

# Data Structures & Algorithms

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# Recap

- Graphs and related terminologies/properties
- Graphs as an ADT
- Graphs Representations
  - Edge List
  - Adjacency List
  - Adjacency Matrix

# Graph Traversals

# Objectives

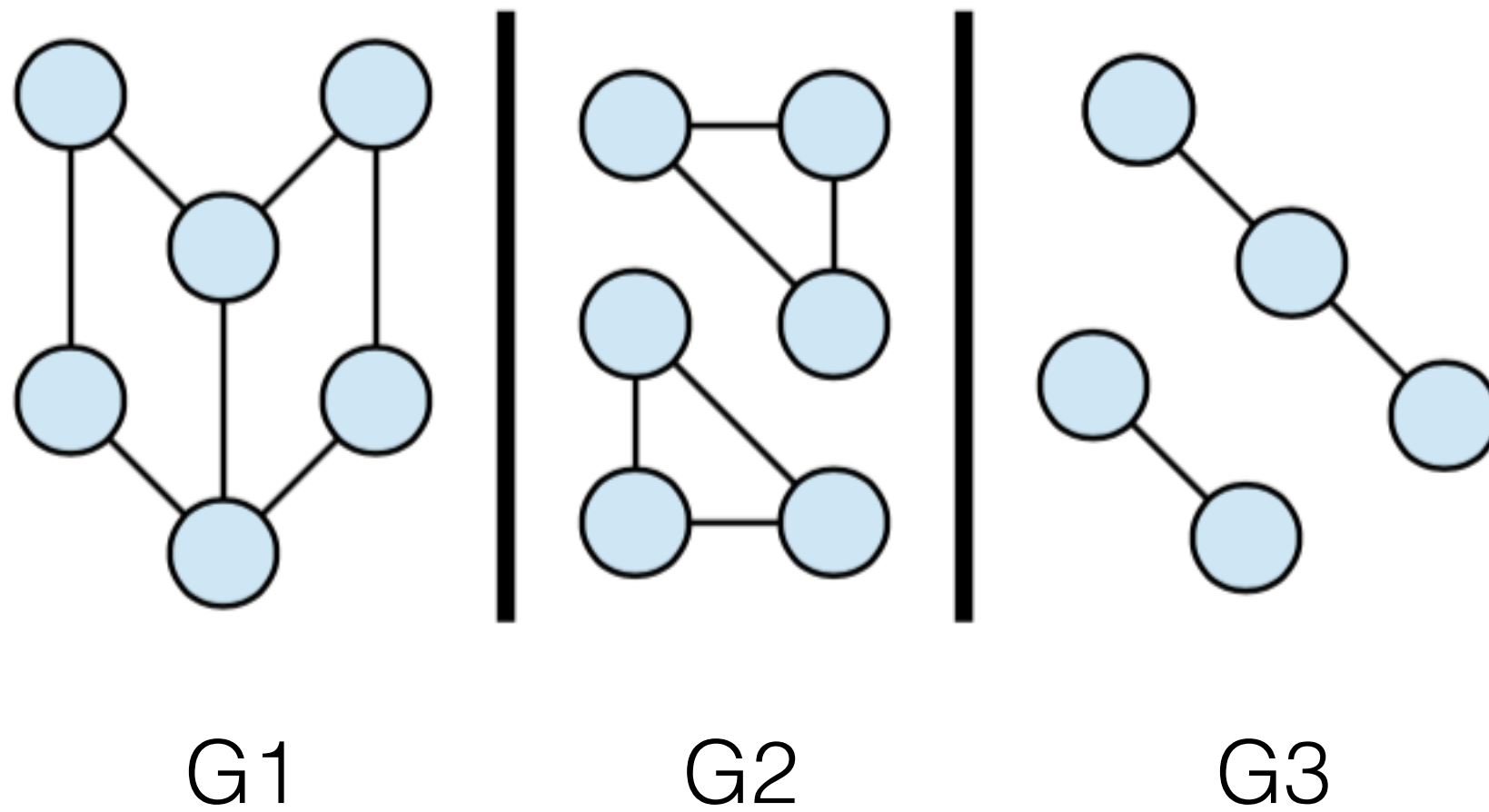
1. Why do we need to “traverse” a graph
2. Learn and analyze two ways to traverse a graph
  - Depth First Search (DFS)
  - Breadth First Search (BFS)

# Why “Traverse”

- Graph node **traversal** is not important by itself. For any implementation, it is possible just to iterate through the list of nodes. Usually, traversal is a way to answer the questions related to **graph connectivity**
  - Is this a **connected** graph? (Can I visit all nodes/exact node from here?)
  - Find the **path** from here to everywhere/to destination
  - Show me my **nearest context** (e.g. 2 hops around)
  - Are there **cycles** in a graph? (Circular references)
  - Are there **bridges**? (Threat detection)

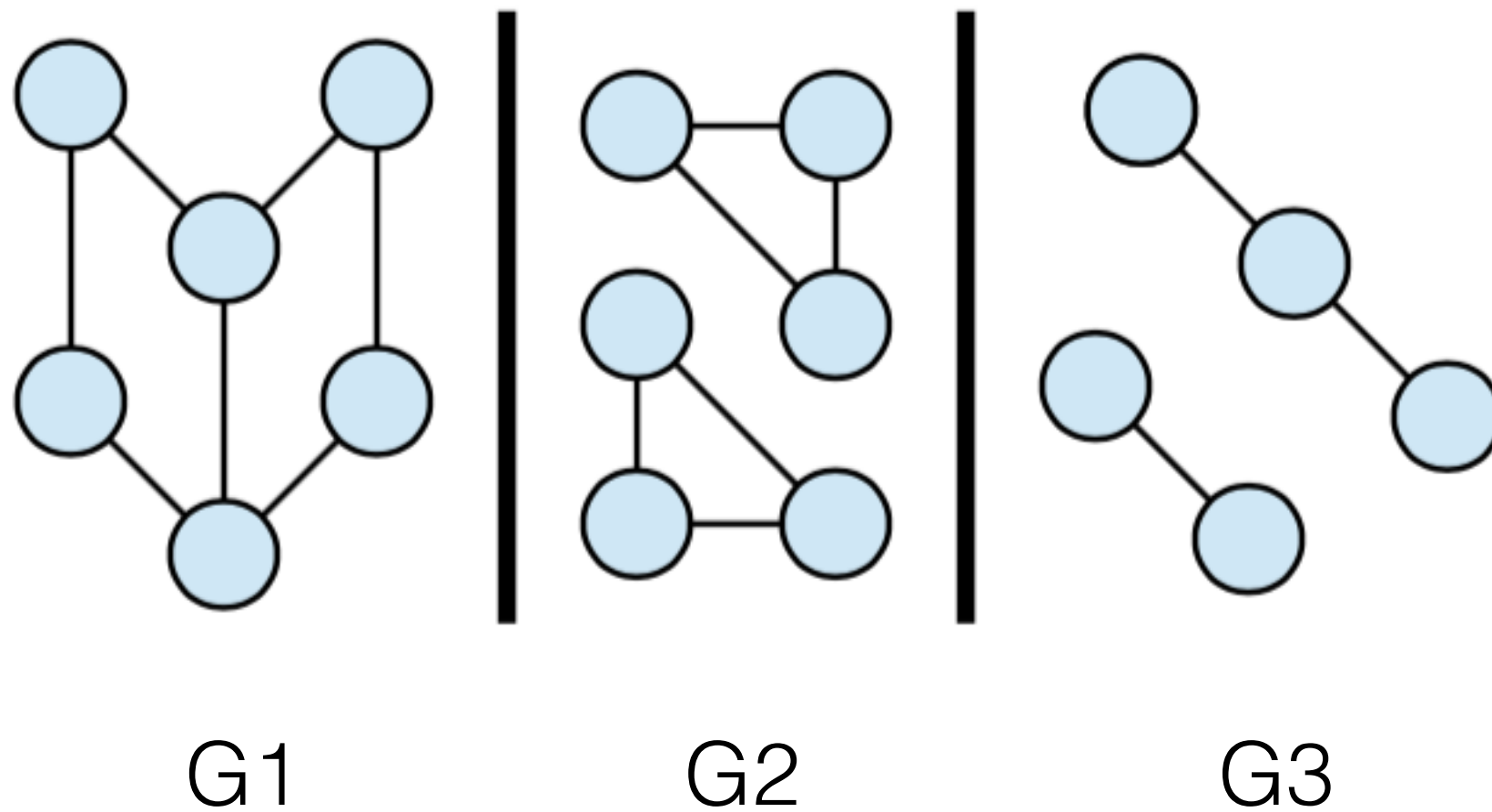
# Connected Component

- Let  $G$  be an undirected graph.
- Two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are called **connected** if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  in  $G$  ( $u \longleftrightarrow v$ )
- Now consider the following graphs



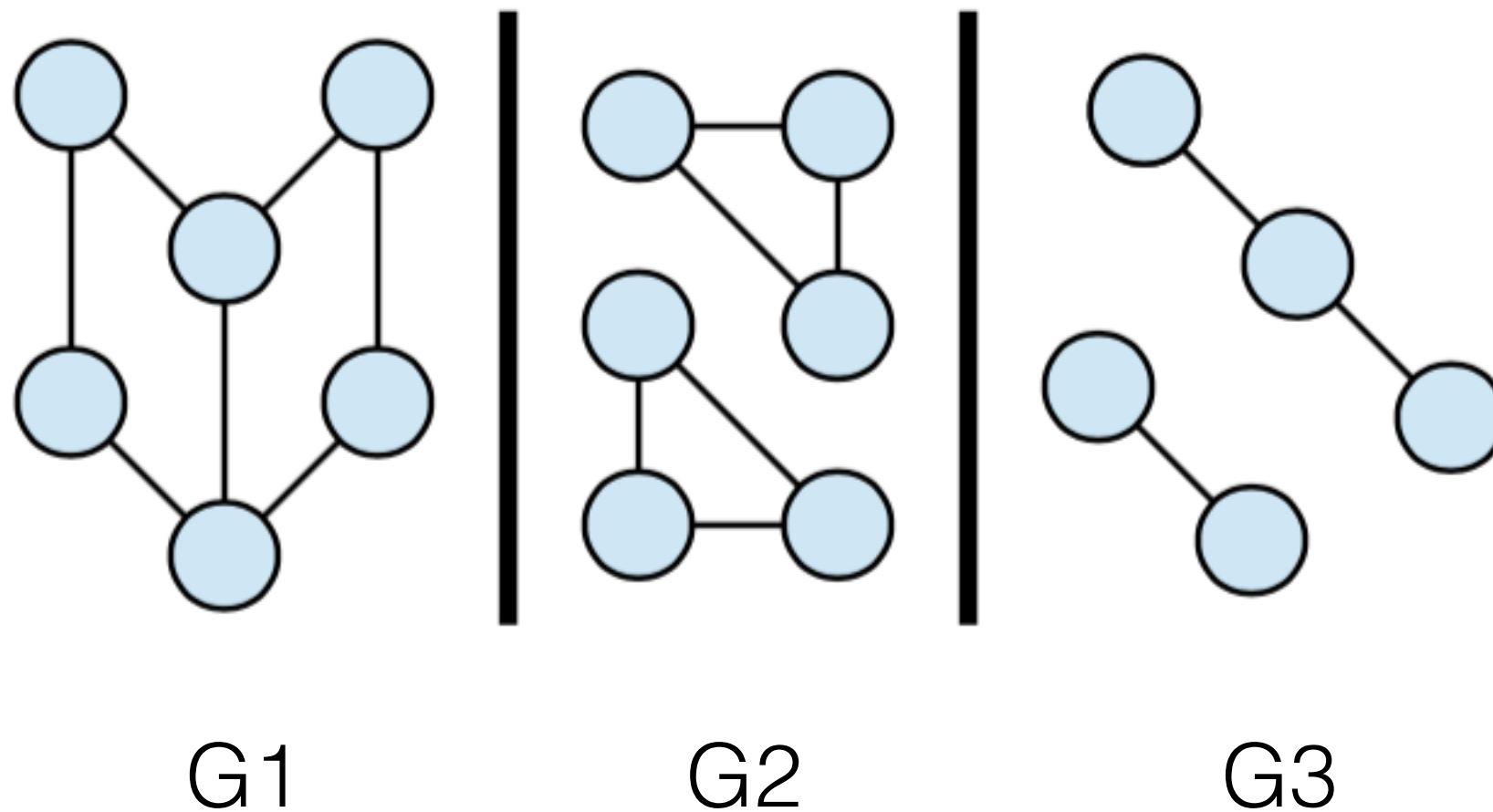
G1 seems like it is one big piece.

G2 and G3 are in multiple pieces.



Knowing that  $G = (V, E)$ , and what it means for two nodes to be connected, Let's formulate a definition for connected component of  $G$

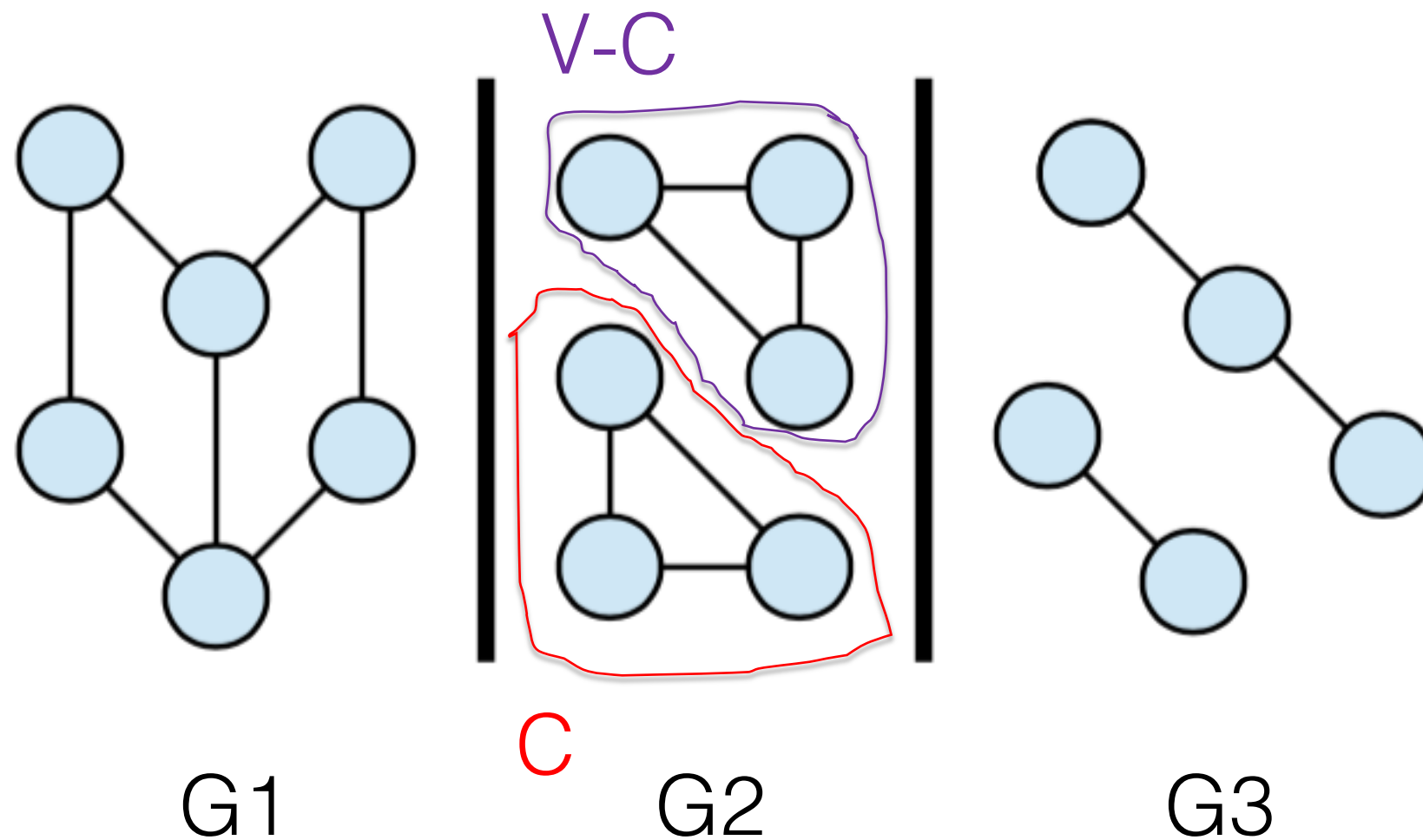




Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph.

A connected component of  $G$  is a nonempty set of nodes  $C$  (that is,  $C \subseteq V$ ), such that

- (1) For any  $u, v \in C$ , we have  $u \leftrightarrow v$ .
- (2) For any  $u \in C$  and  $v \in V - C$ , we have  $u \nleftrightarrow v$



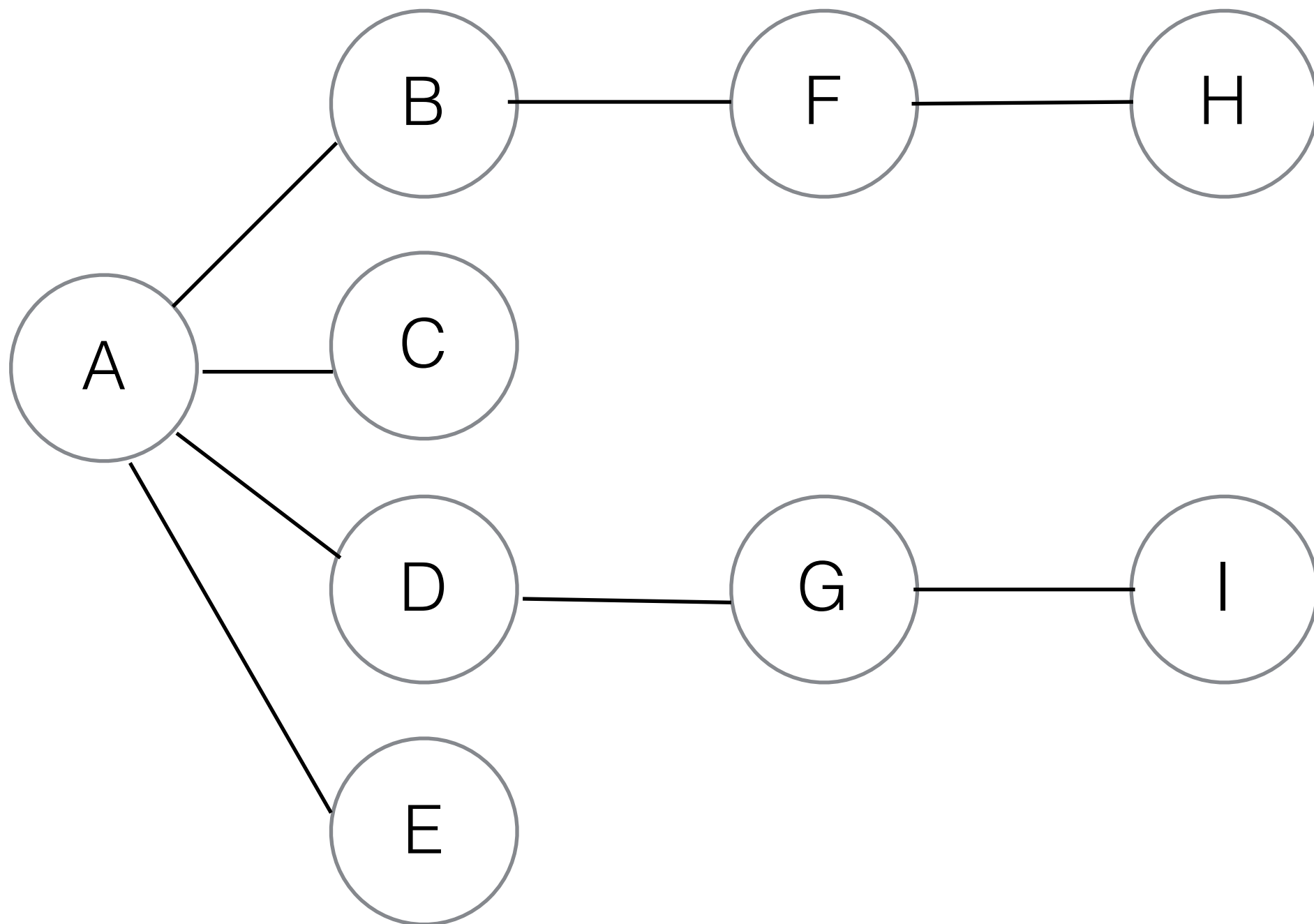
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# Traversing a Graph

- There are two ways to traverse a graph:
  - ❖ **Depth-First Search (DFS)**
  - ❖ **Breadth-First Search (BFS)**
- Both will eventually reach all connected nodes
- The difference is
  - ❖ **DFS uses a stack**
  - ❖ **BFS uses a queue**

# DFS with a Stack



# DFS with a Stack (2)

- Pick a starting point - in this case vertex A, and do **three things**
  1. visit this vertex
  2. push it on a stack
  3. mark it visited (so you won't visit it again)

# DFS with a Stack (3)

- Pick a starting point - in this case vertex A, and do three things

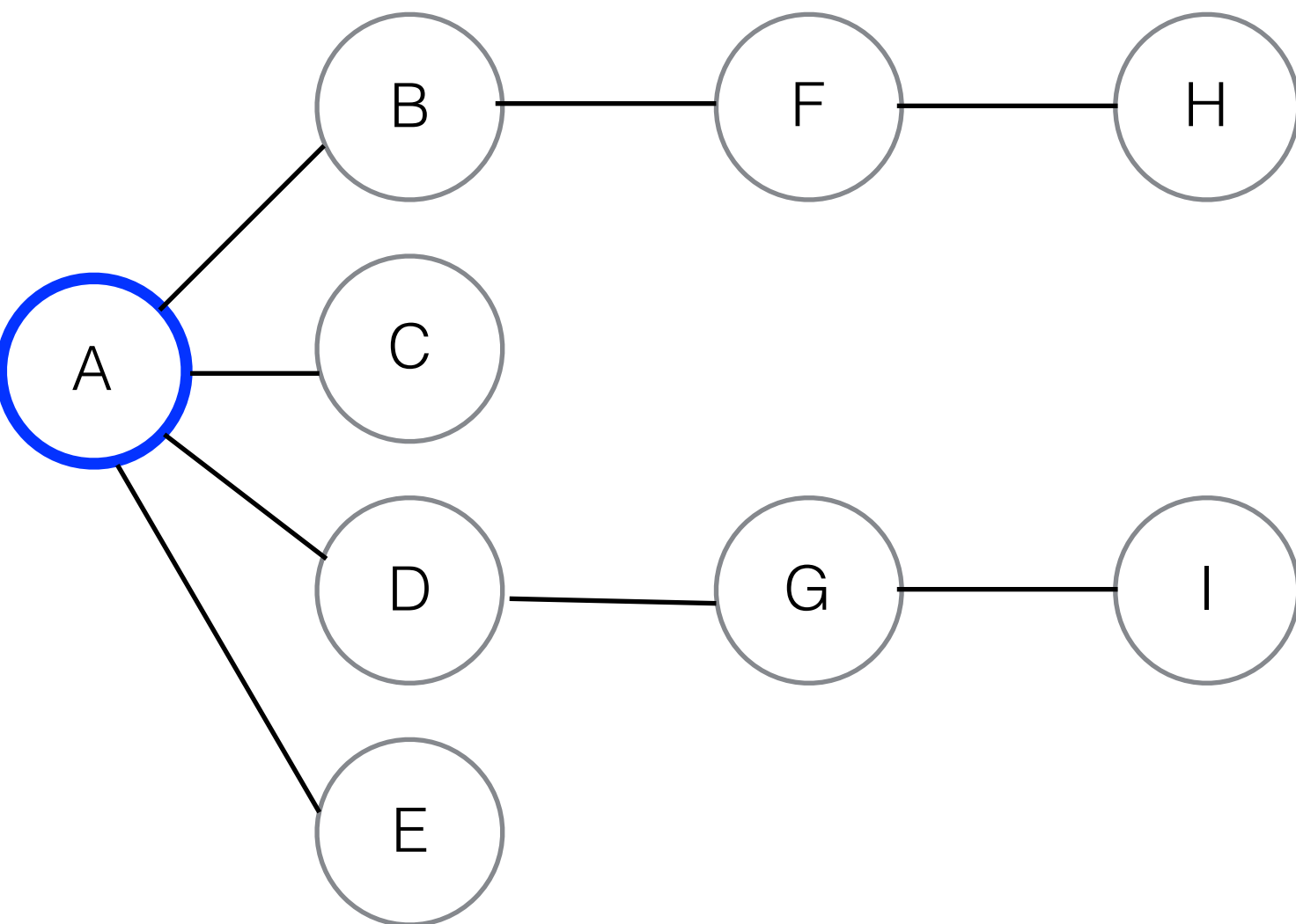
1. visit this vertex

2. push it on a stack

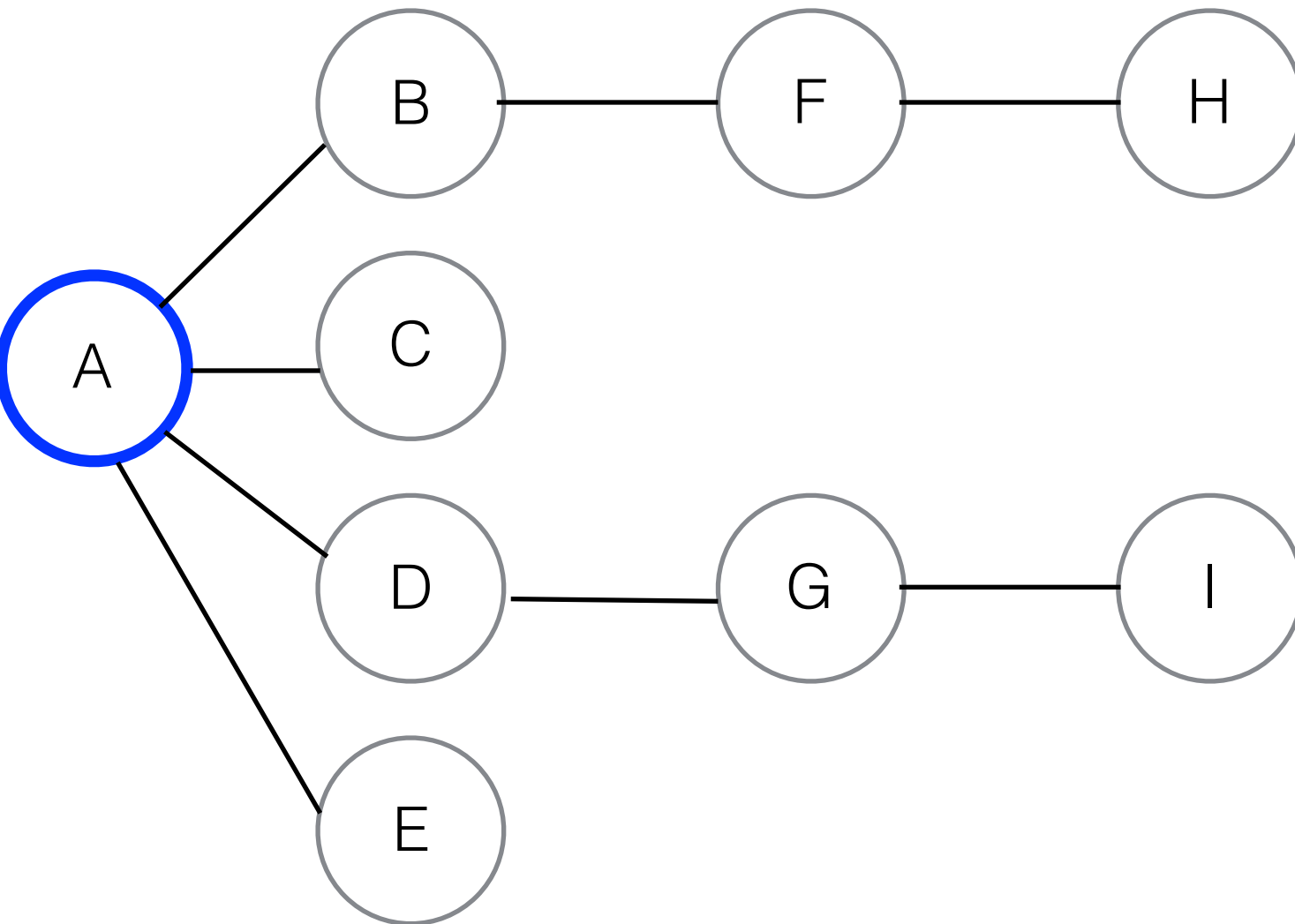
3. mark it visited (so you won't visit it again)

Visit is abstract, just like BST

How can you mark a vertex as visited?



