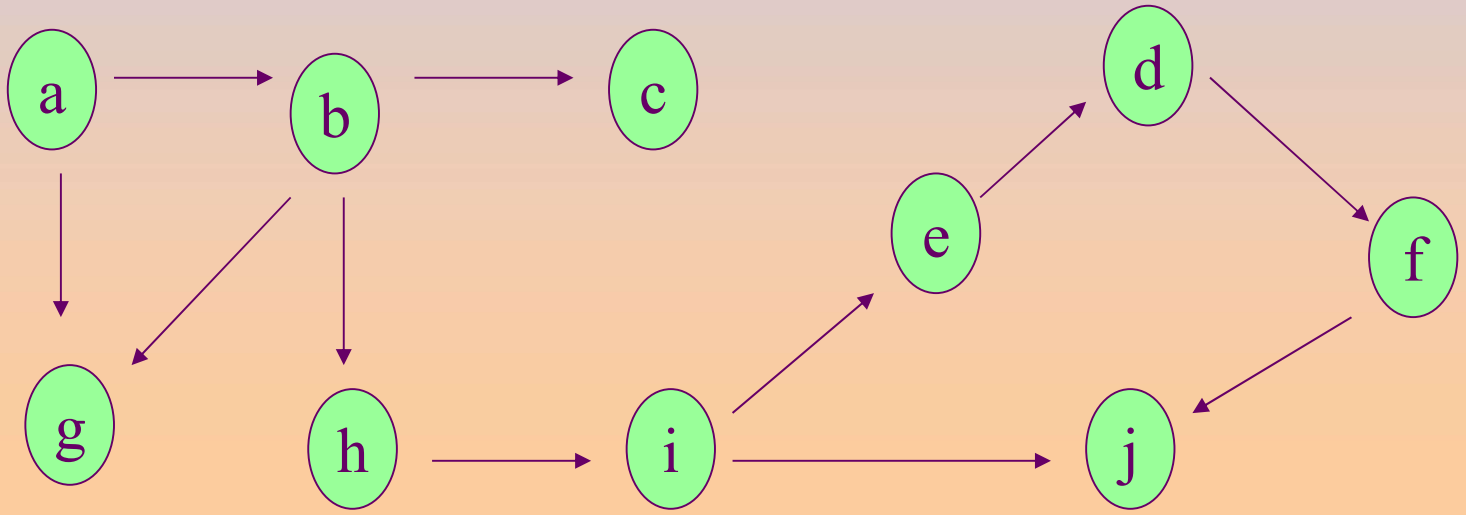
Graph Traversal

Graph Search (traversal)

- How do we search a graph?
  - At a particular vertices, where shall we go next?
- Two common framework:
  - the depth-first search (DFS)
  - the breadth-first search (BFS) and
  - In DFS, go as far as possible along a single path until reach a dead end (a vertex with no edge out or no neighbor unexplored) then backtrack
  - In BFS, one explore a graph level by level away (explore all neighbors first and then move on)

Depth-First Search (DFS)

- The basic idea behind this algorithm is that it traverses the graph using recursion
  - Go as far as possible until you reach a deadend
  - Backtrack to the previous path and try the next branch
  - The graph below, started at node a, would be visited in the following order: a, b, c, g, h, i, e, d, f, j



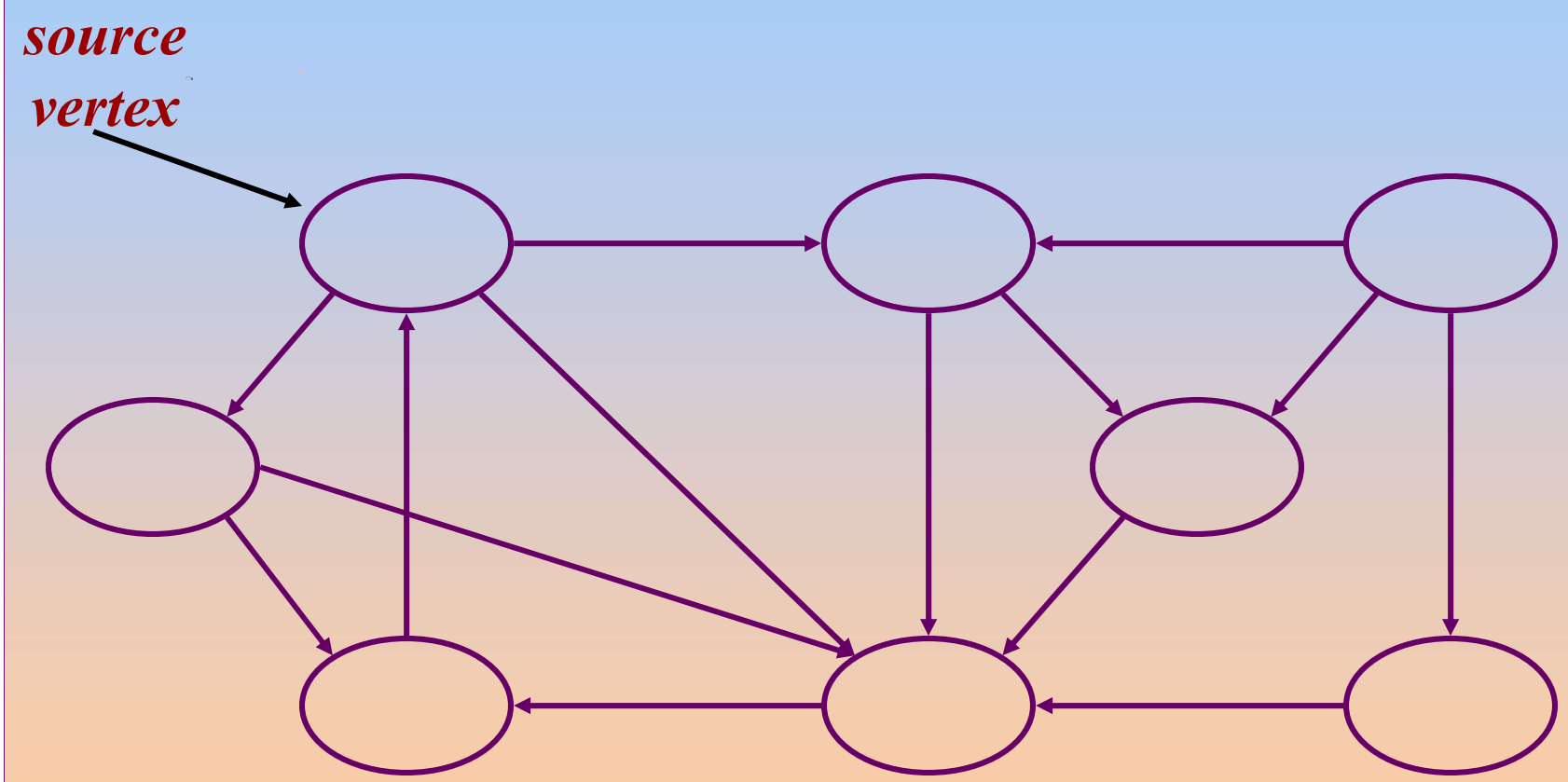
DFS: Color Scheme

- Vertices initially colored white
- Then colored gray when discovered
- Then black when finished

DFS: Time Stamps

- Discover time d[u]: when u is first discovered
- Finish time f[u]: when backtrack from u
- d[u] < f[u]

DFS Example



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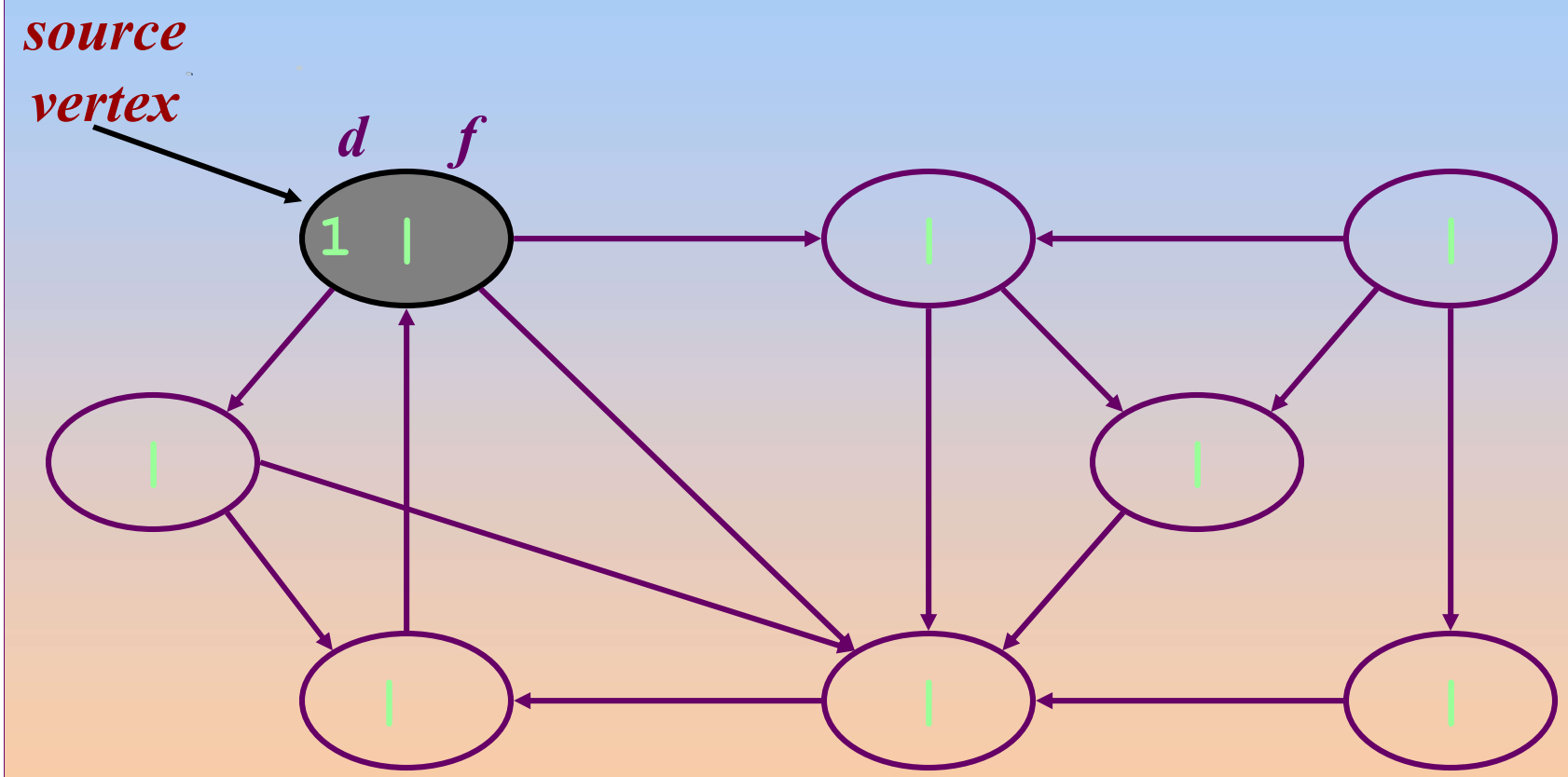

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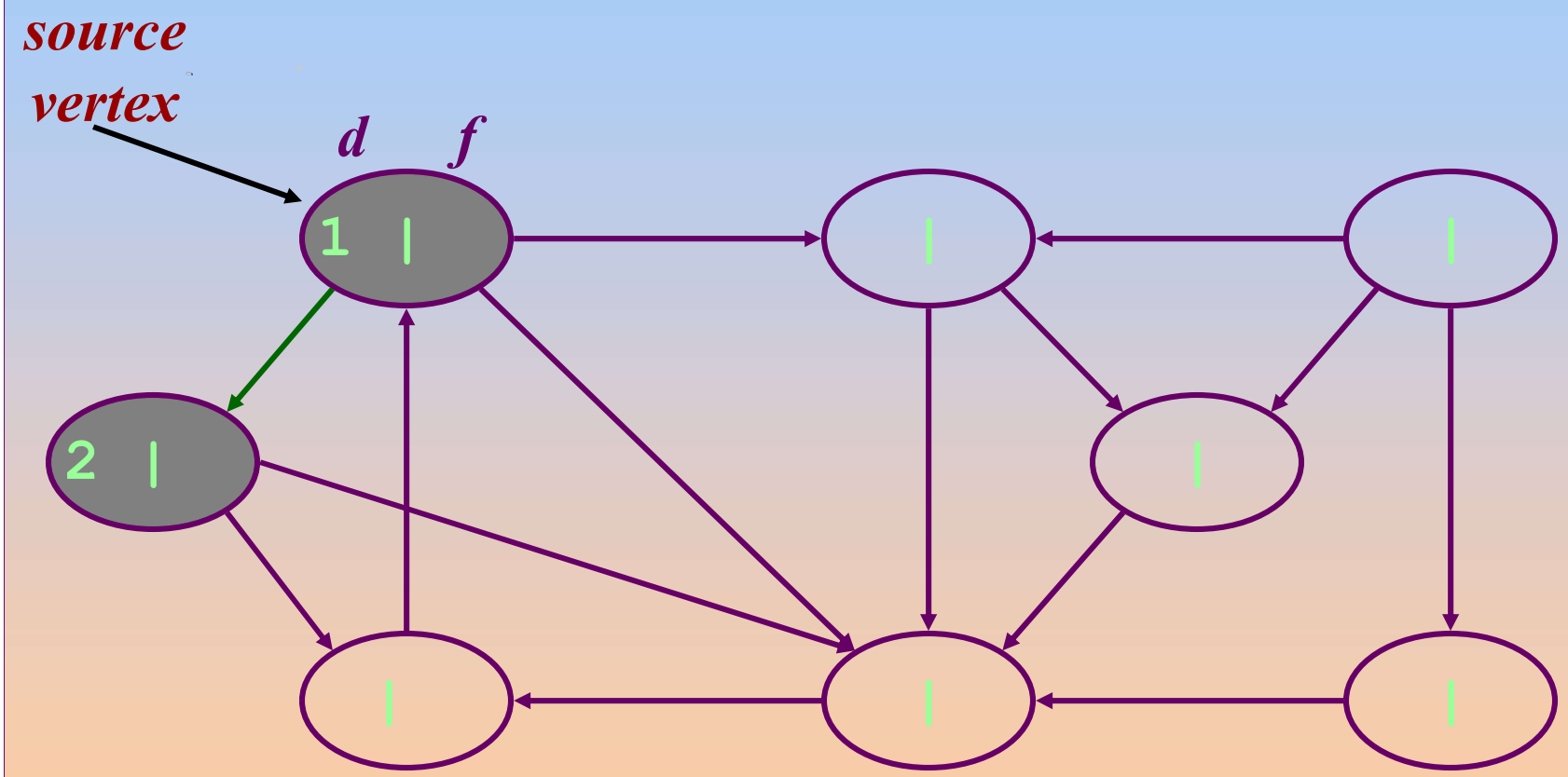

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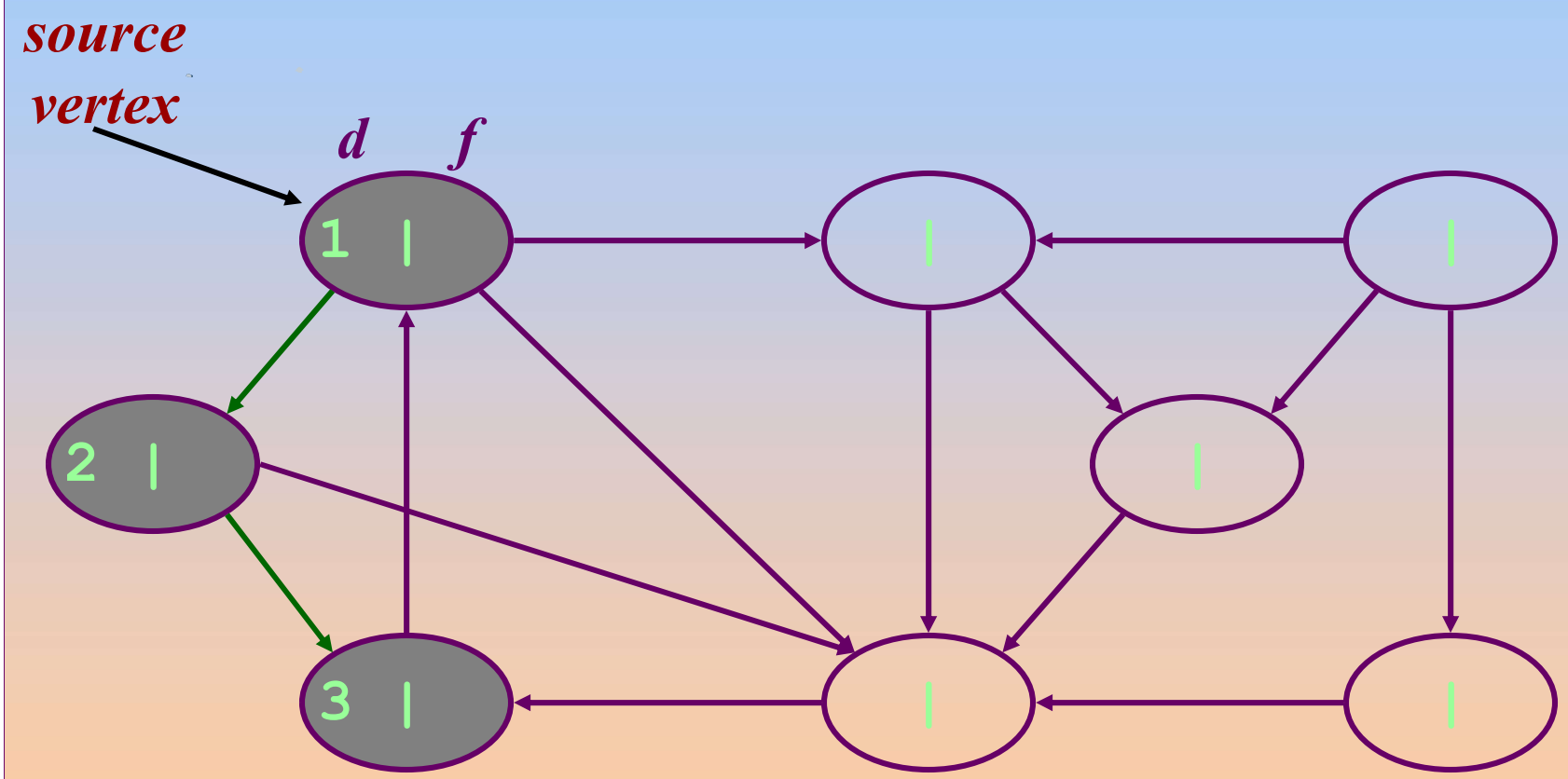

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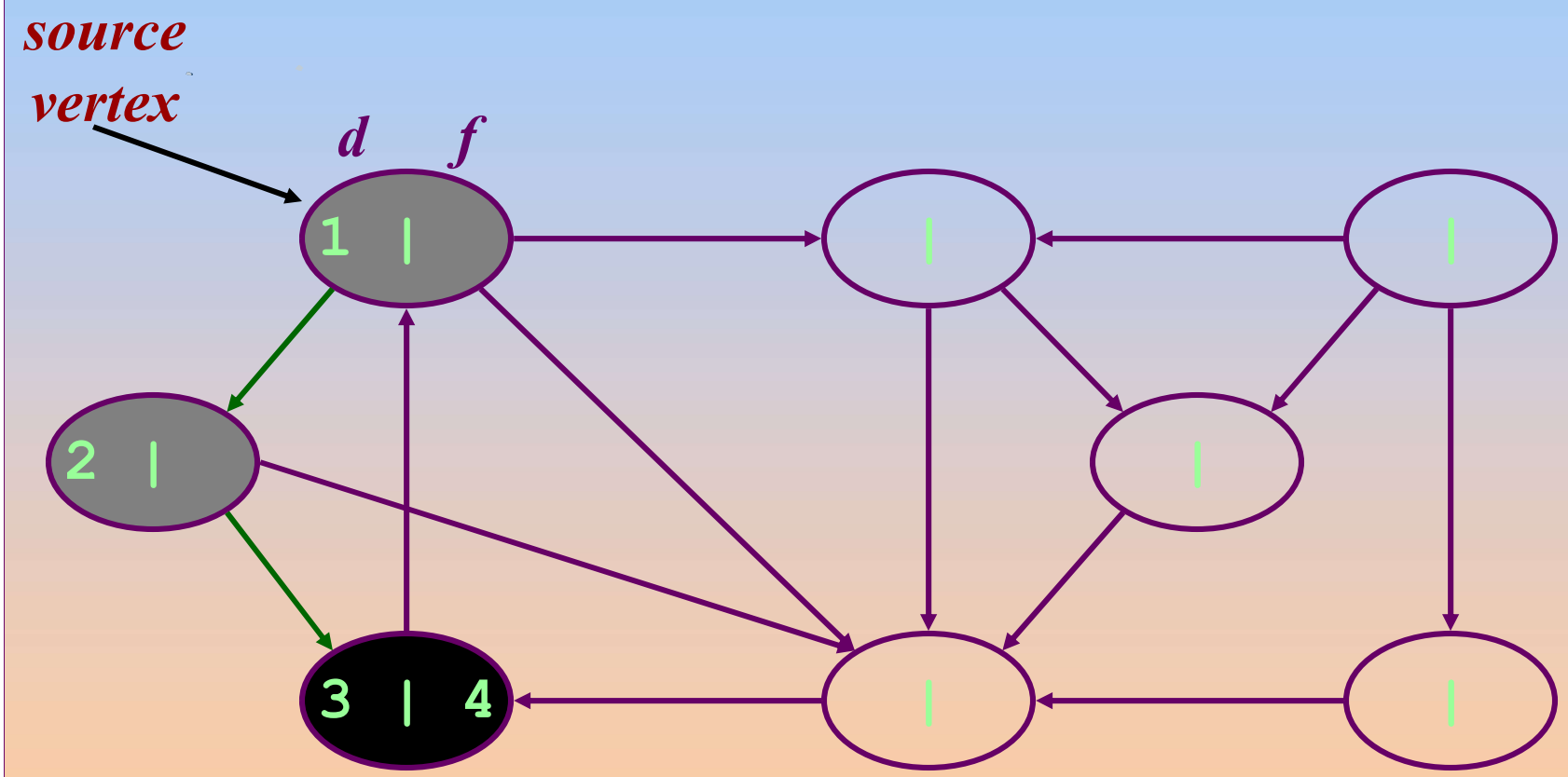

