

# طراحی الگوریتم ها

## مبحث یازدهم: گراف بدون وزن، BFS، و DFS

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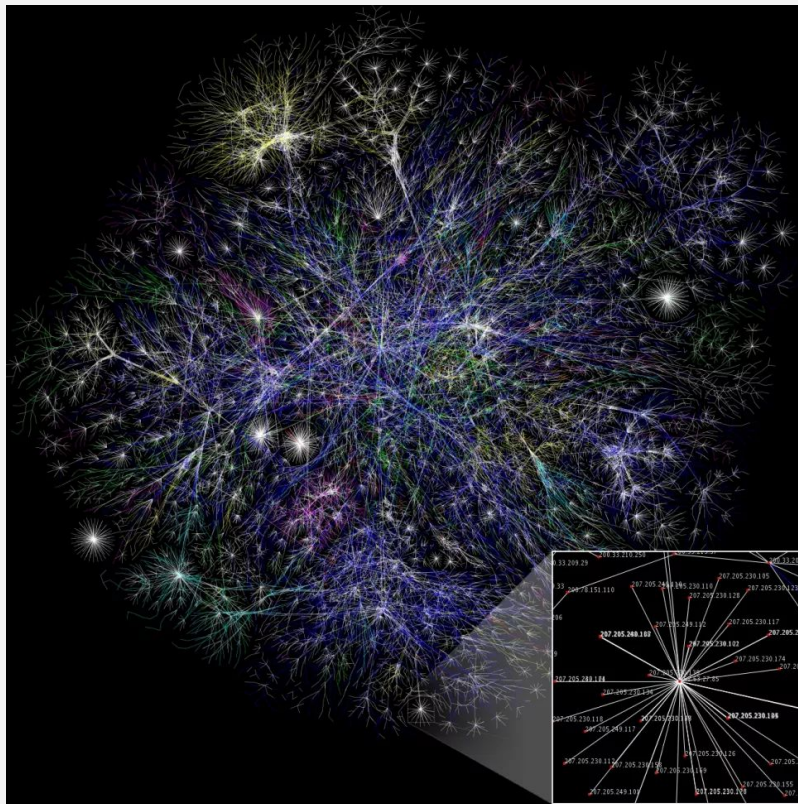
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# گراف

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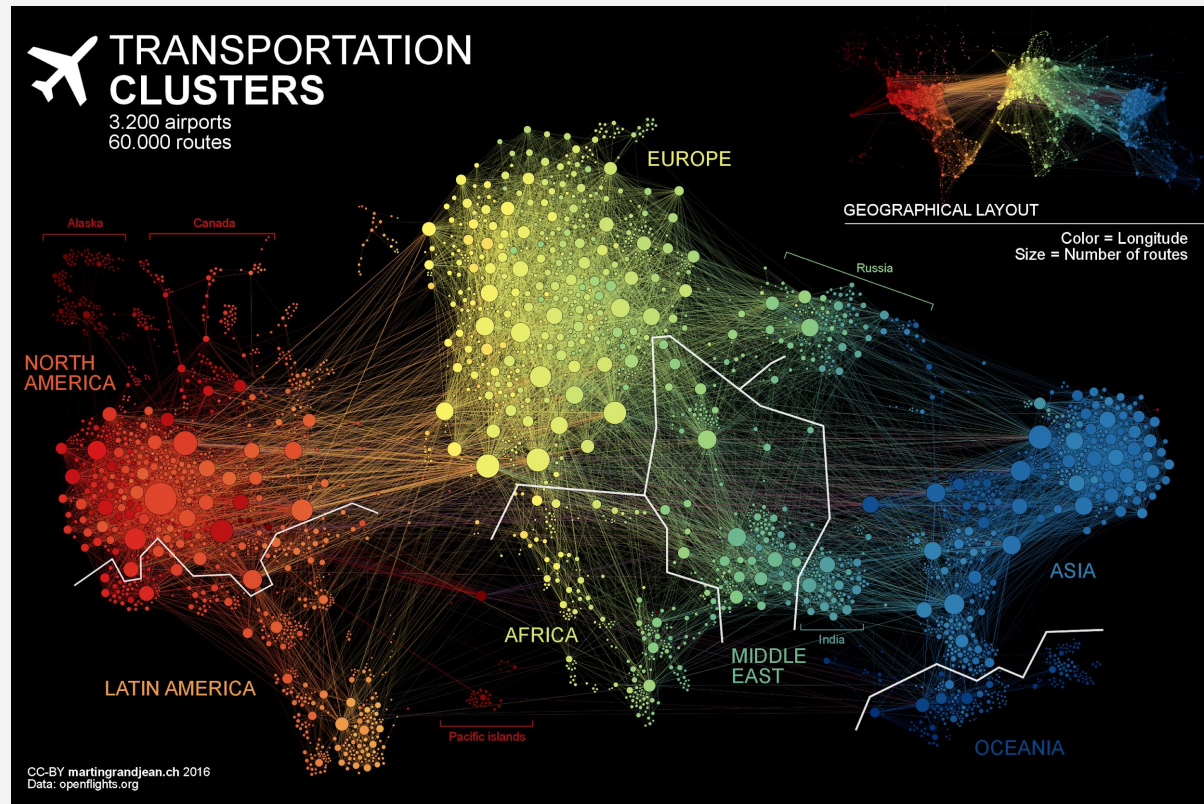
# GRAPH EXAMPLES

Partial graph of the Internet (in 2005), where each “node” is an IP address, and the “edges” between them reveal connectivity delays (shorter lines = closer IP addresses)



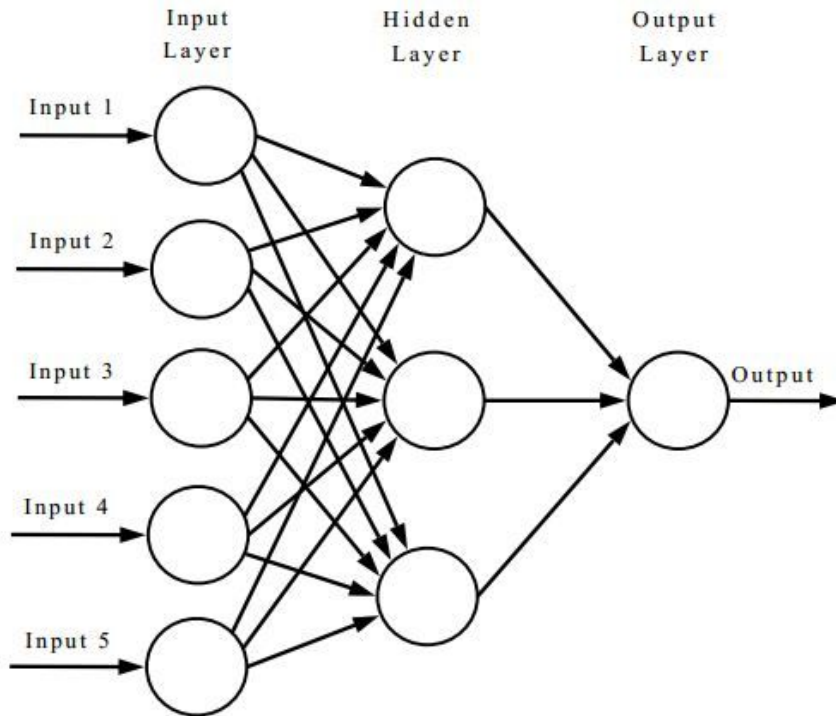
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Each “node” is an airport,  
and flight routes are  
represented by the “edge”  
in between them



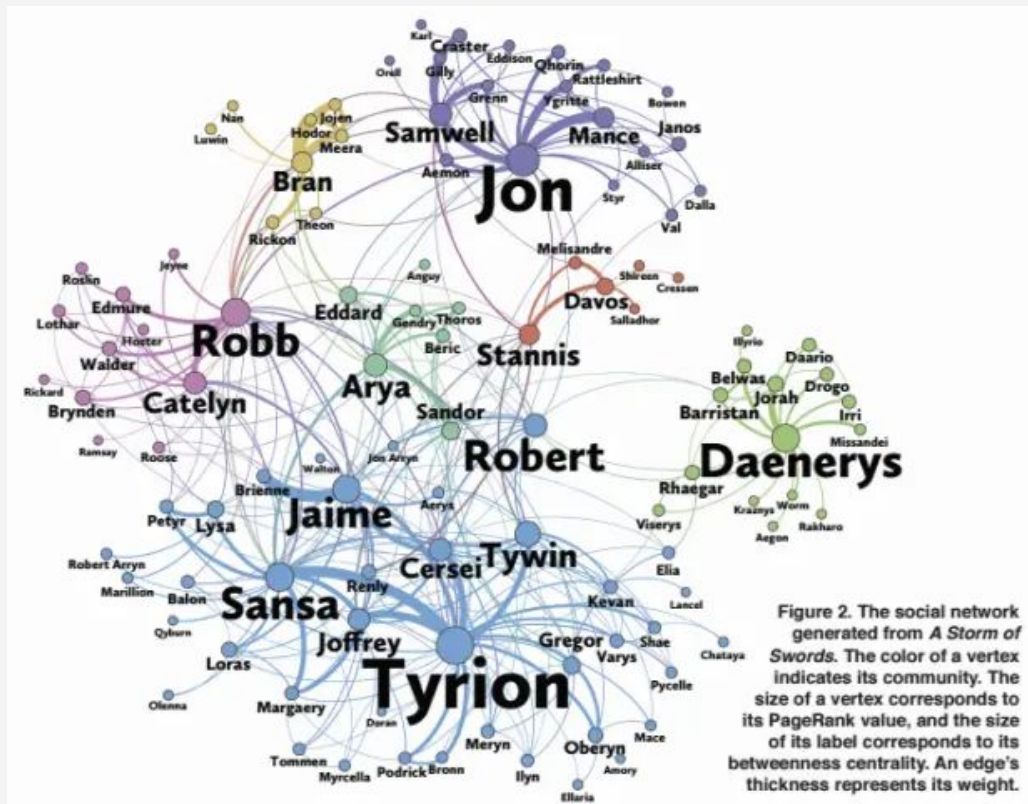
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Neural networks! Each “node” represents a module of the neural network, and “edge” represent output/input relationships



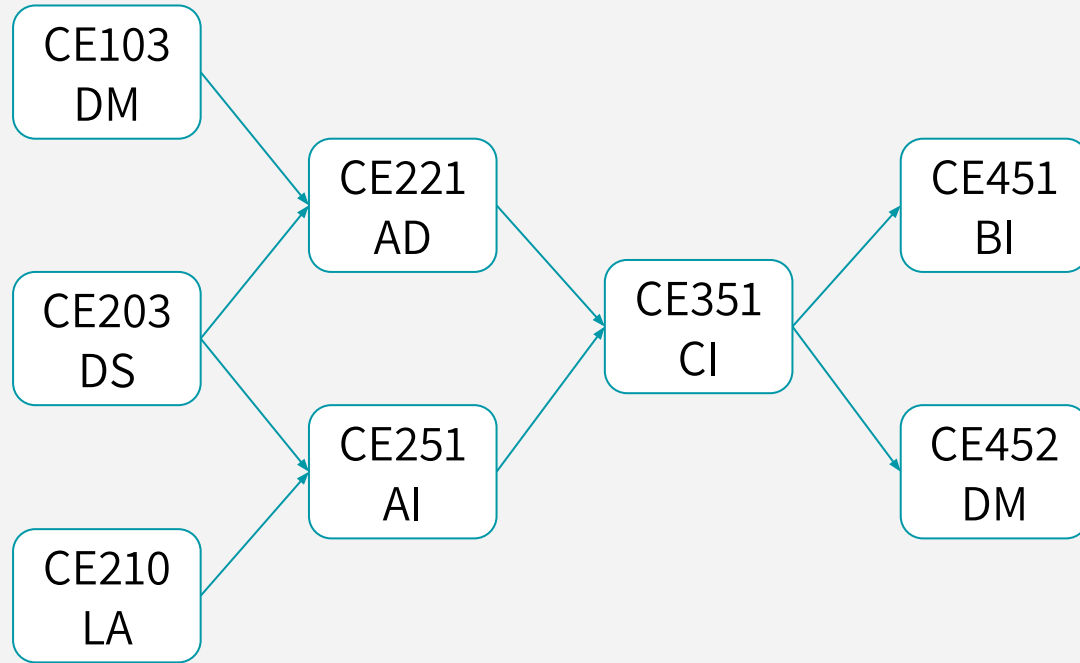
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Graph of characters in the third book of Game of Thrones, where each “node” is a character, and “edge” reveal frequency of interaction (i.e. 2 names appearing within 15 words of one another).



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CE prerequisites!  
“nodes” are classes  
and an “edge” from  
class A to class B  
means “class B  
depends on class A”





# WHAT ARE GRAPHS USED FOR?

- There are a lot of diverse problems that can be represented as graphs, and we want to answer questions about them
- For example:
  - How do we most efficiently route packets across the internet?
  - Are there natural “clusters” or “communities” in a graph?
  - Which character(s) are least related with \_\_\_\_\_?
  - How should I sign up for classes without violating pre-req constraints?

But first off, some terminology!

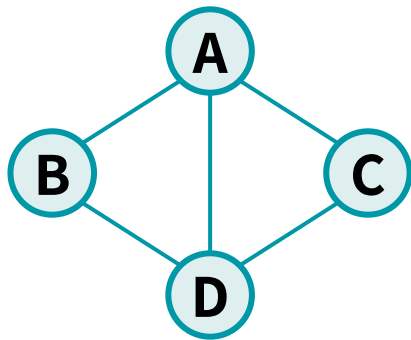
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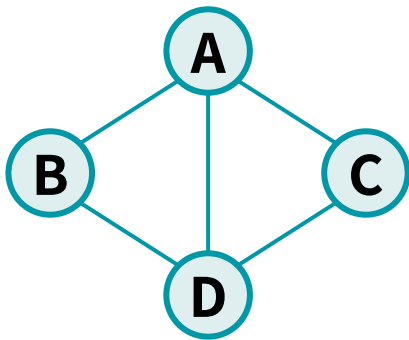
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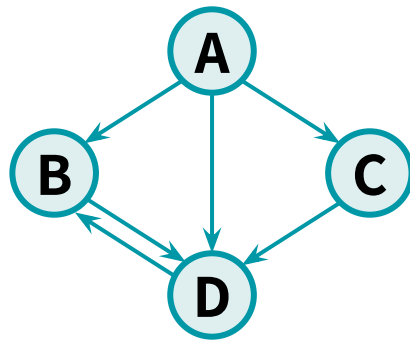


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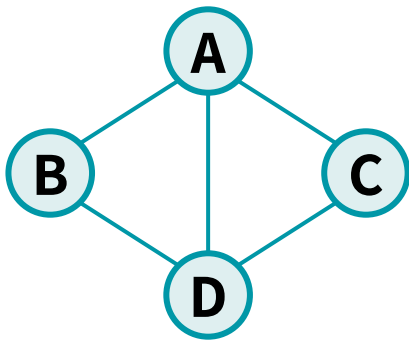
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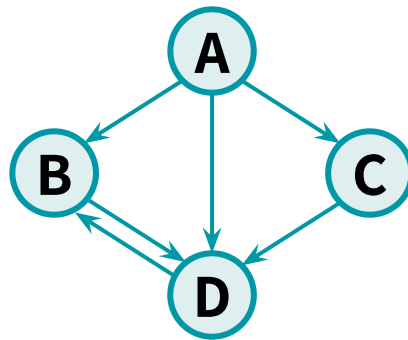


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Today, we're only working with **unweighted** graphs. These are graphs where edges aren't assigned weights, or all edges are assumed to have the same weight.



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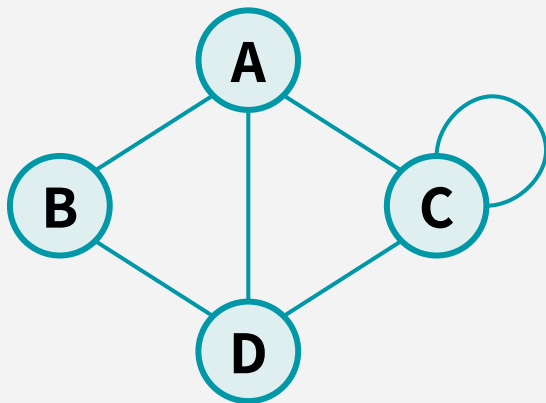
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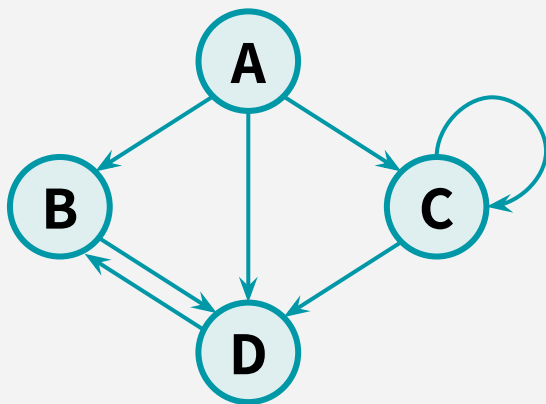


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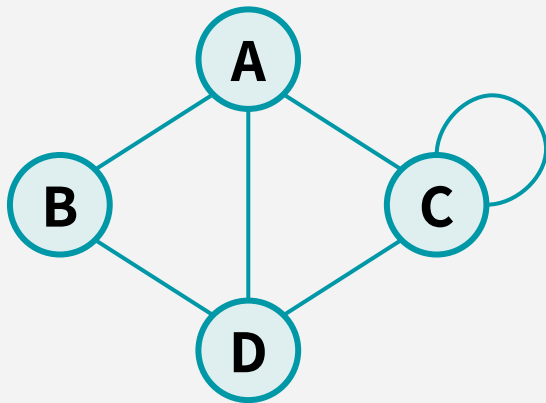


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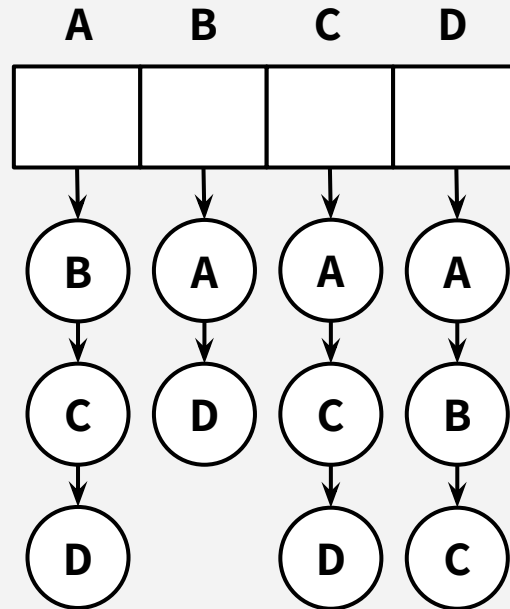
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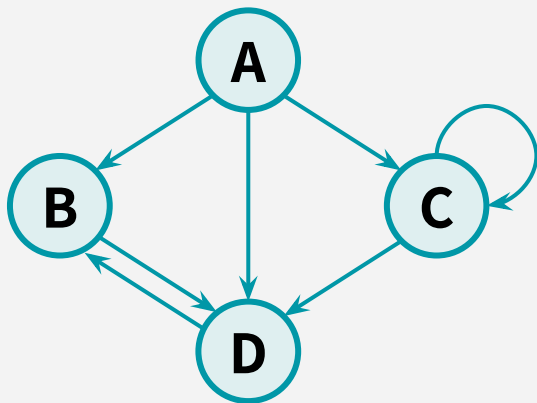


Each list stores a  
node's neighbors

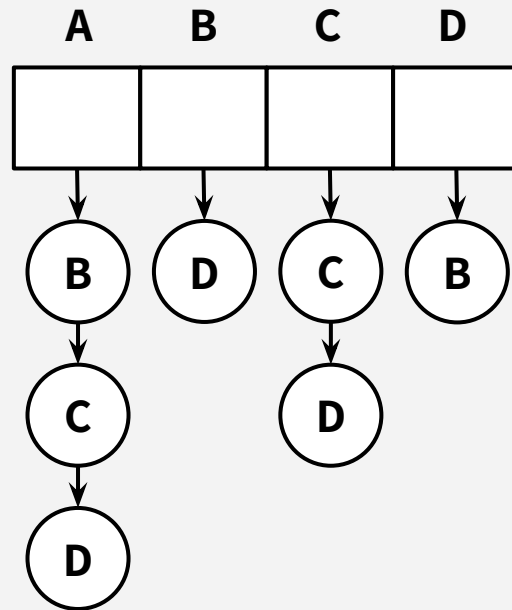


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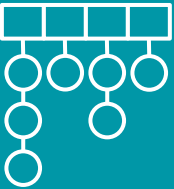
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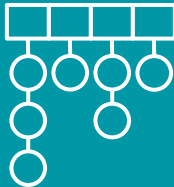
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*(You could also do the same for incoming neighbors as well)*

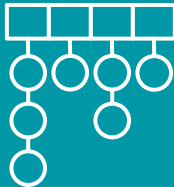
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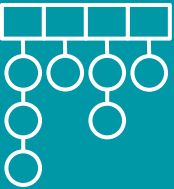
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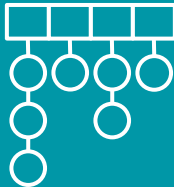
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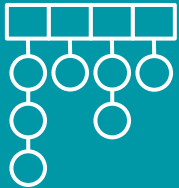
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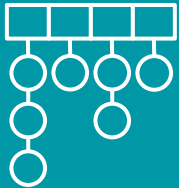
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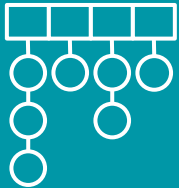
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Generally, better for  
sparse graphs  
(where  $m \ll n^2$ ).

**We'll assume this  
representation,  
unless otherwise  
stated.**



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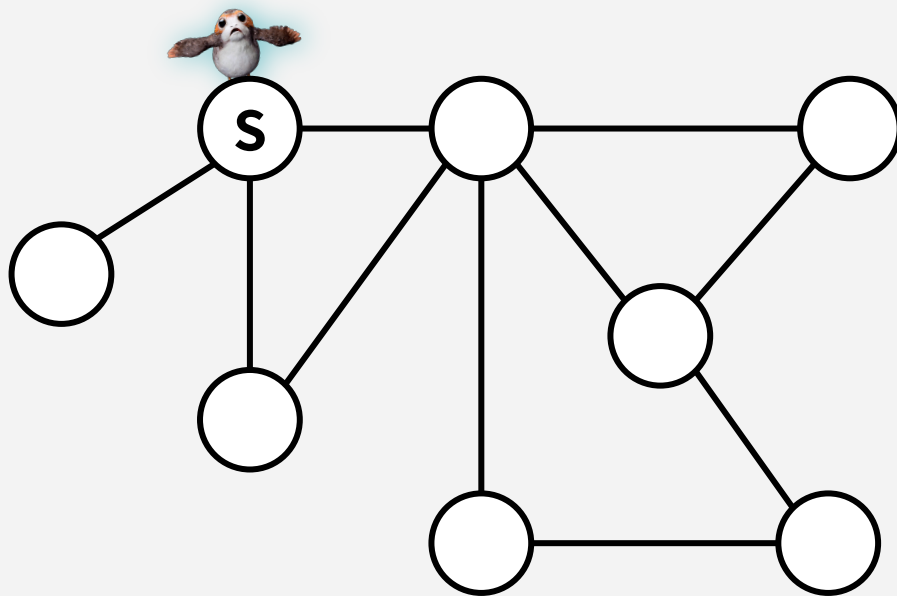
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**یک روش پیمایش گراف**

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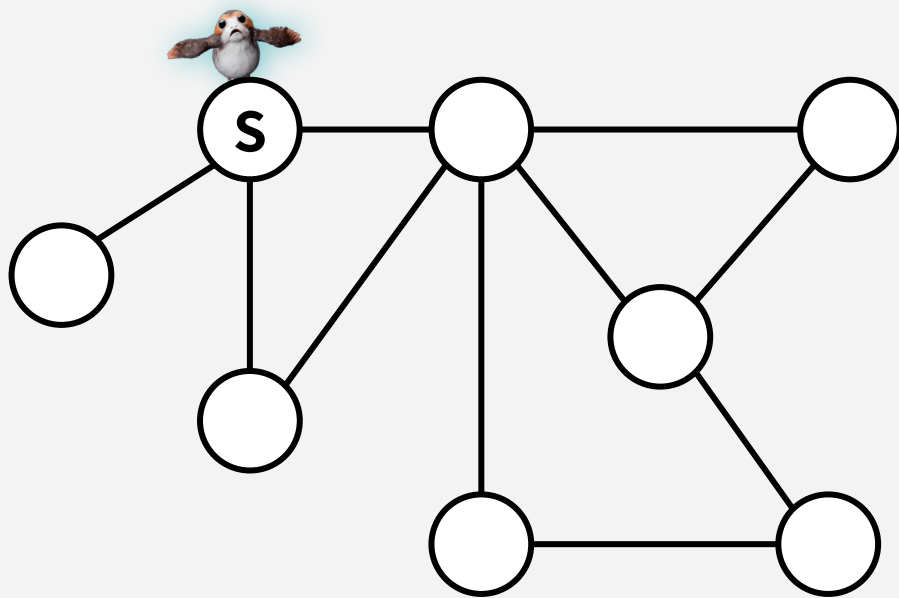
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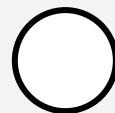
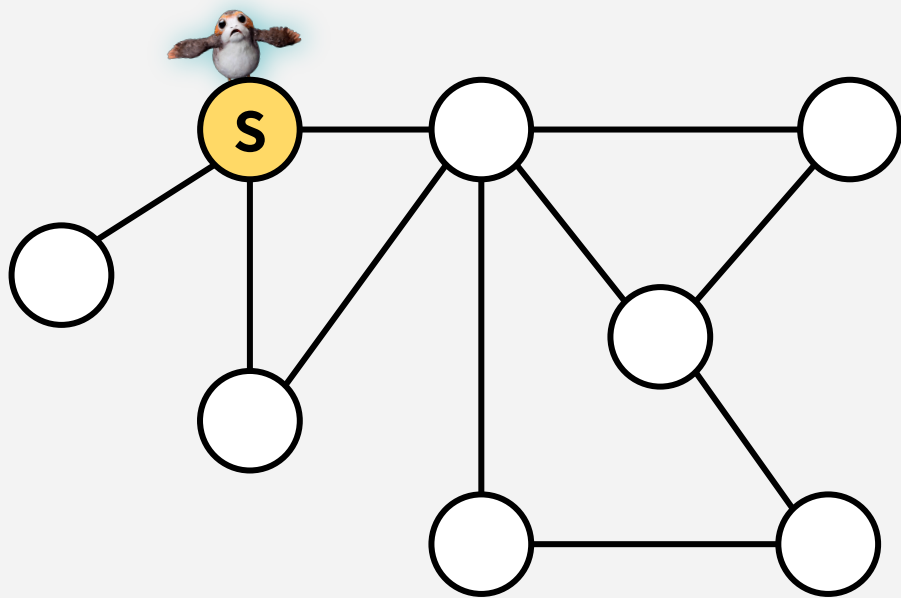
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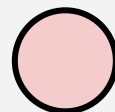
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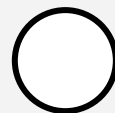
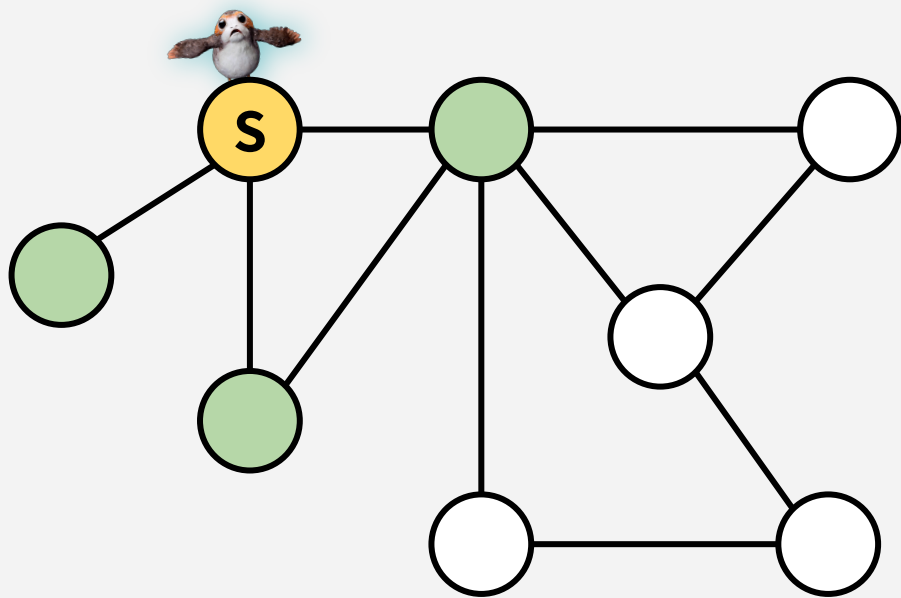


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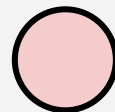
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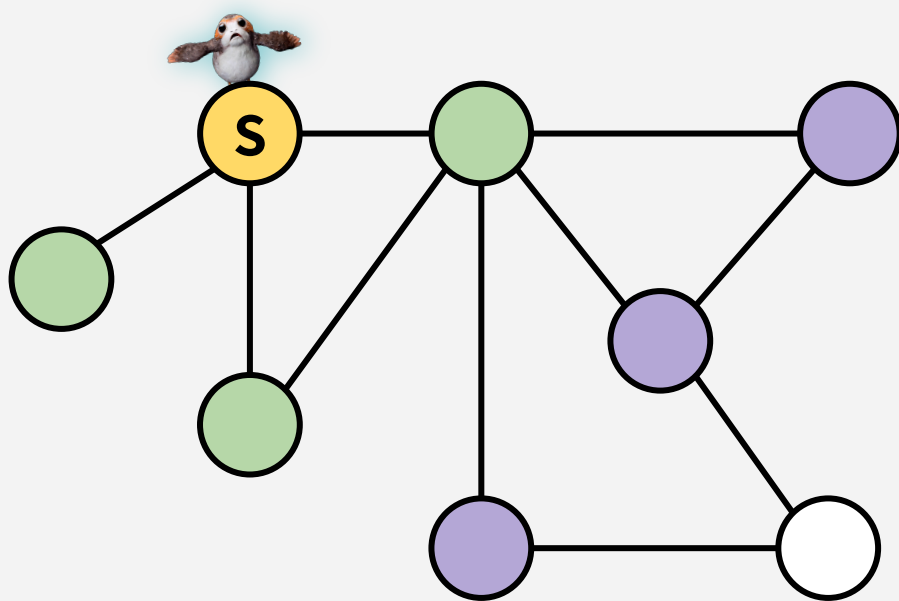


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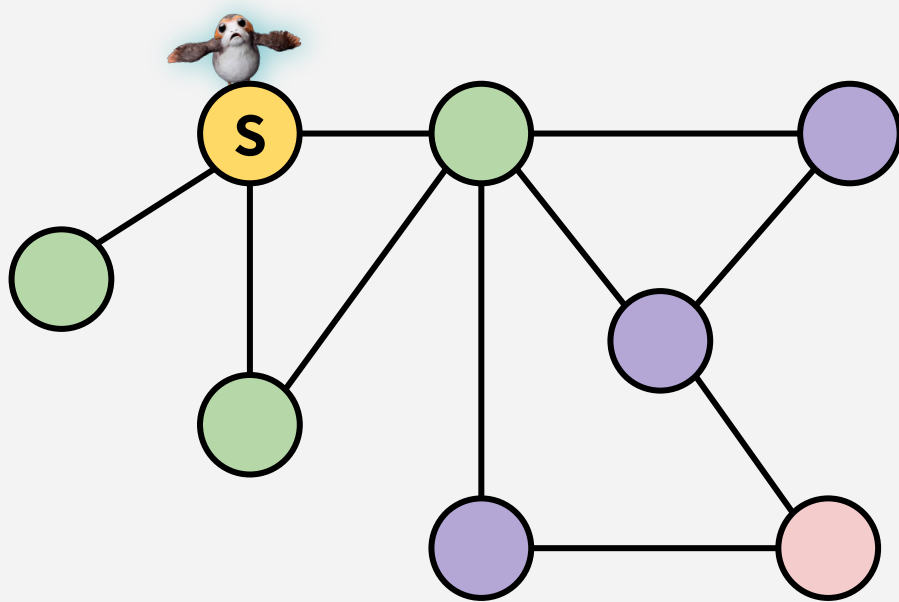
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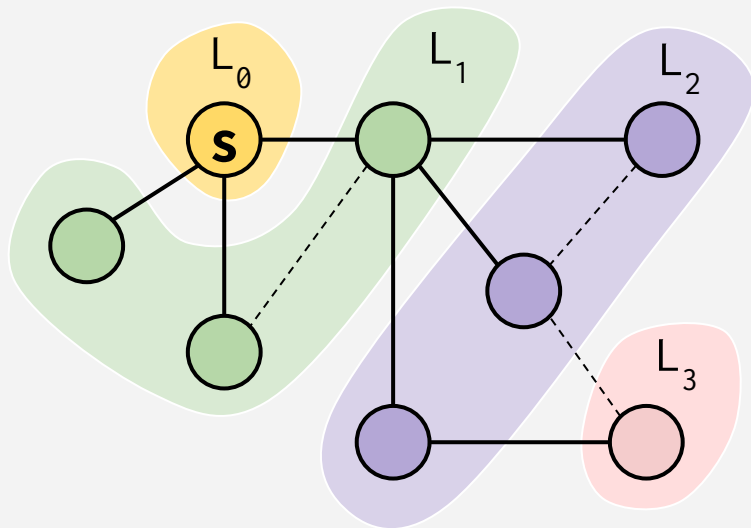
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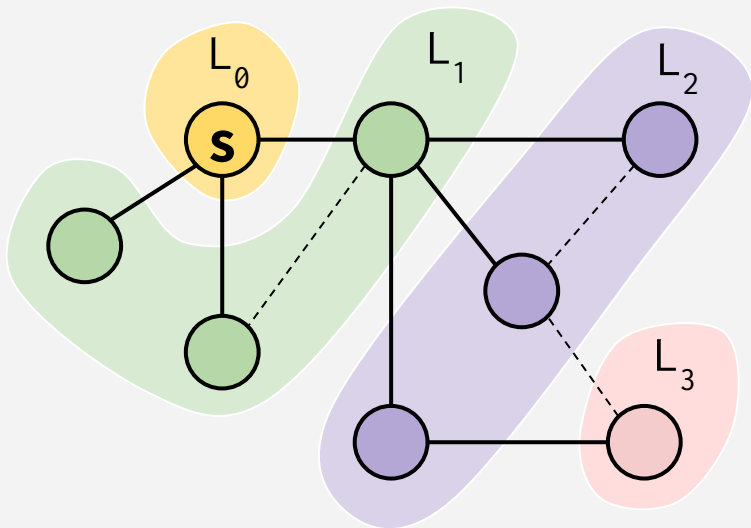
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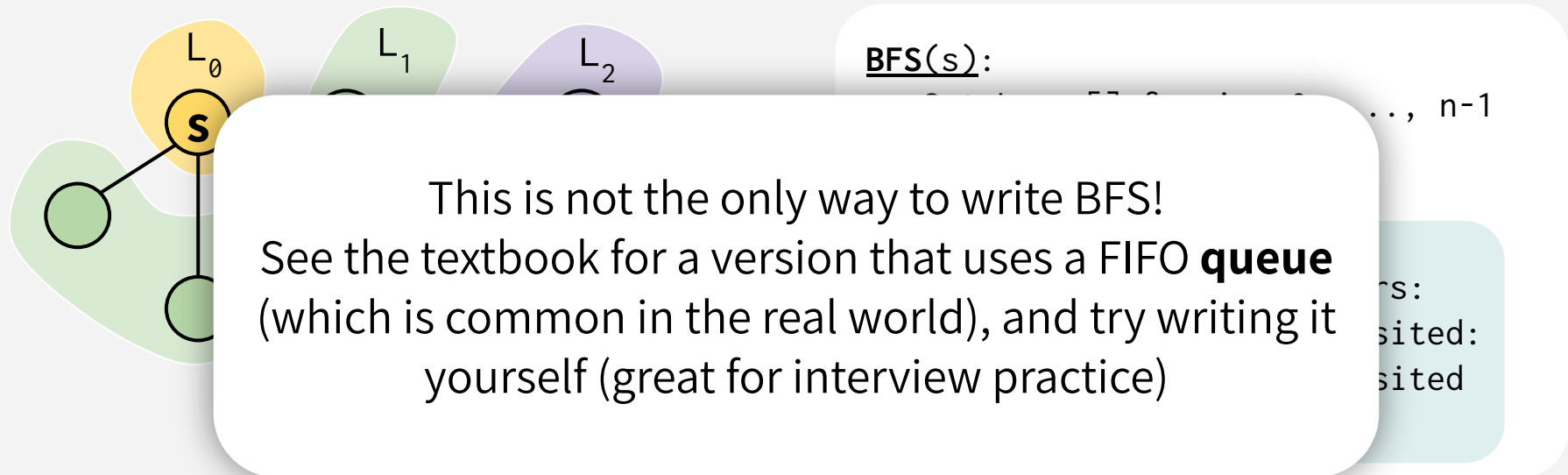
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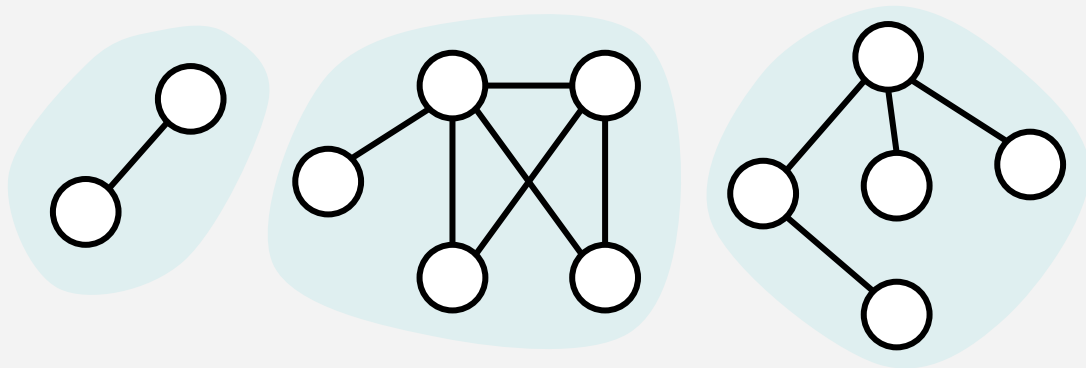
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$$\textbf{Total: } \sum_v O(\deg(v)) + \sum_v O(1) = \textbf{O}(m_i + n_i)$$

# BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH: RUNTIME

To explore **the entire graph** (n nodes, m edges):

A graph might have multiple connected components! To **explore the whole graph**, we would call our BFS routine once for each connected component (note that each vertex and each edge participates in exactly one connected component). The combined running time would be:

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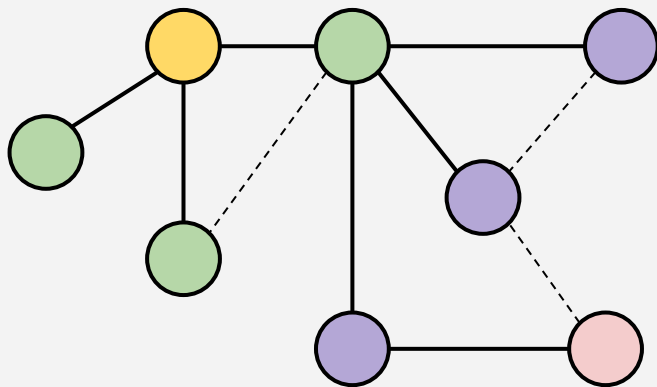
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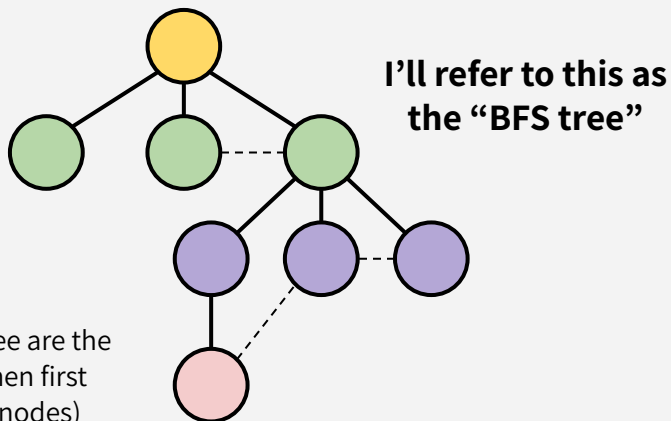
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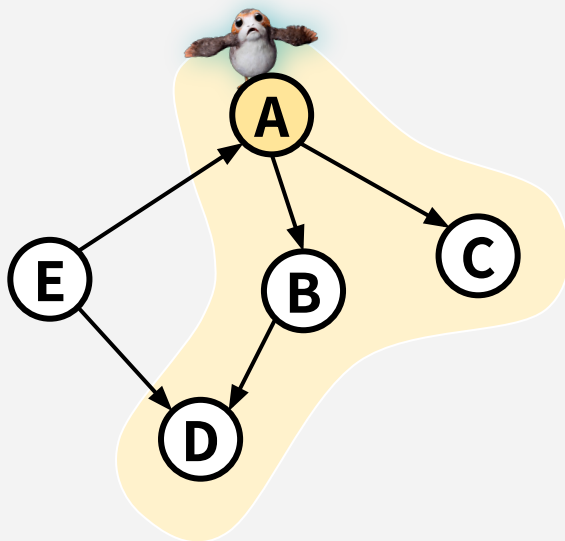
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## BFS works fine on directed graphs too!

