

ALGORITHMS

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what solves the problem?





%%algorithms_computational_schema_algorithm%%

algorithm, program, process

"A finitely long rule consisting of individual instructions is called an **algorithm**."

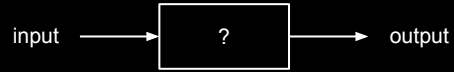
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"A **program** is an algorithm expressed in a programming language."

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"A **process** is a program that is currently executed by a computer."

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greatest common divisor

euclidean algorithm

Identify the larger number. If $a < b$, swap numbers so that $a > b$

Subtract b from a and replace a with the result

Repeat until one of the numbers becomes 0

Return the number that is not zero

Loop 1:

a = 18, b = 48 → swap

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Loop 2:

$a = 30, b = 18 \rightarrow \text{no swap}$

$a = 30 - 18 = 12$

Loop 1:

$a = 18, b = 48 \rightarrow \text{swap} \rightarrow a = 48, b = 18$

$a = 48 - 18 = 30$

Loop 2:

$a = 30, b = 18 \rightarrow \text{no swap}$

$a = 30 - 18 = 12$

Loop 3:

$a = 12, b = 18 \rightarrow \text{swap} \rightarrow a = 18, b = 12$

$a = 18 - 12 = 6$

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Loop 4:

$a = 6, b = 12 \rightarrow \text{swap} \rightarrow a = 12, b = 6$

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Loop 4:

$a = 6, b = 12 \rightarrow \text{swap} \rightarrow a = 12, b = 6$

$a = 12 - 6 = 6$

Loop 5:

$a = 6, b = 6 \rightarrow \text{no swap}$

$a = 6 - 6 = 0$

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$a = 6 - 6 = 0$

return b = 6

algorithm representation

100 Good Cookies

1 cup white sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup brown sugar	1 cup quick oatmeal
1 cup margarine	1 cup coconut
1 cup cooking oil	1 cup Rice Krispies
1 egg	1 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla	3½ cups flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar	1-12oz. package mini chocolate chips

Mix in order given. Drop by teaspoonful onto
cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes.
(over)

pseudocode

READ a, b

REPEAT

IF $a < b$ THEN

$a = b$

$b = a$

$a = a - b$

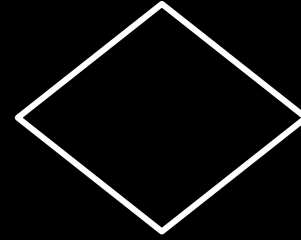
UNTIL $a = 0$ OR $b = 0$

RETURN the variable that is not 0

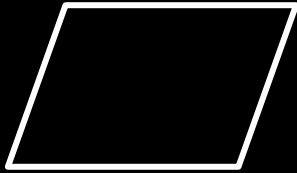
flow diagrams



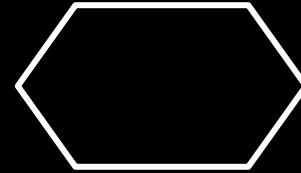
start / end of
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decision



input / output



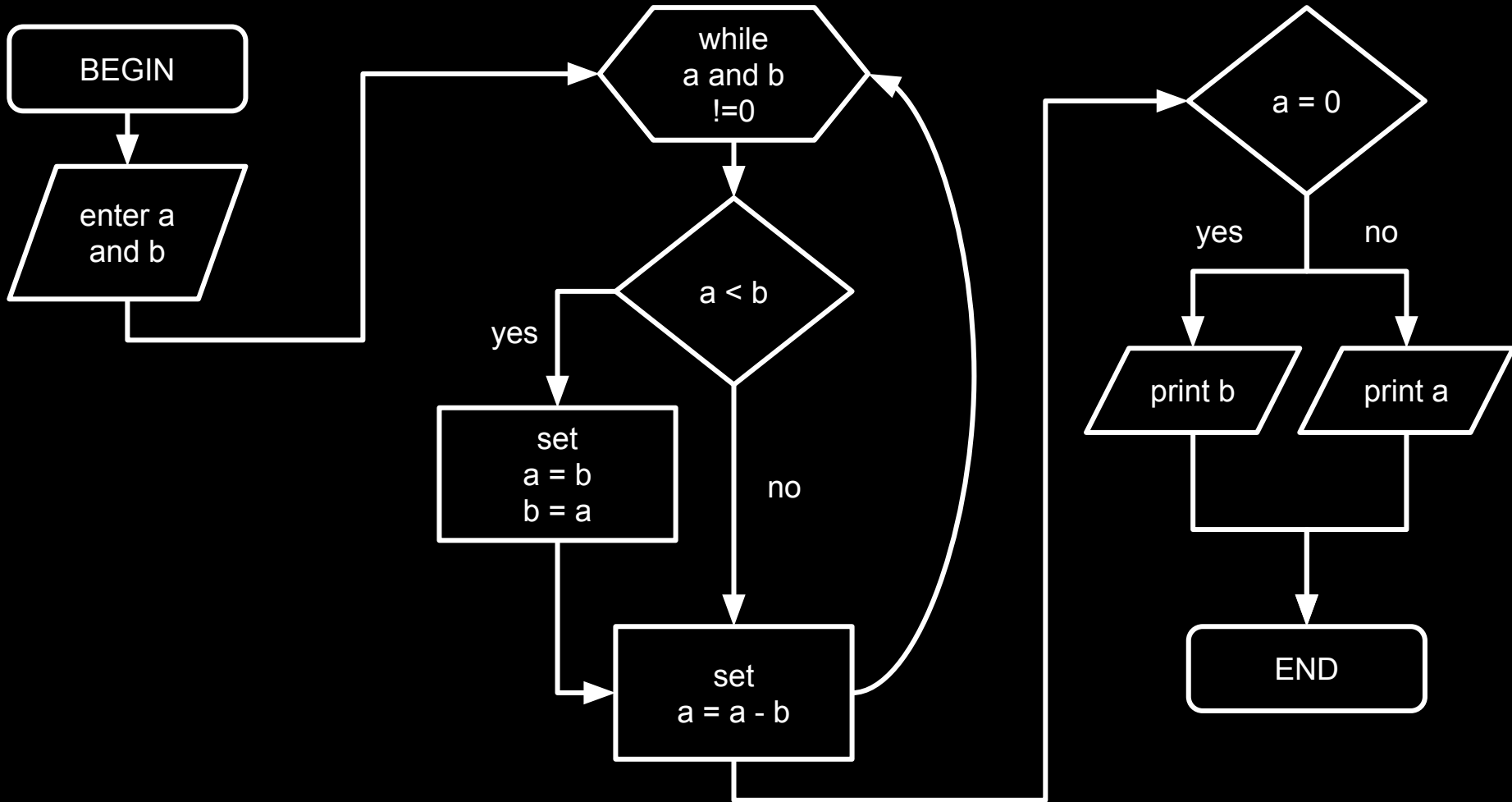
repetition



command /
assignment



external routine



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square roots

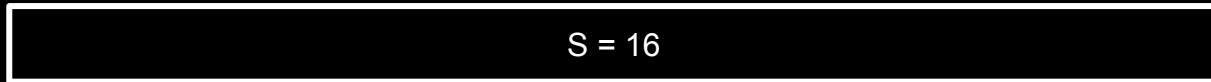
babylonian method

calculate square root of
 $x = 16$

$$A = 1$$

$$B = X / A = 16$$

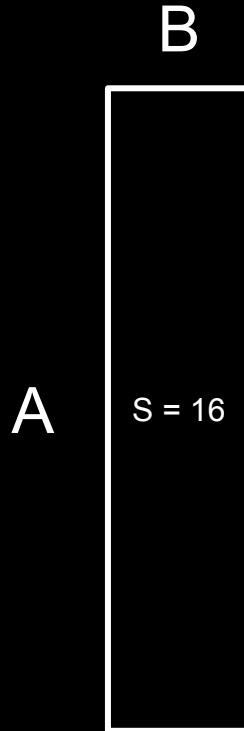
A



B

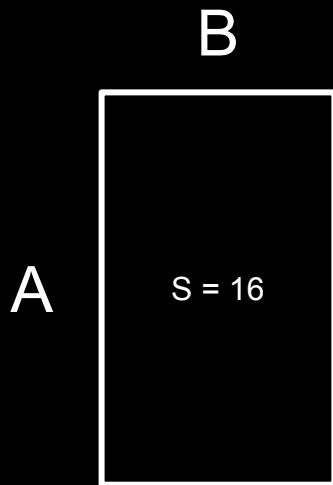
$$A = (A + B) / 2 = 17 / 2 = 8.5$$

$$B = X / A = 16 / 8.5 \approx 1.88$$



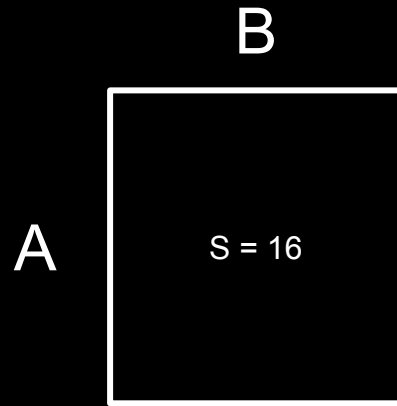
$$A = (A + B) / 2 \approx 10.38 / 2 \approx 5.19$$

$$B = X / A \approx 16 / 5.19 \approx 3.08$$



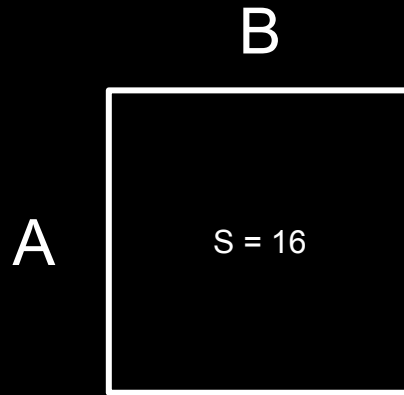
$$A = (A + B) / 2 \approx 8.27 / 2 \approx 4.14$$

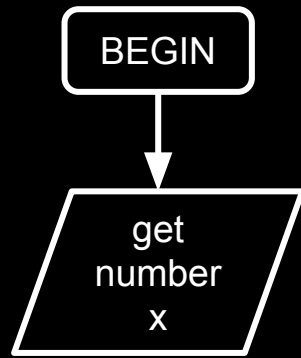
$$B = X / A \approx 16 / 4.14 \approx 3.86$$

