

Advanced algorithms and data structures

Lecture 9: Exact exponential algorithms and parameterized complexity

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Today's Lecture

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Introduction

Exact exponential algorithms

- Exact TSP via Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic Programming in general

- Exact MIS via Branching

Parameterized problems

- “Bar fight prevention” aka k -Vertex Cover

- Kernelization

- Bounded search tree

FPT vs XP

- Example: Vertex k -Coloring

- Example: k -Clique

- Example: k -Clique parameterized by Δ

Summary

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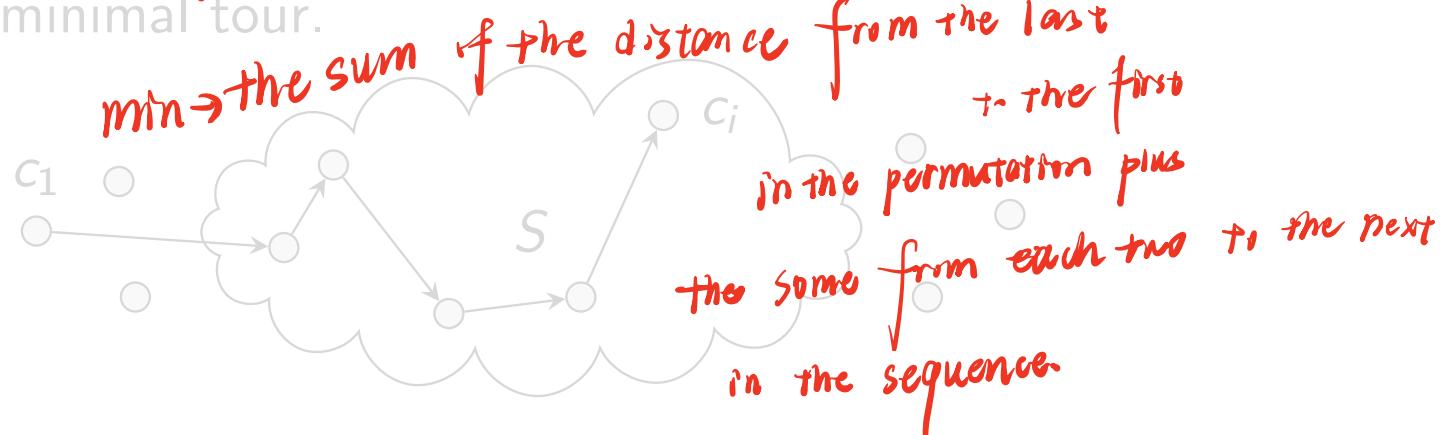
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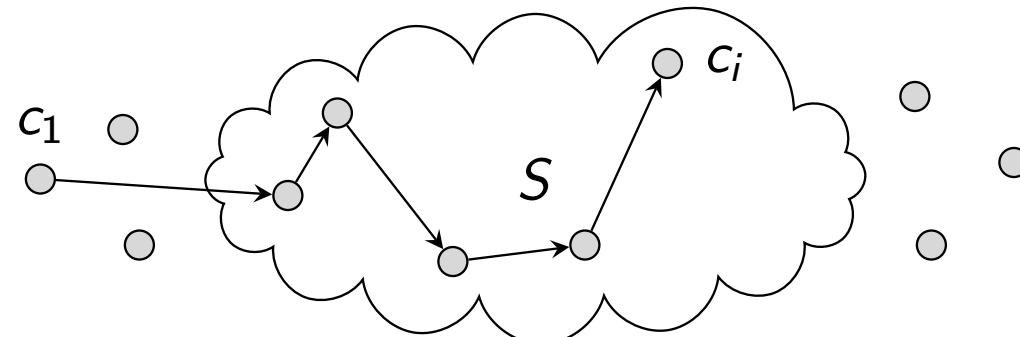
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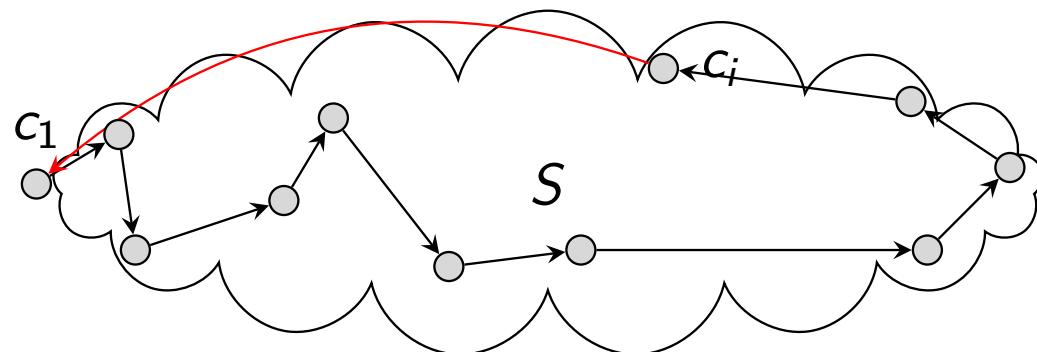
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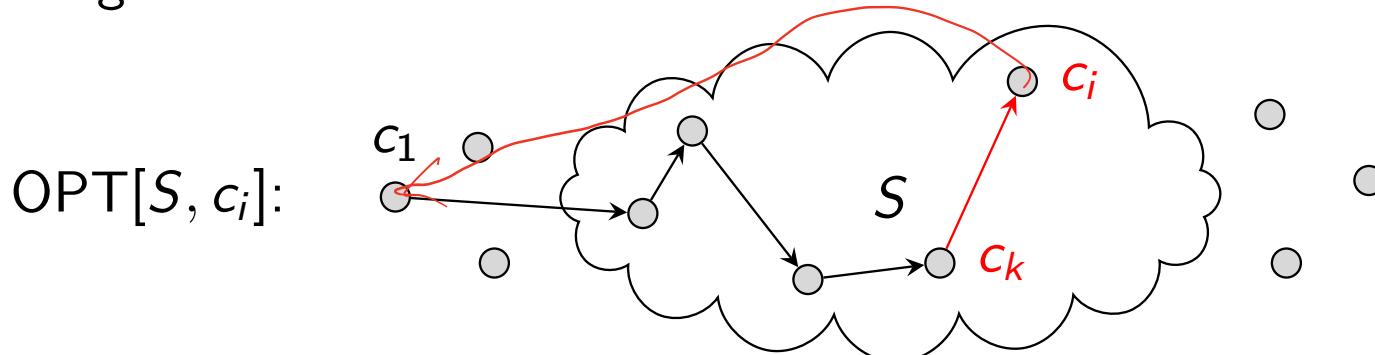
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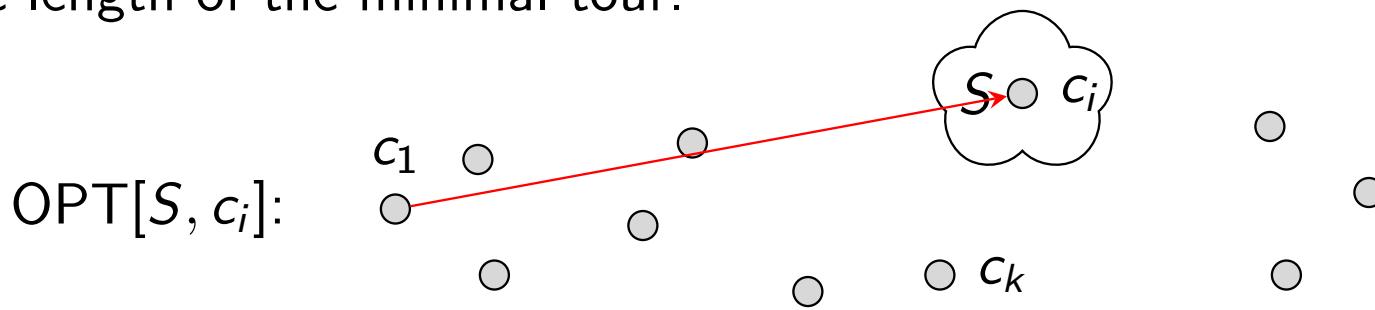
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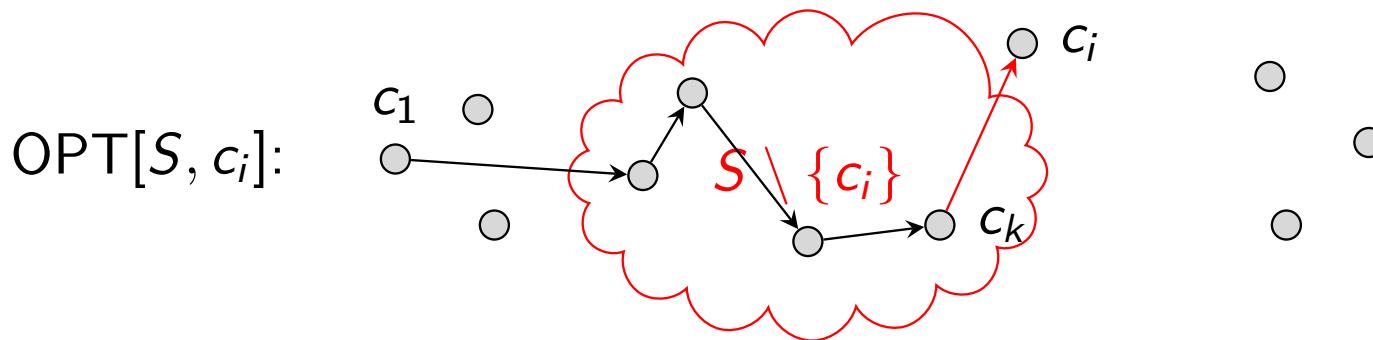
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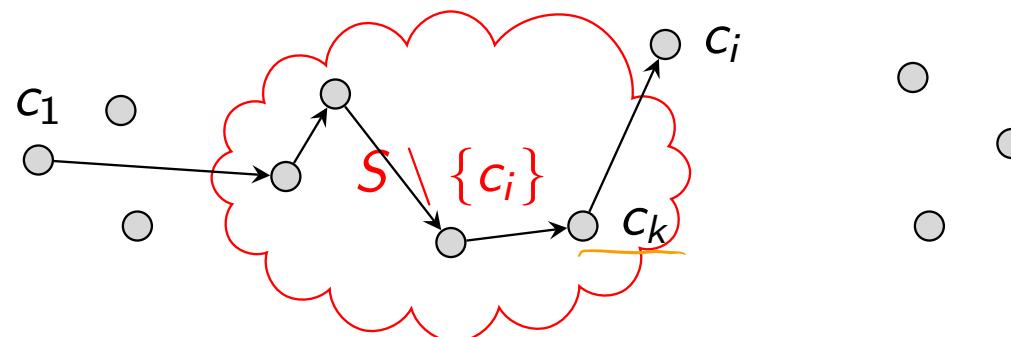
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Such a set I is called a *Maximum Independent Set (MIS)* for the graph.

Naive: Try all 2^n subsets (where $n = |V|$). This takes $\mathcal{O}^*(2^n)$ time.

For $v \in V$ define $N[v] := \{v\} \cup \{w \in V \mid (v, w) \in E\}$. This is called the *closed neighborhood* of v .

Observation: $N[v] \cap I \neq \emptyset$ for all $v \in V$ and all MIS I .

Why?

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1: function MISsize( $G = (V, E)$ )
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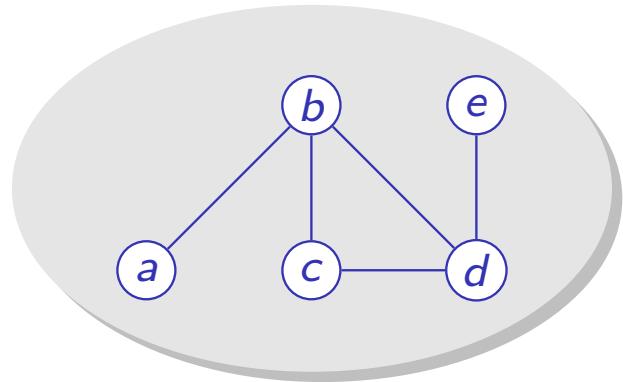
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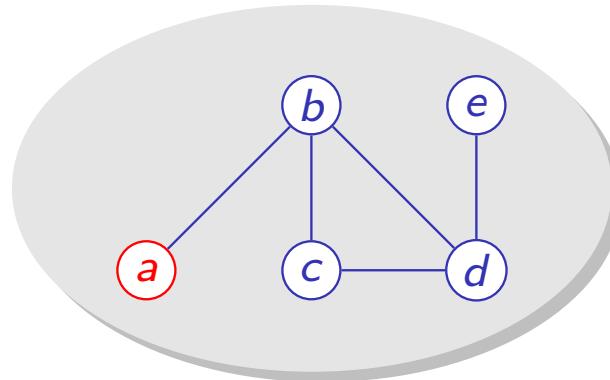
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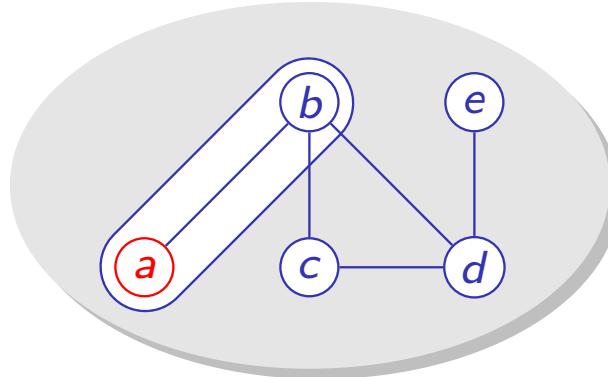


