Constraint Satisfaction

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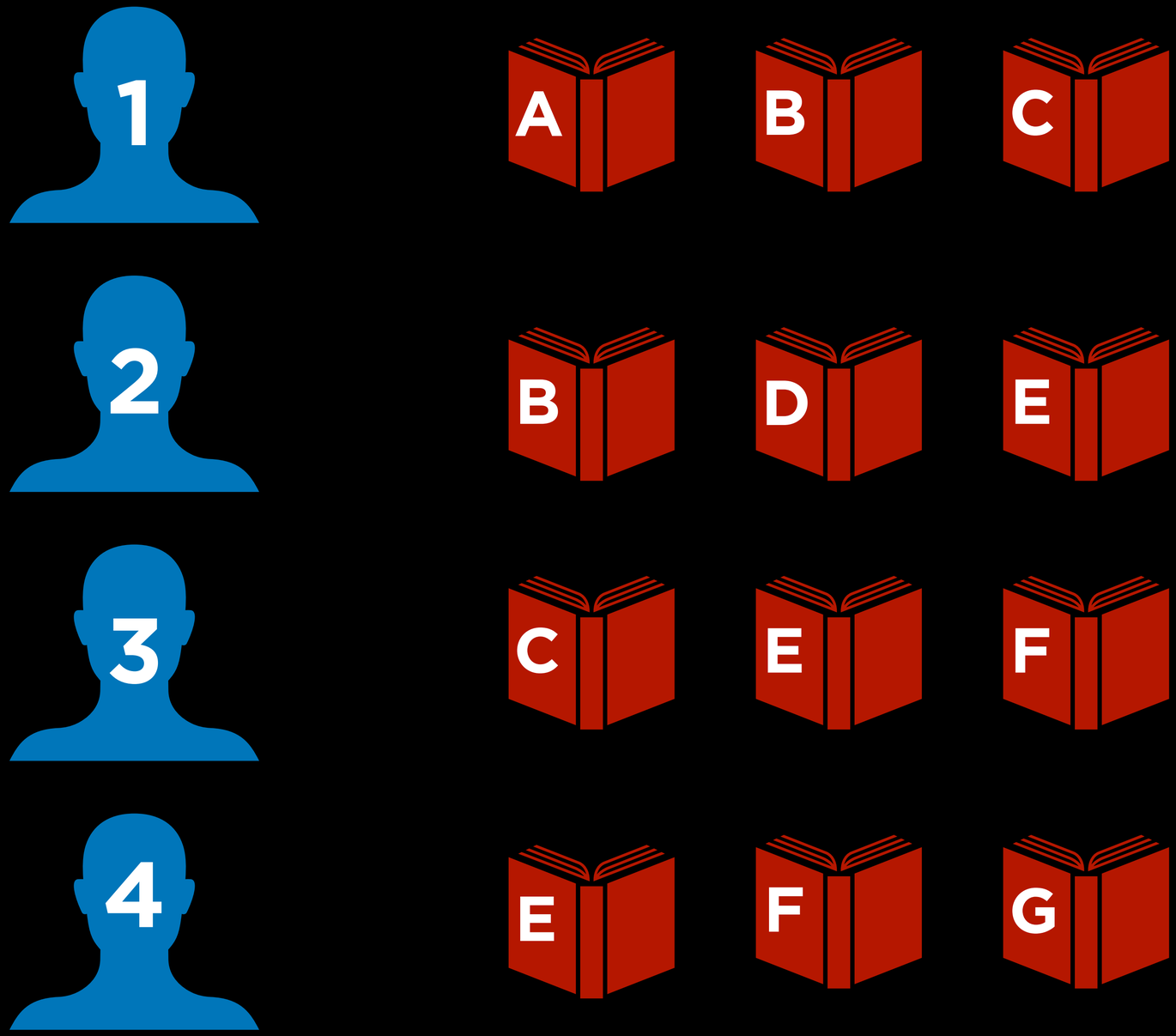