Event	Stack
Visit A	A



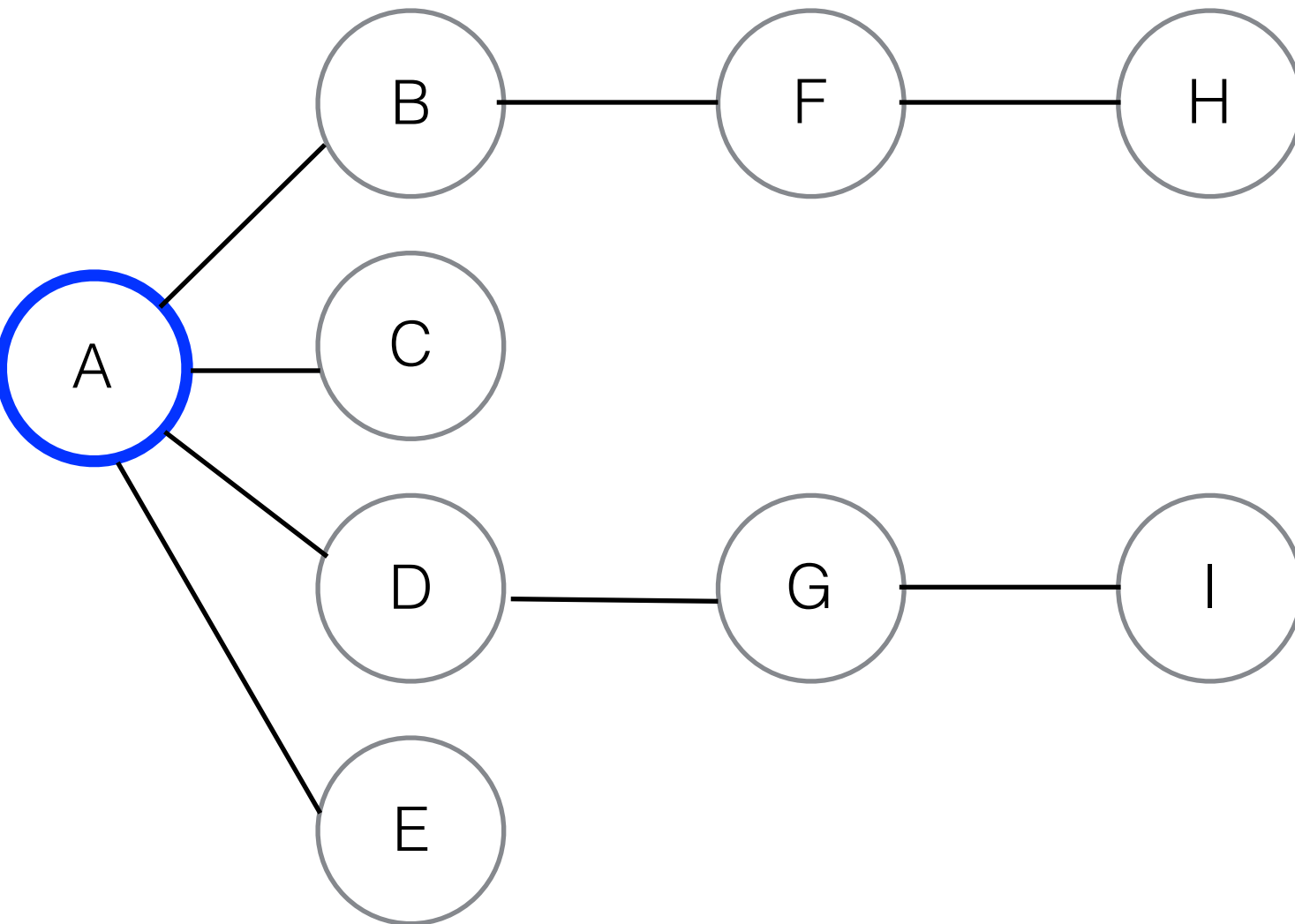
Event	Stack
Visit A	A

Next, **go** to a vertex adjacent to A, which **hasn't been yet visited**

For this example, let's go to B

Visit B, mark it, and push it on the stack





**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

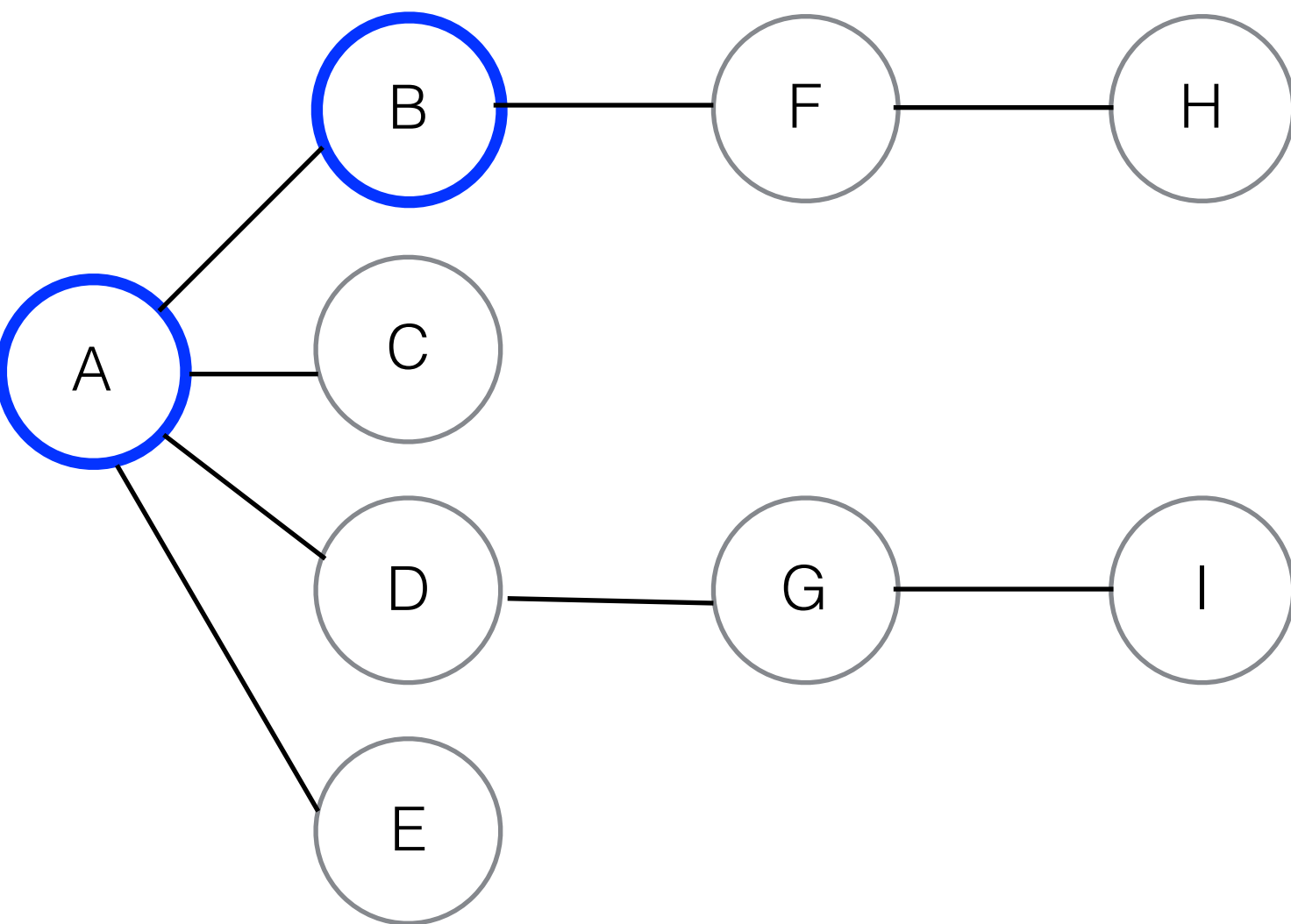
Next, go to a vertex adjacent to A, which hasn't been yet visited

For this example, let's go to B

Visit B, mark it, and push it on the stack

Let's call this **Rule 1**:

"If possible, visit an unvisited adjacent vertex, mark it, and push it on the stack"



**Event**

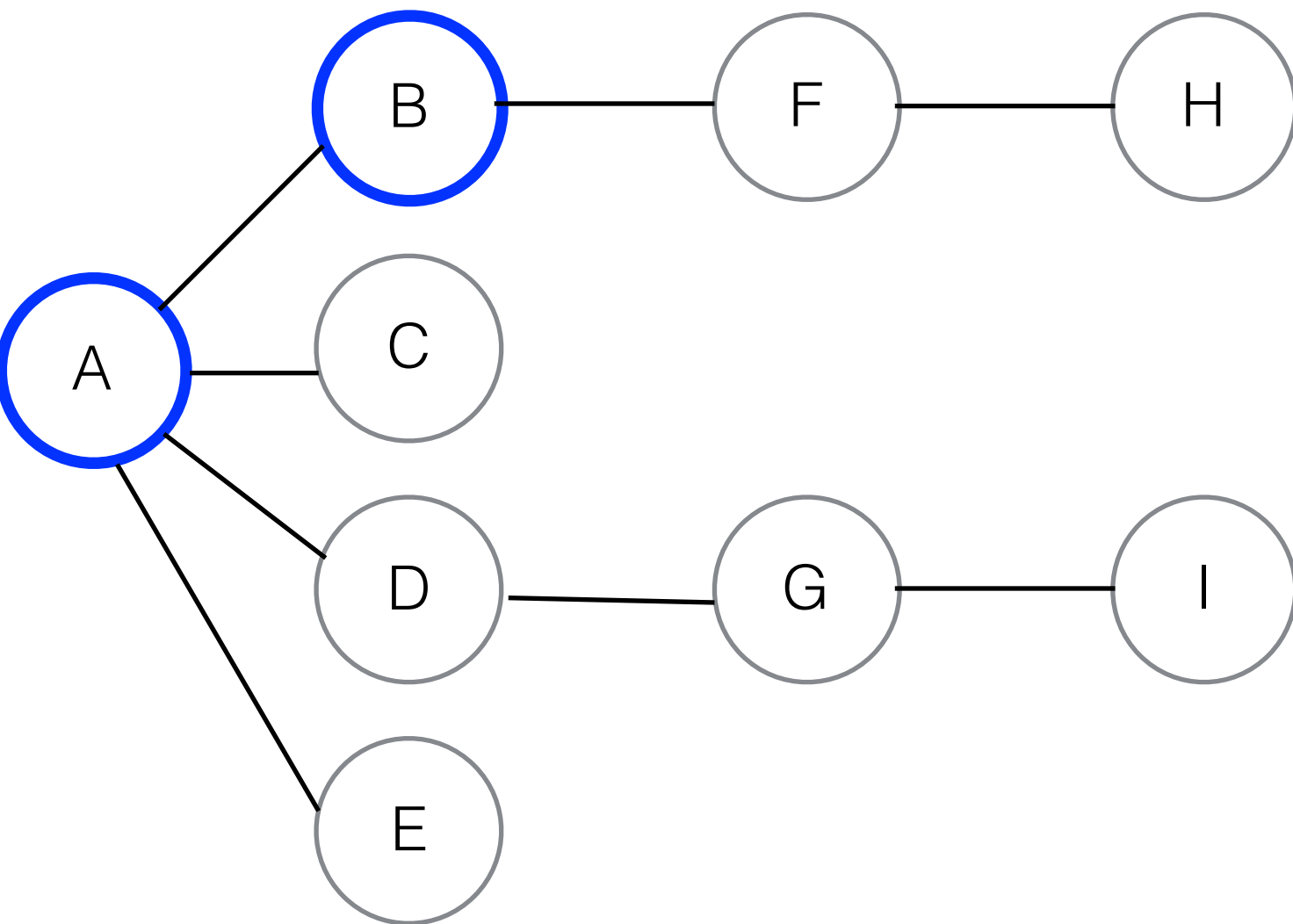
**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

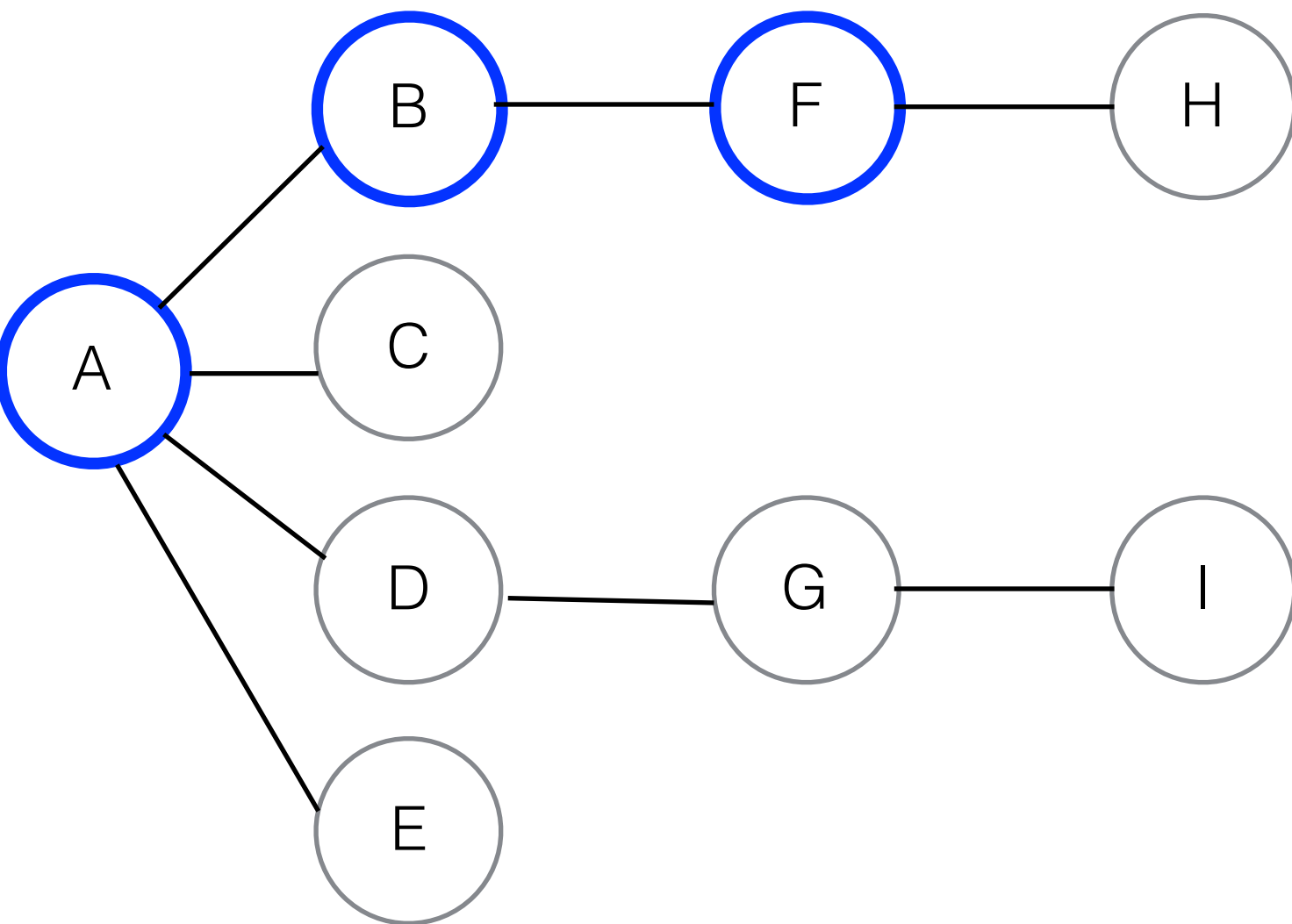
A

Visit B

AB

While at B, apply Rule 1 again.

“If possible, visit an unvisited adjacent vertex, mark it, and push it on the stack”



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

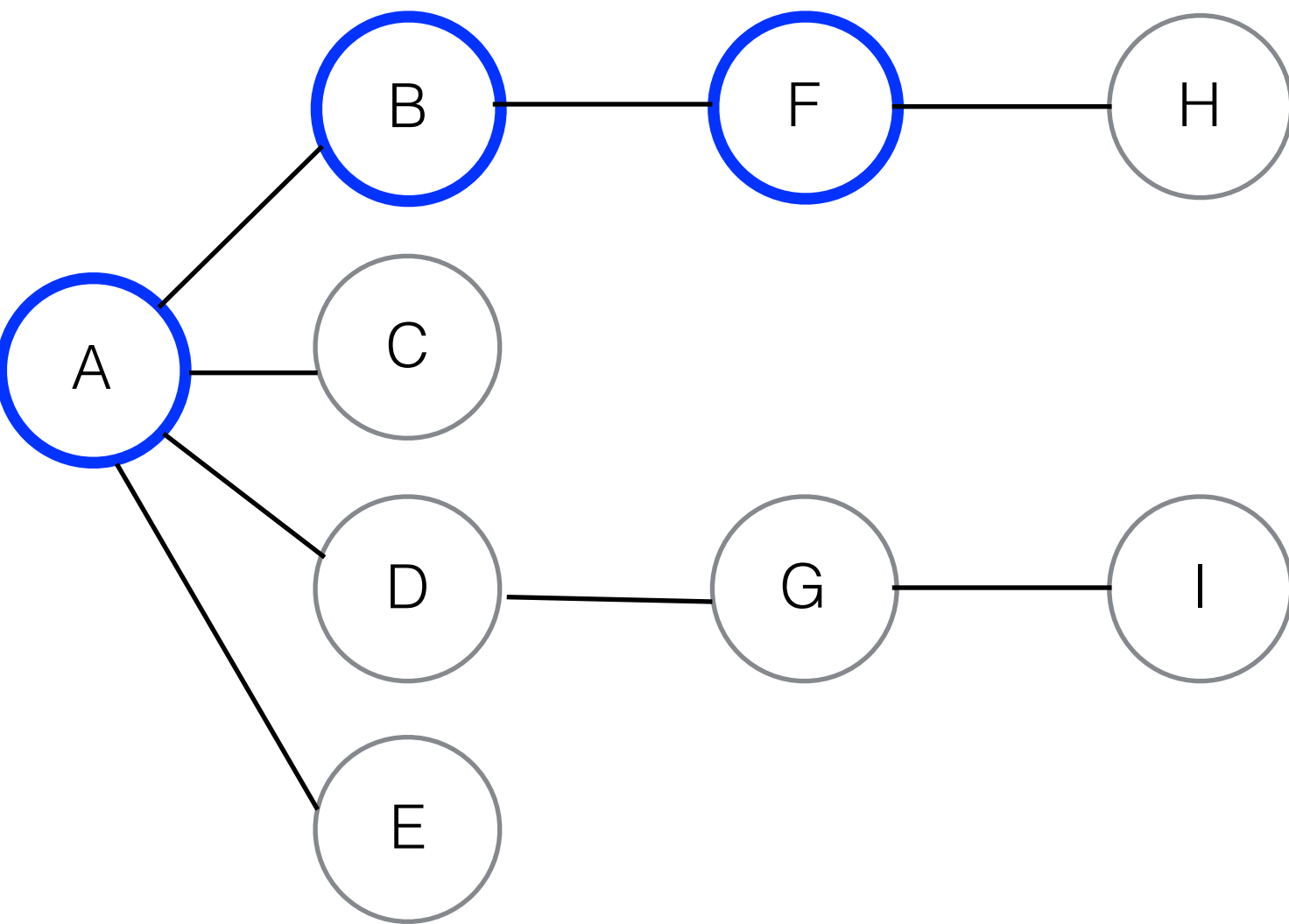
A

Visit B

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Visit F

ABF



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

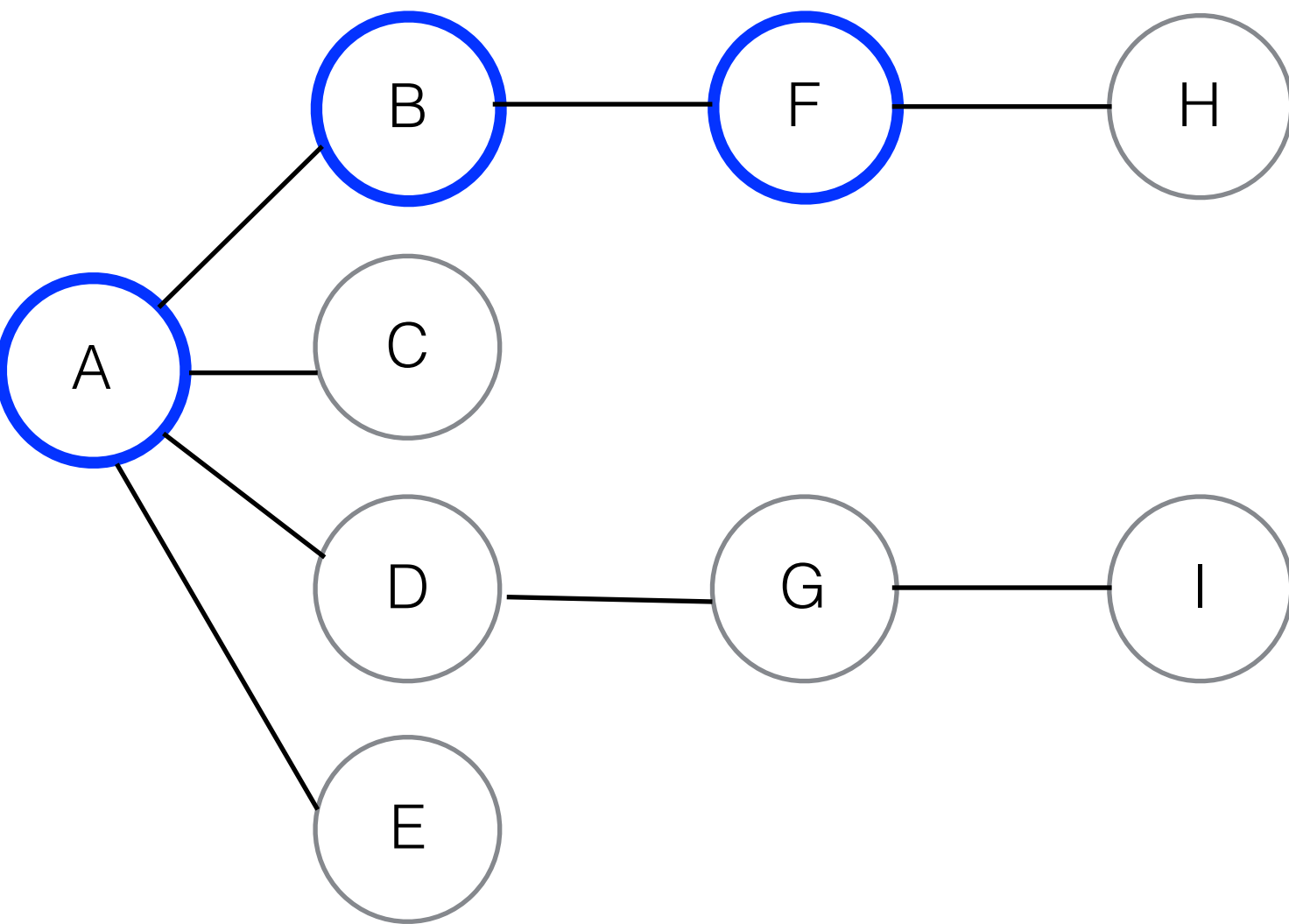
Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

What if we had picked edge “BA”?



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

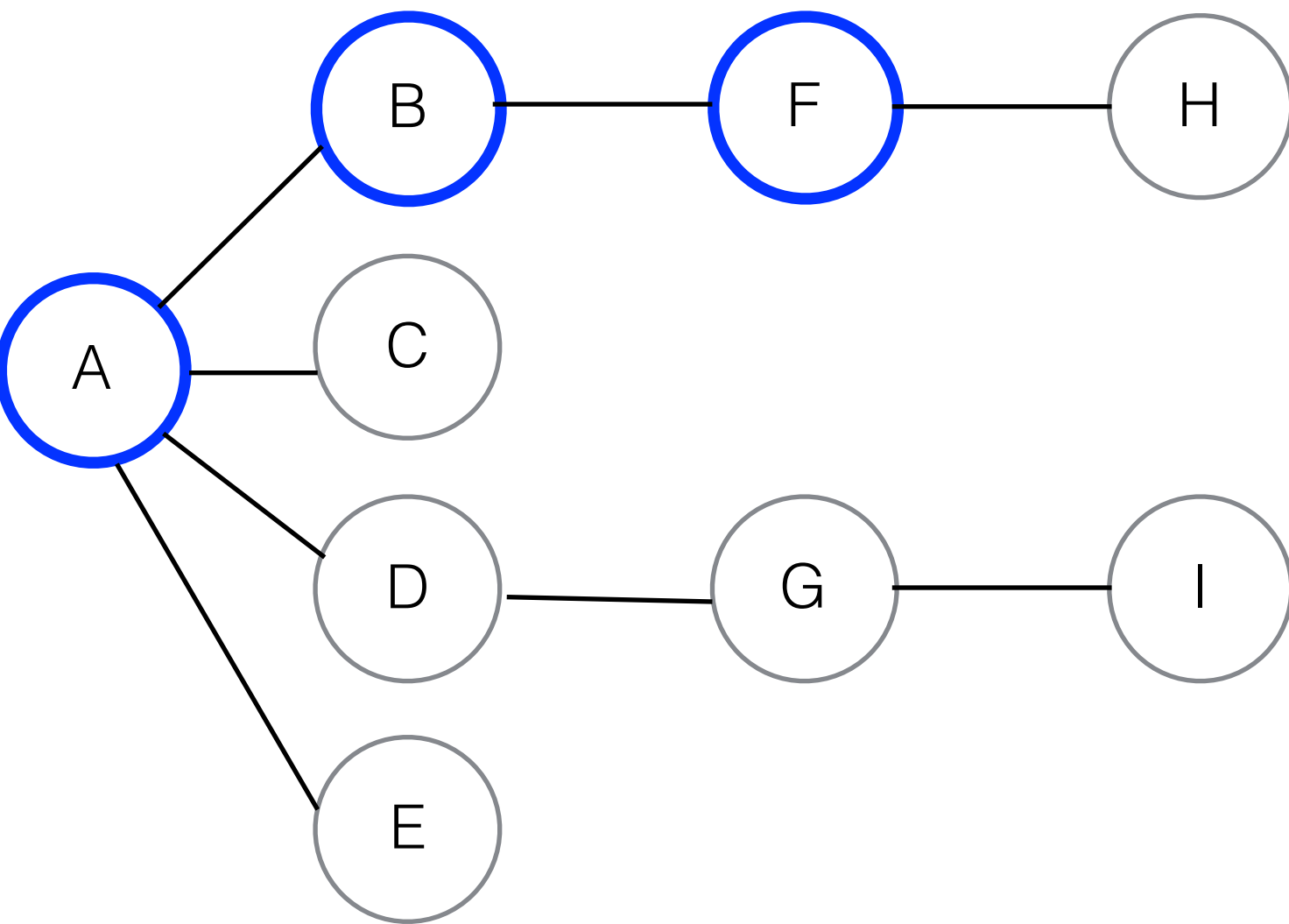
Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Will at some point we might pick edge “BA”?



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

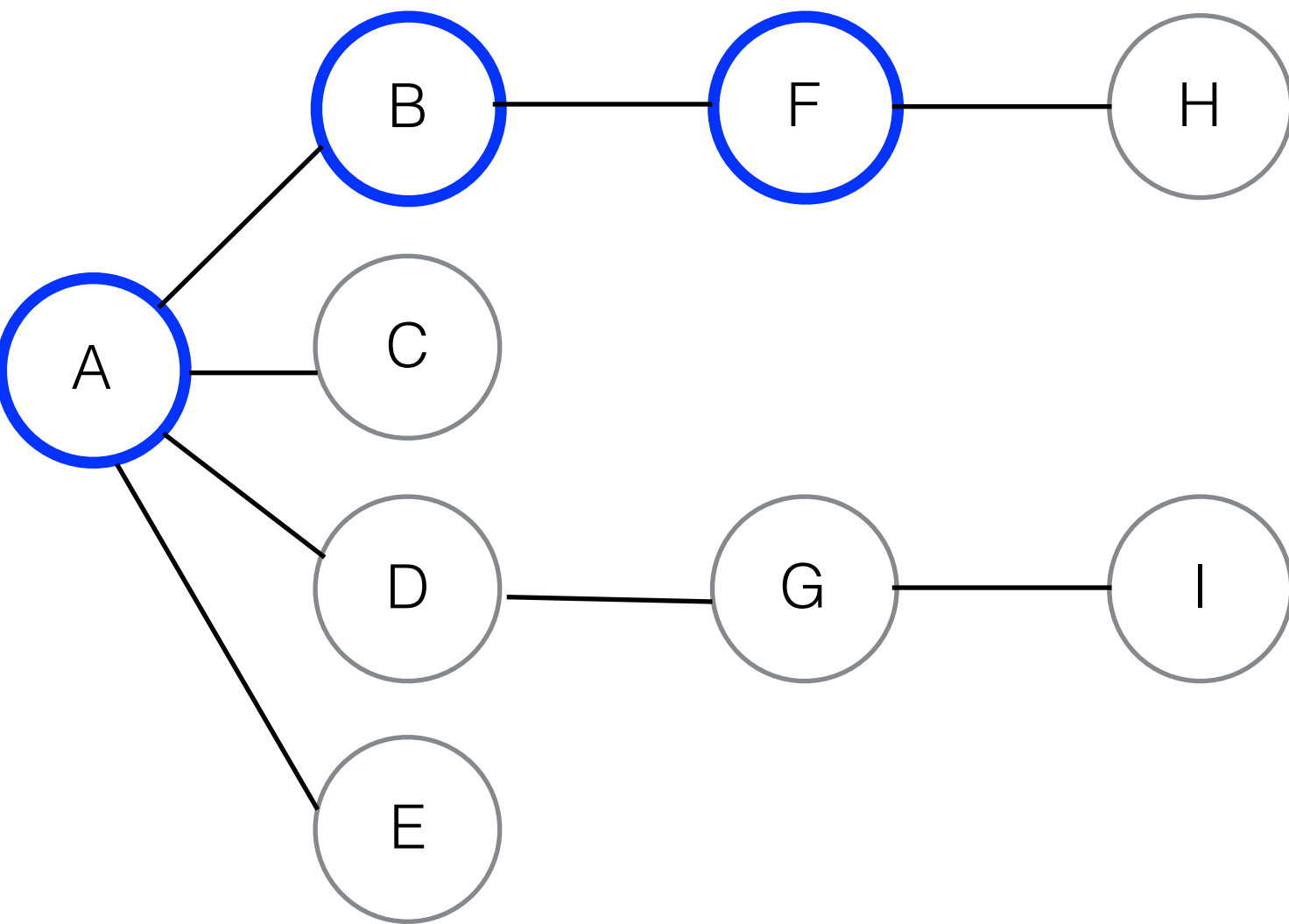
Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Thus you visit each vertex just once (put it in stack)  
but you visit each edge twice!