From a start node  $x$ , BFS would find all nodes **reachable** from  $x$ .  
(In directed graphs, “connected component” isn’t as well defined... more on that later!)



### Verify this on your own:

running BFS from A  
would still find all nodes  
reachable from A (E isn't  
reachable from A in this  
directed graph).

# BREADTH-FIRST SEARCH

## **What are some applications of BFS?**

Finding a node's connected component (just run BFS!)  
*(or in directed graphs, finding reachable nodes from a starting node)*

Single-source shortest paths

Testing bipartiteness

And more...



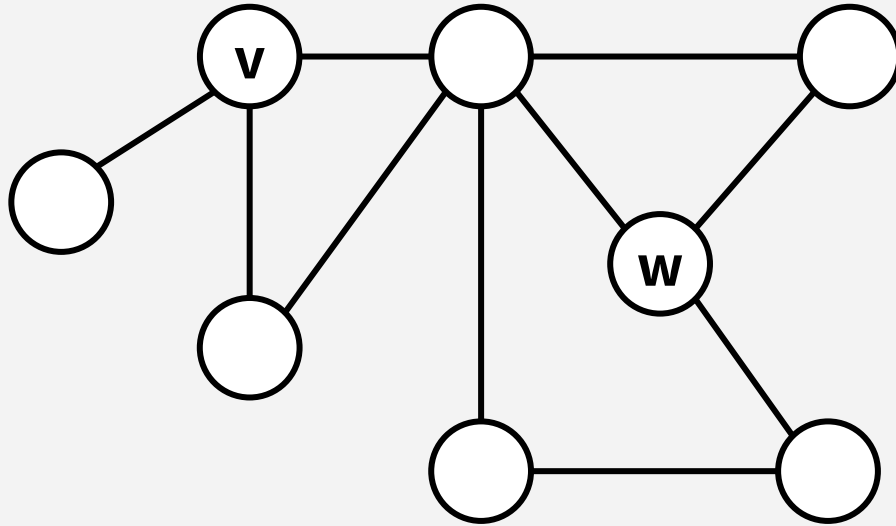
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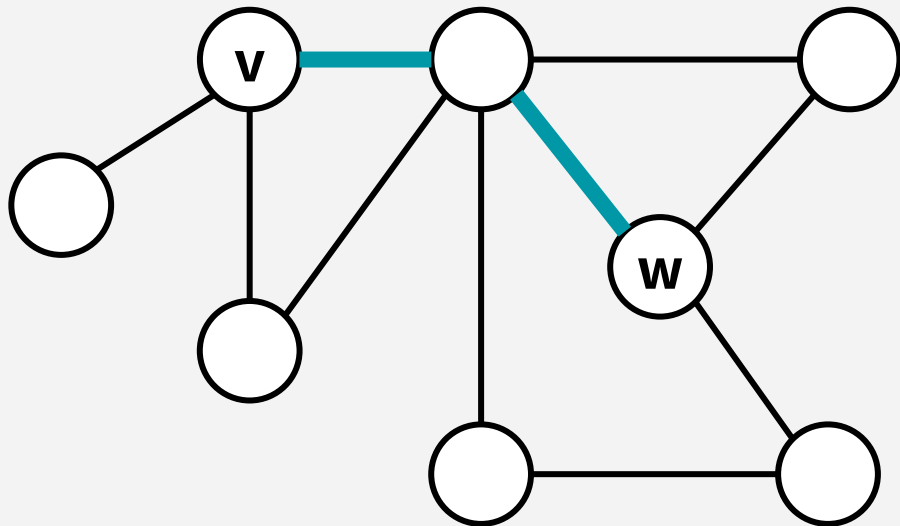
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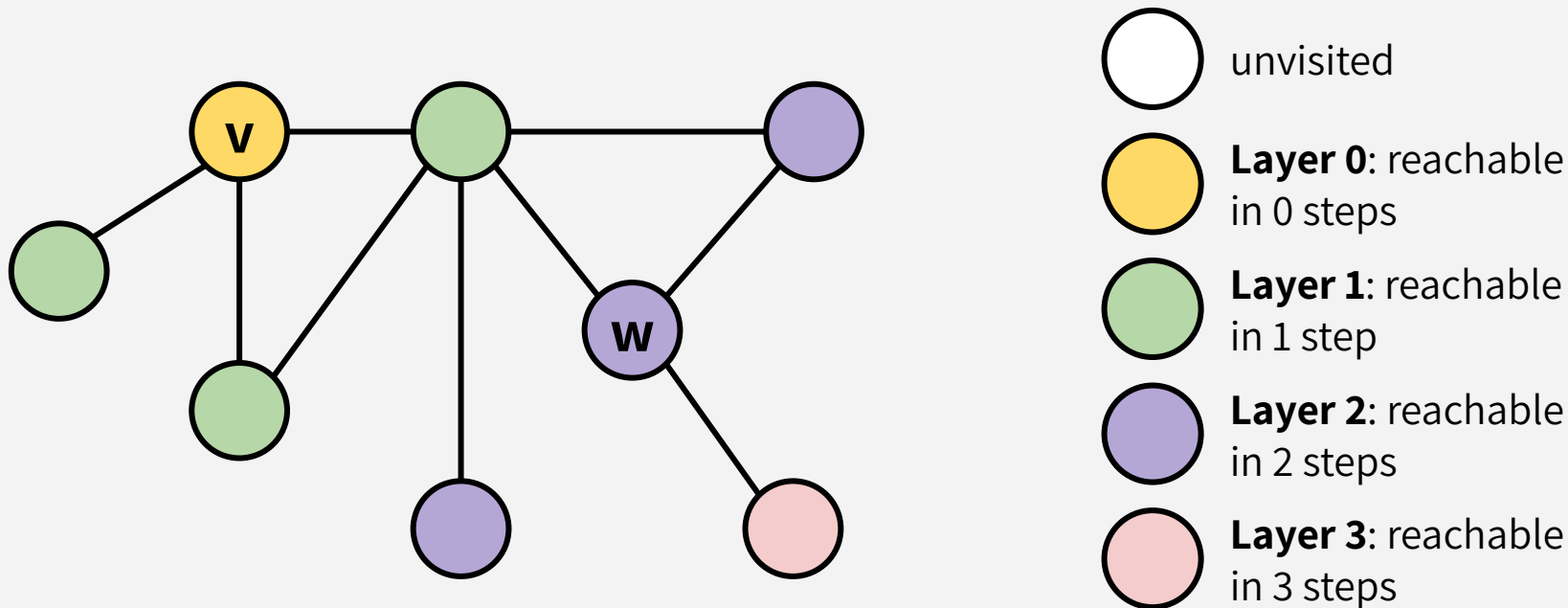


From visually inspecting the graph, we can see that the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$  is 2 (there are 2 edges on that path)!

There are paths of length 3, 4, or 5 as well, but we can't do any better than 2.

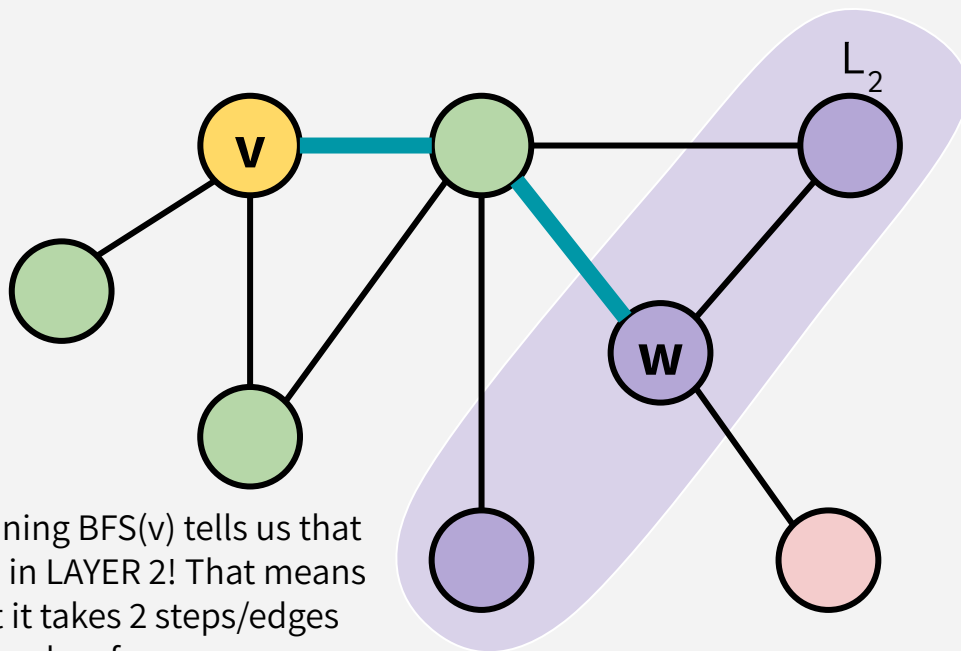
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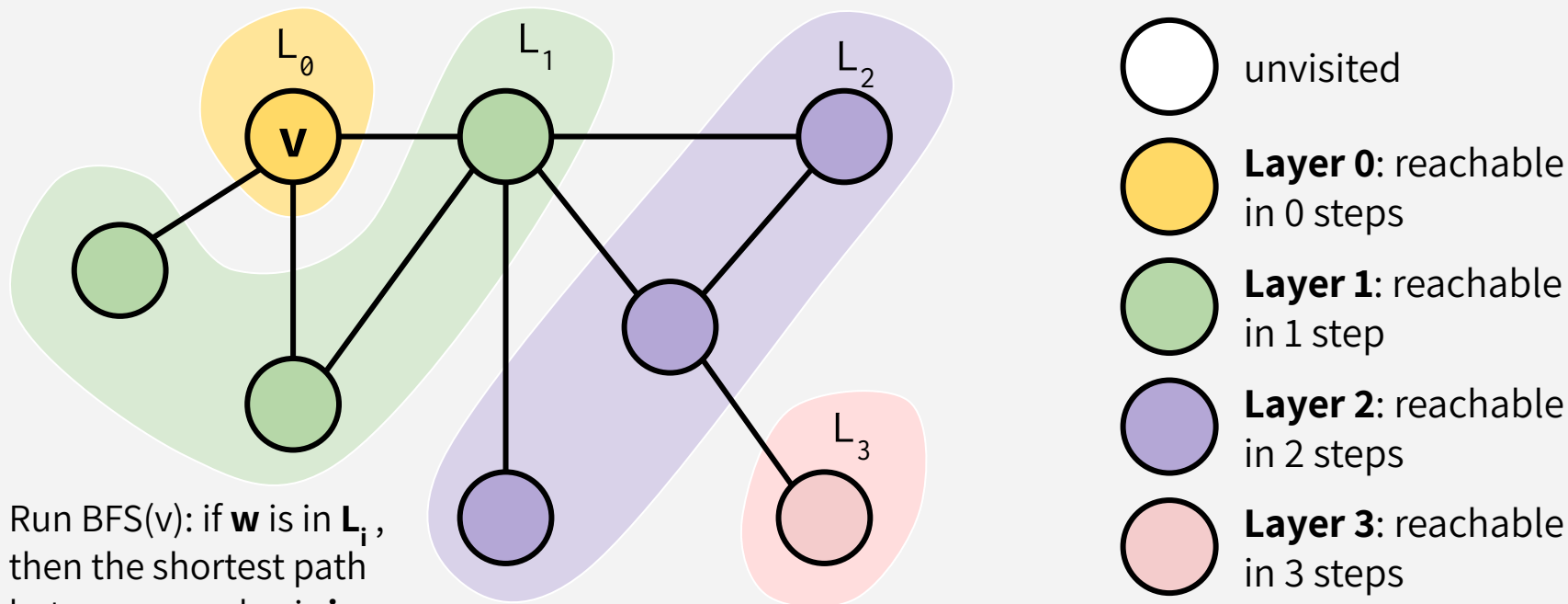


Running BFS(**v**) tells us that **w** is in LAYER 2! That means that it takes 2 steps/edges to reach **w** from **v**.

-  unvisited
-  **Layer 0:** reachable in 0 steps
-  **Layer 1:** reachable in 1 step
-  **Layer 2:** reachable in 2 steps
-  **Layer 3:** reachable in 3 steps

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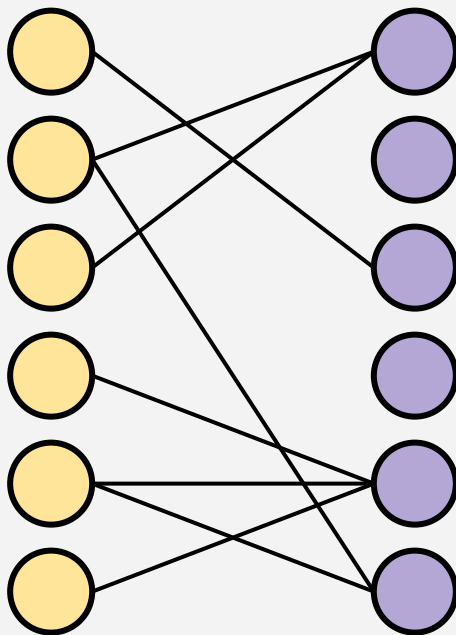


# آزمایش دوبخشی بودن گراف

**استفاده از جستجوی سطح اول برای آزمایش دوبخشی بودن گراف**

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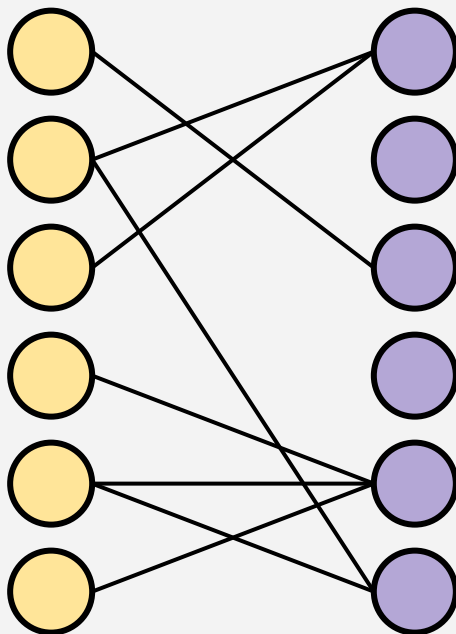


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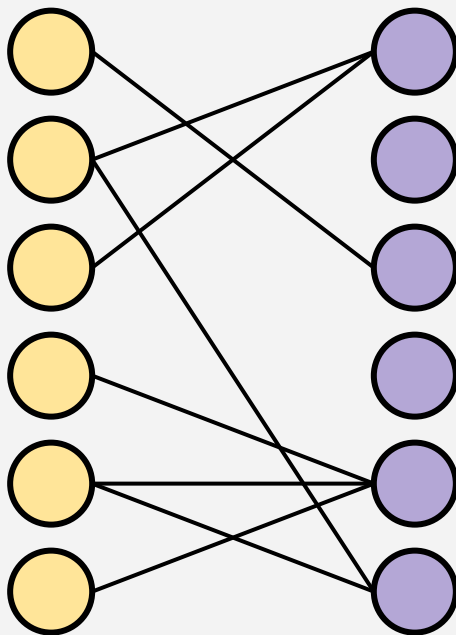


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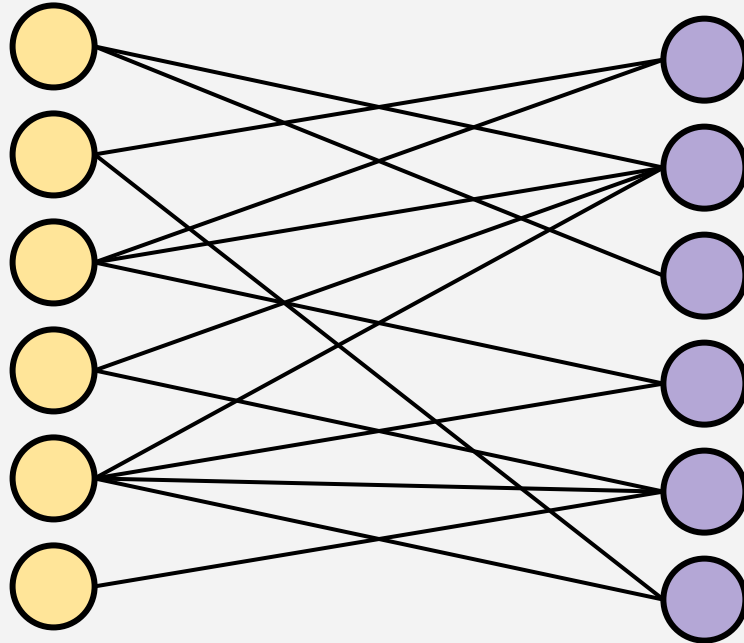


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You have a bunch of fish and two fish tanks; some pairs of fish will fight if they're in the same tank. Can you separate the fish so that there's no fighting?

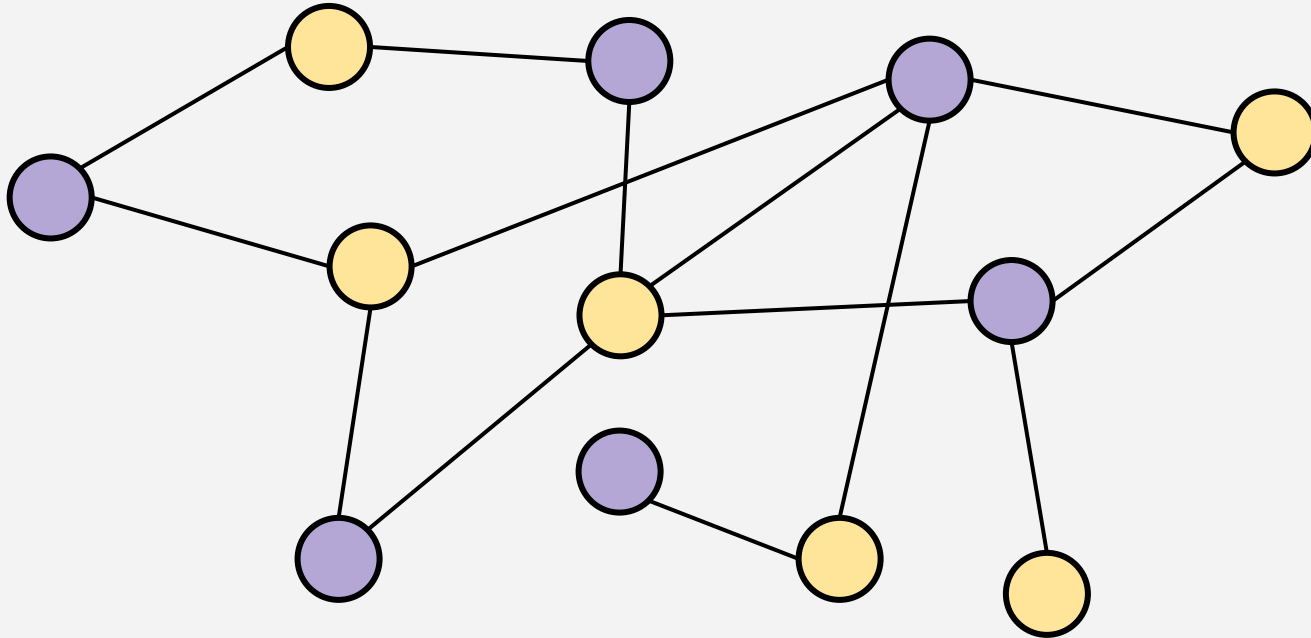
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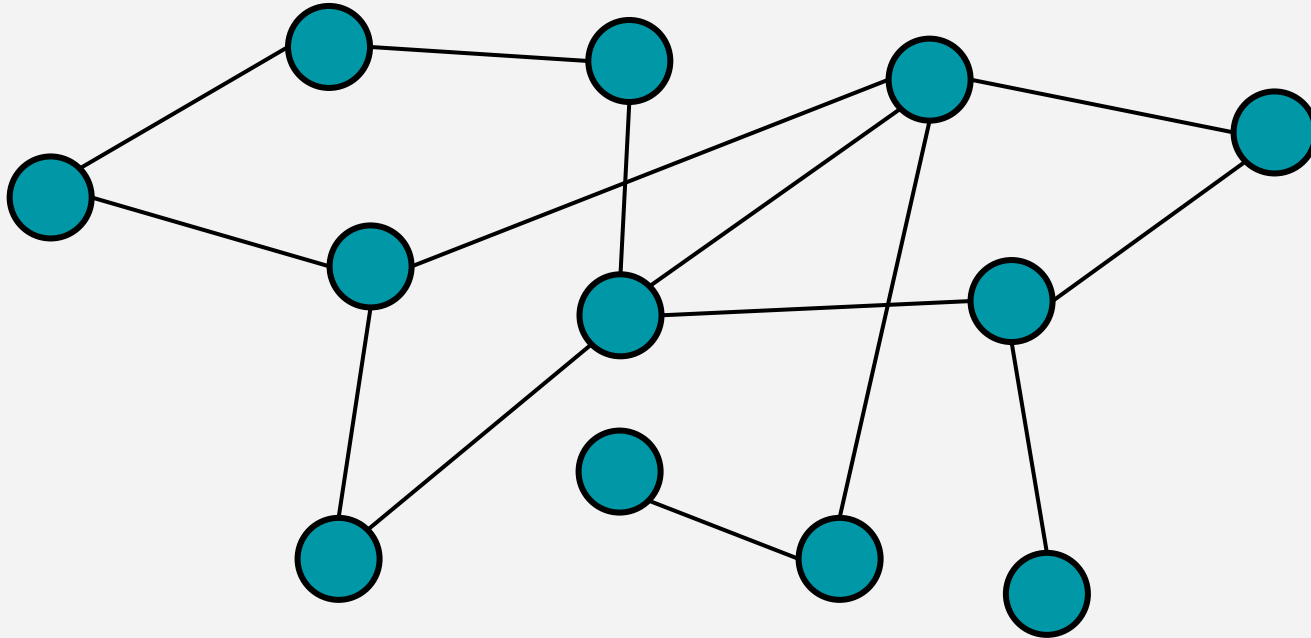
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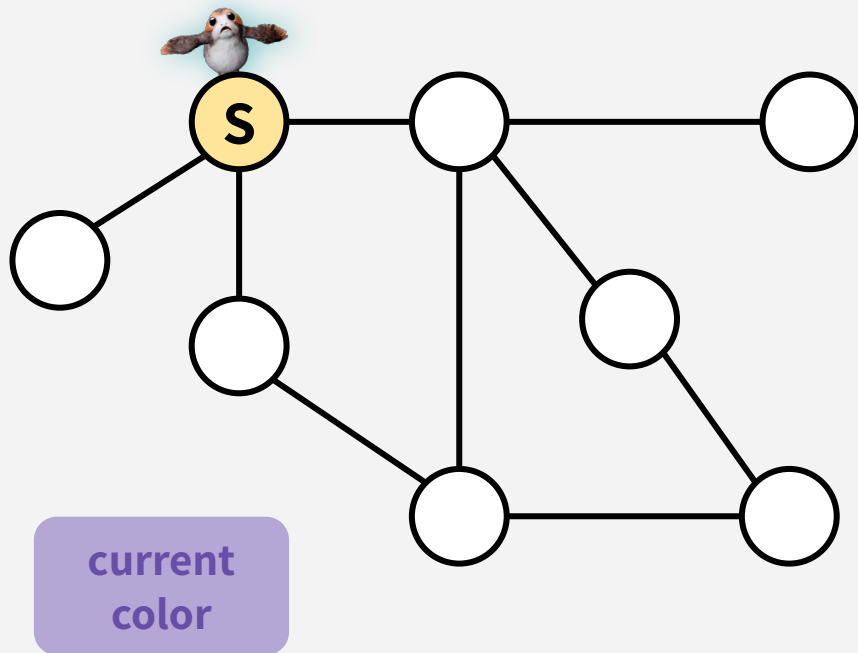
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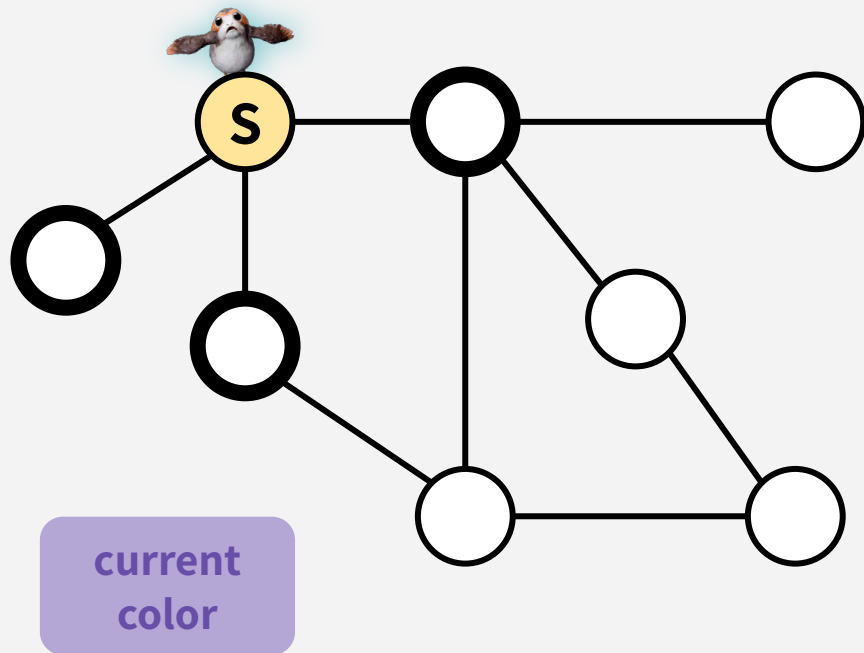
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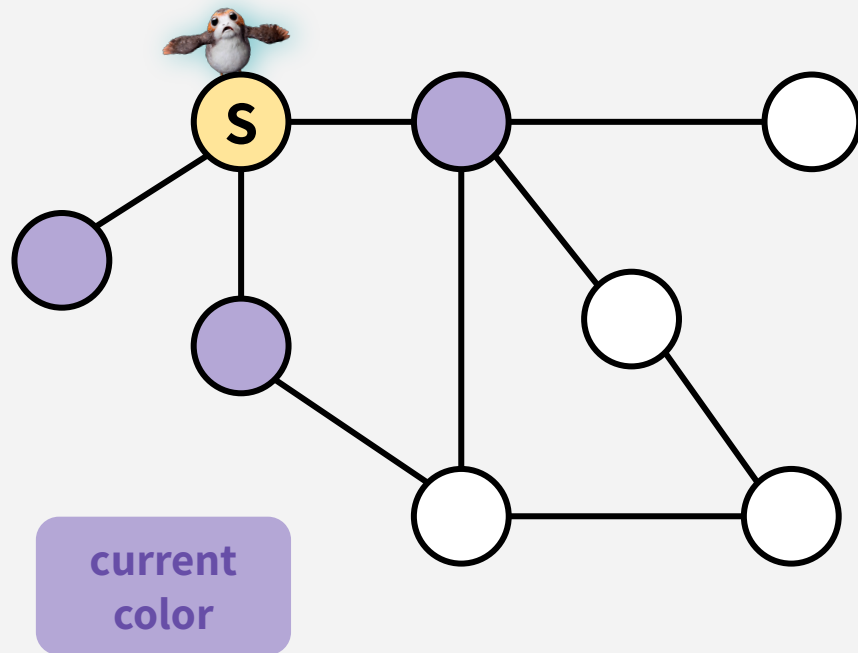
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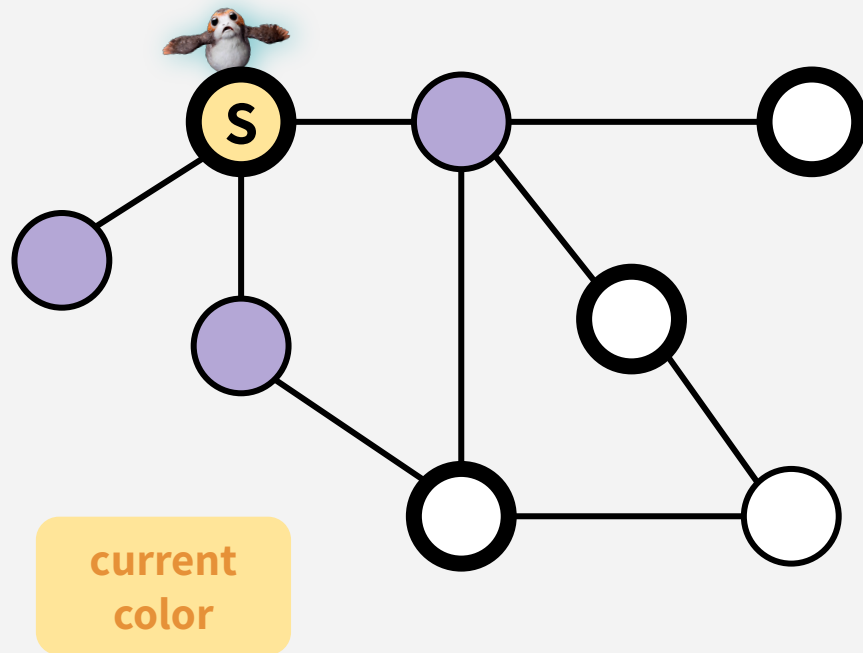
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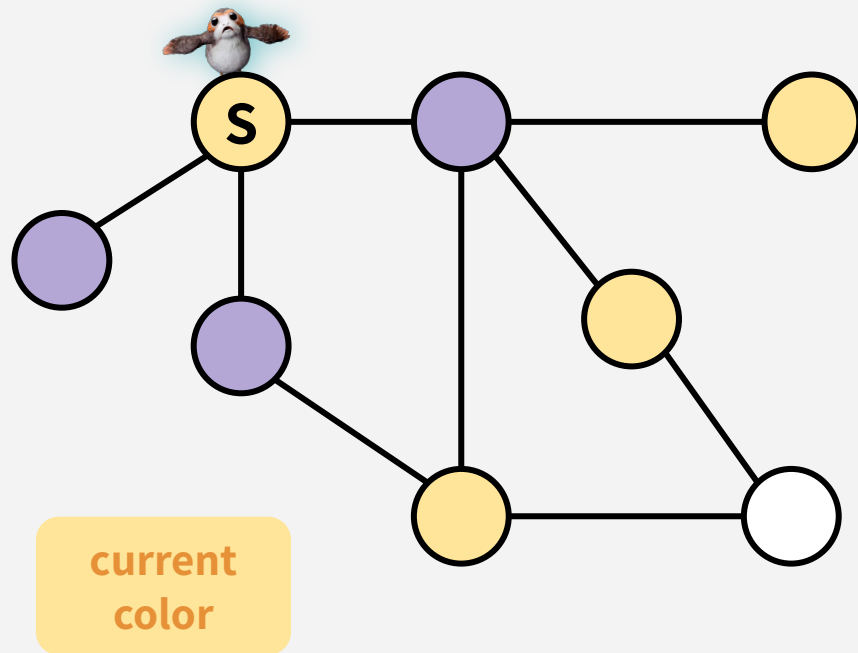
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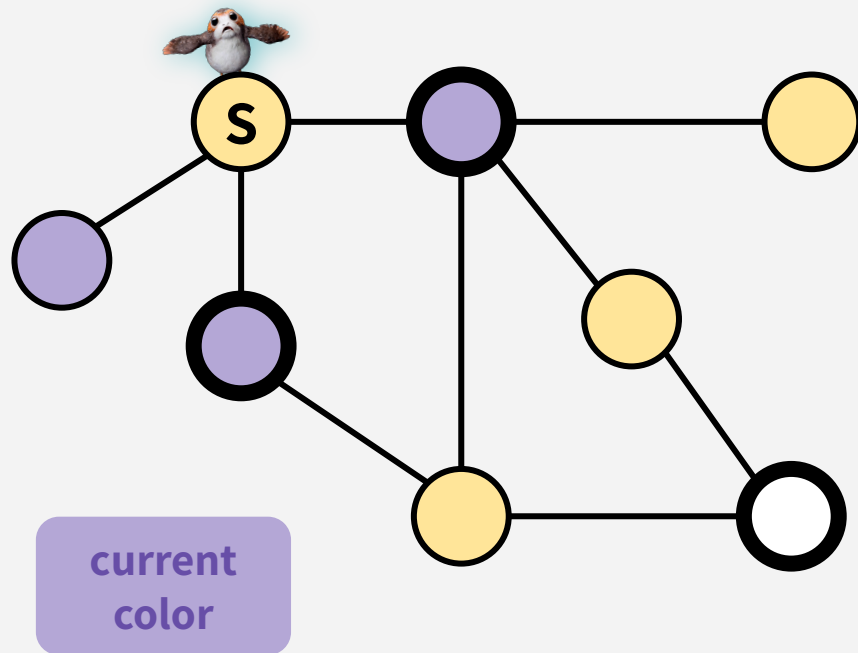
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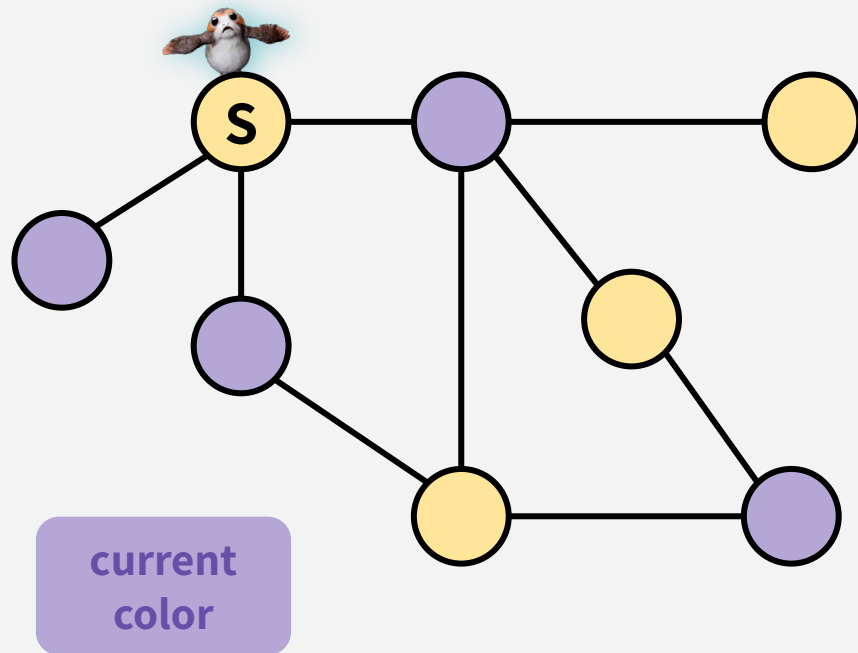
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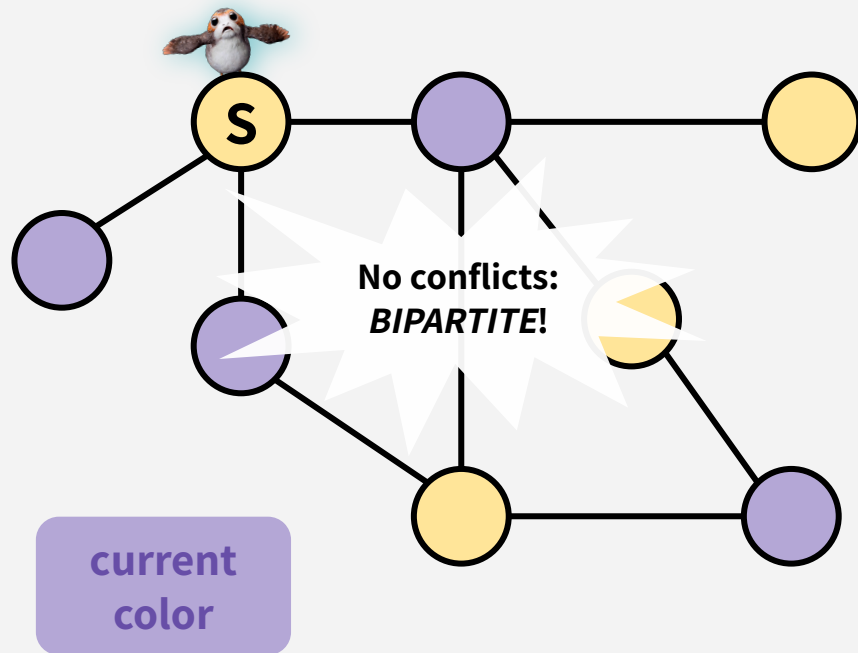
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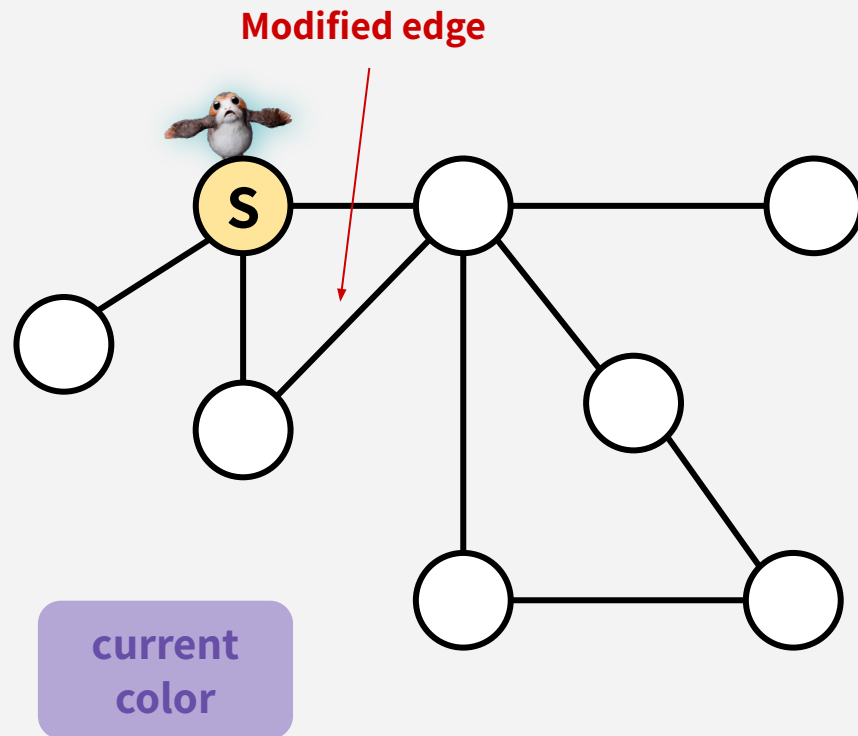




