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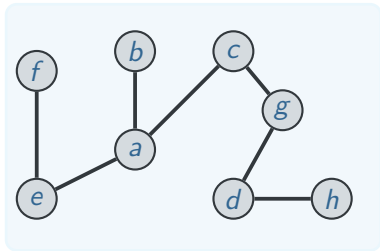
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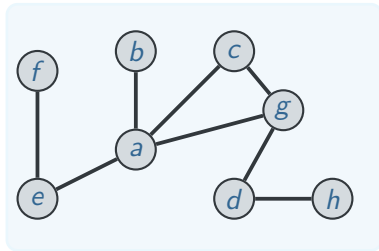
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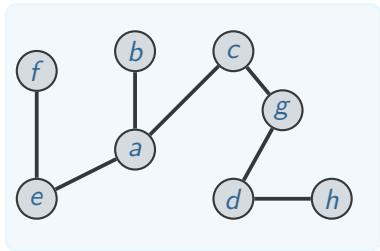
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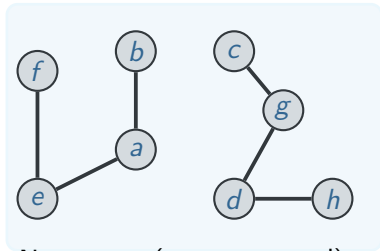
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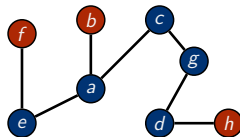
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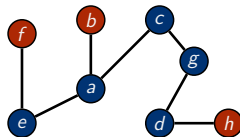
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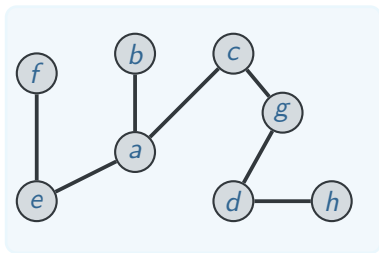
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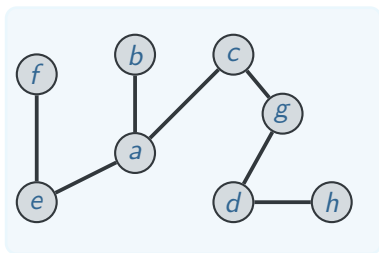


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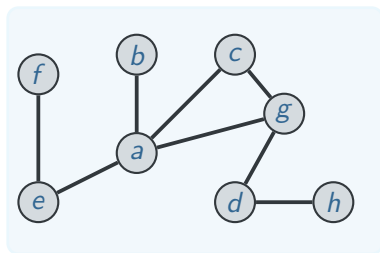


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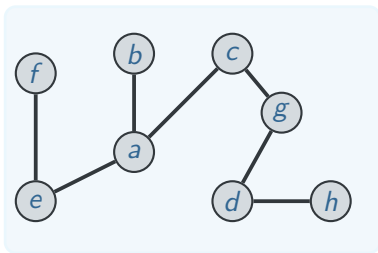


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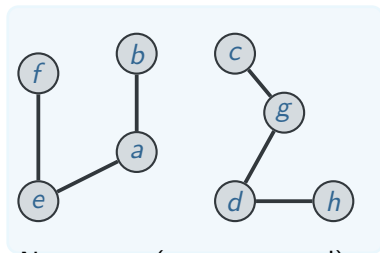


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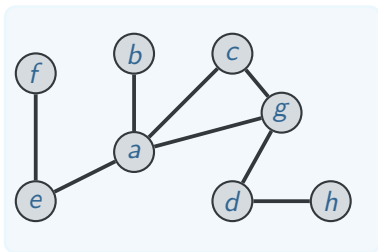


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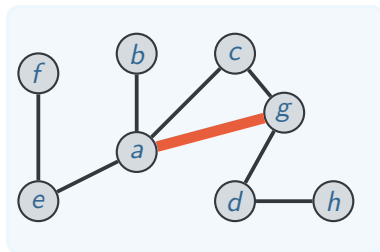


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**Lemma** Removing an edge from a cycle keeps connectivity



