Union Find! (Disjoint Set)

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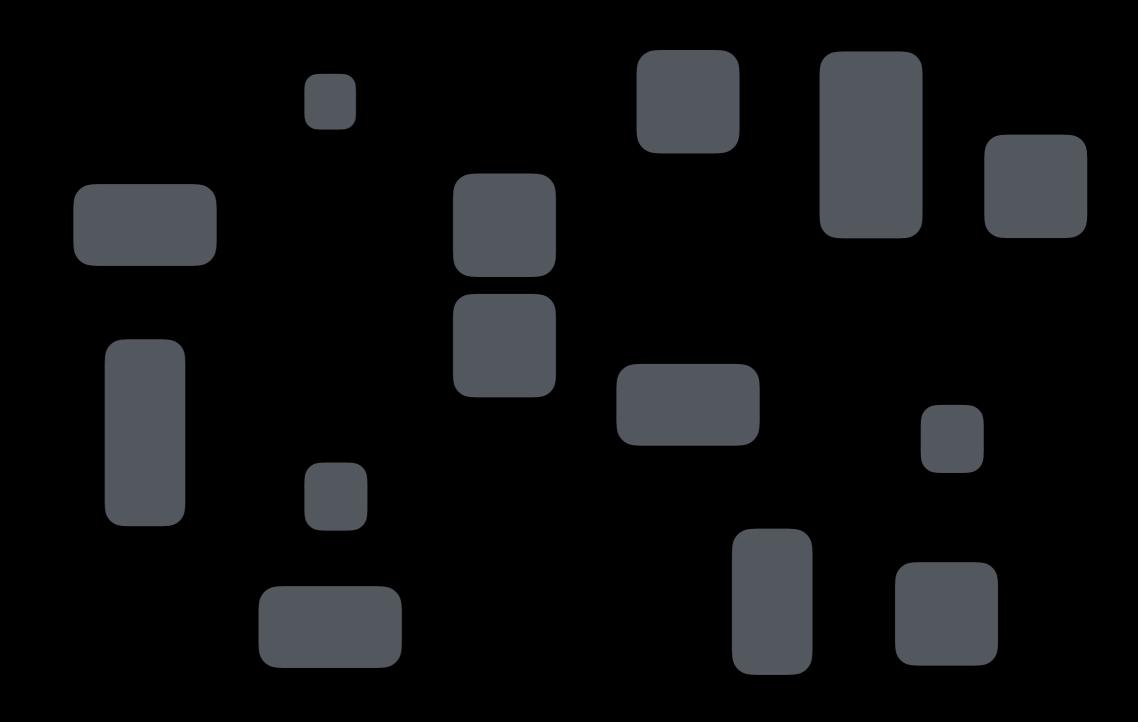
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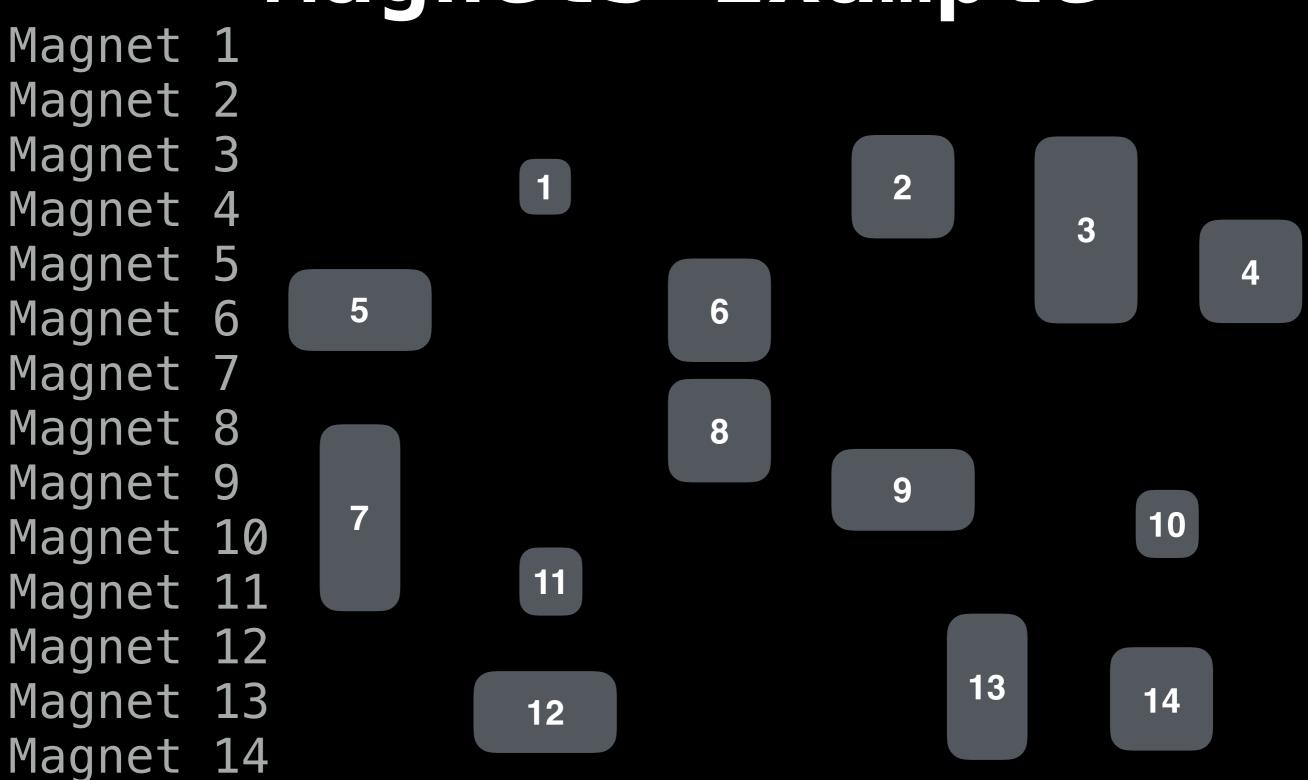
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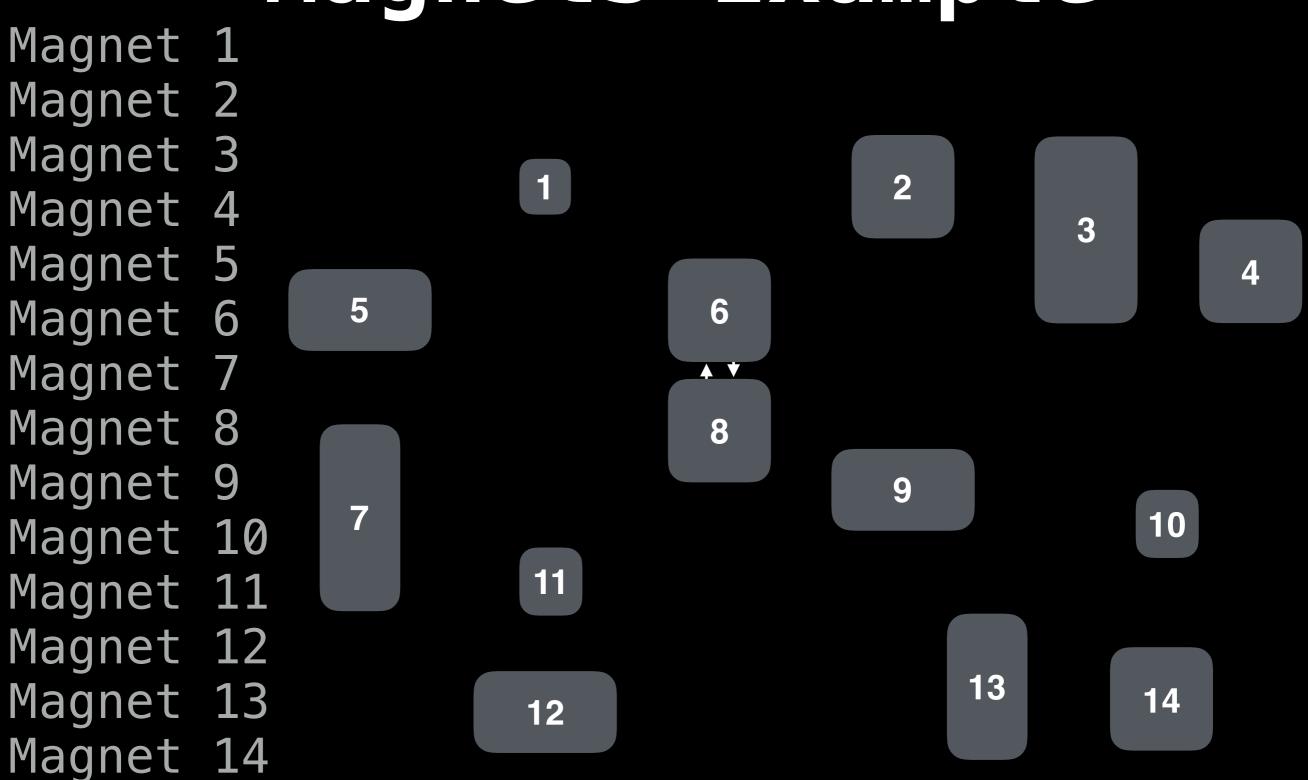
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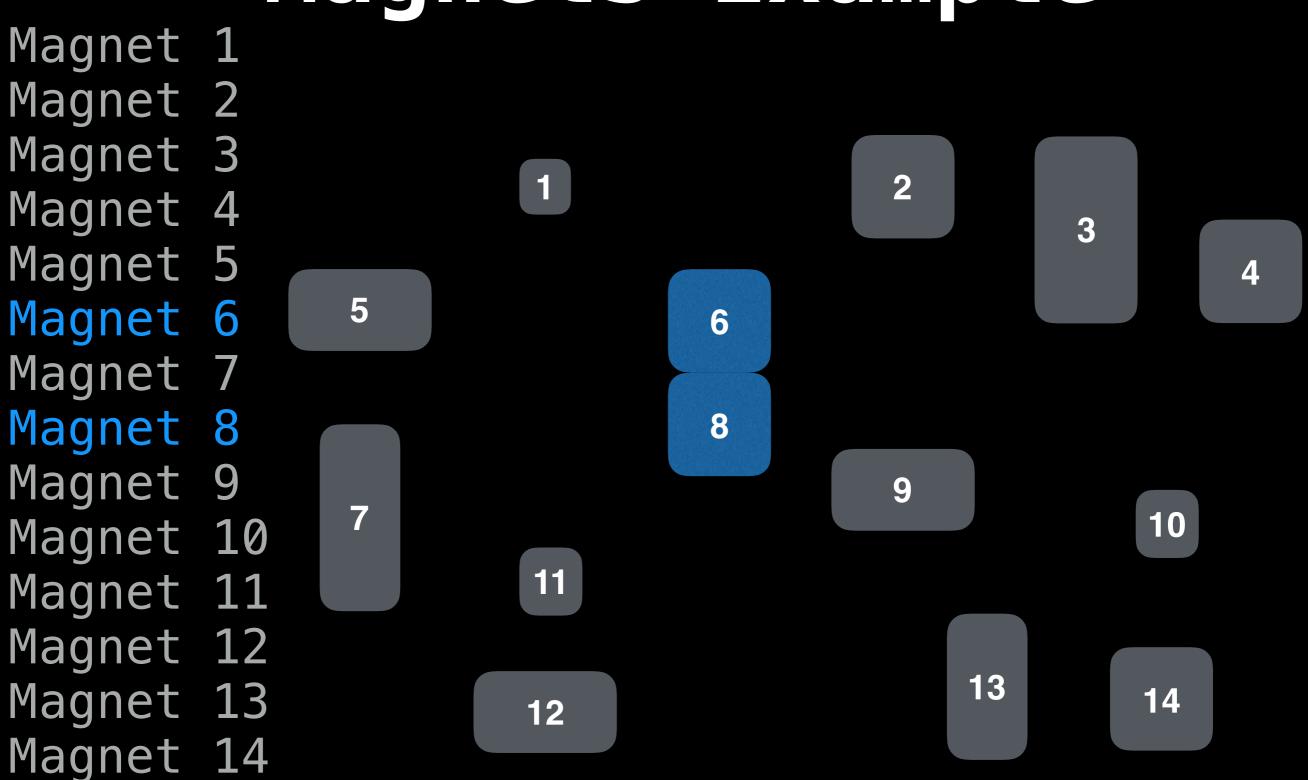
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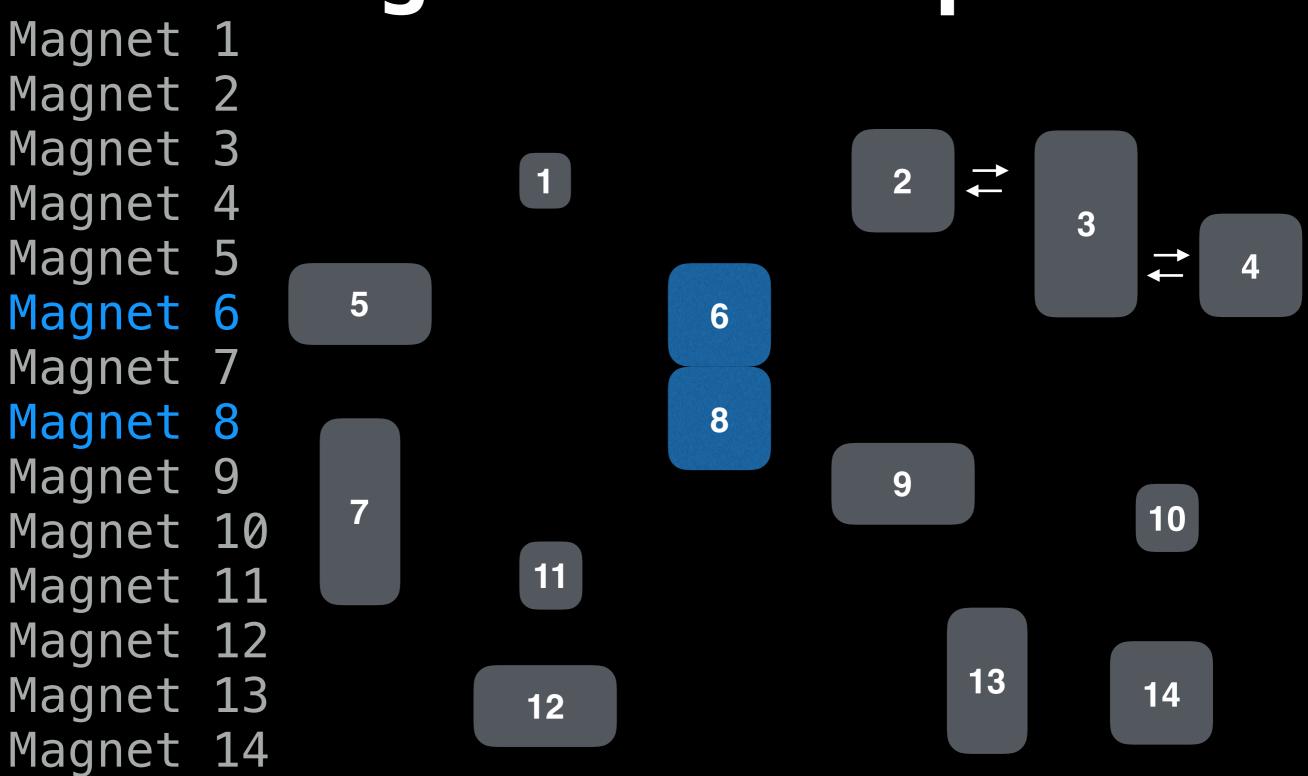
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 keeps track of elements which are
split into one or more disjoint sets.
 Its has two primary operations:
 find and union.

