



# Cây khung nhỏ nhất

Minimum Spanning Trees

# Nội dung

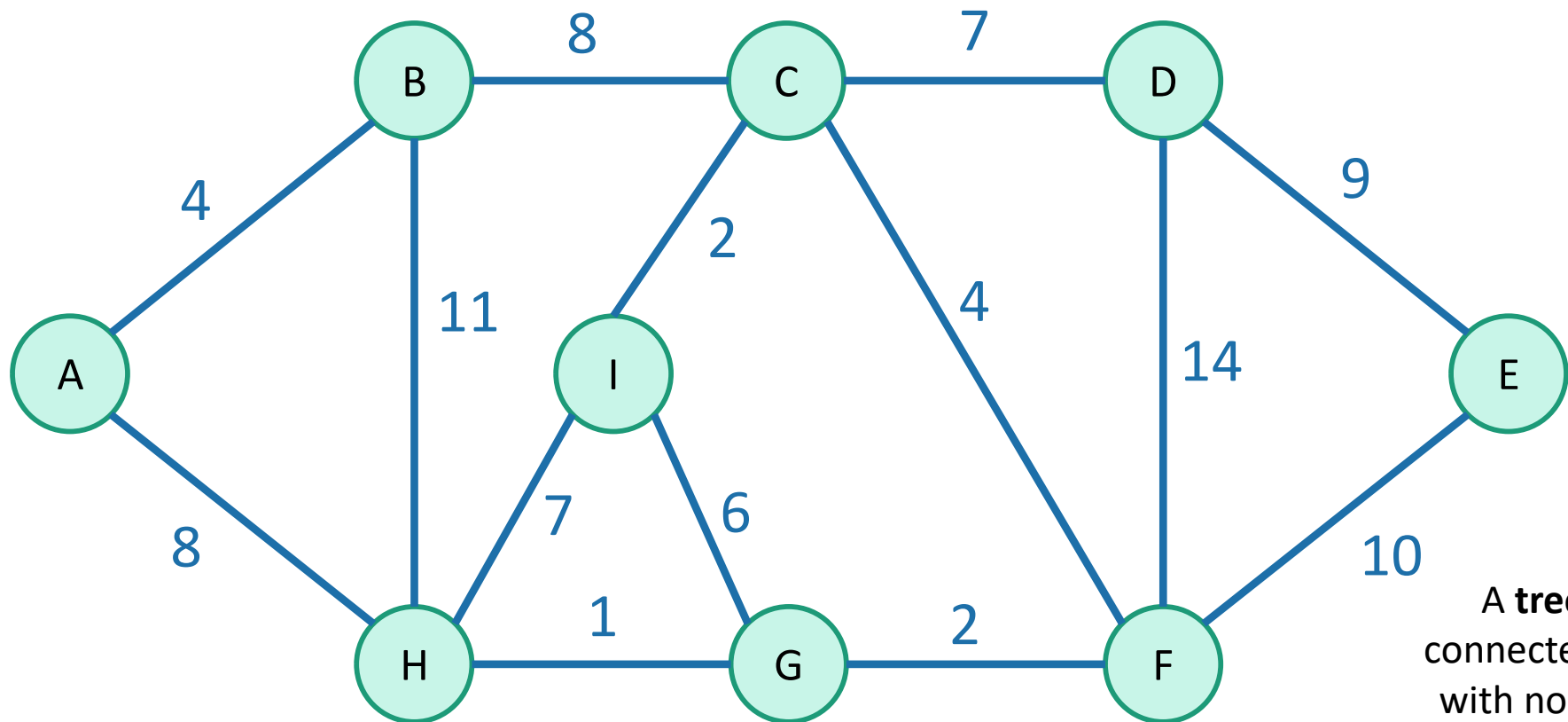
- Khái niệm về cây khung nhỏ nhất (Minimum Spanning Tree)
- Một số khái niệm về lý thuyết đồ thị
- Thuật toán tìm cây khung nhỏ nhất
  - Prim's algorithm
  - Kruskal's algorithm

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For today, we will focus on  
connected graphs!

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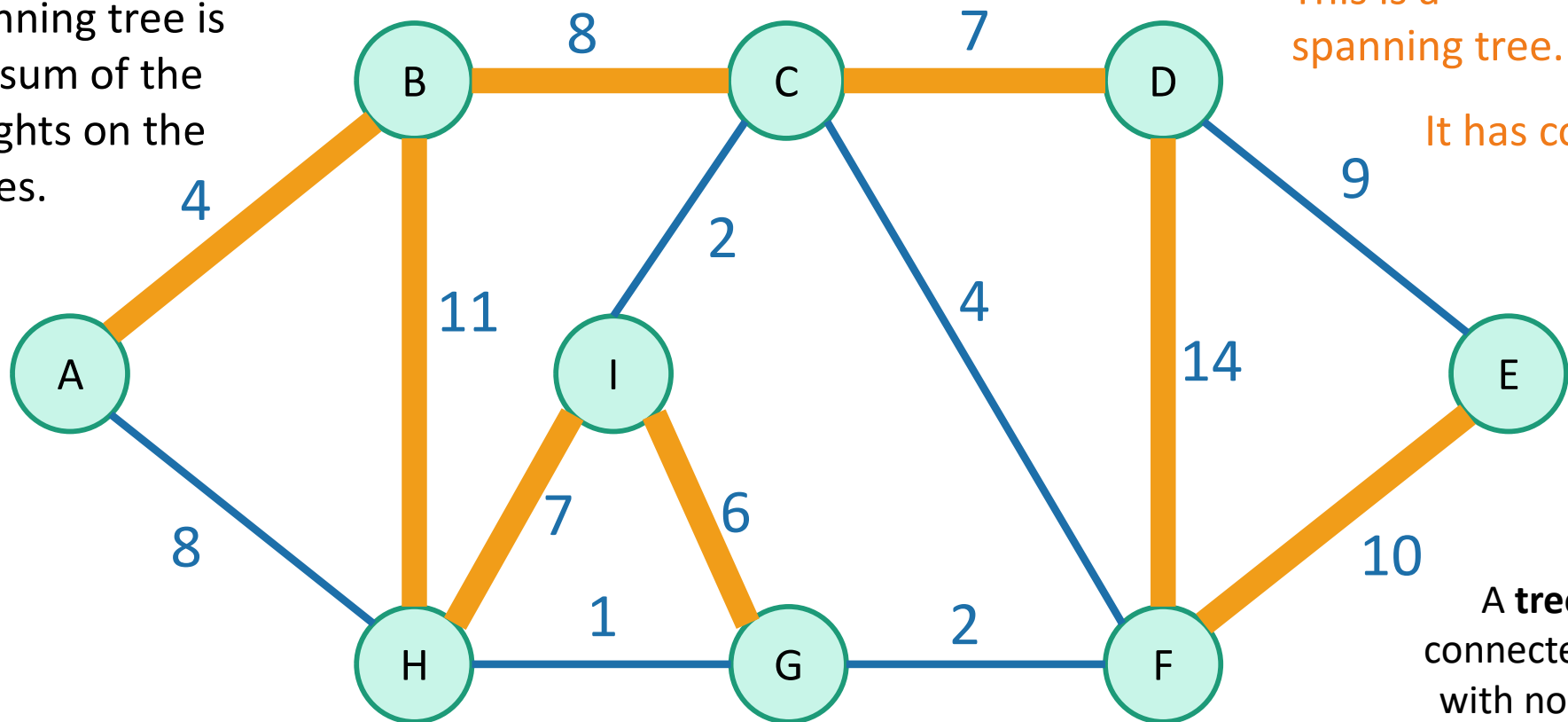
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The **cost** of a spanning tree is the sum of the weights on the edges.

This is a spanning tree.

It has cost 67



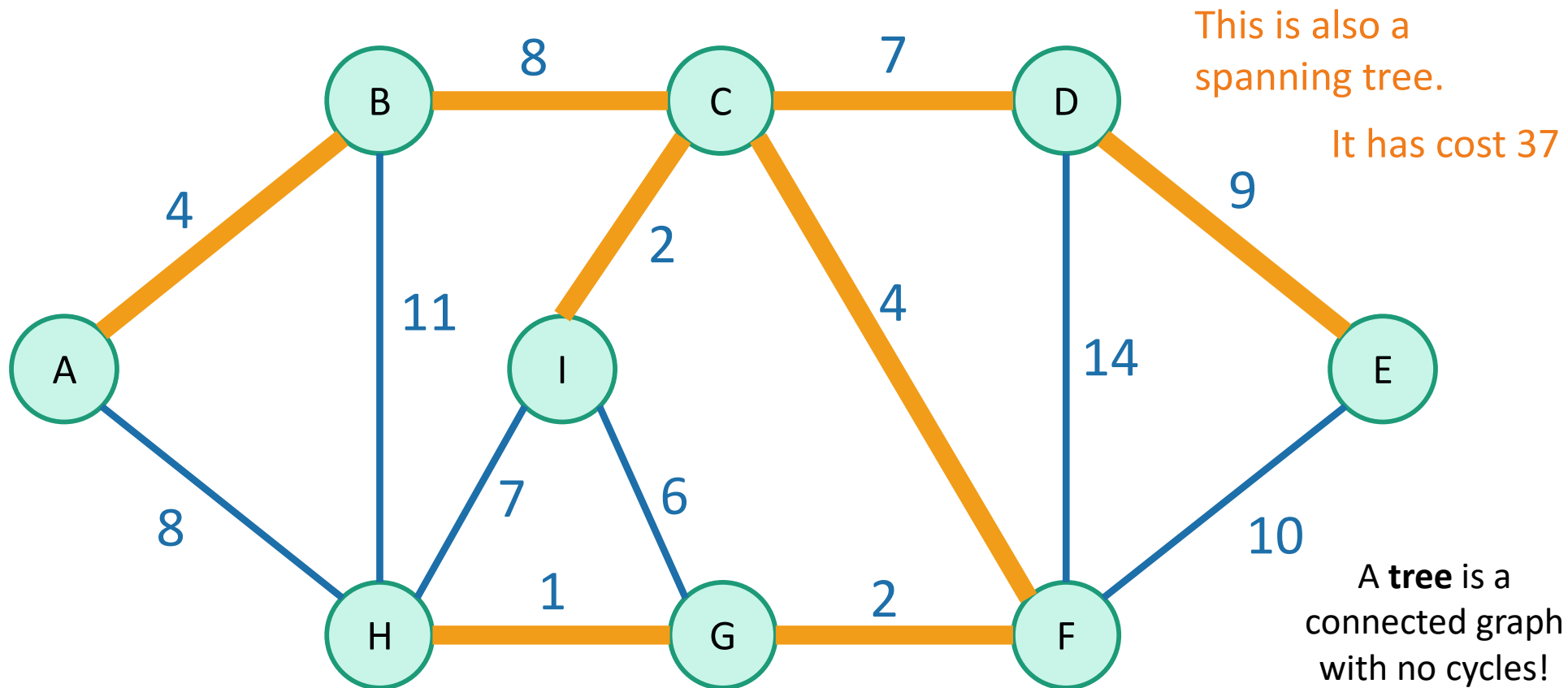
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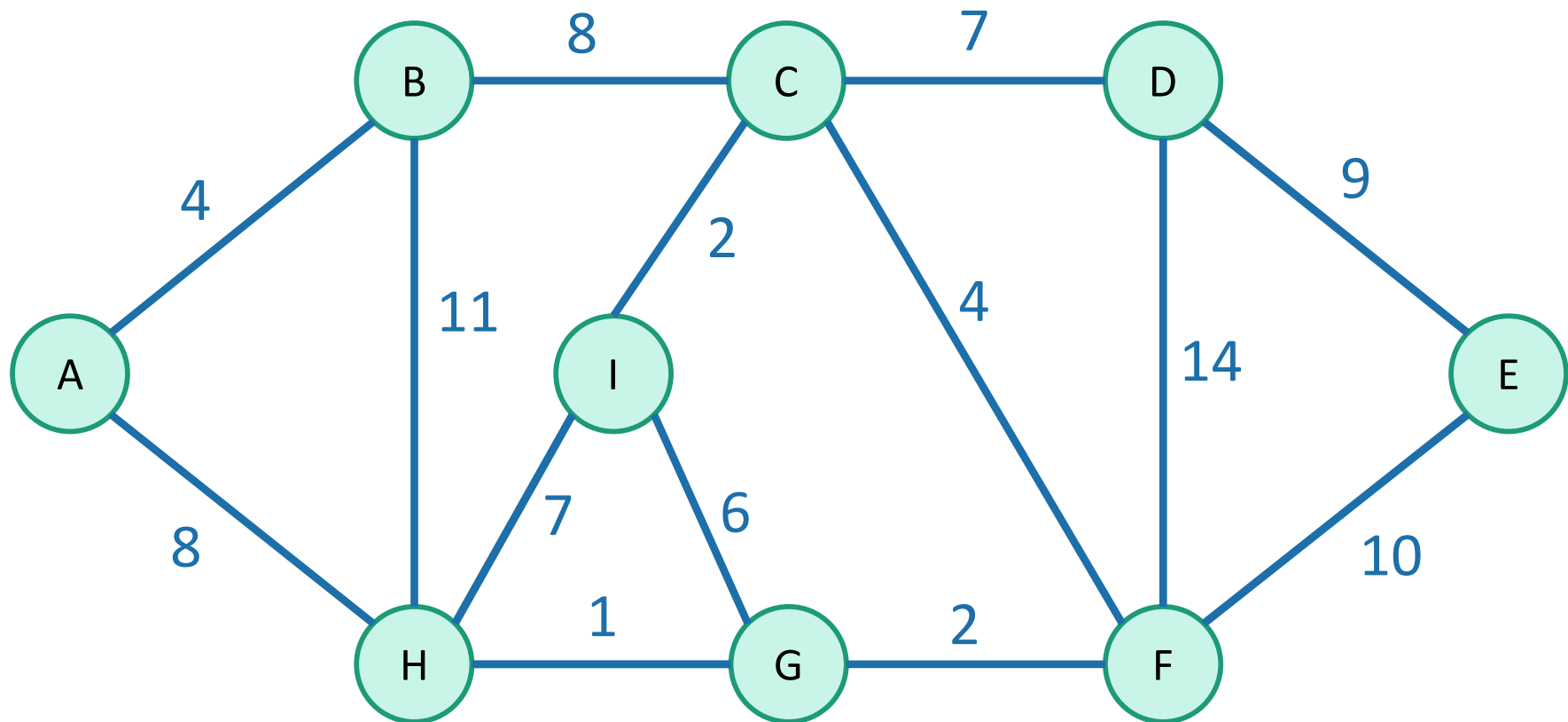


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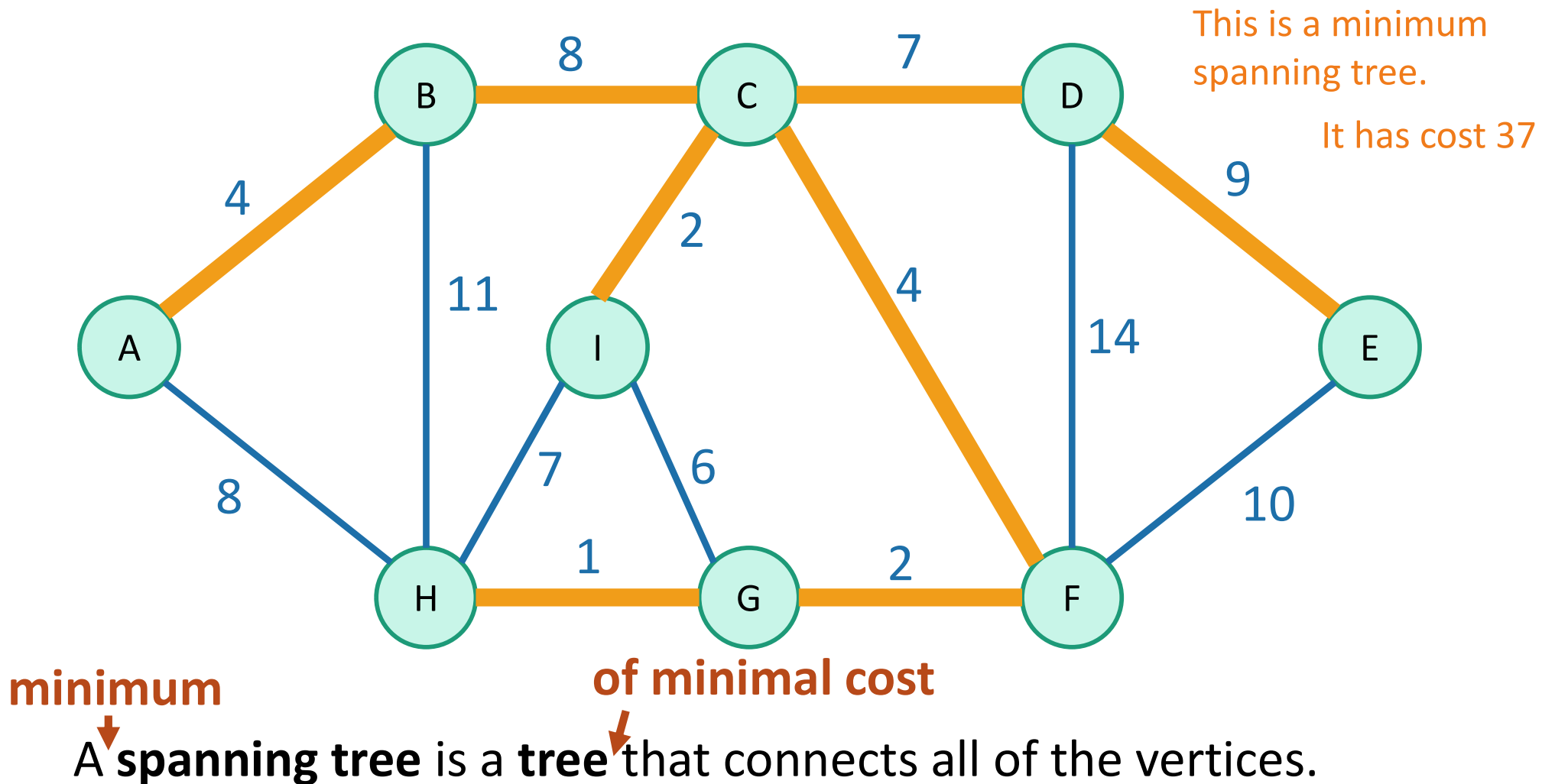
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# Why MSTs?

- Network design
  - Connecting cities with roads/electricity/telephone/...
- cluster analysis
  - eg, genetic distance
- image processing
  - eg, image segmentation
- Useful primitive
  - for other graph algs

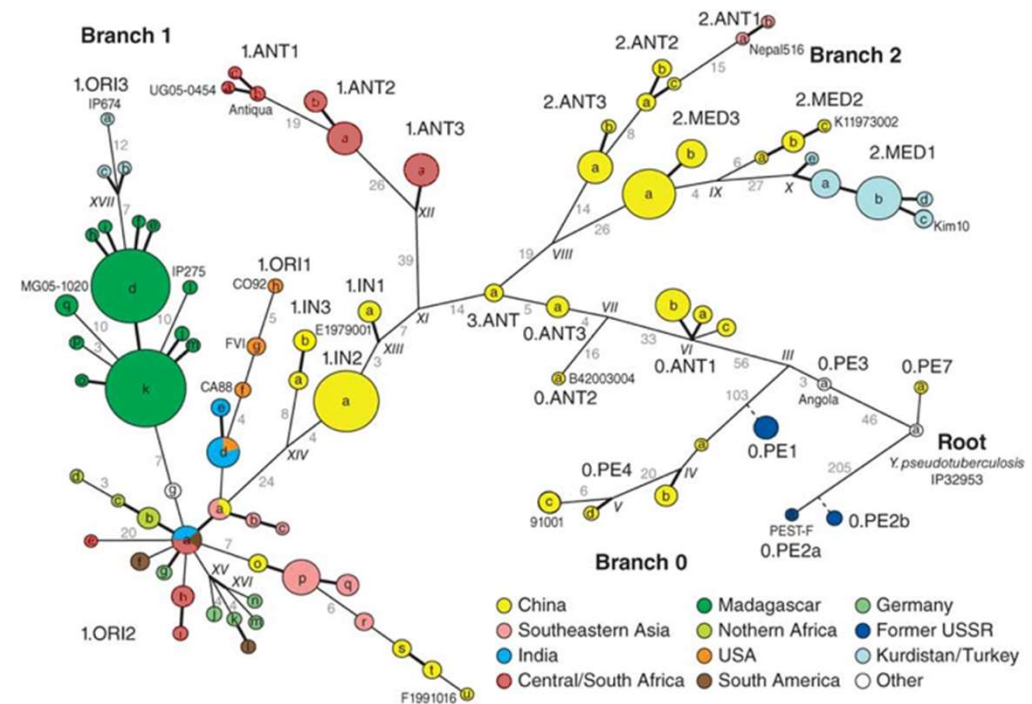
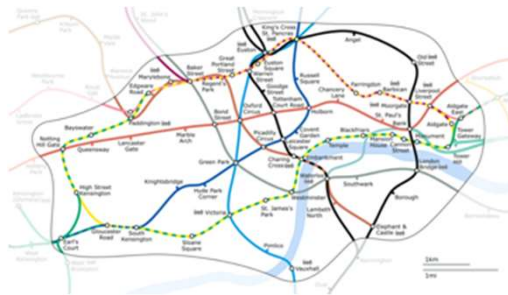
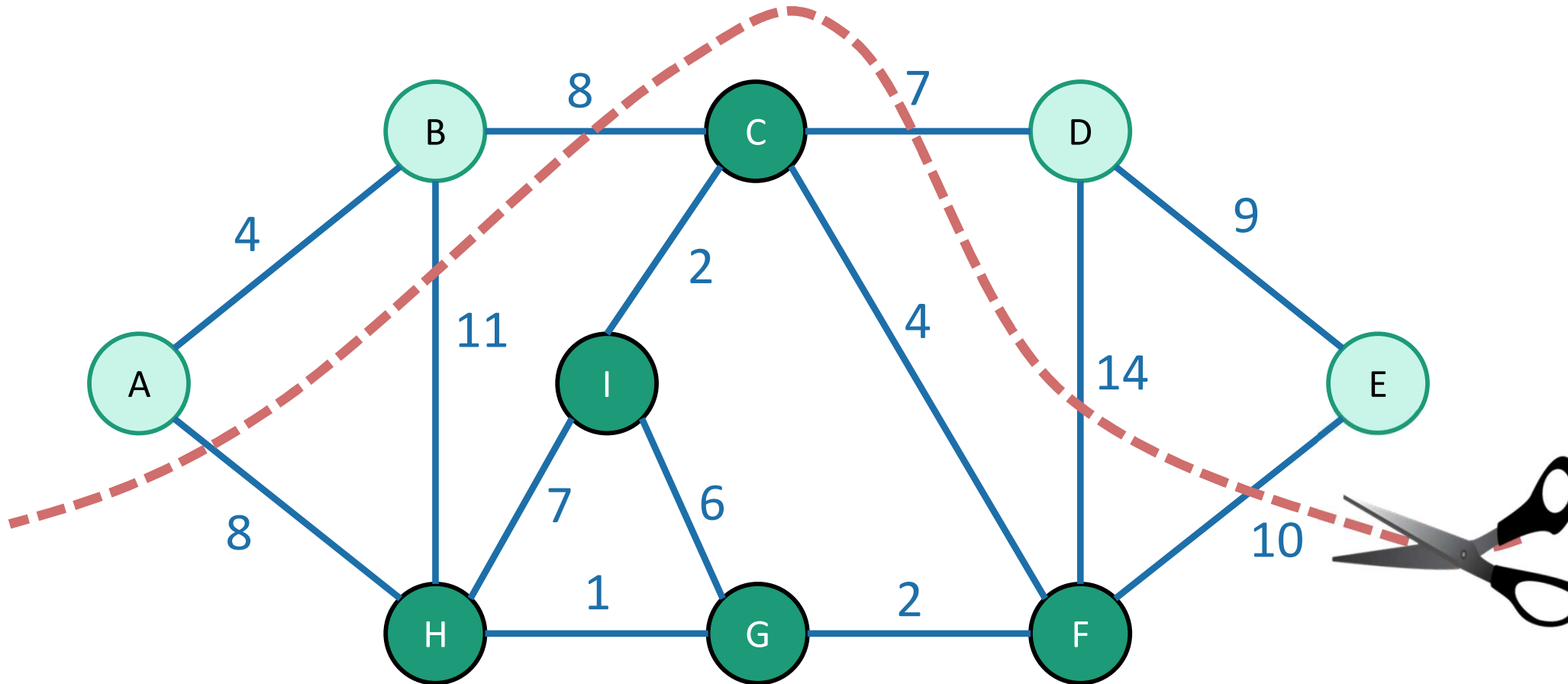


Figure 2: Fully parsimonious minimal spanning tree of 933 SNPs for 282 isolates of *Y. pestis* colored by location. Morelli et al. Nature genetics 2010



# Lát cắt trên đồ thị (Cuts in graphs)

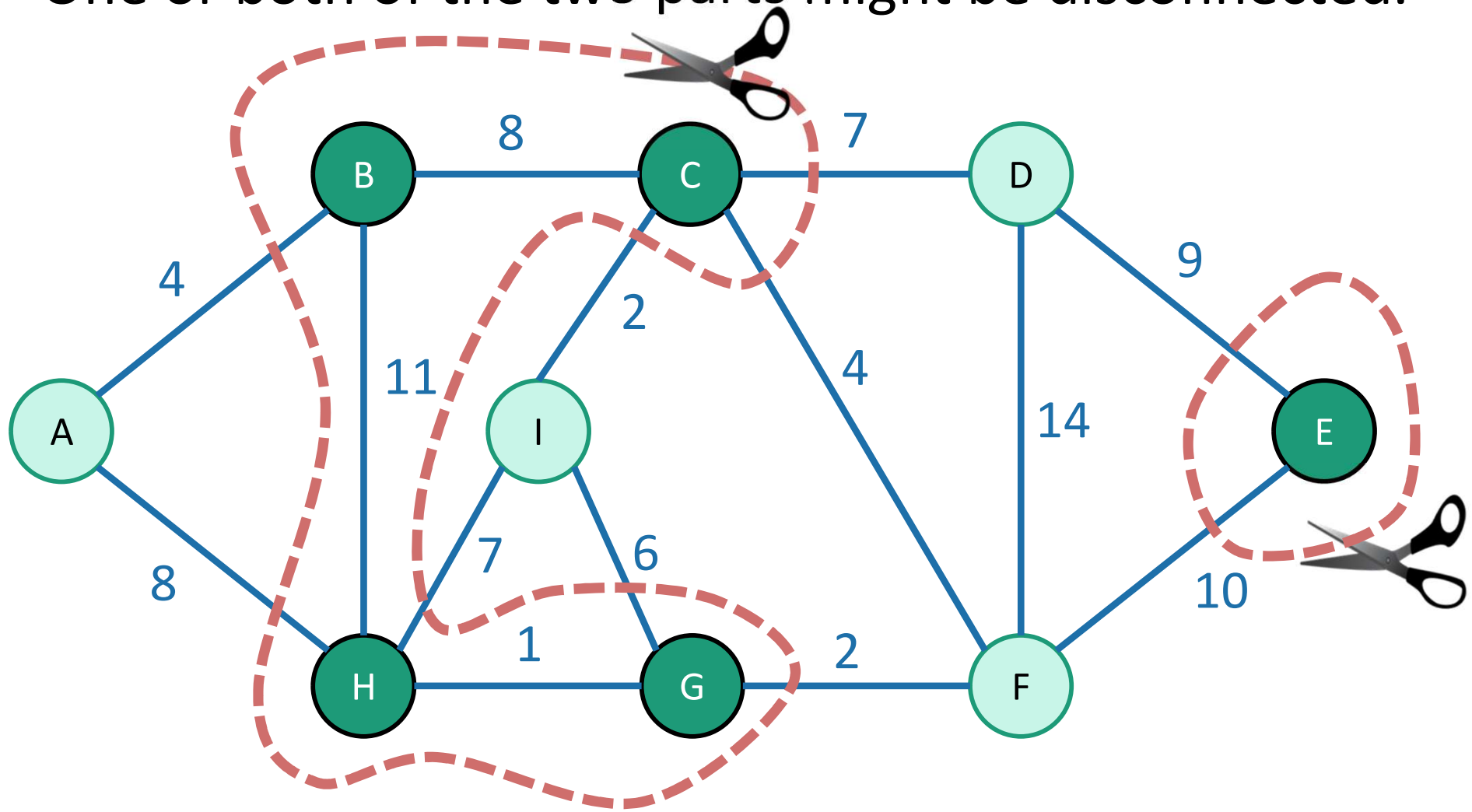
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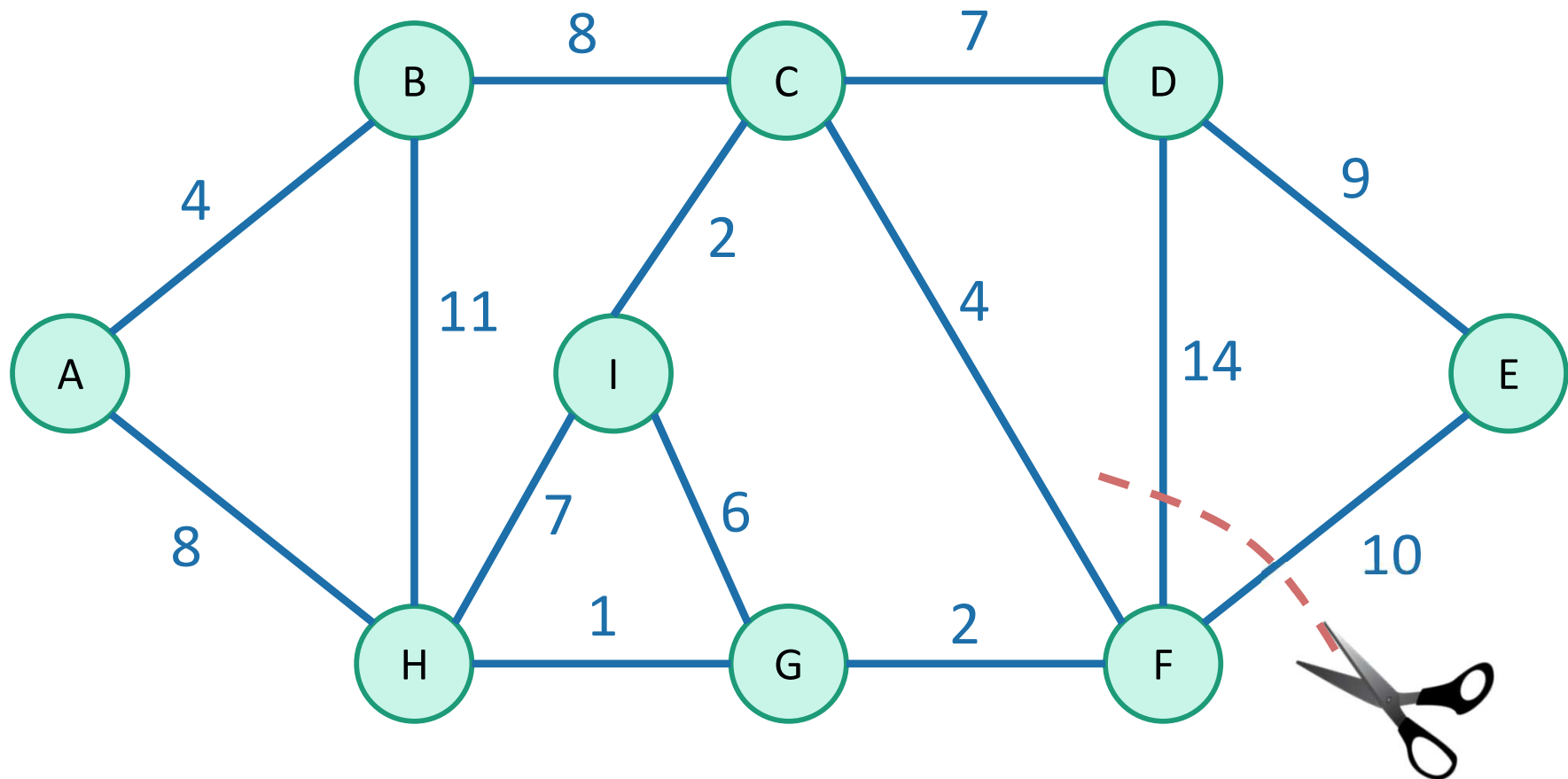
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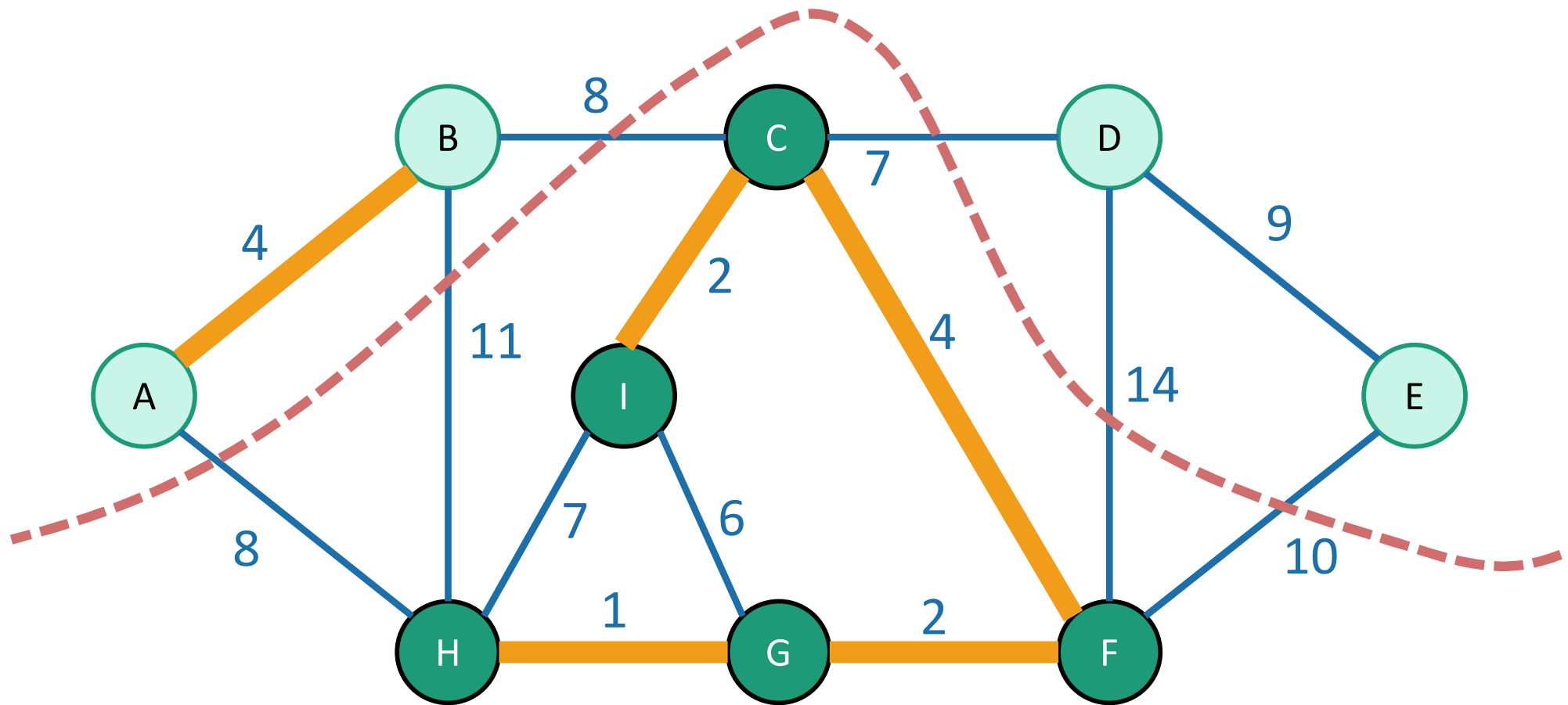
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- This is ***not*** a cut. Cuts are partitions of vertices.