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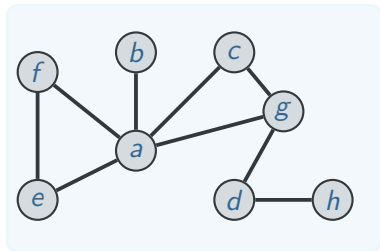
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A graph  $G$  has a spanning tree iff it is **connected**:

- ▶ If  $G$  has a spanning tree, it is connected: any two vertices have a **path** between them in the spanning tree and hence in  $G$ .
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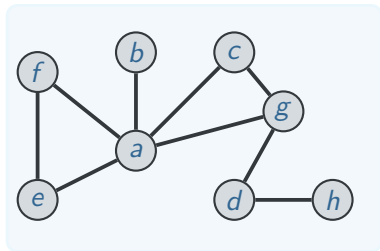
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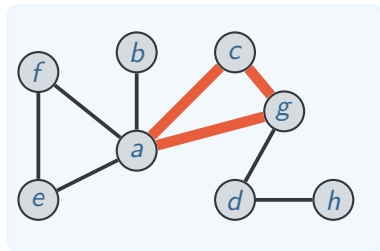
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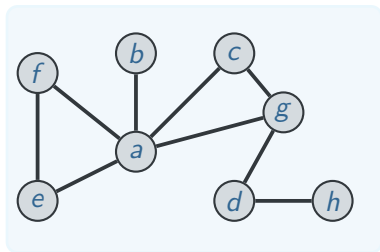


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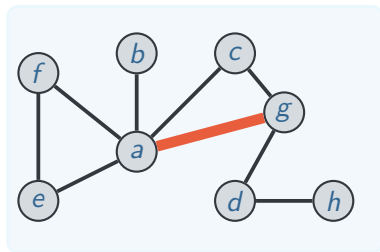


