

# ساختمان داده و الگوریتم ها

## مبحث پانزدهم: جستجوی سطح اول (BFS)

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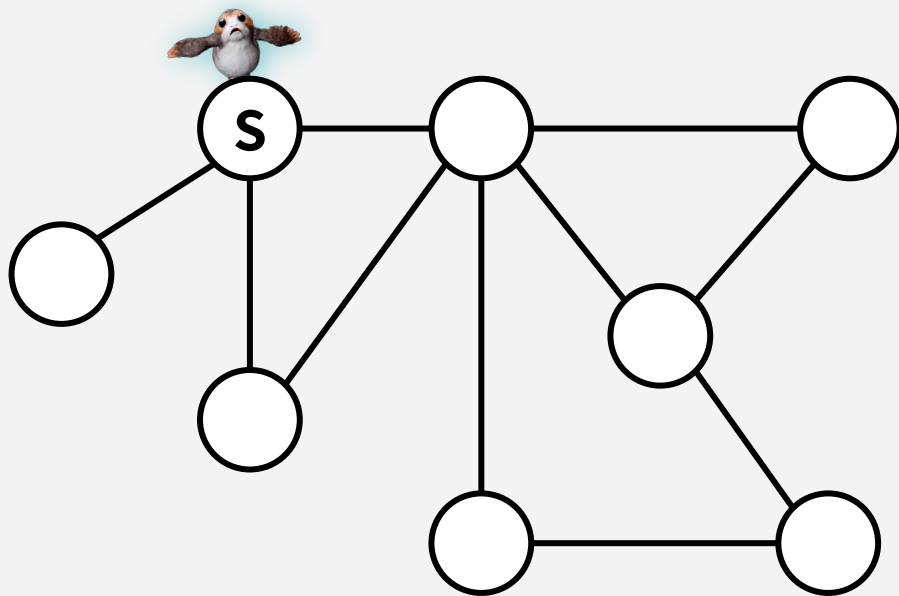
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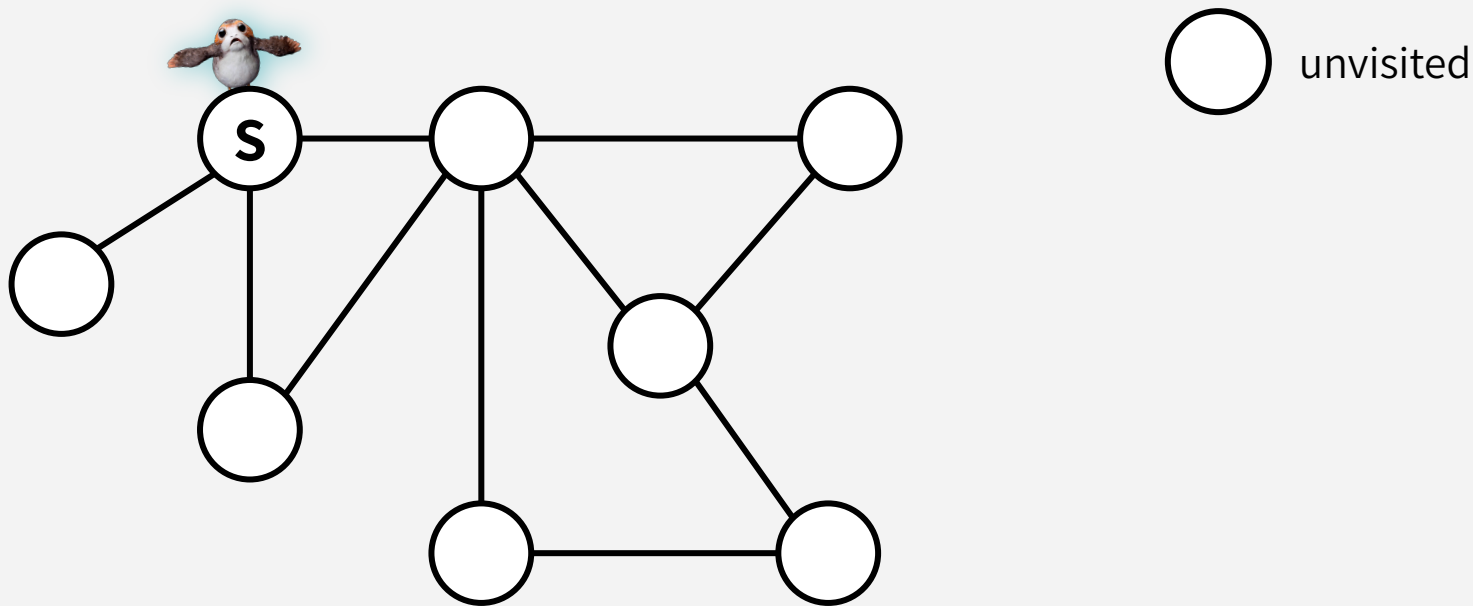
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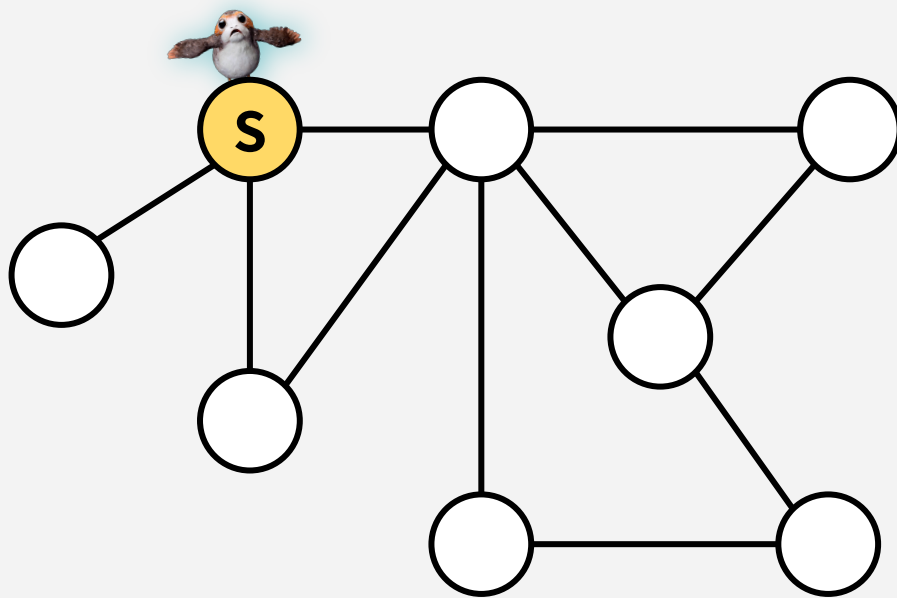
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
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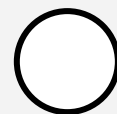
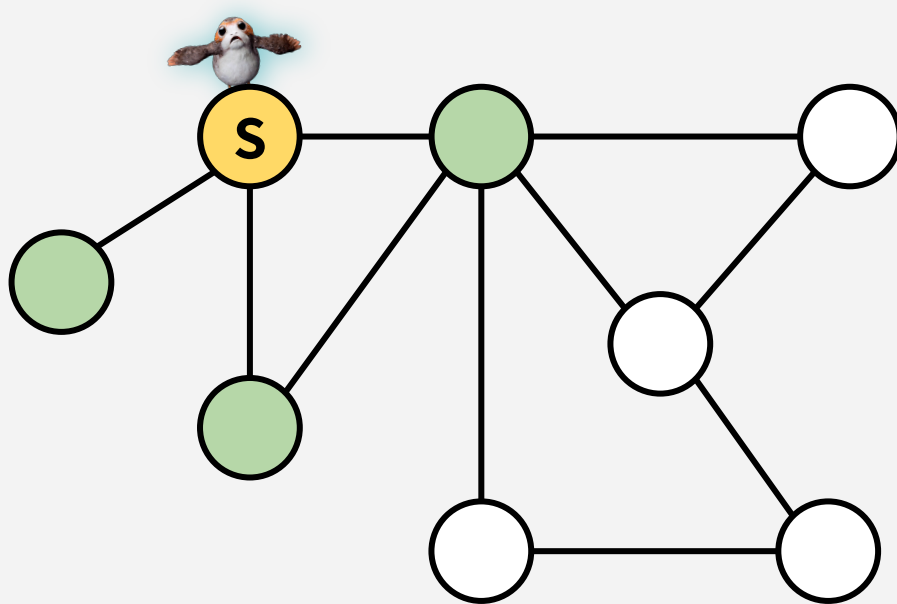
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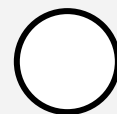
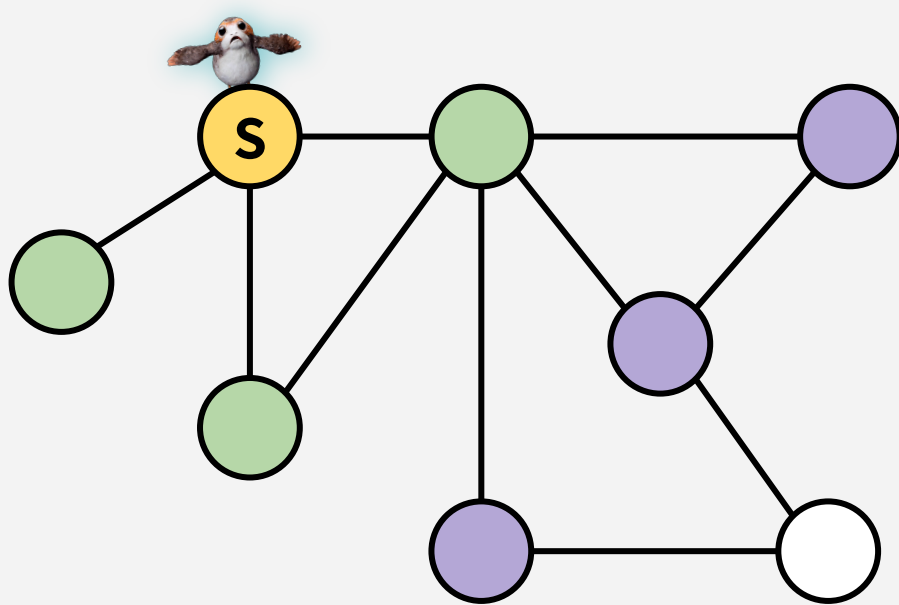