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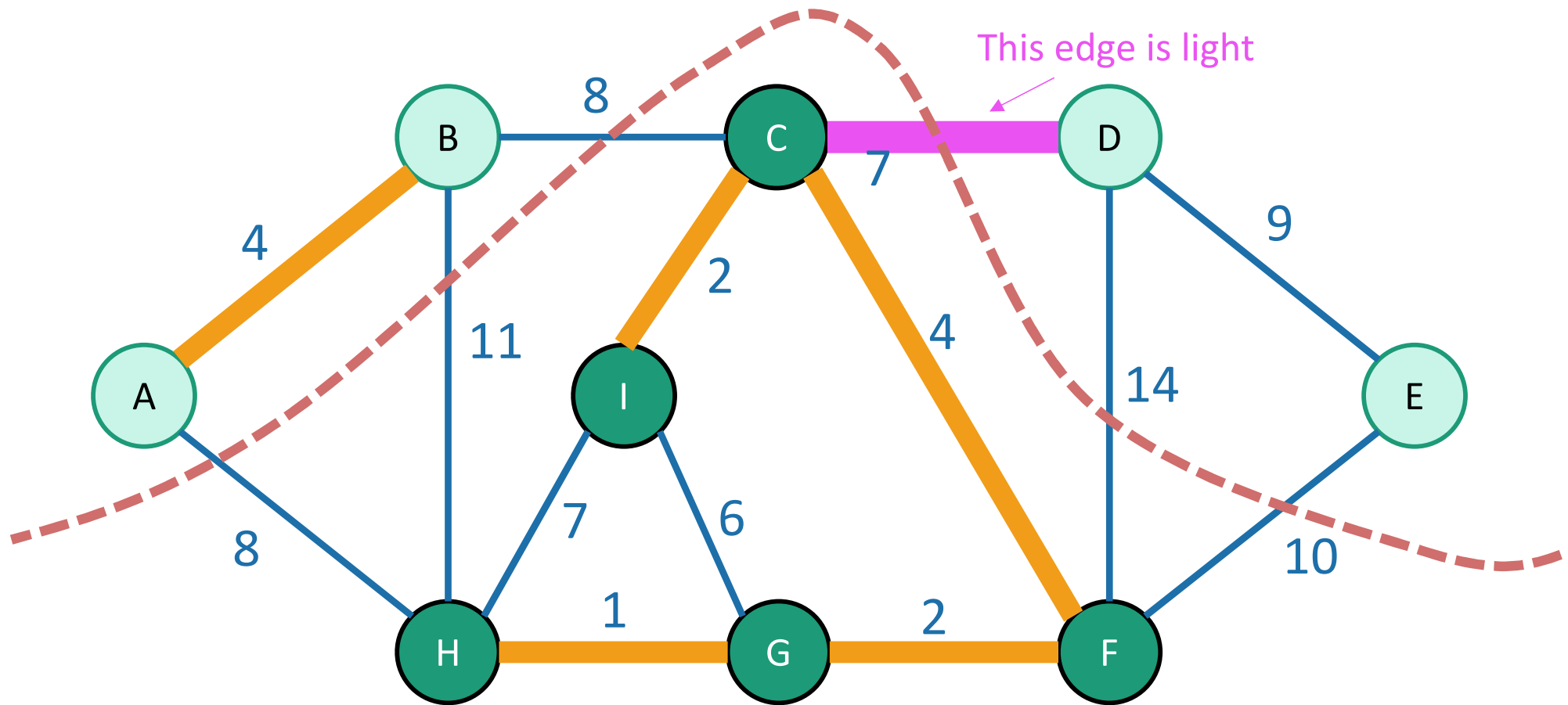
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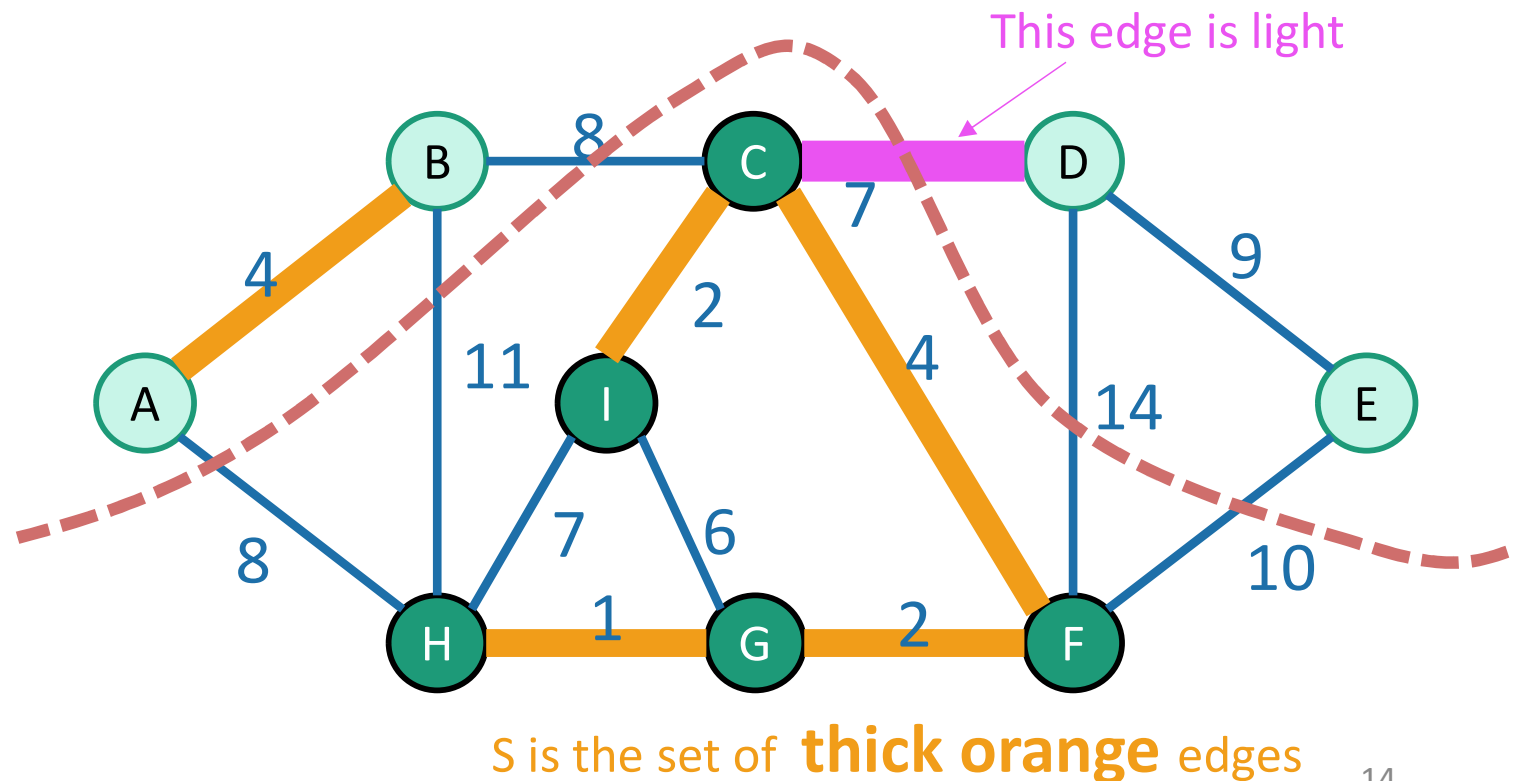
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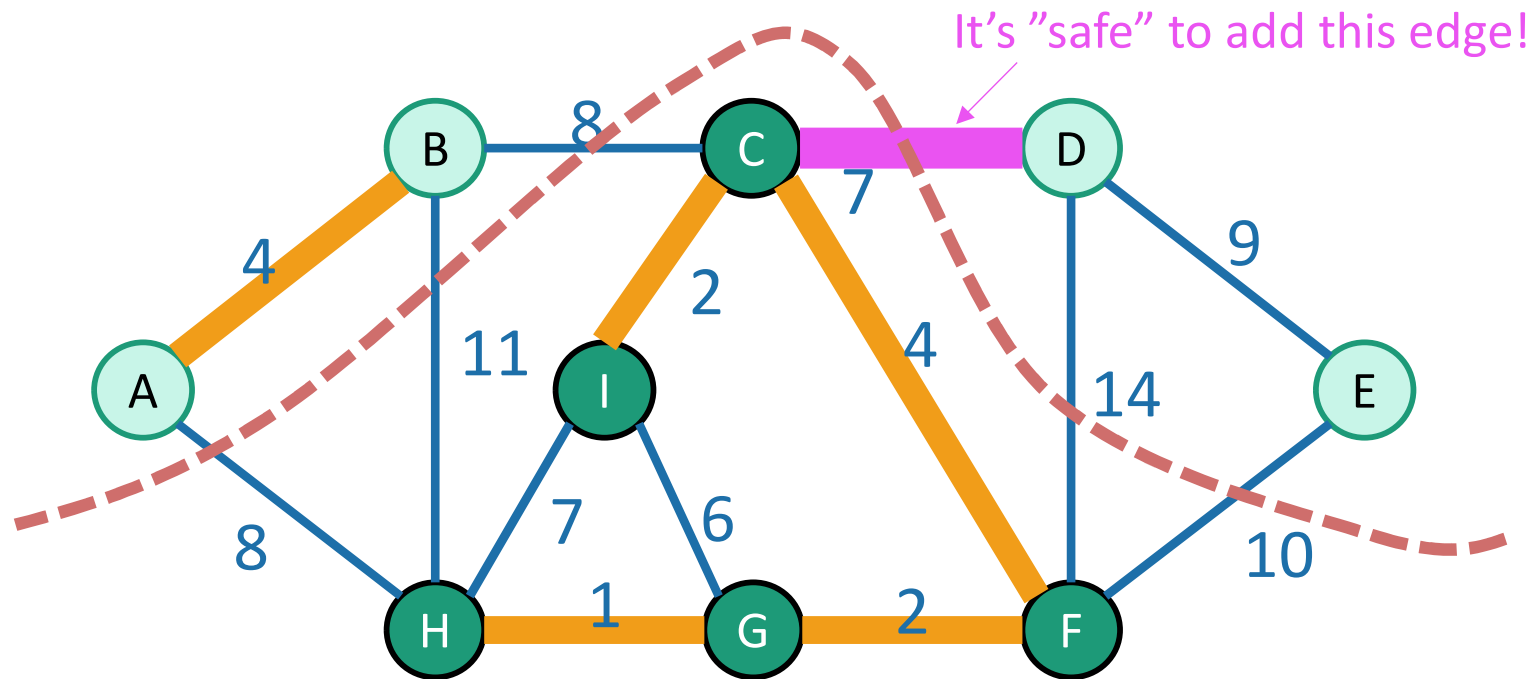


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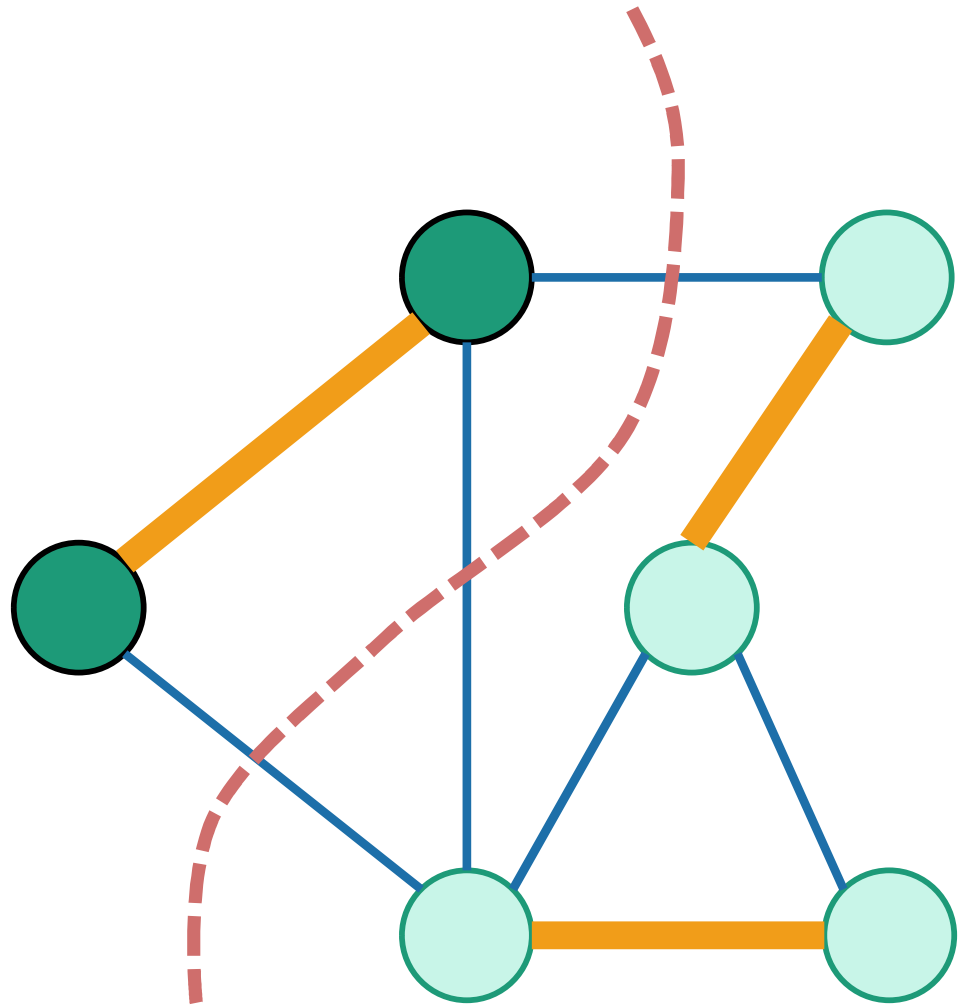
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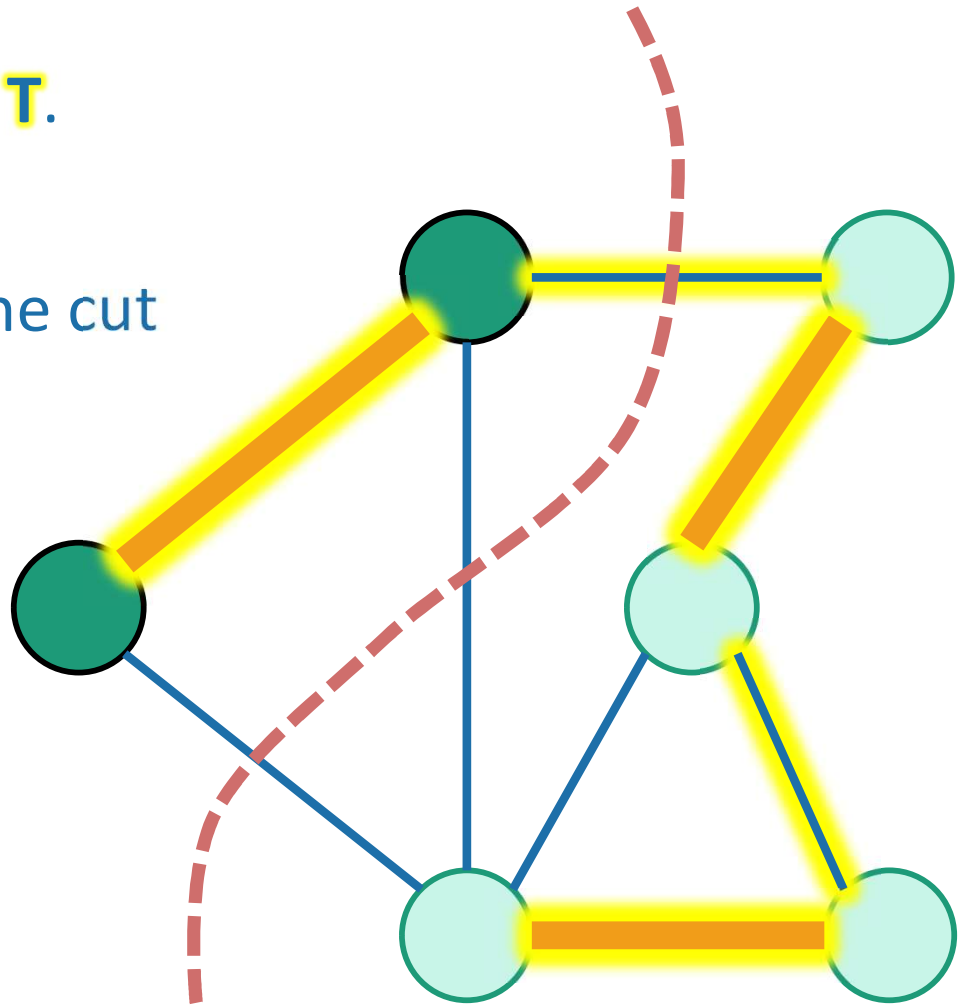
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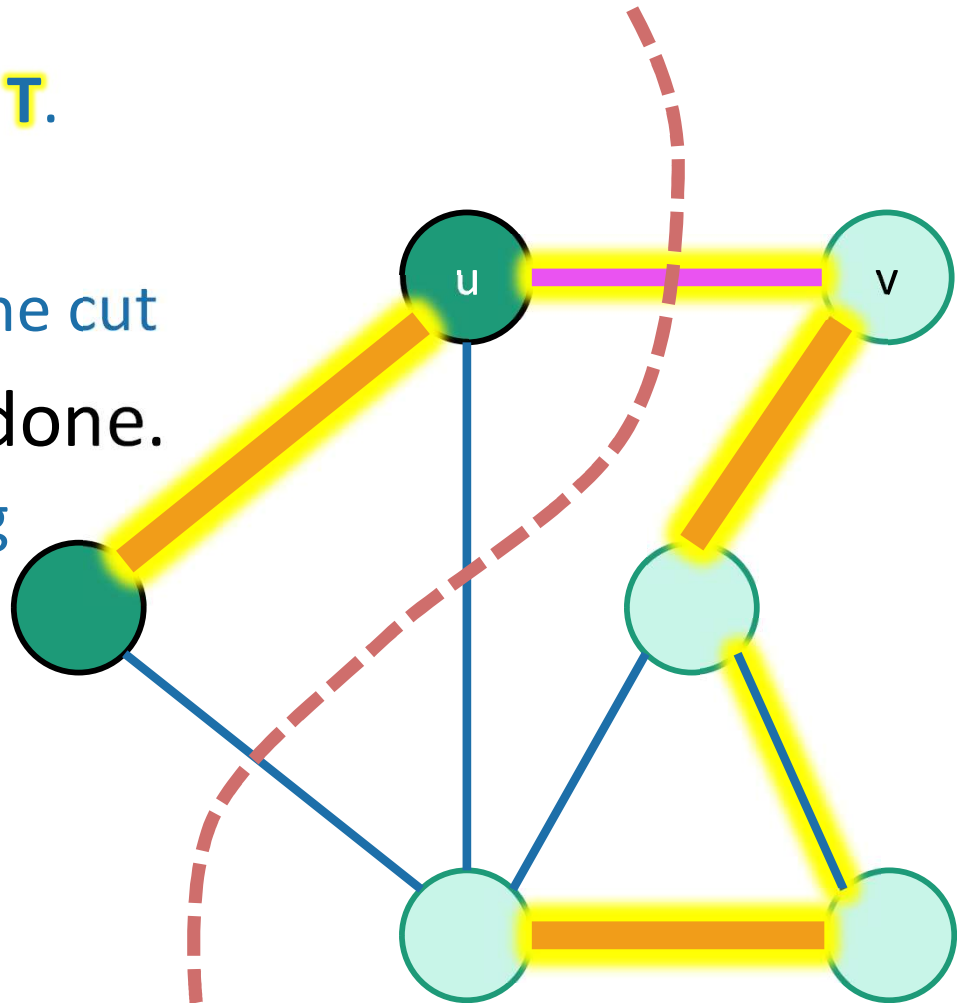
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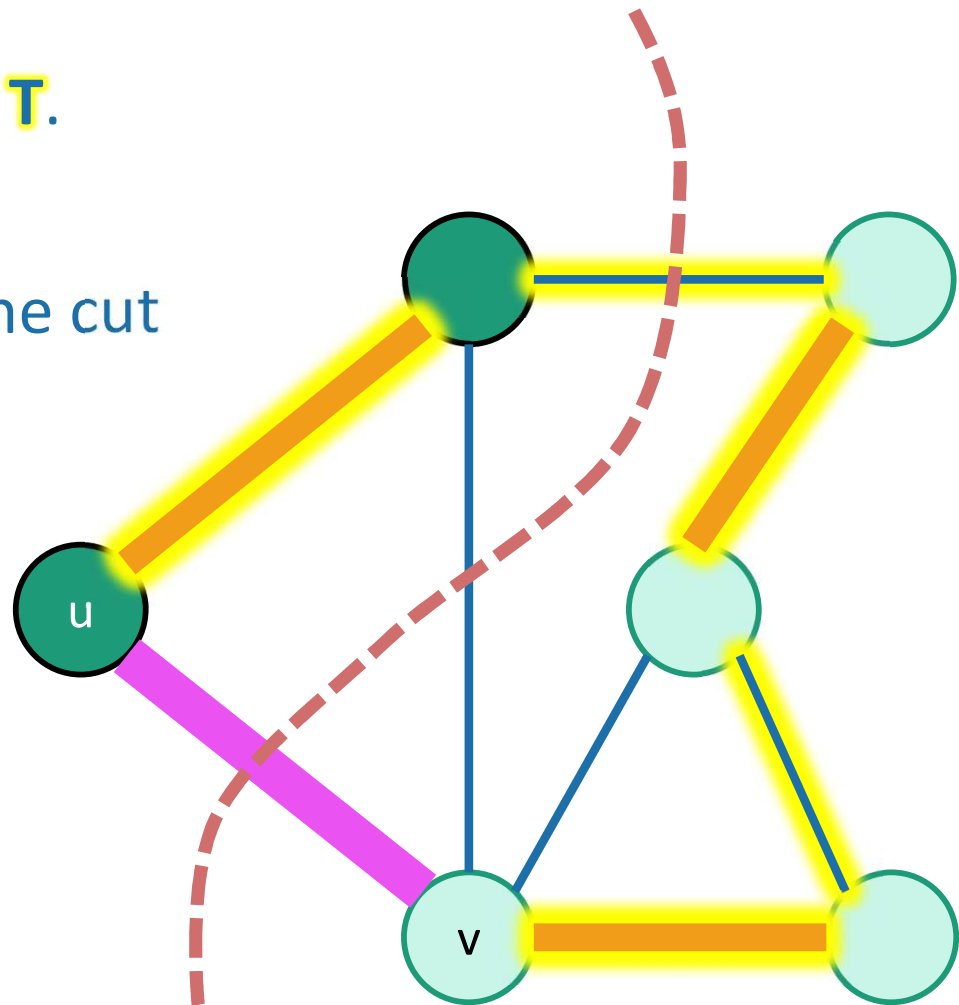
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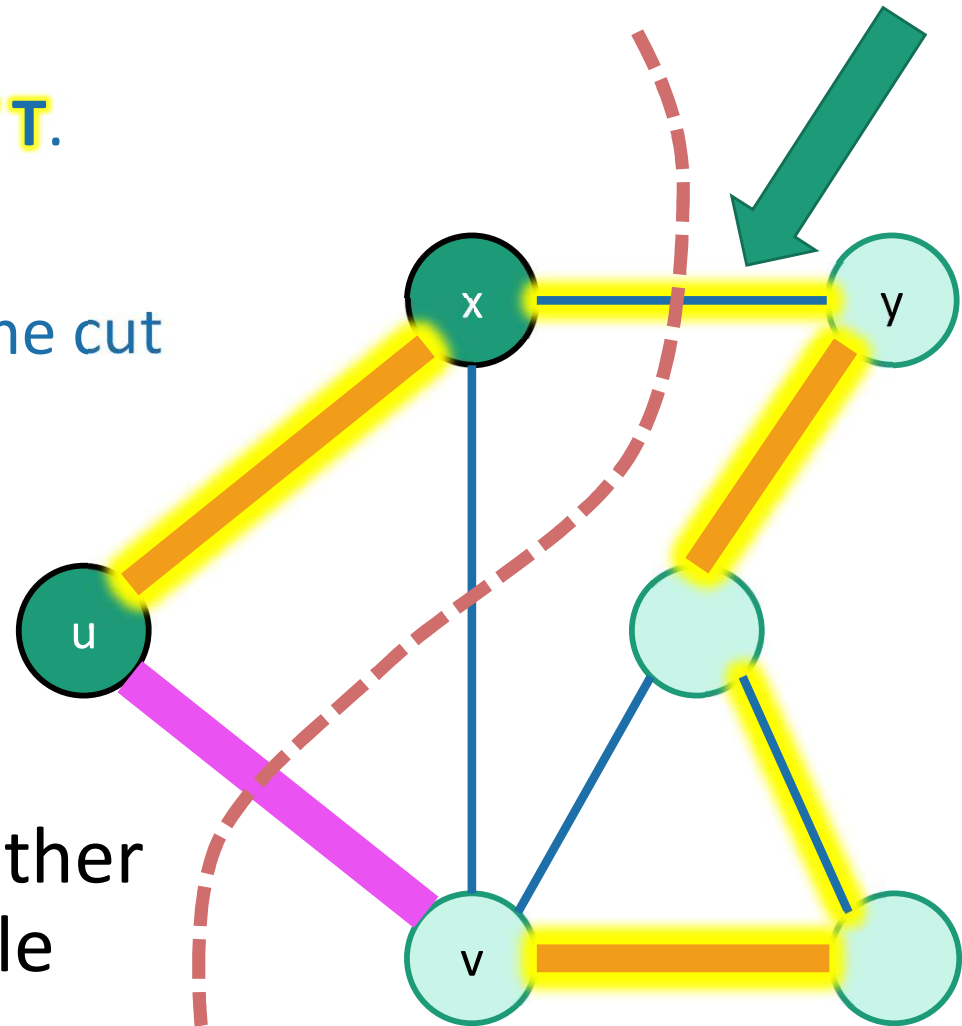
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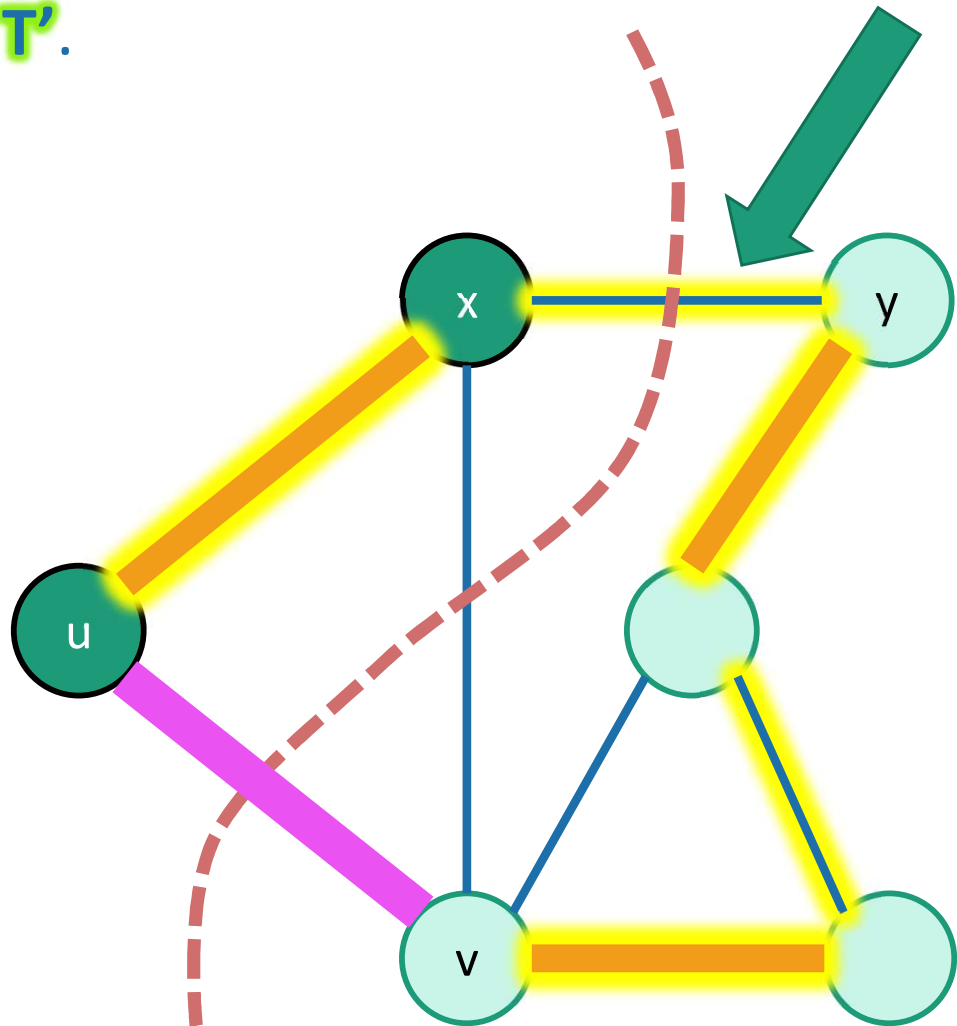
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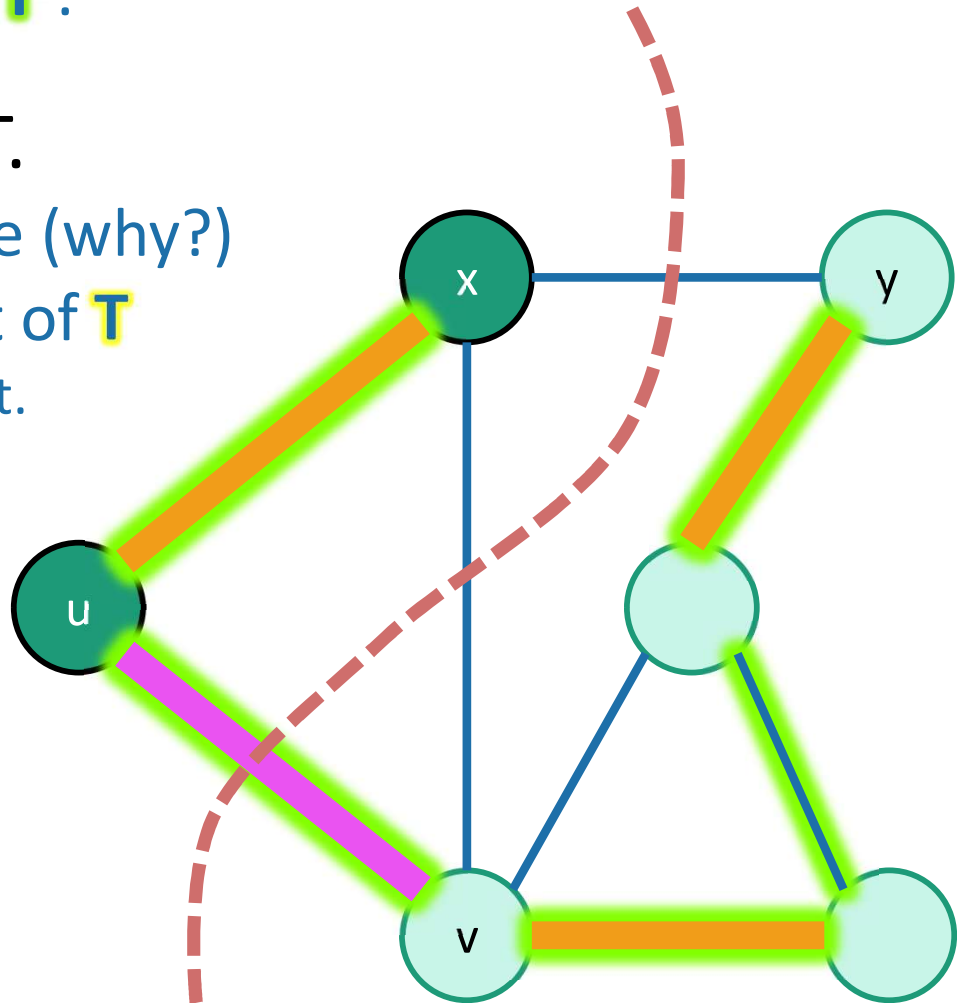
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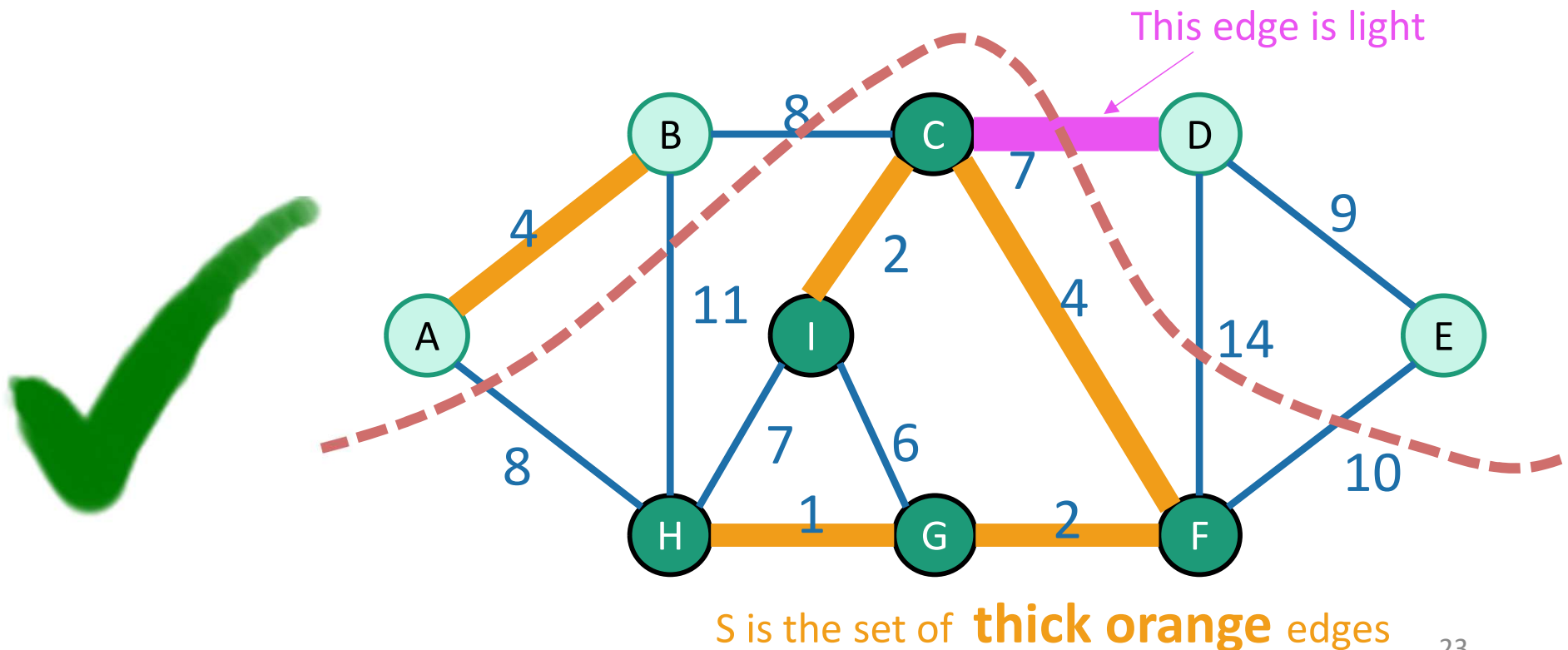
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- **Claim:**  $\mathbf{T}'$  is still an MST.
  - It is still a spanning tree (why?)
  - It has cost at most that of  $\mathbf{T}$ 
    - because  $\{u,v\}$  was light.
  - $\mathbf{T}$  had minimal cost.
  - So  $\mathbf{T}'$  does too.
- So  $\mathbf{T}'$  is an MST containing  $S$  and  $\{u,v\}$ .
  - This is what we wanted.



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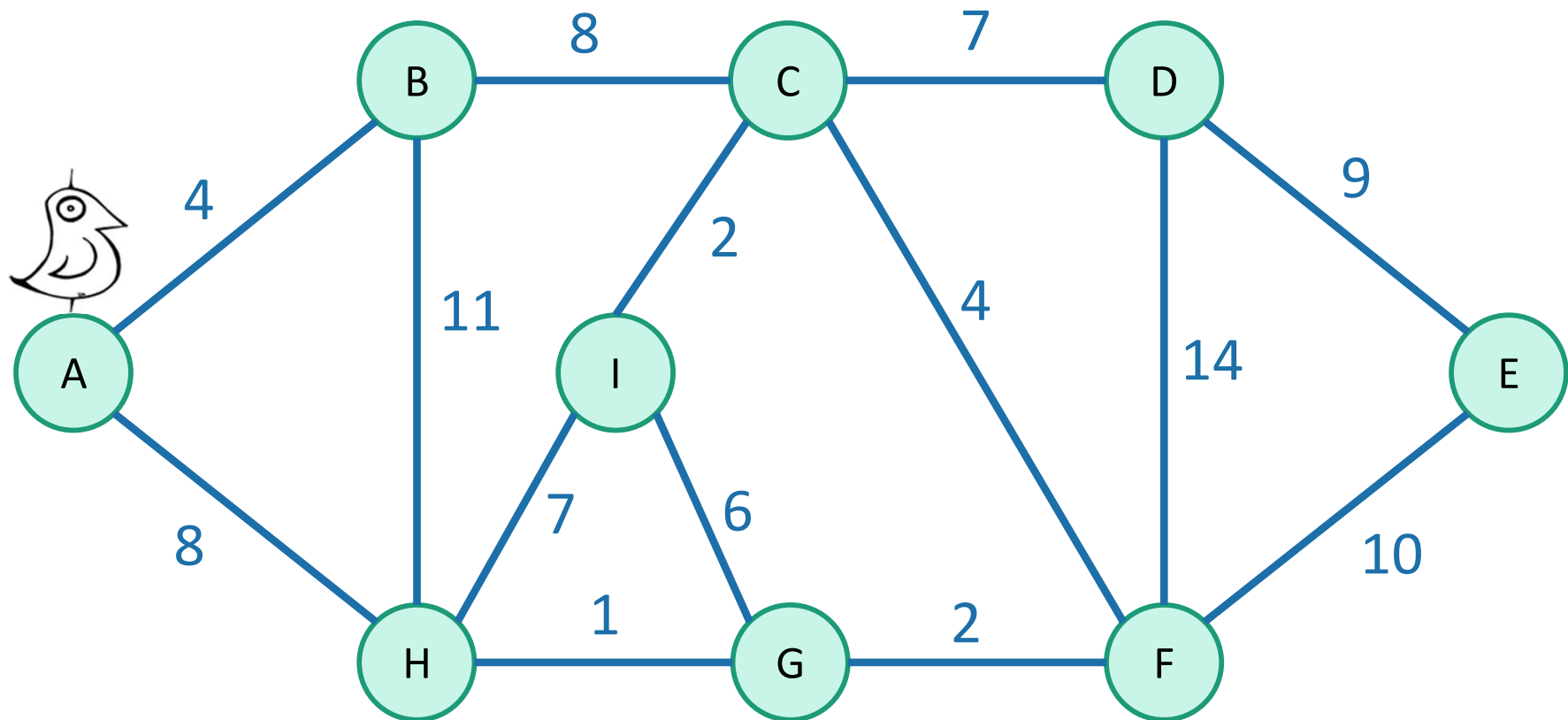
# Áp dụng vào tìm MST

- How do we find one?
- The strategy:
  - Make a **series of choices**, adding edges to the tree.
  - Show that each edge we add is **safe to add**:
    - we do not rule out the possibility of success
    - we will choose **light edges** crossing **cuts** and **use the Lemma**.
  - **Keep going** until we have an MST.



