

CSE 221: Algorithms

Introduction to graphs

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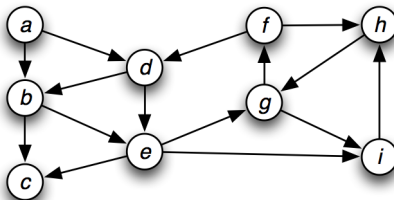
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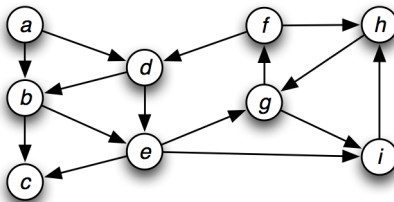


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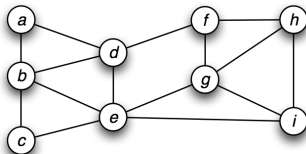
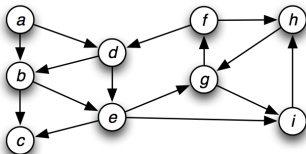
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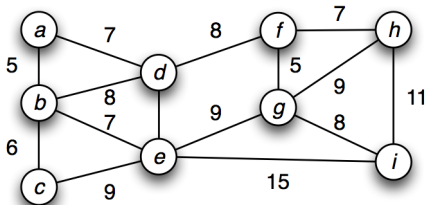


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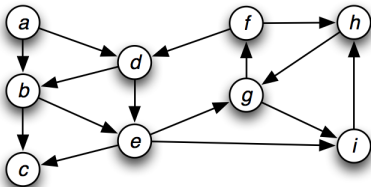


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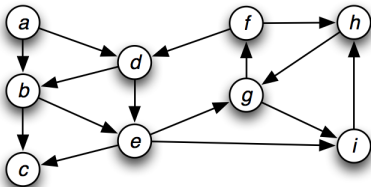
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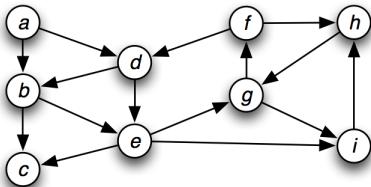
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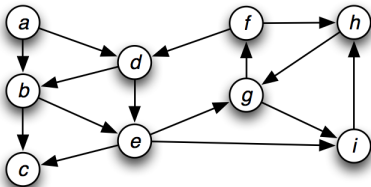
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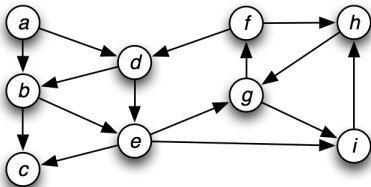
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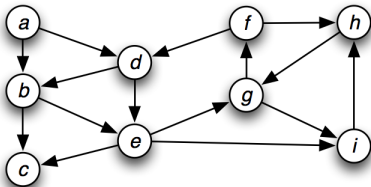
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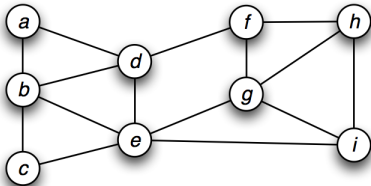
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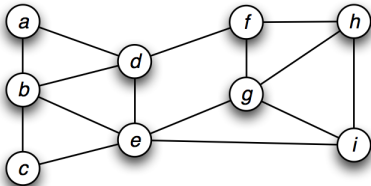
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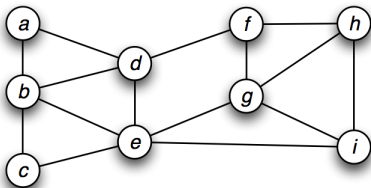
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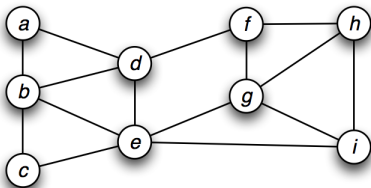
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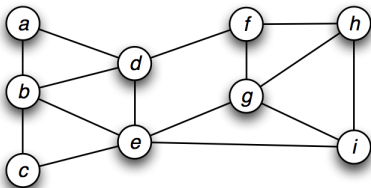
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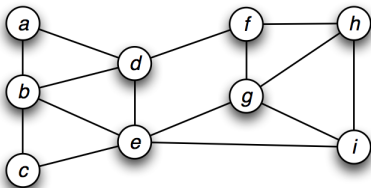
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In a directed graph, an edge (u, v) contributes one unit to the **out-degree** of its origin u and one unit to the **in-degree** of its destination v . Thus, the total contribution of the edges to the out-degrees of the vertices is equal to the number of edges, and similarly for the in-degrees. □

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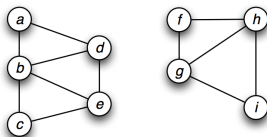
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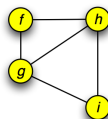
