

Graph Depth First Search

261217 Data Structures for Computer Engineers

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Motivation

You're playing a video game and want to make sure that you've found everything in a level before moving on.

How do you ensure that you accomplish this?

Examples

- This notion of exploring a graph has many applications:
 - Finding a routes
 - Ensuring connectivity
 - Solving puzzles and mazes

Paths

We want to know what is reachable from a given vertex.

Definition

A **path** in a graph G is a sequence of vertices v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n so that for all i , (v_i, v_{i+1}) is an edge of G .

Reachability

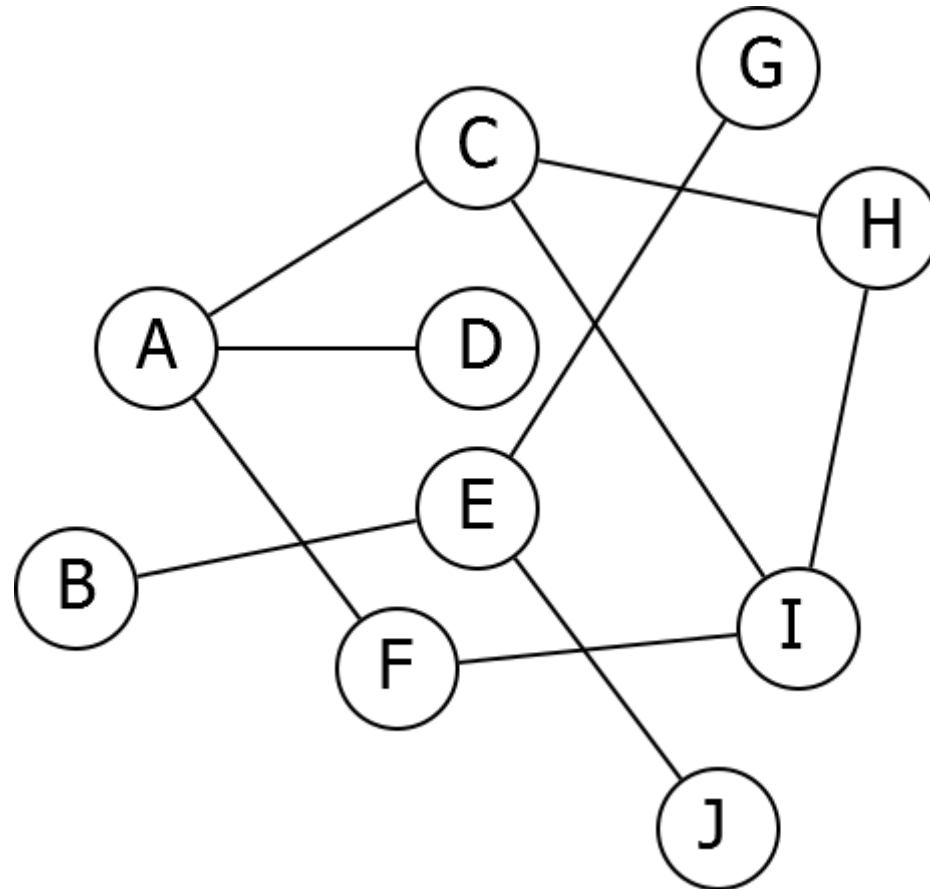
Reachability

Input: Graph G and vertex s

Output: The collection of vertices v of G so that there is a path from s to v .

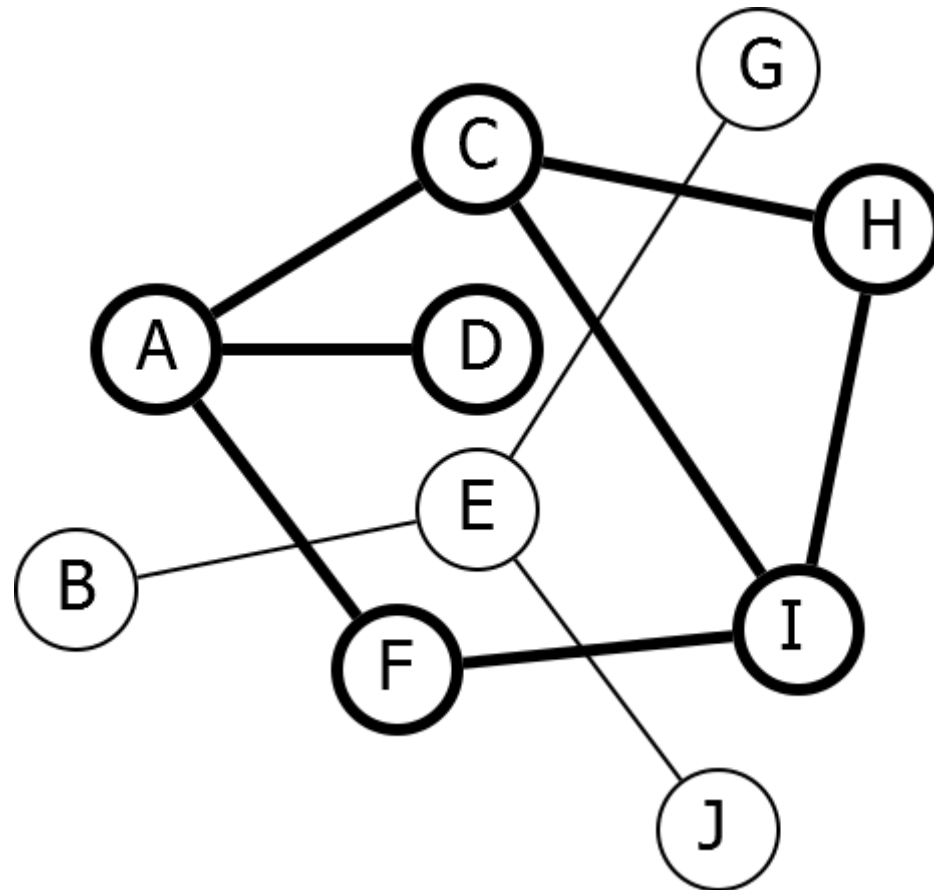
Problem

Which vertices are reachable from A?



Solution

A, C, D, F, H, I



Visit Marker

To keep track of vertices found:

