

# Graphs

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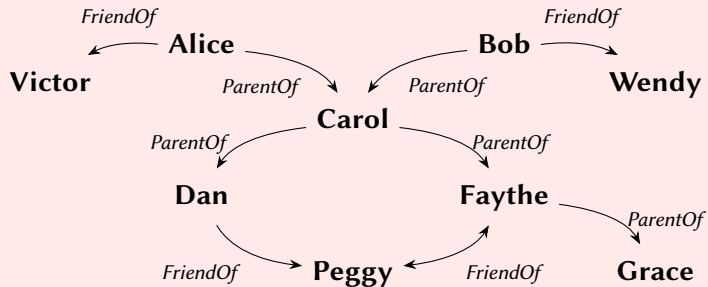
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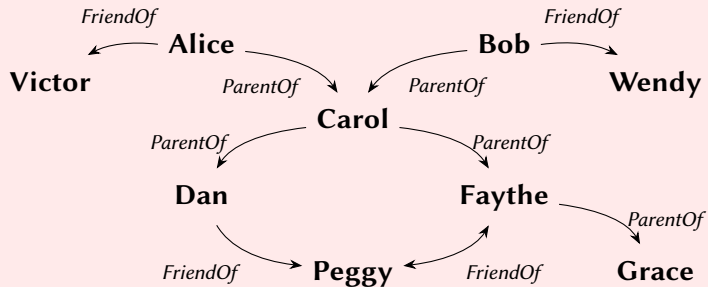
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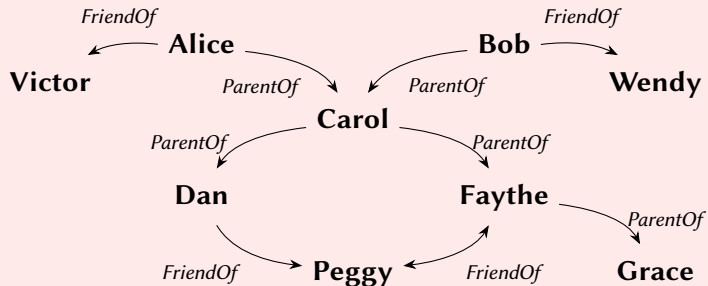


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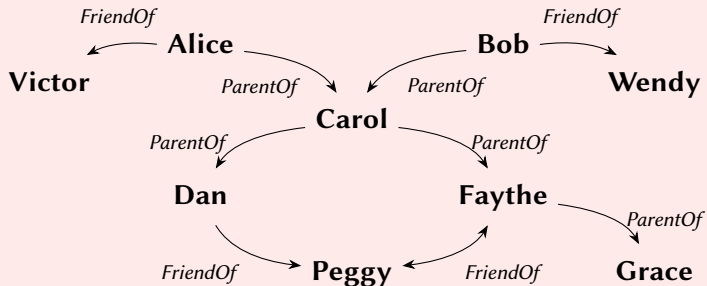
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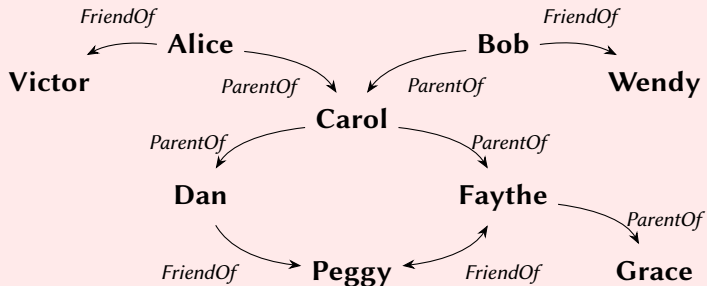
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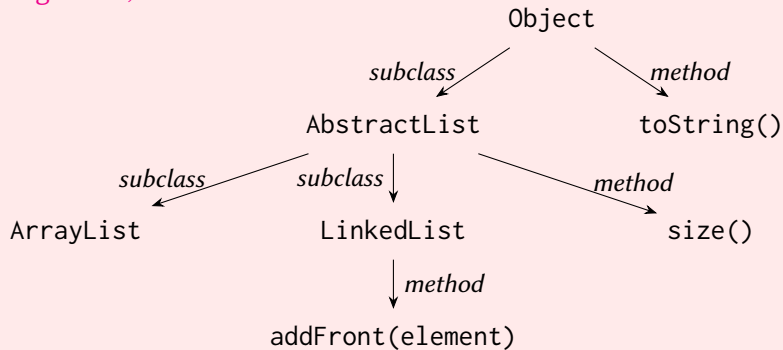
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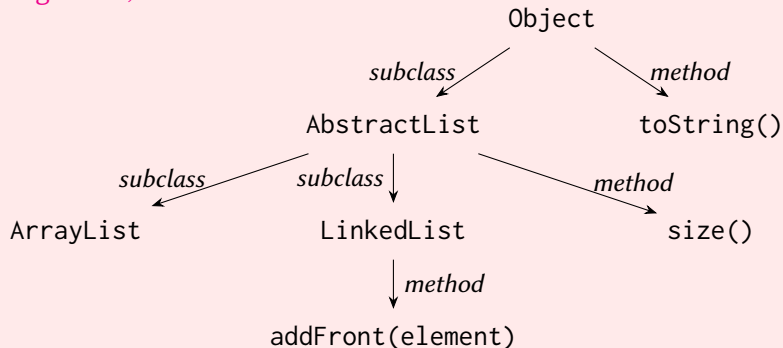
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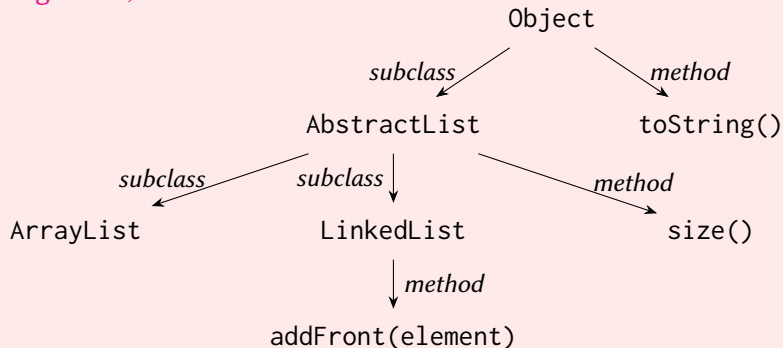