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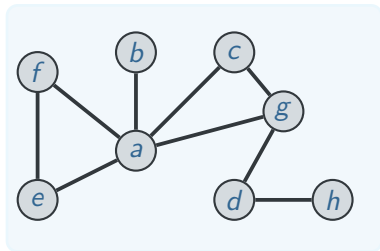
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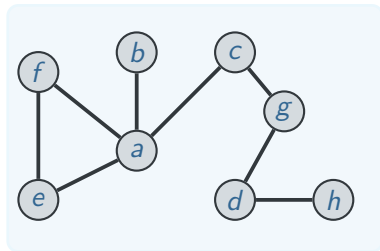
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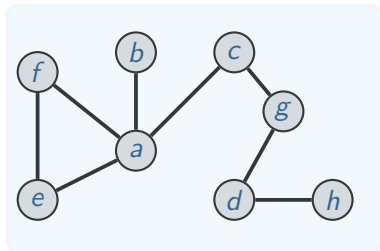
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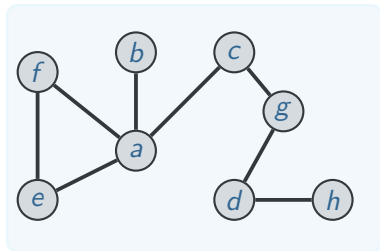
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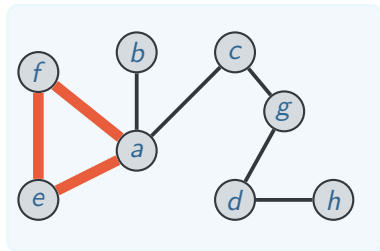
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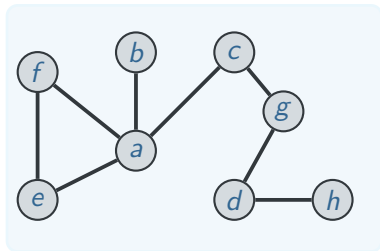
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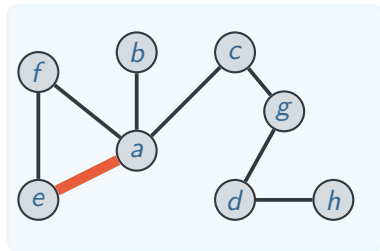
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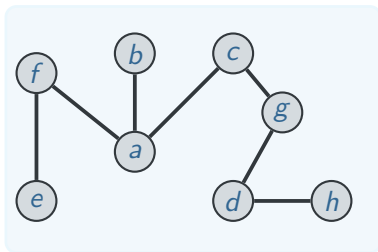
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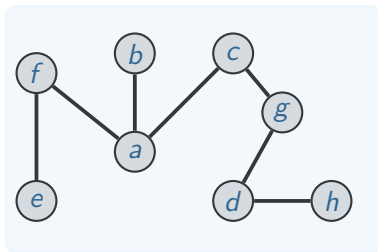
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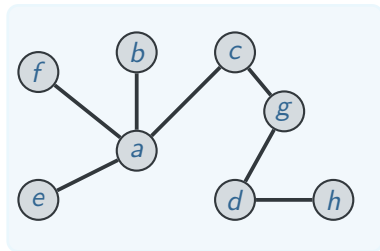
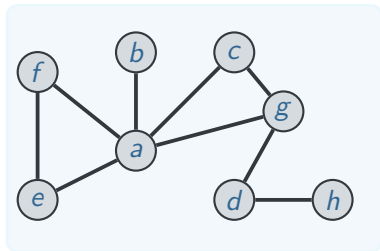
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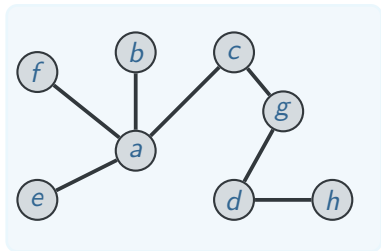
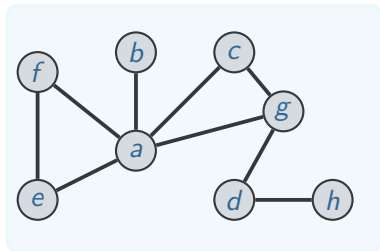
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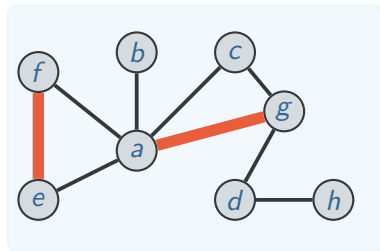
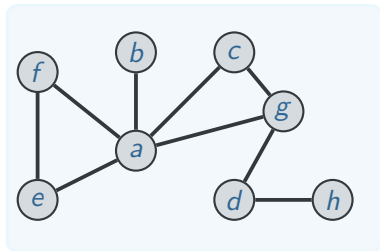