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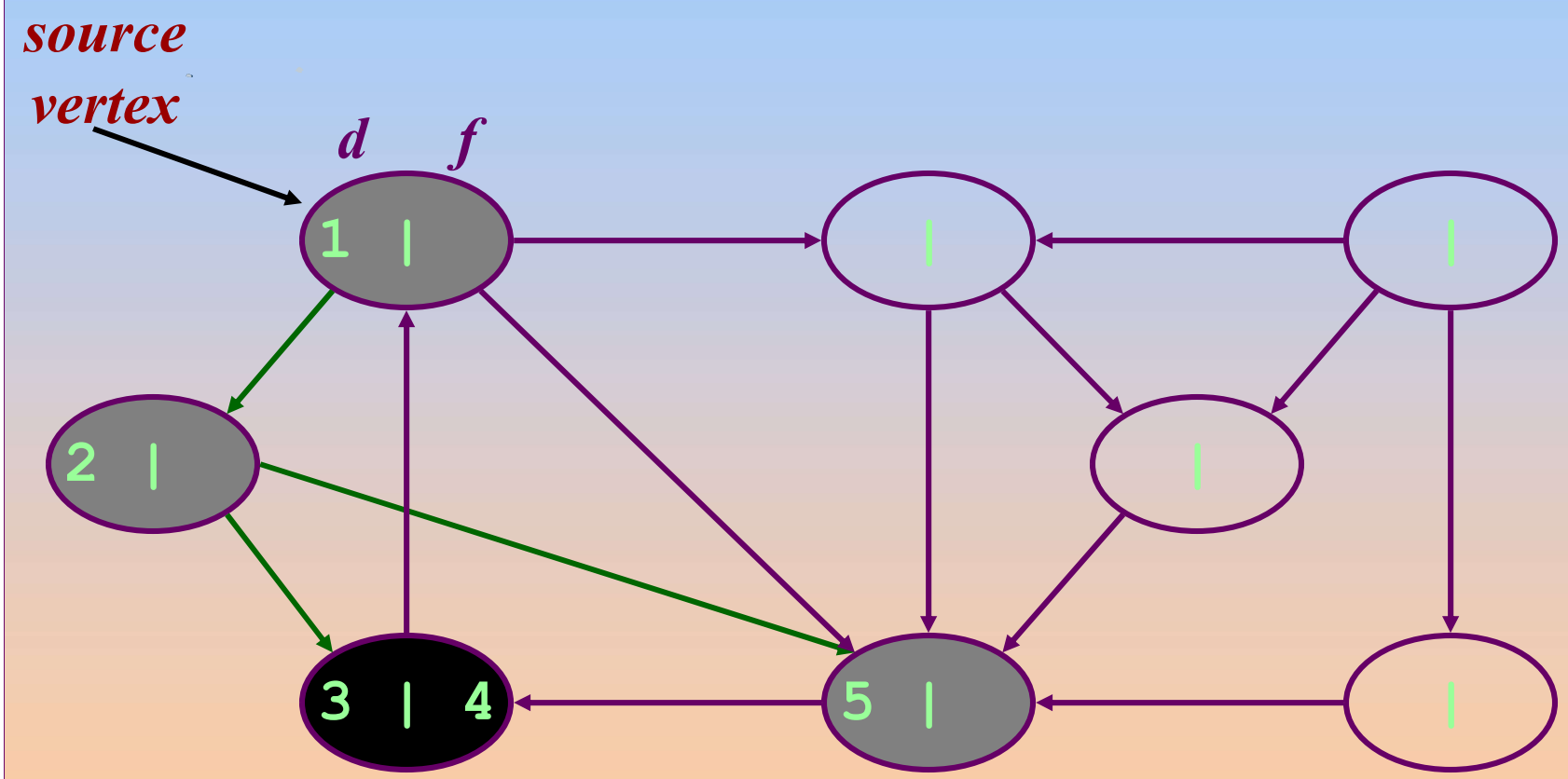

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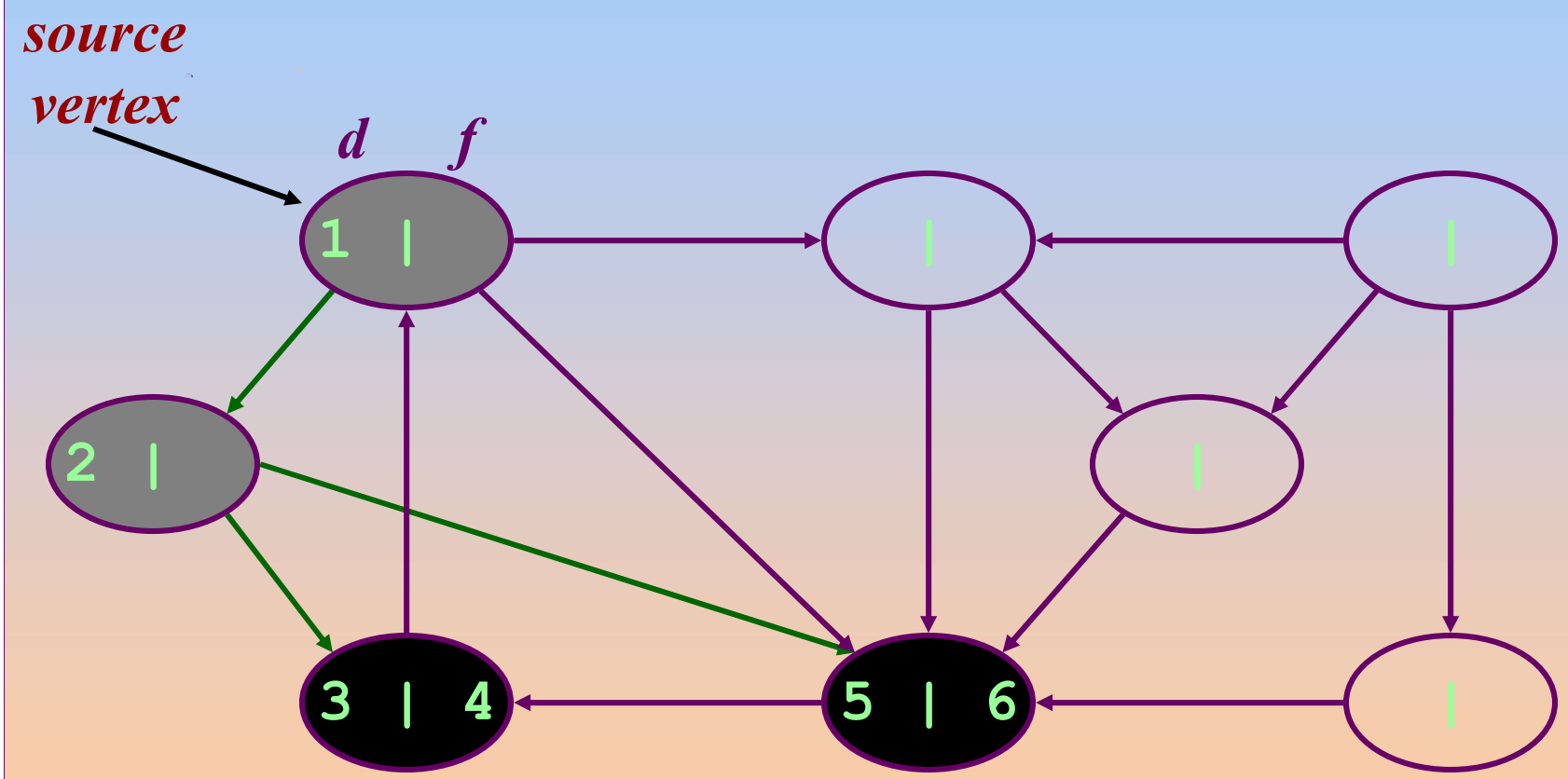

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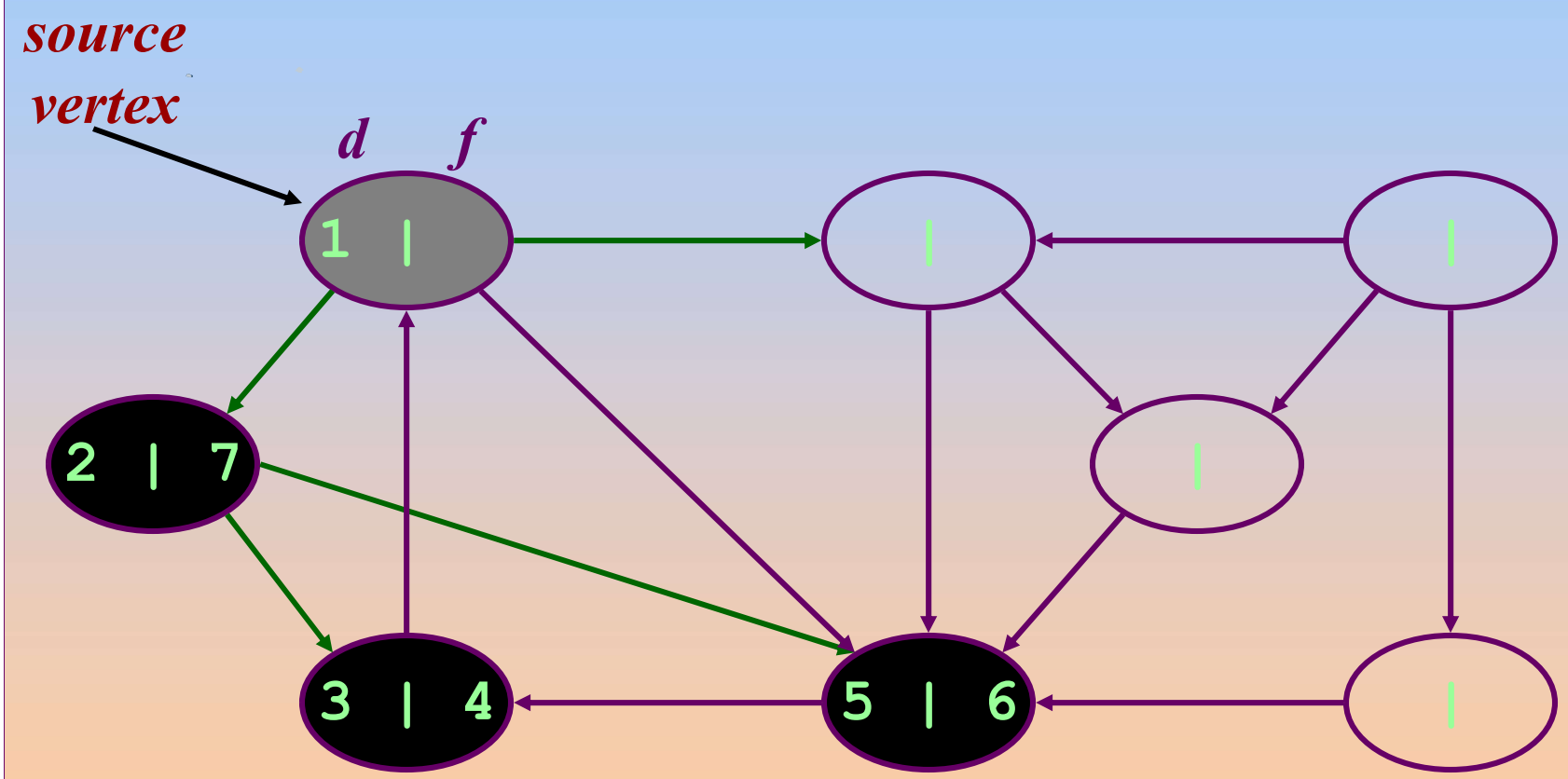

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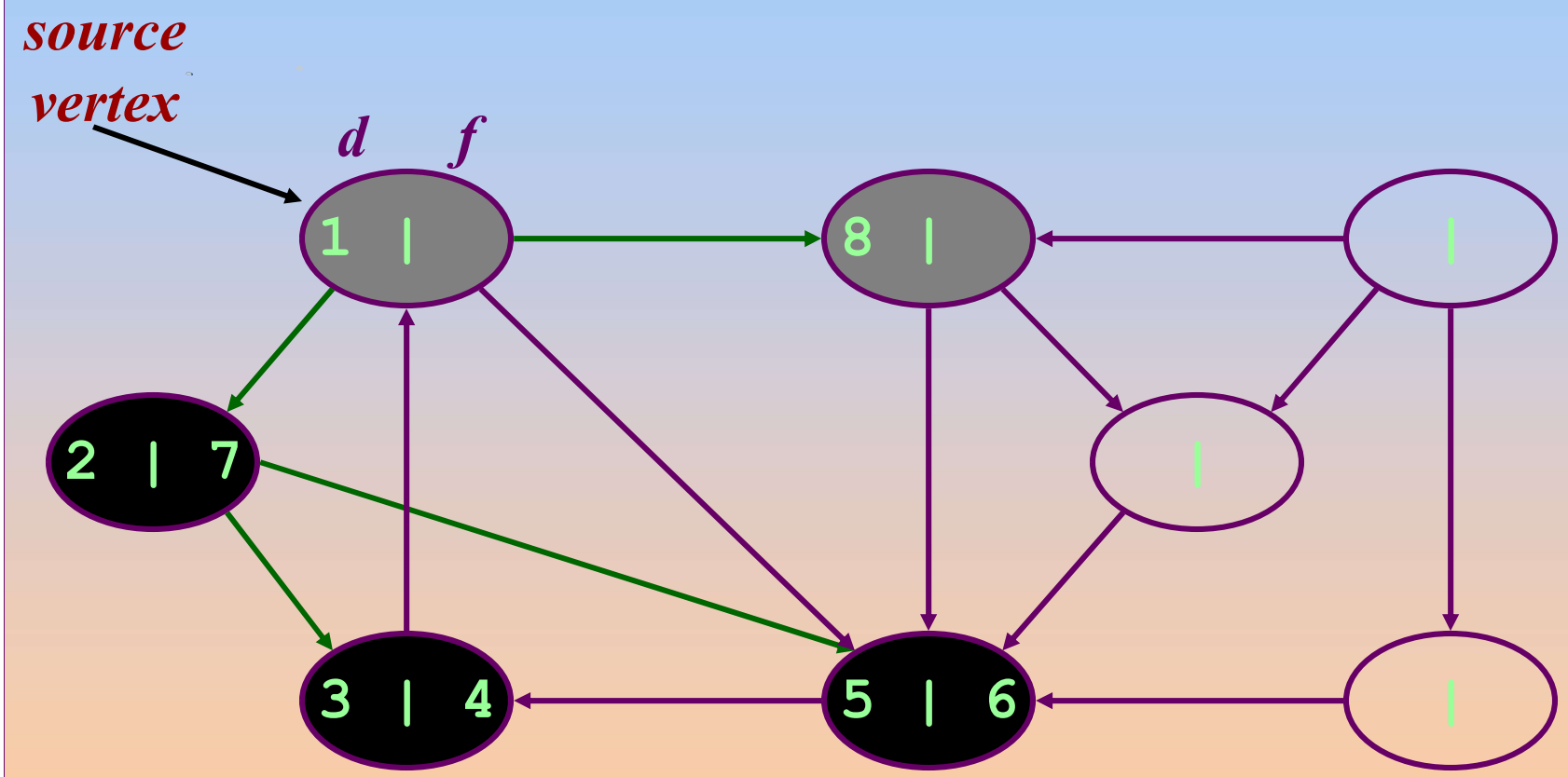

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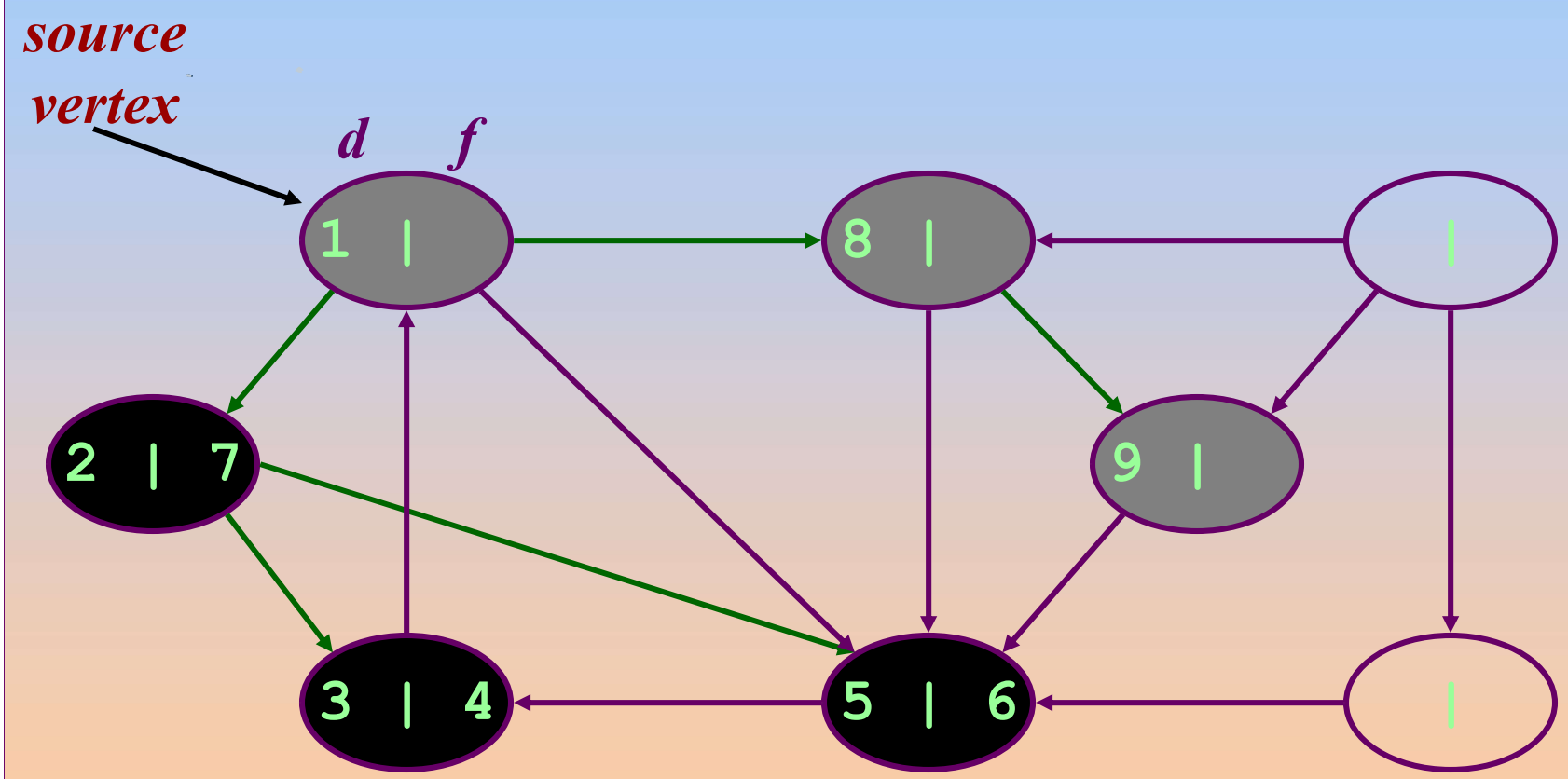