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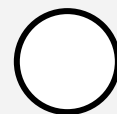
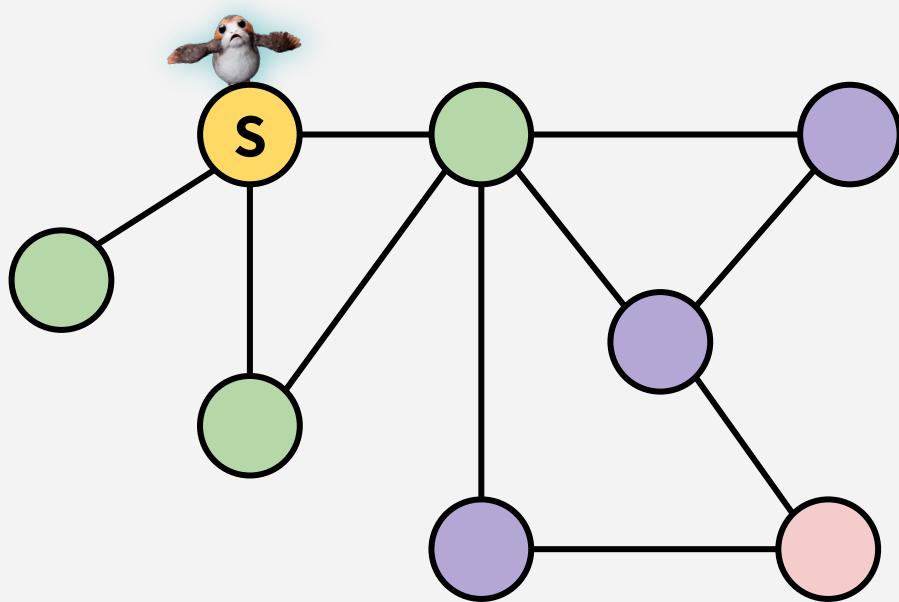
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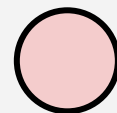
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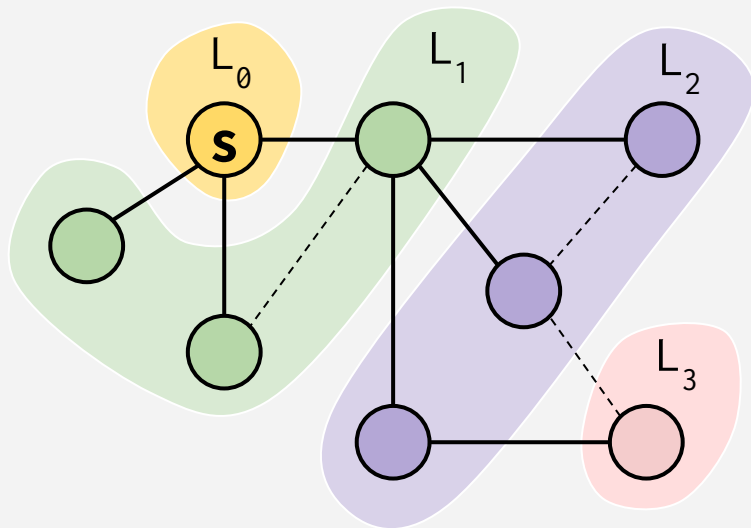


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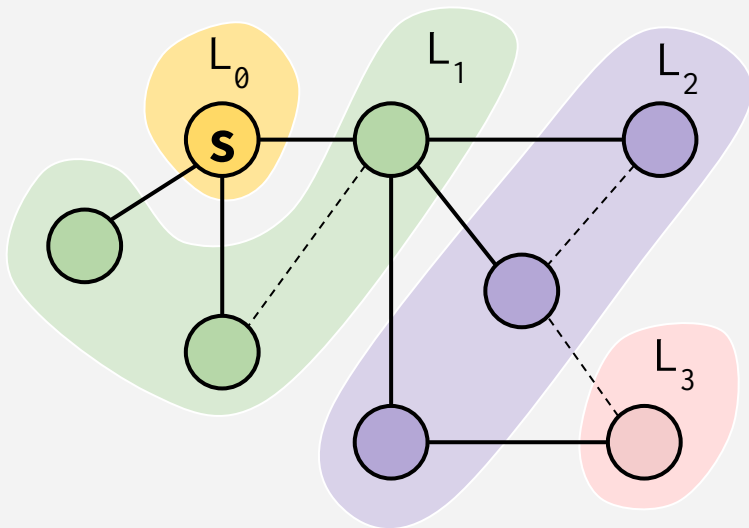
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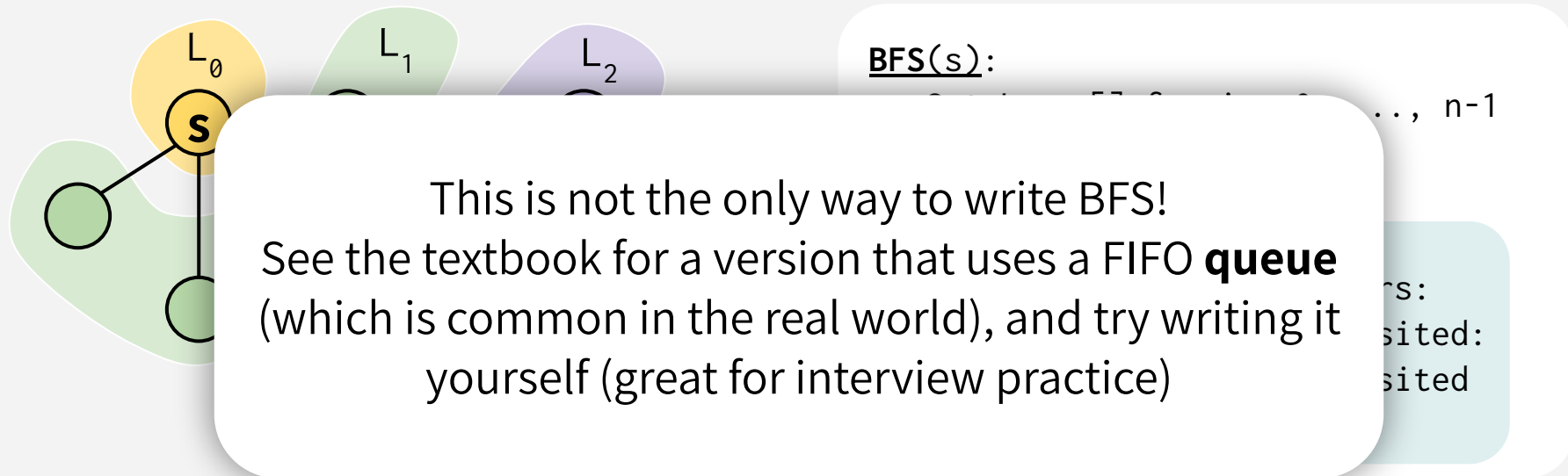
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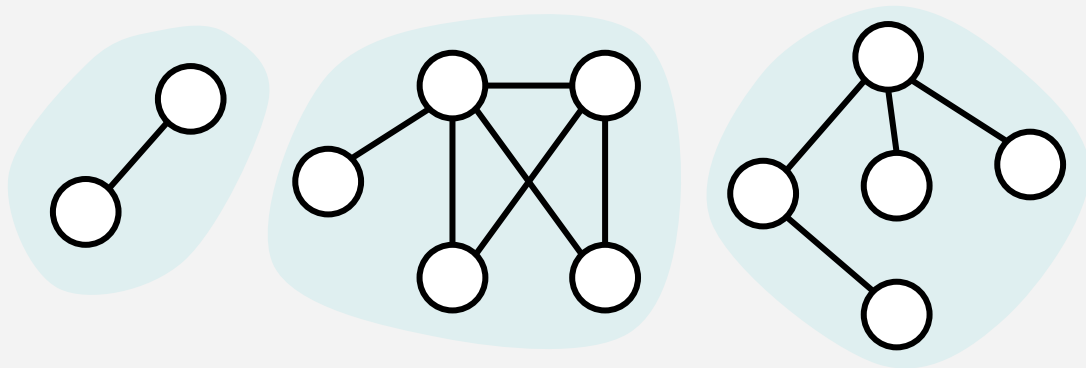
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To explore **the entire graph** (n nodes, m edges):