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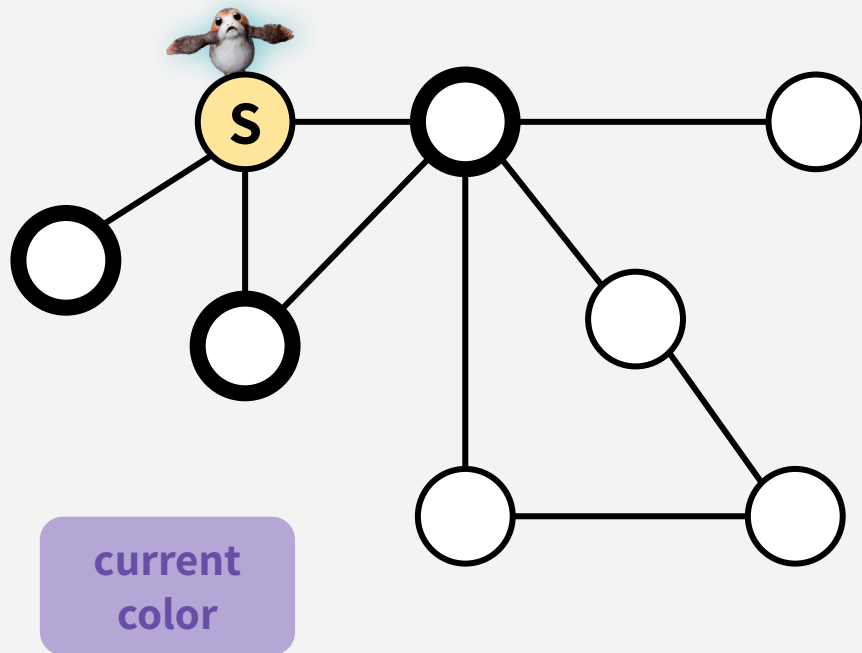
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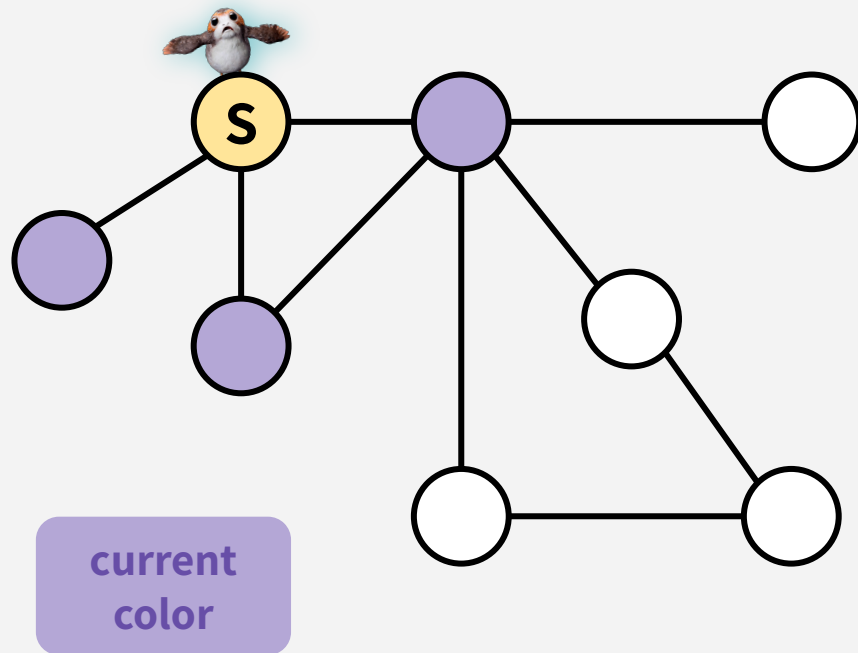
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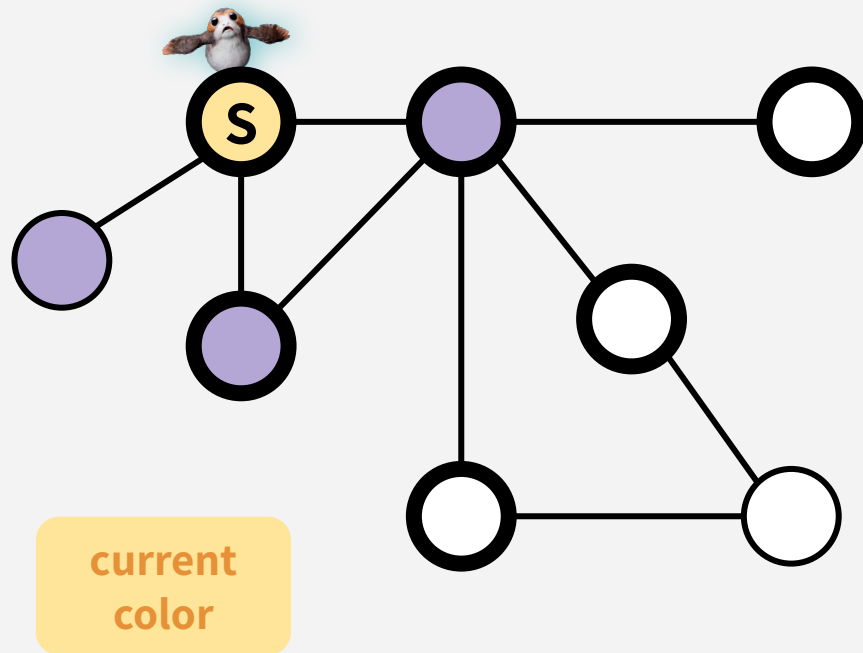
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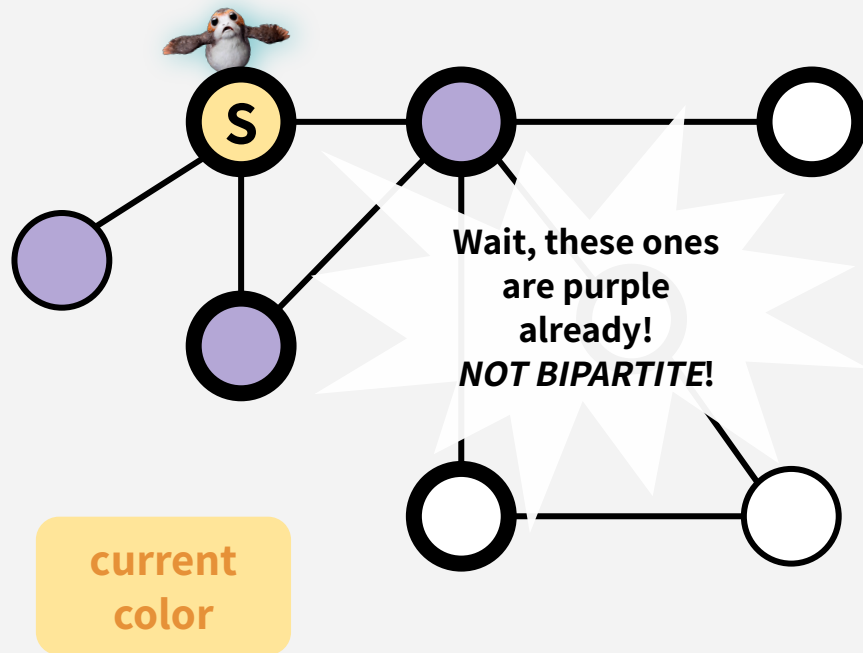
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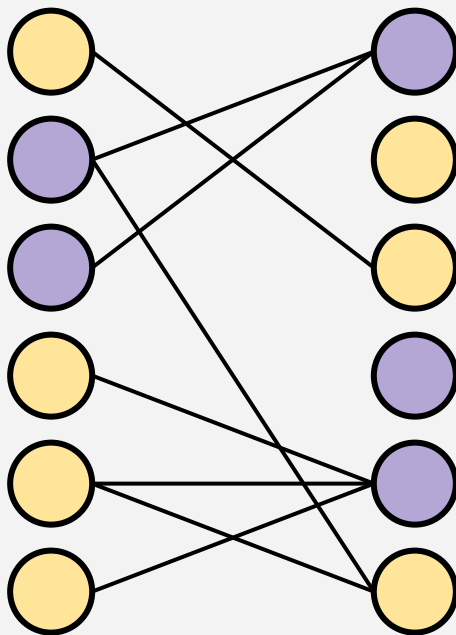
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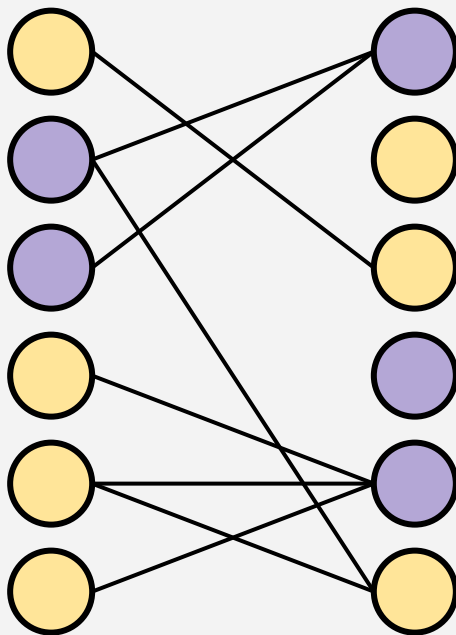
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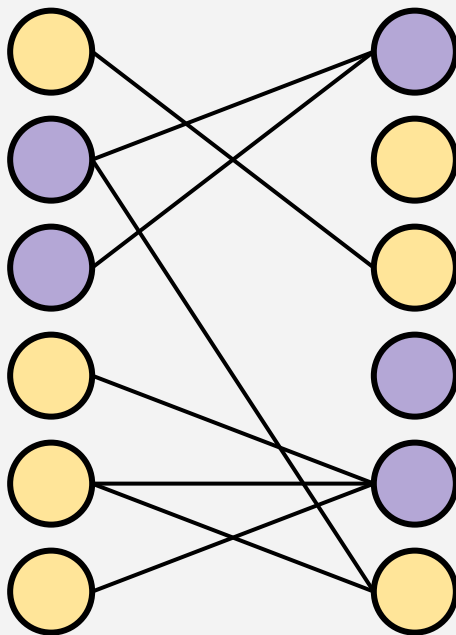
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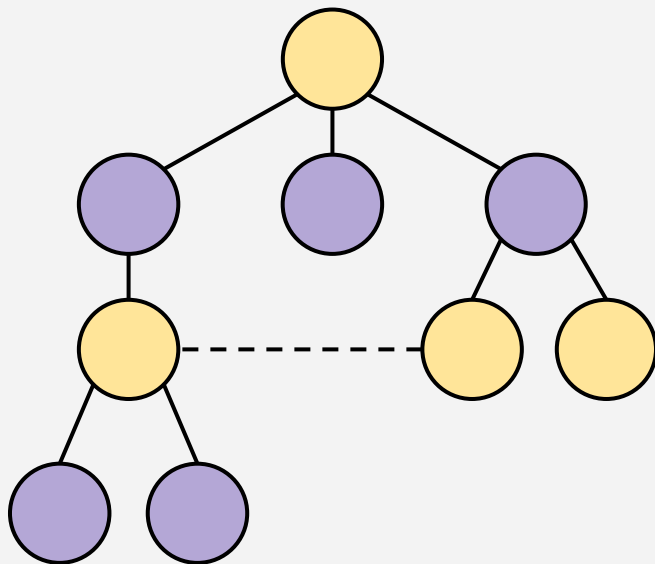
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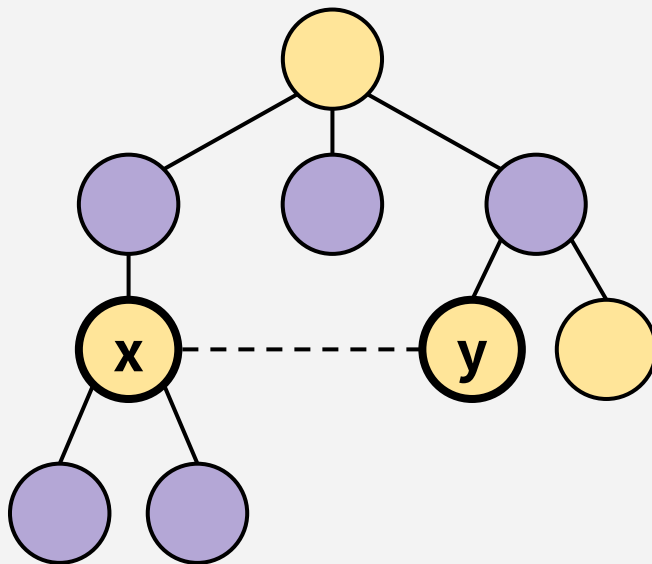
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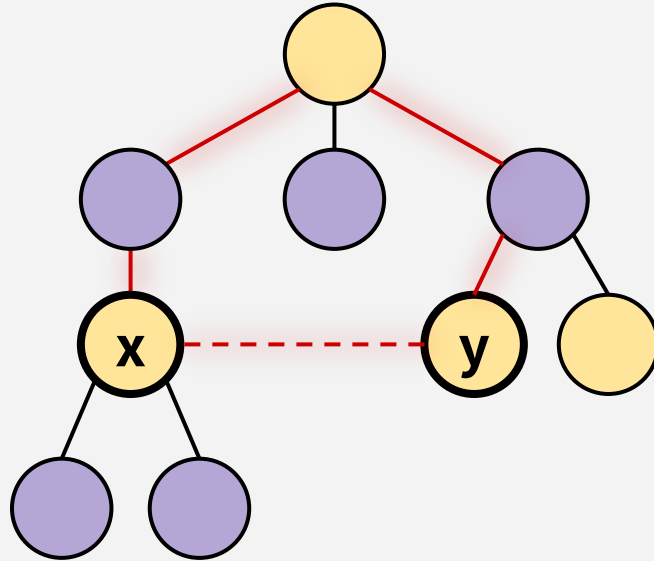


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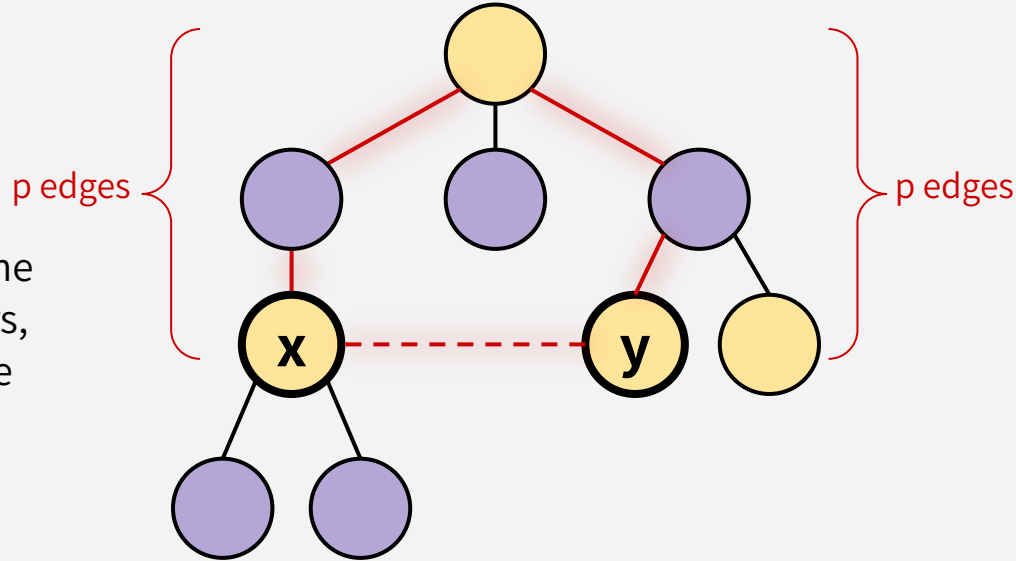
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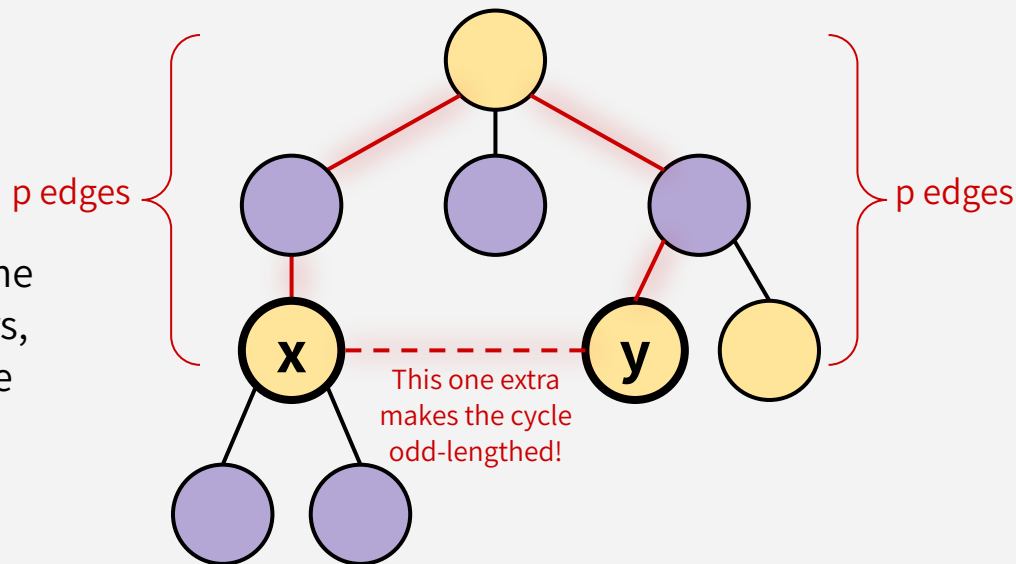
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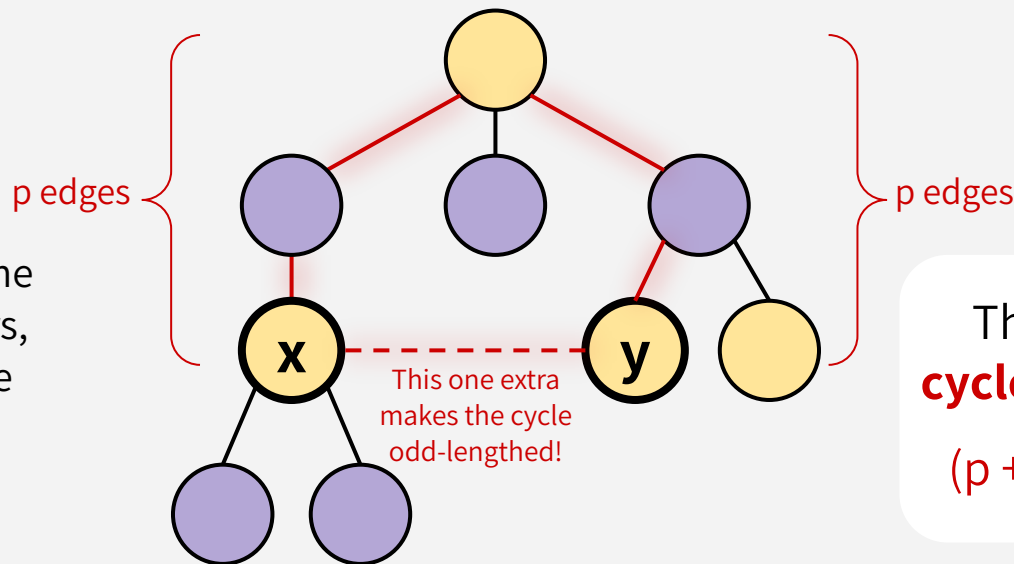
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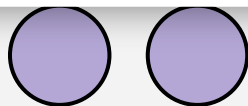
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It's impossible to color a cycle of odd length with two colors such that no two neighbors have the same color. Therefore, it's impossible to two-color the graph such that no adjacent vertices are colored the same.

**So, BFS colors two neighbors the same color iff the graph is not bipartite.**



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# BFS & BIPARTITE GRAPHS RECAP

**BFS can be used to detect bipartite-ness of a graph in time  $O(n + m)$ ,** since all that coloring business is just  $O(1)$  extra work per node or edge.

This is one example of how you can take advantage of the “layers” that BFS constructs to reason about how to accomplish a task that might not seem like a “classic” BFS-shortest-path task (which you might be more familiar with).





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**یک روش دیگر برای پیمایش گراف**

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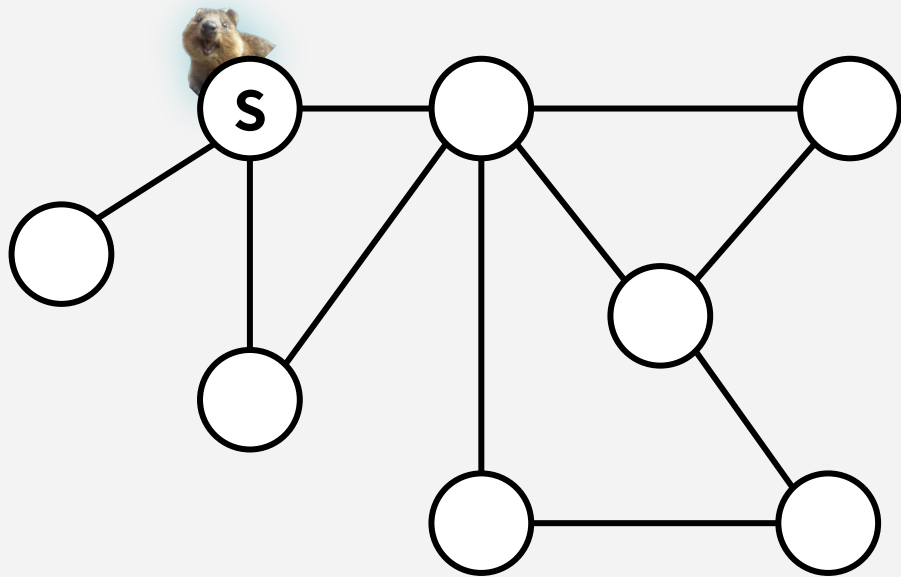
## **Literally just BREADTH vs DEPTH:**

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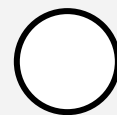
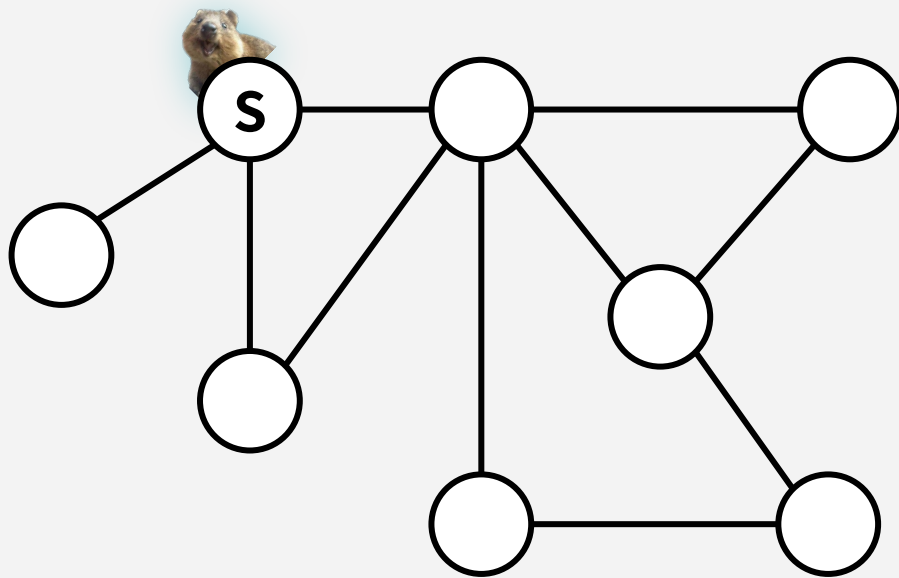
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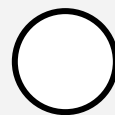
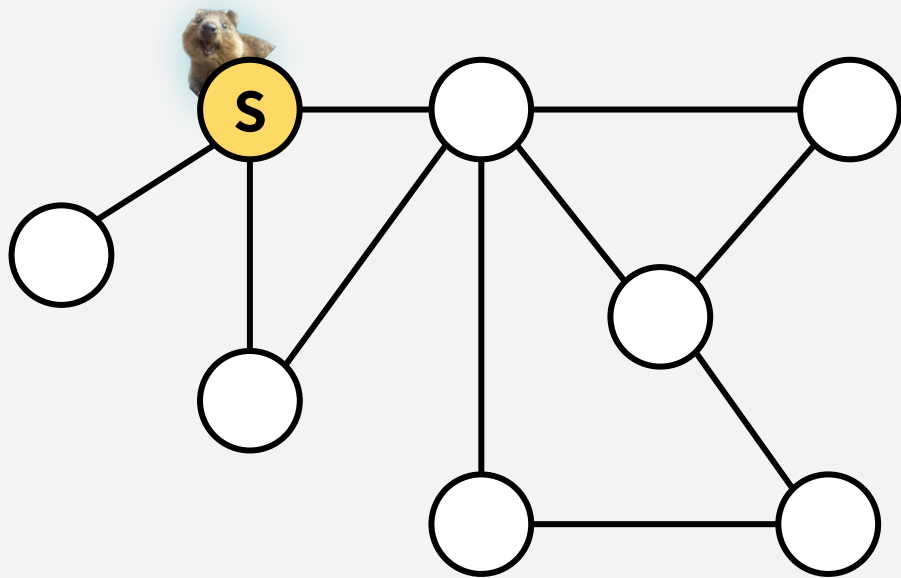


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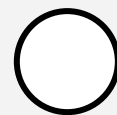
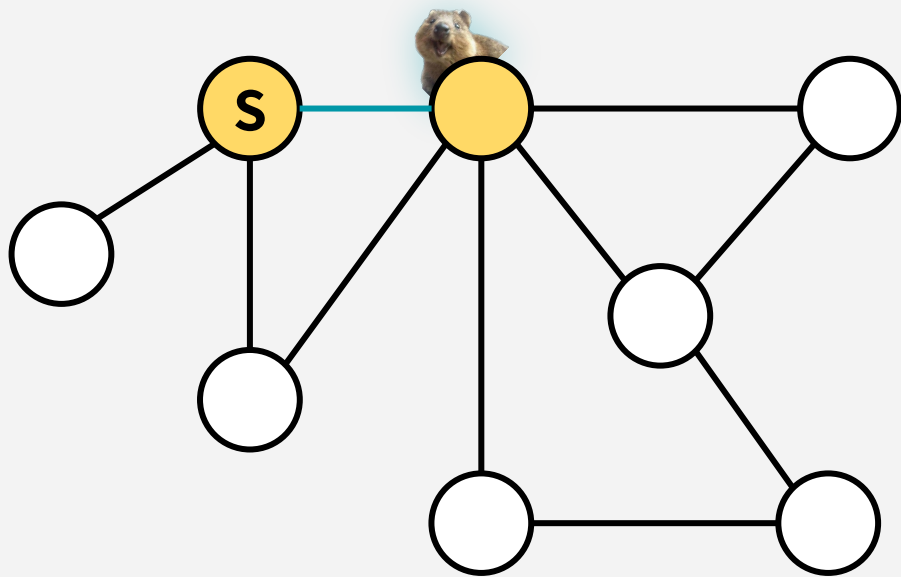


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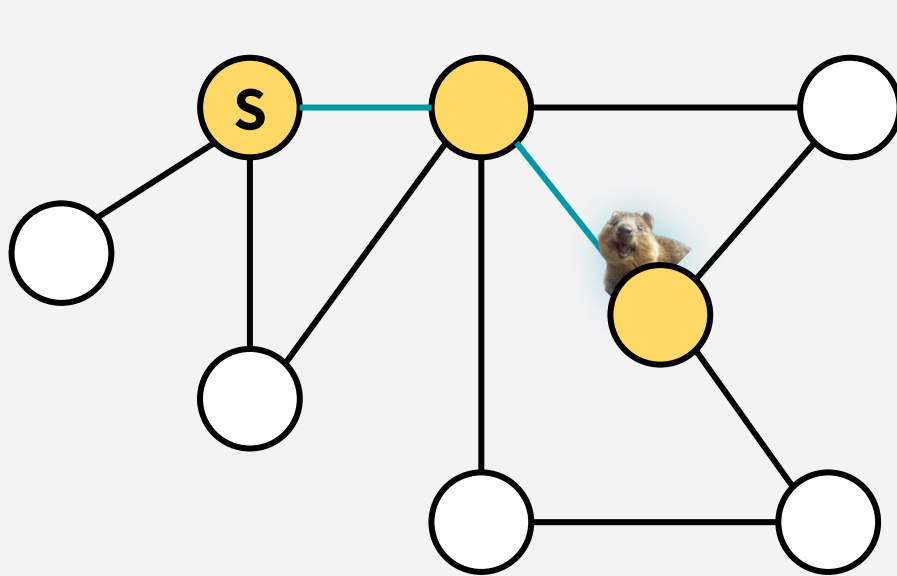


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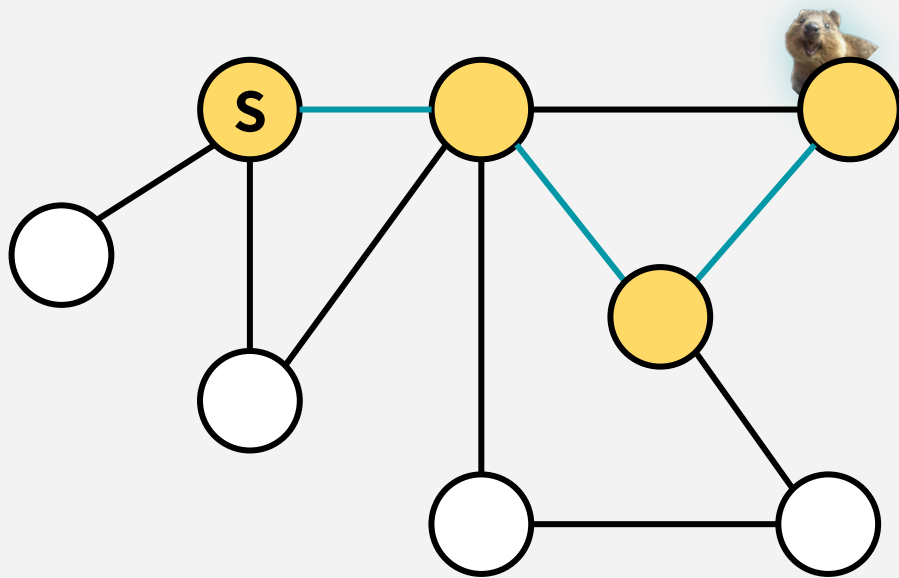