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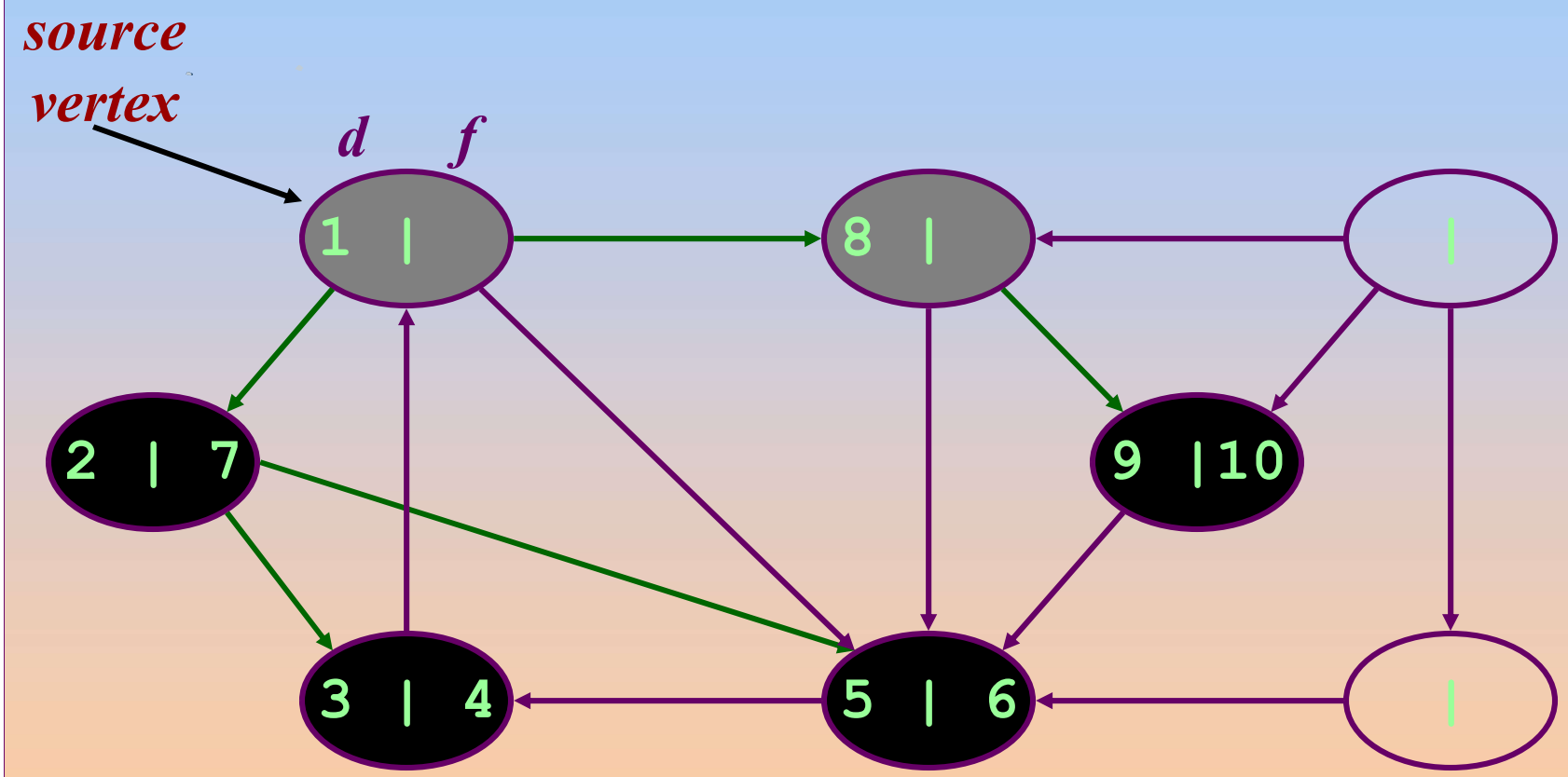

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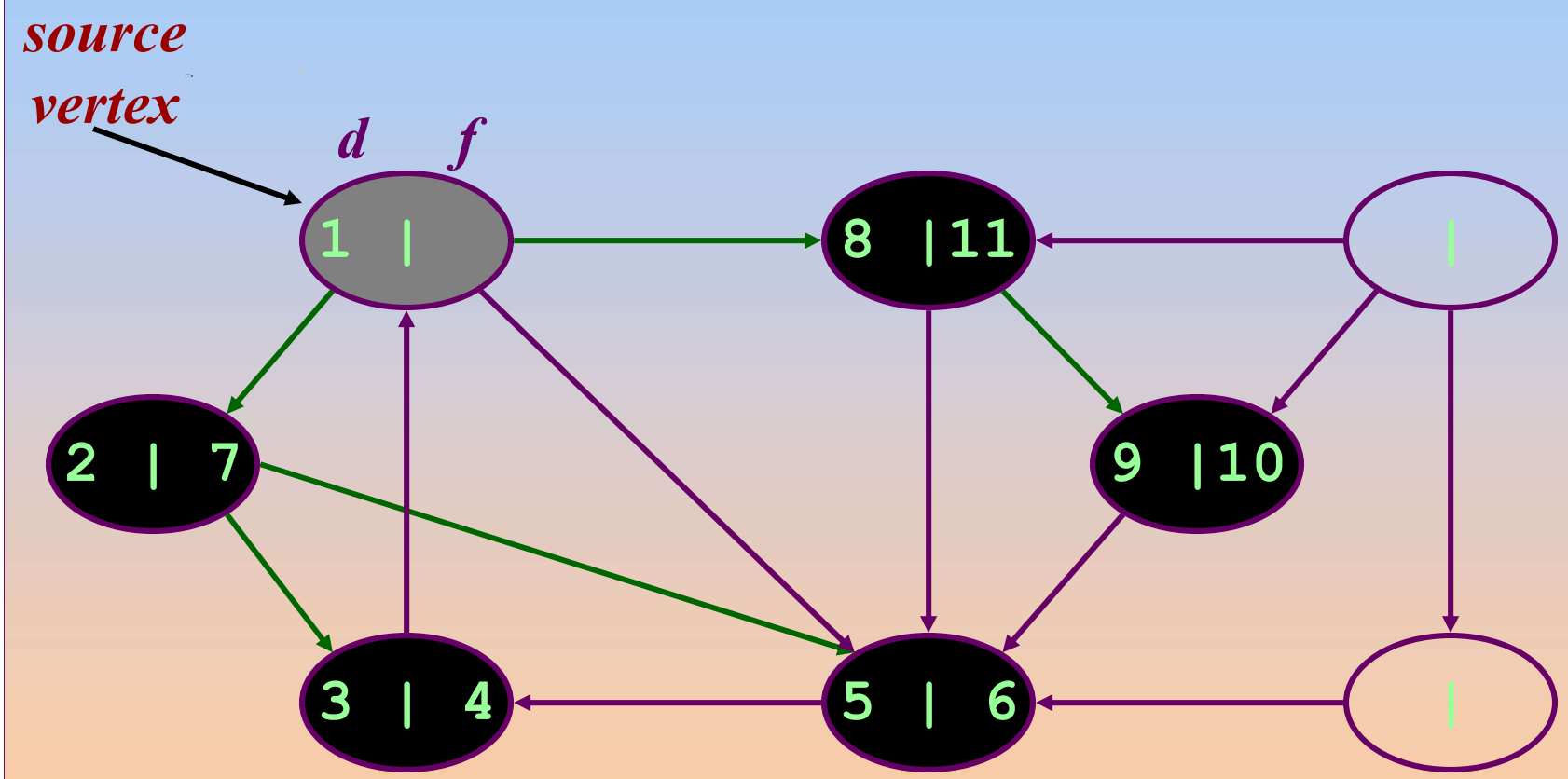

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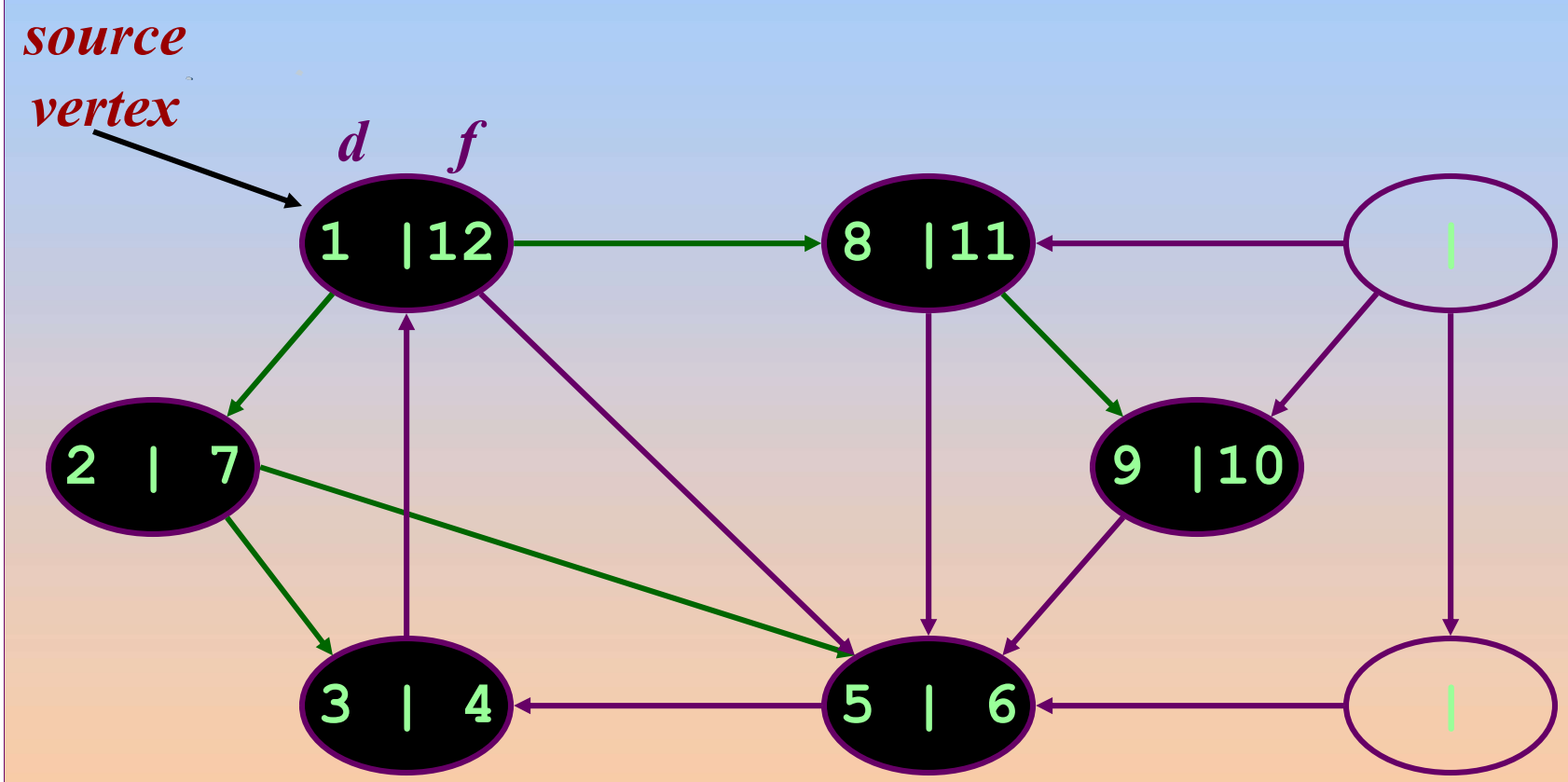

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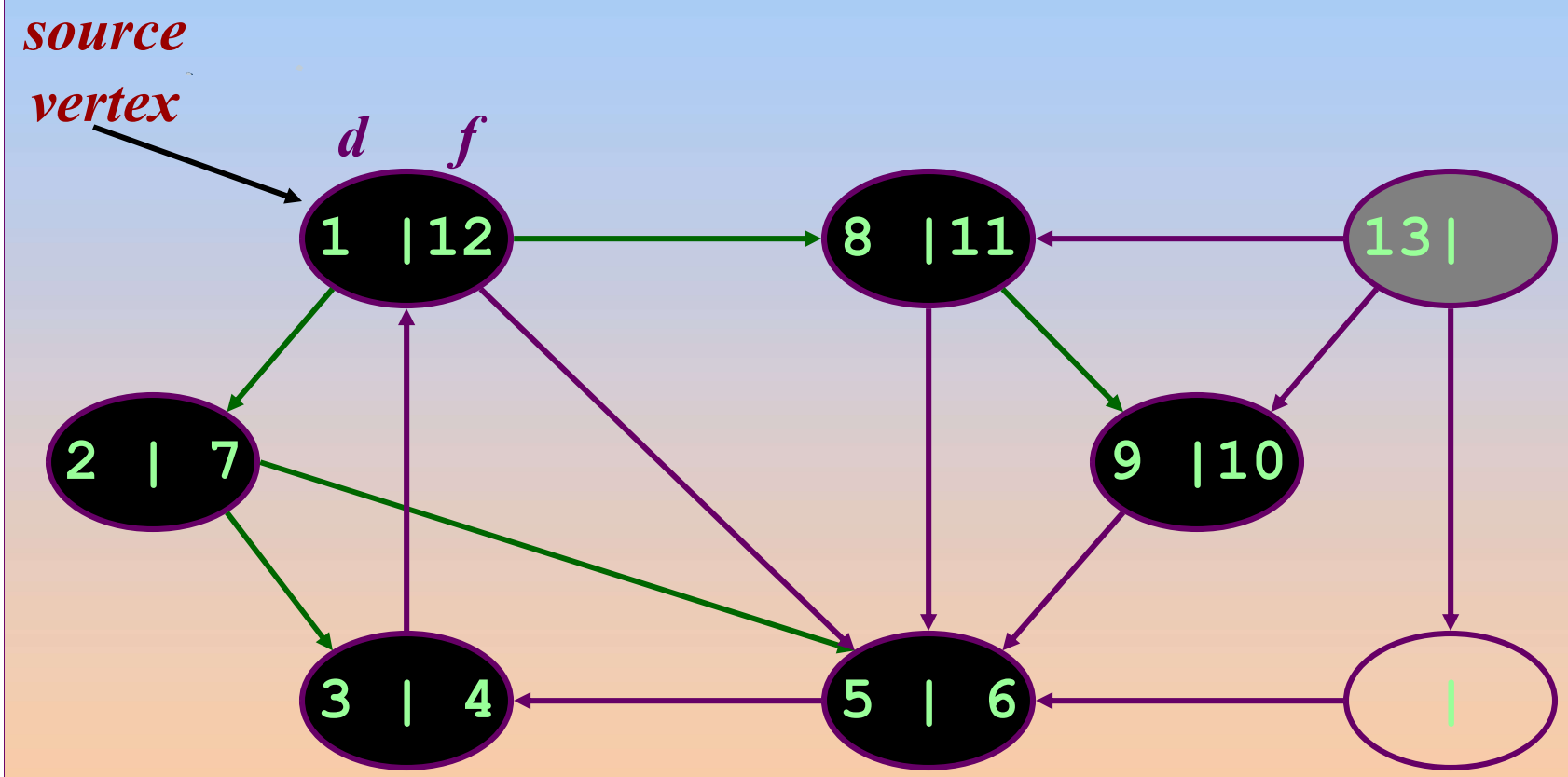

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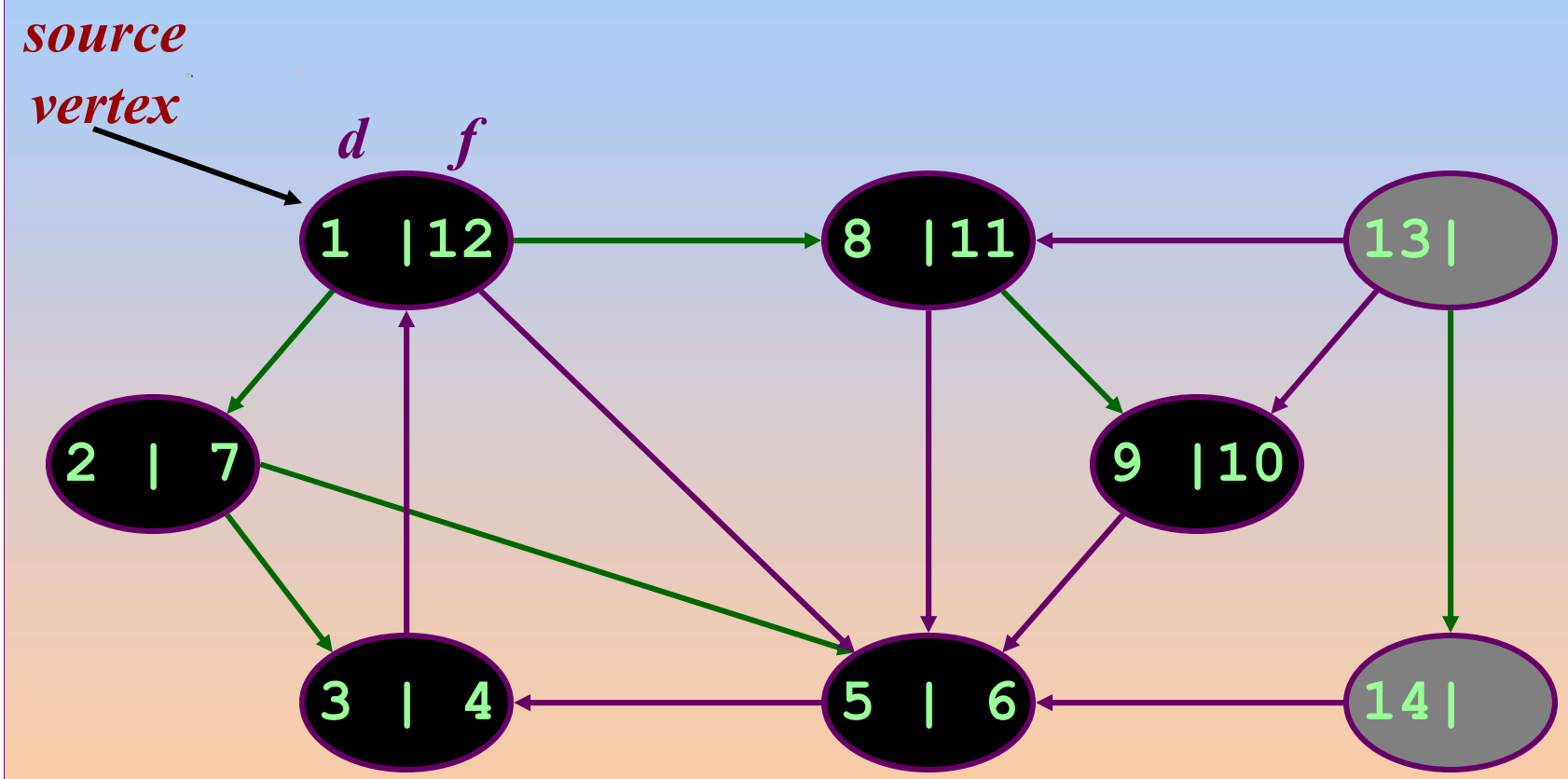

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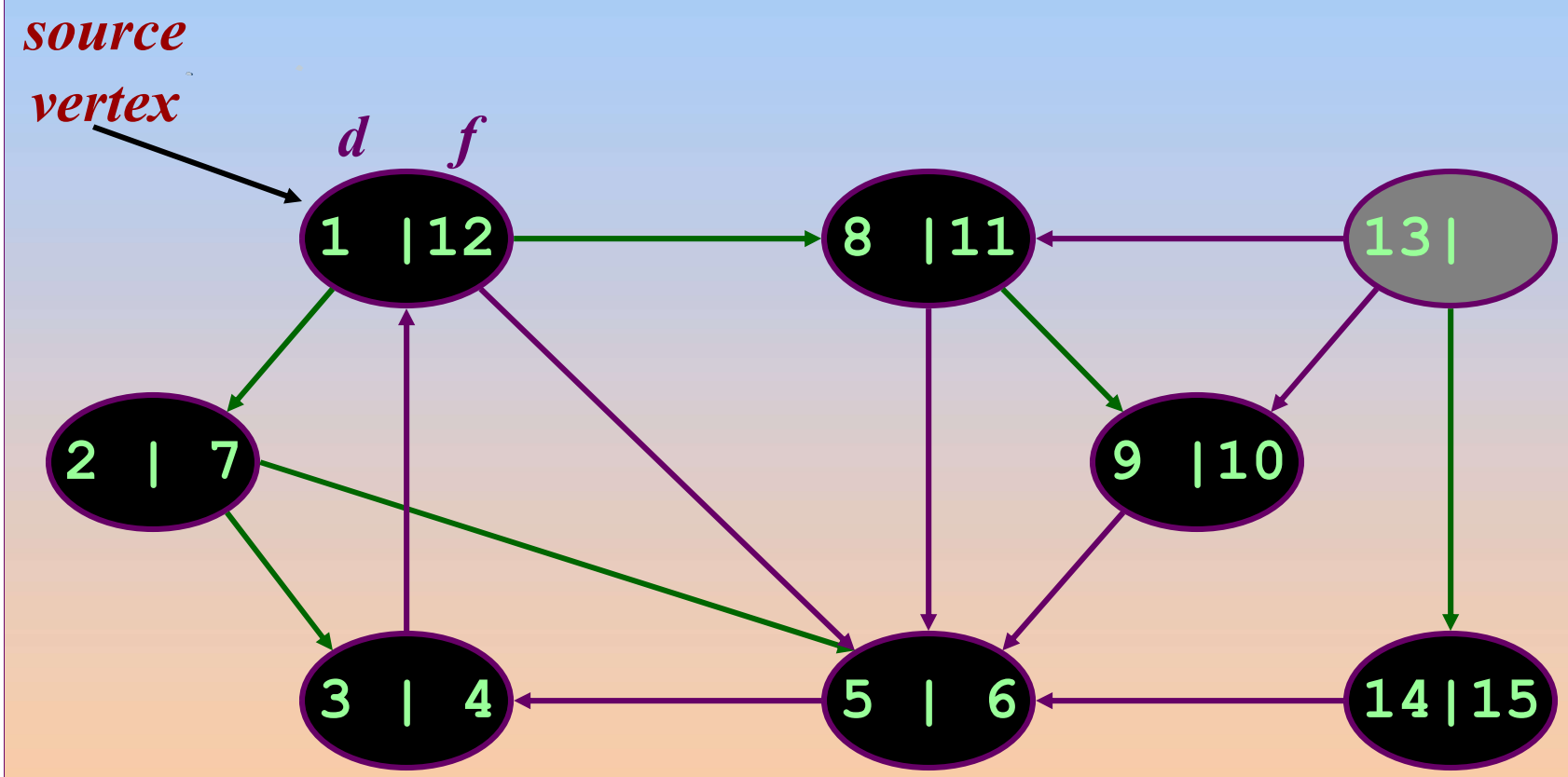

