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Depth-First-Search (DFS), Topological sort

50.004 Introduction to Algorithms

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1. DFS

Depth-first search

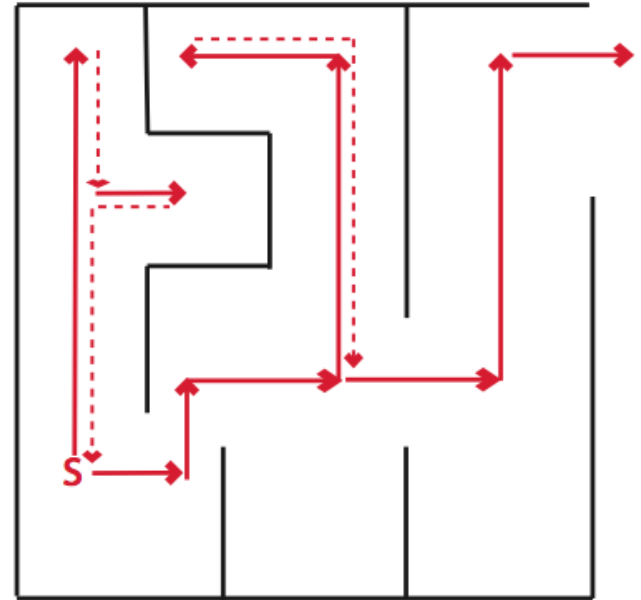
Idea: Similar to exploring a maze

- follow path until you get stuck
- backtrack along breadcrumbs
- recursively explore

The DFS Algorithm

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parent = {s: None}
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DFS-visit (V, Adj, s):
    for v in Adj [s]:
        if v not in parent:
            parent [v] = s
            DFS-visit (V, Adj, v)
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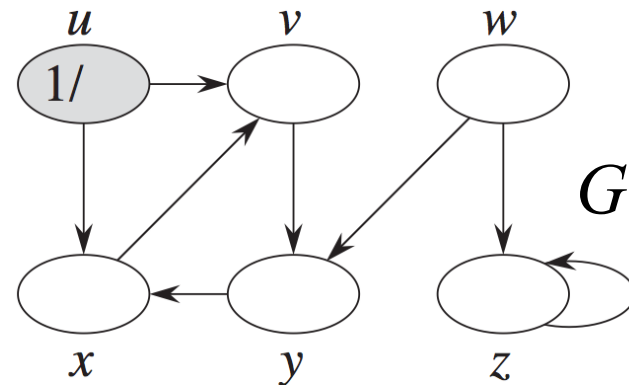
DFS(G)

```
1  for each vertex  $u \in G.V$ 
2     $u.color = \text{WHITE}$ 
3     $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
4   $time = 0$ 
5  for each vertex  $u \in G.V$ 
6    if  $u.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
7      DFS-VISIT( $G, u$ )
```

DFS-VISIT(G, u)

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1   $time = time + 1$ 
2   $u.d = time$ 
3   $u.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
4  for each  $v \in G.Adj[u]$ 
5    if  $v.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
6       $v.\pi = u$ 
7      DFS-VISIT( $G, v$ )
8   $u.color = \text{BLACK}$ 
9   $time = time + 1$ 
10  $u.f = time$ 
```

The DFS algorithm
(using color and timestamp)



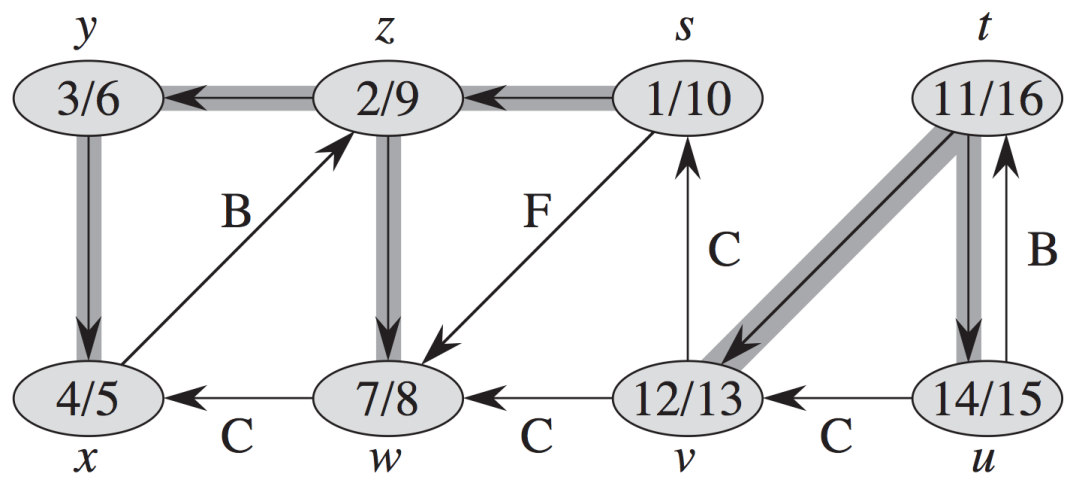
