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# FIT2004: Algorithms and Data Structures

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## Week 8: Introduction to Graphs and Shortest Path Algorithms

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# Recommended reading

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- Unit notes: Chapters 12&13
- Cormen et al. Introduction to Algorithms.
  - Section 22.1 Representation of graphs
  - Section 22.2 Breadth-First Search
  - Section 22.3 Depth-First Search
  - Section 24.3 Dijkstra's algorithm
- <http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/~lloyd/tildeAlgDS/Graph/>
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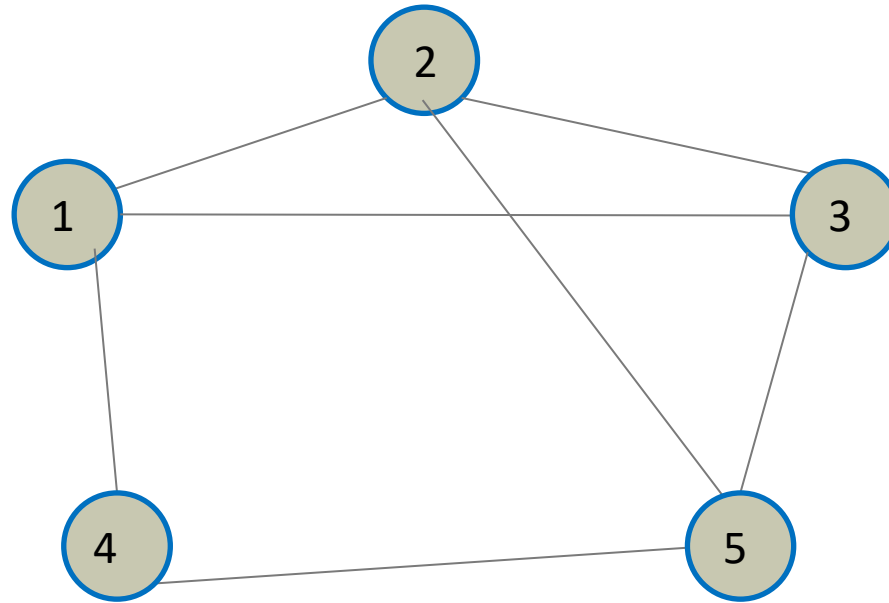
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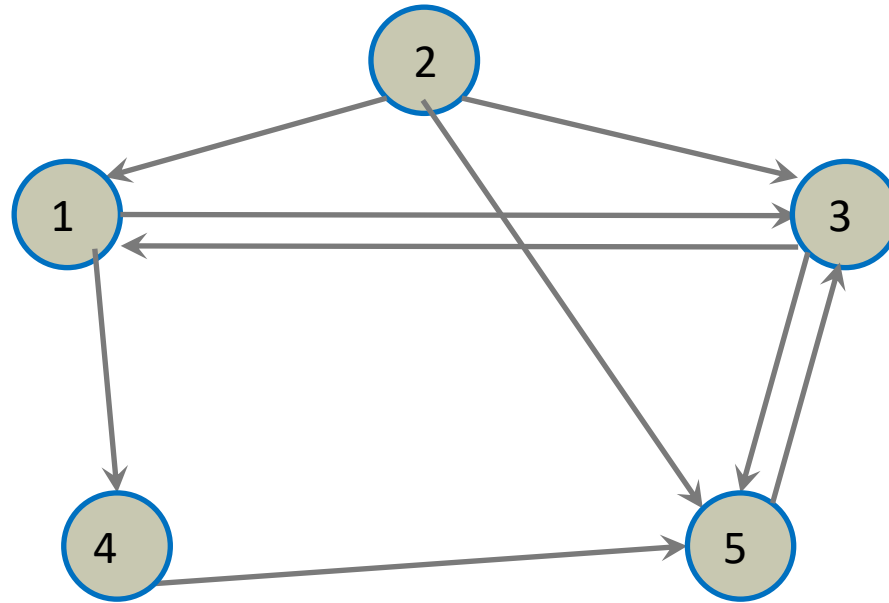
# Graphs

- A graph is simply a way of encoding pairwise relationships among a set of objects.
- Each object is called a vertex or node.
- Each edge of the graph “connects” two nodes.

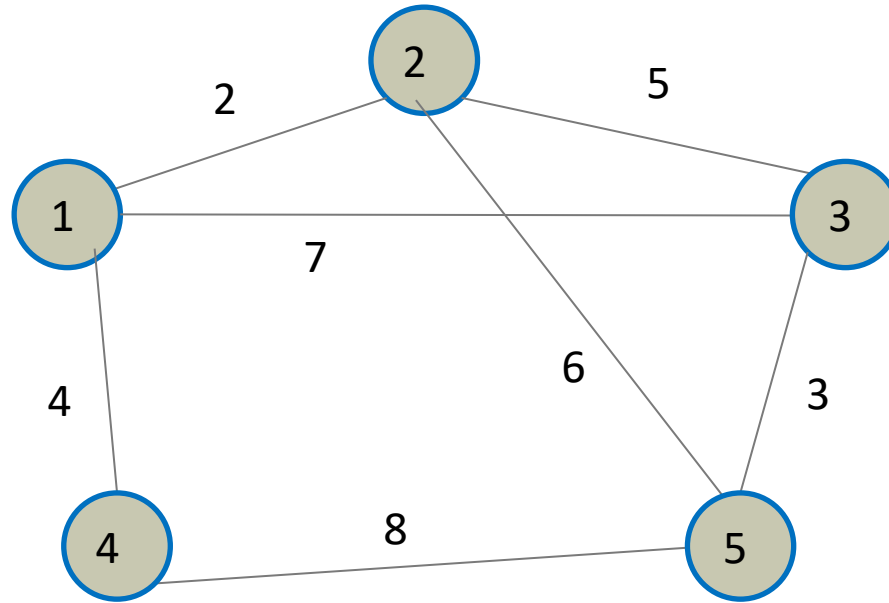
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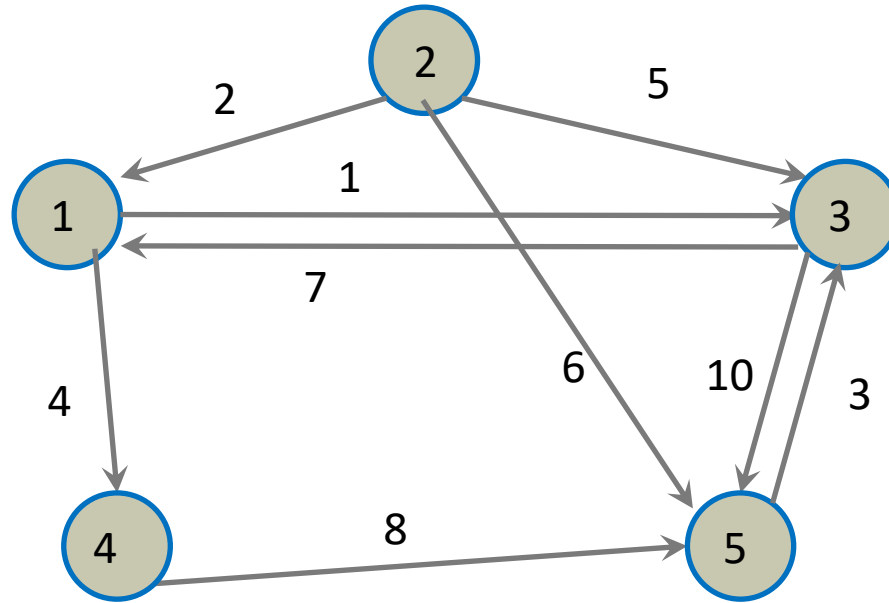


# Undirected Weighted Graph - Example





# Directed Weighted Graph - Example



# Uses of Graphs

- Graphs are extremely useful for modelling. For example:
  - Transportation networks: map of routes of an airline, rail network, ...
  - Communication networks: the connections between different Internet service providers, wireless ad-hoc networks, ...
  - Information networks: the connections between different webpages using links (Google PageRank algorithm for determining the relative importance of each website), ...
  - Social networks: the persons could be the nodes and the edges represent friendship (Facebook), or the nodes represent companies and persons, and the edges financial relationships among them, etc. Properties of the graphs representing social networks are often used to find influencers, target ads,...
  - Dependency networks: prerequisites in a course map
  - ...

# Graphs – Formal notations

- A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is defined using a set of vertices  $V$  and a set of edges  $E$ .
- An edge  $e$  is represented as  $e = (u, v)$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are two vertices
- For undirected graphs,  $(u, v) = (v, u)$  because there is no sense of direction. For a directed graph,  $(u, v)$  represents an edge **from**  $u$  **to**  $v$  and  $(u, v) \neq (v, u)$ .
- We will slightly abuse notation and use  $V$  (instead of  $|V|$ ) for the number of vertices and  $E$  (instead of  $|E|$ ) for the number of edges when what is meant is clear from the context.

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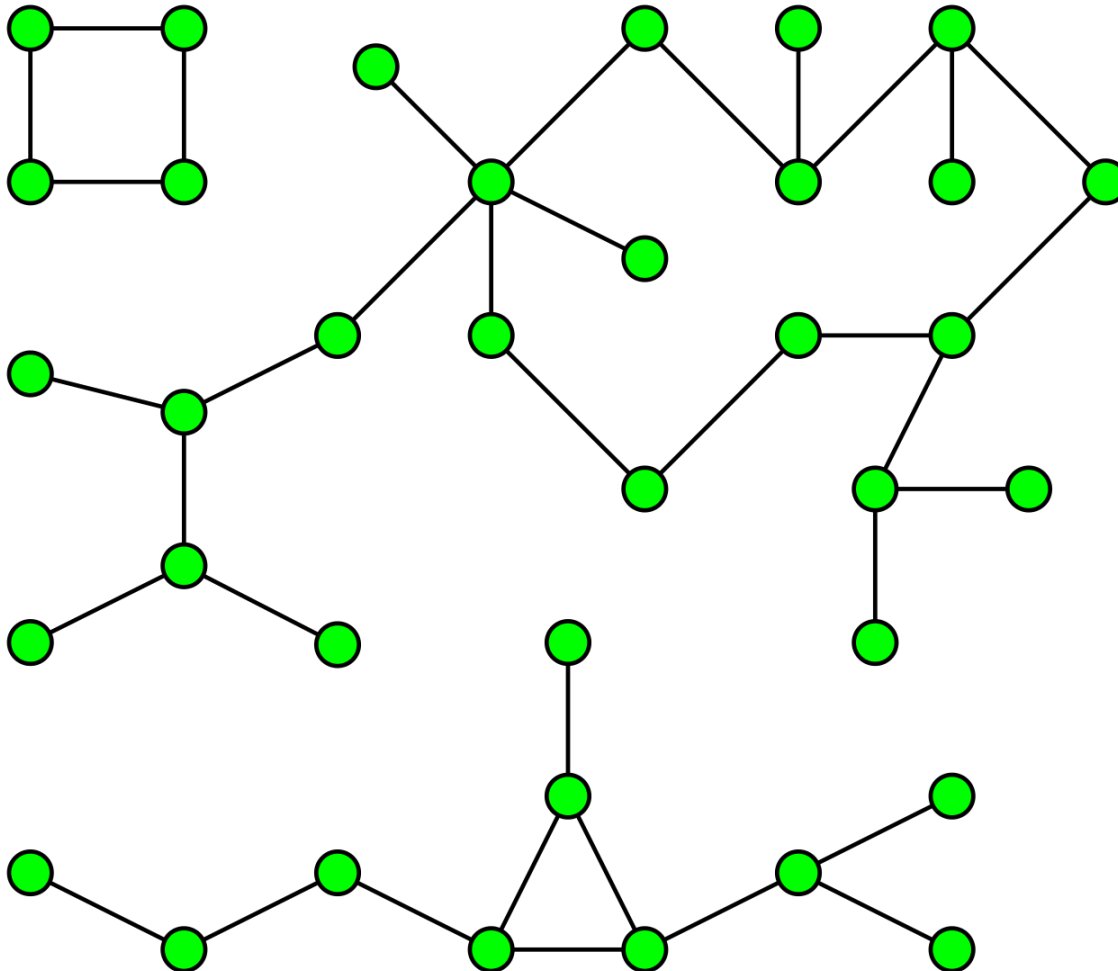
- A weighted graph is represented as  $G = (V, E)$  and each edge  $(u, v)$  has an associated weight  $w$ .
- A graph is called a **simple graph** if it does not have loops AND does not contain multiple edges between same pair of vertices.
- **In this unit, we focus on simple graphs with a finite number of vertices.**

# Graphs – Connected Components

- A vertex  $v$  is **reachable** from  $u$  if there is a path in the graph that starts in  $u$  and ends  $v$ .
- In an undirected graph, reachability is an equivalence relation:
  - Reflexive: each  $u$  node is reachable from itself.
  - Symmetric: if  $v$  is reachable from  $u$ , then  $u$  is reachable from  $v$ .
  - Transitive: if  $v$  is reachable from  $u$ , and  $u$  is reachable from  $w$ , then  $v$  is reachable from  $w$ .
- The set of vertices reachable from  $u$  defines the **connected component** of  $G$  containing  $u$ .
- For any two nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , their connected components are either identical or disjoint.

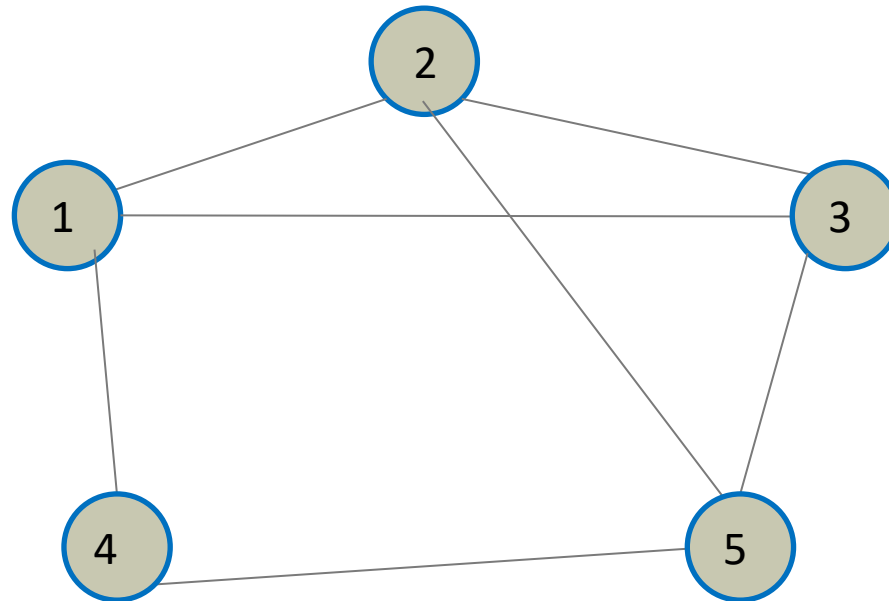
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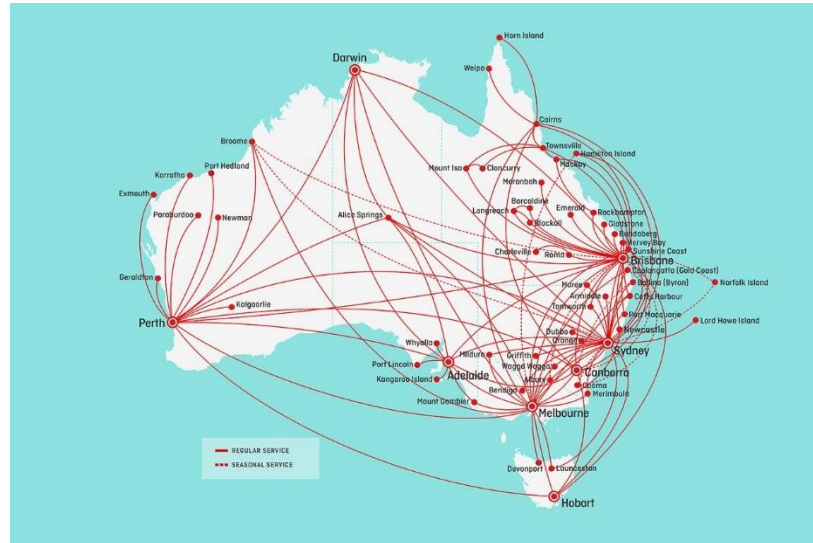
# Graphs – Connected Components

- An undirected graph is **connected** if all vertices are part of a single connected component.
- In other words, for any pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , there is a path between them.



# Graphs – Connected Components

- Why is that an important concept in practice?
  - Example: Airlines normally want their air routes to form a connected graph.

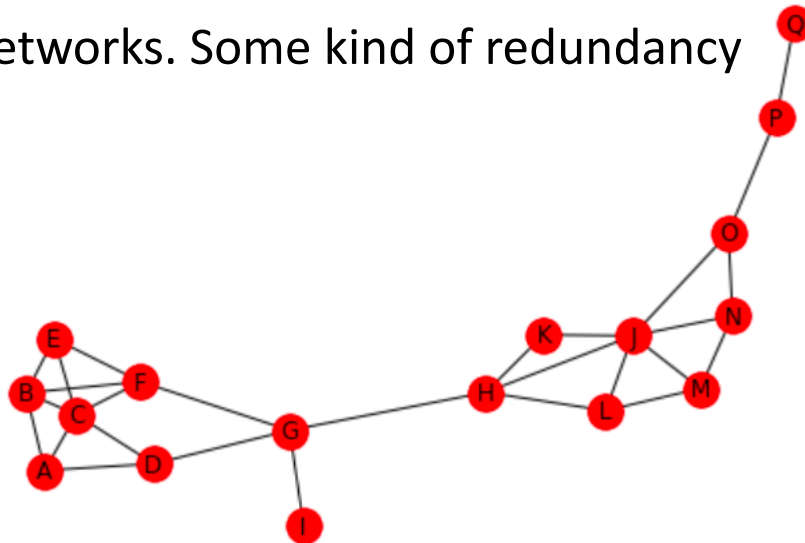


- Getting a connected graph is often an important consideration when designing communication and transportation networks.
- Hubs: Often it is not viable to have pairwise connections between all nodes; but one still wants to have paths, without many intermediary nodes, between every pair of nodes.



# Graphs – Connected Components

- In this graph the edge  $(g, h)$  is quite critical as any problem in the network that eliminates this edge would break the connected graph into “large” disjoint connected components.
- This can be quite bad in networks. Some kind of redundancy is often desirable.



- Adding edges that join distinct connected components can sometimes also have bad consequences. E.g., quarantine measures often try to avoid a disease from reaching a disease-free connected component of a social network.

# Some Graph Properties

Let  $G$  be a graph.

- The minimum number of edges in a connected undirected graph
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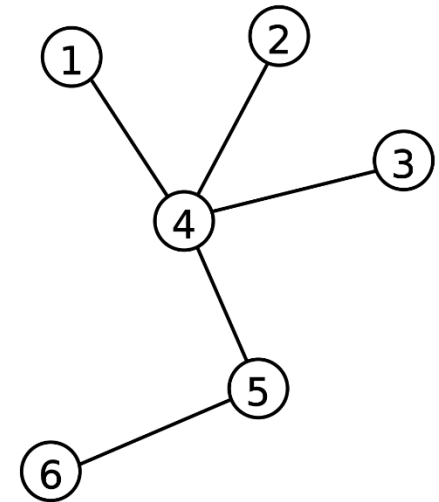
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  - $V-1 = O(V)$
- The maximum number edges in an undirected graph
  - $V(V-1)/2 = O(V^2)$
- A graph is called **sparse** if  $E \ll V^2$  ( $\ll$  means significantly smaller than)
- A graph is called **dense** if  $E \approx V^2$

# Tree

- Let  $G=(V, E)$  be an undirected graph.  $G$  is a tree if it satisfies any of the following equivalent conditions:
  - $G$  is connected and acyclic (i.e., contains no cycles).
  - $G$  is connected and has  $V-1$  edges.
  - $G$  is acyclic and has  $V-1$  edges.
  - $G$  is acyclic, but a cycle is formed if any edge is added to  $G$ .
  - $G$  is connected, but would become disconnected if any single edge is removed from  $G$ .
- In other words, if any of the above conditions is satisfied for an undirected graph  $G$ , then  $G$  is a tree (and all the other conditions will also hold).

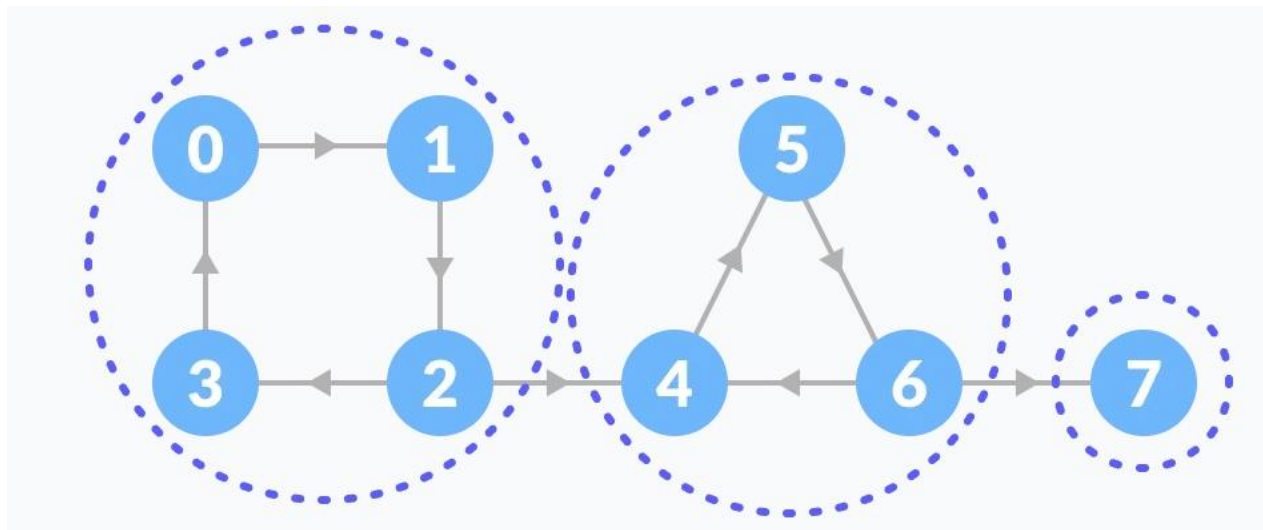


# Graphs – Connected Components

- In directed graphs, reachability is reflexive and transitive, but not guaranteed to be symmetric (i.e., possibly there could be a path from  $u$  to  $v$ , but no path from  $v$  to  $u$ ).
- Vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are called **mutually reachable** if there are paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .
- Mutual reachability is an equivalence relation and decomposes the graph into **strongly-connected components** (for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , their strong components are either identical or disjoint).

# Graphs – Connected Components

A directed graph with 3 strongly-connected components:



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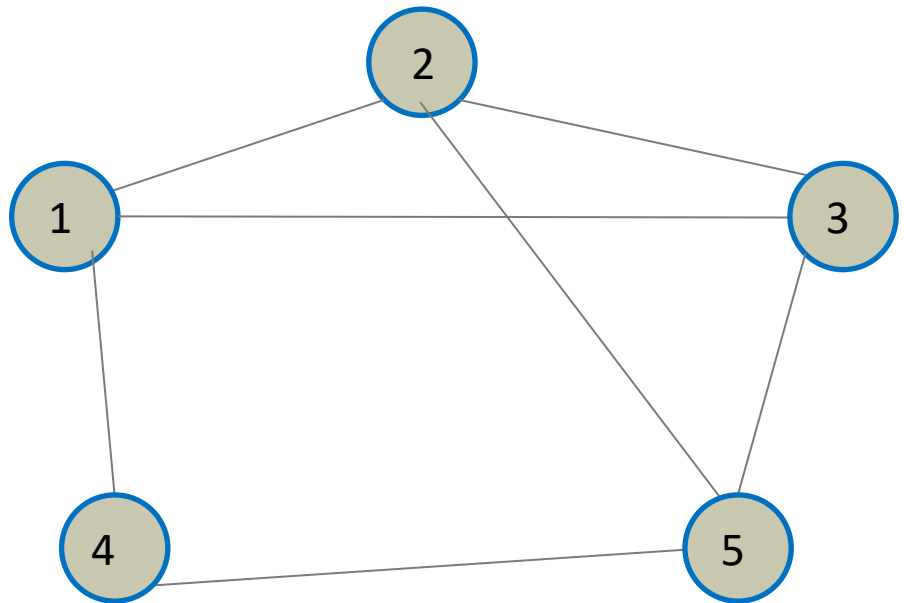
- A directed graph is **strongly connected** if for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$ , there are paths from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .
- I.e., the graph only has one strongly-connected component.

# Representing Graphs

## Adjacency Matrix (Undirected Graph):

Create a  $V \times V$  matrix  $M$  and store T (true) for  $M[i][j]$  if there exists an edge between  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th vertex. Otherwise, store F (false).