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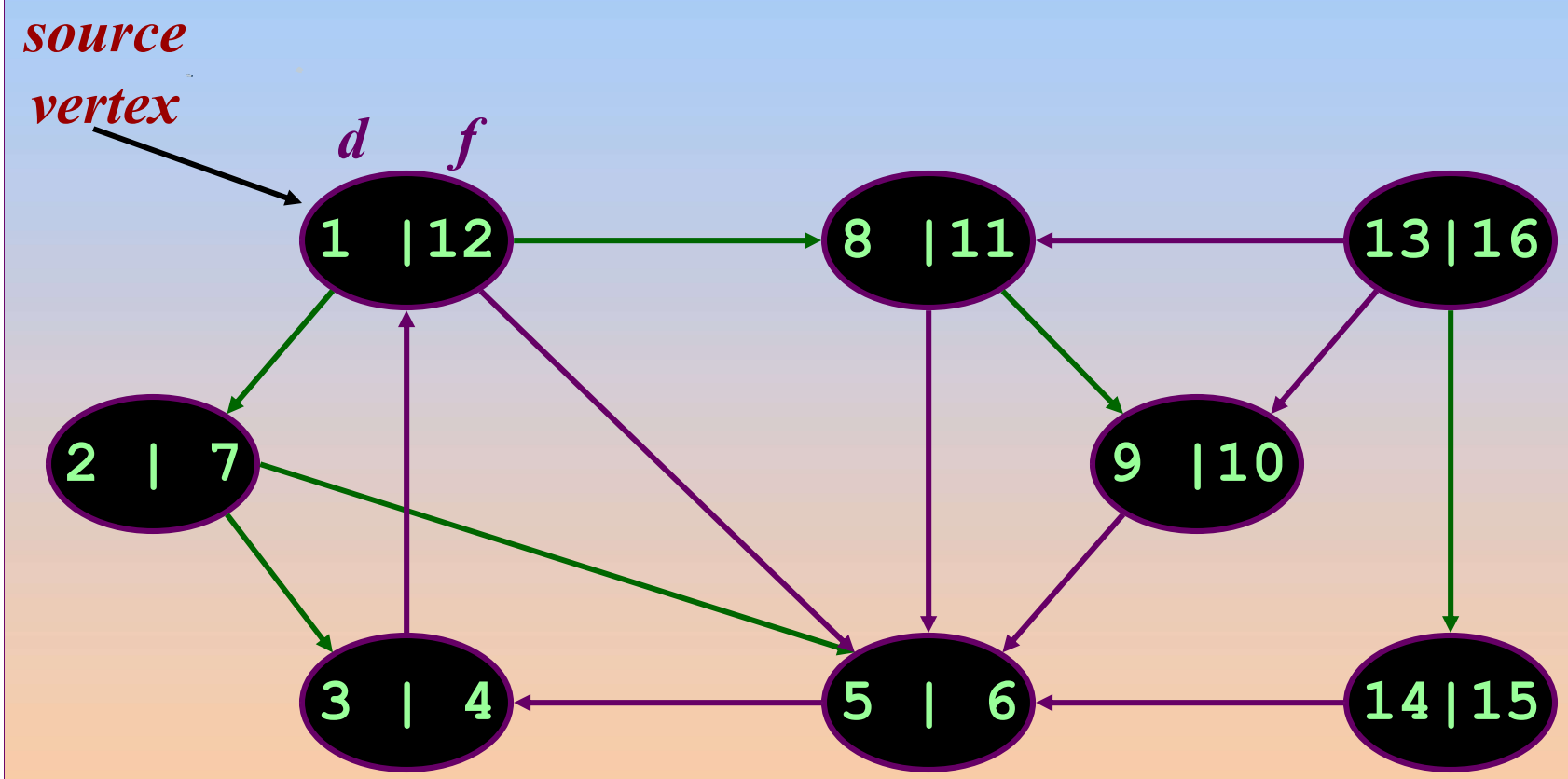

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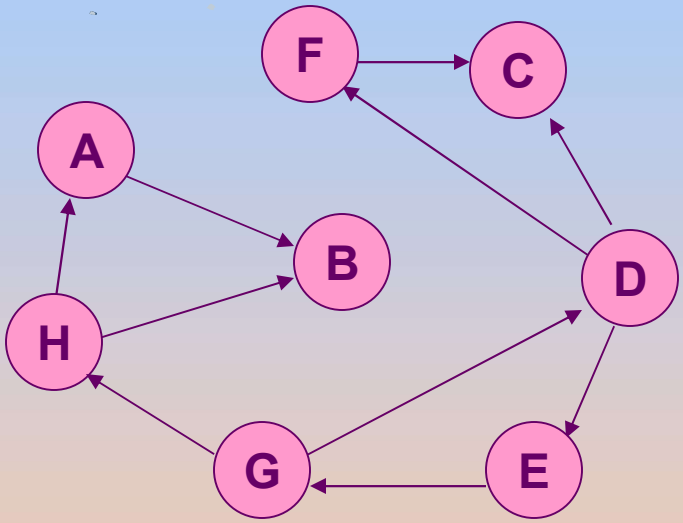

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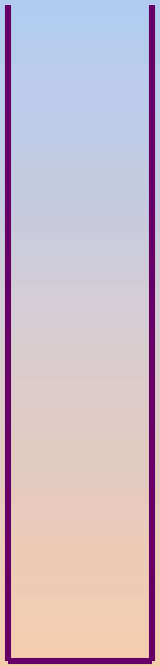

Task: Conduct a depth-first search of the graph starting with node D

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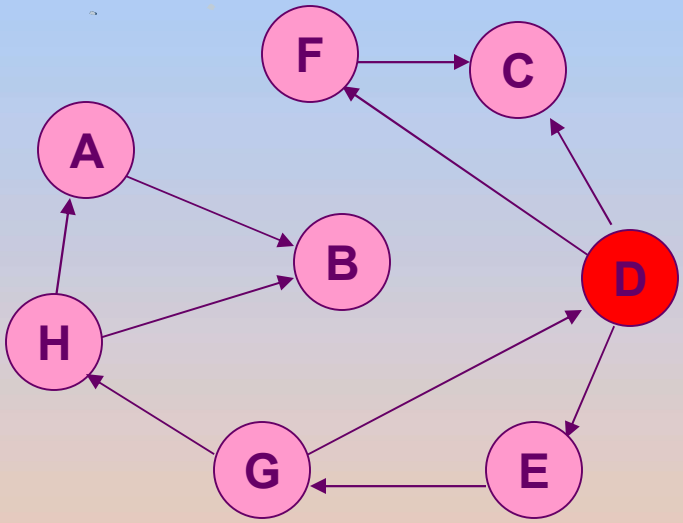

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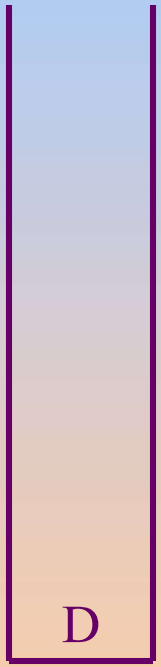
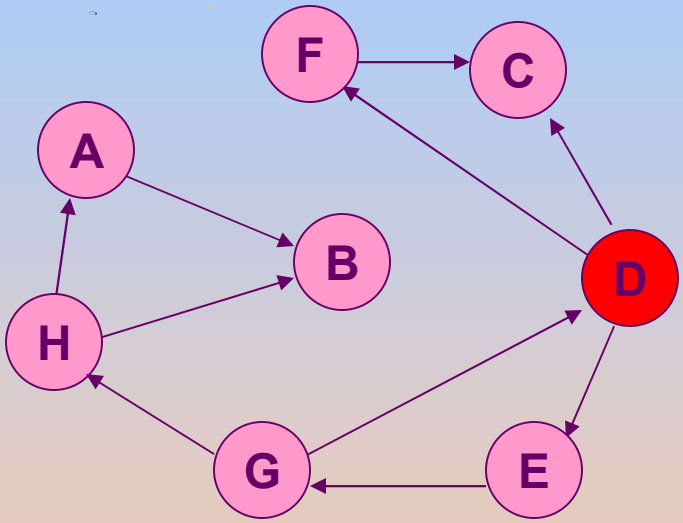


The order nodes are visited:

D

Visit D

Walk-Through



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The order nodes are visited:

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Consider nodes adjacent to D, decide to visit C first (Rule: visit adjacent nodes in alphabetical order)

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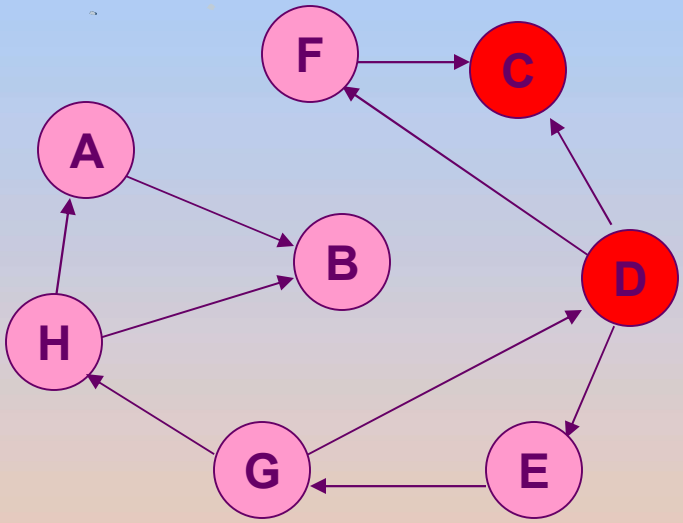

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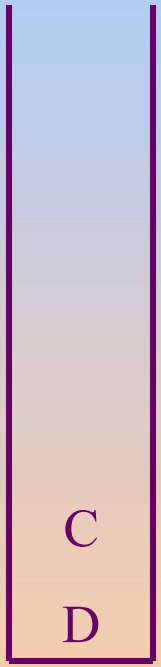
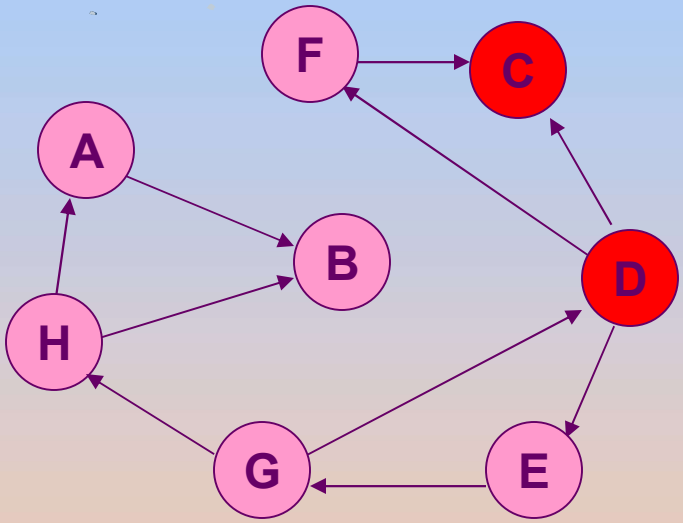


Visit C

The order nodes are visited:

D, C

Walk-Through



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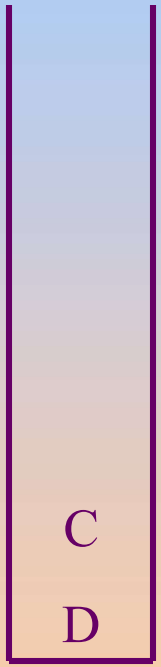
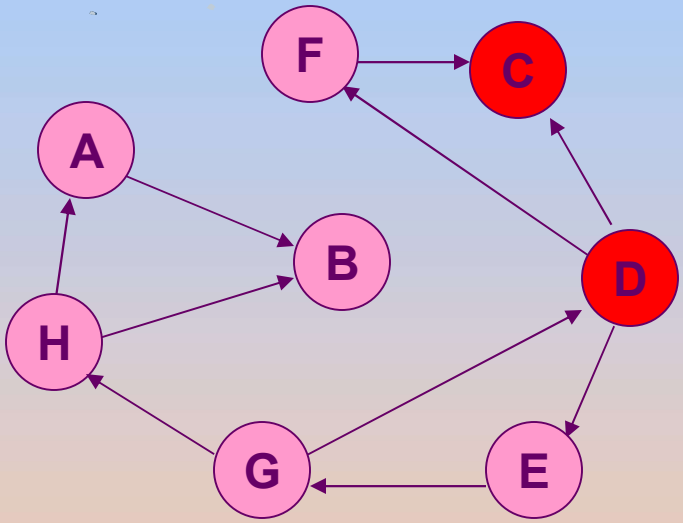


The order nodes are visited:

D, C

No nodes adjacent to C; cannot continue ➔ *backtrack*, i.e., pop stack and restore previous state

Walk-Through



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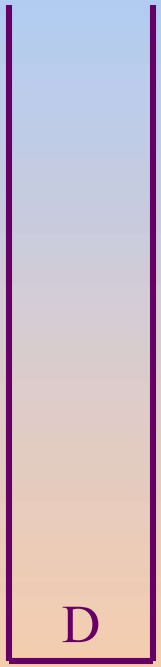

The order nodes are visited:

D, C

Back to D – C has been visited, decide to visit E next

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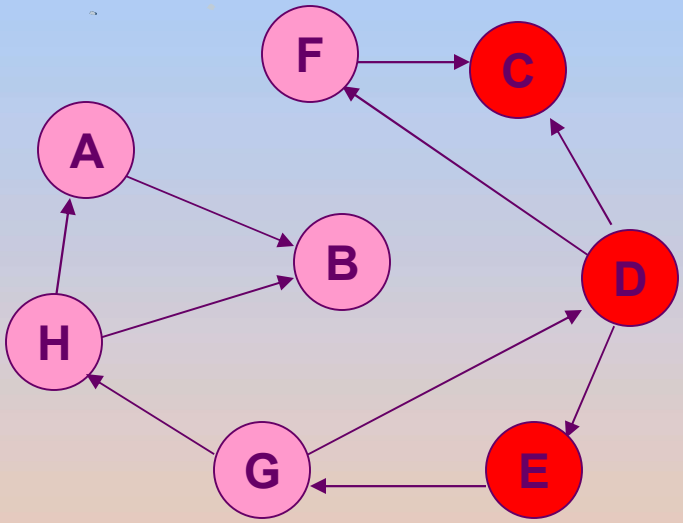

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The order nodes are visited:

D, C, E

Back to D – C has been visited, decide to visit E next

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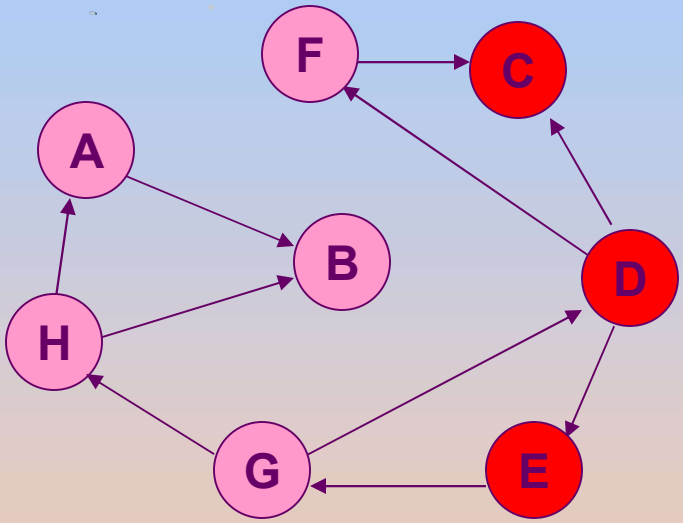

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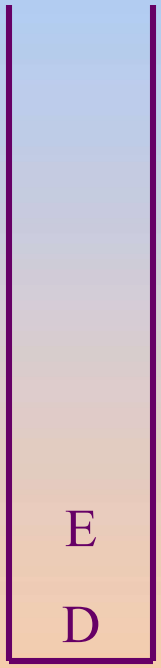
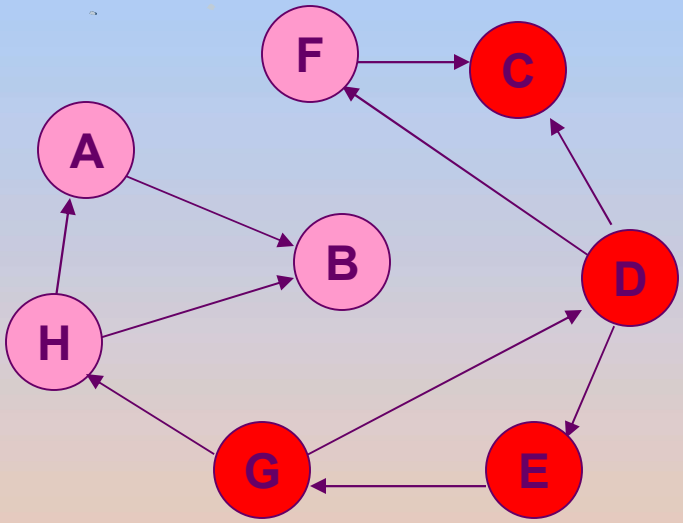


The order nodes are visited:

D, C, E

Only G is adjacent to E

Walk-Through



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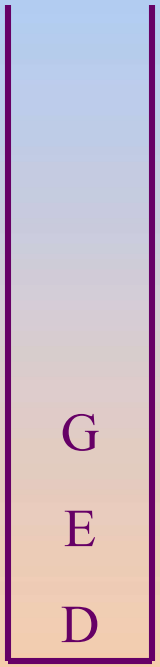

Visit G

The order nodes are visited:

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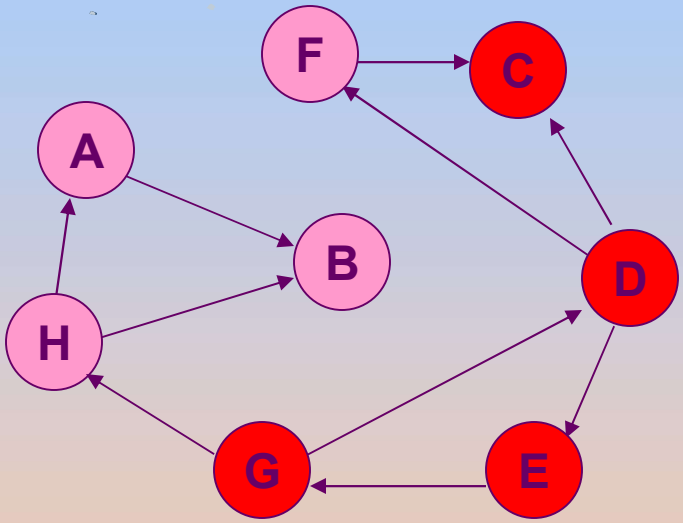

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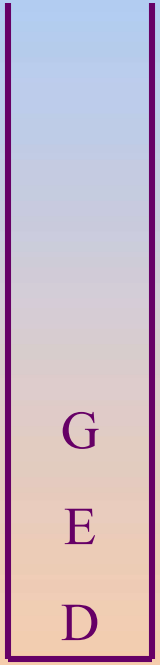

The order nodes are visited:

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Nodes D and H are adjacent to G. D has already been visited. Decide to visit H.