Give each vertex boolean `visited(v)`

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If (v.visited != true){  
    // Do something  
    v.visited = true;  
}
```


Depth First Traversal

- To explore new edges in Depth First order
- To follow a long path forward, only backtracking when hitting a dead end

Depth First Exploration

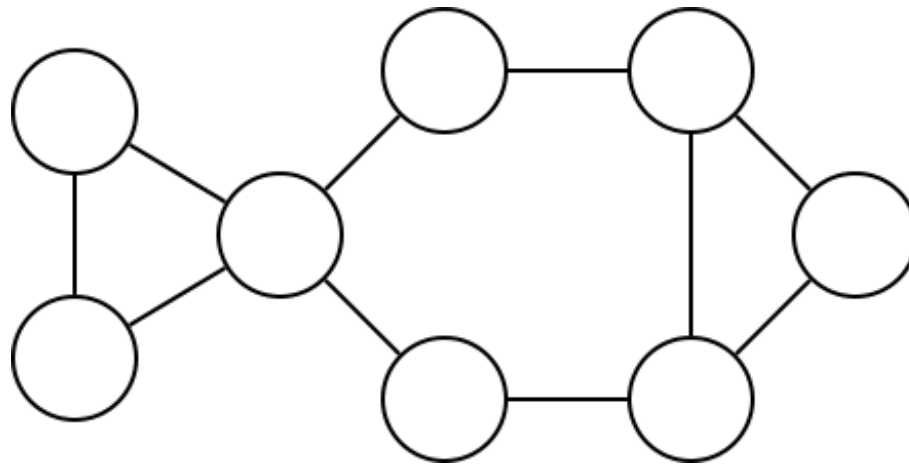
Explore will mark as visited all vertices reachable from v
 v, w are vertices; E is a set of all edges in the graph

Explore(v)

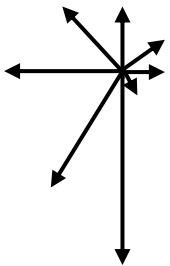
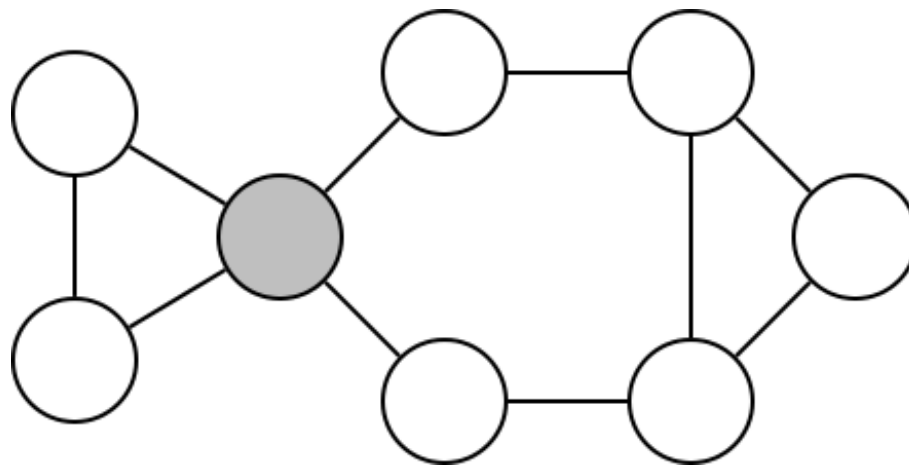
```
visited( $v$ )  $\leftarrow$  true  
for ( $v, w$ )  $\in E$ :  
    if not visited( $w$ ):  
        Explore( $w$ )
```

Need adjacency list representation!

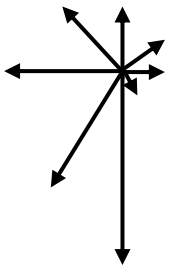
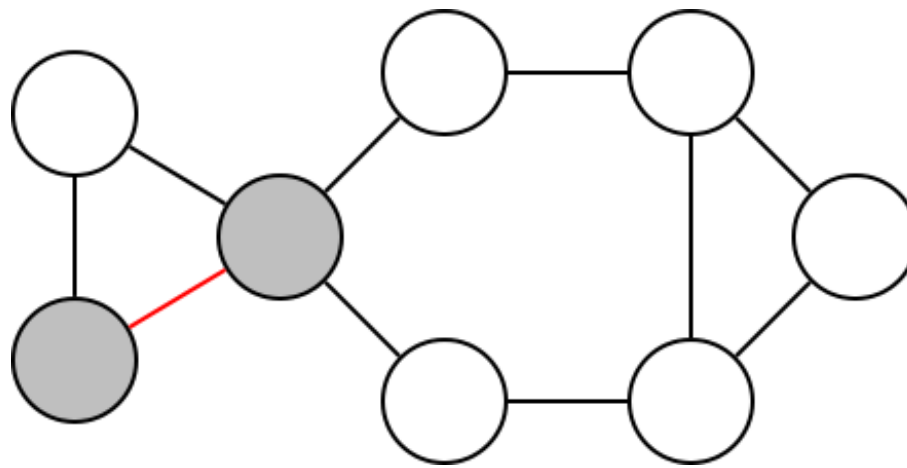
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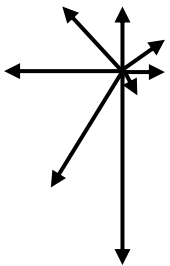
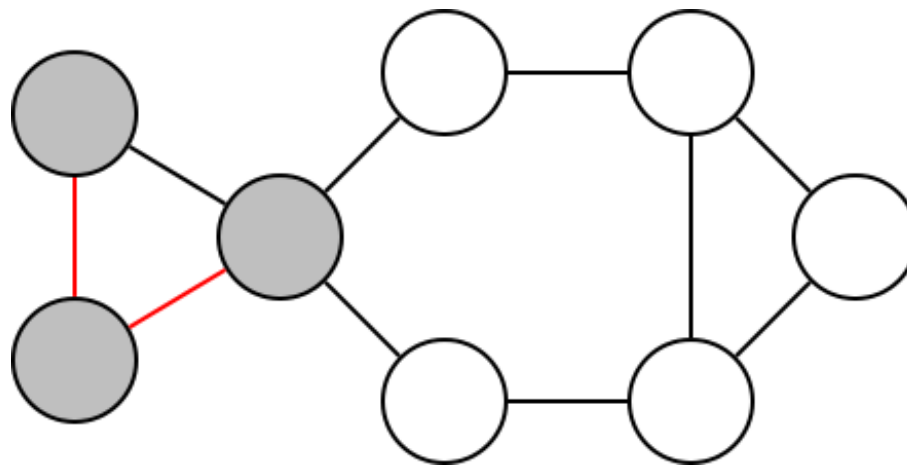
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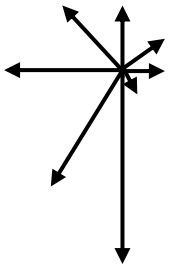
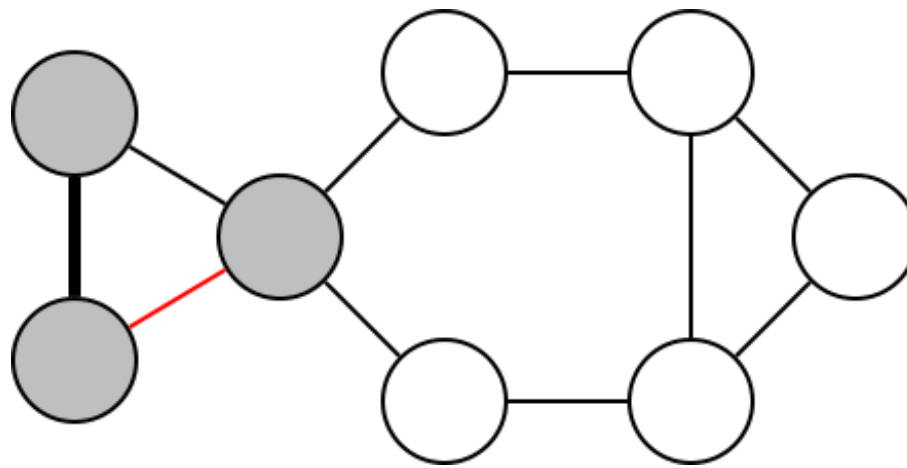
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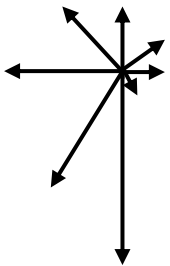
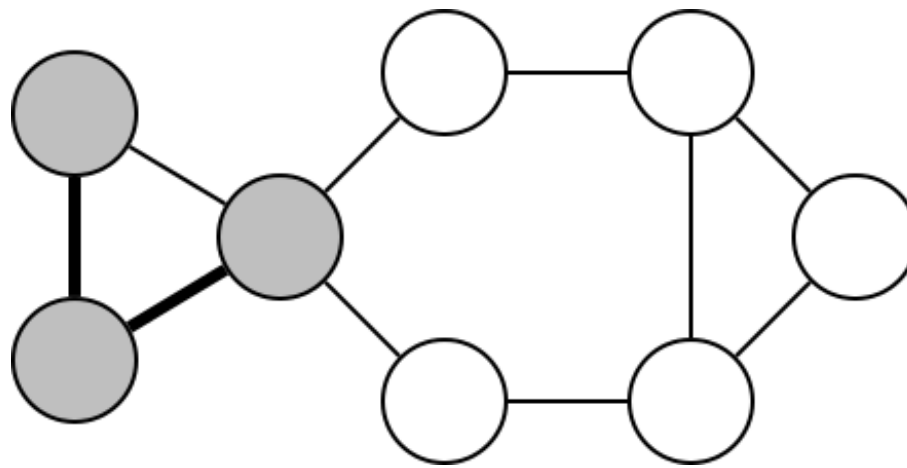
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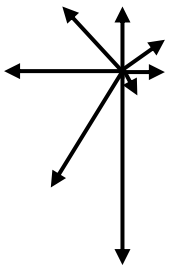
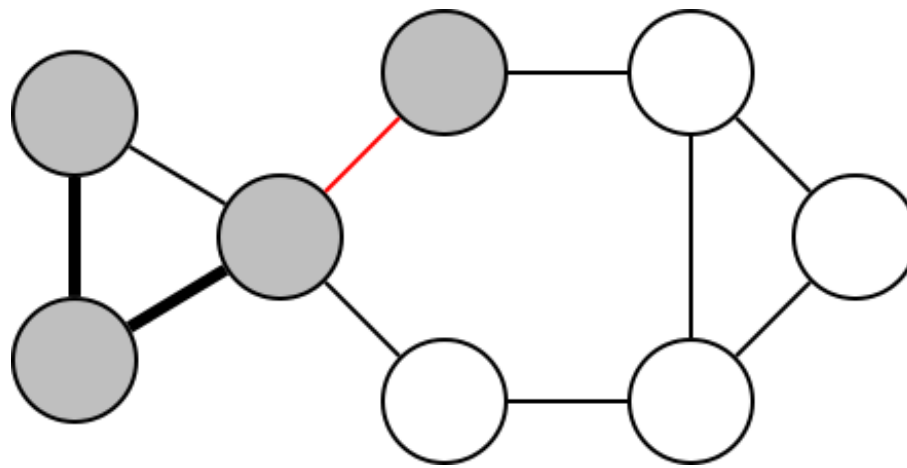
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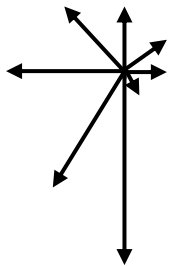