	1	2	3	4	5
1	F	T	T	T	F
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3	T	T	F	F	T
4	T	F	F	F	T
5	F	T	T	T	F



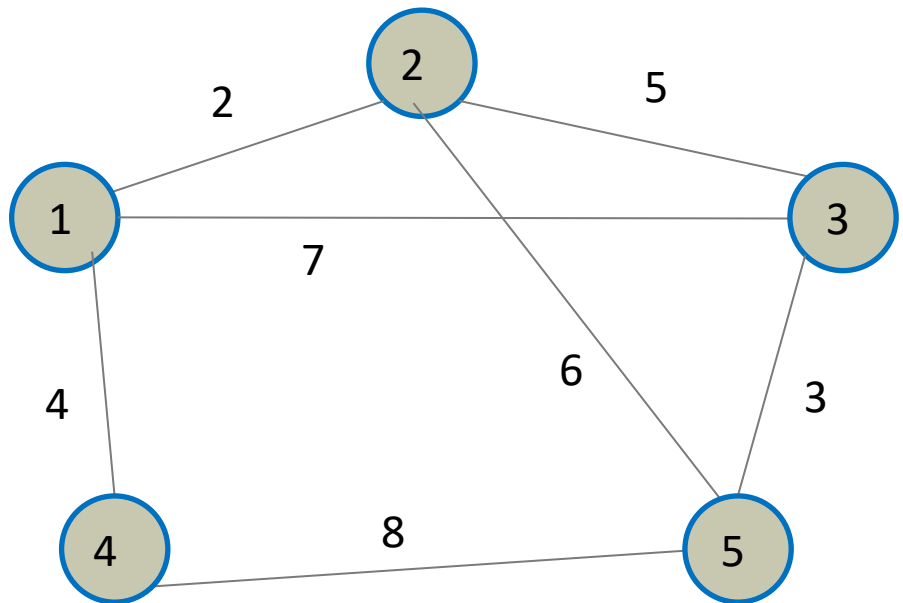


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## Adjacency Matrix (Undirected Weighted Graph):

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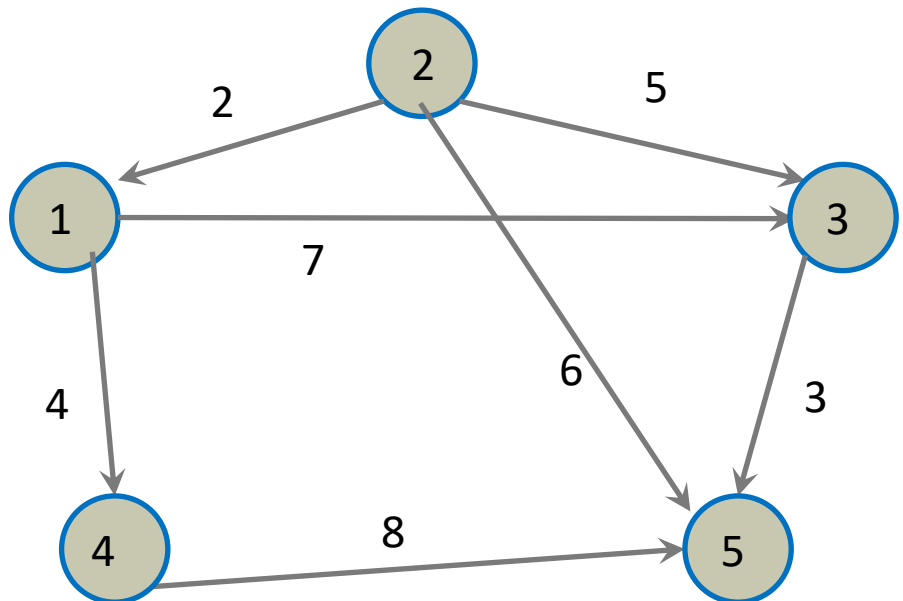
**Space Complexity:**  $O(V^2)$  regardless of the number of edges

**Time Complexity of checking if an edge exists:**  $O(1)$

**Time Complexity of retrieving all neighbors (adjacent vertices) of a given vertex:**

$O(V)$  regardless of the number of neighbors (unless additional pointers are stored)

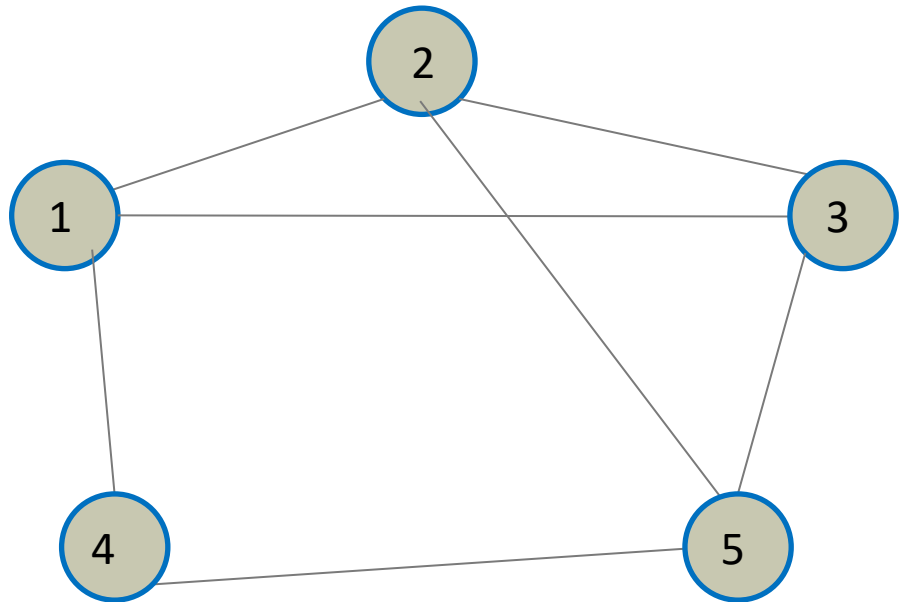
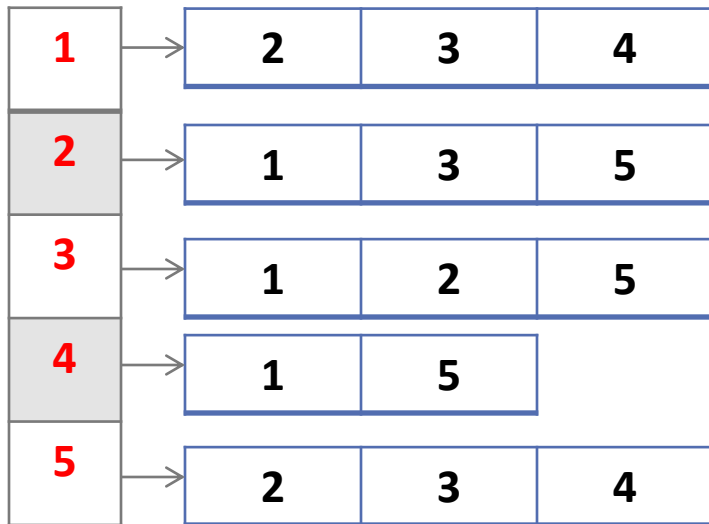
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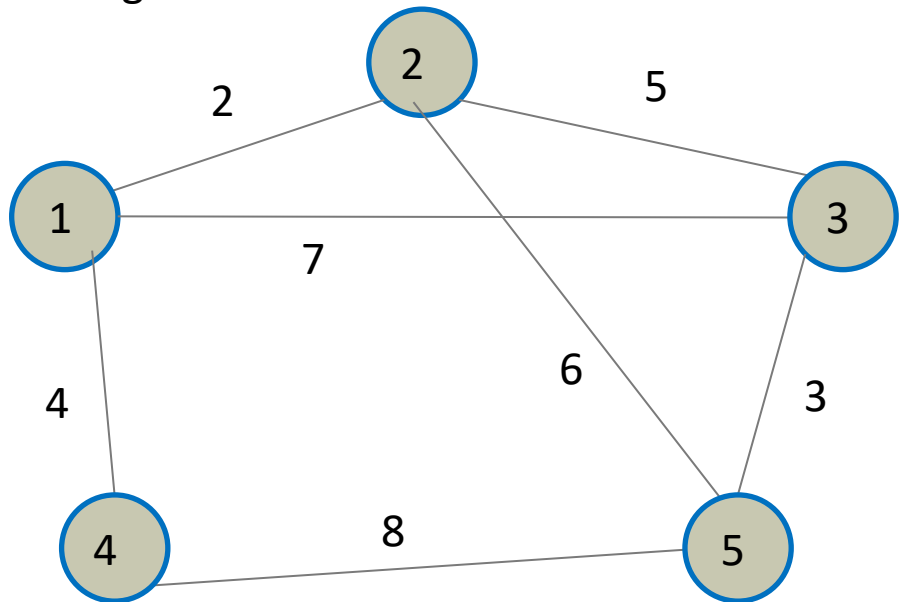
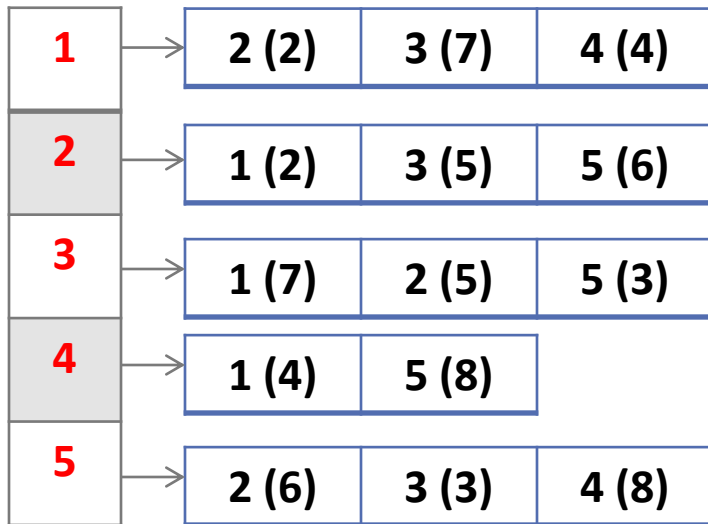


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The numbers in parenthesis correspond to the weights.



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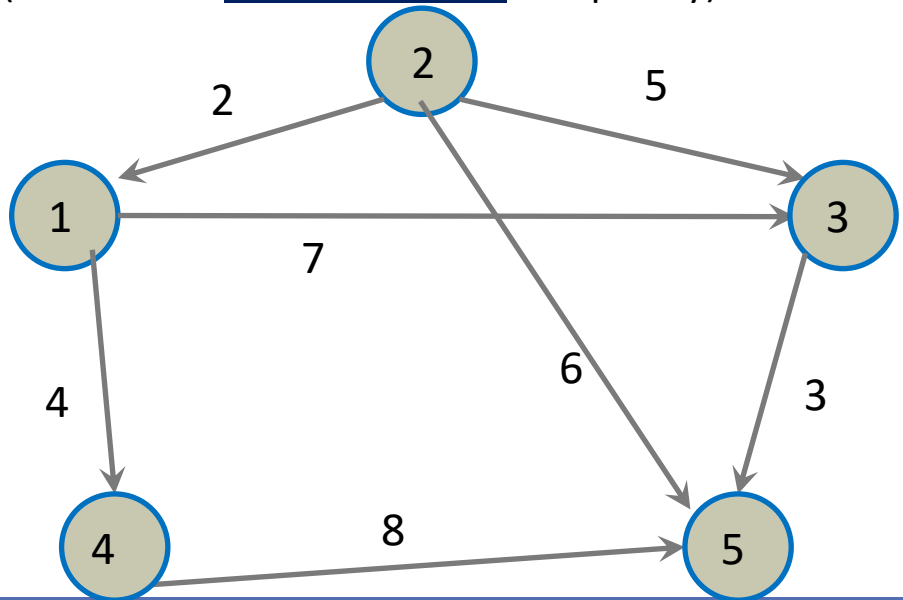
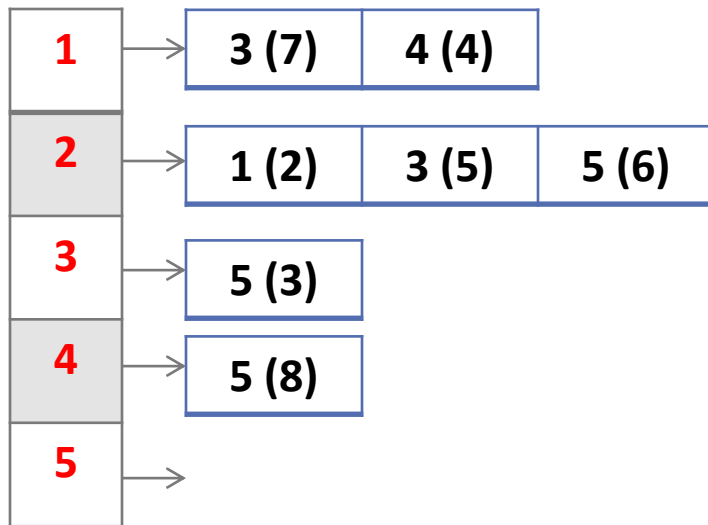
- $O(V + E)$

## Time complexity of checking if a particular edge exists:

- $O(\log V)$  assuming each adjacency list is a sorted array on vertex IDs

## Time complexity of retrieving all adjacent vertices of a given vertex:

- $O(X)$  where  $X$  is the number of adjacent vertices (note: this is output-sensitive complexity)



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# Graph Traversal

Graph traversal algorithms traverse (visit) all nodes of a graph.

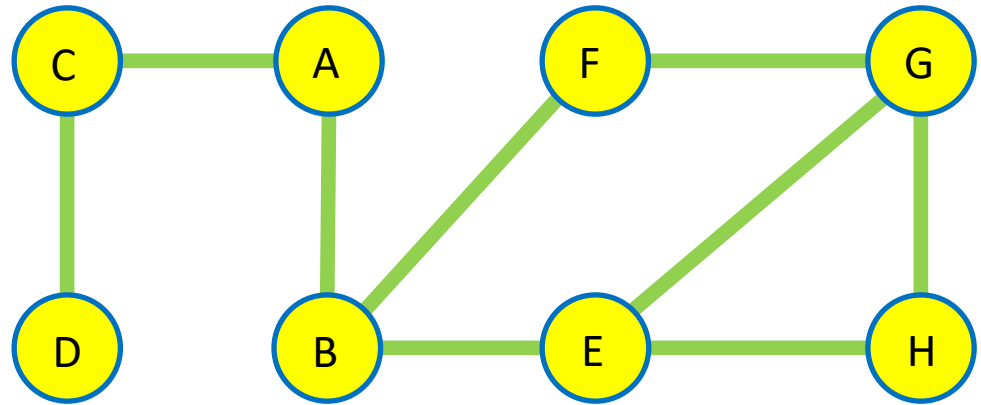
They are very important in the design of numerous algorithms.

We will look into two algorithms that traverse a connected component from a graph starting from a source vertex:

- **Breadth-First Search (BFS)**
- **Depth-First Search (DFS)**

Both of them visit the vertices exactly once.

They visit vertices in different orders.



If a graph has more than one connected component, they can be repeatedly called (on unvisited nodes) until all graph nodes are marked as visited.

Each one has properties that makes it useful for certain kinds of graph problems.

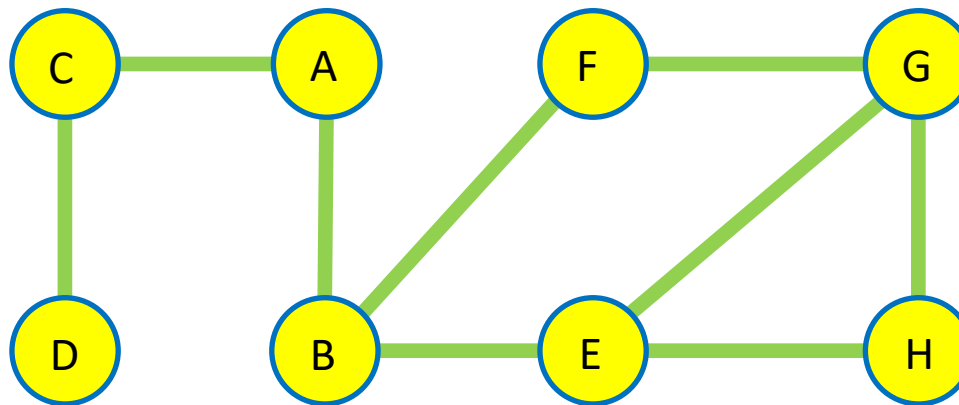
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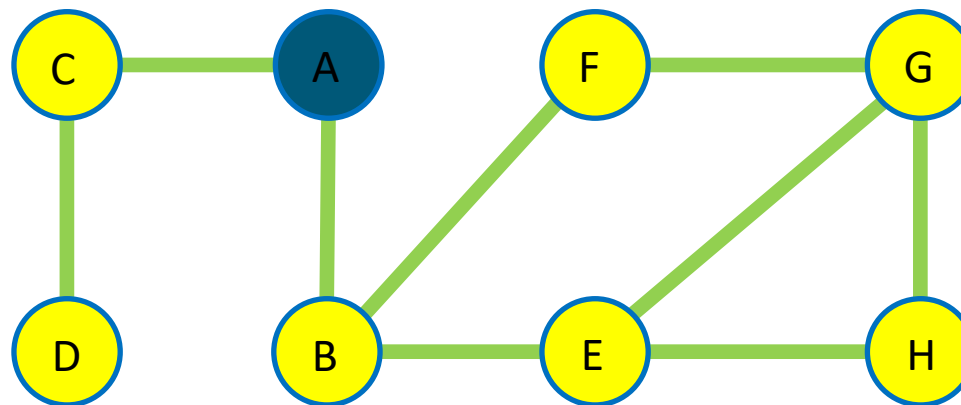


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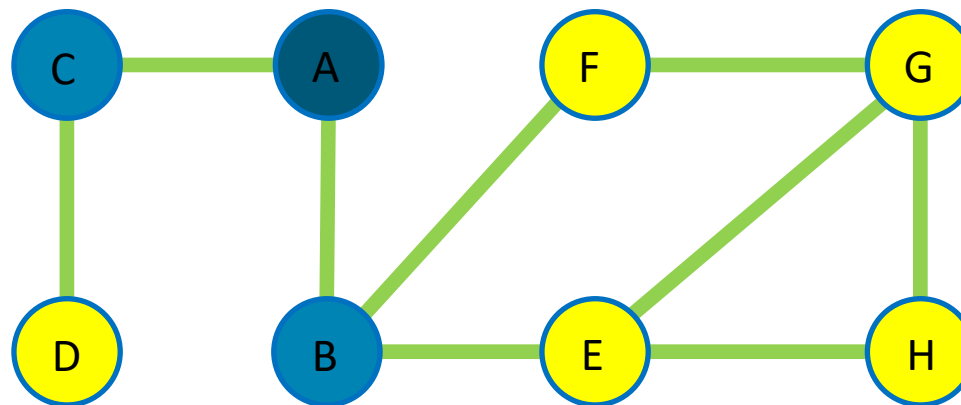


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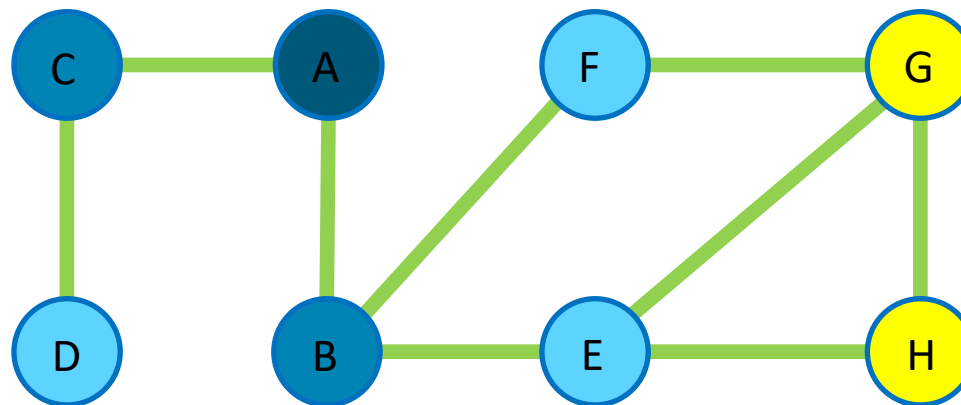


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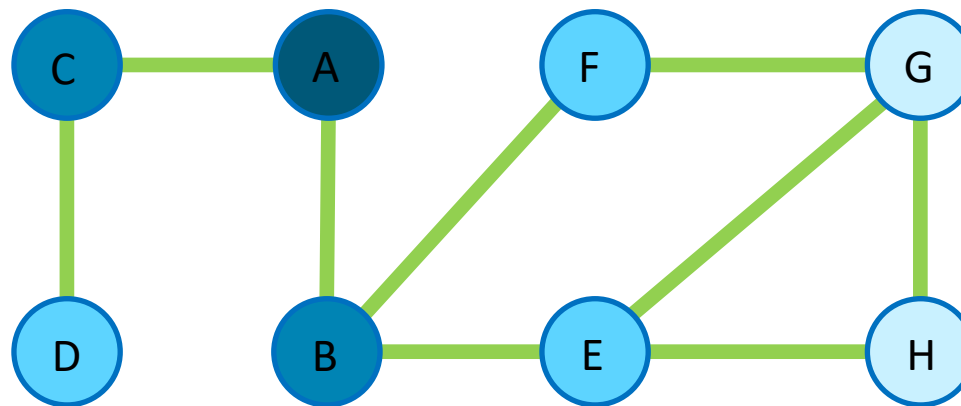


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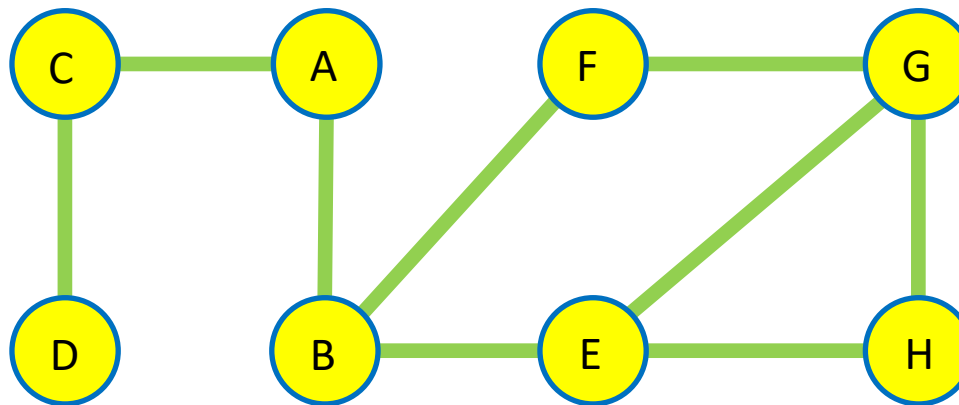
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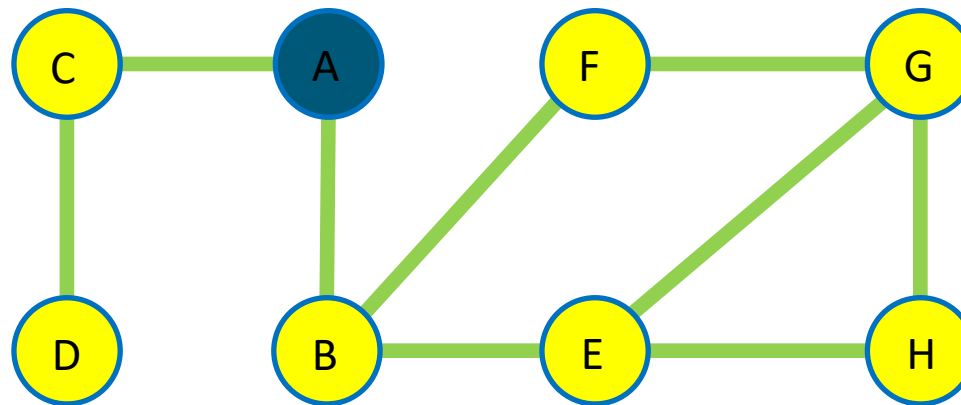


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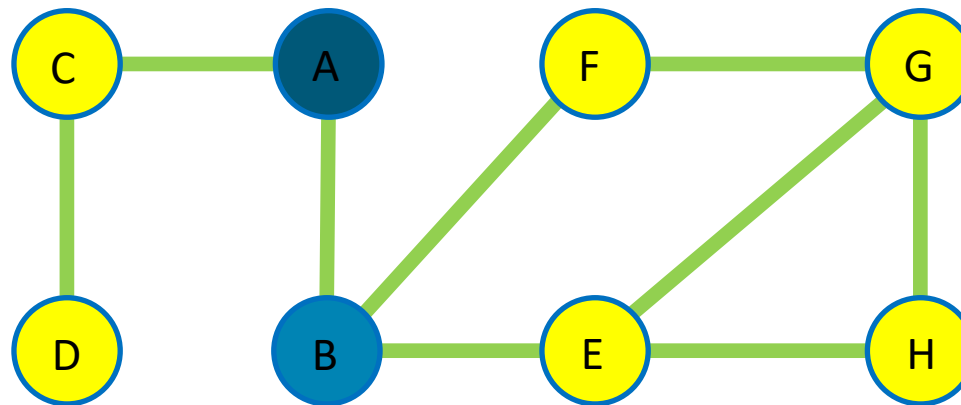


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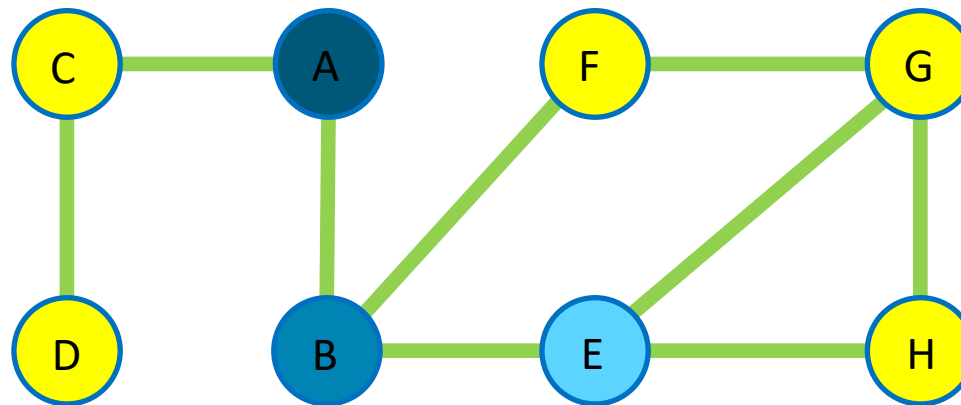


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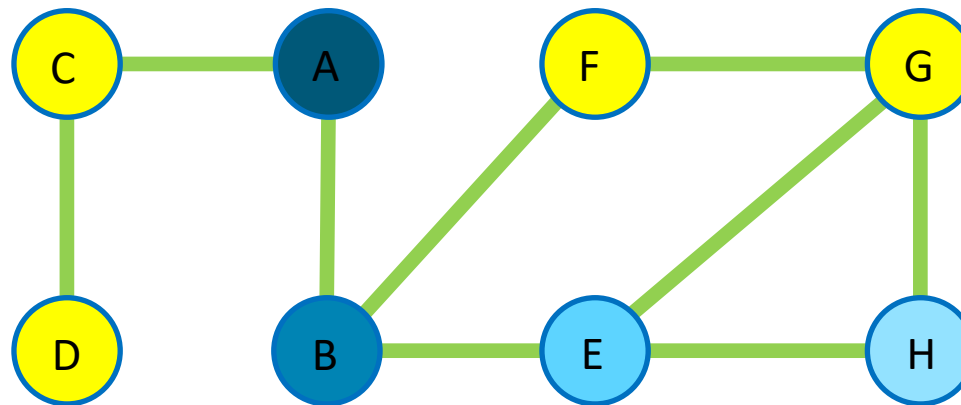


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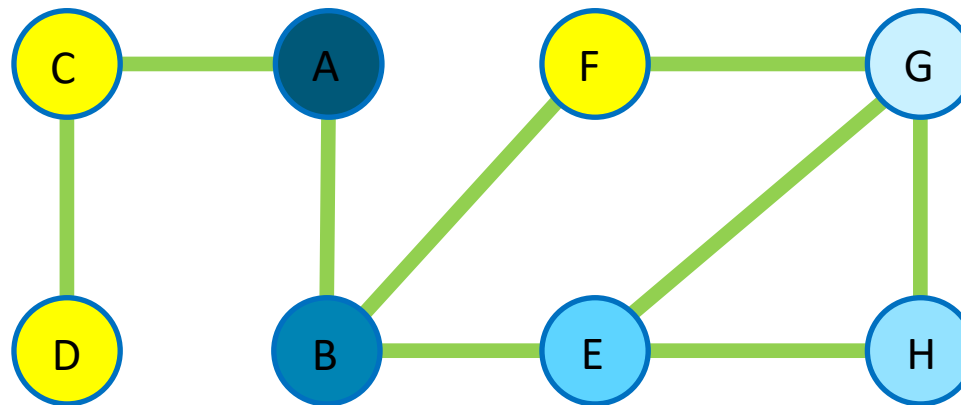


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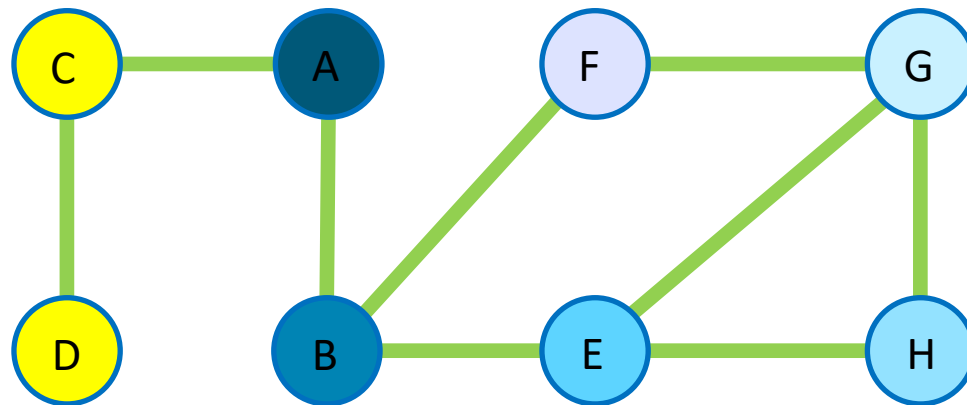


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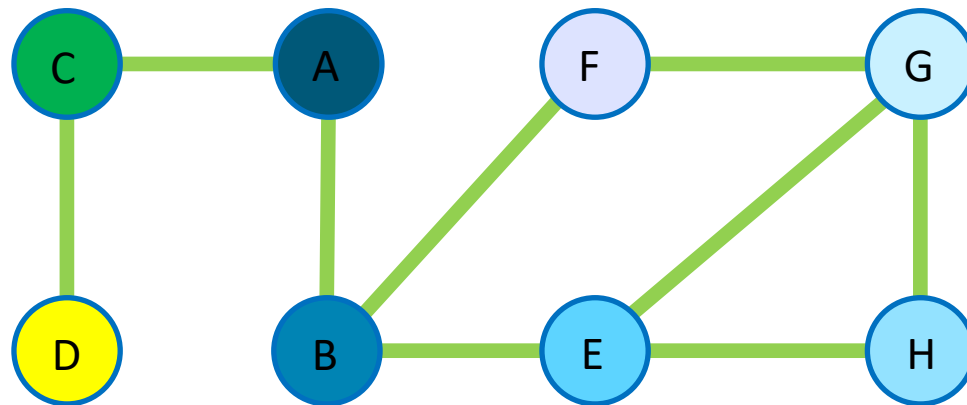


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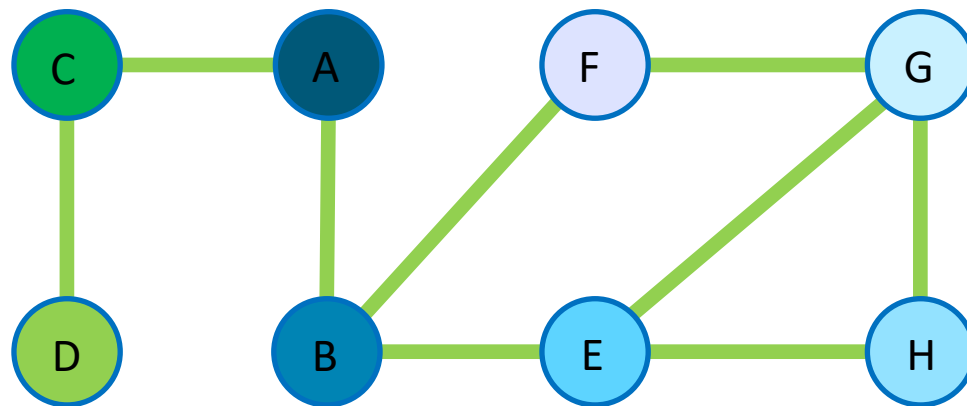