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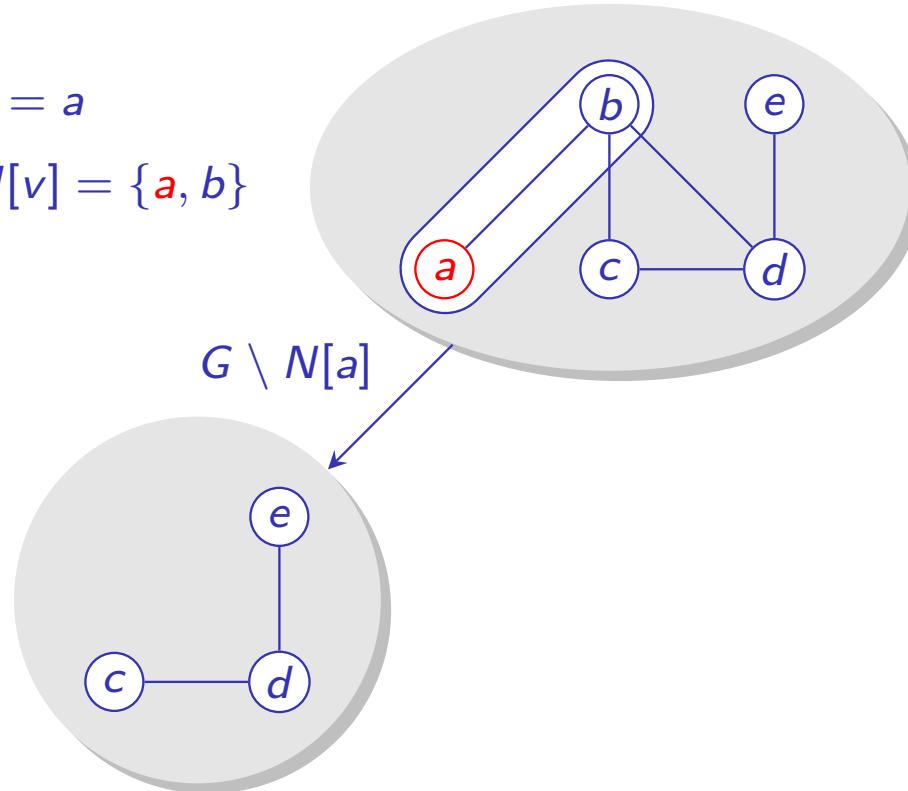
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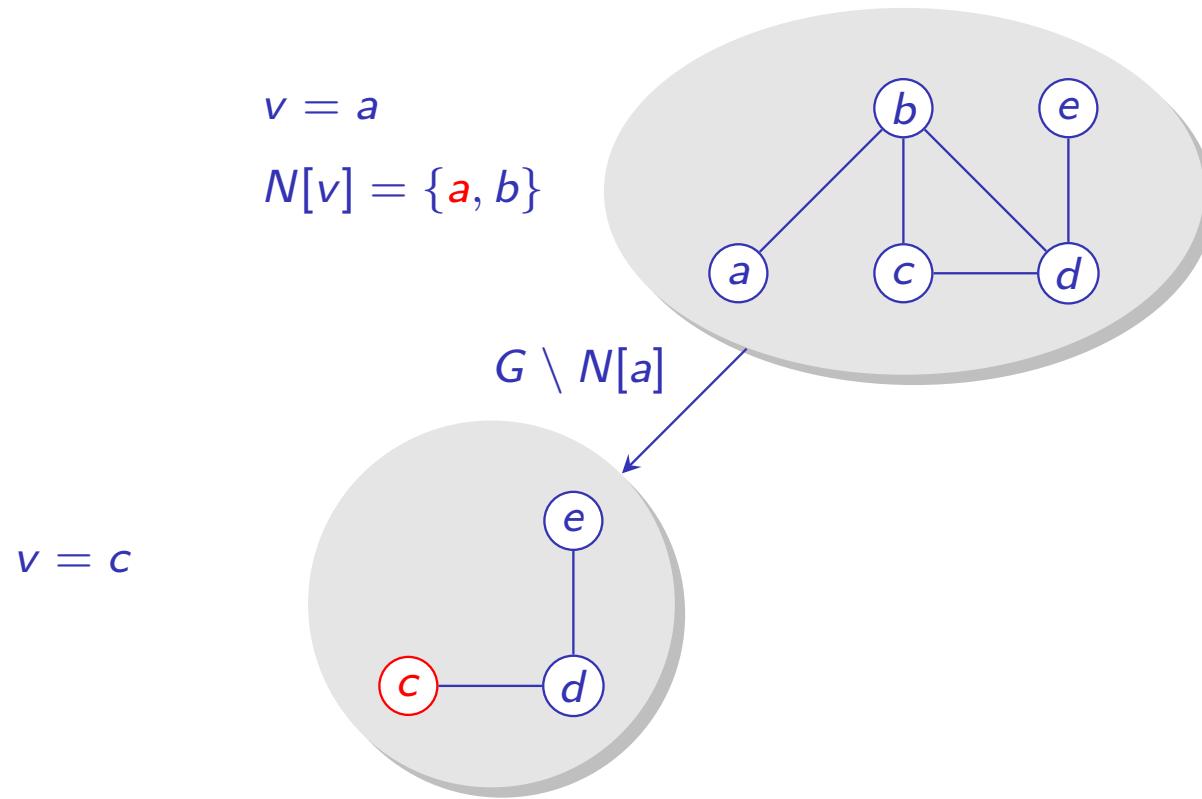
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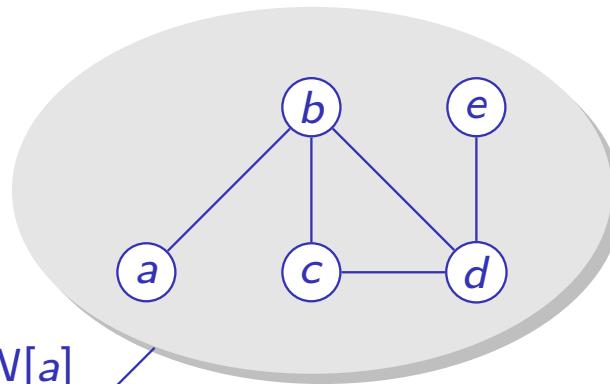
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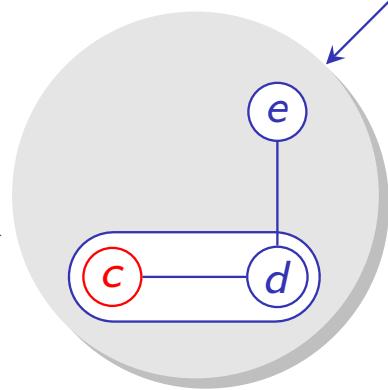
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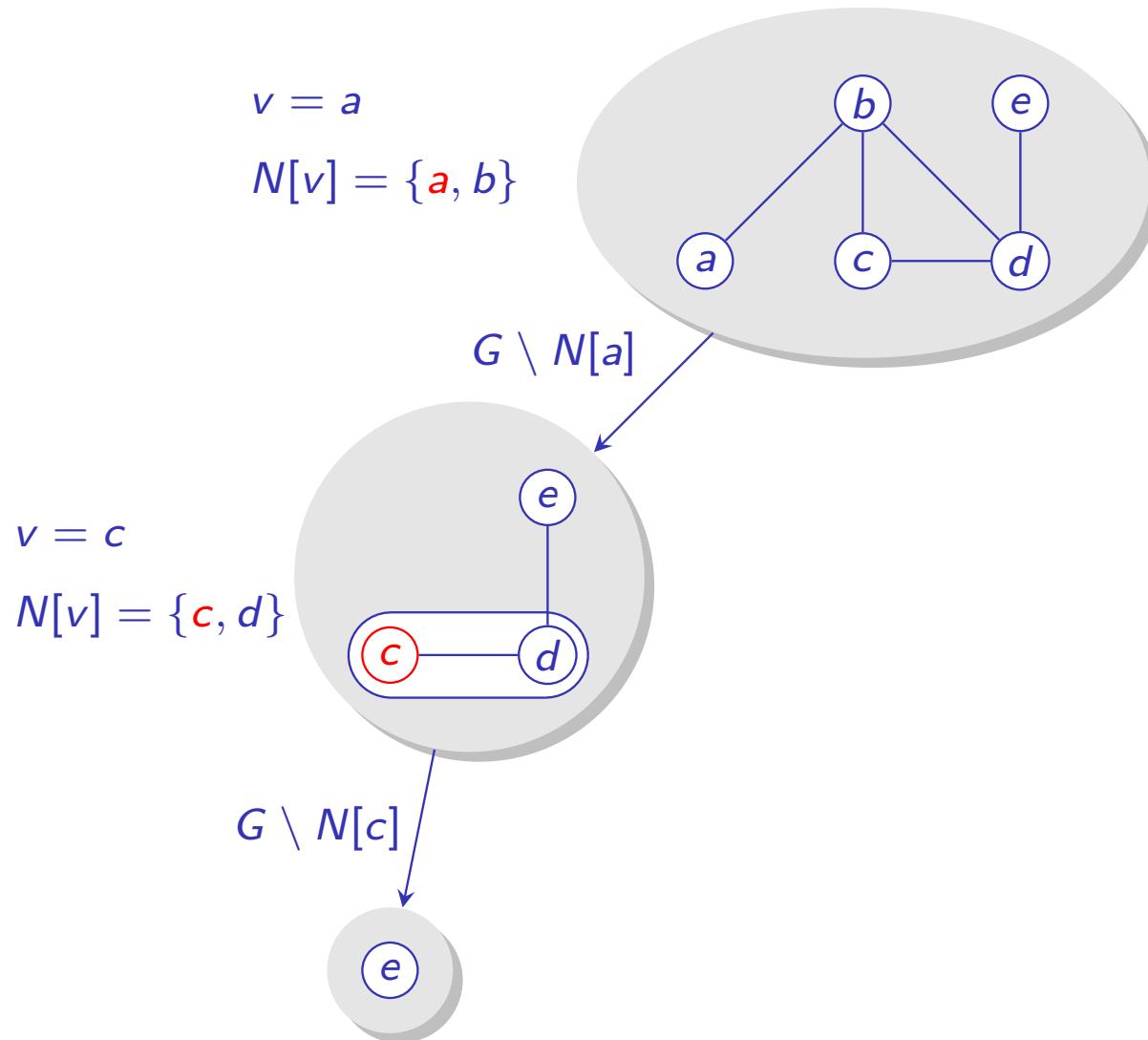
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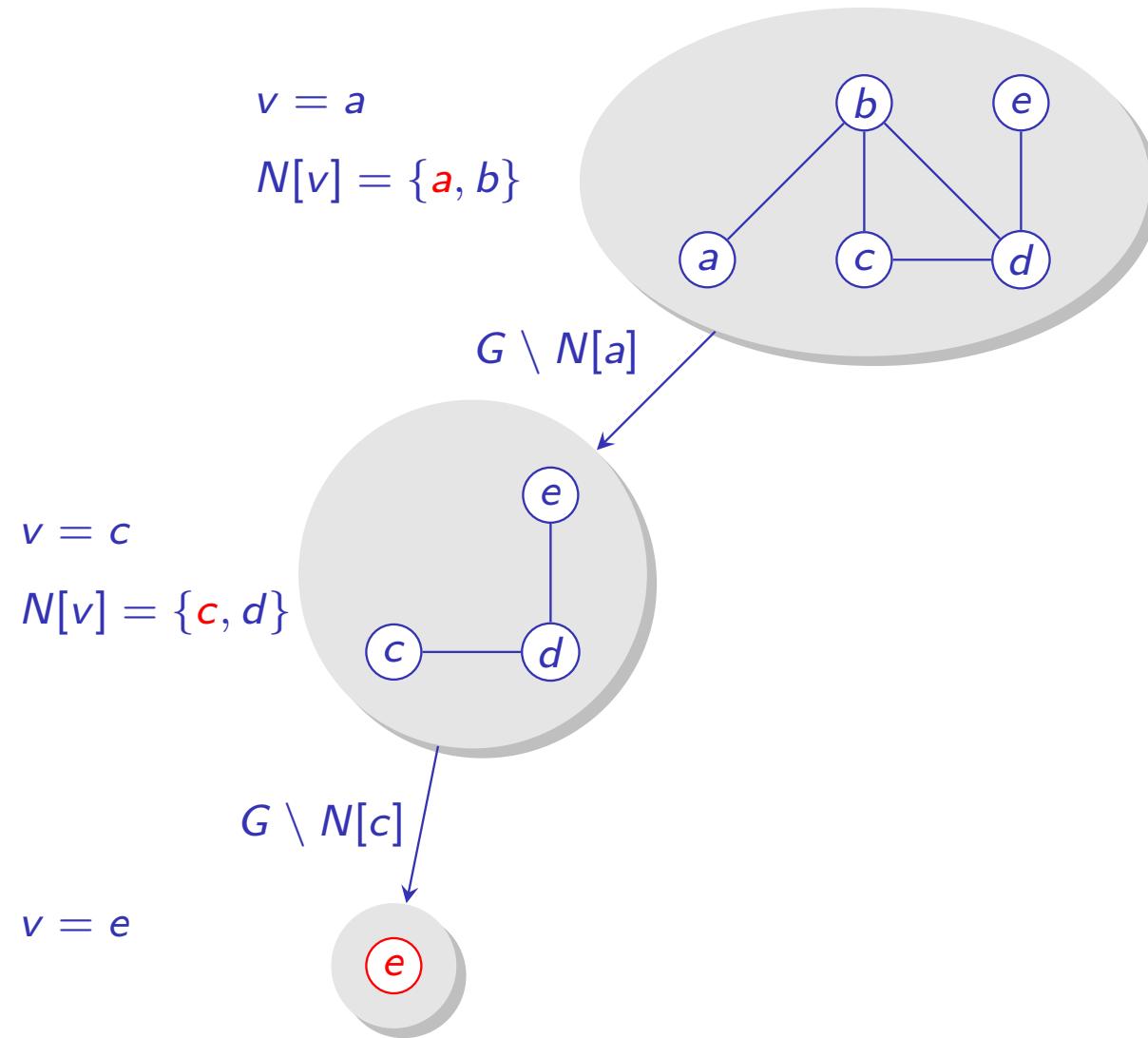
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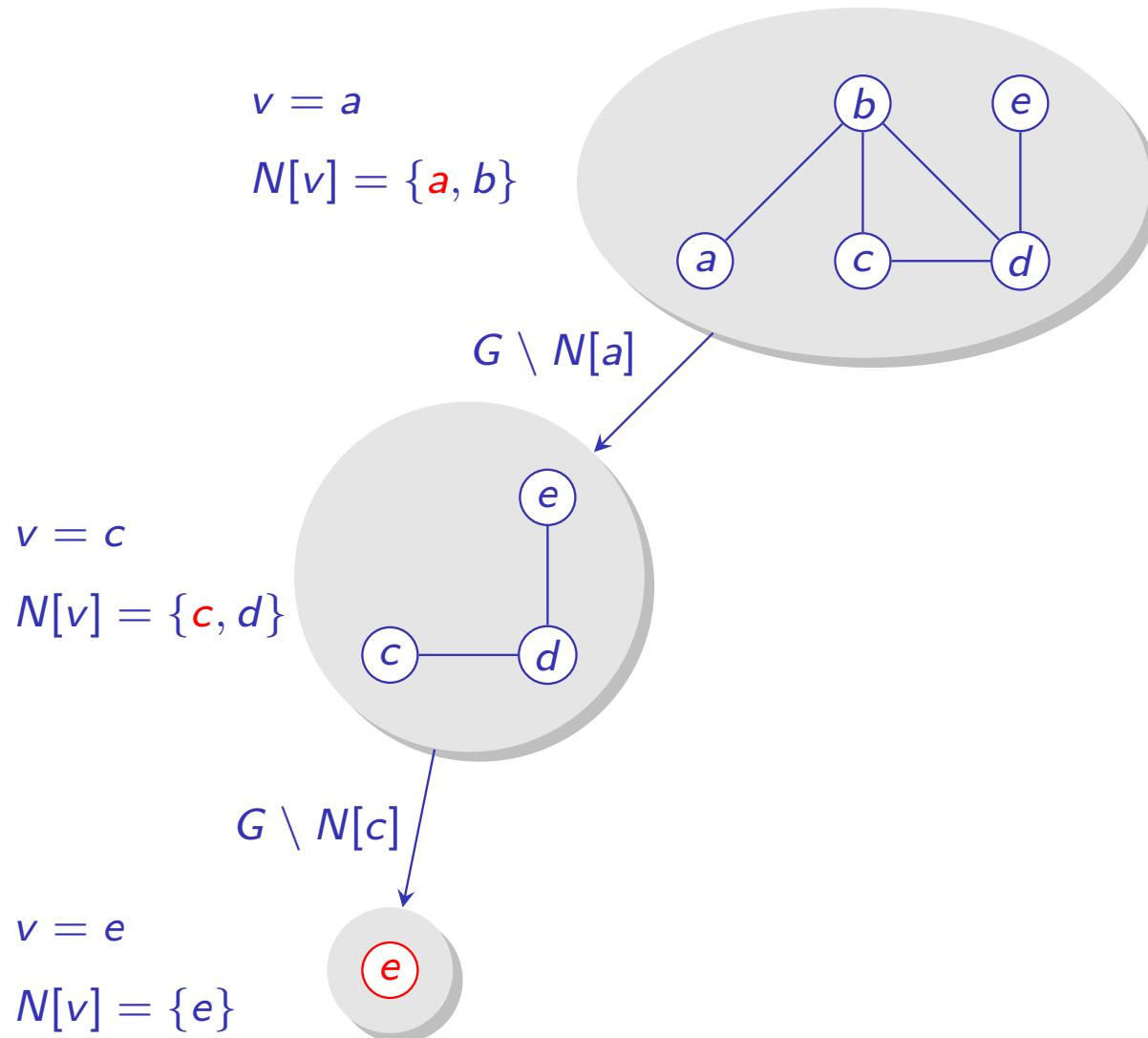
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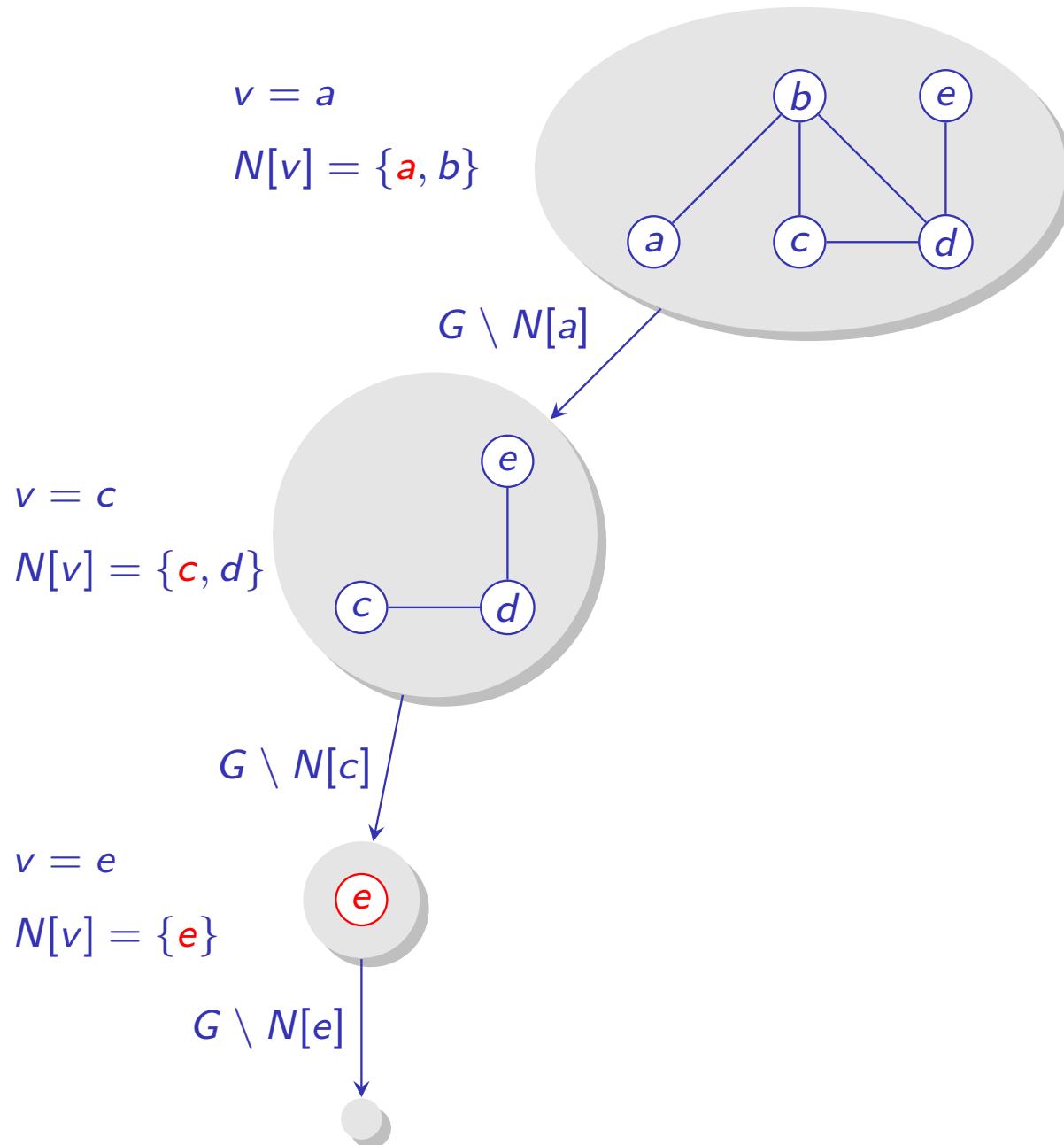
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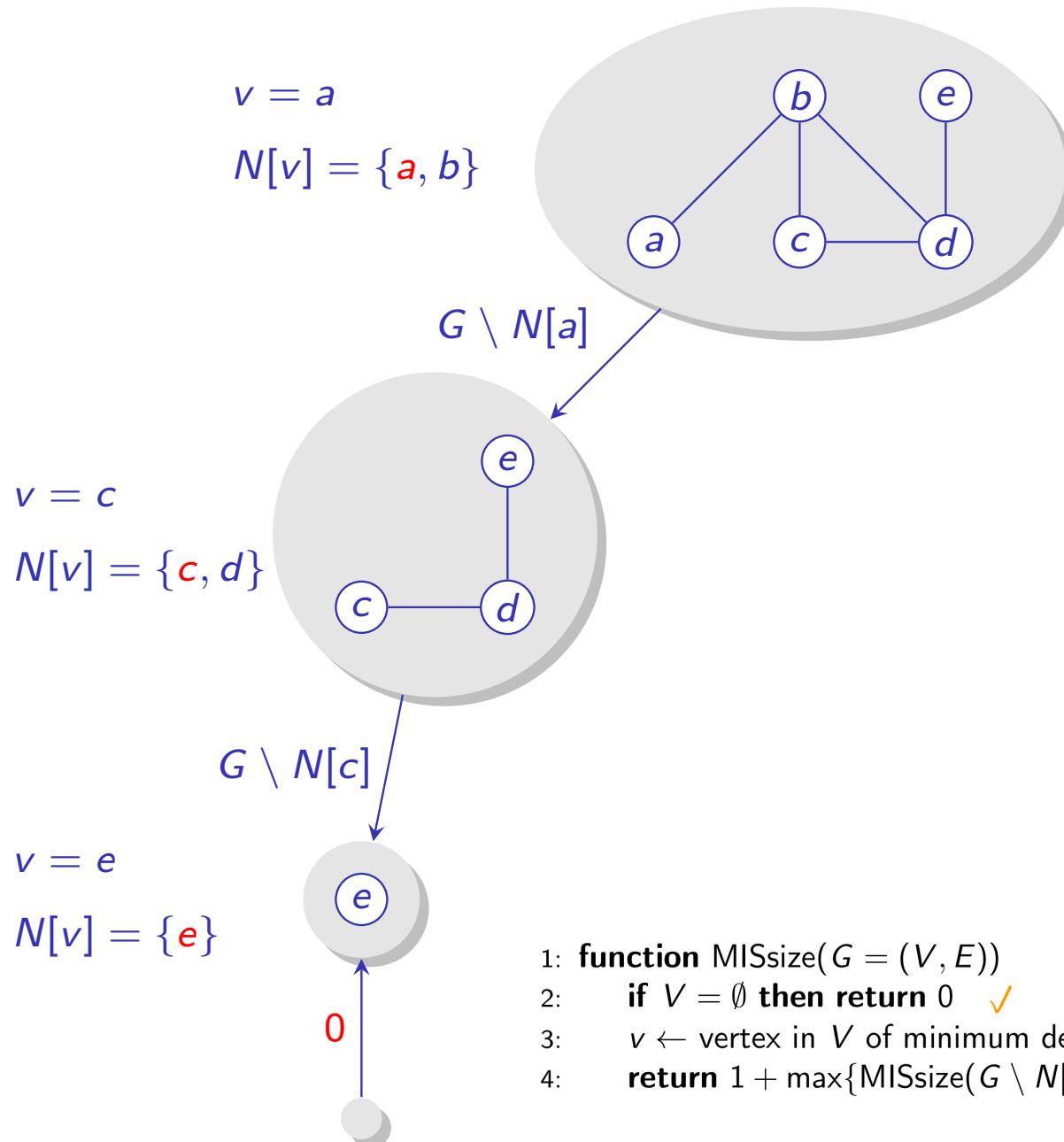
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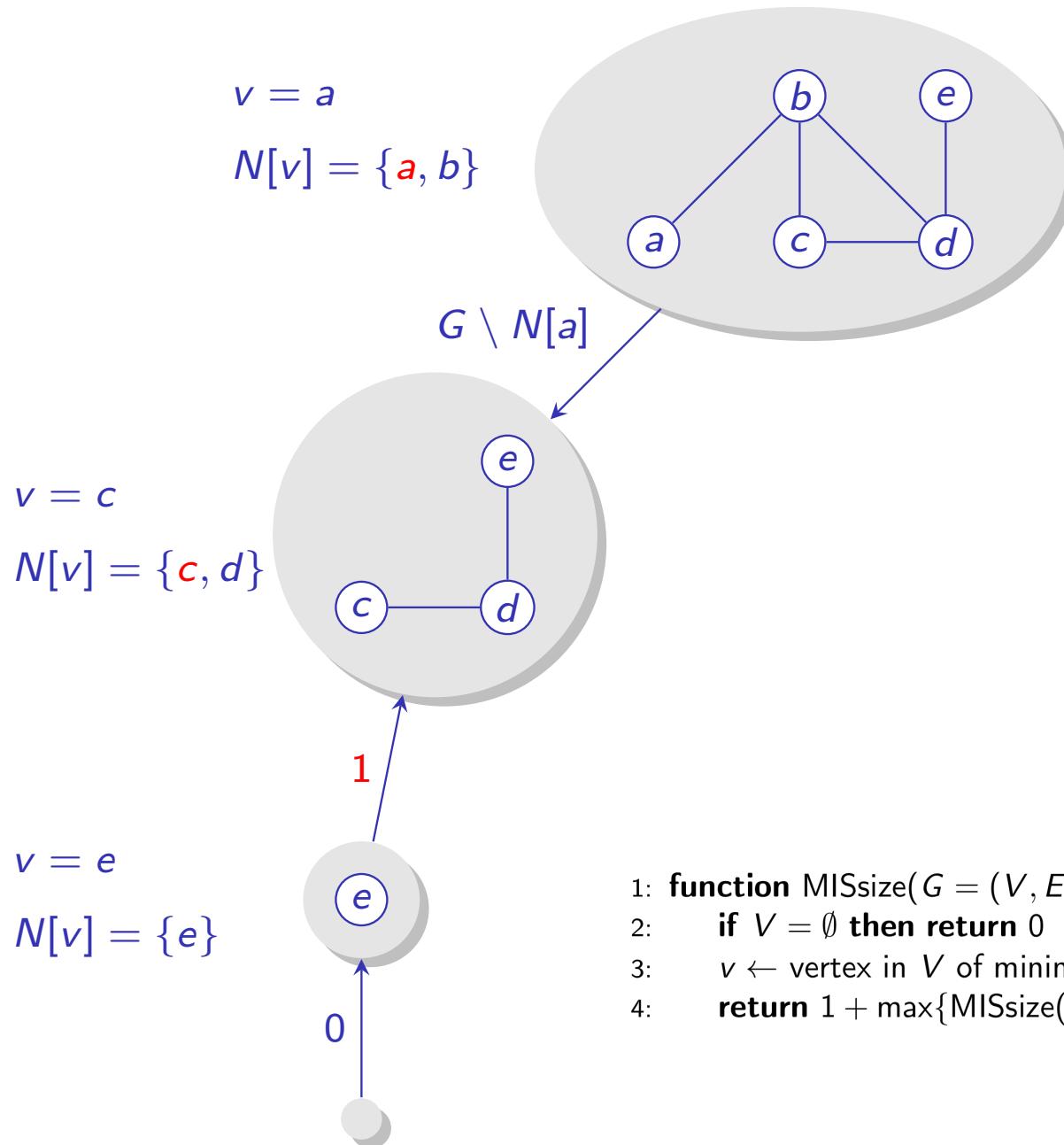


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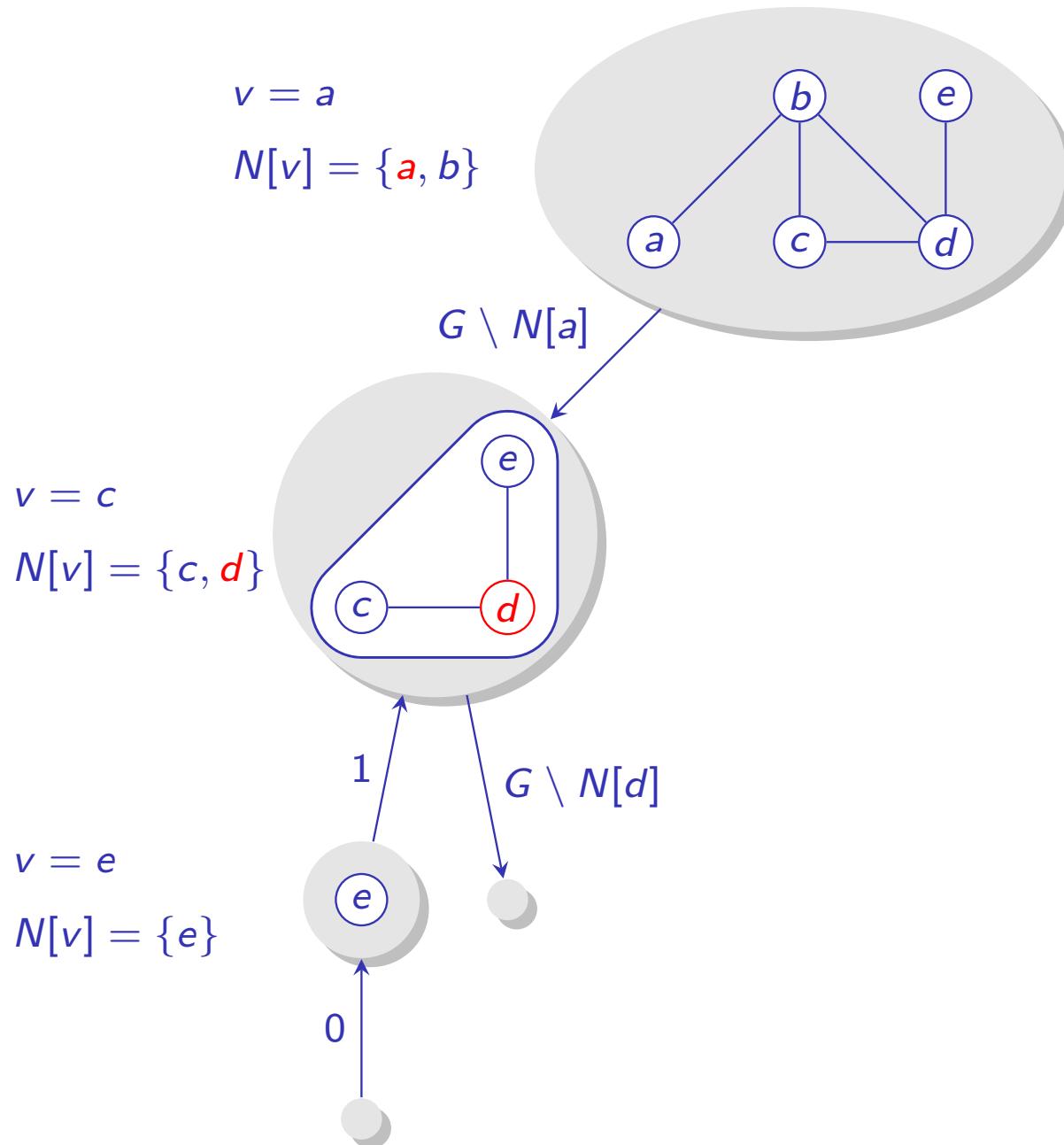
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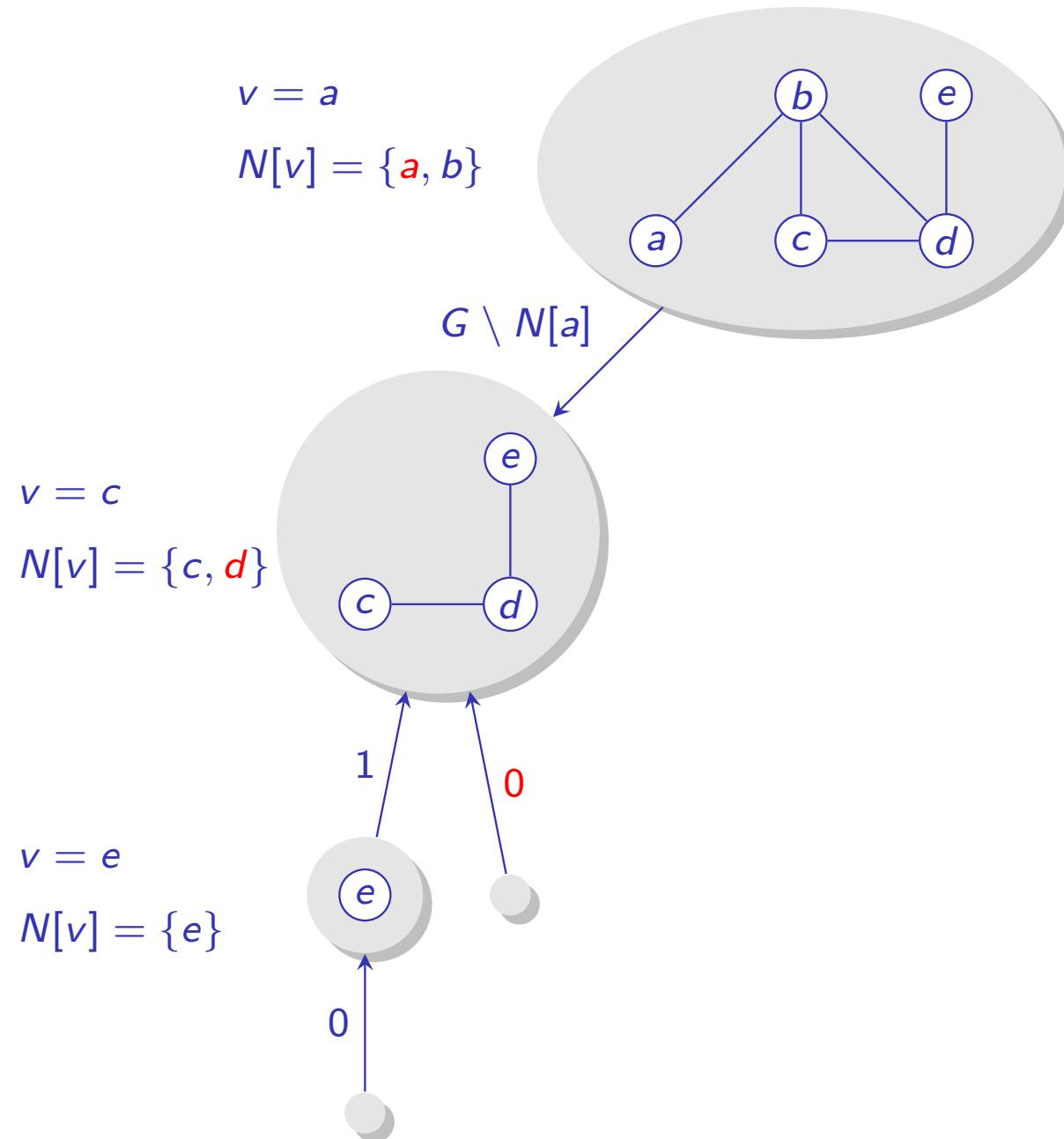


