

Graph Algorithms II

Depth First Search

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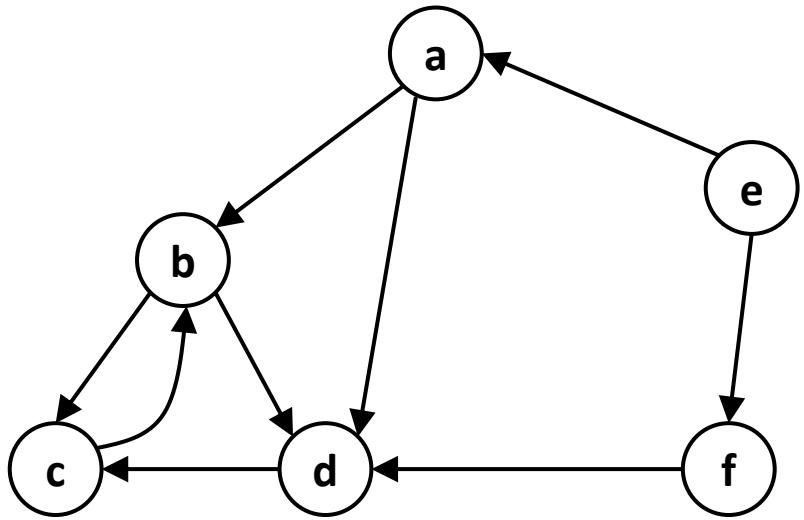


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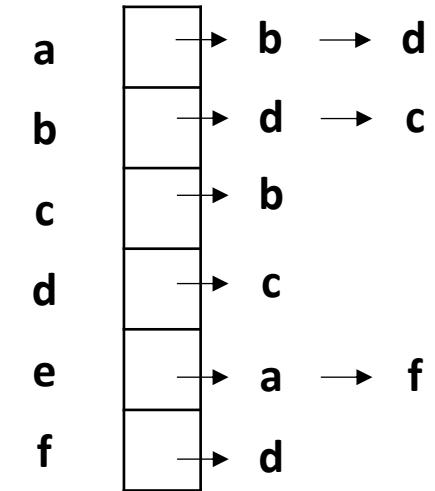
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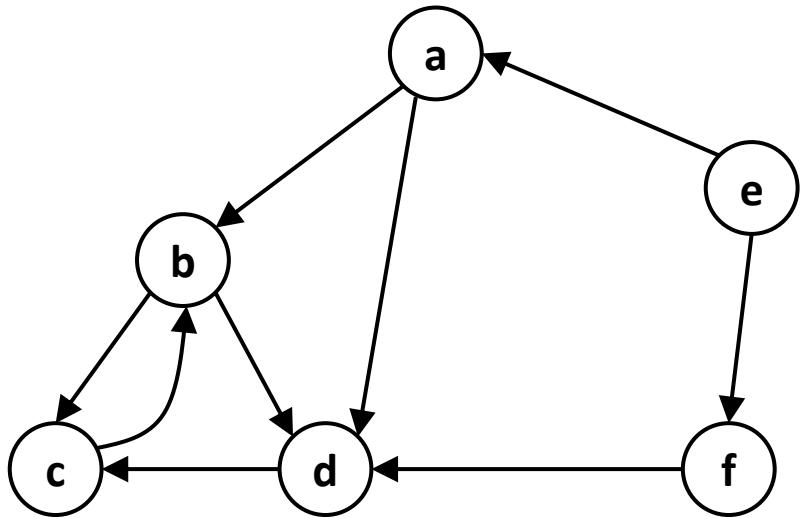


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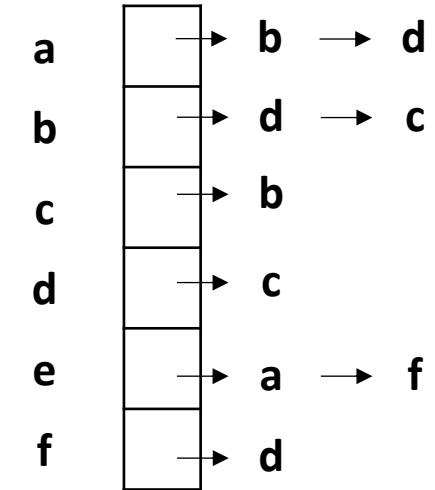
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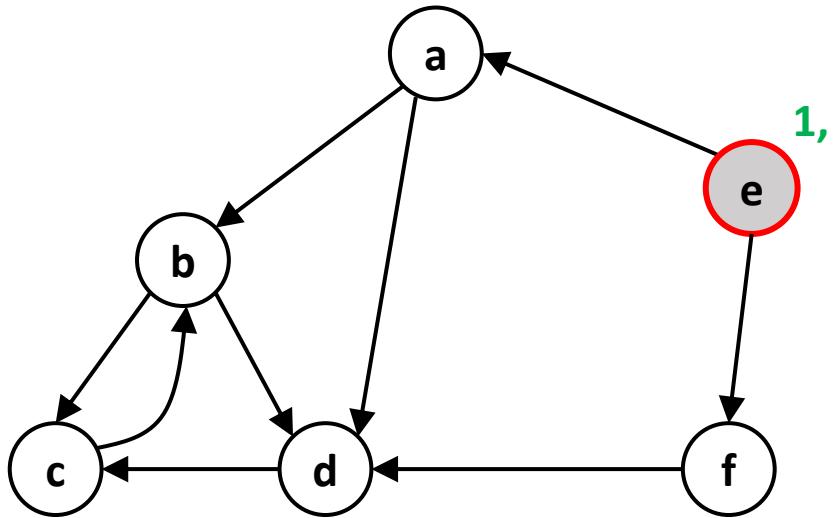
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DFS-Explore(G , e)

DFS(G)



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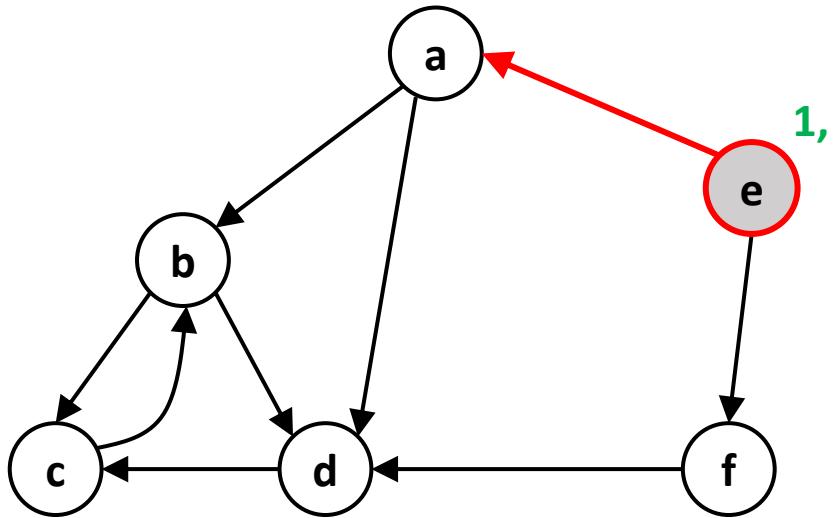
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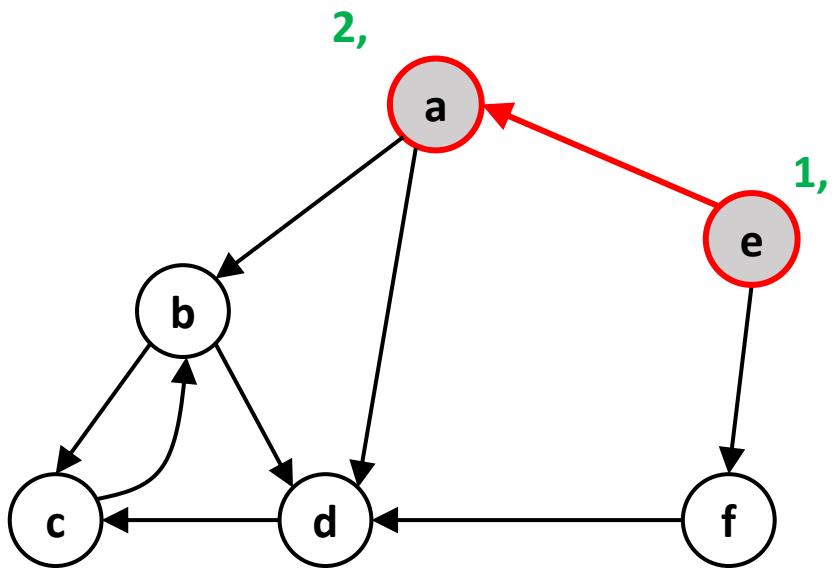
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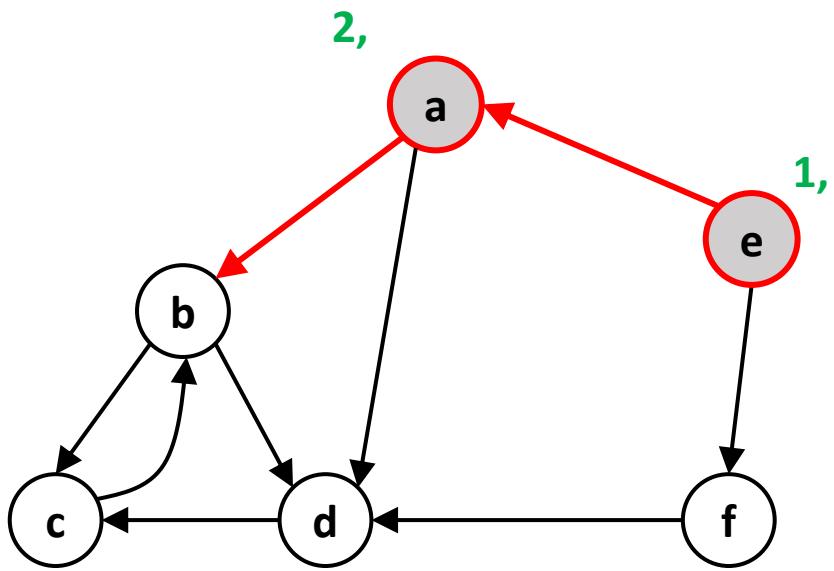
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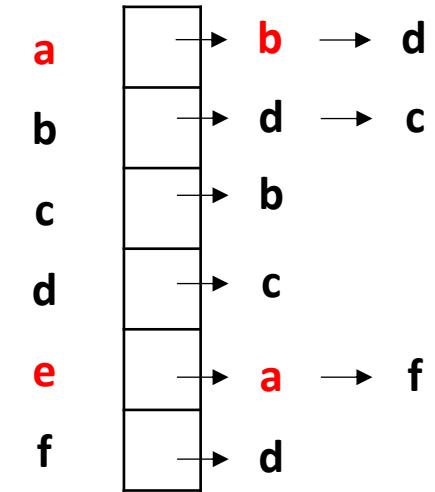


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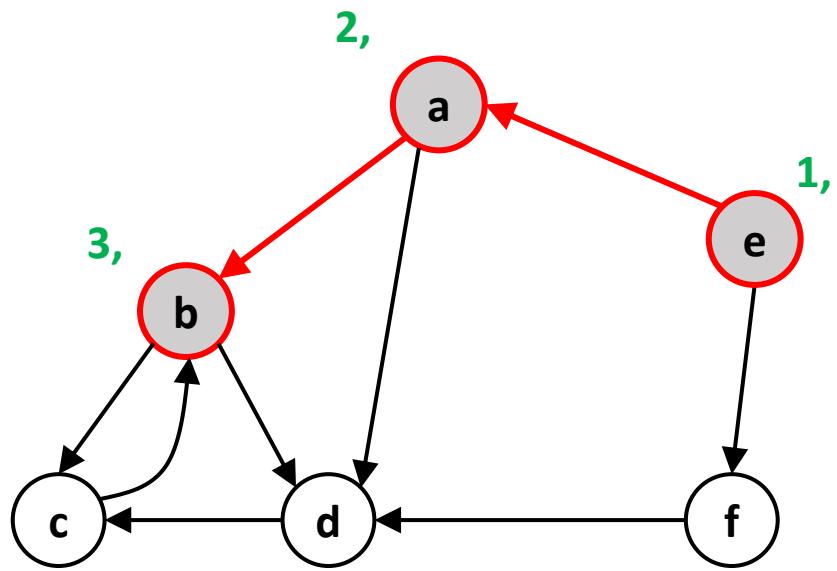
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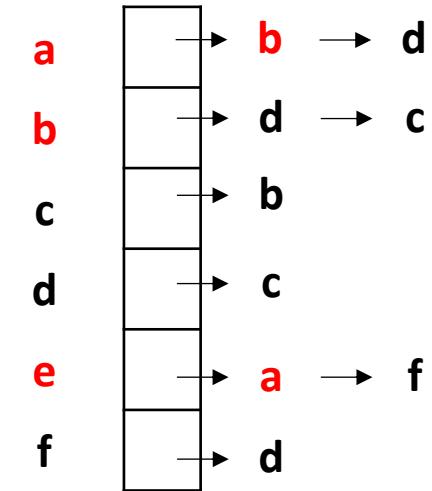


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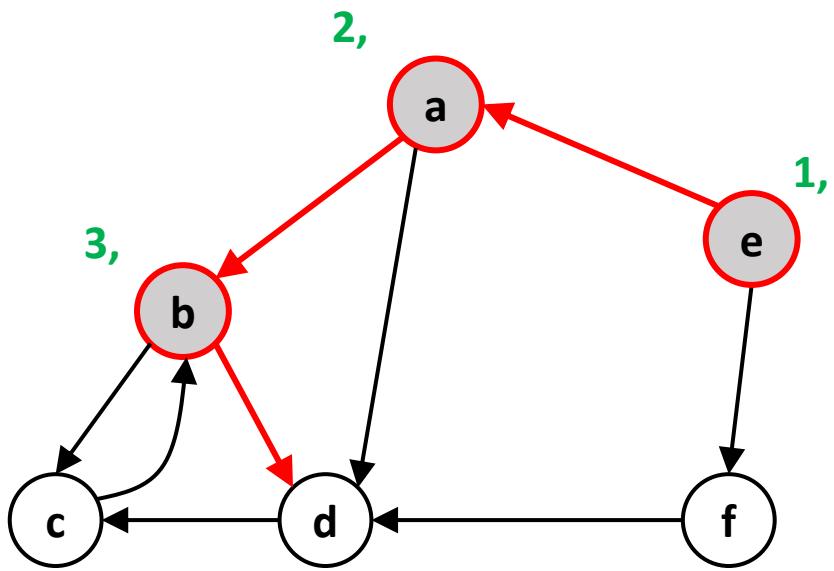
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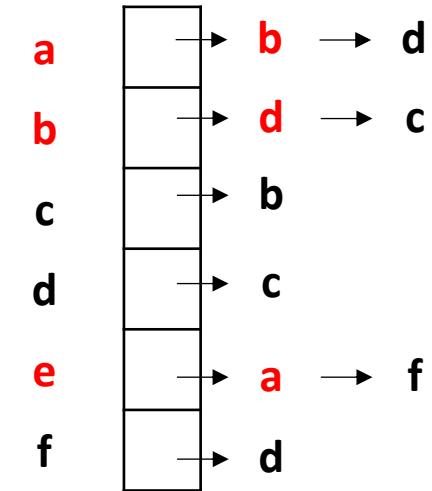
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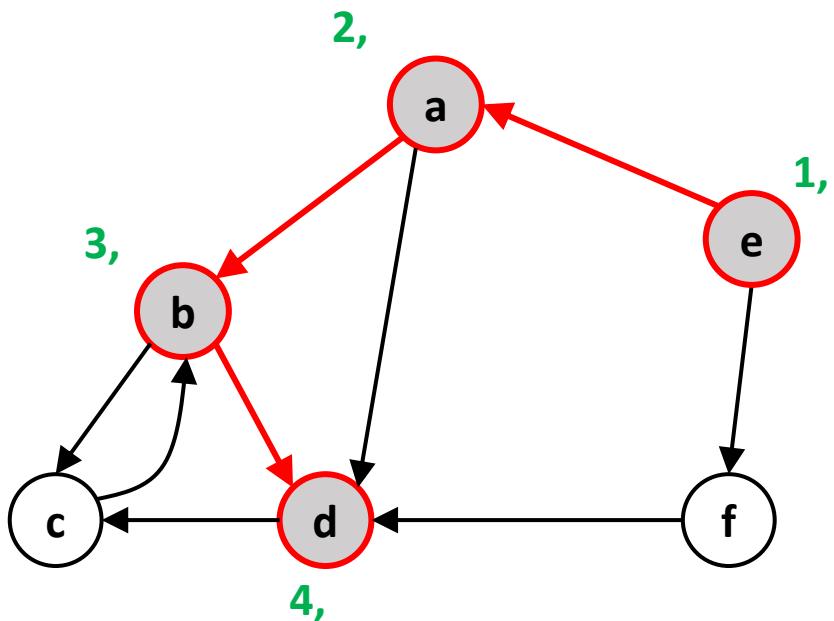
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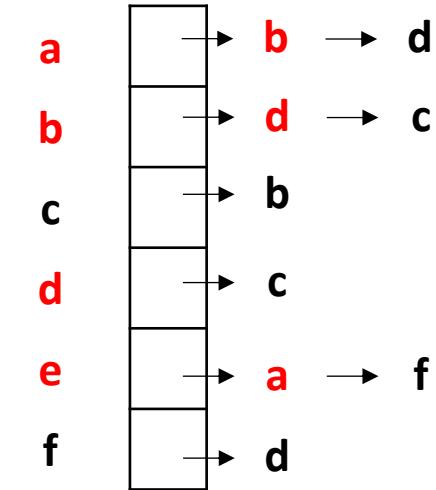