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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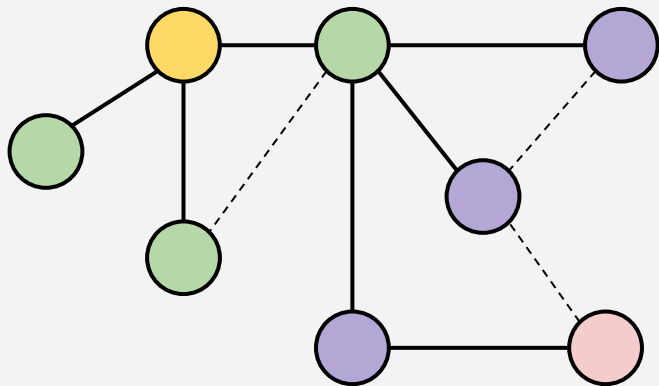
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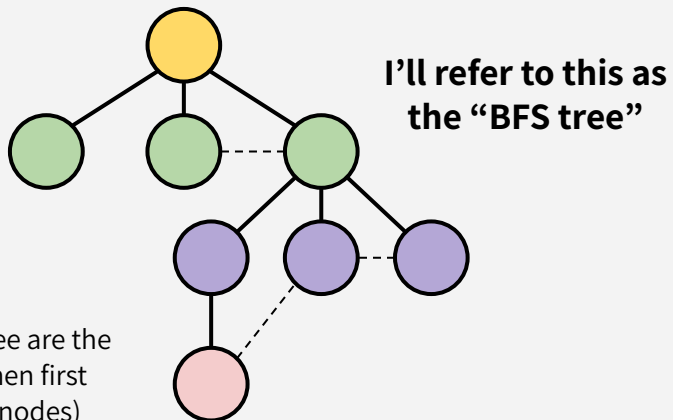
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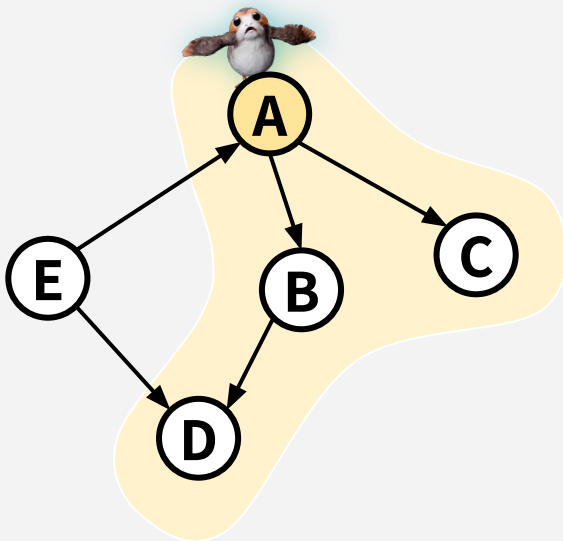
(Edges in the BFS tree are the ones traversed when first finding unvisited nodes)



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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).

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## **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...



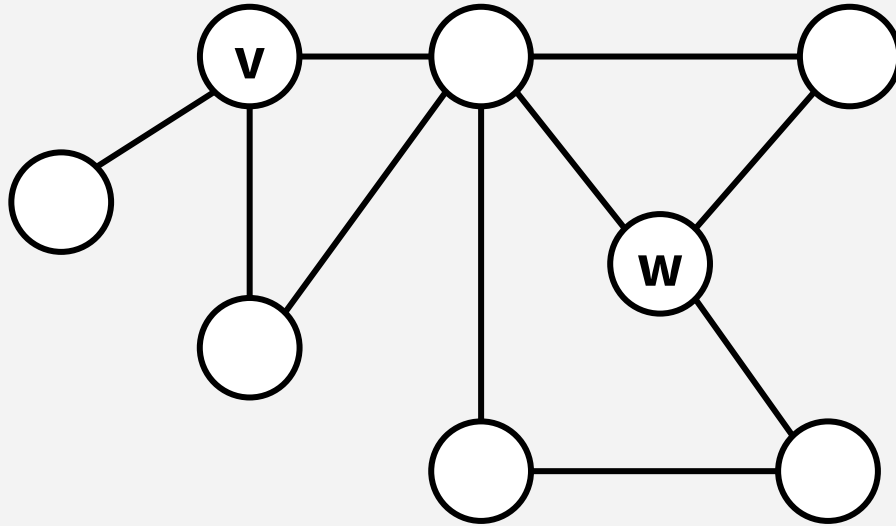


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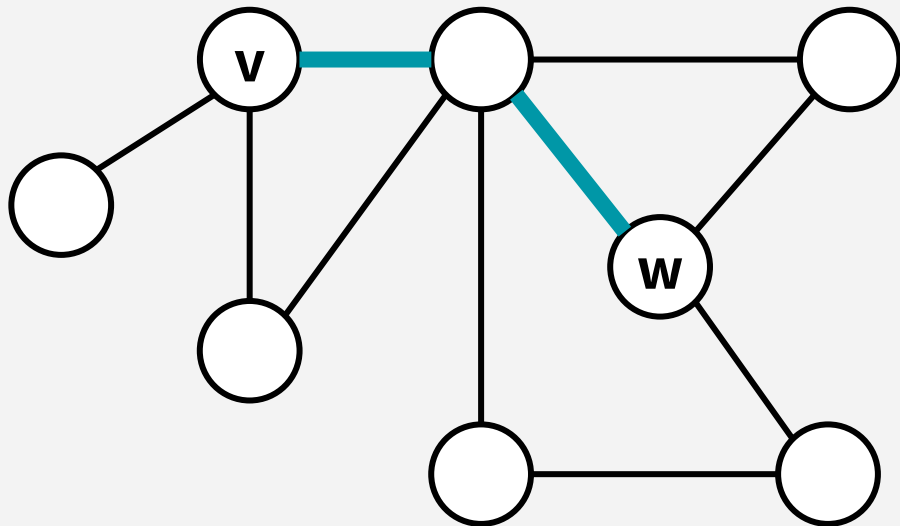
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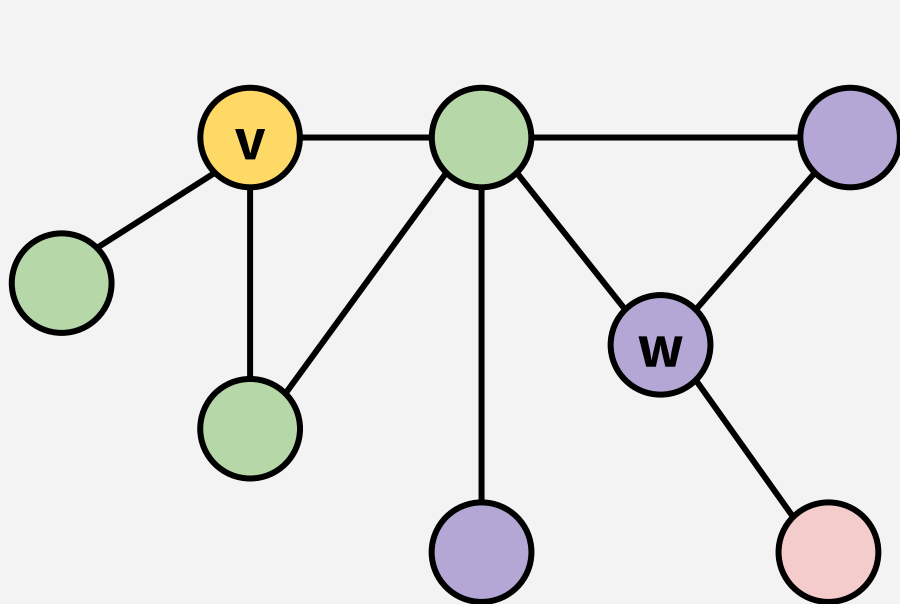


From visually inspecting the graph, we can see that the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$  is 2 (there are 2 edges on that path)!

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

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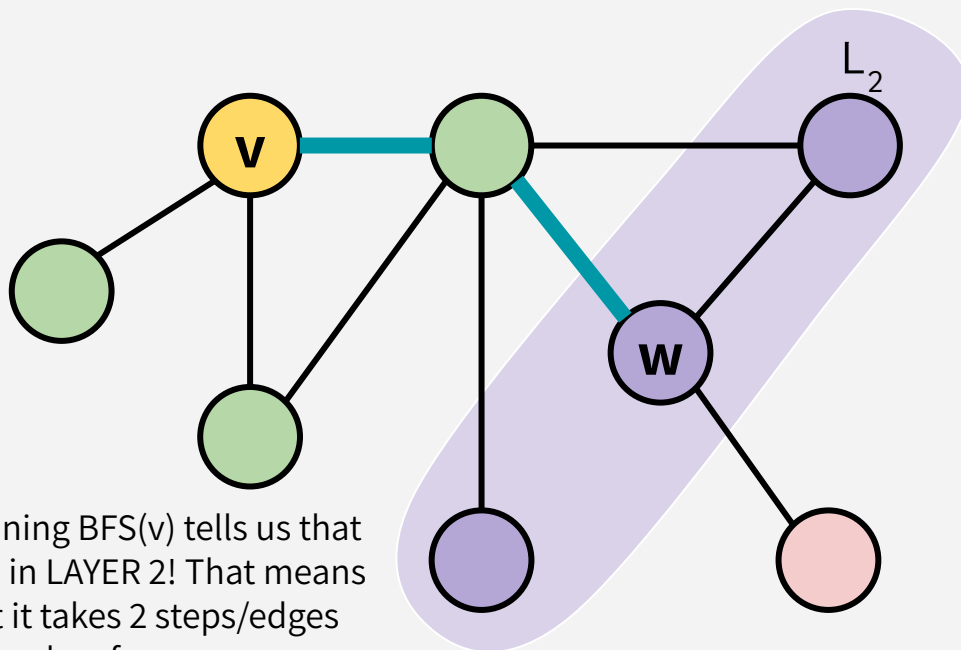
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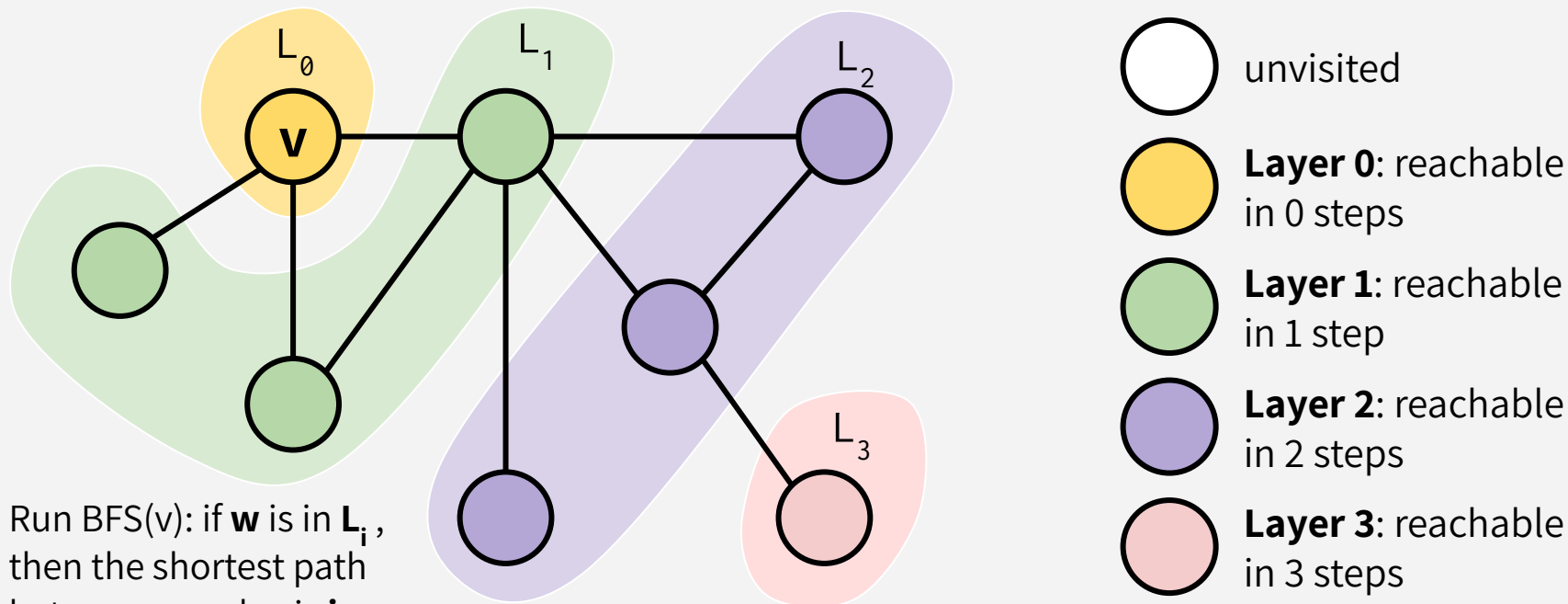