// white vertex u has just been discovered

timestamps

// explore edge (u, v)

// blacken u ; it is finished

Properties of DFS



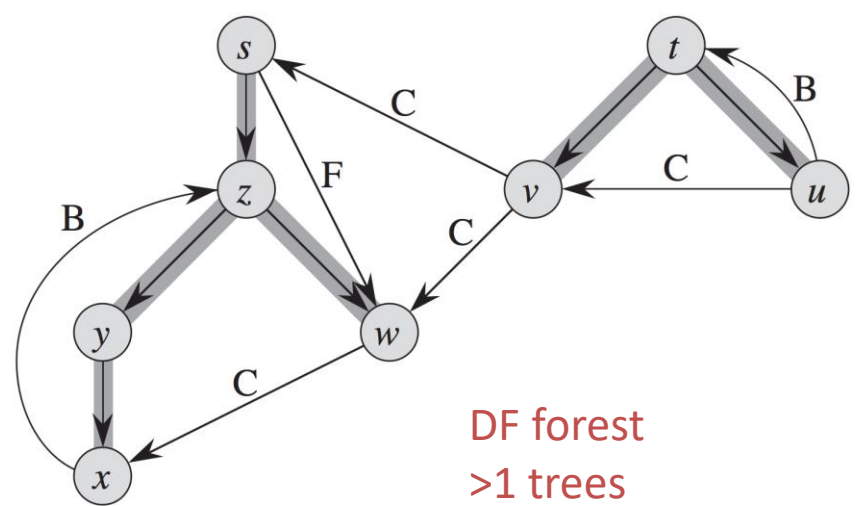
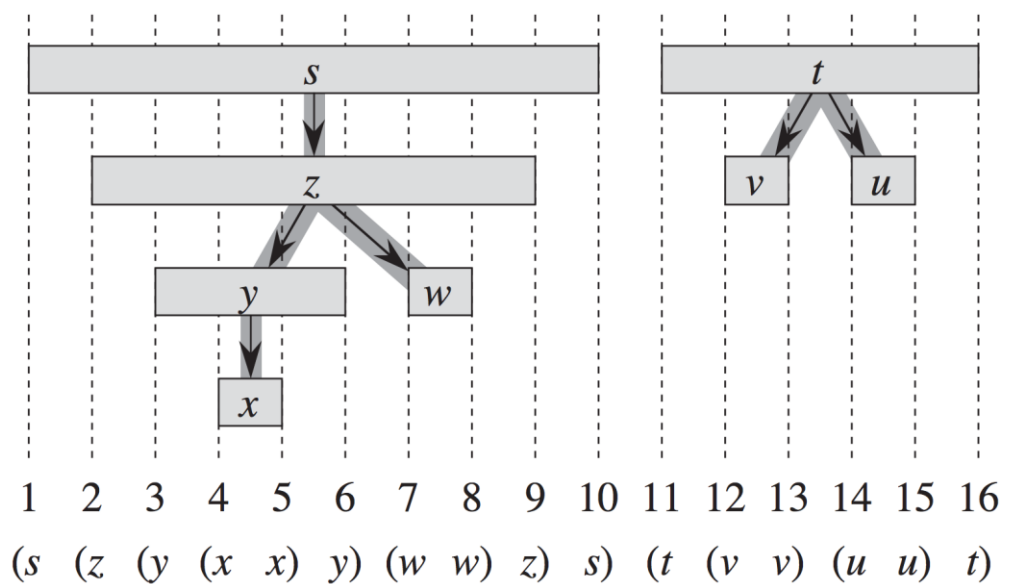
Type of edge $u \rightarrow v$

back: $v.d < u.d < u.f < v.f$

forward: $u.d < v.d < v.f < u.f$

cross: $v.d < v.f < u.d < u.f$

tree: first time v is visited



DF forest
>1 trees

Cycle detection

- Graph G has a cycle iff DFS has a back edge

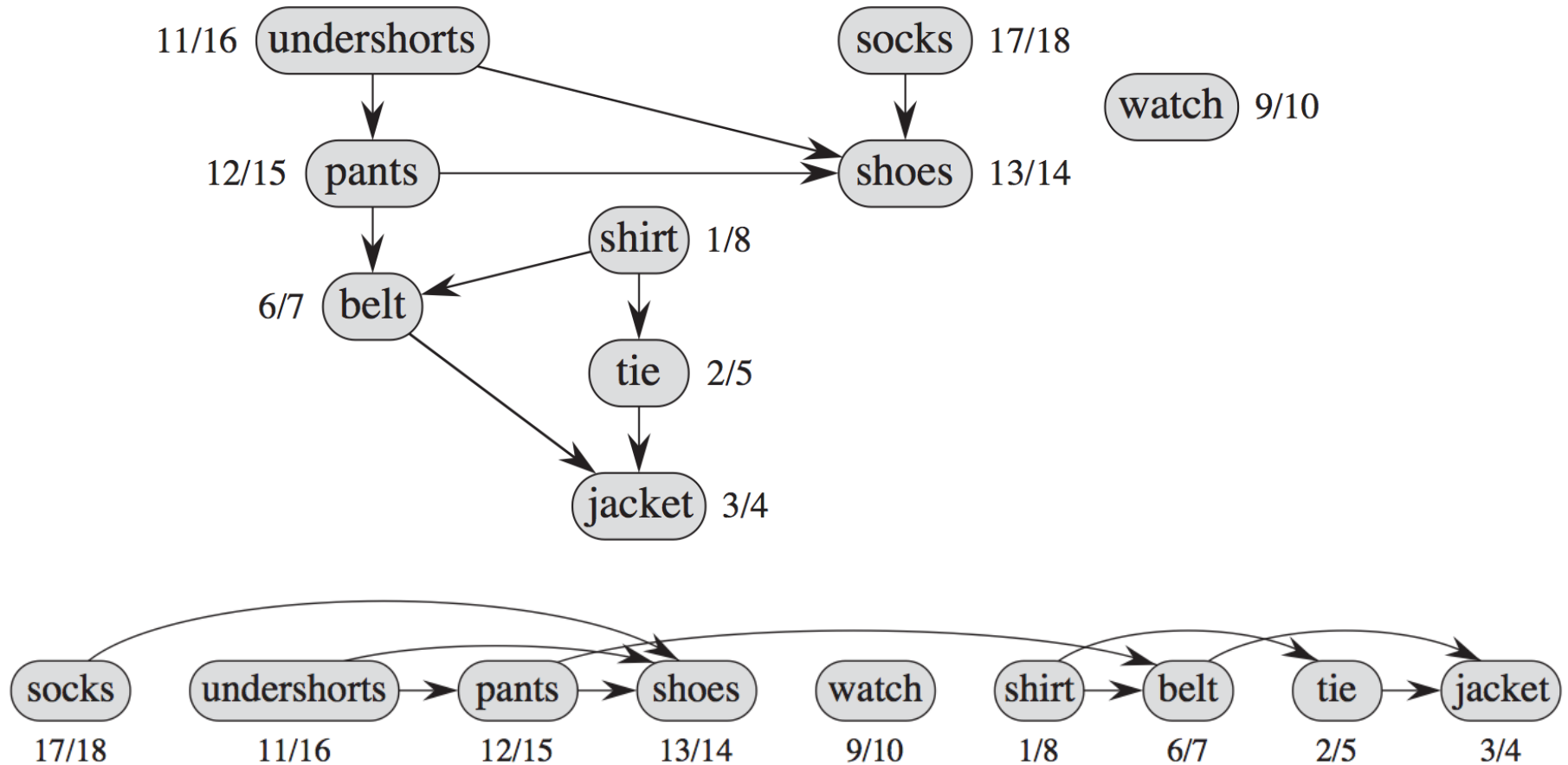
Directed Acyclic Graph = DAG

Topological sort

Topological sort of a DAG $G=(V,E)$

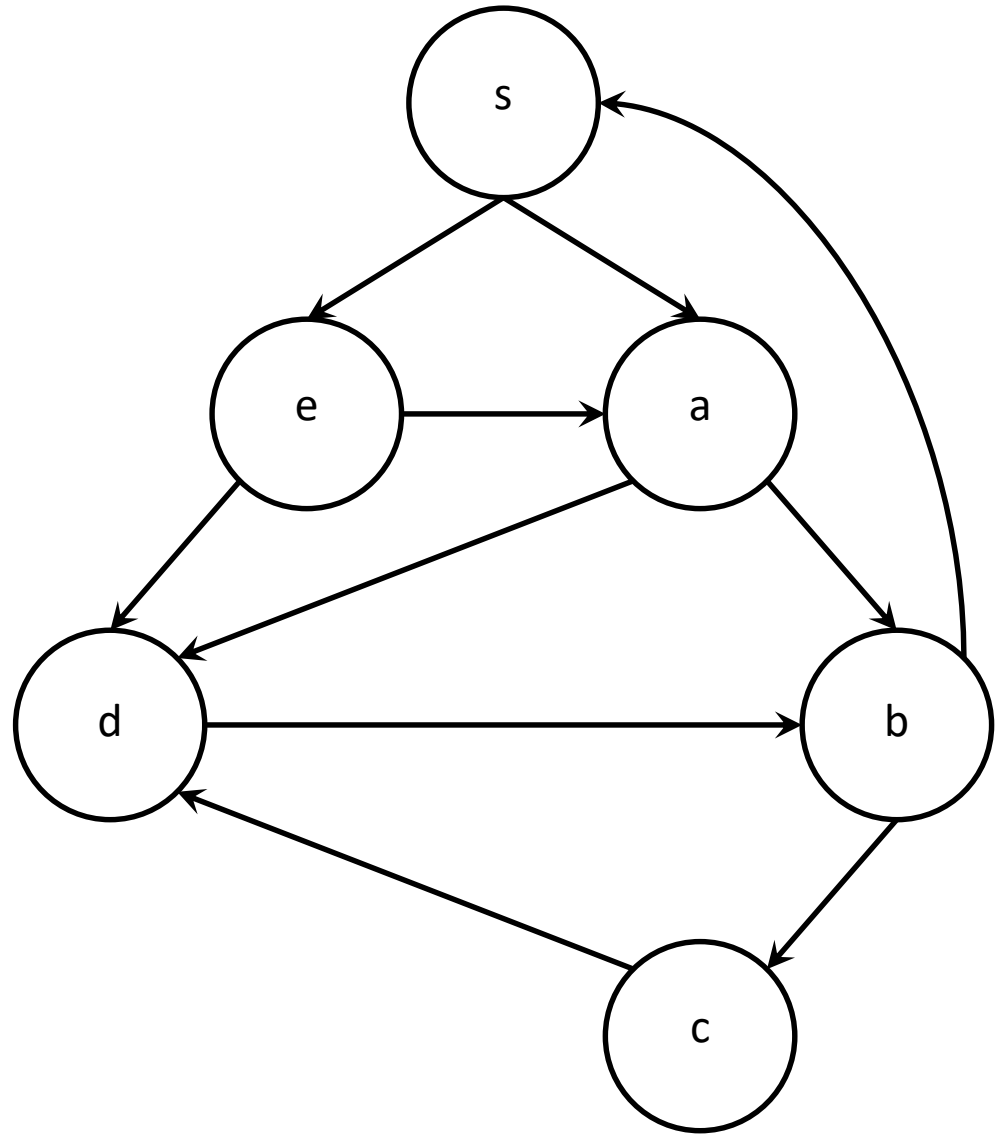
1. Run DFS(G), compute finishing times of nodes
2. Output the nodes in **decreasing order of finishing times**

The Graph – relationship between clothing procedures

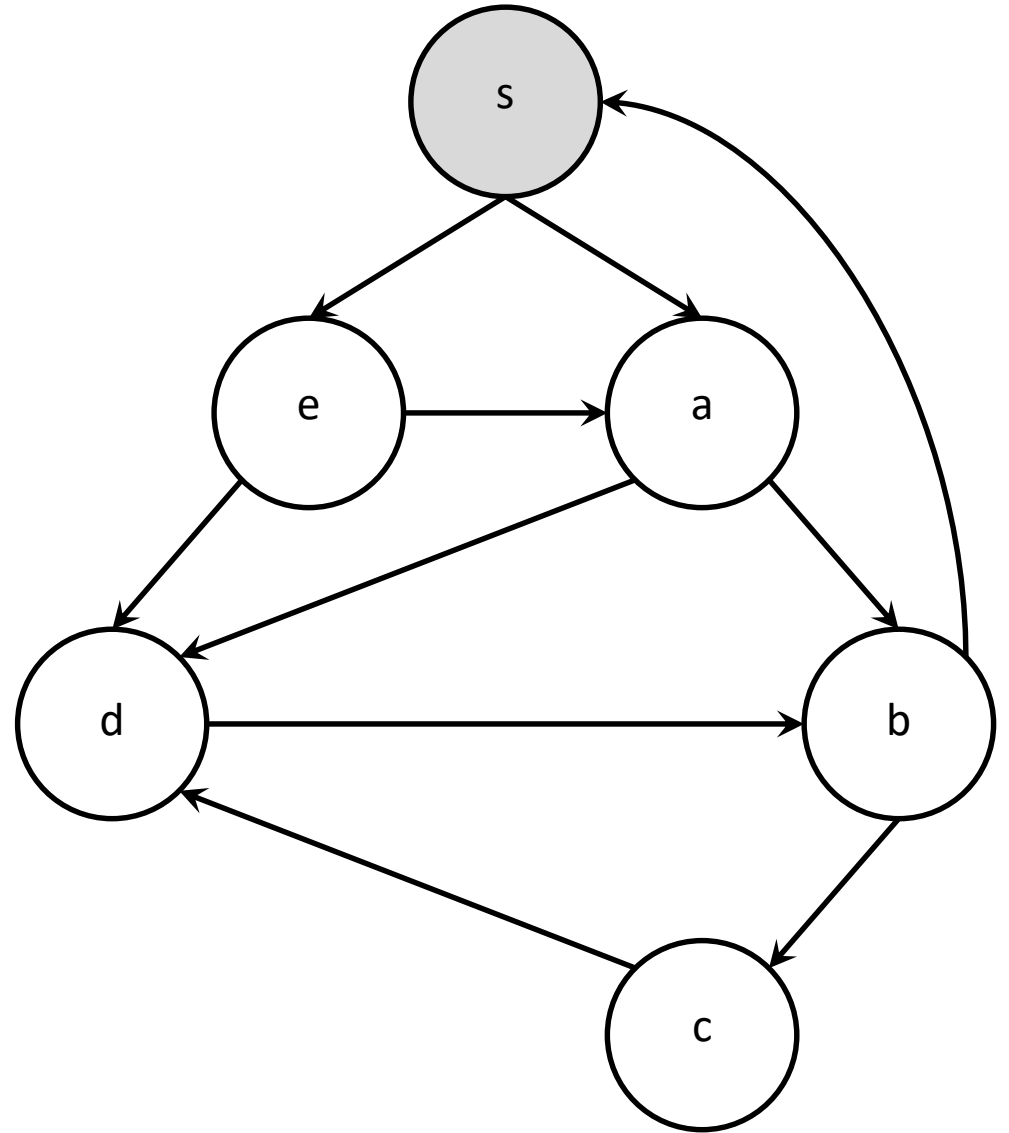


The Topological sort – a workable sequence of clothing

TOPOLOGICAL SORT

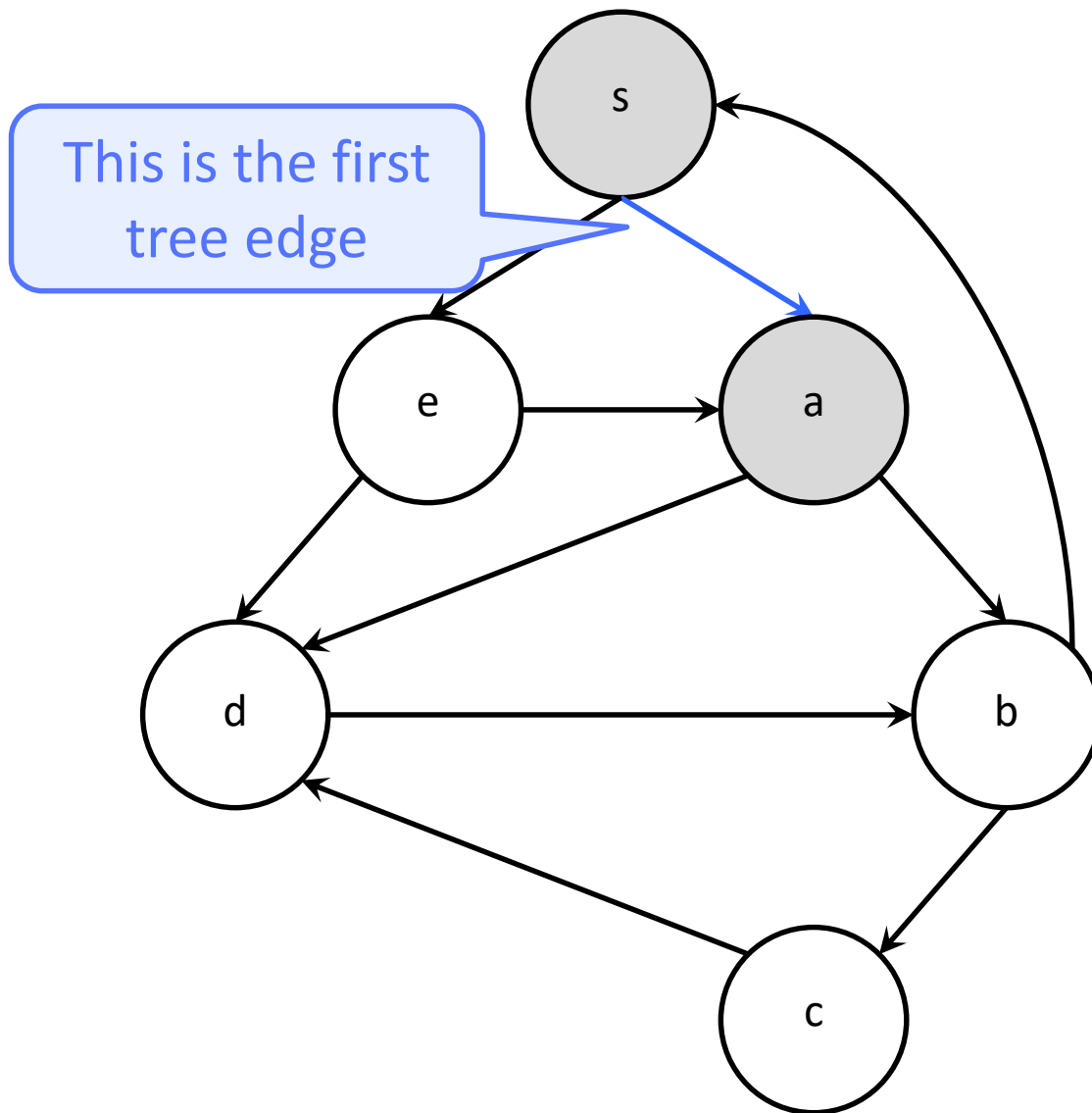


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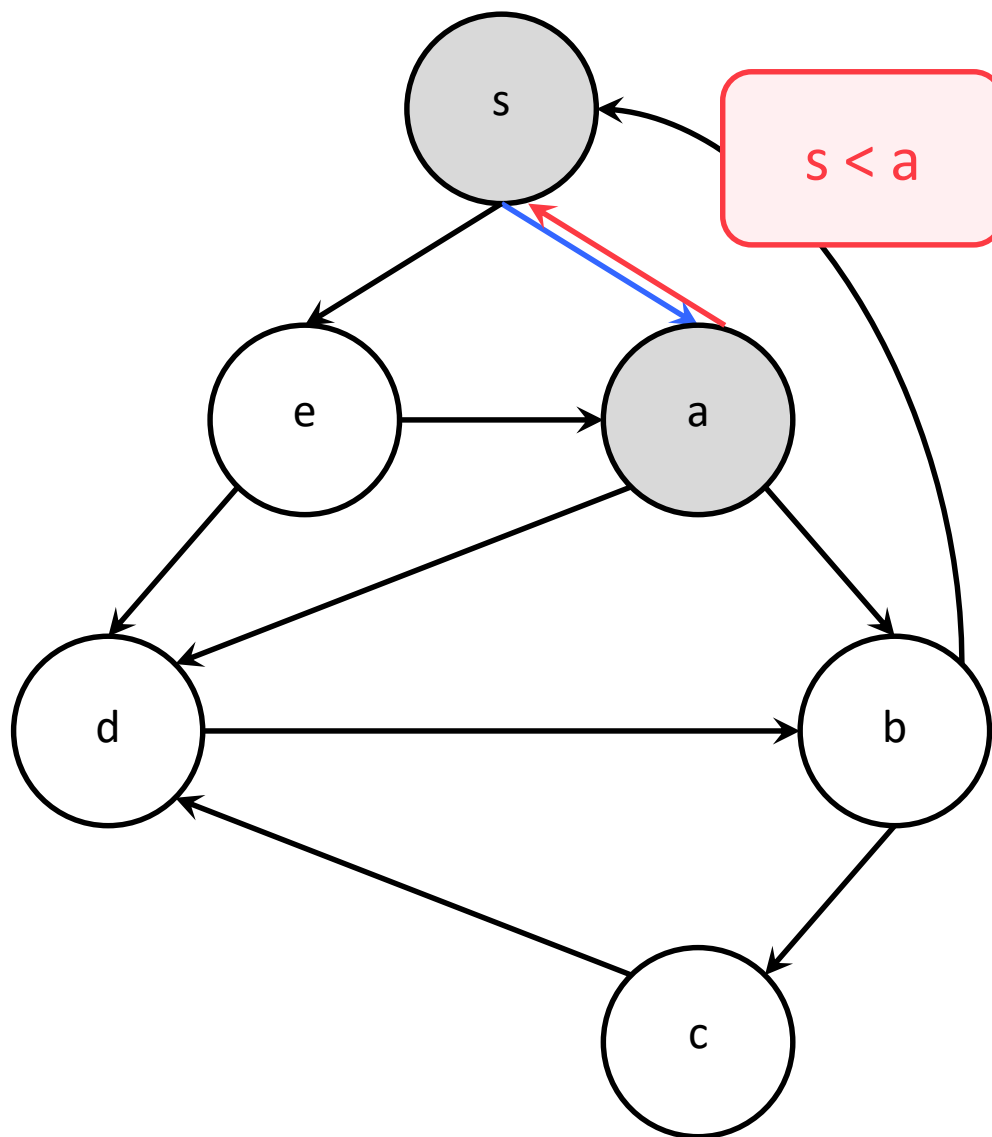
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s

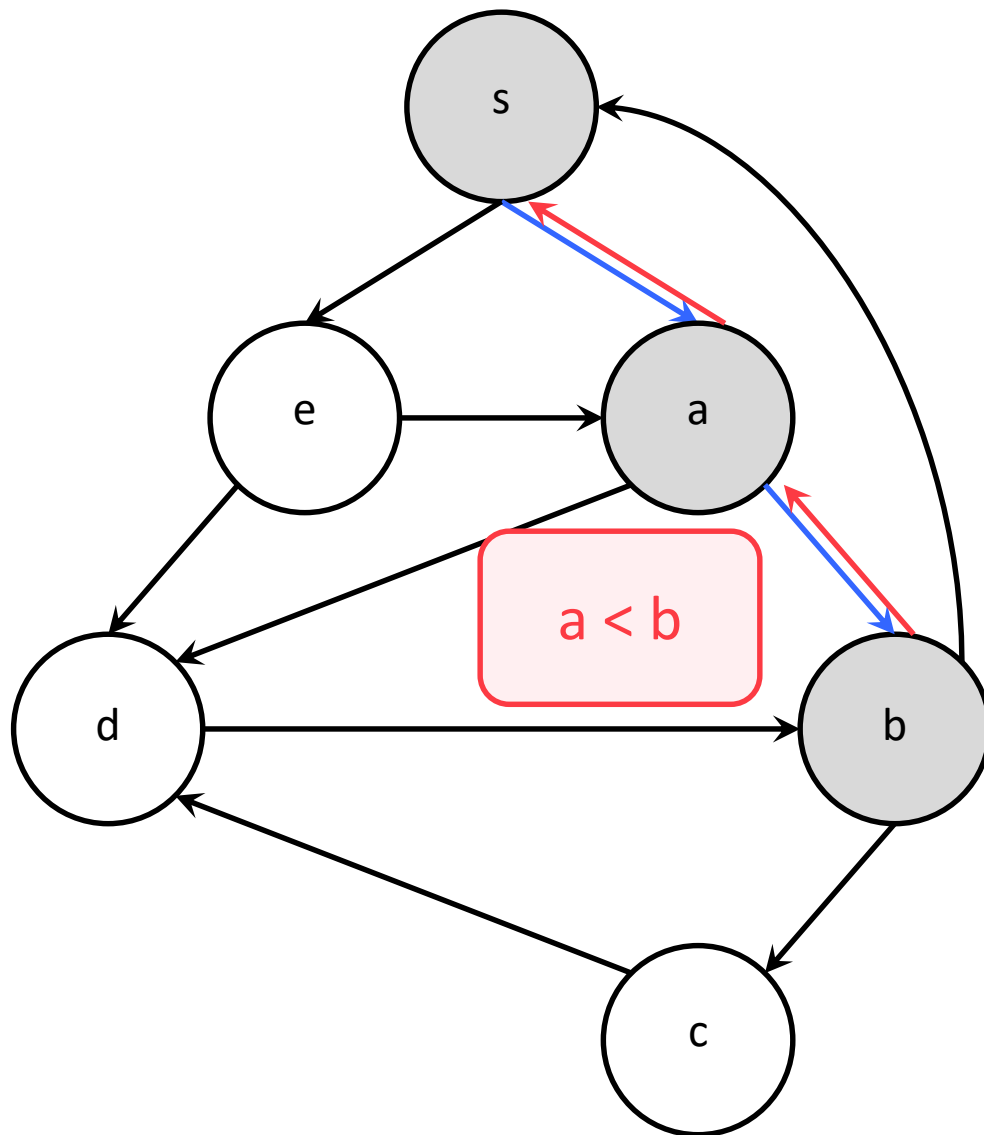
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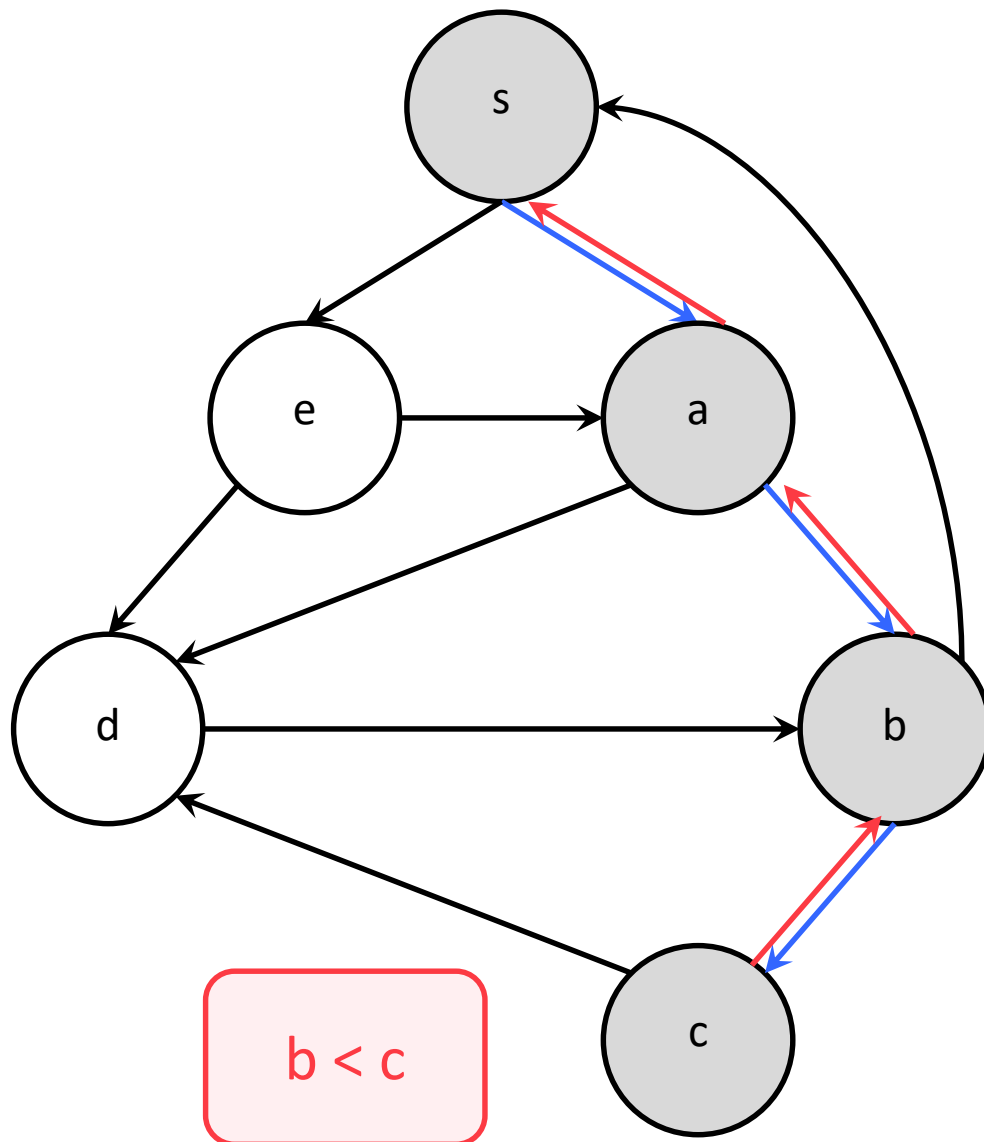


s

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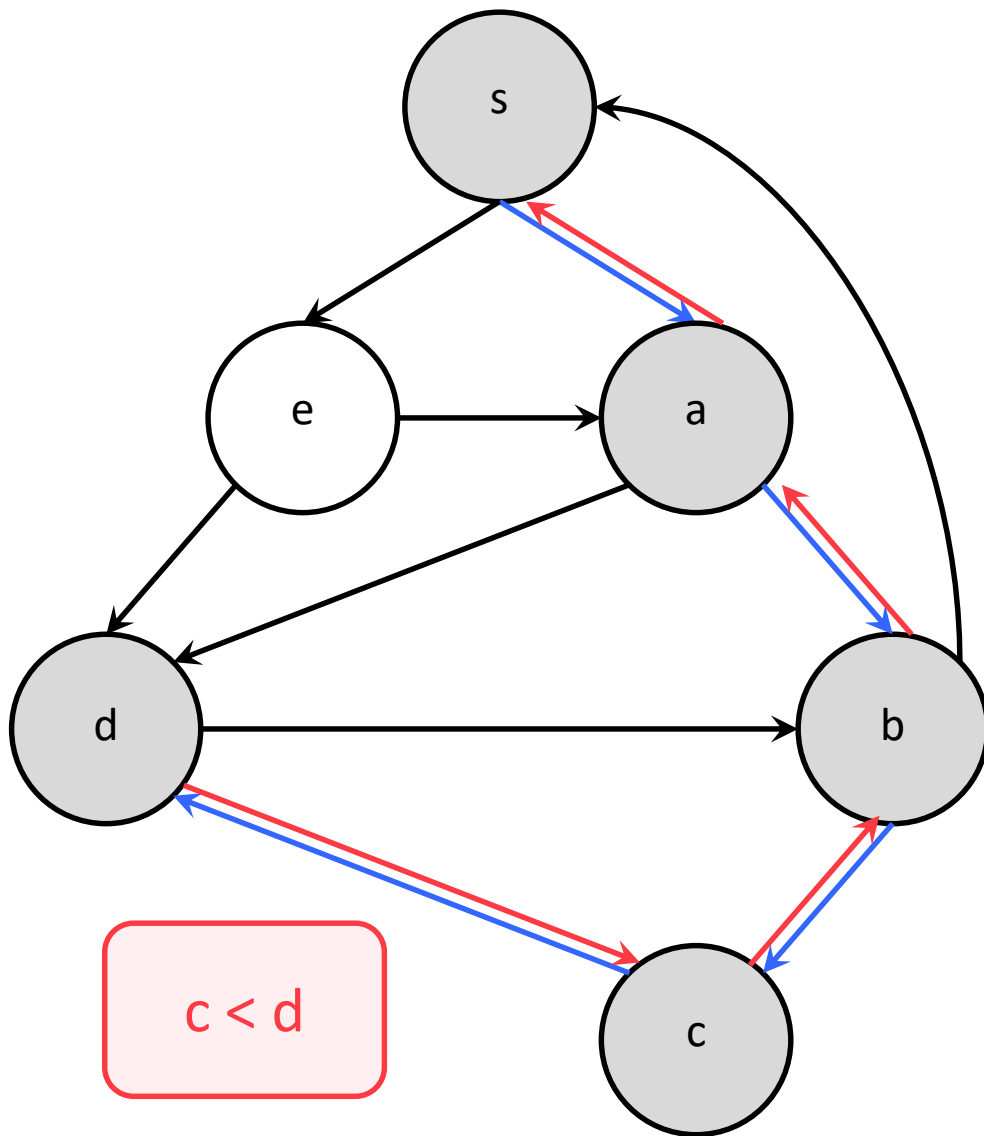
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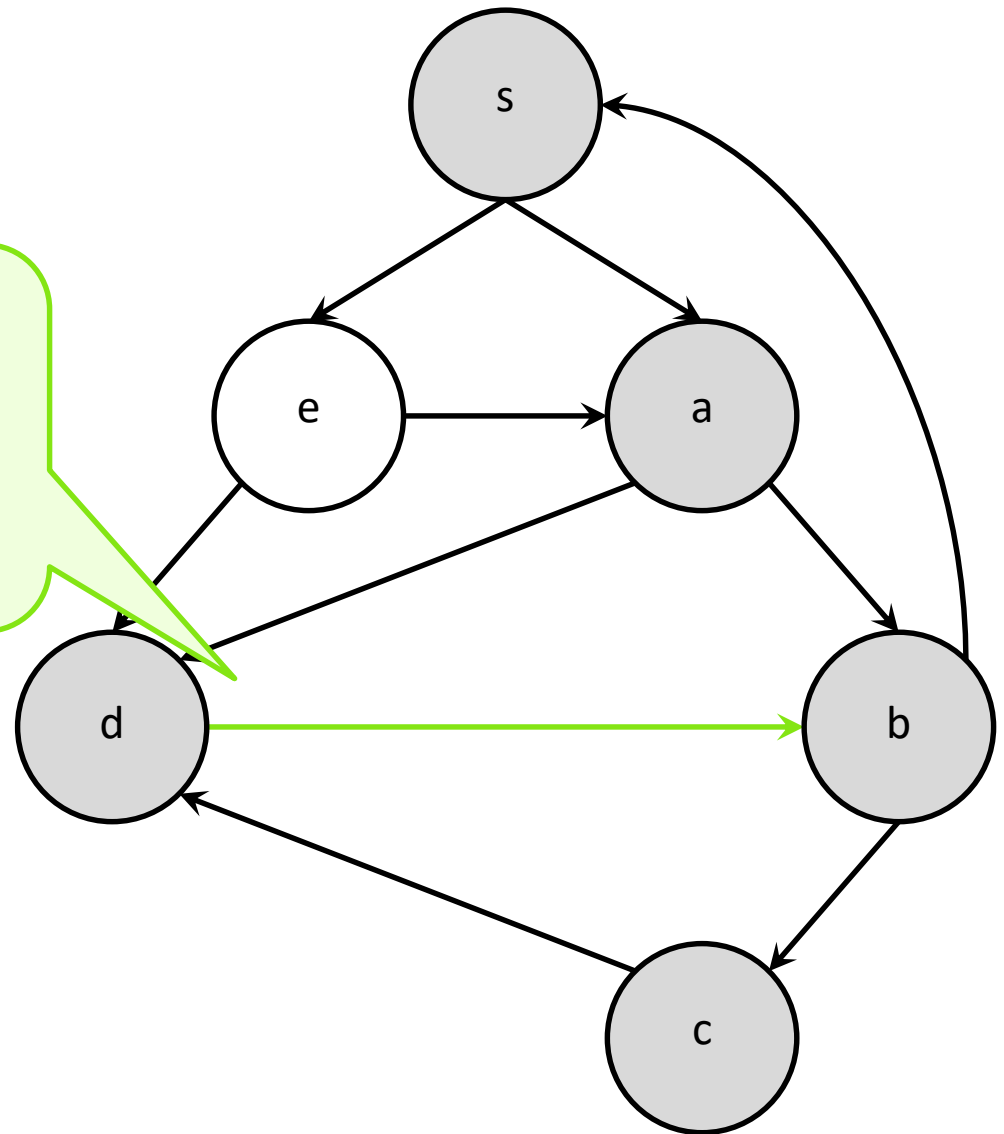
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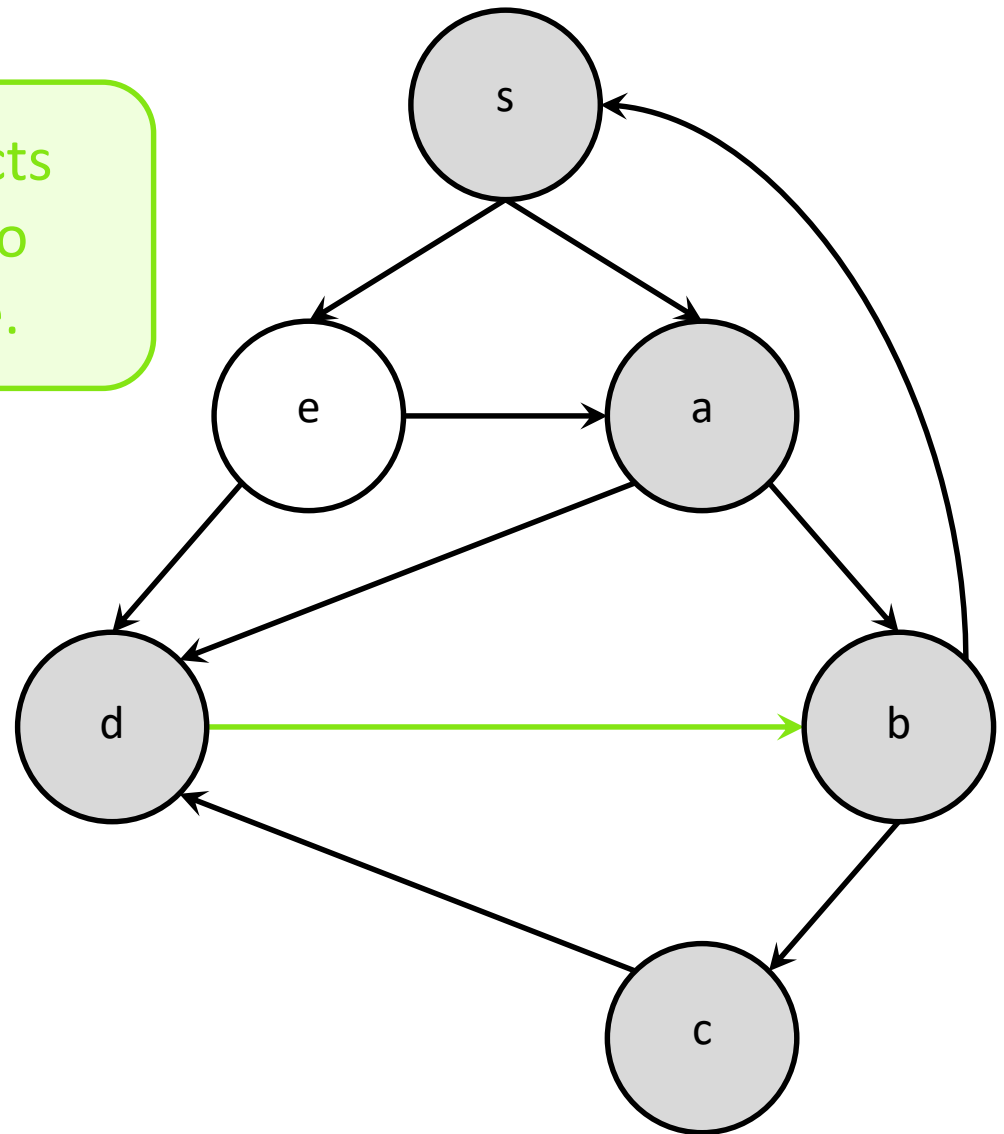
d



This is a *back edge*.