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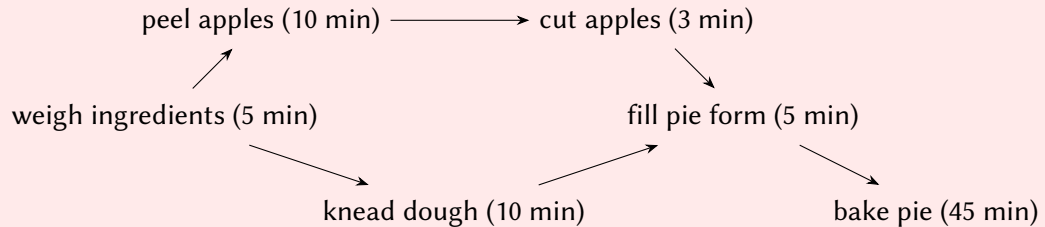
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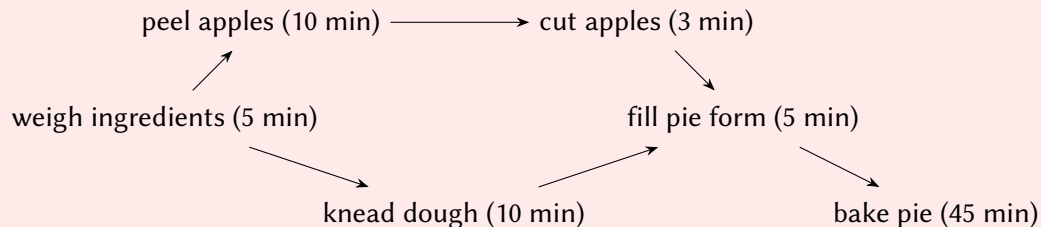
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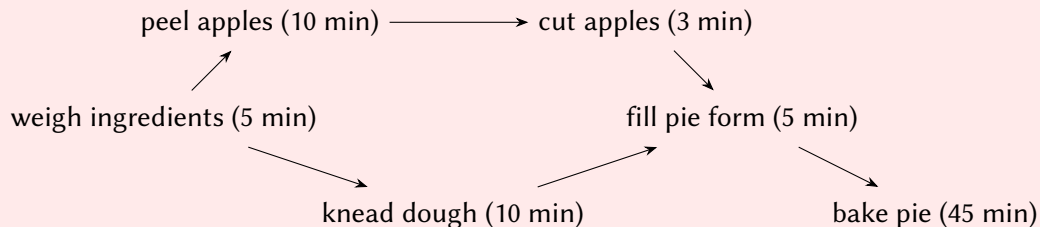
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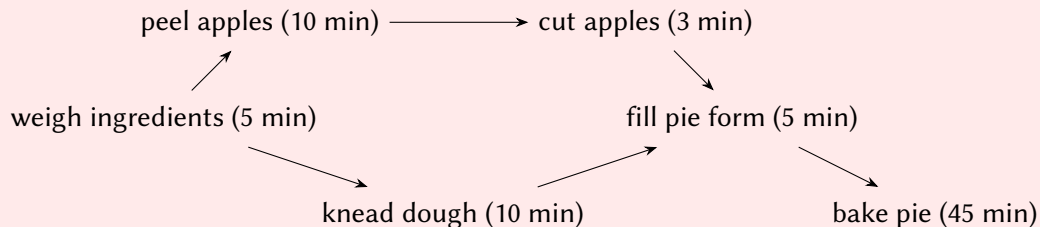
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*We will see examples of this in the lectures and assignments!*

# Selected topics on graphs

- ▶ Formalization.
- ▶ Data structures to represent graphs.
- ▶ Traversing graphs:  
Reachability, finding cycles, shortest paths (without weights), topological sort, ....
- ▶ Minimum spanning trees.
- ▶ Finding shortest-paths (with weights).

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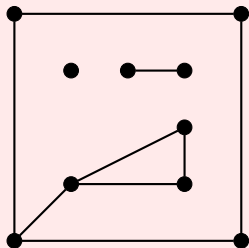
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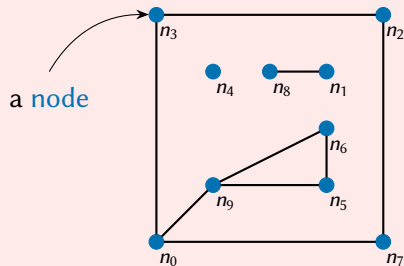


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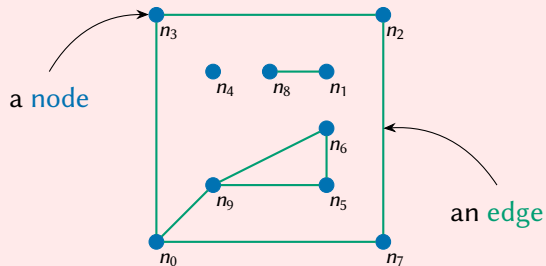


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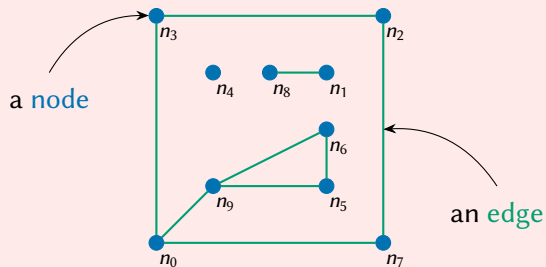
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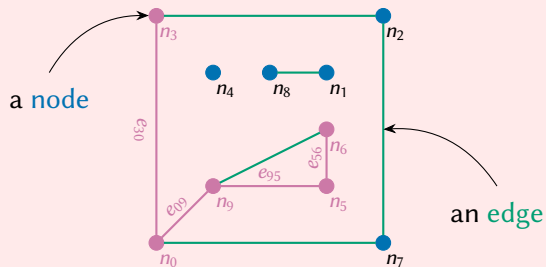
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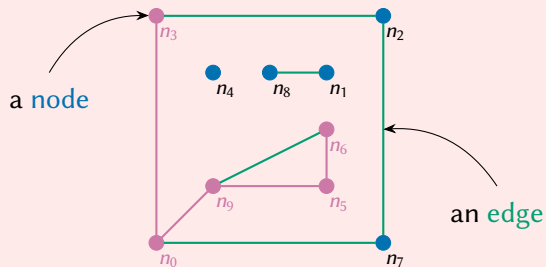
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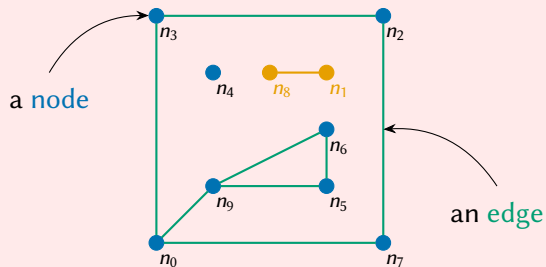
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*Connected component*: maximal subgraph in which all node pairs are connected.