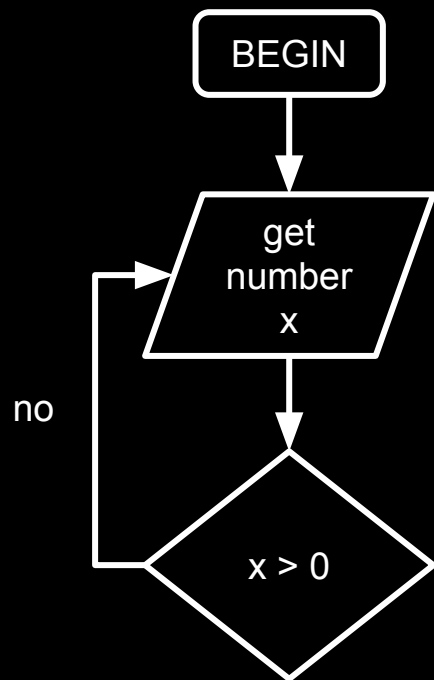


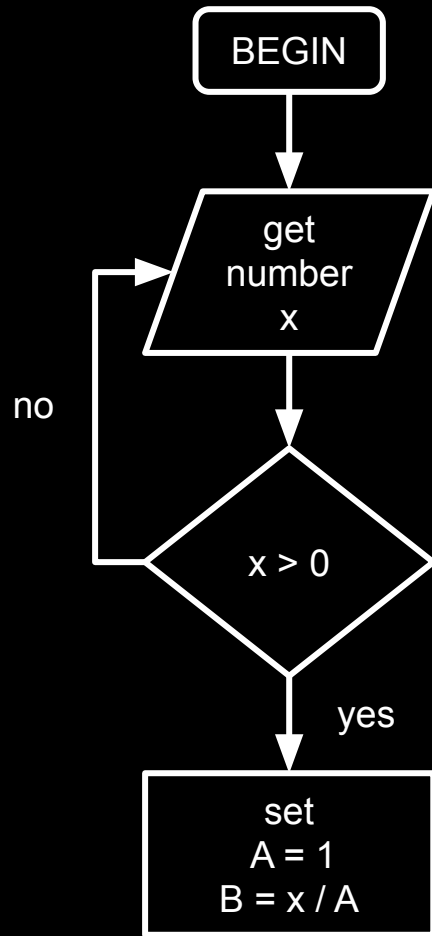
$$A = (A + B) / 2 = 8 / 2 = 4$$

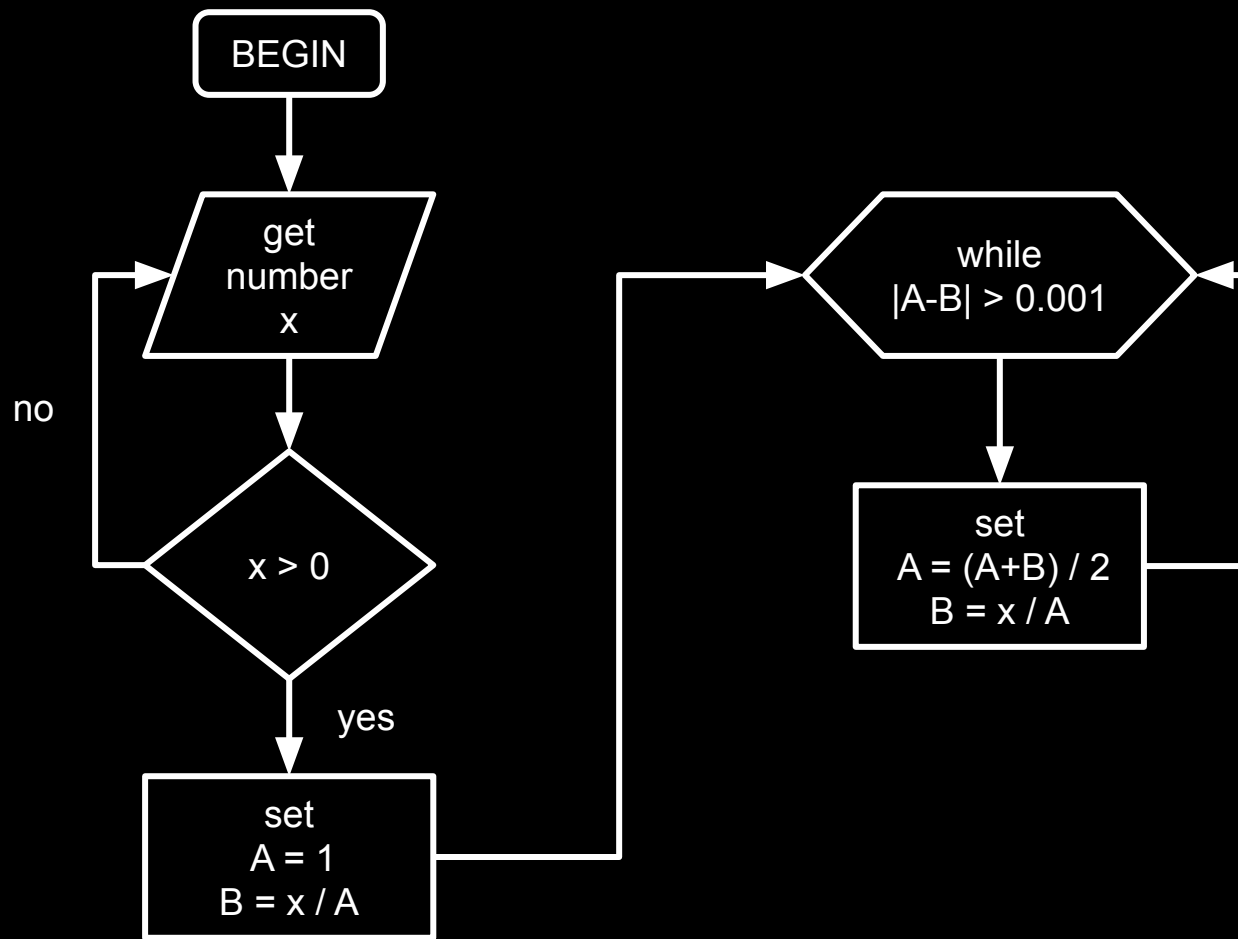
$$B = X / A = 16 / 4 = 4$$

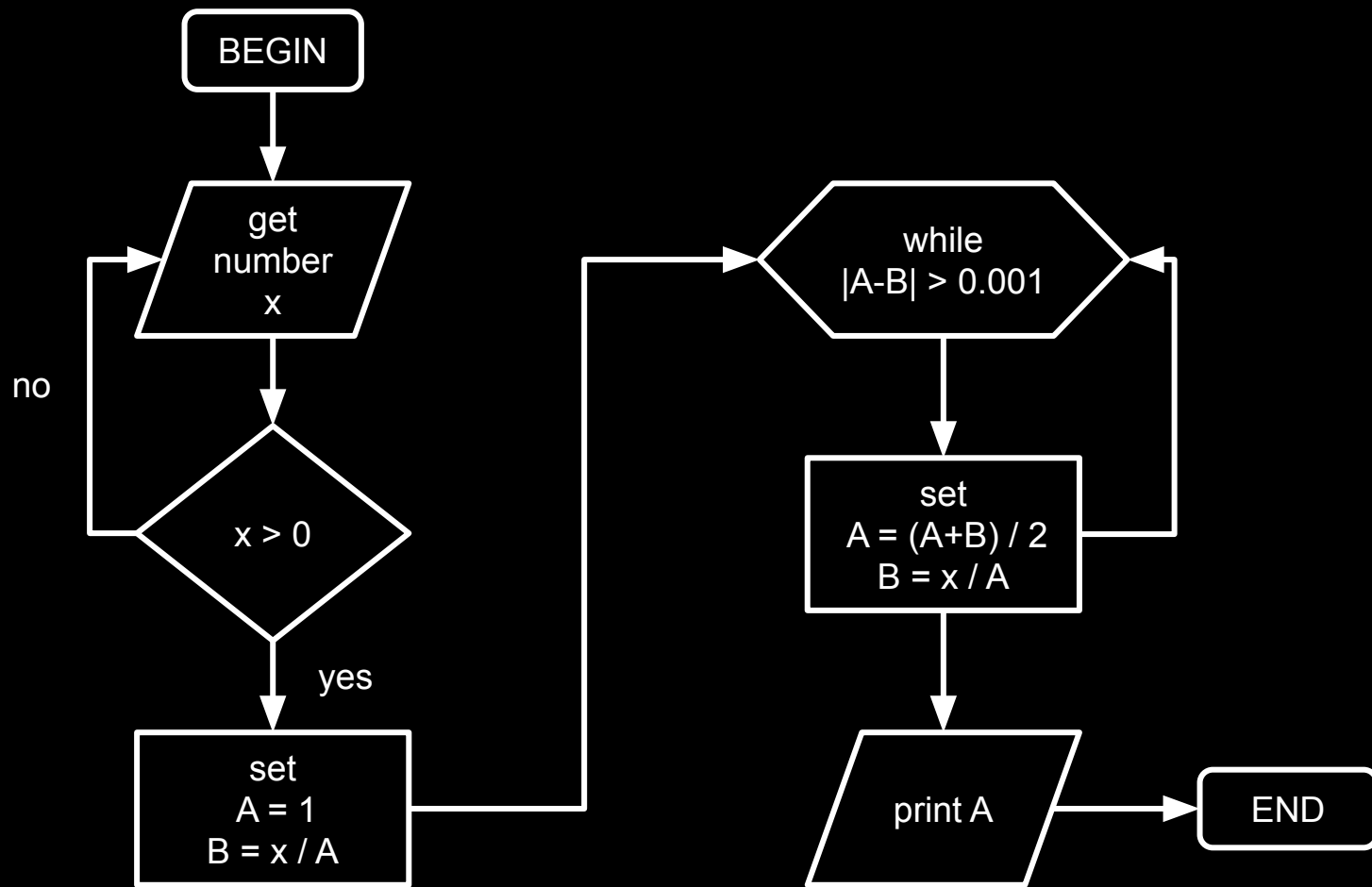


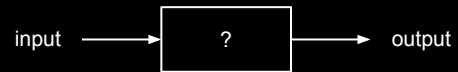




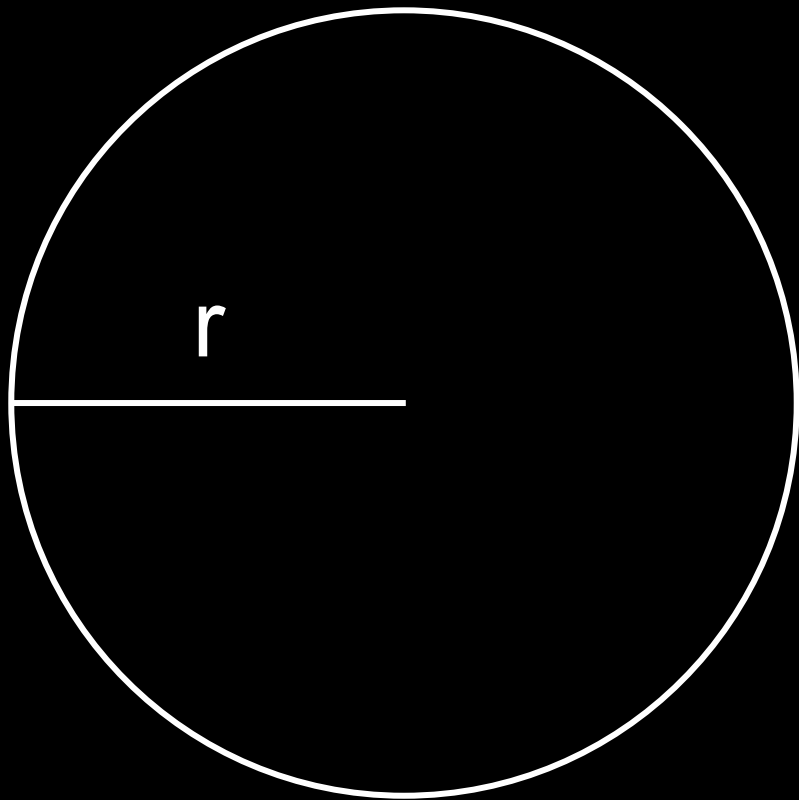


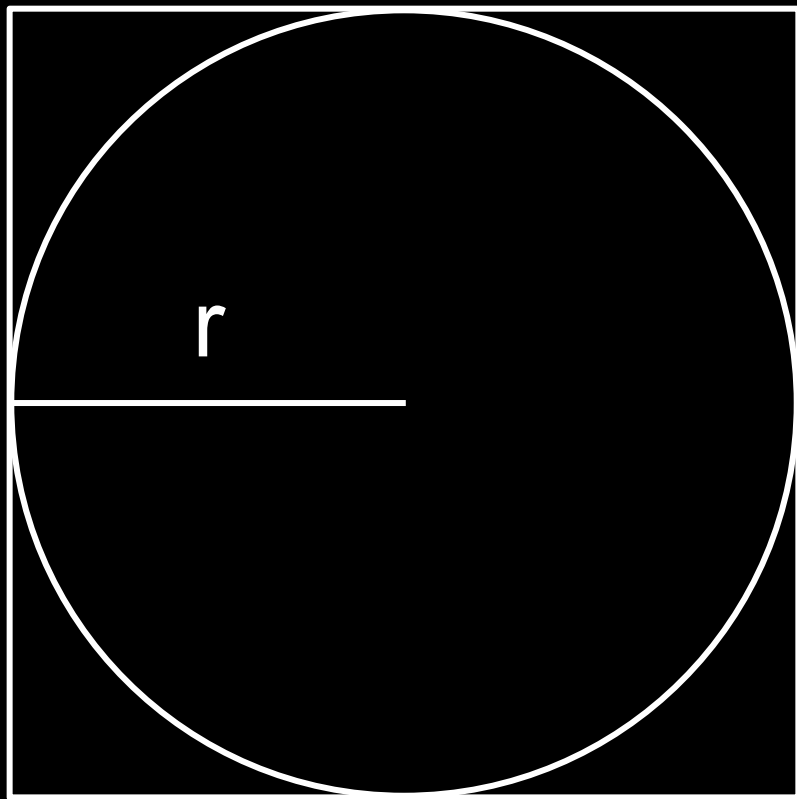


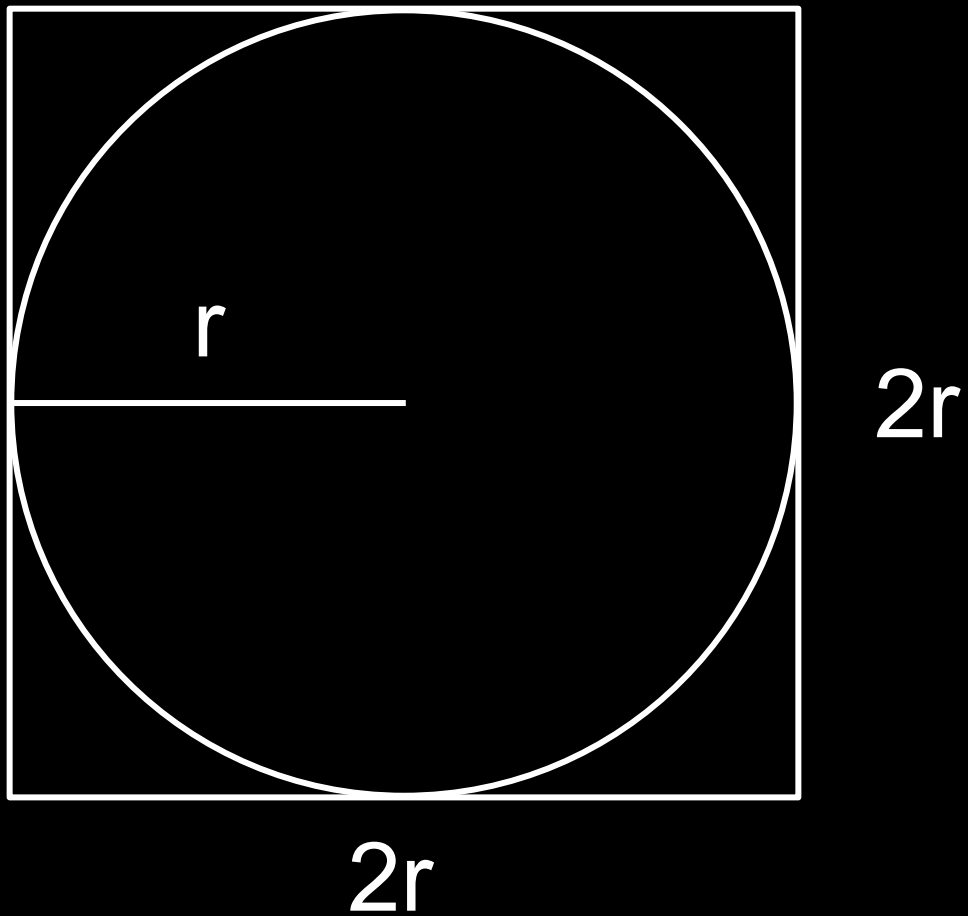


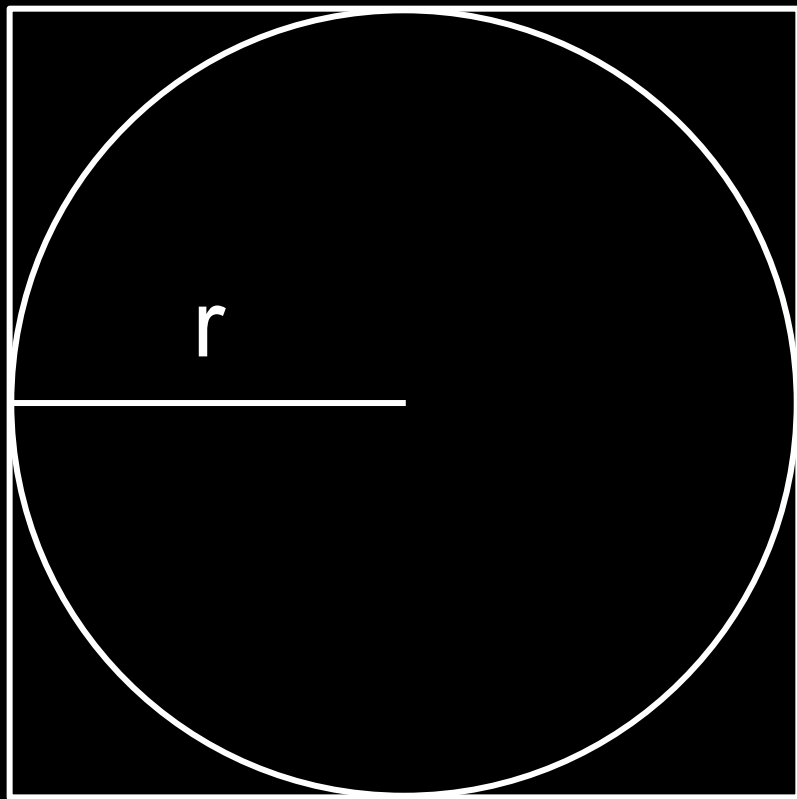


estimating π



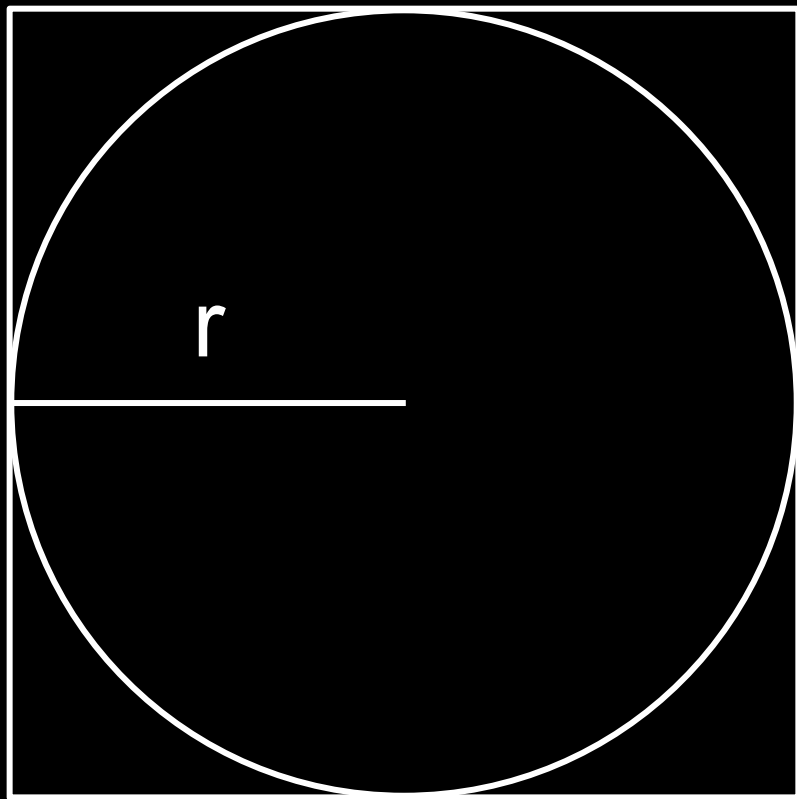






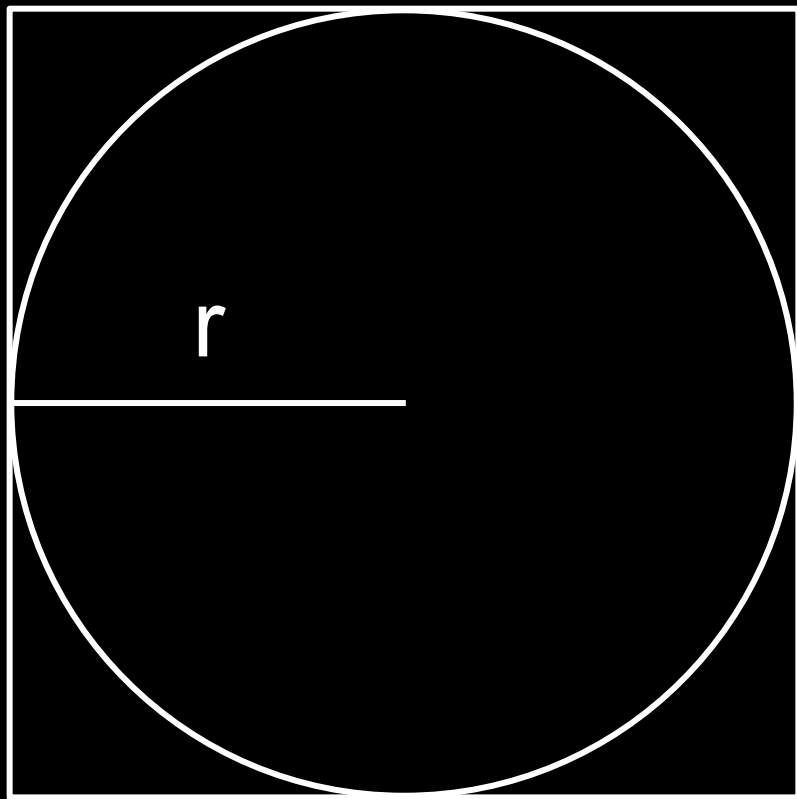
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$$\frac{\bigcirc}{\square} = \frac{\pi r^2}{4r^2}$$



