



Graph Algorithms



Graph representation

Given graph $G = (V, E)$.

- May be either directed or undirected.
- Two common ways to represent for algorithms:

1. Adjacency lists.

2. Adjacency matrix.

When expressing the running time of an algorithm, it's often in terms of both $|V|$ and $|E|$.

Example: $O(V + E)$.



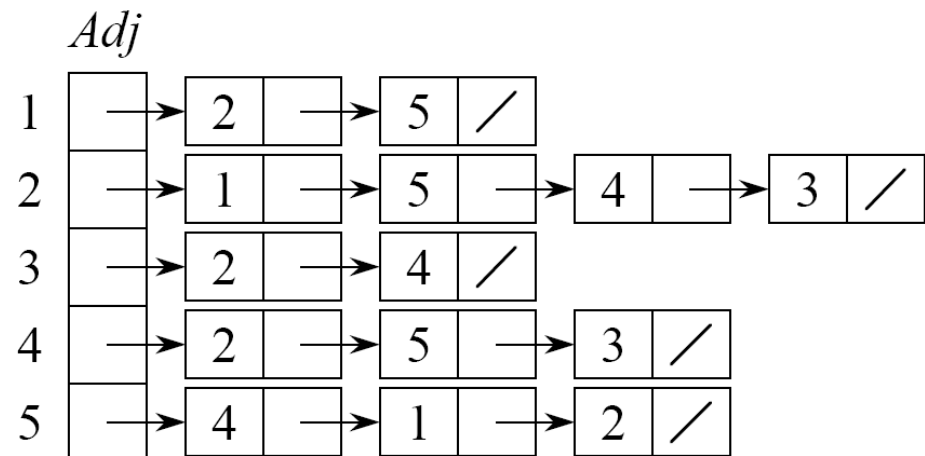
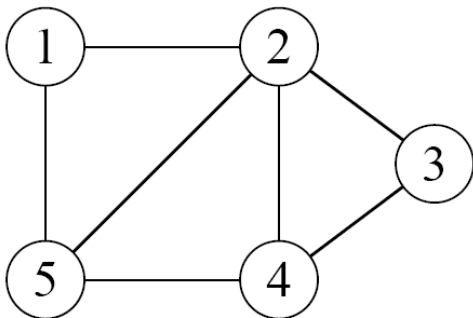
Graph representation

Adjacency lists

Array *Adj* of $|V|$ lists, one per vertex.

Vertex u 's list has all vertices v such that $(u, v) \in E$. (Works for both directed and undirected graphs.)

Example: For an undirected graph:





Graph representation

If edges have *weights*, can put the weights in the lists.

Weight: $w : E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

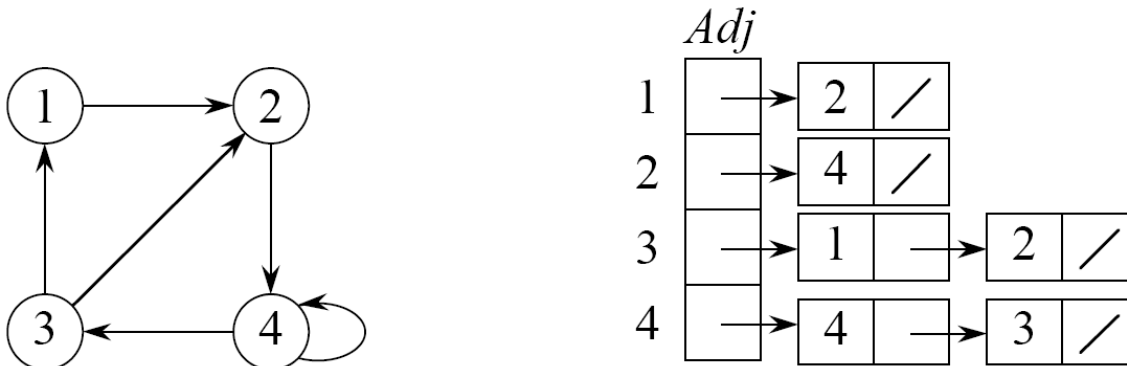
We'll use weights later on for spanning trees and shortest paths.

Space: $(V + E)$.

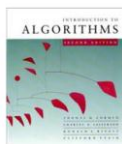
Time: to list all vertices adjacent to u : $\Theta(\text{degree}(u))$.

Time: to determine if $(u, v) \in E$: $O(\text{degree}(u))$.

Example: For a directed graph:



Same asymptotic space and time.



Graph representation

Adjacent matrix

$|V| \times |V|$ matrix $A = (a_{ij})$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	0	1	1	1
3	0	1	0	1	0
4	0	1	1	0	1
5	1	1	0	1	0

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1	0	1	0	0
2	0	0	0	1
3	1	1	0	0
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Space: $\Theta(V^2)$.

Time: to list all vertices adjacent to u : $\Theta(V)$.

Time: to determine if $(u, v) \in E$: $\Theta(1)$.



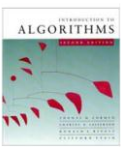
Breadth-first search

BFS is one of the simplest algorithms for **searching a graph** and the archetype for many important graph algorithms.

- Prim's minimum-spanning tree algorithm
- Shortest-paths algorithm.

BFS **expands the frontier** between discovered and undiscovered vertices uniformly **across the breath of the frontier**.

That is, the algorithm discovers all vertices at distance k from s before discovering any vertices at distance $k + 1$.



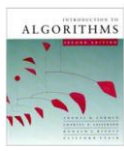
Breadth-first search

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$, either directed or undirected,
and *source vertex* $s \in V$.

Output: $d[v]$ = distance (smallest # of edges) from s to v ,
for all $v \in V$.

$\pi[v] = u$ such that (u, v) is last edge on path from s to v .

- u is v 's *predecessor*.
- set of edges $\{(\pi[v], v) : v \neq s\}$ forms a tree.



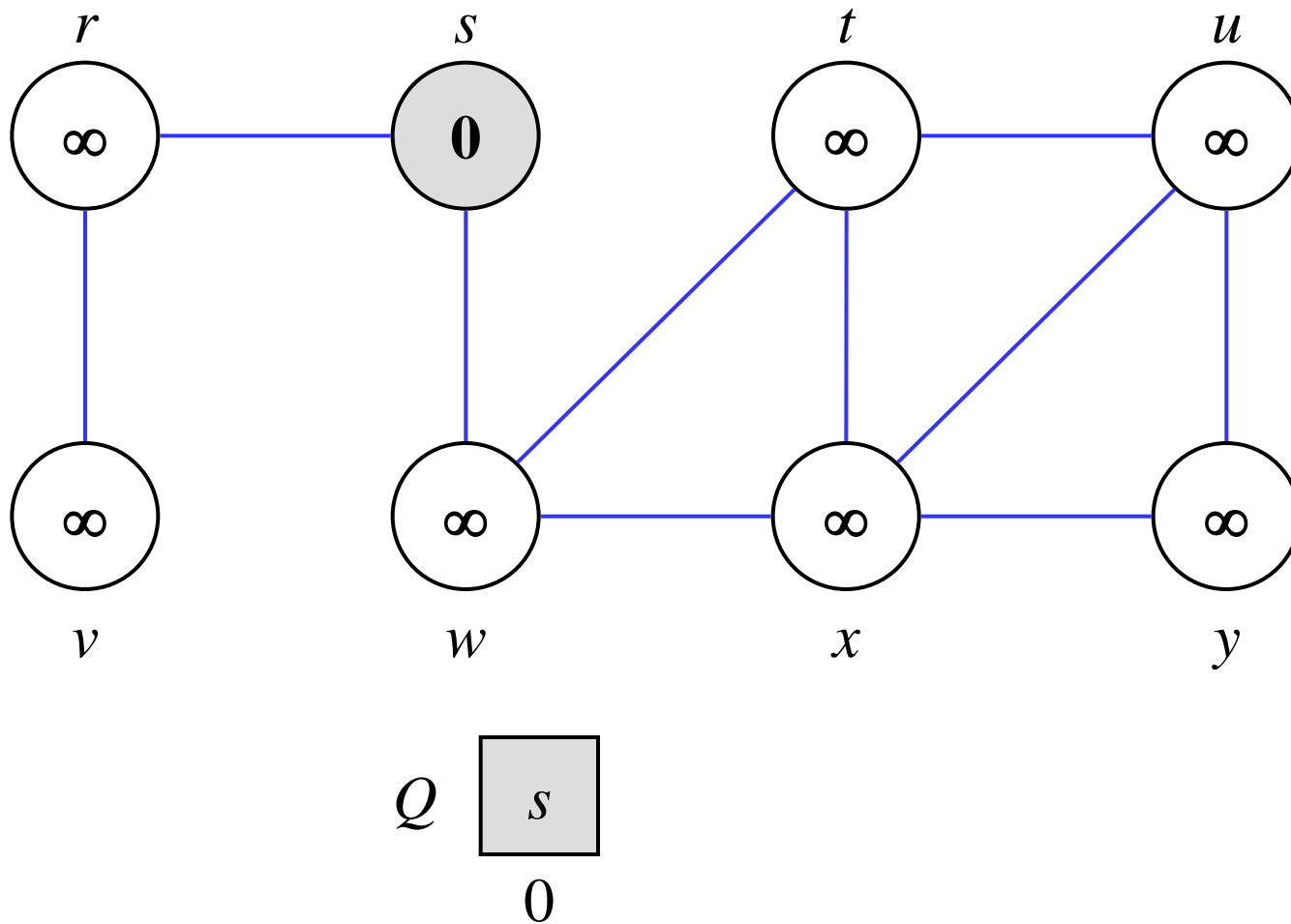
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- BFS colors each vertex **white, gray, or black**.
- All vertices **start out white** and may later become gray and then black.
- A vertex is **discovered** the first time it is encountered during the search, at which time it becomes nonwhite.
- If $(u, v) \in E$ and vertex u is black, then vertex v is either gray or black; that is, **all vertices adjacent to black vertices have been discovered**.
- **Gray vertices** may have some adjacent white vertices; they represent **the frontier between discovered and undiscovered vertices**.