We don't follow it
because the grey node **b**
is on the stack.



A back edge connects from a grey node to another grey node.



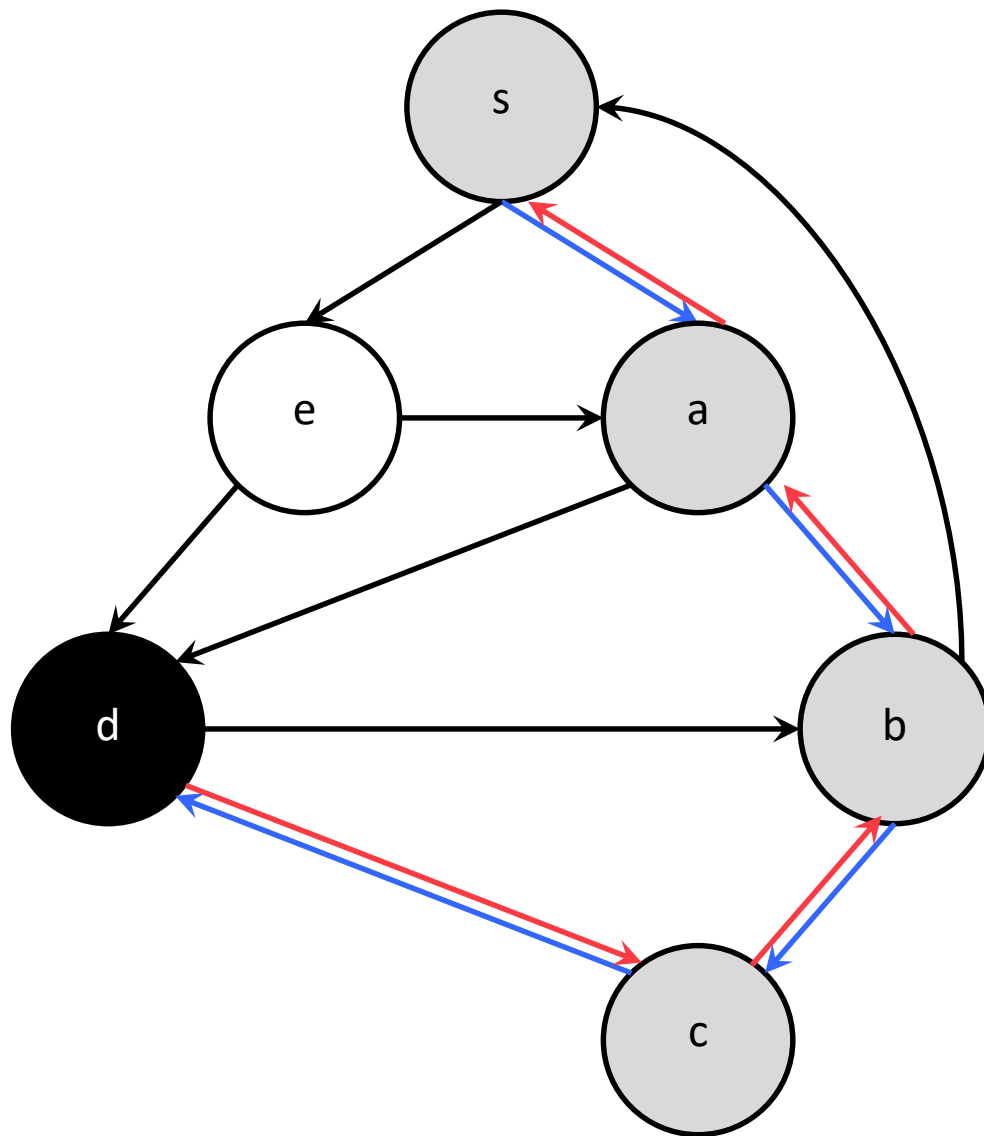
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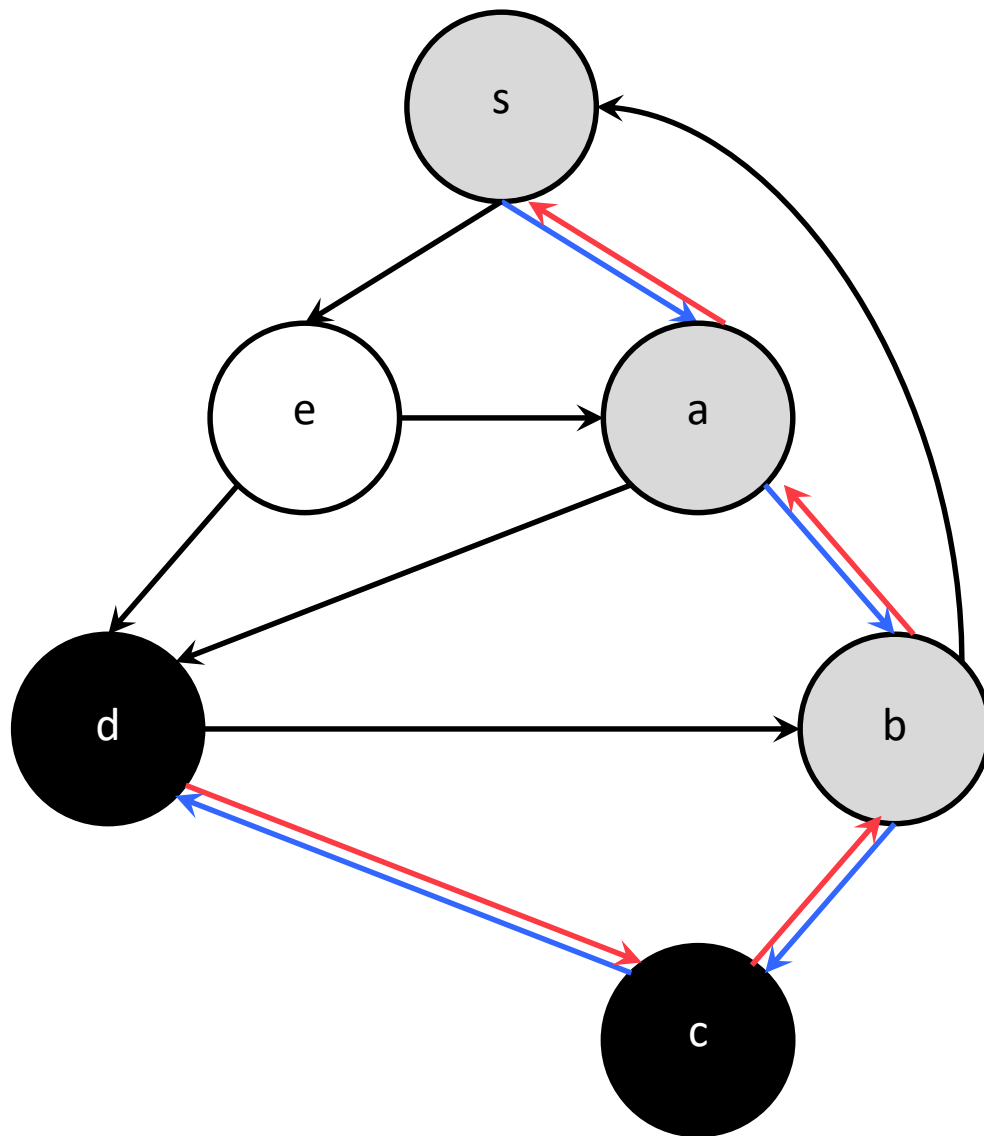
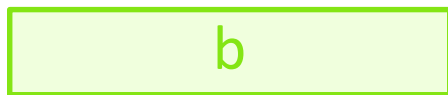
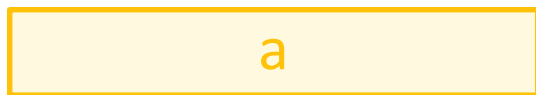
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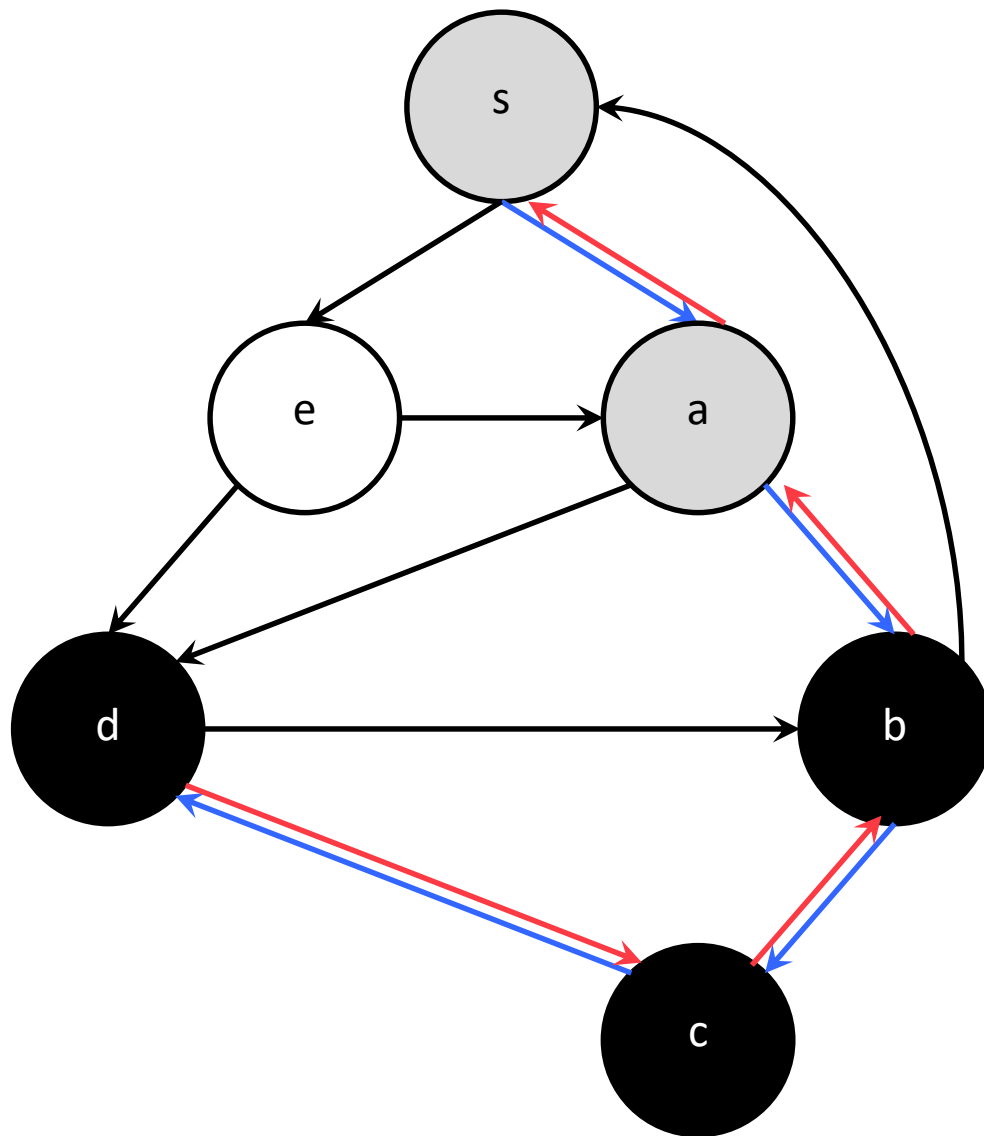
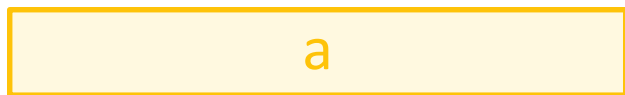
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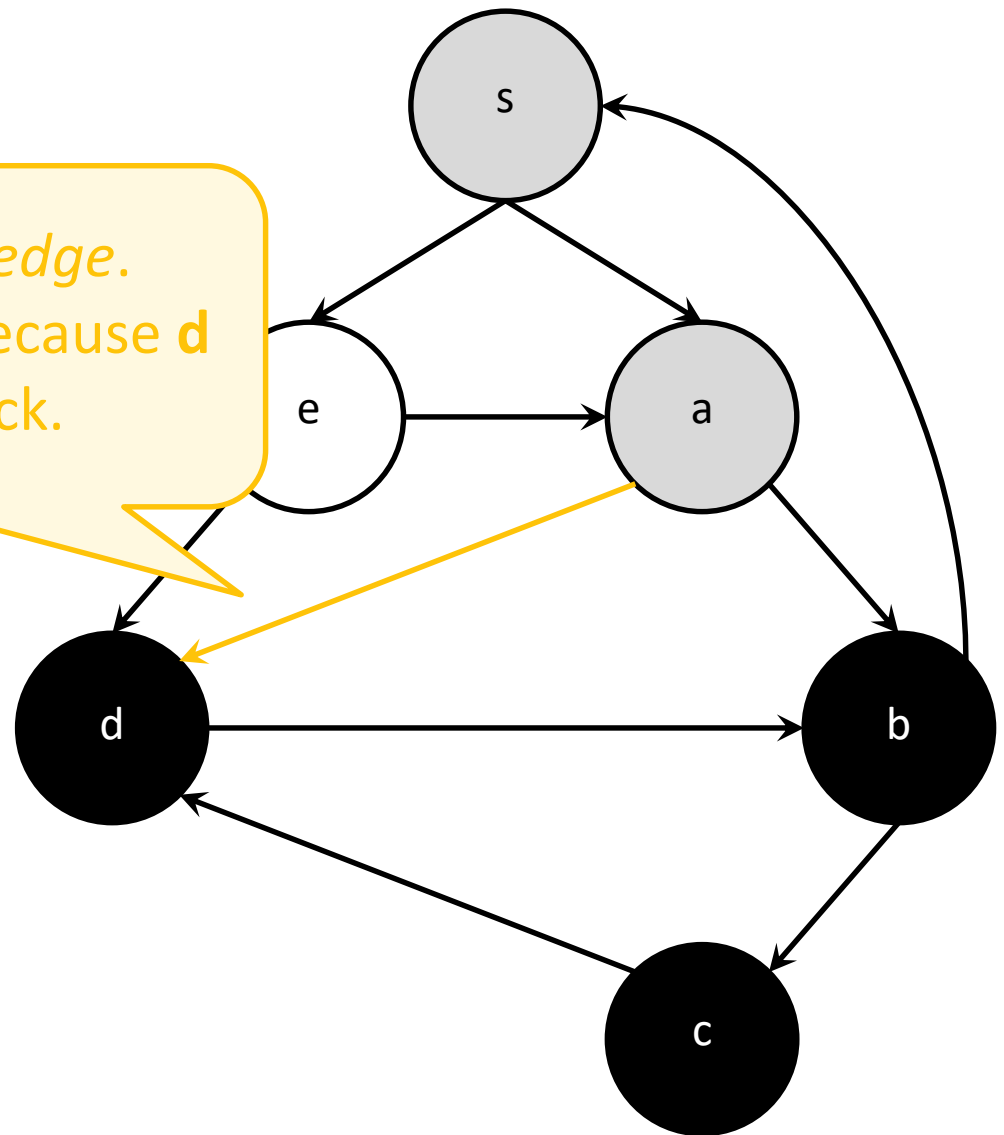