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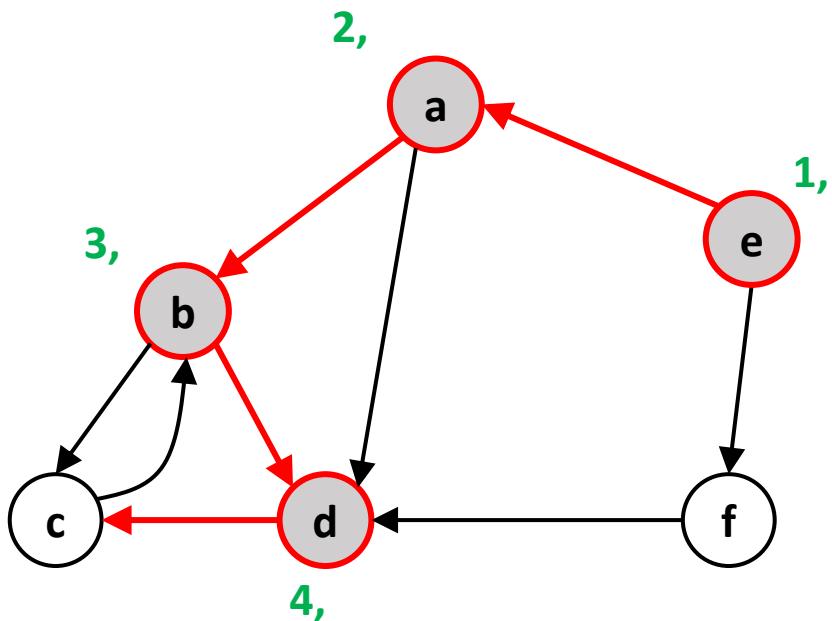
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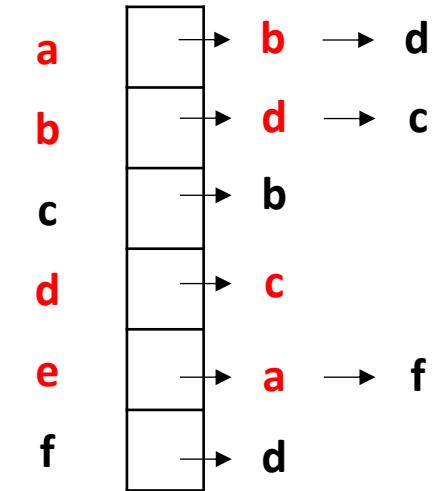
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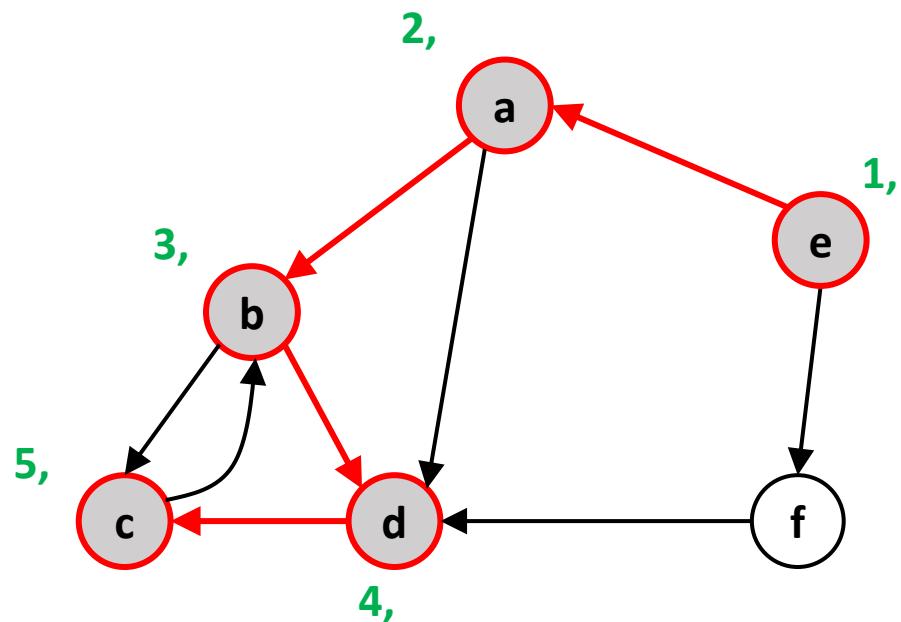
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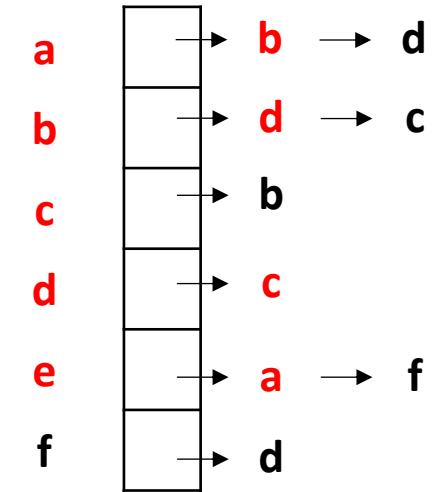


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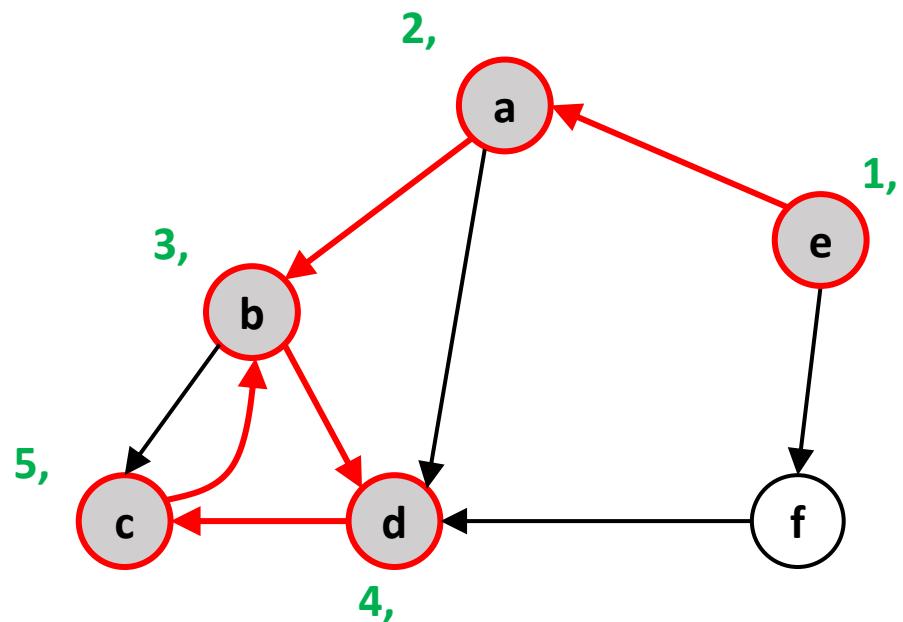
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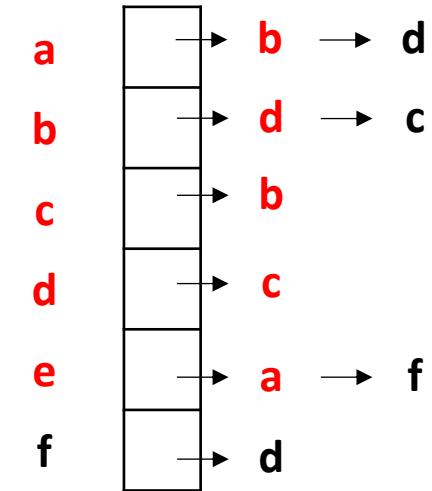