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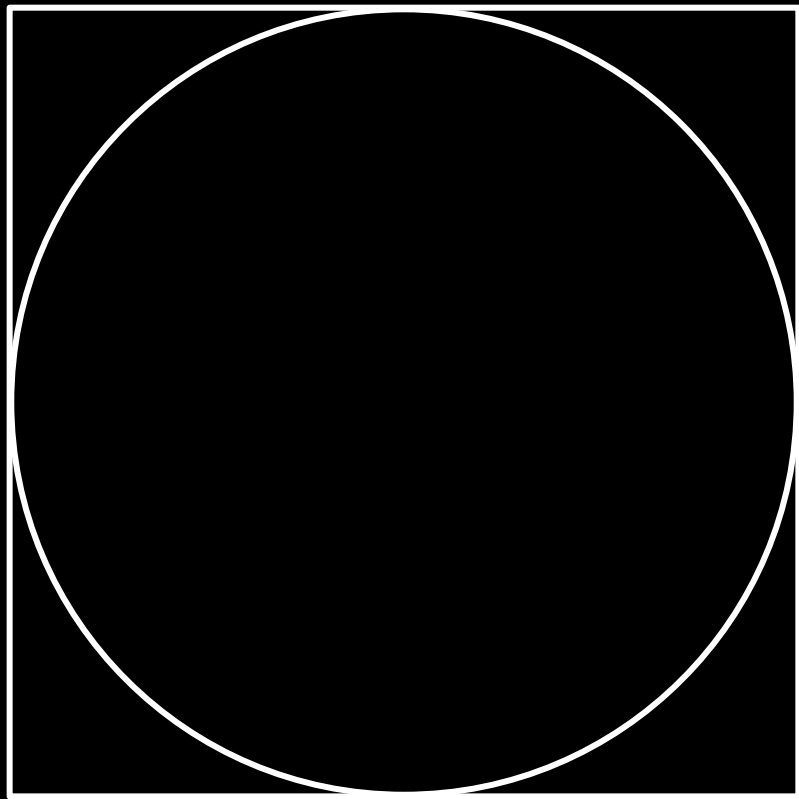
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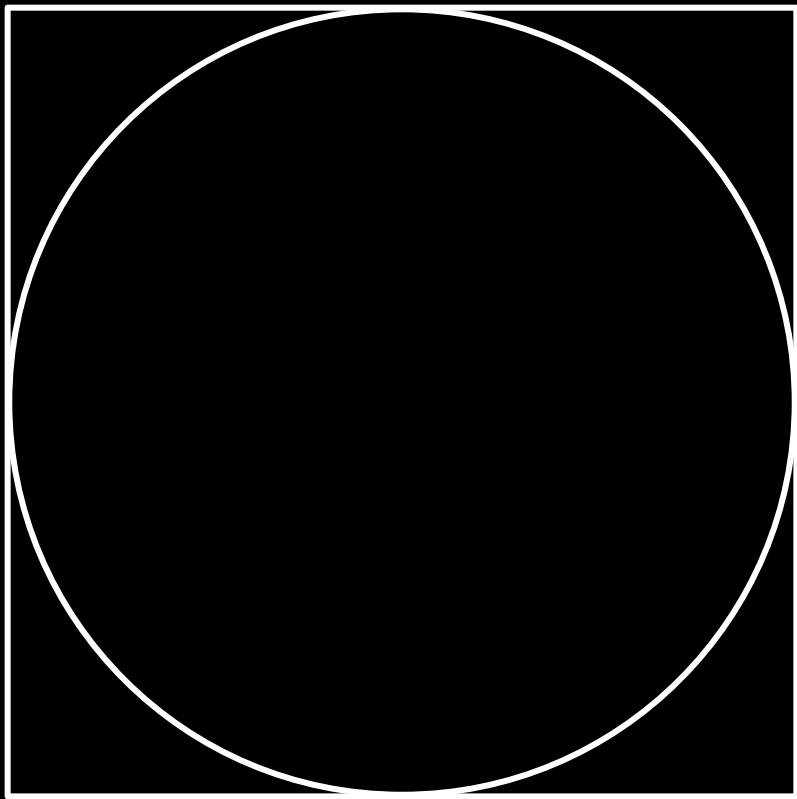
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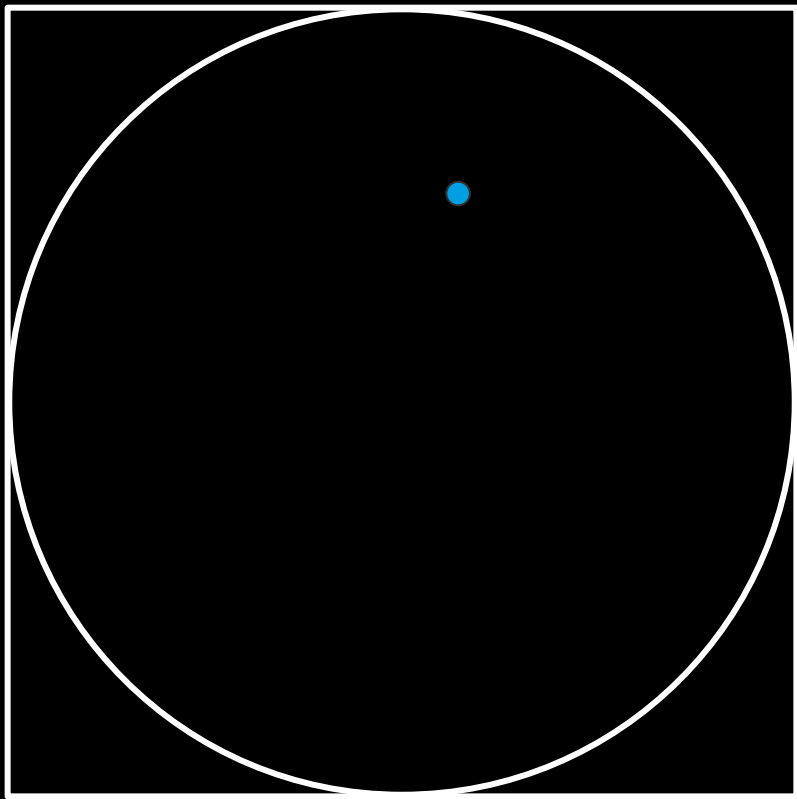
monte carlo simulation



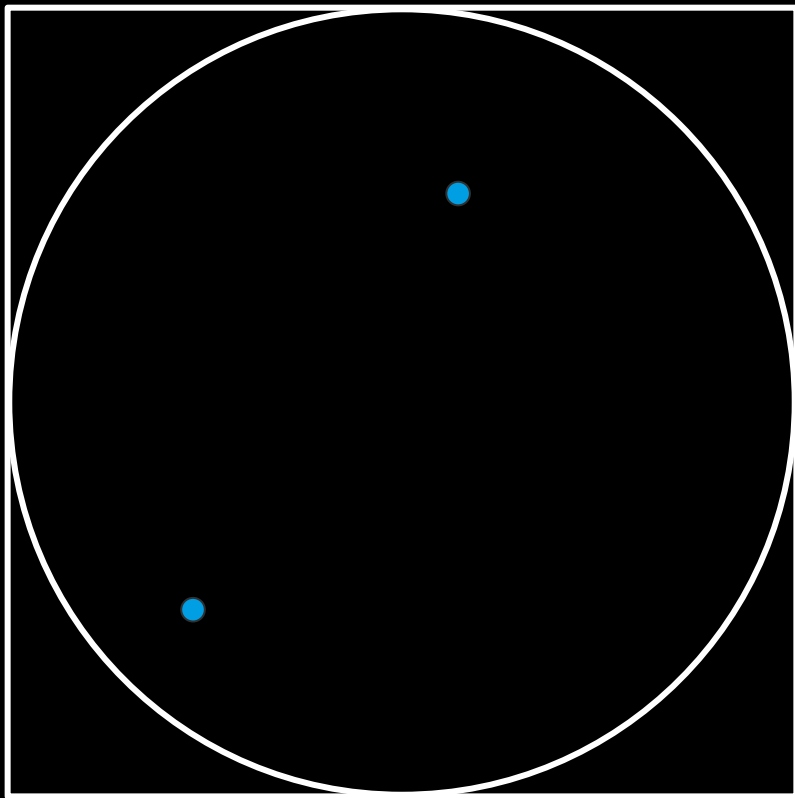
$$\frac{\text{Circle}}{\text{Square}} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



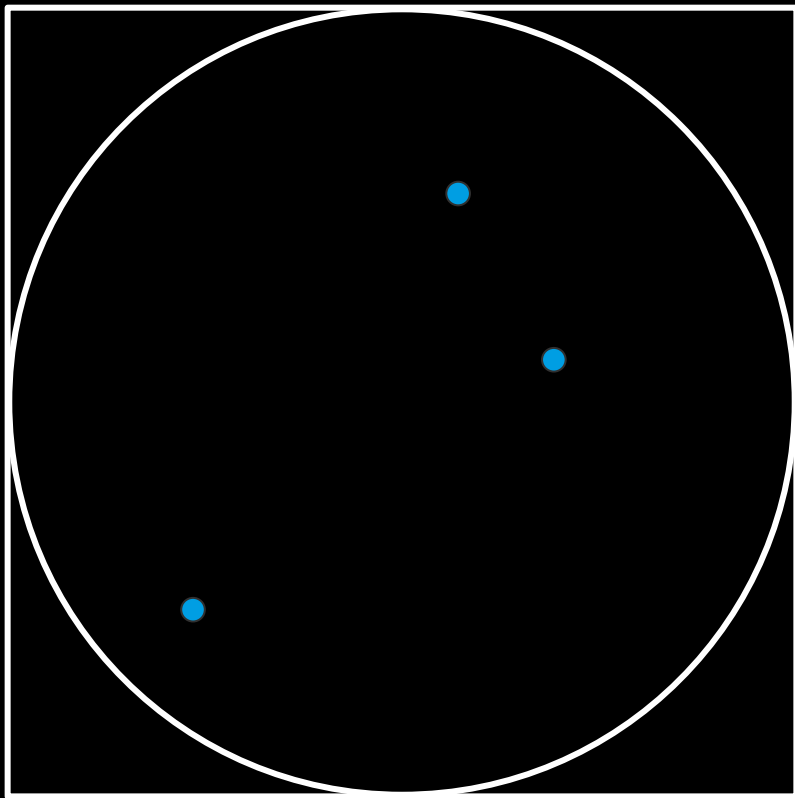
$$4 \frac{\text{circle}}{\text{square}} = \pi$$



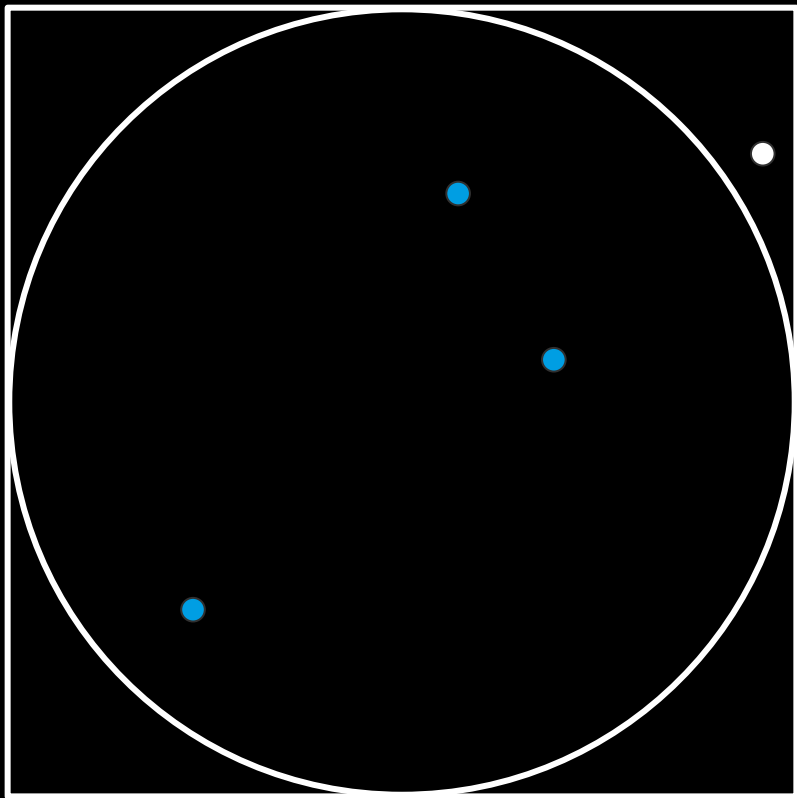
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$$= 4$$



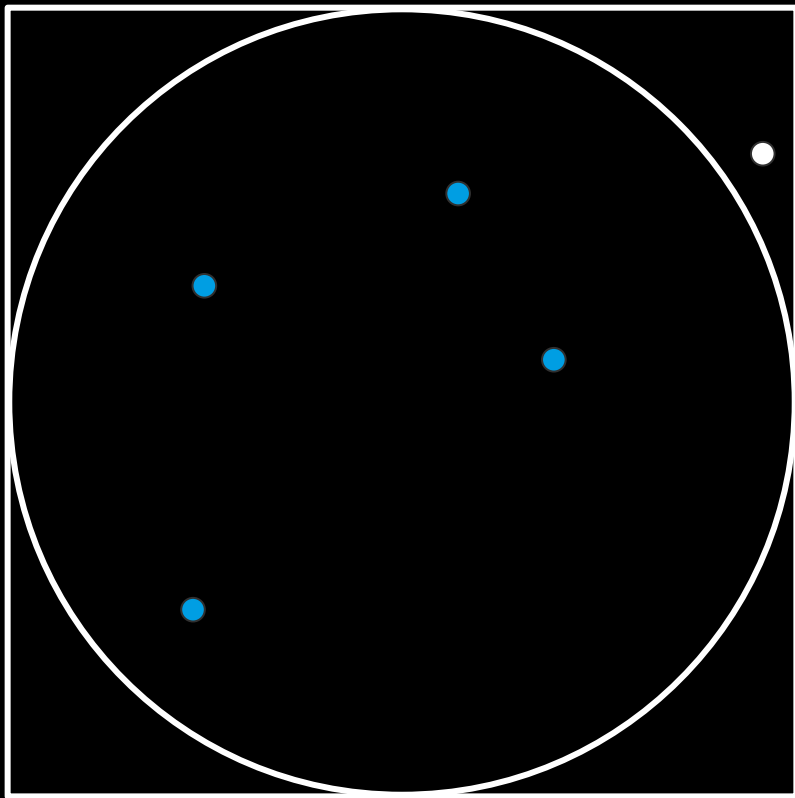
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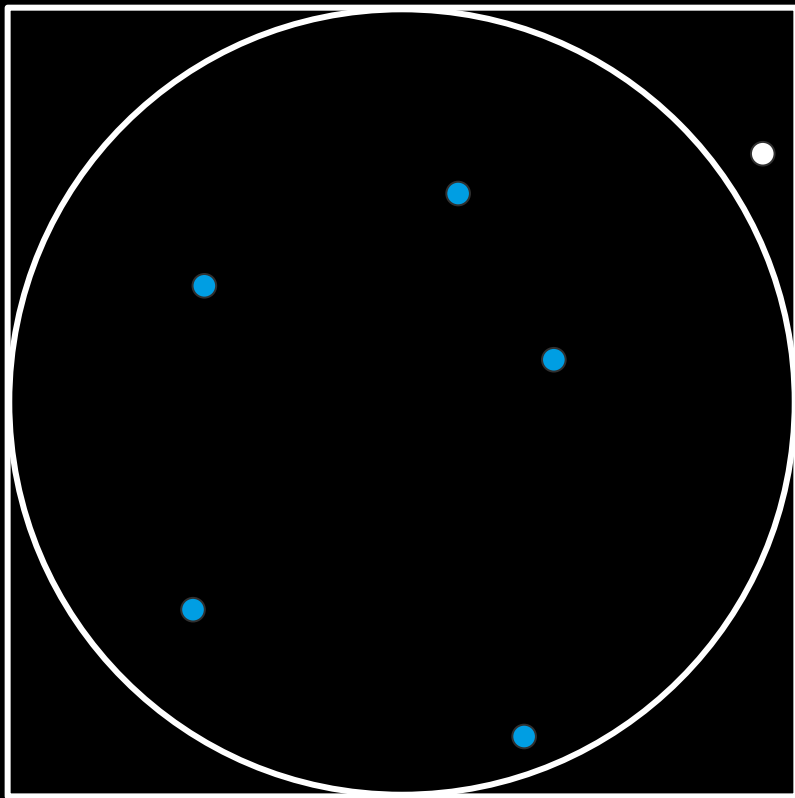
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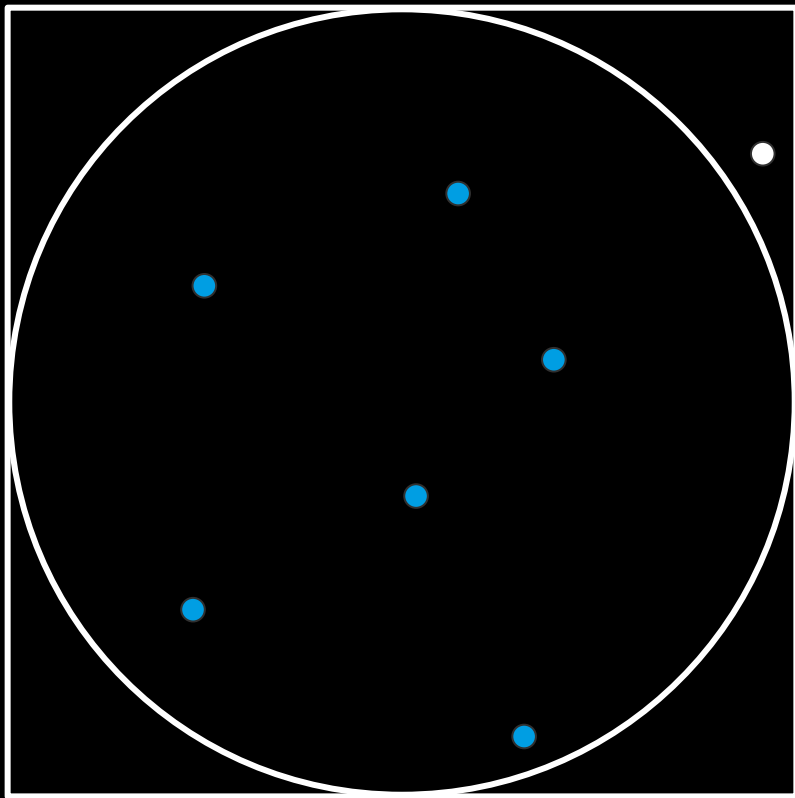
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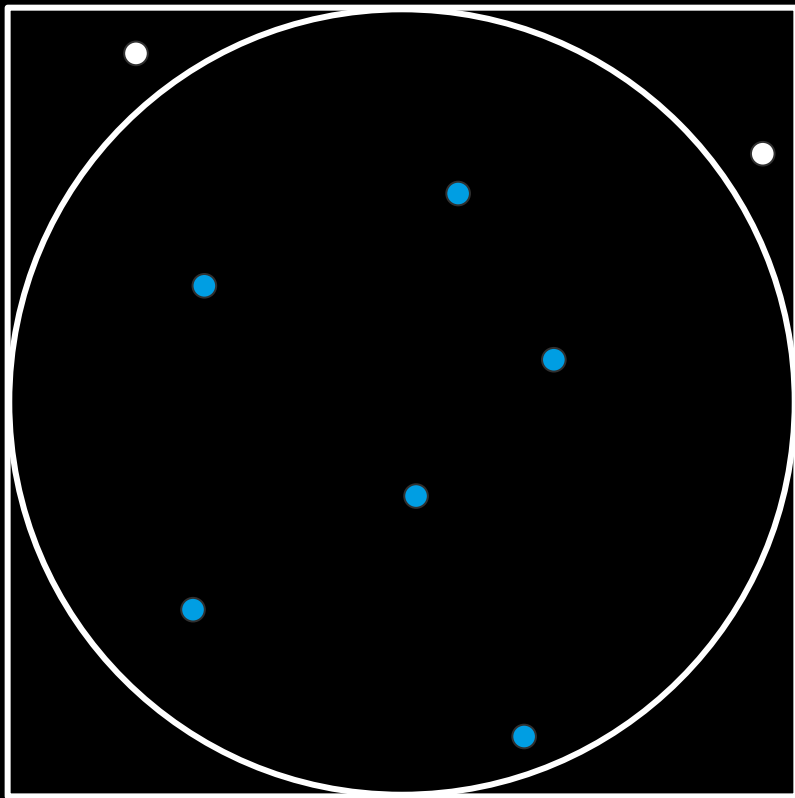
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$$= 3,2$$