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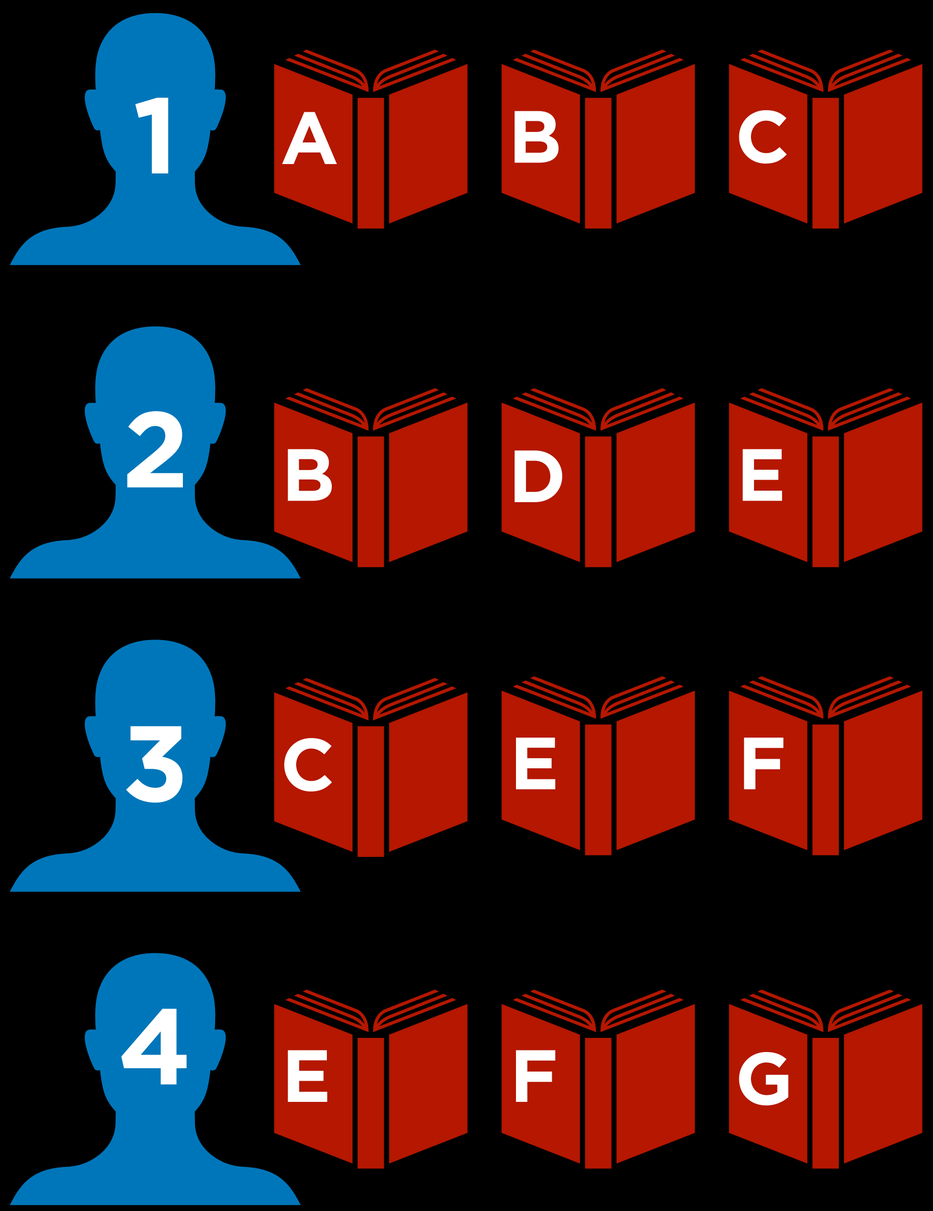
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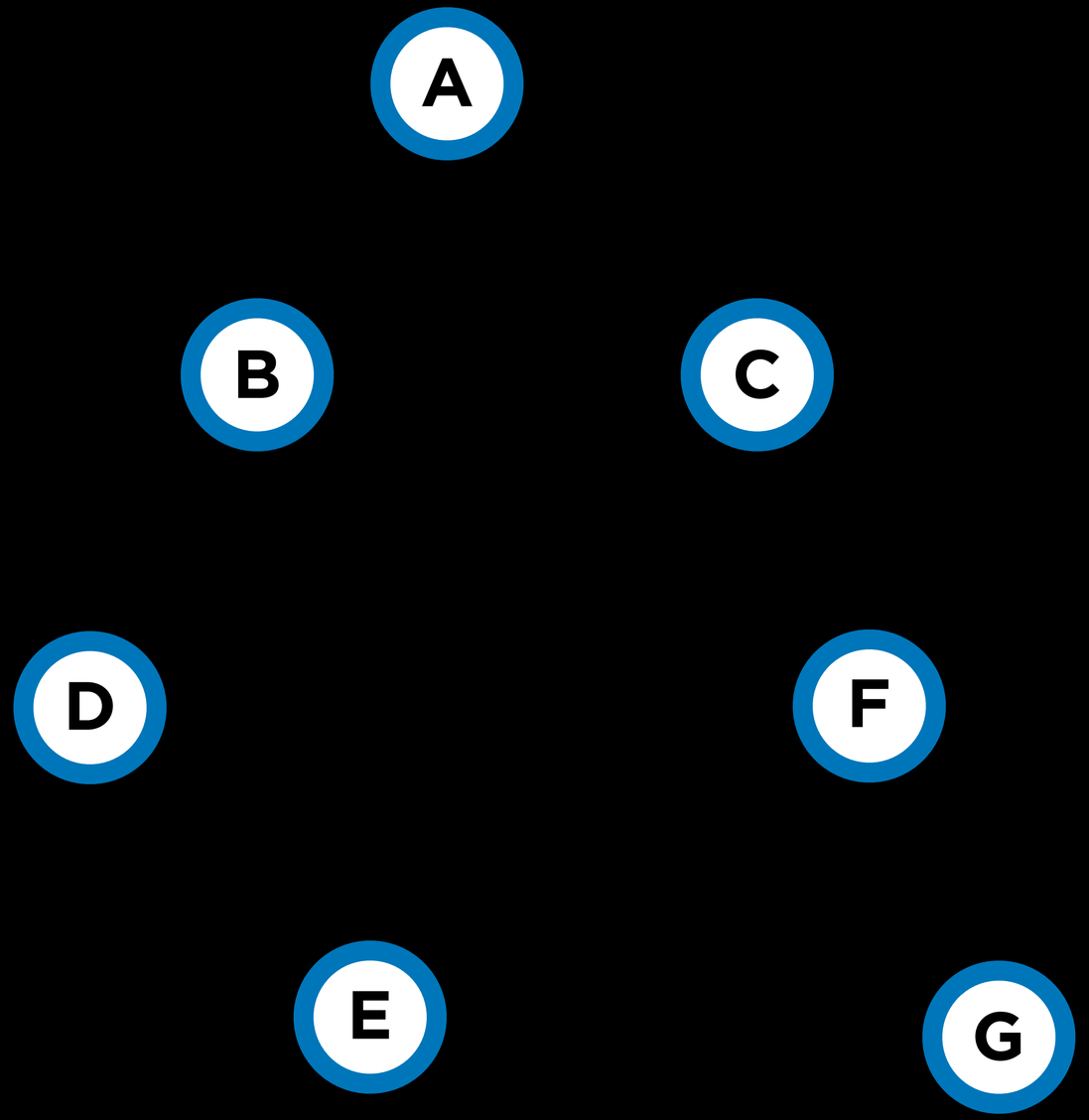
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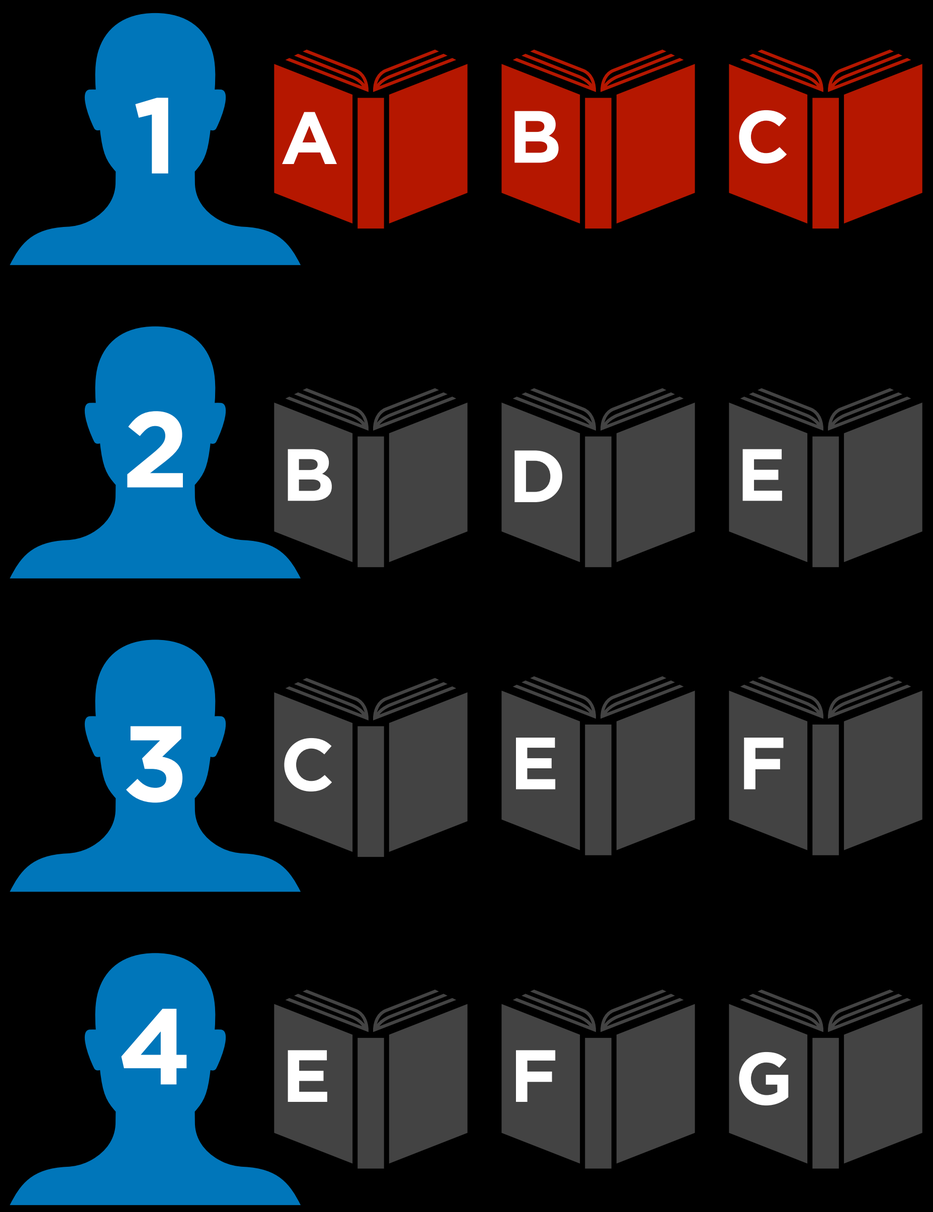
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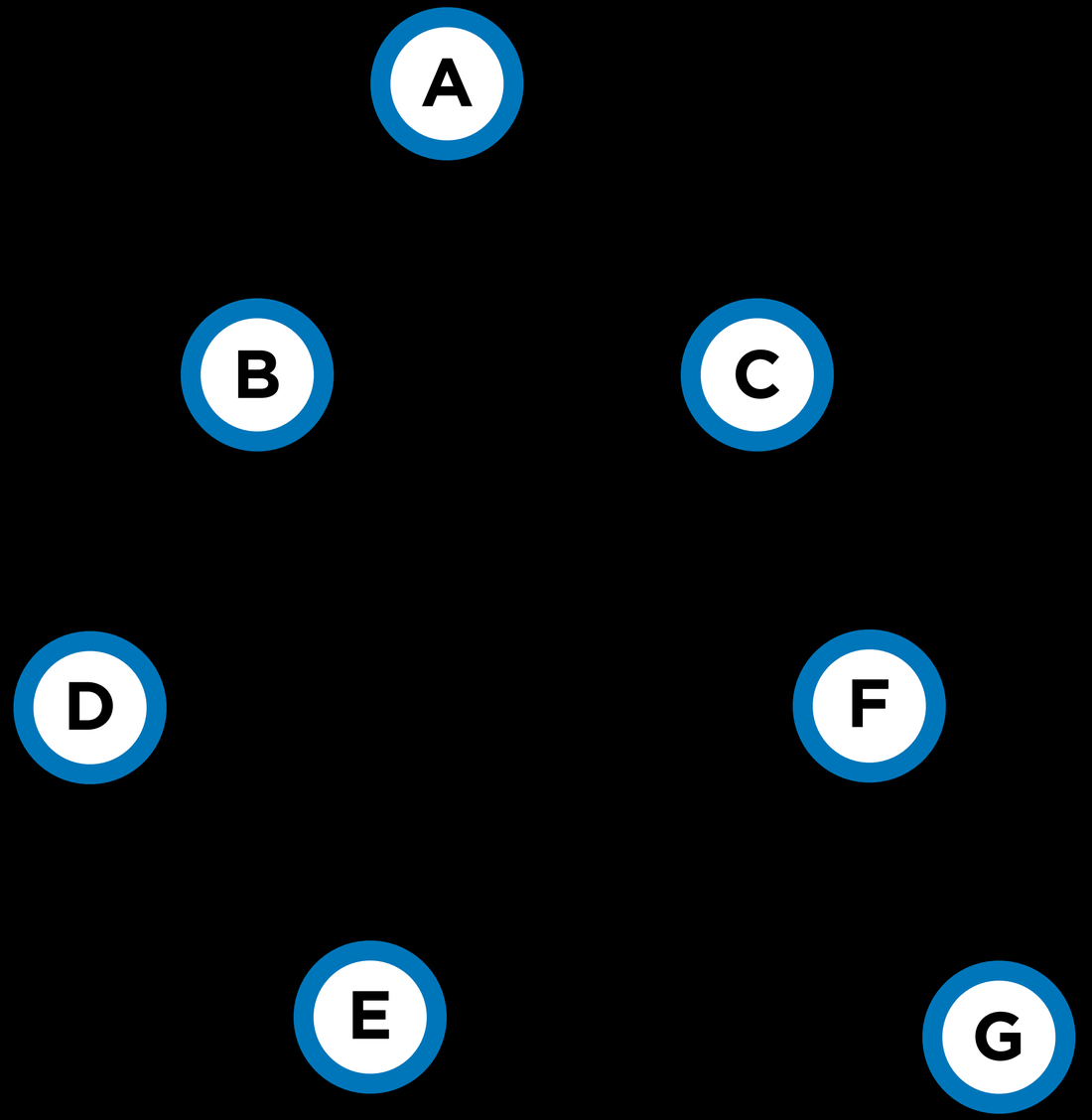
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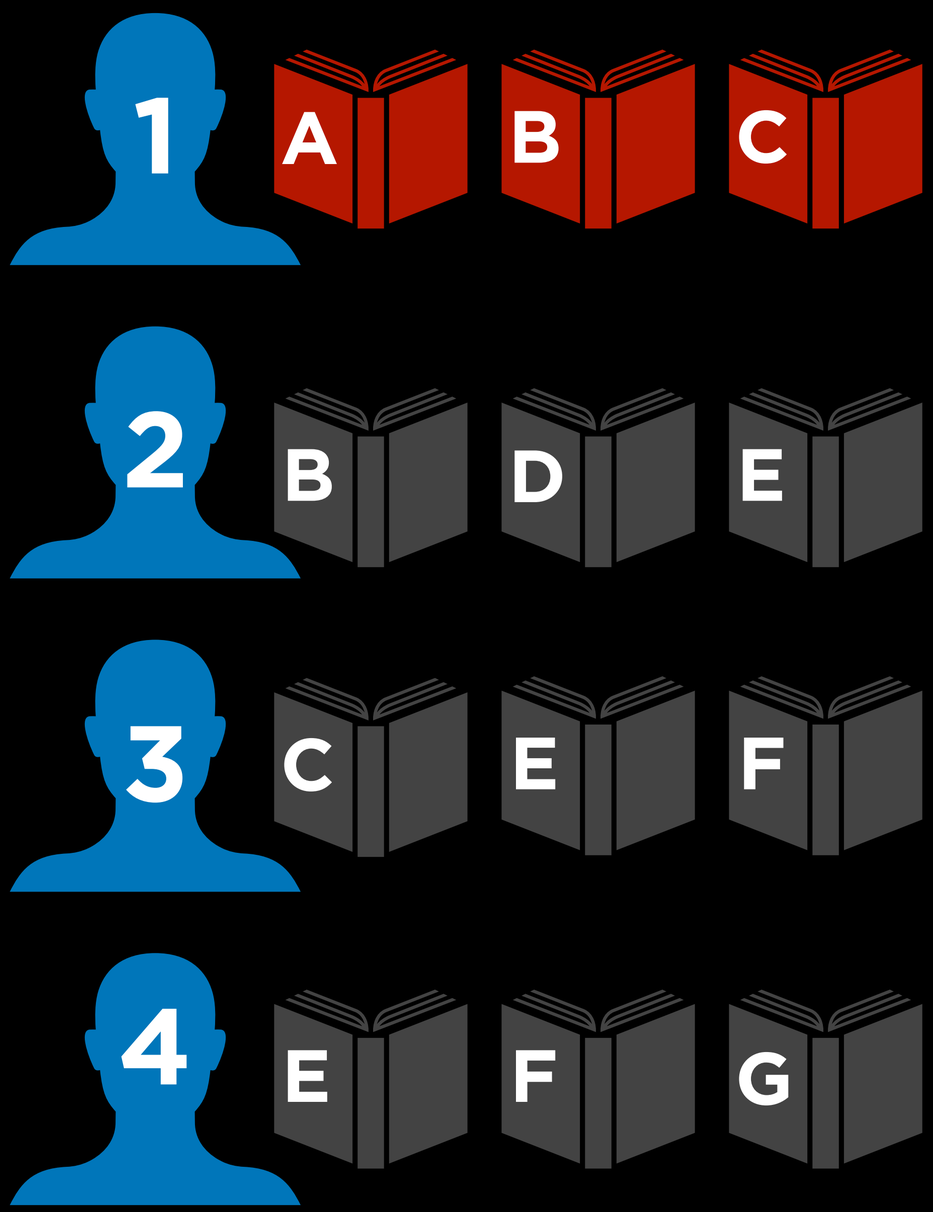
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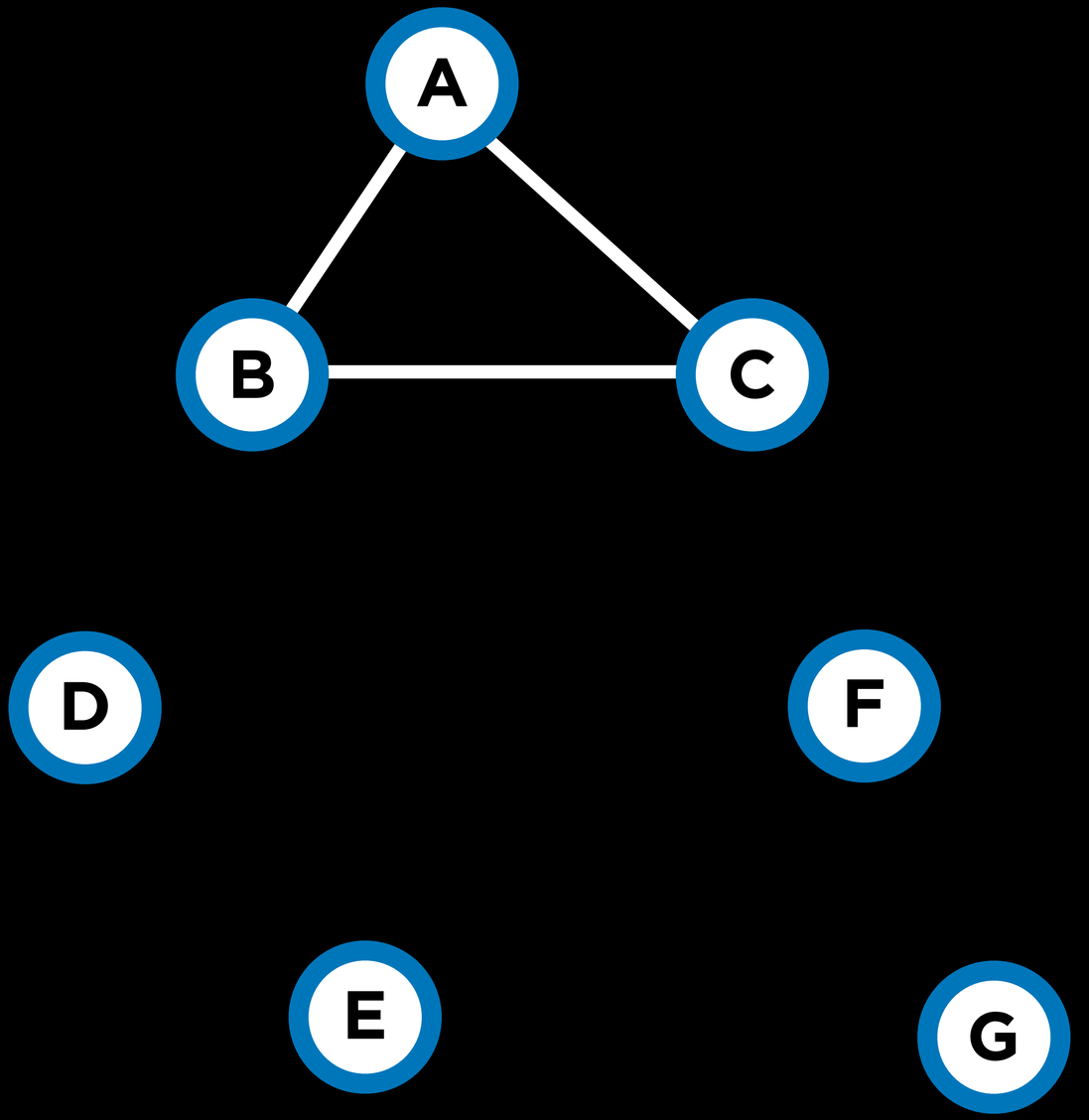
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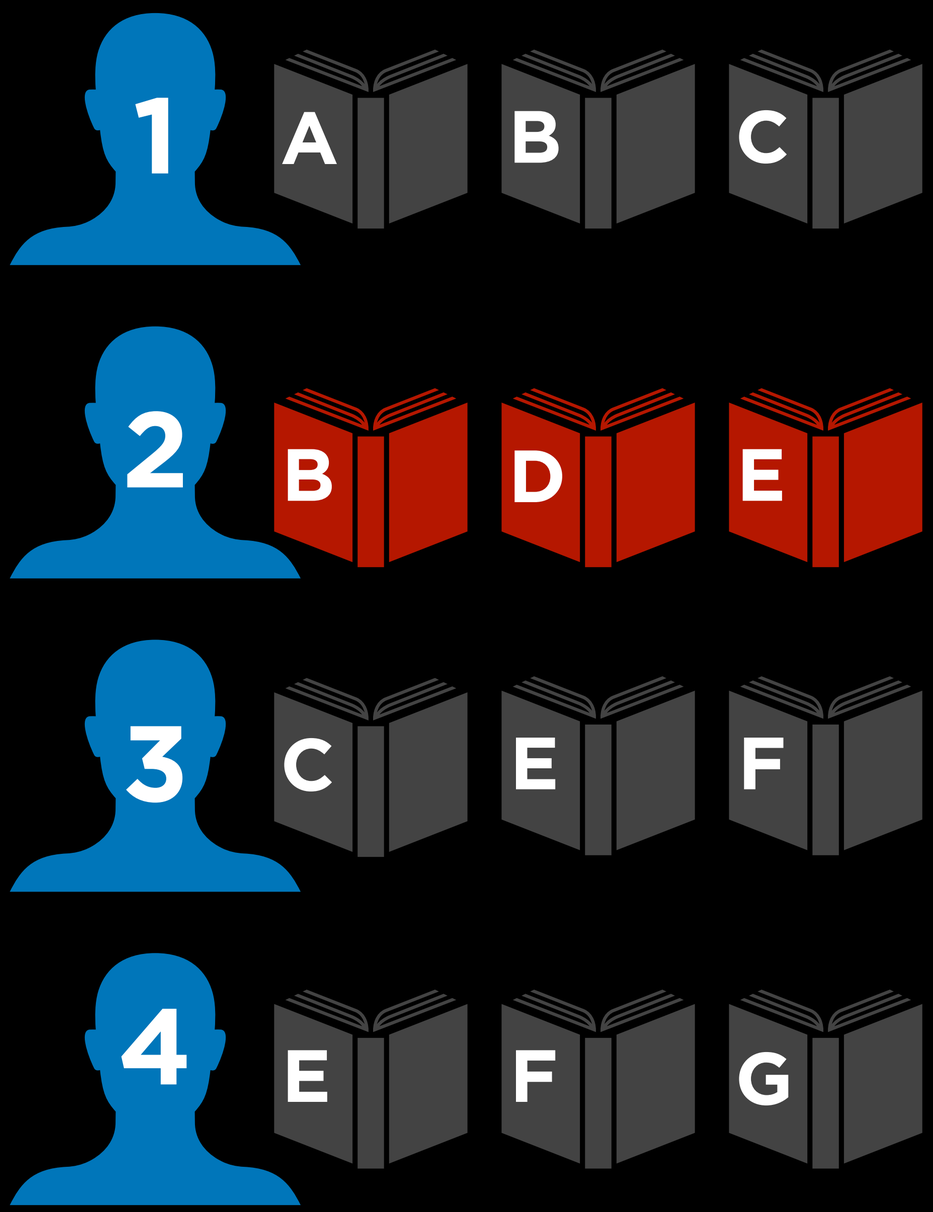
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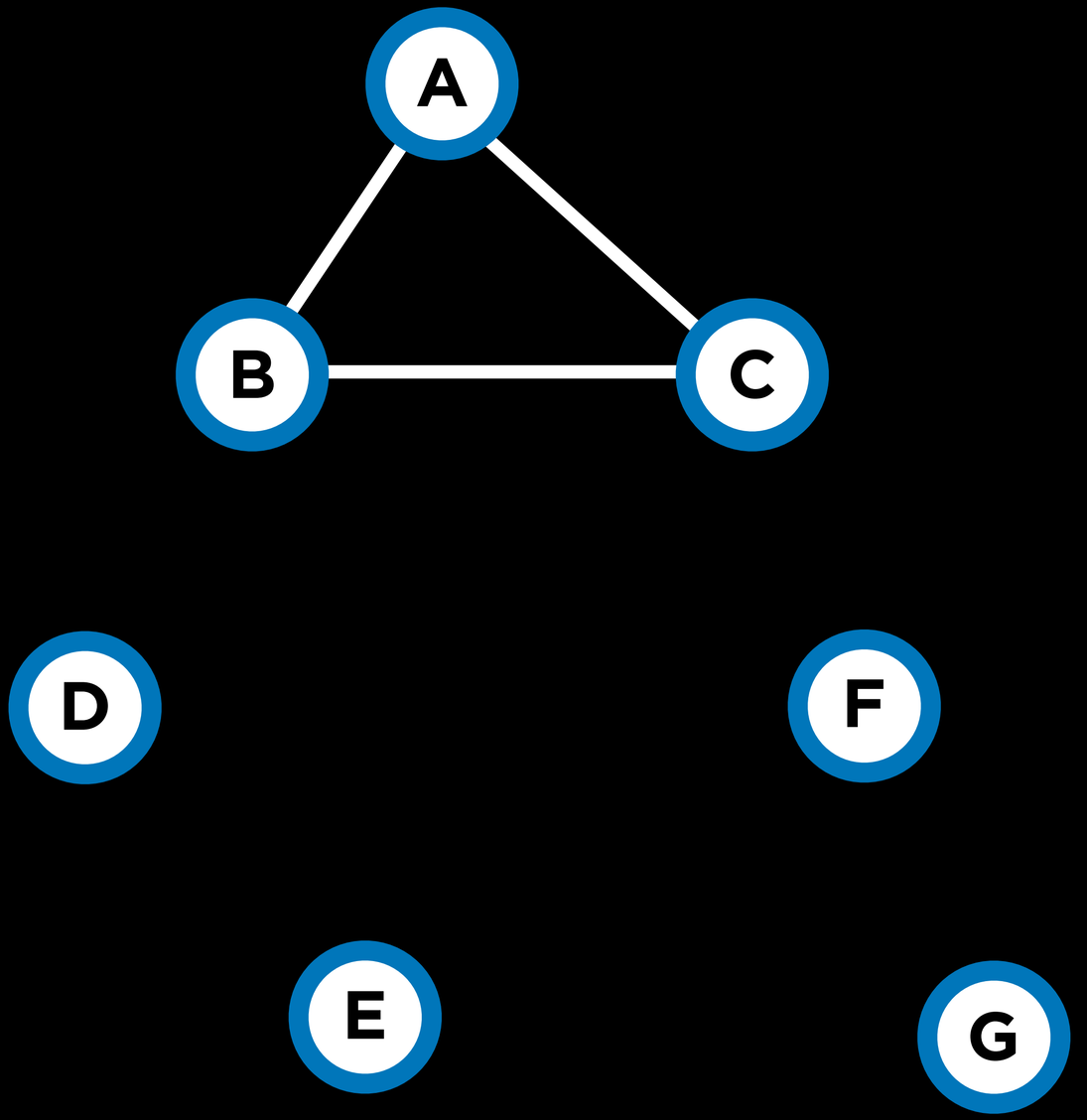
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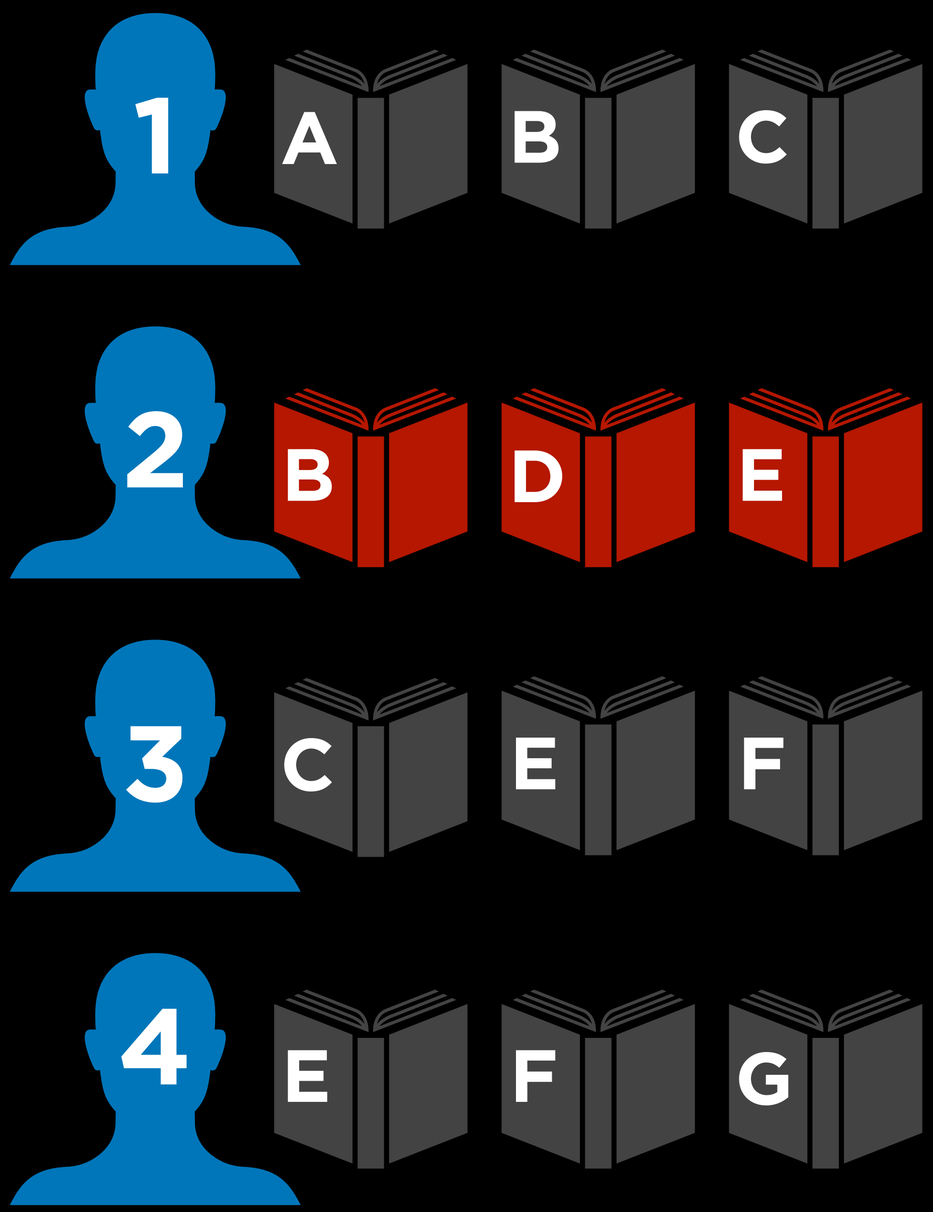
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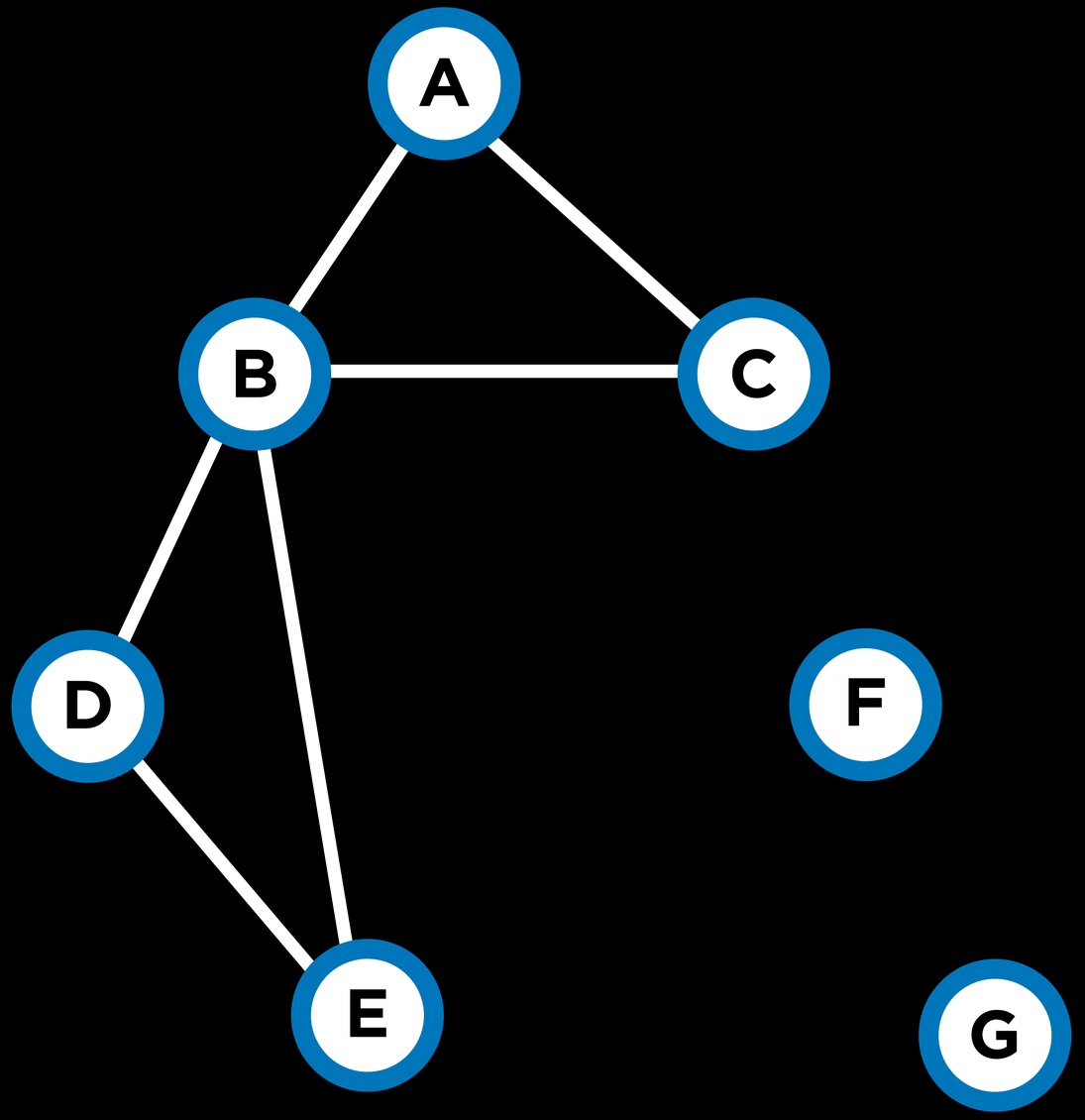
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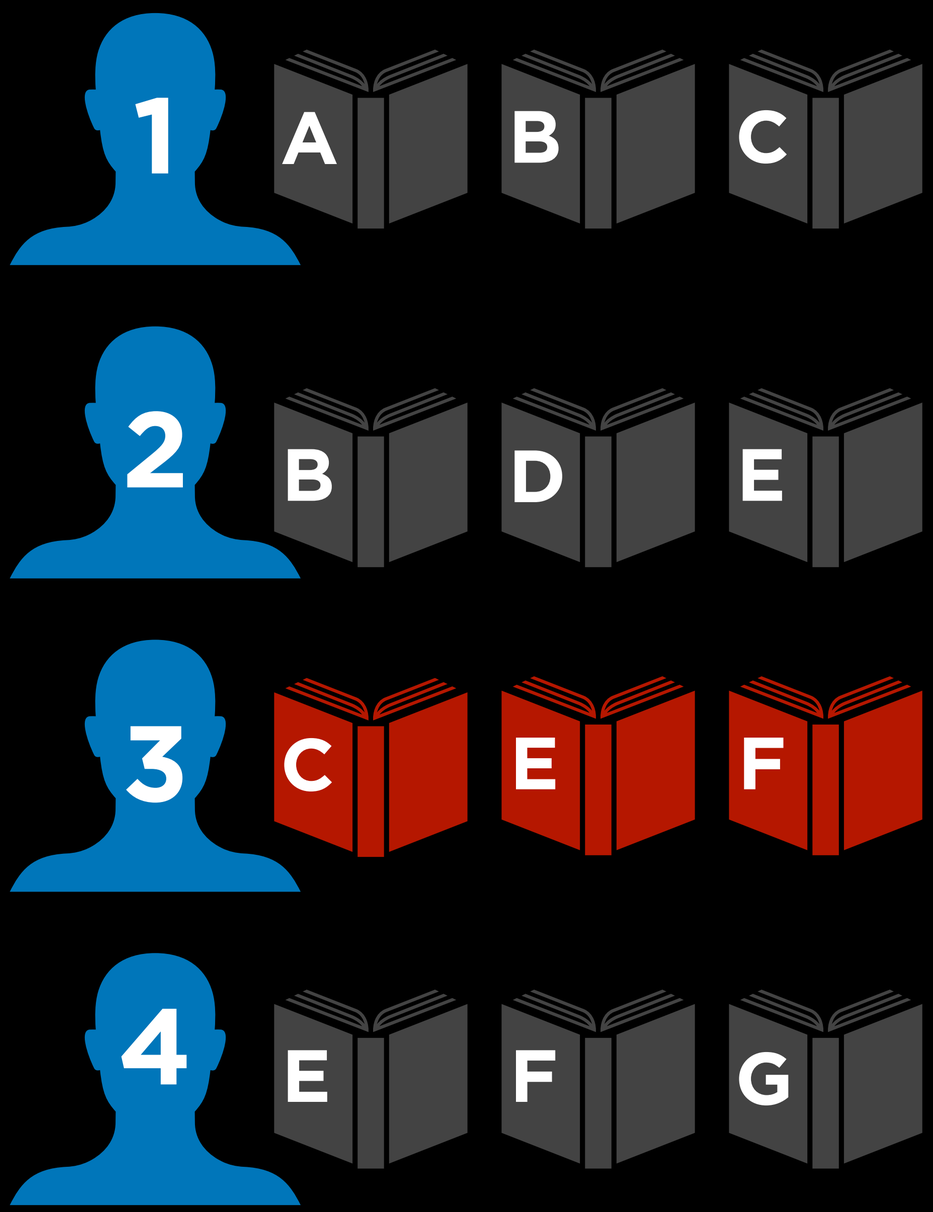
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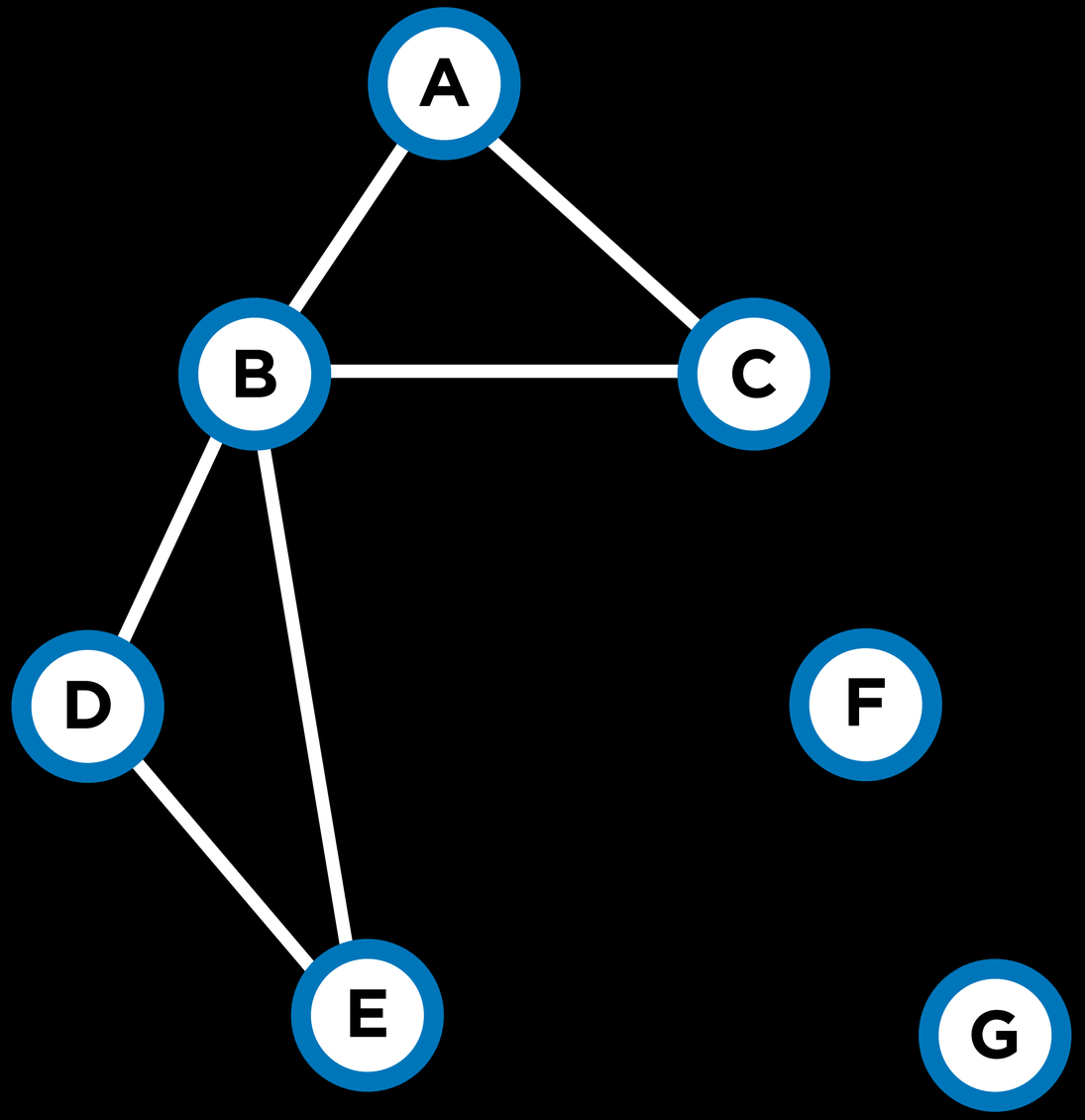
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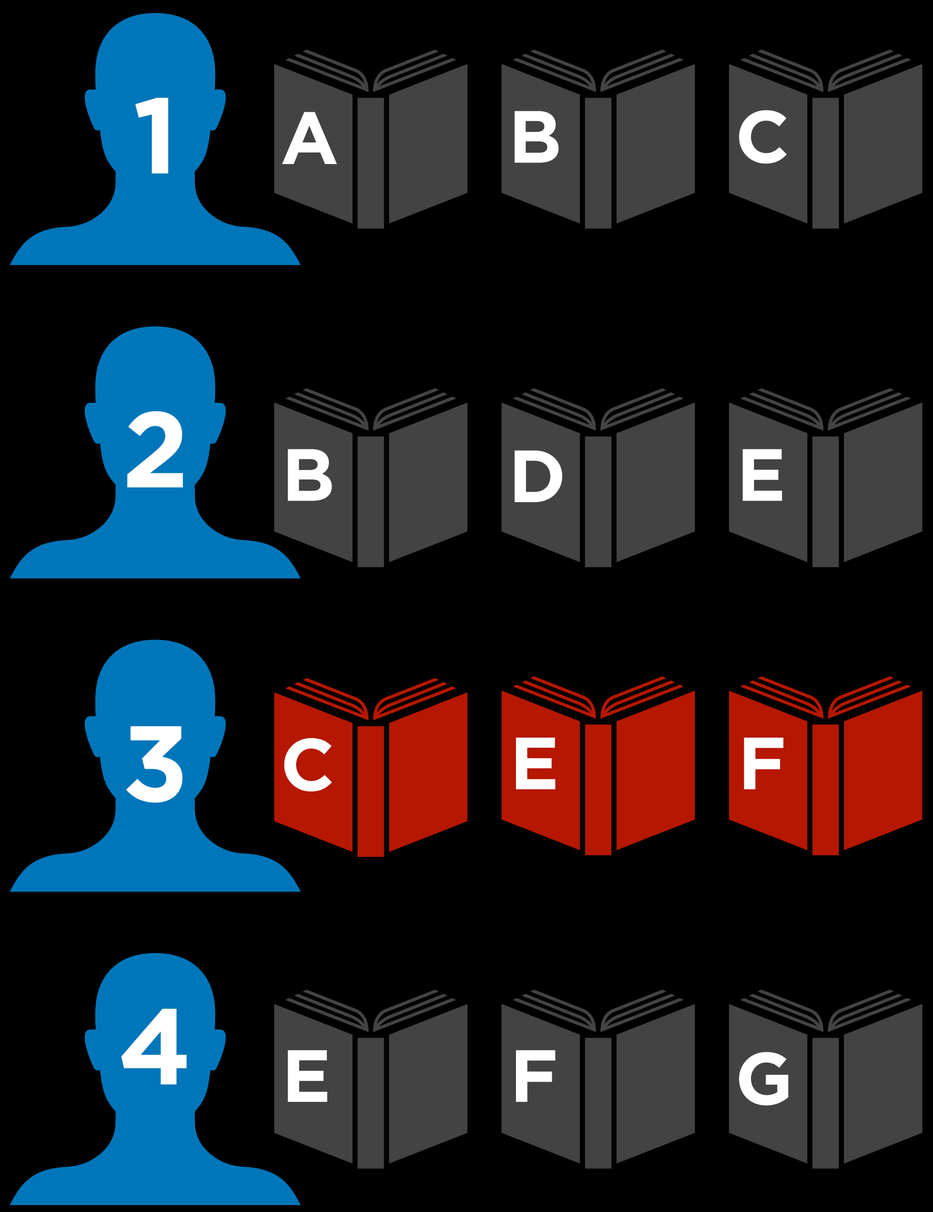
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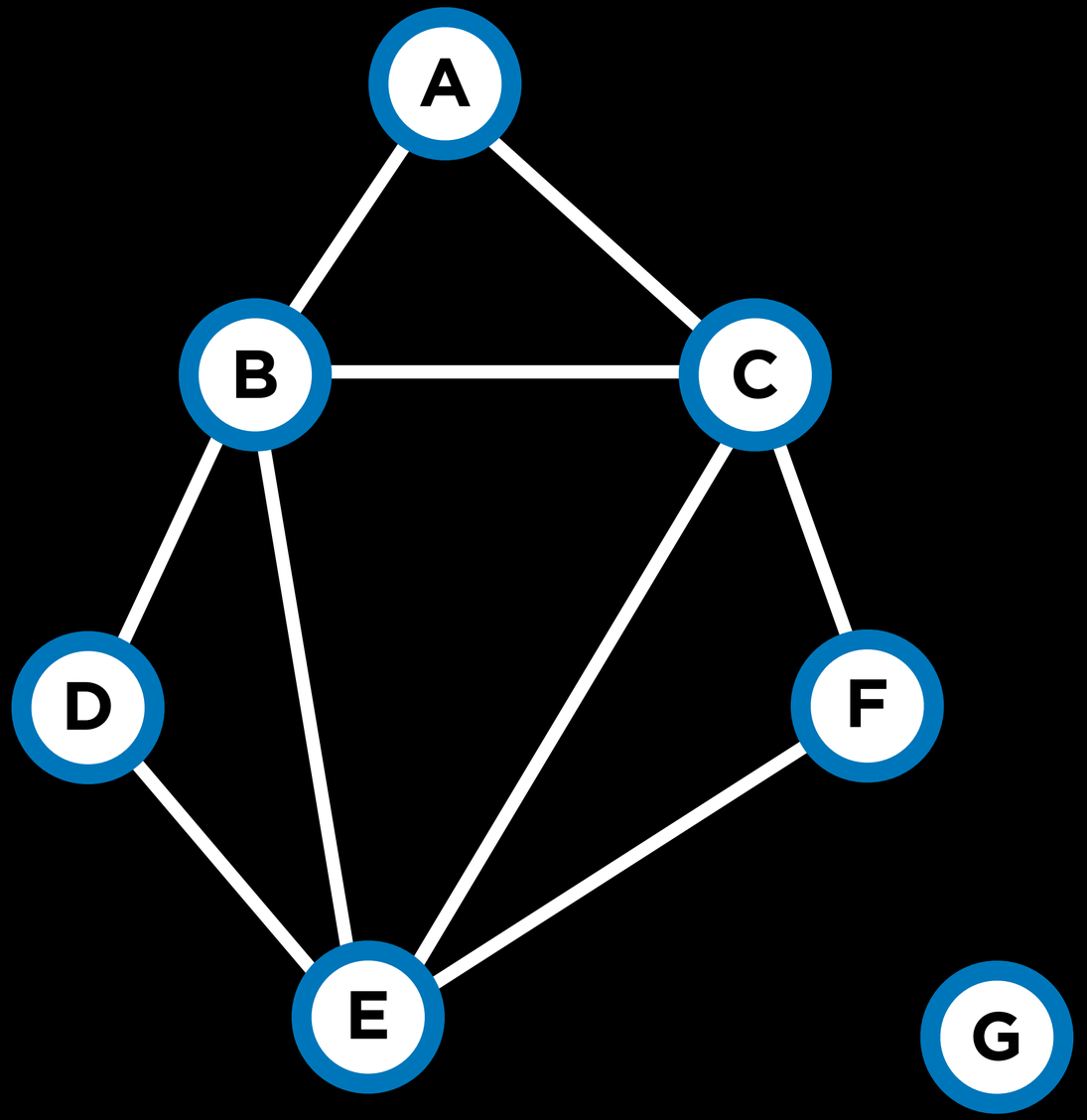
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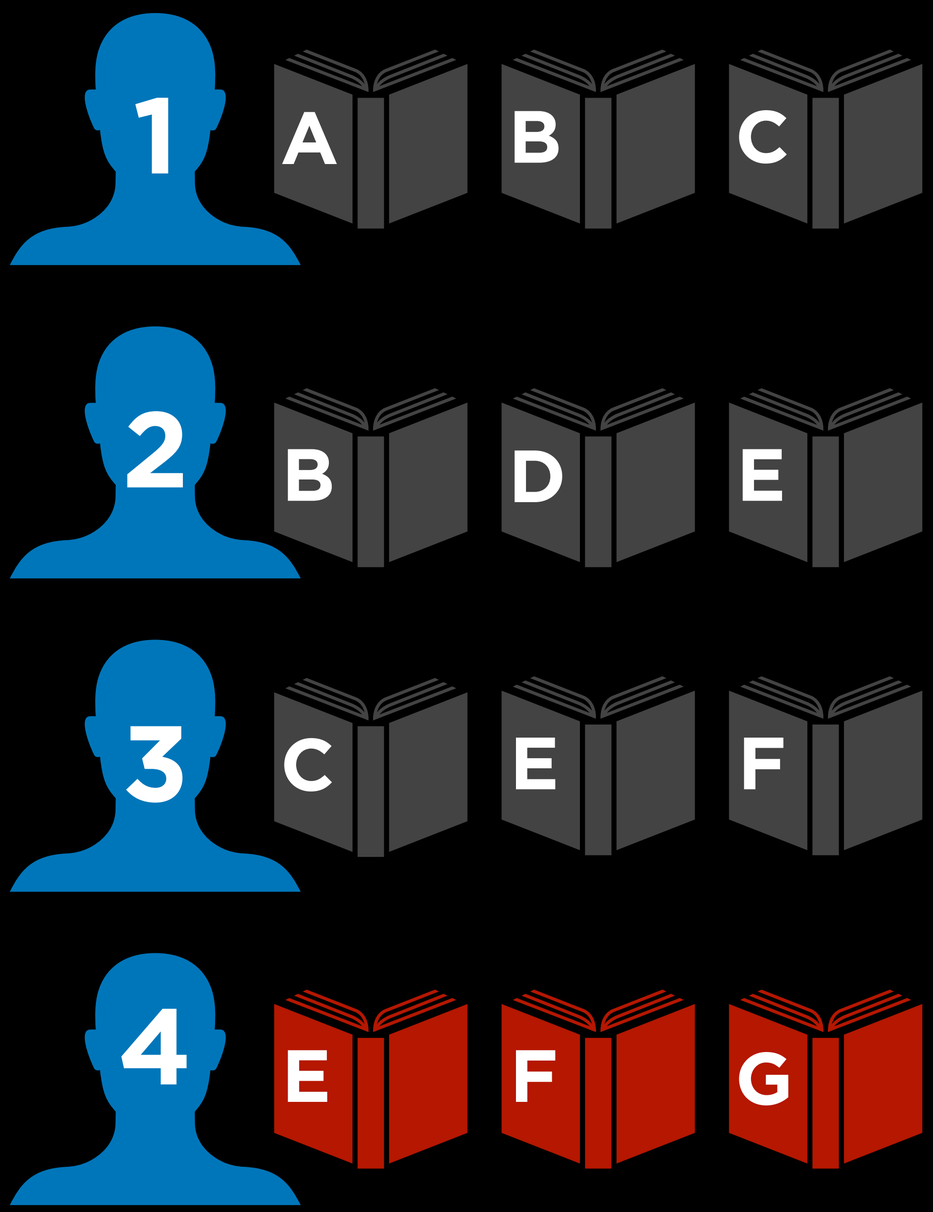
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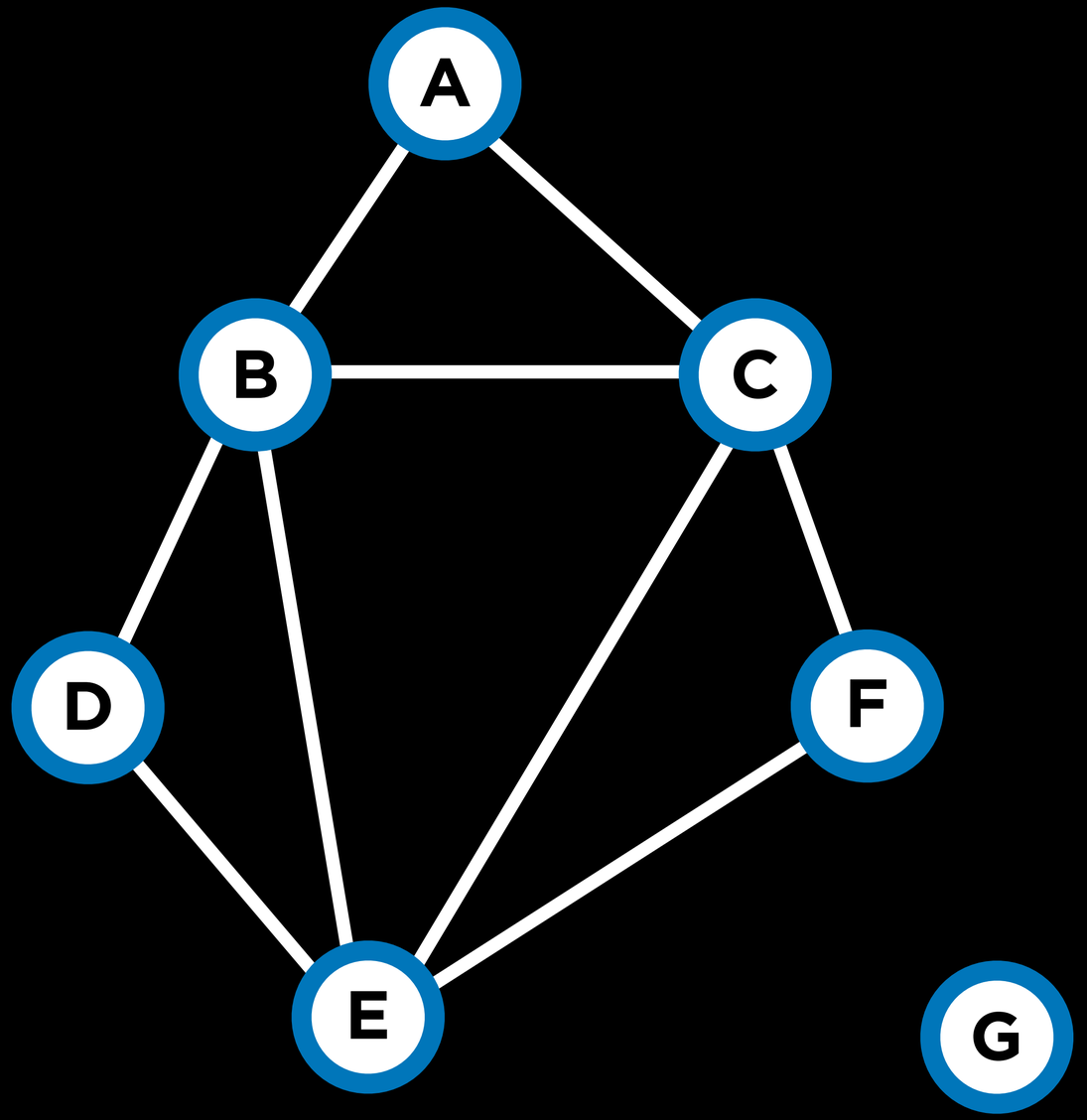
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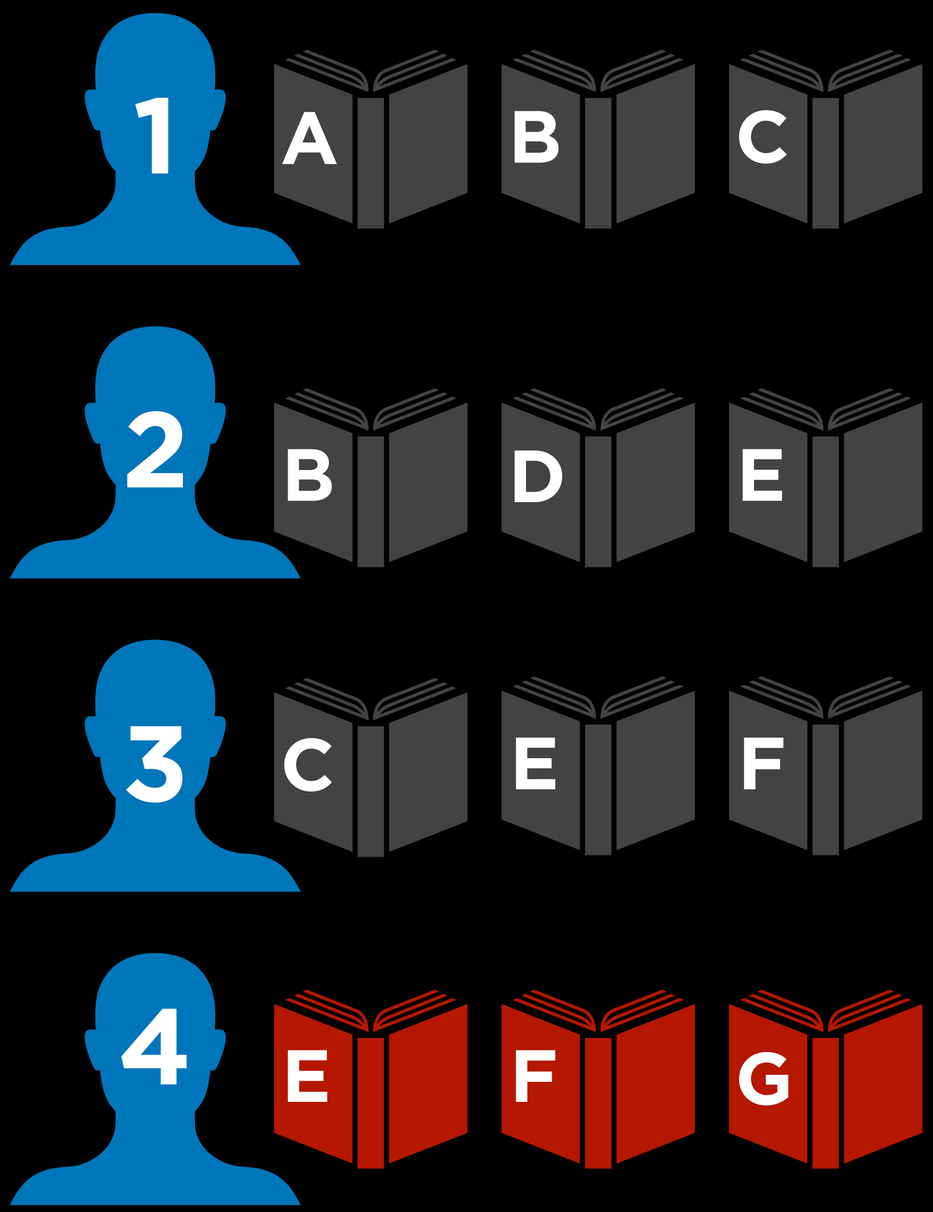
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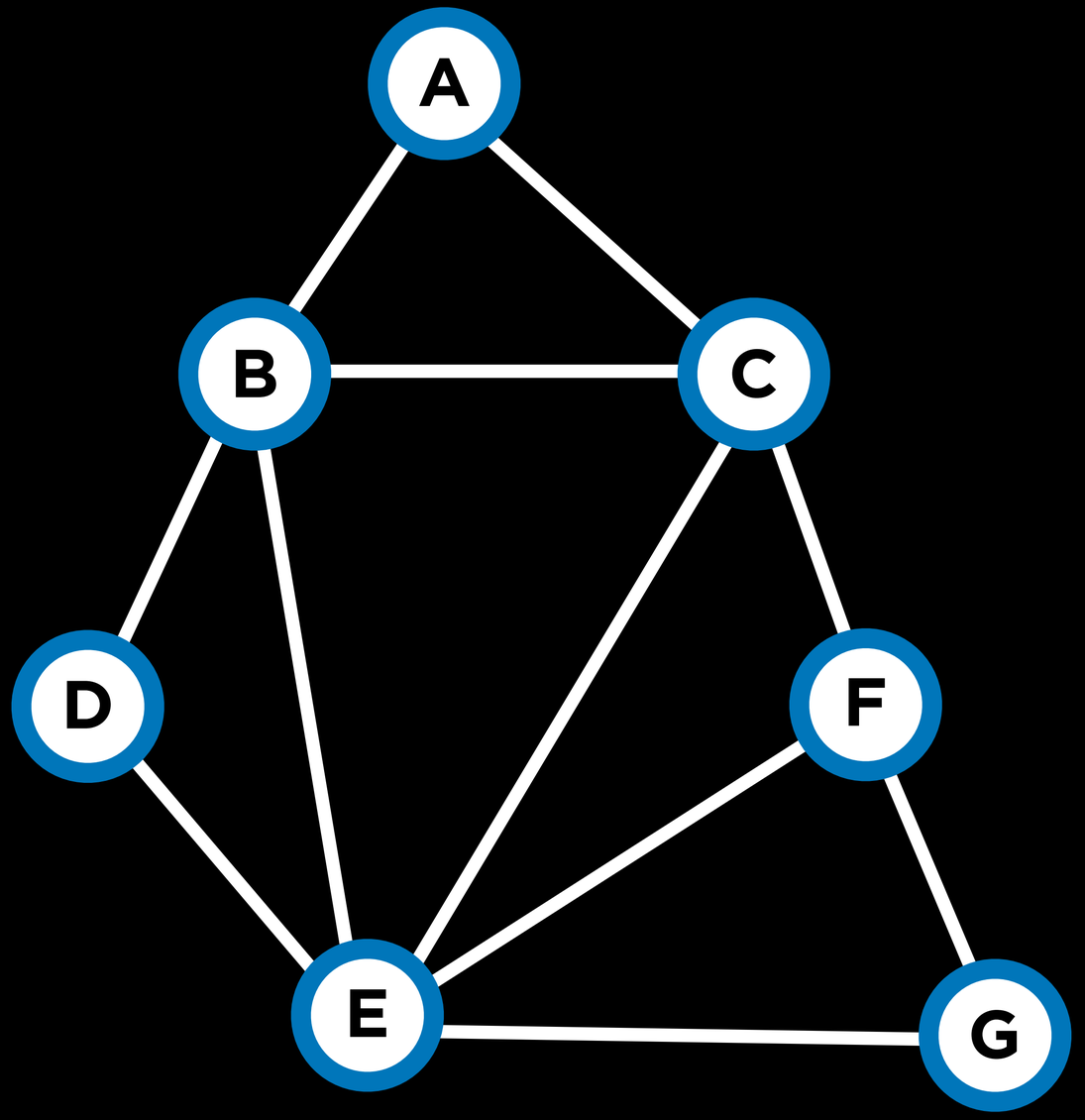
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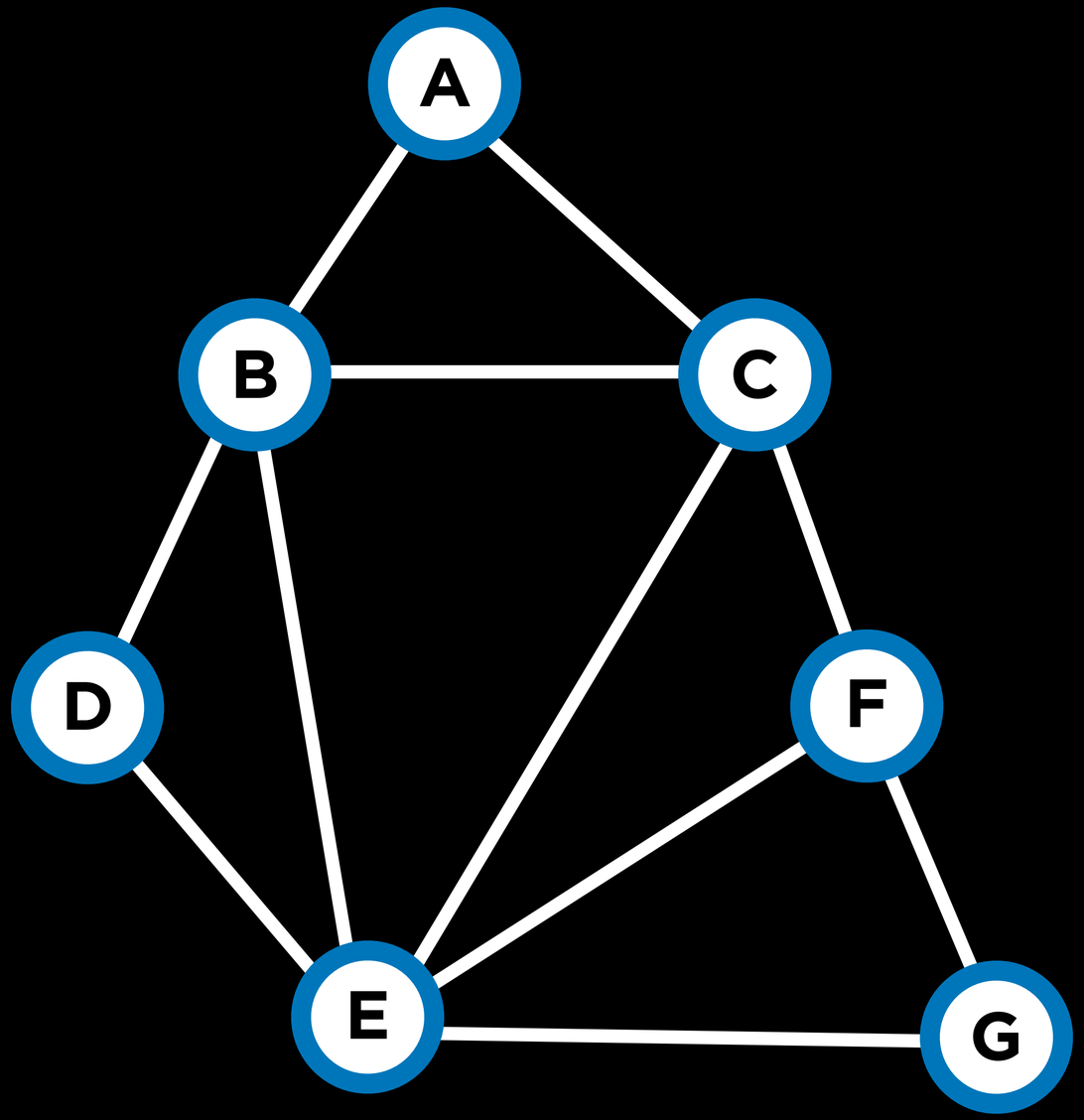
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Constraint Satisfaction Problem

- Set of variables $\{X_1, X_2, ..., X_n\}$
- Set of domains for each variable $\{D_1, D_2, ..., D_n\}$
- Set of constraints C