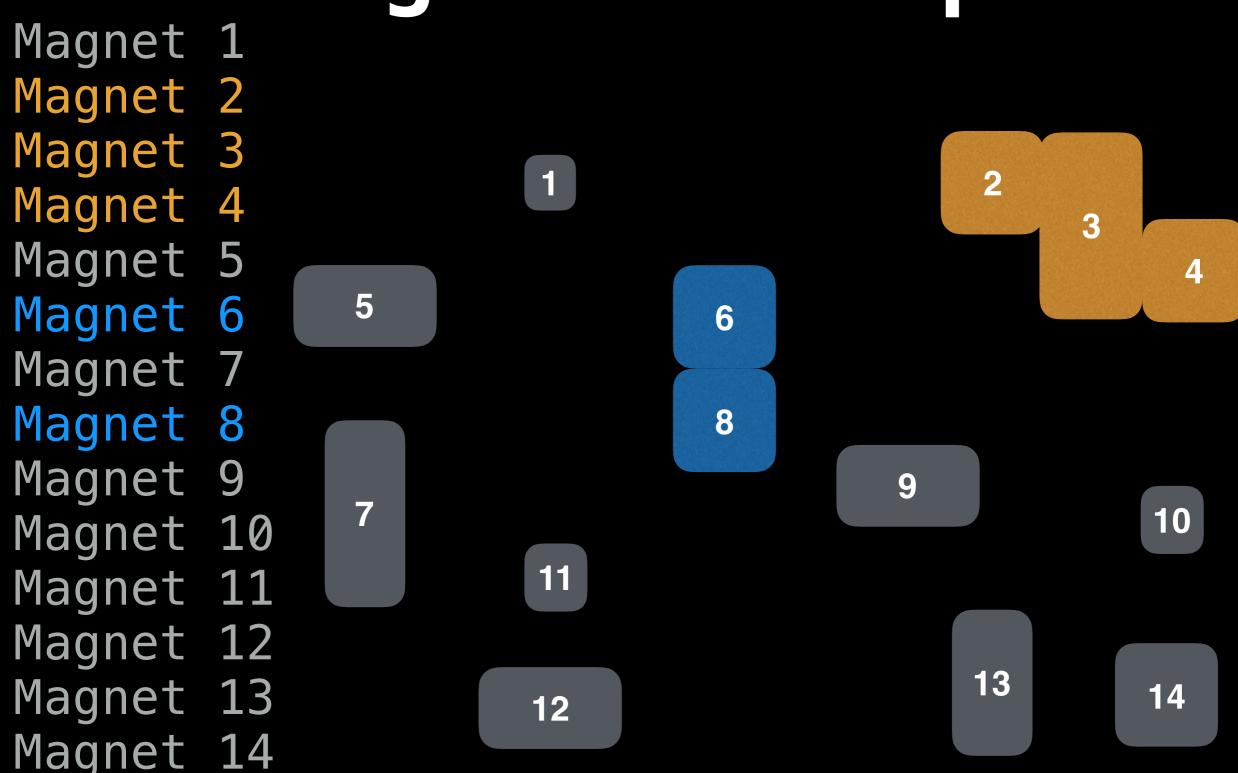


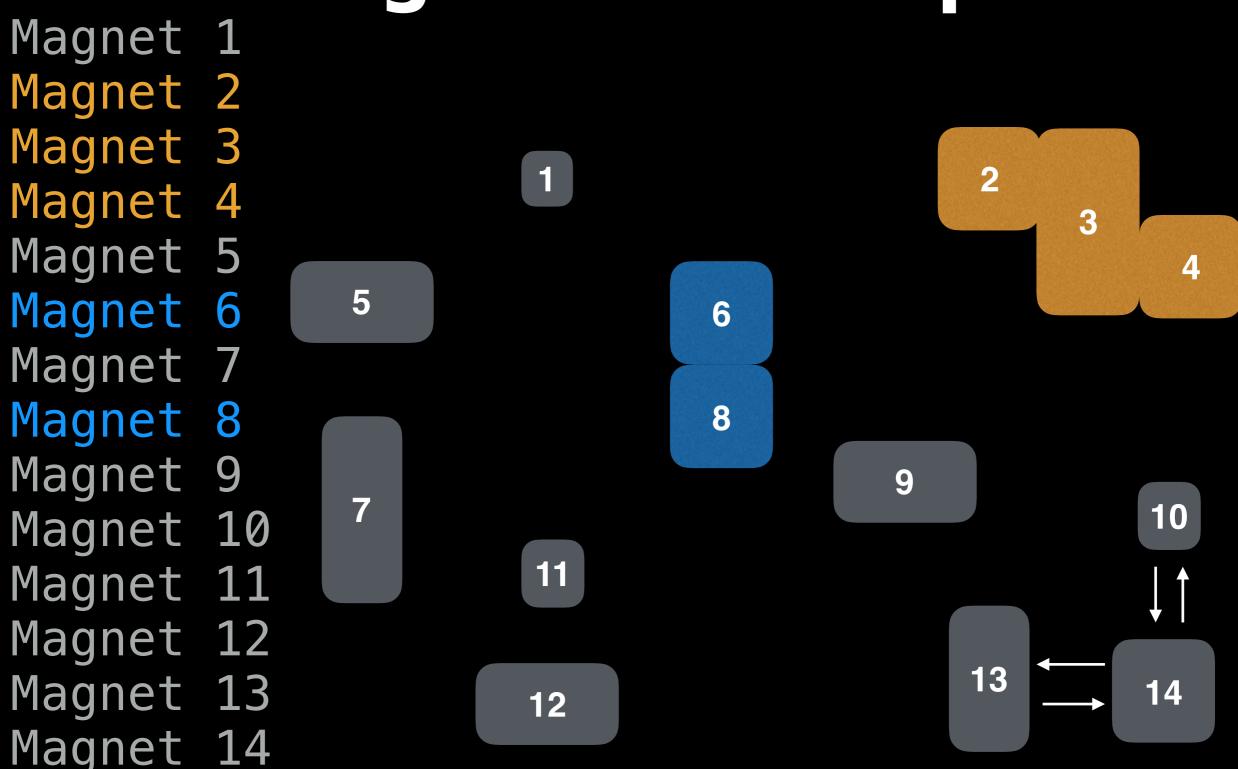


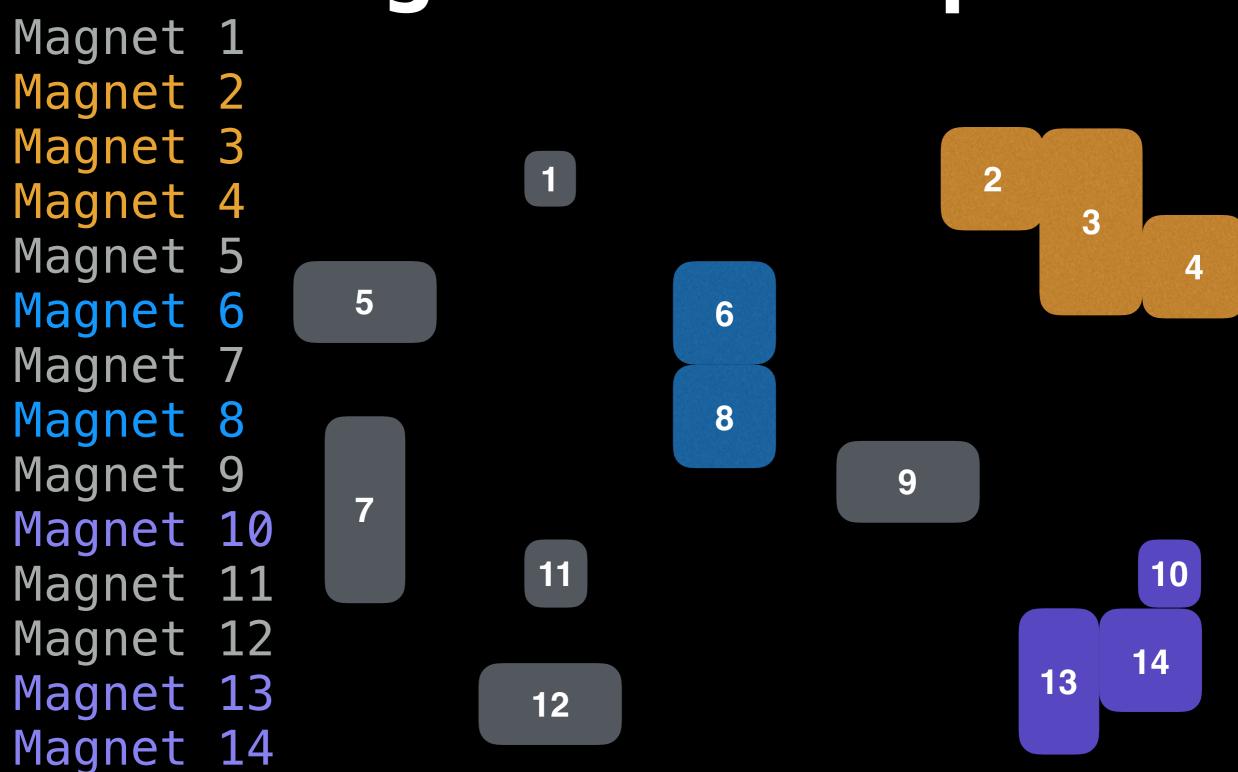


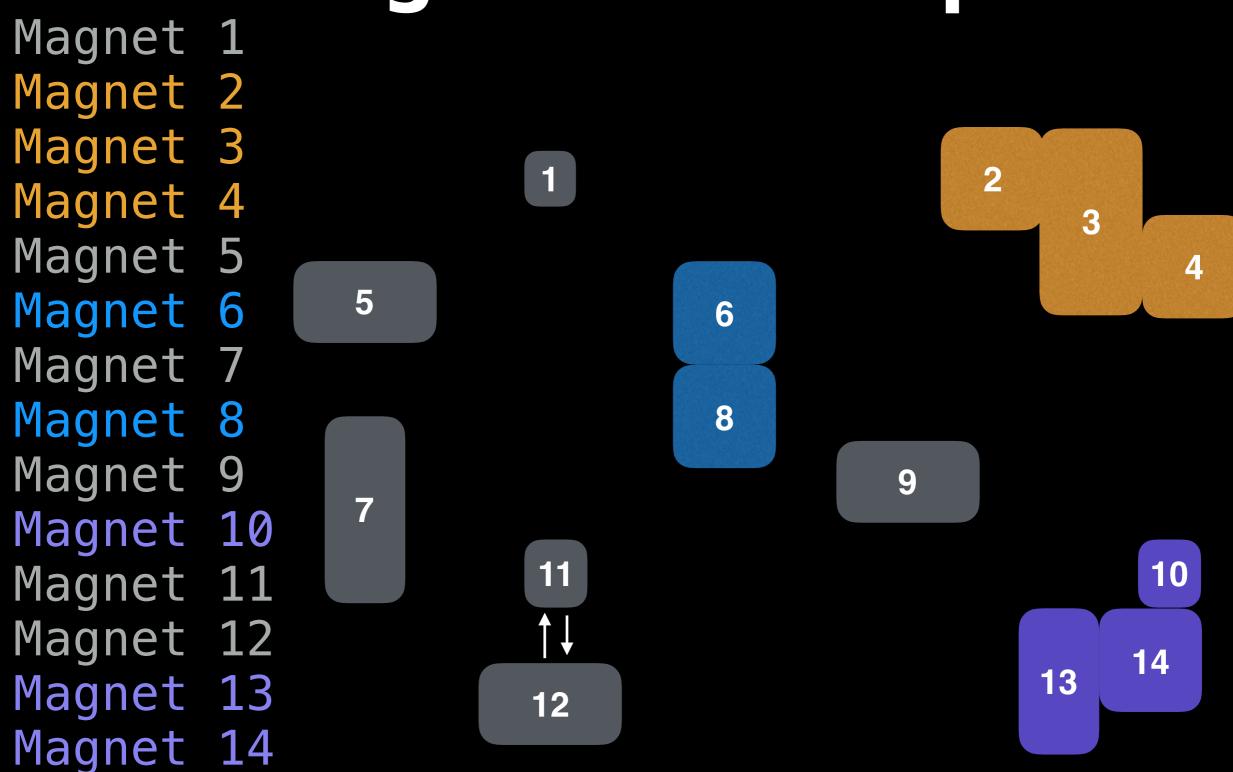


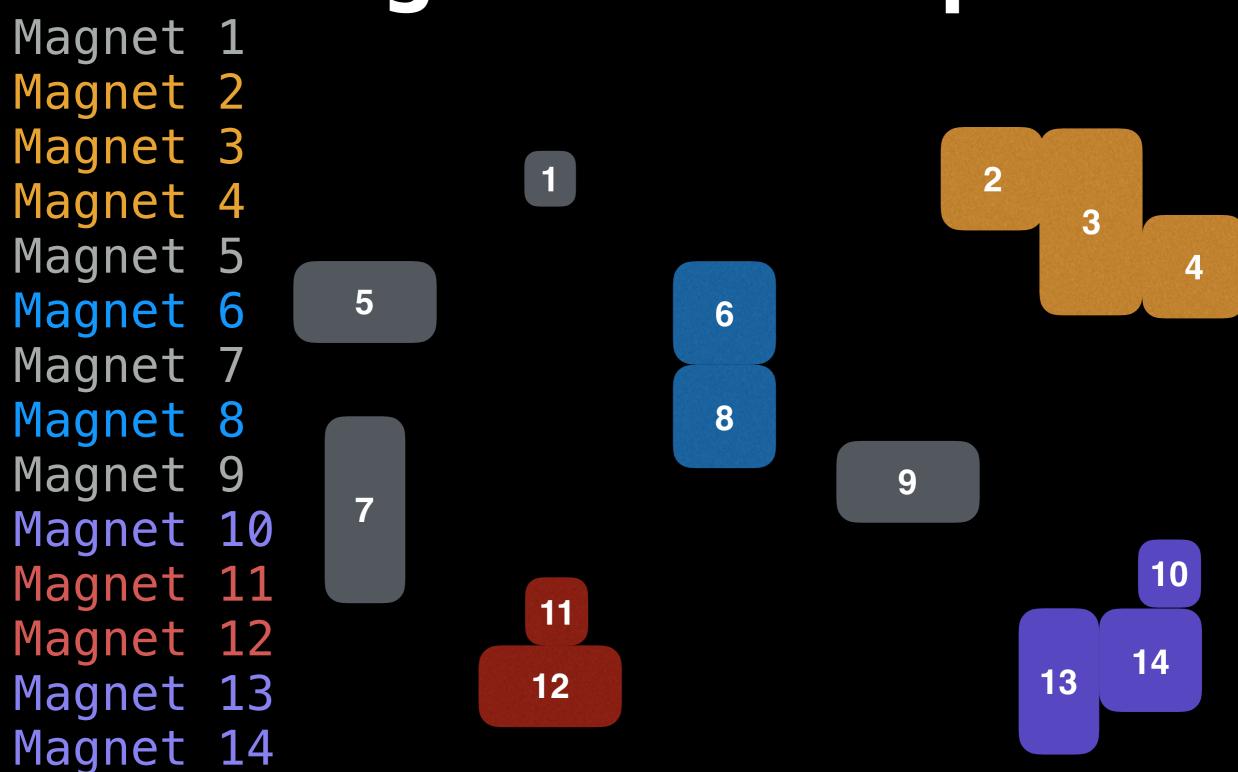


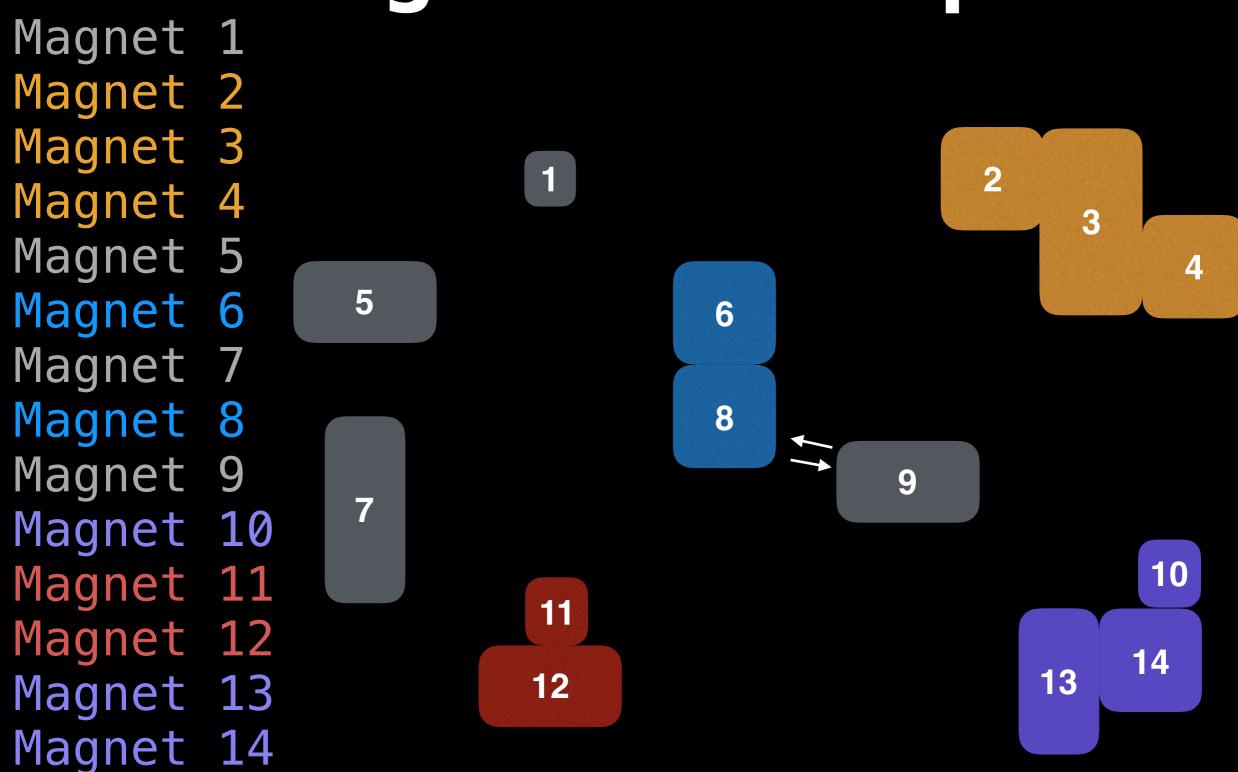


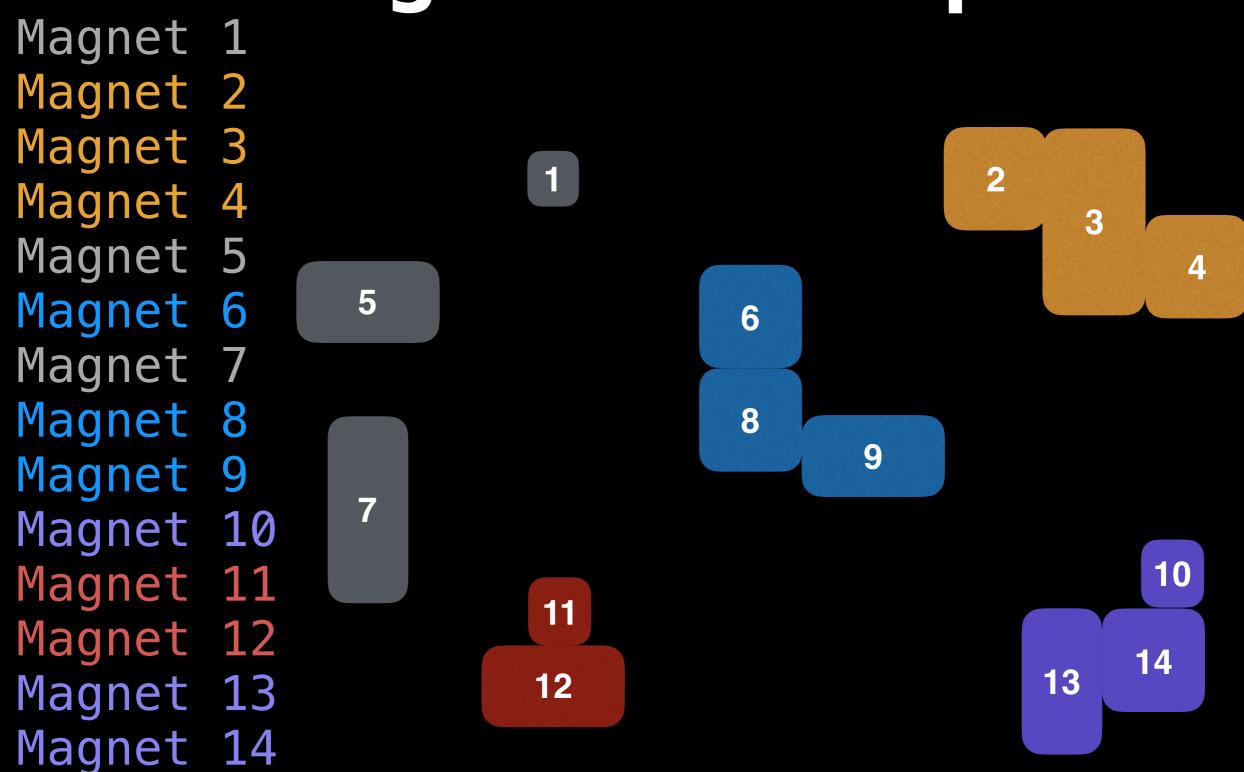


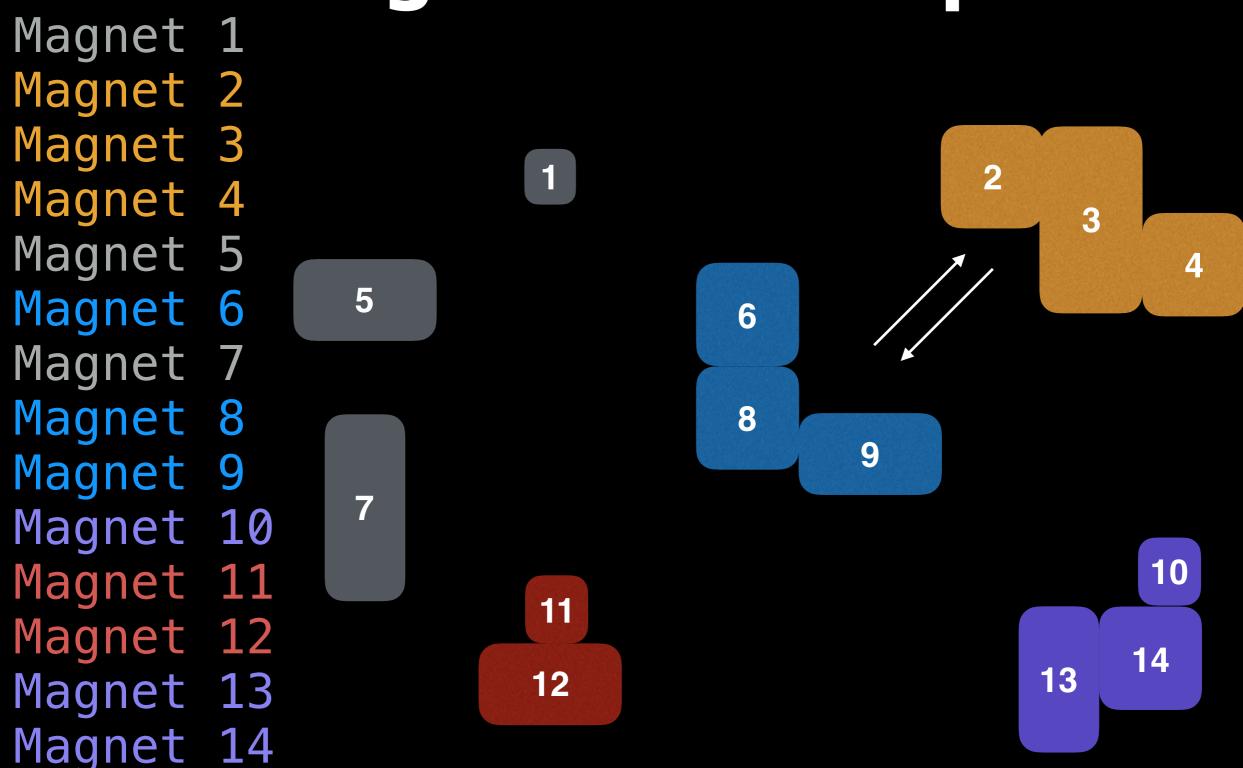


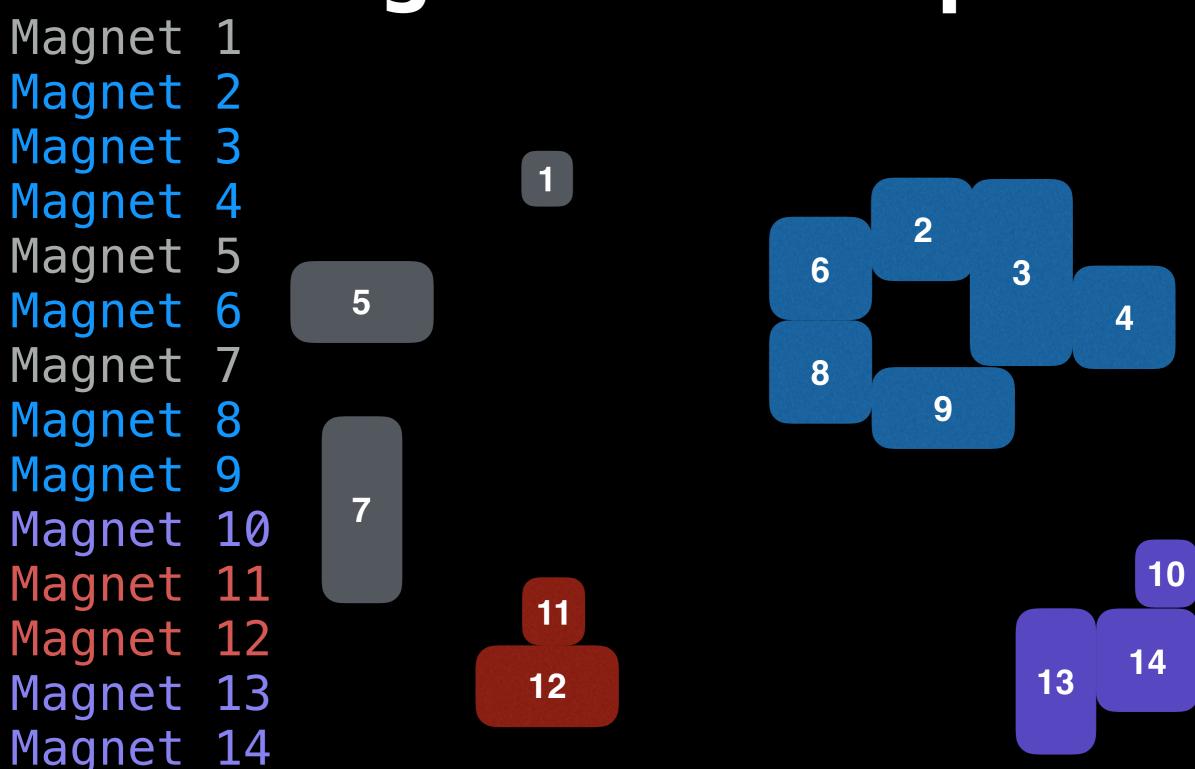


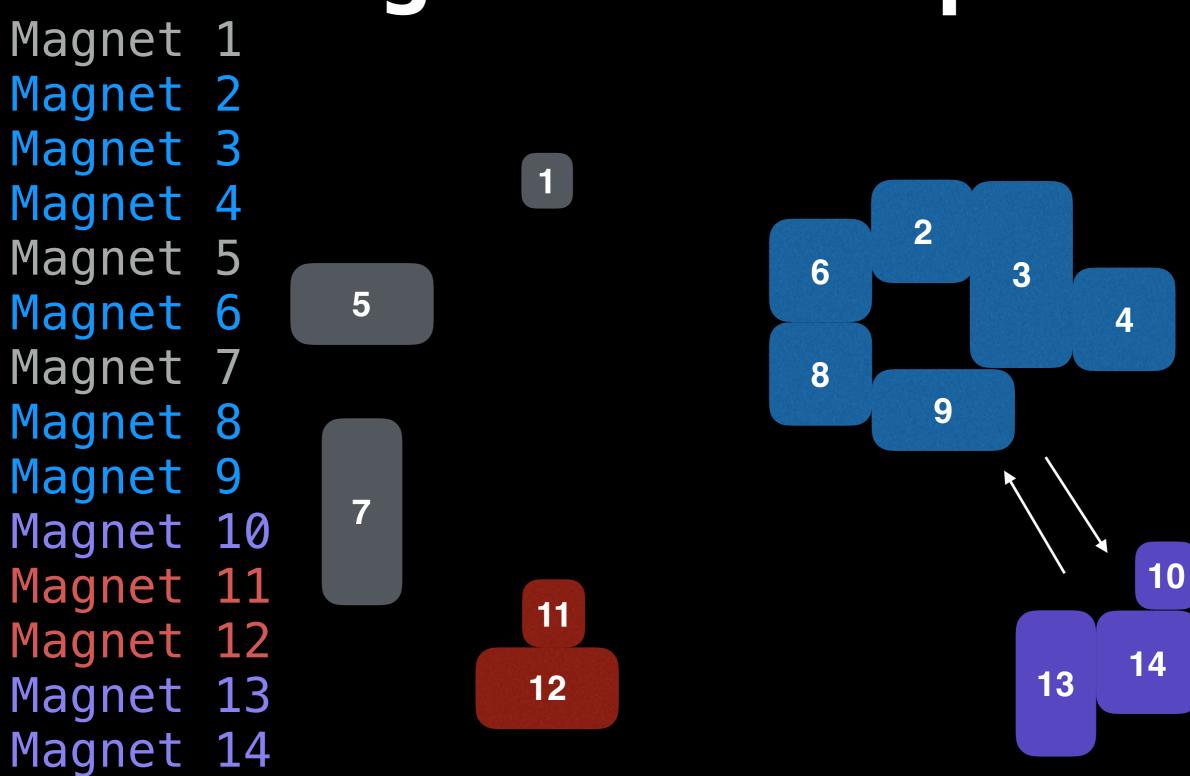


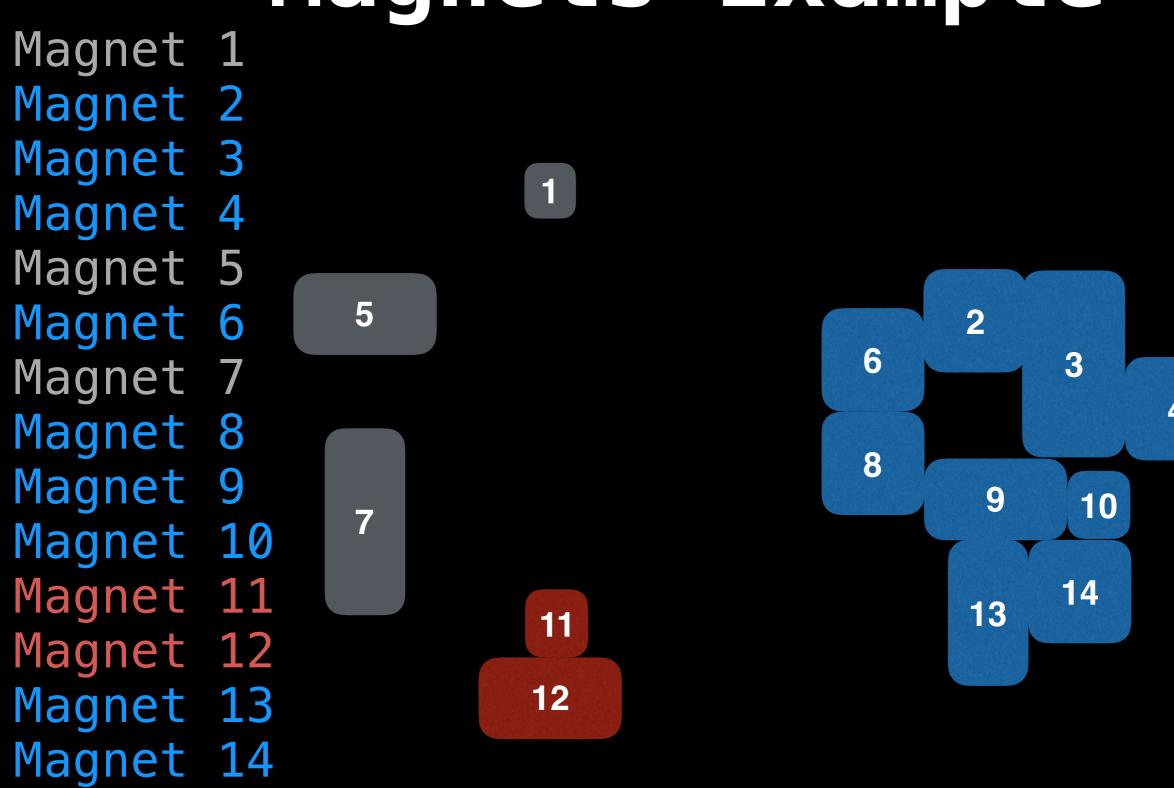








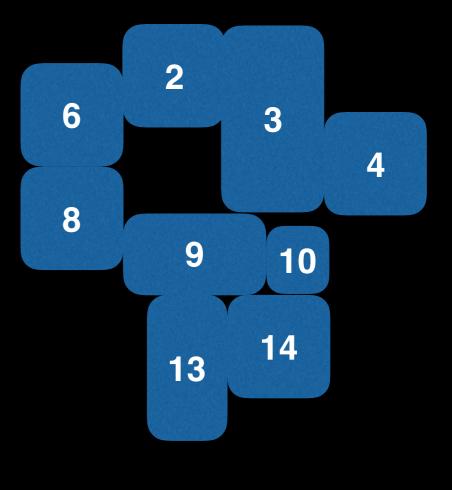


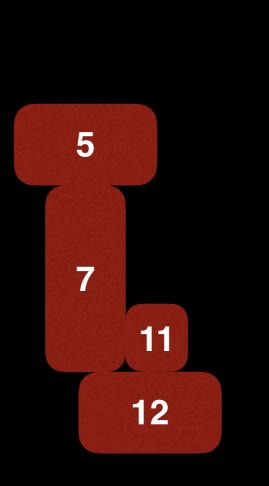


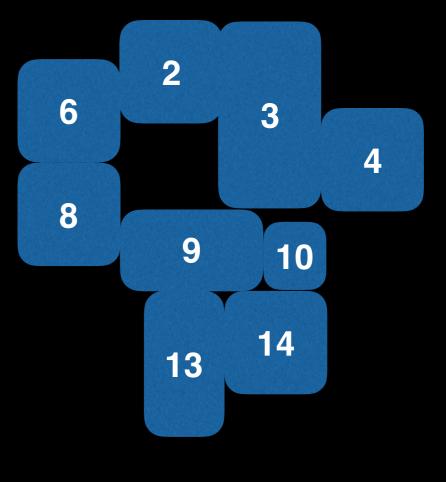
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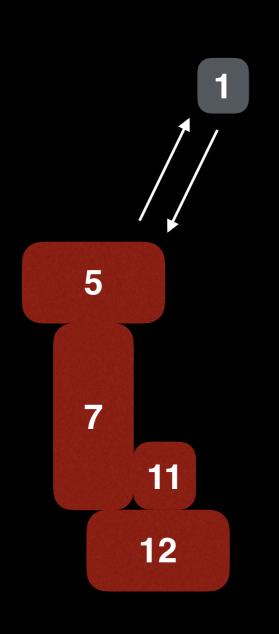
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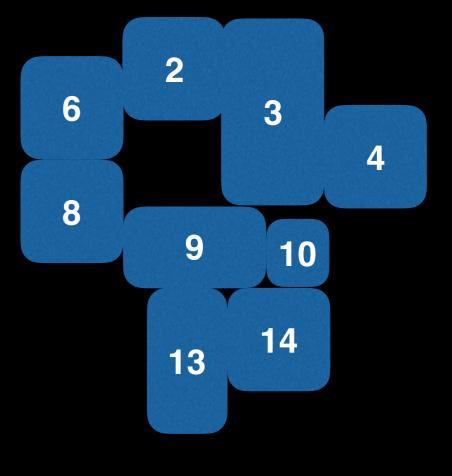


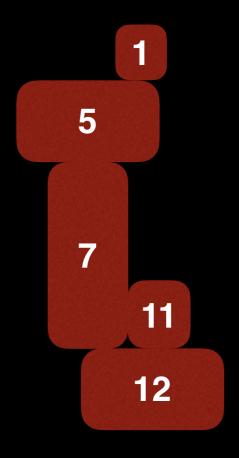


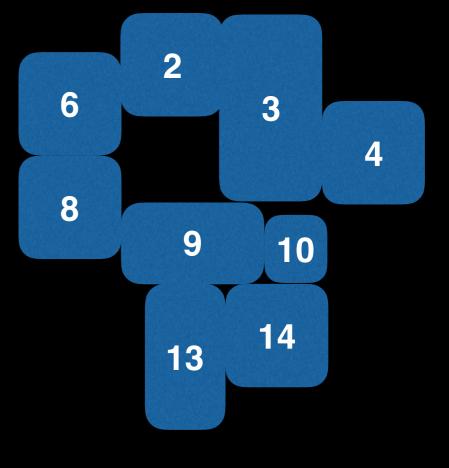


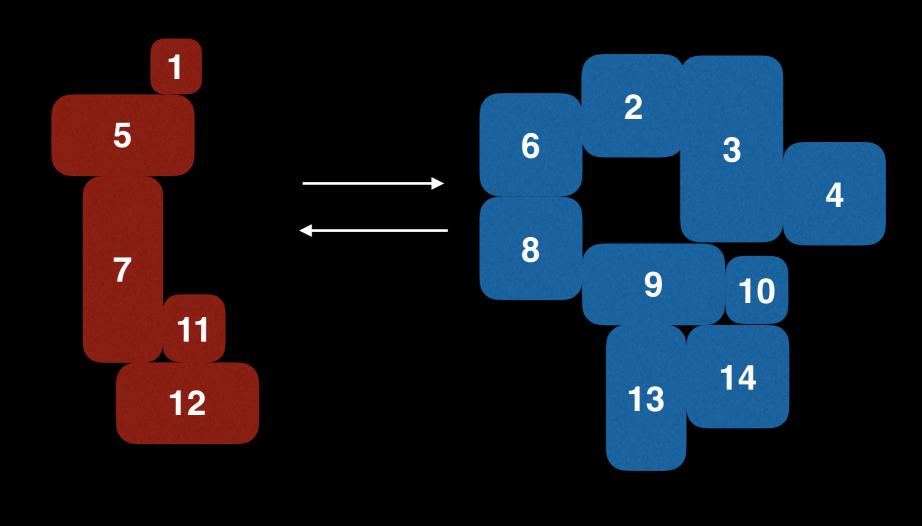




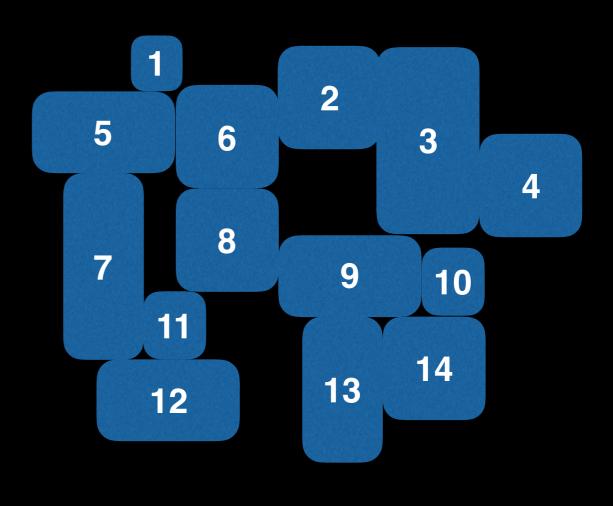








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When and where is a Union Find used?

Kruskal's minimum spanning tree algorithm

Grid percolation

Network connectivity

Least common ancestor in trees

Image processing

Complexity

Construction	0(n)
Union	α(n)
Find	α(n)
Get component size	α(n)
Check if connected	α(n)
Count components	0(1)

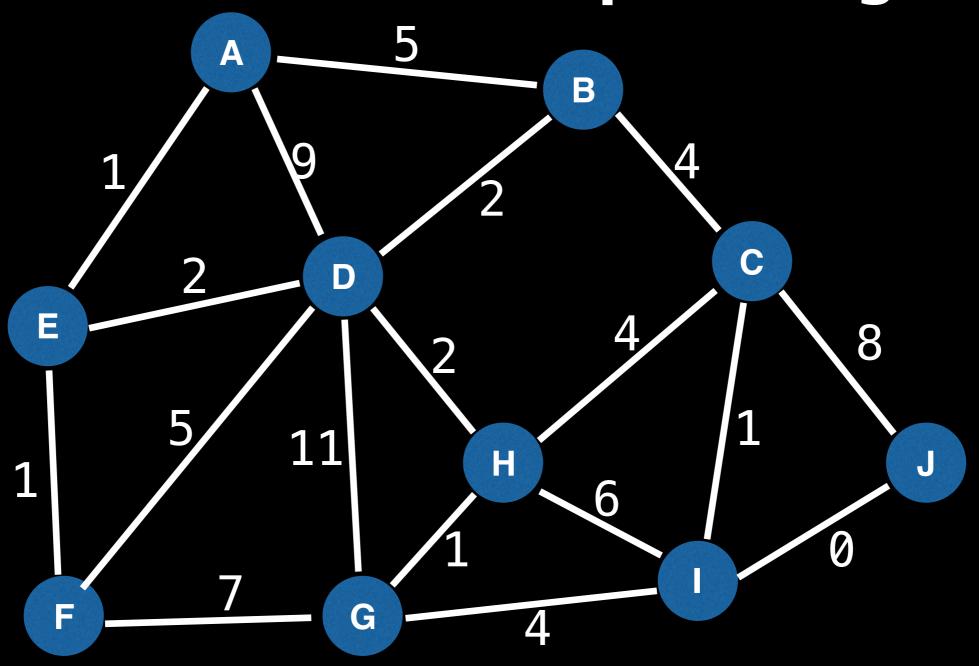
α(n) - Amortized constant time

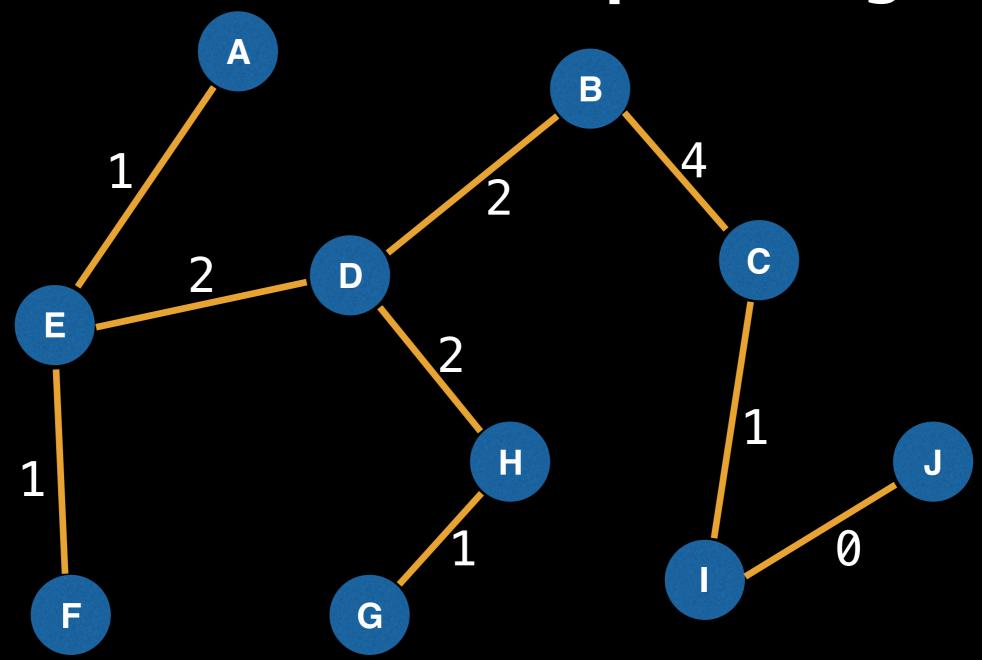
Union Find

Kruskal's Algorithm

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Given a graph G = (V,E) we want to find a Minimum Spanning Tree in the graph (it may not be unique). A minimum spanning tree is a subset of the edges which connect all vertices in the graph with the minimal total edge cost.

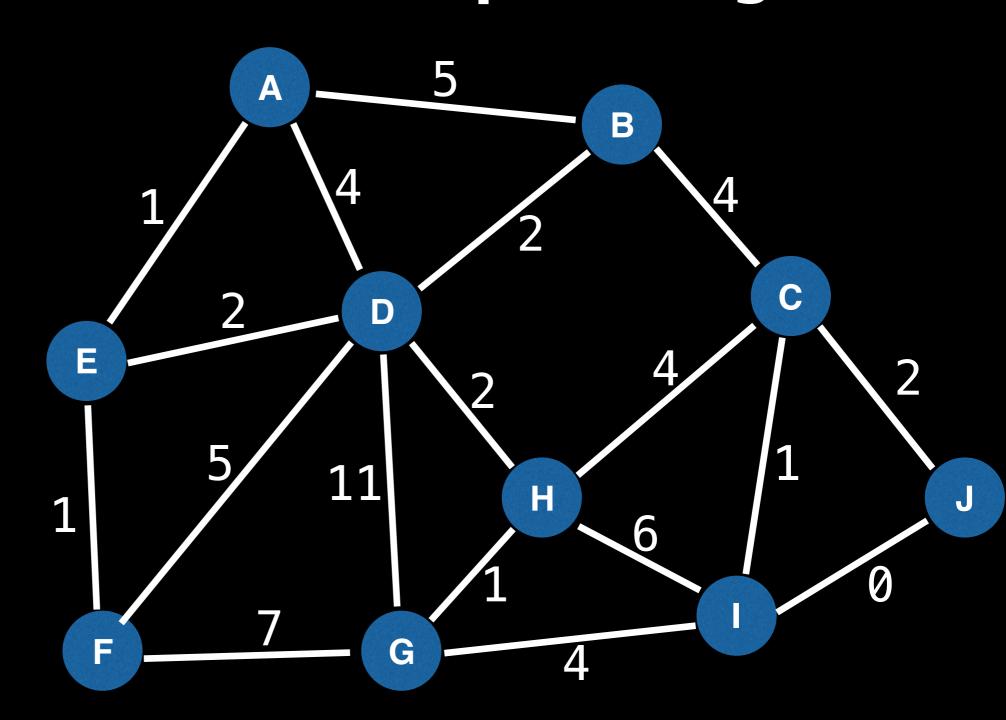




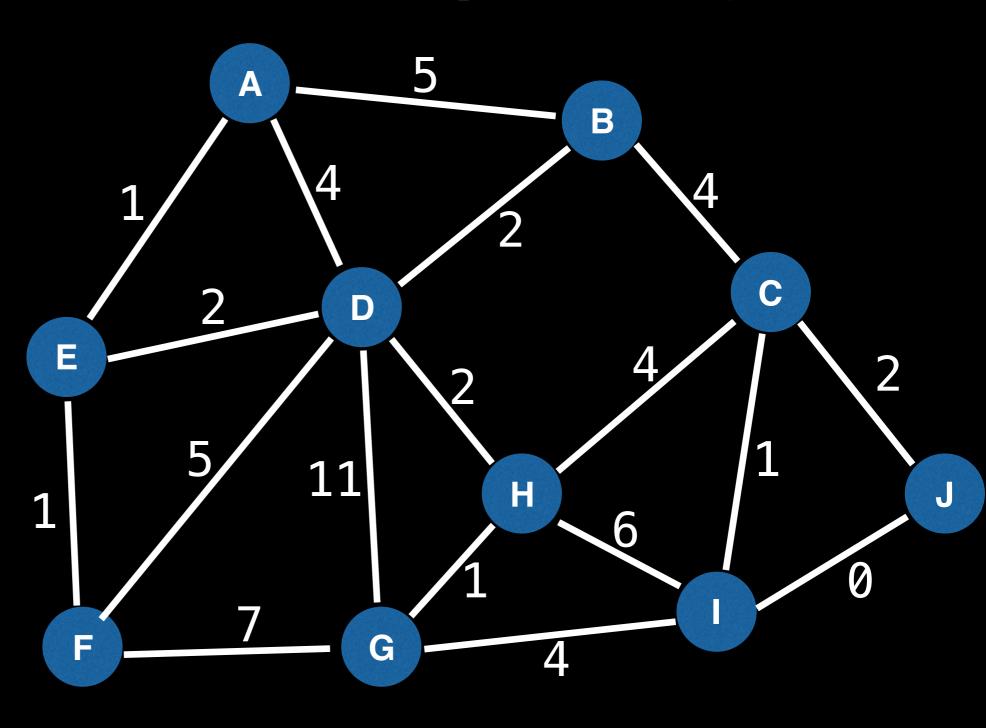
Minimum spanning tree with weight 14

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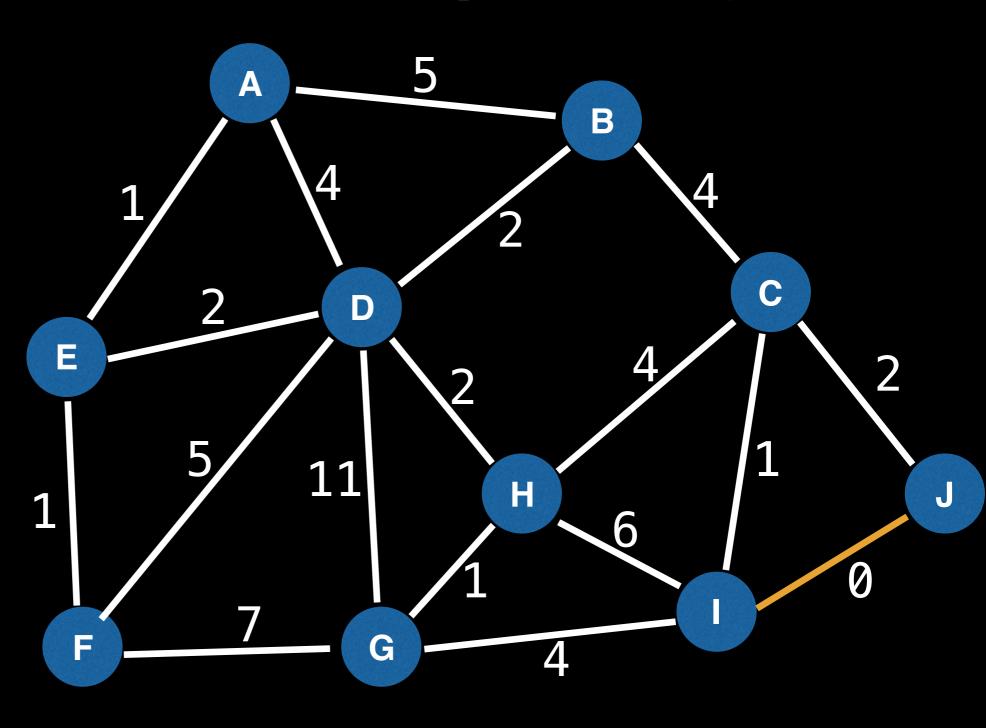
- 2) Walk through the sorted edges and look at the two nodes the edge belongs to, if the nodes are already unified we don't include this edge, otherwise we include it and unify the nodes.
 - 3) The algorithm terminates when every edge has been processed or all the vertices have been unified.