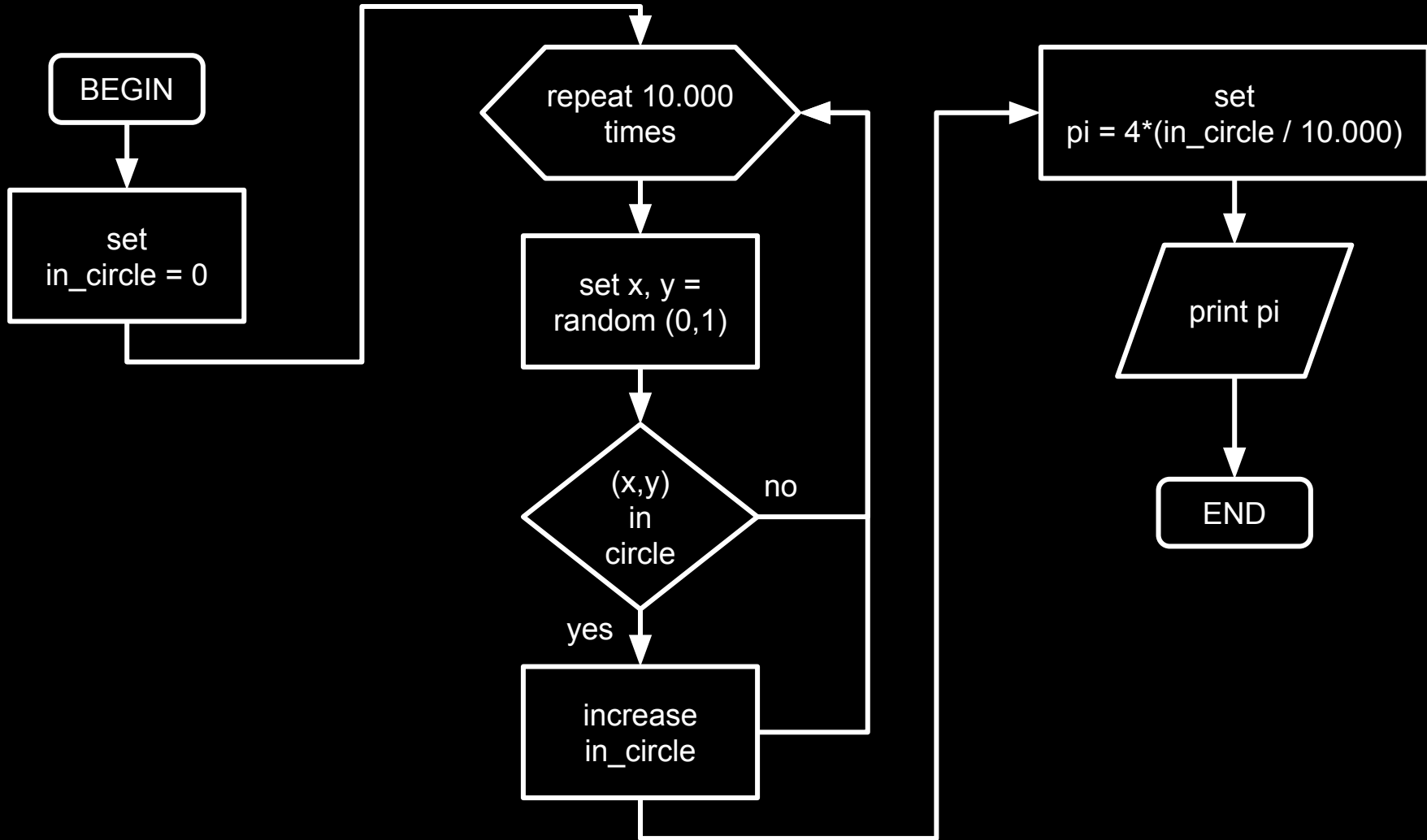
$$4 \frac{\text{○}}{\text{□}} = \pi$$
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$$= 3,43$$



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$$= 3$$



gregory-leibniz series

$$\pi = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$$

$$\pi = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \dots\right)$$



sorting

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7]

bubble sort

repeatedly compare and swap elements
until done.

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7]

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7] \longrightarrow 9 > 5 ?

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[5, 2, 9, 1, 4, 7] \longrightarrow 9 > 1 ? $\xrightarrow{\text{yes}}$ [5, 2, 1, 9, 4, 7]

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[5, 2, 1, 4, 7, 9] \longrightarrow 5 > 2 ? $\xrightarrow{\text{yes}}$ [2, 5, 1, 4, 7, 9]

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[1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9] DONE!

selection sort

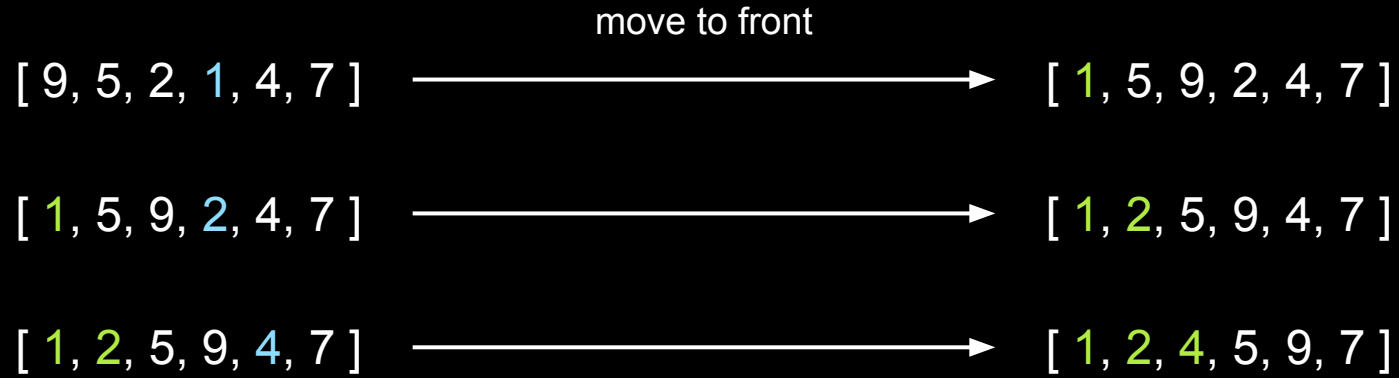
find the smallest element and move it to front. repeat for the rest of the elements.

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7] move to front → [1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7]

move to front

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[1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7] → [1, 2, 5, 9, 4, 7]



move to front

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[1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7] → [1, 2, 5, 9, 4, 7]

[1, 2, 5, 9, 4, 7] → [1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7]

[1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7] → [1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7]

move to front

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7] → [1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7]

[1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7] → [1, 2, 5, 9, 4, 7]

[1, 2, 5, 9, 4, 7] → [1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7]

[1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7] → [1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7]

[1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 7] → [1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9]

move to front

[9, 5, 2, 1, 4, 7] → [1, 5, 9, 2, 4, 7]

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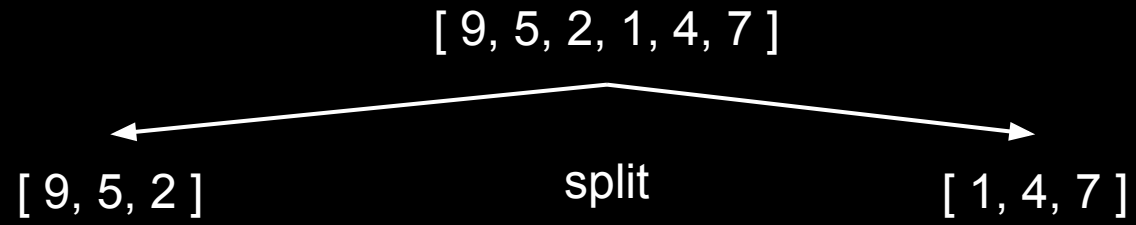
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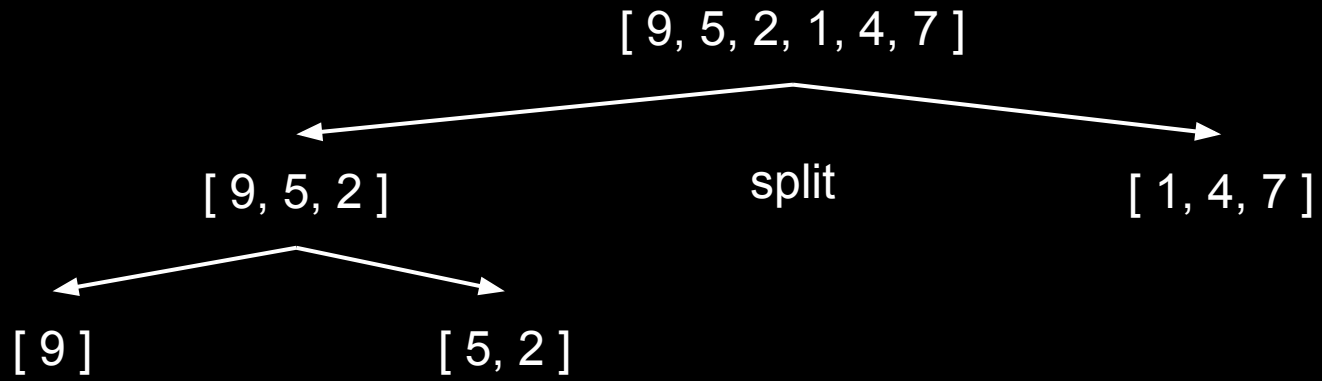
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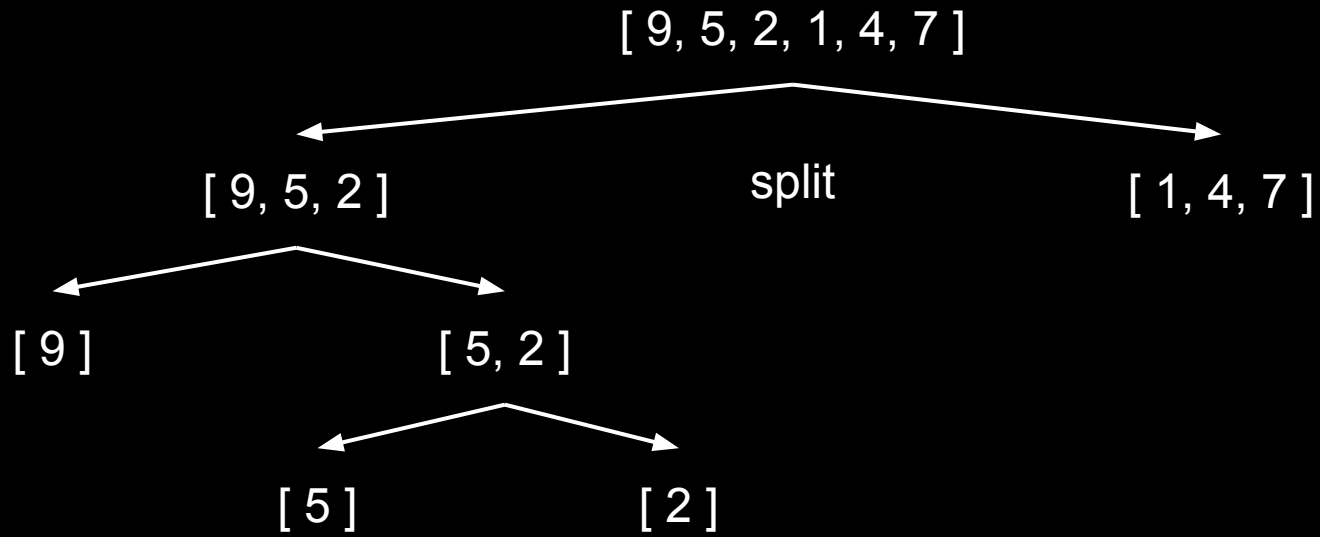
merge sort

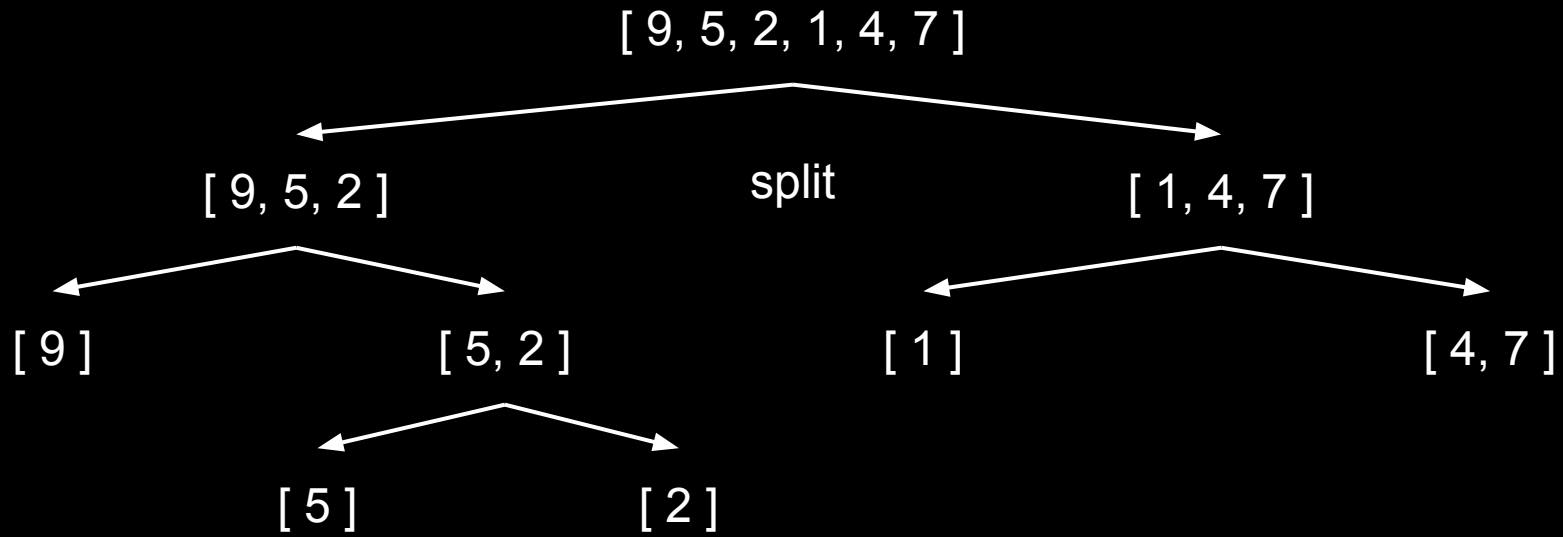
divide the elements recursively in two halves until only one element is left.
then merge the sorted halves back together.

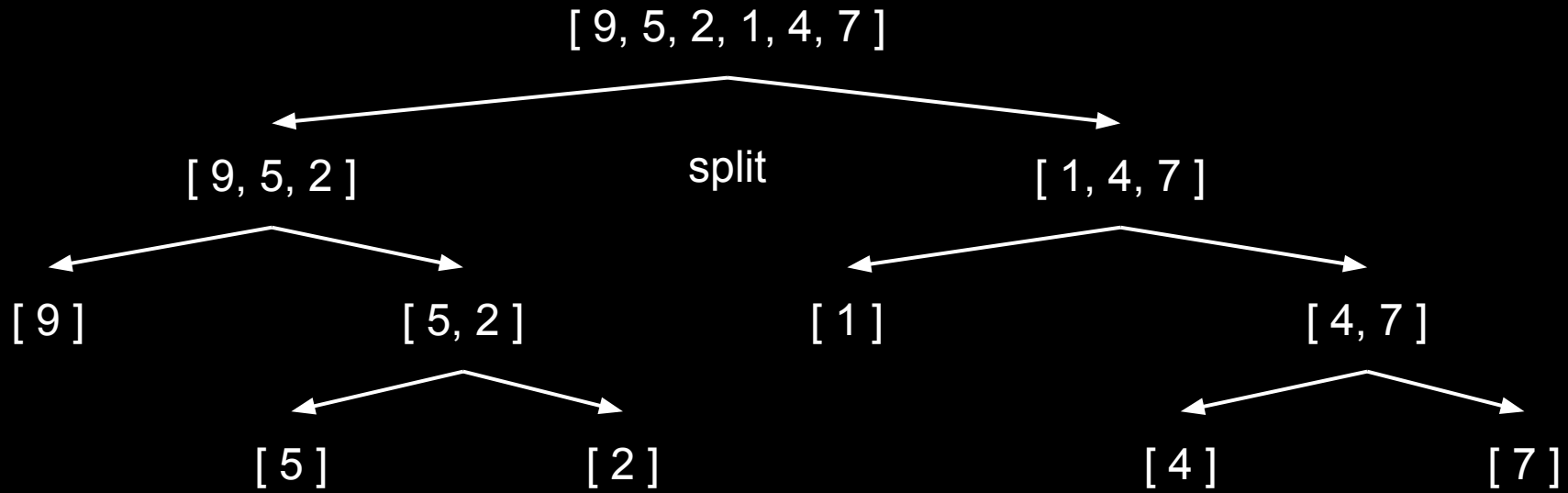
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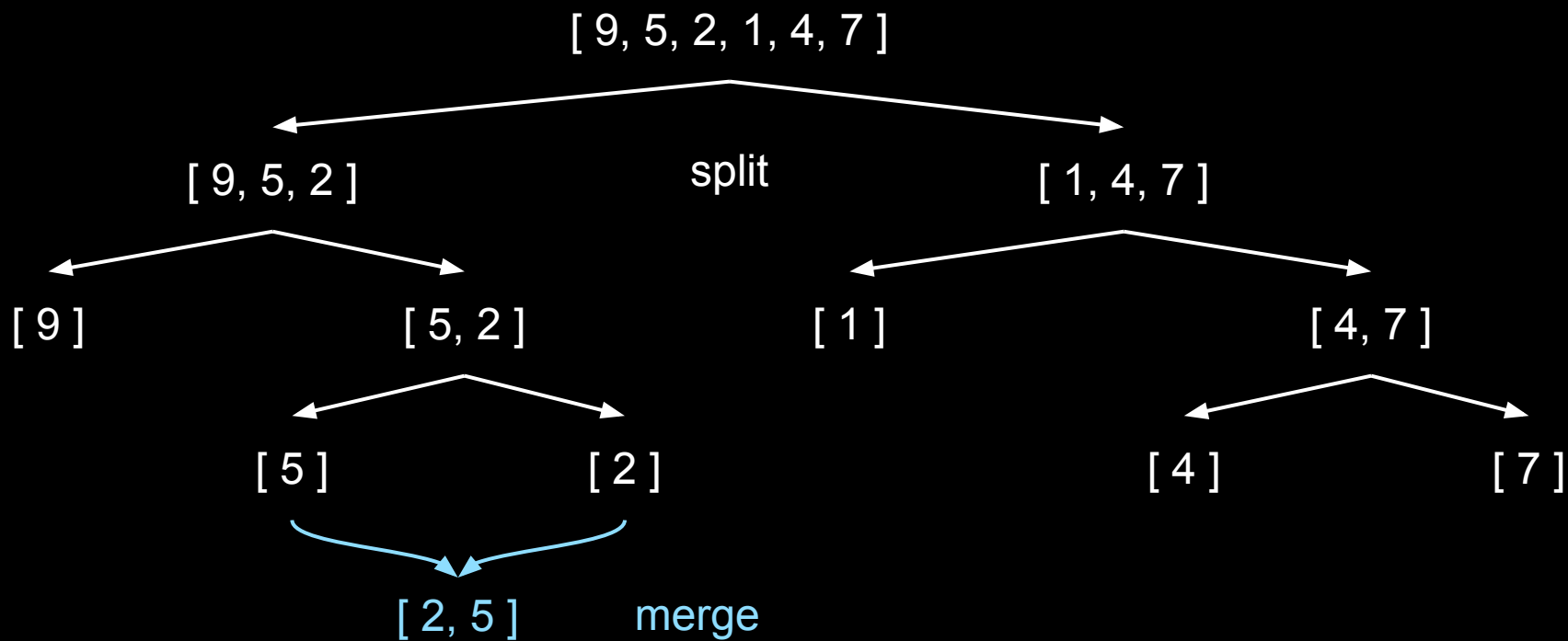