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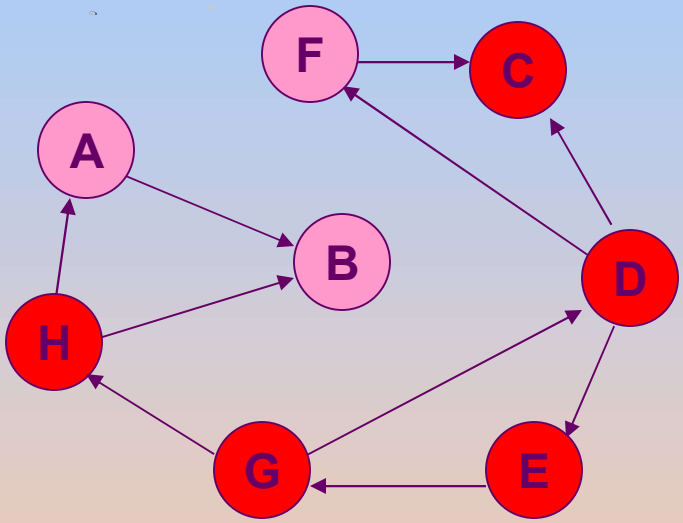

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Visit H

The order nodes are visited:

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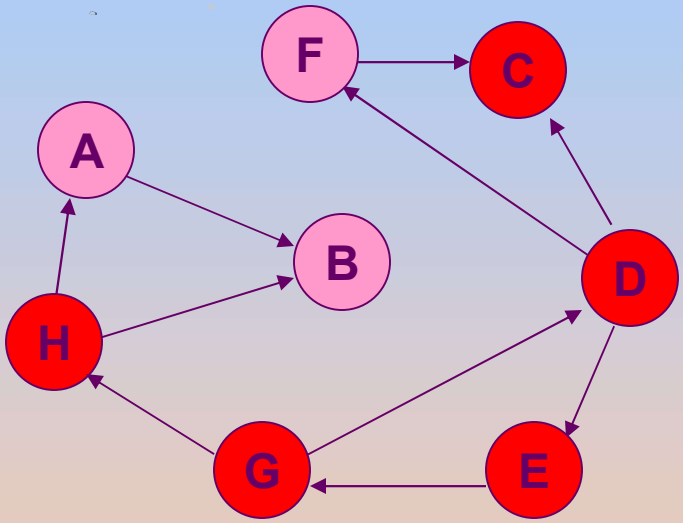

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The order nodes are visited:

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Nodes A and B are adjacent to F.
Decide to visit A next.

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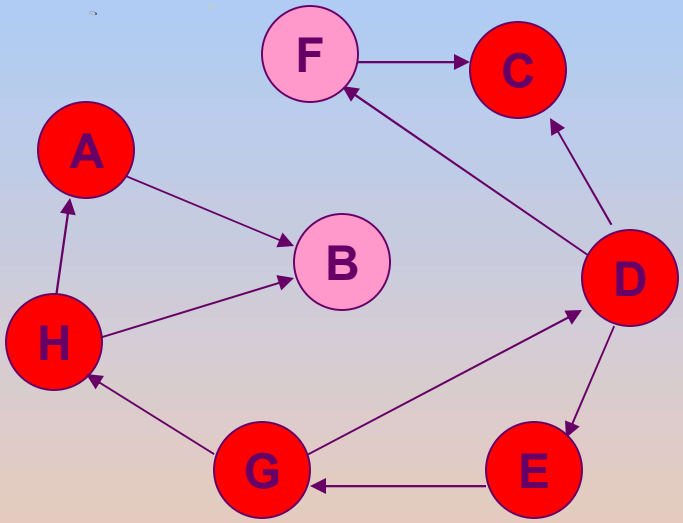

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Visit A

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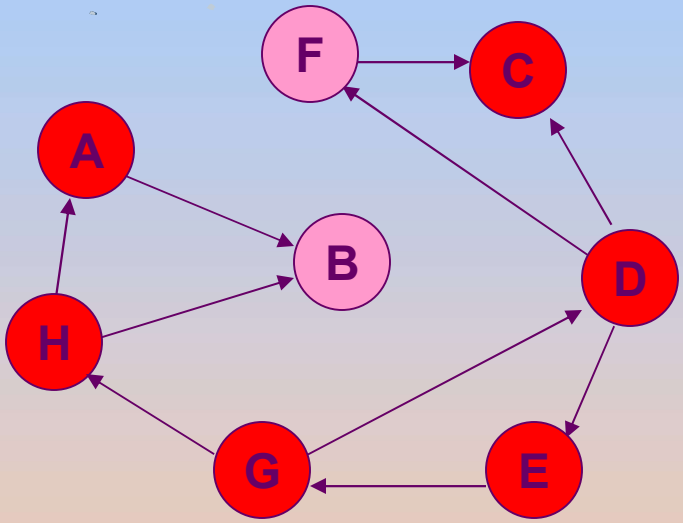
Walk-Through



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Only Node B is adjacent to A.
Decide to visit B next.

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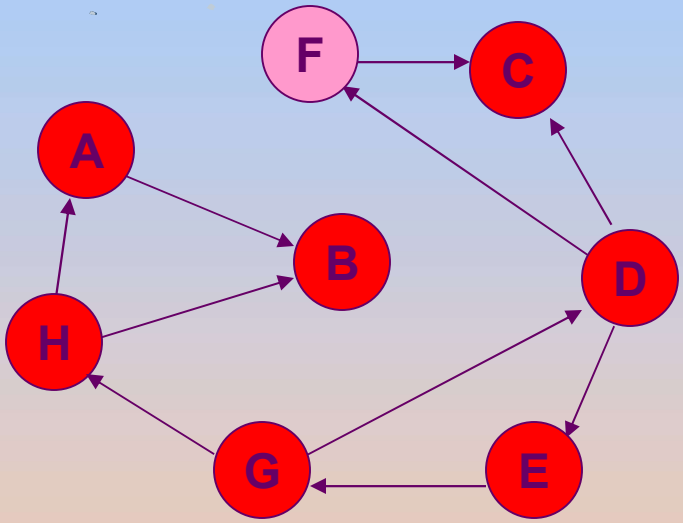

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Visit B

The order nodes are visited:

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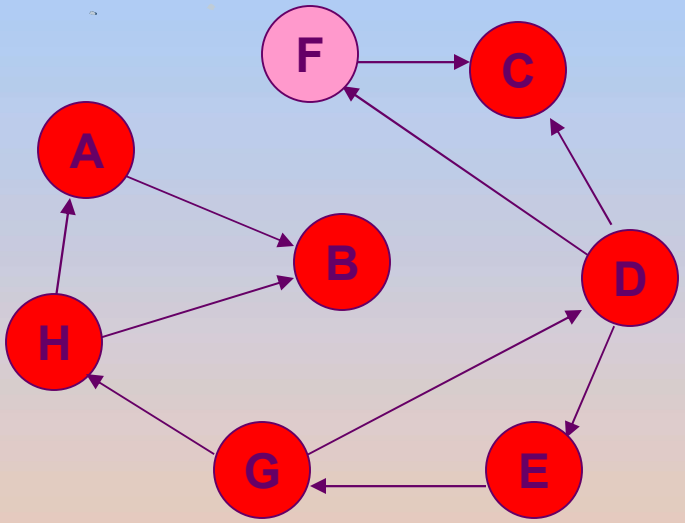
Walk-Through



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The order nodes are visited:

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No unvisited nodes adjacent to B. Backtrack (pop the stack).

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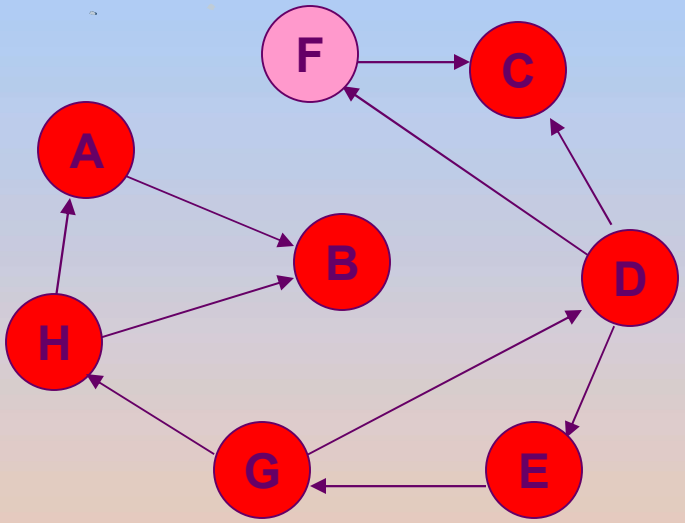

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The order nodes are visited:

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No unvisited nodes adjacent to A. Backtrack (pop the stack).

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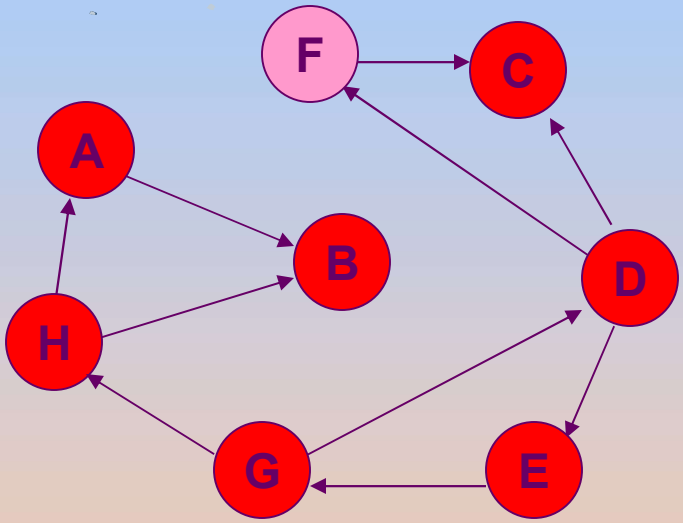

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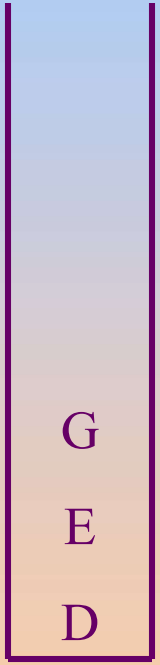

The order nodes are visited:

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No unvisited nodes adjacent to H. Backtrack (pop the stack).

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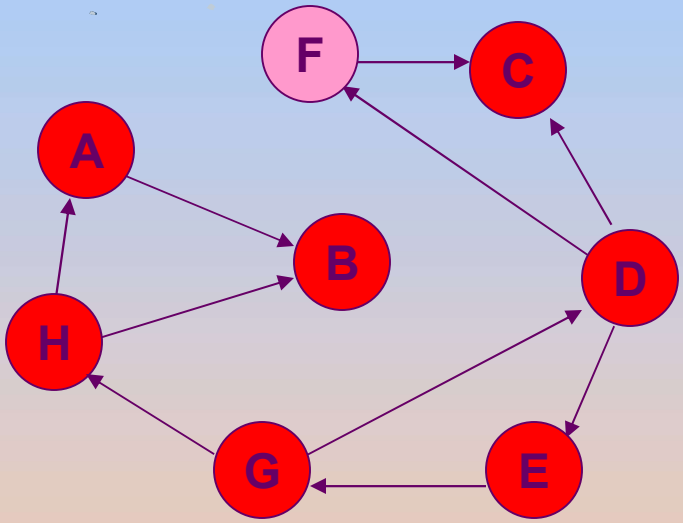

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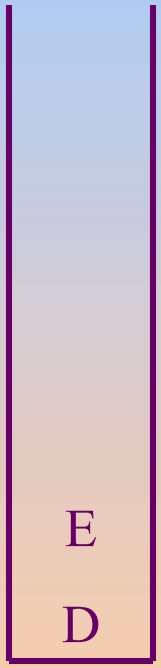

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No unvisited nodes adjacent to G. Backtrack (pop the stack).

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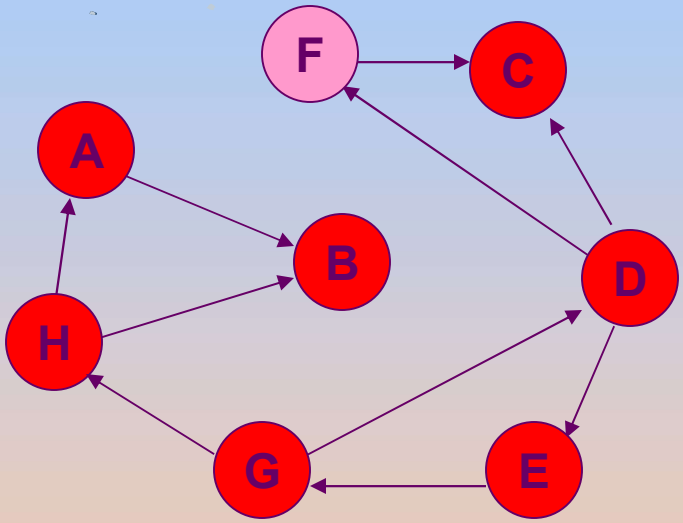

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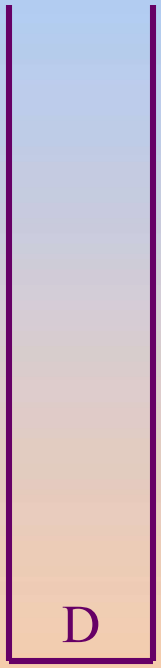
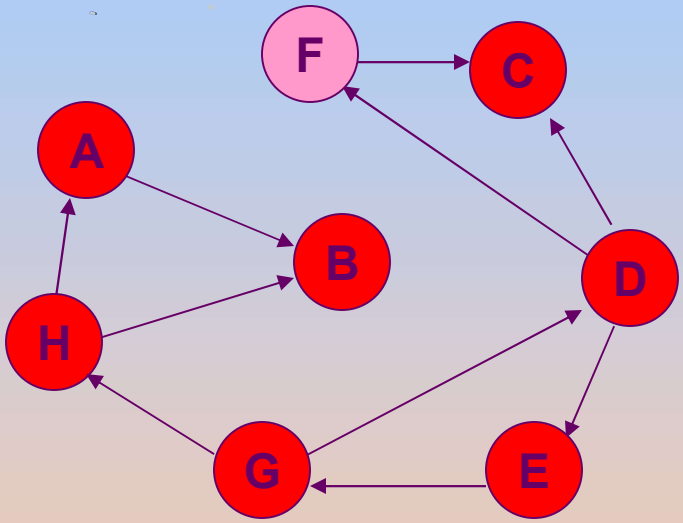


The order nodes are visited:

D, C, E, G, H, A, B

No unvisited nodes adjacent to E. Backtrack (pop the stack).

Walk-Through



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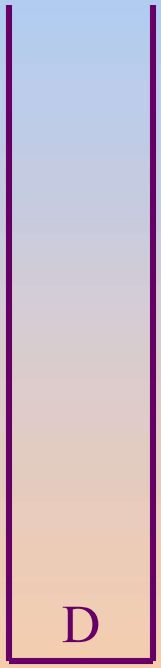

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F is unvisited and is adjacent to D. Decide to visit F next.

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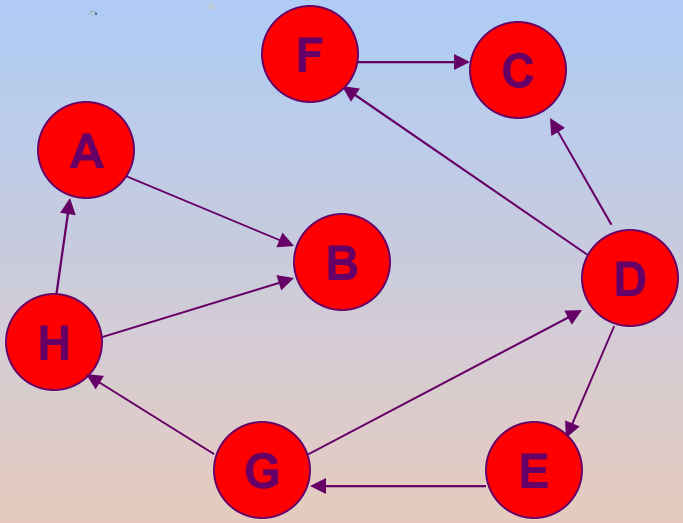

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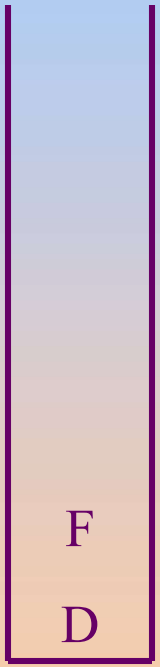
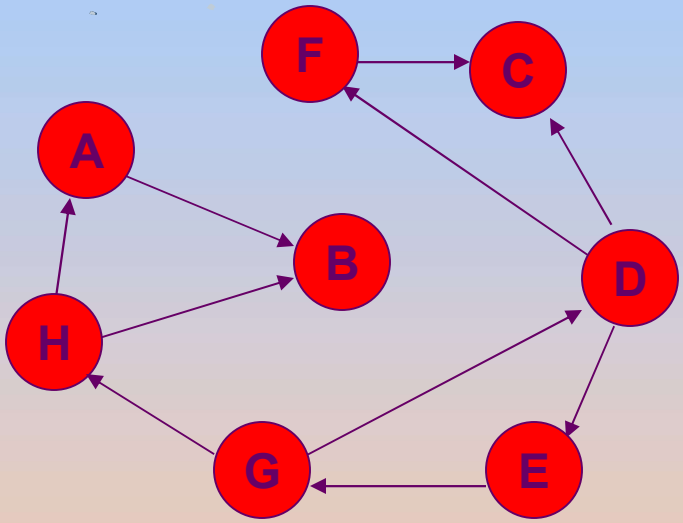


Visit F

The order nodes are visited:

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

Walk-Through



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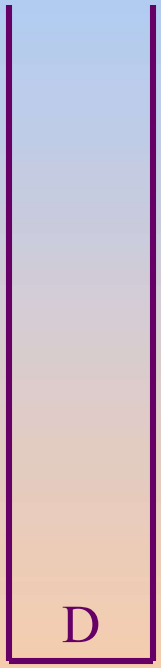
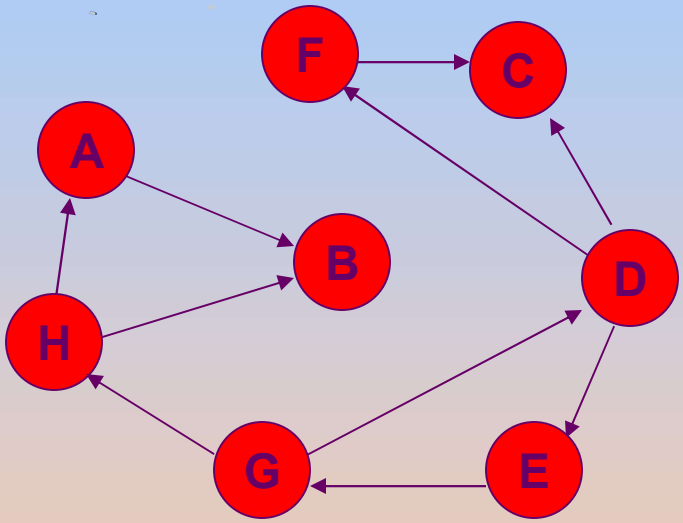


The order nodes are visited:

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

No unvisited nodes adjacent to F. Backtrack.

Walk-Through



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The order nodes are visited:

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

No unvisited nodes adjacent to D. Backtrack.