d



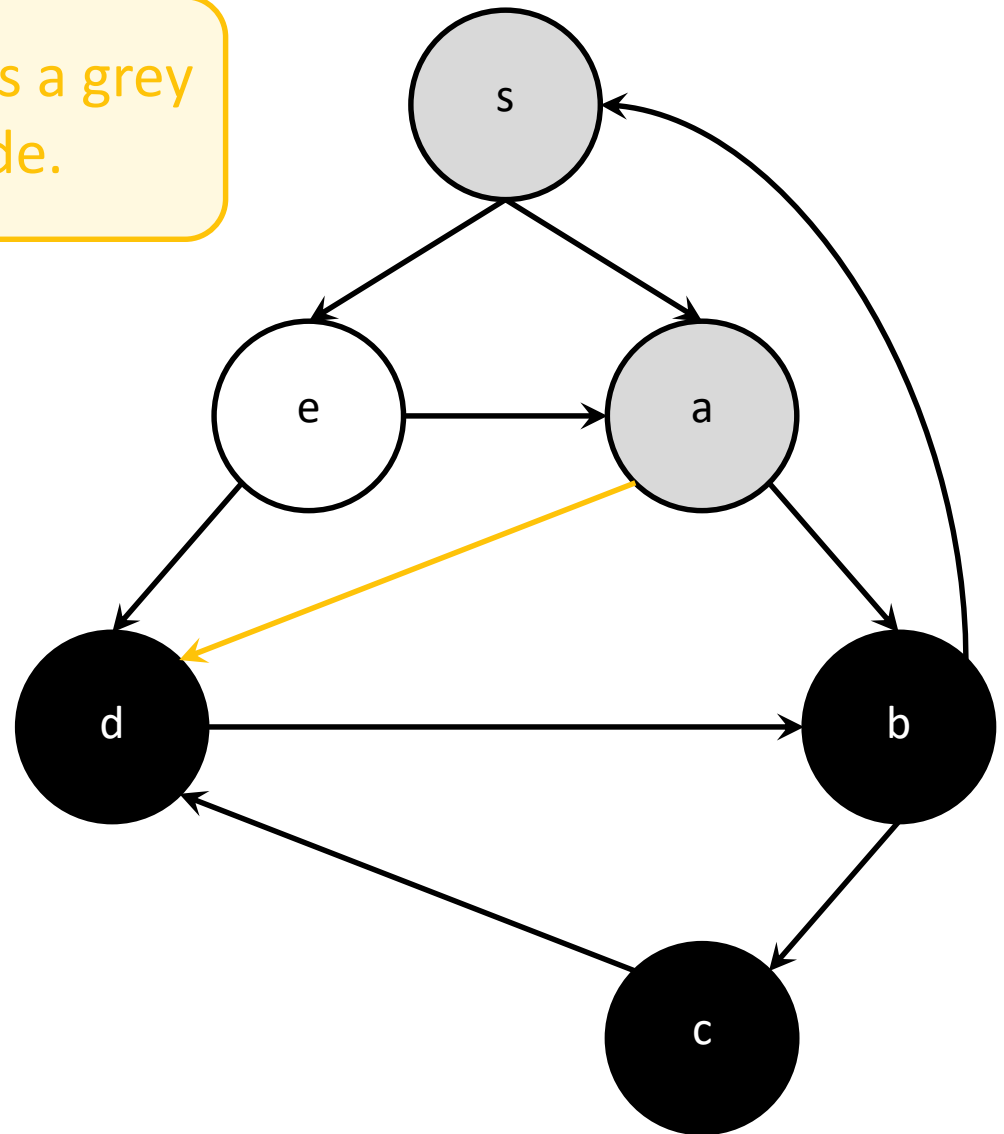


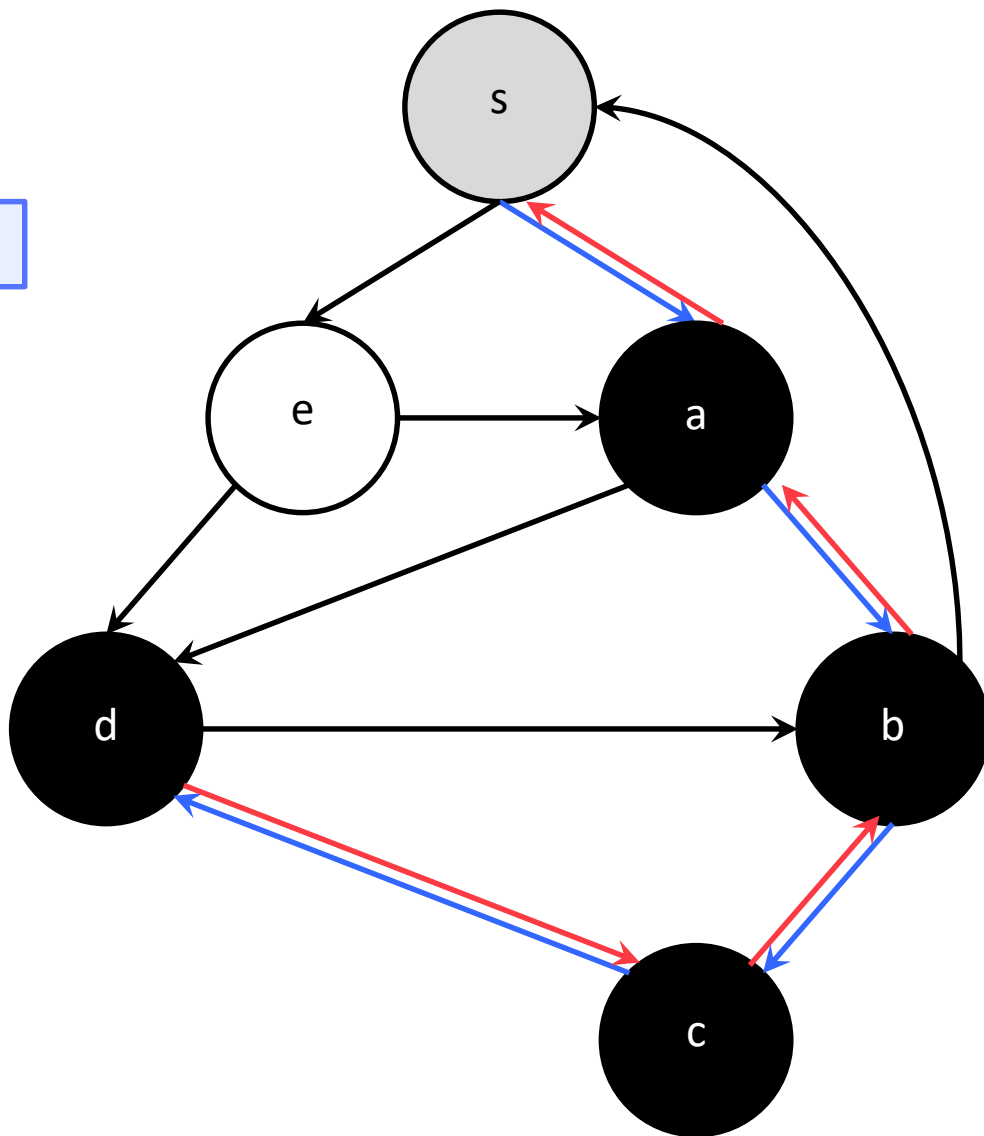
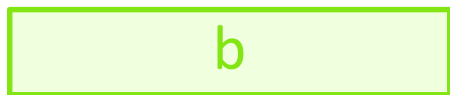


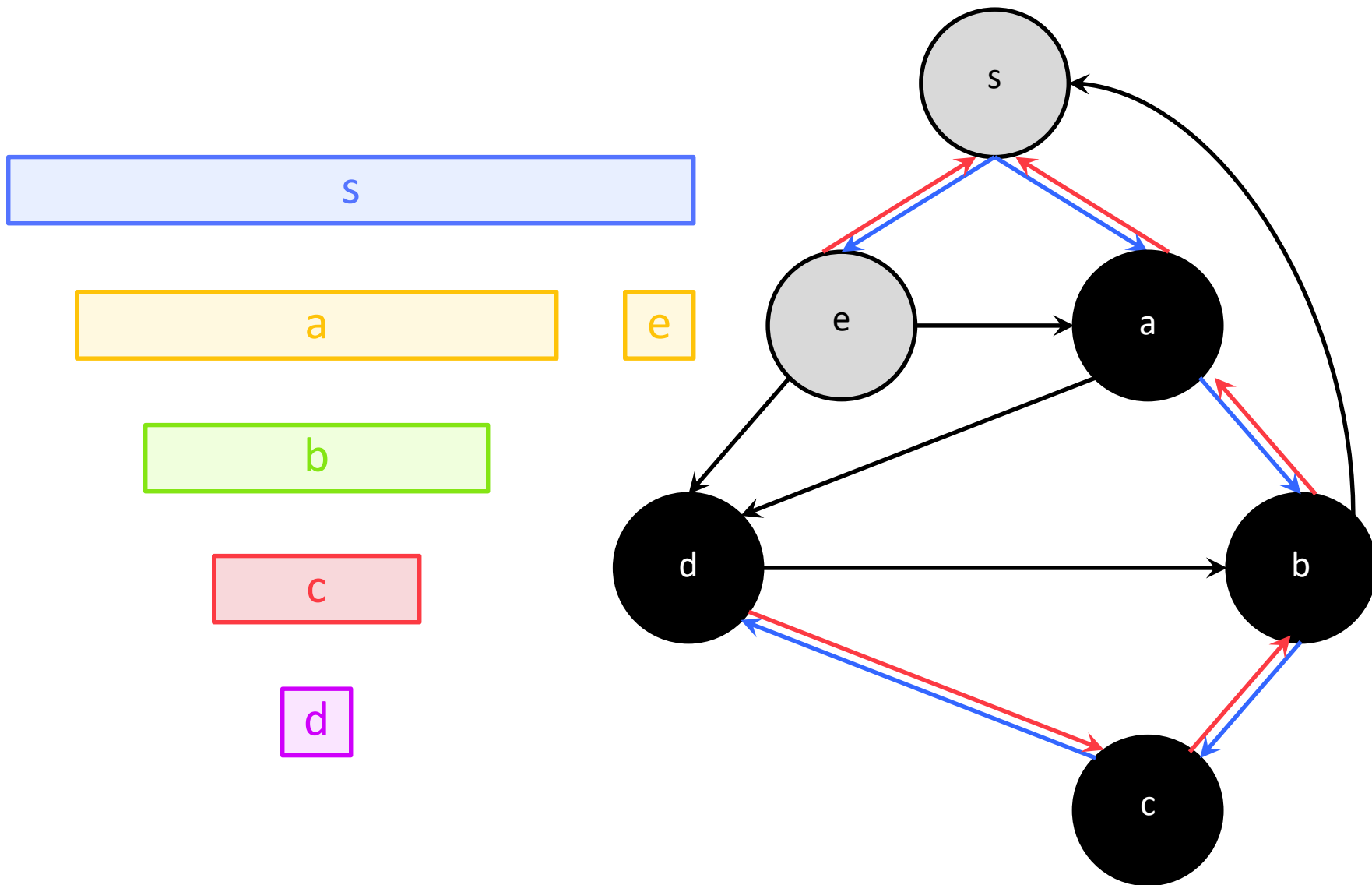
This is a *forward edge*.
We don't follow it because **d**
is coloured black.



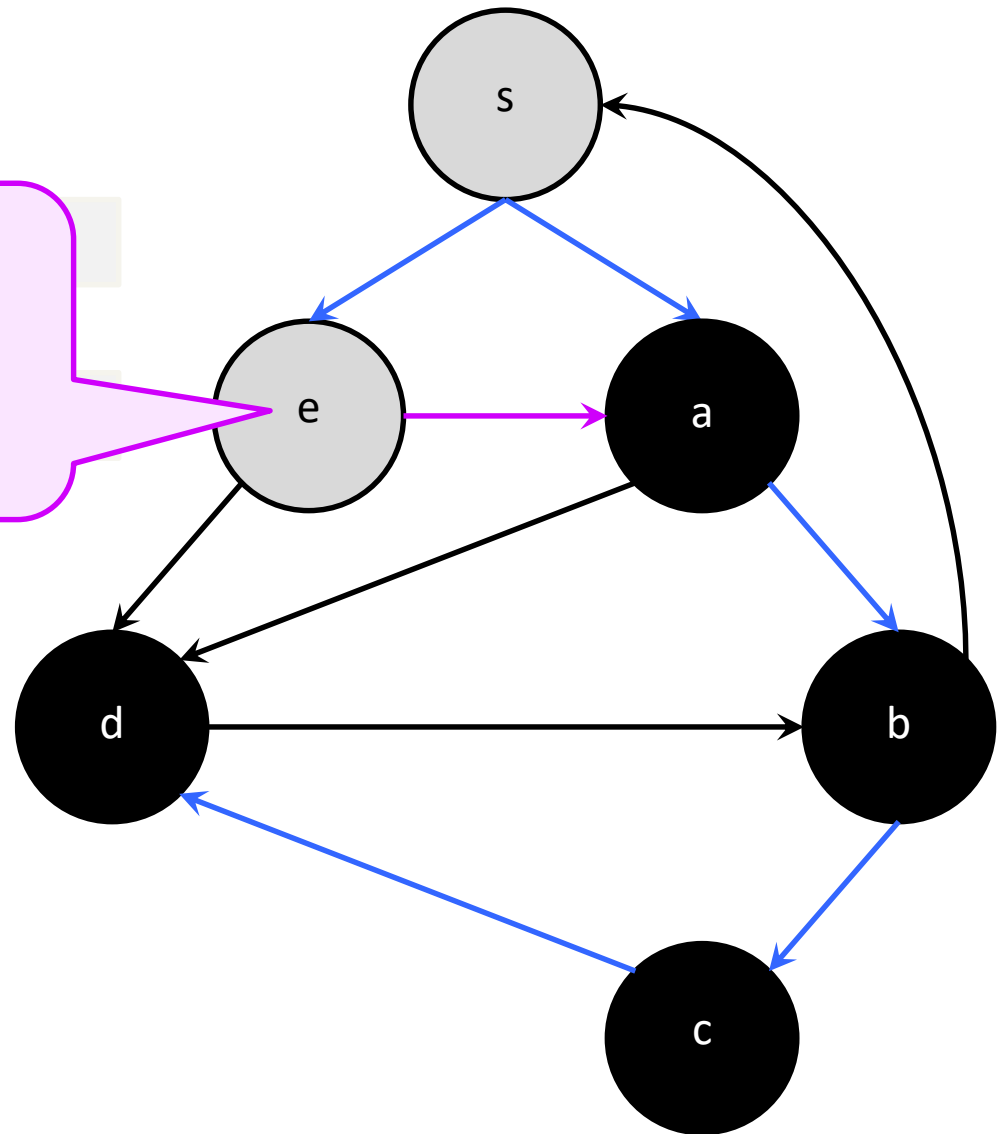
A forward edge connects a grey node to a black node.



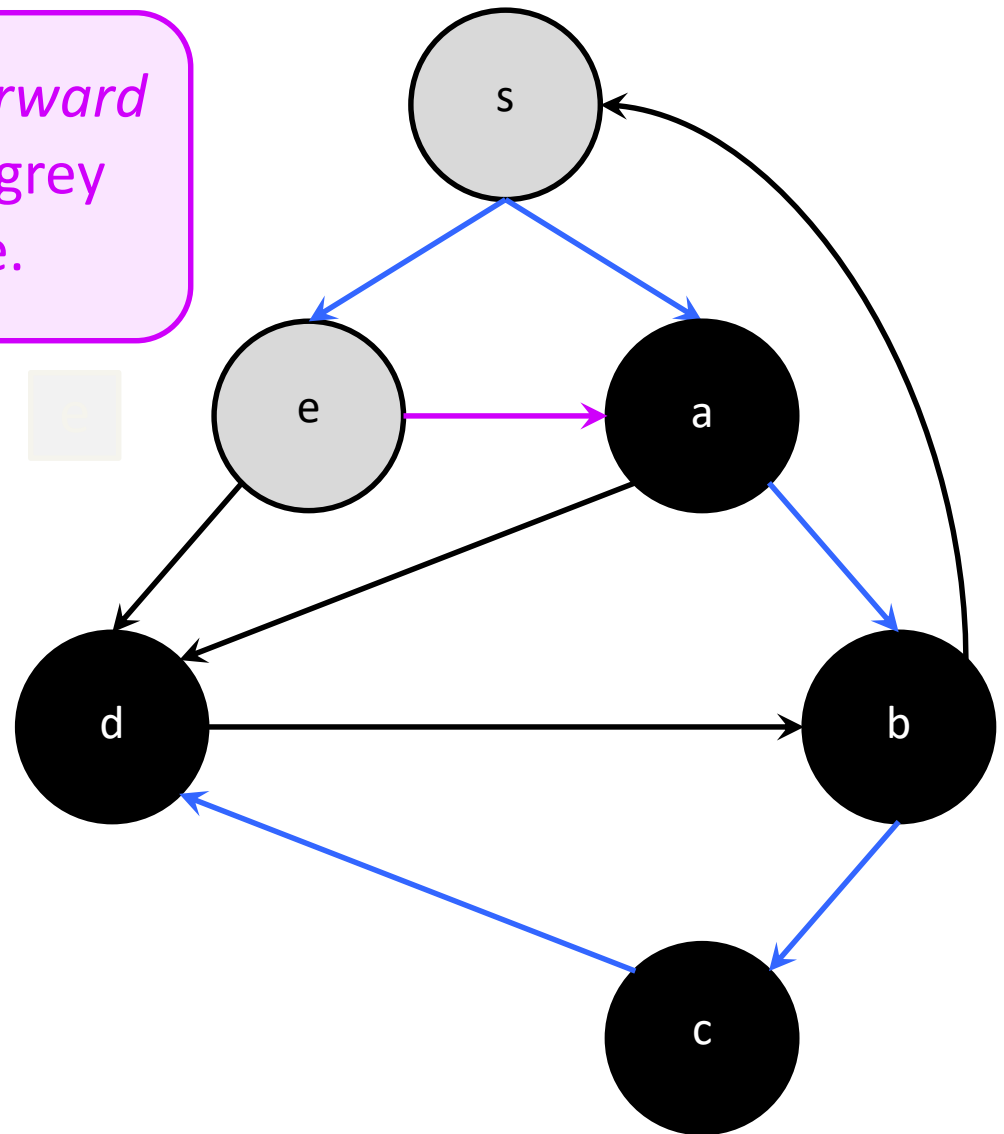


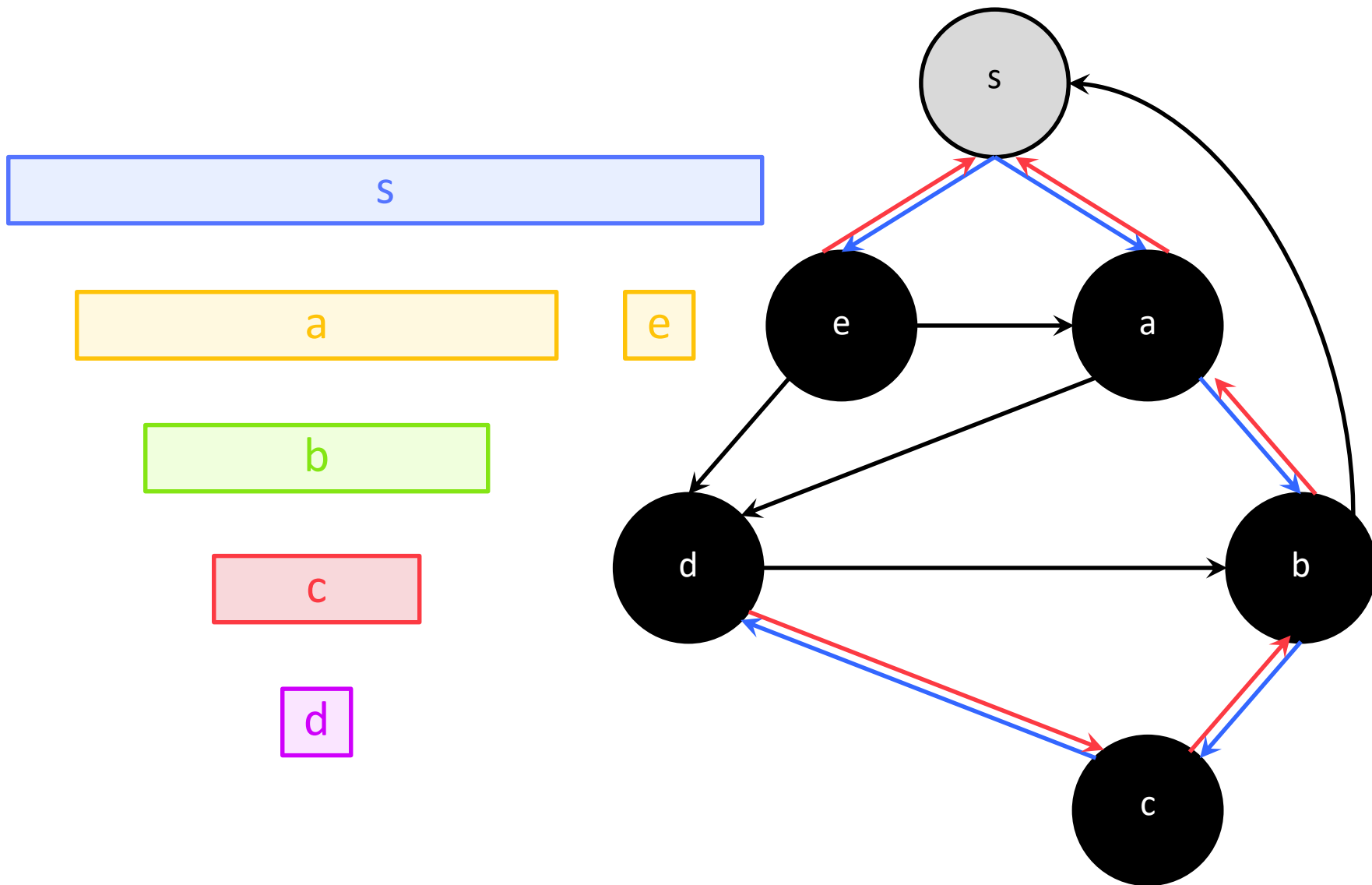


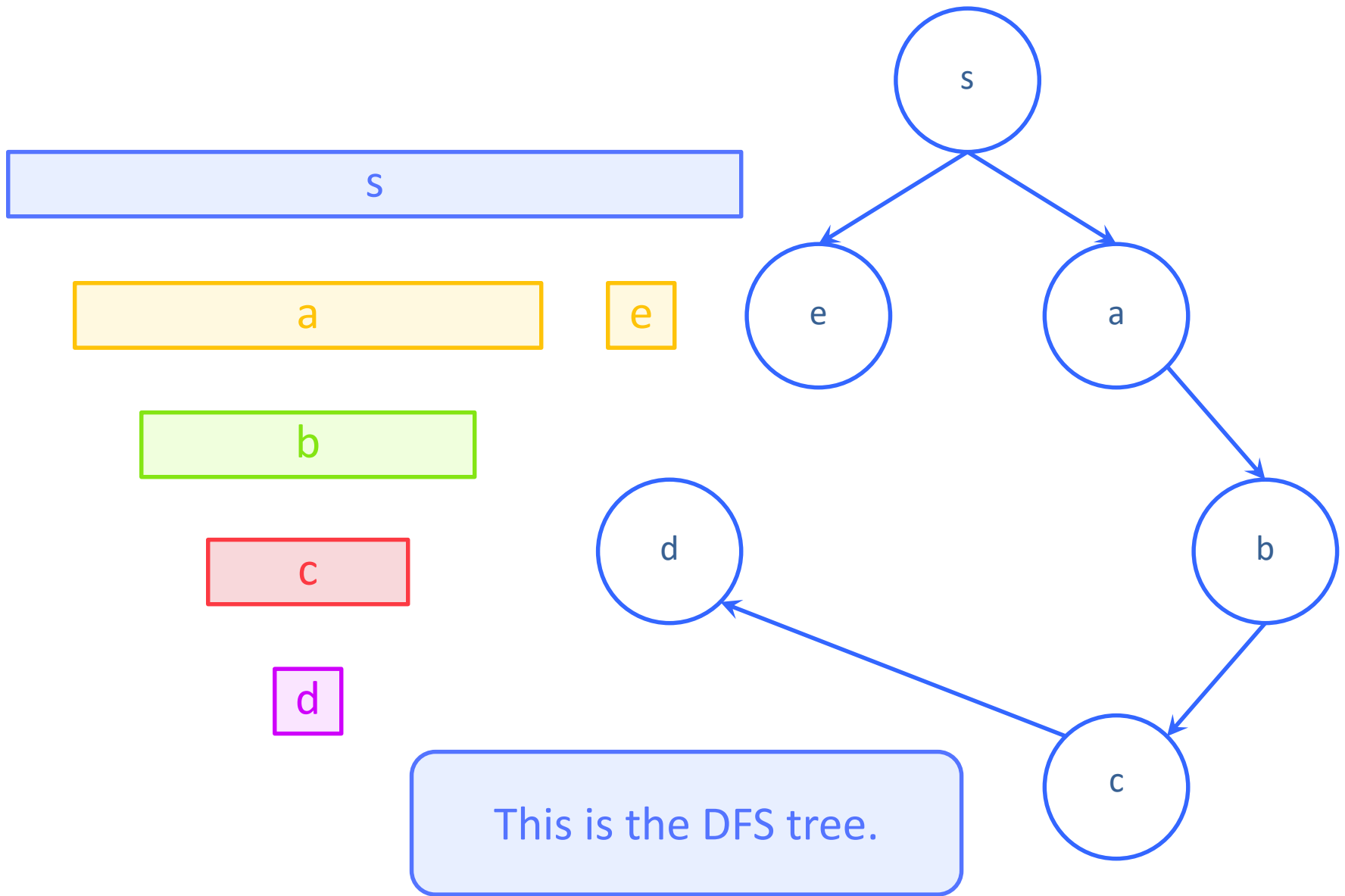
This is a *cross edge*.
