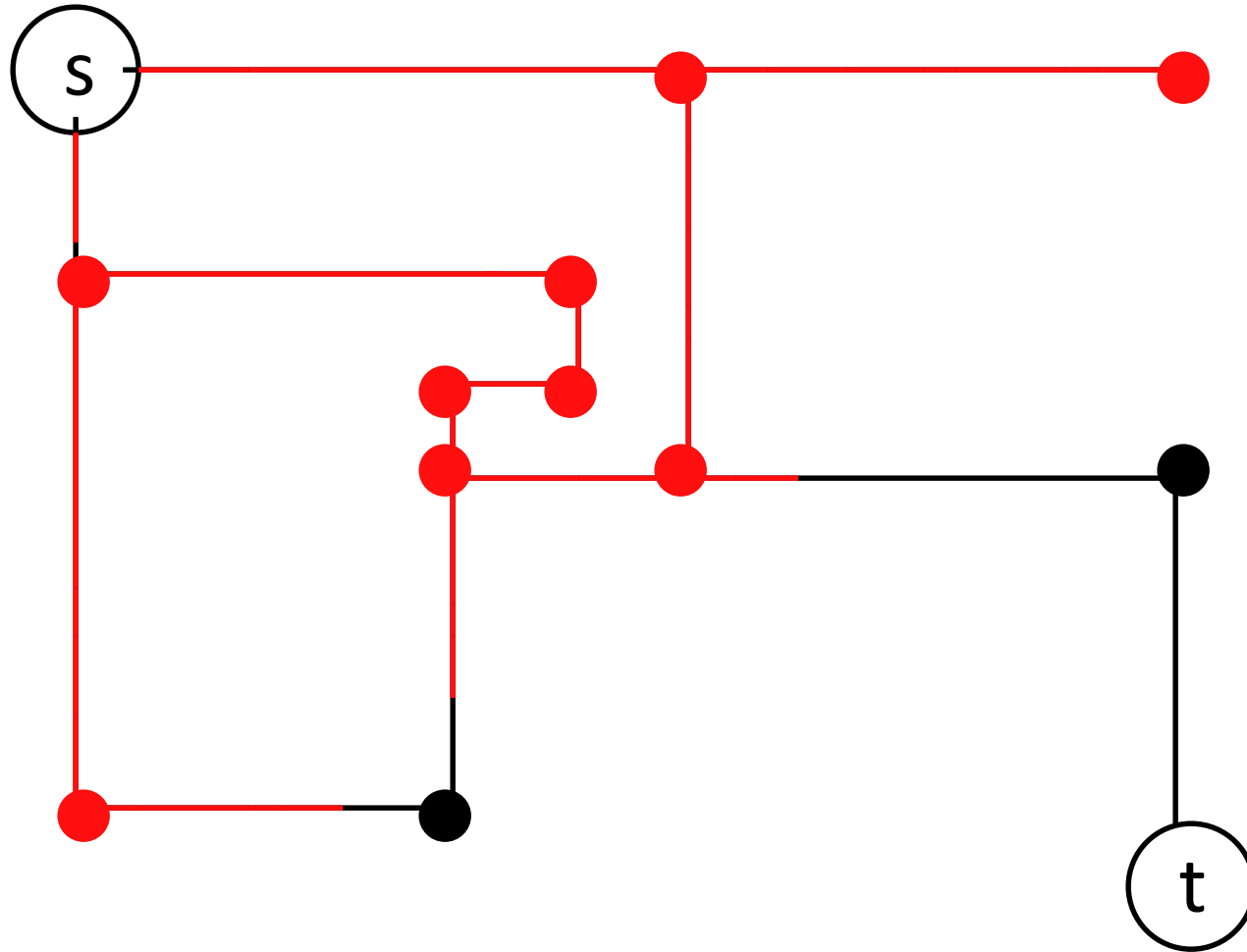
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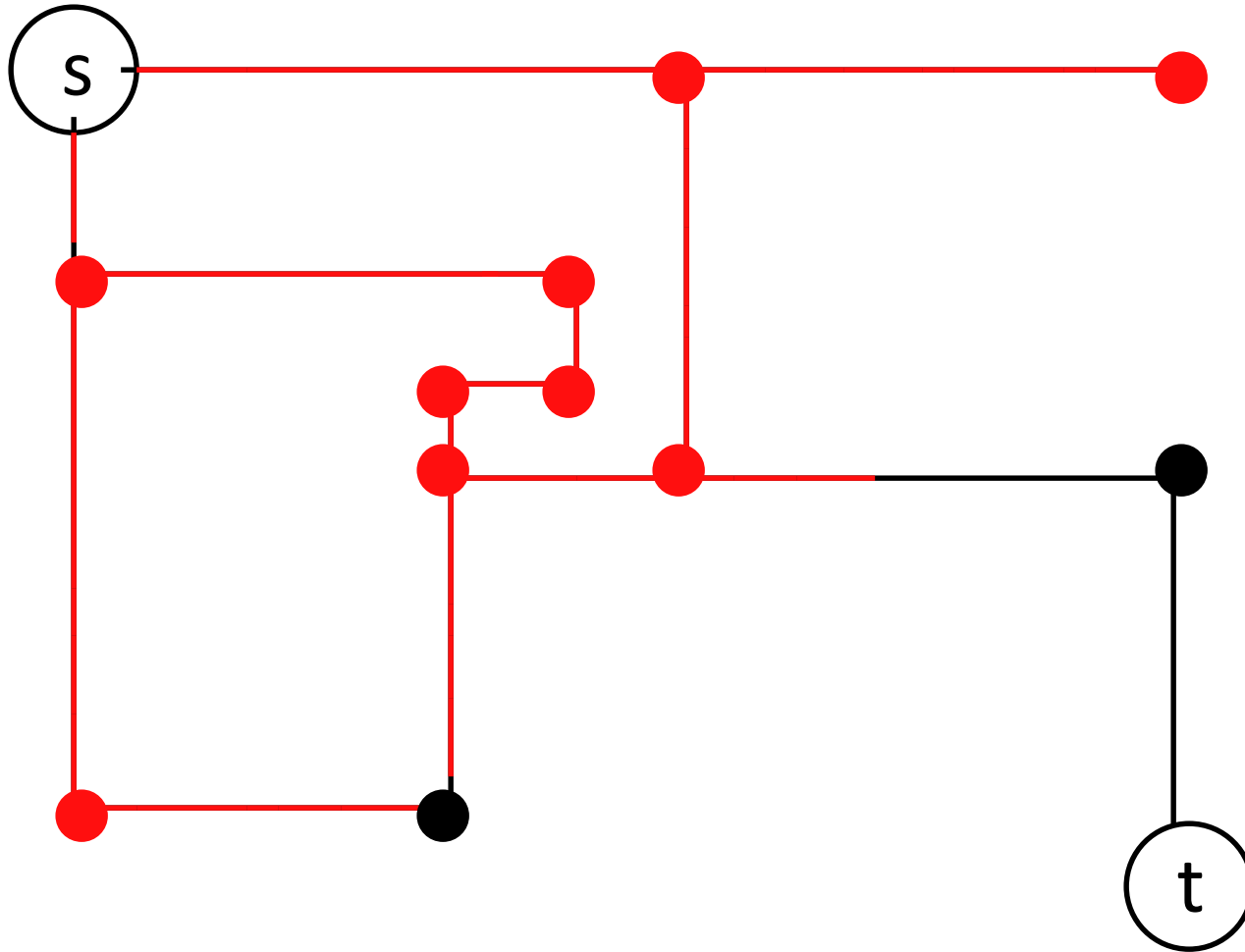
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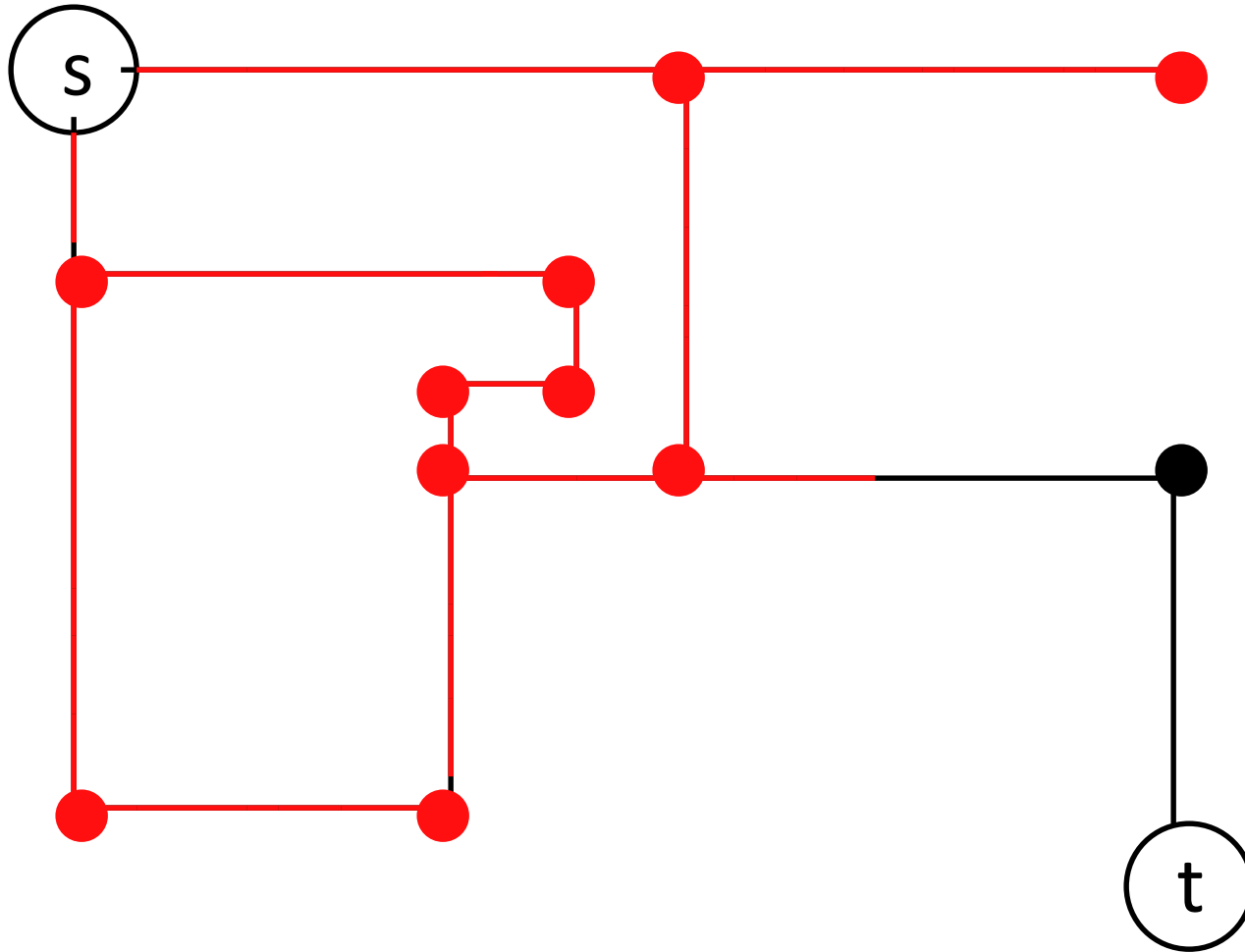
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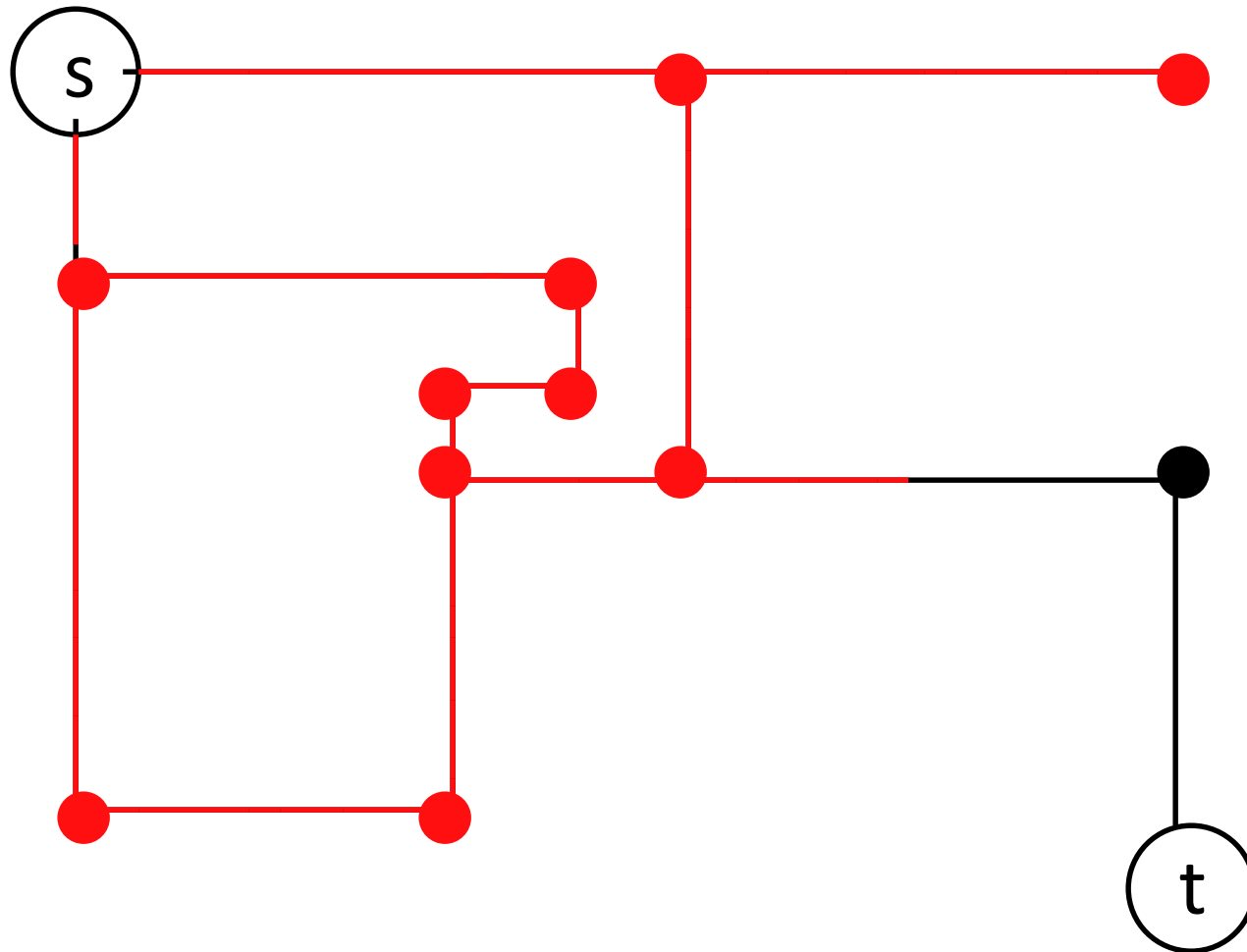
