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Introduction to Software Testing

CSCI 5828: Foundations of Software Engineering
Lecture 05 — 01/31/2012

Goals

- Provide introduction to fundamental concepts of software testing
 - Terminology
 - Testing of Systems
 - unit tests, integration tests, system tests, acceptance tests
 - Testing of Code
 - Black Box
 - Gray Box
 - White Box
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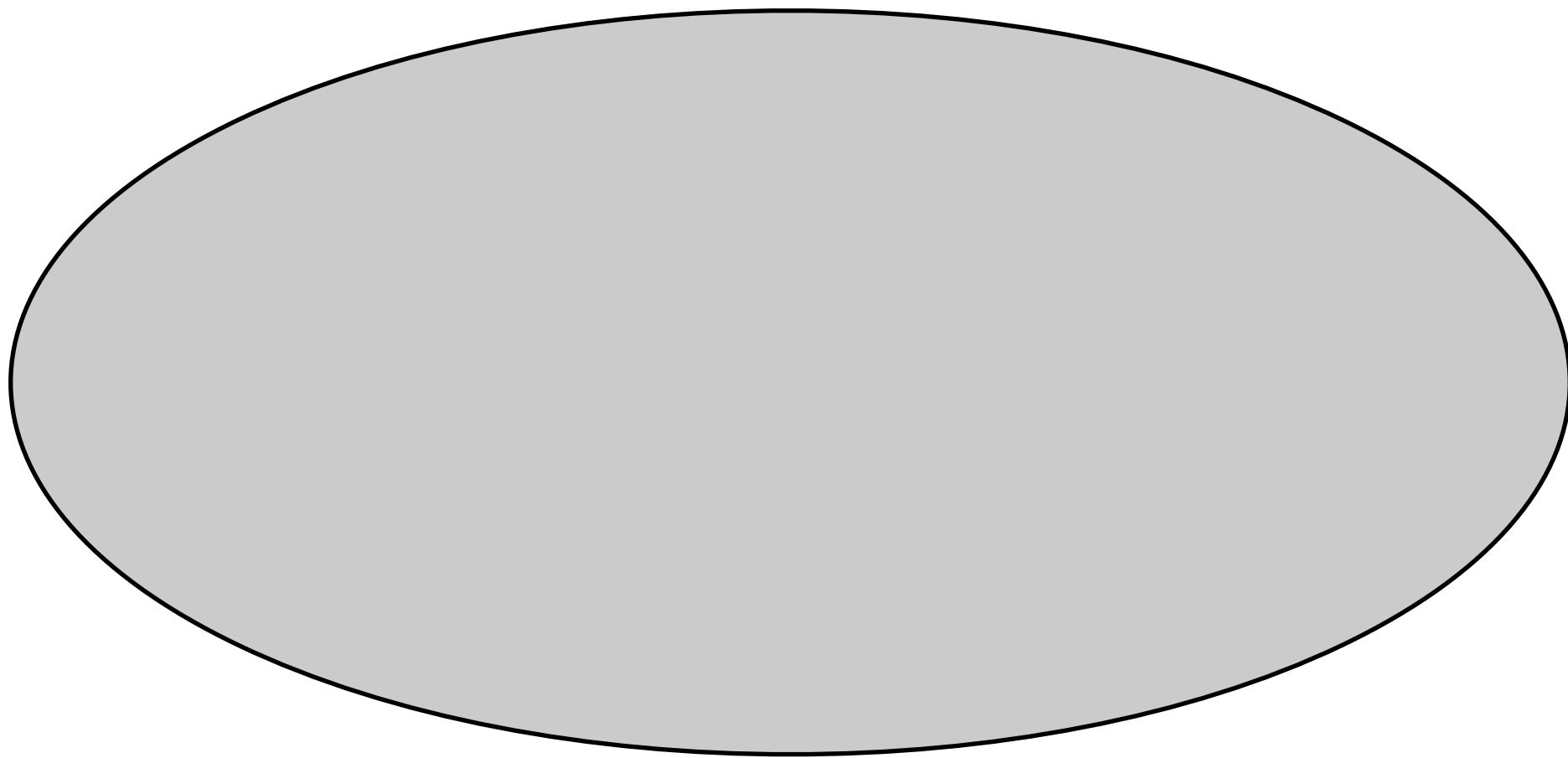
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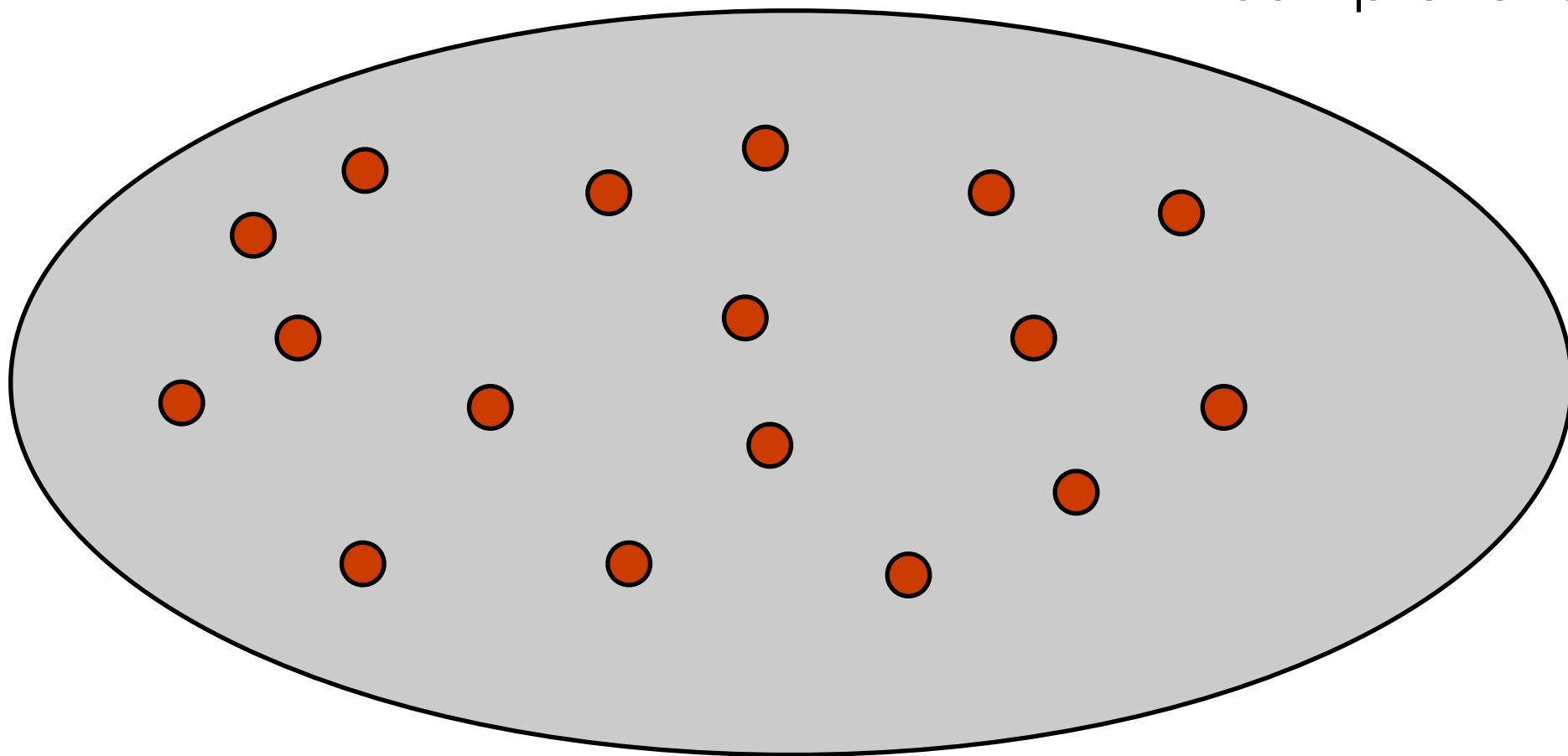
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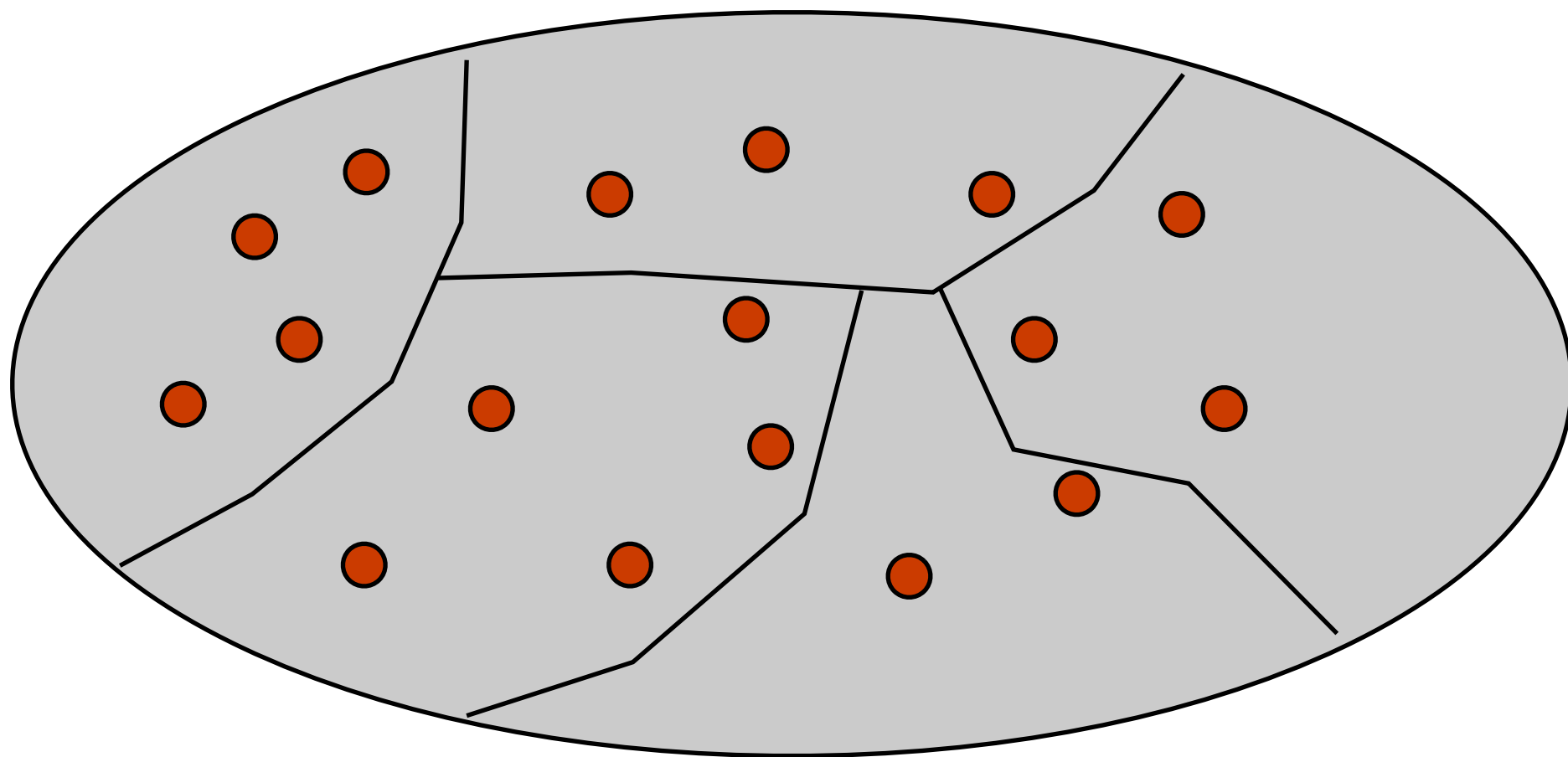
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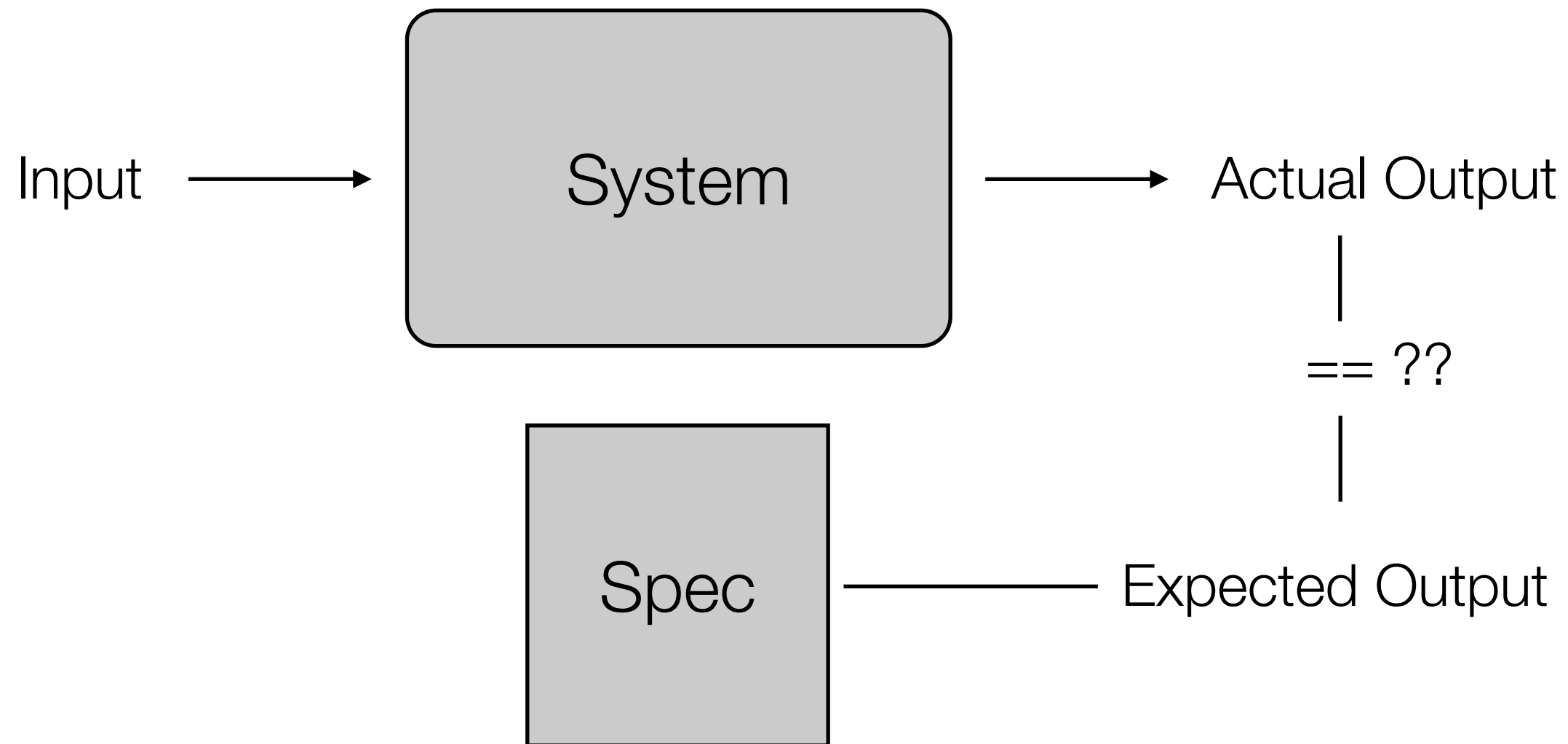
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- Tests performed by the user to check that the delivered system meets their needs
 - In large, custom projects, developers will be on-site to install system and then respond to problems as they arise

Multi-Level Testing

- Once we have code, we can perform three types of tests
 - **Black Box Testing**
 - Does the system behave as predicted by its specification
 - **Grey Box Testing**
 - Having a bit of insight into the architecture of the system, does it behave as predicted by its specification
 - **White Box Testing**
 - Since, we have access to most of the code, lets make sure we are covering all aspects of the code: statements, branches, ...

Black Box Testing



A **black box test** passes **input** to a system, records the **actual output** and compares it to the **expected output**

Note: if you do not have a spec, then any behavior by the system is correct!

Results

- if actual output == expected output
 - TEST PASSED
- else
 - TEST FAILED
- Process
 - Write at least one test case per functional capability
 - Iterate on code until all tests pass
- Need to automate this process as much as possible

Black Box Categories

- Functionality
 - User input validation (based off specification)
 - Output results
 - State transitions
 - are there clear states in the system in which the system is supposed to behave differently based on the state?
- Boundary cases and off-by-one errors

Grey Box Testing

- Use knowledge of system's architecture to create a more complete set of black box tests
 - Verifying auditing and logging information
 - for each function is the system really updating all internal state correctly
 - Data destined for other systems
 - System-added information (timestamps, checksums, etc.)
 - “Looking for Scraps”
 - Is the system correctly cleaning up after itself
 - temporary files, memory leaks, data duplication/deletion

White Box Testing

- Writing test cases with complete knowledge of code
 - Format is the same: input, expected output, actual output
- But, now we are looking at
 - code coverage (more on this in a minute)
 - proper error handling
 - working as documented (is method “foo” thread safe?)
 - proper handling of resources
 - how does the software behave when resources become constrained?

Code Coverage (I)

- A criteria for knowing white box testing is “complete”
 - statement coverage
 - write tests until all statements have been executed
 - branch coverage (a.k.a. edge coverage)
 - write tests until each edge in a program’s control flow graph has been executed at least once (covers true/false conditions)
 - condition coverage
 - like branch coverage but with more attention paid to the conditionals (if compound conditional, ensure that all combinations have been covered)

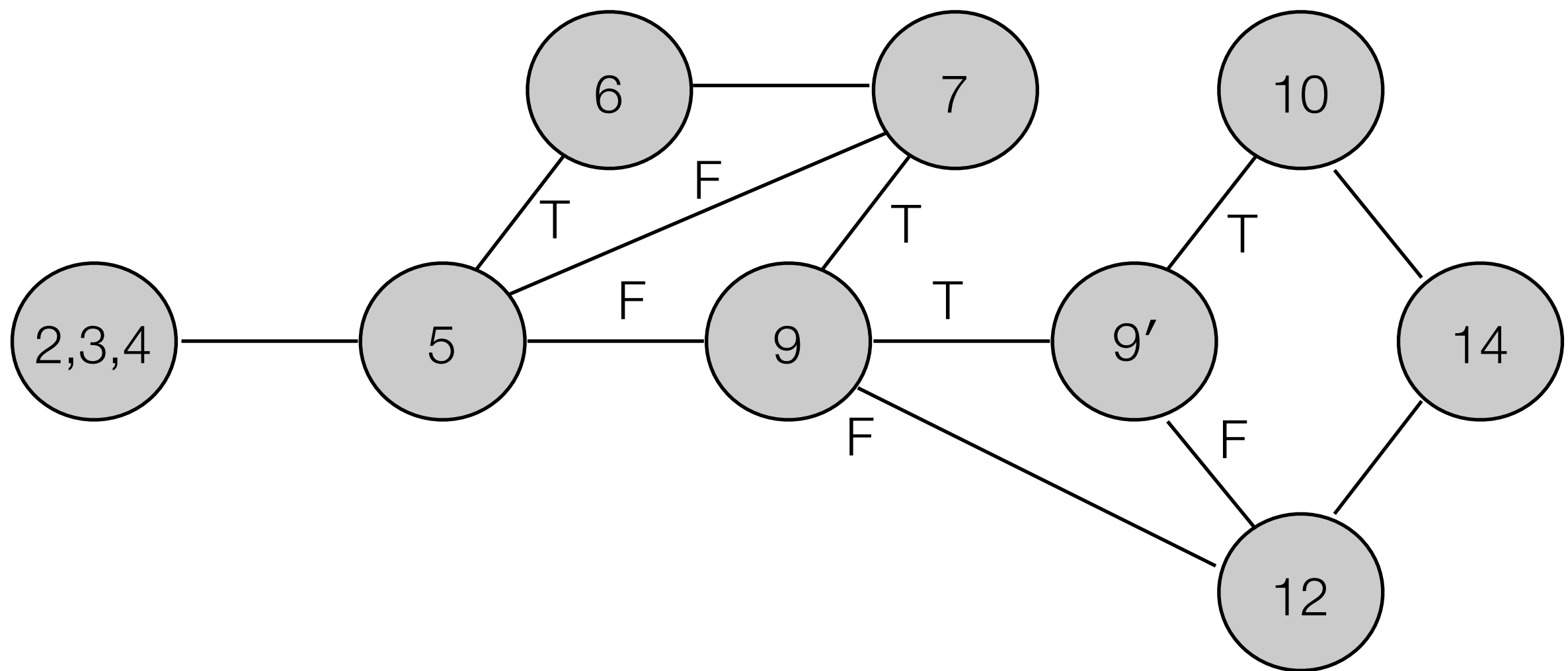
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 - path coverage
 - write tests until all paths in a program’s control flow graph have been executed multiple times as dictated by heuristics, e.g.,
 - for each loop, write a test case that executes the loop
 - zero times (skips the loop)
 - exactly one time
 - more than once (exact number depends on context)