It connects between two
different subtrees.

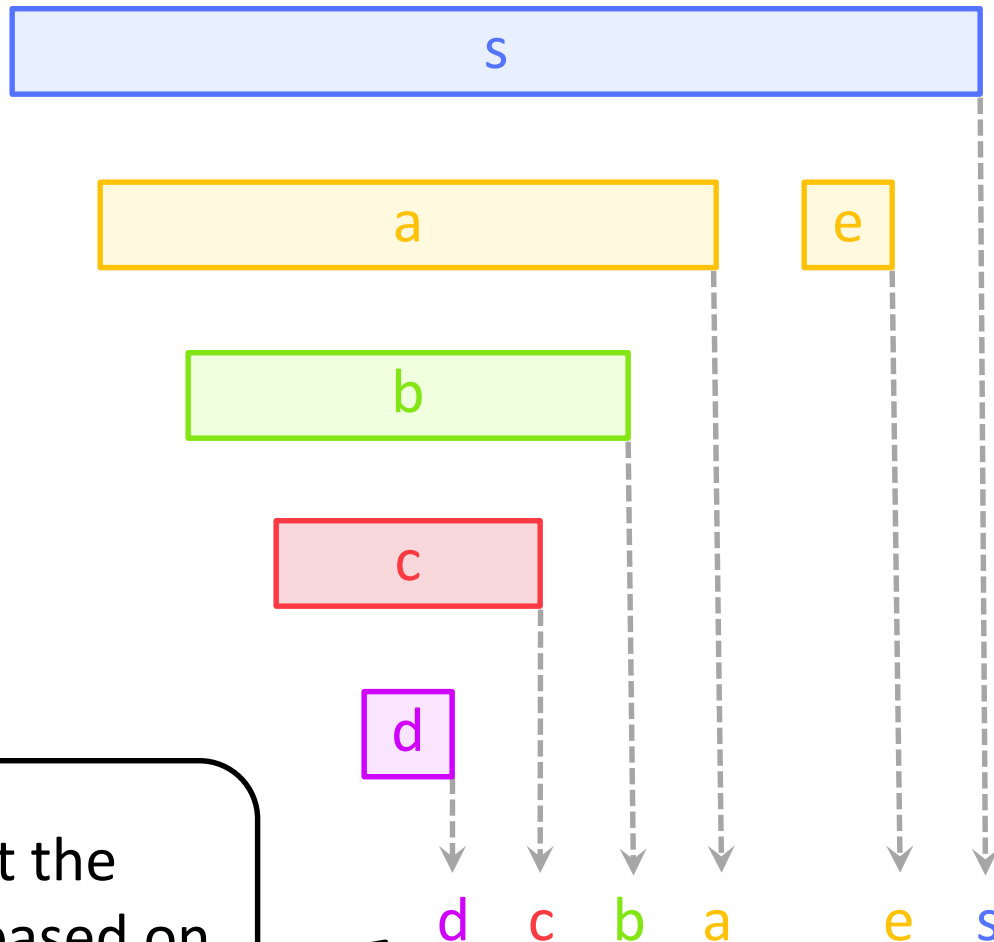


Both *cross edges* and *forward edges* connect from a grey node to a black one.







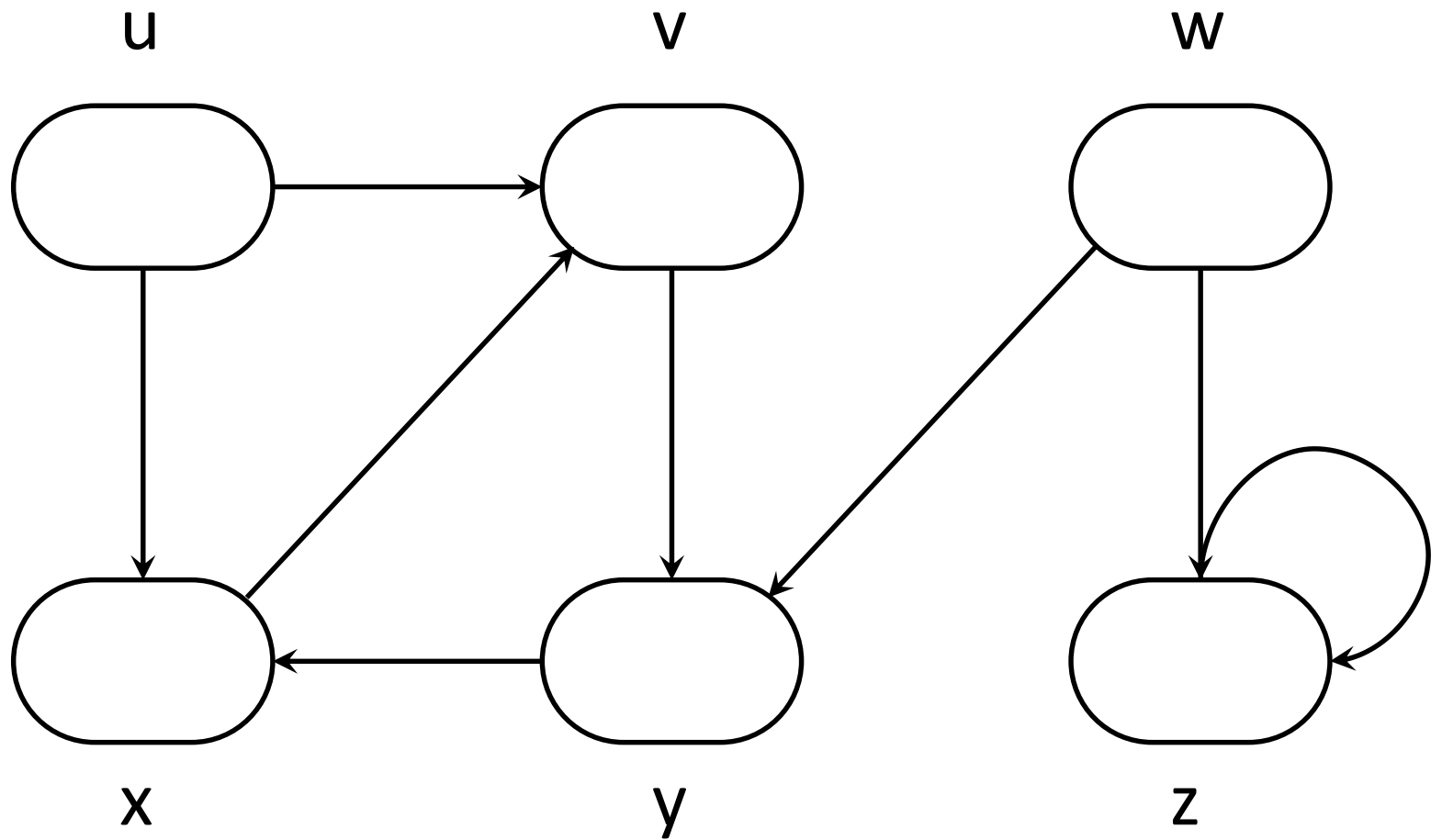


We sort the
elements based on
their finish times.

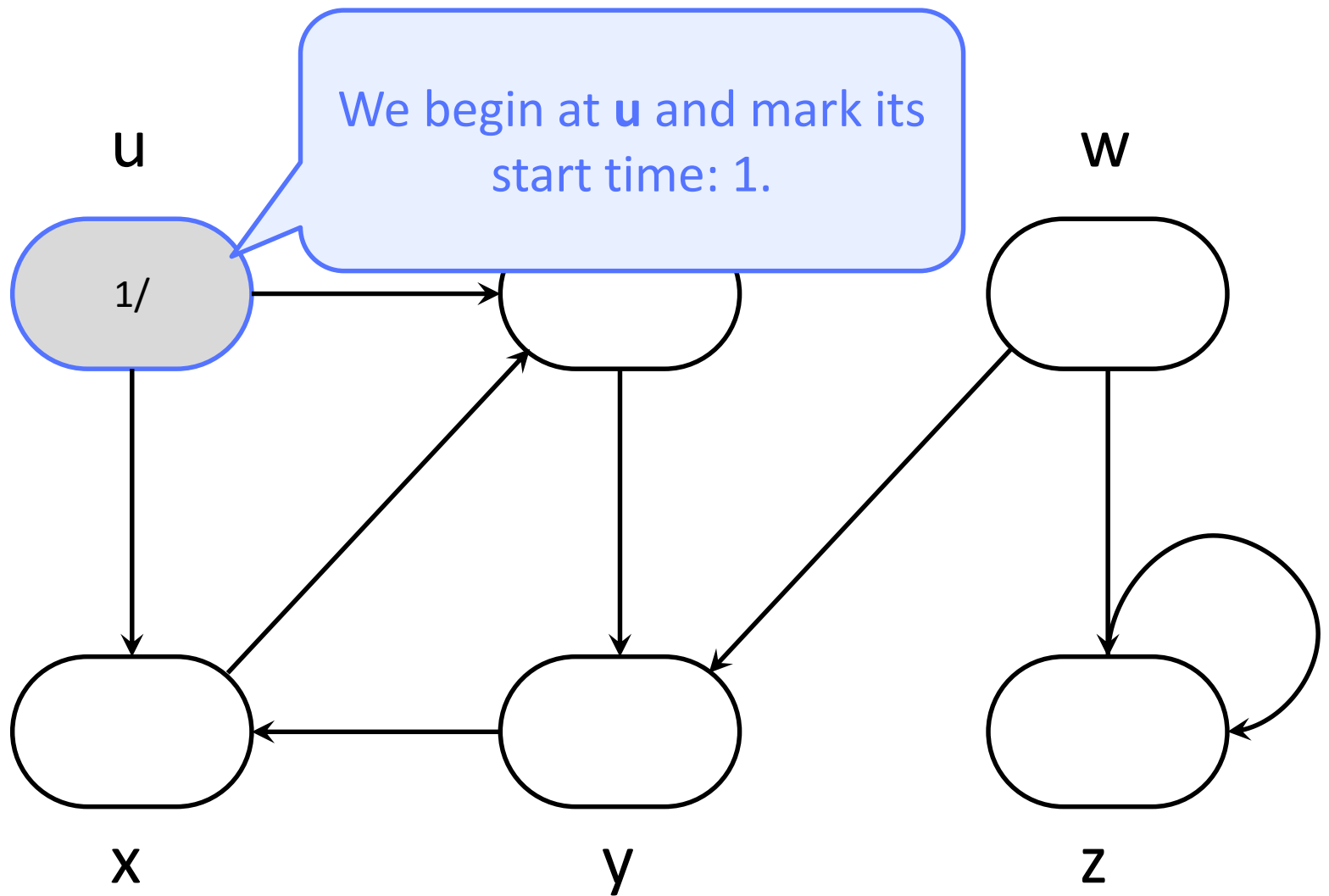
DFS

example

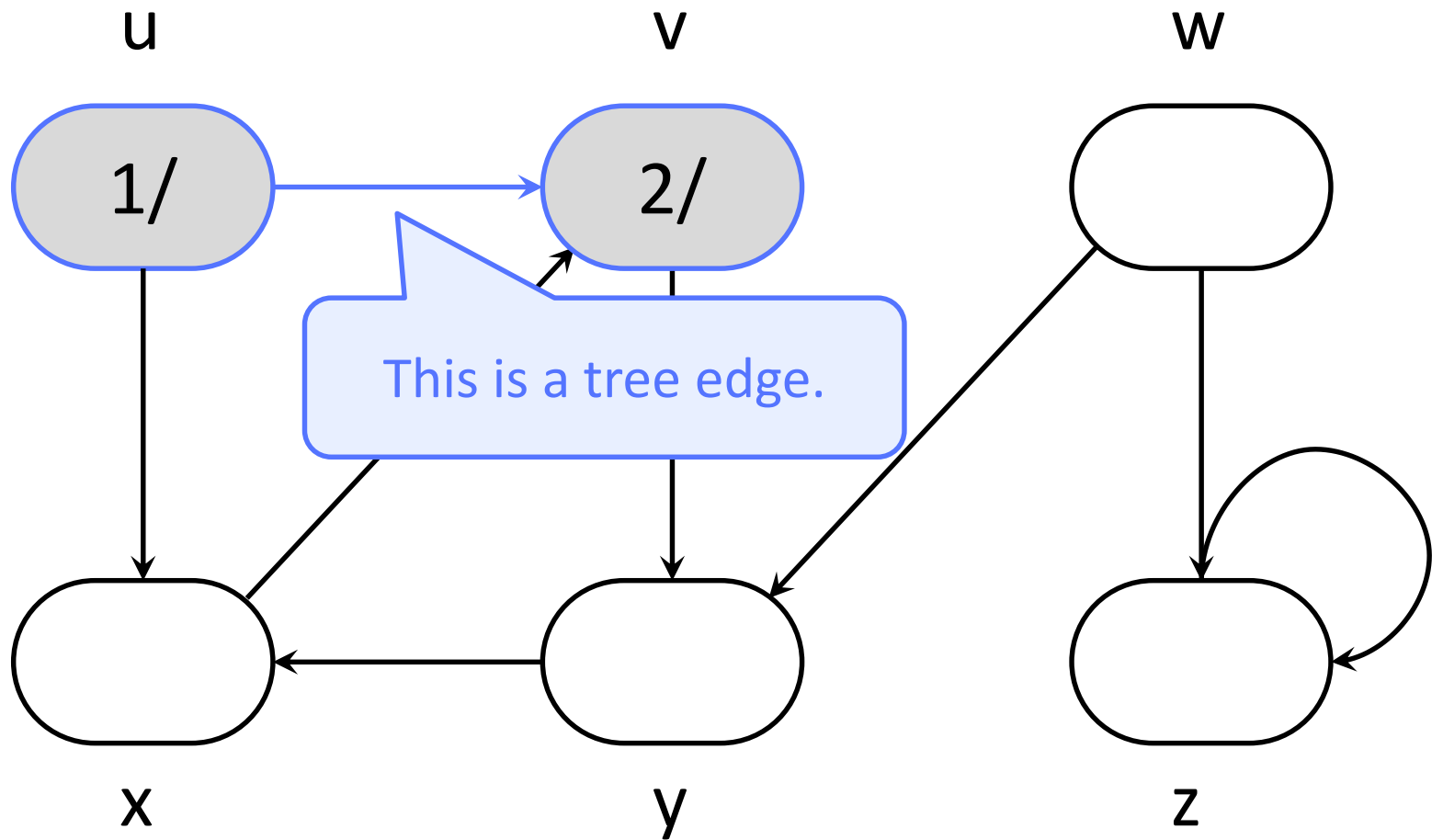
- Start / end times
- Classification of edges



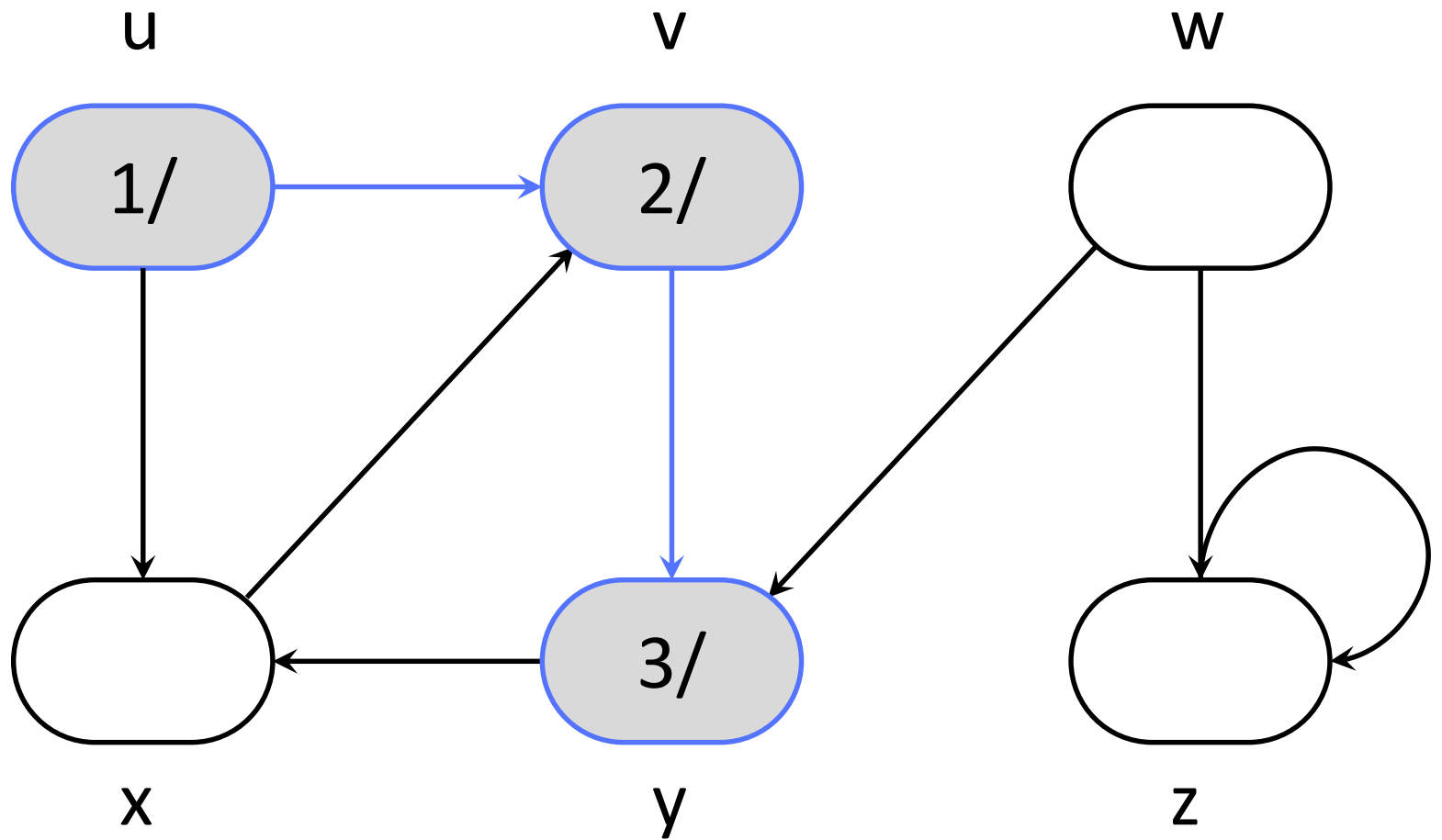
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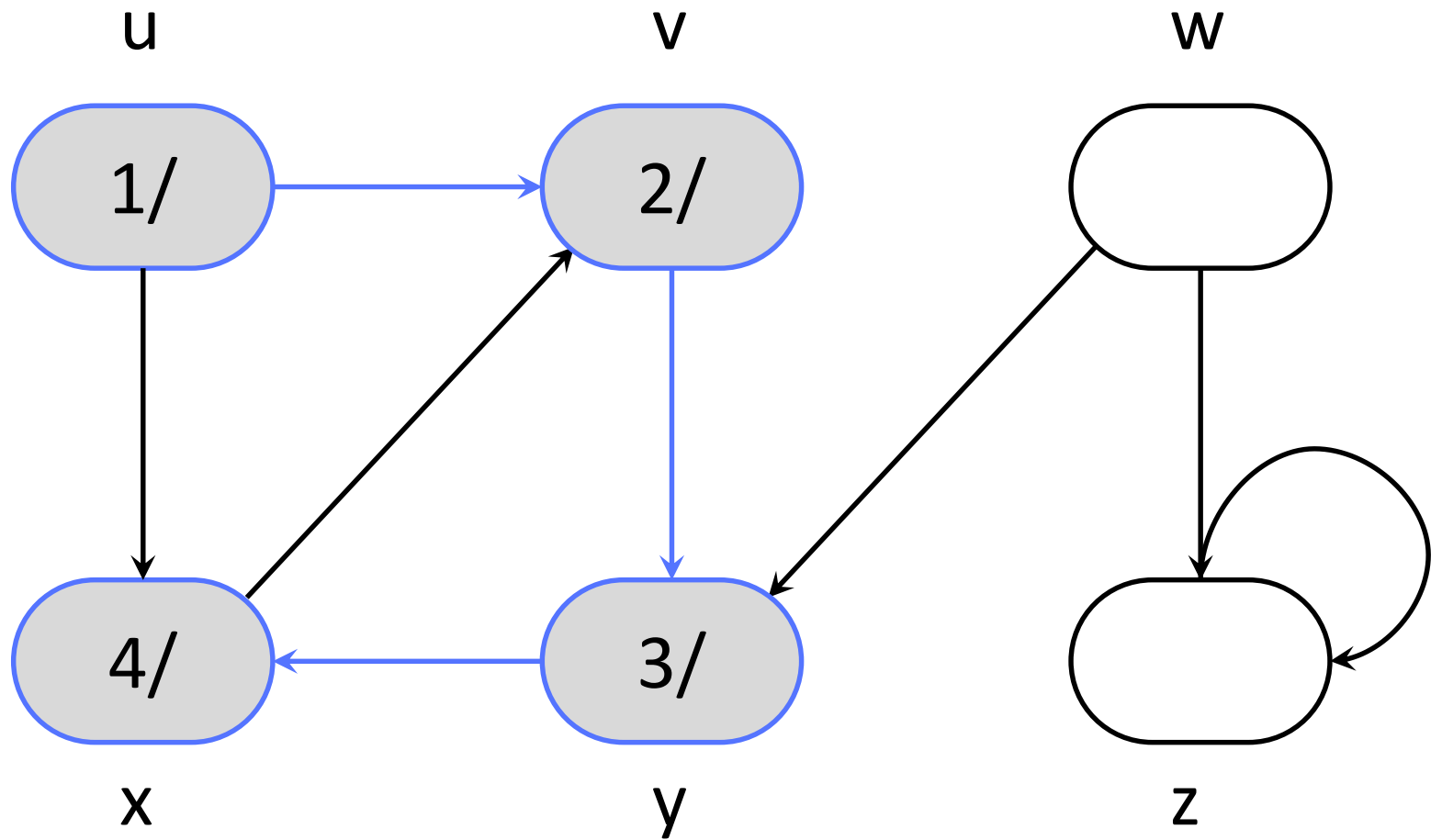
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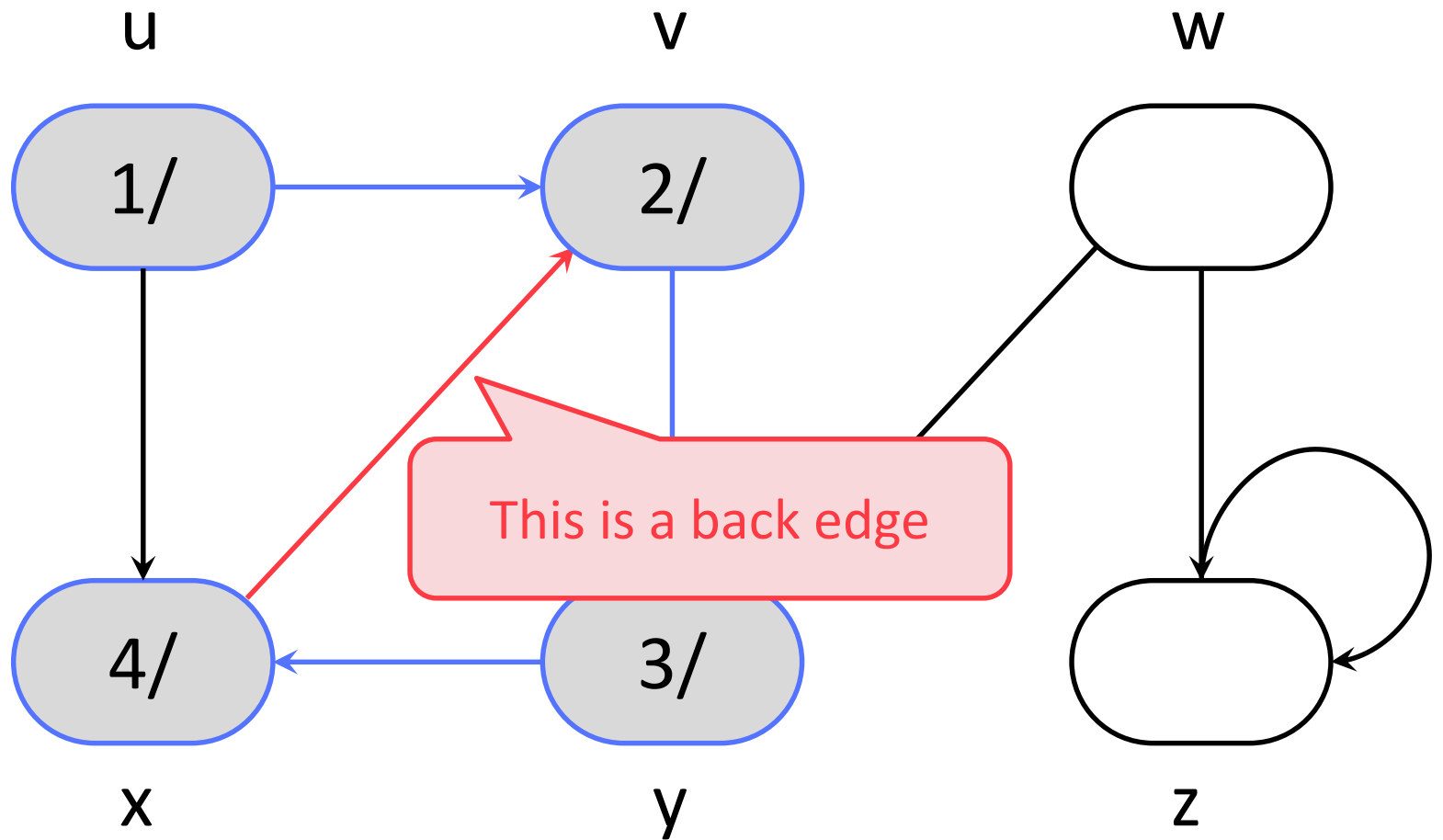