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Variables

$$\{(0, 2), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), \ldots\}$$

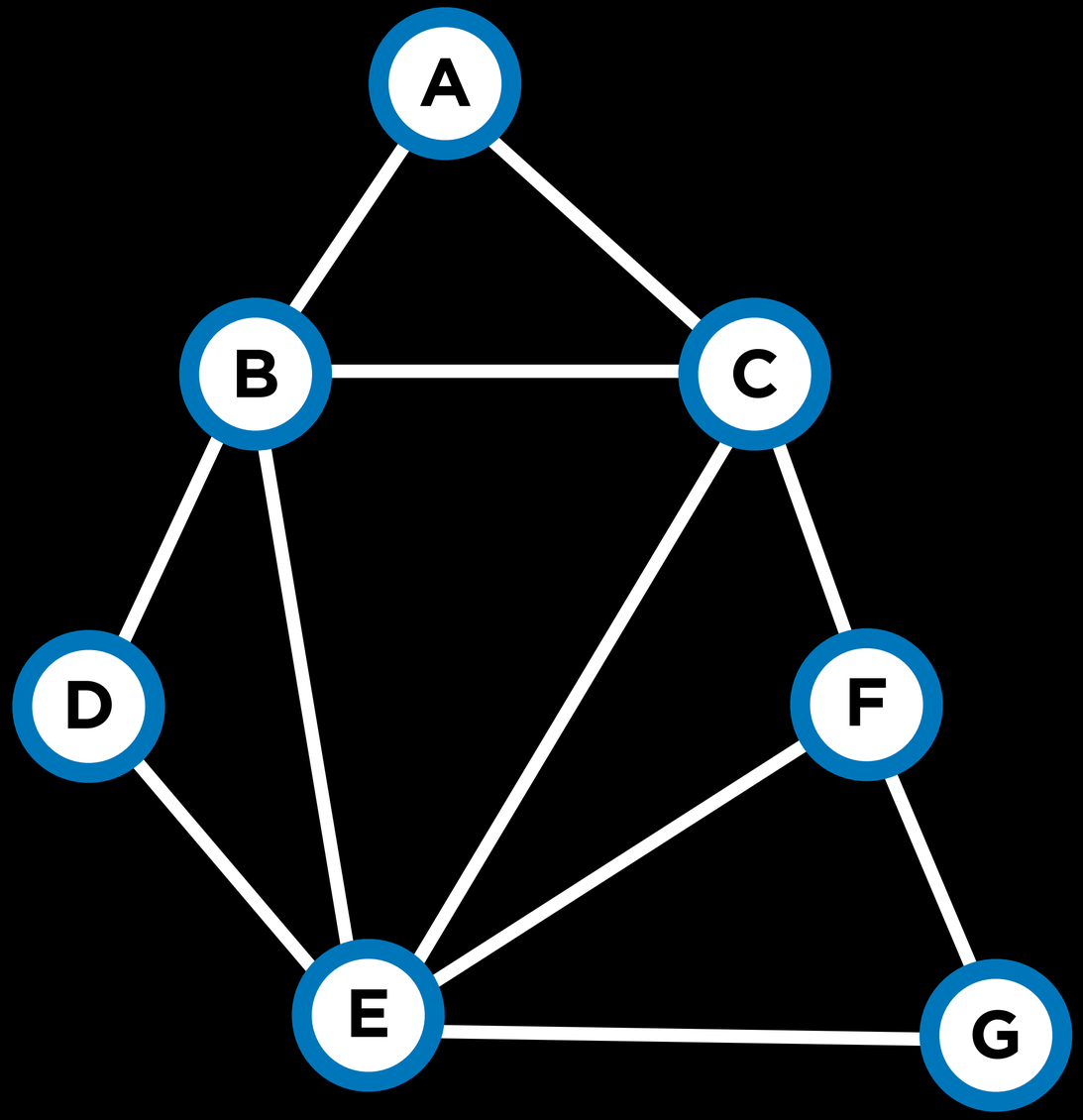
Domains

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

for each variable

Constraints

$$\{(0, 2) \neq (1, 1) \neq (1, 2) \neq (2, 0), \ldots\}$$



Variables

$\{A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$

Domains

$\{Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday\}$

for each variable

Constraints

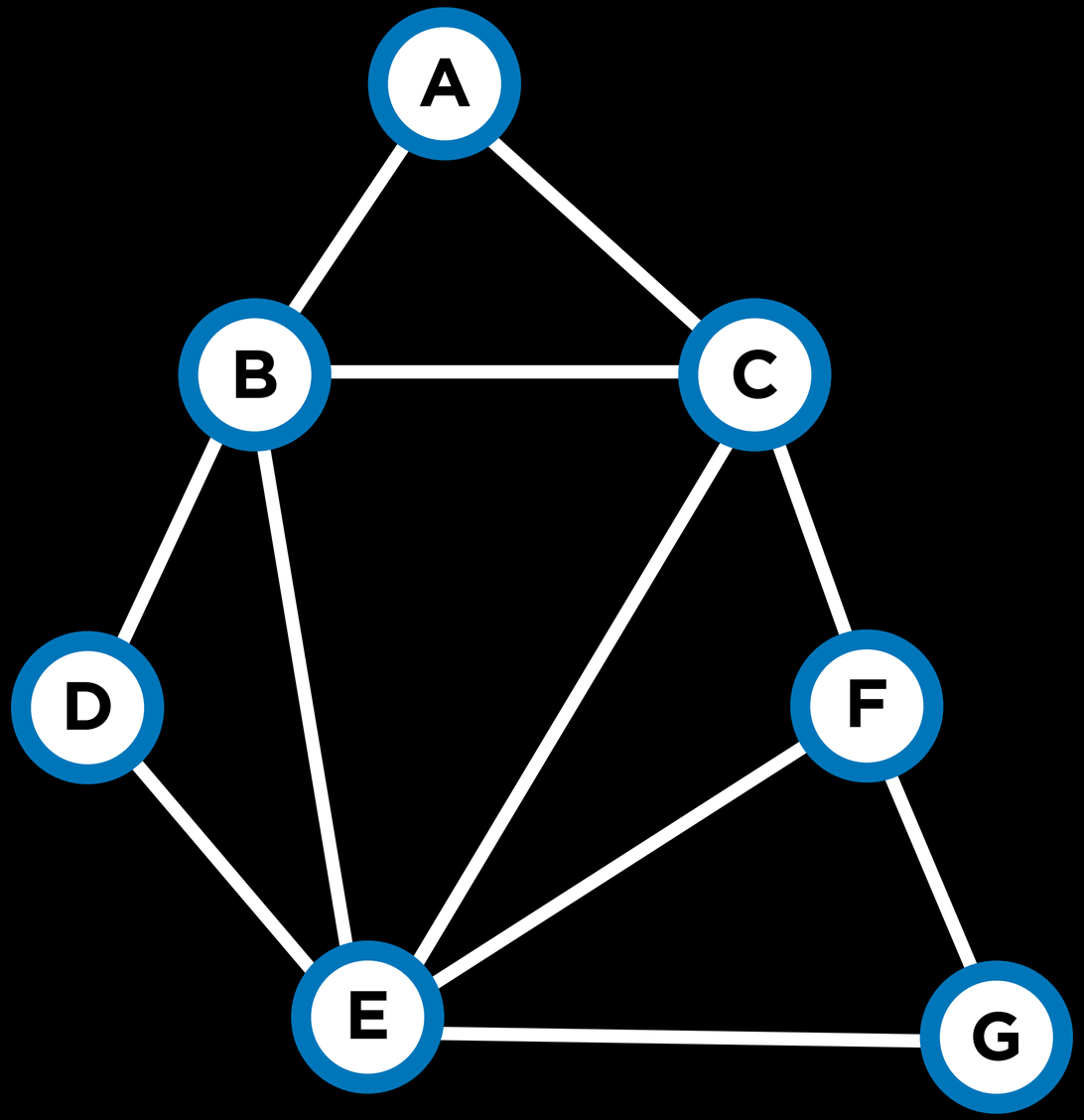
$\{A \neq B, A \neq C, B \neq C, B \neq D, B \neq E, C \neq E, C \neq F, D \neq E, E \neq F, E \neq G, F \neq G\}$

hard constraints

constraints that must be satisfied in a correct solution

soft constraints

constraints that express some notion of which solutions are preferred over others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unary constraint

constraint involving only one variable

unary constraint

$\{A \neq Monday\}$

binary constraint

constraint involving two variables

binary constraint

$$\{A \neq B\}$$

node consistency

when all the values in a variable's domain satisfy the variable's unary constraints

$\{Mon, Tue, Wed\}$ $\{Mon, Tue, Wed\}$

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arc consistency

when all the values in a variable's domain satisfy the variable's binary constraints

arc consistency

To make X arc-consistent with respect to Y, remove elements from X's domain until every choice for X has a possible choice for Y

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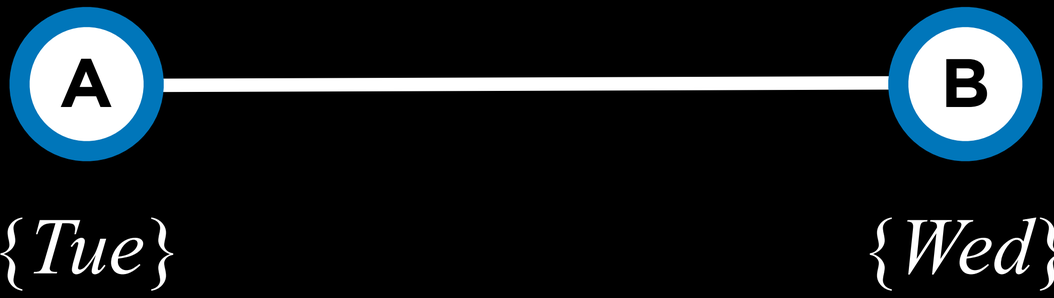

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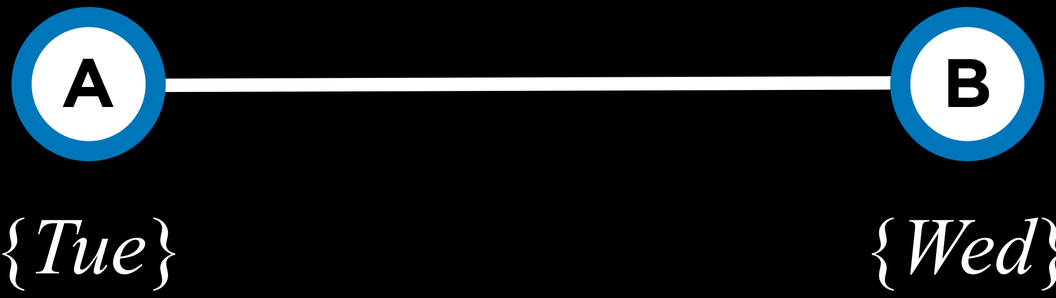

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Arc Consistency

```
function REVISE(csp, X, Y):
    revised = false
    for x in X.domain:
        if no y in Y.domain satisfies constraint for (X, Y):
            delete x from X.domain
            revised = true
    return revised
```