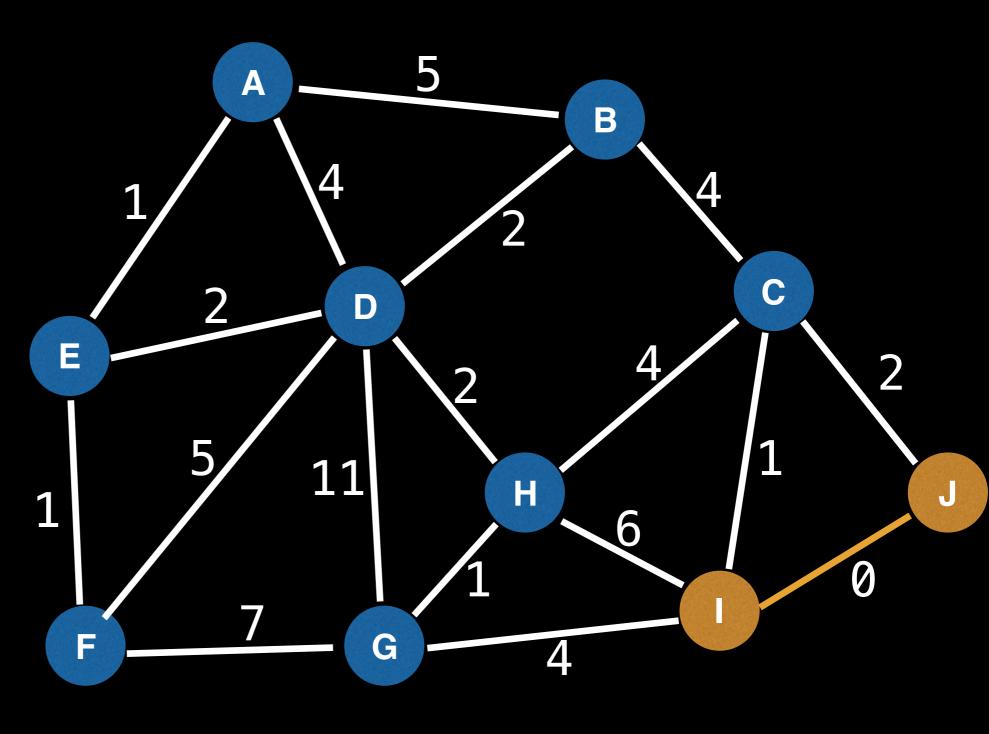
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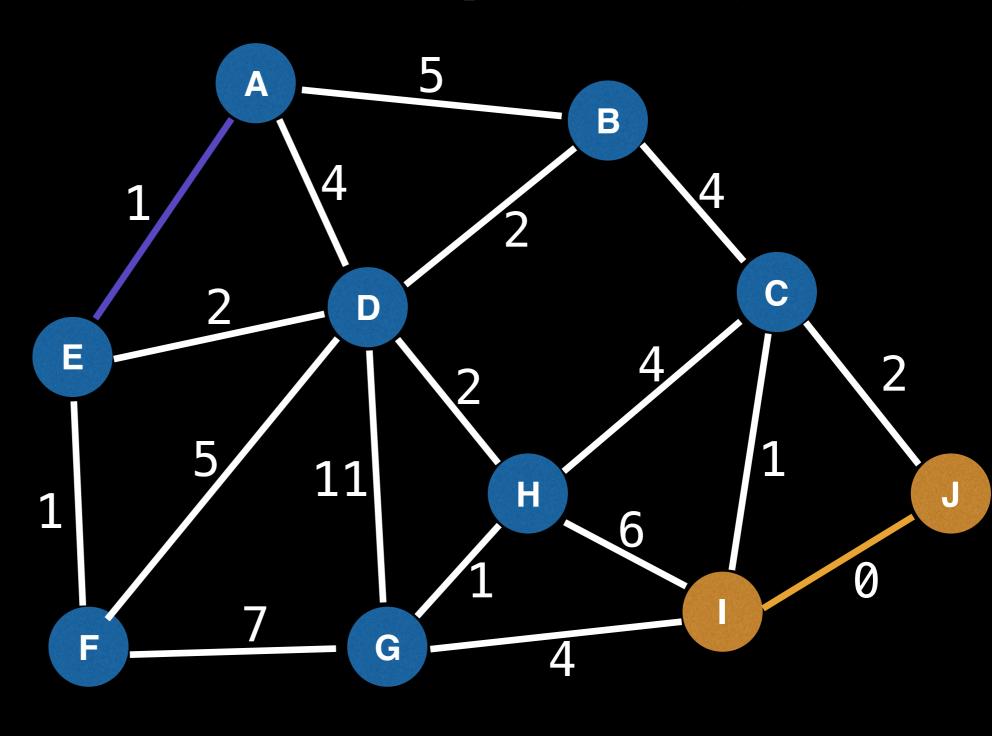
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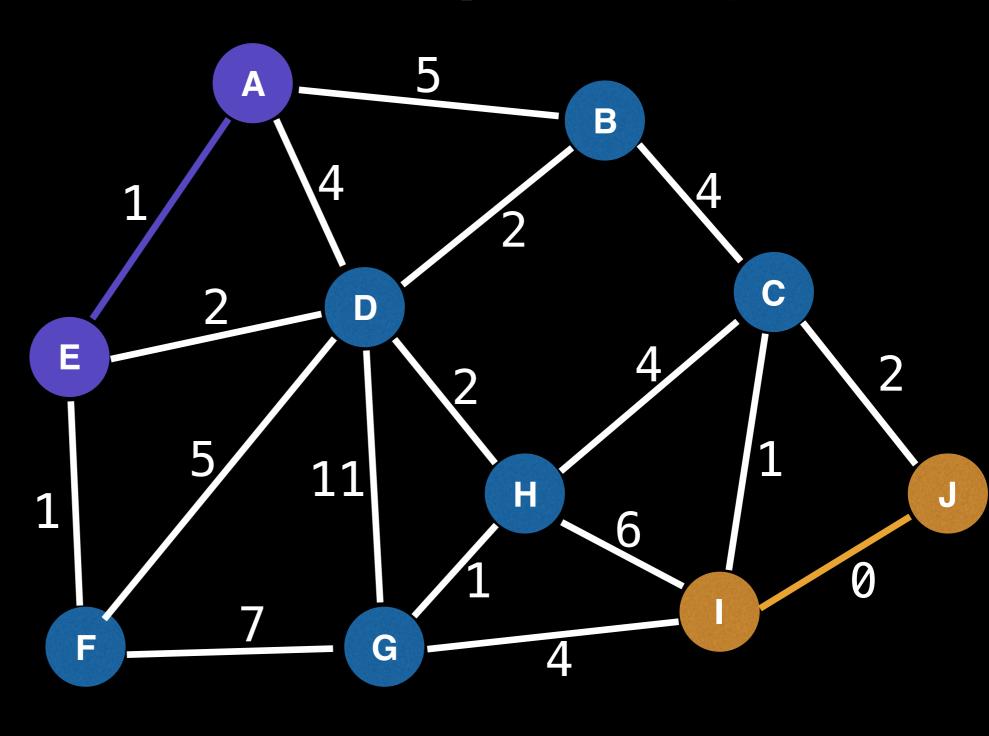
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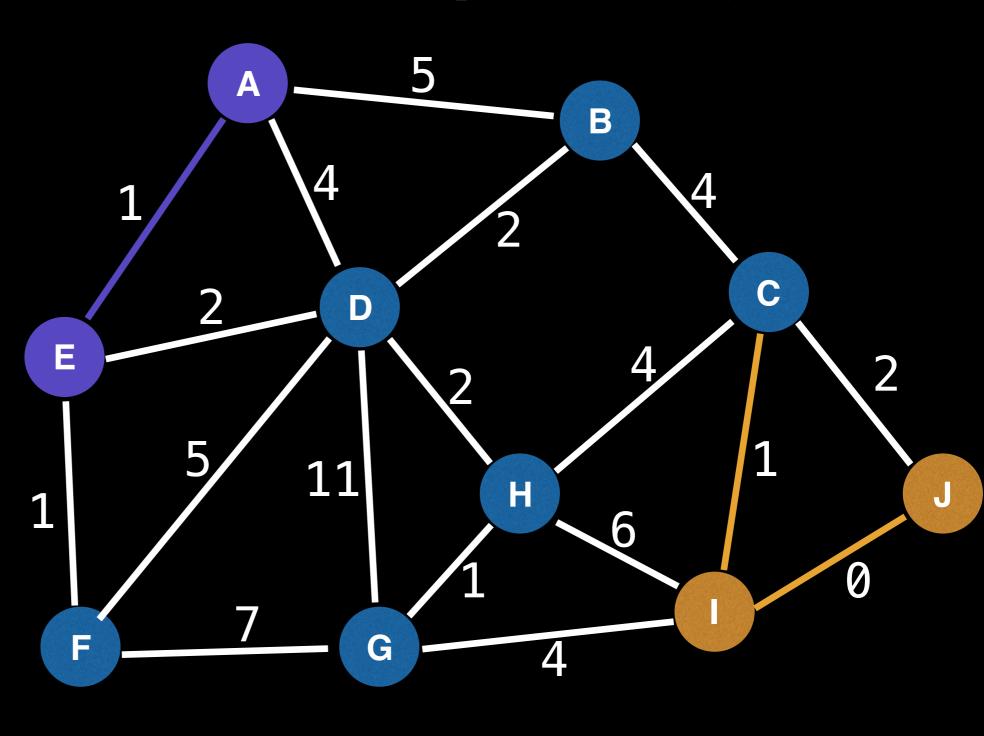
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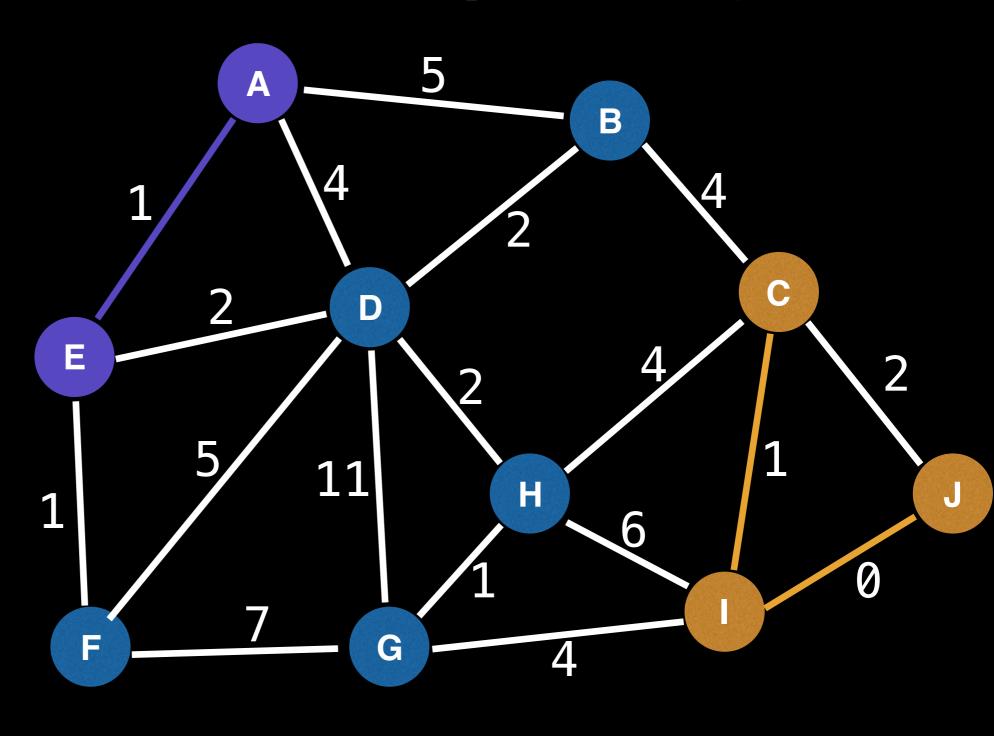
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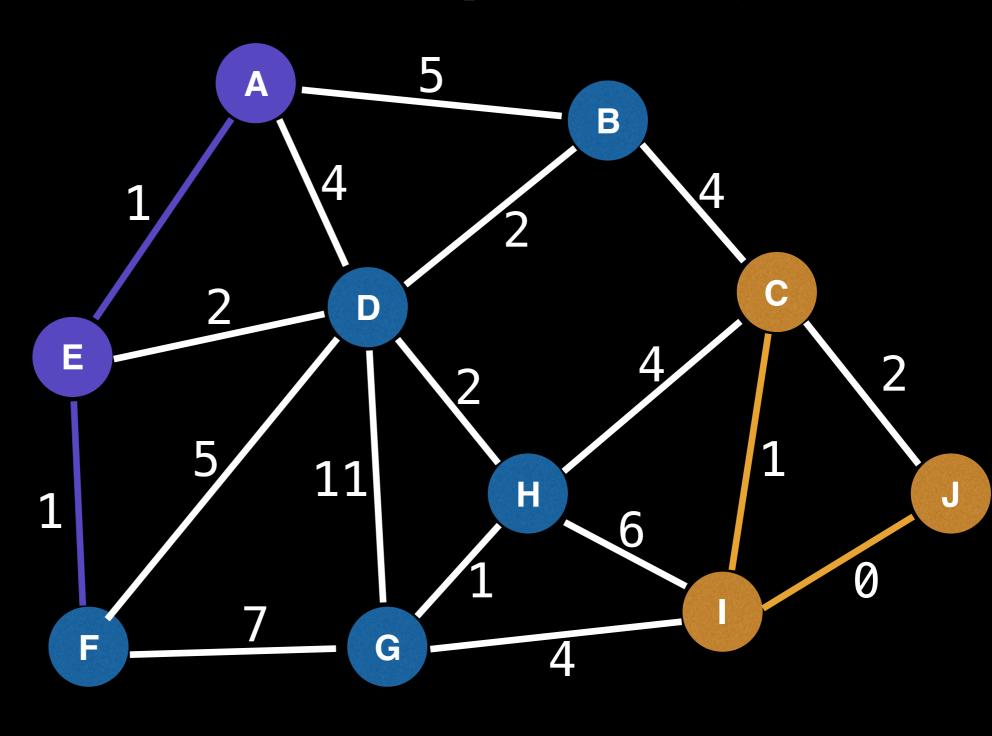
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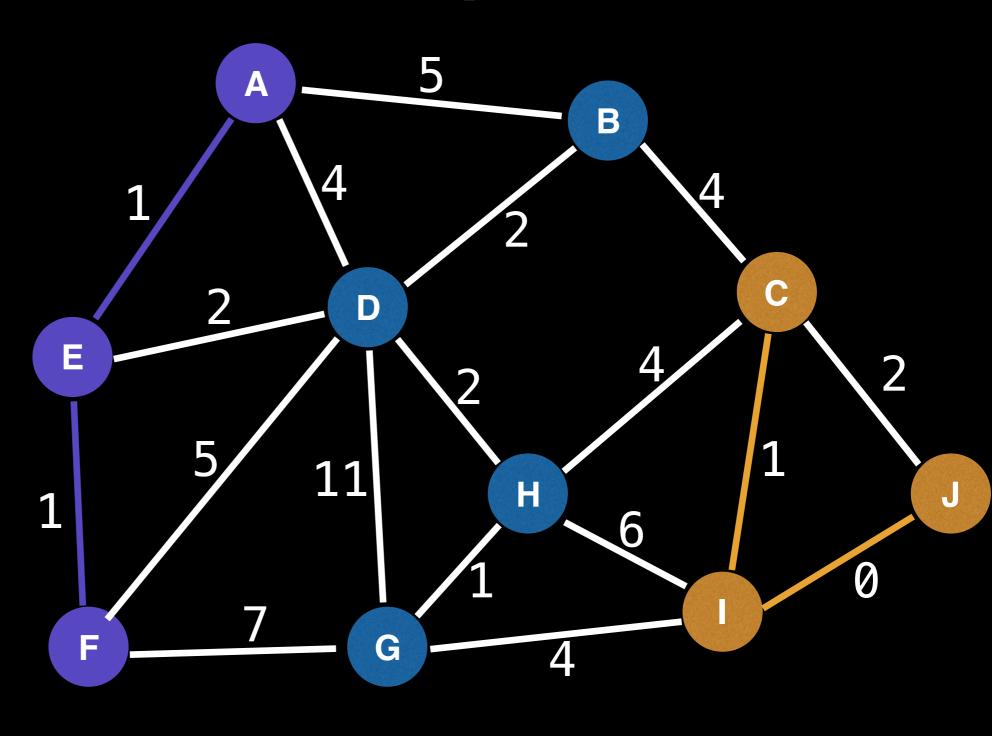
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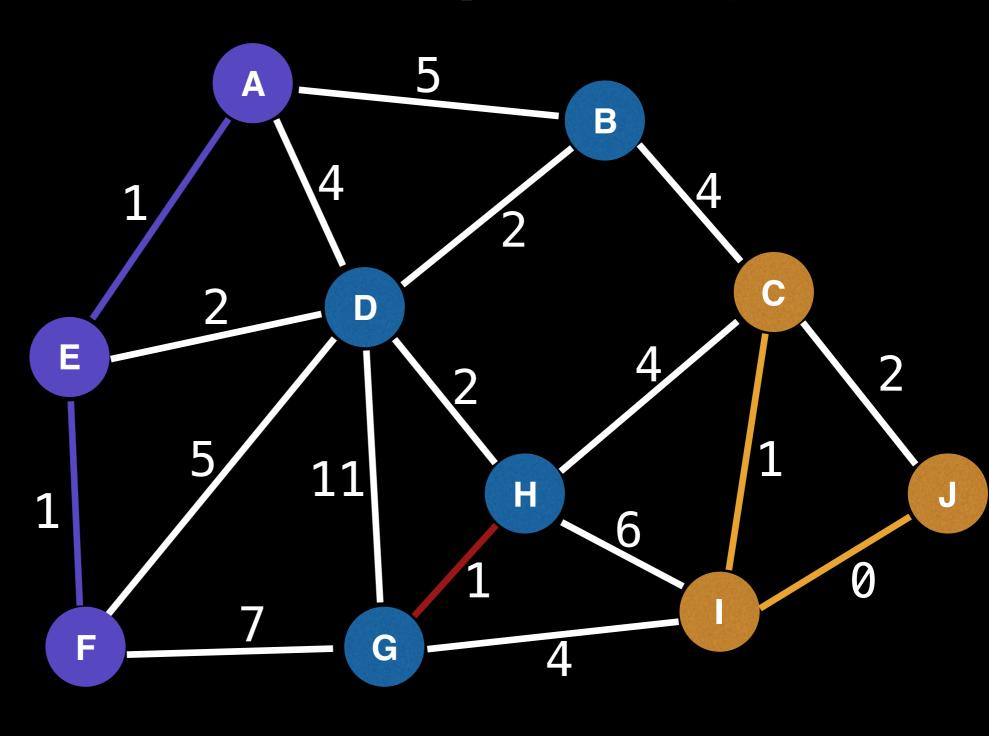
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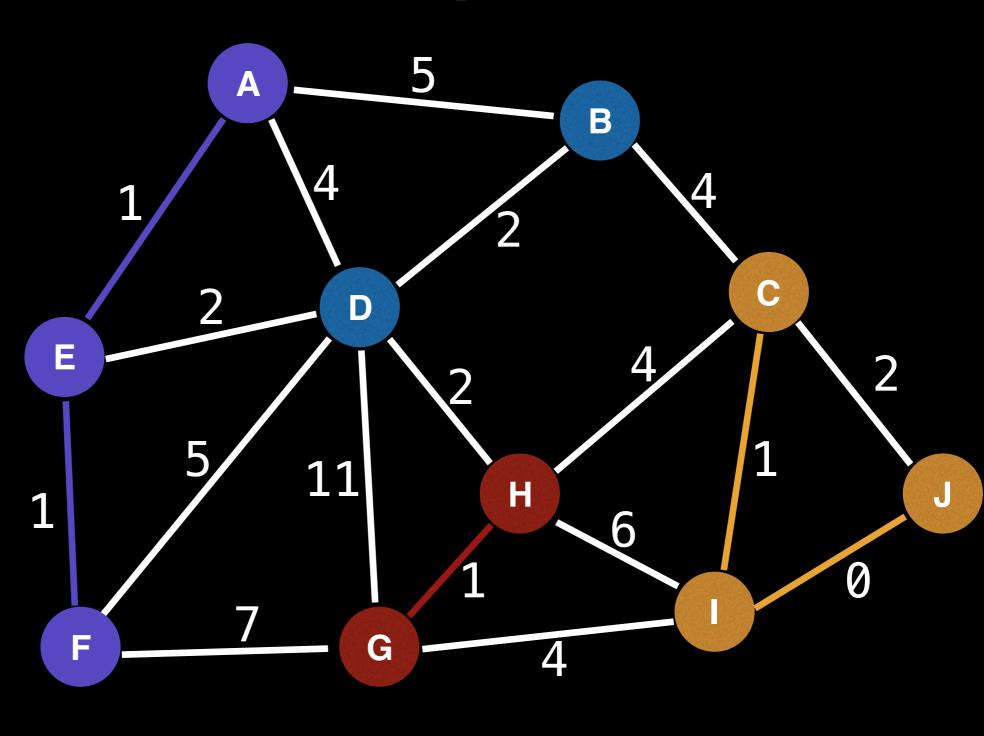
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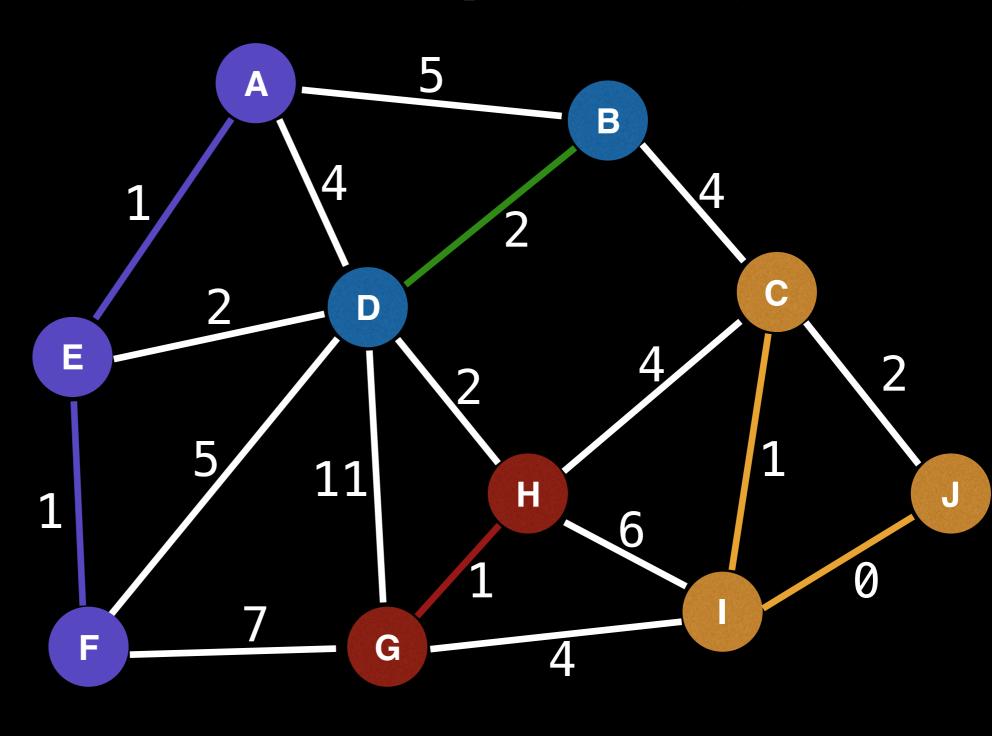
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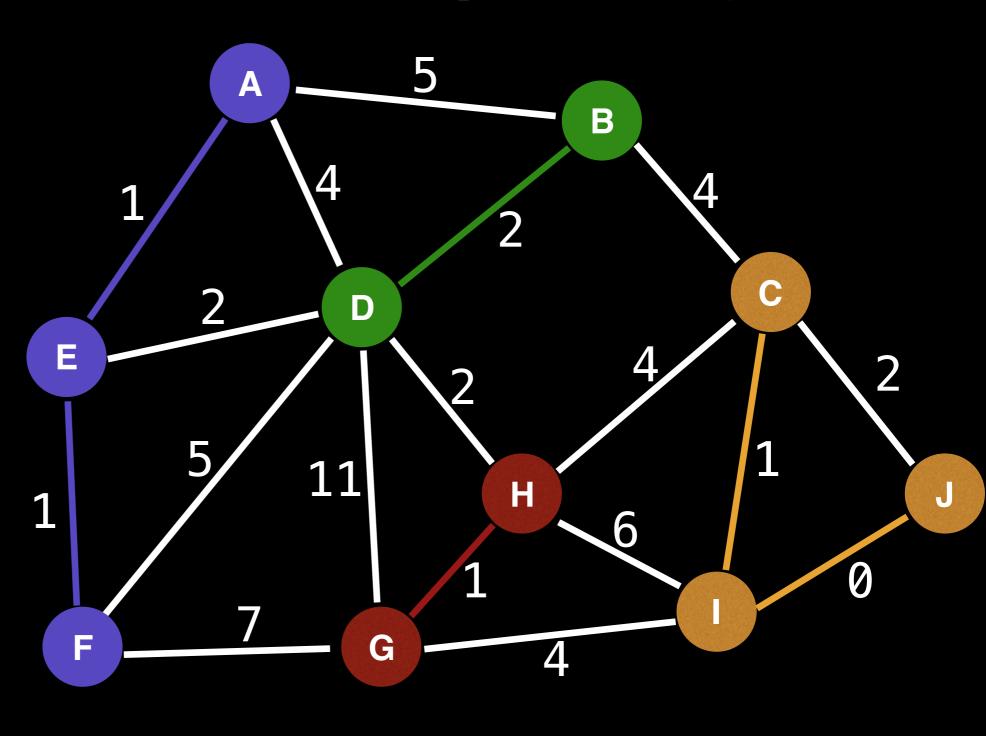
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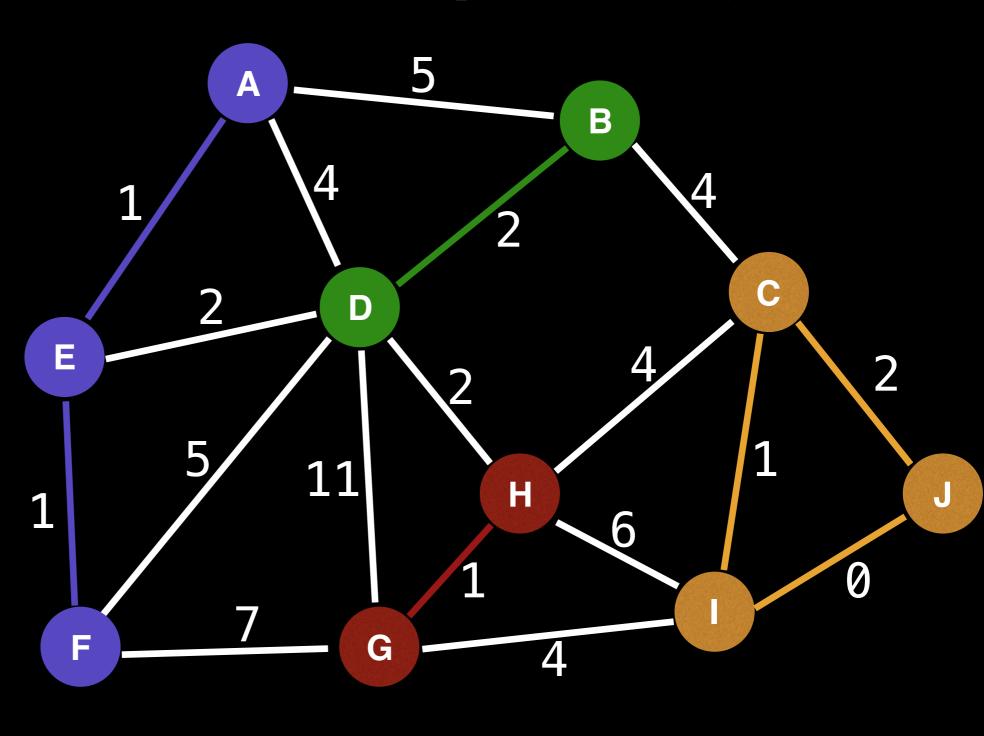
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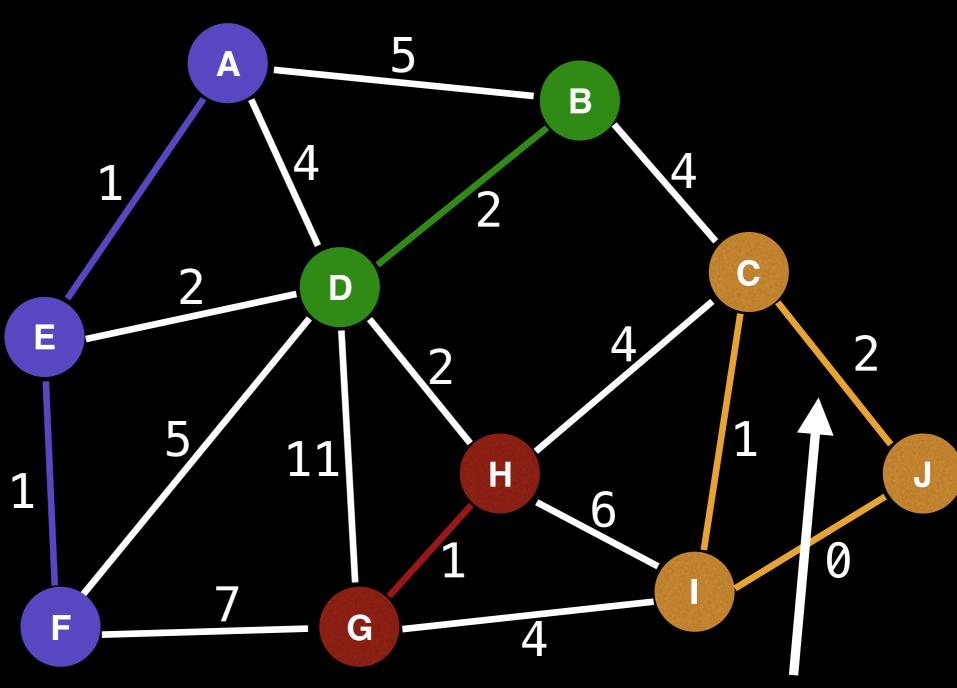
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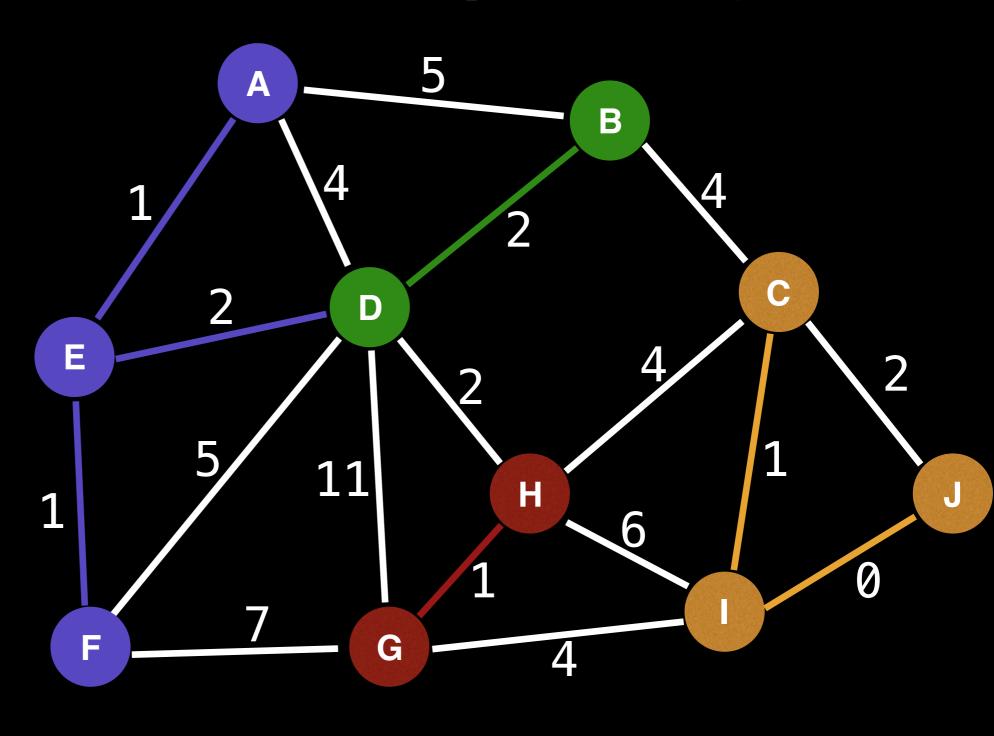