Running BFS(**v**) tells us that **w** is in LAYER 2! That means that it takes 2 steps/edges to reach **w** from **v**.

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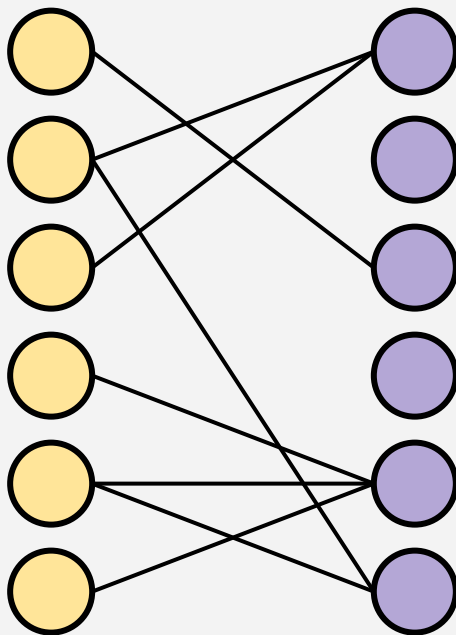
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# آزمایش دوبخشی بودن گراف

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

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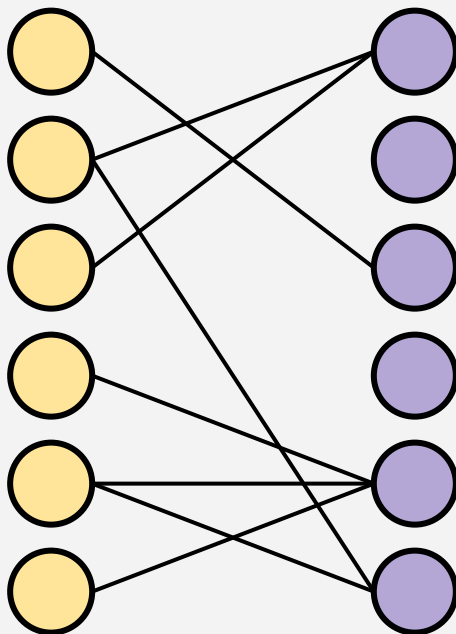


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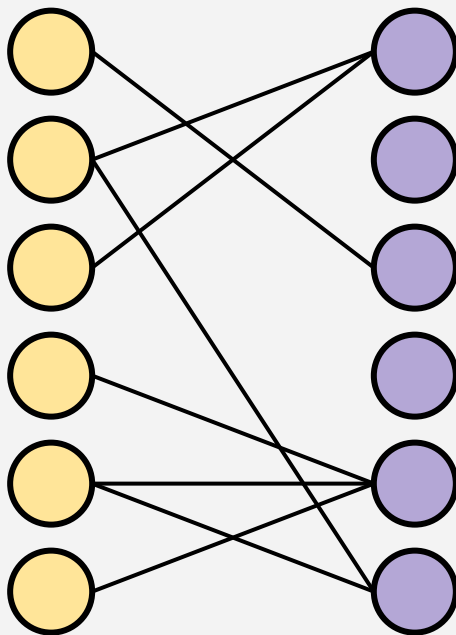


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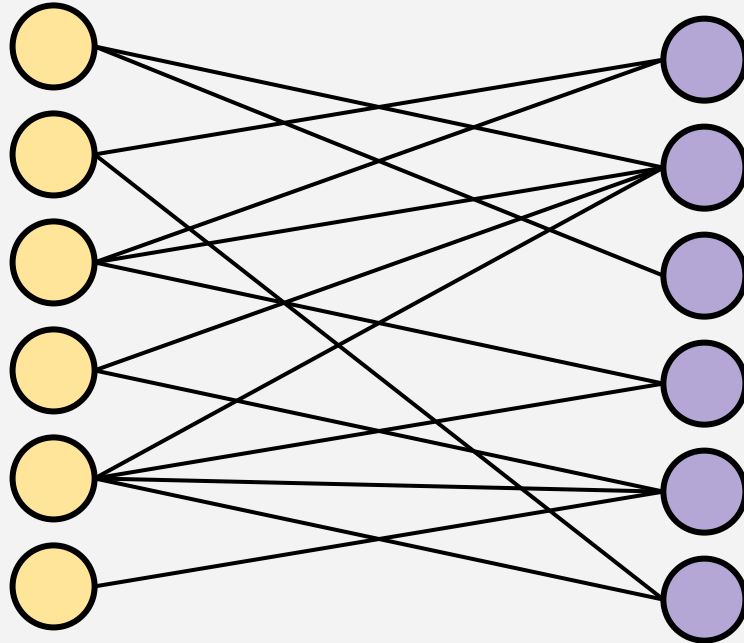


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You have a bunch of fish and two fish tanks; some pairs of fish will fight if they're in the same tank. Can you separate the fish so that there's no fighting?