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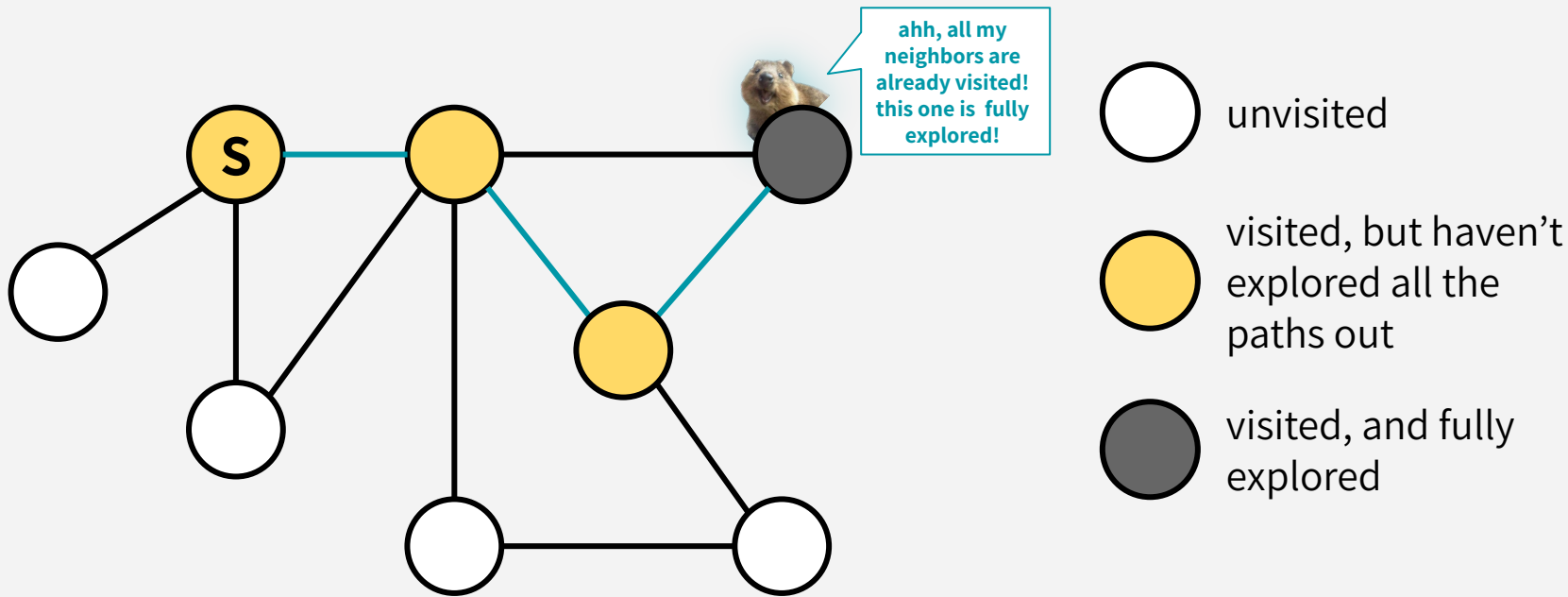


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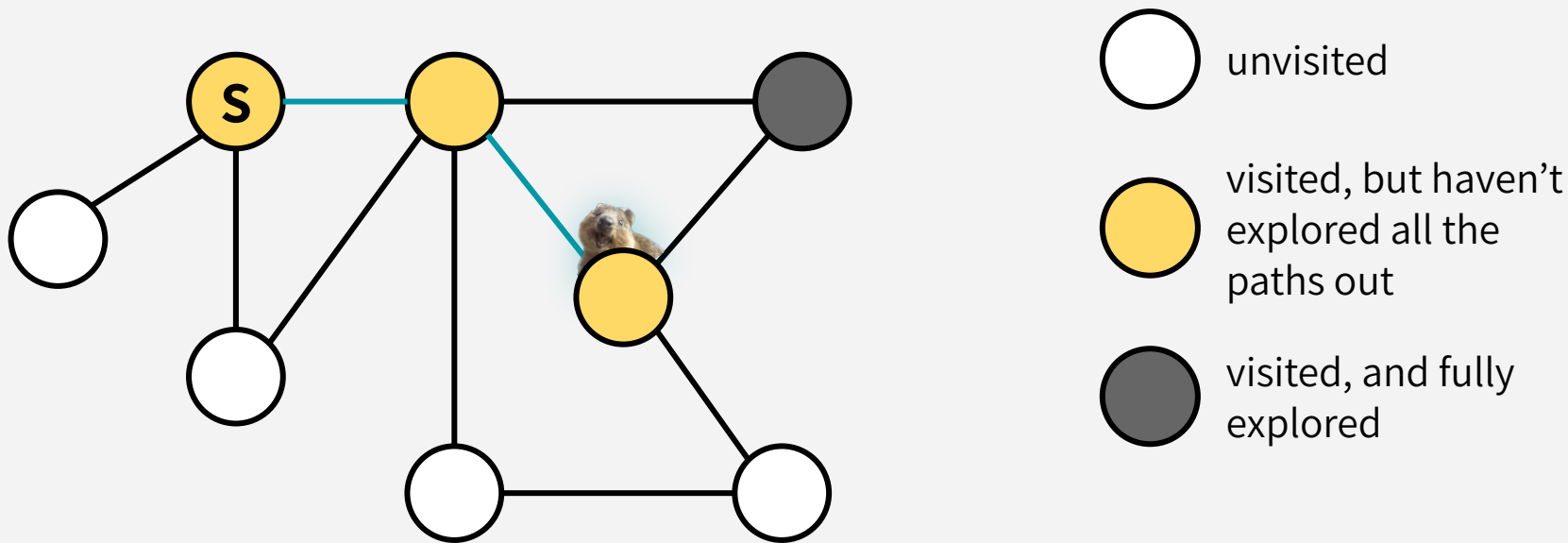
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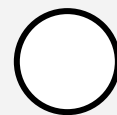
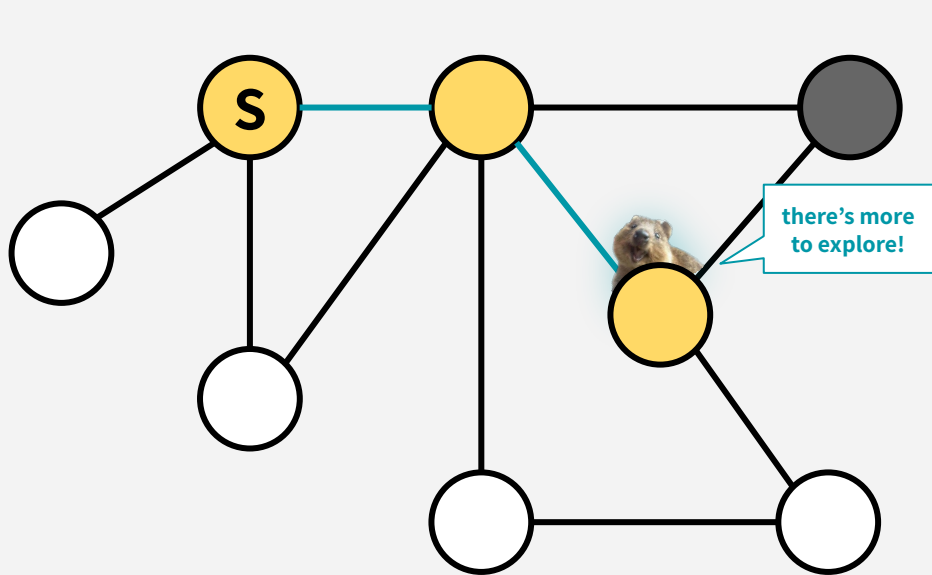
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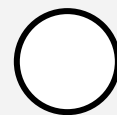
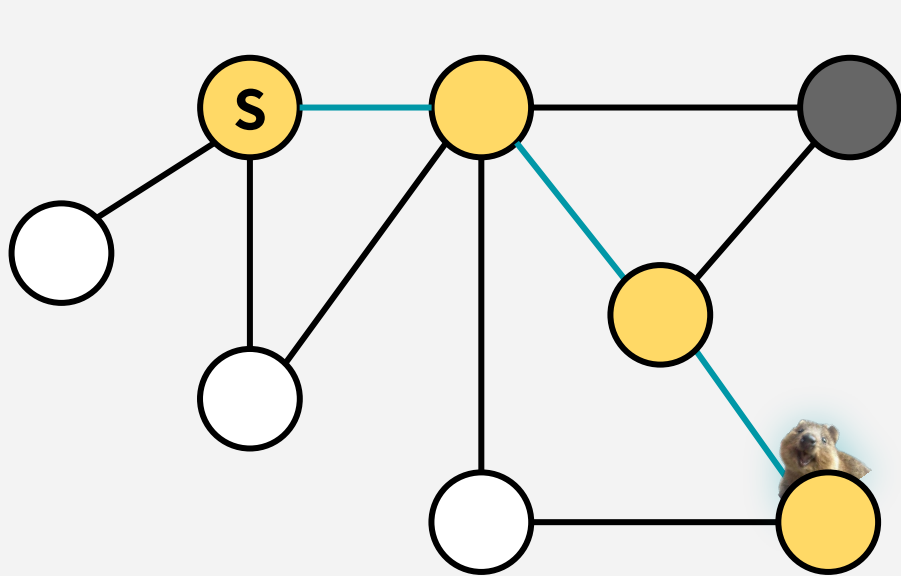


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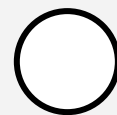
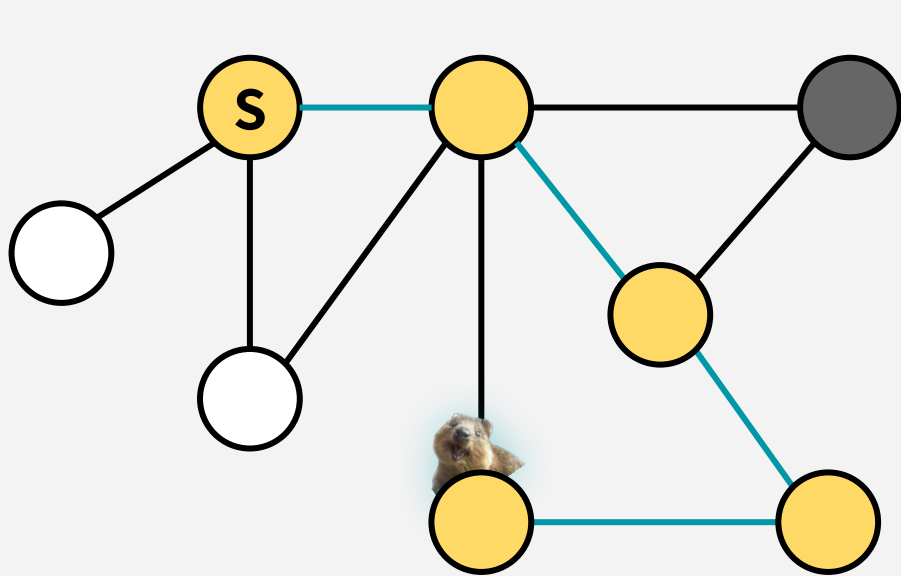


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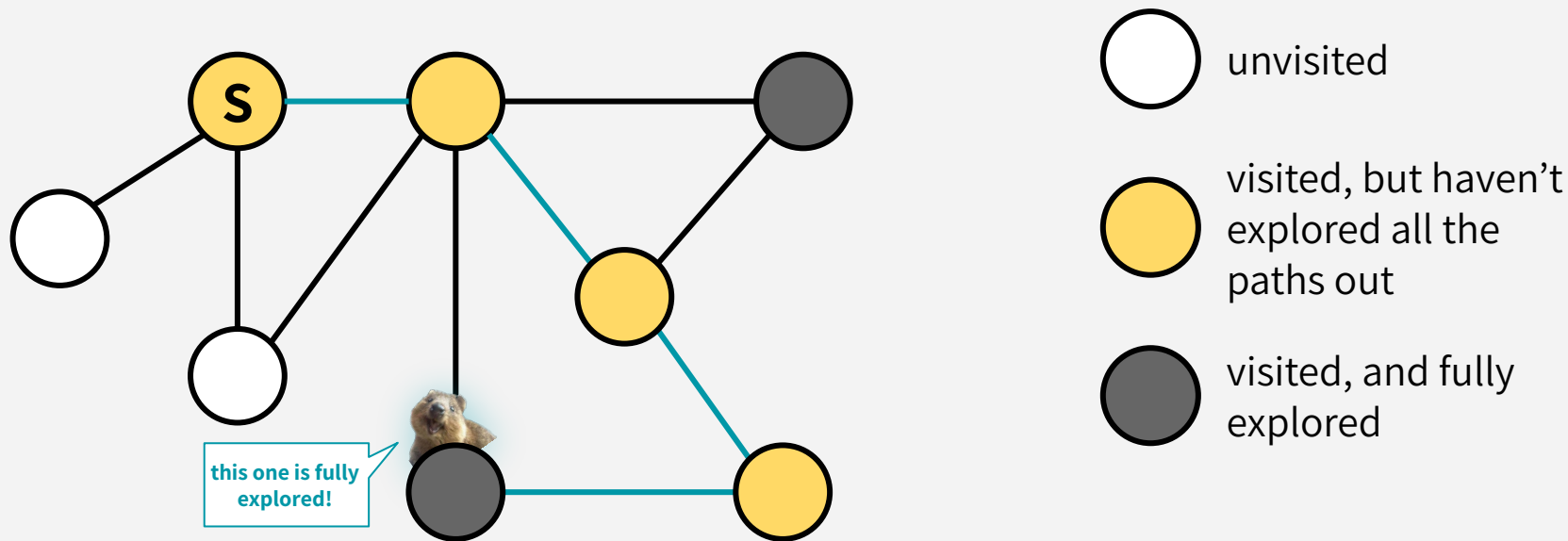


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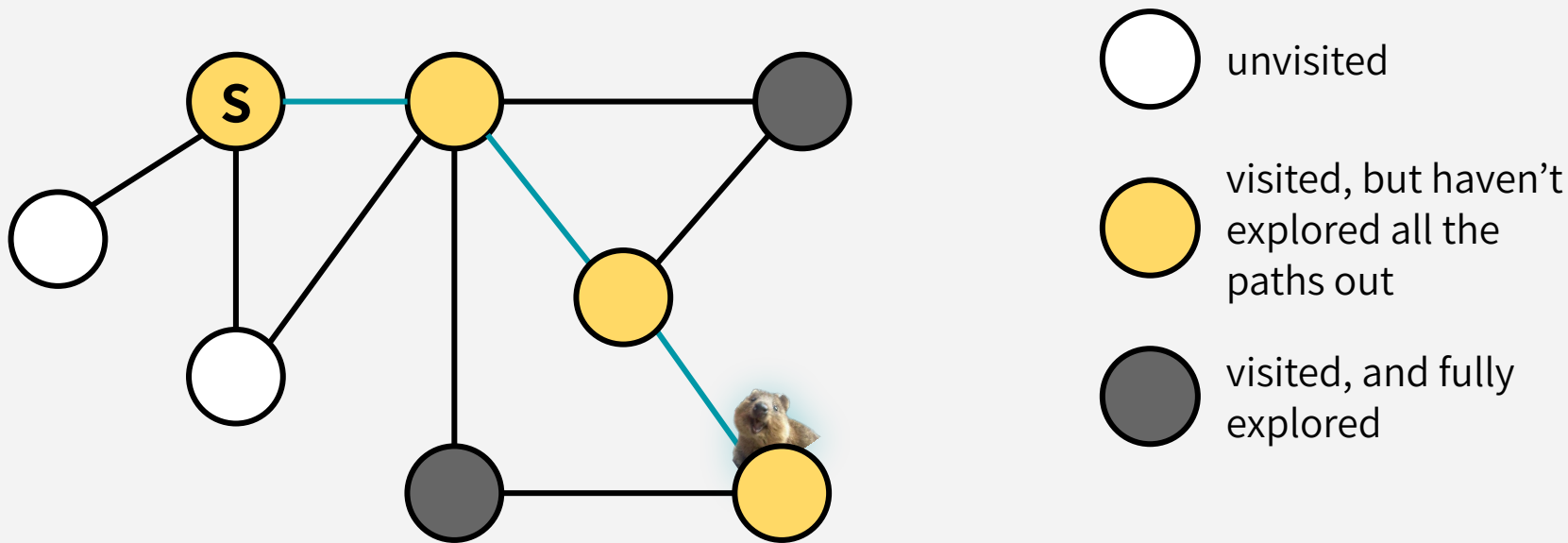
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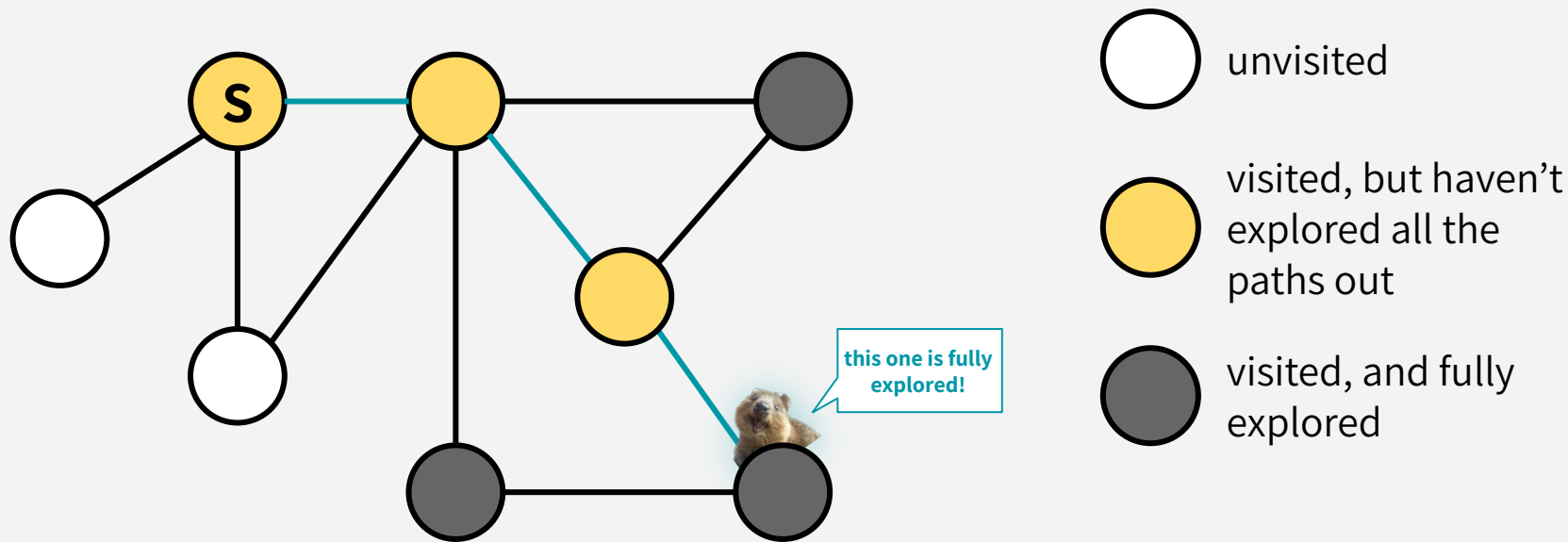




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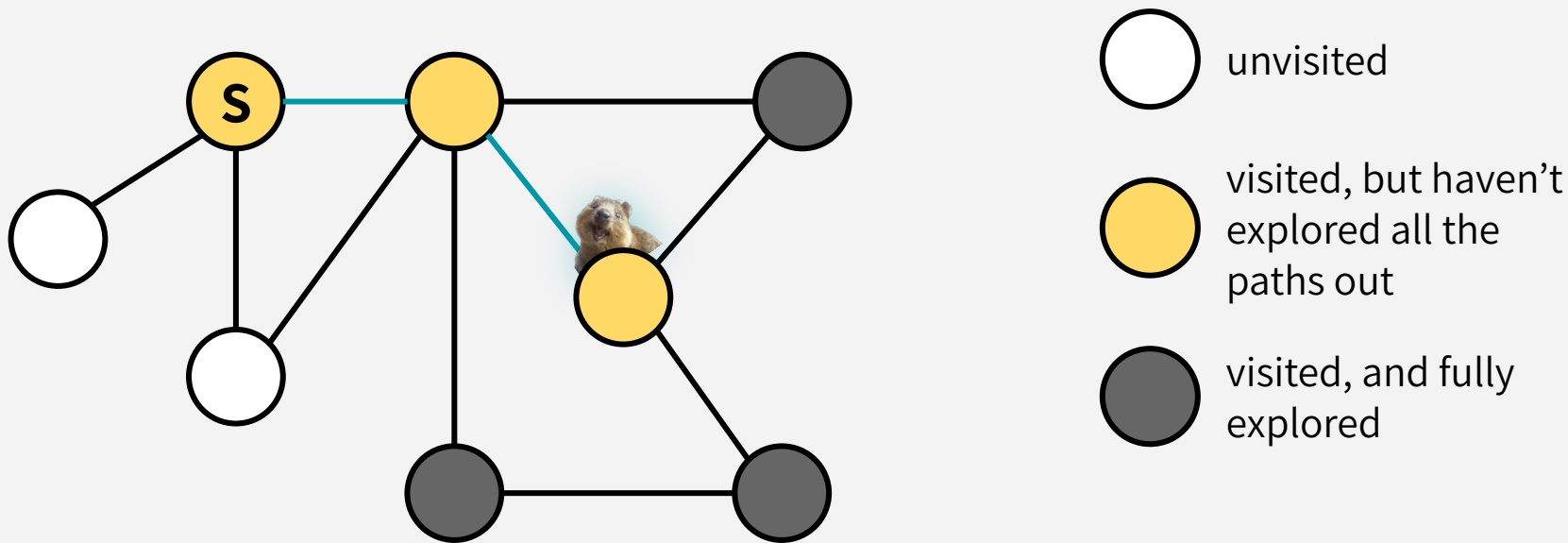
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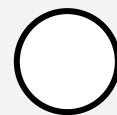
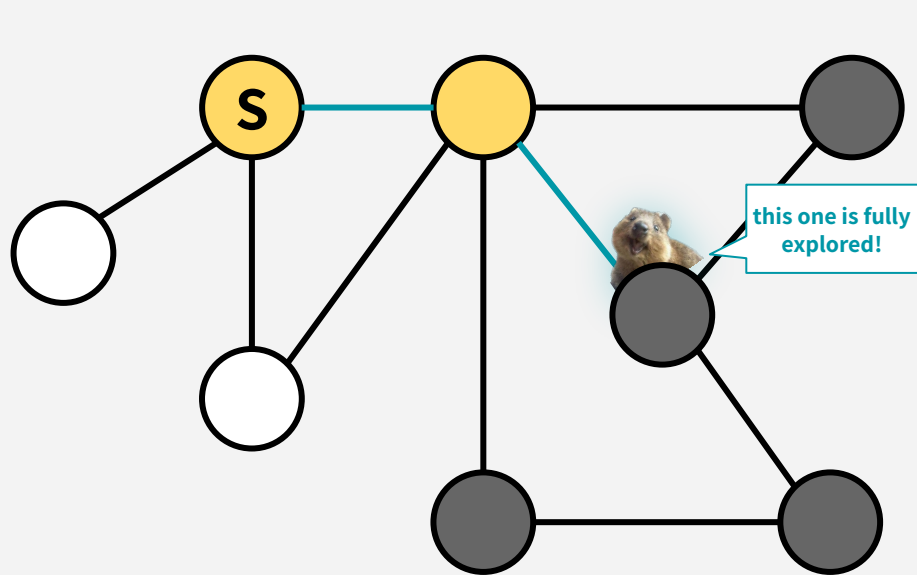
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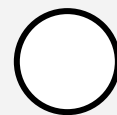
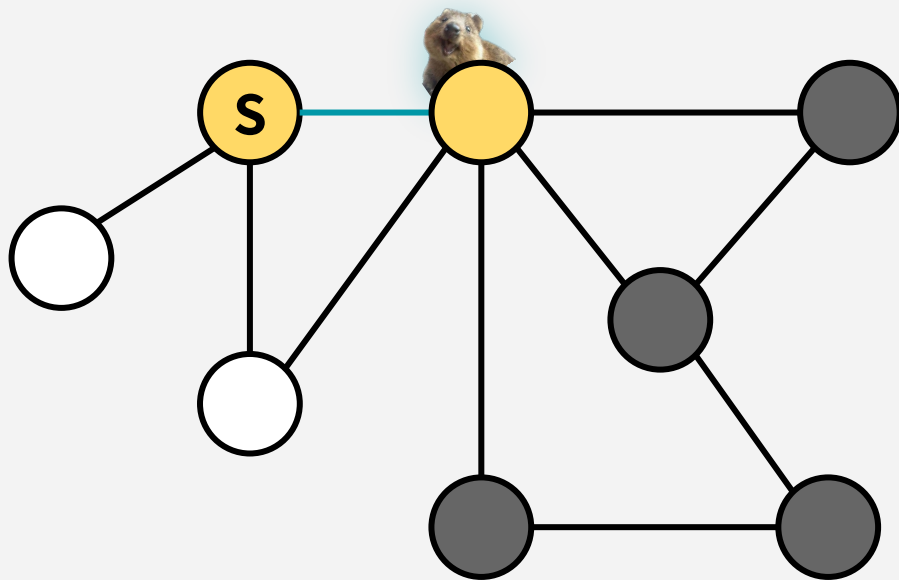


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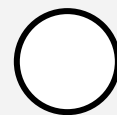
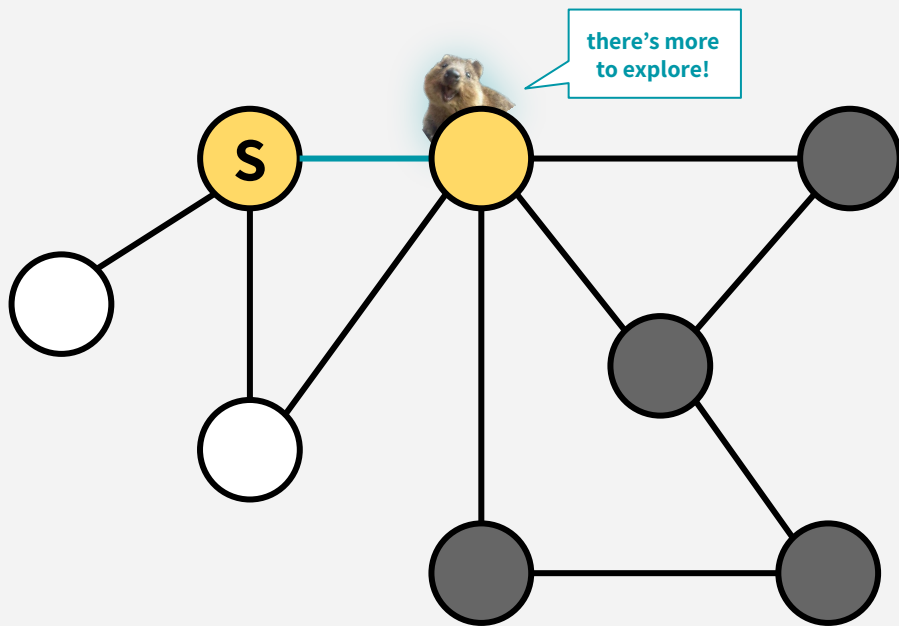


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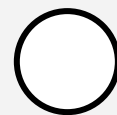
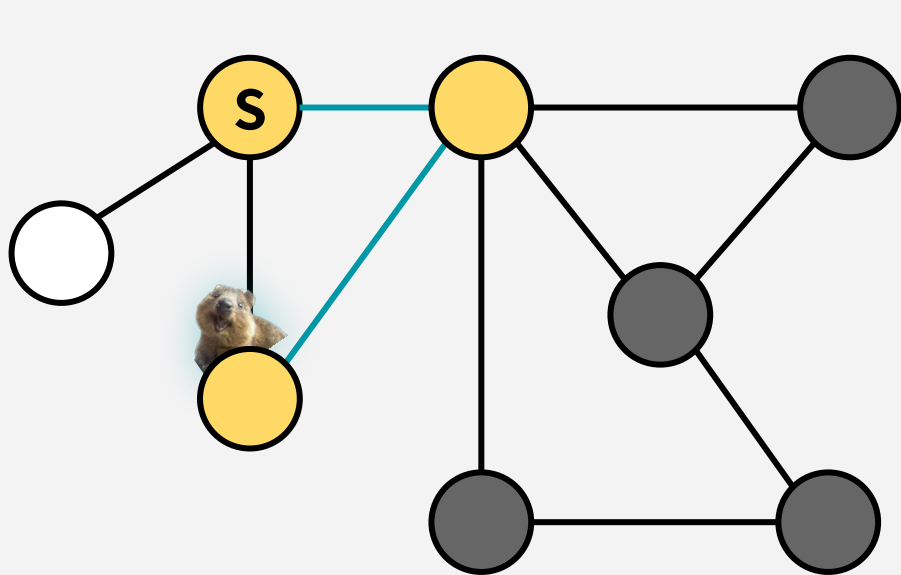


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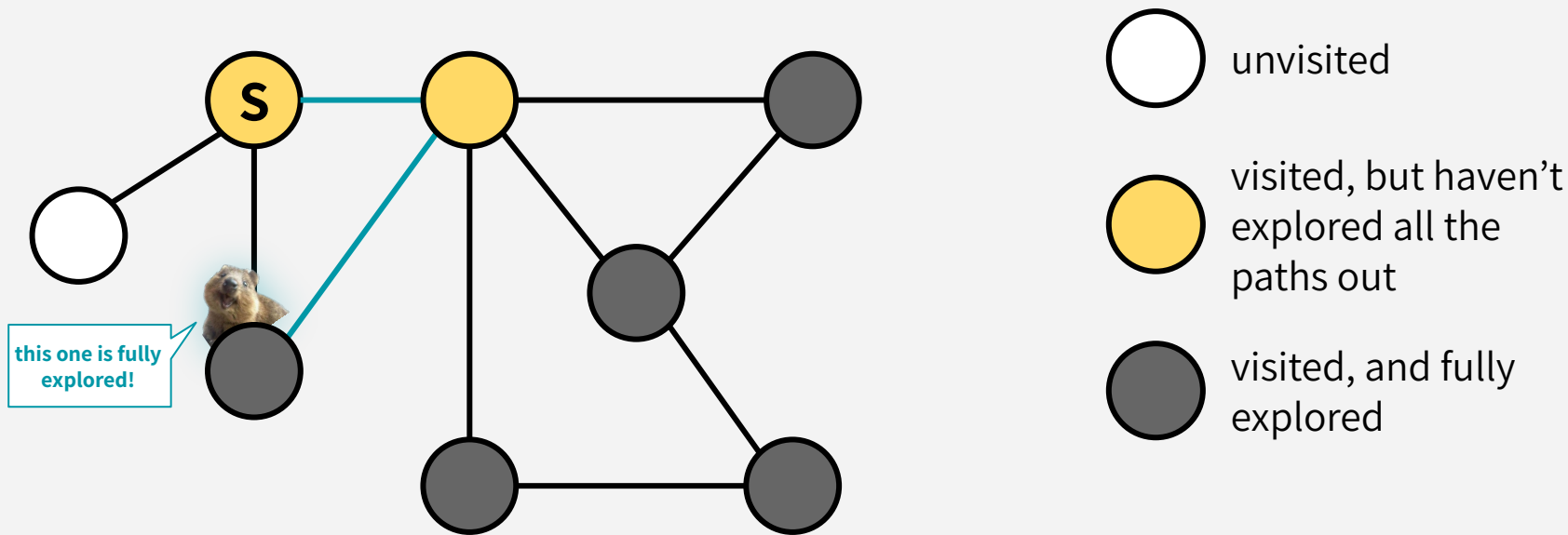


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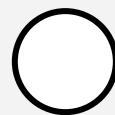
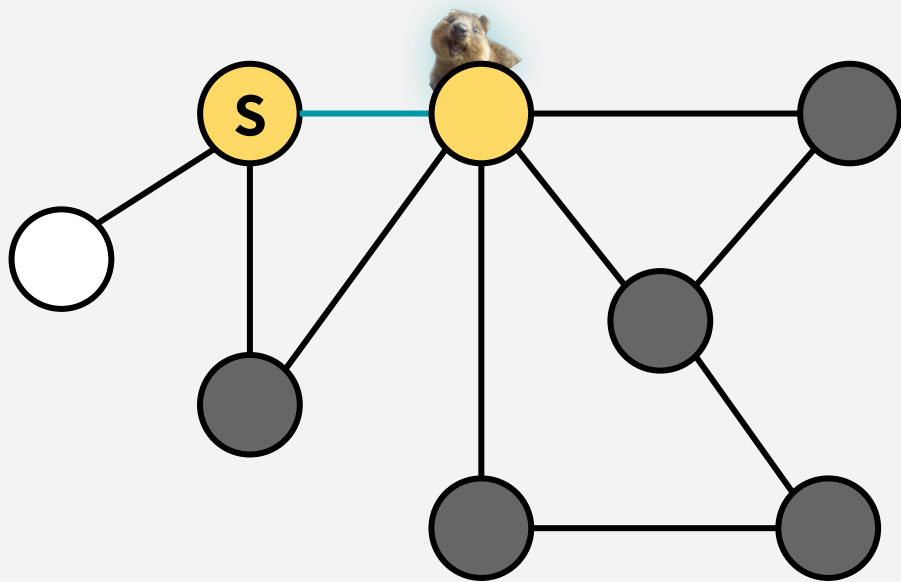
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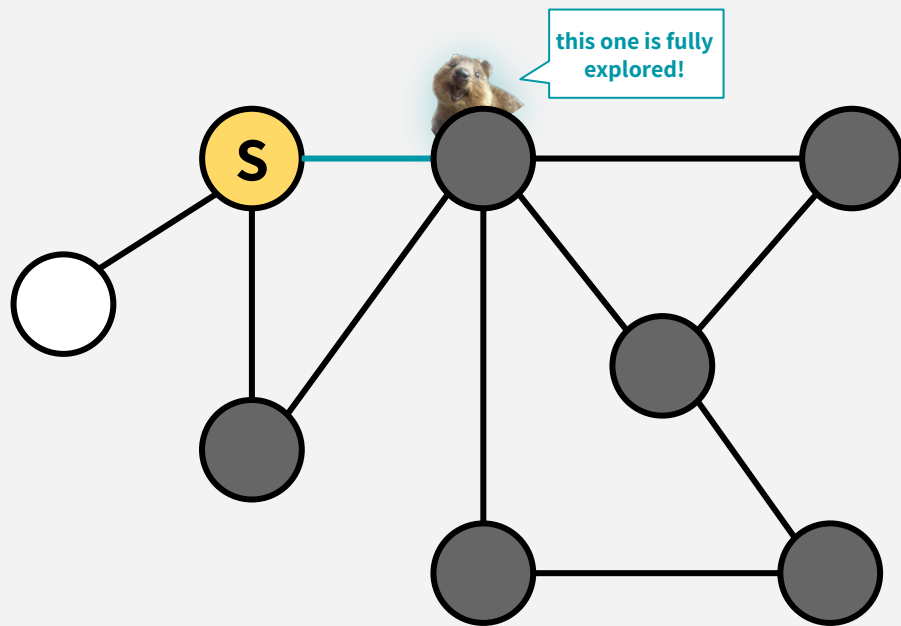
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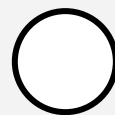
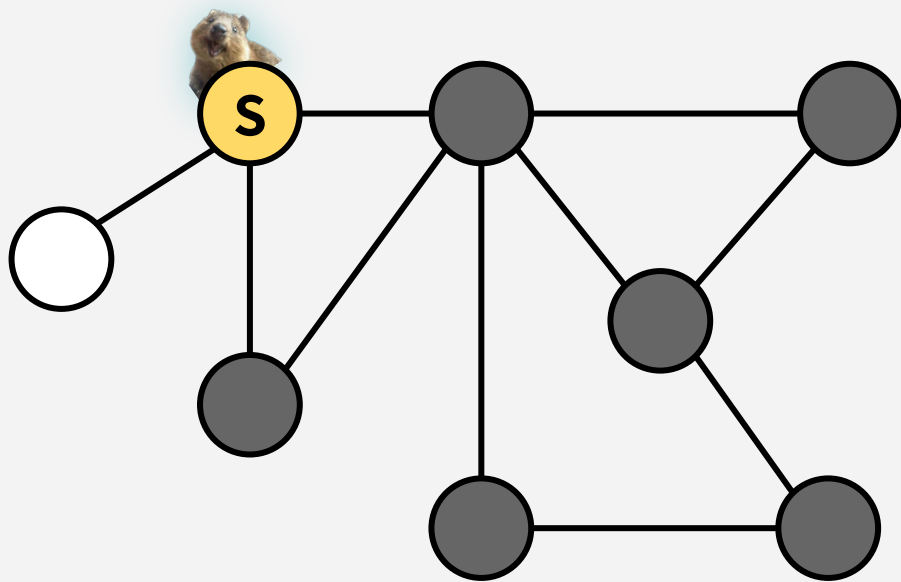


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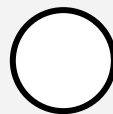
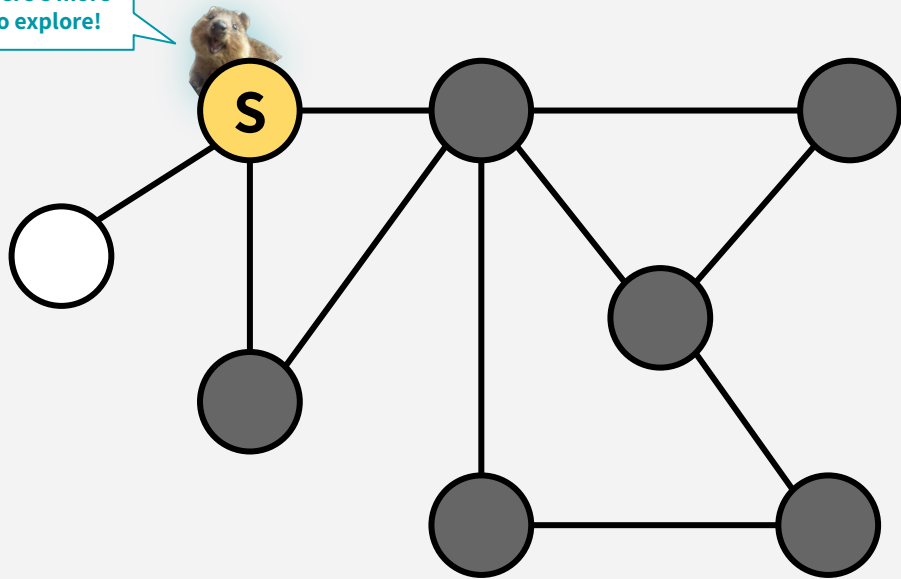
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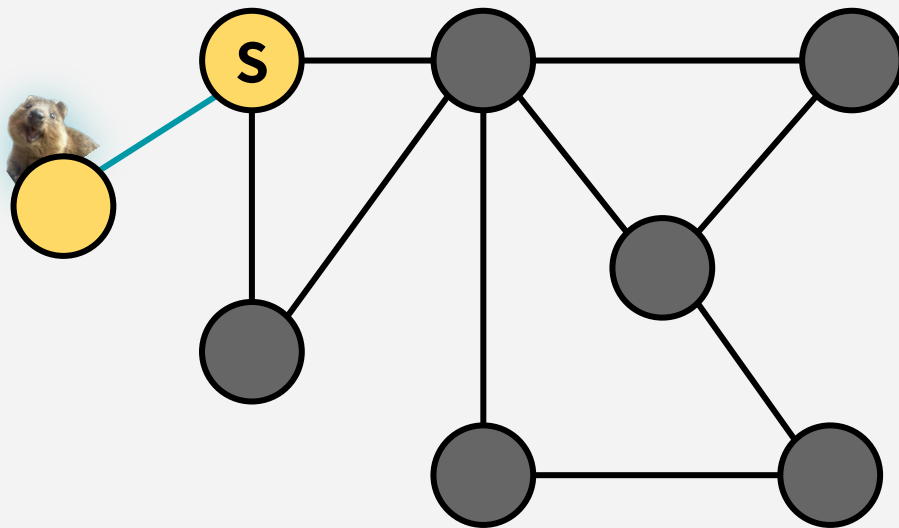


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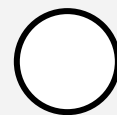
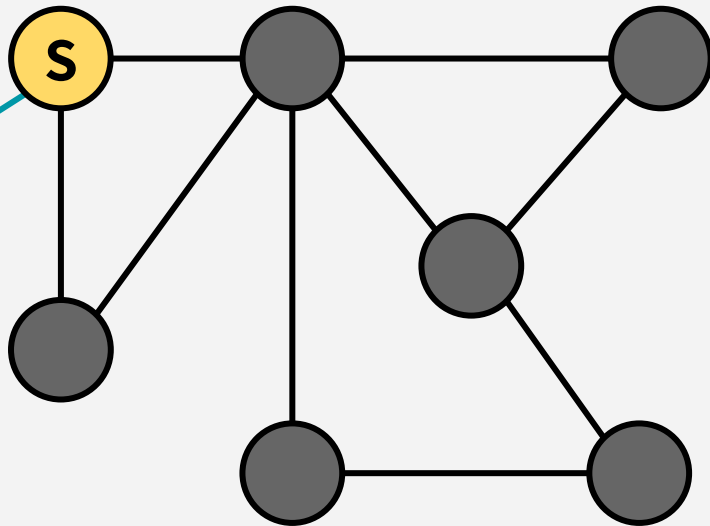


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this one is fully explored!