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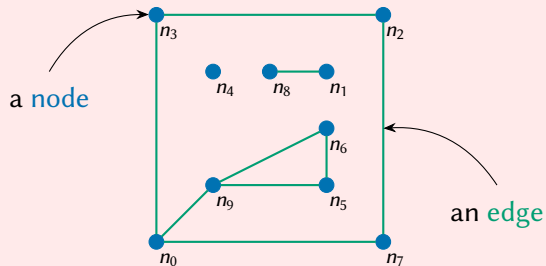
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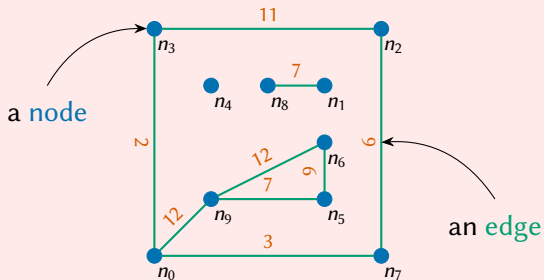
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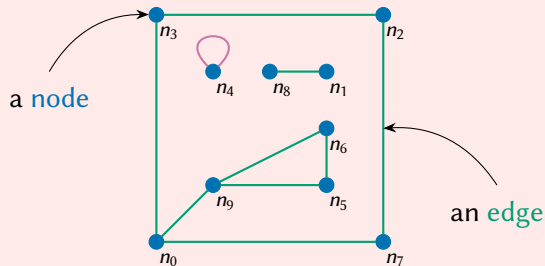
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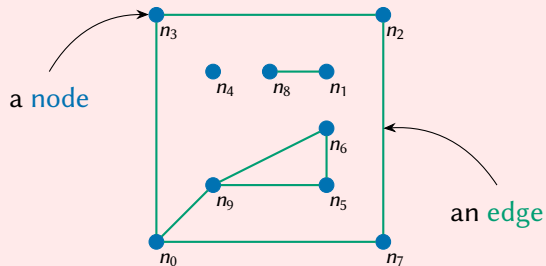


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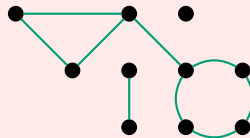
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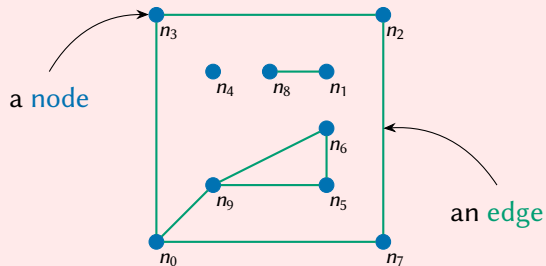


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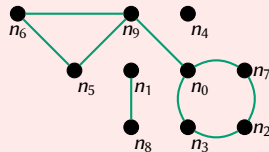
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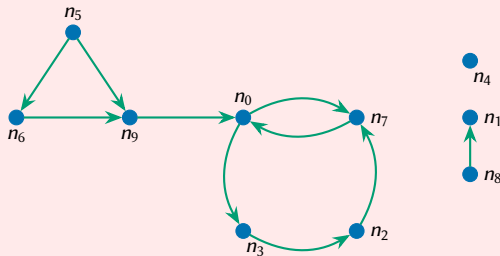


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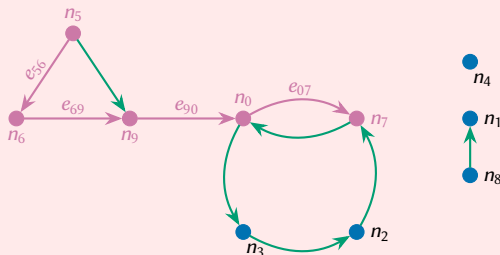
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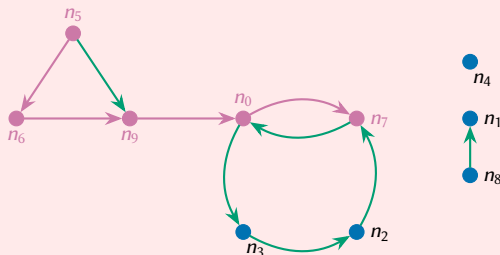
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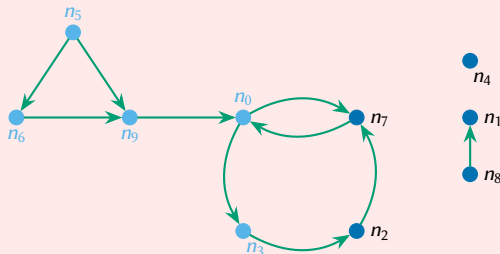
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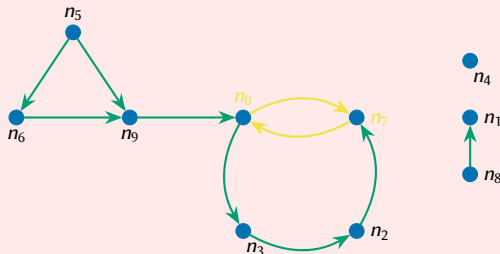
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Example: the cycles  $n_0 n_7$  and  $n_7 n_0$ .



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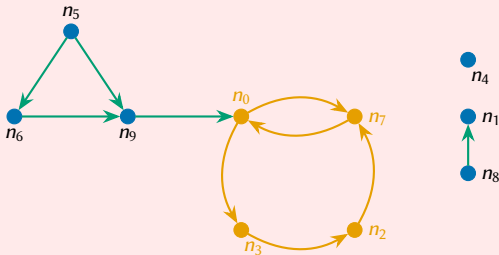
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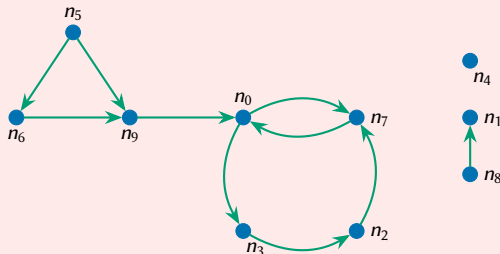
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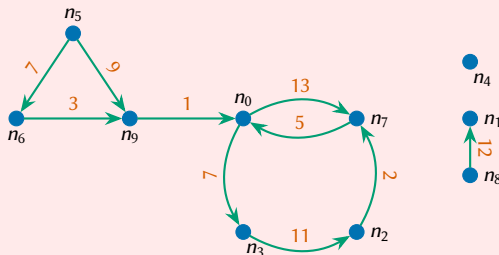
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Typically modeled via a *weight function*  $\text{weight}$ , e.g.,  $\text{weight} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .



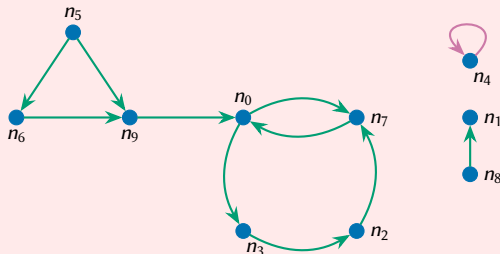
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(we will mostly ignore self-loops).