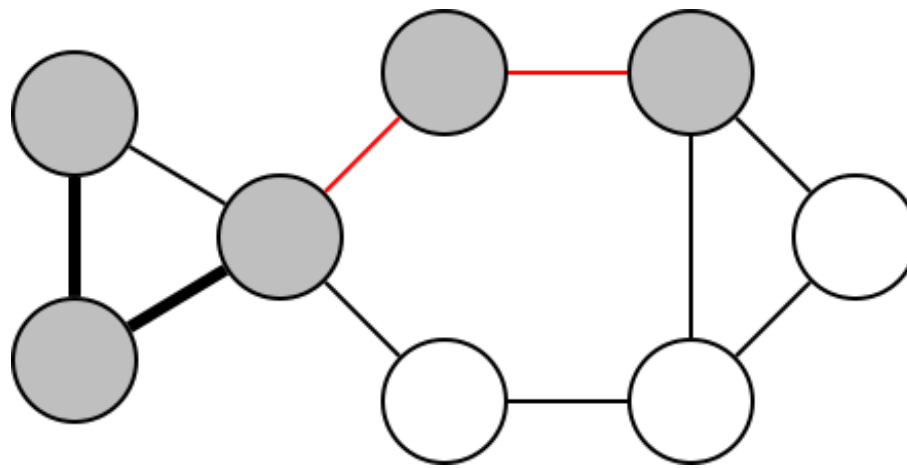
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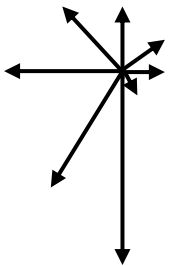
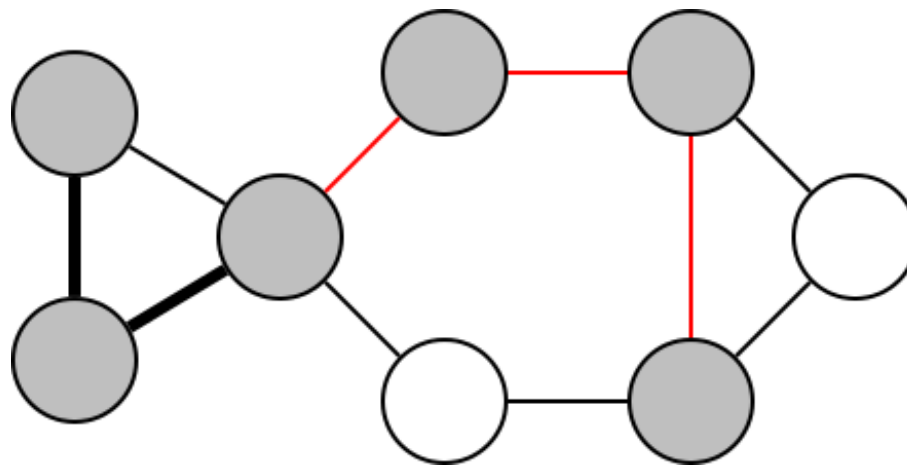
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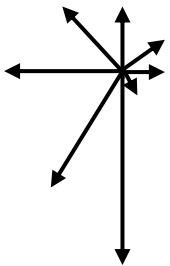
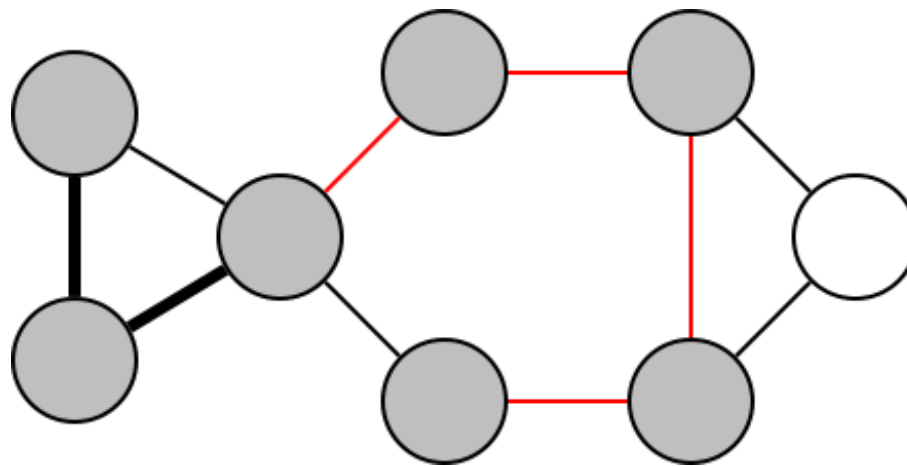
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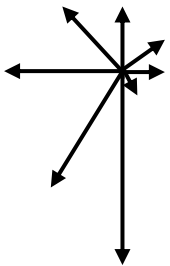
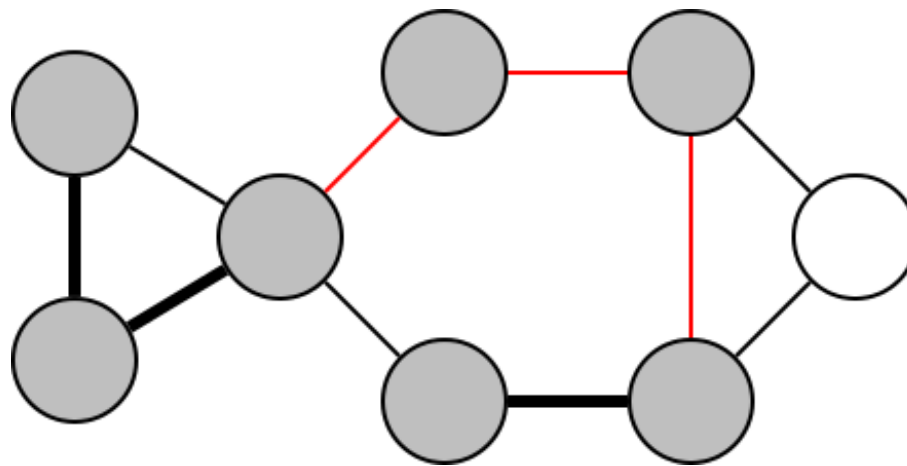
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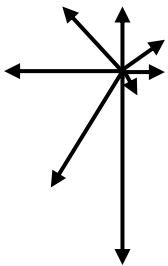
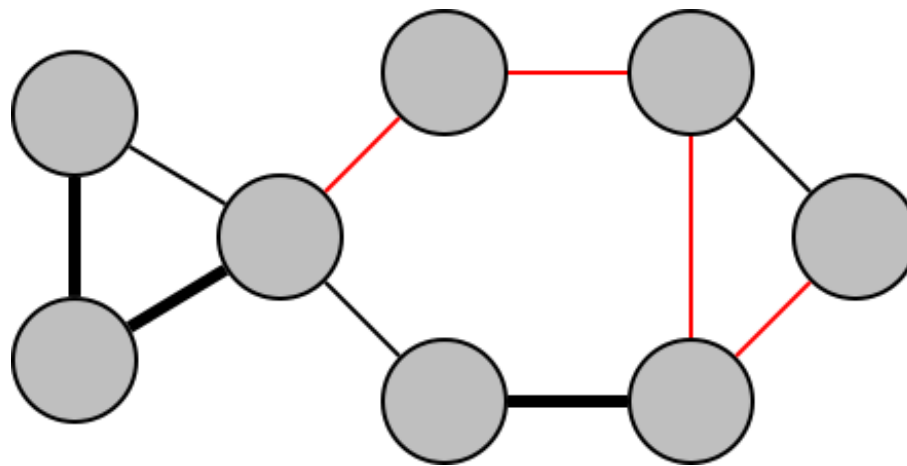
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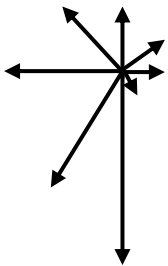
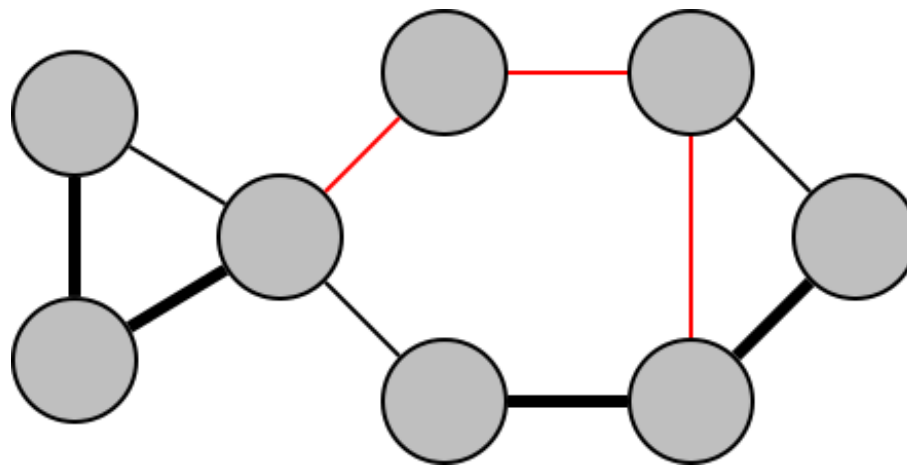
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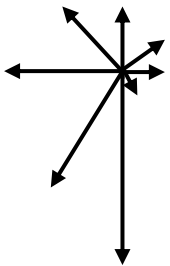
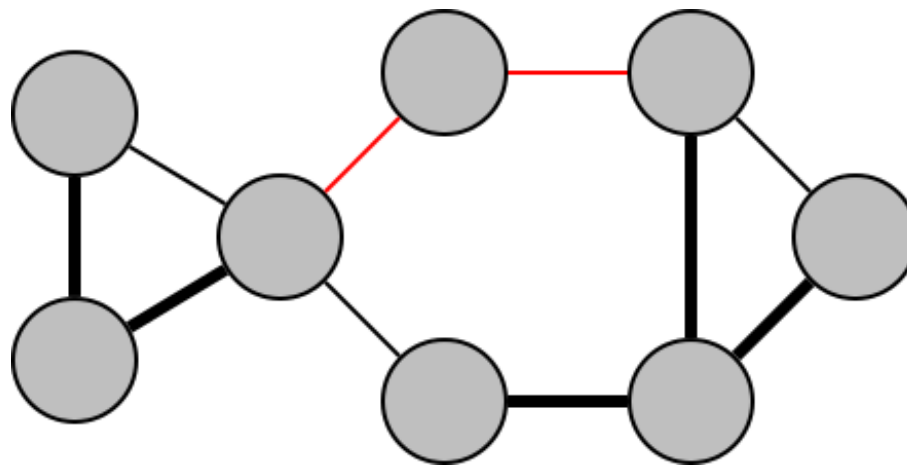
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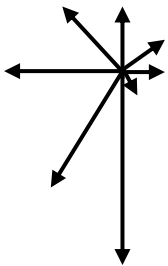
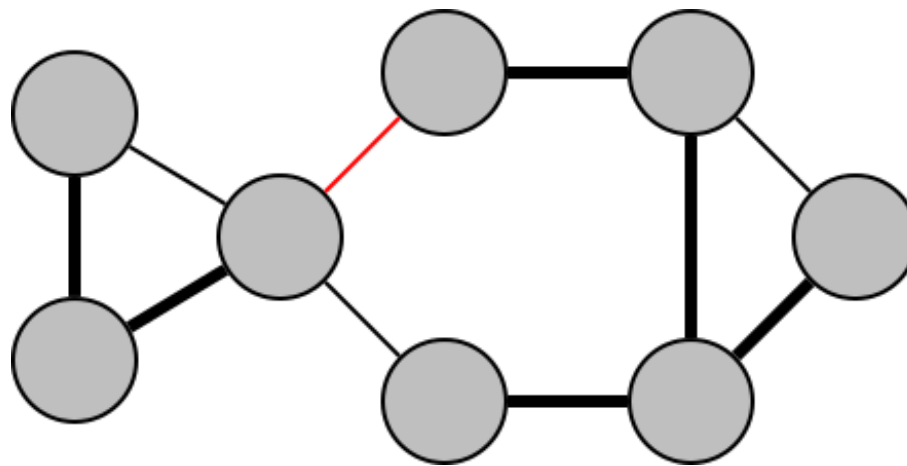
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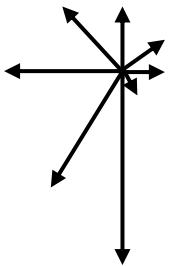
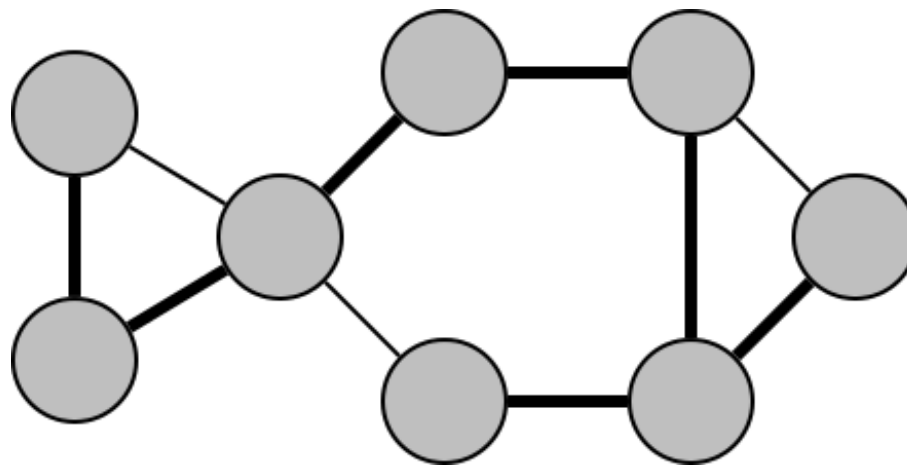
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Result

Theorem

If all vertices start unvisited, $\text{Explore}(v)$ marks as visited exactly the vertices reachable from v .

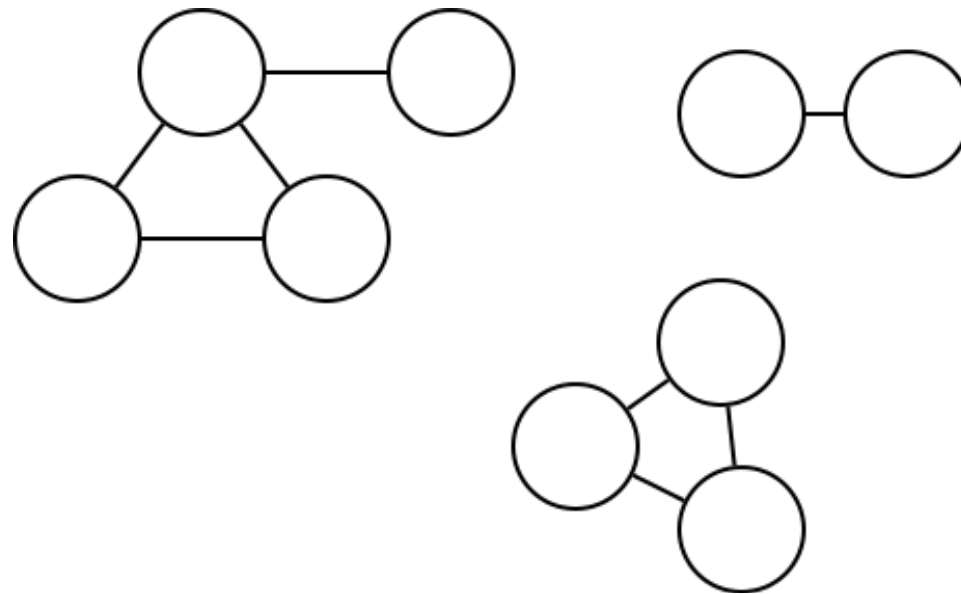
Depth First Search: DFS

This algorithm will explore every node even though they are not connected

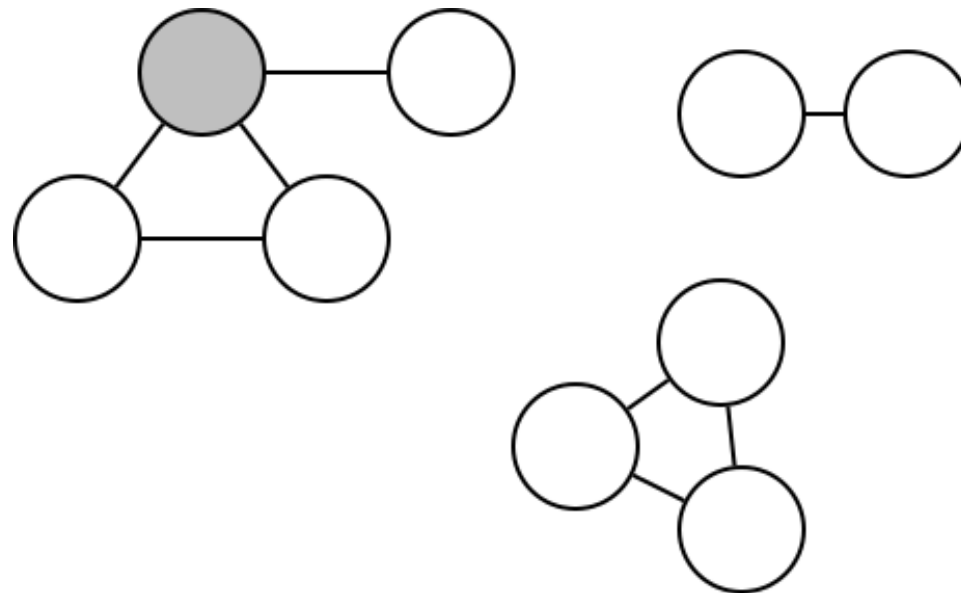
DFS(G)