A Sample Ada Program to Test

```
1      function P return INTEGER is
2      begin
3          X, Y: INTEGER;
4          READ(X); READ(Y);
5          while (X > 10) loop
6              X := X - 10;
7              exit when X = 10;
8          end loop;
9          if (Y < 20 and then X mod 2 = 0) then
10             Y := Y + 20;
11         else
12             Y := Y - 20;
13         end if;
14         return 2 * X + Y;
15     end P;
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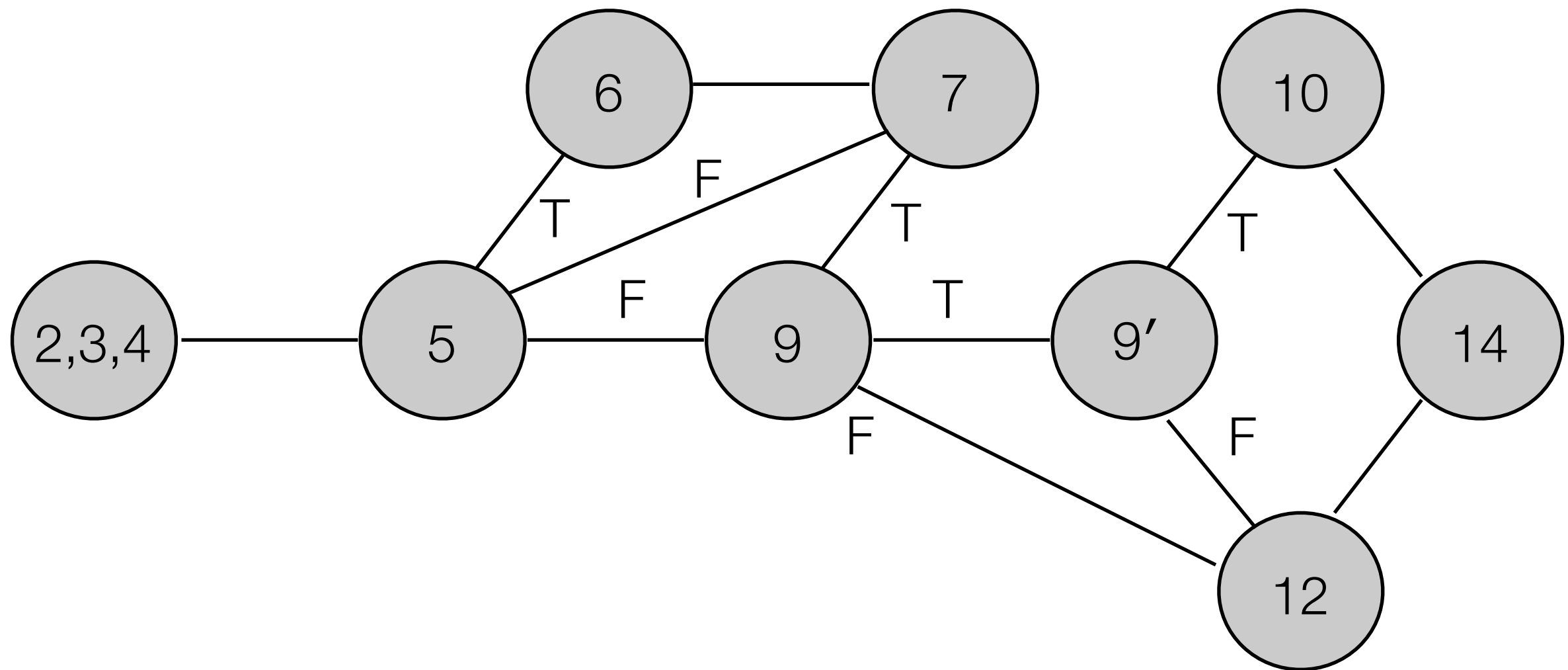
P's Control Flow Graph (CFG)



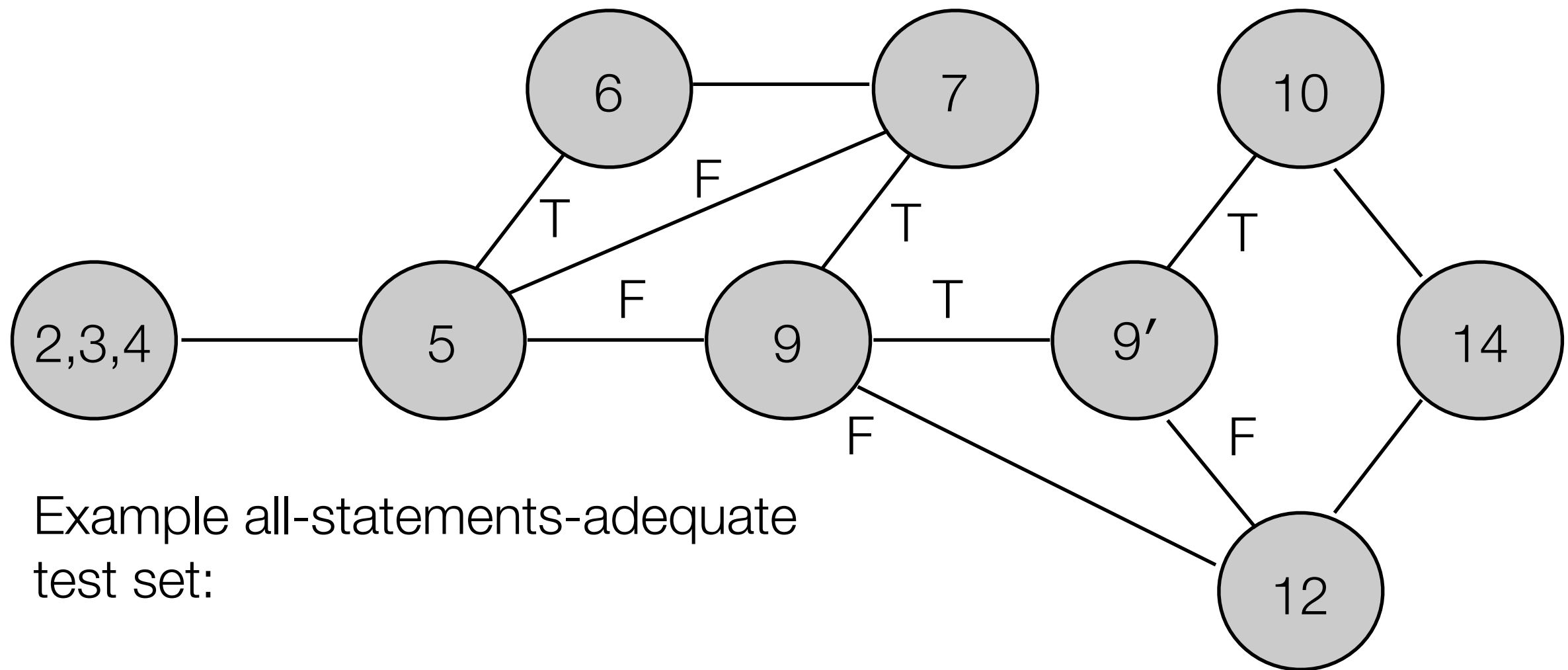
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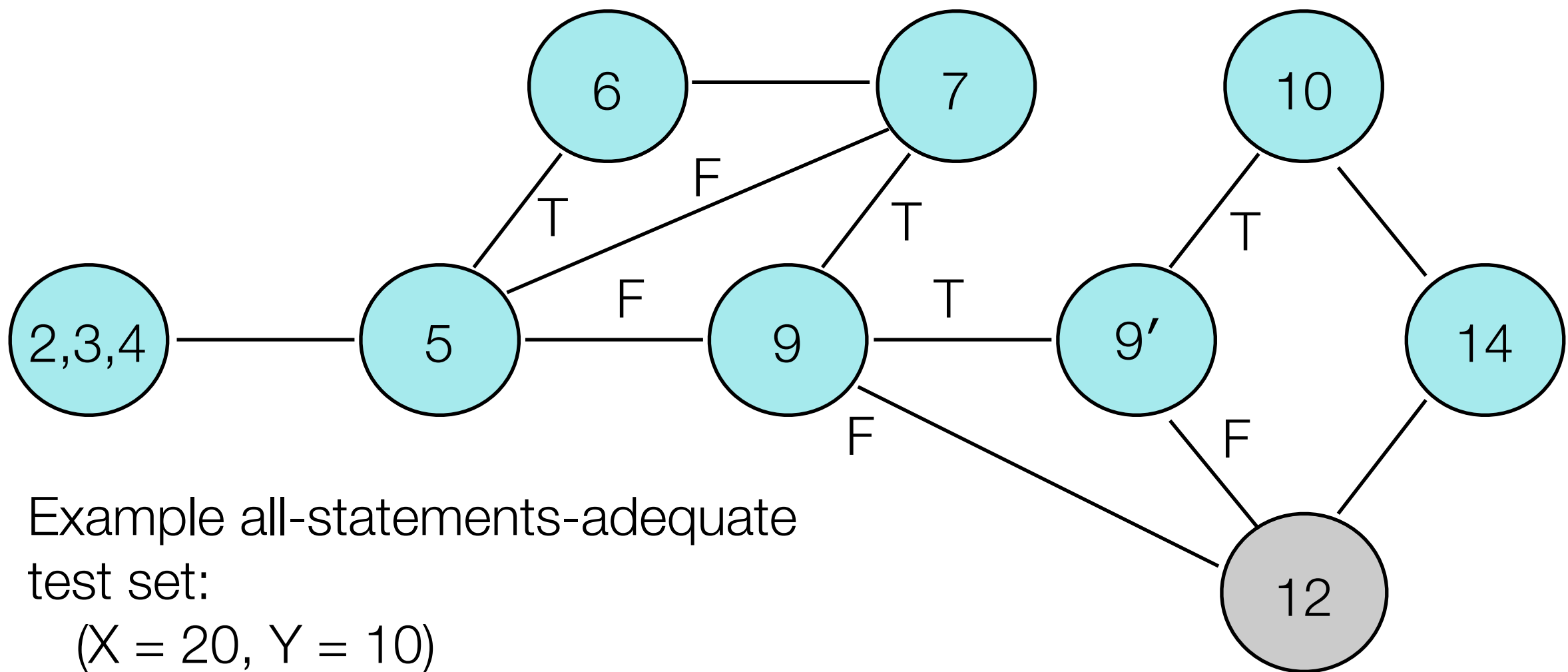


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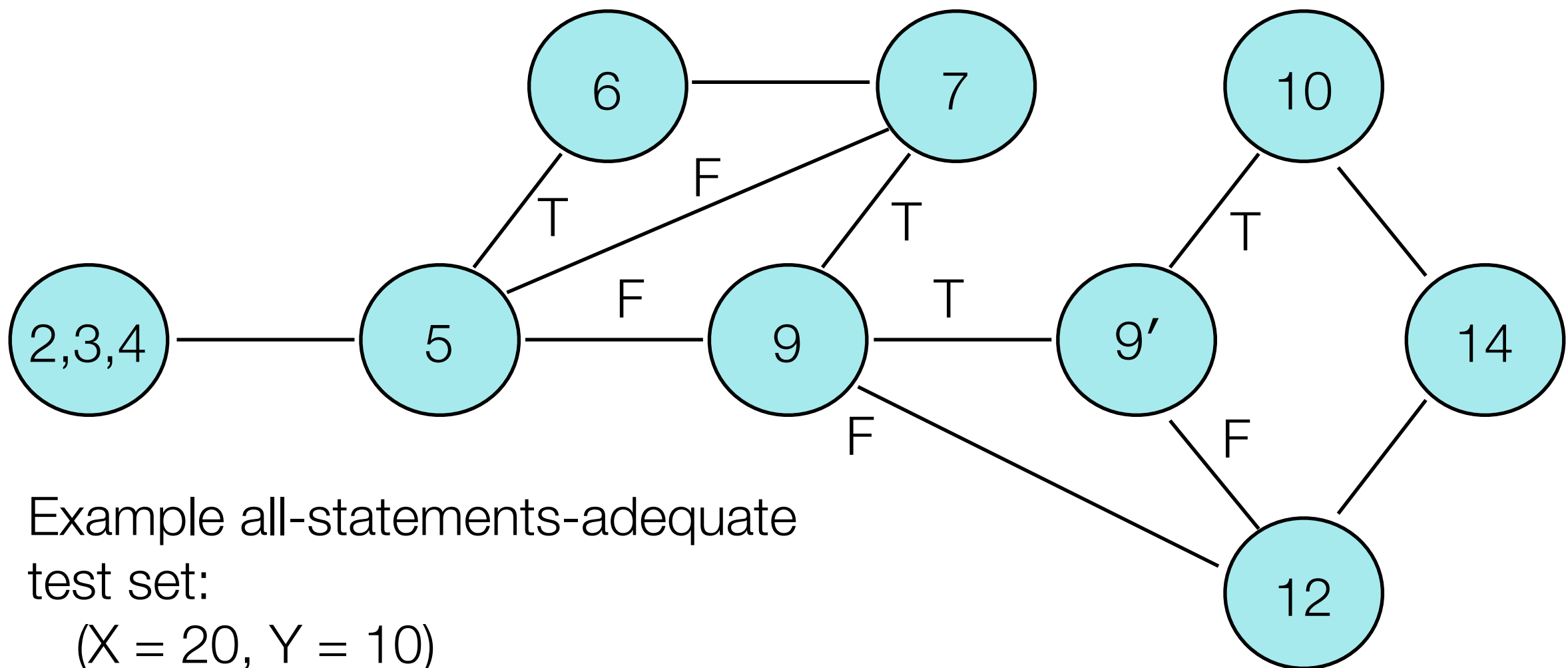


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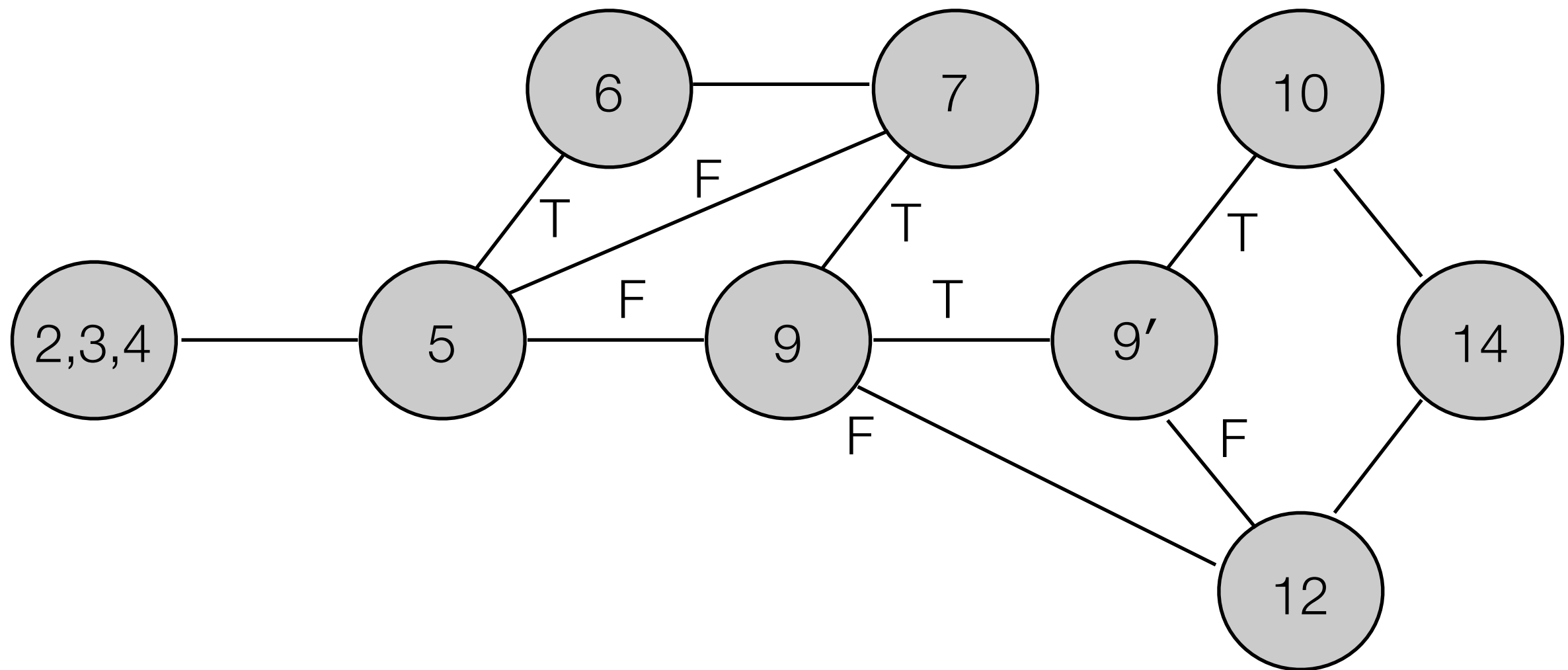
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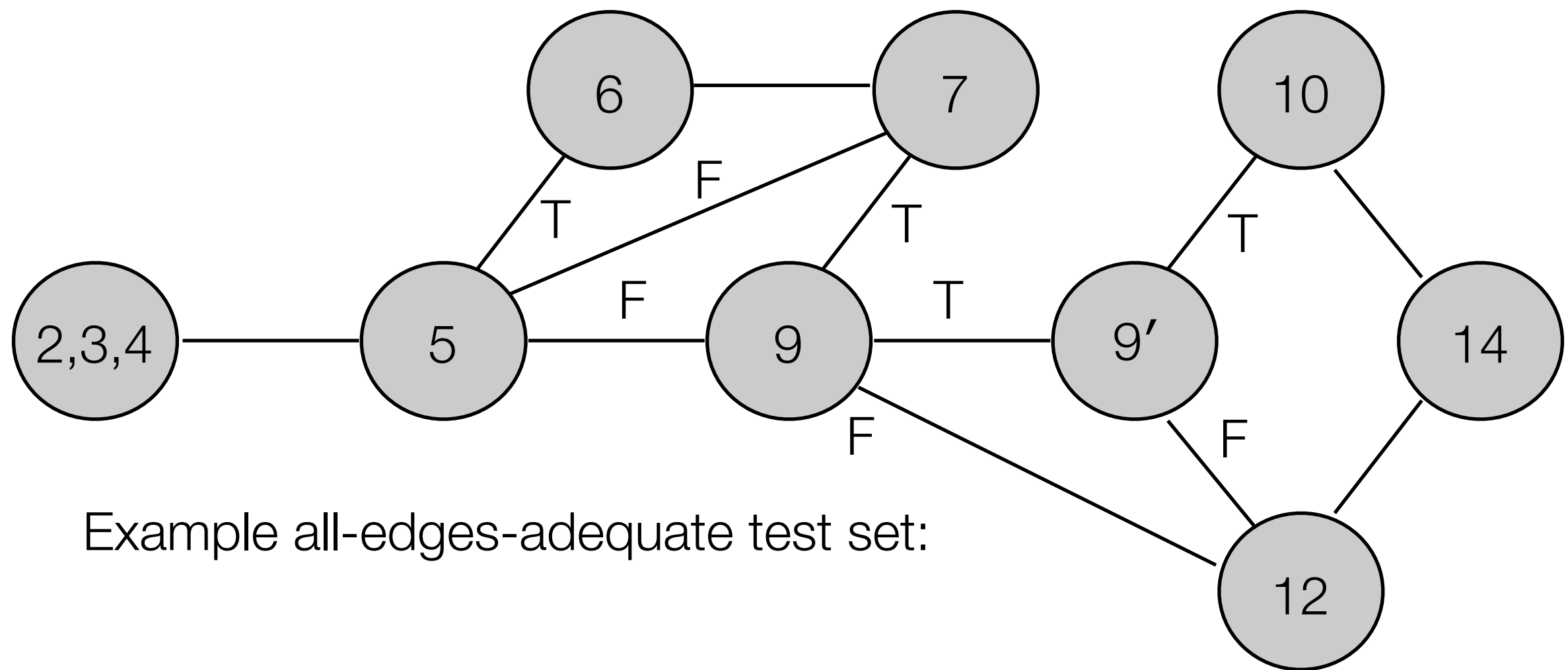
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- Edge Coverage
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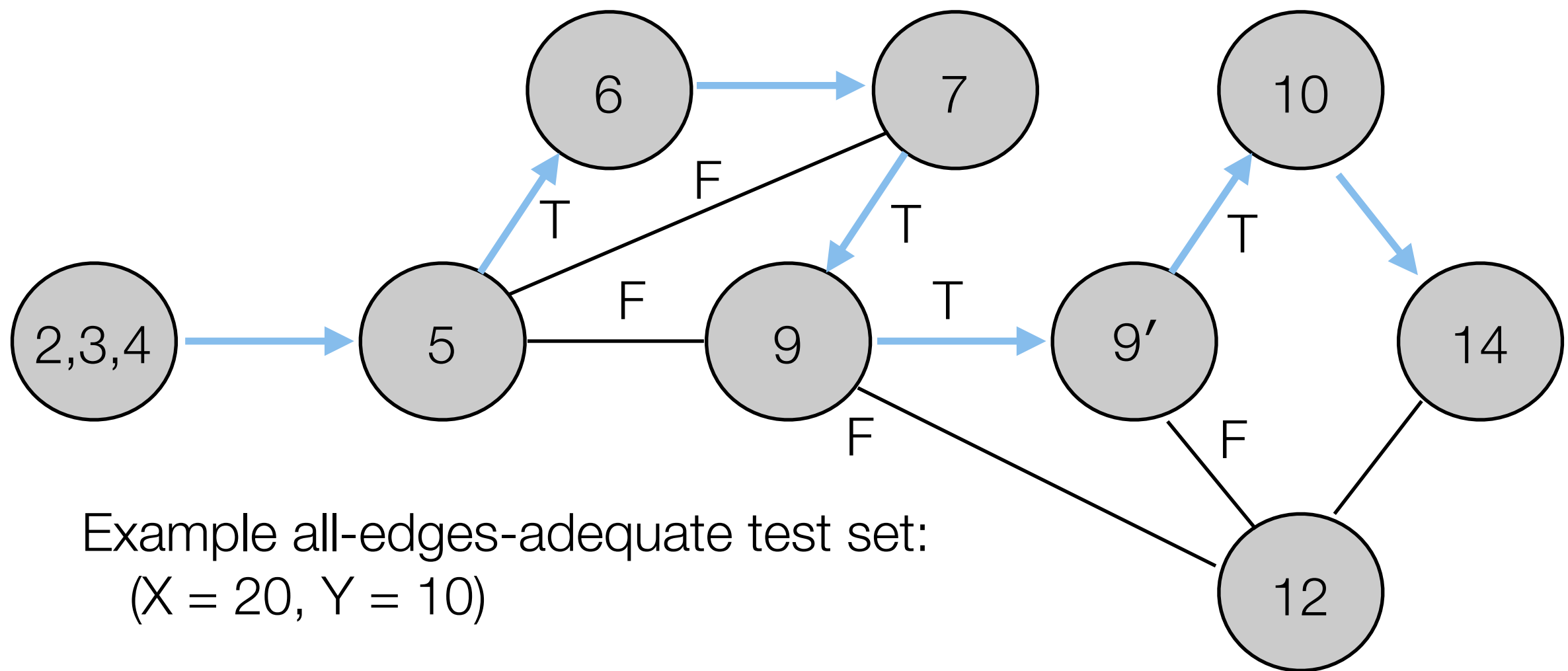


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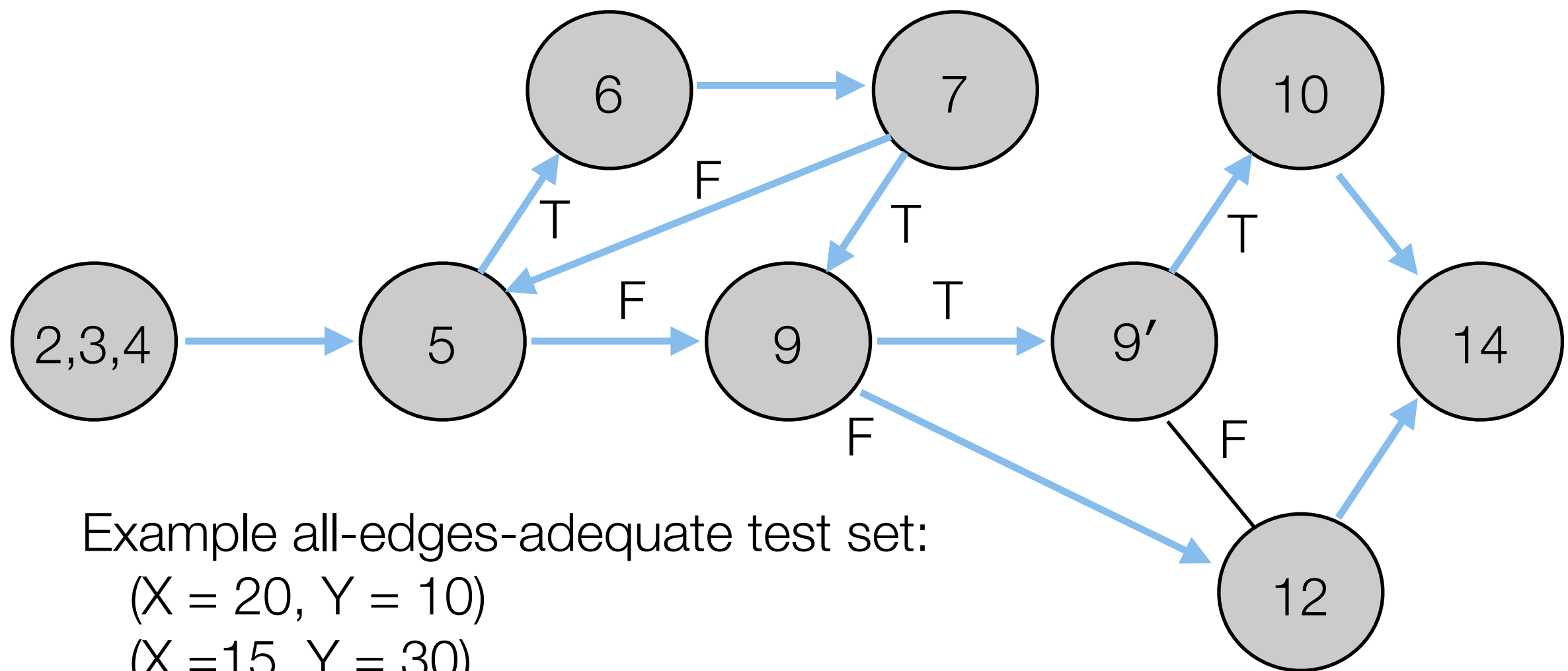


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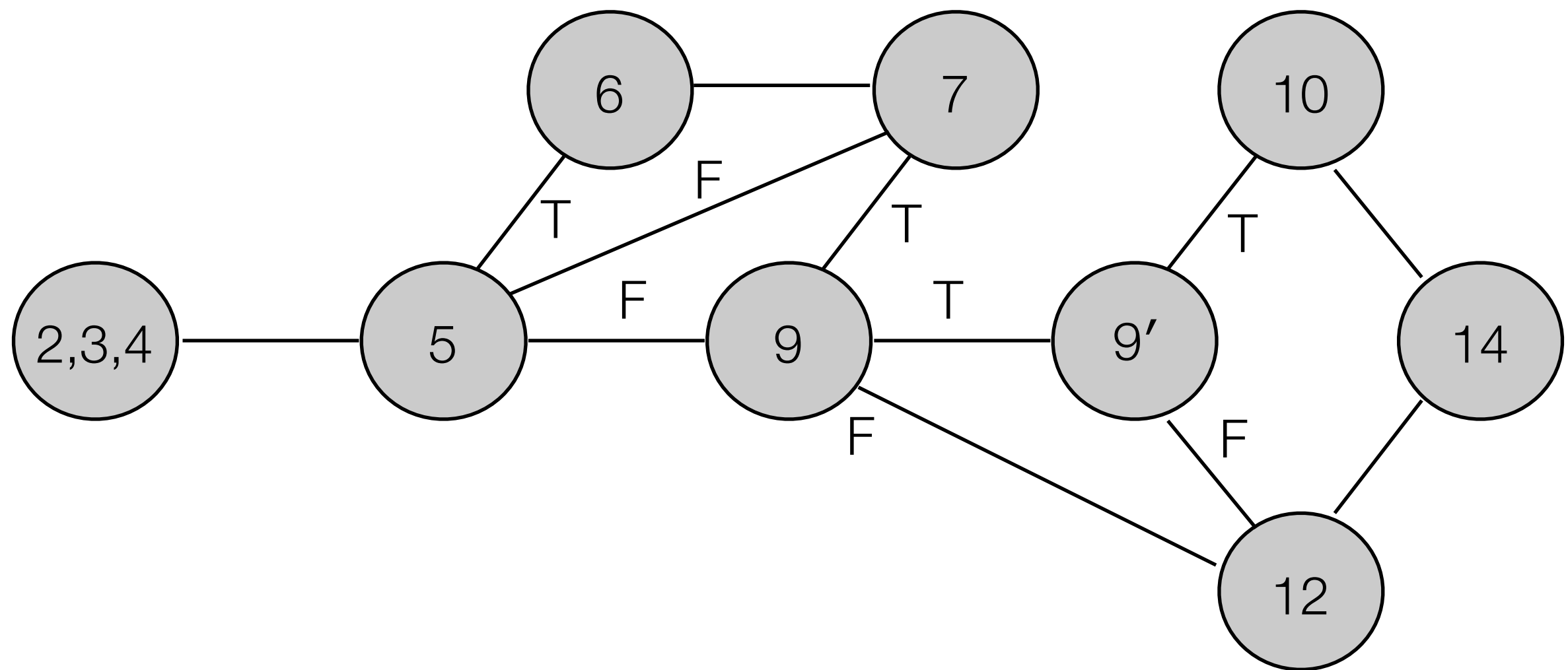
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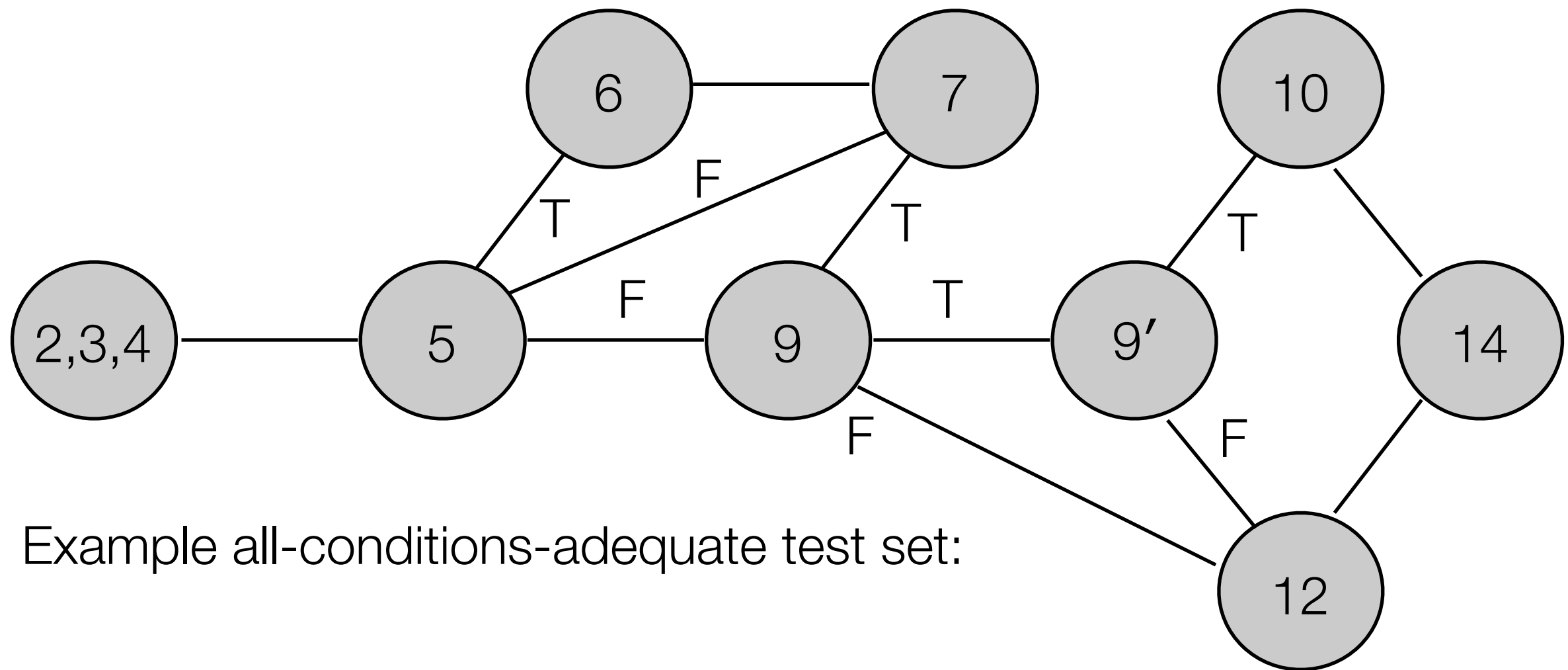
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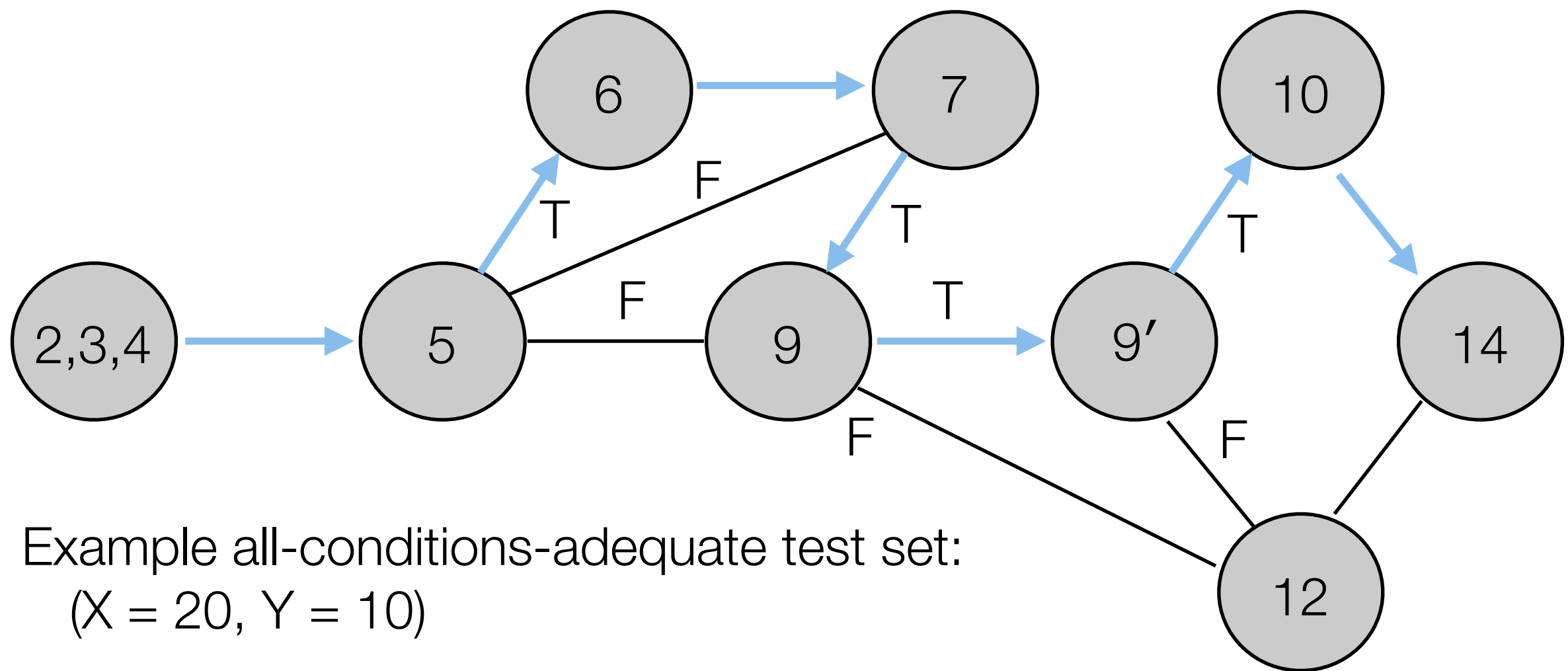


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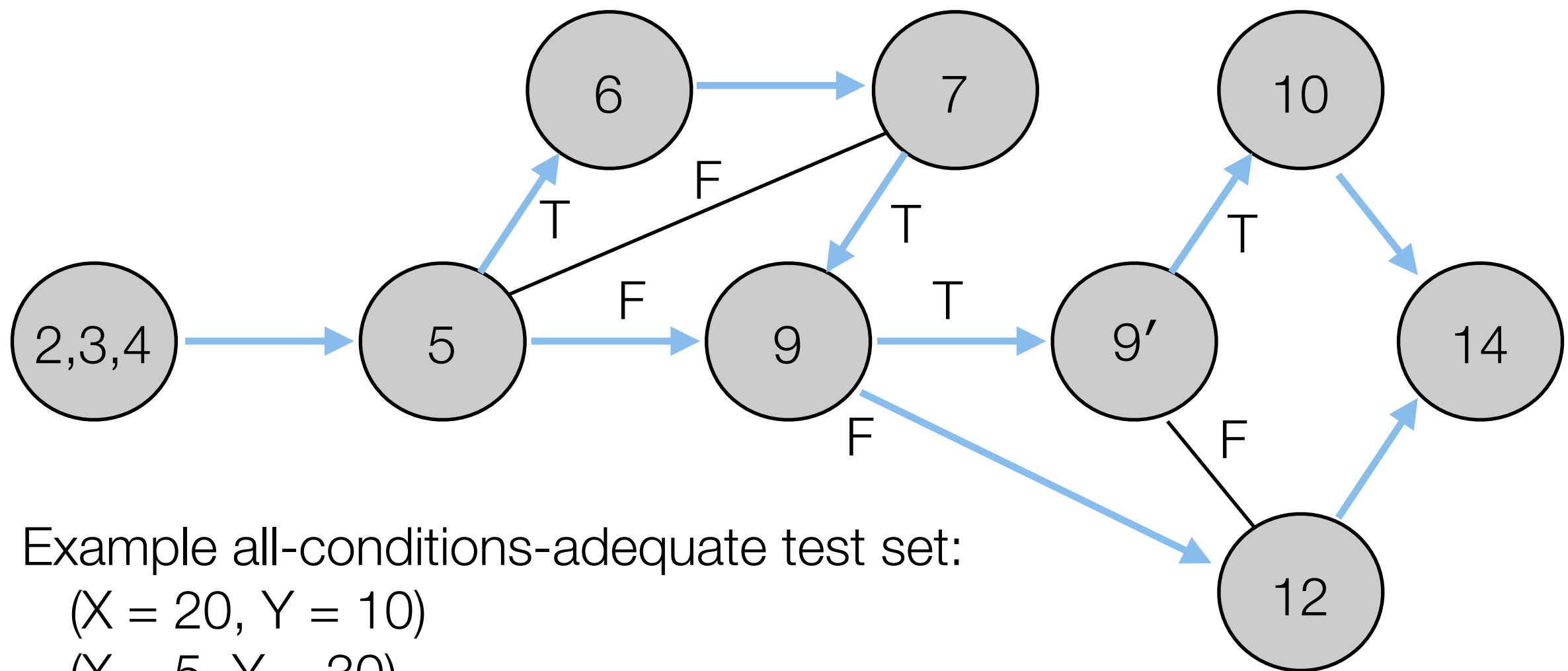


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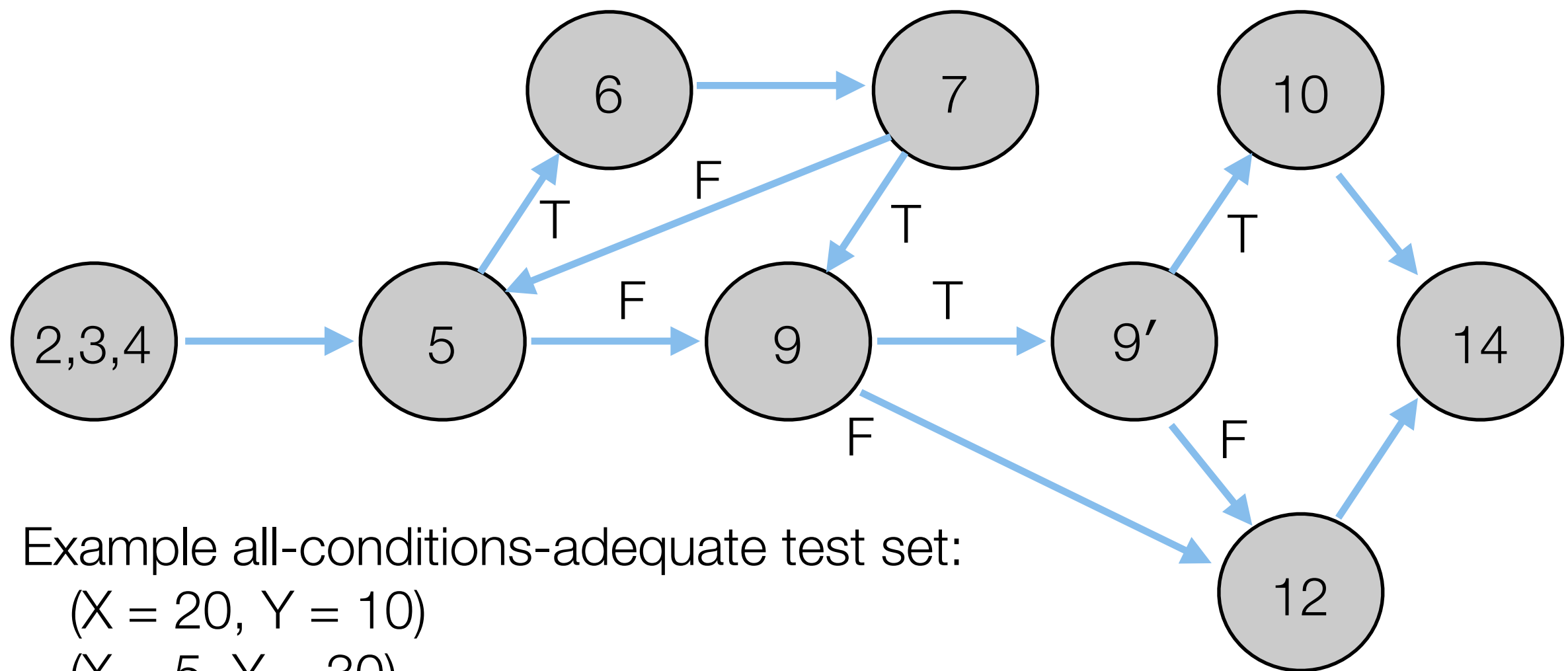


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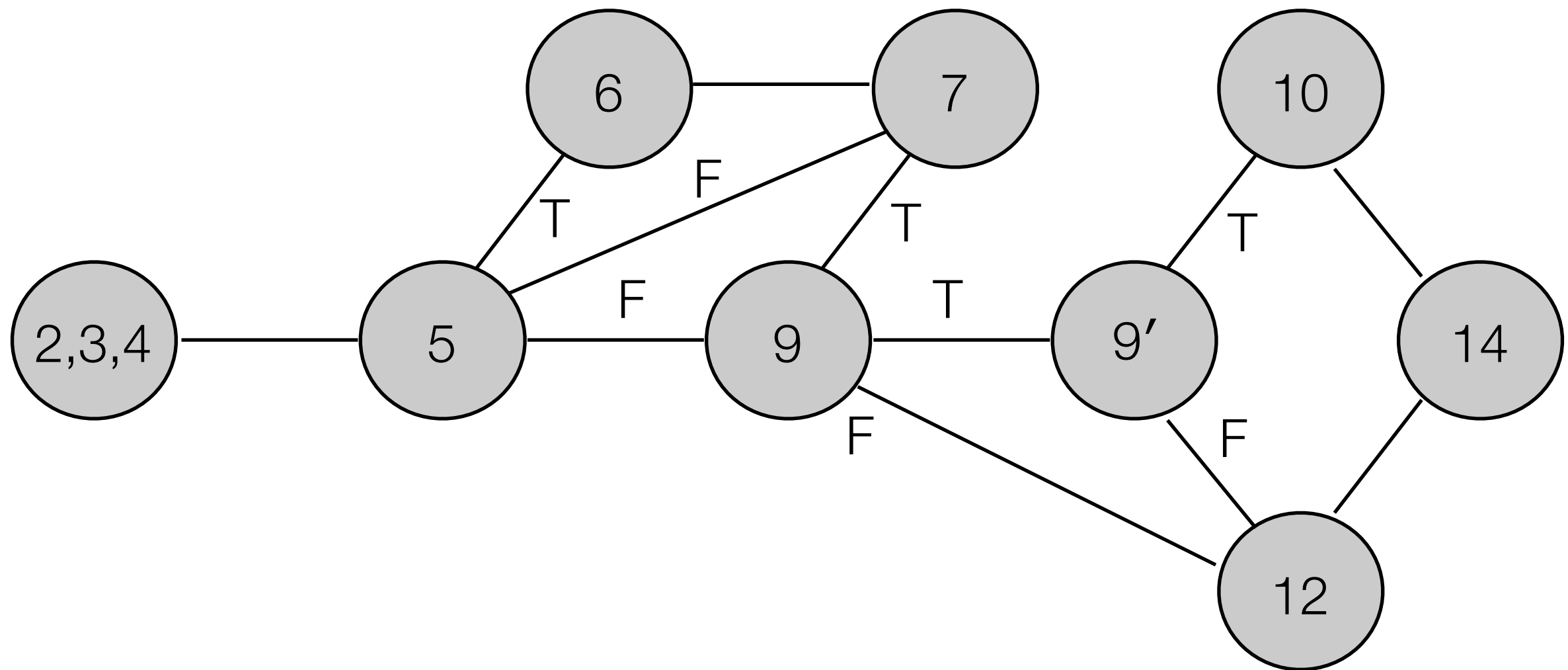
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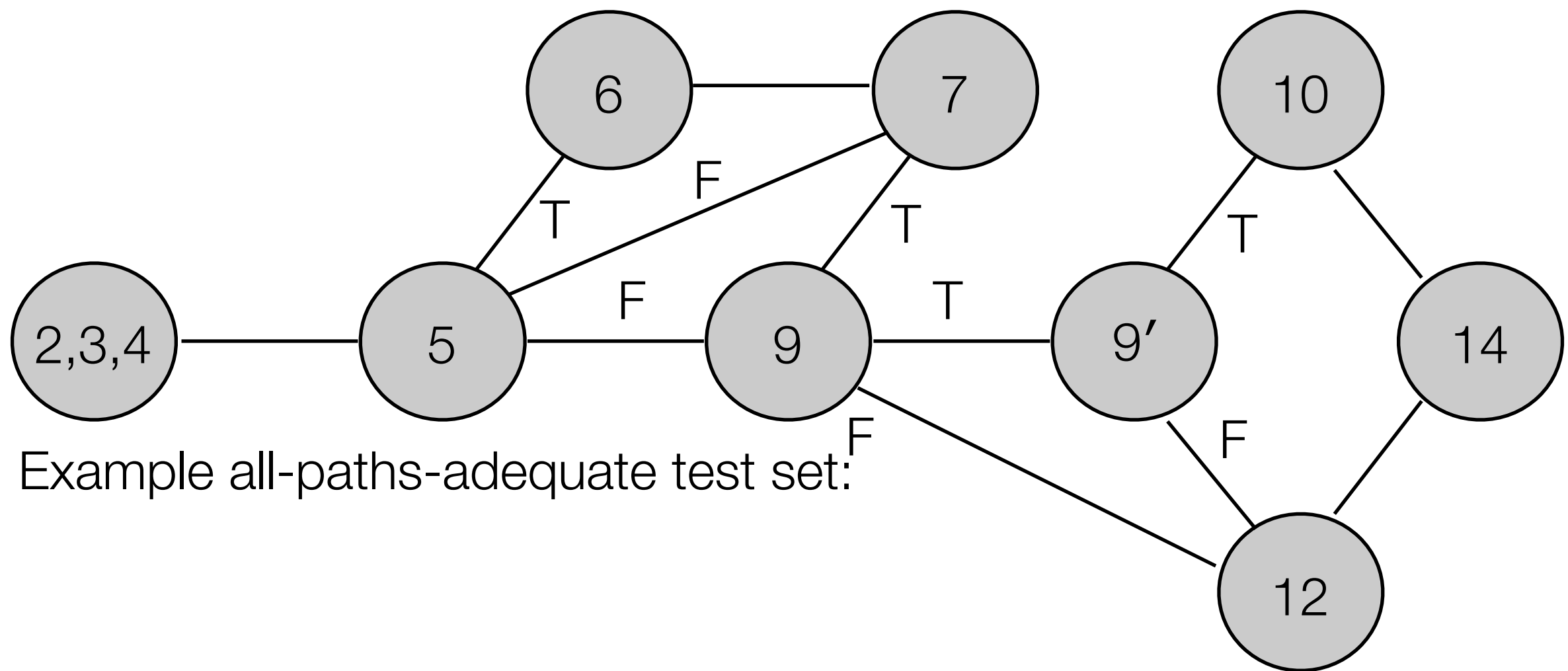
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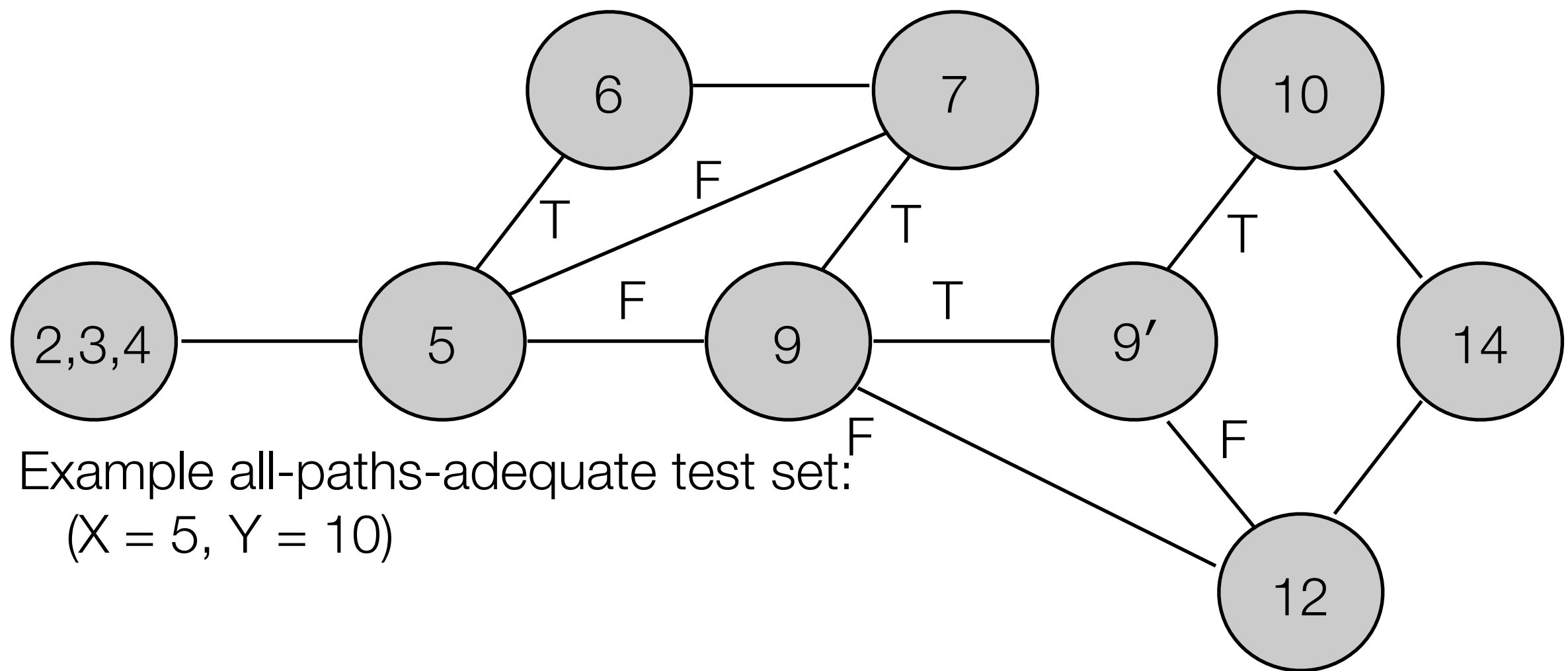
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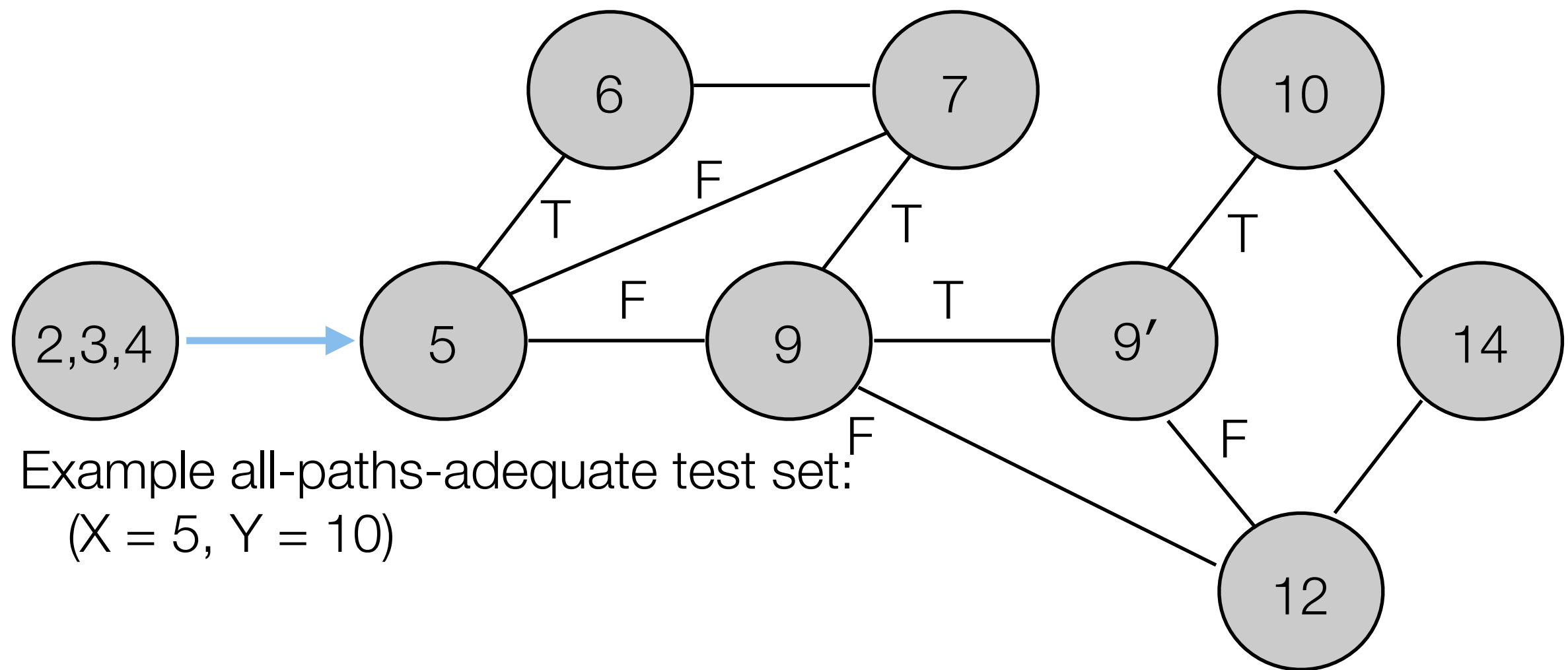
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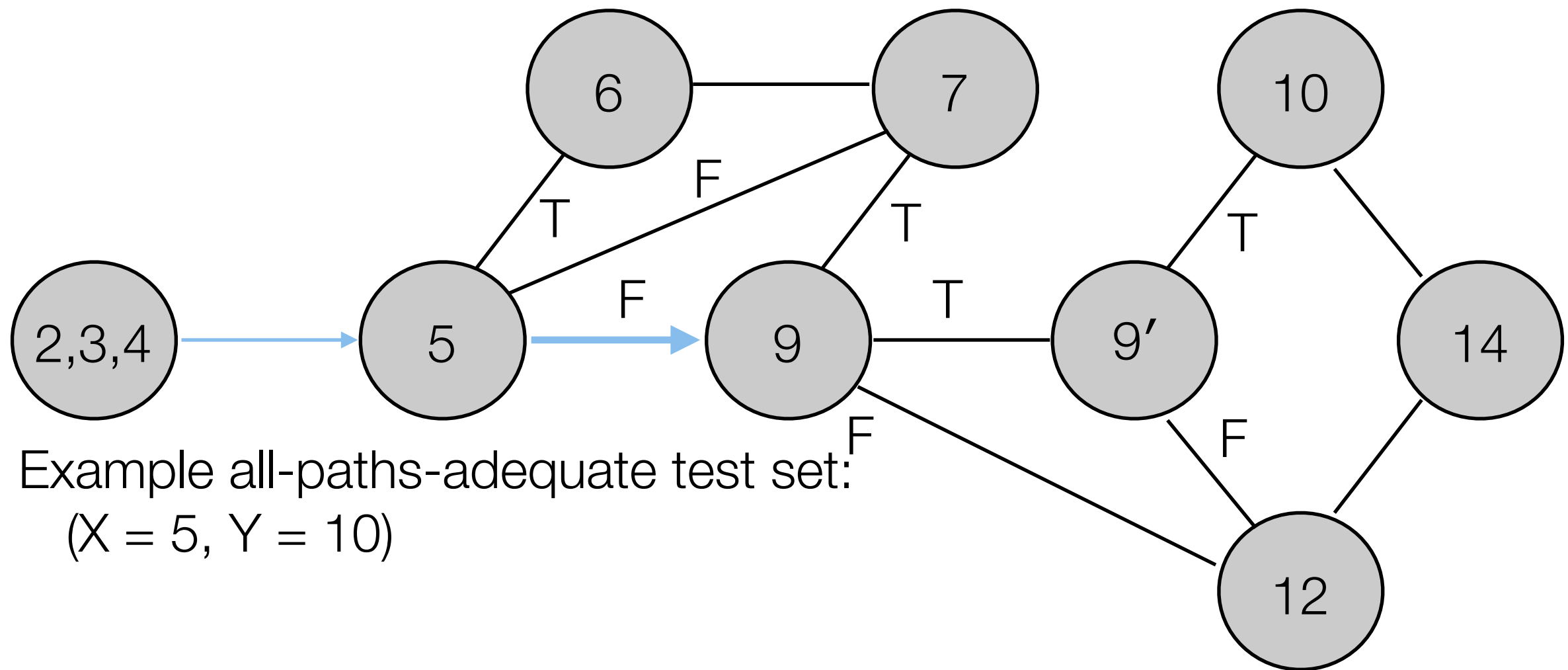


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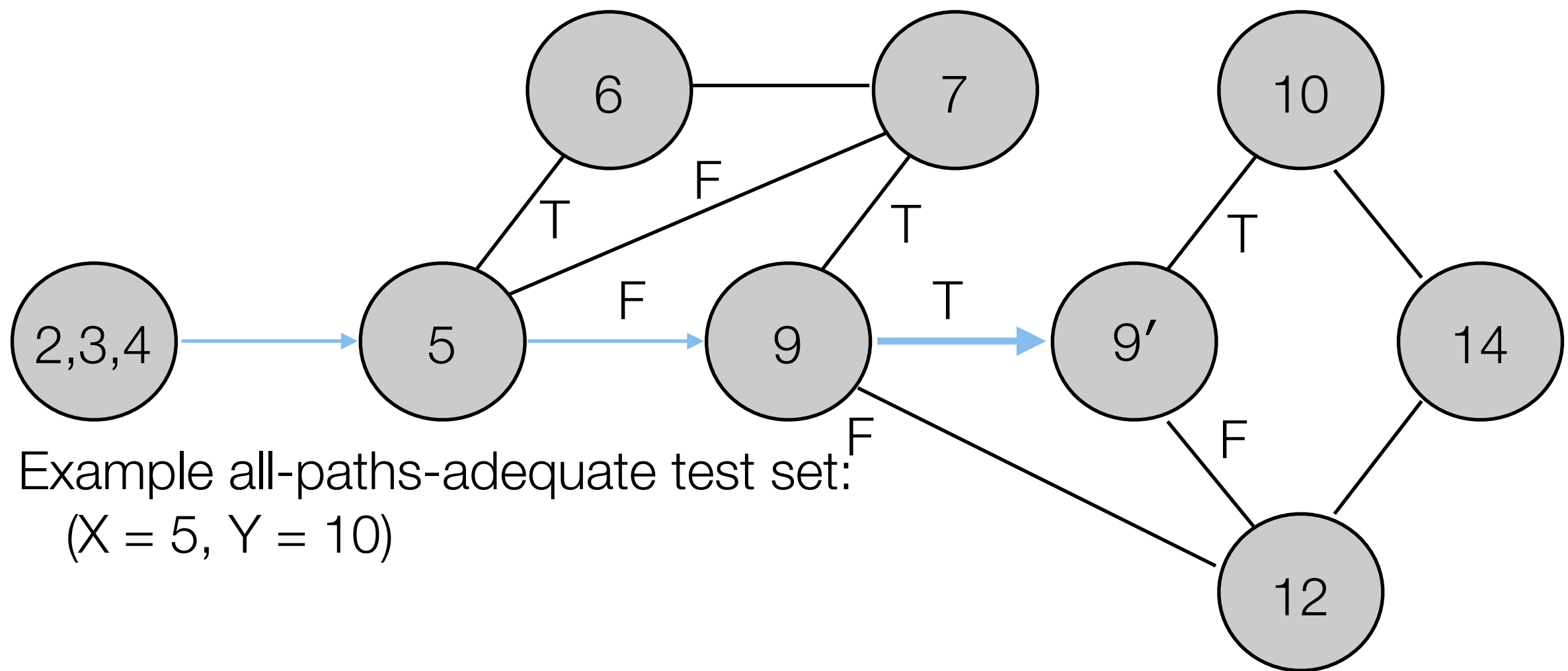


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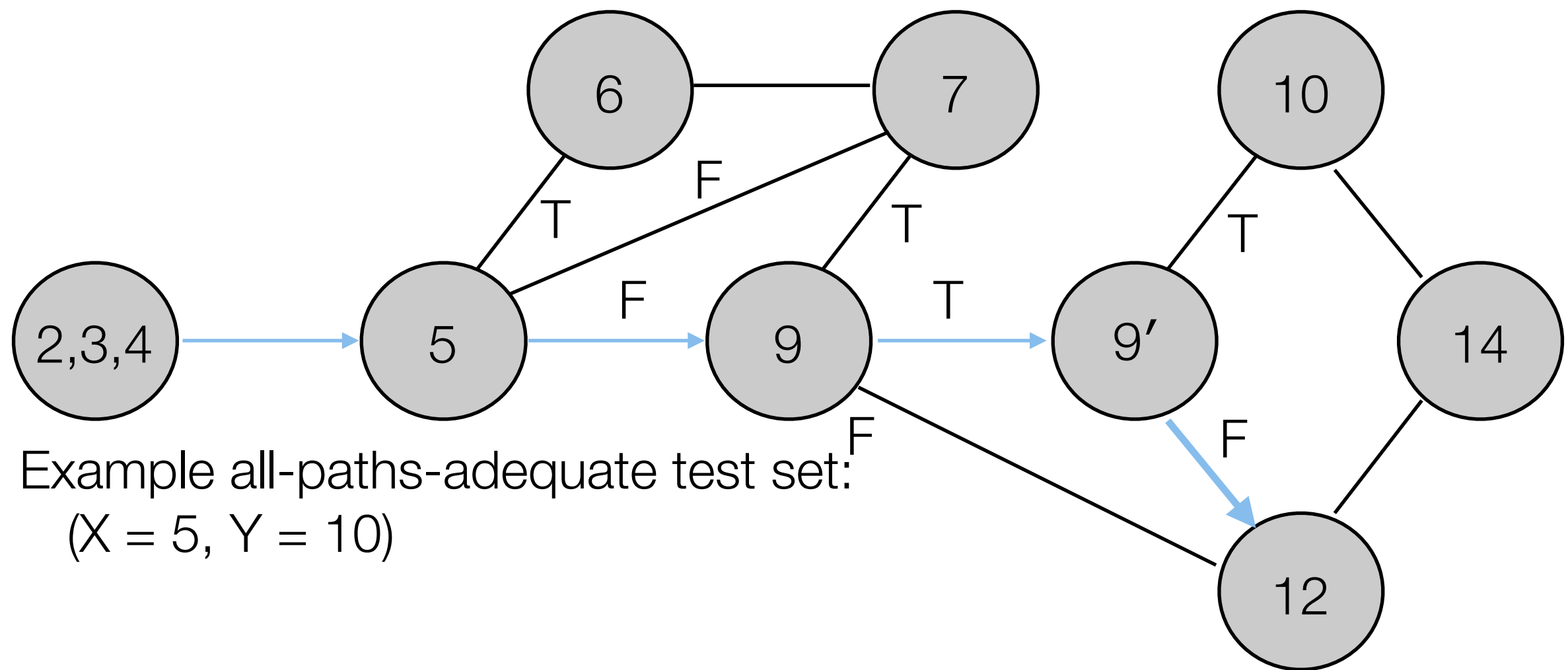


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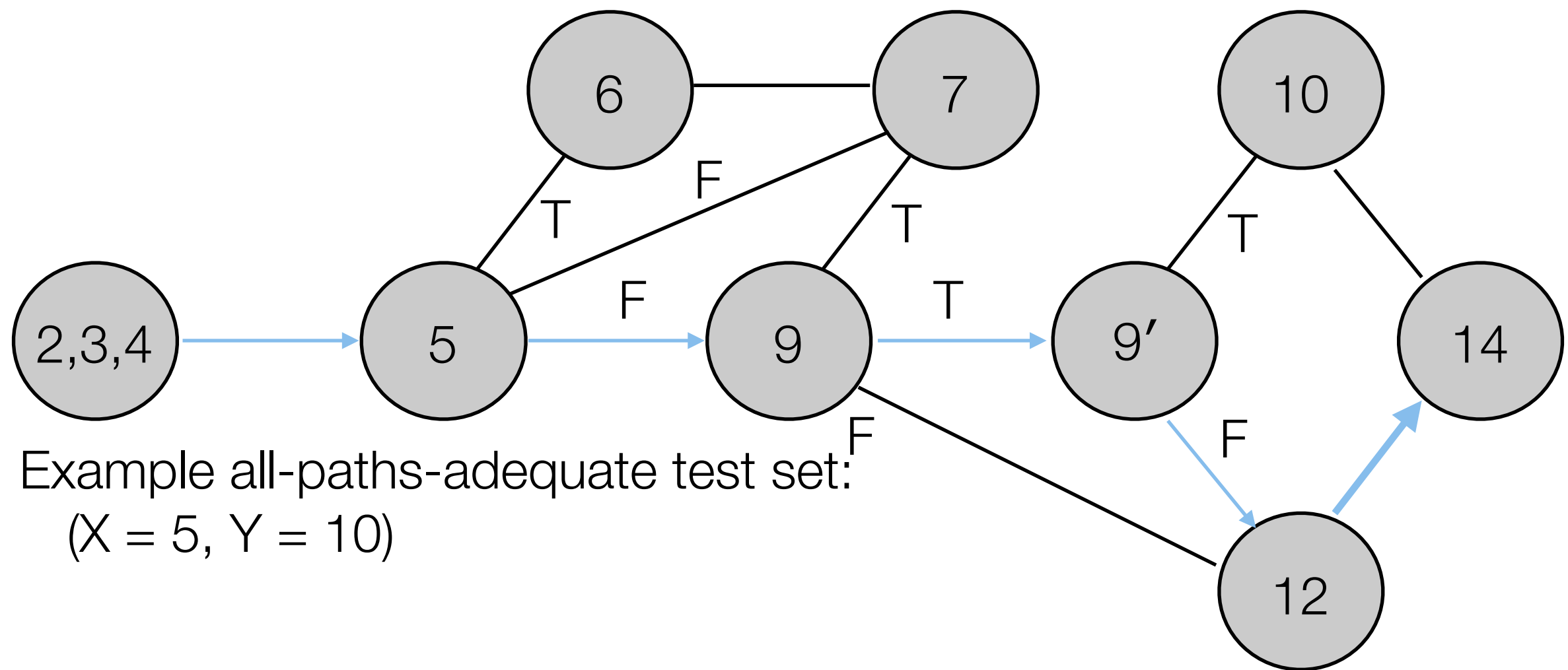
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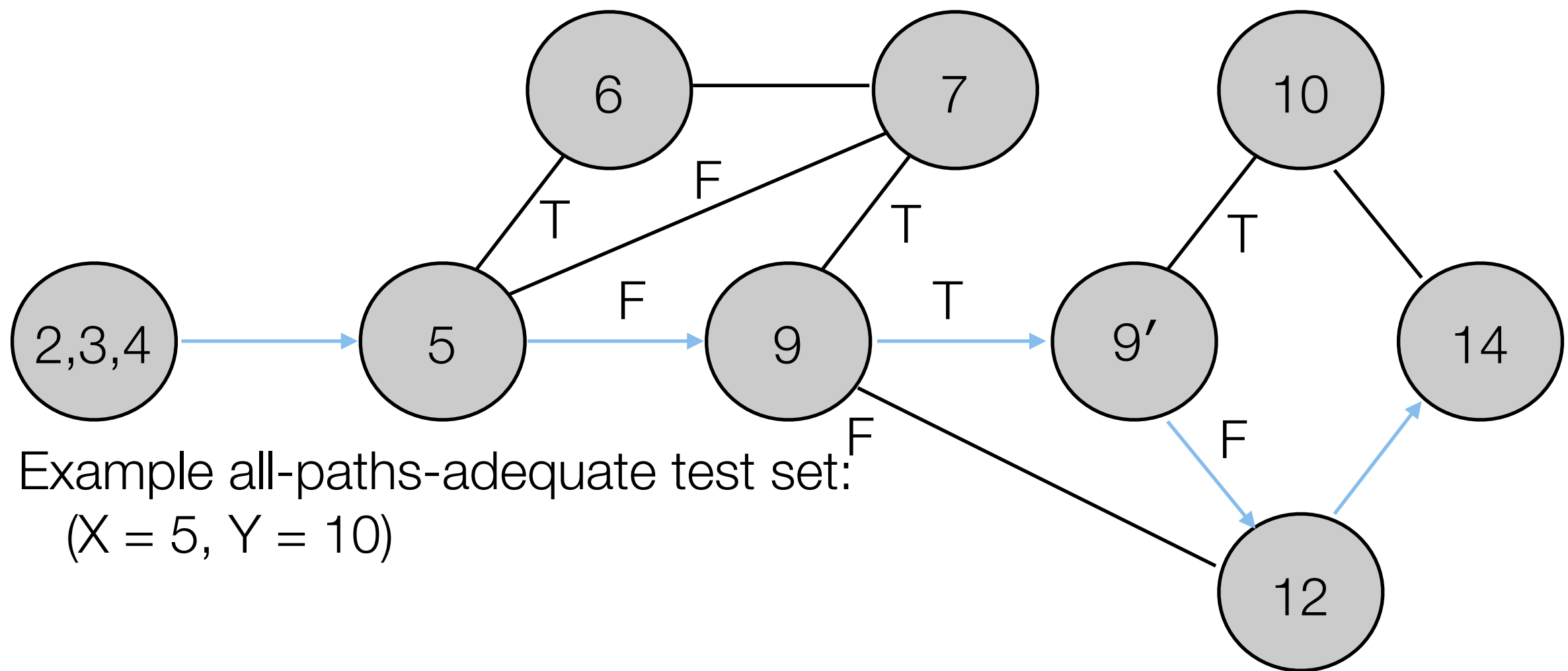
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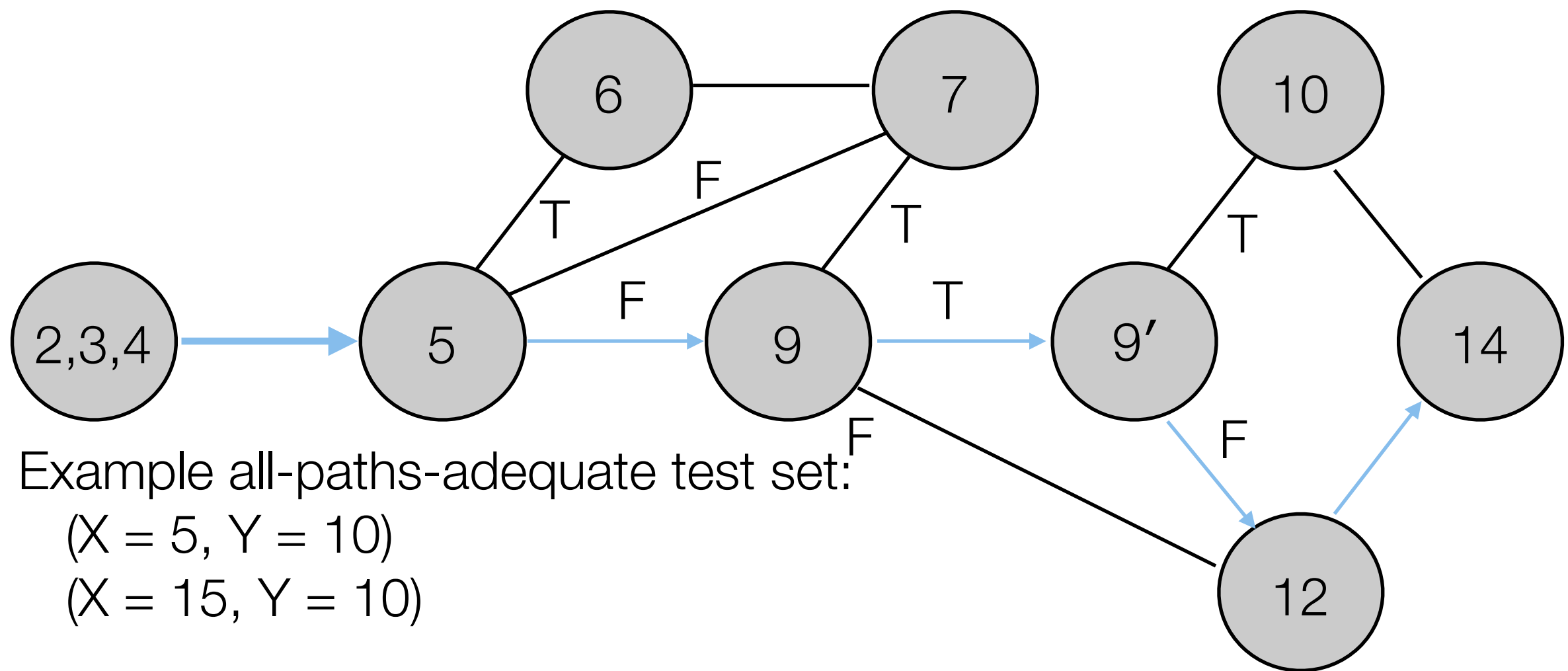


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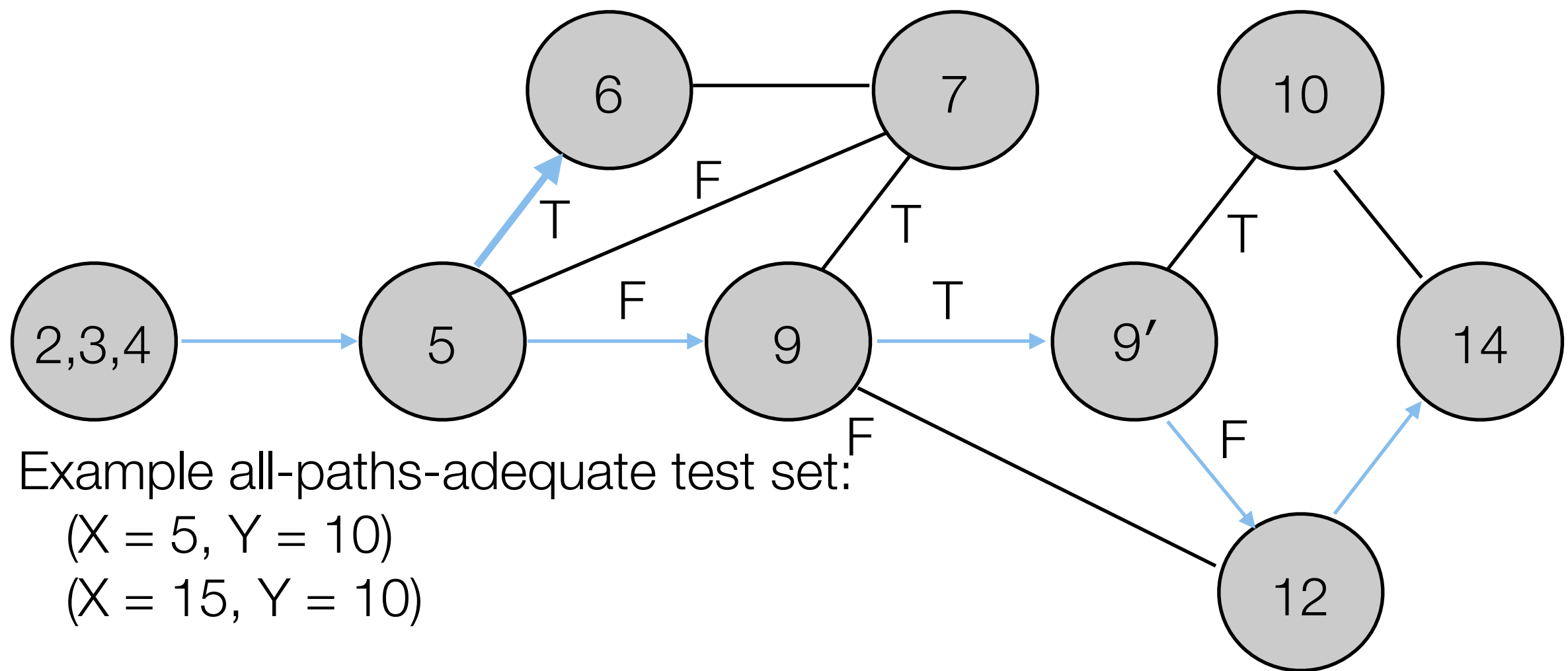
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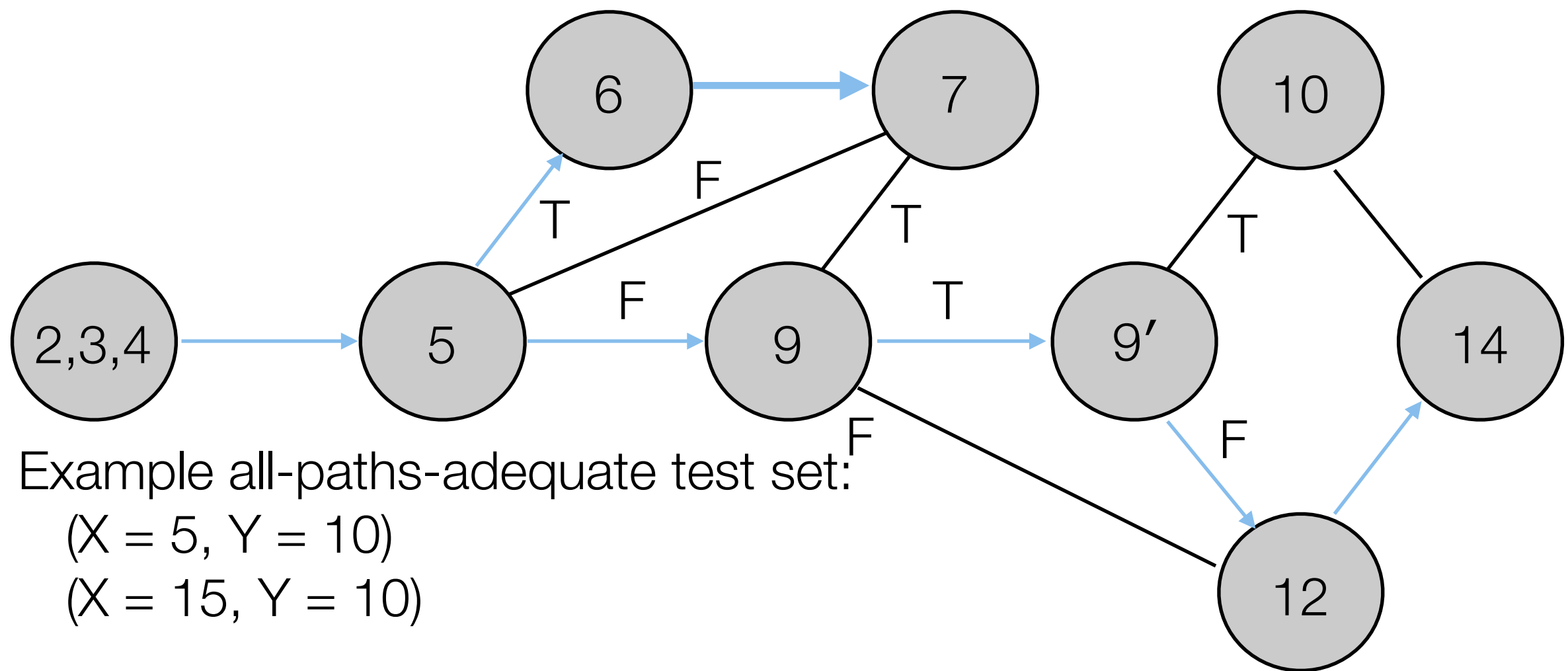
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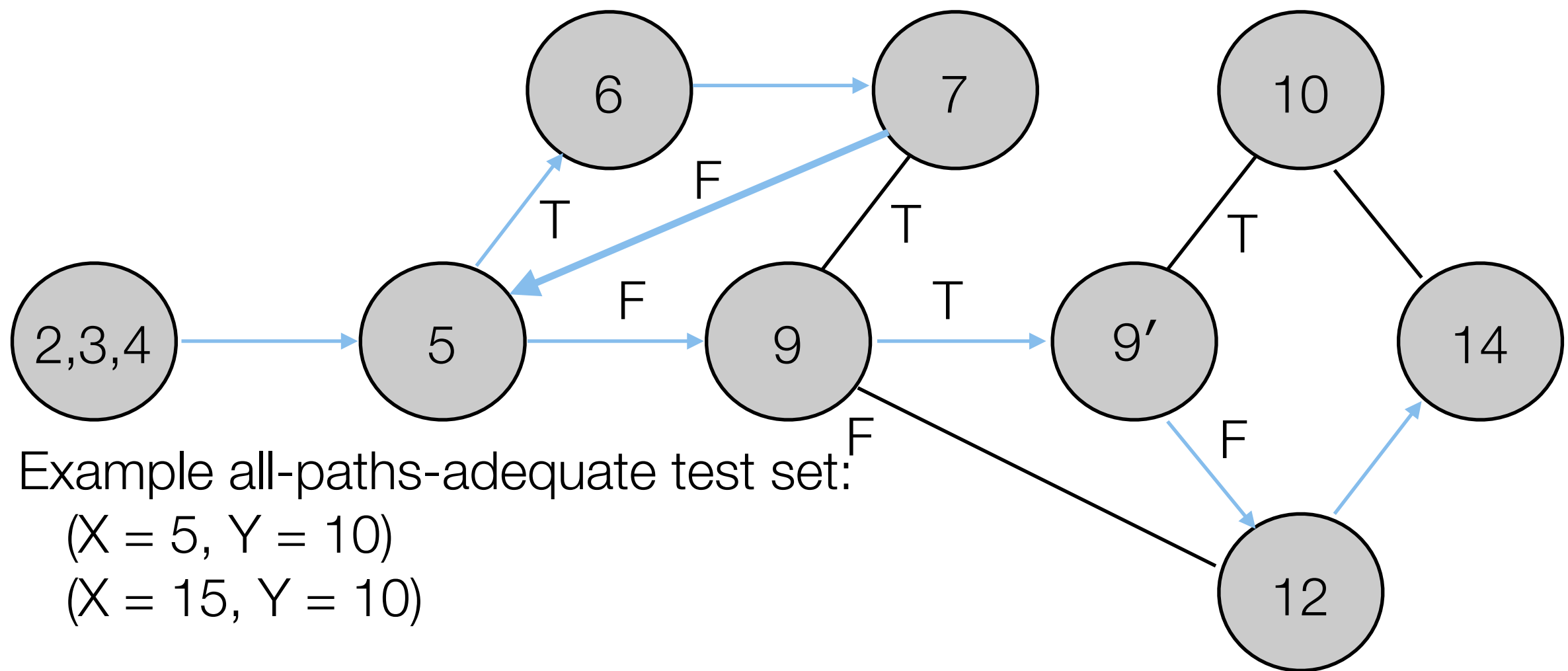
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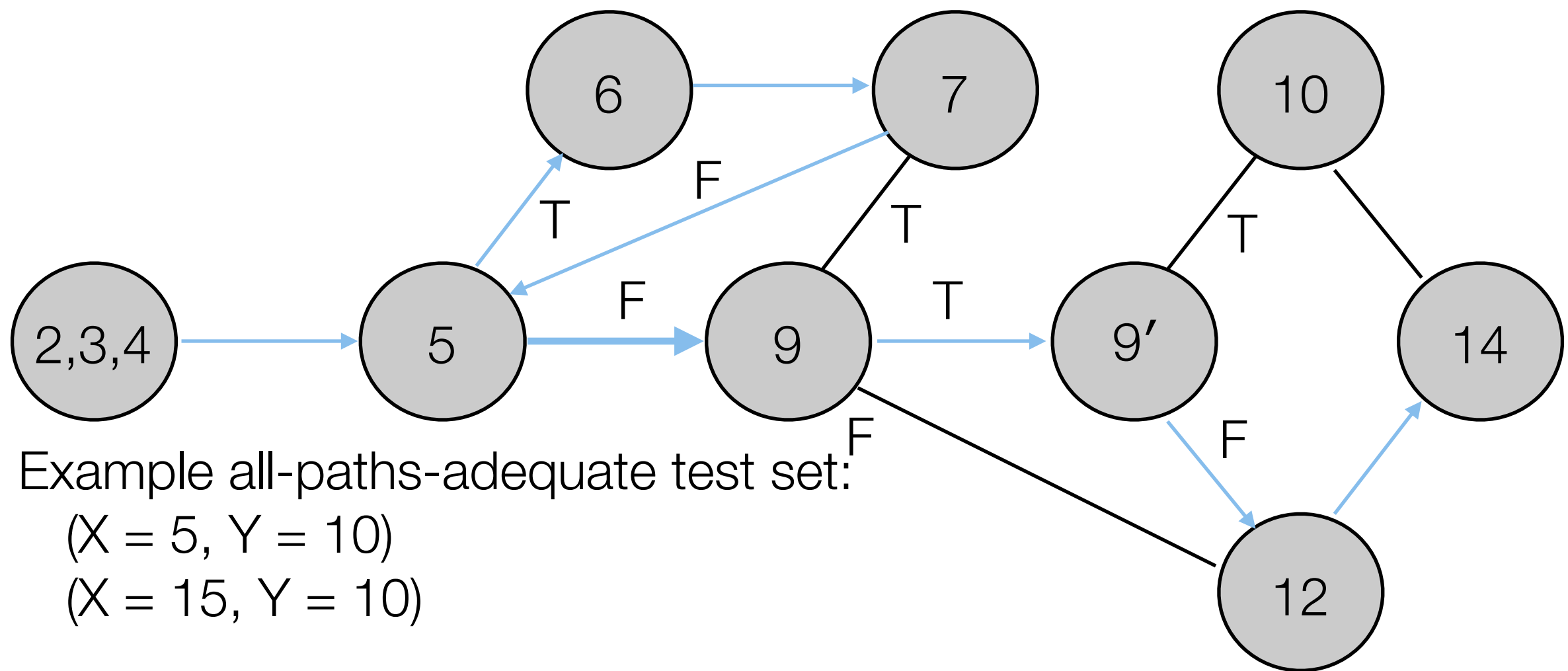
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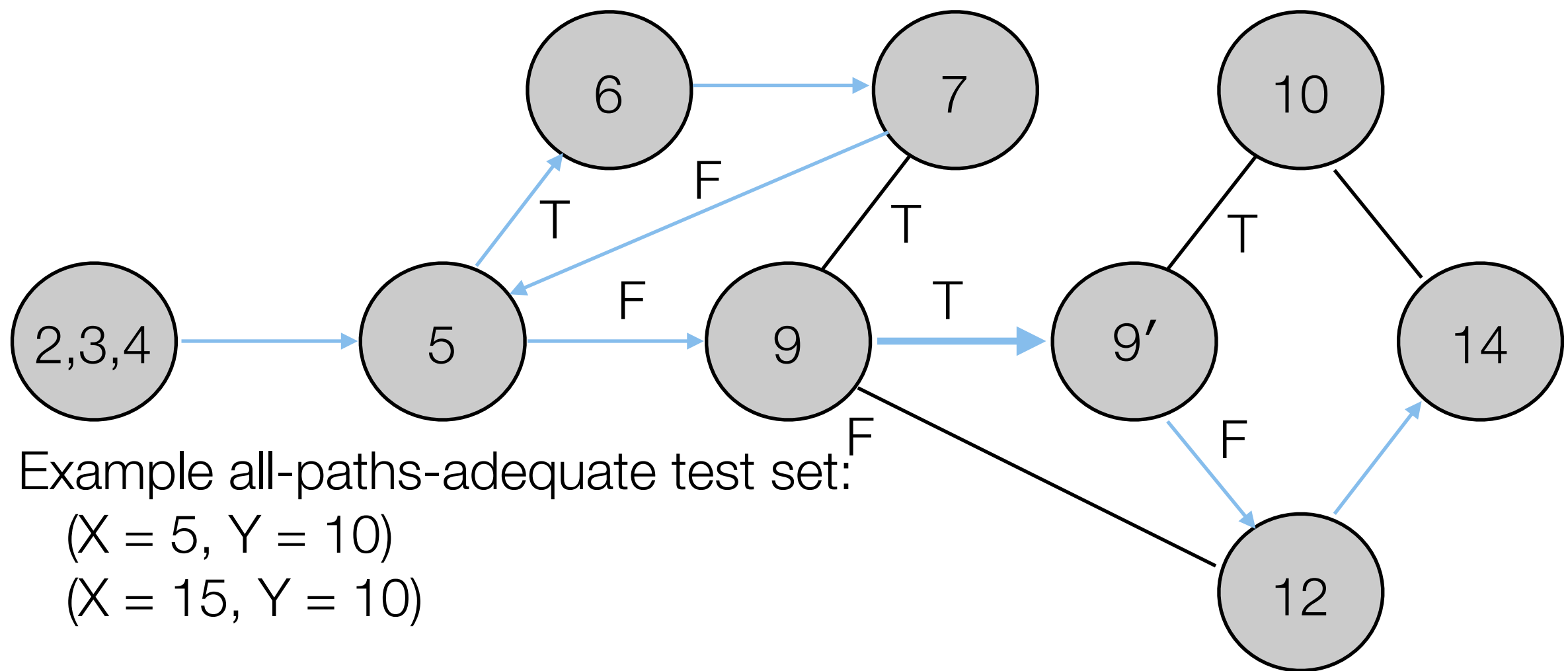
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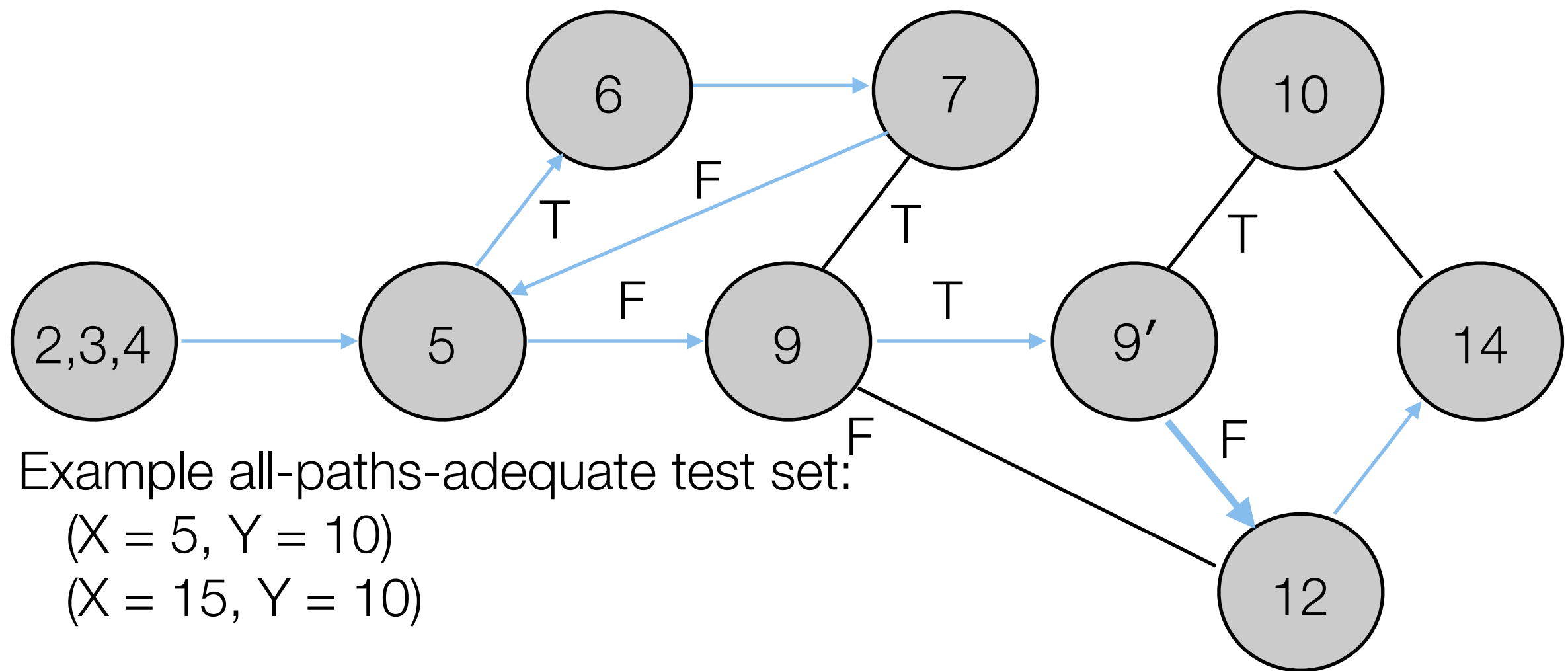
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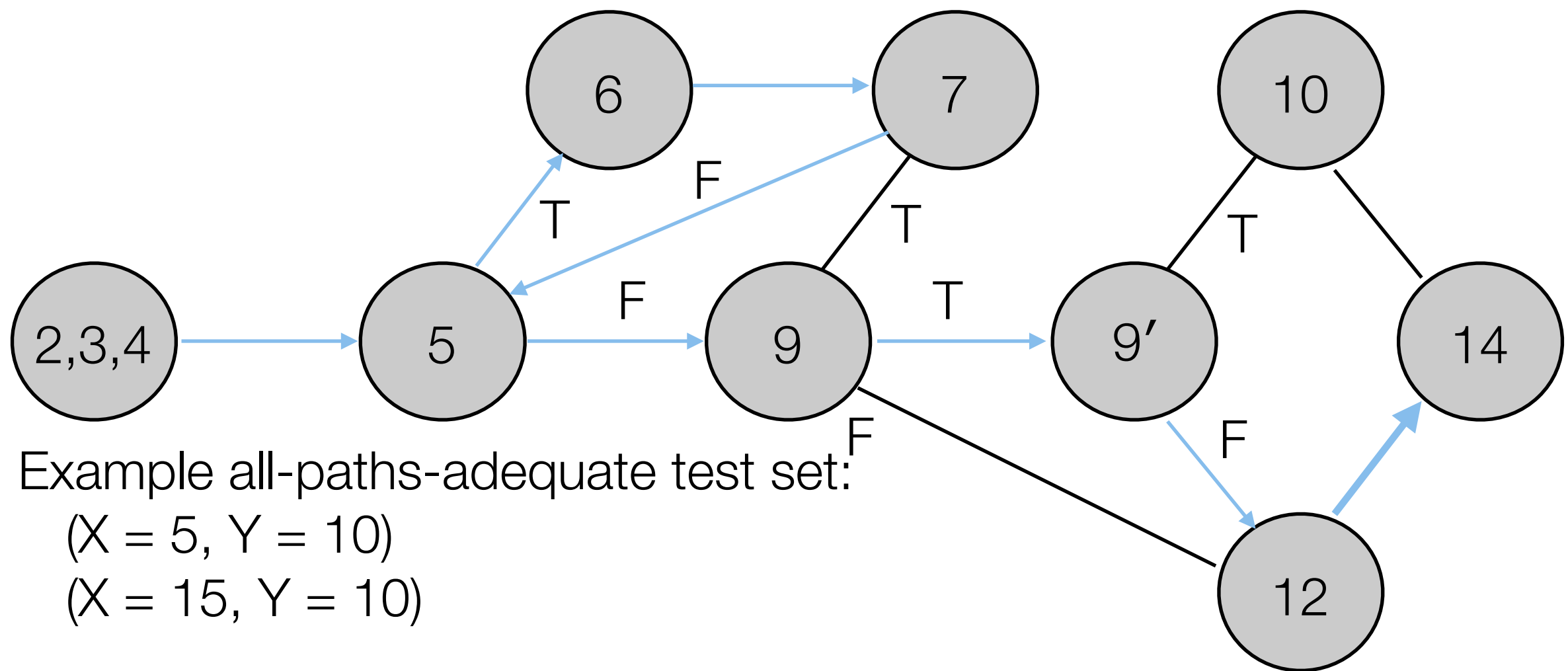
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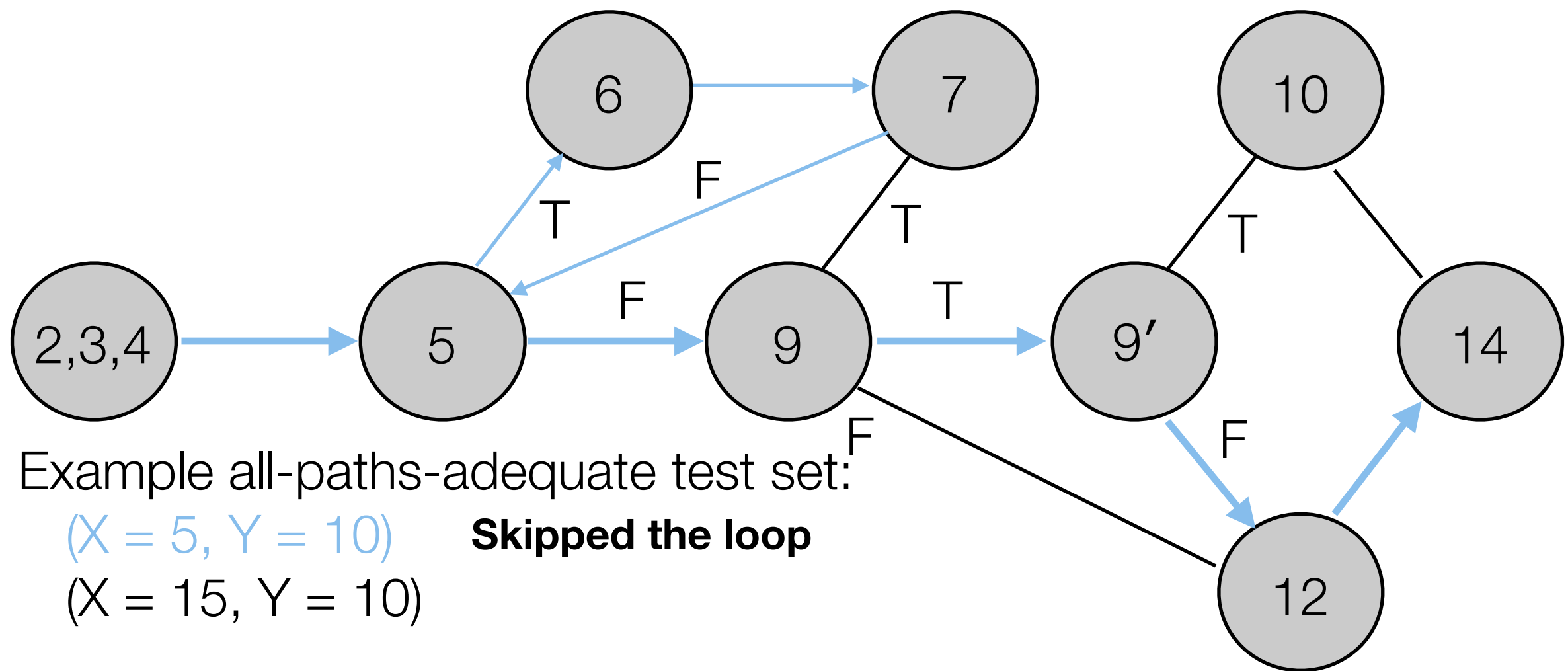
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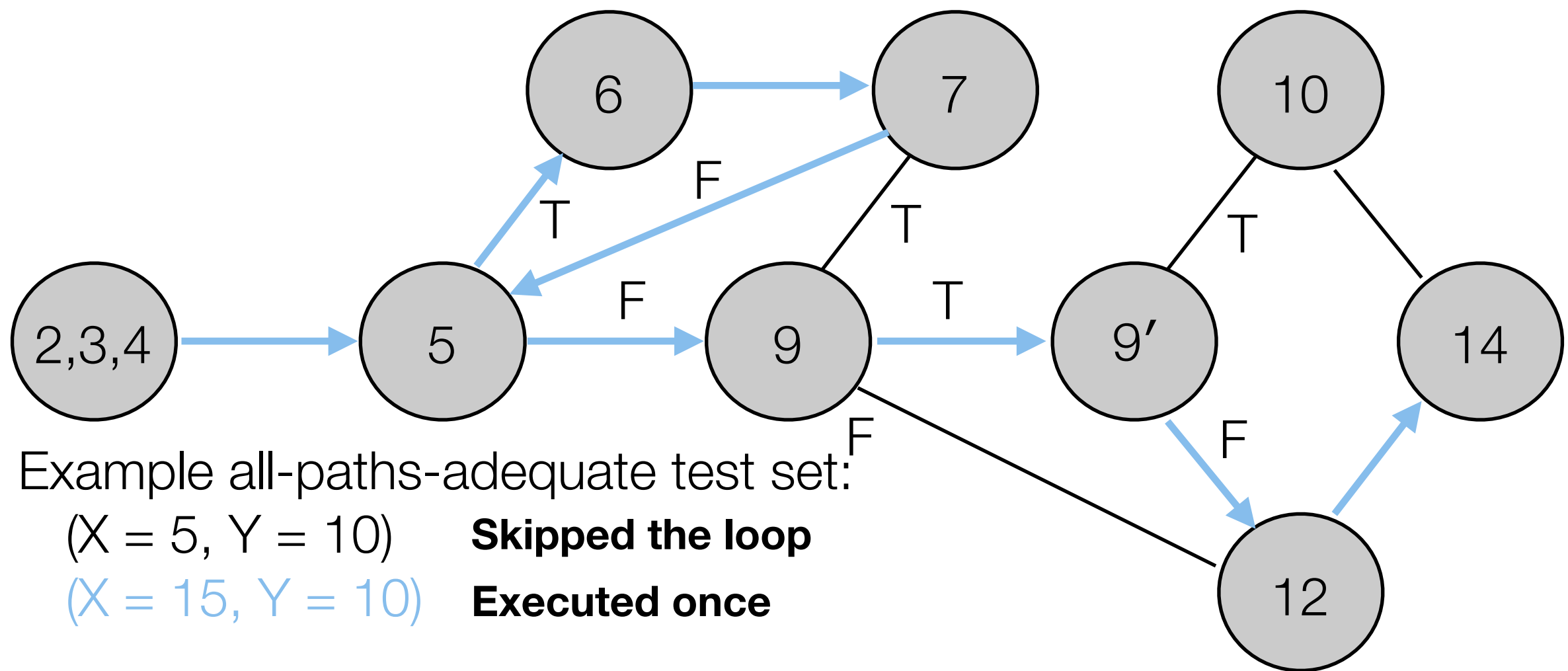
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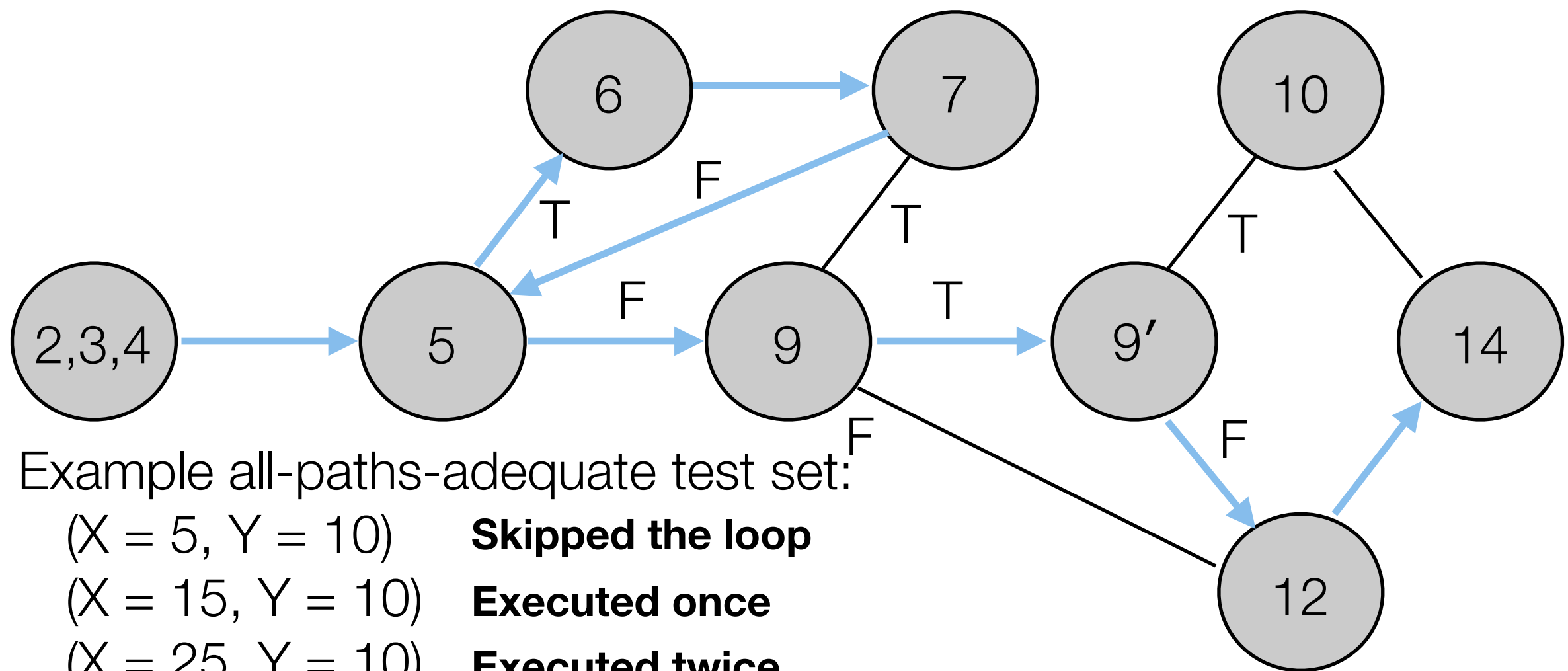
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Code Coverage Tools

- Doing this by hand would be hard!
 - Fortunately, there are tools that can track code coverage metrics for you
 - typically just statement and branch coverage
- These systems generate reports that show the percentage of the metric being achieved
 - they will also typically provide a view of the source code annotated to show which statements and conditions were “hit” by your test suite

Testing Automation (I)

- It is important that your tests be automated
 - More likely to be run
 - More likely to catch problems as changes are made
- As the number of tests grow, it can take a long time to run the tests, so it is important that the running time of each individual test is as small as possible
 - If that's not possible to achieve then
 - segregate long running tests from short running tests
 - execute the latter multiple times per day
 - execute the former at least once per day (they still need to be run!!)

Testing Automation (II)

- It is important that running tests be easy
 - testing frameworks allow tests to be run with a single command
 - often as part of the build management process
- We'll see examples of this later in the semester

Continuous Integration

- Since test automation is so critical, systems known as continuous integration frameworks have emerged
- Continuous Integration (CI) systems wrap version control, compilation, and testing into a single repeatable process
 - You create/debug code as usual;
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Summary

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 - All require: input, expected output (via spec), actual output
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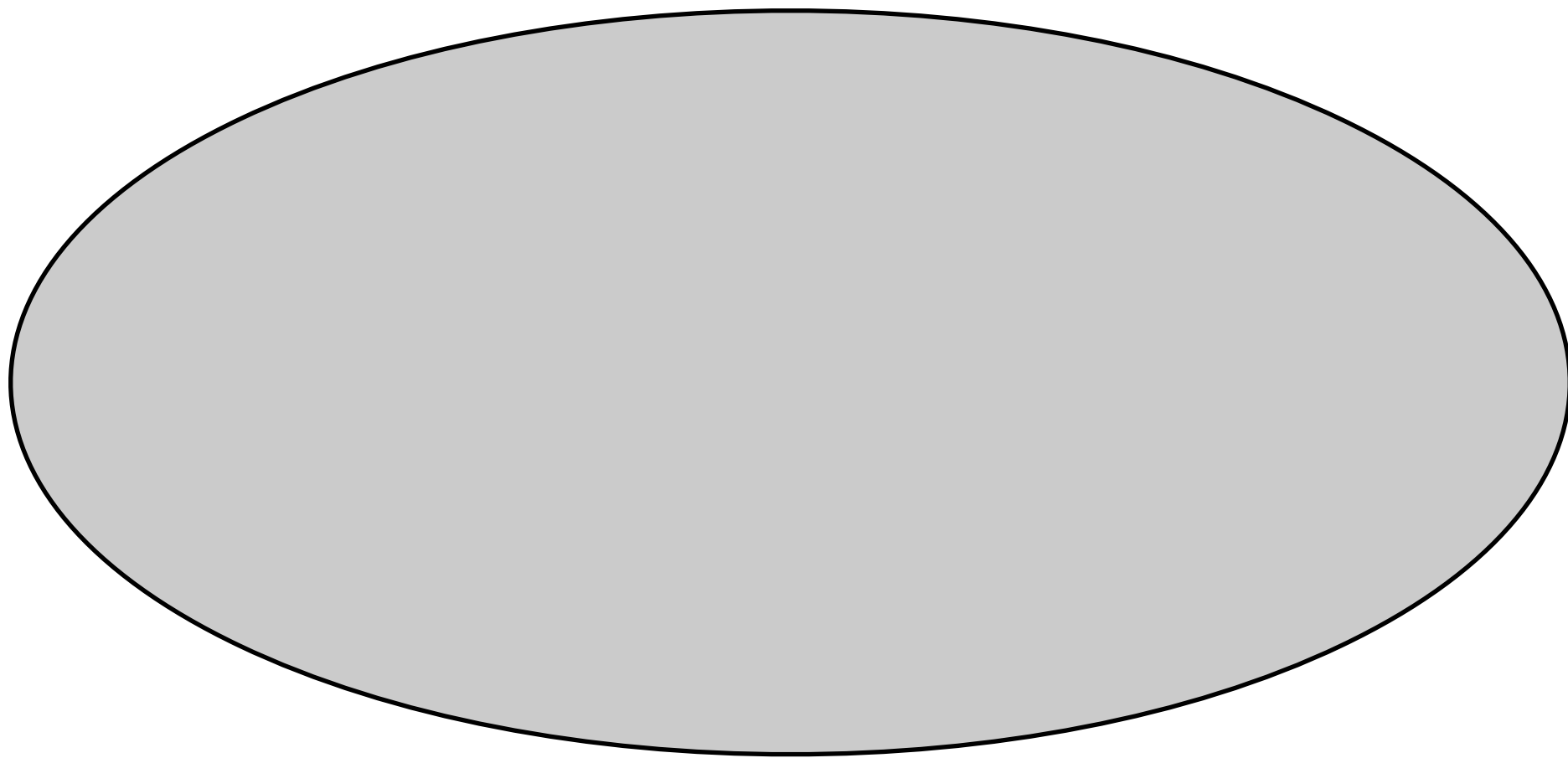
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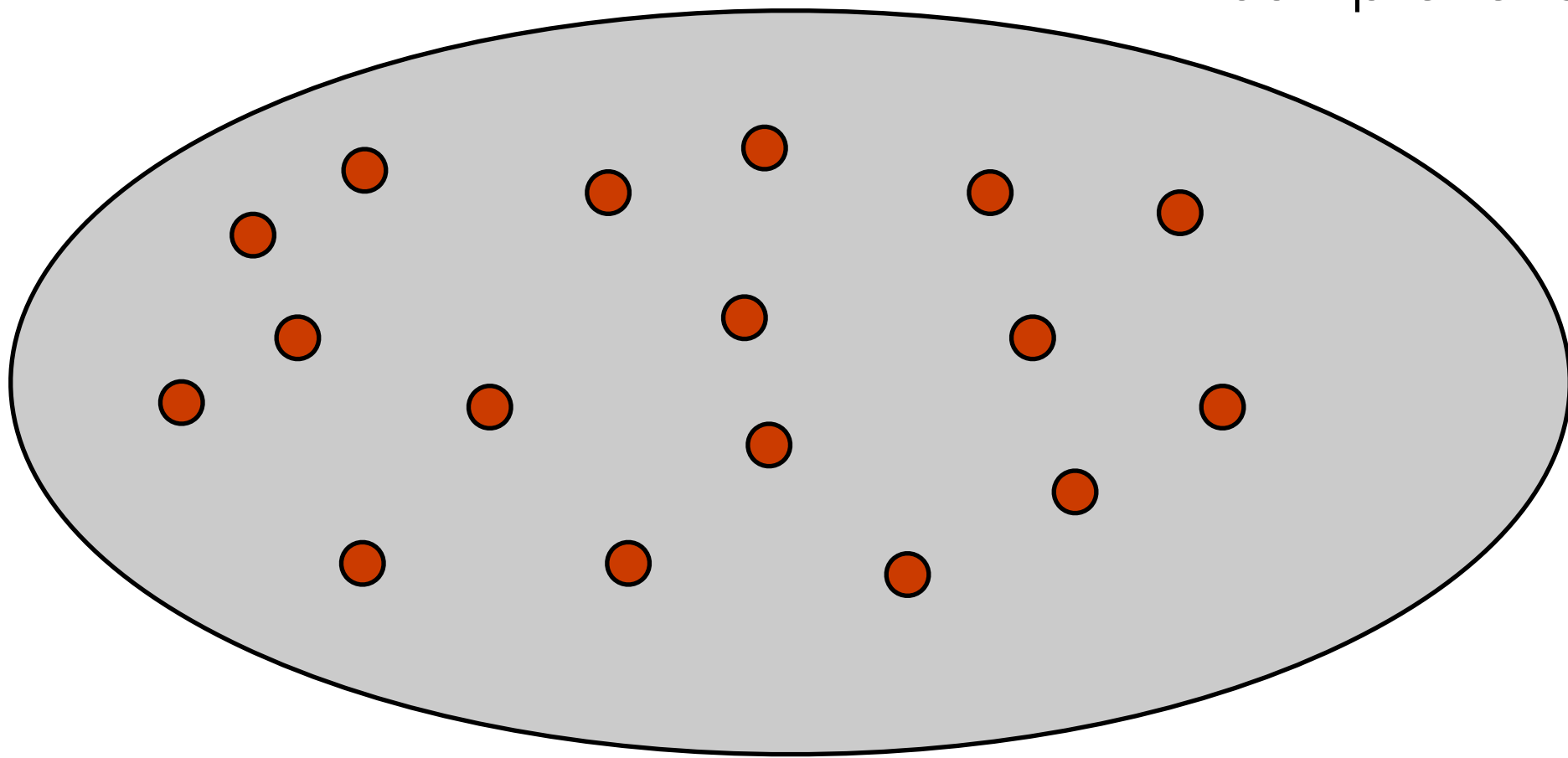
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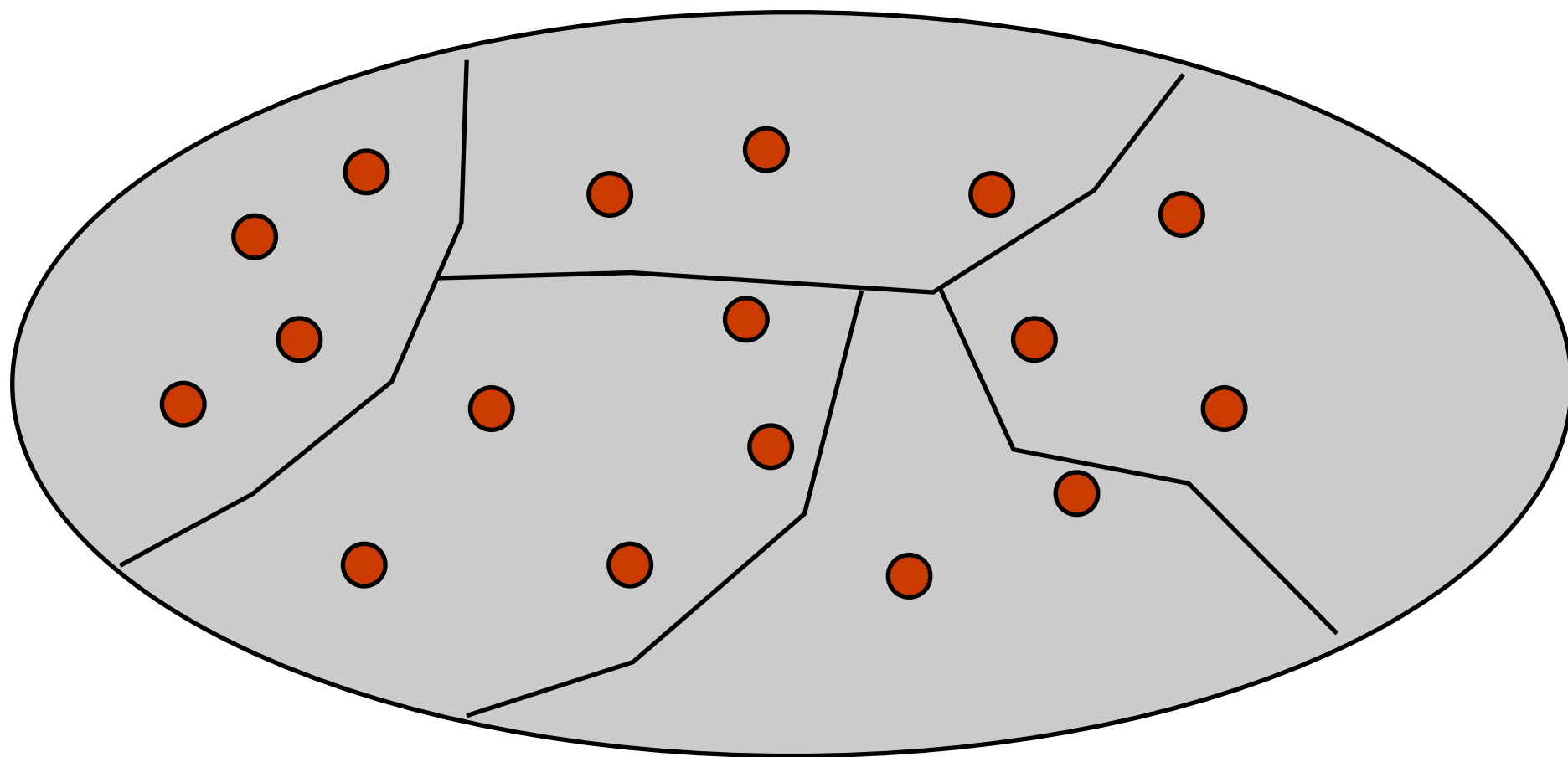
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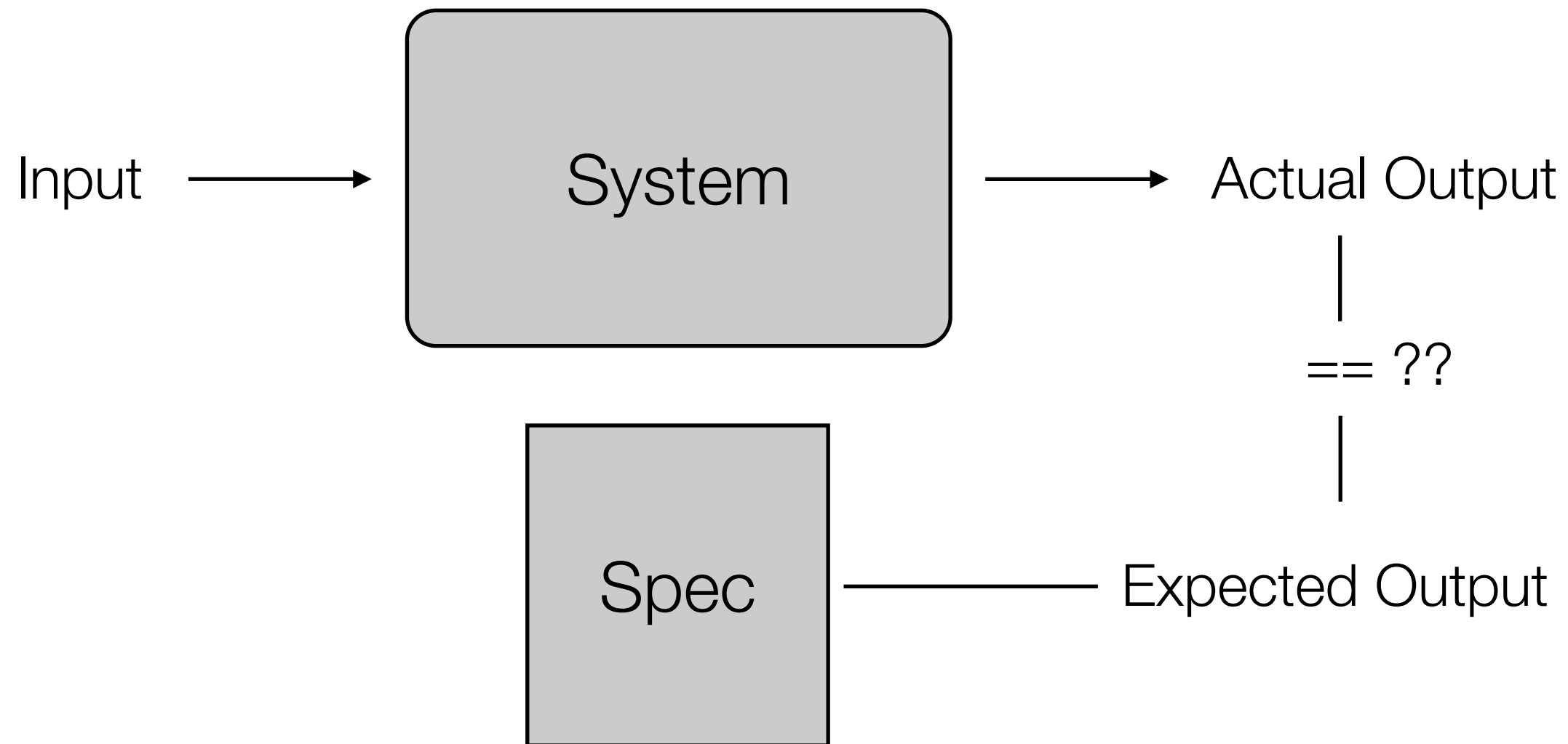
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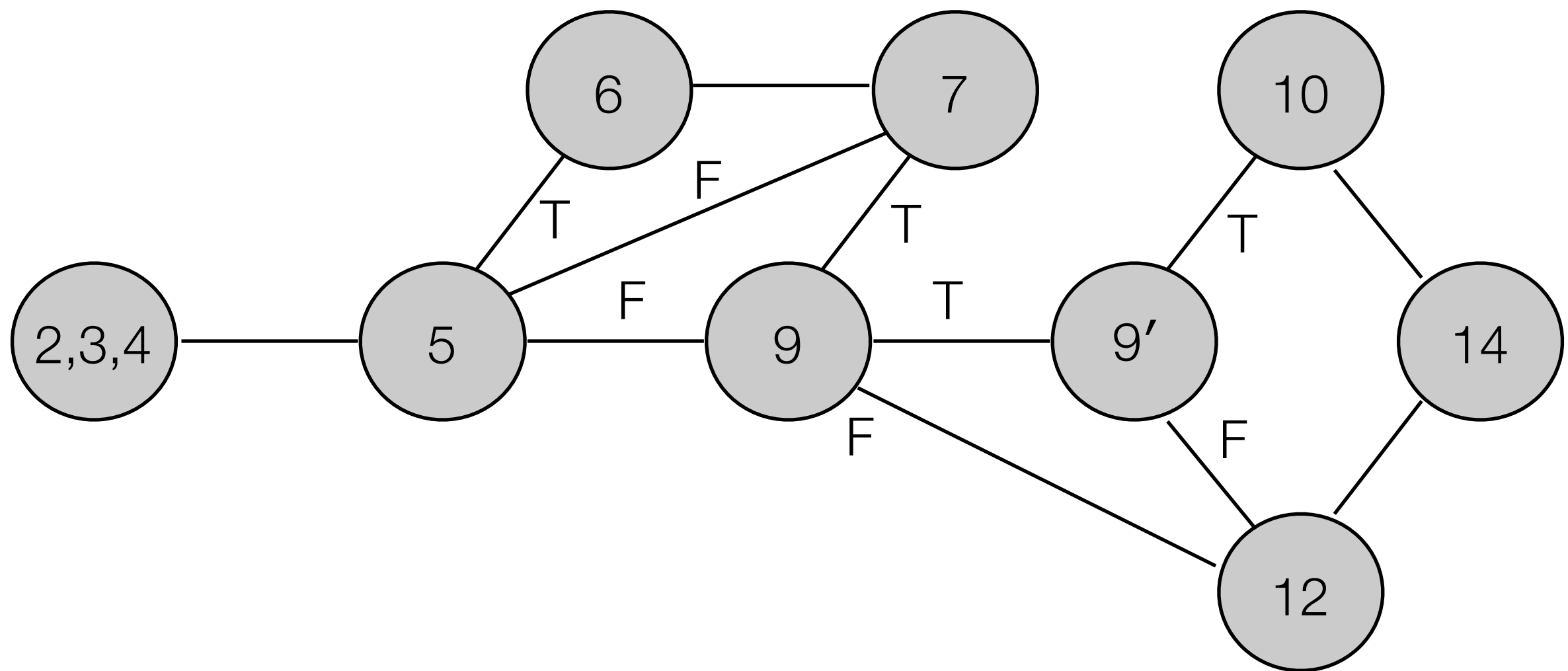
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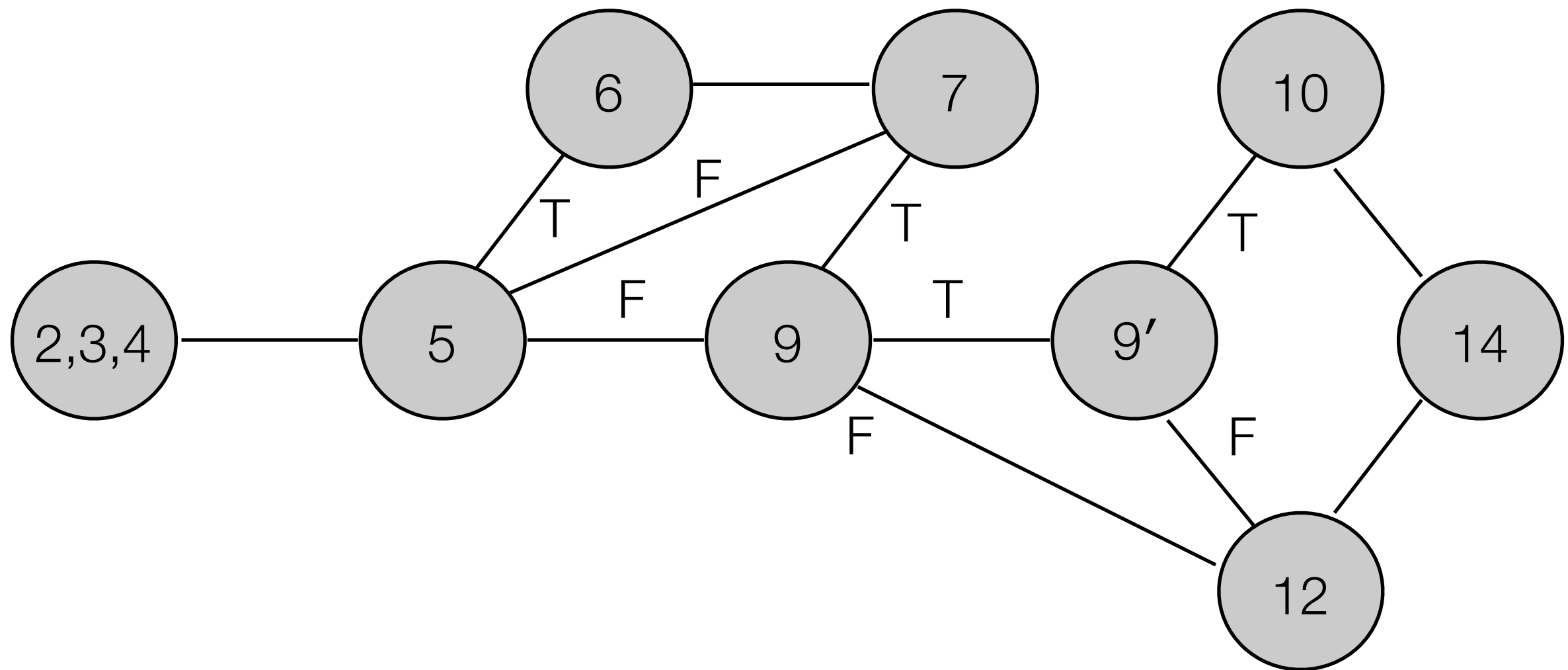
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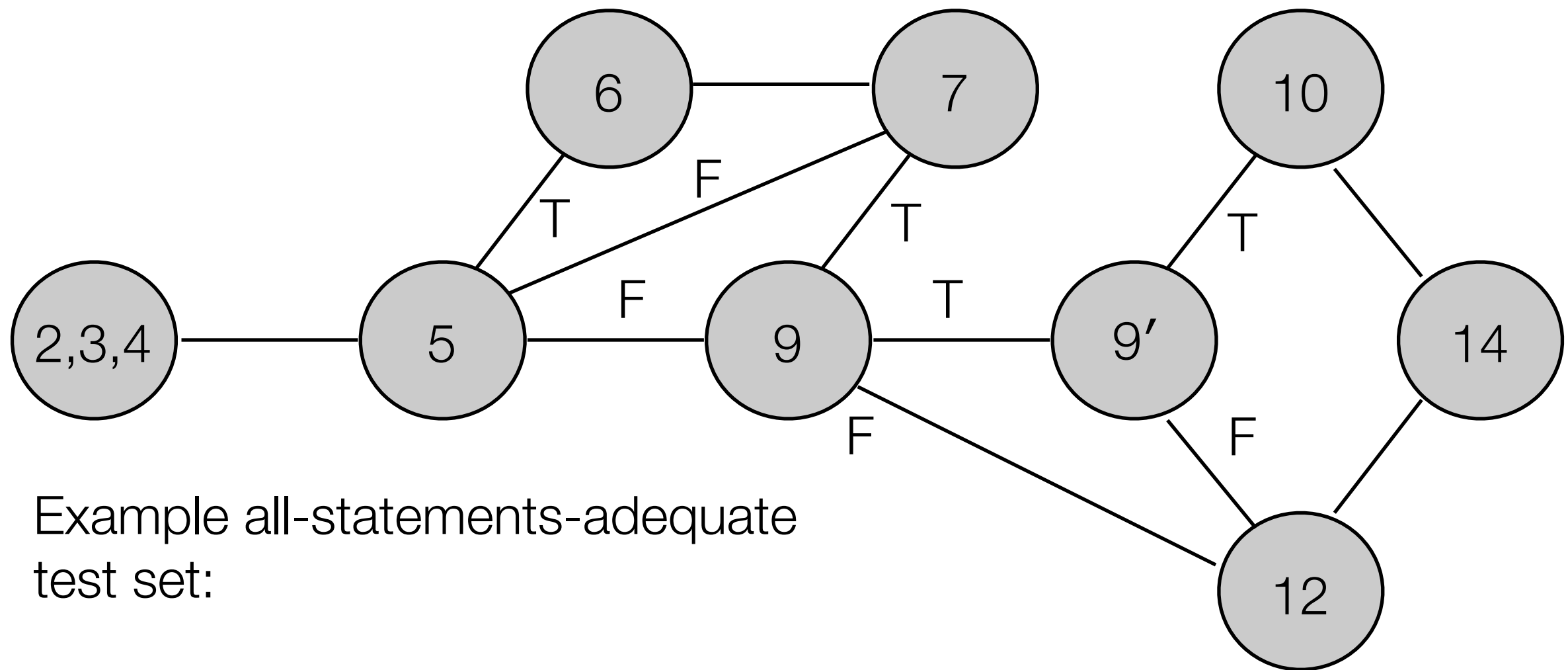
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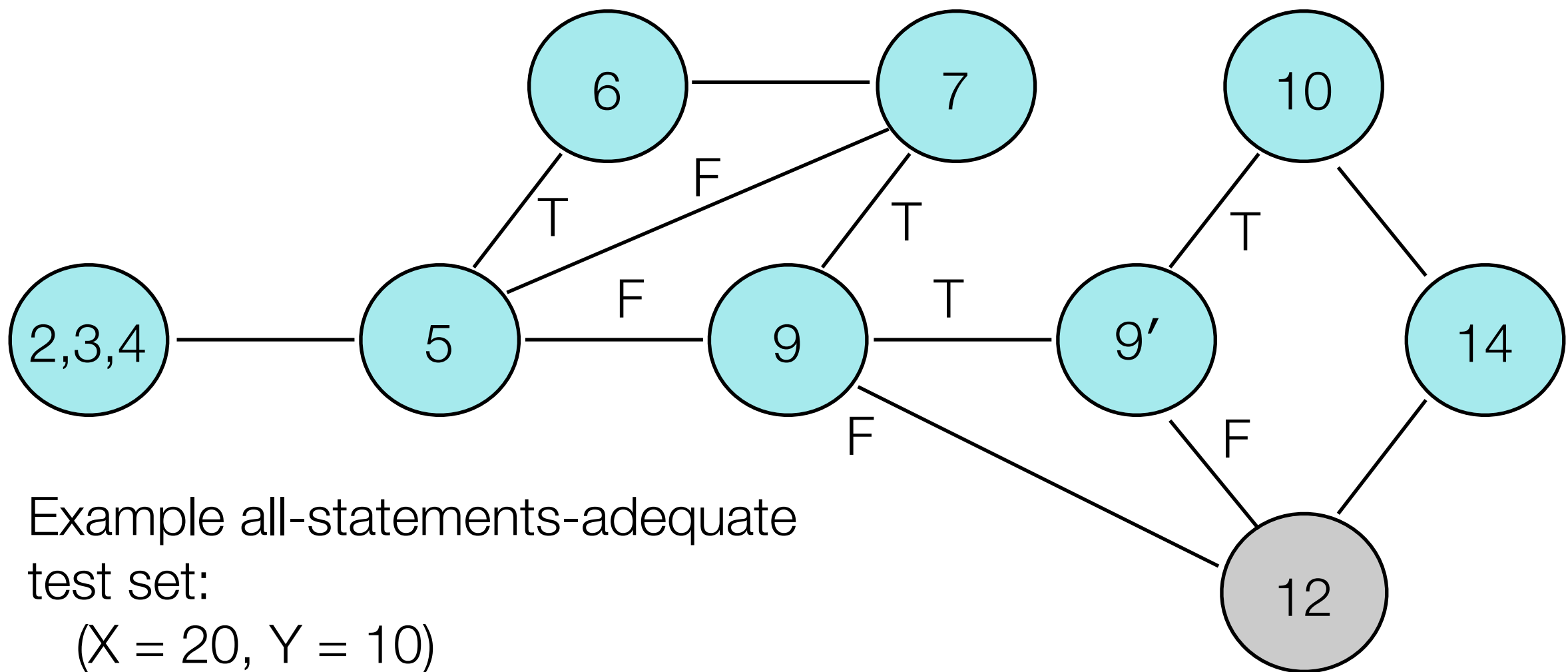


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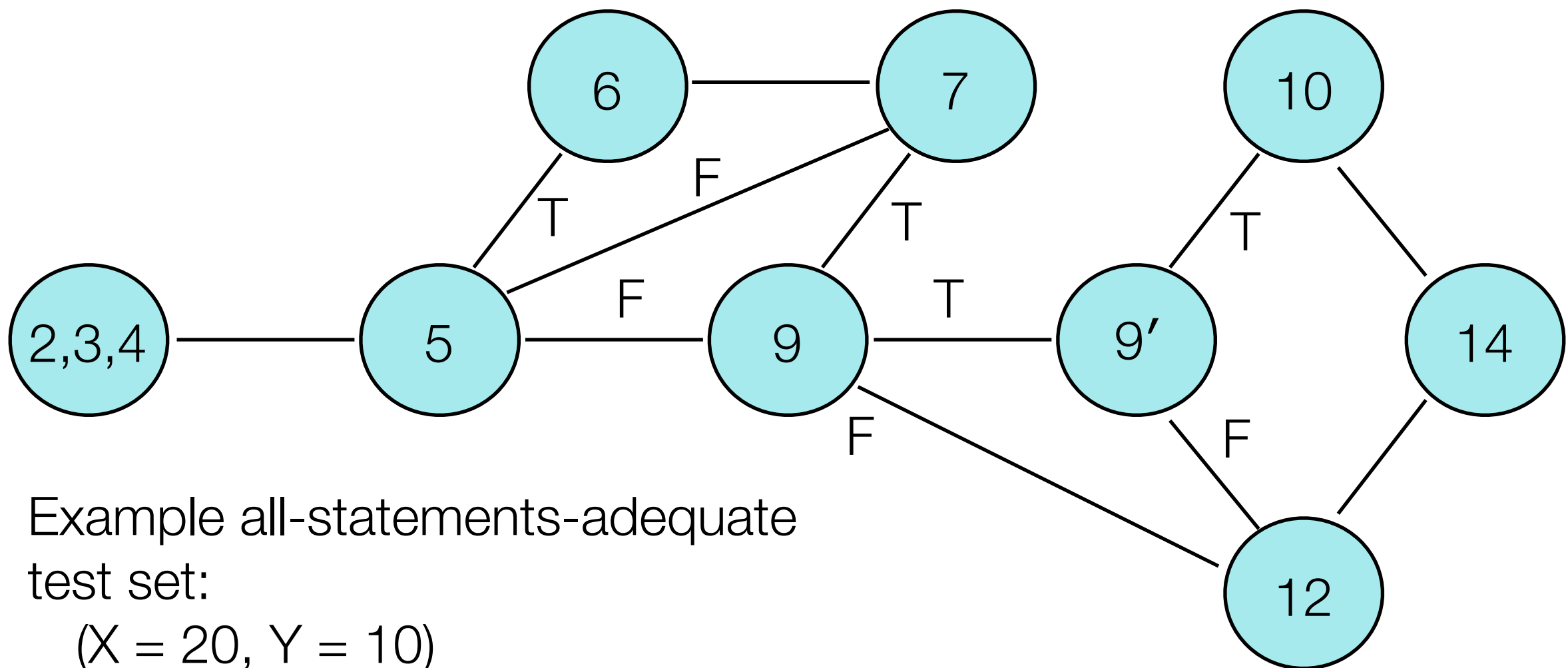


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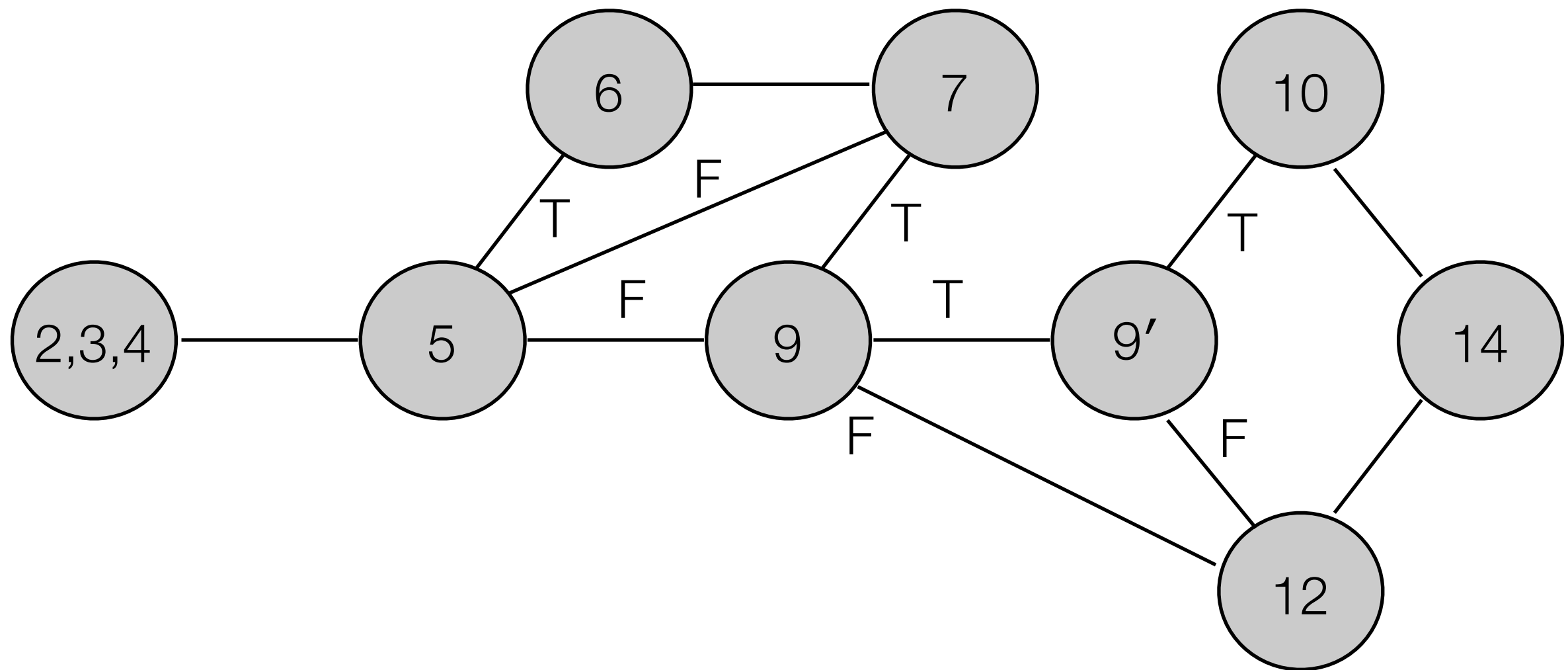
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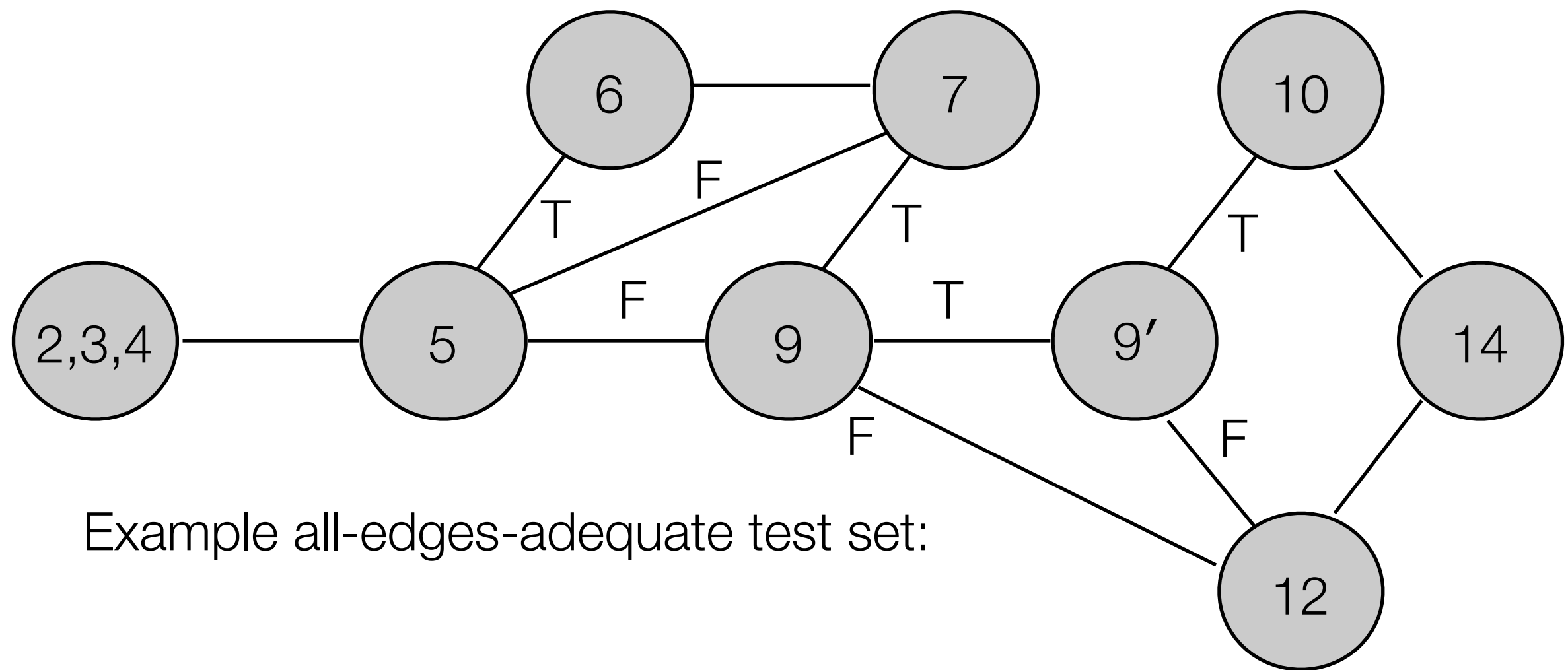
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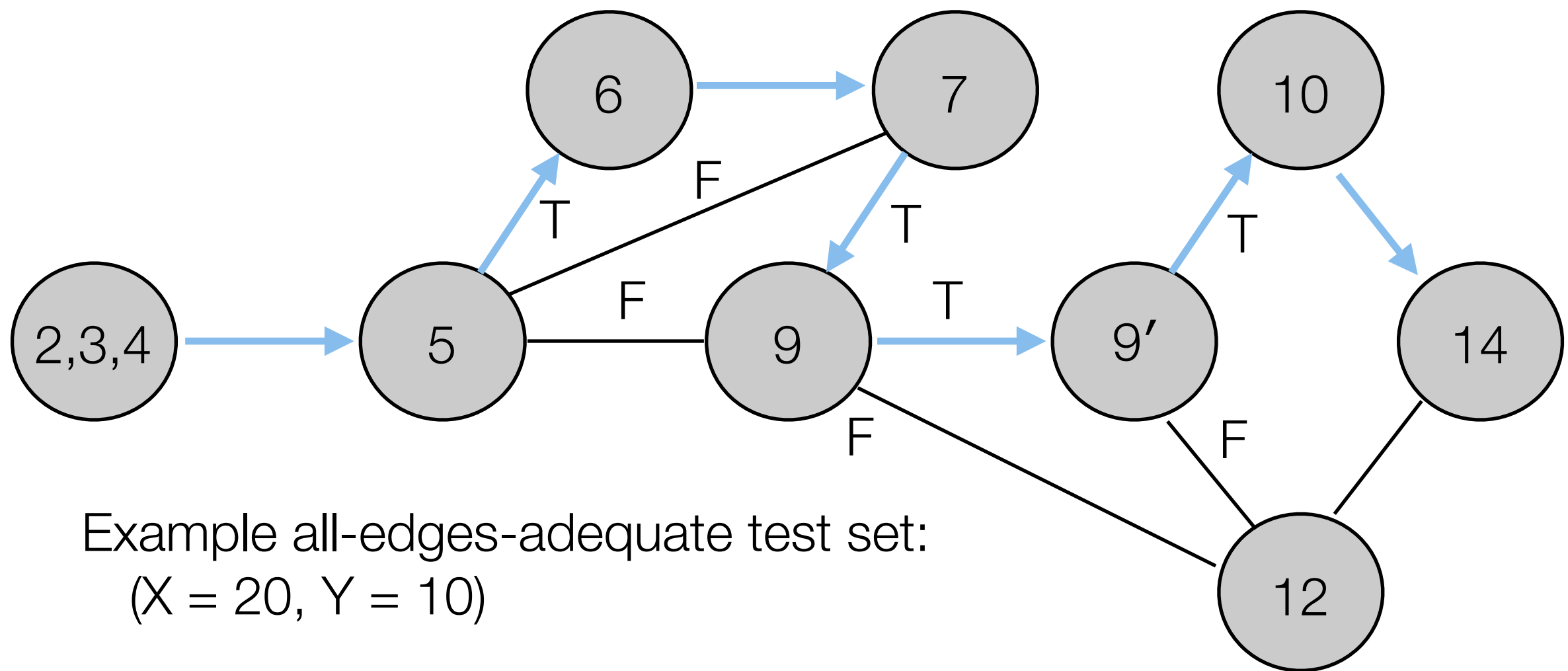


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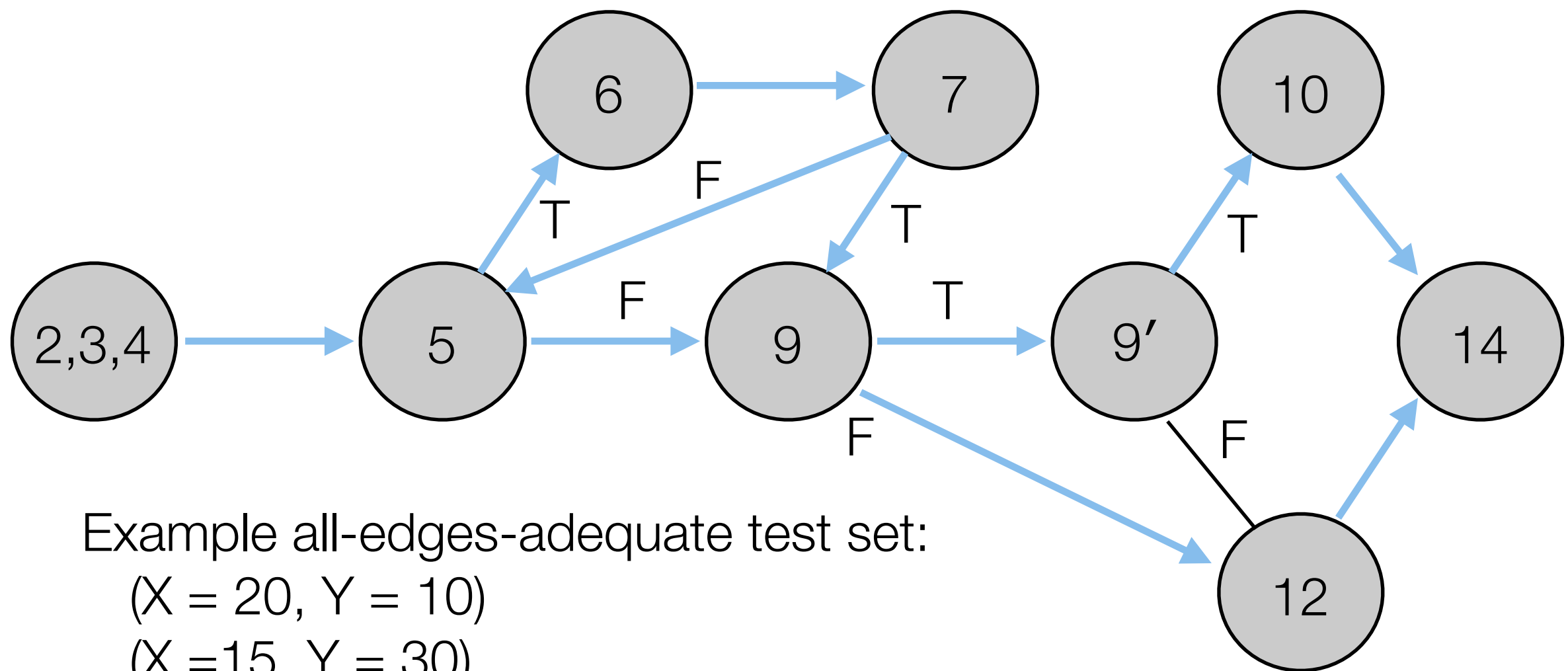


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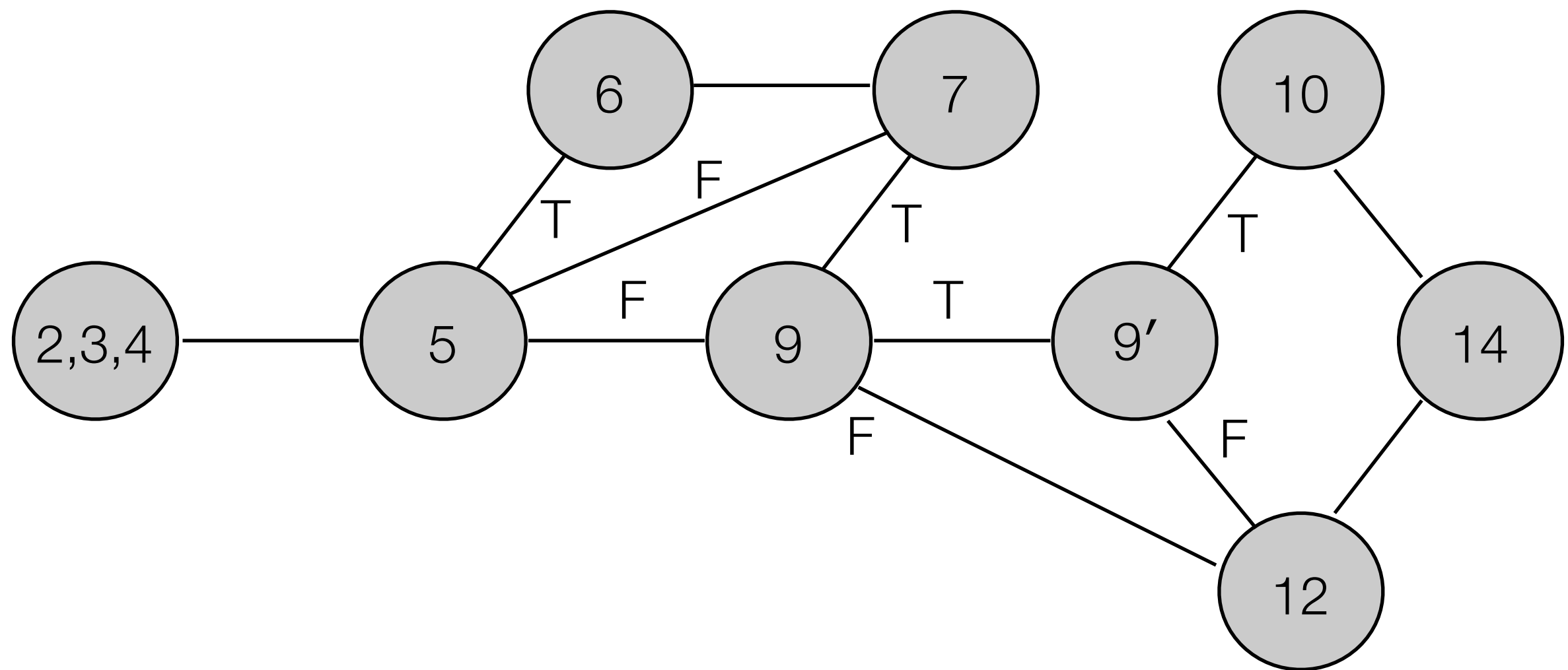
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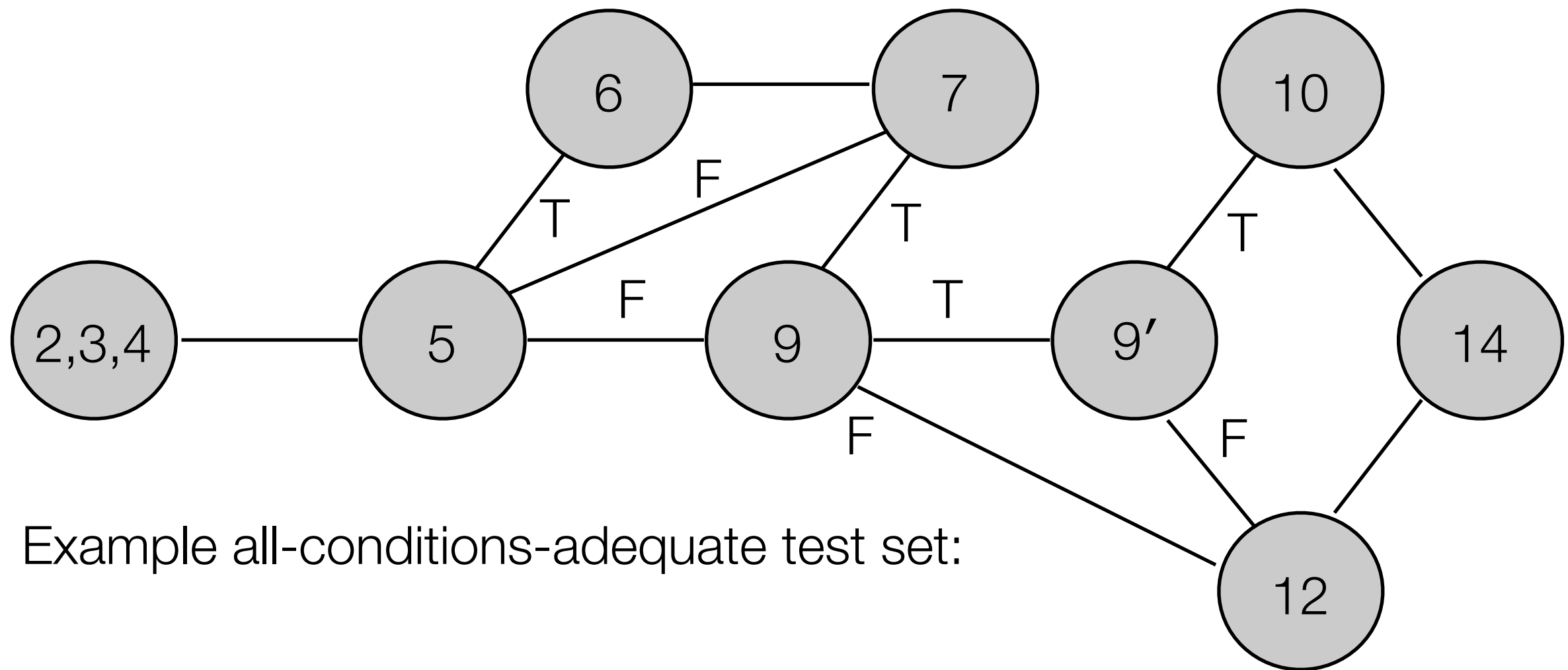
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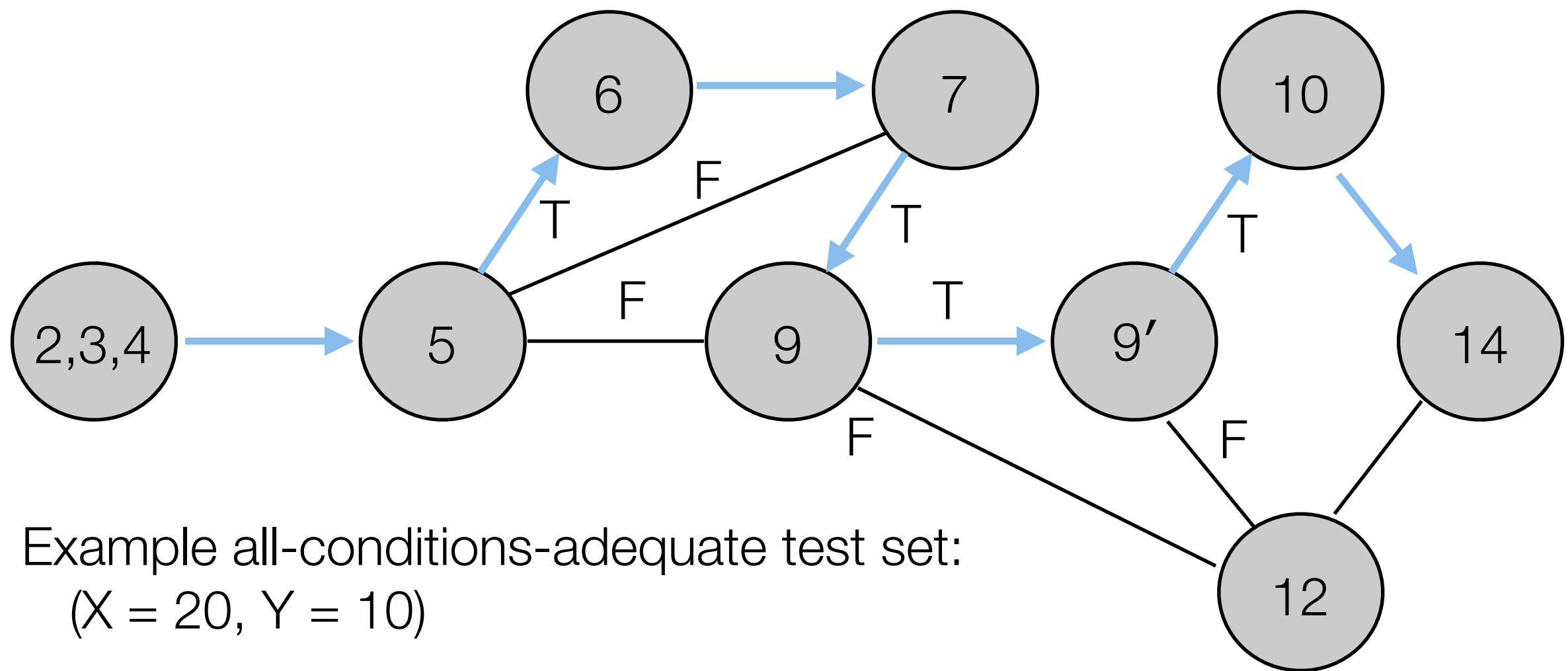


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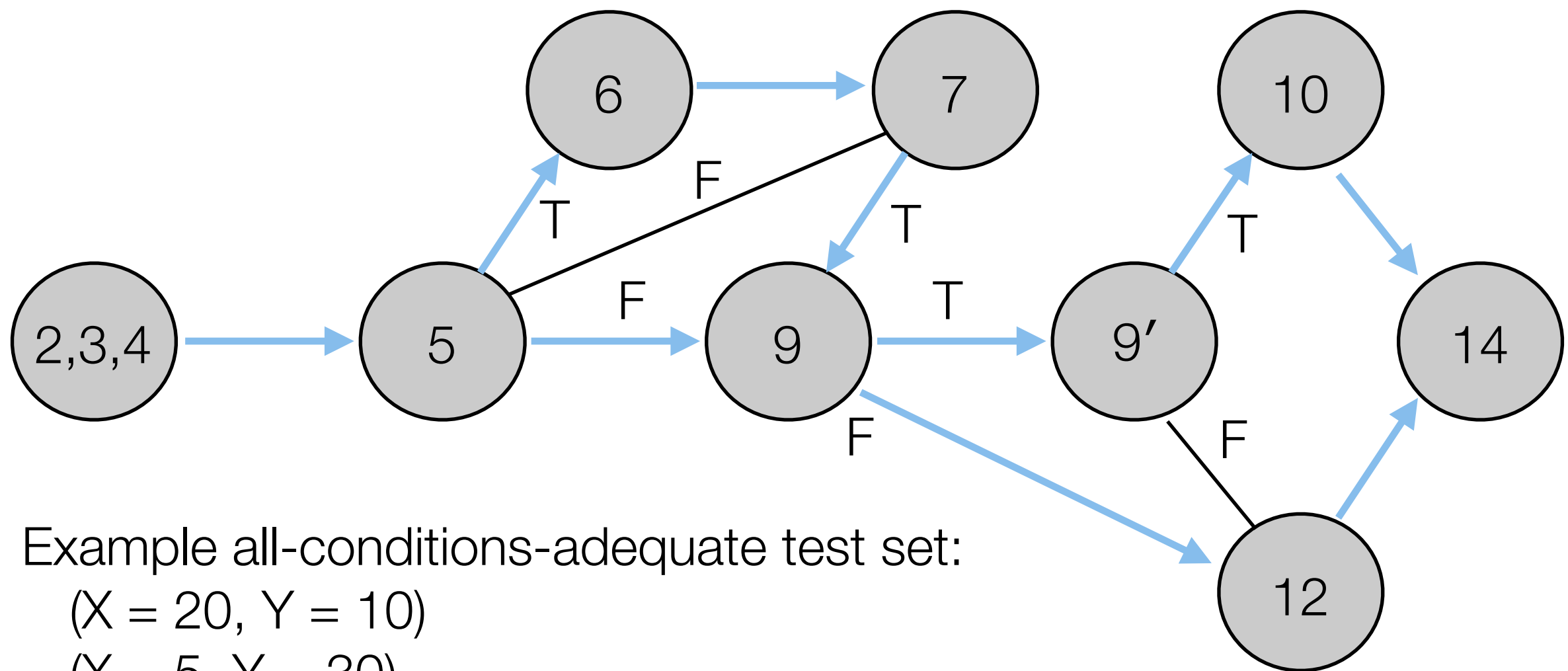


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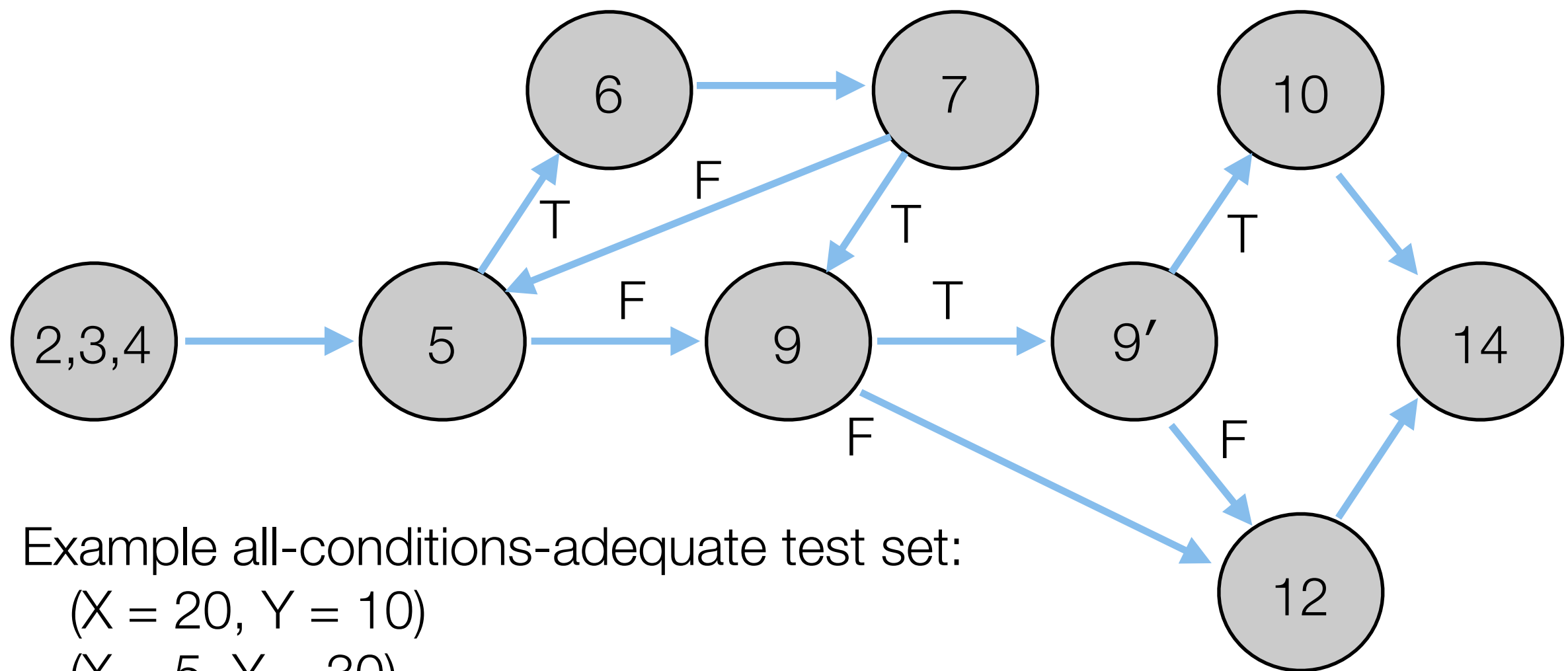


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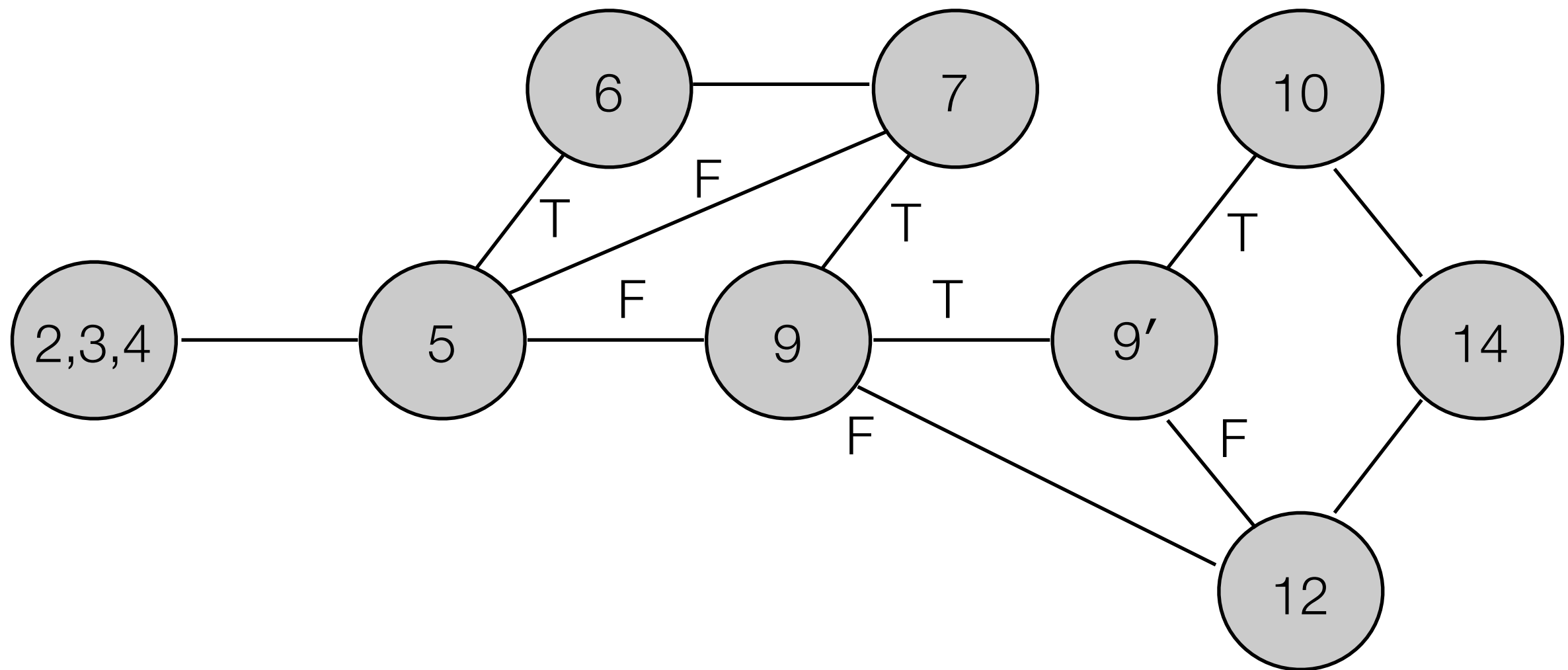
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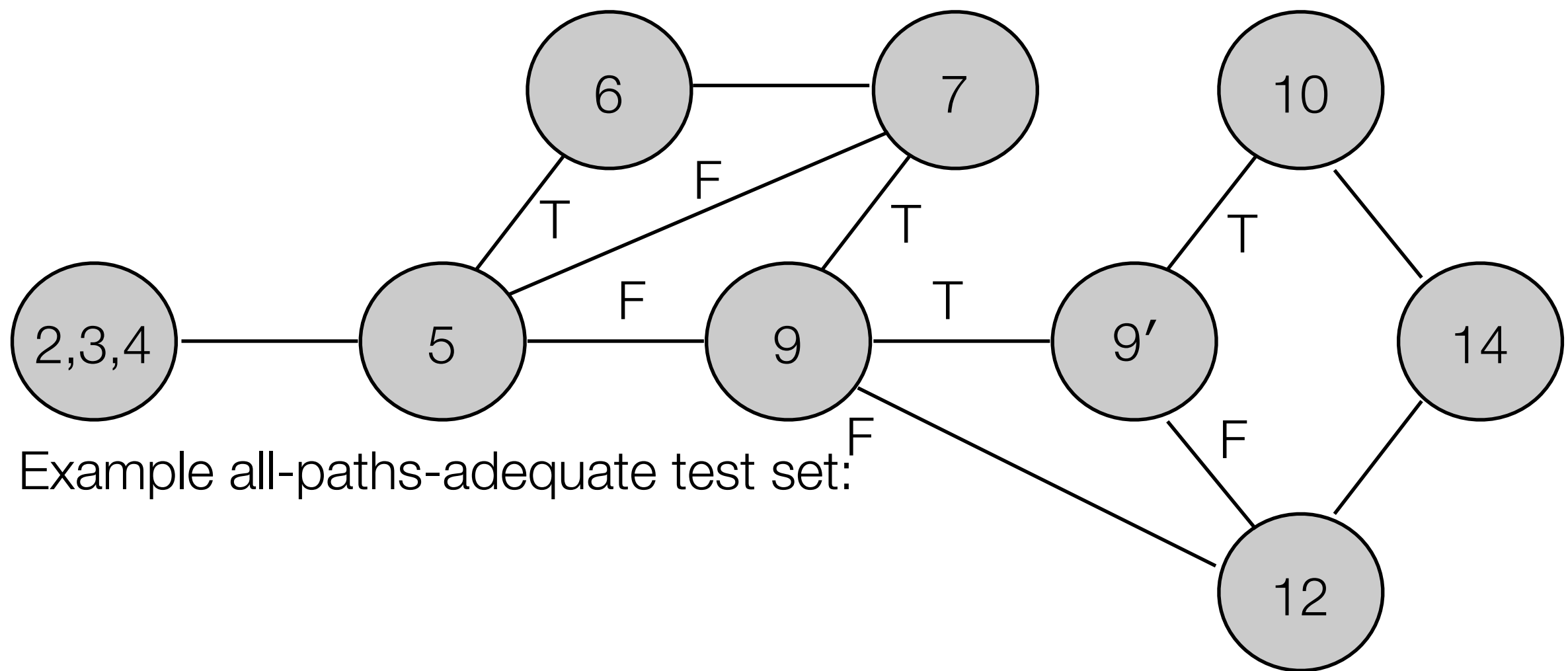
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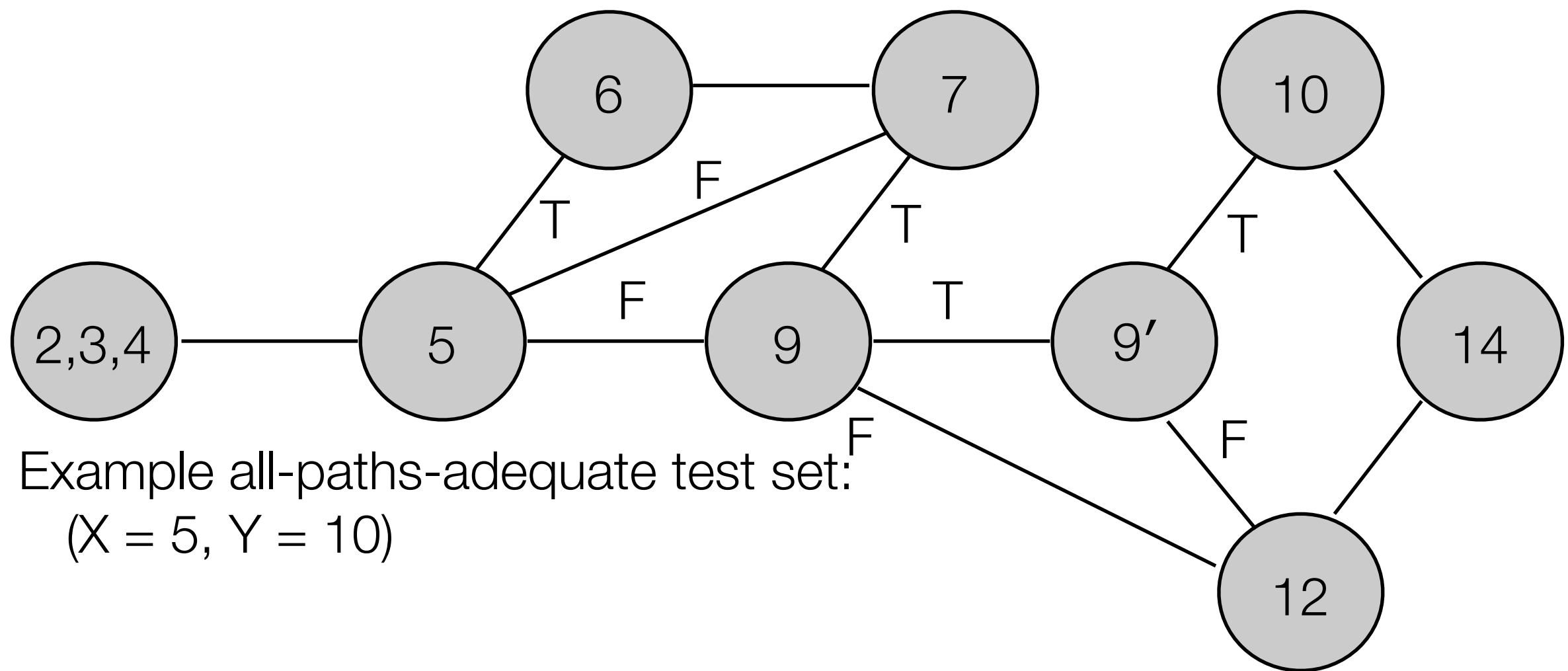
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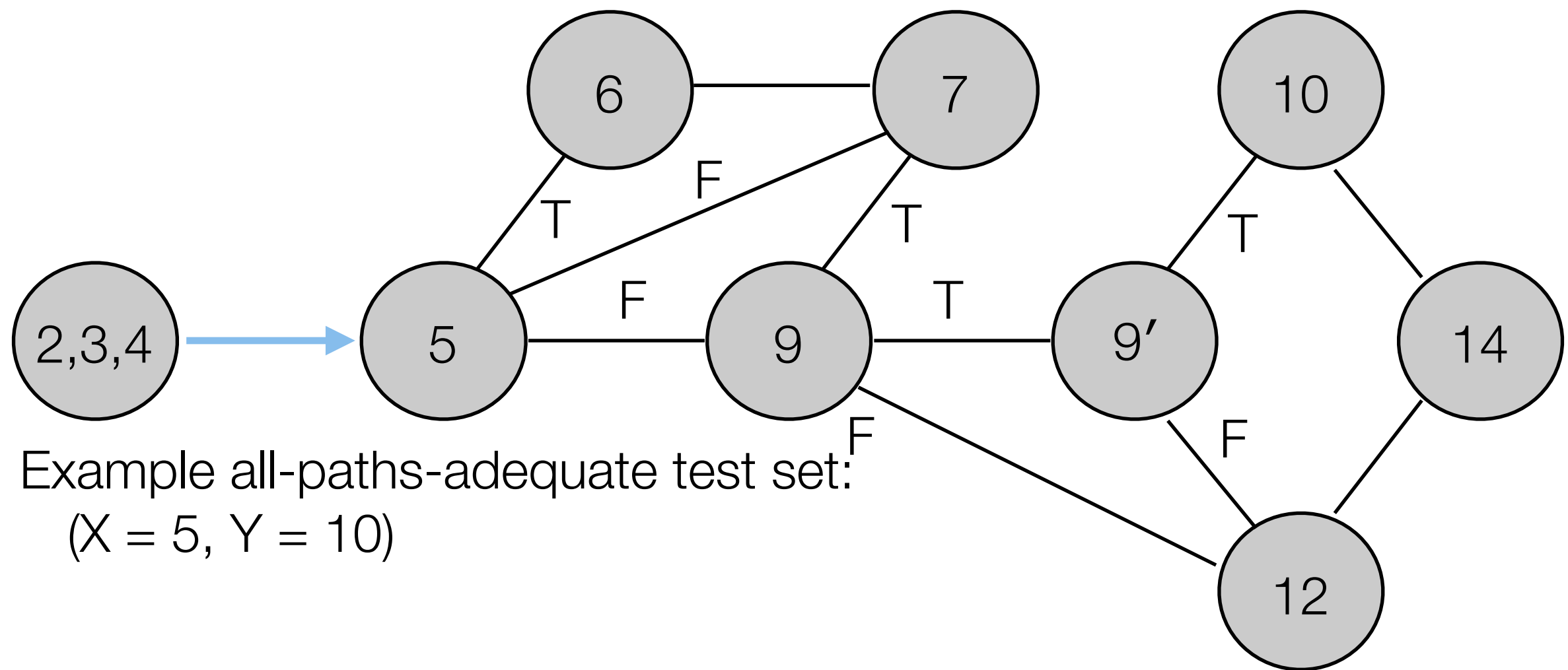
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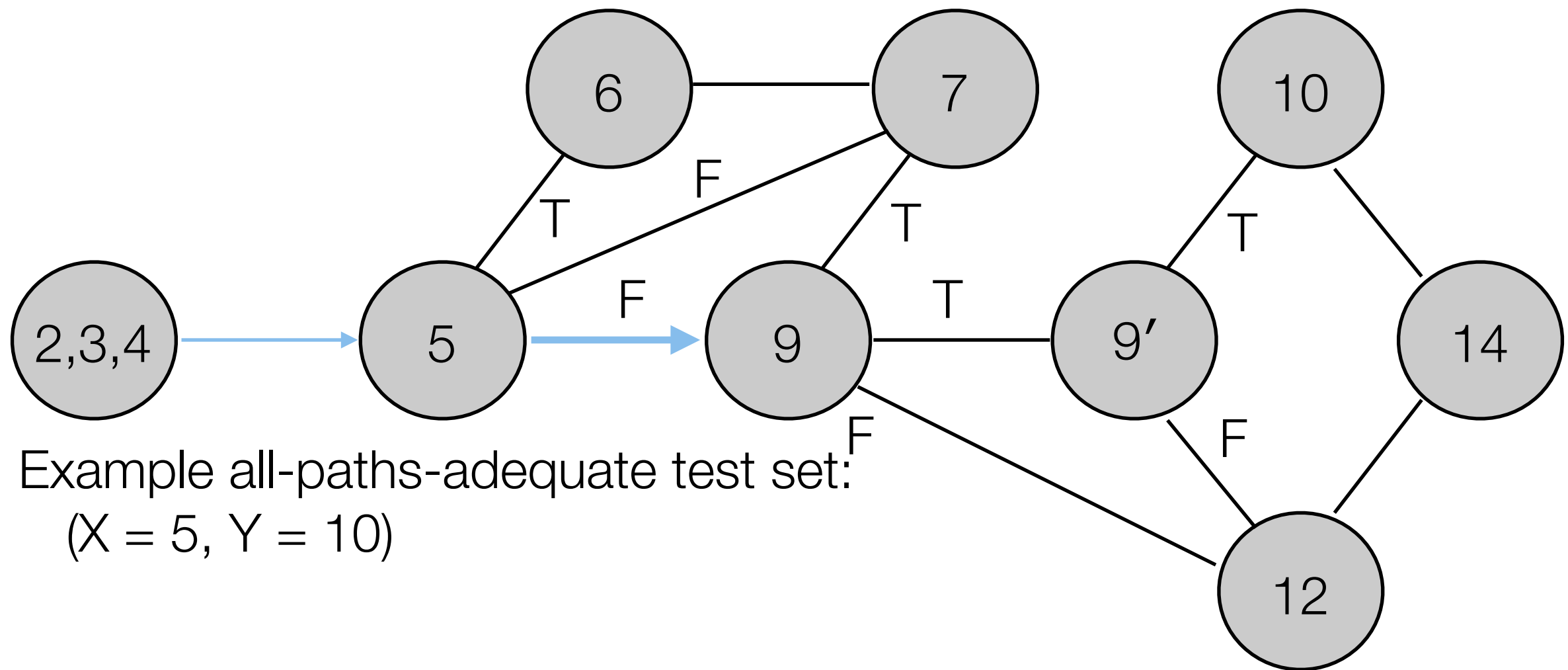


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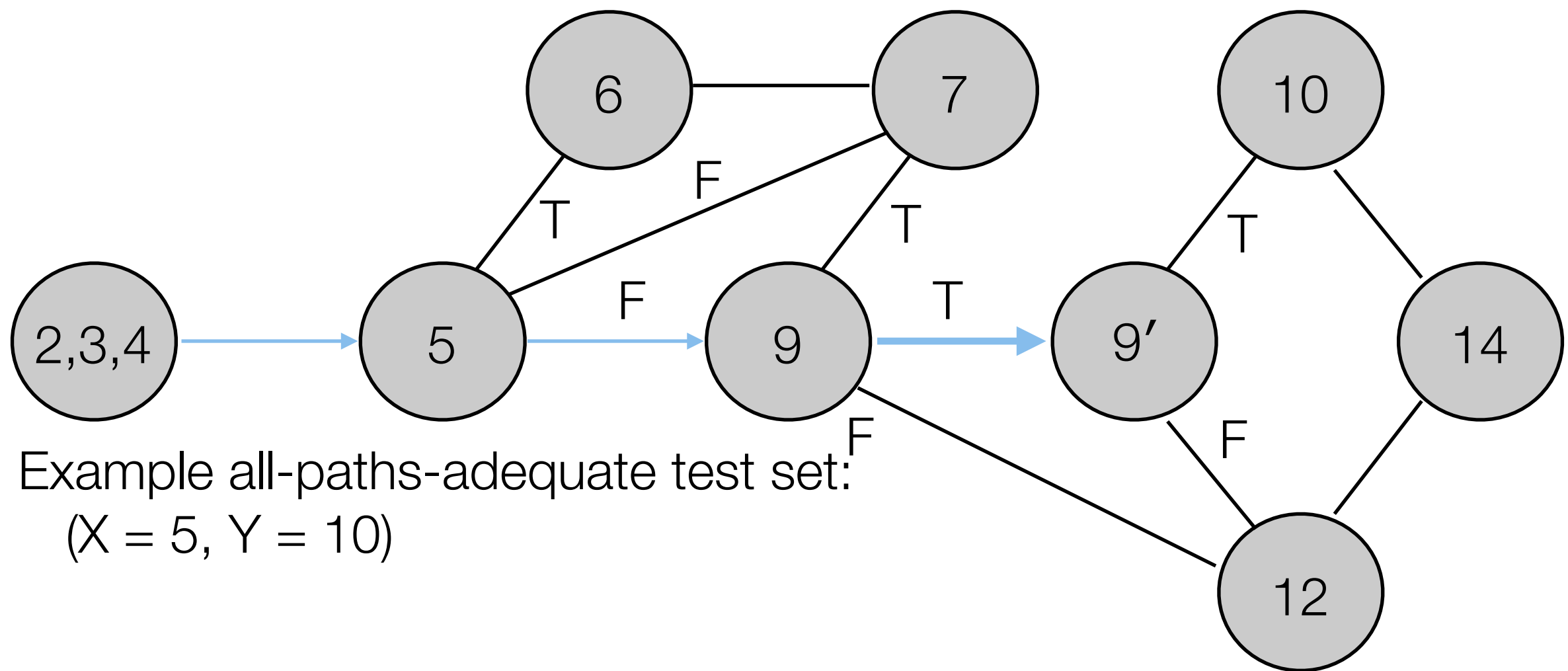


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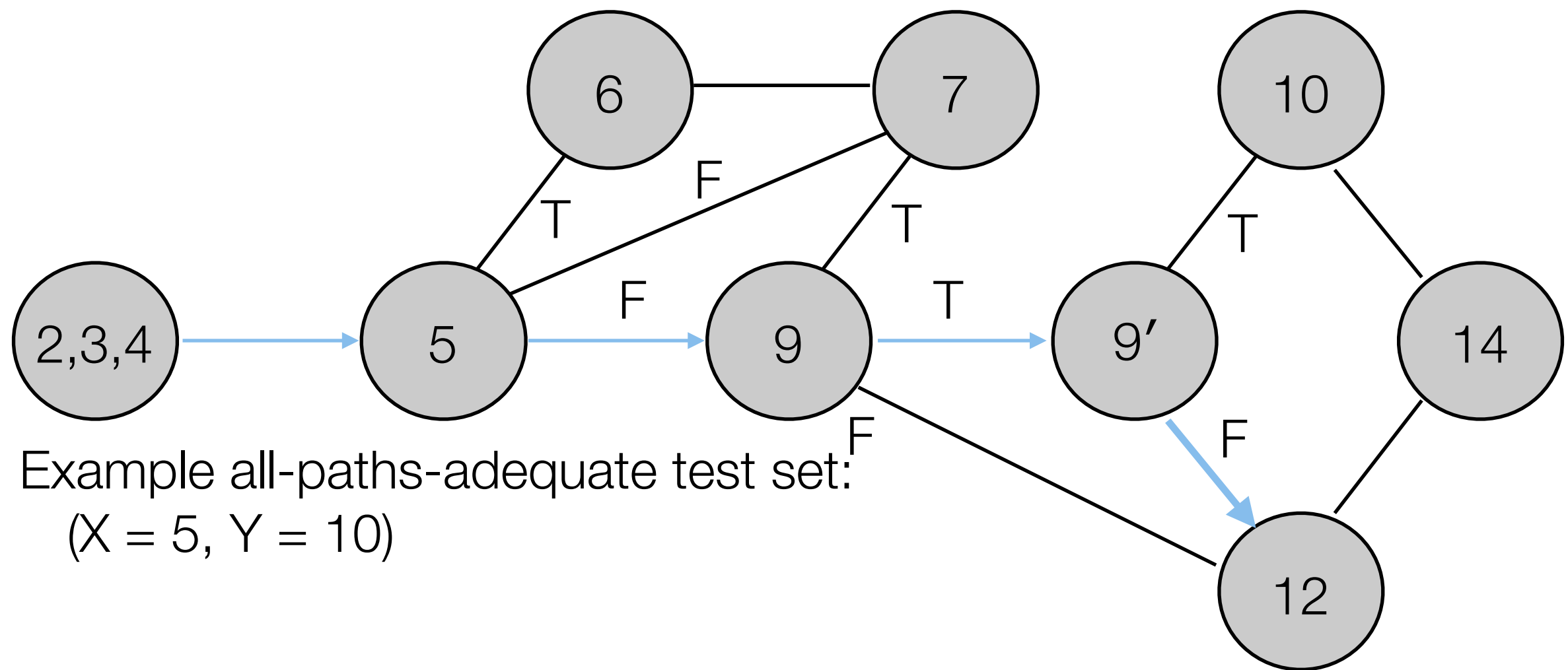


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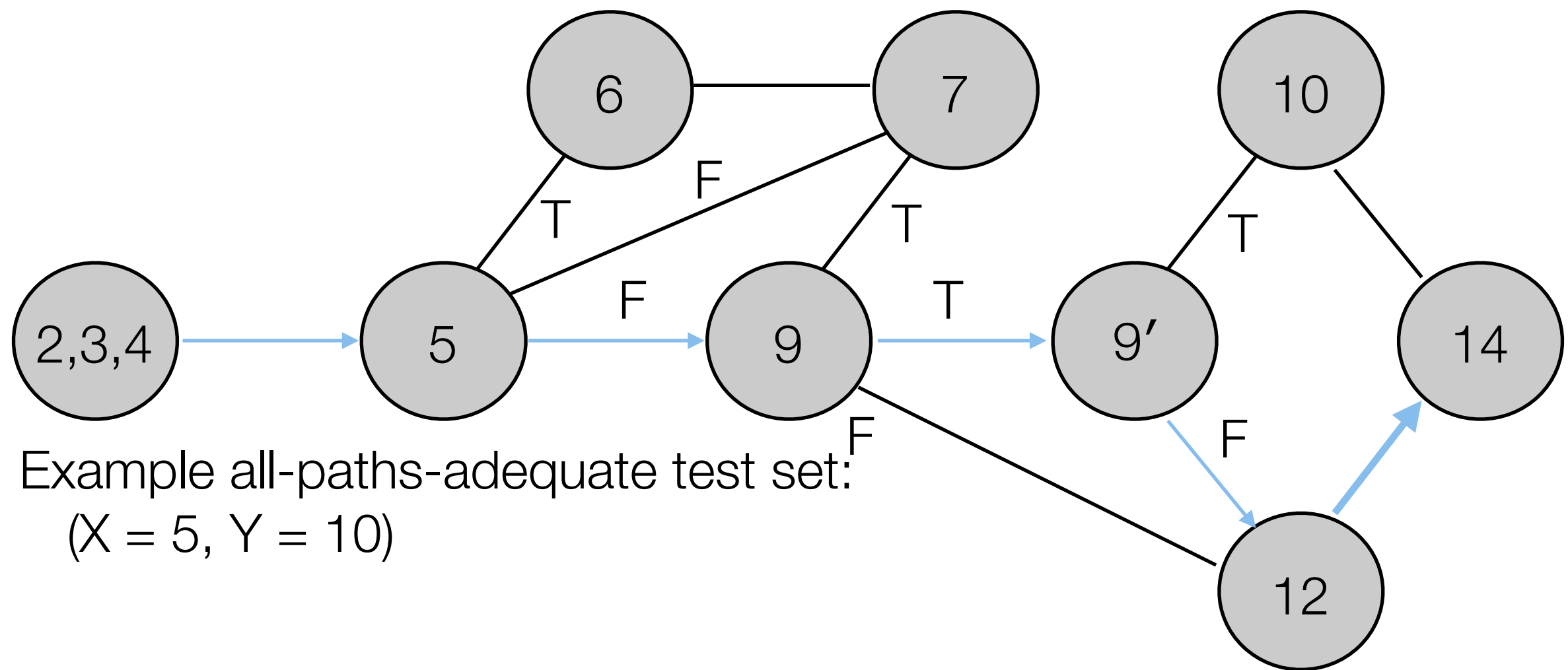
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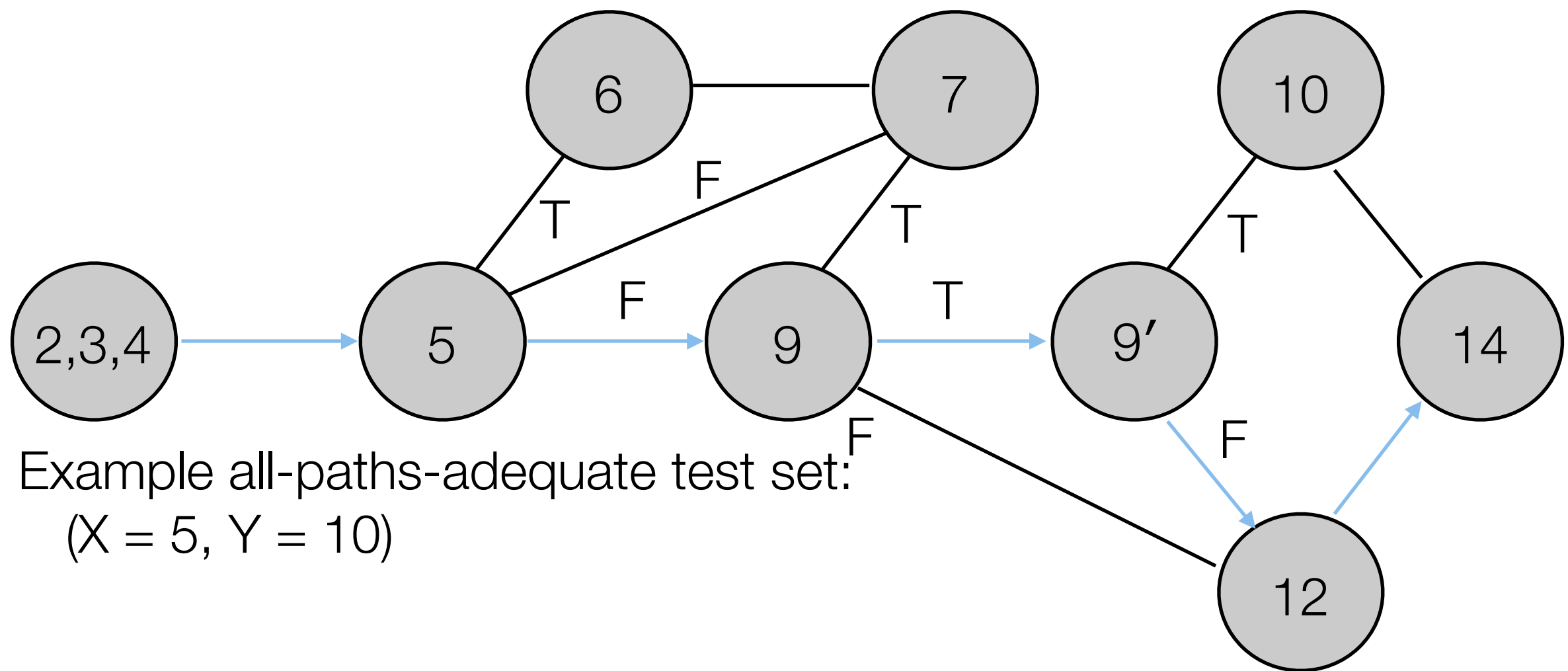
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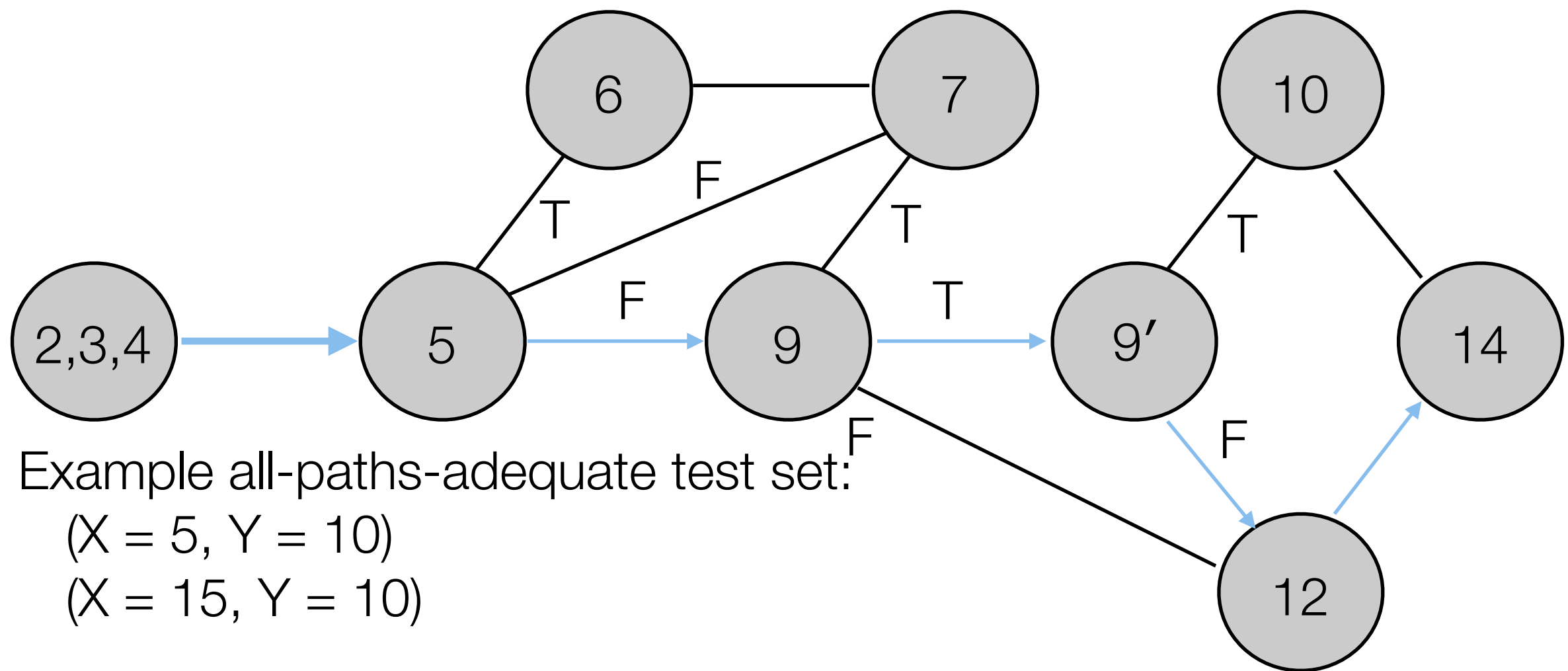
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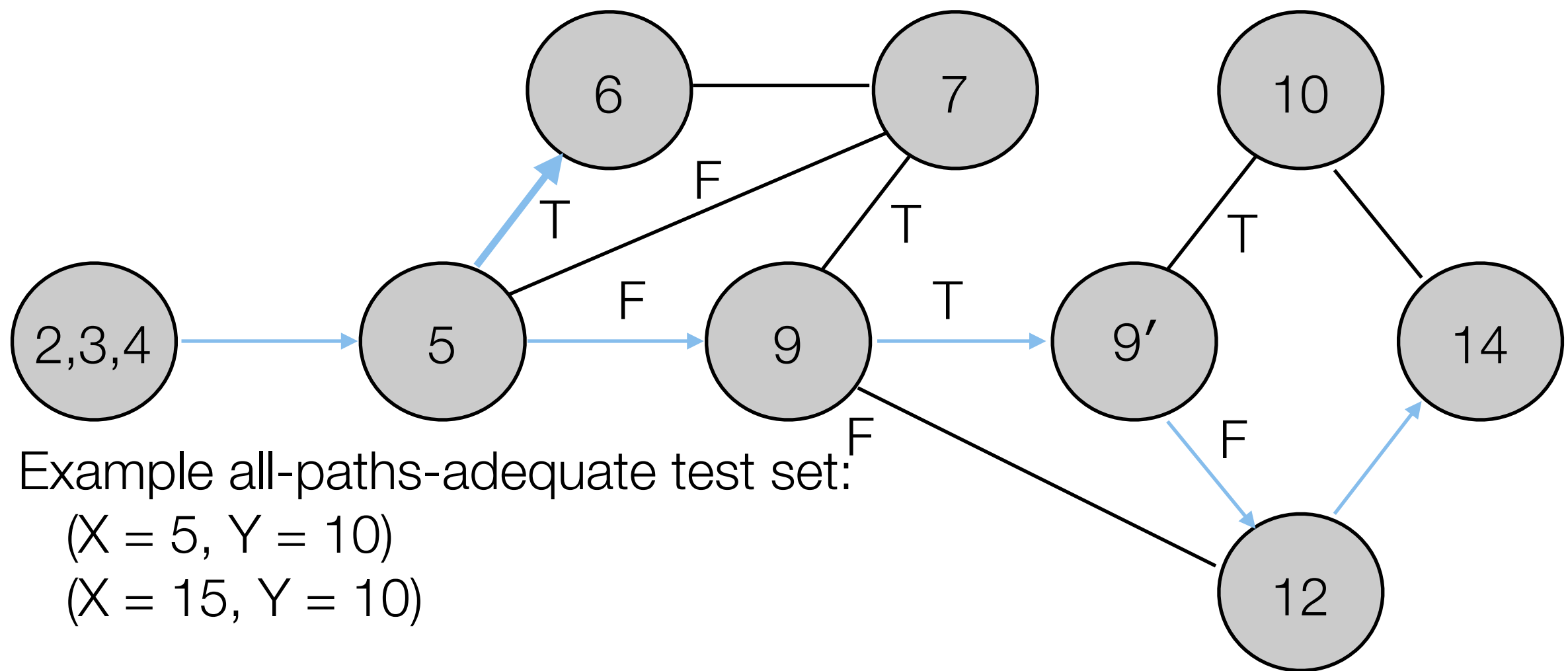


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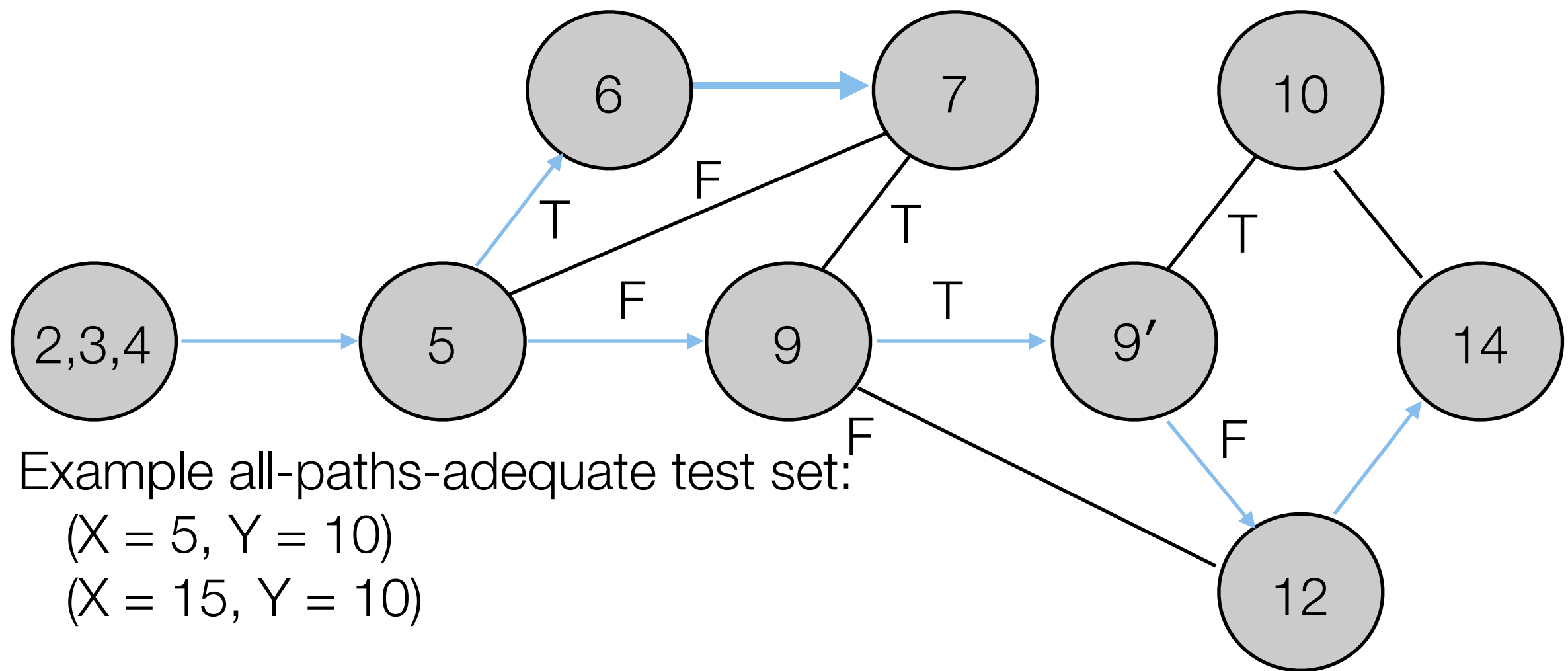
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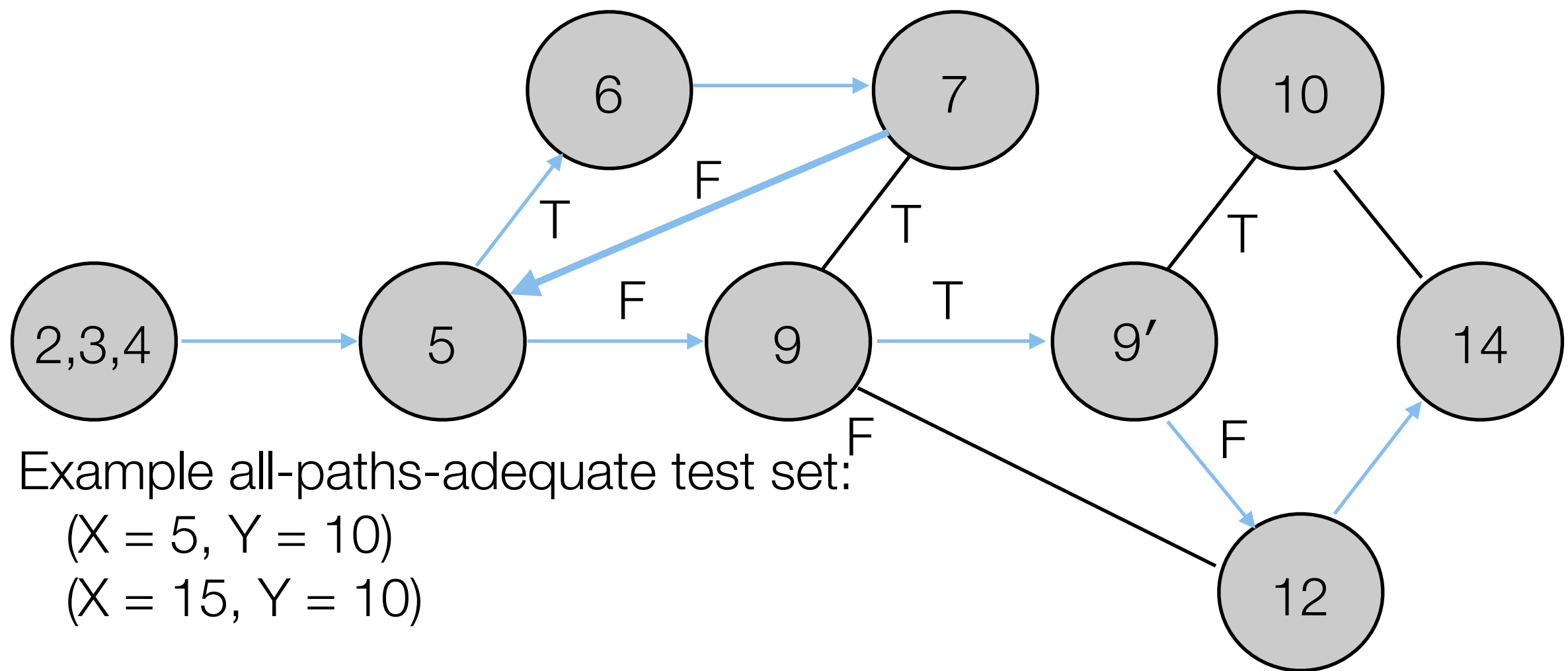
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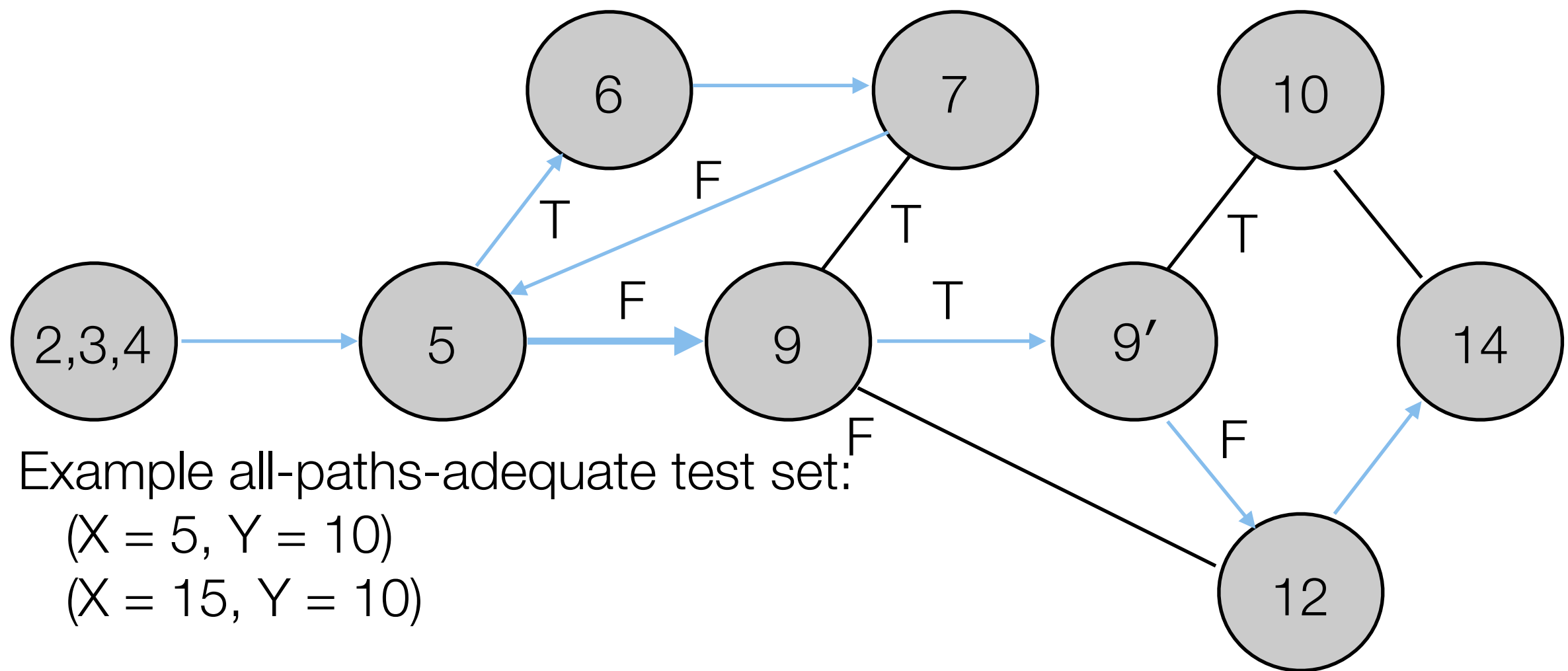
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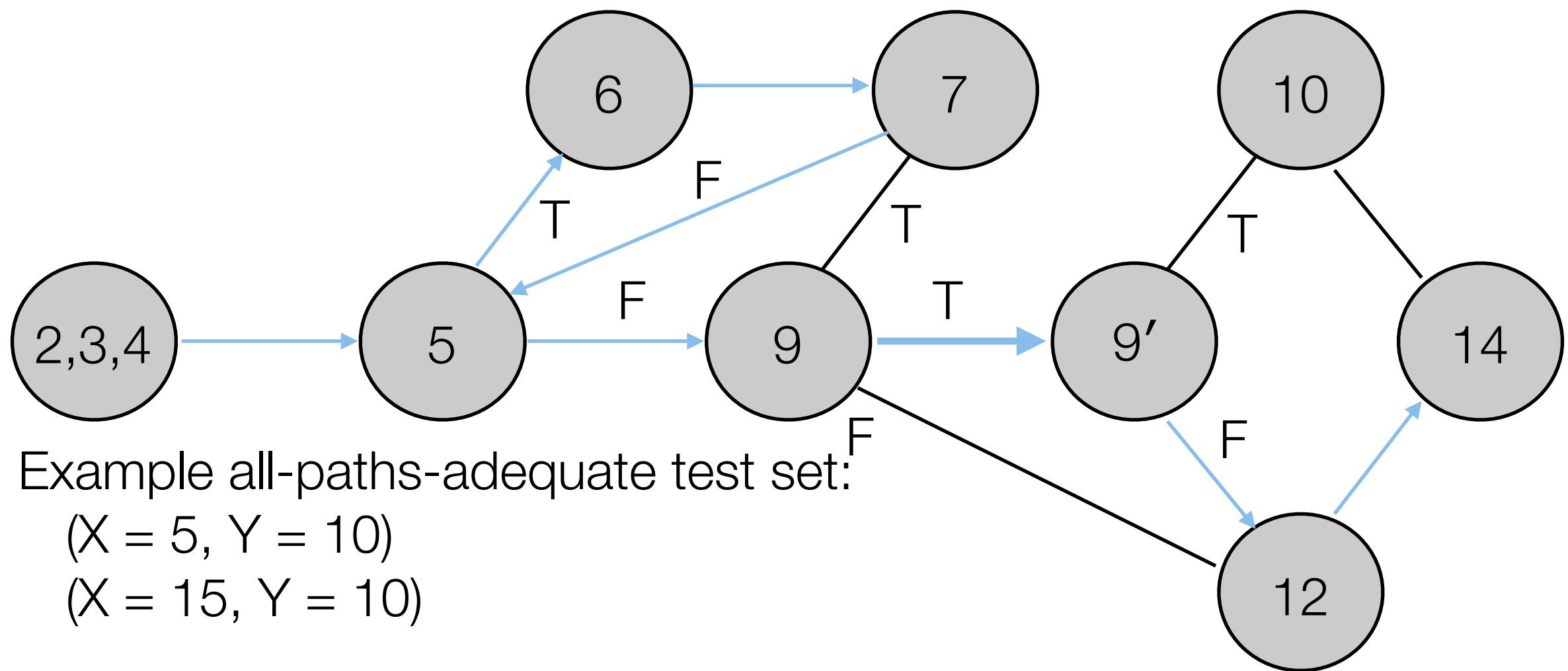
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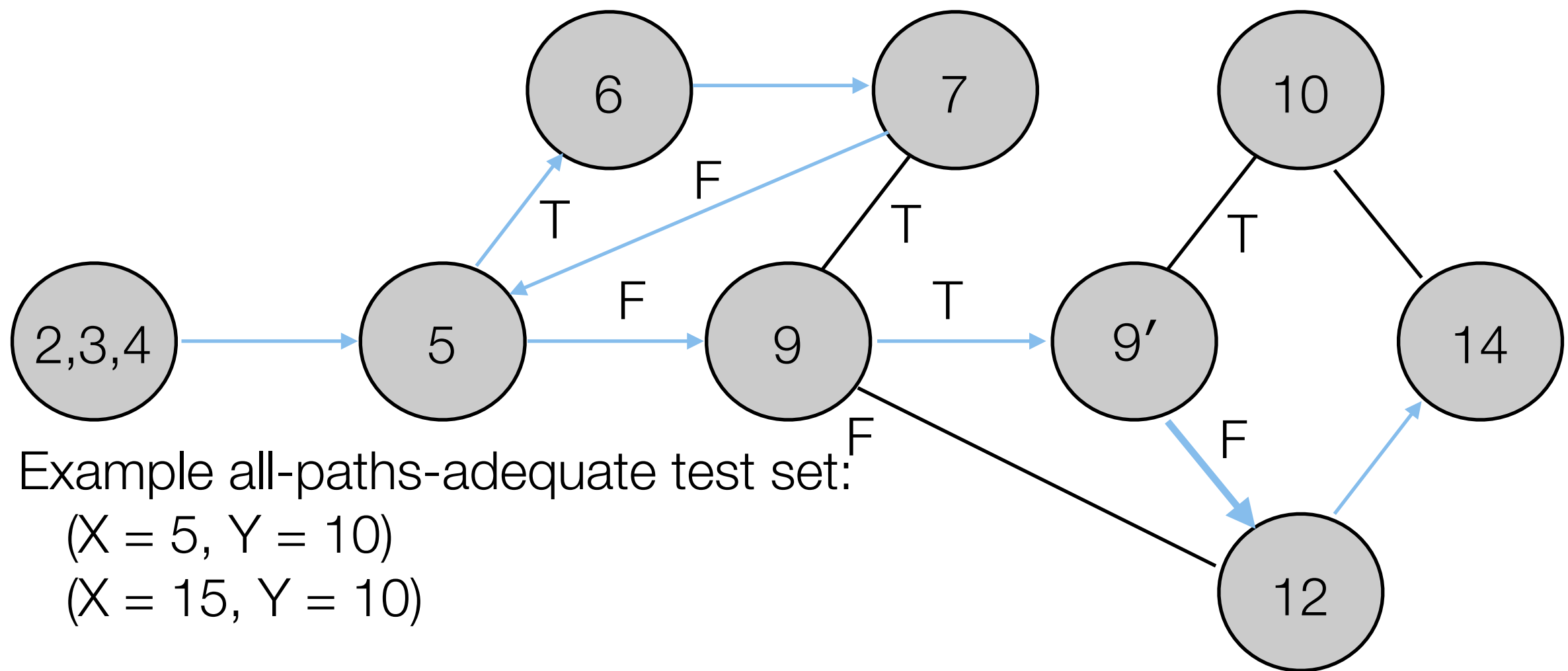
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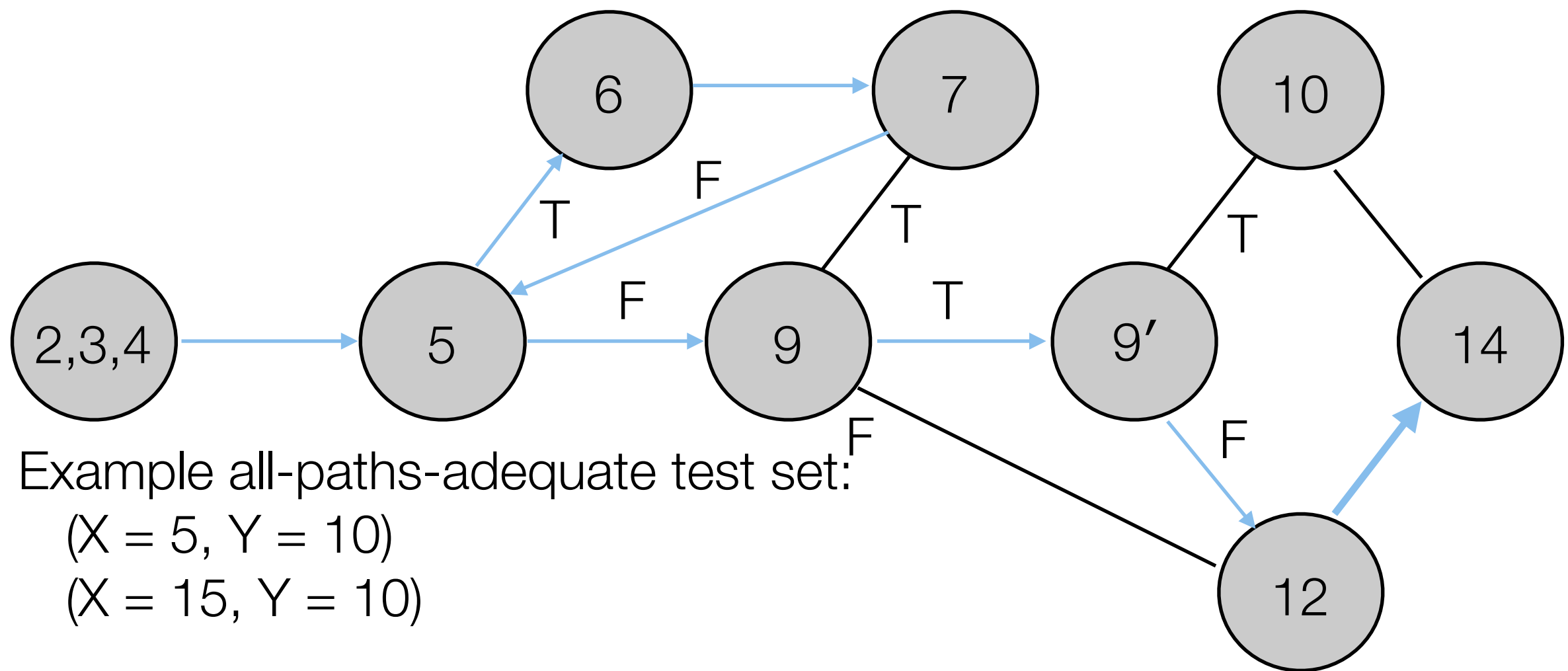
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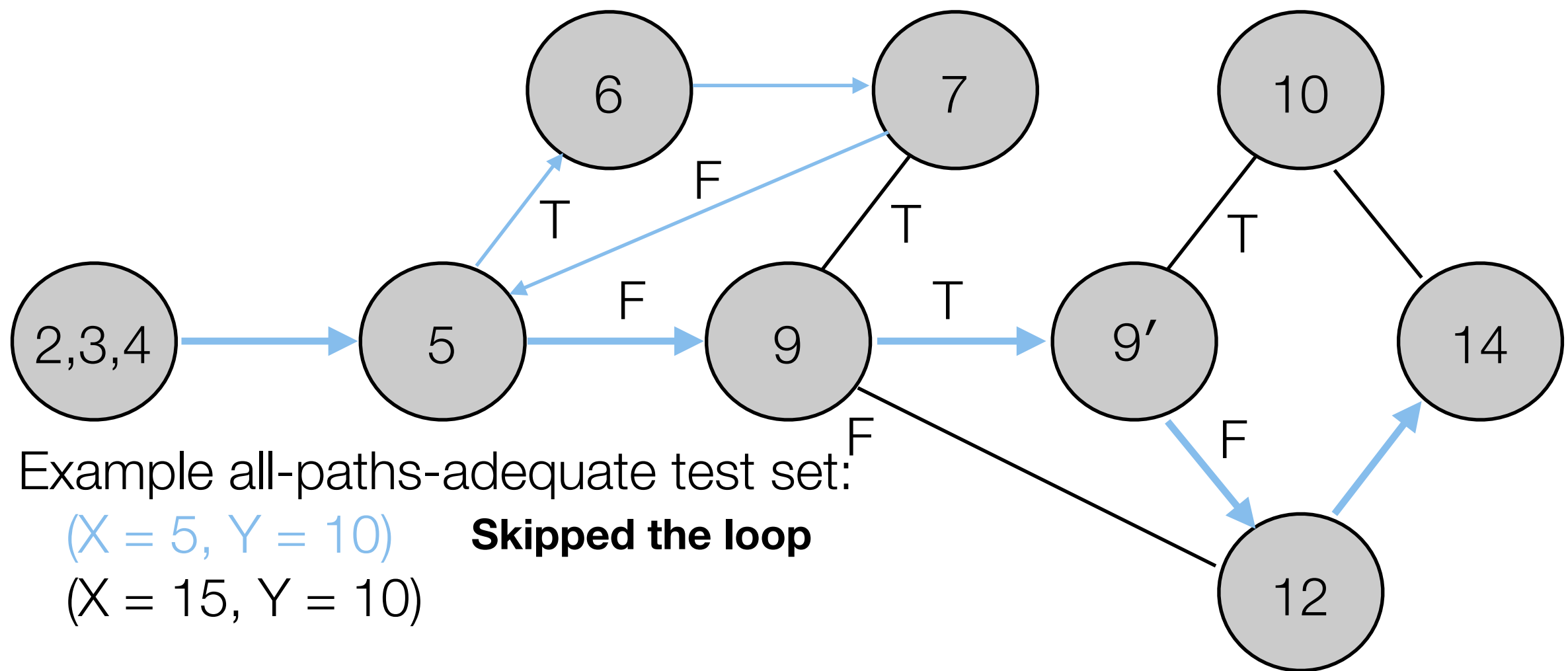
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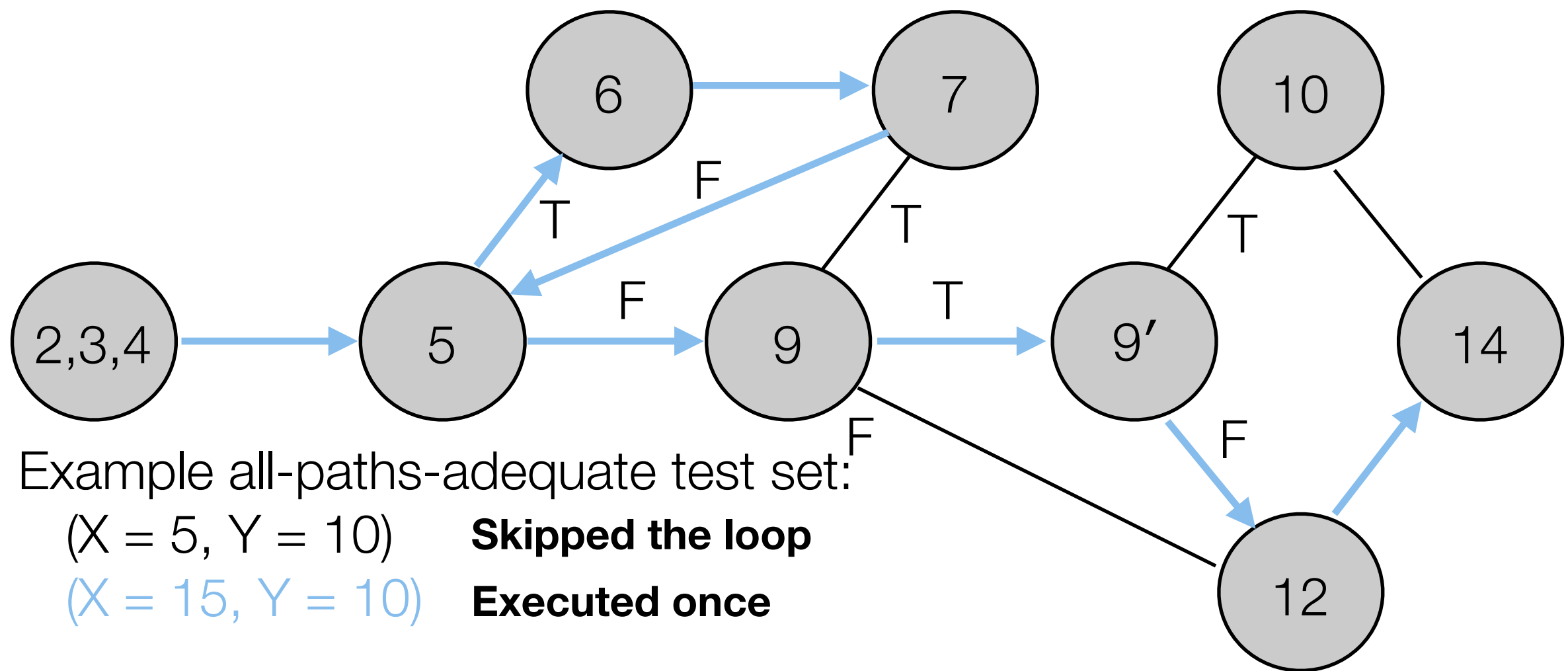
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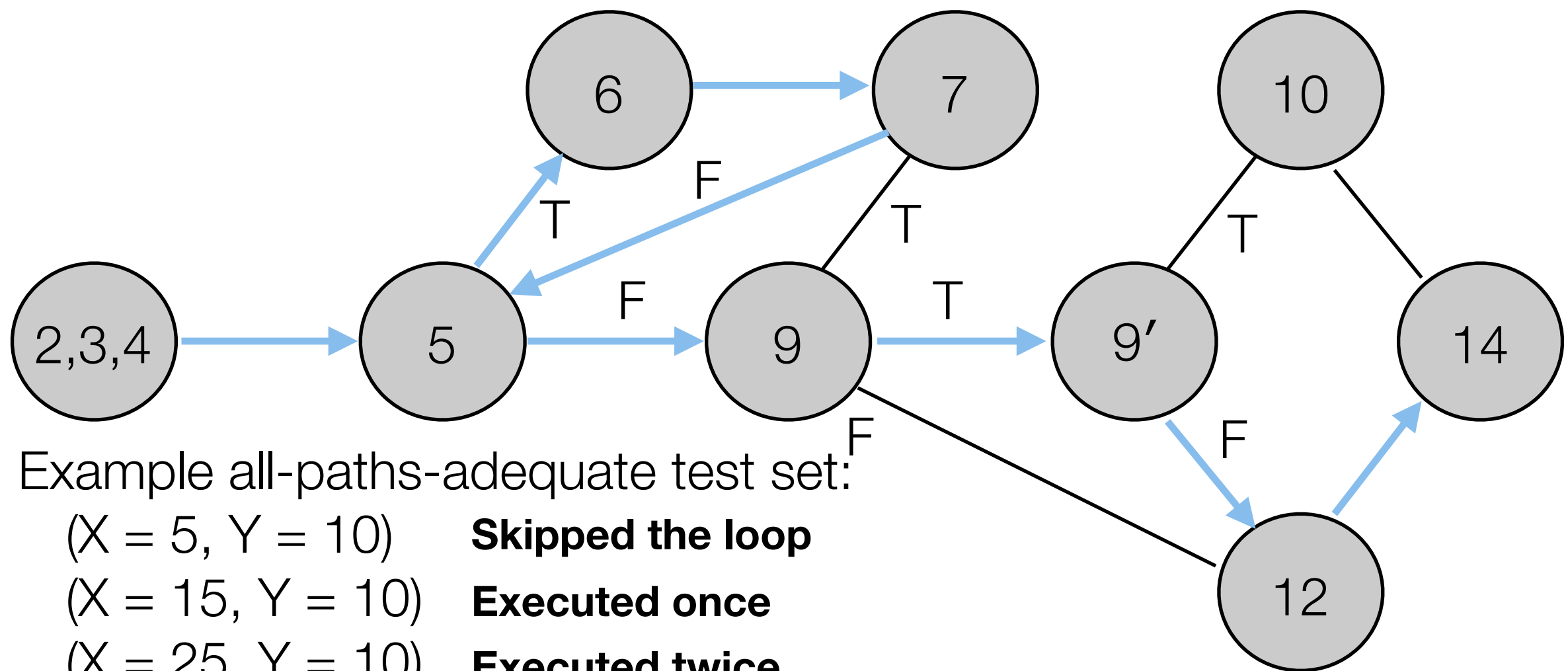
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 - typically just statement and branch coverage
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 - they will also typically provide a view of the source code annotated to show which statements and conditions were “hit” by your test suite

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 - More likely to be run
 - More likely to catch problems as changes are made
- As the number of tests grow, it can take a long time to run the tests, so it is important that the running time of each individual test is as small as possible
 - If that's not possible to achieve then
 - segregate long running tests from short running tests
 - execute the latter multiple times per day
 - execute the former at least once per day (they still need to be run!!)

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- It is important that running tests be easy
 - testing frameworks allow tests to be run with a single command
 - often as part of the build management process
- We'll see examples of this later in the semester

Continuous Integration

- Since test automation is so critical, systems known as continuous integration frameworks have emerged
- Continuous Integration (CI) systems wrap version control, compilation, and testing into a single repeatable process
 - You create/debug code as usual;
 - You then check your code and the CI system builds your code, tests it, and reports back to you

Summary

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 - All require: input, expected output (via spec), actual output
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- Testing should be automated and various tools exist to integrate testing into the version control and build management processes of a development organization

Coming Up Next:

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CSCI 5828: Foundations of Software Engineering
Lecture 05 — 01/31/2012

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 - validation: **are we building the right product?**
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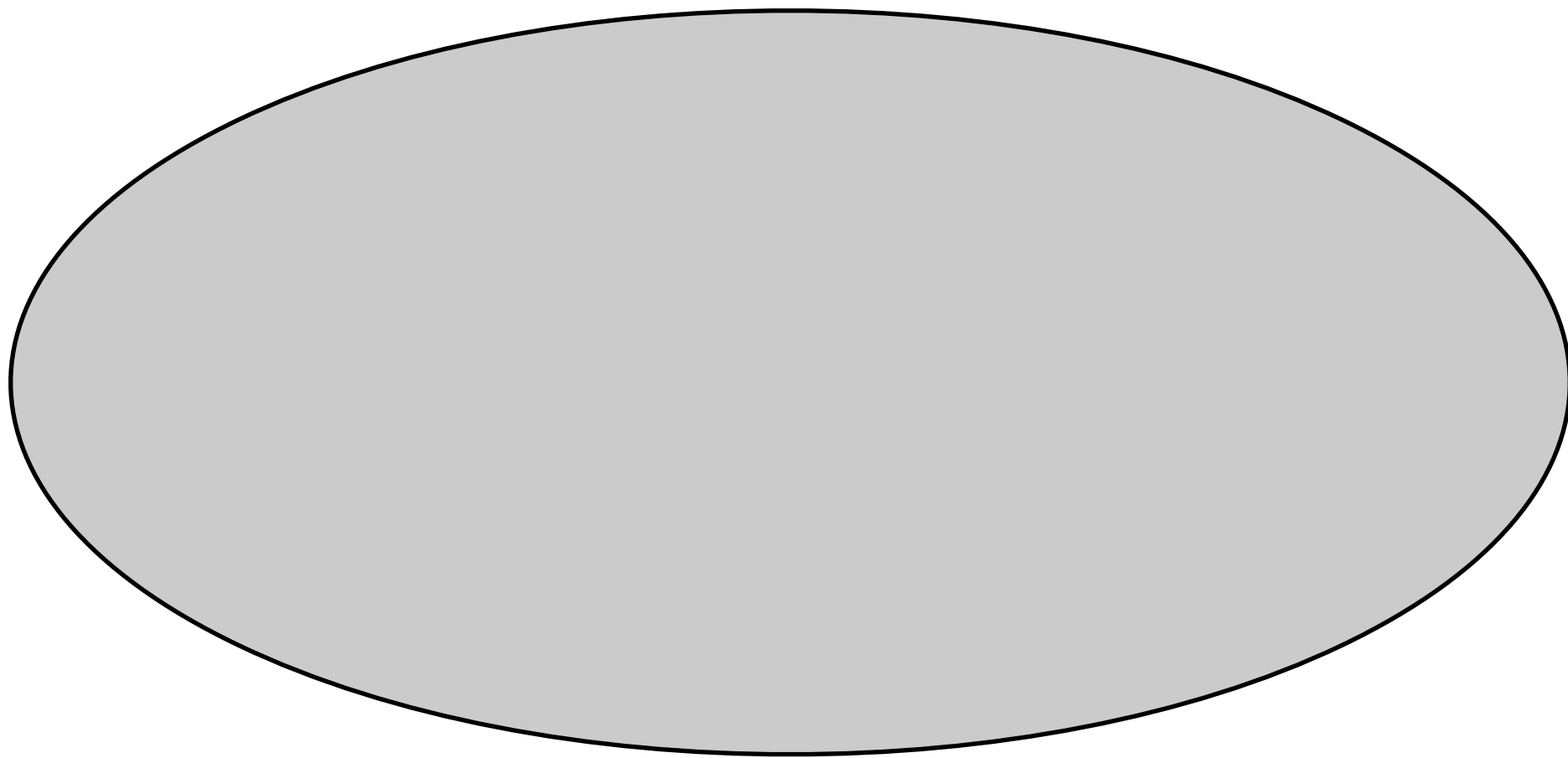
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- An **error** is a mistake made by an engineer
 - often a misunderstanding of a requirement or design specification
- A **fault** is a manifestation of that error in the code
 - what we often call “a bug”
- A **failure** is an incorrect output/behavior that is caused by executing a fault
 - The failure may occur immediately (crash!) or much, much later in the execution
- **Testing** attempts to **surface failures** in our software systems
 - **Debugging** attempts to **associate failures with faults** so they can be removed from the system
- If a system passes all of its tests, is it free of all faults?

No!

- Faults may be hiding in portions of the code that only rarely get executed
 - “Testing can only be used to prove the existence of faults not their absence” or “Not all faults have failures”
 - Sometimes faults mask each other resulting in no visible failures!
 - this is particularly insidious
- However, if we do a good job in creating a test set that
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 - and covers all code using a metric such as “branch coverage”
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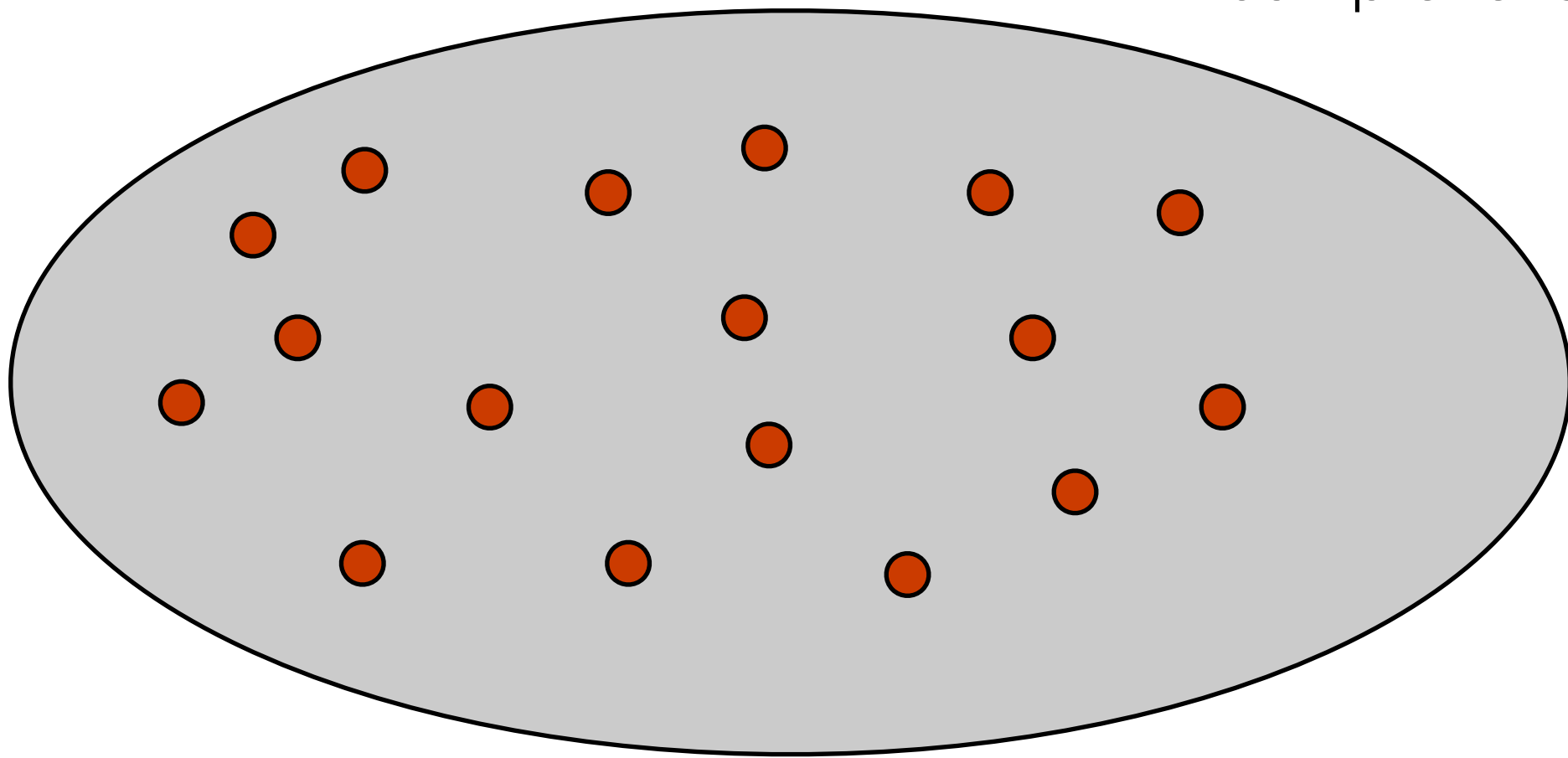
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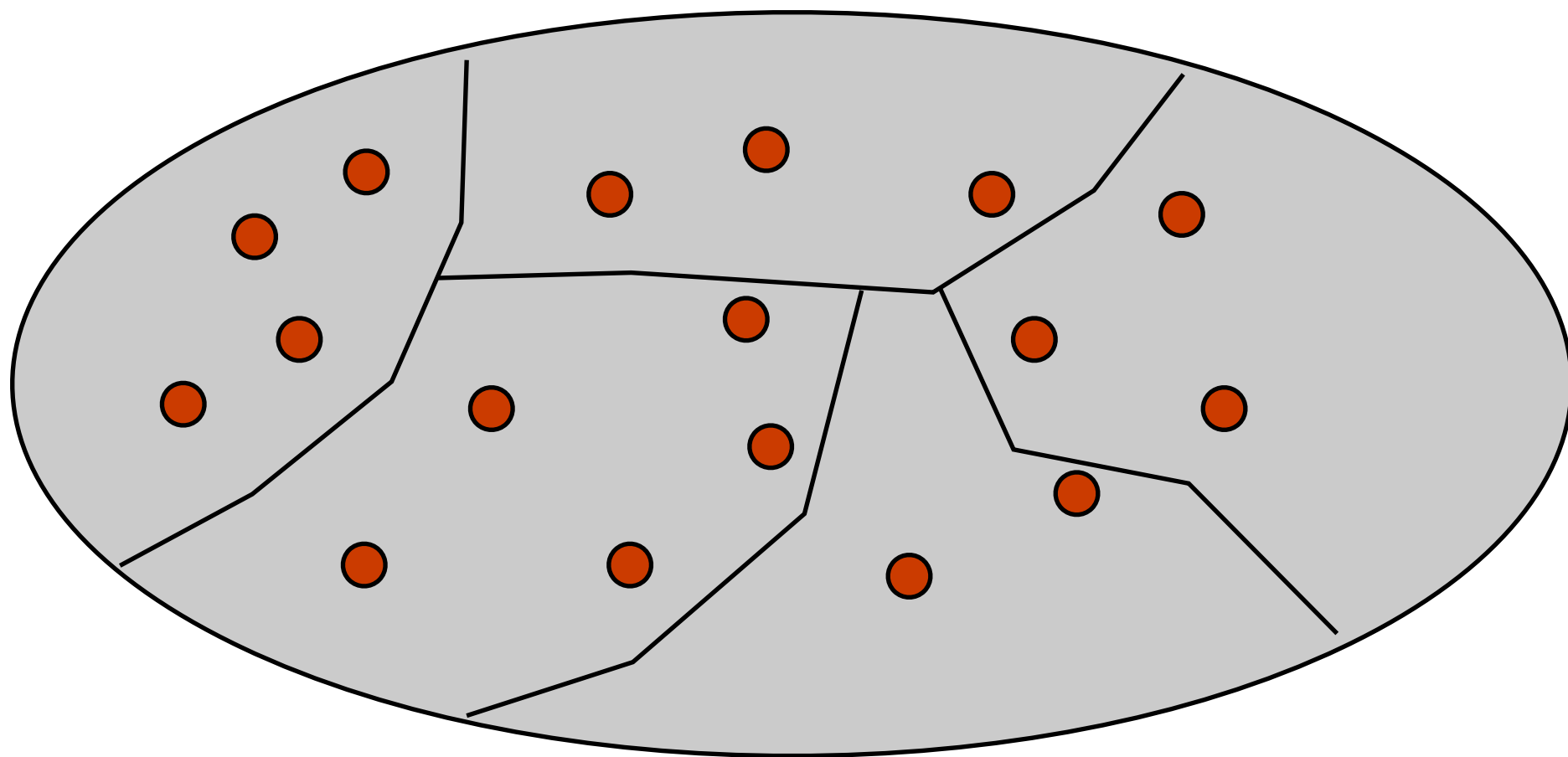
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Tests are a way of sampling the behaviors of a software system,
looking for failures

One way forward? Fold



The testing literature advocates folding the space into equivalent behaviors and then sampling each partition

What does that mean?

- Consider a simple example like the greatest common denominator function
 - `int gcd(int x, int y)`
 - At first glance, this function has an infinite number of test cases
- But lets fold the space
 - `x=6 y=9`, returns 3, tests common case
 - `x=2 y=4`, returns 2, tests when x is the GCD
 - `x=3 y=5`, returns 1, tests two primes
 - `x=9 y=0`, returns ?, tests zero
 - `x=-3 y=9`, returns ?, tests negative

Completeness

- From this discussion, it should be clear that “**completely**” testing a system is impossible
 - So, we settle for heuristics
 - attempt to fold the input space into different functional categories
 - then create tests that sample the behavior/output for each functional partition
- As we will see, we also look at our **coverage of the underlying code**; are we hitting all statements, all branches, all loops?

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- Testing is a continuous process that should be performed at every stage of a software development process
 - During requirements gathering, for instance, we must continually query the user, “Did we get this right?”
 - Facilitated by an emphasis on iteration throughout a life cycle
 - at the end of each iteration
 - we check our results to see if what we built is meeting our requirements (specification)

Testing the System (I)

- **Unit Tests**

- Tests that cover low-level aspects of a system
 - For each module, does each operation perform as expected
 - For method **foo()**, we'd like to see another method **testFoo()**

- **Integration Tests**

- Tests that check that modules work together in combination
- Most projects on schedule until they hit this point (MMM, Brooks)
 - All sorts of hidden assumptions are surfaced when code written by different developers are used in tandem
- Lack of integration testing has led to spectacular failures (Mars Polar Lander)

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- Tests performed by the developer to ensure that all major functionality has been implemented
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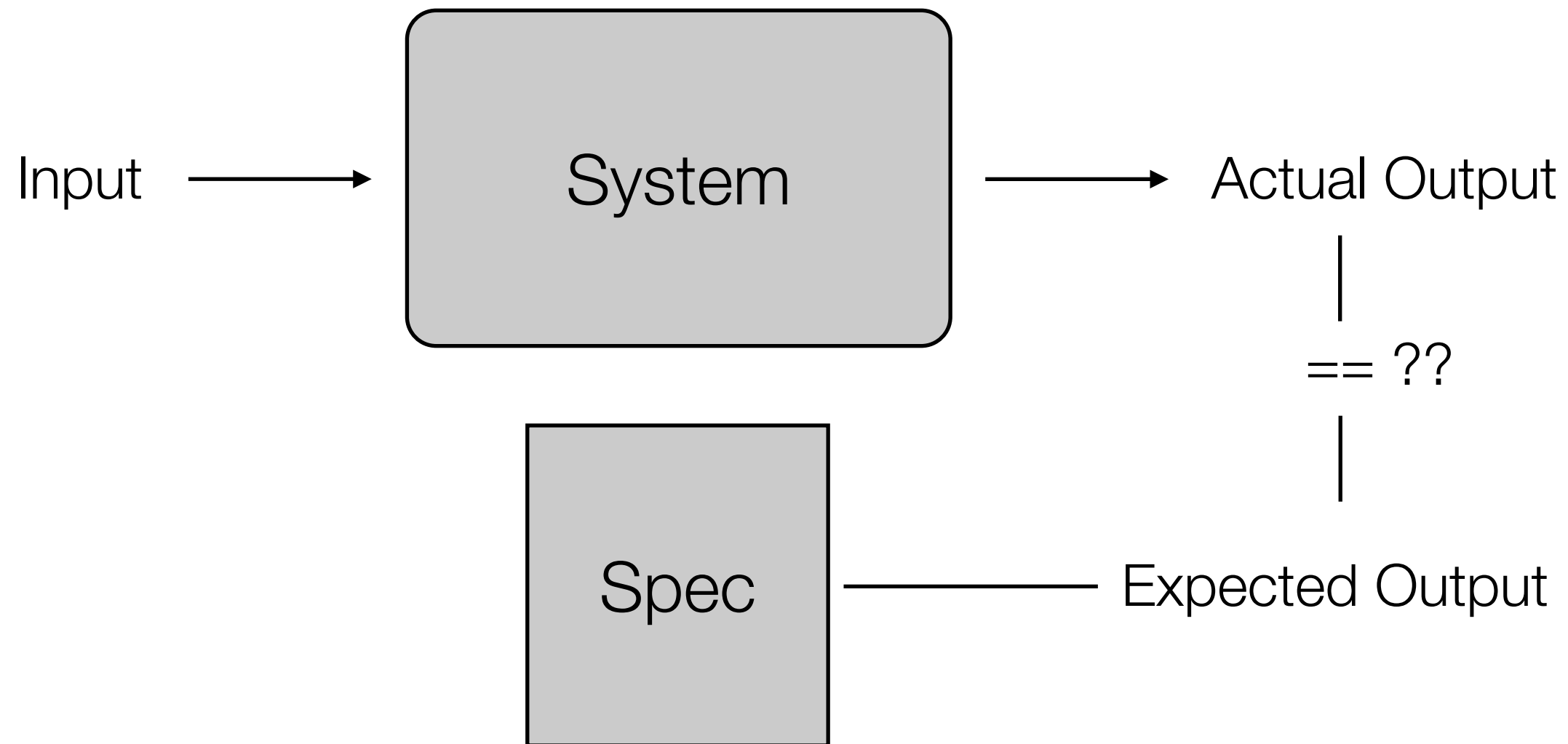
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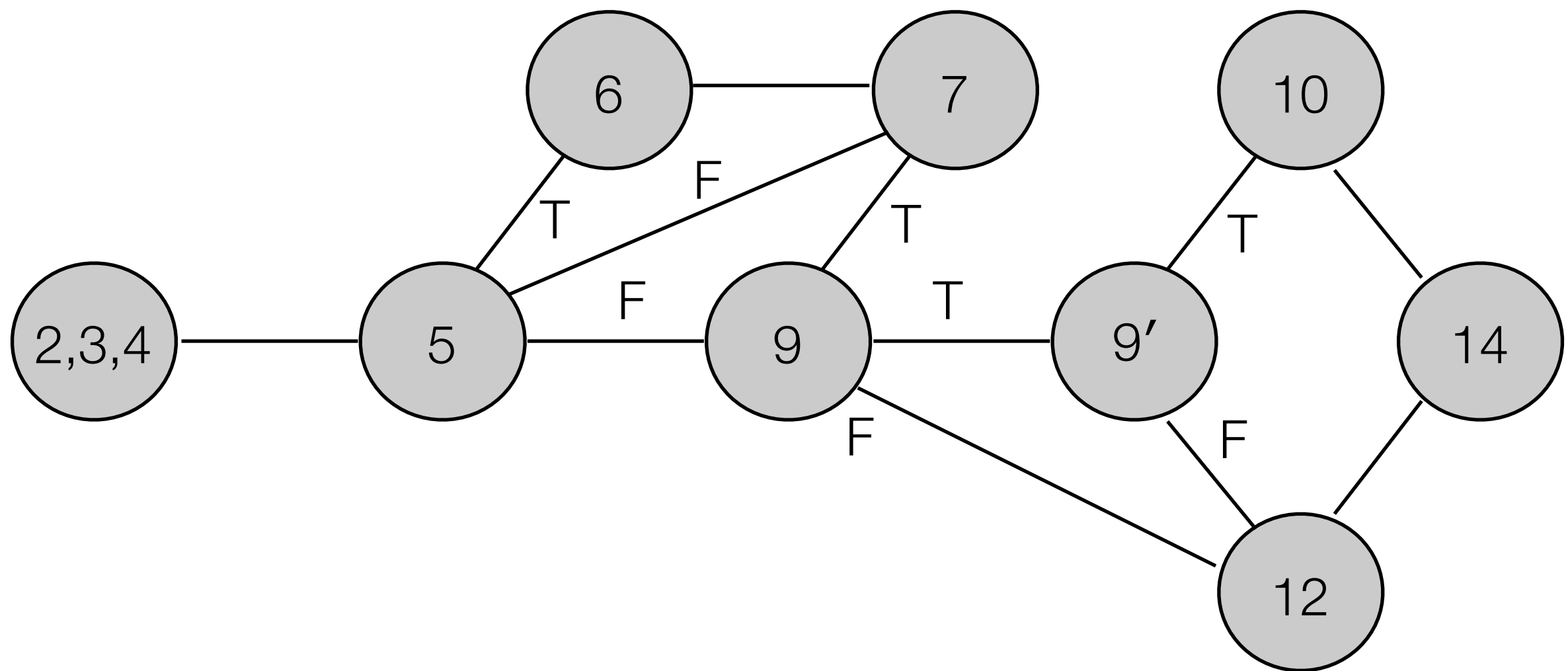
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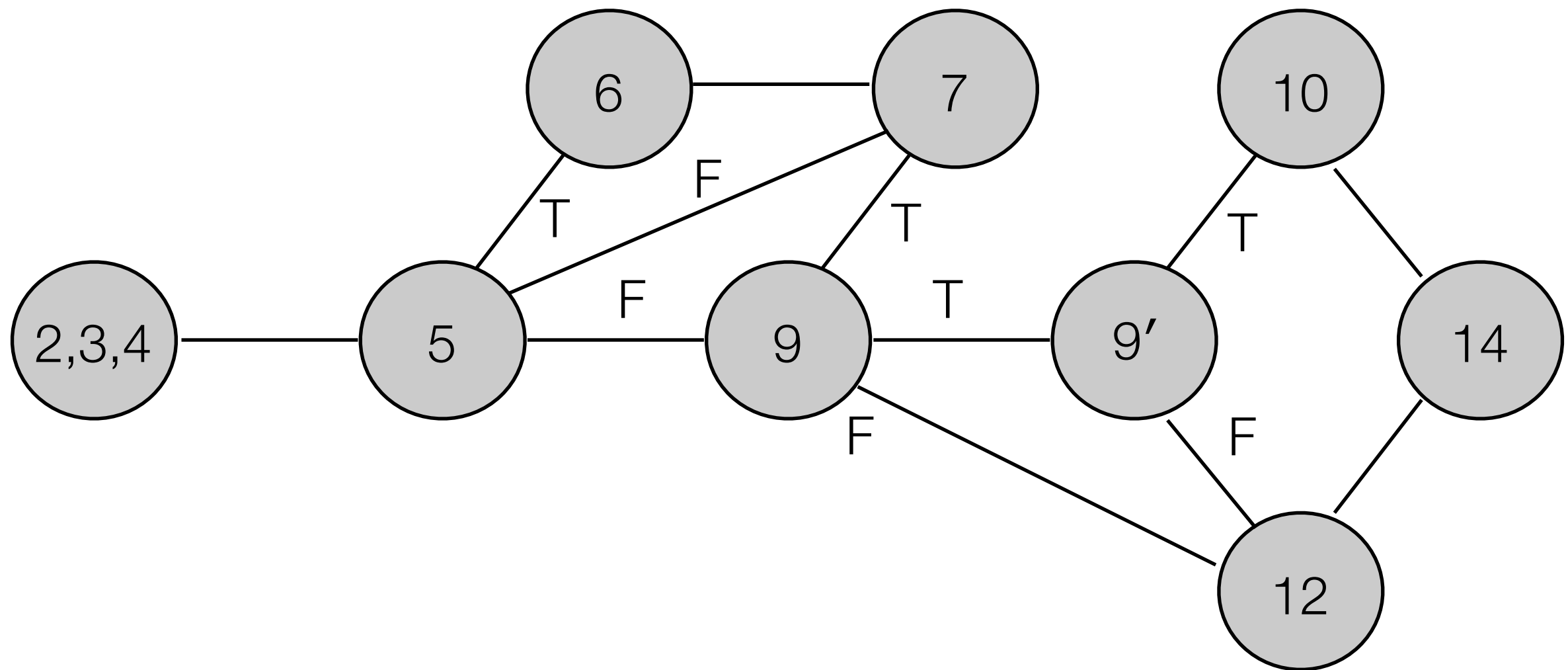
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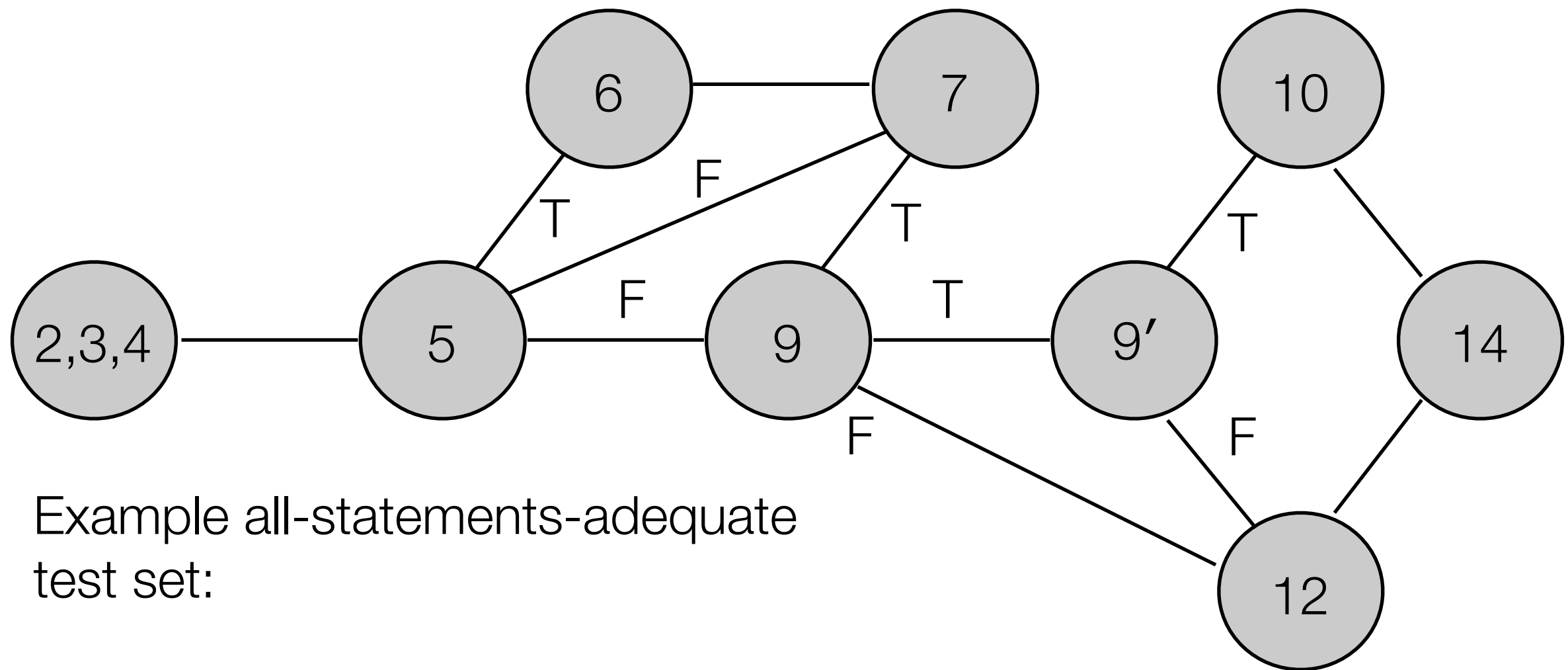
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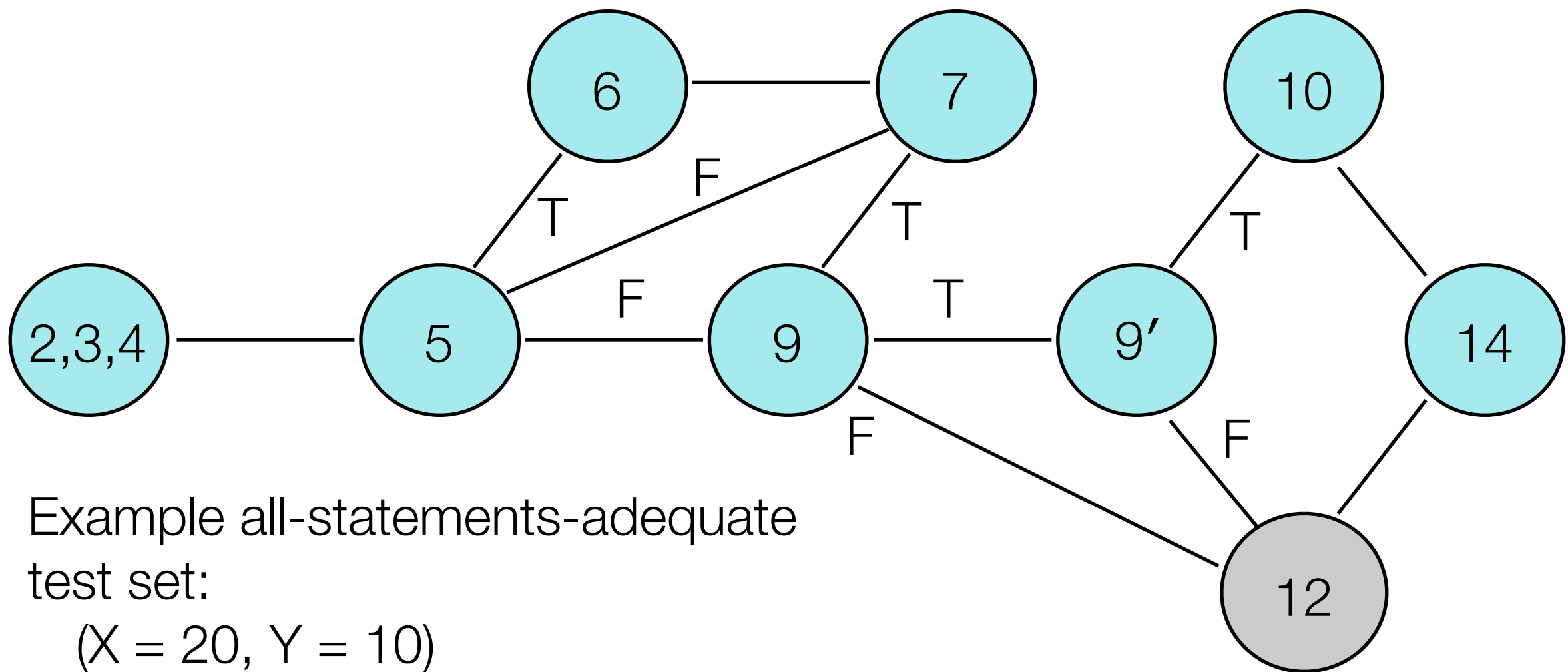


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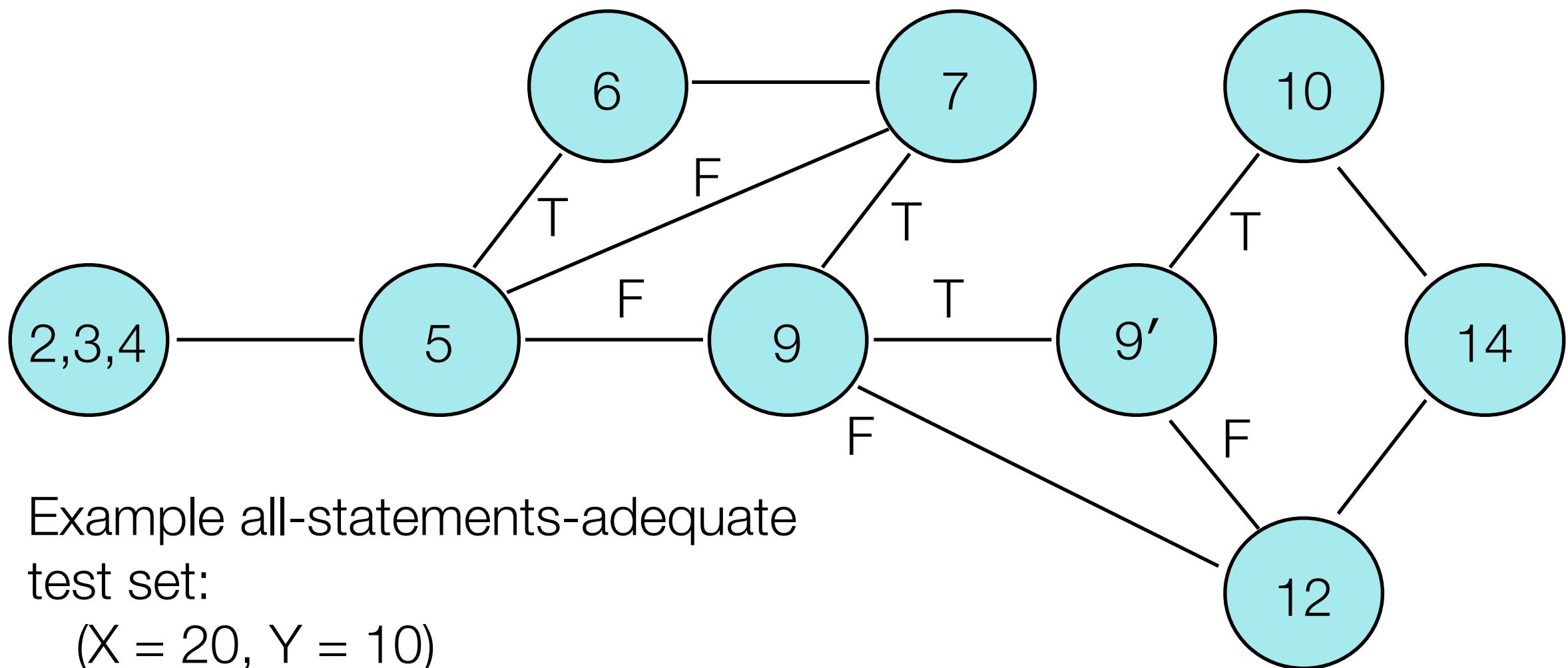


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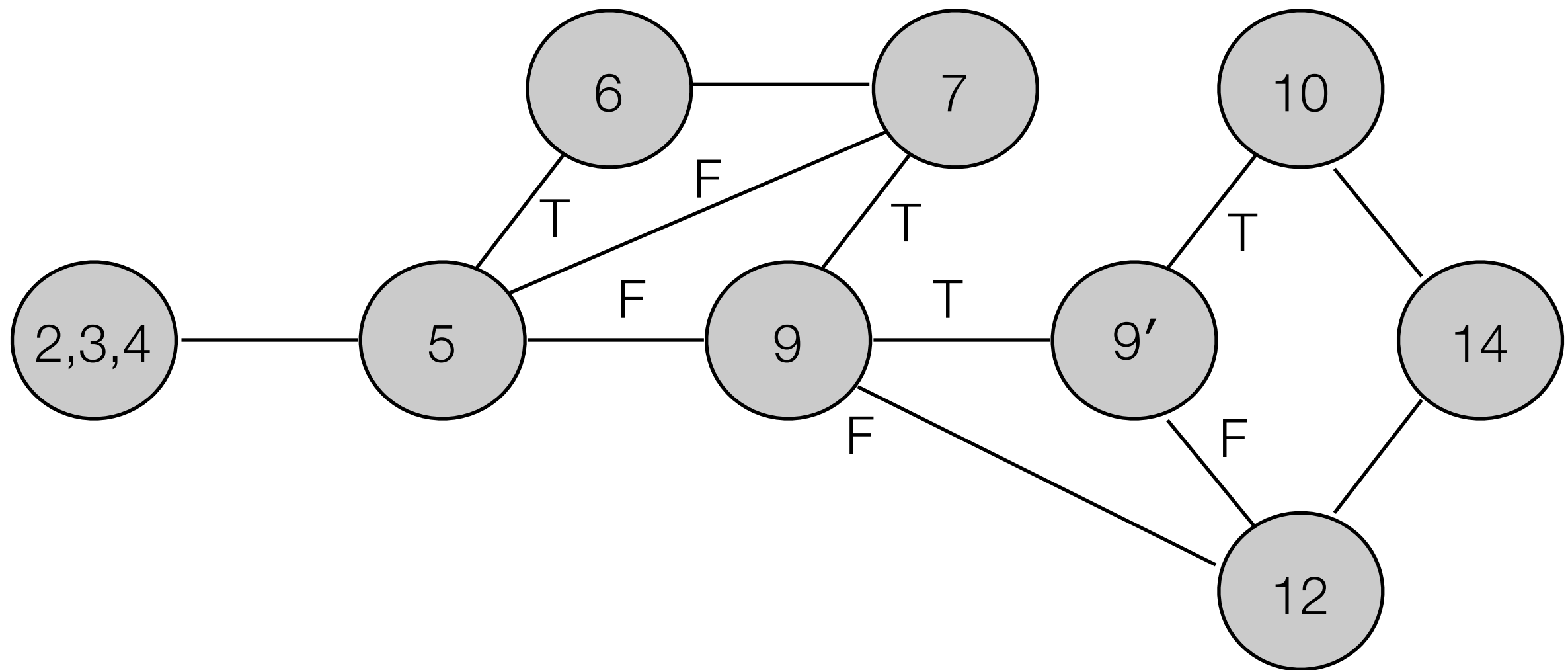
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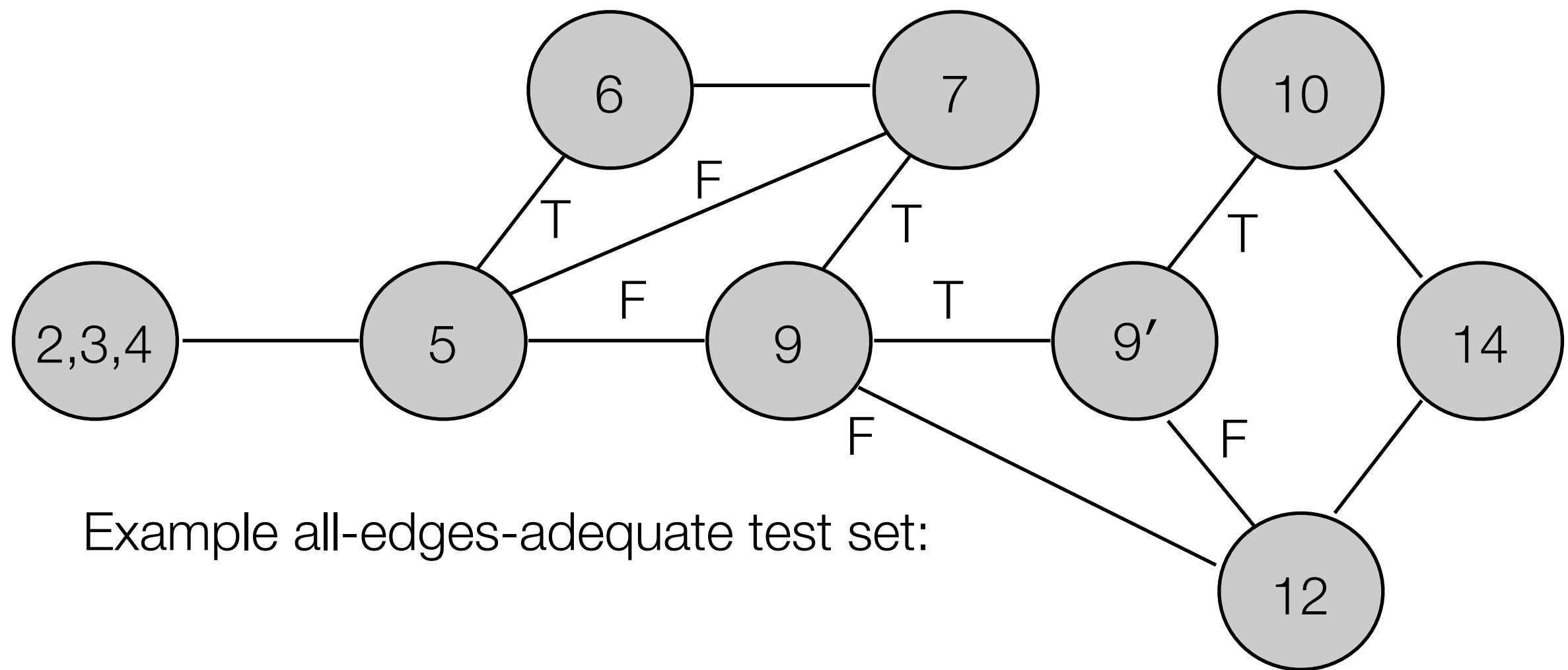
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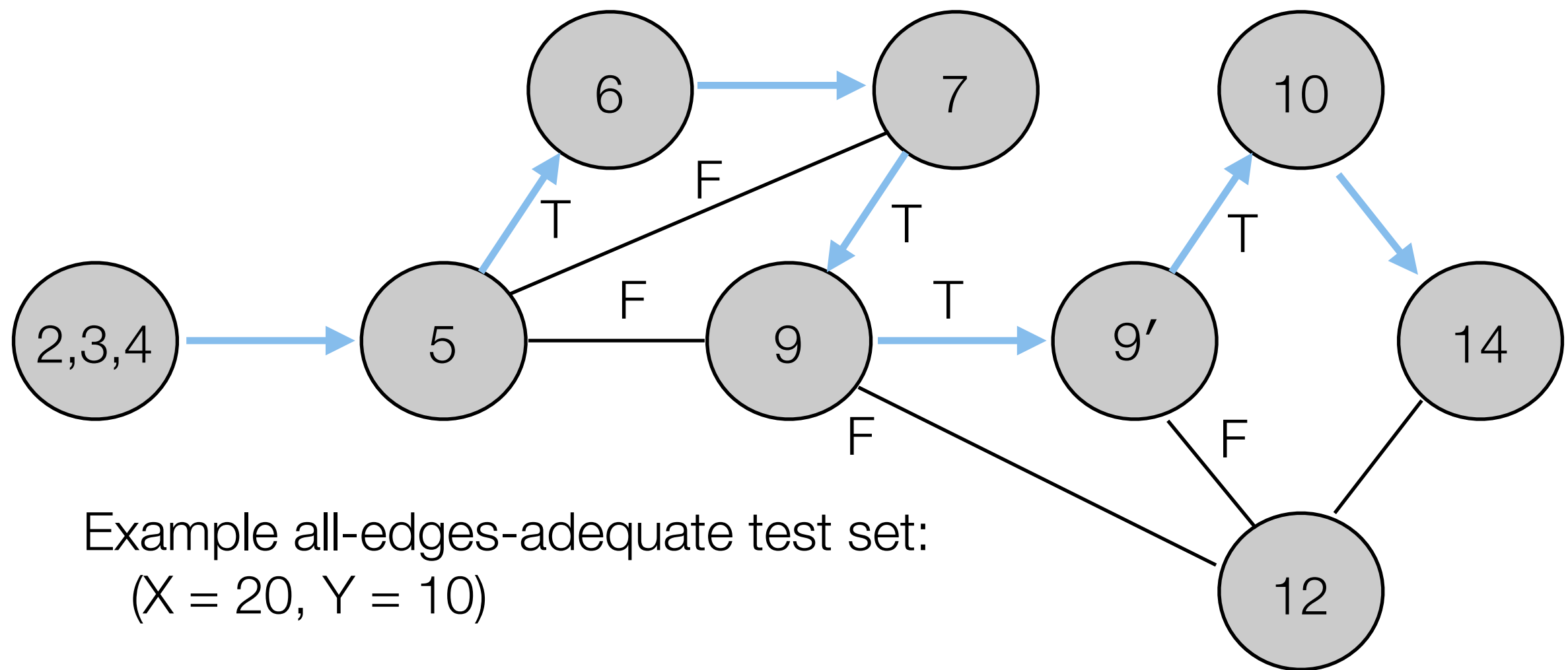


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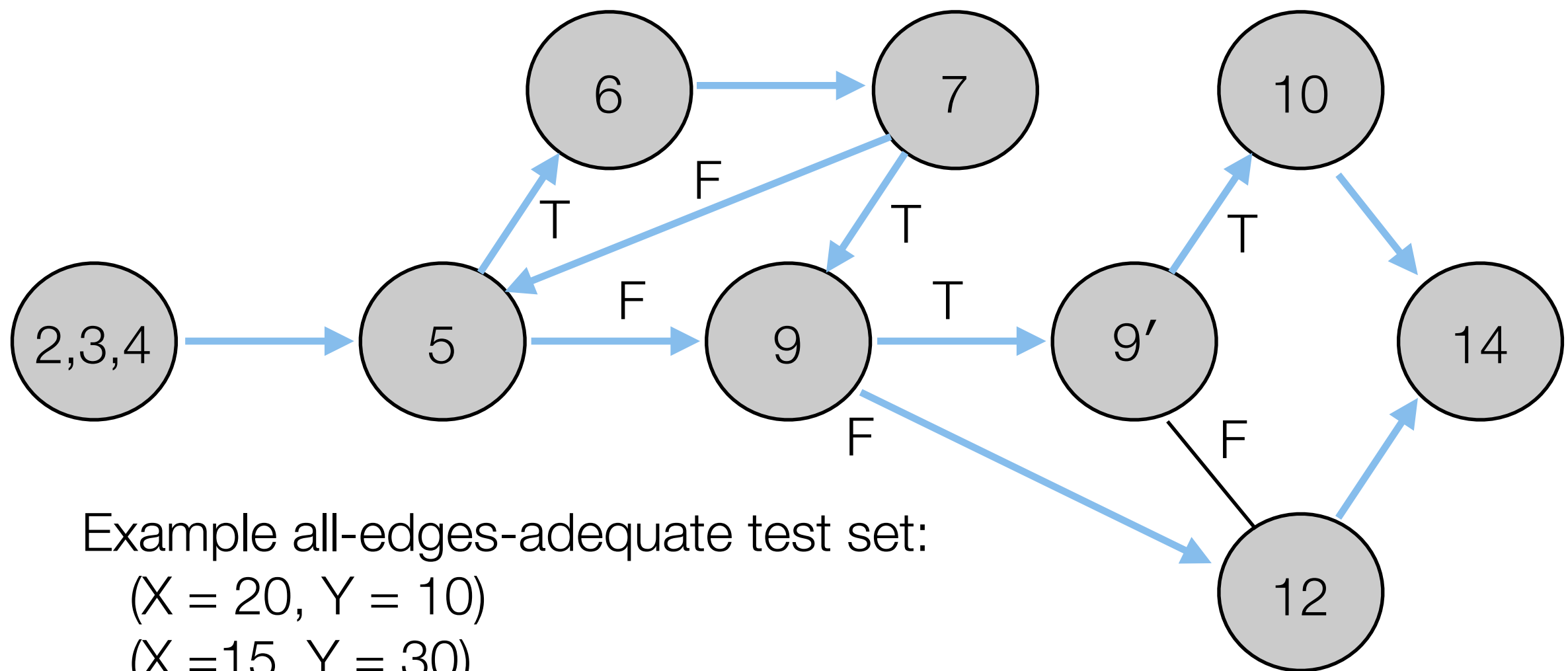


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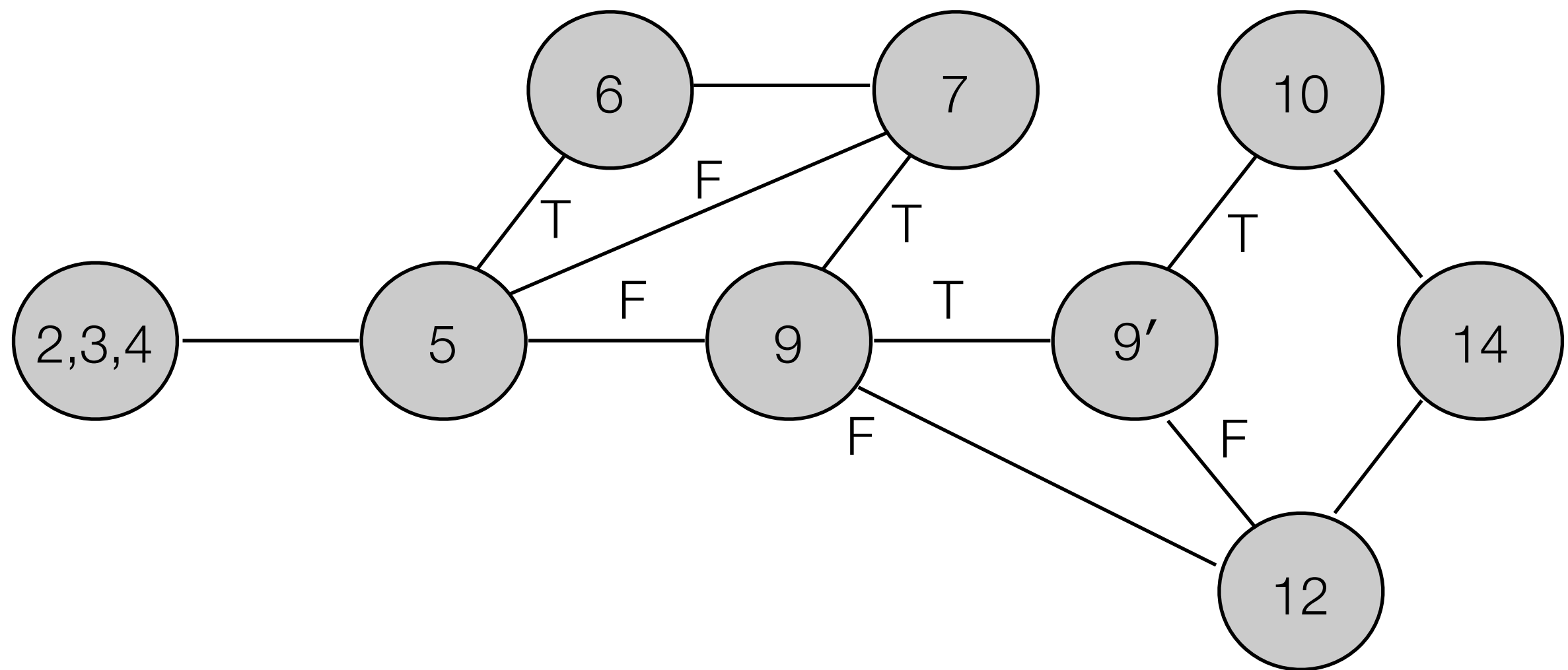
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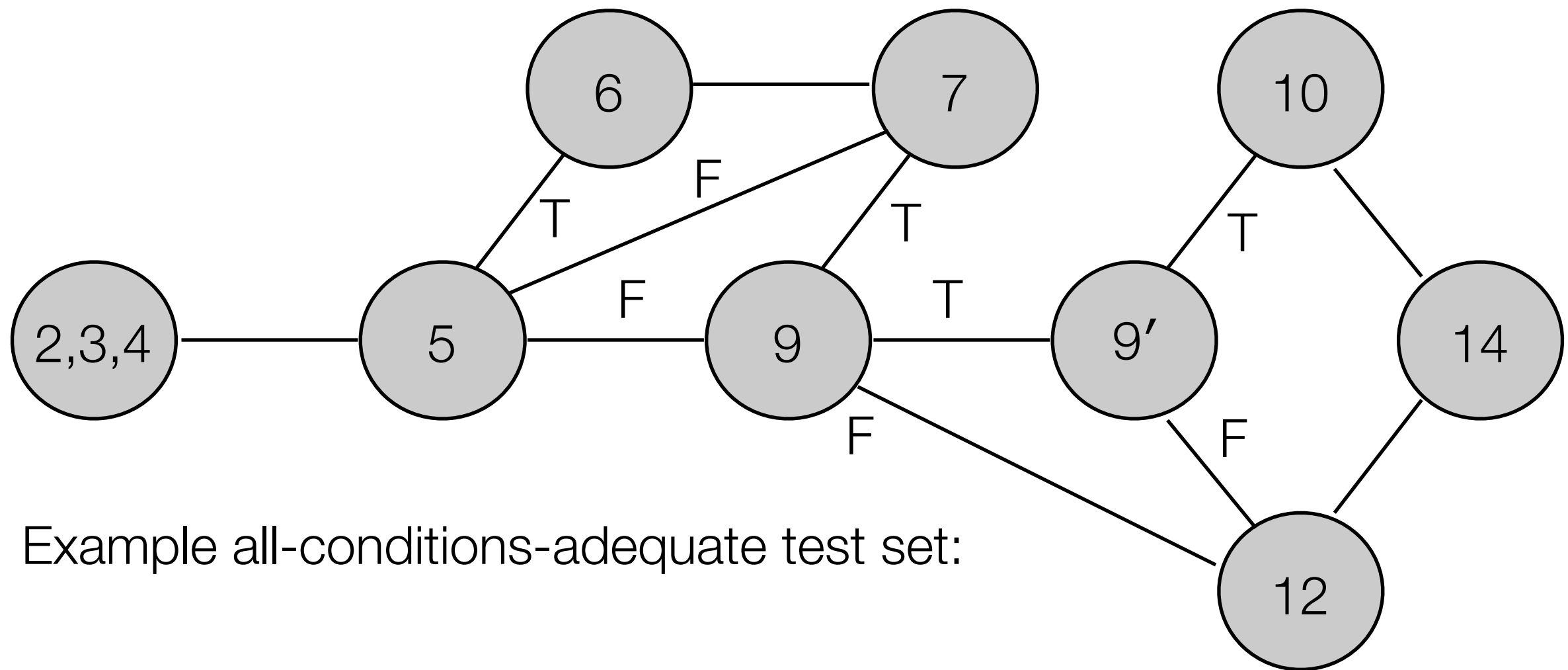
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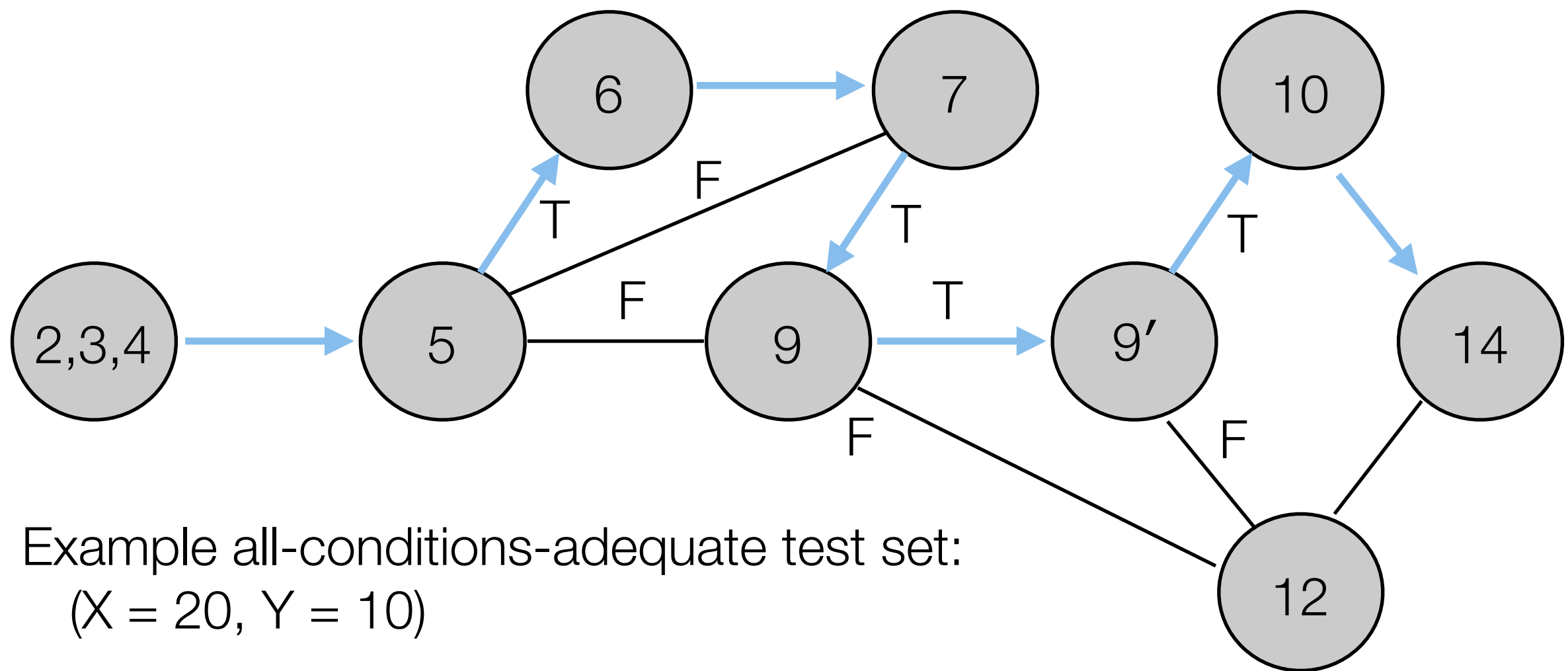


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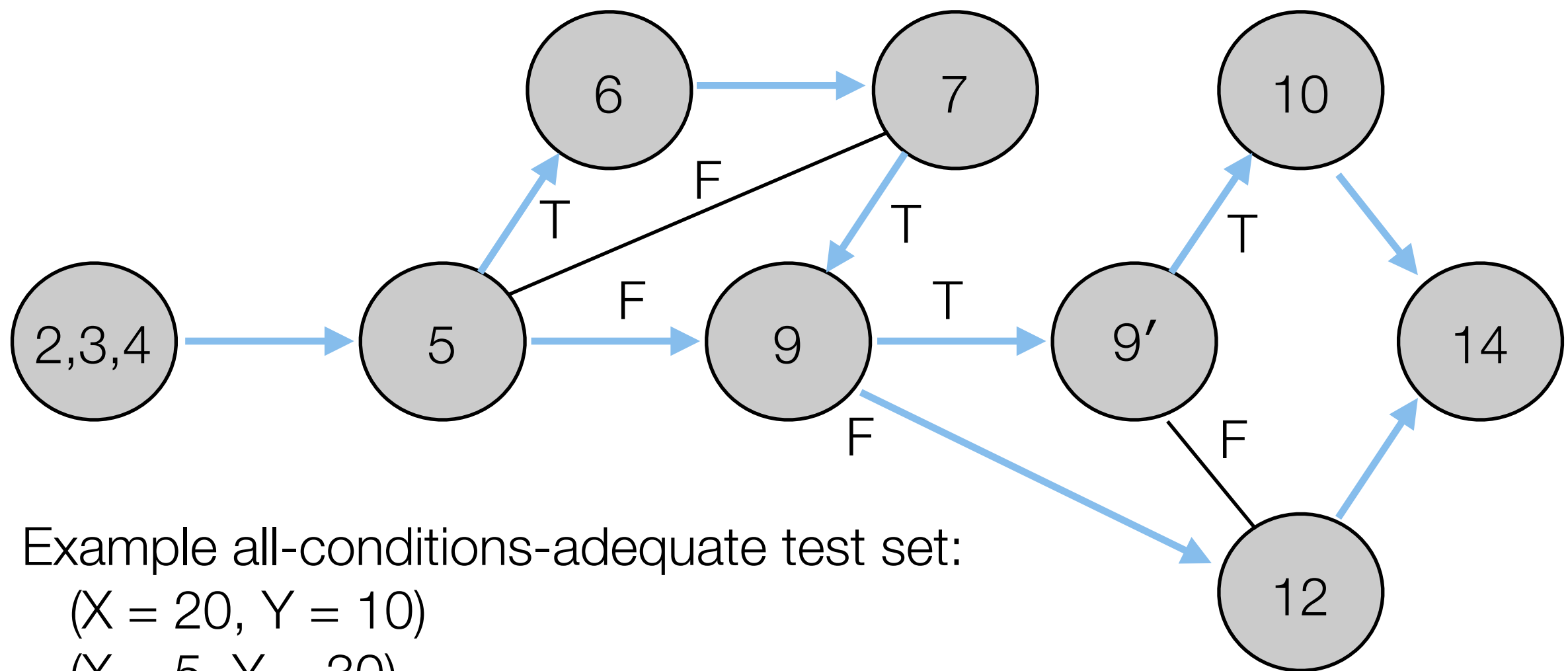
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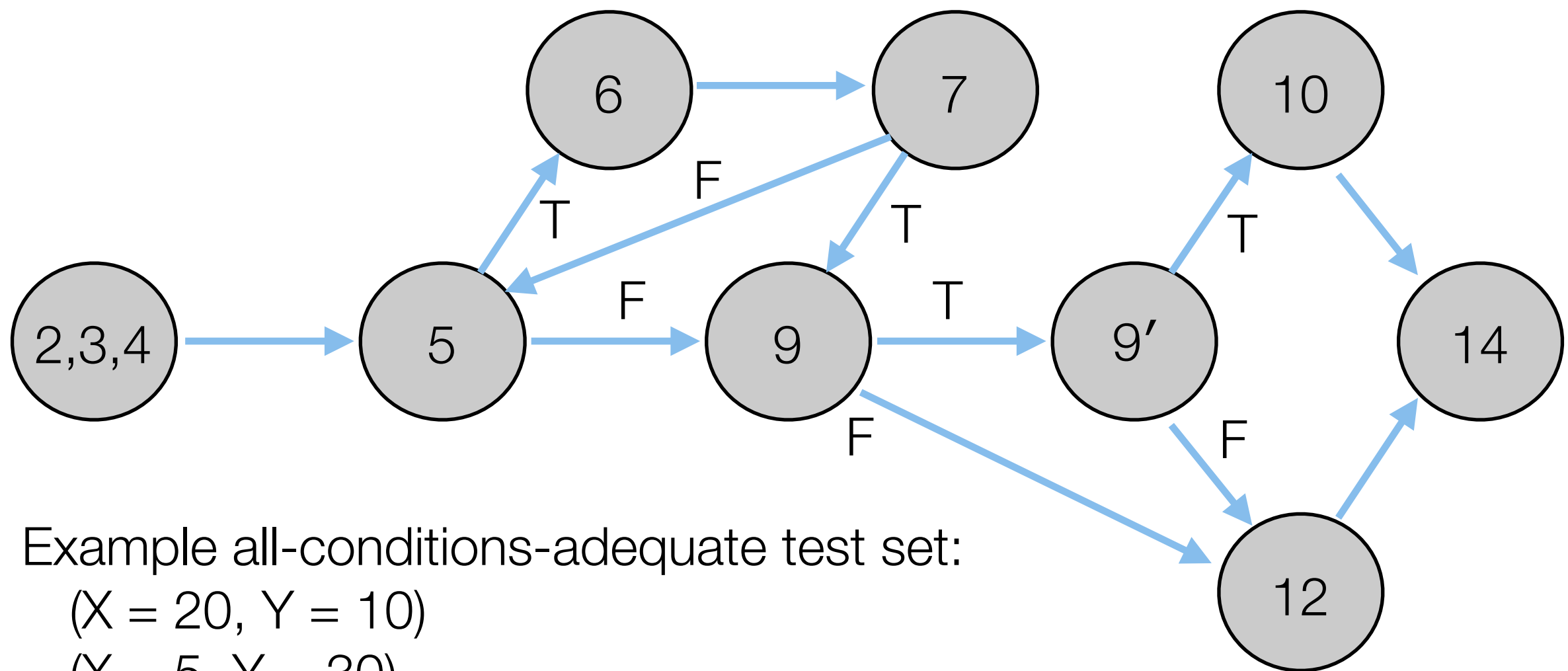


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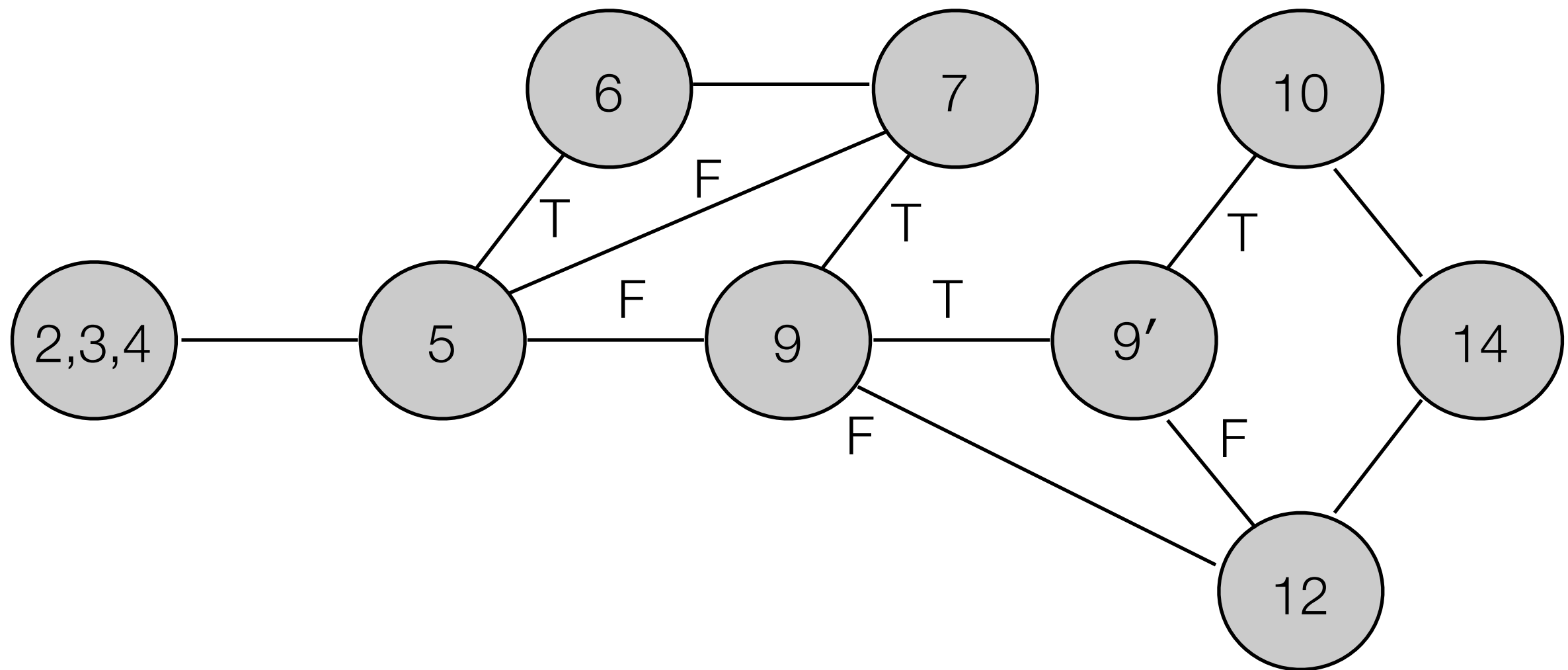
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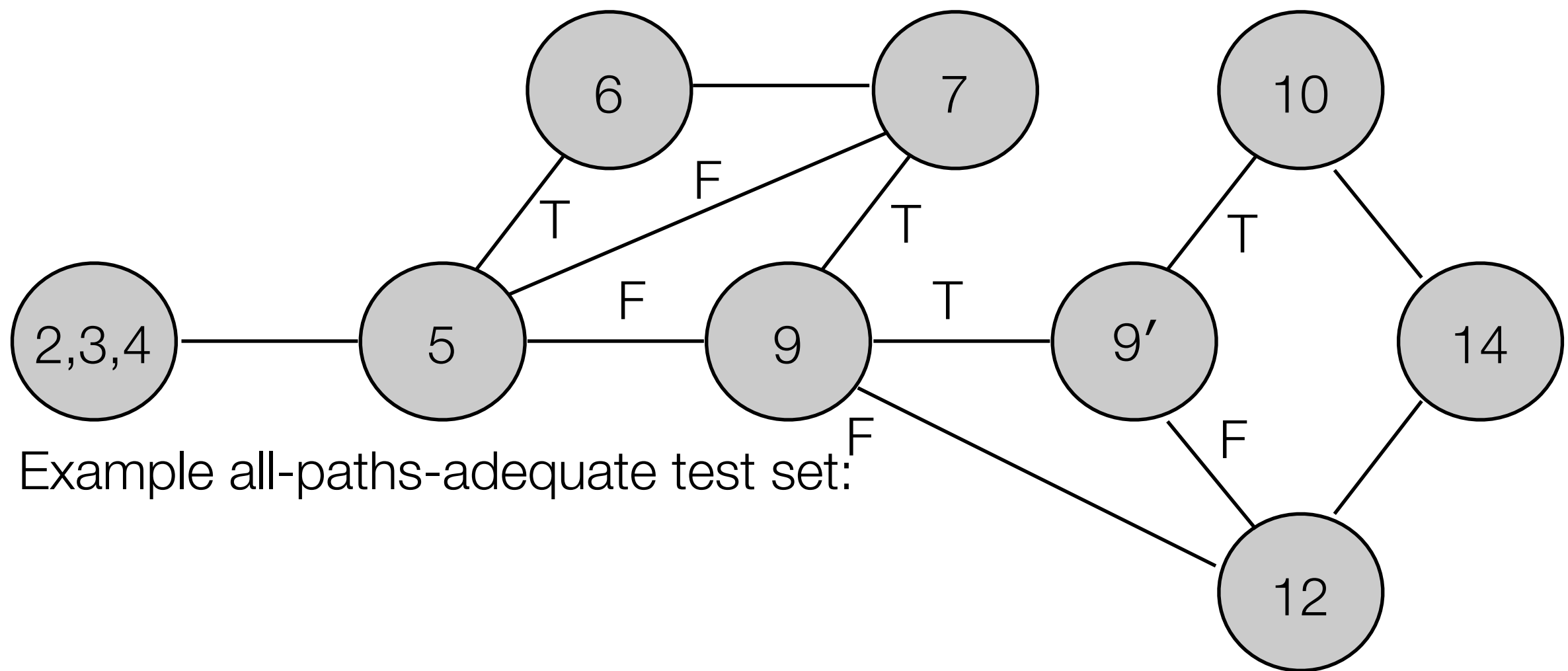
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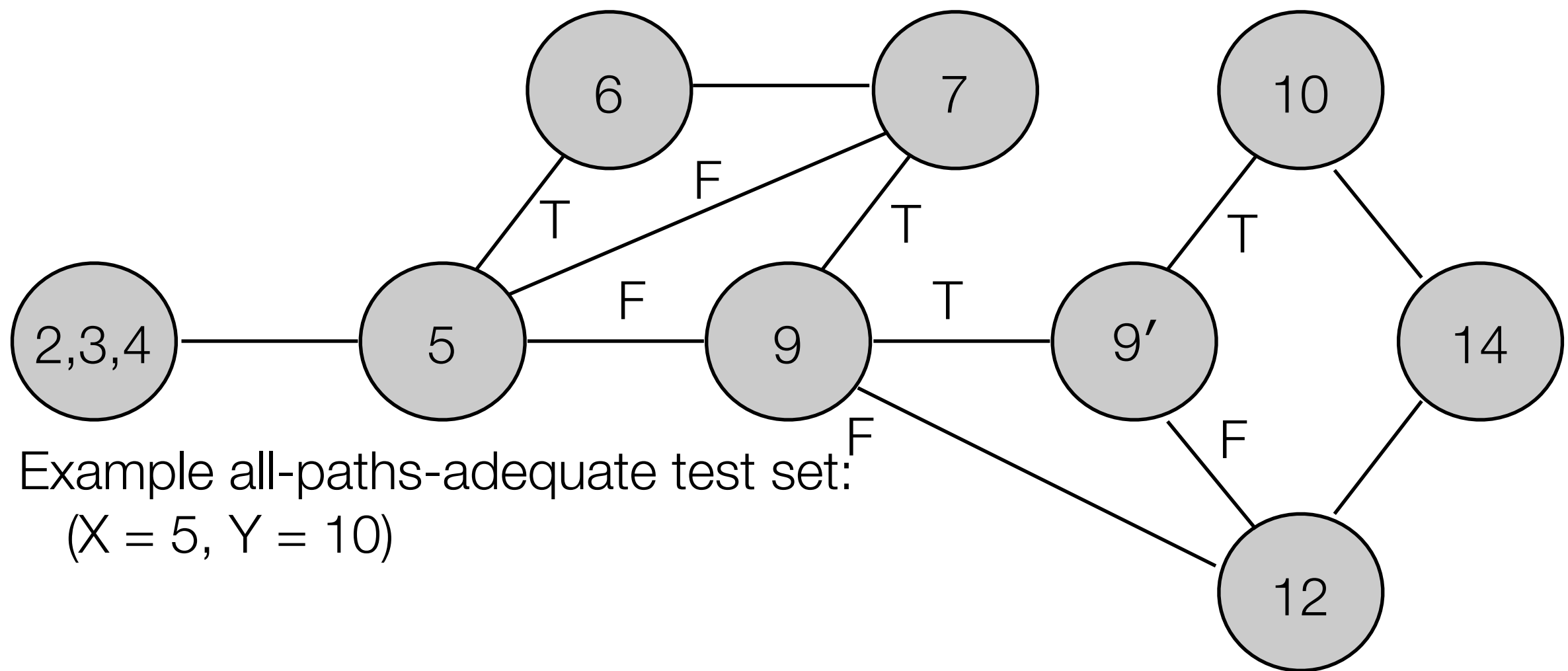
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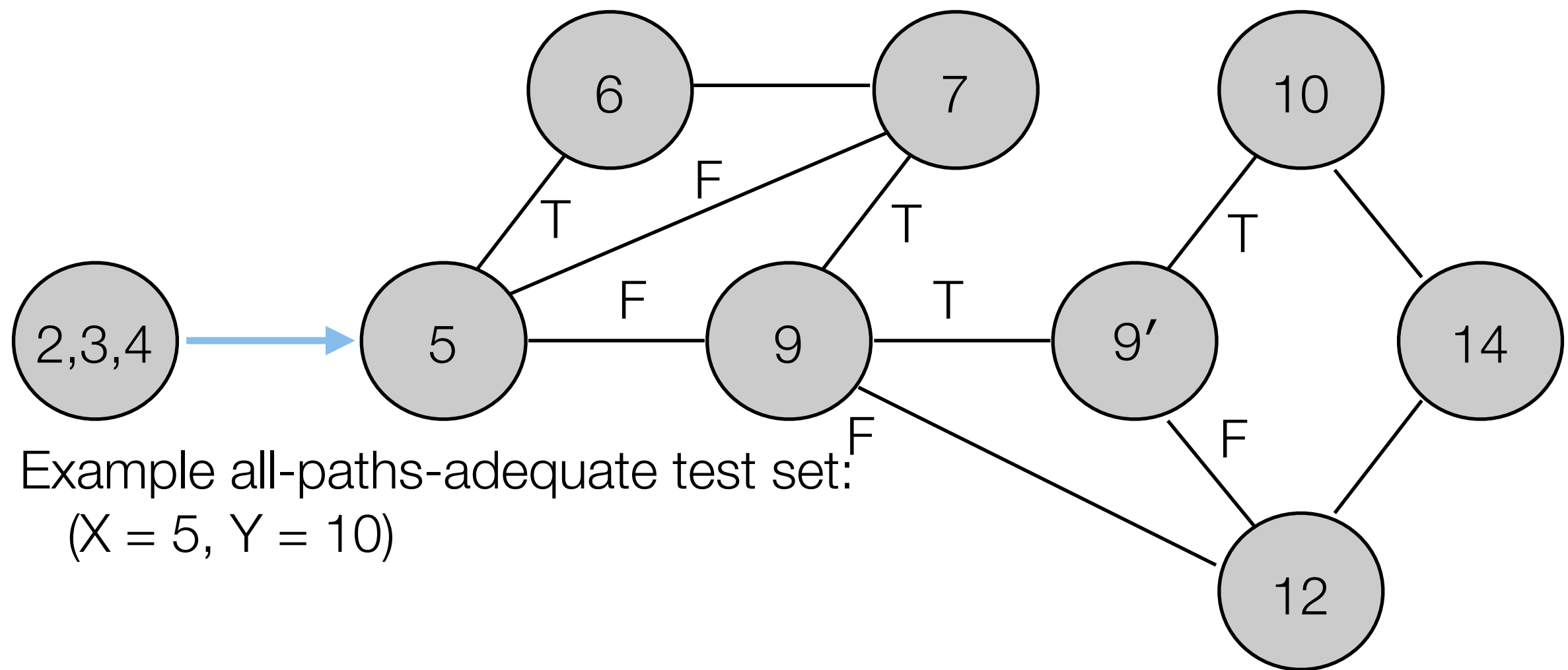


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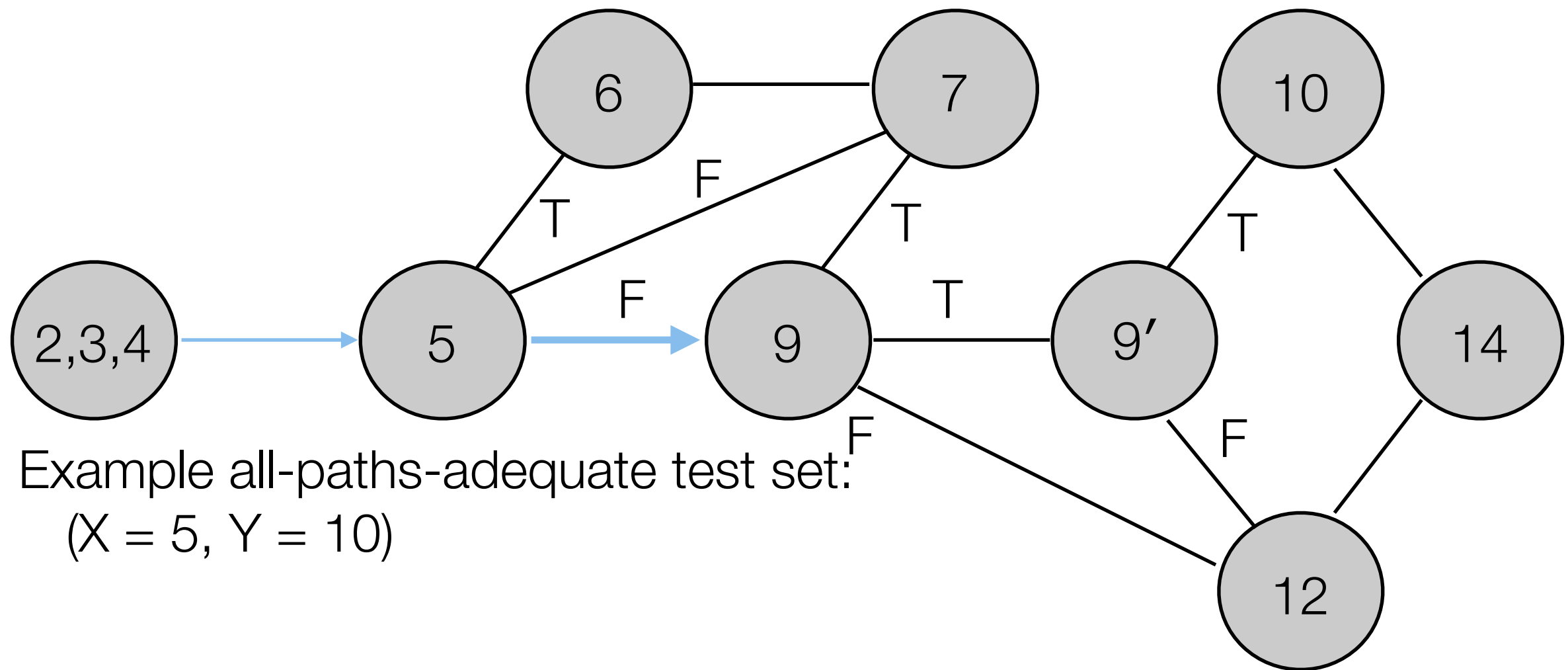
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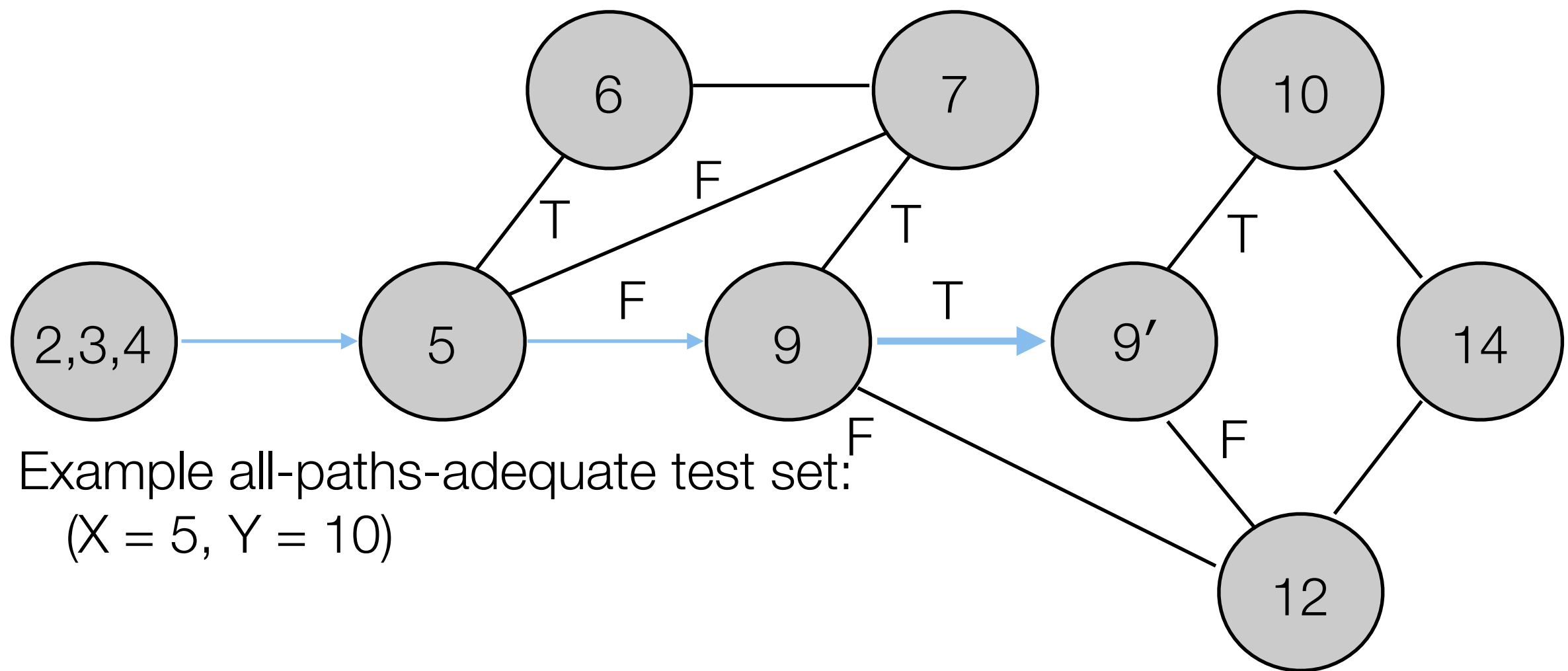


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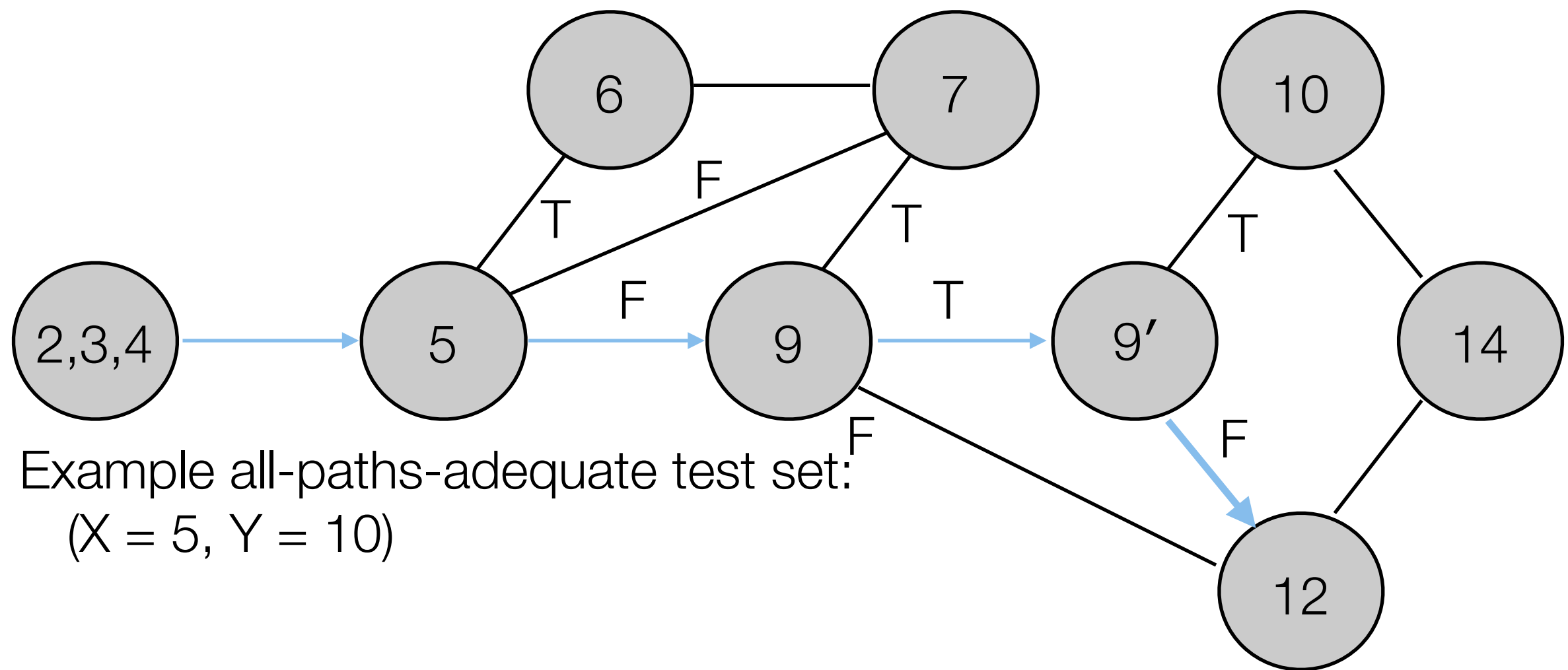


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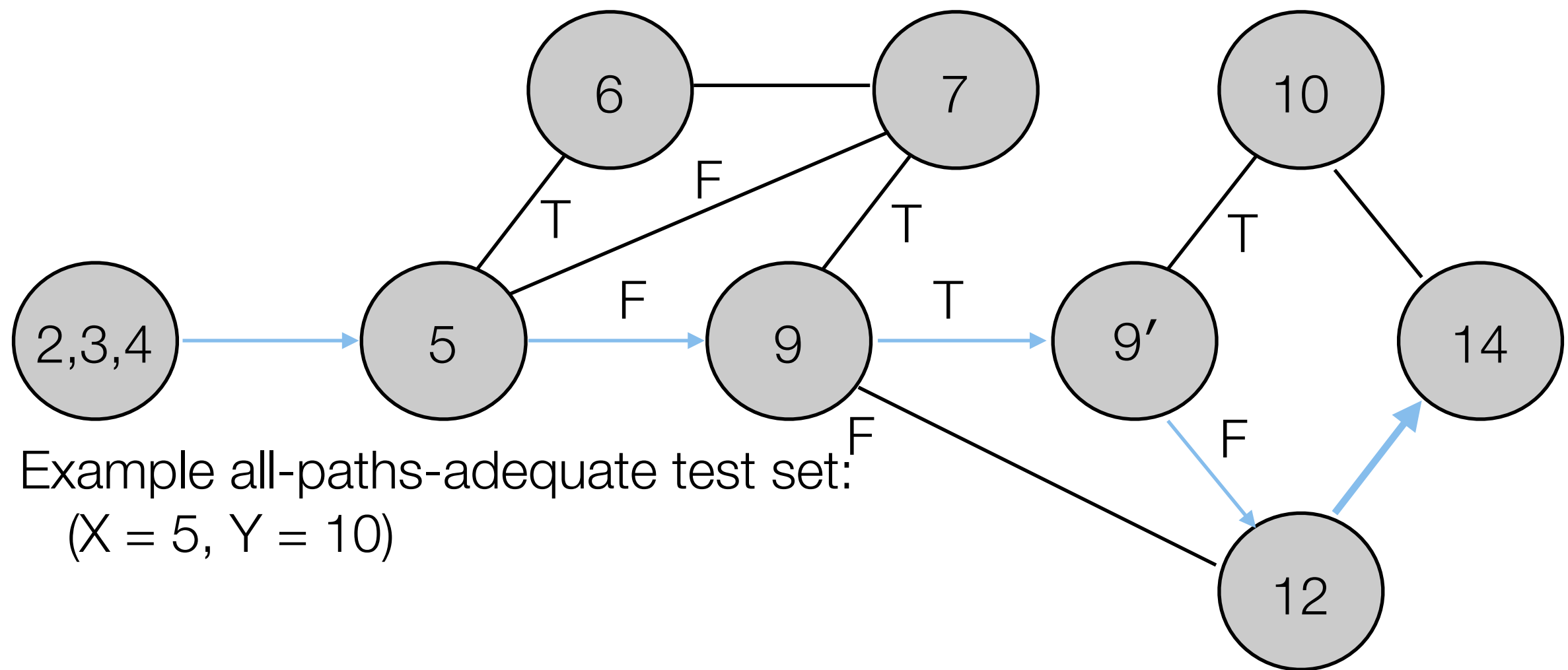
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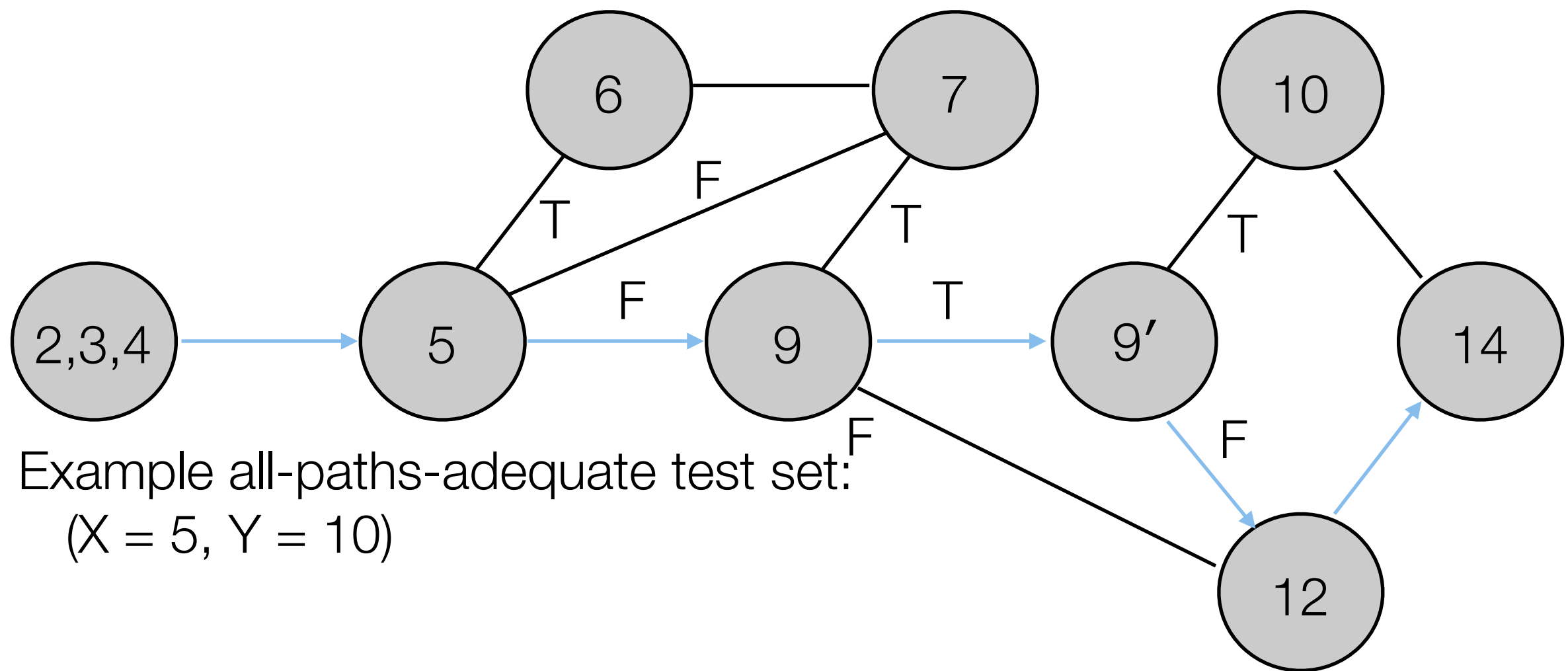
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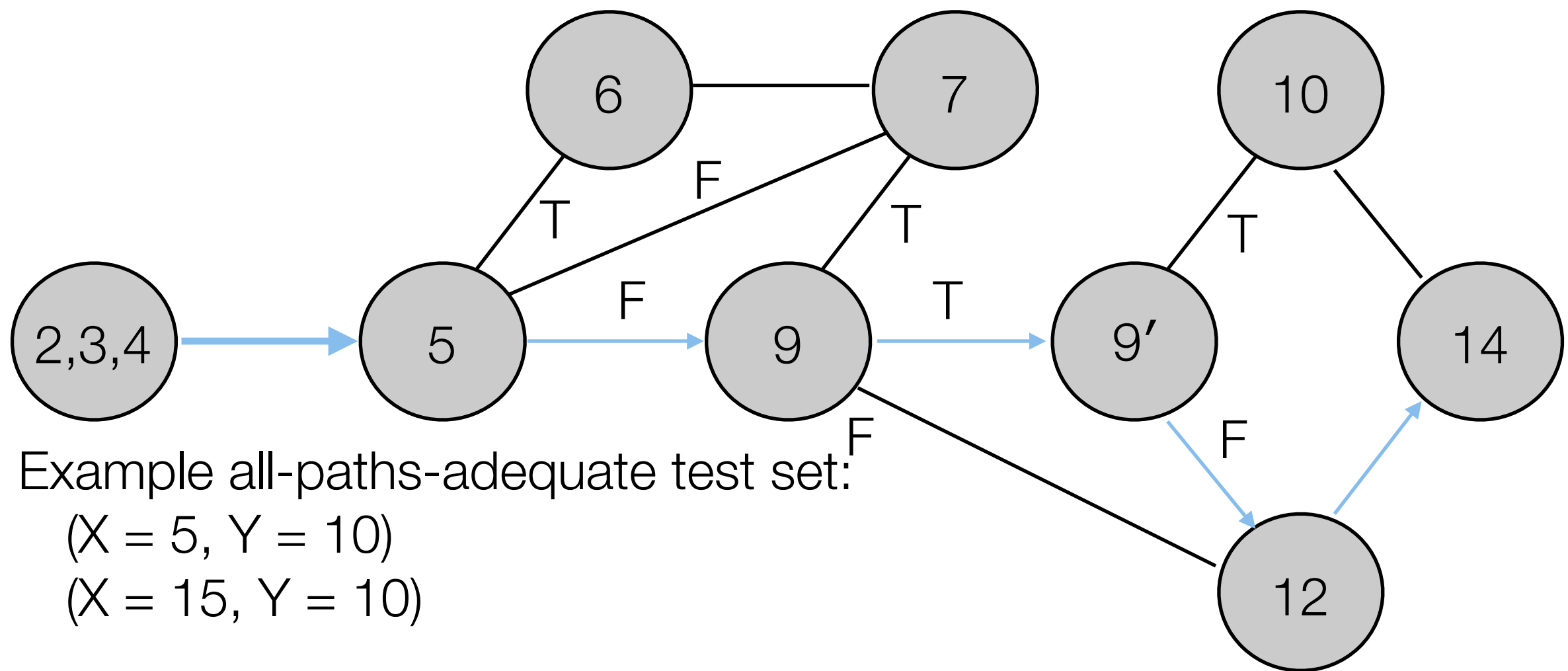
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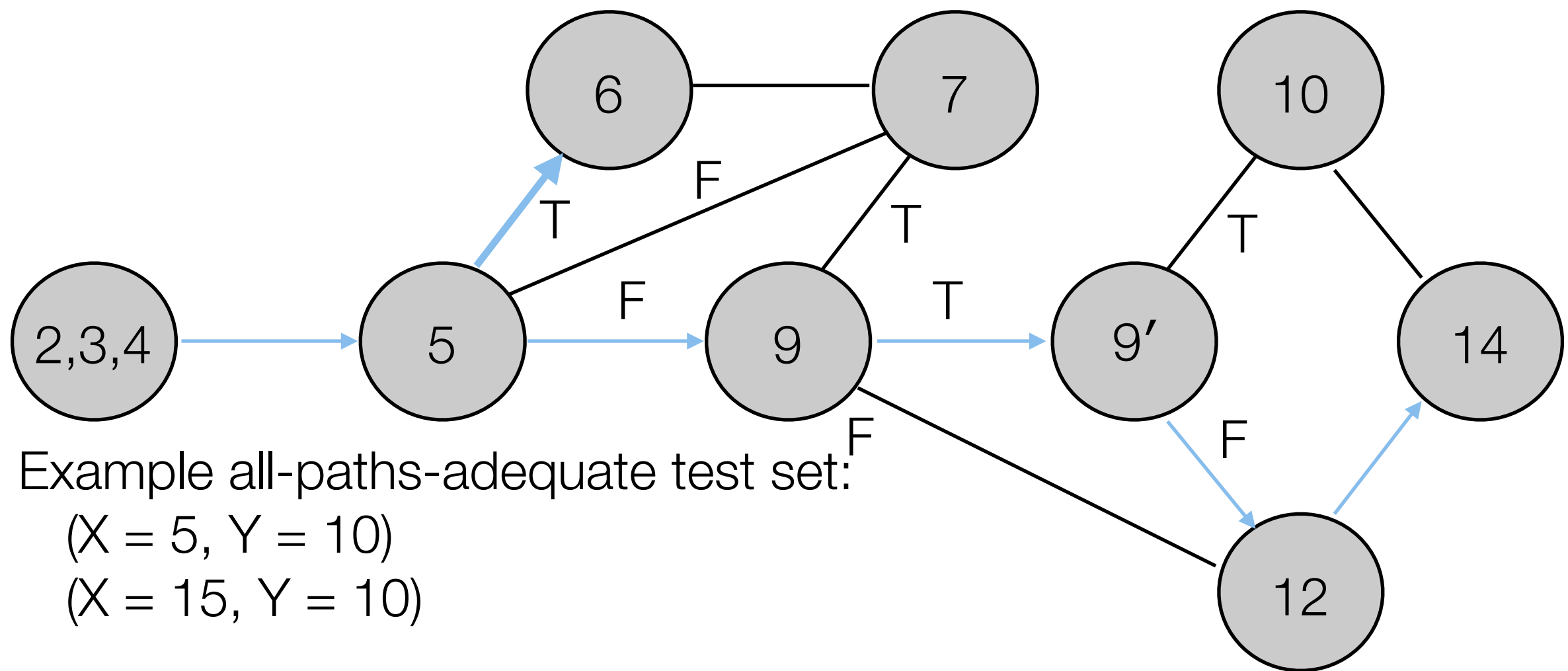


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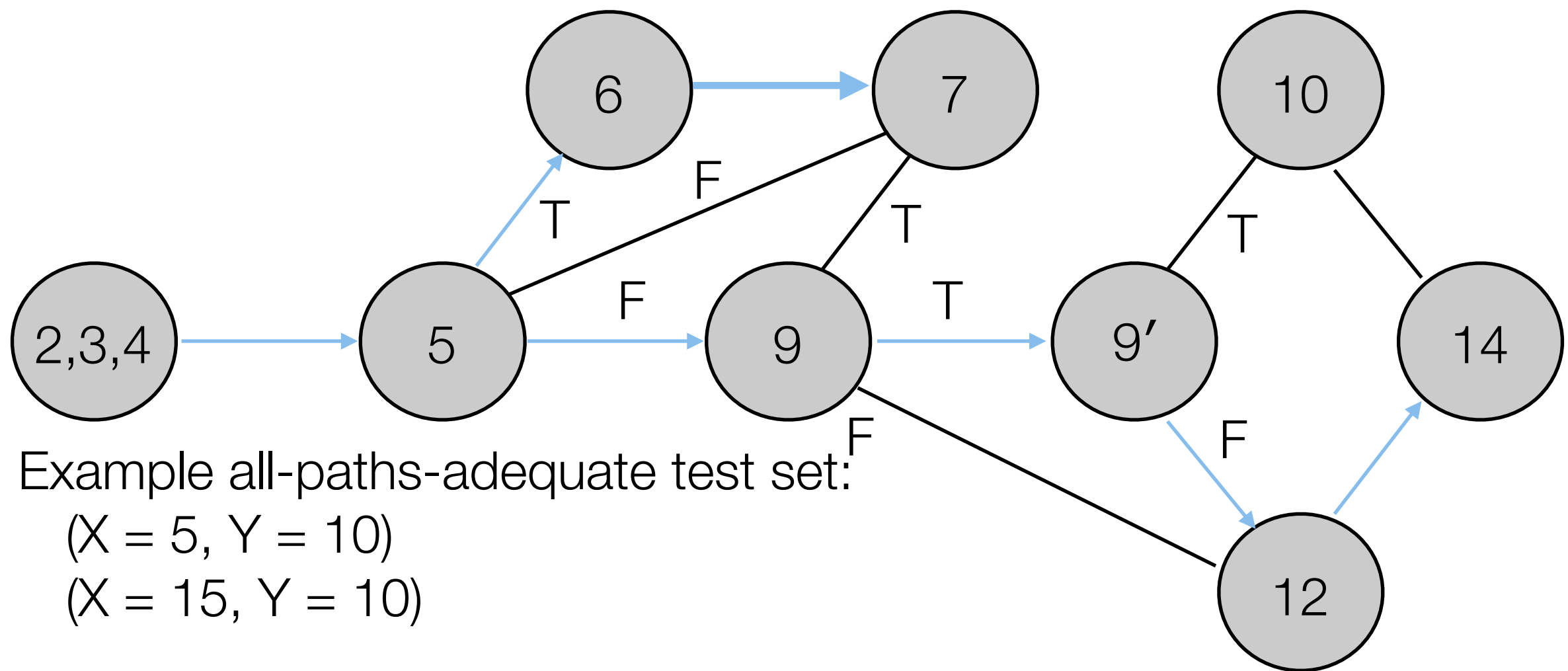
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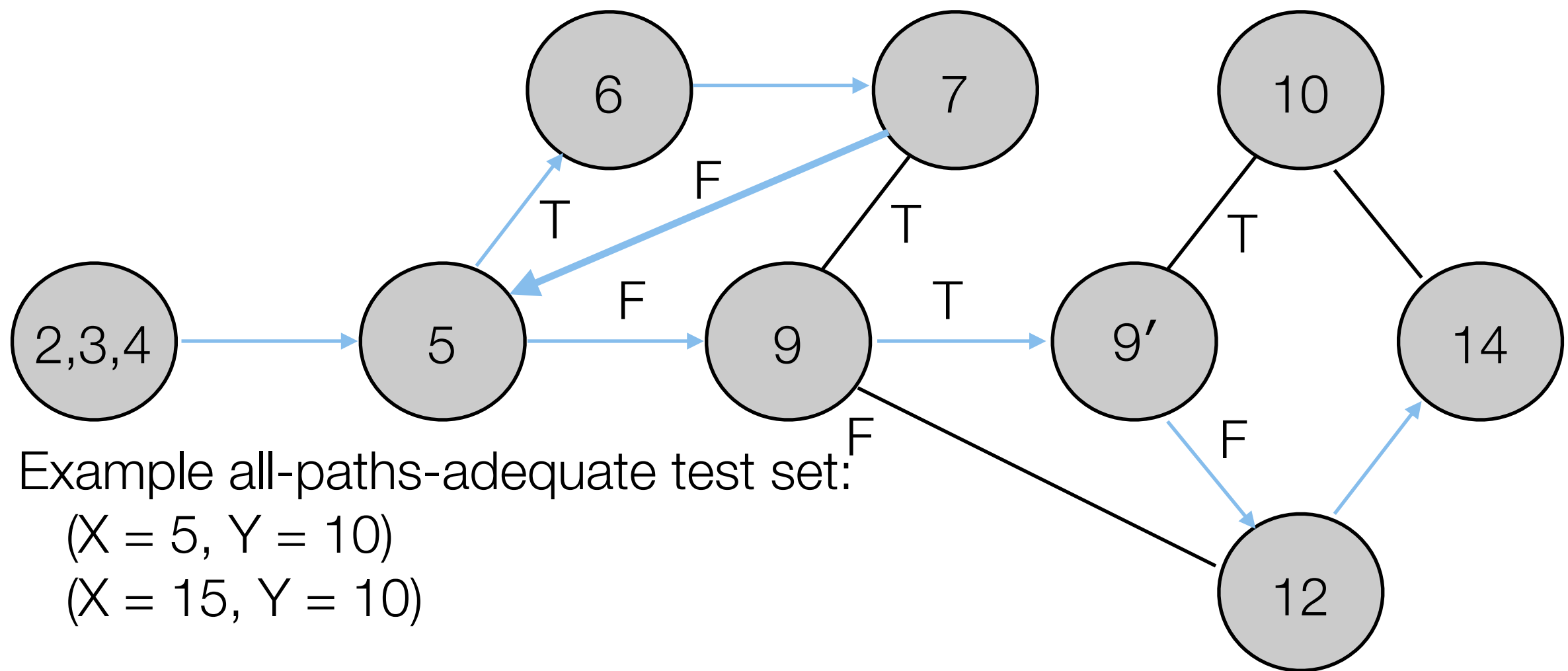
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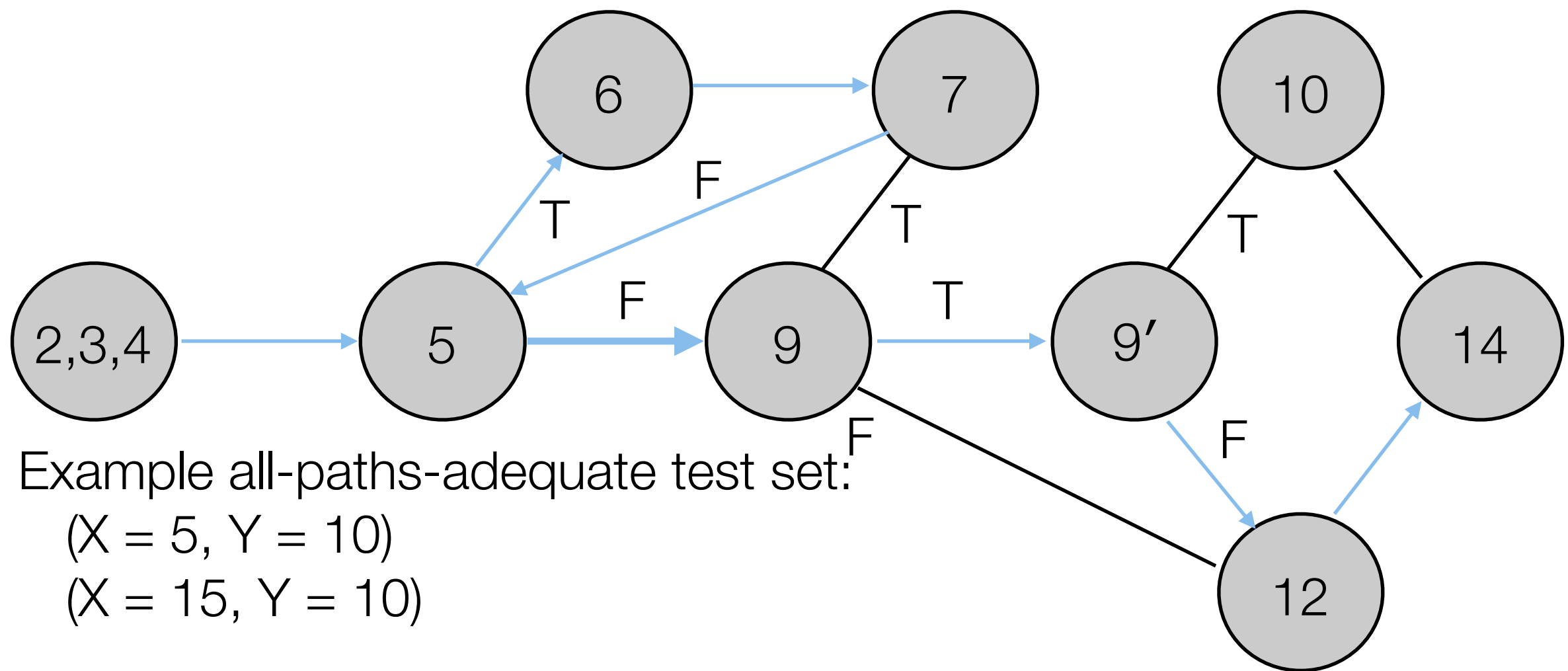
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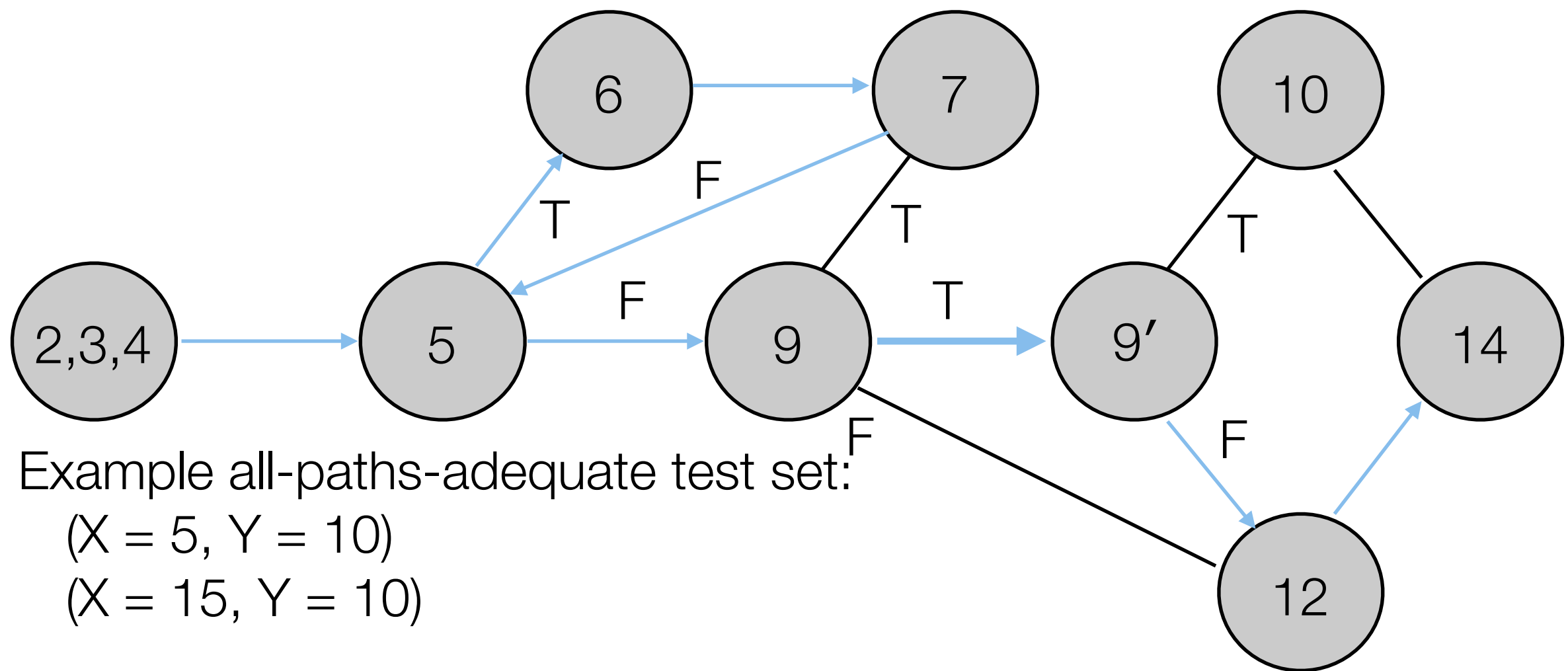
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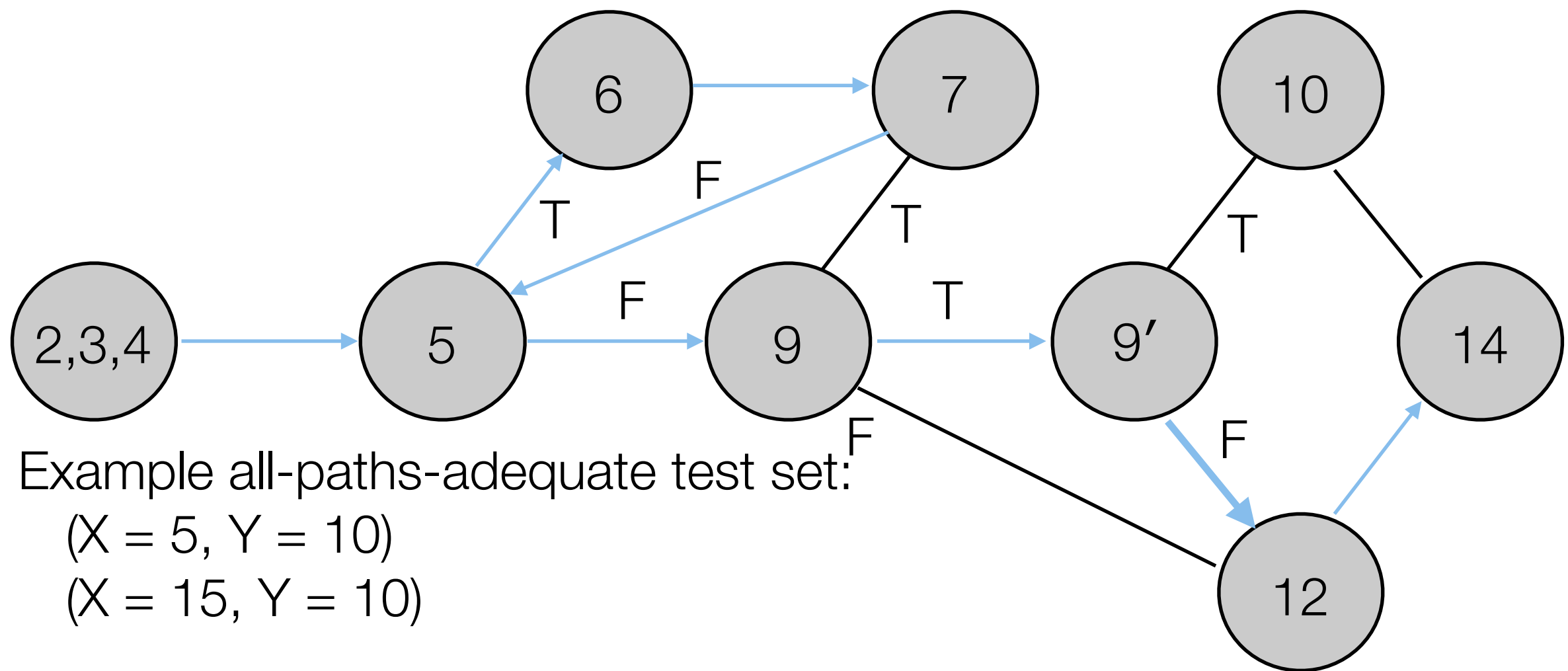
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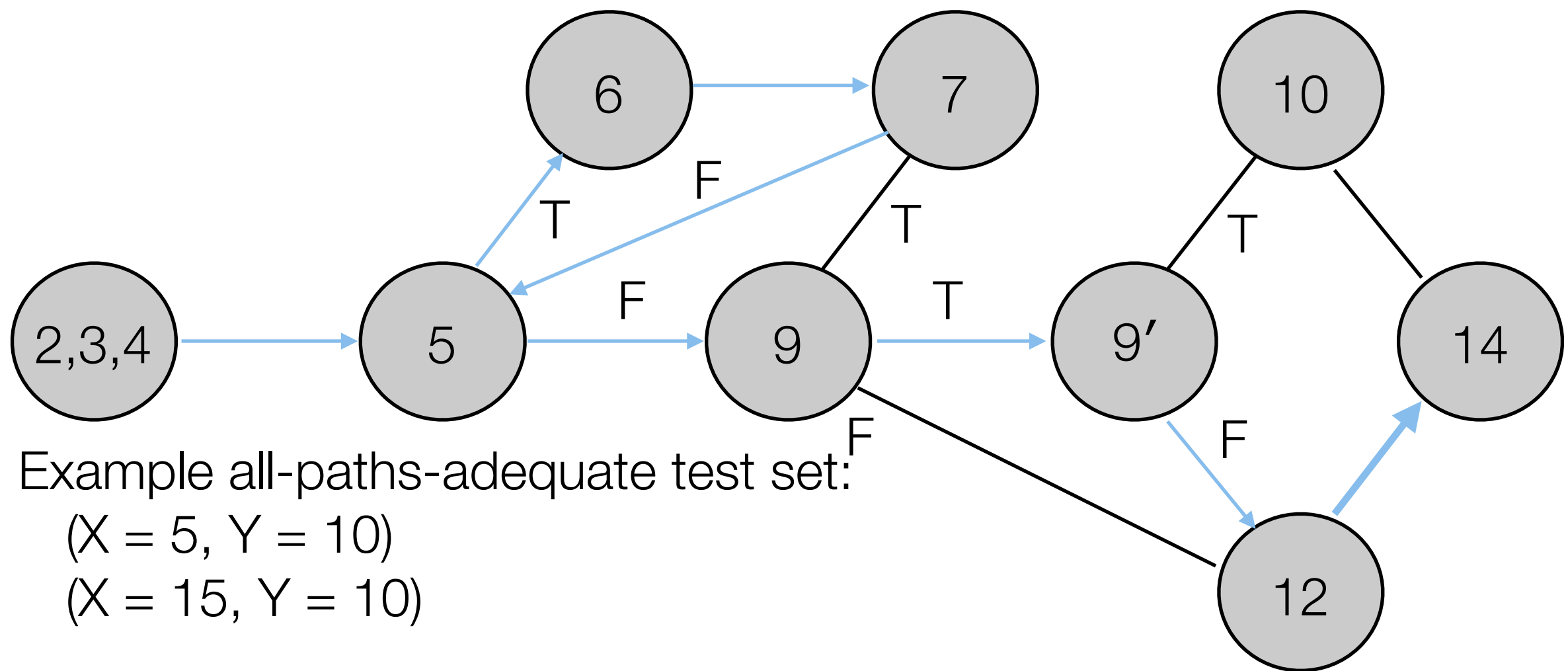
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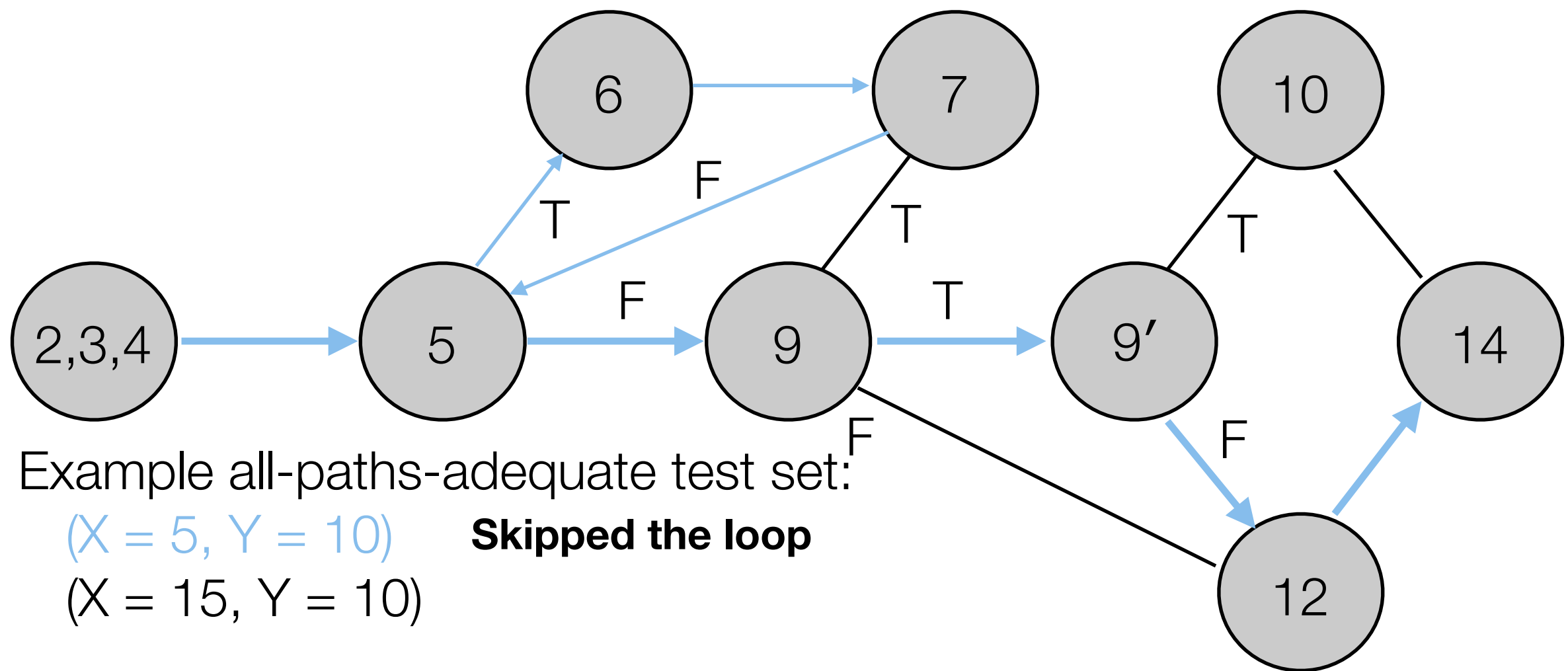
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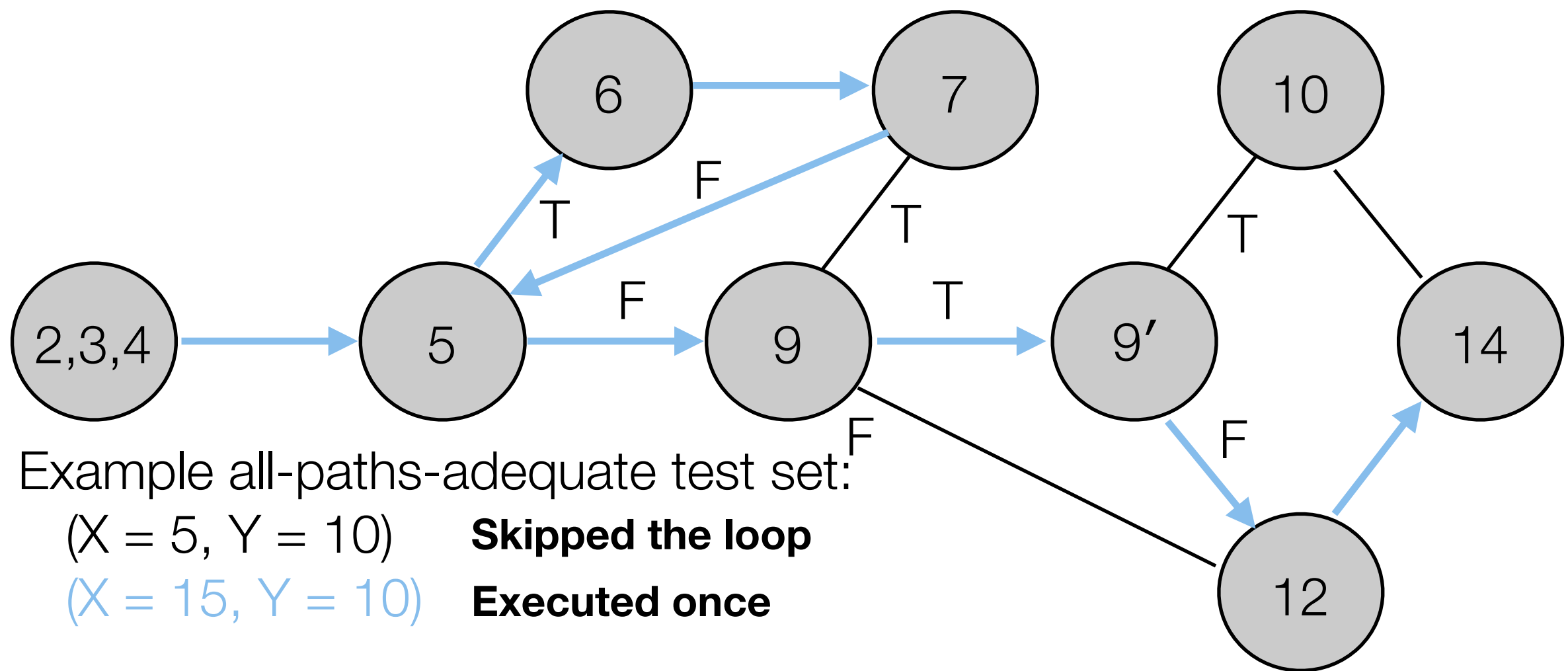
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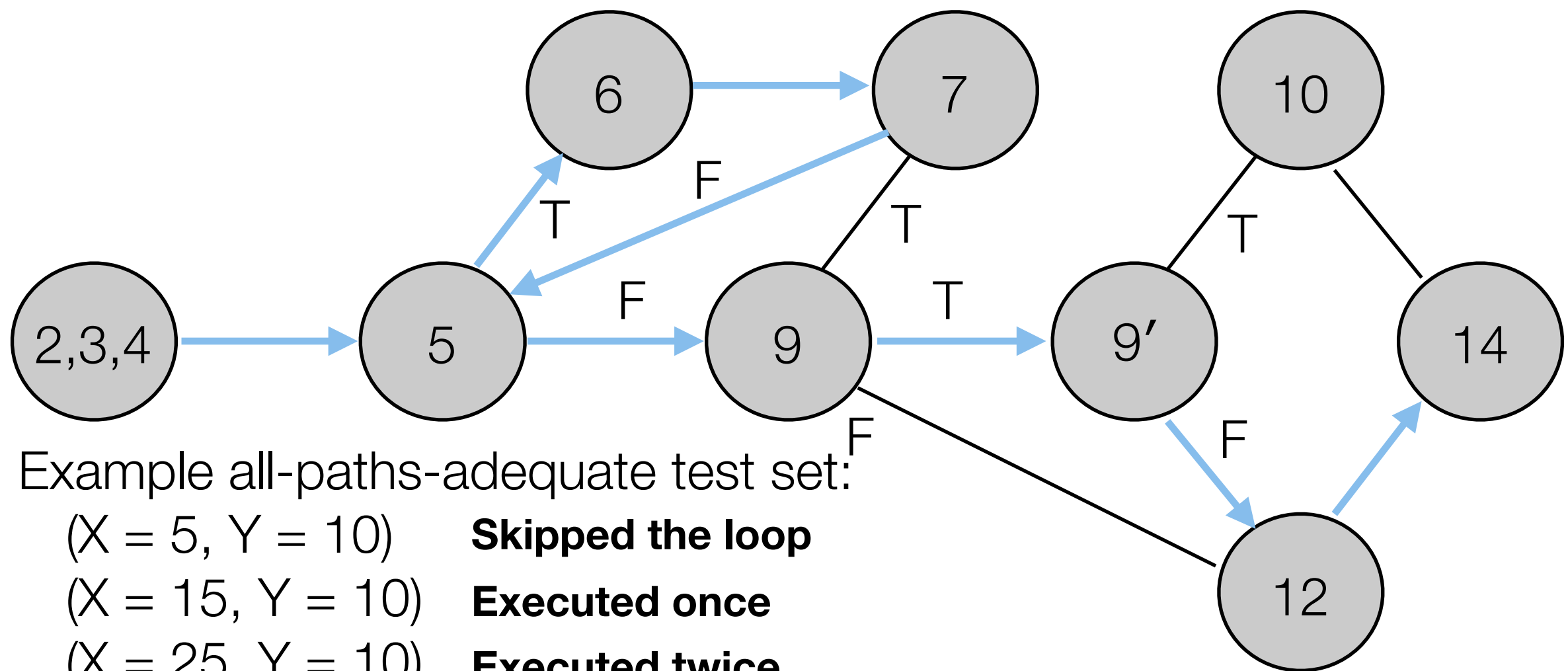
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And so on... you would also want permutations that exit the loop early

Code Coverage Tools

- Doing this by hand would be hard!
 - Fortunately, there are tools that can track code coverage metrics for you
 - typically just statement and branch coverage
- These systems generate reports that show the percentage of the metric being achieved
 - they will also typically provide a view of the source code annotated to show which statements and conditions were “hit” by your test suite

Testing Automation (I)

- It is important that your tests be automated
 - More likely to be run
 - More likely to catch problems as changes are made
- As the number of tests grow, it can take a long time to run the tests, so it is important that the running time of each individual test is as small as possible
 - If that's not possible to achieve then
 - segregate long running tests from short running tests
 - execute the latter multiple times per day
 - execute the former at least once per day (they still need to be run!!)

Testing Automation (II)

- It is important that running tests be easy
 - testing frameworks allow tests to be run with a single command
 - often as part of the build management process
- We'll see examples of this later in the semester

Continuous Integration

- Since test automation is so critical, systems known as continuous integration frameworks have emerged
- Continuous Integration (CI) systems wrap version control, compilation, and testing into a single repeatable process
 - You create/debug code as usual;
 - You then check your code and the CI system builds your code, tests it, and reports back to you

Summary

- Testing is one element of software quality assurance
 - Verification and Validation can occur in any phase
- Testing of Code involves
 - Black Box, Grey Box, and White Box tests
 - All require: input, expected output (via spec), actual output
 - White box additionally looks for code coverage
- Testing of systems involves
 - unit tests, integration tests, system tests and acceptance tests
- Testing should be automated and various tools exist to integrate testing into the version control and build management processes of a development organization

Coming Up Next:

- Lecture 6: Agile Methods and Agile Teams
- Lecture 7: Division of Labor and Design Approaches in Concurrency

Introduction to Software Testing

CSCI 5828: Foundations of Software Engineering
Lecture 05 — 01/31/2012

Goals

- Provide introduction to fundamental concepts of software testing
 - Terminology
 - Testing of Systems
 - unit tests, integration tests, system tests, acceptance tests
 - Testing of Code
 - Black Box
 - Gray Box
 - White Box
 - Code Coverage

Testing

- Testing is a **critical element** of software development life cycles
 - called **software quality control** or **software quality assurance**
 - basic goals: **validation** and **verification**
 - validation: **are we building the right product?**
 - verification: **does “X” meet its specification?**
 - where “X” can be code, a model, a design diagram, a requirement, ...
 - At each stage, we need to verify that the thing we produce accurately represents its specification

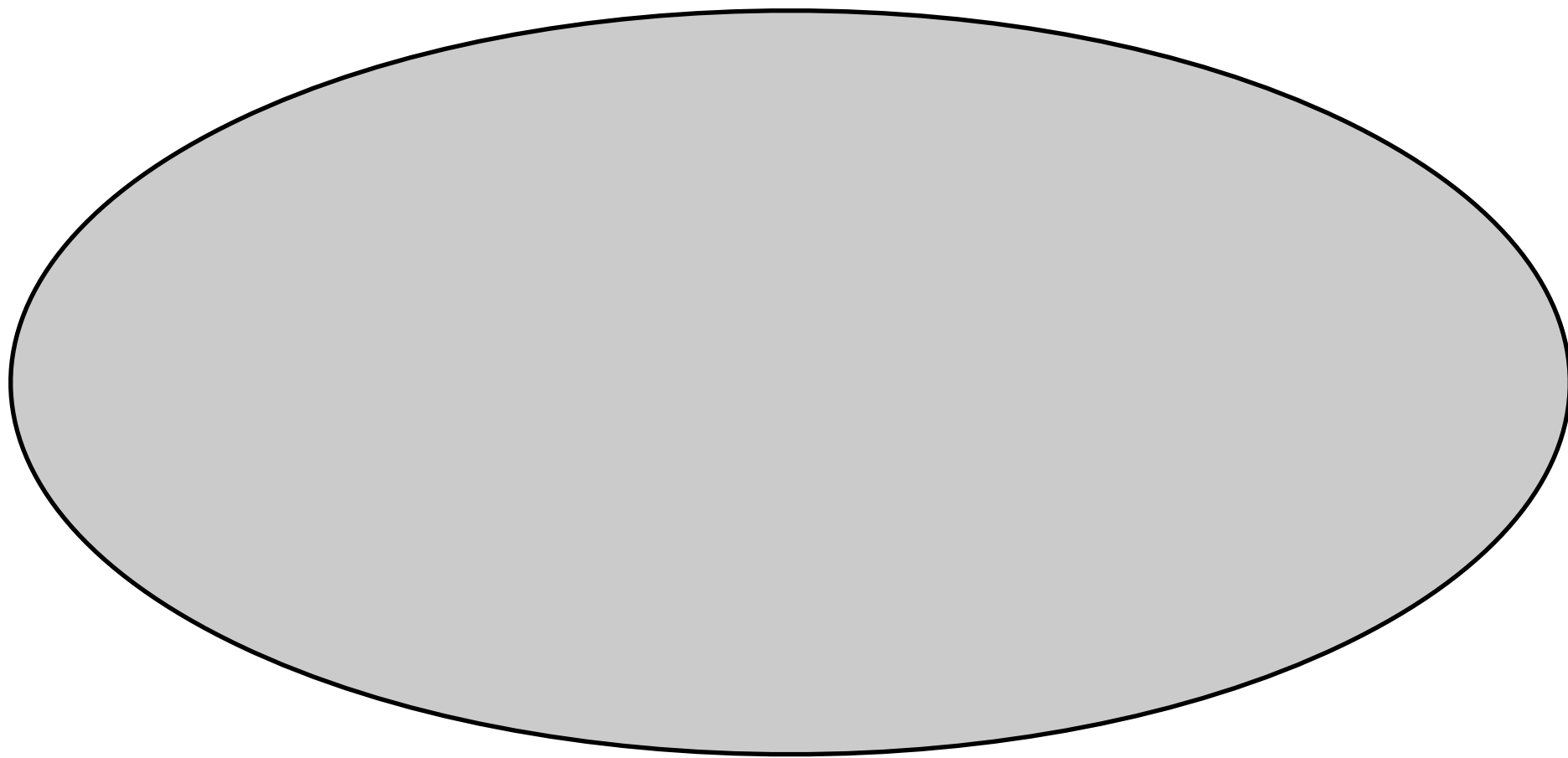
Terminology

- An **error** is a mistake made by an engineer
 - often a misunderstanding of a requirement or design specification
- A **fault** is a manifestation of that error in the code
 - what we often call “a bug”
- A **failure** is an incorrect output/behavior that is caused by executing a fault
 - The failure may occur immediately (crash!) or much, much later in the execution
- **Testing** attempts to **surface failures** in our software systems
 - **Debugging** attempts to **associate failures with faults** so they can be removed from the system
- If a system passes all of its tests, is it free of all faults?

No!

- Faults may be hiding in portions of the code that only rarely get executed
 - “Testing can only be used to prove the existence of faults not their absence” or “Not all faults have failures”
 - Sometimes faults mask each other resulting in no visible failures!
 - this is particularly insidious
- However, if we do a good job in creating a test set that
 - covers all functional capabilities of a system
 - and covers all code using a metric such as “branch coverage”
- Then, having all tests pass increases our confidence that our system has high quality and can be deployed

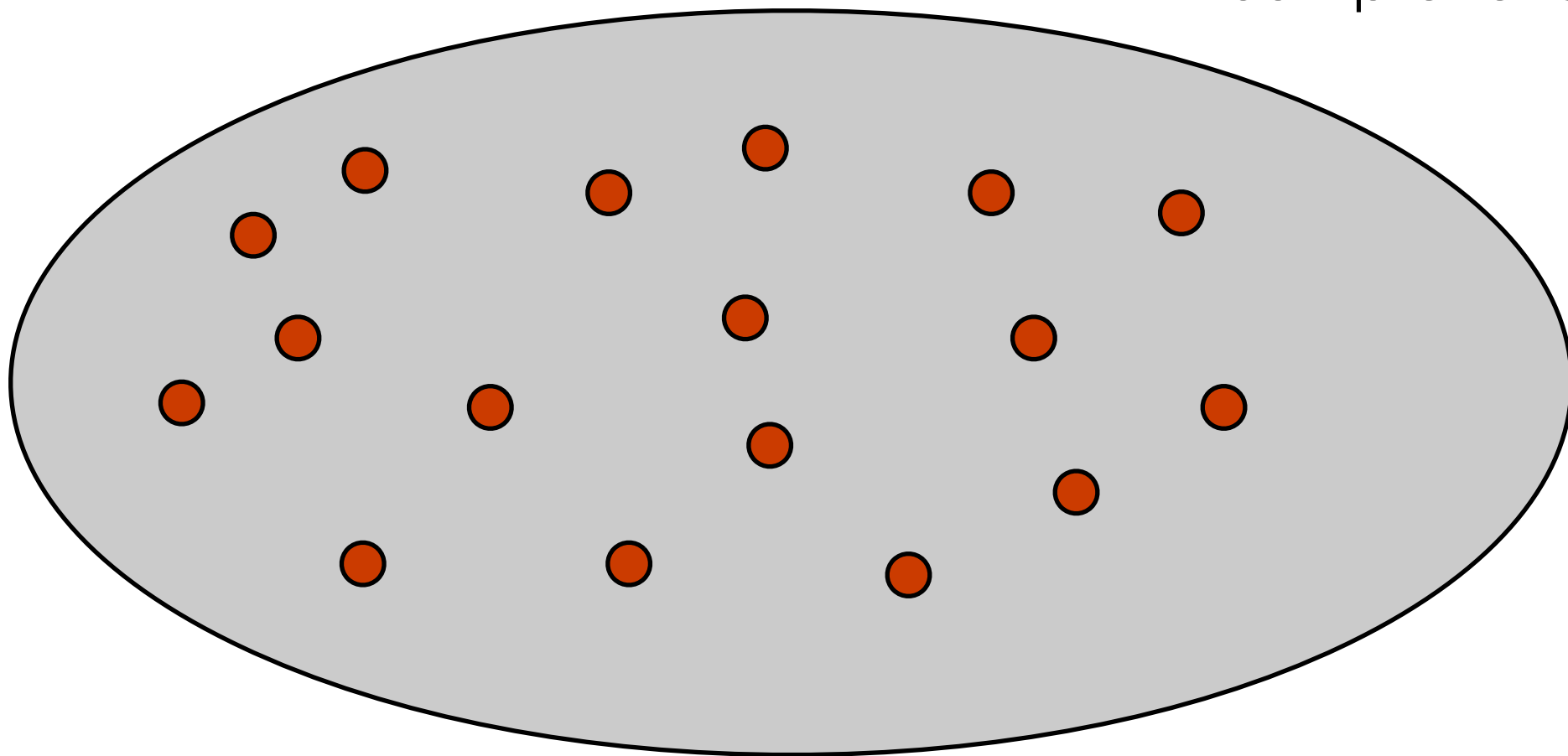
Looking for Faults



All possible states/behaviors of a system

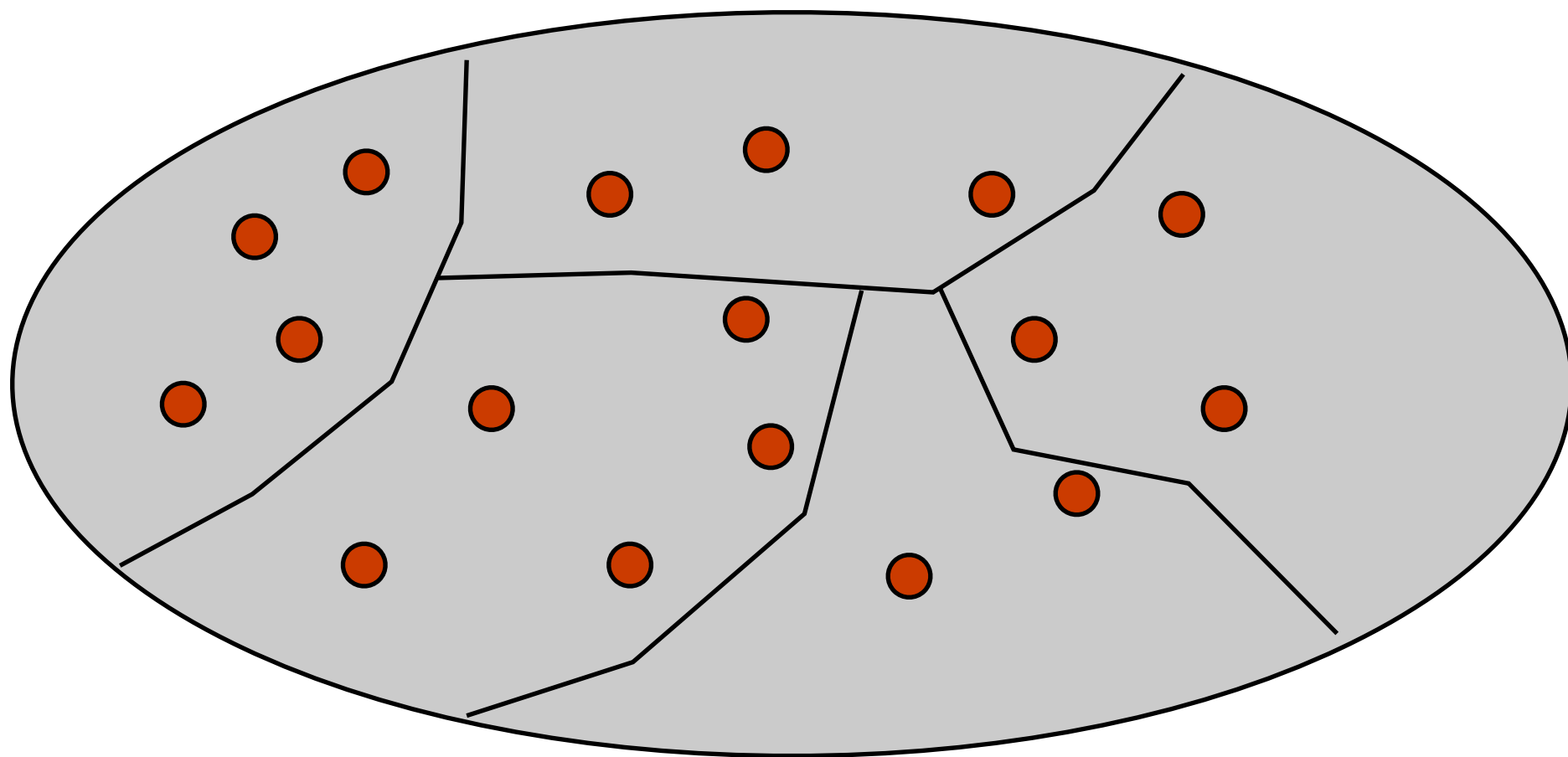
Looking for Faults

As you can see, its
not very
comprehensive



Tests are a way of sampling the behaviors of a software system,
looking for failures

One way forward? Fold



The testing literature advocates folding the space into equivalent behaviors and then sampling each partition

What does that mean?

- Consider a simple example like the greatest common denominator function
 - `int gcd(int x, int y)`
 - At first glance, this function has an infinite number of test cases
- But lets fold the space
 - `x=6 y=9`, returns 3, tests common case
 - `x=2 y=4`, returns 2, tests when x is the GCD
 - `x=3 y=5`, returns 1, tests two primes
 - `x=9 y=0`, returns ?, tests zero
 - `x=-3 y=9`, returns ?, tests negative

Completeness

- From this discussion, it should be clear that “**completely**” testing a system is impossible
 - So, we settle for heuristics
 - attempt to fold the input space into different functional categories
 - then create tests that sample the behavior/output for each functional partition
- As we will see, we also look at our **coverage of the underlying code**; are we hitting all statements, all branches, all loops?

Continuous Testing

- Testing is a continuous process that should be performed at every stage of a software development process
 - During requirements gathering, for instance, we must continually query the user, “Did we get this right?”
 - Facilitated by an emphasis on iteration throughout a life cycle
 - at the end of each iteration
 - we check our results to see if what we built is meeting our requirements (specification)

Testing the System (I)

- **Unit Tests**

- Tests that cover low-level aspects of a system
 - For each module, does each operation perform as expected
 - For method **foo()**, we'd like to see another method **testFoo()**

- **Integration Tests**

- Tests that check that modules work together in combination
- Most projects on schedule until they hit this point (MMM, Brooks)
 - All sorts of hidden assumptions are surfaced when code written by different developers are used in tandem
- Lack of integration testing has led to spectacular failures (Mars Polar Lander)

Testing the System (II)

- **System Tests**

- Tests performed by the developer to ensure that all major functionality has been implemented
 - Have all user stories been implemented and function correctly?

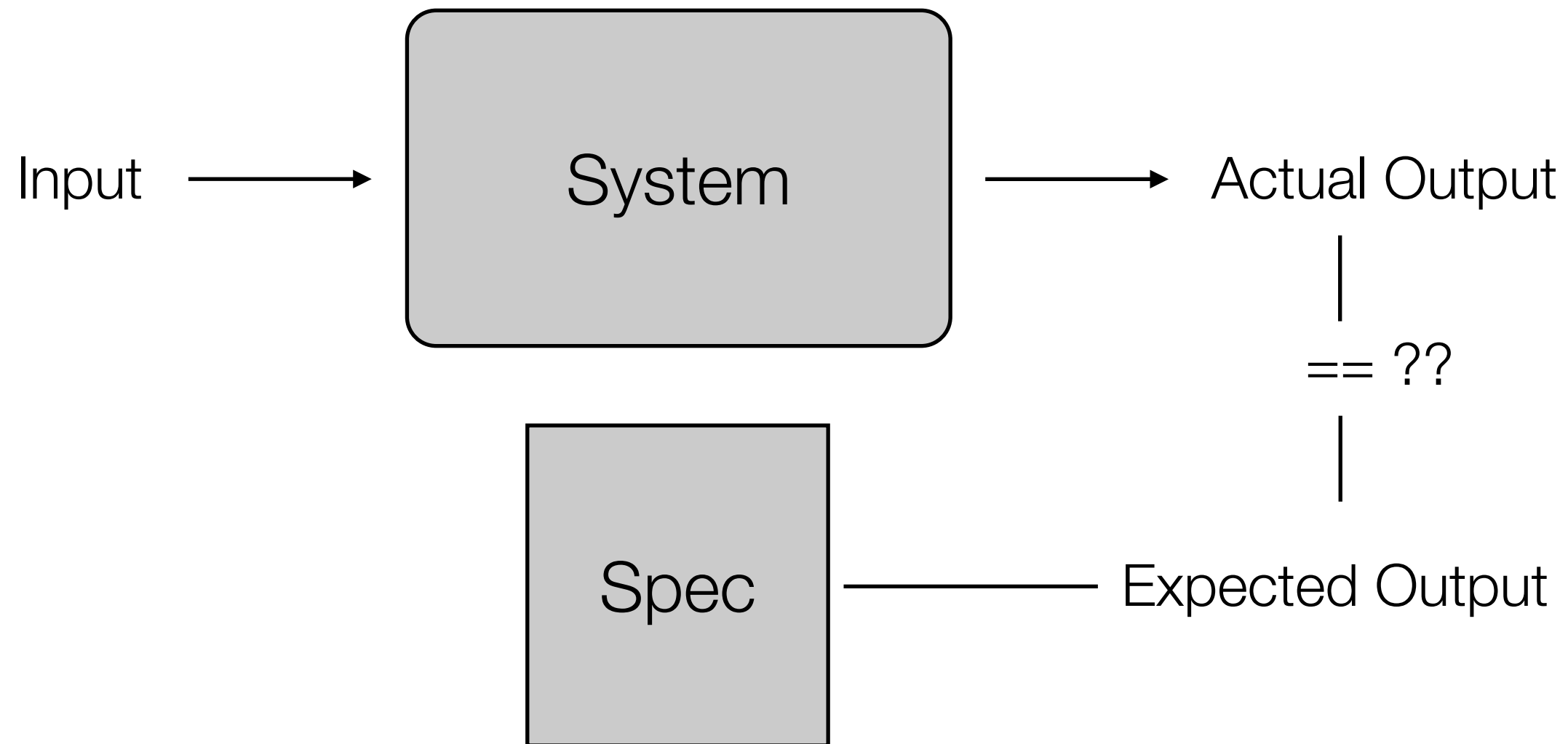
- **Acceptance Tests**

- Tests performed by the user to check that the delivered system meets their needs
 - In large, custom projects, developers will be on-site to install system and then respond to problems as they arise

Multi-Level Testing

- Once we have code, we can perform three types of tests
 - **Black Box Testing**
 - Does the system behave as predicted by its specification
 - **Grey Box Testing**
 - Having a bit of insight into the architecture of the system, does it behave as predicted by its specification
 - **White Box Testing**
 - Since, we have access to most of the code, lets make sure we are covering all aspects of the code: statements, branches, ...

Black Box Testing



A **black box test** passes **input** to a system, records the **actual output** and compares it to the **expected output**

Note: if you do not have a spec, then any behavior by the system is correct!

Results

- if actual output == expected output
 - TEST PASSED
- else
 - TEST FAILED
- Process
 - Write at least one test case per functional capability
 - Iterate on code until all tests pass
- Need to automate this process as much as possible

Black Box Categories

- Functionality
 - User input validation (based off specification)
 - Output results
 - State transitions
 - are there clear states in the system in which the system is supposed to behave differently based on the state?
- Boundary cases and off-by-one errors

Grey Box Testing

- Use knowledge of system's architecture to create a more complete set of black box tests
 - Verifying auditing and logging information
 - for each function is the system really updating all internal state correctly
 - Data destined for other systems
 - System-added information (timestamps, checksums, etc.)
 - “Looking for Scraps”
 - Is the system correctly cleaning up after itself
 - temporary files, memory leaks, data duplication/deletion

White Box Testing

- Writing test cases with complete knowledge of code
 - Format is the same: input, expected output, actual output
- But, now we are looking at
 - code coverage (more on this in a minute)
 - proper error handling
 - working as documented (is method “foo” thread safe?)
 - proper handling of resources
 - how does the software behave when resources become constrained?

Code Coverage (I)

- A criteria for knowing white box testing is “complete”
 - statement coverage
 - write tests until all statements have been executed
 - branch coverage (a.k.a. edge coverage)
 - write tests until each edge in a program’s control flow graph has been executed at least once (covers true/false conditions)
 - condition coverage
 - like branch coverage but with more attention paid to the conditionals (if compound conditional, ensure that all combinations have been covered)

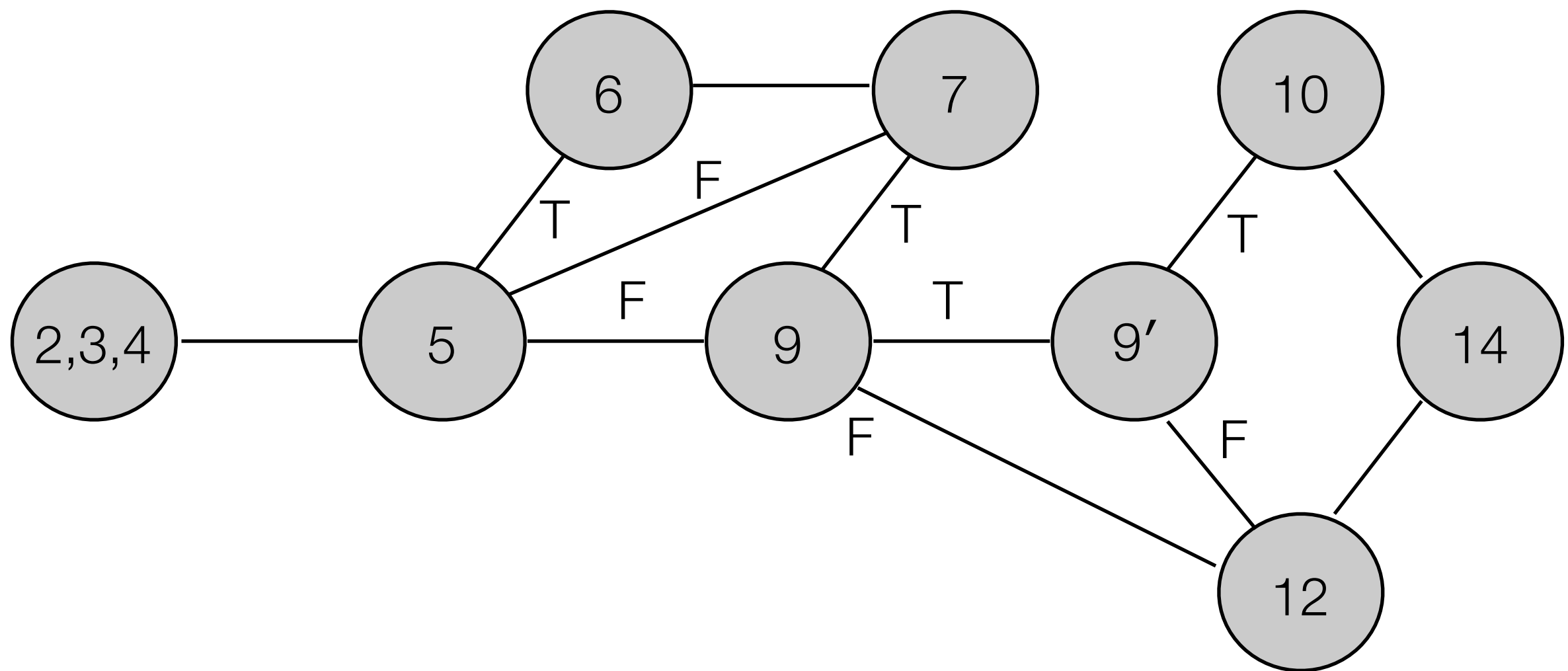
Code Coverage (II)

- A criteria for knowing white box testing is “complete”
 - path coverage
 - write tests until all paths in a program’s control flow graph have been executed multiple times as dictated by heuristics, e.g.,
 - for each loop, write a test case that executes the loop
 - zero times (skips the loop)
 - exactly one time
 - more than once (exact number depends on context)

A Sample Ada Program to Test