DFS: Application

- Topological Sort
- Strongly Connected Component

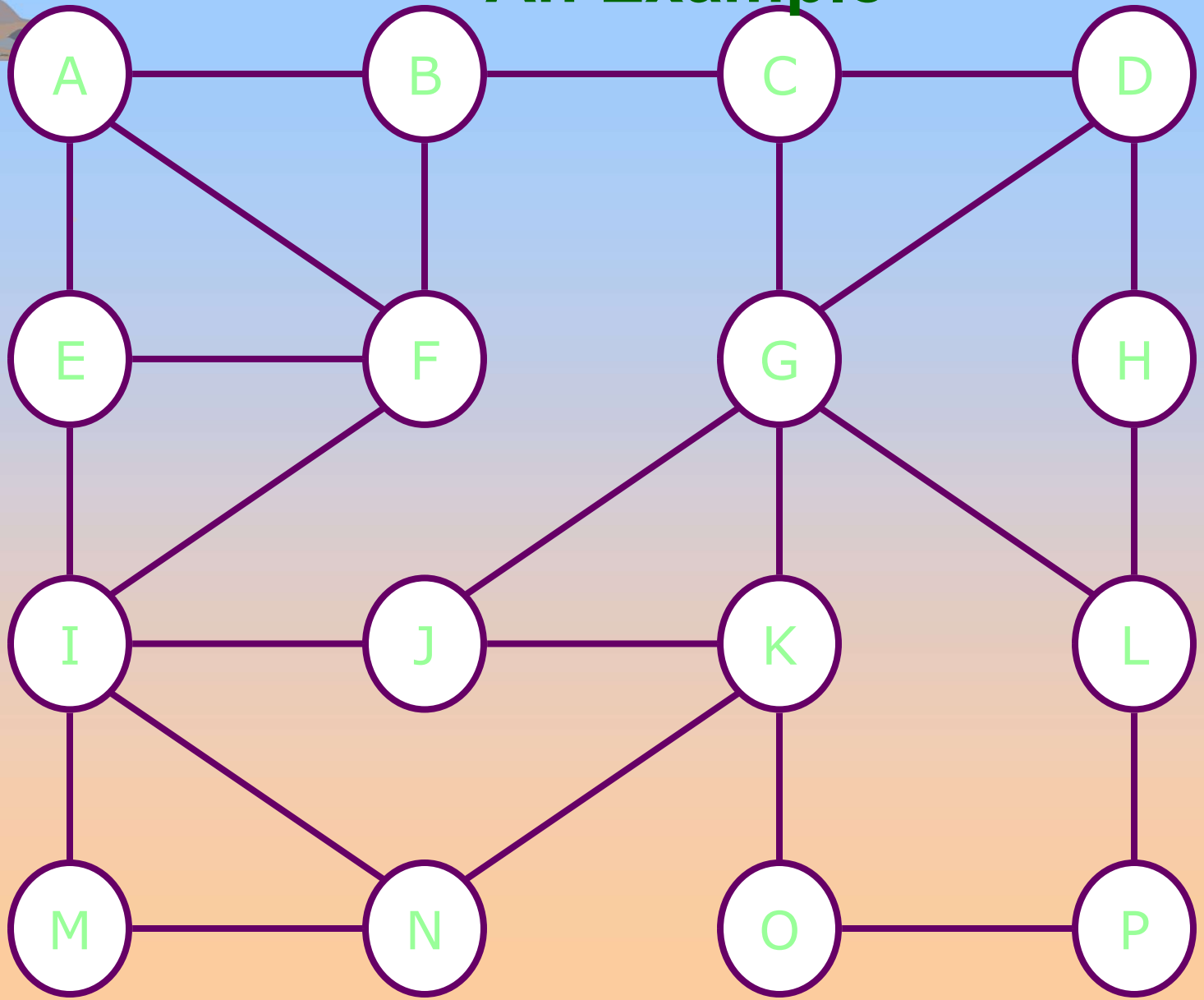
Breadth-first Search (BFS)

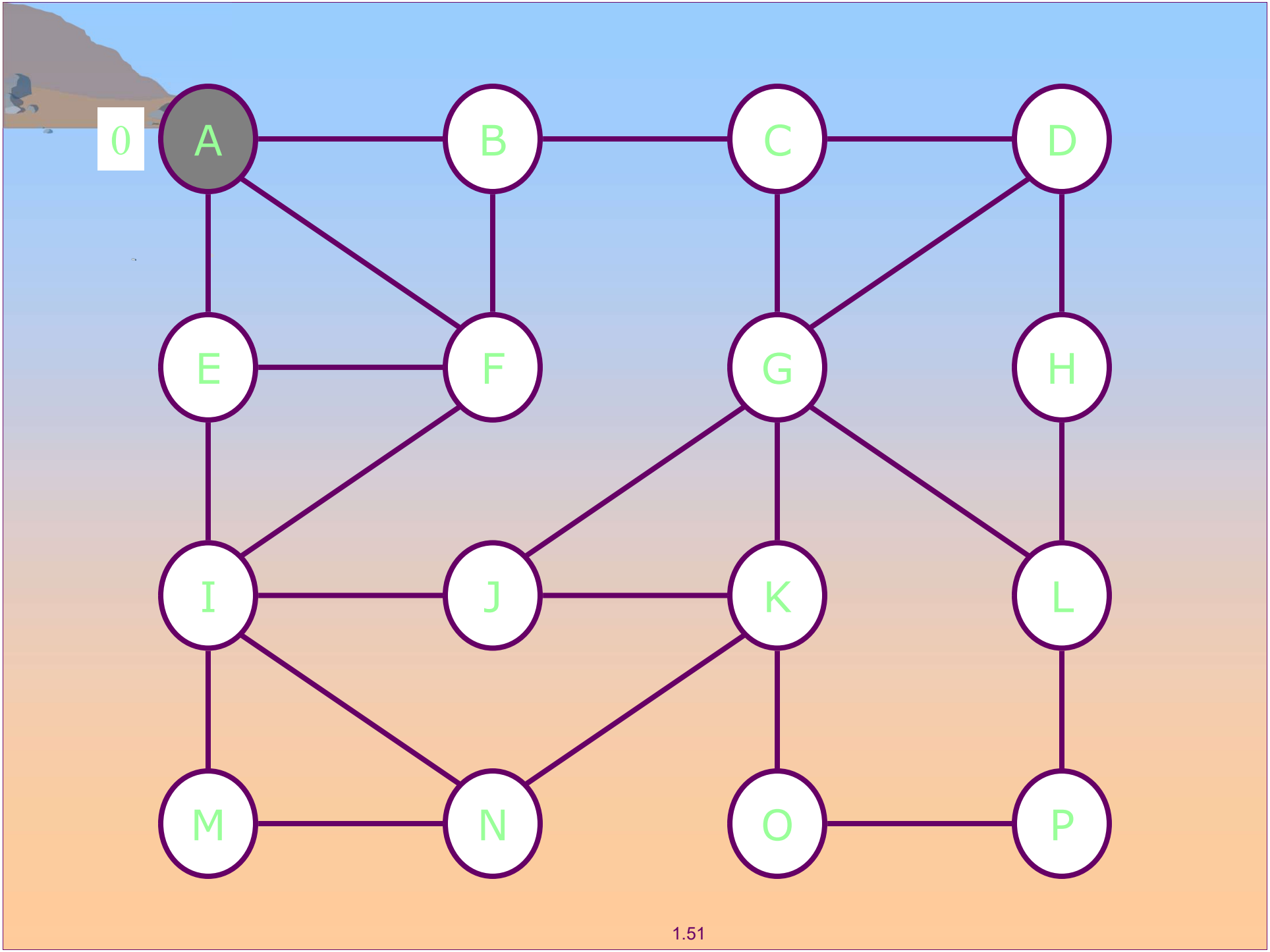
- Search for all vertices that are directly reachable from the root (called level 1 vertices)
- After mark all these vertices, visit all vertices that are directly reachable from any level 1 vertices (called level 2 vertices), and so on.
- In general, level k vertices are directly reachable from a level k – 1 vertices

BFS: the Color Scheme

- White vertices have not been discovered
  - All vertices start out white
- Grey vertices are discovered but not fully explored
  - They may be adjacent to white vertices
- Black vertices are discovered and fully explored
  - They are adjacent only to black and gray vertices
- Explore vertices by scanning adjacency list of grey vertices

