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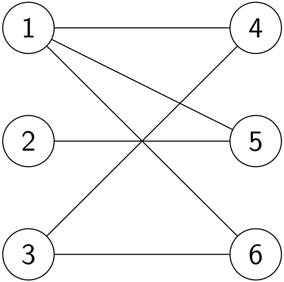

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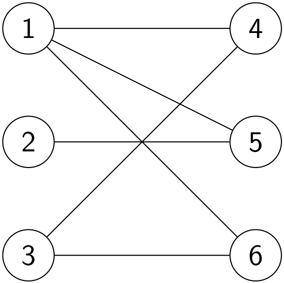

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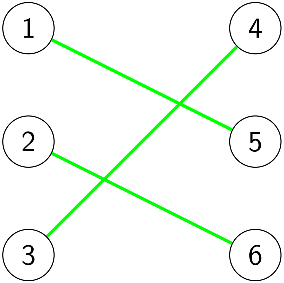

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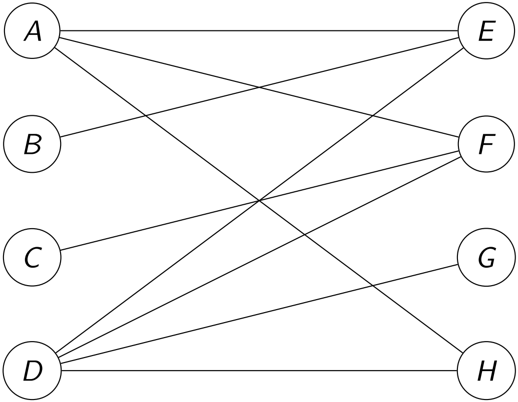
Output the matching M as the maximum cardinality matching.

Example

A bipartite graph is given below where we will find its maximum cardinality mathching:



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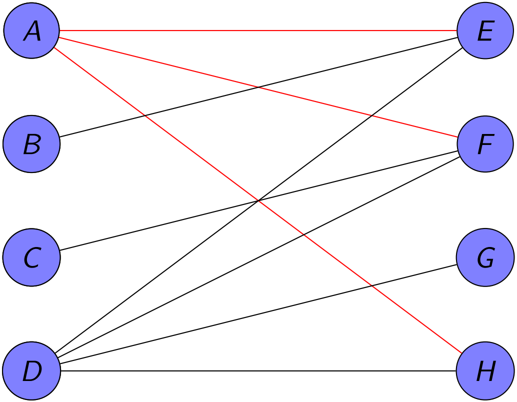

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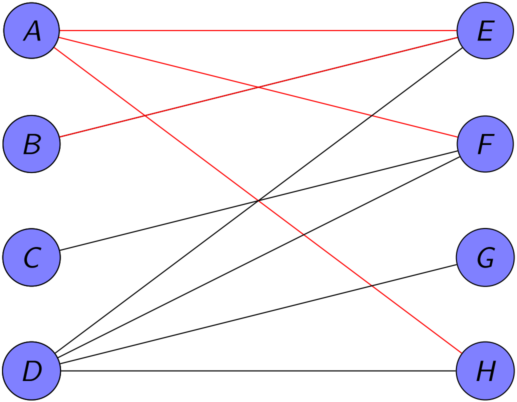

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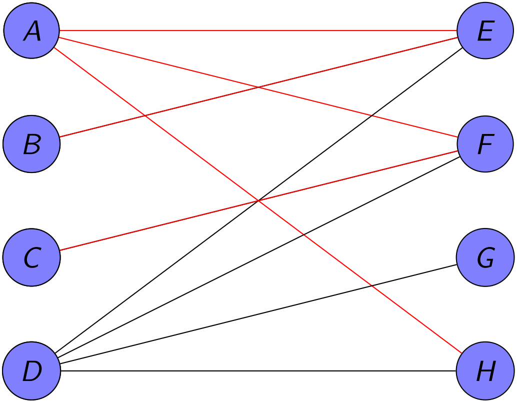