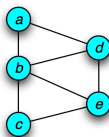
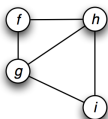
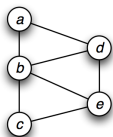
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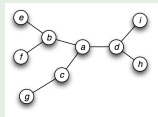
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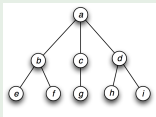
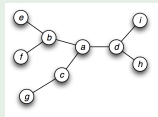
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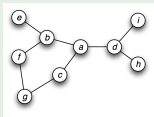
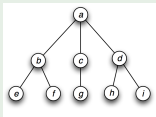
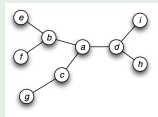
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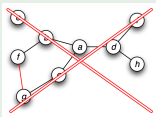
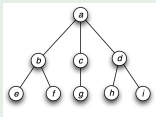
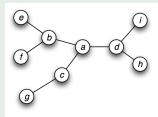
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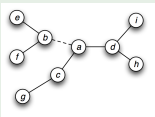
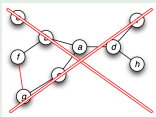
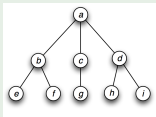
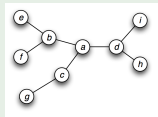
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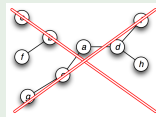
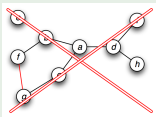
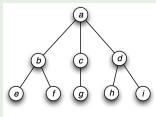
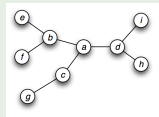
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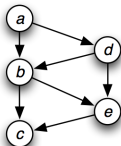
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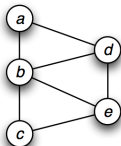
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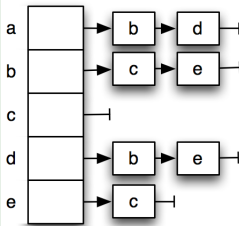
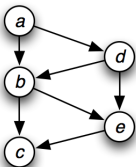
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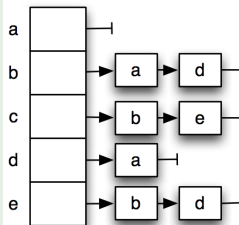
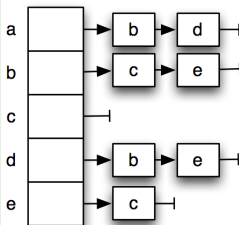
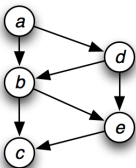
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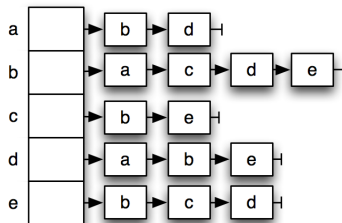
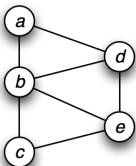
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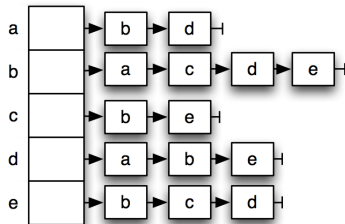
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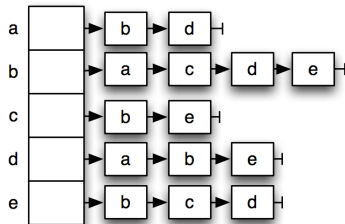
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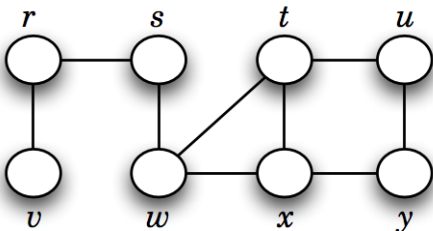
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- Finds the distance (in terms of edges) of each node from the source.