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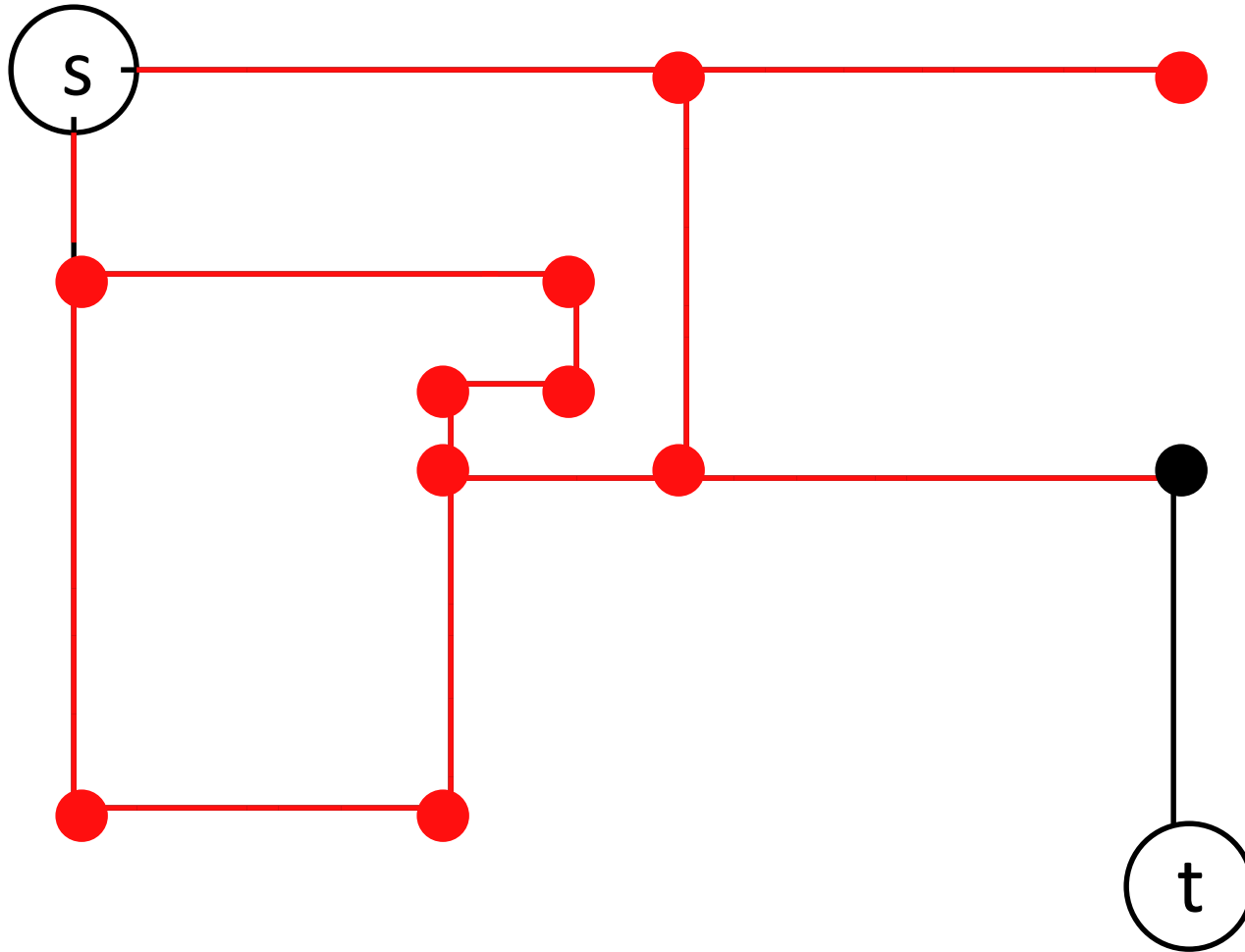
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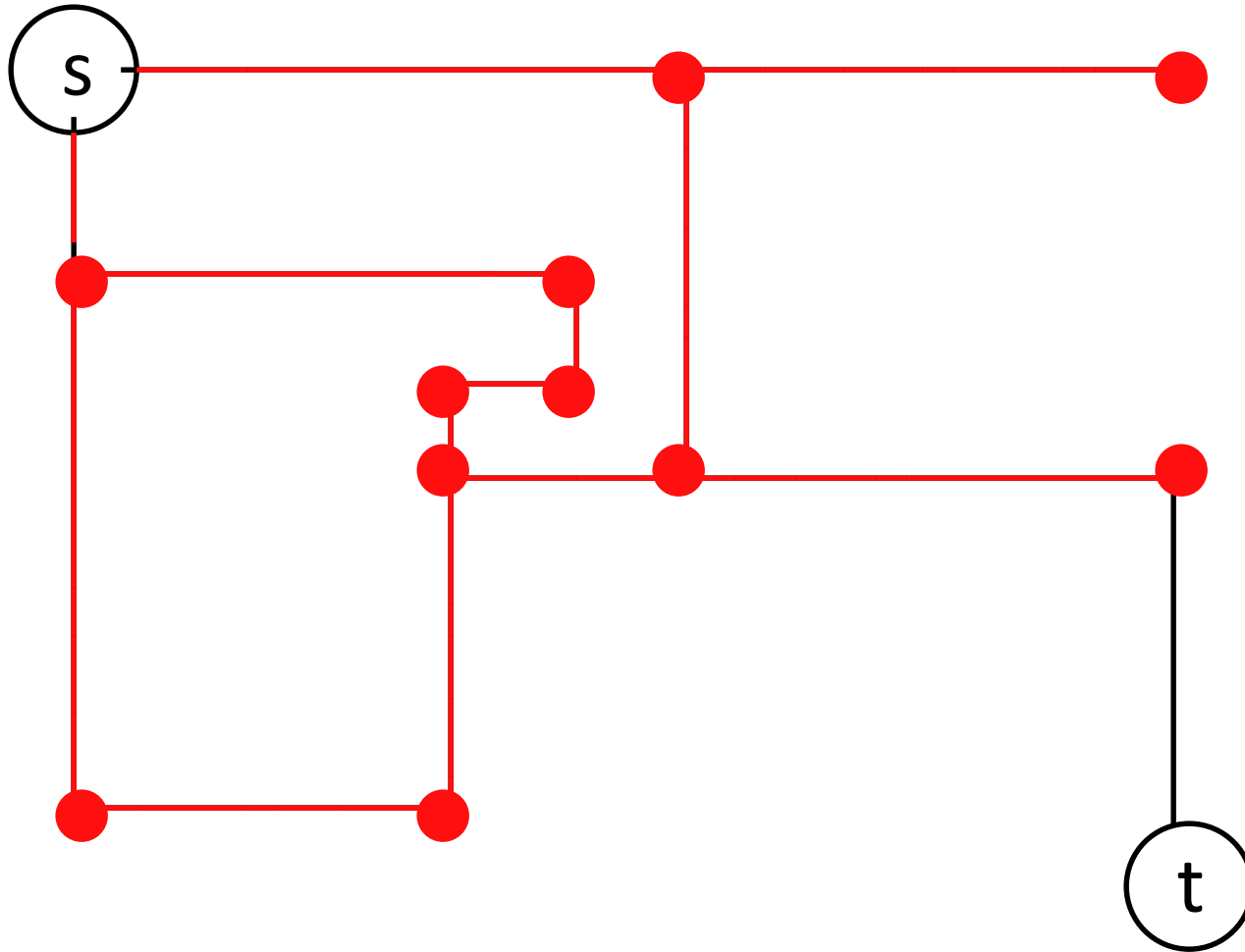
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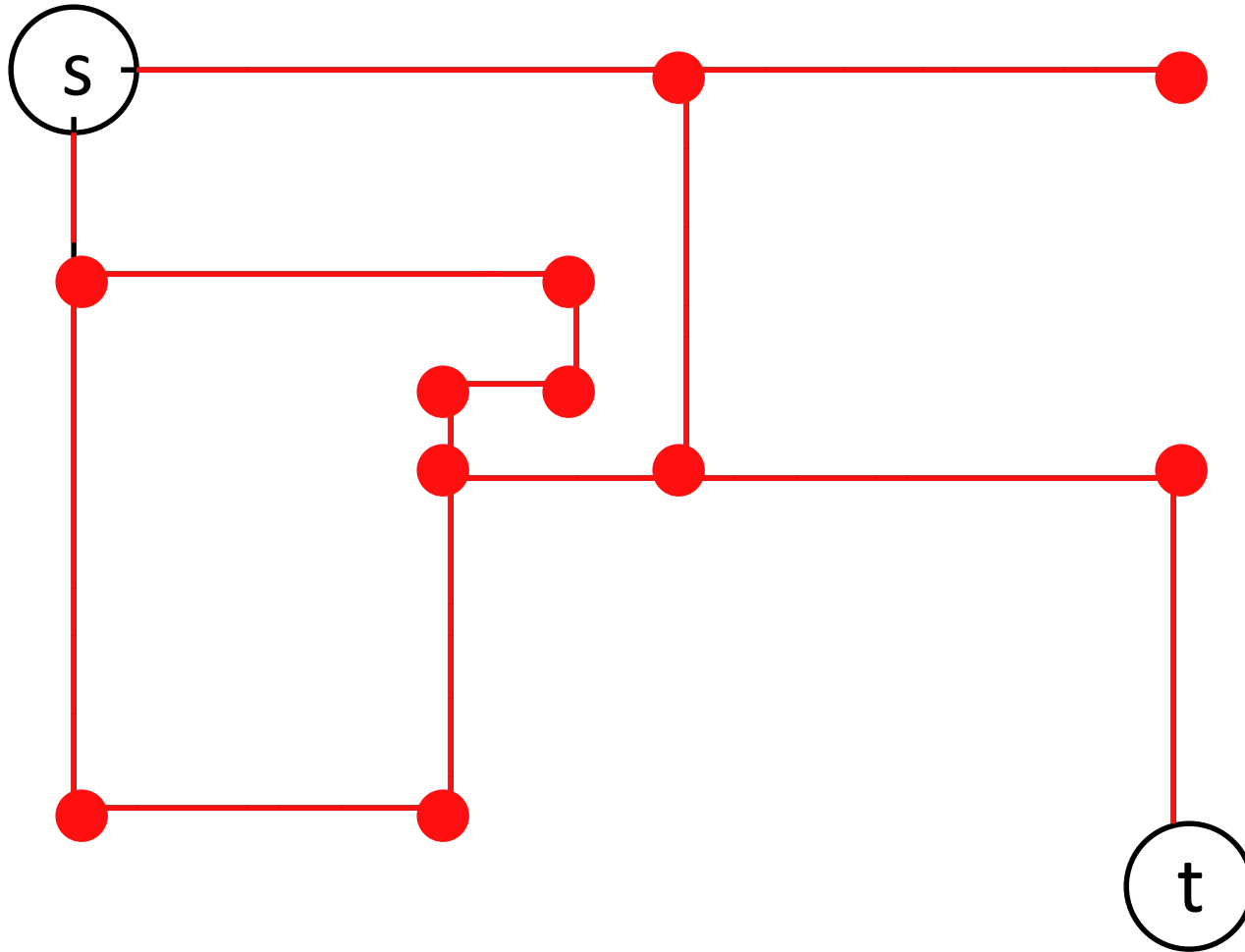
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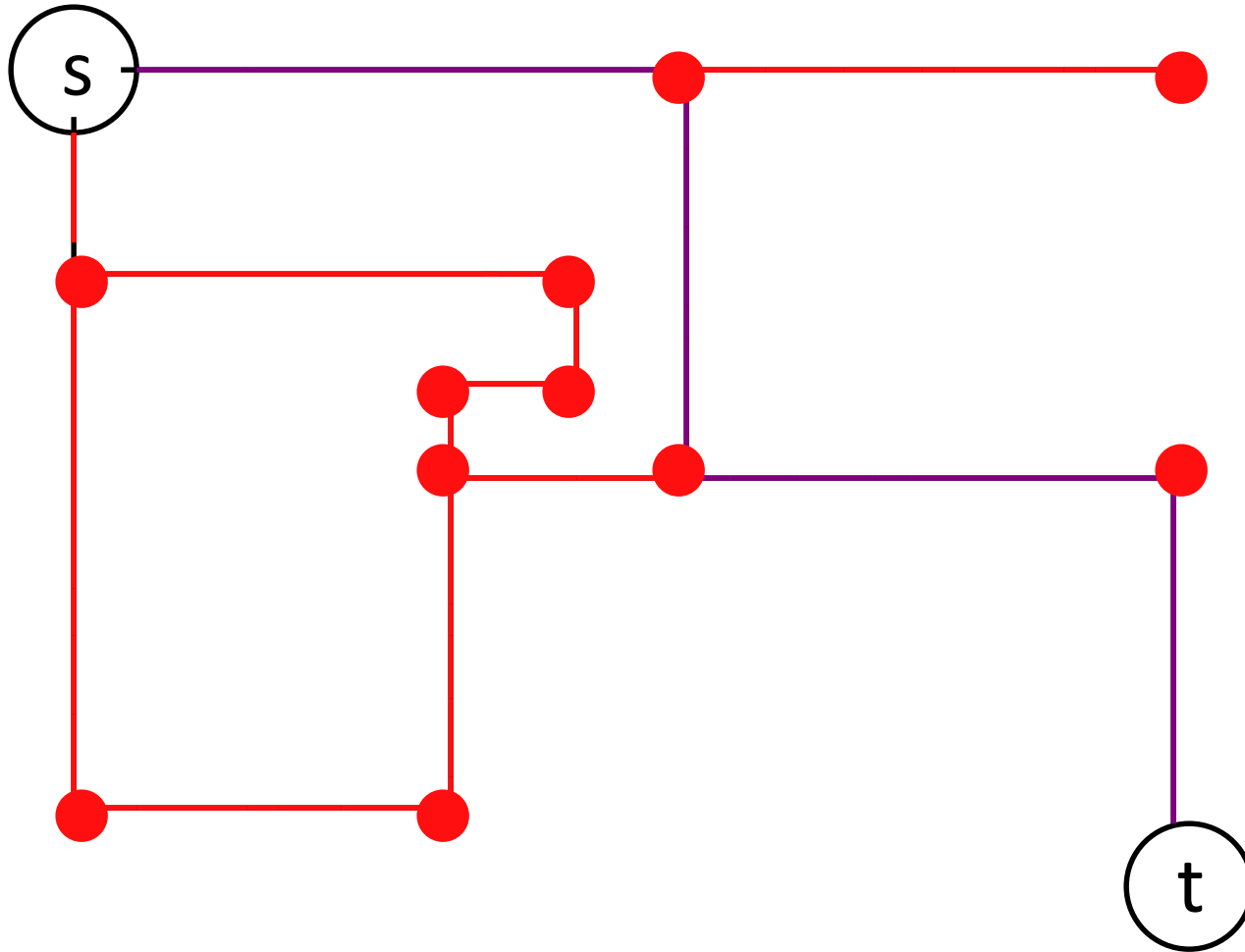