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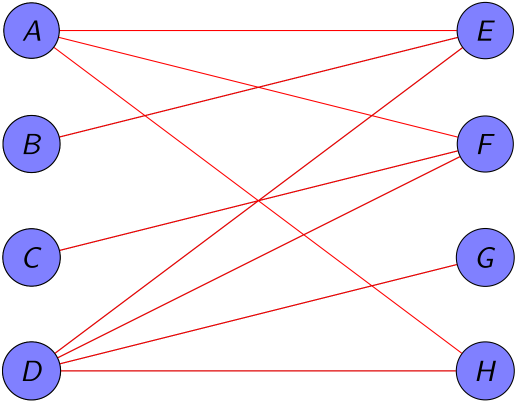

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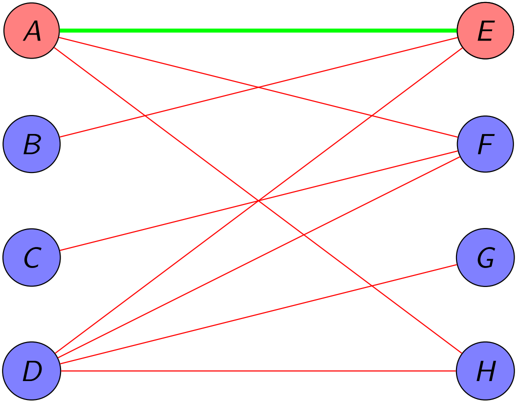

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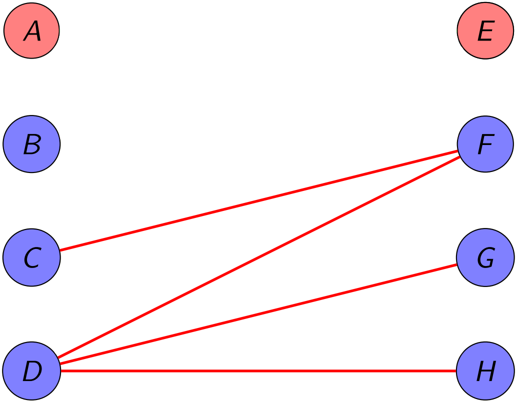

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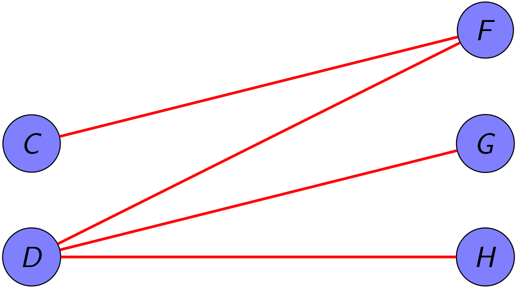

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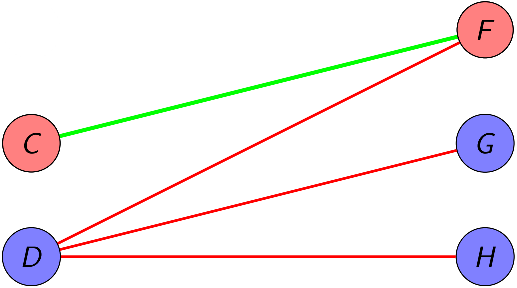

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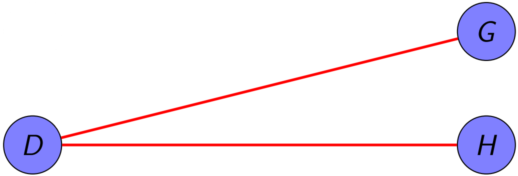
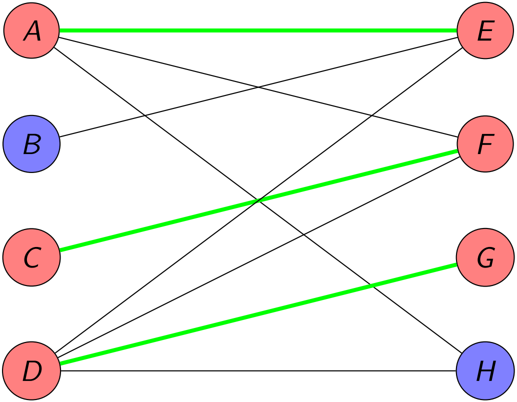