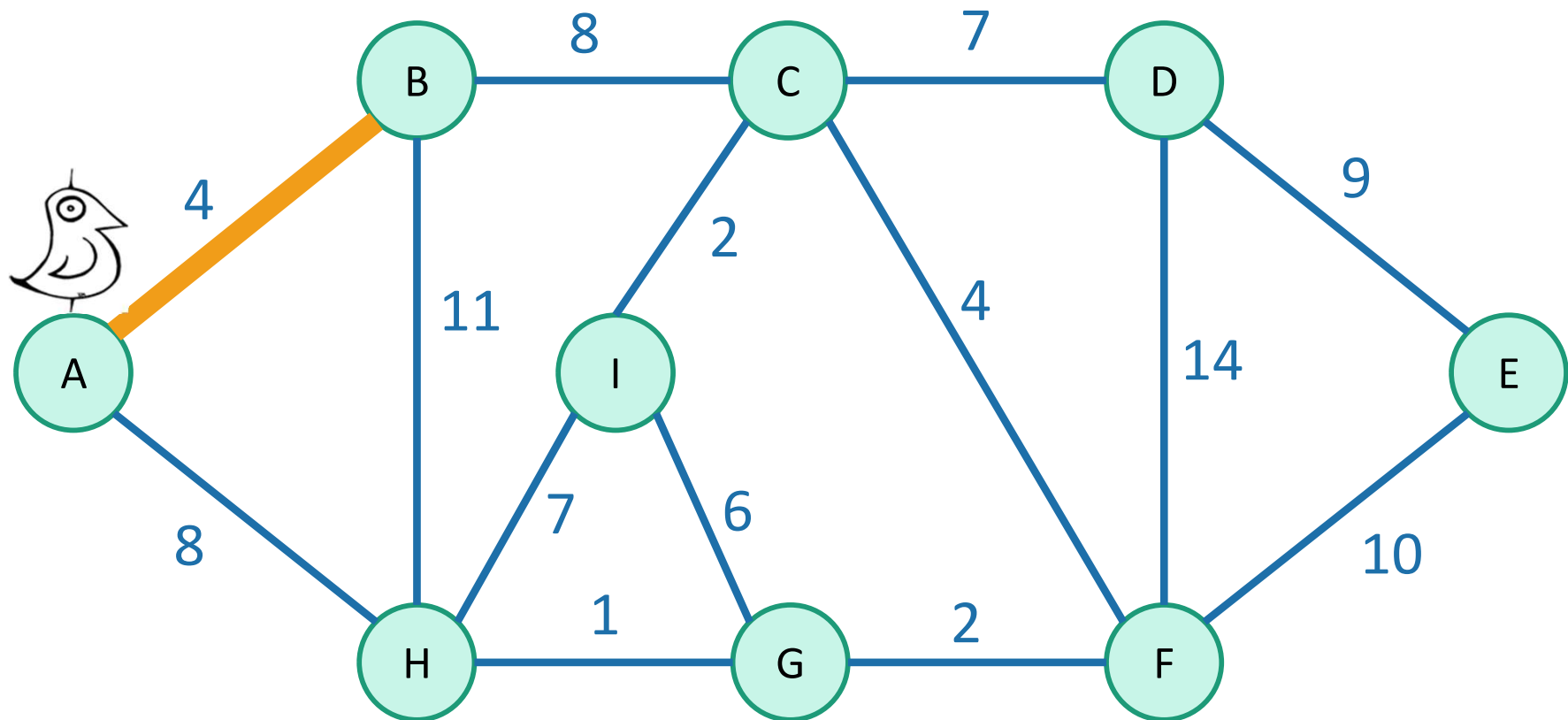
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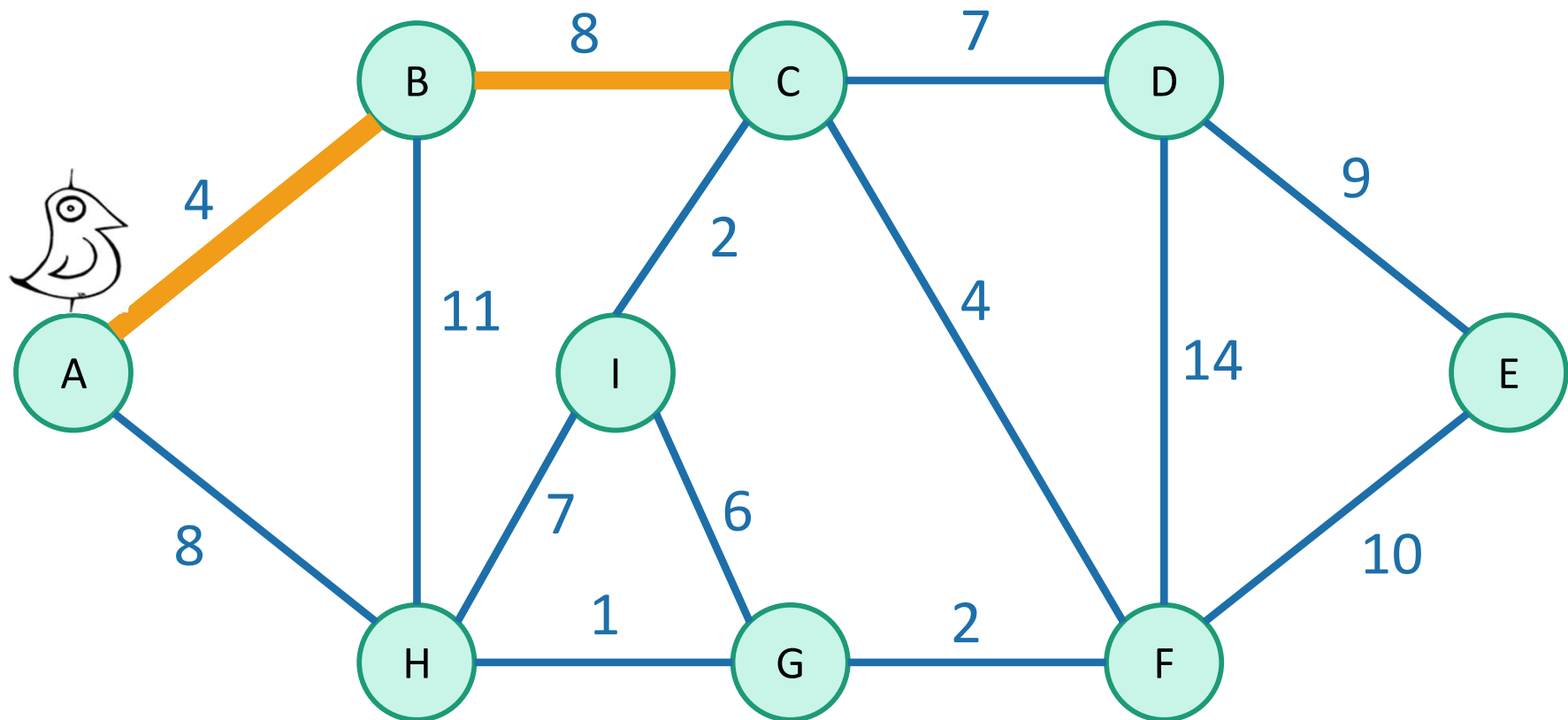
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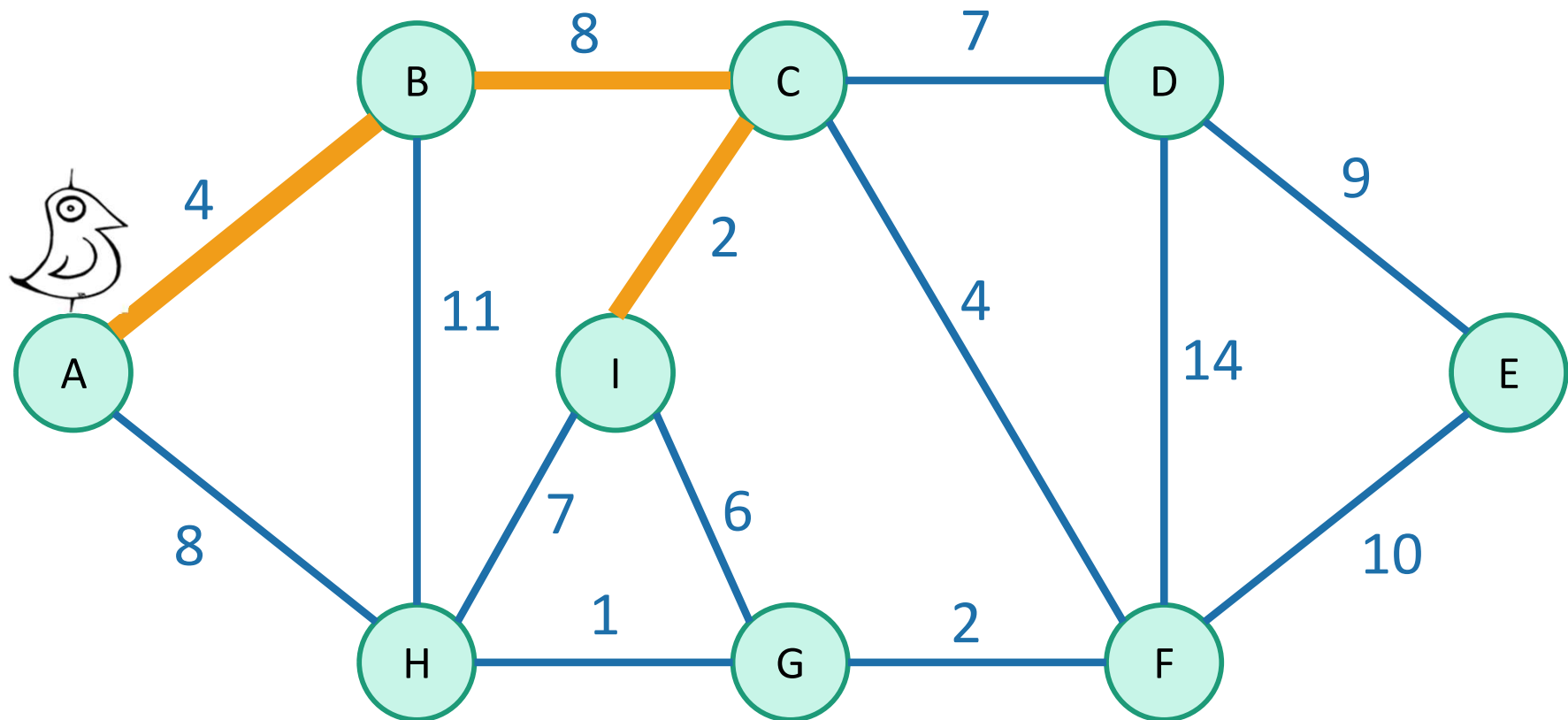
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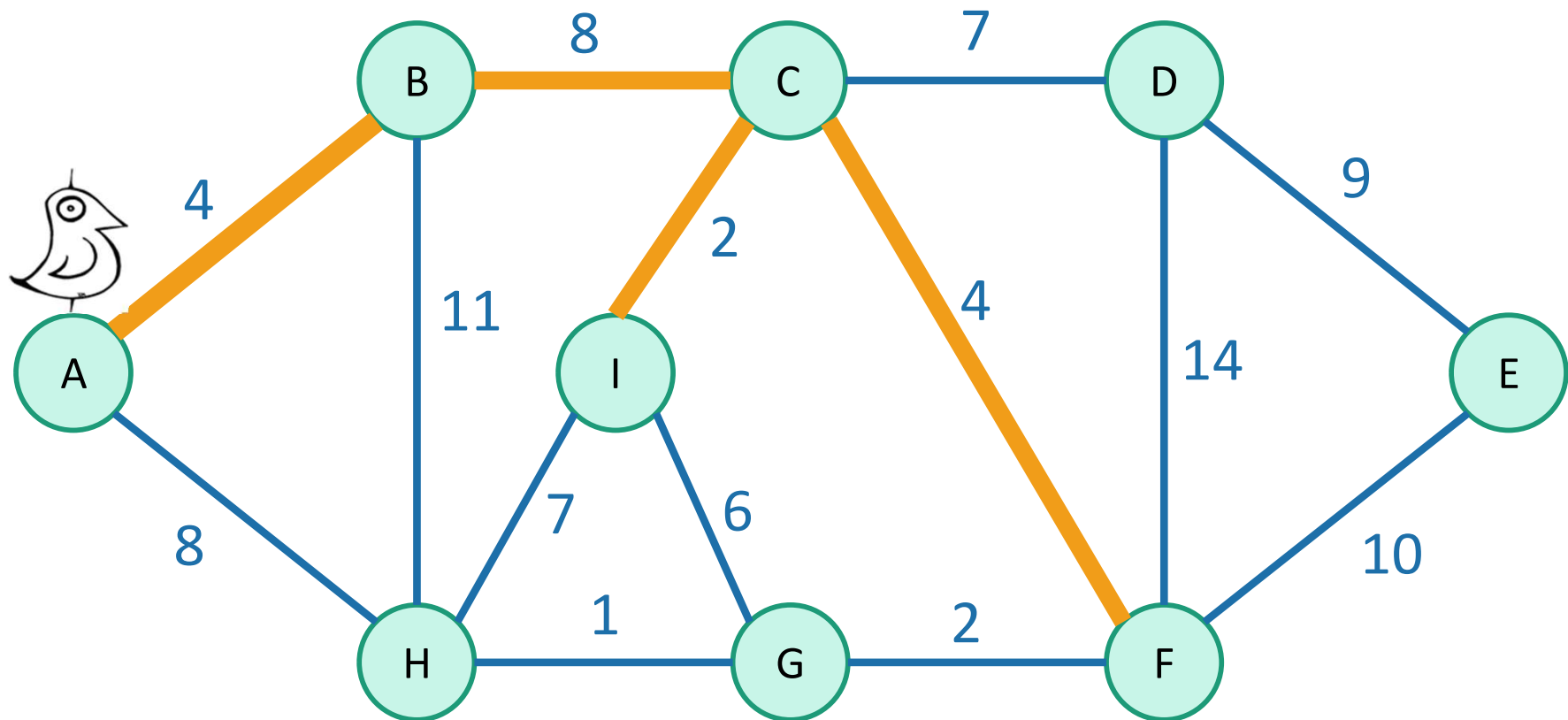
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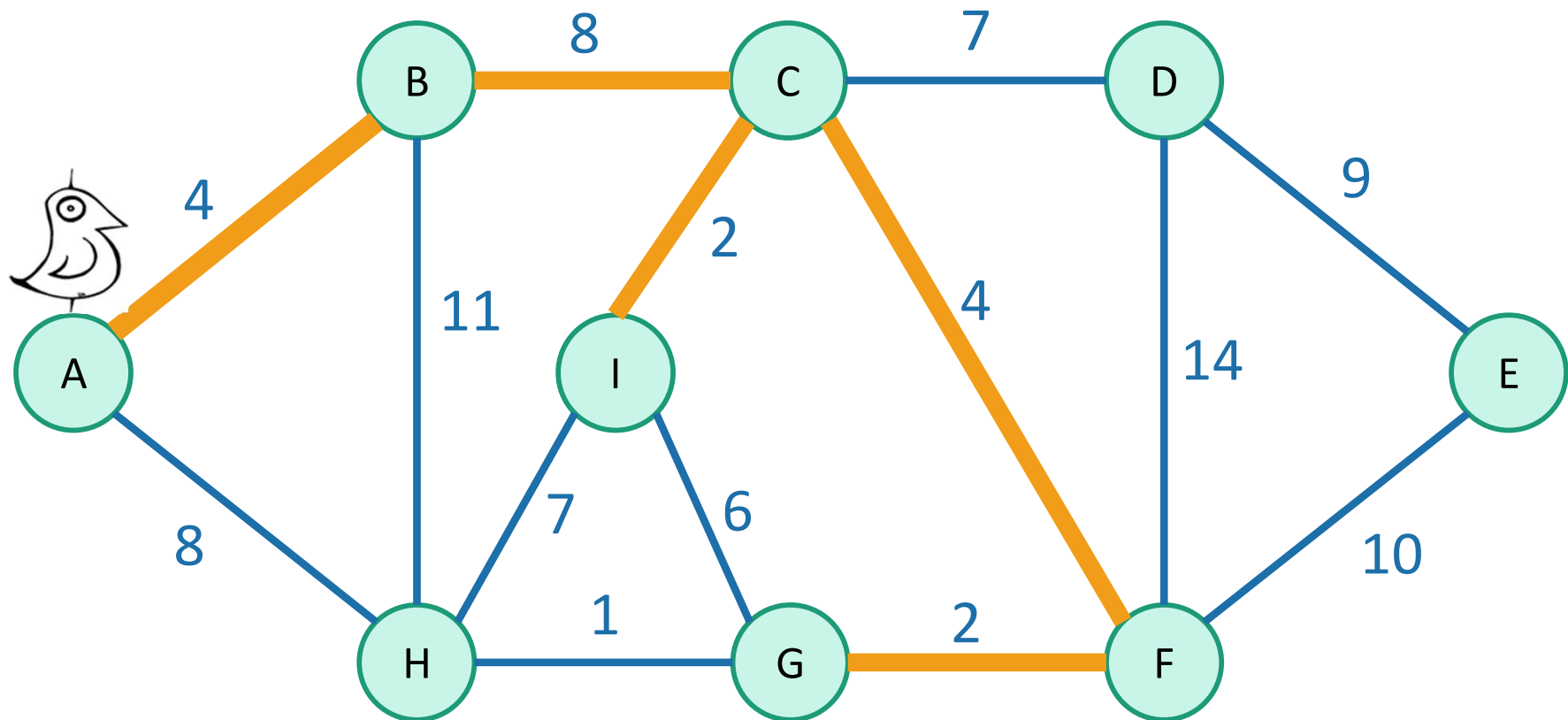
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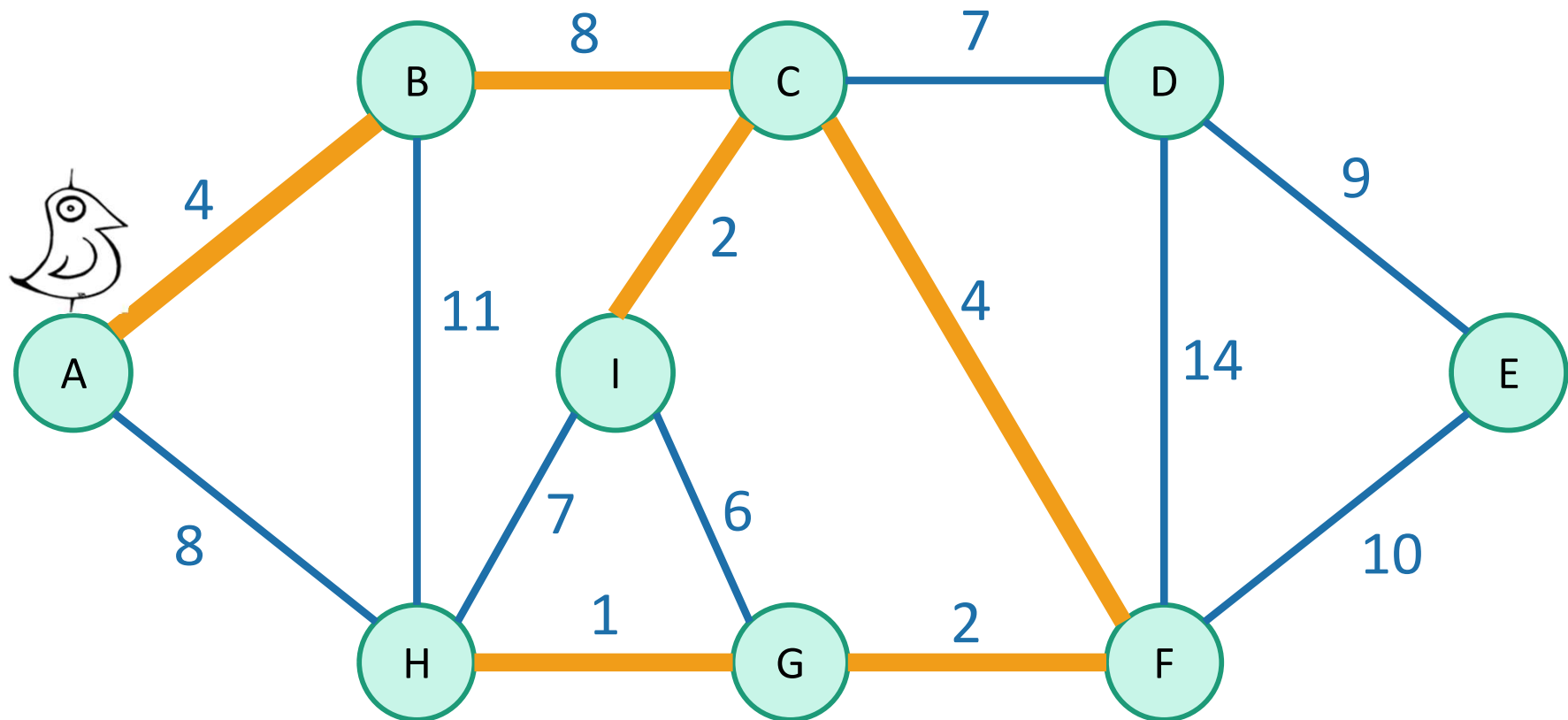
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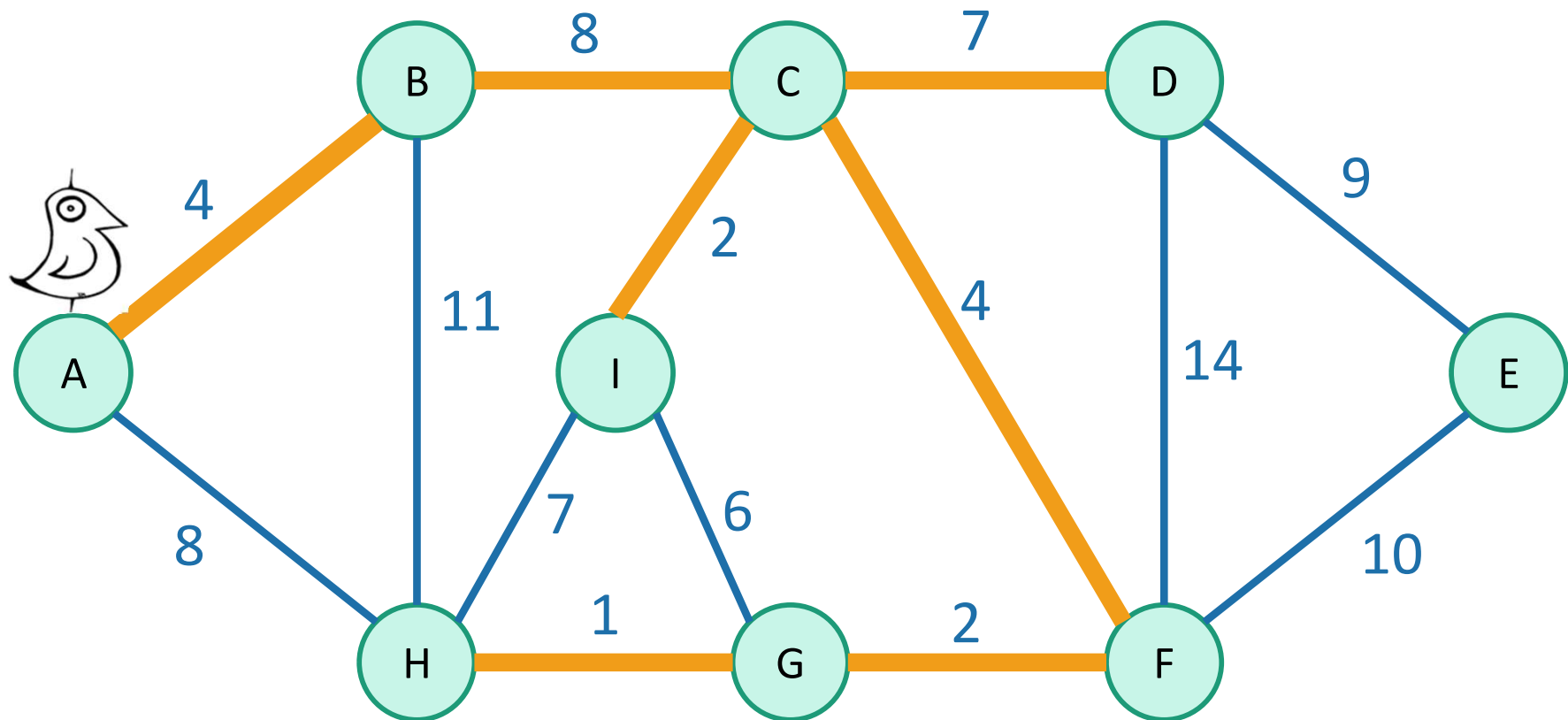
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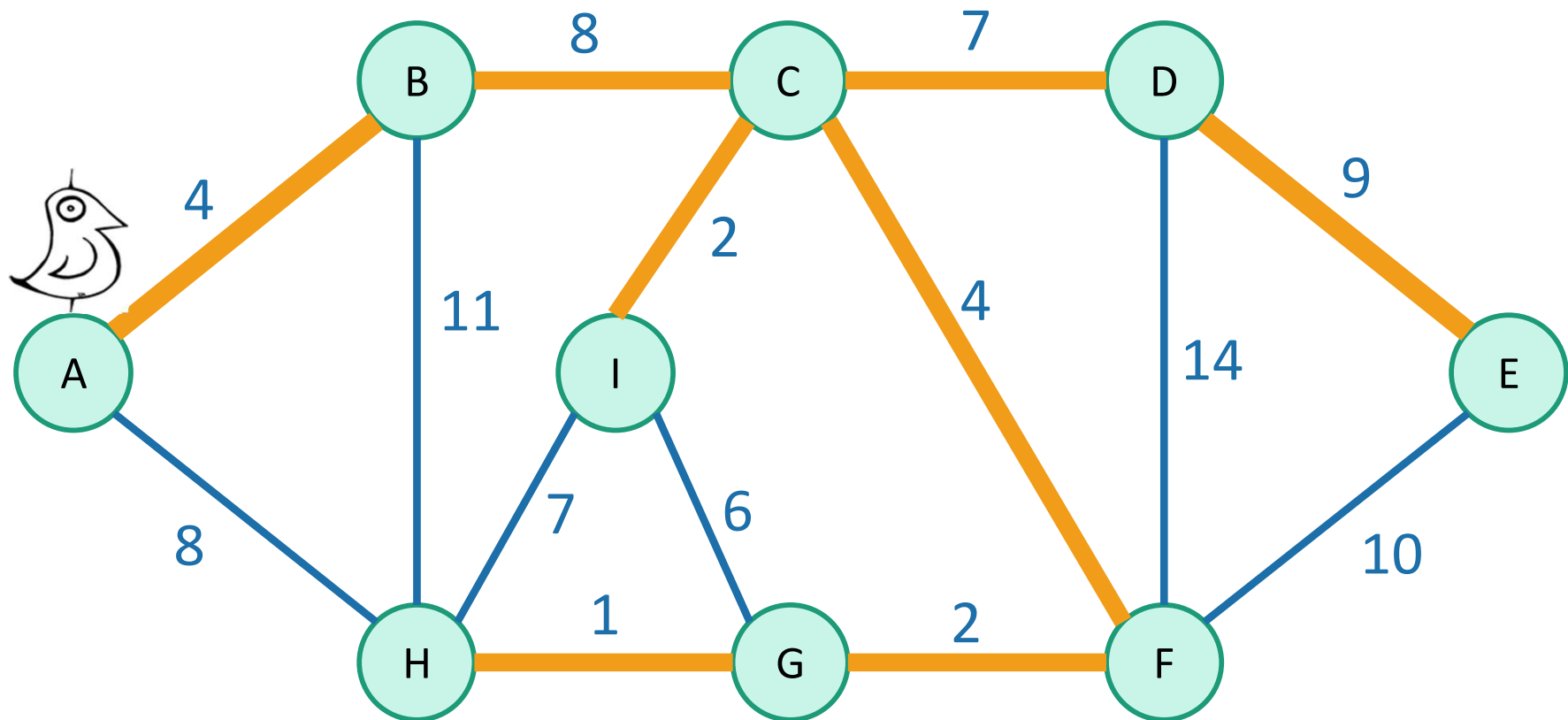
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# We've discovered Prim's algorithm!

Jarnik [1930]  
Prim [1957]  
Dijkstra [1959]

- `slowPrim( G = (V,E), starting vertex s )`:
  - Let  $(s,u)$  be the lightest edge coming out of  $s$ .
  - $MST = \{ (s,u) \}$
  - $verticesVisited = \{ s, u \}$
  - **while**  $|verticesVisited| < |V|$ :
    - find the lightest edge  $\{x,v\}$  in  $E$  so that:
      - $x$  is in  $verticesVisited$
      - $v$  is not in  $verticesVisited$
    - add  $\{x,v\}$  to  $MST$
    - add  $v$  to  $verticesVisited$
  - **return**  $MST$

At most  $n$   
iterations of this  
while loop.

Time at most  $m$  to  
go through all the  
edges and find the  
lightest.

Naively, the running time is  $O(nm)$ :

- For each of  $\leq n$  iterations of the while loop:
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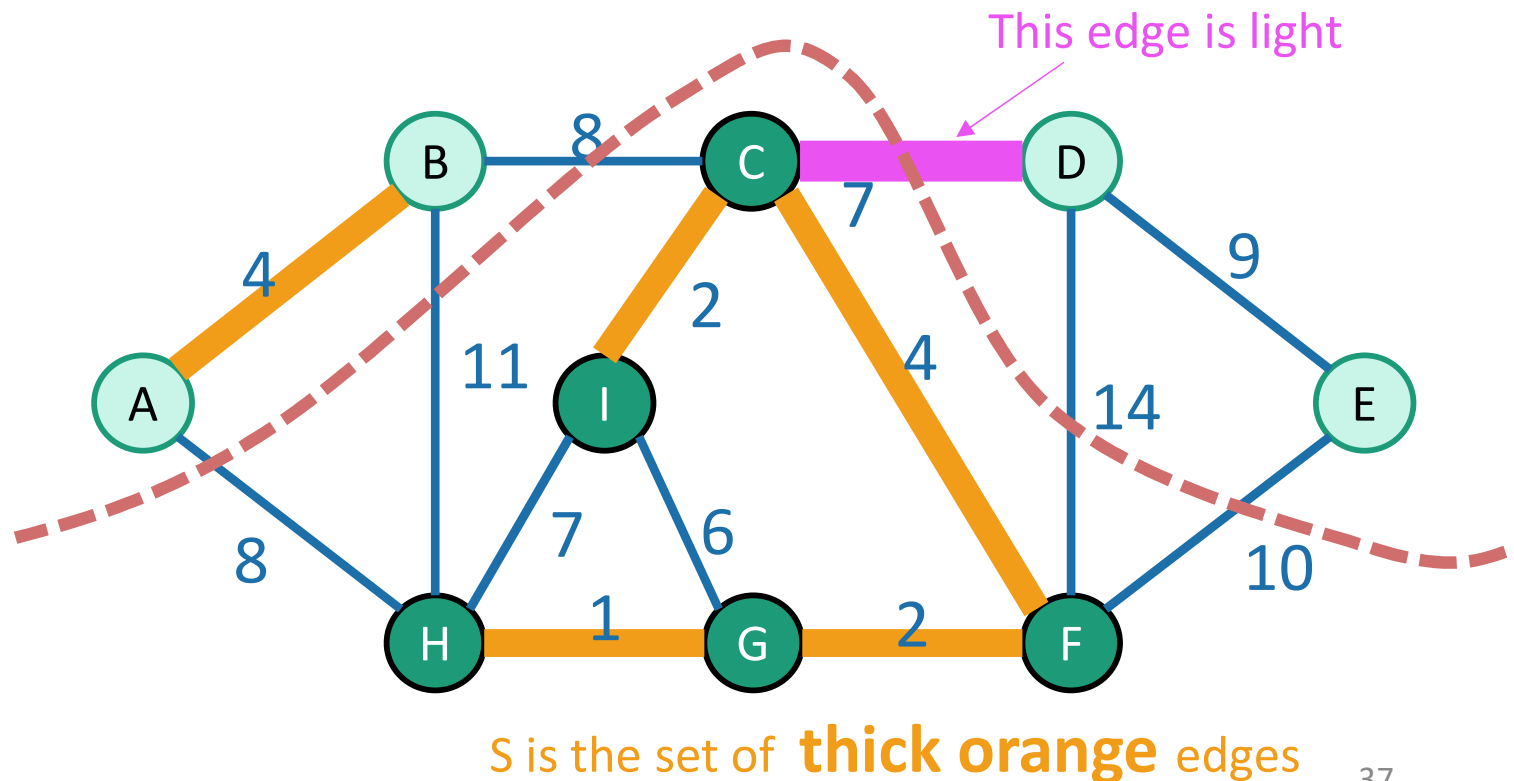
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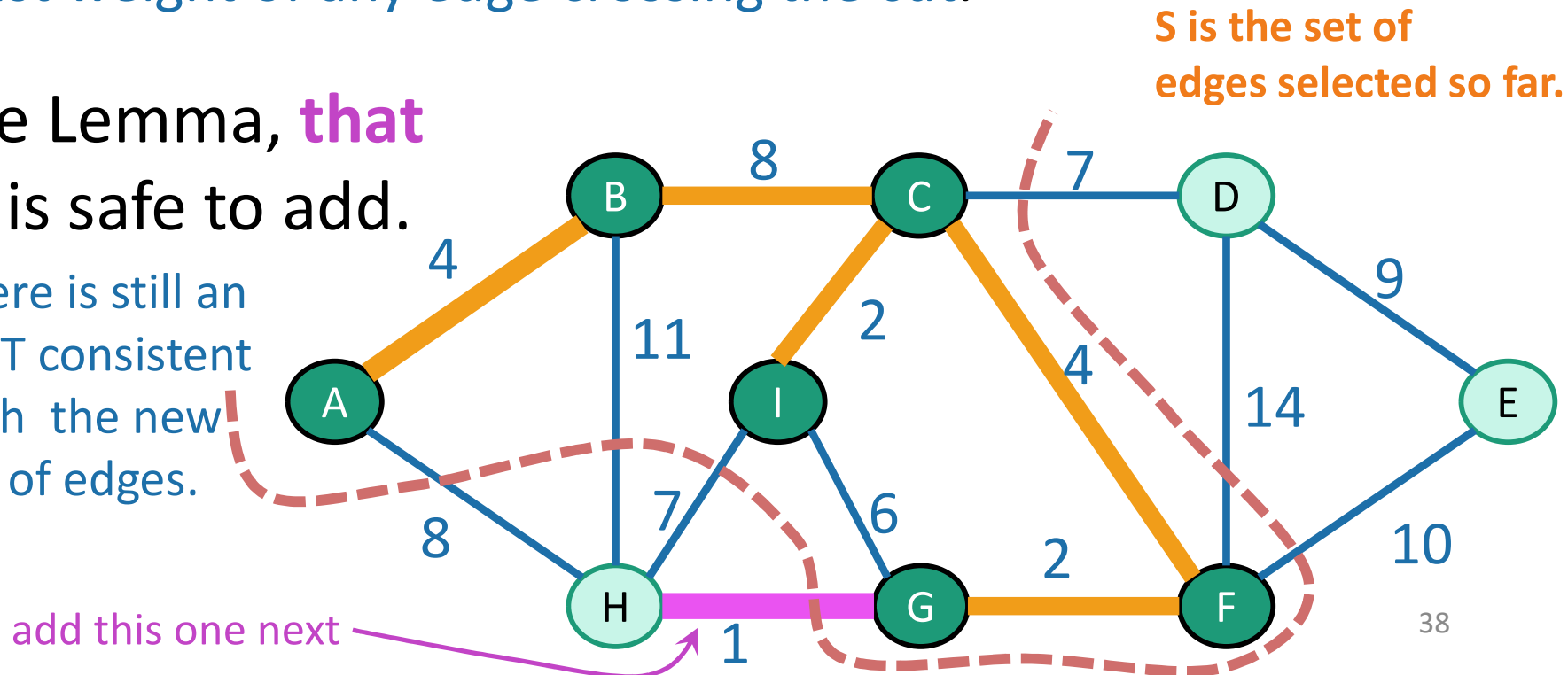


# Partway through Prim

- Assume that our choices **S** so far don't rule out success
  - There is an MST consistent with these choices
- Consider the cut **{visited, unvisited}**
  - This cut respects S.
- The edge we add next is a **light edge**.
  - Least weight of any edge crossing the cut.