Arc Consistency

```
function AC-3(csp):
    queue = all arcs in csp
    while queue non-empty:
        (X, Y) = DEQUEUE(queue)
        if REVISE(csp, X, Y):
            if size of X.domain == 0:
                return false
            for each Z in X.neighbors - {Y}:
                ENQUEUE(queue, (Z, X))
    return true
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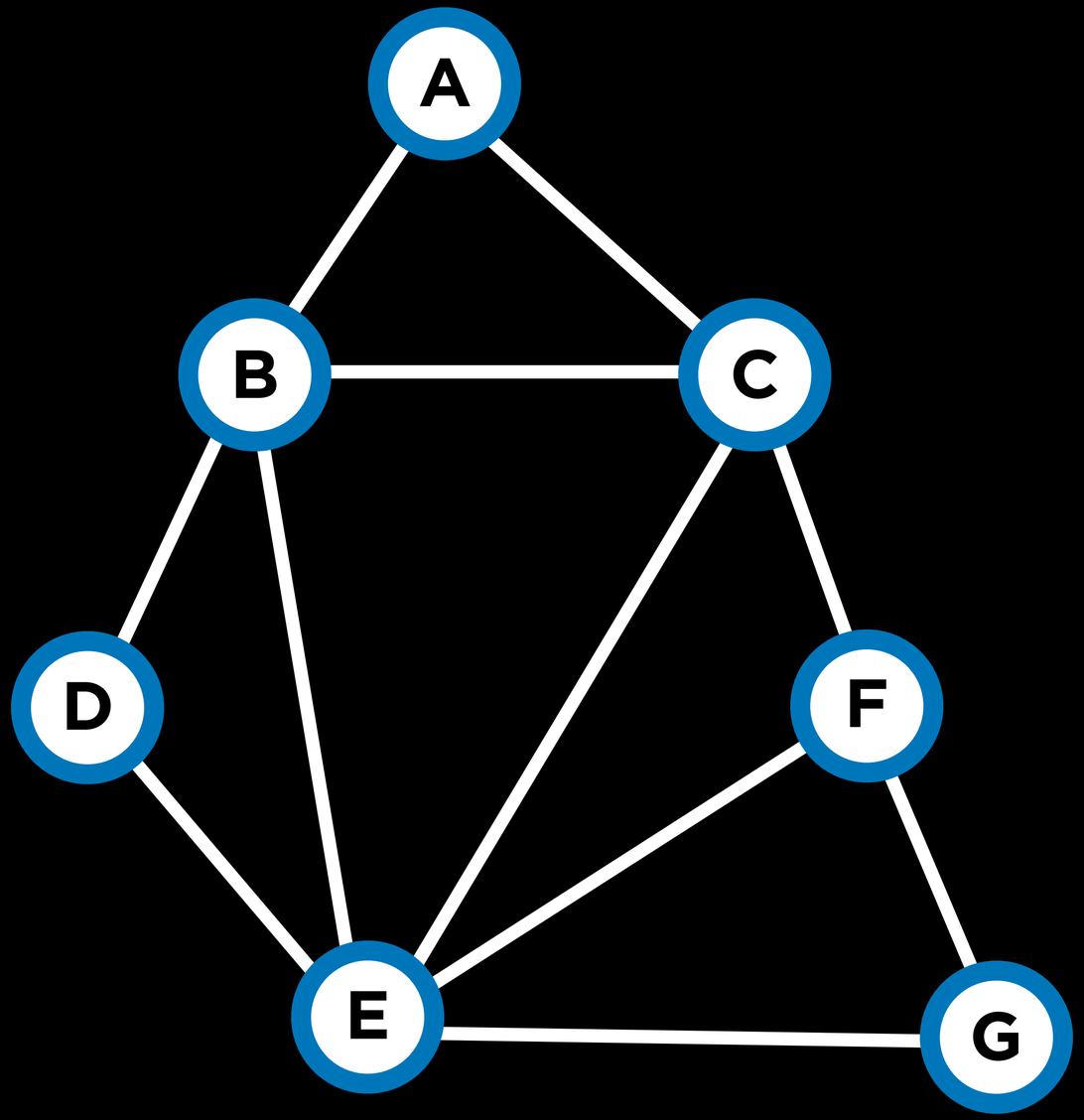
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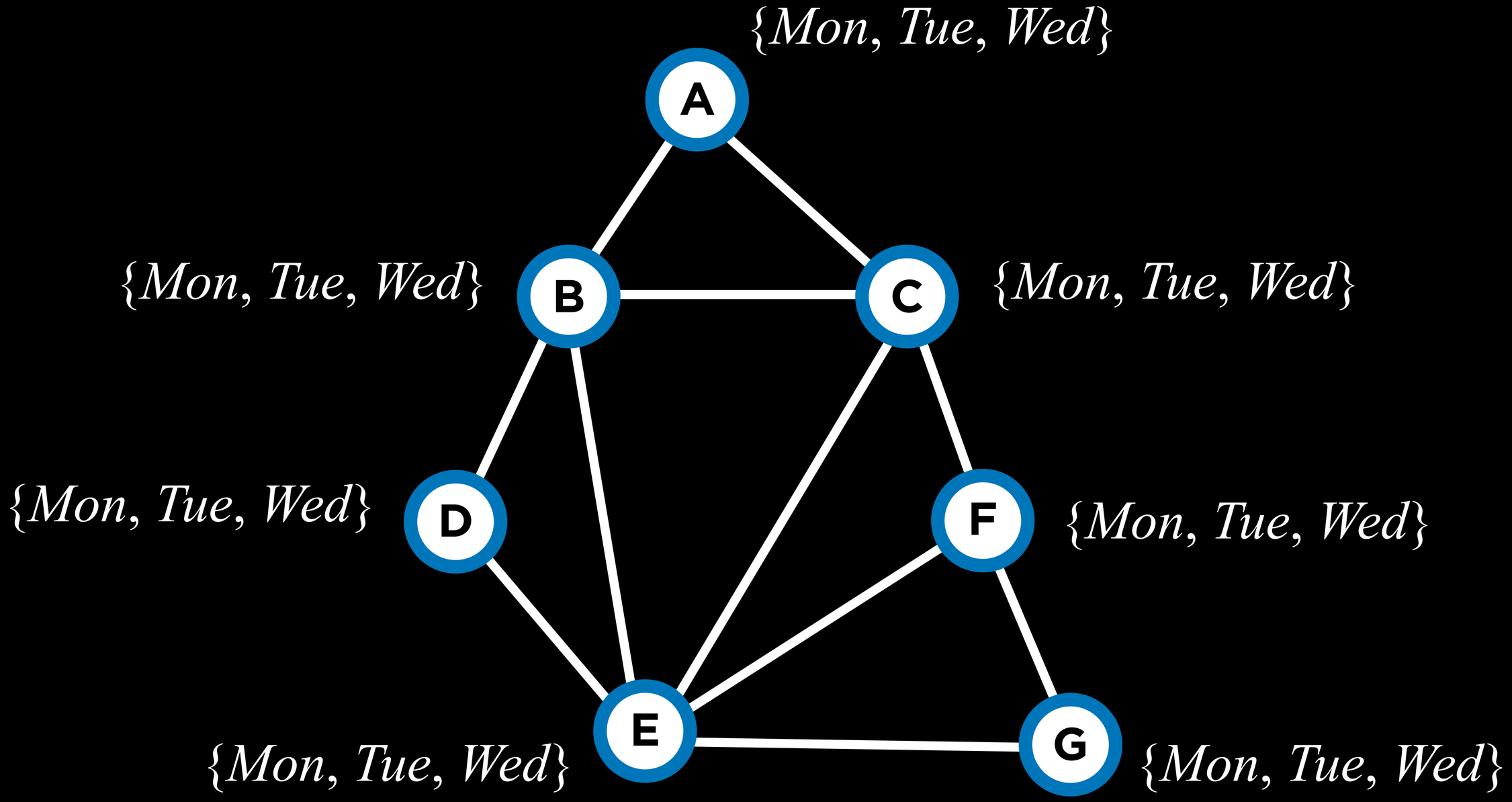
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Search Problems

- initial state
- actions
- transition model
- goal test
- path cost function

CSPs as Search Problems

- initial state: empty assignment (no variables)
- actions: add a $\{variable = value\}$ to assignment
- transition model: shows how adding an assignment changes the assignment
- goal test: check if all variables assigned and constraints all satisfied
- path cost function: all paths have same cost

Backtracking Search

Backtracking Search

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function BACKTRACK(assignment, csp):
    if assignment complete: return assignment
    var = SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VAR(assignment, csp)
    for value in DOMAIN-VALUES(var, assignment, csp):
        if value consistent with assignment:
            add {var = value} to assignment
            result = BACKTRACK(assignment, csp)