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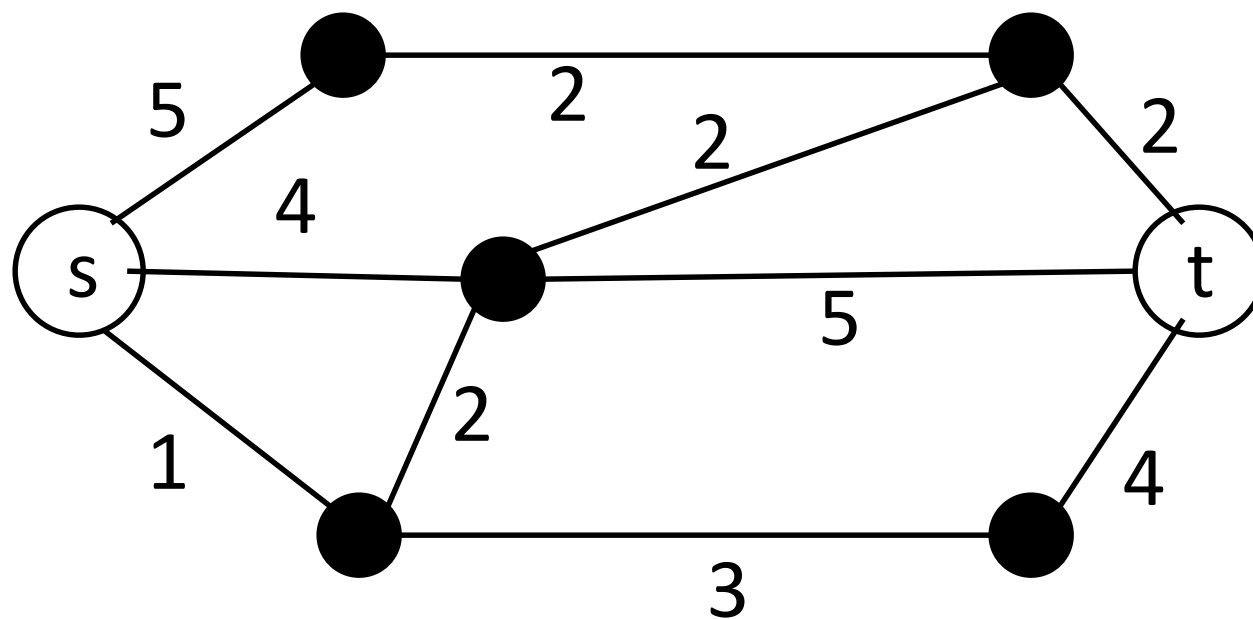
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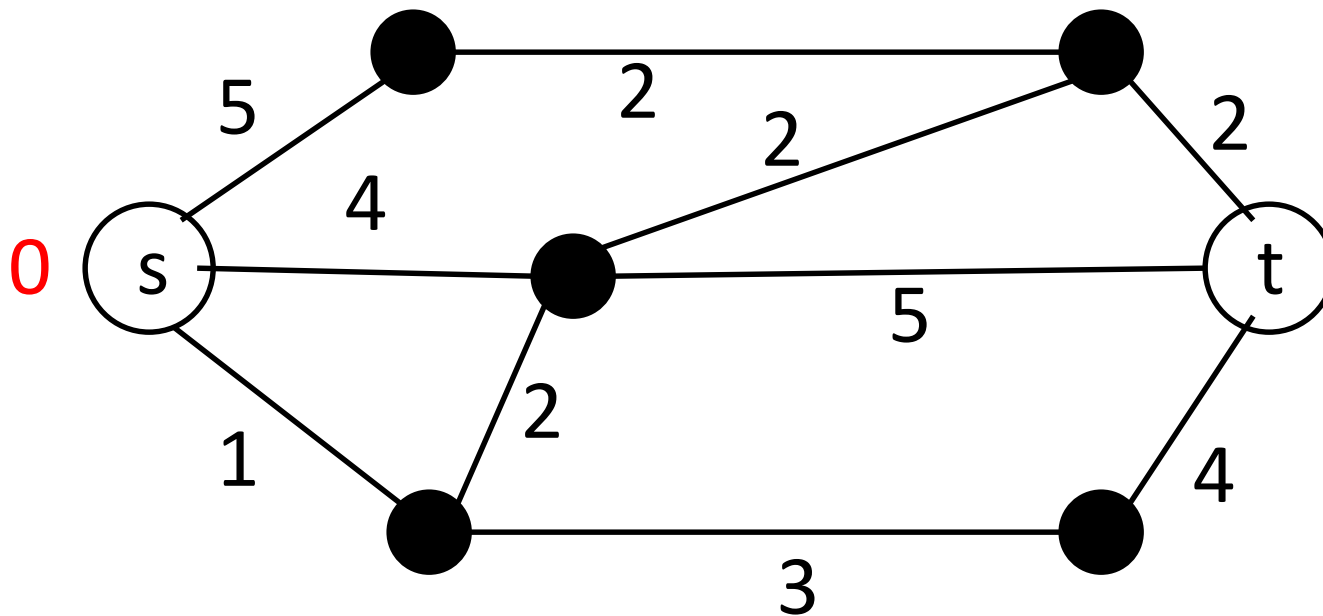
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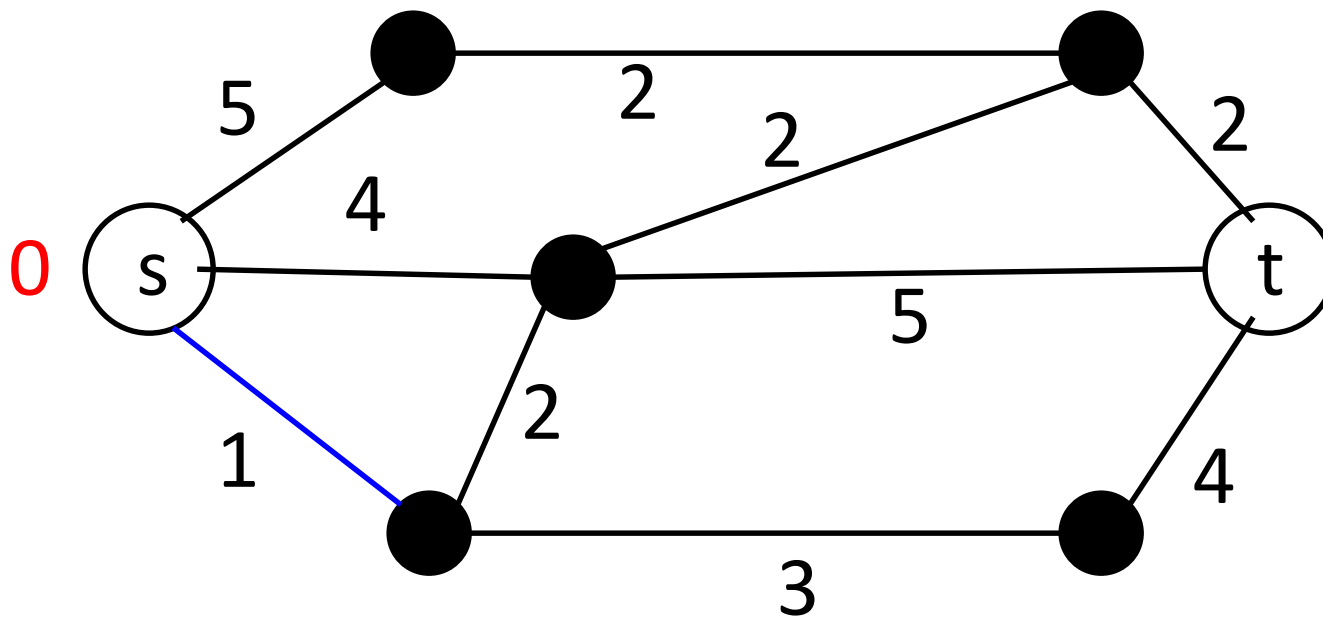