```
1      function P return INTEGER is
2      begin
3          X, Y: INTEGER;
4          READ(X); READ(Y);
5          while (X > 10) loop
6              X := X - 10;
7              exit when X = 10;
8          end loop;
9          if (Y < 20 and then X mod 2 = 0) then
10             Y := Y + 20;
11         else
12             Y := Y - 20;
13         end if;
14         return 2 * X + Y;
15     end P;
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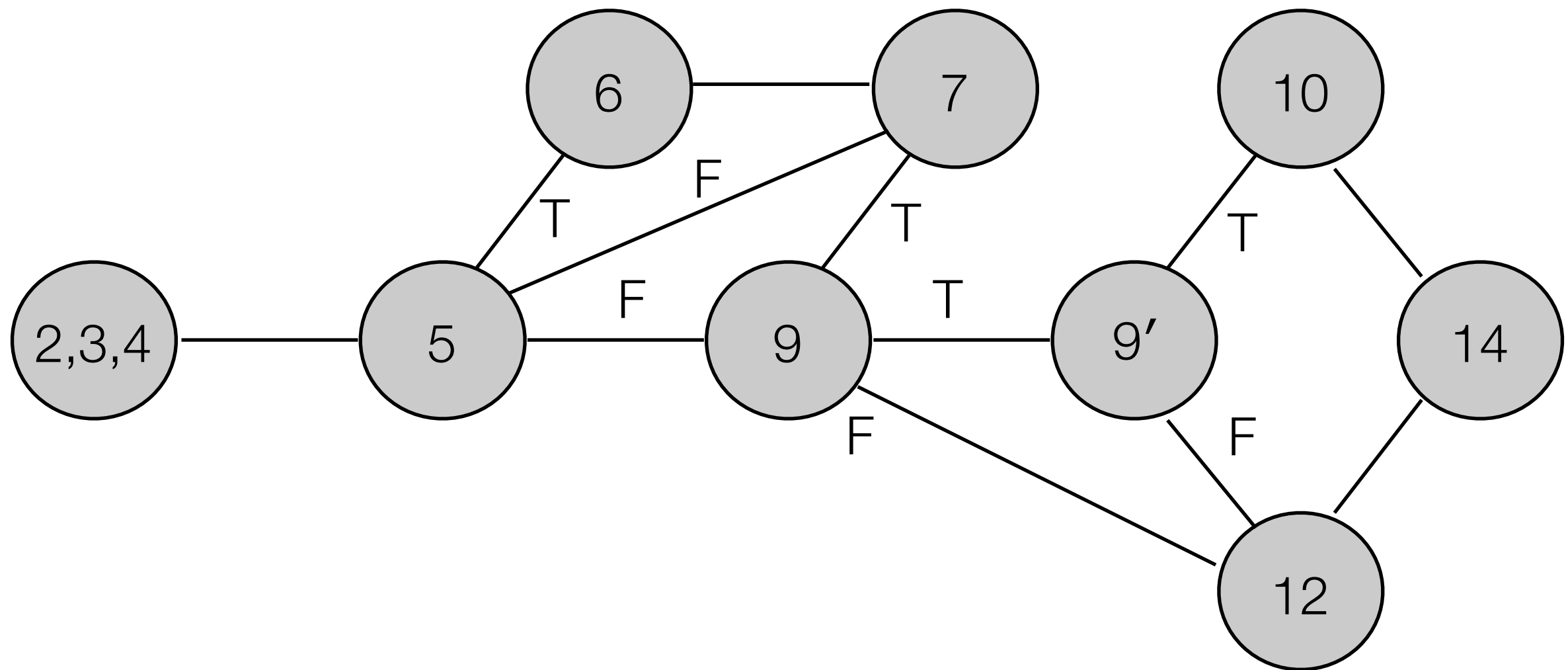
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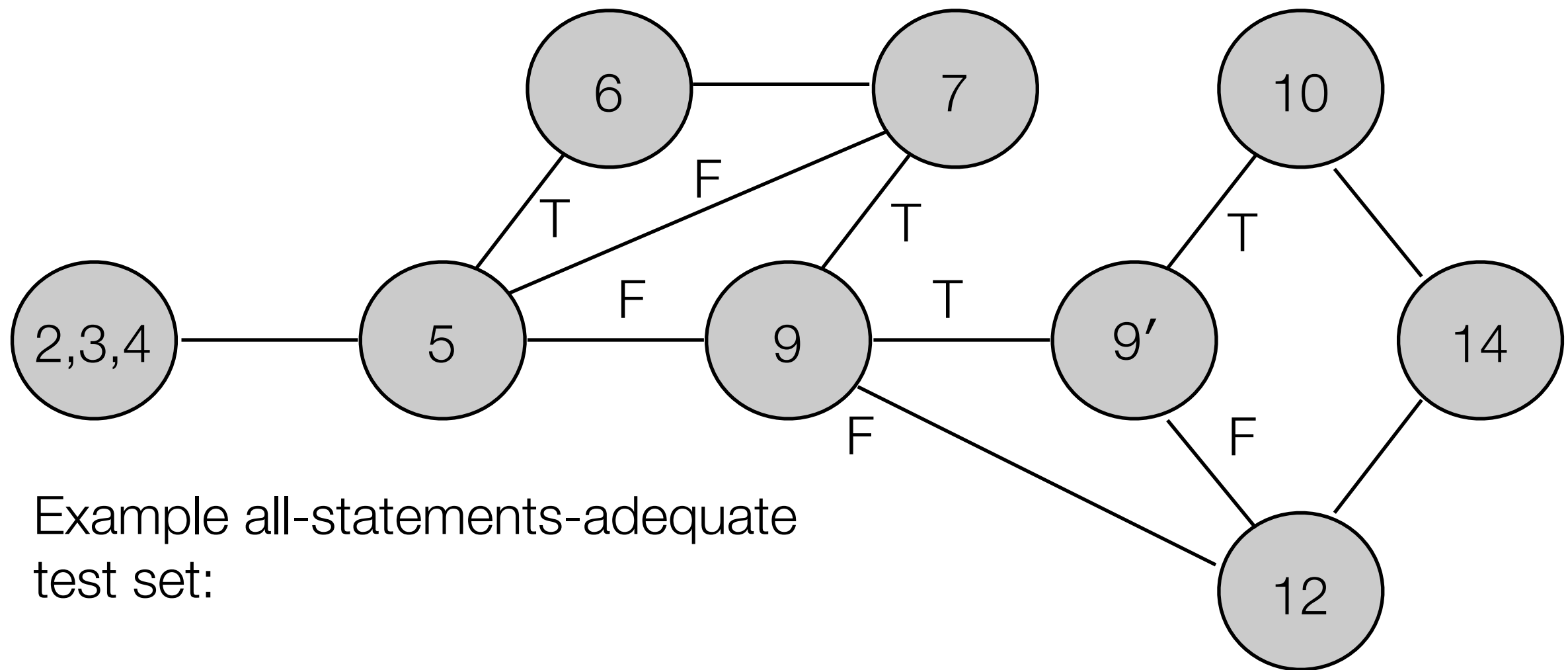
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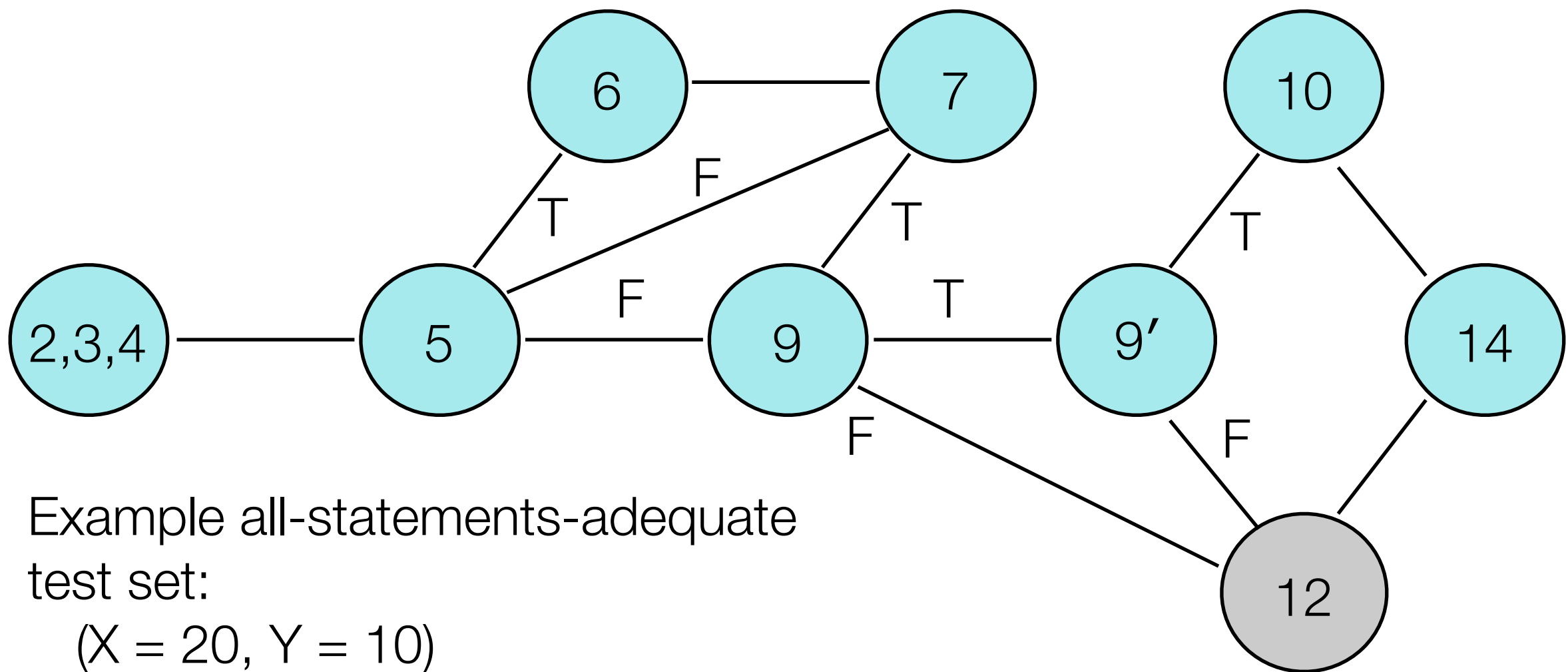