After first iteration

After running the DFS on the remaining part,

$$M = \{A - E, C - F, G - D\}$$



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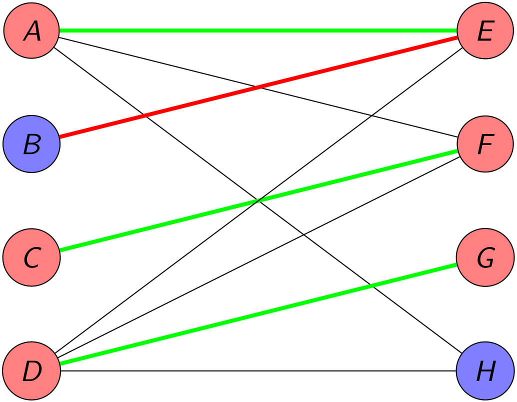

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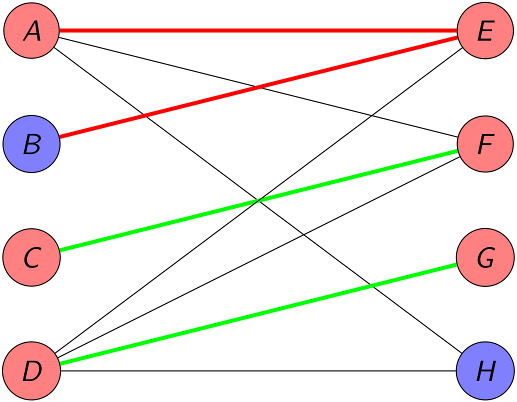

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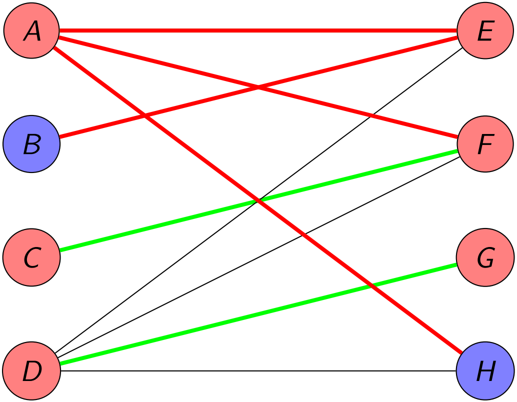

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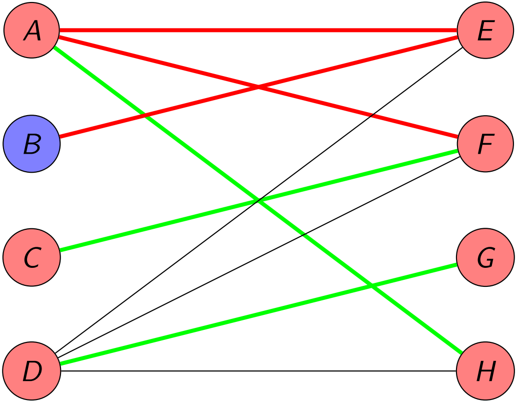

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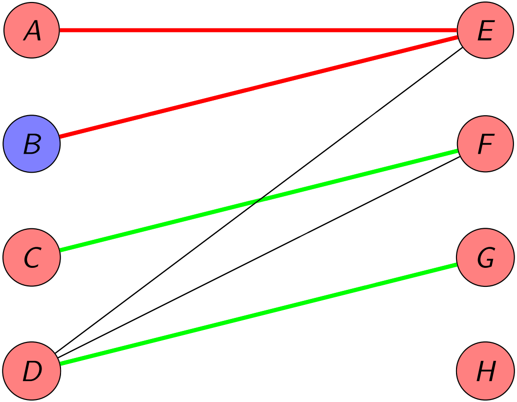