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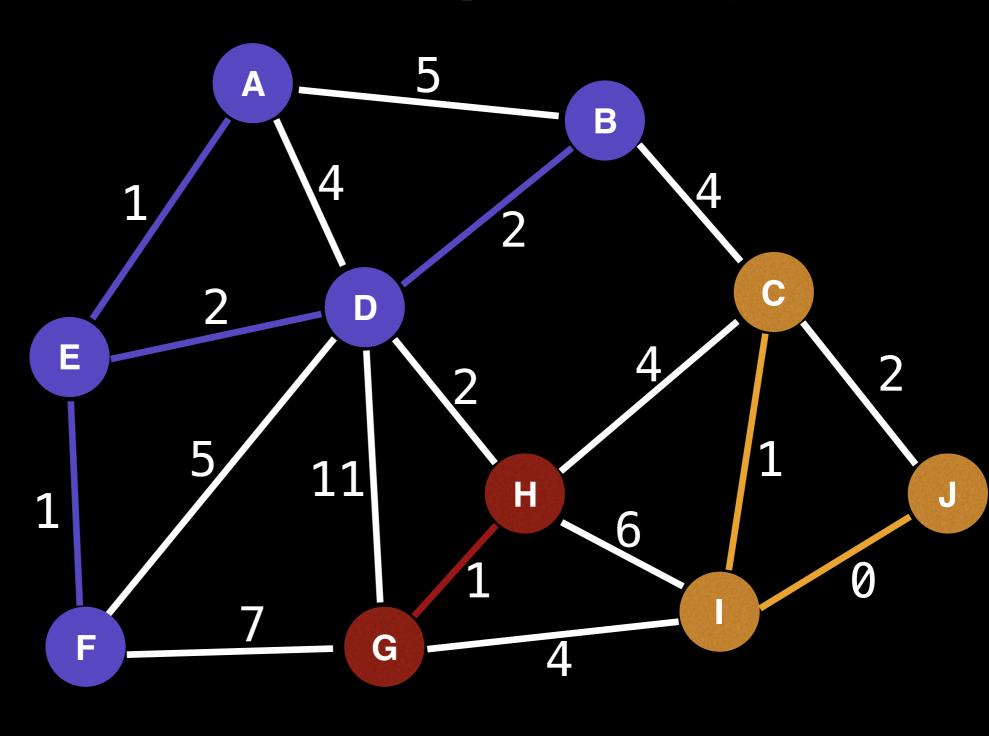


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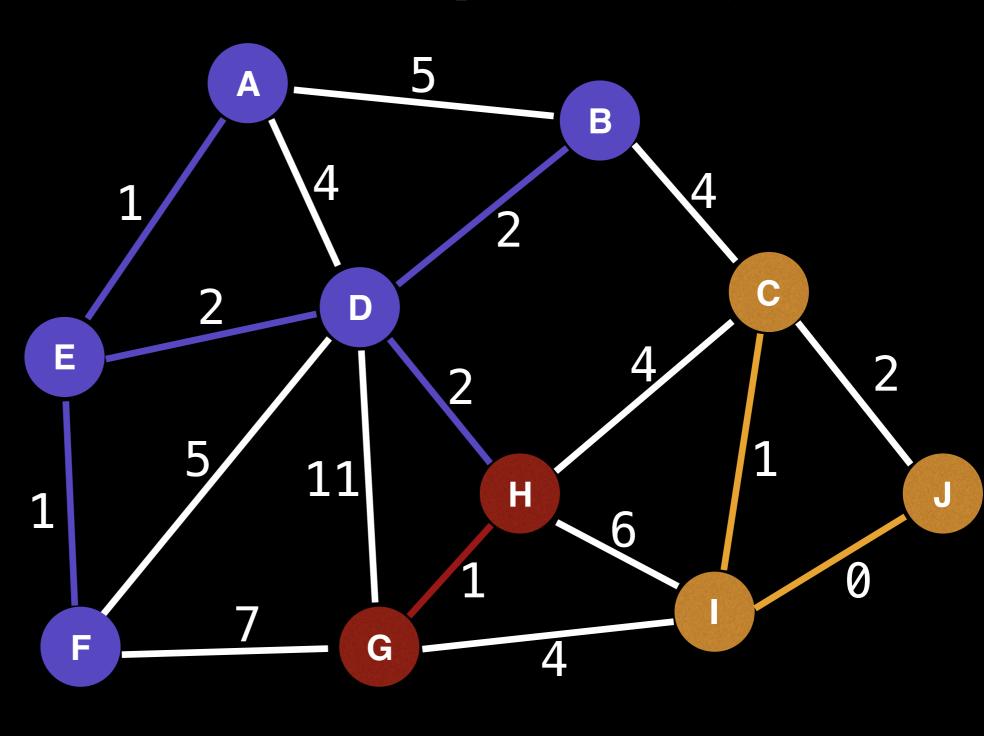
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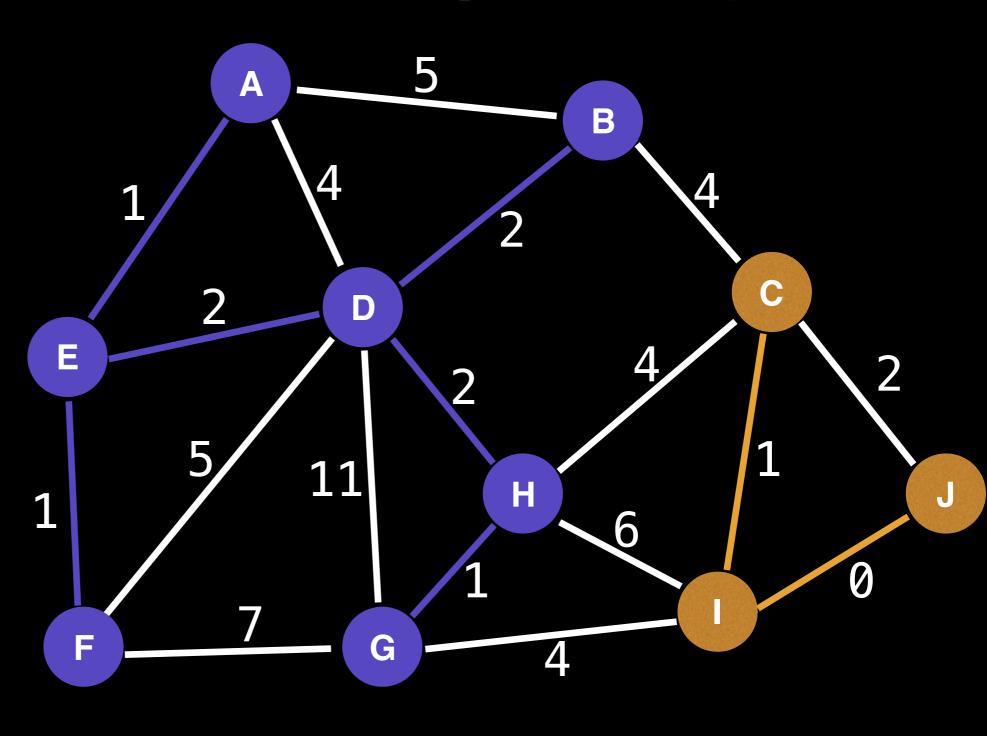
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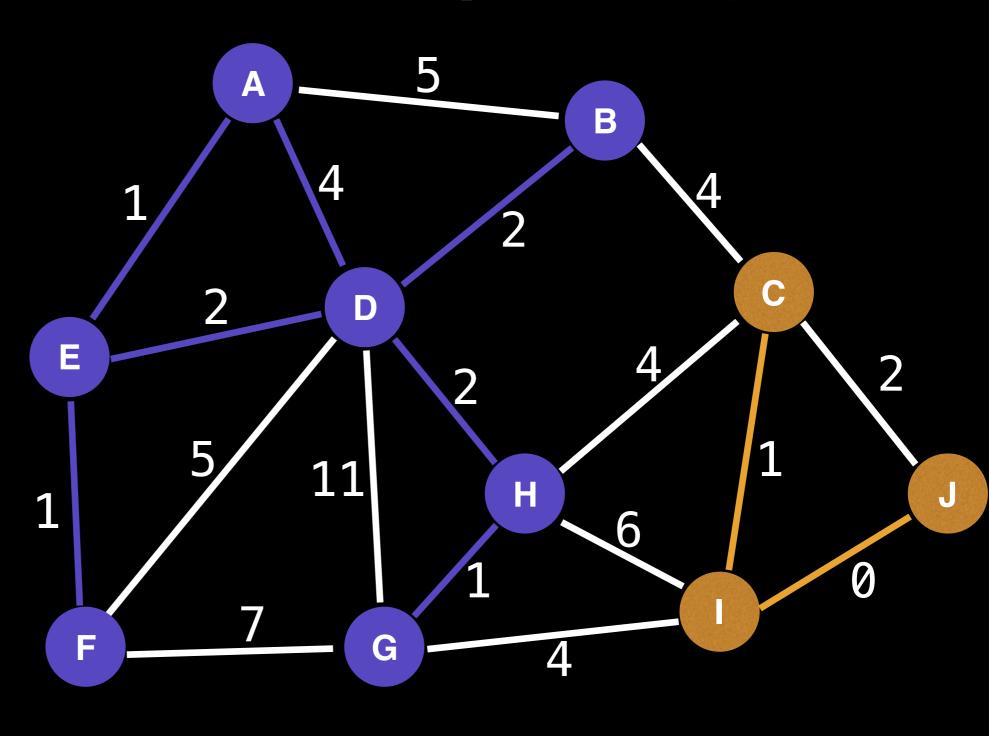
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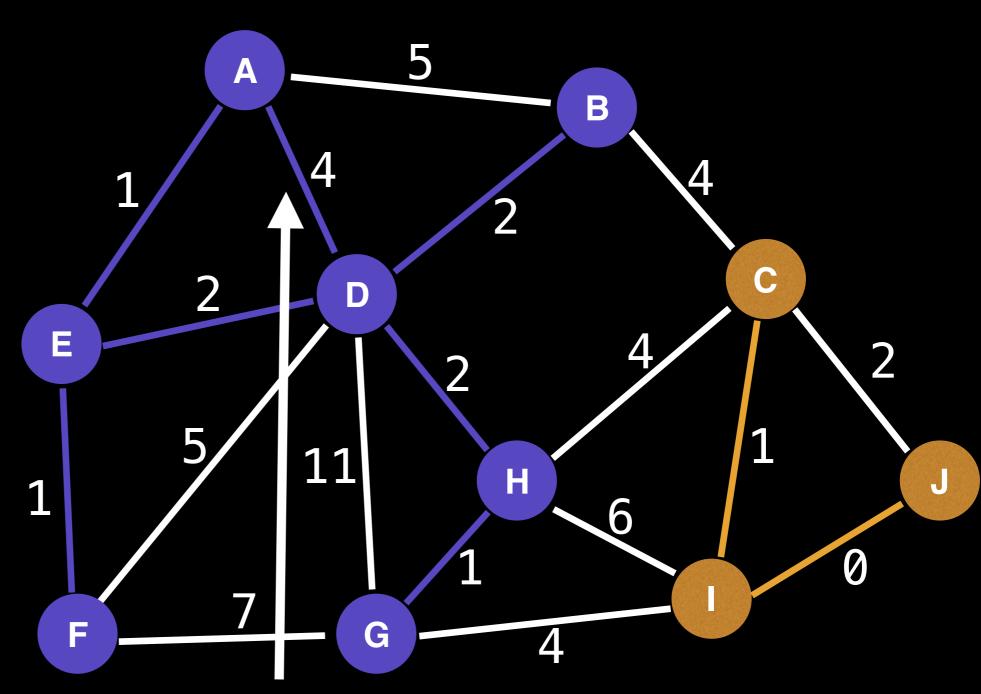
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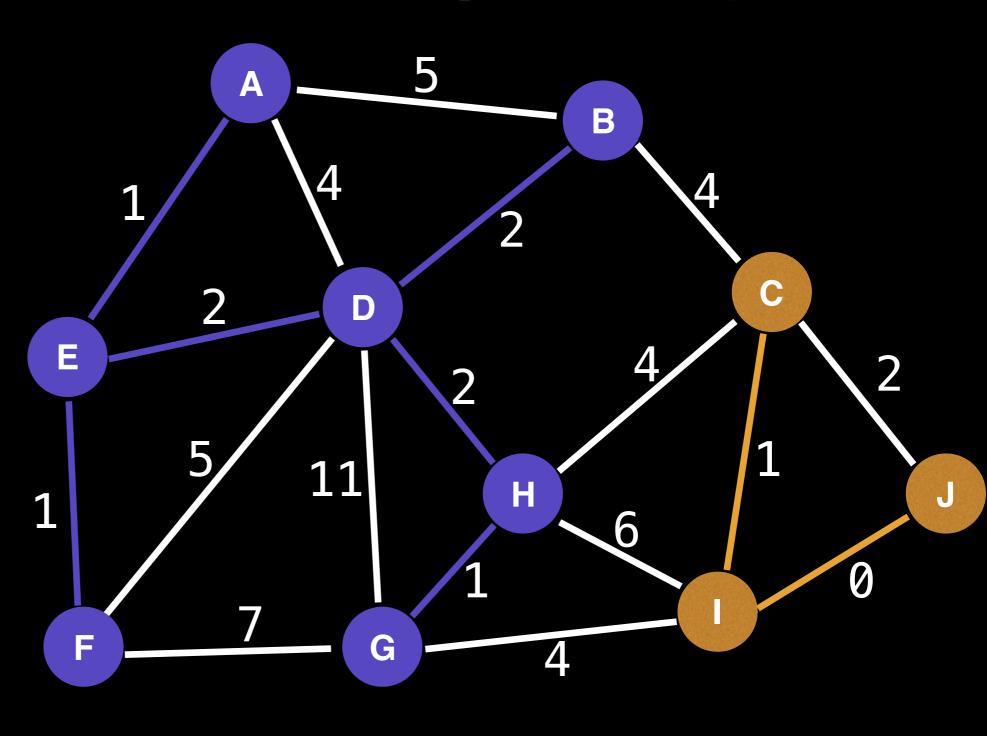


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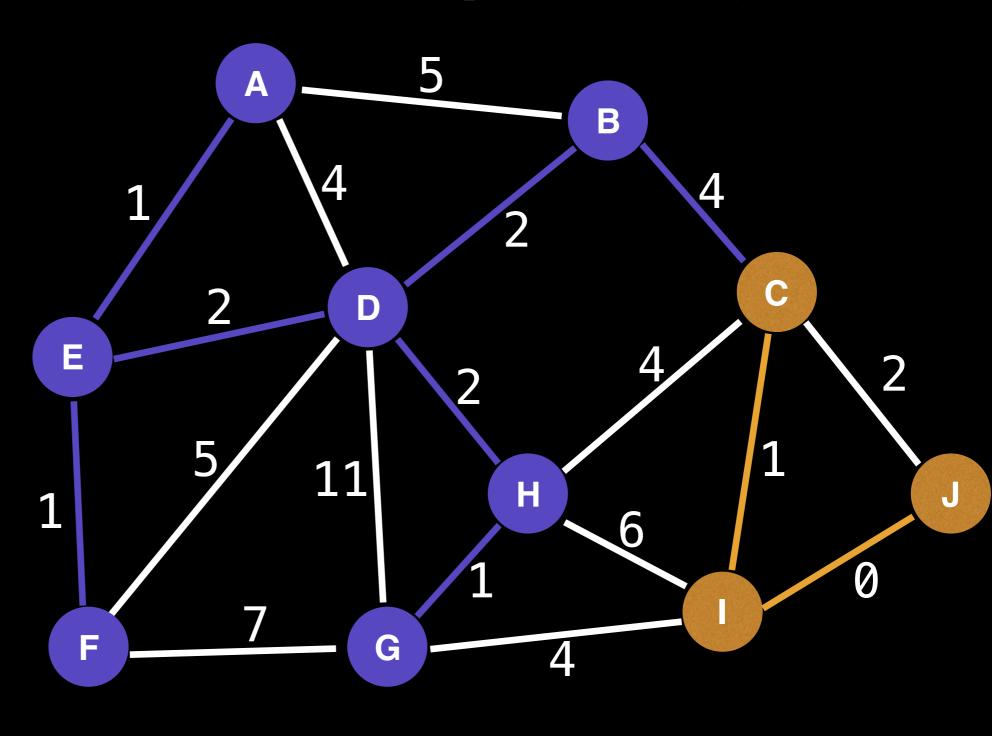


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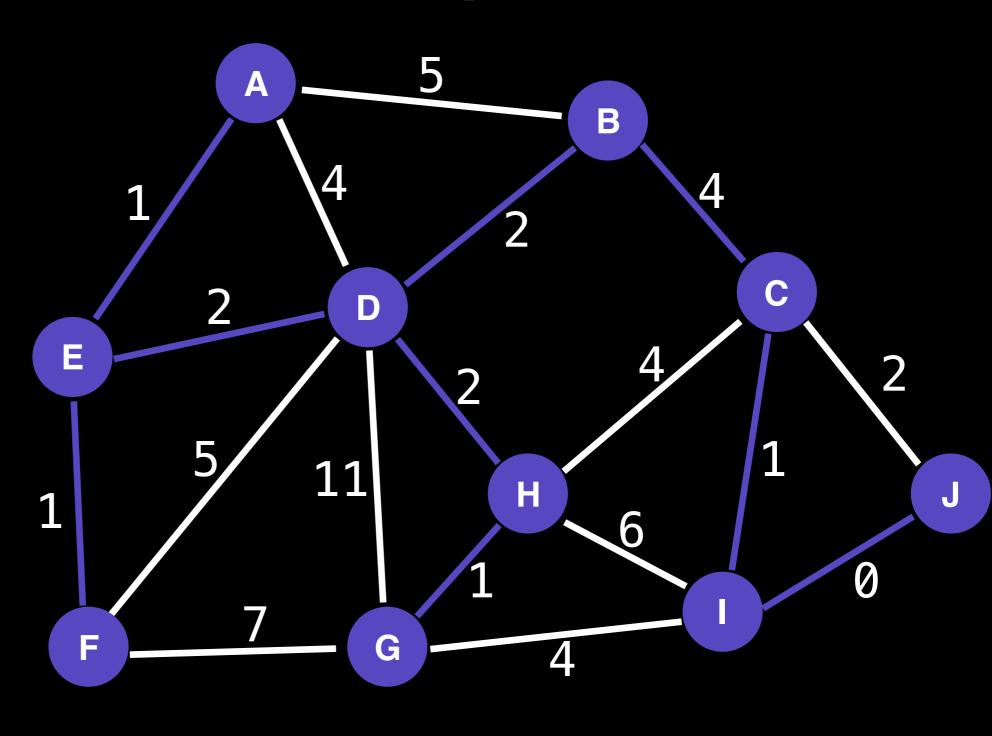
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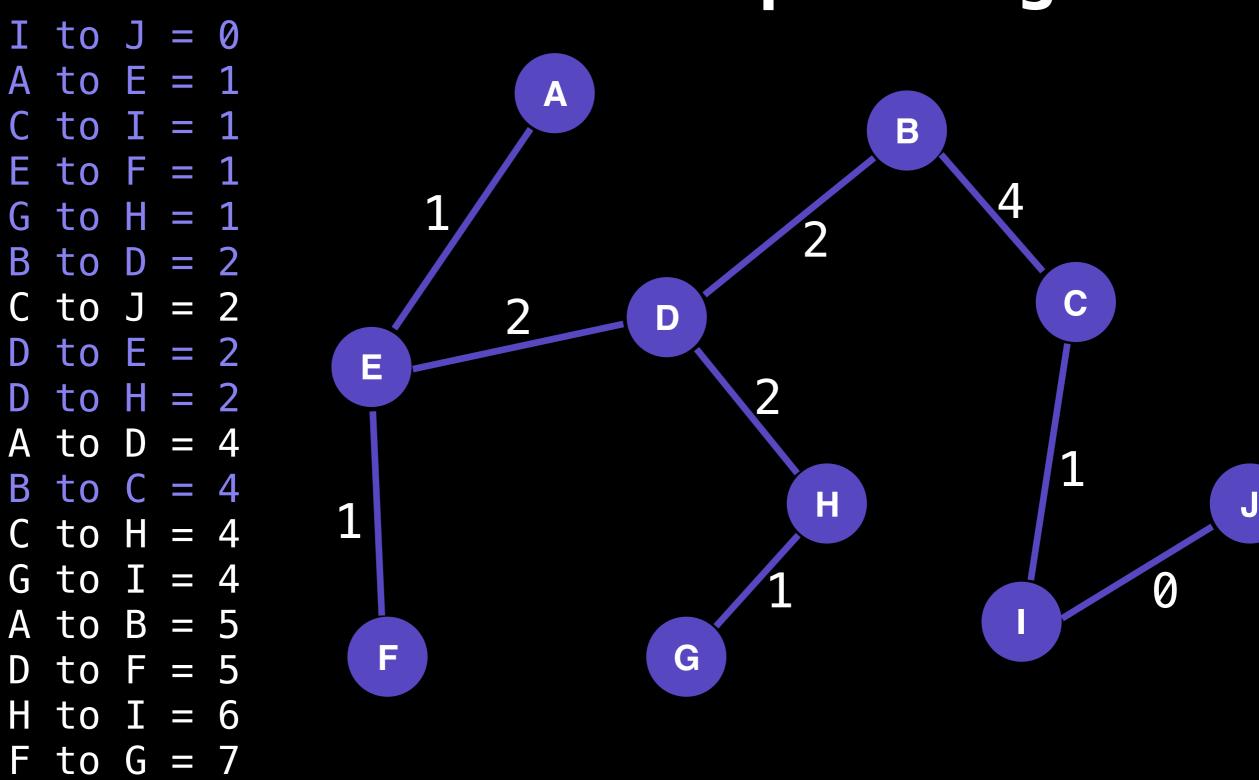


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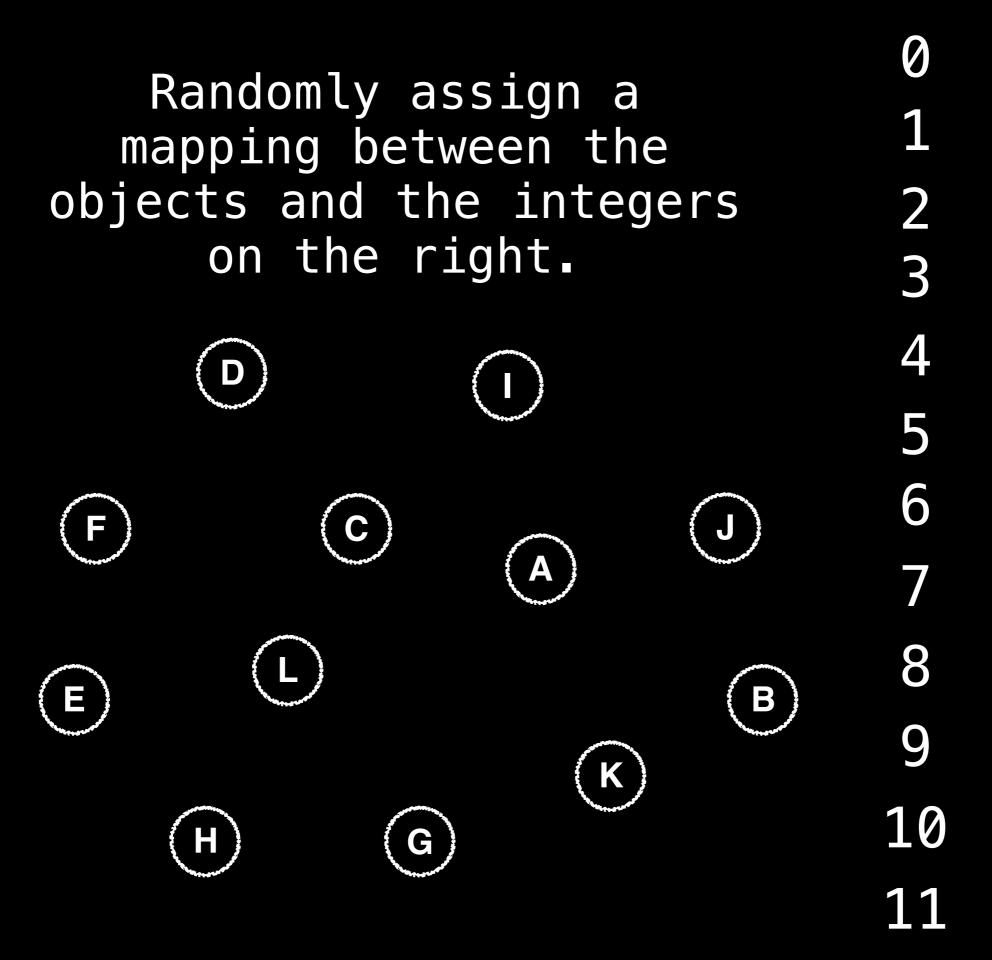
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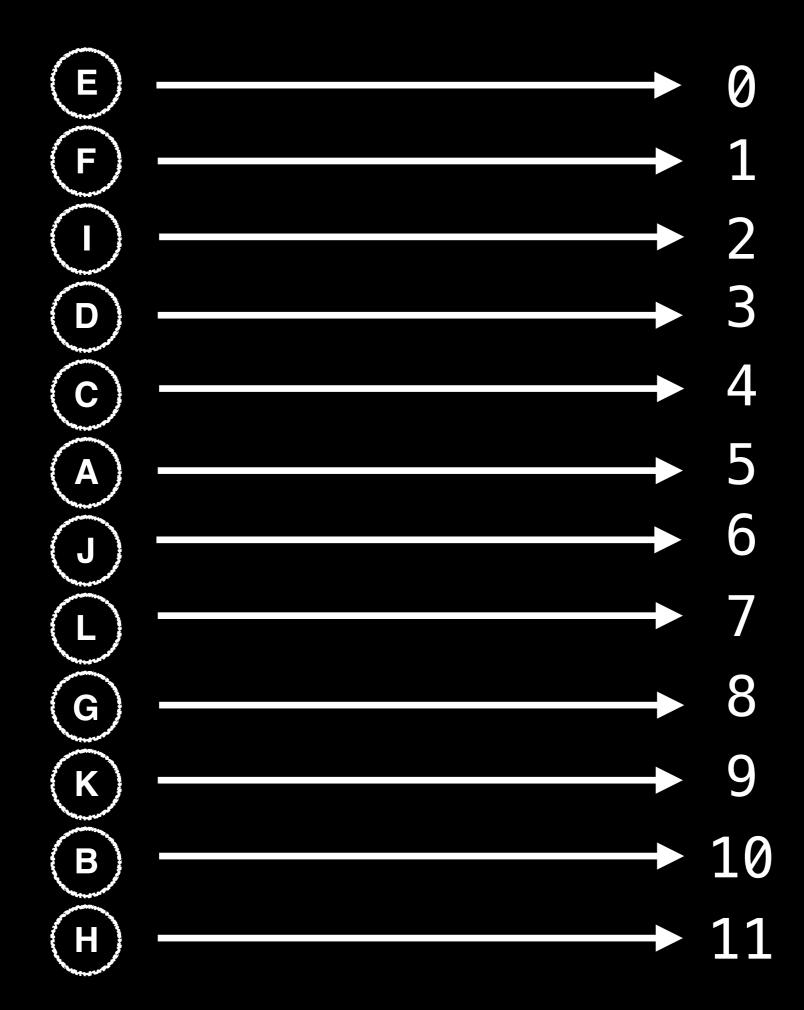
Union and Find Operations

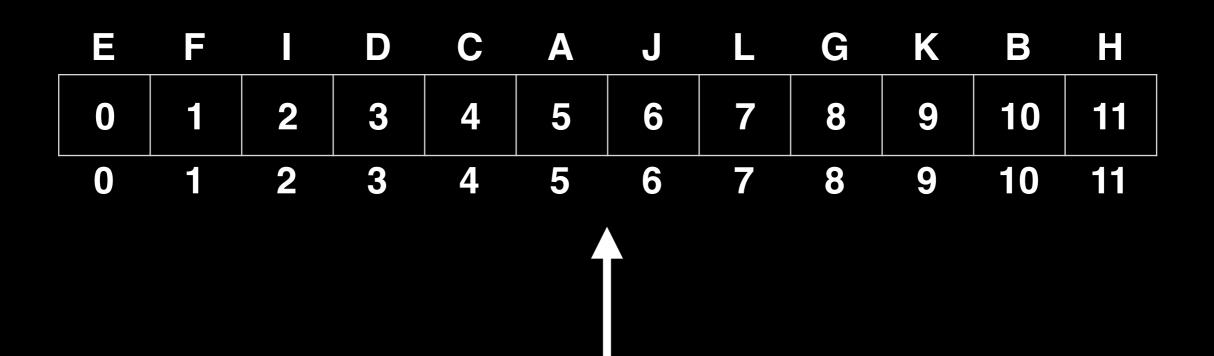
Creating Union Find

To begin using Union Find, first construct a bijection (a mapping) between your objects and the integers in the range [0, n).

NOTE: This step is not necessary in general, but it will allow us to construct an array-based union find.







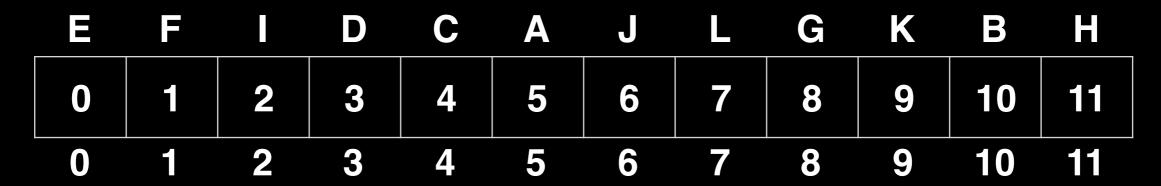
Store Union Find information in an array. Each index has an associated object (letter in this example) we can lookup through our mapping.