Depth-first search (DFS)

- Start with the source vertex, *recursively* visit each neighbor, only backtracking when choices are exhausted.
- Remember *pre-order* tree traversal?

Basic idea behind breadth first search (BFS)

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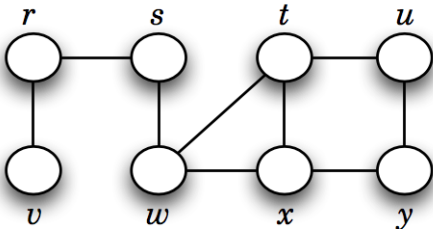
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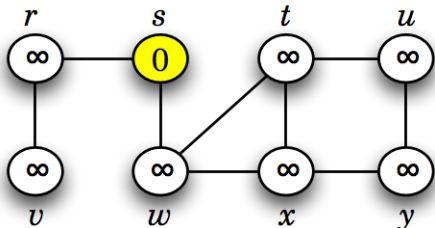
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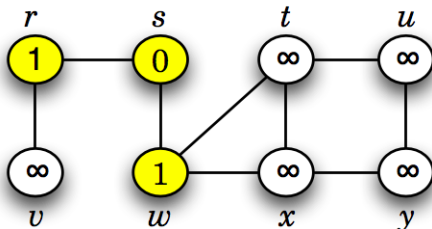


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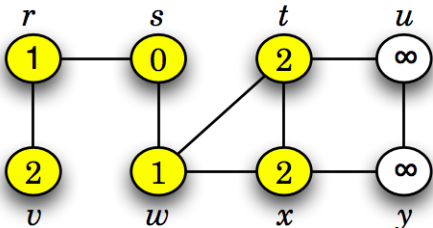
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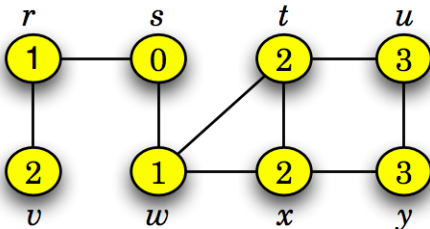


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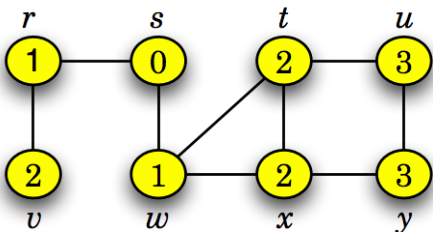
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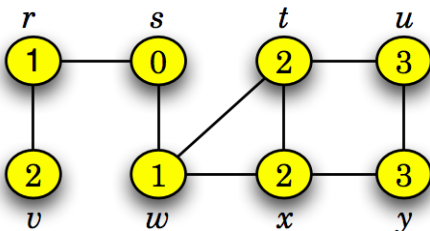