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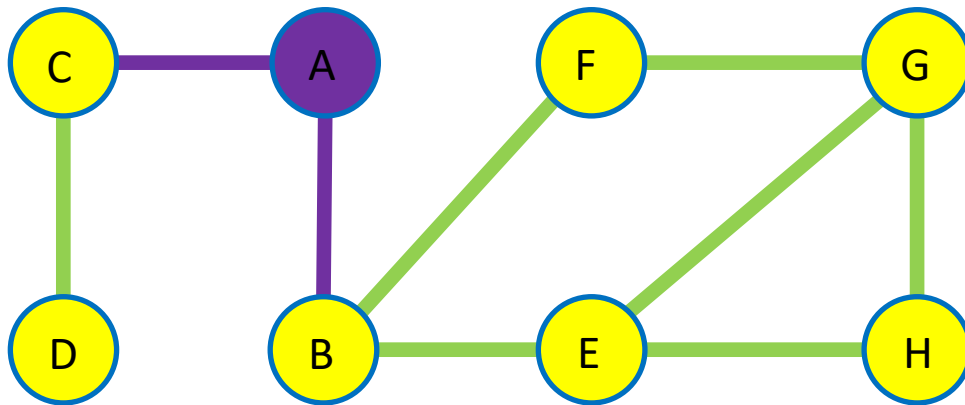


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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)



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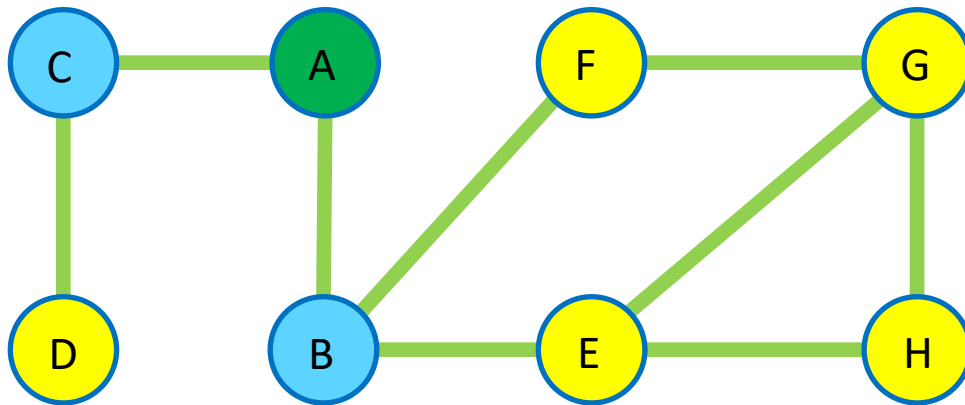
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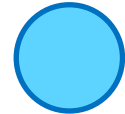
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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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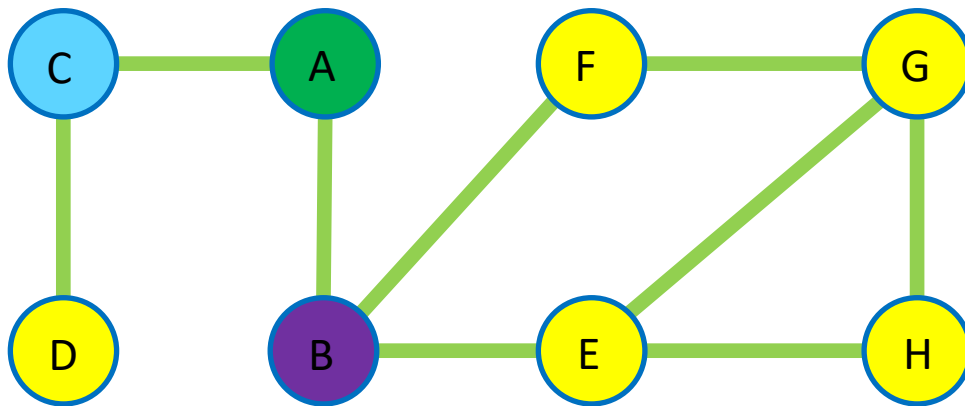
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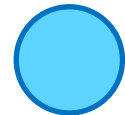
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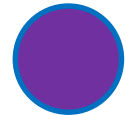
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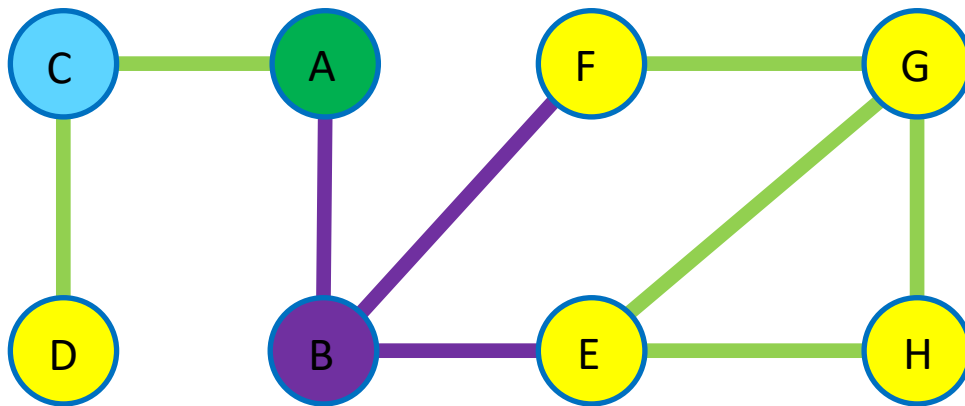
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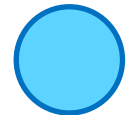
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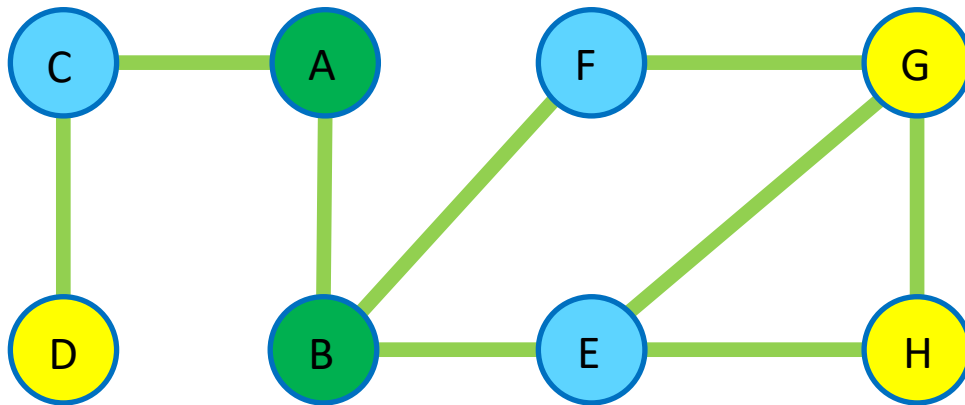
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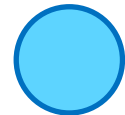
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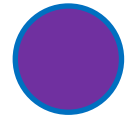
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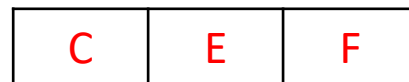


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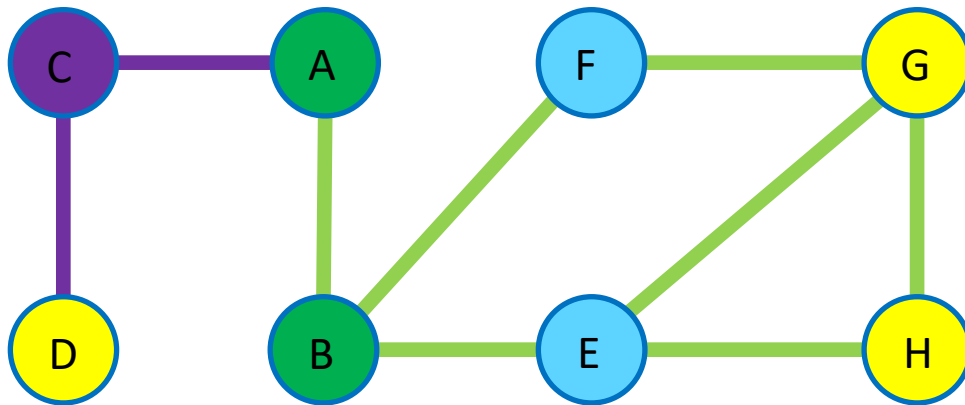
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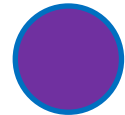
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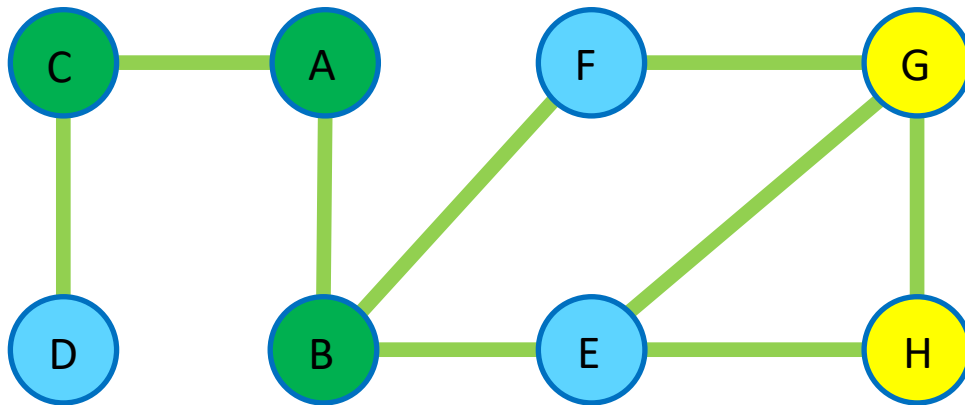
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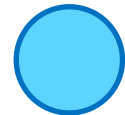
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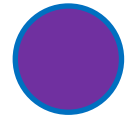
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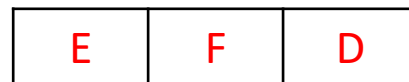


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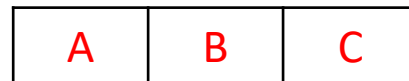


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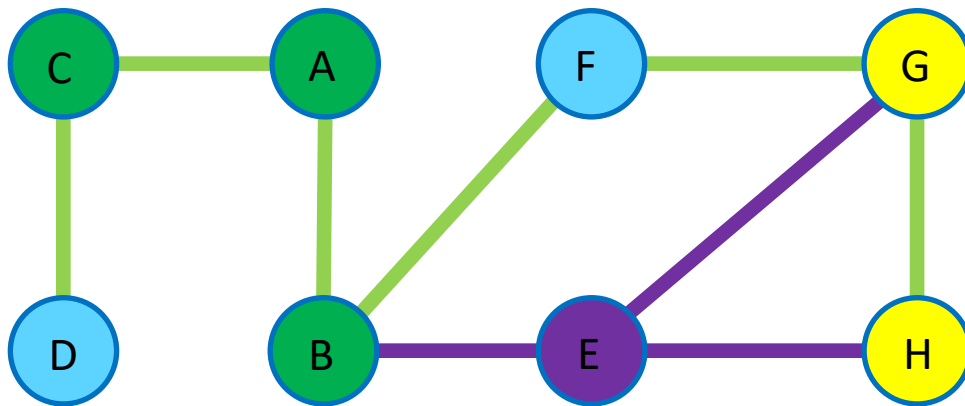
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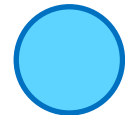
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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)



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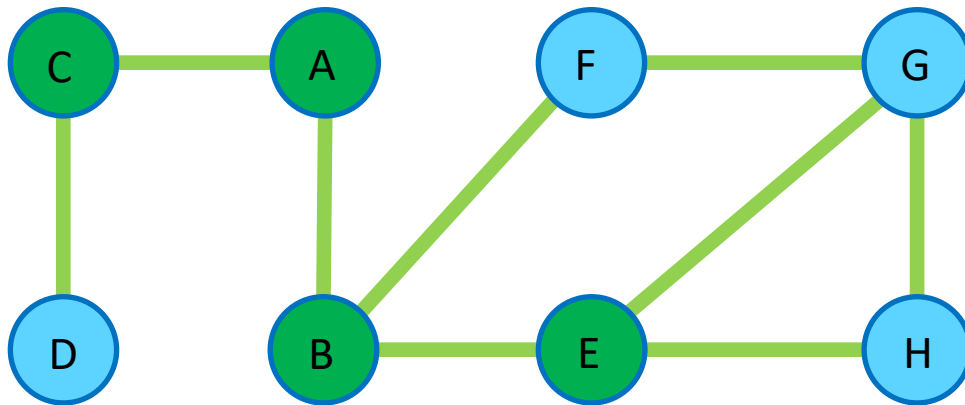
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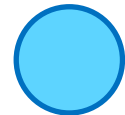
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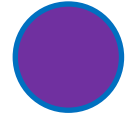
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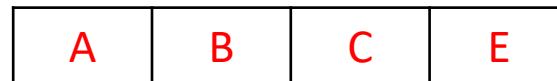


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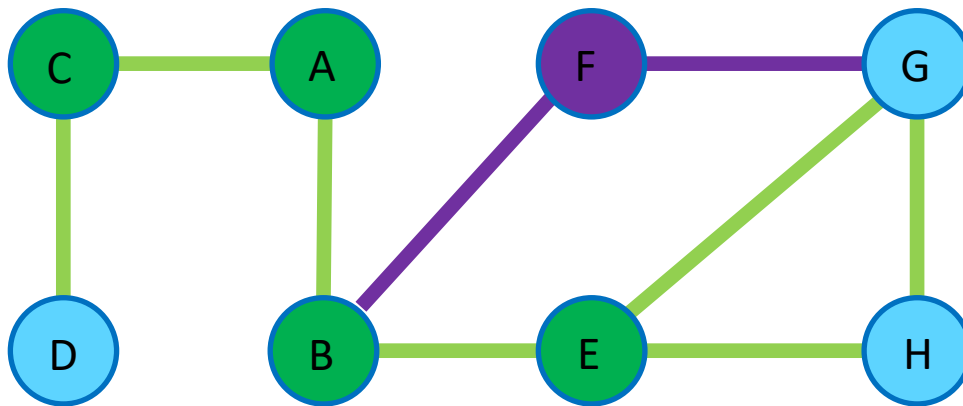
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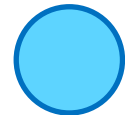
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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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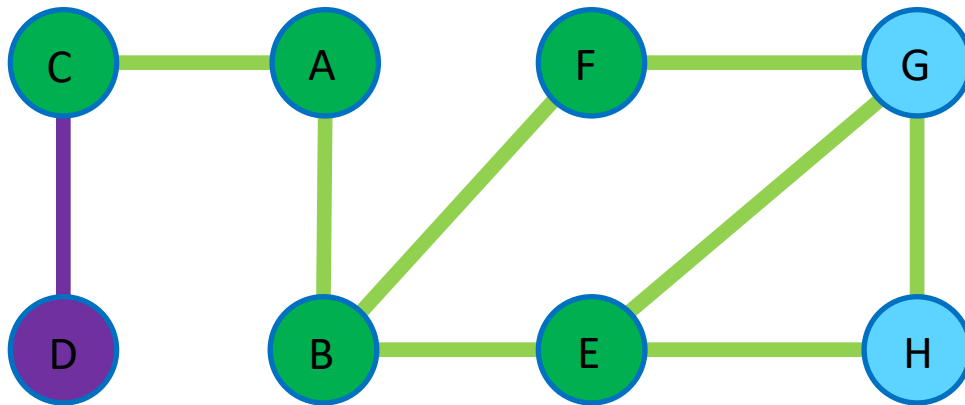
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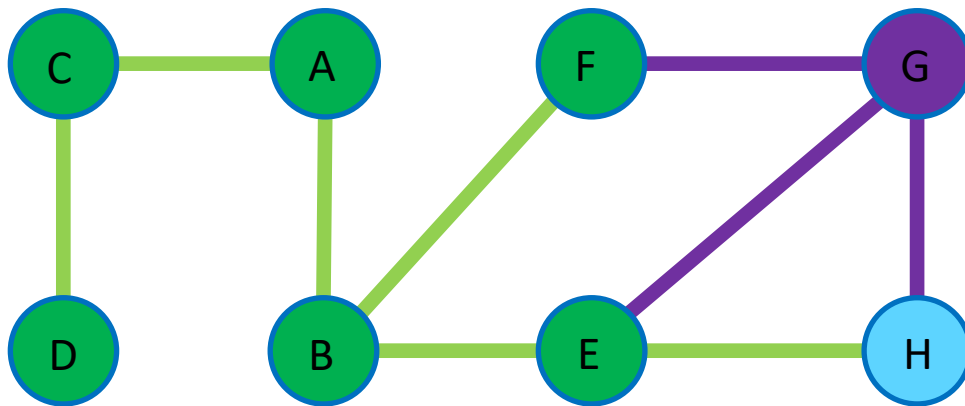
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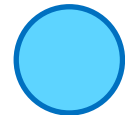
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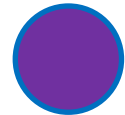
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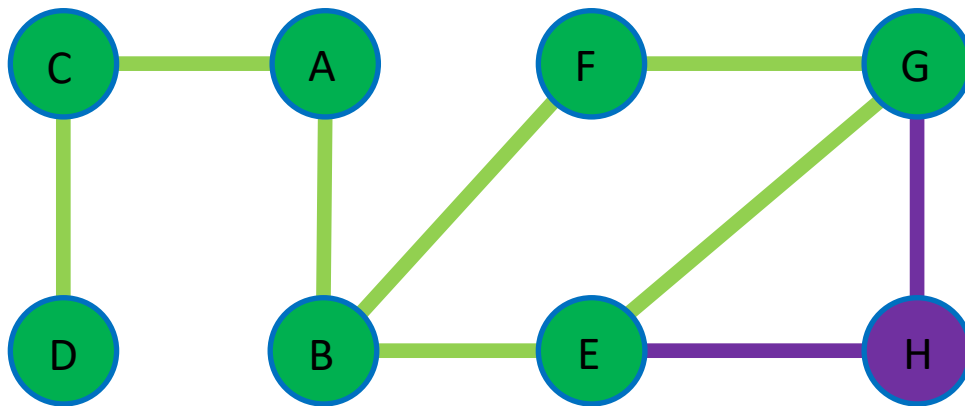
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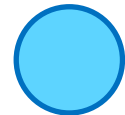
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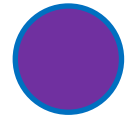
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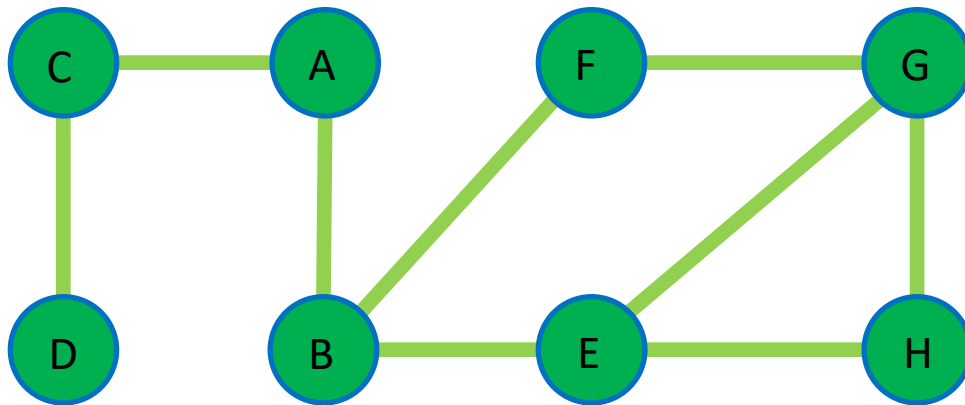
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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)



In Queue:



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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Initialize some data structure "**queue**" and some data structure "**visited**", both empty of vertices
- Put an initial vertex in **queue**
- Mark the initial vertex as visited
- While **queue** is not empty
  - Get the first vertex, **u**, from **queue**
  - For each edge (**u**,**v**)
    - ✦ If **v** is not **visited**
      - Add **v** to visited
      - add **v** at the end of **queue**

Quiz time!

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# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Initialize some data structure "**queue**" and some data structure "**visited**", both empty of vertices →  $O(?)$
- Put an initial vertex in **queue** →  $O(1)$
- Mark the initial vertex as visited →  $O(?)$
- While **queue** is not empty →  $O(1)$ 
  - Get the first vertex, **u**, from **queue** →  $O(V)_{total}$
  - For each edge (**u**, **v**) →  $O(E)_{total}$ 
    - ✦ If **v** is not **visited** →  $O(?)$ 
      - Add **v** to visited →  $O(?)$
      - Add **v** at the end of **queue** →  $O(V)_{total}$

Assuming adjacency list representation.

## Time Complexity:

- We look at every edge twice
- For each edge, we do a lookup on visited (with some complexity)
- We insert vertices to visited at most  $O(V)$  times
- $O(V * \text{insert to visited} + E * \text{lookup on visited})$

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Assuming adjacency list representation.

## Time Complexity:

- $O(V \cdot \text{insert to visited} + E \cdot \text{lookup on visited})$
- Visited is just a bit list, indexed by vertex ID
- Lookup and insert are both  $O(1)$

# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

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Assuming adjacency list representation.

## Time Complexity:

- $O(V * 1 + E * 1) = O(V+E)$

## Space Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$



# Breadth-First Search (BFS)

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**Algorithm 55** Generic breadth-first search