            if result ≠ failure: return result
        remove {var = value} from assignment
    return failure
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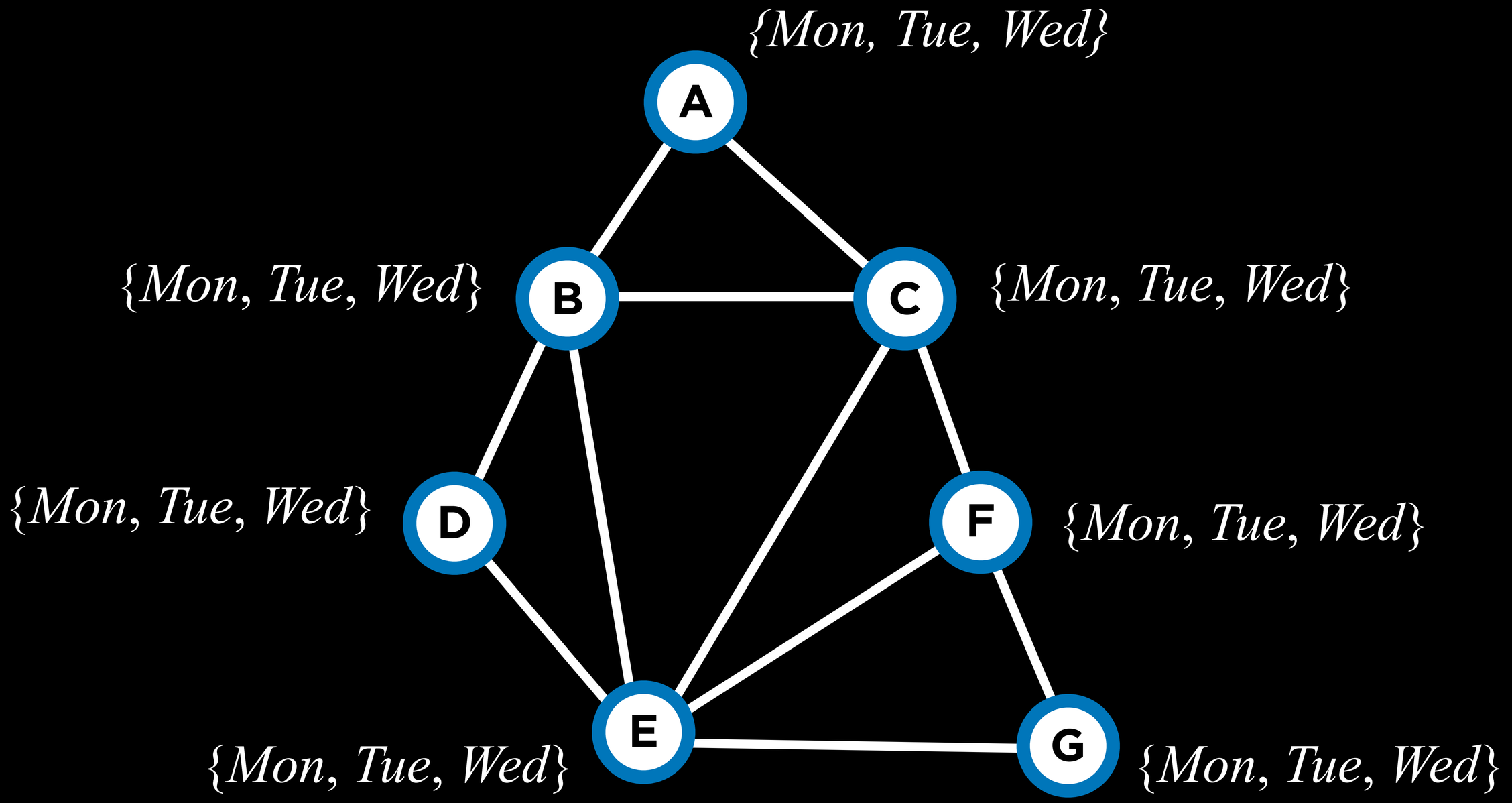
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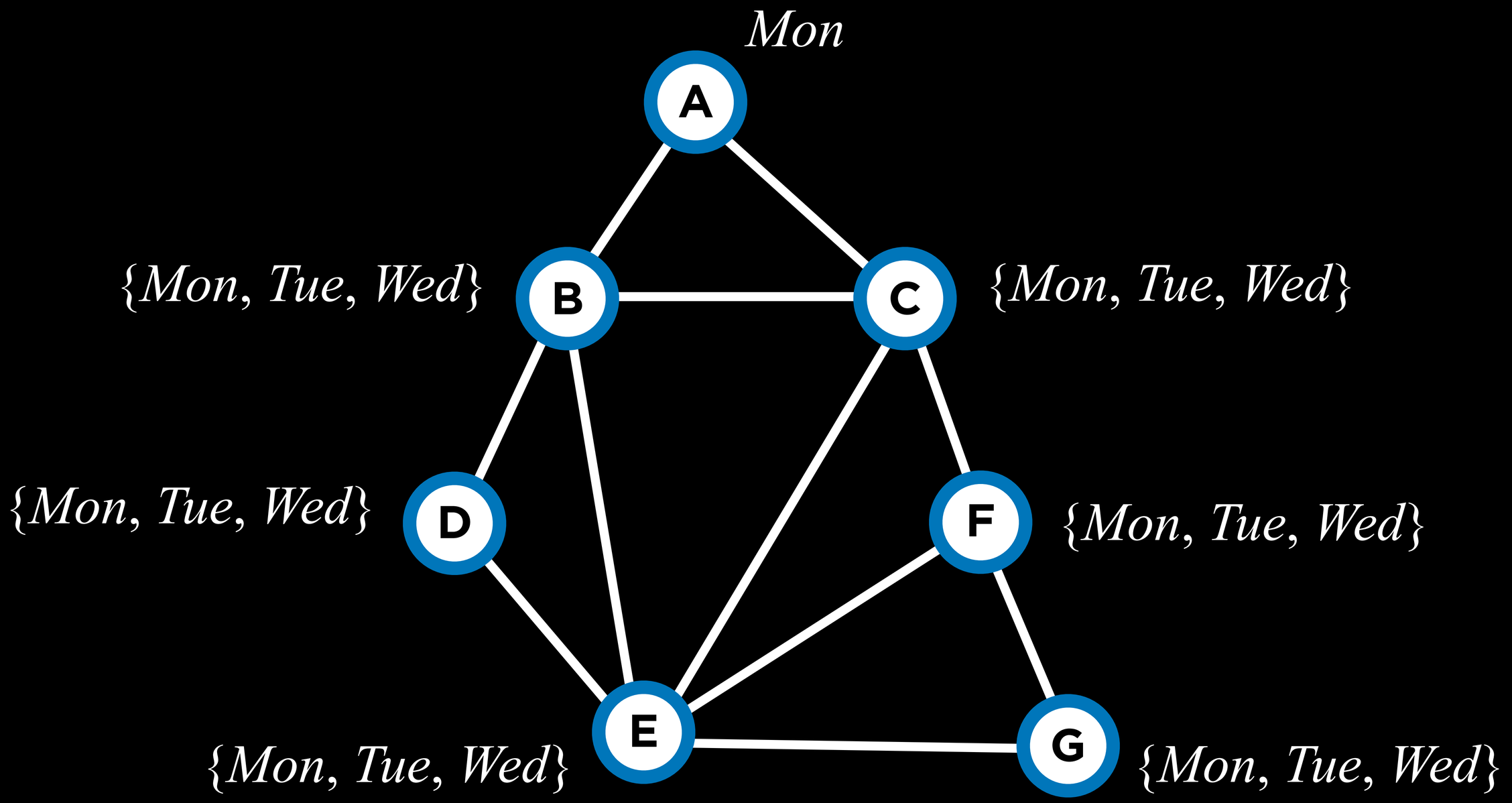
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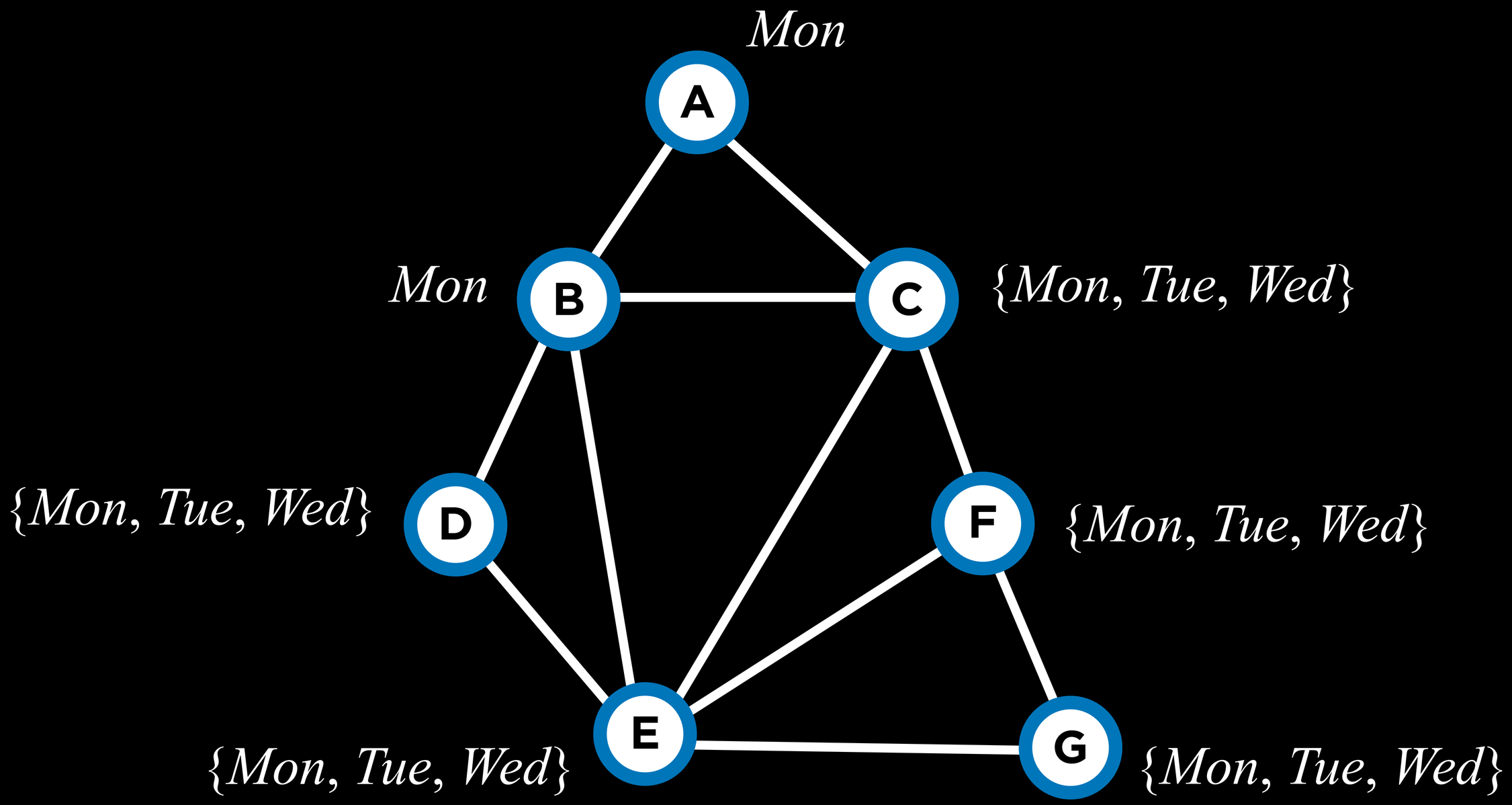
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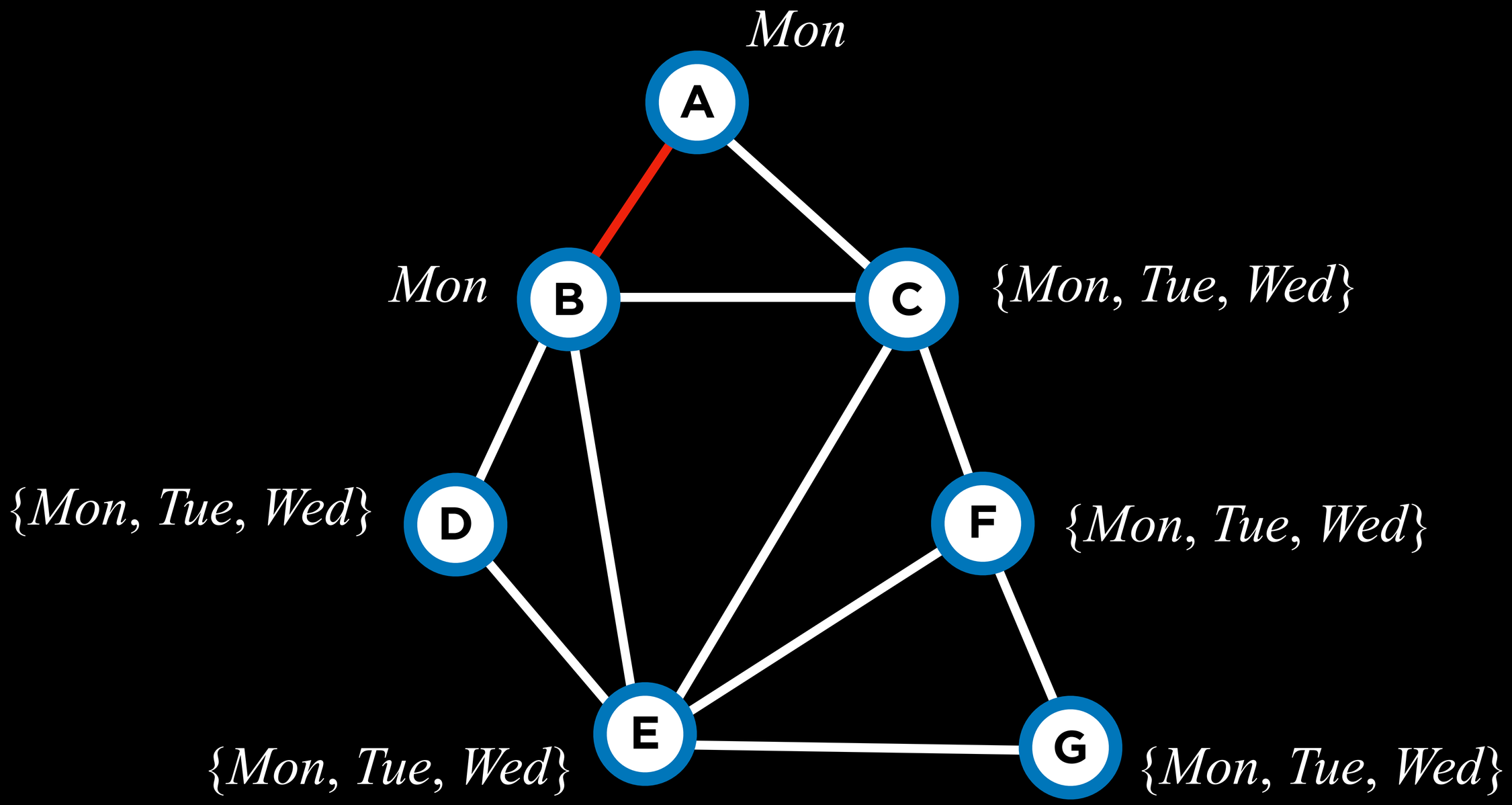
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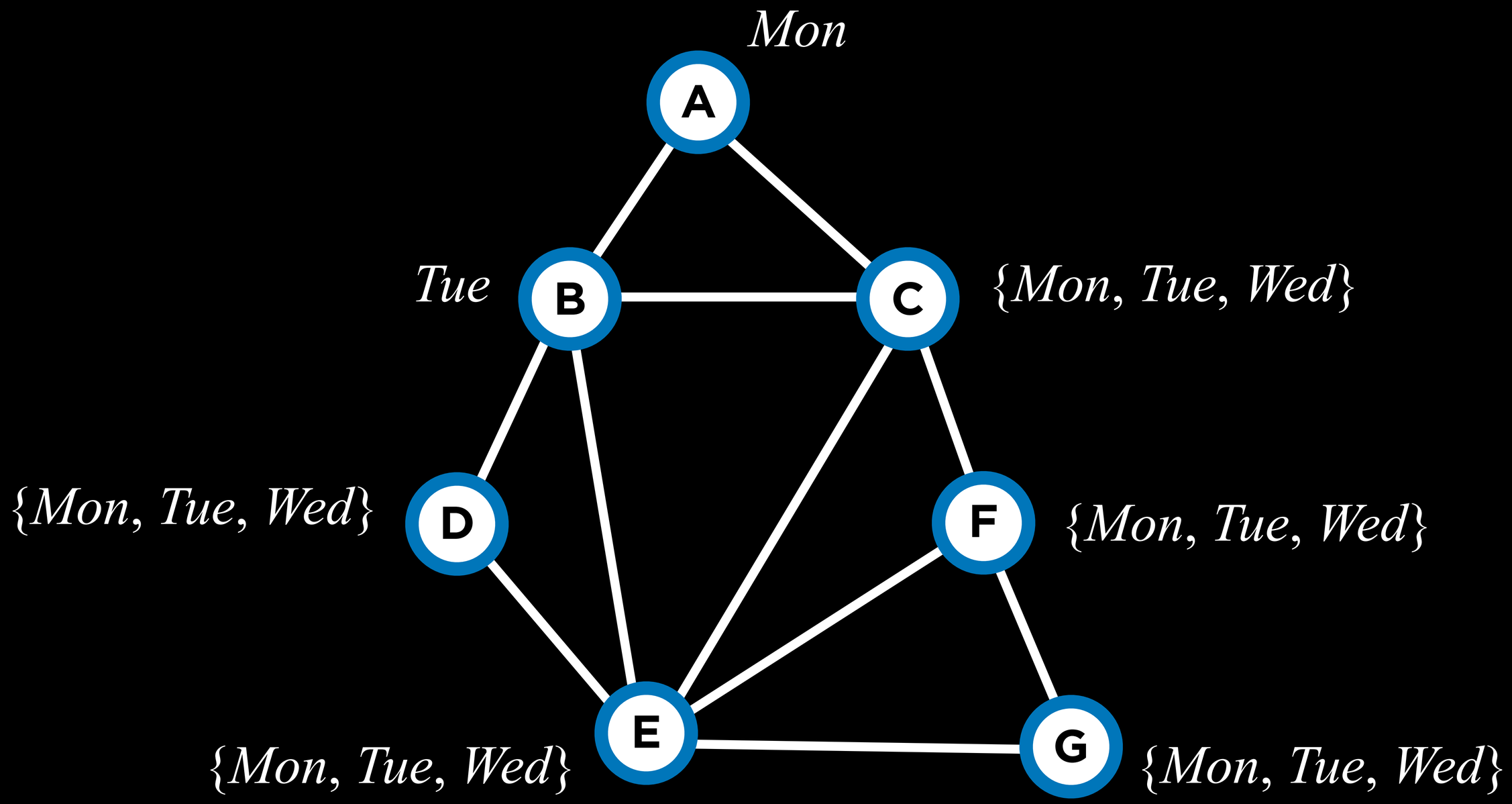
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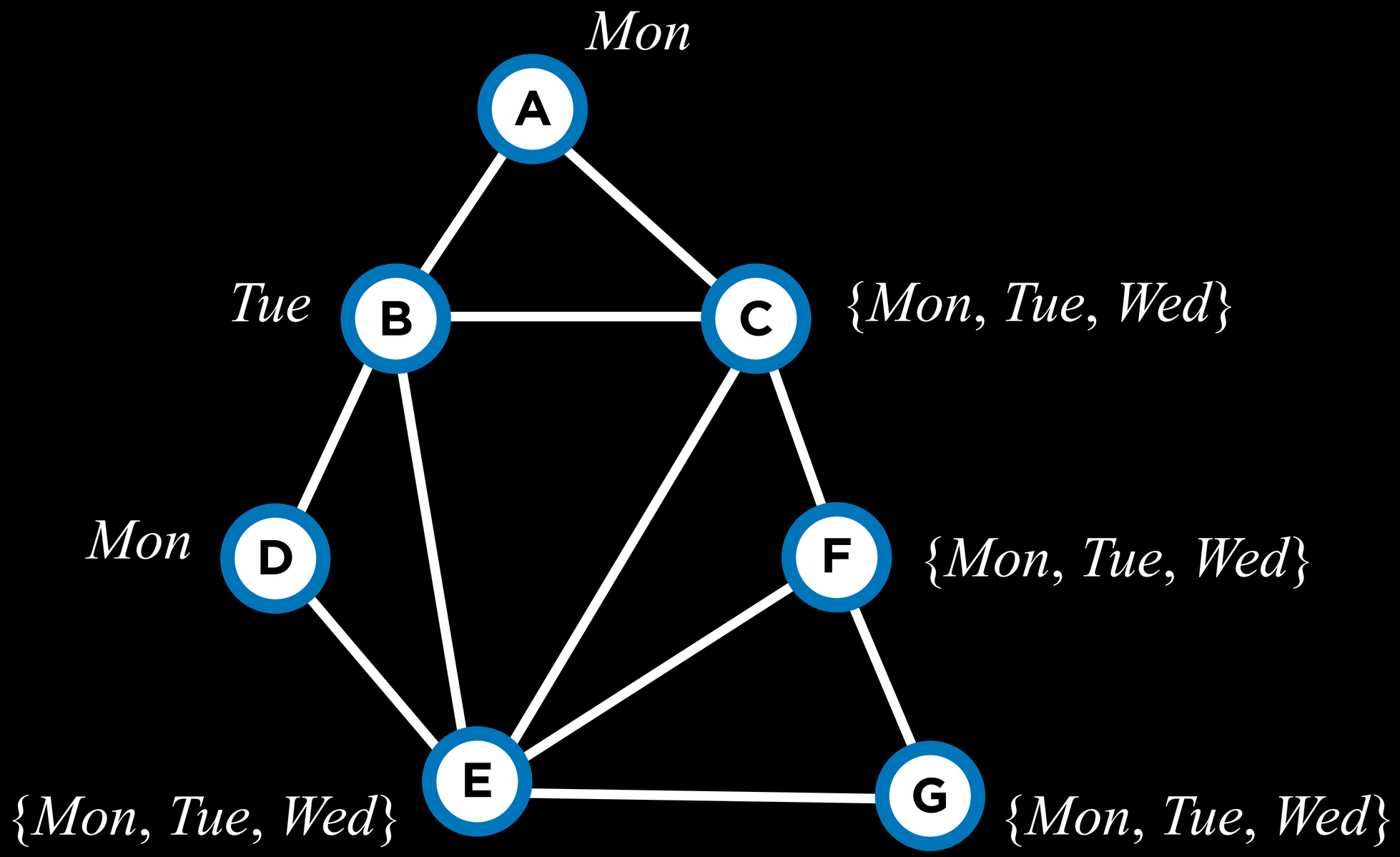
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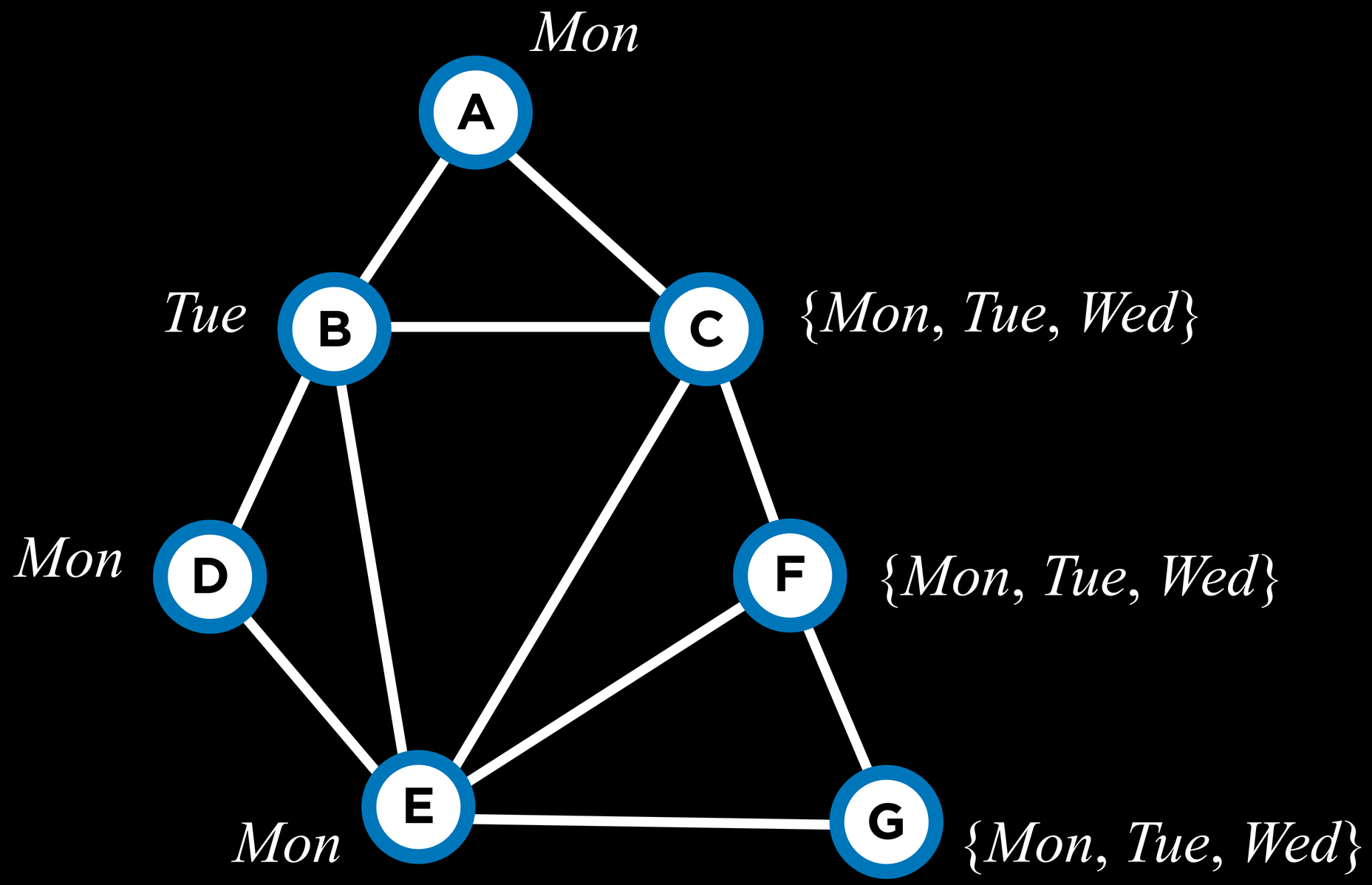
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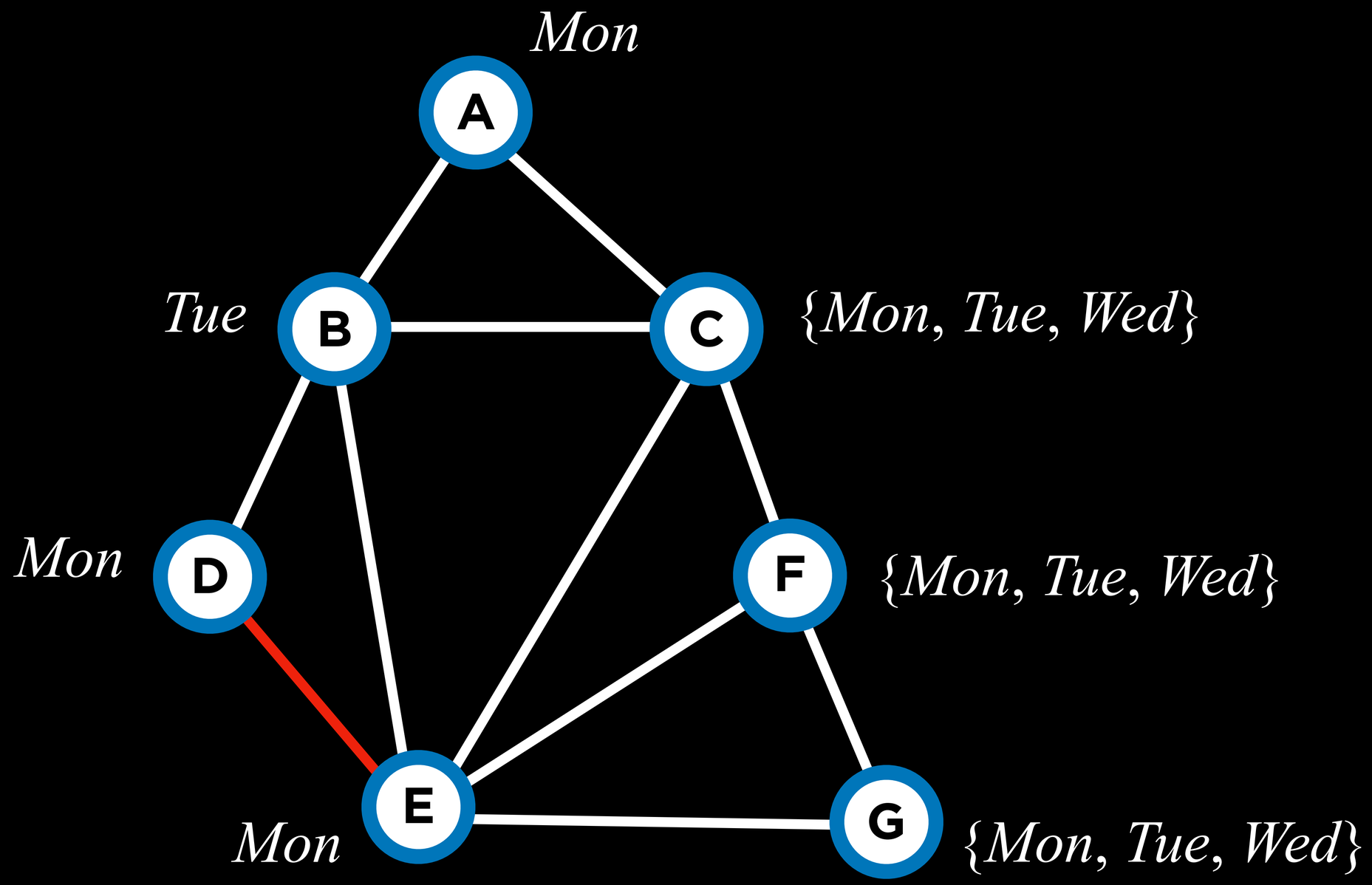
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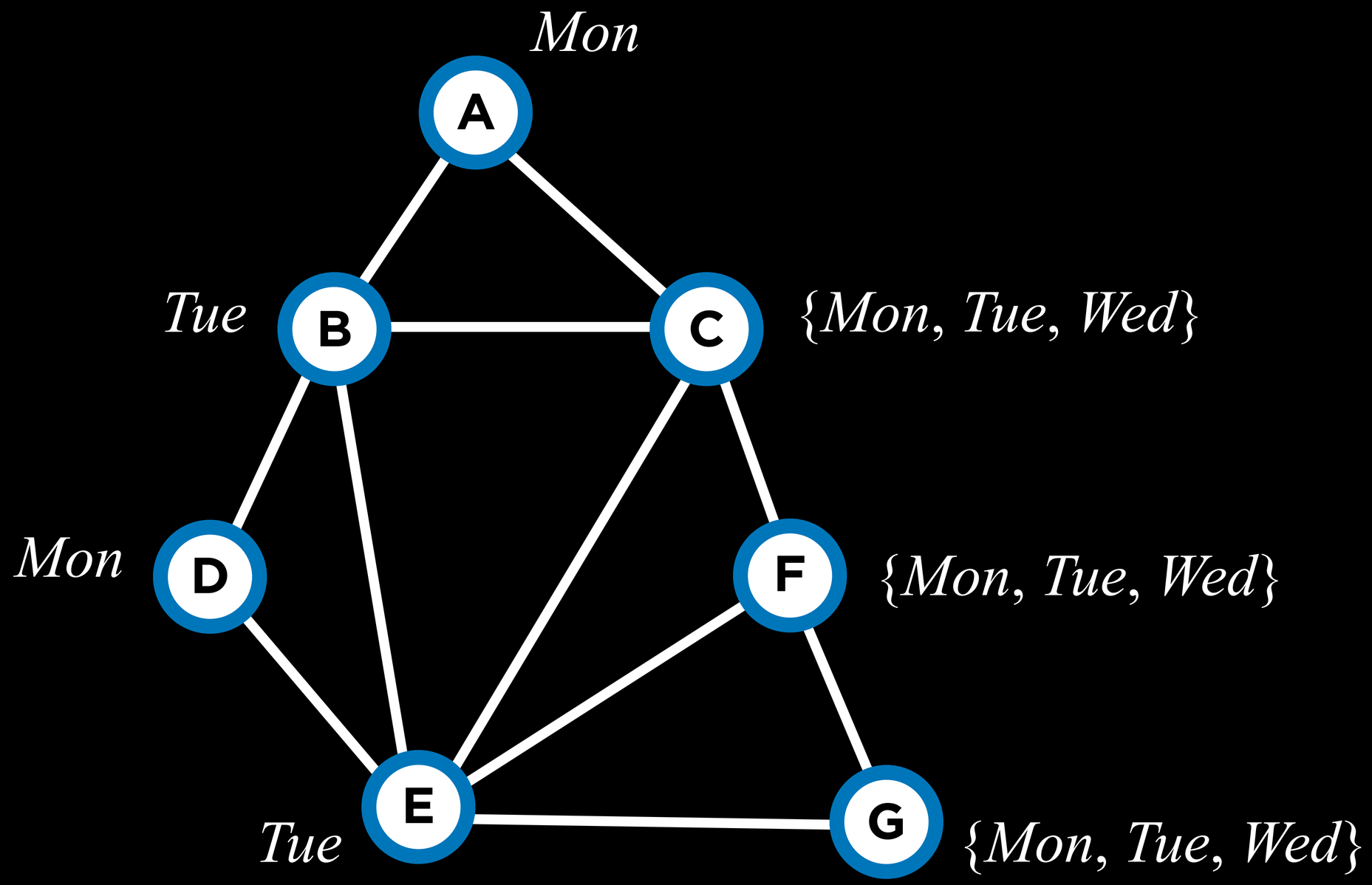
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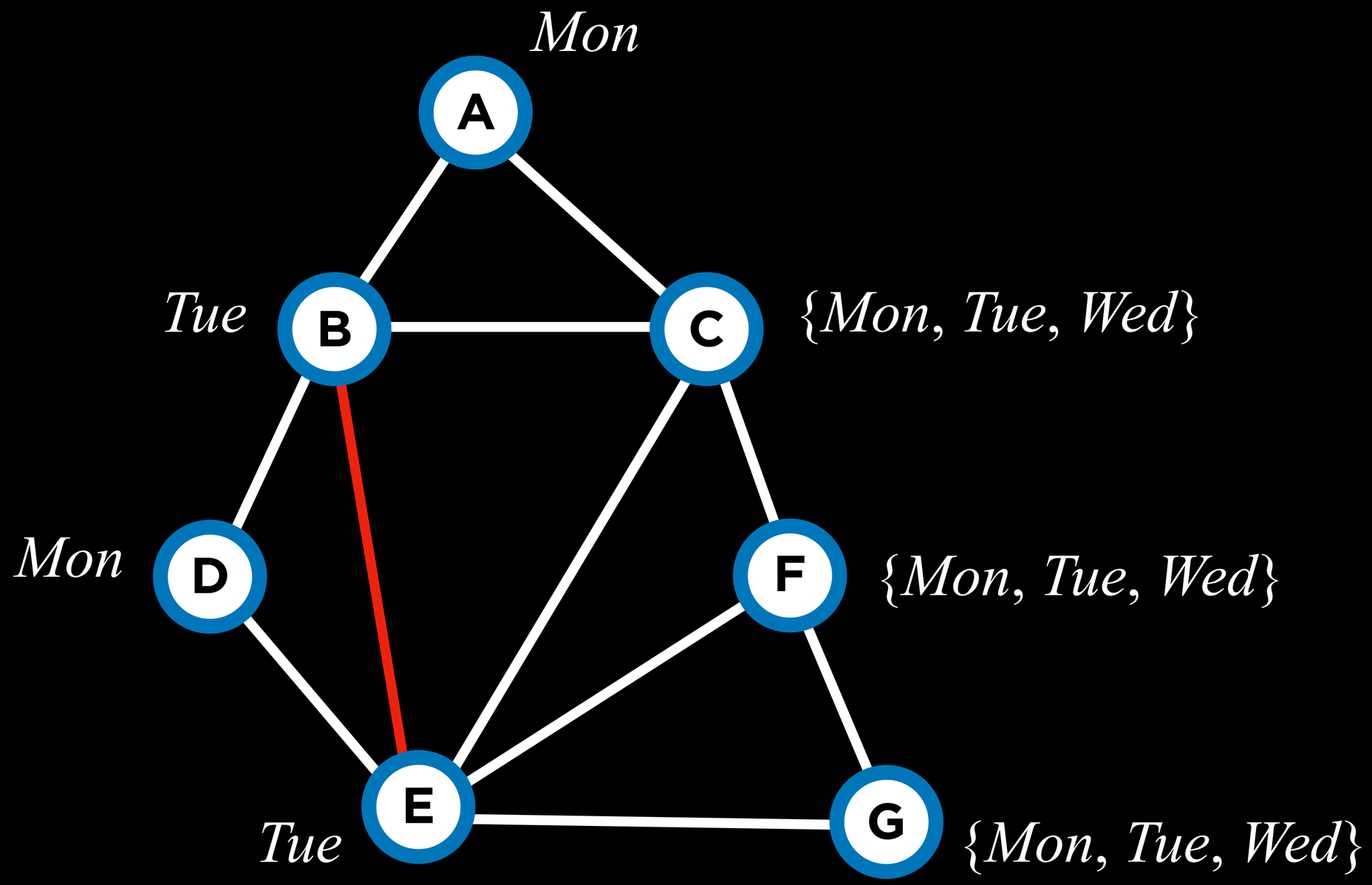
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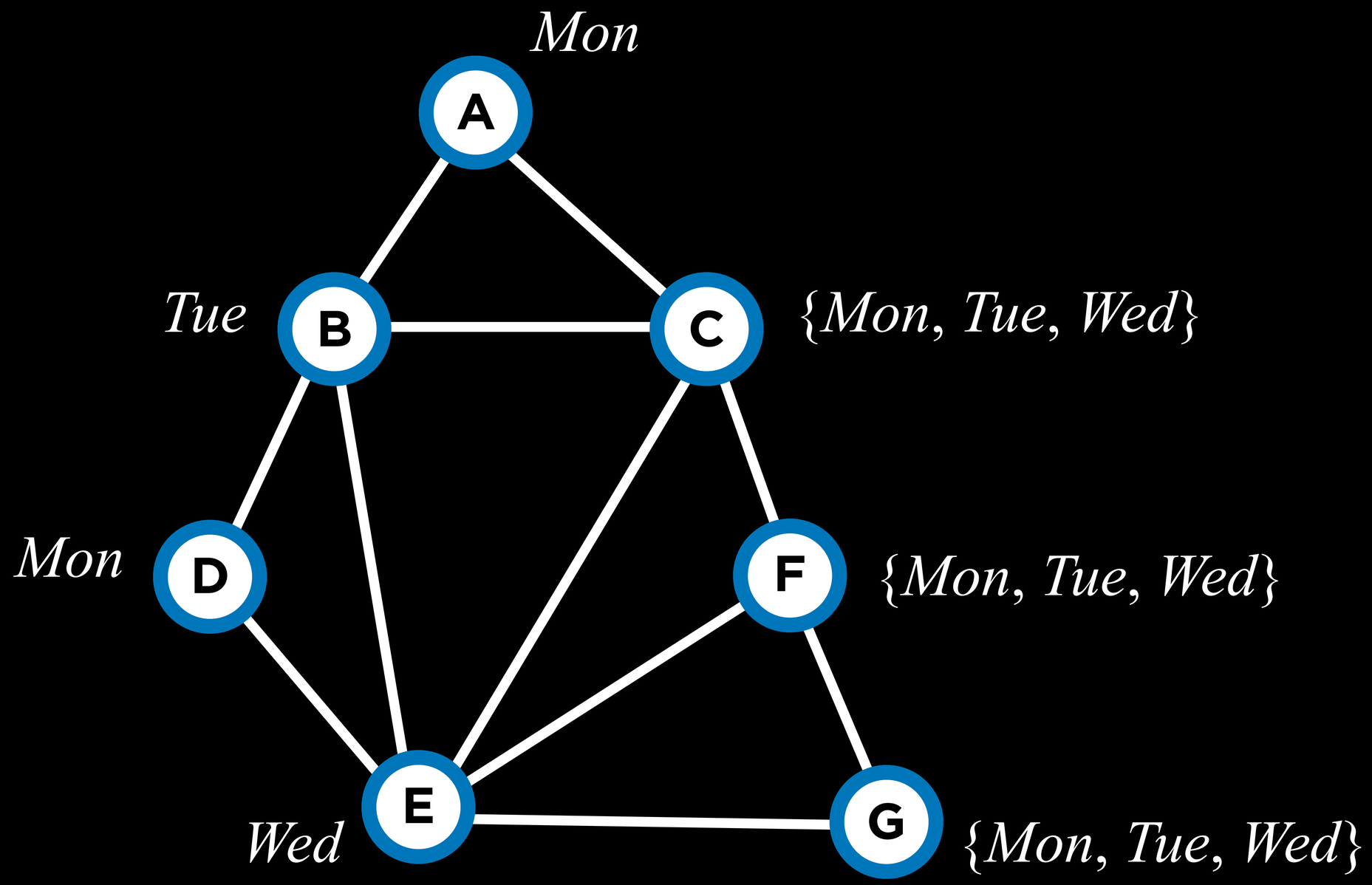
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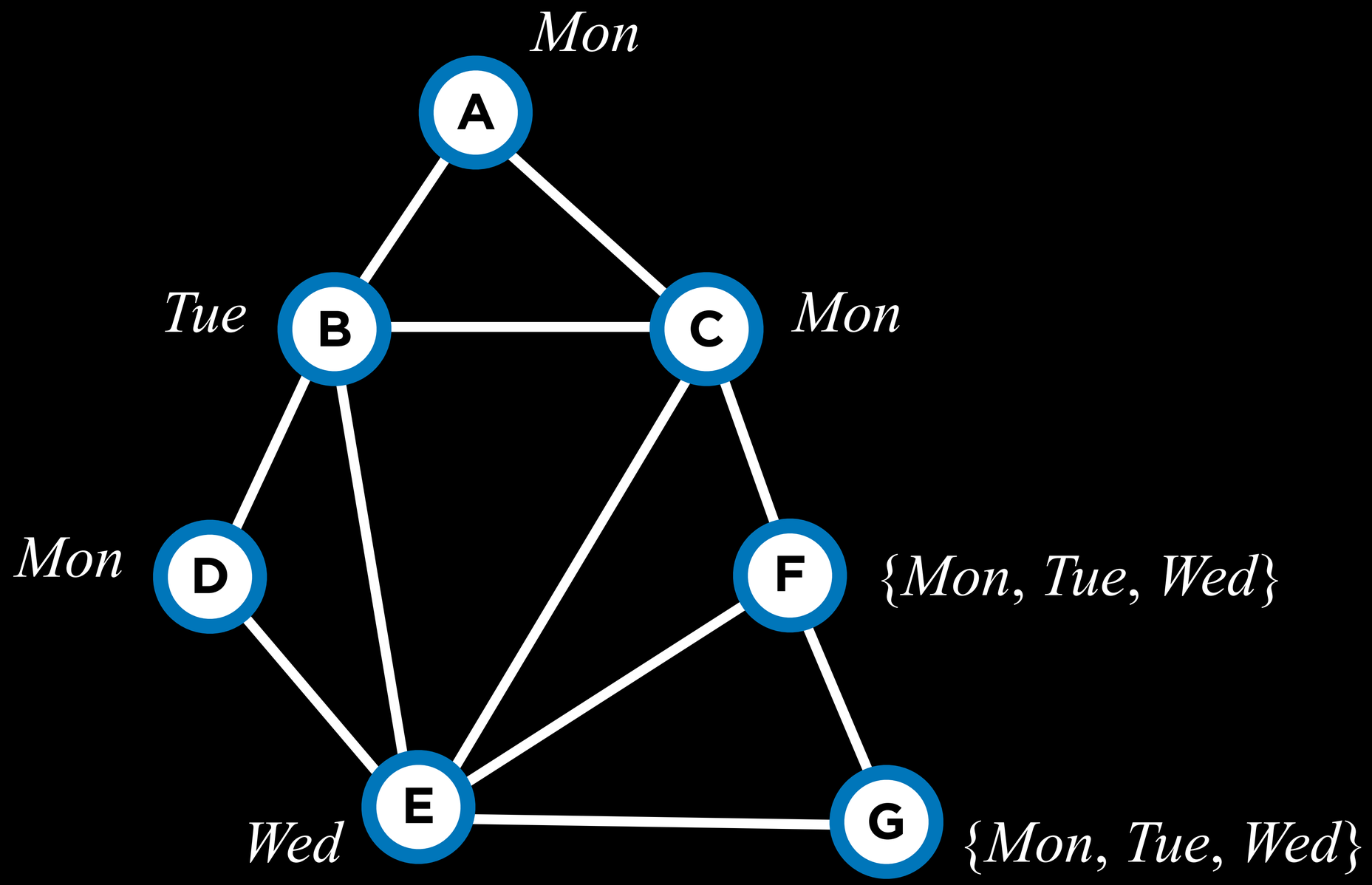
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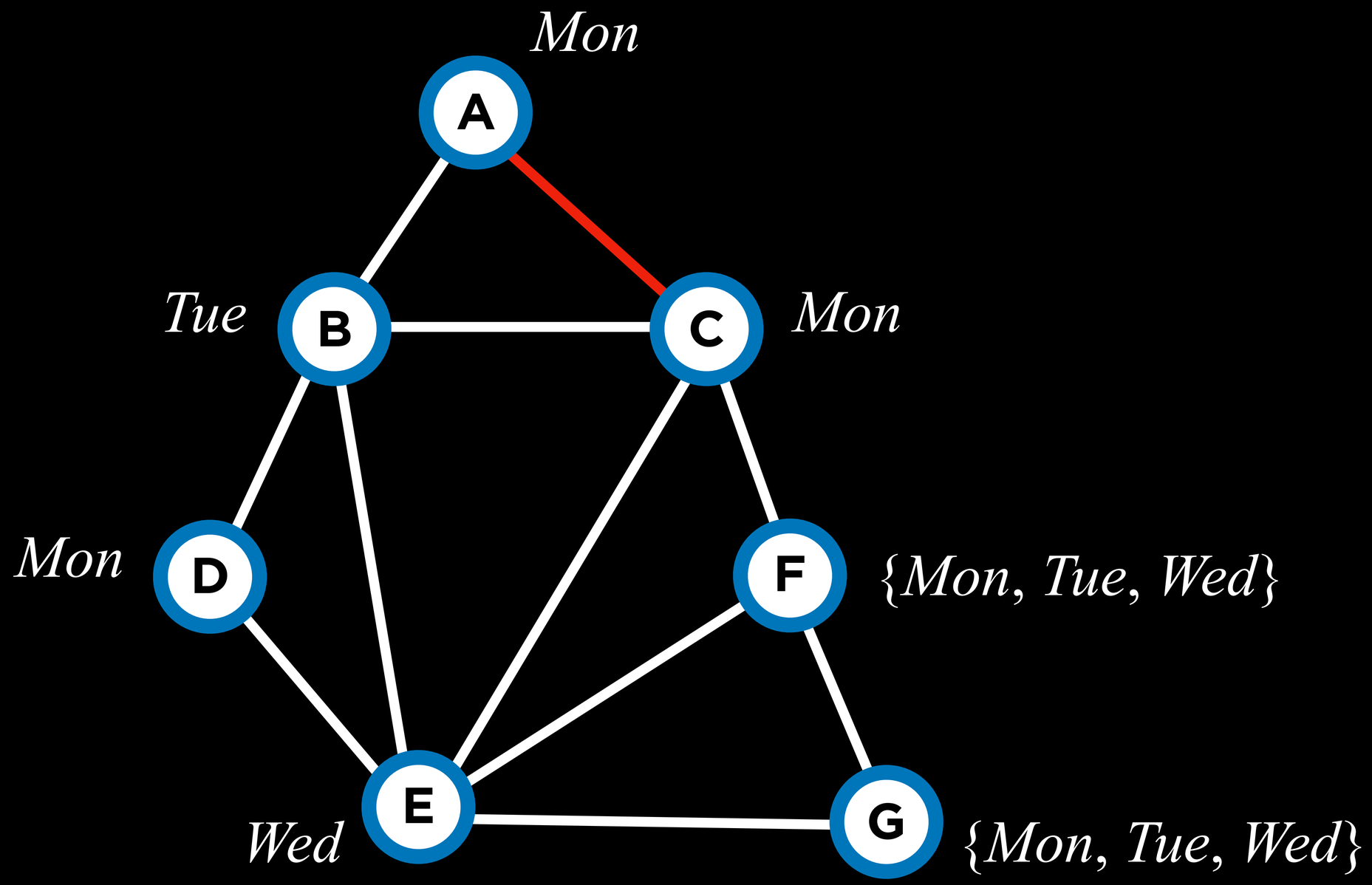
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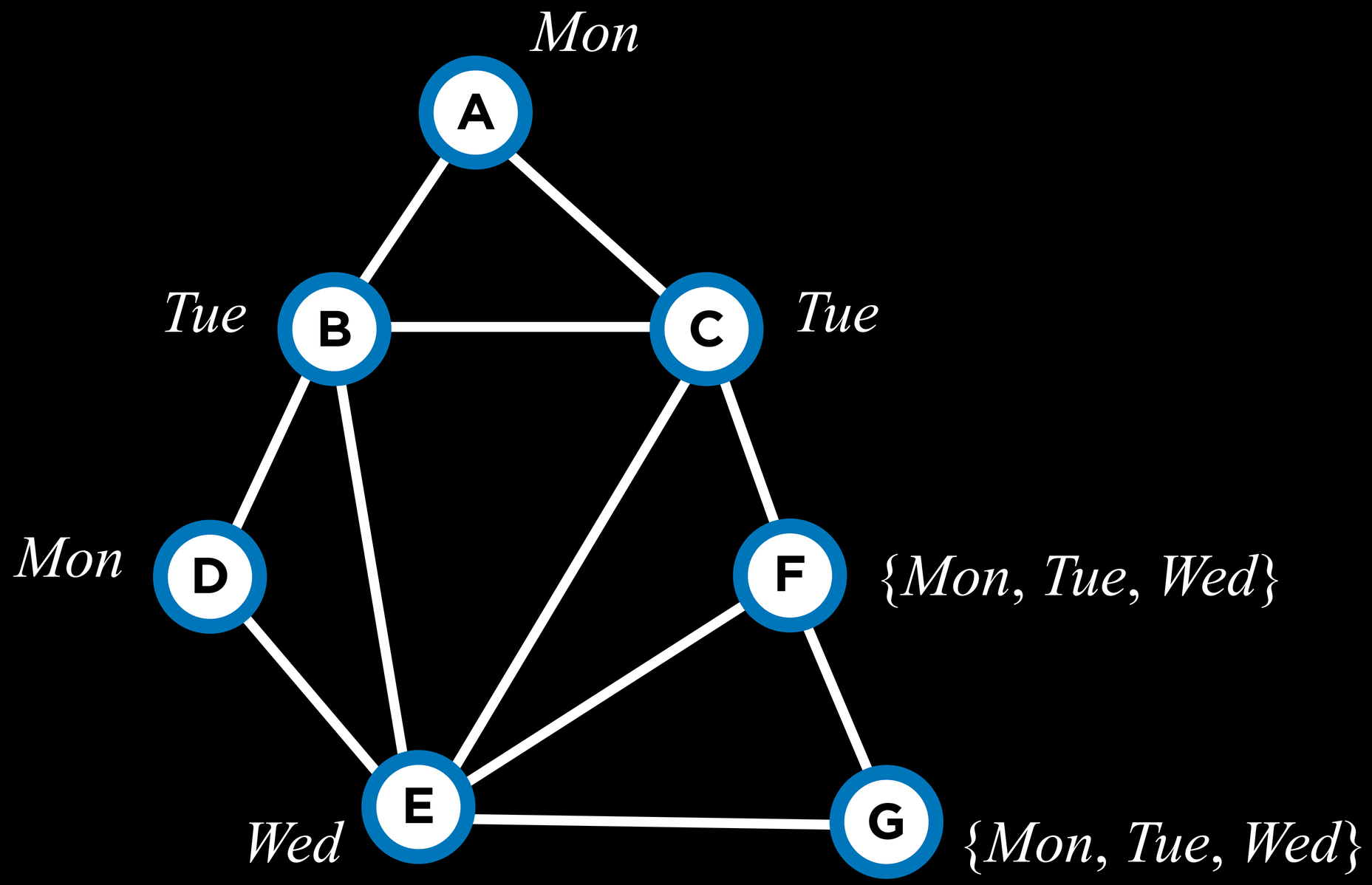