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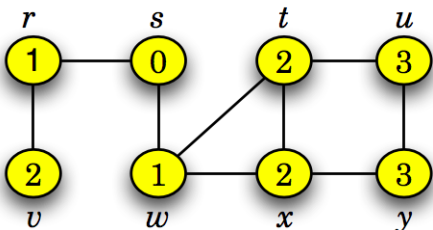
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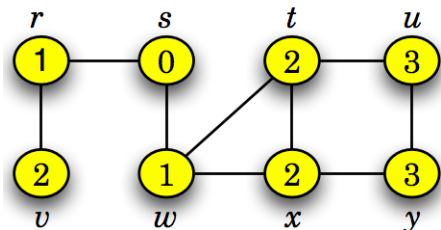
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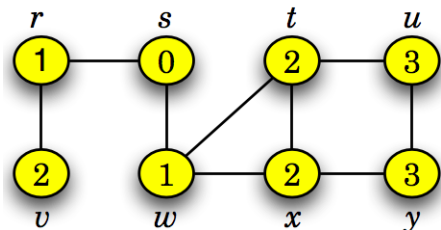
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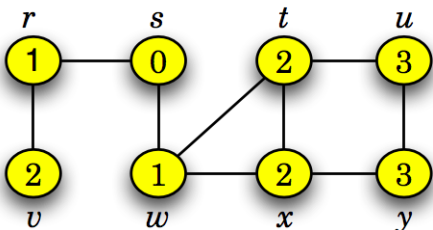
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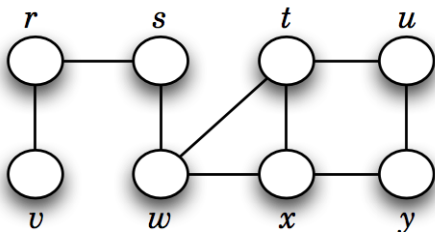
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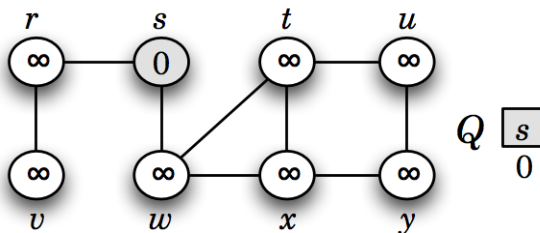
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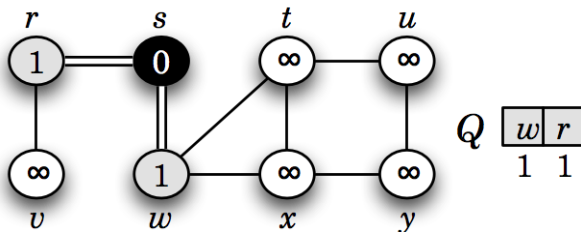
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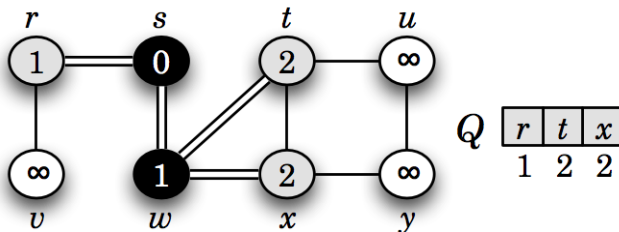
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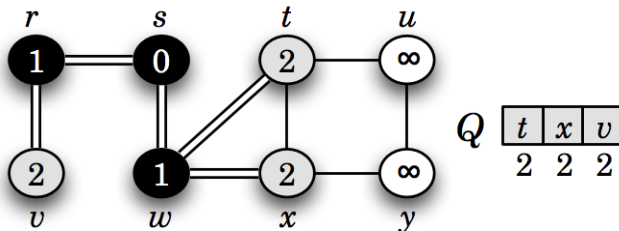
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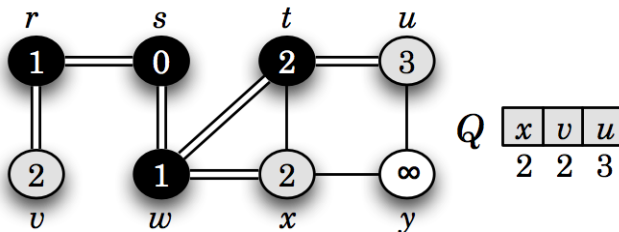