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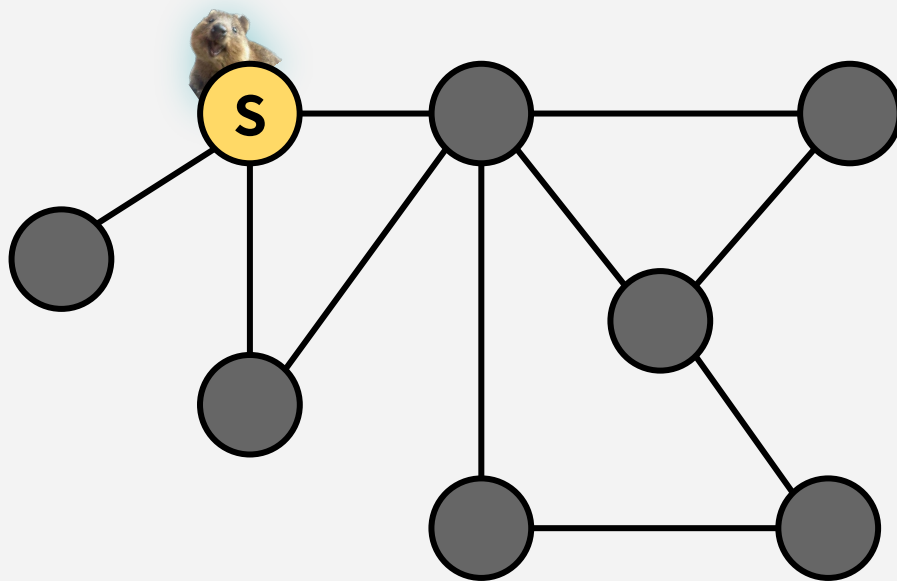


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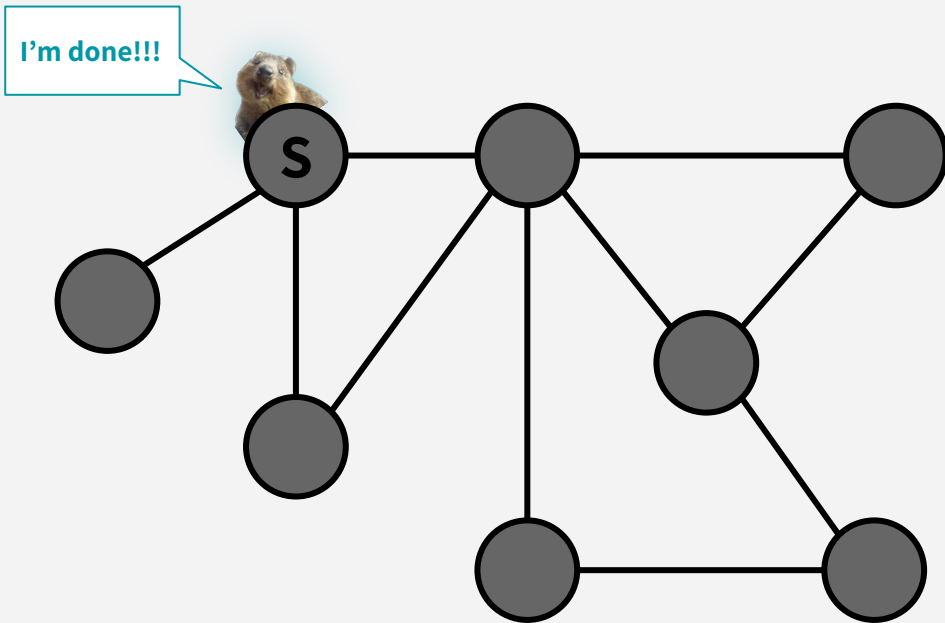
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I'm done!!!

In addition to keeping track of the visited status of nodes, we're going to keep track of:

**The time we first enter it**, i.e. mark it as .

**The time we finish it**, i.e. mark it as .

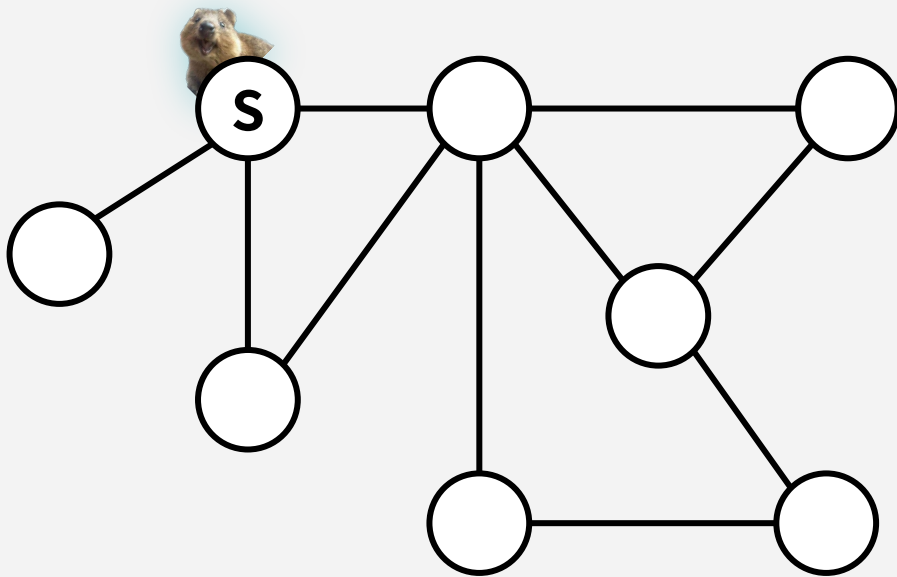
You've probably seen other ways to implement DFS, all this extra bookkeeping will be useful for us later!



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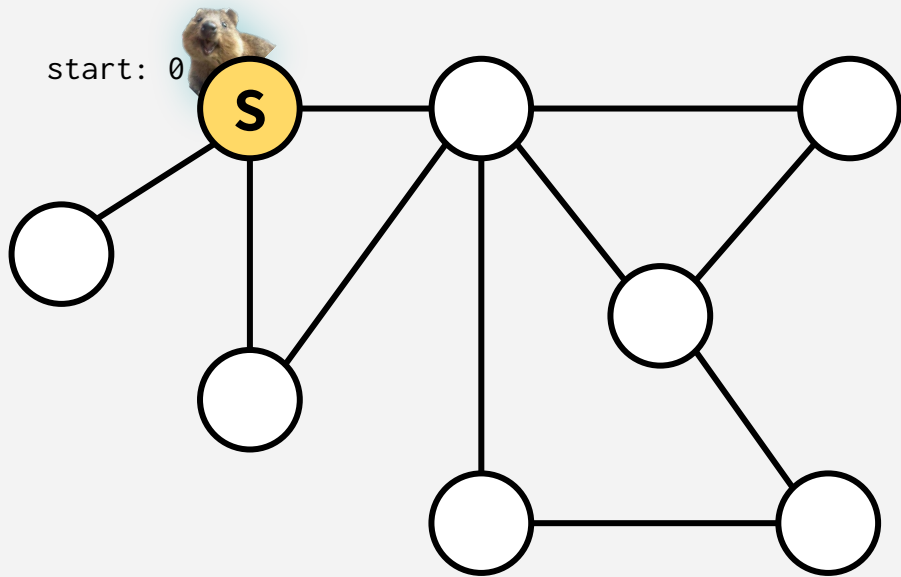


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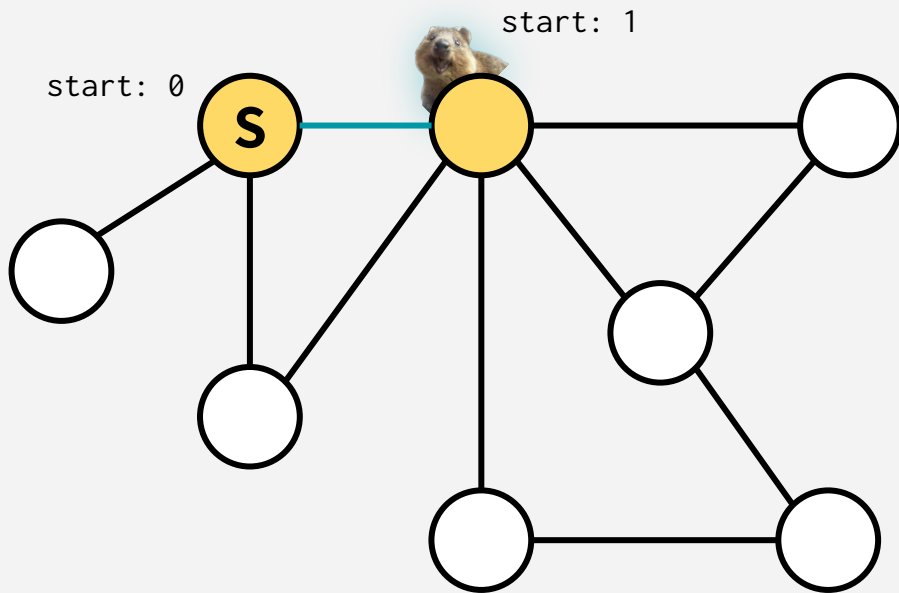


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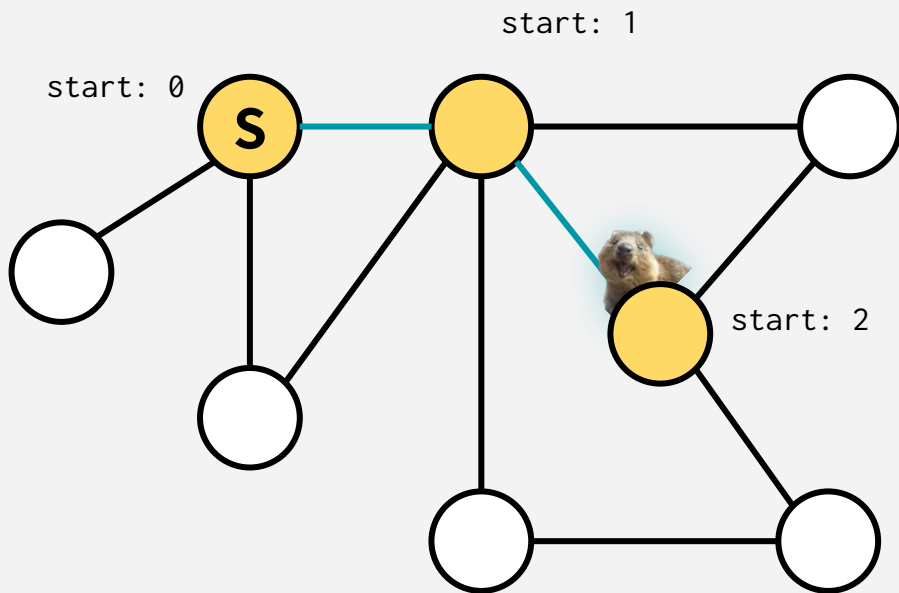


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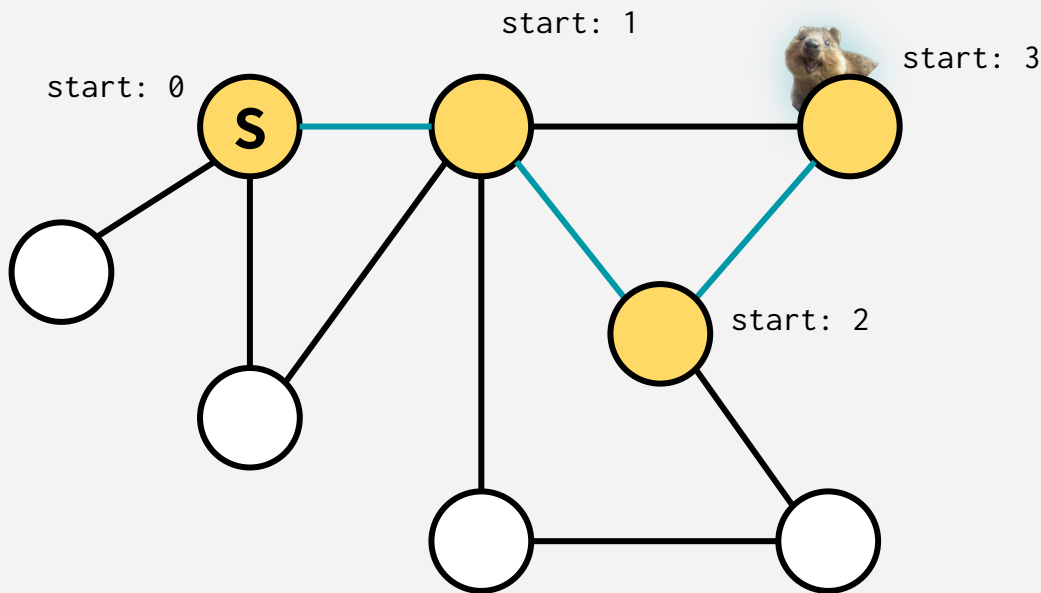


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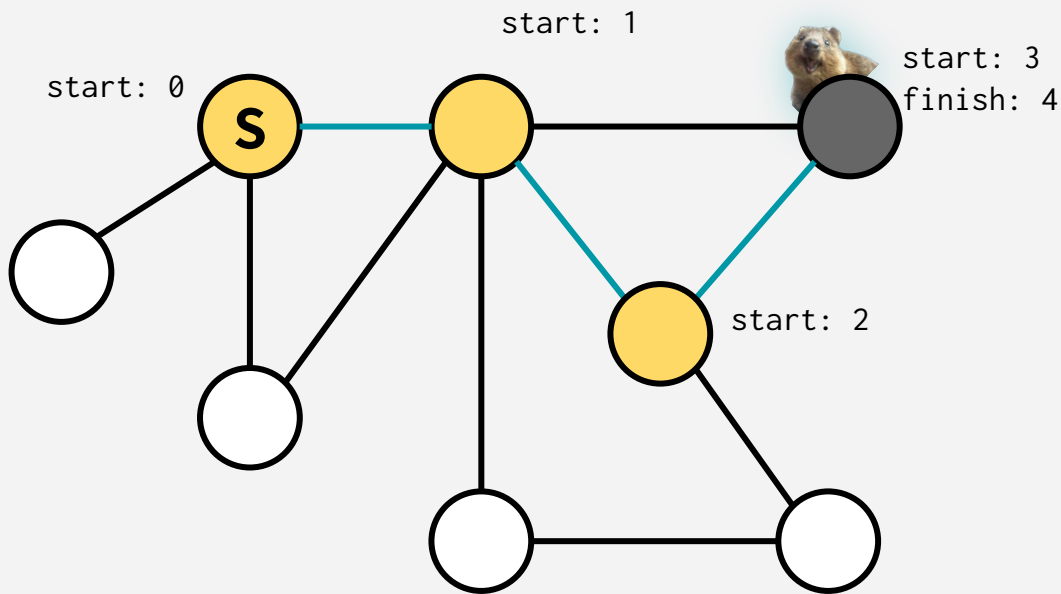


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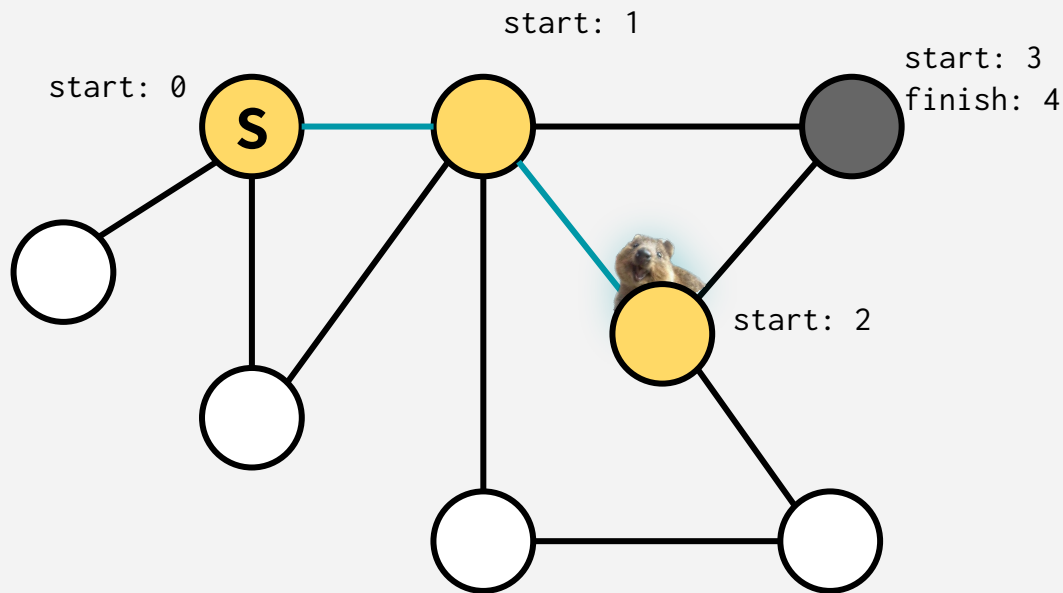


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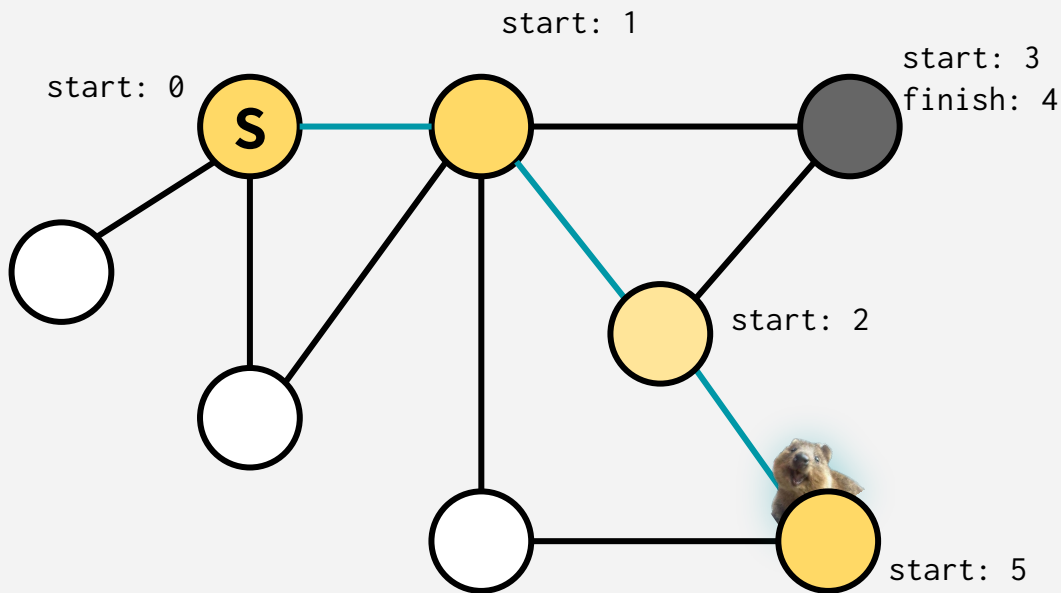