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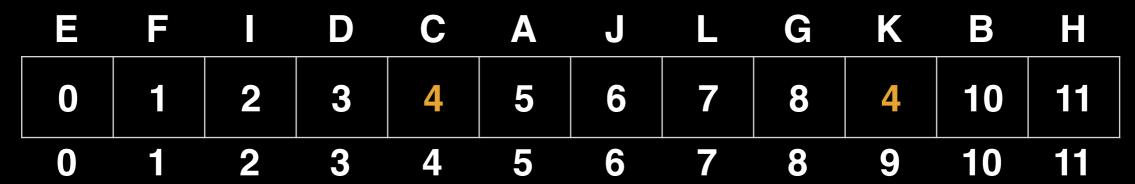
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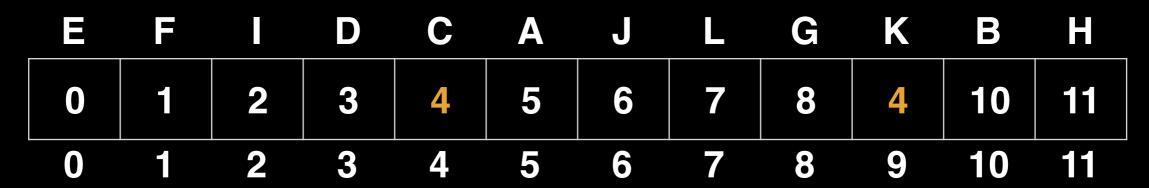
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Union(H,F)

Union(H,B)

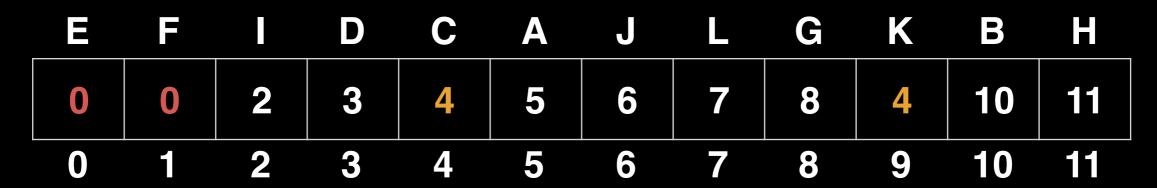
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Union(H,F)

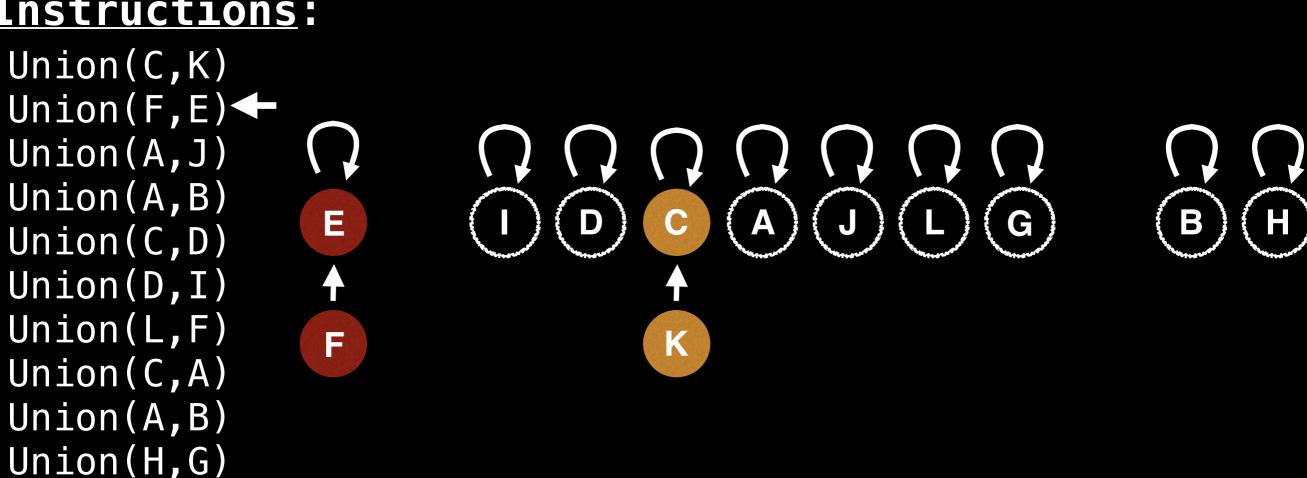
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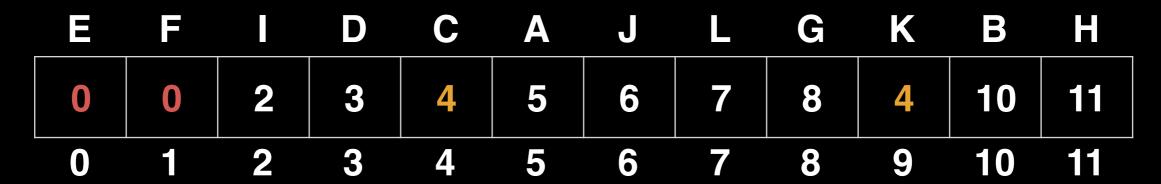
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Union(H,F)

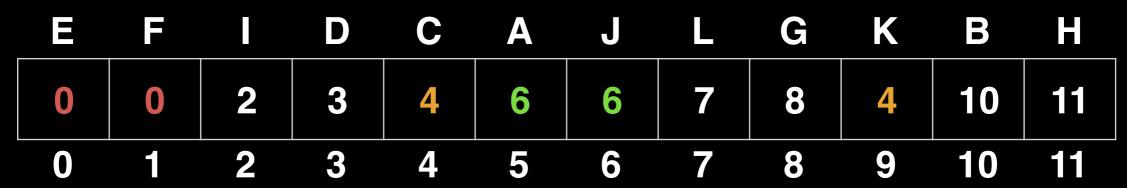
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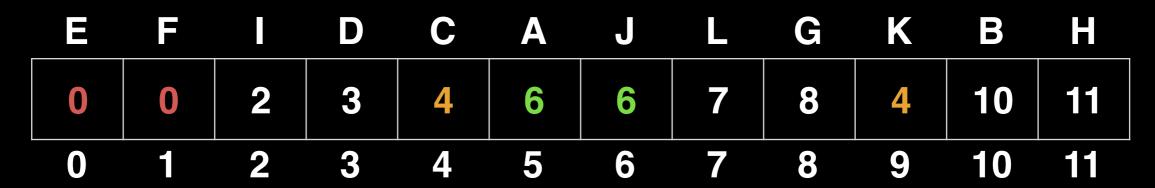
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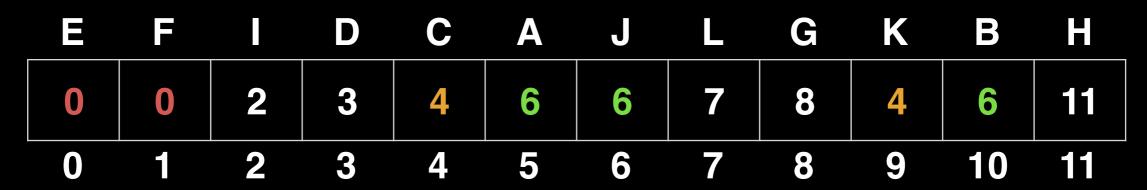
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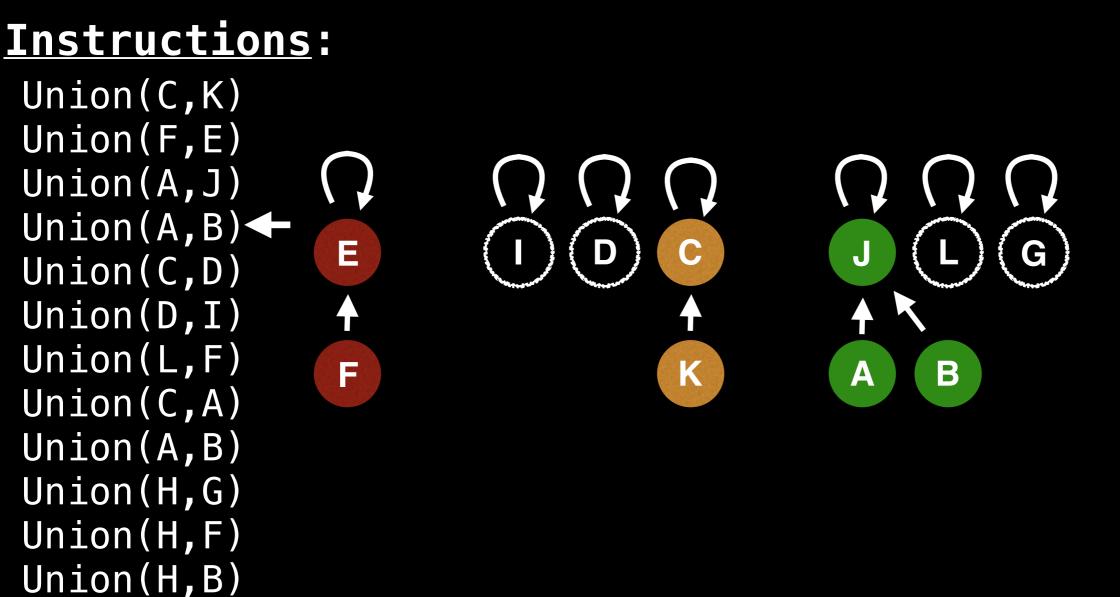


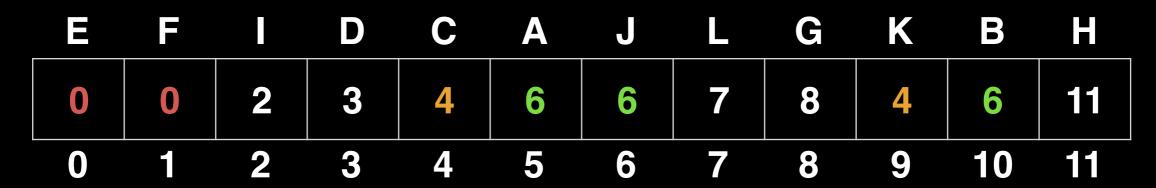
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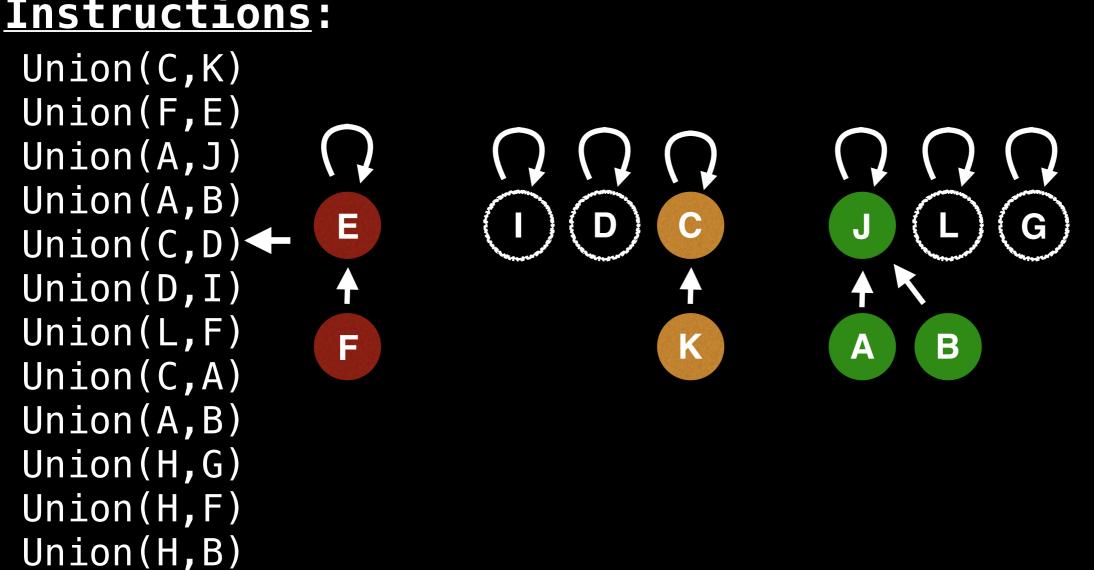
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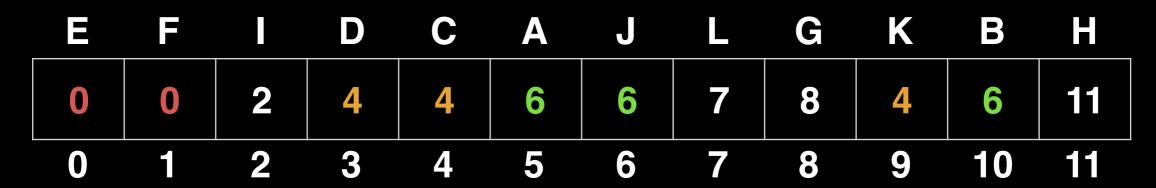
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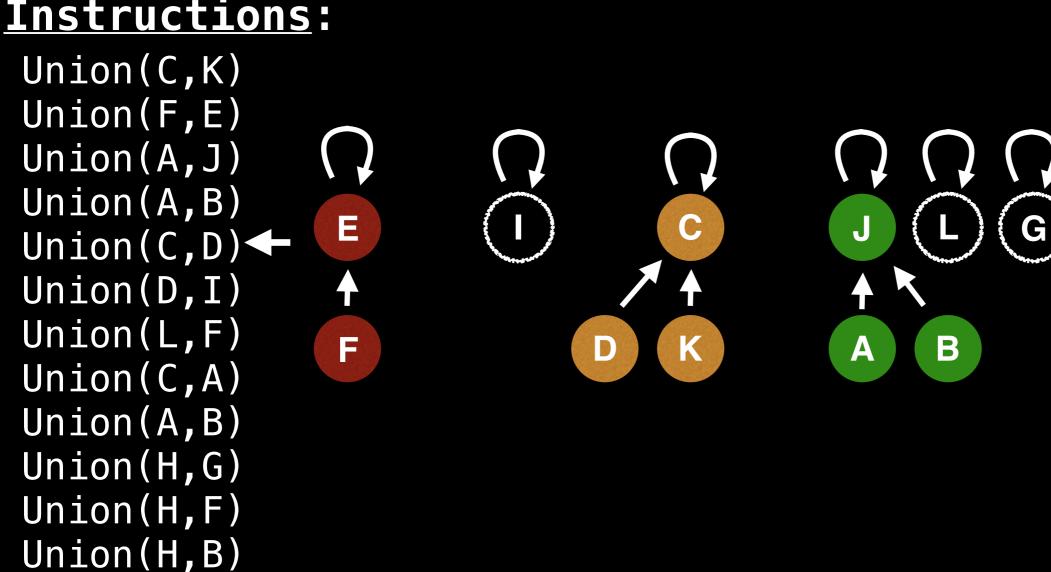


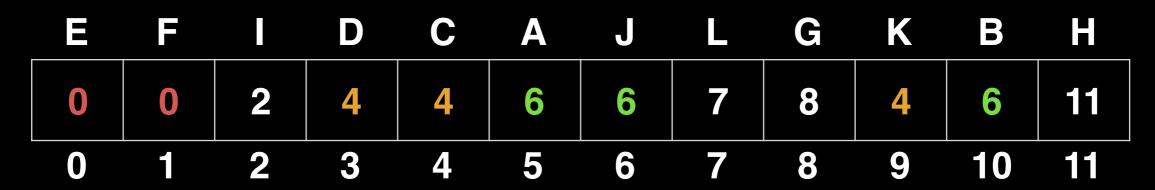


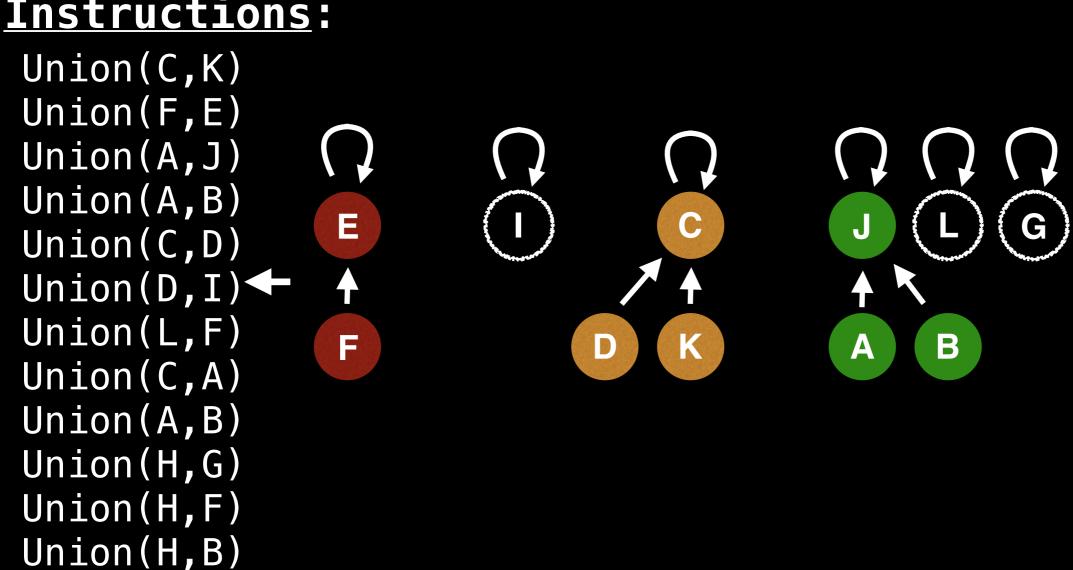


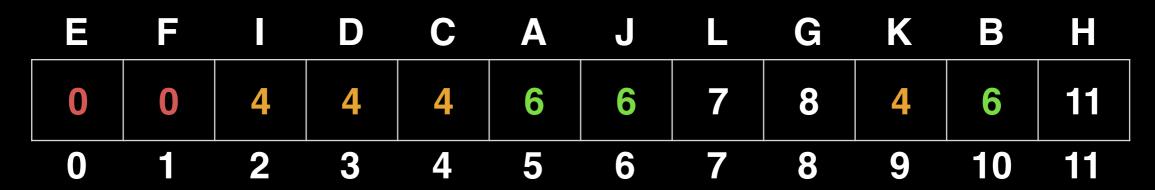


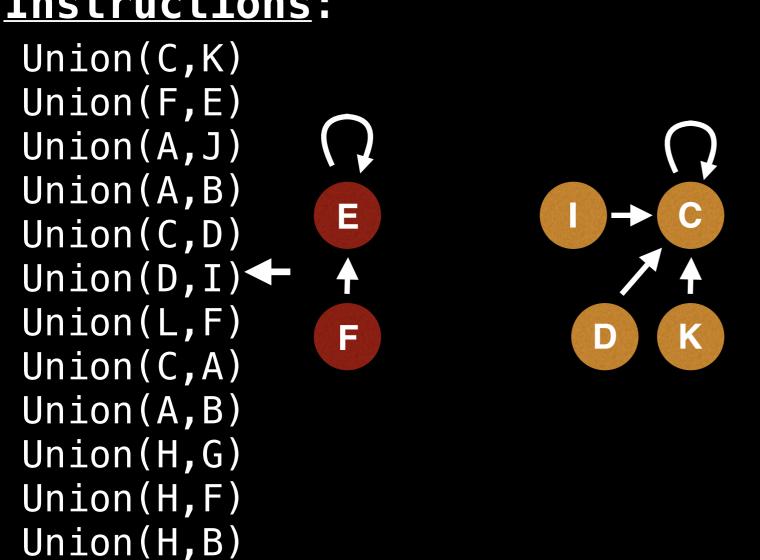


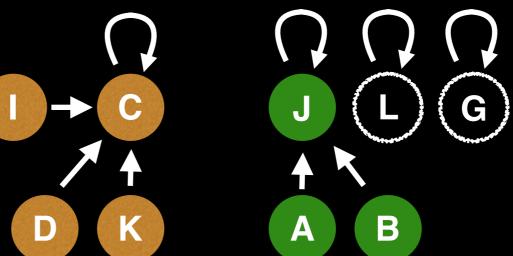


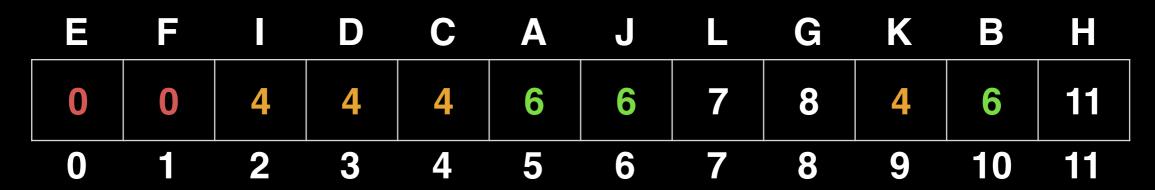




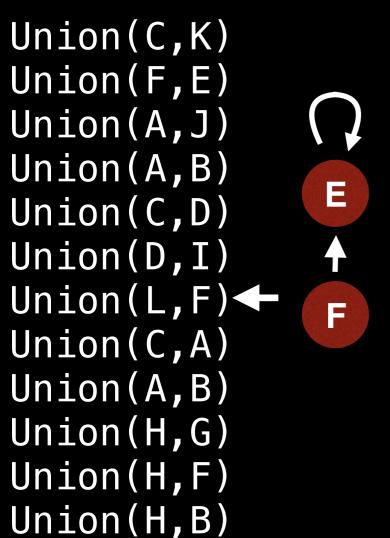


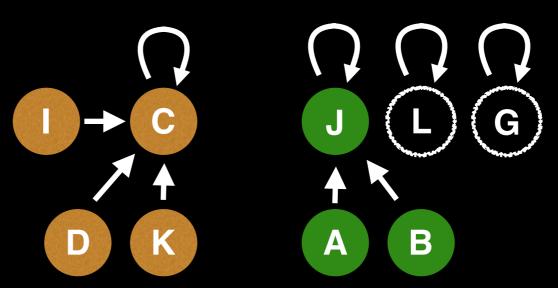


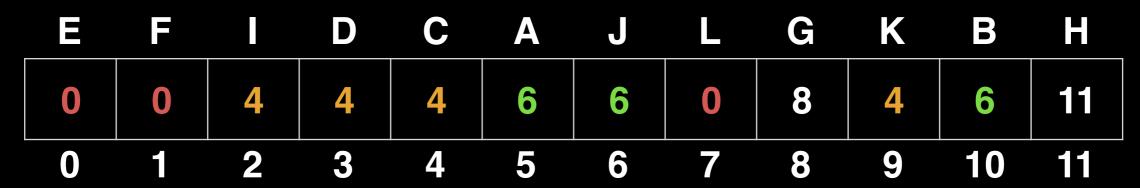


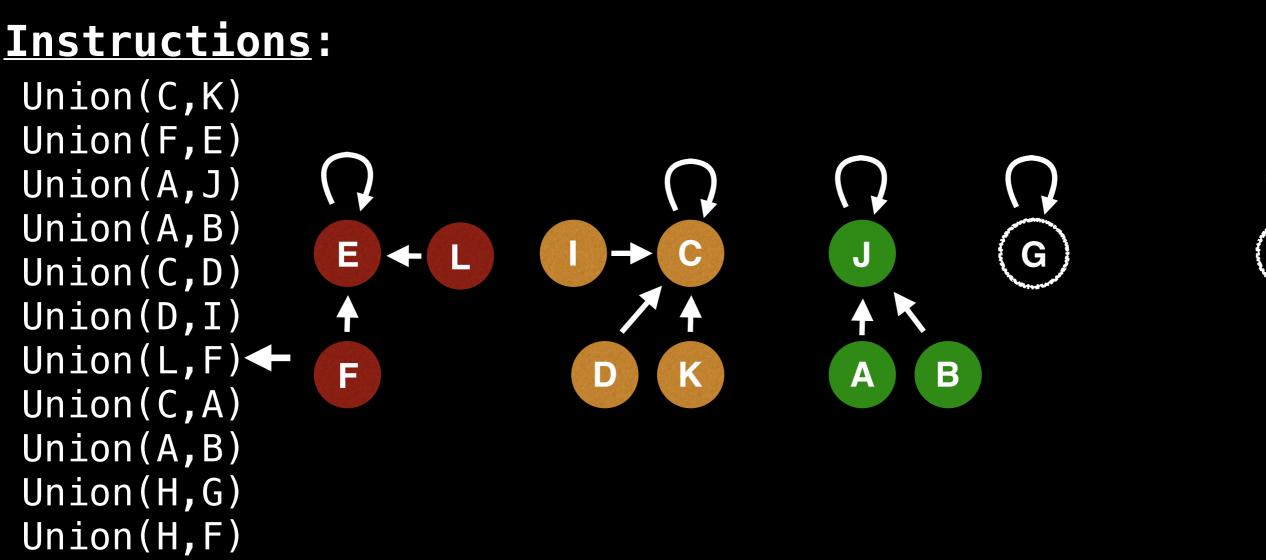


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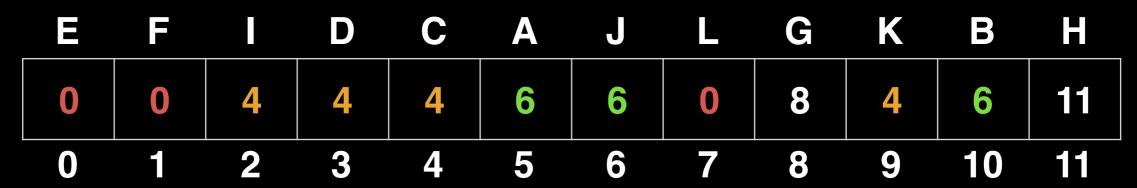




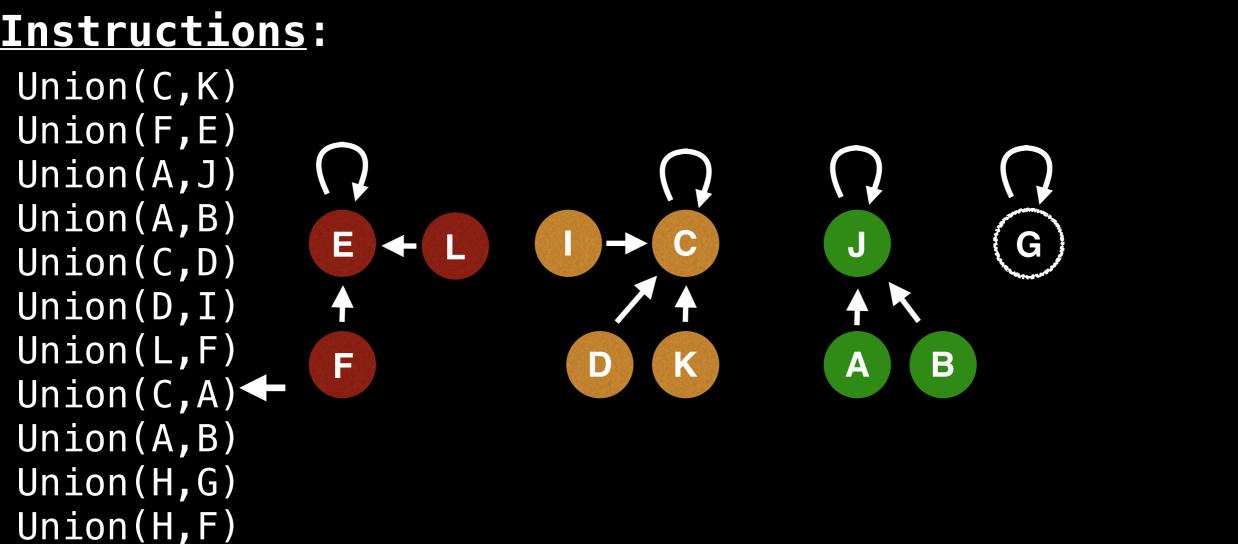


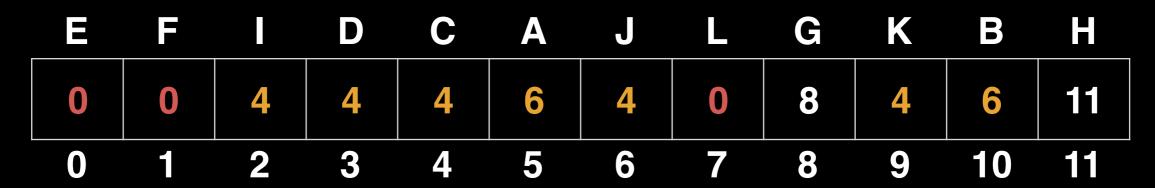


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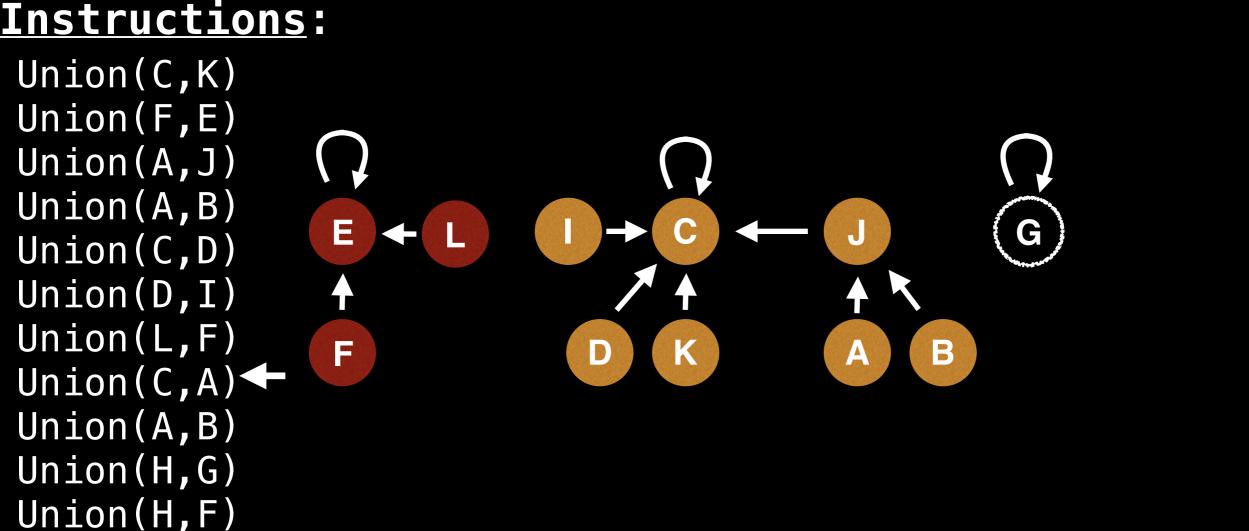


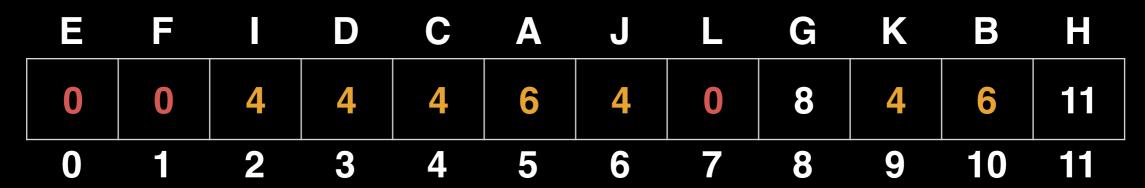
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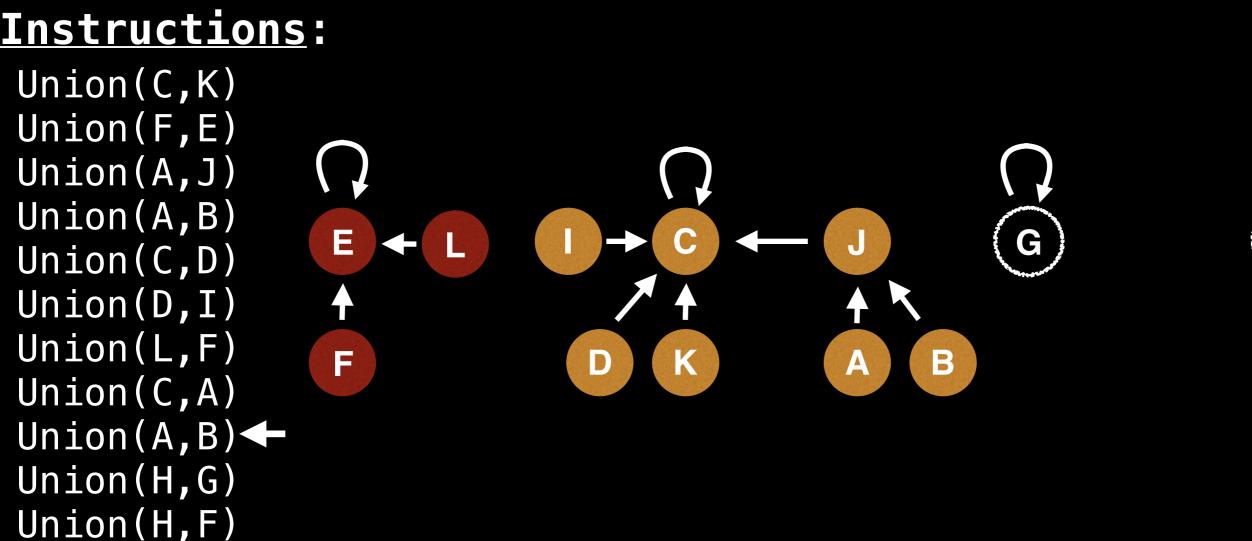