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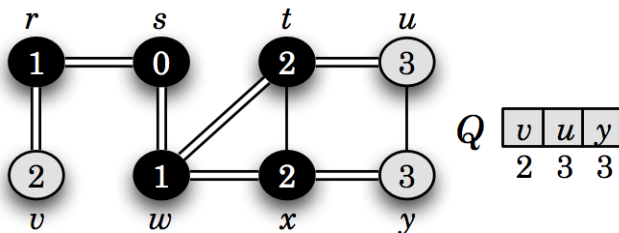
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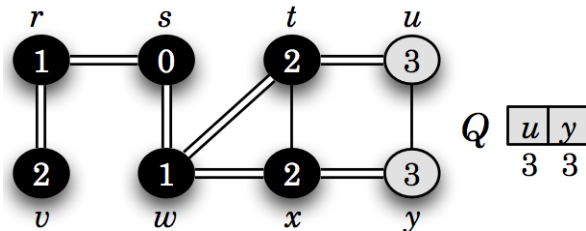
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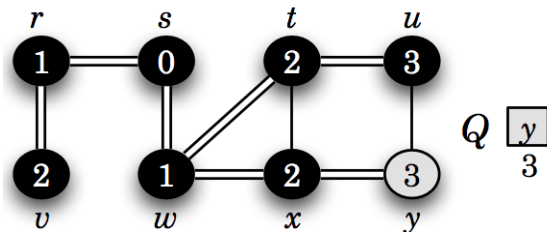
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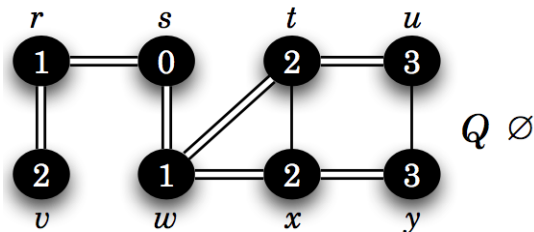
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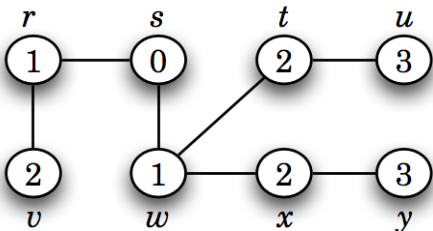
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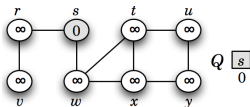
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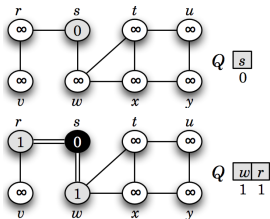
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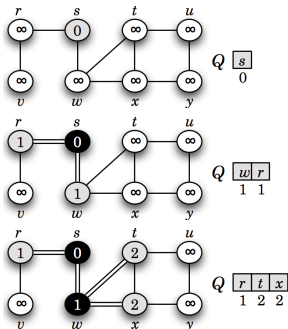
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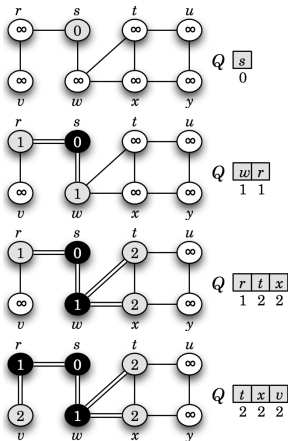
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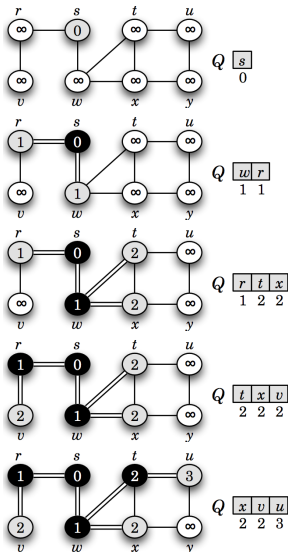