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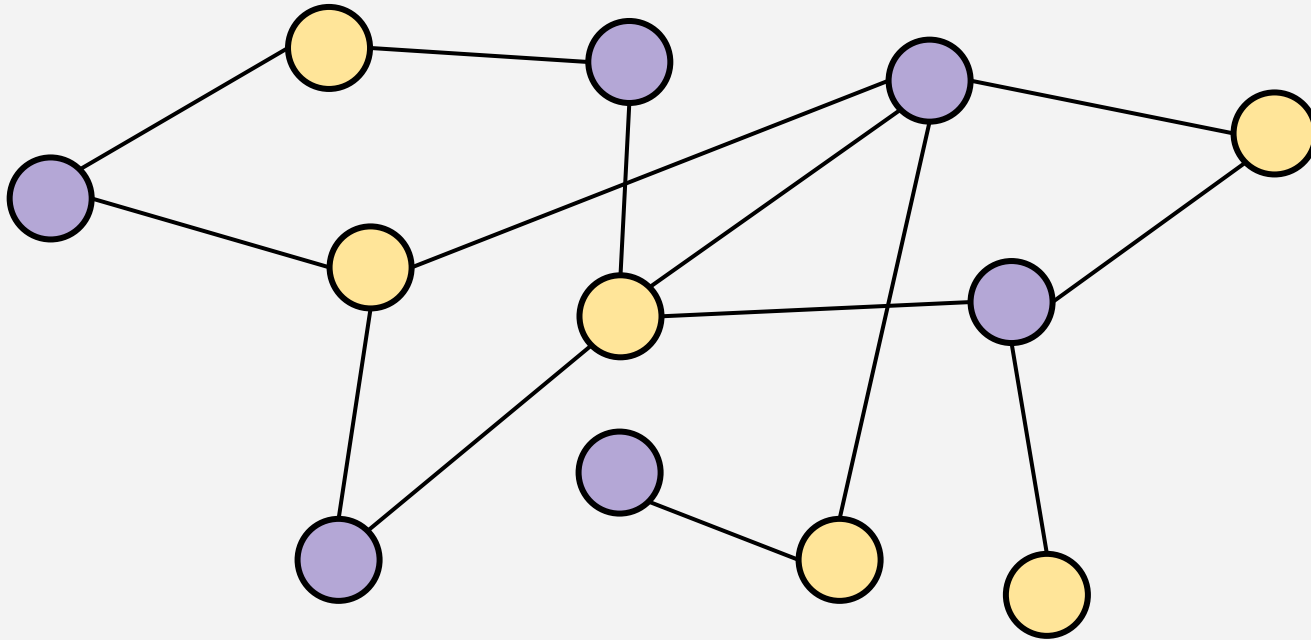
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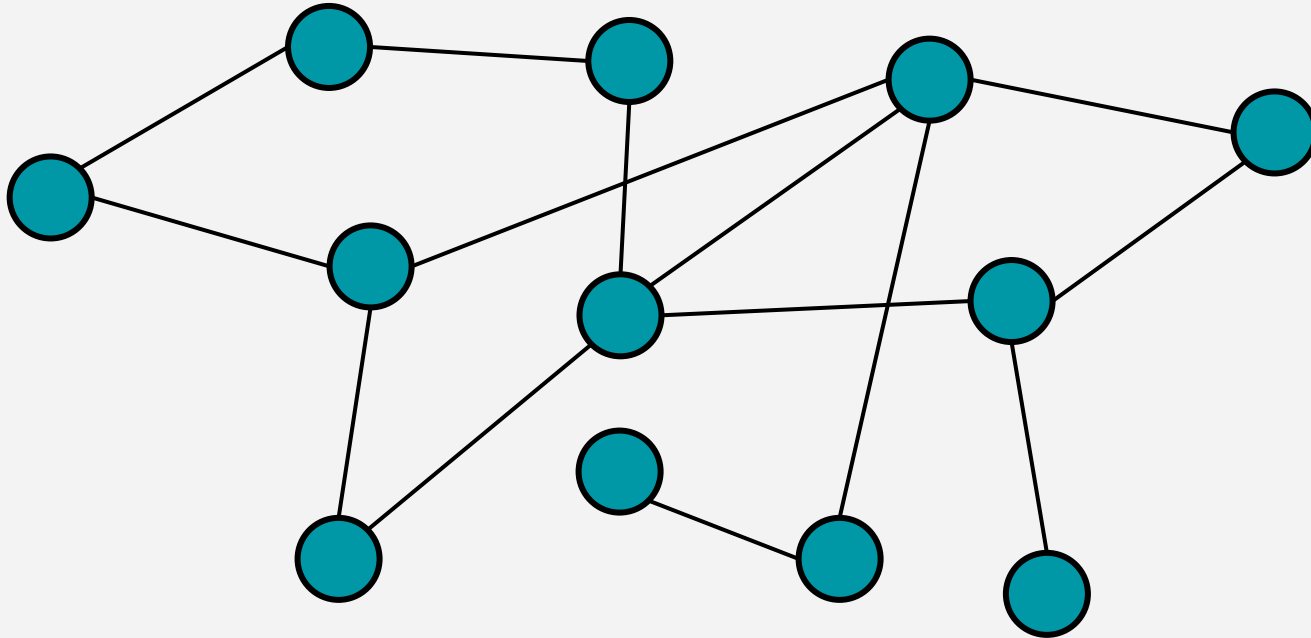
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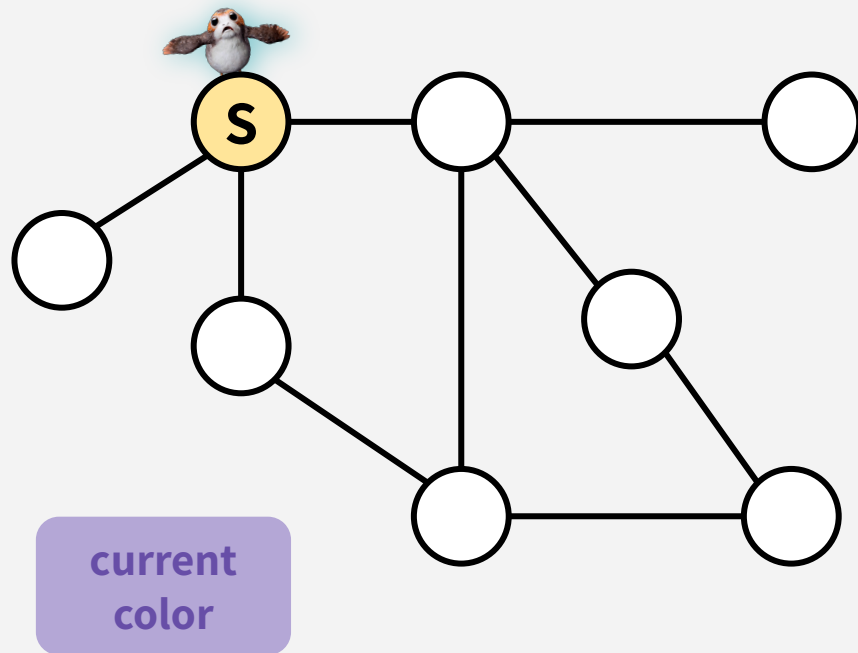
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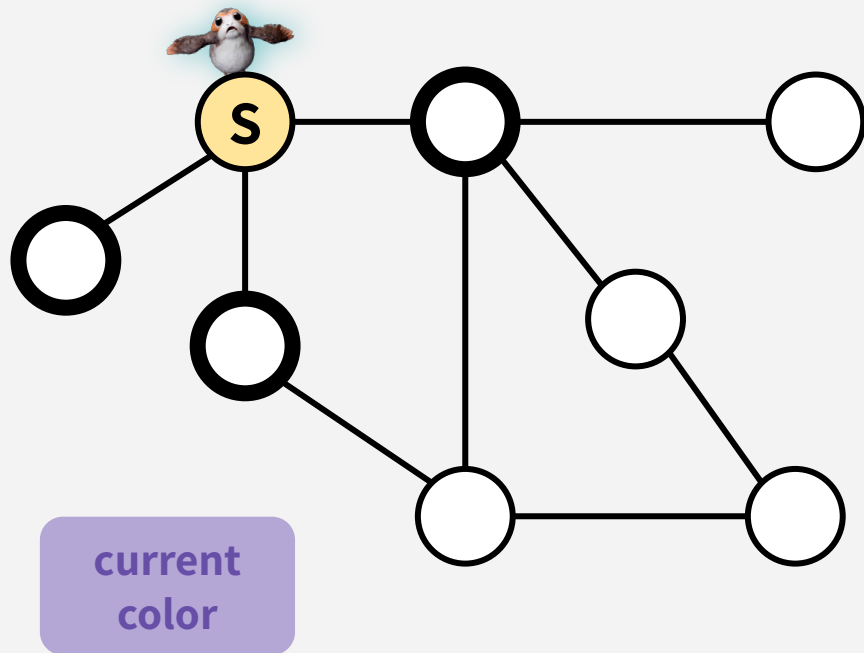
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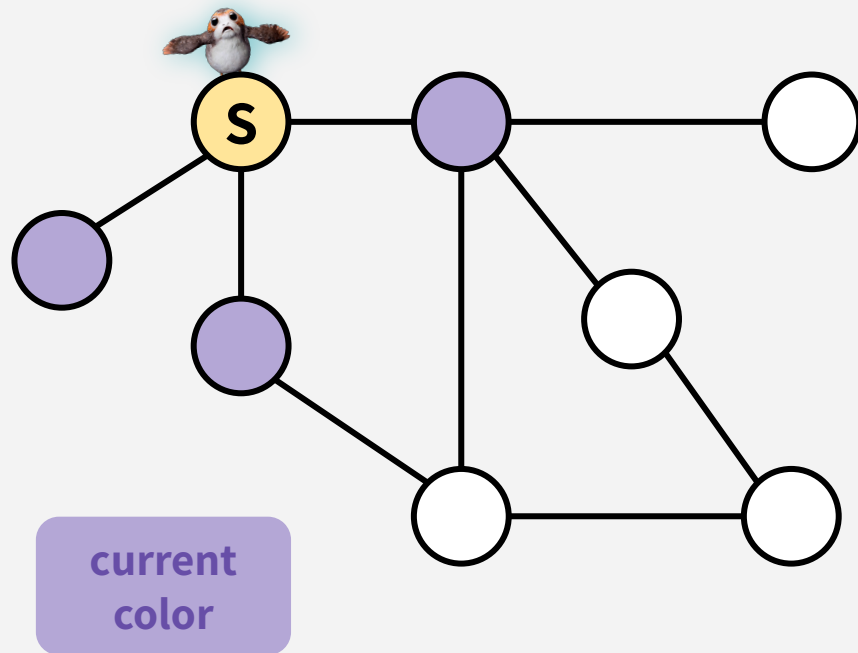
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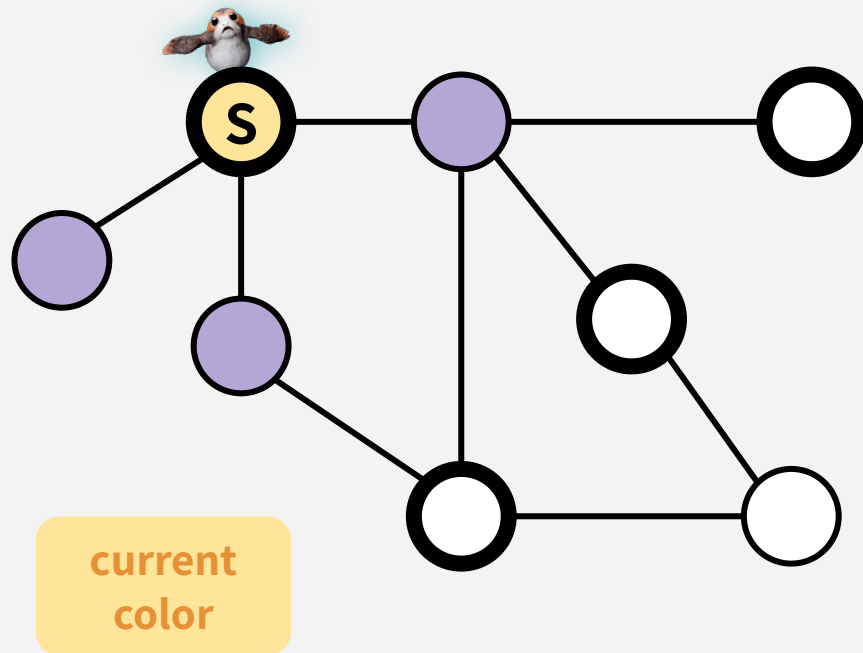
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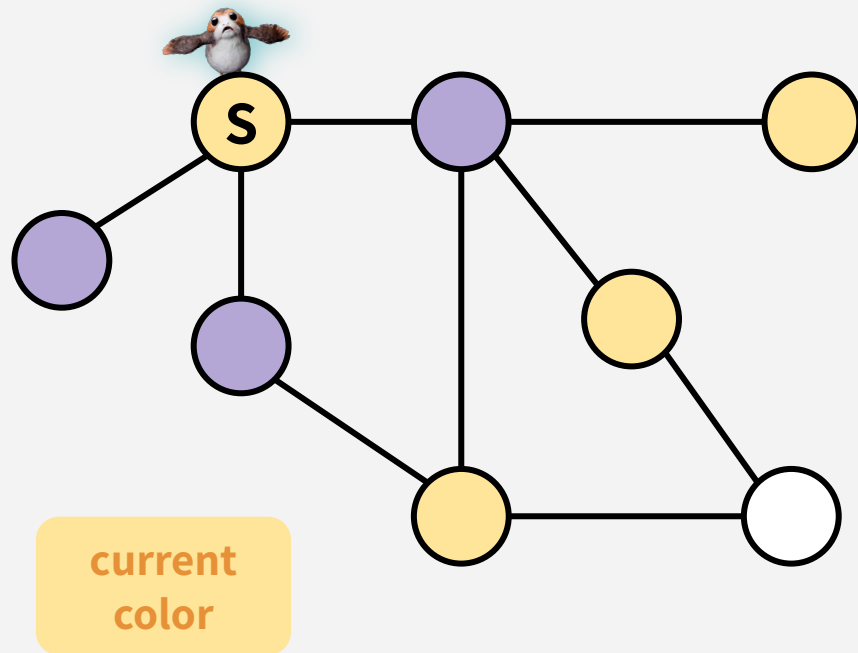
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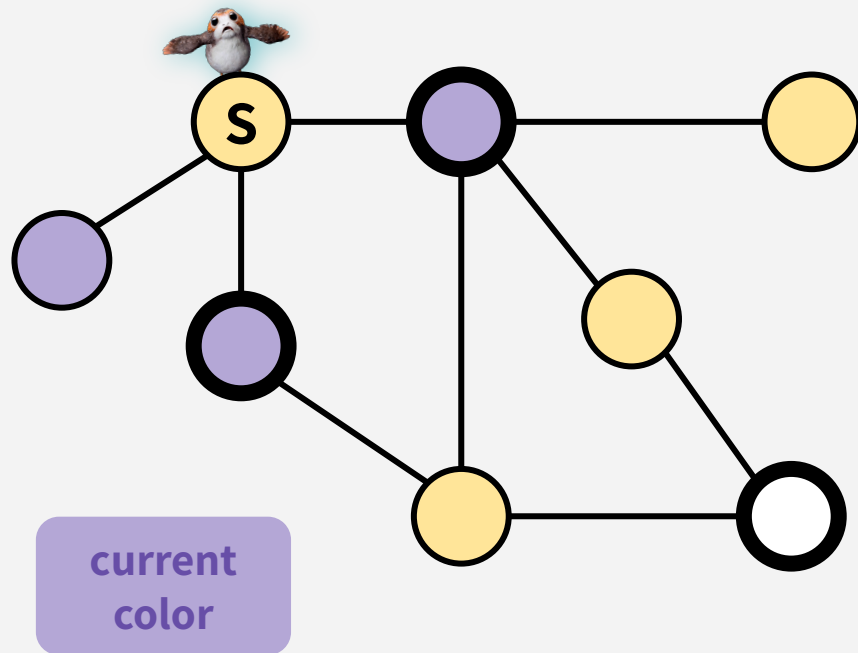