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1: function BFS( $G = (V, E)$ ,  $s$ )
2:    $visited[1..n] = \mathbf{false}$ 
3:    $visited[s] = \mathbf{true}$ 
4:    $queue = \text{Queue}()$ 
5:    $queue.push(s)$ 
6:   while  $queue$  is not empty do
7:      $u = queue.pop()$ 
8:     for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
9:       if not  $visited[v]$  then
10:          $visited[v] = \mathbf{true}$ 
11:          $queue.push(v)$ 
```

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Assuming adjacency list representation.

## Time Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$

## Space Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$

# Outline

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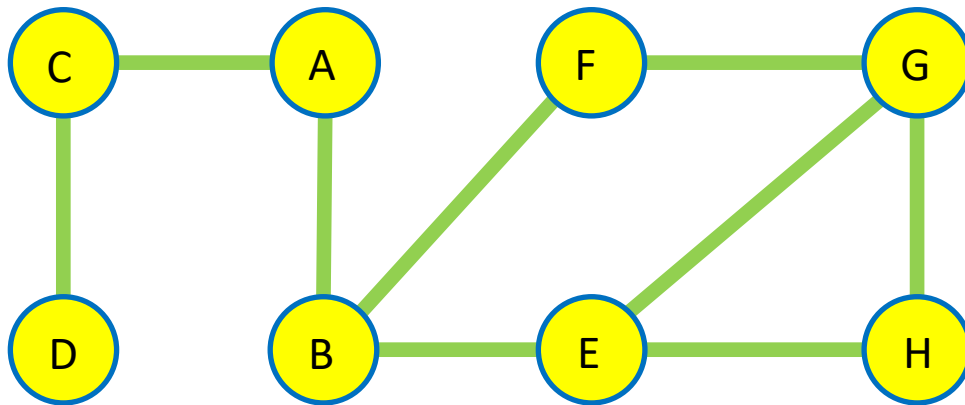
1. Introduction to Graphs
2. Graph Traversal Algorithms
  - A. The idea
  - B. Breadth-First Search (BFS)
  - C. Depth-First Search (DFS)
  - D. Applications
3. Shortest Path Problem
  - A. Breadth-First Search (for unweighted graphs)
  - B. Dijkstra's algorithm (for weighted graphs with non-negative weights)

## Example with good data structures

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- Now that you have the idea of BFS
- And we have seen how to use a bit list to make it faster
- We will do the DFS example with a bit list

# Depth-First Search (DFS)



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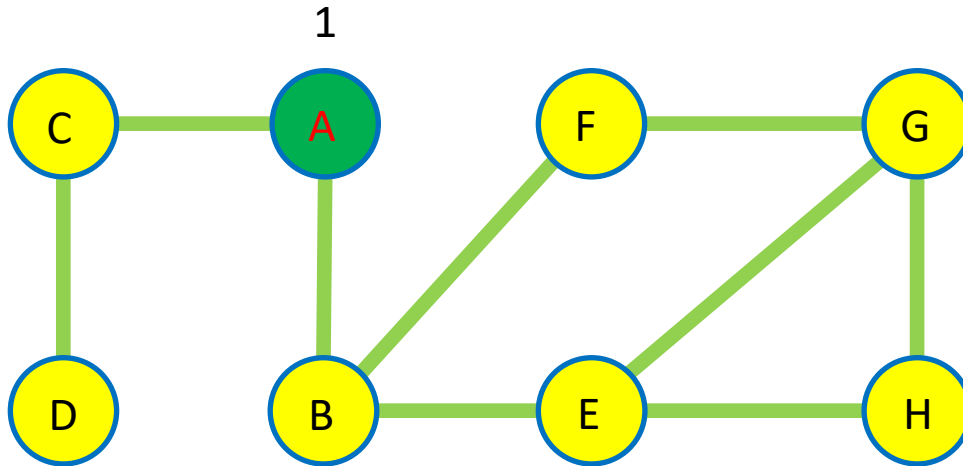
**A**

Visited is indexed by vertex ID. Normally, the IDs are integers from 0 to  $V-1$  (to allow  $O(1)$  lookup), but letters are used here for ease of understanding

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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



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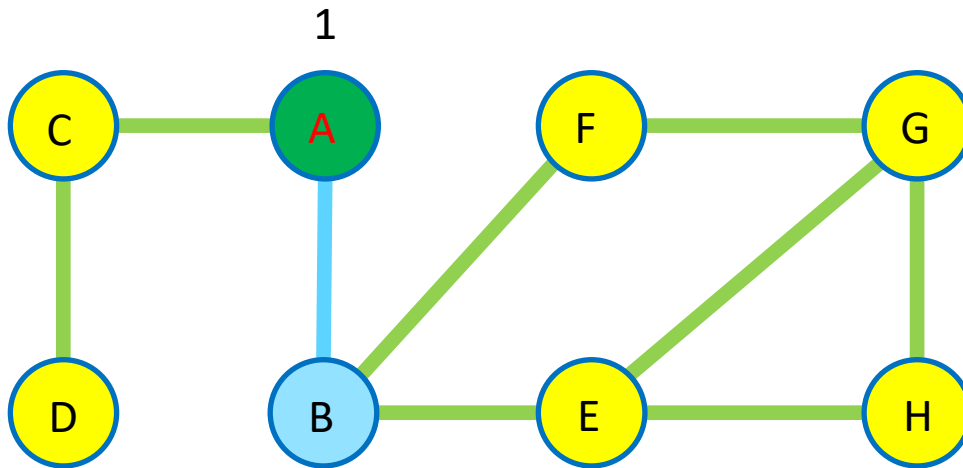
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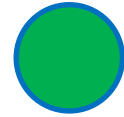
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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



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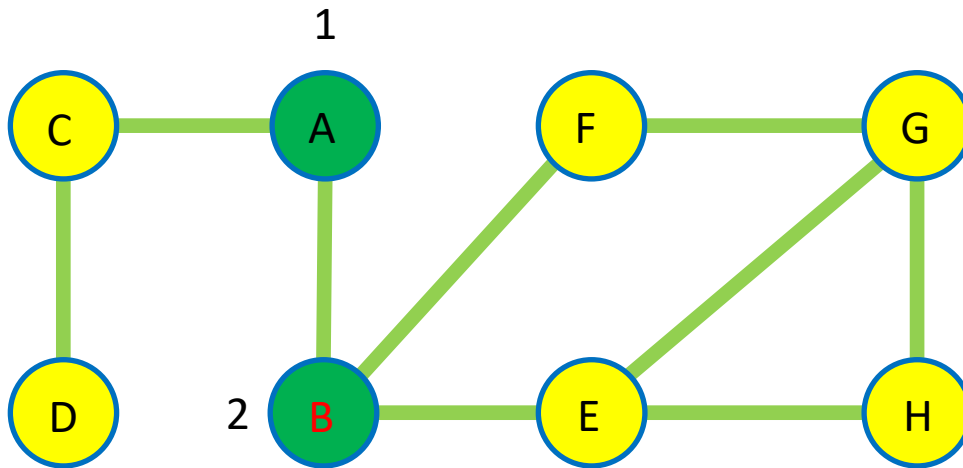
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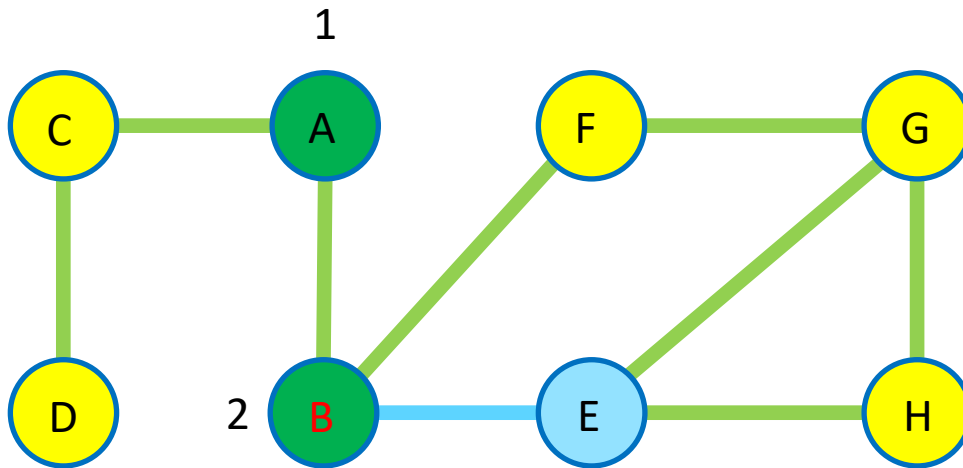
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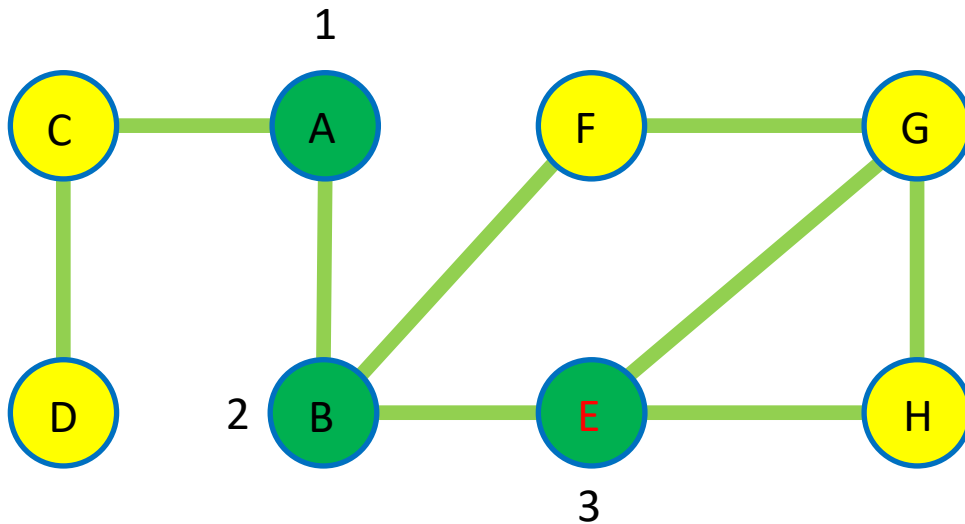
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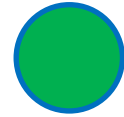
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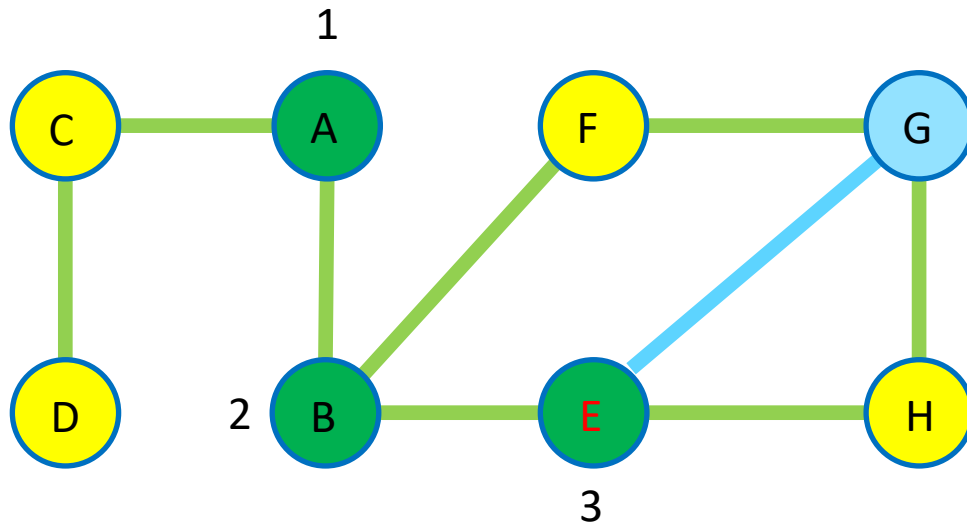
Current:

**E**

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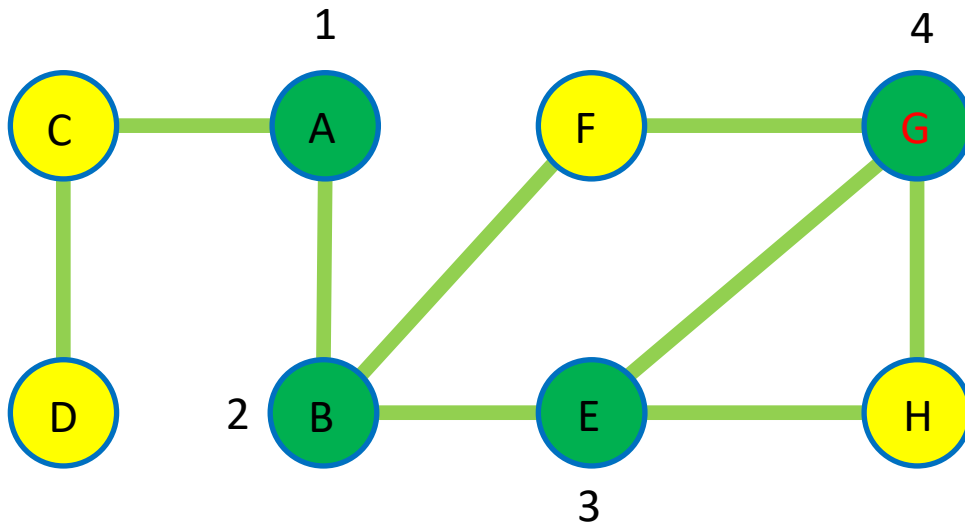
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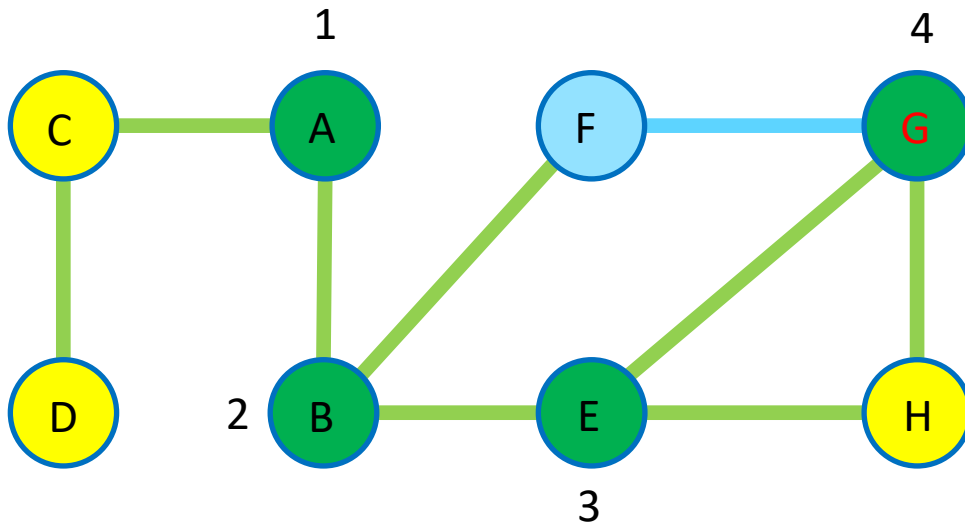
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**G**

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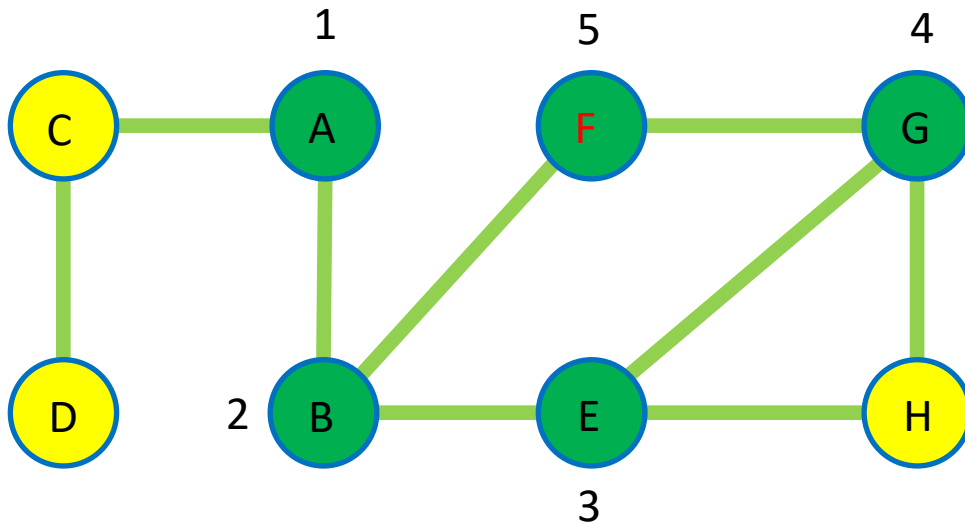
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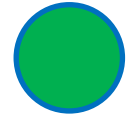
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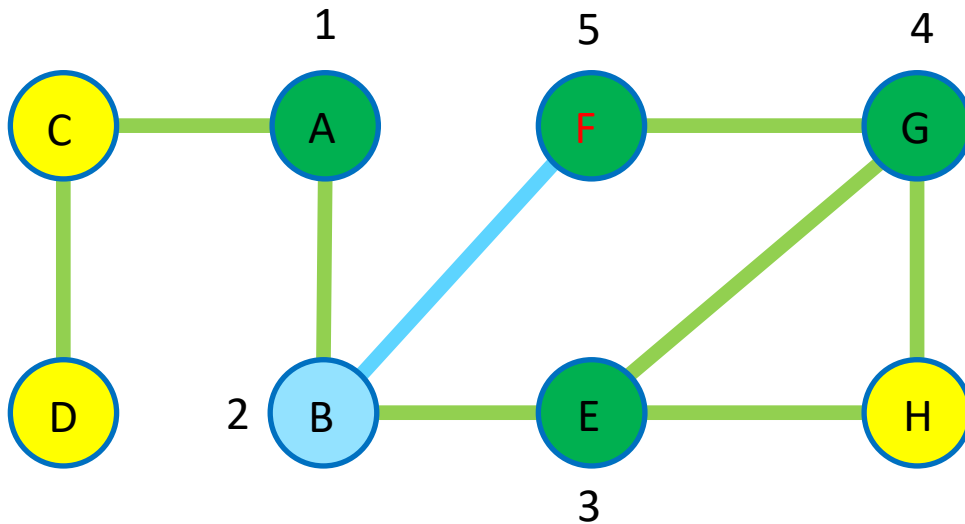
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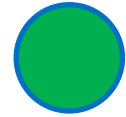
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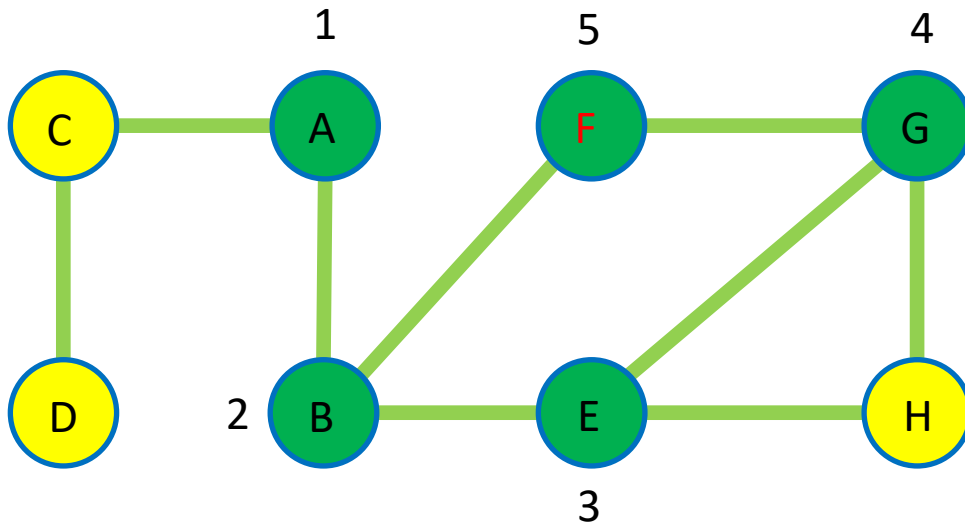
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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



Visited:



- F is a dead end
- Go back to the last active node (G)

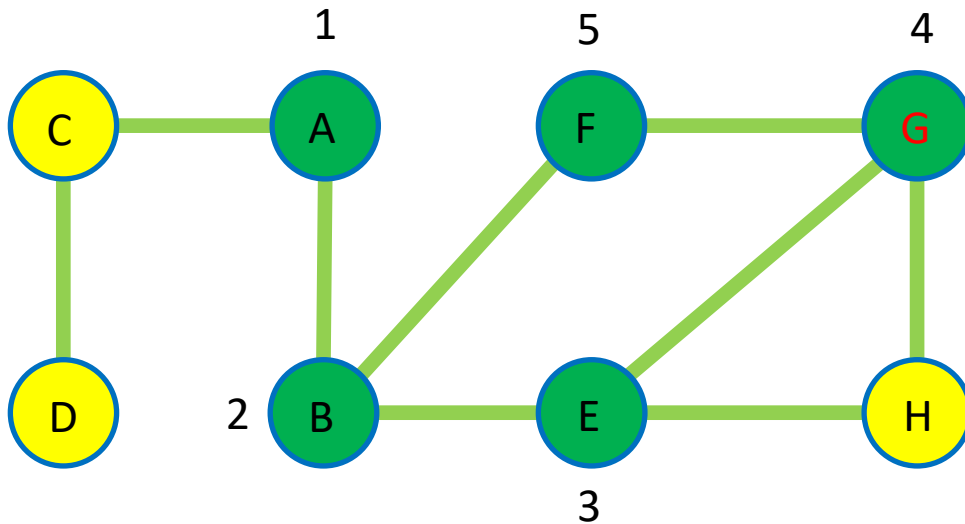
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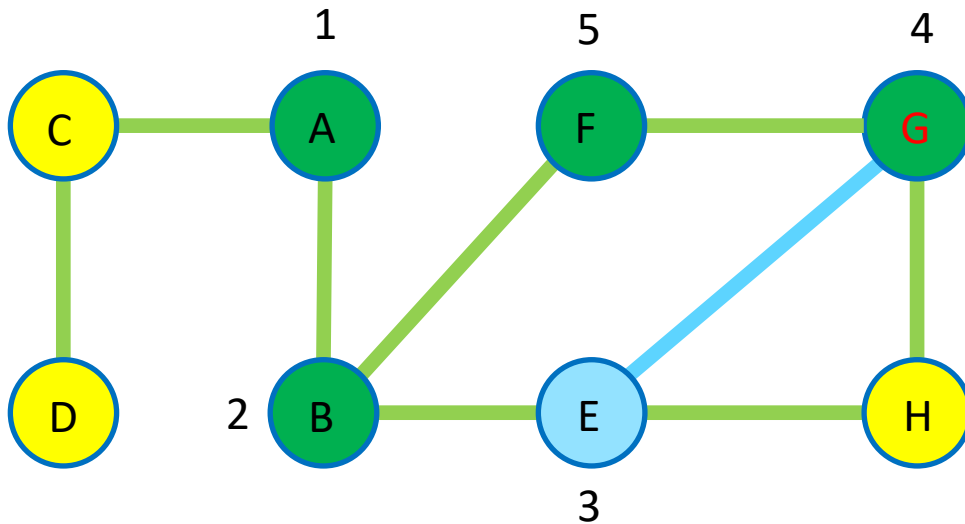
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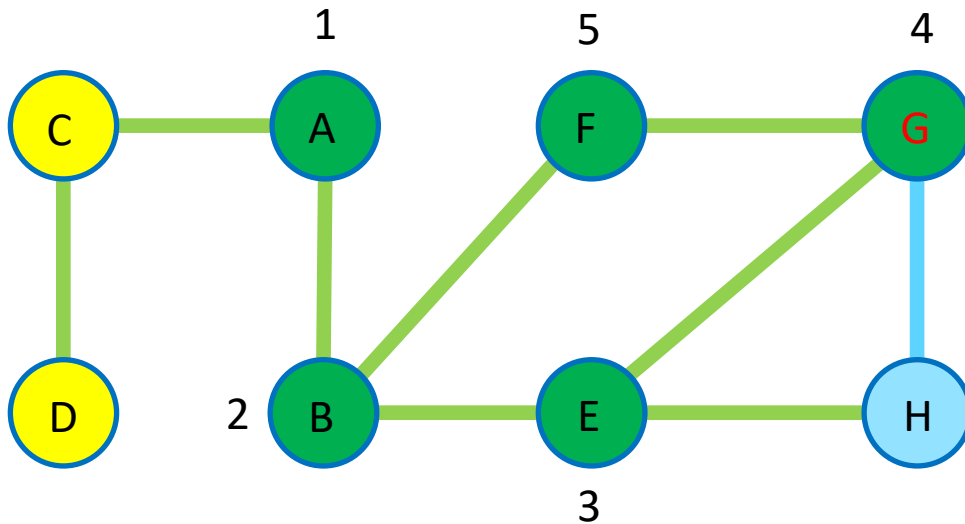
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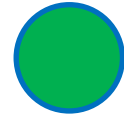
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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



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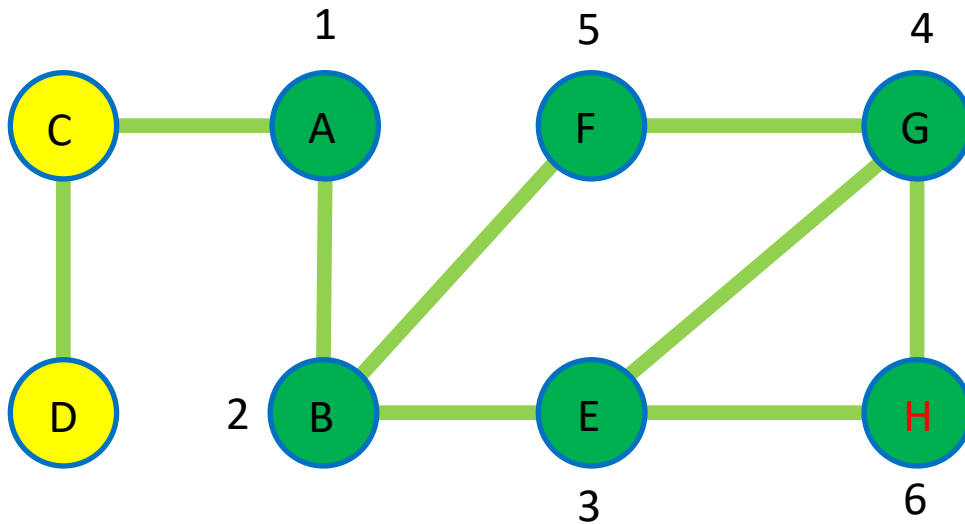
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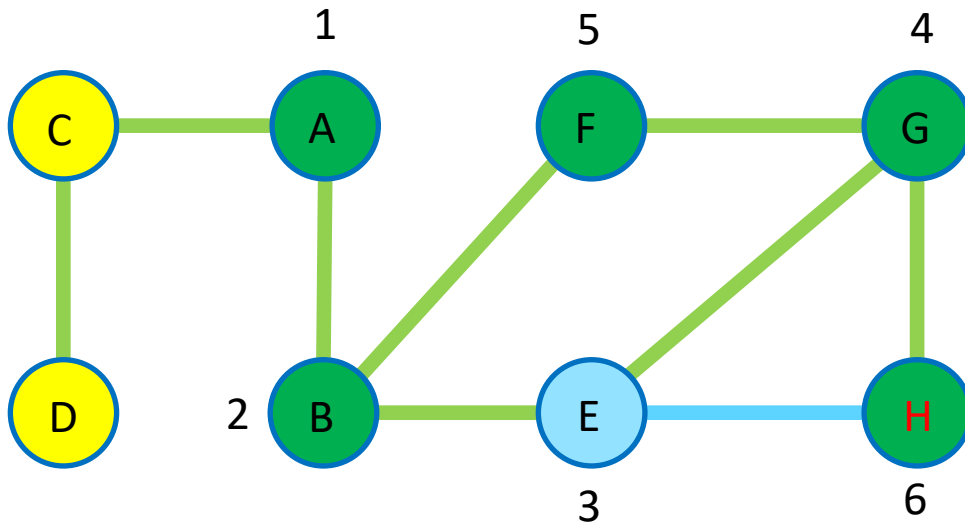
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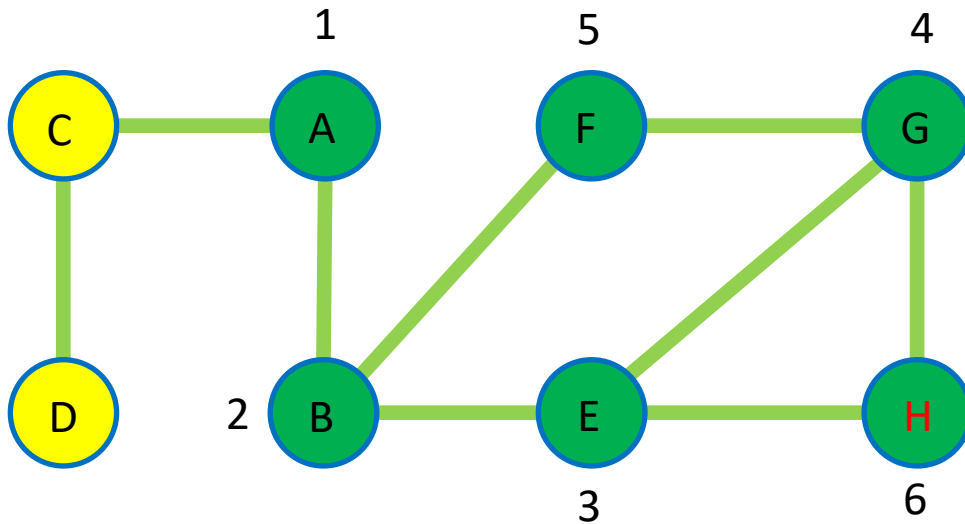
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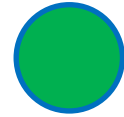
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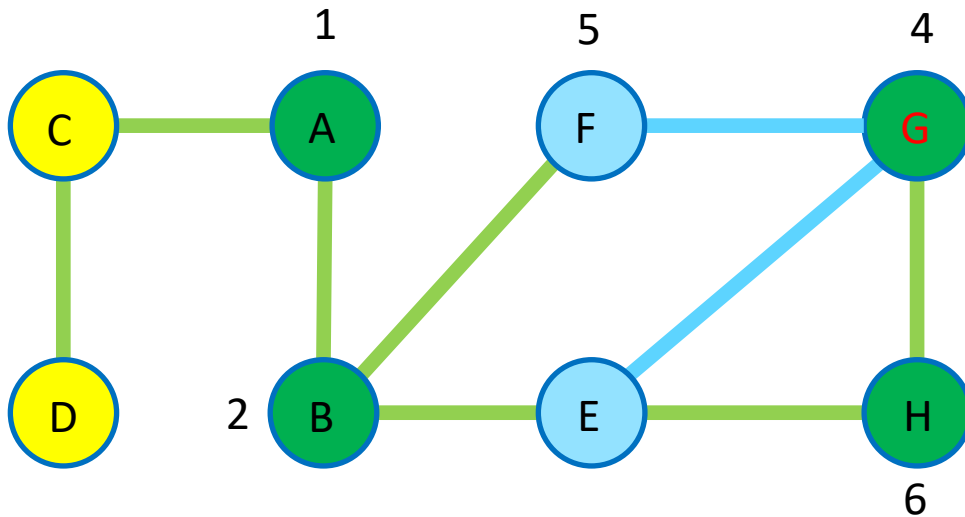