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

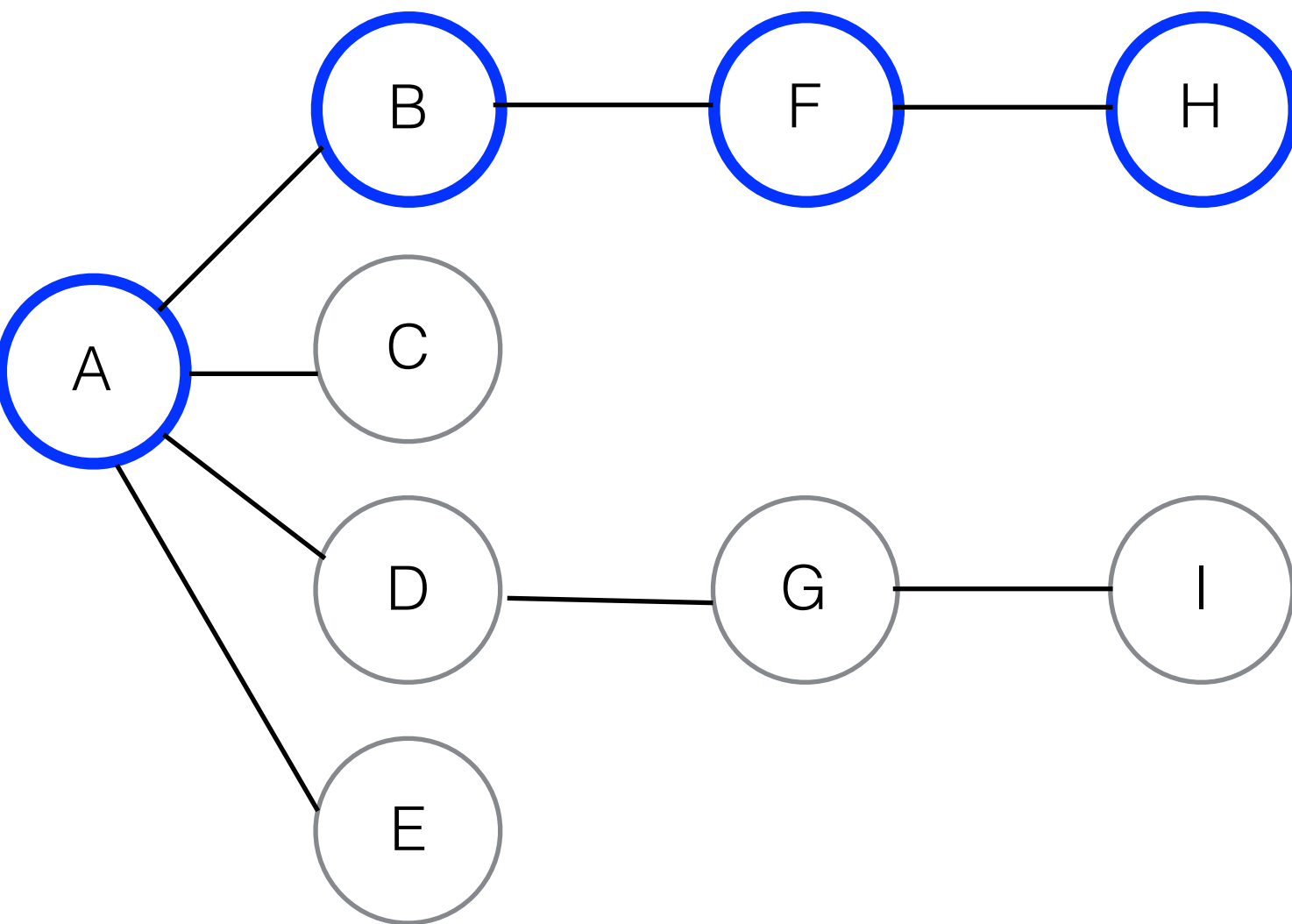
AB

Visit F

ABF

While at F, apply Rule 1 again.





**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

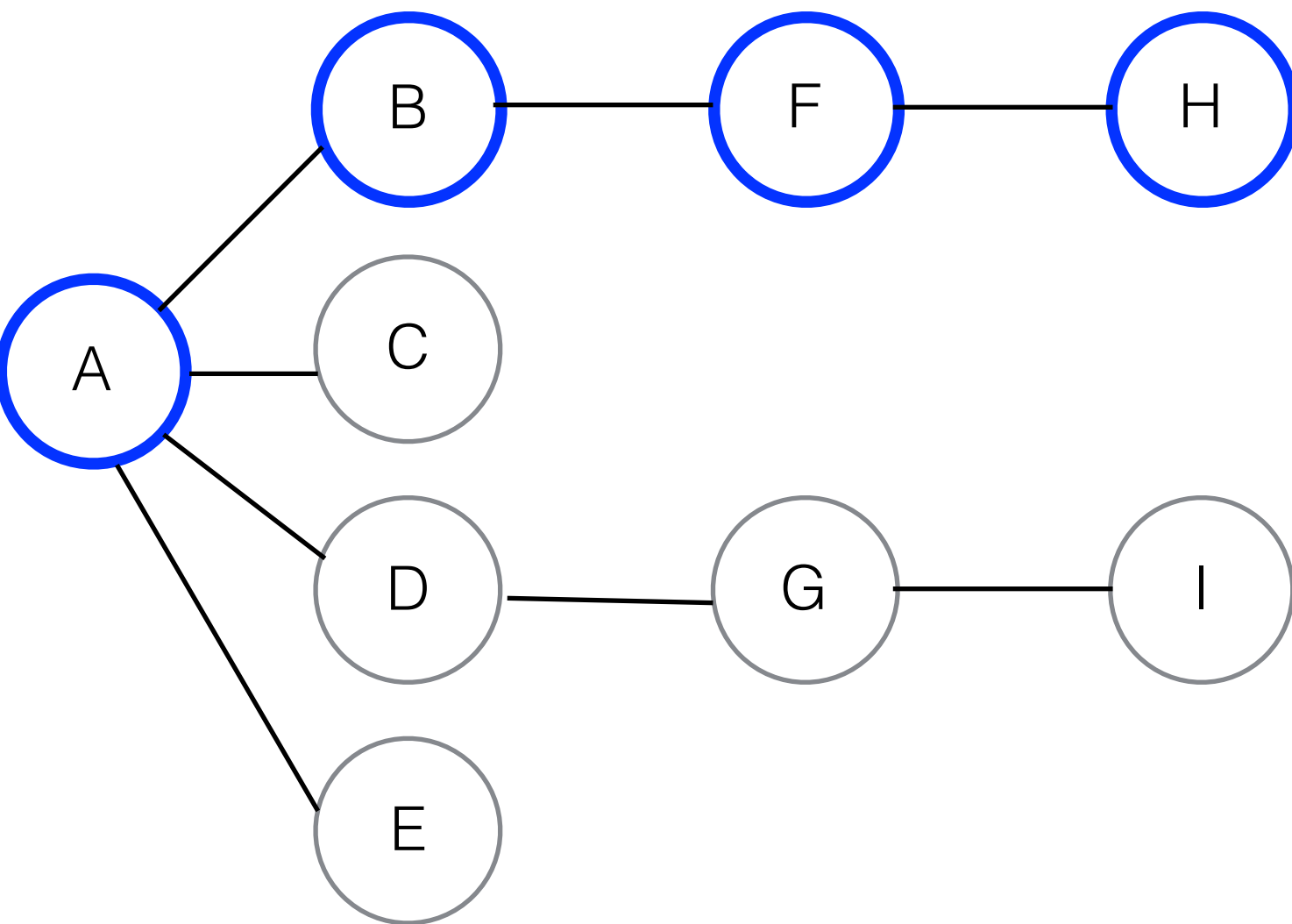
AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

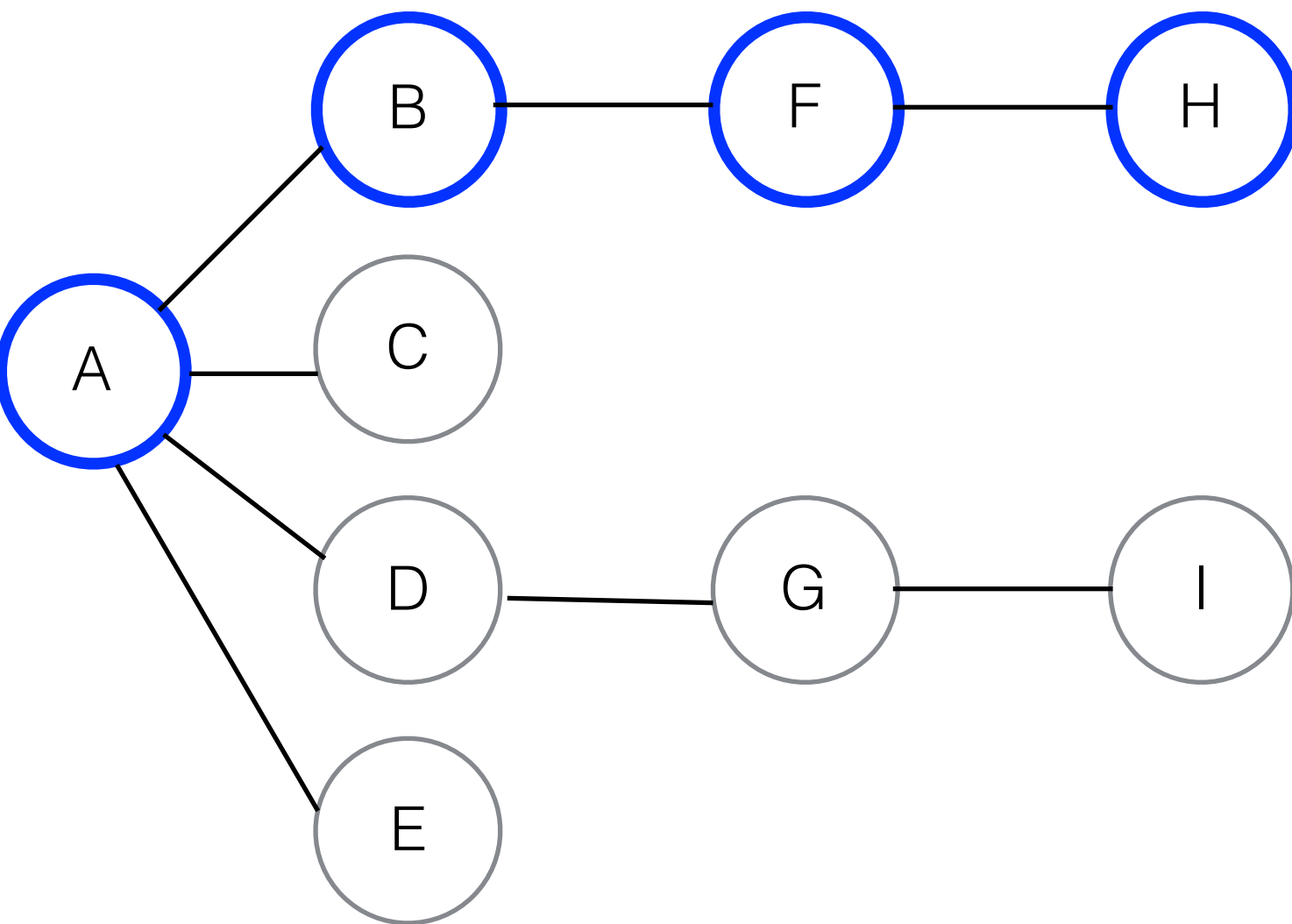
Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

At this point (at H), there are no **unvisited** adjacent vertices  
(HF leads back to F)  
So we need to do something else



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

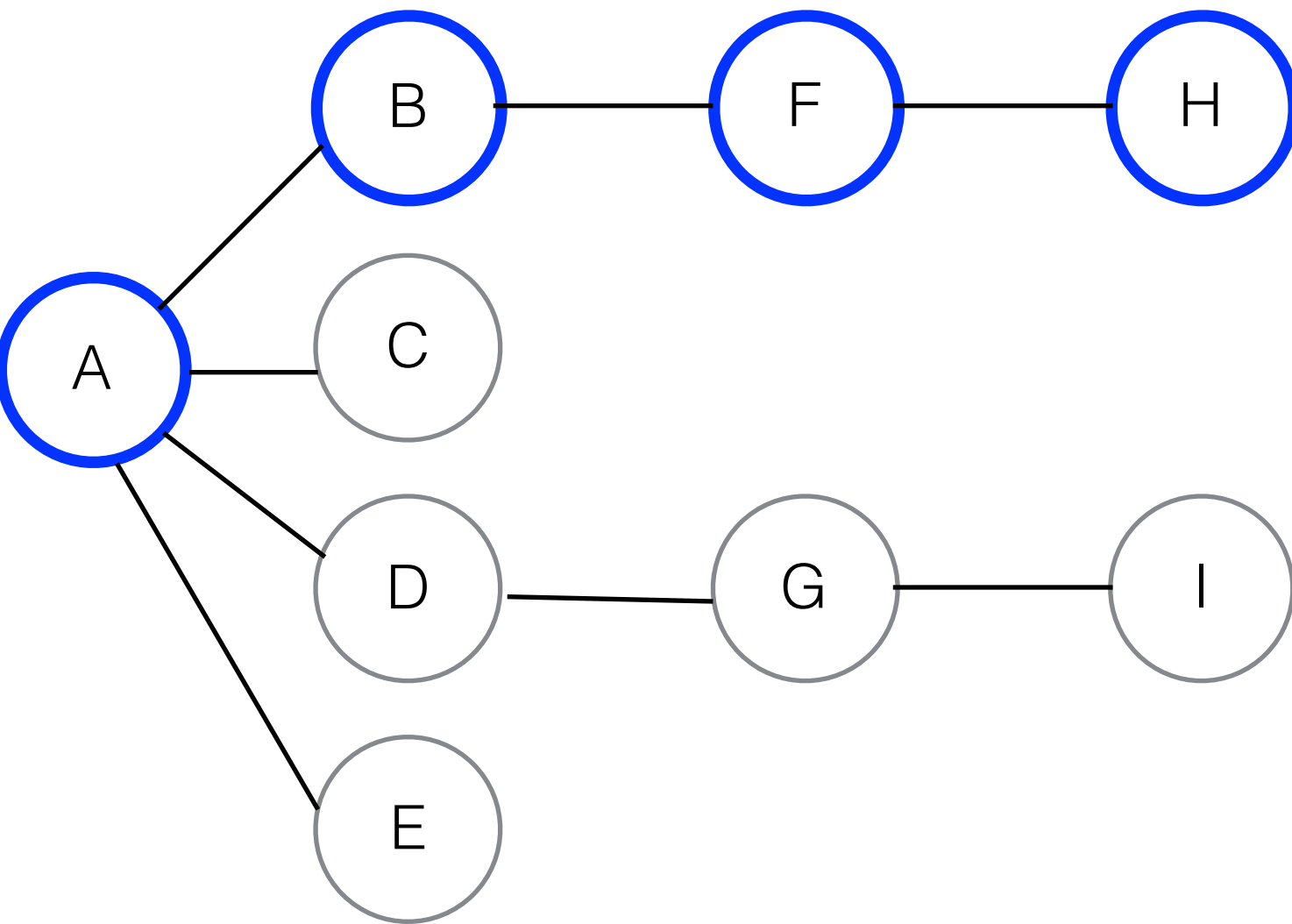
Visit H

ABFH

At this point (at H), there are no unvisited adjacent vertices  
(HF leads back to F)  
So we need to do something else

**Rule 2:**

“If you cannot follow Rule 1, then, if possible, pop a vertex off the stack” 26



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

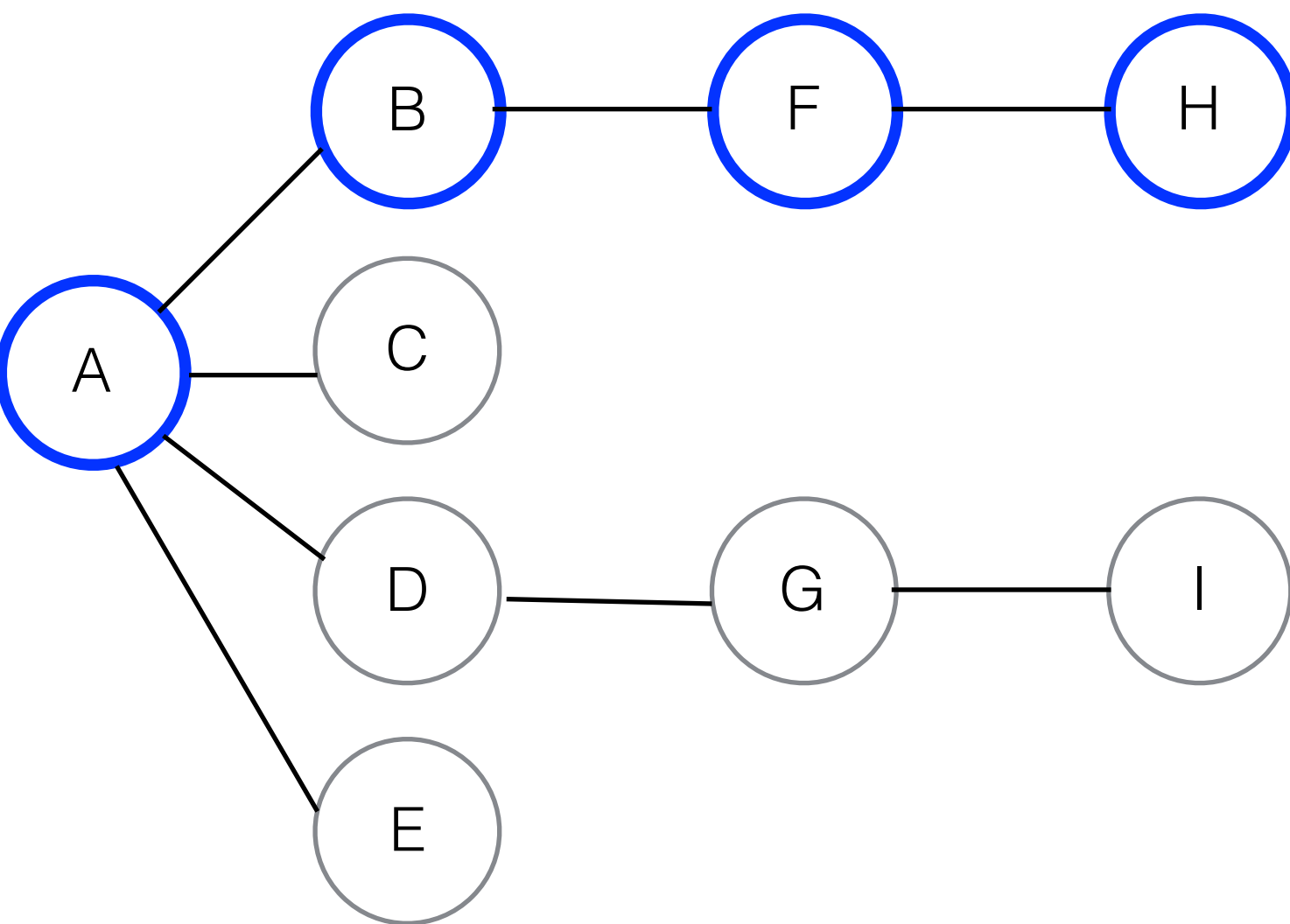
ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

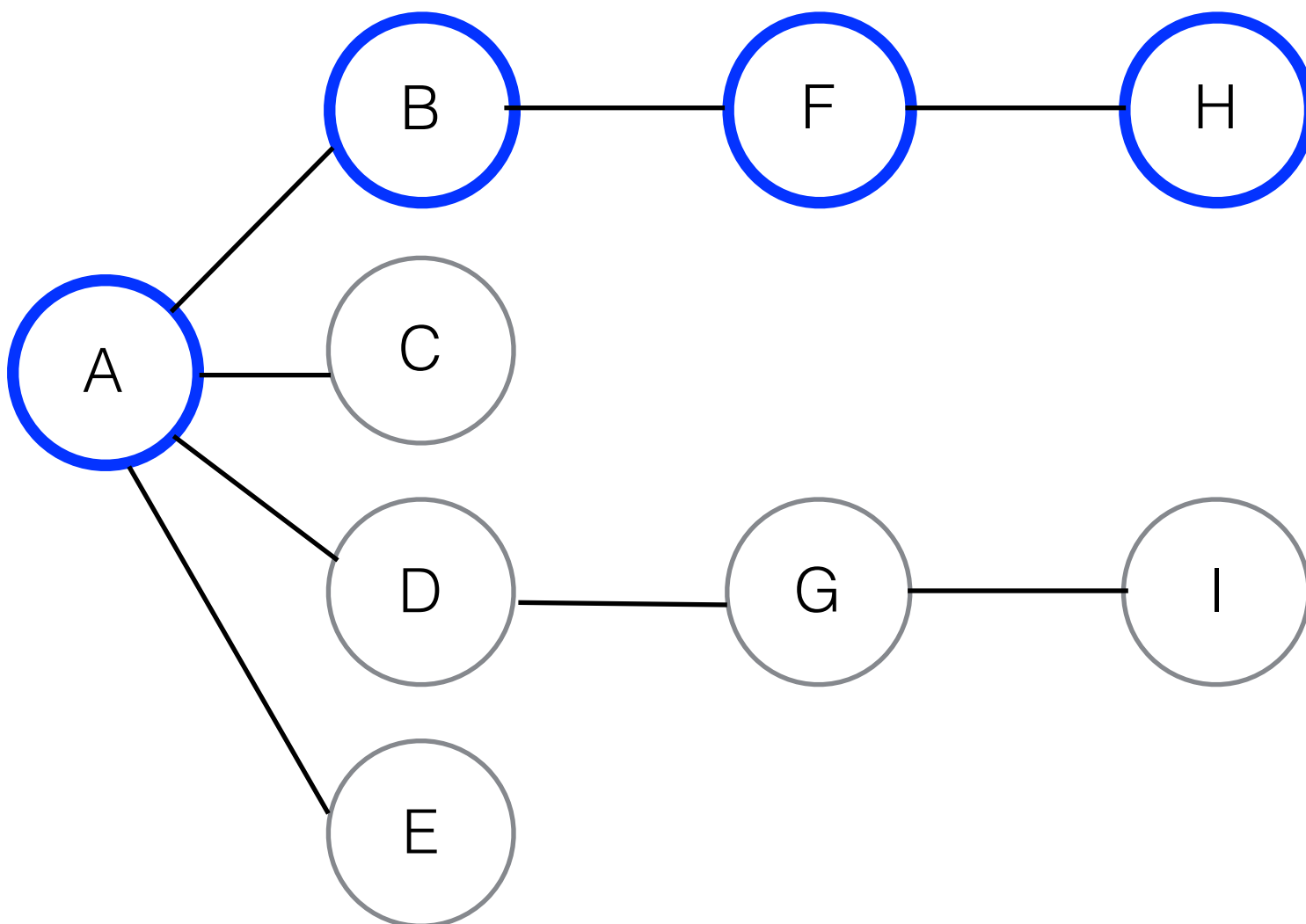
ABFH

Pop H

ABF

We are back at F

No more unvisited adjacent vertices, so pop it off, too



**Event**

**Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

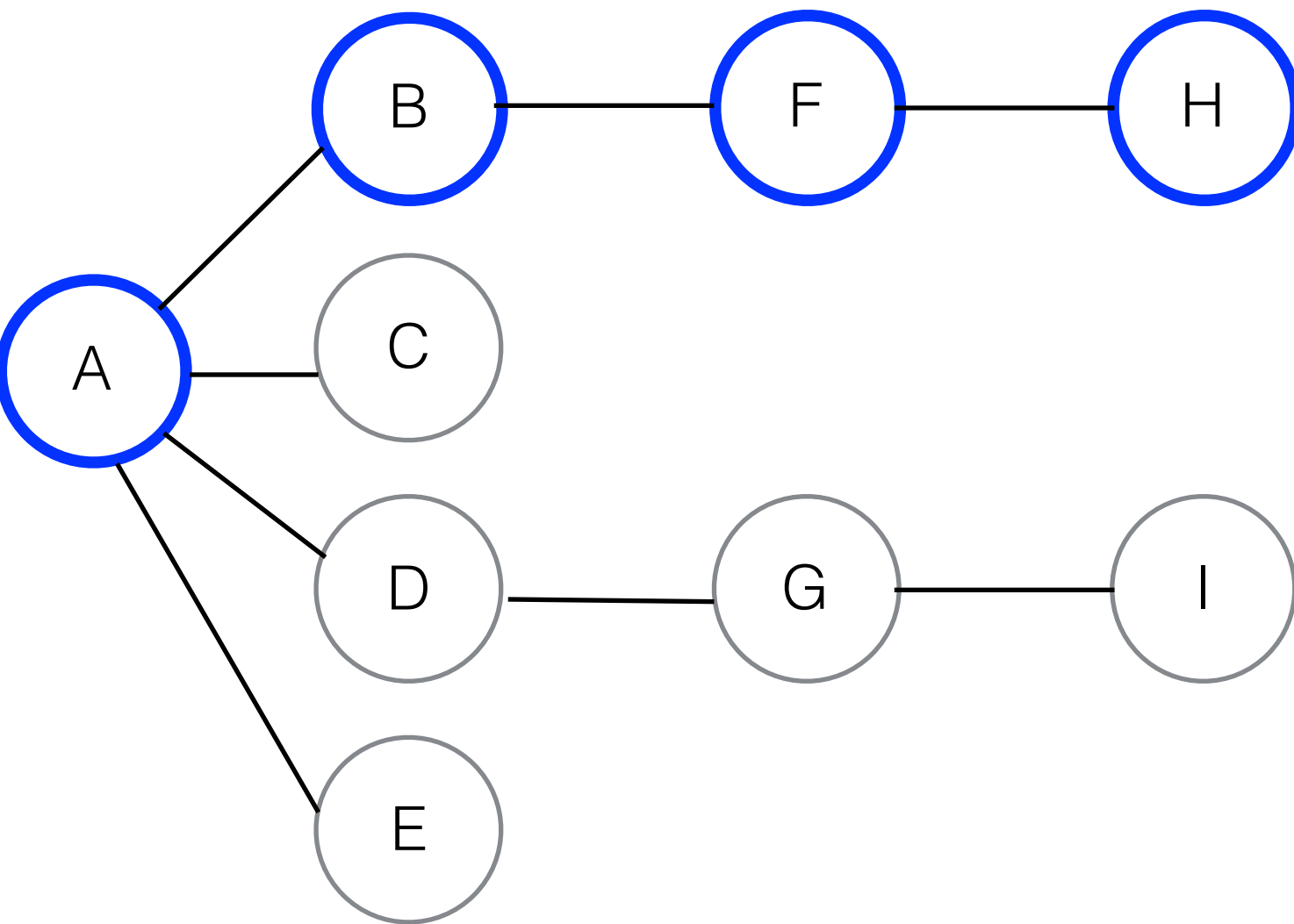
ABFH

Pop H

ABF

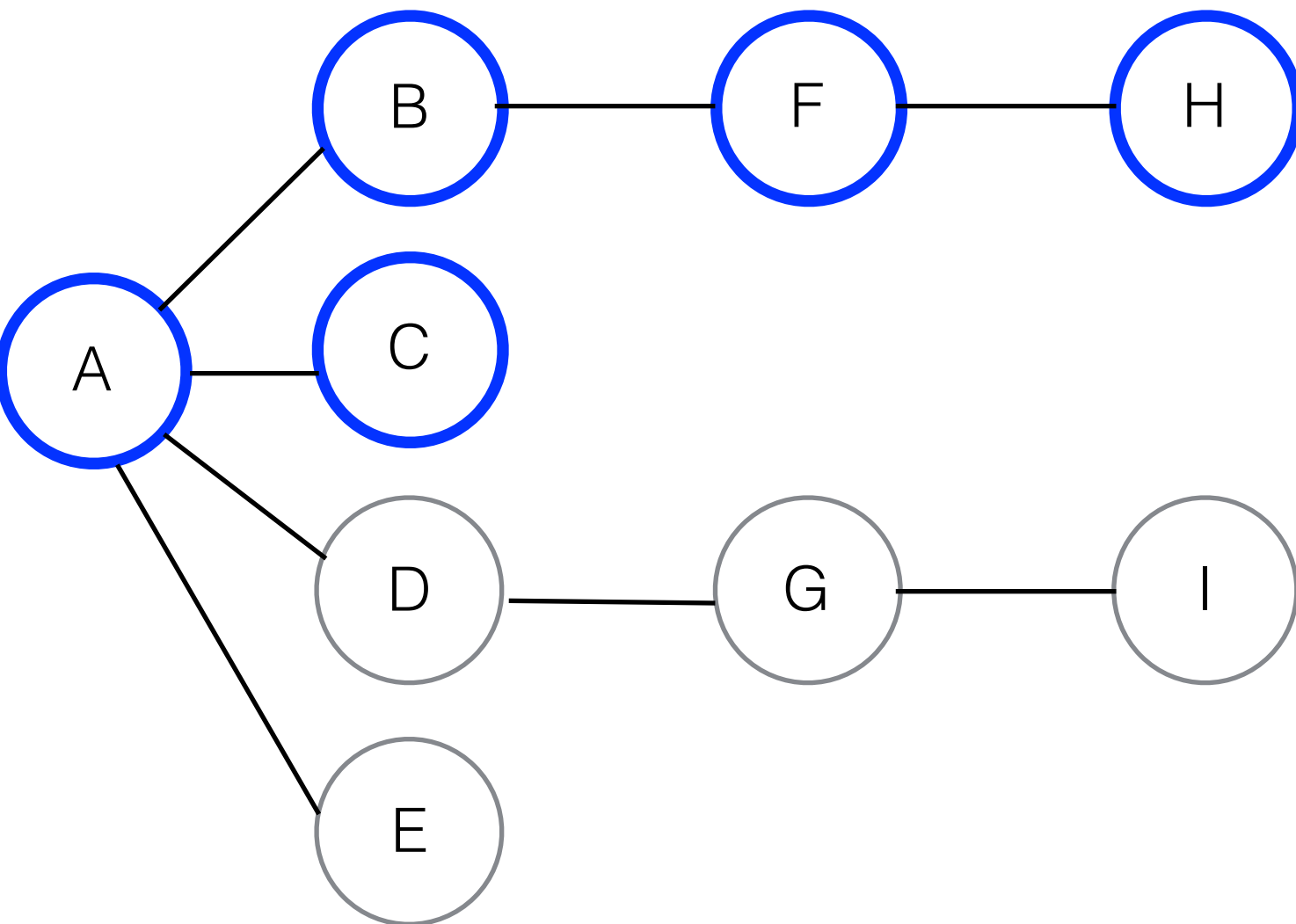
Pop F

AB



Event	Stack
Visit A	A
Visit B	AB
Visit F	ABF
Visit H	ABFH
Pop H	ABF
Pop F	AB
Pop B	A