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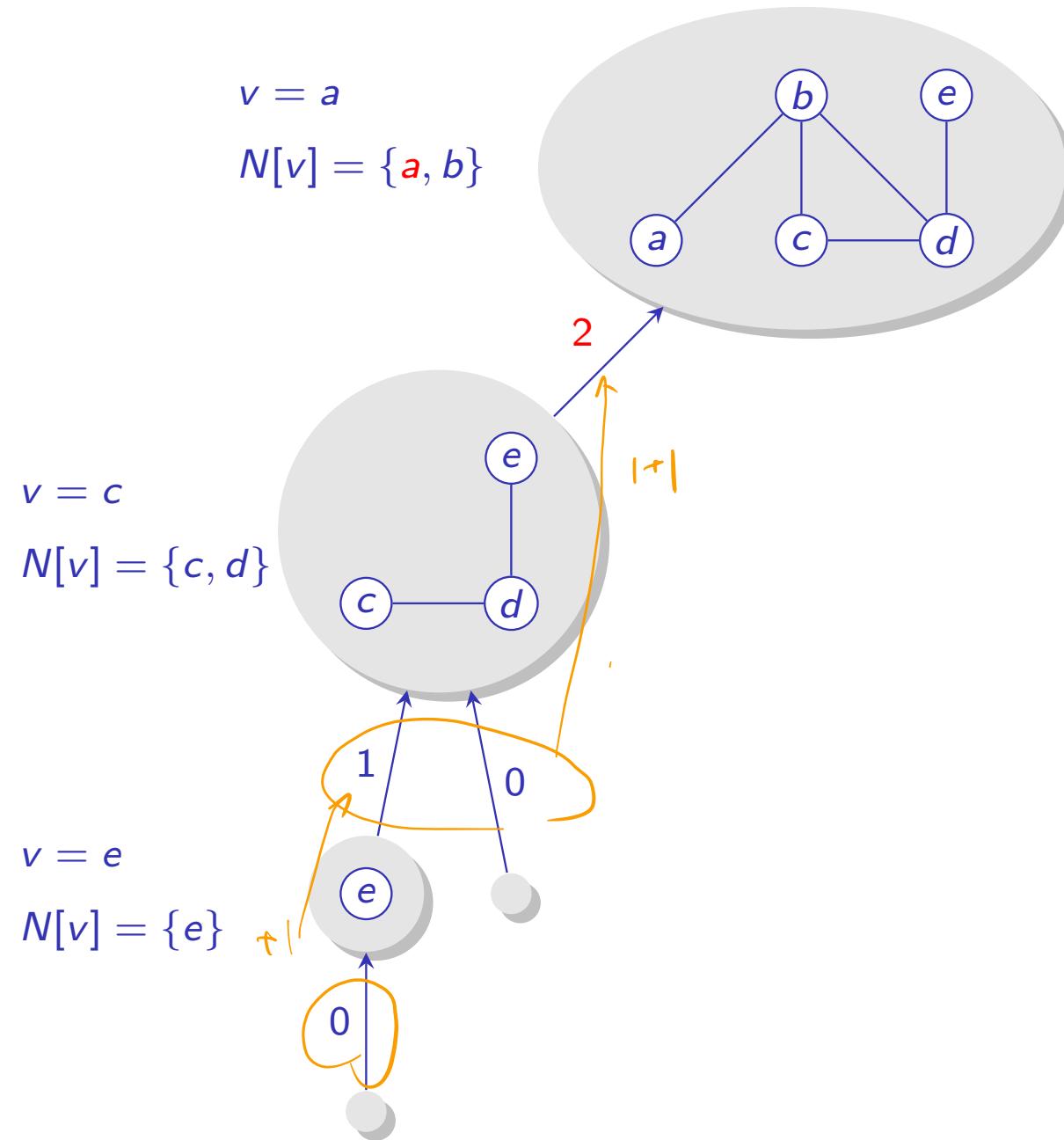
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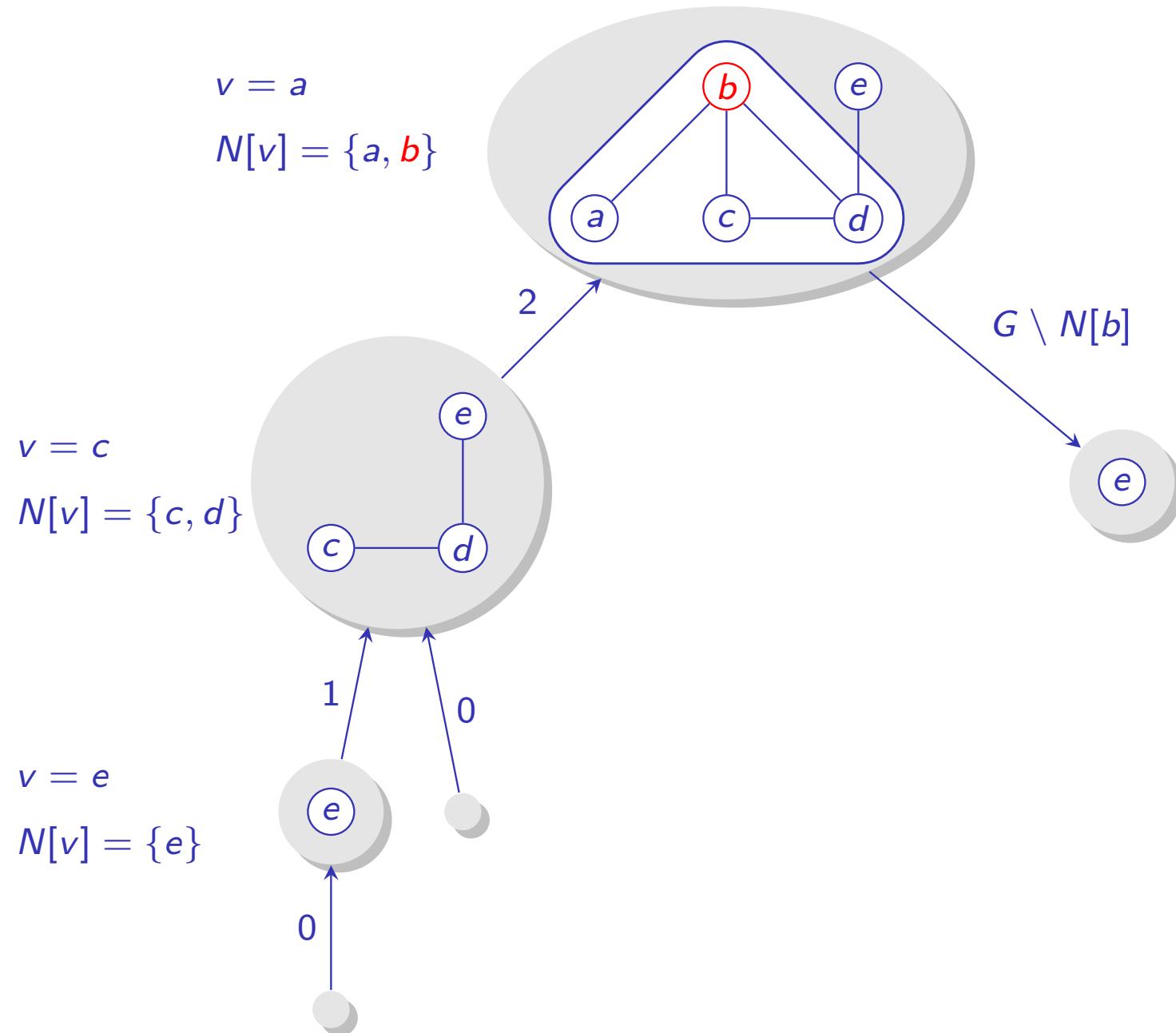
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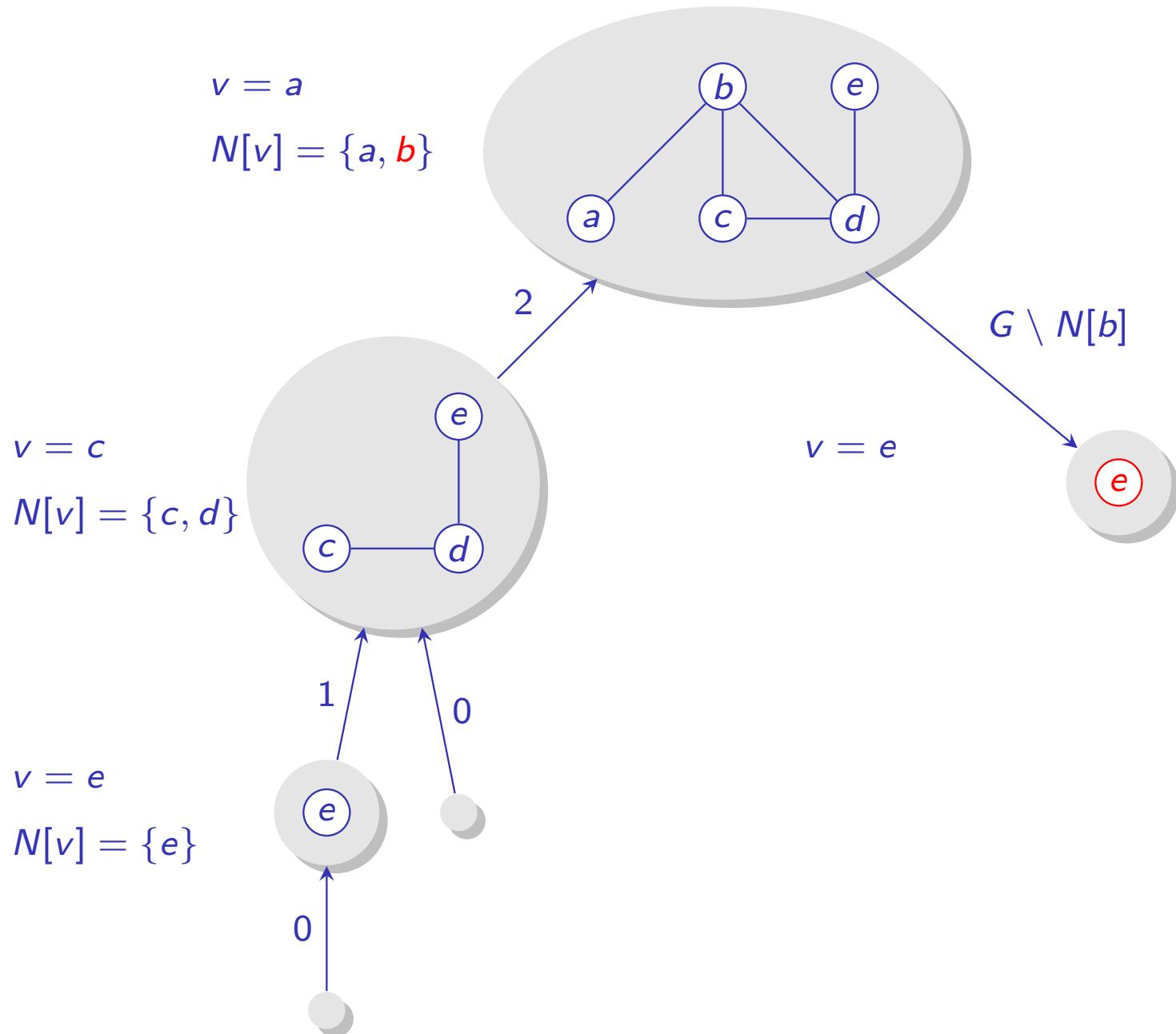
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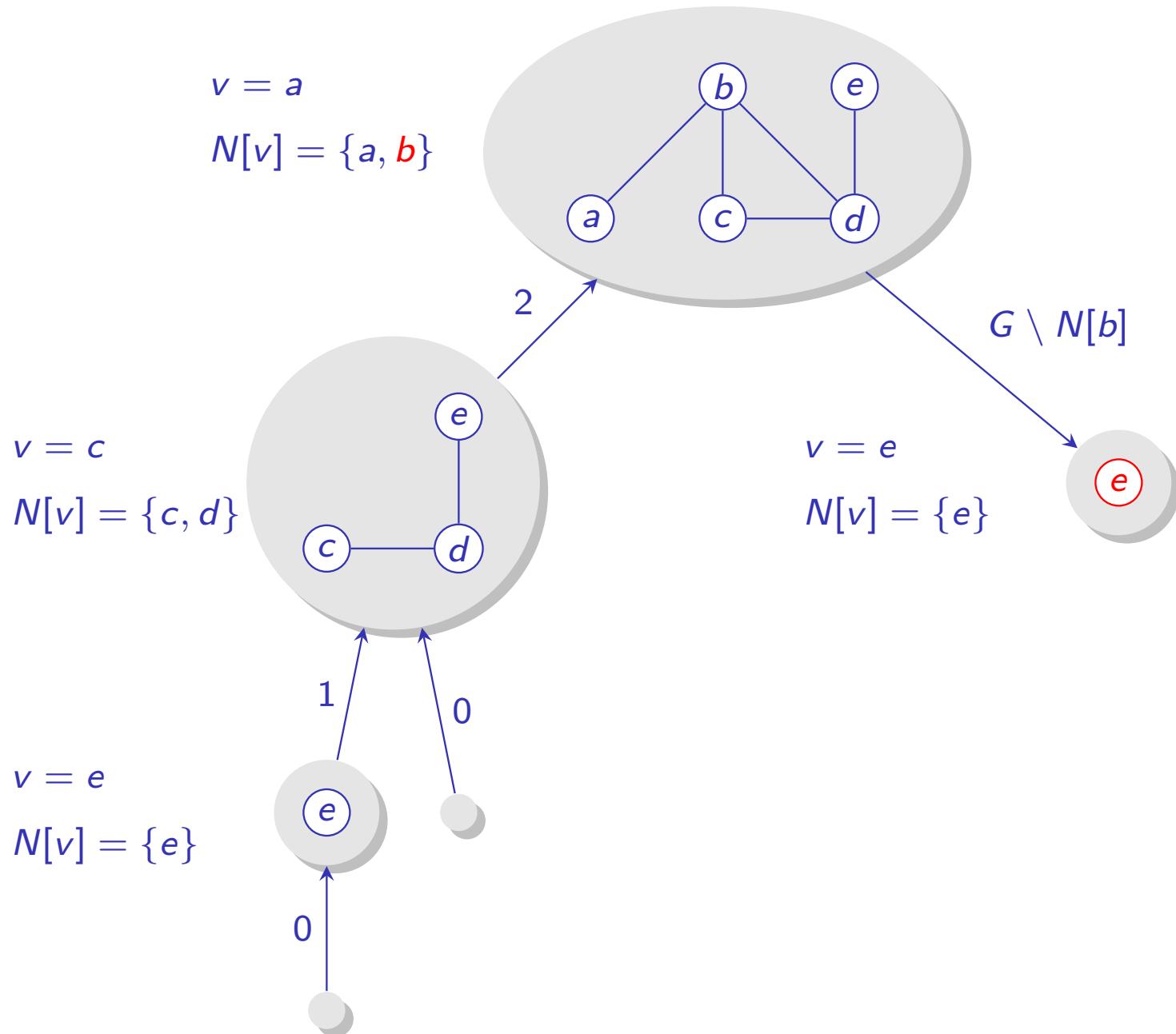
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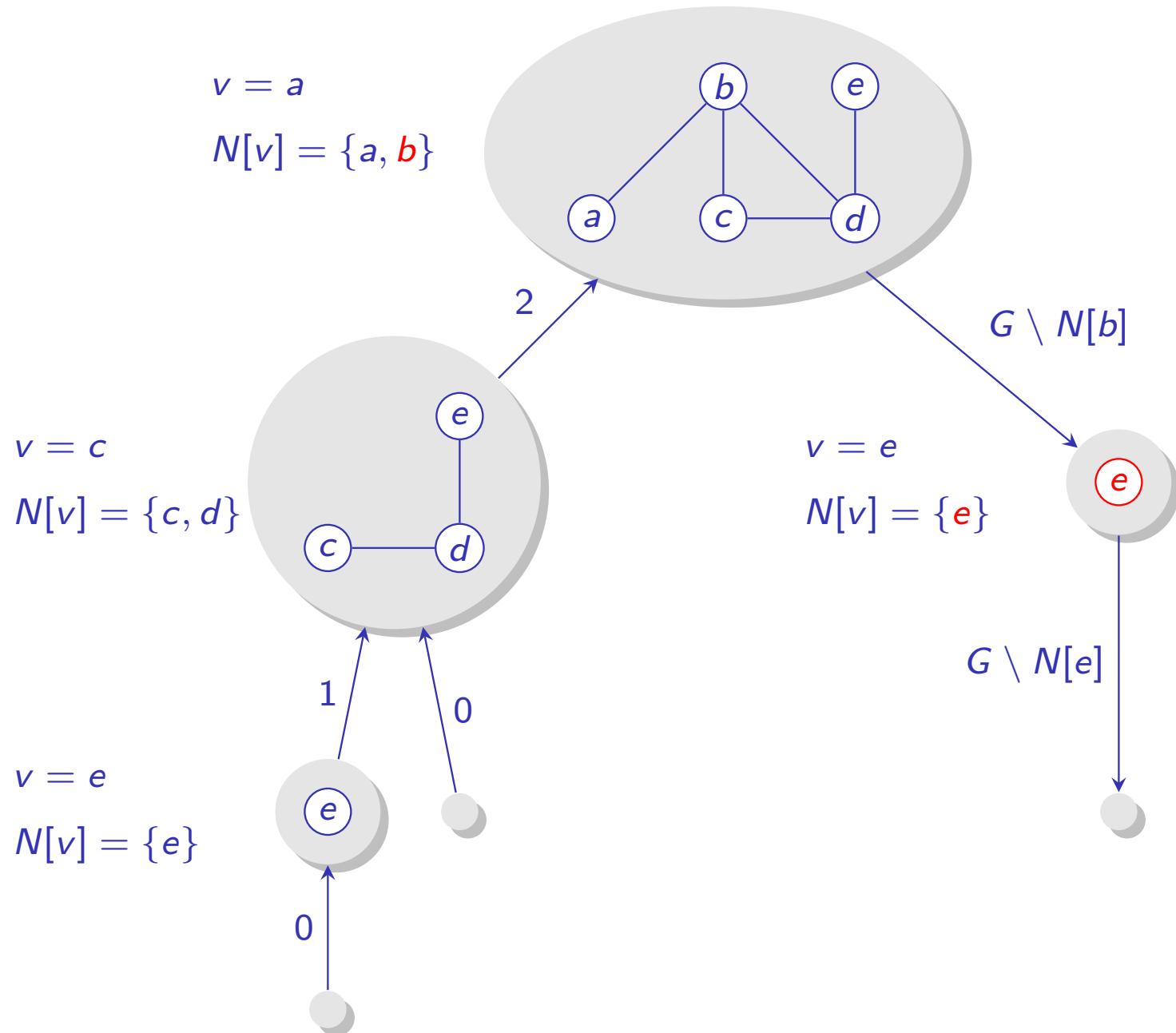
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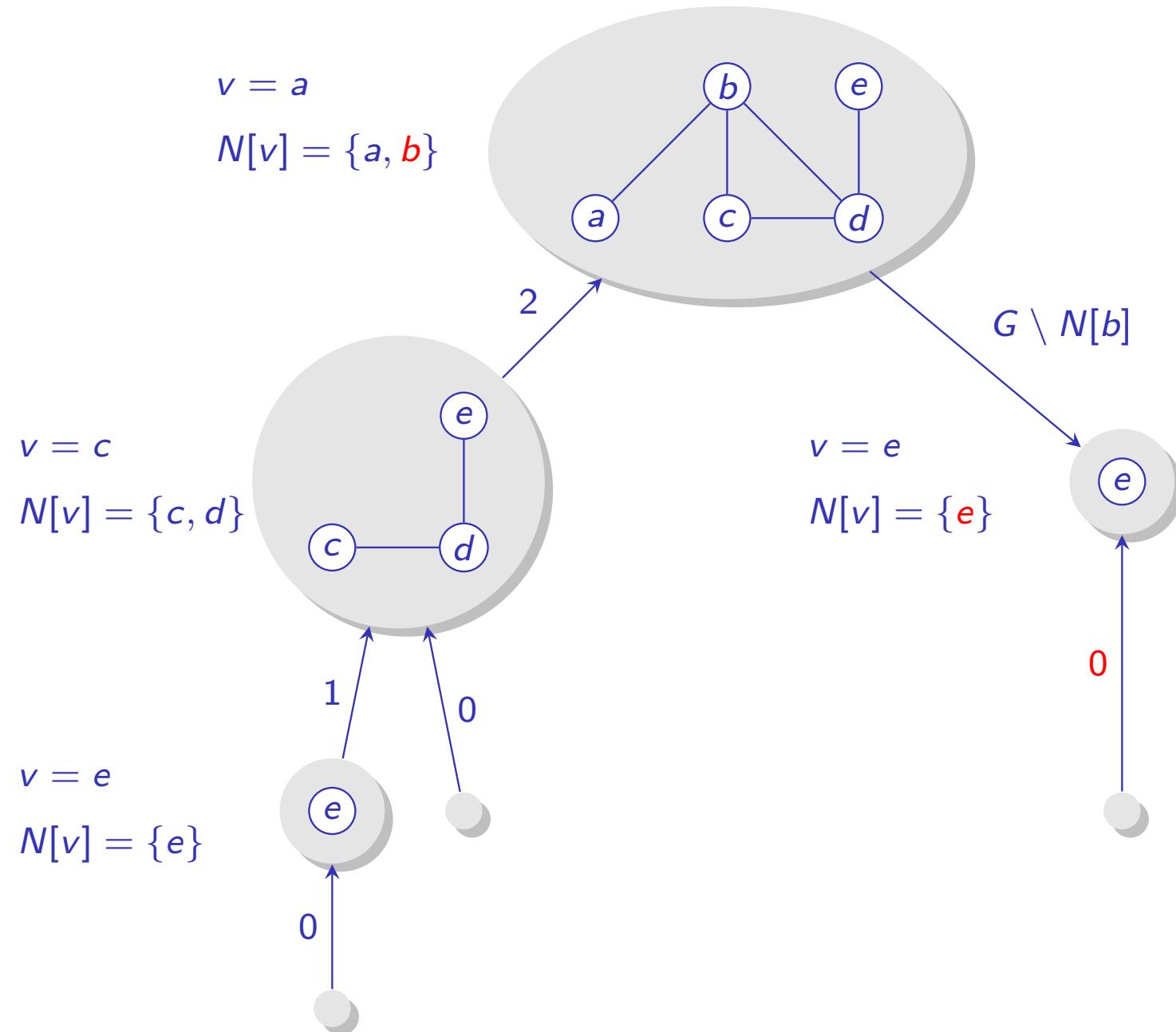
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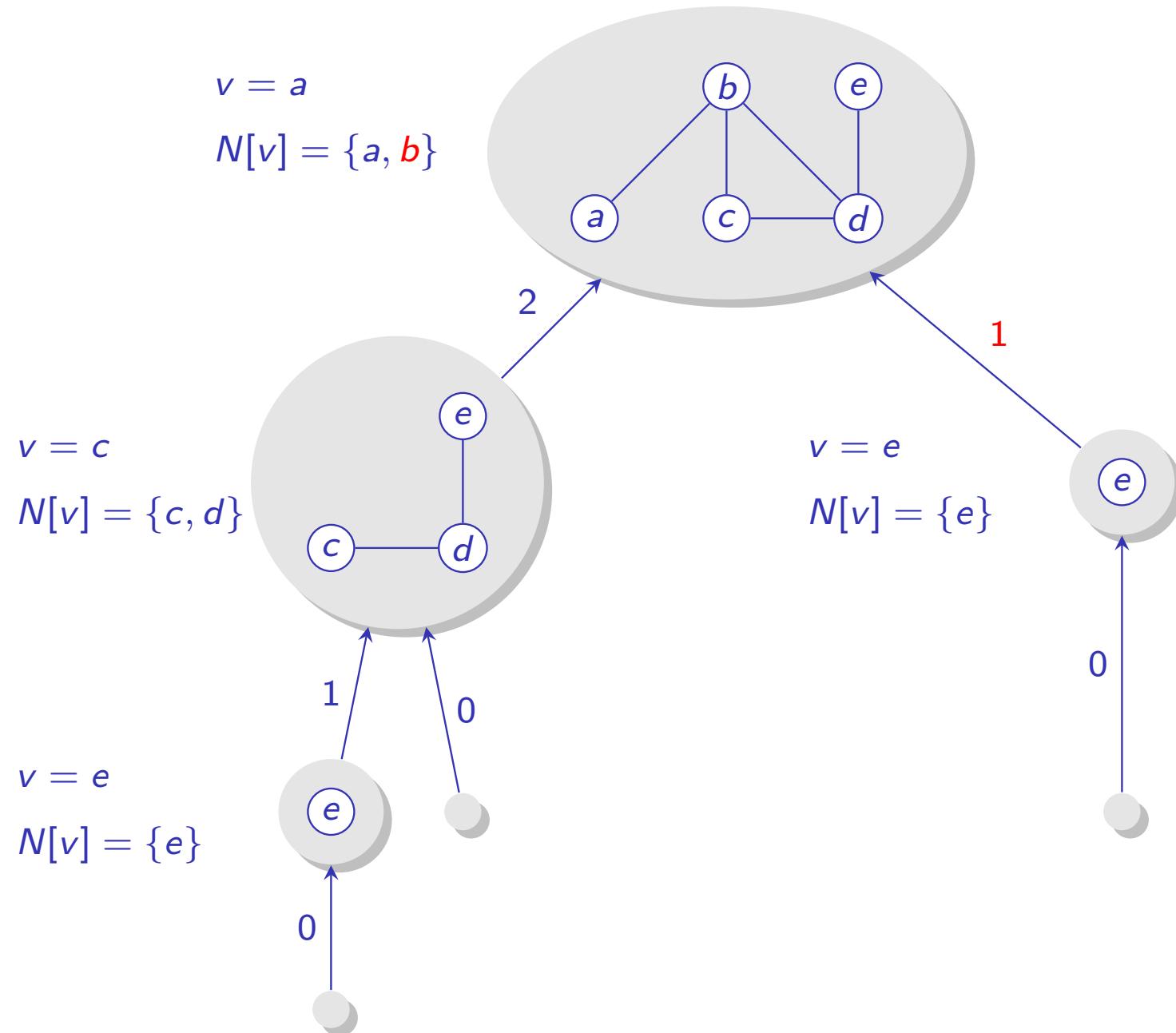
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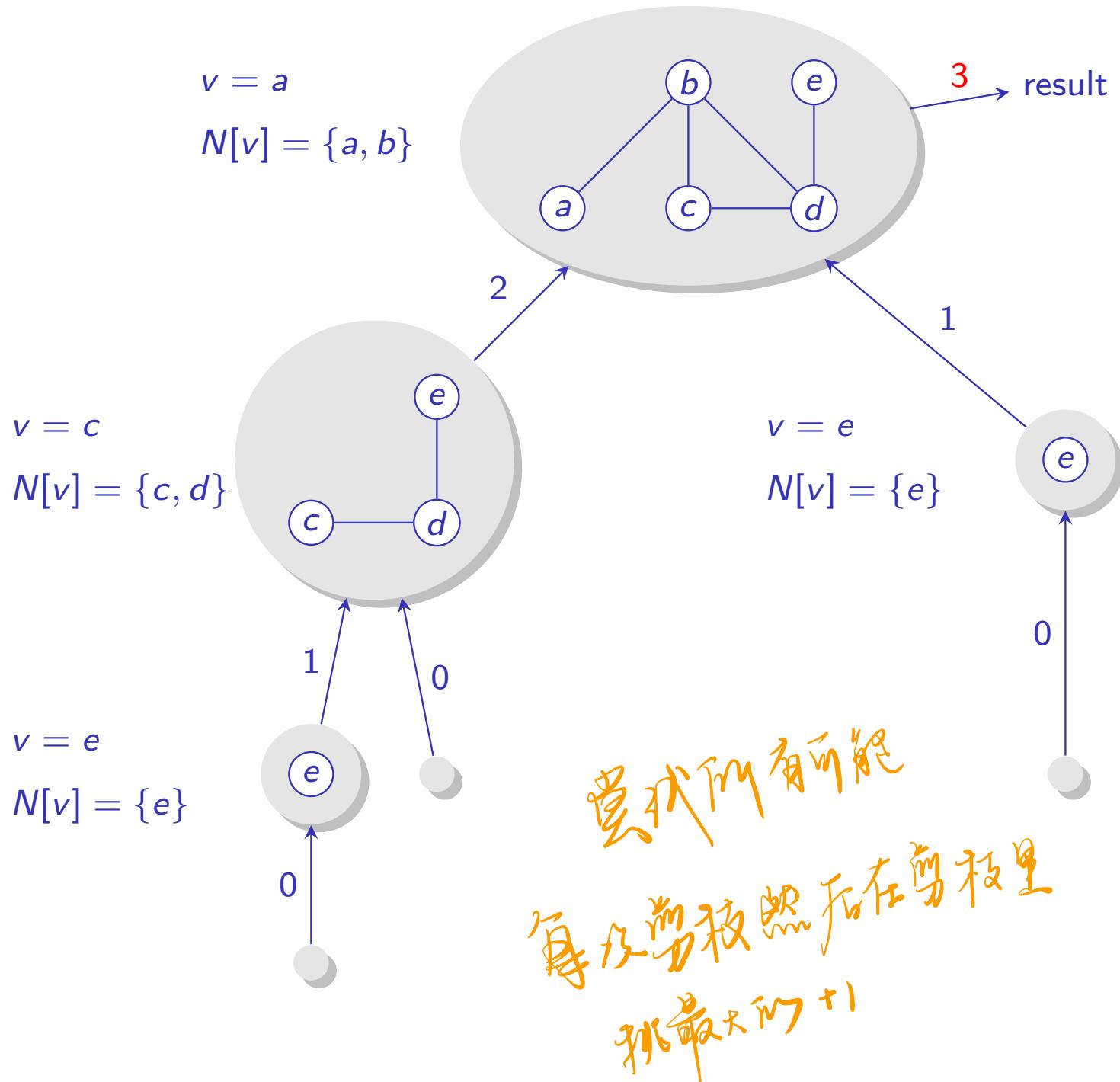
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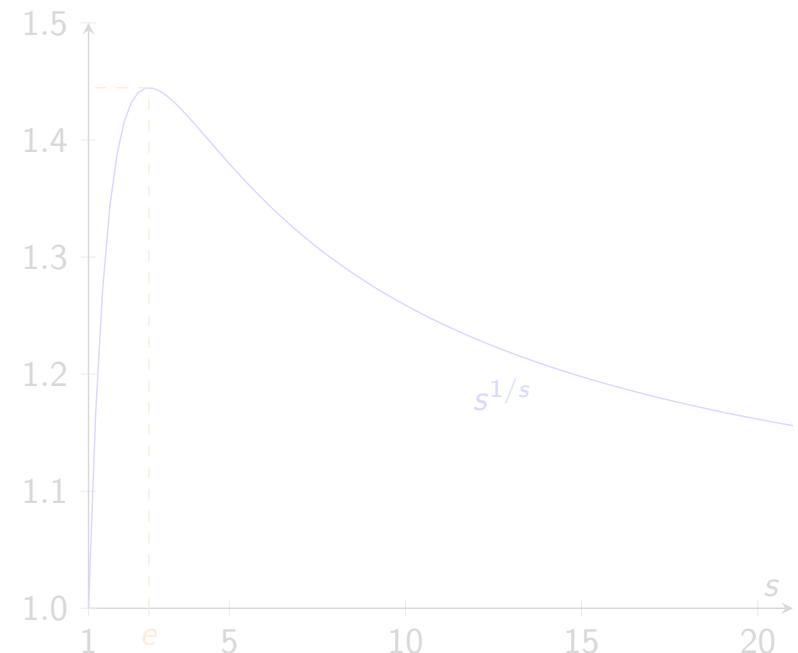
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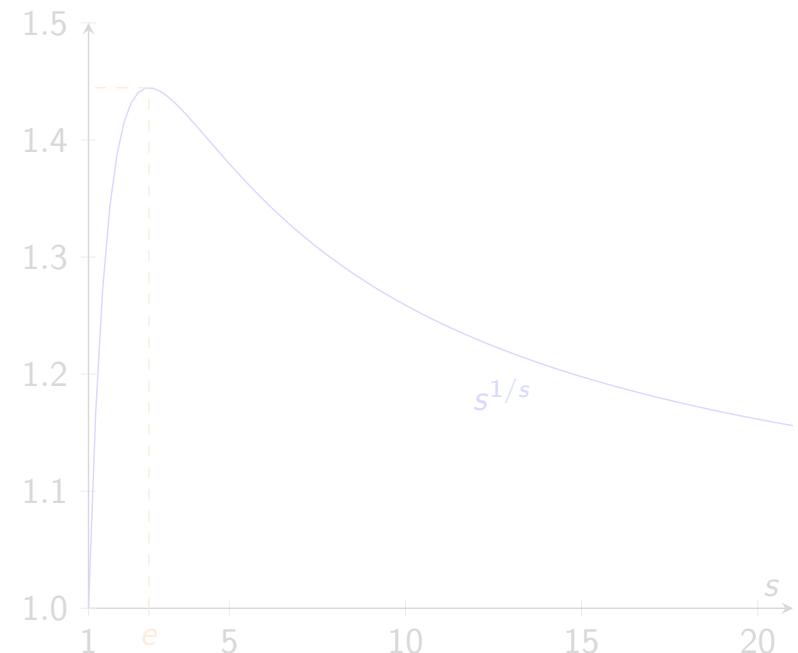
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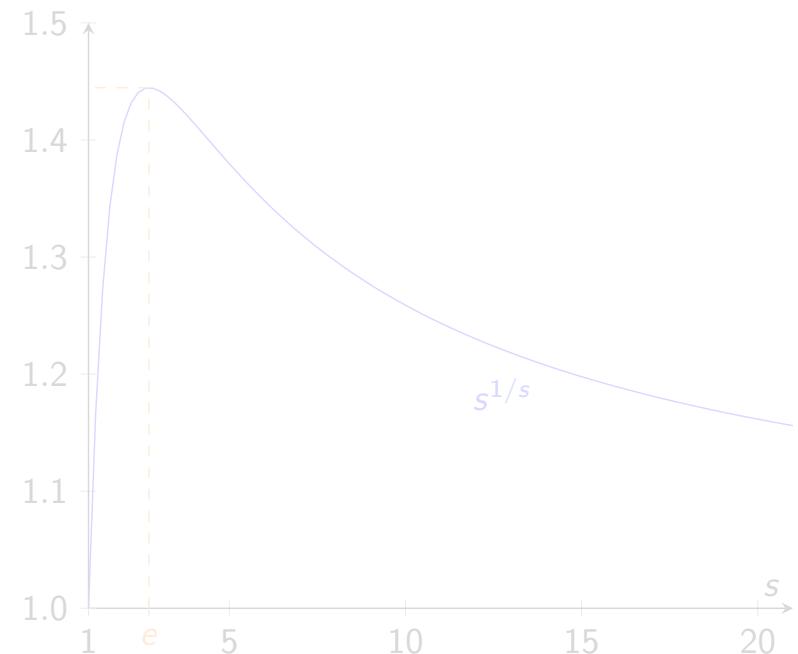
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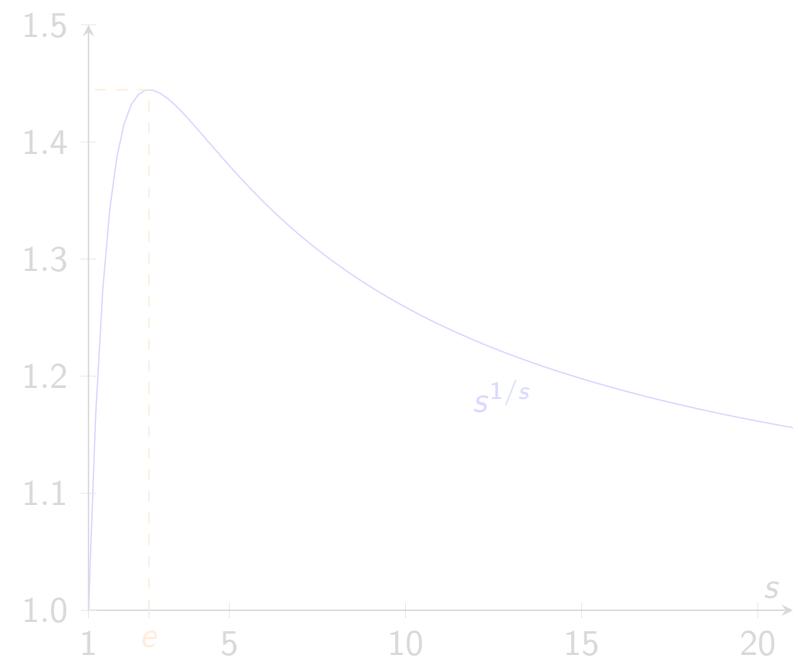
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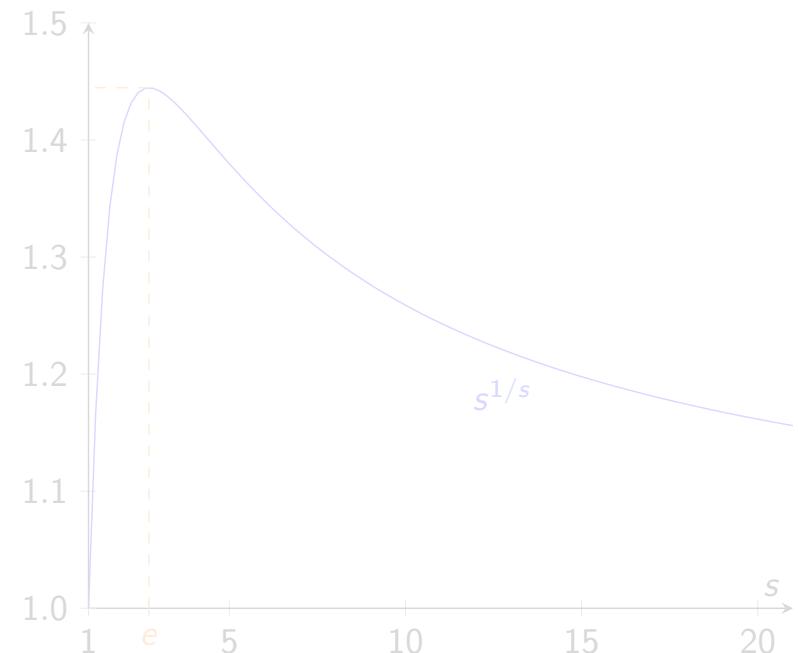
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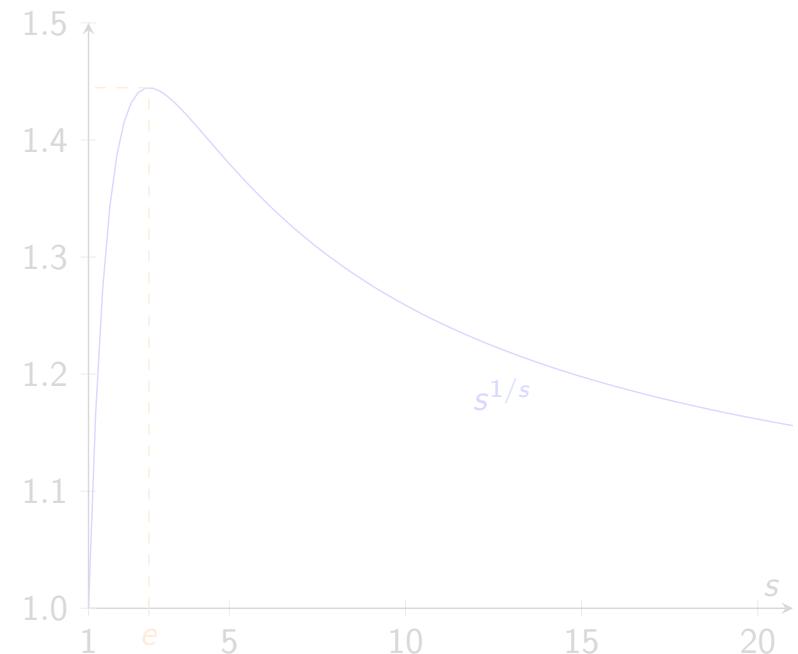
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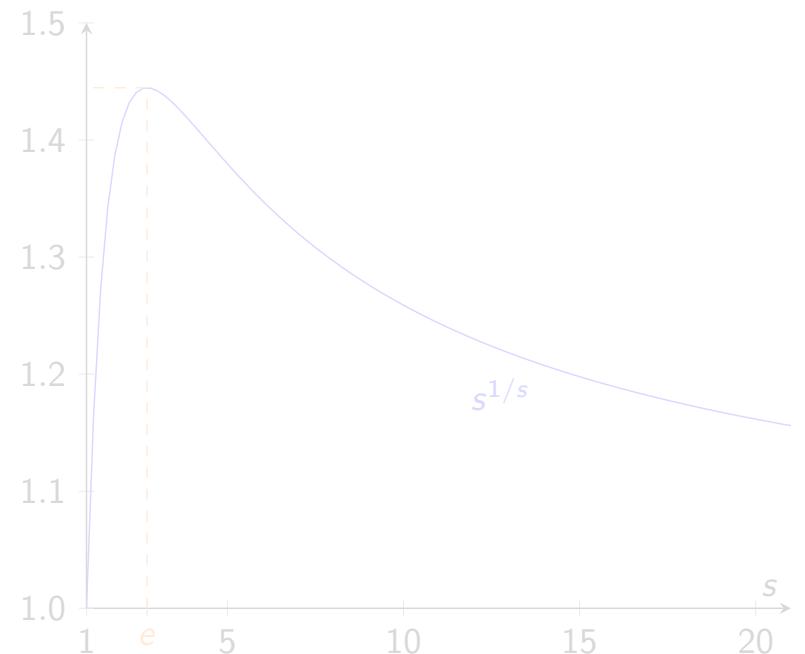
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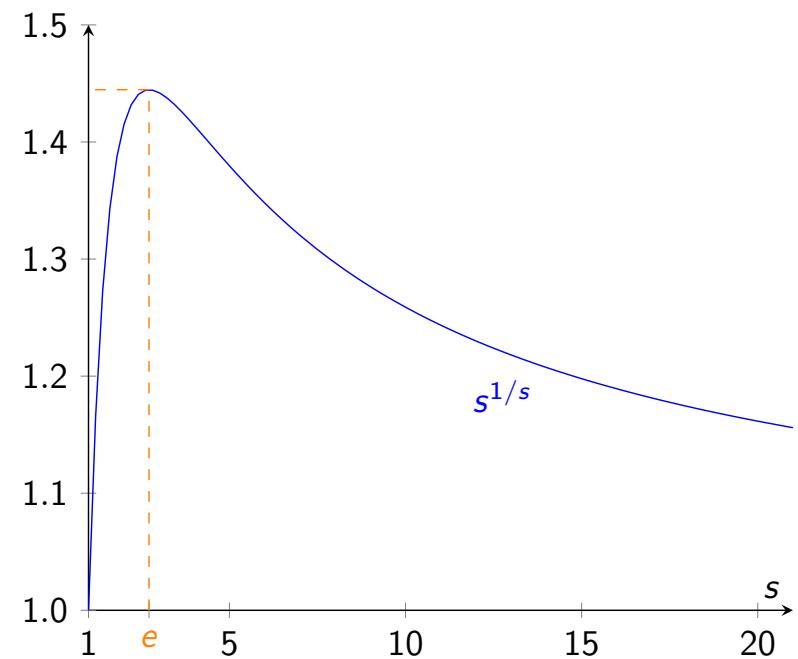
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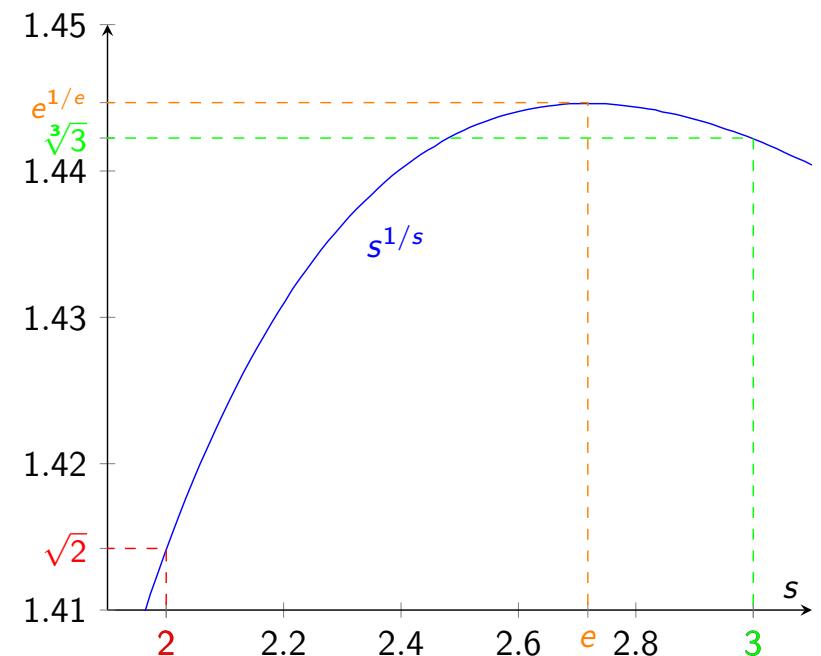
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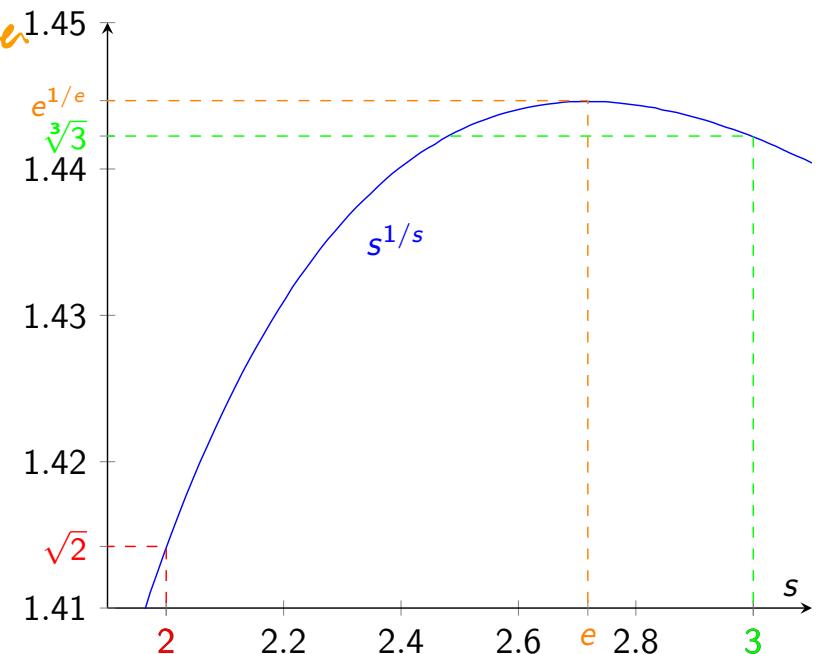
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AADS Lecture 9, Part 3