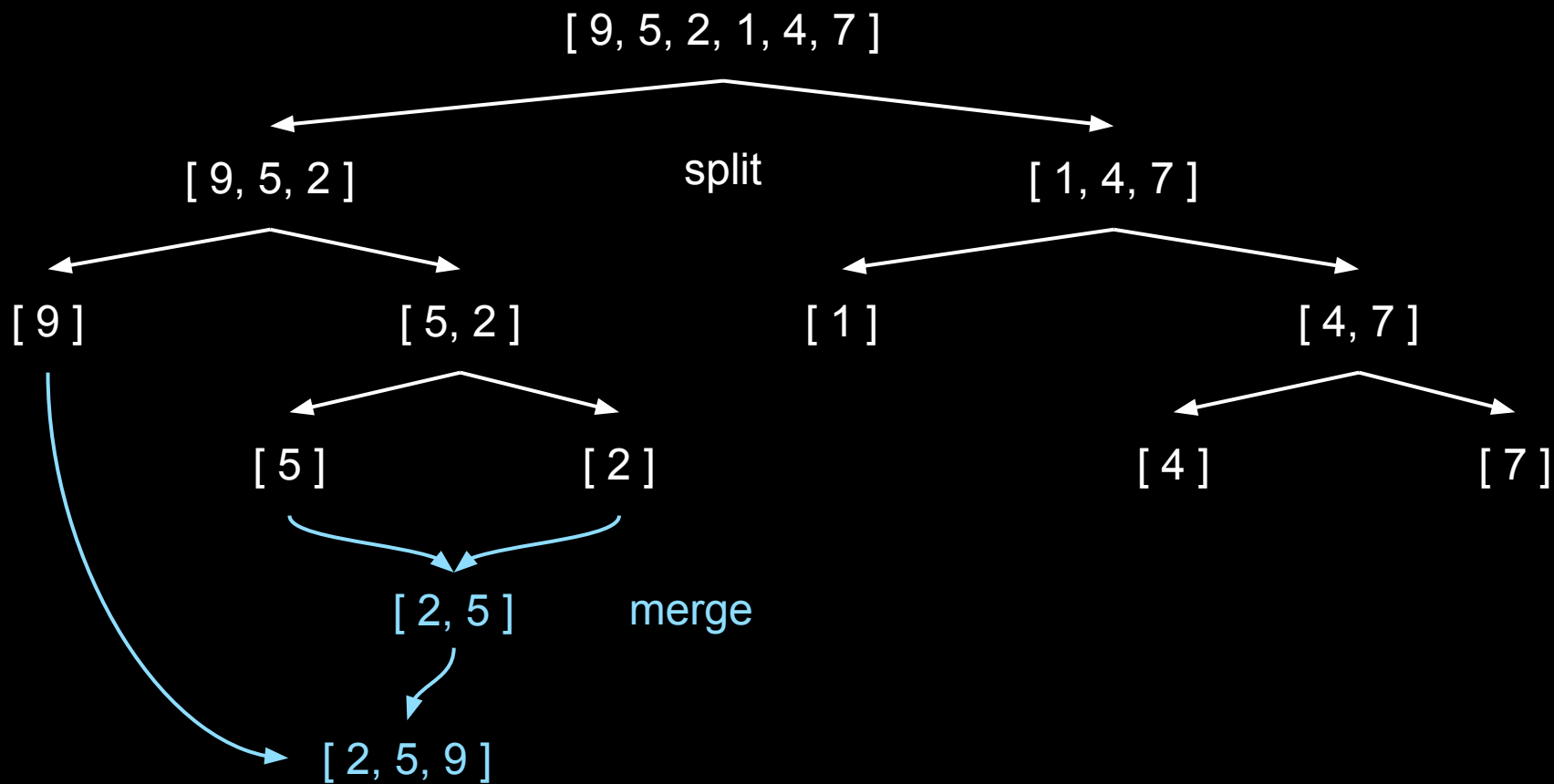


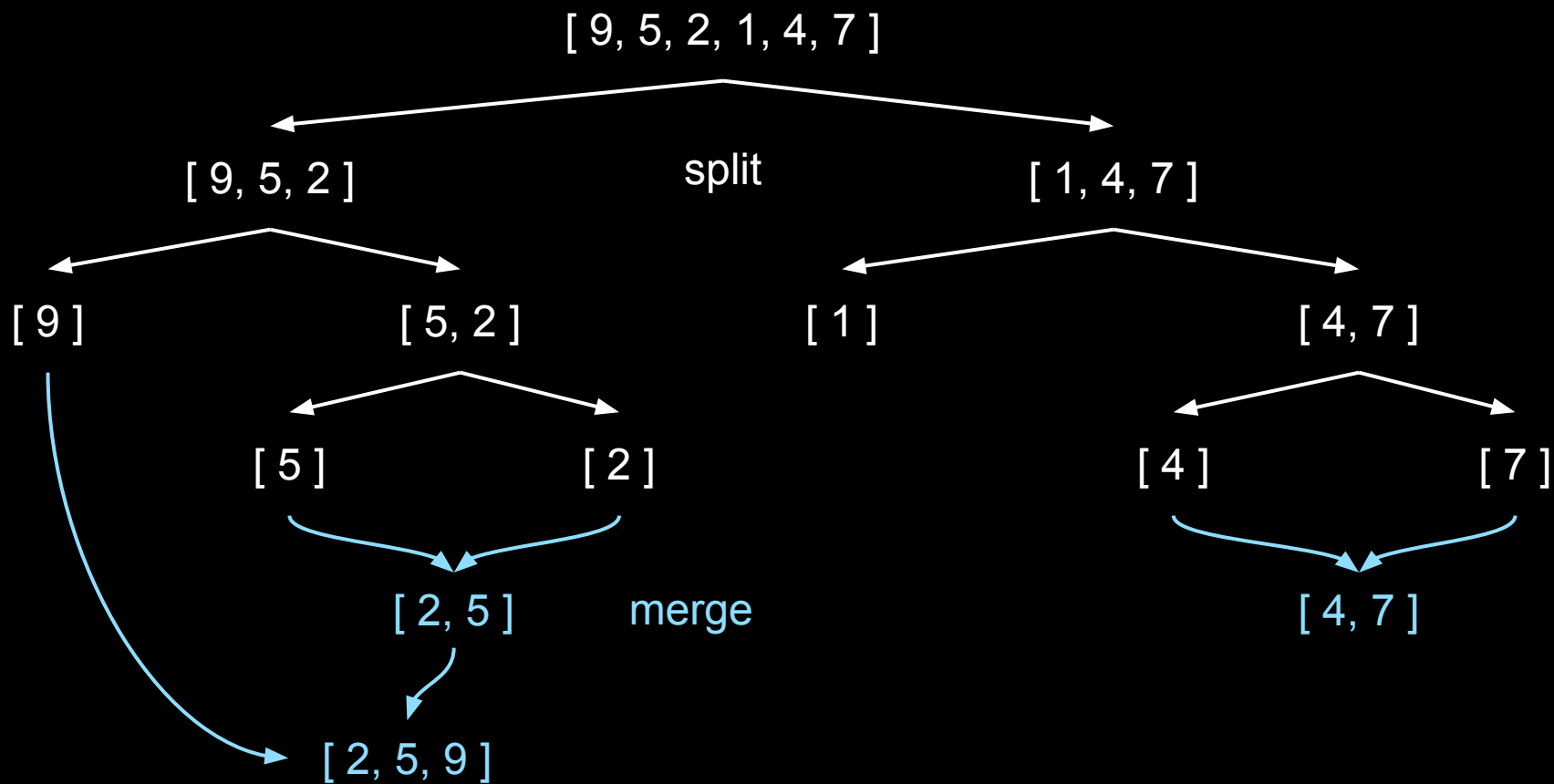


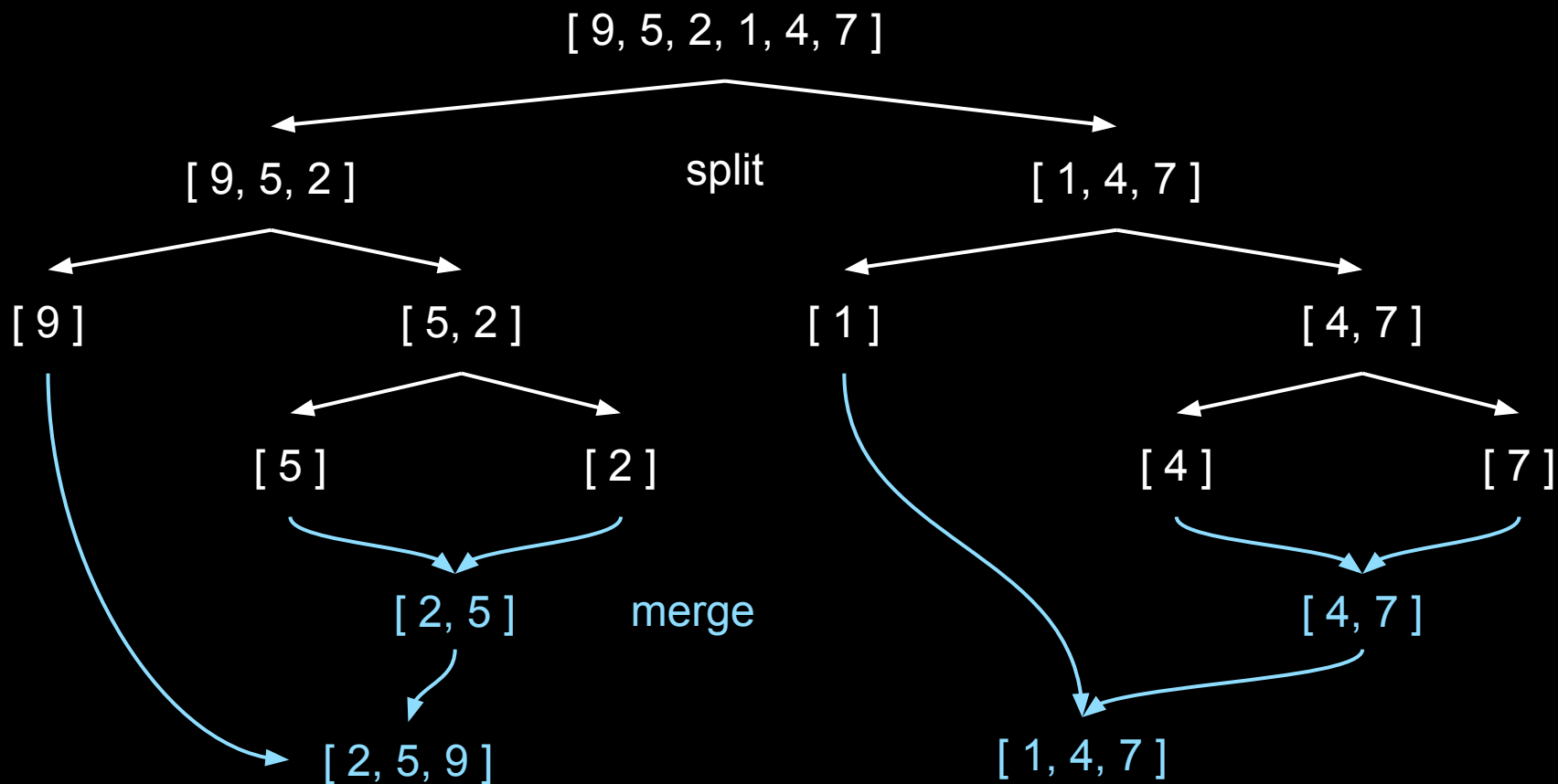


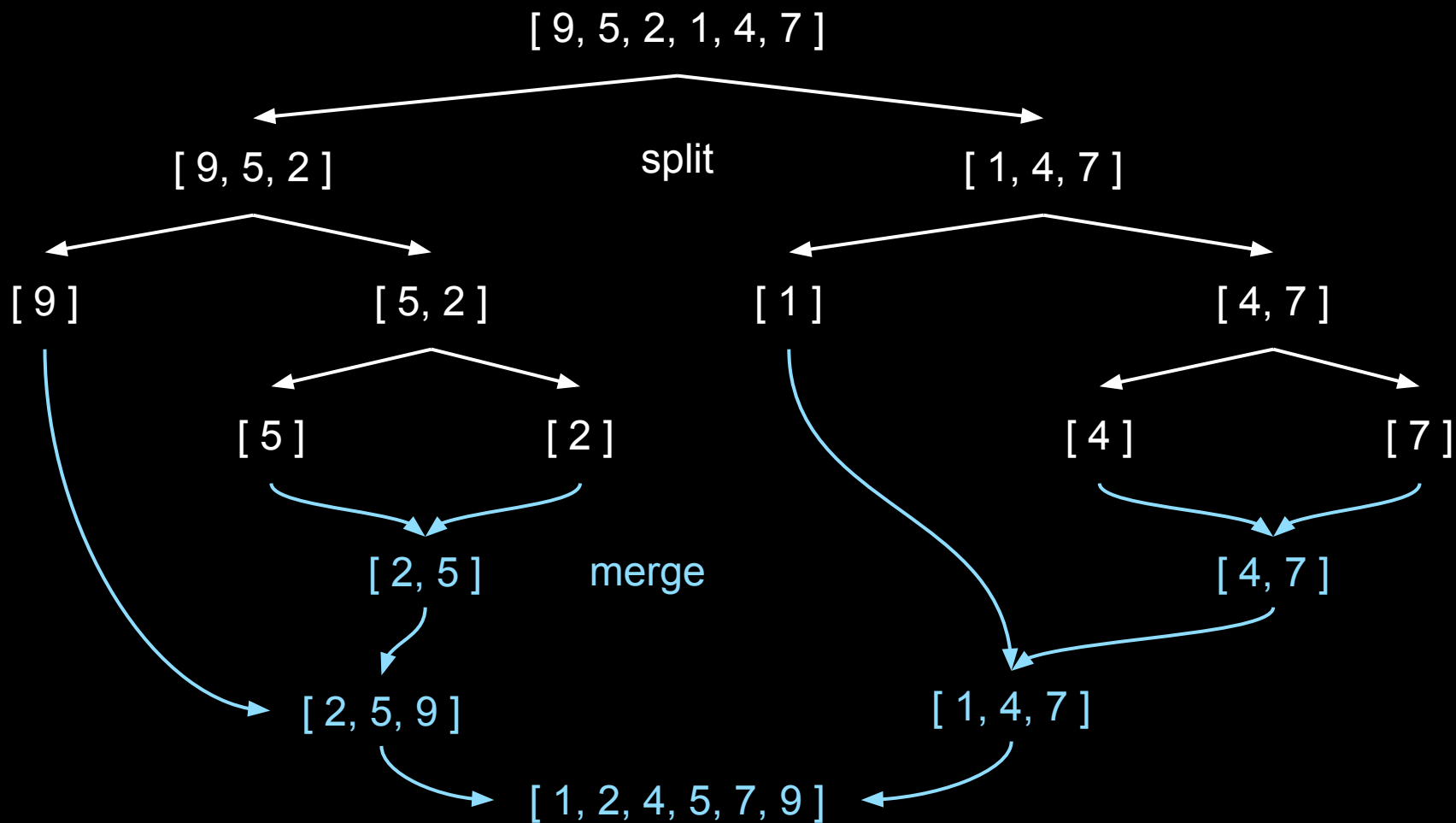




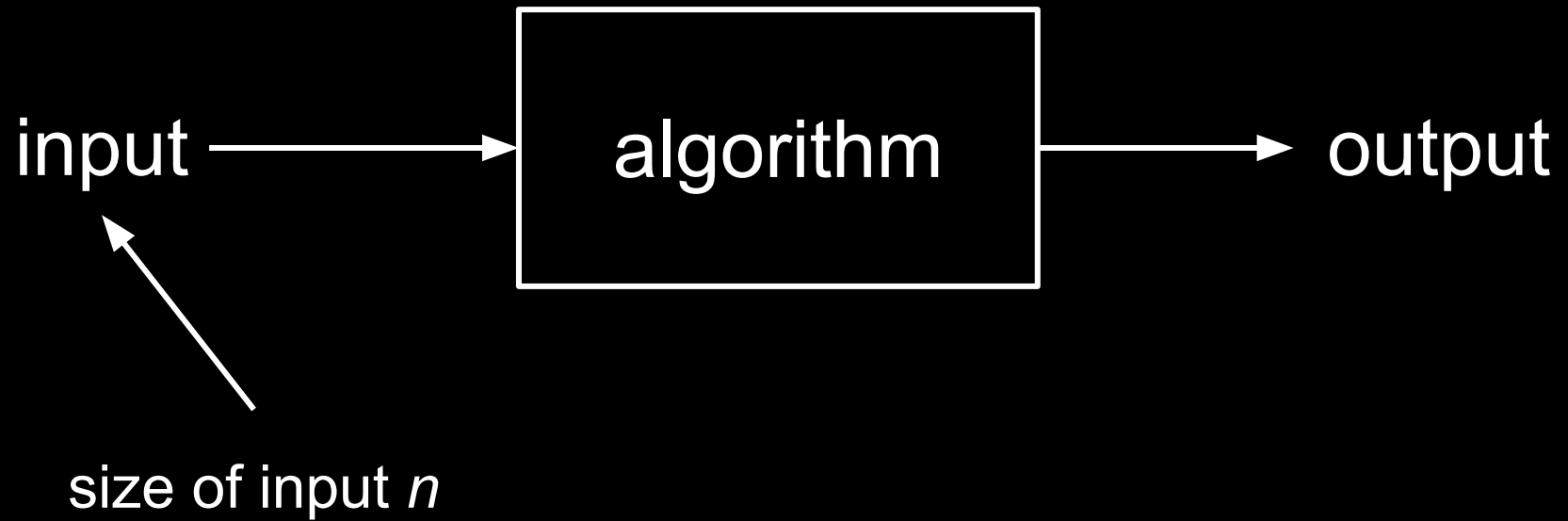


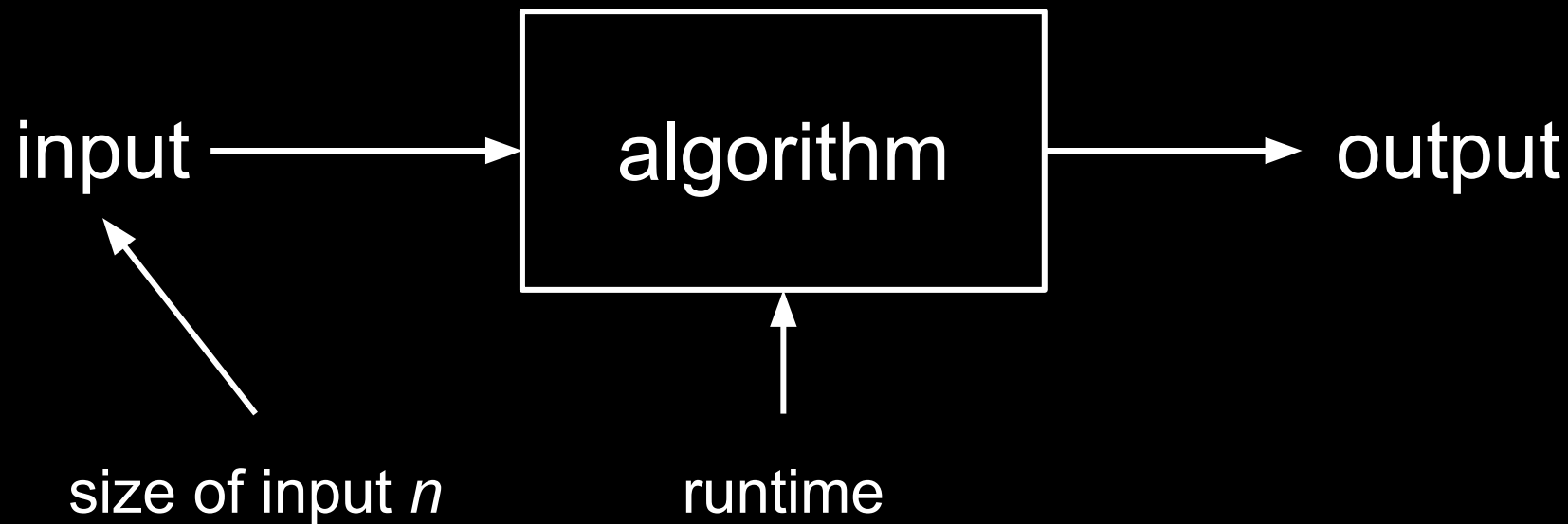




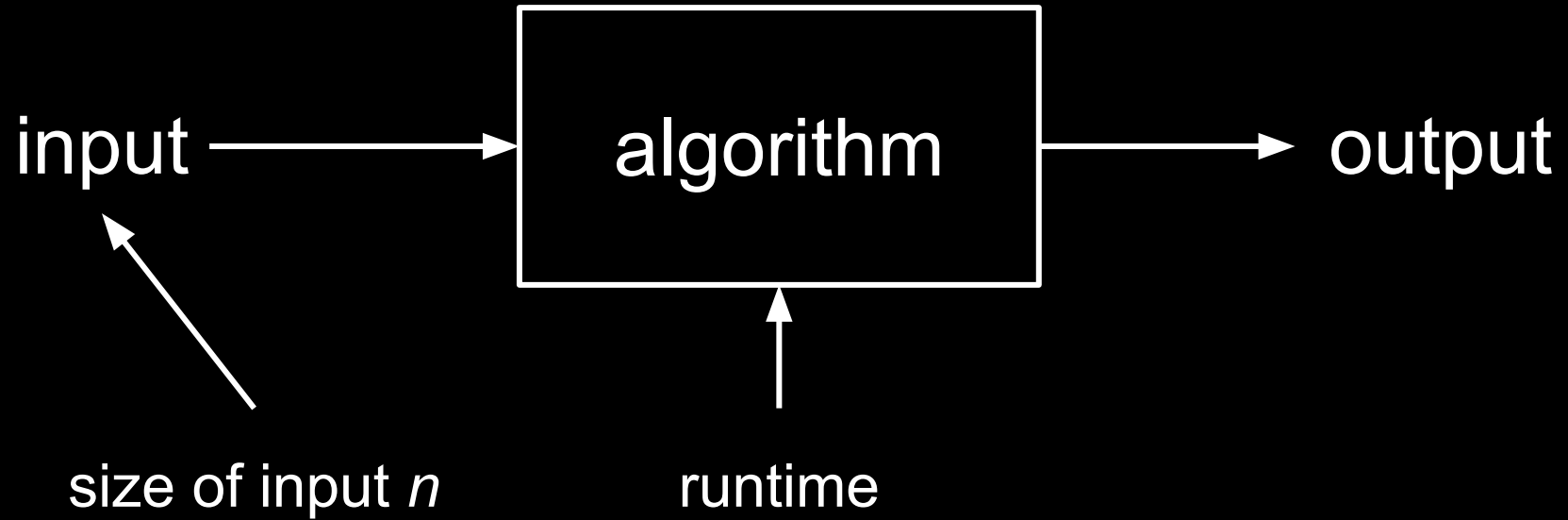


complexity





$O(n)$



$O(1)$	runtime is constant and independent of problem size
$O(\log_2 n)$	runtime is determined by the logarithm of problem size