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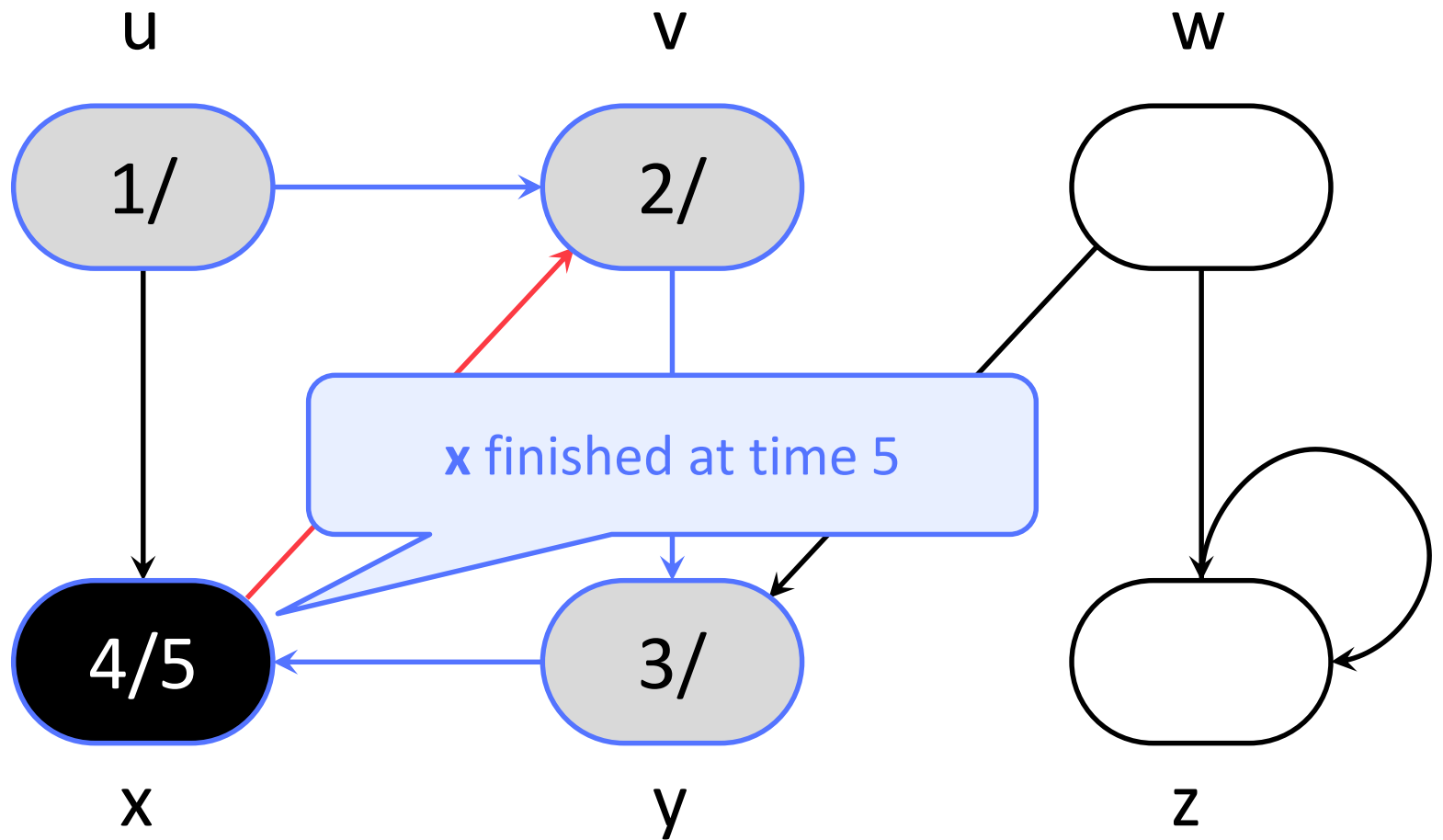
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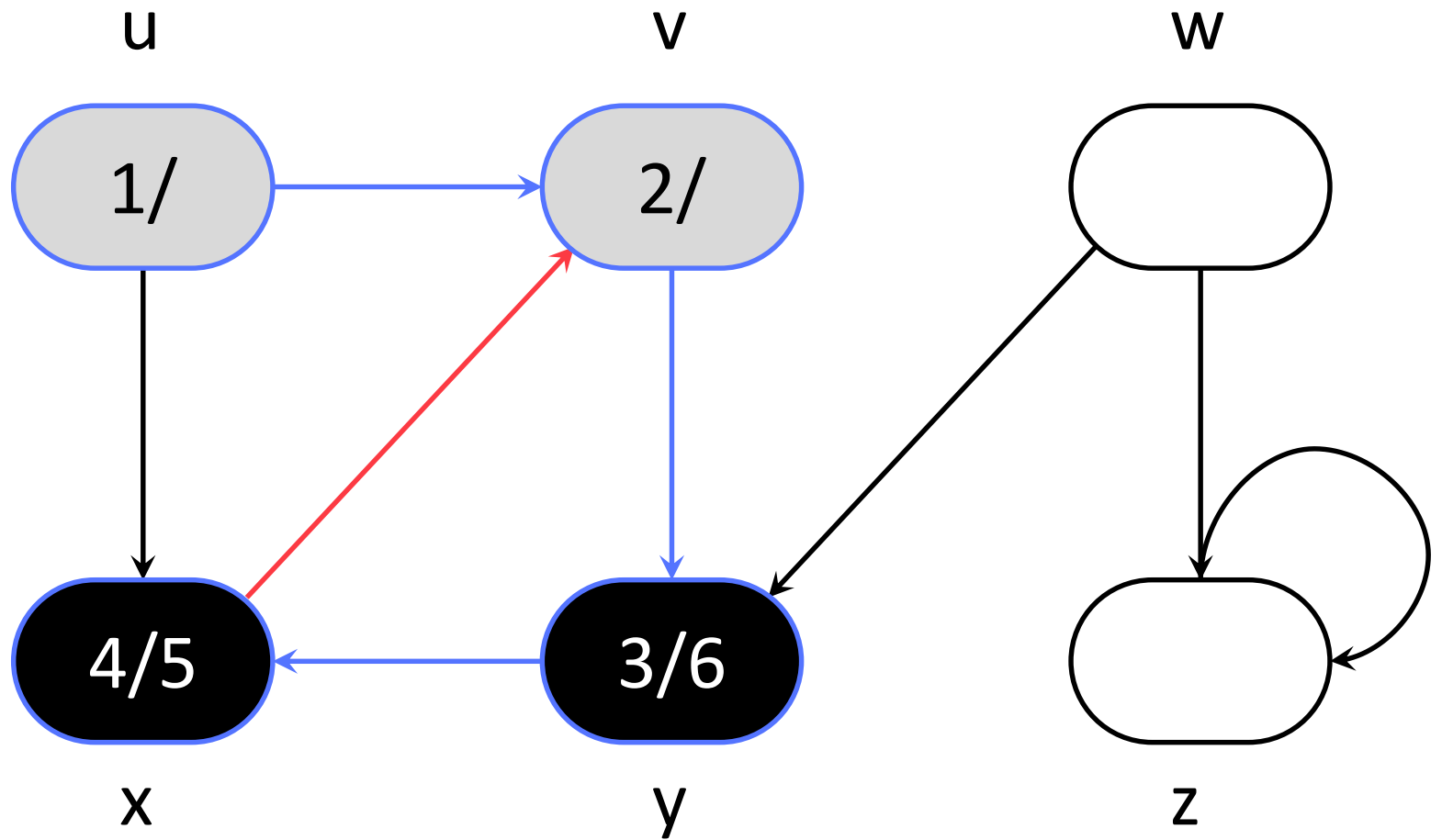
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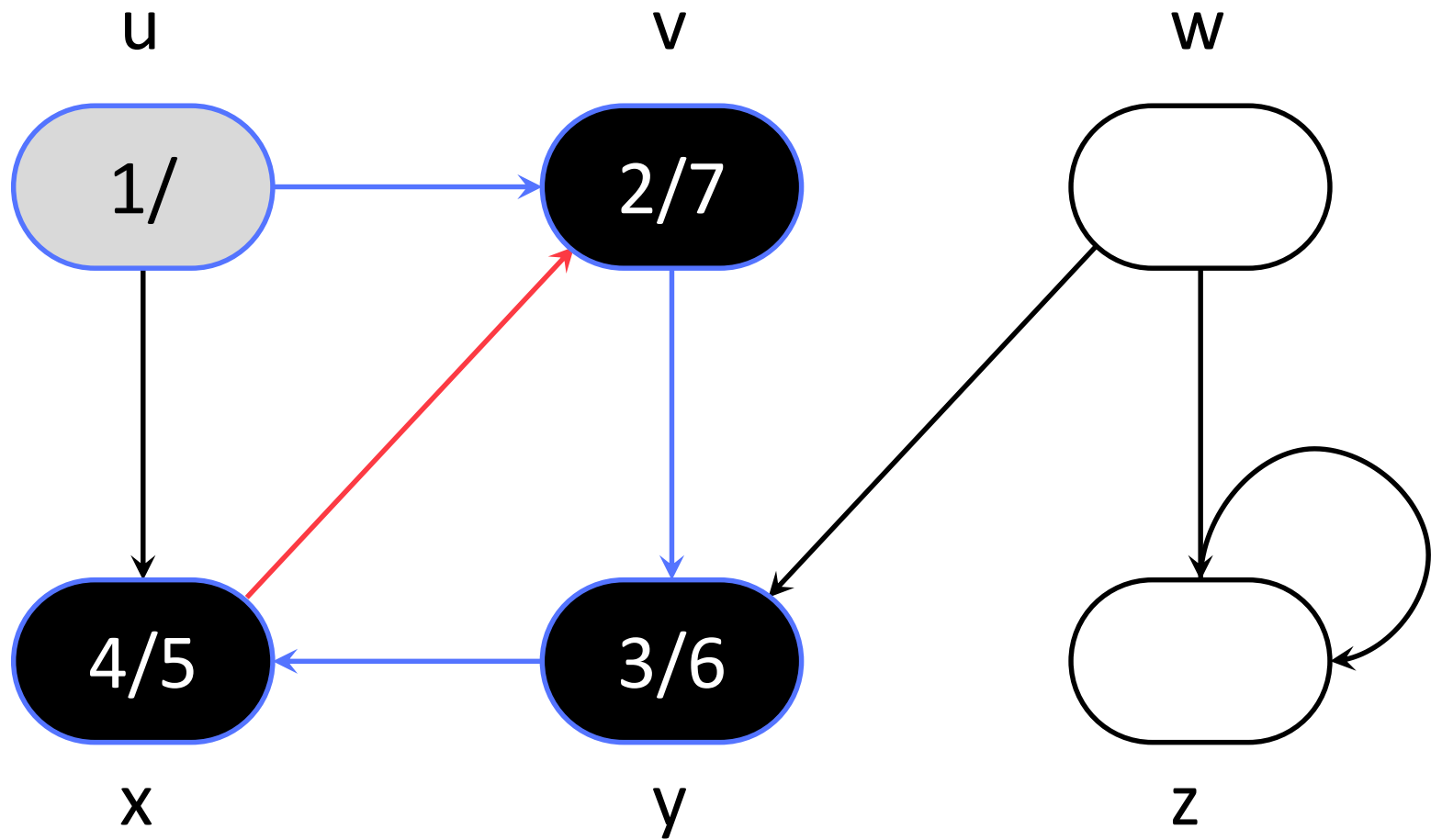
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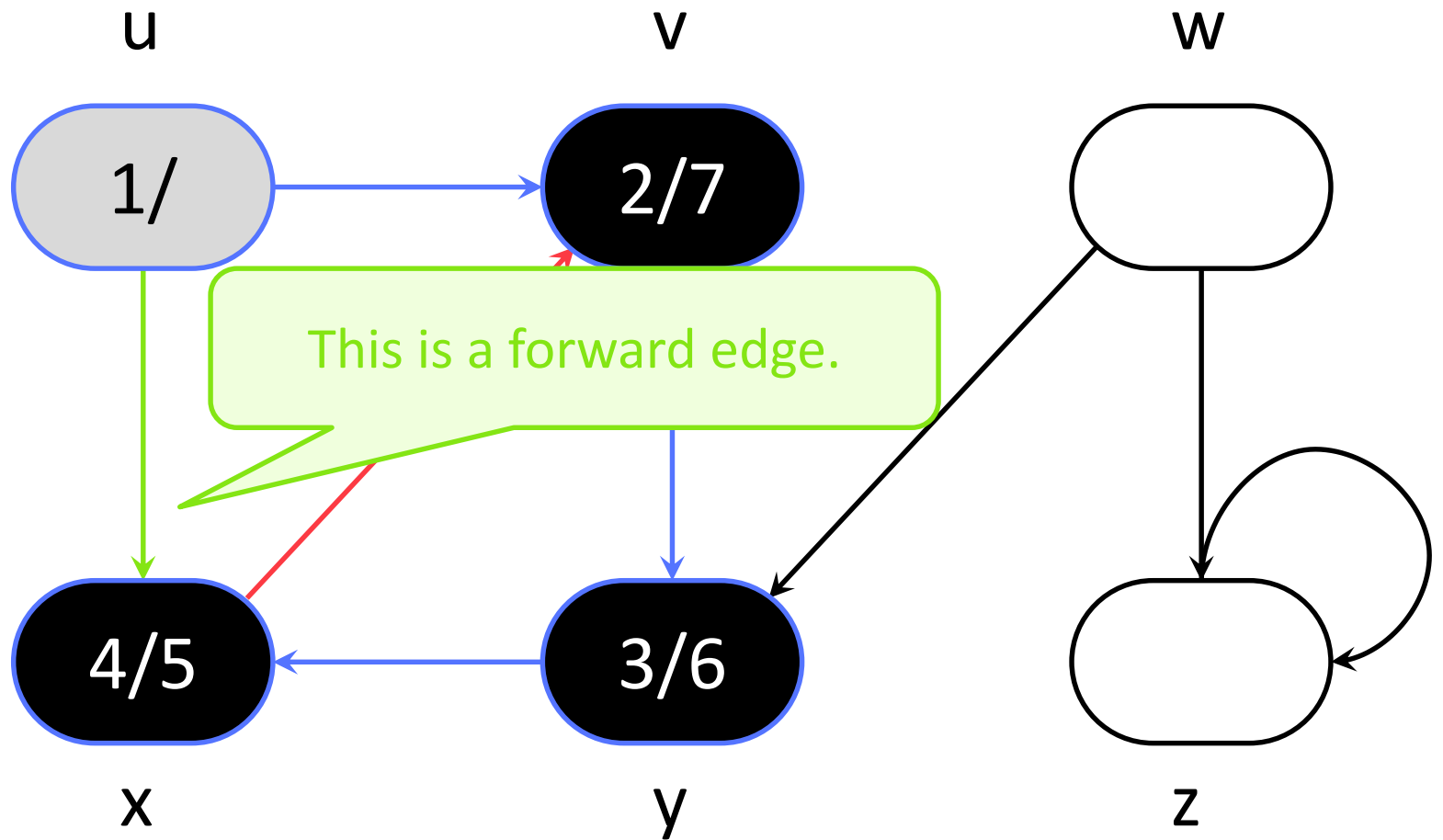
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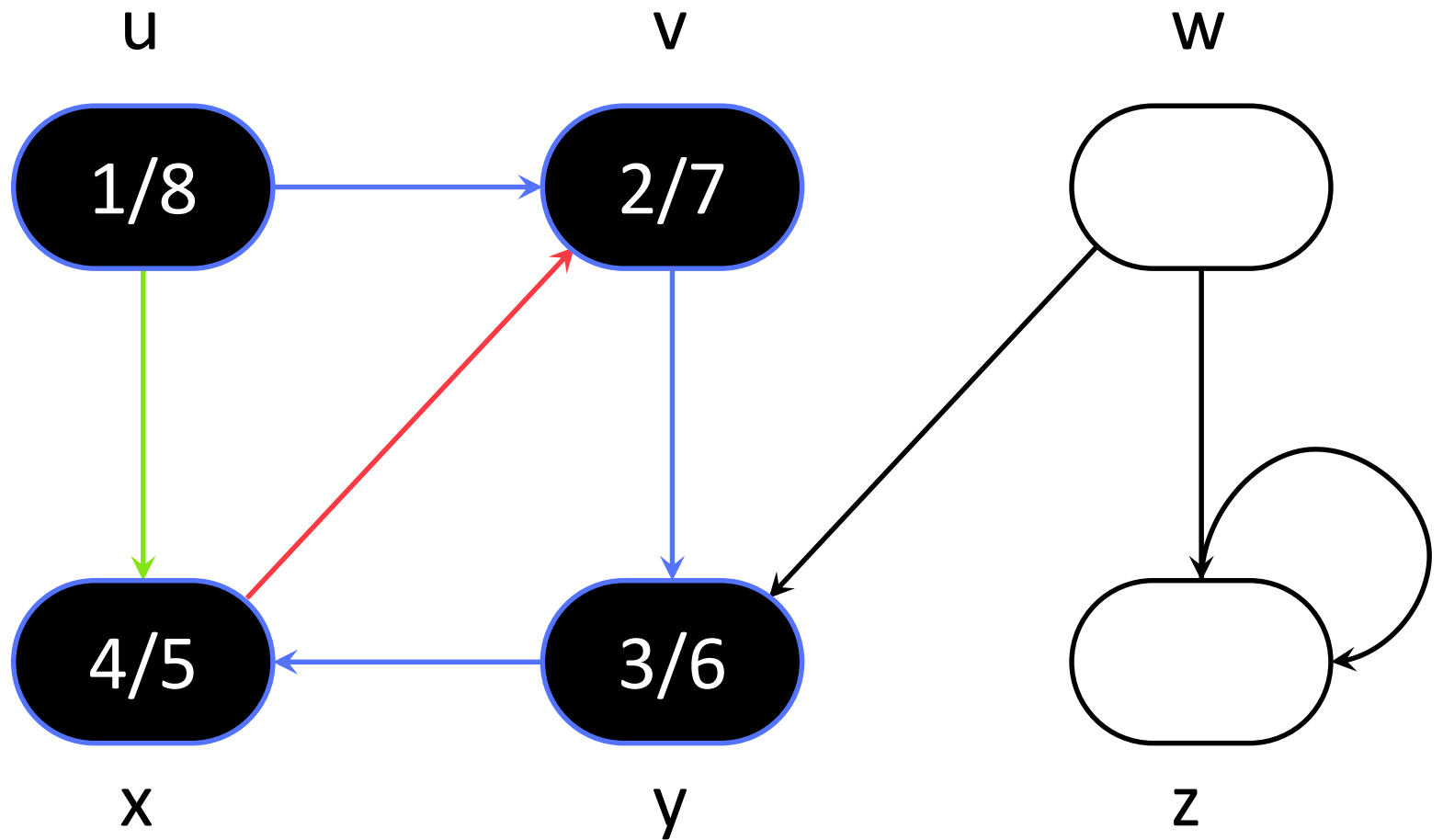
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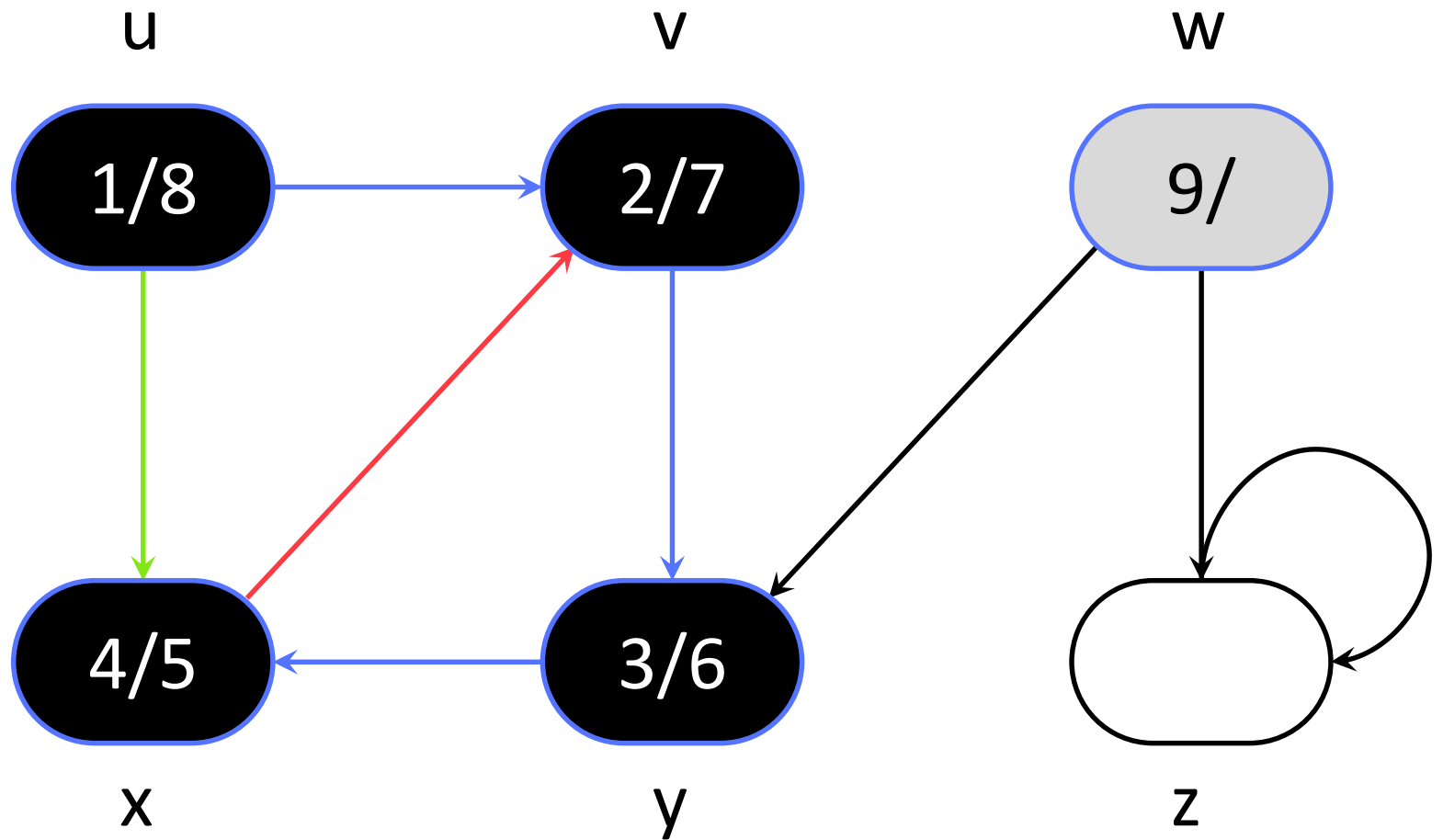
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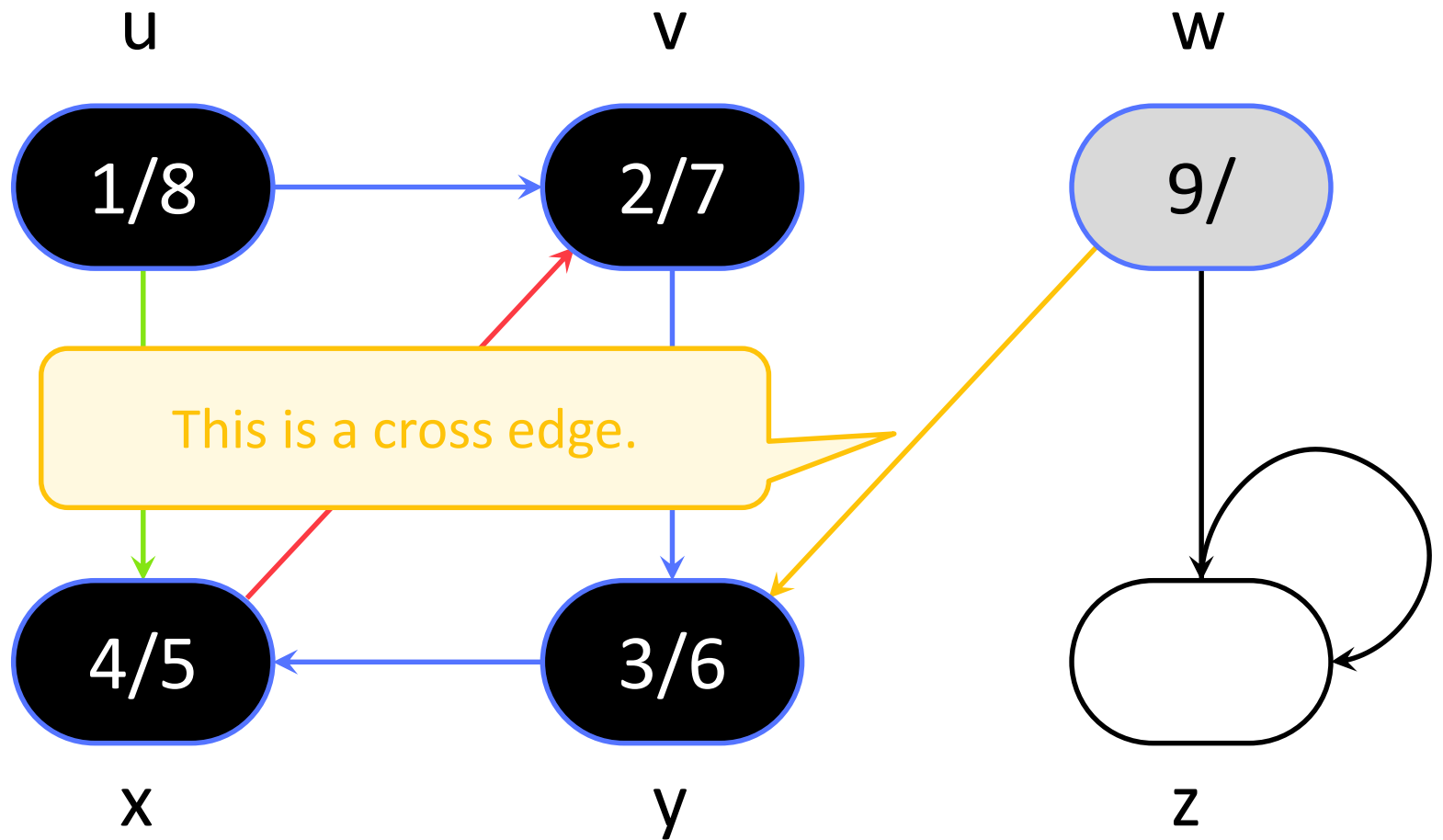