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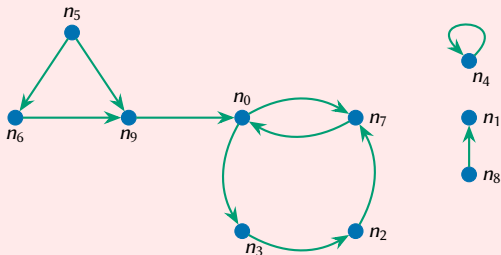
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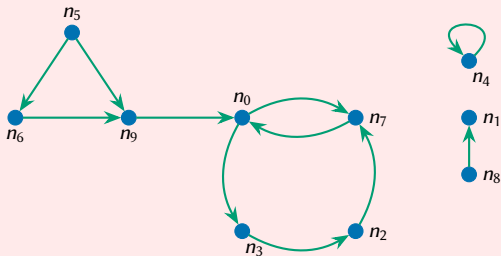
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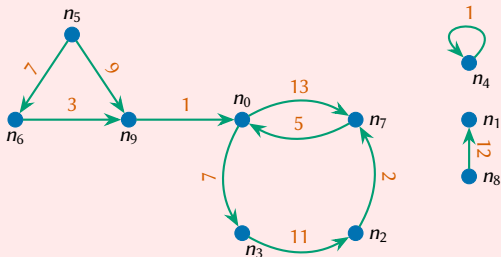
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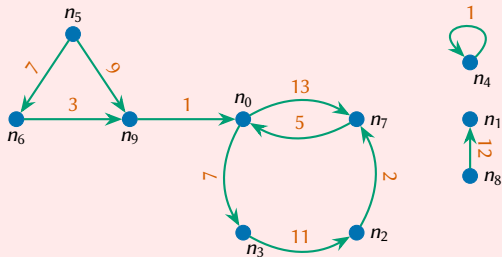
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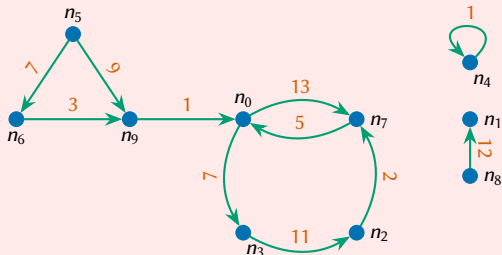
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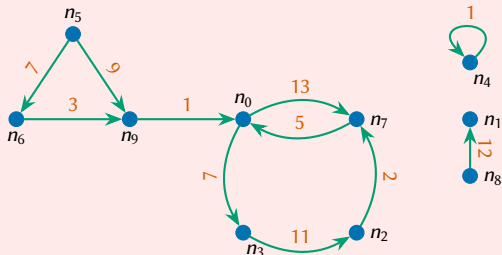
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Useful when nodes do not have identifiers, not all nodes have edges, ....

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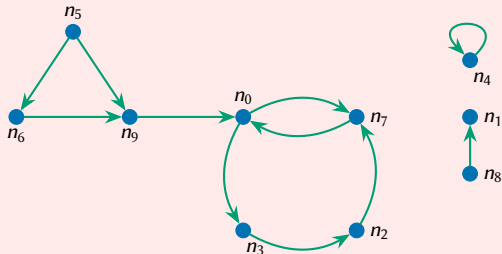
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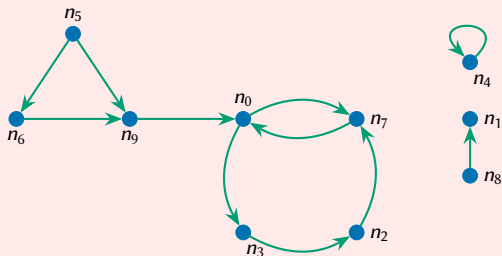
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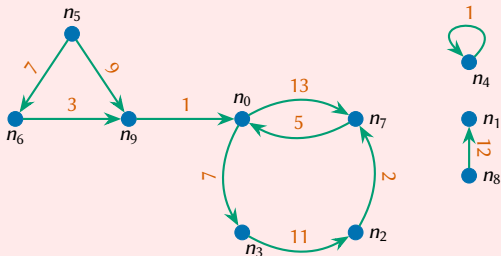
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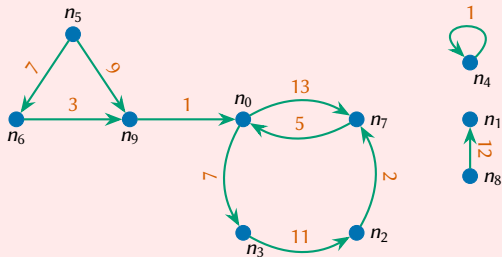
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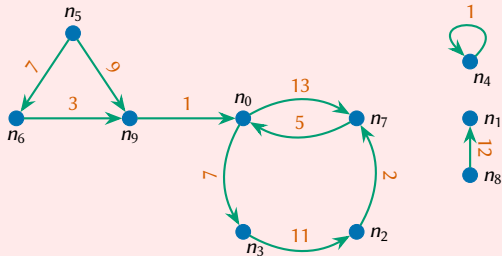
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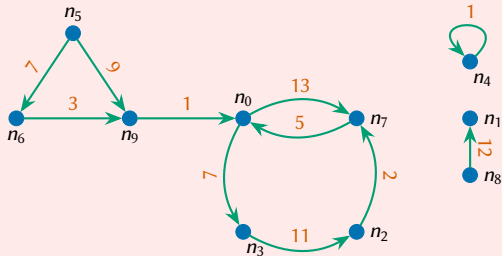


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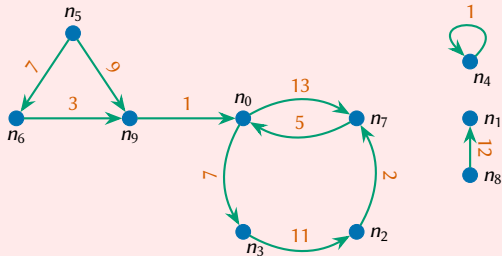


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Adding nodes	$\Theta ( \mathcal{N} ^2)$		$\Theta ( \mathcal{N} )$	
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Many alternatives exist

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- ▶ *Compressed matrices* for GPU operations on sparse graphs (e.g., in machine learning);
- ▶ ....