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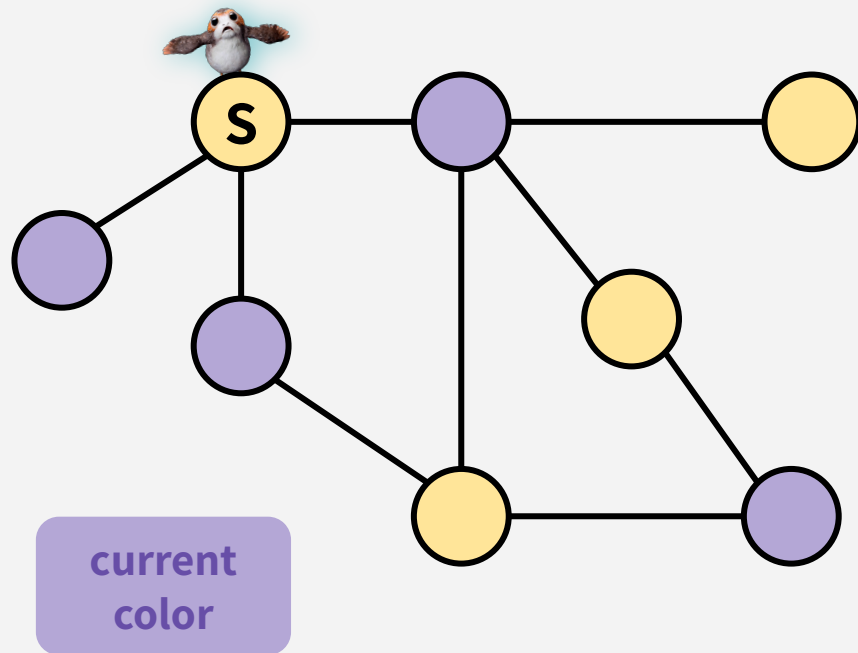
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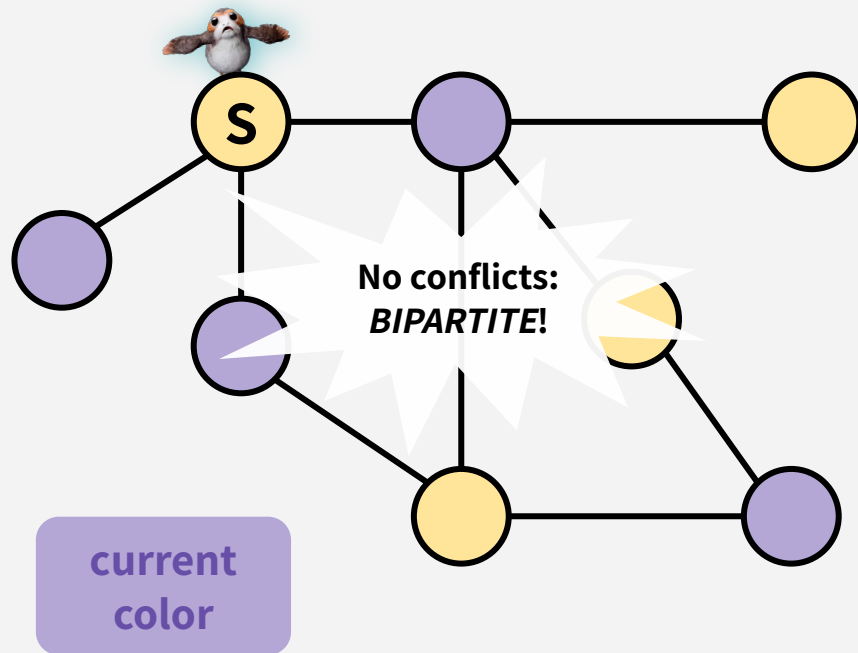
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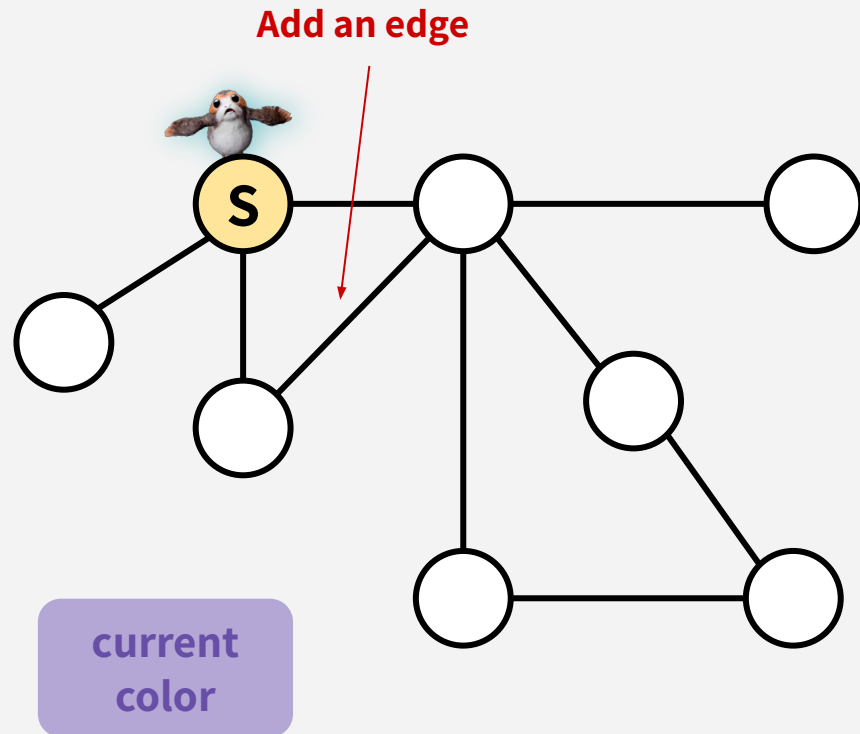
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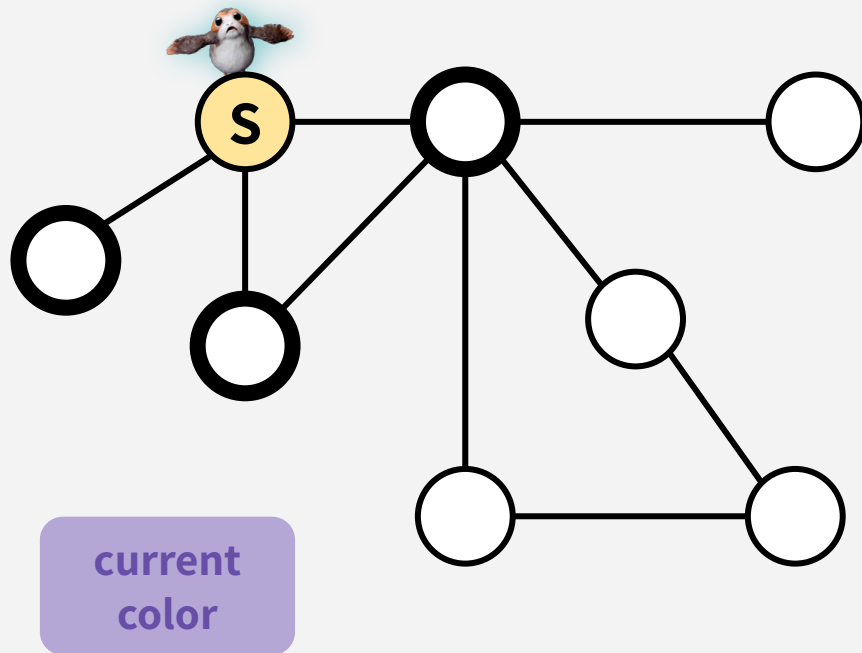
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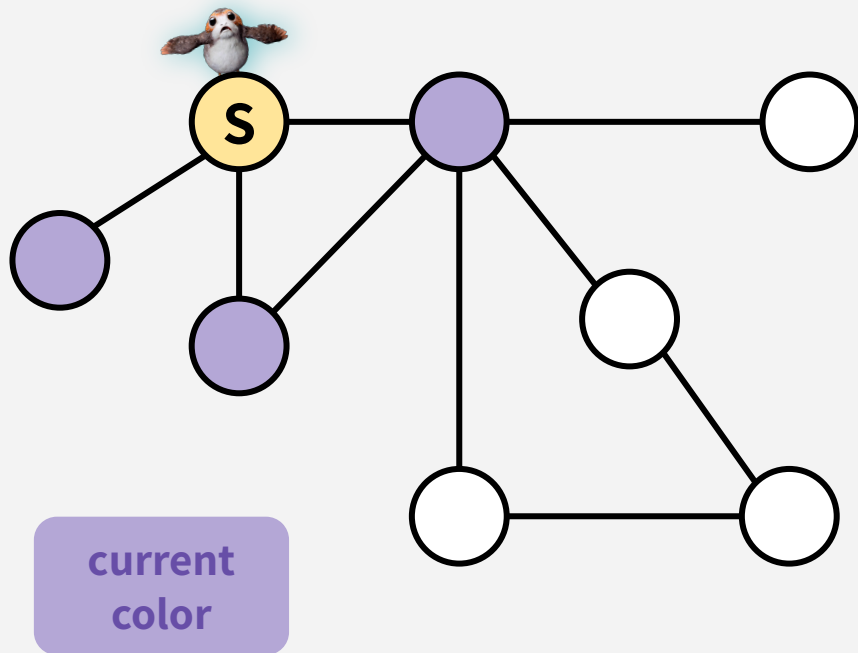
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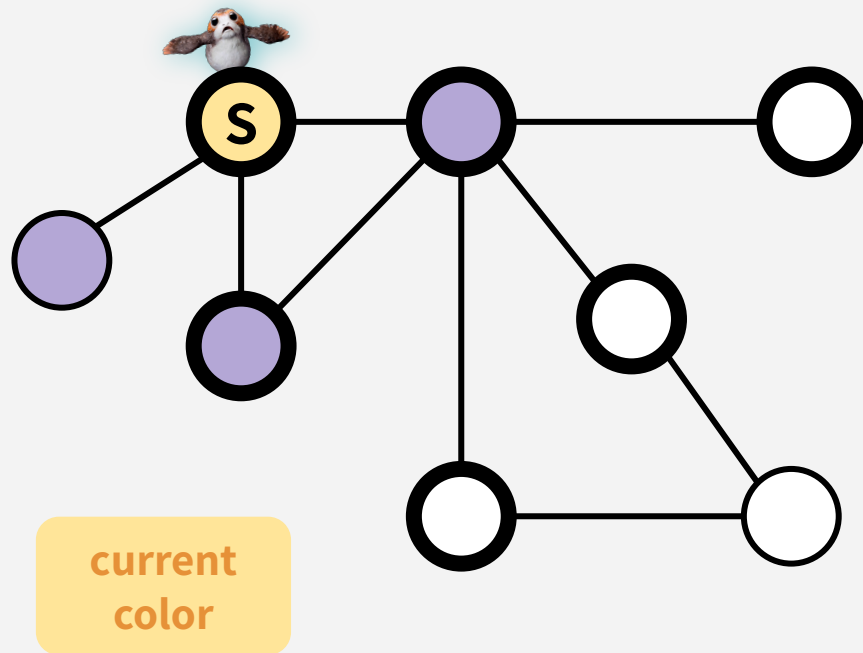