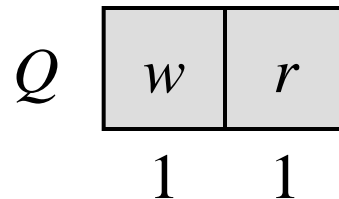
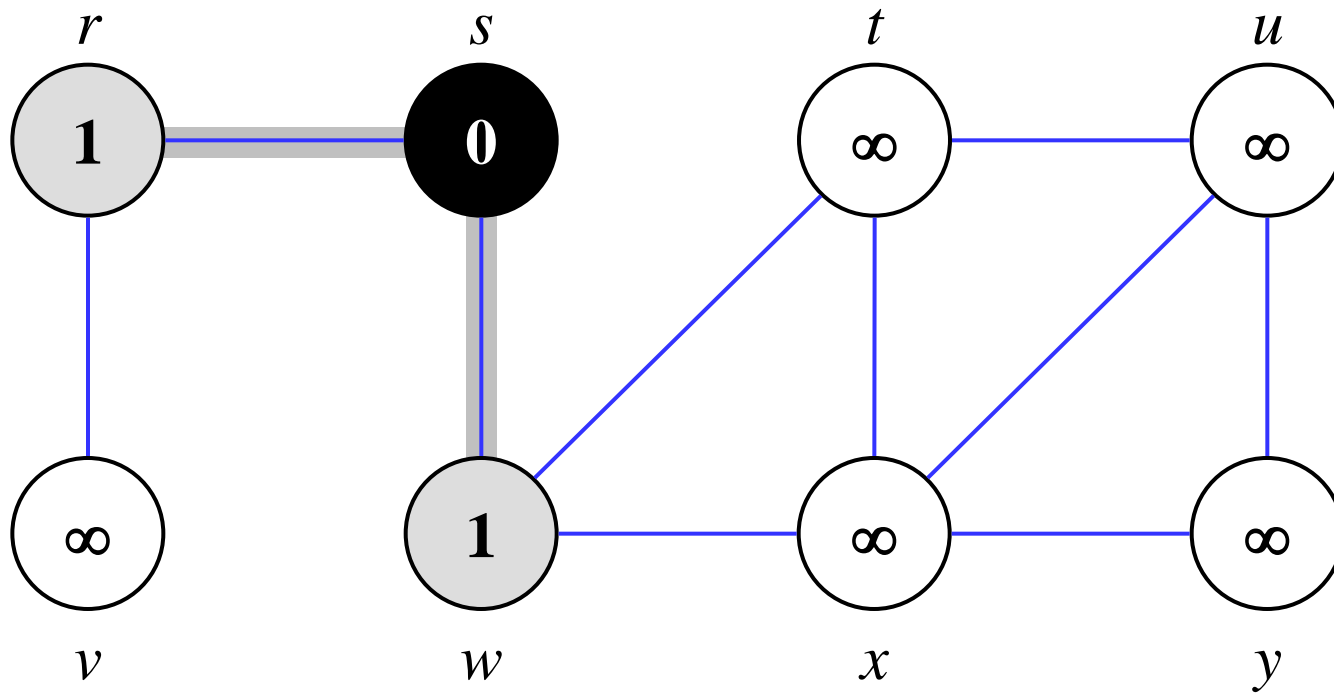
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BFS(G, s)
for each vertex  $u \in V[G] - \{s\}$ 
  do color[u]  $\leftarrow$  WHITE
  d[u]  $\leftarrow \infty$ 
   $\pi[u] \leftarrow$  NIL
color[s]  $\leftarrow$  GRAY
d[s]  $\leftarrow$  0
 $\pi[s] \leftarrow$  NIL
Q  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
ENQUEUE(Q, s)
while Q  $\neq \emptyset$ 
  do u  $\leftarrow$  DEQUEUE(Q)
  for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ 
    do if color[v] = WHITE
      then color[v]  $\leftarrow$  GRAY
      d[v]  $\leftarrow$  d[u] + 1
       $\pi[v] \leftarrow$  u
      ENQUEUE(Q, v)
  color[u]  $\leftarrow$  BLACK
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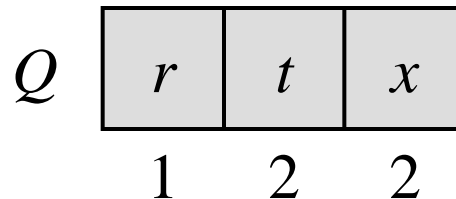
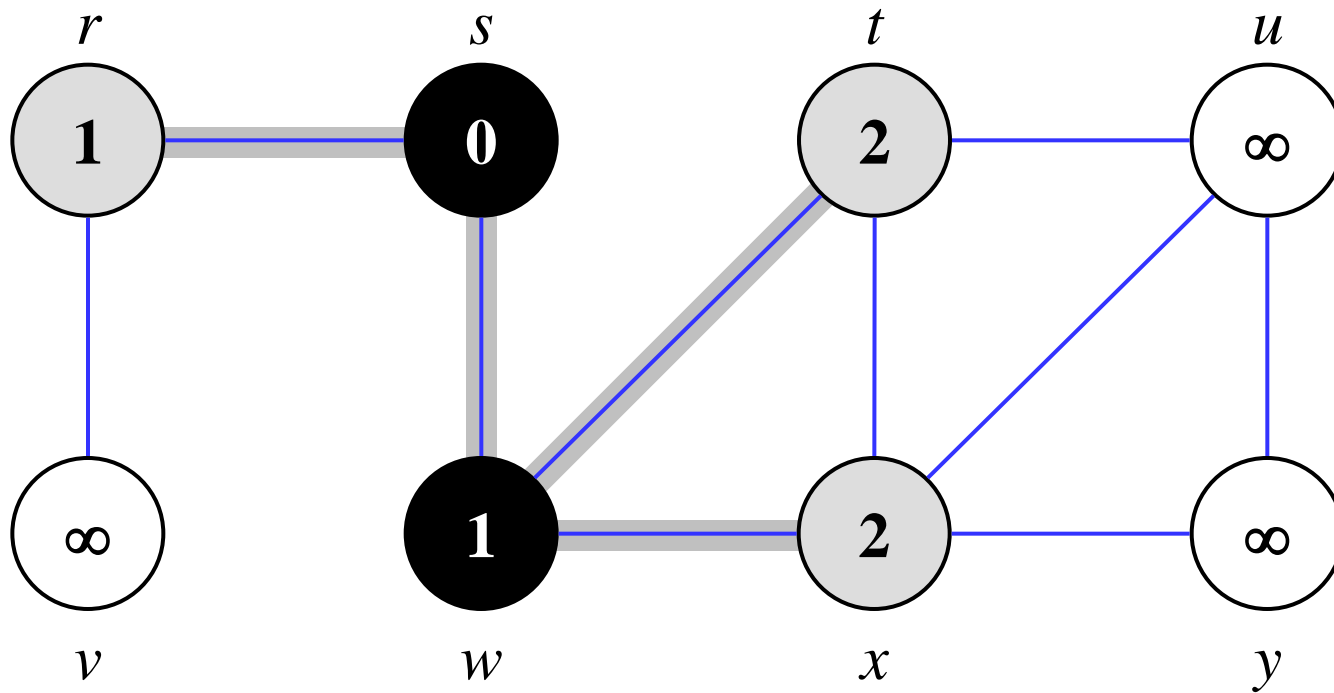
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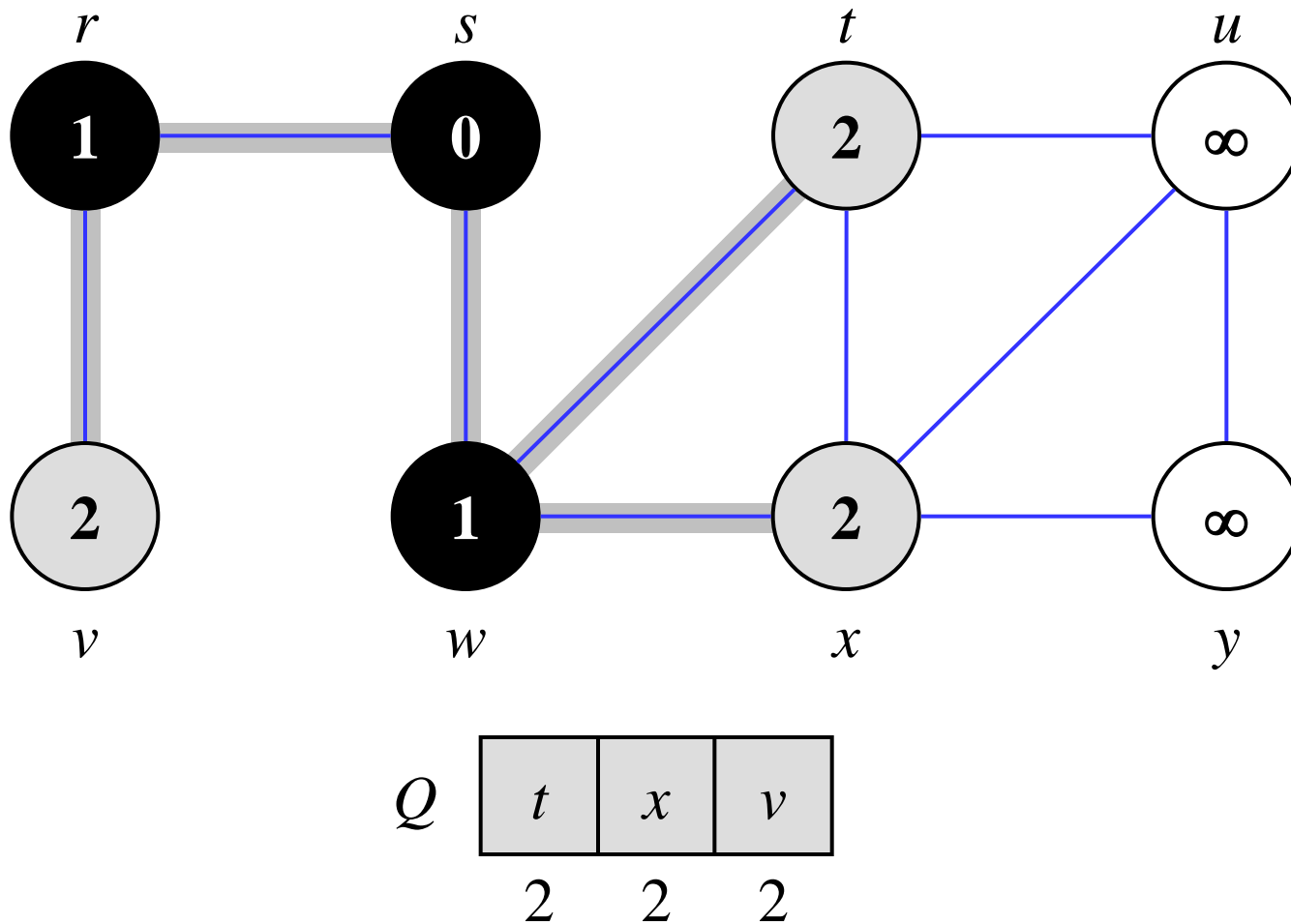
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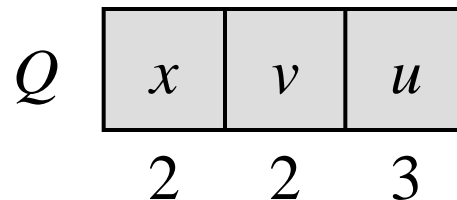
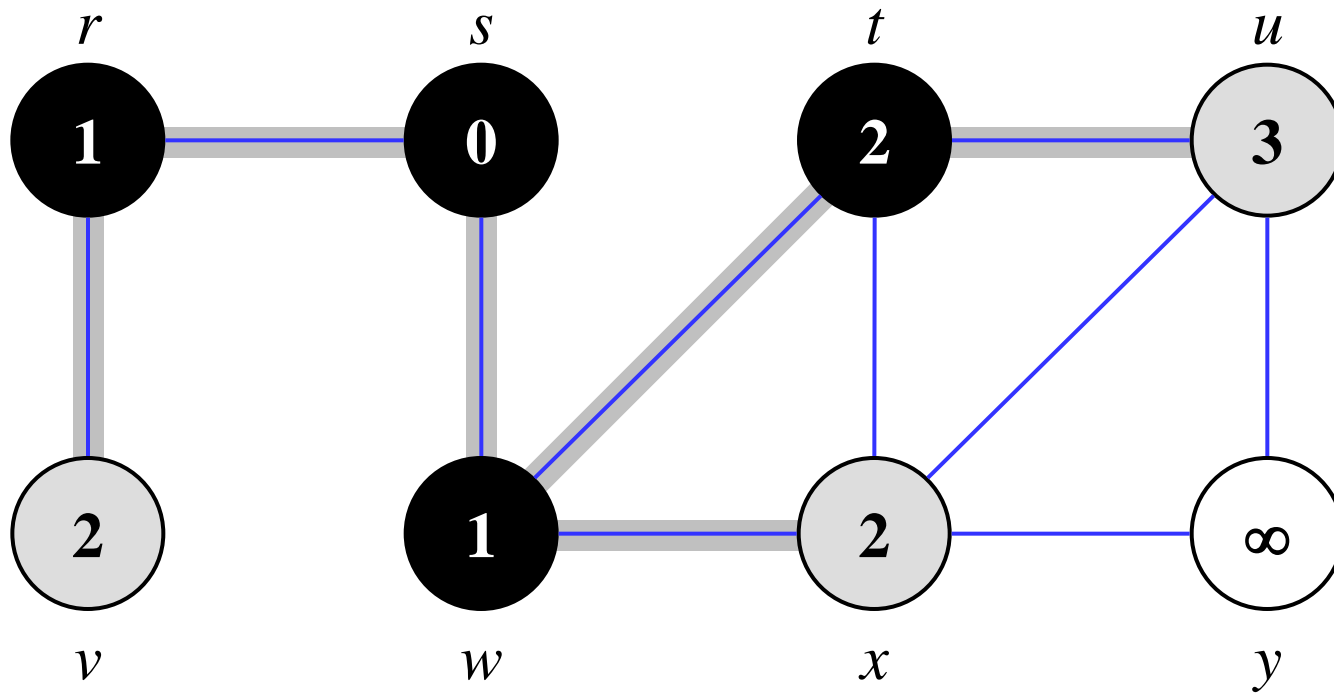
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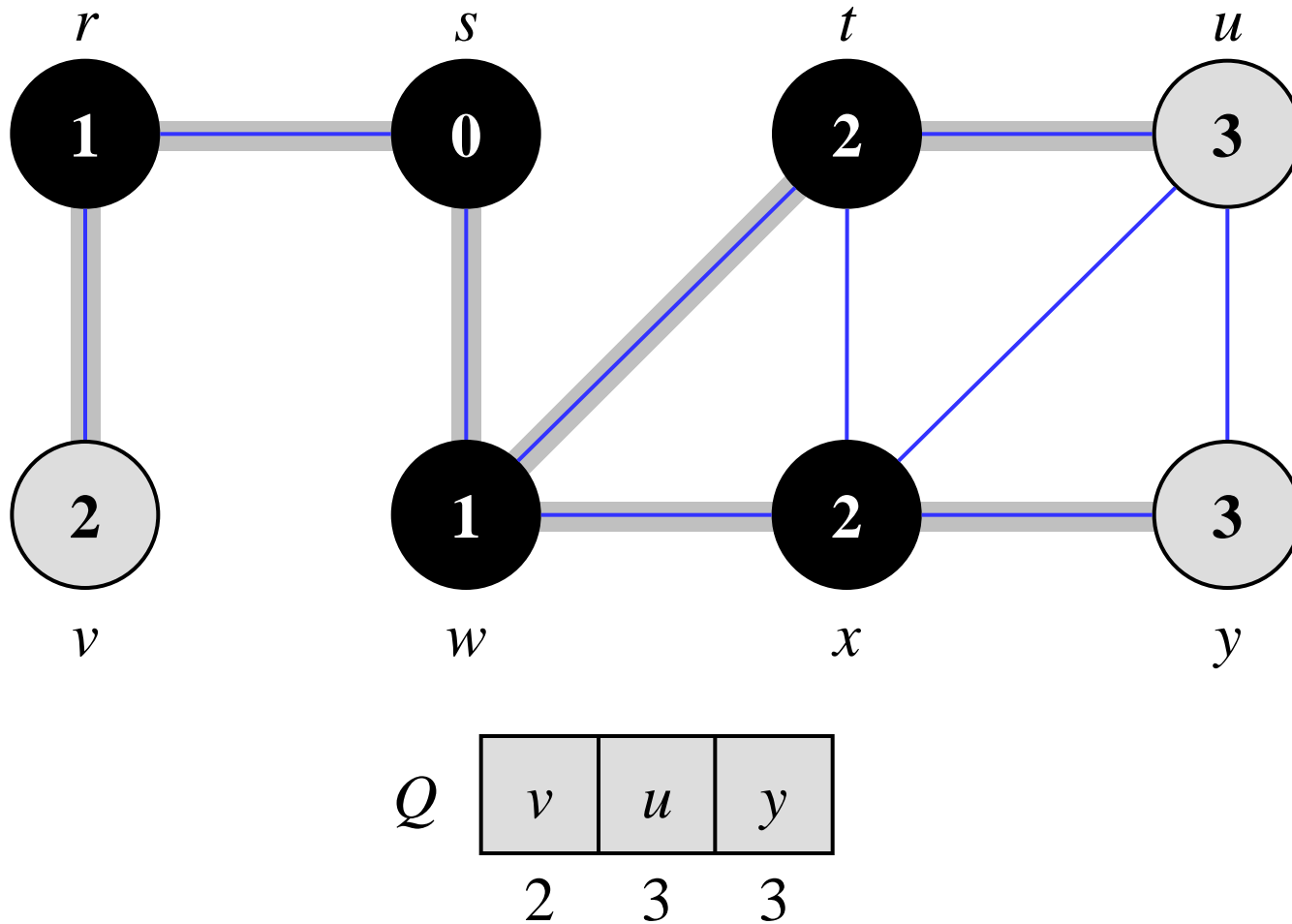
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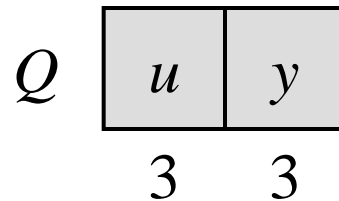
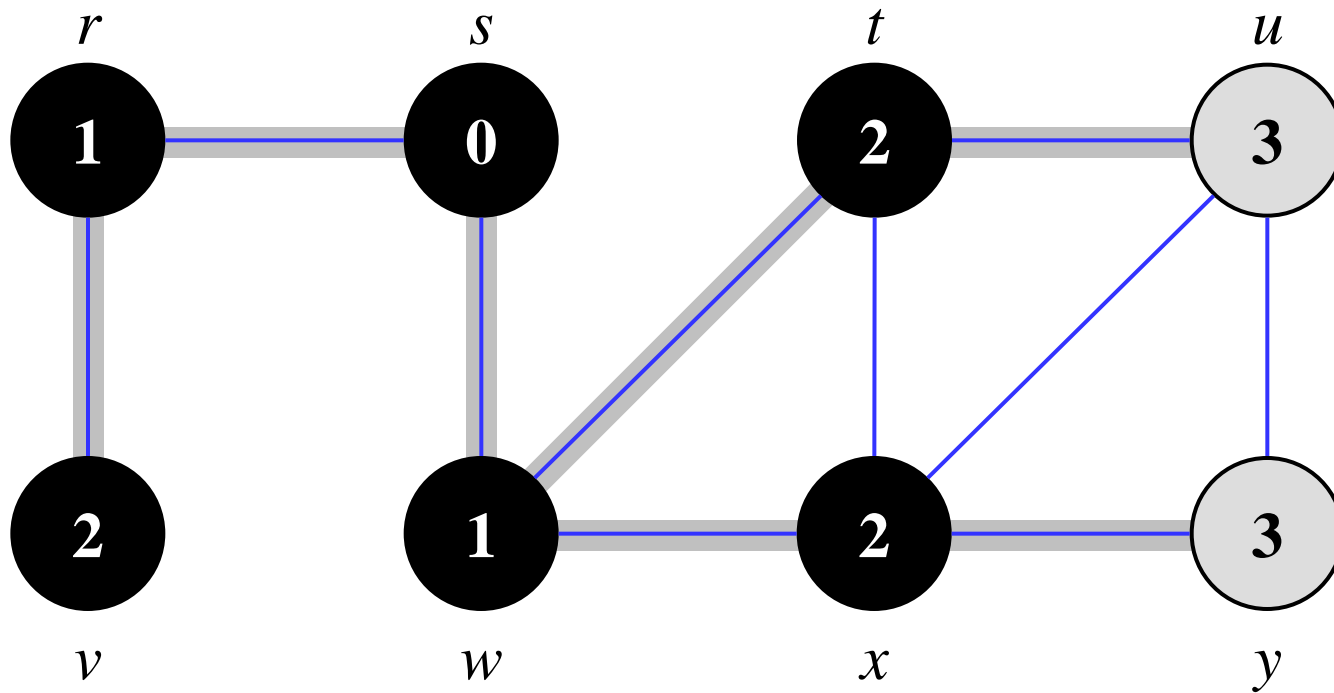
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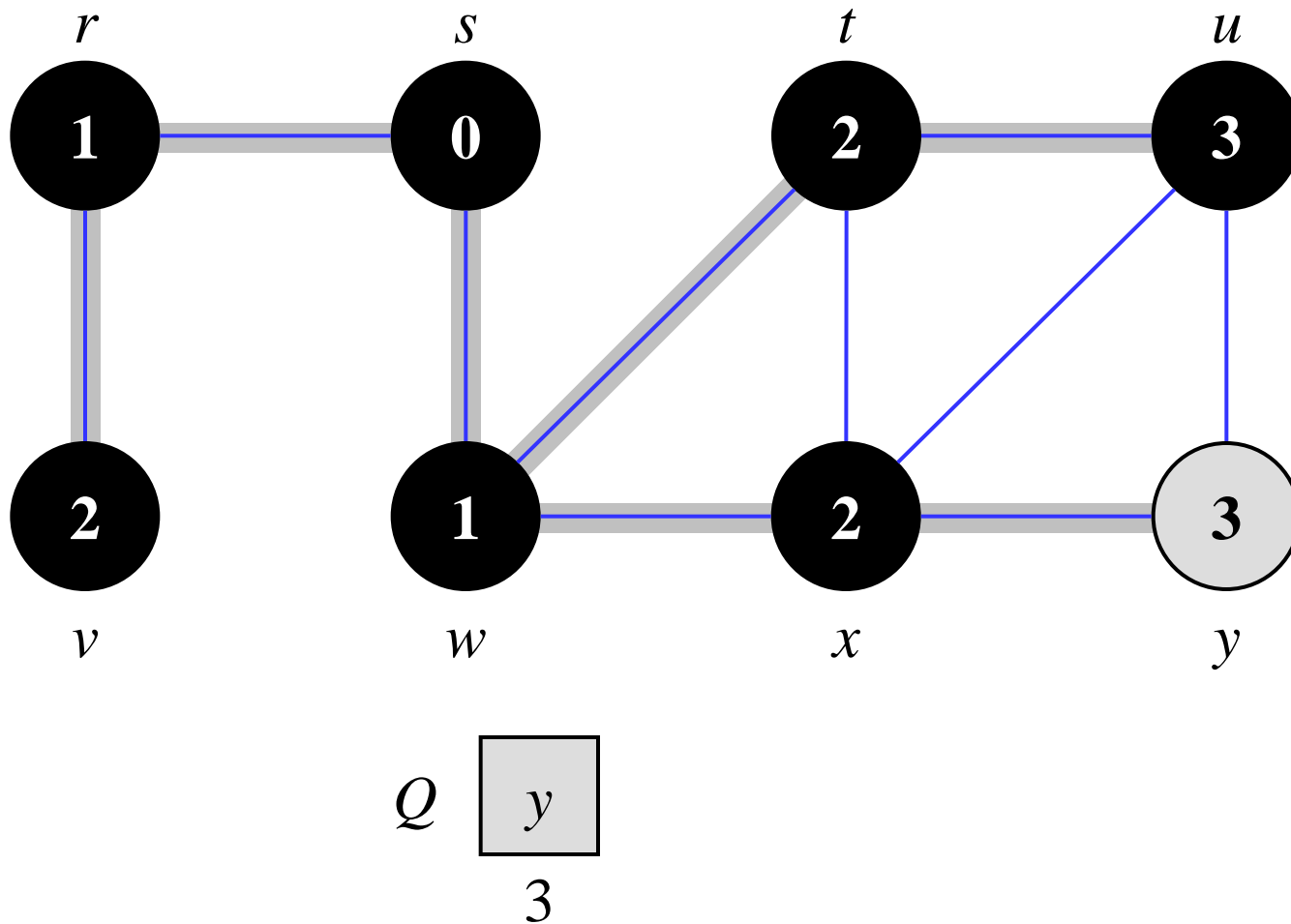
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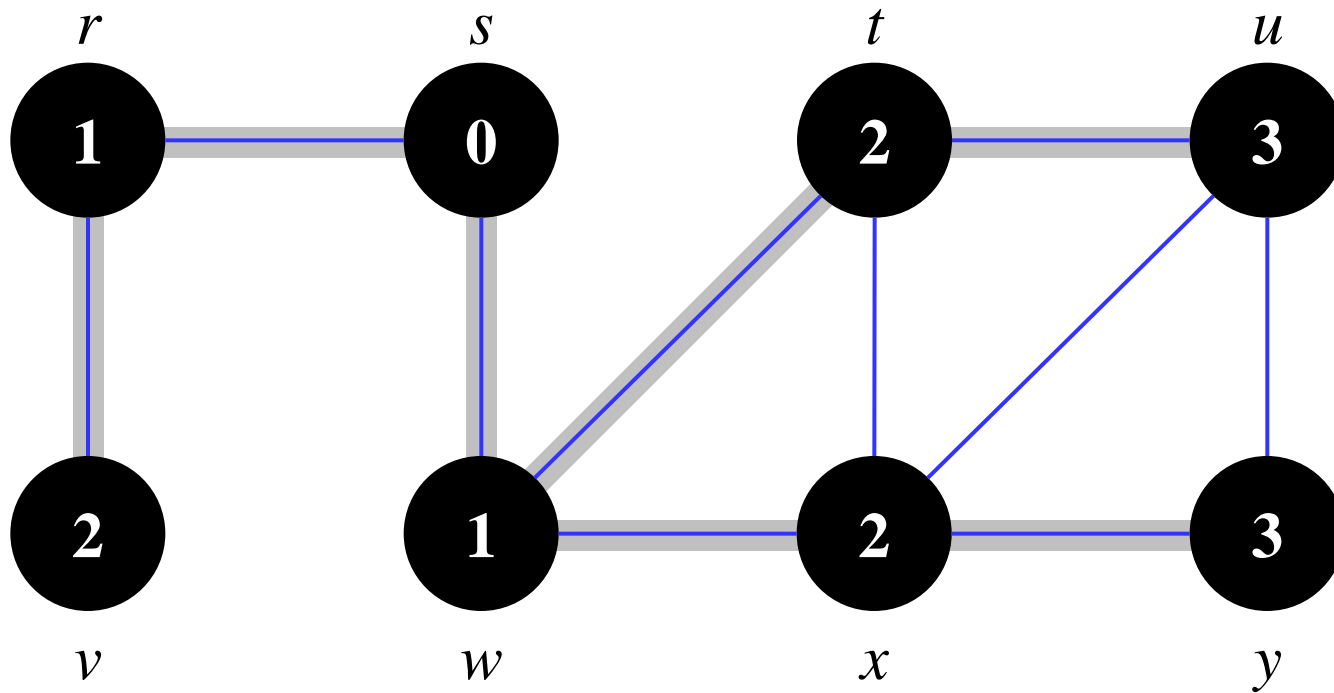
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$Q \quad \emptyset$