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5:   return “No solution”

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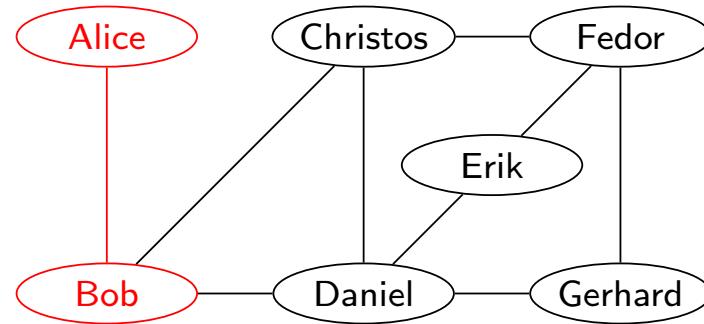
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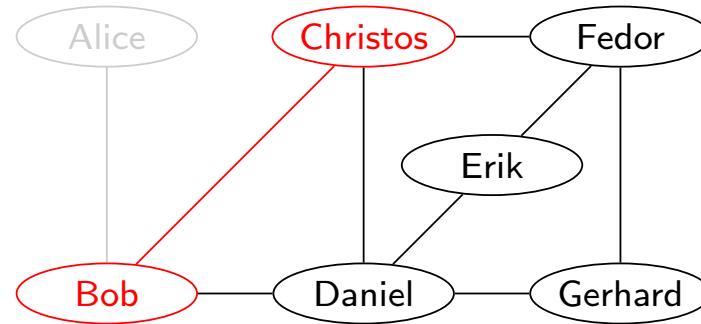
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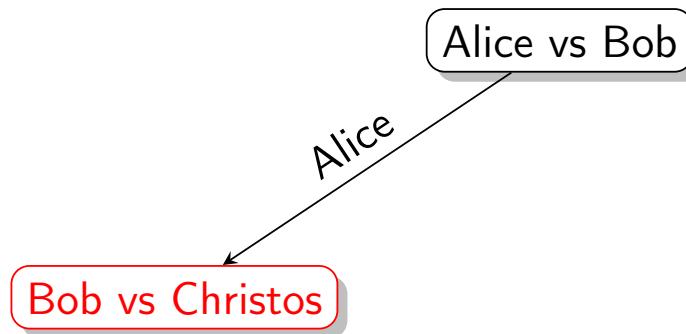
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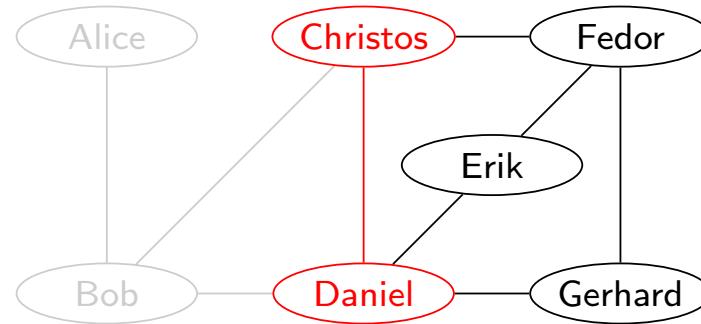
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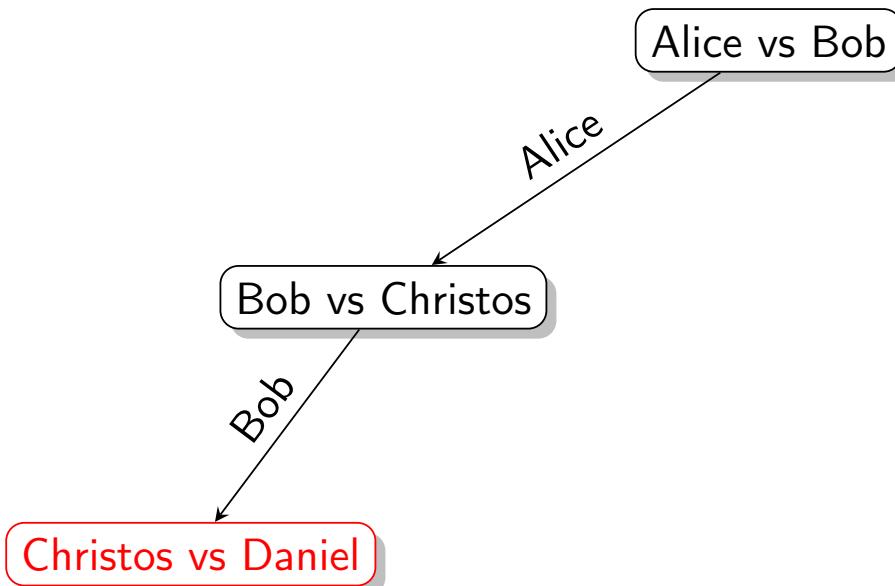
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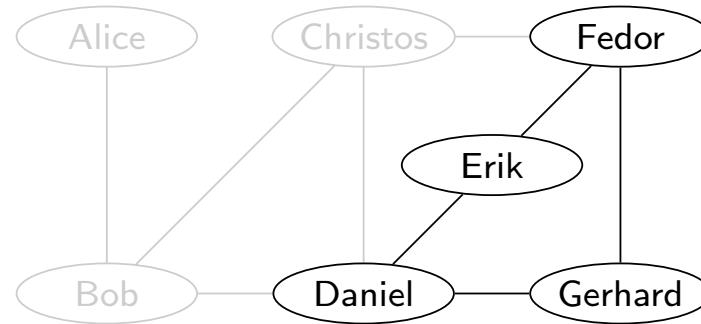
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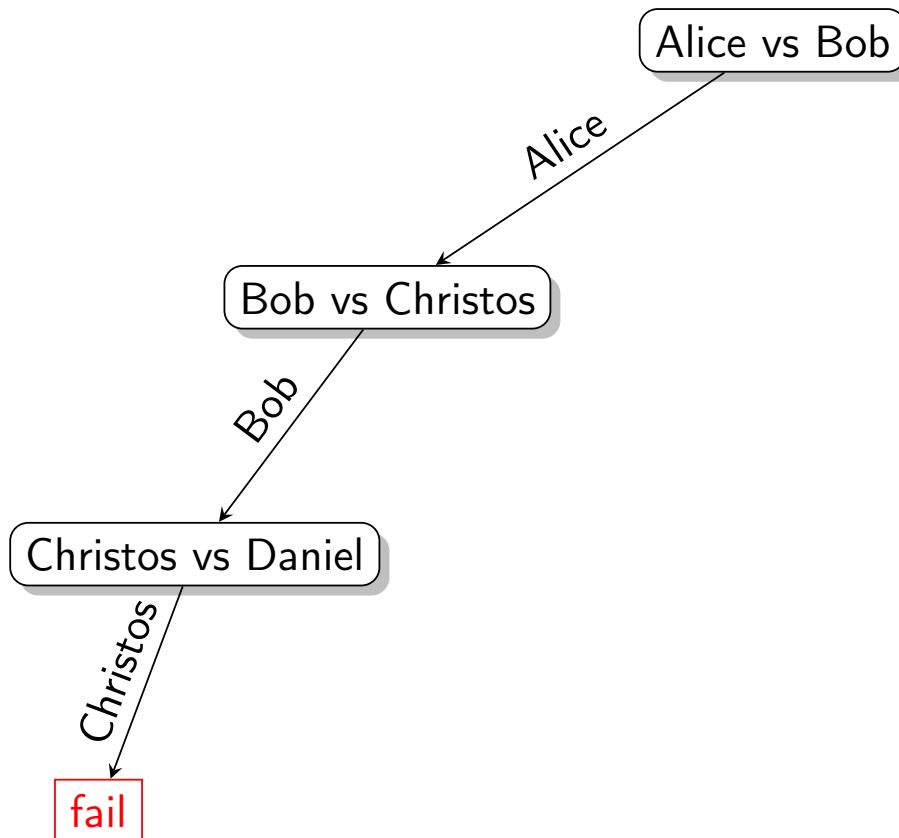
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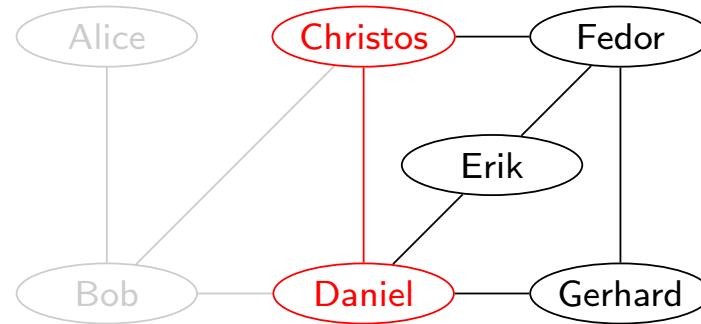
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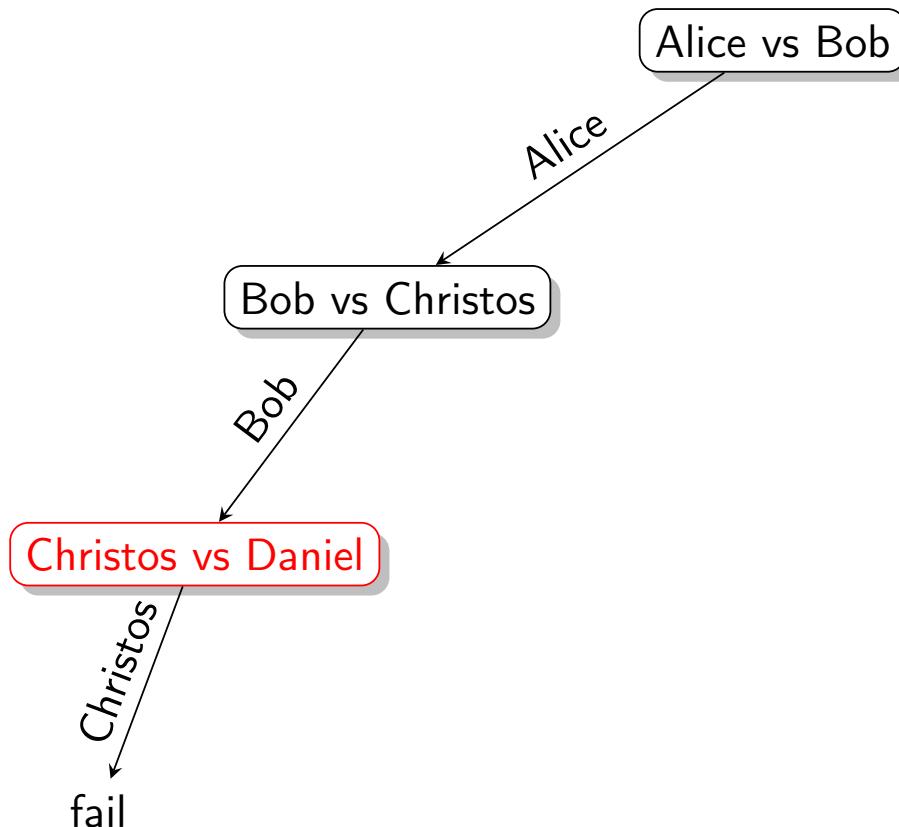
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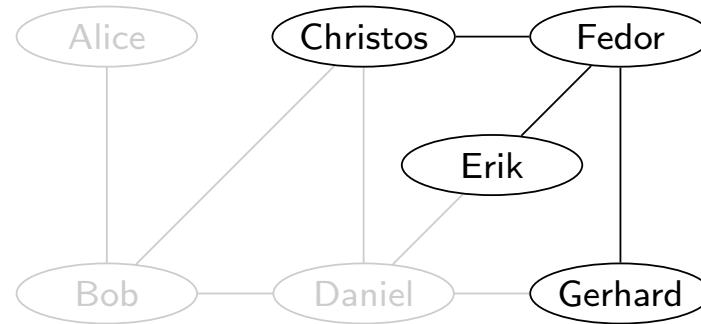
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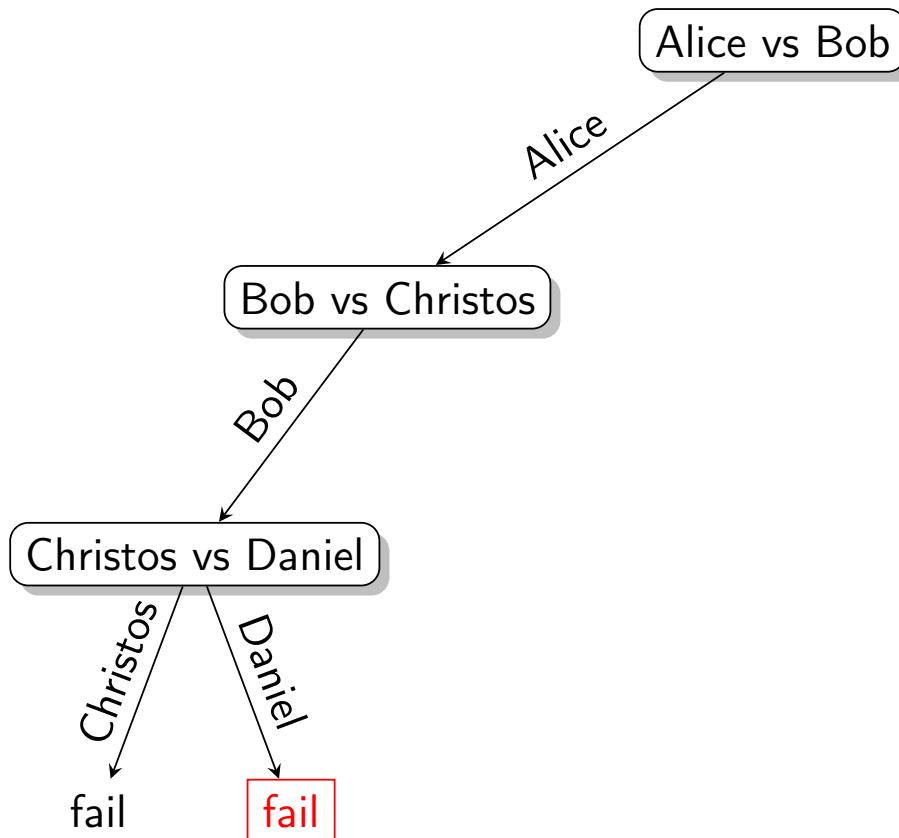
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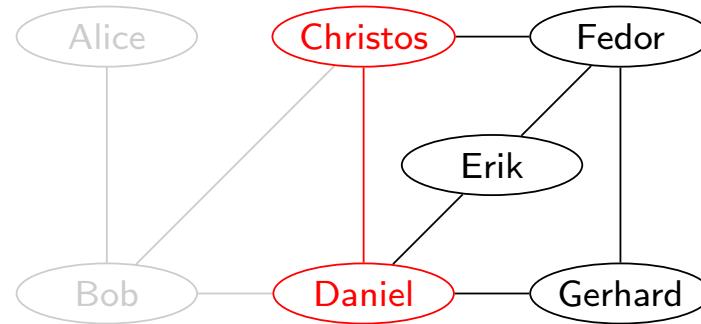
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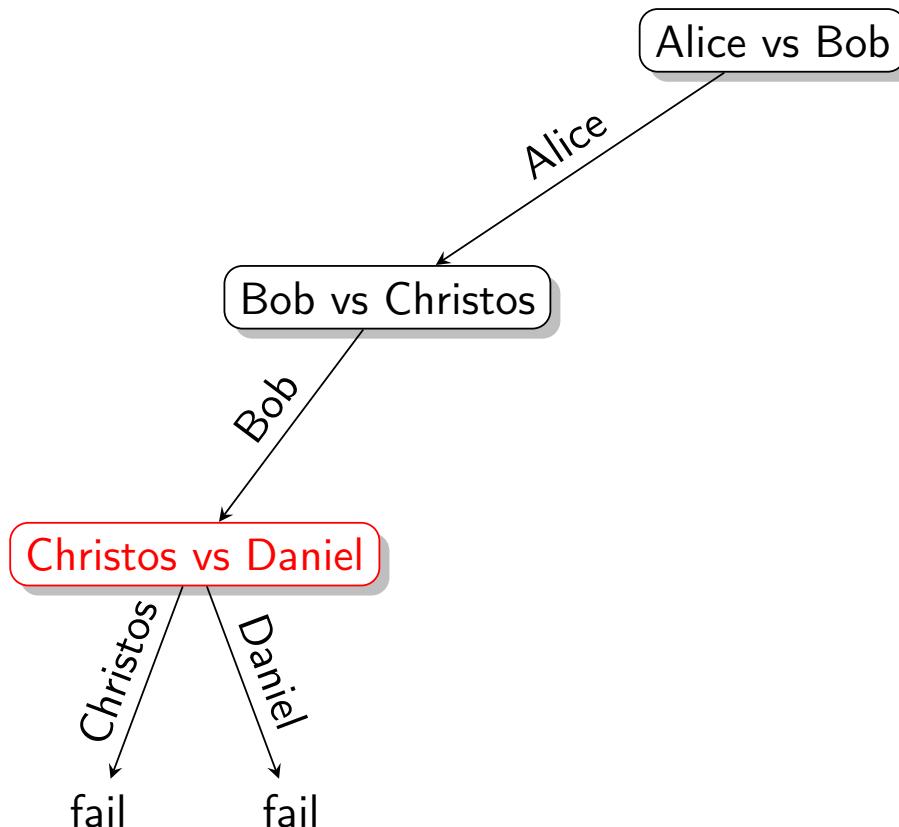
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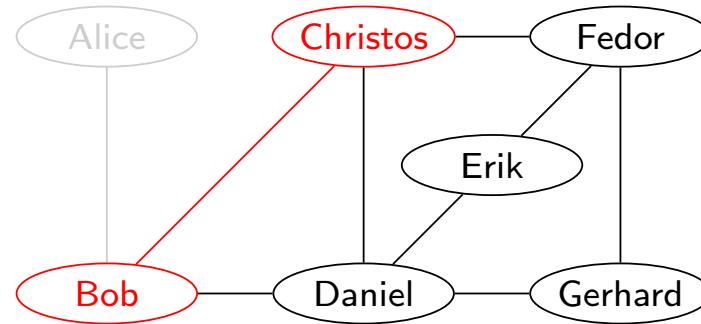
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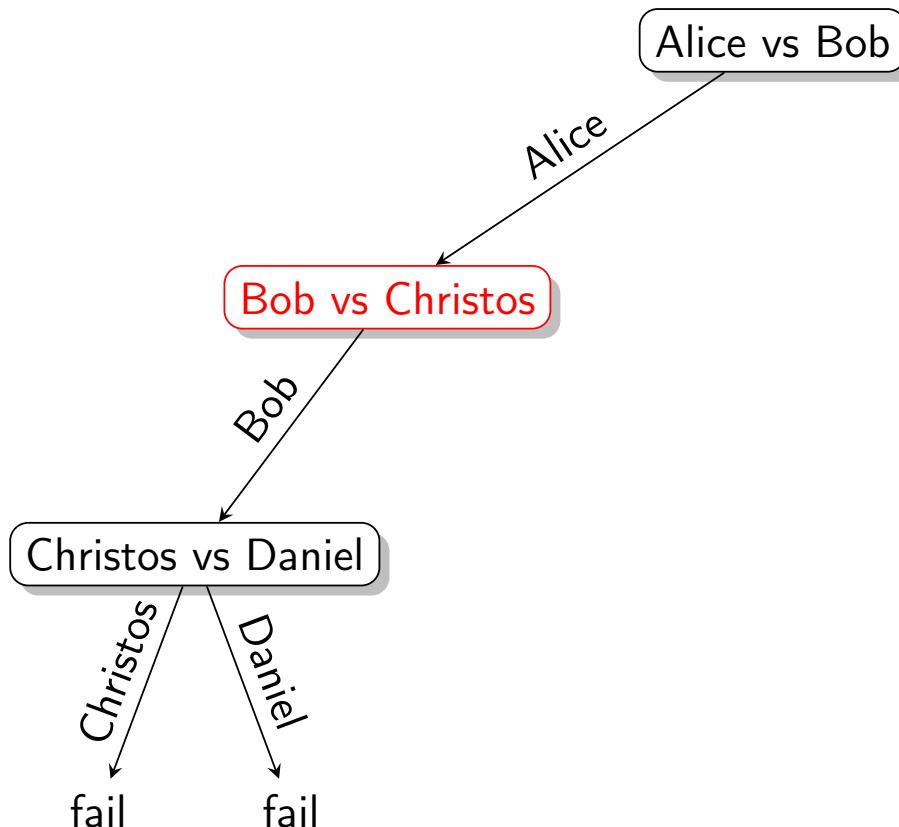
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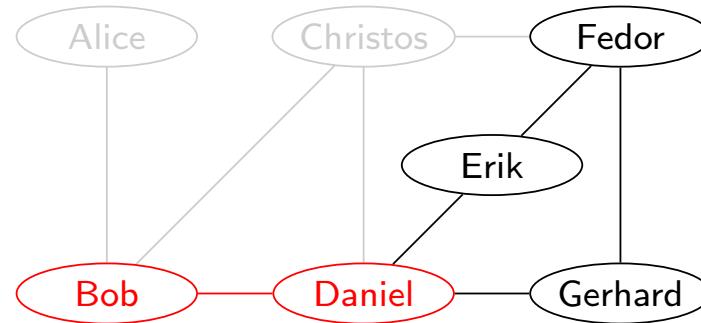
