

How to Win Coding Competitions: Secrets of Champions

Week 5: Algorithms on Graphs 1 Lecture 5: Topological sort

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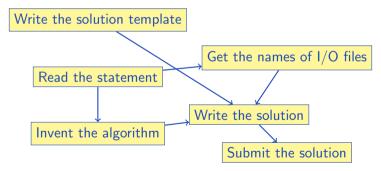
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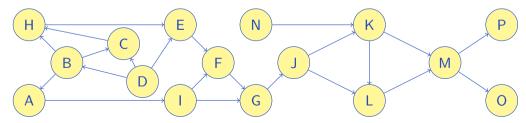
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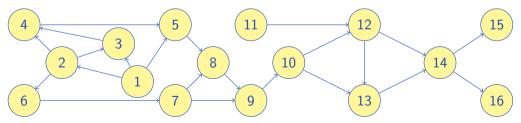
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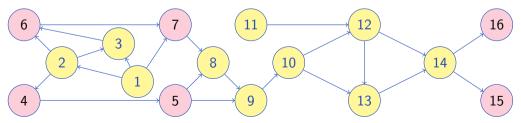
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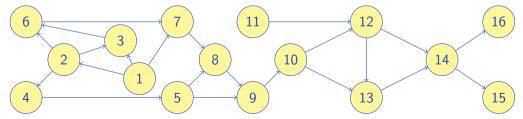


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Sometimes it is convenient to have an array o[i] such that:

• o[I(v)] = v, or, just the same, I(o[i]) = i



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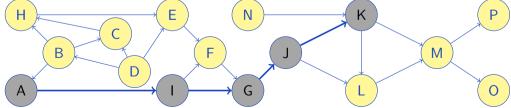
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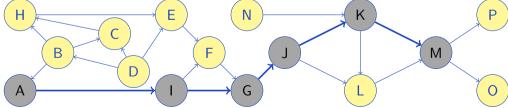
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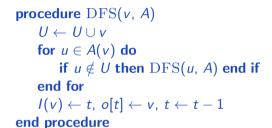
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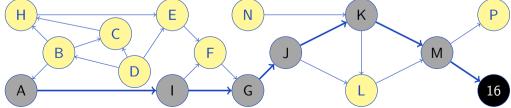
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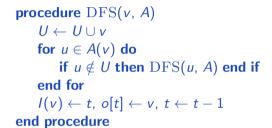
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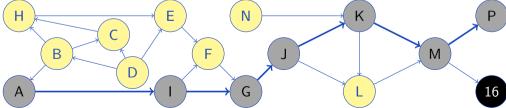




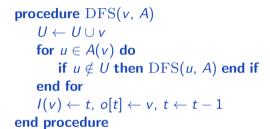
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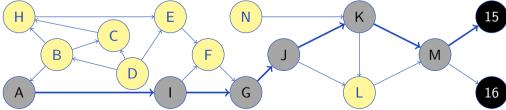
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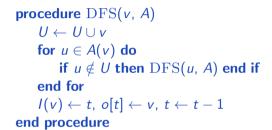
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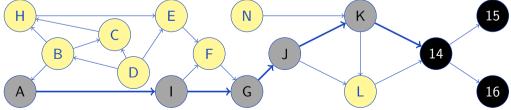




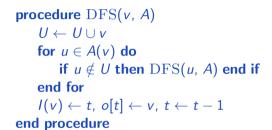
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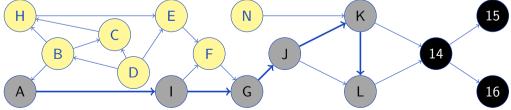
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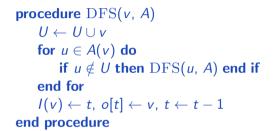


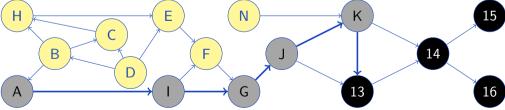
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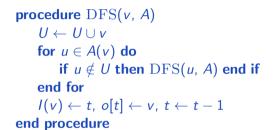


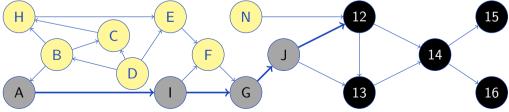
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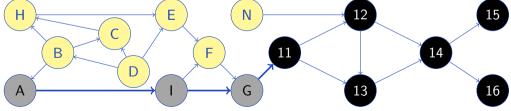