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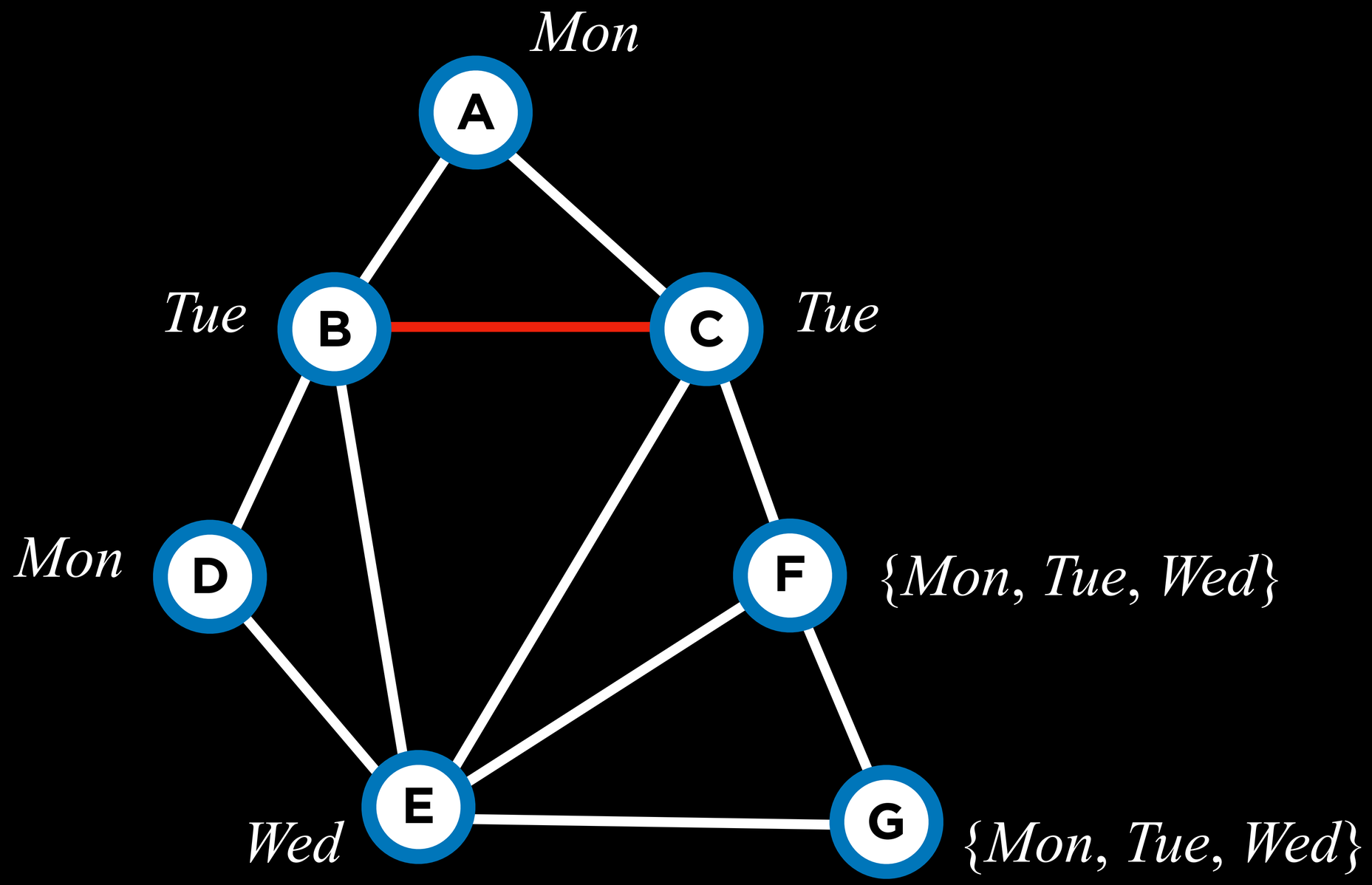
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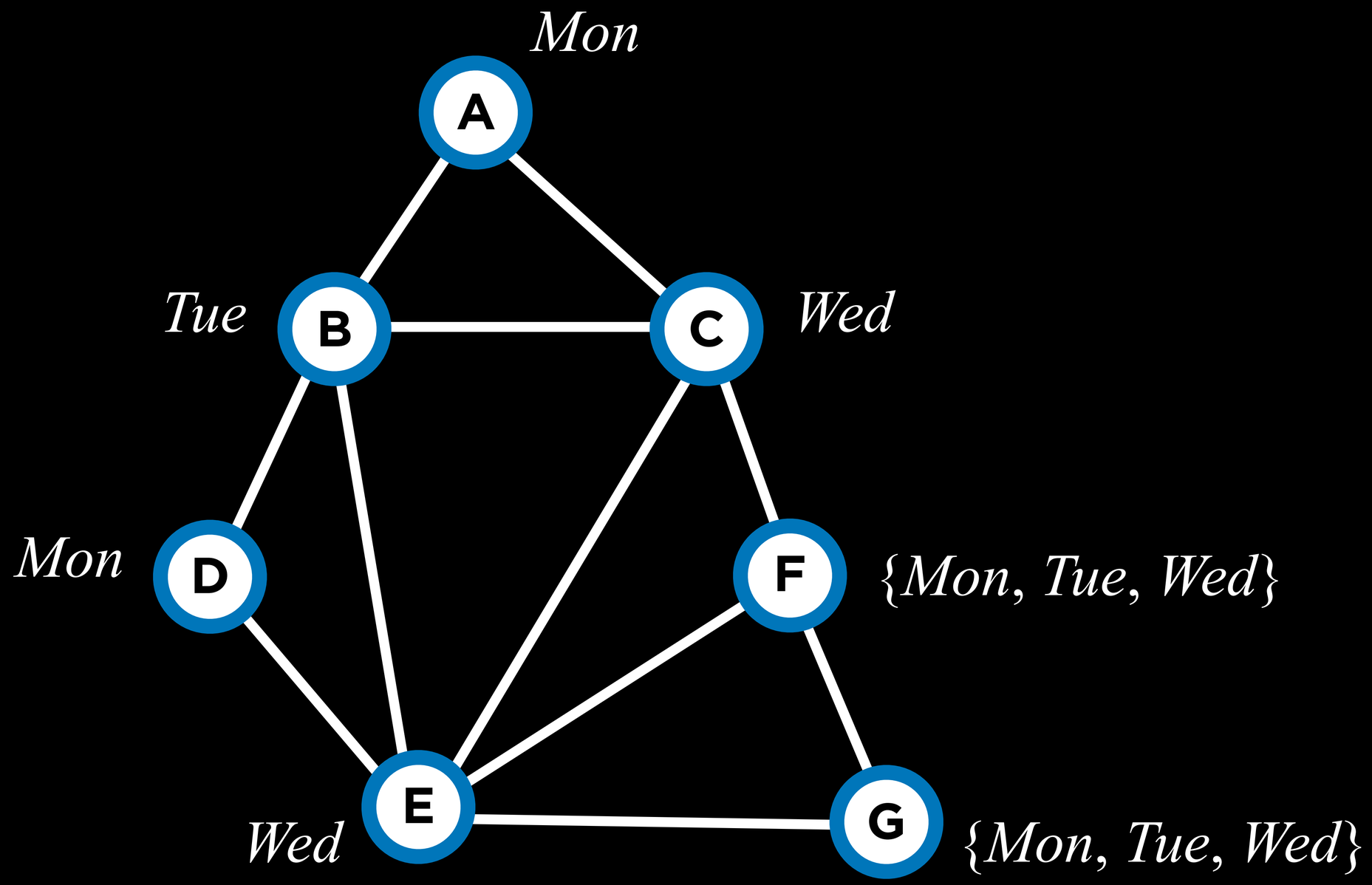
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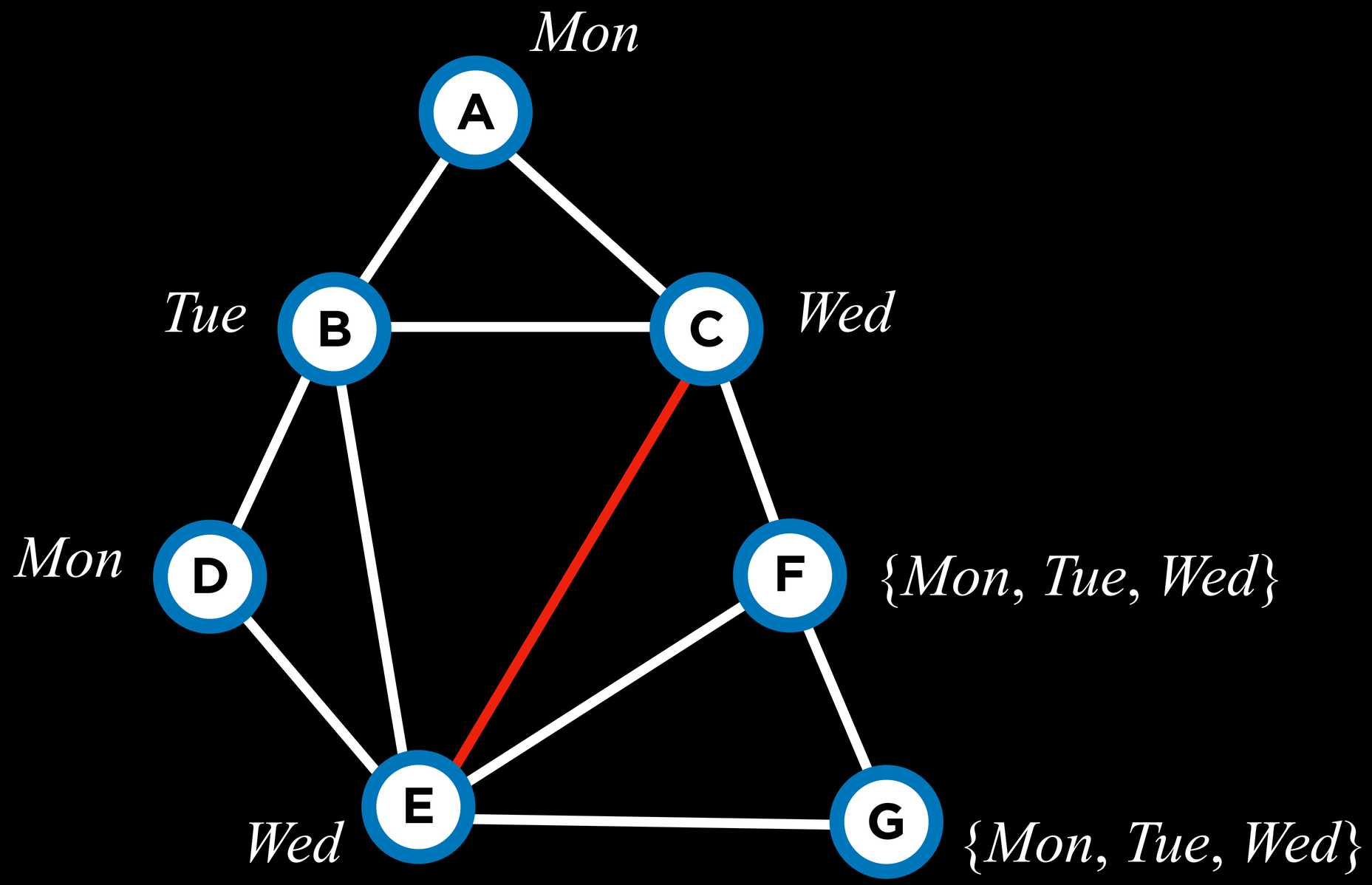
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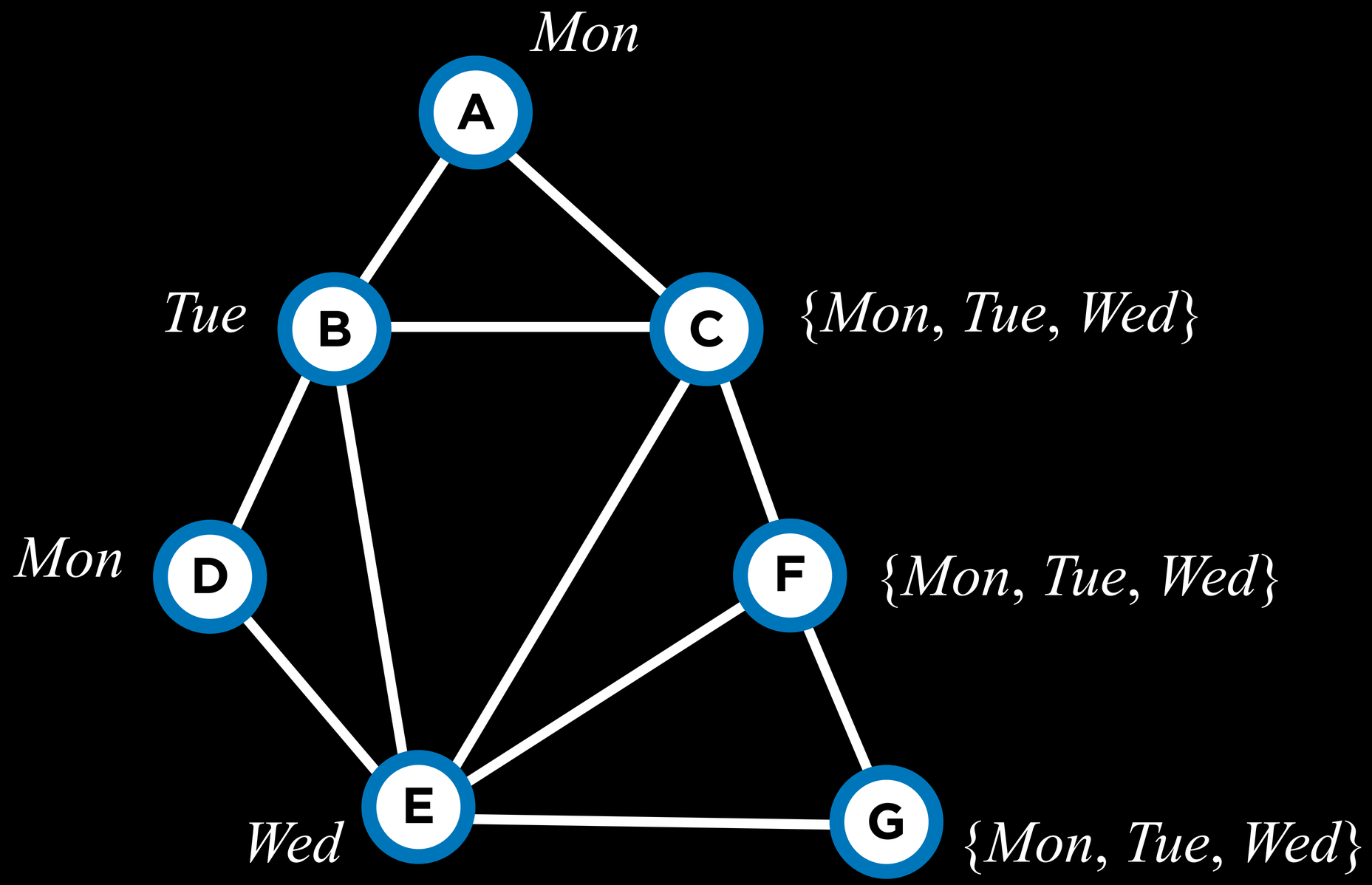
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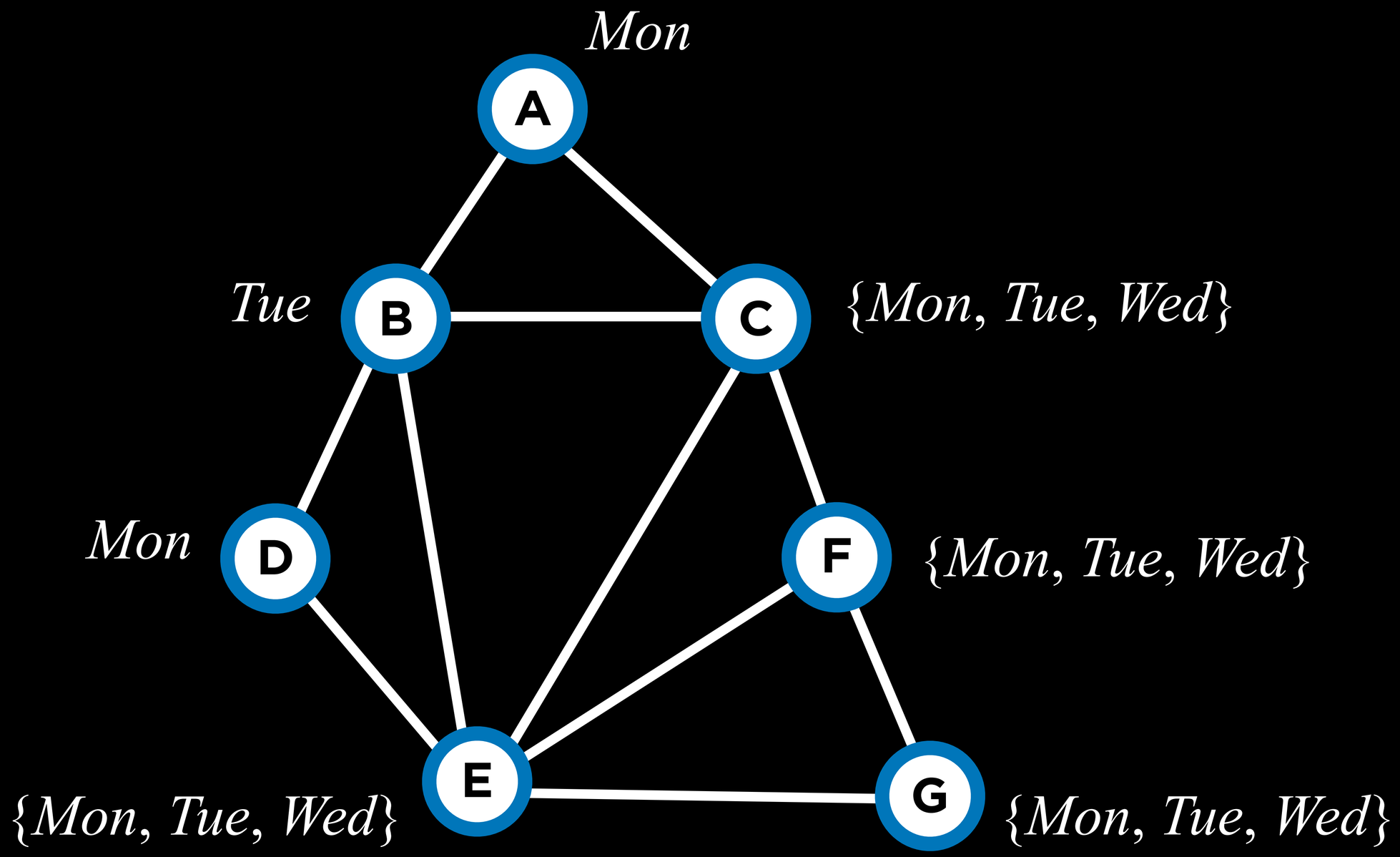
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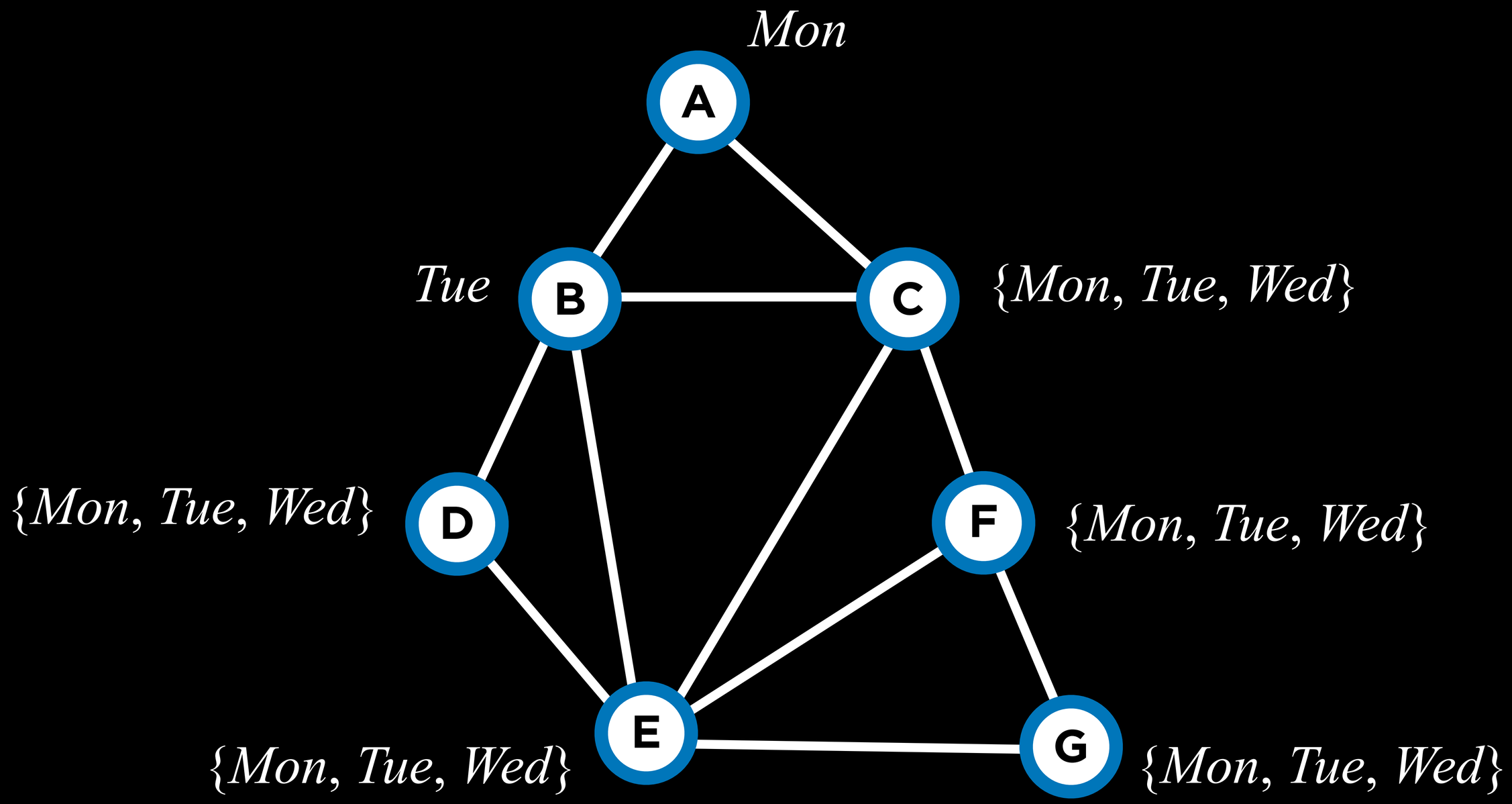
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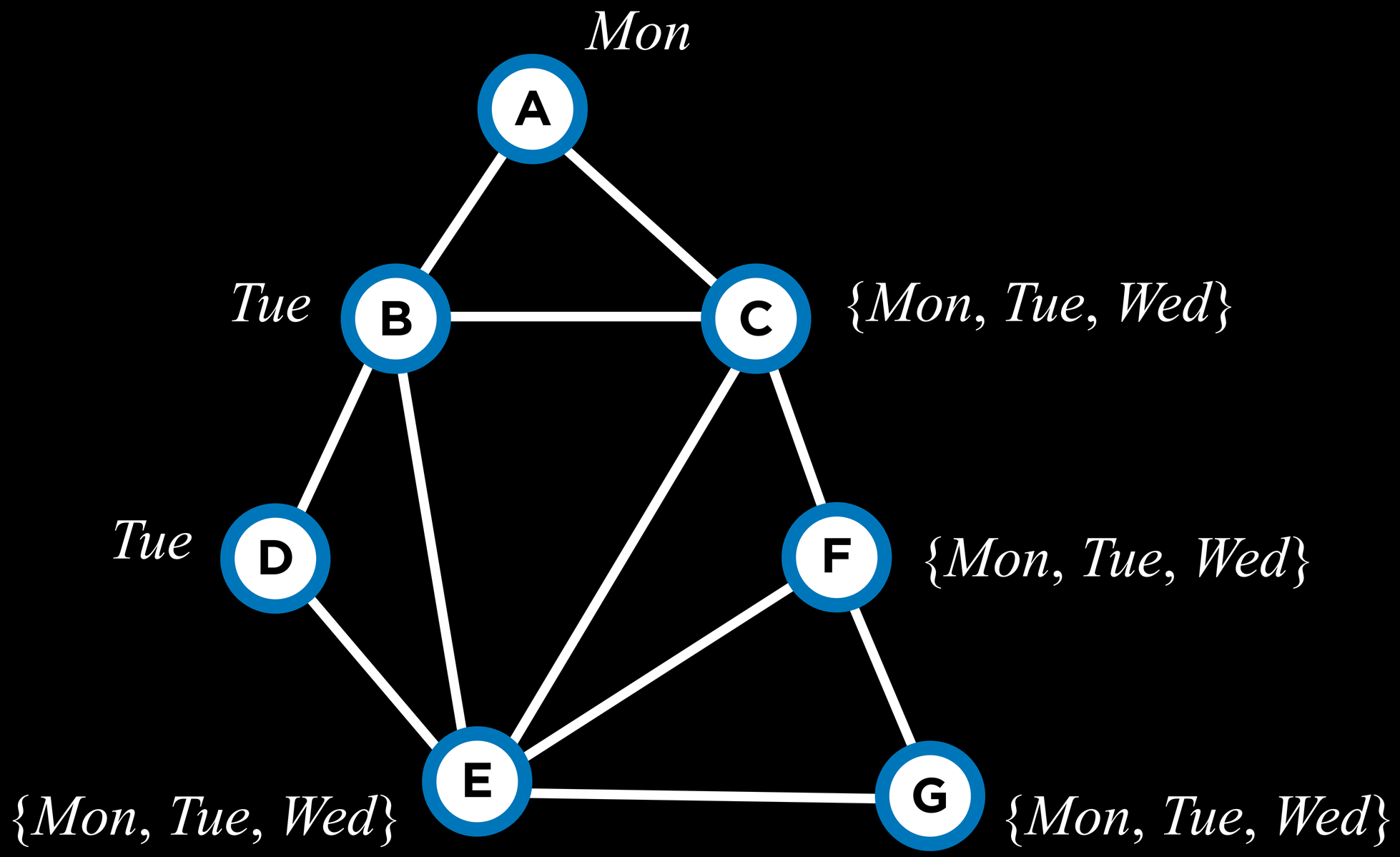
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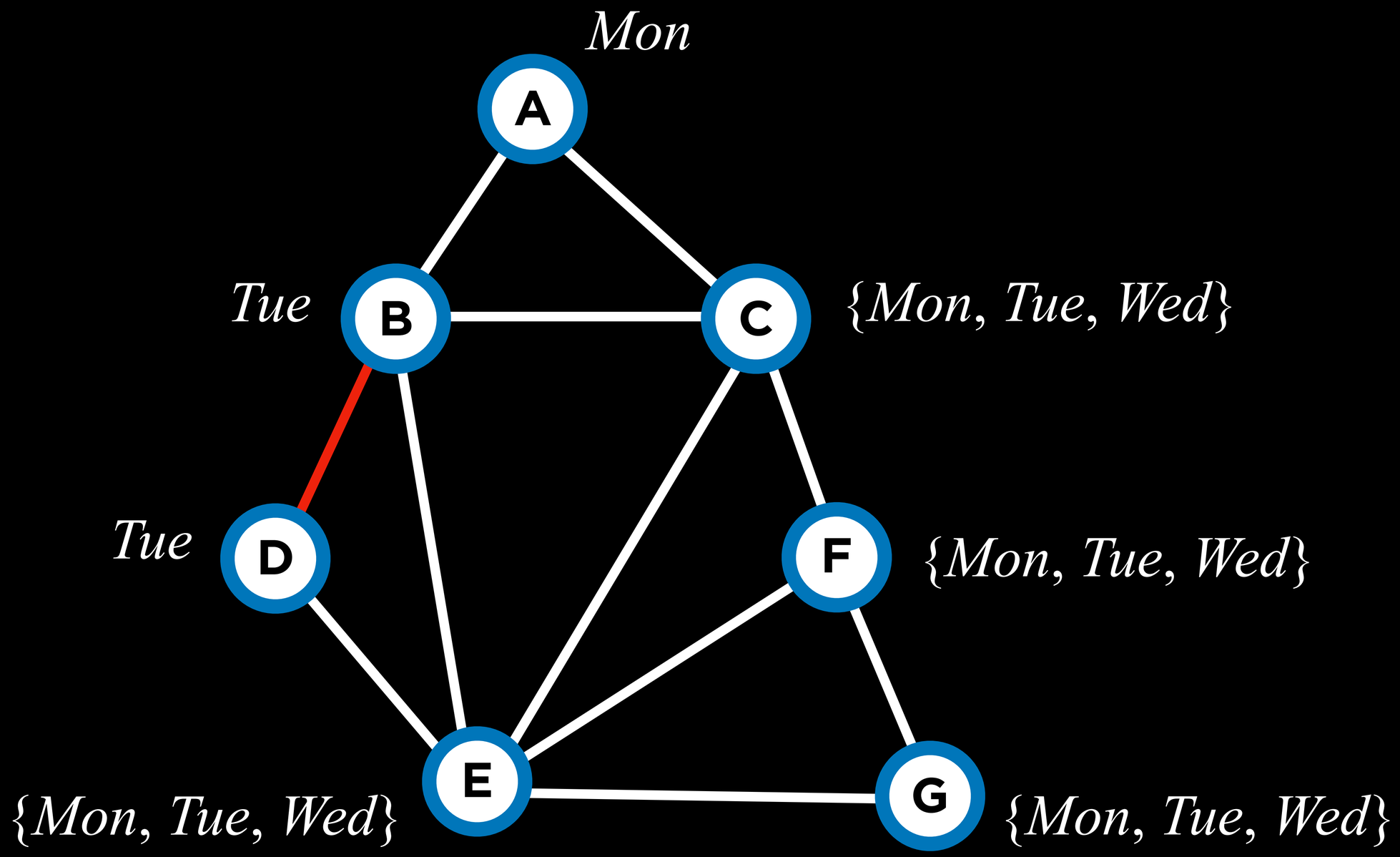
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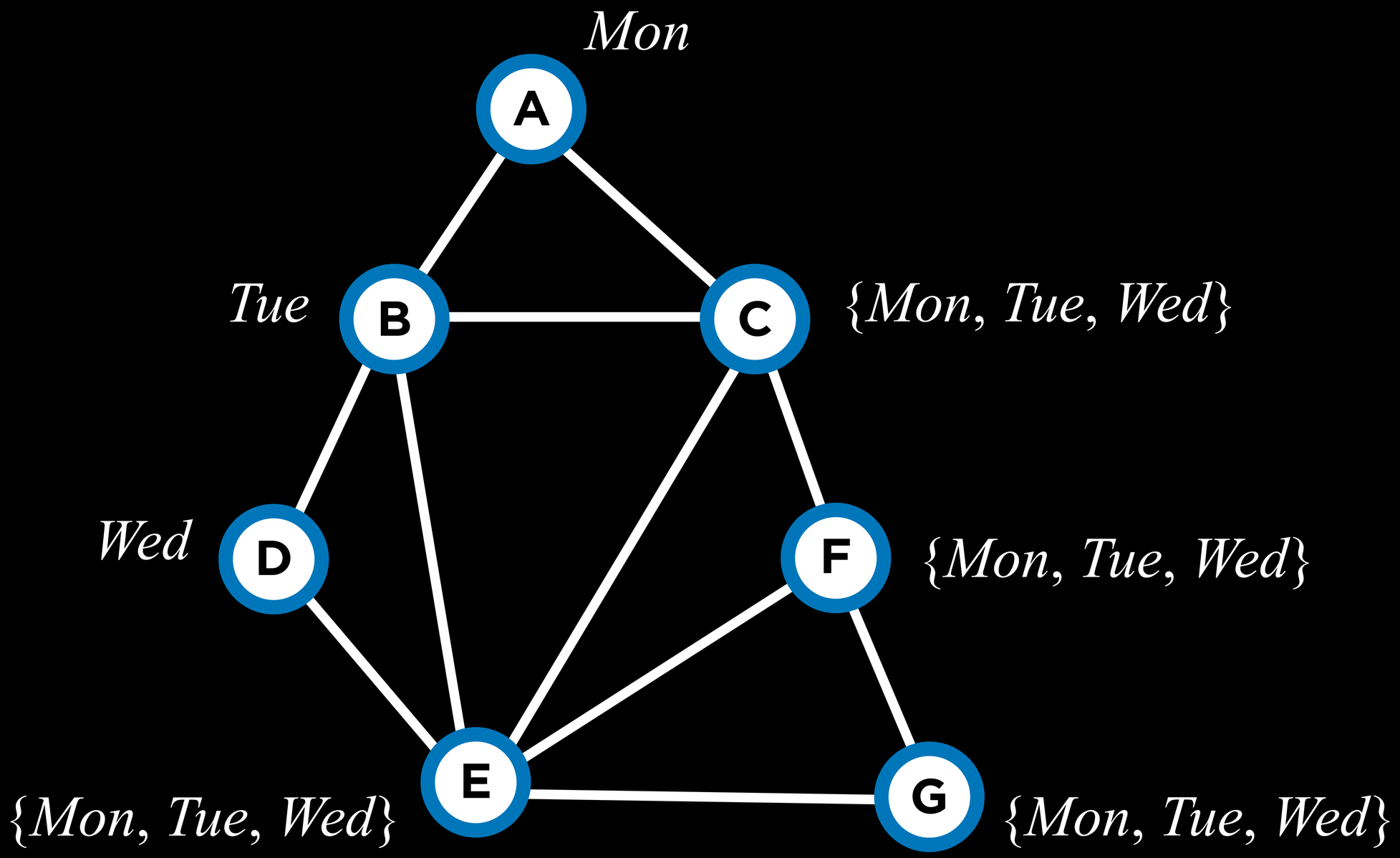
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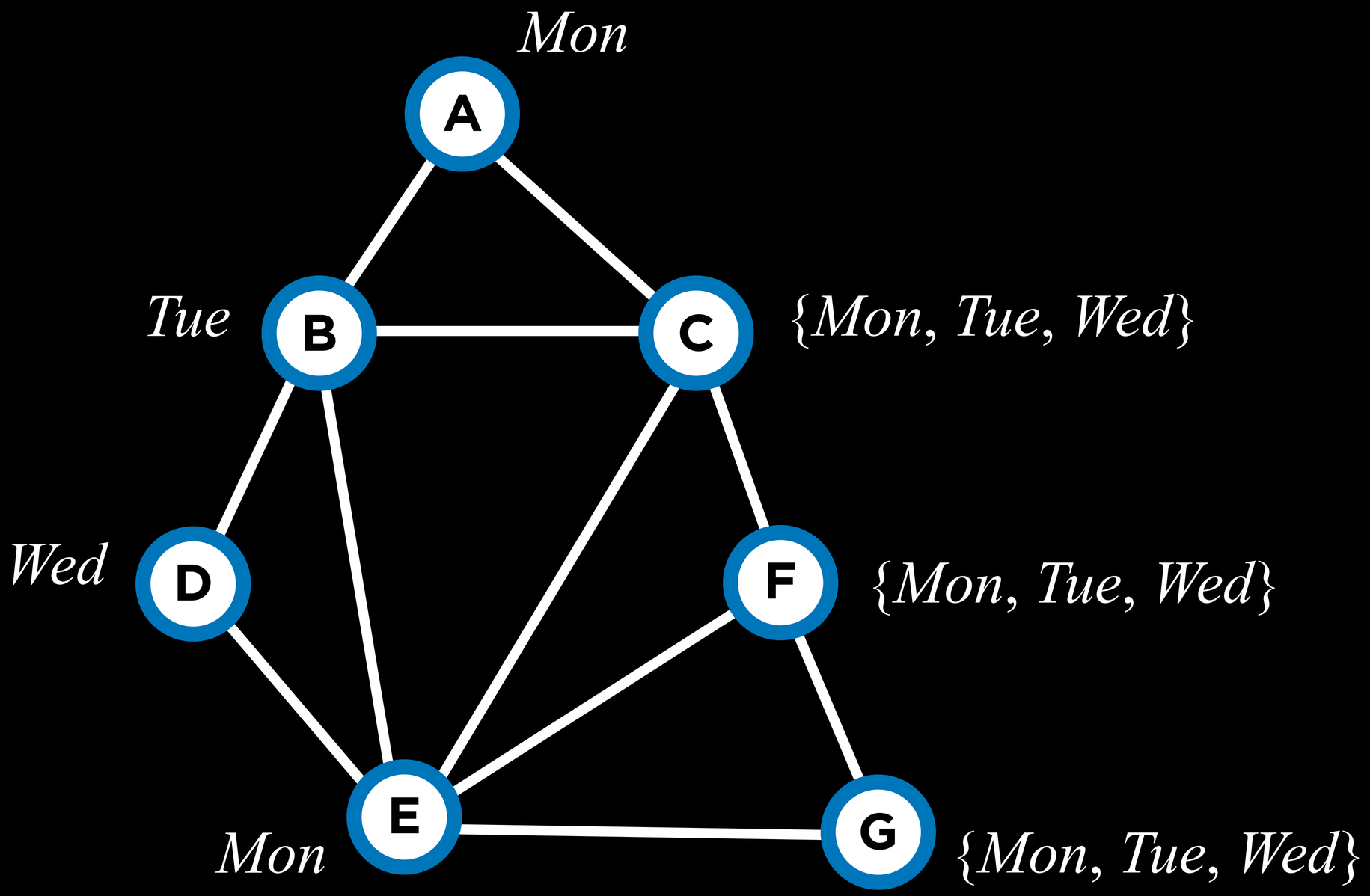
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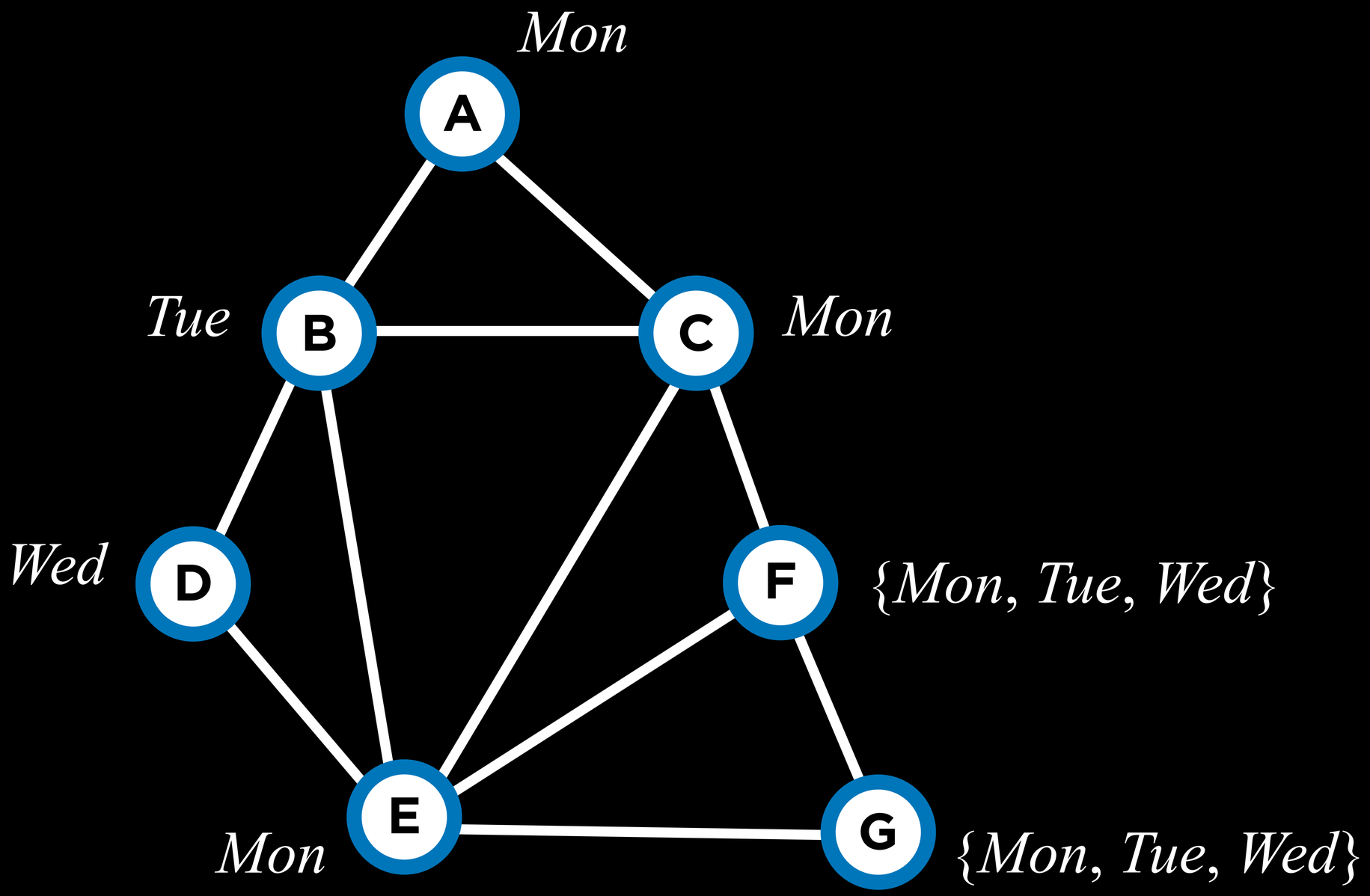
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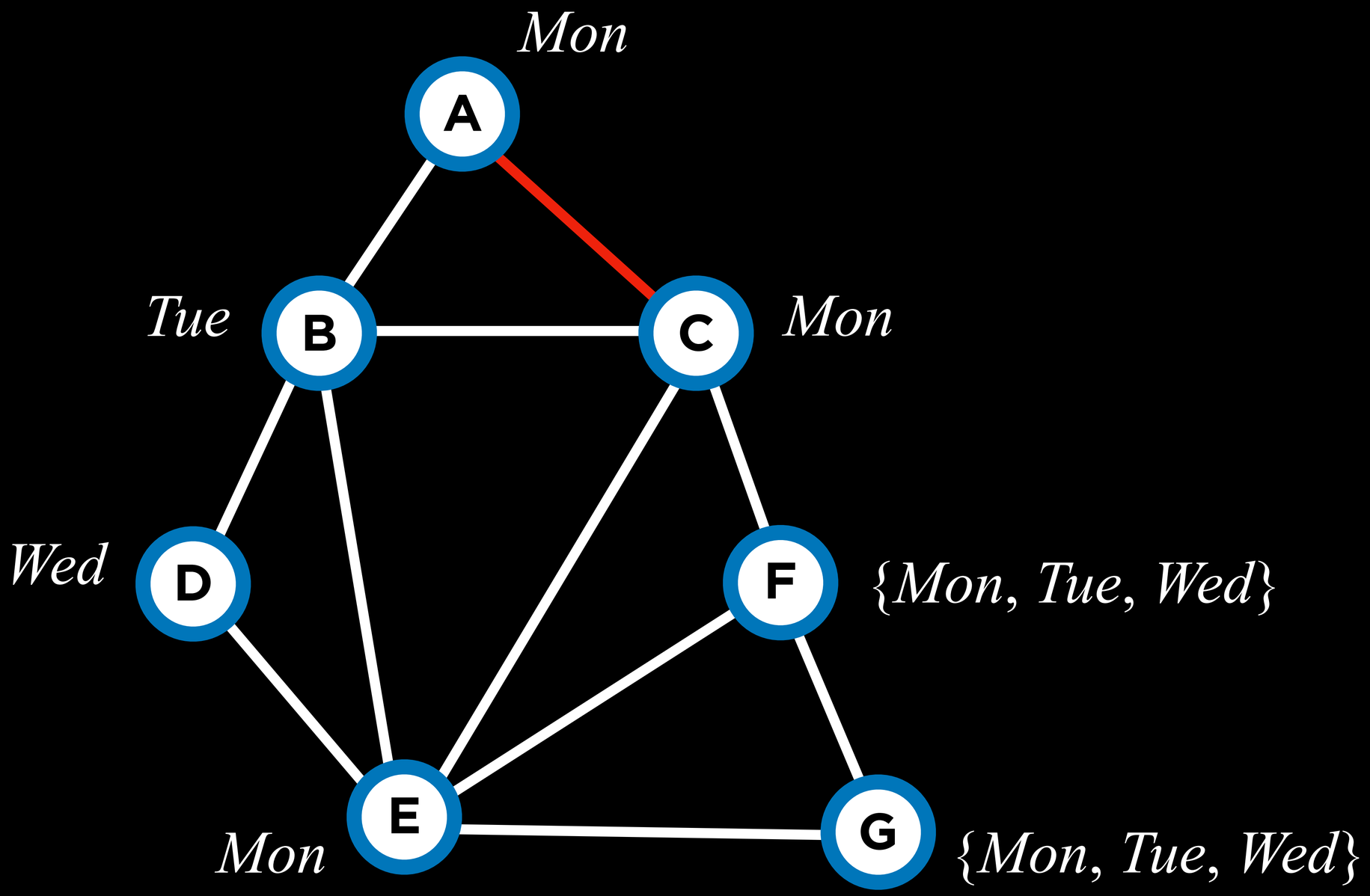
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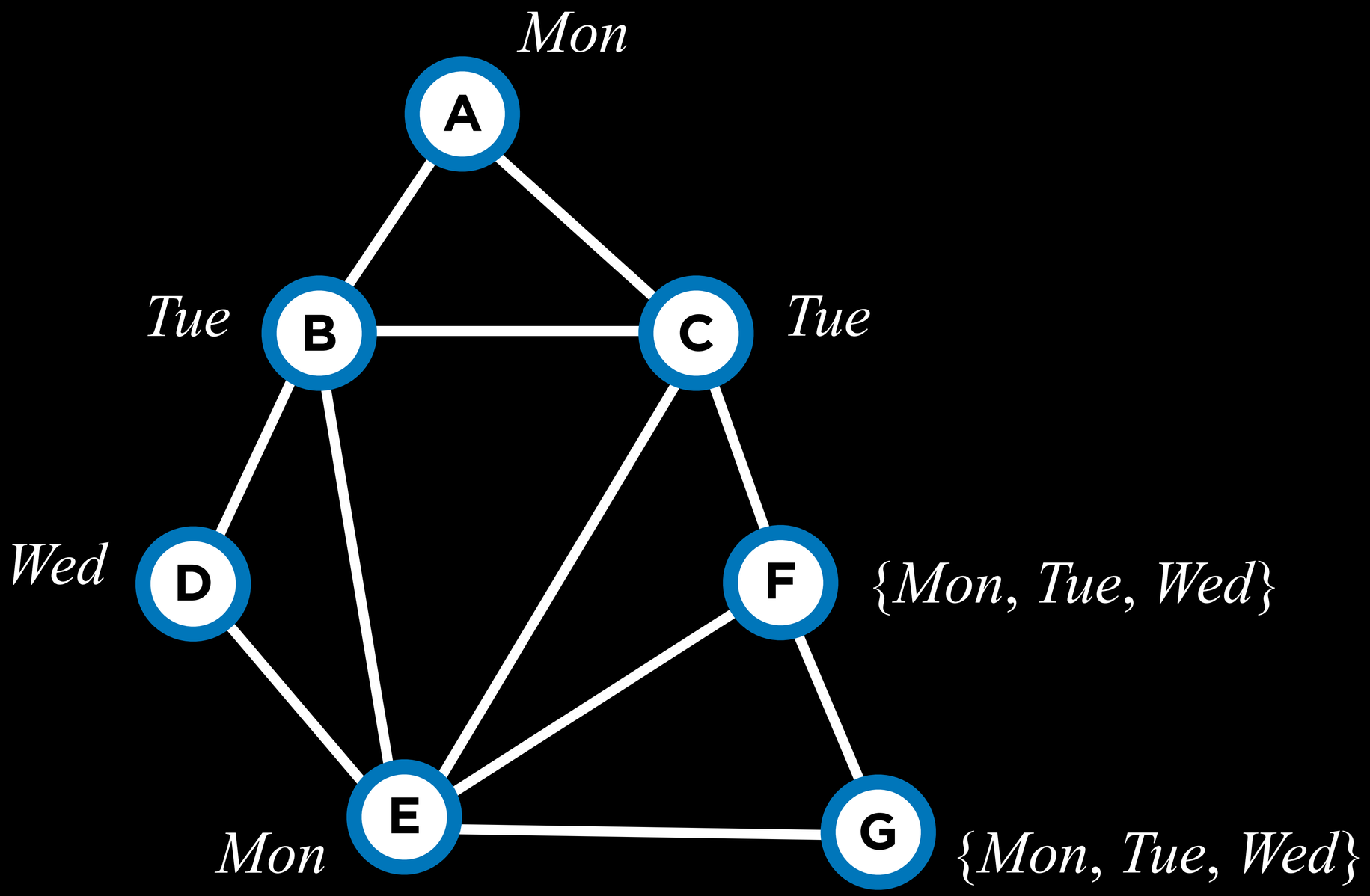
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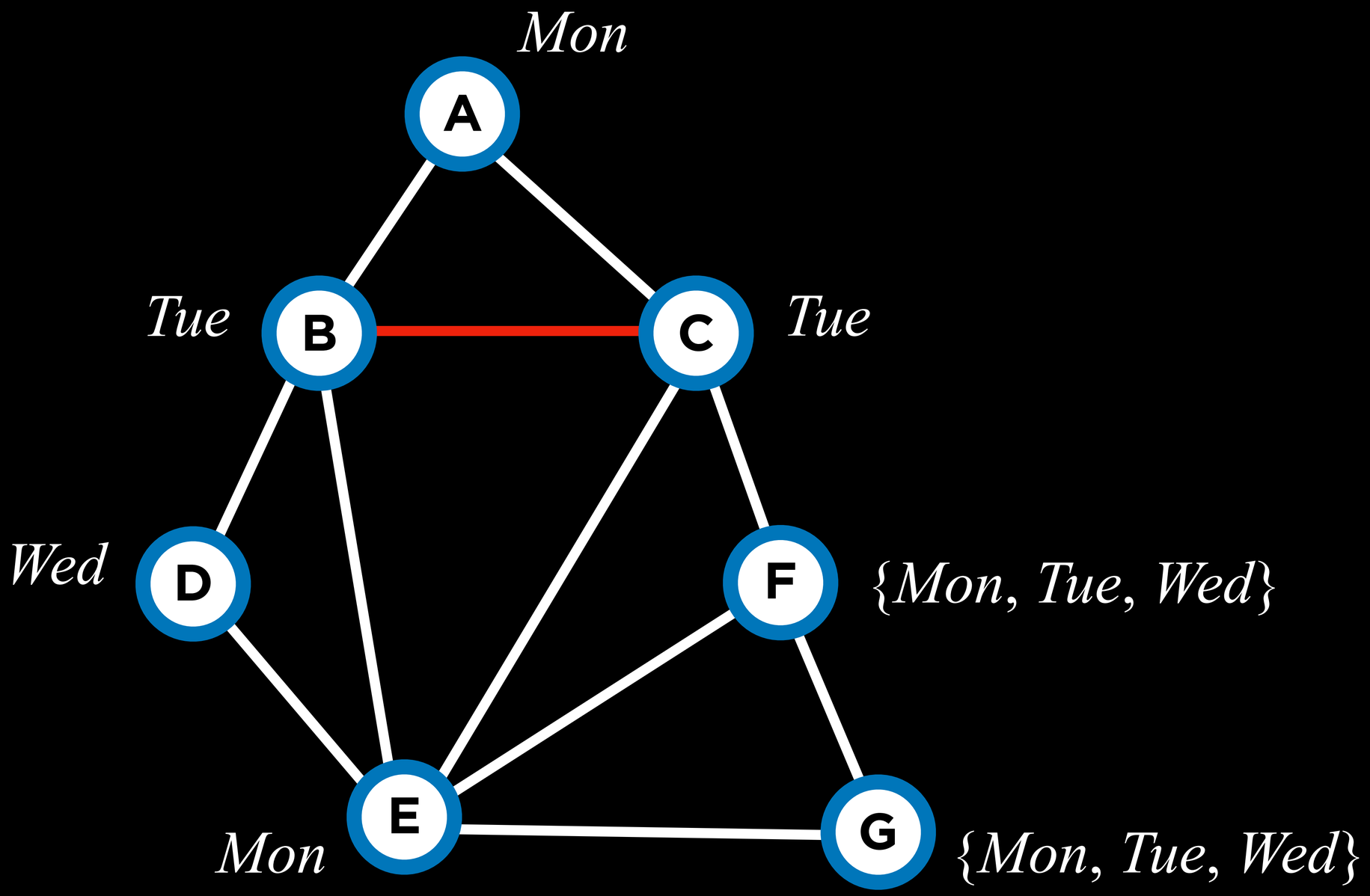
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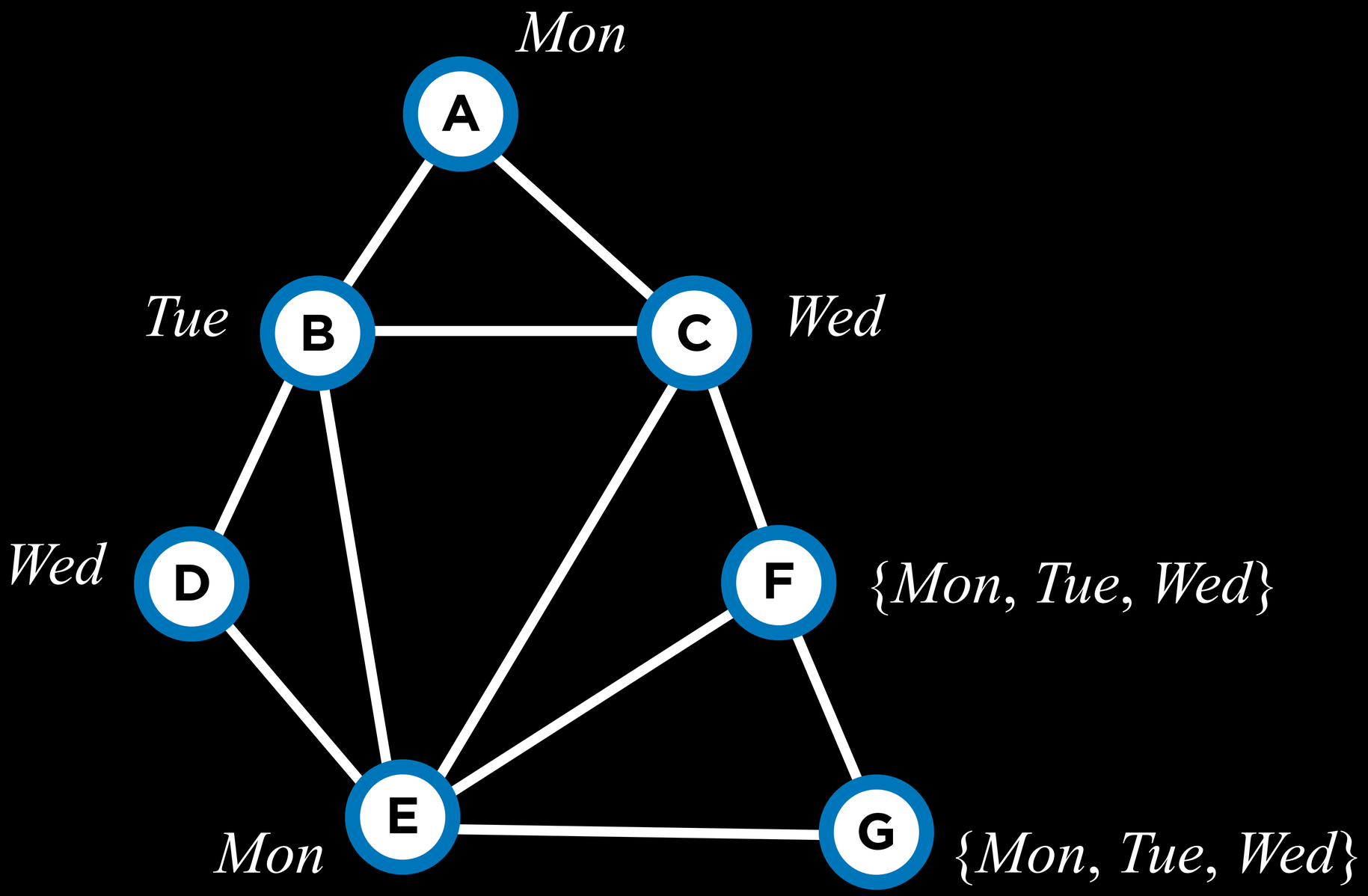