```
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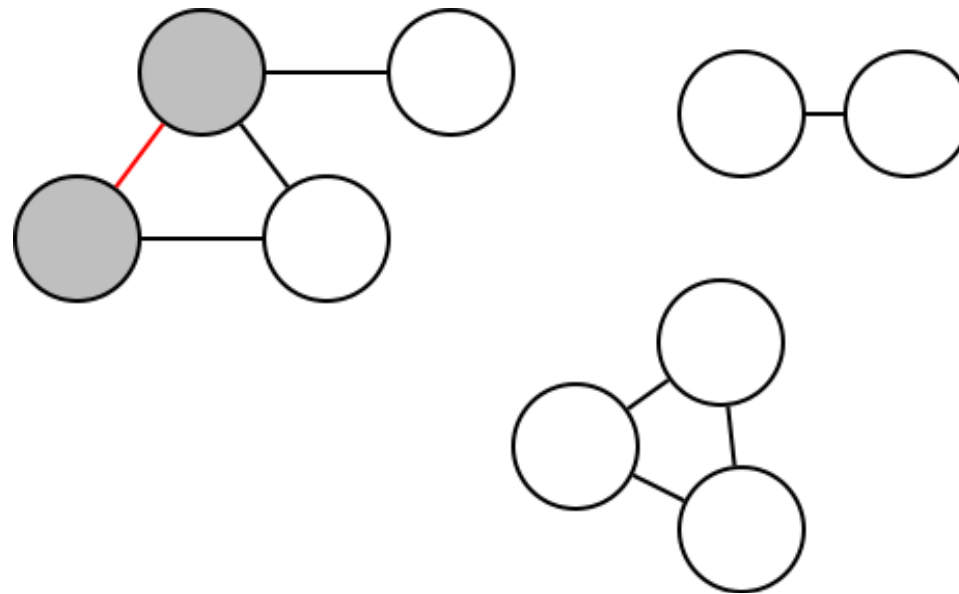
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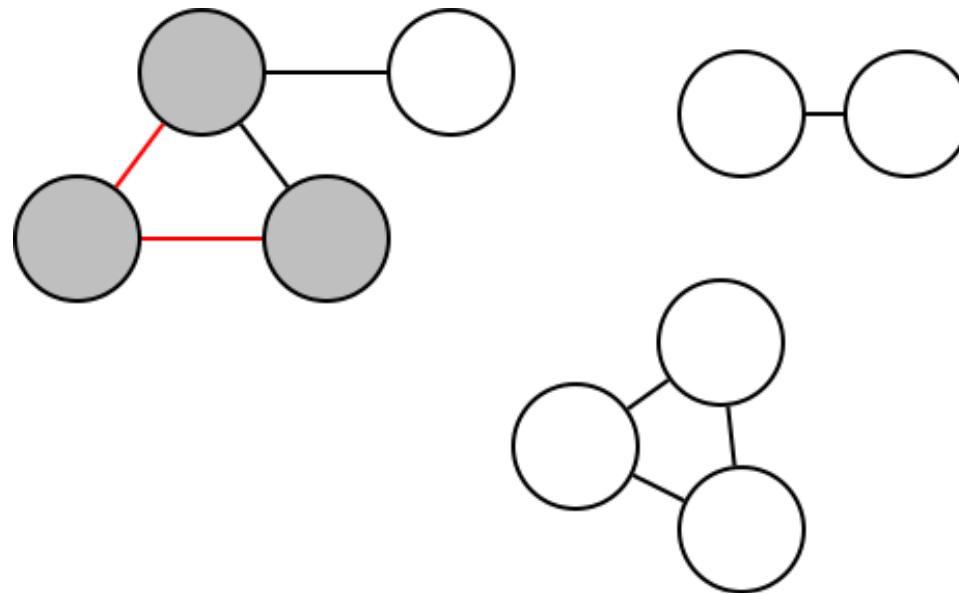
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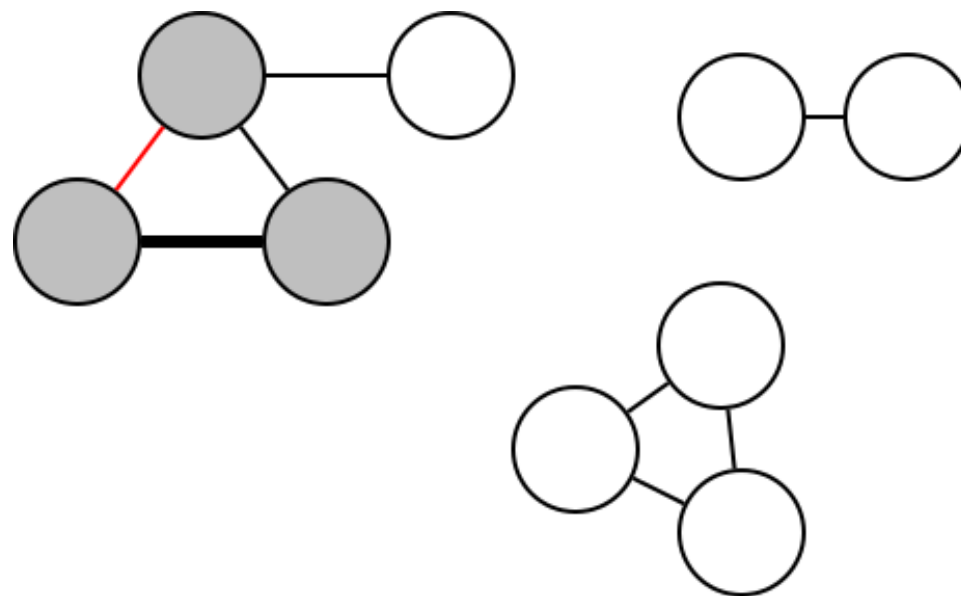
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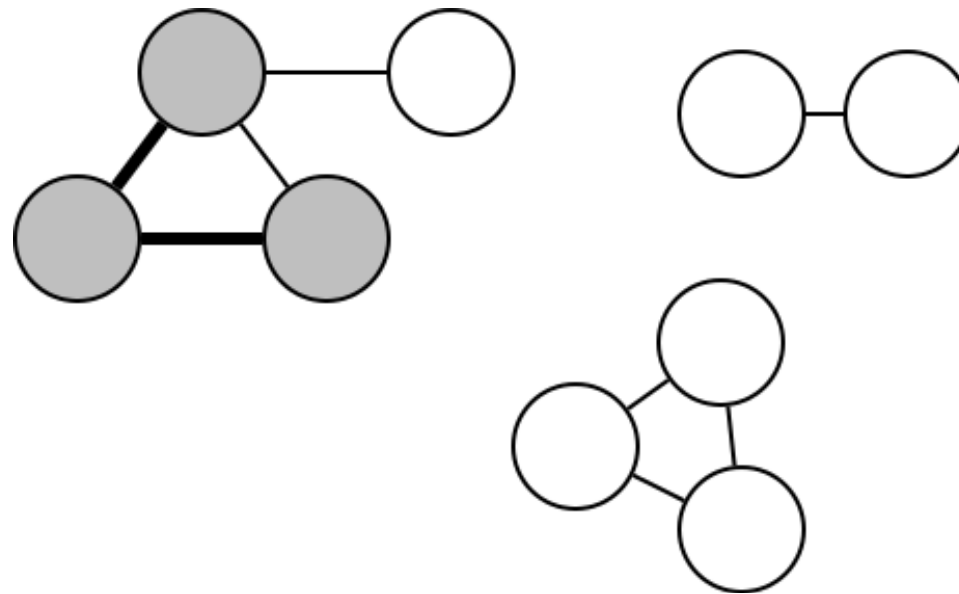
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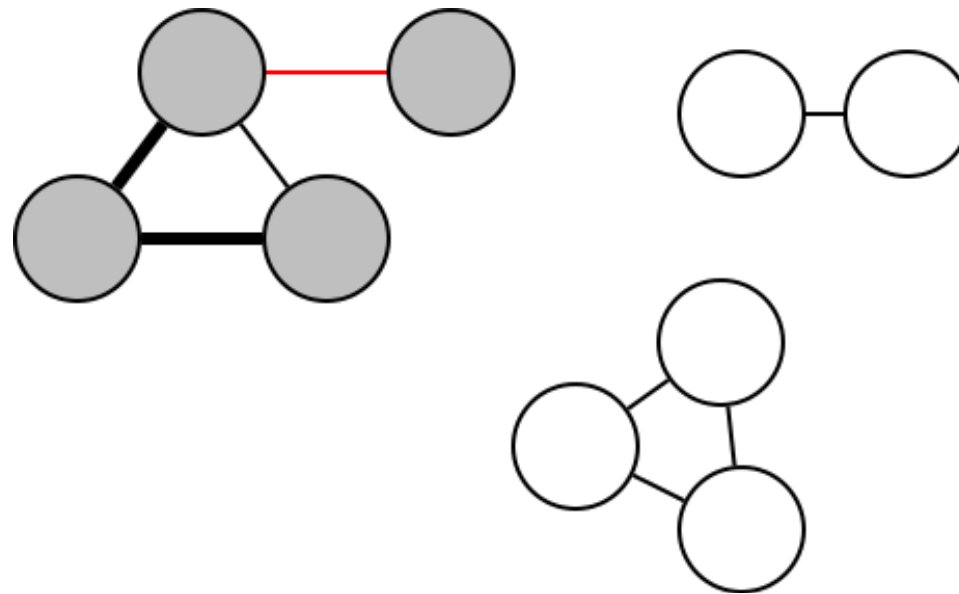
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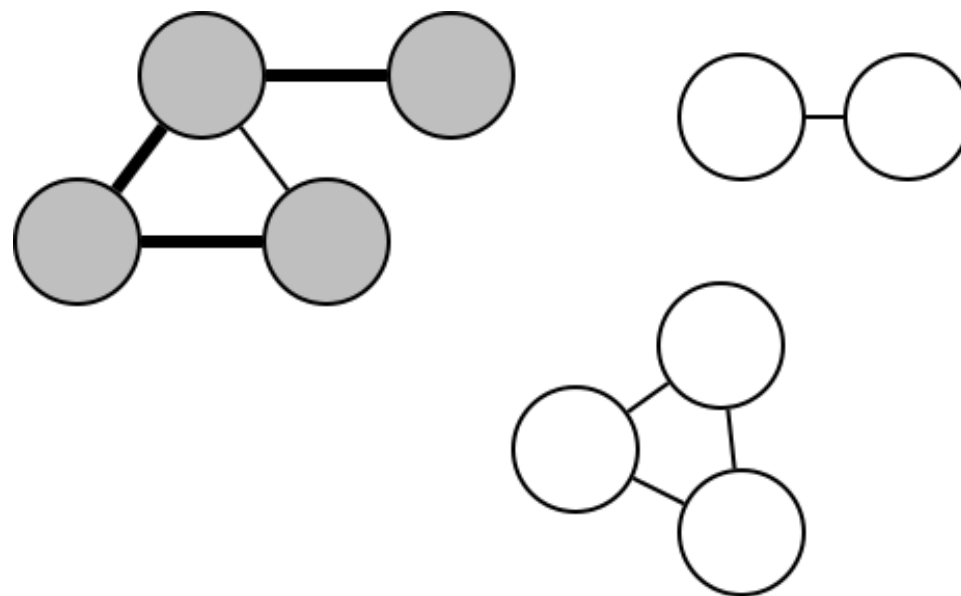
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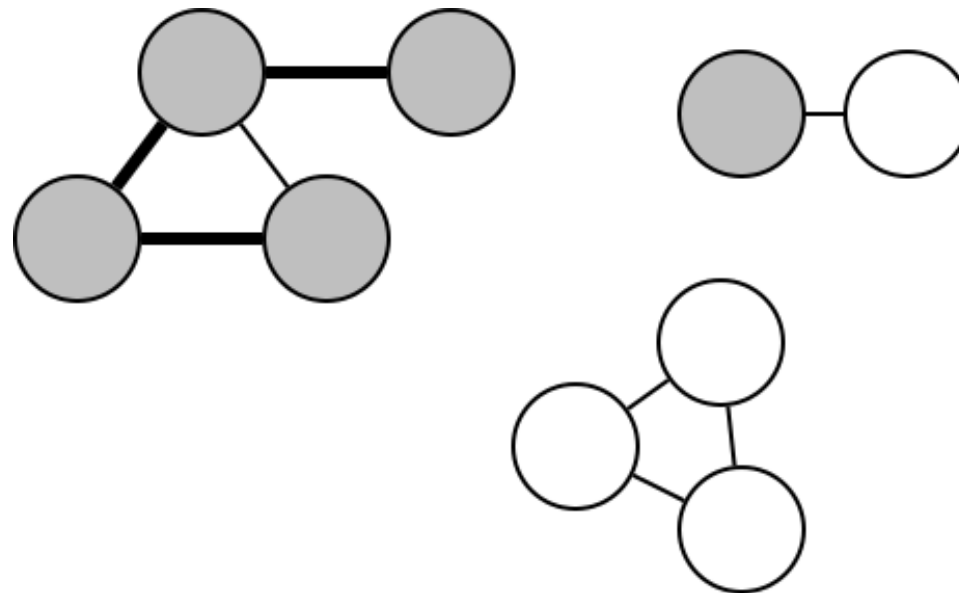