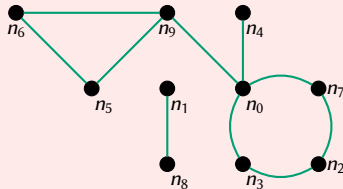
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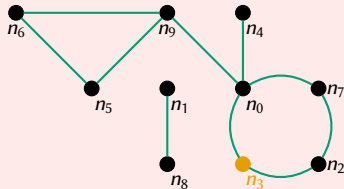
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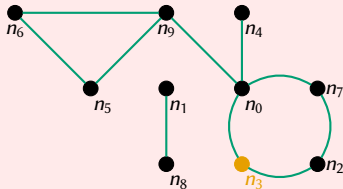
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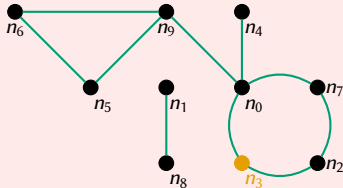
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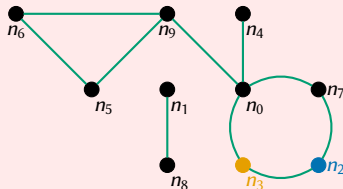
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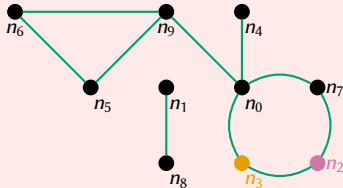
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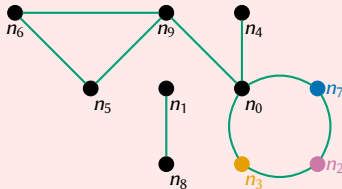
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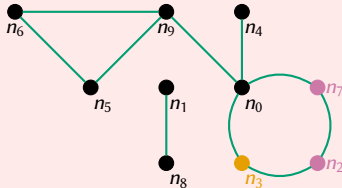
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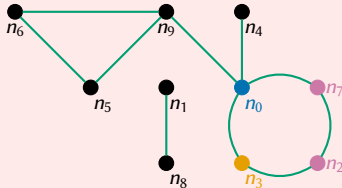
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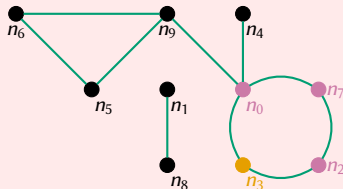
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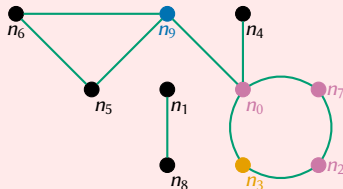
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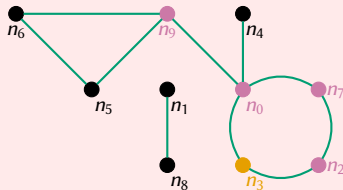
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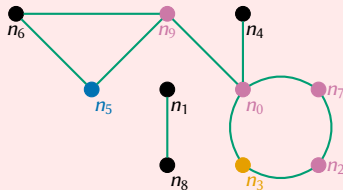
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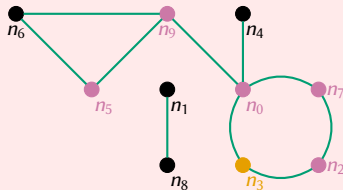
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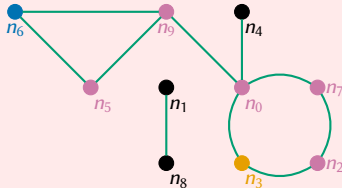
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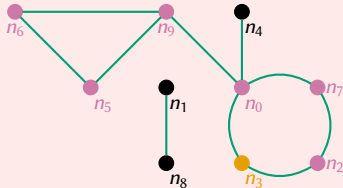
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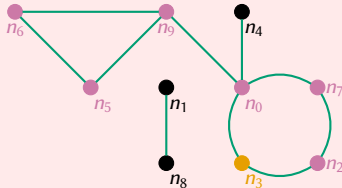
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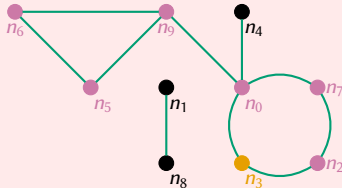
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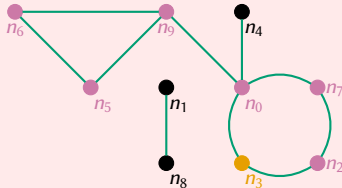
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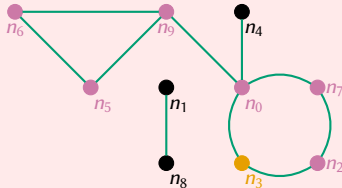
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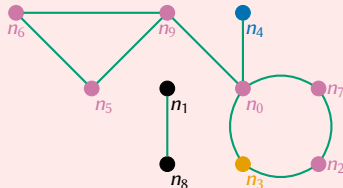
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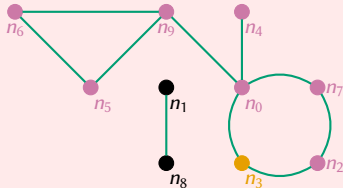
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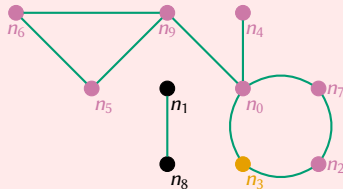
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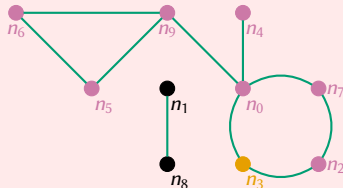
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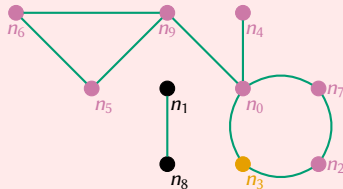
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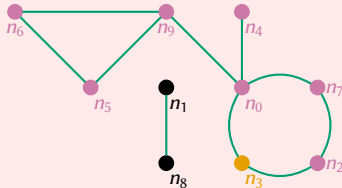
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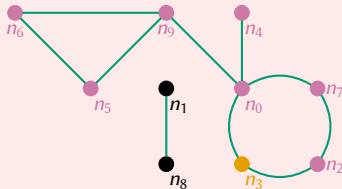
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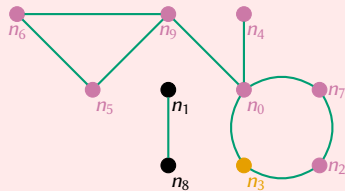
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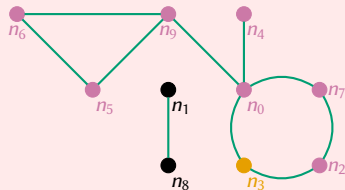