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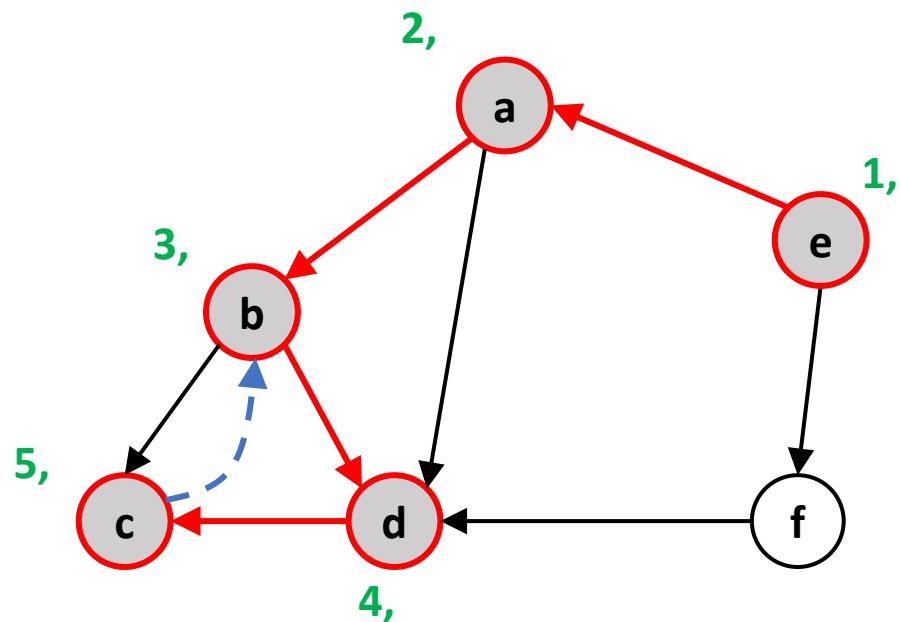
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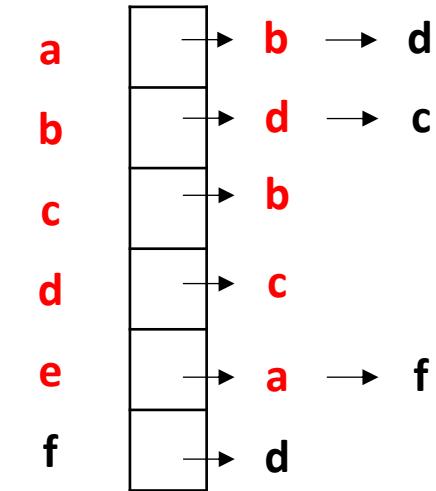
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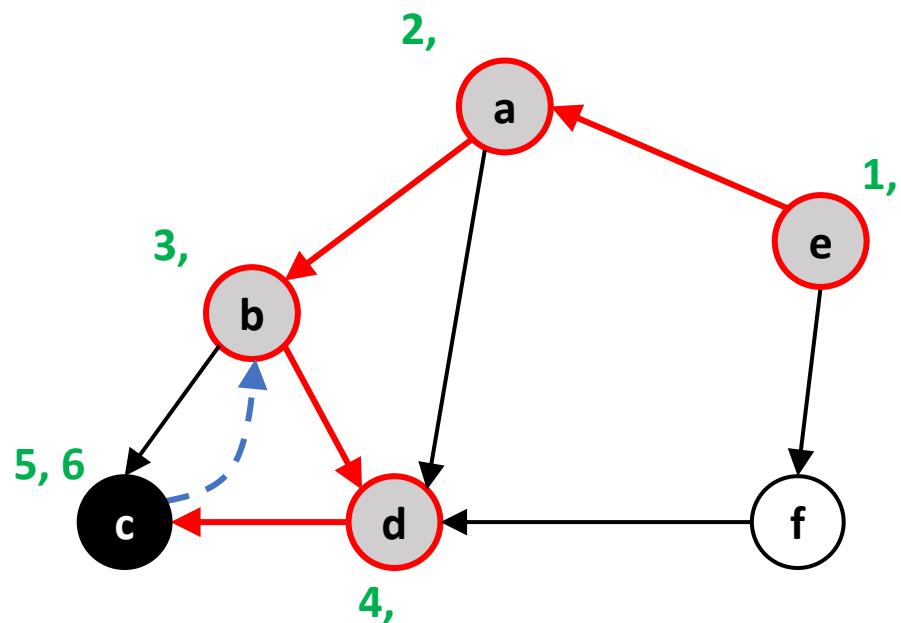
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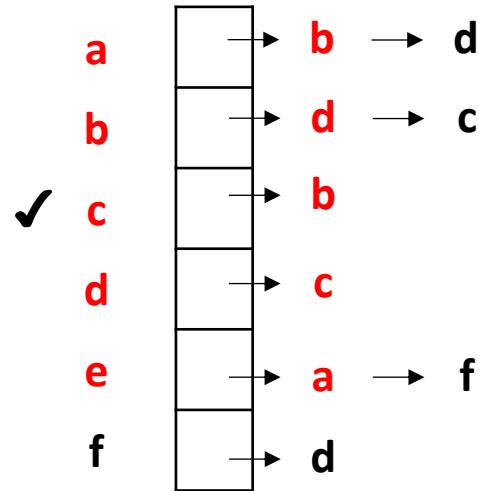
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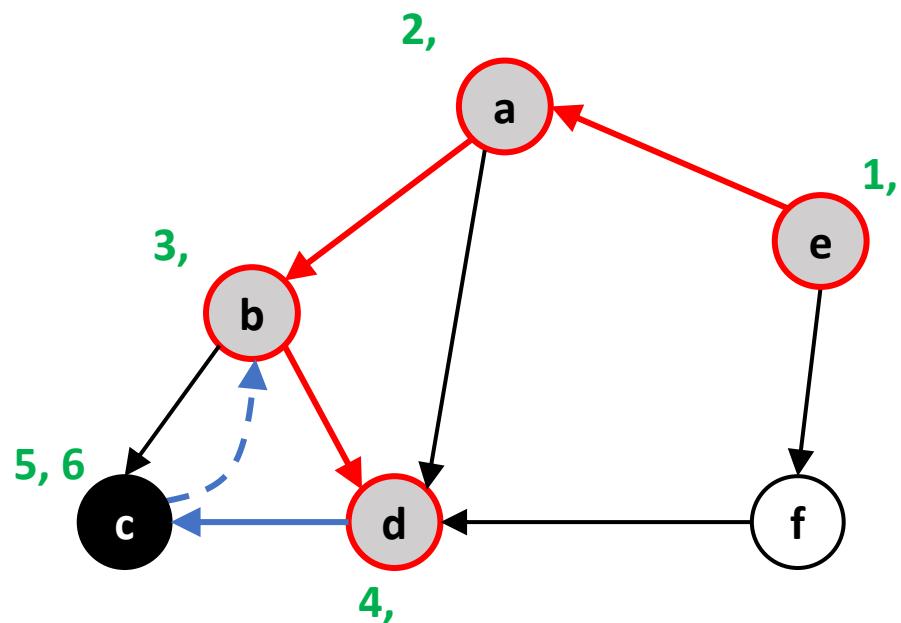
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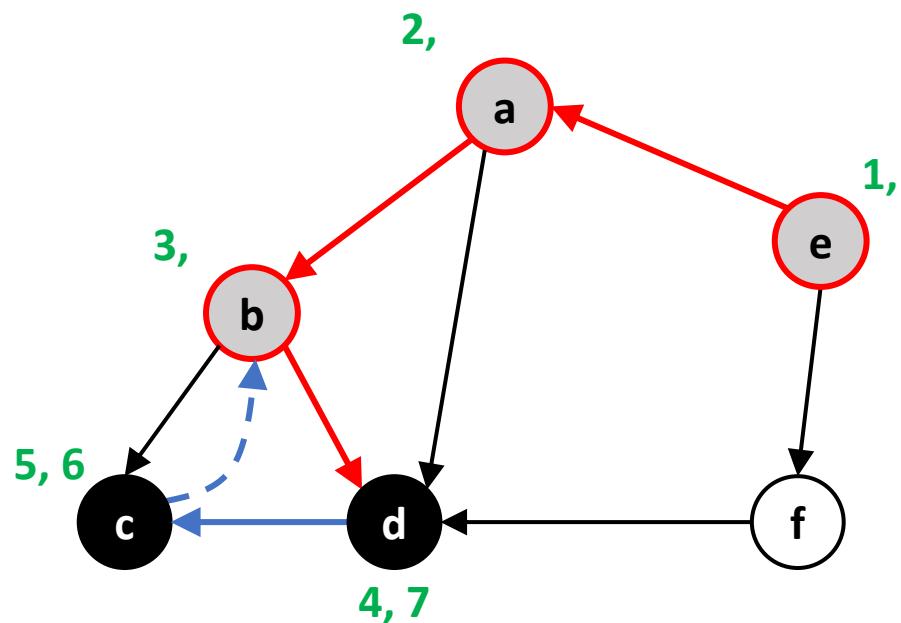
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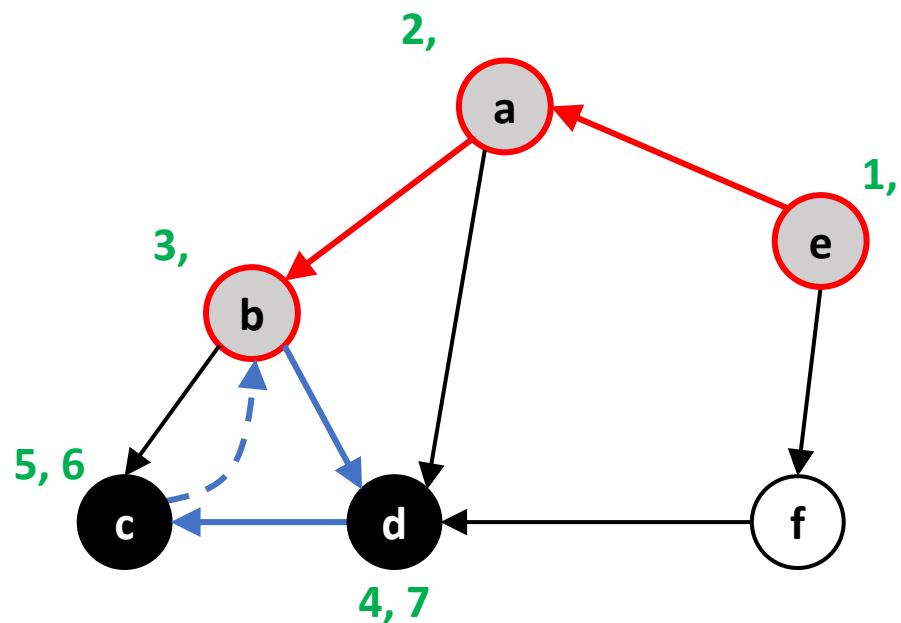
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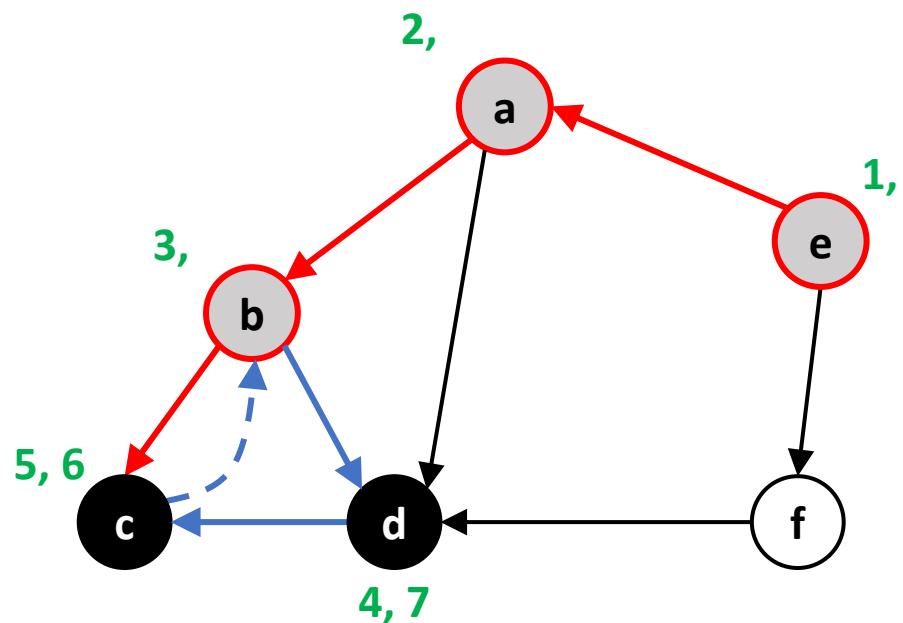
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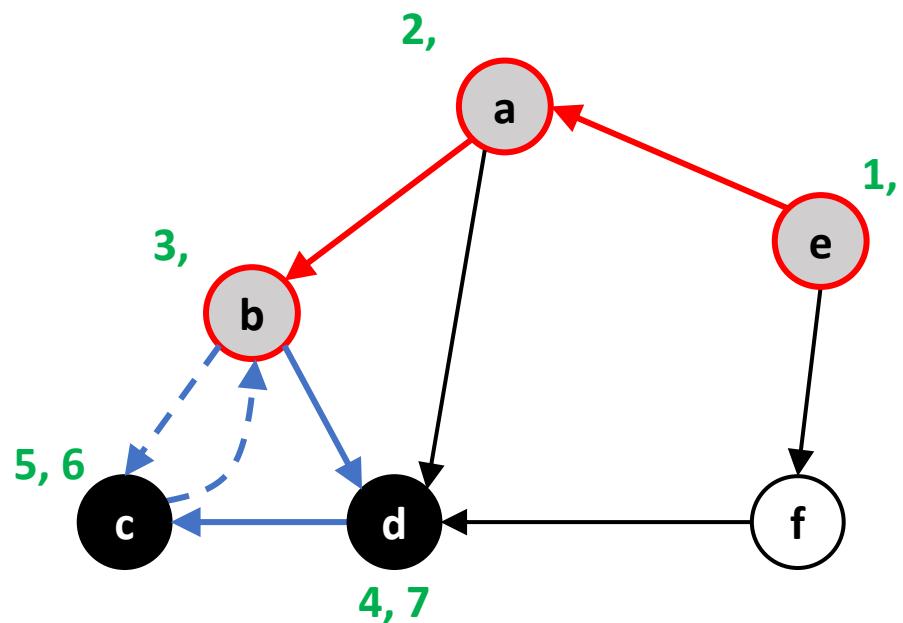
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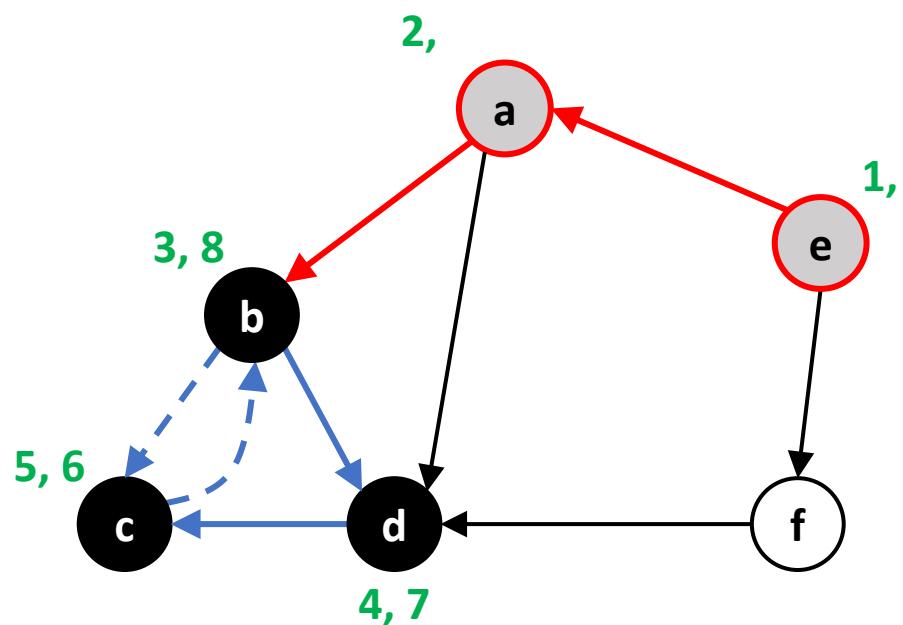
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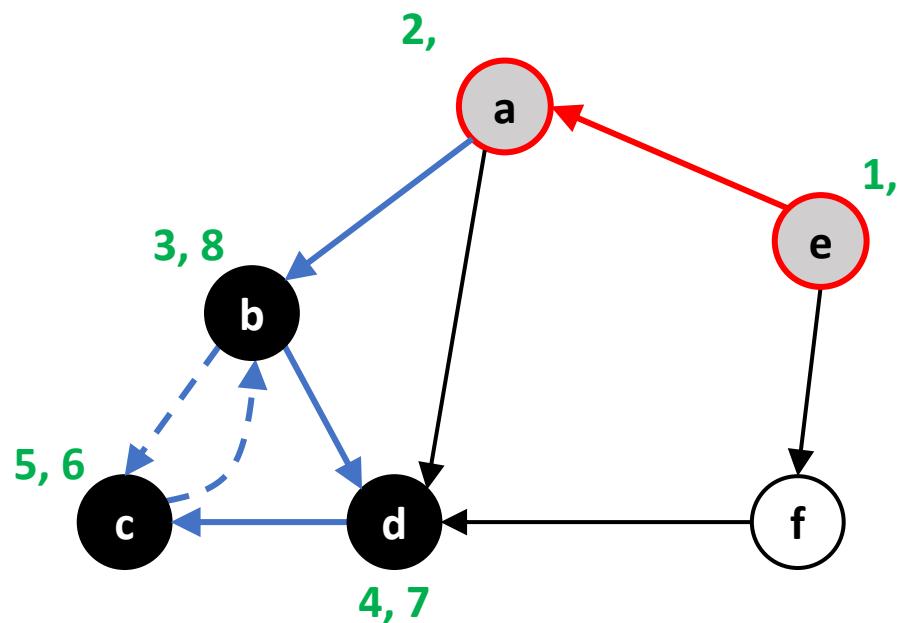
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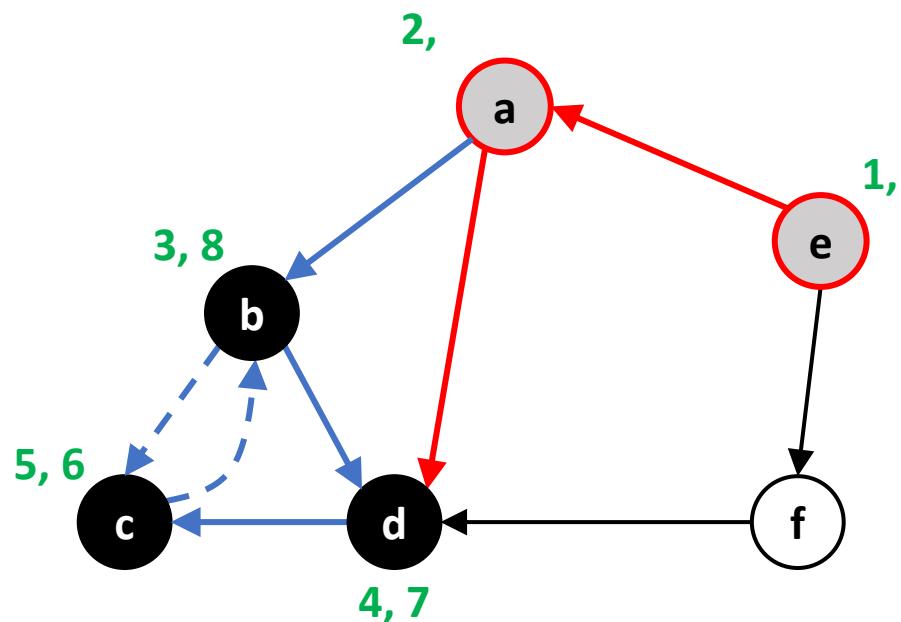
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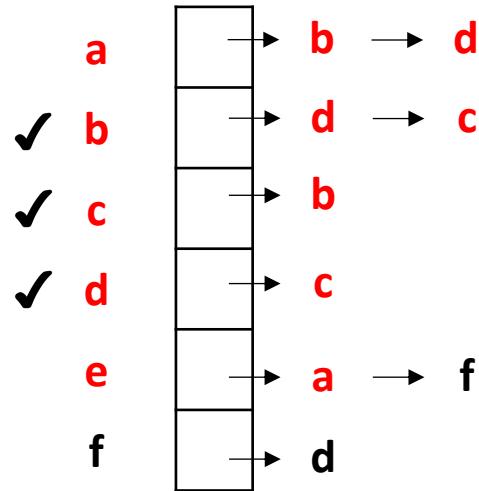
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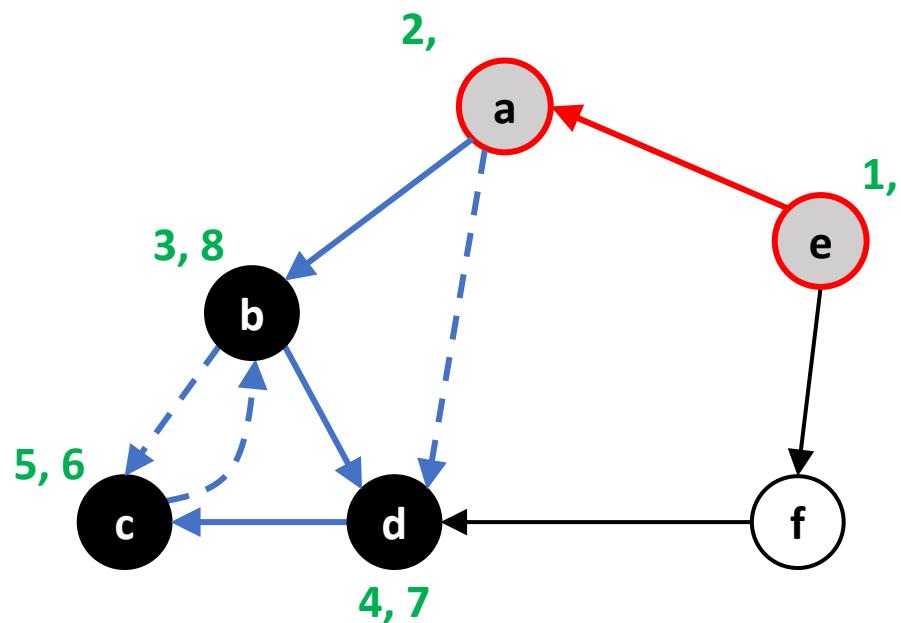
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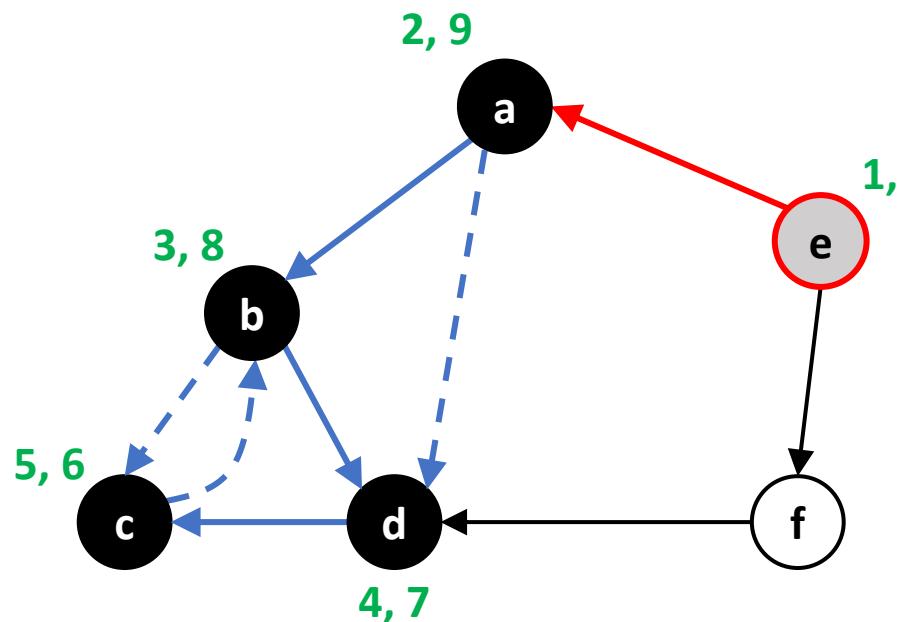
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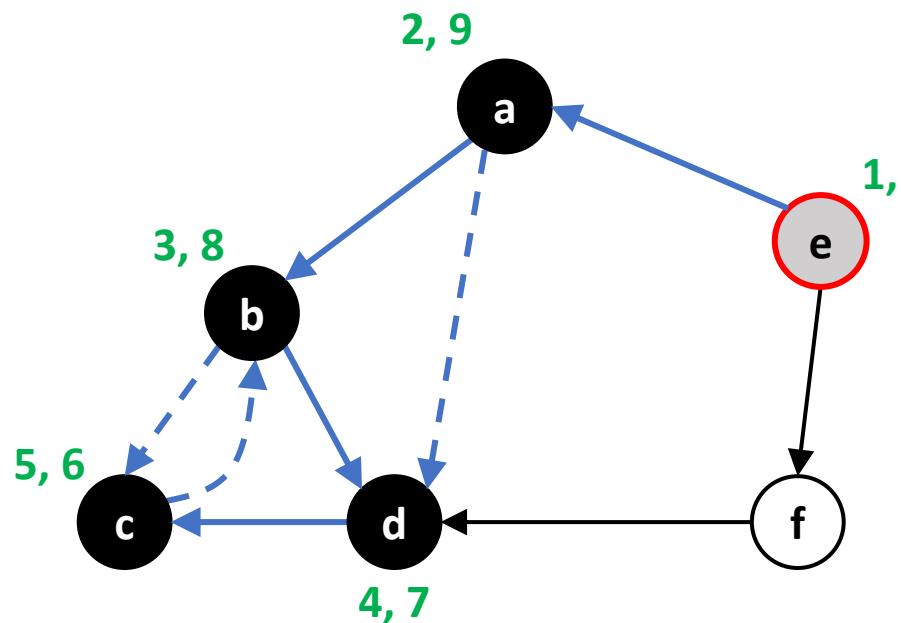
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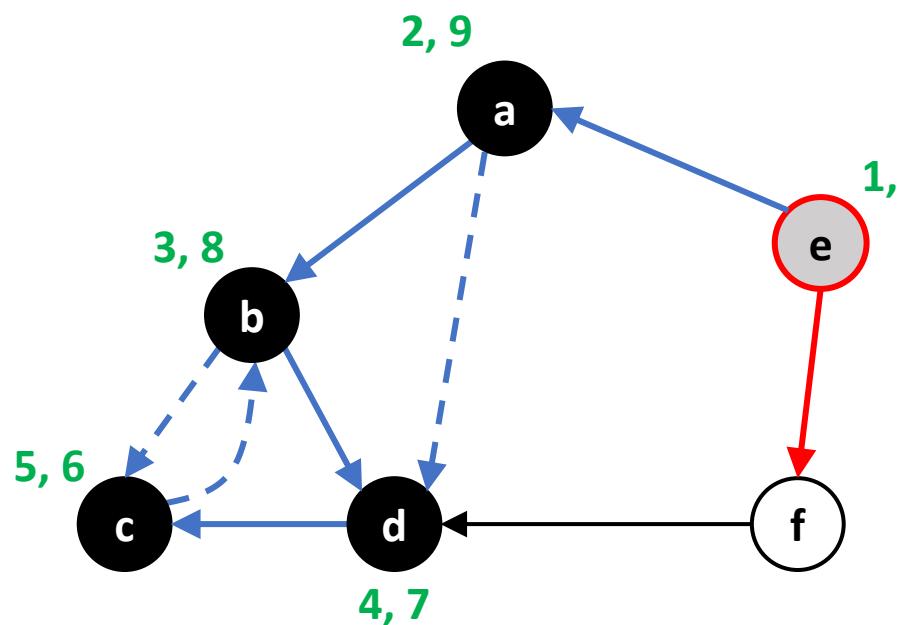
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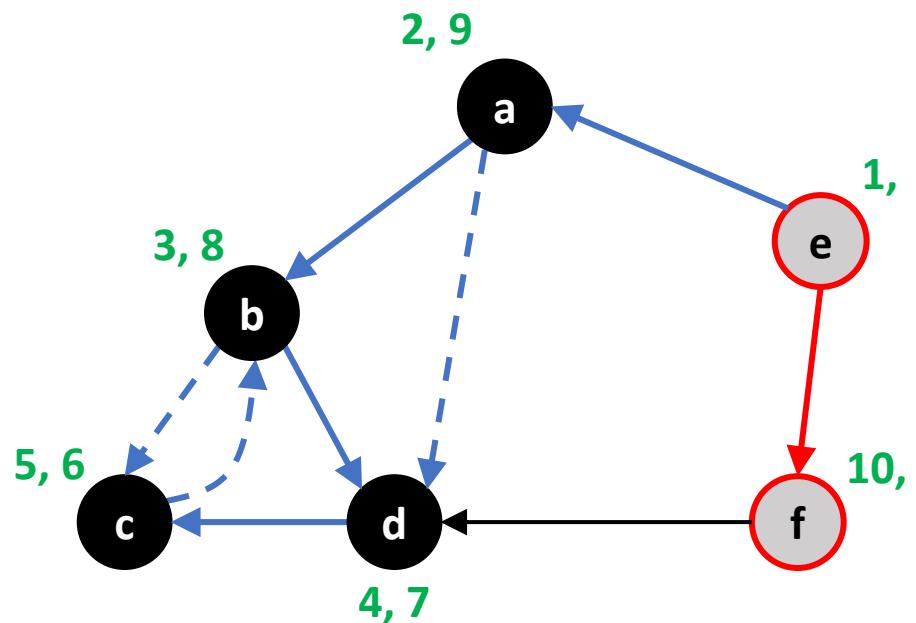
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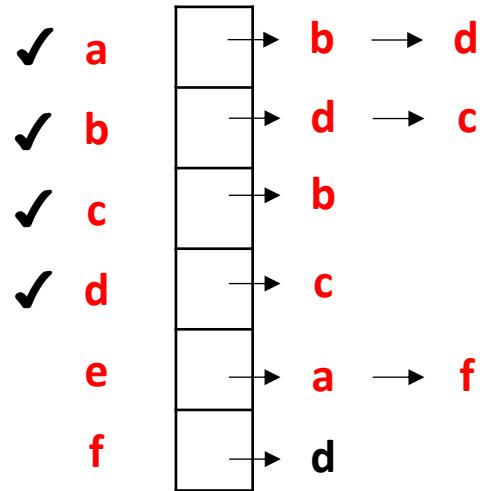
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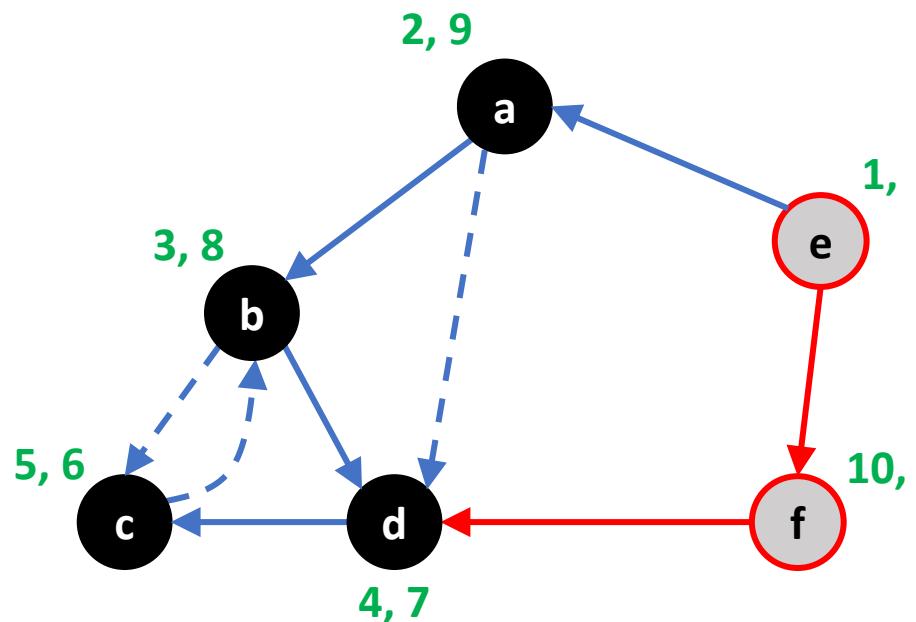
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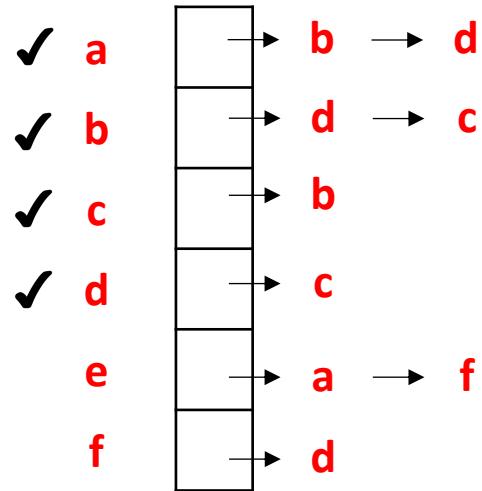
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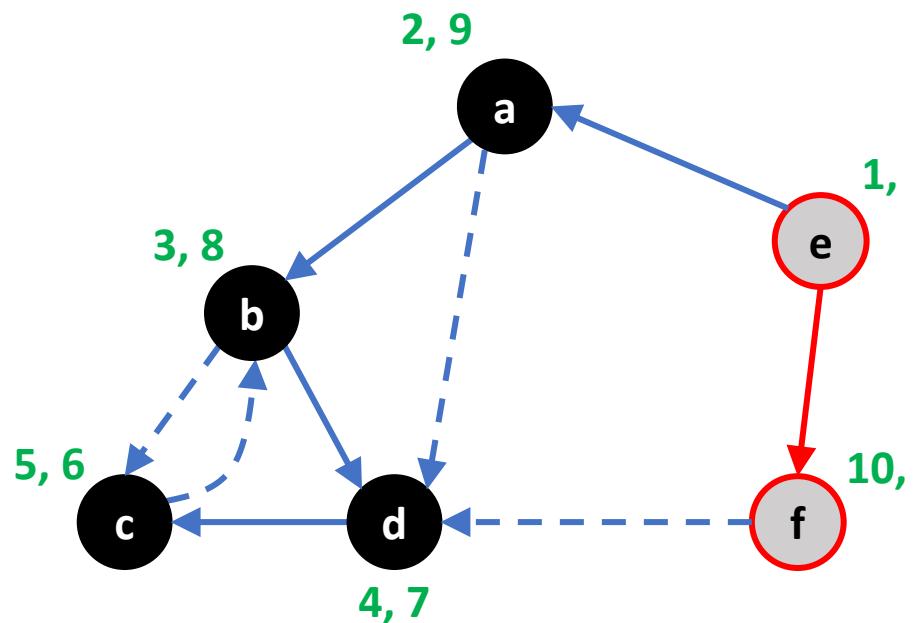
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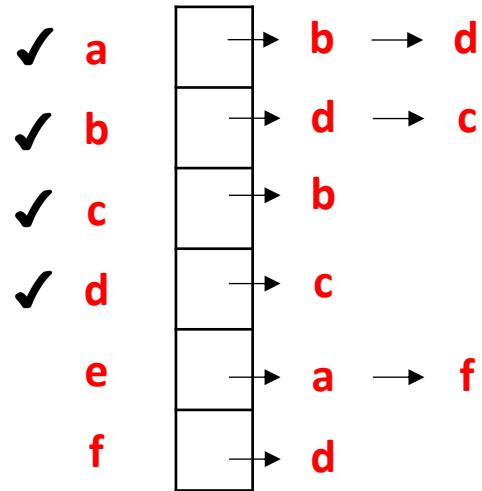
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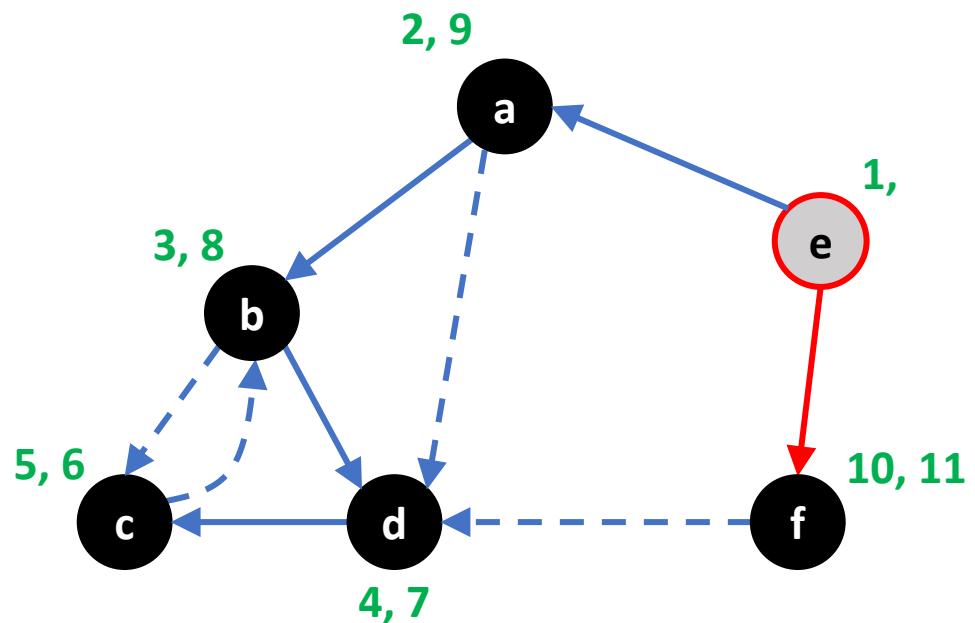
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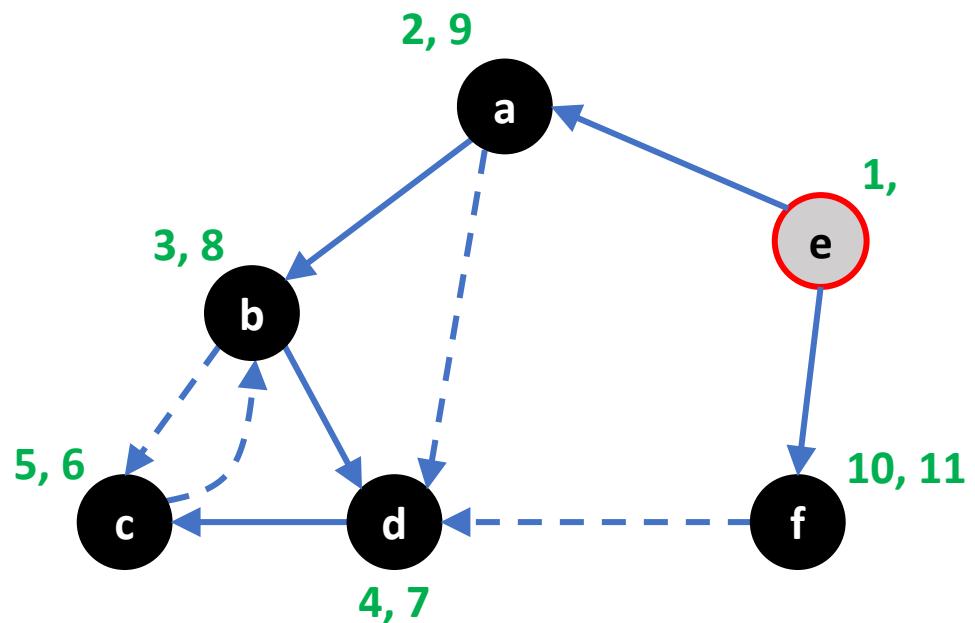
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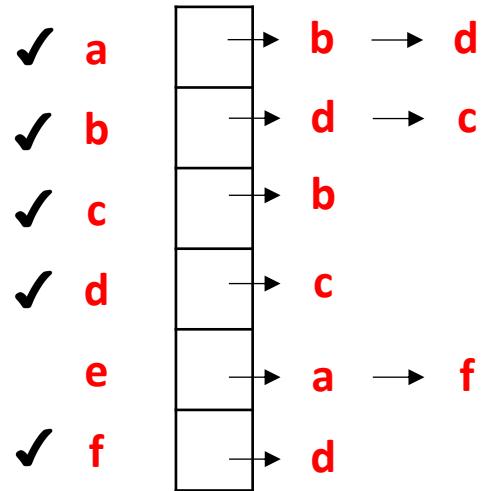