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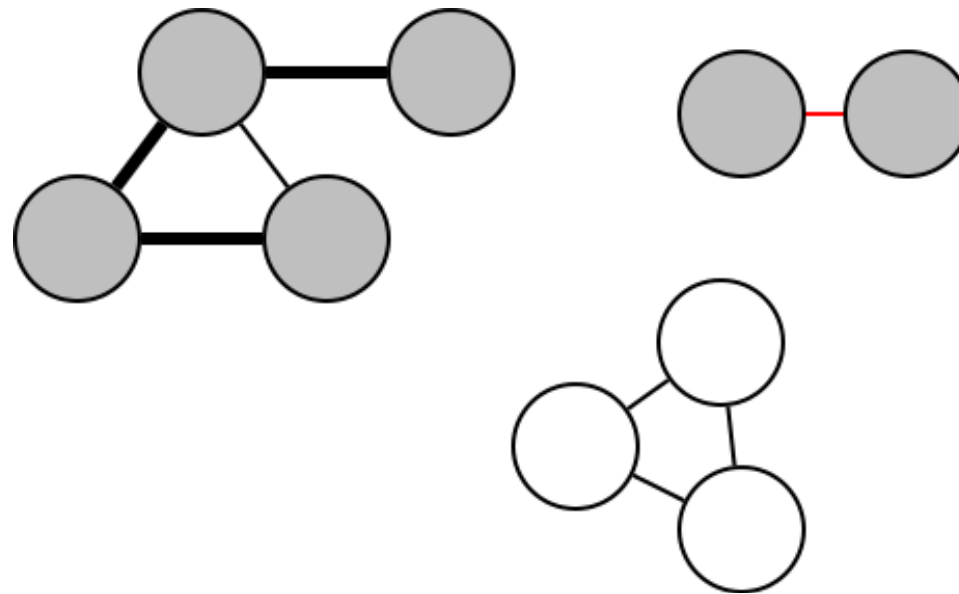
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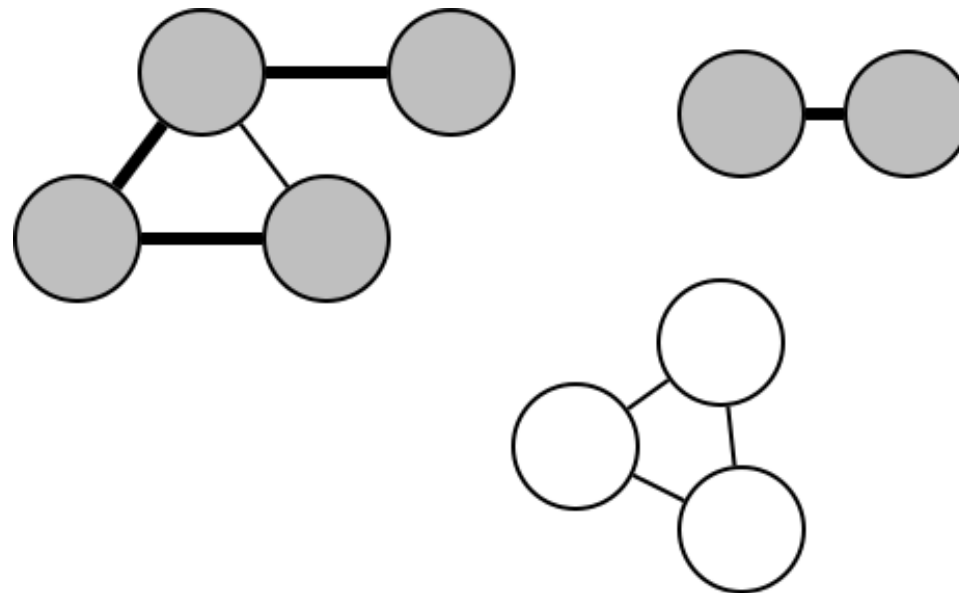
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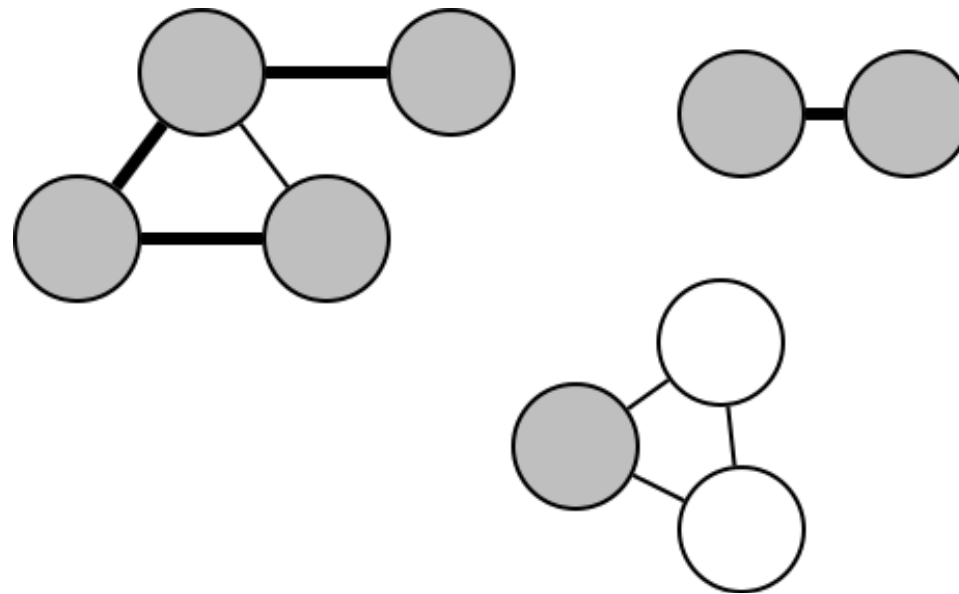
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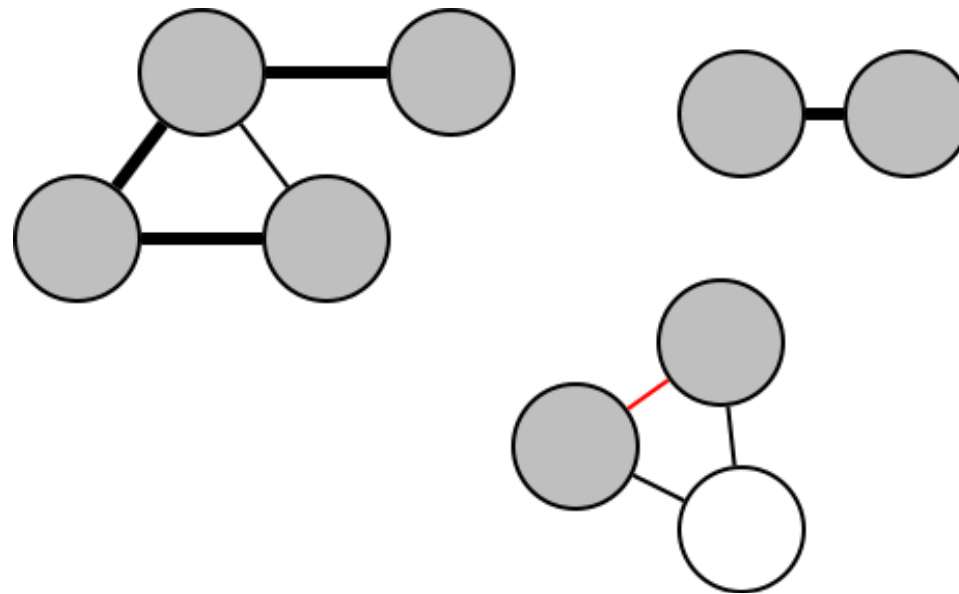
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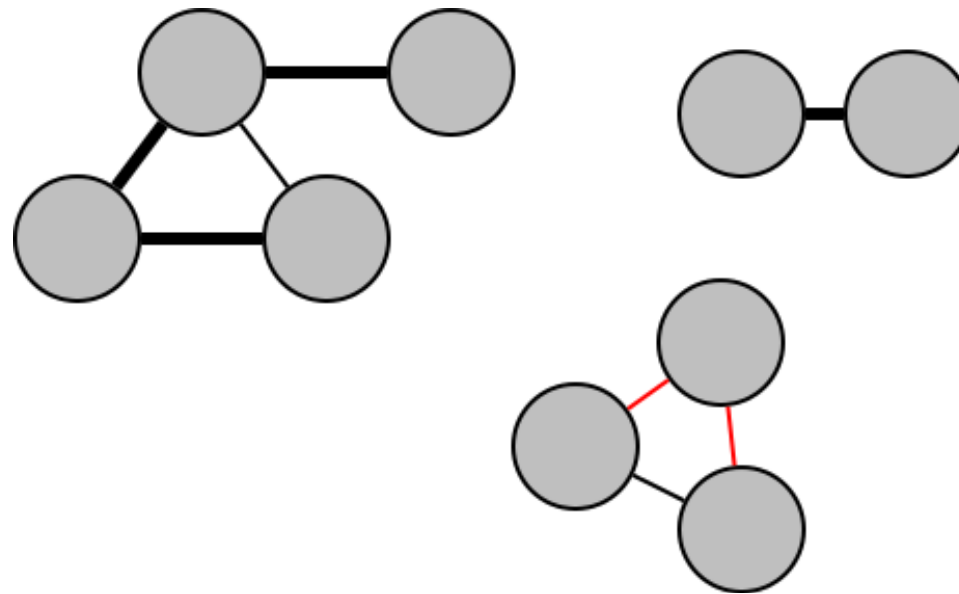
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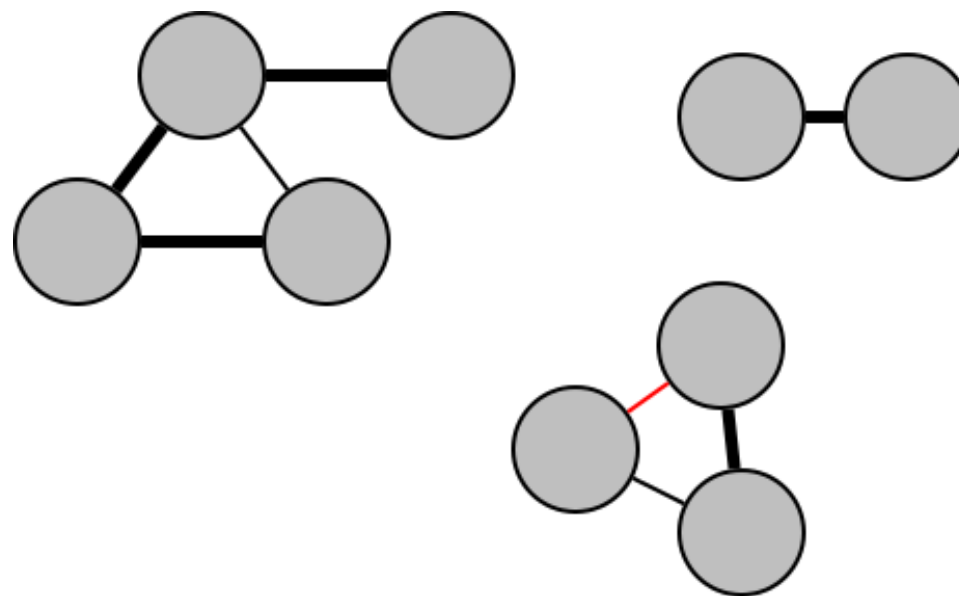
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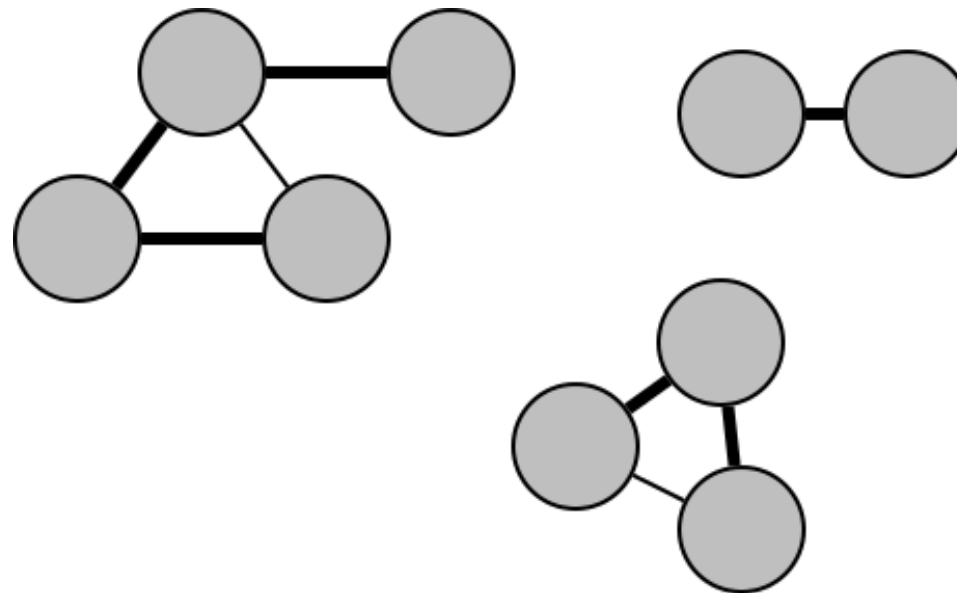
DFS Example