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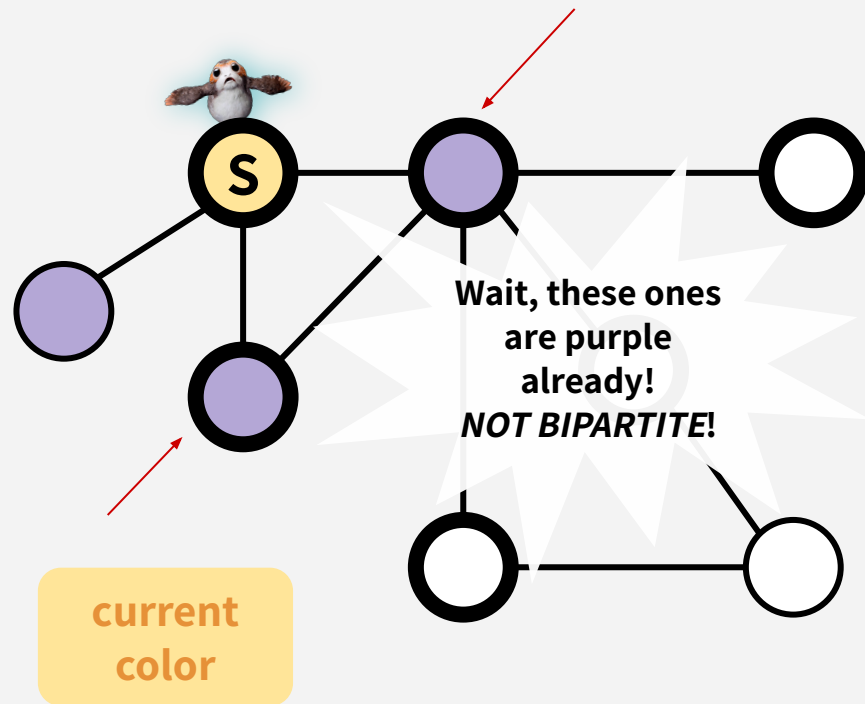
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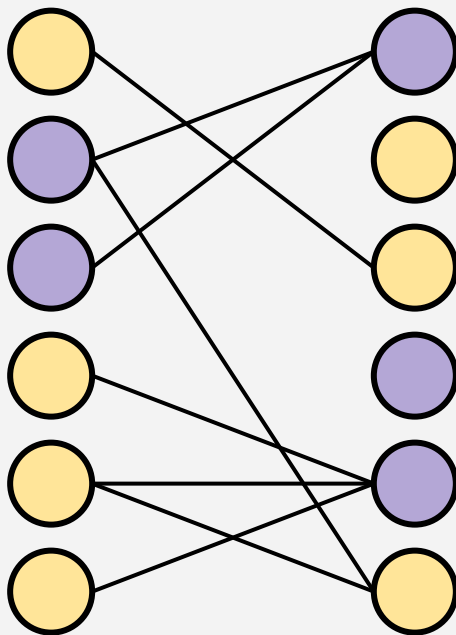
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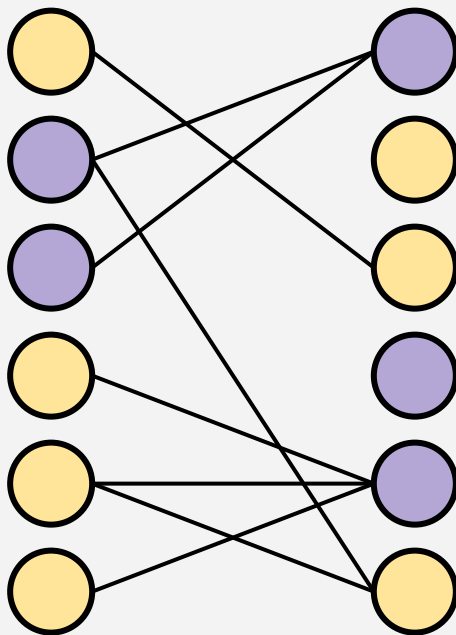
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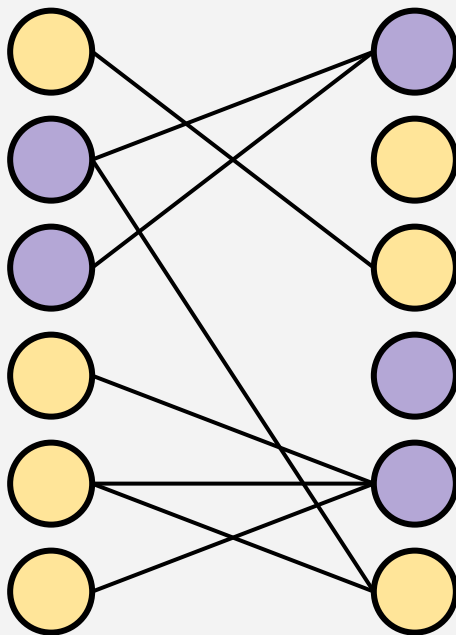
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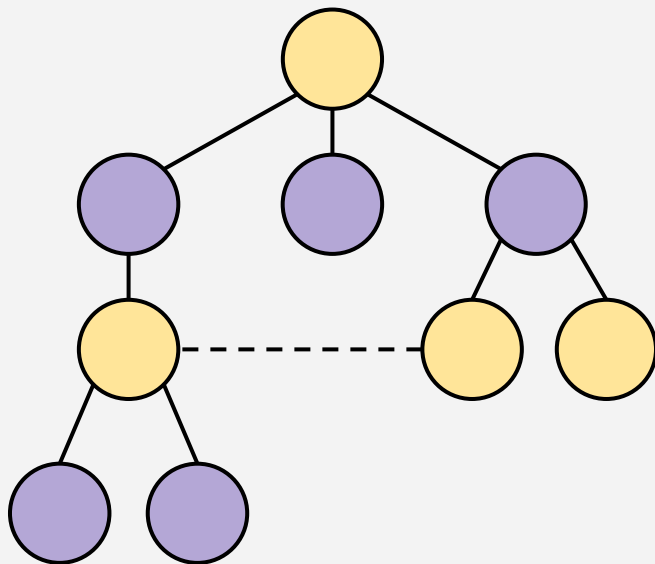