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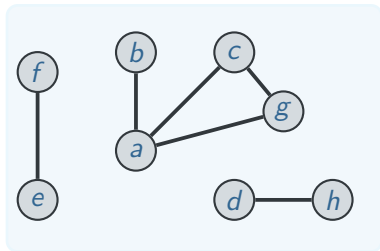
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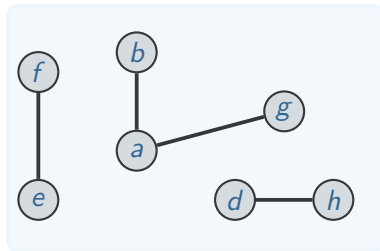
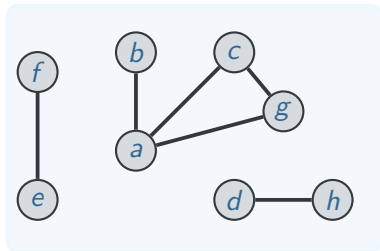
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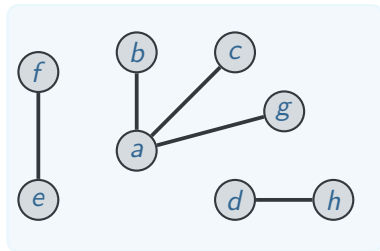
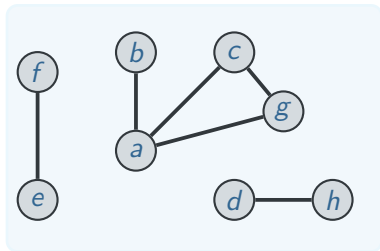
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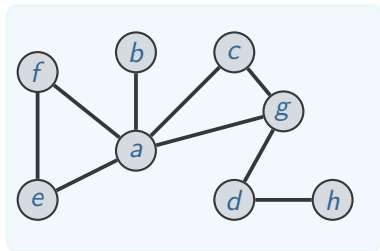
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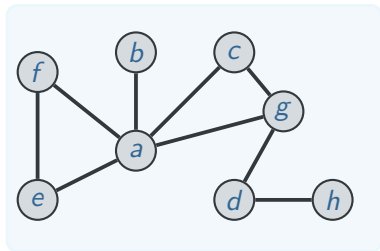
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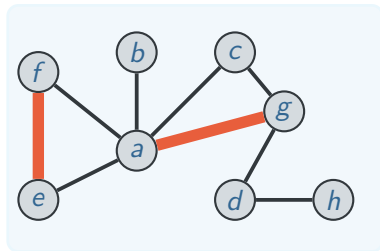
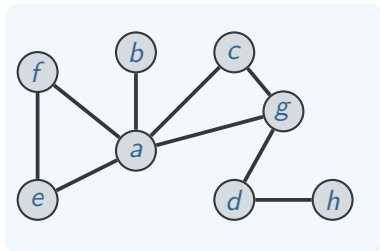
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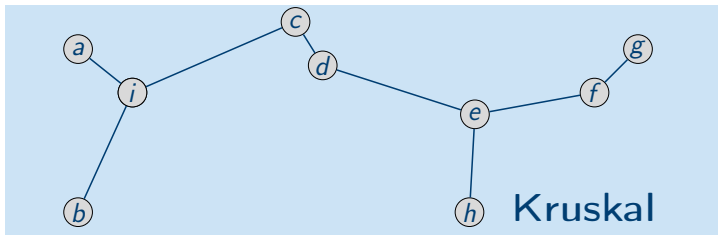
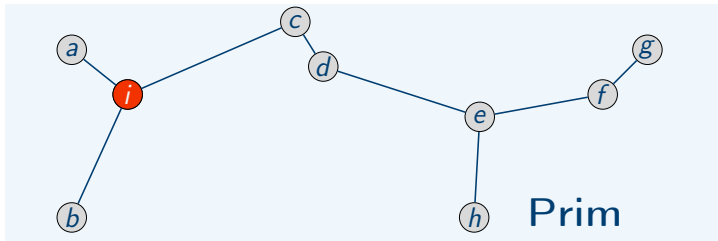
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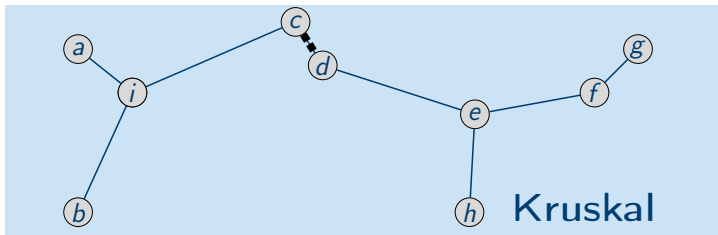
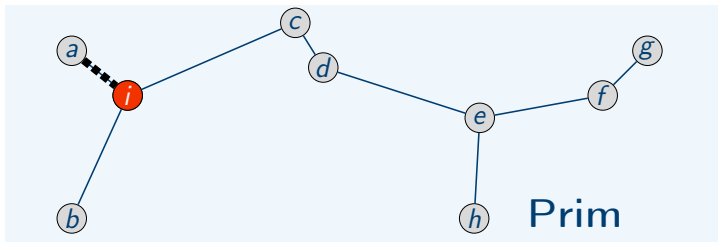
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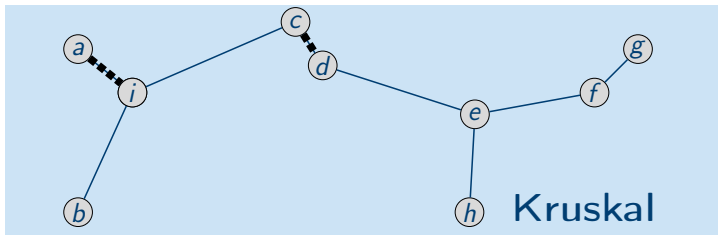
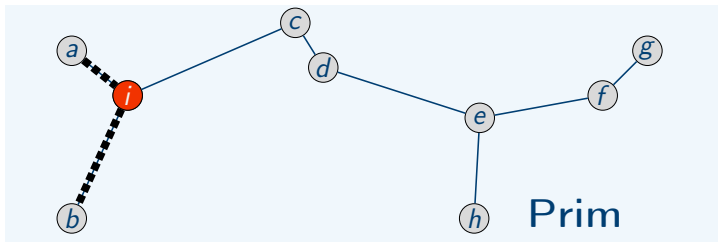
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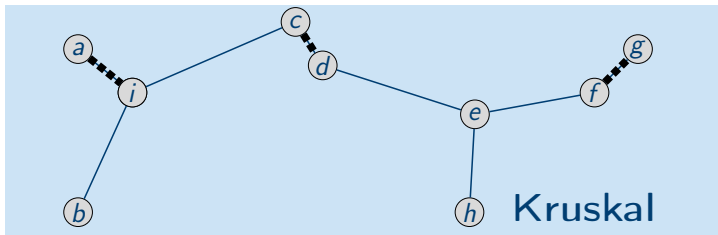
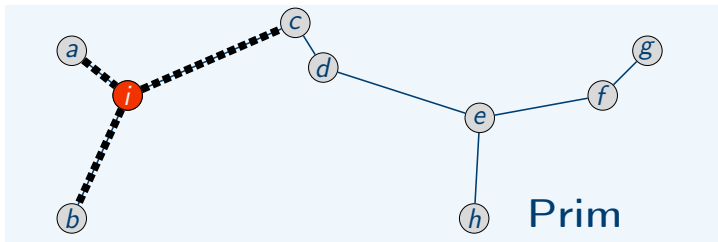