Breadth-first search

Q consists of **vertices with d values**.

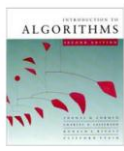
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- Only 1 or 2 values.
- If 2, differ by 1 and all smallest are first.

Each vertex gets a finite d value monotonically increasing over time.

Time = $O(V + E)$.

- $O(V)$ because every vertex enqueued at most once (since only white vertices are enqueued).
- $O(E)$ because every vertex dequeued at most once and we examine (u, v) only when u is dequeued. Therefore, every edge examined at most once if directed, at most twice if undirected.



Depth-first search

Input: $G = (V, E)$, directed or undirected.

Output: 2 *timestamps* on each vertex:

- . $d[v] = \textit{discovery time}$
- . $f[v] = \textit{finishing time}$

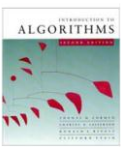
These will be useful for other algorithms later on.
Can also compute $\pi[v]$.

Will methodically explore *every* edge.

- . Start over from different vertices as necessary.

As soon as we *discover a vertex, explore from it*.

- . Unlike BFS, which puts a vertex on a queue so that we explore from it later.



Depth-first search

As DFS progresses, every vertex has a *color*:

- . **WHITE** = undiscovered
- . **GRAY** = discovered, but not finished (not done exploring from it)
- . **BLACK** = finished (have found everything reachable from it)

Discovery and finish times:

- . Unique integers from 1 to $2|V|$. (start and finish time for each vertex)
- . For all v , $d[v] < f[v]$.

In other words, $1 \leq d[v] < f[v] \leq 2|V|$.