- By the Lemma, **that edge** is safe to add.

- There is still an MST consistent with the new set of edges.



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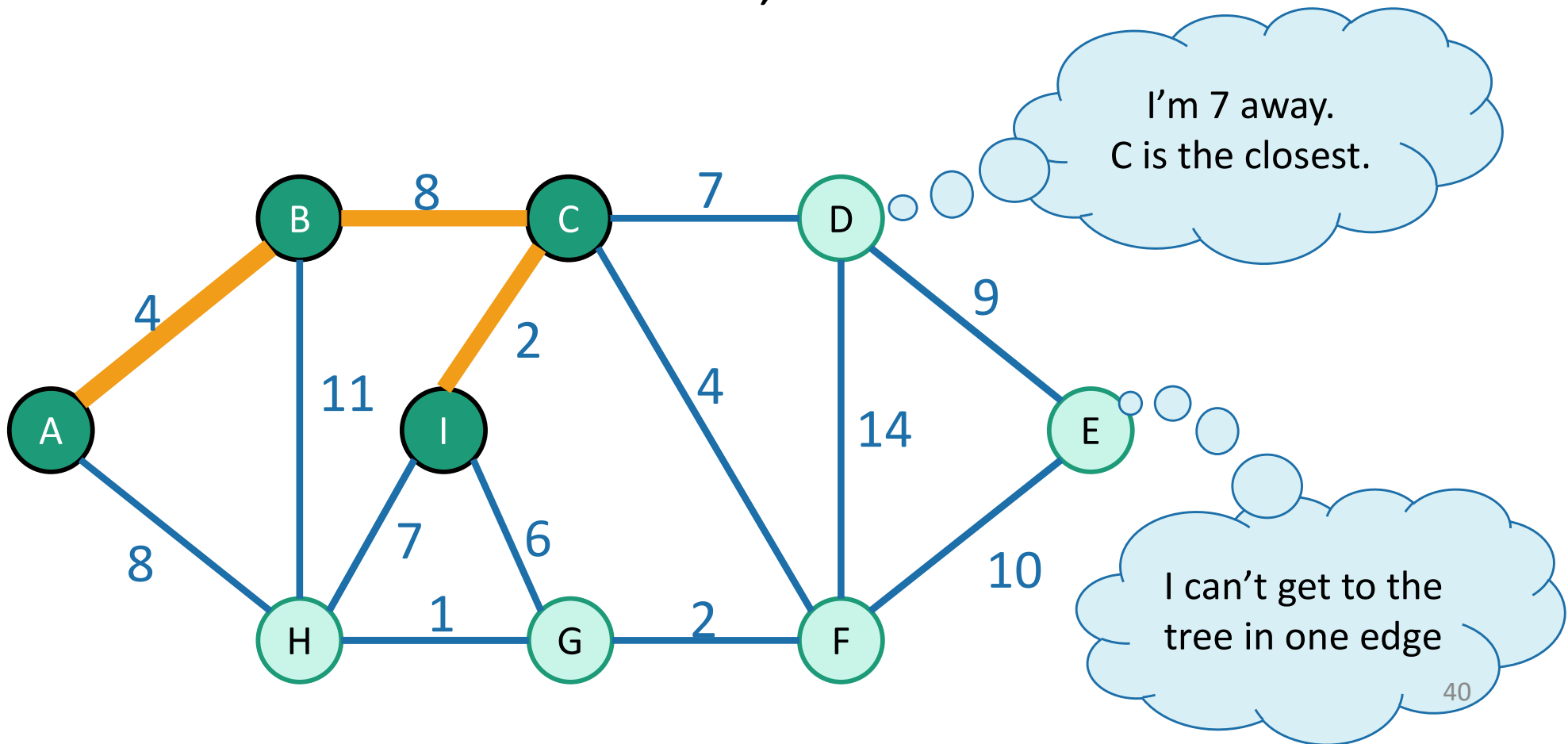
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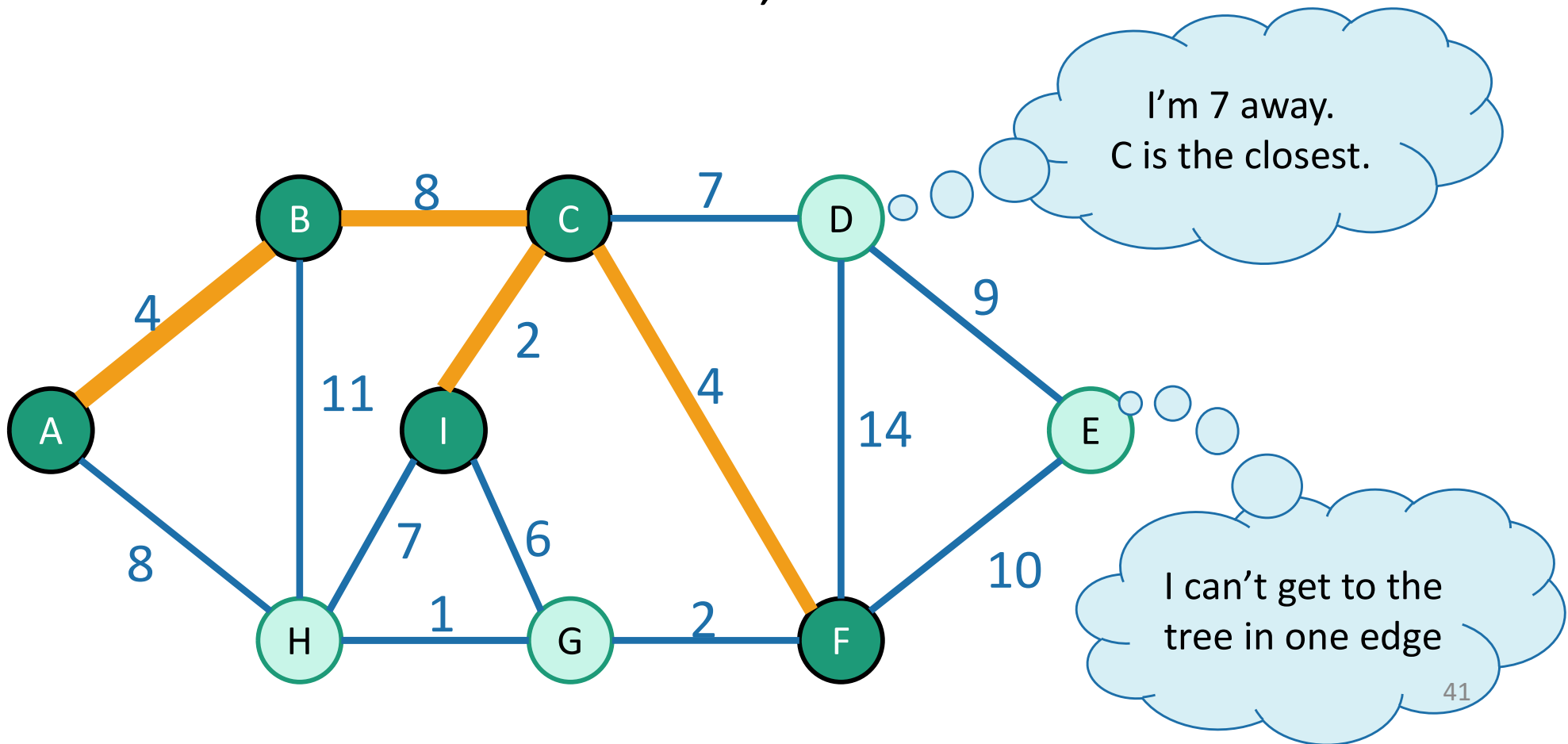
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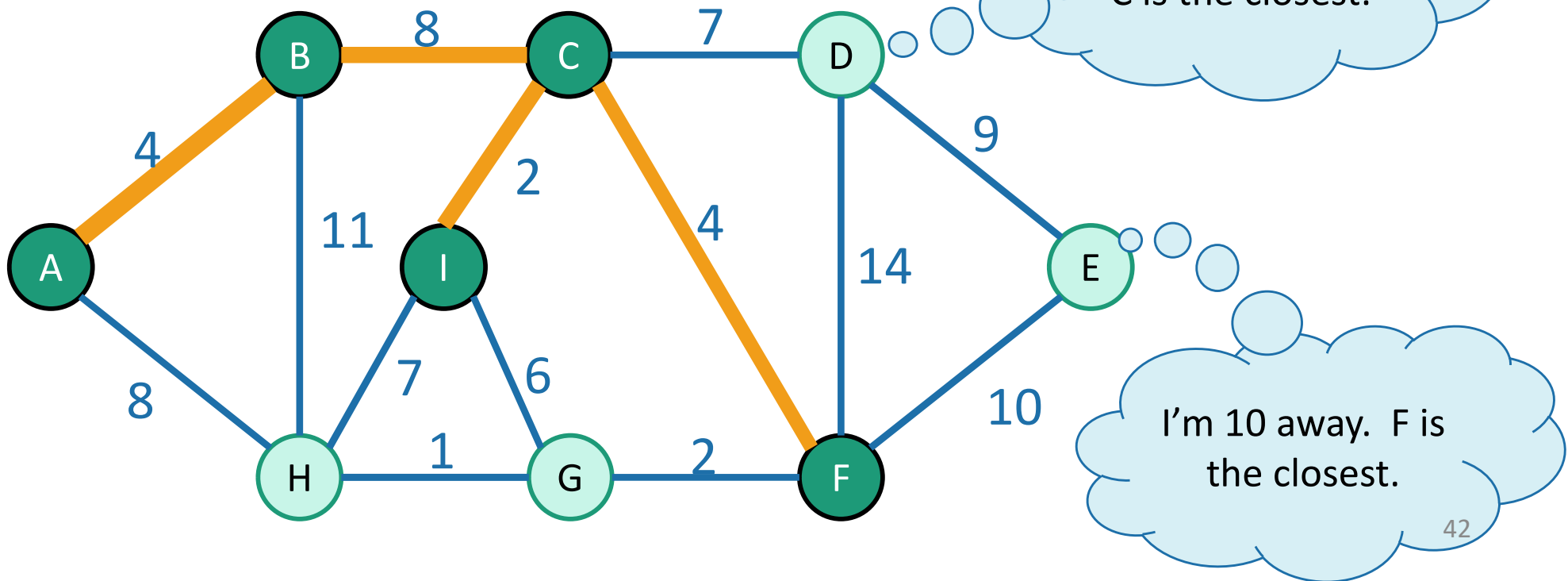
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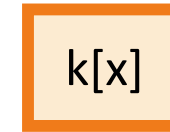
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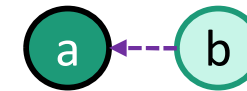
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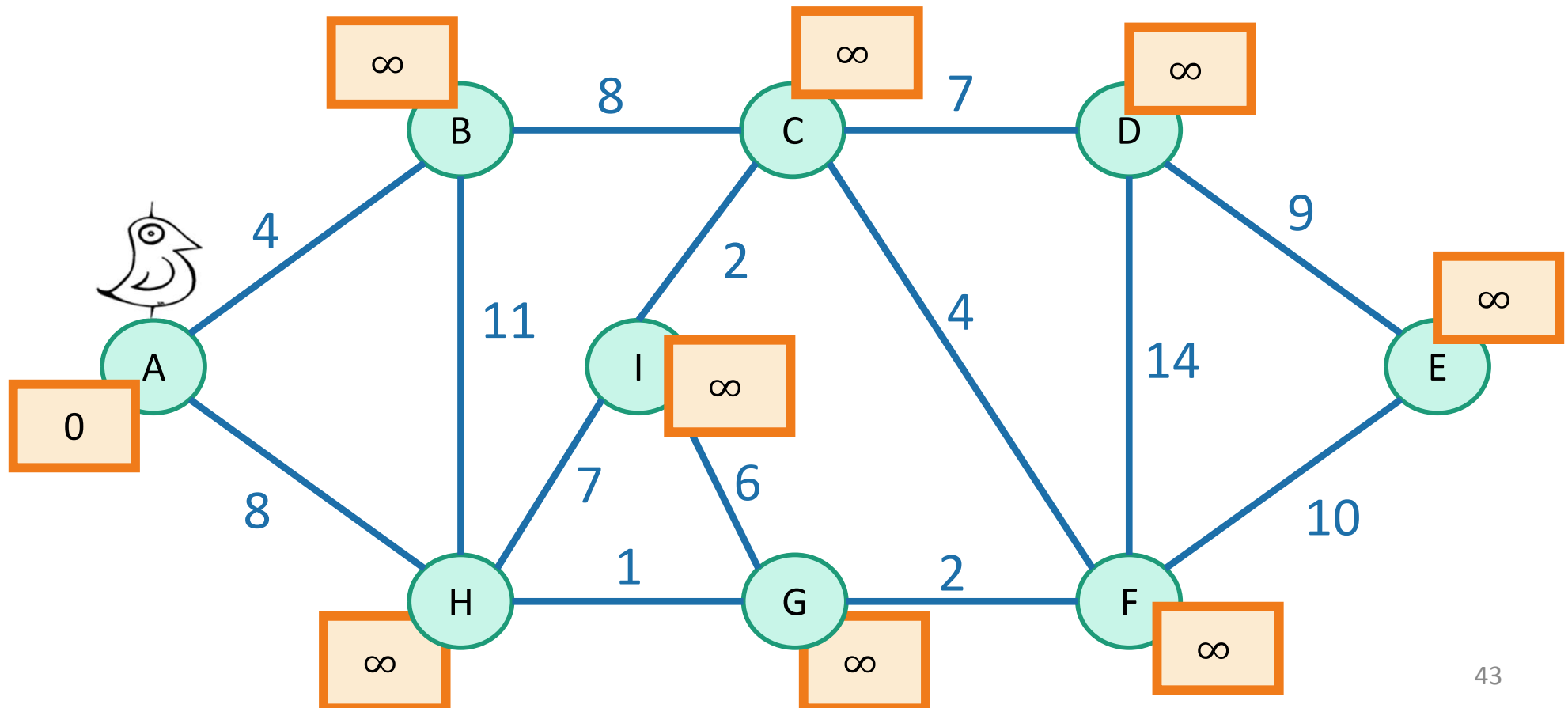
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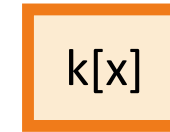
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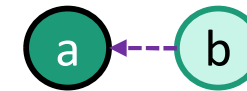
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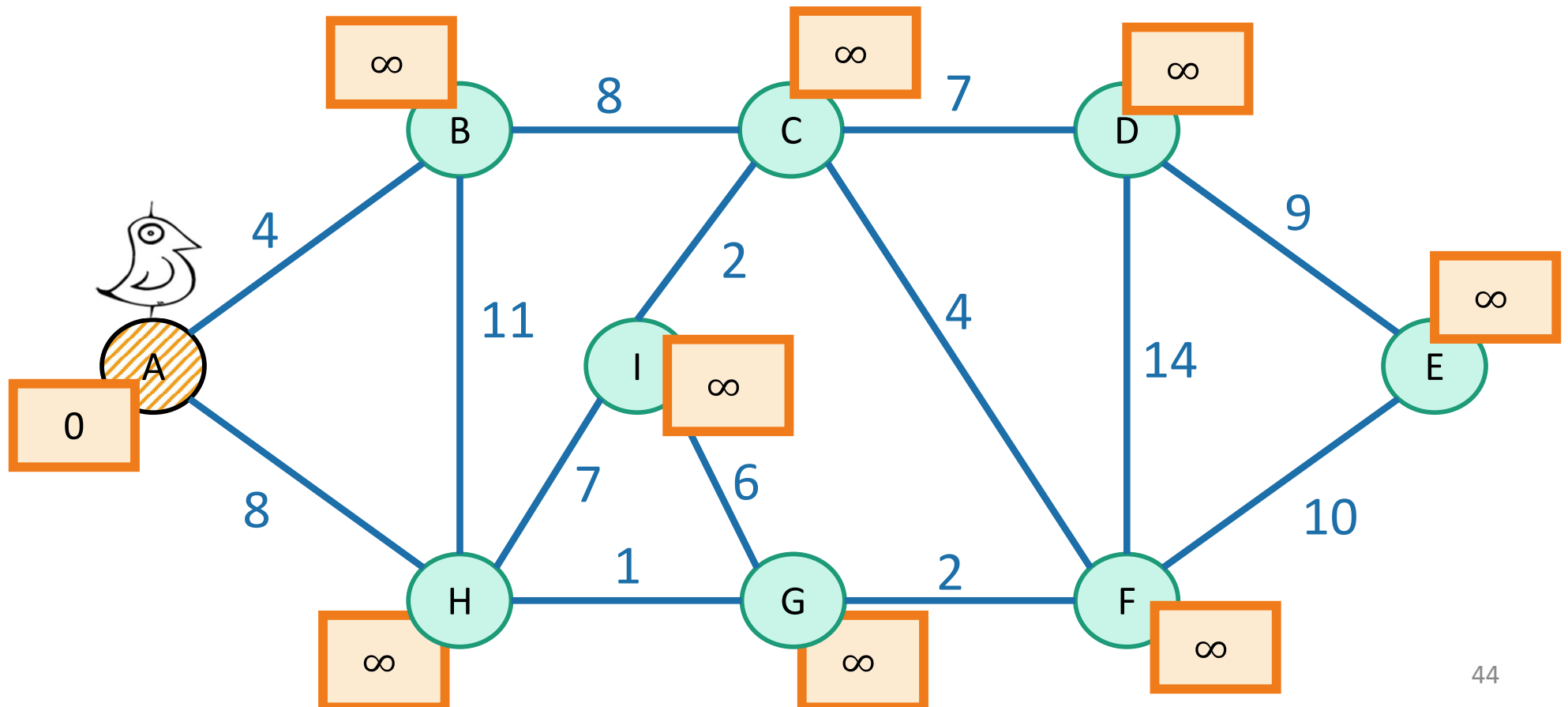
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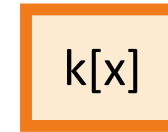
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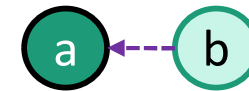
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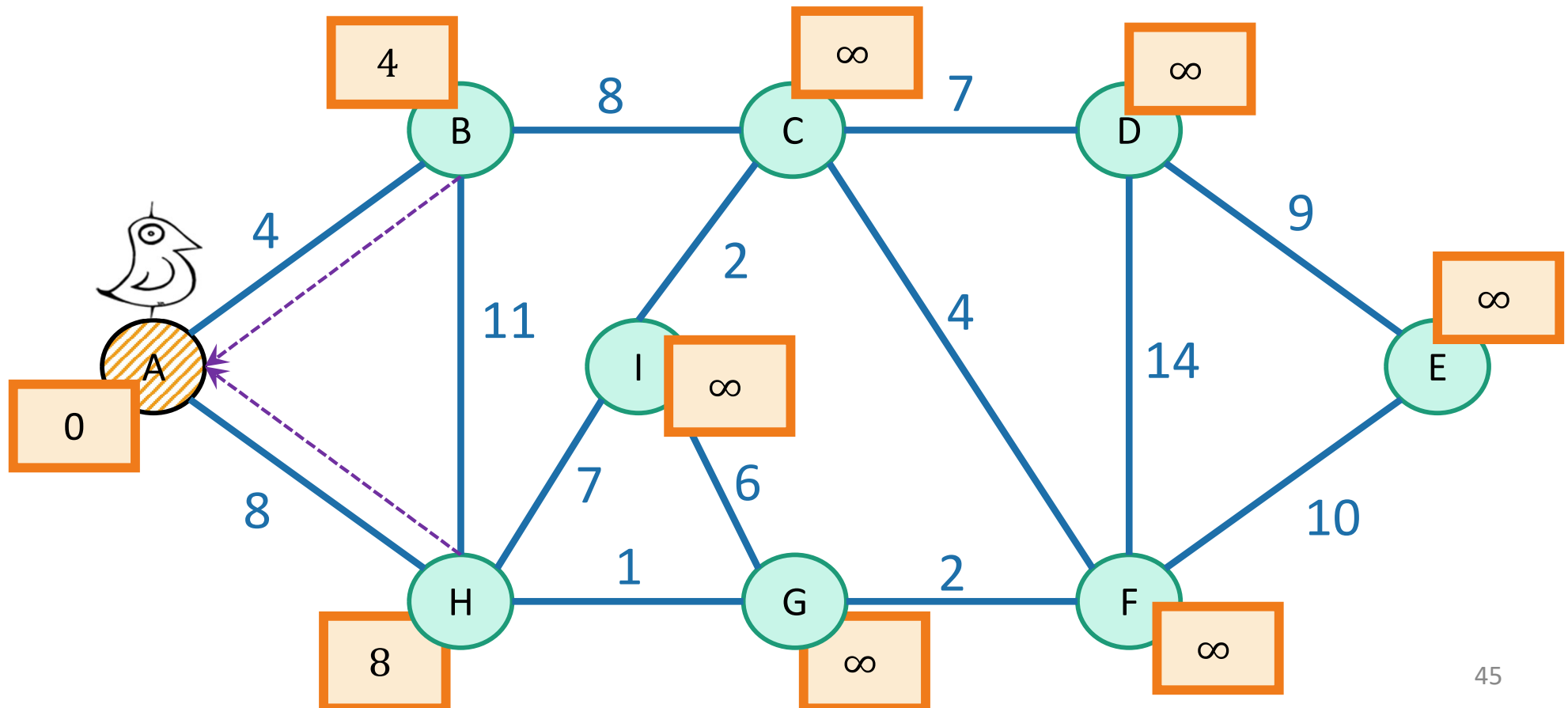
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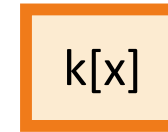
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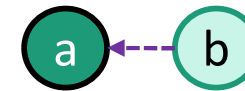
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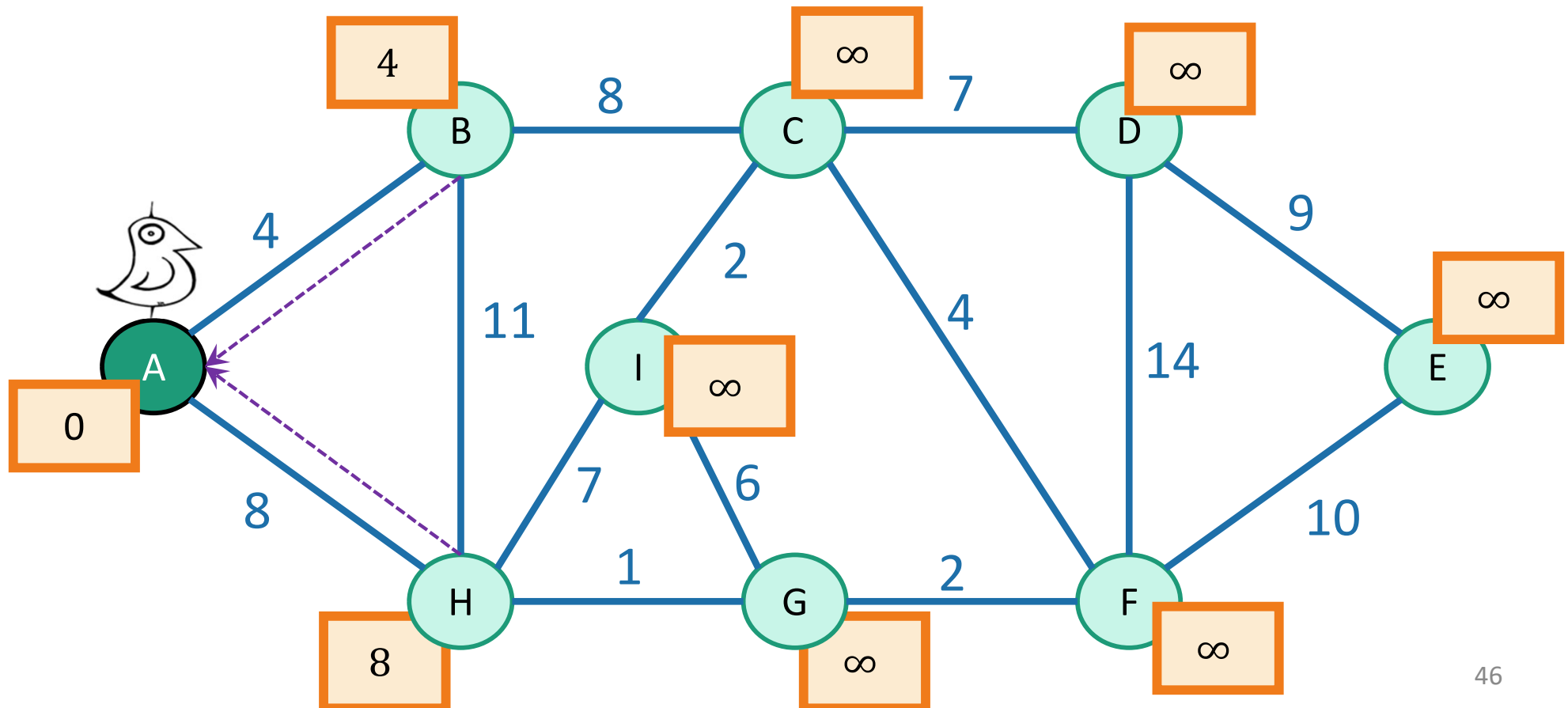
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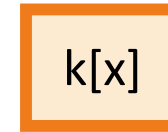
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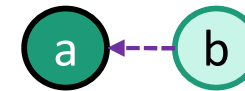
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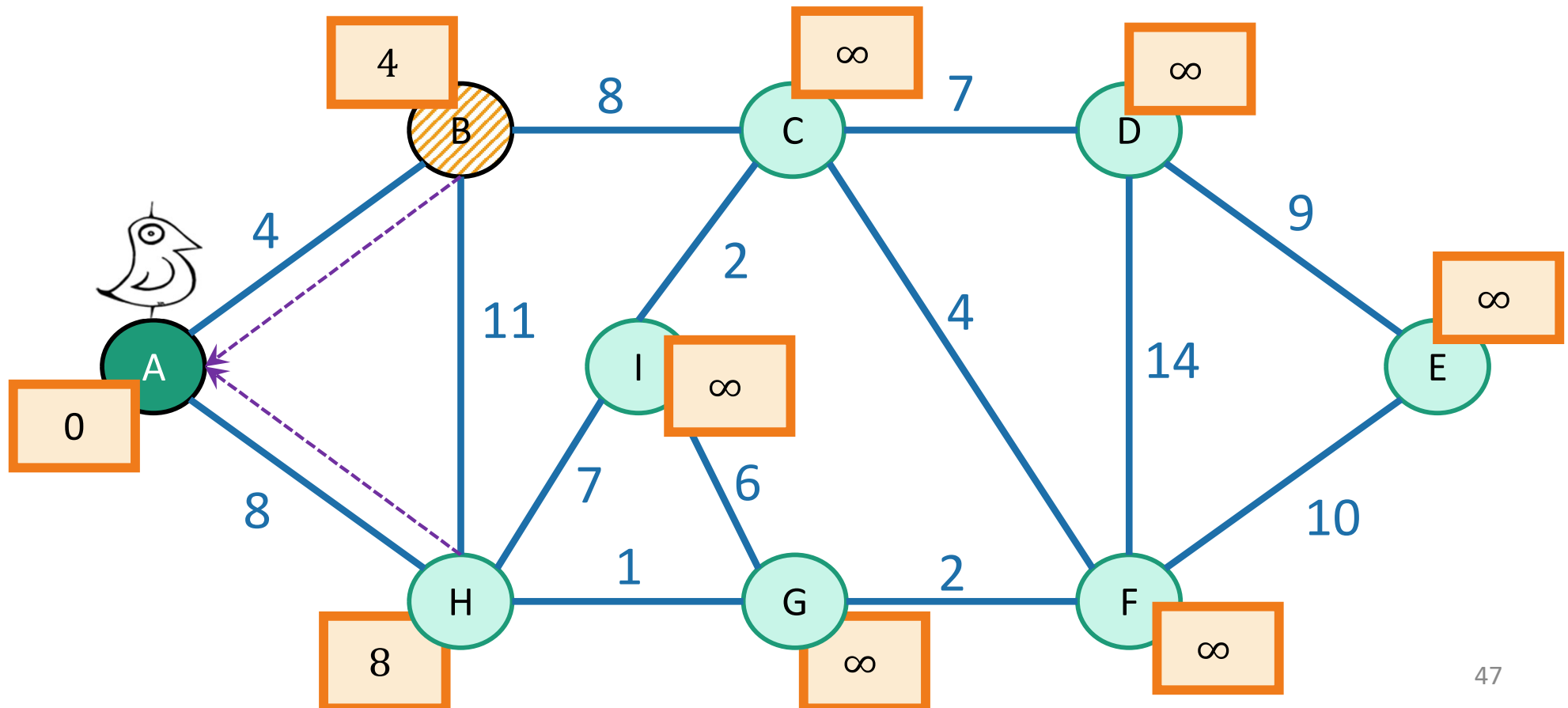
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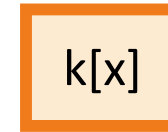
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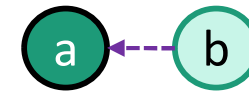
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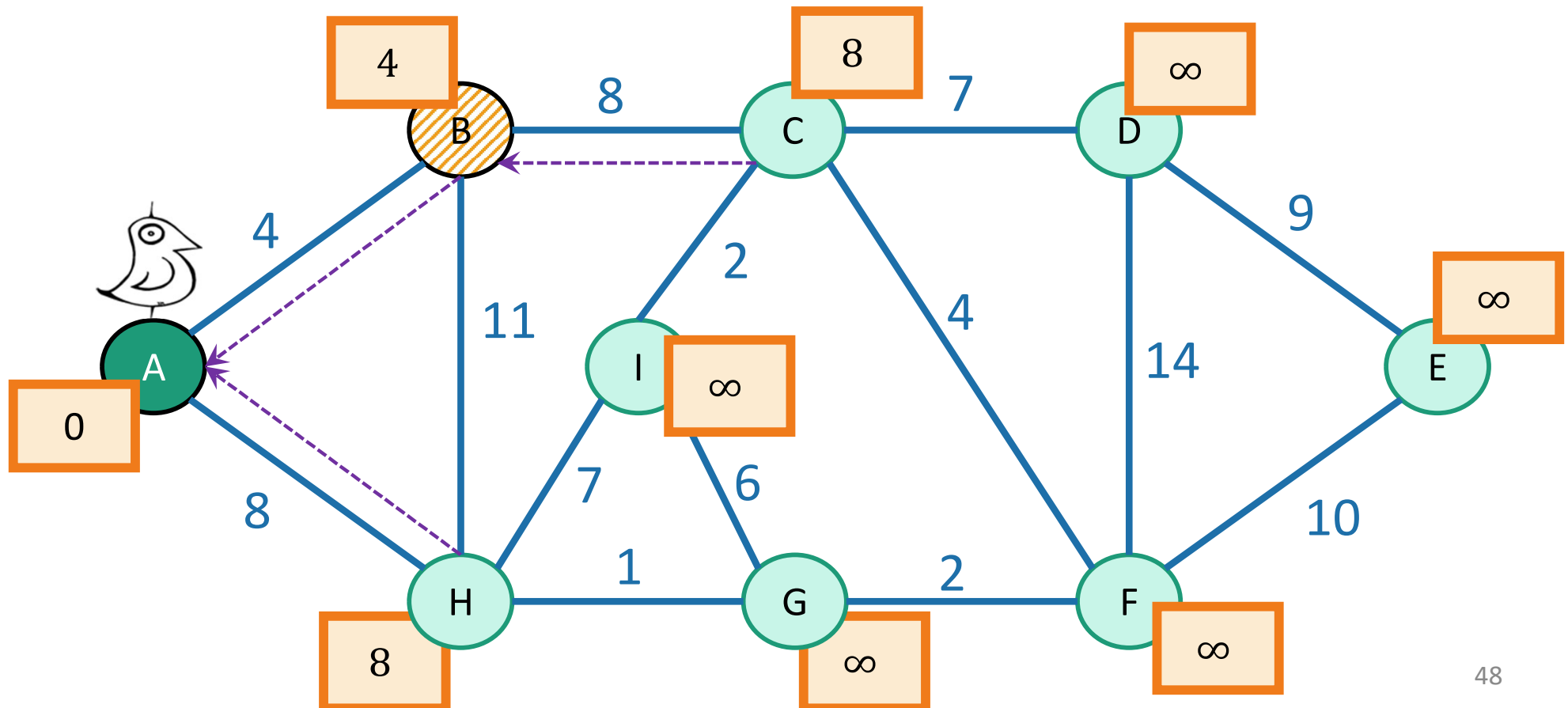
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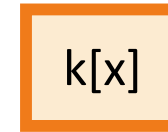
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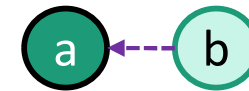
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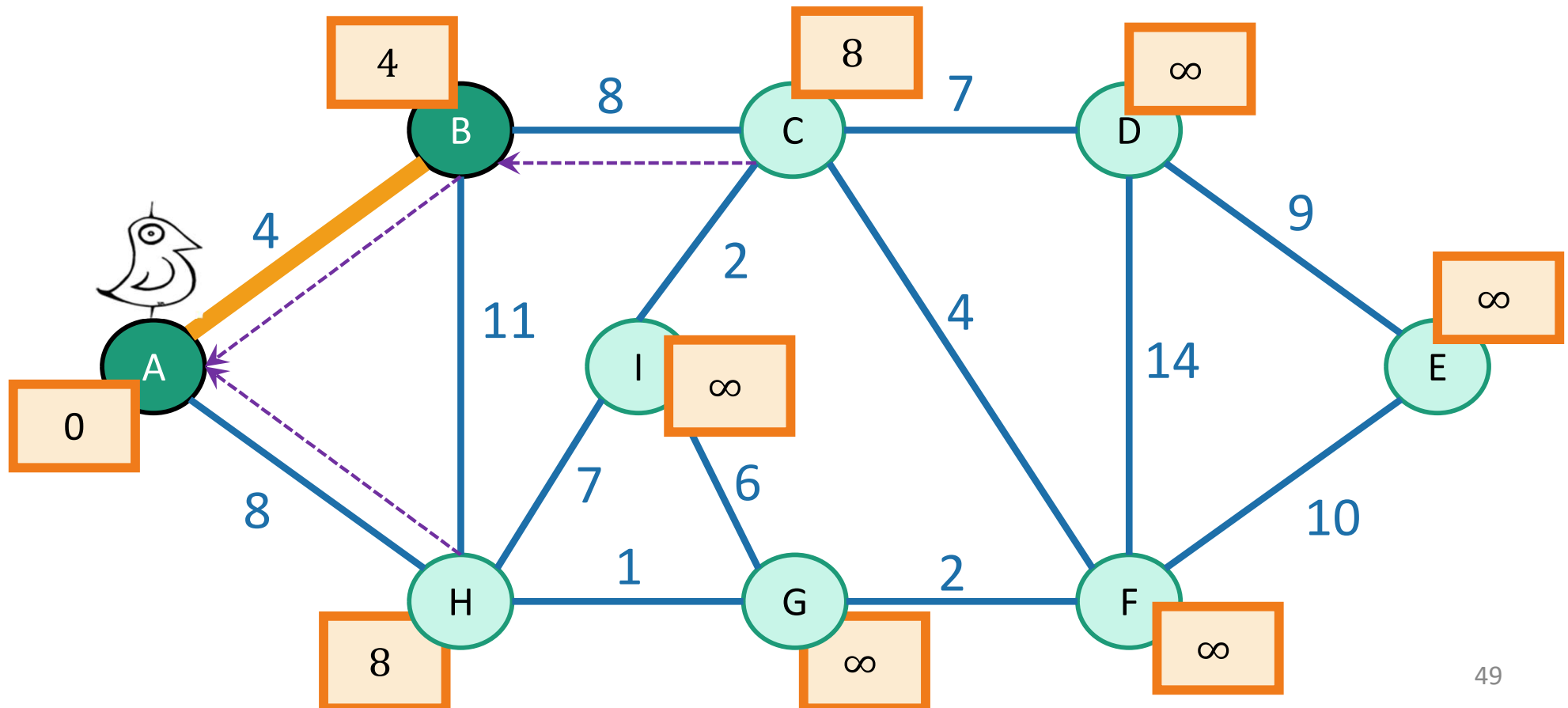
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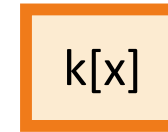
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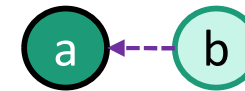
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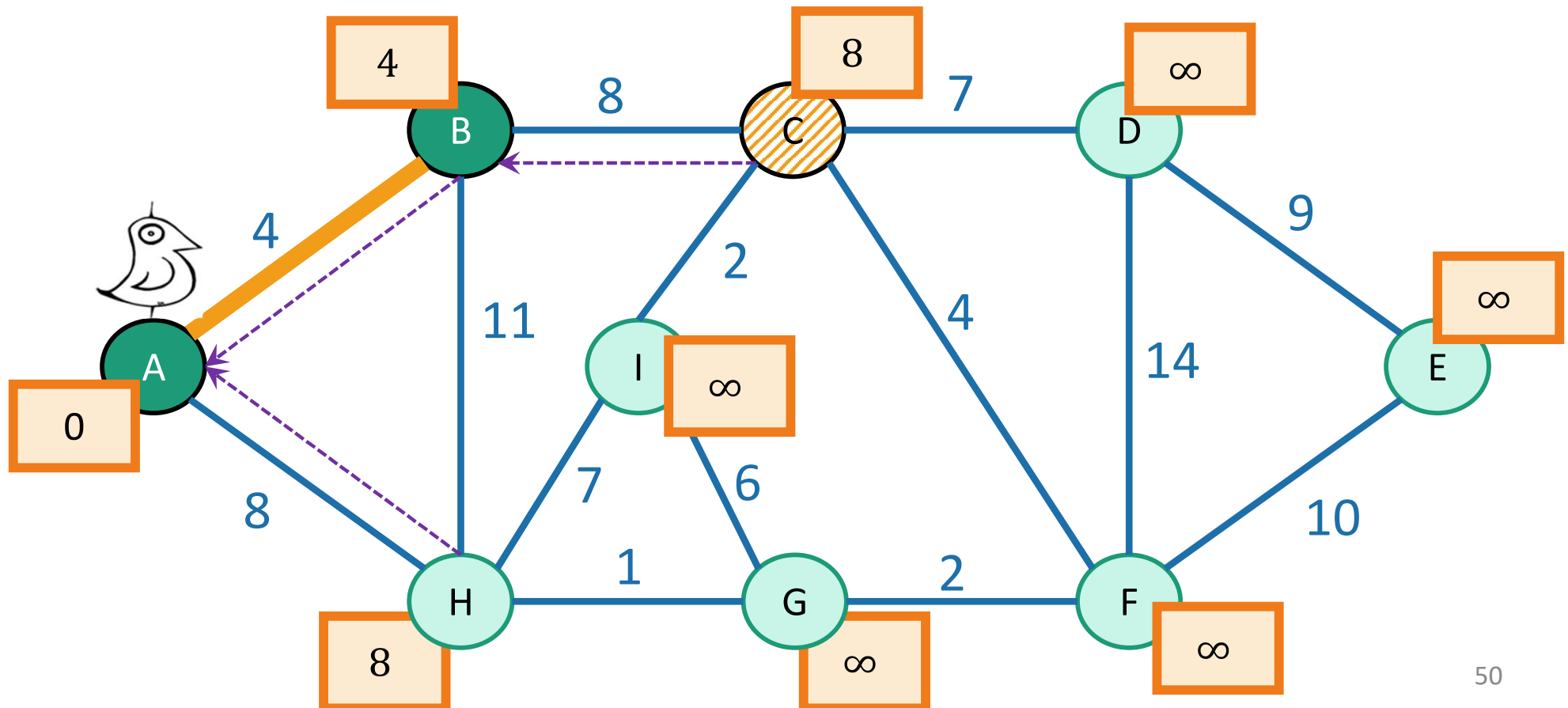
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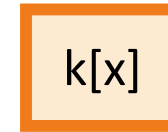