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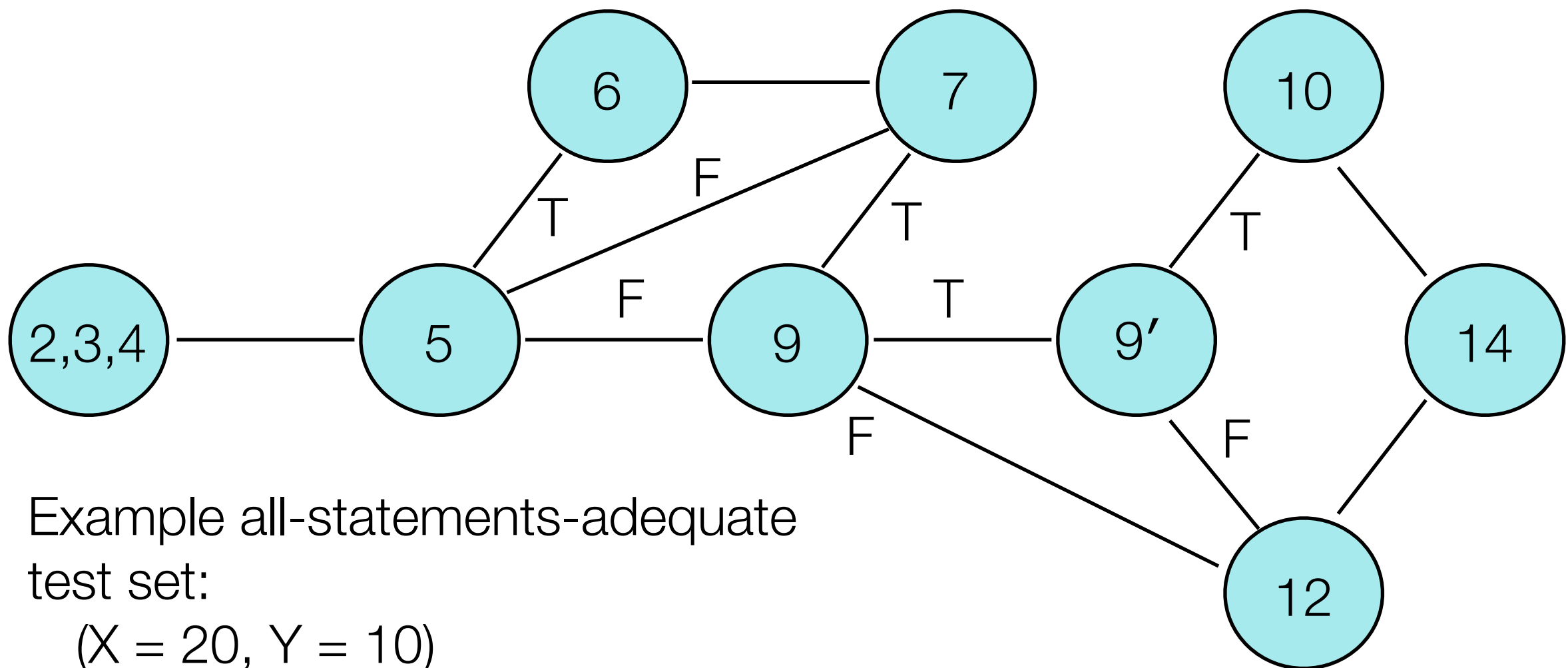