- We are back at A
- Pick the next adjacent vertex and repeat



## Event

## Stack

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

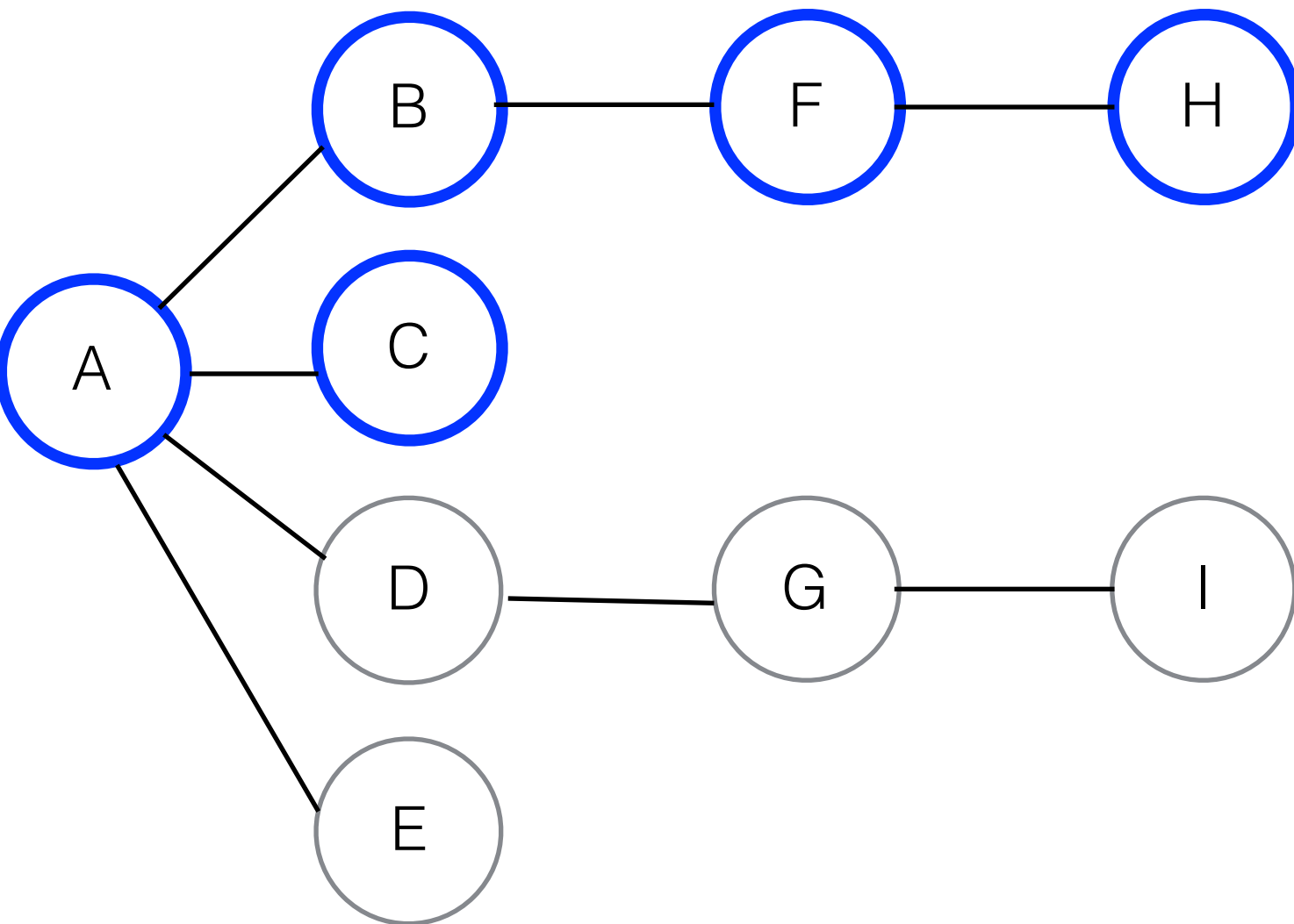
Pop B

A

Visit C

AC



**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

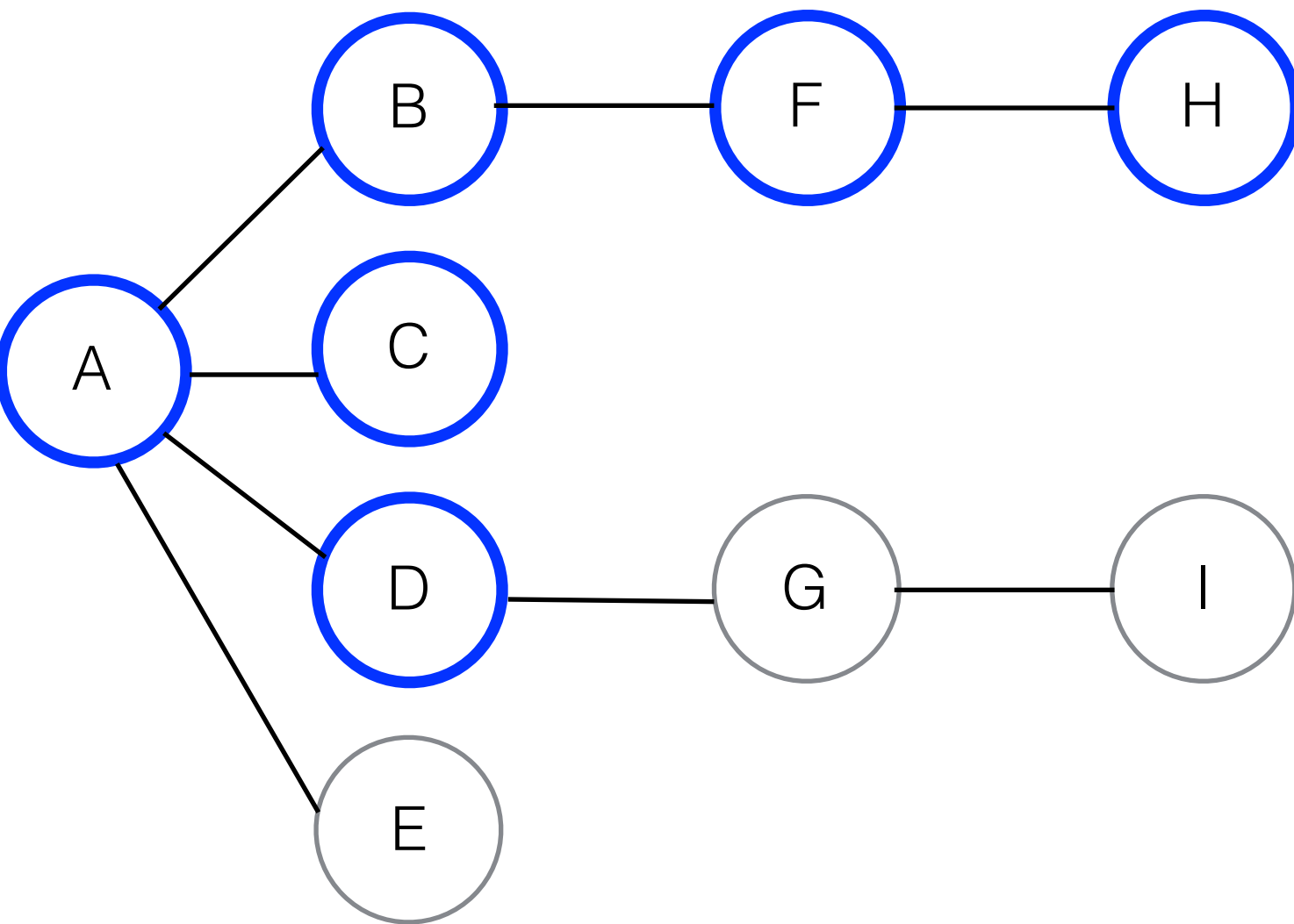
A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

A

**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

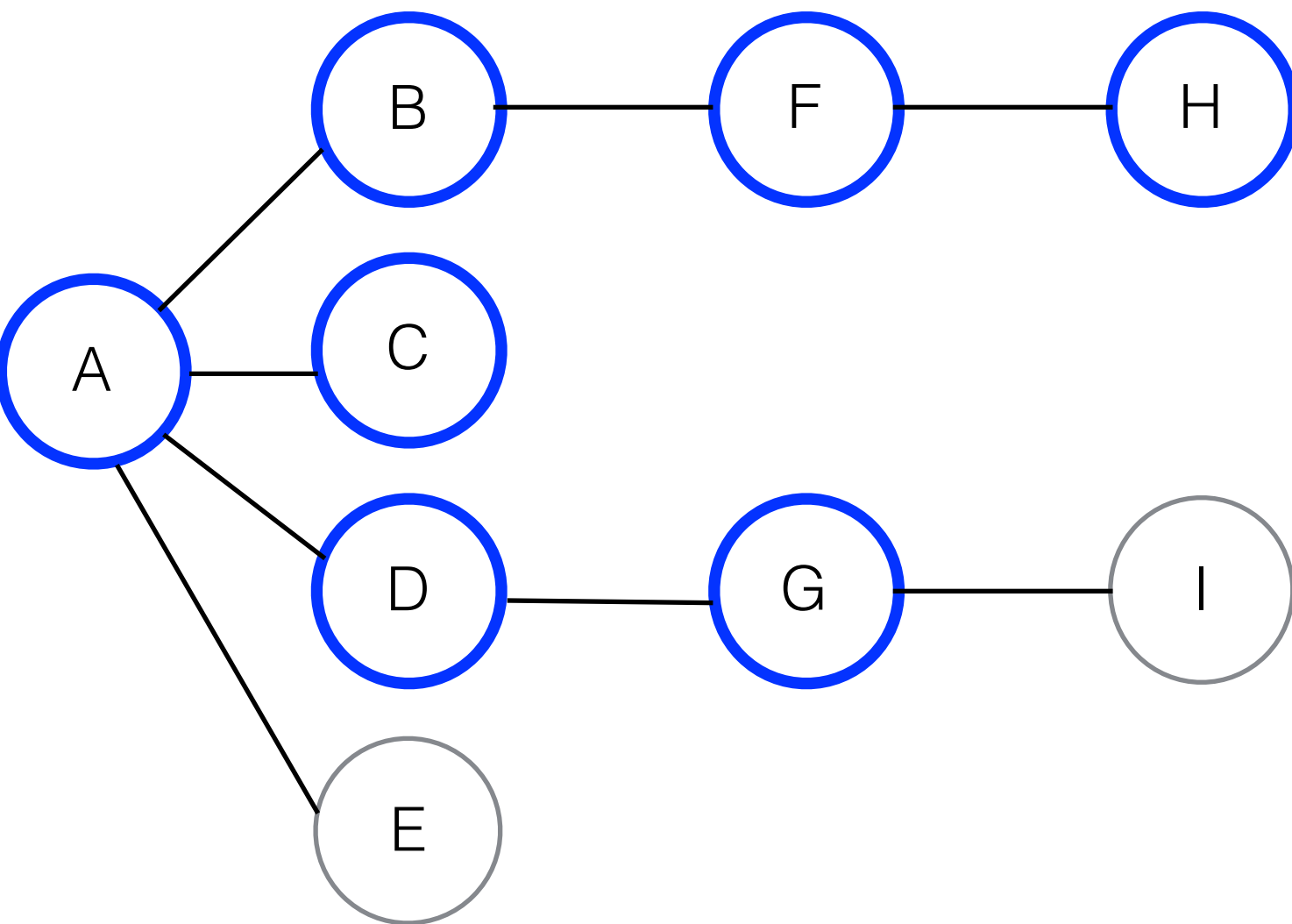
AC

Pop C

A

Visit D

AD

**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

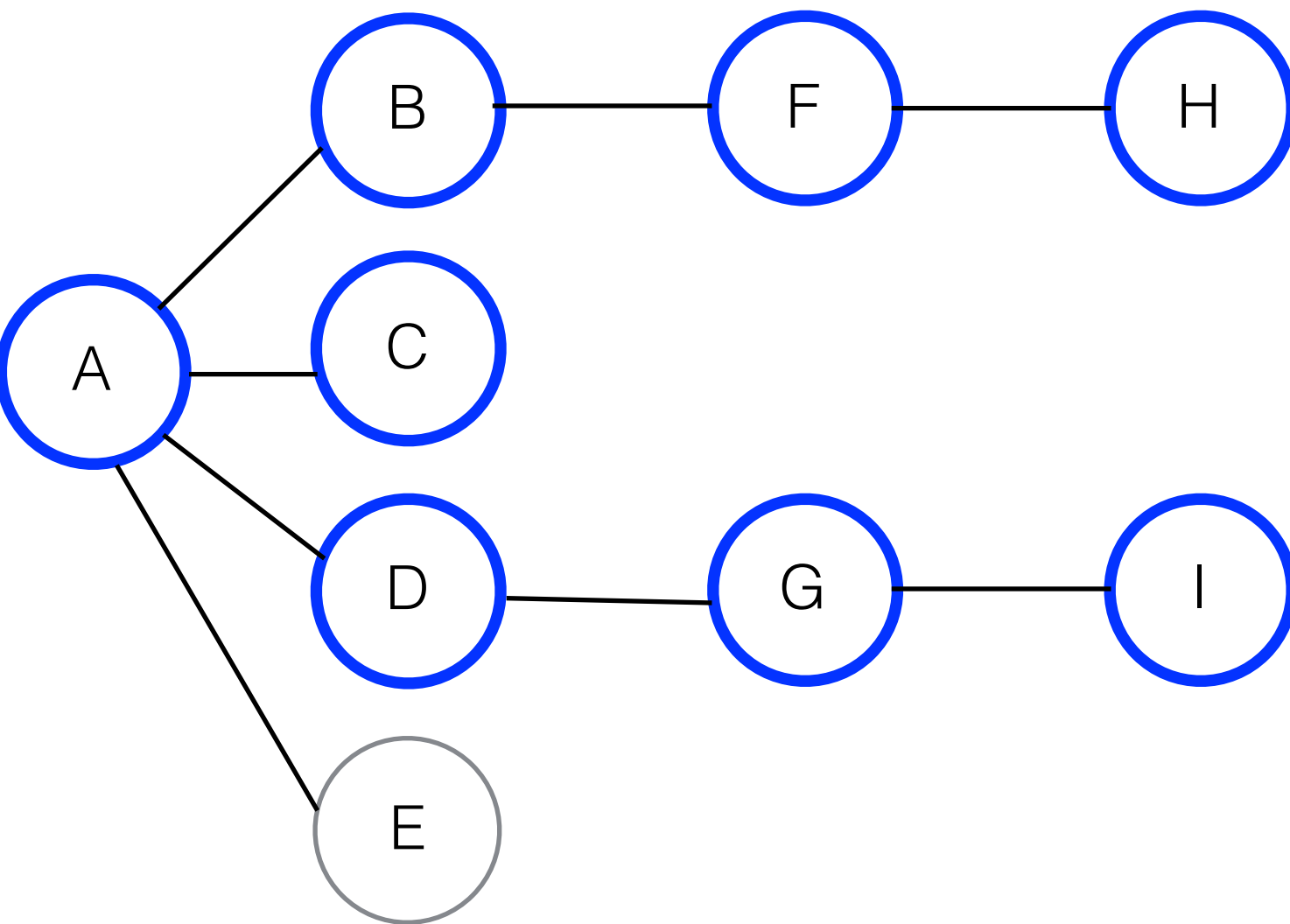
A

Visit D

AD

Visit G

ADG

**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

A

Visit D

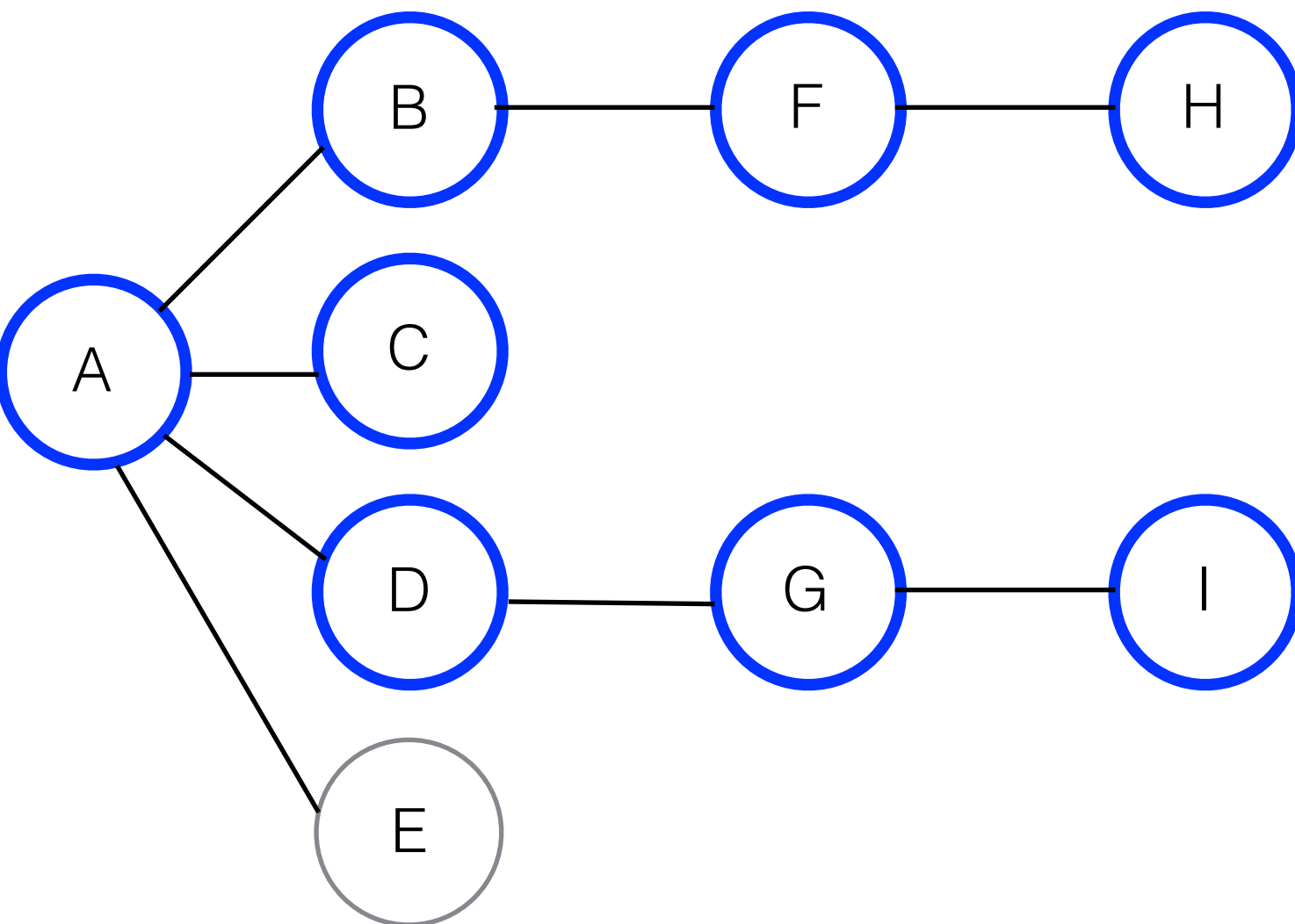
AD

Visit G

ADG

Visit I

ADGI

**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

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AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

A

Visit D

AD

Visit G

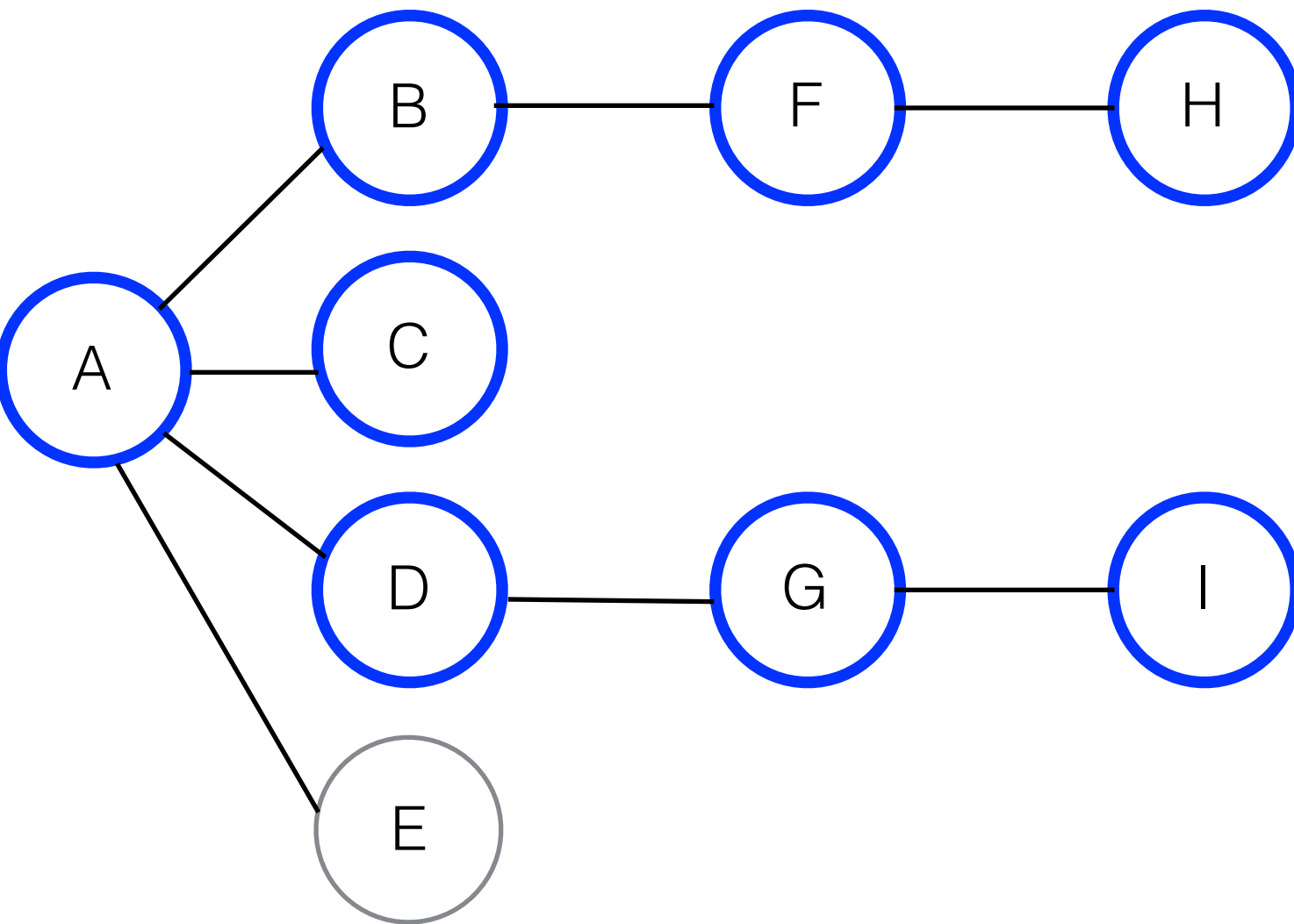
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Visit I

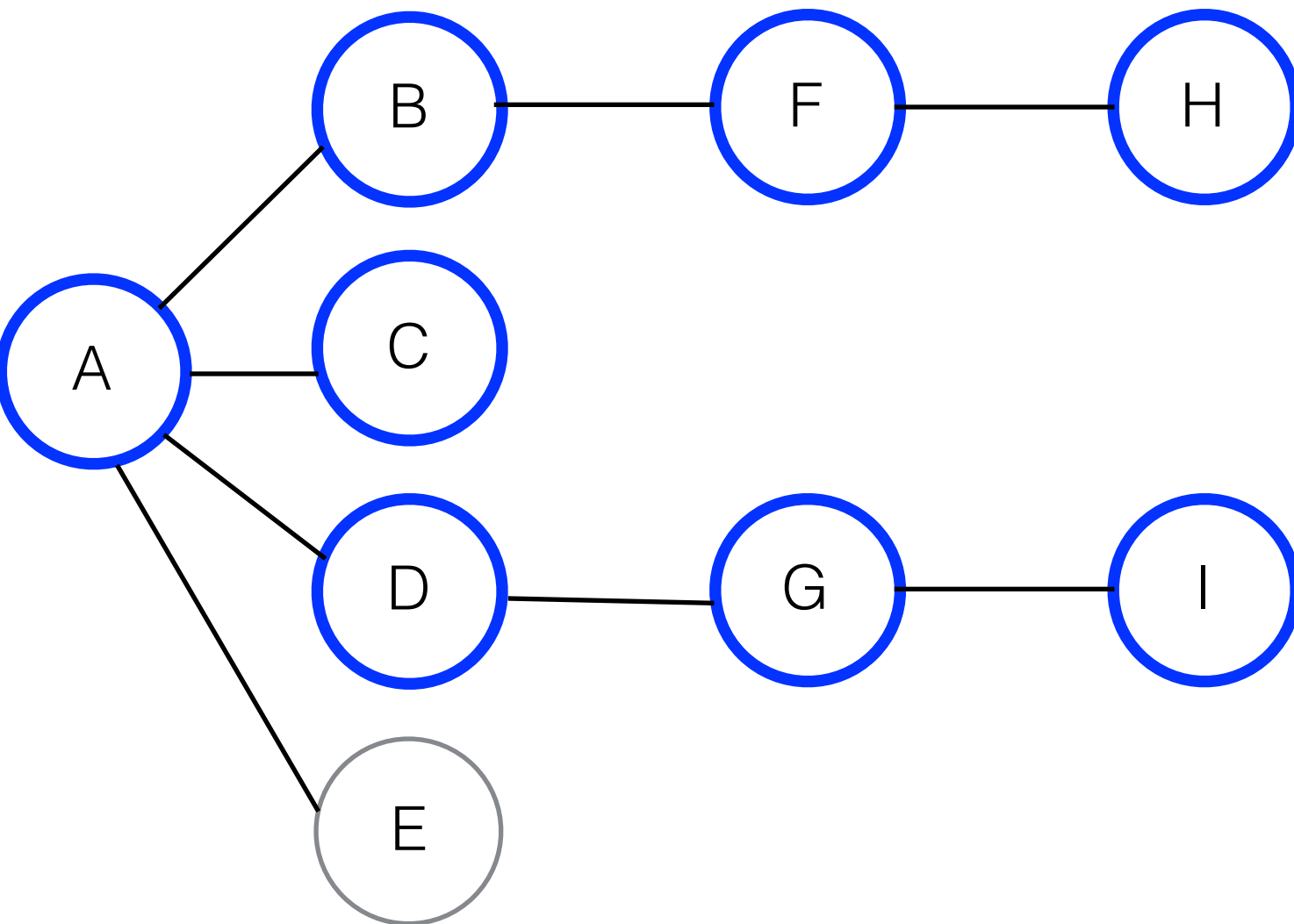
ADGI

Pop I

ADG



Event	Stack
Visit A	A
Visit B	AB
Visit F	ABF
Visit H	ABFH
Pop H	ABF
Pop F	AB
Pop B	A
Visit C	AC
Pop C	A
Visit D	AD
Visit G	ADG
Visit I	ADGI
Pop I	ADG
Pop G	AD