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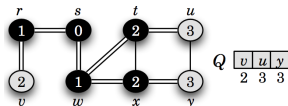
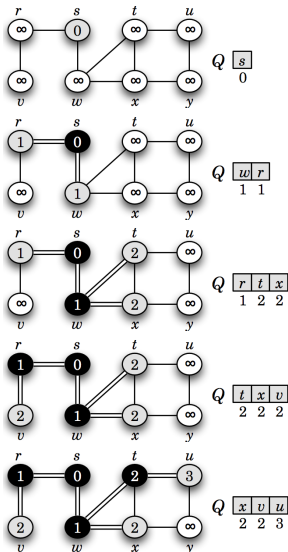
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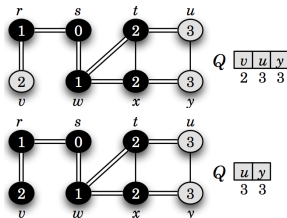
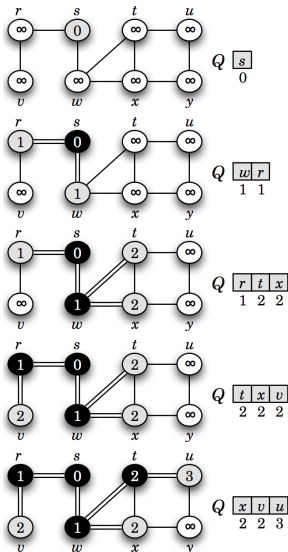
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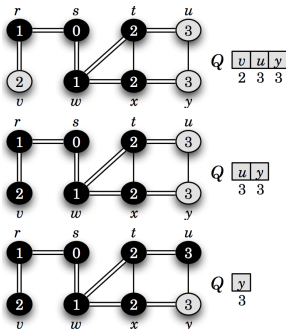
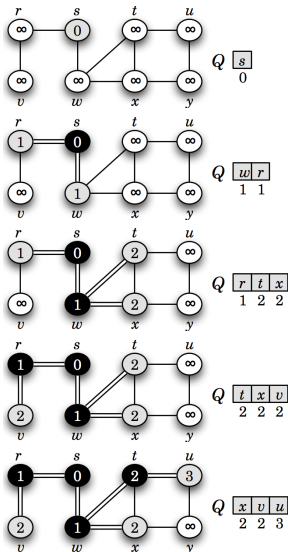
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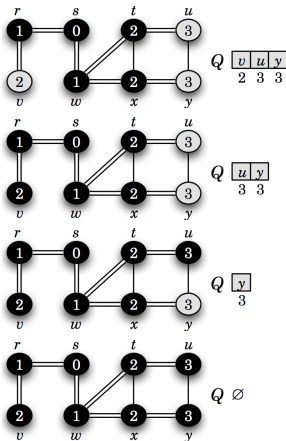
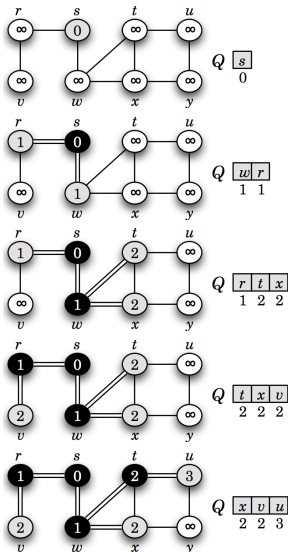
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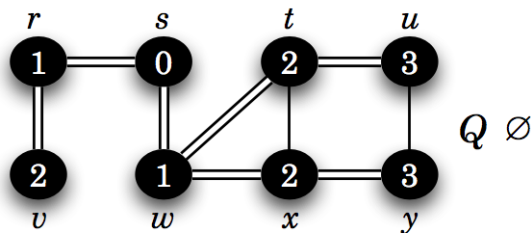
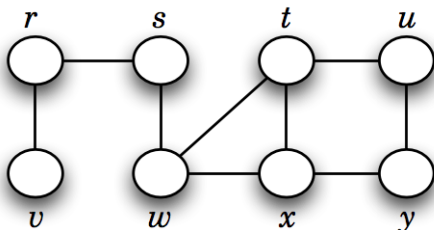
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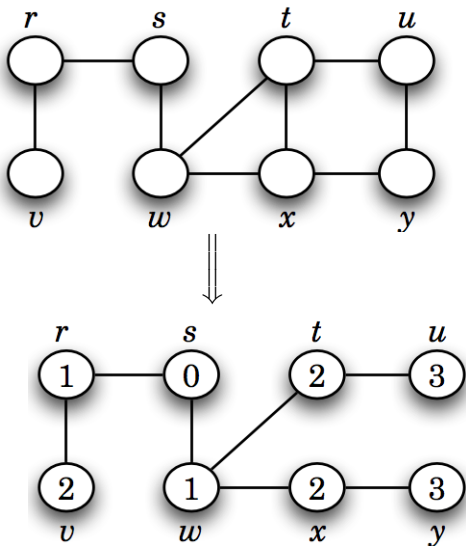
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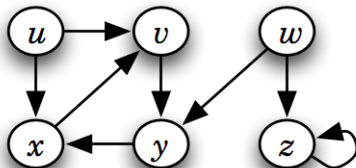