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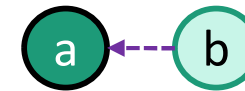
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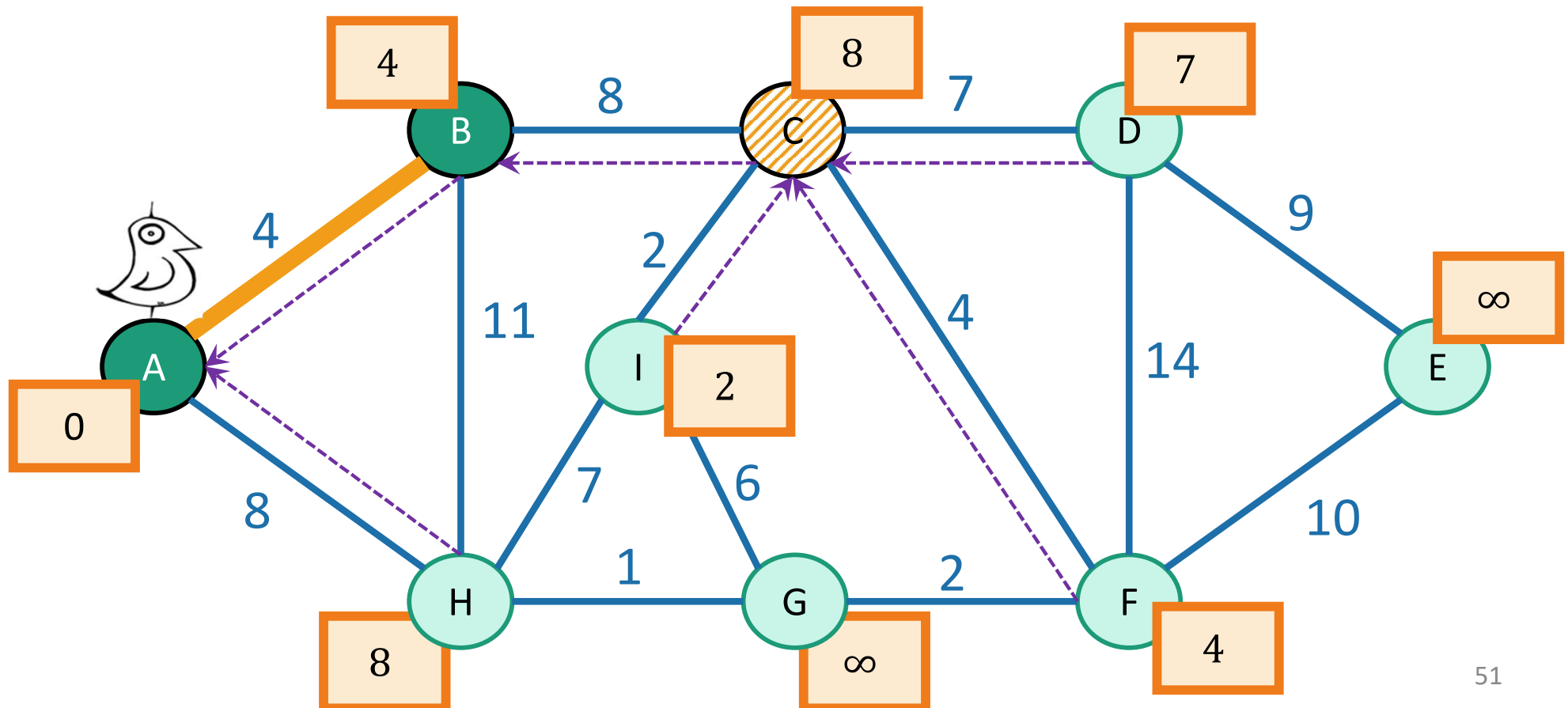
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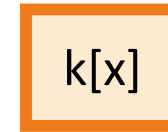
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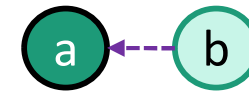
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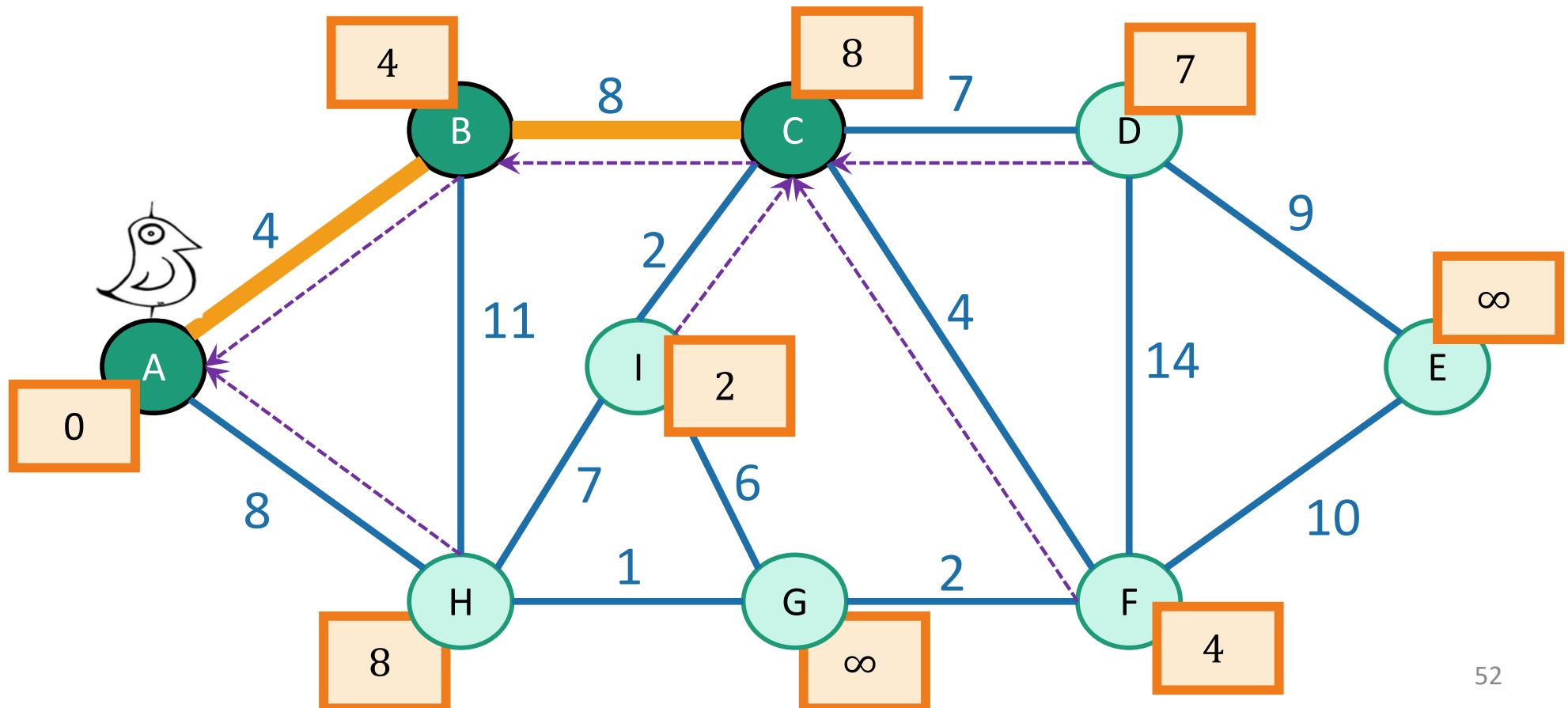
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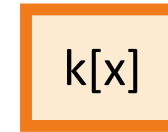
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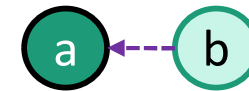
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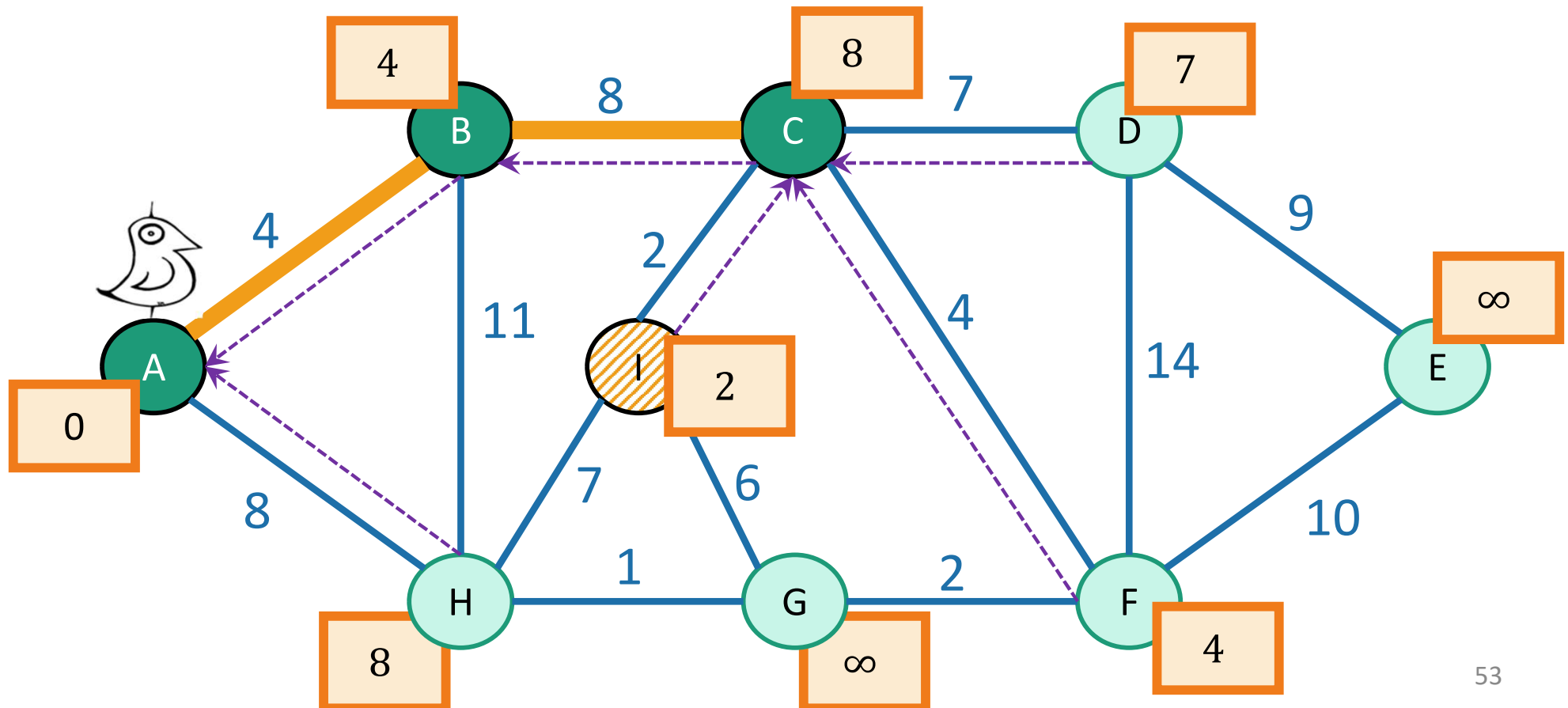
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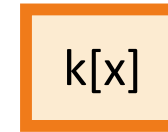
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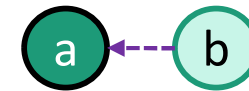
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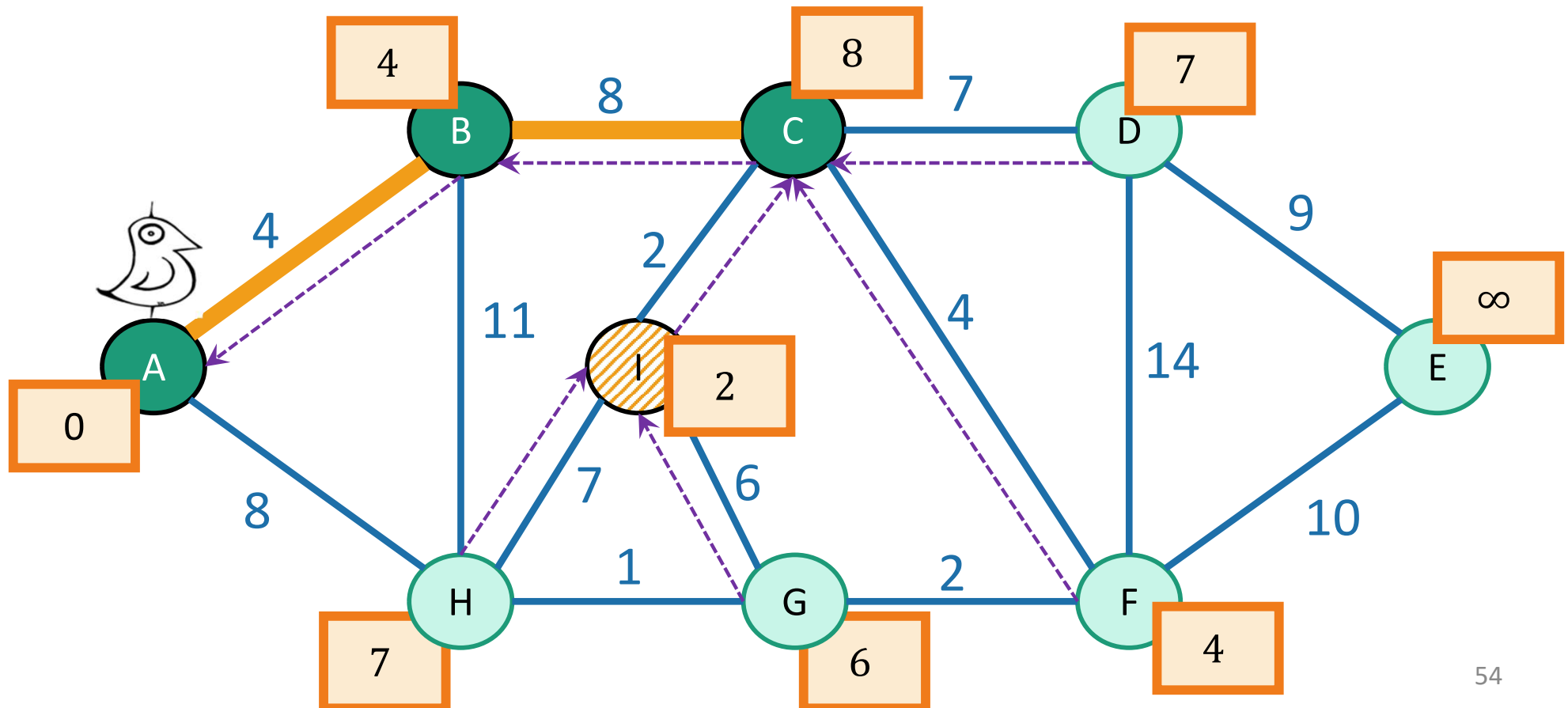
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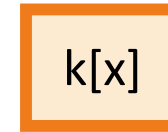
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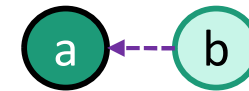
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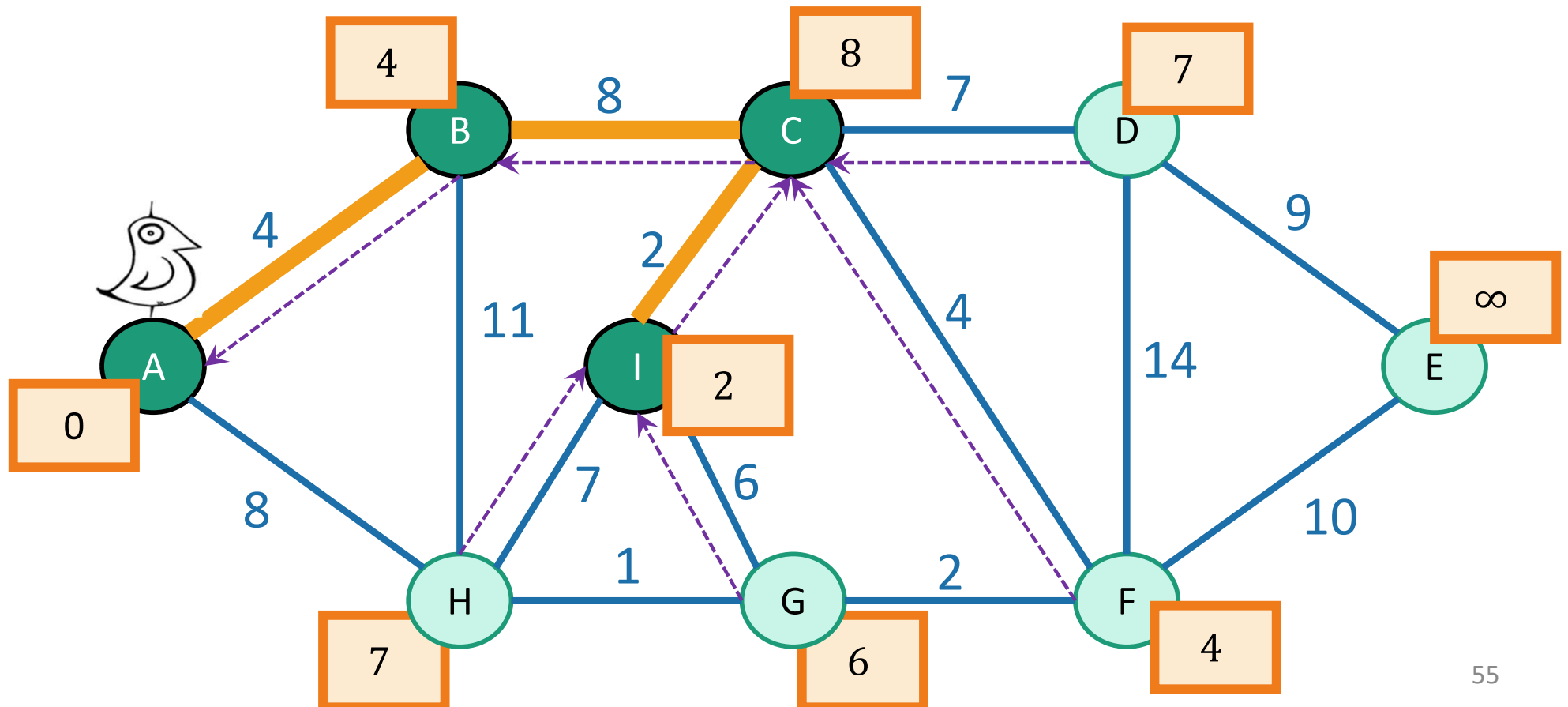
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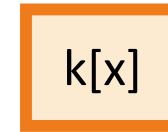
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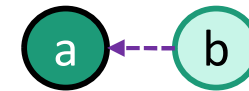
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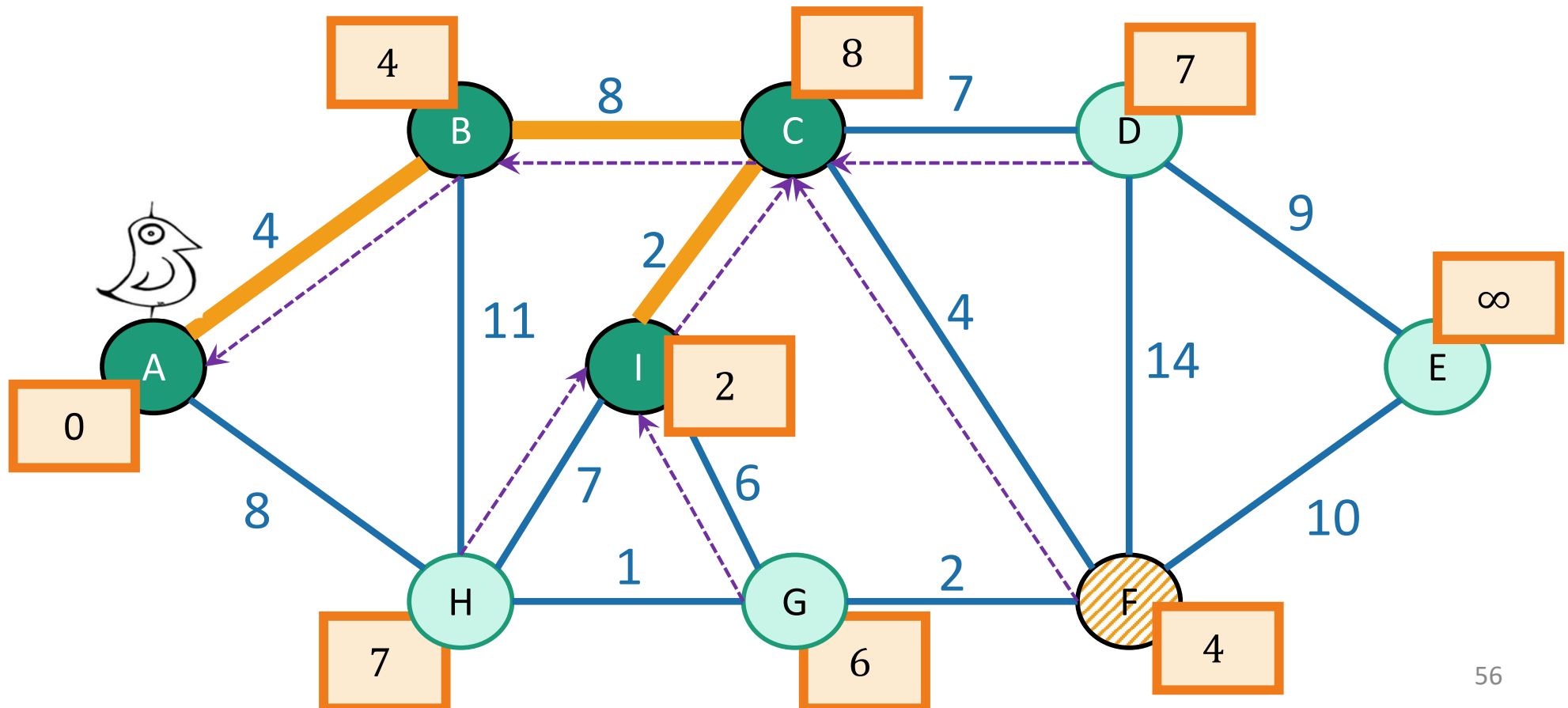
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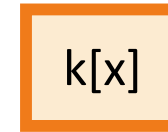
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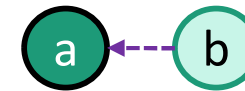
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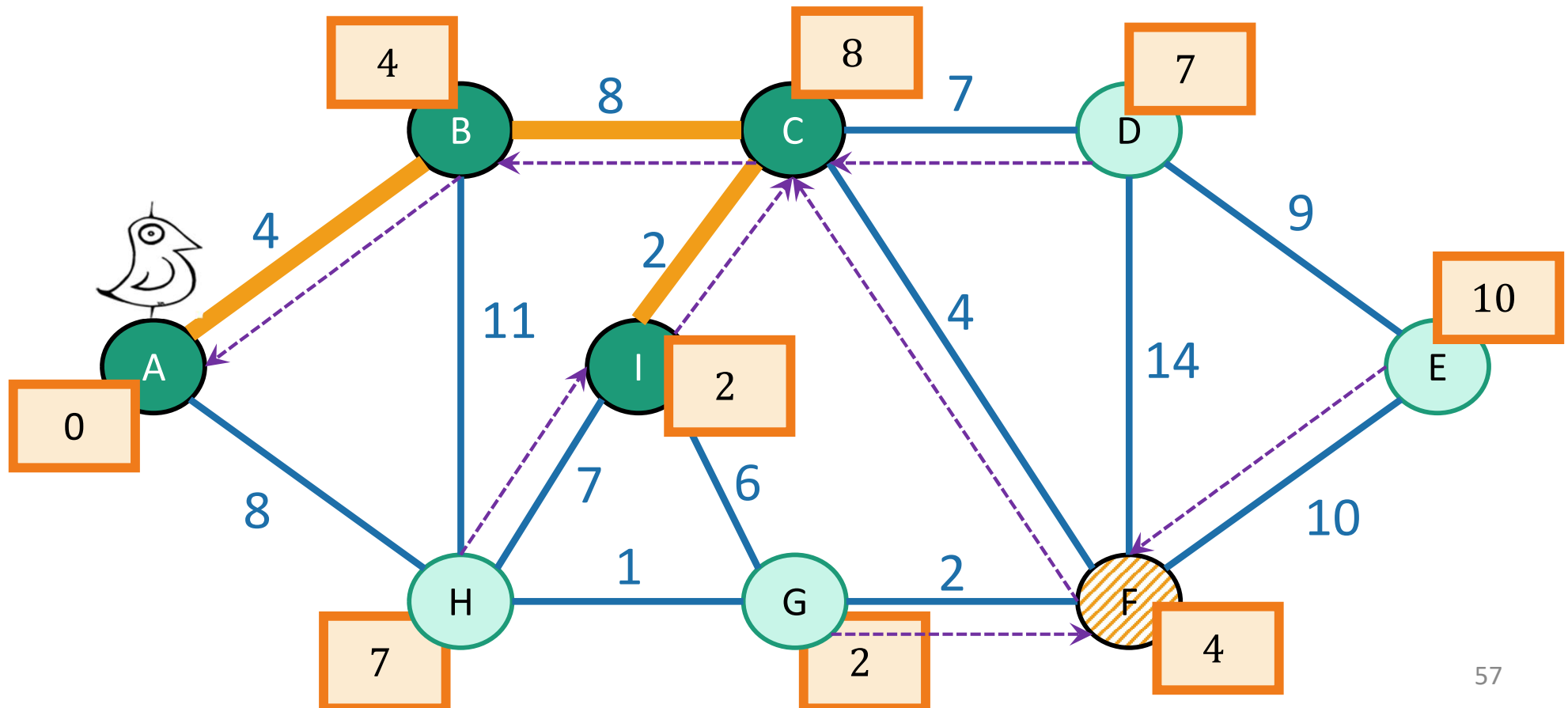
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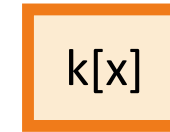
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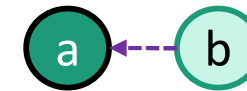
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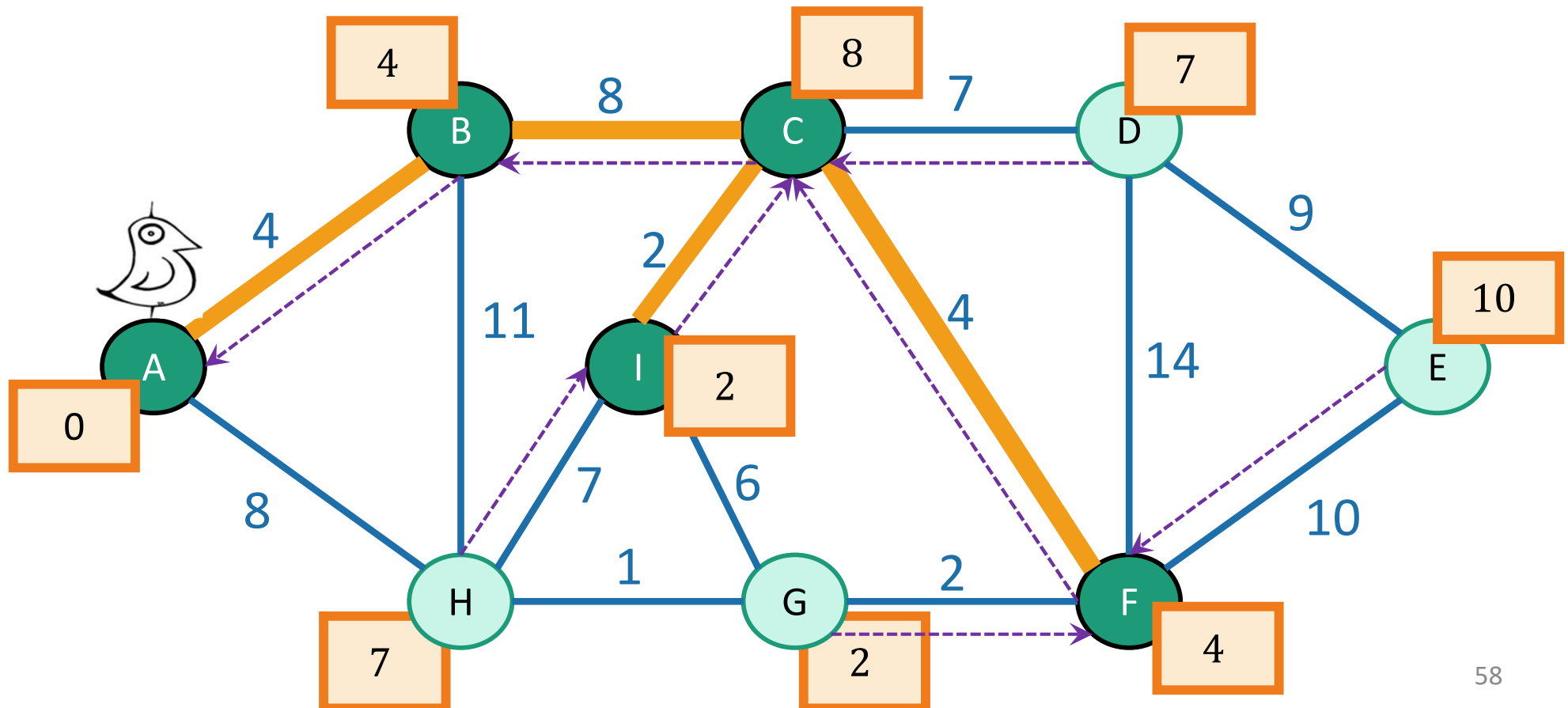
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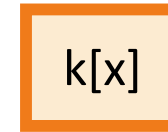
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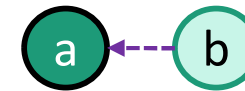
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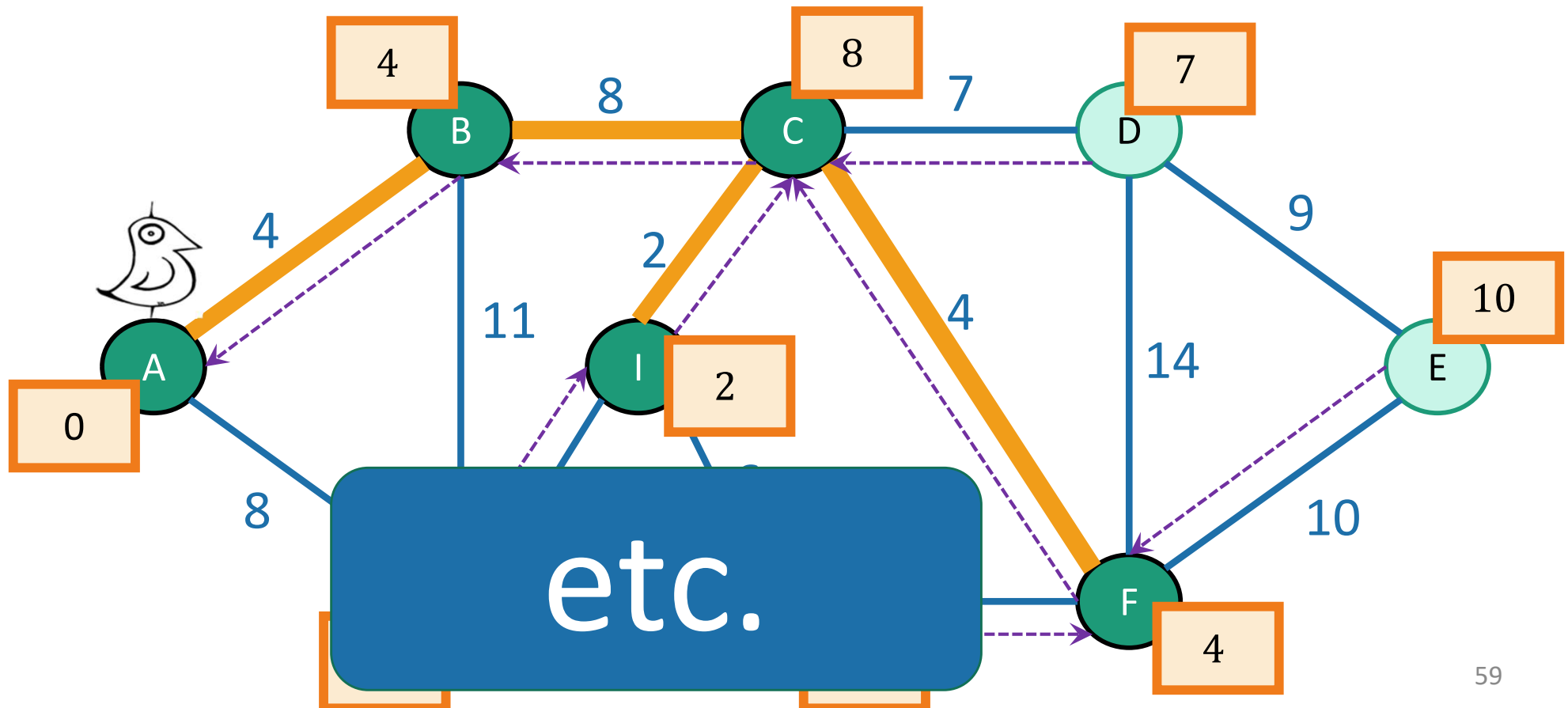
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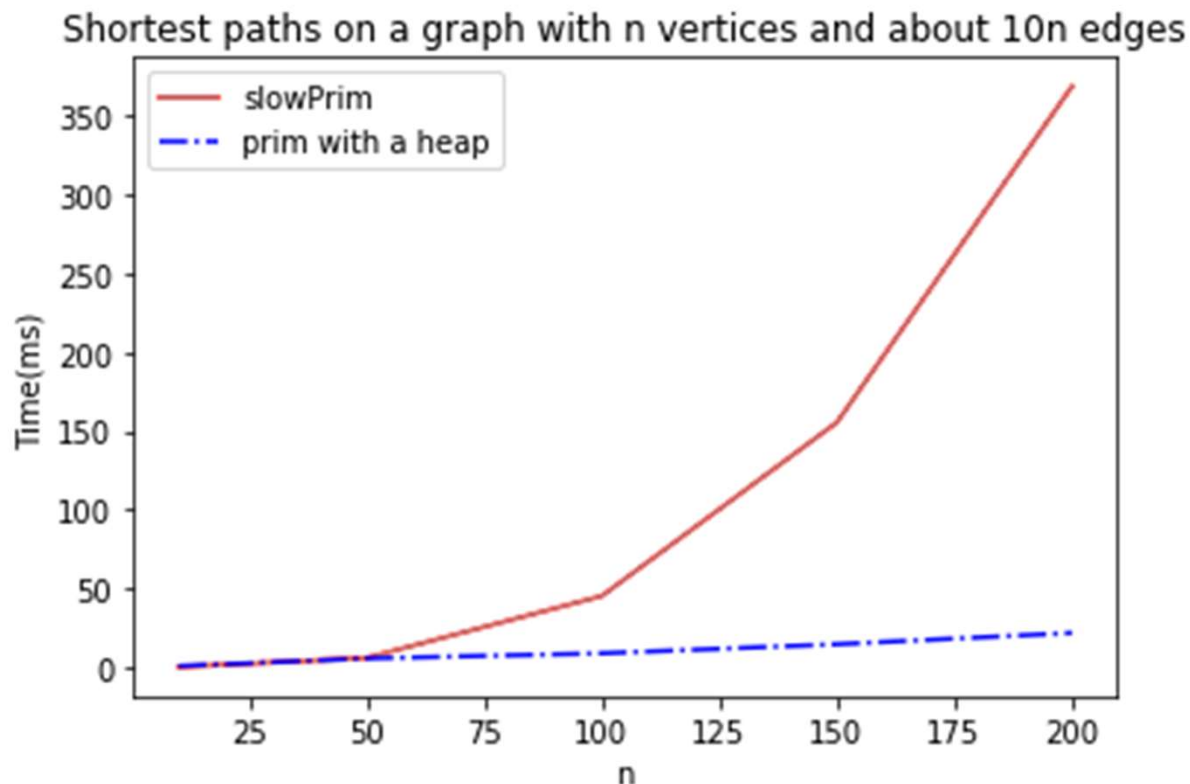
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# One thing that is similar:

## Running time

- Exactly the same as Dijkstra:
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  - $O(m + n \log(n))$  amortized time if we use a Fibonacci Heap.