## Event

## Stack

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

A

Visit D

AD

Visit G

ADG

Visit I

ADGI

Pop I

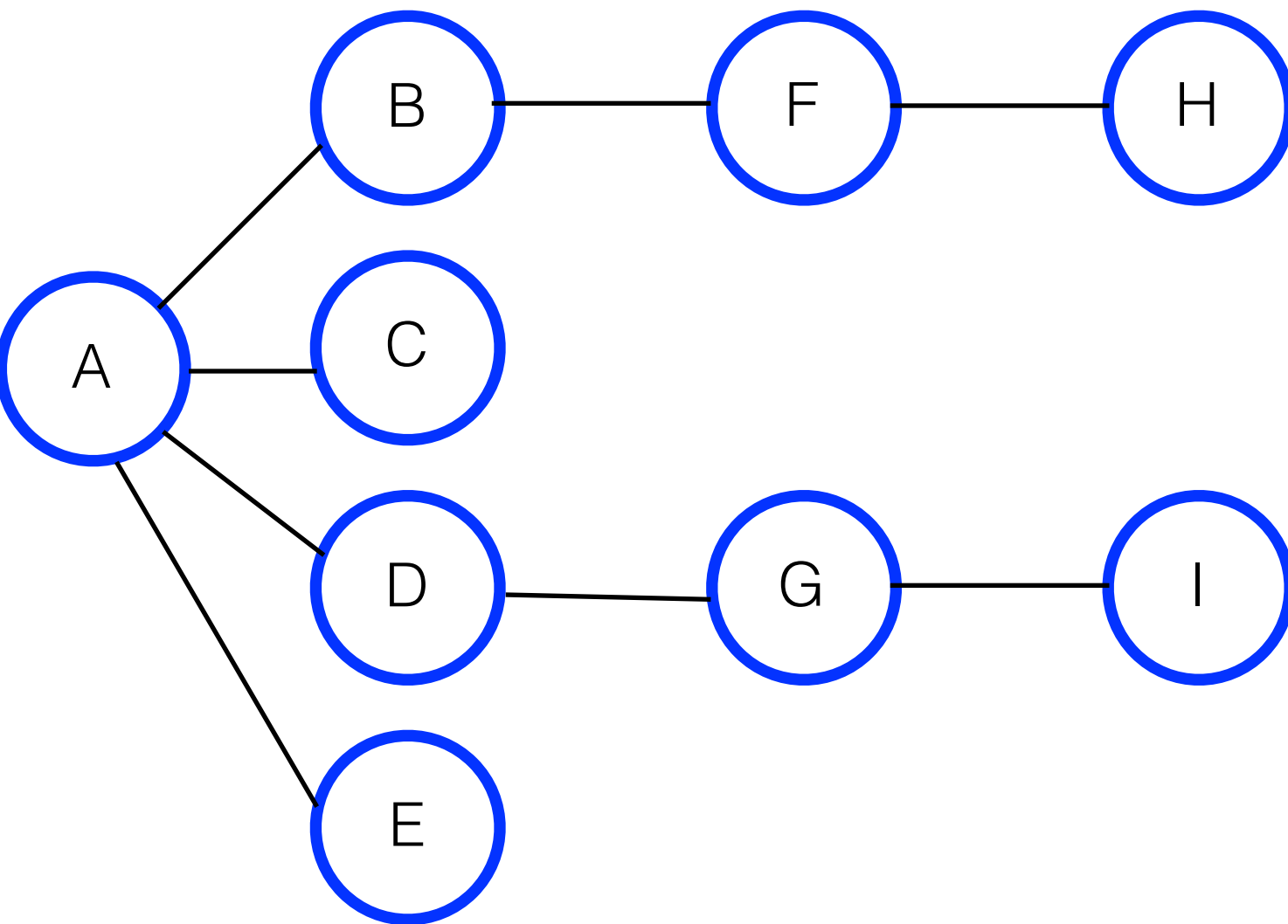
ADG

Pop G

AD

Pop D

A

**Event****Stack**

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

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Visit C

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ADG

Visit I

ADGI

Pop I

ADG

Pop G

AD

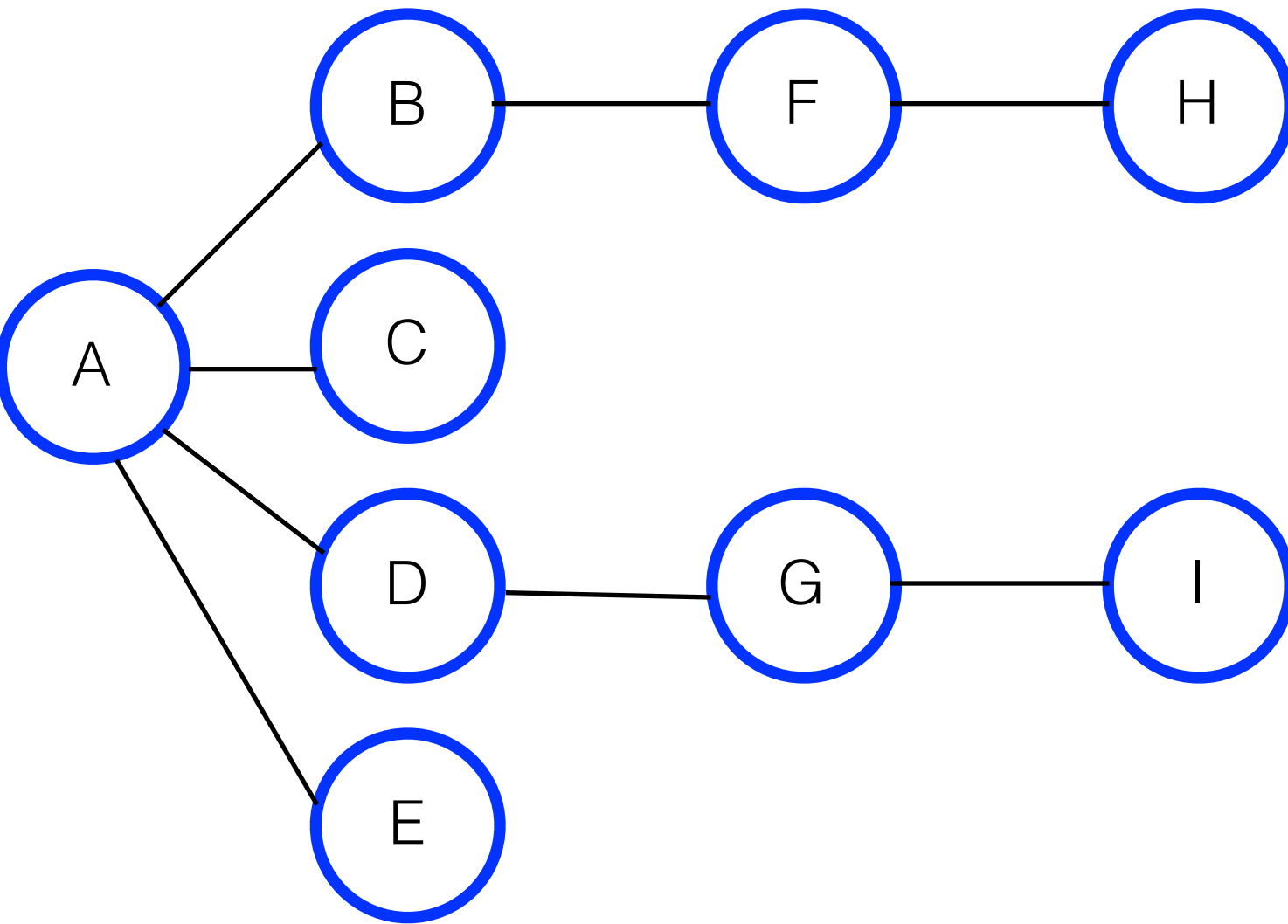
Pop D

A

Visit E

AE



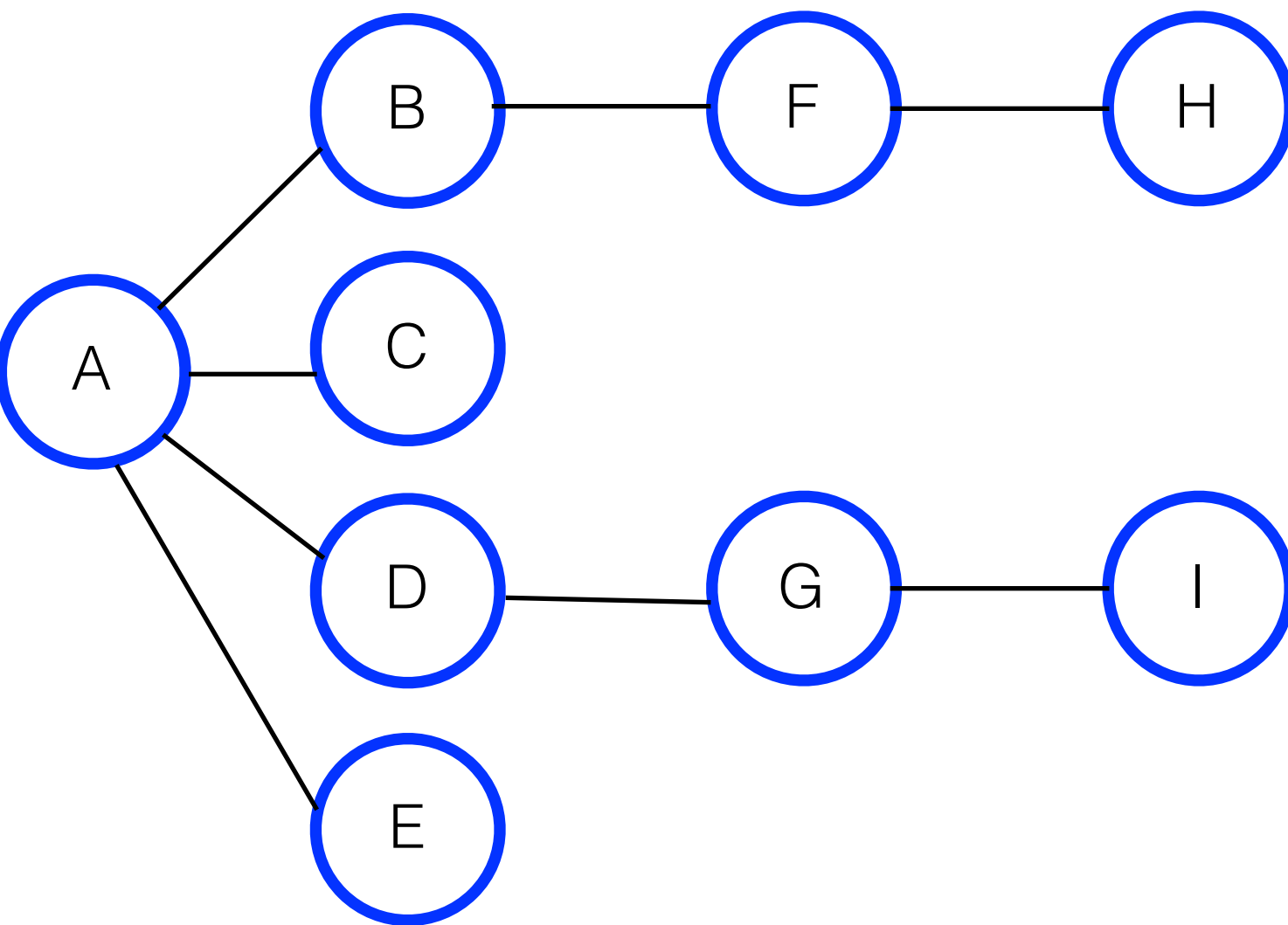


- At this point, A has no more adjacent unvisited vertices left
- We pop it off the stack

### Event

### Stack

Visit A	A
Visit B	AB
Visit F	ABF
Visit H	ABFH
Pop H	ABF
Pop F	AB
Pop B	A
Visit C	AC
Pop C	A
Visit D	AD
Visit G	ADG
Visit I	ADGI
Pop I	ADG
Pop G	AD
Pop D	A
Visit E	AE
Pop E	A



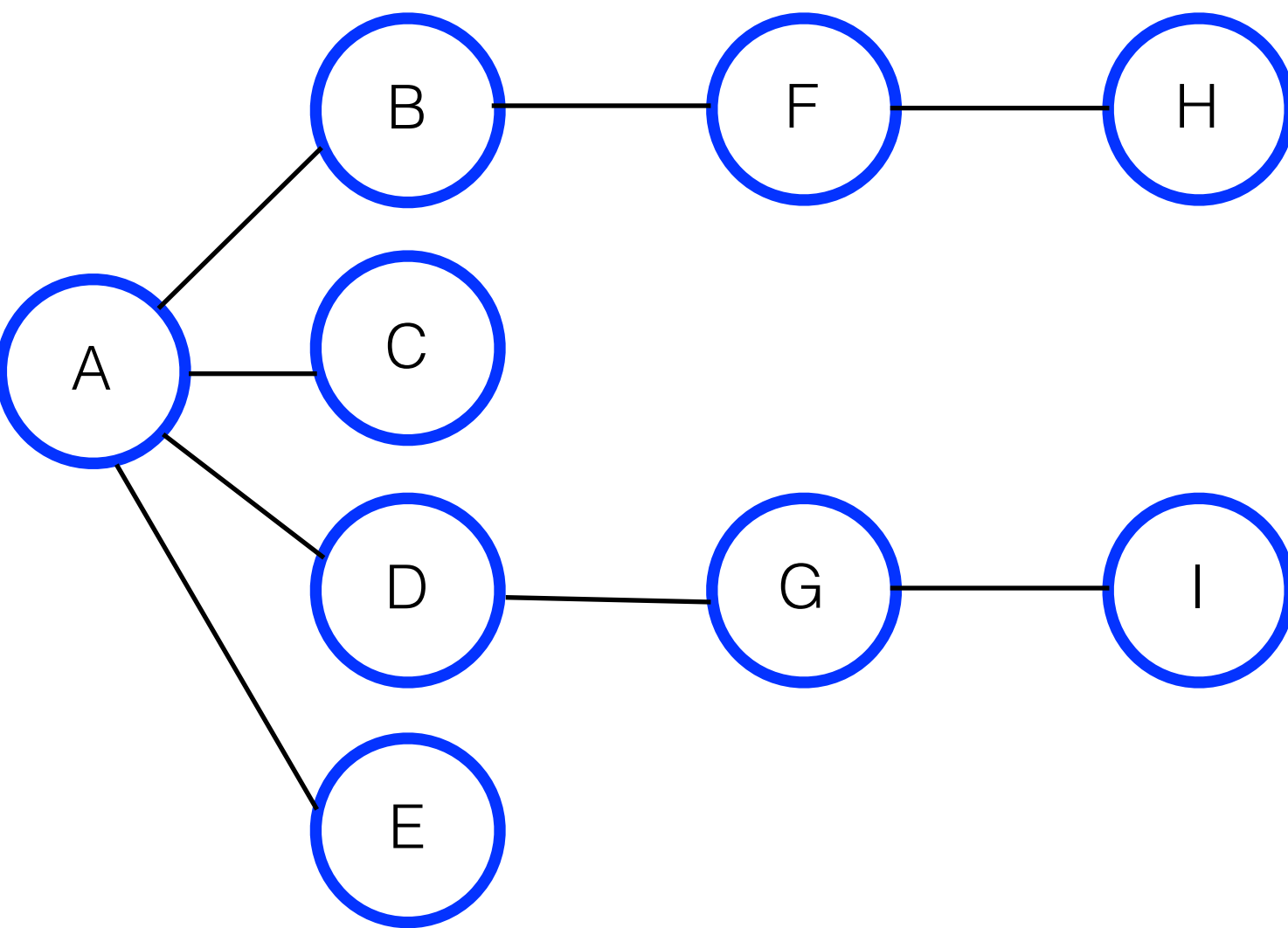
- This brings us to **Rule 3:**

“If you cannot follow Rule 1 or Rule 2, you are done”

## Event

## Stack

Visit A	A
Visit B	AB
Visit F	ABF
Visit H	ABFH
Pop H	ABF
Pop F	AB
Pop B	A
Visit C	AC
Pop C	A
Visit D	AD
Visit G	ADG
Visit I	ADGI
Pop I	ADG
Pop G	AD
Pop D	A
Visit E	AE
Pop E	A
Pop A	
Done	



**Order:** ABFHCDBGIE

**Time:**  $O(|V| + |E|)$

## Event

## Stack

Visit A

A

Visit B

AB

Visit F

ABF

Visit H

ABFH

Pop H

ABF

Pop F

AB

Pop B

A

Visit C

AC

Pop C

A

Visit D

AD

Visit G

ADG

Visit I

ADGI

Pop I

ADG

Pop G

AD

Pop D

A

Visit E

AE

Pop E

A

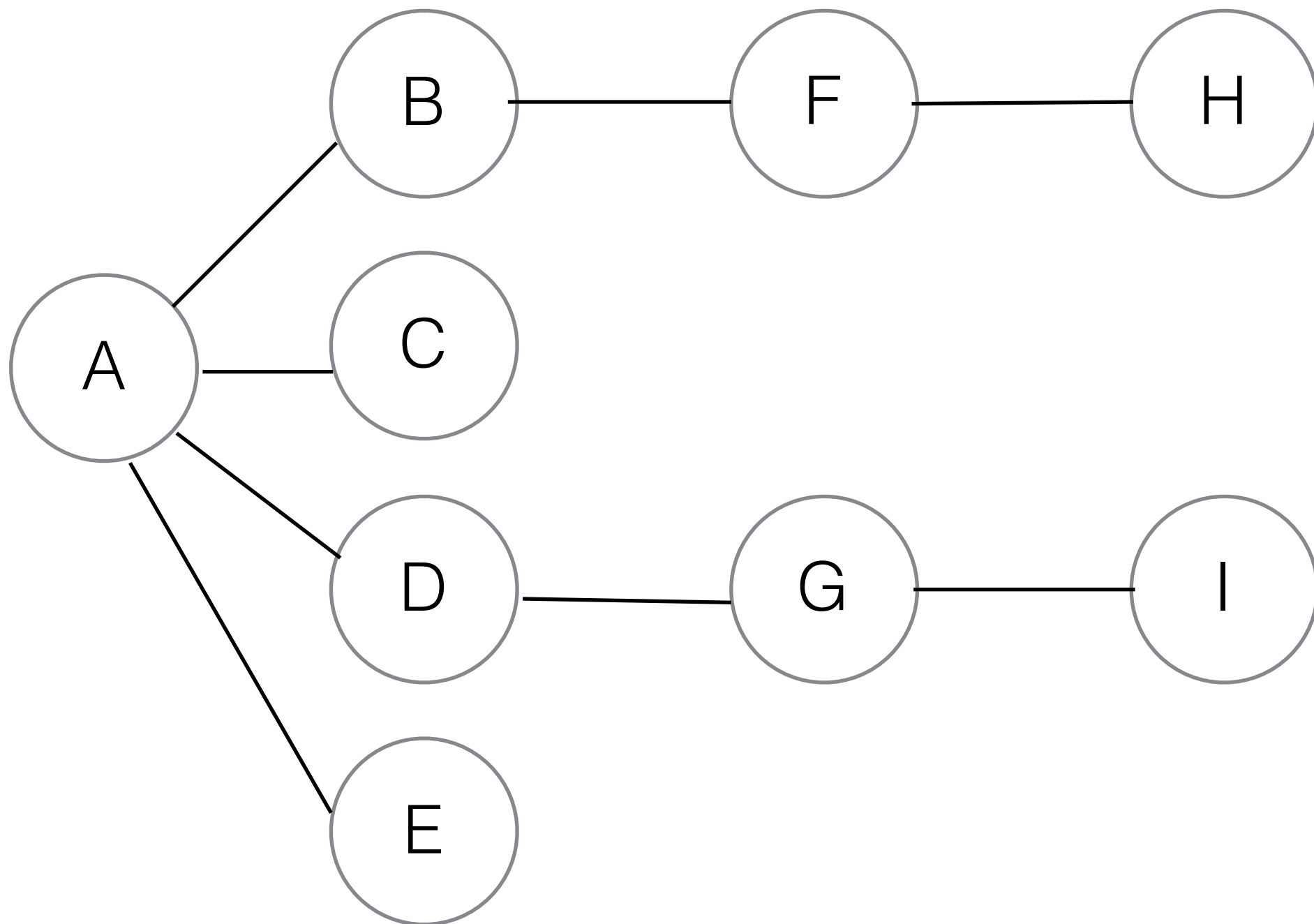
Pop A

Done

# DFS

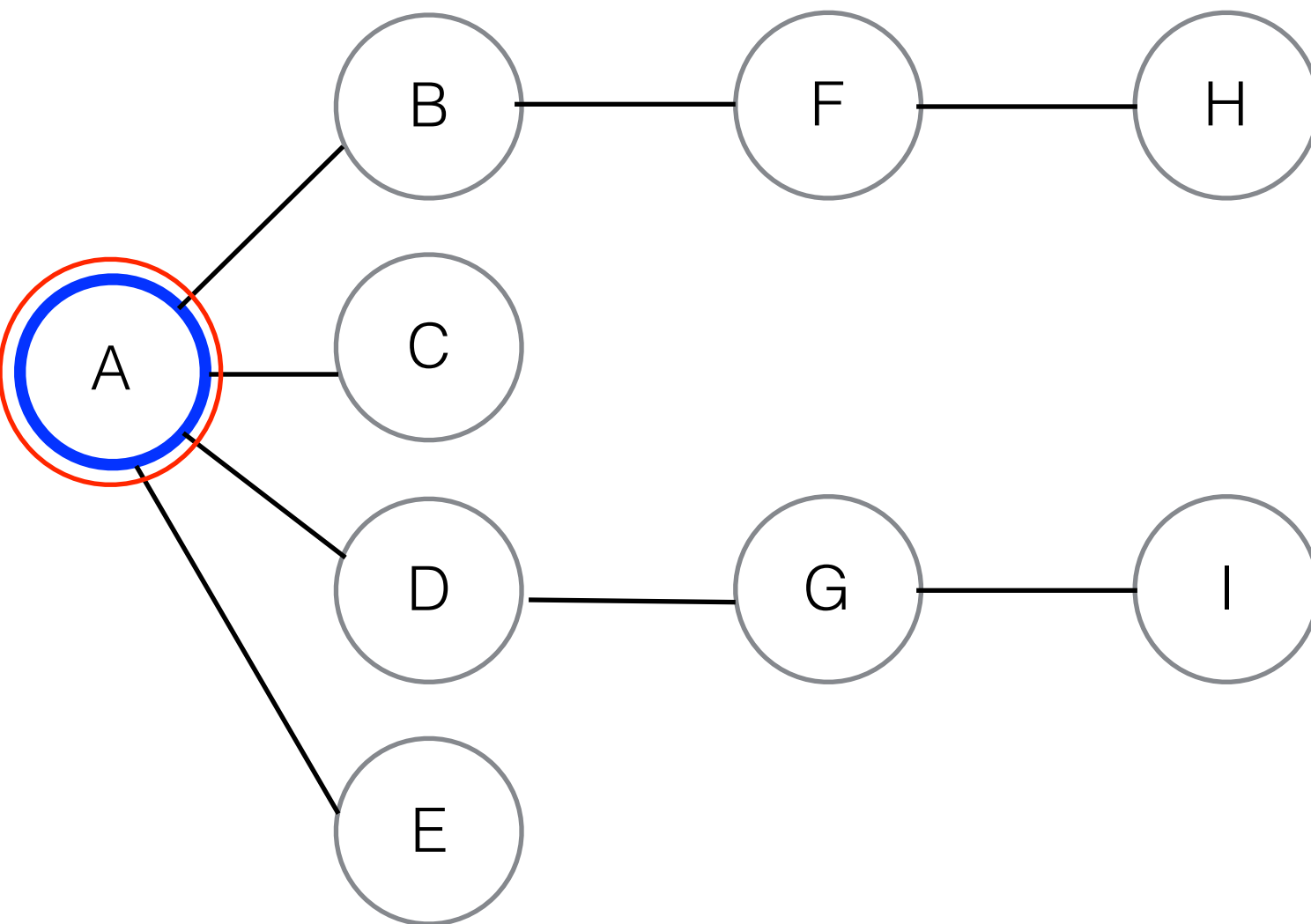
- Notice that,
  - DFS tries to get as far away from the starting point as quickly as possible
  - And returns only when it reaches a dead end
  - Thus the name, **Depth First Search**

# BFS with a Queue



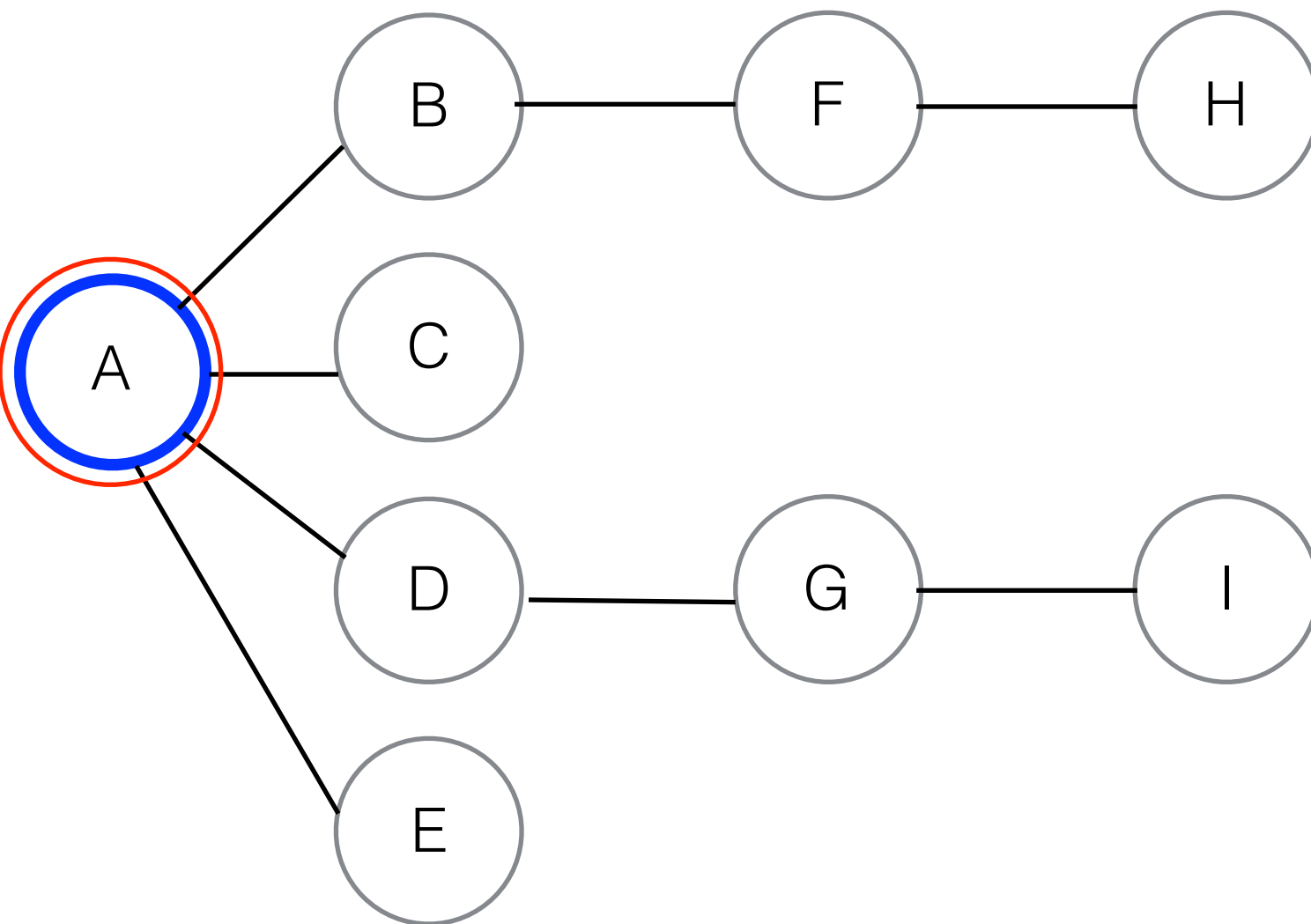
# BFS with a Queue (2)

- Start with a vertex, visit it, and call it **current**
- Let's start with vertex A



 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	



Event	Queue
Visit A	

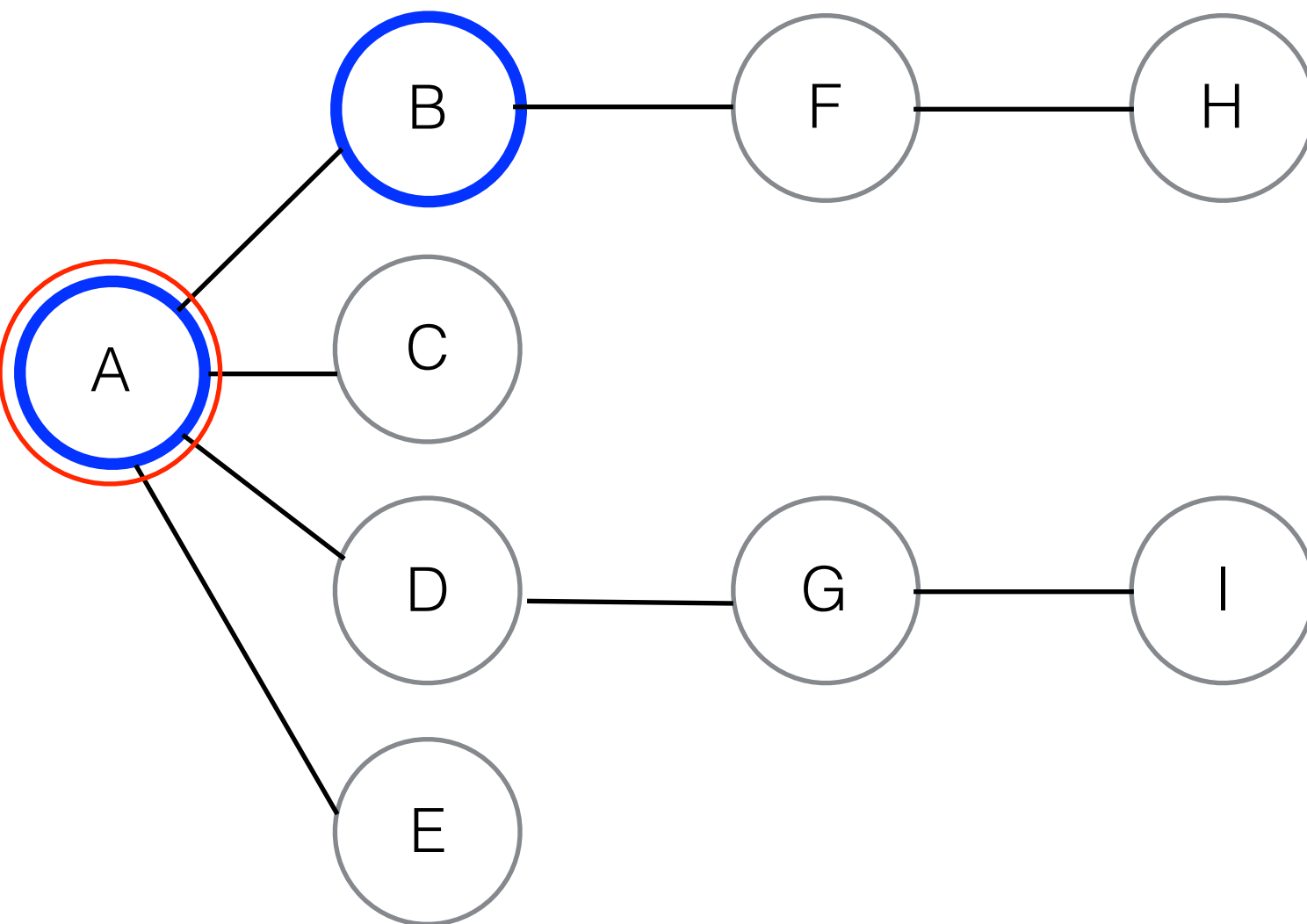
 - **current**

Notice that the **current** is not inserted into the queue

Now follow this rule

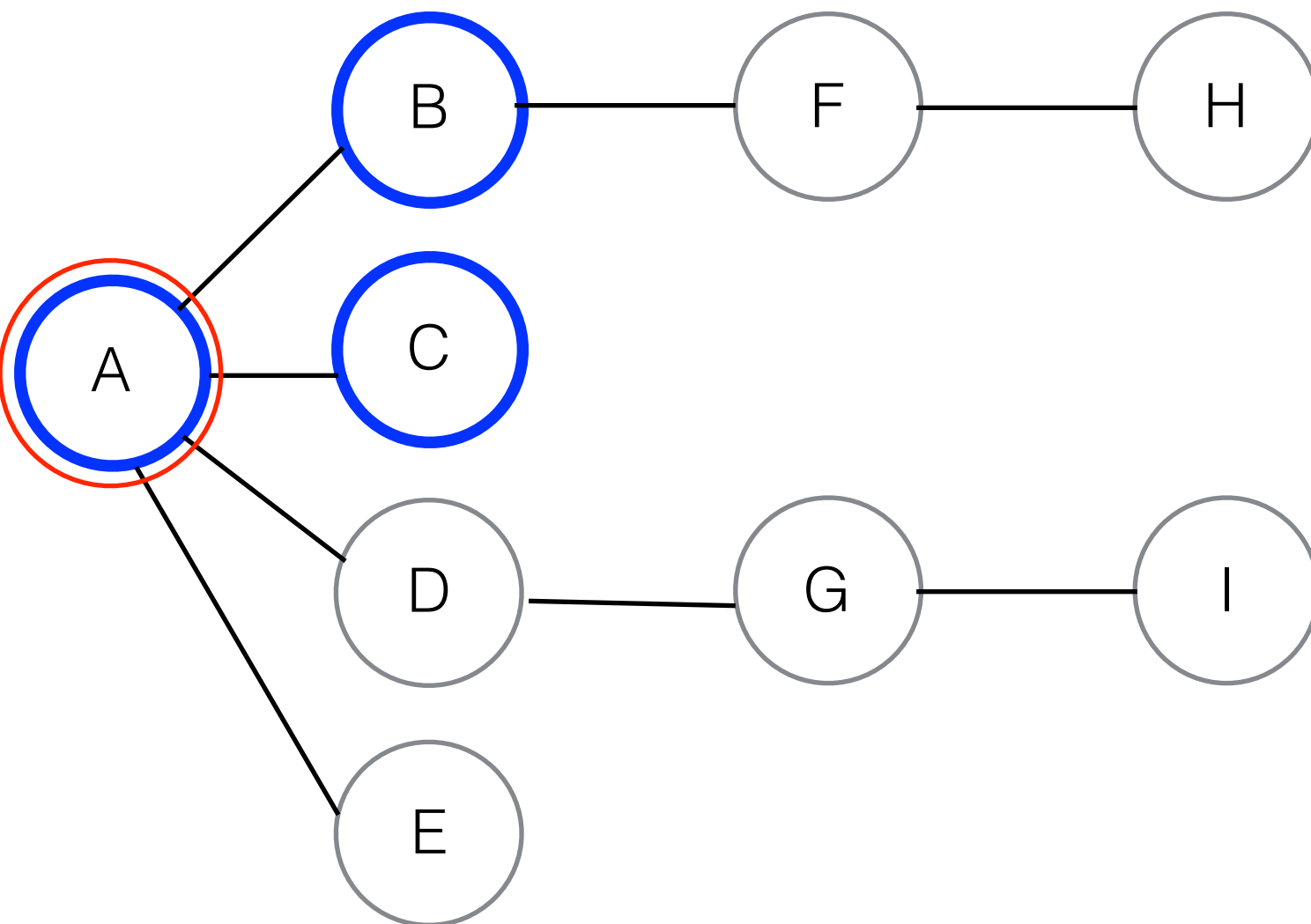
**Rule 1:** Visit the next unvisited vertex (if there is one) that is adjacent to the **current** vertex, mark it, and insert it into the queue