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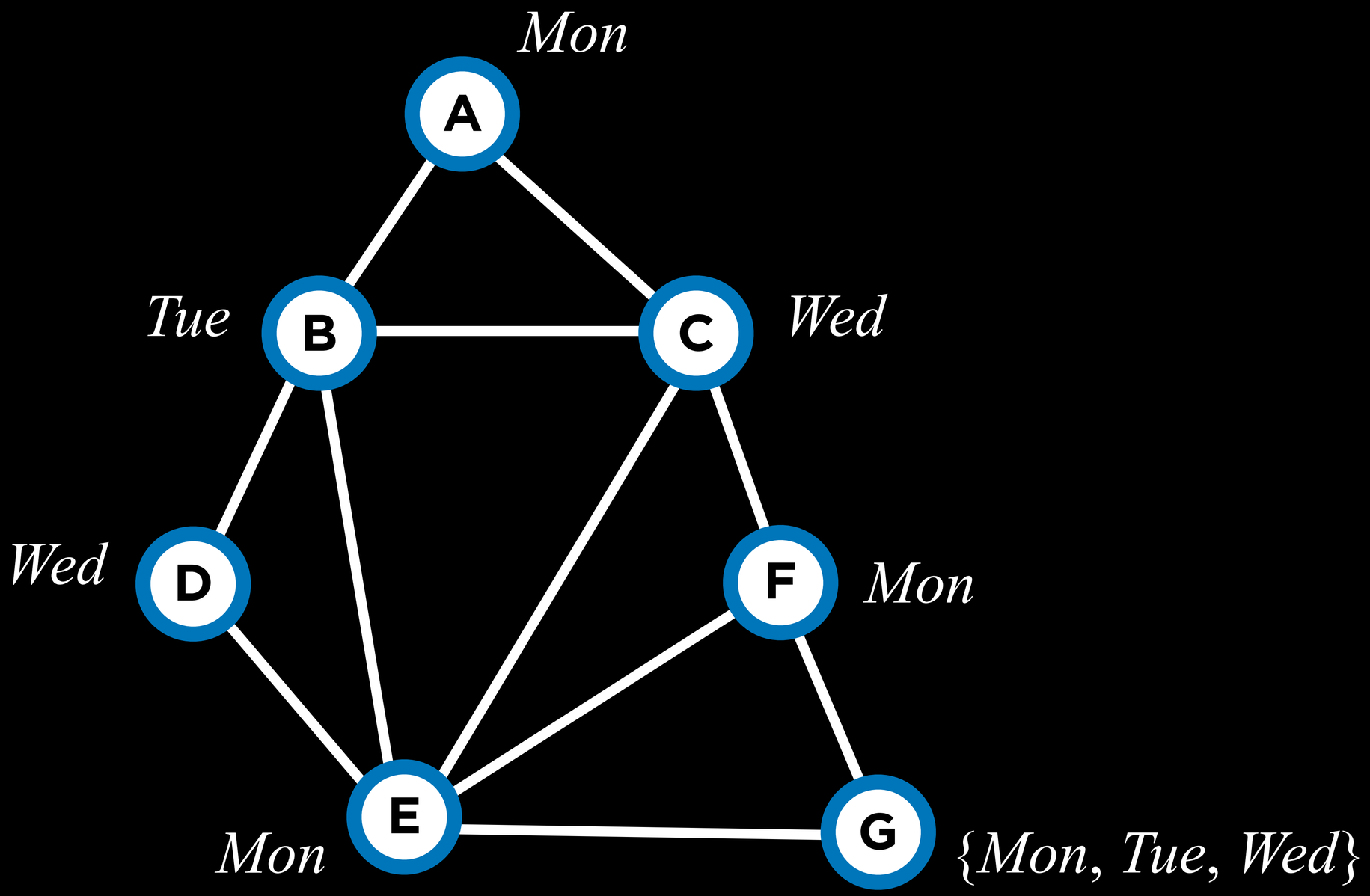
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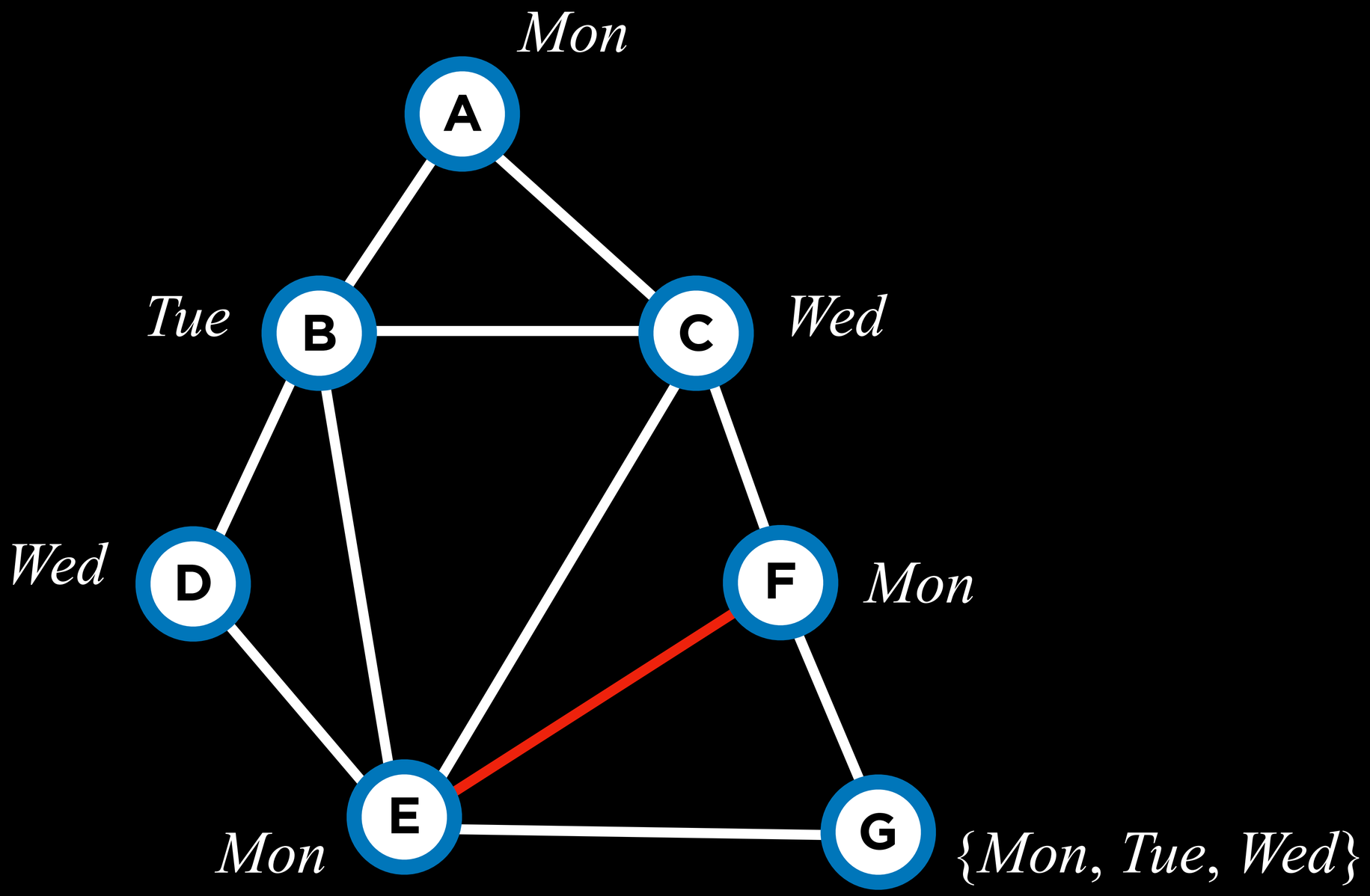
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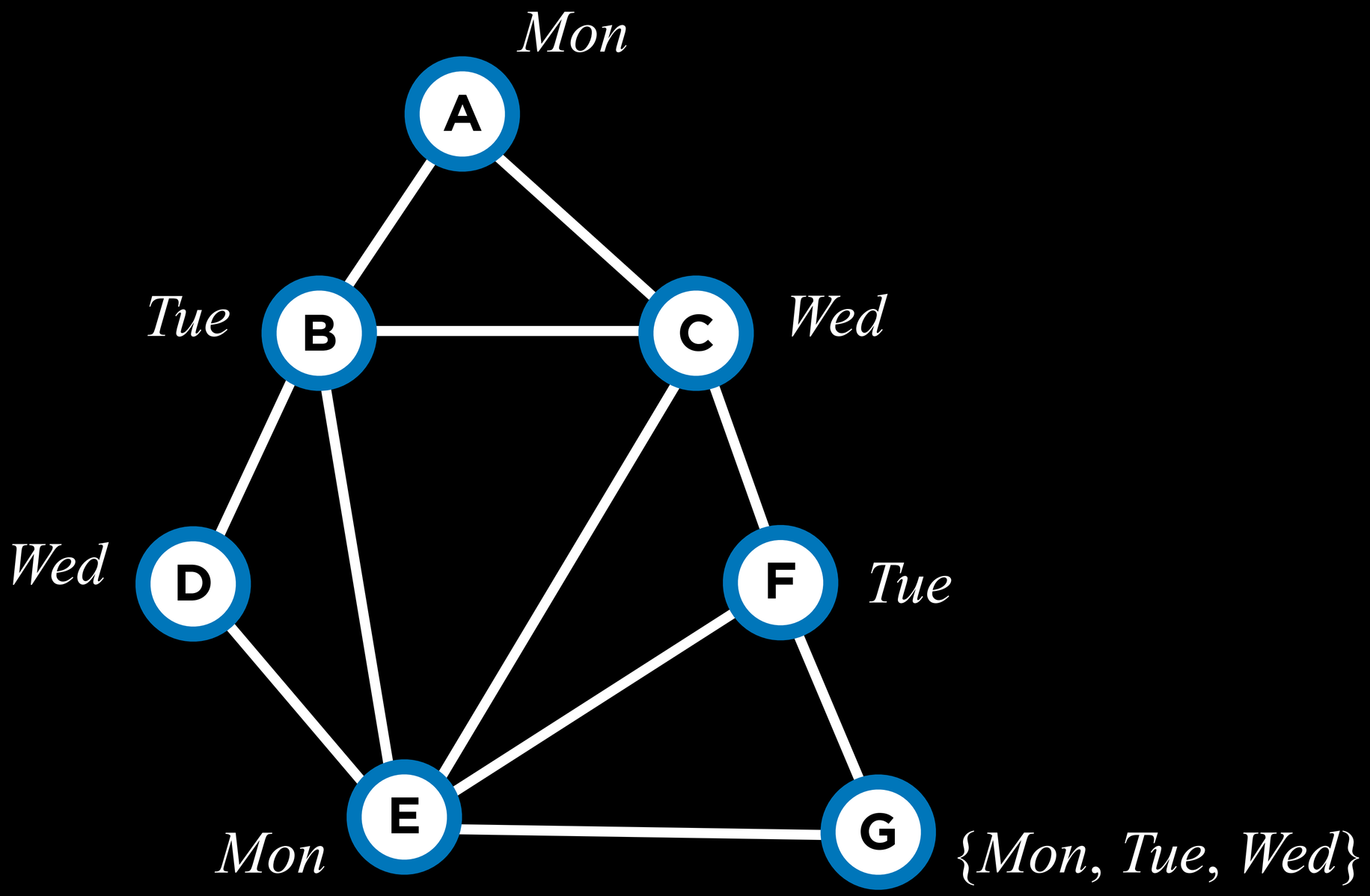
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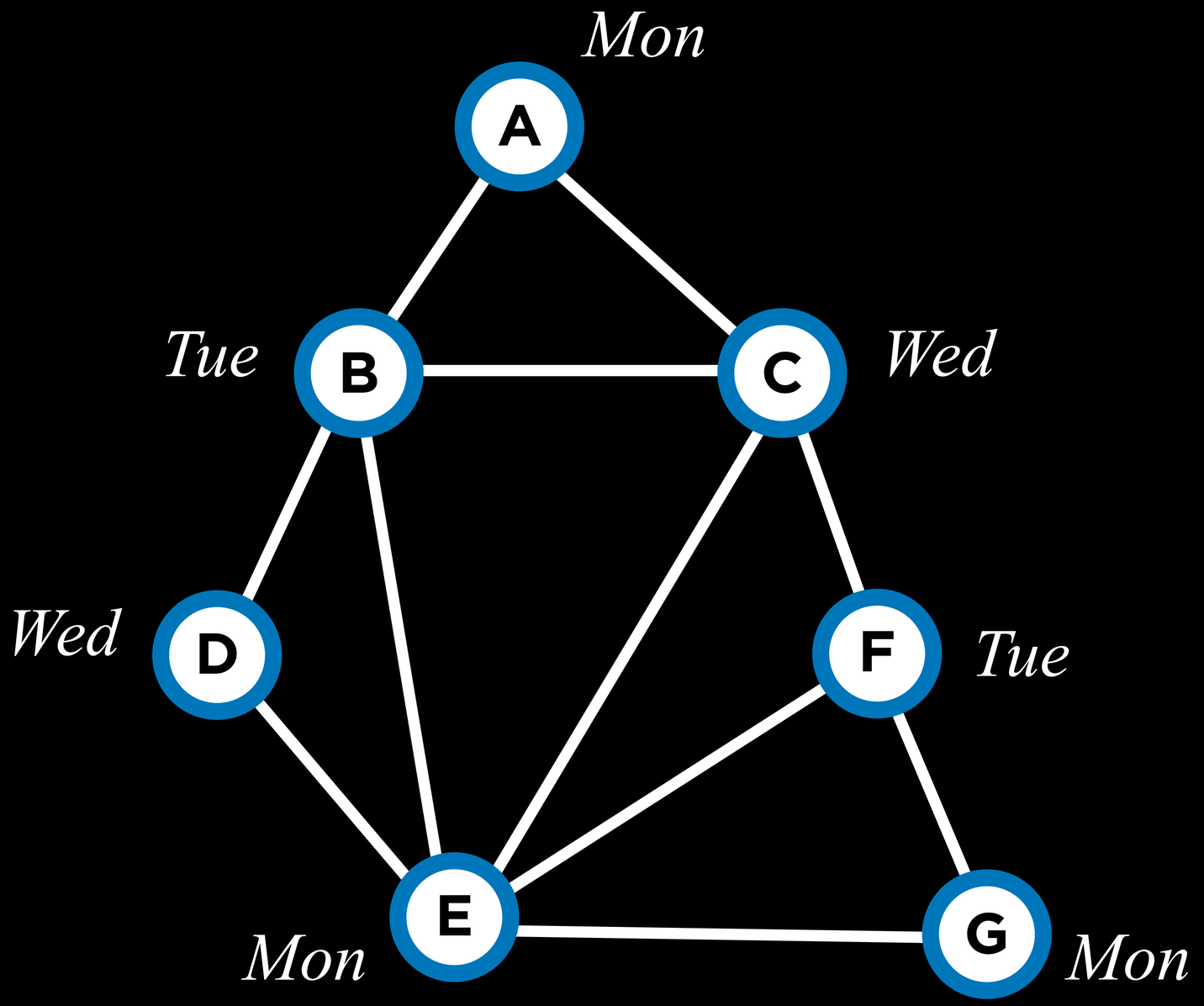
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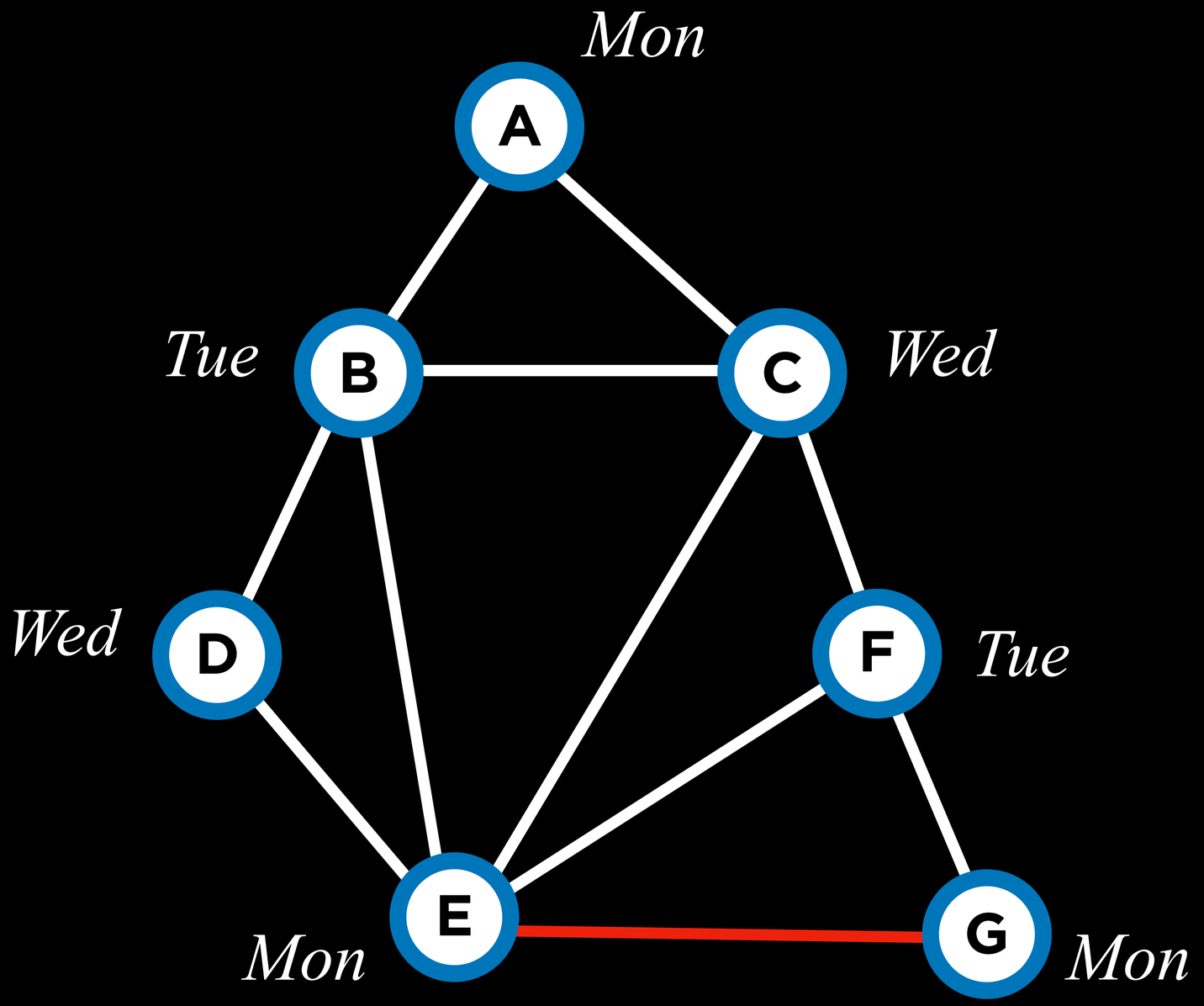
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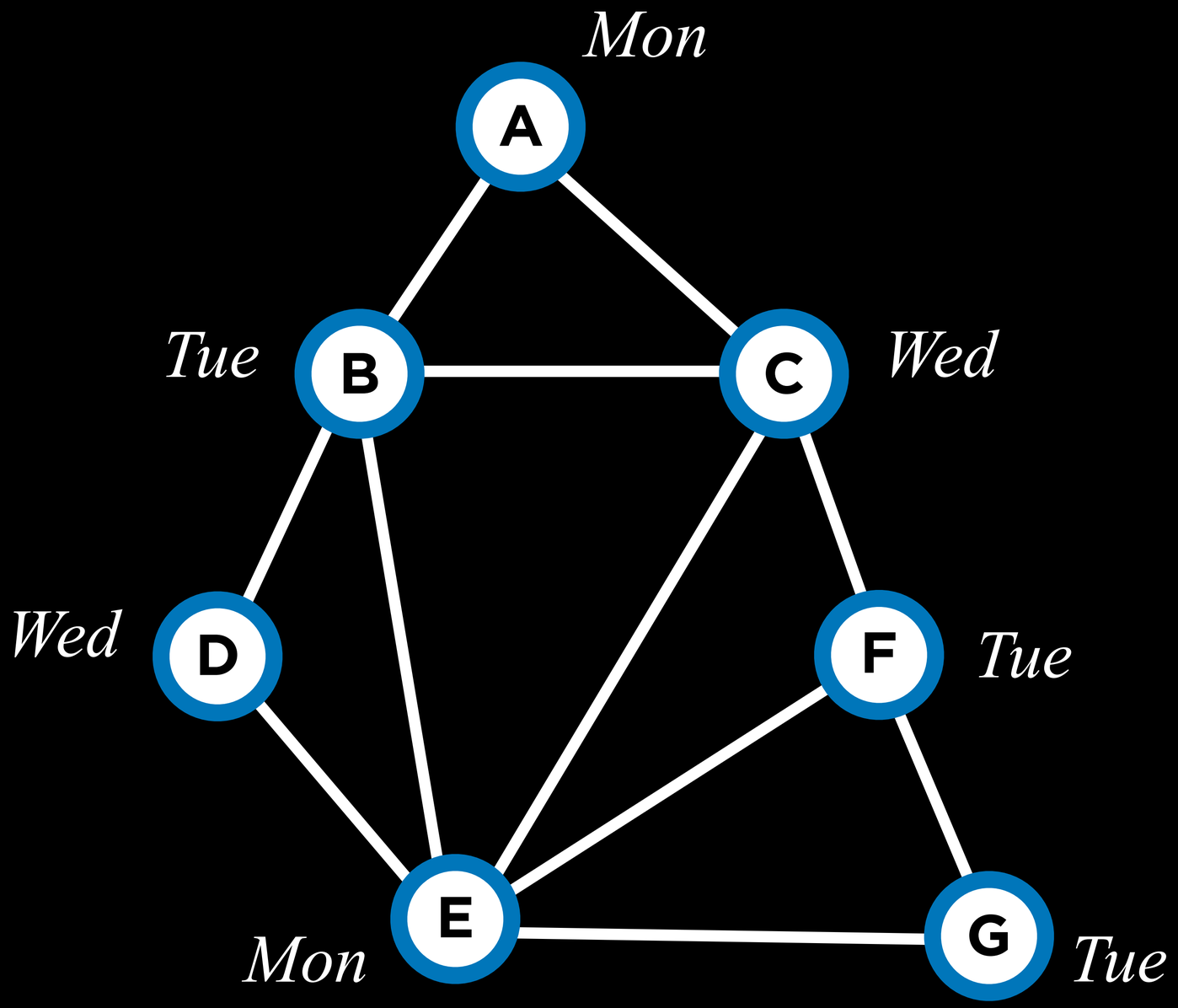
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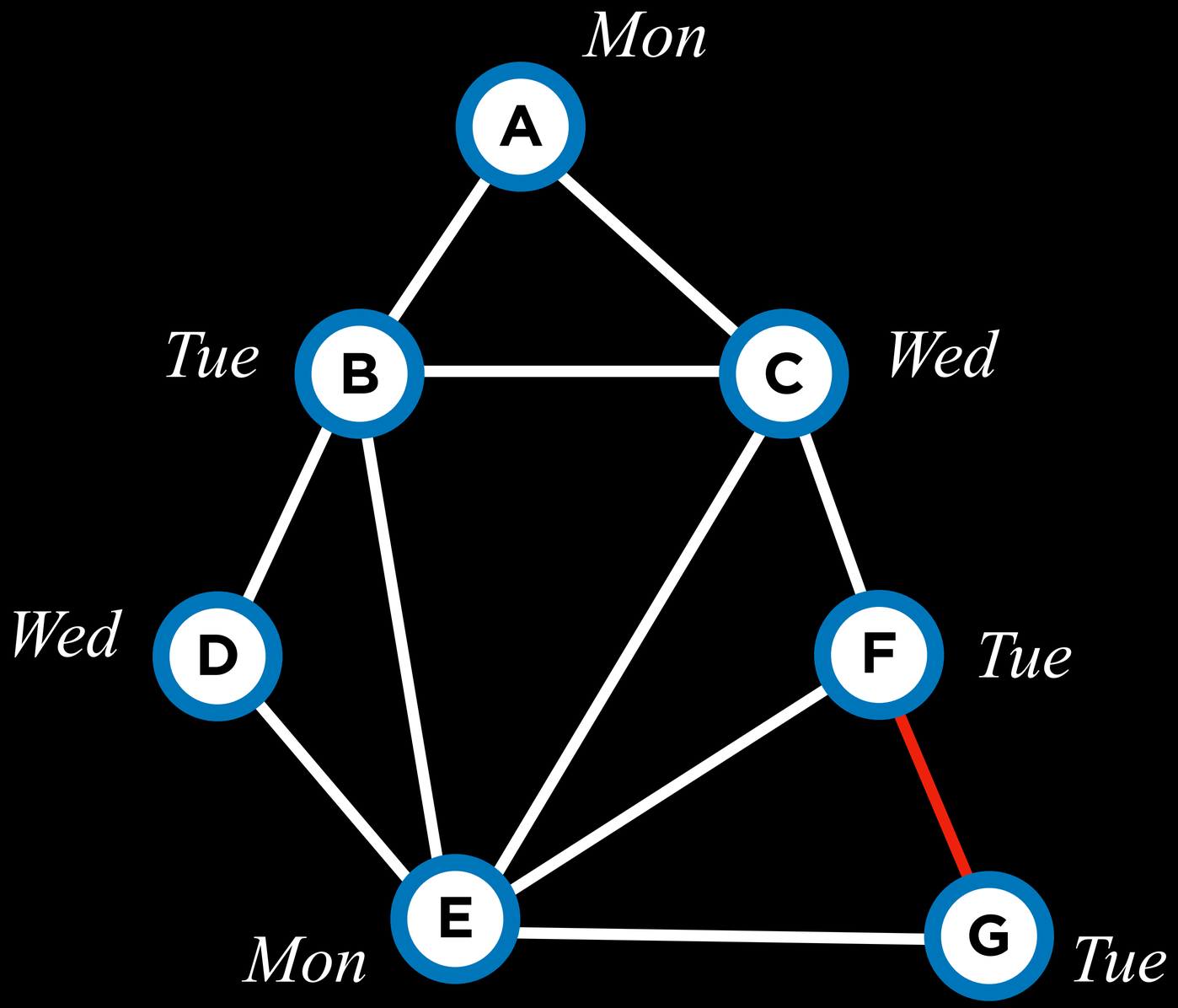
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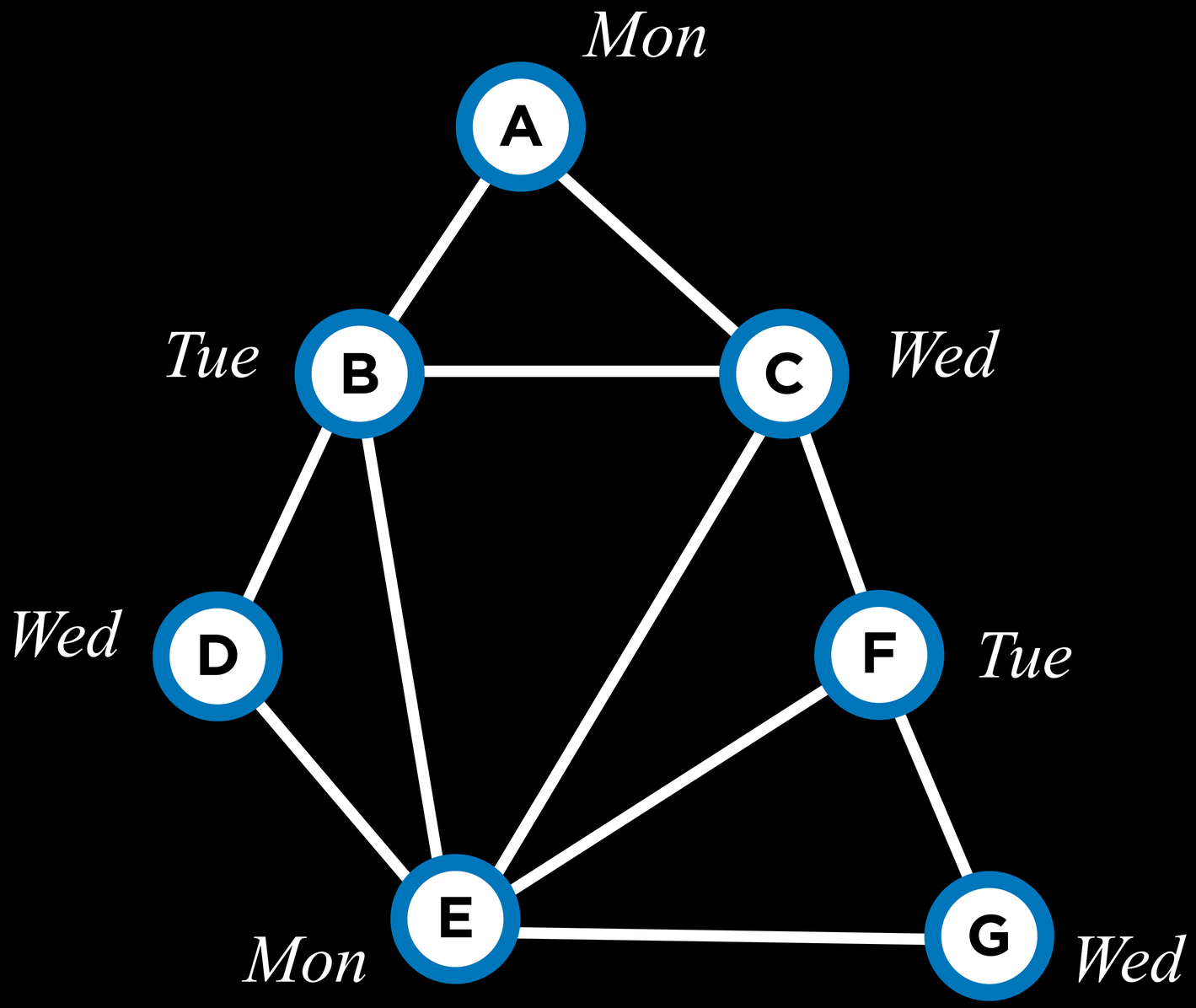
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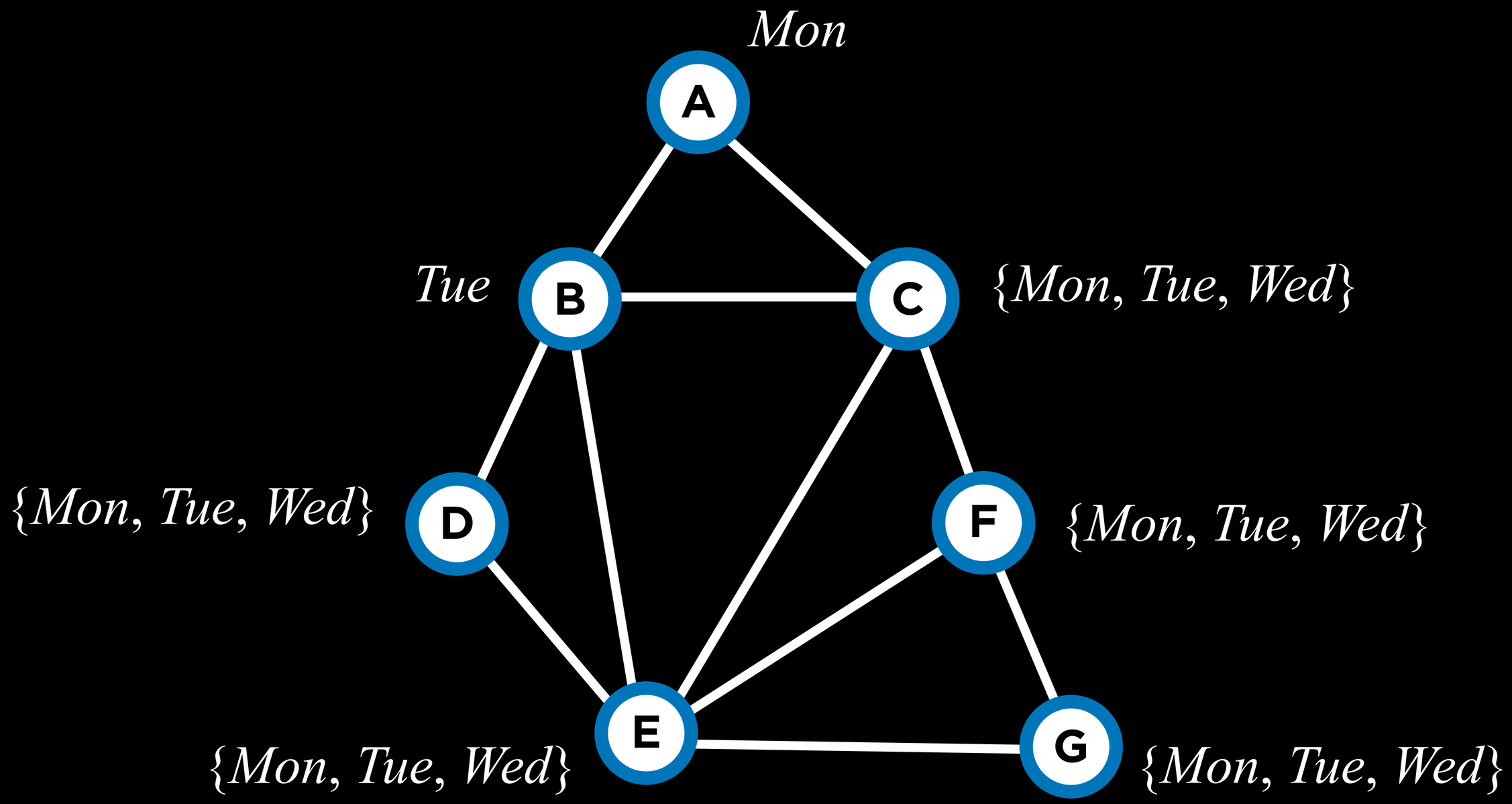
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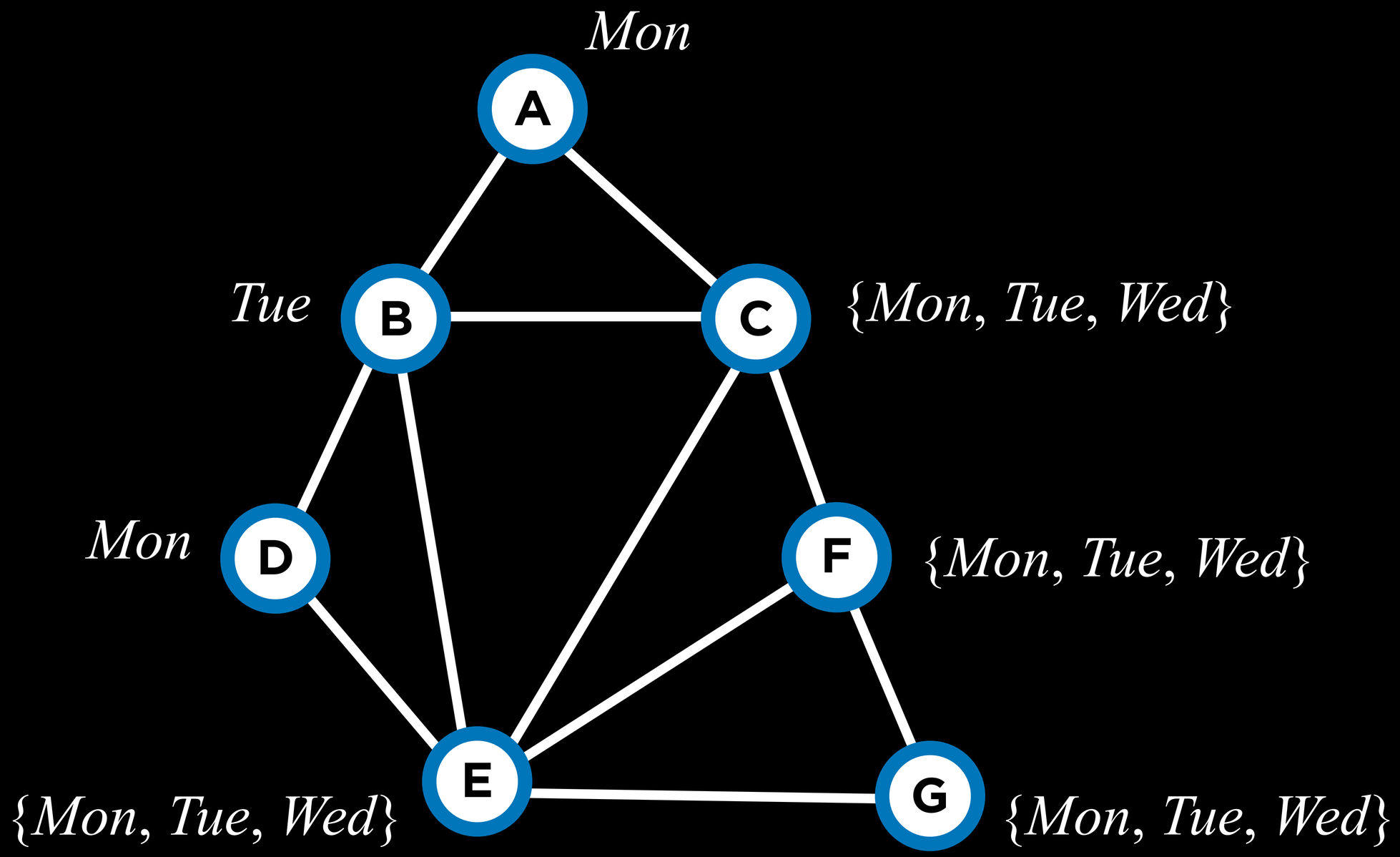
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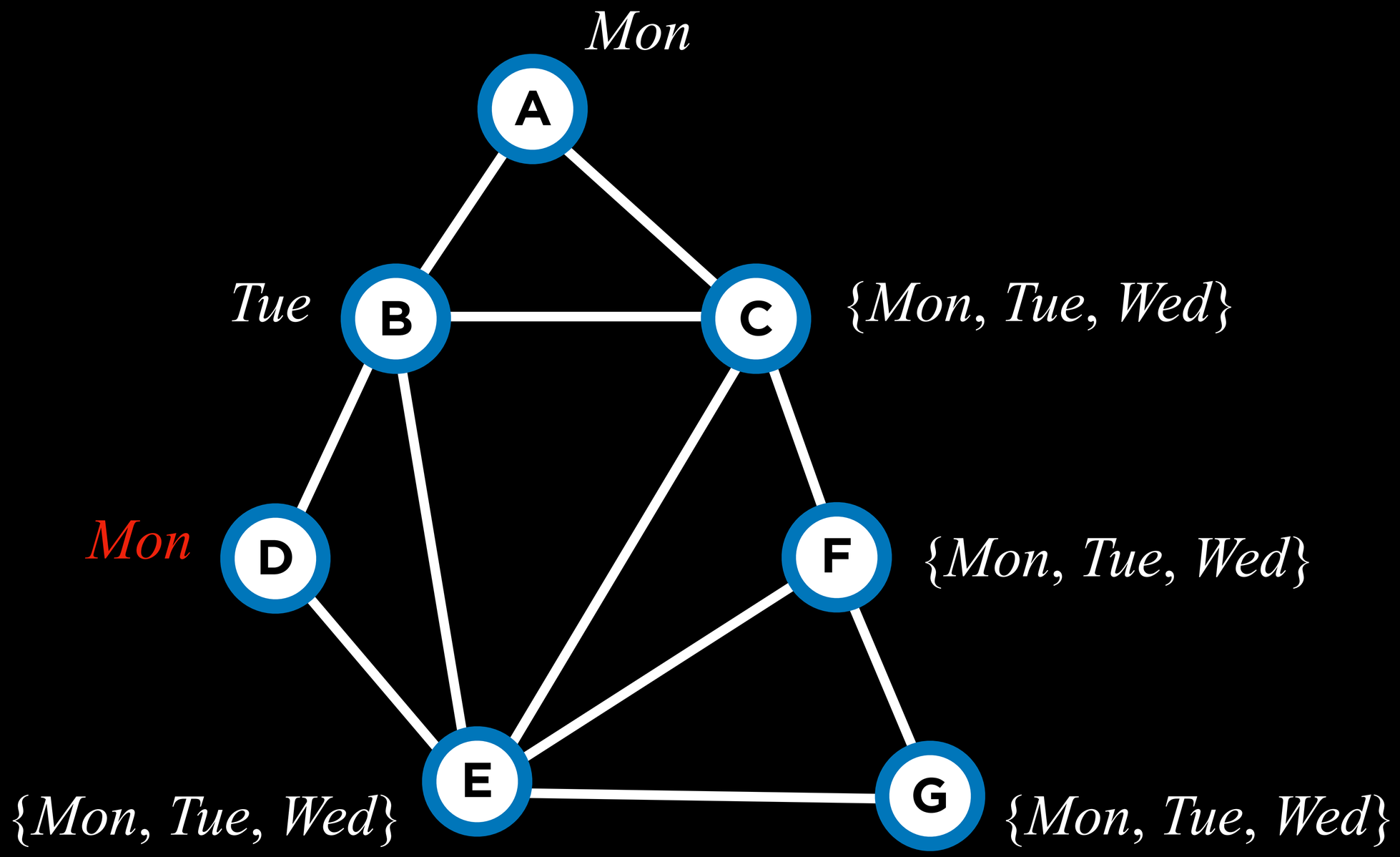
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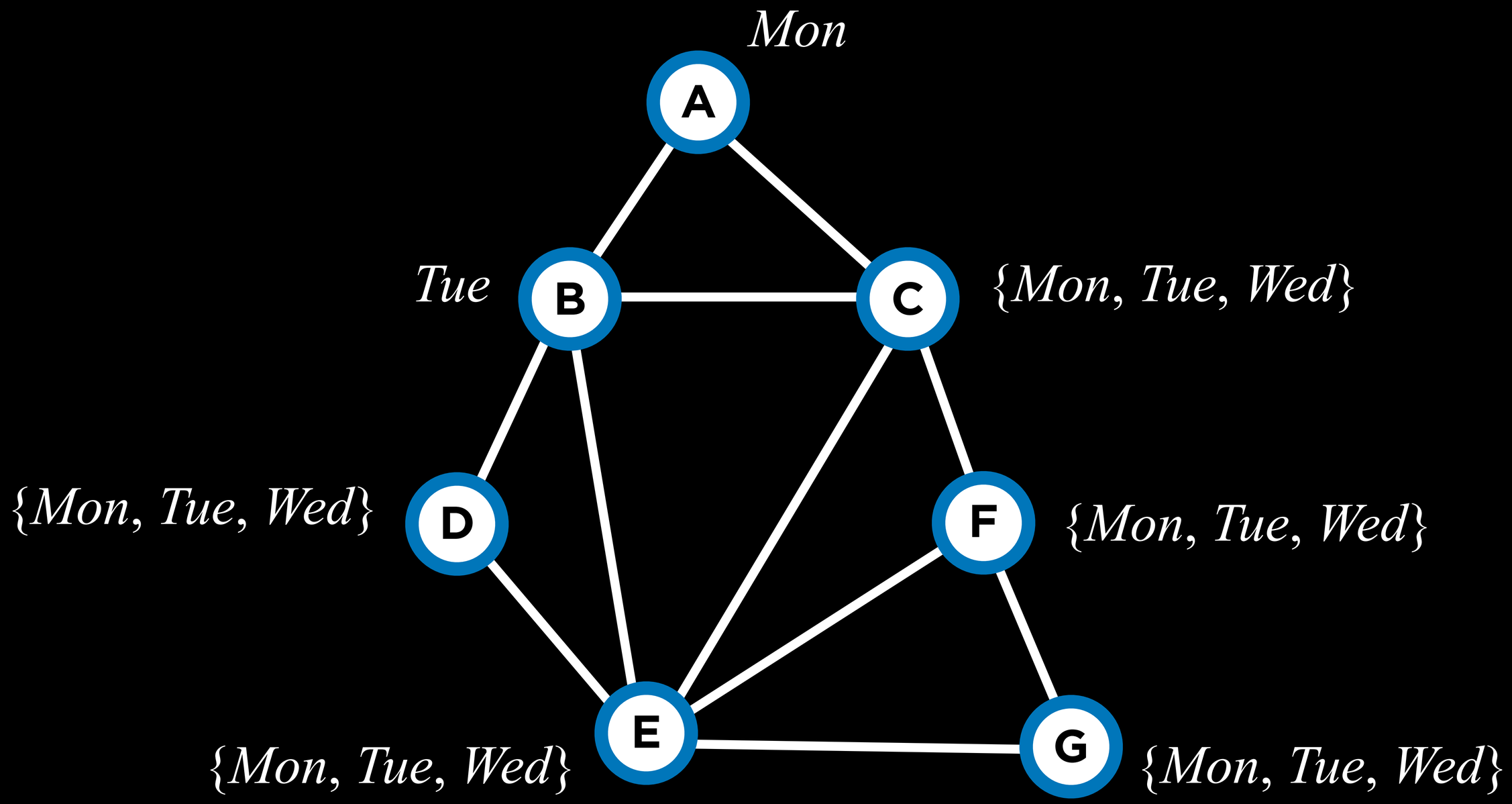
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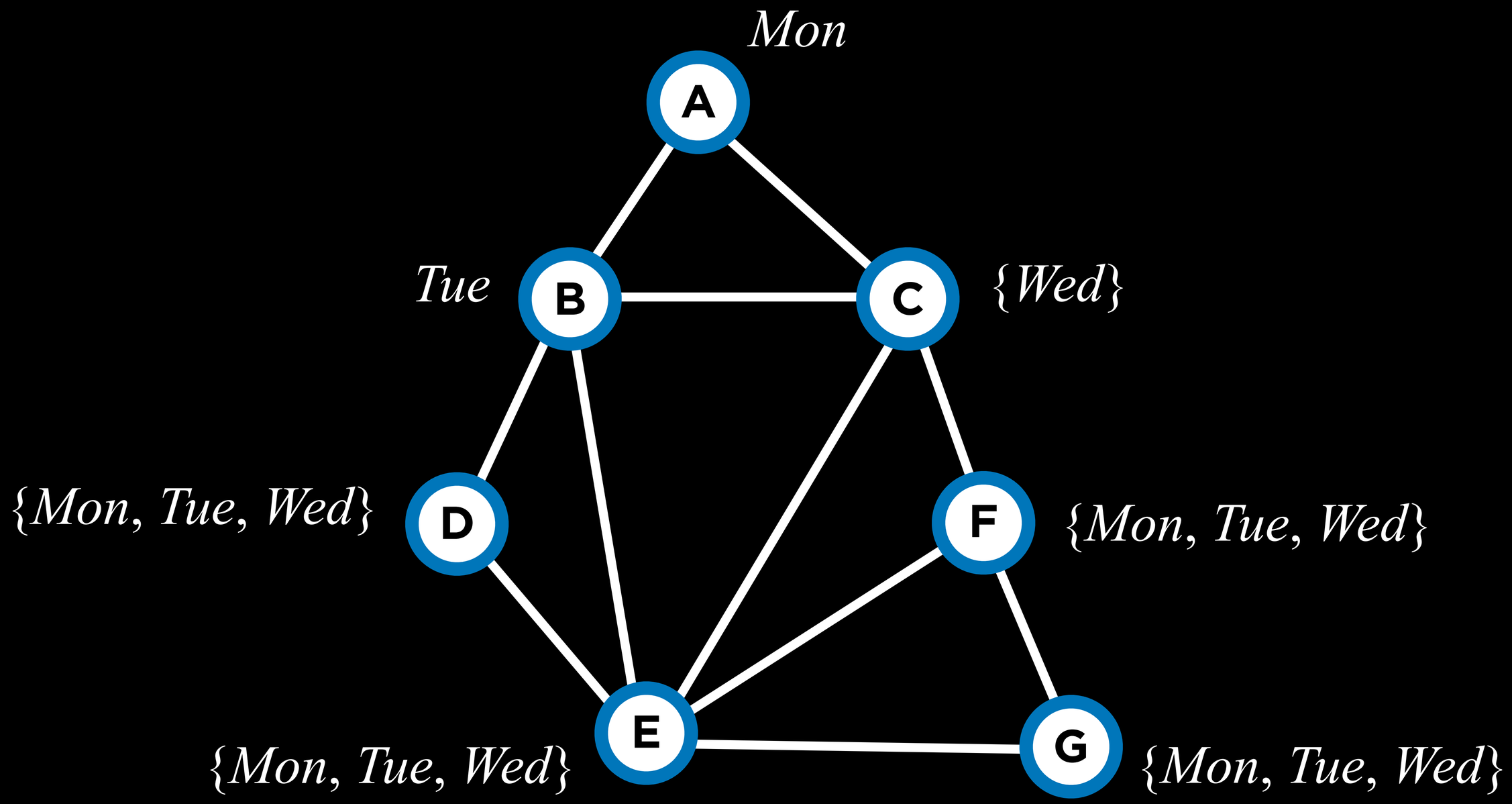
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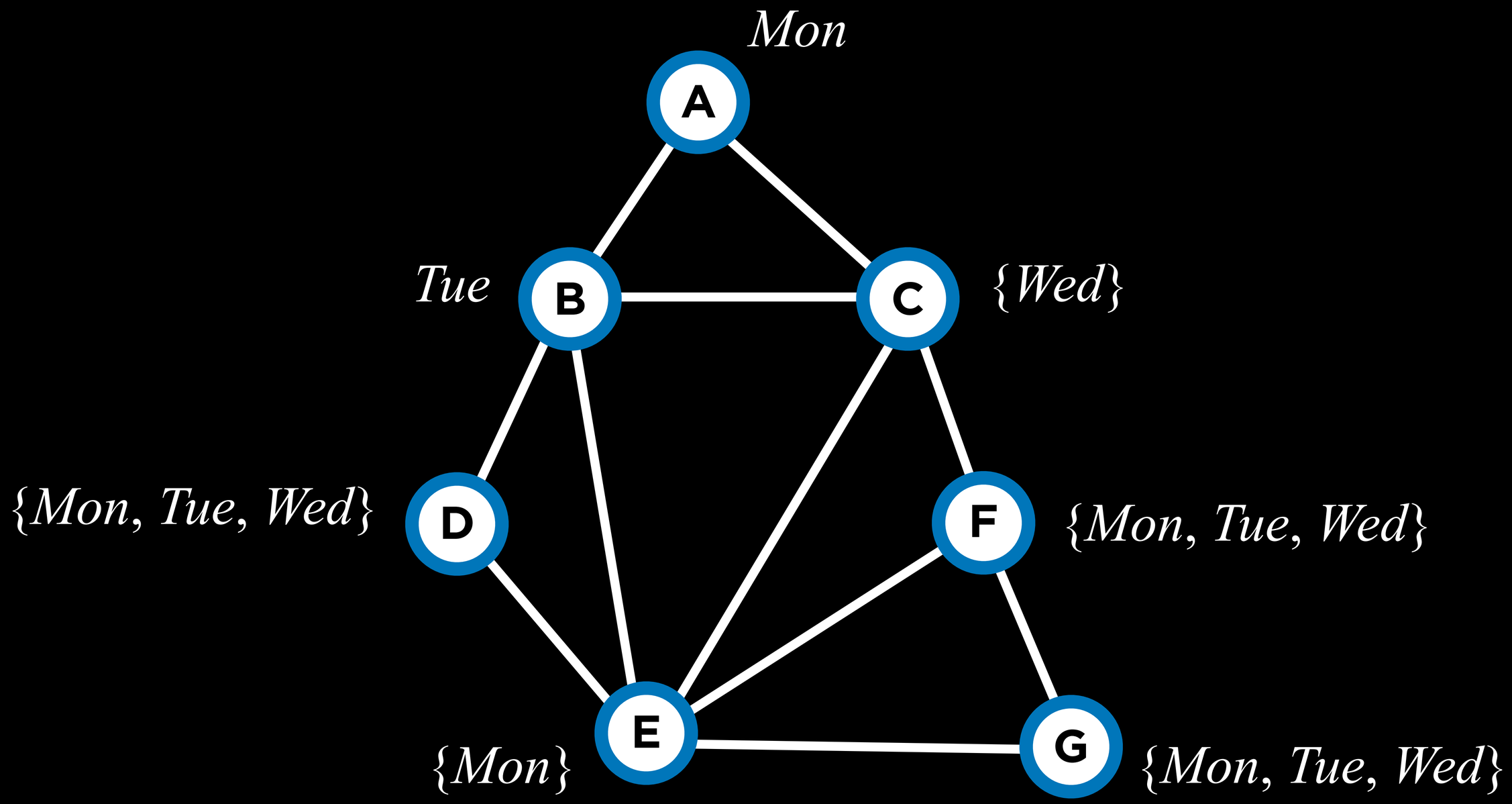
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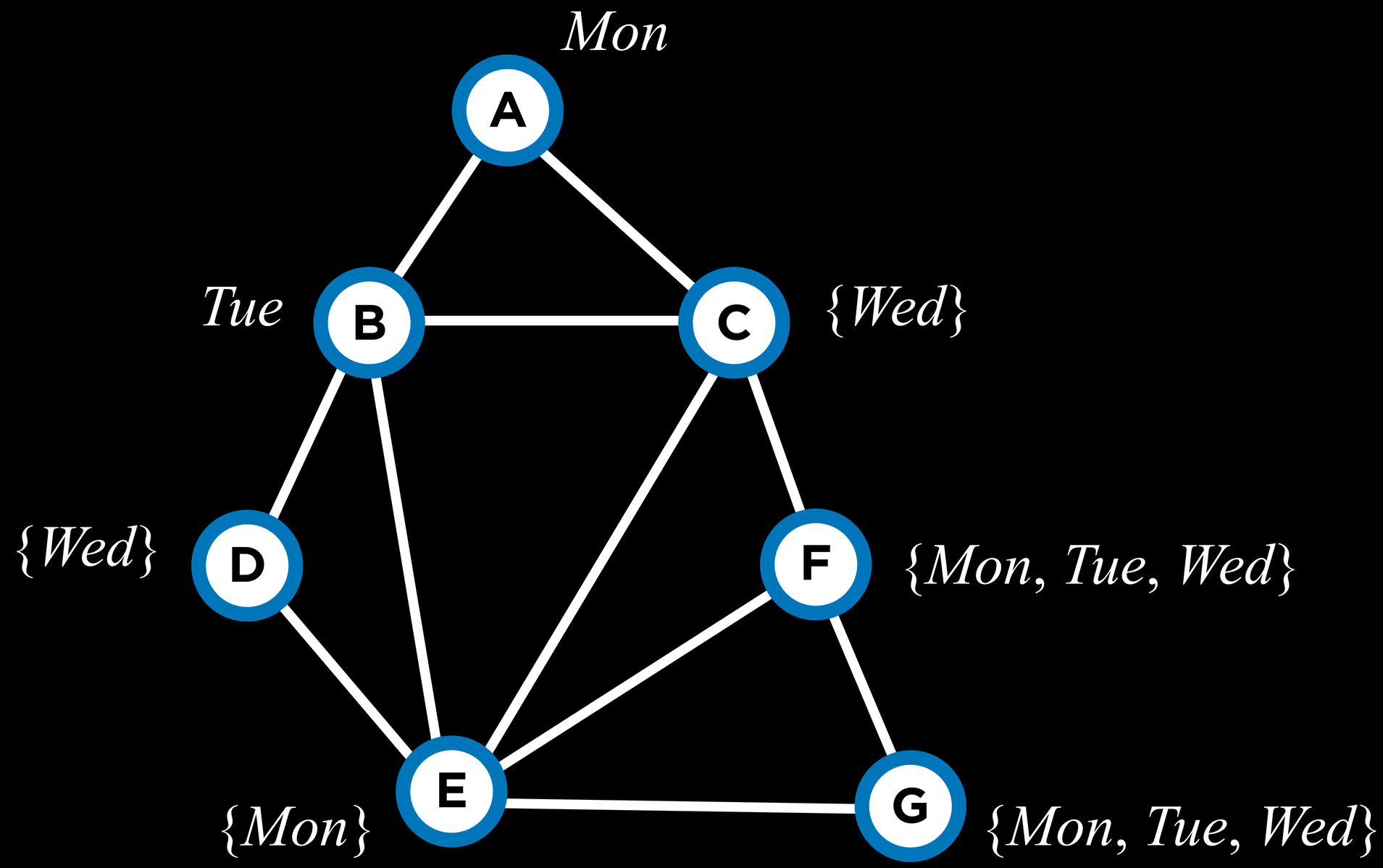