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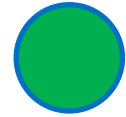
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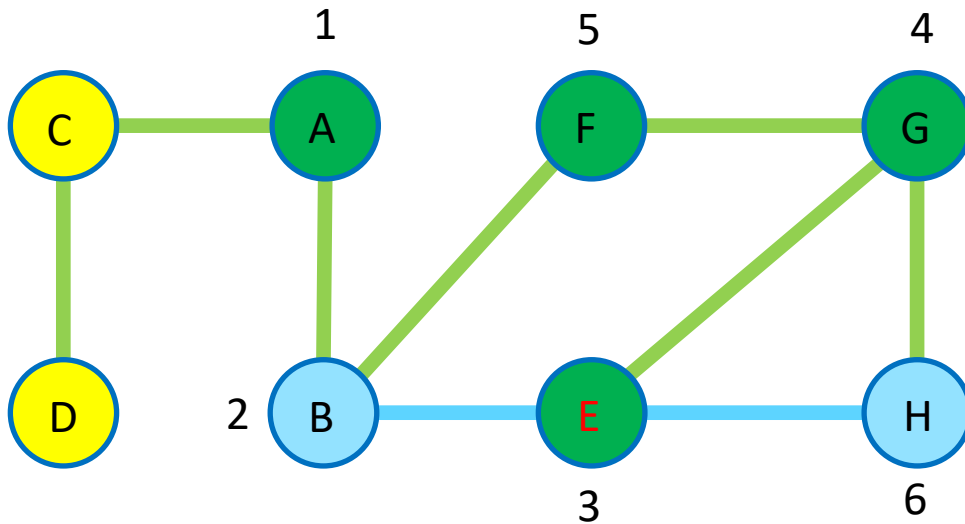
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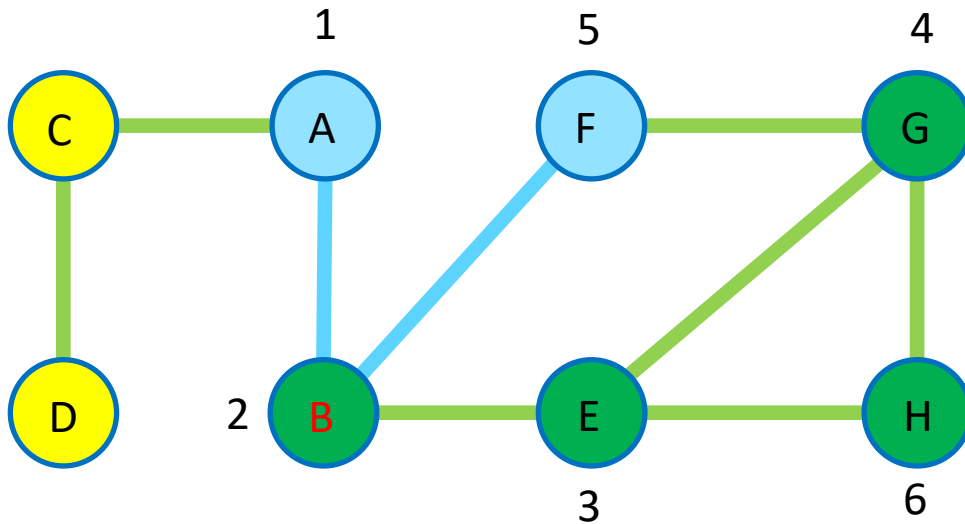
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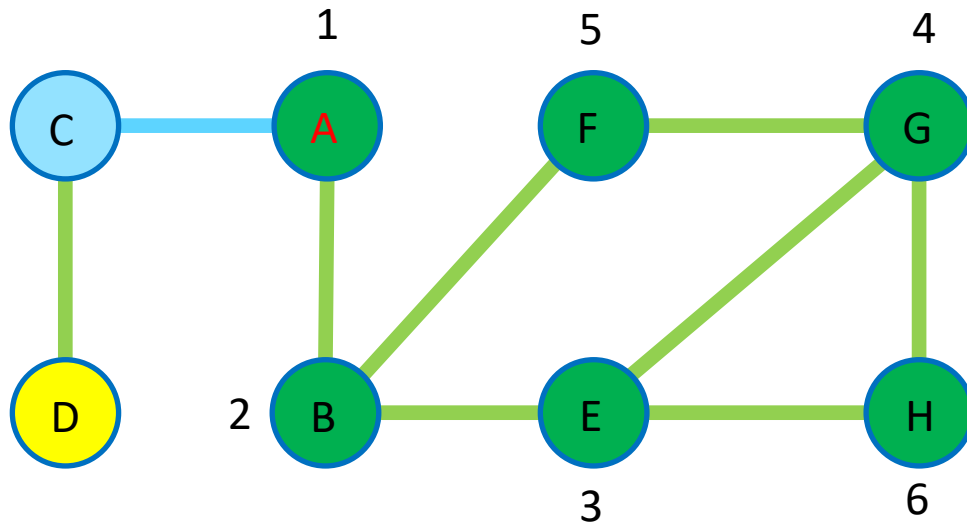
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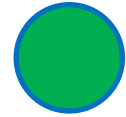
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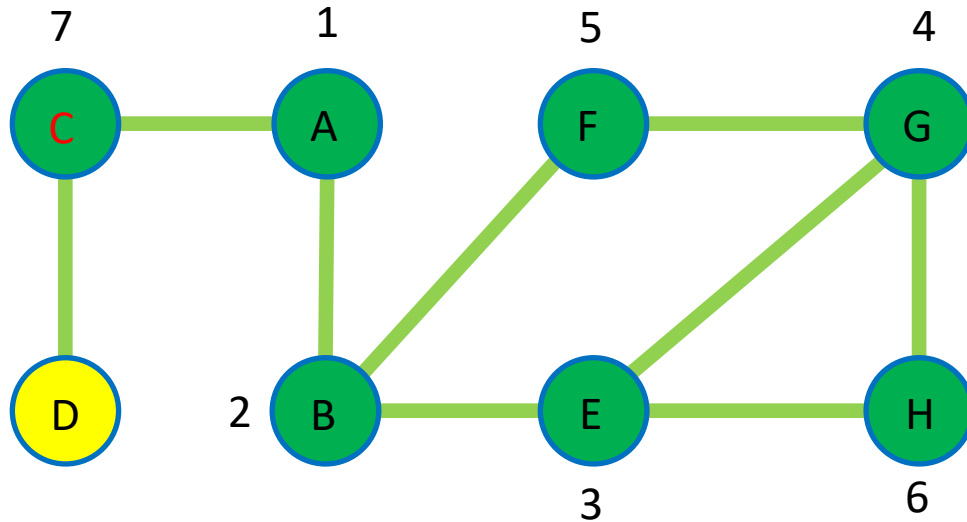
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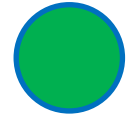
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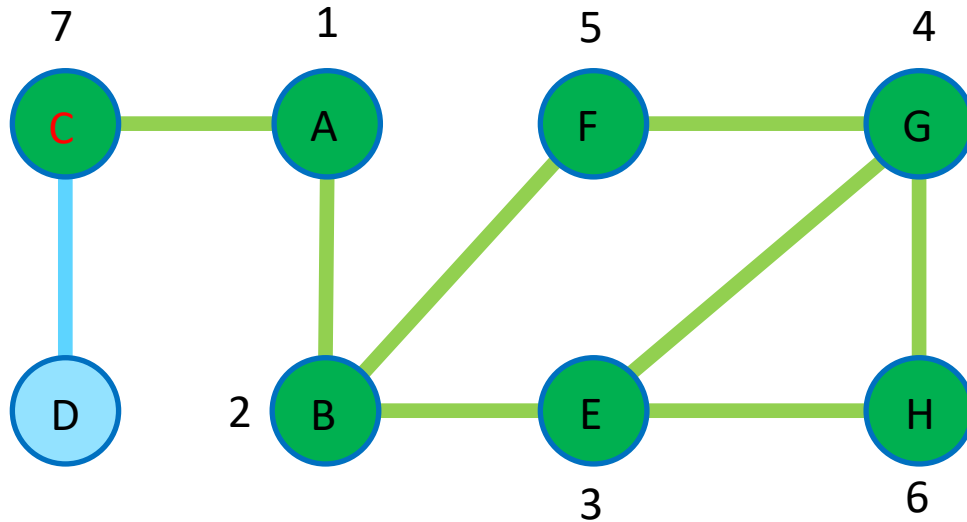
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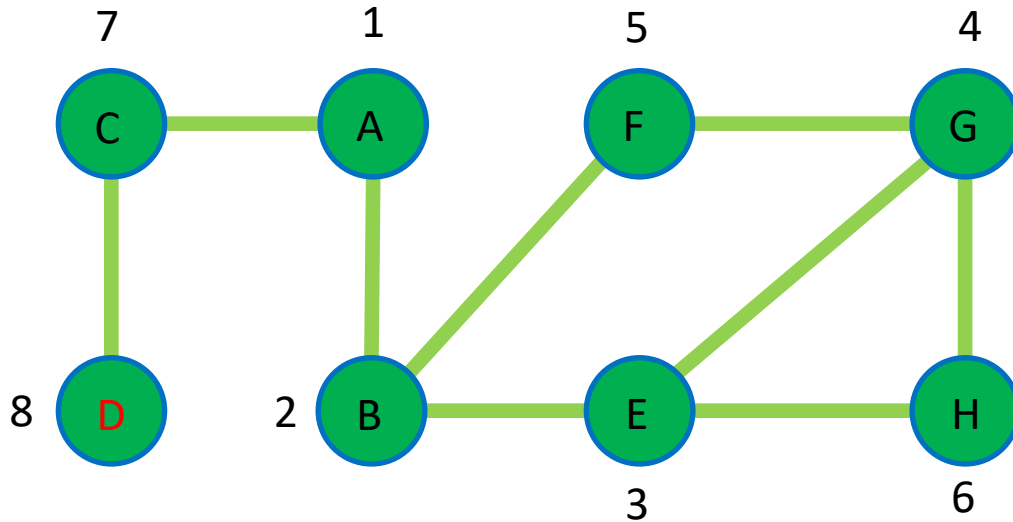
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# Depth-First Search (DFS)



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# Depth-First Search (DFS)

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**Algorithm 52** Generic depth-first search

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1: // Driver function that calls DFS until everything has been visited
2: function TRAVERSE( $G = (V, E)$ )
3:    $visited[1..n] = \text{false}$ 
4:   for each vertex  $u = 1$  to  $n$  do
5:     if not  $visited[u]$  then
6:       DFS( $u$ )
7:
8: function DFS( $u$ )
9:    $visited[u] = \text{true}$ 
10:  for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
11:    if not  $visited[v]$  then
12:      DFS( $v$ )
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Assuming adjacency list representation.

## Time Complexity:

- Each vertex visited at most once
- Each edge accessed at most twice (once when  $u$  is visited once when  $v$  is visited)
- Total cost:  $O(V+E)$

## Space Complexity:

- $O(V+E)$

# Outline

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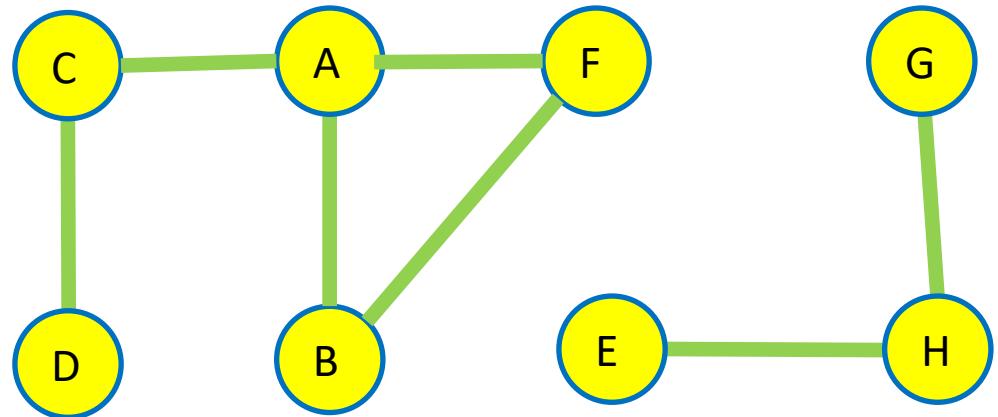
# Applications of DFS and BFS

The algorithms we saw can also be applied on directed graphs.

BFS and DFS have a wide variety of applications:

- Reachability
- Finding all connected components
- Testing a graph for bipartiteness
- Finding cycles
- Topological sort (week 12)
- Shortest paths on unweighted graphs
- ...

More details are given in unit notes and tutorials.



# Shortest Path Problem

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Length of a path:

For **unweighted graphs**, the length of a path is the number of edges along the path.

For **weighted graphs**, the length of a path is the sum of weights of the edges along the path.



# Shortest Path Problem

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## Single source, single target:

Given a source vertex  $s$  and a target vertex  $t$ , return the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ .

## Single source, all targets:

Given a source vertex  $s$ , return the shortest paths to every other vertex in the graph.

We will focus on single source, all targets problem because the single source, single target problem is subsumed by it.

# Shortest Path Algorithms

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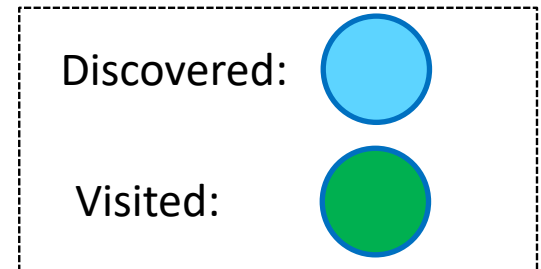
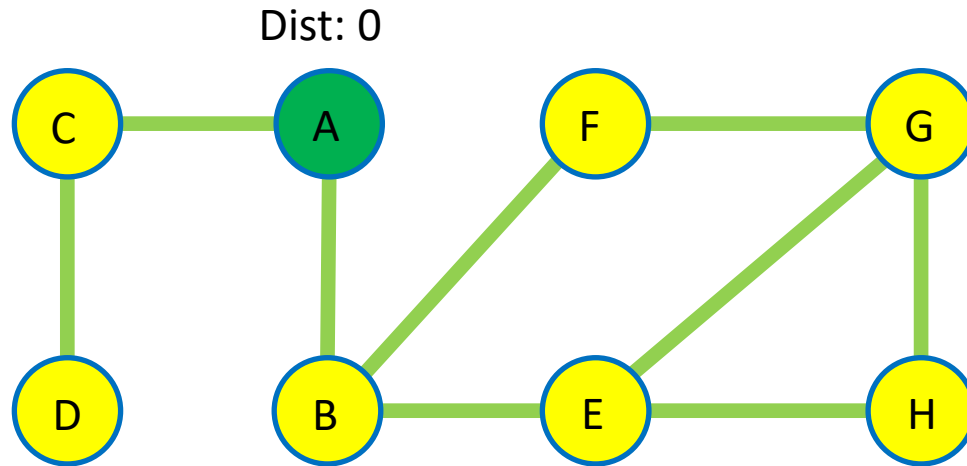
- Breadth-First Search – (Single source, unweighted graphs)
- Dijkstra's Algorithm – (Single Source, weighted graphs with only non-negative weights)
- Bellman-Ford Algorithm – (Single source, weighted graphs including negative weights)
- Floyd-Warshall Algorithm – (All pairs, weighted graphs including negative weights)

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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



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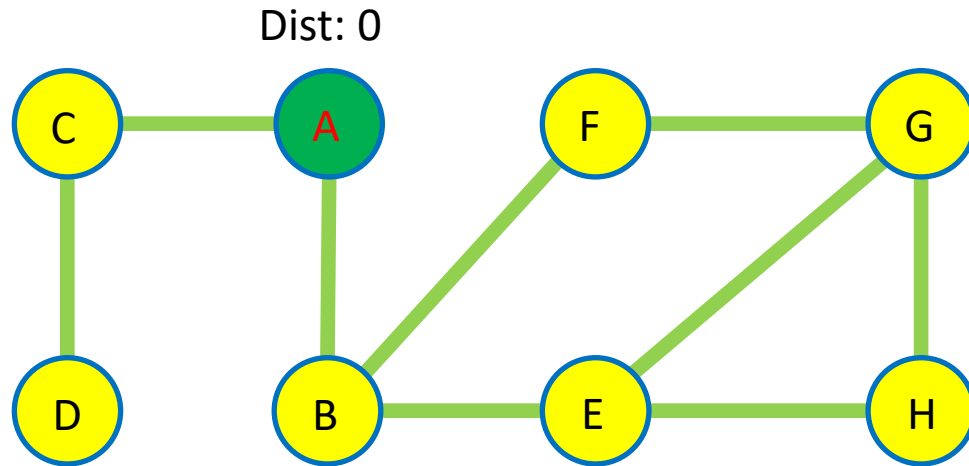
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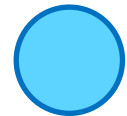
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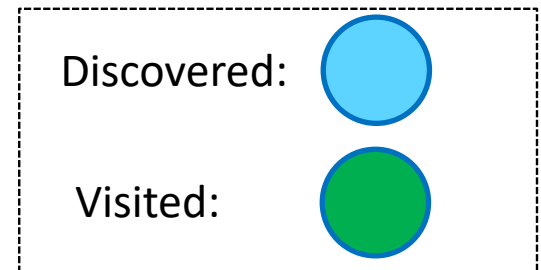
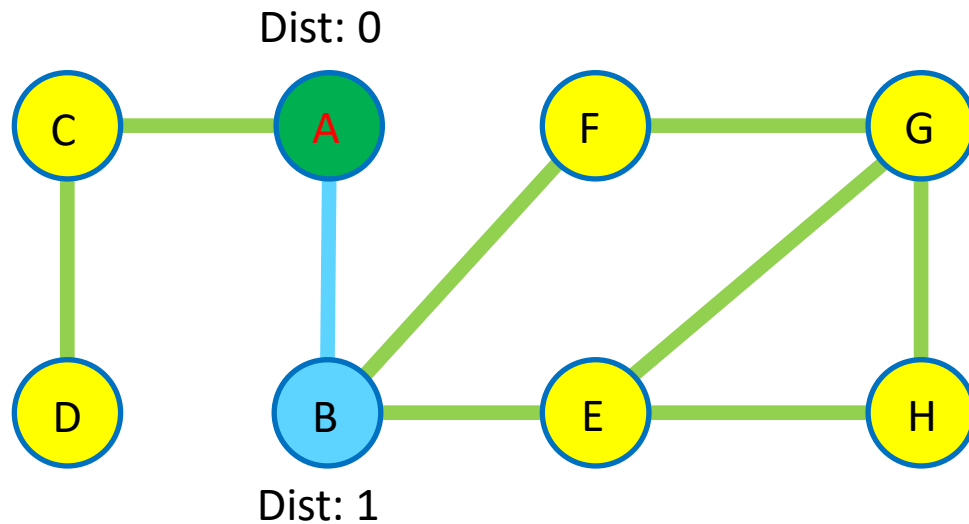
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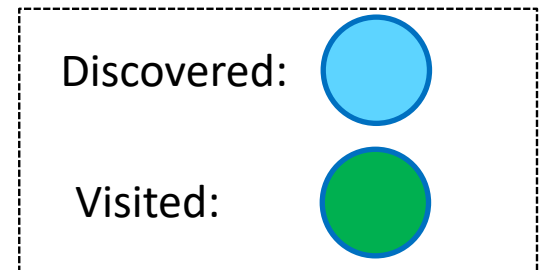
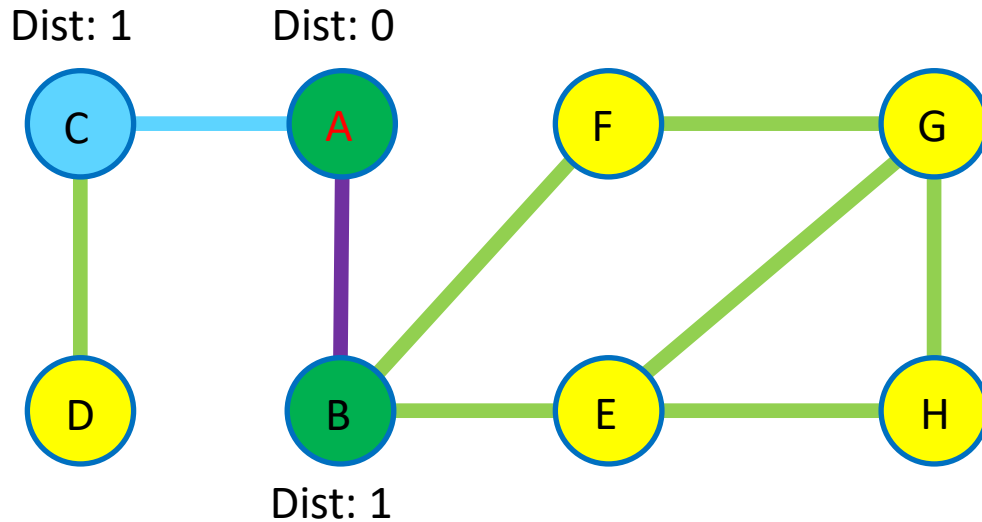
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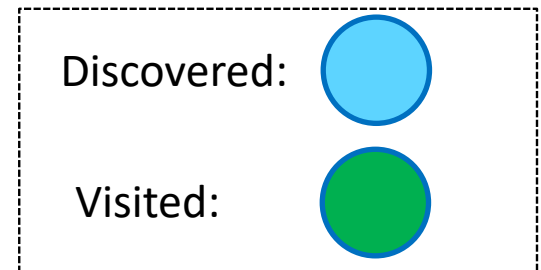
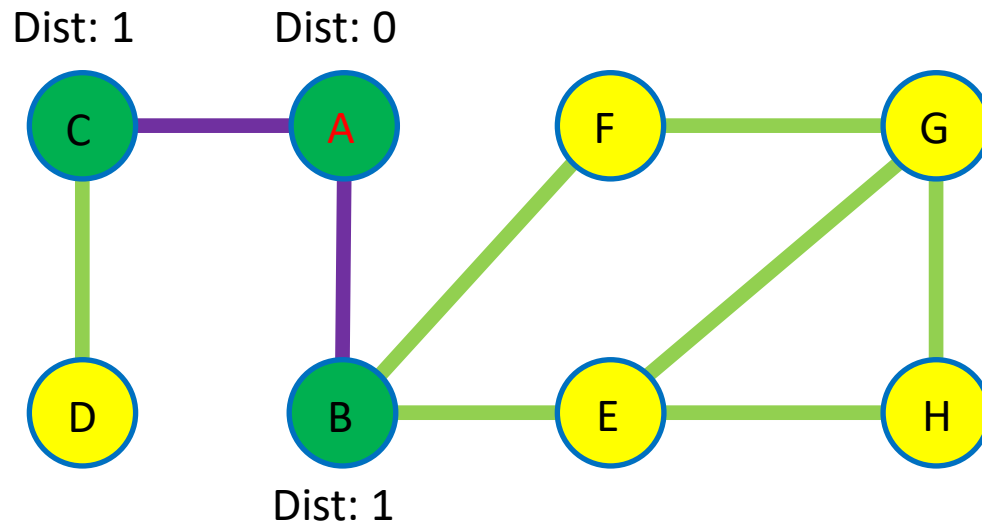
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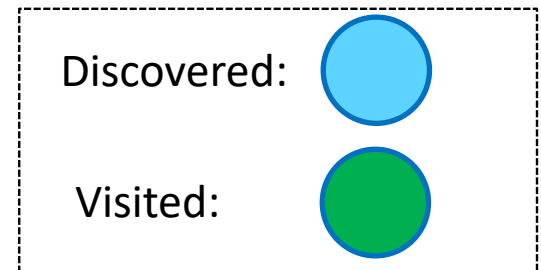