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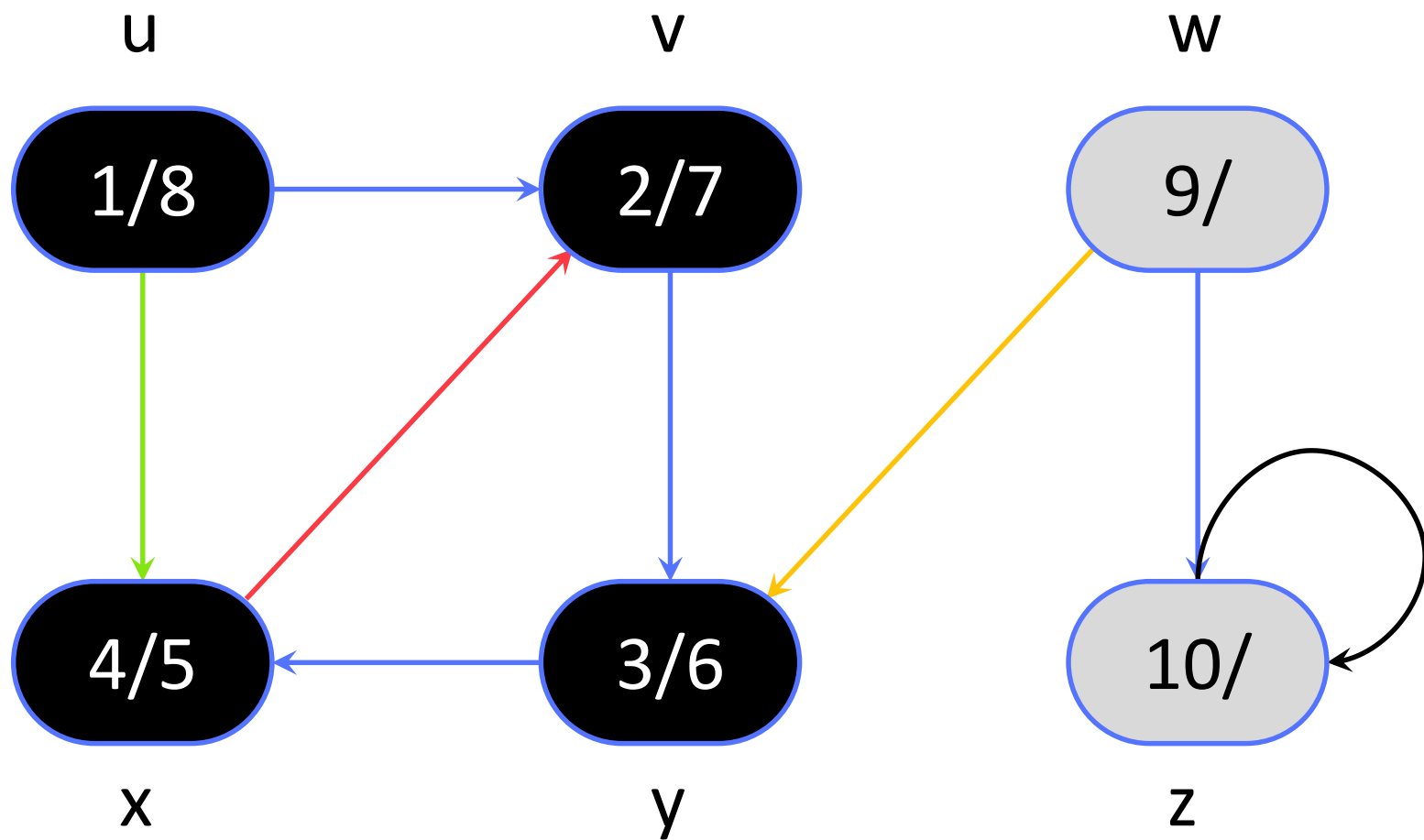
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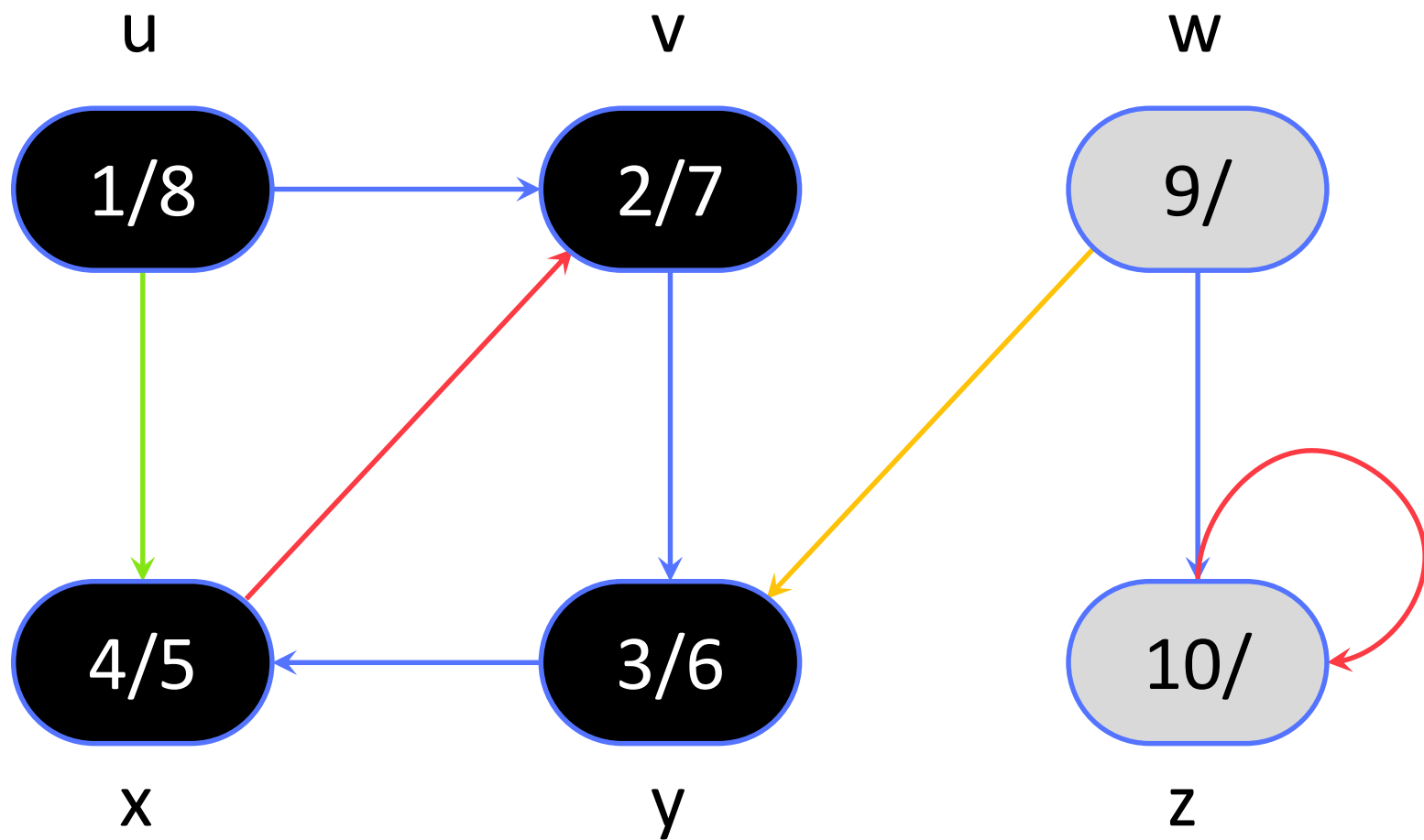
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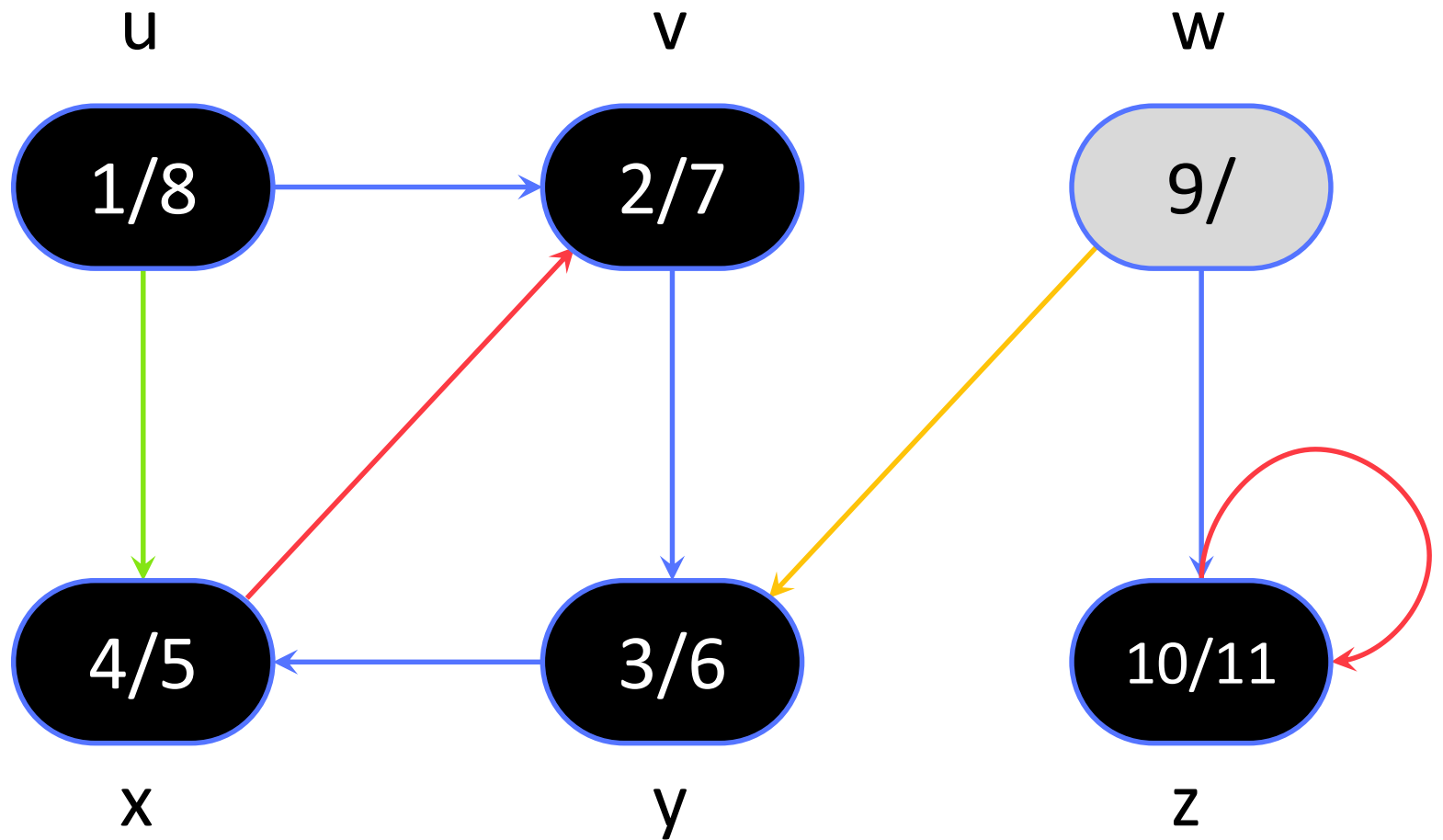
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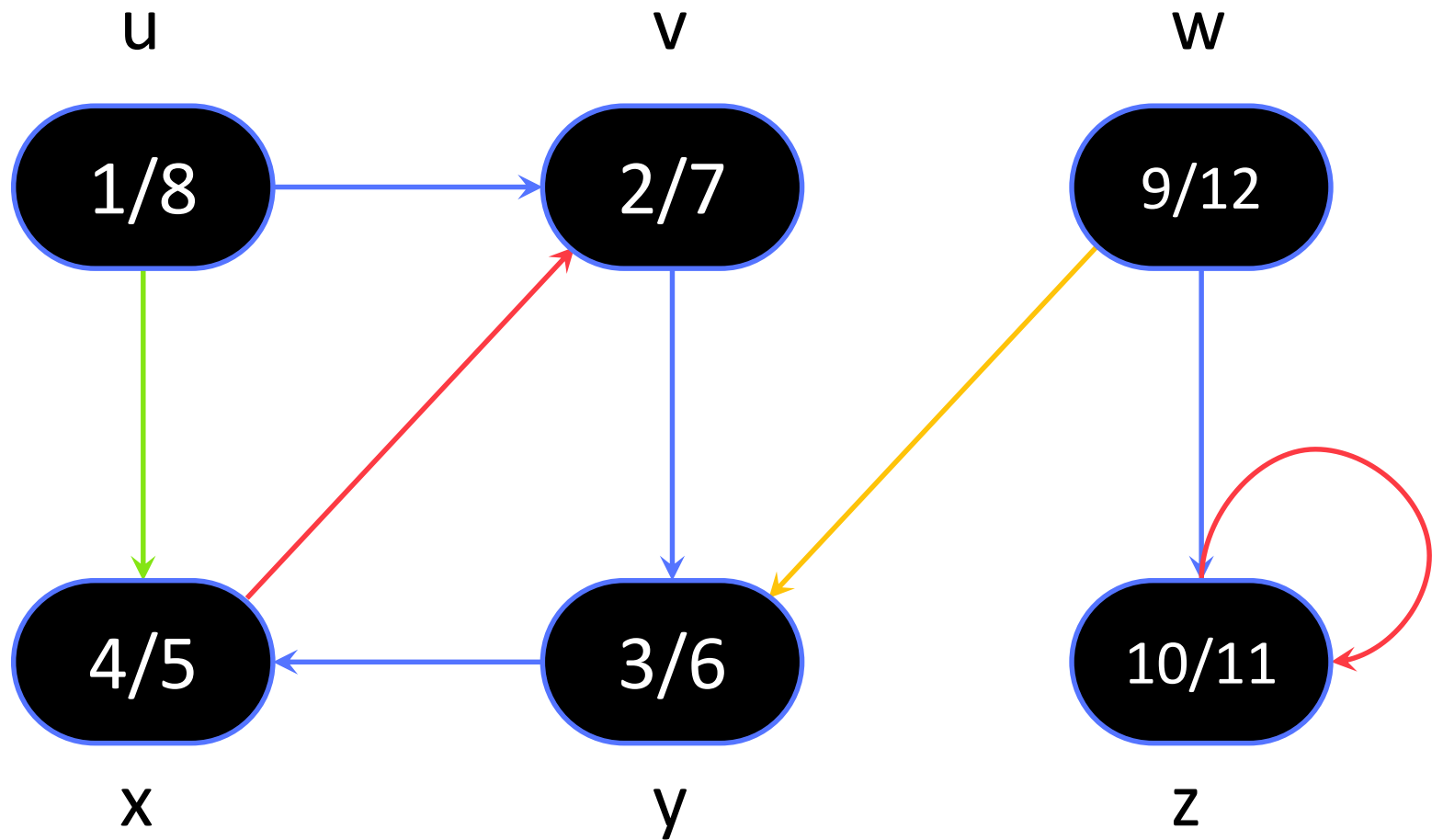
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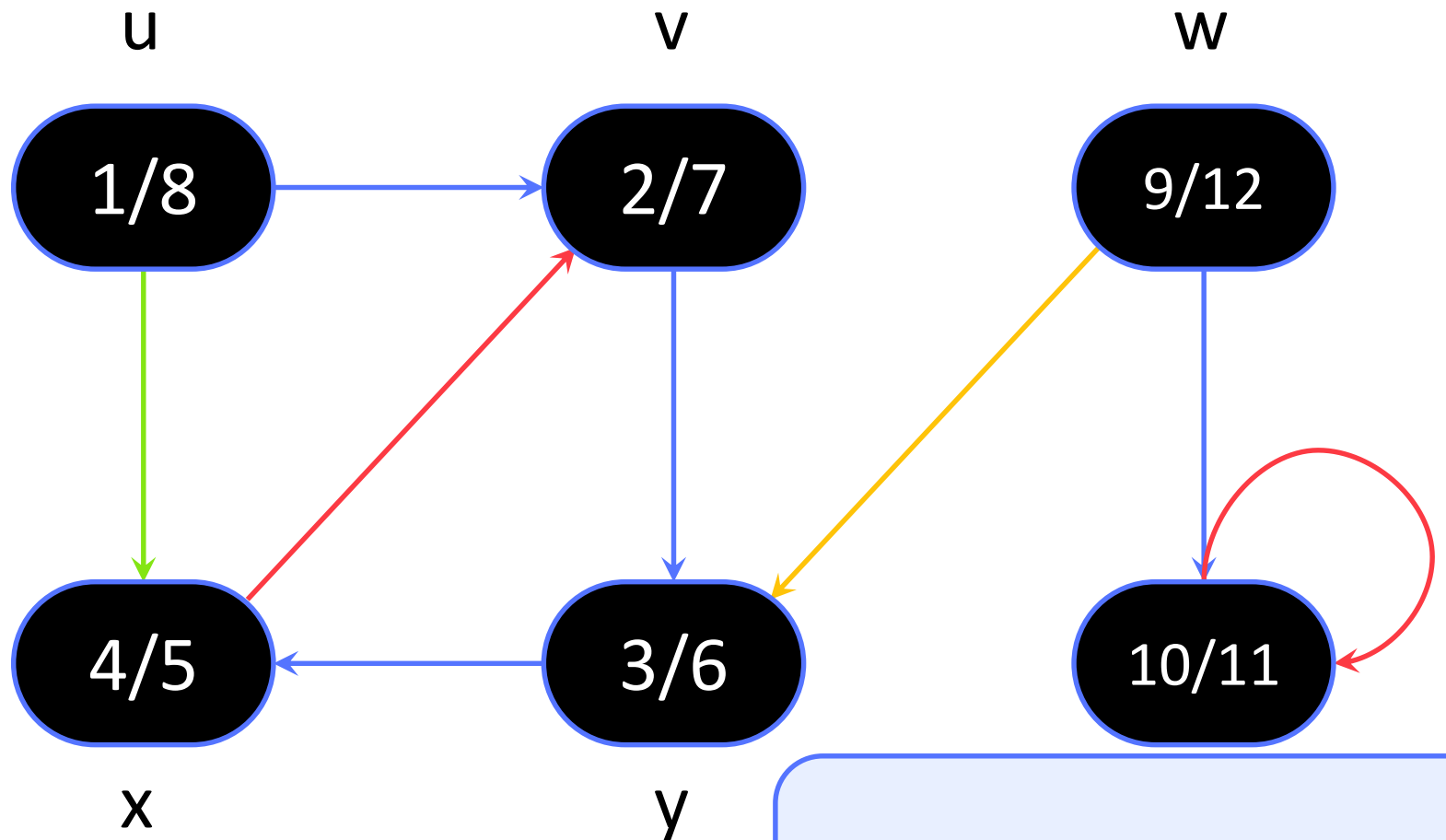
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Time: 11



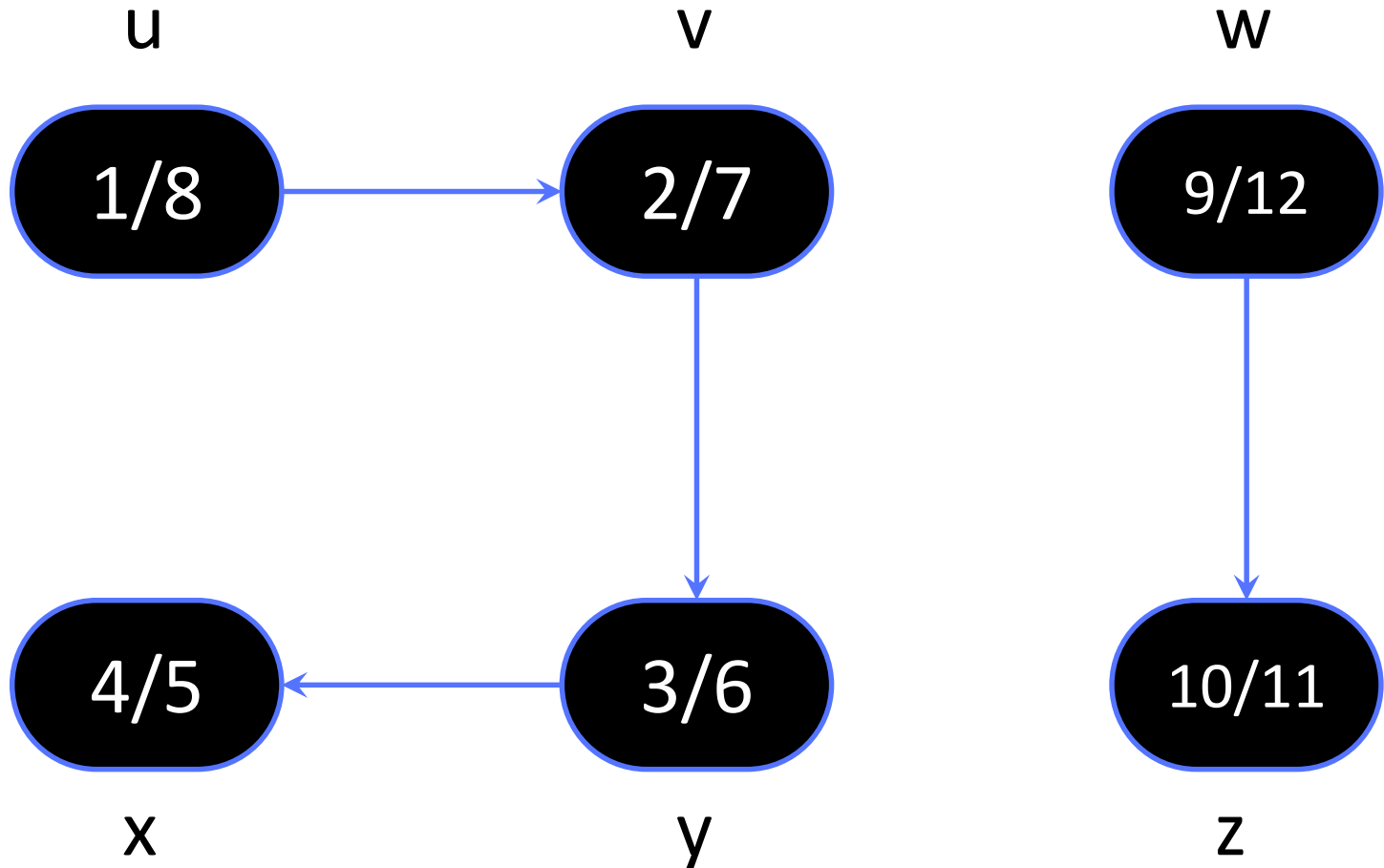
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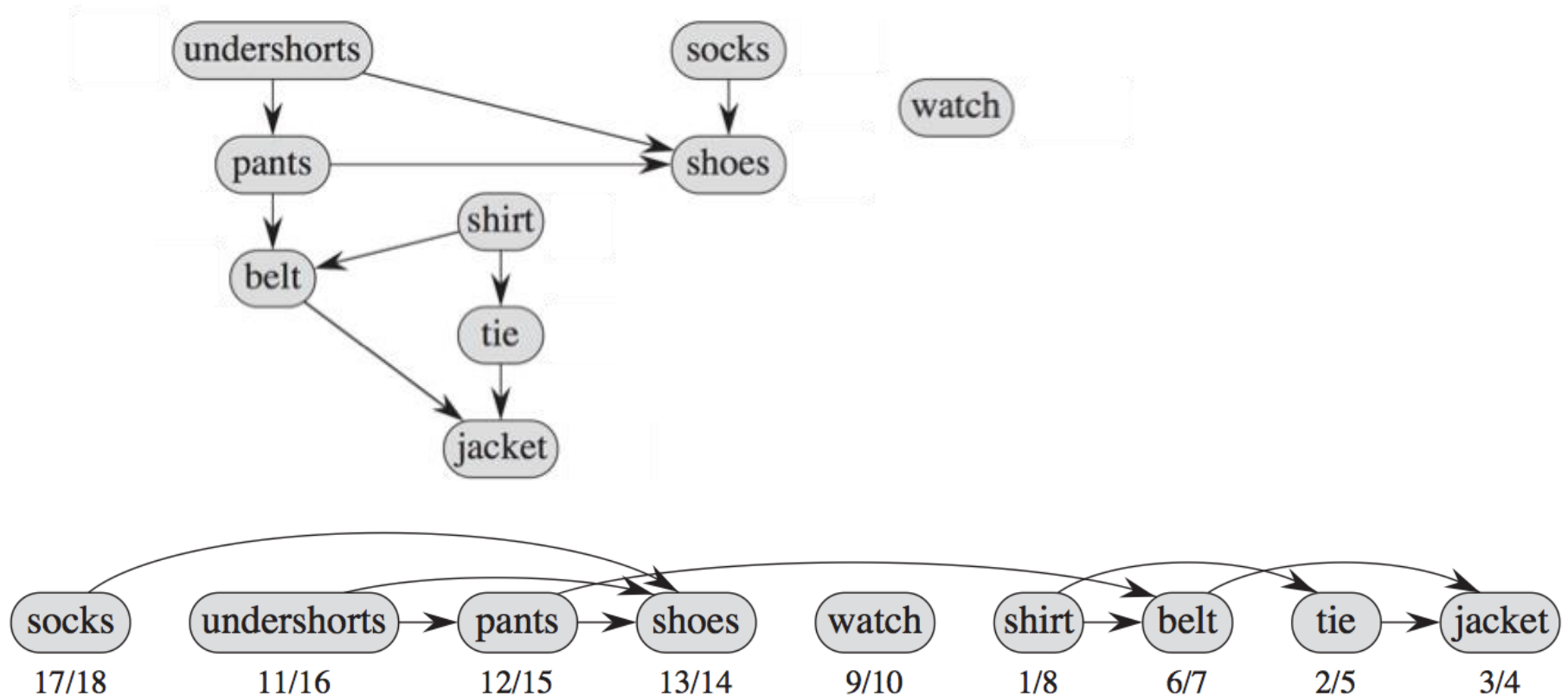