DFS Example



DFS Example



Runtime Analysis

- Number of calls to explore:
 - Each explored vertex is marked visited.
 - No vertex is explored after visited once.
 - Each vertex is explored exactly one.

Runtime Analysis

- ▣ Checking for neighbors:
 - ▣ Each vertex checks each neighbor.
 - ▣ Total number of neighbors over all vertices is $O(|E|)$

Runtime Analysis

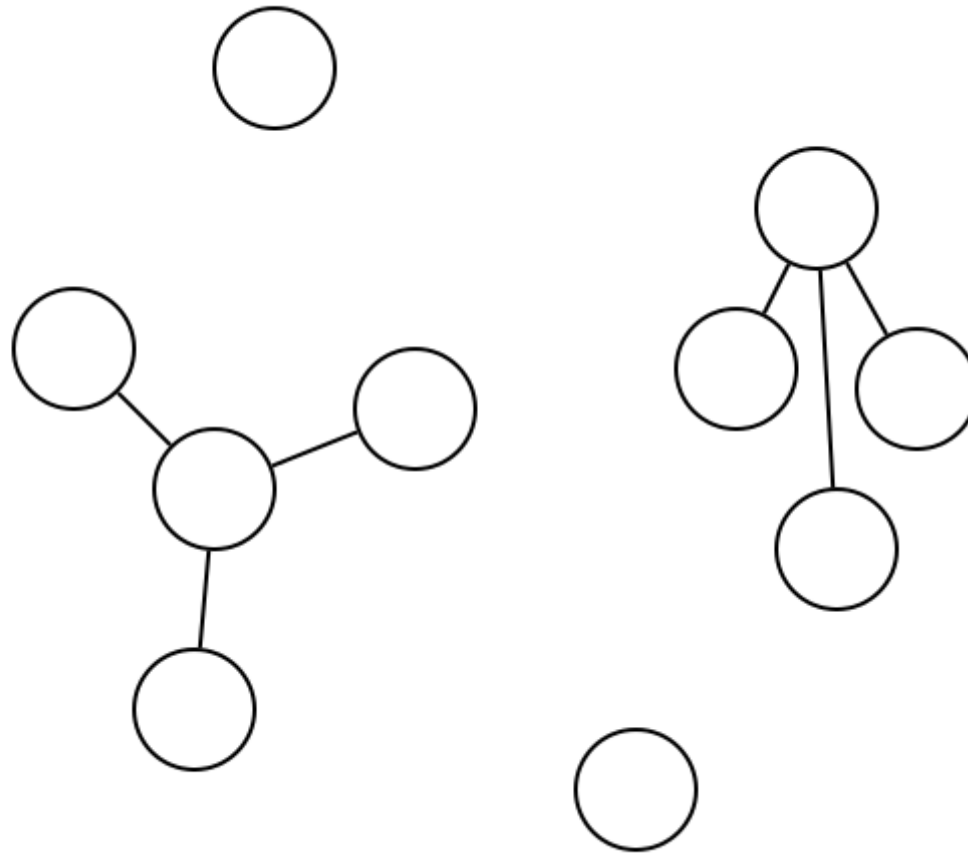
- ▣ Total runtime:
 - ▣ $O(1)$ work per vertex
 - ▣ $O(1)$ work per edge
 - ▣ Total $O(|V| + |E|)$

Connected Components

The vertices of a graph G can be partitioned into **Connected Components** so that v is reachable from w
if and only if
they are in the same connected component.

Problem

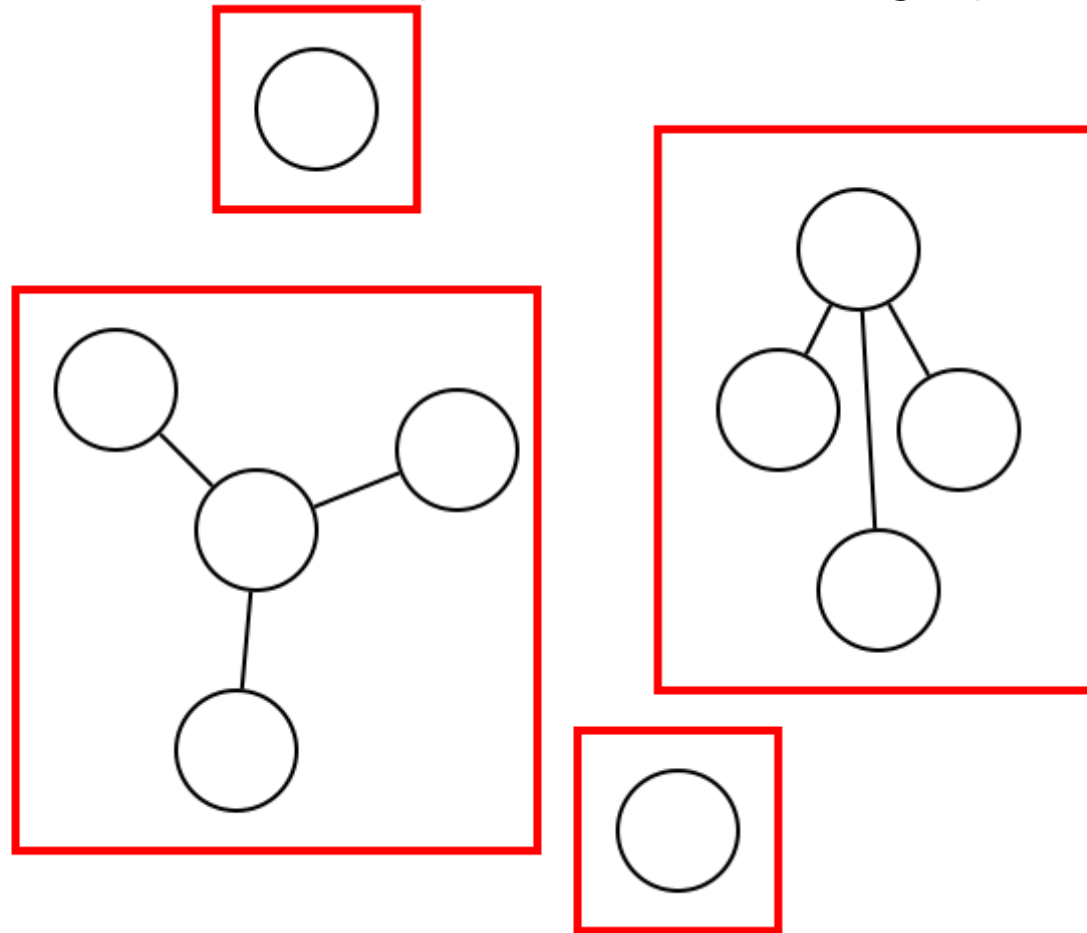
How many connected components does the graph below have?



Solution

How many connected components does the graph below have?

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Connected Component Algorithm

- Explore(v) finds the connected component of v . Just need to repeat to find other components.
- Modify DFS to do this.
- Modify goal to label connected components.

Modification of Explore

Explore(v)

visited(v) \leftarrow true

CCnum(v) \leftarrow cc

for $(v, w) \in E$:

 if not visited(w):

 Explore(w)

Modification of DFS

DFS(G)

for all $v \in V$ mark v unvisited

$cc \leftarrow 1$

for $v \in V$:

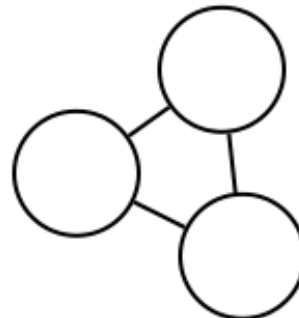
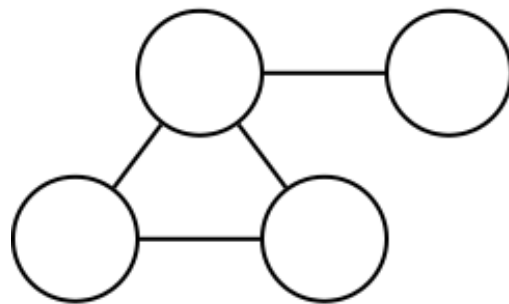
 if not visited(v):

 Explore(v)