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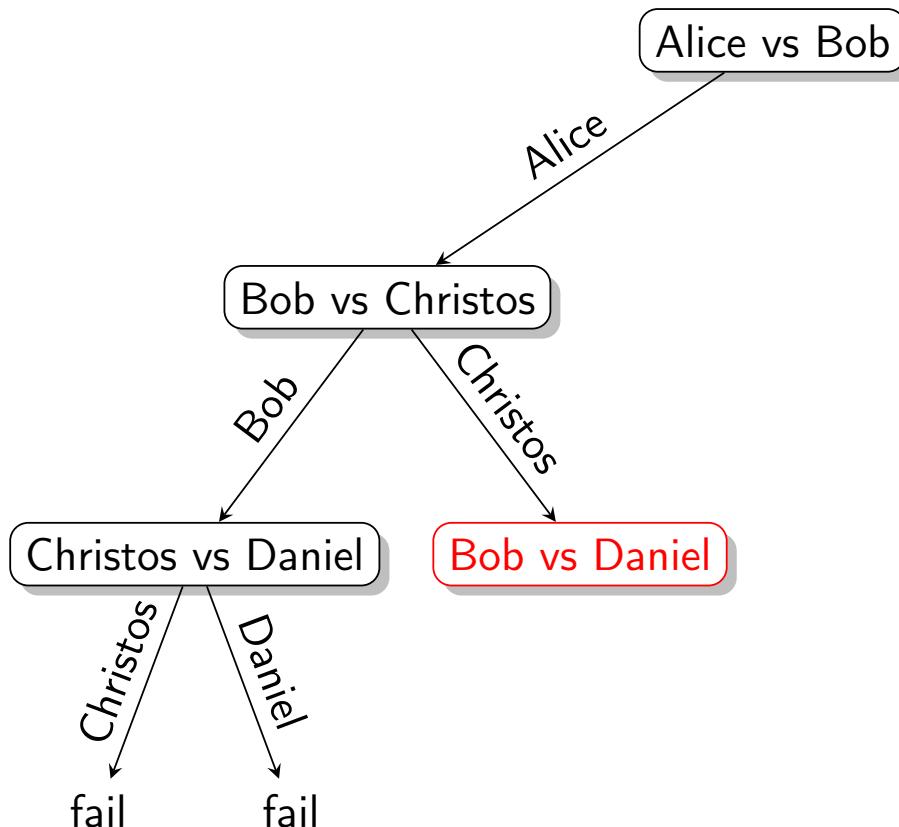
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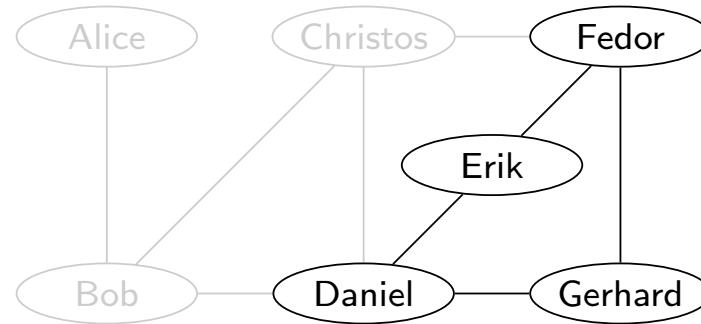
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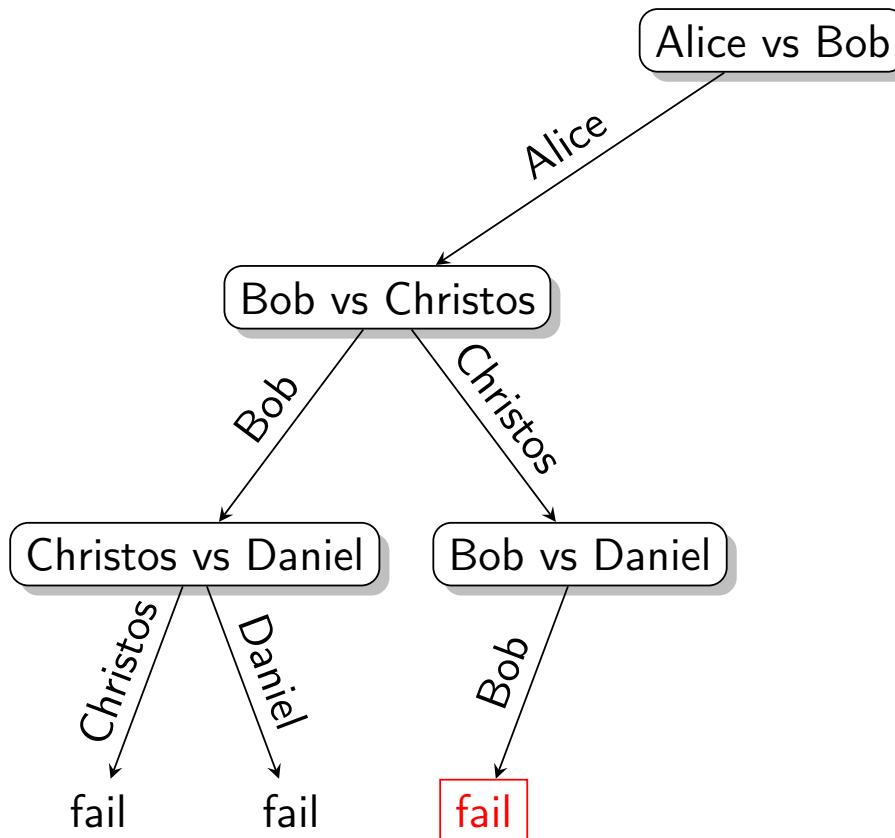
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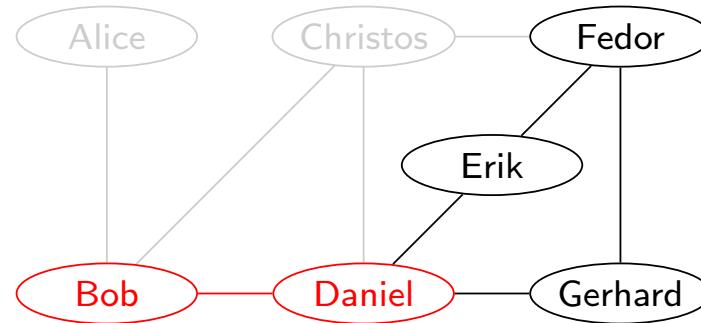
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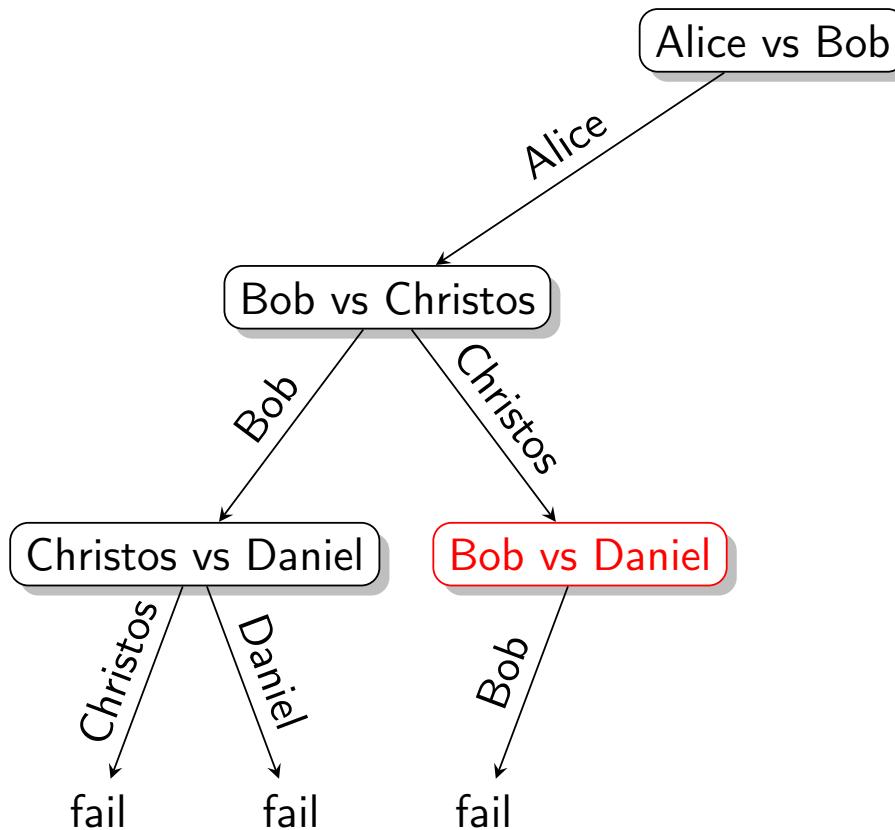
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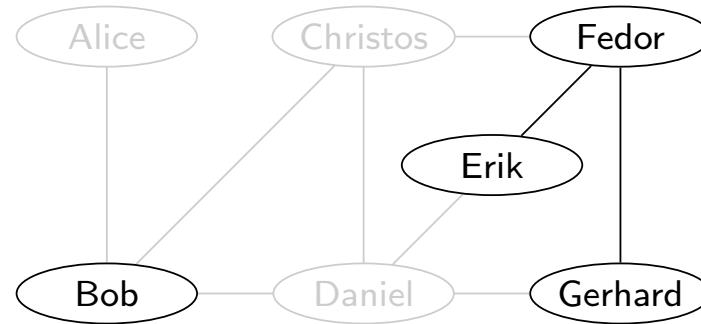
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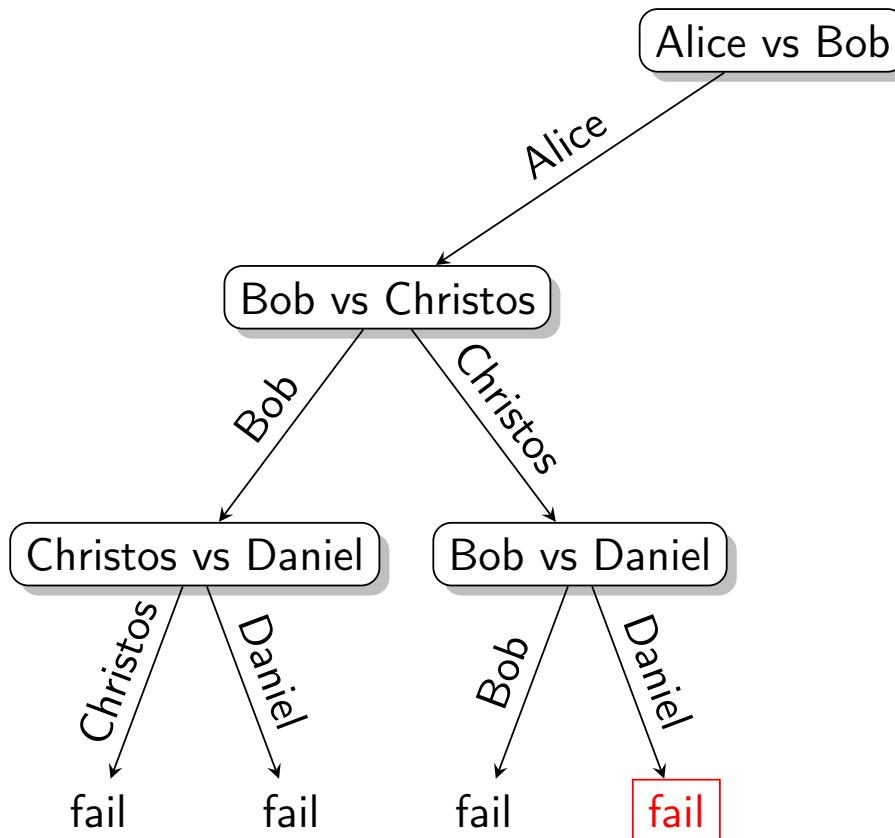
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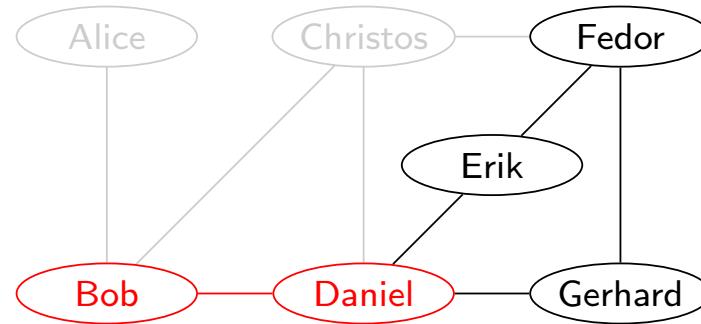
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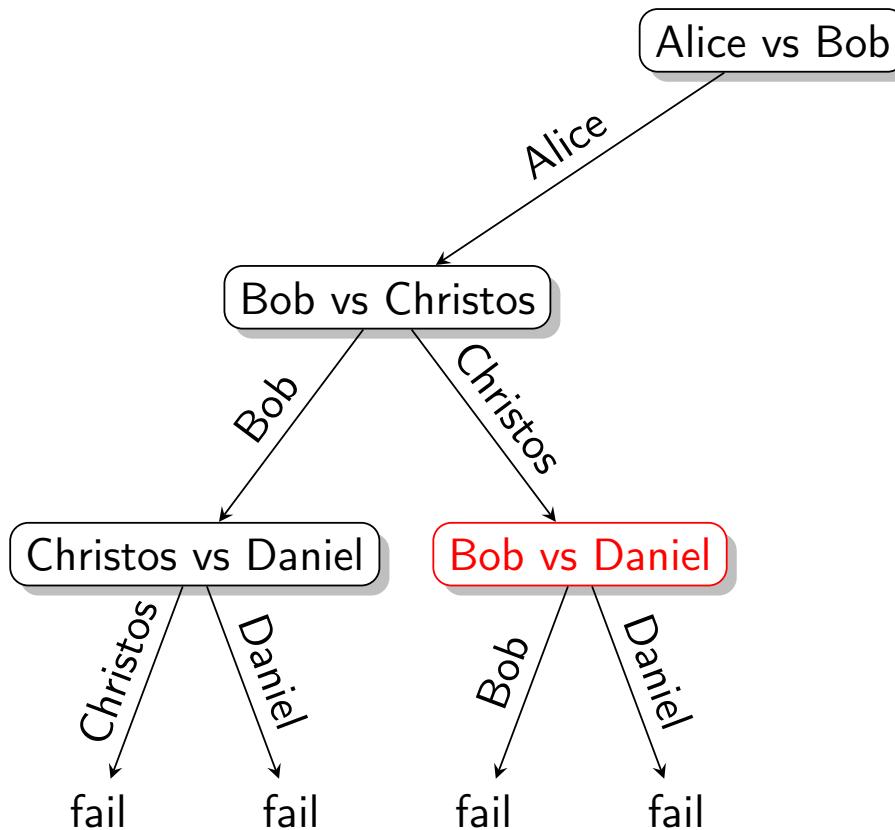
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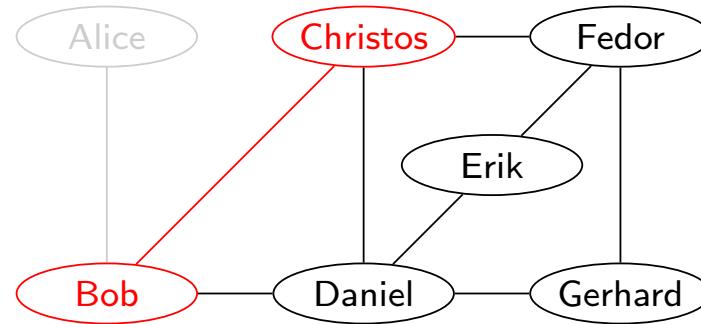
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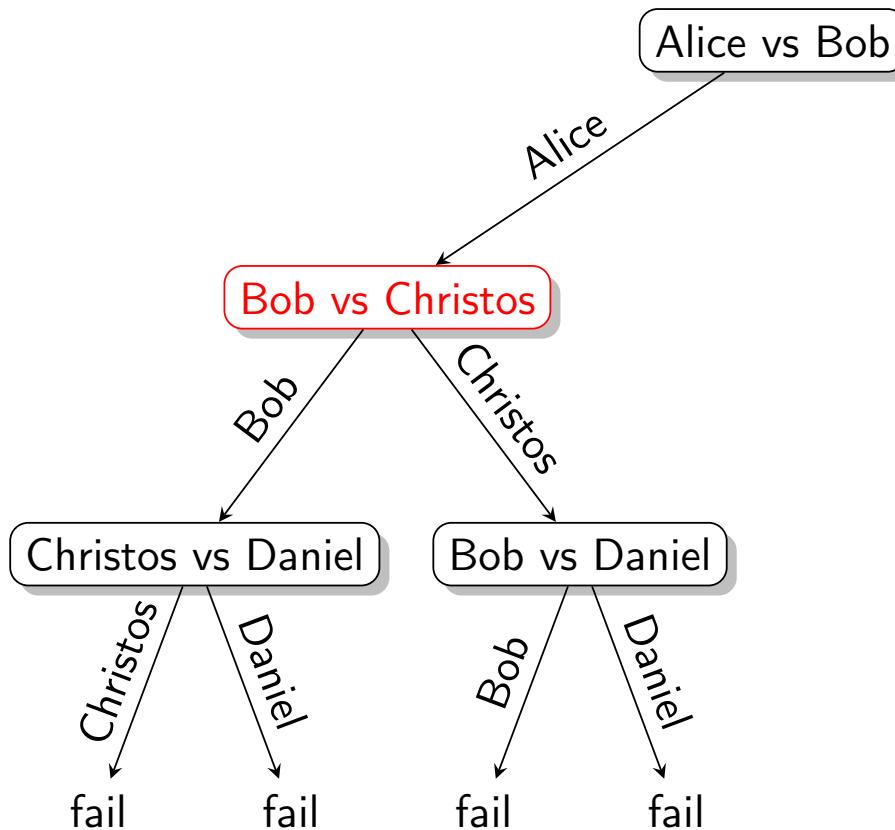
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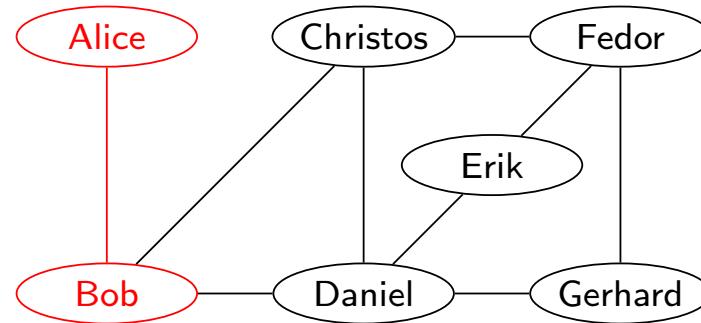
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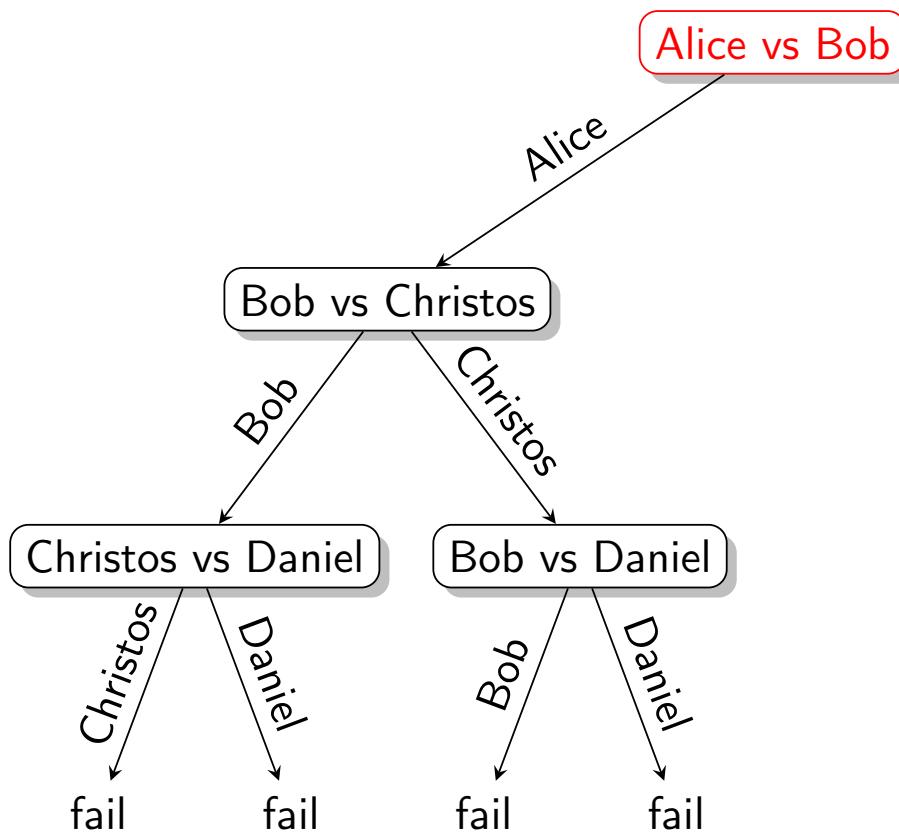
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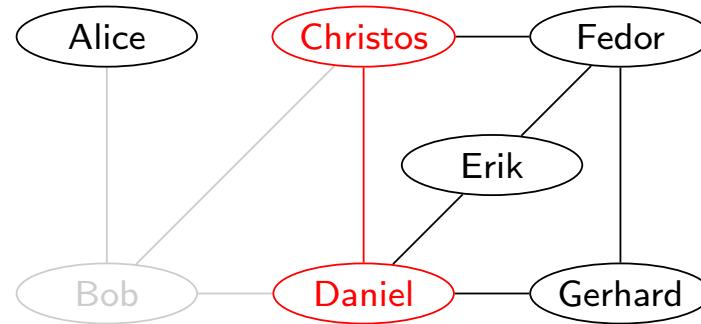
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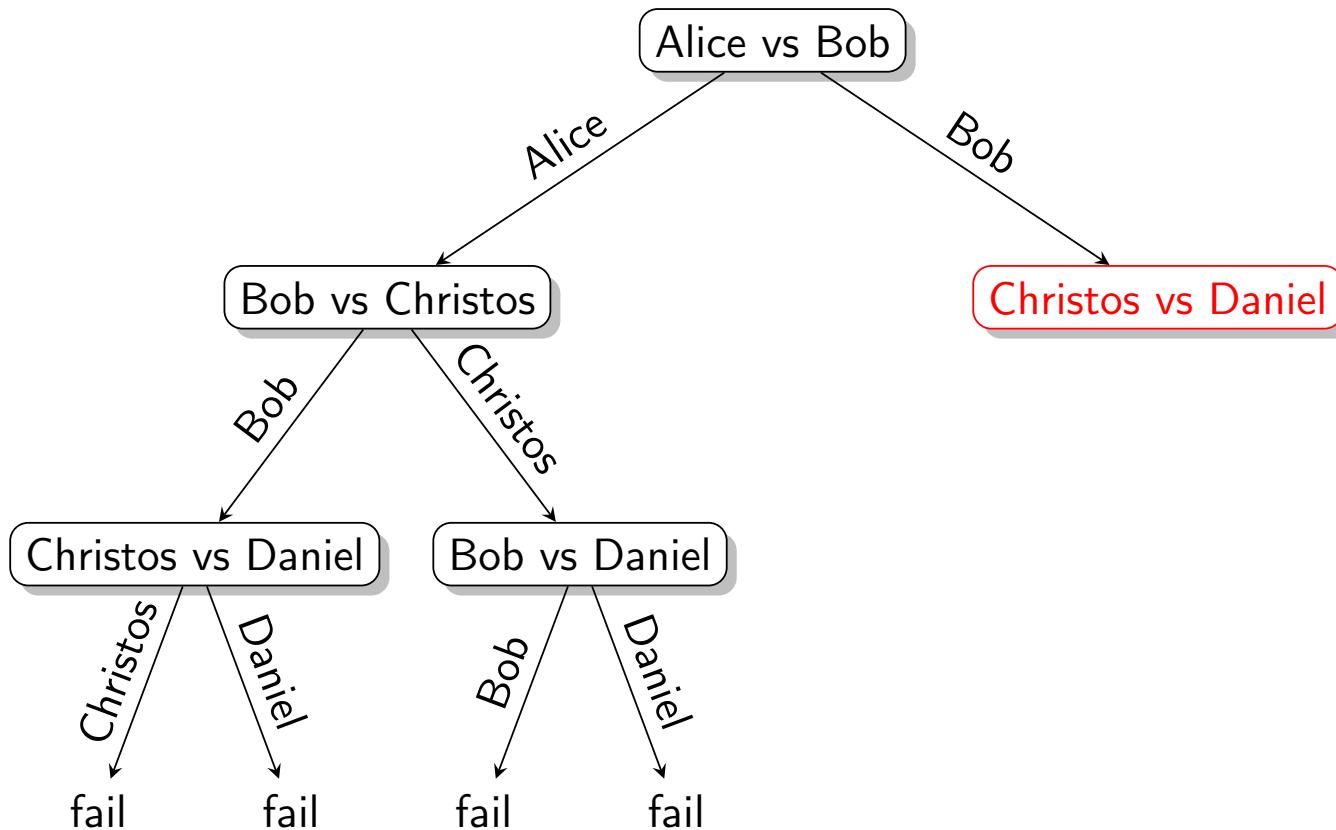
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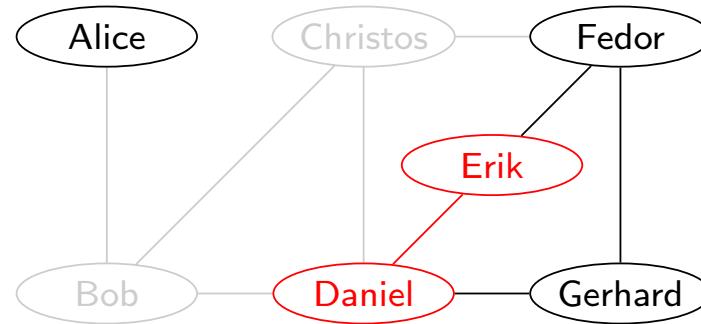
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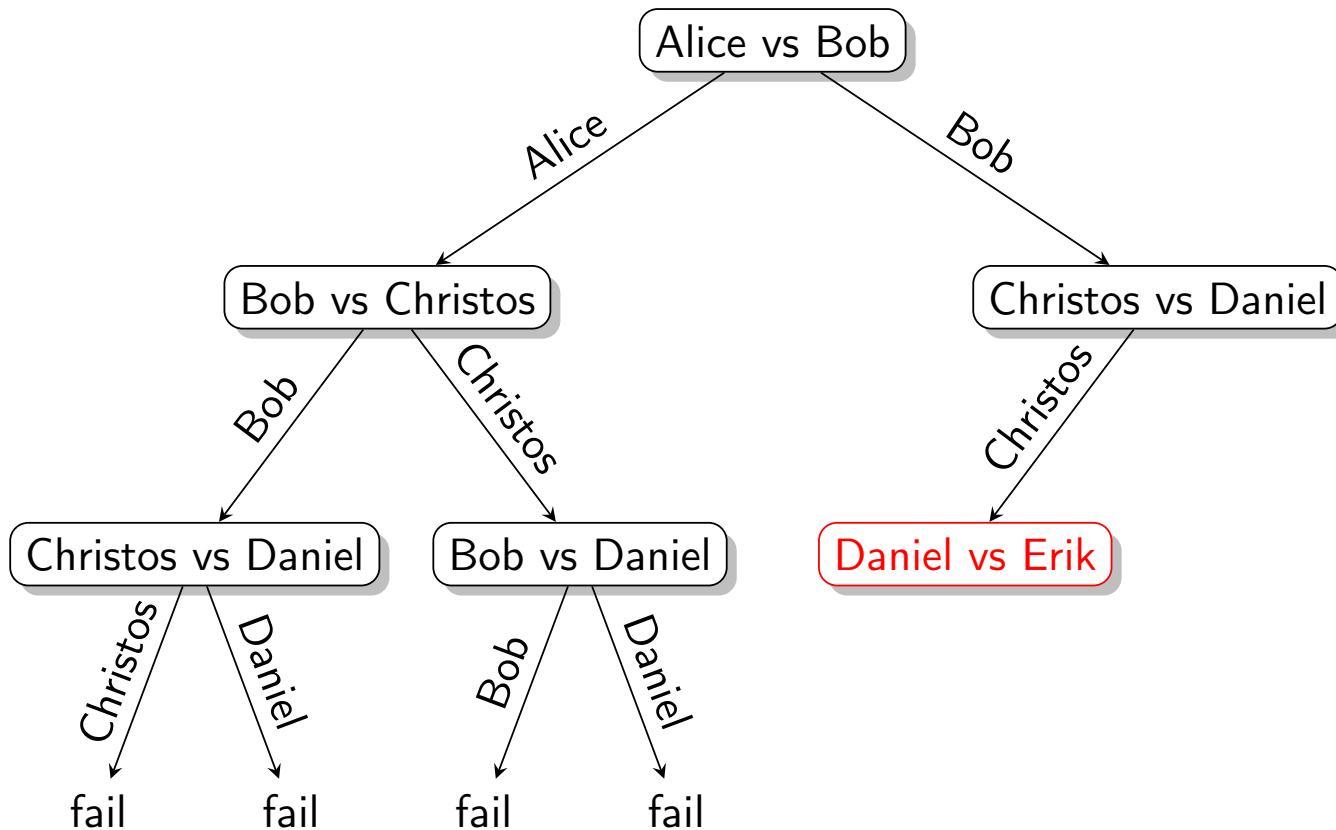
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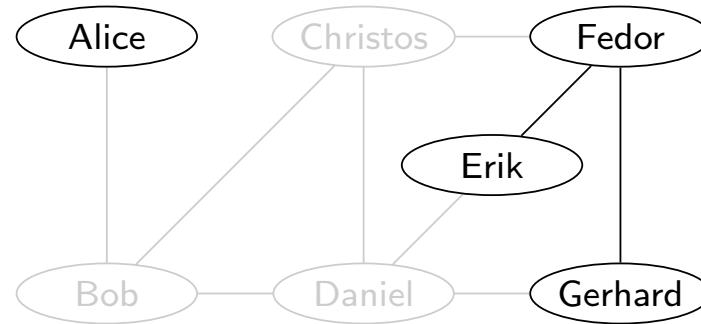