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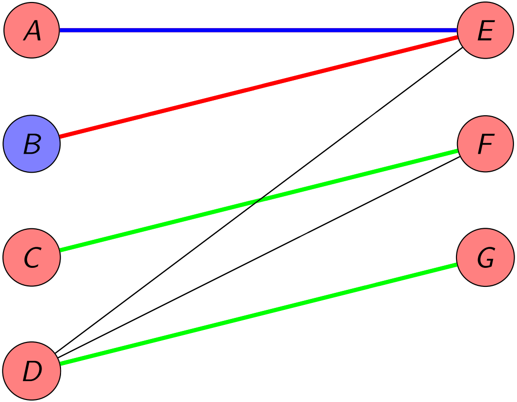

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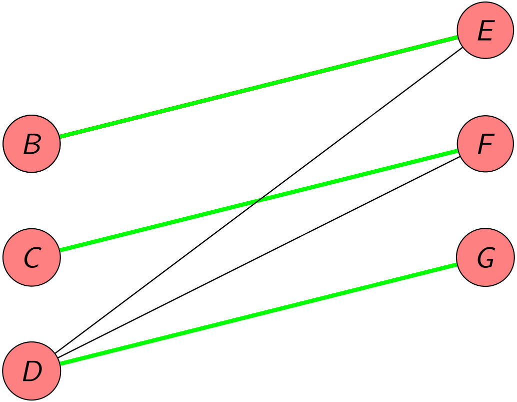

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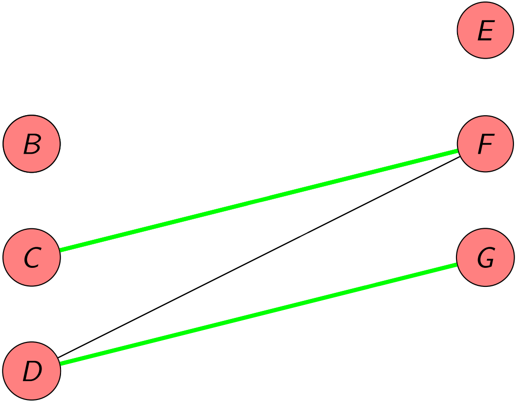

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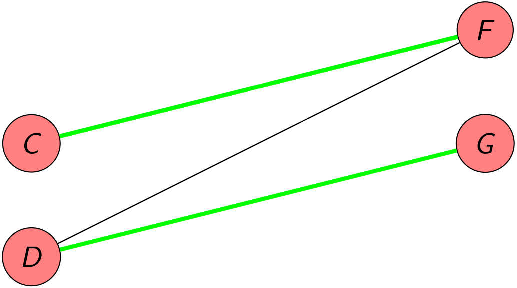
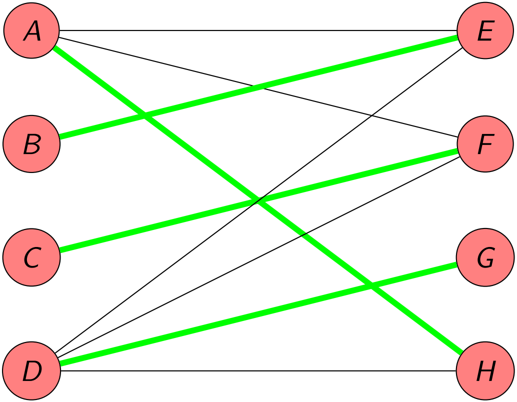


Algorithm termination..

As no more free vertex is available,the algorithm terminates and finally we get the following graph with maximum cardinaliy 4 where $M = \{A - H, B - E, C - F, D - G\}$



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