$cc \leftarrow cc + 1$

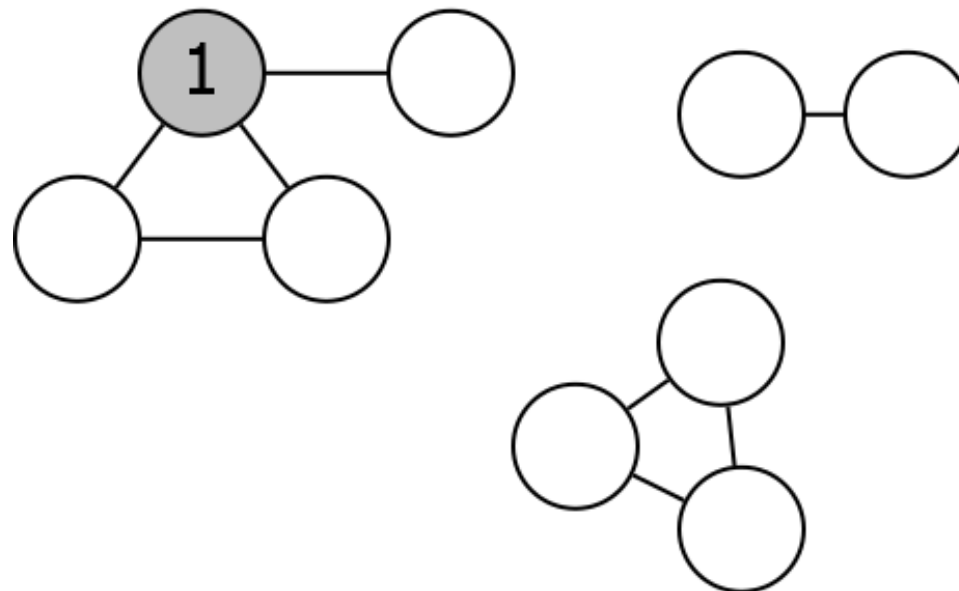
Example

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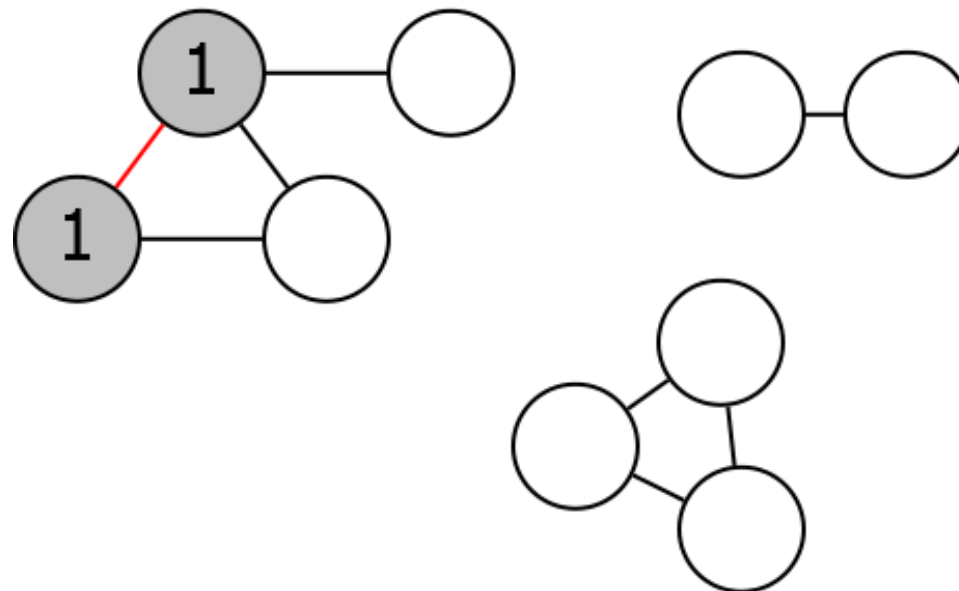
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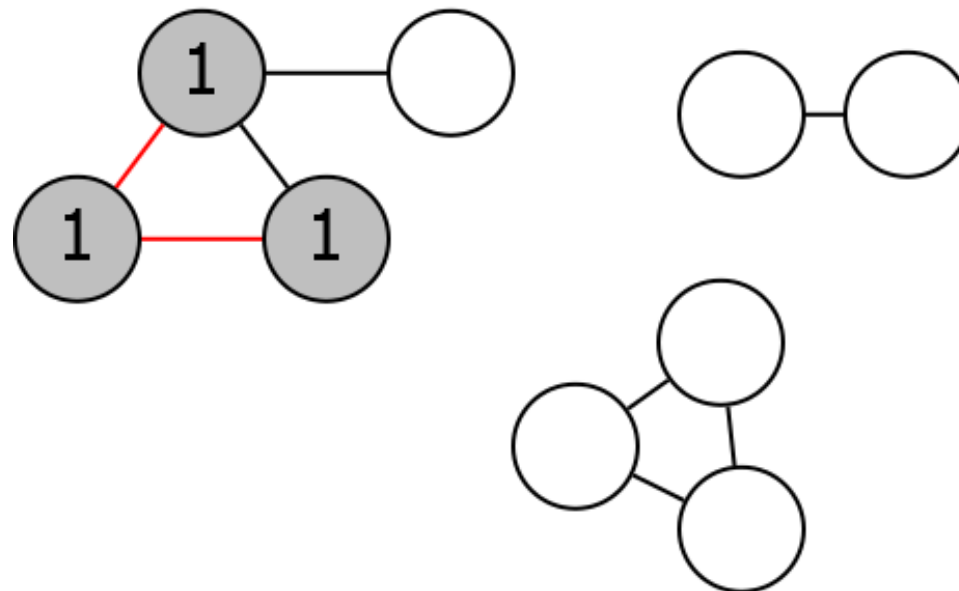
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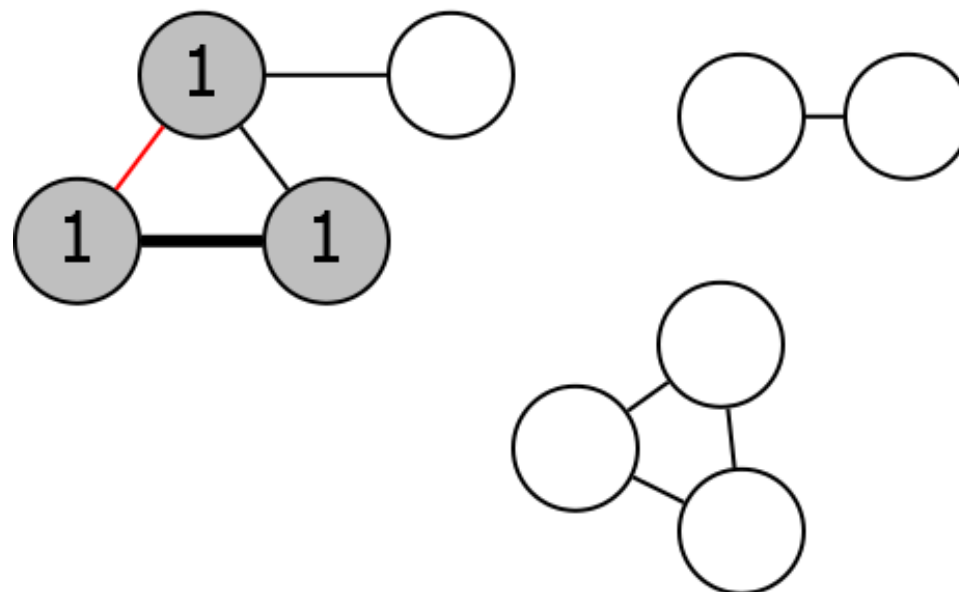
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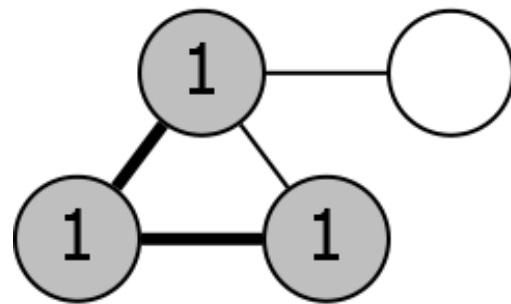