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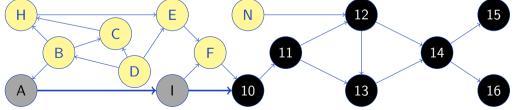




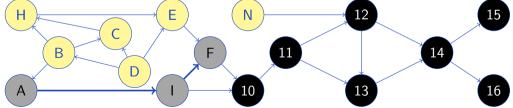
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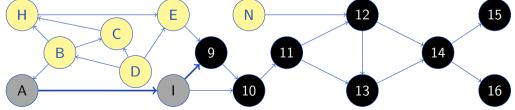
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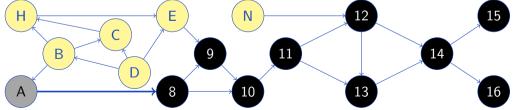
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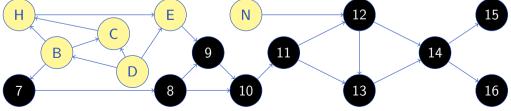
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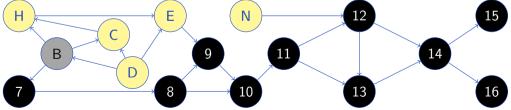
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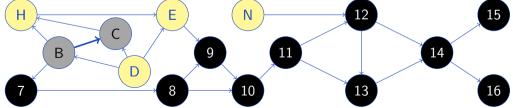
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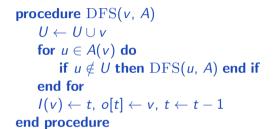
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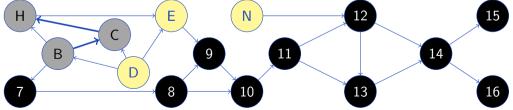


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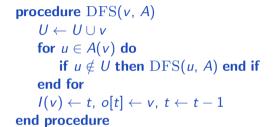


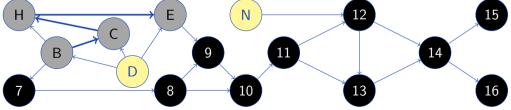
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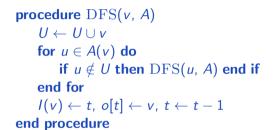


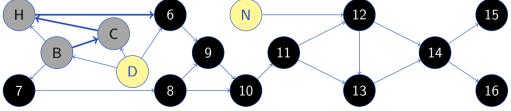
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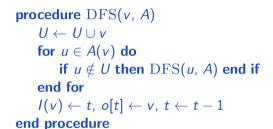


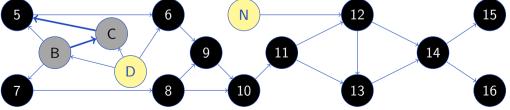
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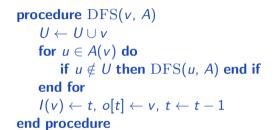


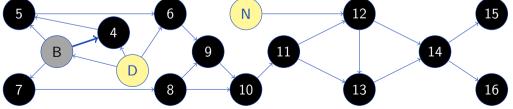
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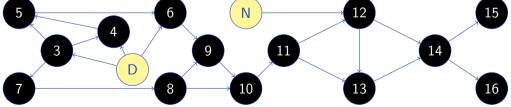
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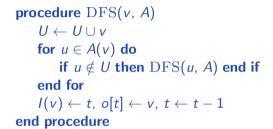


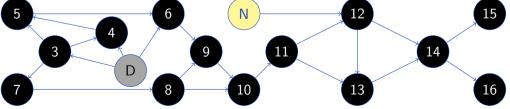
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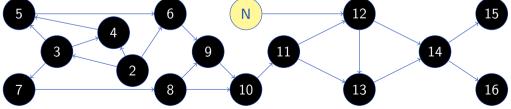
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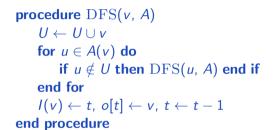


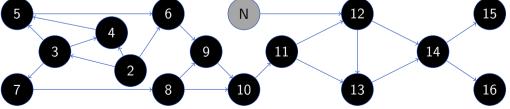
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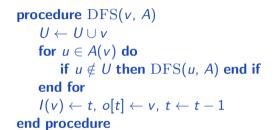


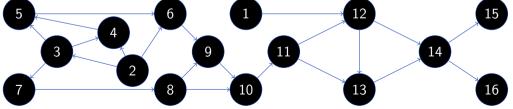
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