Depth-first search

$\text{DFS}(V, E)$

```
for each  $u \in V$ 
    do  $\text{color}[u] \leftarrow \text{WHITE}$ 
 $\text{time} \leftarrow 0$ 
for each  $u \in V$ 
    do if  $\text{color}[u] = \text{WHITE}$ 
        then  $\text{DFS-VISIT}(u)$ 
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 $\text{color}[u] \leftarrow \text{GRAY}$            $\triangleright$  discover  $u$ 
 $\text{time} \leftarrow \text{time} + 1$ 
 $d[u] \leftarrow \text{time}$ 
for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$            $\triangleright$  explore  $(u, v)$ 
    do if  $\text{color}[v] = \text{WHITE}$ 
        then  $\text{DFS-VISIT}(v)$ 
 $\text{color}[u] \leftarrow \text{BLACK}$ 
 $\text{time} \leftarrow \text{time} + 1$ 
 $f[u] \leftarrow \text{time}$            $\triangleright$  finish  $u$ 
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Depth-first search

Classification of edges

1. **Tree edges** are edges in the depth-first forest.

Edge (u, v) is a tree edge if v was first discovered by exploring edge (u, v) .

2. **Back edge** are those edges (u, v) connecting a vertex u to an ancestor v in depth-first tree.

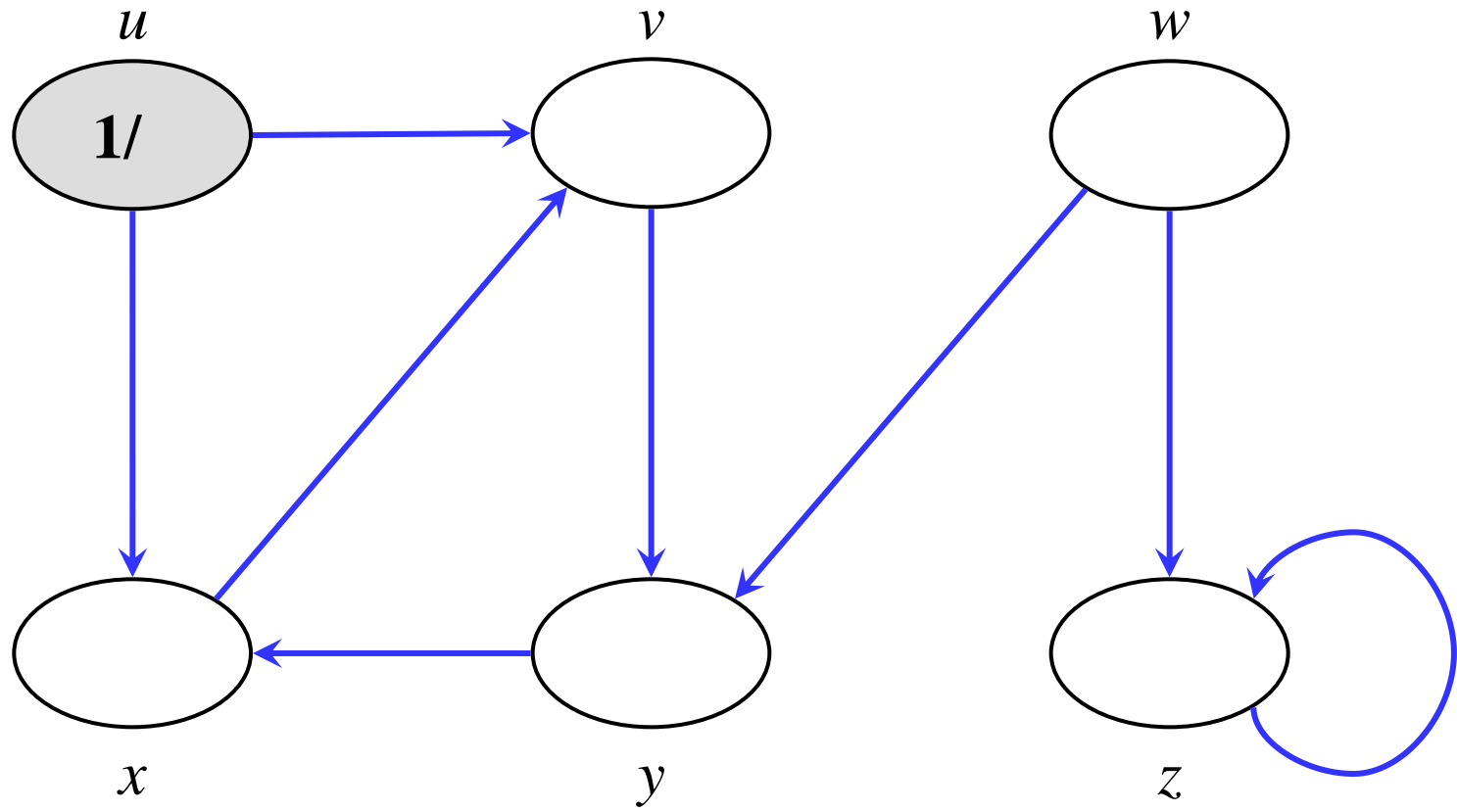
Self-loops, which may occur in directed graphs, are considered to be back edges.

3. **Forward edges** are those edges (u, v) , where v is a descendant of u , but not a tree edge.

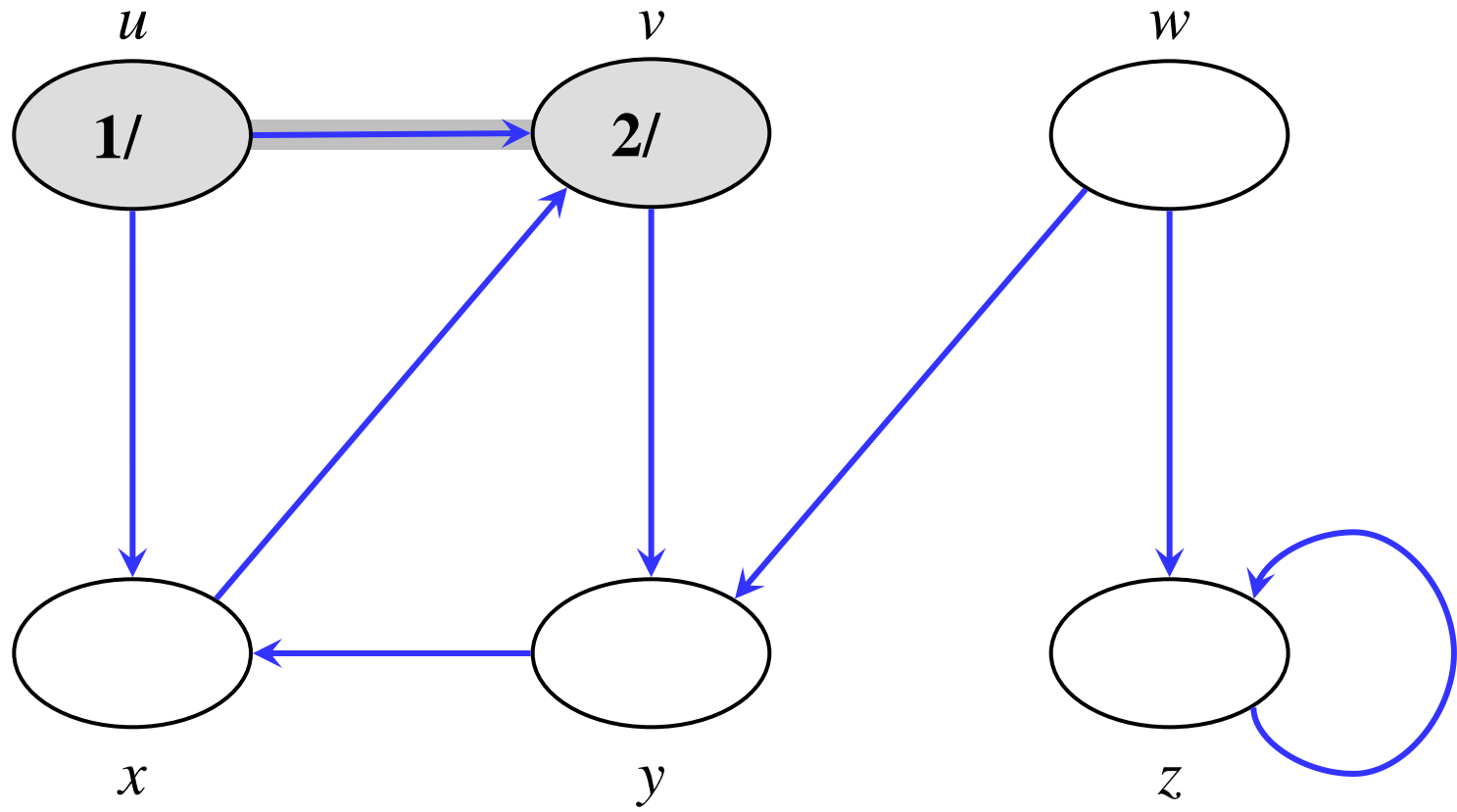
4. **Cross edges** are all other edges. They can go between vertices in the same depth-first tree, as long as one vertex is not an ancestor of the other, or they can go between vertices in different depth-first trees.

◦ Only **tree edges** form the edges in the depth-first trees, or depth-first forest.

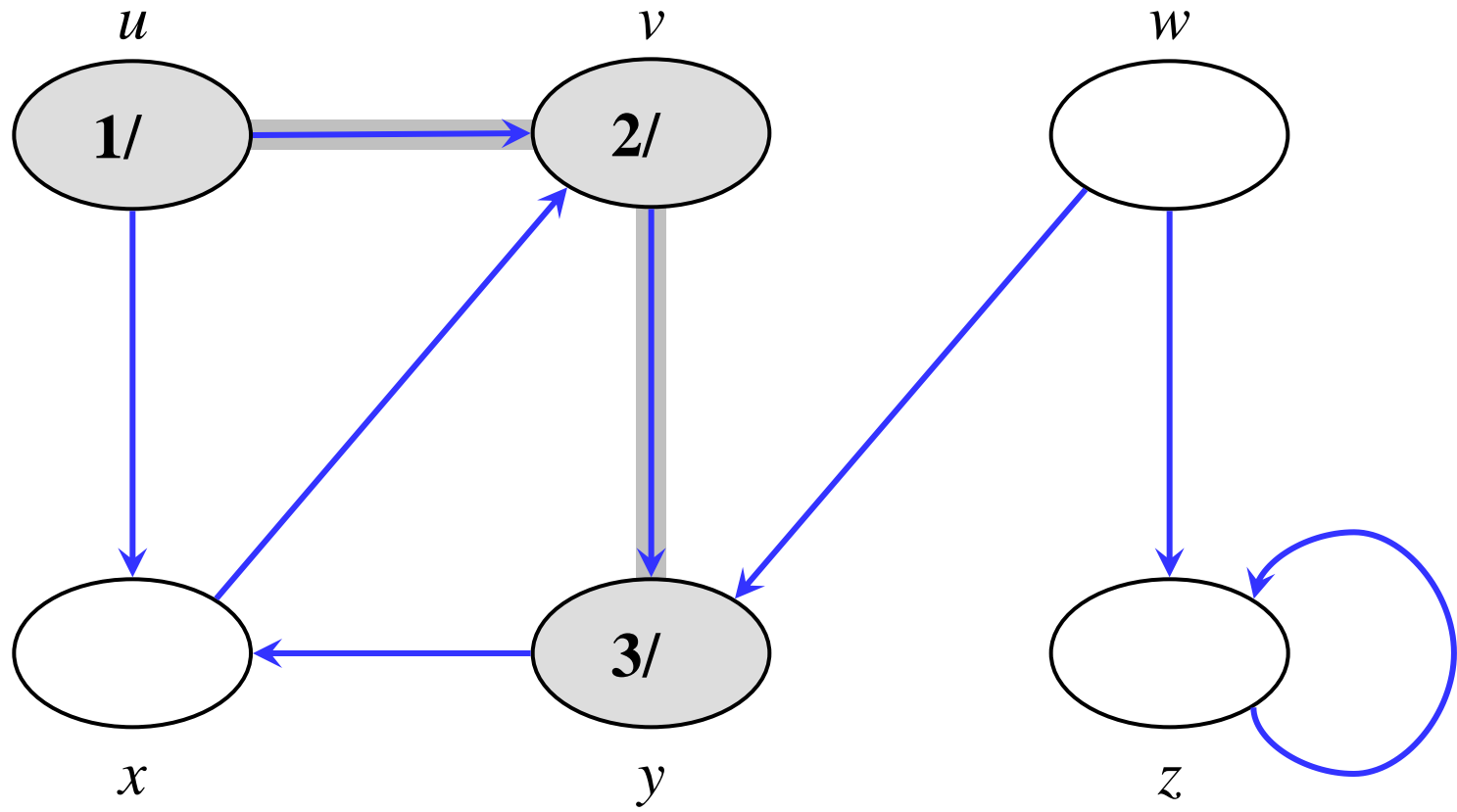
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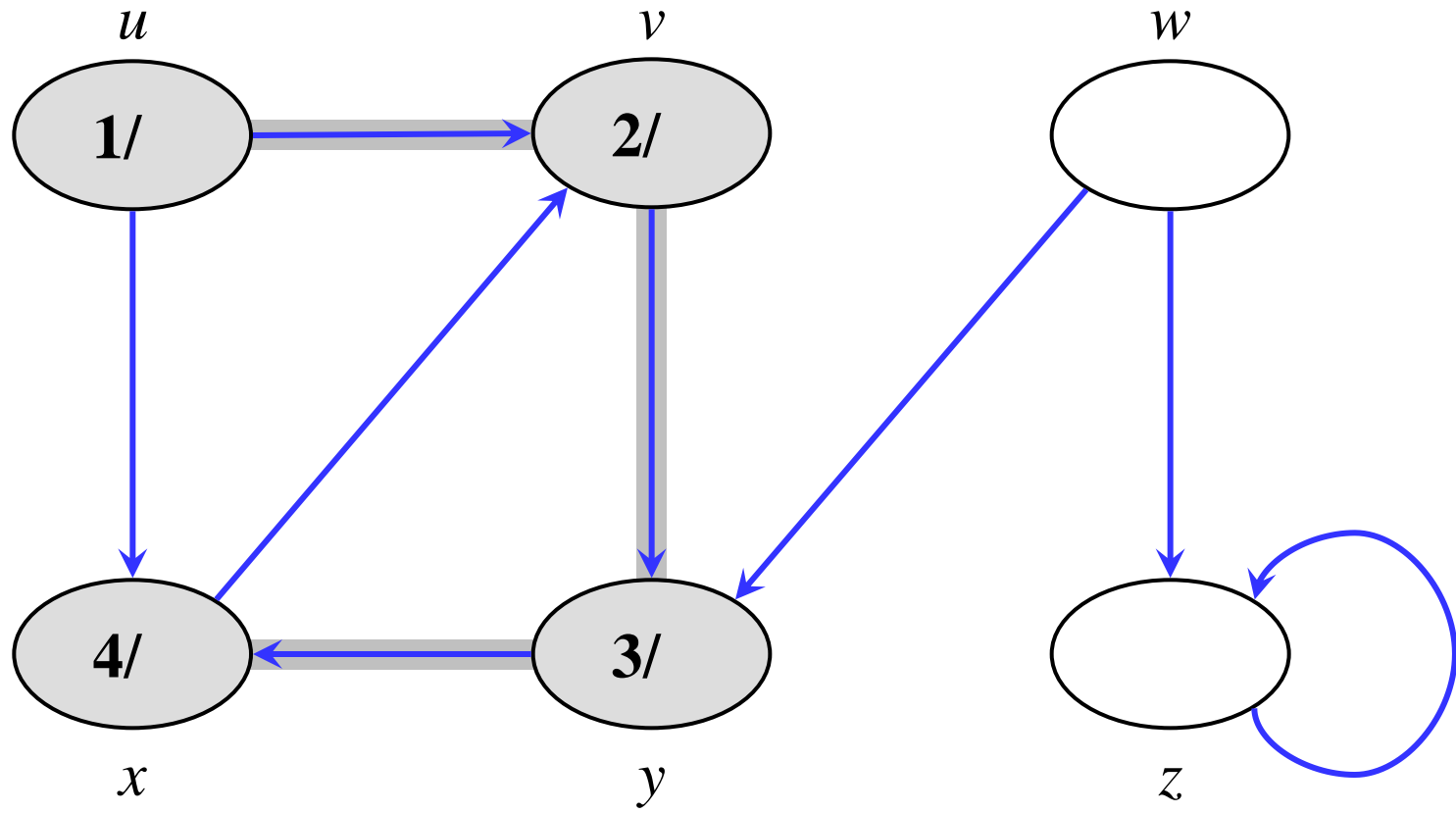
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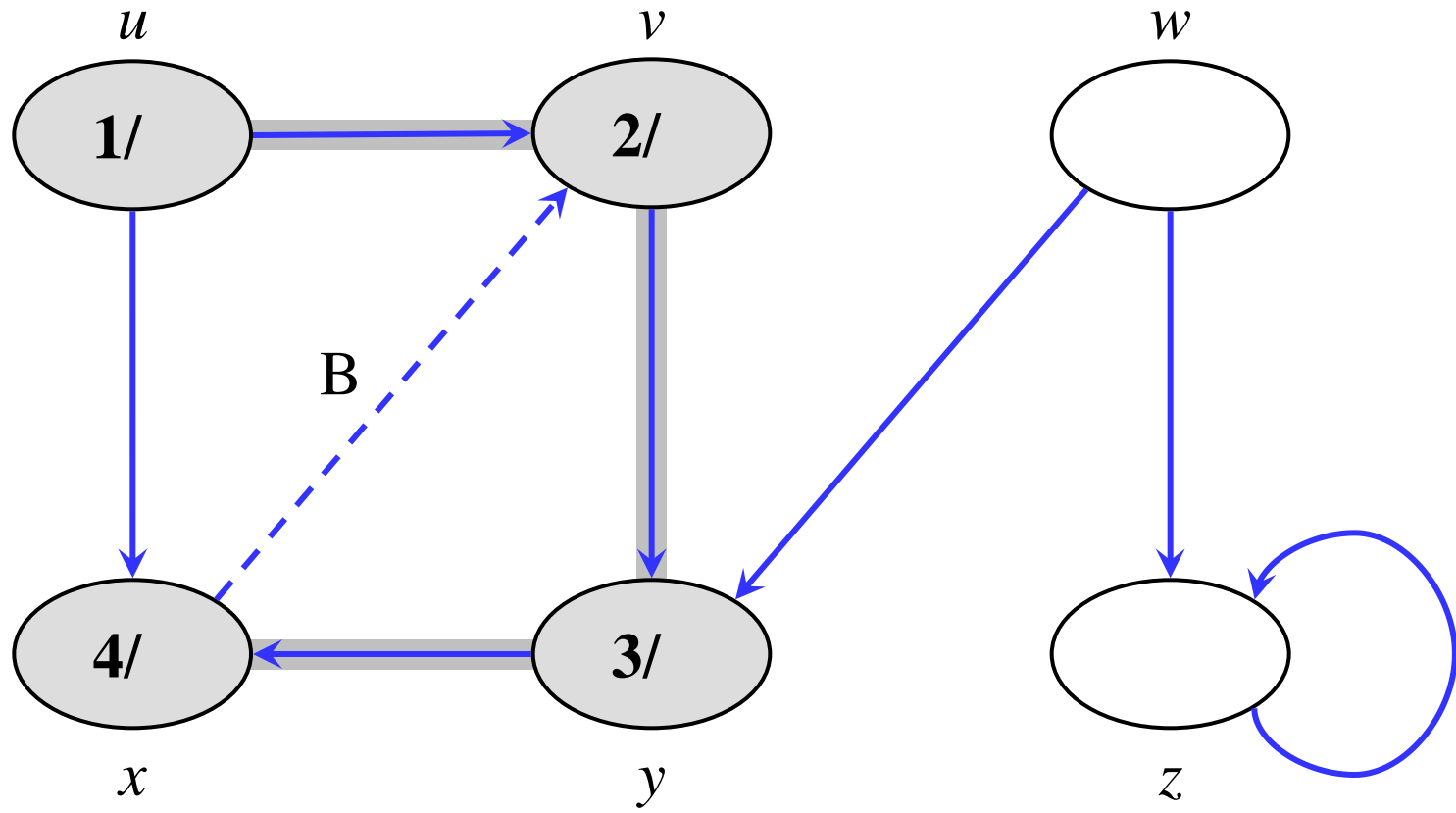
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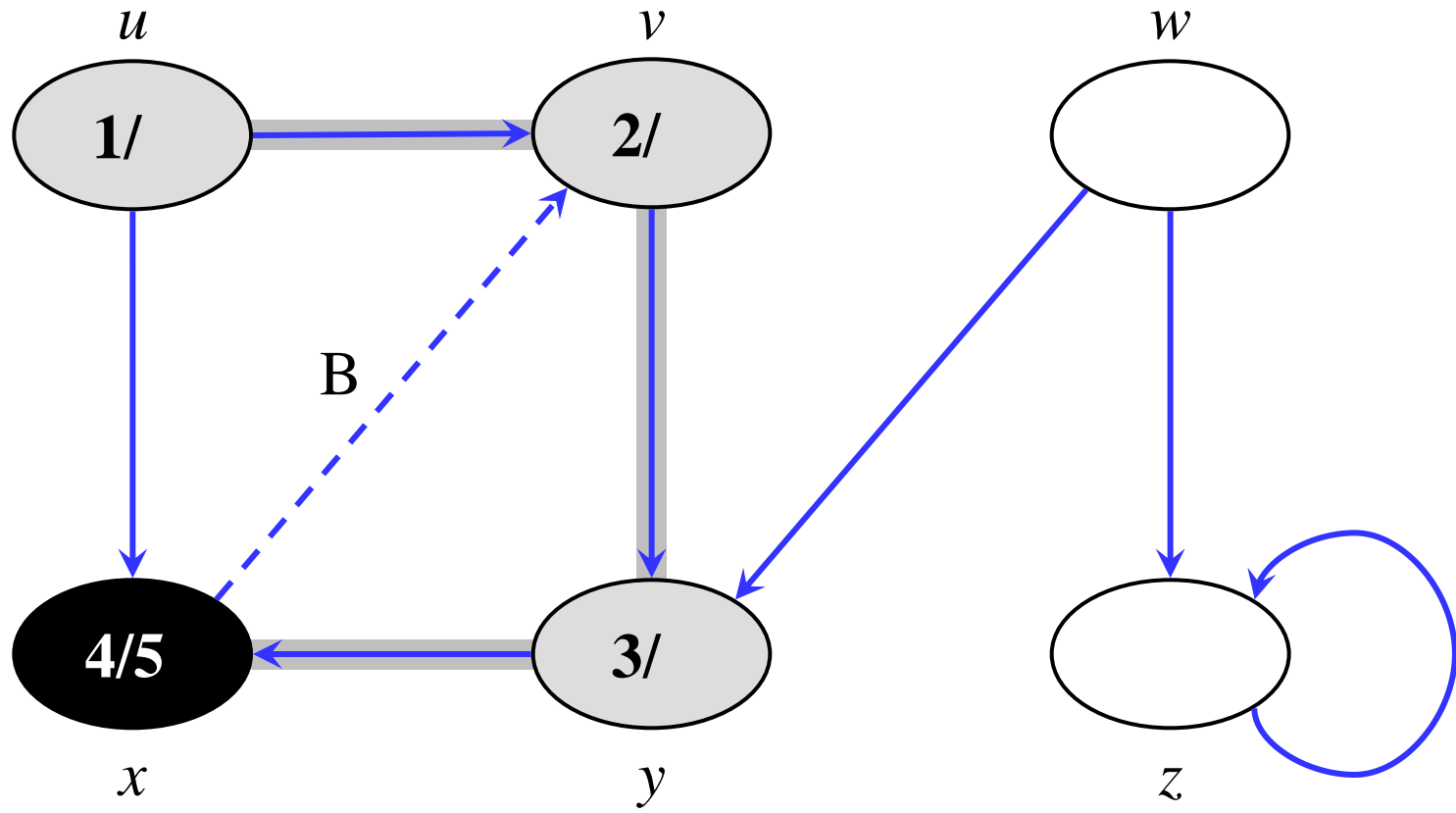