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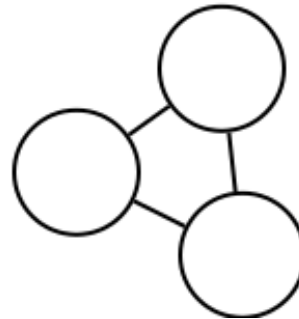
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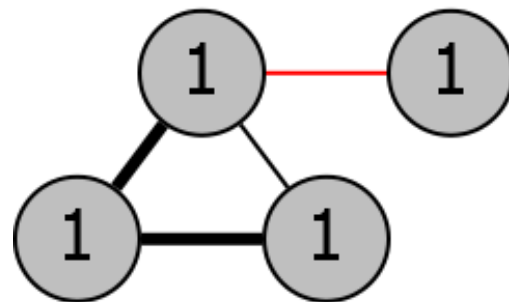
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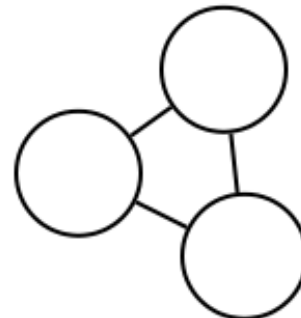
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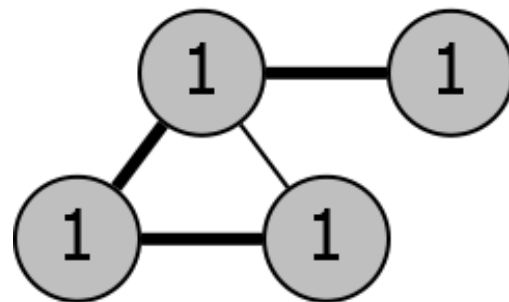
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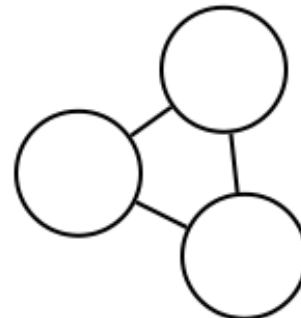
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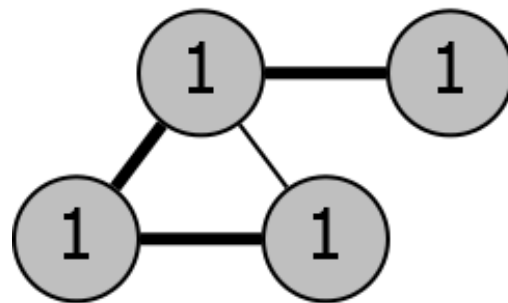
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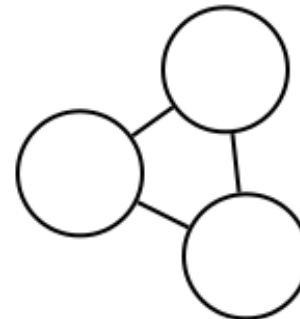
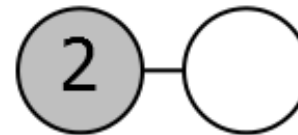
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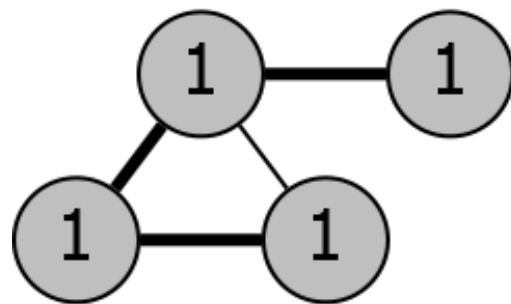
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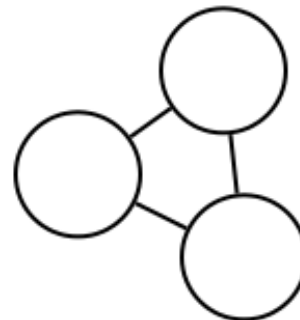
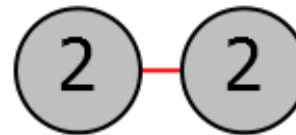
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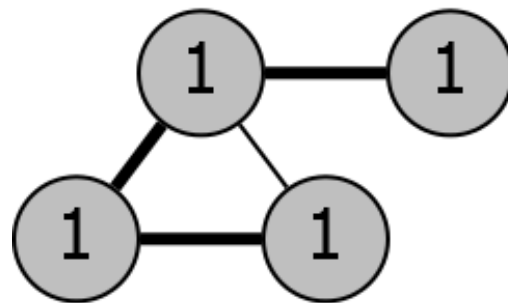
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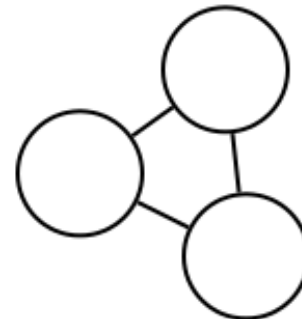
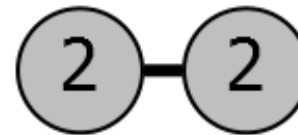
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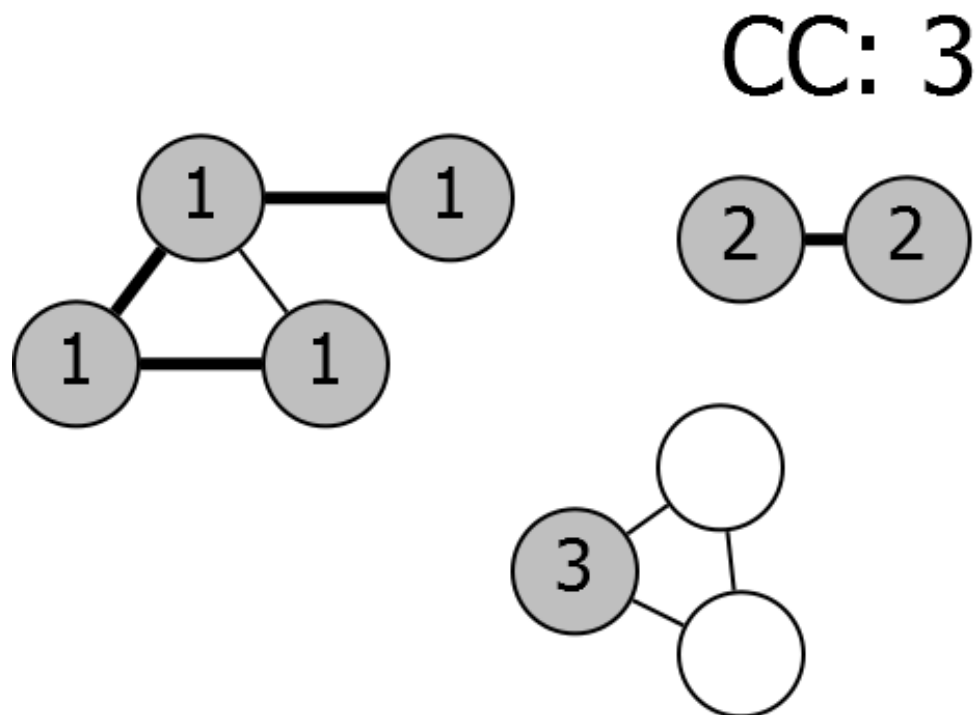
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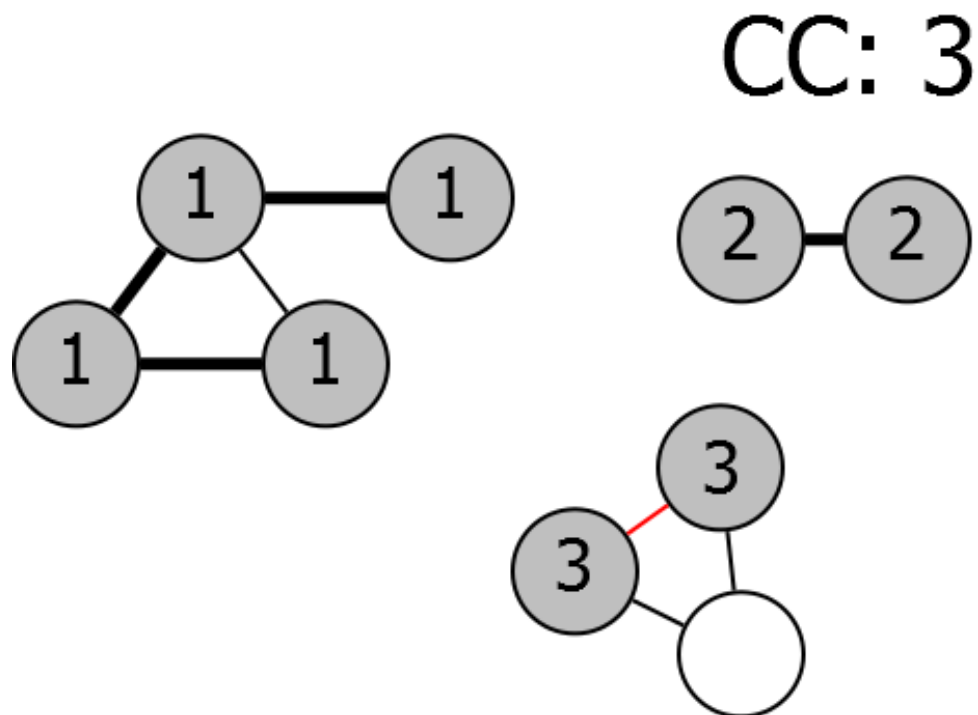
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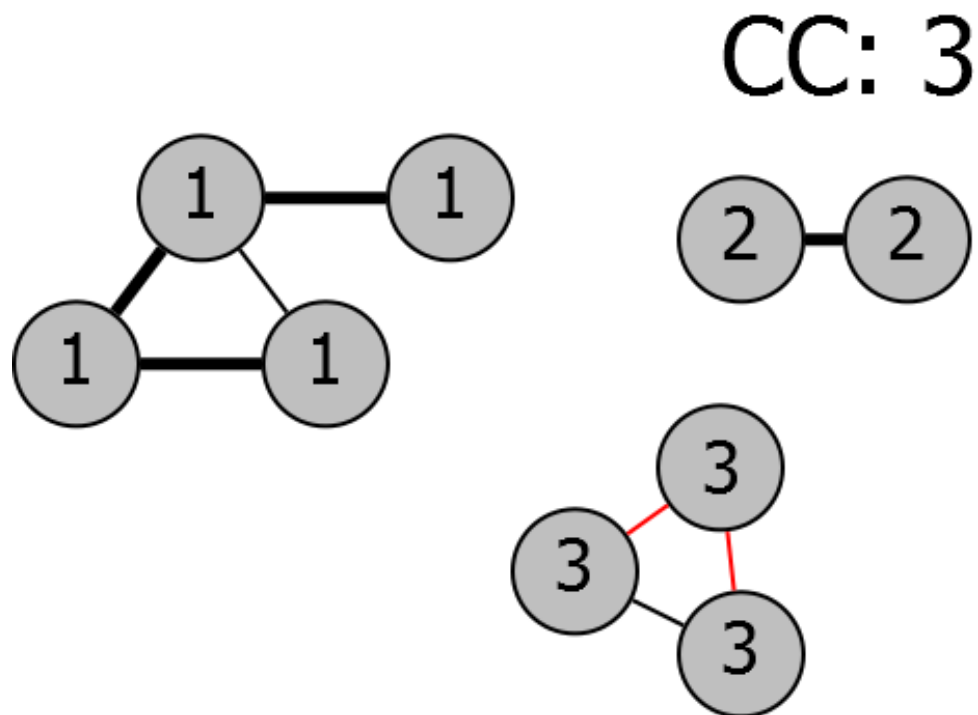
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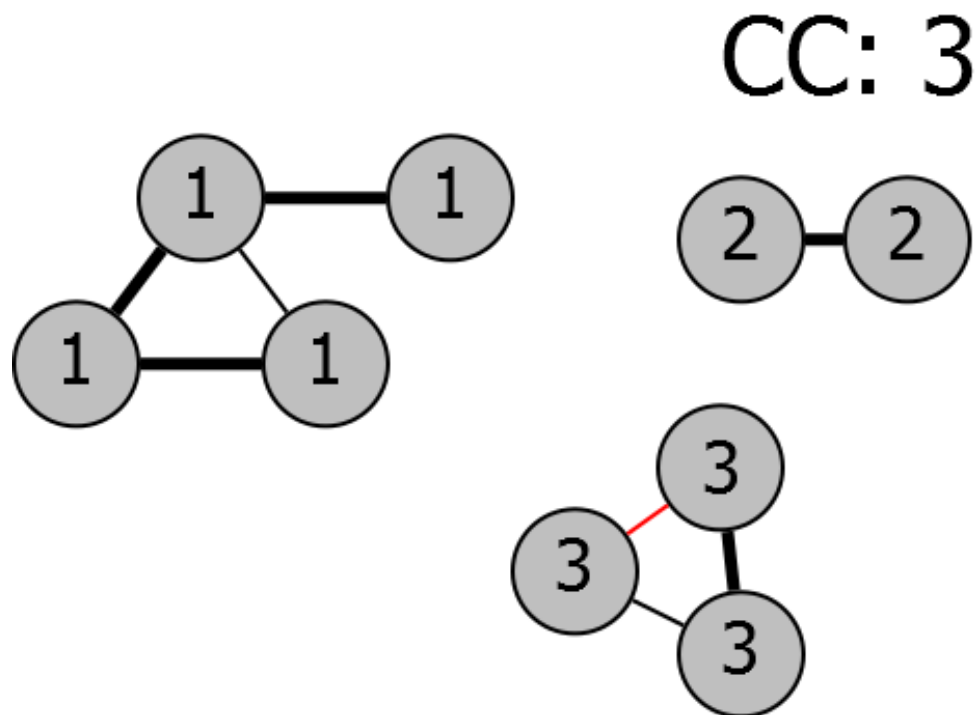
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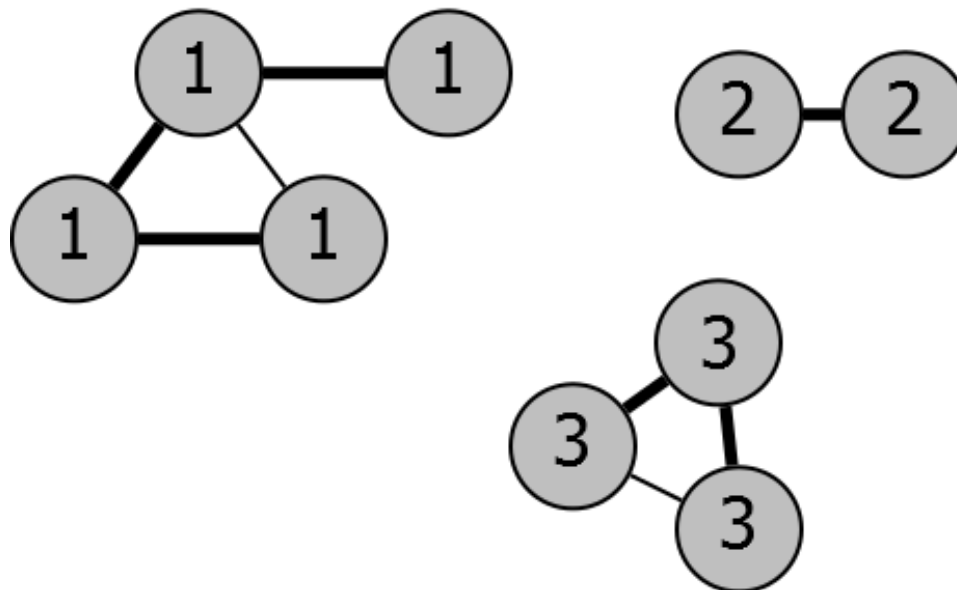


Example



Example

CC: 3



Correctness

- Each new explore finds new connected component.
- Eventually find every vertex
- Runtime still $O(|V| + |E|)$