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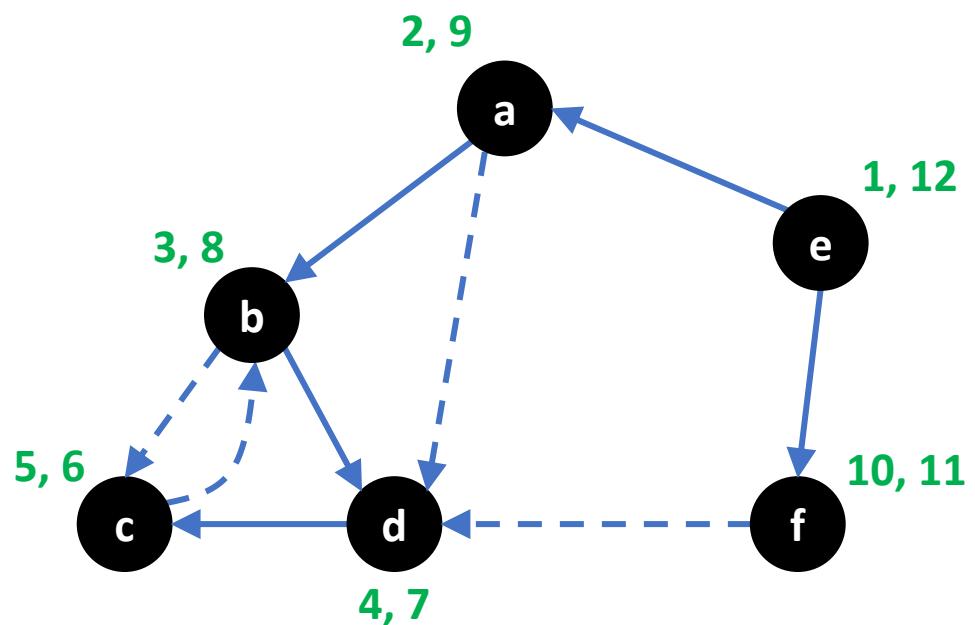
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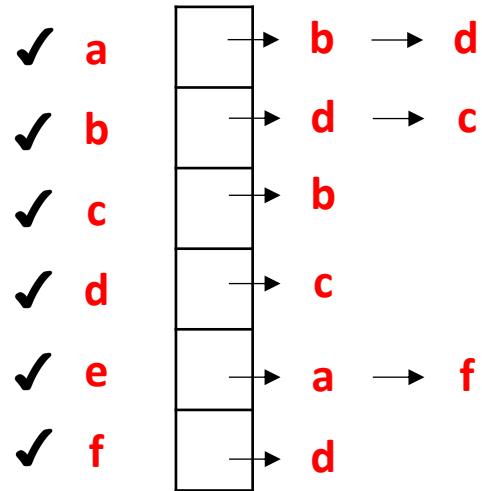
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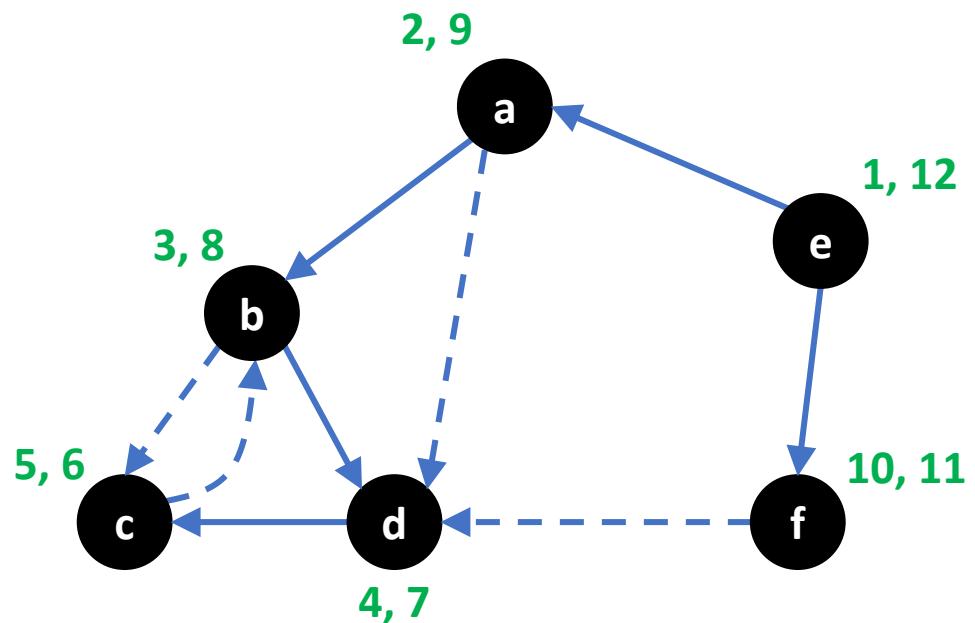
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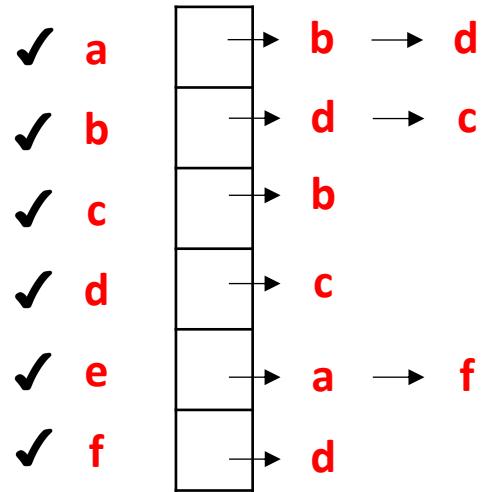
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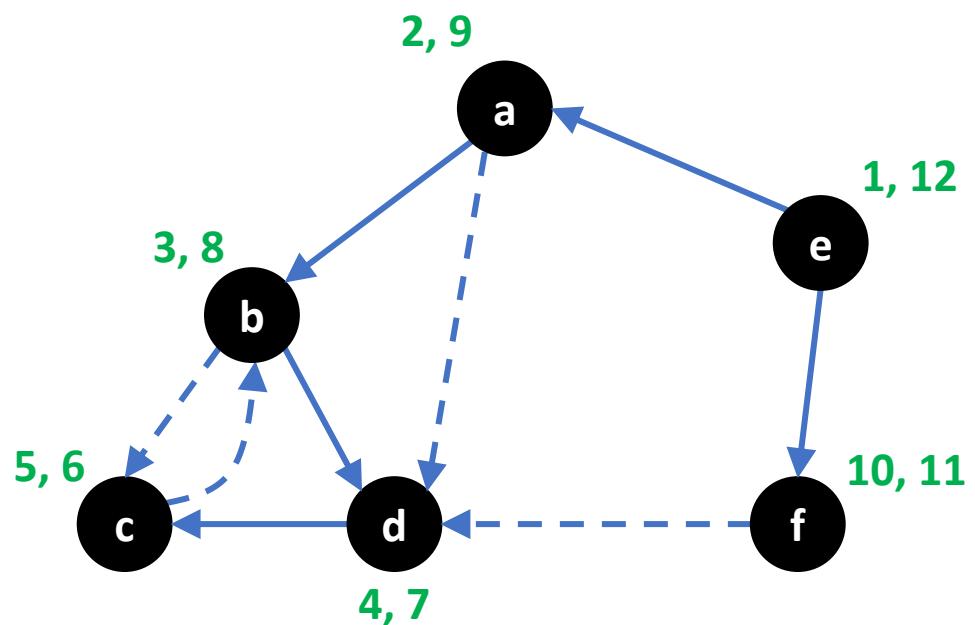