# Two questions

## 1. Does it work?

- That is, does it actually return a MST?

- **Yes!**

## 2. How do we actually implement this?

- the pseudocode above says “slowPrim”...

- **Implement it basically the same way we'd implement Dijkstra!**

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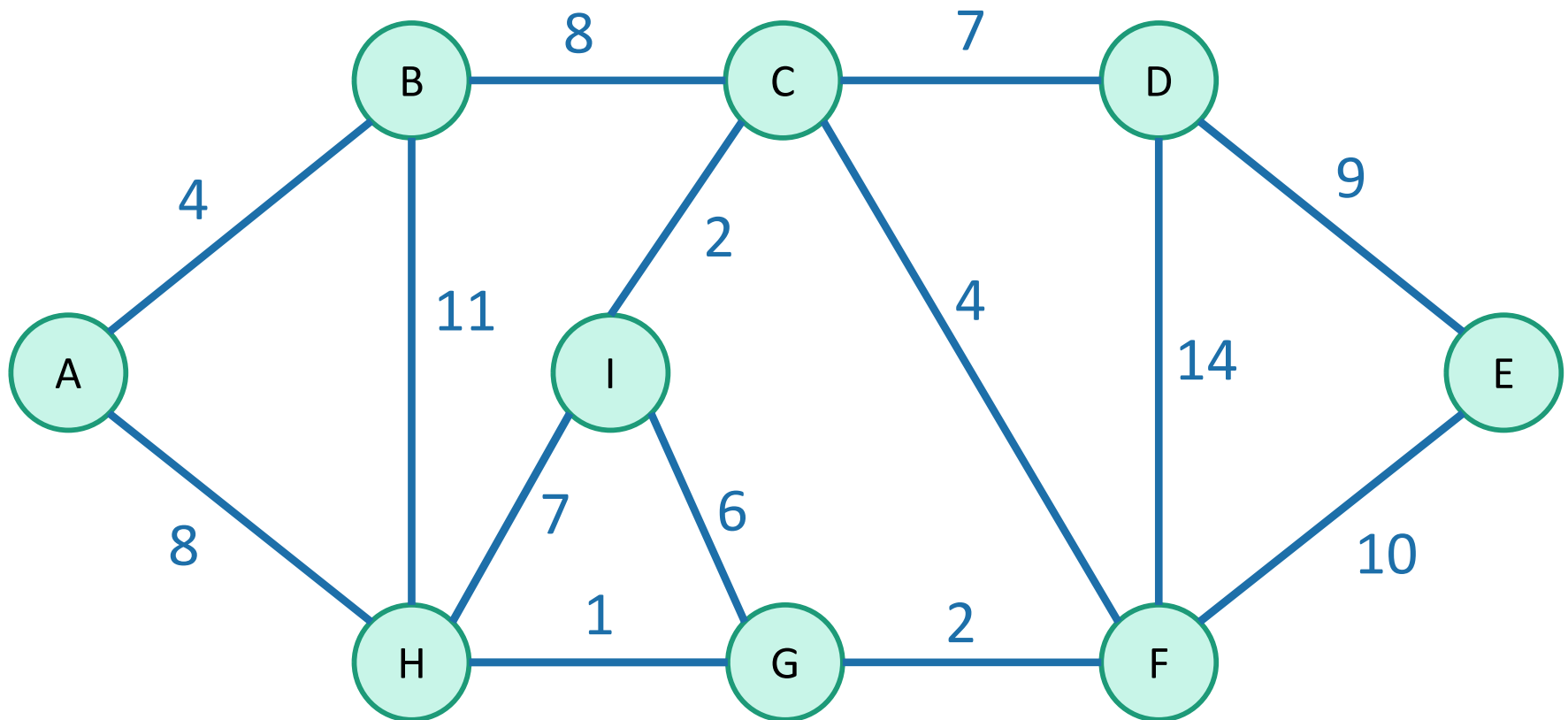
- Prim's algorithm greedily grows a tree
  - smells a lot like Dijkstra's algorithm
- It finds a Minimum Spanning Tree!
  - in time  $O(m \log(n))$  if we implement it with a Red-Black Tree.
  - In amortized time  $O(m + n \log(n))$  with a Fibonacci heap.
- To prove it worked, we followed the same recipe for greedy algorithms we saw last time.
  - Show that, at every step, we **don't rule out success**.

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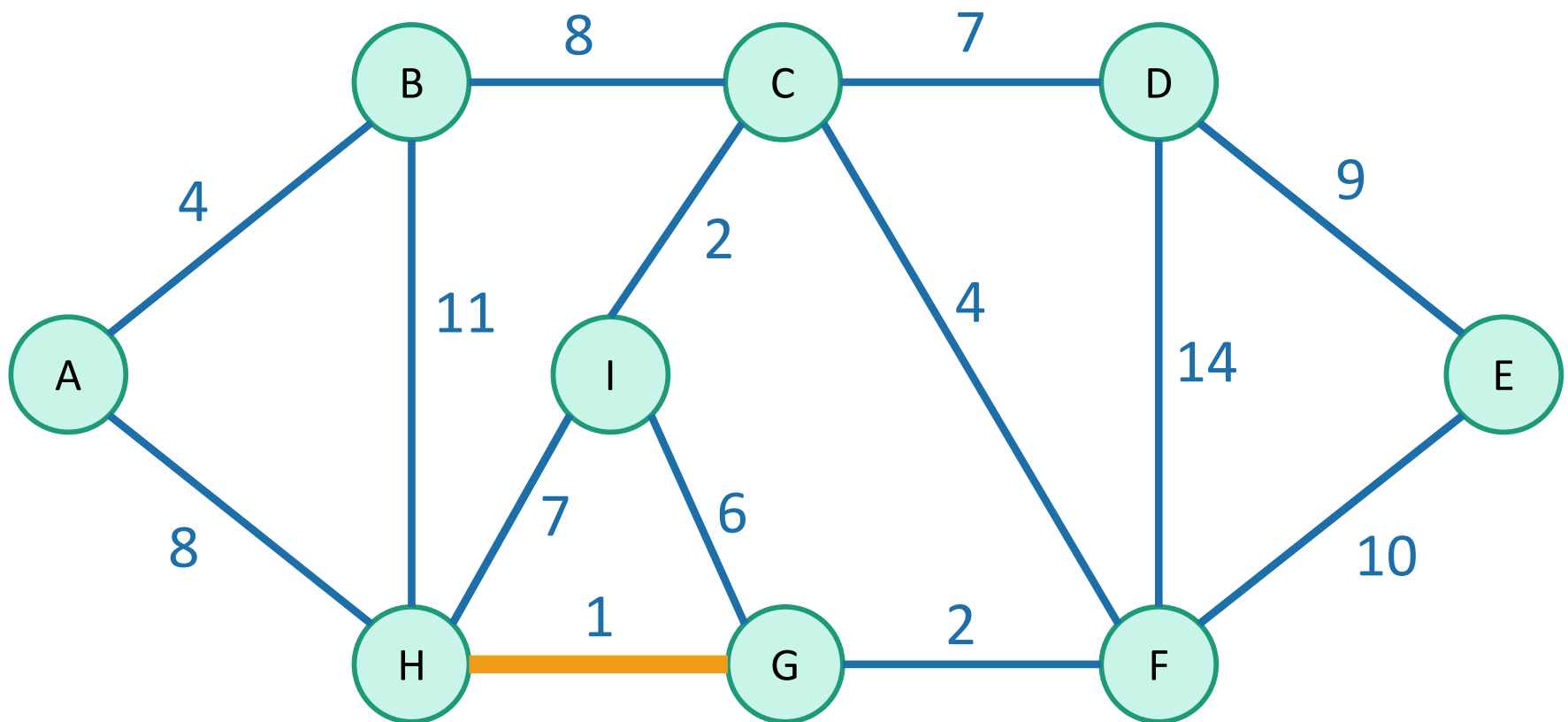
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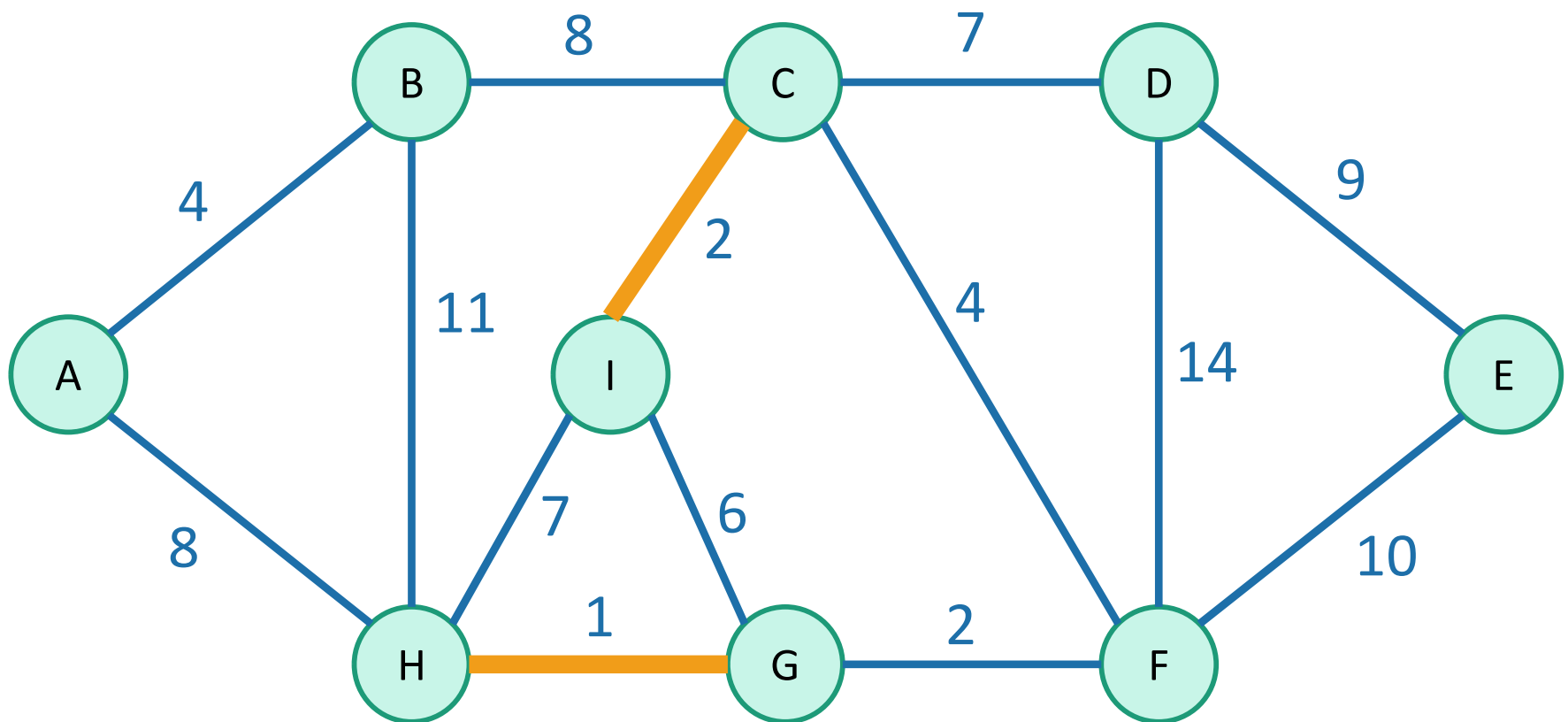




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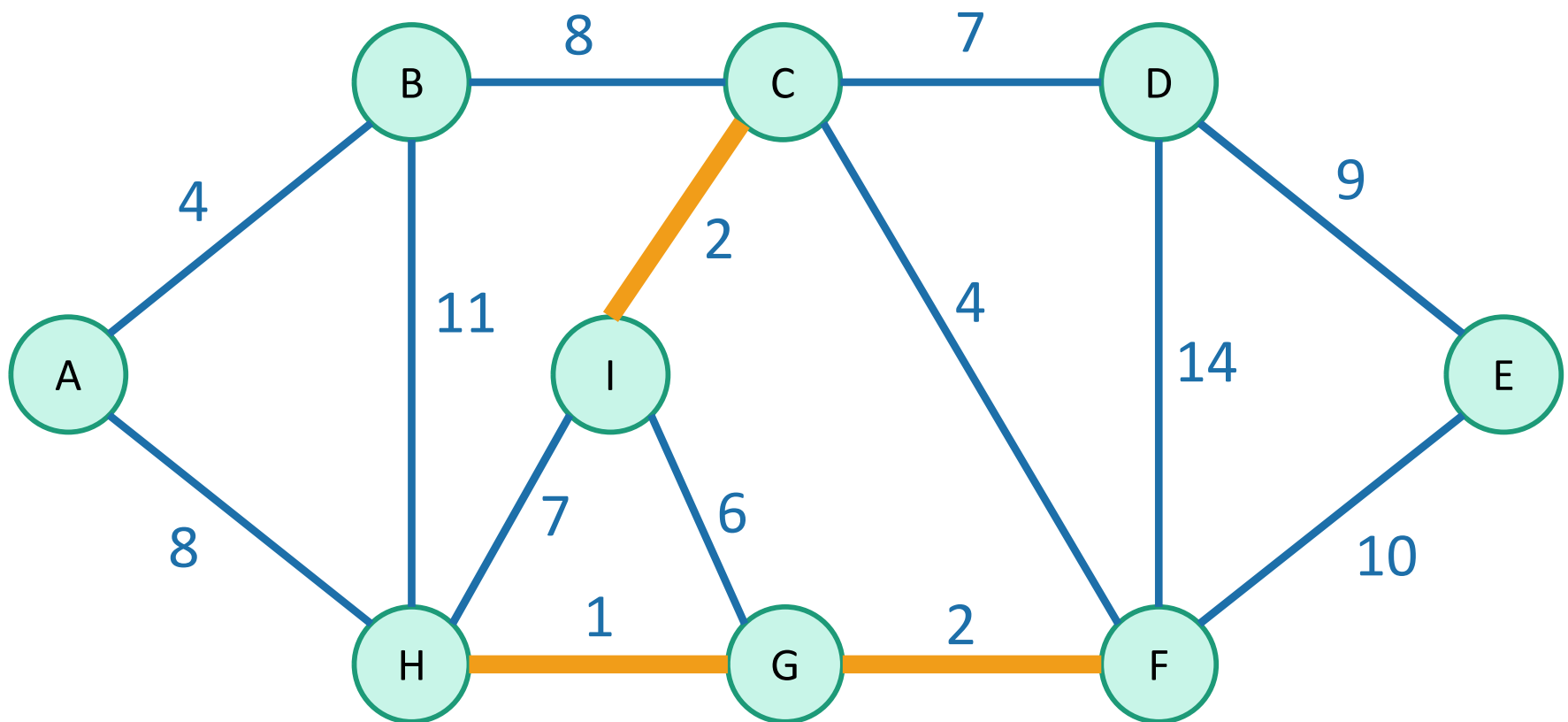
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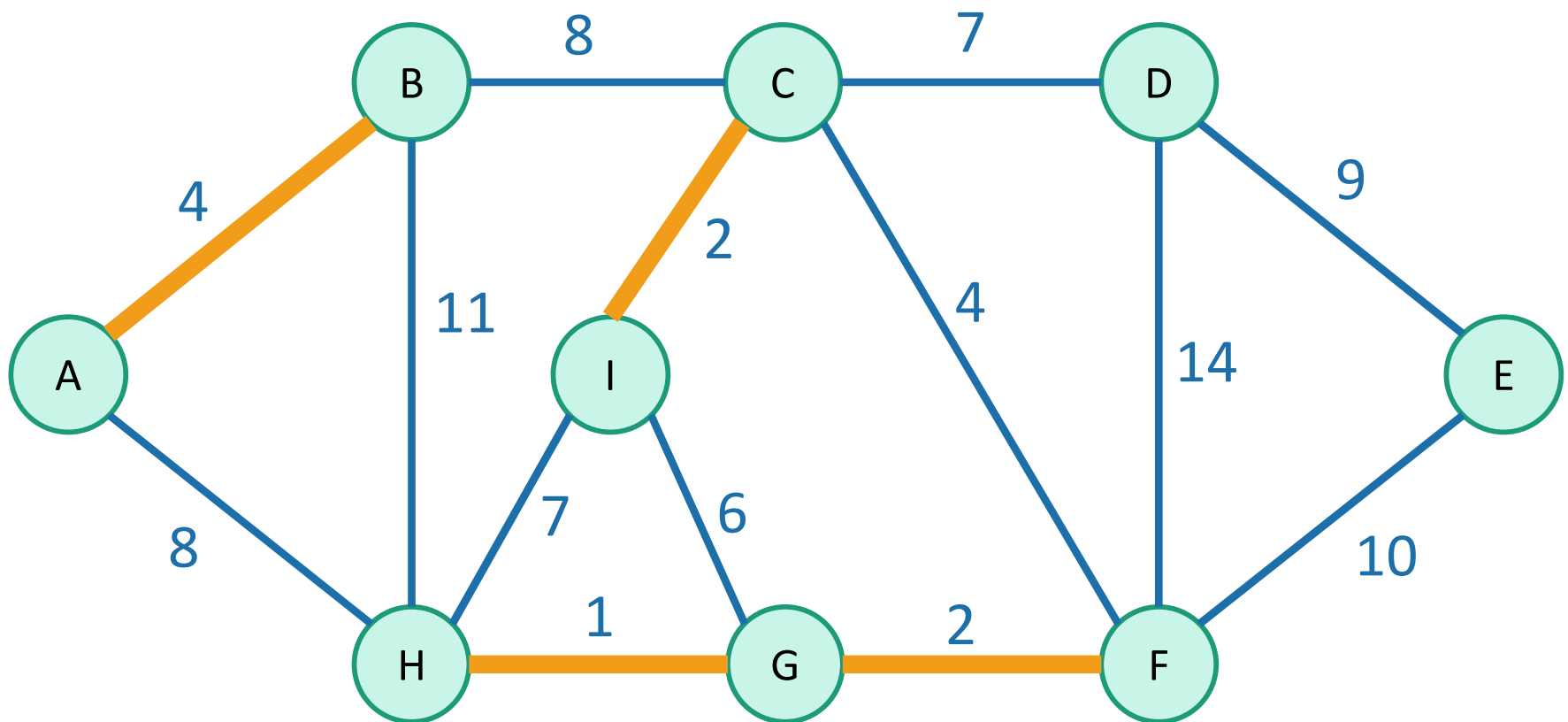
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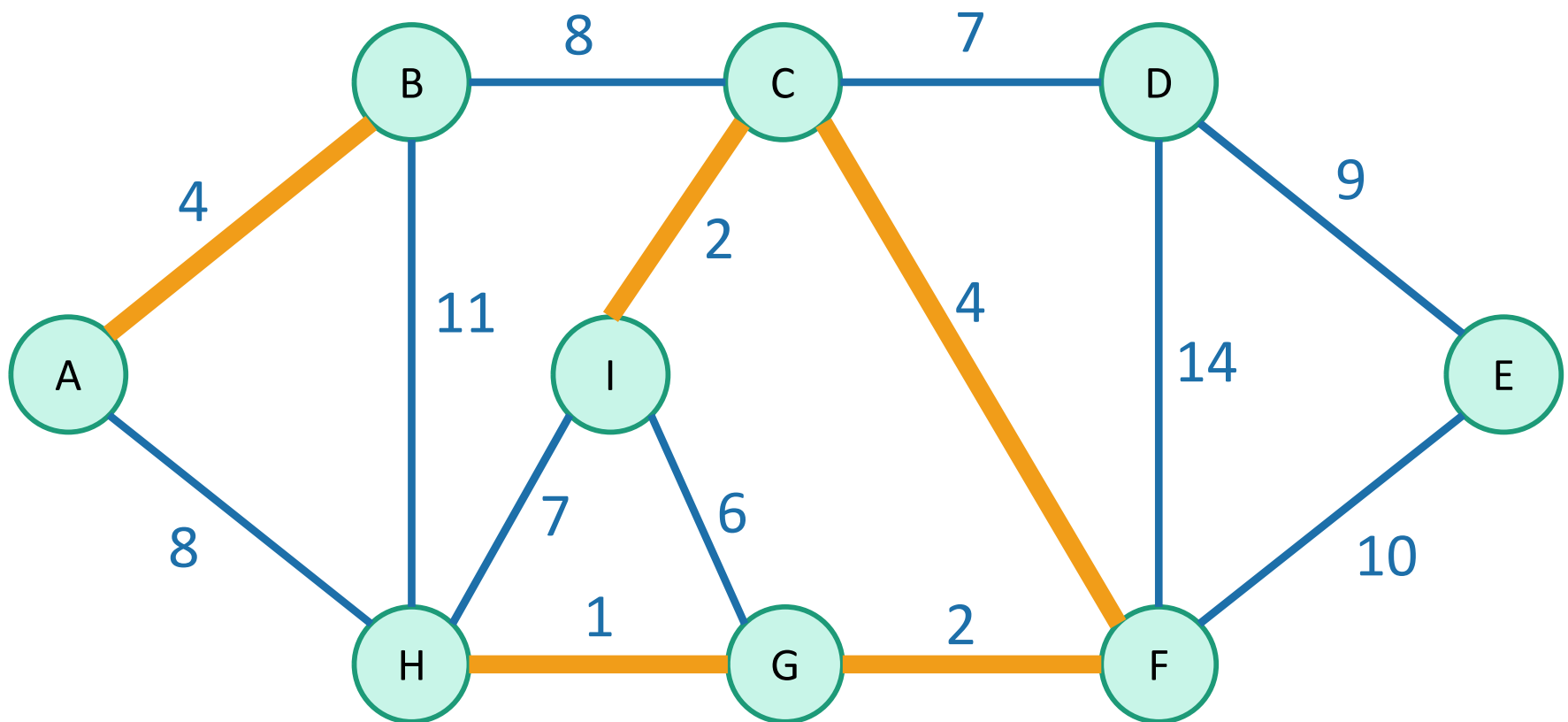
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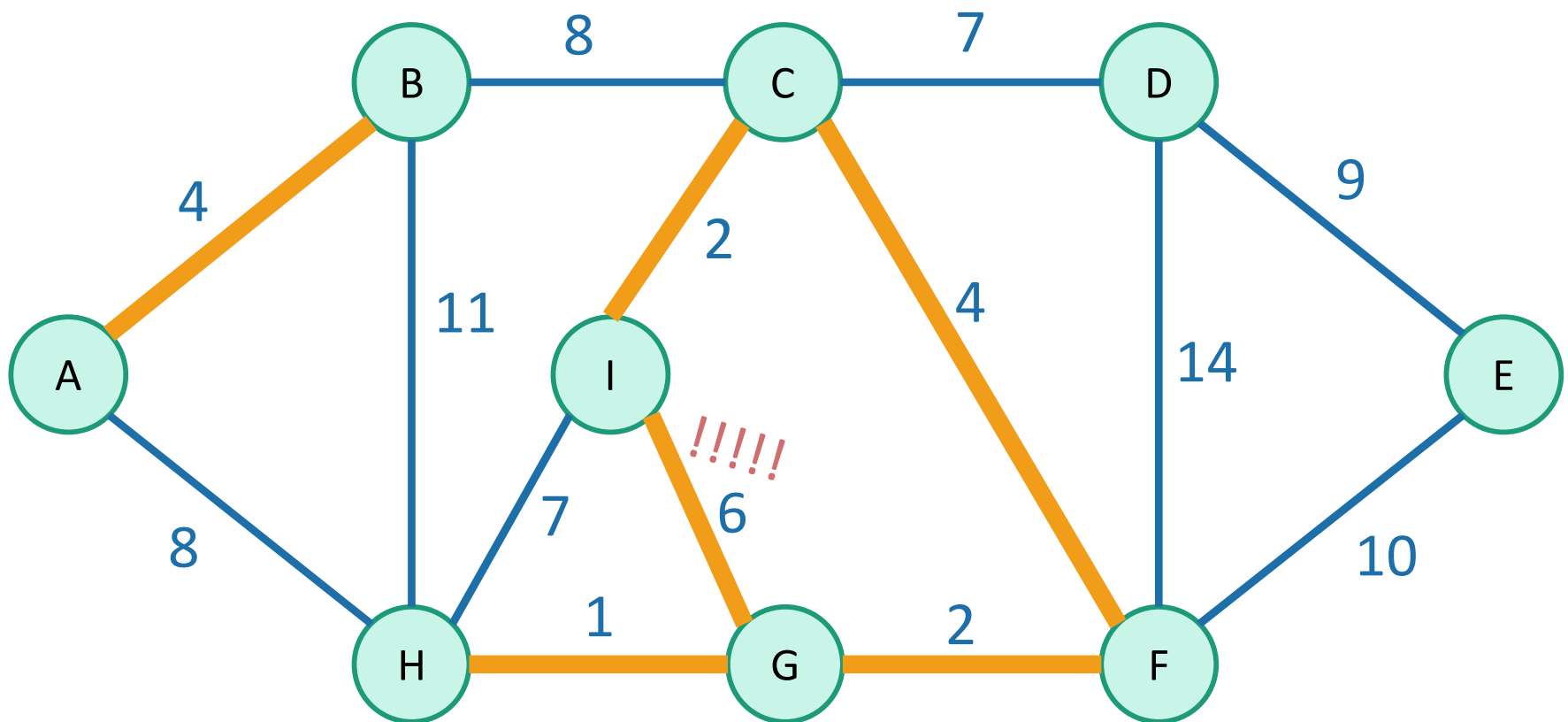


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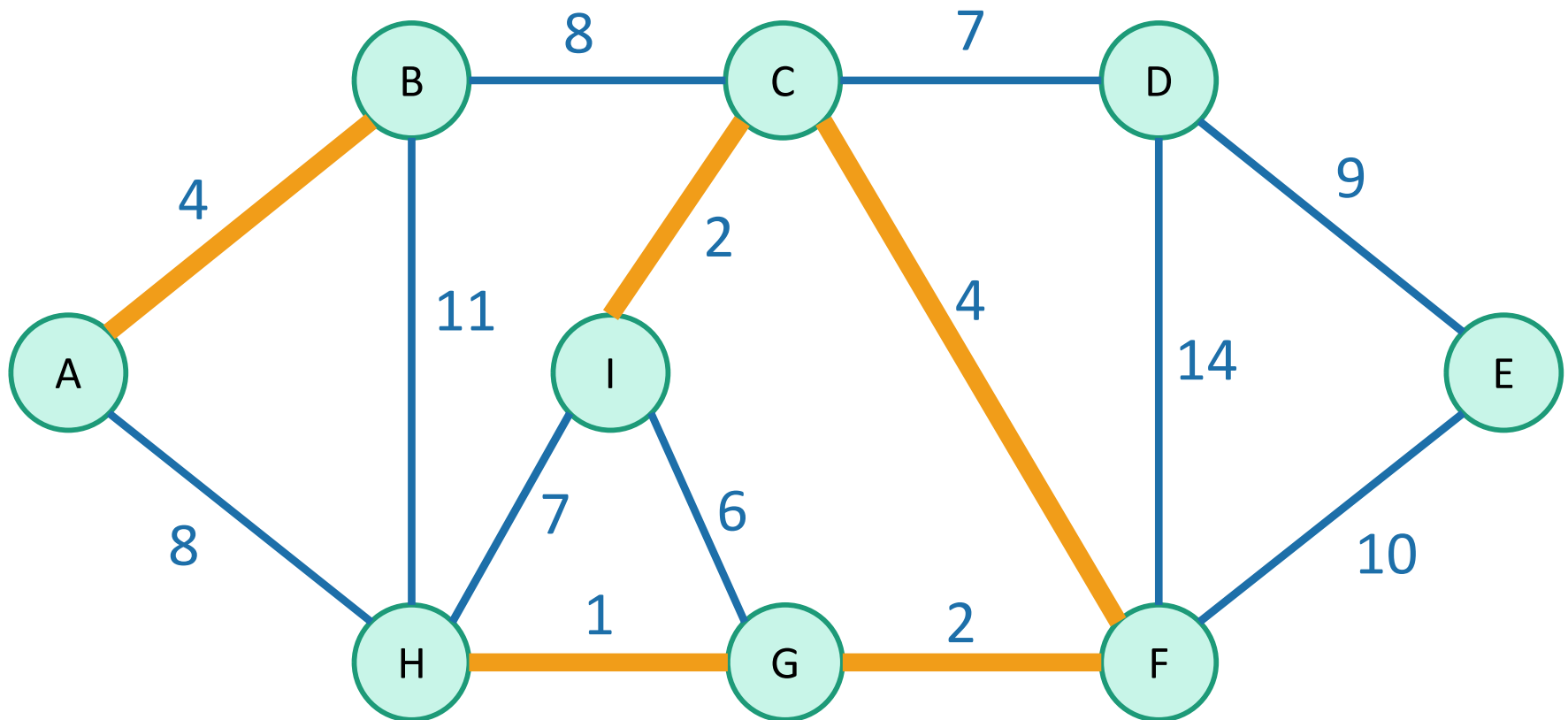
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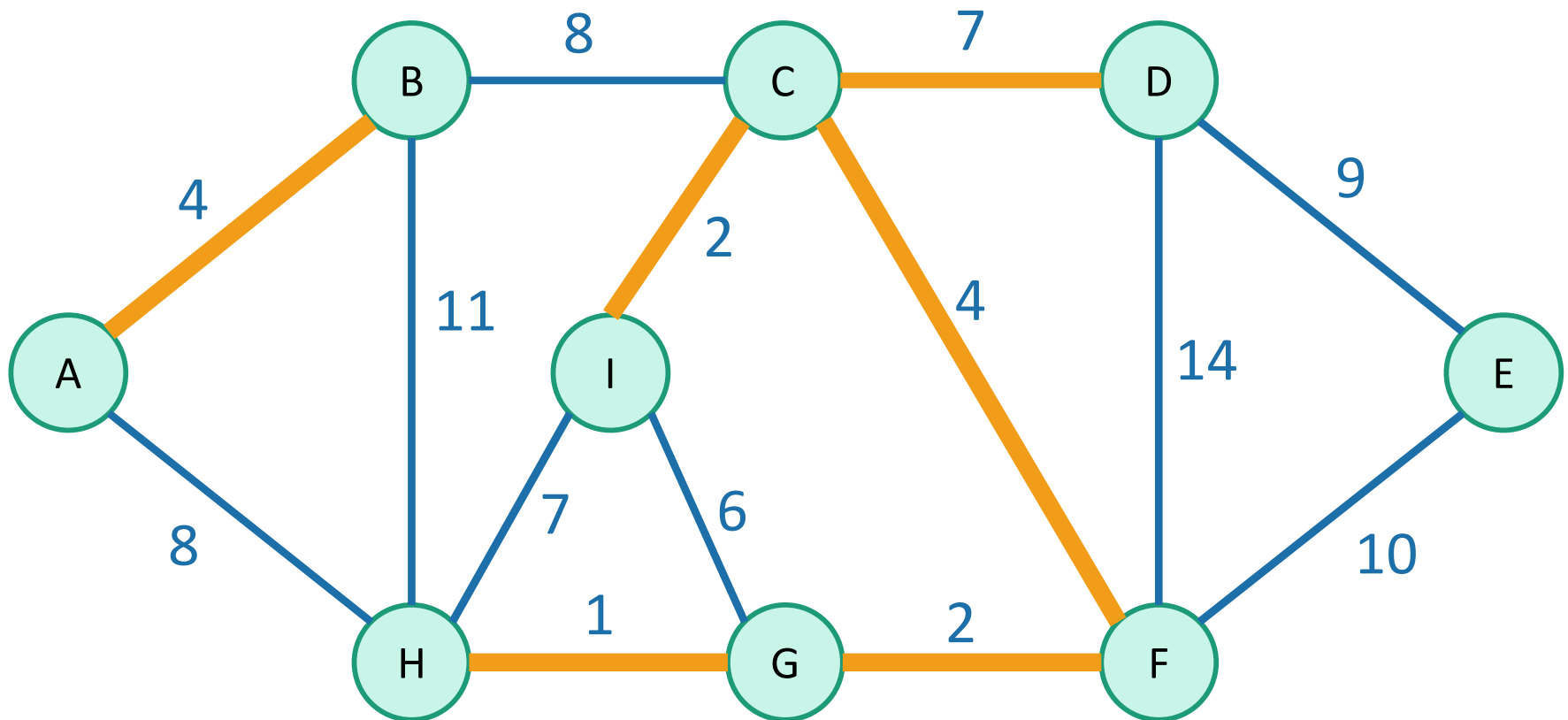