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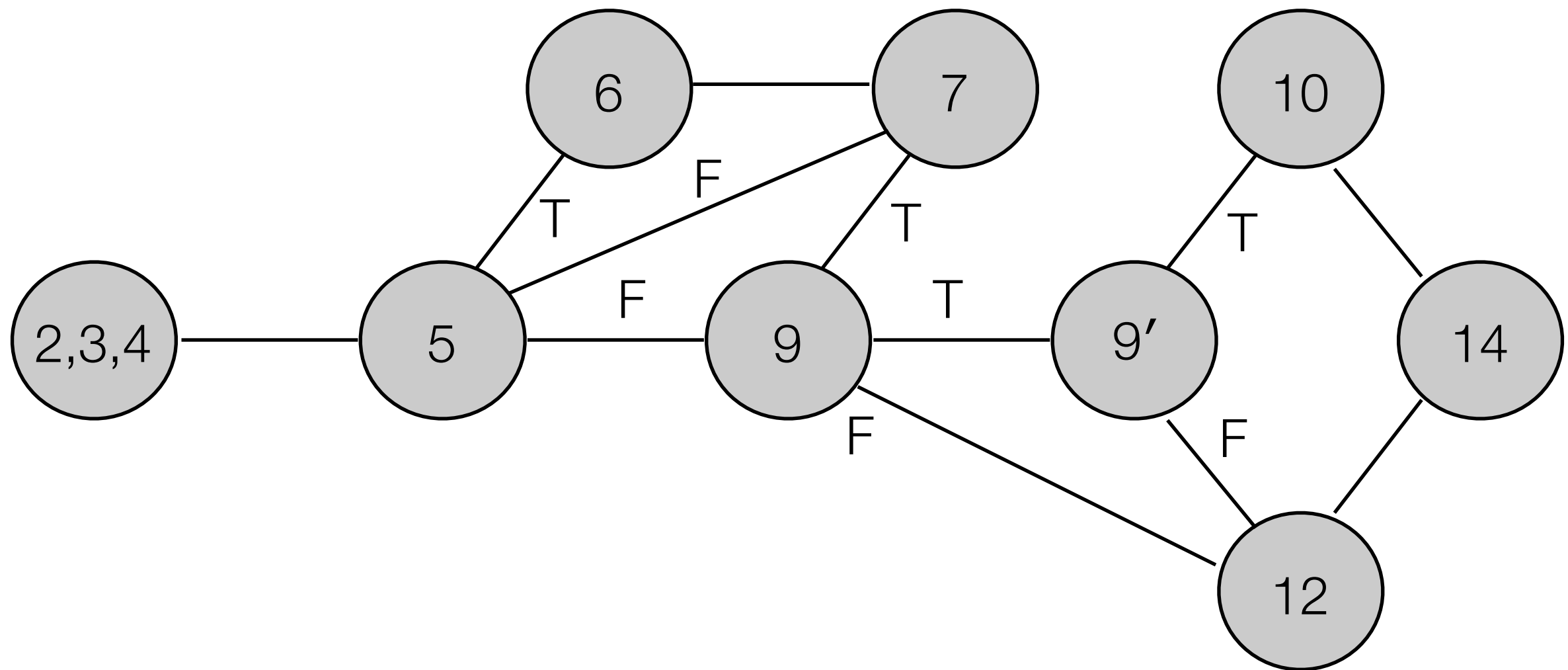
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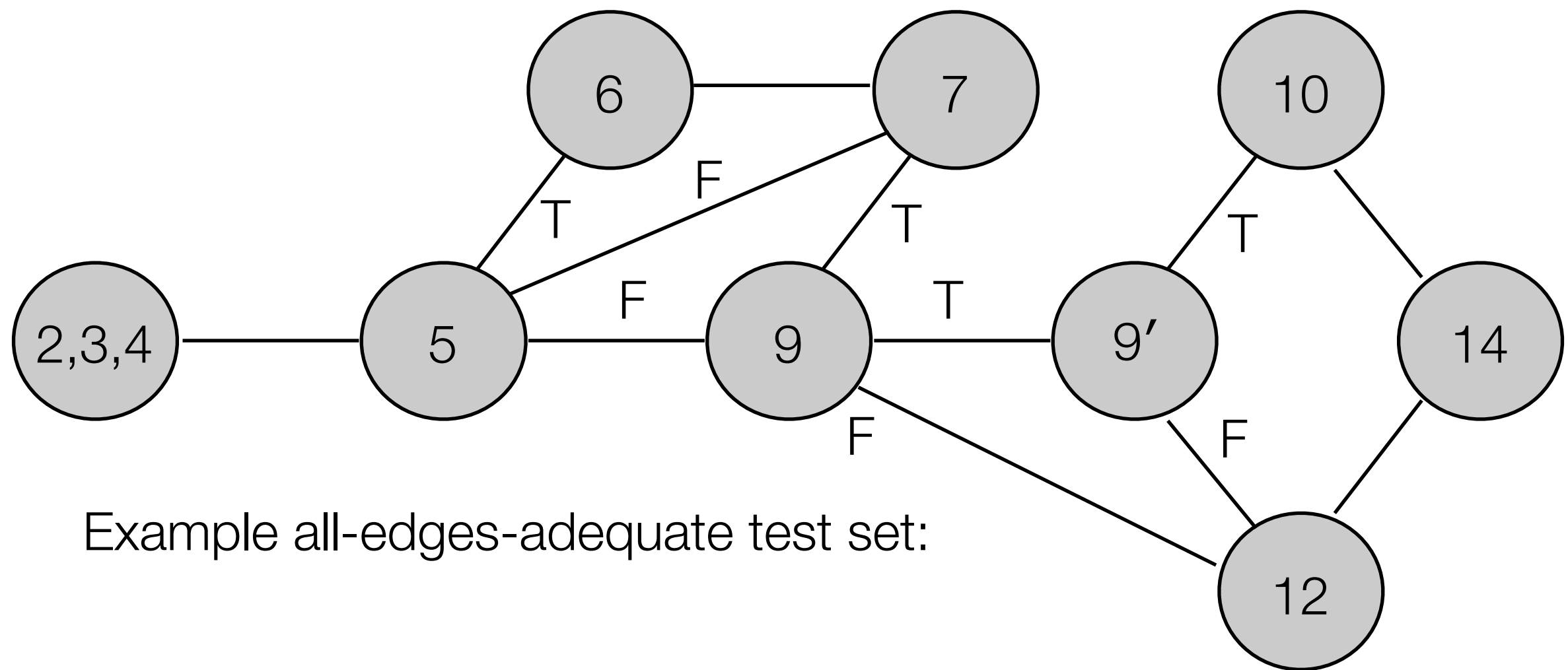
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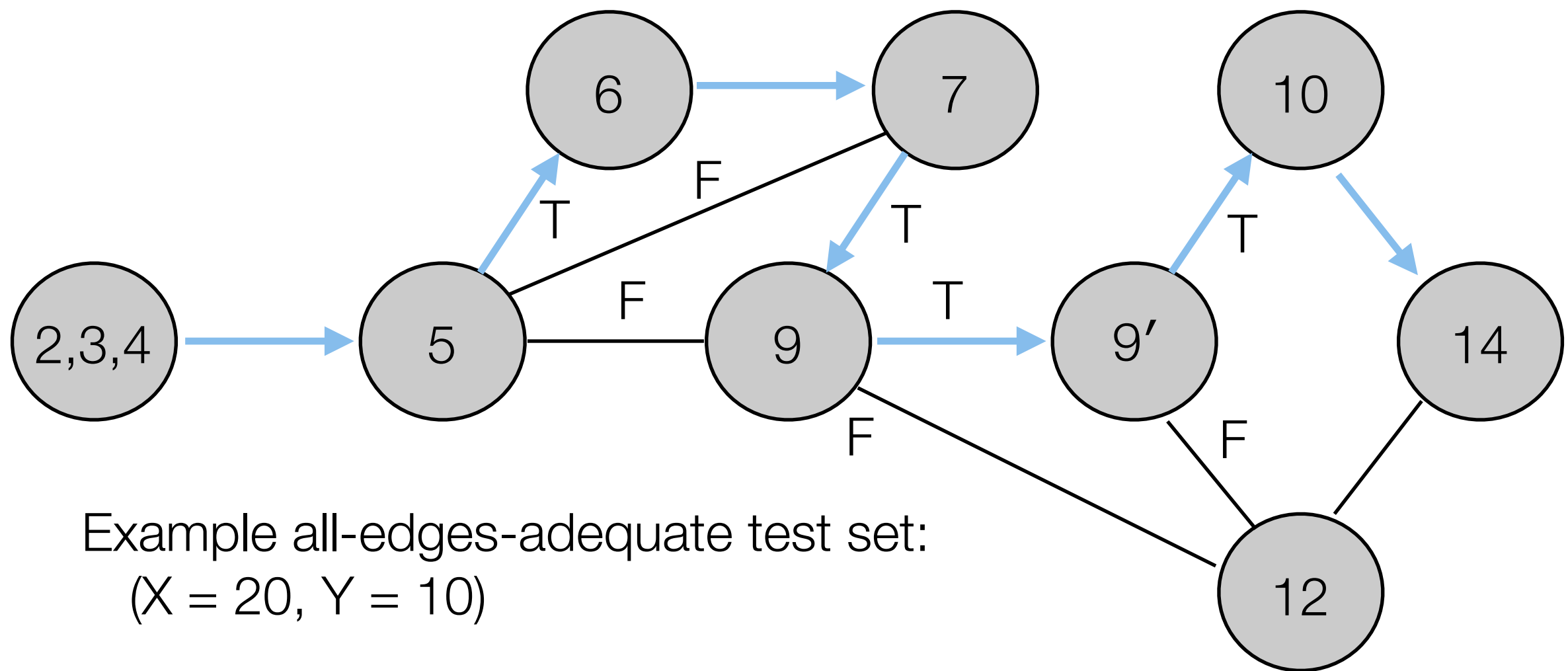