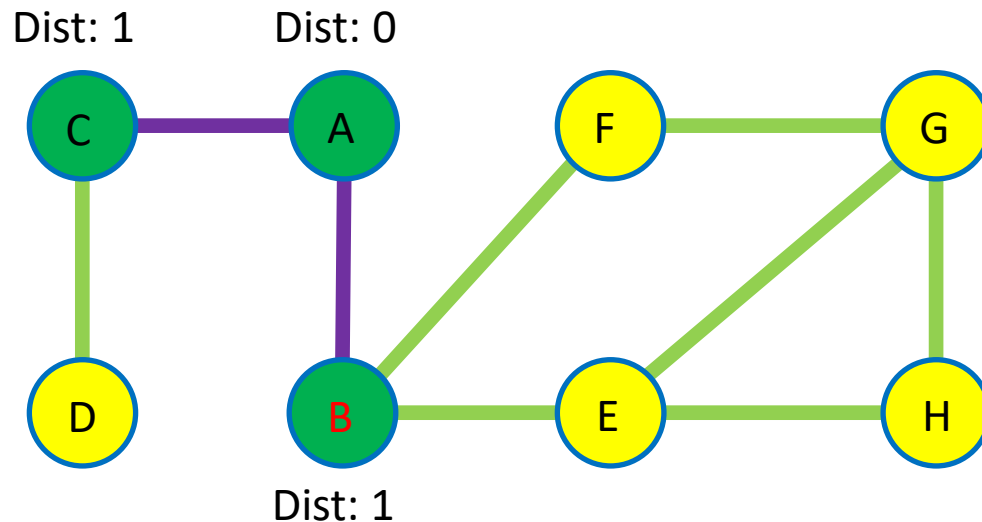
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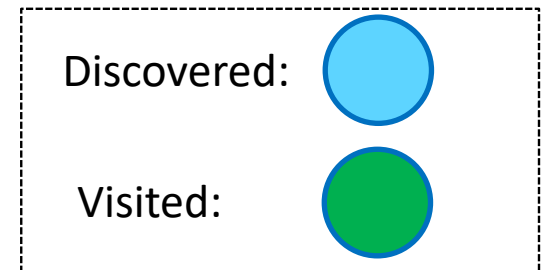
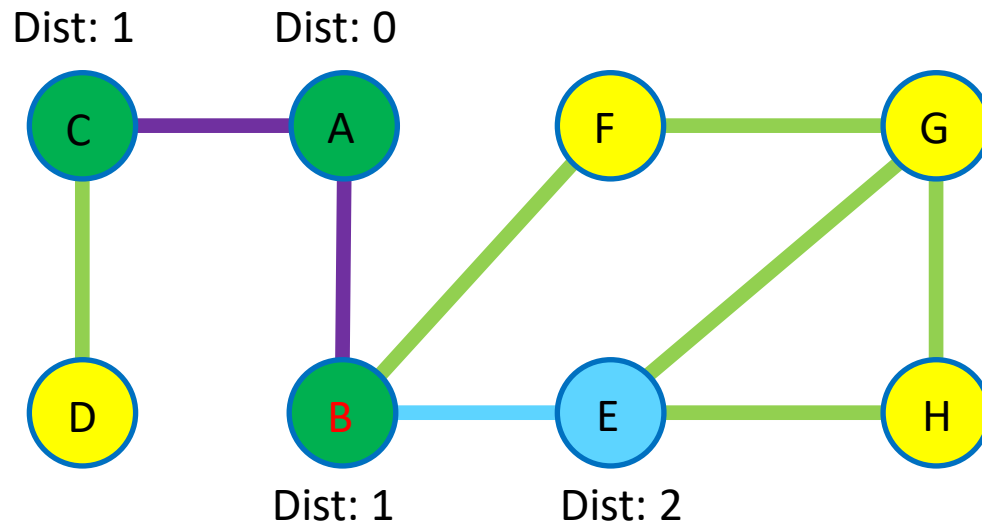
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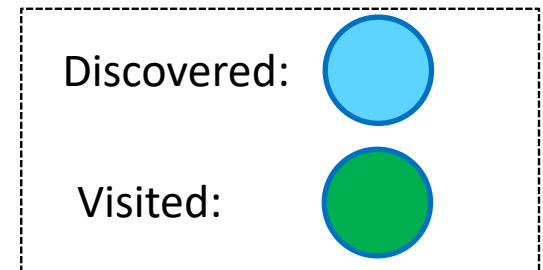
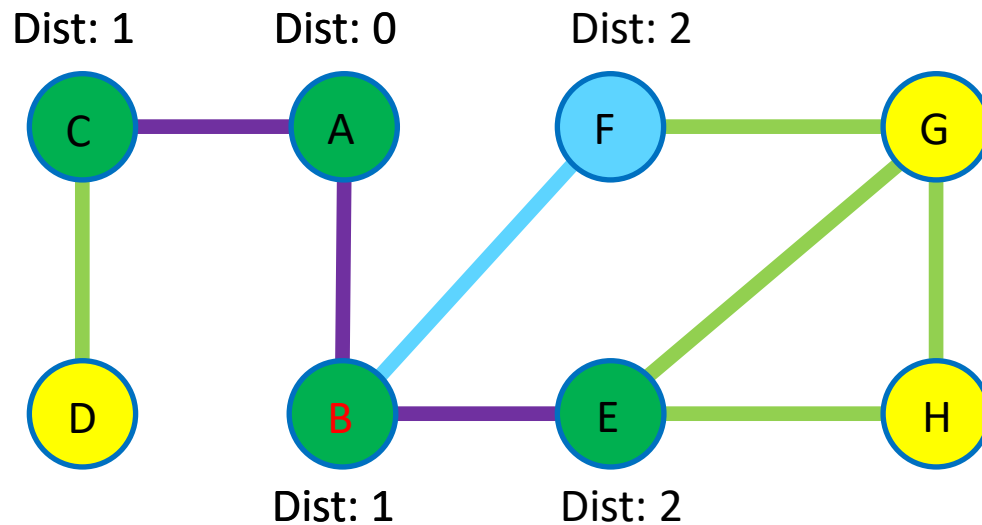
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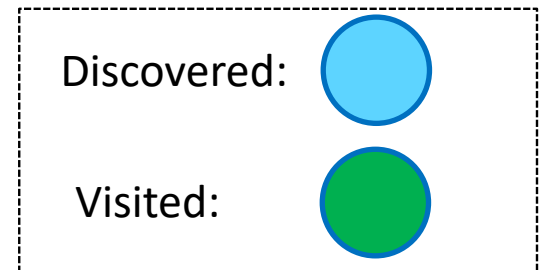
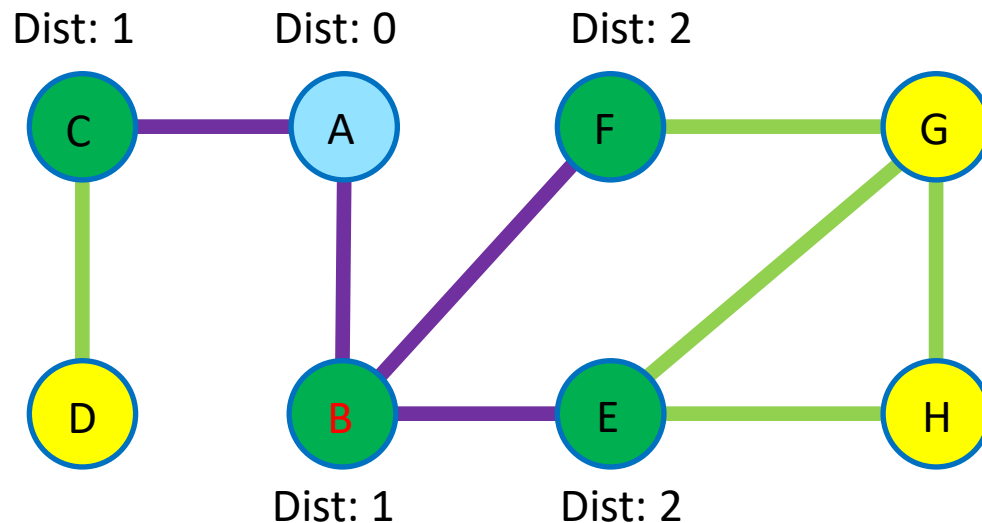
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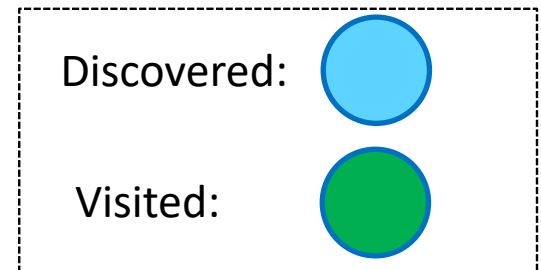
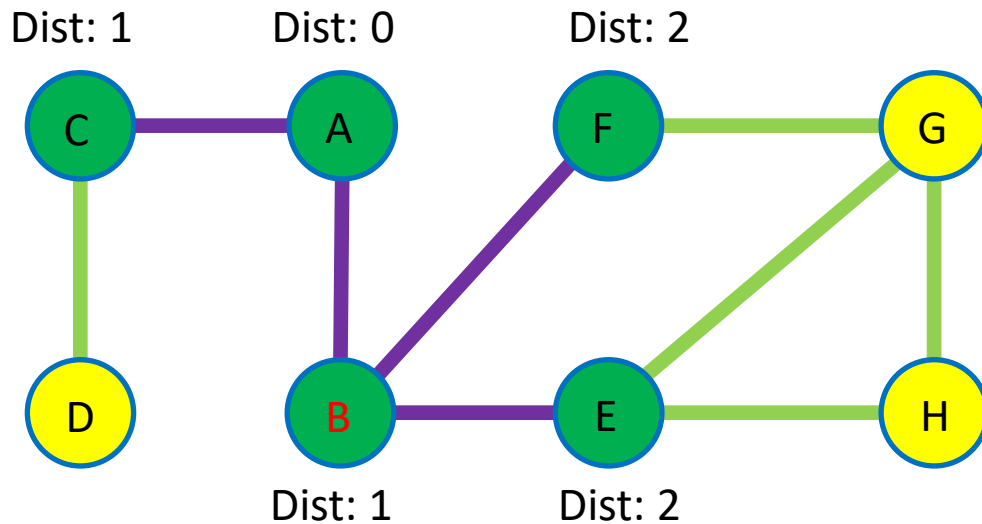
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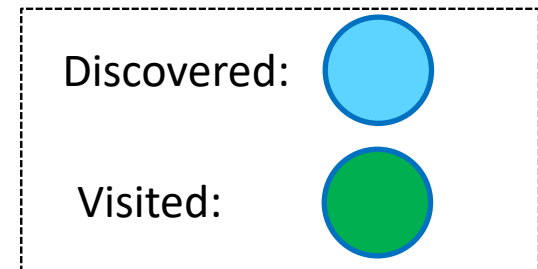
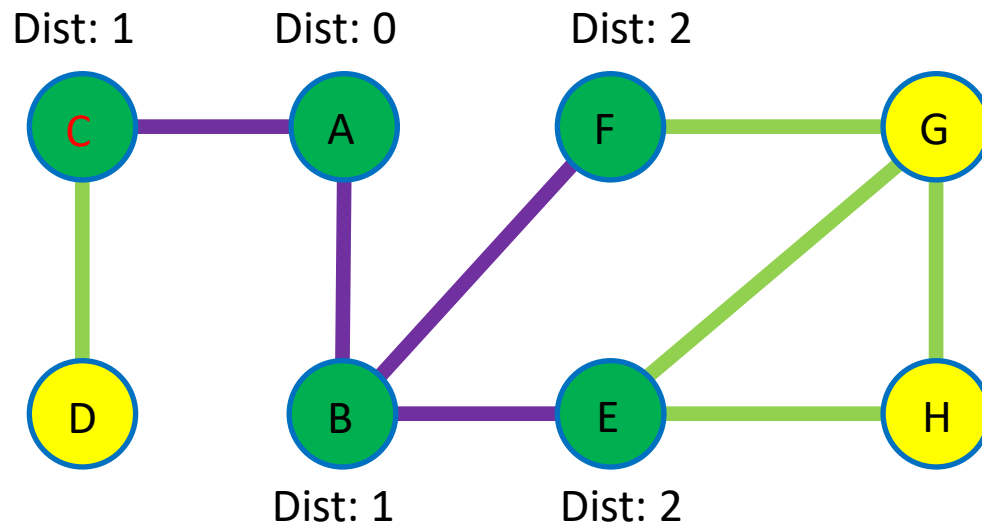
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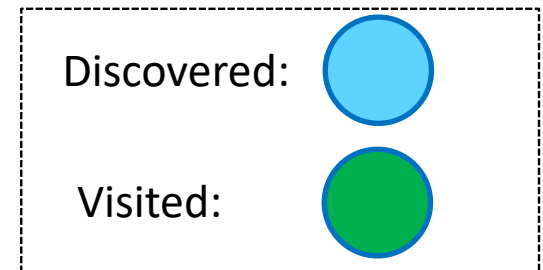
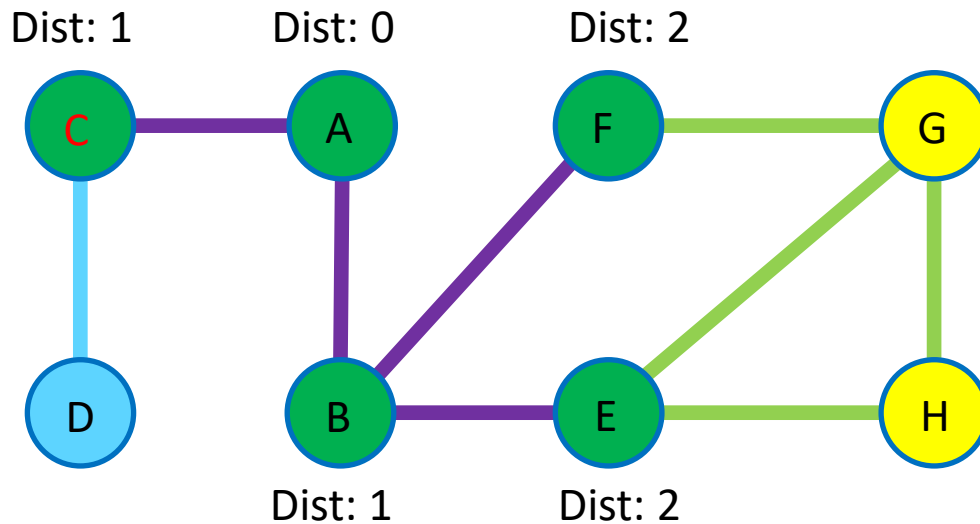
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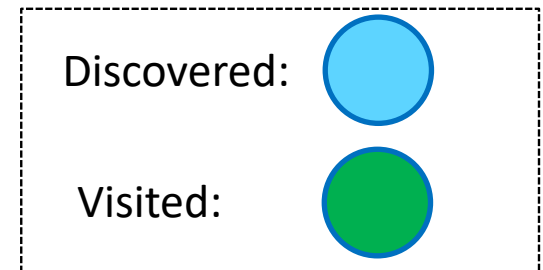
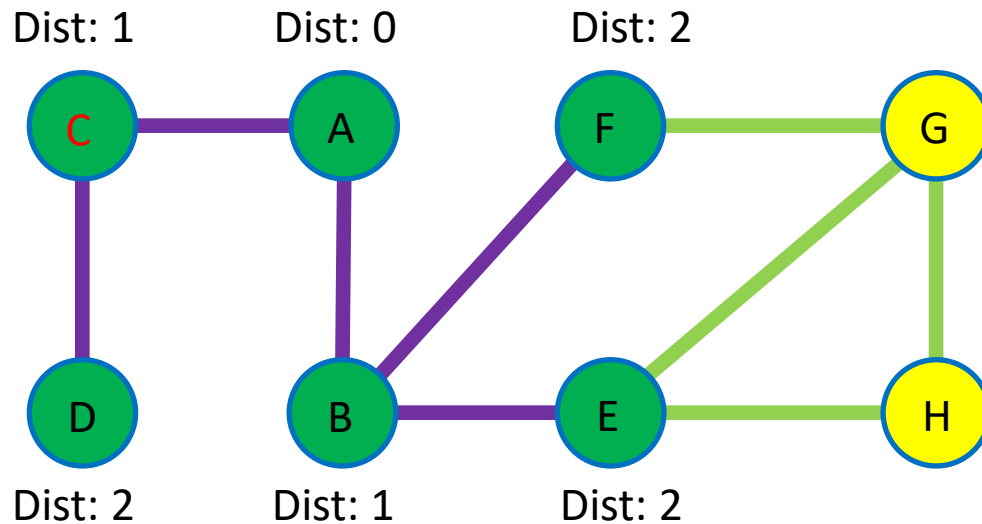
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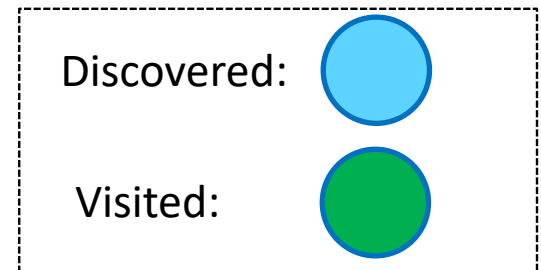
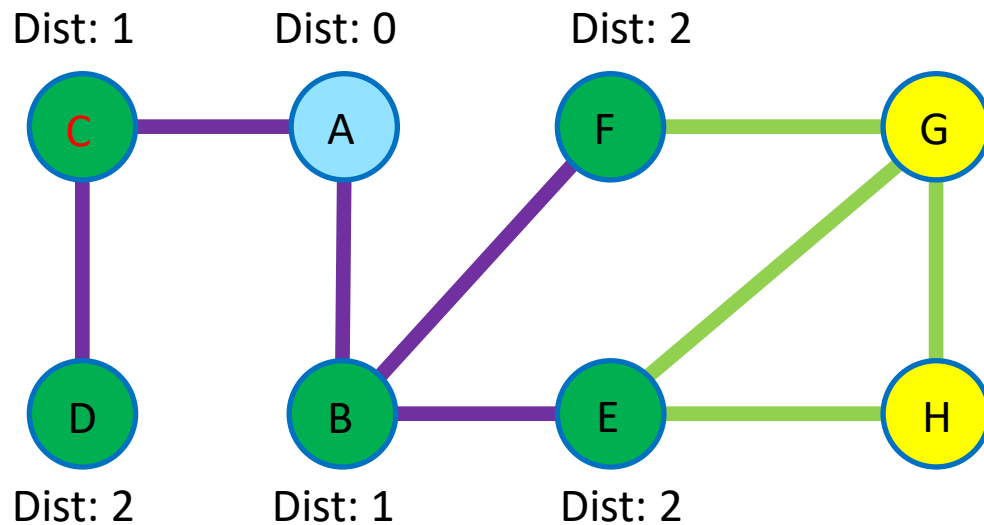
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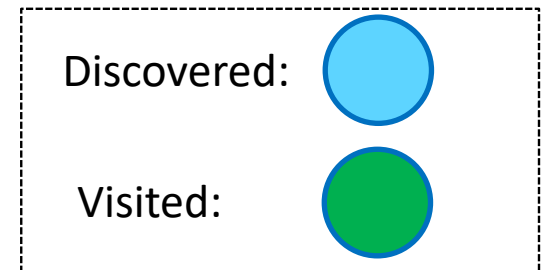
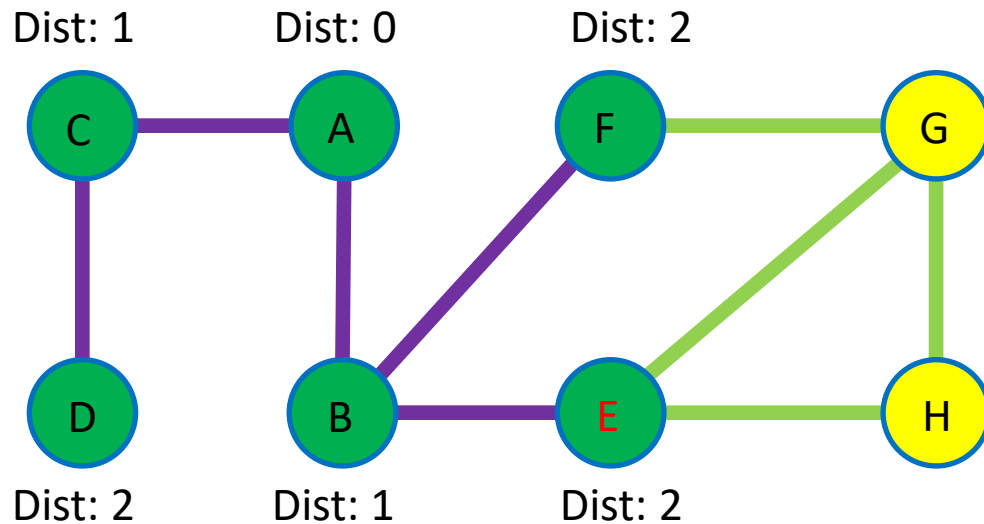
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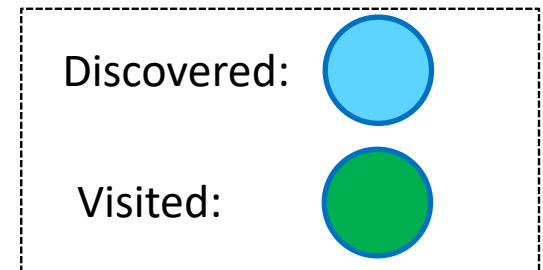
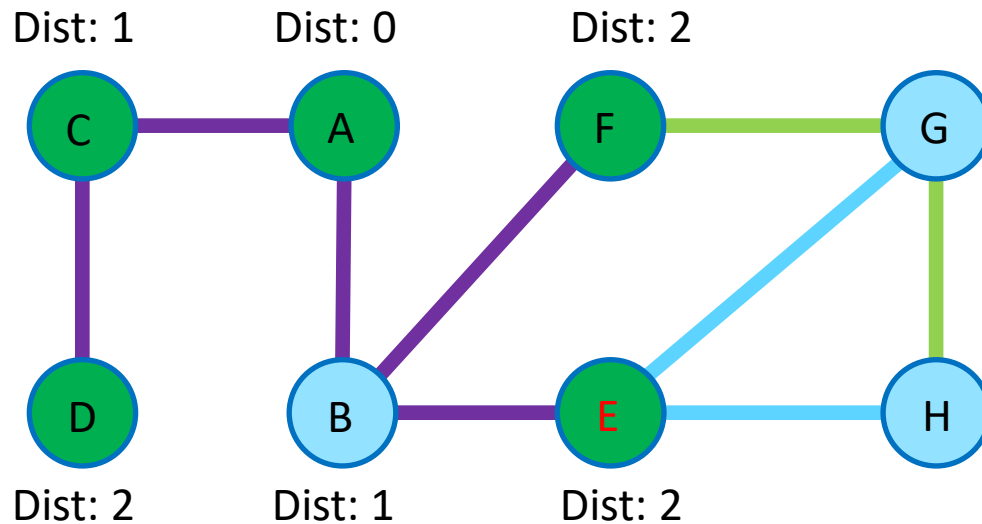
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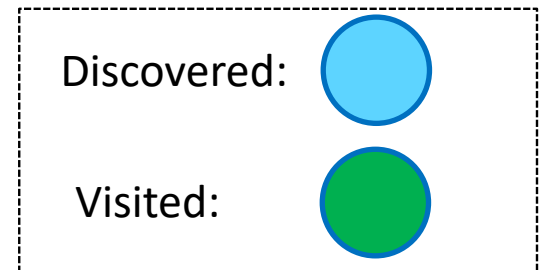
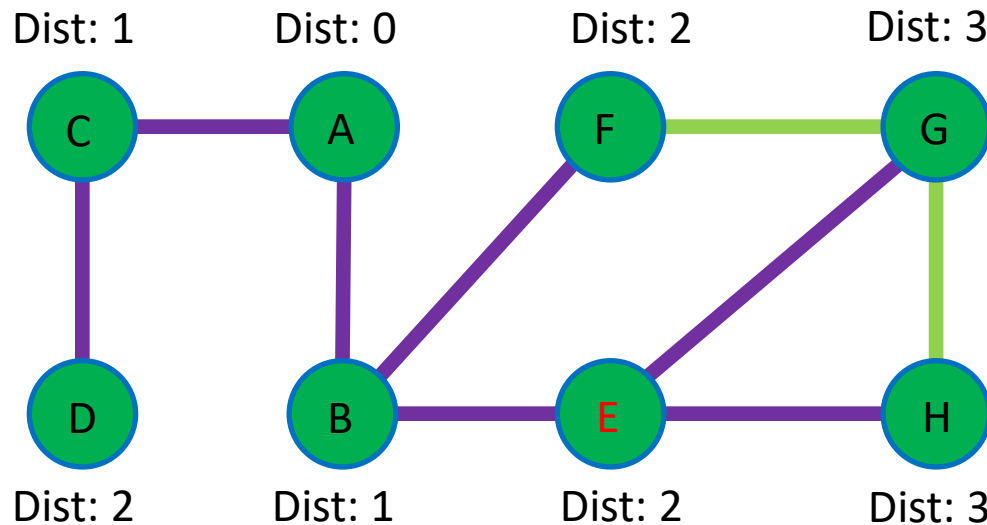
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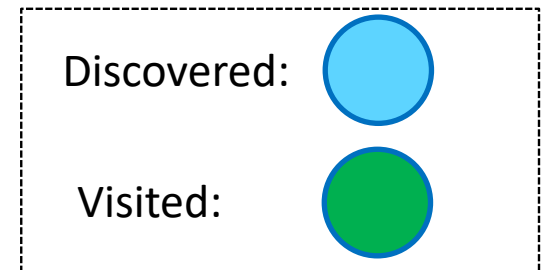
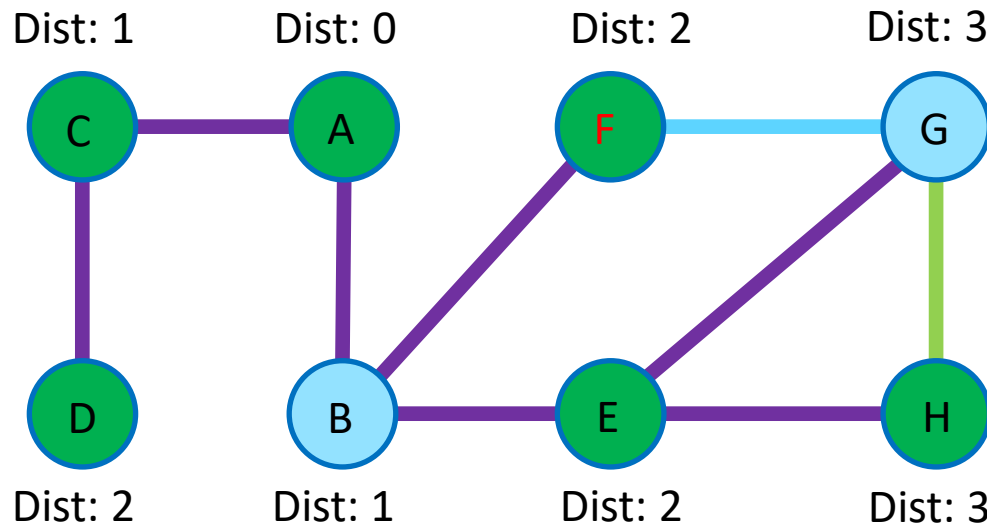
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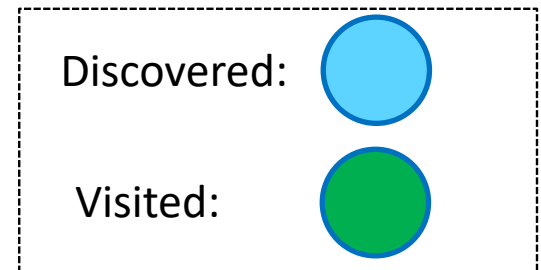
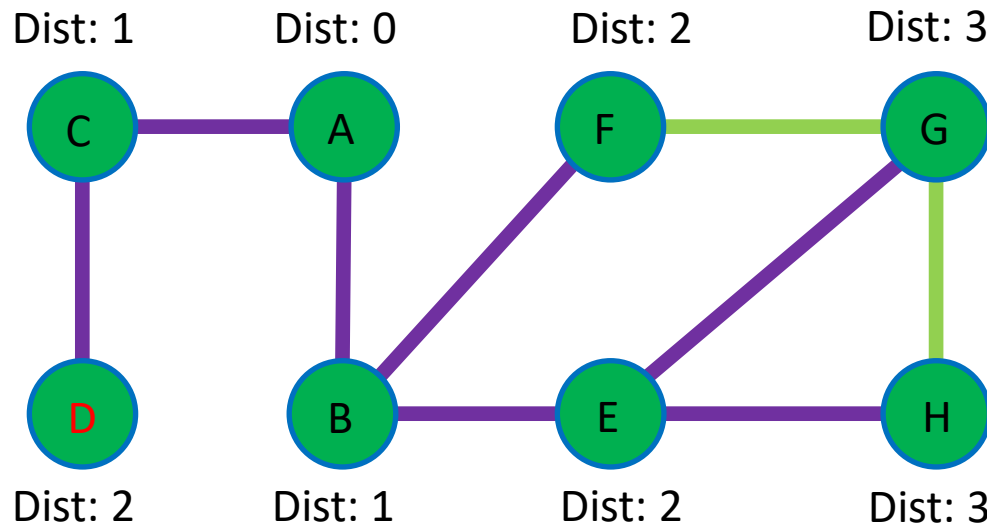
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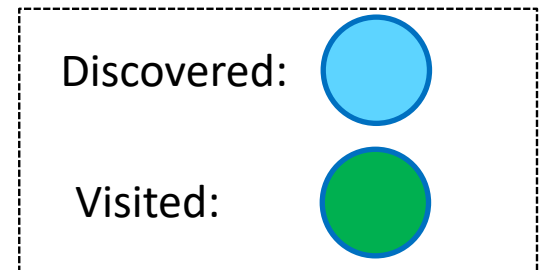
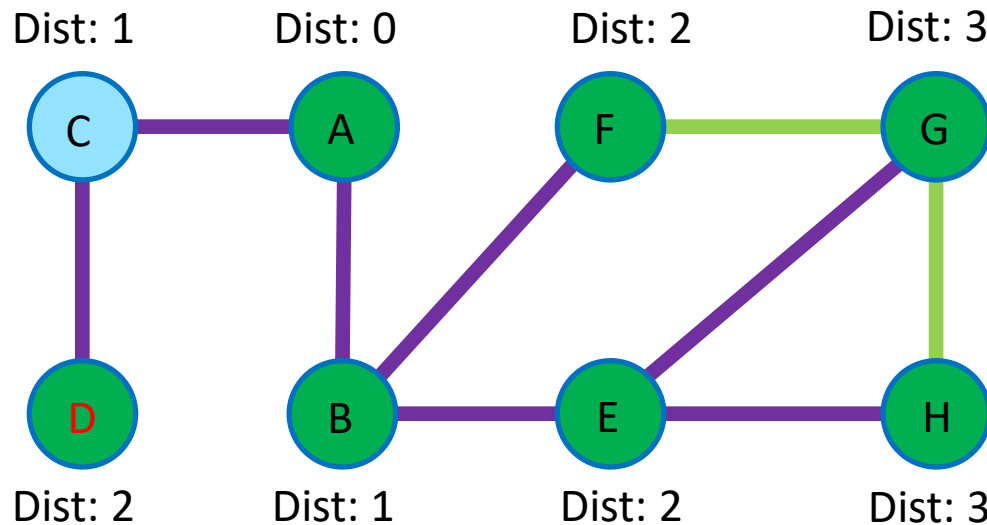
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H

Visited:

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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



Current:

D

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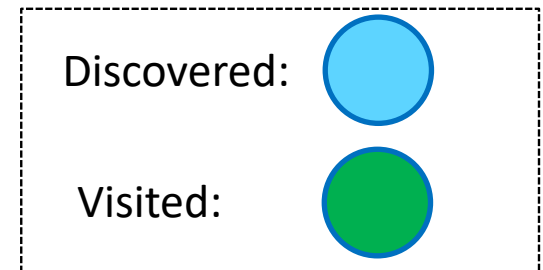
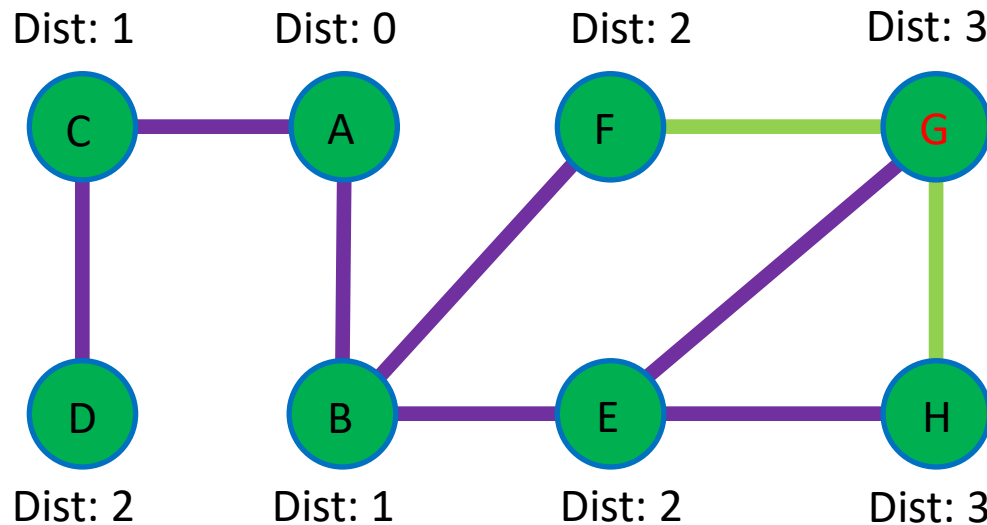
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Visited:

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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



Current:

G

Queue:

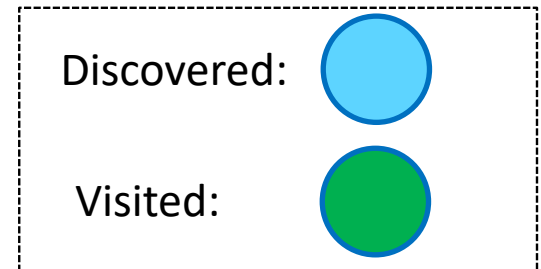
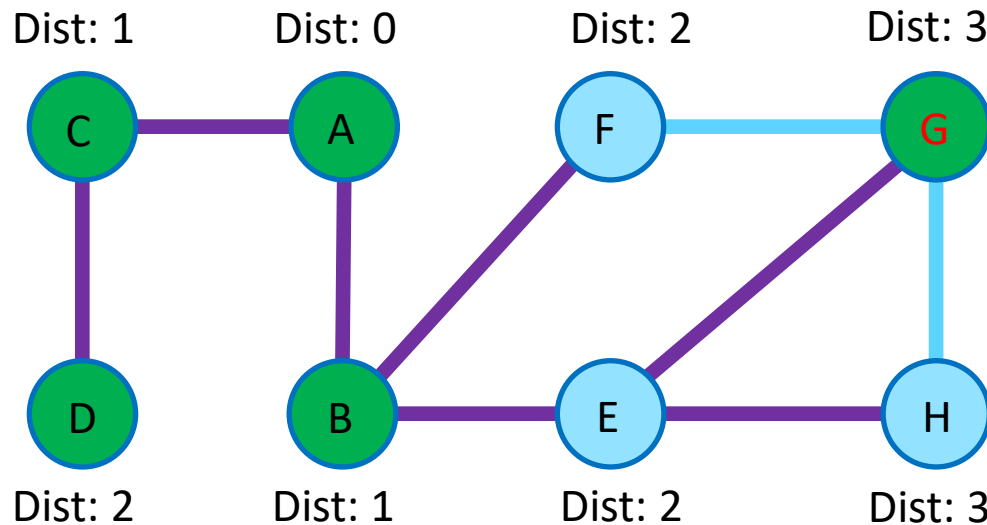
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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



Current:

G

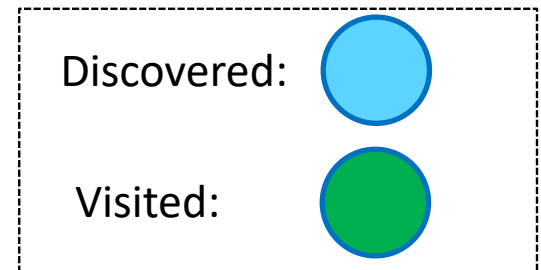
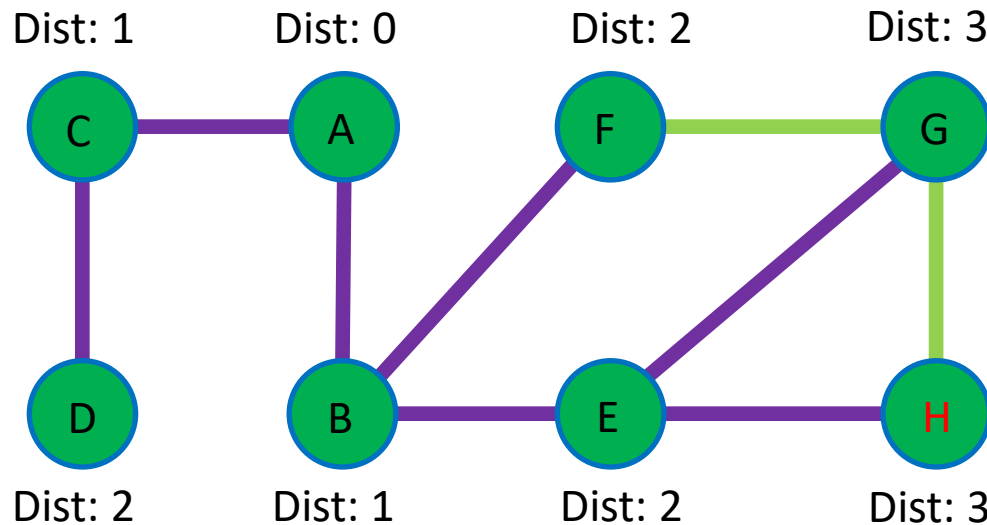
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Visited:

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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



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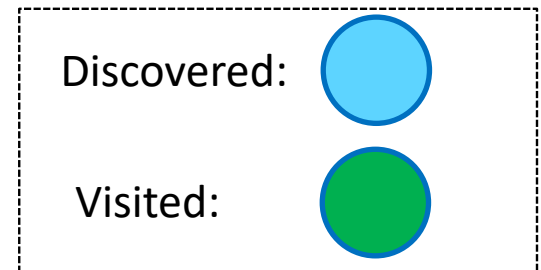
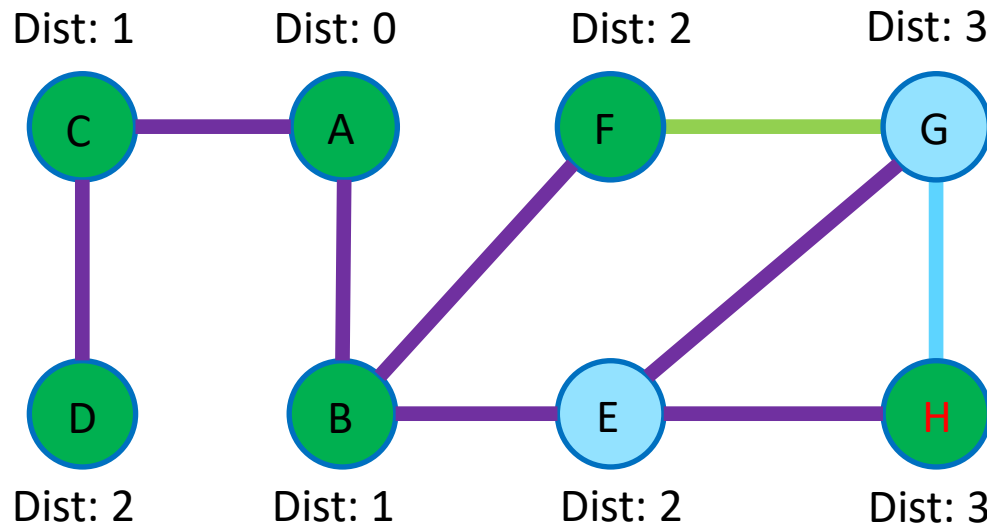
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Queue:

Visited:

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# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



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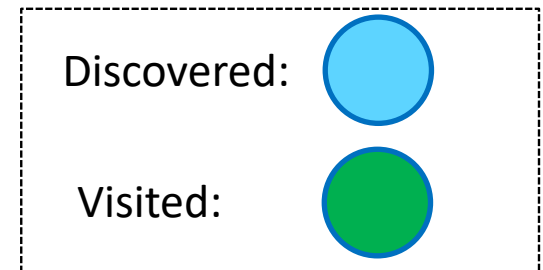
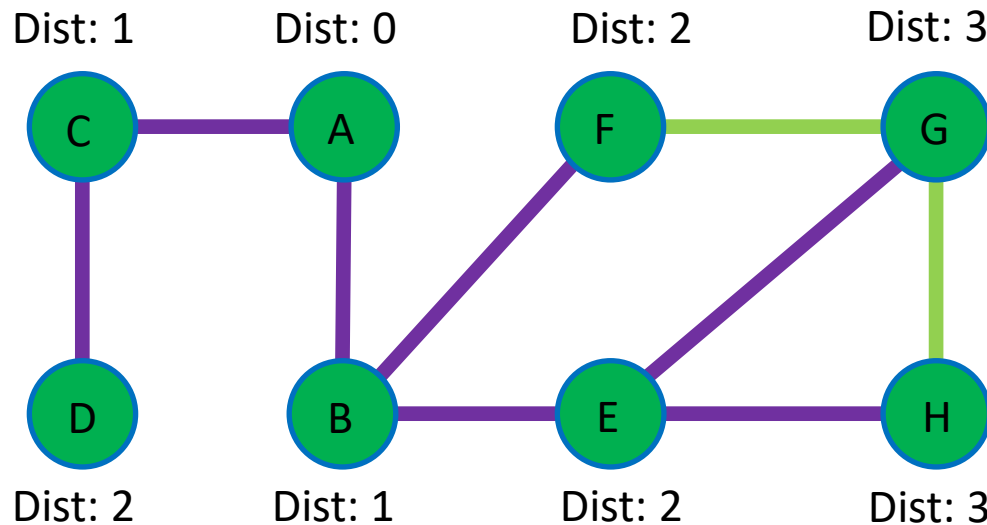
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Queue:

Visited:

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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

# BFS shortest path (now with good data structures)



Current:

Queue:

Visited:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

# Unweighted shortest paths

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**Algorithm 56** Single-source shortest paths in an unweighted graph

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1: function BFS( $G = (V, E)$ ,  $s$ )
2:    $dist[1..n] = \infty$ 
3:    $pred[1..n] = \mathbf{null}$ 
4:    $queue = \mathbf{Queue}()$ 
5:    $queue.push(s)$ 
6:    $dist[s] = 0$ 
7:   while  $queue$  is not empty do
8:      $u = queue.pop()$ 
9:     for each vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  do
10:      if  $dist[v] = \infty$  then
11:         $dist[v] = dist[u] + 1$ 
12:         $pred[v] = u$ 
13:         $queue.push(v)$ 
```