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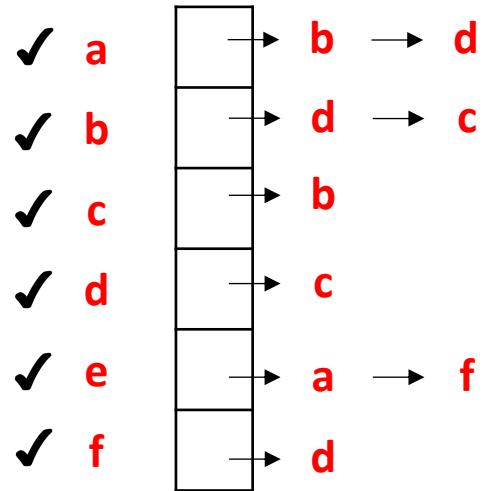
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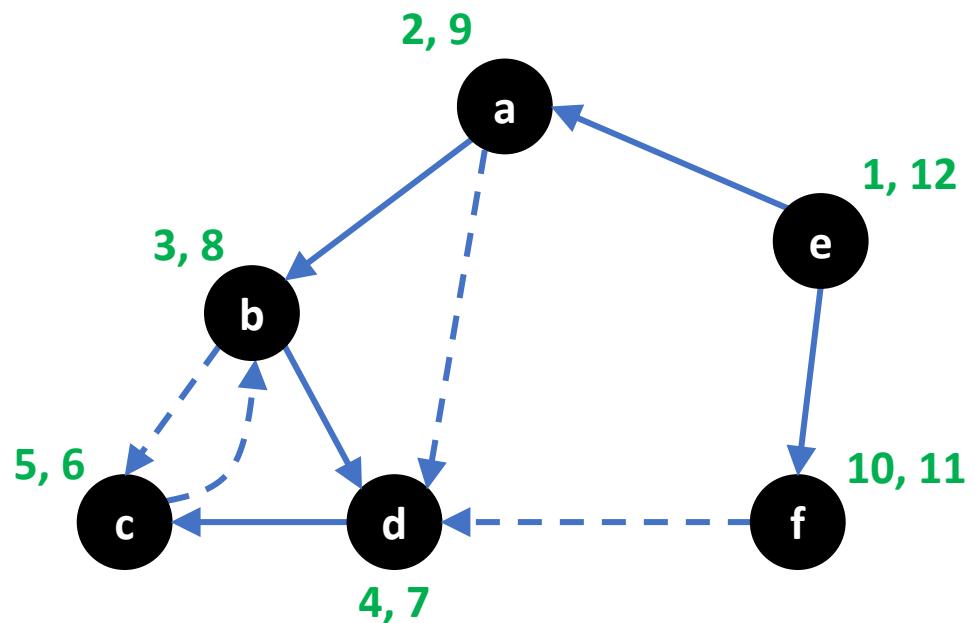


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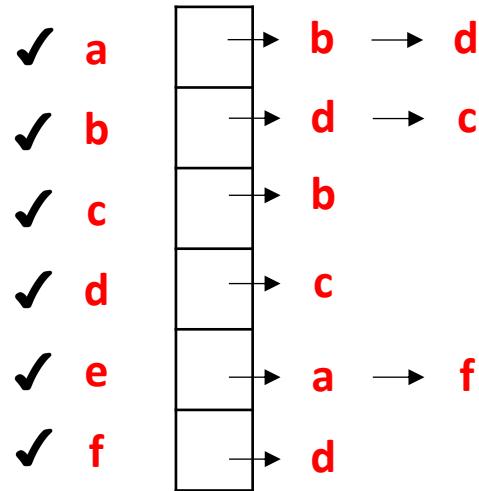
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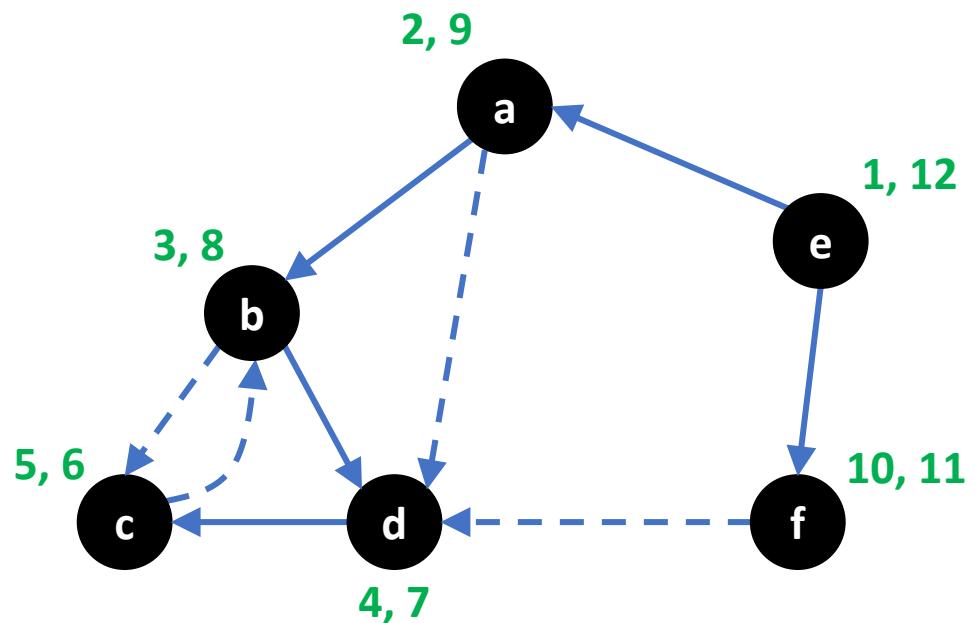


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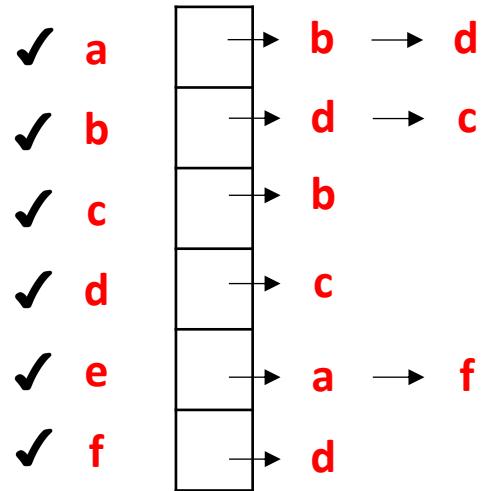
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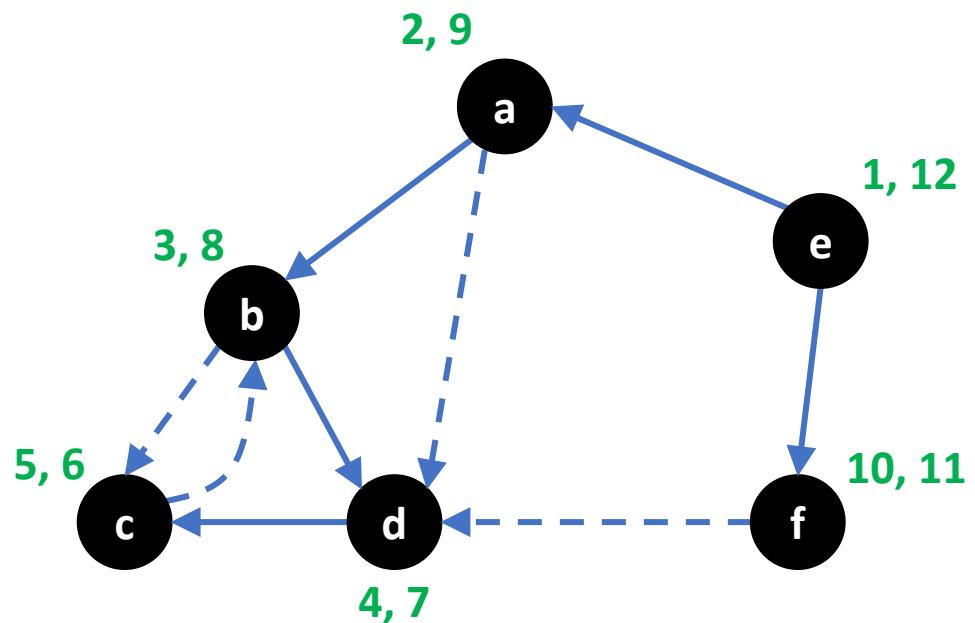
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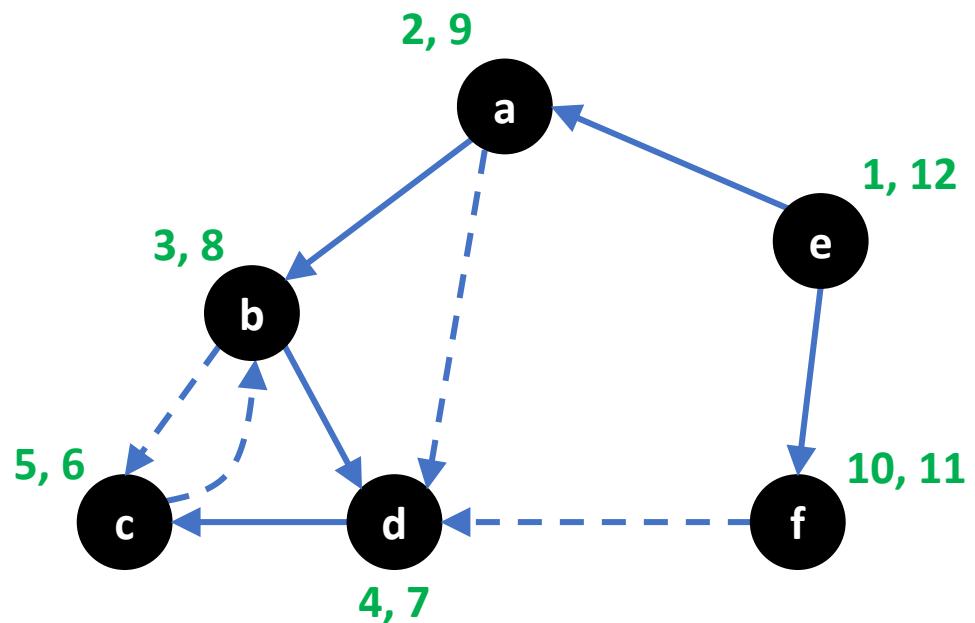
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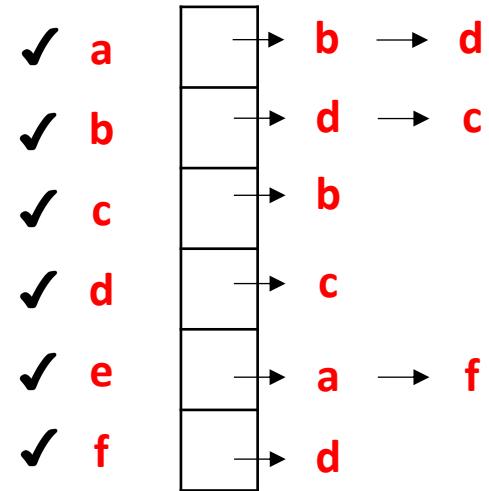
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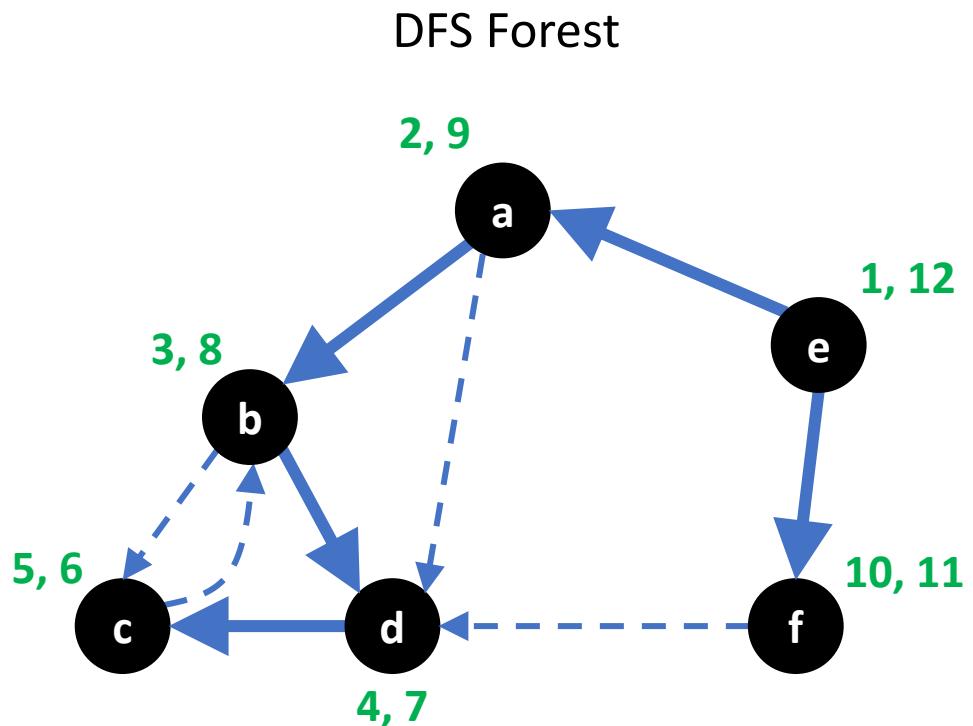