An Example

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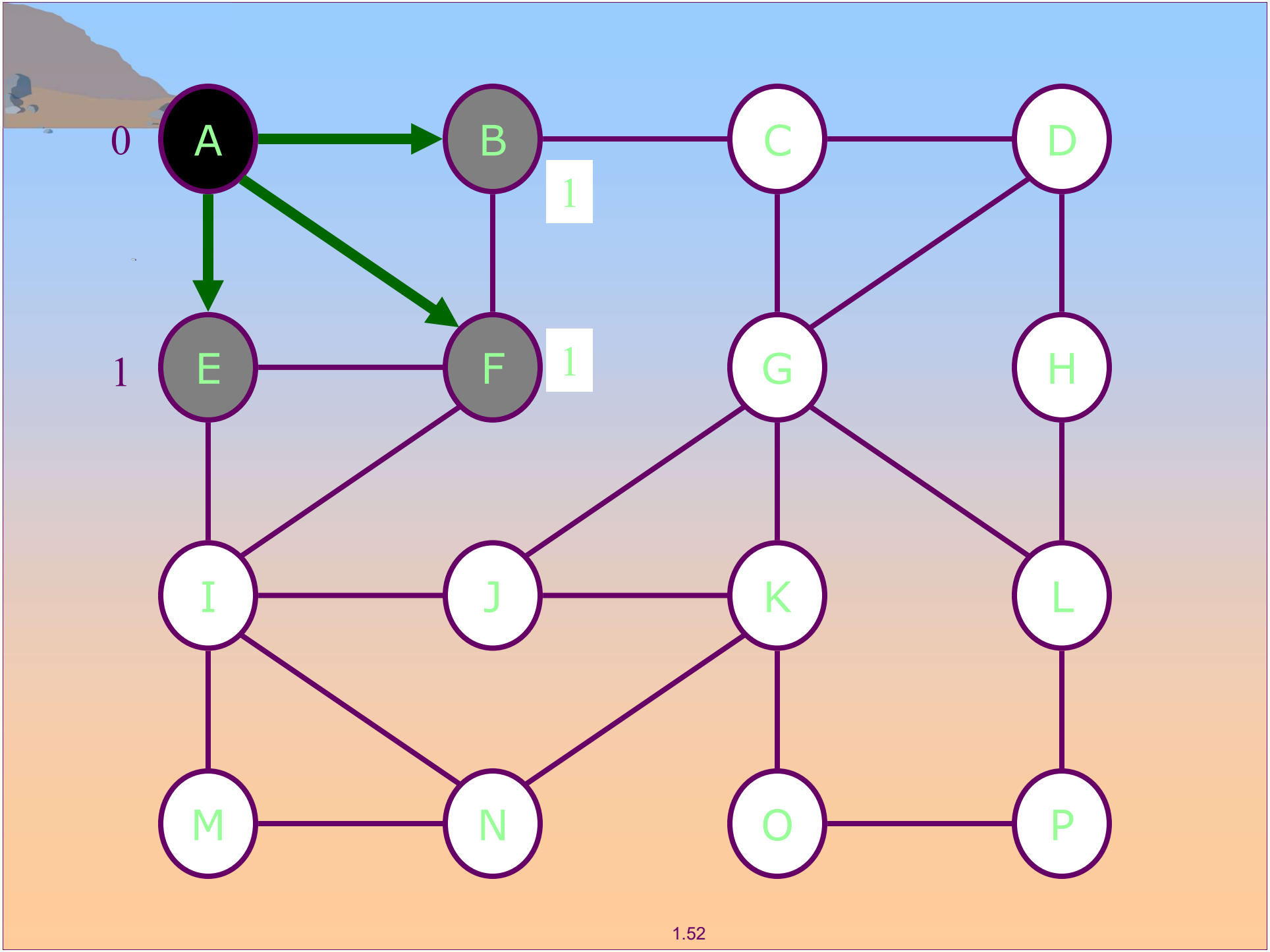
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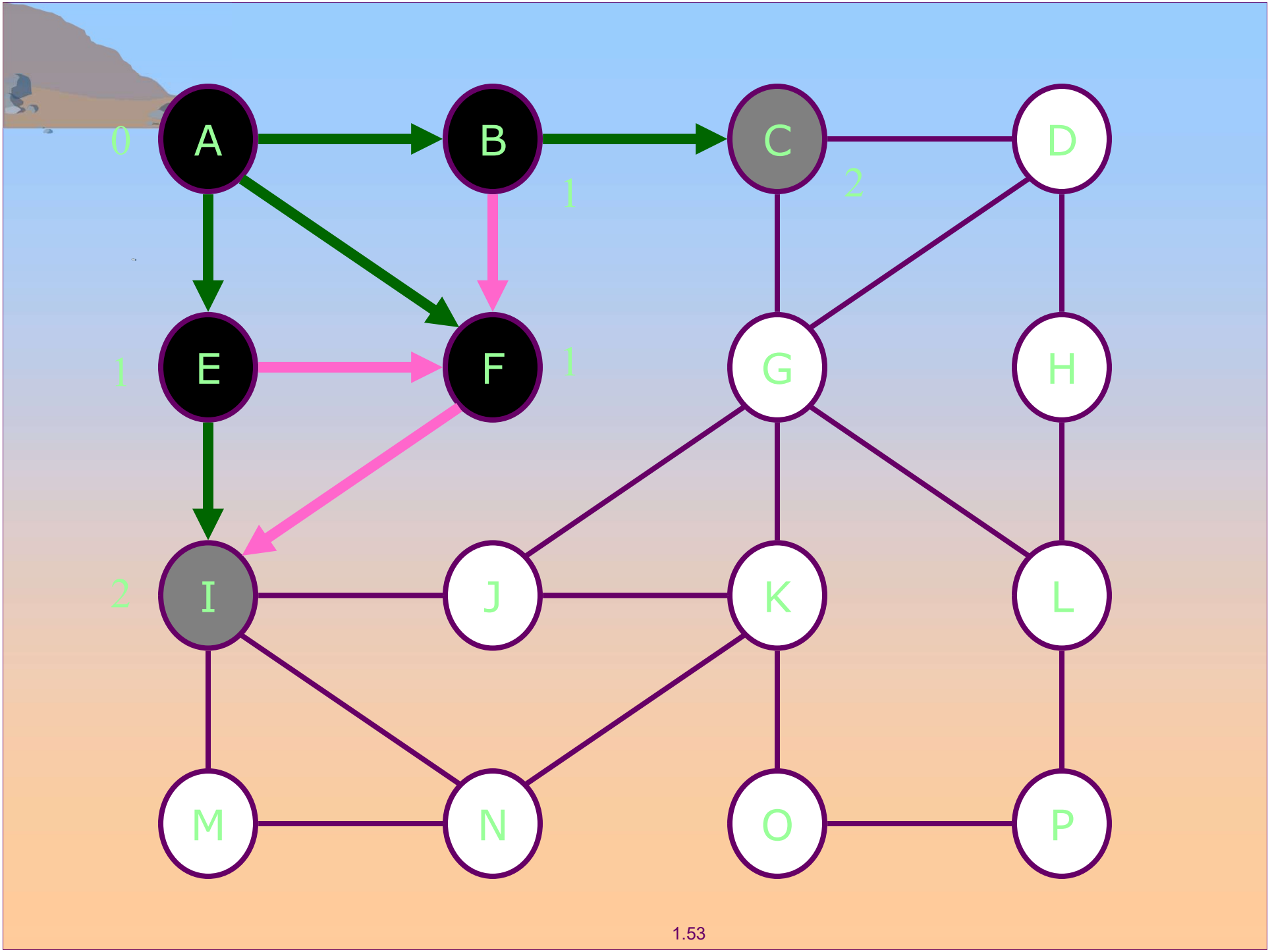
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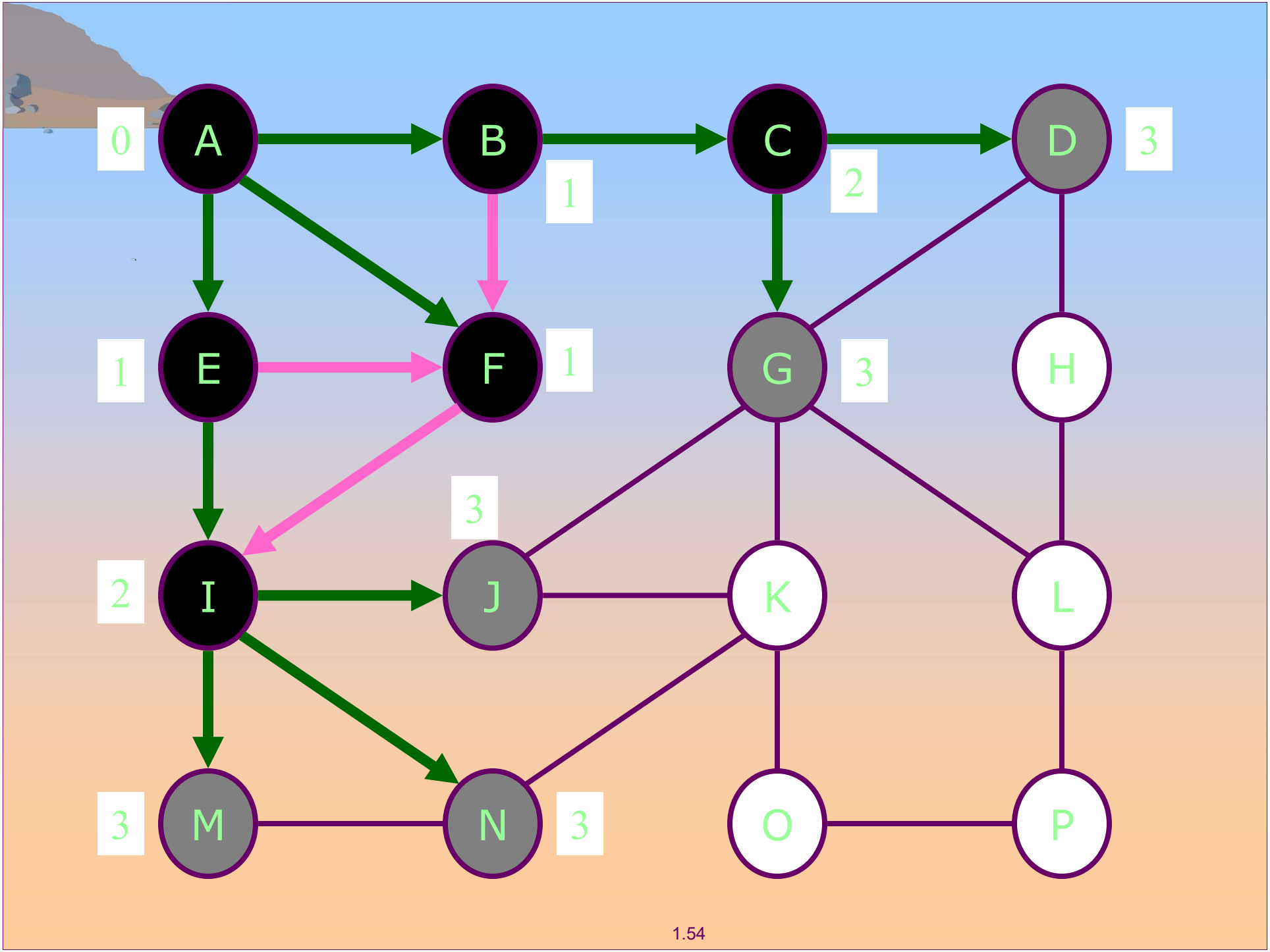
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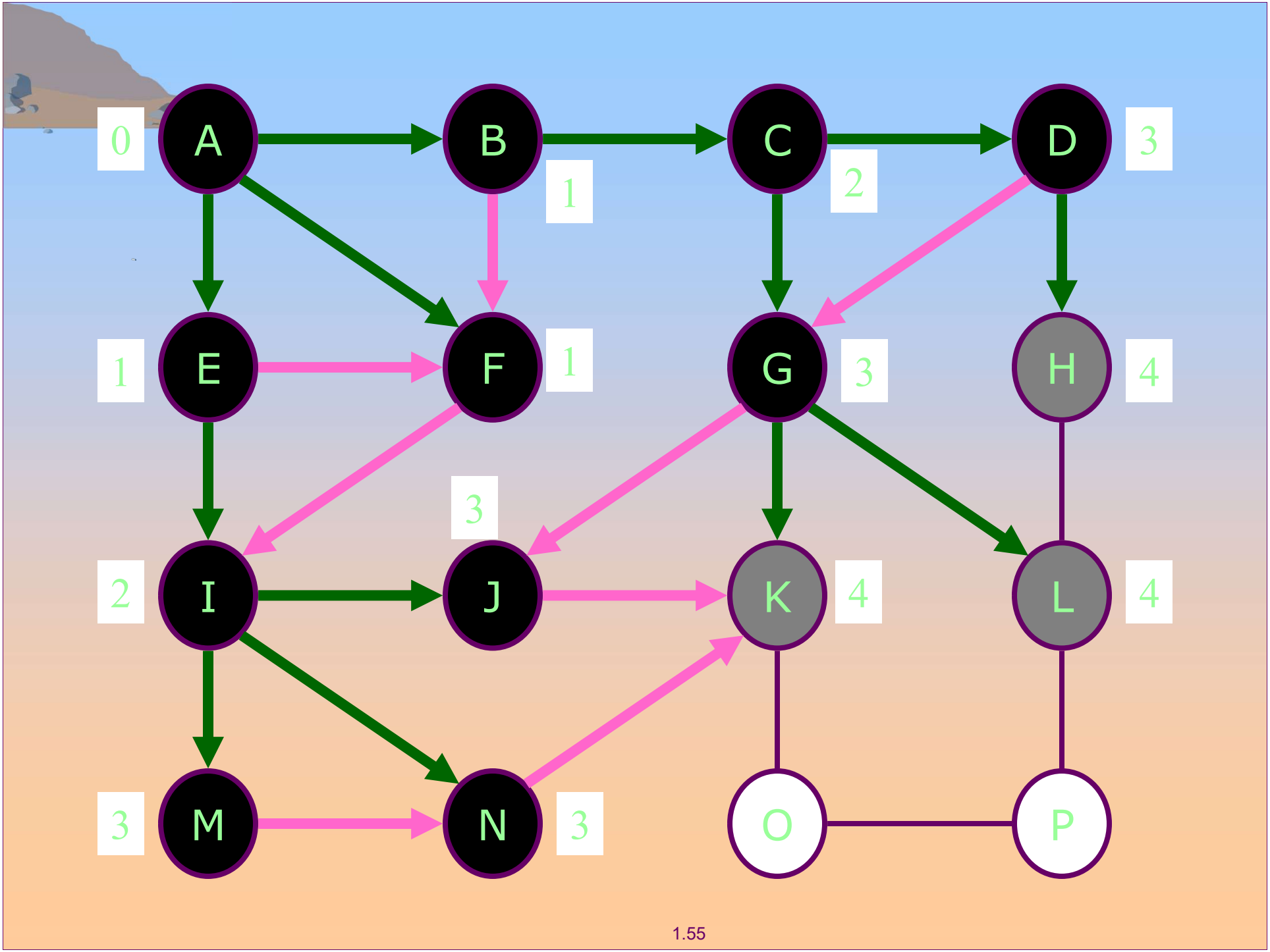
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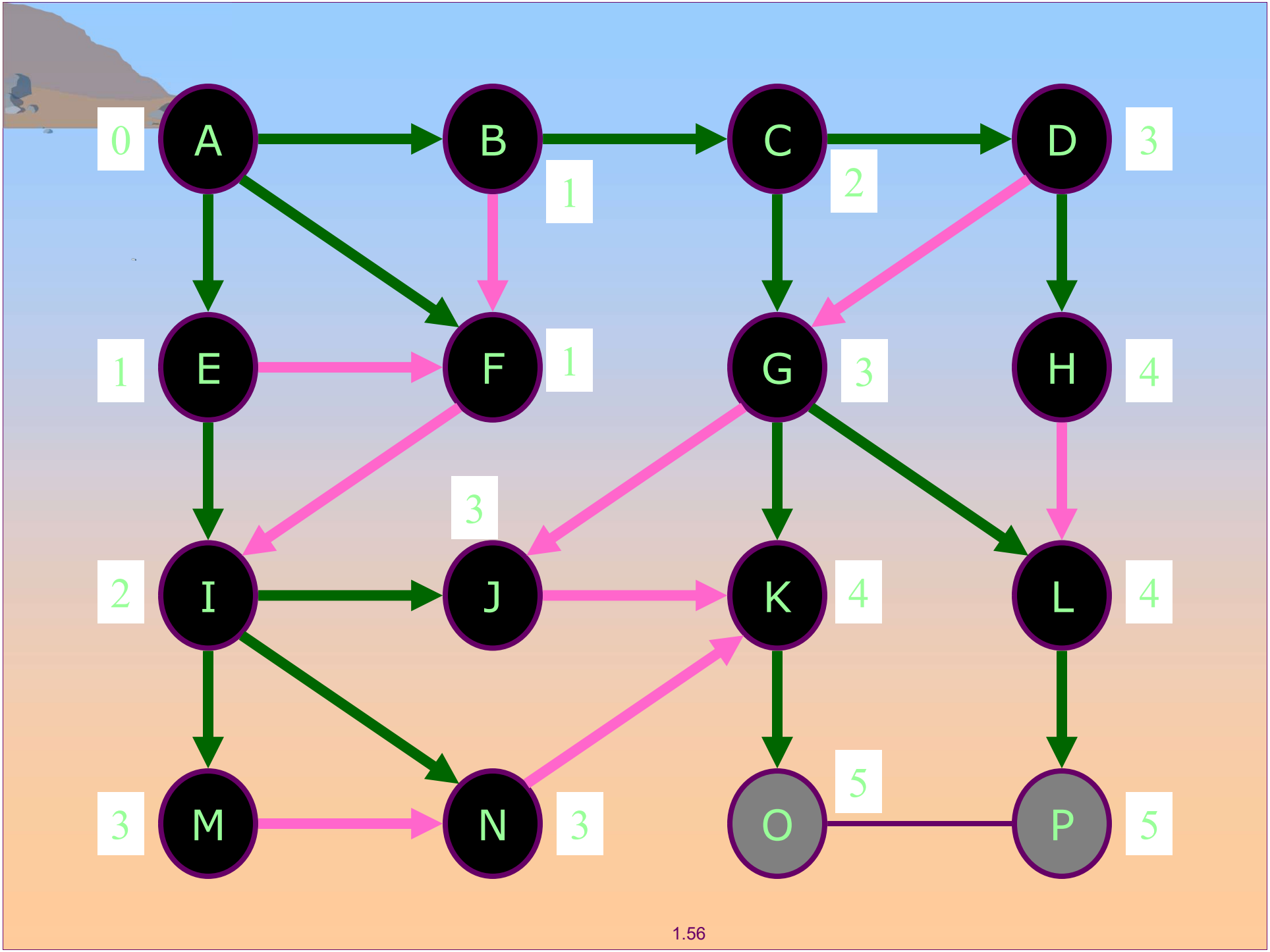
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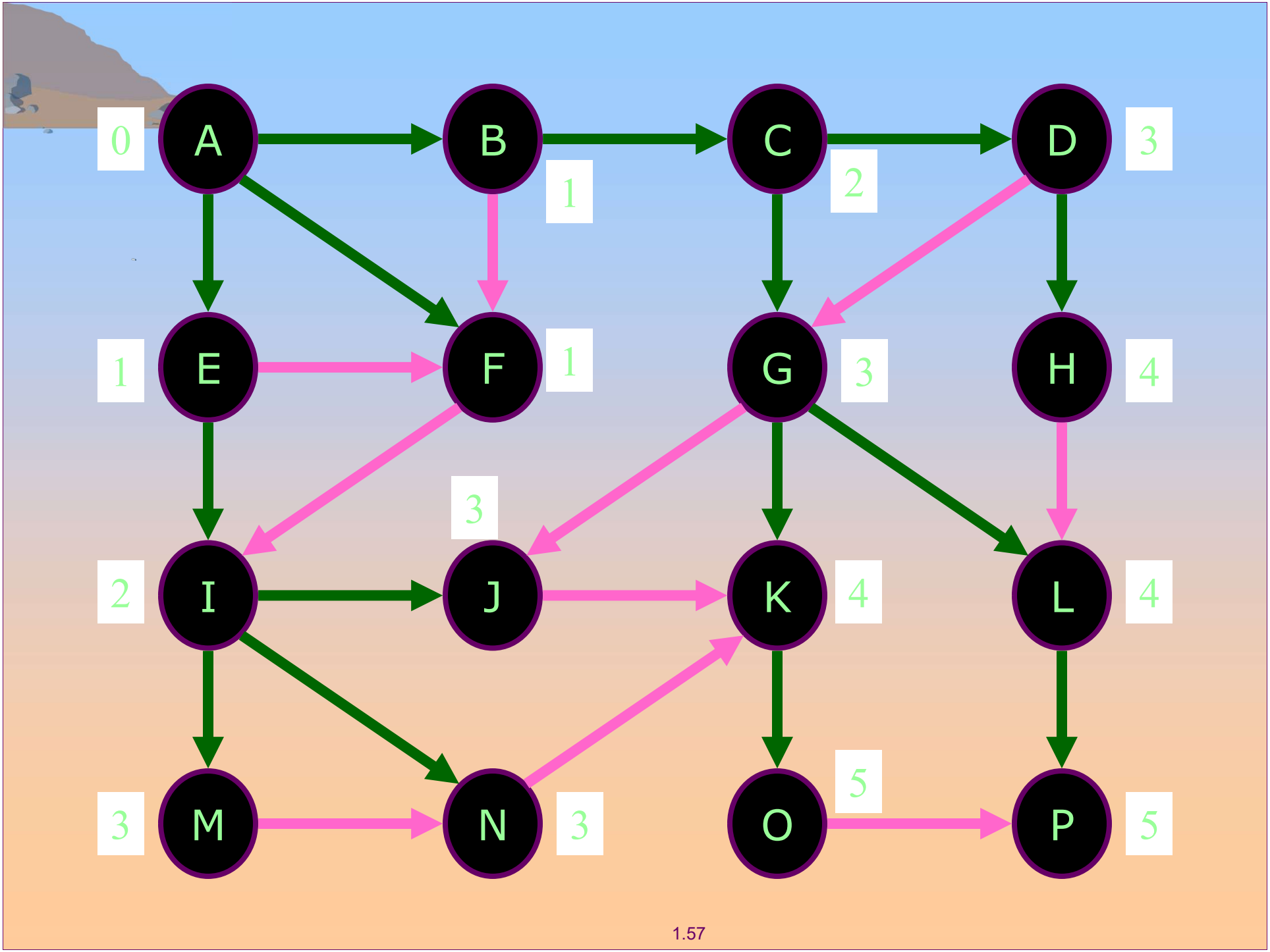
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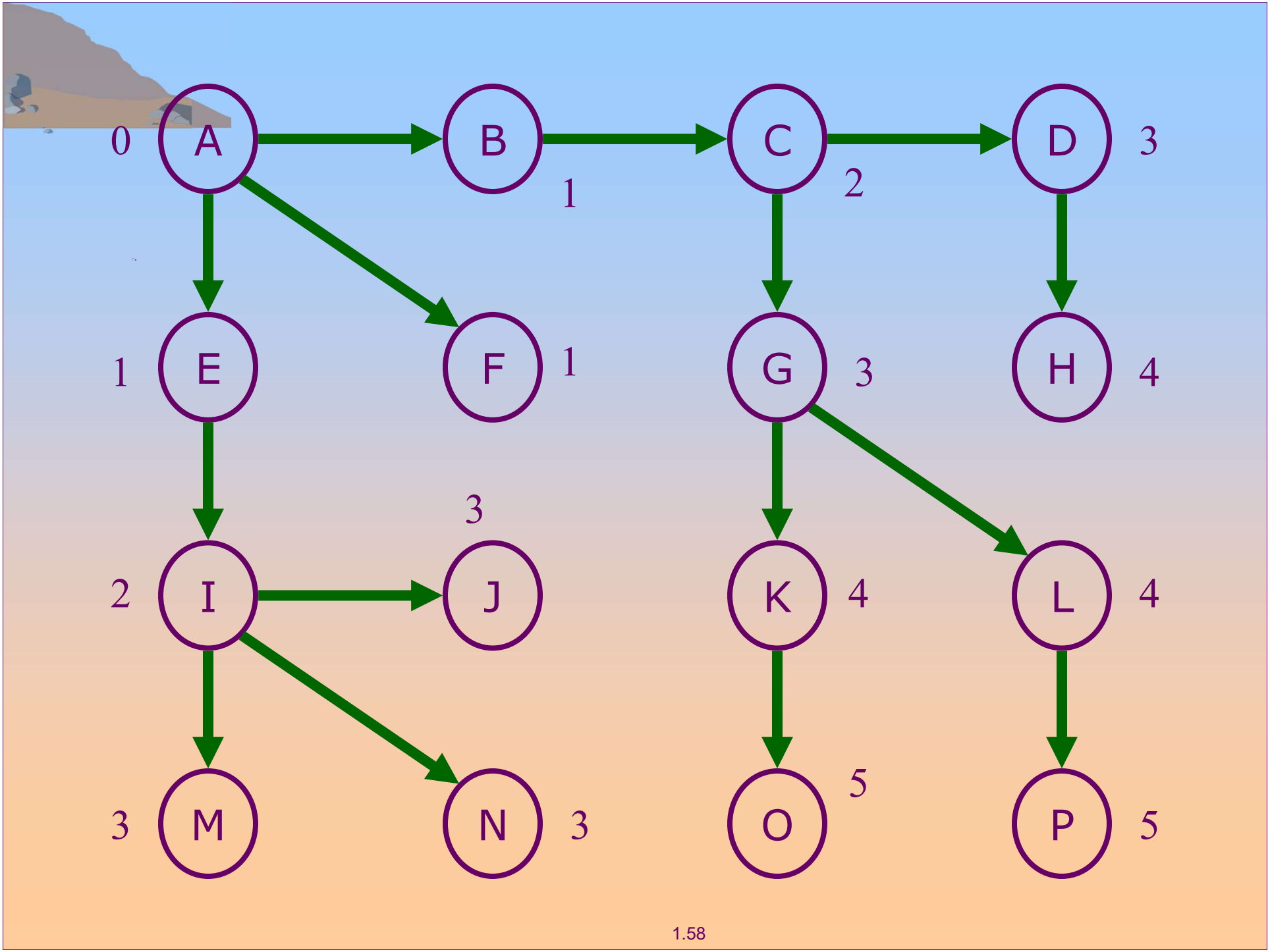
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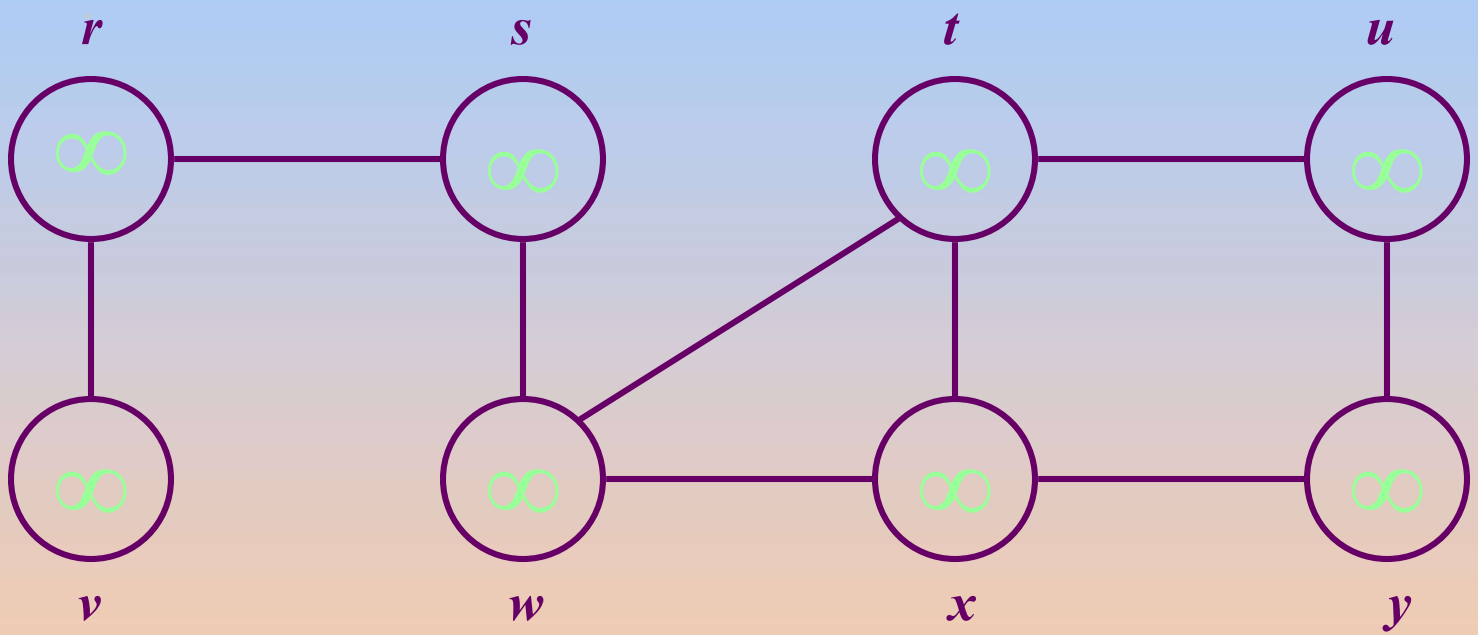

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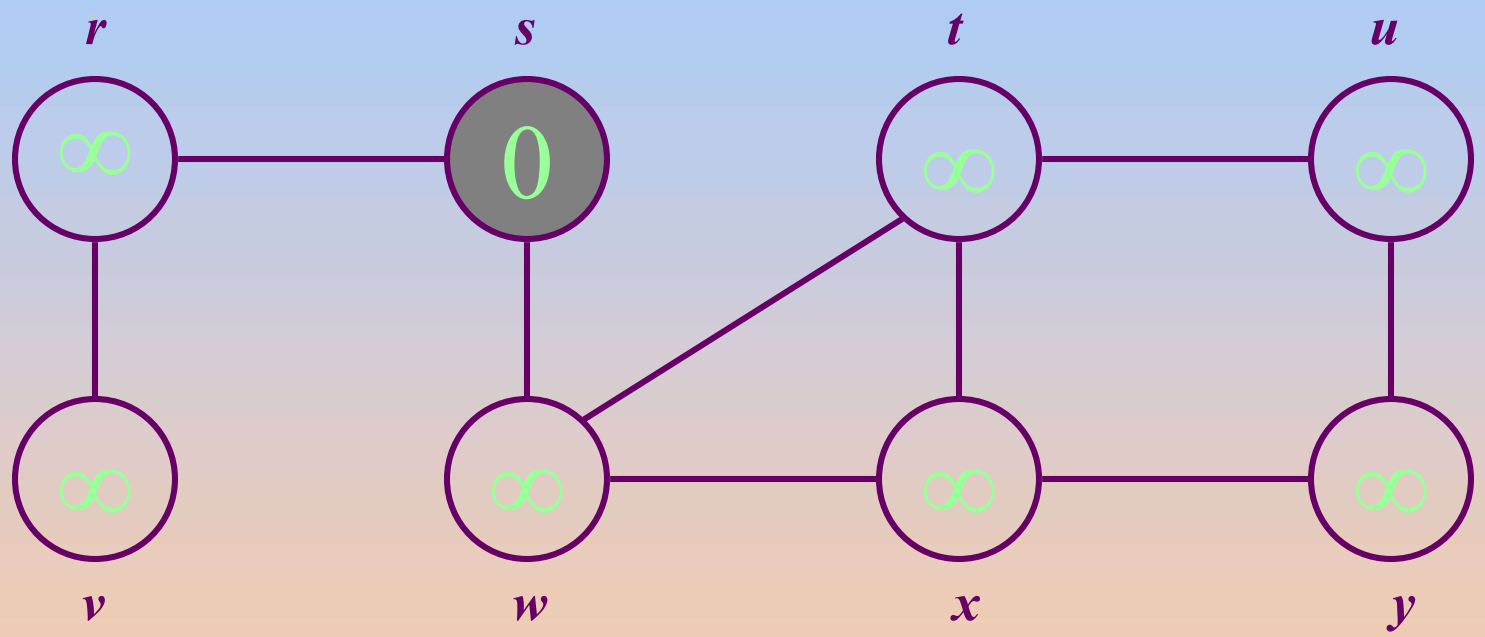

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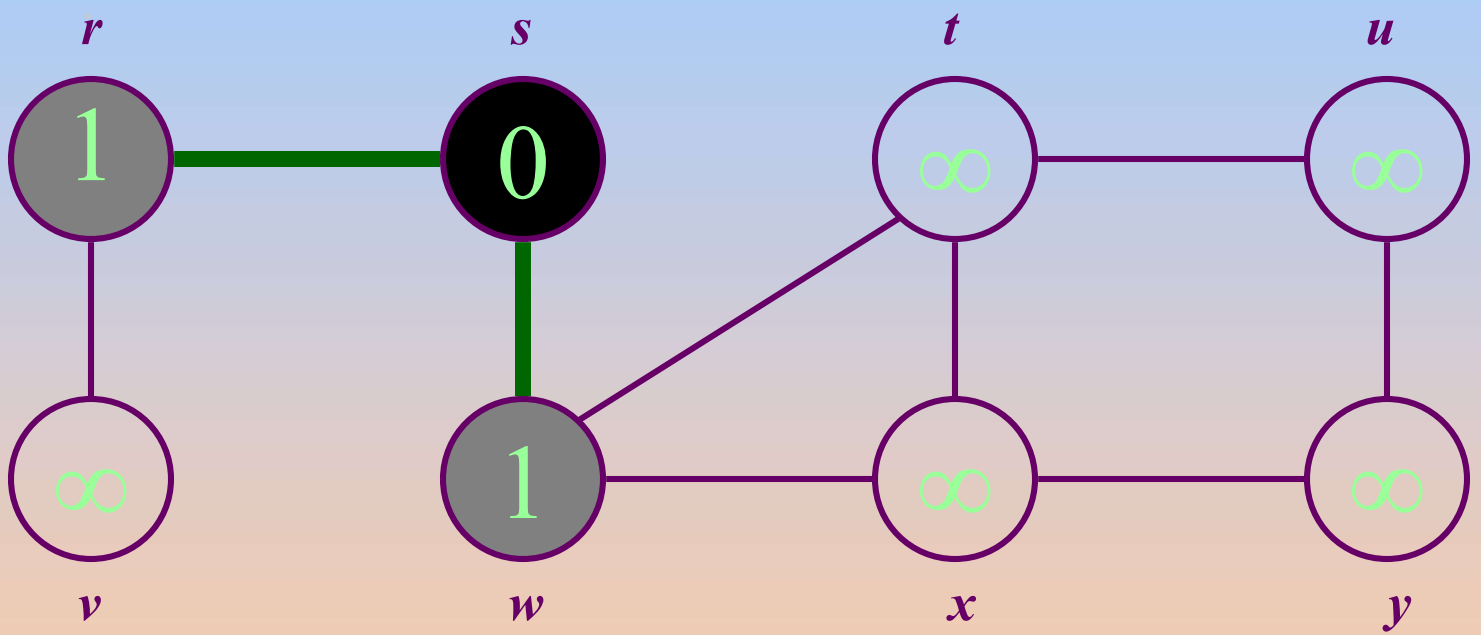