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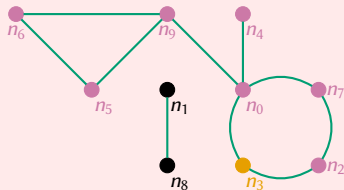
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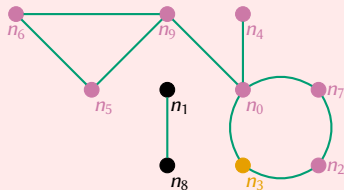
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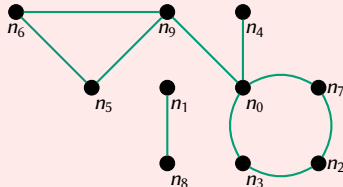
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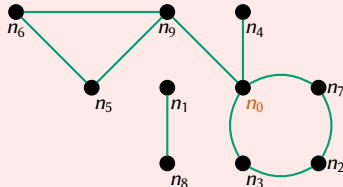
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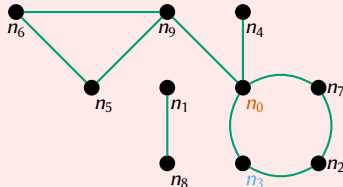
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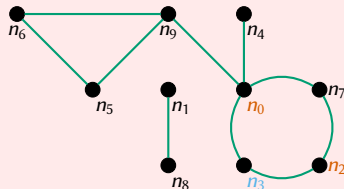
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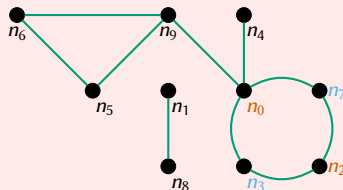
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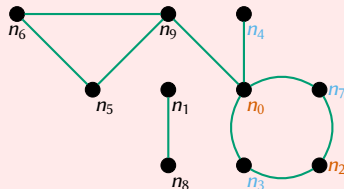
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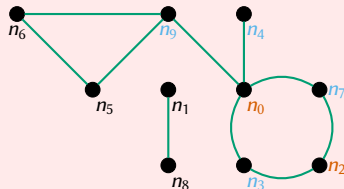
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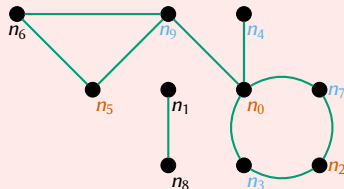
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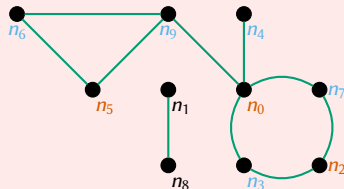
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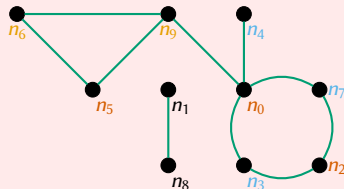
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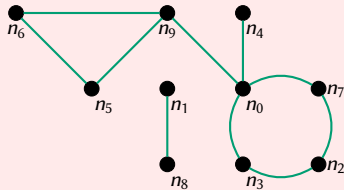
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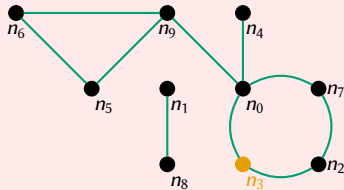
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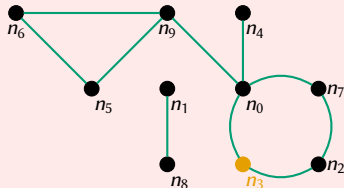
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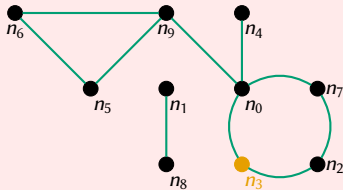
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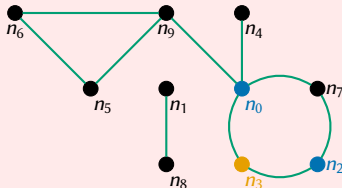
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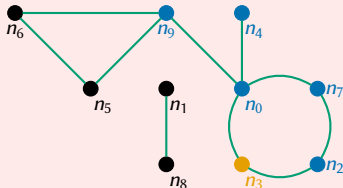
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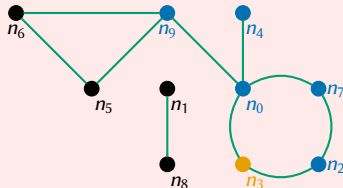
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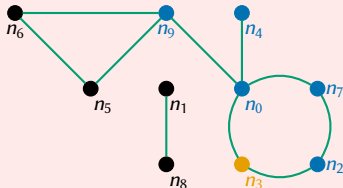
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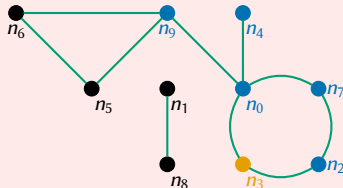
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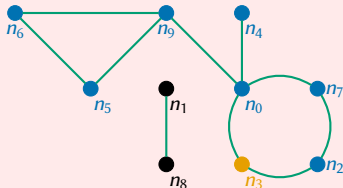
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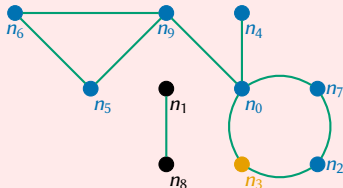
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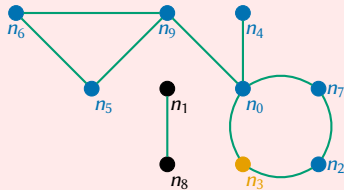
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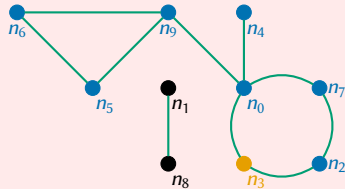
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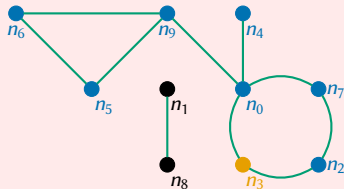
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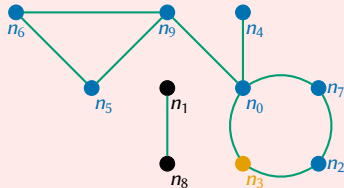
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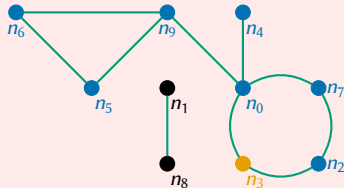
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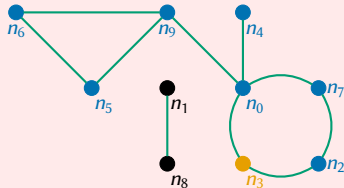


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Breadth-first search is *similar* to depth-first search!

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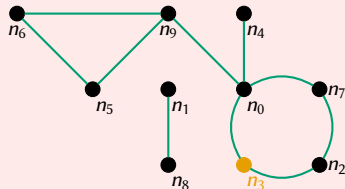
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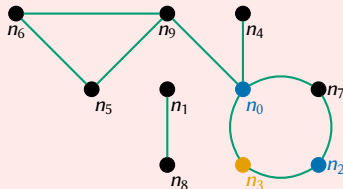




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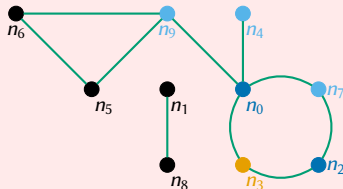
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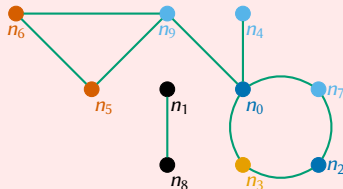
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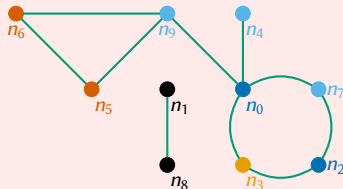
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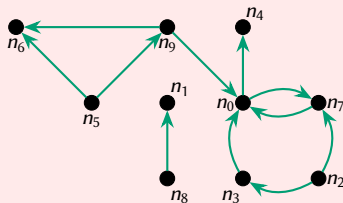
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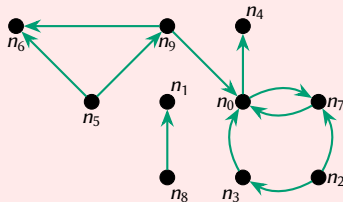
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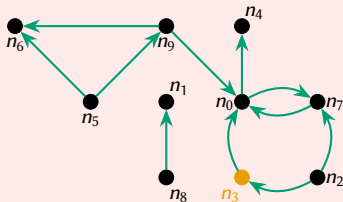
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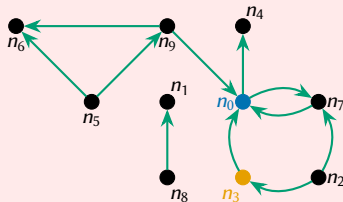
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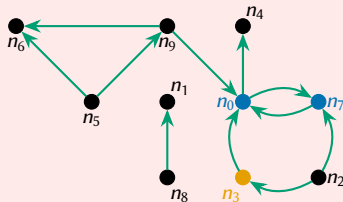
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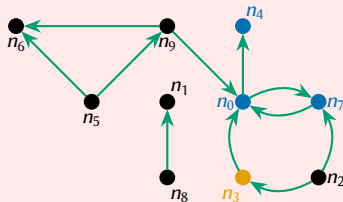
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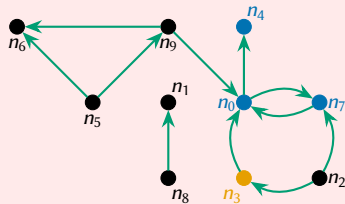
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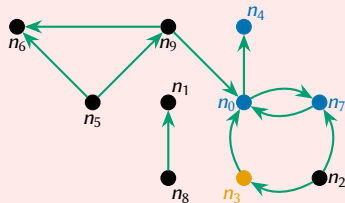