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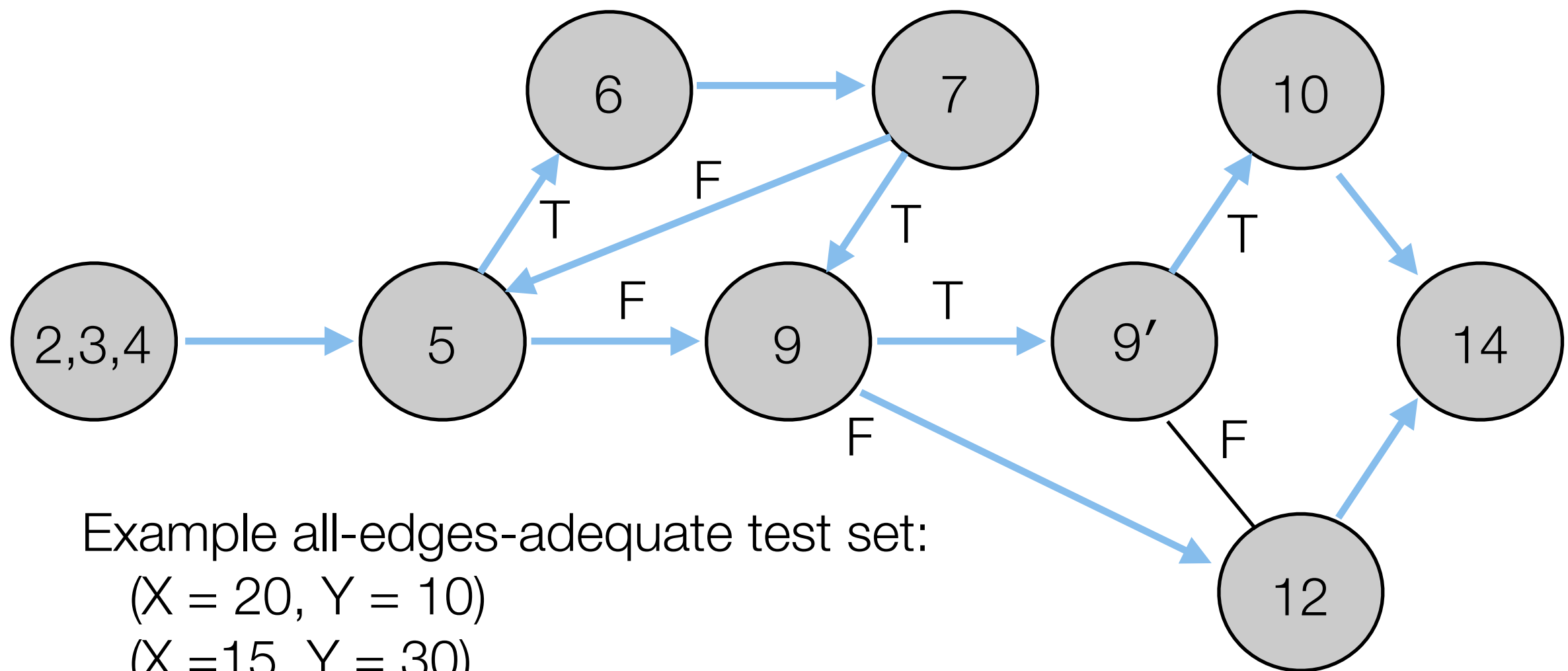
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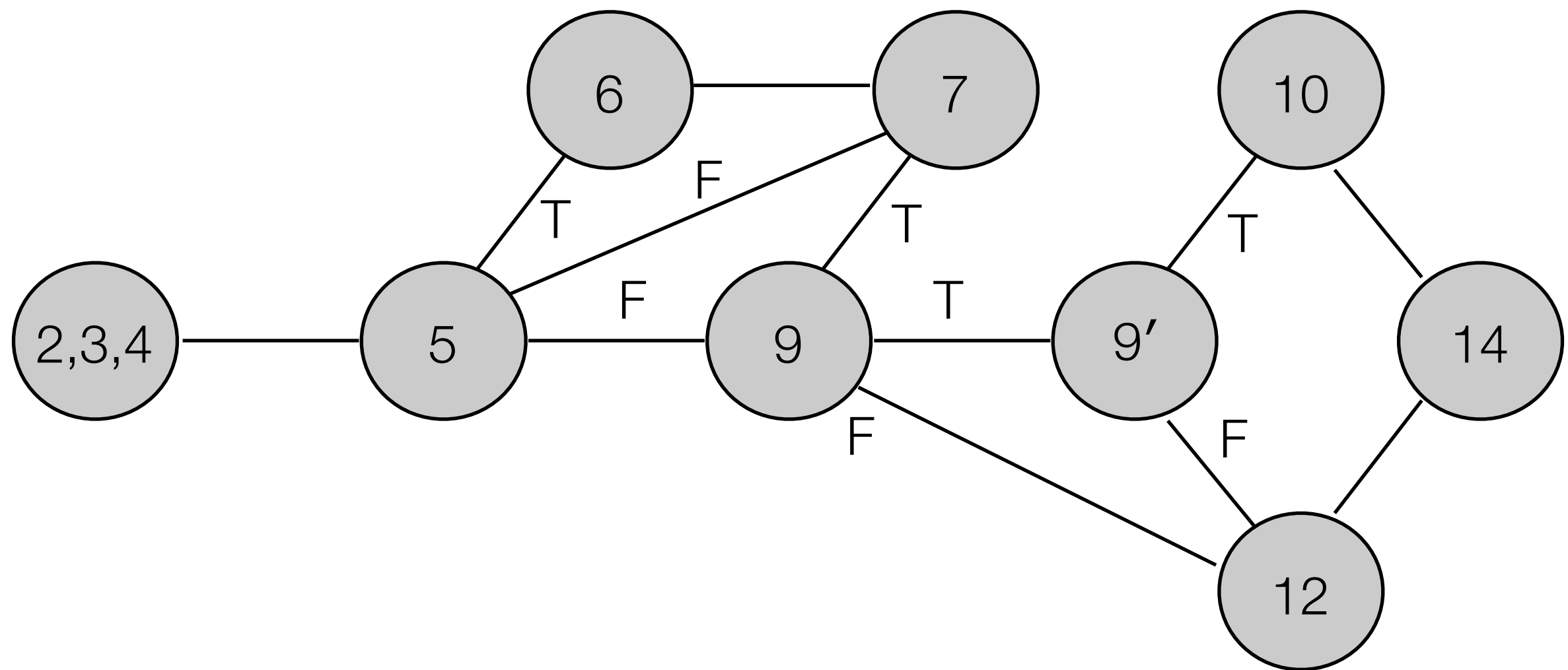
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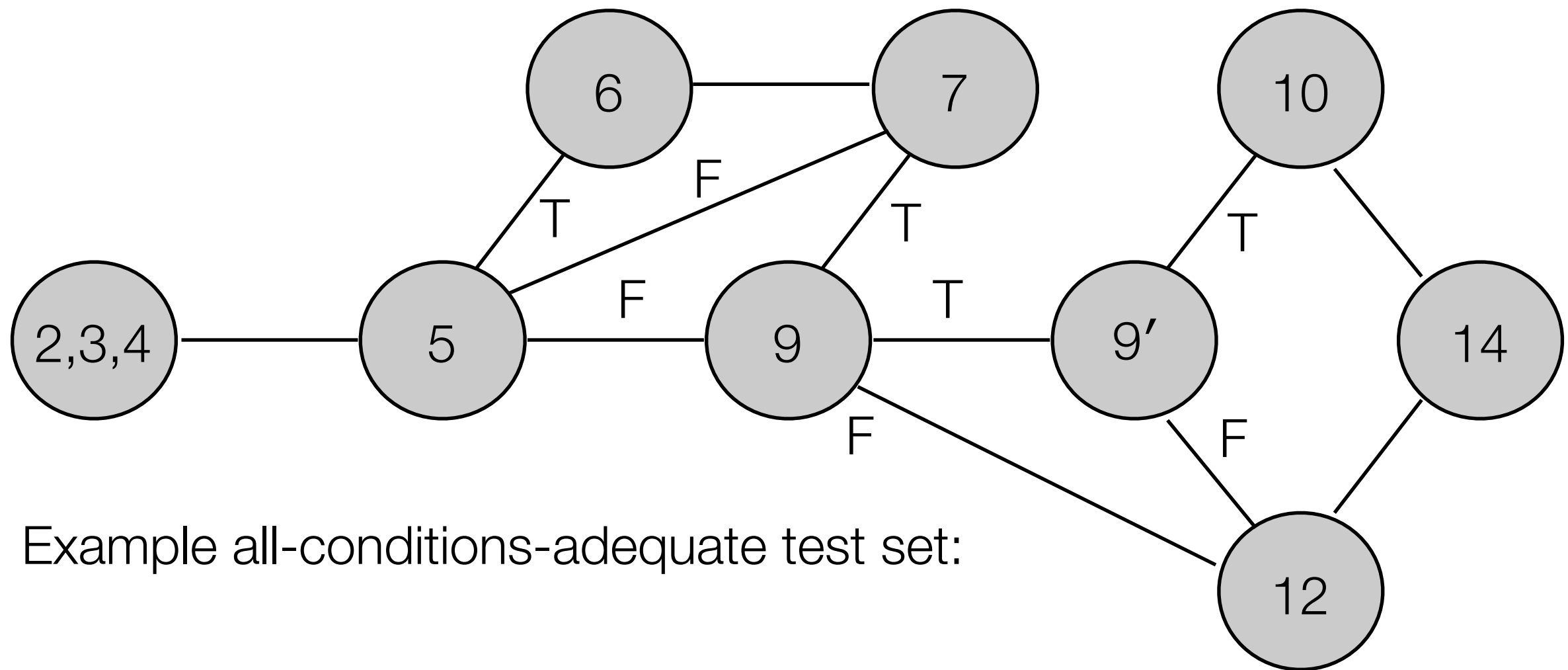
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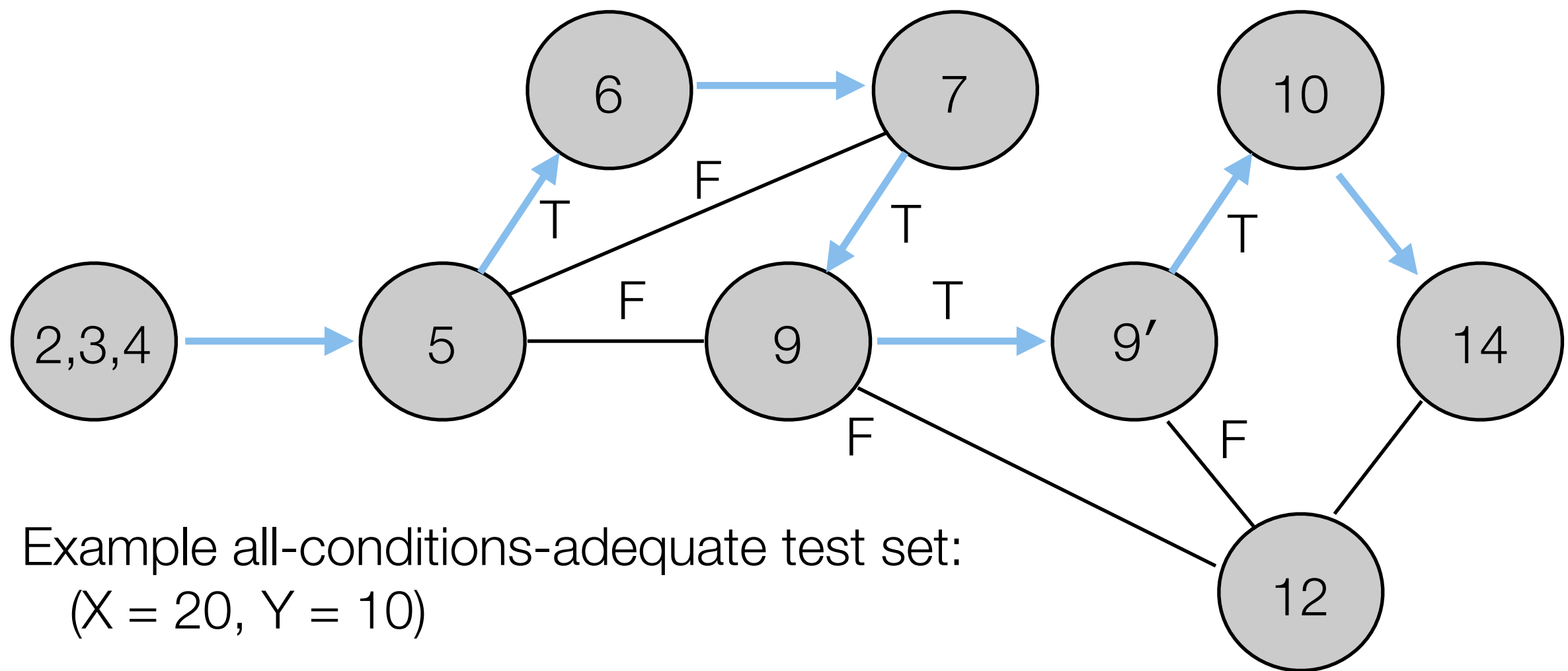