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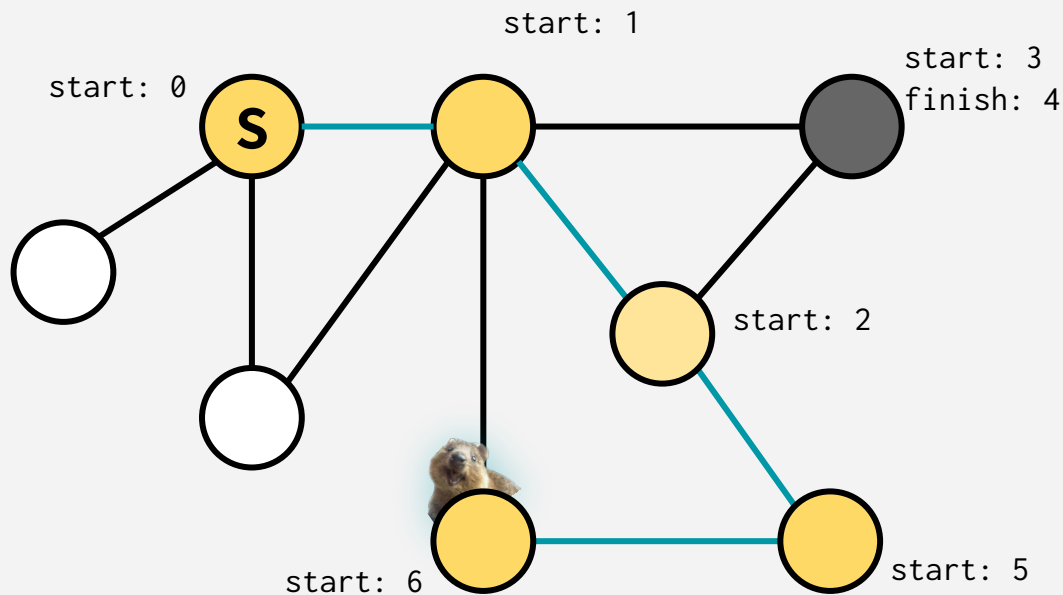
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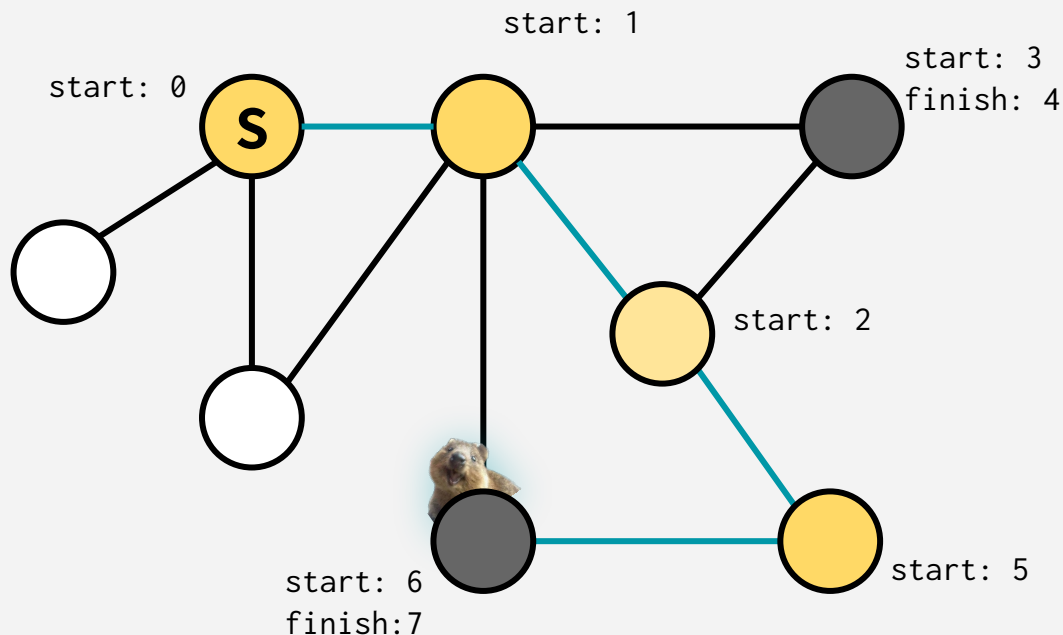
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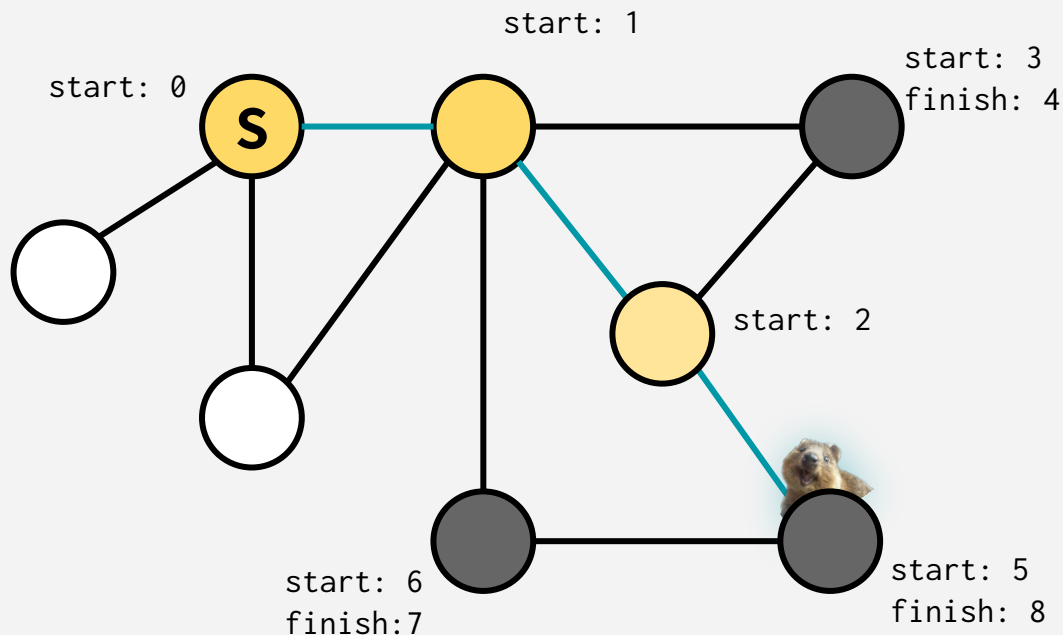
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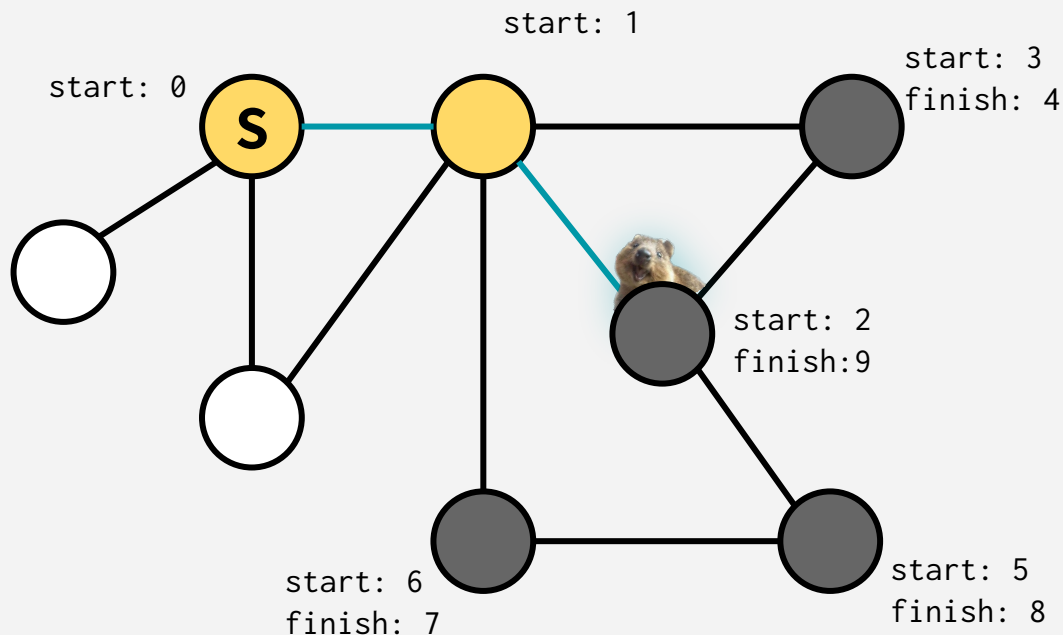
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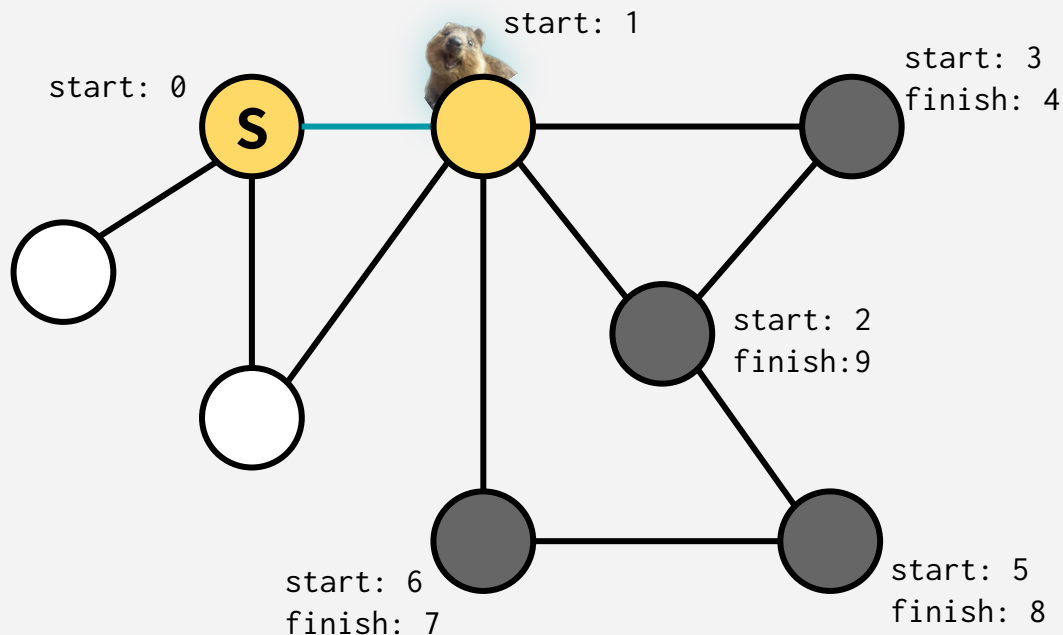
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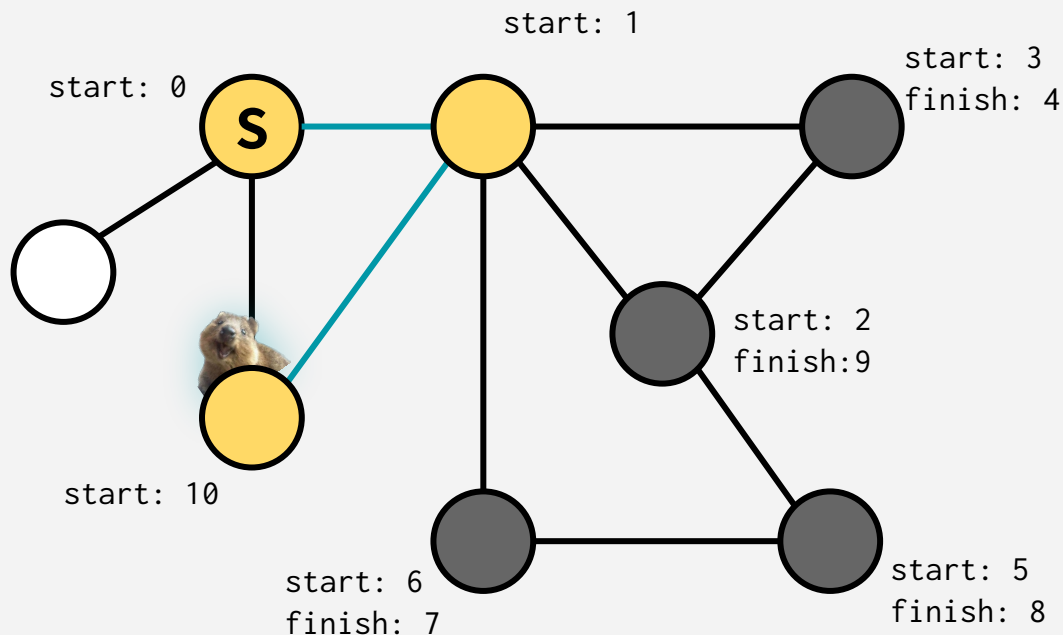
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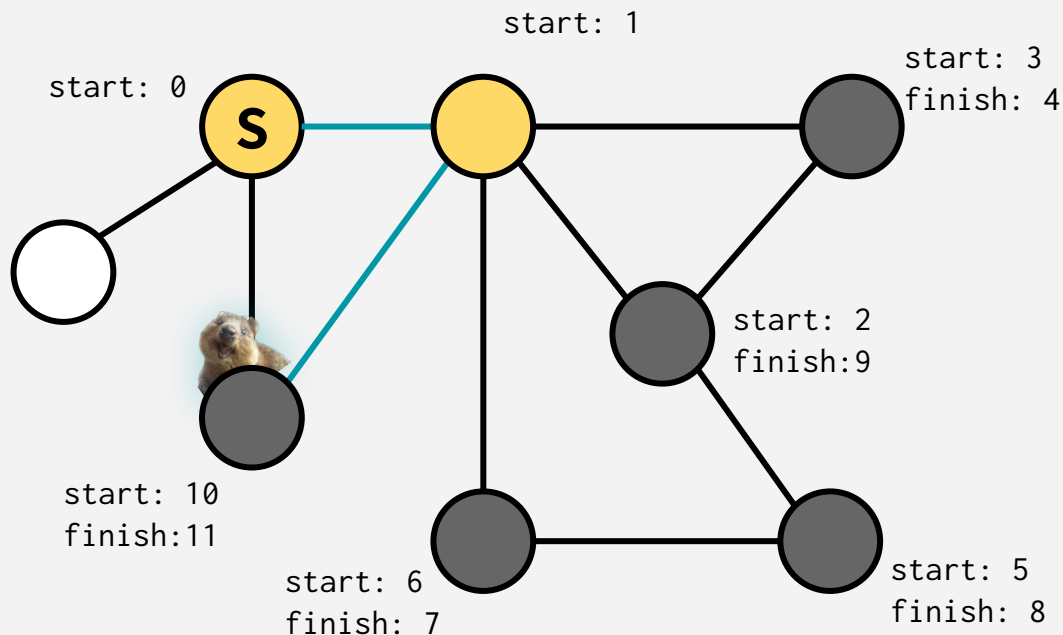
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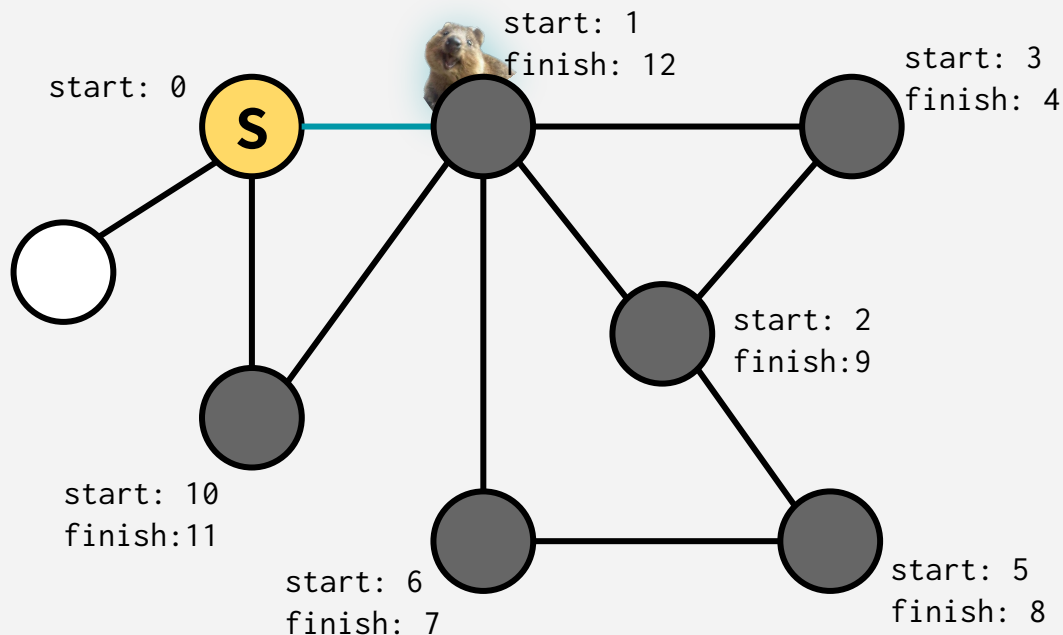
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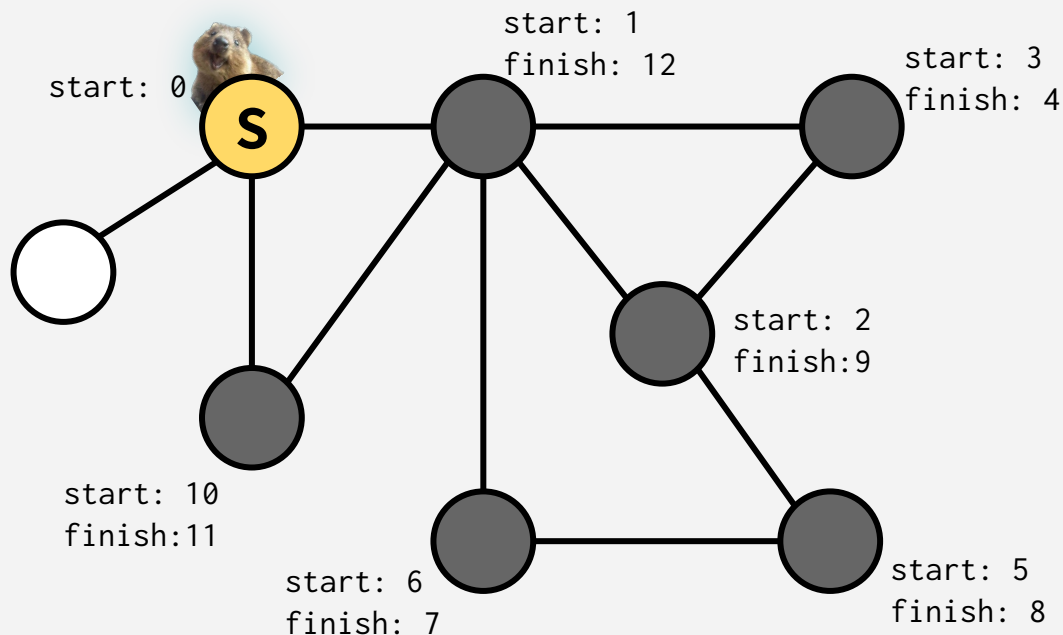
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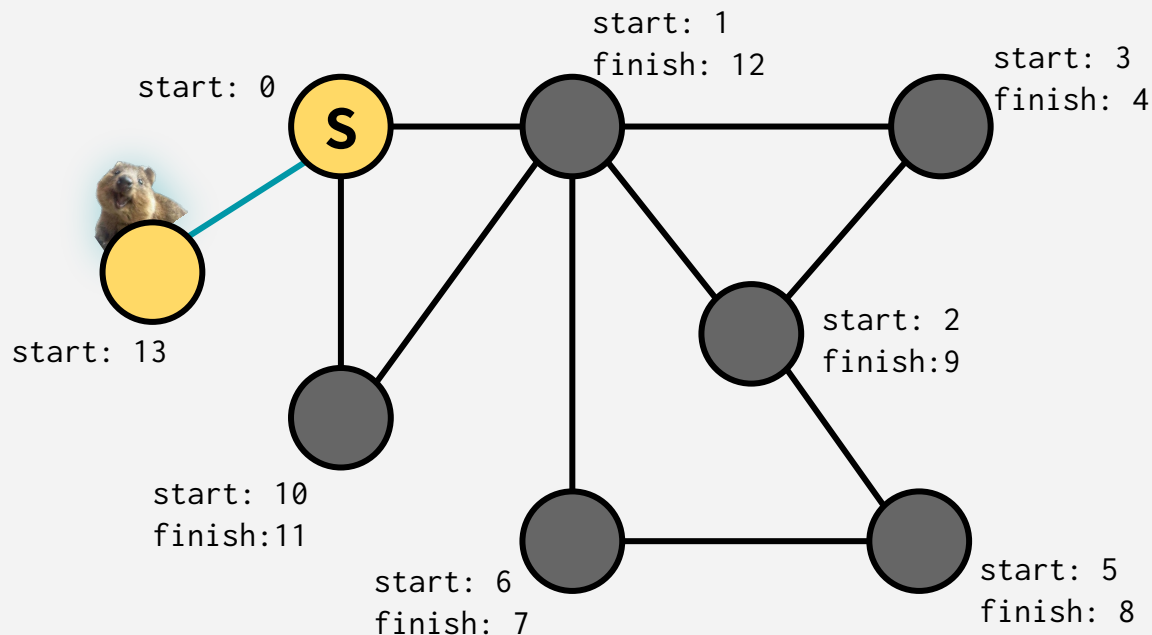
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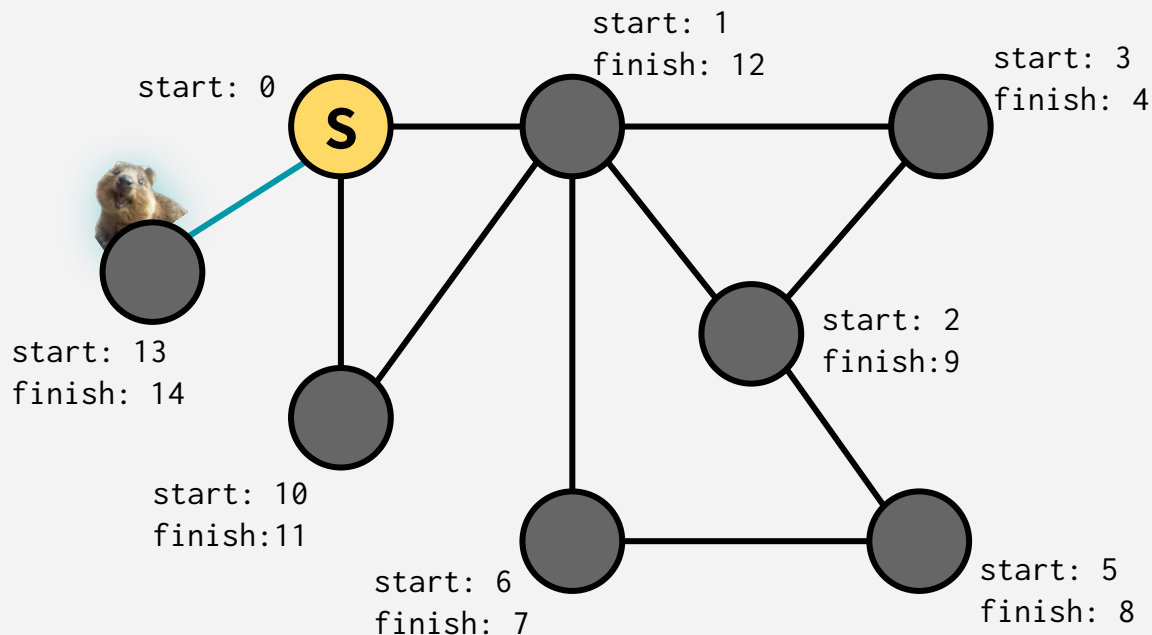
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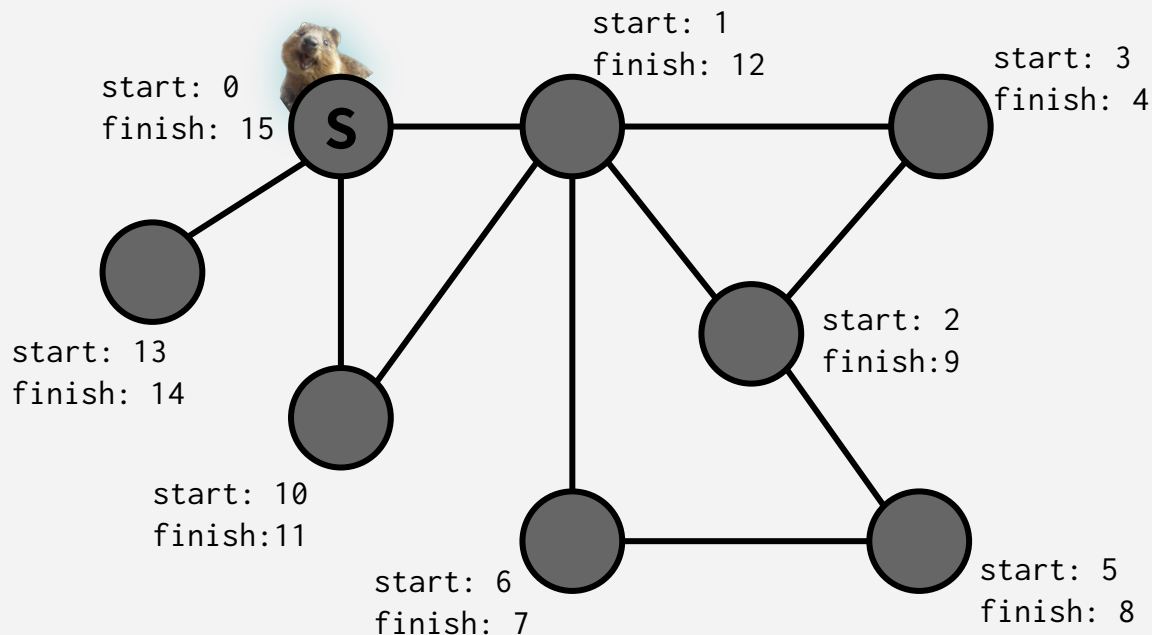
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This is not the only way to write DFS!  
See the textbook for an iterative version, and try  
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finish: 14

start:  
finish:

start: 6  
finish: 7

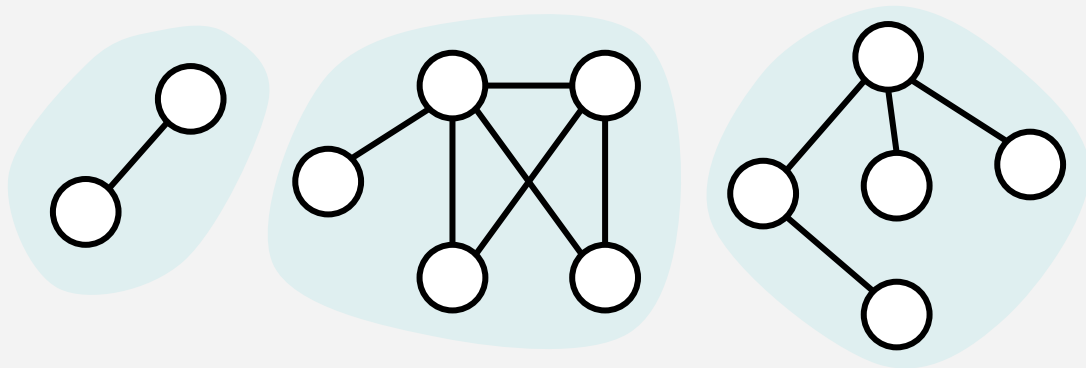
start: 5  
finish: 8

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**Like BFS, DFS finds all the nodes reachable from the starting point!**

In undirected graphs, this is equivalent to finding a **connected component**.



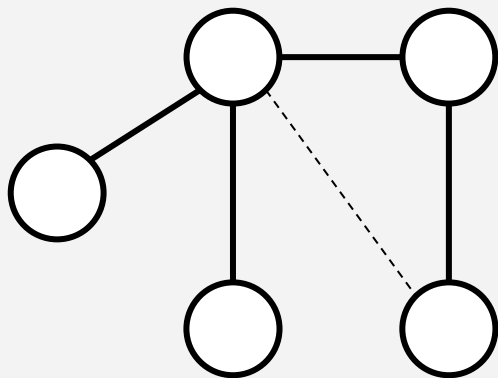
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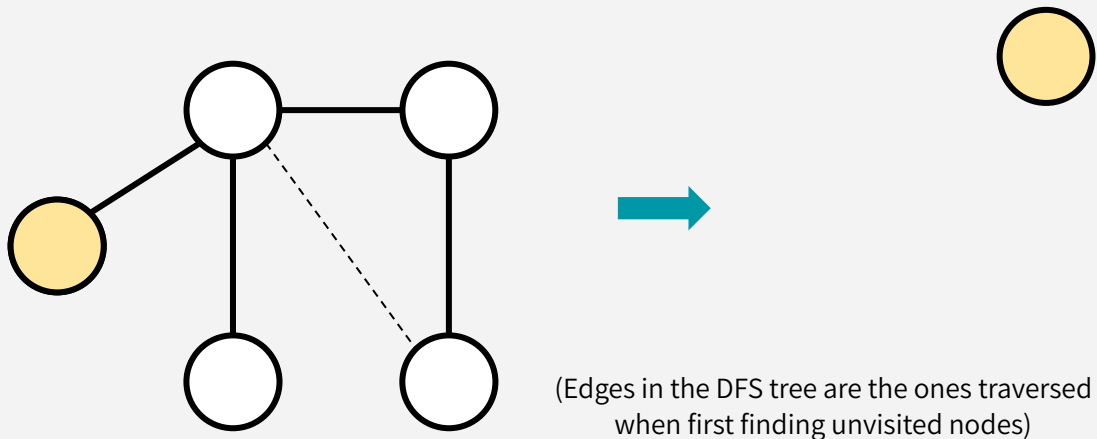
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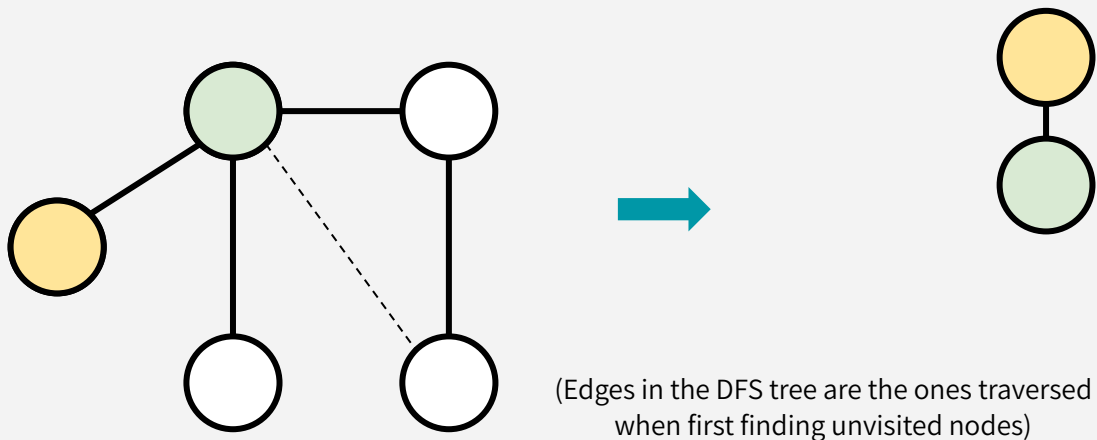
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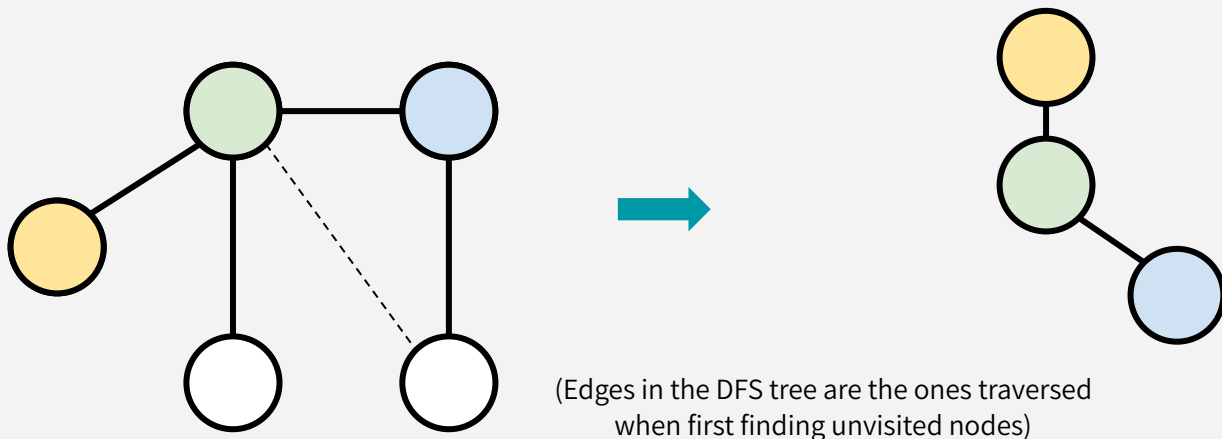
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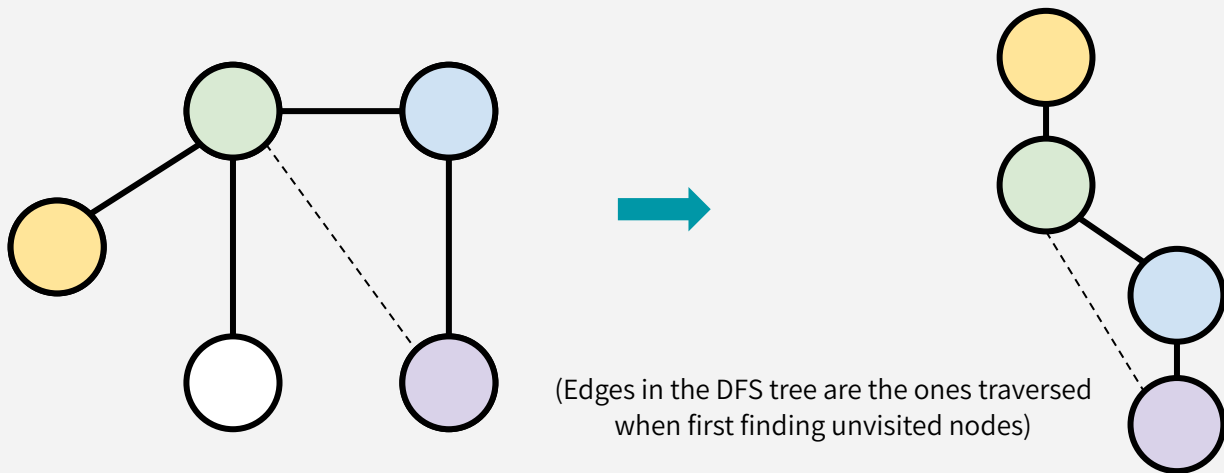
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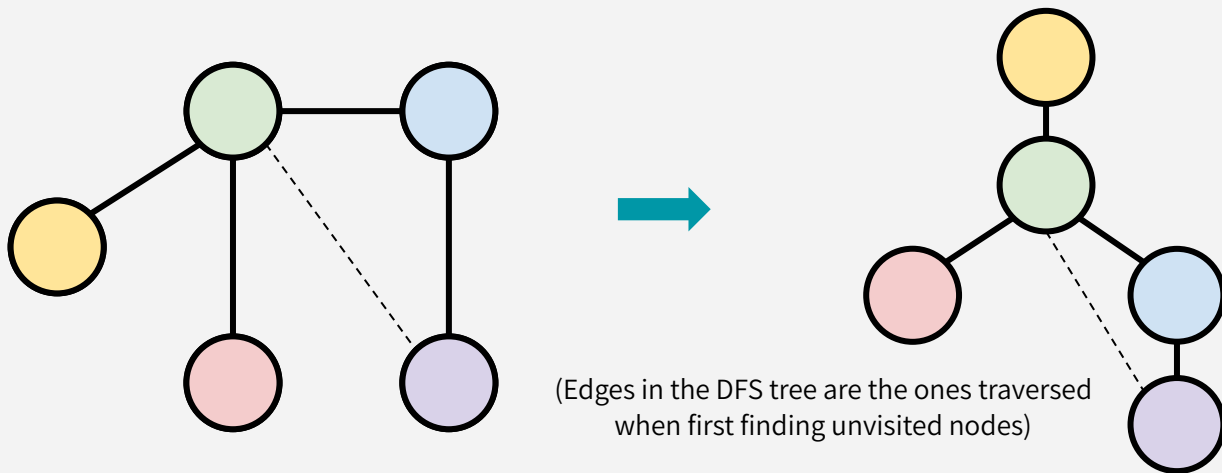
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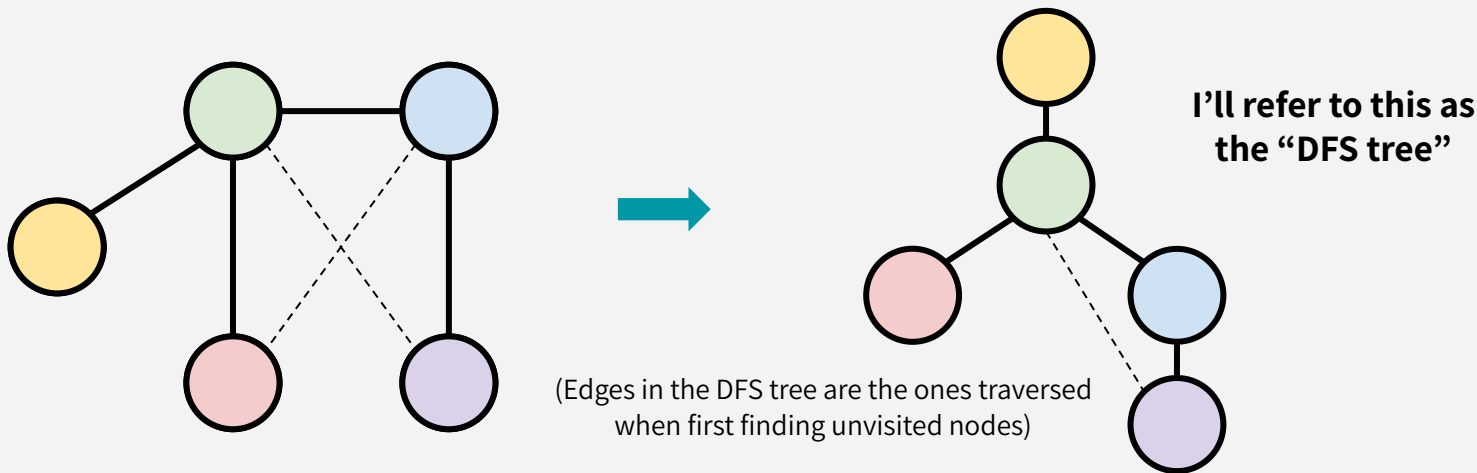
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To explore a graph's  **$i^{\text{th}}$  connected component** ( $n_i$  nodes,  $m_i$  edges):

We visit each vertex in the CC exactly once (“visit” = “call DFS on”).

At each vertex  $v$ , we:

- Do some bookkeeping:  **$O(1)$**
- Loop over  $v$ 's neighbors & check if they are visited (& then potentially make a recursive call):  $O(1)$  per neighbor  $\rightarrow$   **$O(\deg(v))$**  total.

$$\textbf{Total: } \sum_v O(\deg(v)) + \sum_v O(1) = \textbf{O}(m_i + n_i)$$

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To explore **the entire graph** (n nodes, m edges):

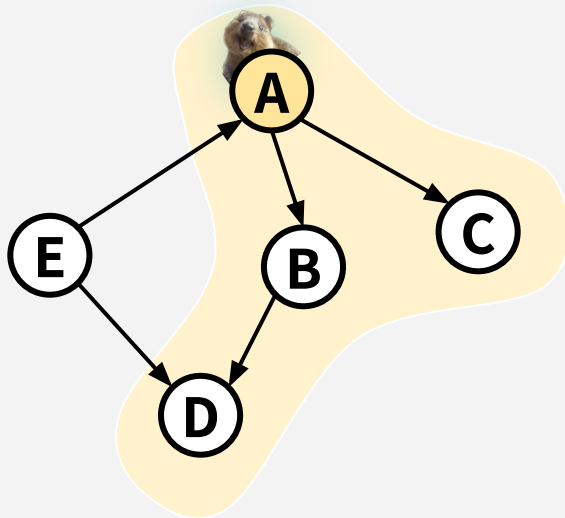
A graph might have multiple connected components! To **explore the whole graph**, we would call our DFS routine once for each connected component (note that each vertex and each edge participates in exactly one connected component). The combined running time would be:

$$O(\sum_i m_i + \sum_i n_i) = \mathbf{O(m + n)}$$

# DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH

## DFS works fine on directed graphs too!

From a start node  $x$ , DFS would find all nodes **reachable** from  $x$ .  
(In directed graphs, “connected component” isn’t as well defined... more on that later!)



### Verify this on your own:

running DFS from A  
would still find all nodes  
reachable from A (E isn’t  
reachable from A in this  
directed graph).





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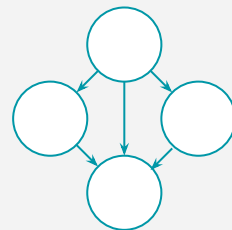
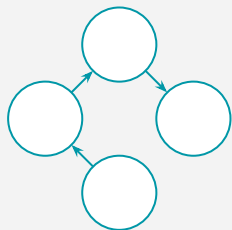
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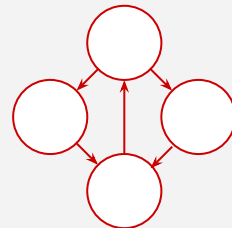
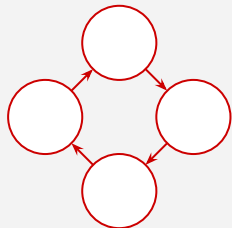
# ASIDE: DIRECTED ACYCLIC GRAPHS

A **Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)** is a directed graph with *no directed cycles*.

These are DAGs:



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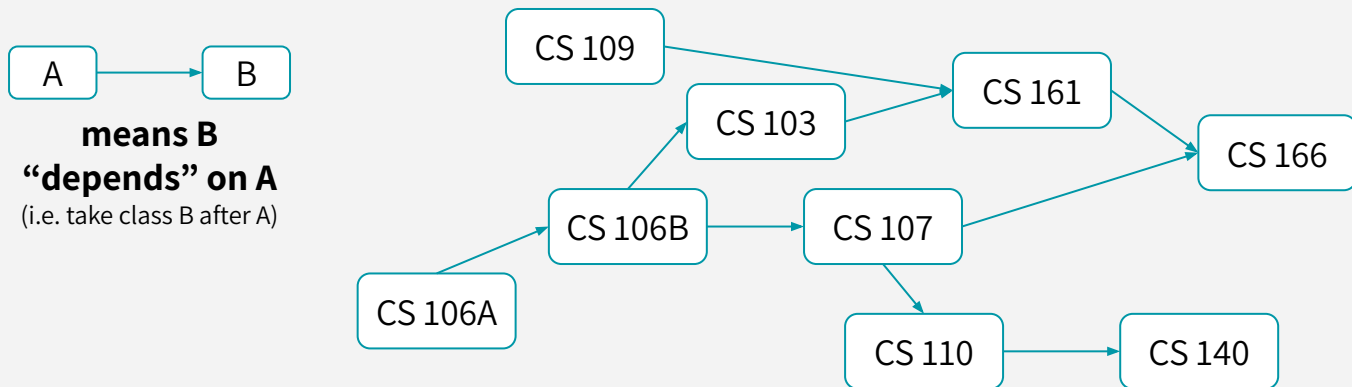
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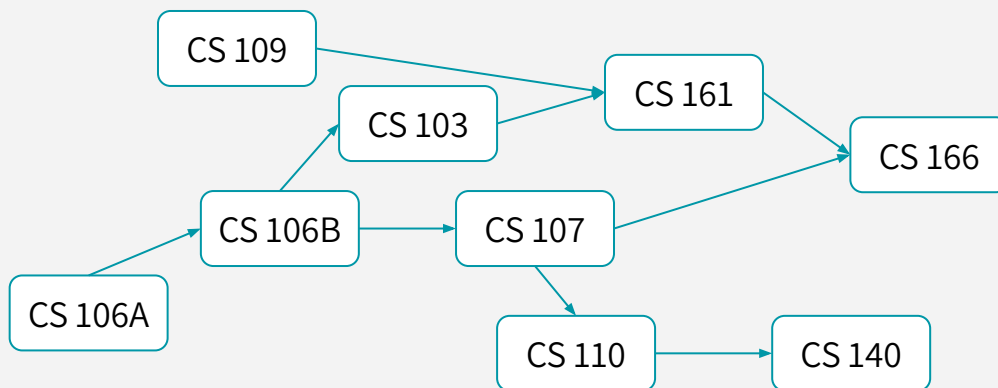
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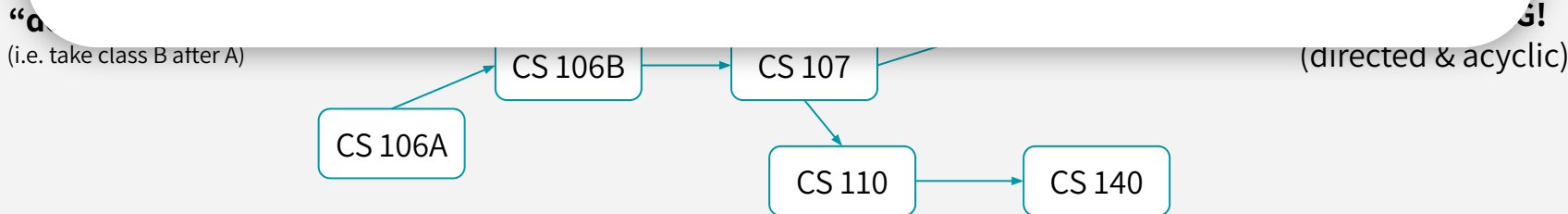
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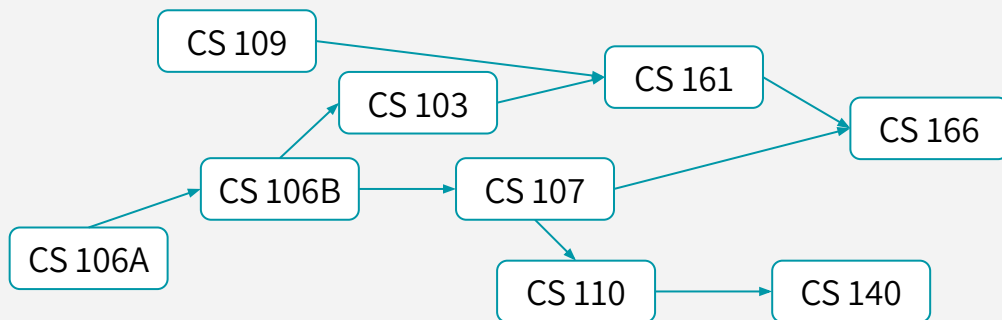
What does “meeting the dependency requirements” mean?