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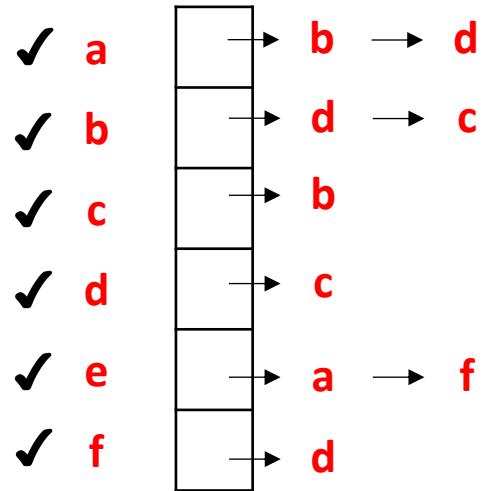
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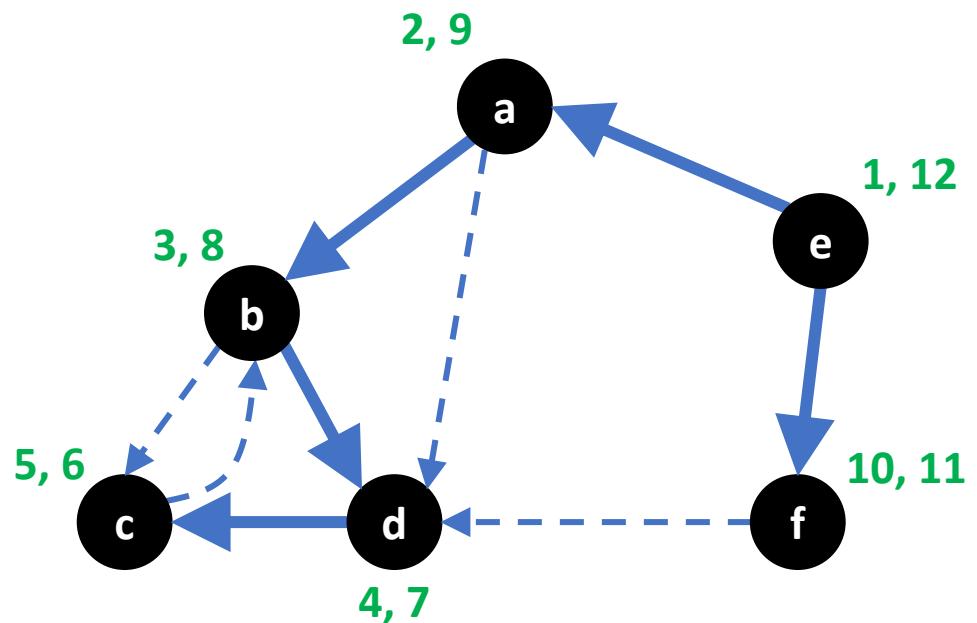
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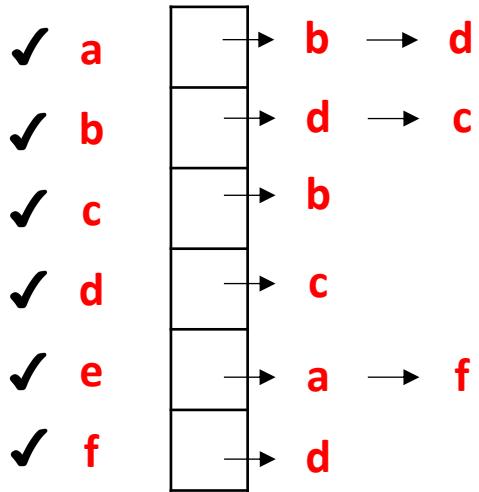
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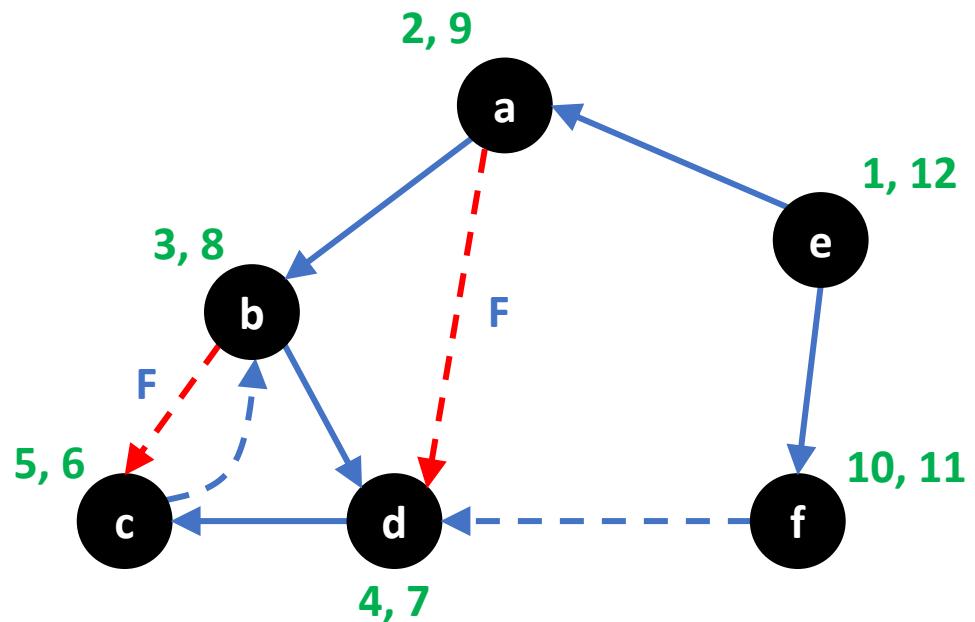
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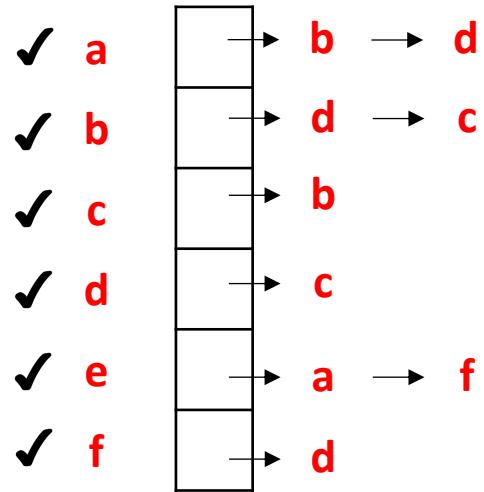
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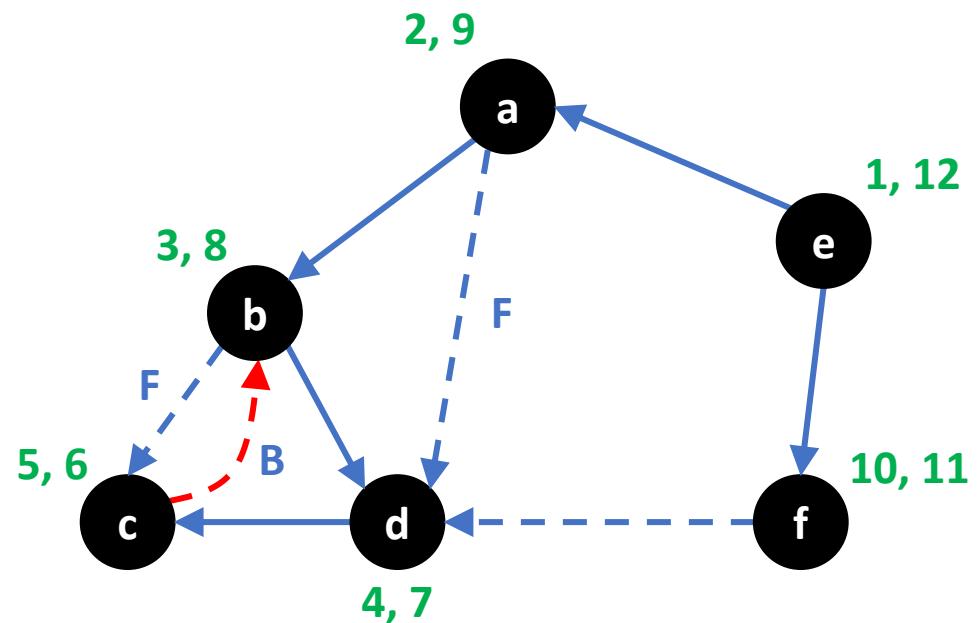
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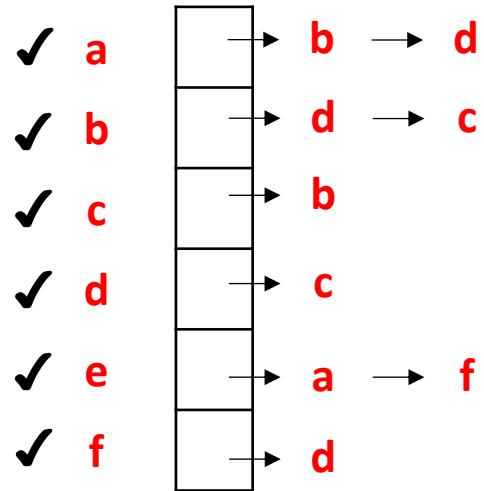
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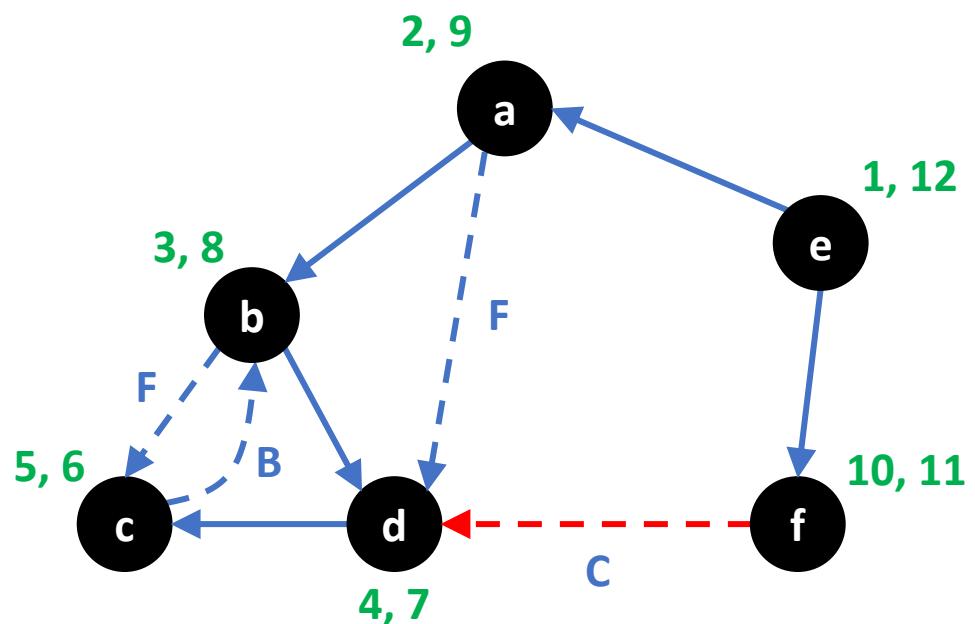
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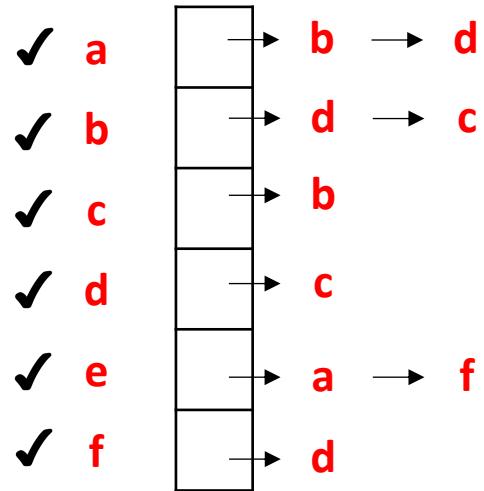
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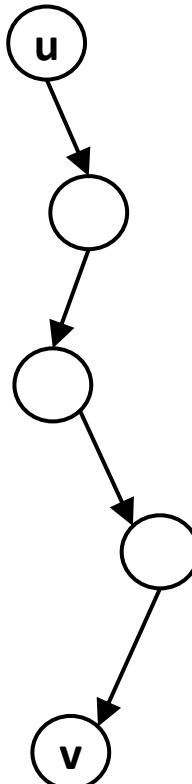
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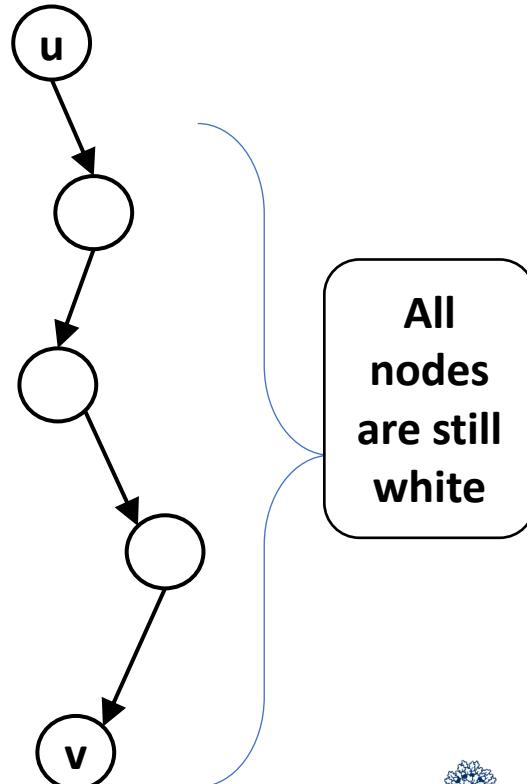
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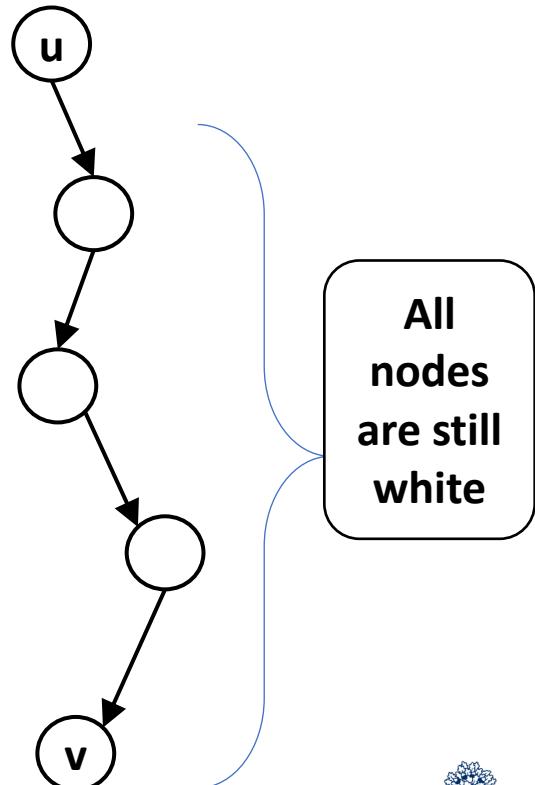
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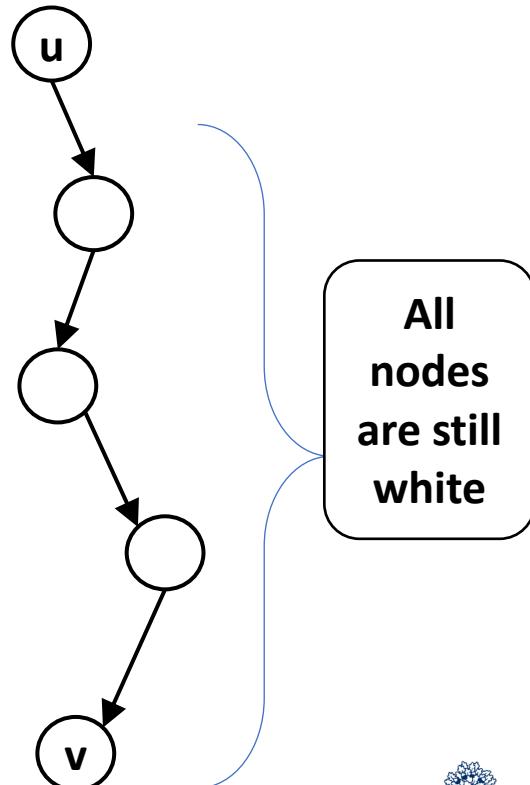
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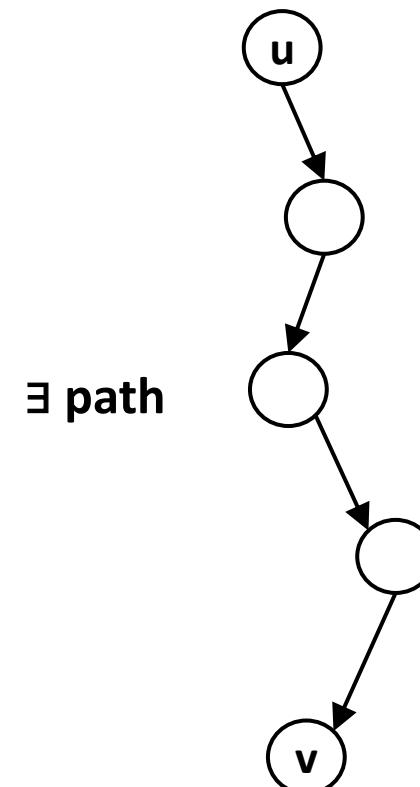
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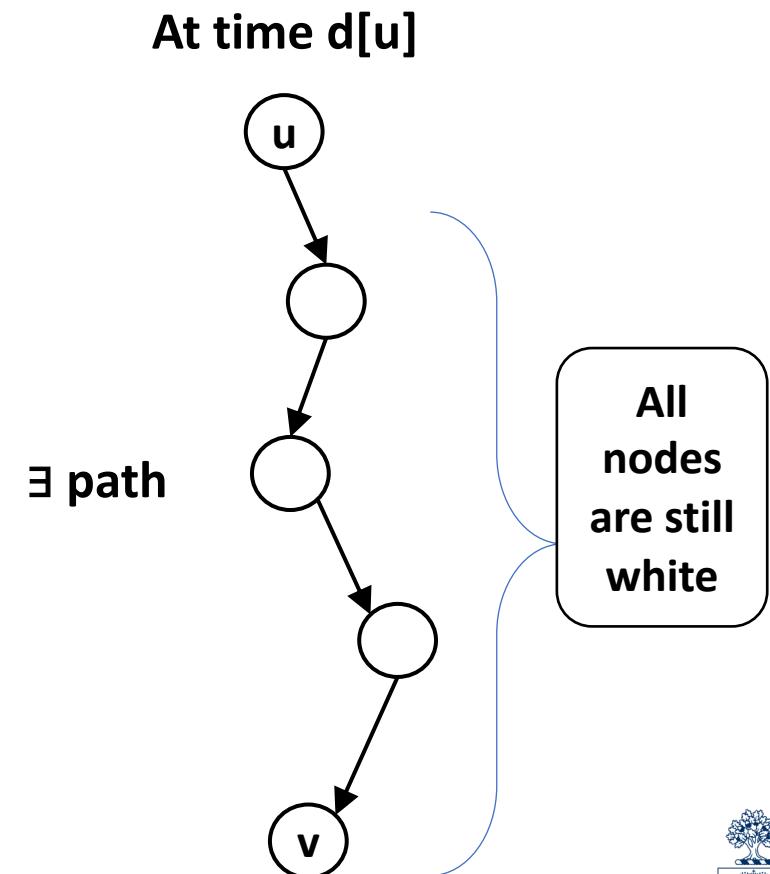
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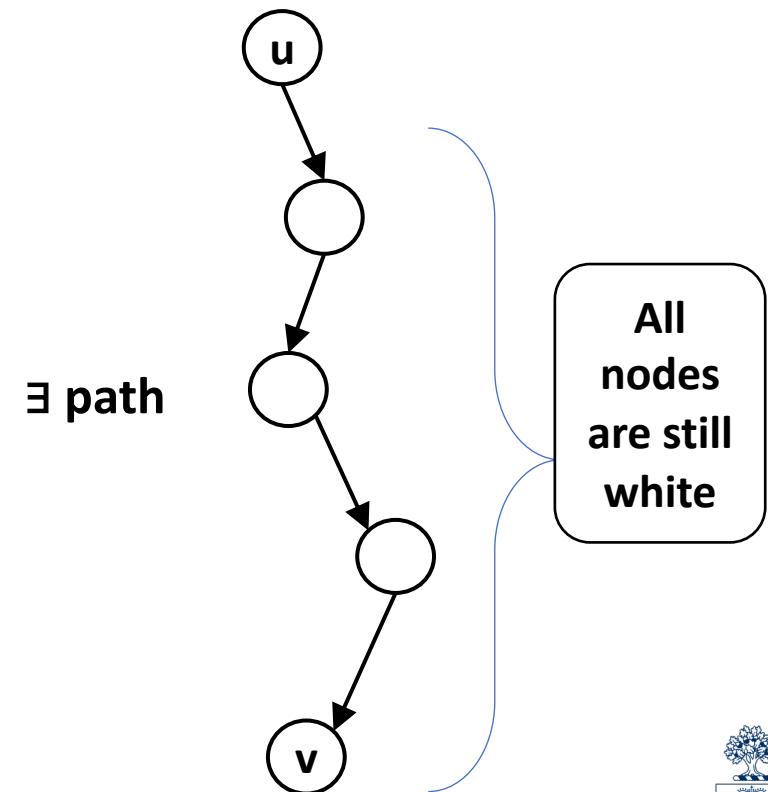
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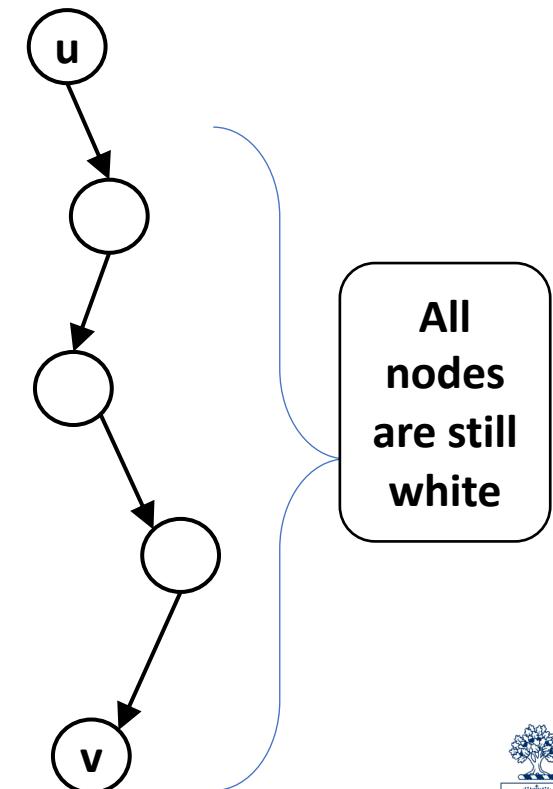
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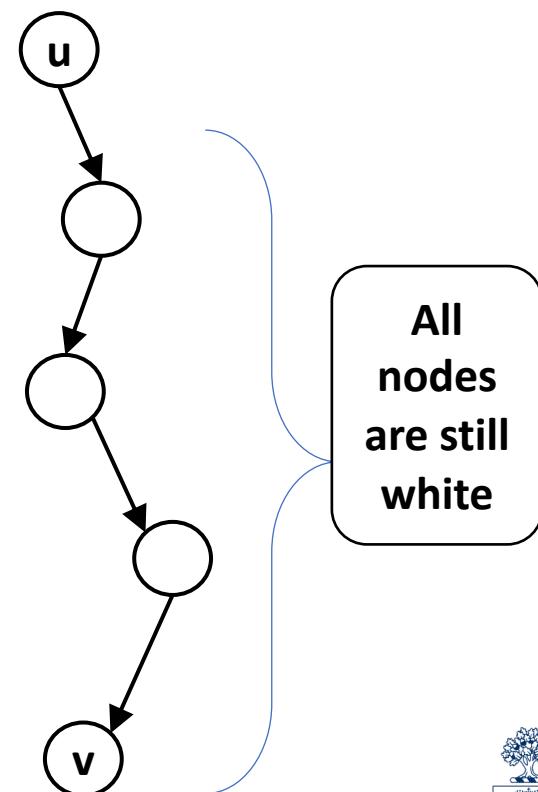
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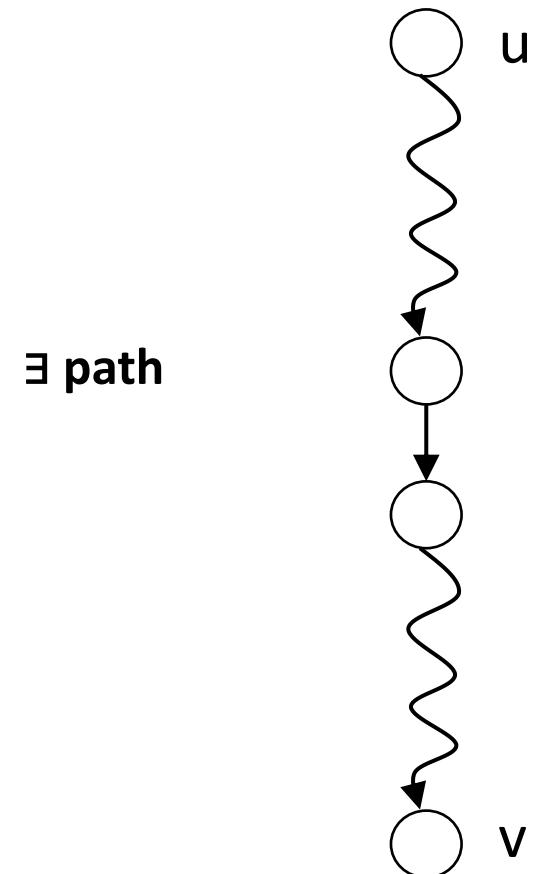
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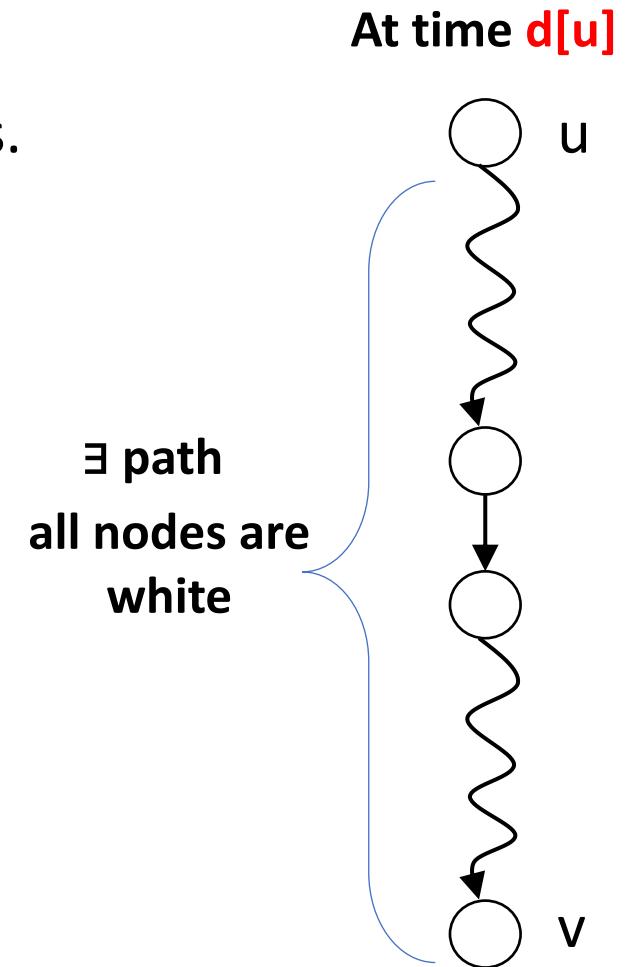
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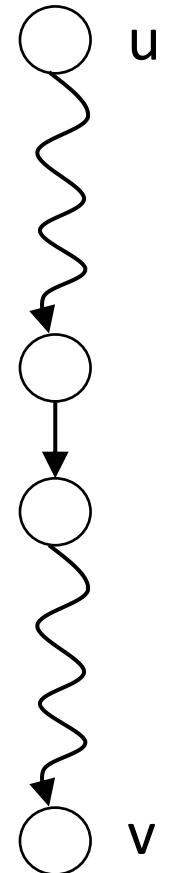