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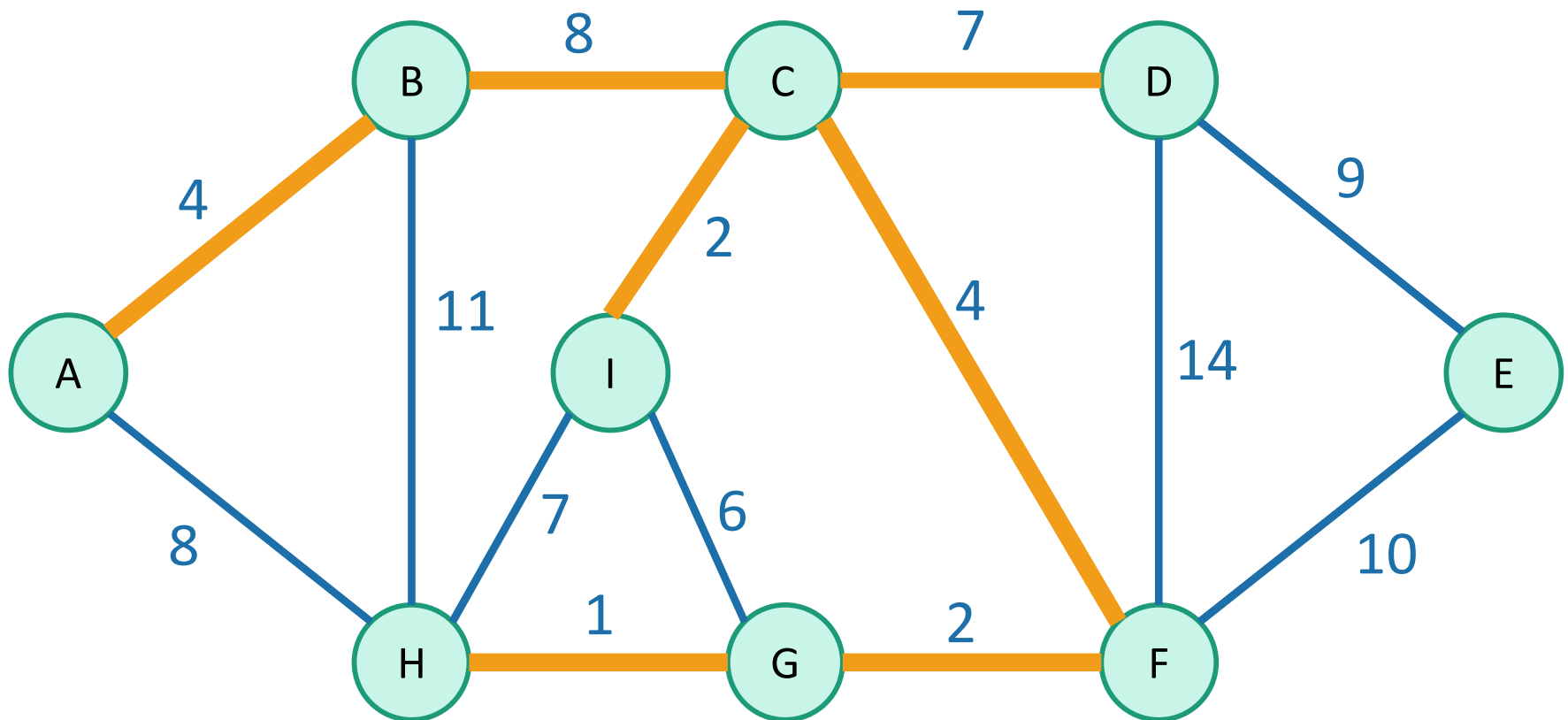


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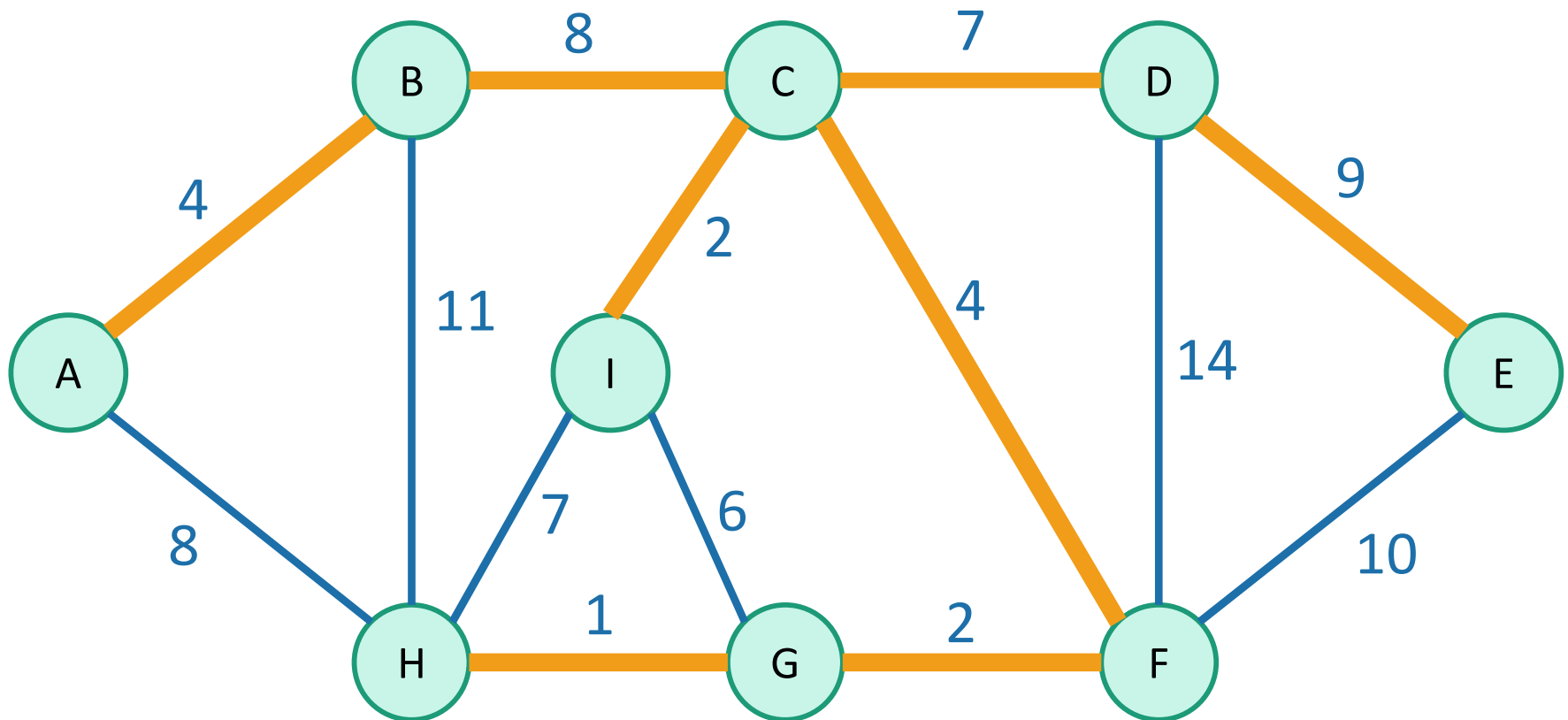




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# We've discovered Kruskal's algorithm!

- **slowKruskal**( $G = (V, E)$ ):
  - Sort the edges in  $E$  by non-decreasing weight.
  - $MST = \{\}$
  - **for**  $e$  in  $E$  (in sorted order):
    - **if** adding  $e$  to  $MST$  won't cause a cycle:
      - add  $e$  to  $MST$ .
  - **return**  $MST$

*m iterations through this loop*

*How do we check this?*



How **would** you figure out if added  $e$  would make a cycle in this algorithm?

Naively, the running time is ???:

- For each of  $m$  iterations of the for loop:
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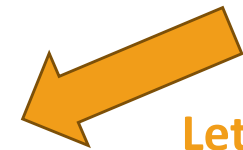
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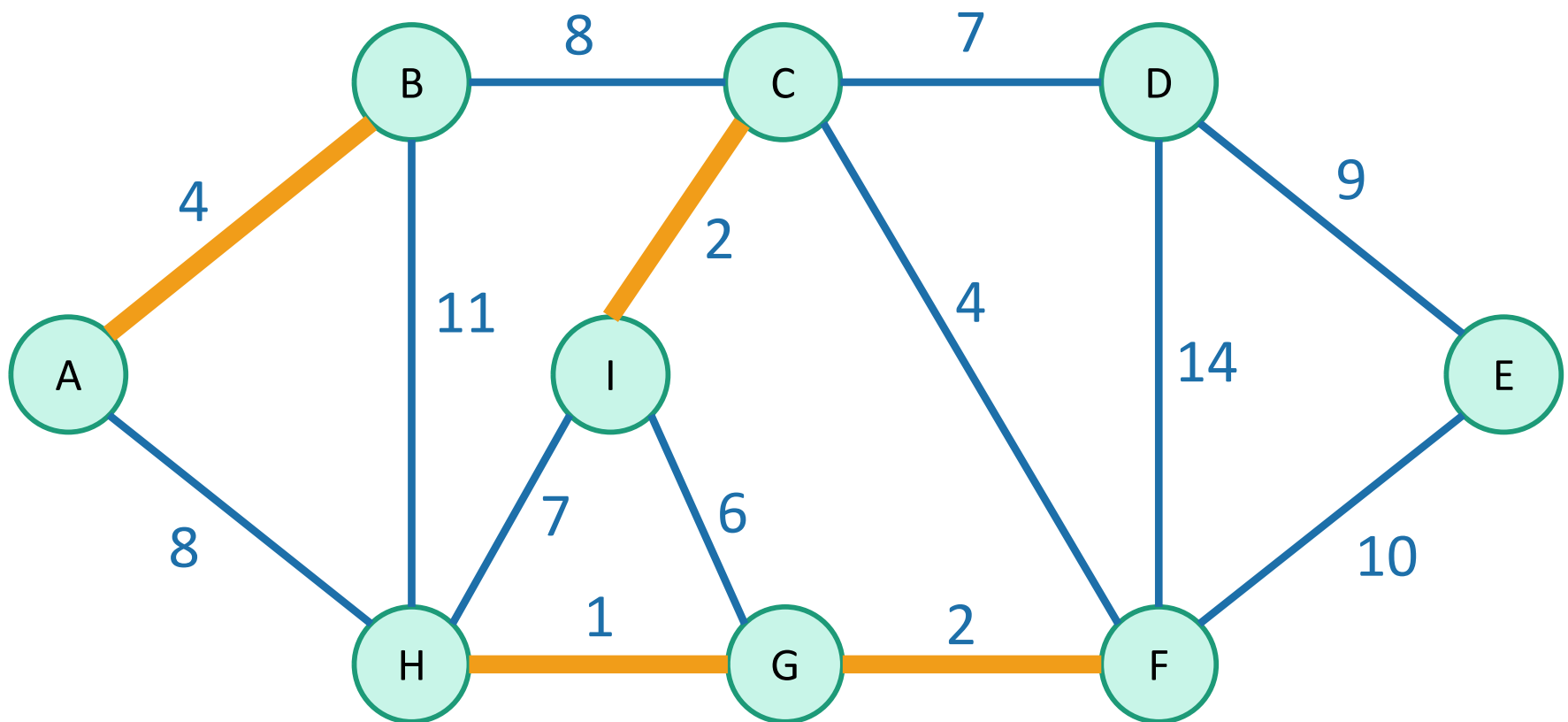
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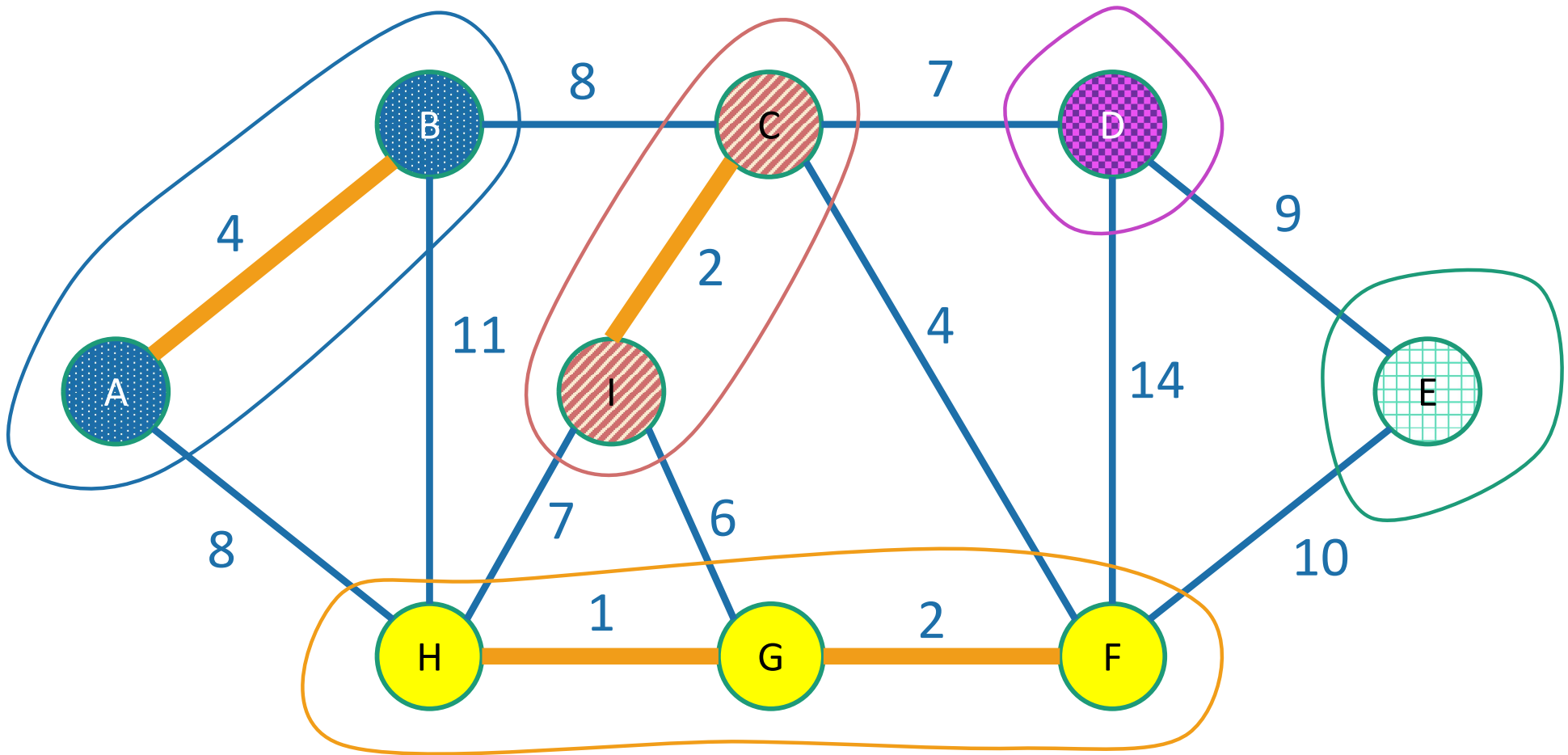
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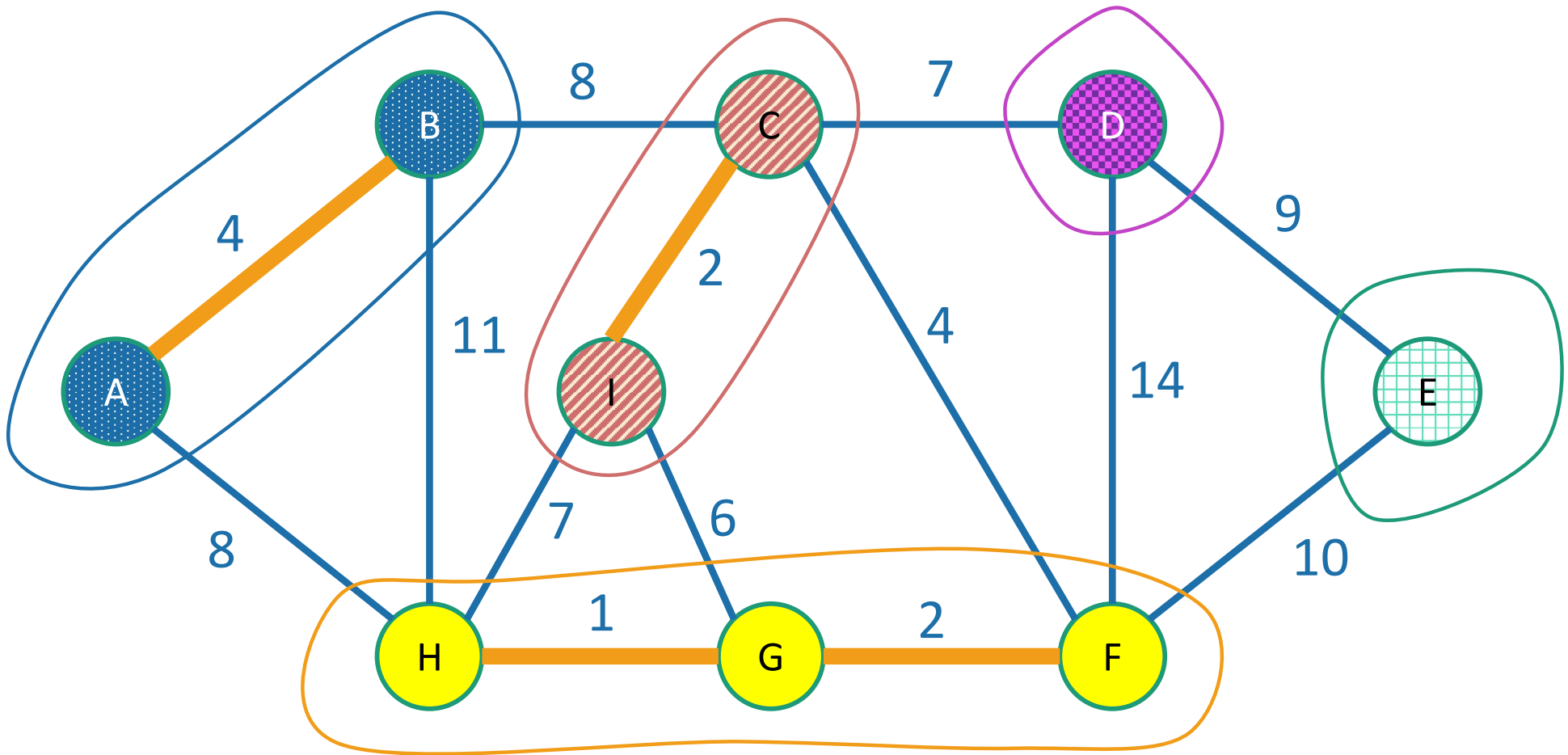


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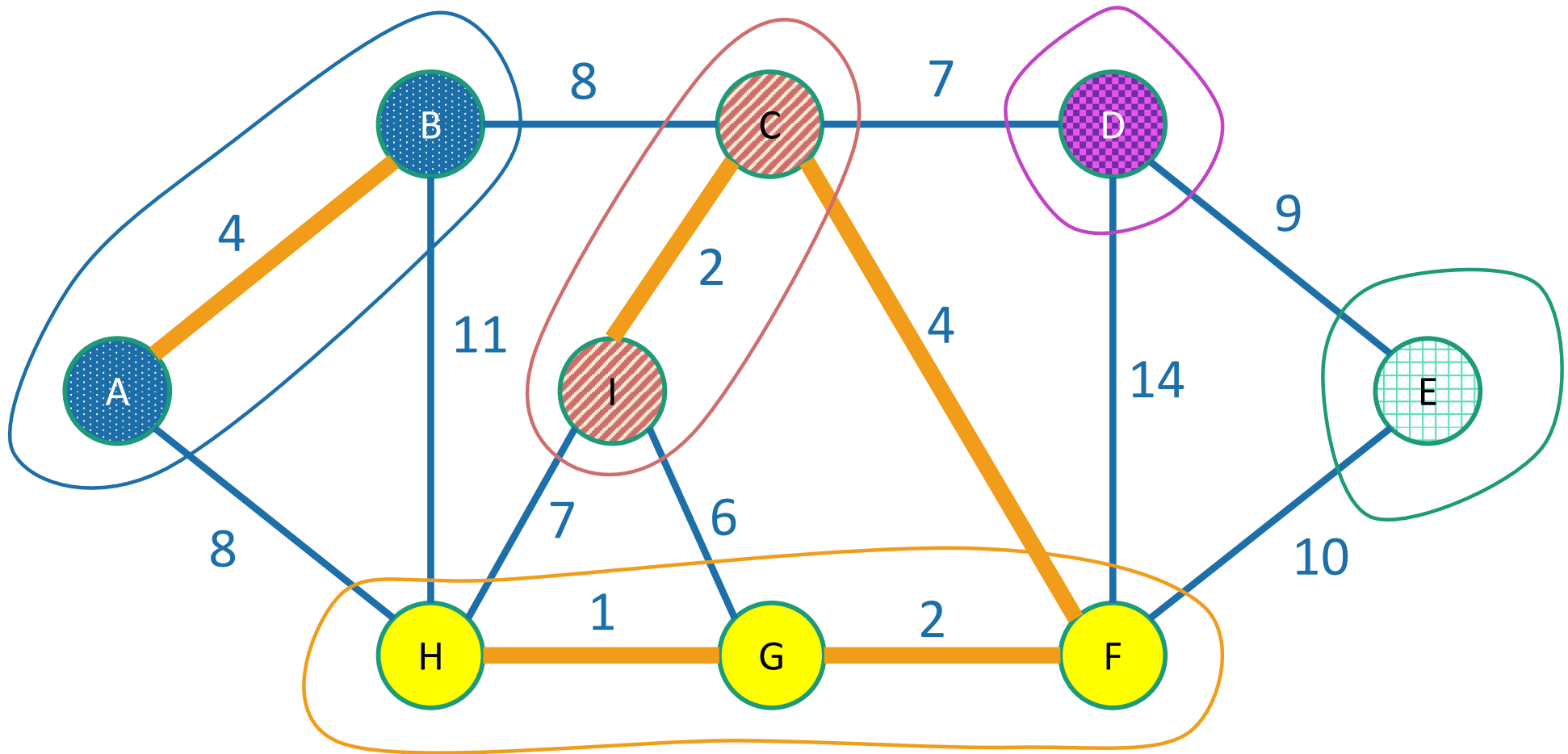


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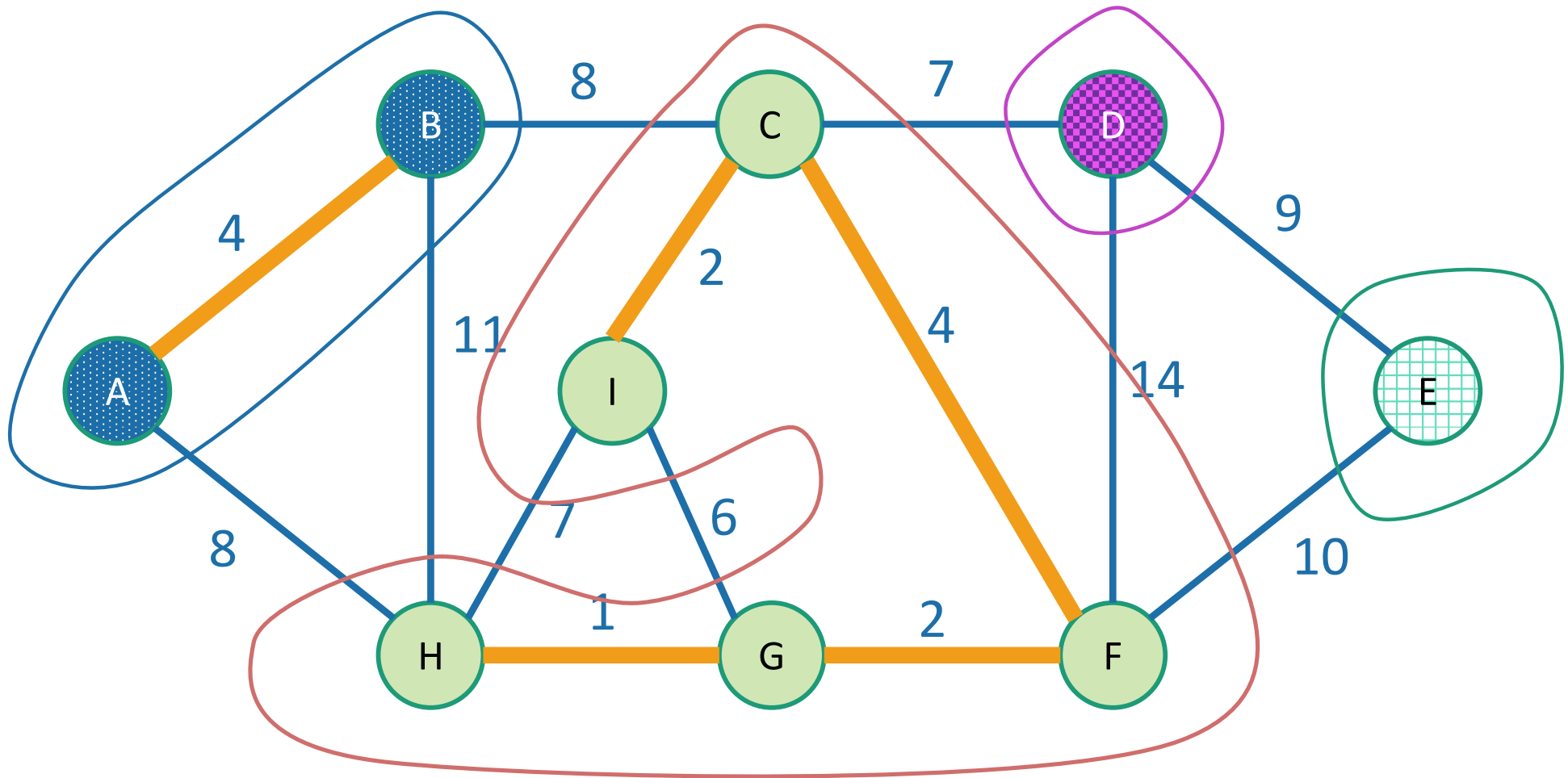


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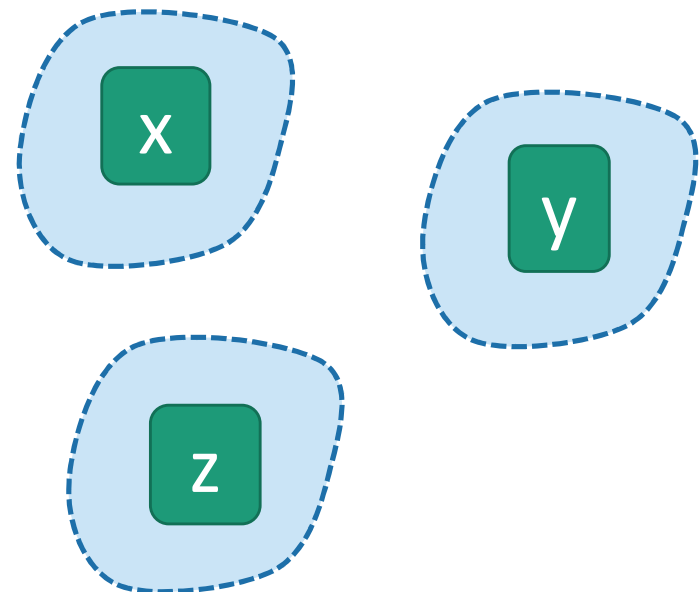
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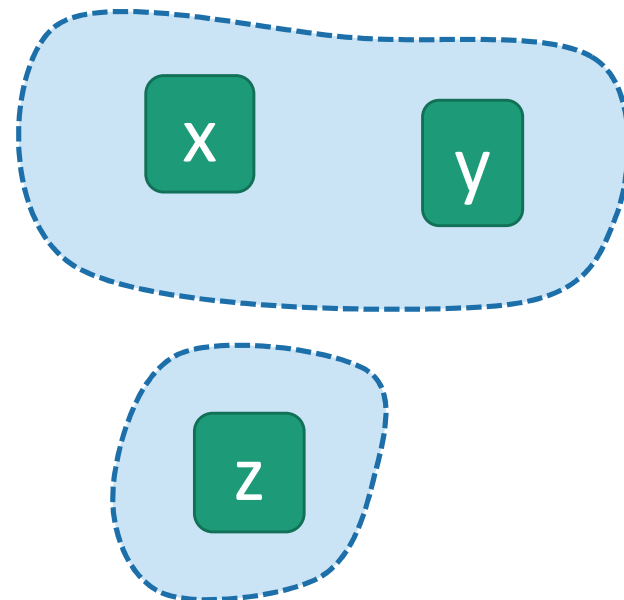
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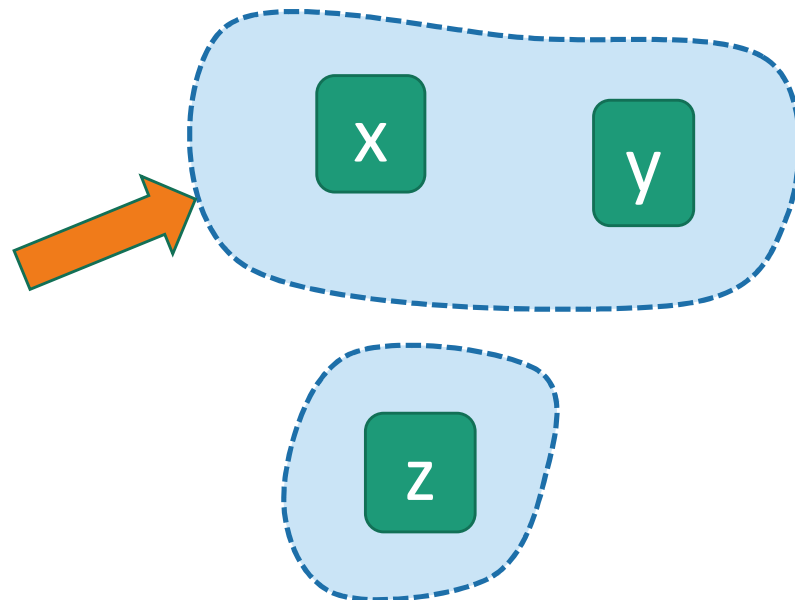
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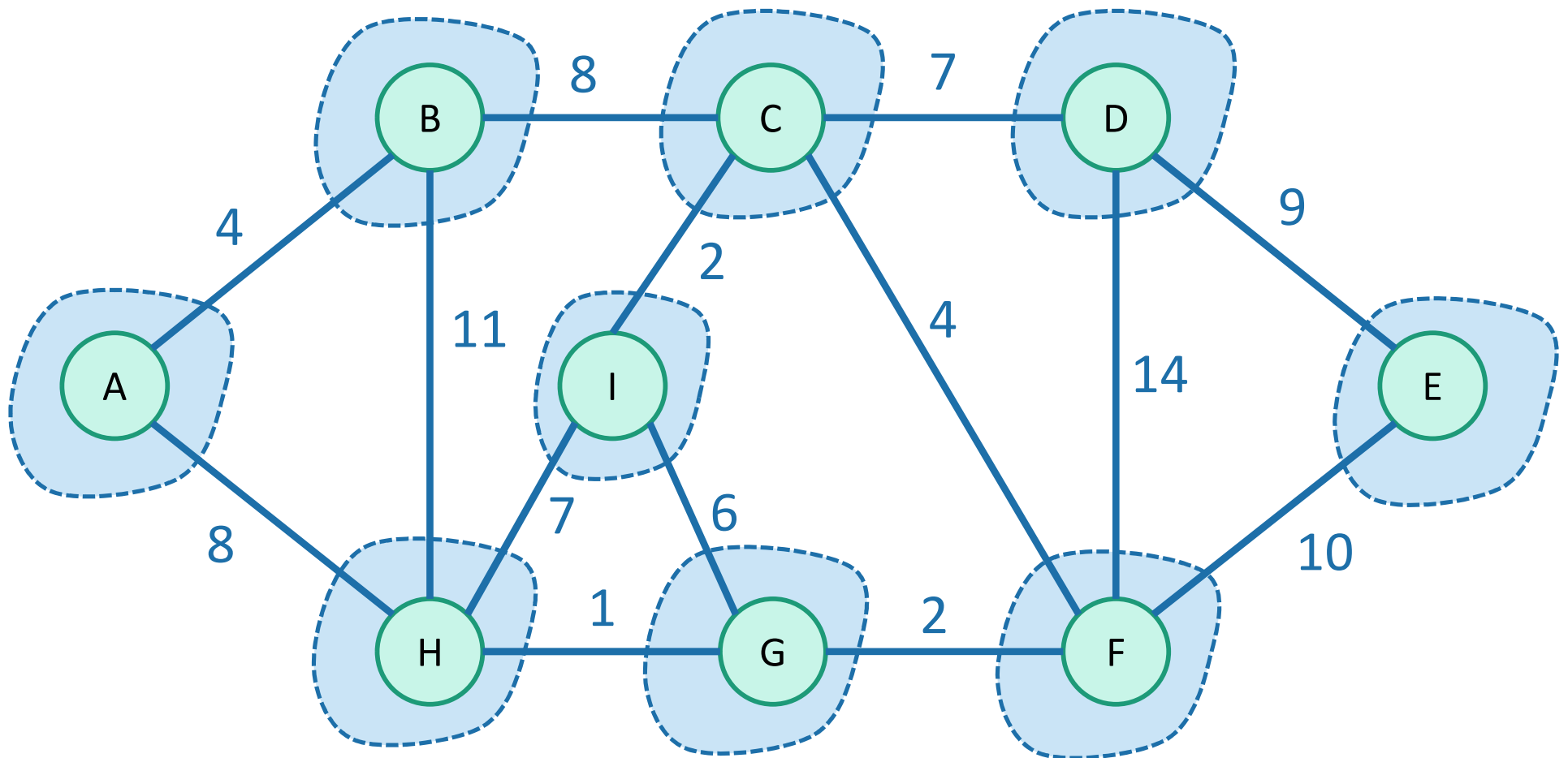


# Kruskal pseudo-code

- **kruskal**( $G = (V, E)$ ):
  - Sort  $E$  by weight in non-decreasing order
  - $MST = \{\}$  *// initialize an empty tree*
  - **for**  $v$  in  $V$ :
    - **makeSet**( $v$ ) *// put each vertex in its own tree in the forest*
  - **for**  $(u, v)$  in  $E$ : *// go through the edges in sorted order*
    - **if** **find**( $u$ )  $\neq$  **find**( $v$ ): *// if u and v are not in the same tree*
      - add  $(u, v)$  to  $MST$
      - **union**( $u, v$ ) *// merge u's tree with v's tree*
  - **return**  $MST$

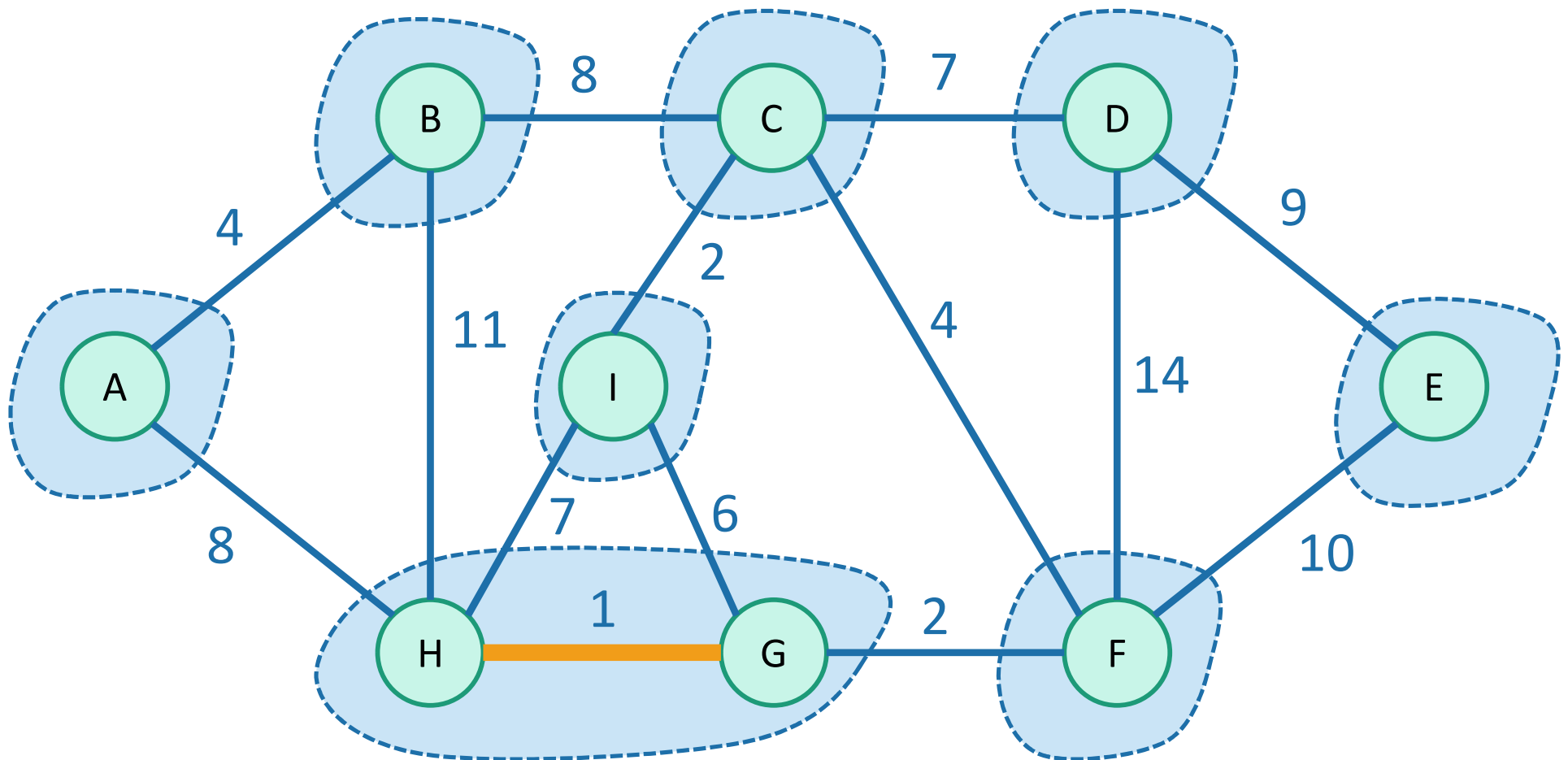
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To start, every vertex is in its own tree.