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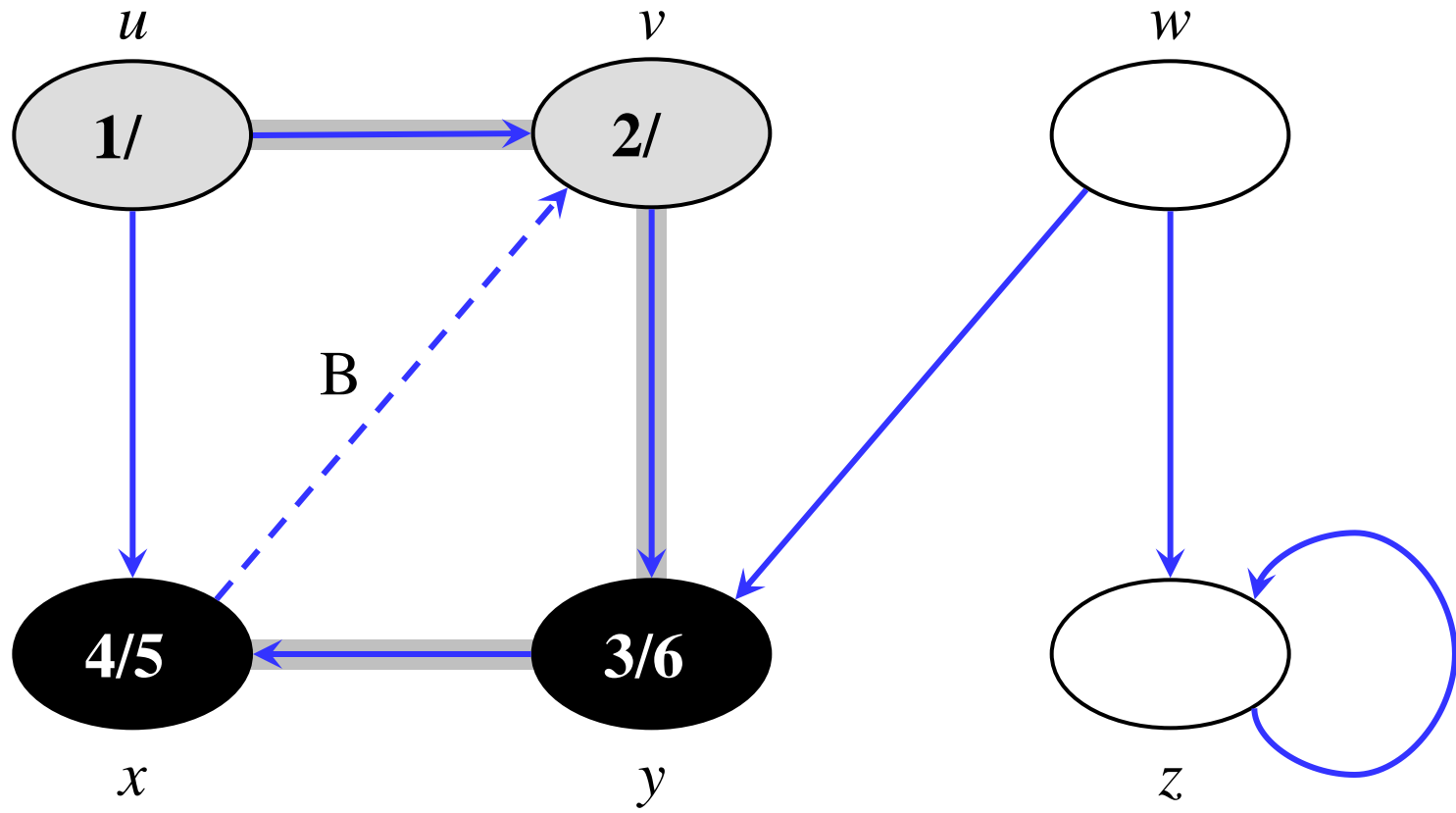
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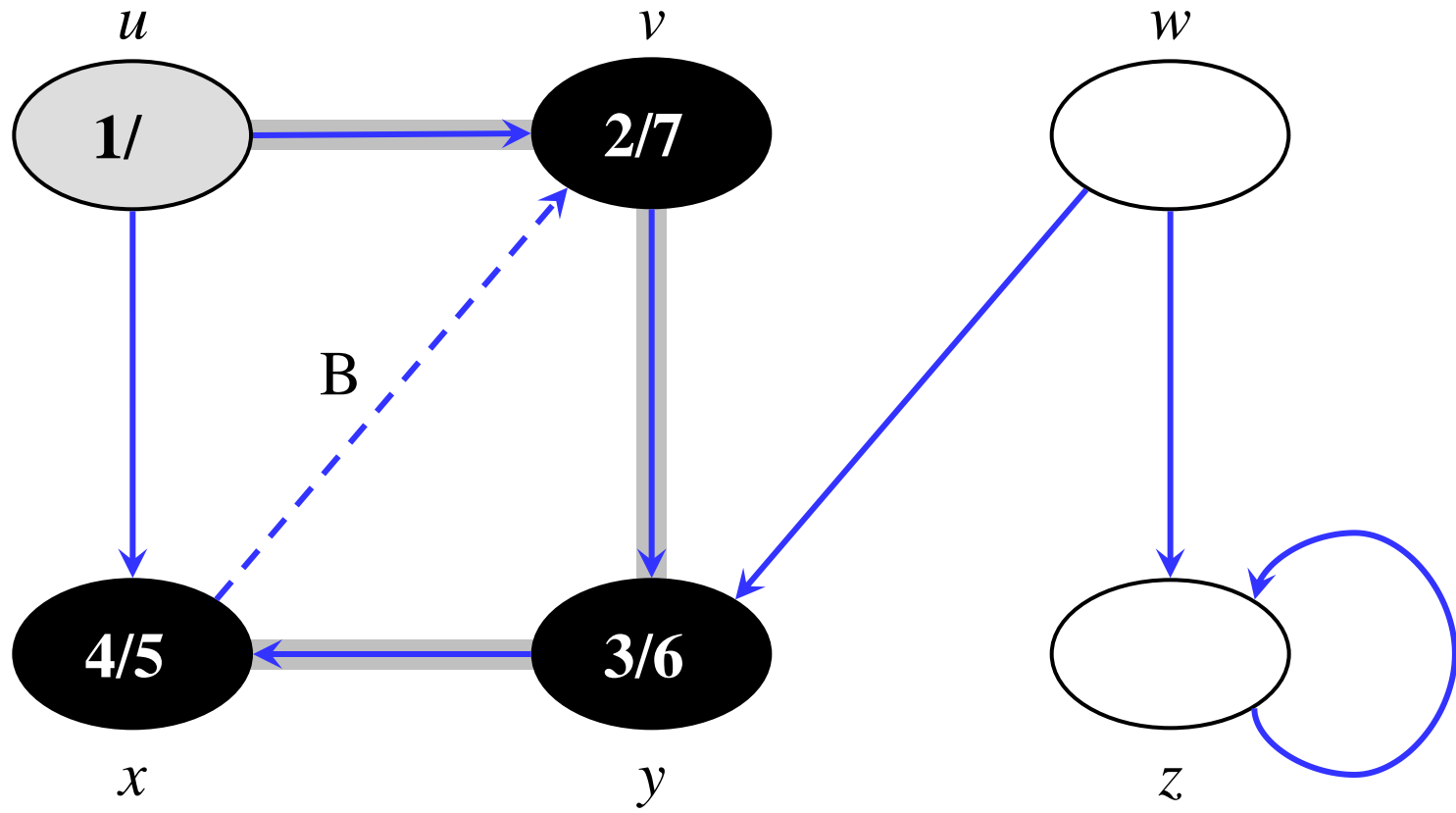
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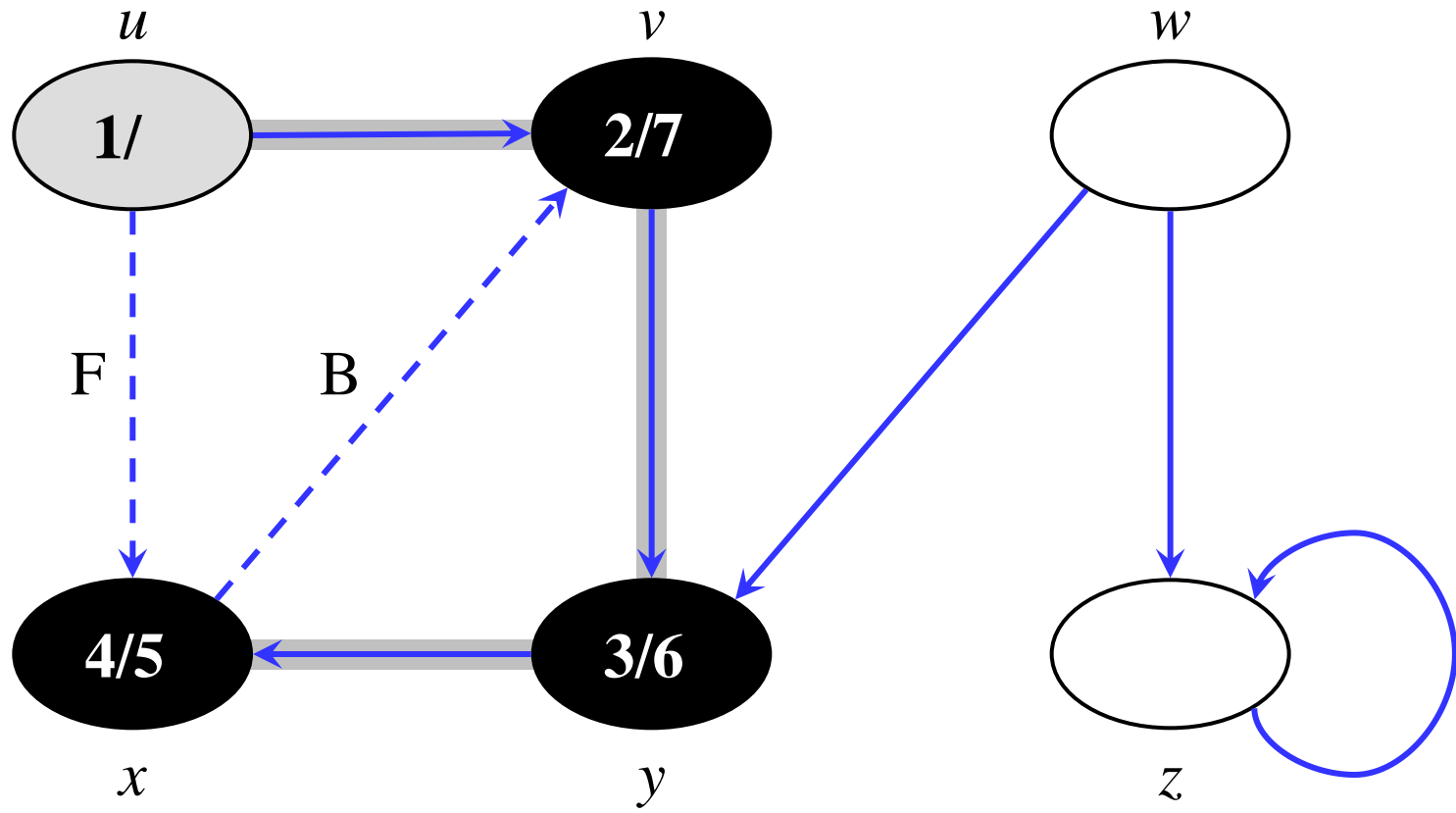
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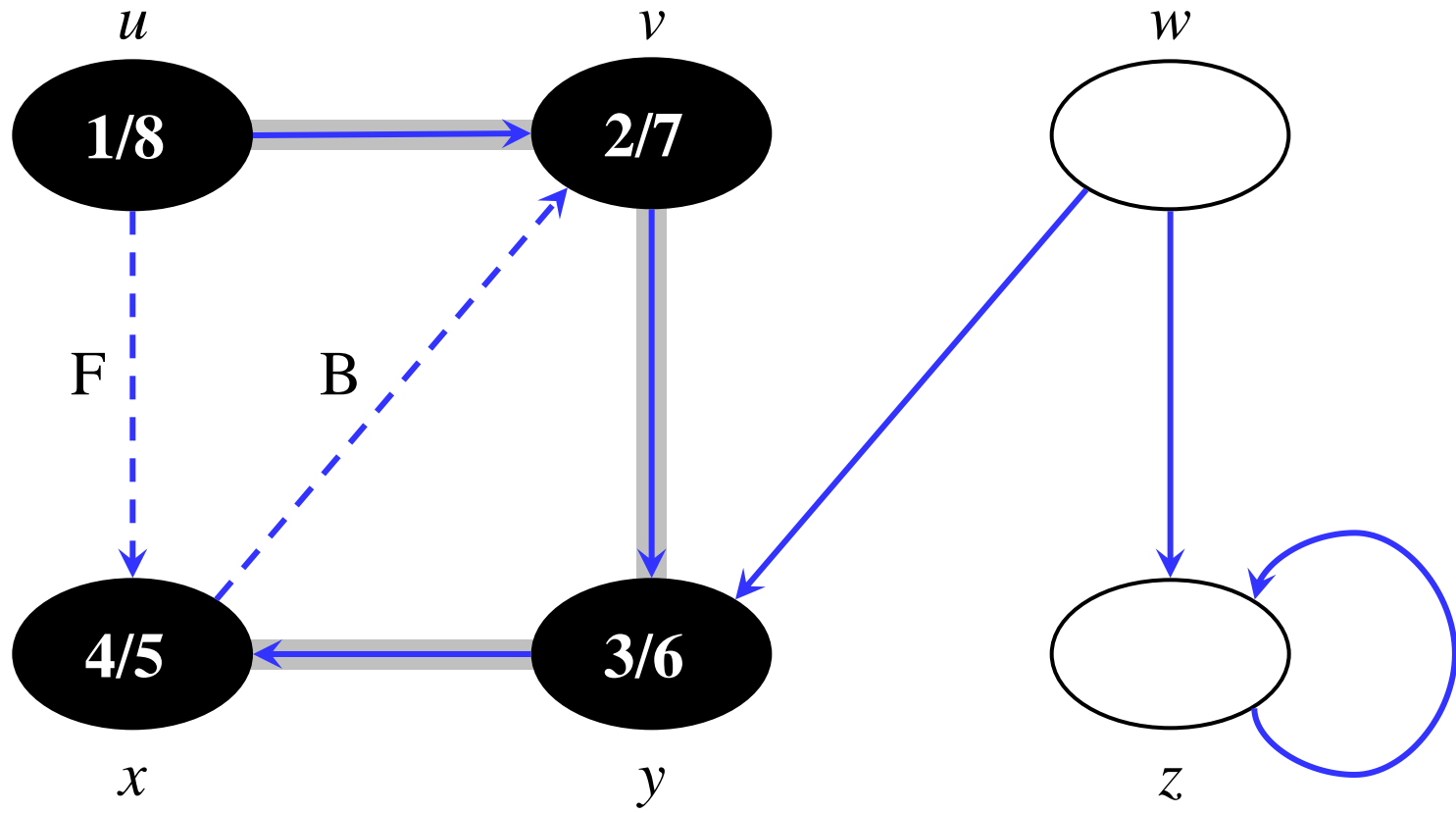
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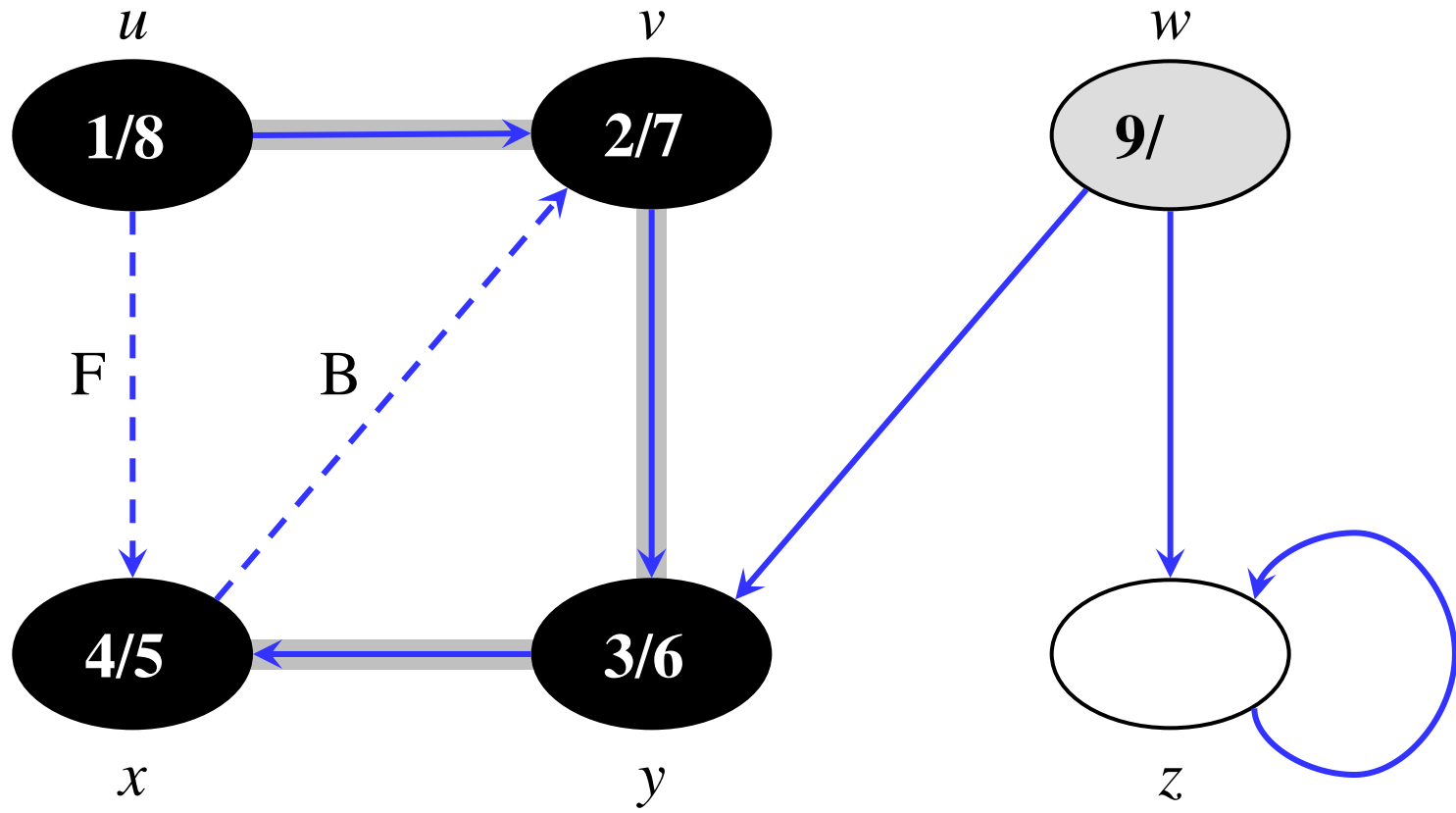
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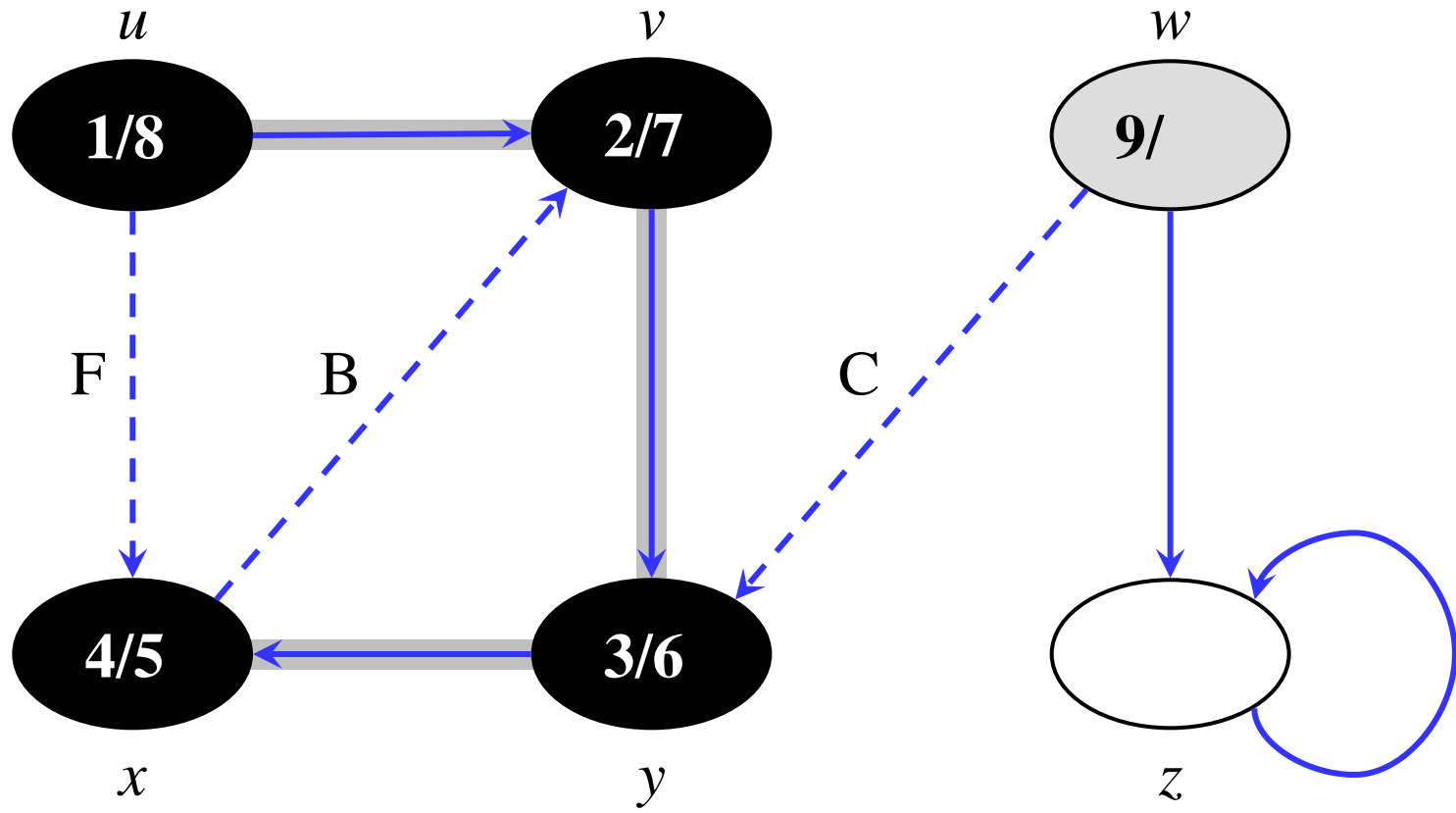
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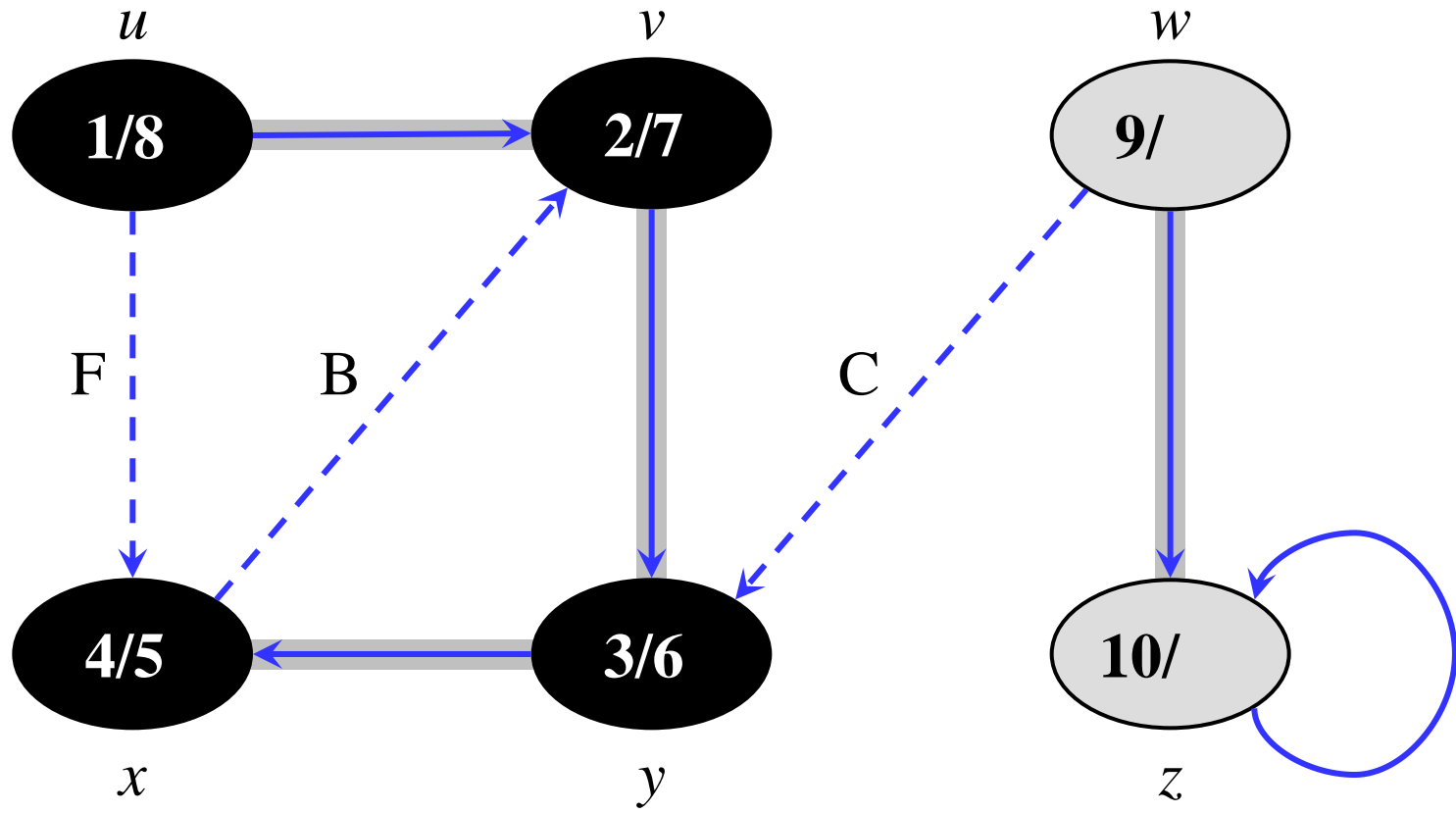
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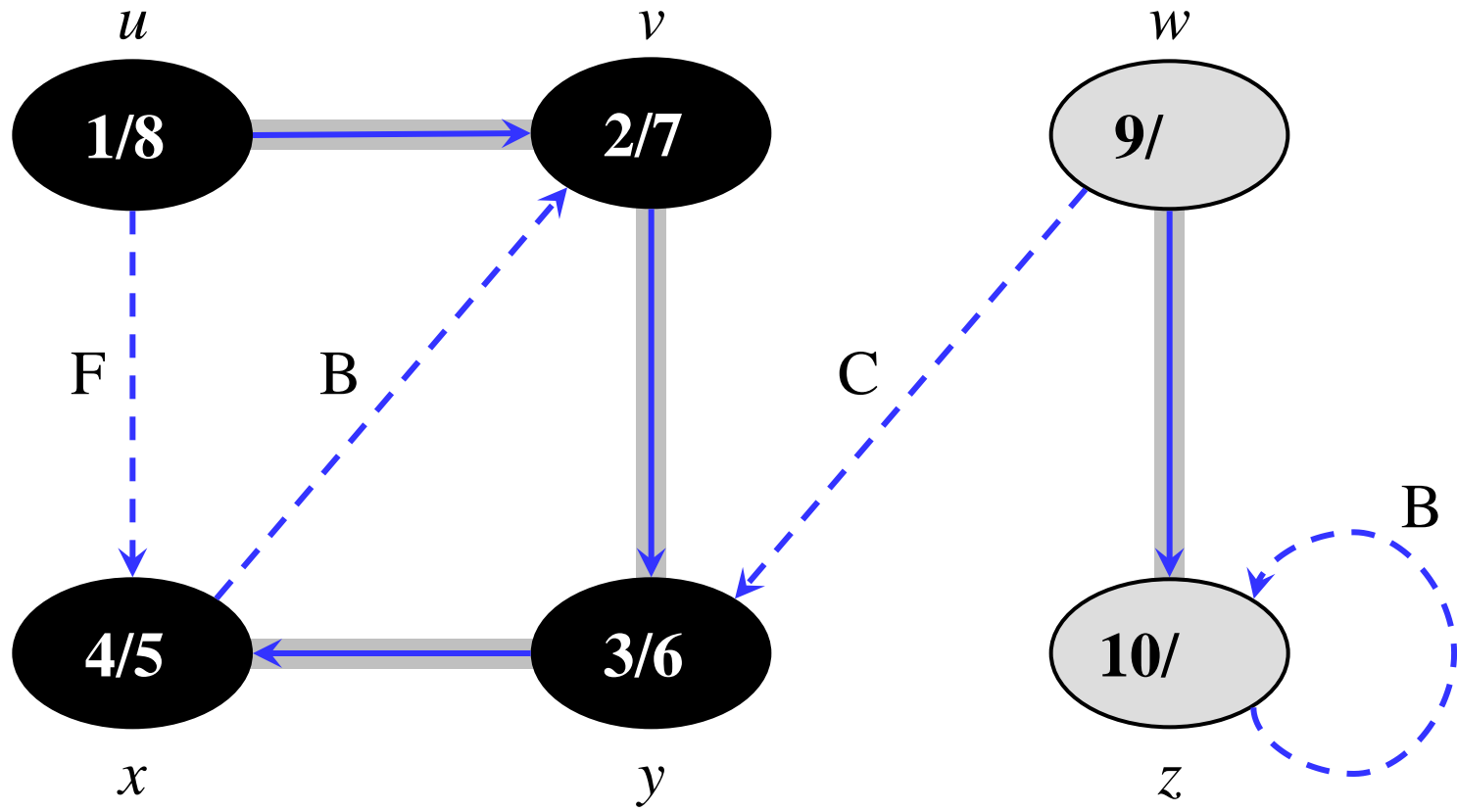
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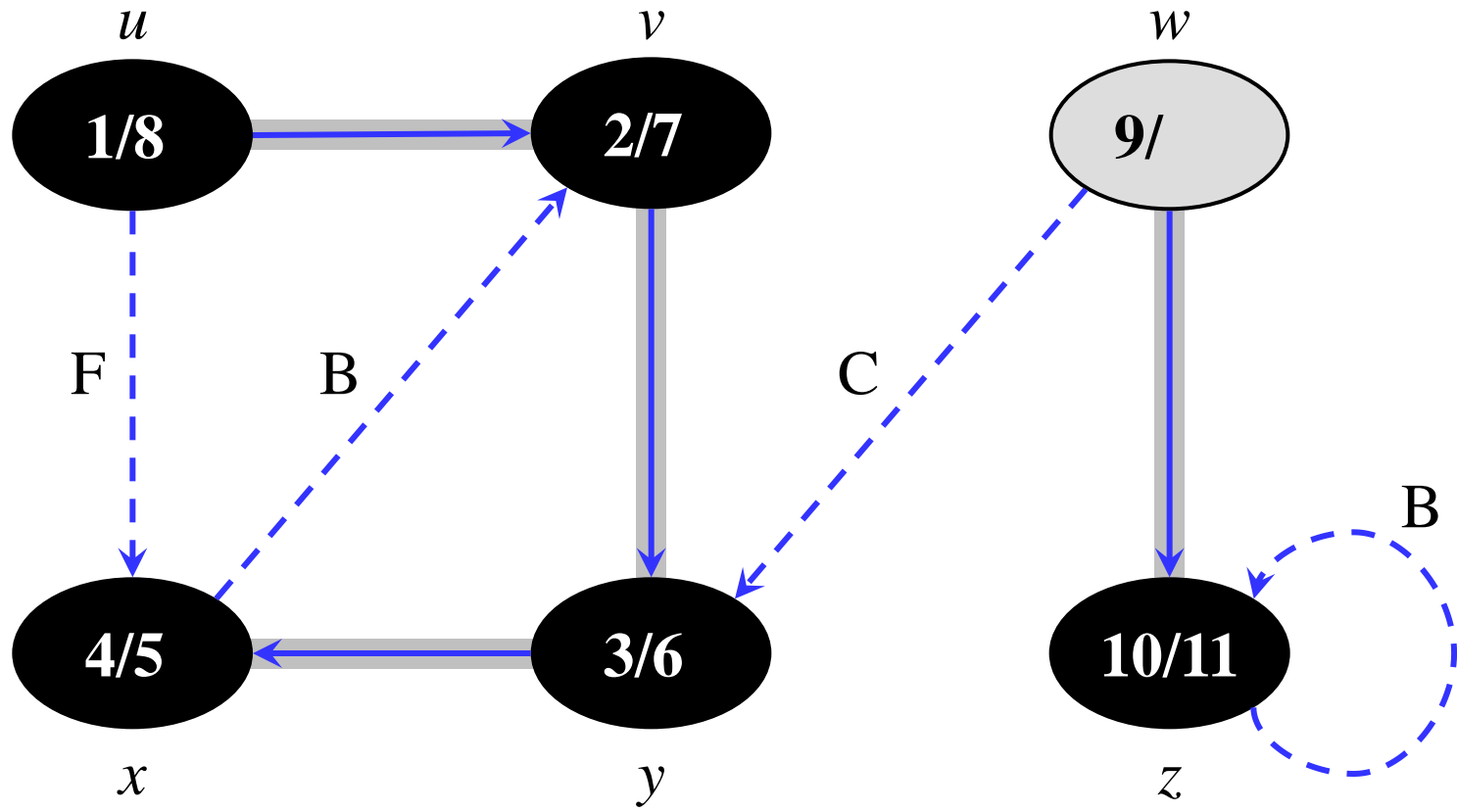
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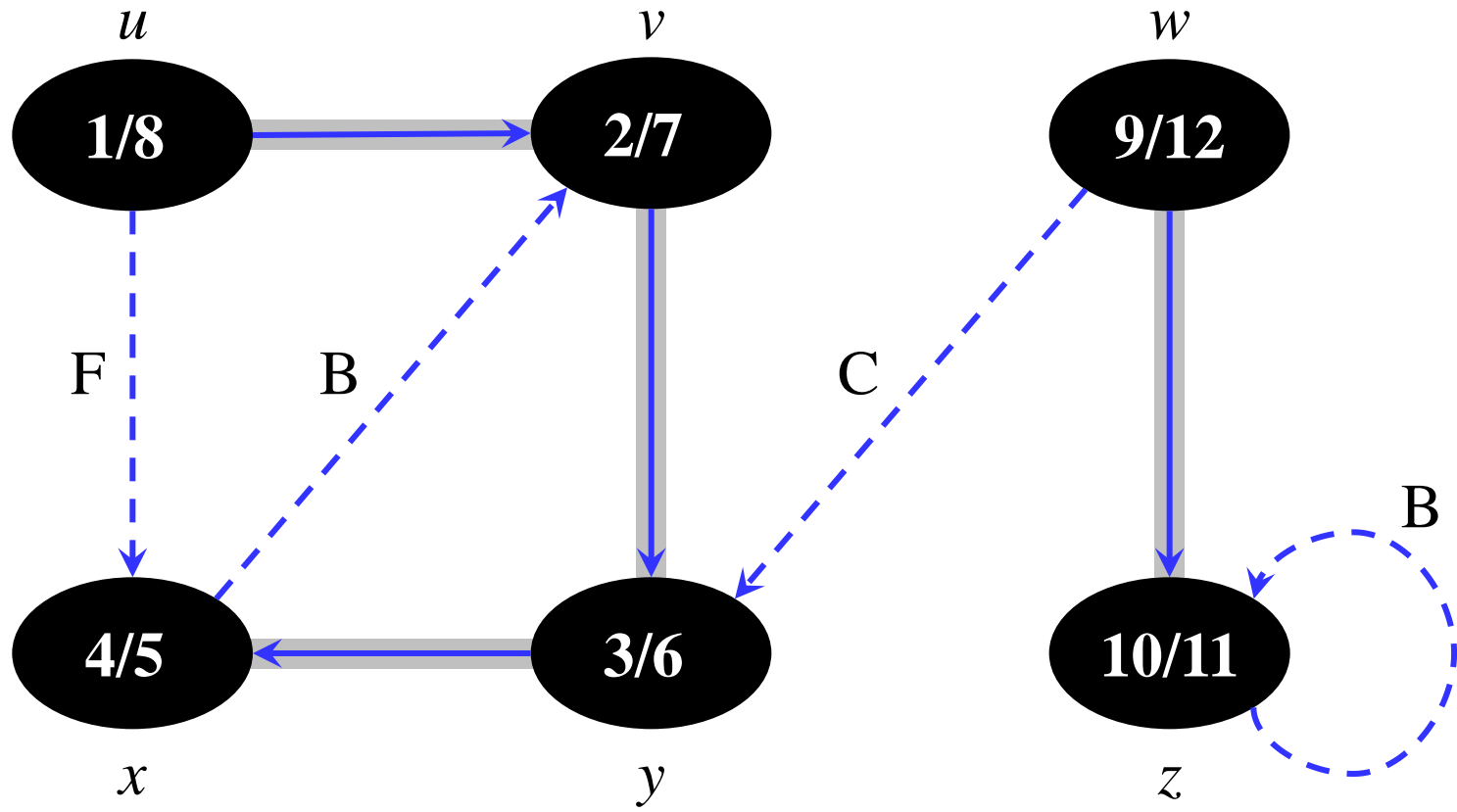
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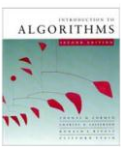


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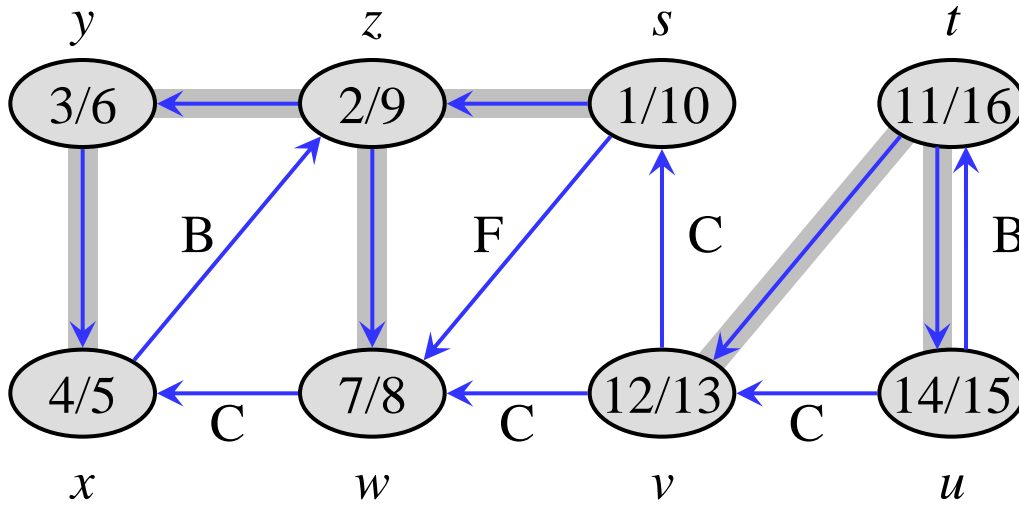
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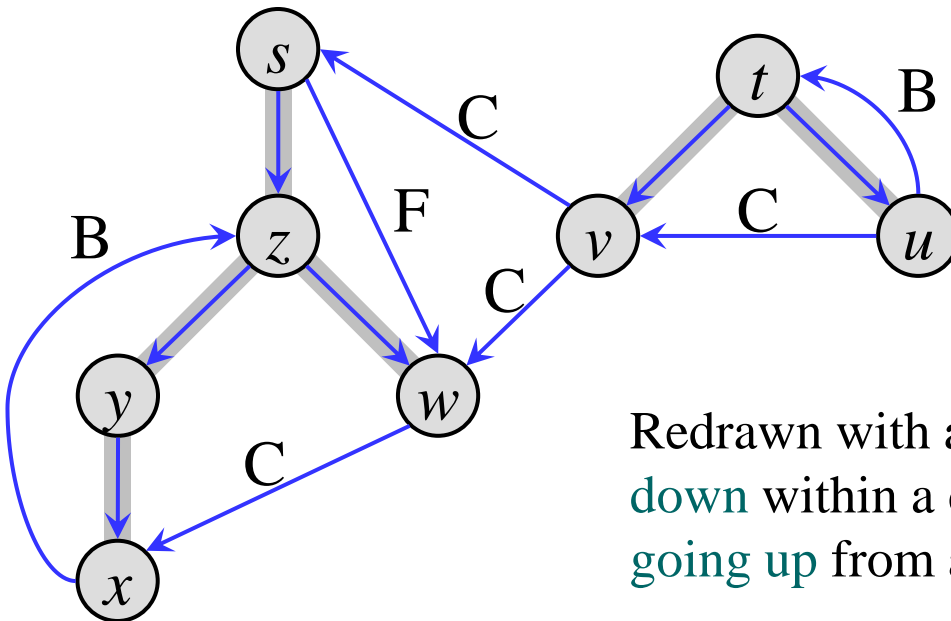
. Similar to BFS analysis.

DFS forms a *depth-first forest* comprised of > 1 *depth-first trees*.

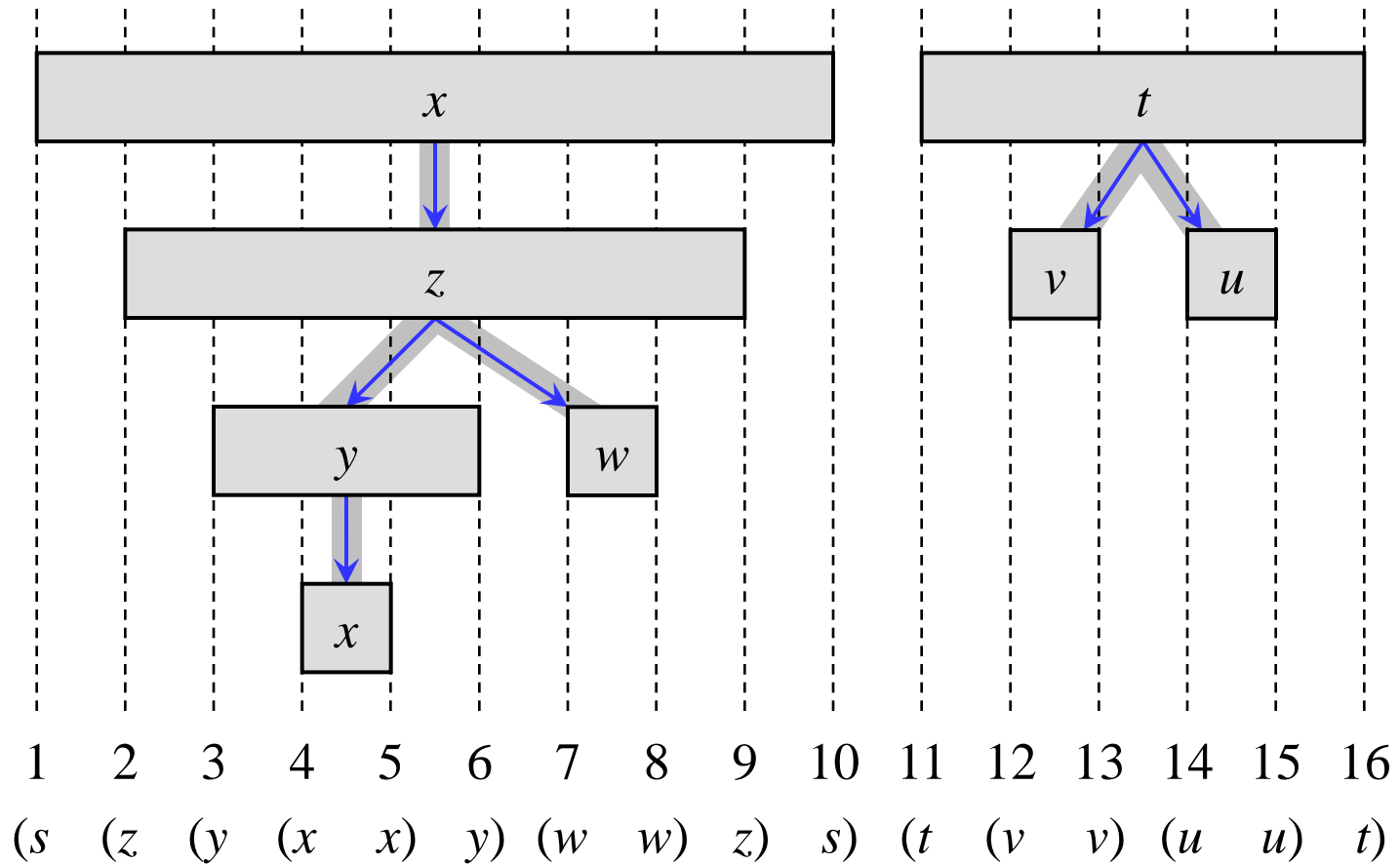
Each tree is made of edges (u, v) such that u is gray and v is white when (u, v) is explored.



Results of DFS of a directed graph.

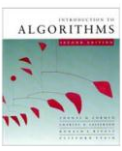


Redrawn with all **tree and forward edges going down** within a depth-first tree and all **back edges going up** from a descendant to an ancestor.



Intervals for the discovery time and finishing time of each vertex.

If two intervals overlap, then one is nested within the other, and the vertex corresponding to the **smaller interval is a descendant** of the vertex corresponding to the later.



Depth-first search

Theorem (Parenthesis theorem) [Refer to the interval graph.]

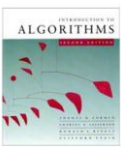
For all u, v , exactly one of the following holds:

1. $d[u] < f[u] < d[v] < f[v]$ or $d[v] < f[v] < d[u] < f[u]$ and neither of u and v is a descendant of the other.
2. $d[u] < d[v] < f[v] < f[u]$ and v is a descendant of u .
3. $d[v] < d[u] < f[u] < f[v]$ and u is a descendant of v .

So, $d[u] < d[v] < f[u] < f[v]$ *cannot* happen.

Like parentheses:

- . OK: $() [] ([]) [()]$
- . Not OK: $([)] [(])$



Topological sort

Directed acyclic graph (dag)

A directed graph with no cycles.

Good for modeling processes and structures that have a *partial order*:

- . $a > b$ and $b > c \Rightarrow a > c$.
- . But may have a and b such that neither $a > b$ nor $b > a$.
 , i.e., not comparable between a and b .

Can always make a *total order* (either $a > b$ or $b > a$ for all $a \neq b$) from a partial order. In fact, that's what a topological sort will do.



Topological sort

Topological sort of a dag: a linear ordering of vertices such that if $(u, v) \in E$, then u appears somewhere before v . (Not like sorting numbers.)

TOPOLOGICAL-SORT(V, E)

call DFS(V, E) to compute finishing times $f[v]$ for all $v \in V$,
output vertices in order of *decreasing* finish times

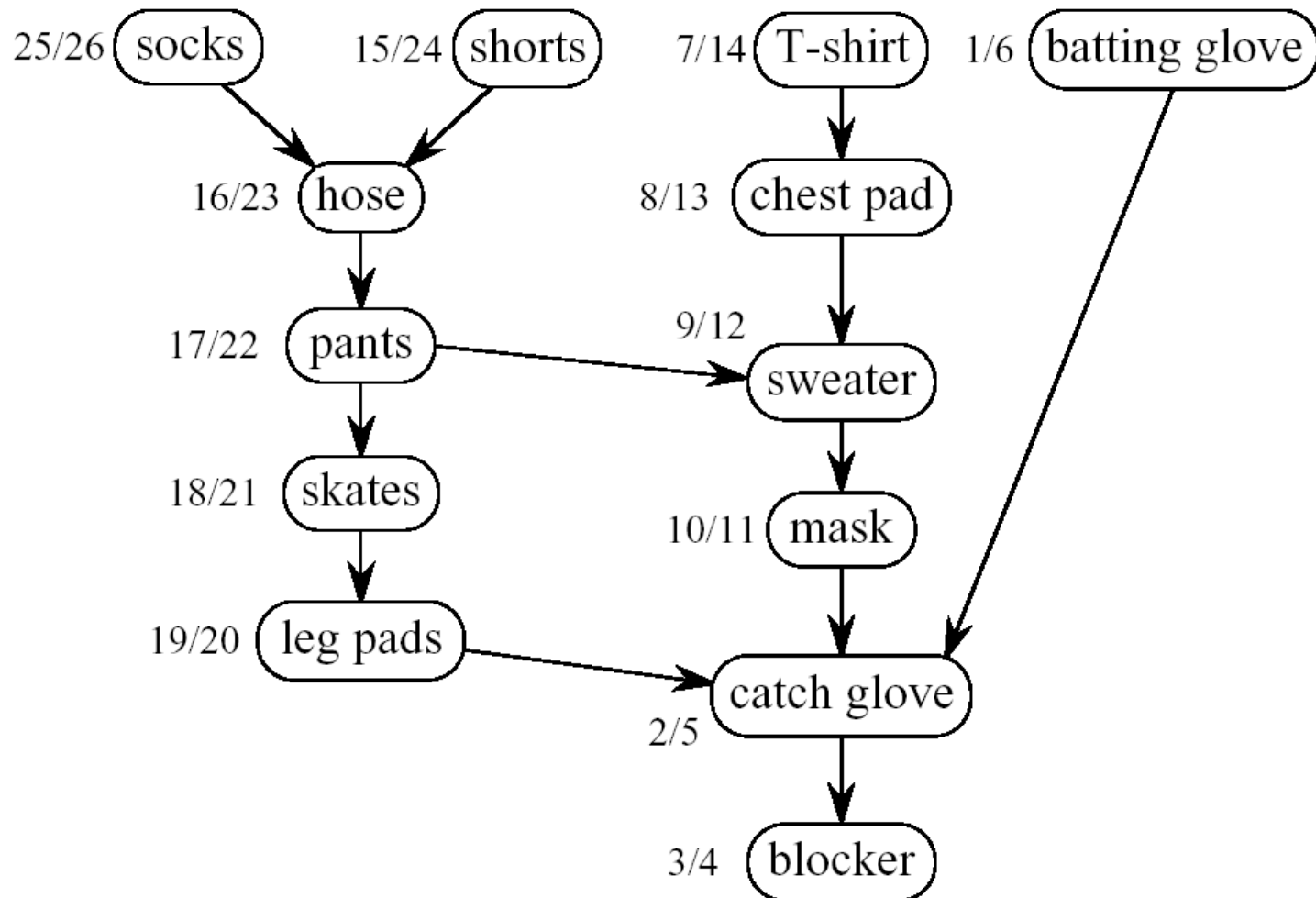
Don't need to sort by finish times.

- . Can just output vertices as they're finished and understand that we want the *reverse* of this list.
- . Or put them onto the *front* of a linked list as they're finished.
When done, the list contains vertices in topologically sorted order.

Time: $(V + E)$.

Topological sort

Example: dag of dependencies for putting on goalie equipment:





Topological sort

Order:

26 socks

24 shorts

23 hose

22 pants

21 skates

20 leg pads

14 t-shirt

13 chest pad

12 sweater

11 mask

6 batting glove

5 catch glove

4 blocker

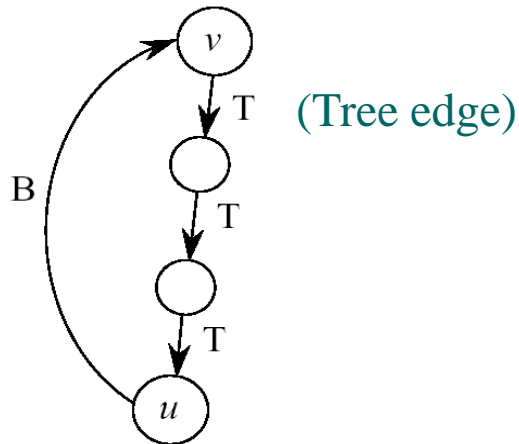
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Lemma

A directed graph G is acyclic if and only if a DFS of G yields no back edges.

Proof \Rightarrow : Show that back edge \Rightarrow cycle.

Suppose there is a back edge (u, v) . Then v is ancestor of u in depth-first forest.