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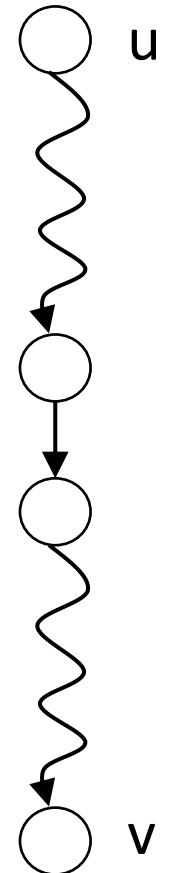
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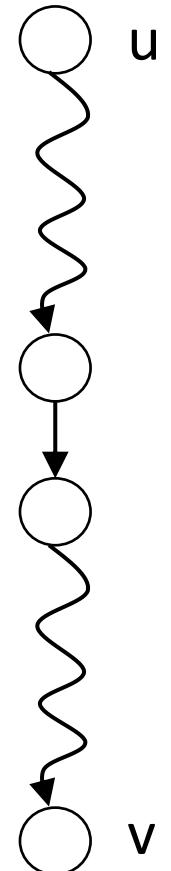


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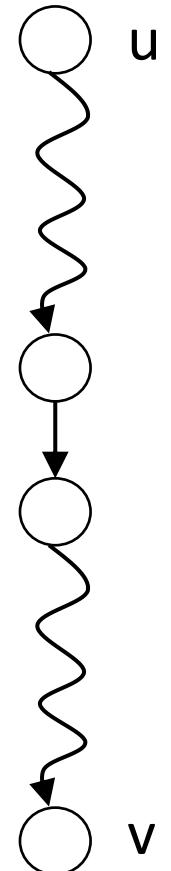
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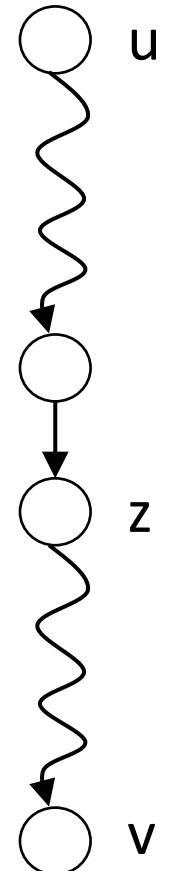
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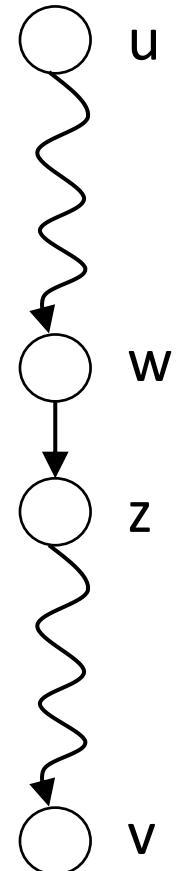
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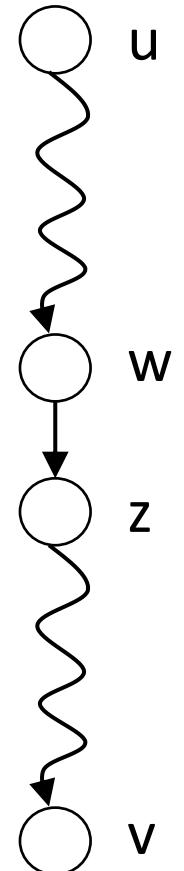
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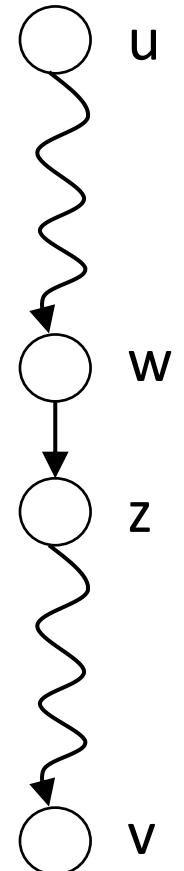
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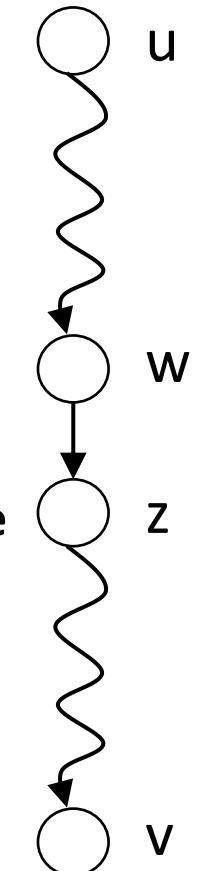
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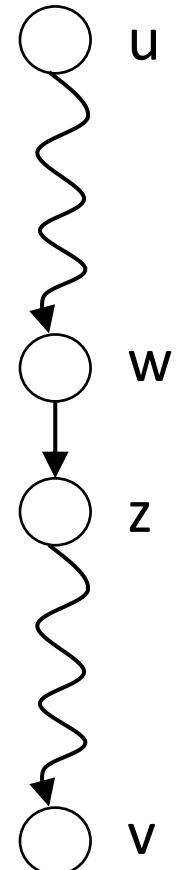
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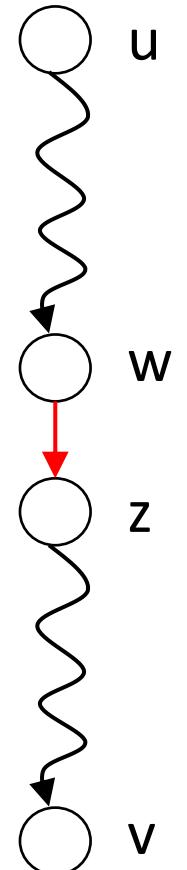
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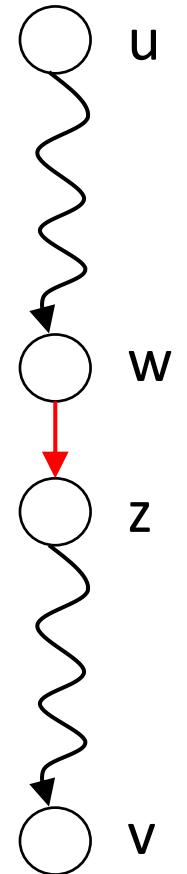
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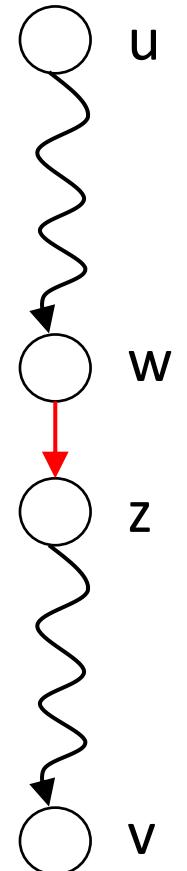
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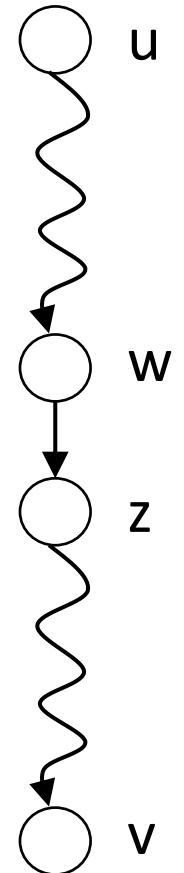
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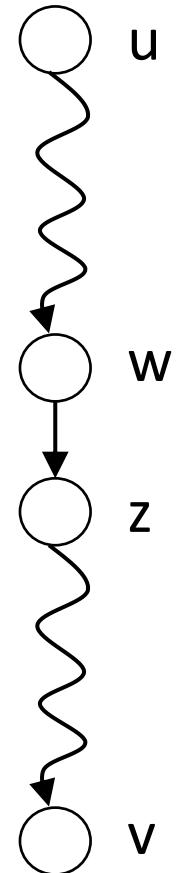
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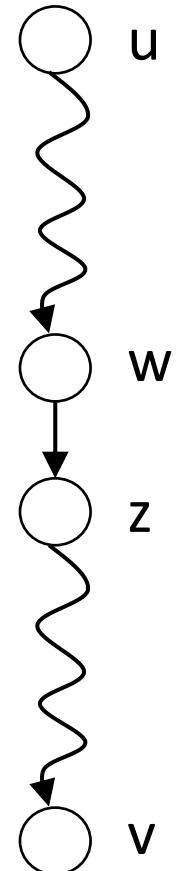
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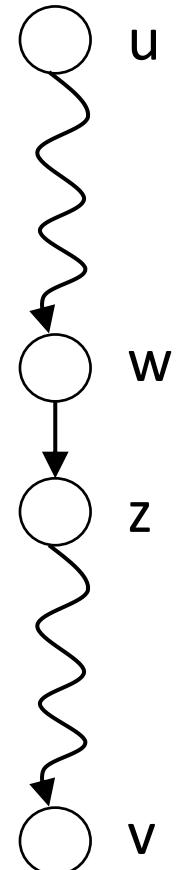
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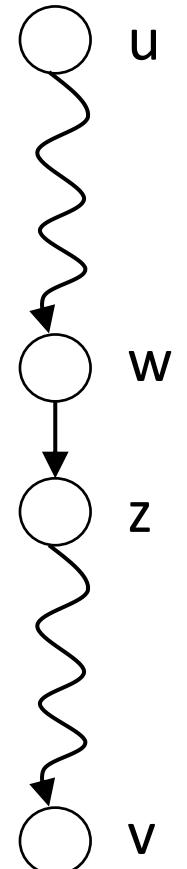
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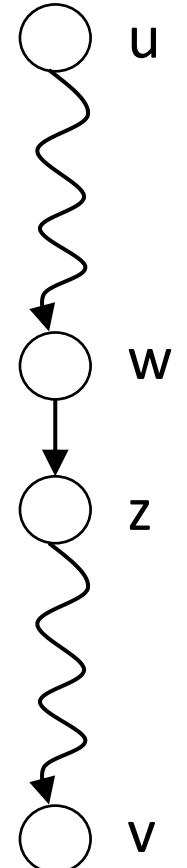
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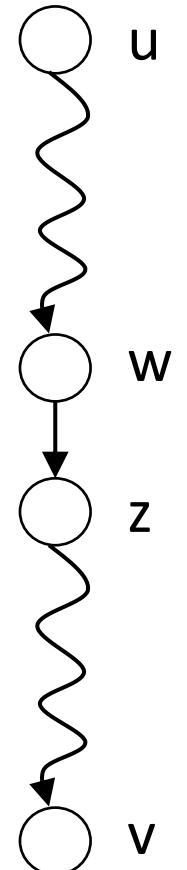
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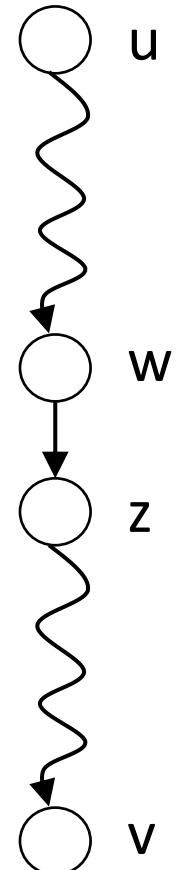
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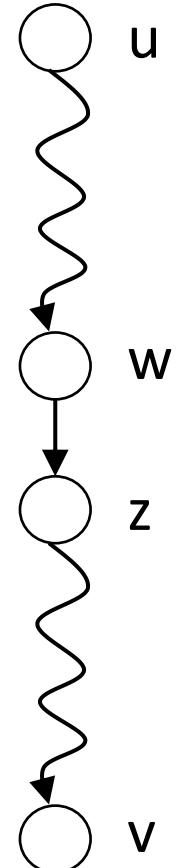
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Contradiction!