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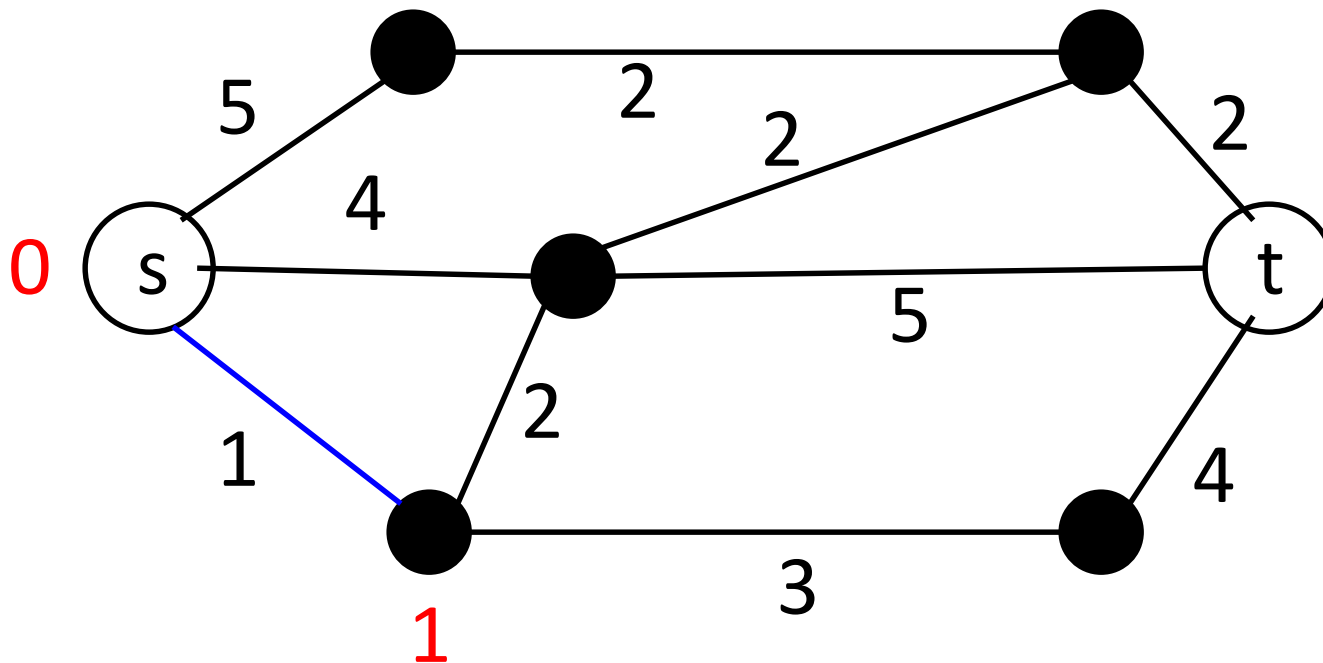
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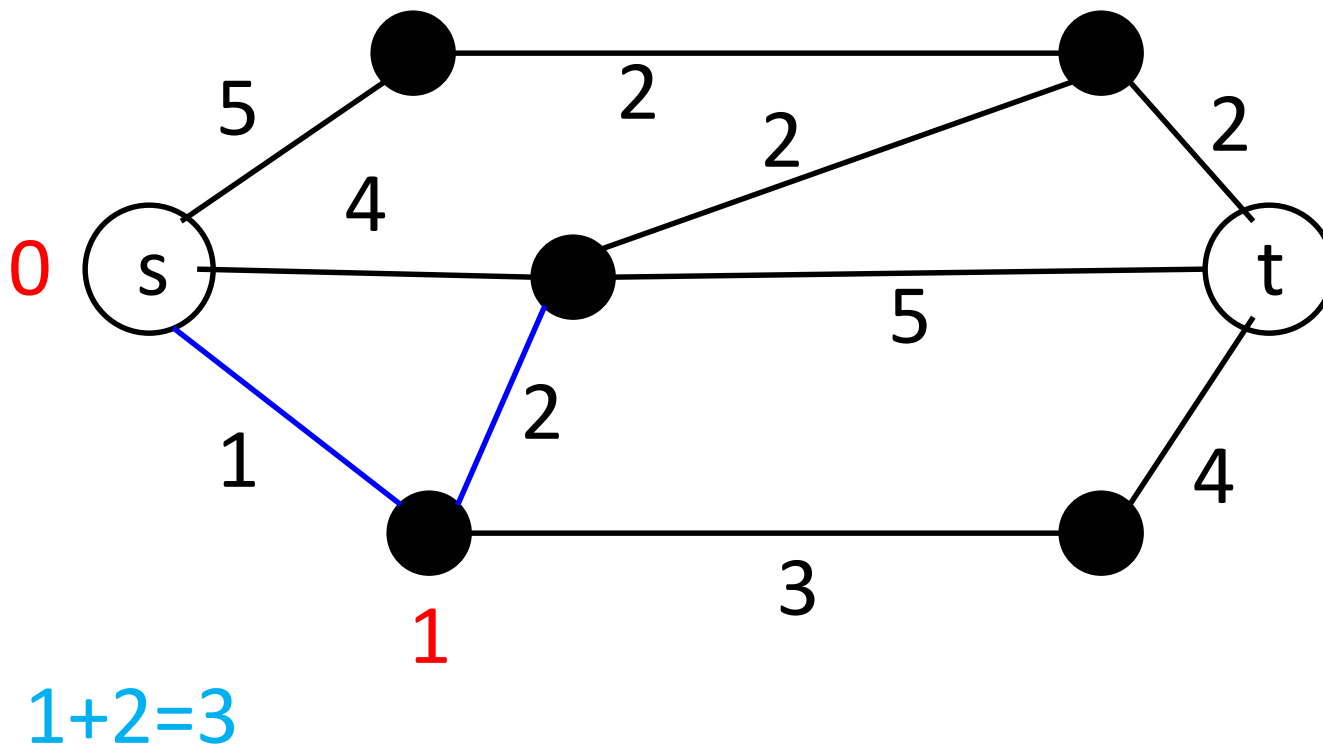
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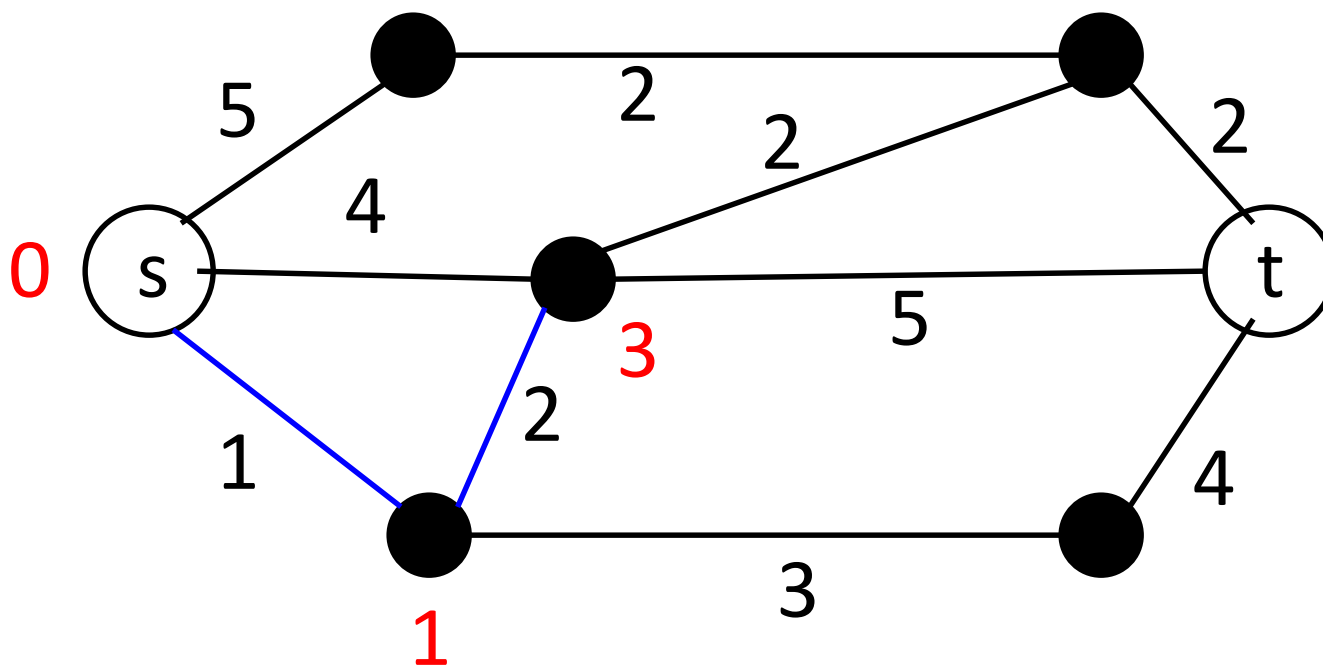
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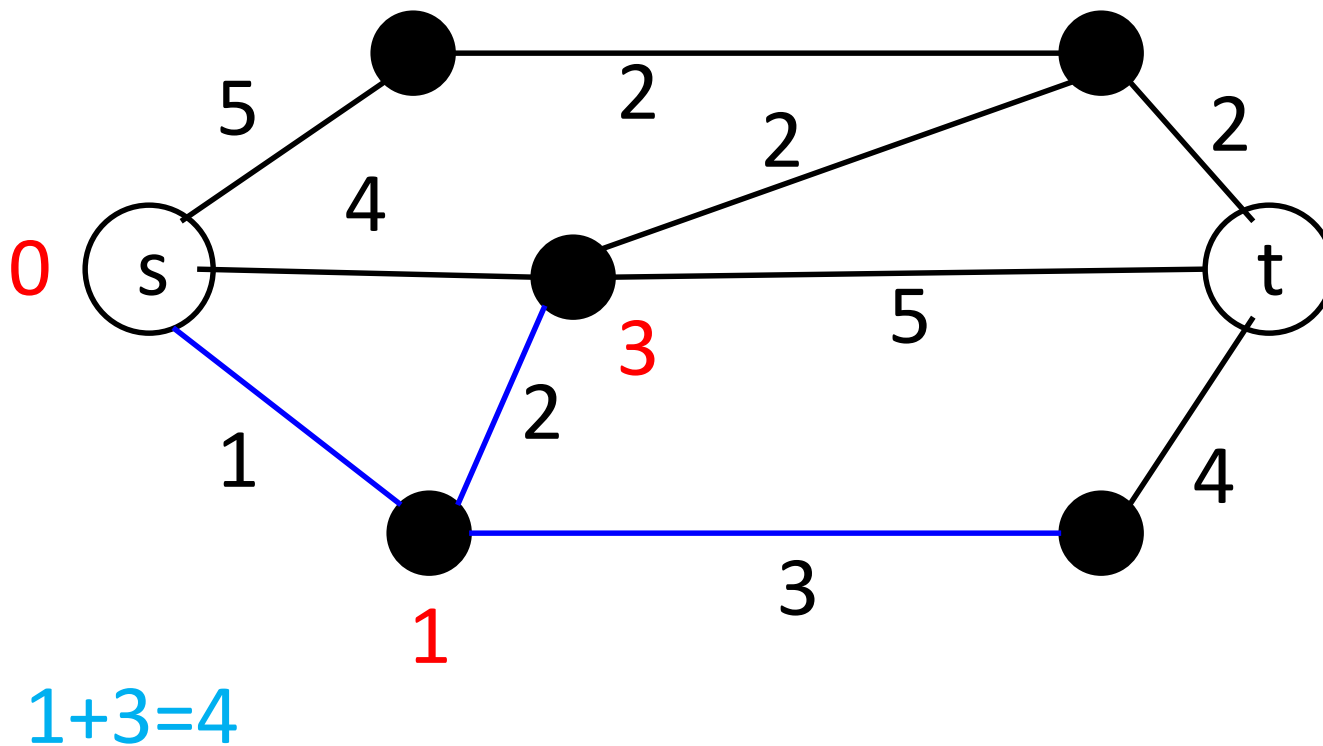