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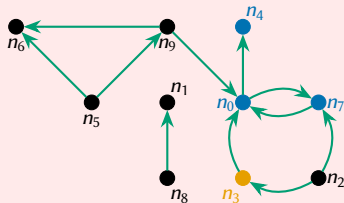
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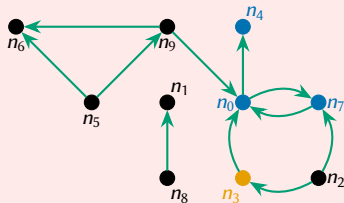
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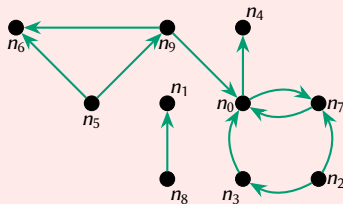
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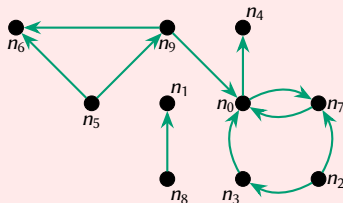


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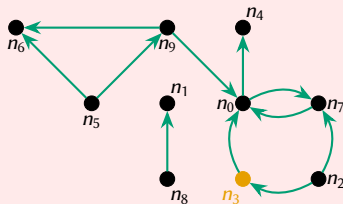


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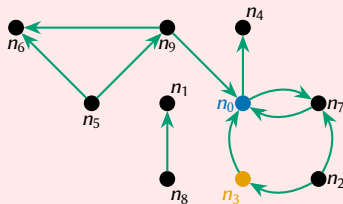


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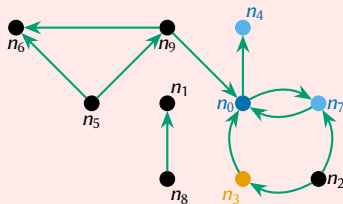


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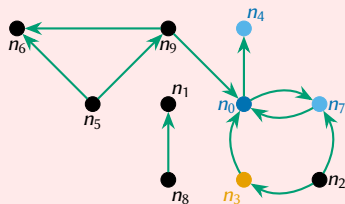
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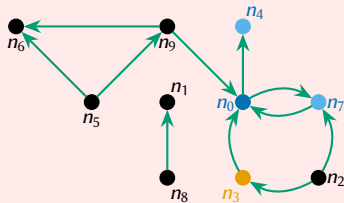


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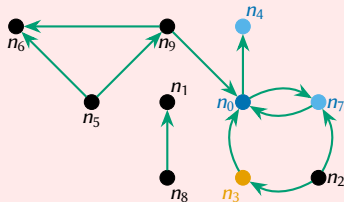
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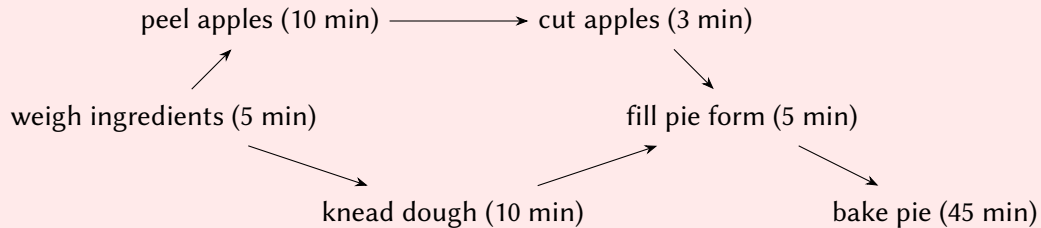
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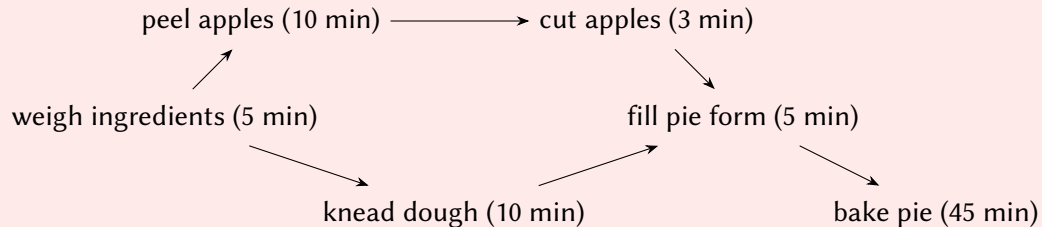
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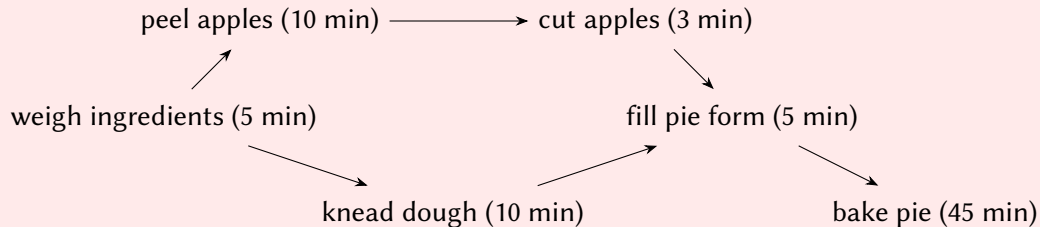