Therefore, there is a path $v \rightsquigarrow u$, so $v \rightsquigarrow u \rightarrow v$ is a cycle.

\Leftarrow : Show that cycle \Rightarrow back edge.

Suppose G contains cycle c . Let v be the first vertex discovered in c , and let (u, v) be the preceding edge in c . At time $d[v]$, vertices of c form a white path $v \rightsquigarrow u$ (since v is the first vertex discovered in c). By white-path theorem, u is descendant of v in depth-first forest. Therefore, (u, v) is a back edge. ■ (lemma)

If there is a cycle the following always happens: v discovered first and (u, v) exists.



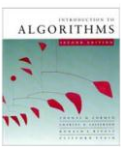
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Correctness: Just need to show if $(u, v) \in E$ (edge of a dag),
then the result of topological sort gives $f[v] < f[u]$.

When we explore (u, v) (*within topological sort and within DFS(G)*),
• u is gray.

Now *consider all the possible colors of v and show $f[v] < f[u]$ for legal colors of dag.*

- Is v gray, too?
 - No, because then v would be ancestor of u .
 - $\Rightarrow (u, v)$ is a back edge.
 - \Rightarrow contradiction of previous lemma (dag has no back edges).
- Is v white?
 - Then becomes descendant of u .
 - By parenthesis theorem, $d[u] < d[v] < f[v] < f[u]$.
- Is v black?
 - Then v is already finished.
 - Since we're exploring (u, v) , we have not yet finished u .
 - Therefore, $f[v] < f[u]$.



Topological sort

Topological-sort(G)

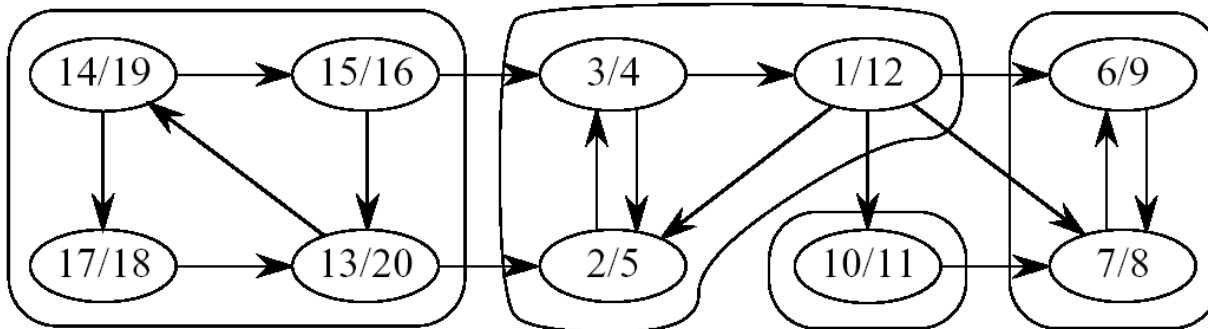
1. Call DFS(G) to compute finishing time $f[v]$ for each vertex v
2. As each vertex is finished, insert it onto the front of a linked list
3. Return the linked list of vertices

Strongly connected components

Given directed graph $G = (V, E)$.

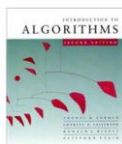
A **strongly connected component (SCC)** of G is a maximal set of vertices $C \subseteq V$ such that for all $u, v \in C$, both $u \rightsquigarrow v$ and $v \rightsquigarrow u$.

Example: [Just show SCC's at first. Do DFS a little later.]



A SCC is a **cluster** of vertices that are reachable from each other.