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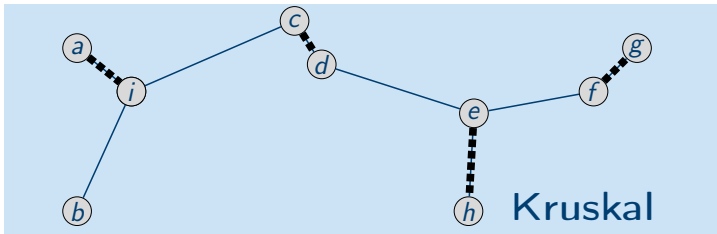
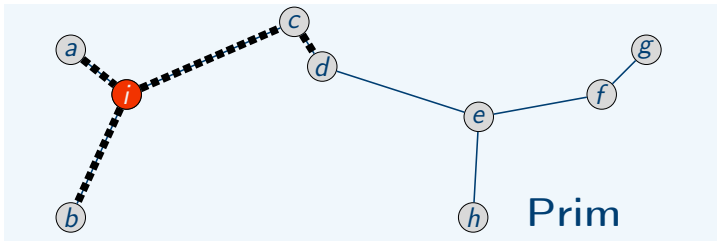




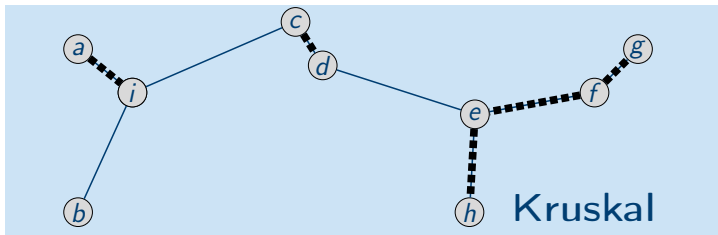
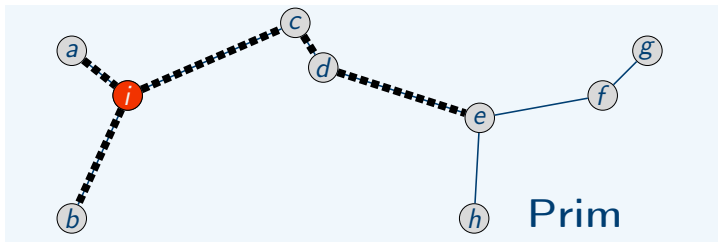
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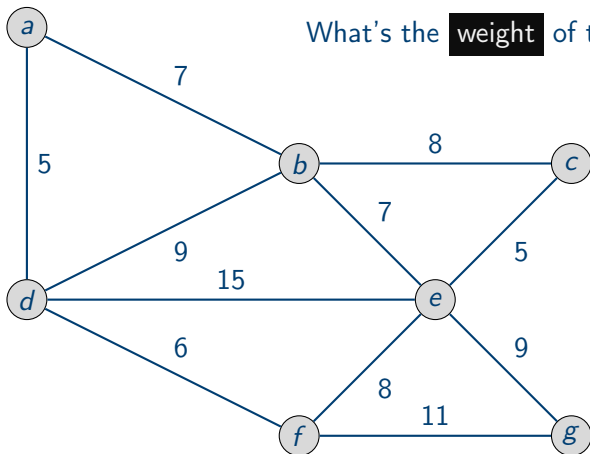