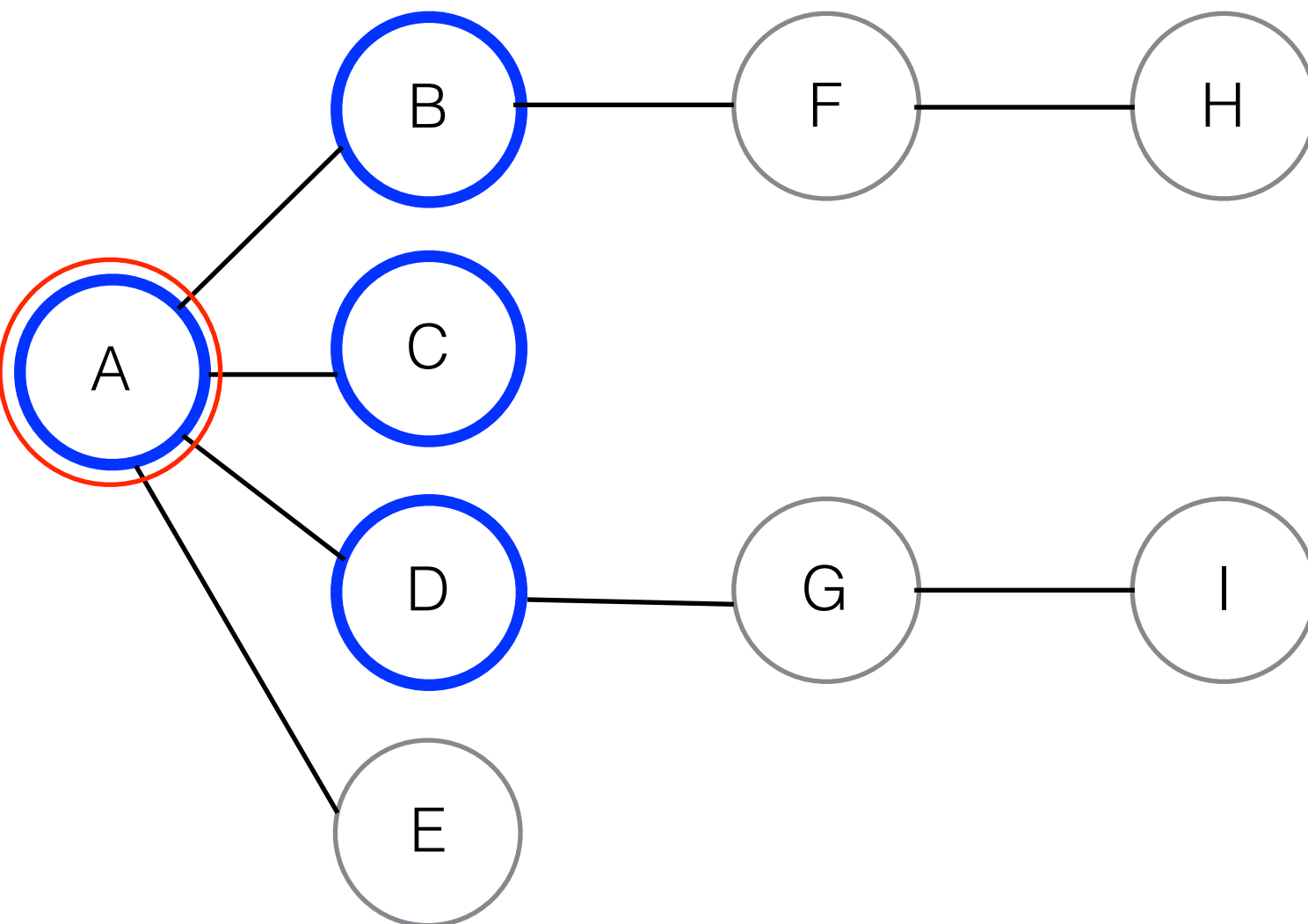
 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B



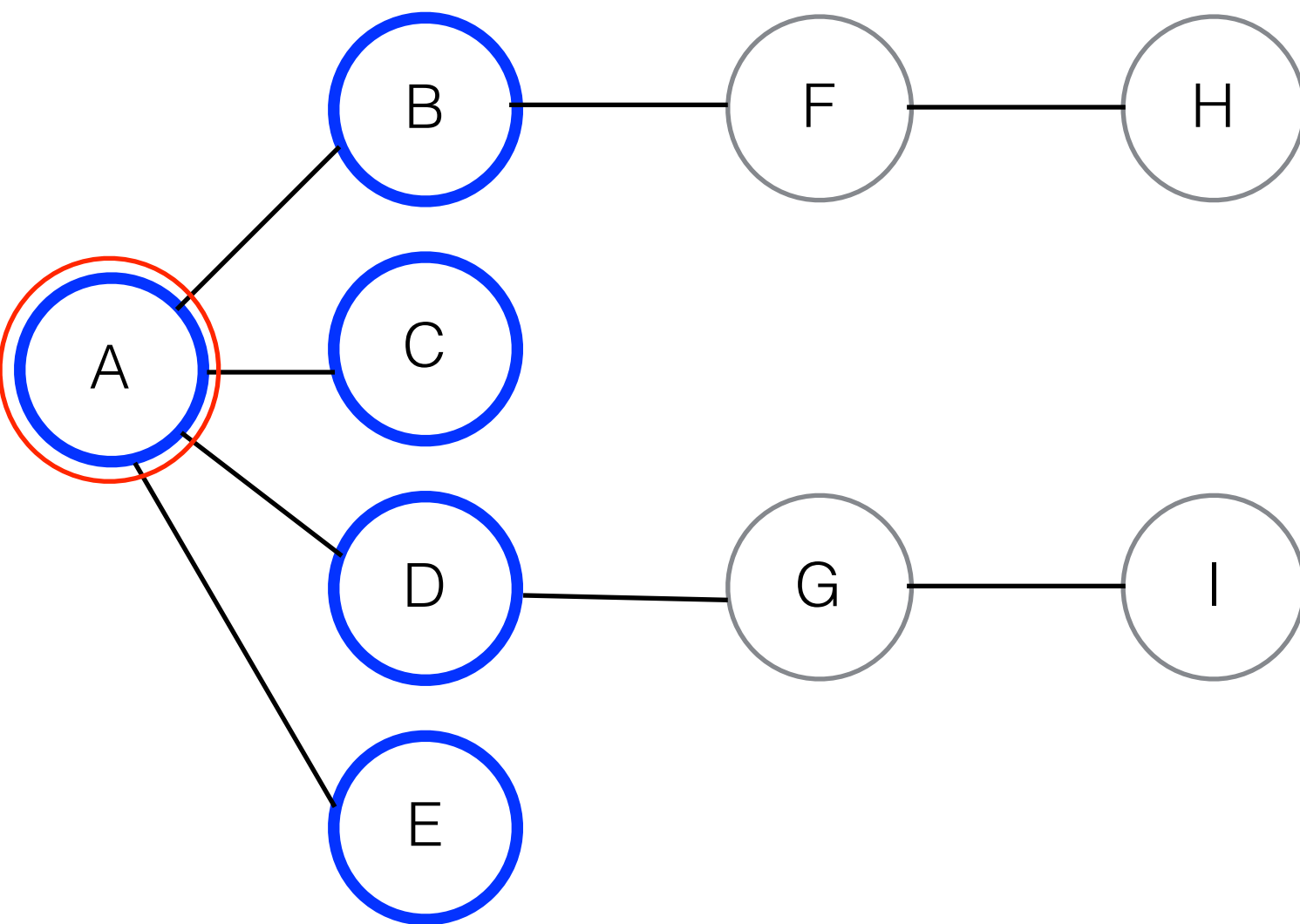
 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC



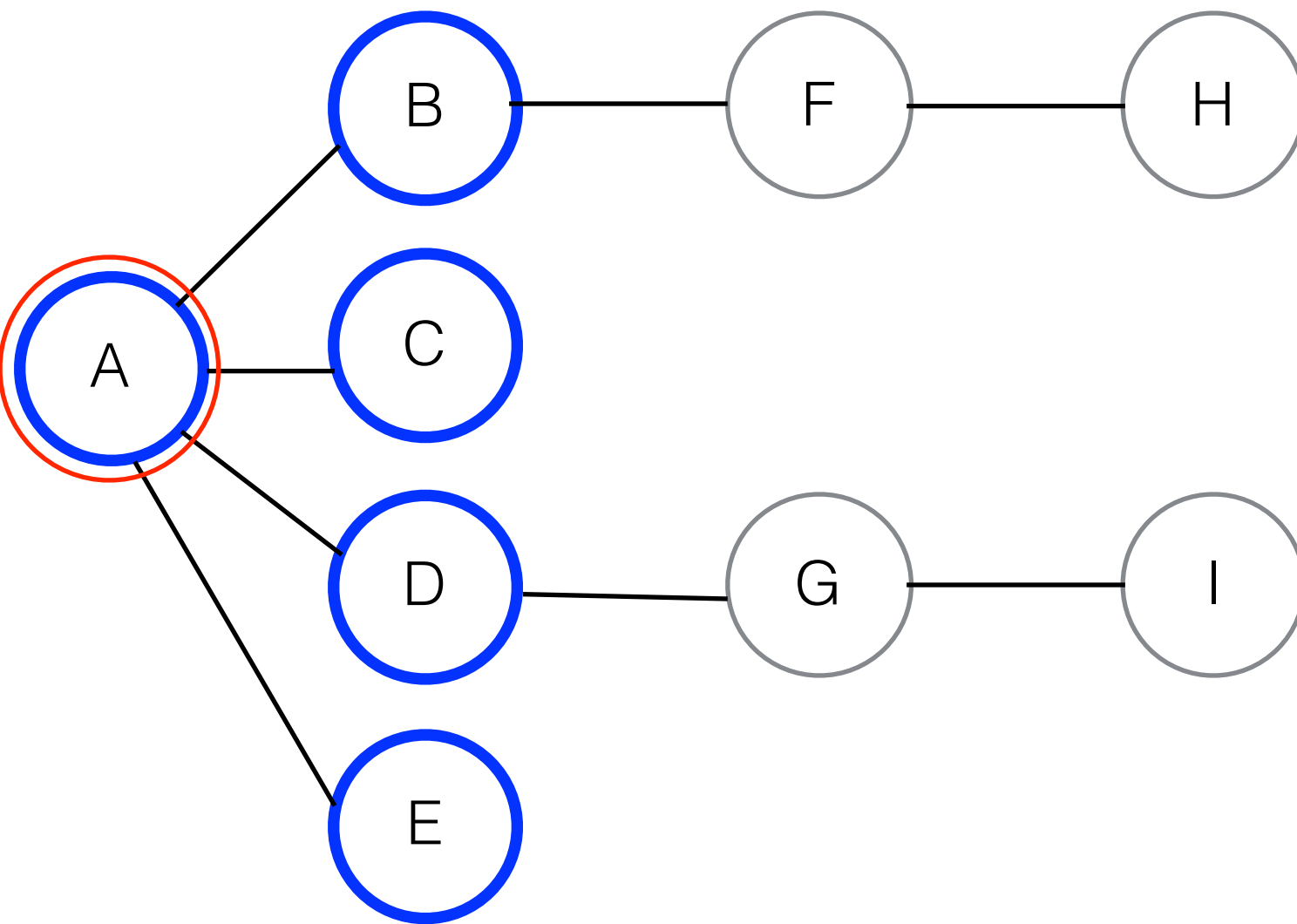
 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD



 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE

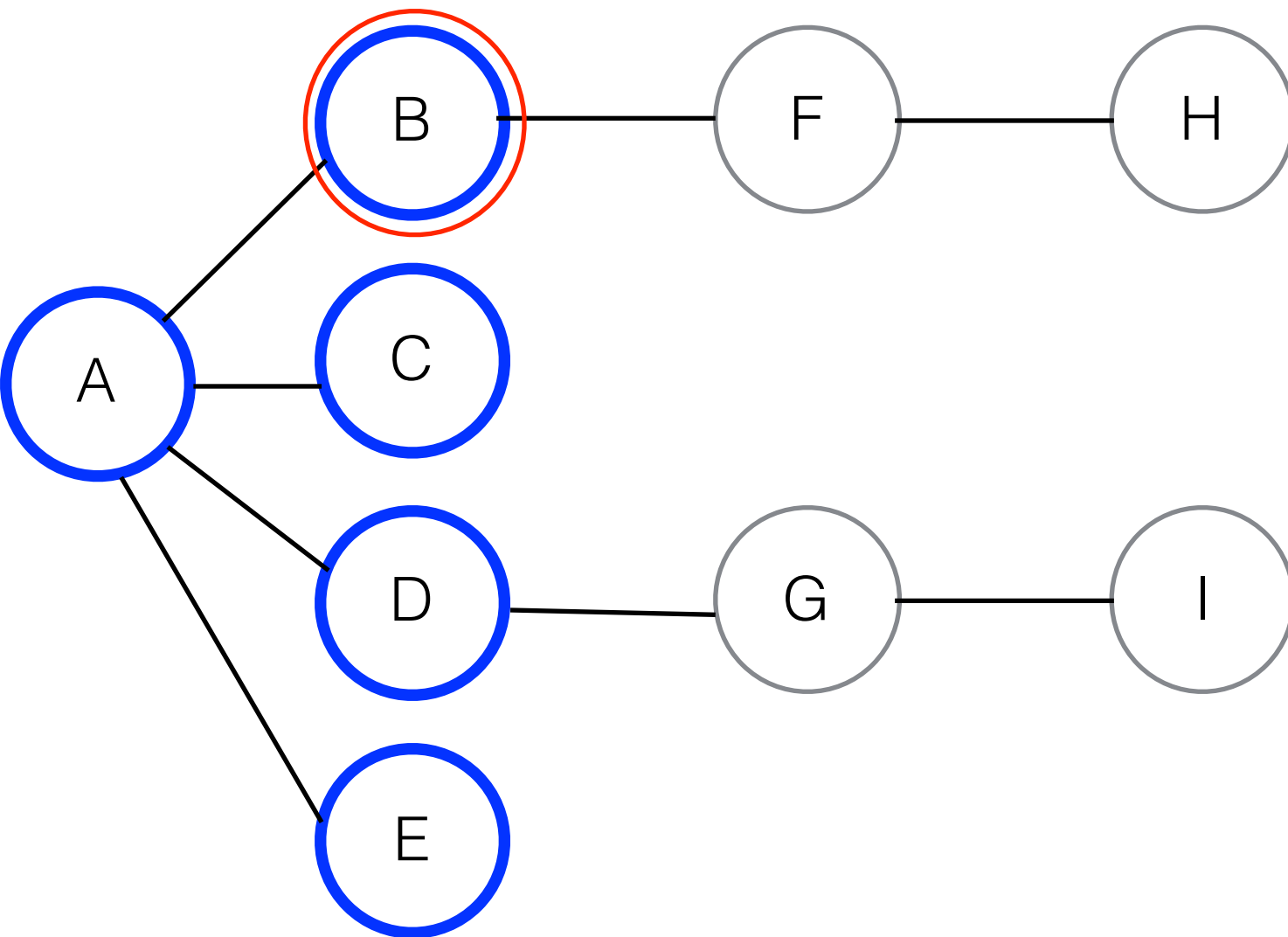


Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE

 - **current**

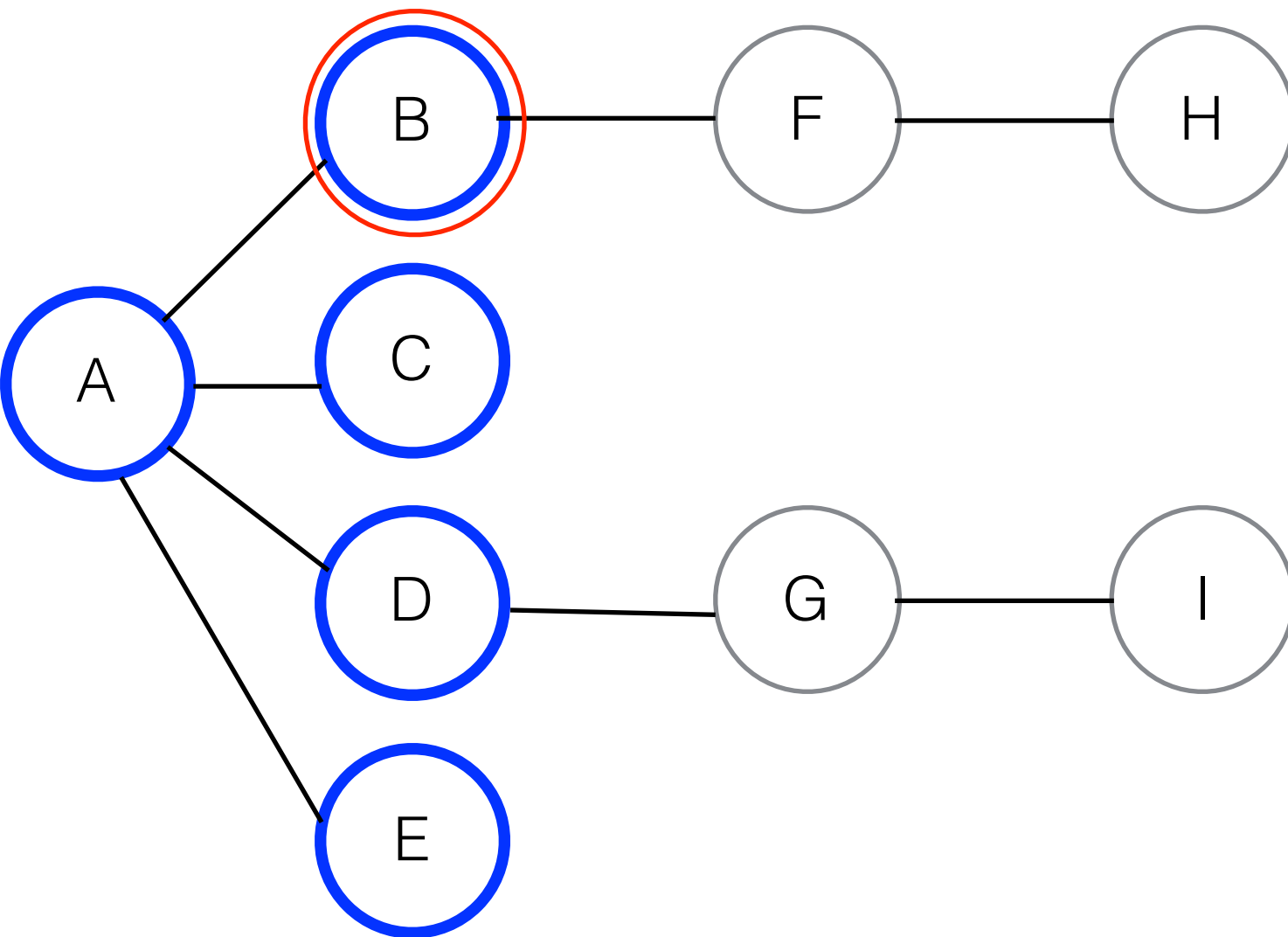
At this point A (**the current**) has no more unvisited adjacent vertex  
So, follow **Rule 2**:

If you can't carry out Rule 1 because there are no more unvisited vertices, remove a vertex from the queue (if possible) and make it **current** vertex



 - **current**

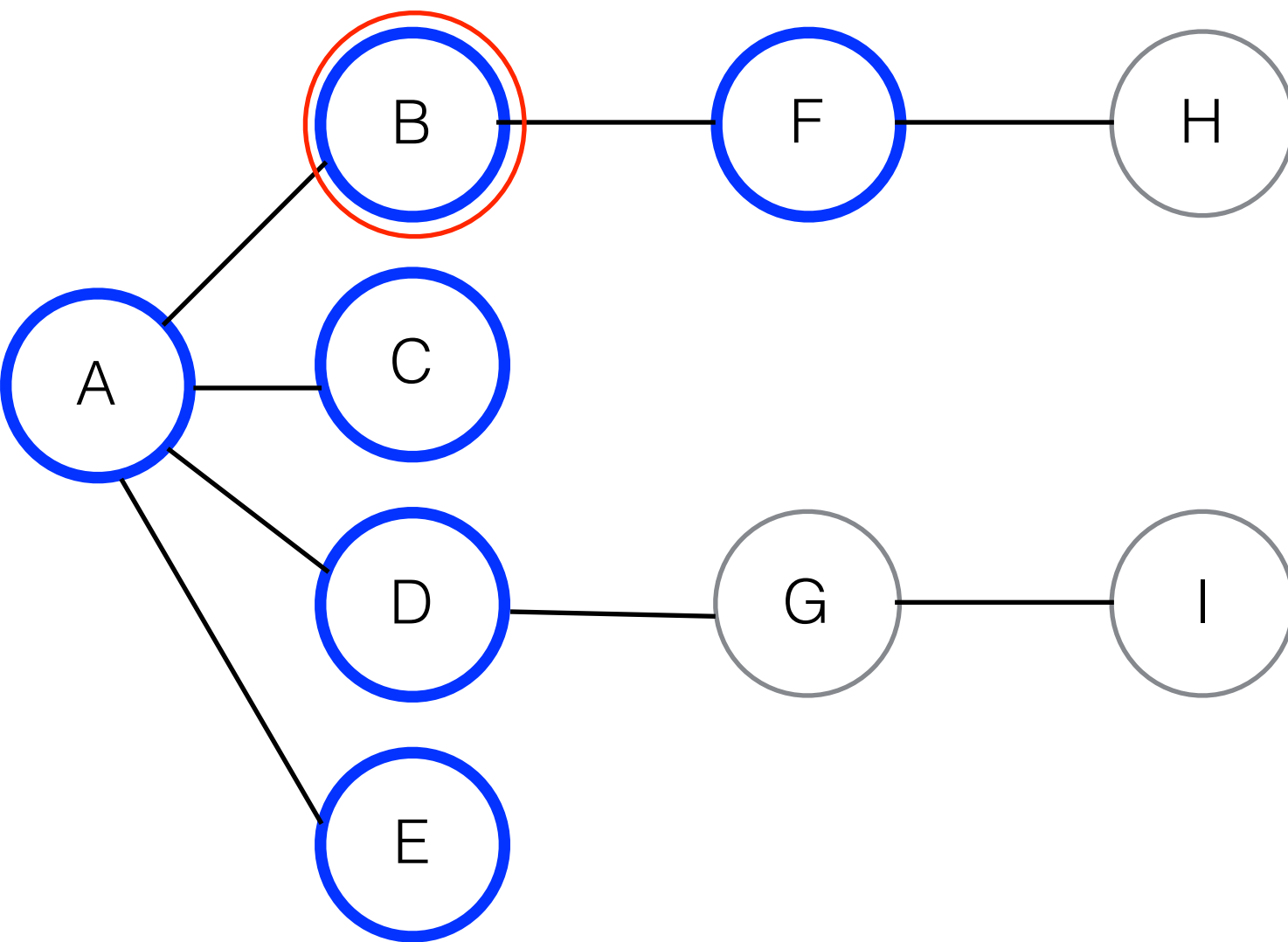
Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE
Dequeue (B)	CDE



 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE
Dequeue (B)	CDE

Repeat Rule 1 for the new **current**

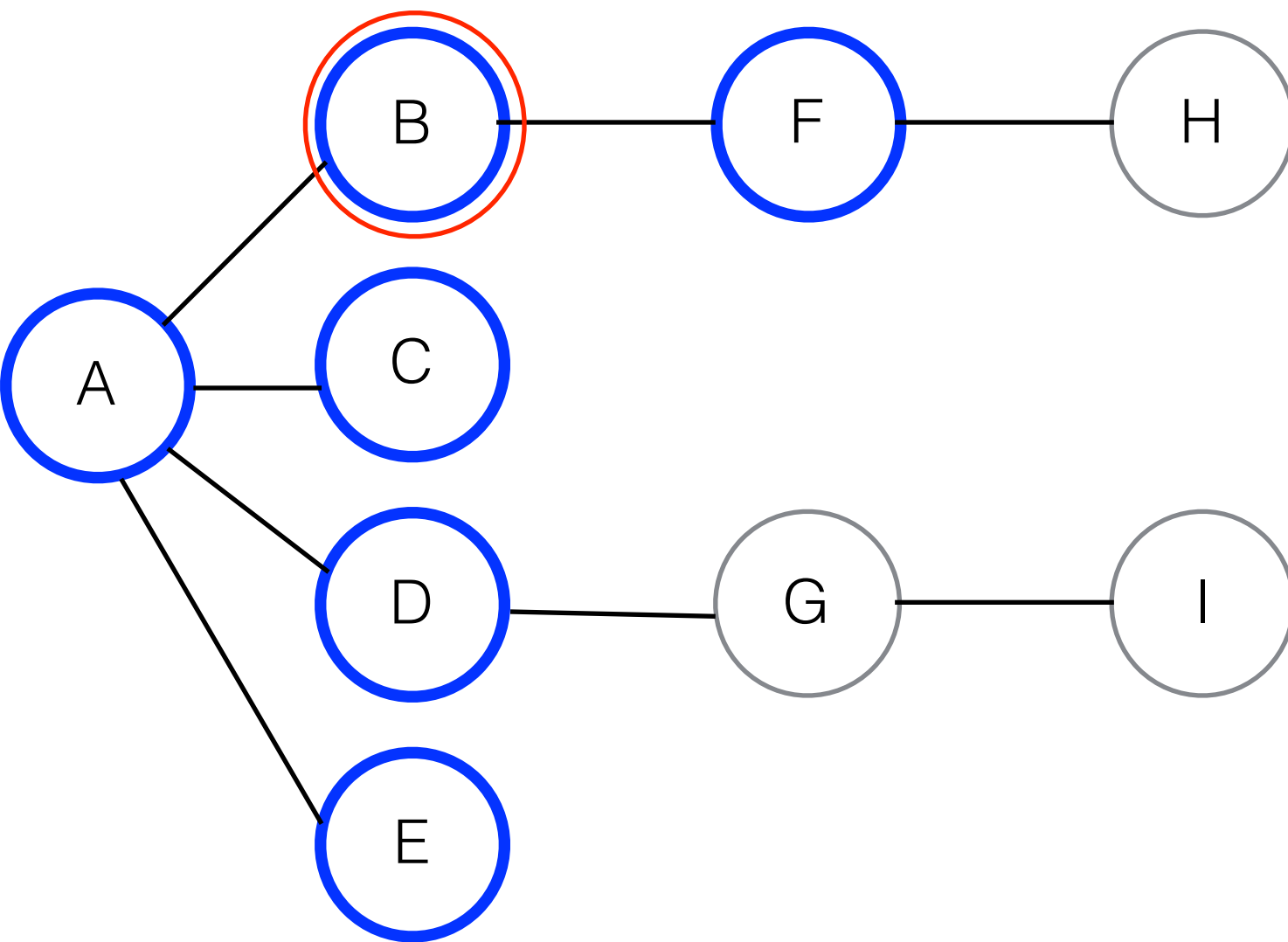


 - **current**

Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE
Dequeue (B)	CDE
Visit F	CDEF

Will we follow BA?



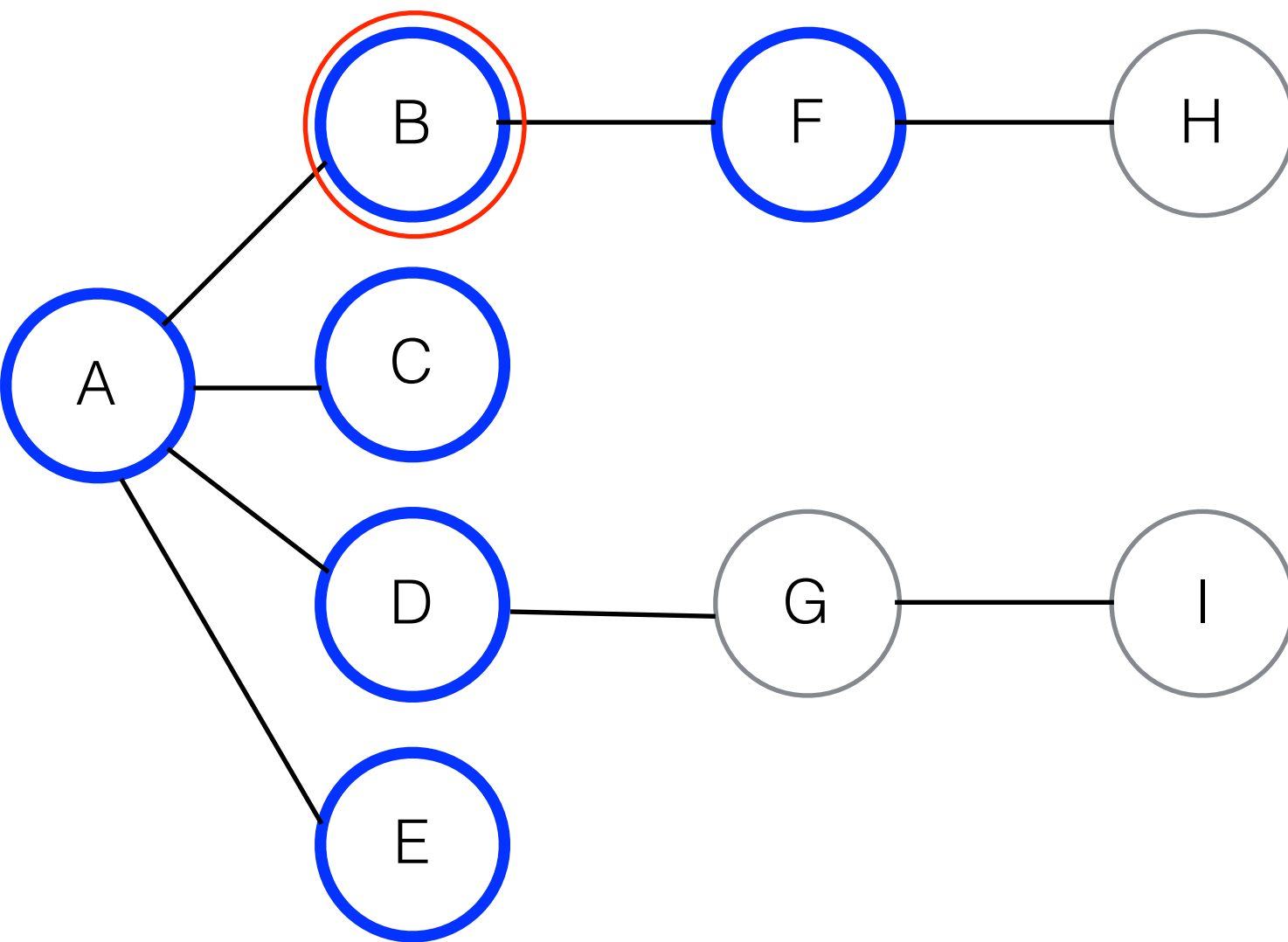


Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE
Dequeue (B)	CDE
Visit F	CDEF

 - **current**

Will we follow BA?