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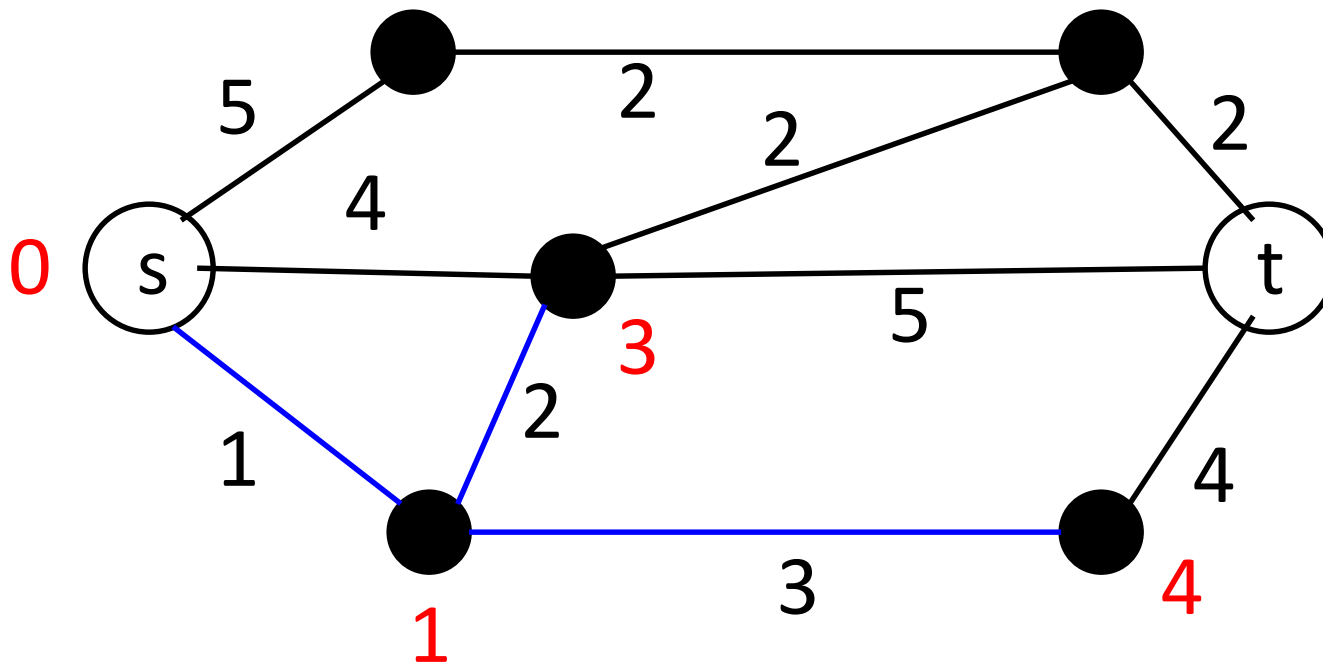
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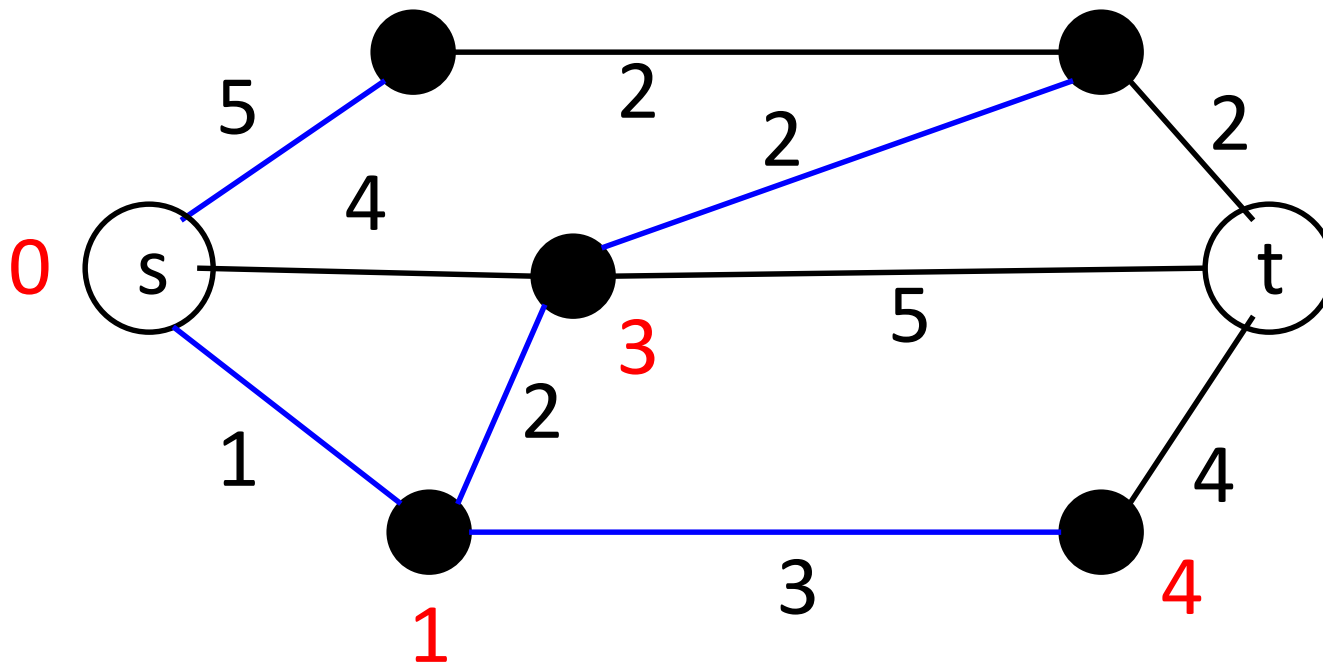
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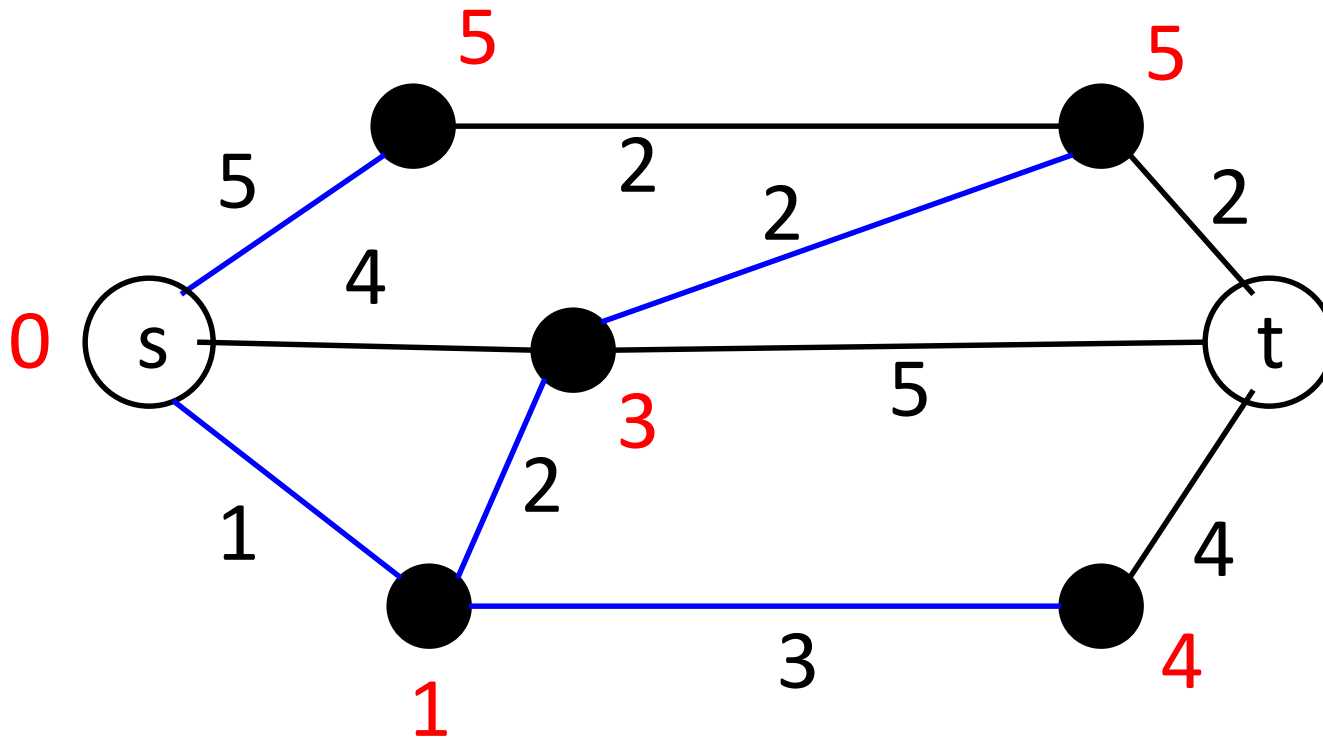
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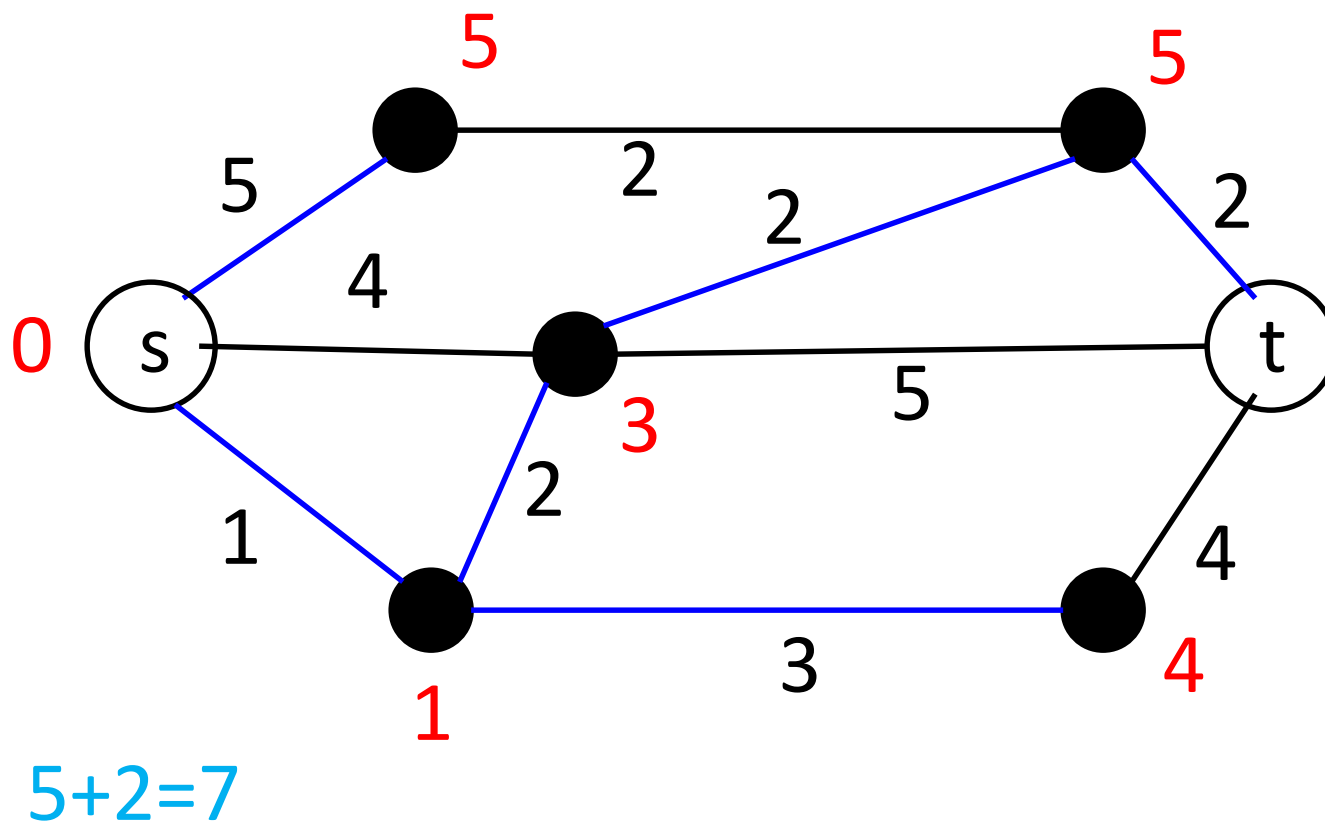