$O(n)$	runtime is linear to problem size
$O(n^2)$	runtime grows quadratically with the size of the problem
$O(n^3)$	runtime grows cubically with the size of the problem
$O(2^n)$	runtime grows exponentially with the size of the problem
$O(n!)$	runtime grows factorially with the size of the problem

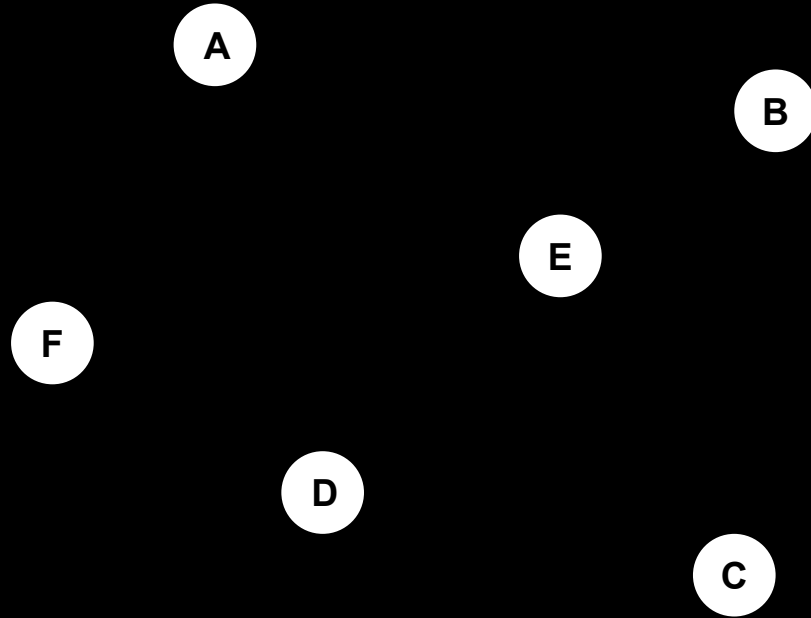


optimization

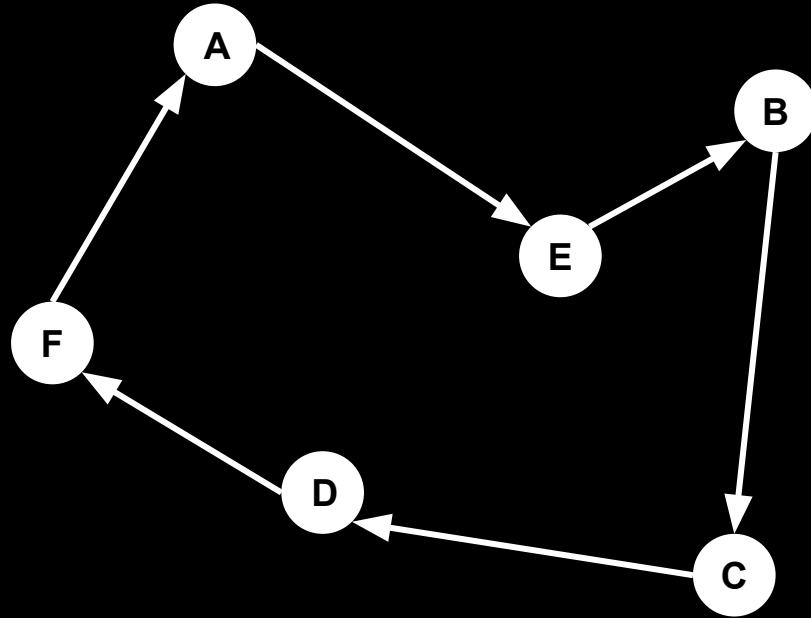


traveling salesmen

shortest tour?



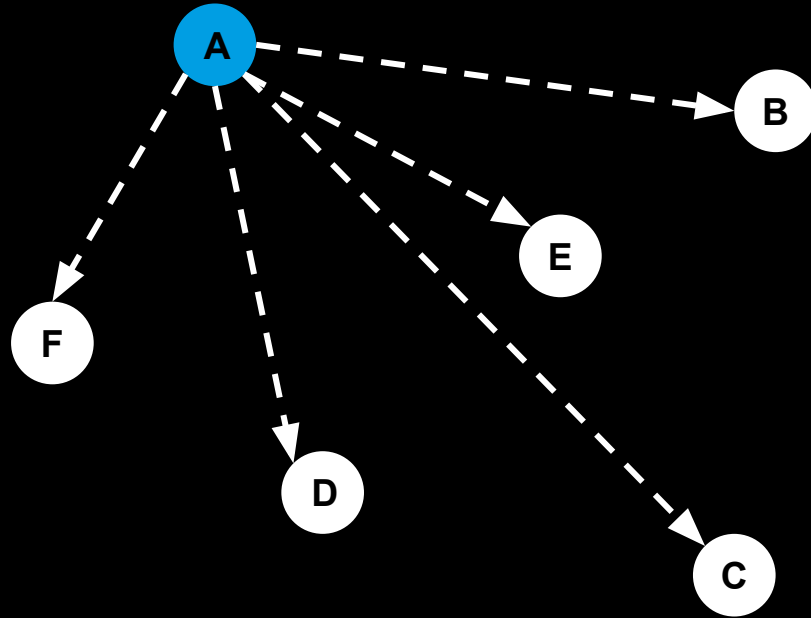
shortest tour?