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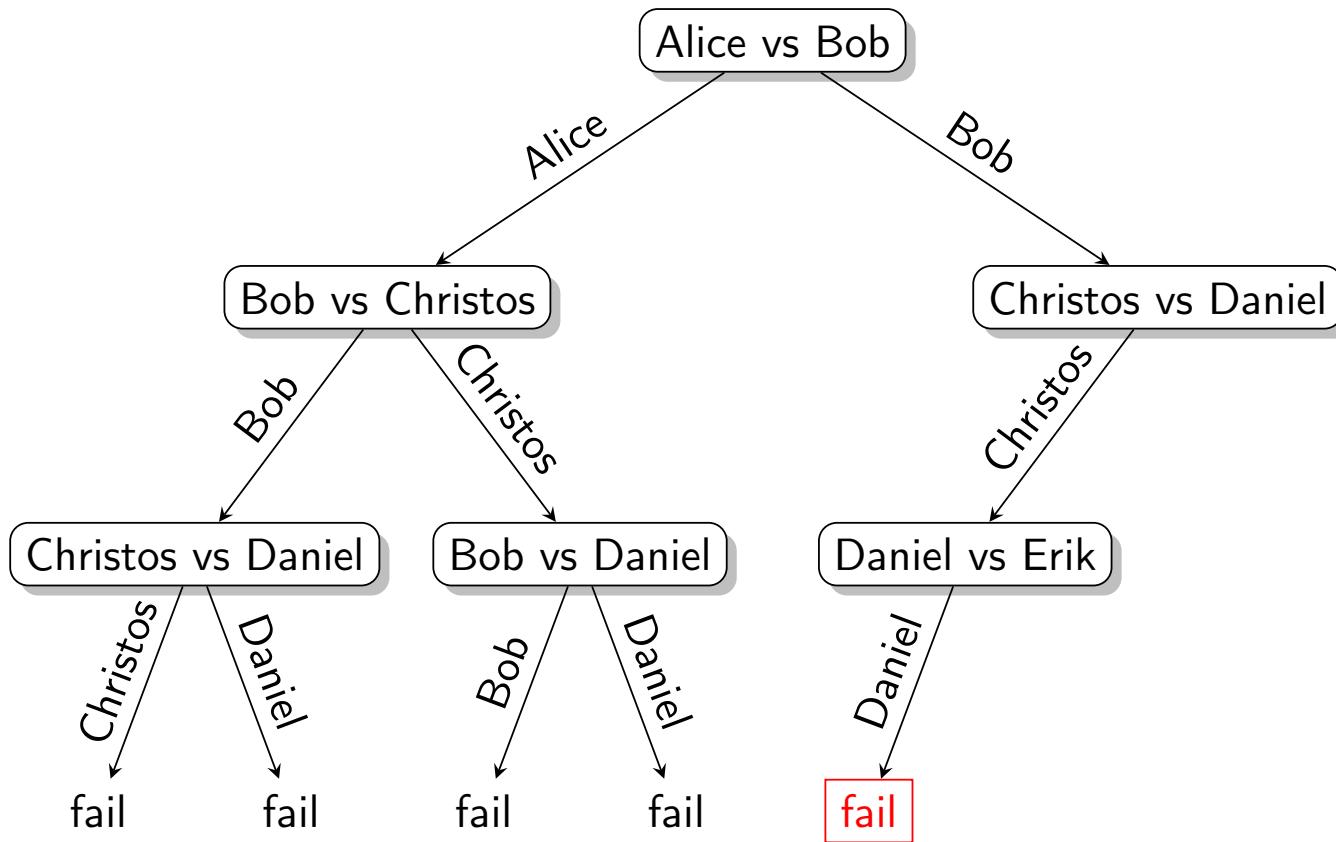
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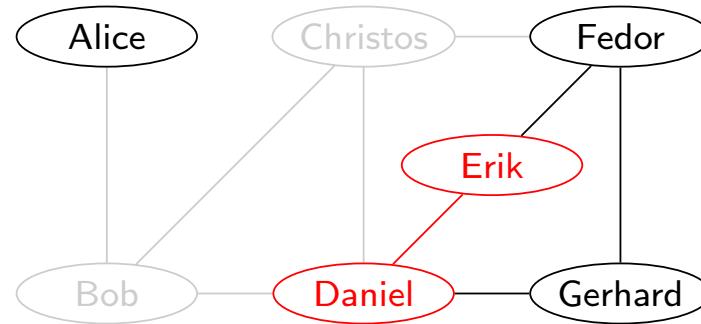
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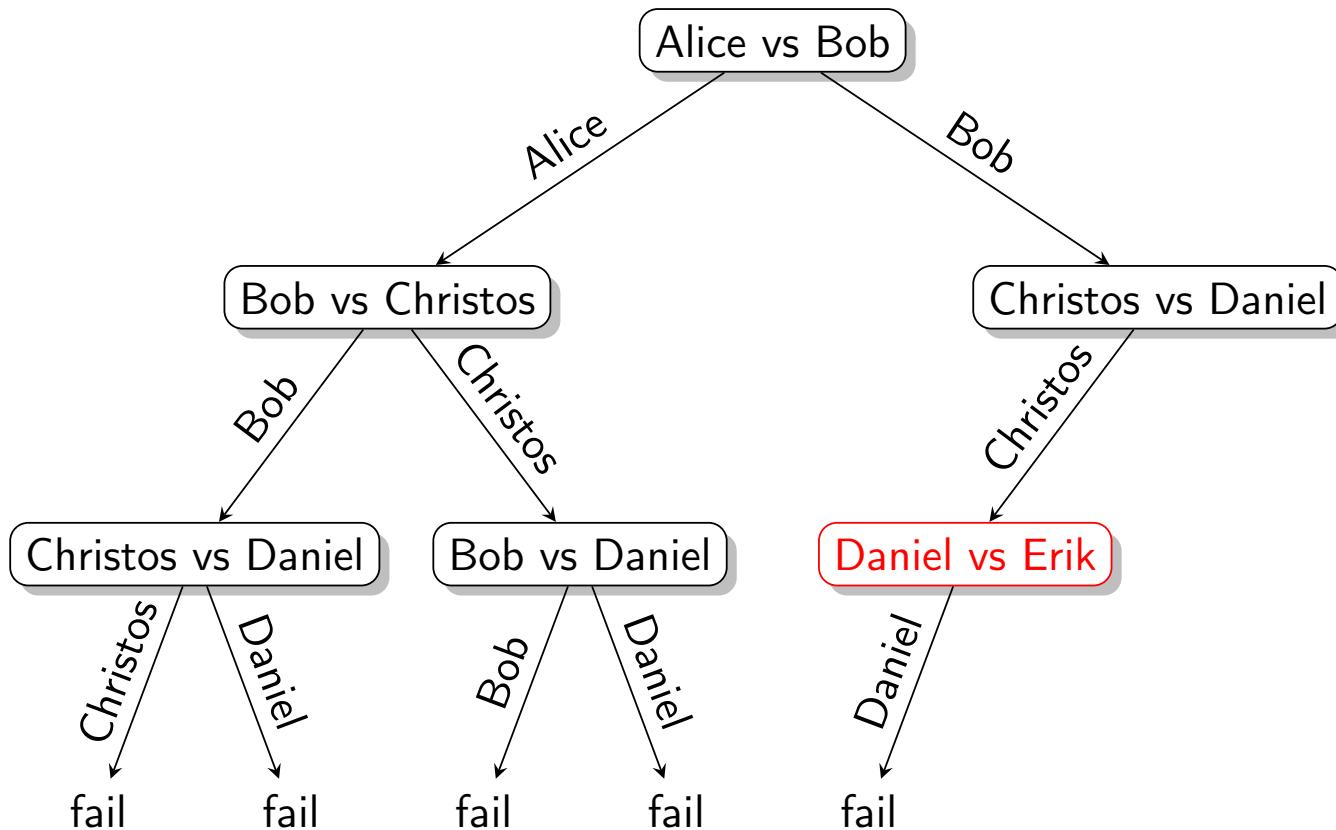
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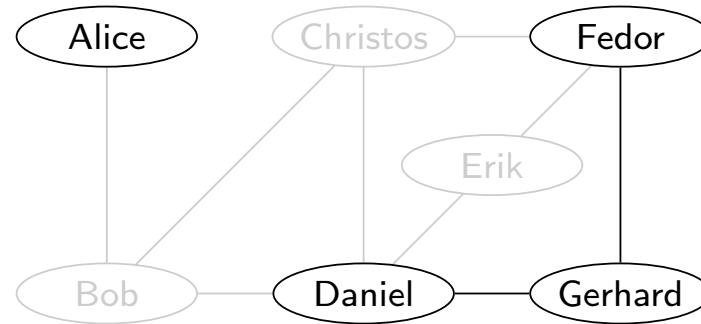
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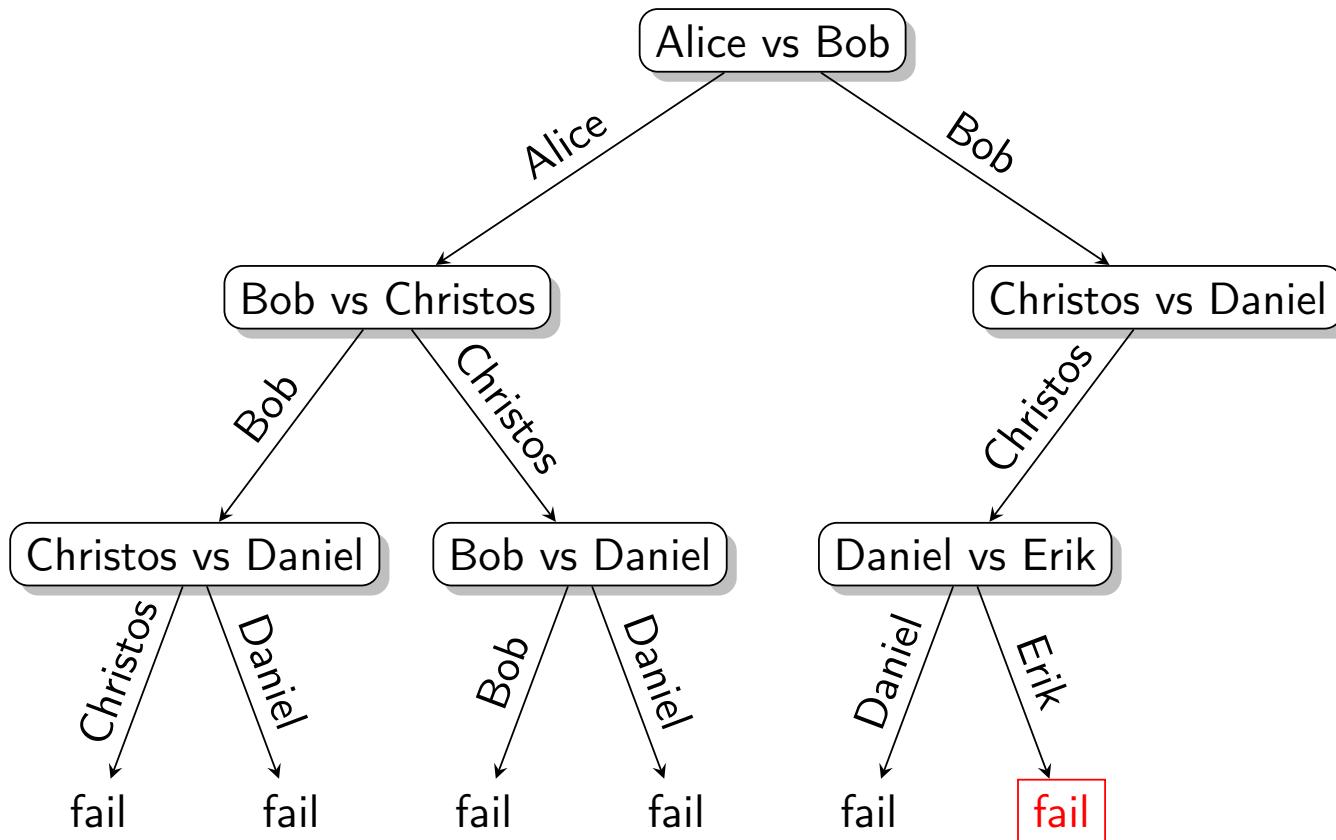
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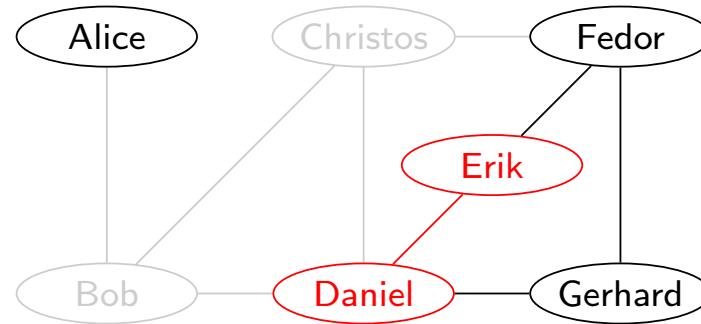
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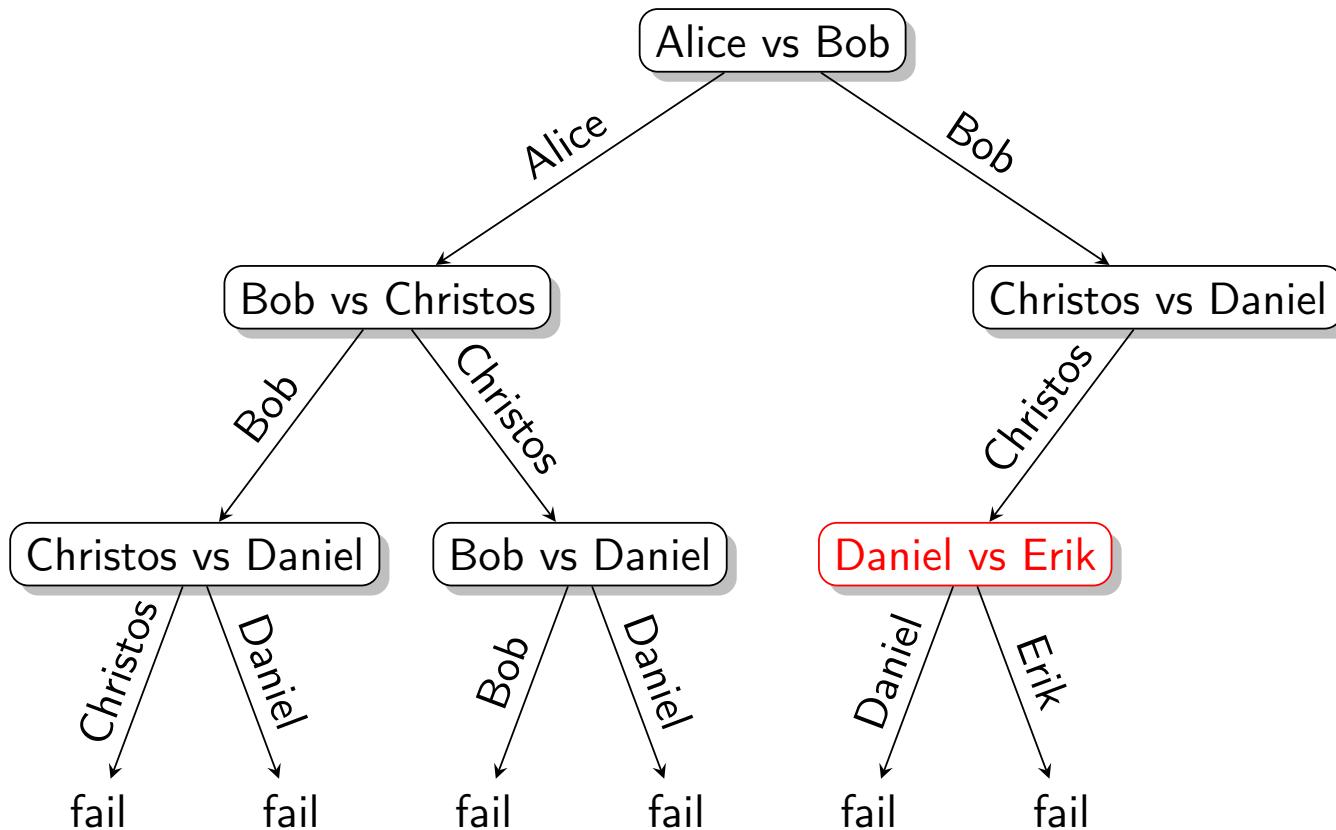
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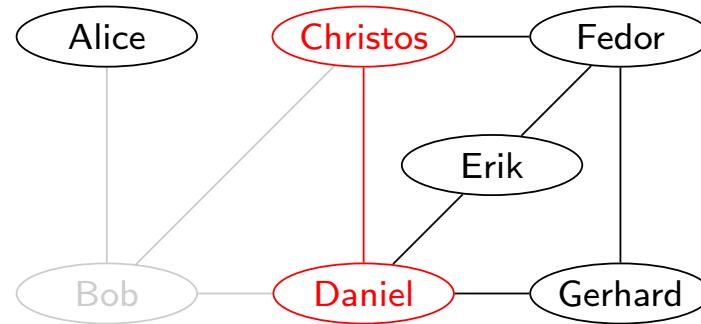
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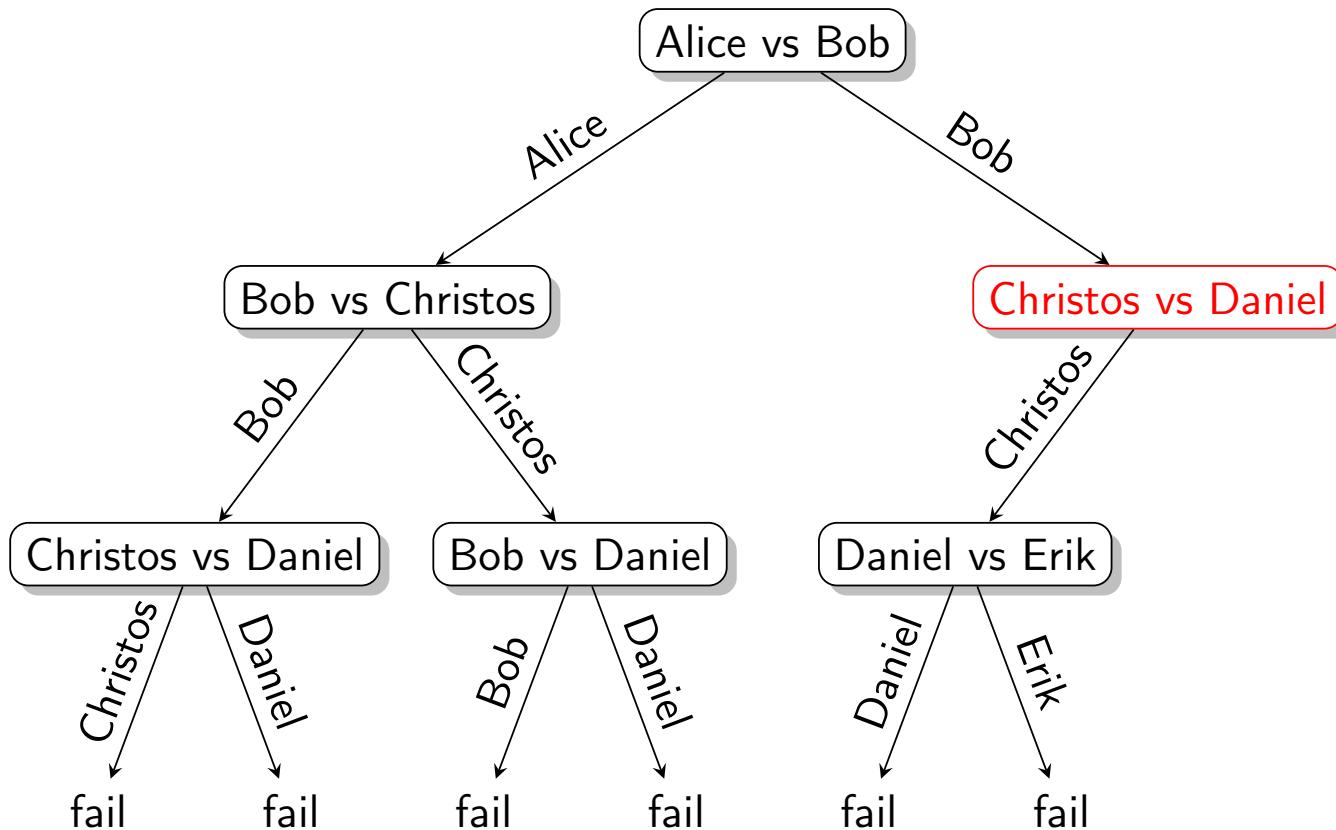
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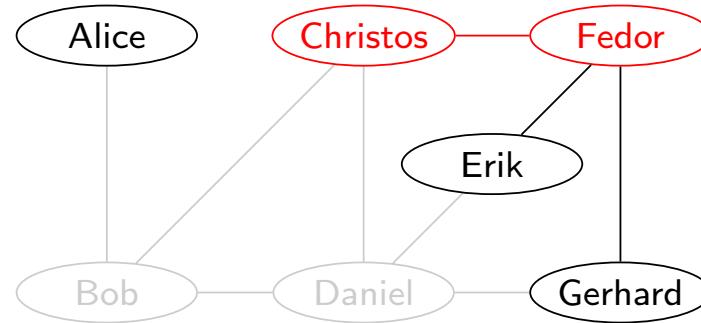
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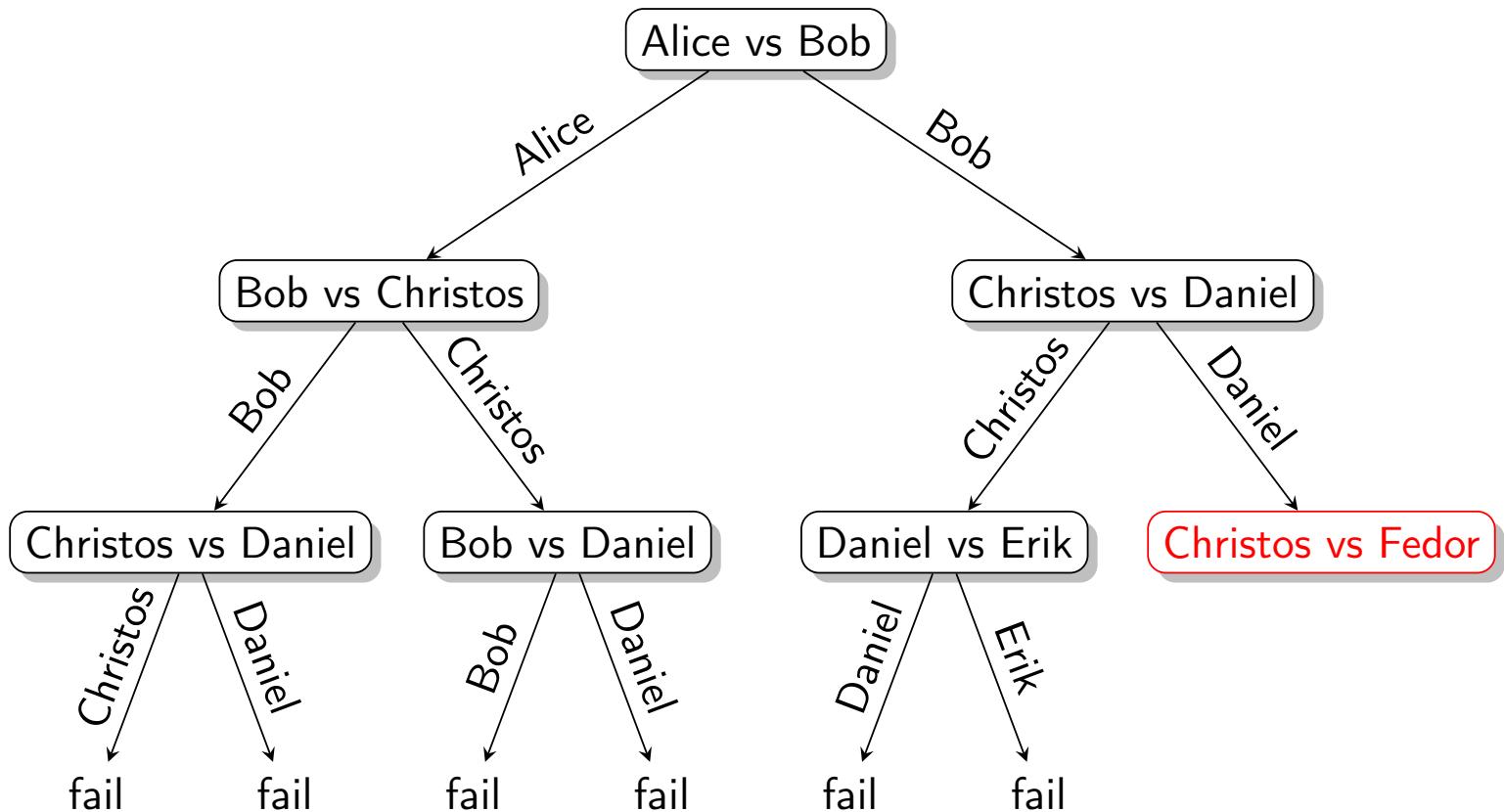
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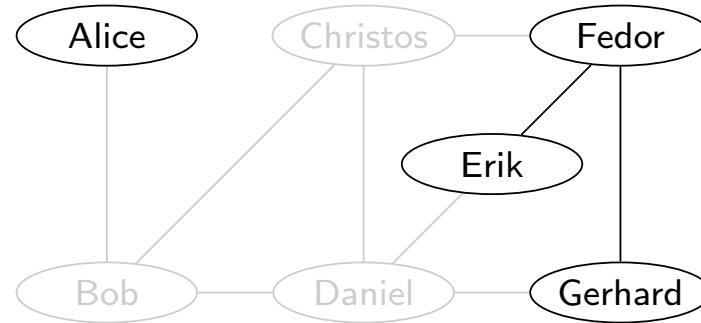
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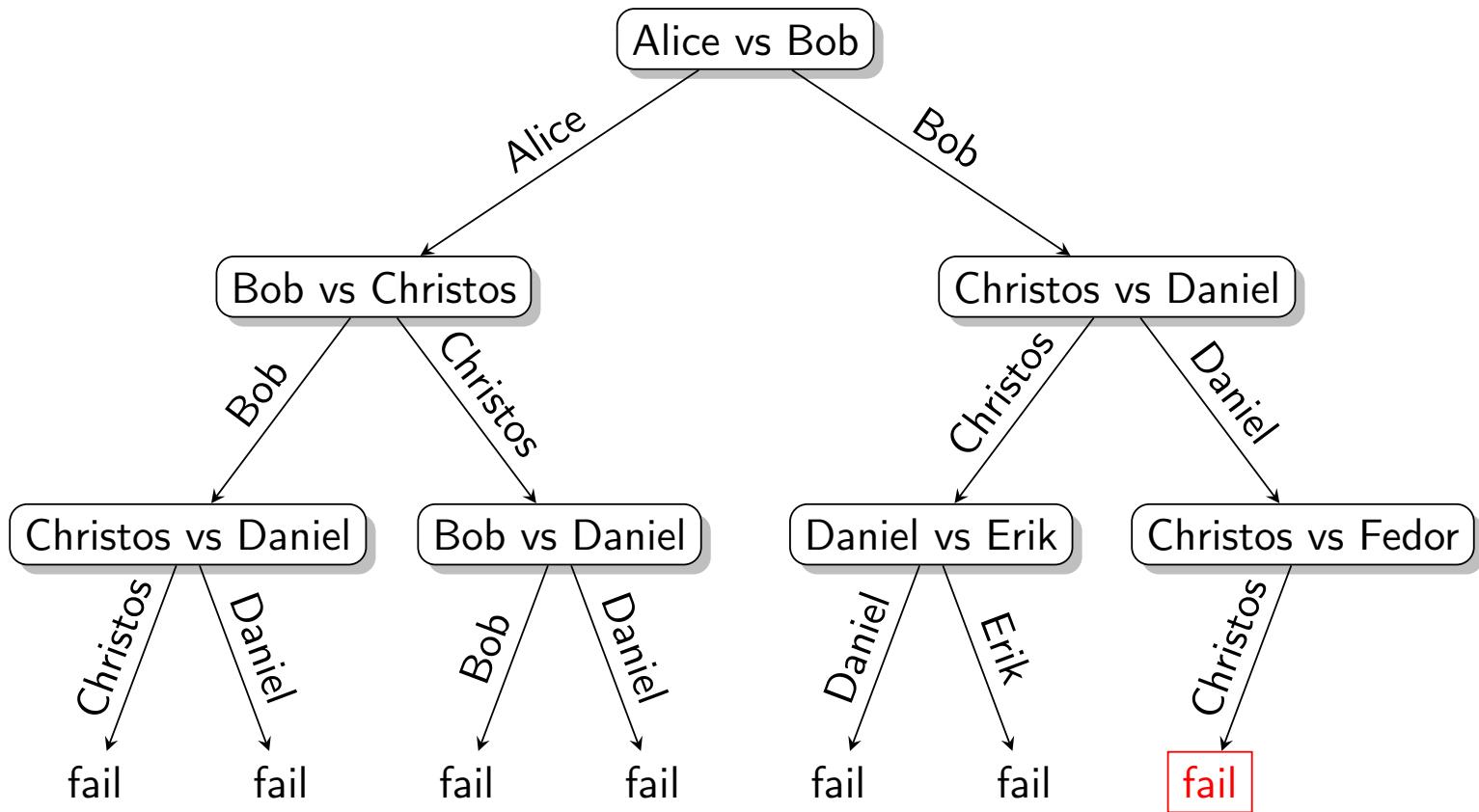
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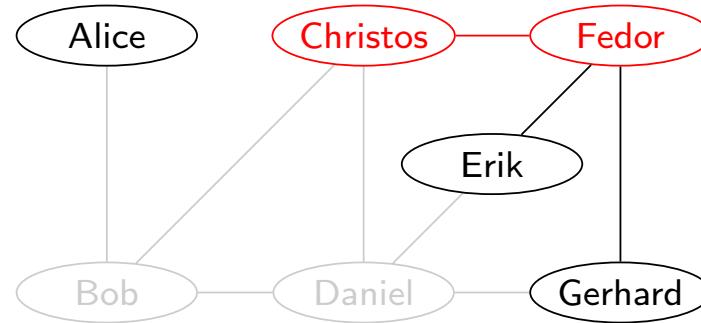
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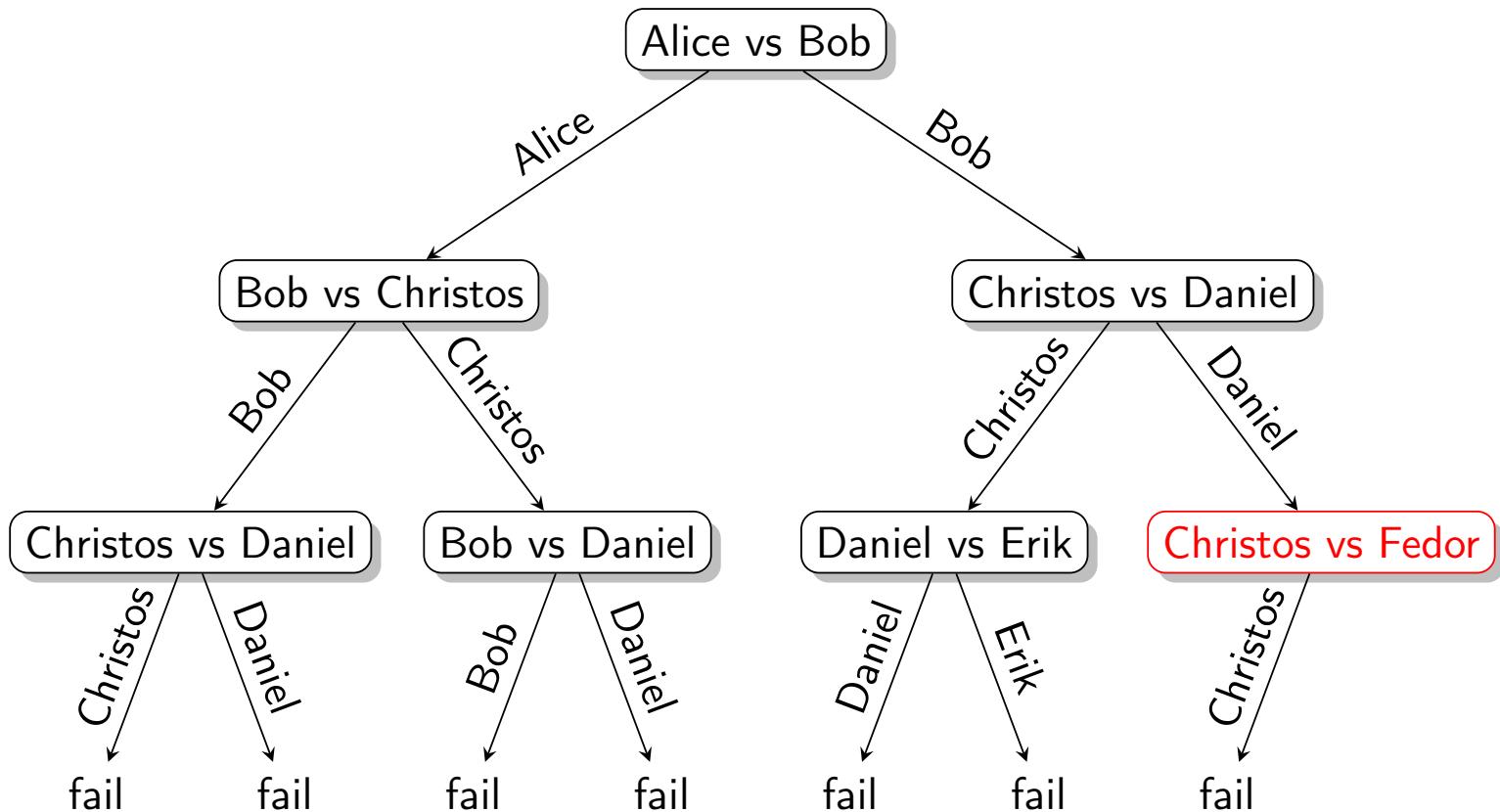
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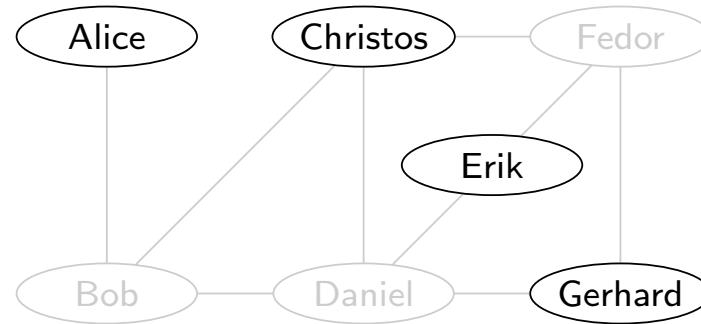
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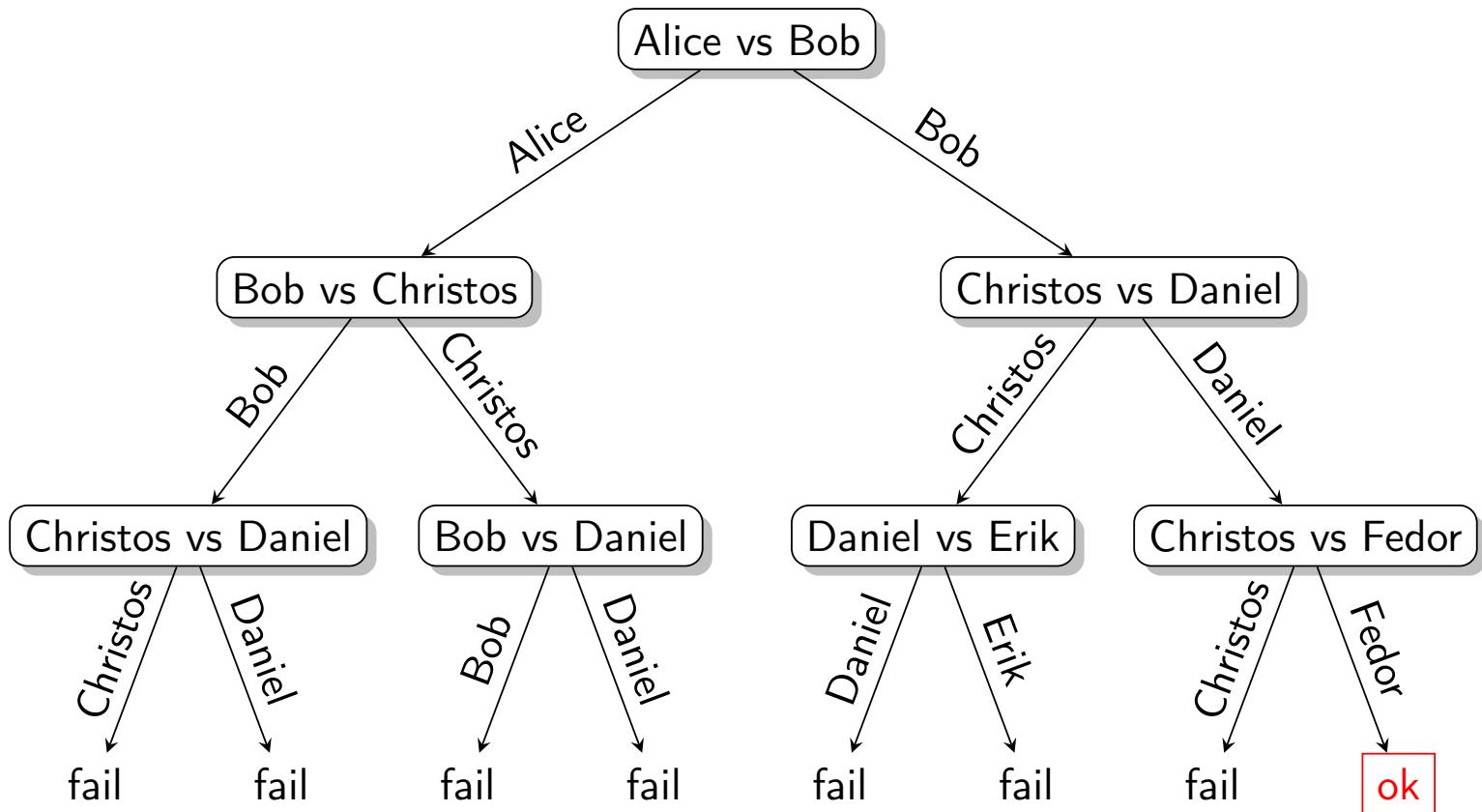