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With only tree edges visible, we can see that this DFS path has two trees.



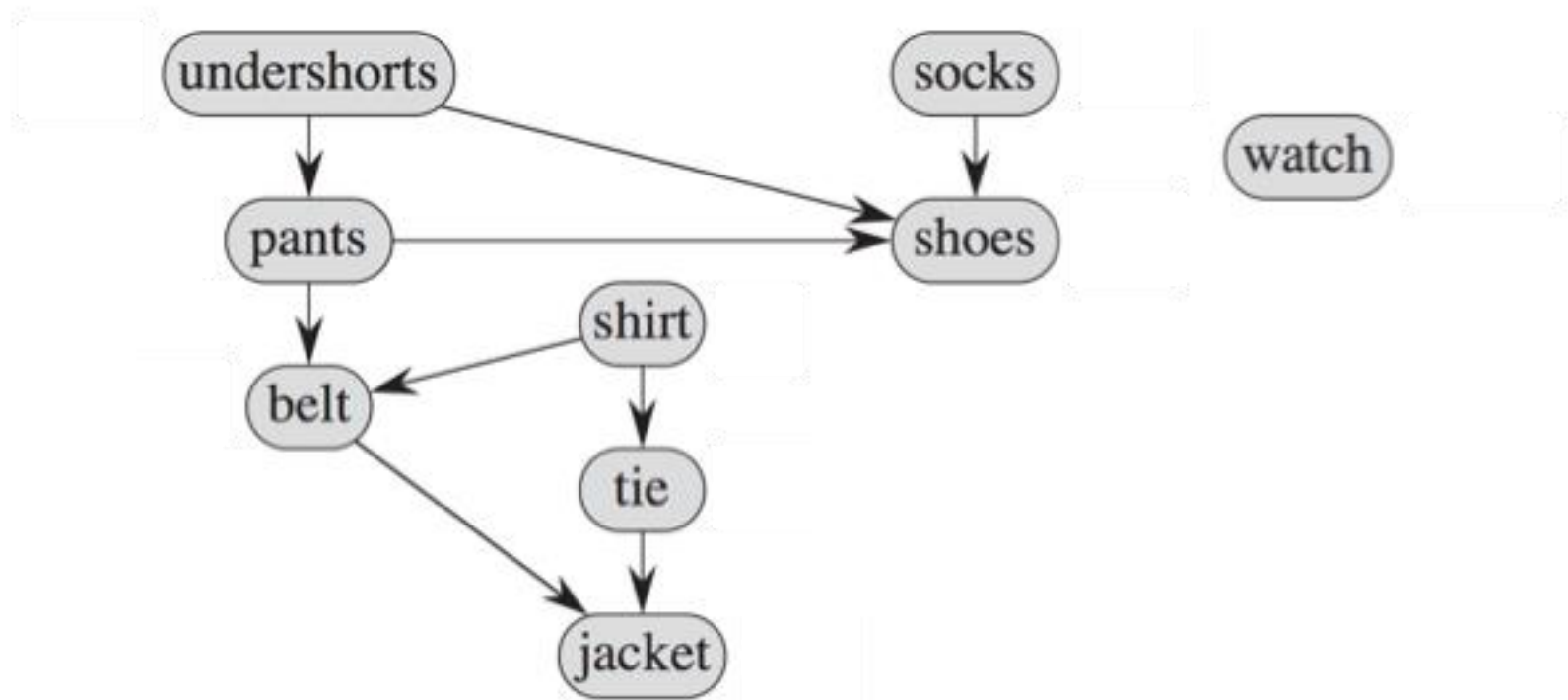
Background of Exercise 1

- “I don’t want to wear socks first! I want something else first!”
- ... ok ... let’s use it as an exercise



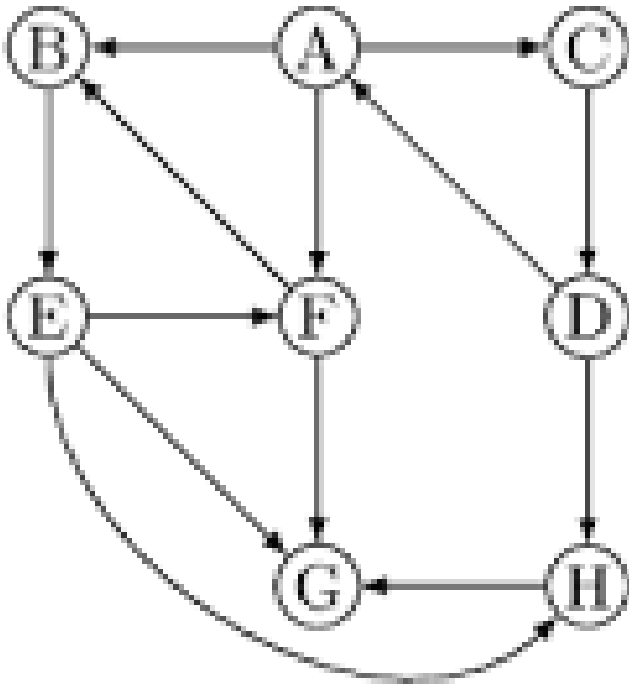
Exercise 1

- Start from undershorts / socks / watch,
 - 1) do another DFS
 - 2) do another topological sort



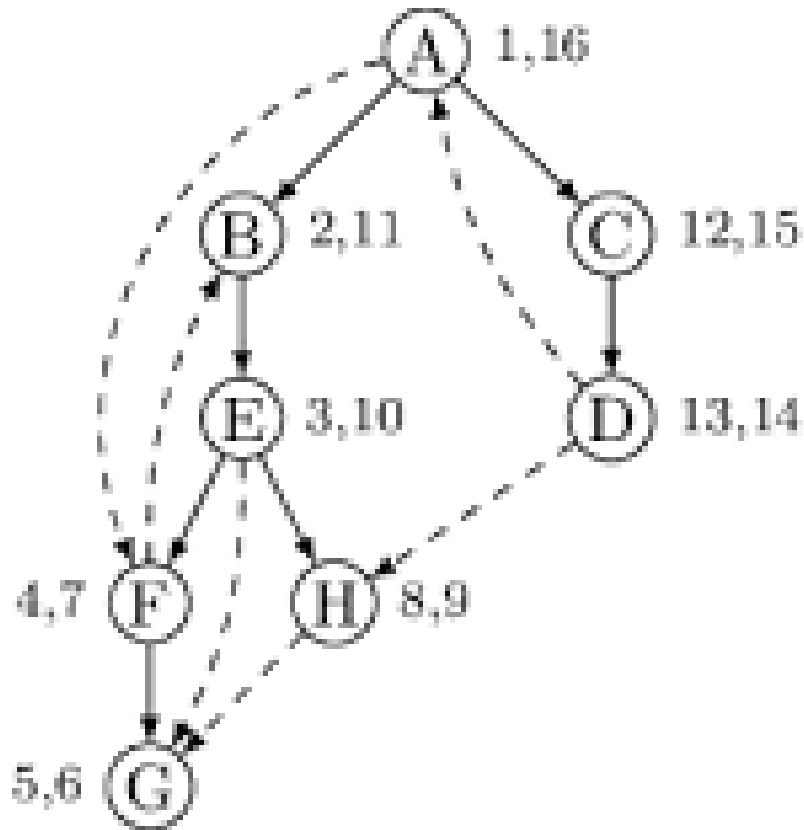
Exercise 2

- Start from A, construct the DFS of the follow.
- Do a Topological search



Exercise 2 answer

One POSSIBLE answer of the DFS tree traversal:



One POSSIBLE answer of the topological sort:
A C D B E H F G