**We want to produce an ordering such that:**  
for every edge  $(v, w)$  in  $E$ ,  $v$  must appear before  $w$  in the ordering  
(e.g. CS103 must come before CS161)



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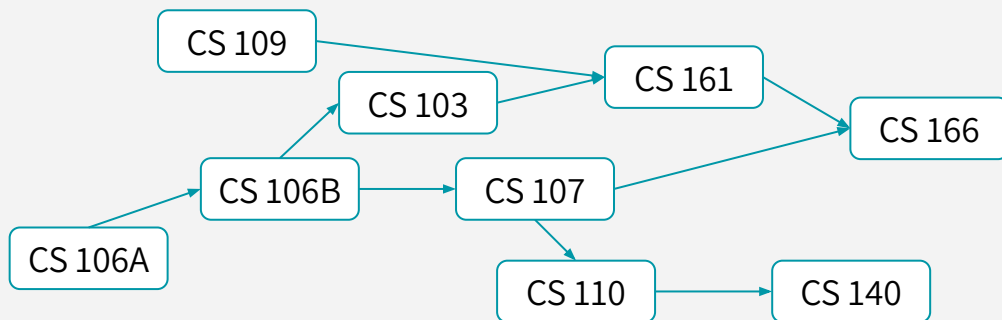


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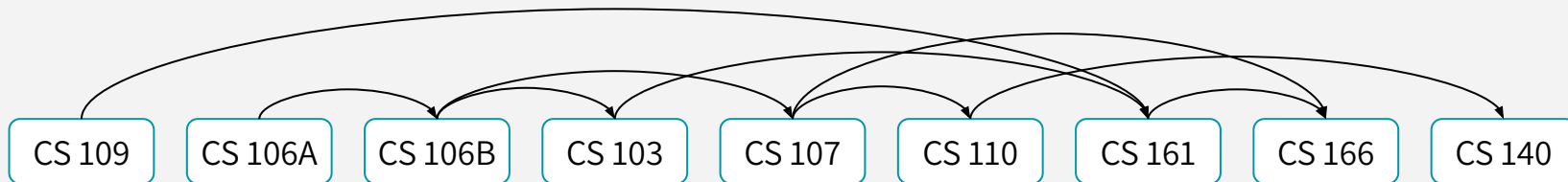


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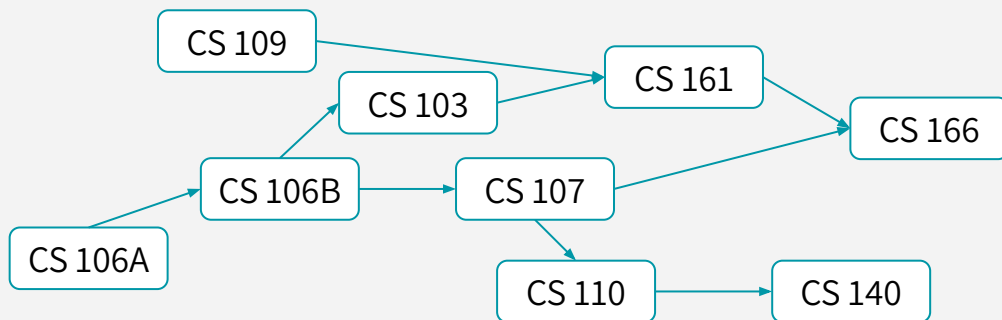


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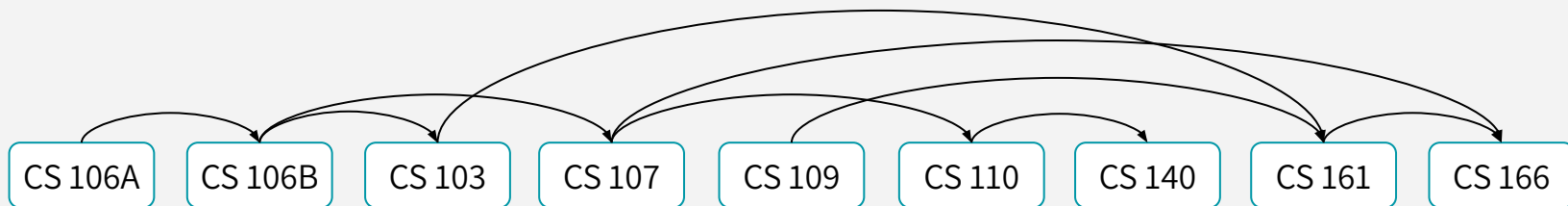


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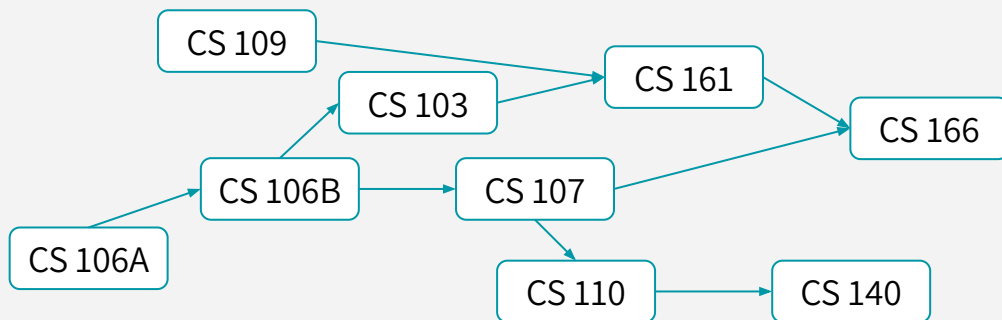


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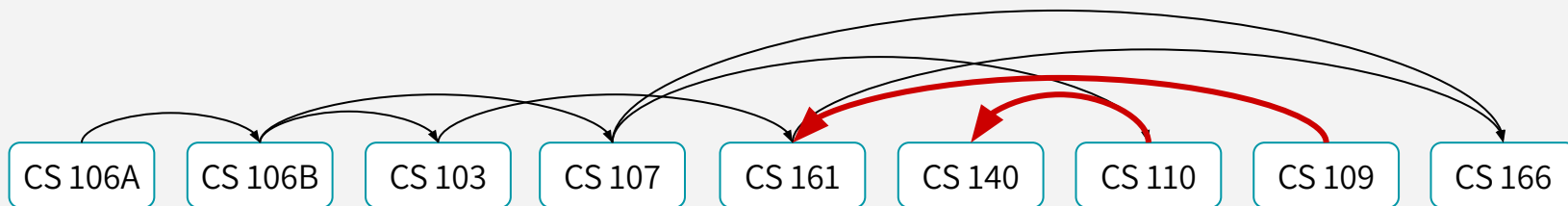


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# TOPOSORT ON NON-DAGS?

**We assume these “dependency” graphs are all DAGs!**

What about other graphs? Undirected graphs? Directed graphs with cycles?

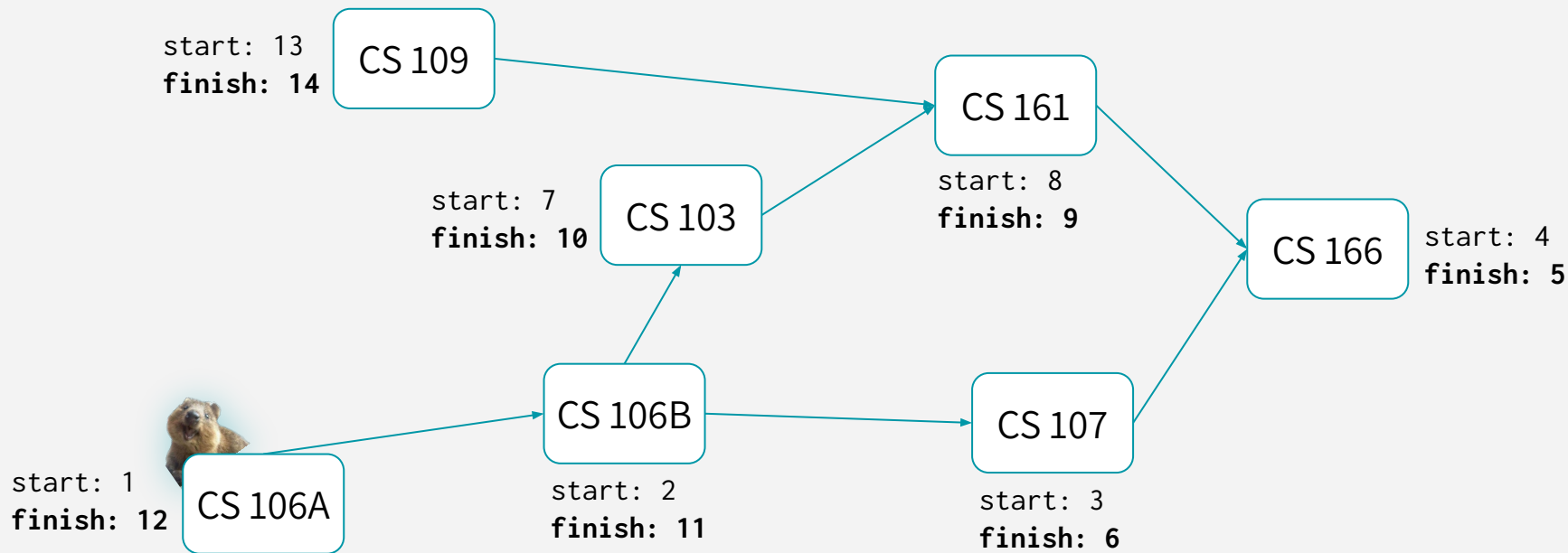
Toposort gives us a priority ordering of nodes (e.g. more intro classes are “higher priority” than more advanced classes). Edges in DAGs clearly illustrate priority: edge from **x** to **y** means **x** has priority over **y**.

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In a graph with cycles, if **x** and **y** are part of a cycle, then **x** can reach **y** and **y** can also reach **x**... so which node has “priority”?

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finish: 12

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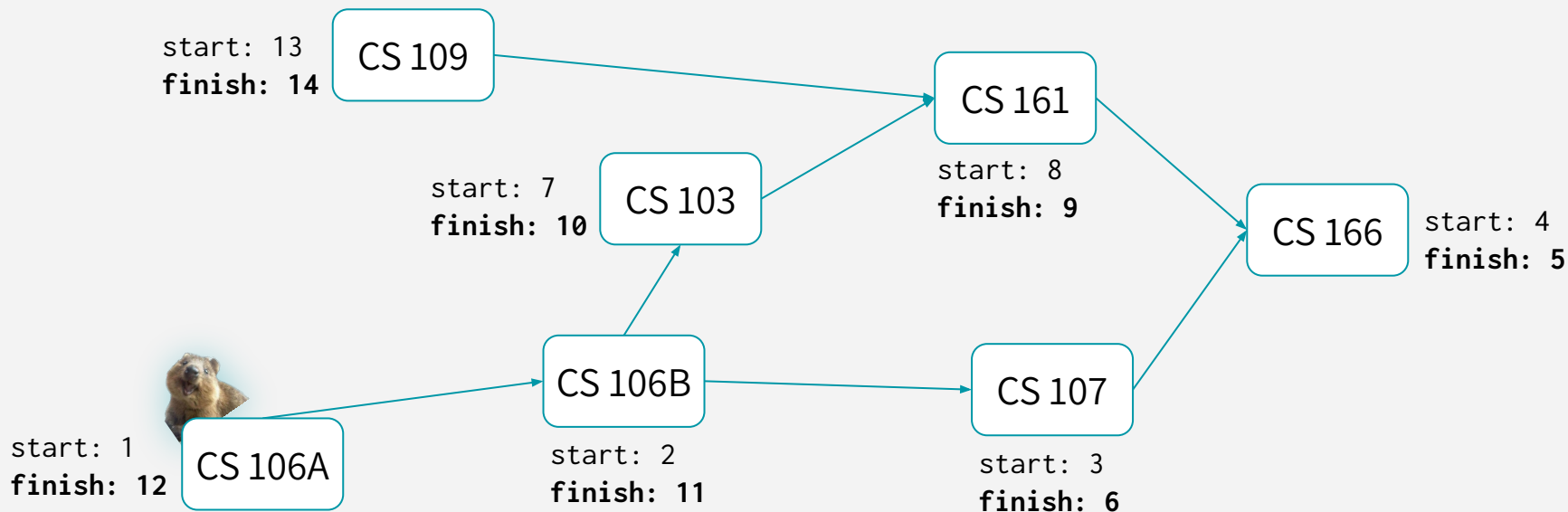
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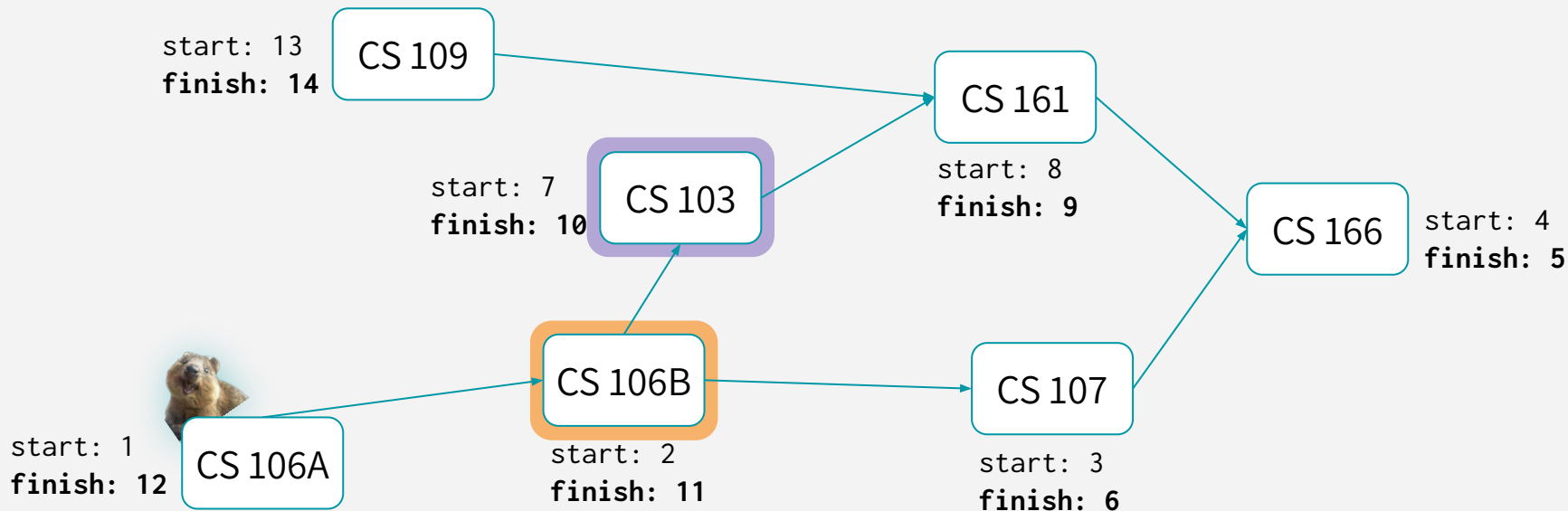
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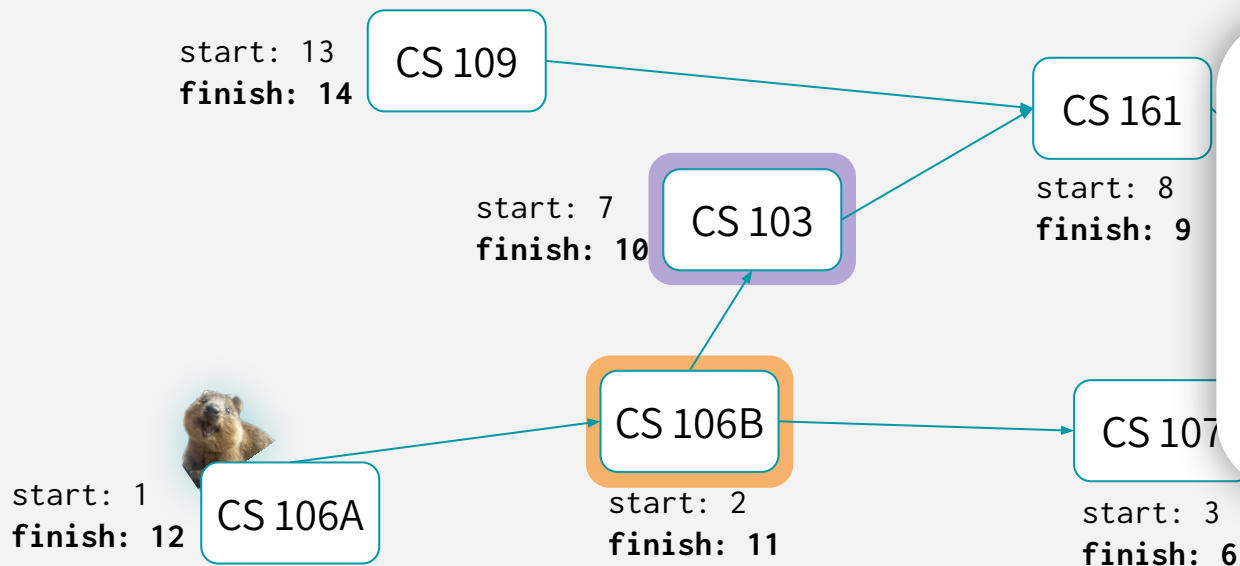




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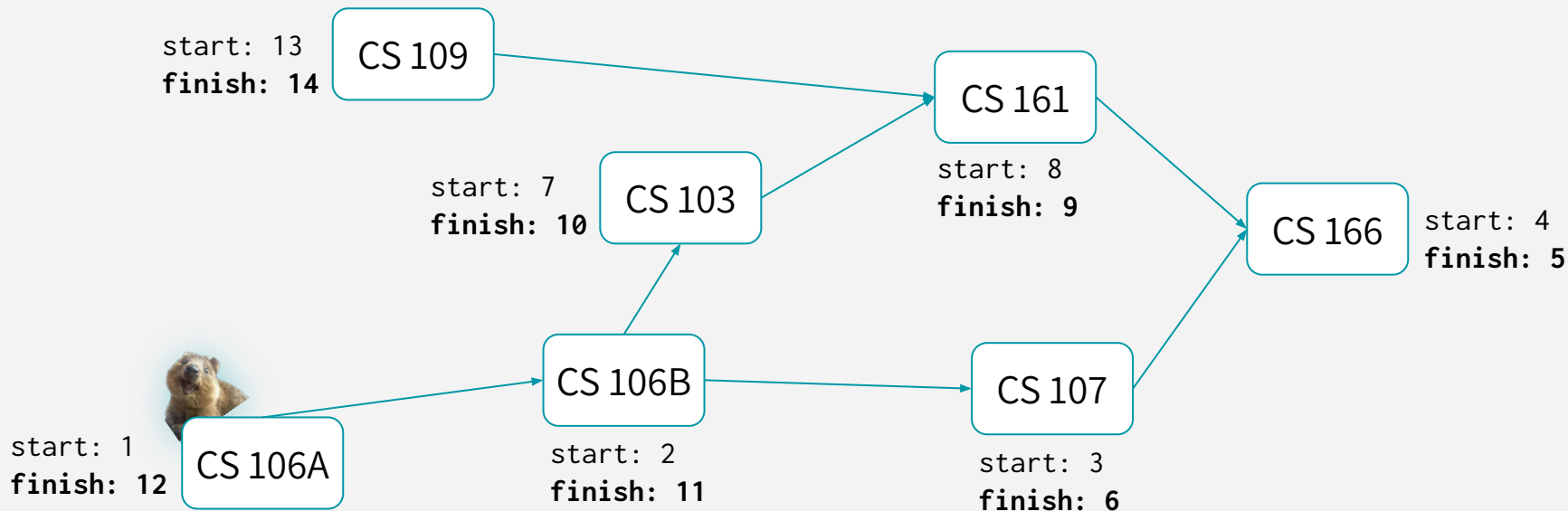


When  $v$  is discovered by DFS, this call will eventually discover  $w$  & recursively call DFS on  $w$ . Then,  $w$  will get its finish time before  $v$  gets its finish time, so  $v.\text{finish} > w.\text{finish}$ !

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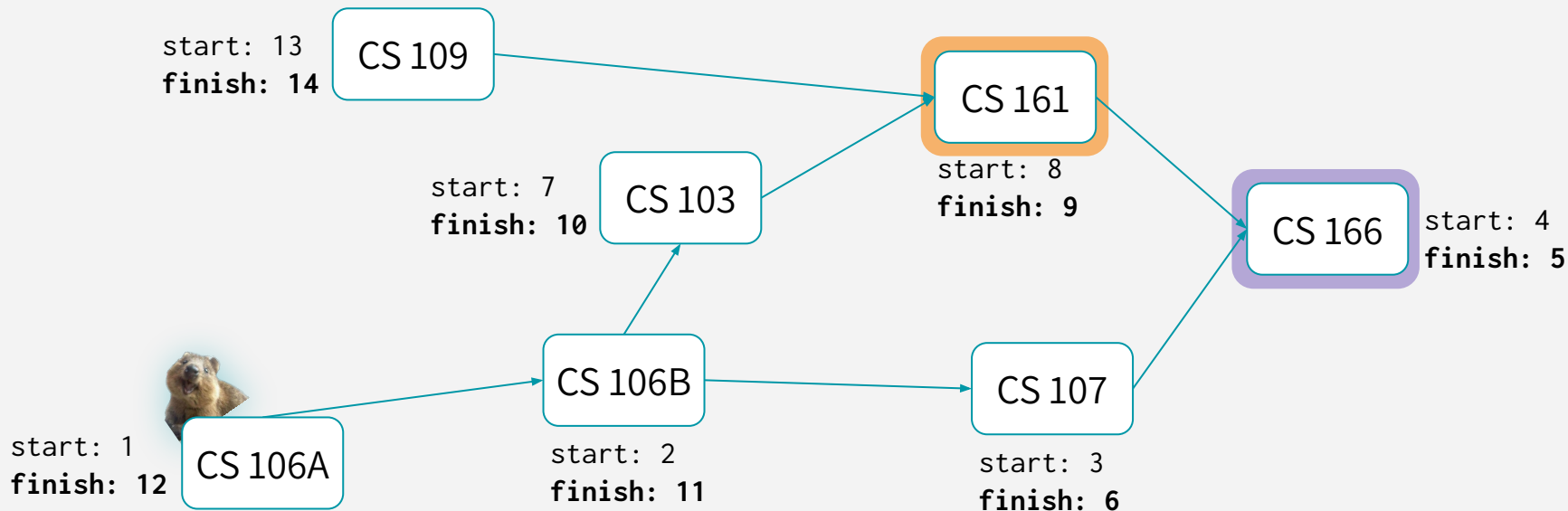
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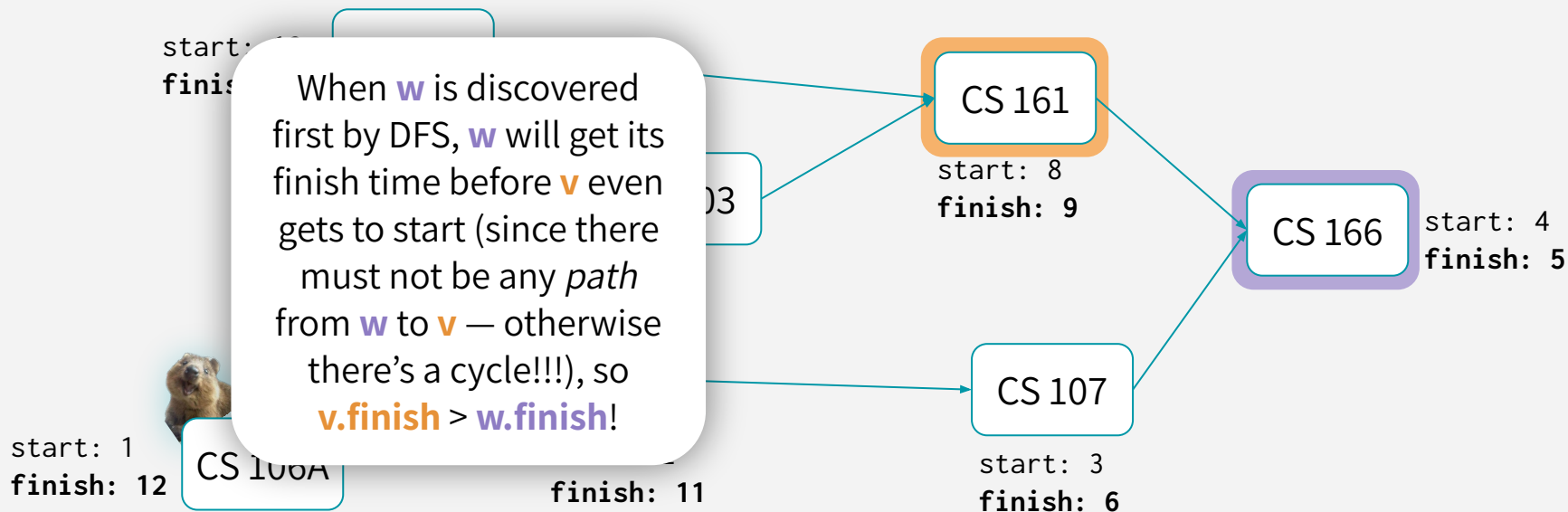
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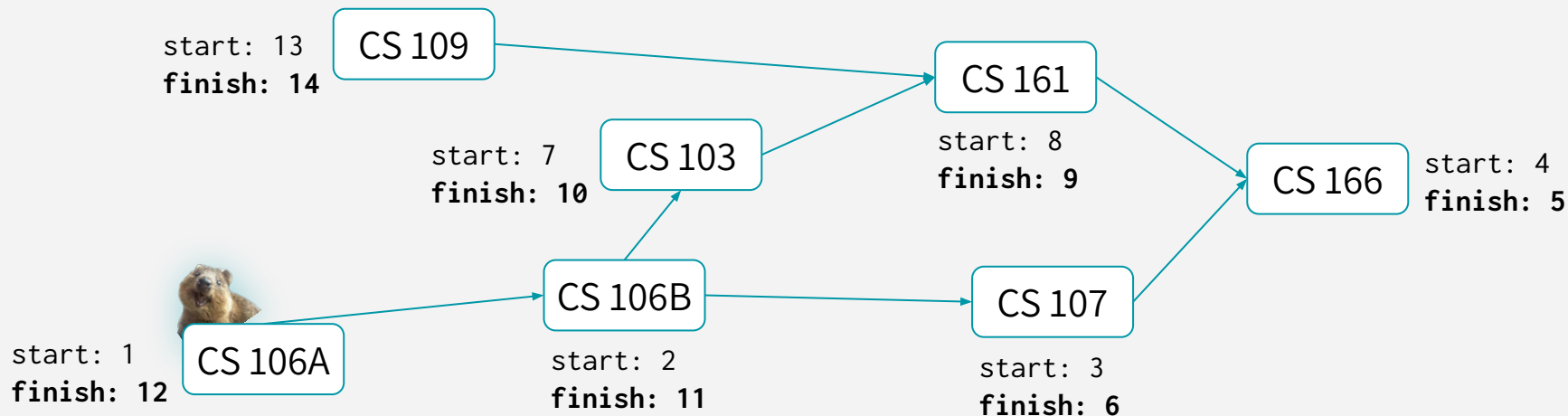
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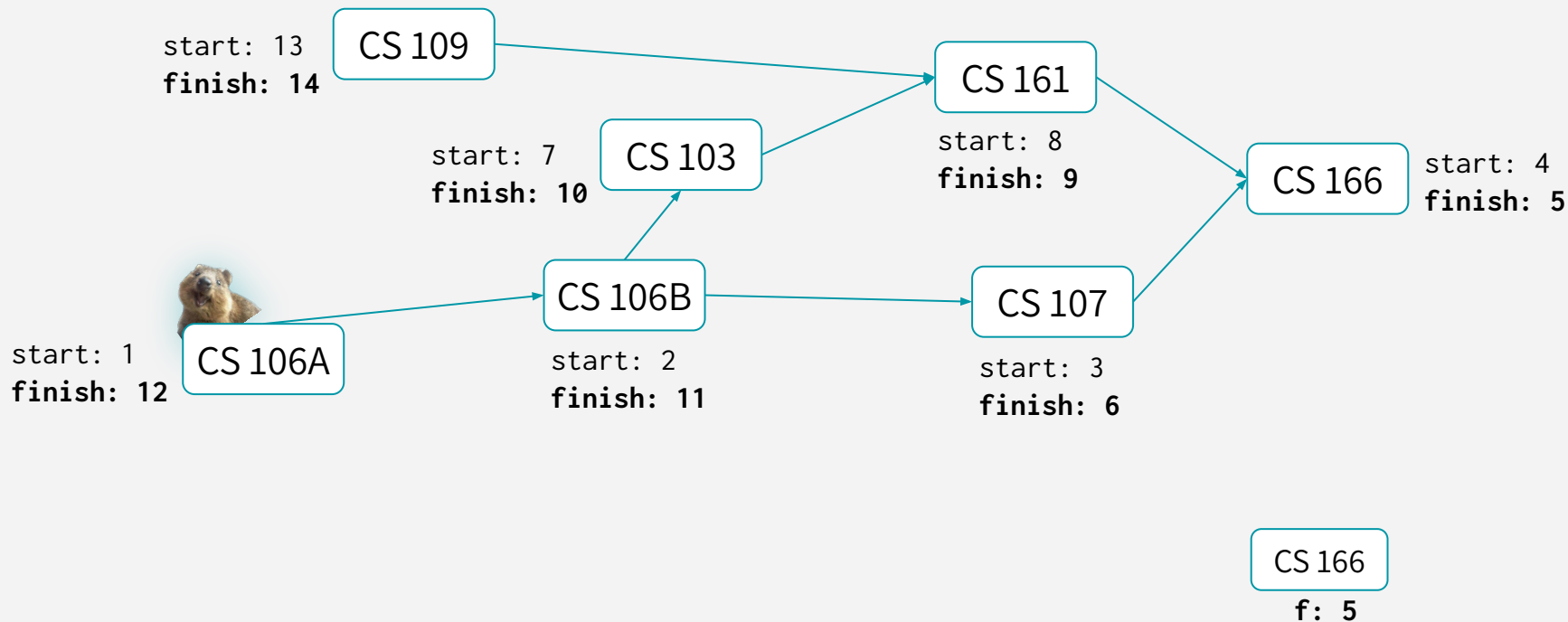
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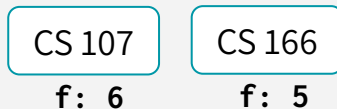
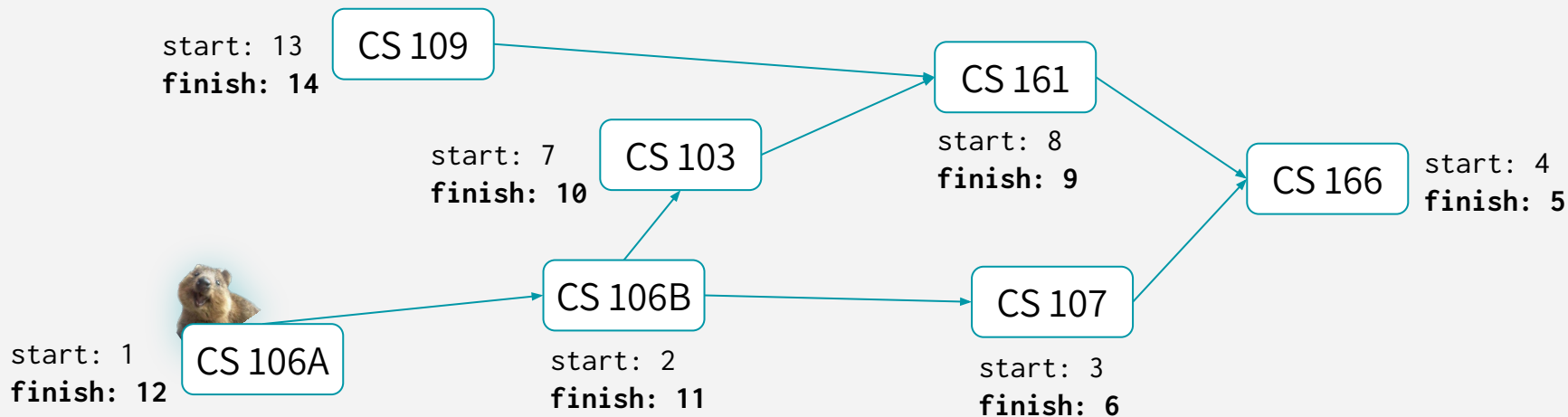
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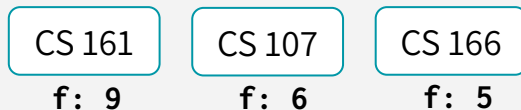
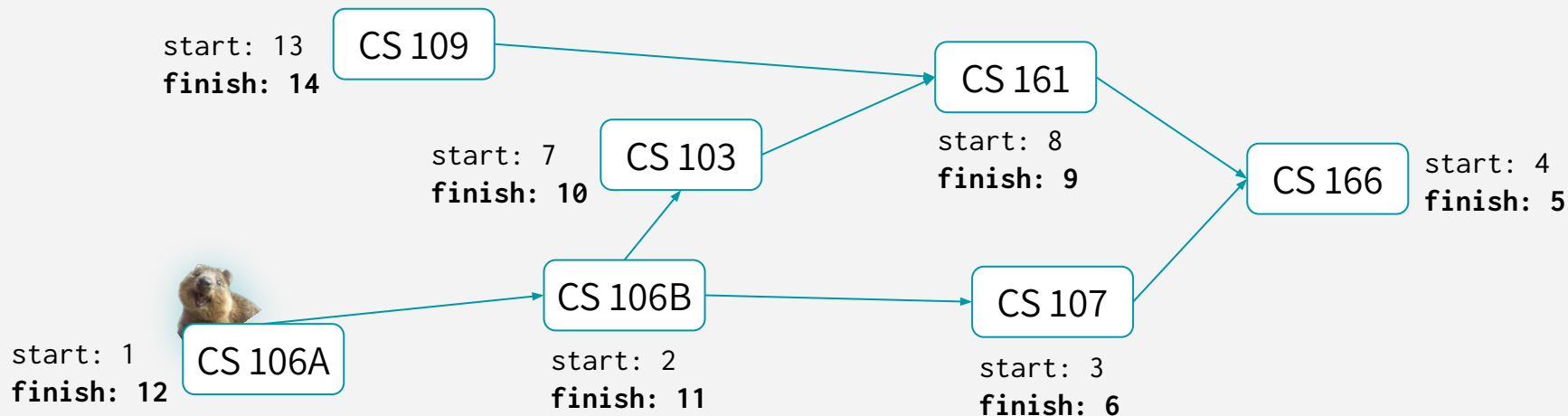
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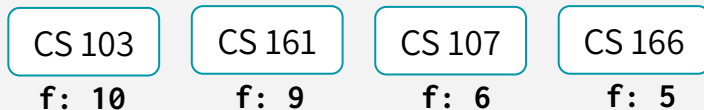
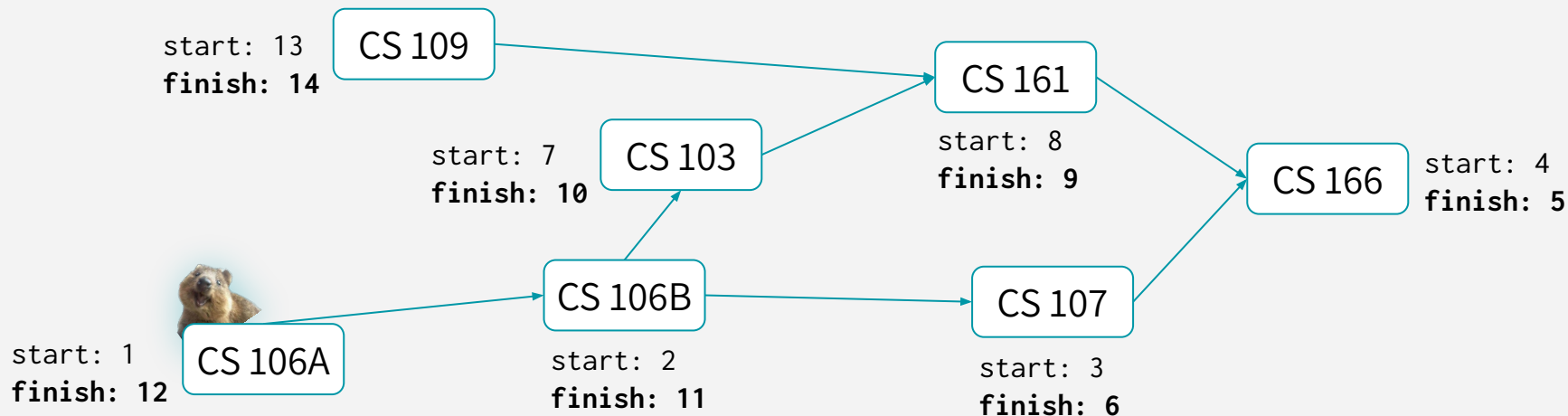
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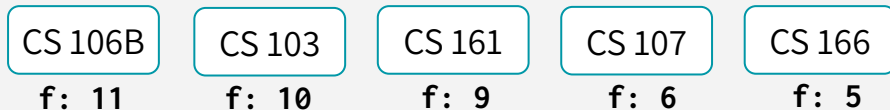
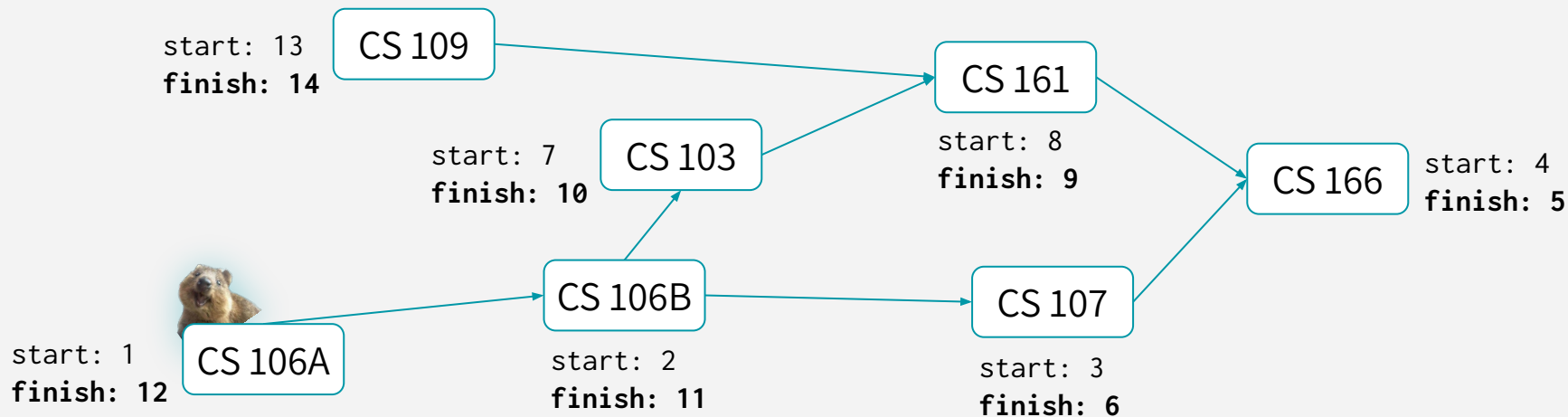
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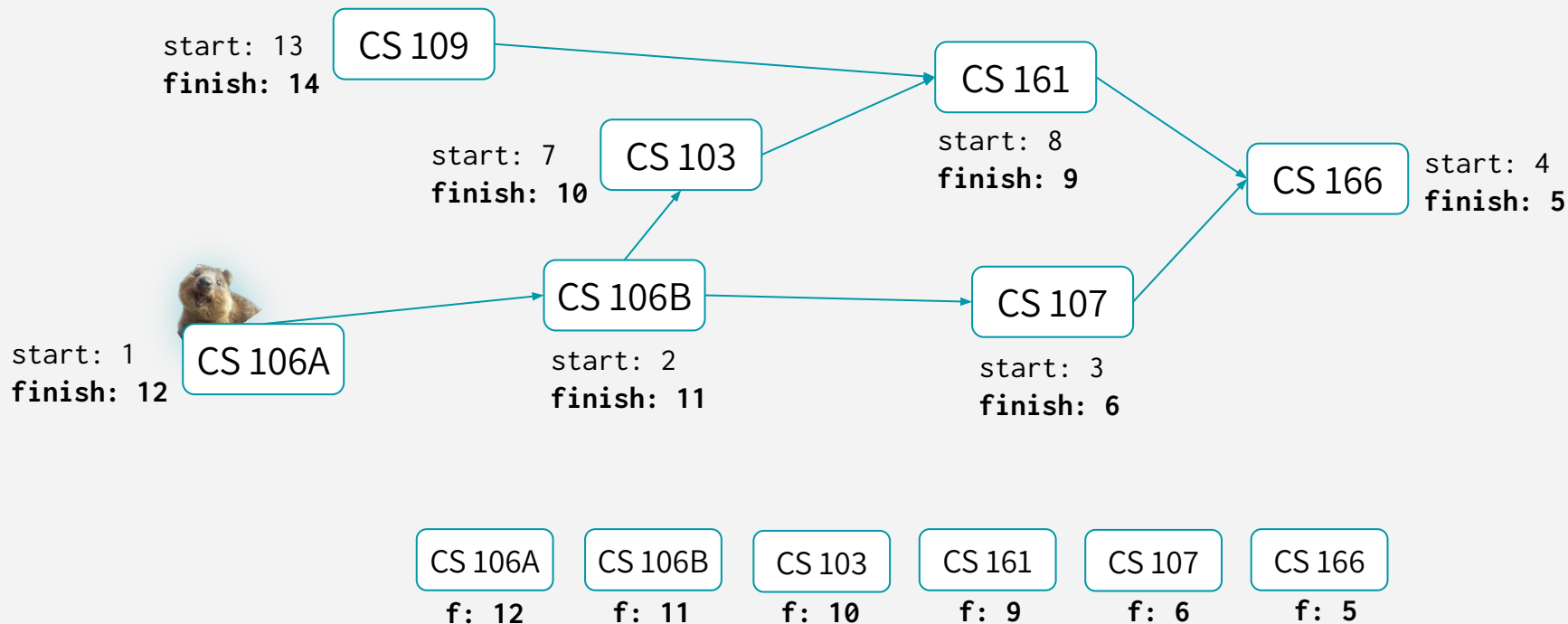
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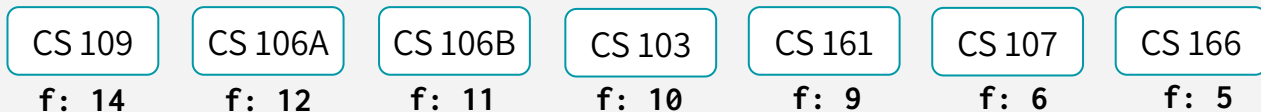
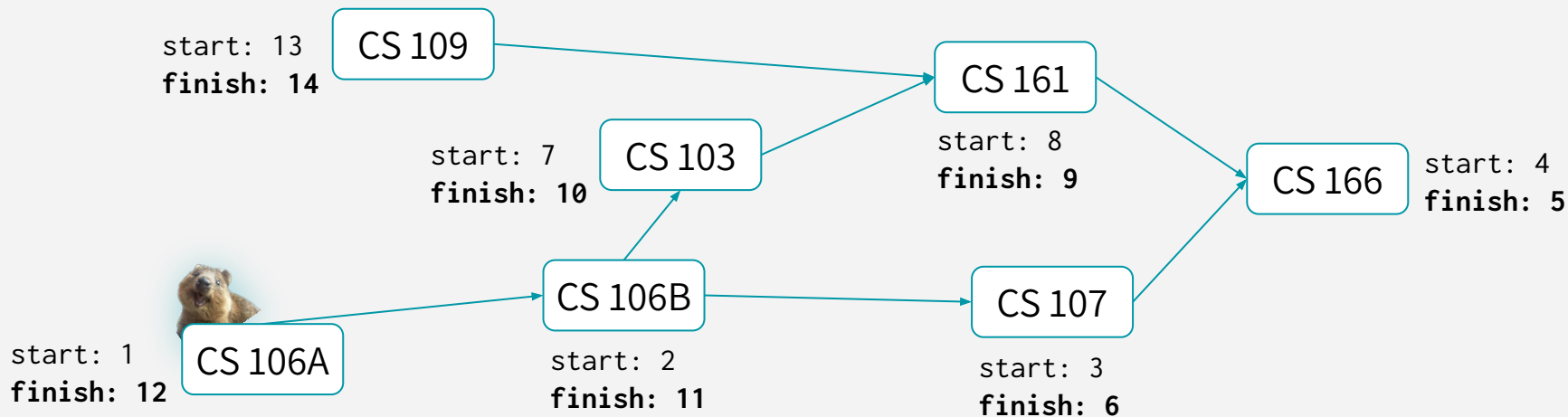
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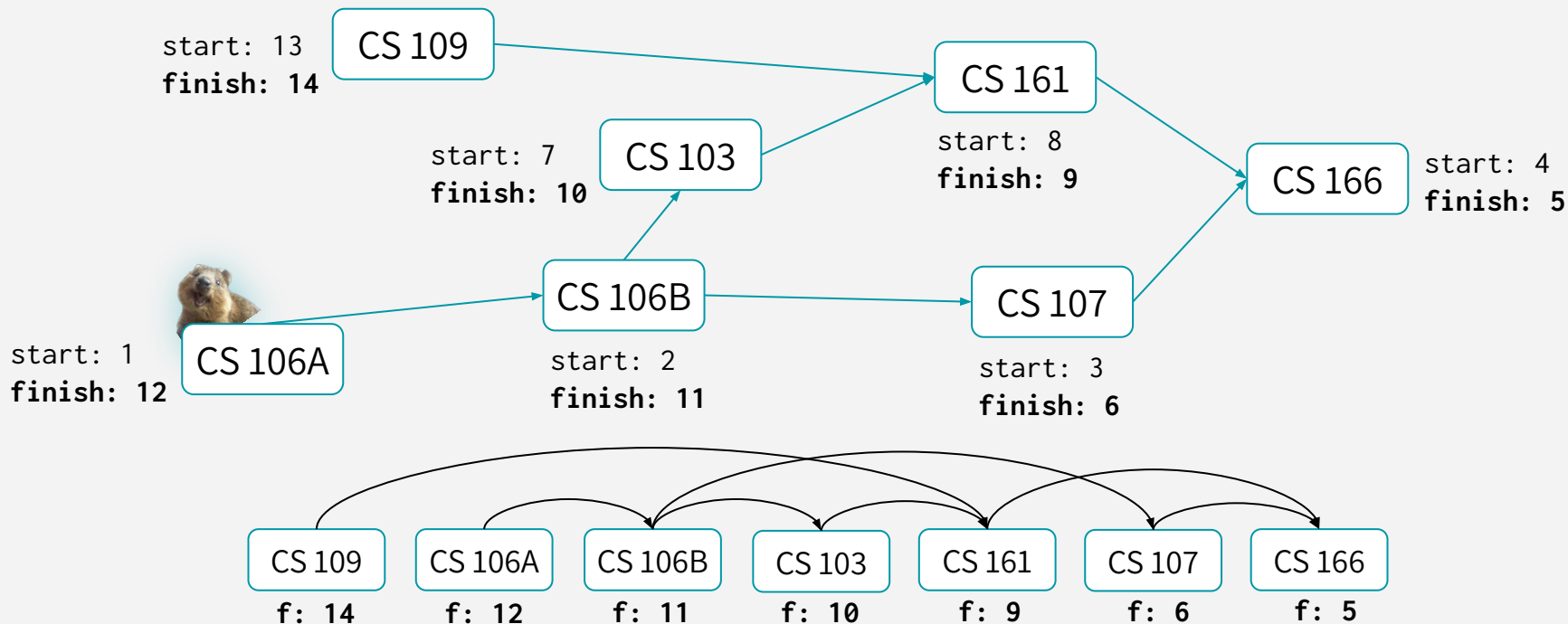
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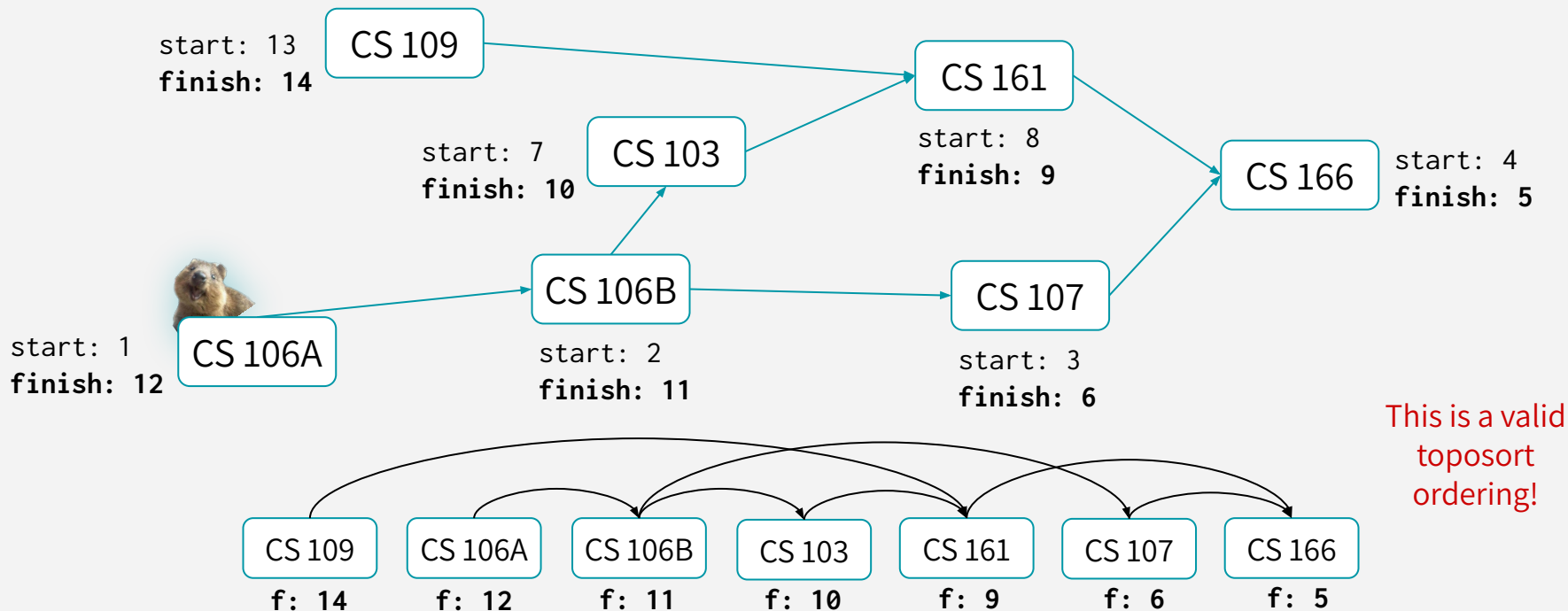
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CS 109