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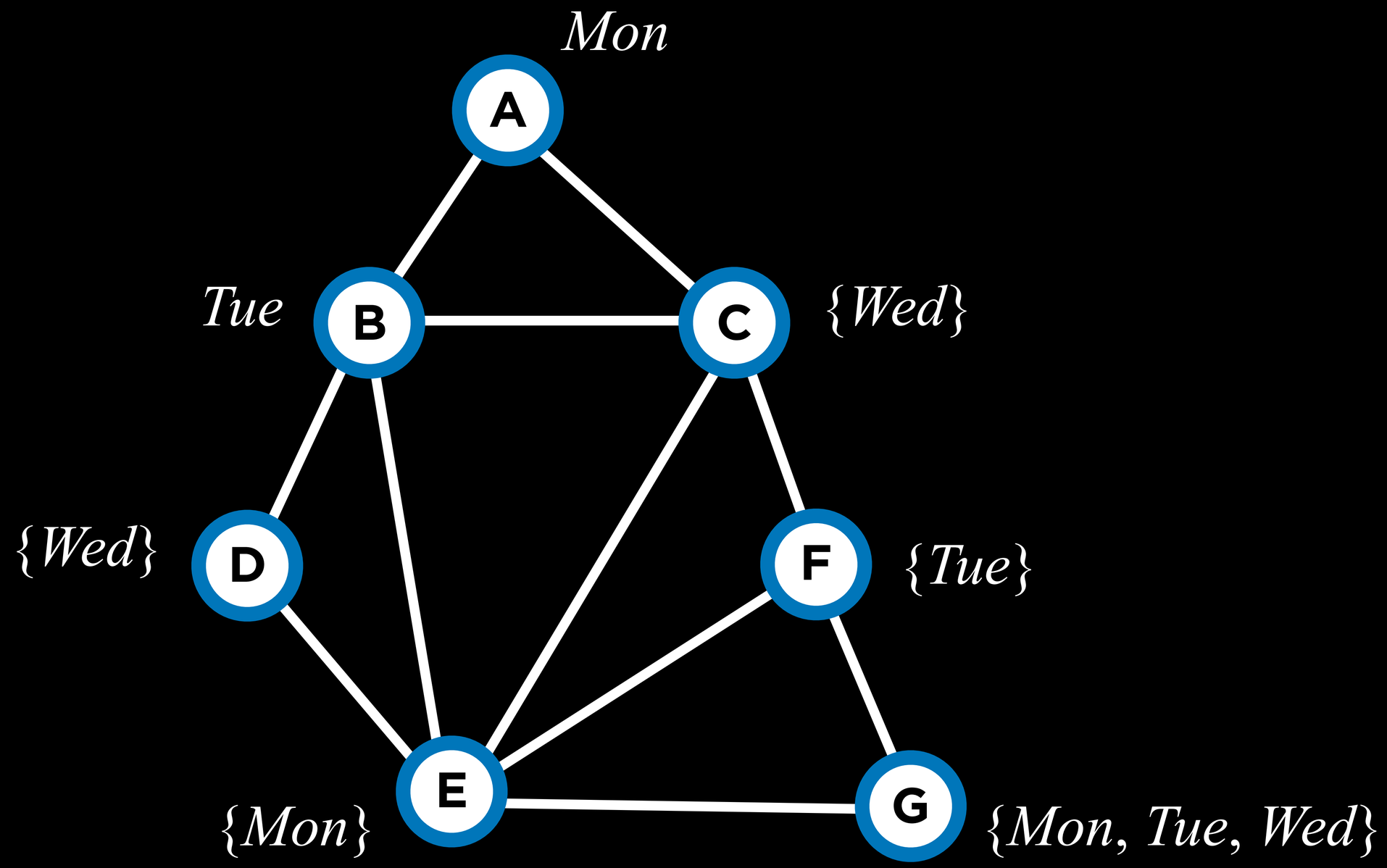
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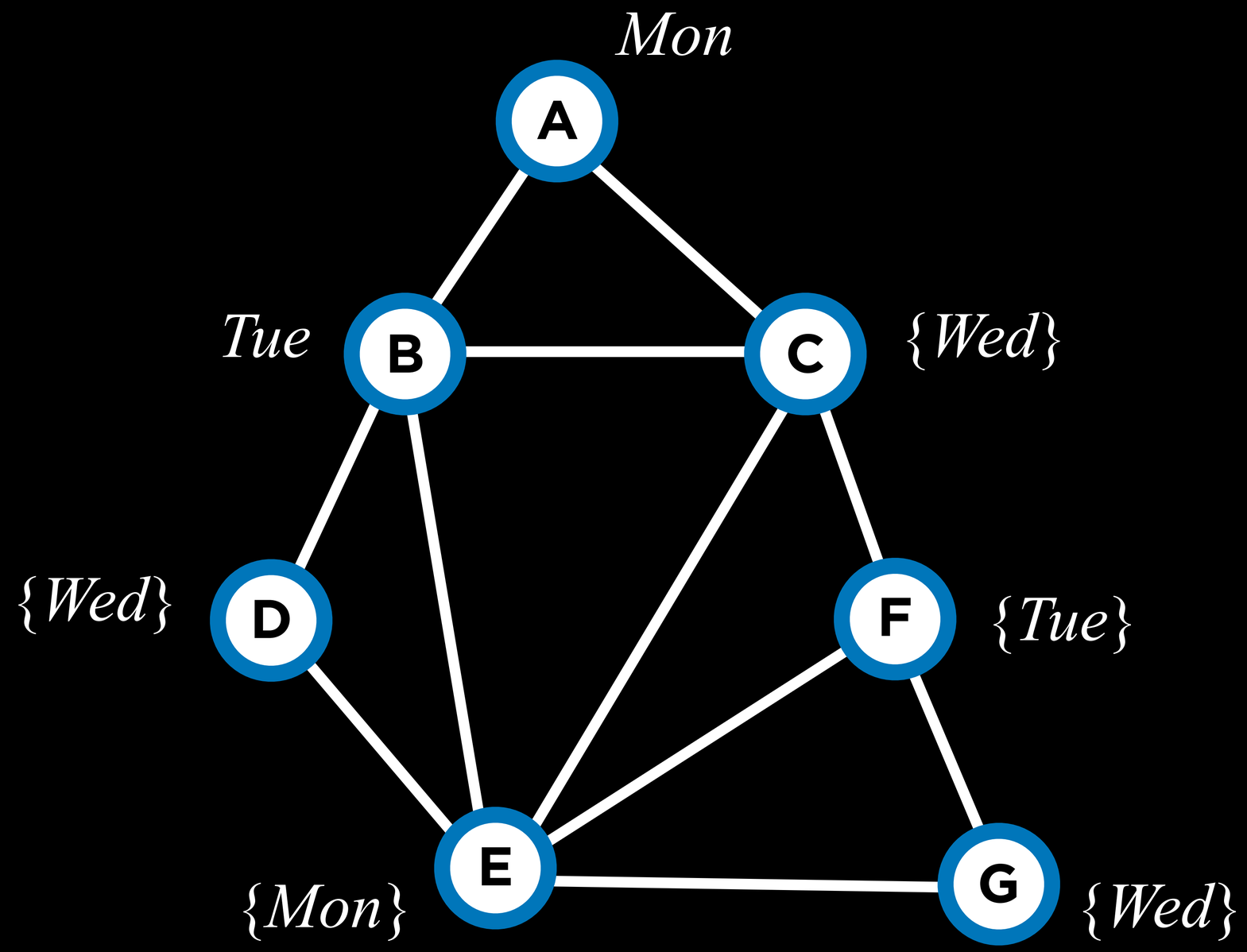
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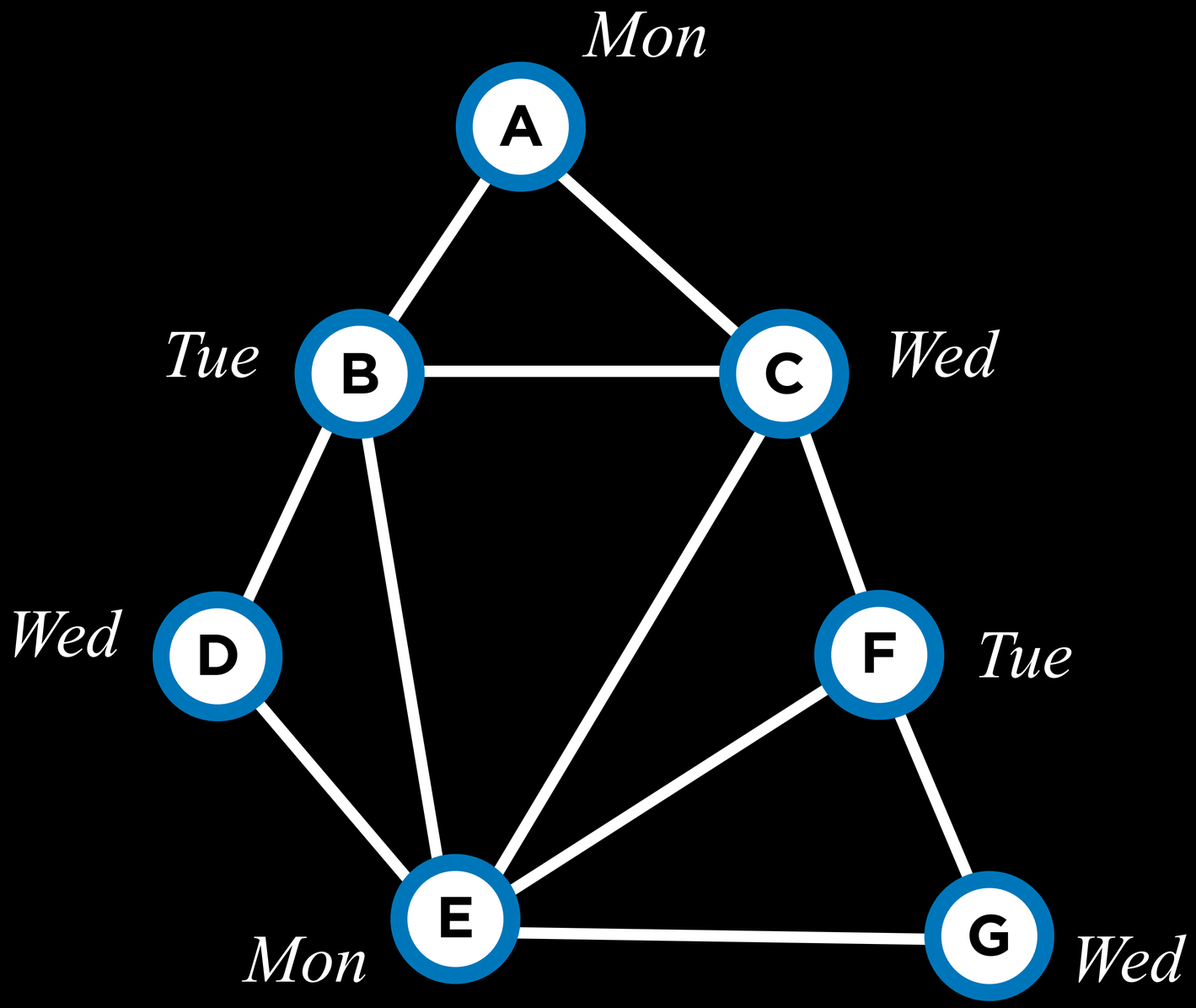
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maintaining arc-consistency

algorithm for enforcing arc-consistency
every time we make a new assignment

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SELECT-UNASSIGNED-VAR

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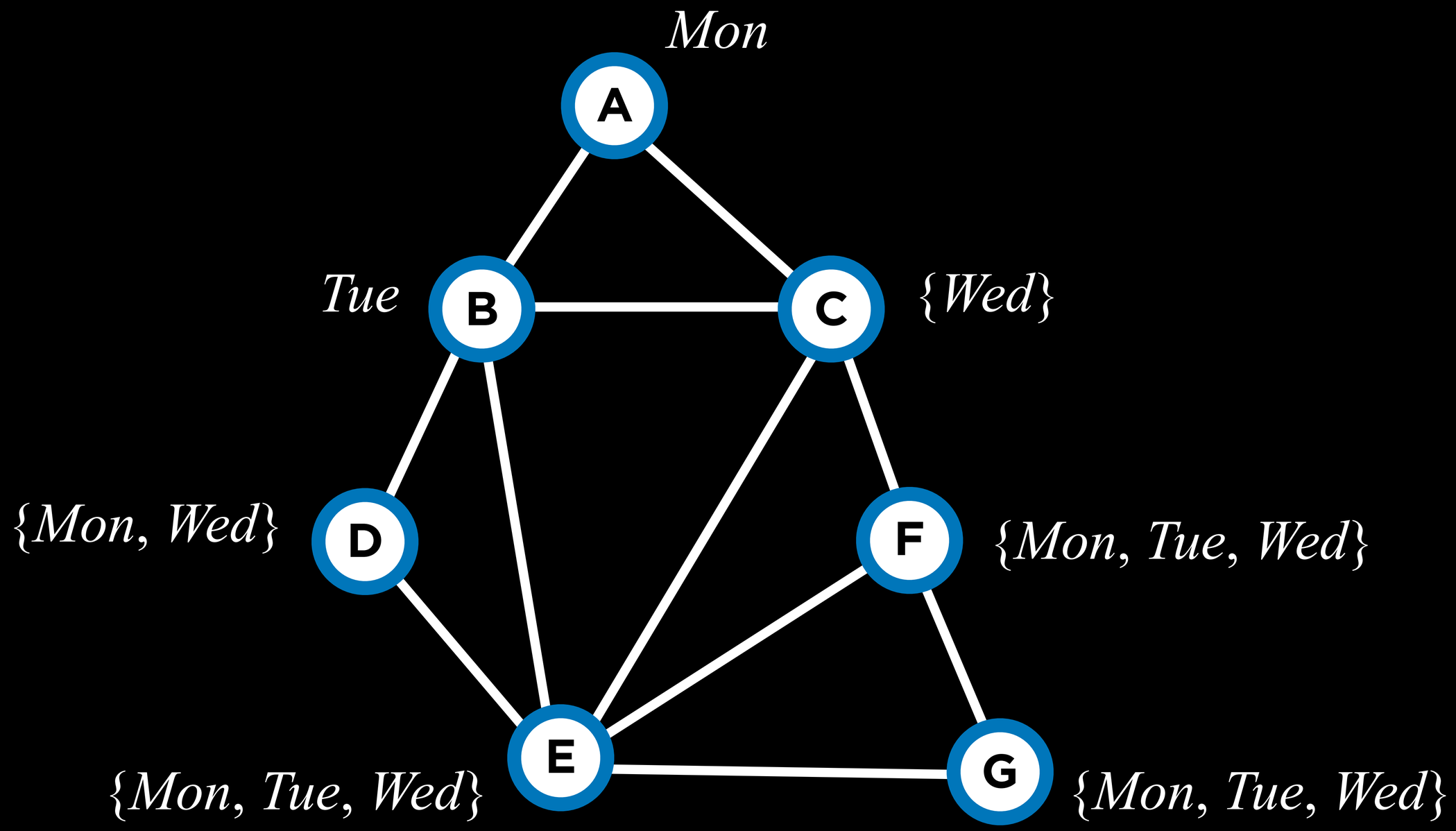
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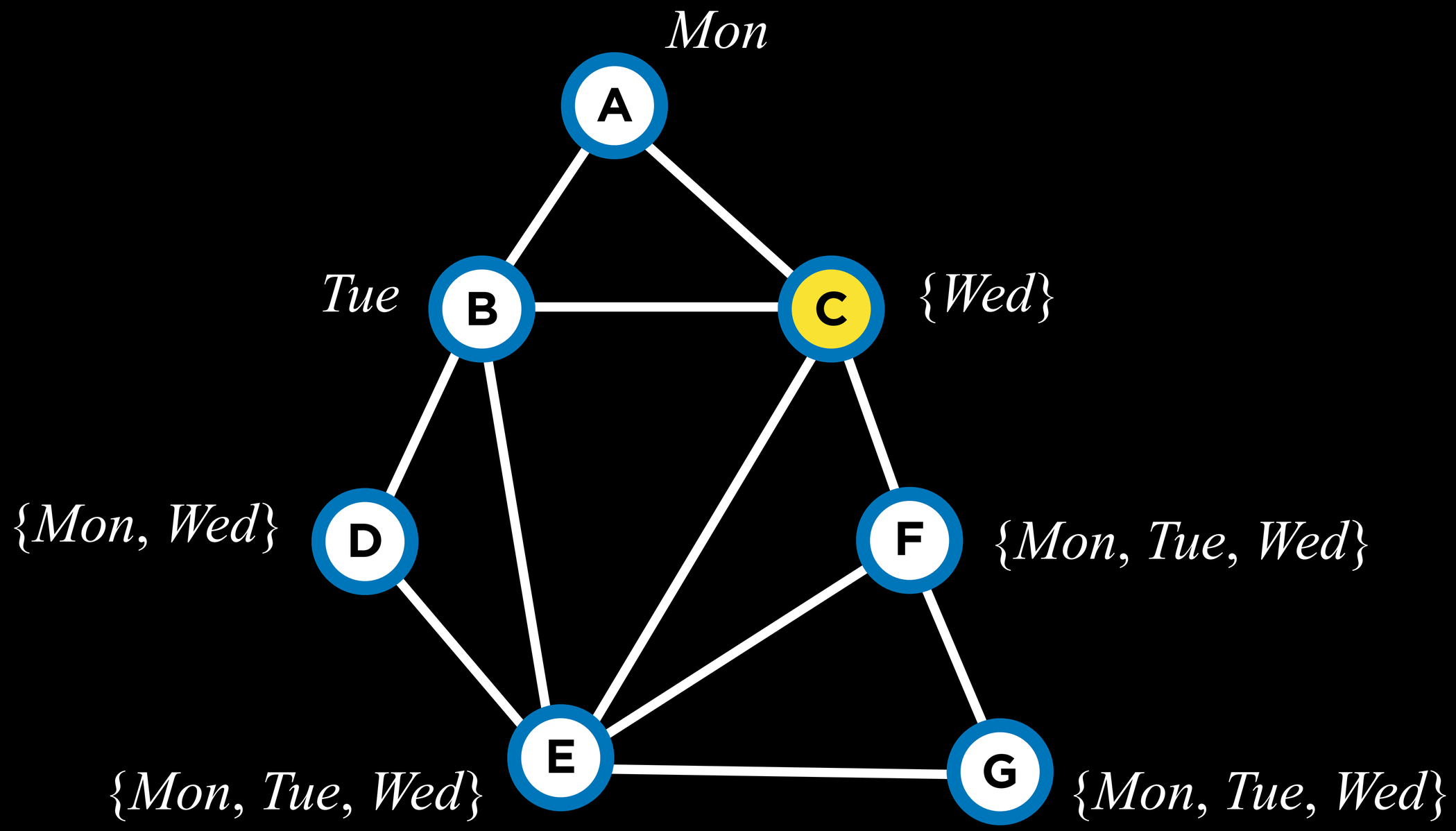
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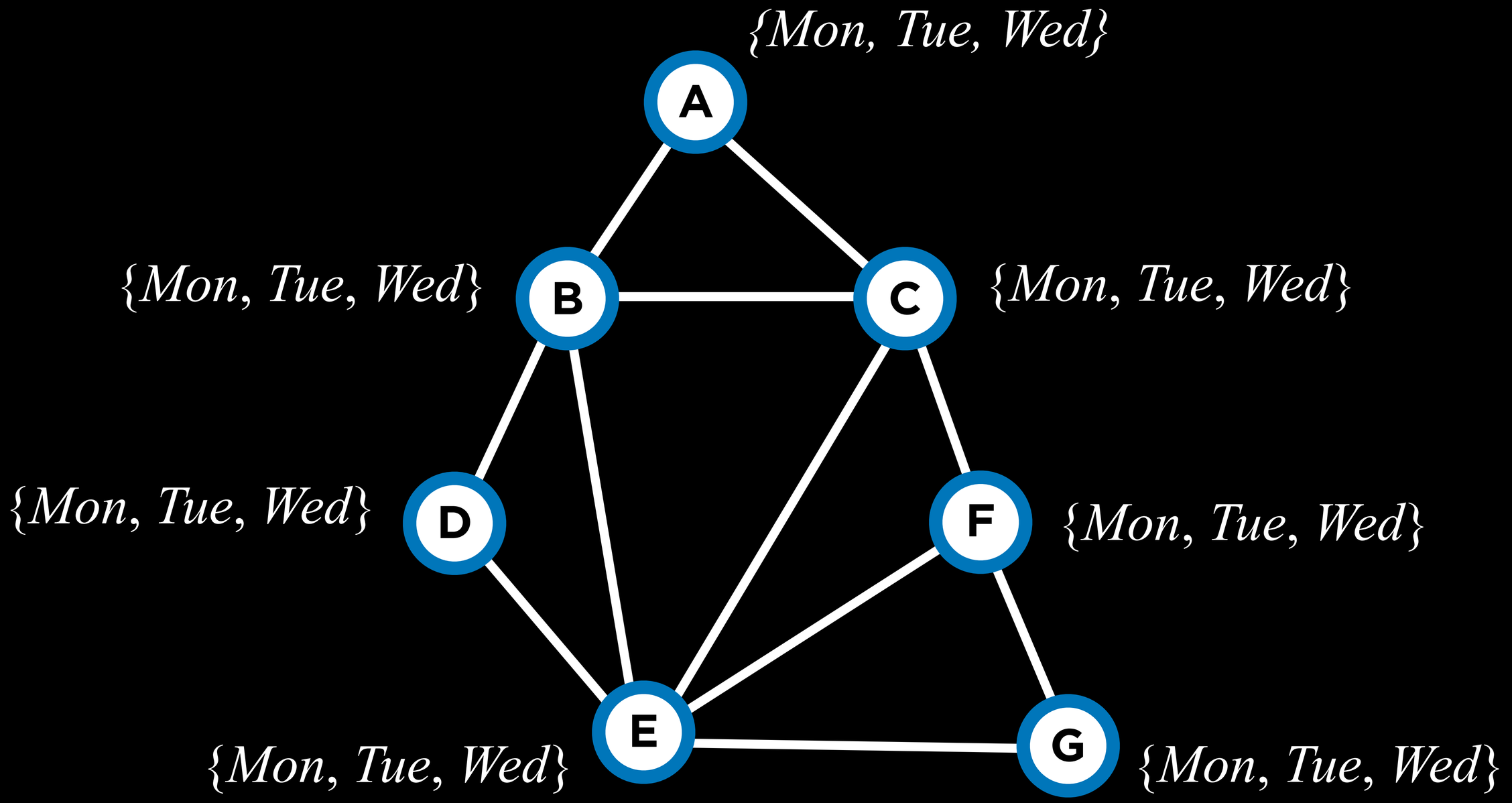
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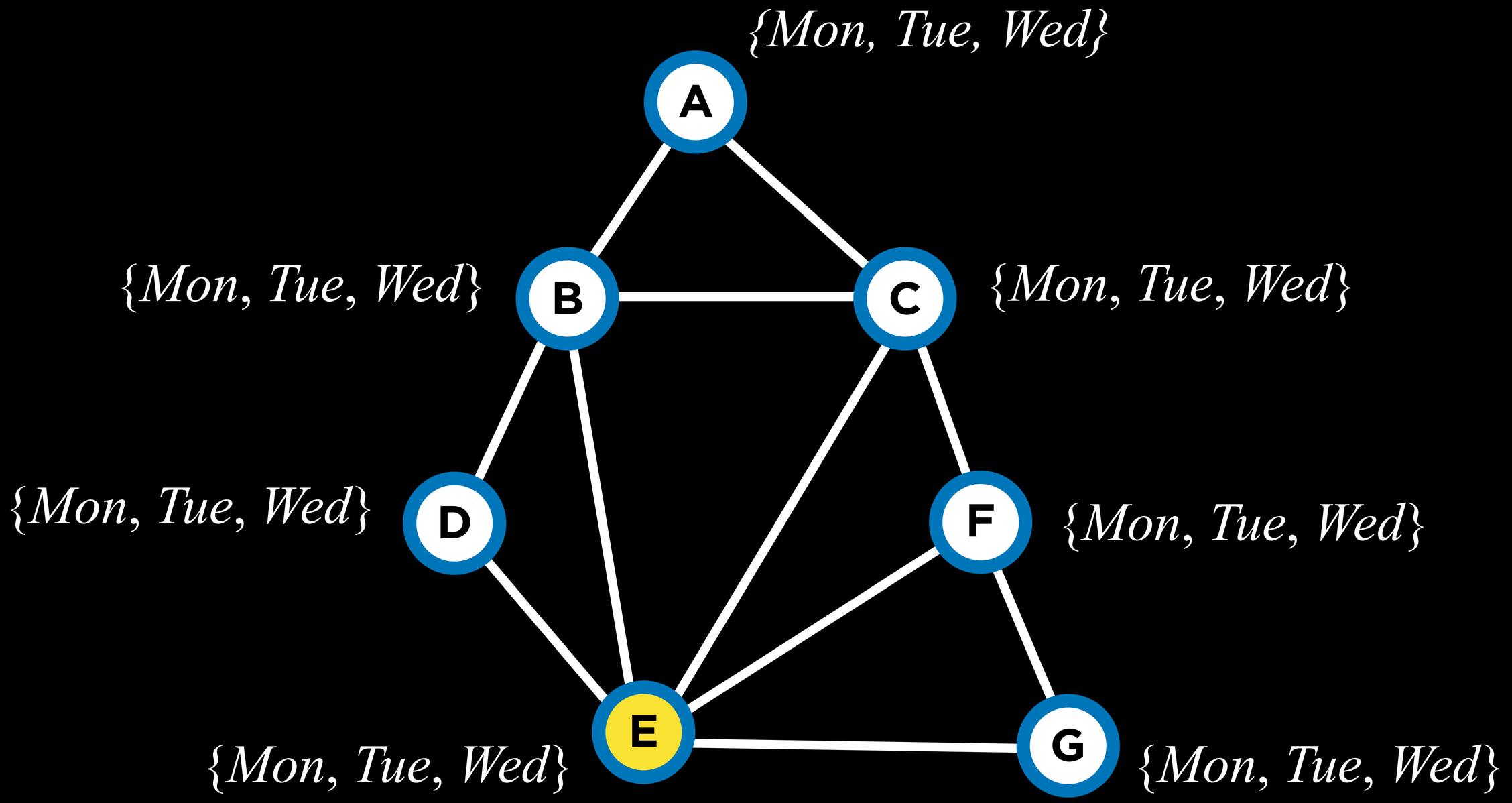
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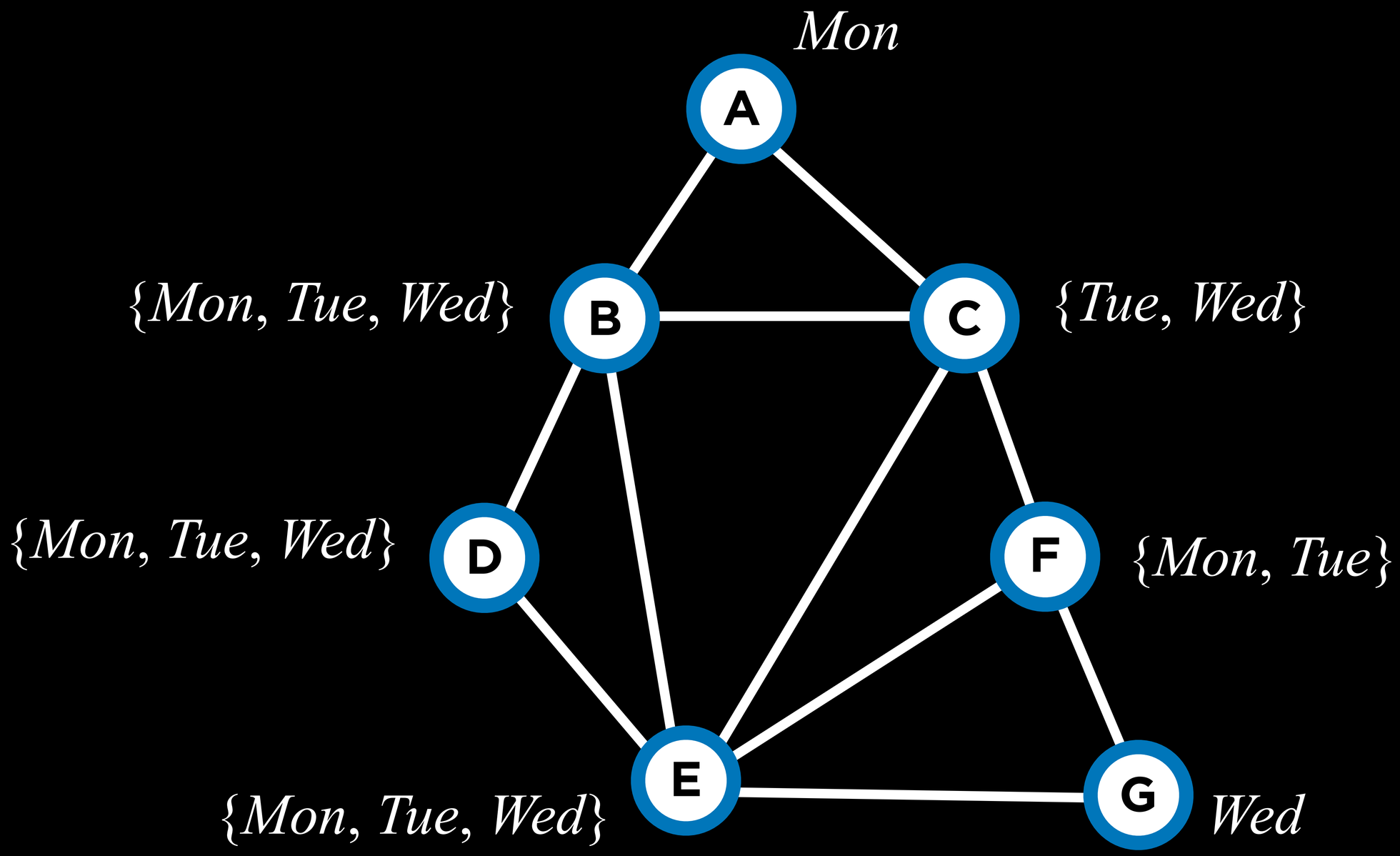
Domain-Values

- **least-constraining values** heuristic: return variables in order by number of choices that are ruled out for neighboring variables
  - try least-constraining values first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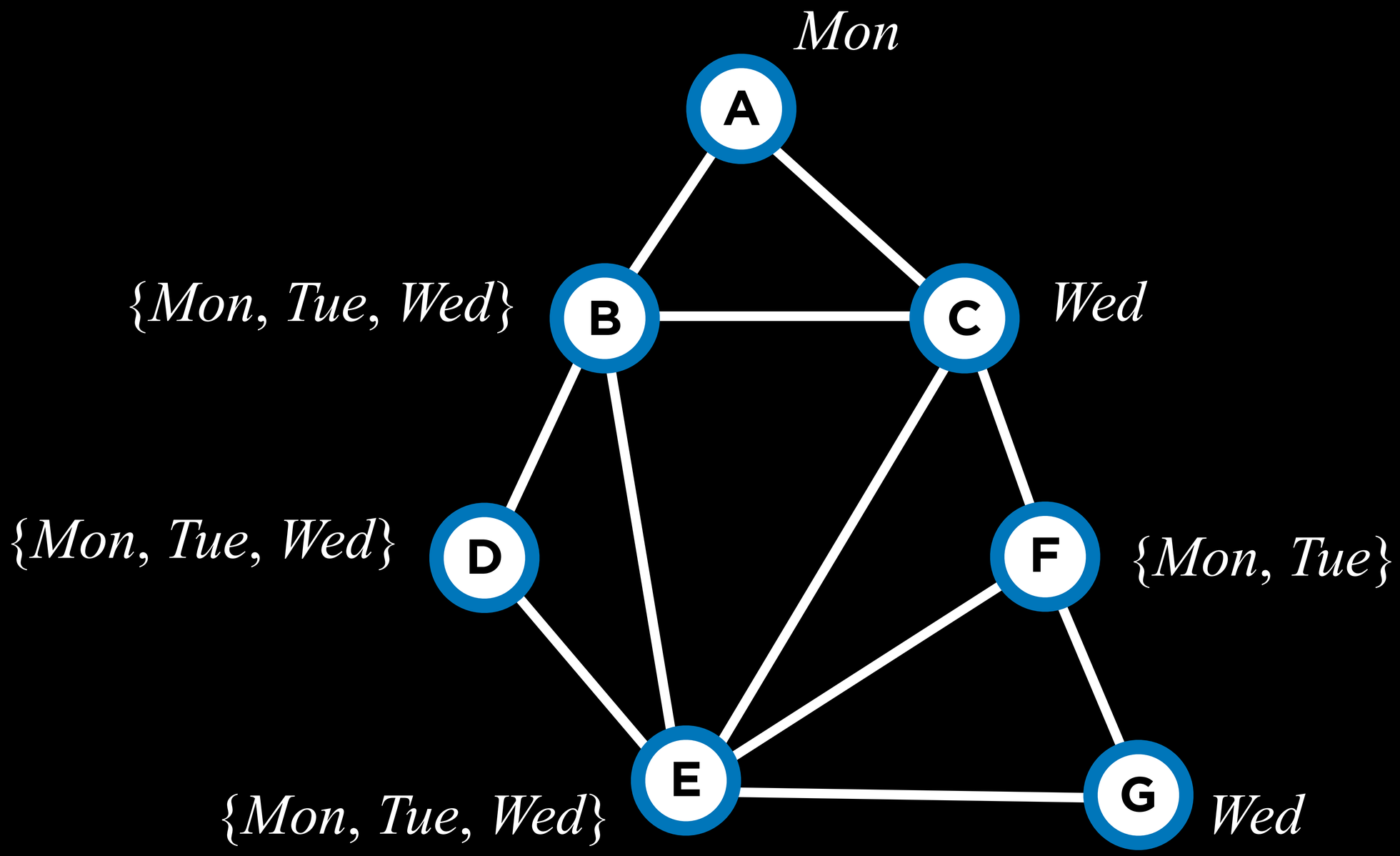
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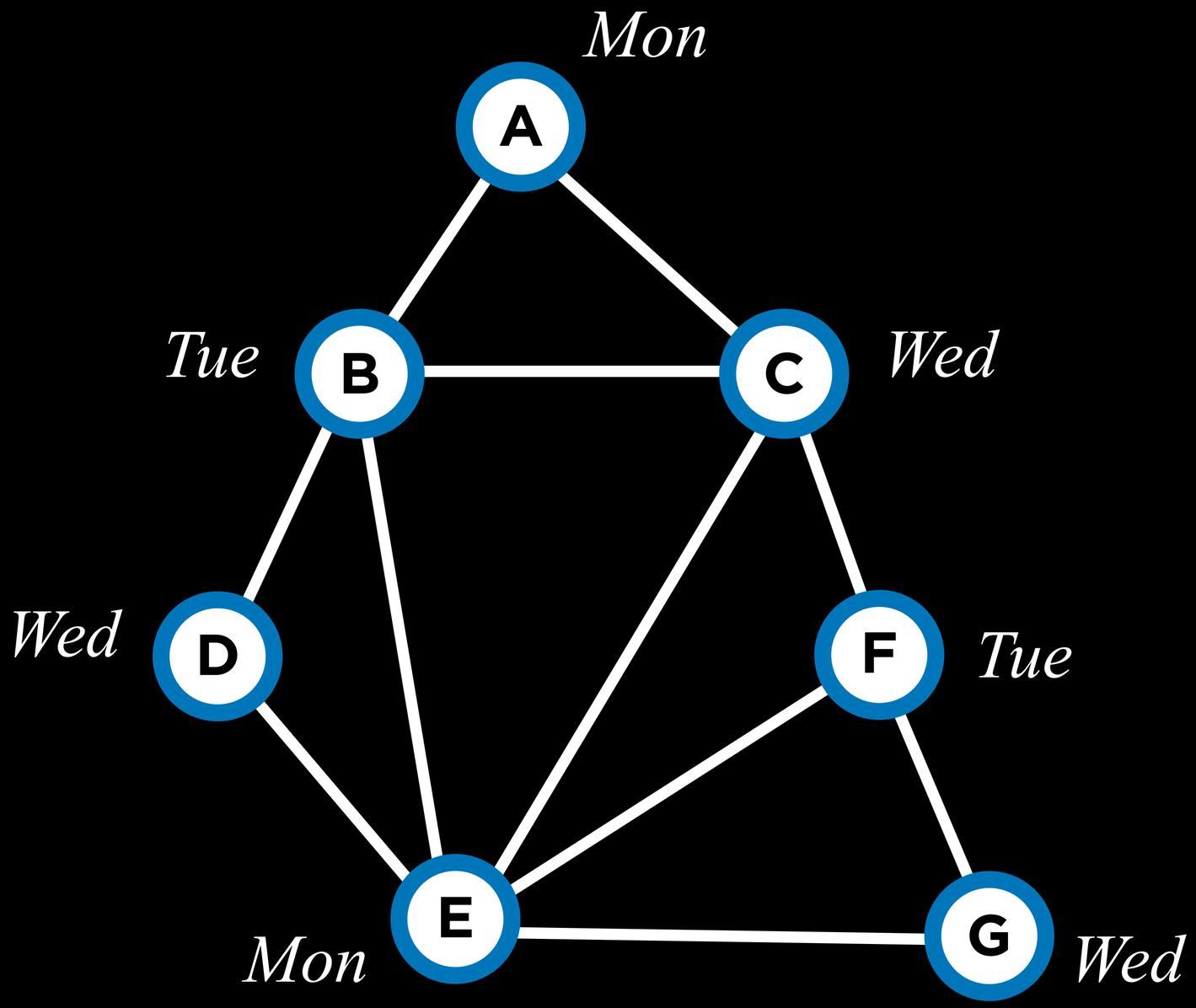
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