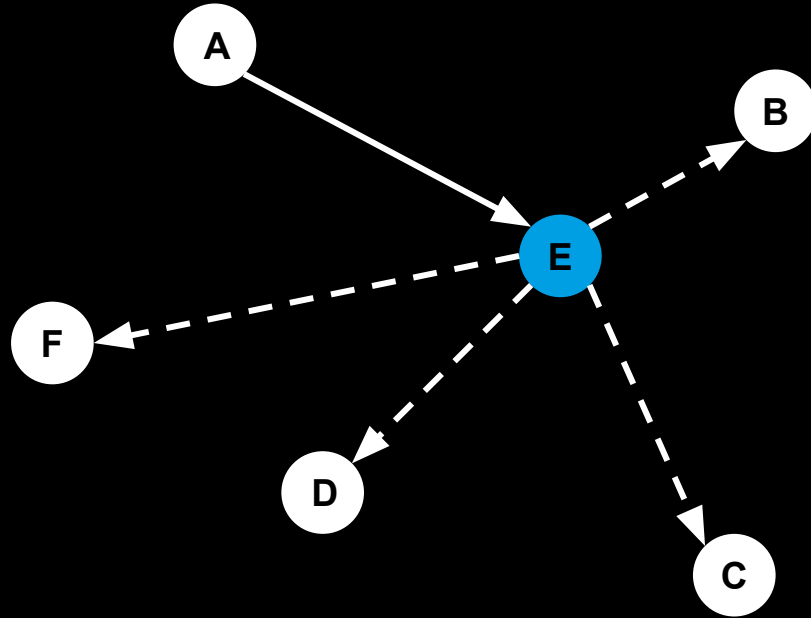
brute force

$$O(n) = n!$$

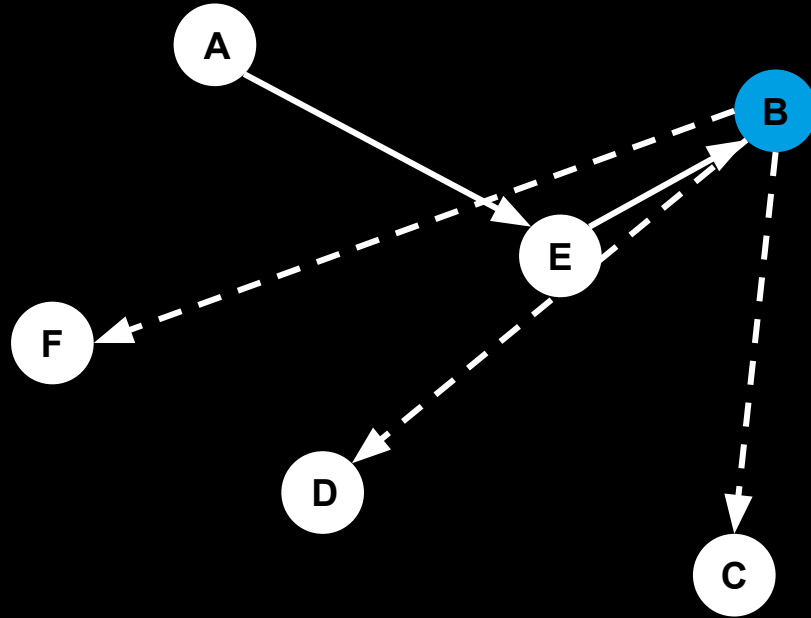
5 possible cities



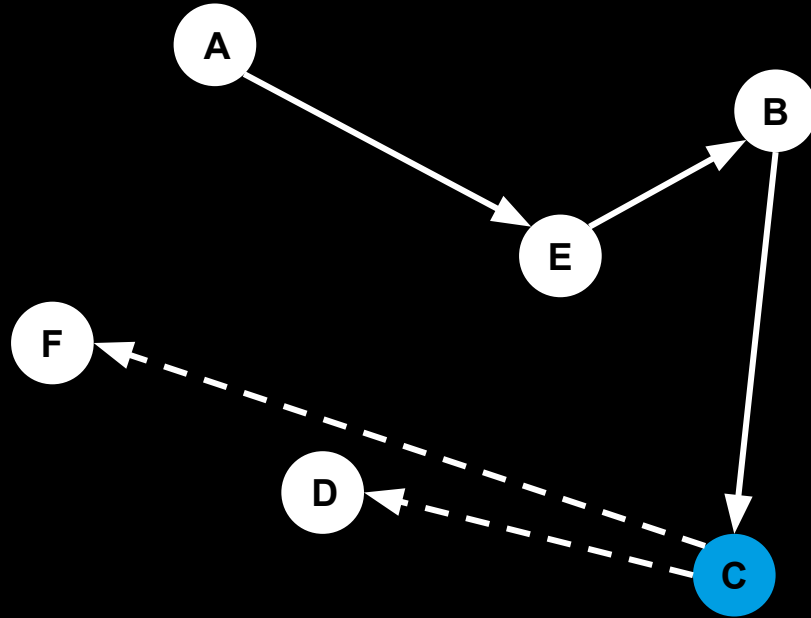
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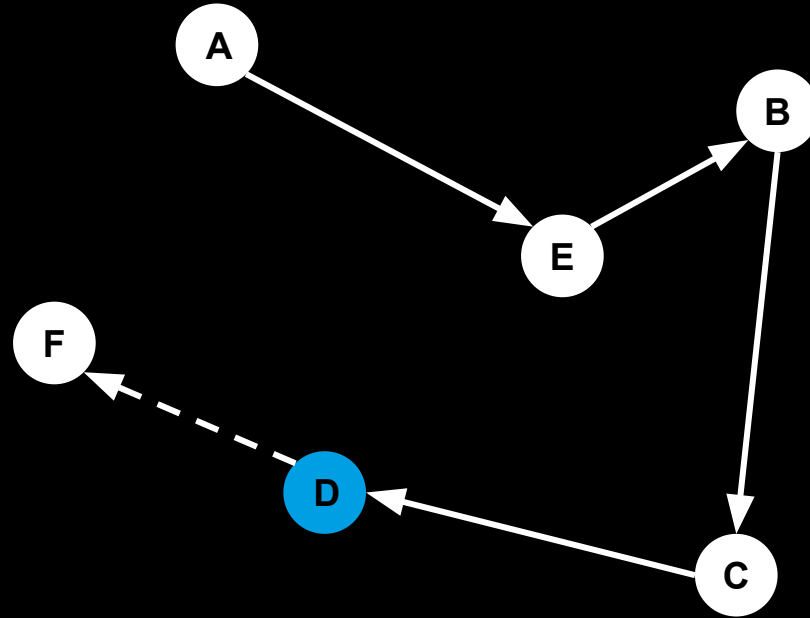
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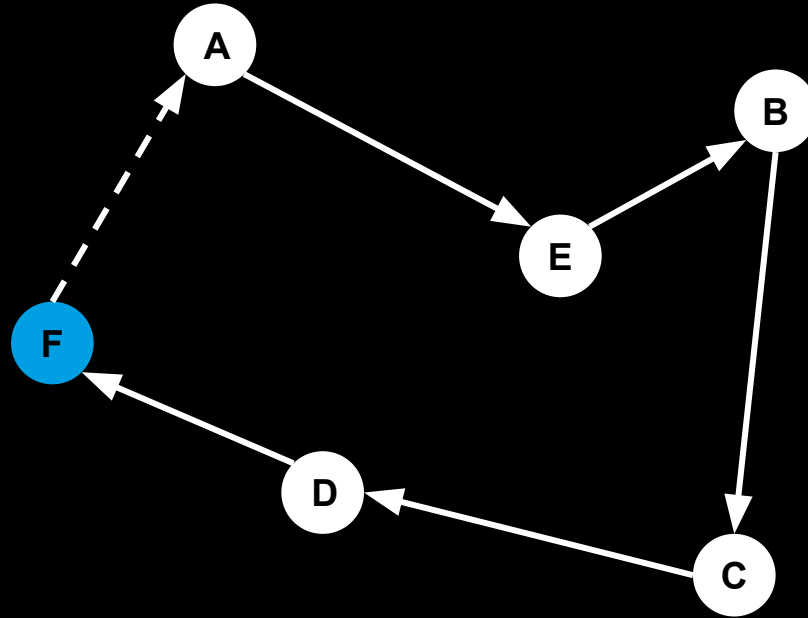
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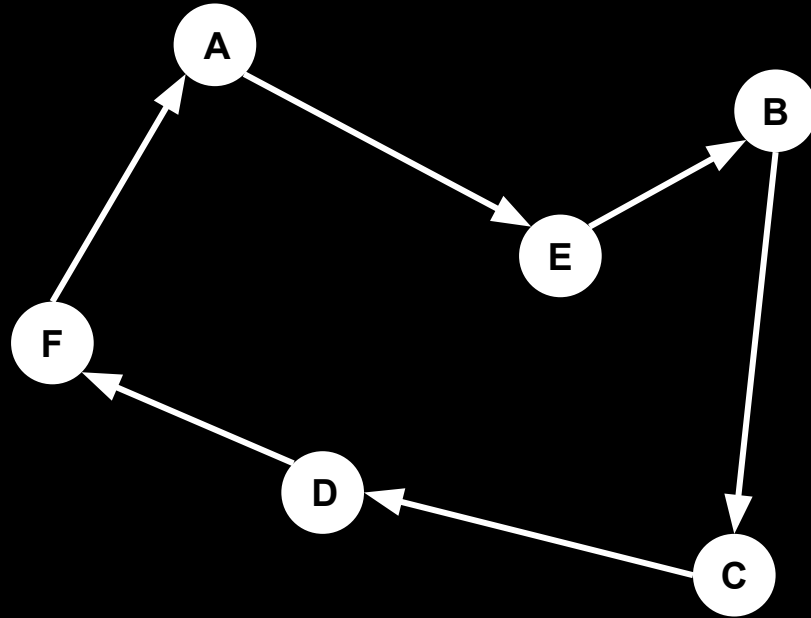
5 4 3 2 1 possible city



5 4 3 2 1 return nome



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$$O(n) = n!$$

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$$N = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$$

$$= 120$$

$$n = 10$$

$$n = 20$$

$$n = 30$$

$$n = 25$$

brute force takes longer than the universe is old

$$n = 60$$

more possible routes than atoms in the universe

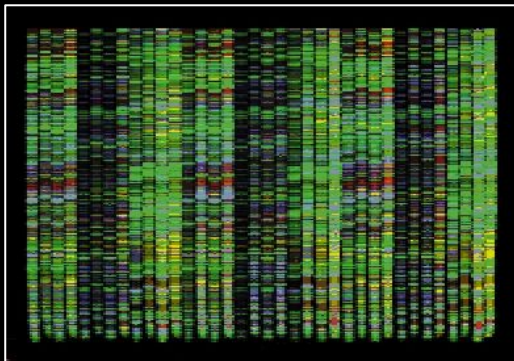


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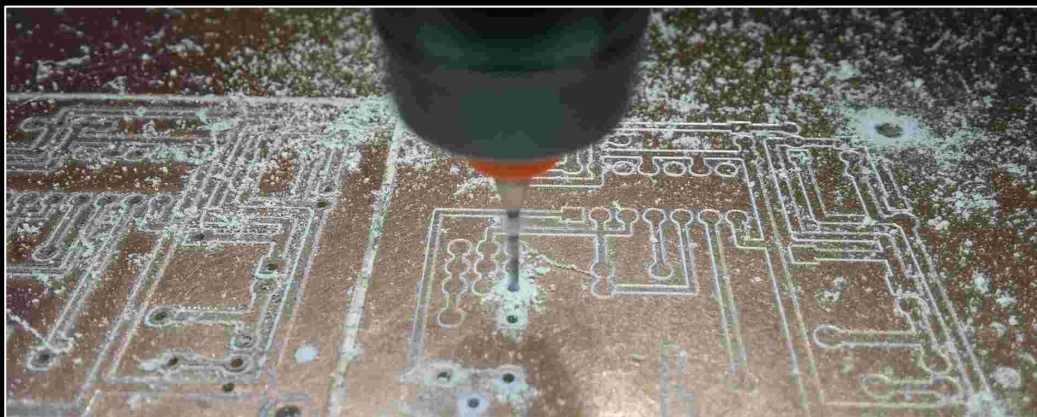


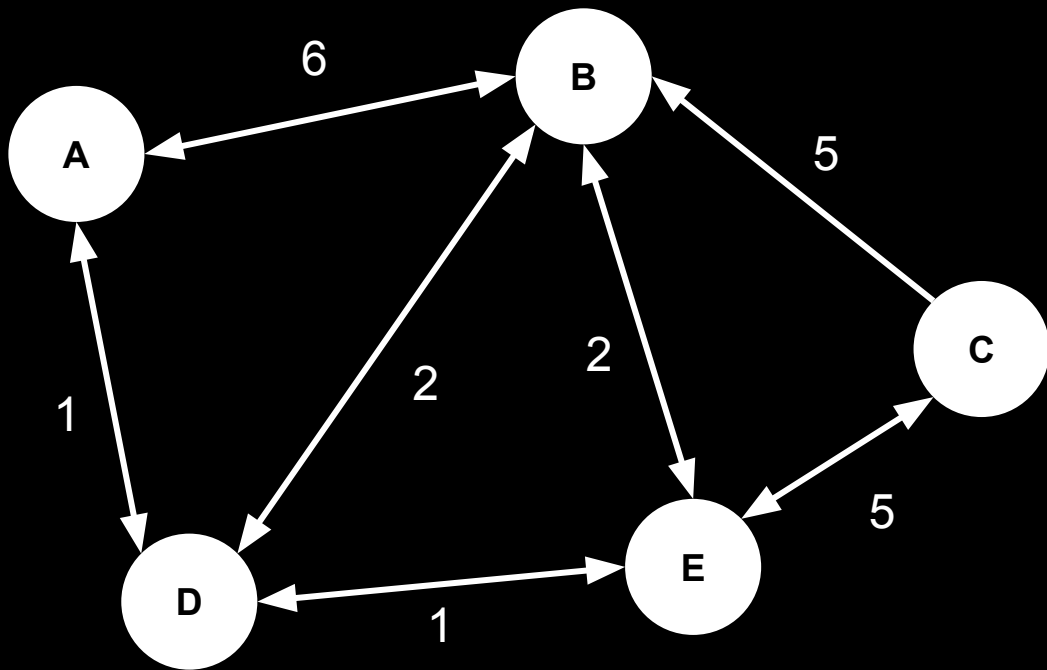
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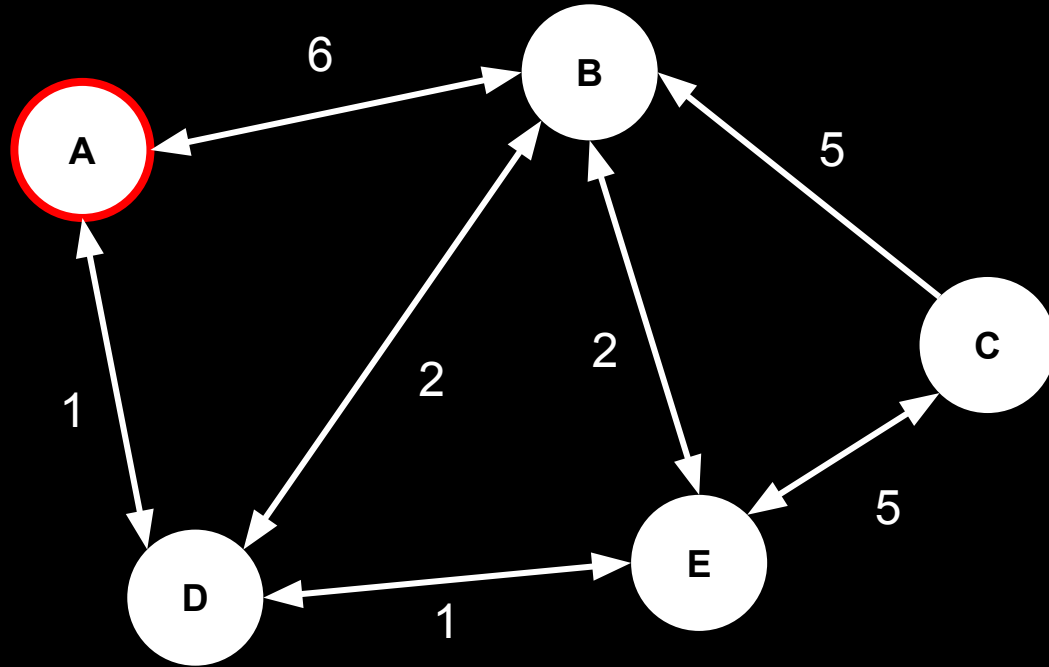
shortest paths