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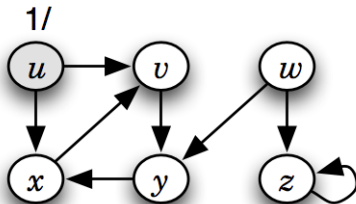
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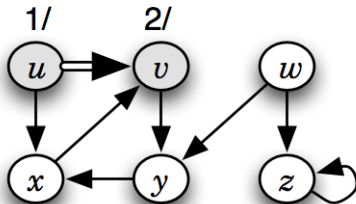
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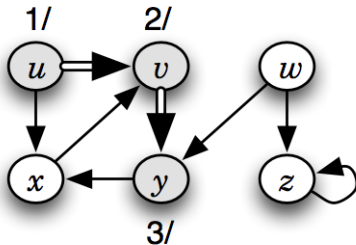
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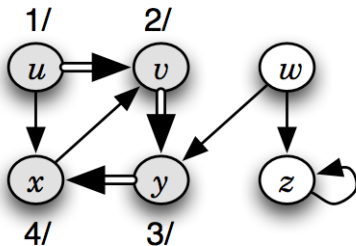
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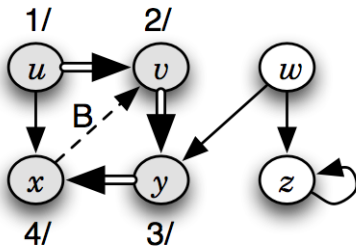
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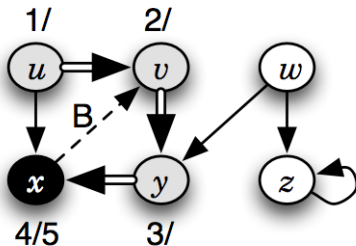
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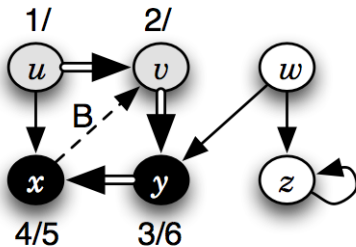
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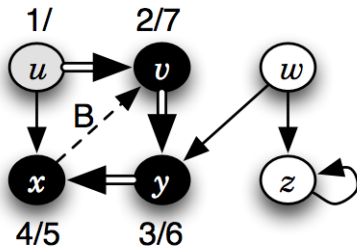
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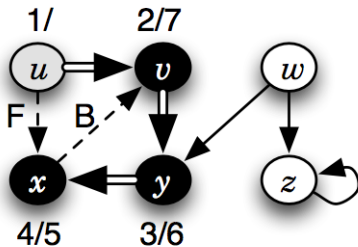
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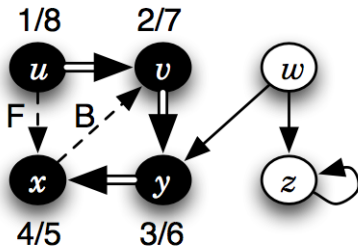