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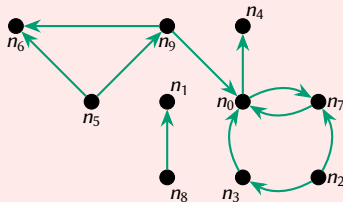
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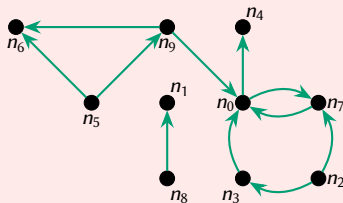
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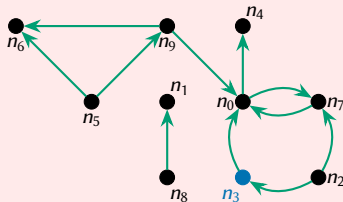
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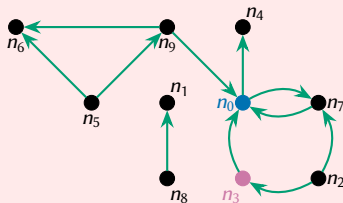
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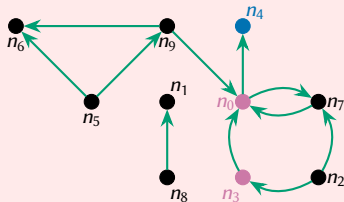
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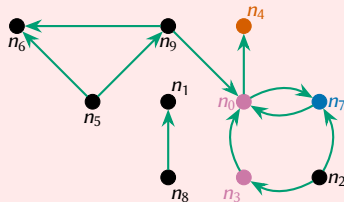
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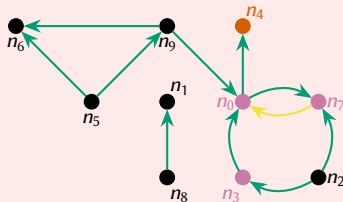
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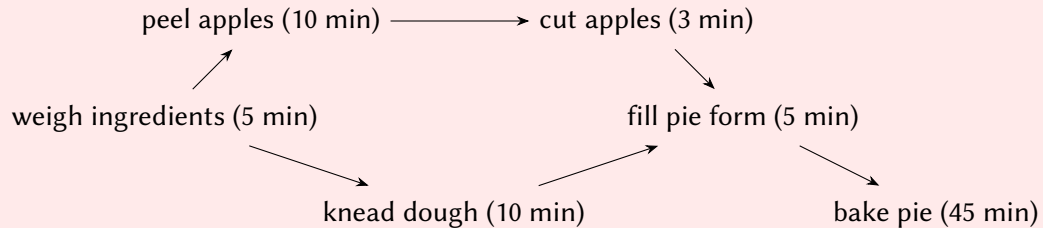
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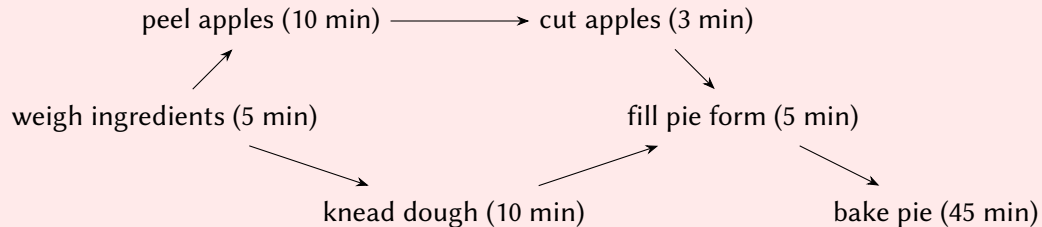
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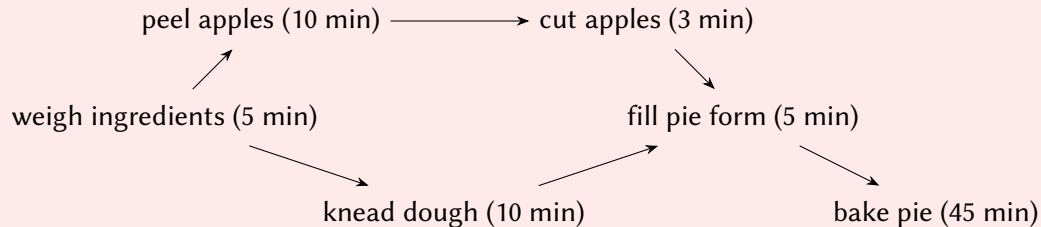
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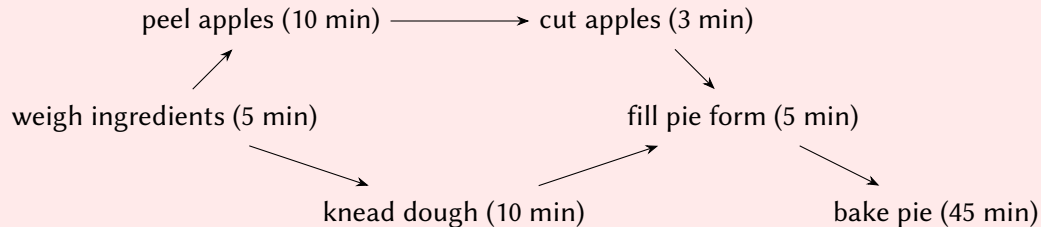


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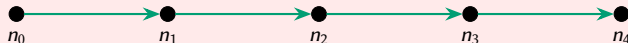
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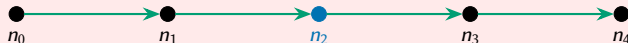


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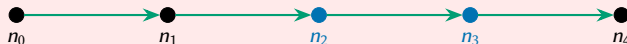
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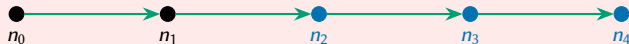


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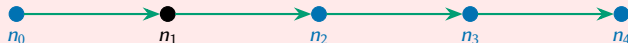
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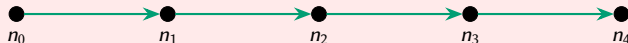
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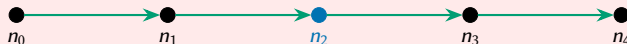
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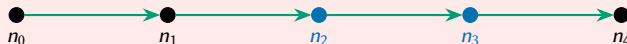
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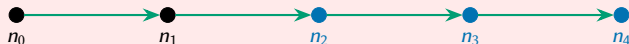
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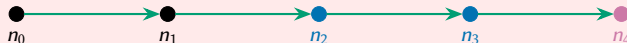
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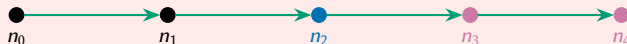


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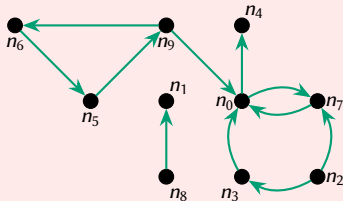
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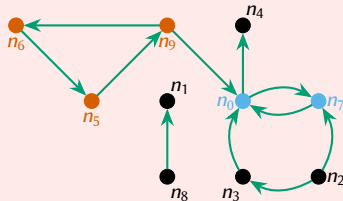
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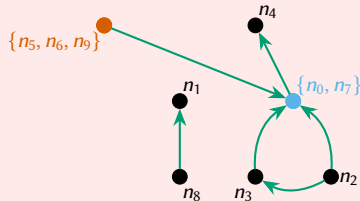
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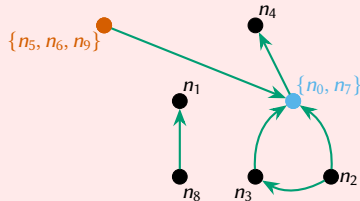
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