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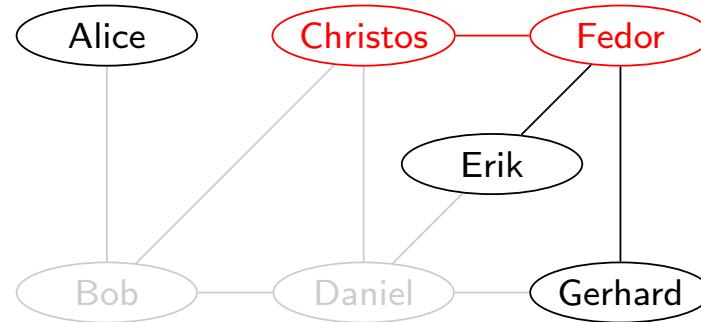


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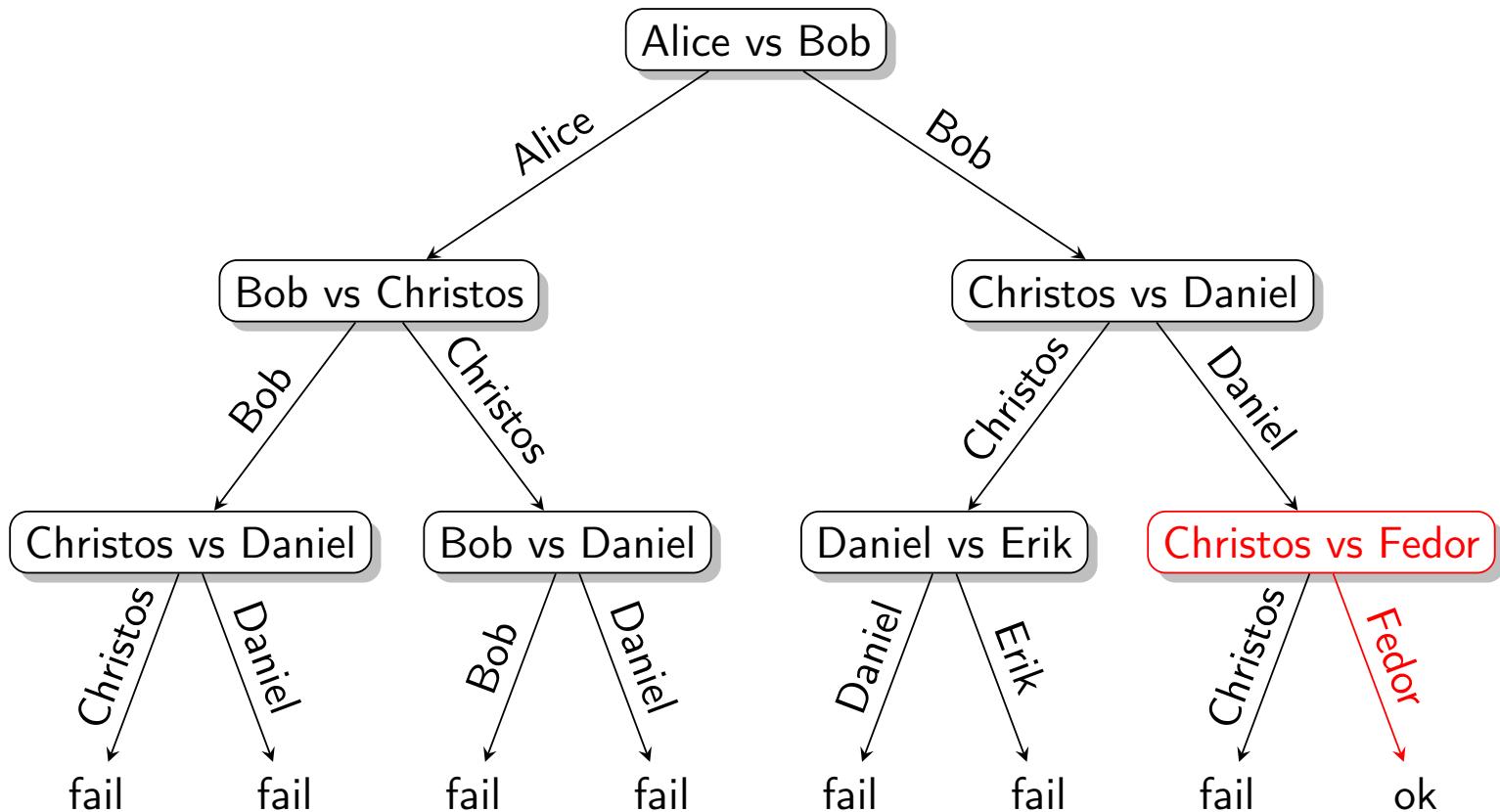