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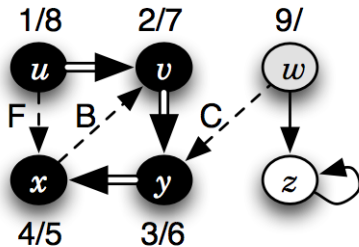
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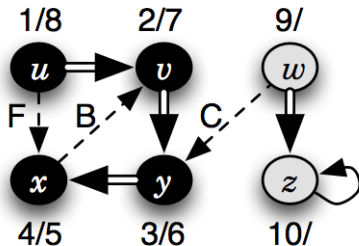
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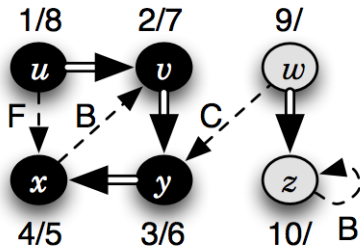
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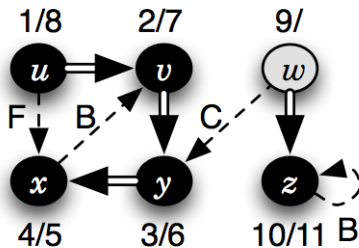
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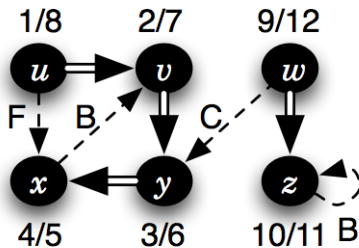
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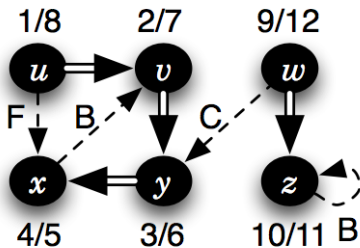
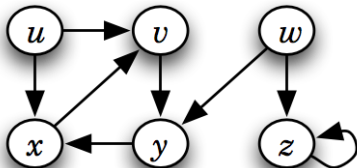
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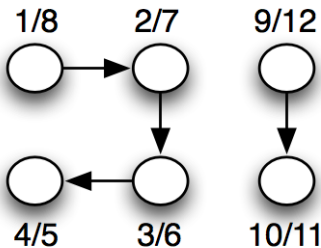
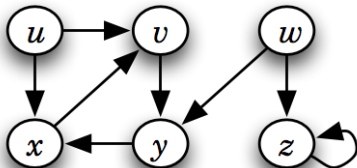
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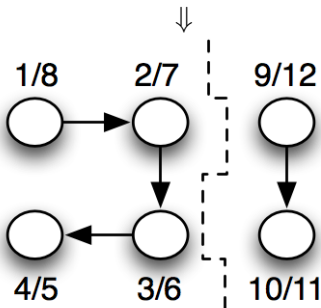
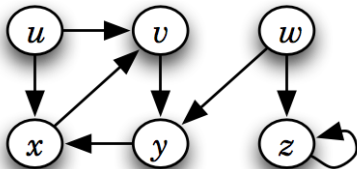
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