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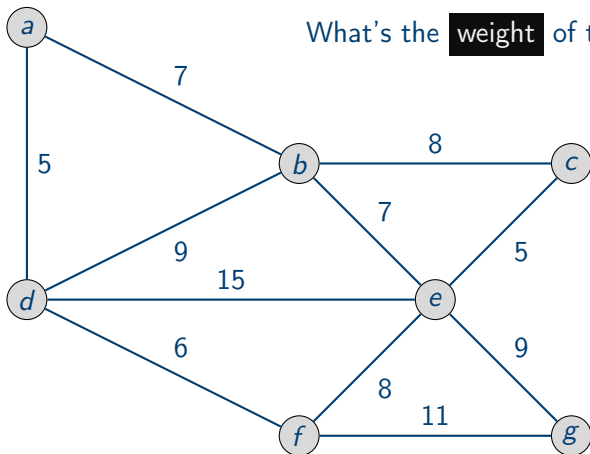
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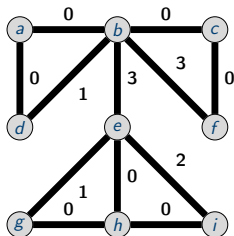


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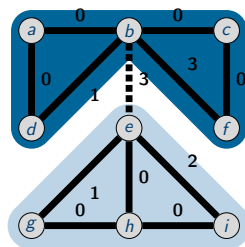
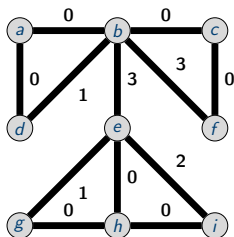
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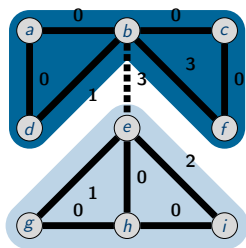
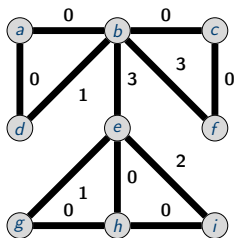
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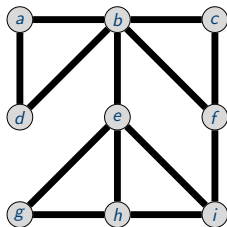
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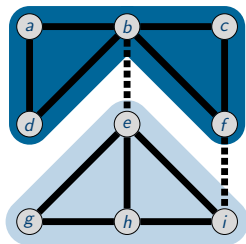
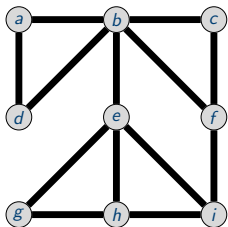
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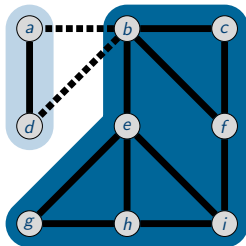
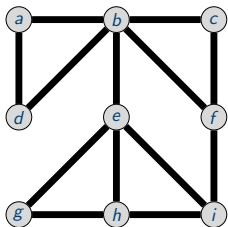
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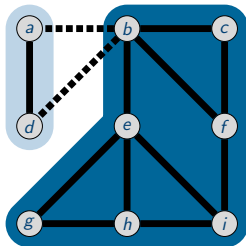
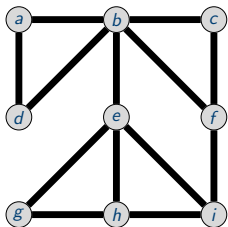
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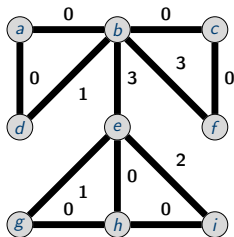