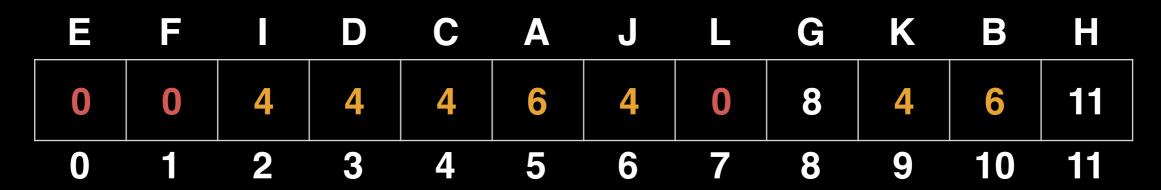
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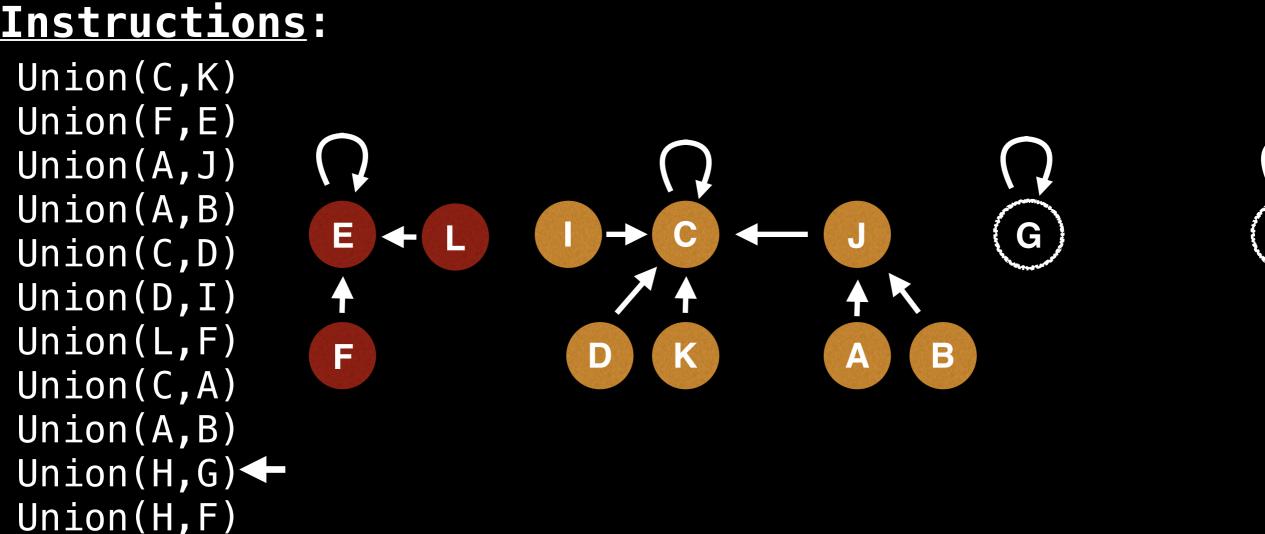


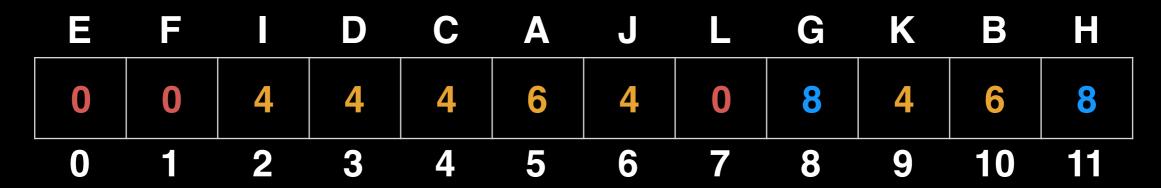
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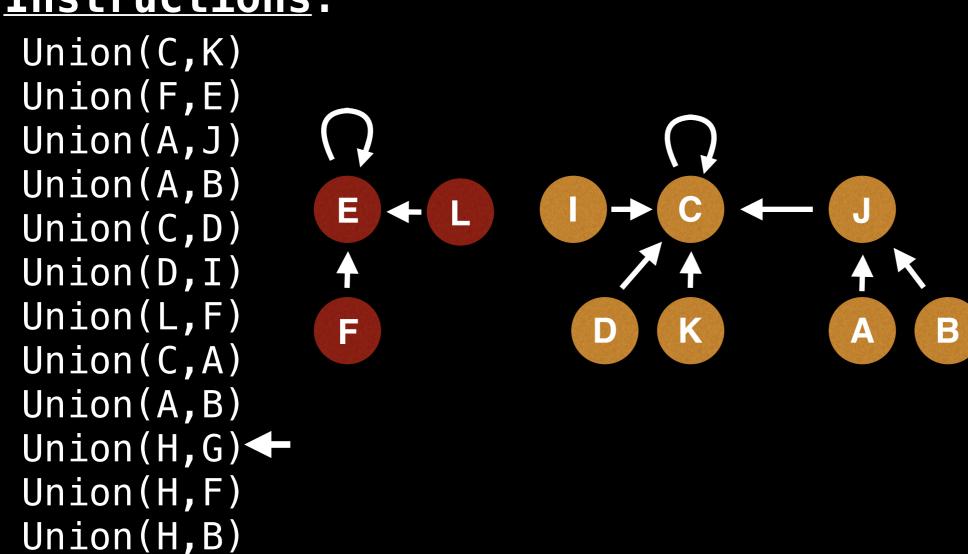




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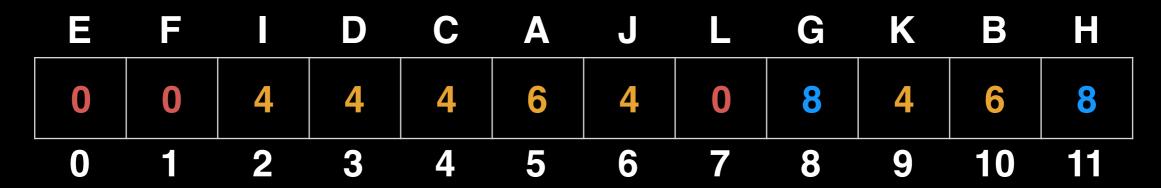




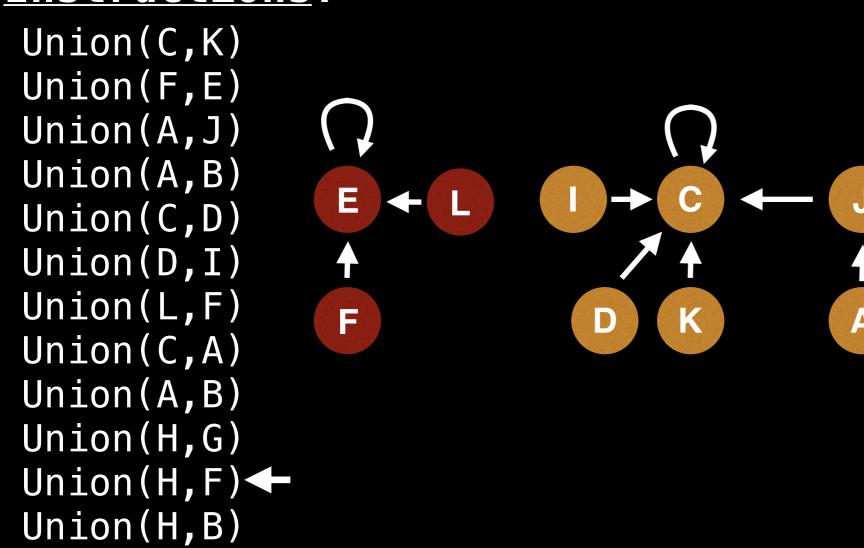
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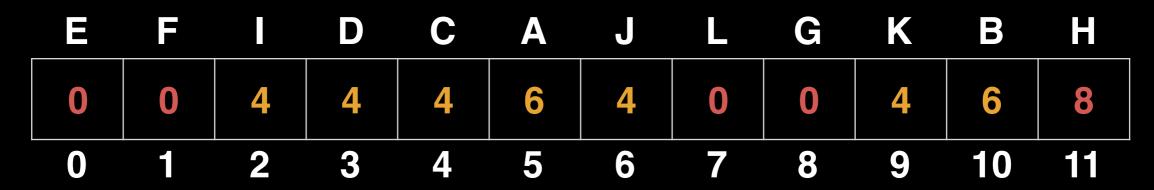


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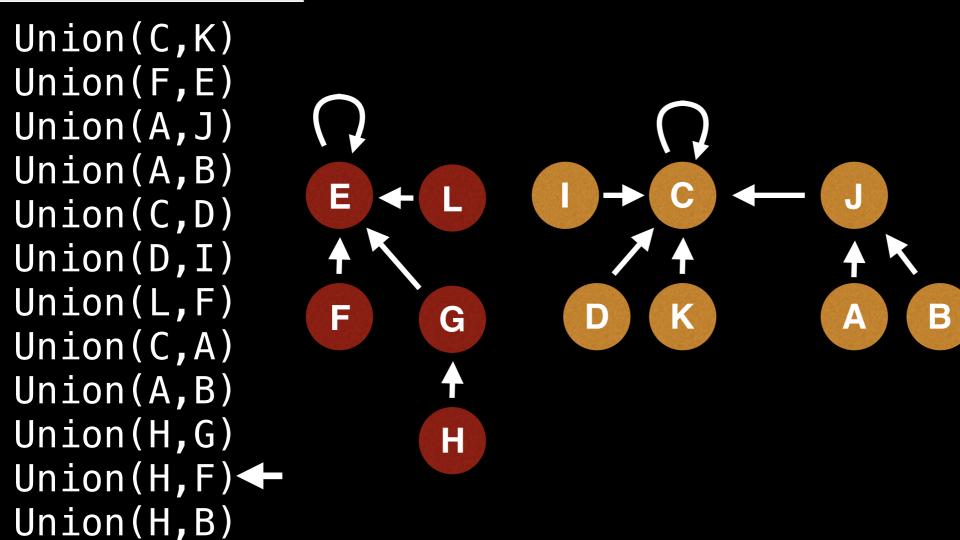
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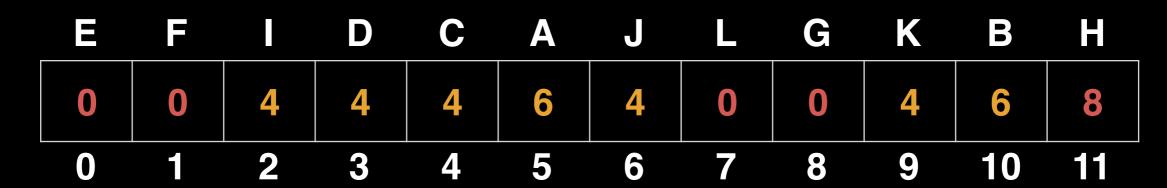
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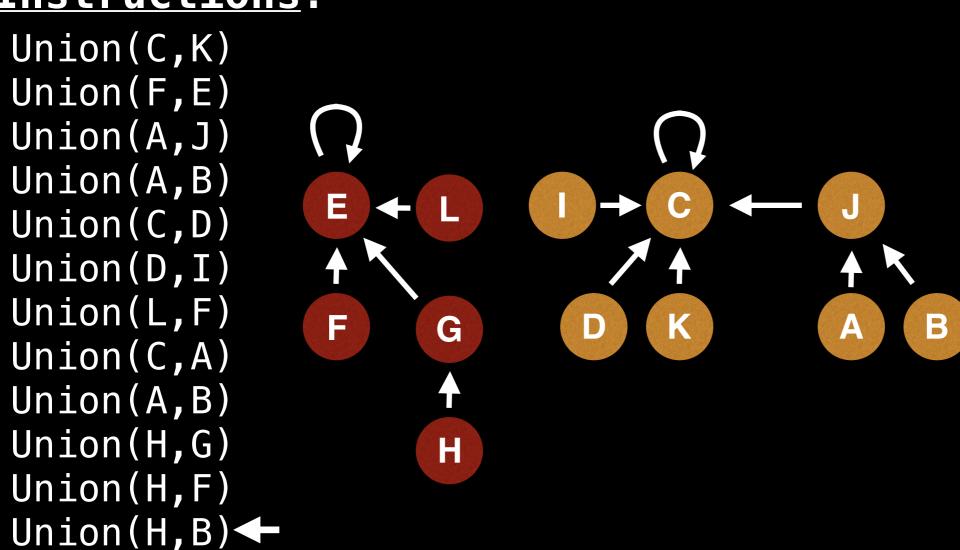
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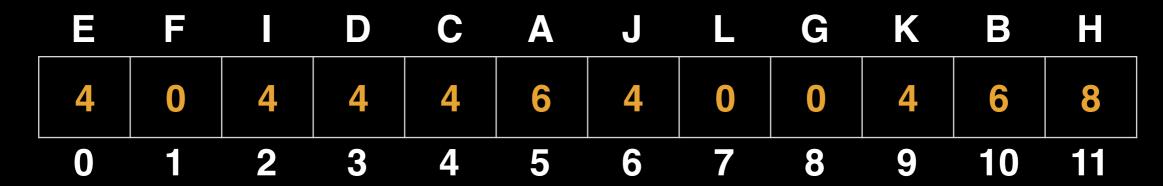


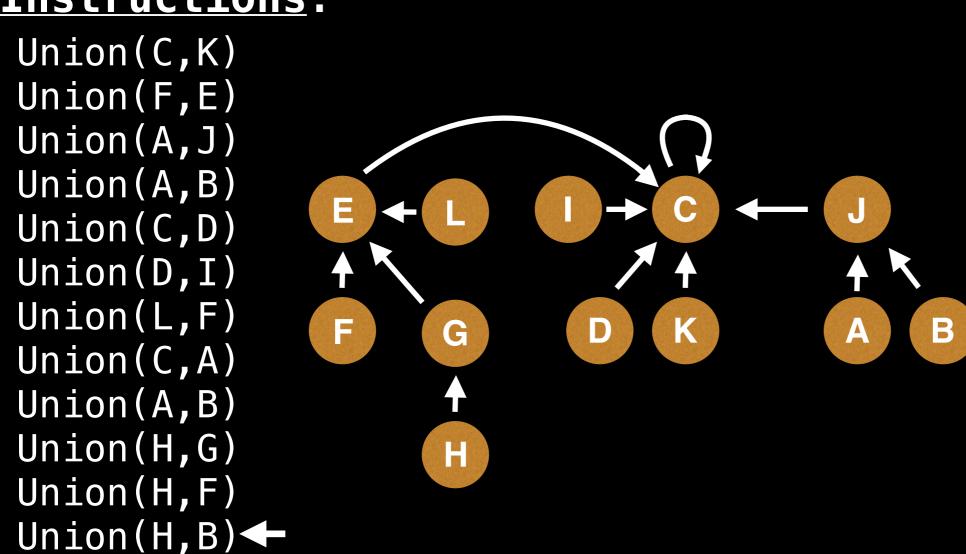
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Summary

Find Operation

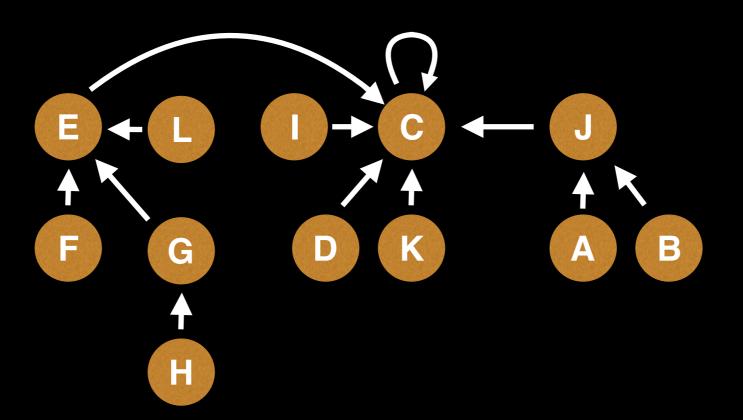
To **find** which component a particular element belongs to find the root of that component by following the parent nodes until a self loop is reached (a node who's parent is itself)

Union Operation

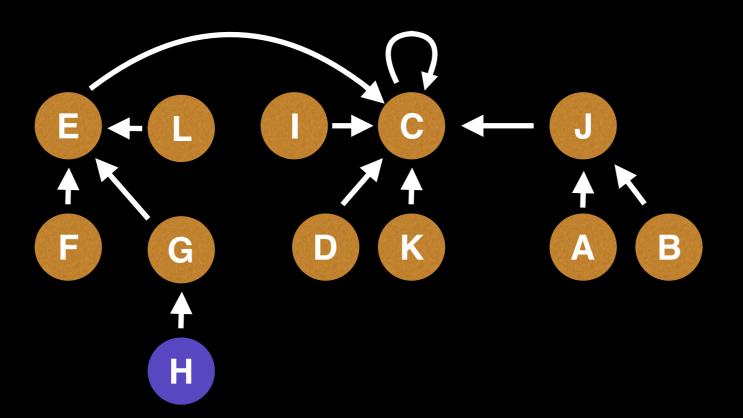
To unify two elements find which are the root nodes of each component and if the root nodes are different make one of the root nodes be the parent of the other.

The number of components is equal to the number of roots remaining. Also, remark that the number of root nodes never increases.

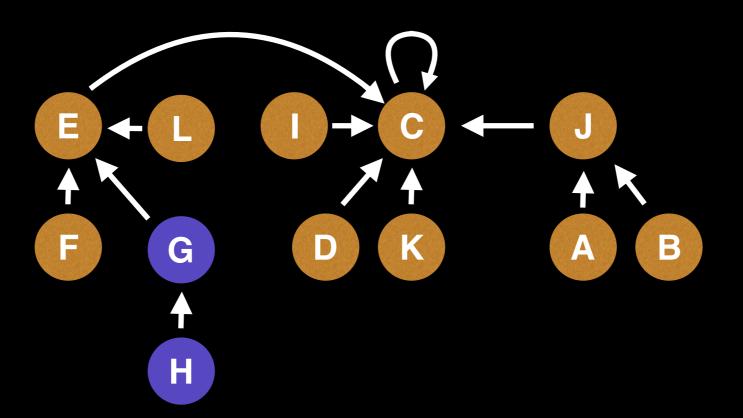
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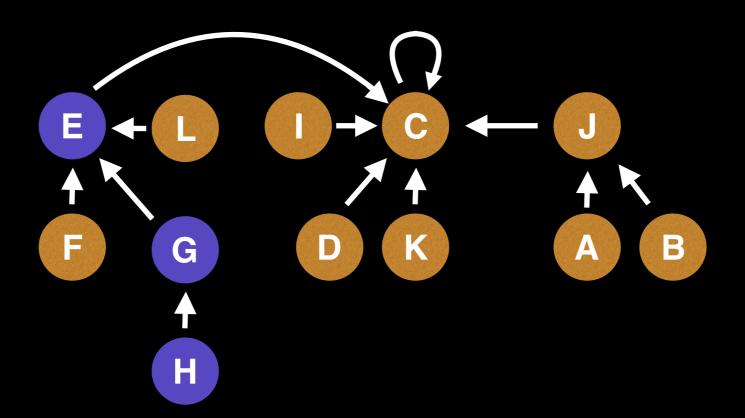
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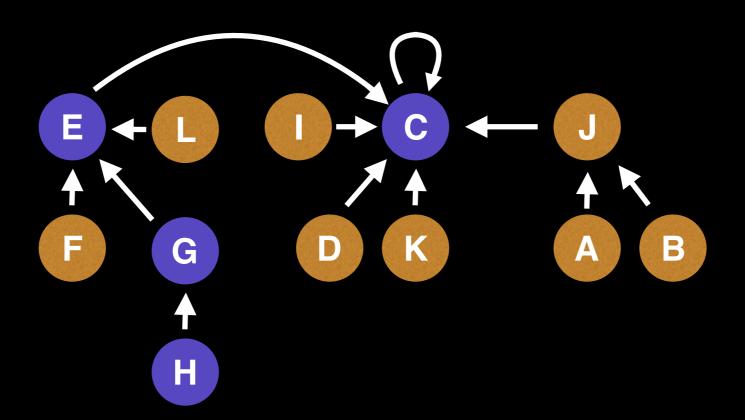
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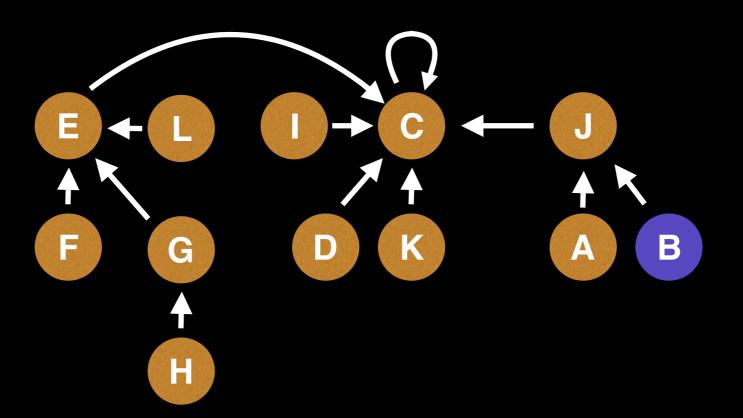
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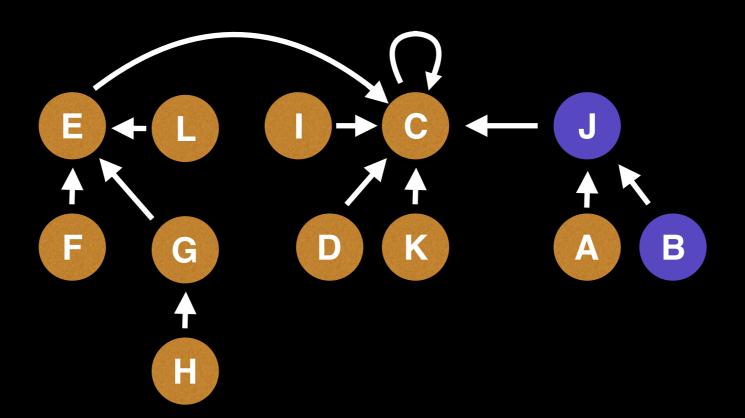
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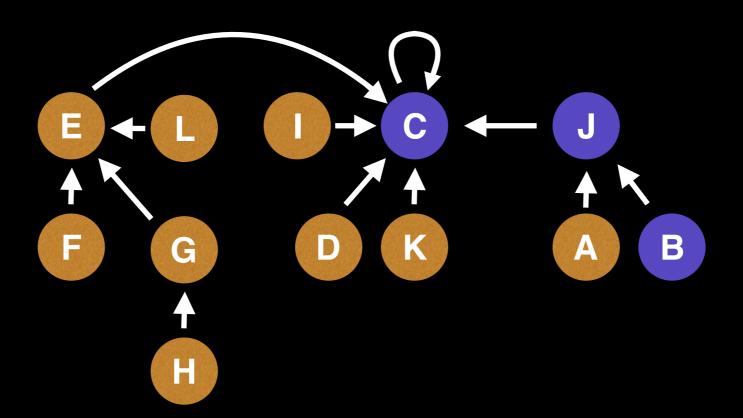
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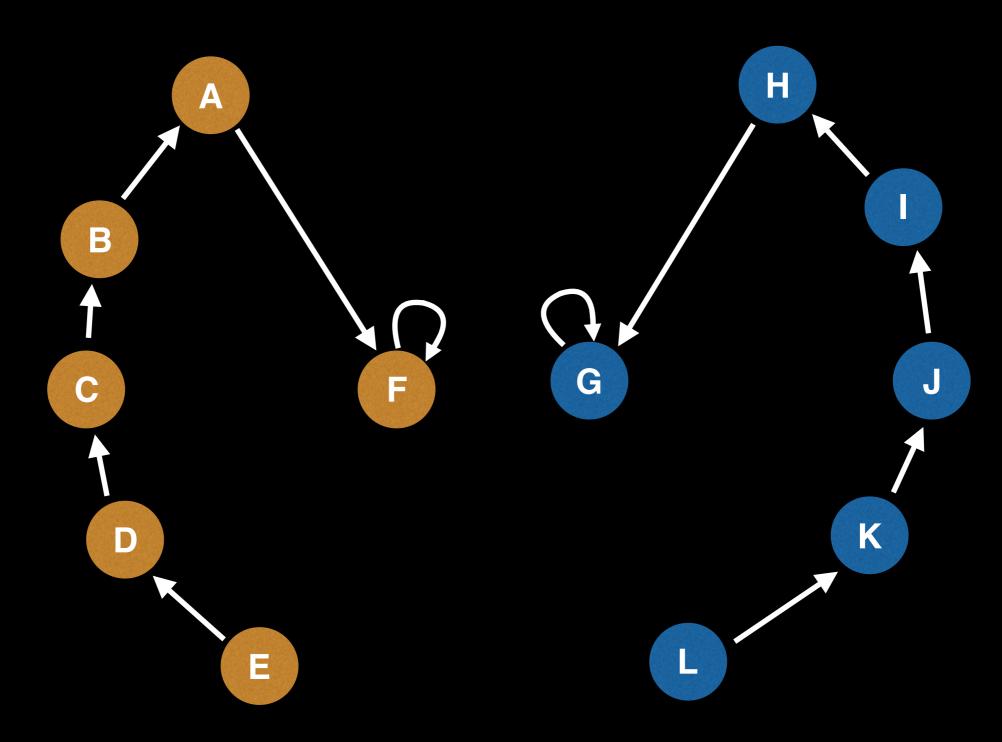
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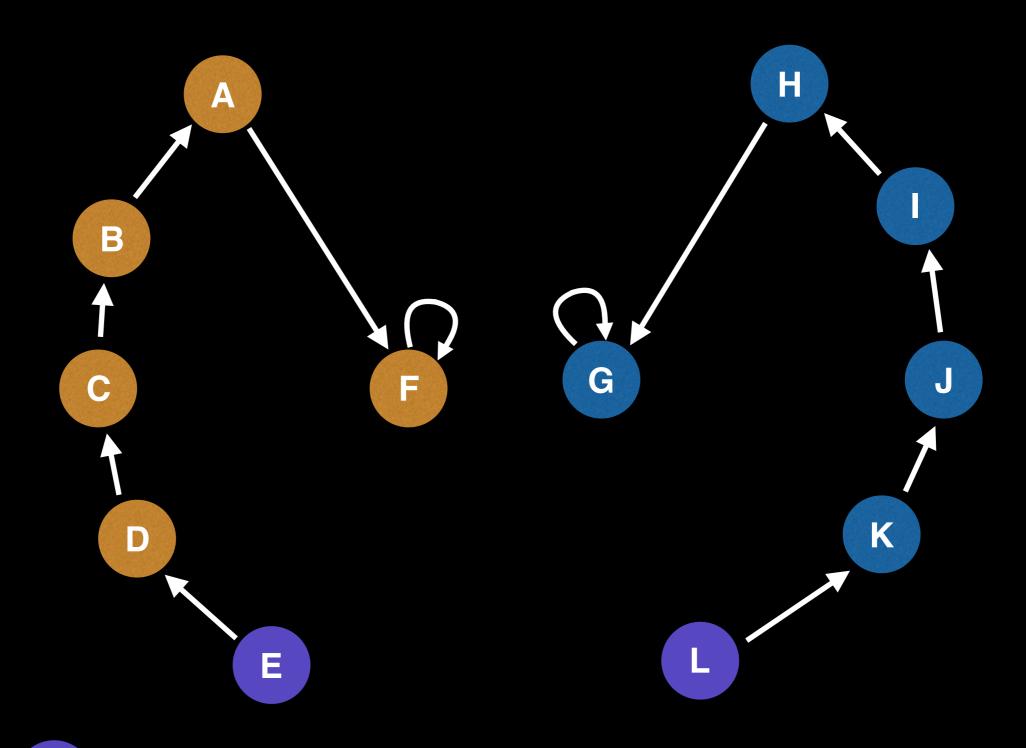
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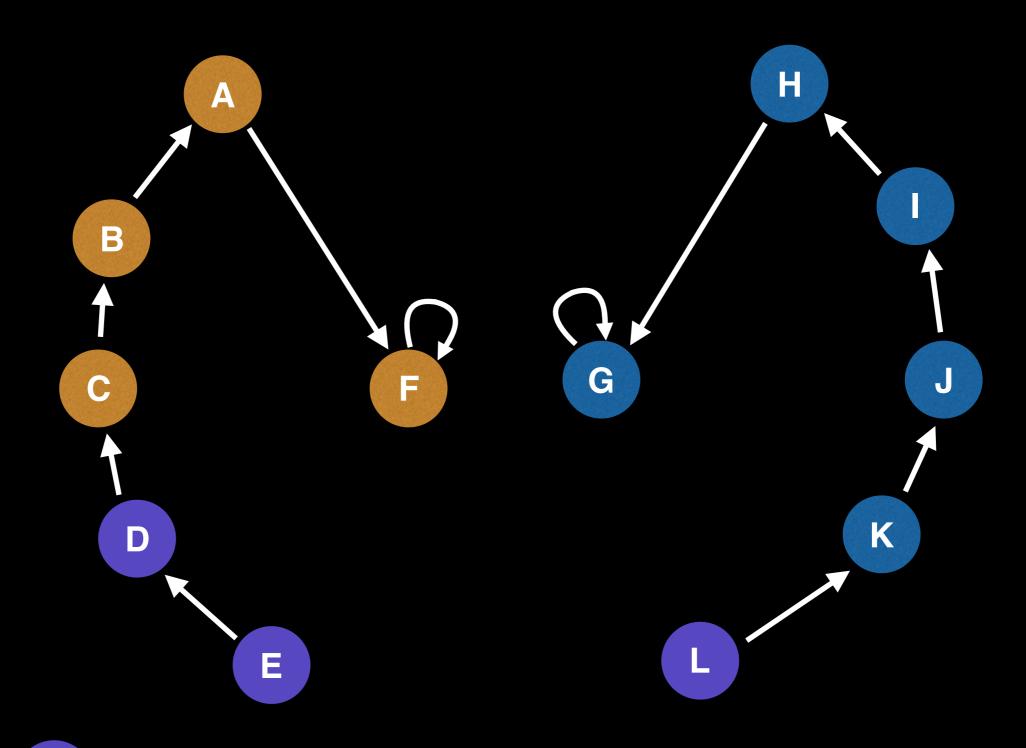


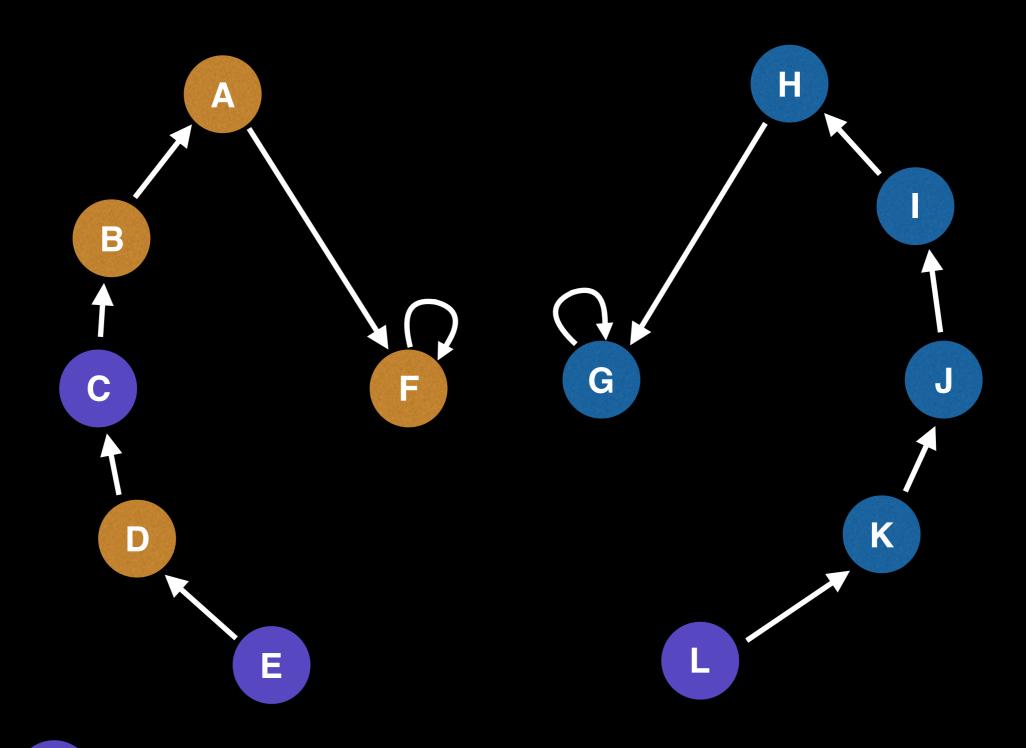
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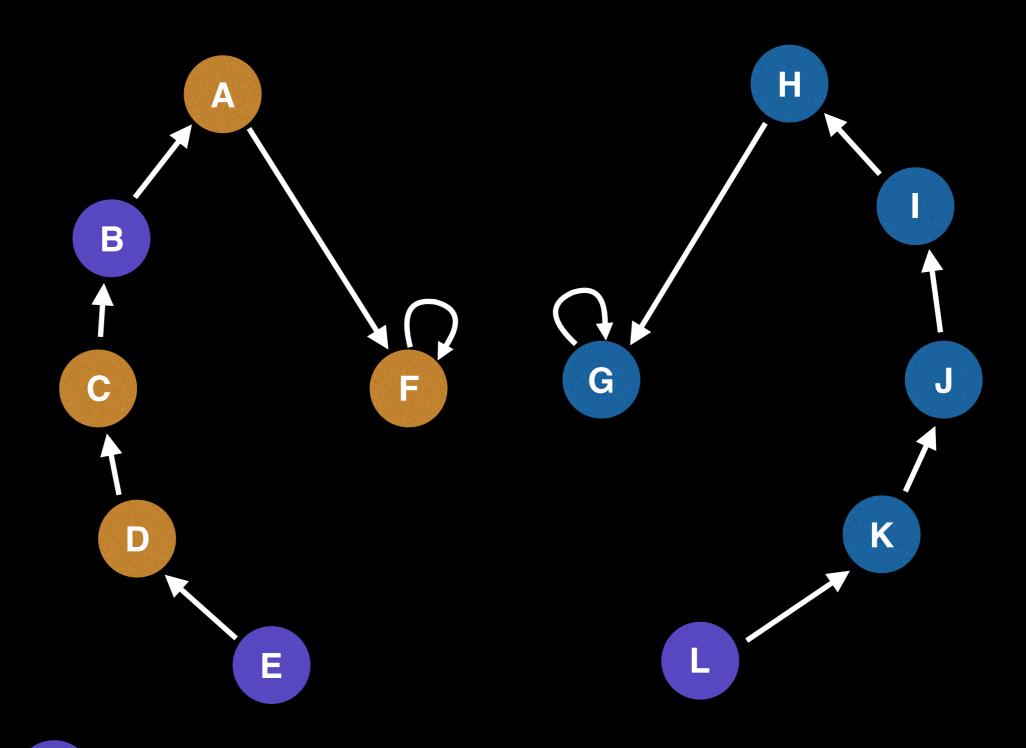