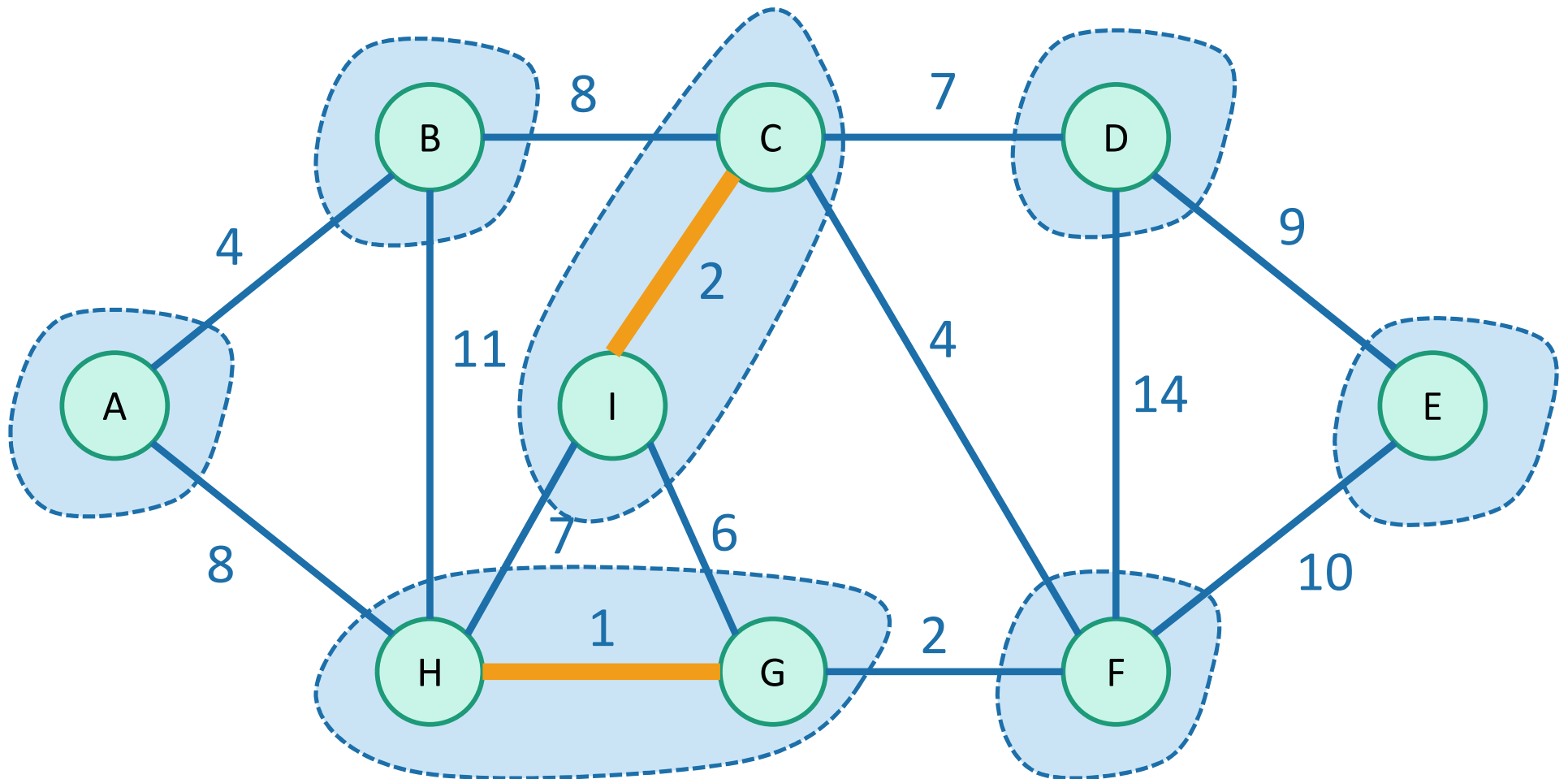
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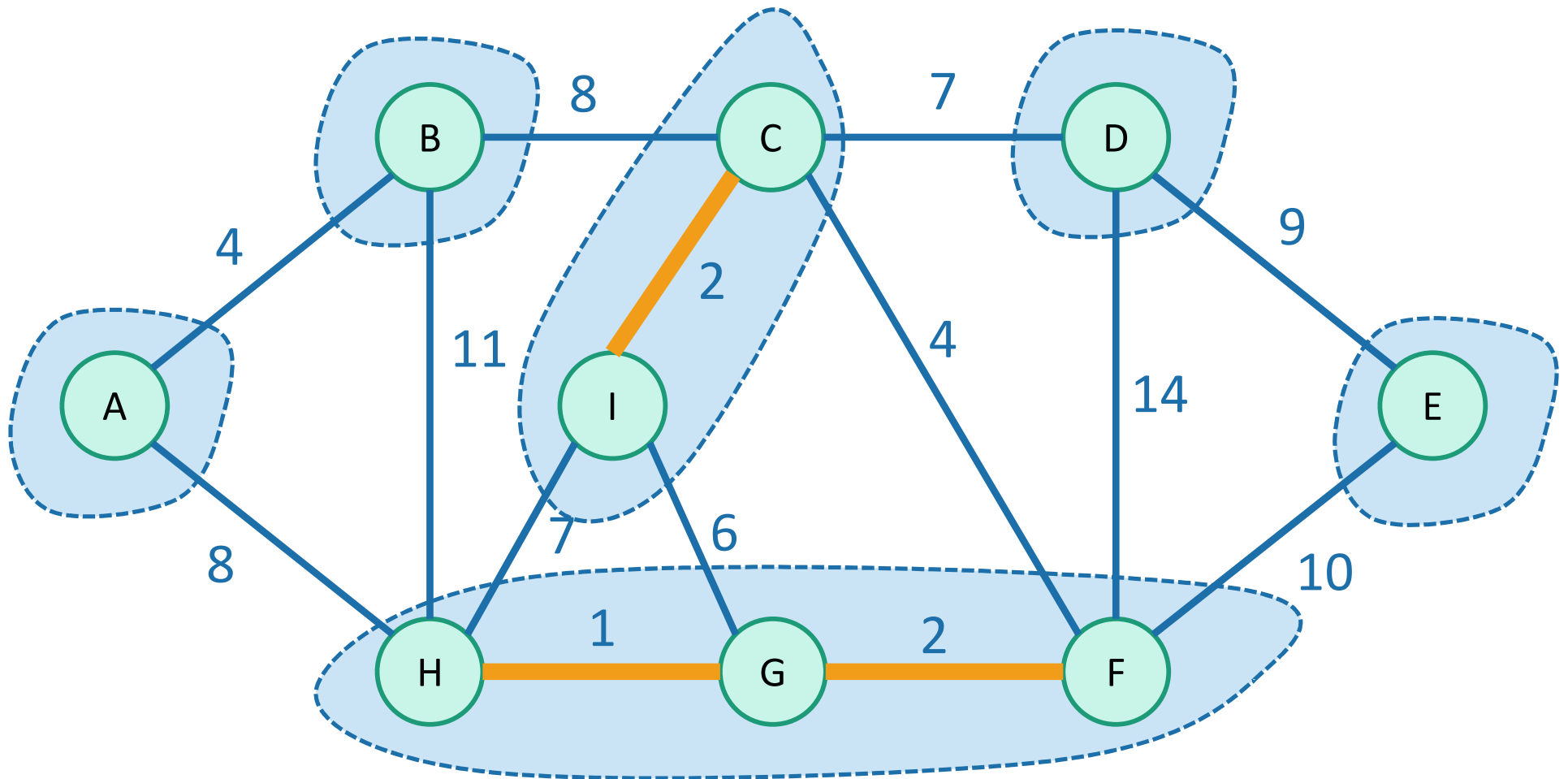
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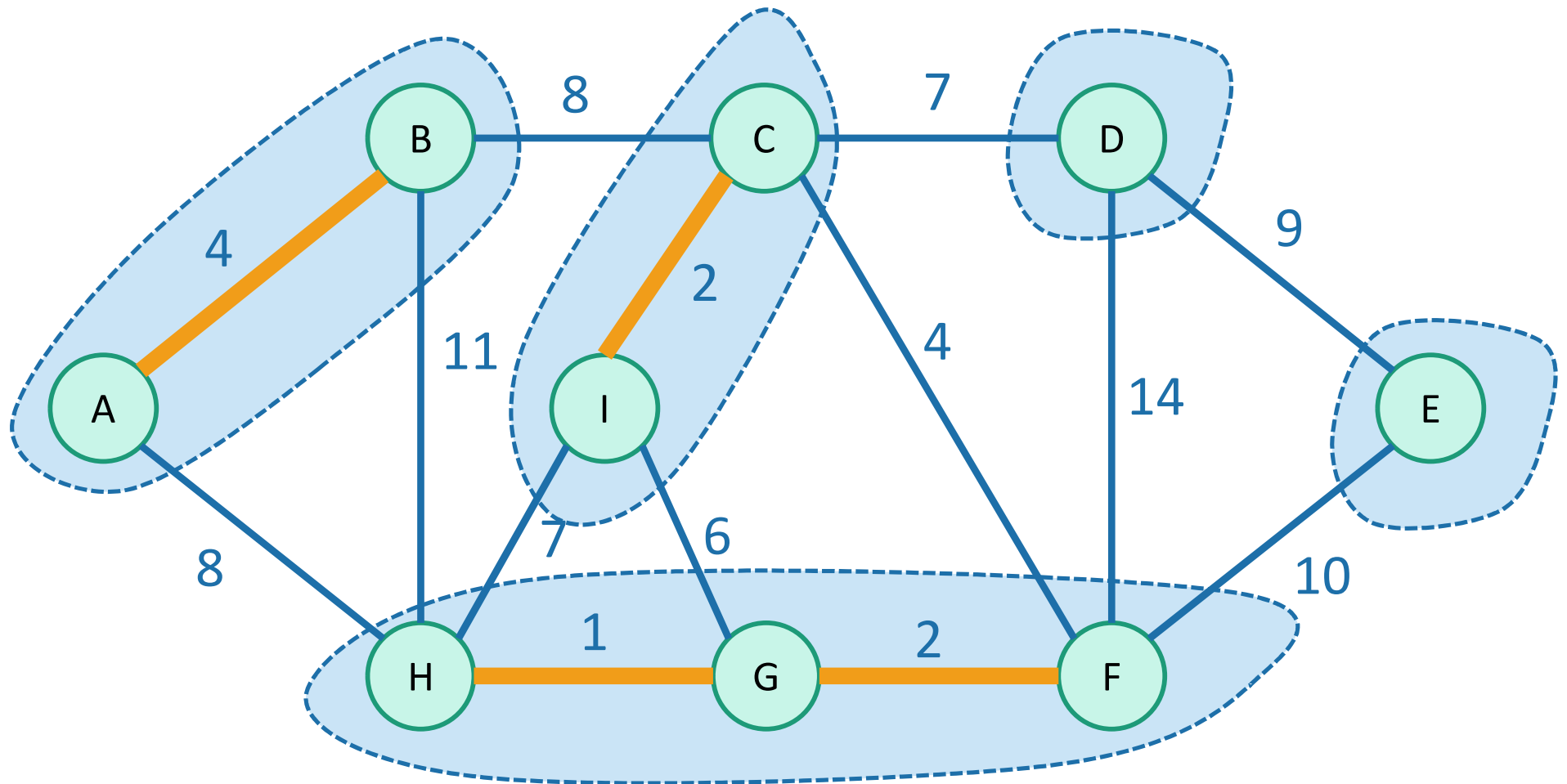
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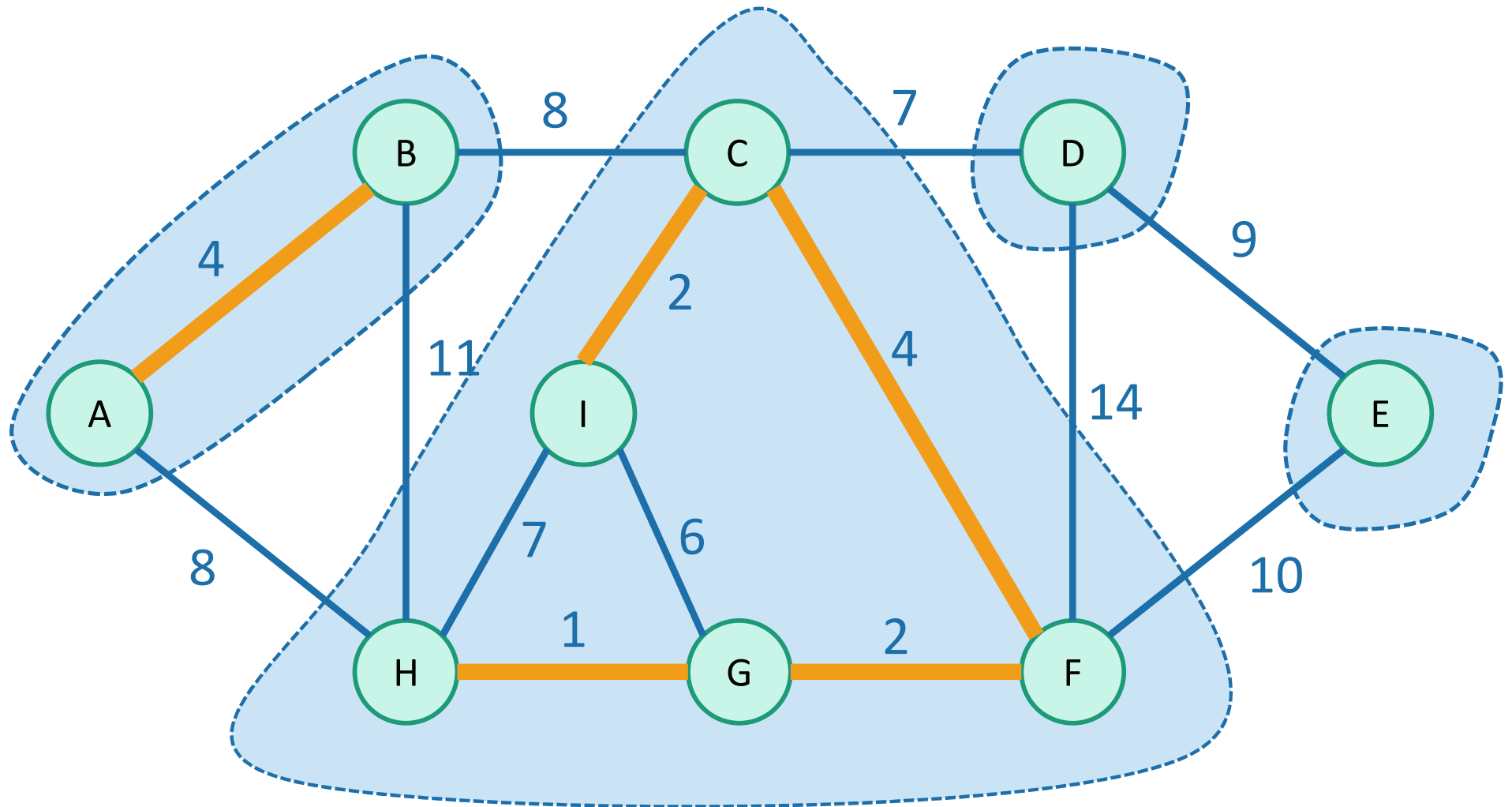
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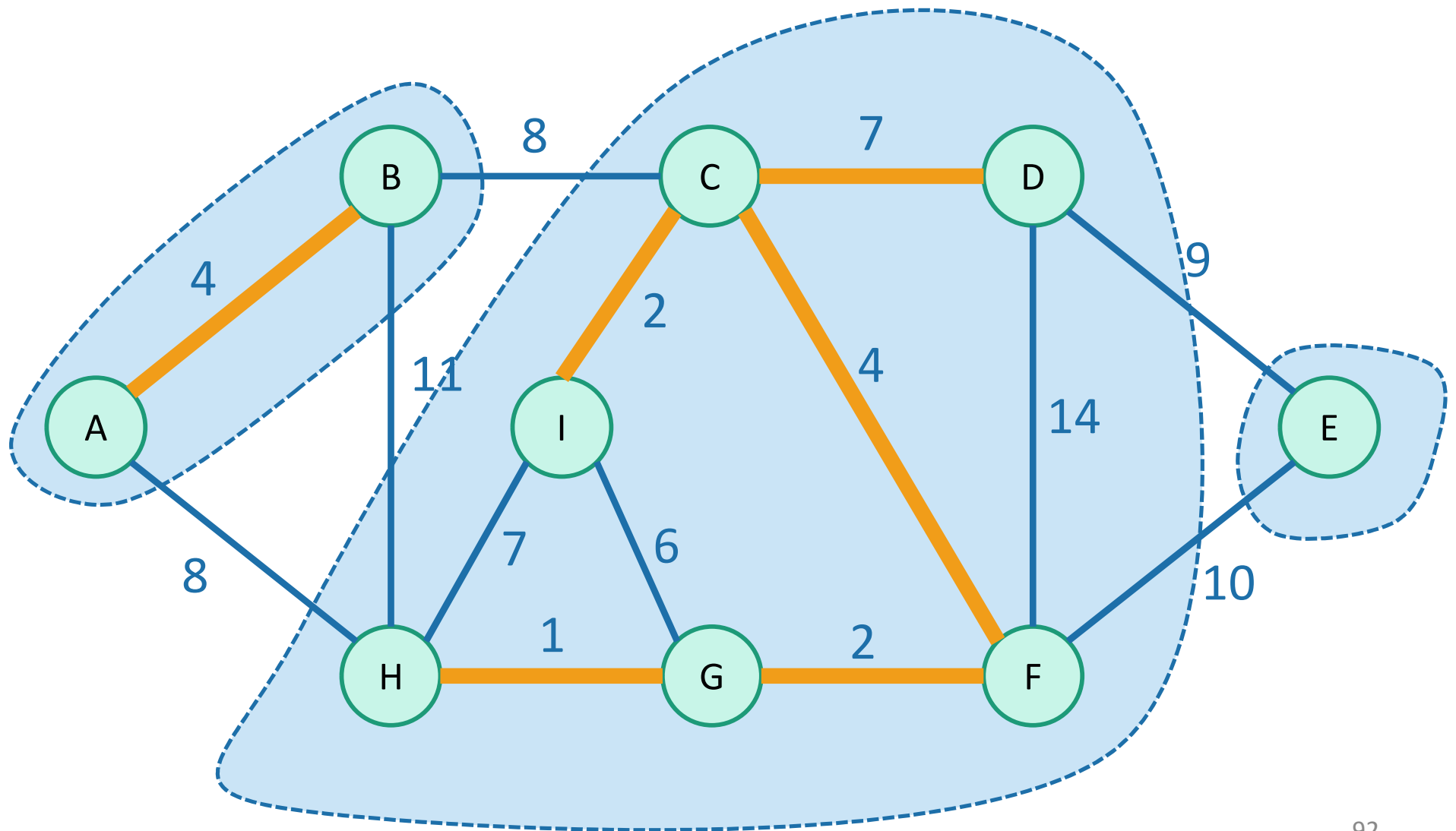
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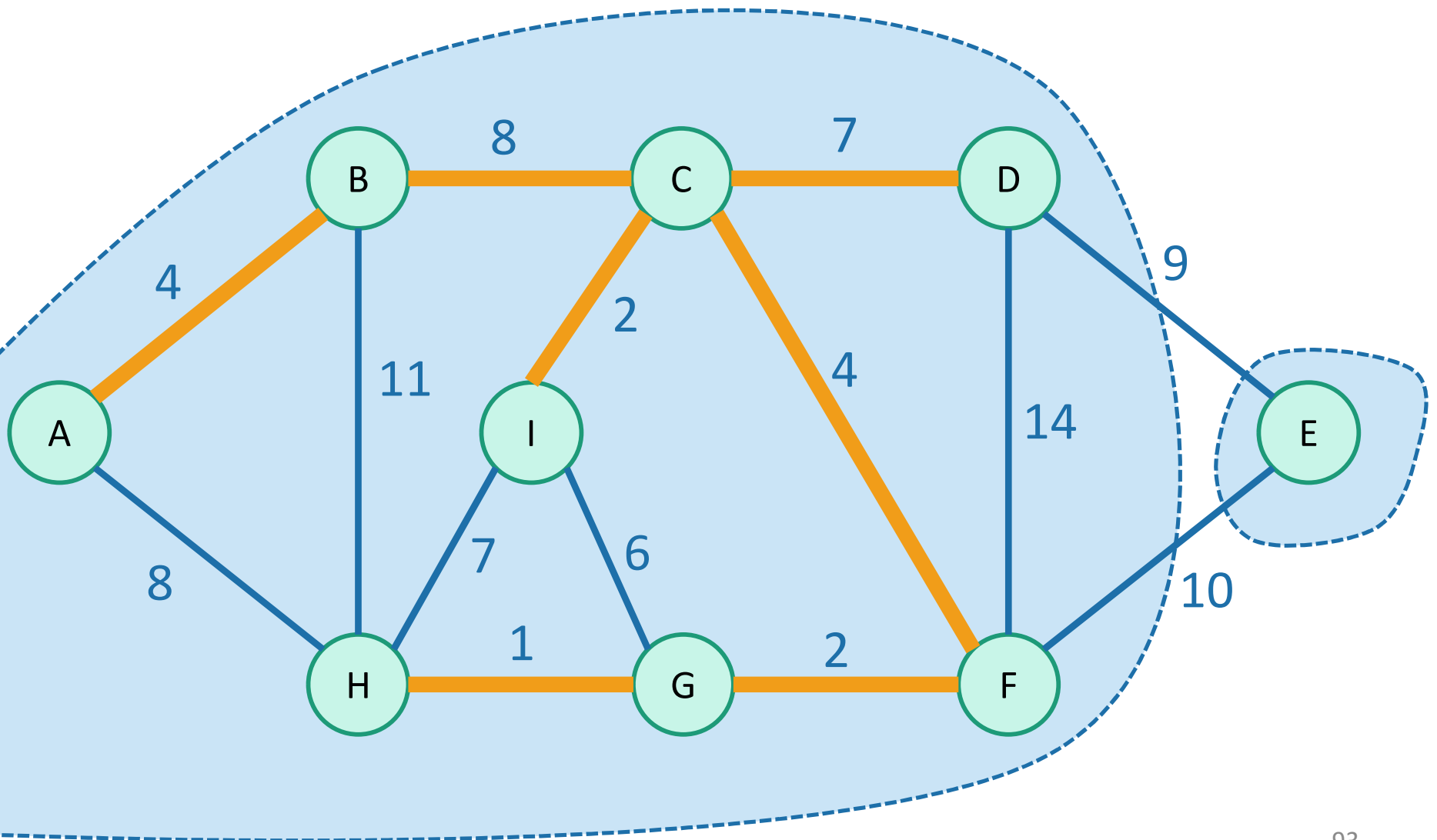
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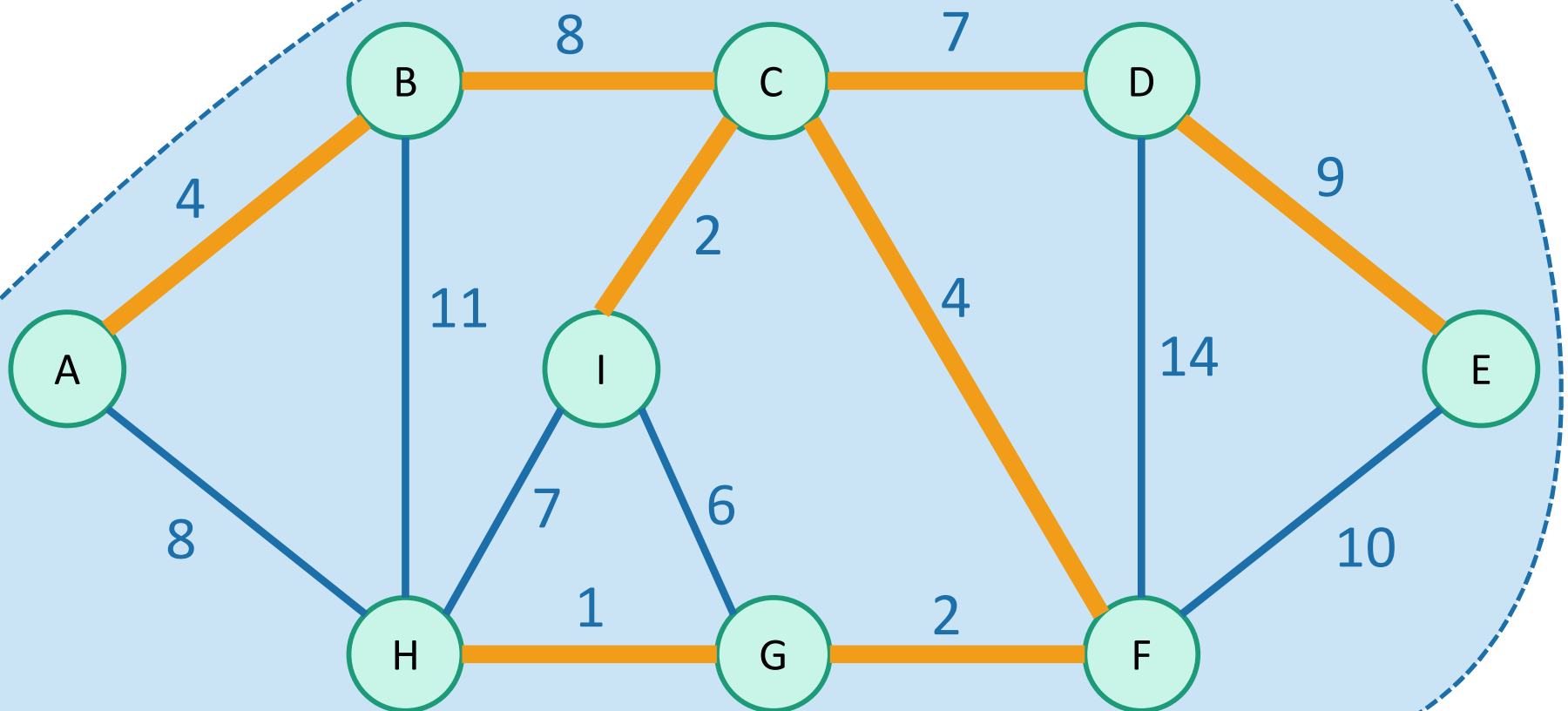
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Stop when we have one big tree!

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# Running time

- Sorting the edges takes  $O(m \log(n))$ 
  - In practice, if the weights are small integers we can use radixSort and take time  $O(m)$
- For the rest:
  - $n$  calls to **makeSet**
    - put each vertex in its own set
  - $2m$  calls to **find**
    - for each edge, **find** its endpoints
  - $n-1$  calls to **union**
    - we will never add more than  $n-1$  edges to the tree,
    - so we will never call **union** more than  $n-1$  times.
- Total running time:
  - Worst-case  $O(m \log(n))$ , just like Prim with a RBtree.
  - Closer to  $O(m)$  if you can do radixSort

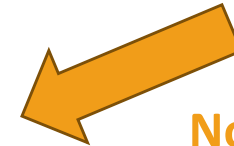
In practice, each of **makeSet**, **find**, and **union** run in constant time\*  
(There is a simpler way which does find and union in time  $O(\log n)$ ).

\*technically, they run in *amortized time*  $O(\alpha(n))$ , where  $\alpha(n)$  is the *inverse Ackerman function*.  
 $\alpha(n) \leq 4$  provided that  $n$  is smaller than the number of atoms in the universe.

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Now that we understand this “tree-merging” view, let’s do this one.

## 2. How do we actually implement this?

- the pseudocode above says “slowKruskal”...
  - **Worst-case running time  $O(m \log(n))$  using a union-find data structure.**

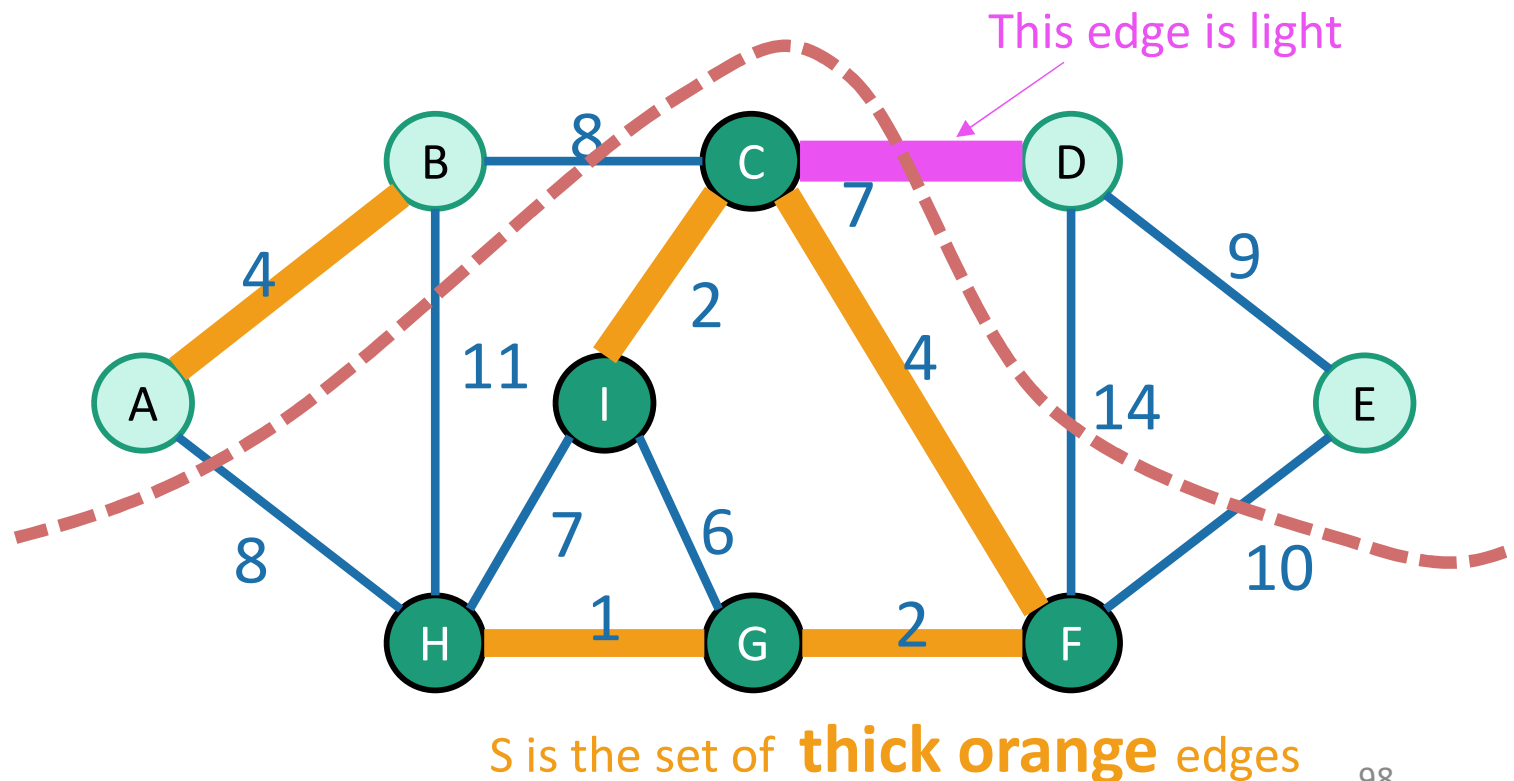
# Does it work?

- We need to show that our greedy choices **don't rule out success.**
- That is, at every step:
  - There exists an MST that contains all of the edges we have added so far.
- Now it is time to use our lemma!  
again!



# Lemma

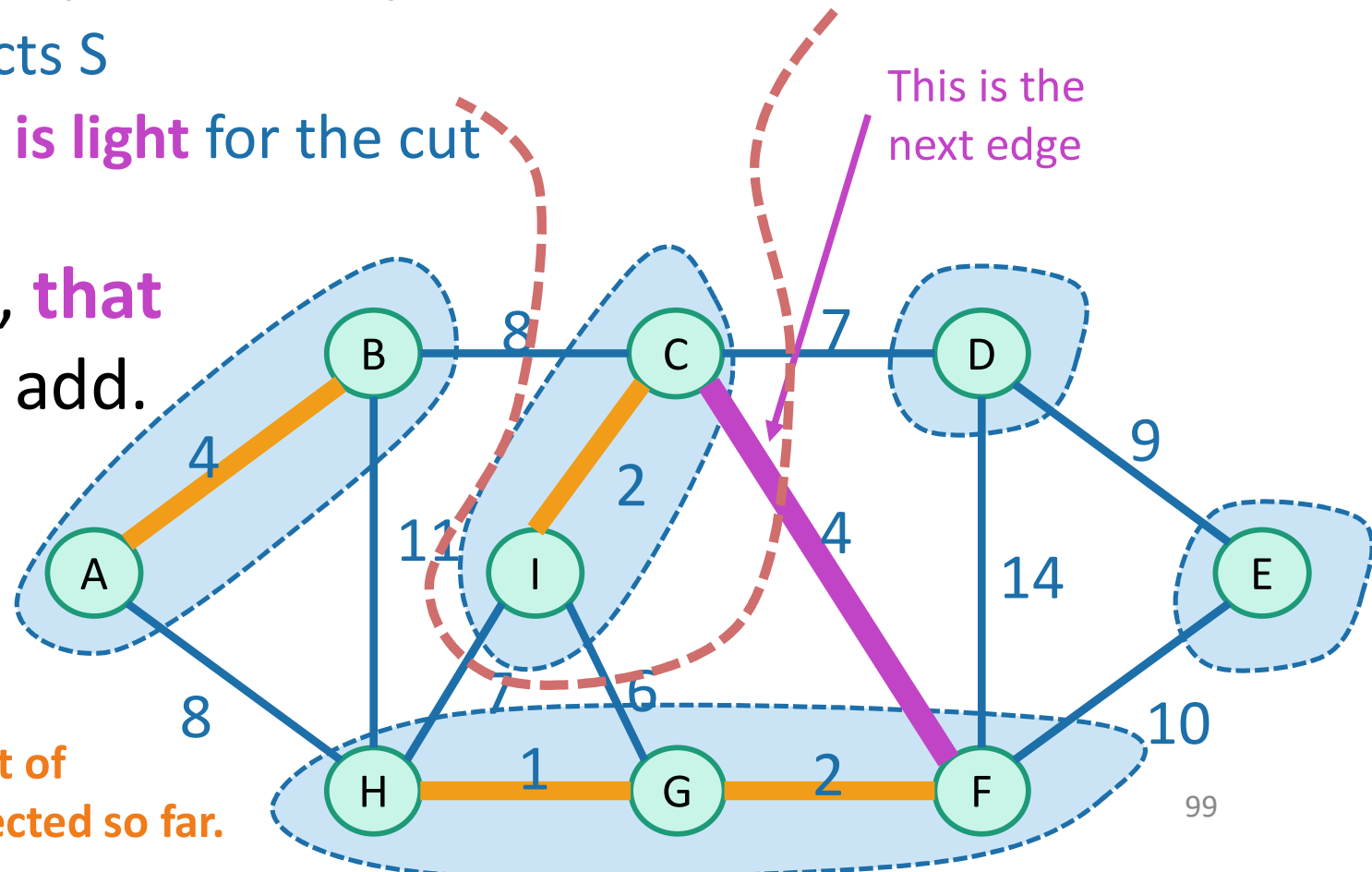
- Let  $S$  be a set of edges, and consider a cut that respects  $S$ .
- Suppose there is an MST containing  $S$ .
- Let  $\{u,v\}$  be a light edge.
- Then there is an MST containing  $S \cup \{u,v\}$



# Partway through Kruskal

- Assume that our choices **S** so far don't rule out success.
  - There is an MST extending them
- The **next edge** we add will merge two trees, **T1**, **T2**
- Consider the cut  $\{\mathbf{T1}, V - \mathbf{T1}\}$ .
  - This cut respects **S**
  - Our **new edge is light** for the cut
- By the Lemma, **that edge** is safe to add.
  - There is still an MST extending the new set

**S** is the set of  
edges selected so far.



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- **Yes**

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- **Using a union-find data structure!**

# Recap

- Two algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree
  - Prim's algorithm
  - Kruskal's algorithm
- Both are (more) examples of **greedy algorithms!**
  - Make a **series of choices**.
  - Show that at each step, your choice **does not rule out success**.
  - At the end of the day, you haven't ruled out success, so **you must be successful**.

# Compare and contrast

- Prim:

- Grows a tree.
- Time  $O(m \log(n))$  with a red-black tree
- Time  $O(m + n \log(n))$  with a Fibonacci heap

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- Kruskal:

- Grows a forest.
- Time  $O(m \log(n))$  with a union-find data structure
- If you can do radixSort on the edge weights, morally  $O(m)$

Kruskal might be a better idea  
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