Yes! But it will take us back to A, which is already visited!



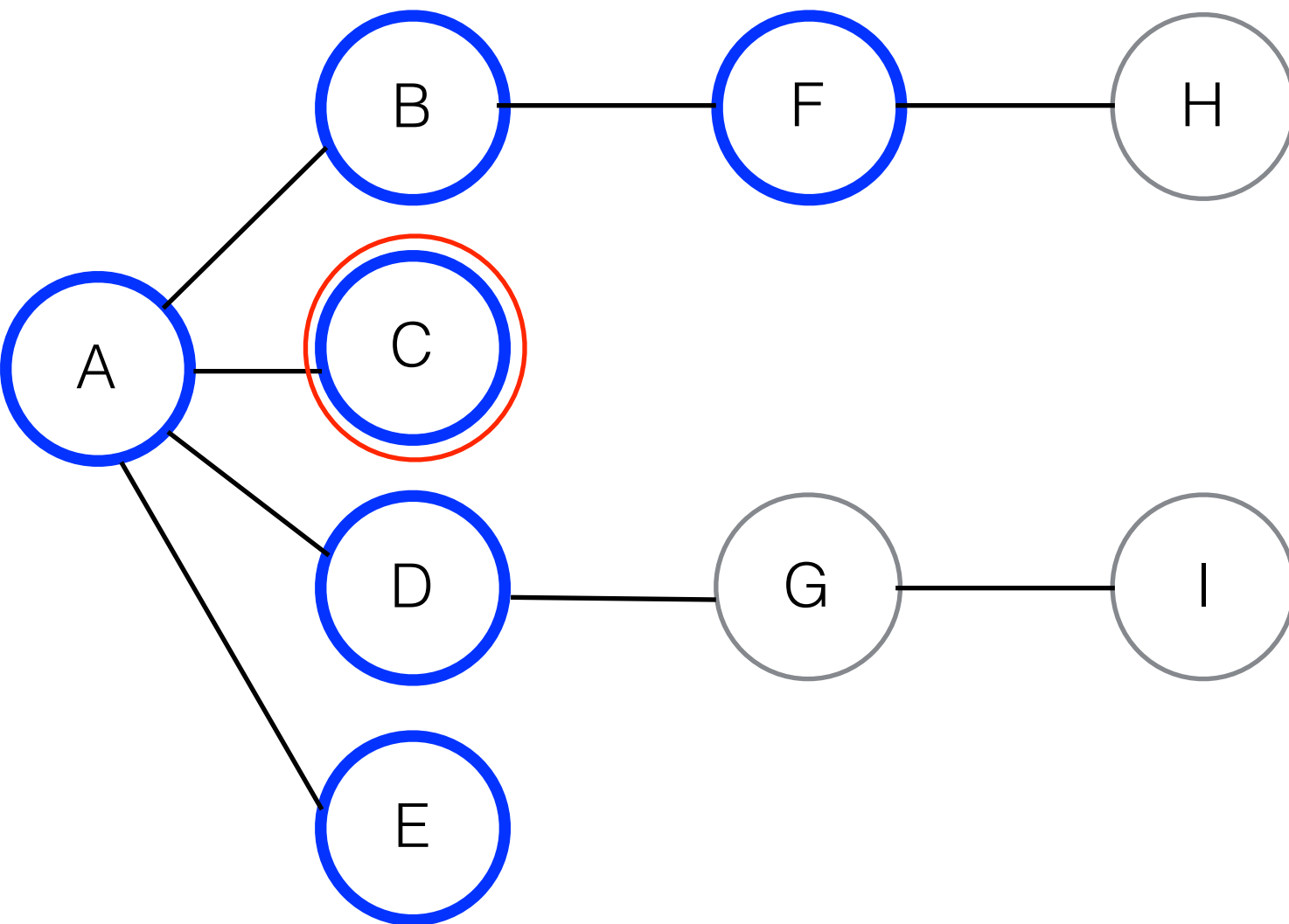
Event	Queue
Visit A	
Visit B	B
Visit C	BC
Visit D	BCD
Visit E	BCDE
Dequeue (B)	CDE
Visit F	CDEF

 - **current**

Will we follow BA?

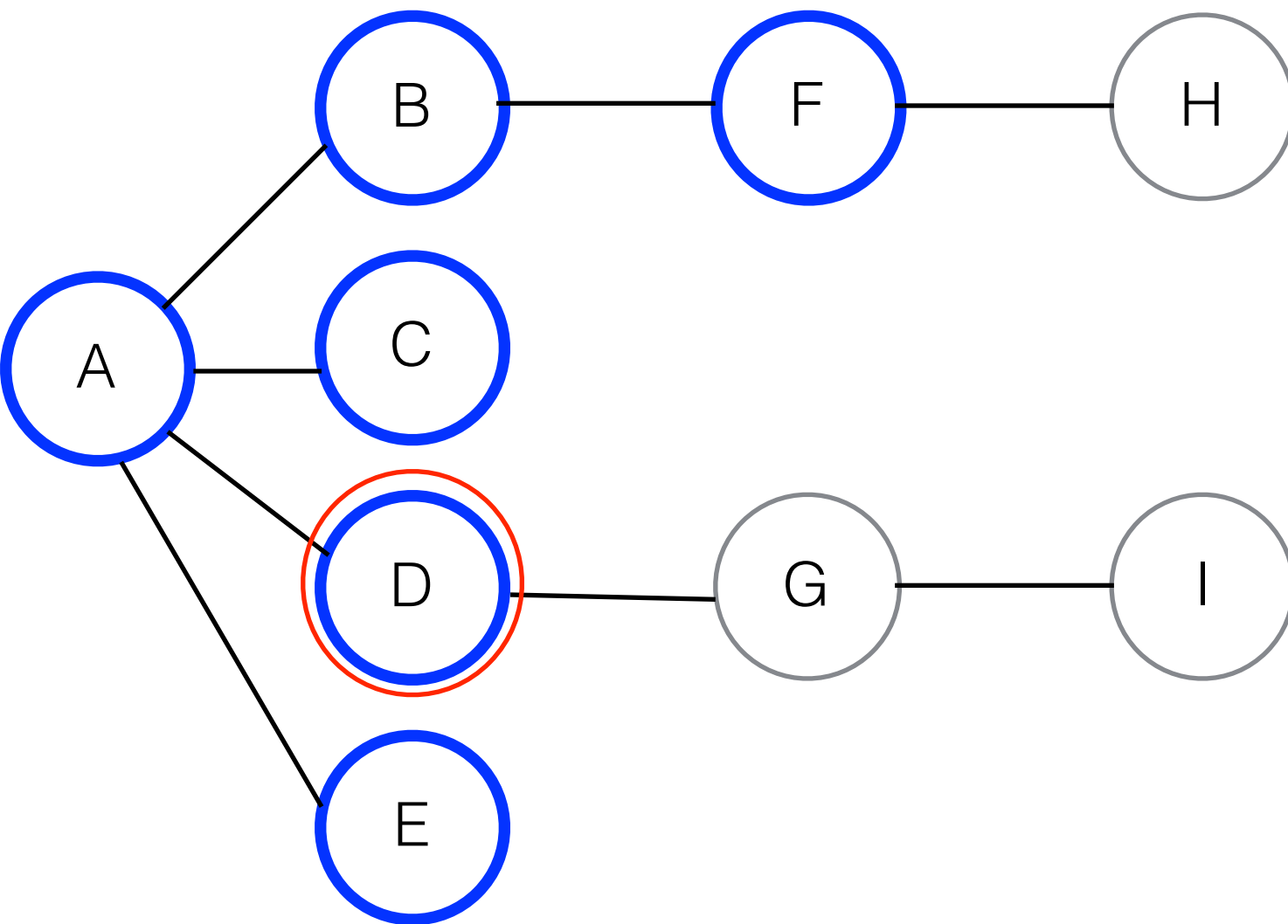
Yes! But it will take us back to A, which is already visited!

Thus each vertex is visited once, and each edge twice!



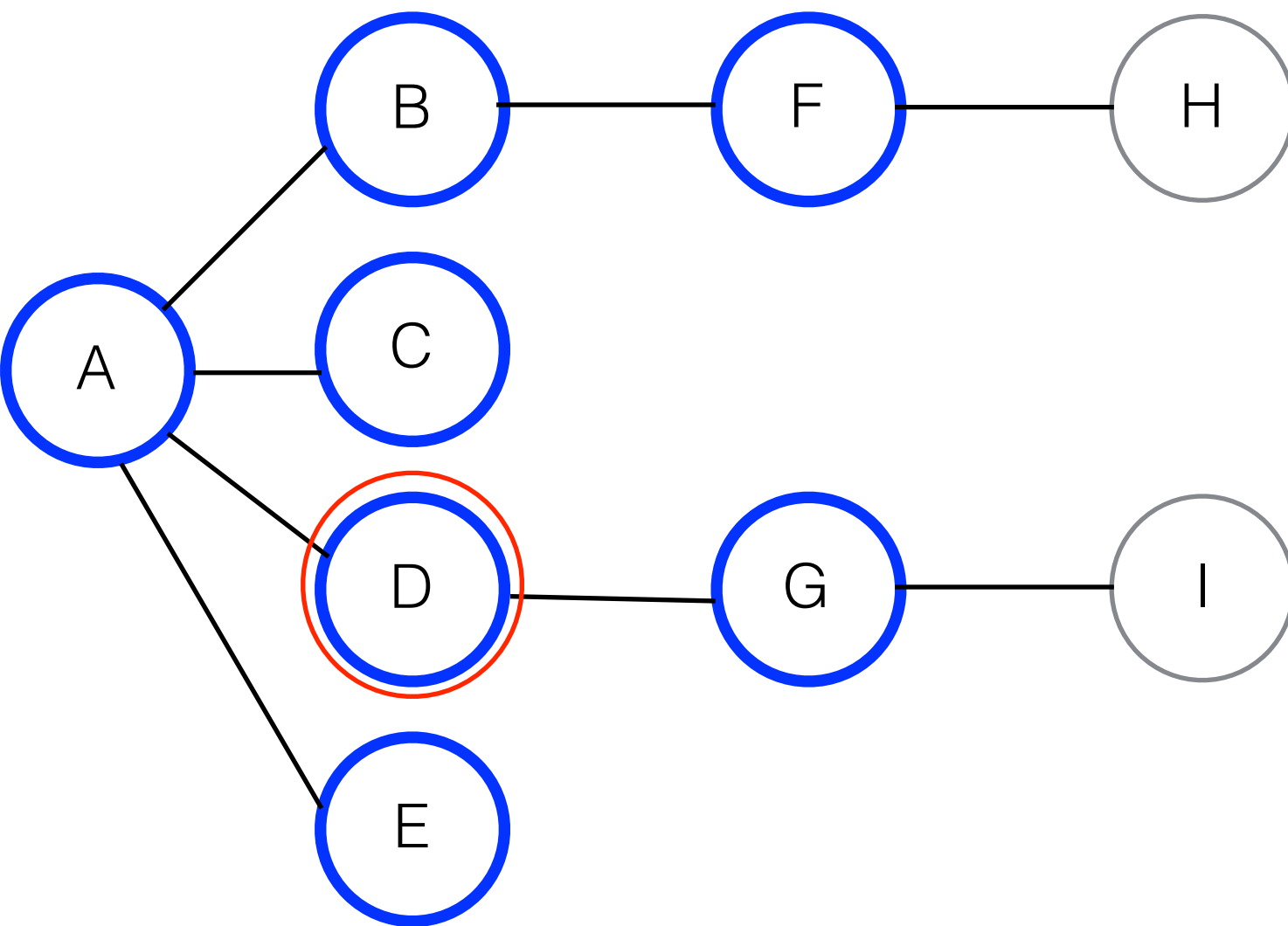
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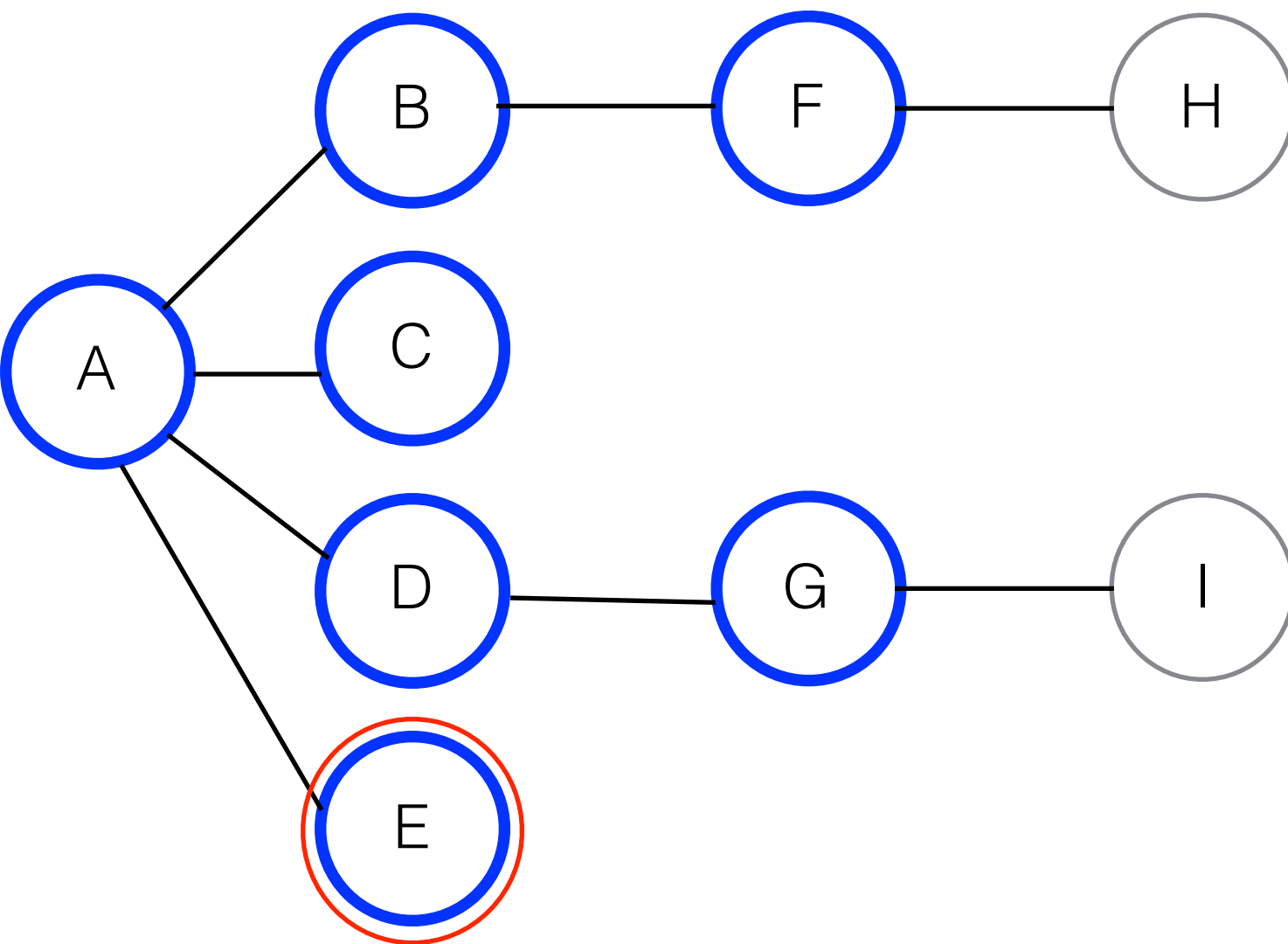
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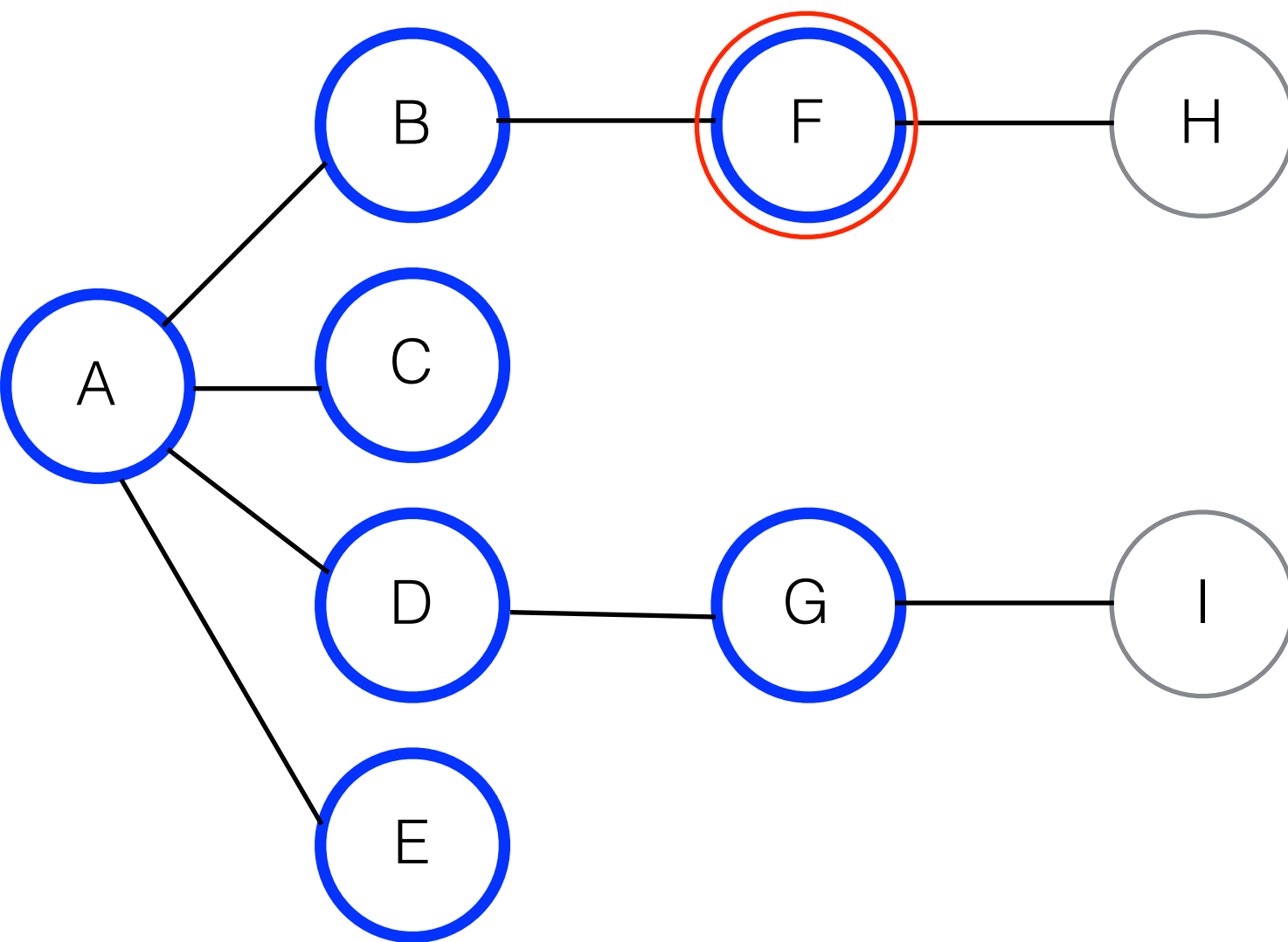
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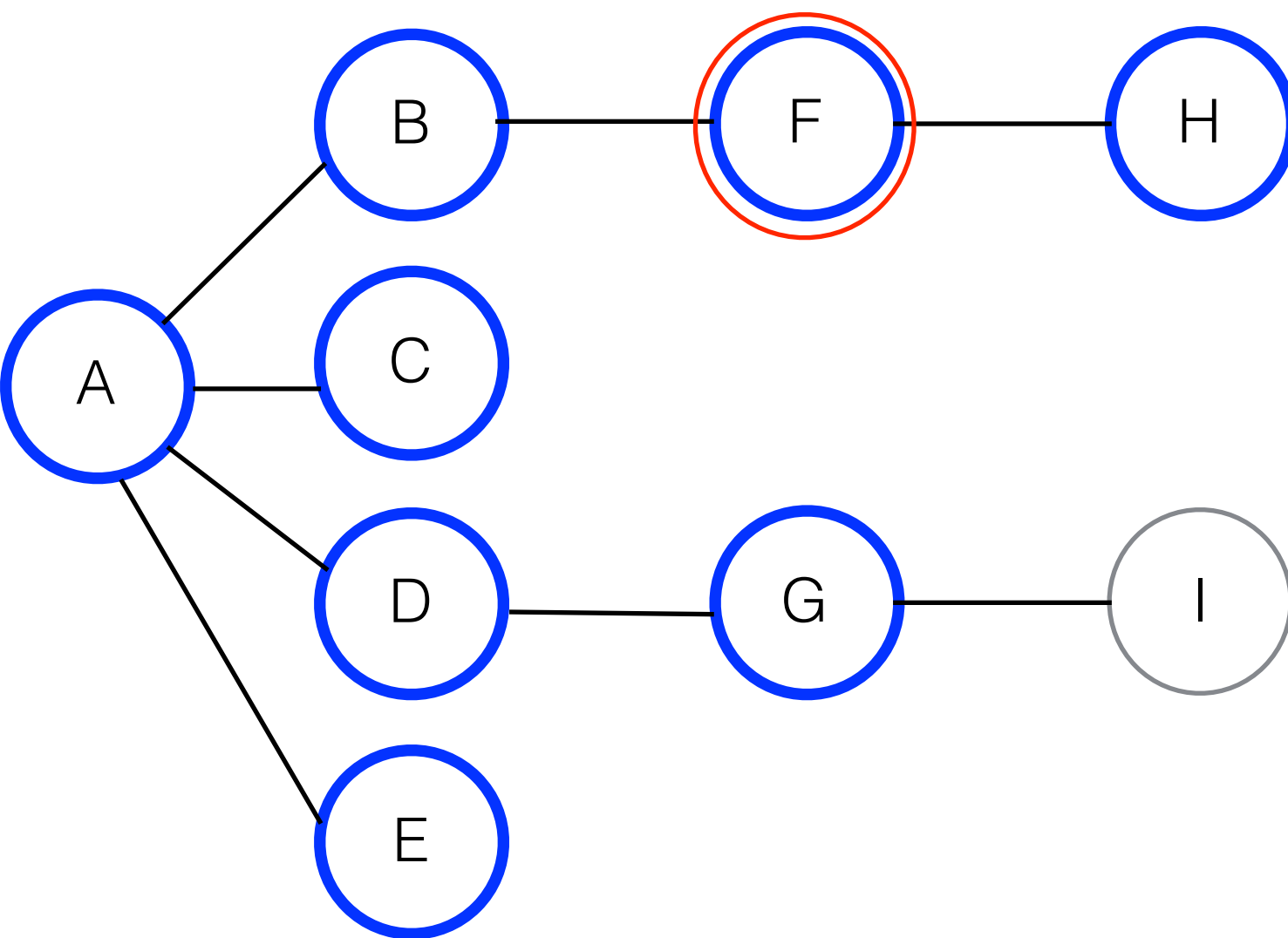
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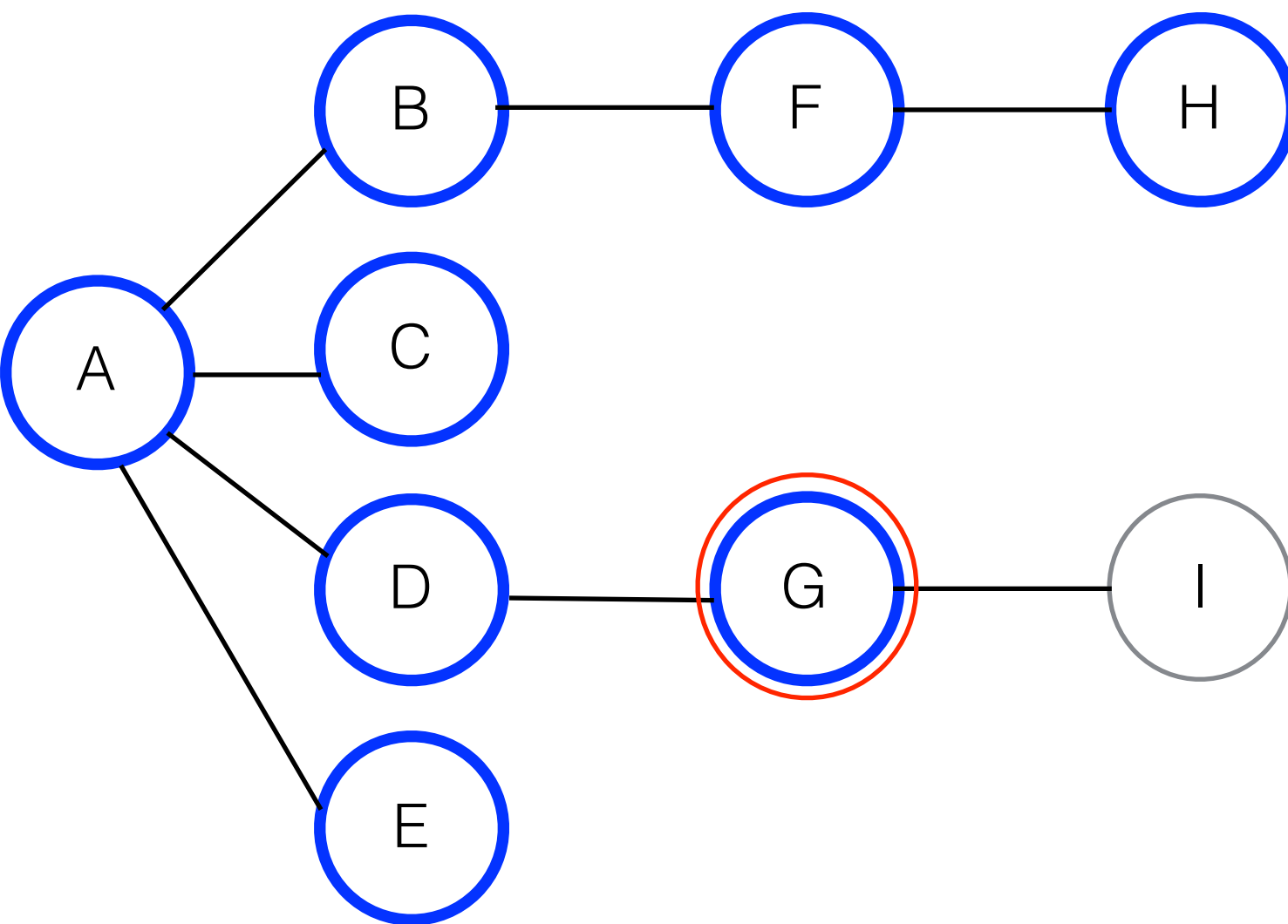
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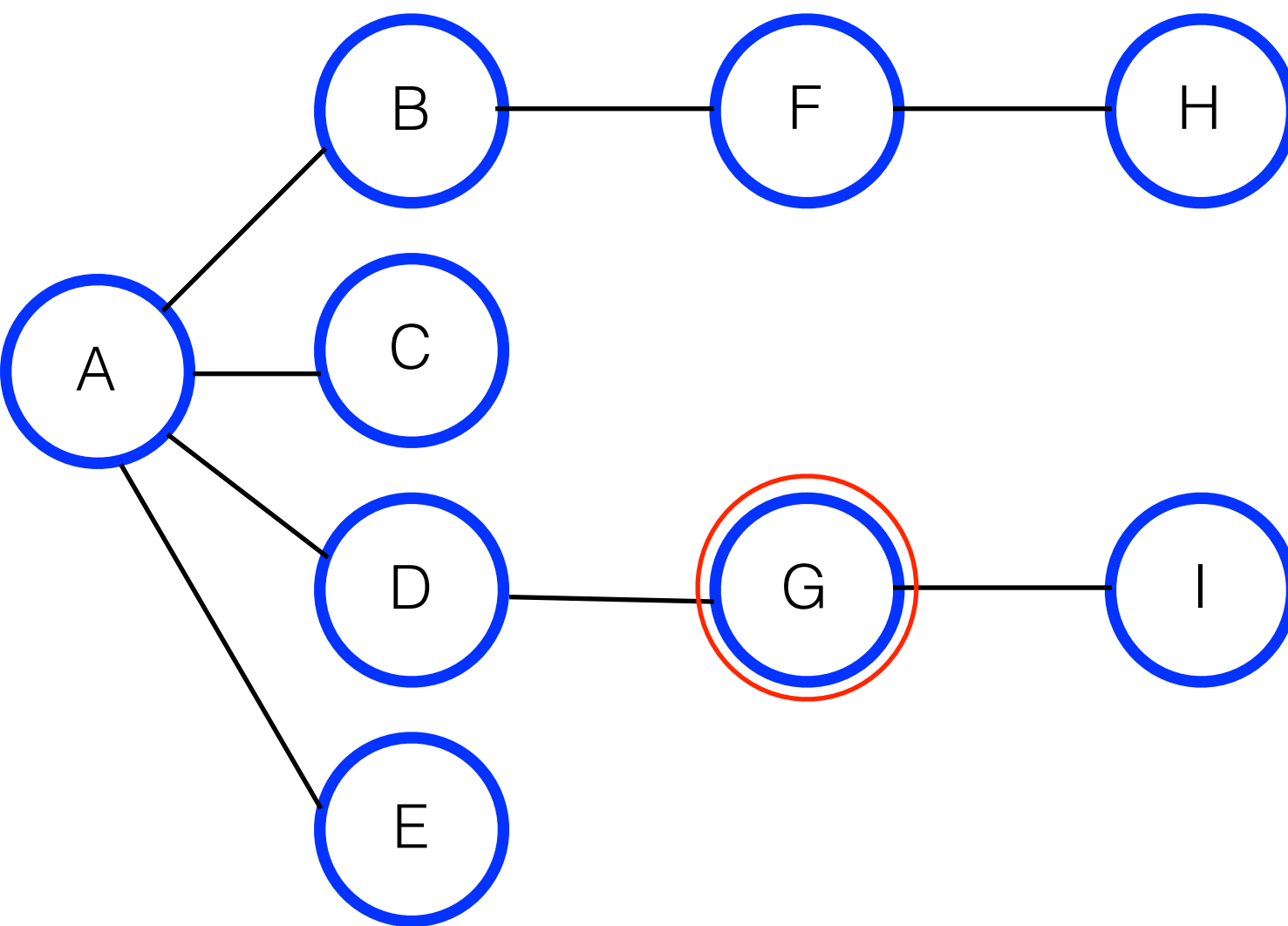
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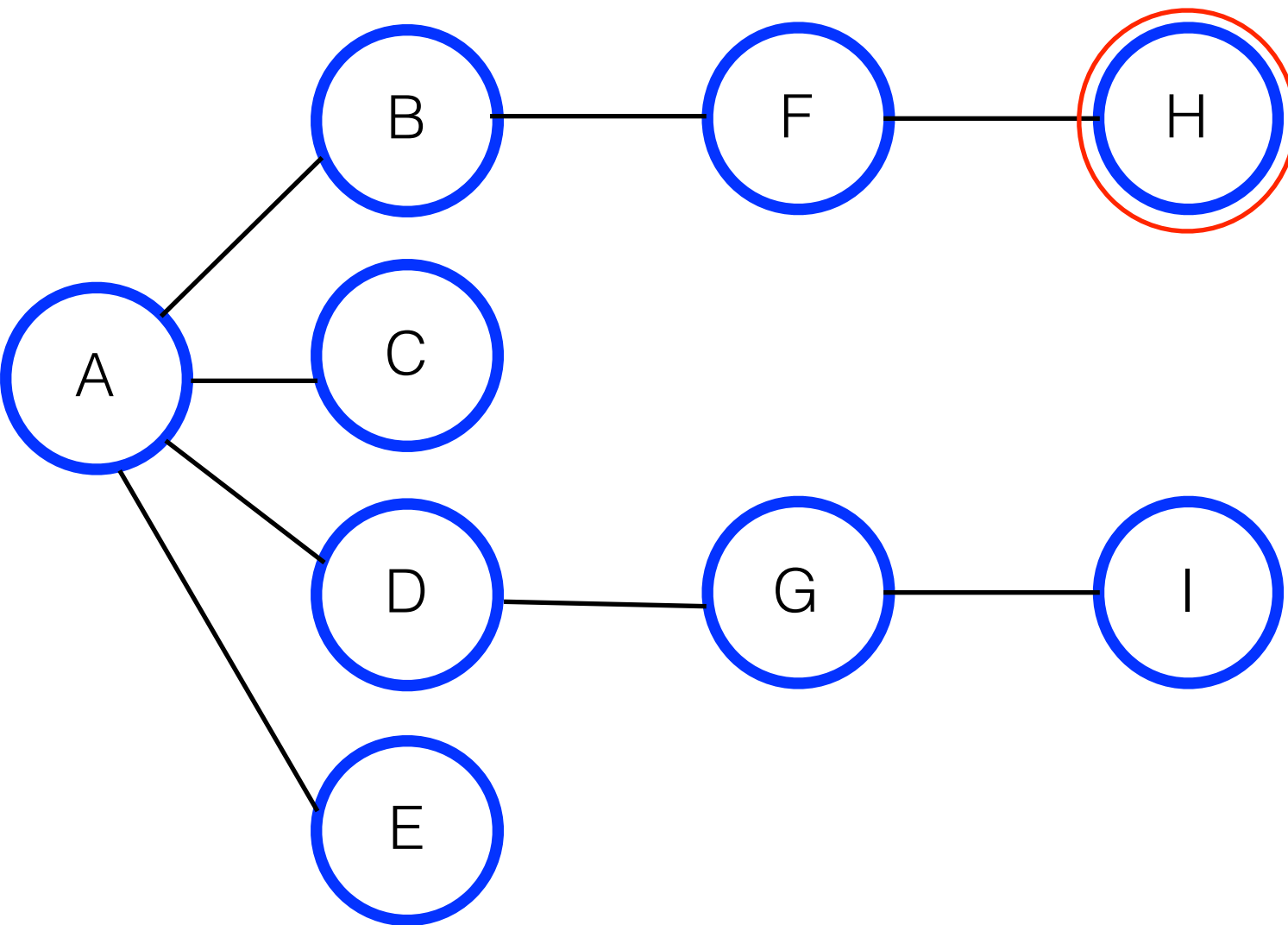
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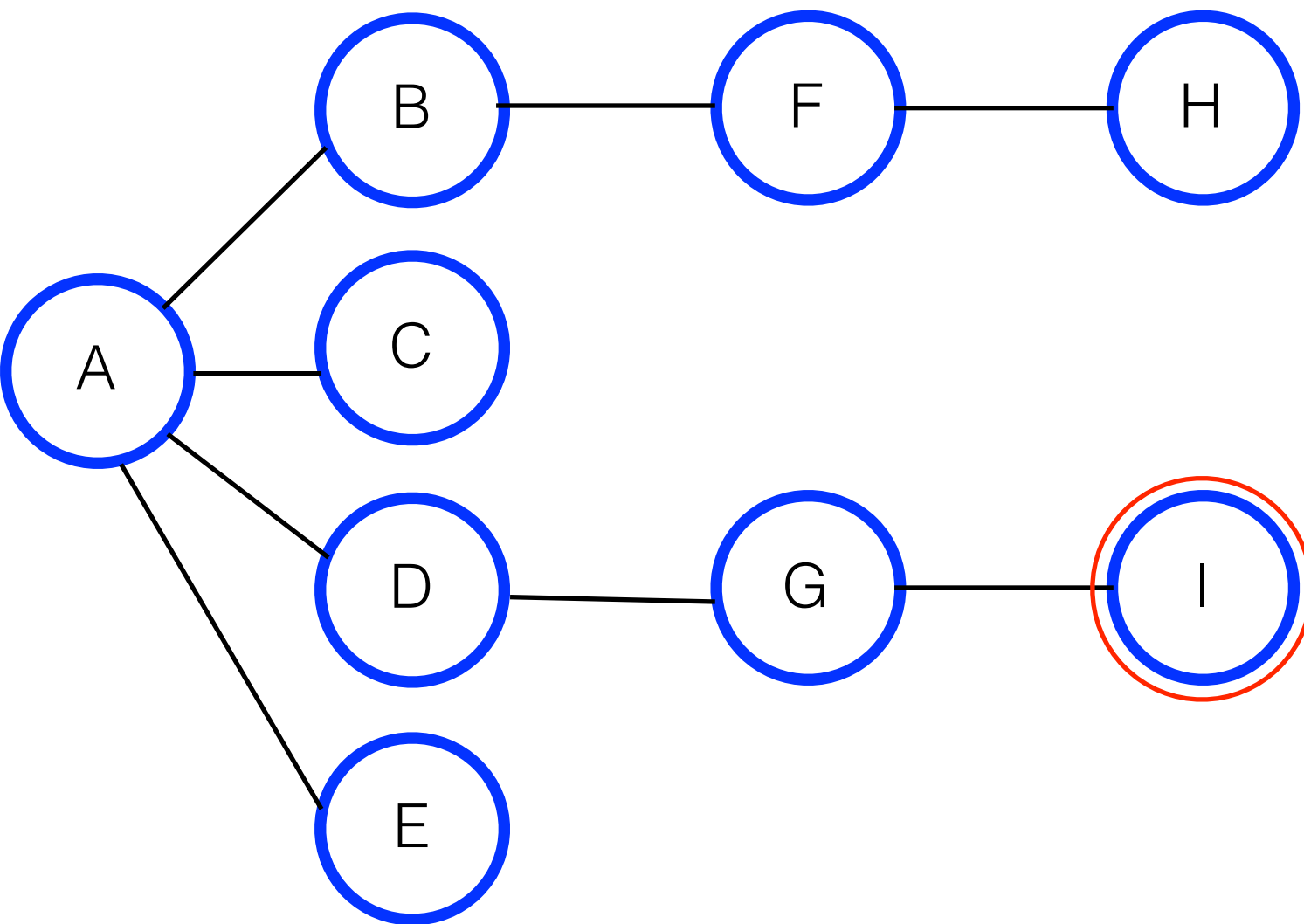
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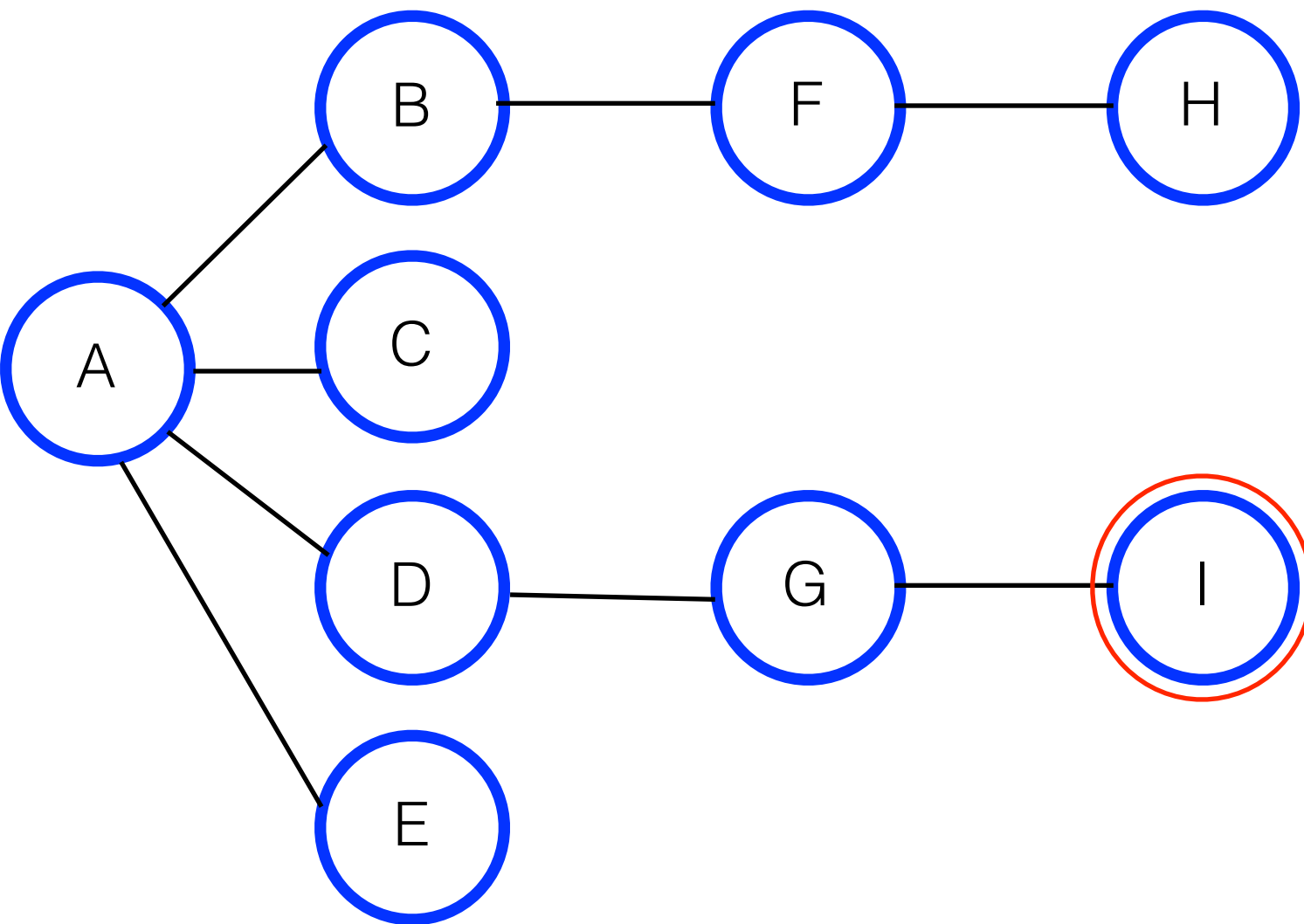
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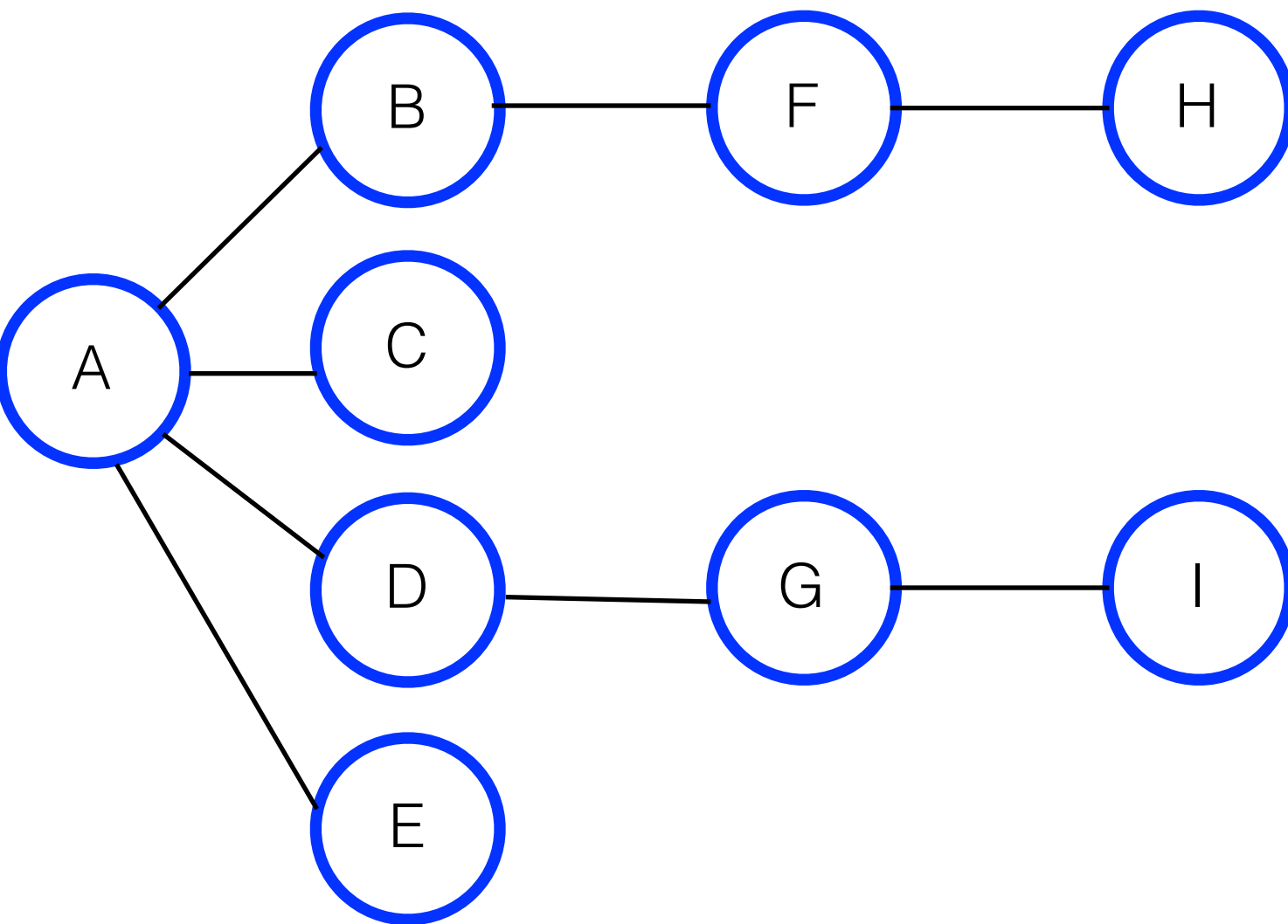
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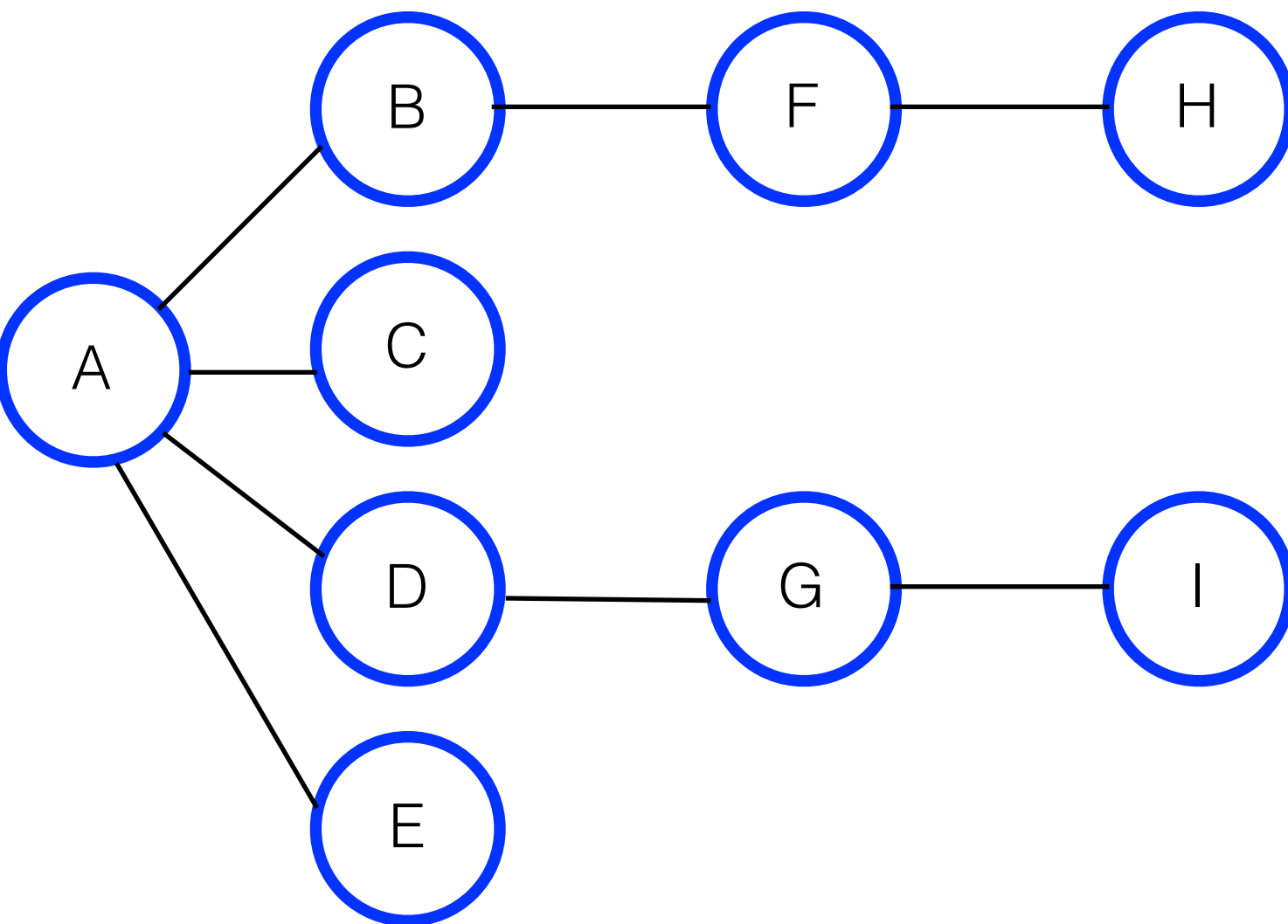
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Now the queue is empty, so it is time for **Rule 3**:  
 “If you can’t carry out Rule 2 because the queue is empty,  
 you are finished”