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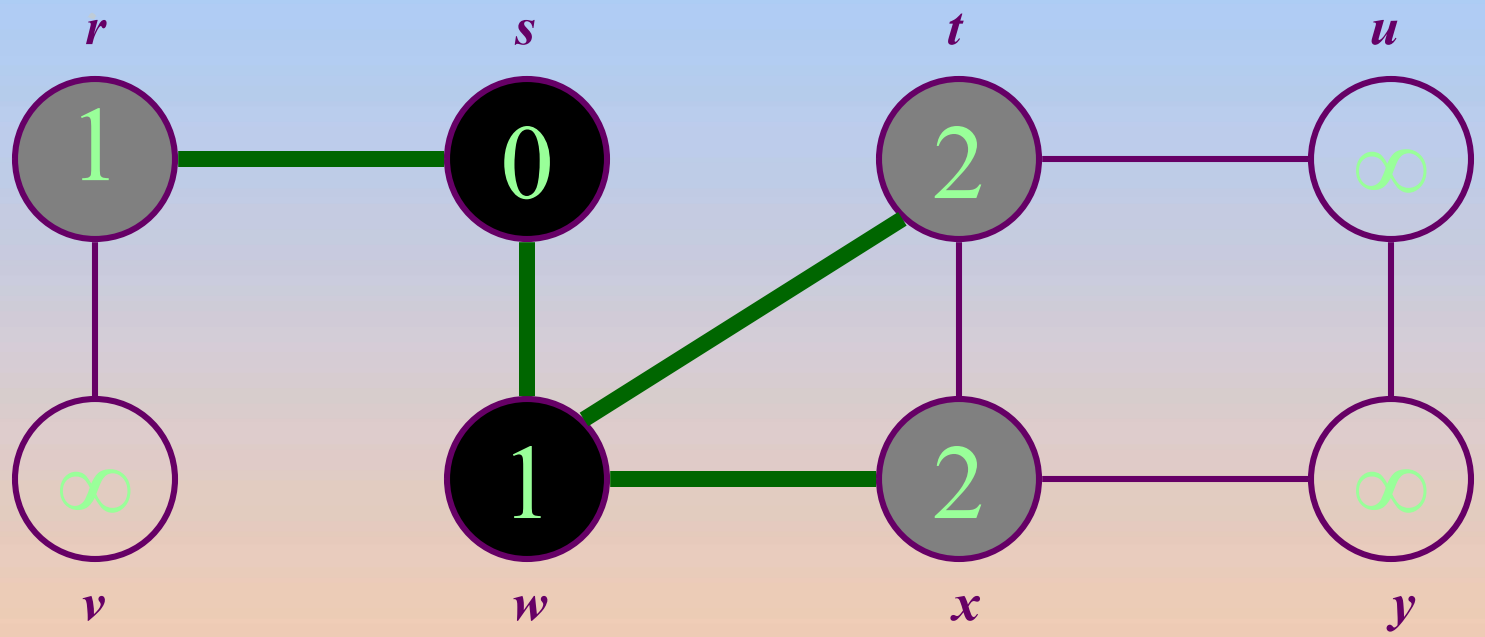

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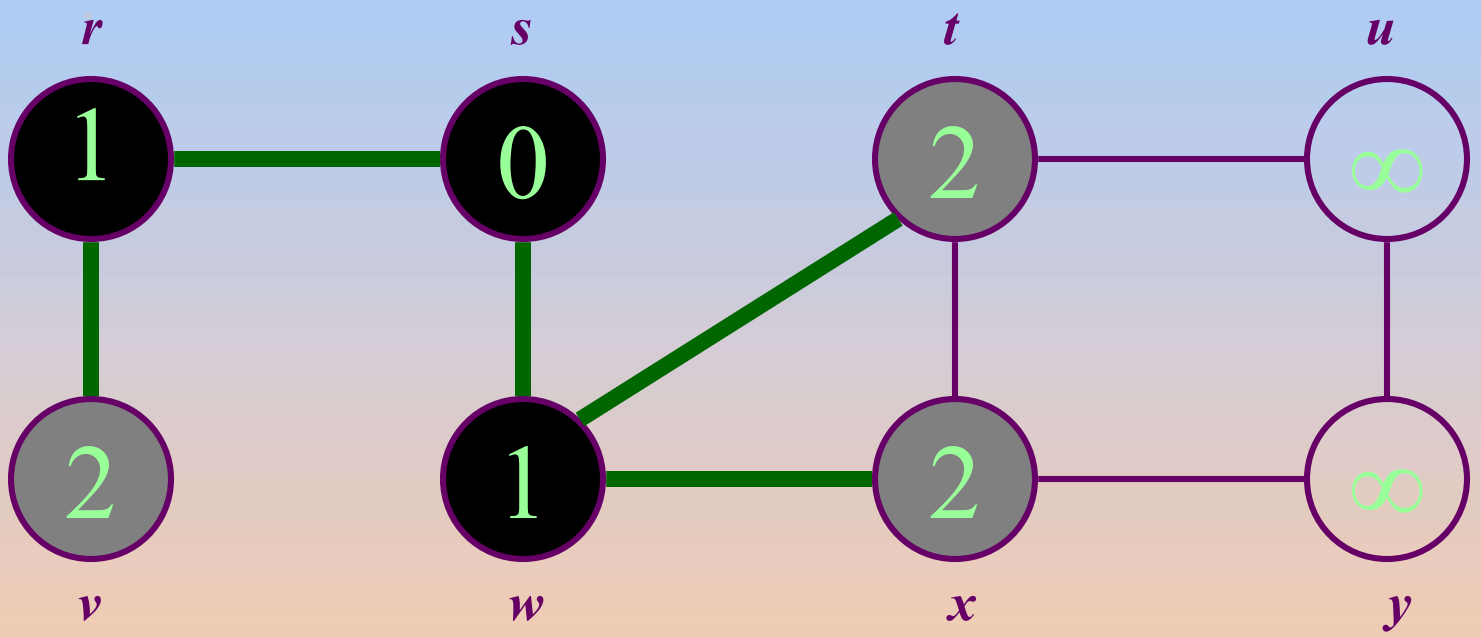

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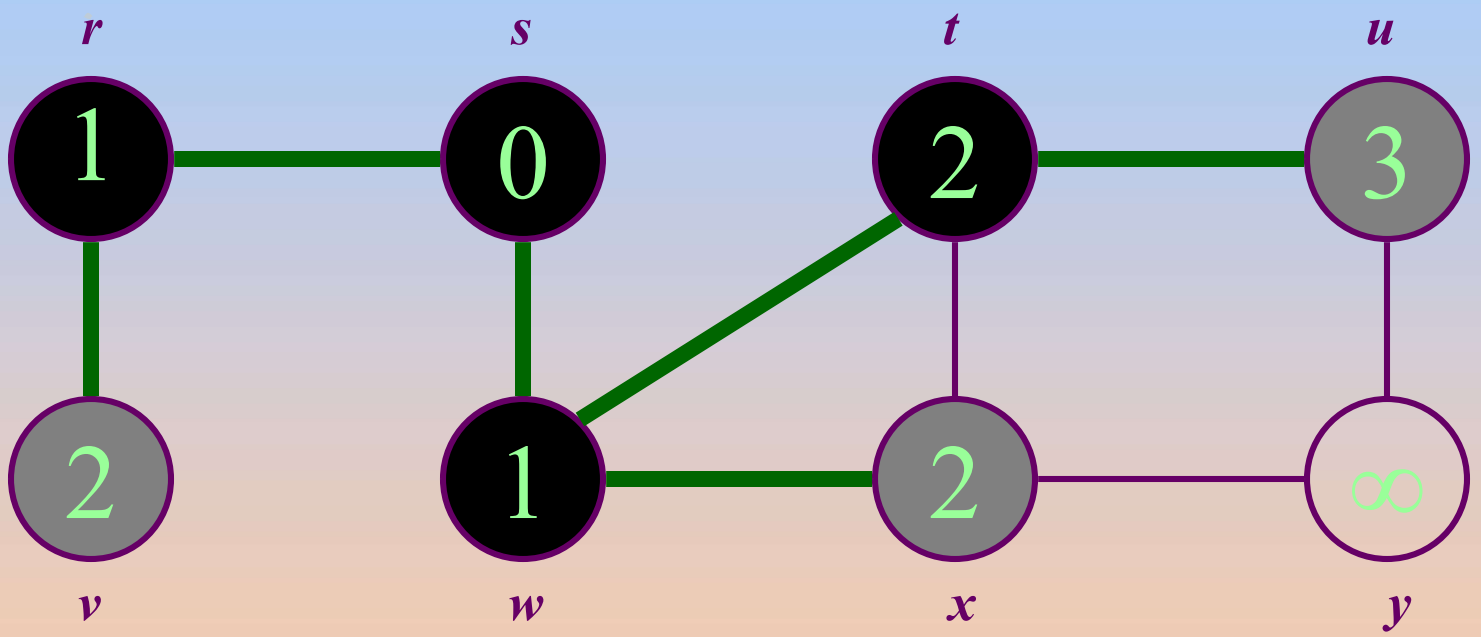

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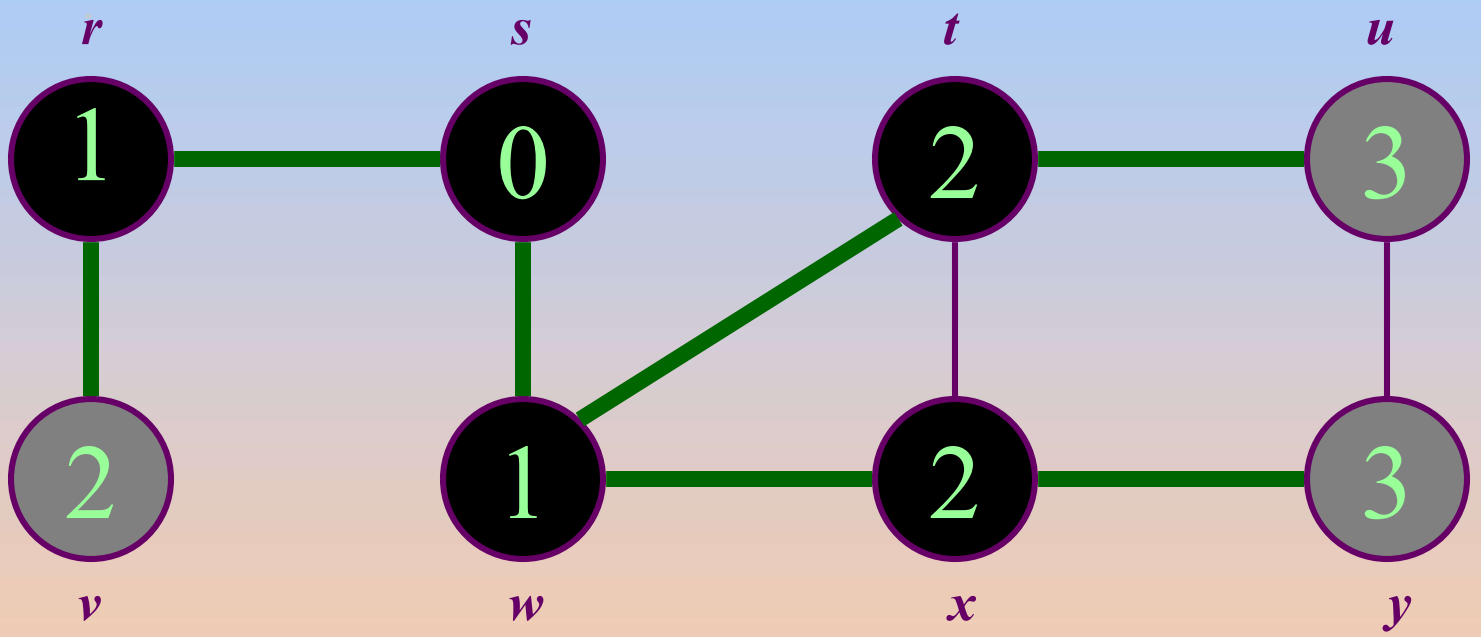

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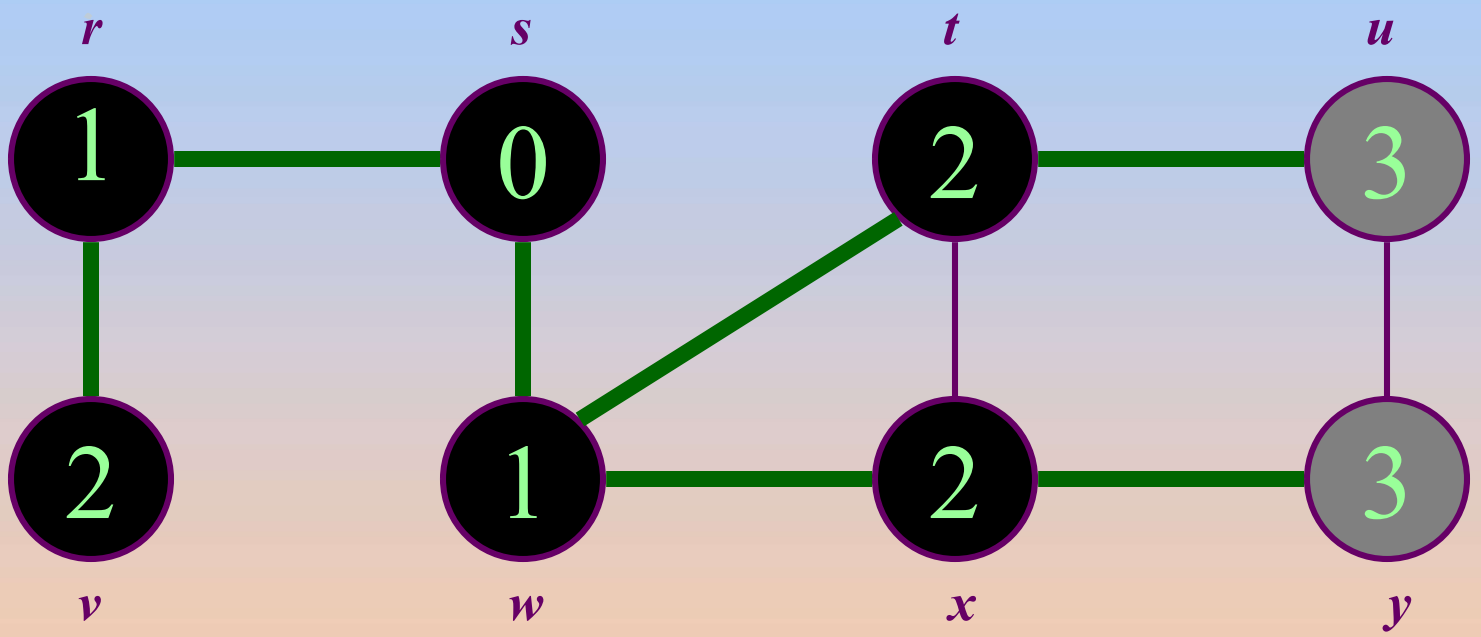

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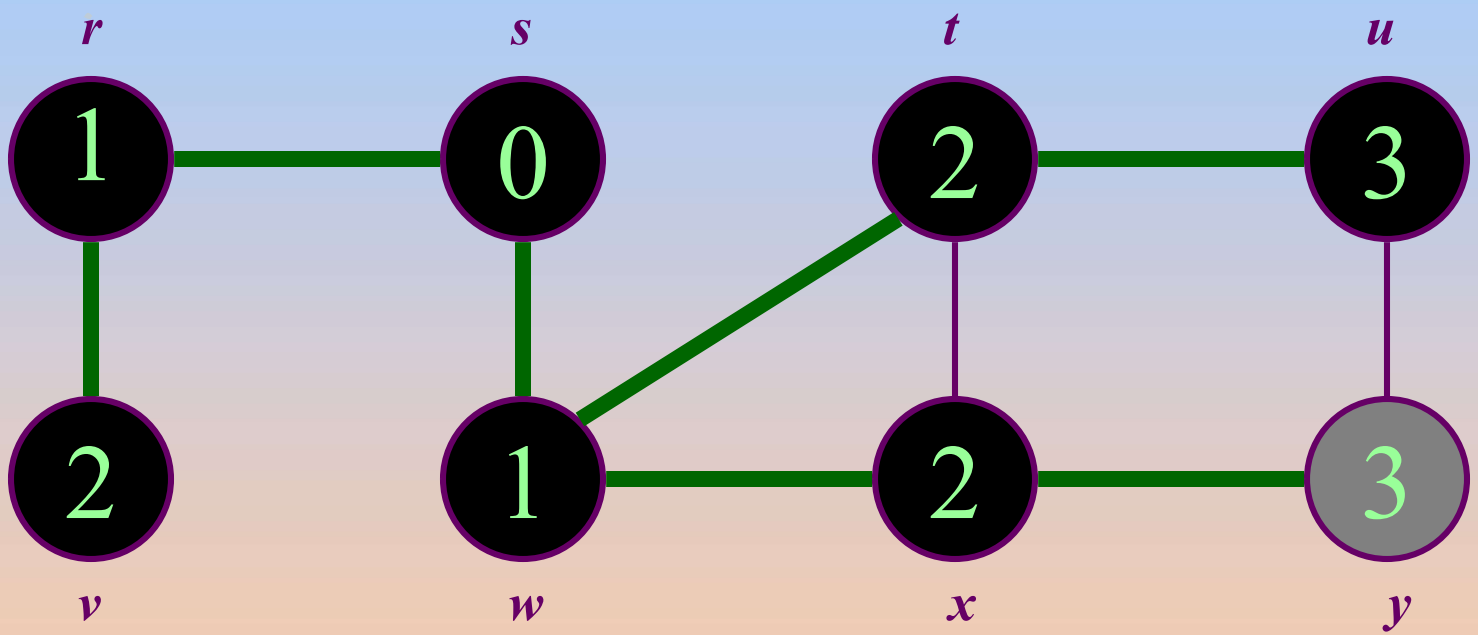

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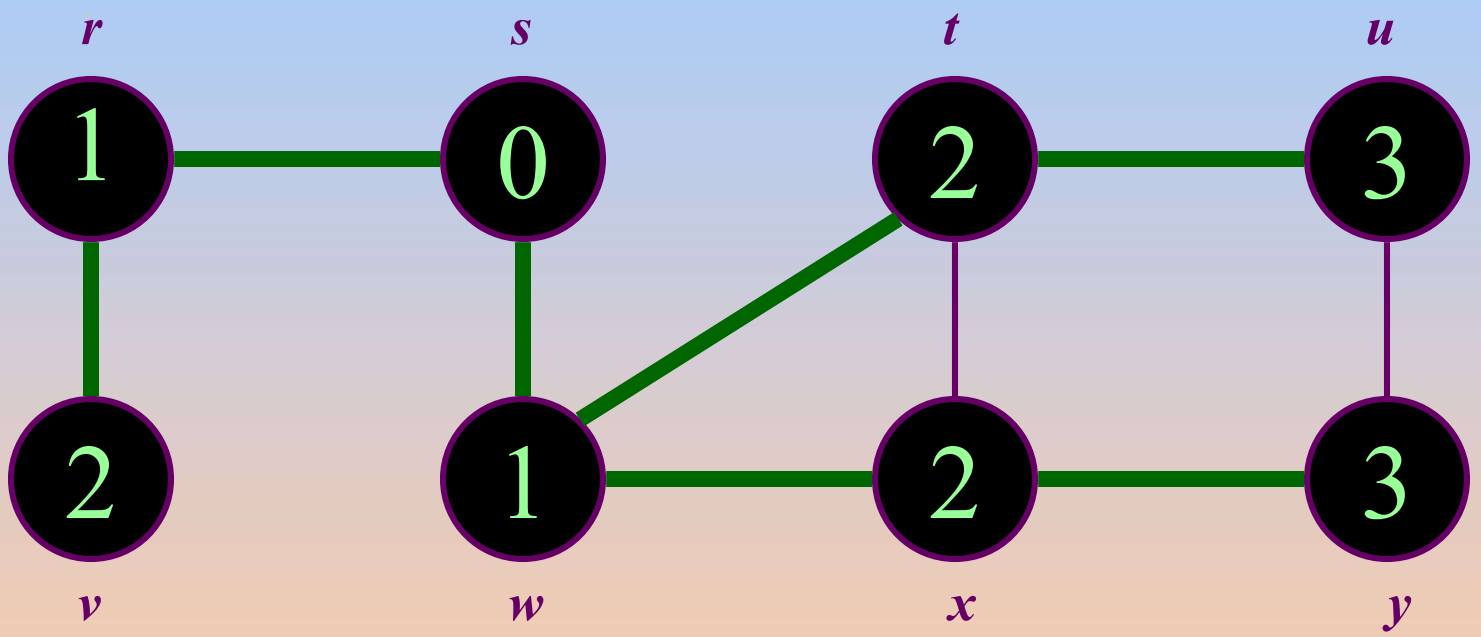

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BFS: Application

- Shortest path problem