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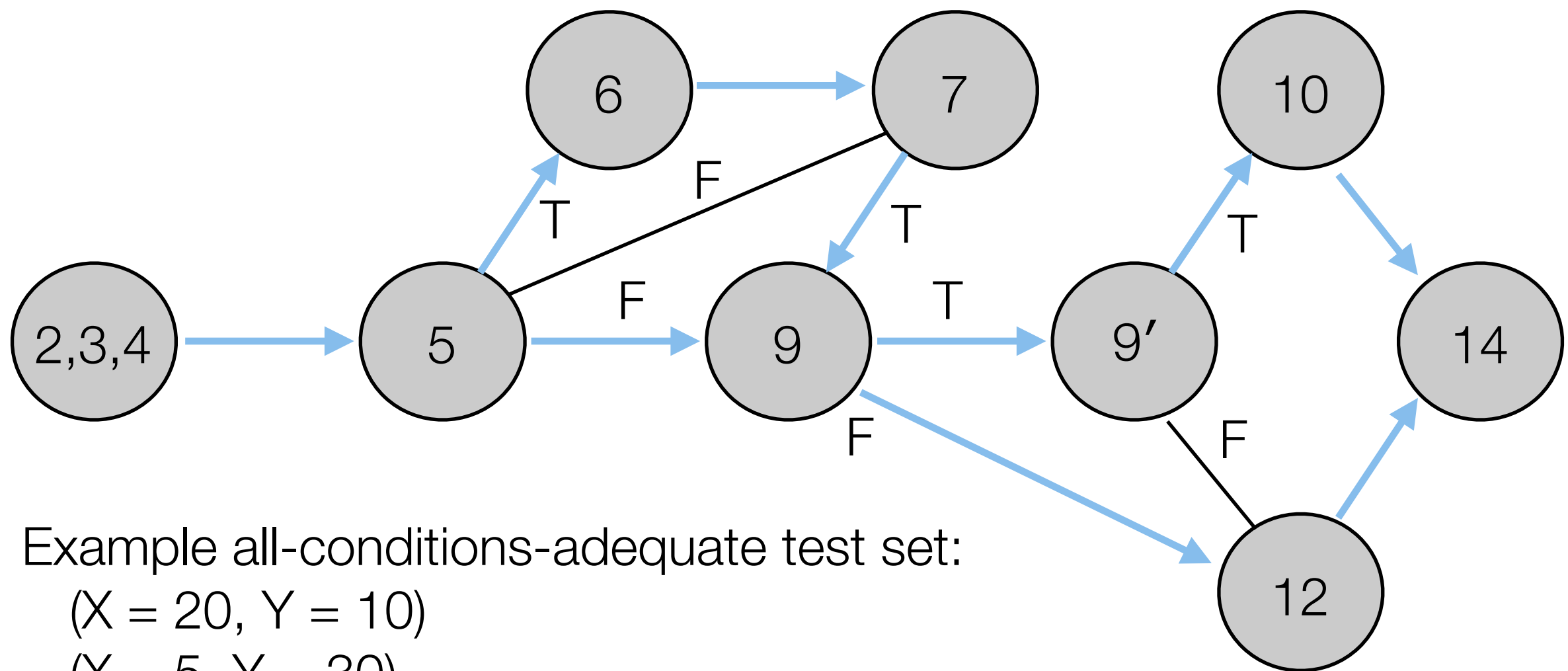


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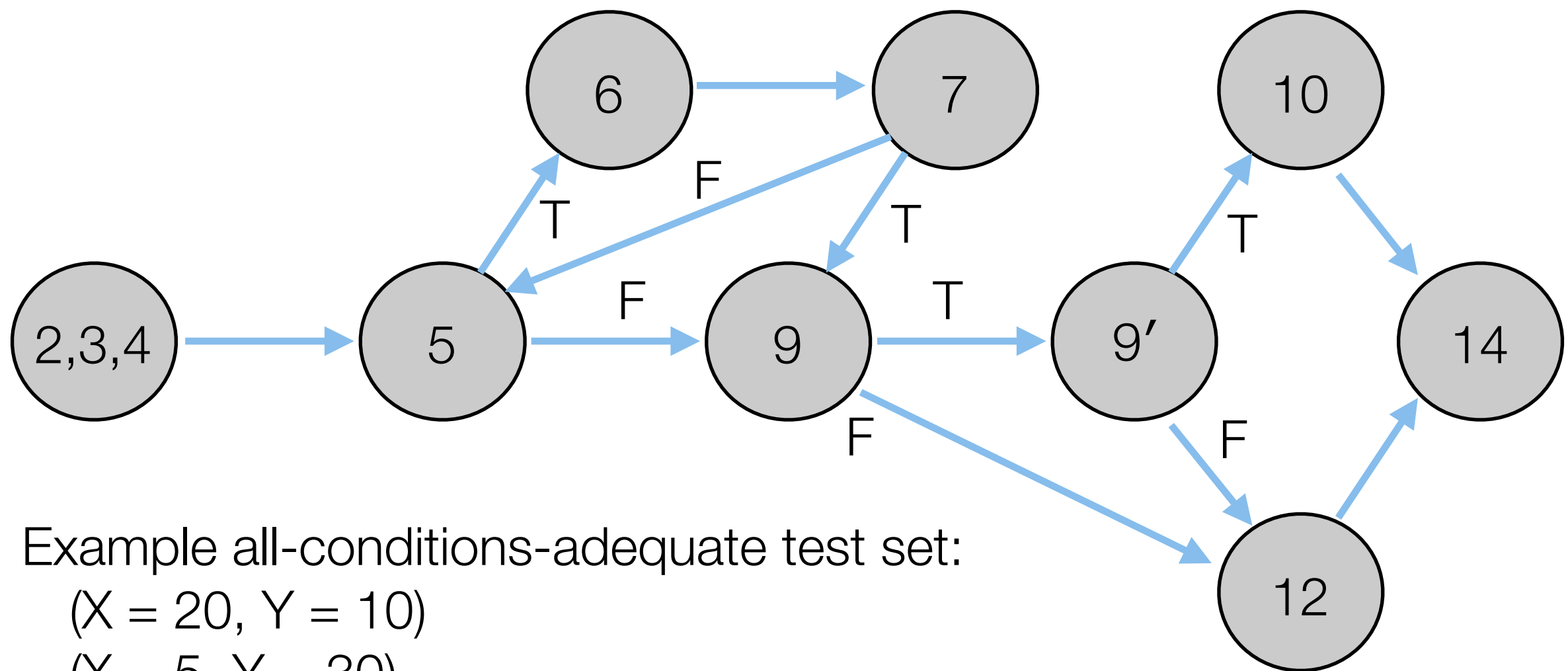