White-Path-Theorem [Theorem 22.9 CLRS]

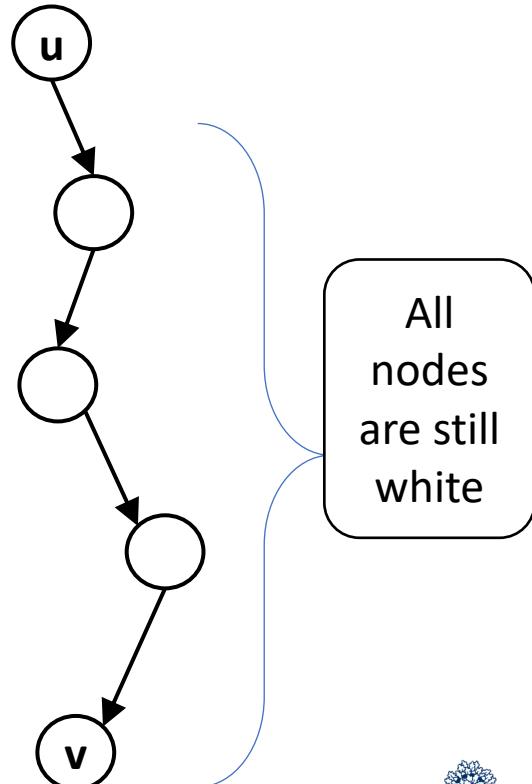
For all graphs G and all DFS of G :

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At the time $d[u]$ the DFS discovers u ,
there is a path from u to v in G
that consists entirely of white nodes

At time $d[u]$



Application of White-Path-Theorem [Theorem 22.11 CLRS]

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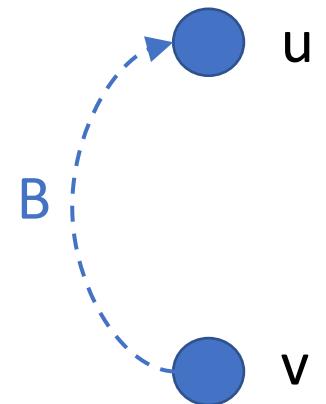


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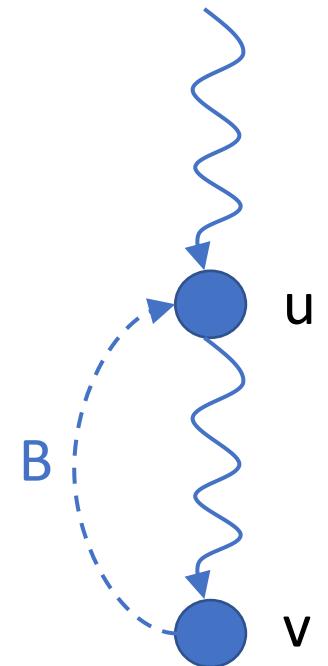
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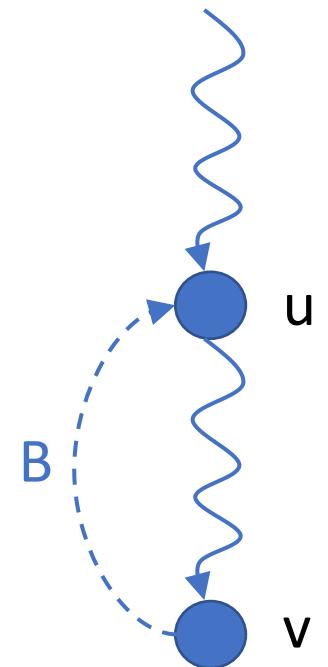


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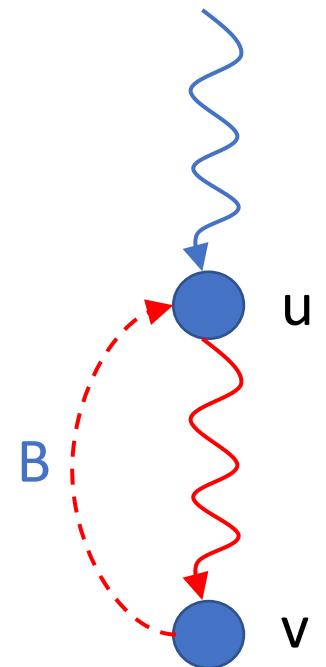
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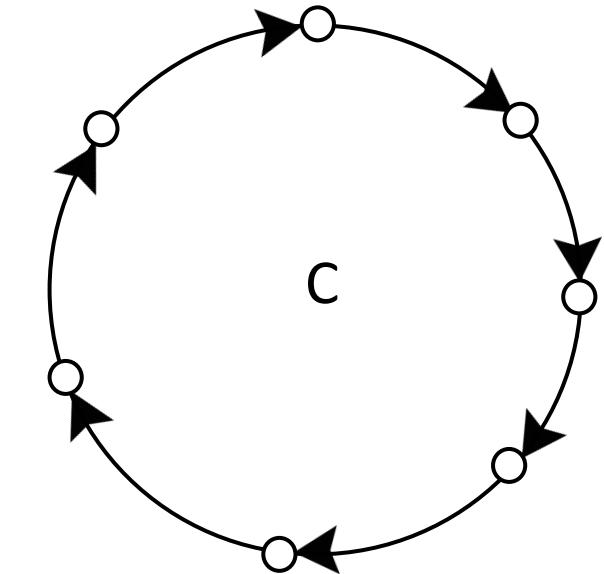
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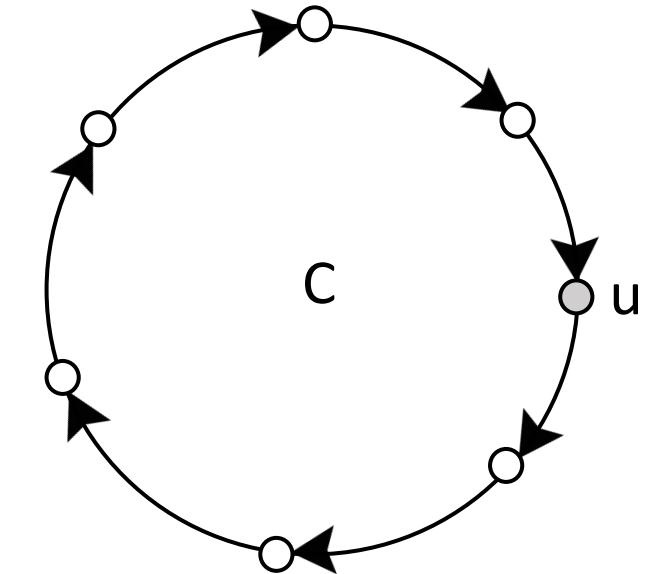
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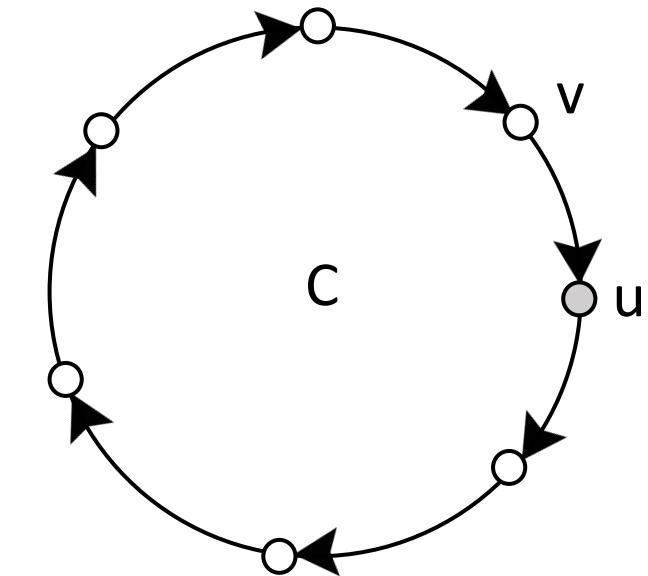


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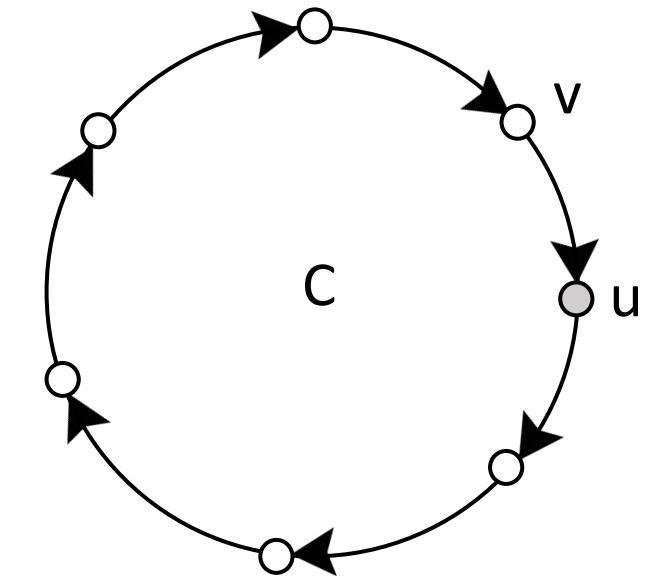
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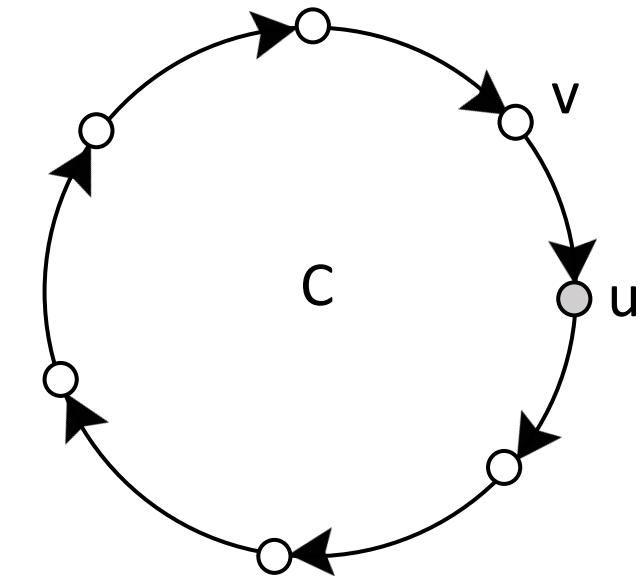
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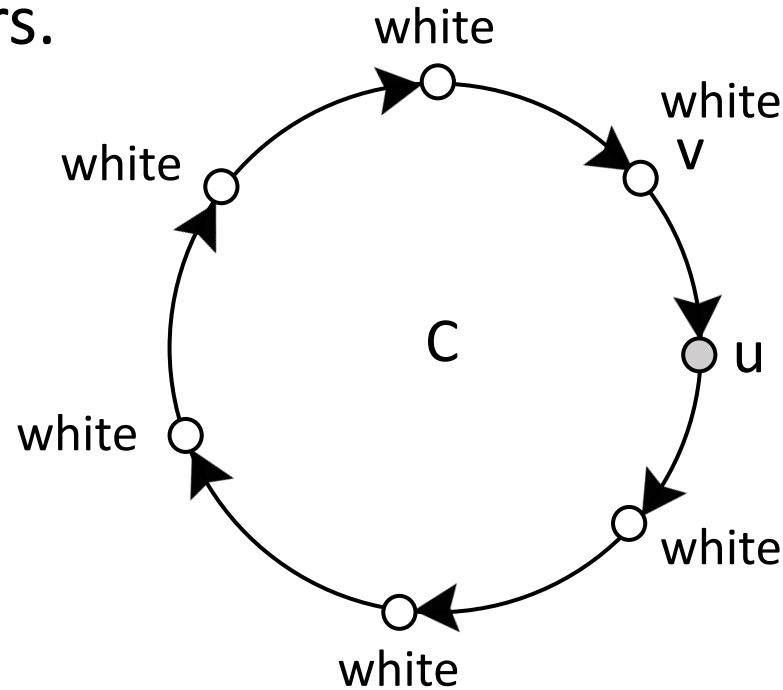
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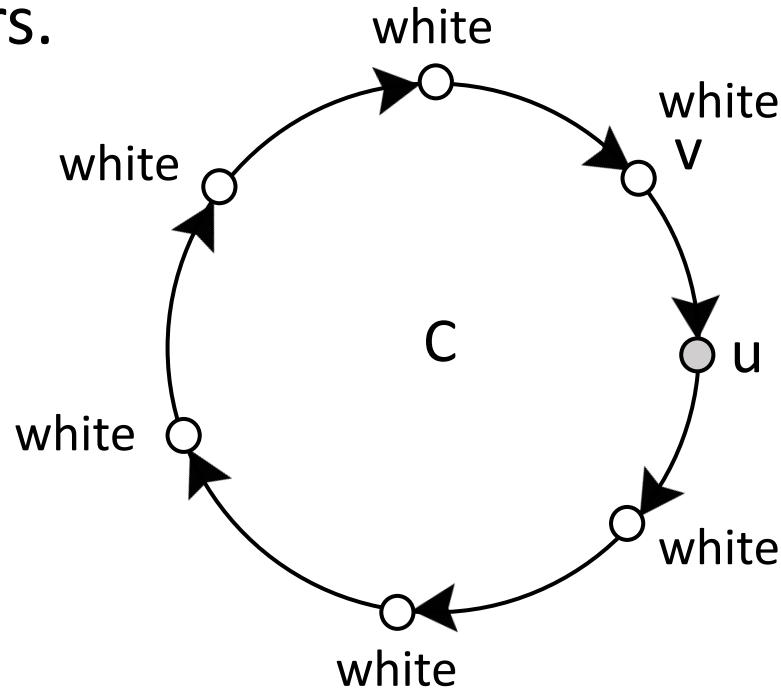
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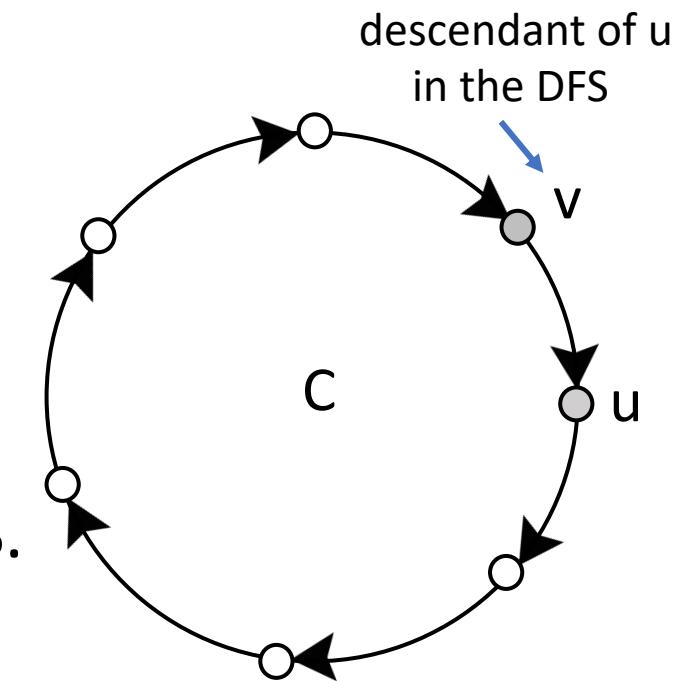
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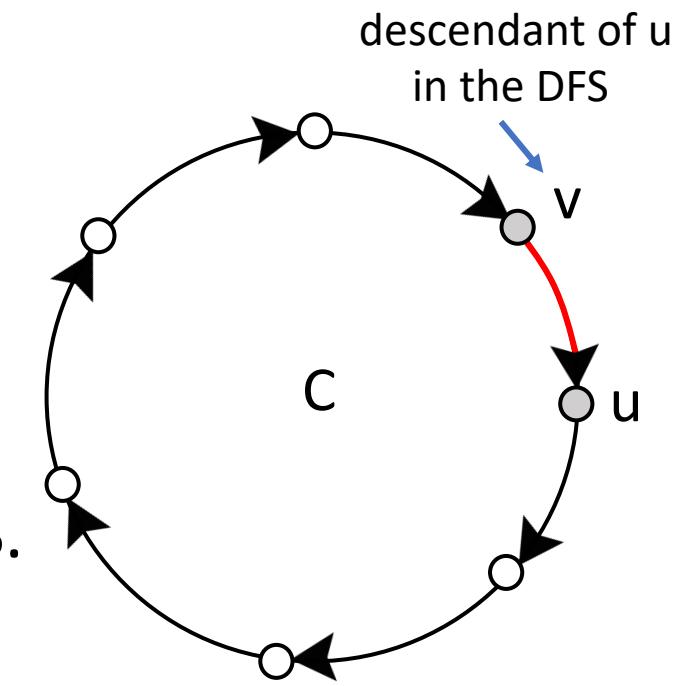
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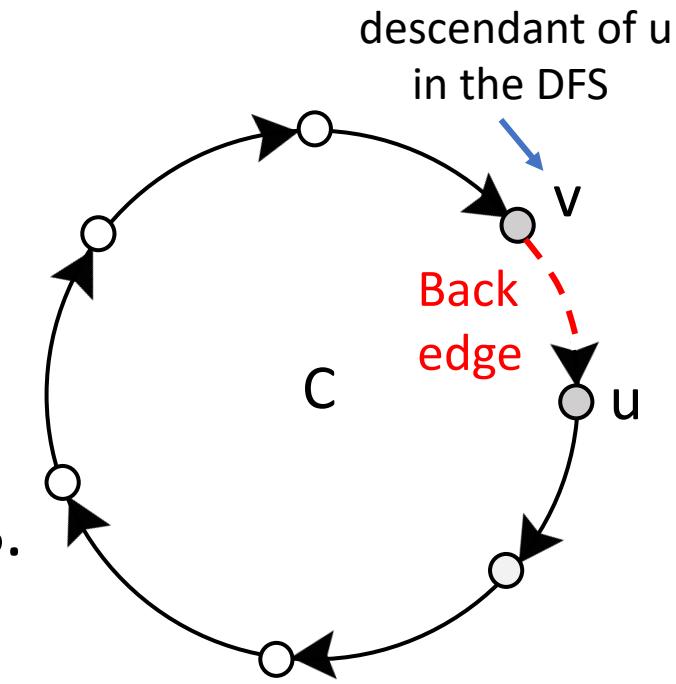
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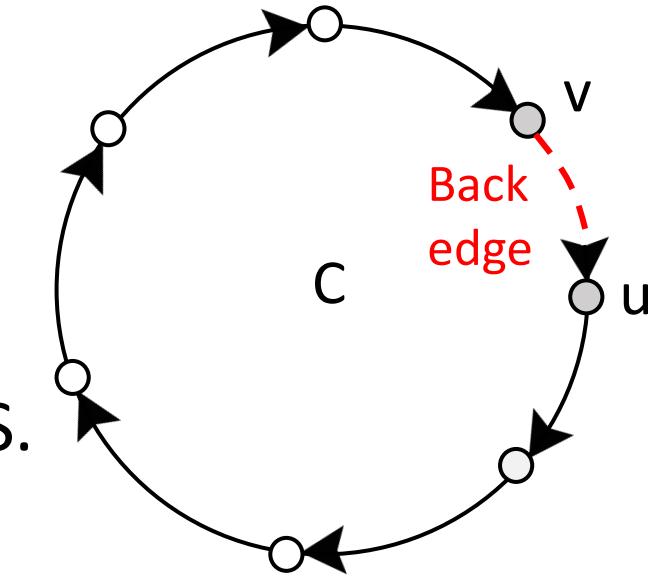
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