We need to prove that if BFS encounters a conflict (tries to color two neighbors the same color!), then there's no way the graph could be bipartite.

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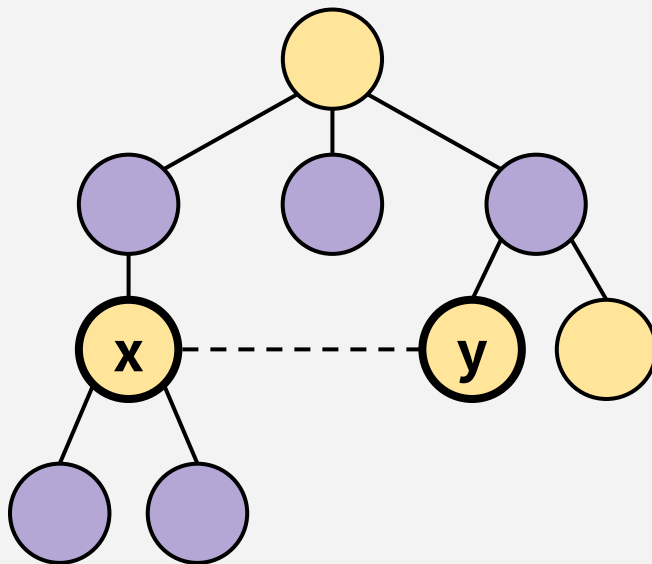
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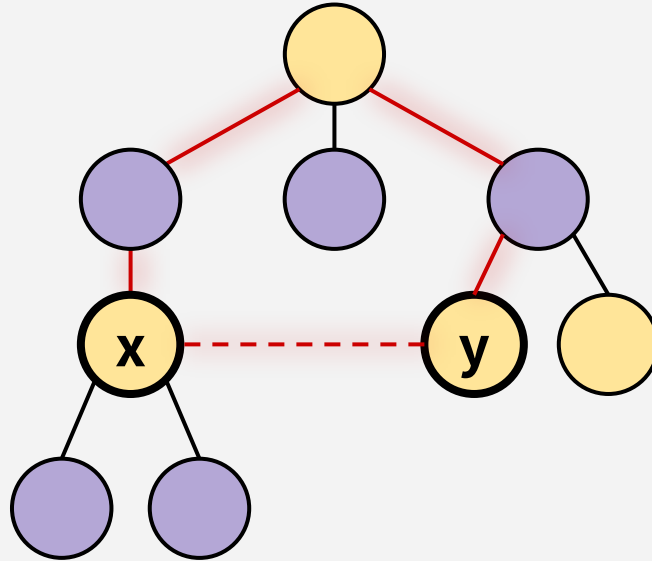


These neighbors are the conflict! BFS will try to color one of **x** or **y** purple, but it's already been colored yellow.

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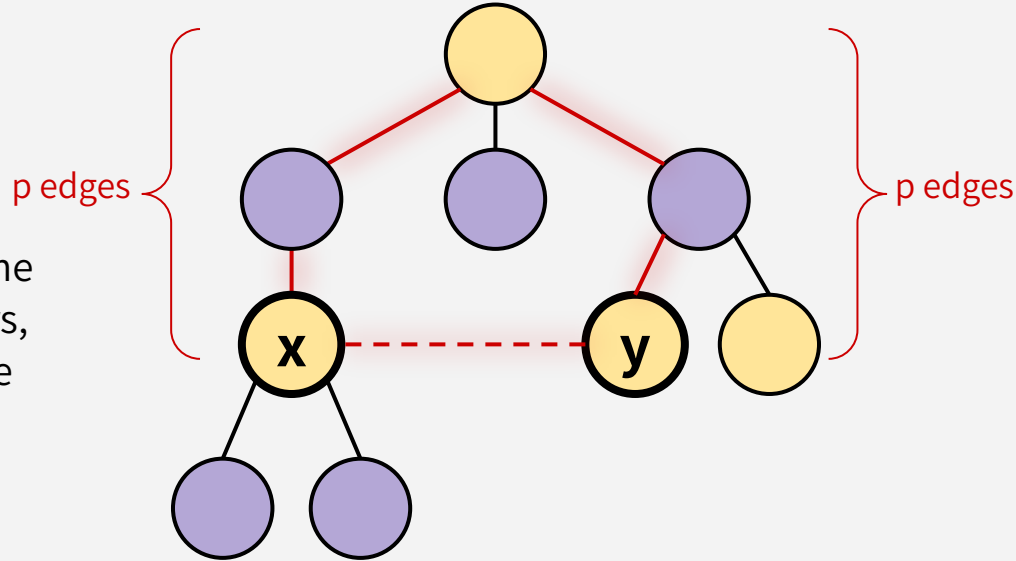
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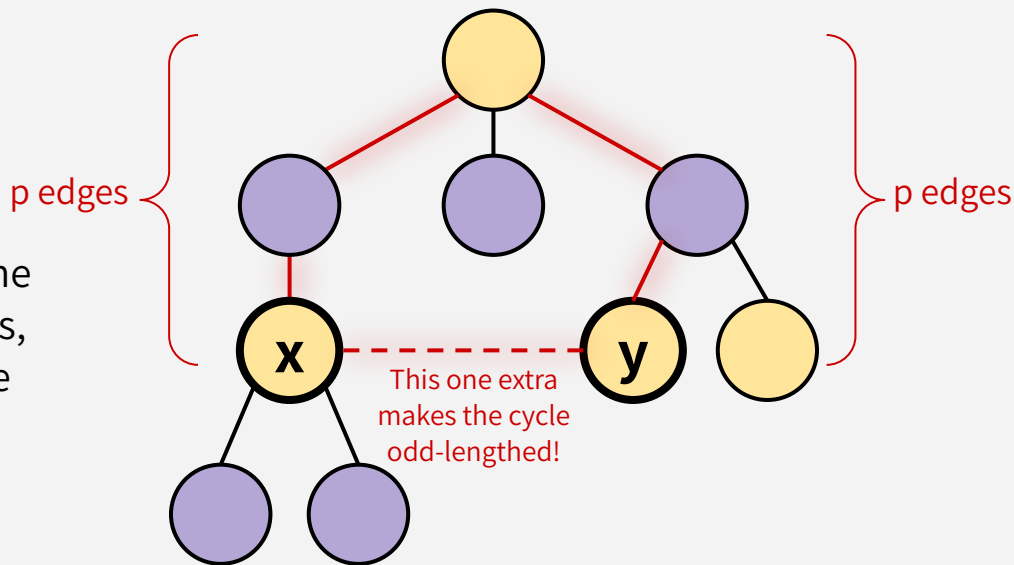
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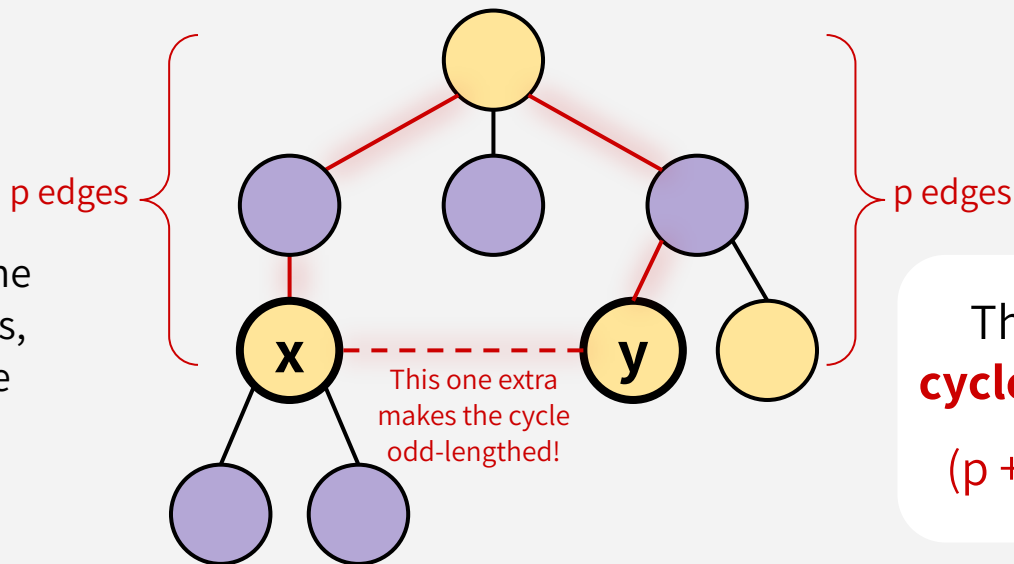




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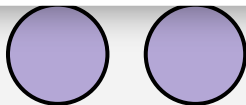
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If BFS tries to color two neighbors the same color,

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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