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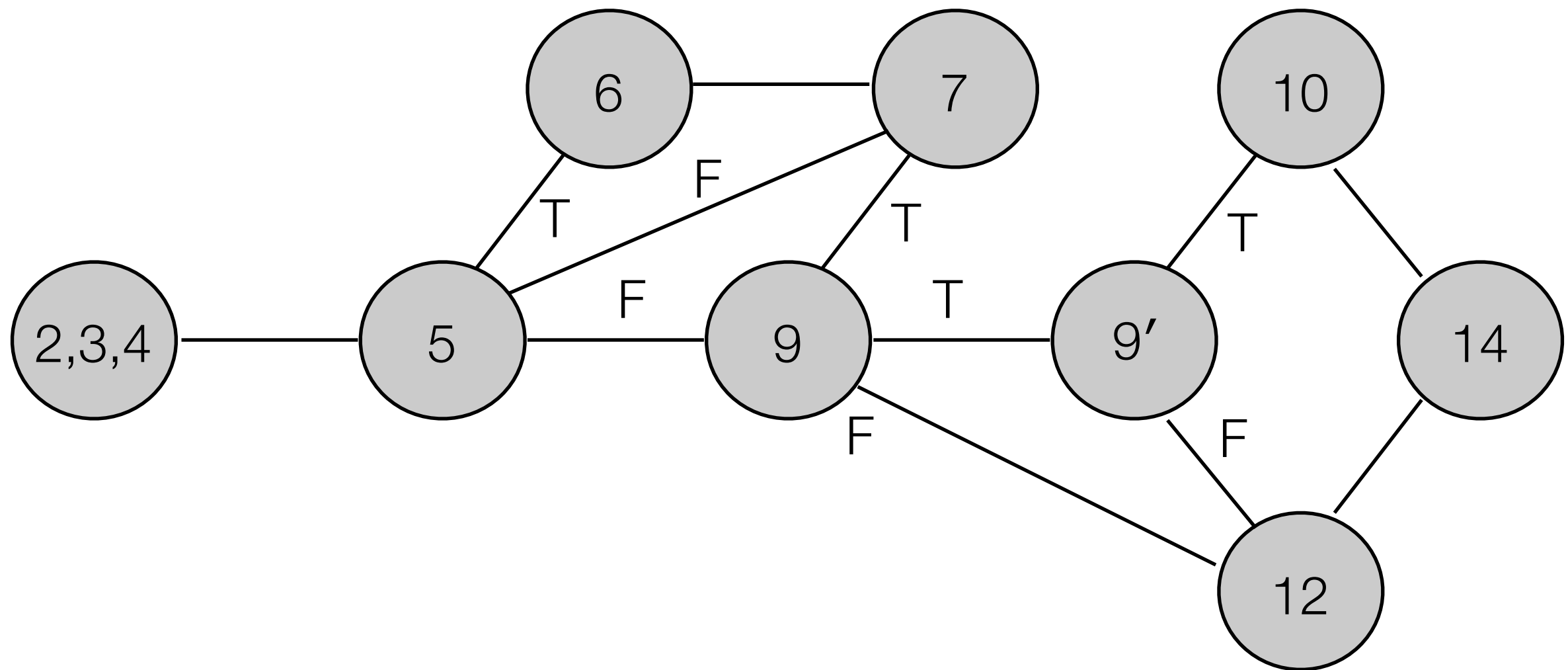
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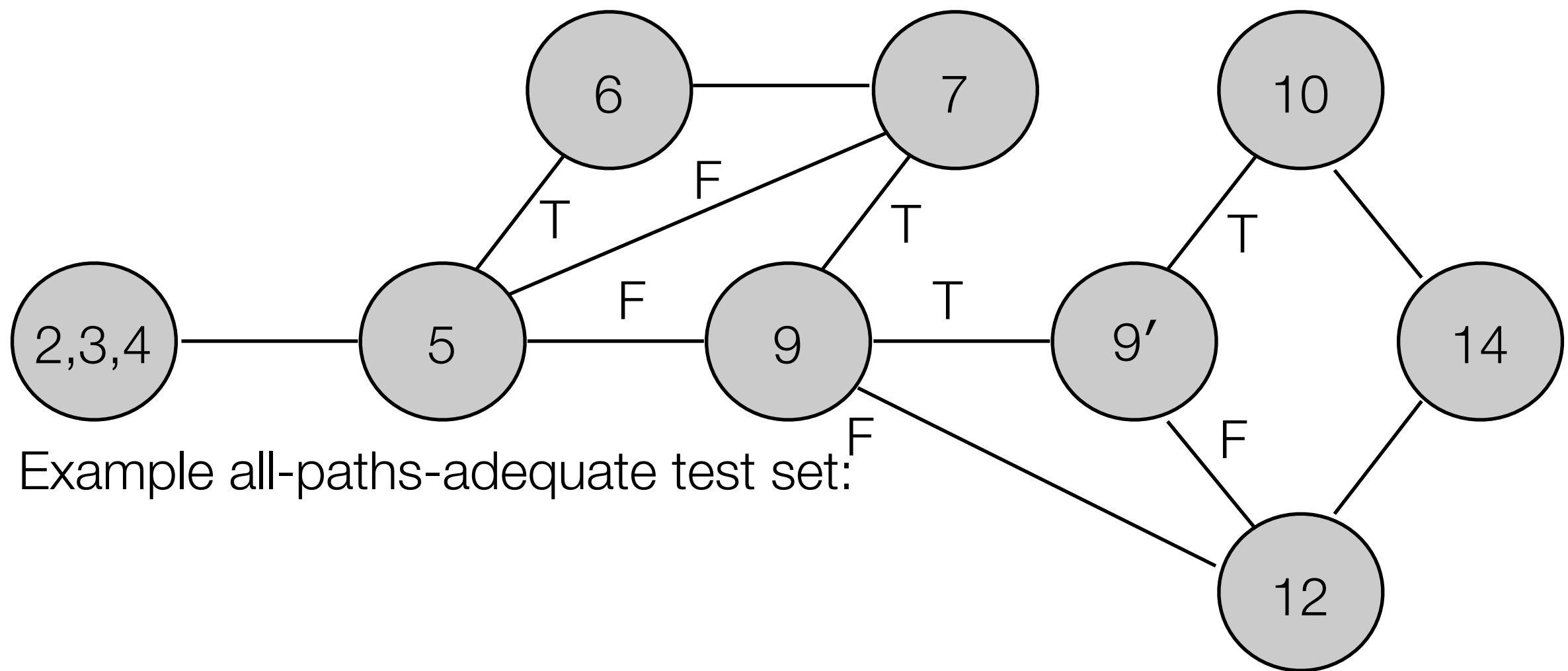
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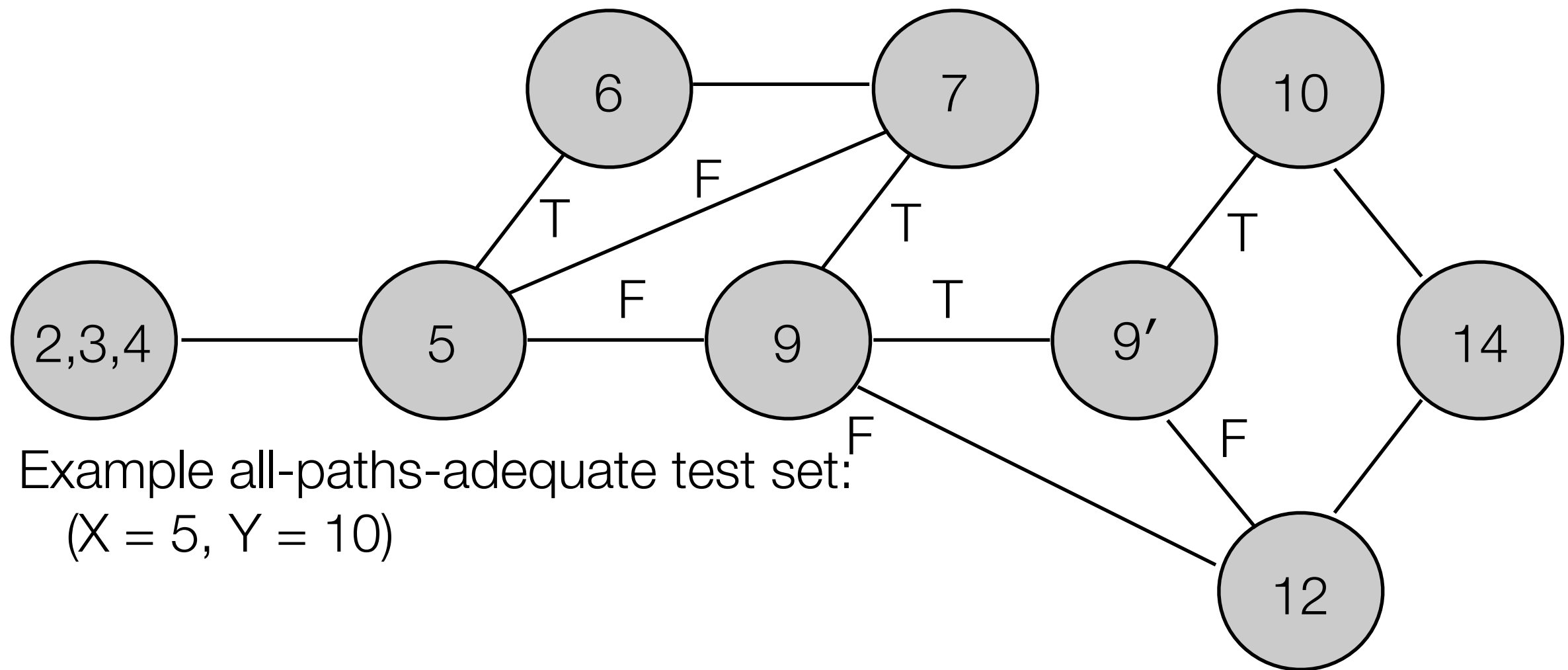
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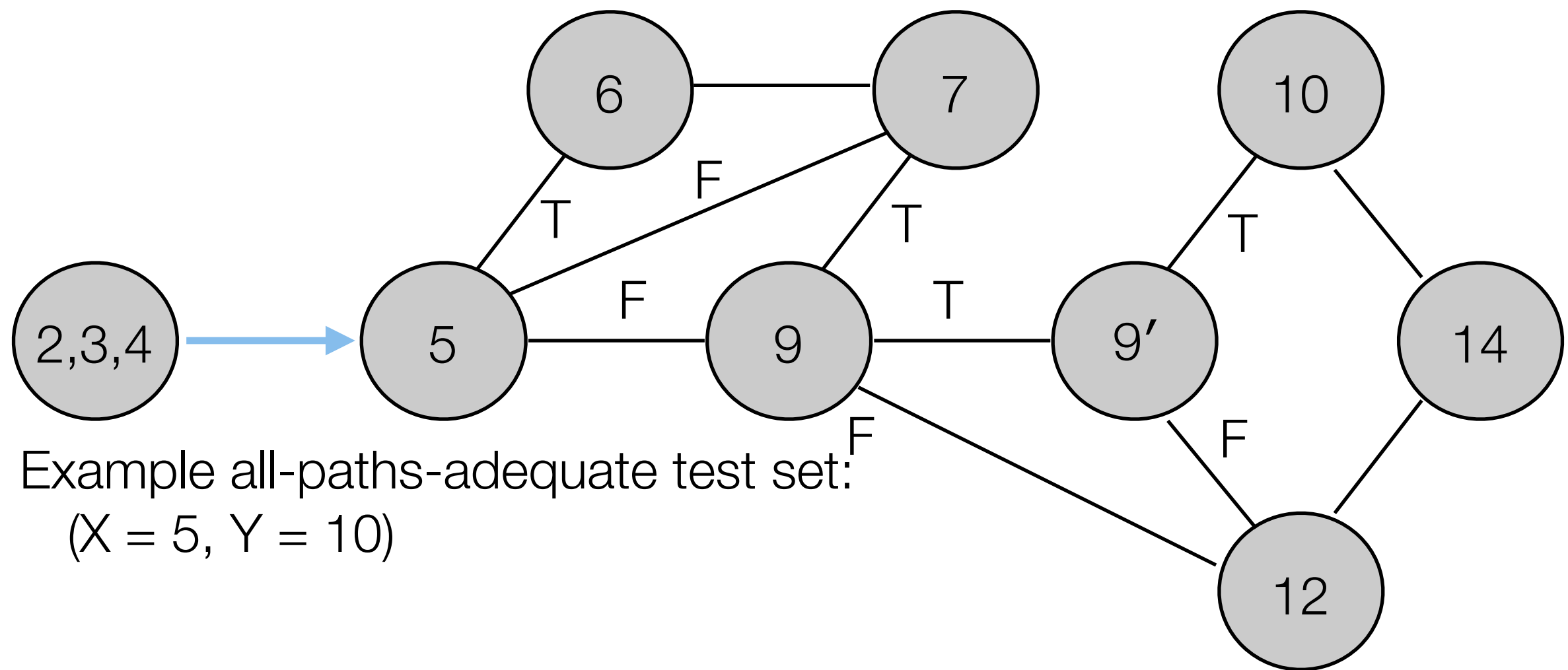
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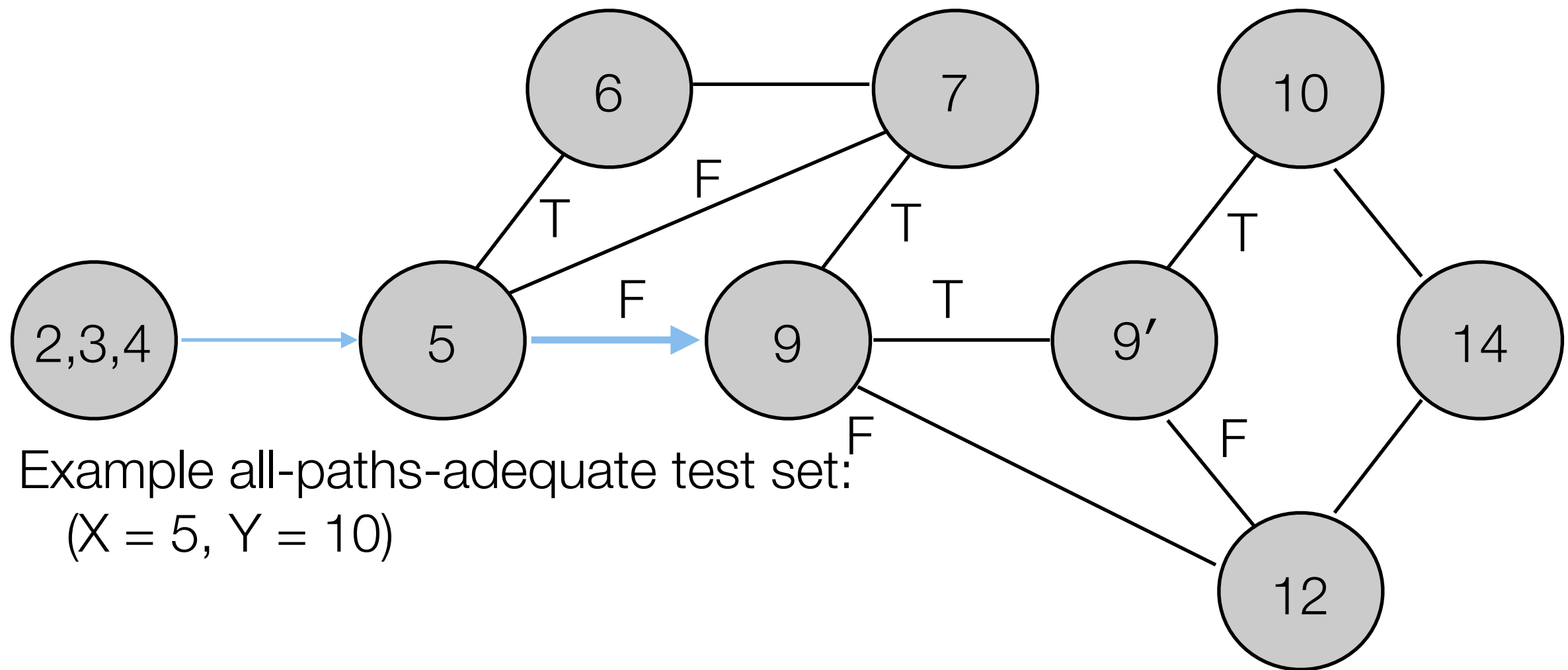


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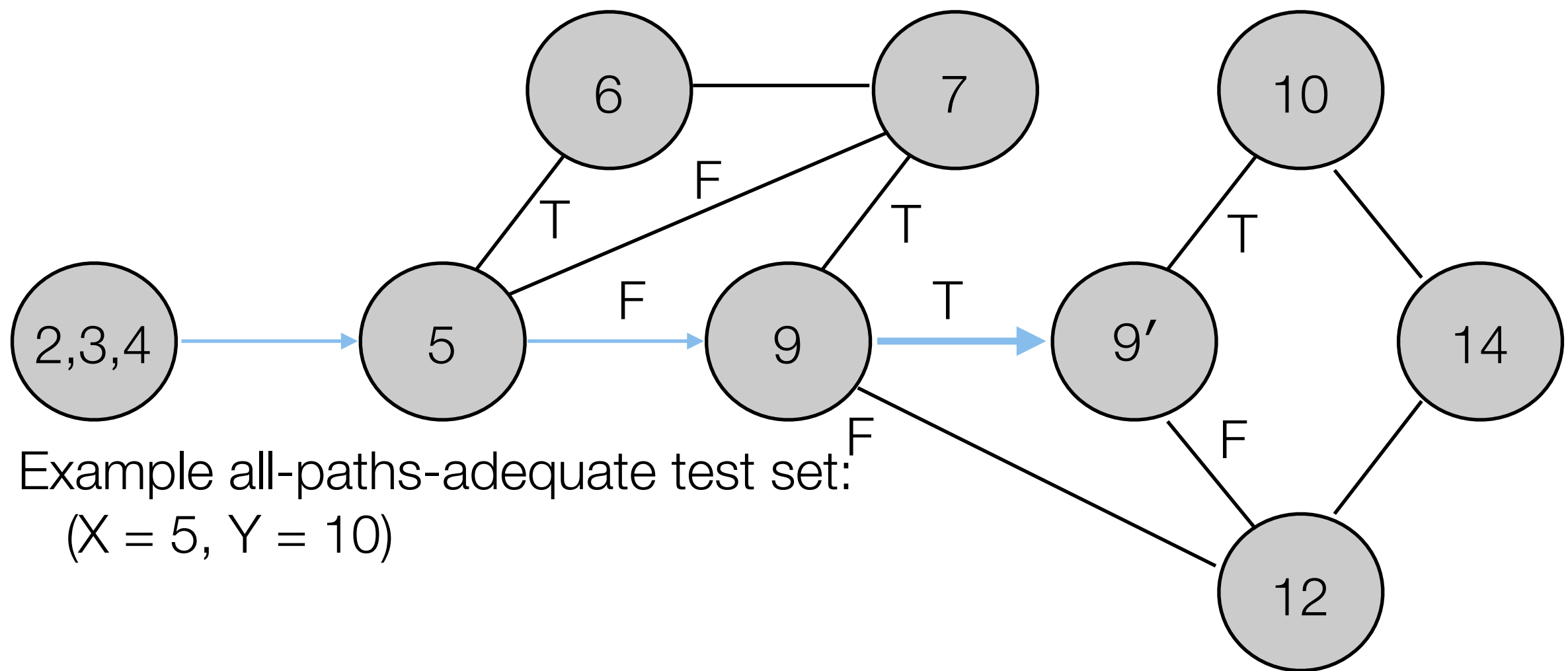


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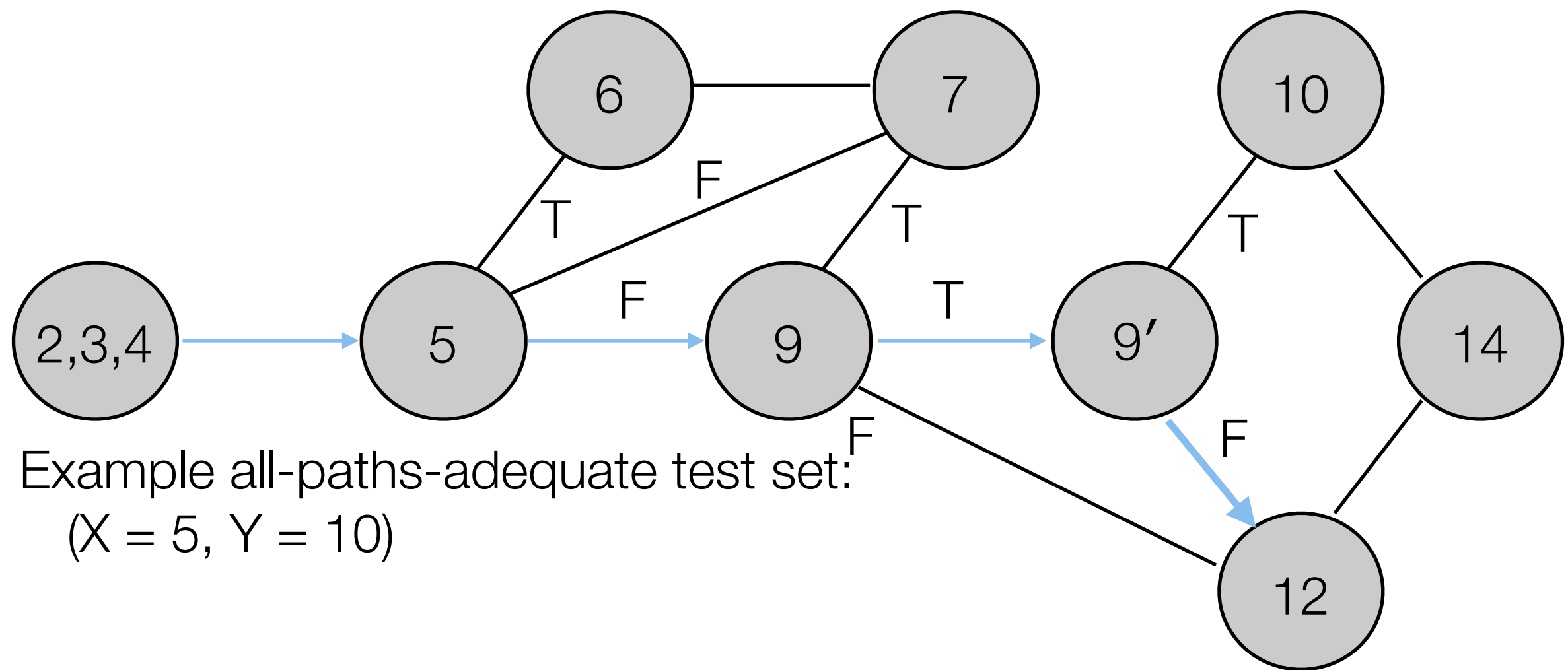


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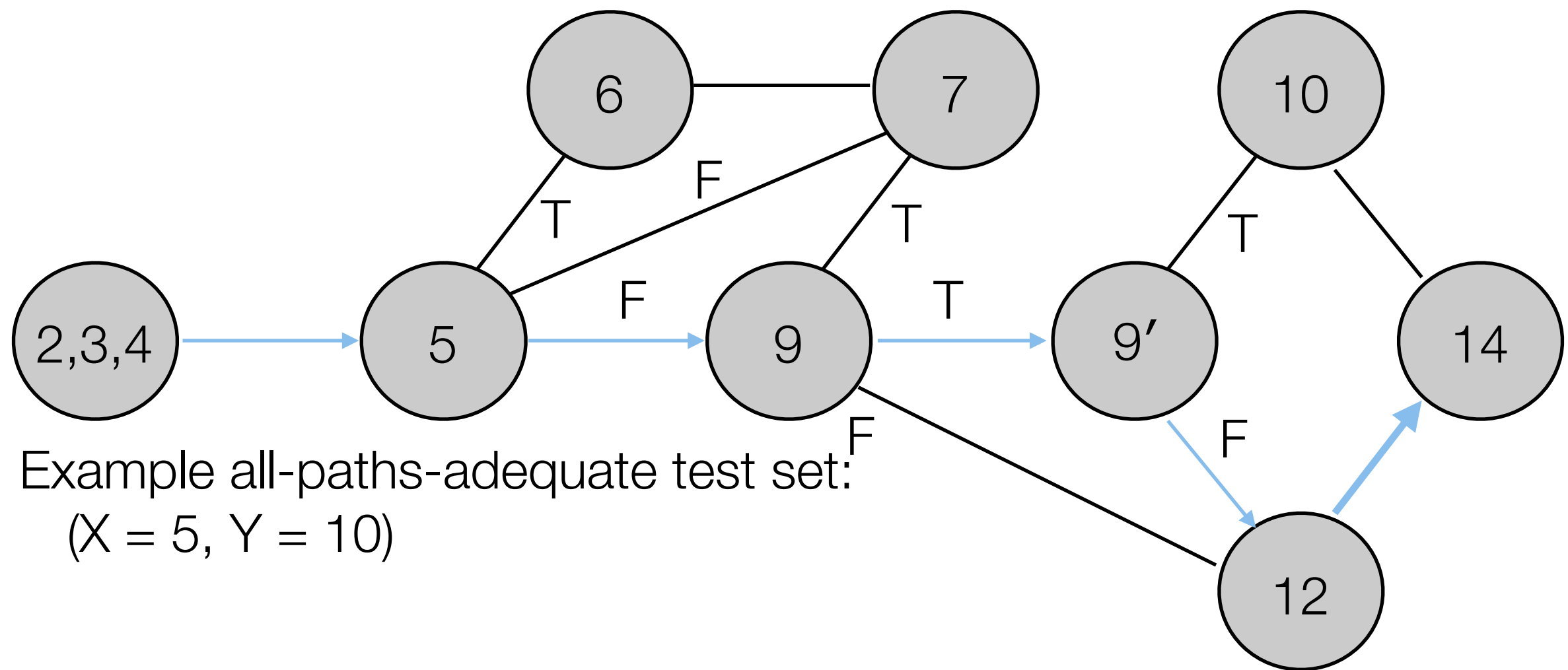
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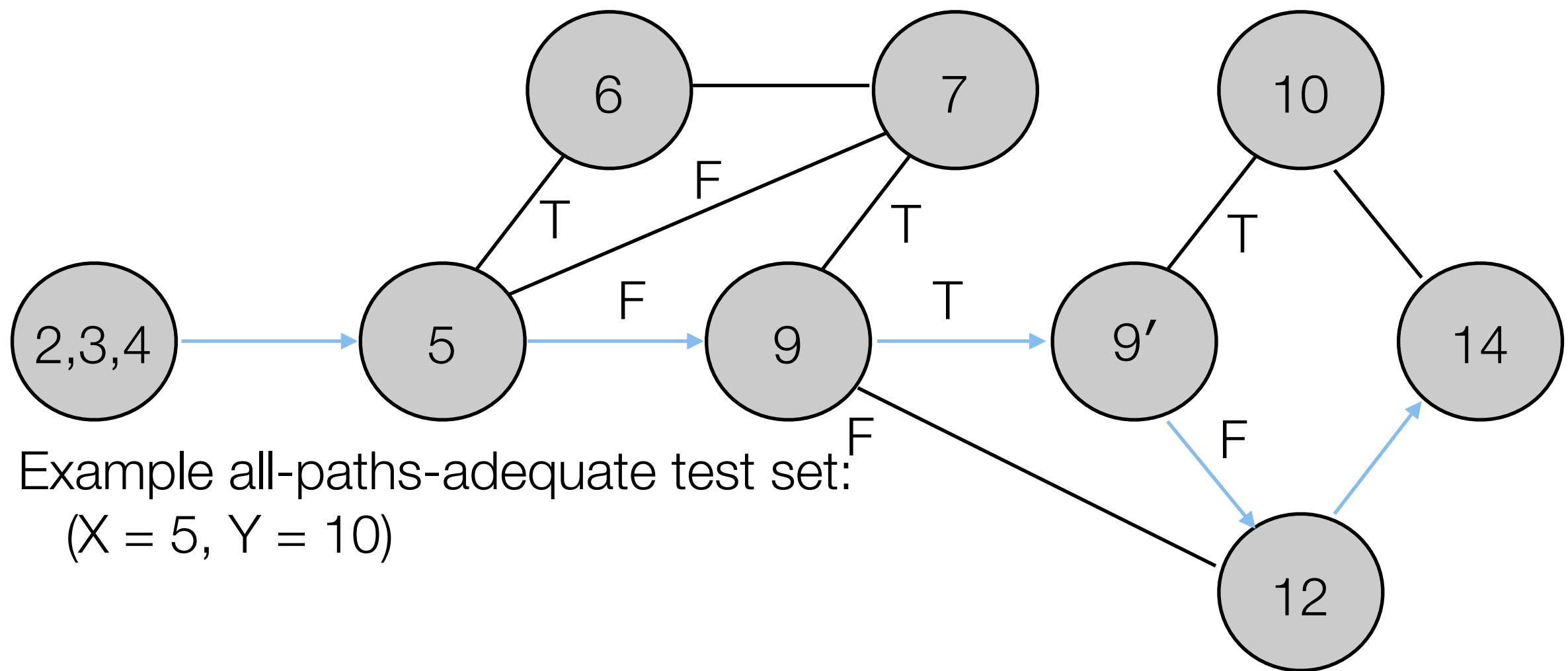
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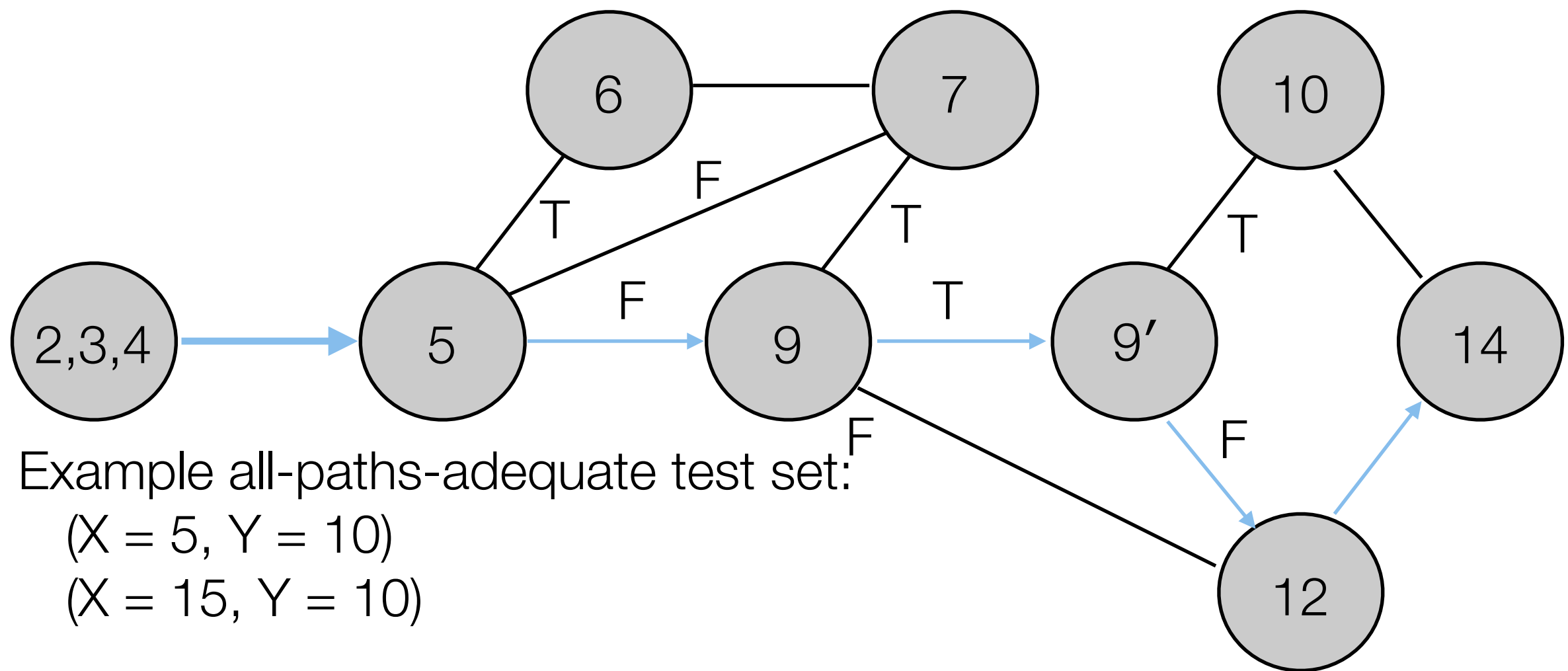
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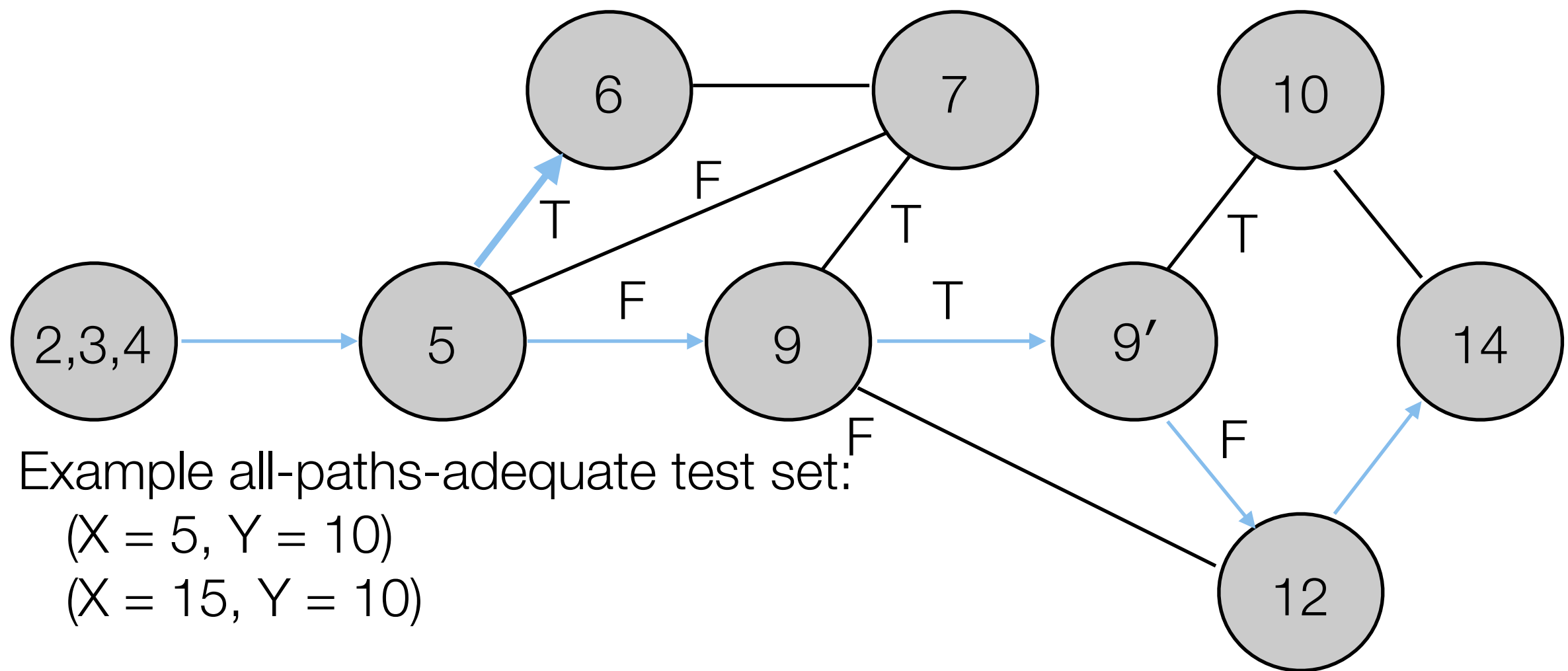


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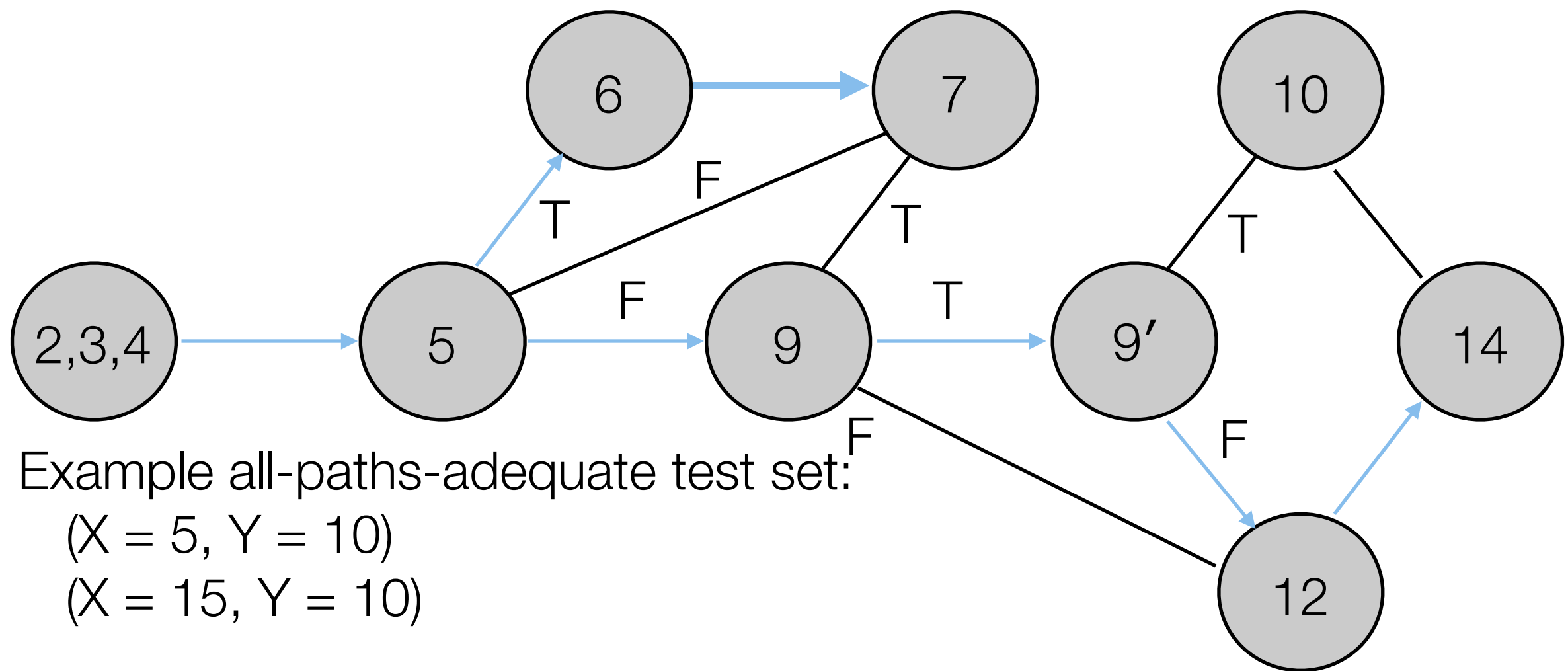
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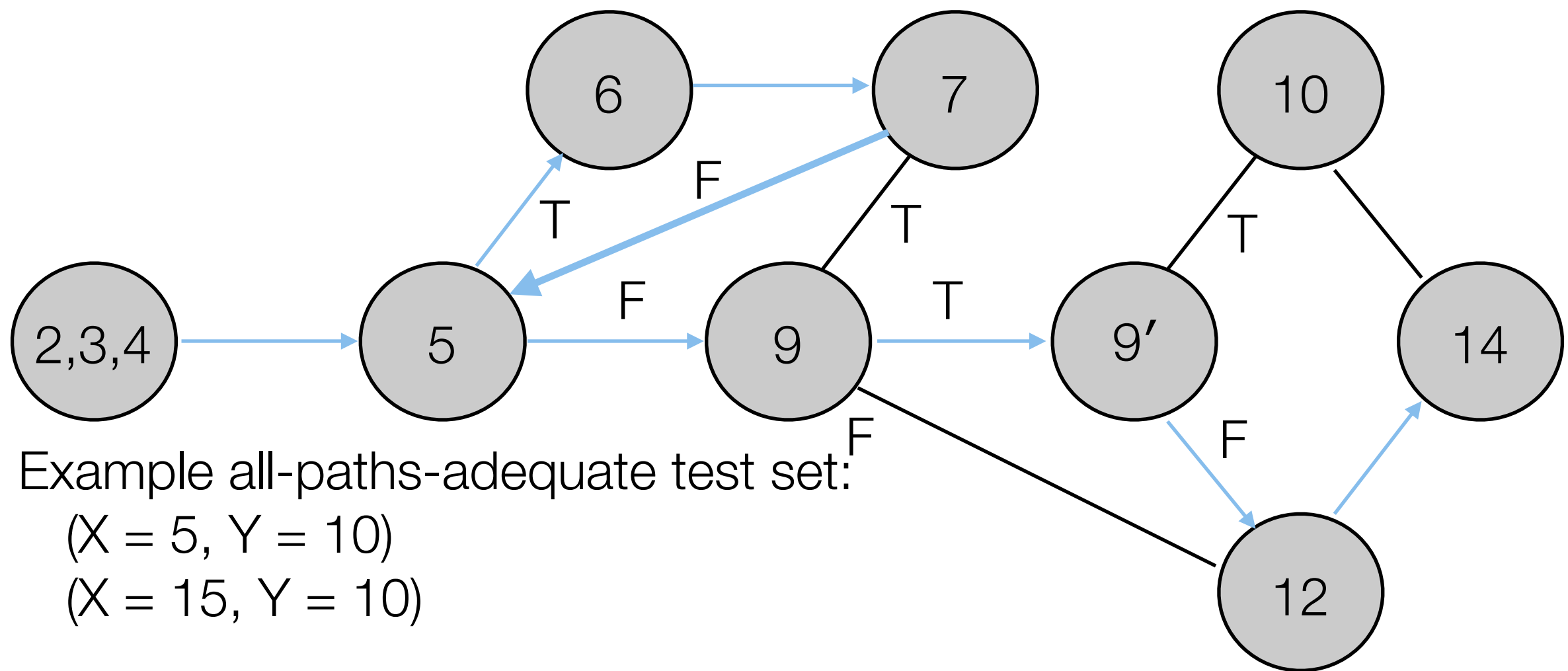
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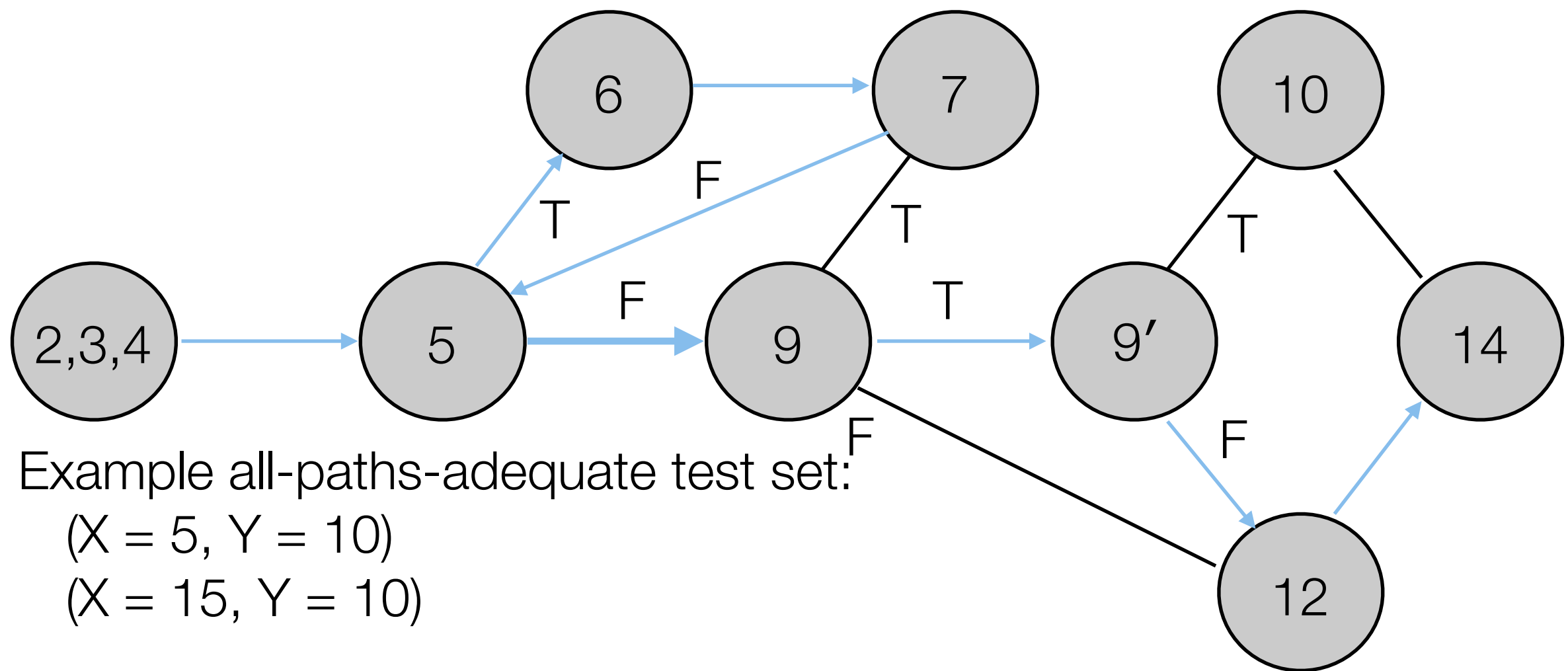
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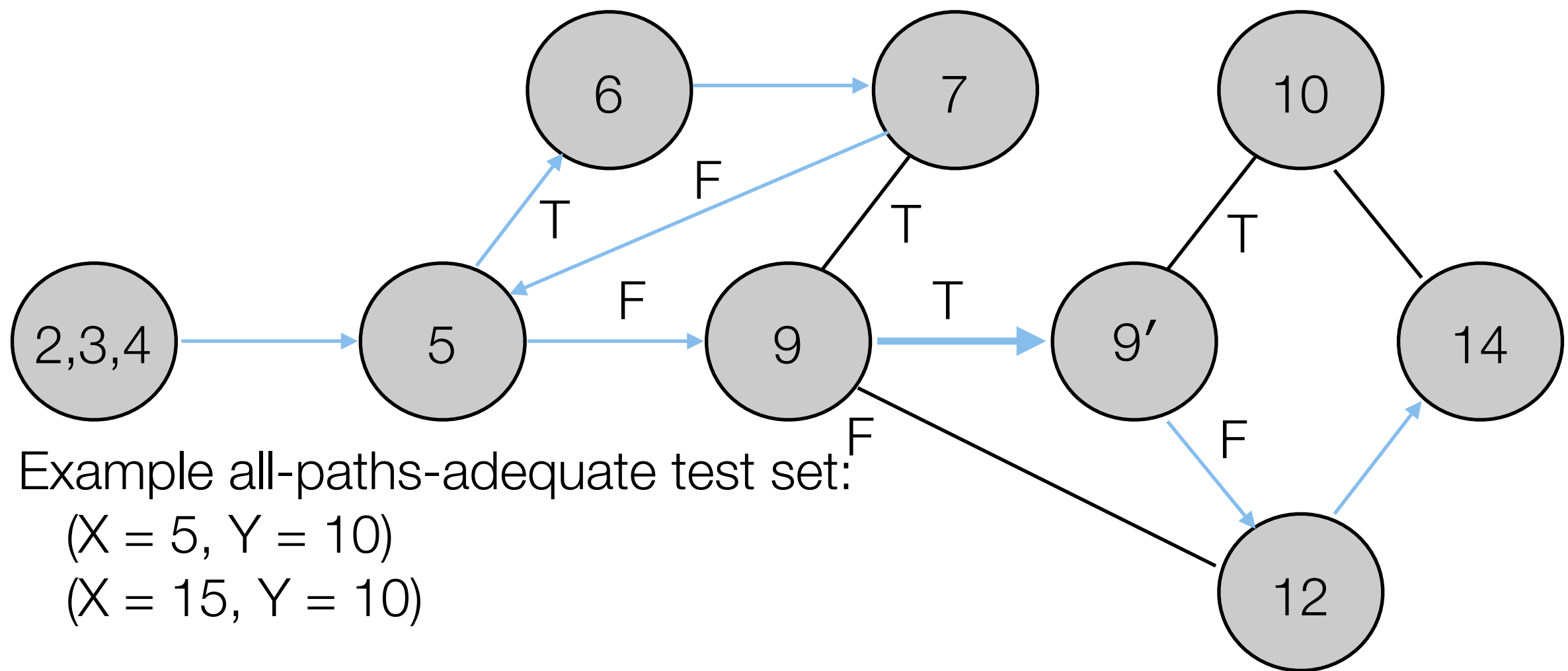
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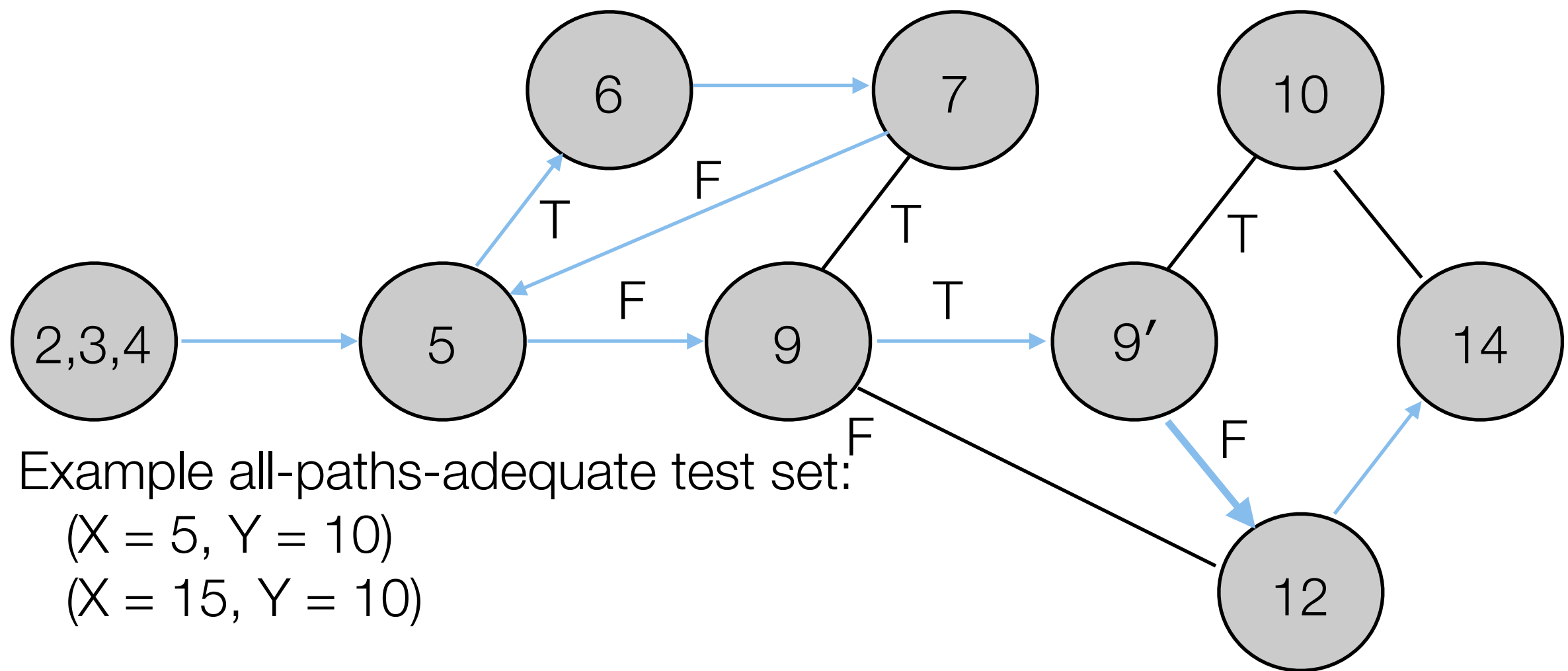
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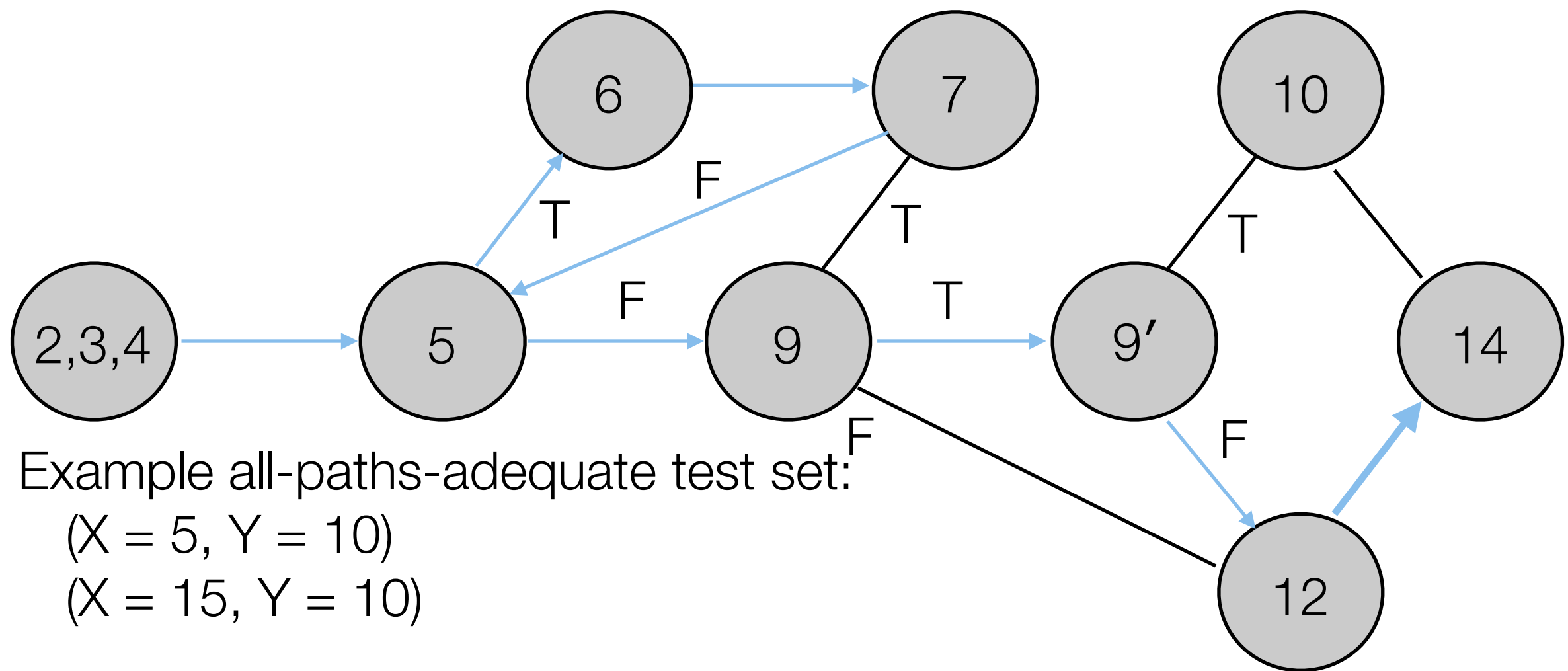
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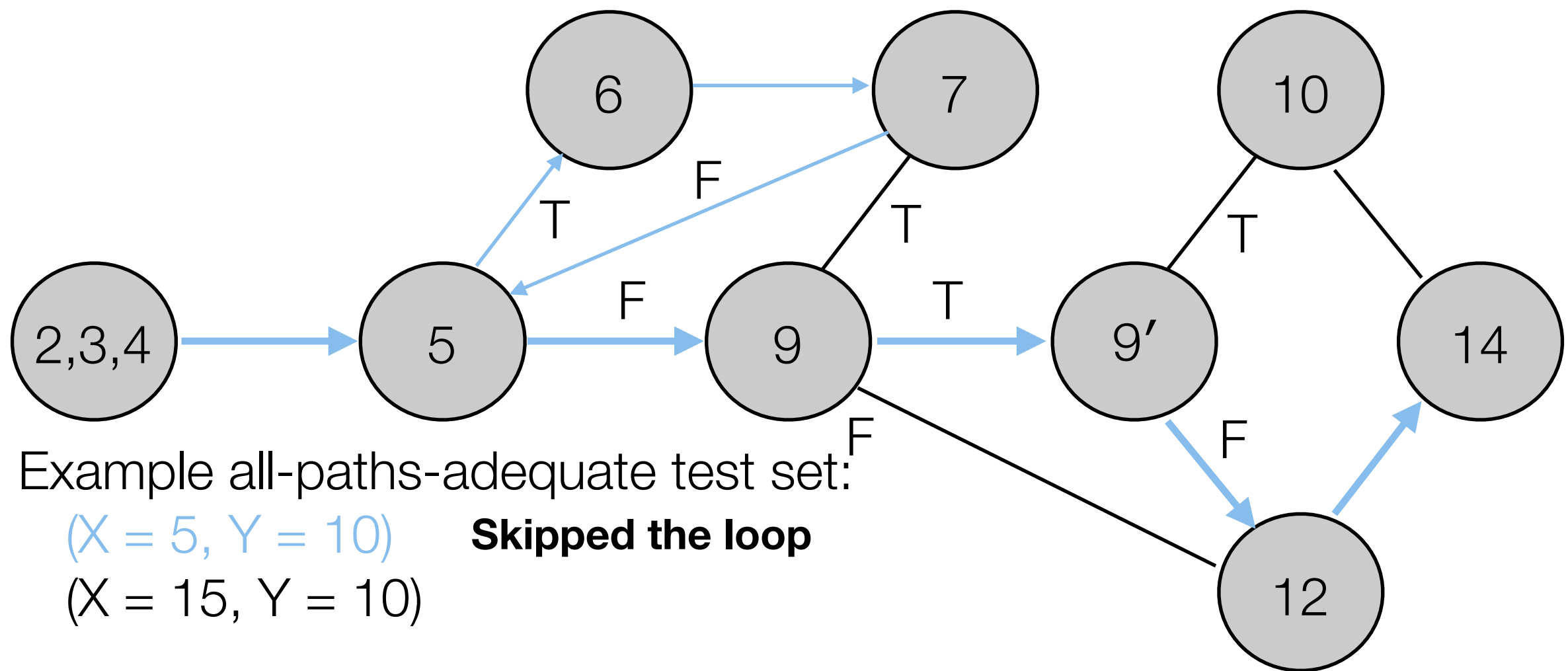
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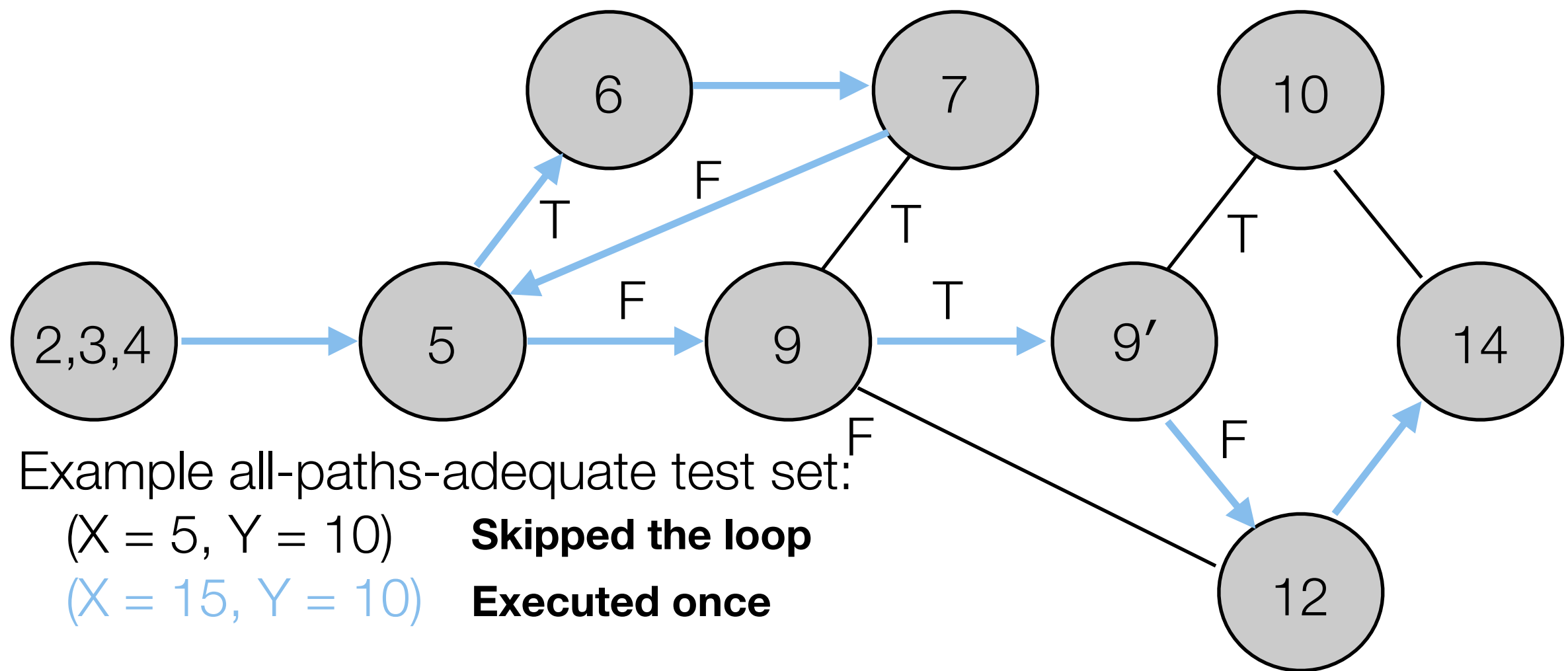
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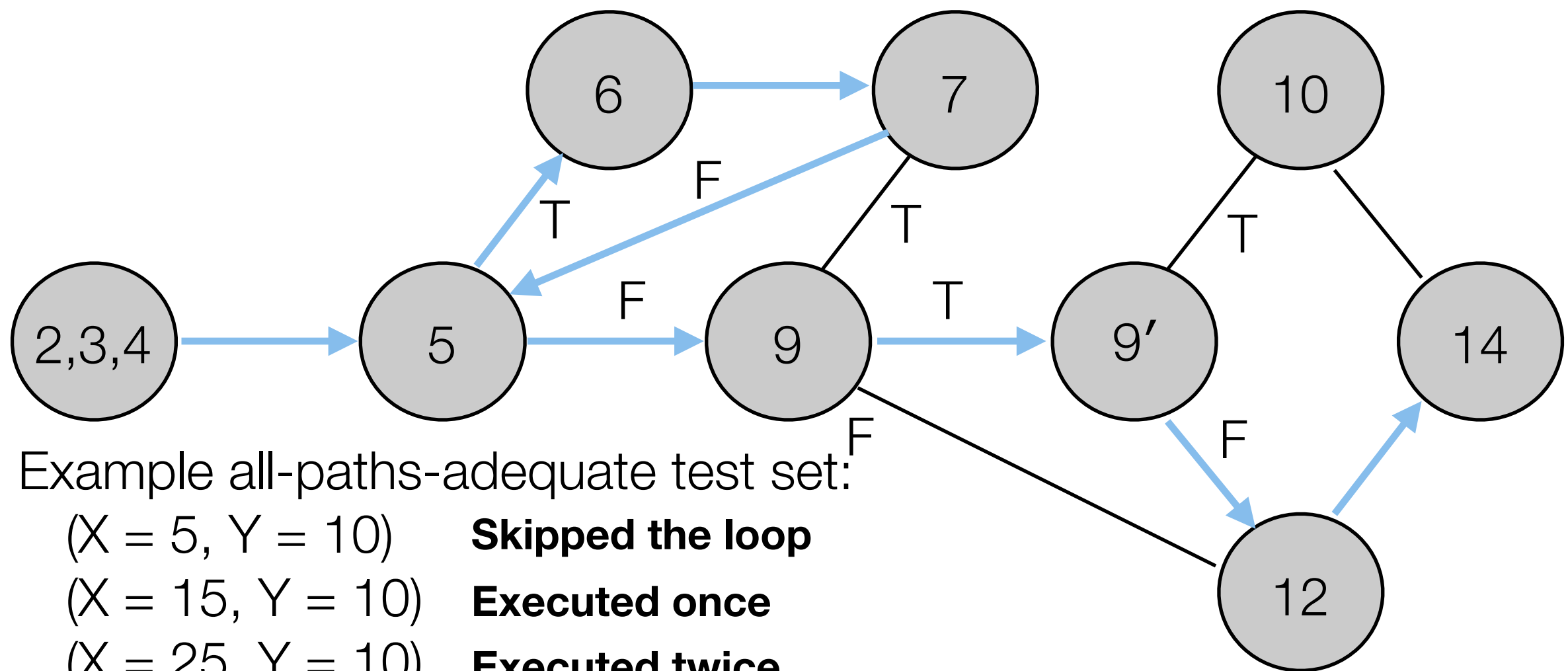
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And so on... you would also want permutations that exit the loop early

Code Coverage Tools

- Doing this by hand would be hard!
 - Fortunately, there are tools that can track code coverage metrics for you
 - typically just statement and branch coverage
- These systems generate reports that show the percentage of the metric being achieved
 - they will also typically provide a view of the source code annotated to show which statements and conditions were “hit” by your test suite

Testing Automation (I)

- It is important that your tests be automated
 - More likely to be run
 - More likely to catch problems as changes are made
- As the number of tests grow, it can take a long time to run the tests, so it is important that the running time of each individual test is as small as possible
 - If that's not possible to achieve then
 - segregate long running tests from short running tests
 - execute the latter multiple times per day
 - execute the former at least once per day (they still need to be run!!)

Testing Automation (II)

- It is important that running tests be easy
 - testing frameworks allow tests to be run with a single command
 - often as part of the build management process
- We'll see examples of this later in the semester

Continuous Integration

- Since test automation is so critical, systems known as continuous integration frameworks have emerged
- Continuous Integration (CI) systems wrap version control, compilation, and testing into a single repeatable process
 - You create/debug code as usual;
 - You then check your code and the CI system builds your code, tests it, and reports back to you

Summary

- Testing is one element of software quality assurance
 - Verification and Validation can occur in any phase
- Testing of Code involves
 - Black Box, Grey Box, and White Box tests
 - All require: input, expected output (via spec), actual output
 - White box additionally looks for code coverage
- Testing of systems involves
 - unit tests, integration tests, system tests and acceptance tests
- Testing should be automated and various tools exist to integrate testing into the version control and build management processes of a development organization

Coming Up Next:

- Lecture 6: Agile Methods and Agile Teams
- Lecture 7: Division of Labor and Design Approaches in Concurrency