Idea: If we reverse the direction of arrows and call DFS with vertices in order of decreasing $f[u]$ each tree vertices corresponds to a SCC.



Strongly connected components

Algorithm uses $G^T = \textit{transpose}$ of G .

- $G^T = (V, E^T)$, $E^T = \{(u, v) : (v, u) \in E\}$.
- G^T is G with all edges reversed.

Can create G^T in $\Theta(V + E)$ time if using adjacency lists.

Observation: G and G^T have the *same* SCC's. (u and v are reachable from each other in G if and only if reachable from each other in G^T .)

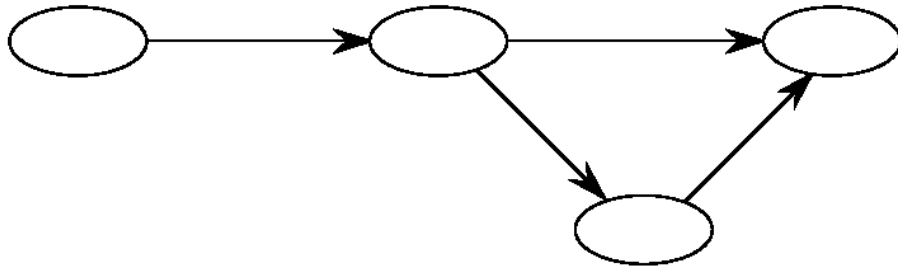
* *Computation for G^T can be done in a manner similar to DFS.*

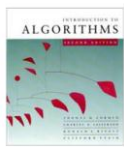
Strongly connected components

Component graph

- $G^{\text{SCC}} = (V^{\text{SCC}}, E^{\text{SCC}})$.
- V^{SCC} has one vertex for each SCC in G .
- E^{SCC} has an edge if there's an edge between the corresponding SCC's in G .

For our example:





Strongly connected components

Lemma

G^{SCC} is a dag. More formally, let C and C' be distinct SCC's in G , let $u, v \in C$, $u', v' \in C'$, and suppose there is a path $u \rightsquigarrow u'$ in G . Then there cannot also be a path $v' \rightsquigarrow v$ in G .

Proof Suppose there is a path $v' \rightsquigarrow v$ in G . Then there are paths $u \rightsquigarrow u' \rightsquigarrow v'$ and $v' \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow u$ in G . Therefore, u and v' are reachable from each other, so they are not in separate SCC's. ■ (lemma)

If it does then v, u, v', u' are all in the same SCC.



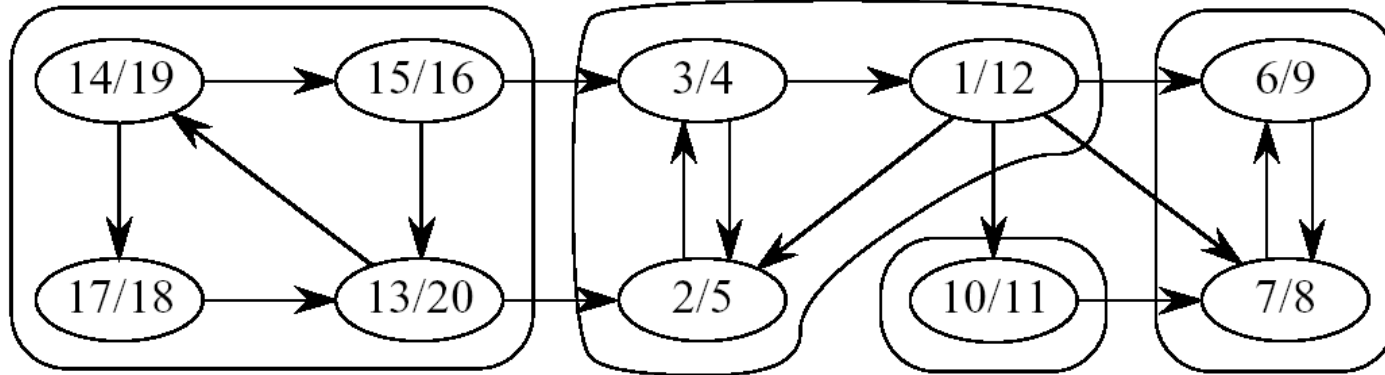
Strongly connected components

$SCC(G)$

- call $DFS(G)$ to compute finishing times $f[u]$ for all u
- compute G^T
- call $DFS(G^T)$, but in the main loop, consider vertices in order of **decreasing $f[u]$** (as computed in first DFS)
- output the vertices in each tree of the depth-first forest formed in second DFS as a separate SCC

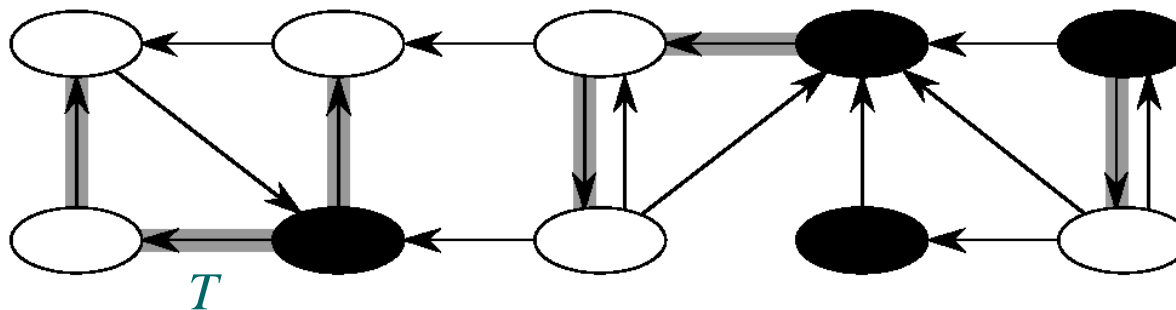
Time: $\Theta(V + E)$

Strongly connected components



Example:

1. Do DFS
2. G^T
3. DFS (roots blackened)



in $GDS(G^T)$