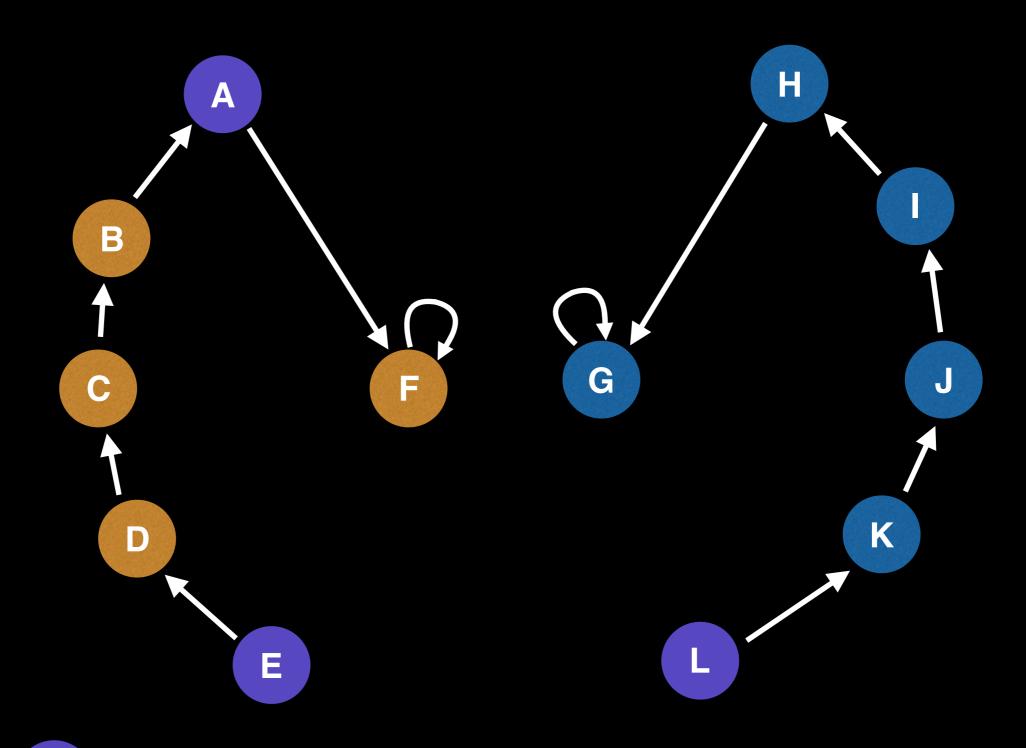
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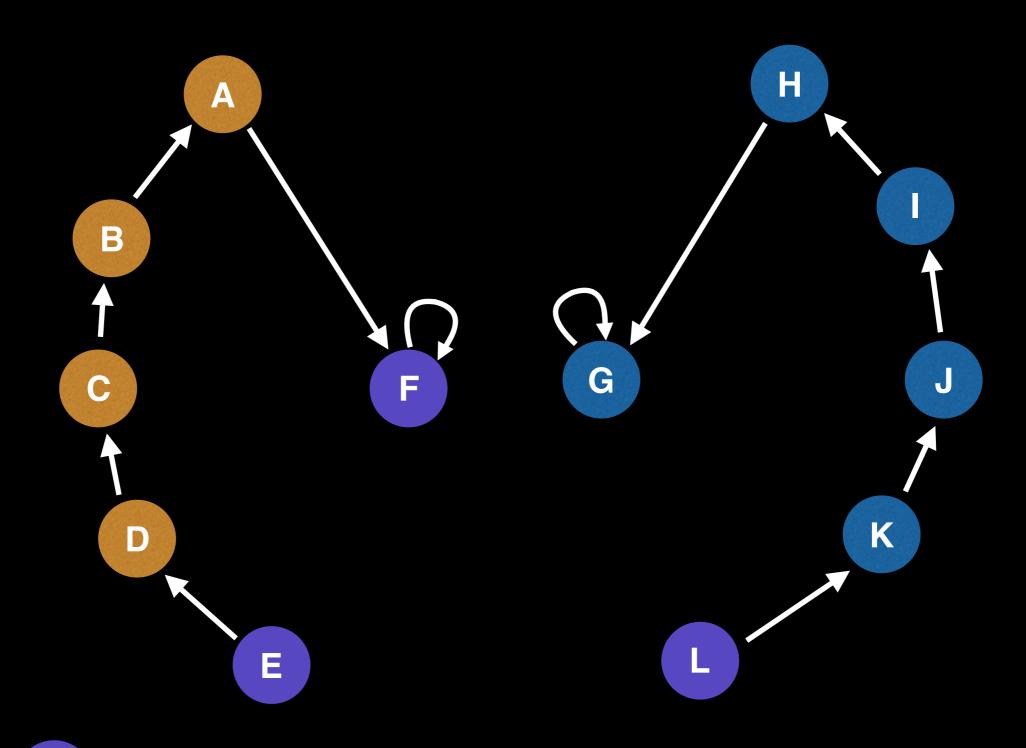