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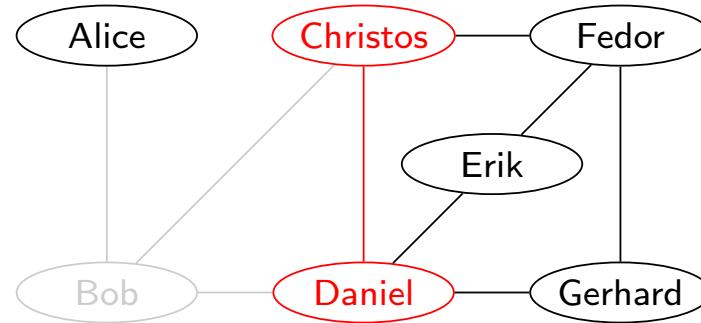


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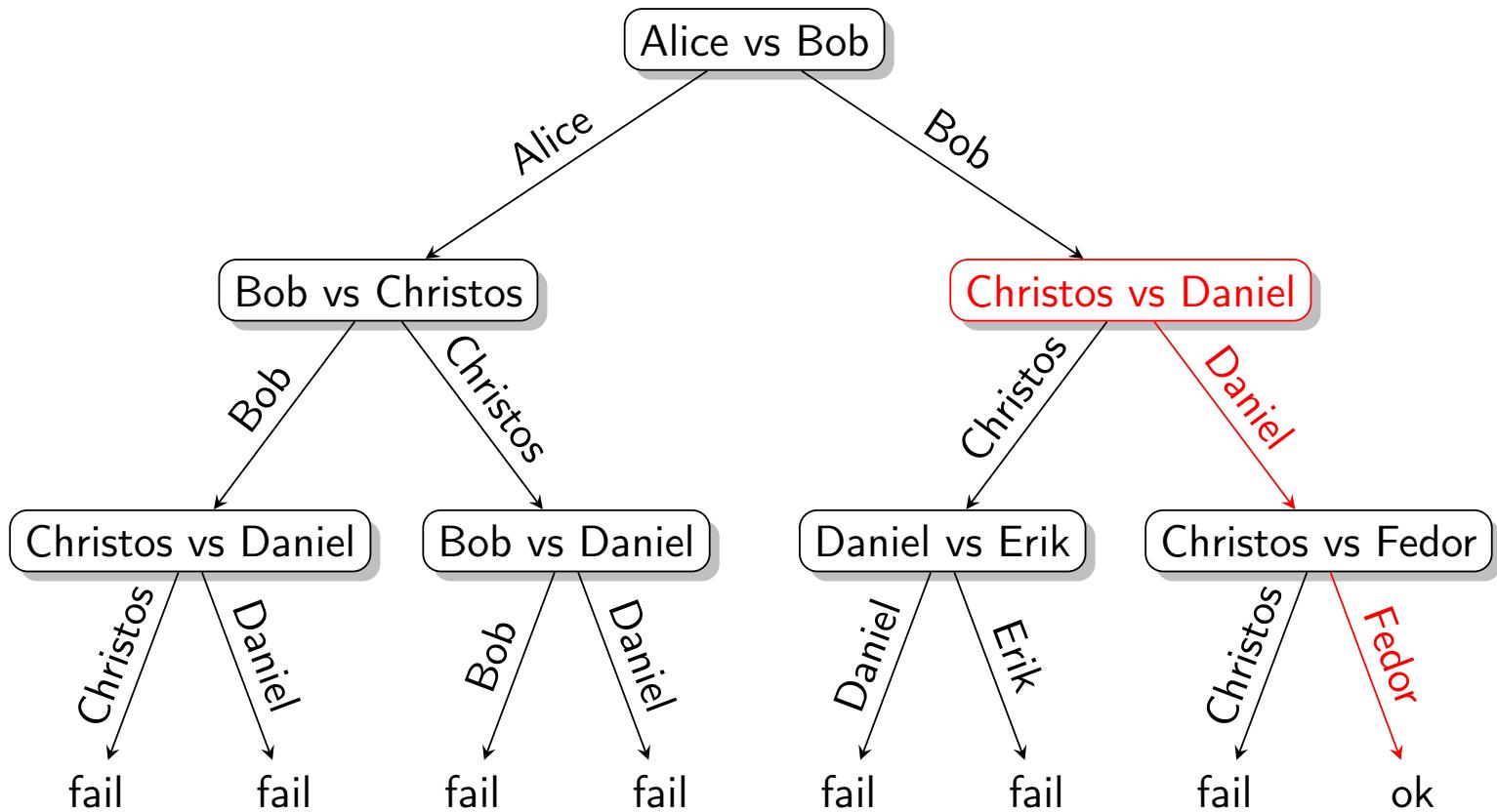


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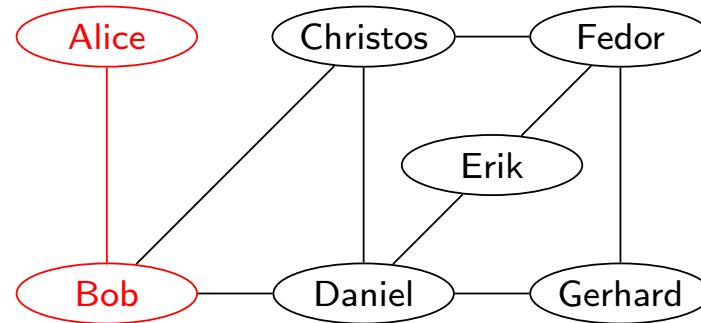


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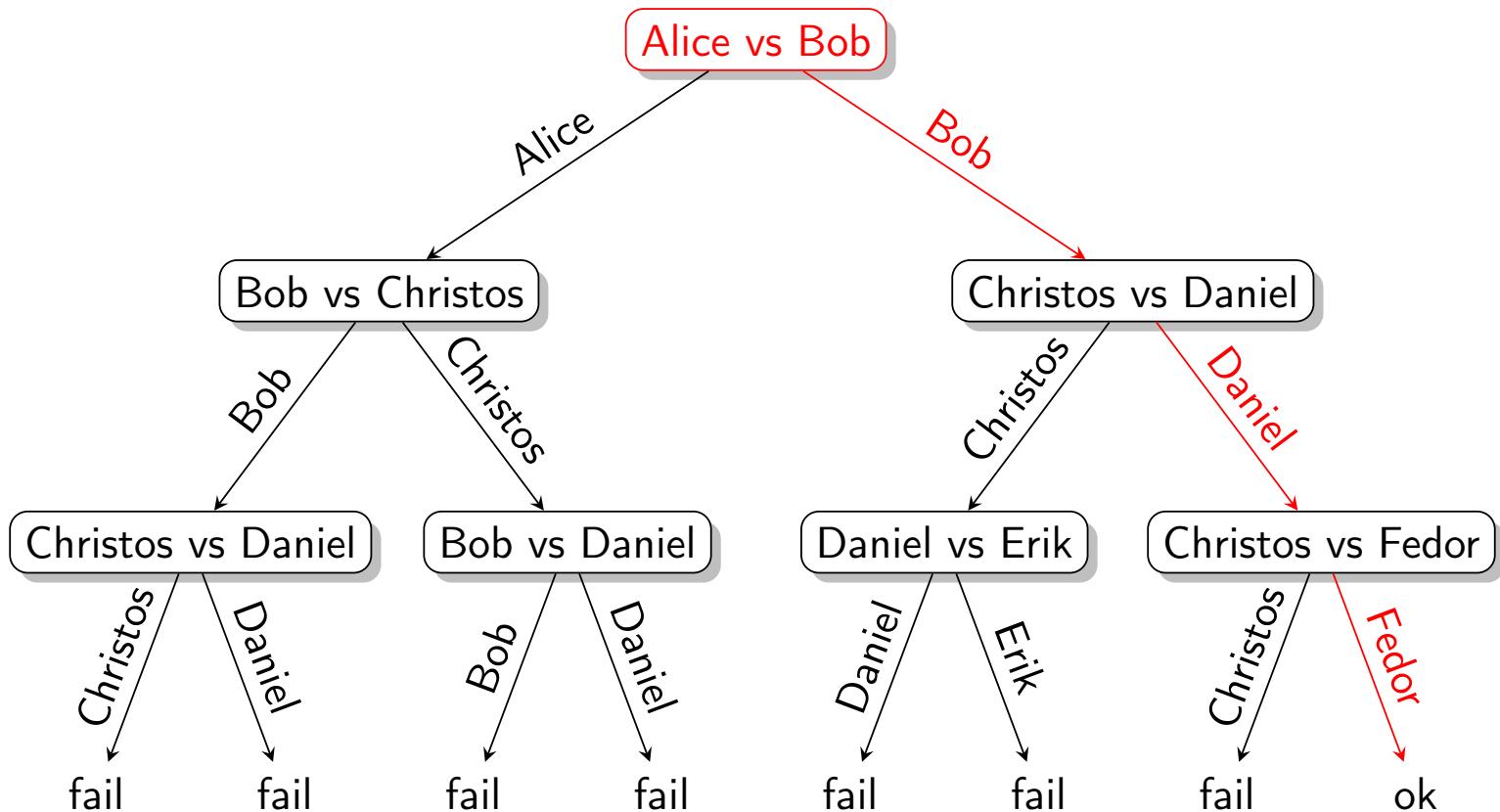


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AADS Lecture 9, Part 4

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因为它的 $g(k)=c$

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Problem: Given graph G and an integer k , does G have a proper vertex coloring with k colors?

*the end vertices
of every edge
have different colors*

Lemma

Unless $P = NP$, this problem is not ~~XP~~ and therefore not FPT.

Proof.

The problem is NP-hard even for $k = 5$, so unless $P = NP$ there can be no algorithm for general k with running time $f(k) \cdot n^{g(k)}$. □

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Example: k -Clique

Problem: Given graph G and an integer k , does G have a clique of size k ?

全连接图

Lemma

k -clique is XP.

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A simple brute-force algorithm is to check every k -subset of the vertices. There are $\binom{n}{k} \leq n^k$ such subsets, and we can check in $\mathcal{O}(k^2)$ time whether a given subset forms a clique. Thus the running time of this algorithm is $\mathcal{O}(k^2 \cdot n^k)$ which proves the problem is in XP. □

It is unknown whether k -clique is FPT, but it is widely believed that $\mathcal{O}(n^k)$ is optimal which would prove it is not.

Example: k -Clique parameterized by Δ

Problem: Given graph G with maximum degree Δ , does G have a clique of size k ?

Lemma

k -clique is FPT when parameterized by the maximum degree Δ .

Proof.

A naive algorithm is for each vertex to try all subsets of its neighbors. There are at most $n \cdot 2^\Delta$ such subsets and each can be checked in $\mathcal{O}(\Delta^2)$ time. The total time is thus $\mathcal{O}((2^\Delta \cdot \Delta^2) \cdot n)$, which proves the problem is FPT. □

In fact, we can easily improve this algorithm to run in $\mathcal{O}(\binom{\Delta}{k-1} \cdot k^2 \cdot n) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(\Delta^{k-1} \cdot k^2 \cdot n)$ time.

There are often many possible choices of parameter. Choosing the right one for a specific problem is an art.

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