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- Note that distances are stored in an  $O(1)$  lookup structure.
- Distances are set by lookup at the distance of the current vertex and adding 1.
- Path from  $s$  to  $v$  can be found by backtracking from  $v$  to  $s$  using the array  $pred$ .
- Complexity is the same as regular BFS,  $O(V+E)$ .

# Outline

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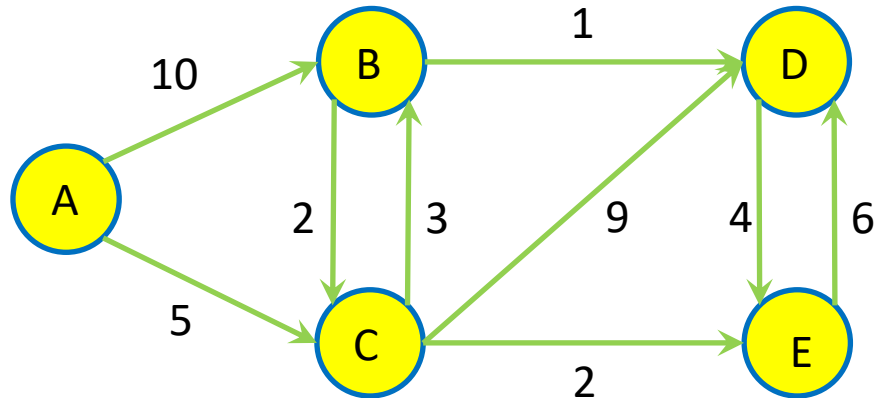
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Name	Time	Average	Space	Memory	Stable
Bubble sort	$n^3$	$n^2$	$n^2$	1	Yes
Selection sort	$n^2$	$n^2$	$n^2$	1	No
Insertion sort	$n^3$	$n^2$	$n^2$	1	Yes
Merge sort	$n \log n$	$n \log n$	$n \log n$	worst case $n^2$	Yes
Quick sort	---	---	$n \log n$	1	Yes
Heap sort	$n \log n$	$n \log n$	$n^2$	log in an average, worst case $n^2$	not stable

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

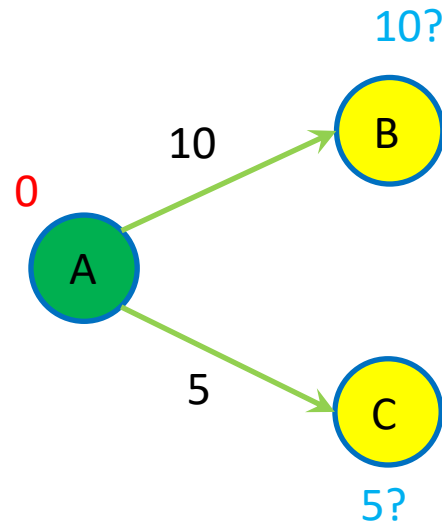
- Algorithm for solving the single source, all targets shortest path problem on graphs with non-negative weights. Closely related to BFS.
- It keeps track of a set  $S$  of nodes whose distance to the source has already been determined.
- Initially  $S$  only contains the source node, and it grows by one element at a time until containing all nodes that are reachable from the source node.
- At each iteration, from all nodes that are one edge away from  $S$ , add to  $S$  the node  $u$  that has the smallest distance to the source.
- By doing so, the overall effect is that the nodes will be added to  $S$  in increasing order of distance to the source (as we will see soon).

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

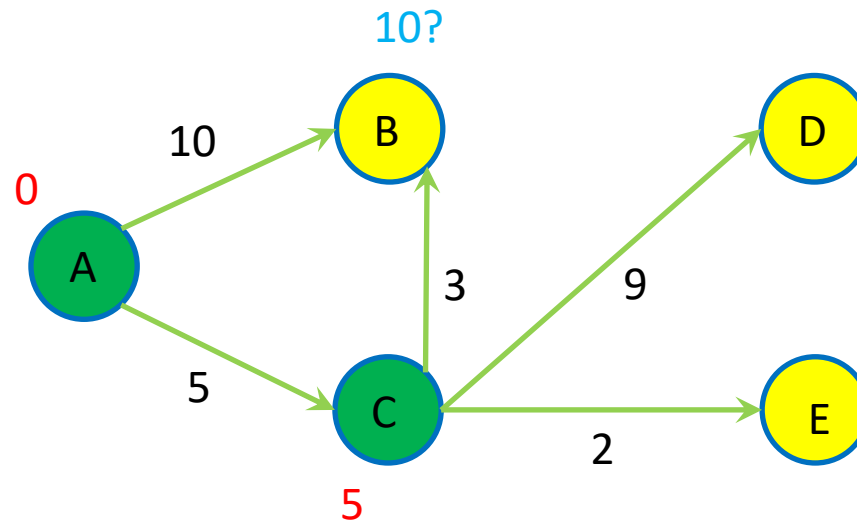




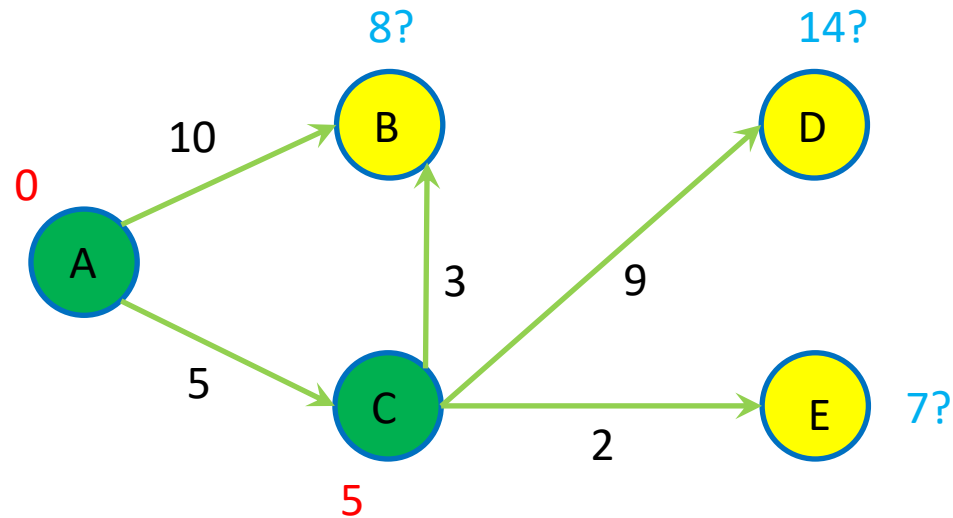
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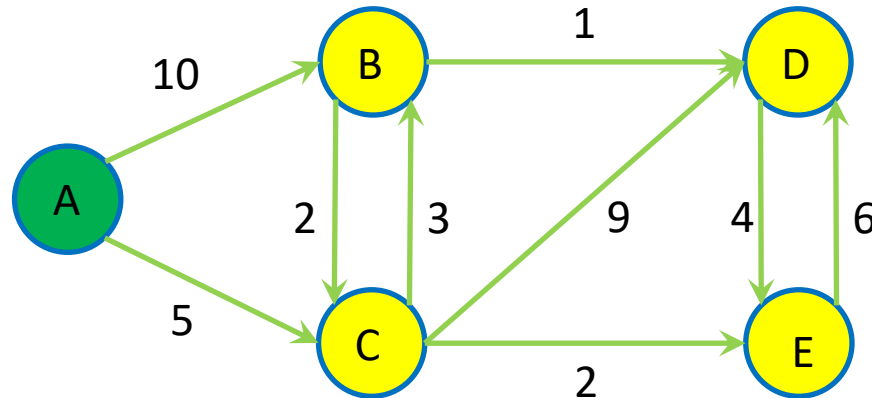


# Dijkstra's Algorithm



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u:



Q:

A	B	C	D	E
0	Inf	Inf	Inf	Inf

Q is a priority queue, where priority is based on distance

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	-	-	-	-

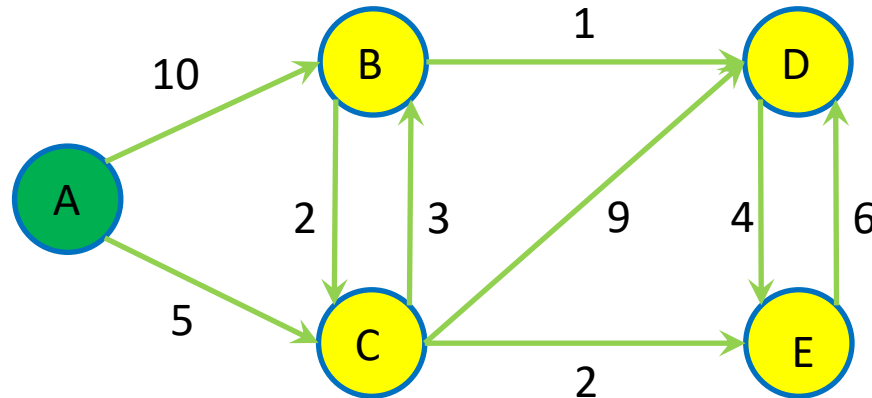
Pred and Dist are the usual ID-indexed arrays

Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	Inf	Inf	Inf	Inf

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: A



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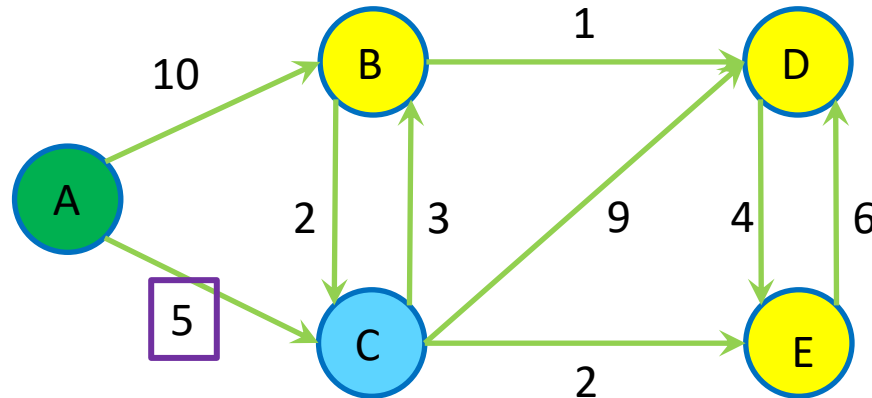
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# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: A



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Pred:

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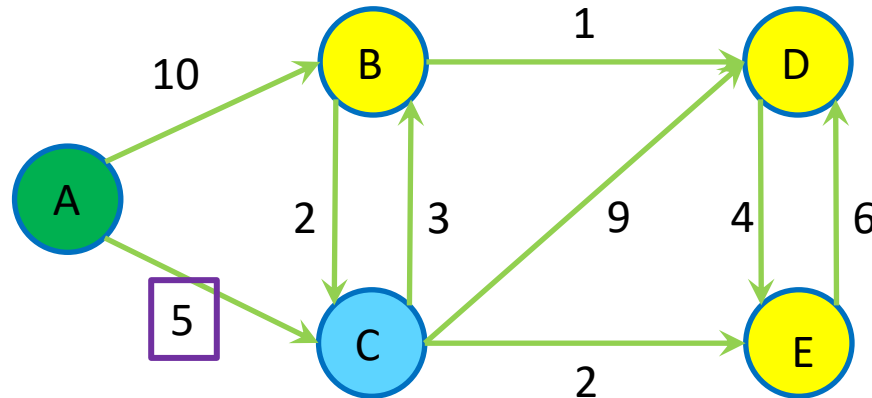
A	B	C	D	E
0	Inf	Inf	Inf	Inf

For each neighbour  $v$  of  $u$ , relax along that edge

- If  $\text{dist}[u] + w(u,v) < \text{dist}[v]$
- Update  $\text{dist}[v]$
- Set  $\text{pred}[v] = u$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: A



Q:

B	C	D	E
Inf	Inf	Inf	Inf

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	-	-	-	-

Dist:

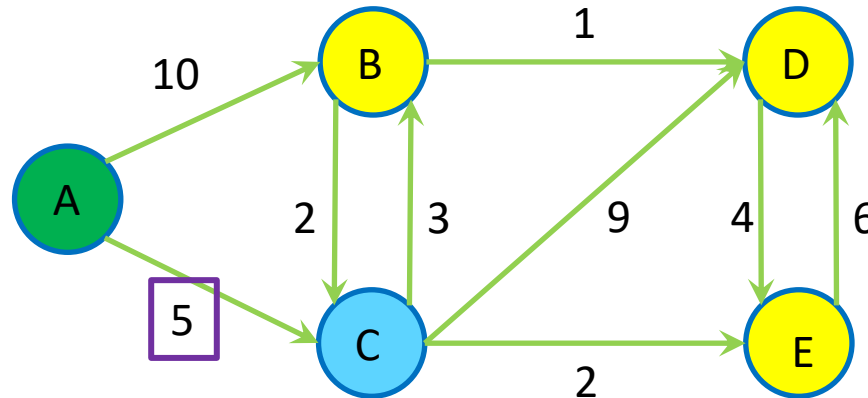
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- If  $\text{dist}[u] + w(u,v) < \text{dist}[v]$
- Update  $\text{dist}[v]$
- Set  $\text{pred}[v] = u$
- $0 + 5 < \text{Inf}$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: A



Q:

C	B	D	E
5	Inf	Inf	Inf

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	-	A	-	-

Dist:

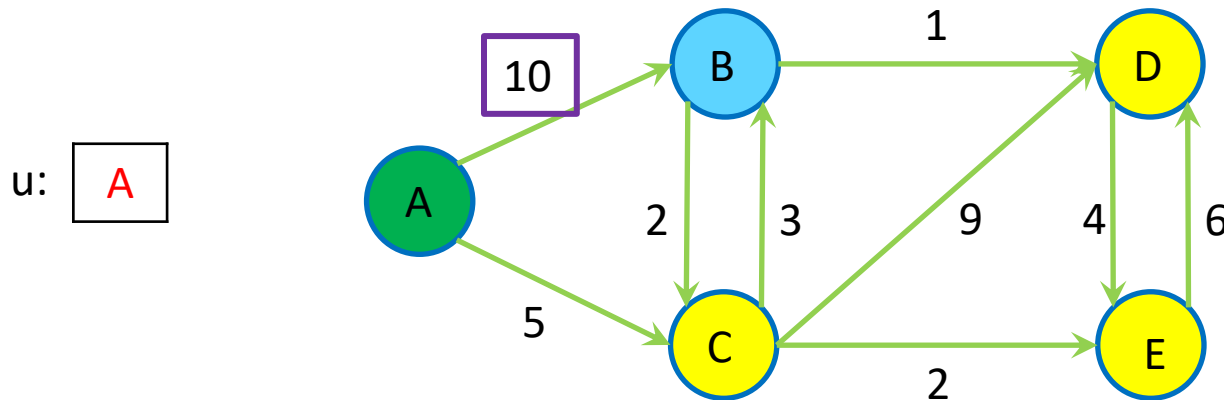
A	B	C	D	E
0	Inf	5	Inf	Inf

For each neighbour  $v$  of  $u$ , relax along that edge

- If  $\text{dist}[u] + w(u,v) < \text{dist}[v]$
- Update  $\text{dist}[v]$
- Set  $\text{pred}[v] = u$
- $0 + 5 < \text{Inf}$
- Set  $\text{dist}[C] = 5$
- Set  $\text{pred}[C] = A$
- Note that this changes the order of Q



# Dijkstra's Algorithm



Q:

	C	B	D	E
	5	10	Inf	Inf

Doing the same for B

- $0 + 10 < \text{Inf}$
- $\text{Dist}[B] = 10$

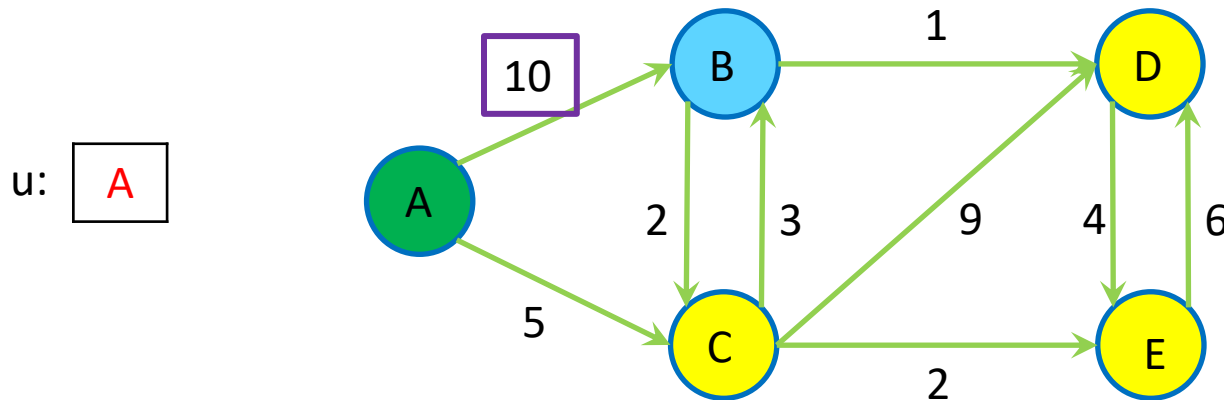
Pred:

	A	B	C	D	E
	-	-	A	-	-

Dist:

	A	B	C	D	E
	0	10	5	Inf	Inf

# Dijkstra's Algorithm



Q:

C	B	D	E
5	10	Inf	Inf

Doing the same for B

- $0 + 10 < \text{Inf}$
- $\text{Dist}[B] = 10$
- $\text{Pred}[B] = A$

Pred:

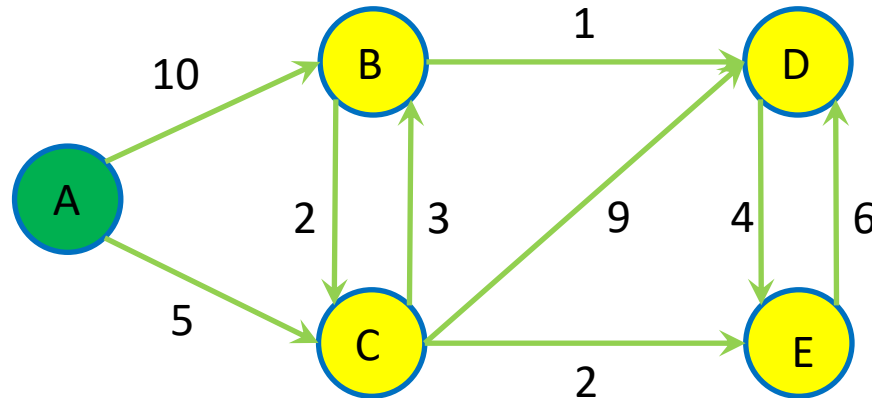
A	B	C	D	E
-	A	A	-	-

Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	10	5	Inf	Inf

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: A



Q:

C	B	D	E
5	10	Inf	Inf

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	A	A	-	-

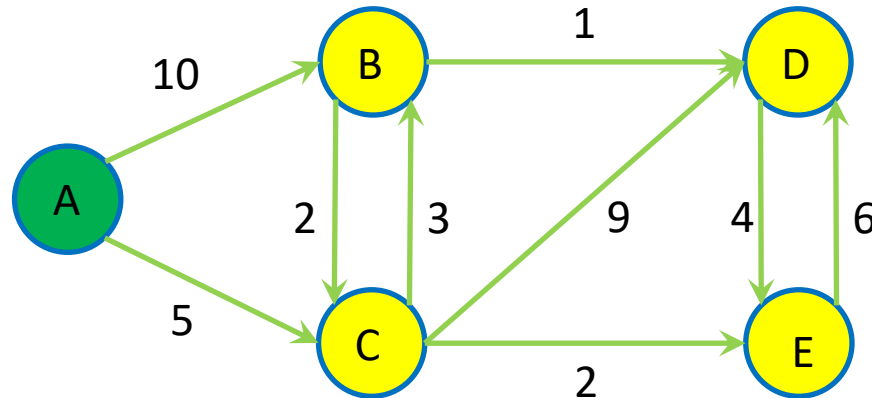
Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	10	5	Inf	Inf

- Finished with A, so pop from Q
- Notice that this will always be the vertex with the smallest dist

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

B	D	E
10	Inf	Inf

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	A	A	-	-

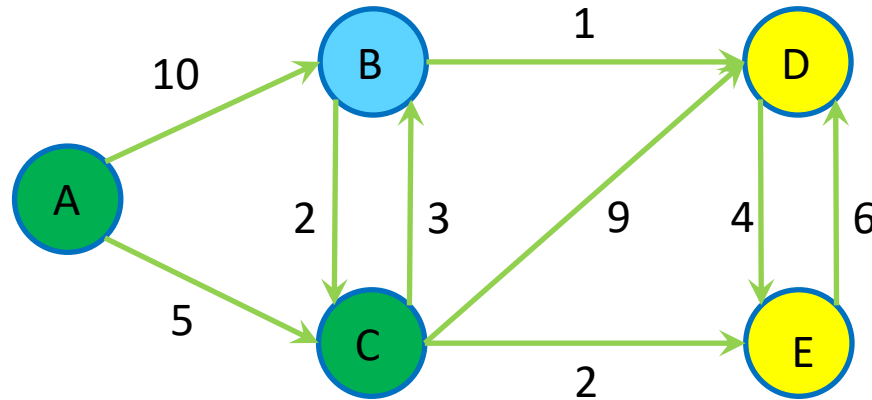
Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	10	5	Inf	Inf

- Finished with A, so pop from Q
- Notice that this will always be the vertex with the smallest dist
- The dist of this vertex is now finalised

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

B	D	E
10	Inf	Inf

- Relax B from C
- $\text{Dist}[C] + w(C, B) = 5 + 3 < 10$

Pred:

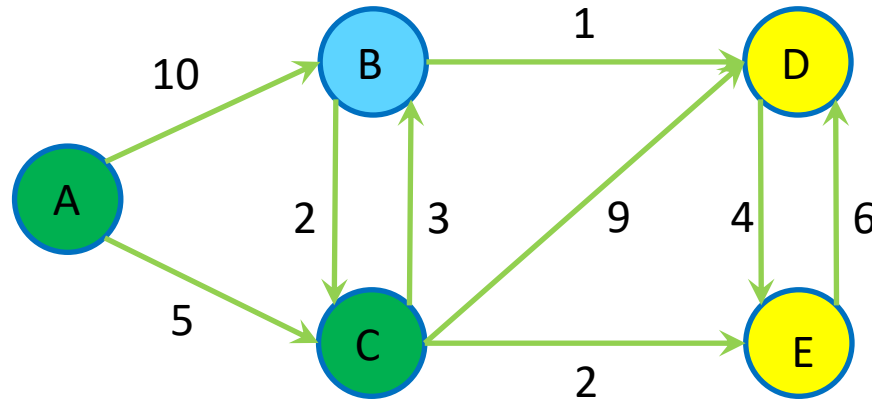
A	B	C	D	E
-	A	A	-	-

Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	10	5	Inf	Inf

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
8	Inf	Inf

Pred:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
-	C	A	-	-

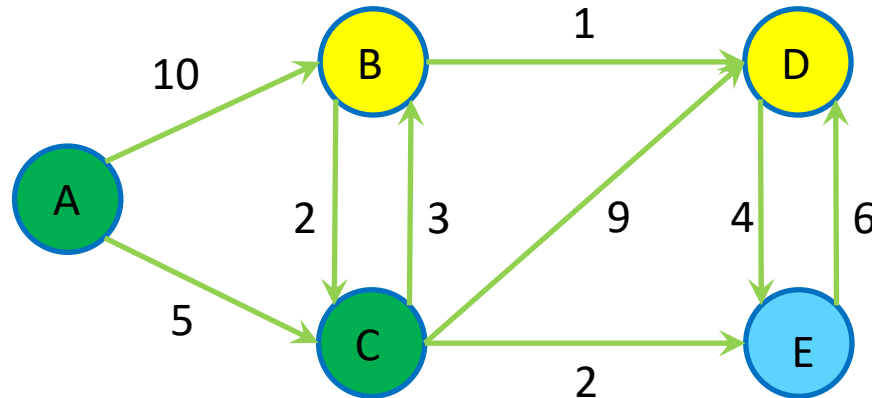
Dist:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
0	8	5	Inf	Inf

- Relax B from C
- $\text{Dist}[C] + w(C, B) = 5 + 3 < 10$
- $\text{Dist}[B] = 8$
- $\text{Pred}[B] = C$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
8	Inf	Inf

- Relax E from C
- $\text{Dist}[C] + w(C, E) = 5 + 2 < \text{Inf}$

Pred:

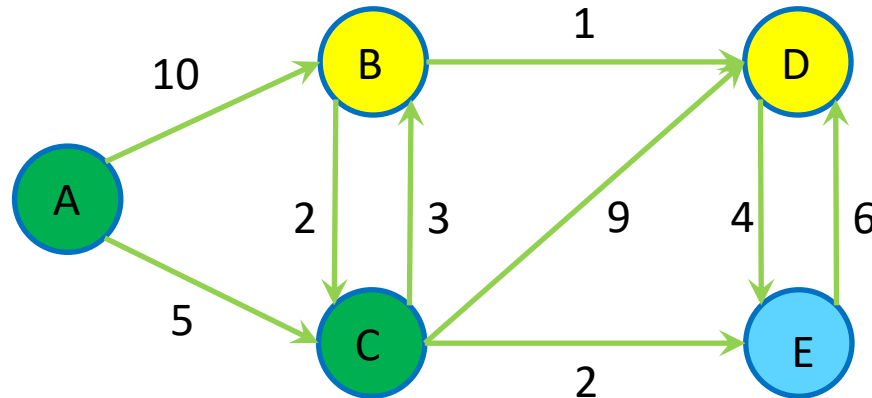
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-	C	A	-	-

Dist:

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0	8	5	Inf	Inf

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

<b>E</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
7	8	Inf

Pred:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
-	C	A	-	C

Dist:

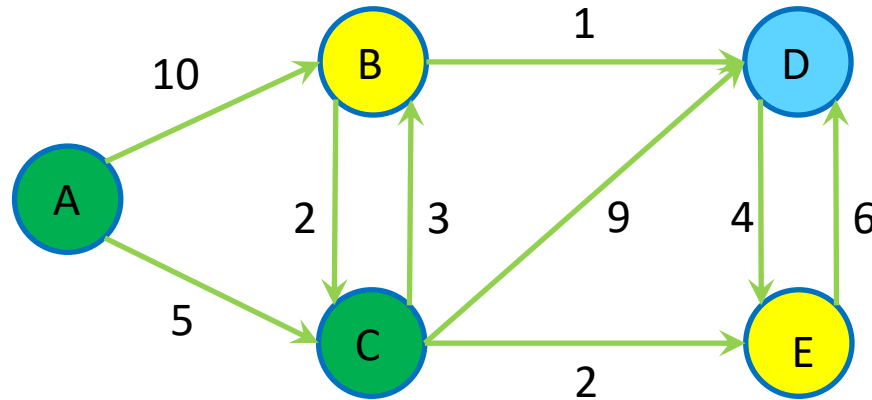
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
0	8	5	Inf	7

- Relax E from C
- $\text{Dist}[C] + w(C, E) = 5 + 2 < \text{Inf}$
- $\text{Dist}[E] = 7$
- $\text{Pred}[E] = C$



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

<b>E</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
7	8	Inf

- Relax D from C
- $\text{Dist}[D] + w(C, D) = 5 + 9 < \text{Inf}$

Pred:

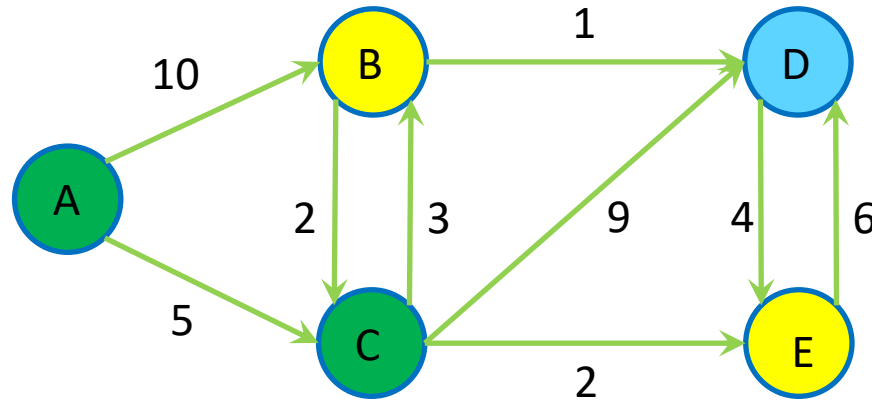
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-	C	A	-	C

Dist:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
0	8	5	Inf	7

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

E	B	D
7	8	14

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	C	A	C	C

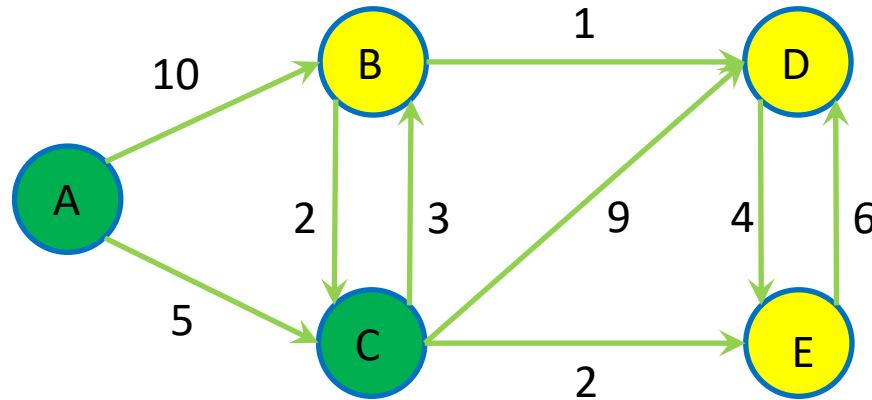
Dist:

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0	8	5	14	7

- Relax D from C
- $\text{Dist}[D] + w(C, D) = 5 + 9 < \text{Inf}$
- $\text{Dist}[D] = 14$
- $\text{Pred}[D] = C$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: C



Q:

E	B	D
7	8	14

Pred:

A	B	C	D	E
-	C	A	C	C

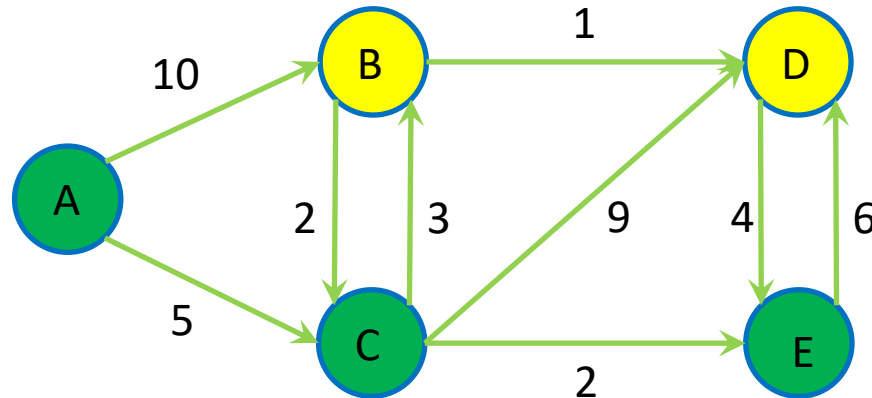
Dist:

A	B	C	D	E
0	8	5	14	7

- Done with C
- Pop another vertex from Q and finalise it

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: E



Q:

<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
8	14

Pred:

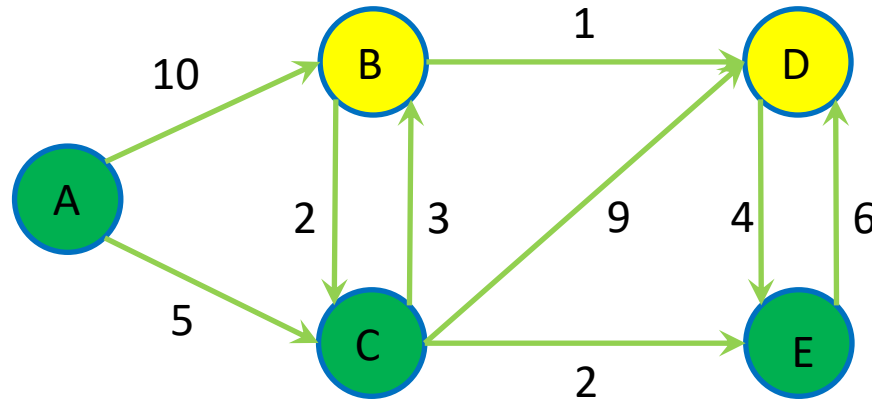
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-	C	A	C	C

Dist:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
0	8	5	14	7

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: E



Q:

<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
8	14

- Relax from E
- $\text{Dist}[E] + w(E, D) = 7 + 6 < 14 = \text{Dist}[D]$

Pred:

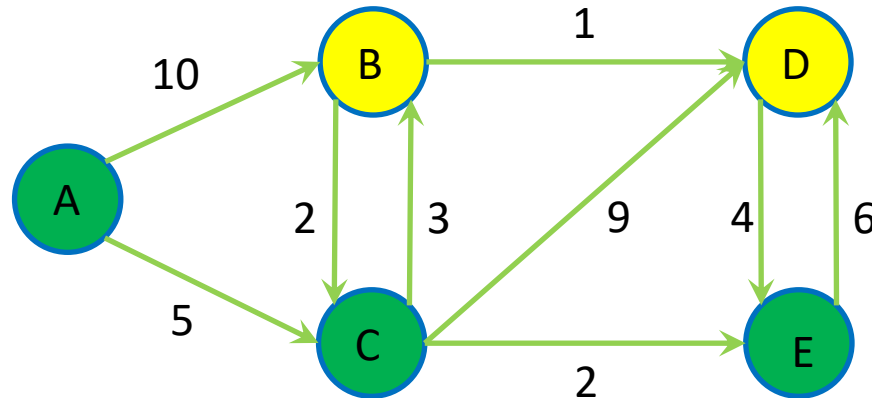
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-	C	A	C	C

Dist:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
0	8	5	14	7

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: E



Q:

<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>
8	13

Pred:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
-	C	A	E	C

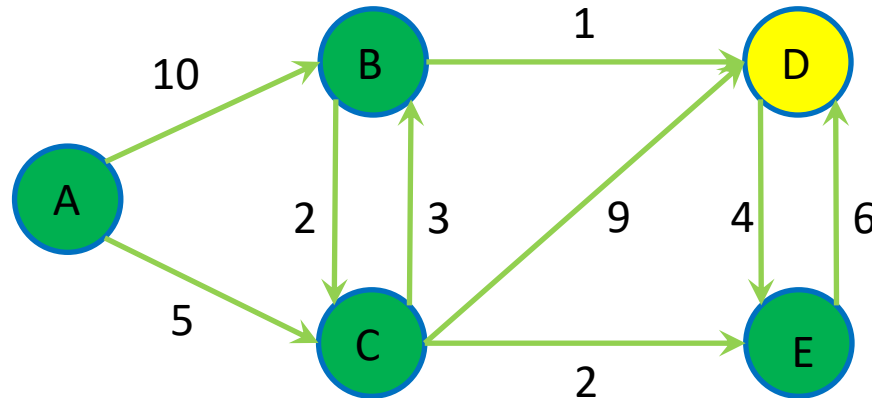
Dist:

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0	8	5	13	7

- Relax from E
- $\text{Dist}[E] + w(E, D) = 7 + 6 < 14 = \text{Dist}[D]$
- $\text{Dist}[D] = 13$
- $\text{Pred}[D] = D$
- Done with E
- Pop B

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: B



Q:

<b>D</b>
<b>13</b>

- Relax from B
- $\text{Dist}[B] + w(B, D) = 8 + 1 = 9 < 13 = \text{Dist}[D]$

Pred:

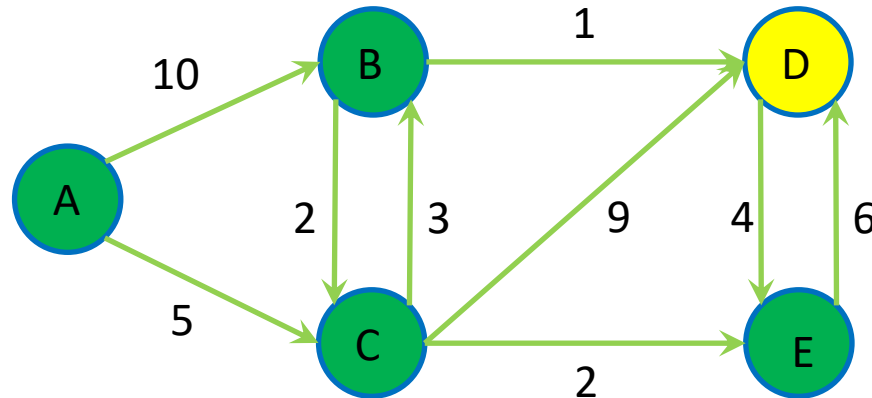
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Dist:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: B



Q:

<b>D</b>
9

Pred:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
-	C	A	B	C

Dist:

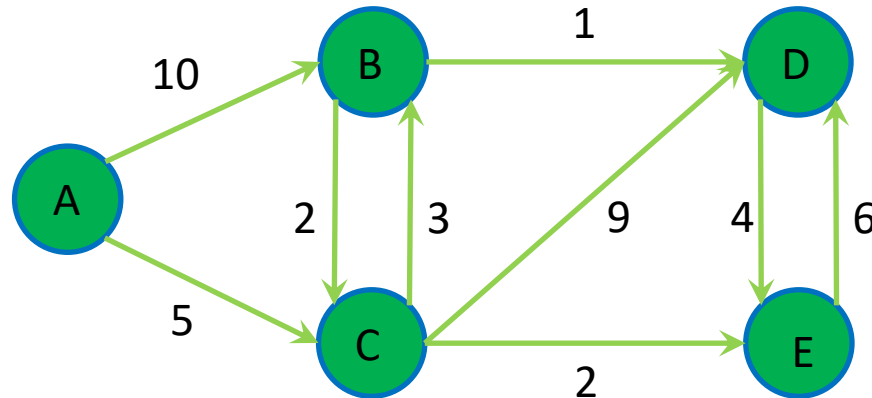
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0	8	5	9	7

- Relax from B
- $\text{Dist}[B] + w(B, D) = 8 + 1 = 9 < 13 = \text{Dist}[D]$
- $\text{Dist}[D] = 9$
- $\text{Pred}[D] = B$
- Done with B
- Pop D



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: D



- No neighbours to relax
- Done!

Q:

Pred:

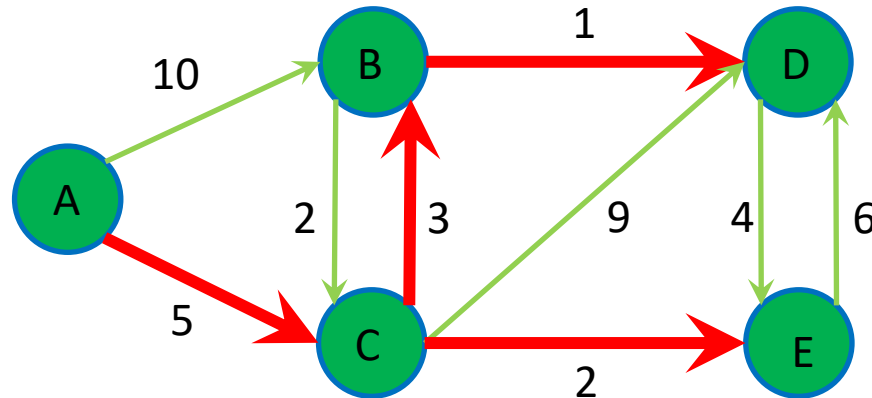
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Dist:

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# Dijkstra's Algorithm

u: D



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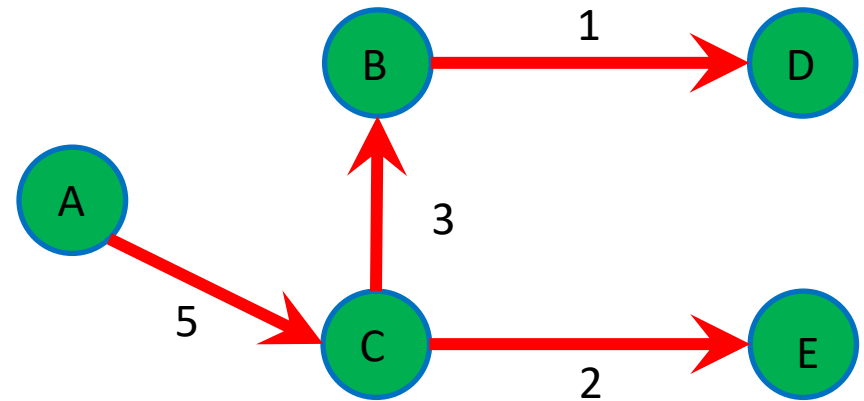
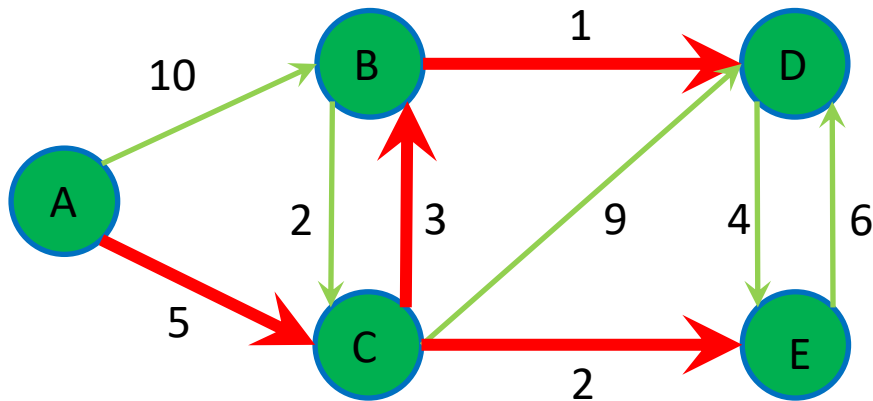
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# Dijkstra's Algorithm



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# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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**Algorithm 61** Dijkstra's algorithm

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6:   while  $Q$  is not empty do
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8:     for each edge  $e$  that is adjacent to  $u$  do
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- Relaxation is  $O(1)$  since we can find distances and compare them in  $O(1)$
- Updating the priority queue: depends on implementation
- While loop executes  $O(V)$  times
  - Find the vertex with smallest distance: depends on priority queue implementation
- Total cost:  $O(E * Q.\text{decrease\_key} + V * Q.\text{extract\_min})$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm using min-heap

## Required additional structure:

- Create an array called **Vertices**.
- **Vertices**[i] will record the **location** of i-th vertex in the min-heap

## Updating the distance of a vertex v in min-heap in $O(\log V)$

- Find the location in the queue (heap) in  $O(1)$  using **Vertices**
- Now do the normal heap-up operation in  $O(\log V)$ 
  - For each swap performed between two vertices x and y during the upHeap
    - ✦ Update **Vertices**[x] and **Vertices**[y] to record their updated **locations** in the min-heap

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- Total cost:  $O(E * \log V + V * \log V)$
- If the graph is connected, minimum value of  $E$  is  $V-1$
- $E$  dominates  $V$
- Total cost  $O(E \log V)$



# Time Complexity of Dijkstra's Algorithm

- $O(E \log V)$
- For dense graphs,  $E \approx V^2$ 
  - $O(E \log V) \rightarrow O(V^2 \log V)$  for dense graphs

Alternative approach that does not require the vertices array (with the same complexity) is described in the notes section 13.4, “Practical considerations: Implementing Dijkstra’s algorithm”

**Dijkstra's using a Fibonacci Heap (not covered in this unit)**

- $O(E + V \log V)$
- For dense graphs,  $E \approx V^2$ 
  - $O(E + V \log V) \rightarrow O(V^2)$  for dense graphs

# Proof of Correctness

**Claim:** For every vertex  $v$  which has been removed from the queue,  $\text{dist}[v]$  is correct

- Notation:
  - $V$  is the set of vertices
  - $Q$  is the set of vertices in the queue
  - $S = V / Q$  = the set of vertices who have been removed from the queue

## Base Case

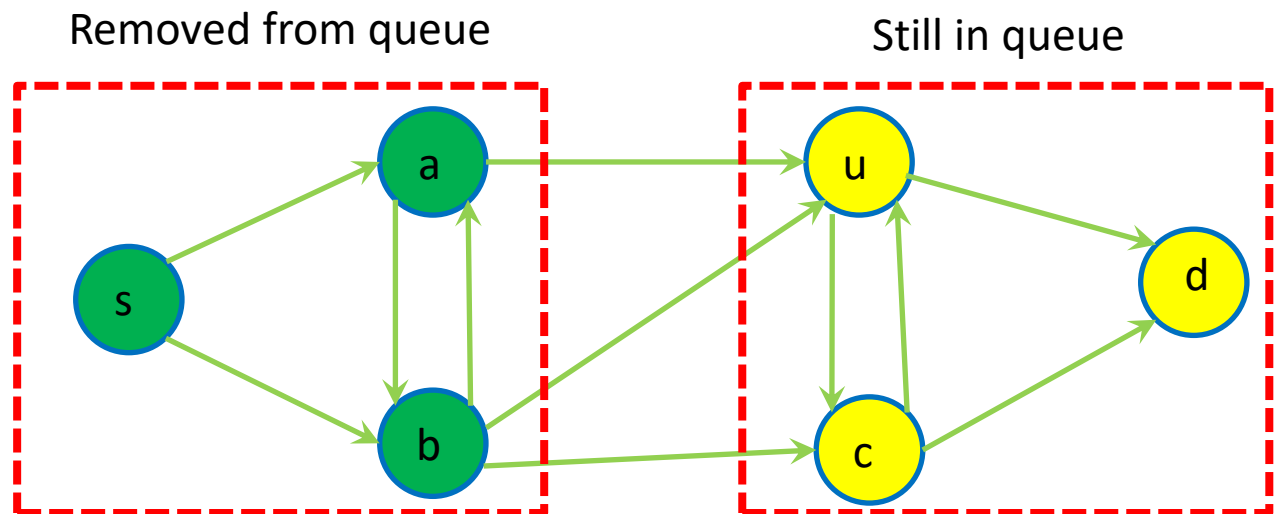
- $\text{dist}[s]$  is initialised to 0, which is the shortest distance from  $s$  to  $s$  (since there are no negative weights)

# Proof of Correctness

**Claim:** For every vertex  $v$  which has been removed from the queue,  $\text{dist}[v]$  is correct

## Inductive Step:

- Assume that the claim holds for all vertices which have been removed from the queue ( $S$ )
- Let  $u$  be the next vertex which is removed from the queue
- We will show that  $\text{dist}[u]$  is correct



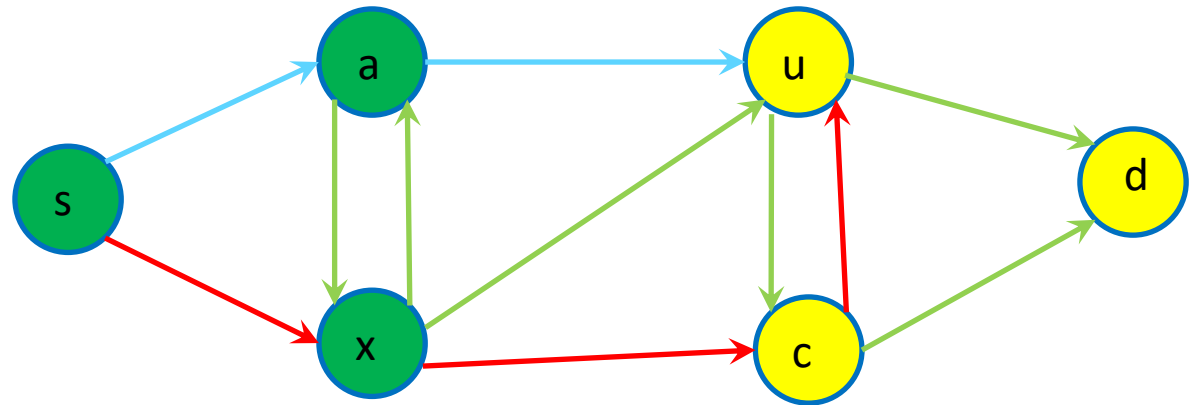
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## Inductive Step:

- Suppose (for contradiction) there is a shortest path  $P$ ,  $s \rightsquigarrow u$  with  $\text{len}(P) < \text{dist}[u]$
- Let  $x$  be the furthest vertex on  $P$  which is in  $S$  (i.e. has been finalised)
- By the inductive hypothesis,  $\text{dist}[x]$  is correct (since it is in  $S$ )

Current path  
Assumed shorter  
path ( $P$ )



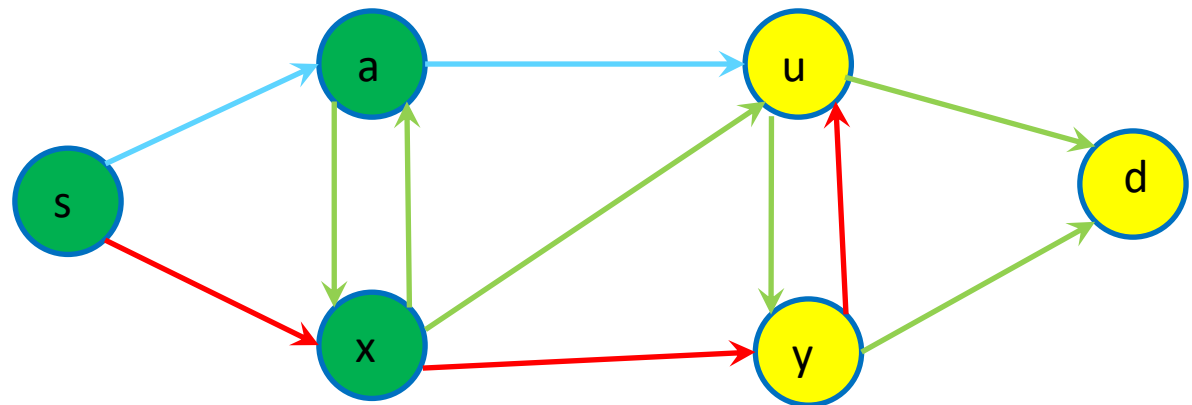
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## Inductive Step:

- By the inductive hypothesis,  $\text{dist}[x]$  is correct (since it is in  $S$ )
- Let  $y$  be the next vertex on  $P$  after  $x$
- $\text{len}(P) < \text{dist}[u]$  (by assumption)
- Edge weights are non-negative
- $\text{len}(s \rightsquigarrow y) \leq \text{len}(P) < \text{dist}[u]$

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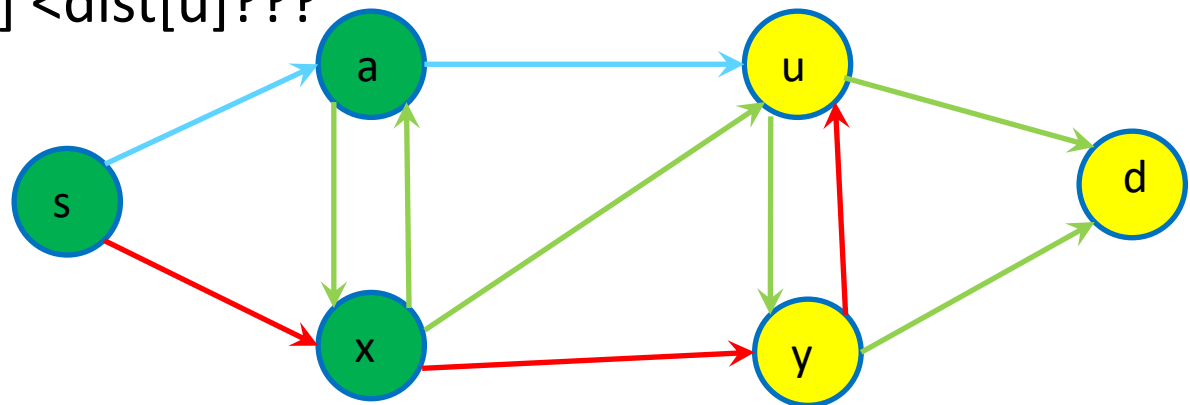
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## Inductive Step:

- $\text{len}(s \rightsquigarrow y) \leq \text{len}(P) < \text{dist}[u]$
- Since we said that  $P$  (via  $x$  and  $y$ ) is a shortest path...
- $\text{dist}[y] = \text{len}(s \rightsquigarrow y) < \text{dist}[u]$
- So  $\text{dist}[y] < \text{dist}[u]$ ...
- If  $y \neq u$ , why didn't  $y$  get removed before  $u$ ???
- If  $y = u$ , how can  $\text{dist}[y] < \text{dist}[u]$ ???

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Assumed shorter  
path ( $P$ )



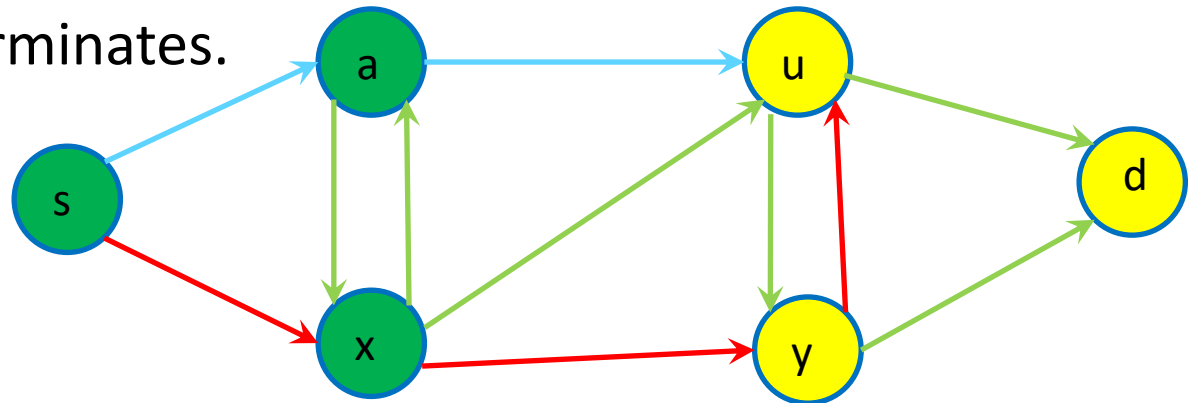
# Proof of Correctness

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## Inductive Step:

- Having obtained a contradiction, we can negate our assumption, namely:
- “Suppose (for contradiction) there is a shorter path  $P$ ,  $s \rightsquigarrow u$  with  $\text{len}(P) < \text{dist}[u]$ .”
- So there is no such path and  $\text{dist}[u]$  is correct.
- So by induction, the distance of every vertex is correct when Dijkstra’s algorithm terminates.

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Assumed shorter  
path ( $P$ )



# Summary

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## Take home message

- Dijkstra's algorithm can be improved significantly using a heap

## Things to do (this list is not exhaustive)

- Read more about DFS, BFS and Dijkstra's algorithm and implement these
- Read unit notes

## Coming Up Next

- Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall Algorithms and Transitive Closures