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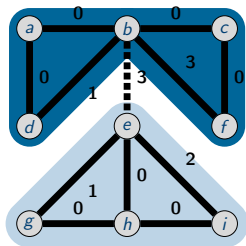
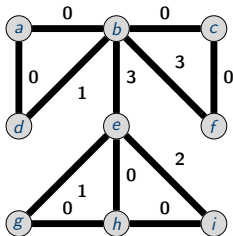
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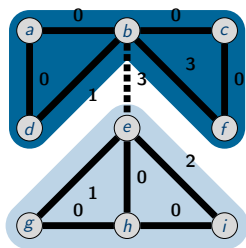
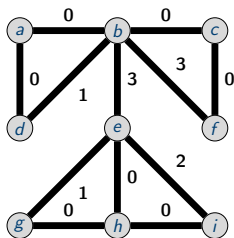
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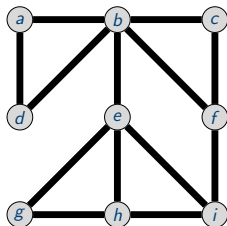
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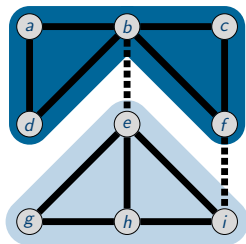
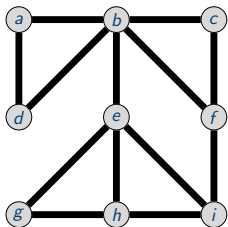
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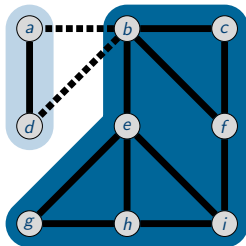
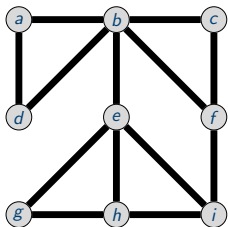
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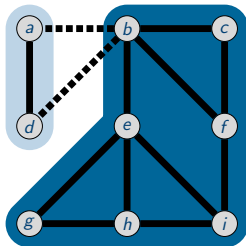
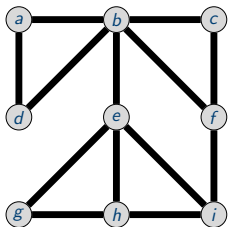
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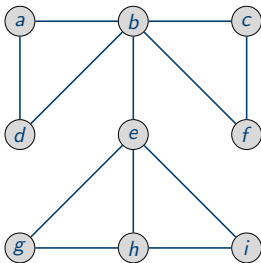
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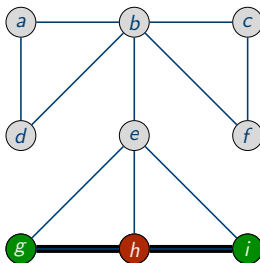
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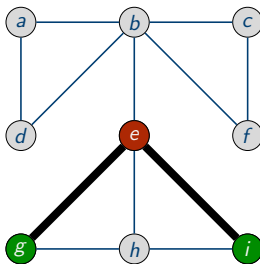
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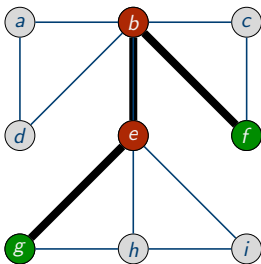
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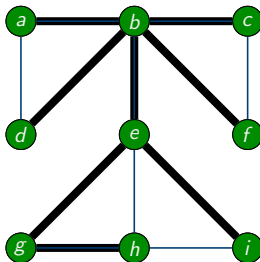
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- ▶ A minimum **size**:
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