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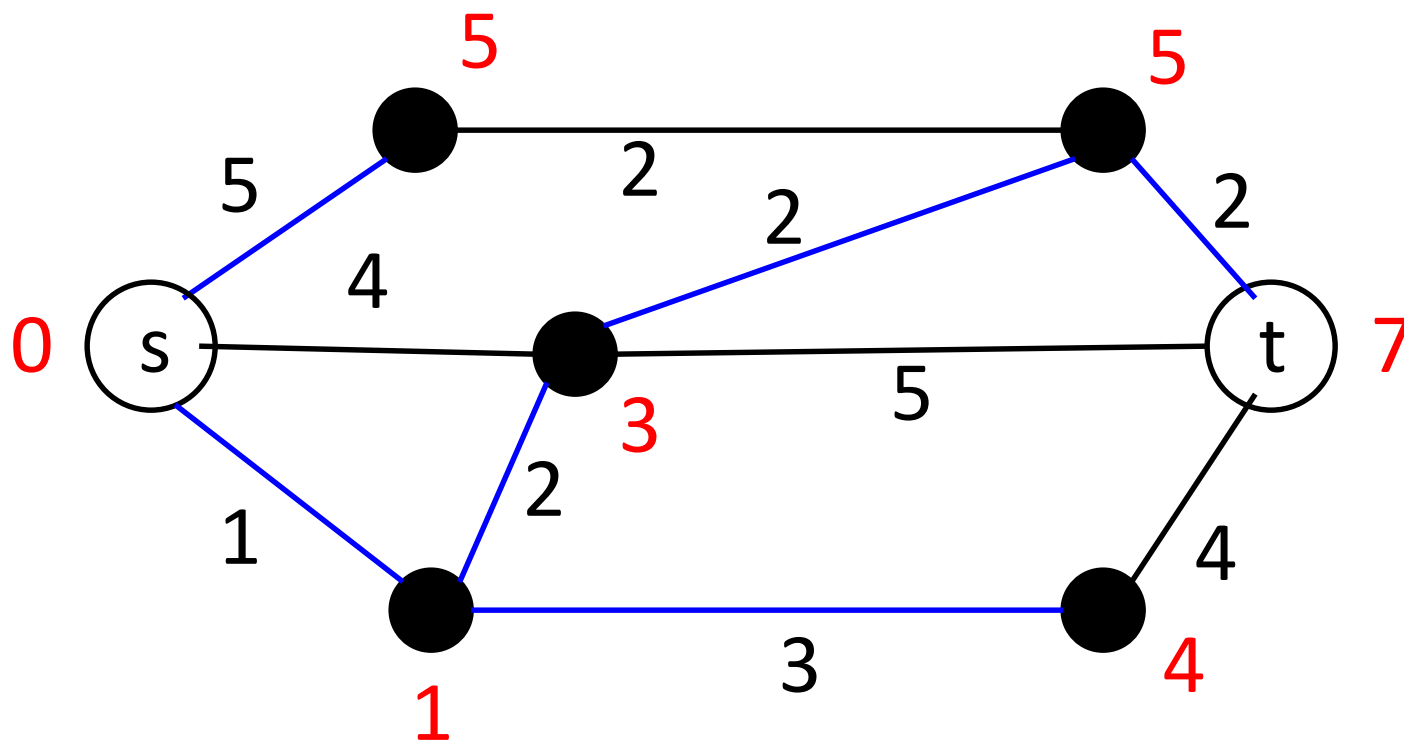
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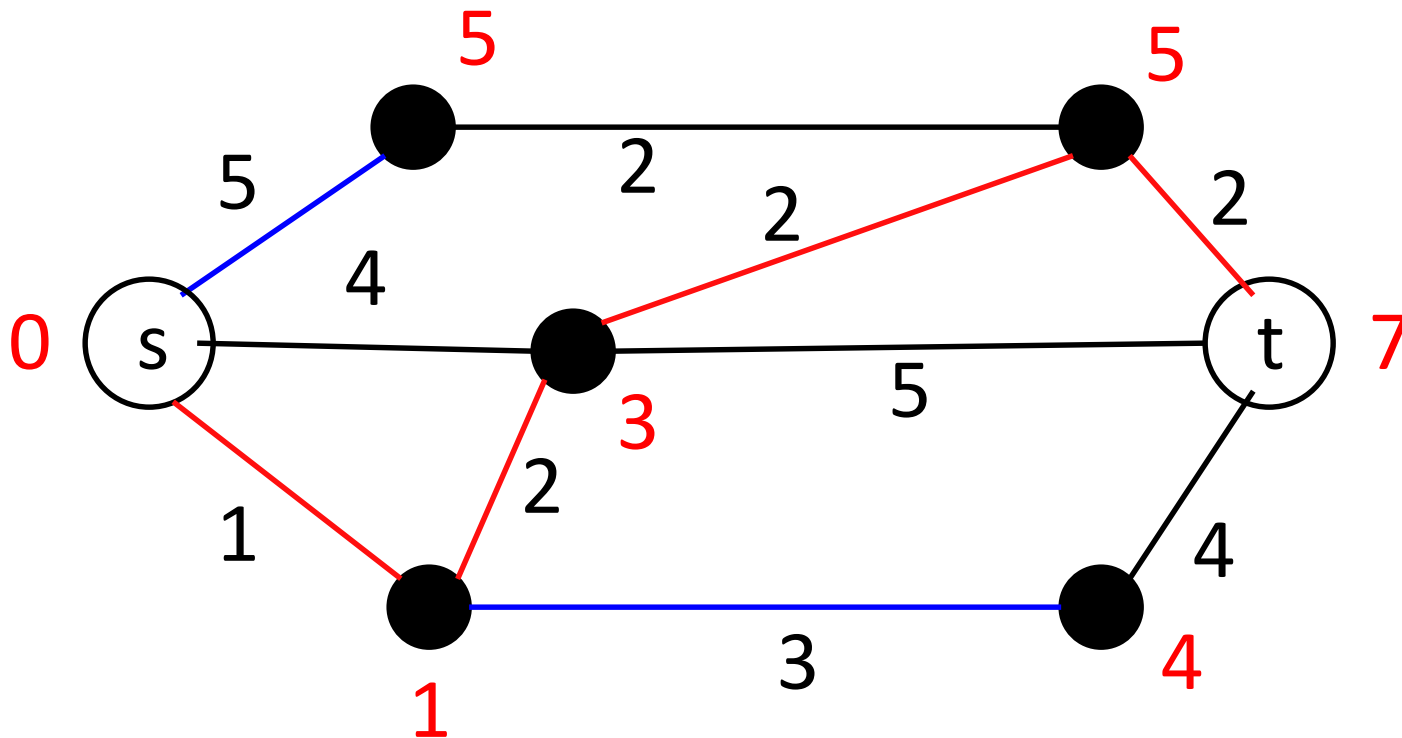
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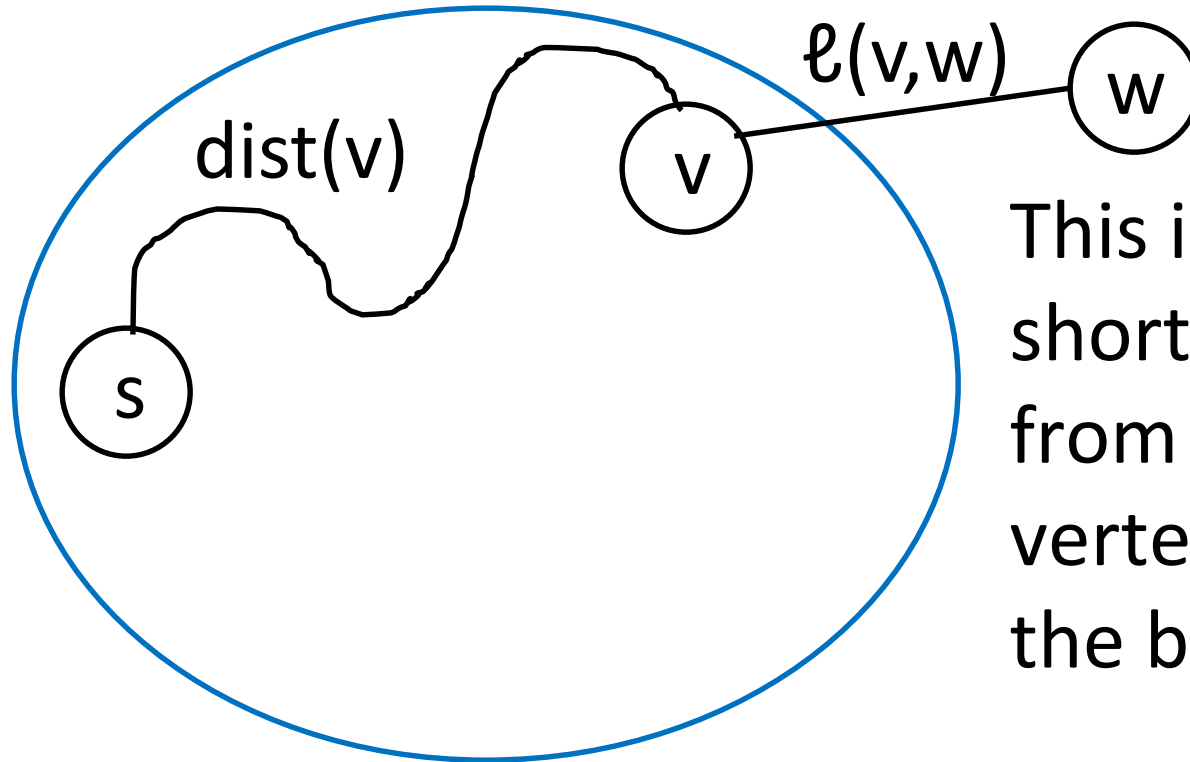
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Still too Slow

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 - Even though not much is changing from round to round, the algorithm is computing the minimum from scratch every time
- Use a data structure!
 - Data structures help answer a bunch of similar questions faster than answering each question individually
- For this kind of question, want a priority queue.

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Operations:

- Insert – adds a new element to the PQ.
- DecreaseKey – Changes the key of an element of the PQ to a specified *smaller* value.
- DeleteMin – Finds the element with the smallest key and removes it from the PQ.