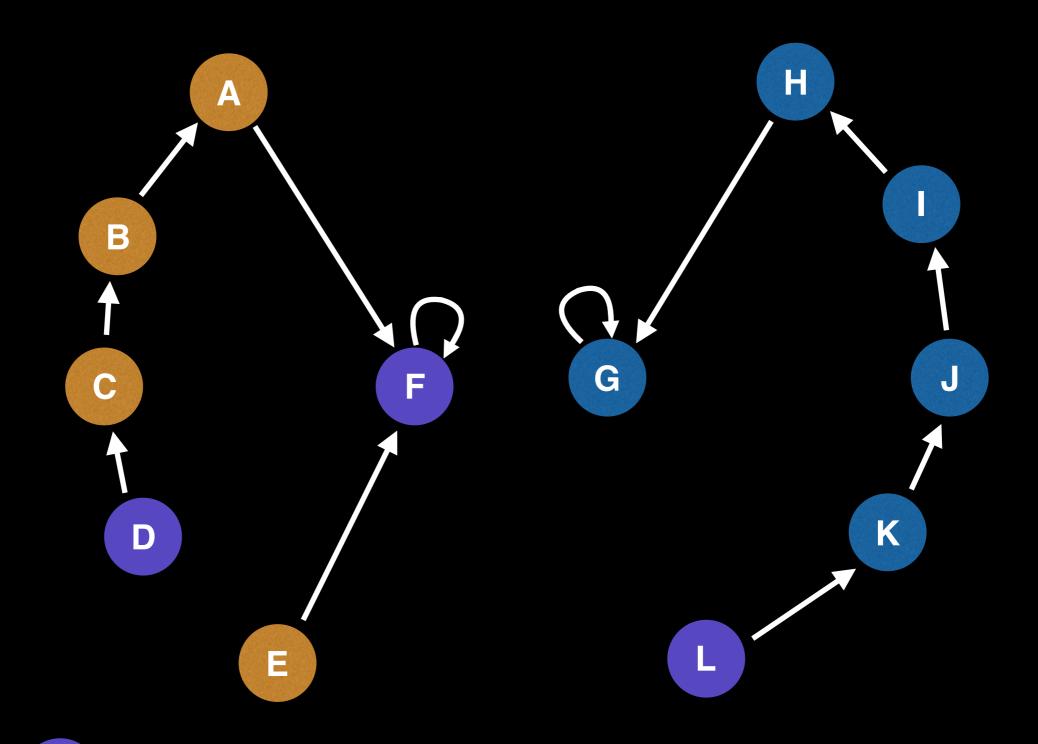


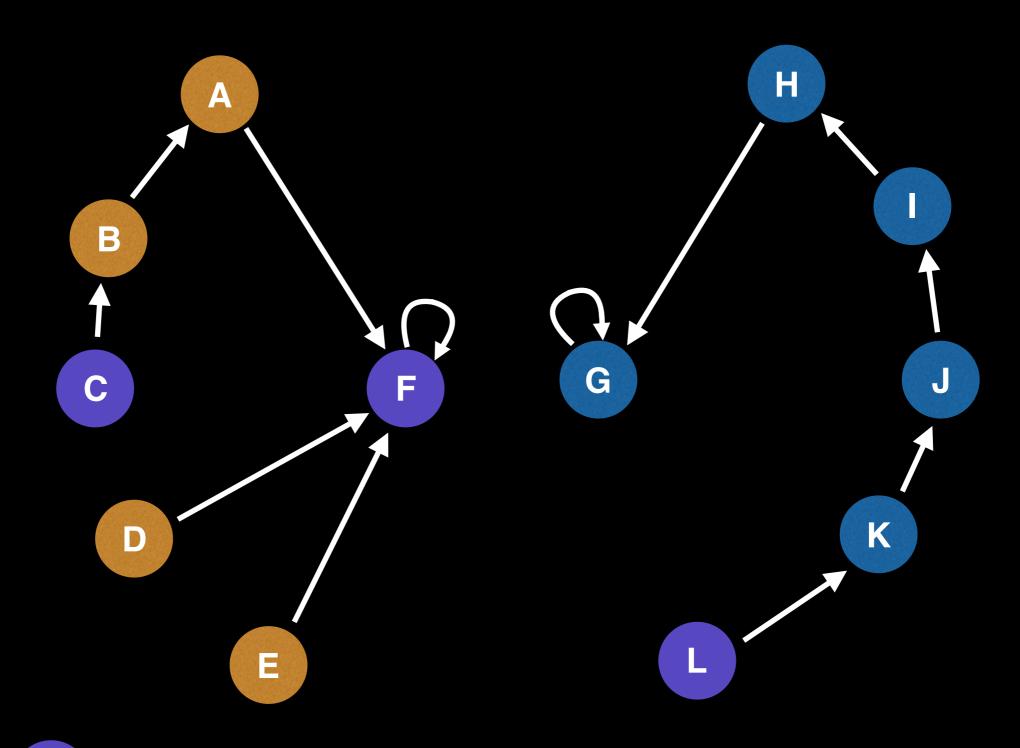


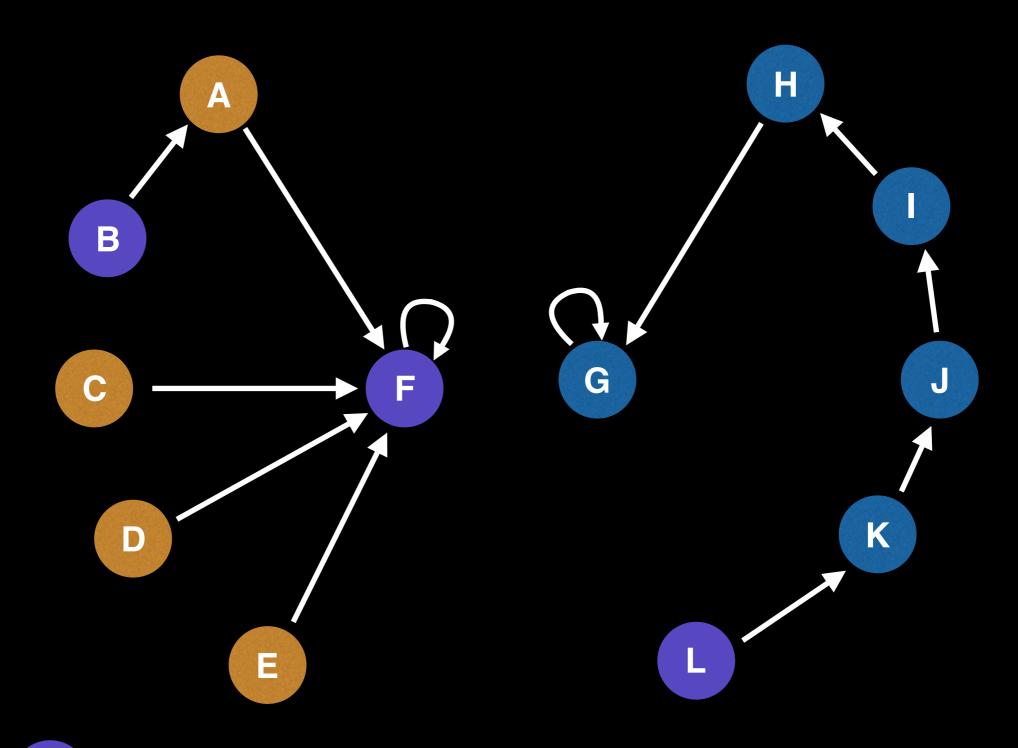


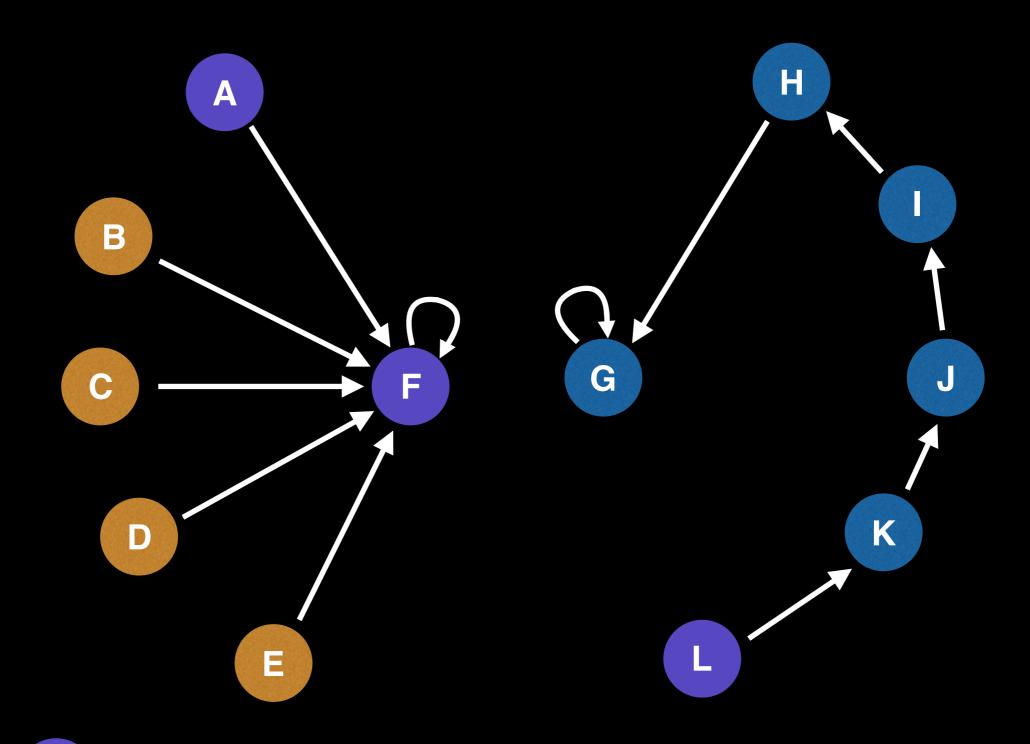


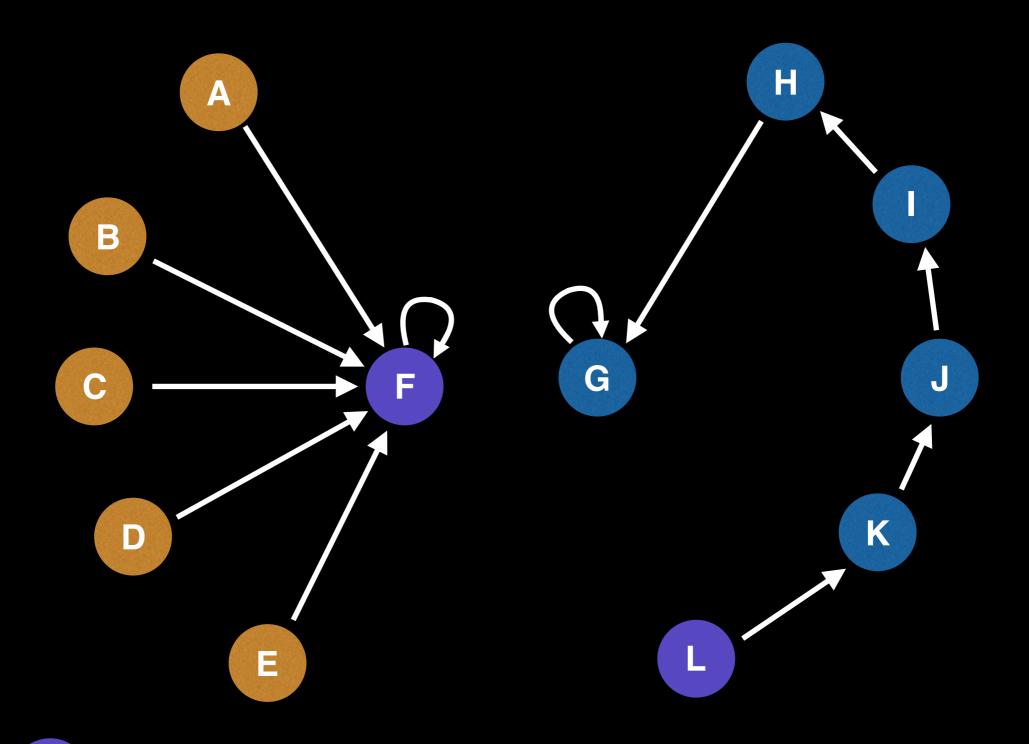


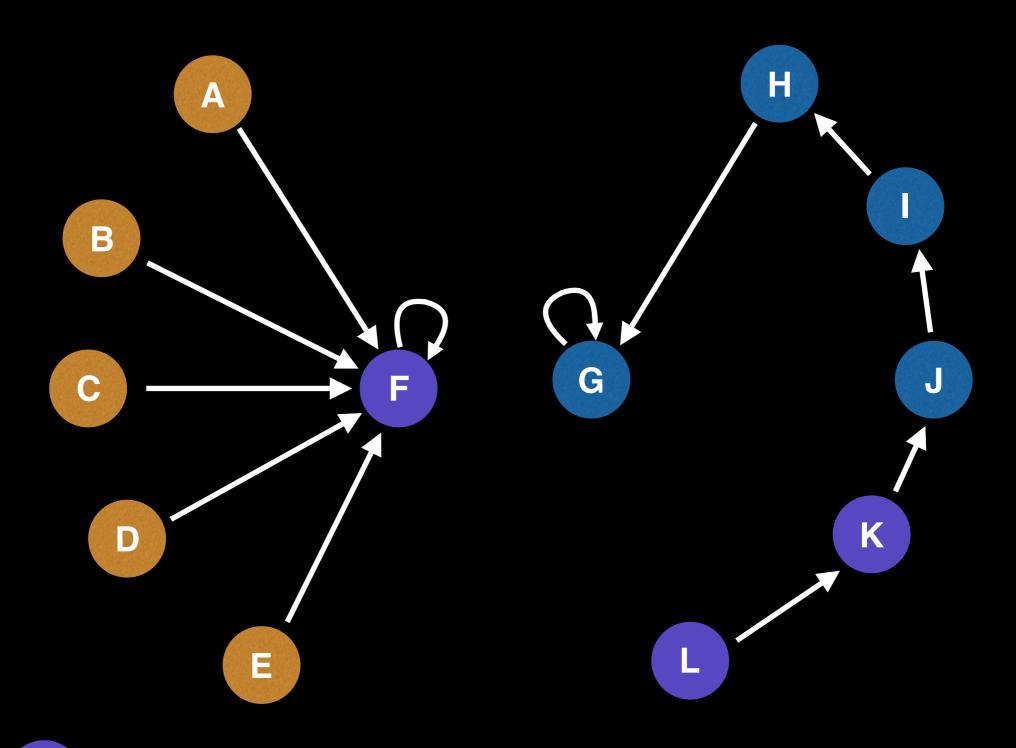


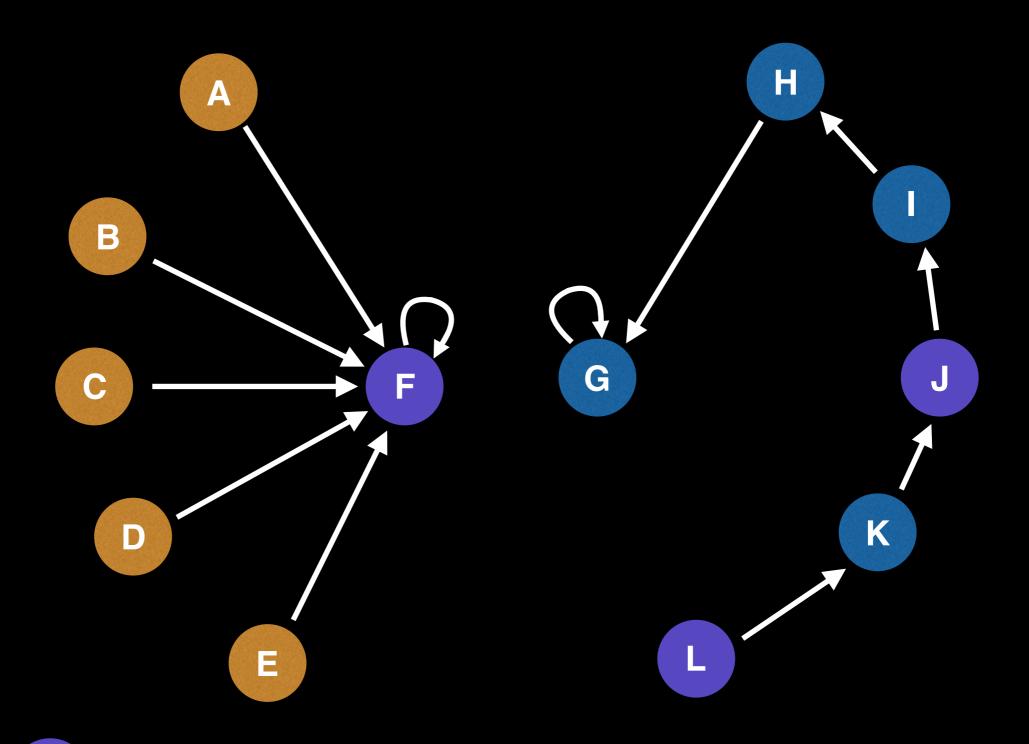


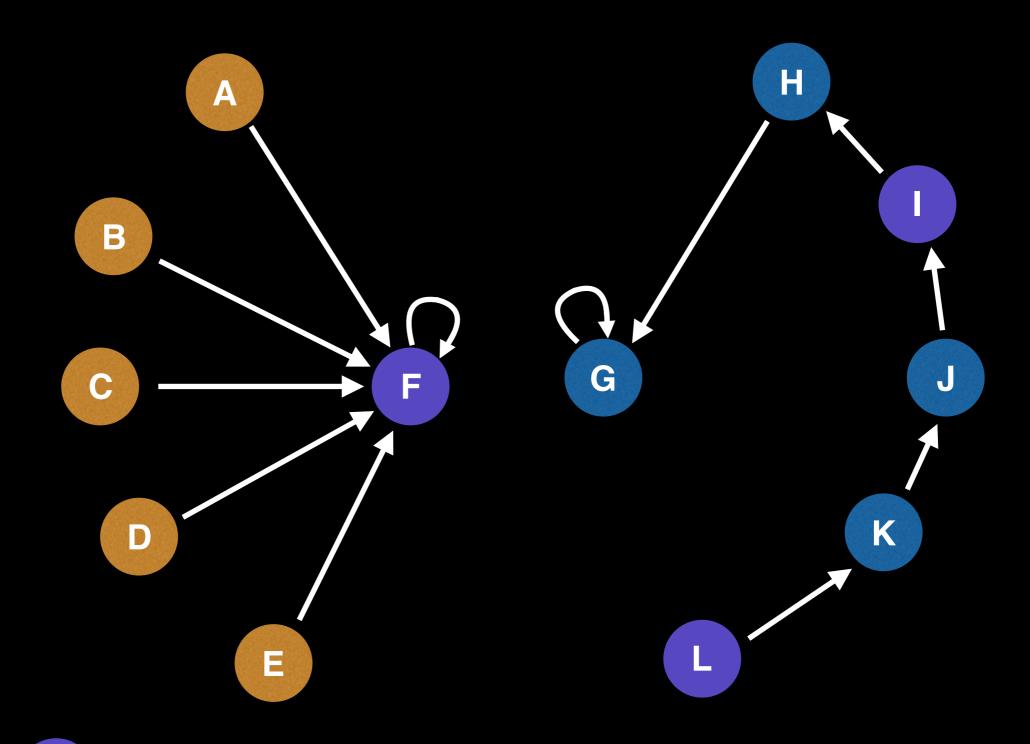


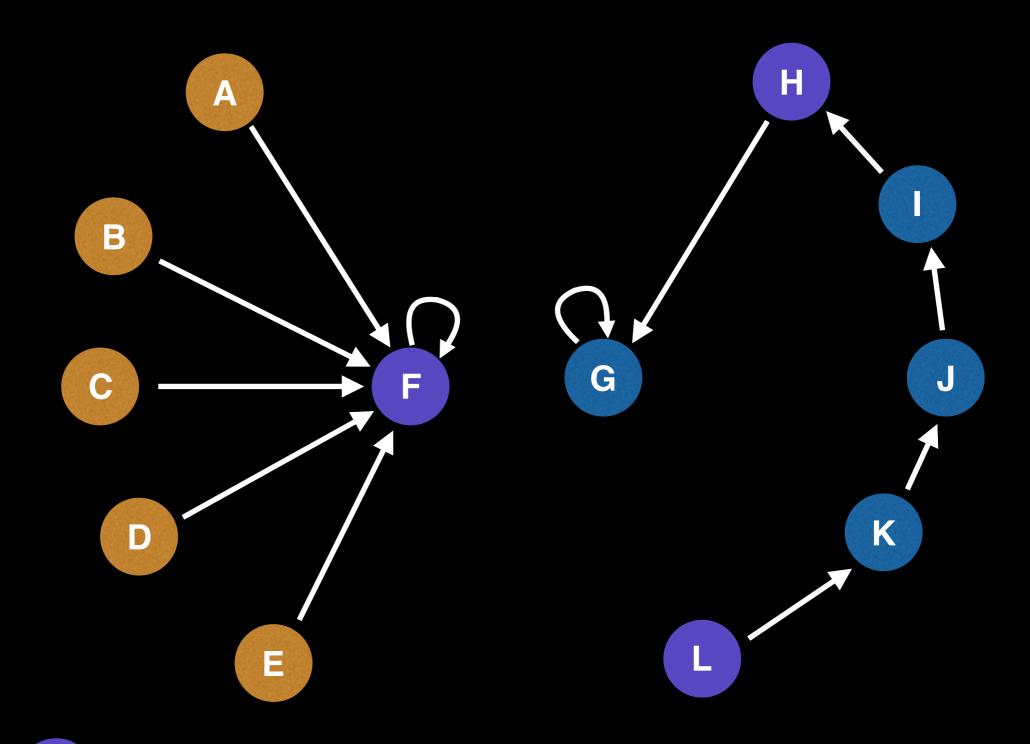


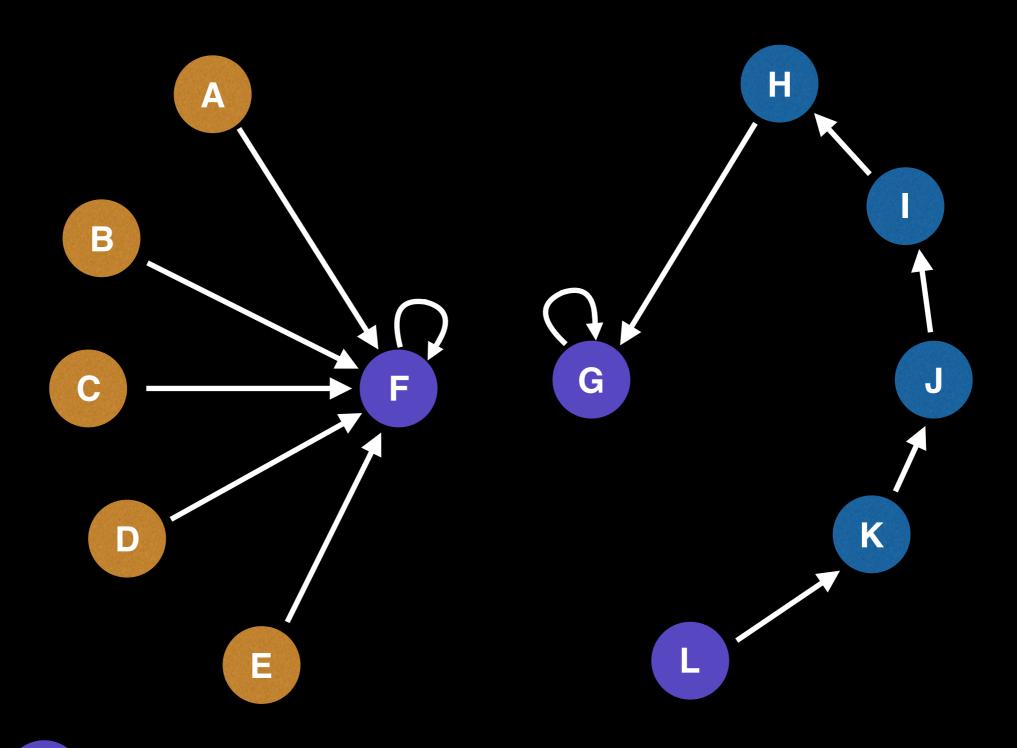


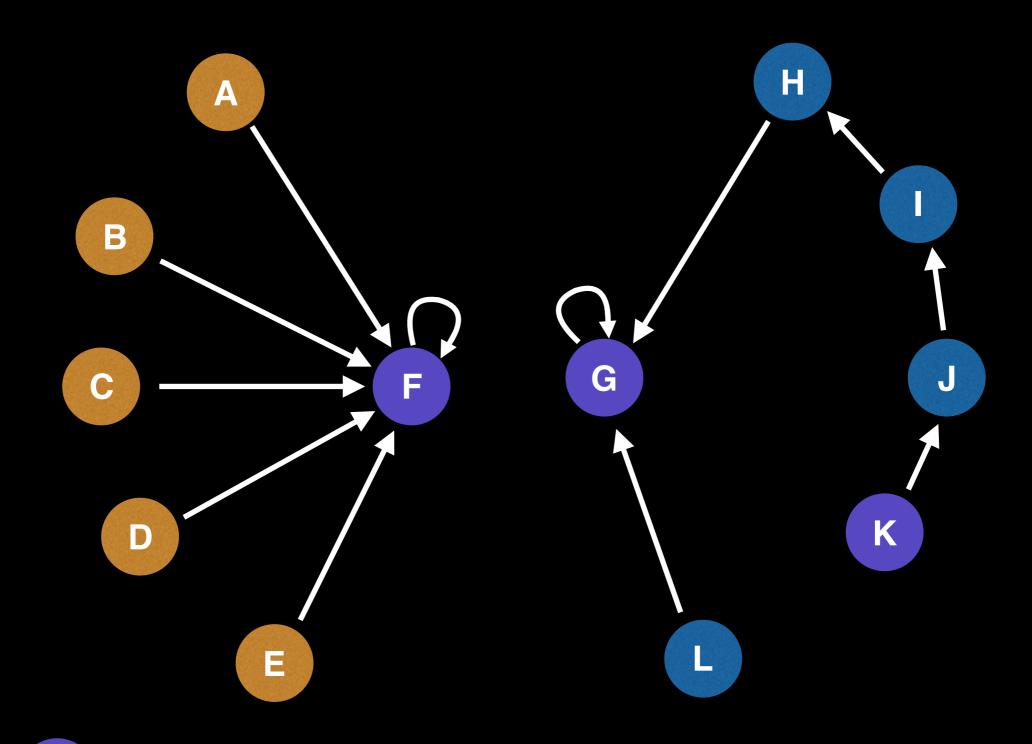


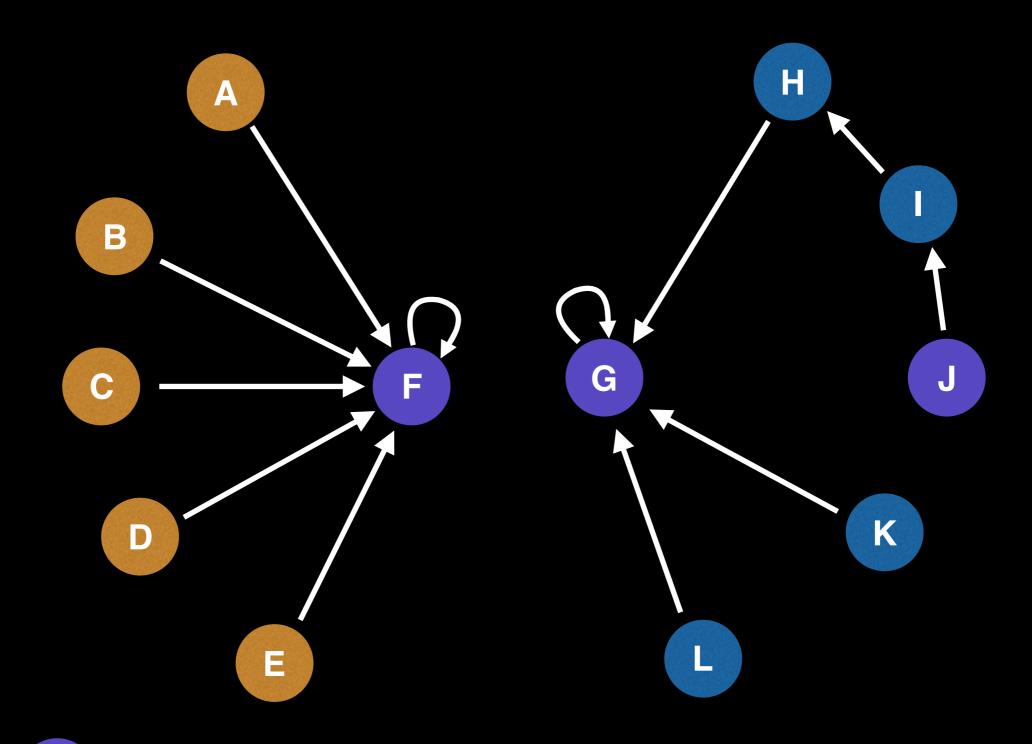


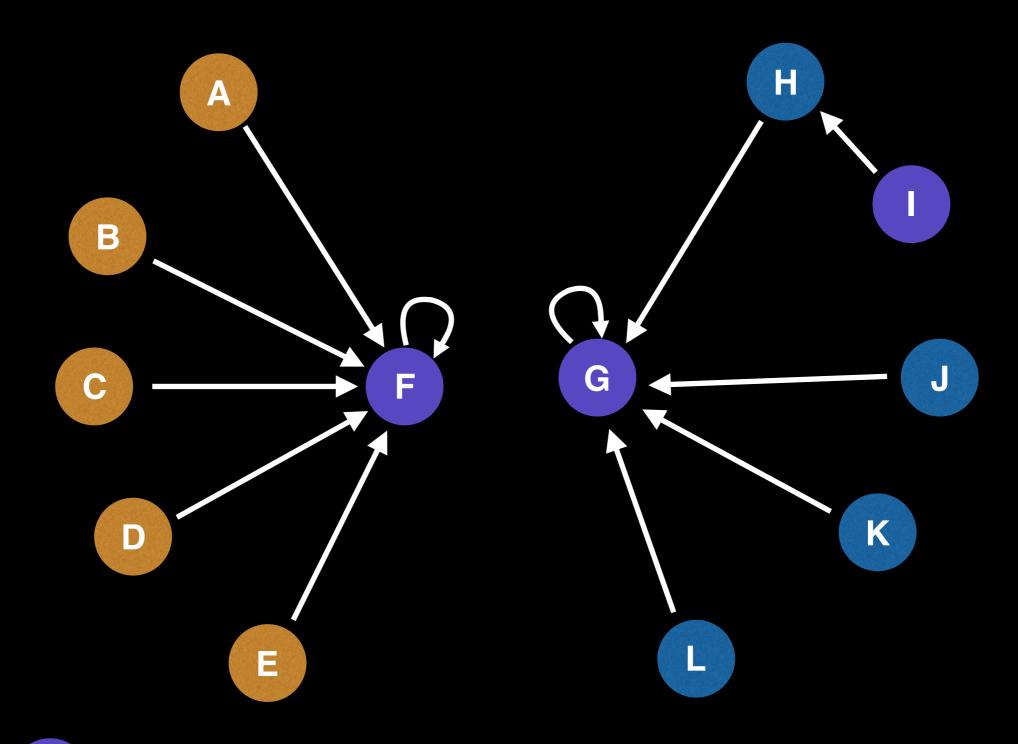


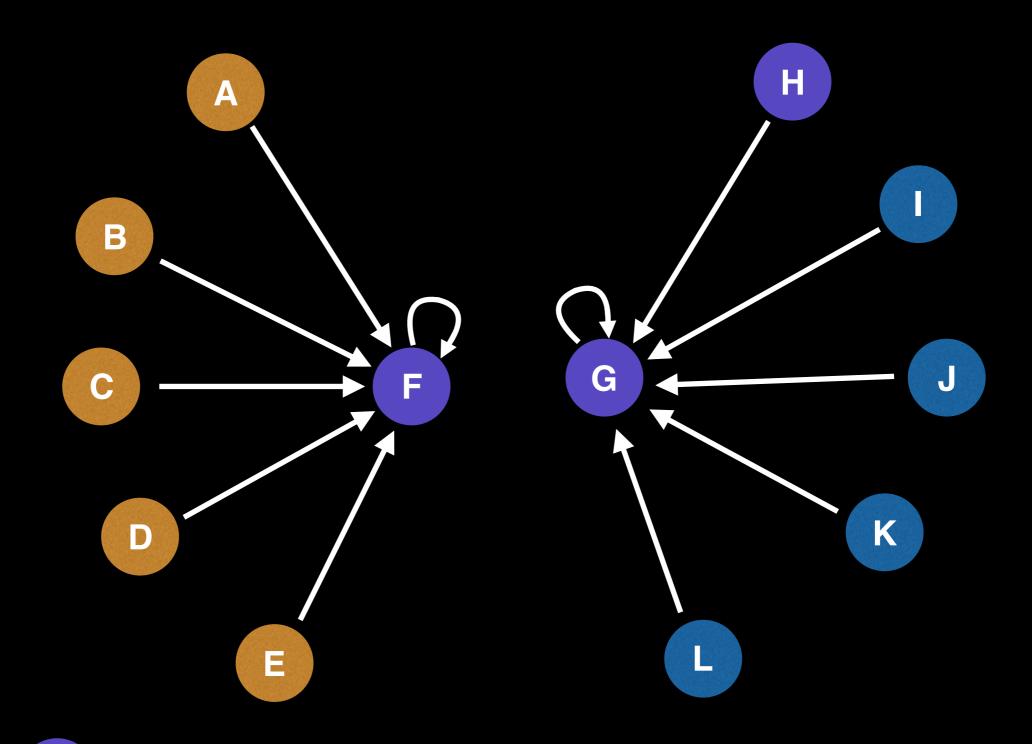


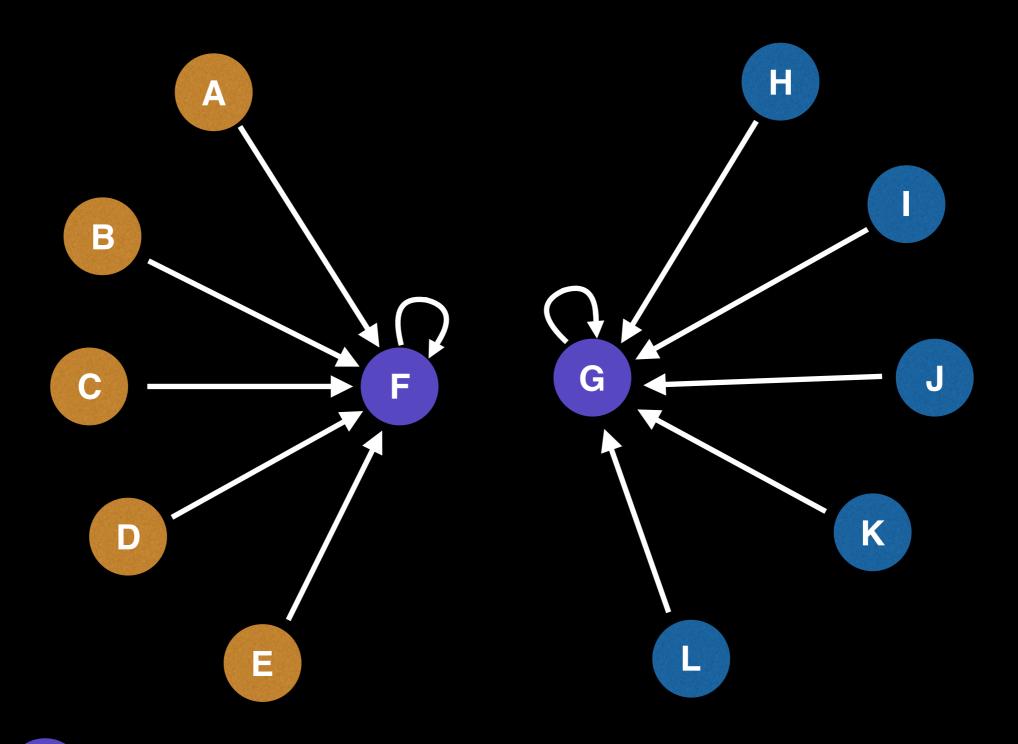


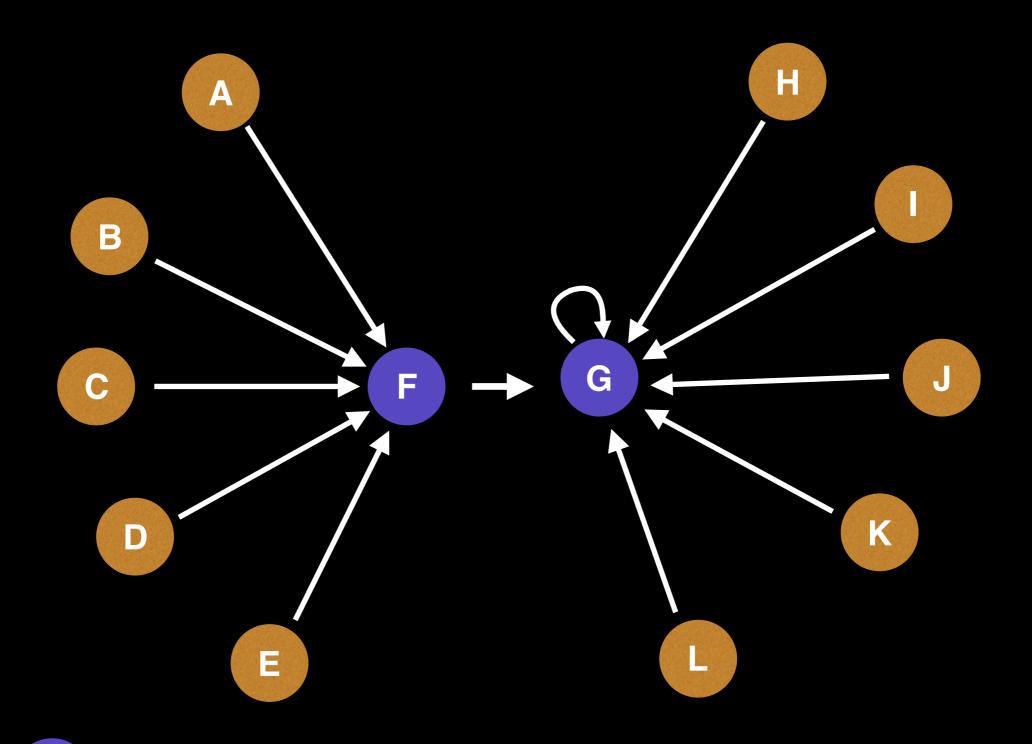


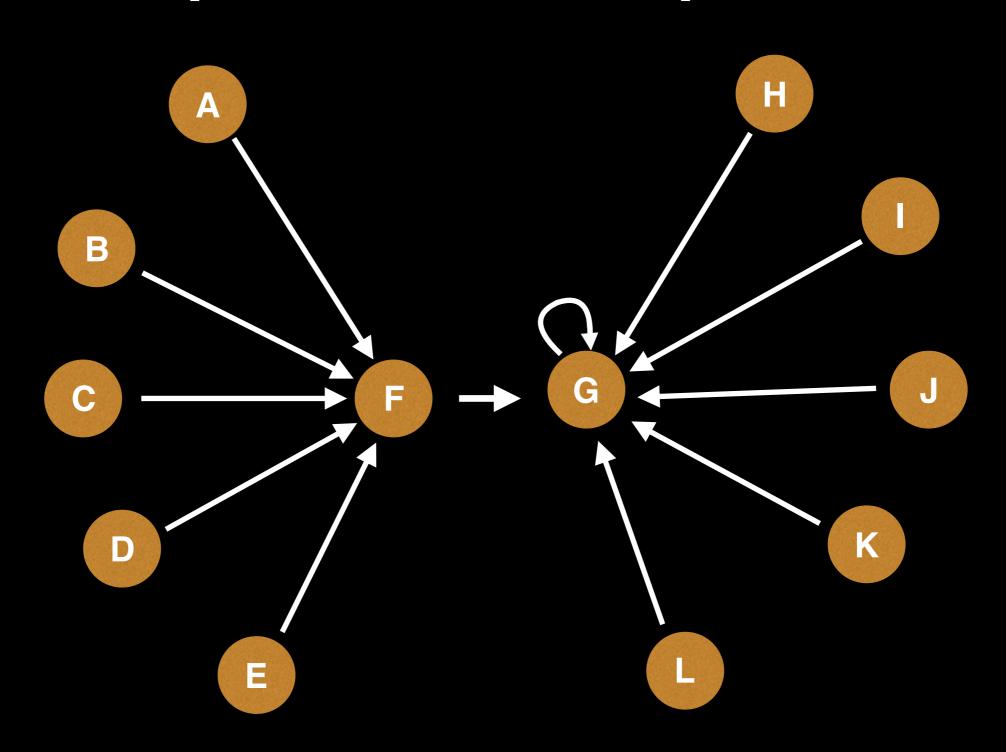


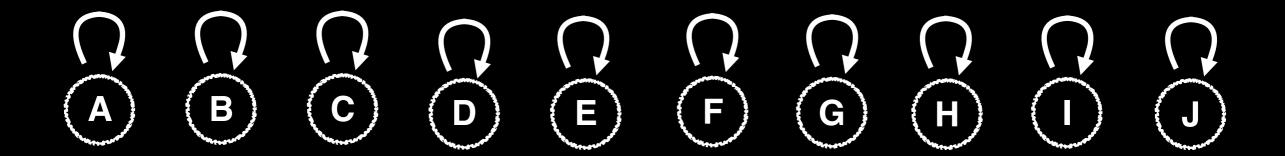




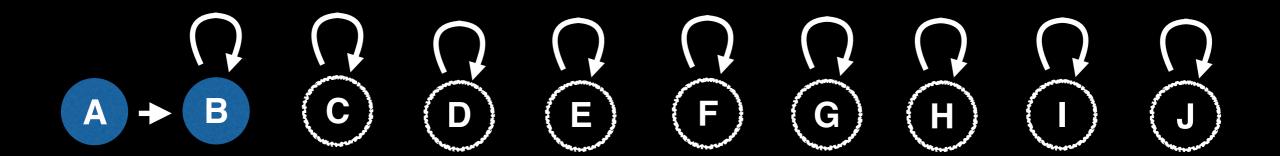




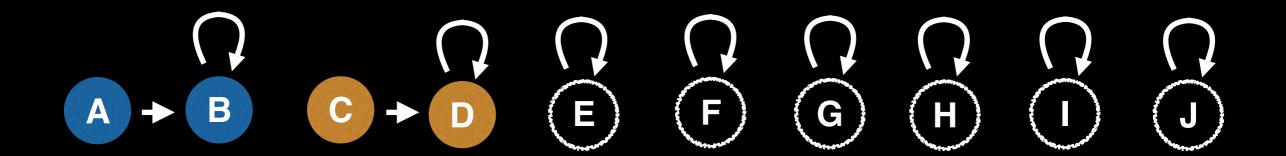




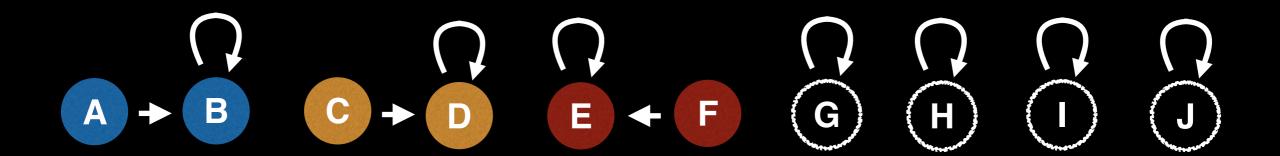
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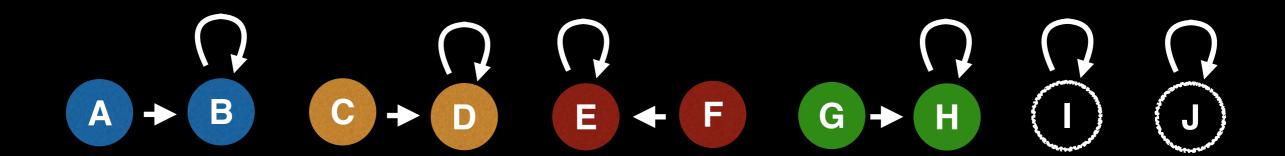


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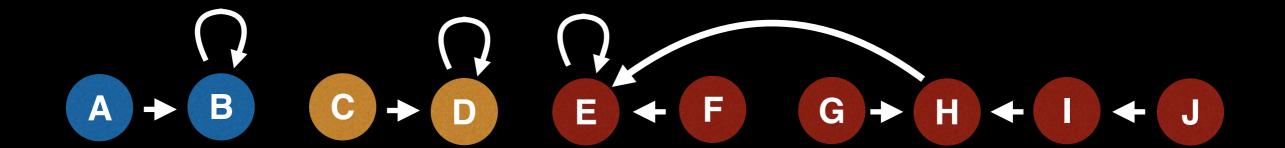
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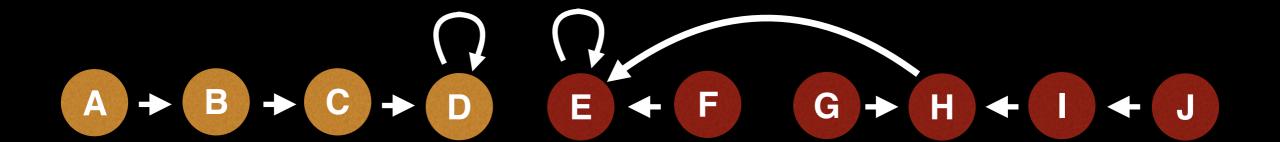
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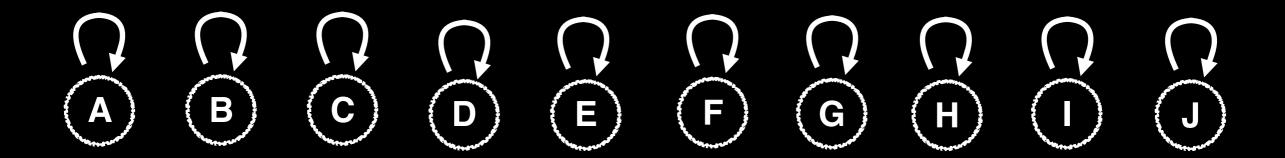


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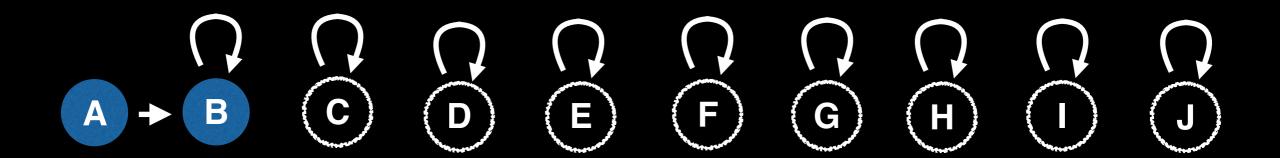


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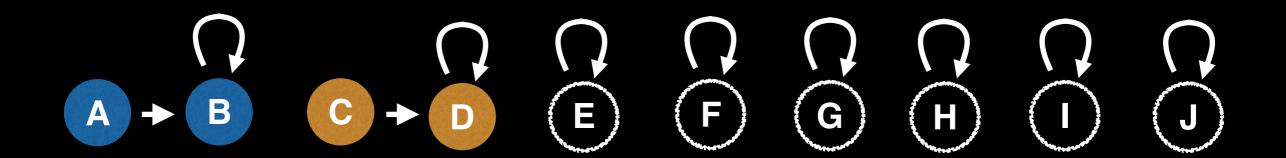
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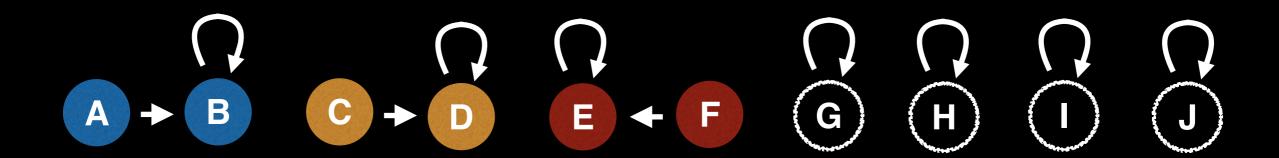
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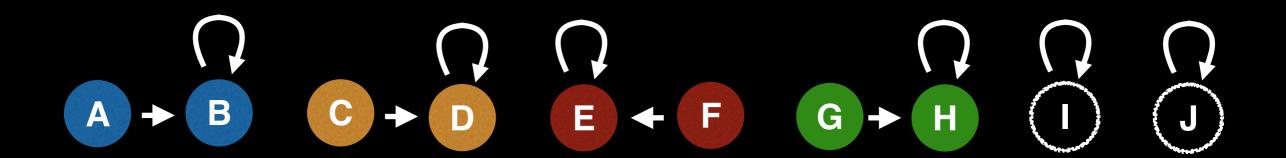
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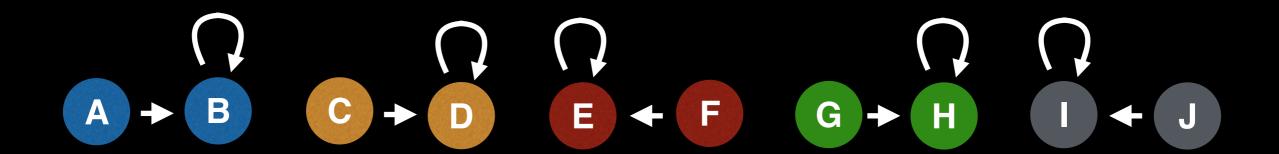
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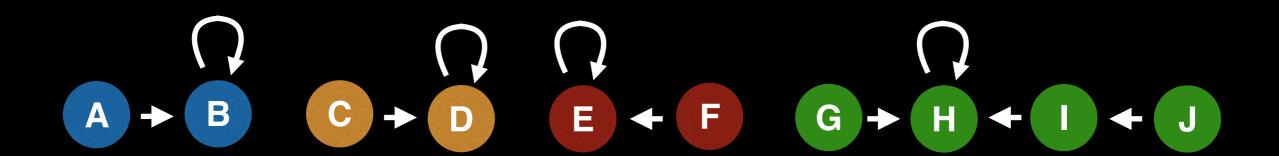
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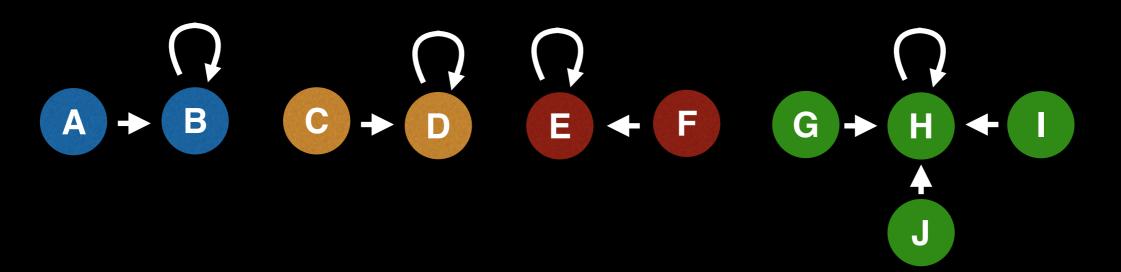
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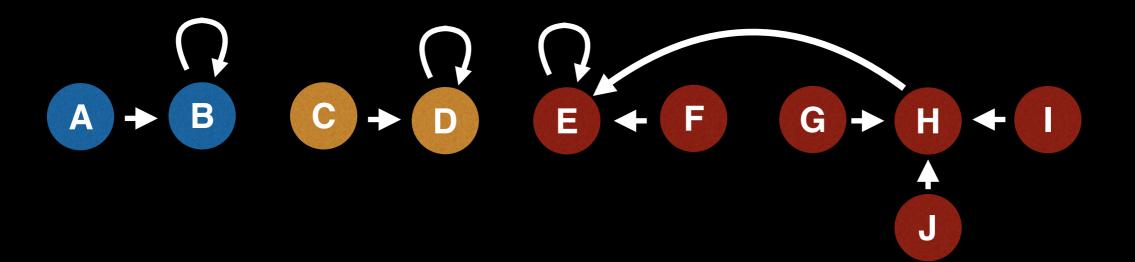
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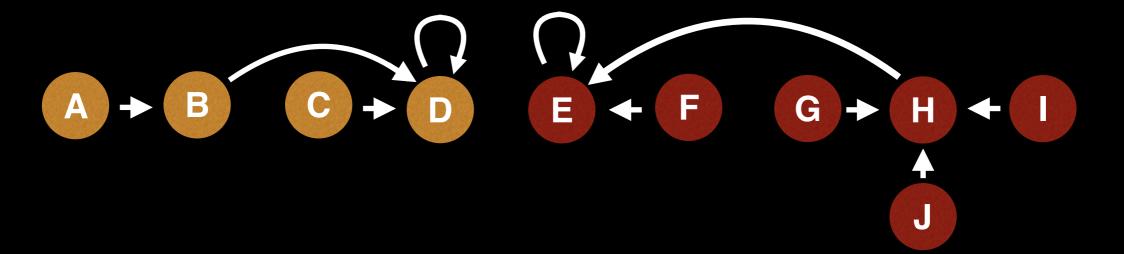
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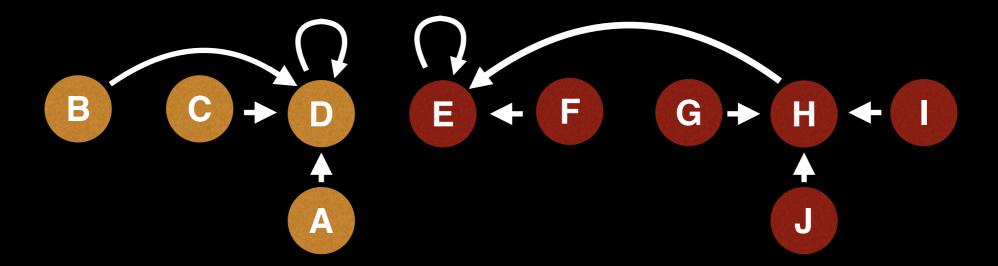
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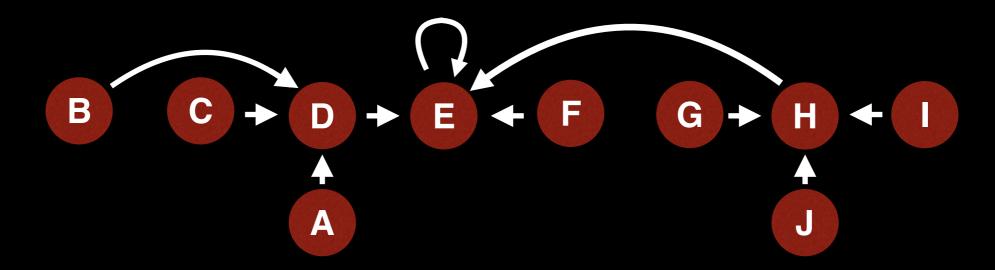
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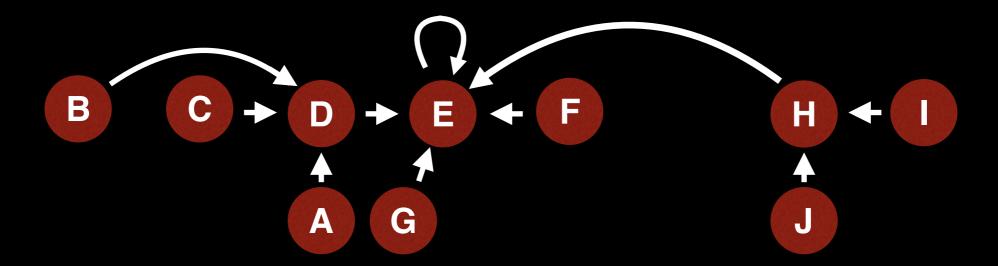
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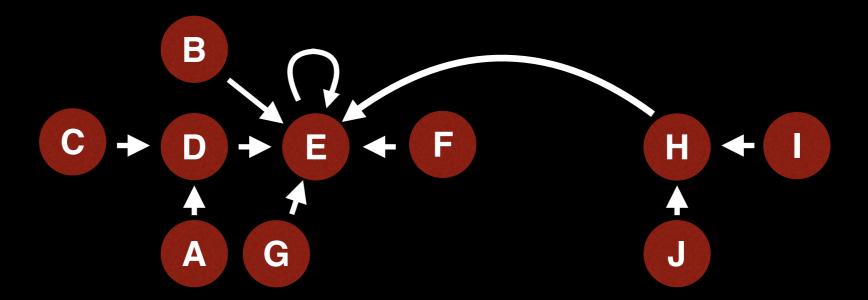
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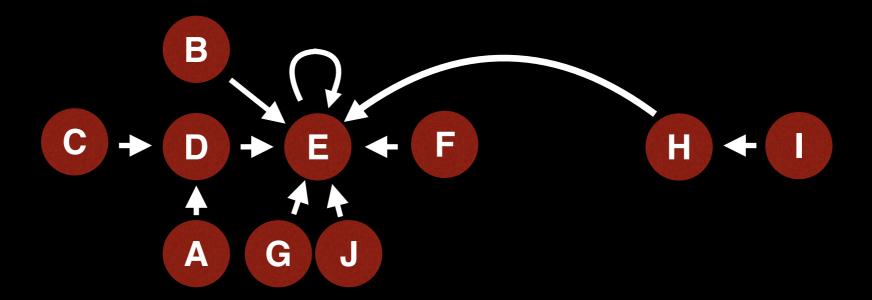
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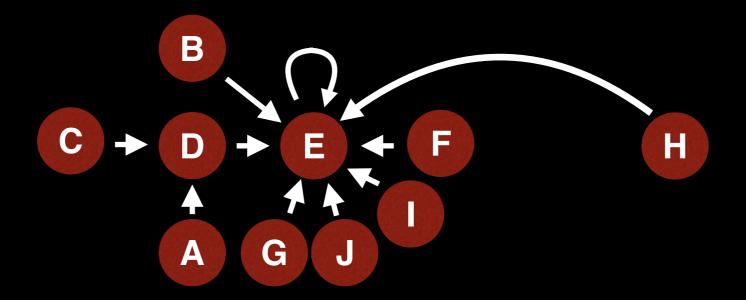
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<u>Instructions</u>:

<pre>Union(A,B) Union(C,D) Union(E,F) Union(G,H)</pre>	Union(J,G) Union(H,F) Union(A,C) Union(D,E) Union(G,B)
Union(I,J)	Union(G,B) Union(I,J)