CS 161

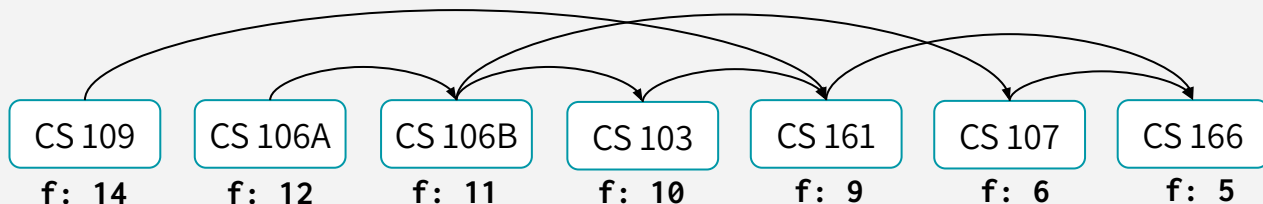
Regardless of which vertex your DFS starts, it'll get you a correct Toposort ordering of your DAG

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finish: 12

CS 106A

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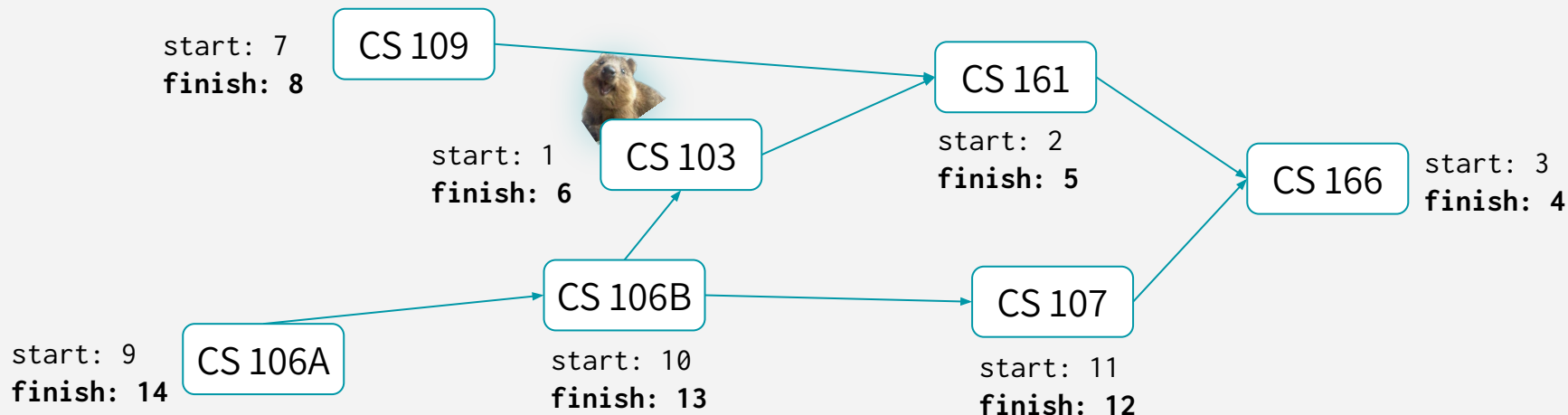
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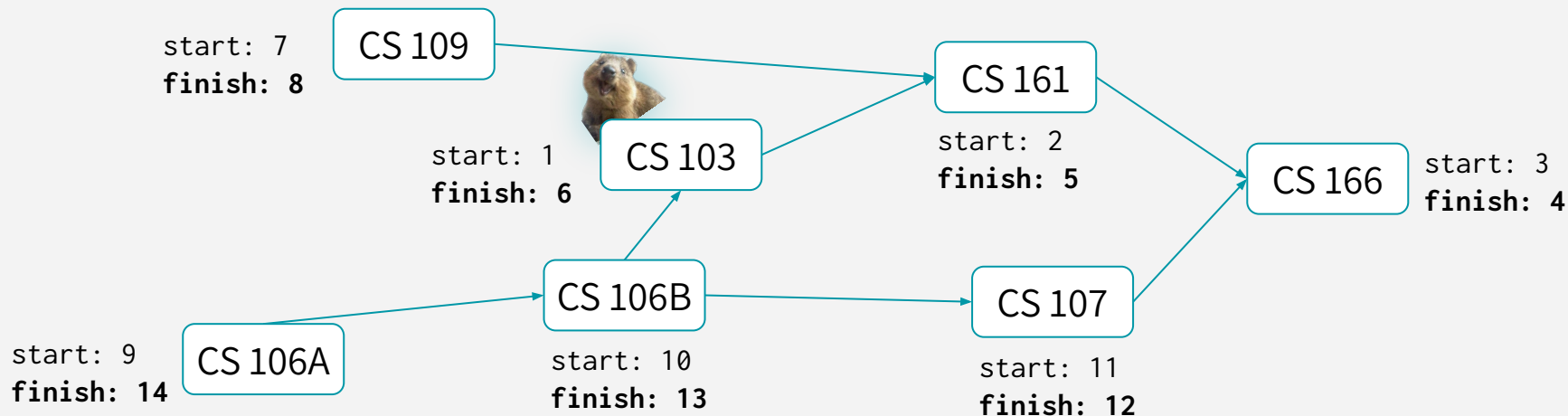




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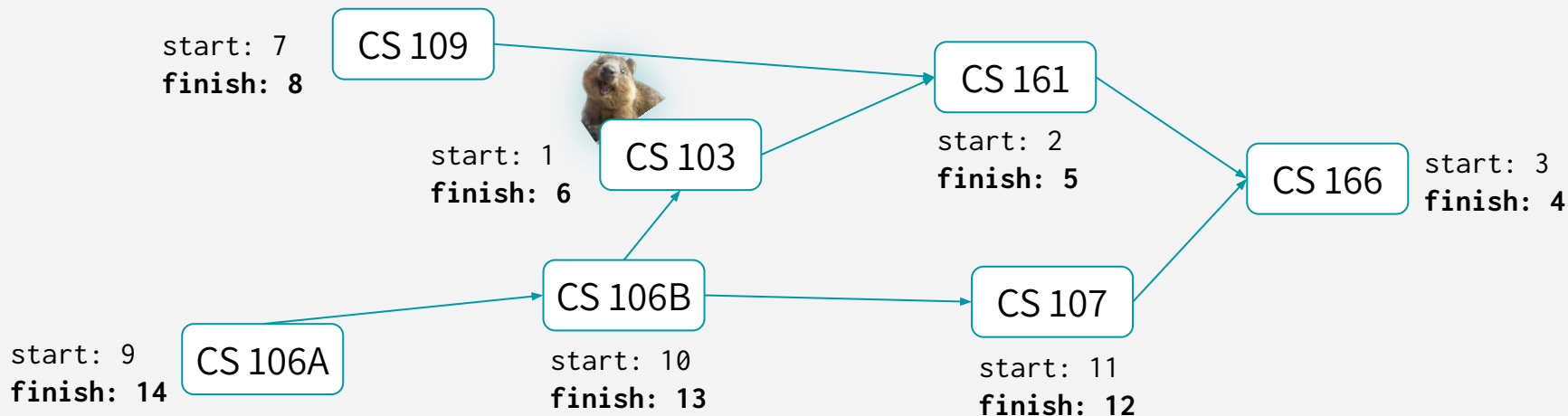
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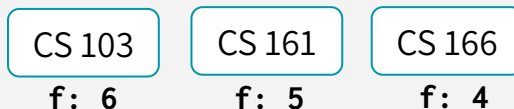
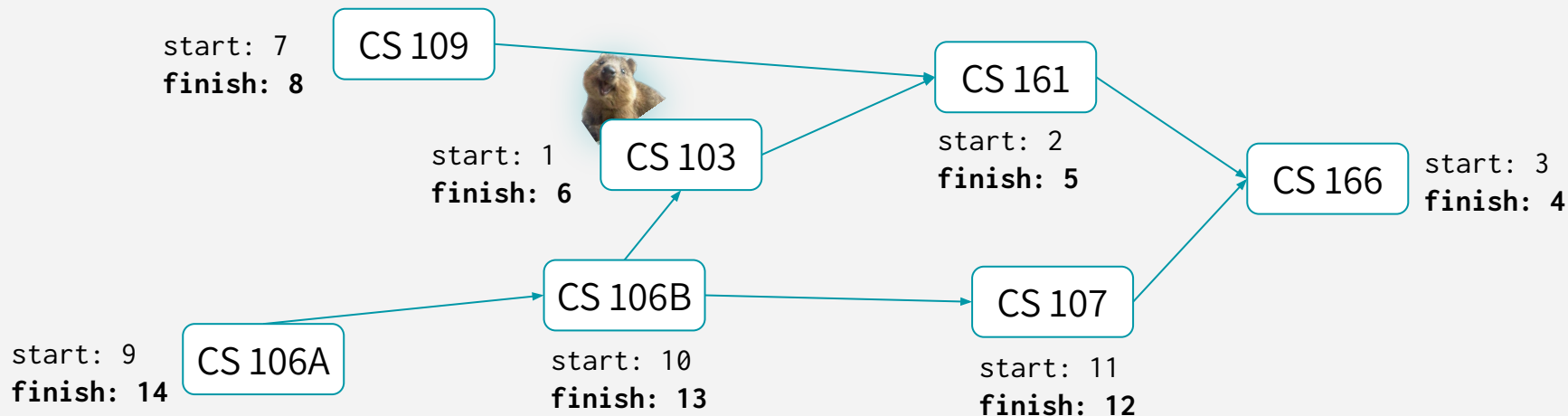
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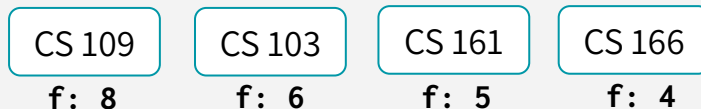
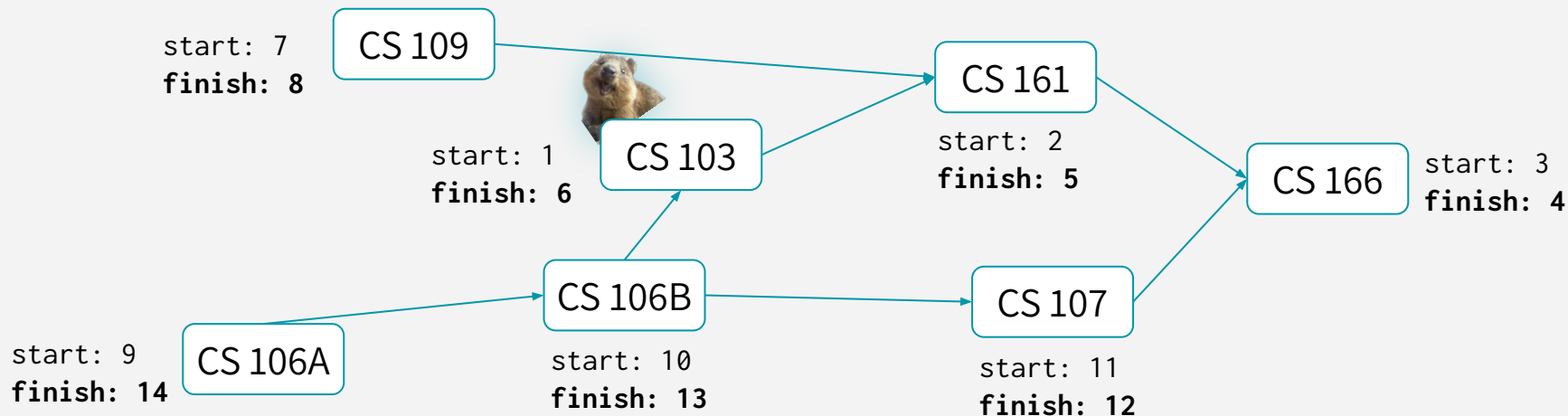
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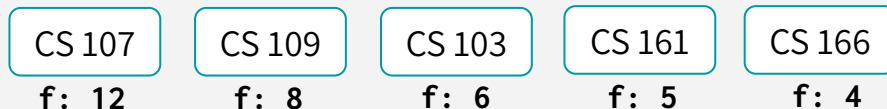
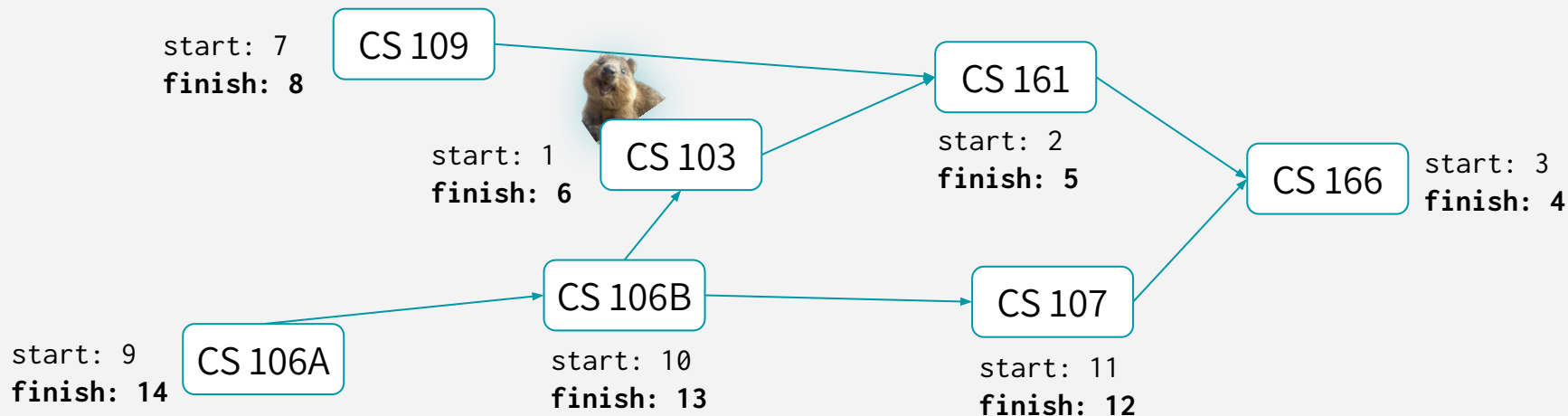
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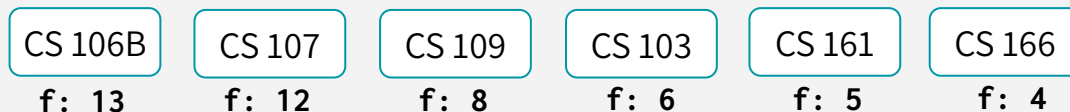
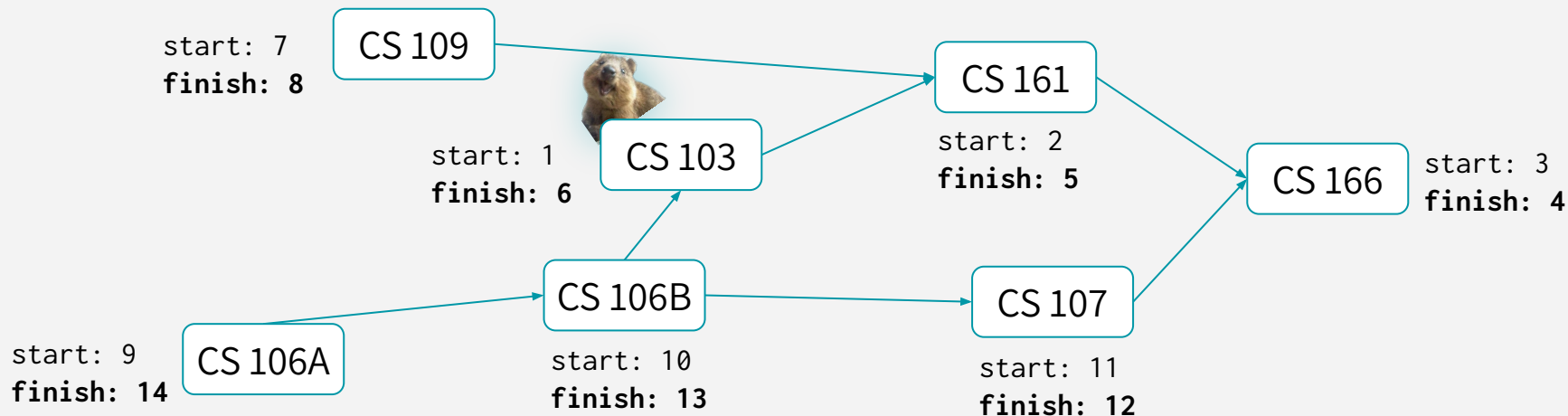
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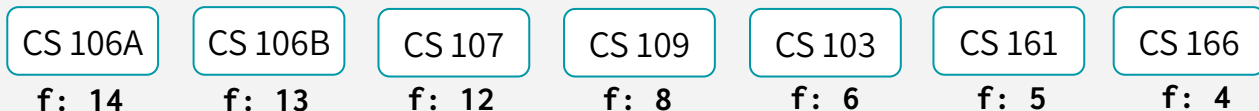
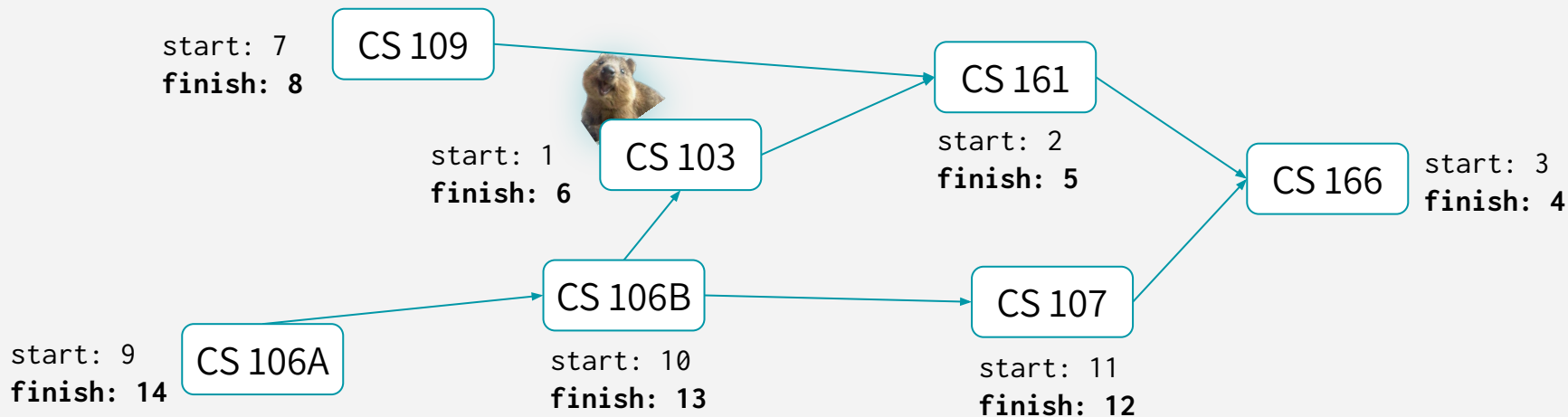
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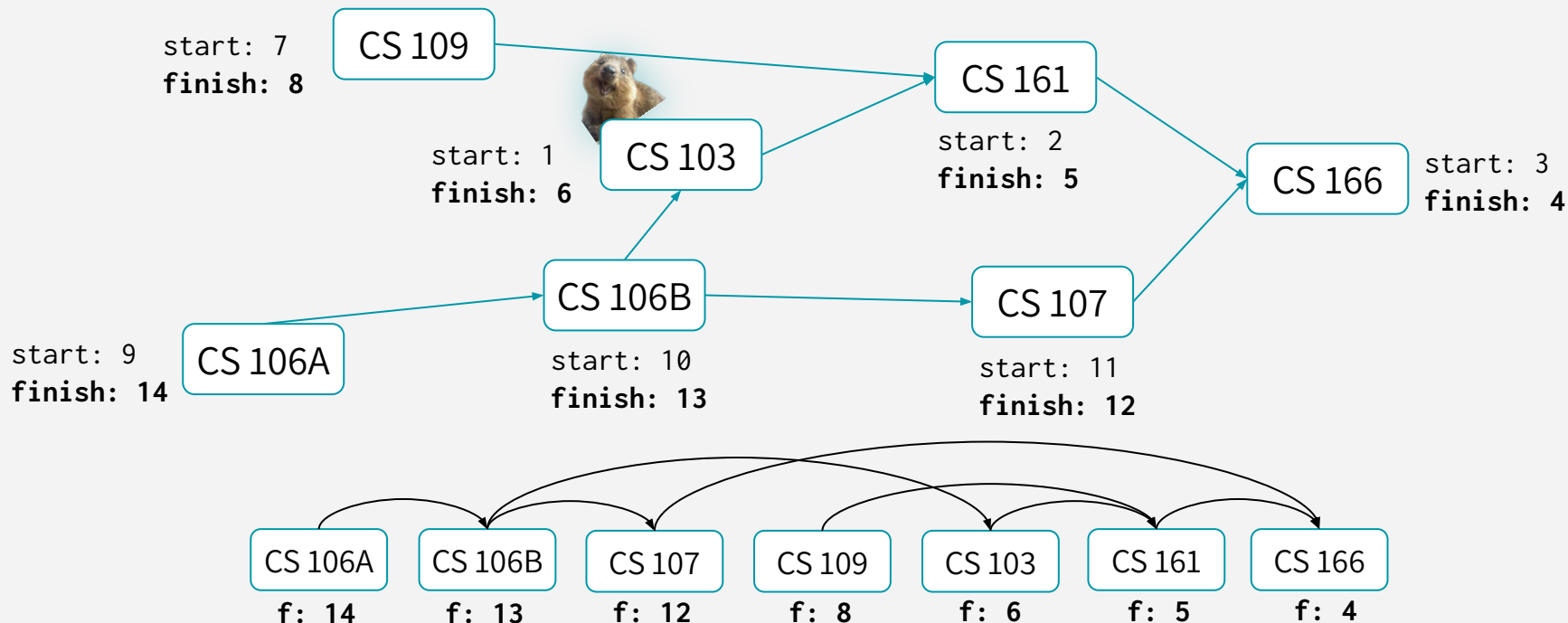
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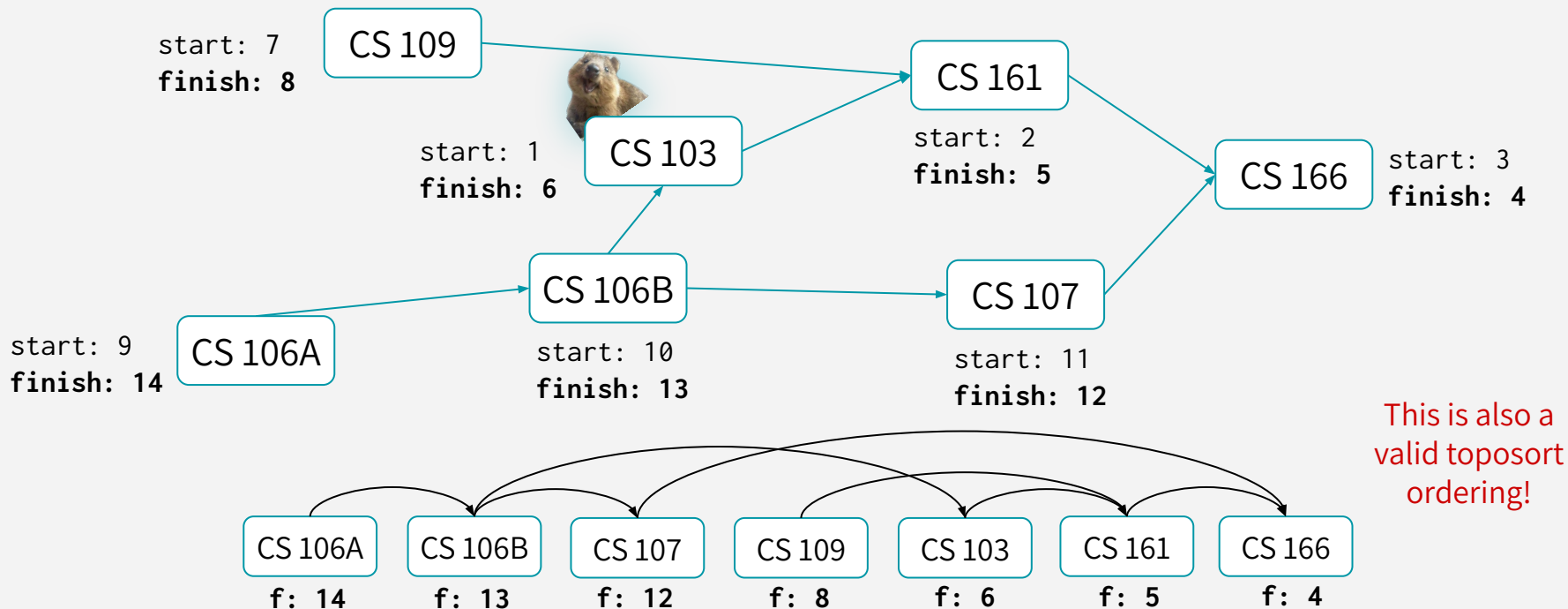




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# DFS & TOPOSORT RECAP

**DFS can help you solve the Topological Sorting Problem.**

That's just the fancy name for the problem of finding an ordering of the vertices which respect all the dependencies.



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