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Done	



**Order:** ABCDEFGHI

**Time:**  $O(|V| + |E|)$

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# BFS

- Notice that,
  - BFS tries to stay as close as possible to the starting point
  - Thus the name, **Breadth First Search**



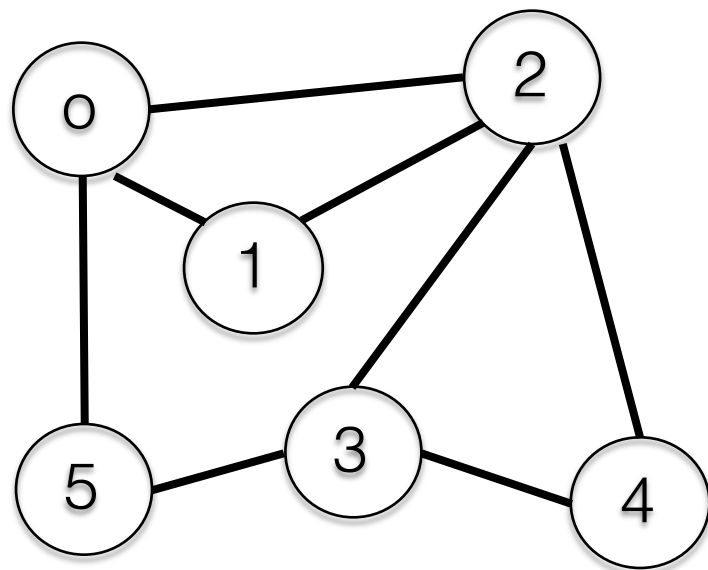
# BFS

BFS( $G, s$ )

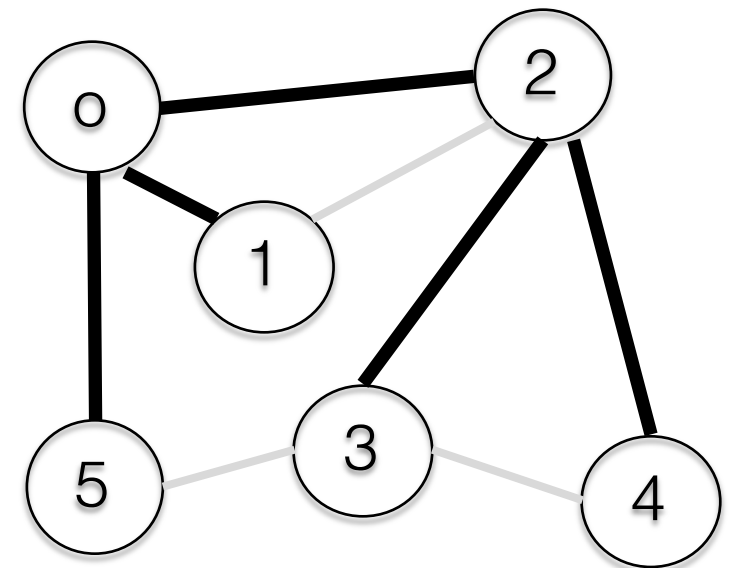
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1  for each vertex  $u \in G.V - \{s\}$ 
2       $u.color = \text{WHITE}$ 
3       $u.d = \infty$ 
4       $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
5   $s.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
6   $s.d = 0$ 
7   $s.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
8   $Q = \emptyset$ 
9  ENQUEUE( $Q, s$ )
10 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
11      $u = \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ 
12     for each  $v \in G.Adj[u]$ 
13         if  $v.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
14              $v.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
15              $v.d = u.d + 1$ 
16              $v.\pi = u$ 
17             ENQUEUE( $Q, v$ )
18      $u.color = \text{BLACK}$ 
```

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# Example



BFS (0)



# DFS

DFS( $G$ )

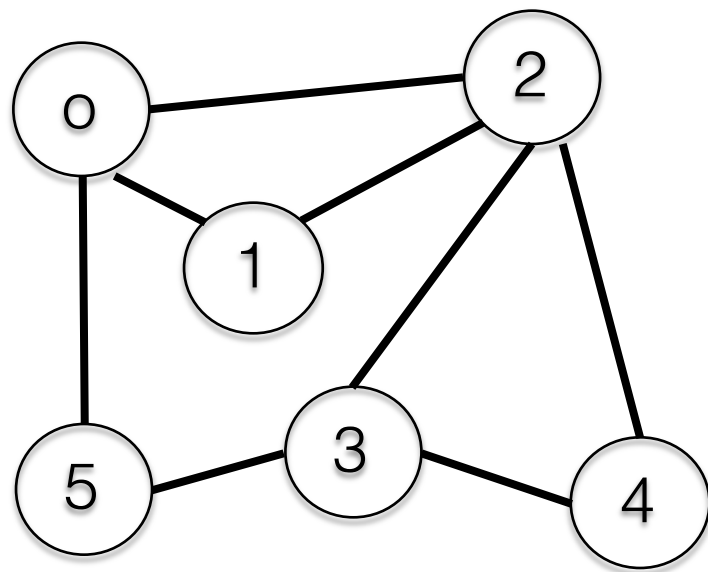
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1  for each vertex  $u \in G.V$ 
2       $u.color = \text{WHITE}$ 
3       $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
4   $time = 0$ 
5  for each vertex  $u \in G.V$ 
6      if  $u.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
7          DFS-VISIT( $G, u$ )
```

DFS-VISIT( $G, u$ )

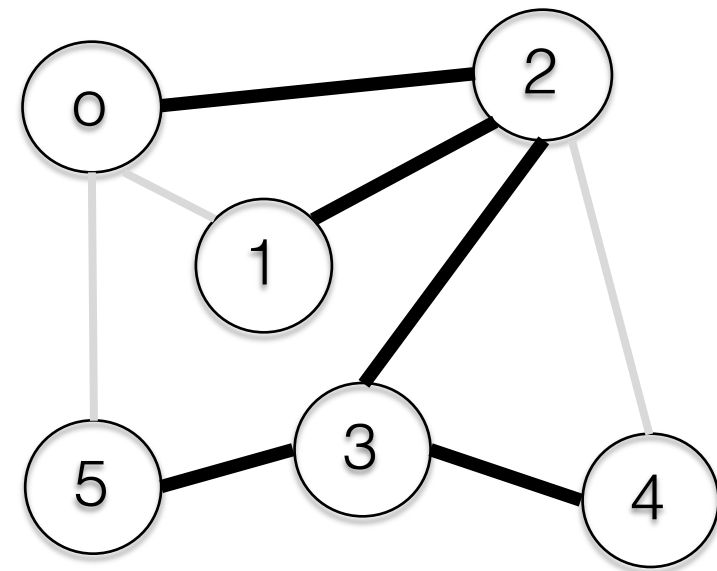
```
1   $time = time + 1$                                 // white vertex  $u$  has just been discovered
2   $u.d = time$ 
3   $u.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
4  for each  $v \in G.Adj[u]$                             // explore edge  $(u, v)$ 
5      if  $v.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
6           $v.\pi = u$ 
7          DFS-VISIT( $G, v$ )
8   $u.color = \text{BLACK}$                                 // blacken  $u$ ; it is finished
9   $time = time + 1$ 
10  $u.f = time$ 
```

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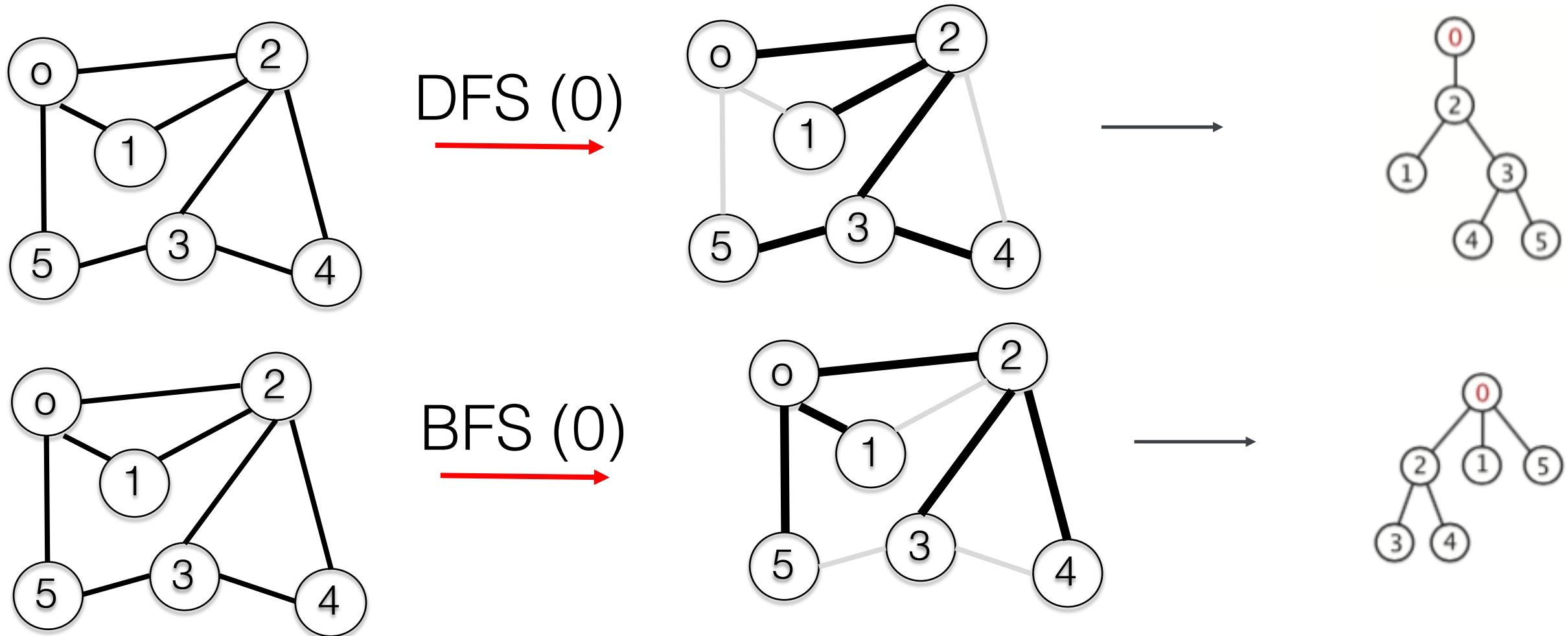
# Example



DFS (0)  
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# Final Remarks



DFS finds a path, whereas BFS finds the shortest path  
However, note that the graph is: unweighted (or same weight)

# Did we achieve today's objectives?

1. Build a definition for the "connected component of a graph"
2. Learn graph traversals
  - Depth First Search (DFS)
  - Breadth First Search (BFS)

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