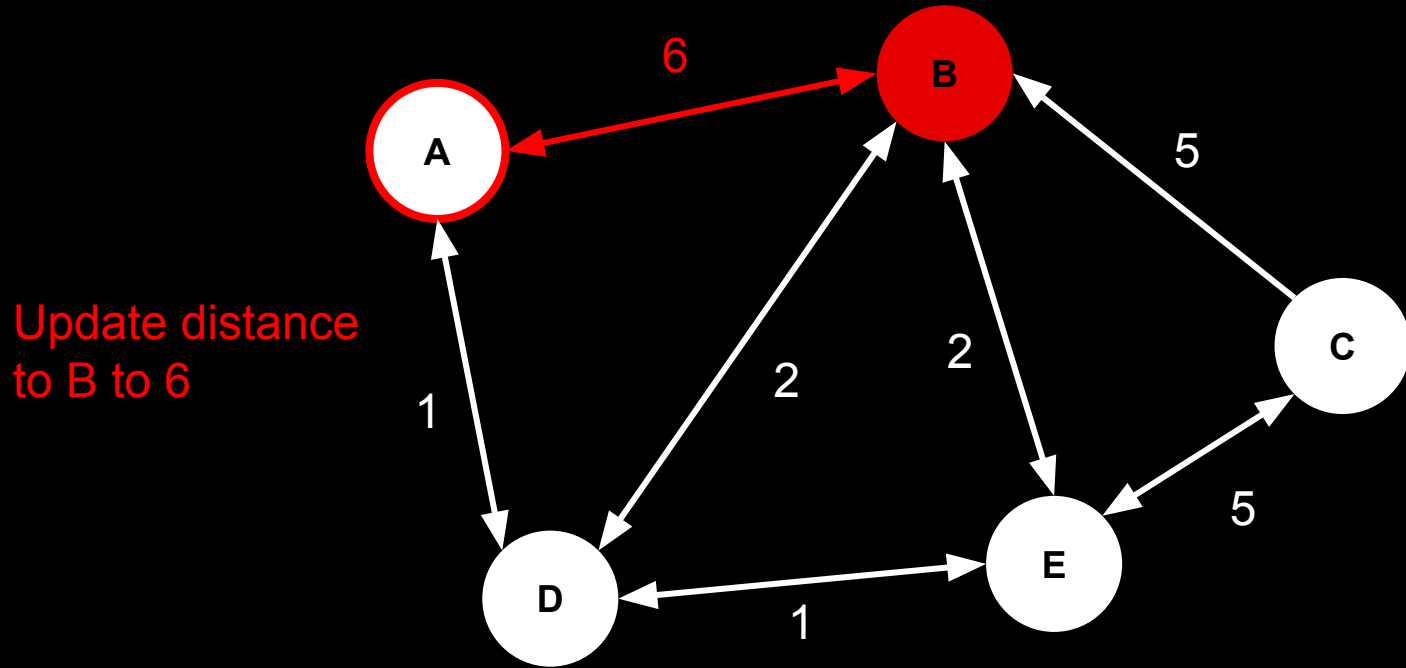
dijkstra's algorithm

Distances: $A = 0$, $B = \infty$, $C = \infty$, $D = \infty$, $E = \infty$

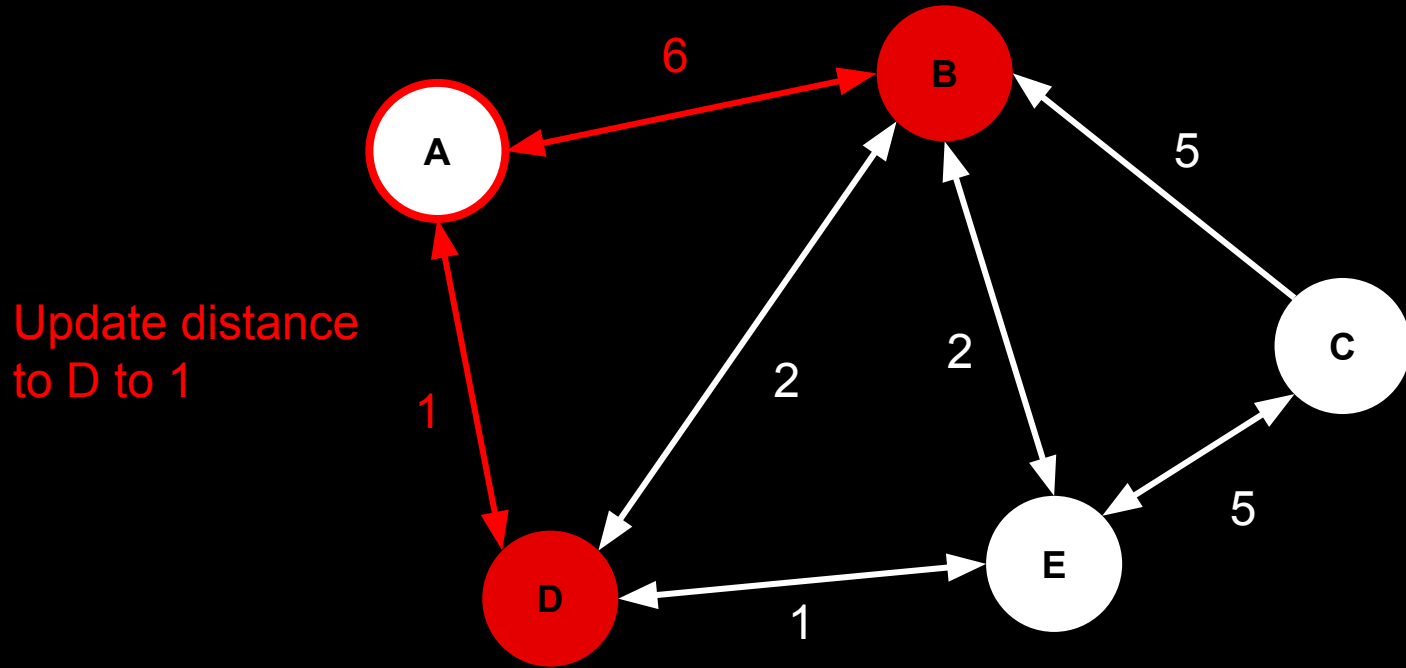
Set A as first
location



Distances: $A = 0$, $B = 6$, $C = \infty$, $D = \infty$, $E = \infty$



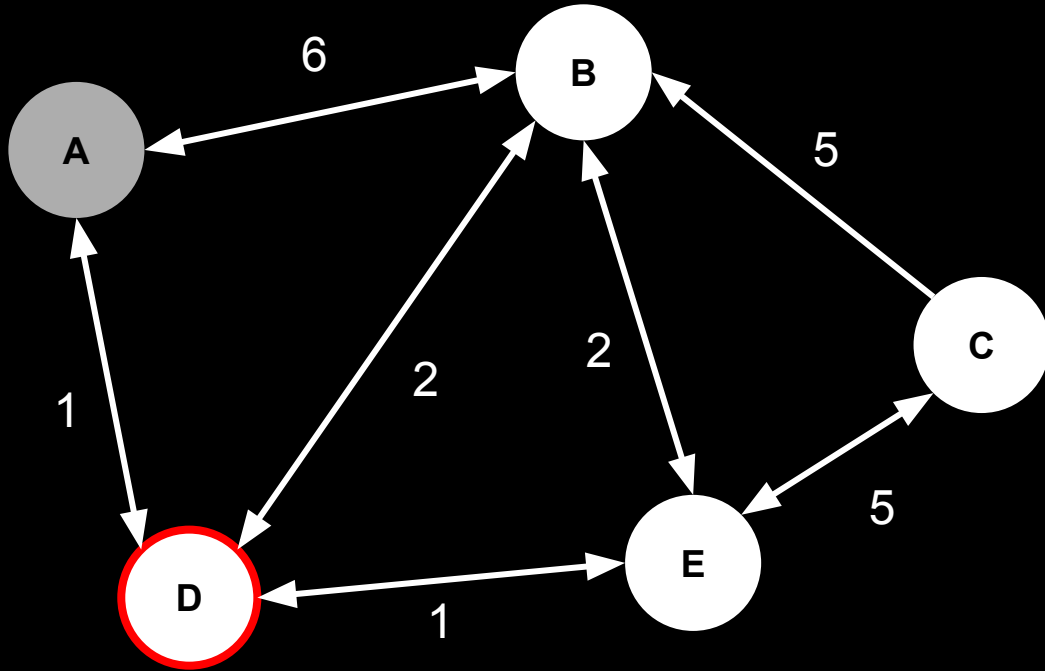
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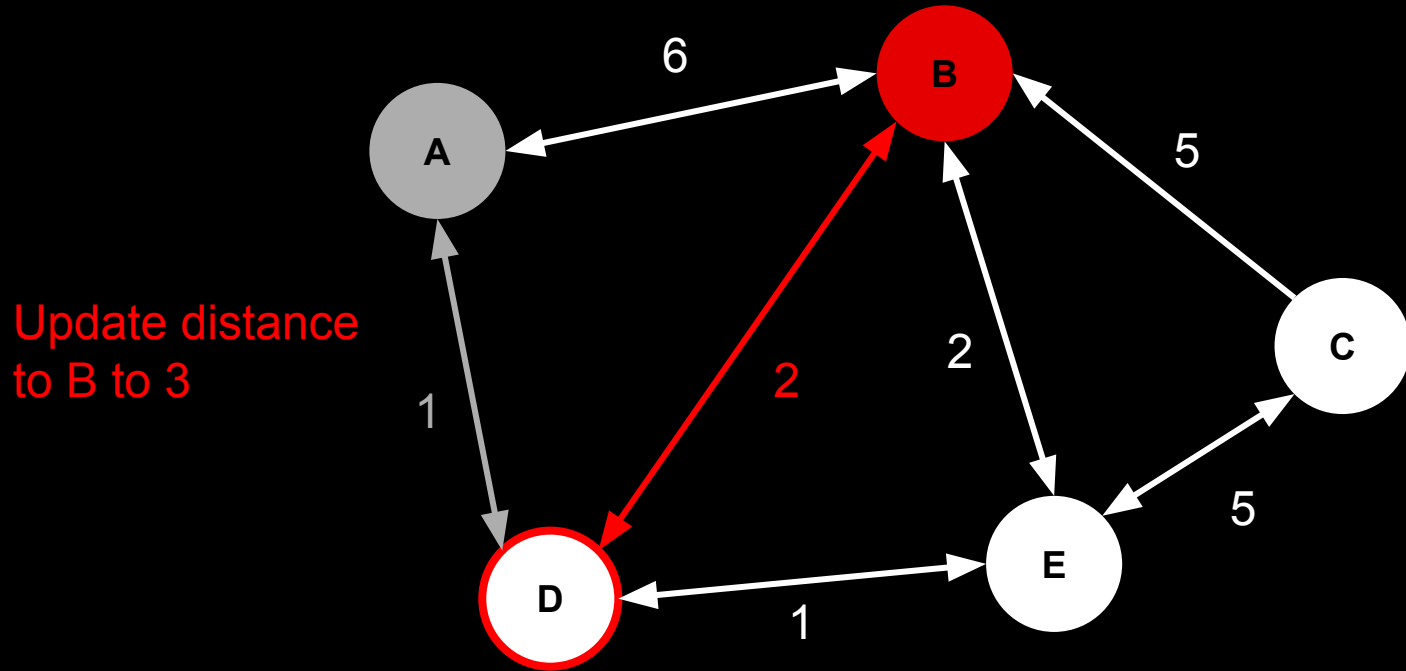
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Move to D as
next location

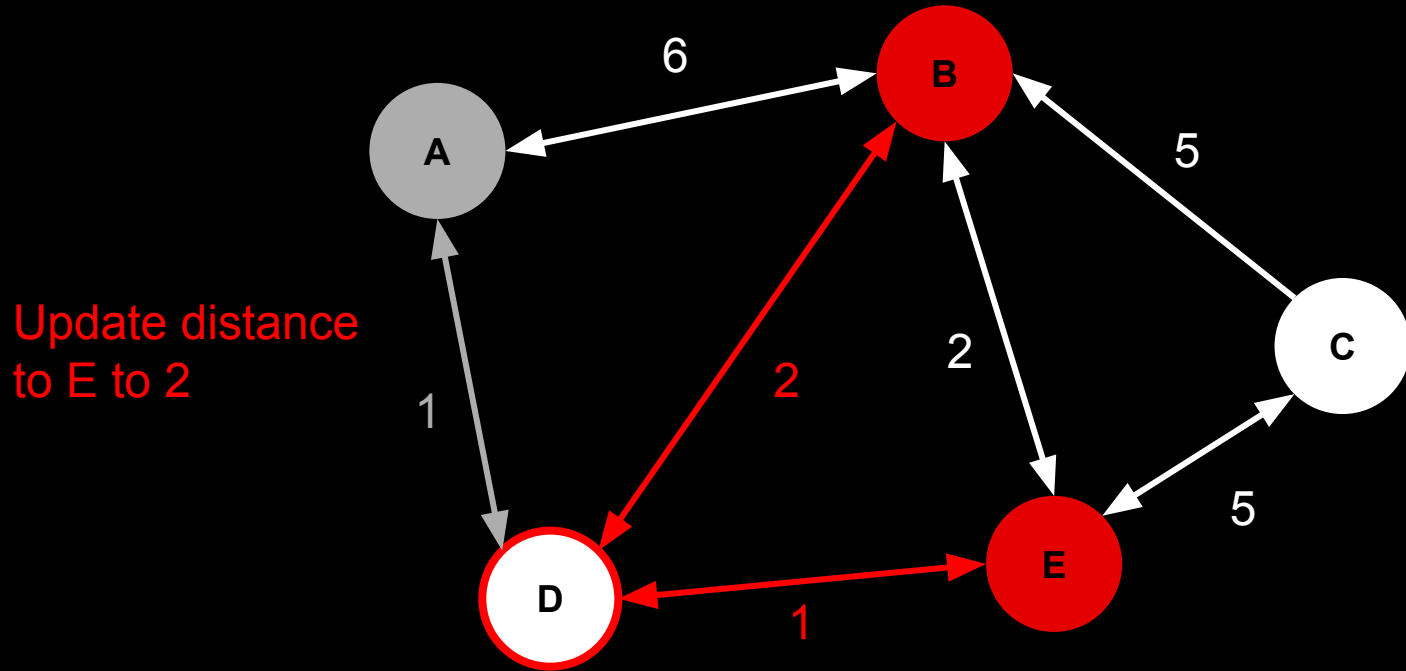
Mark A as
visited



Distances: A = 0, **B = 3**, C = ∞ , D = 1, E = ∞



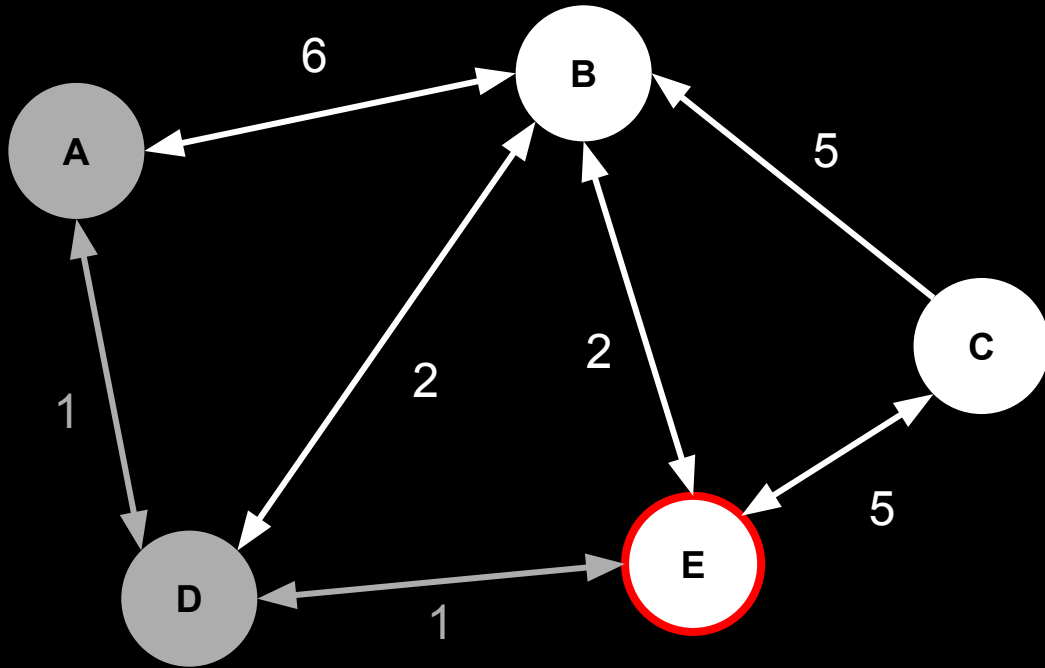
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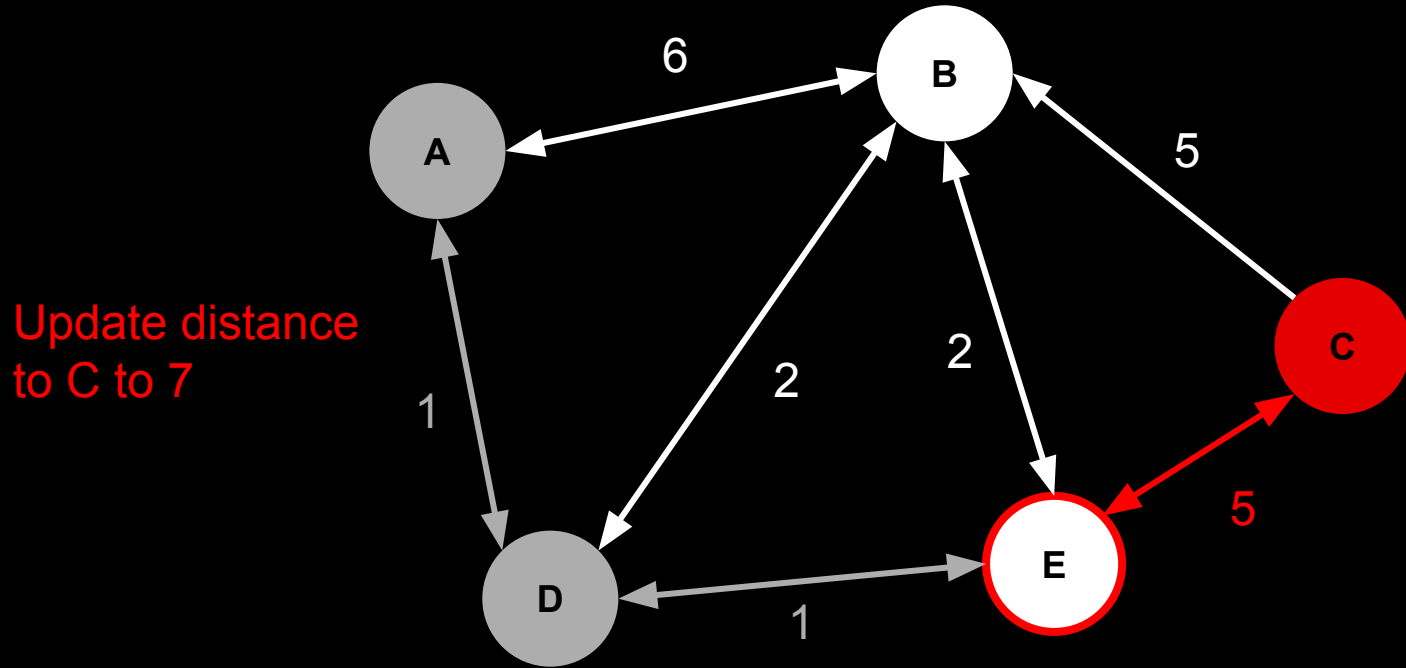
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**Move to E as
next location**

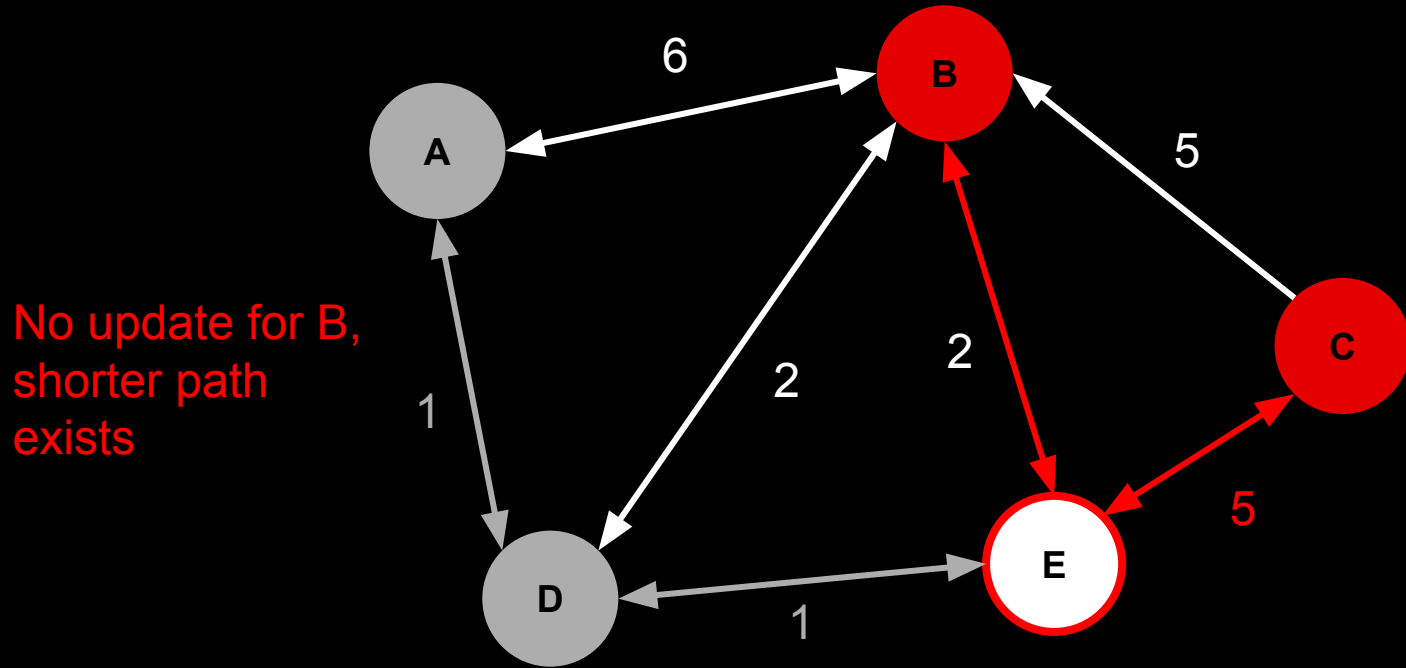
Mark D as
visited



Distances: A = 0, B = 3, C = 7, D = 1, E = 2



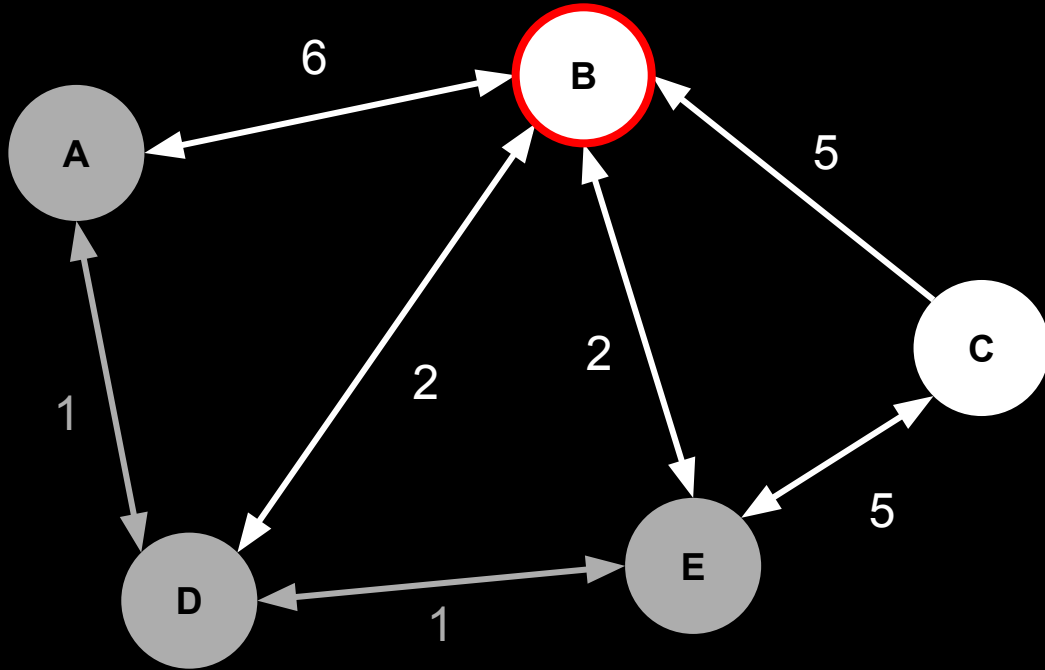
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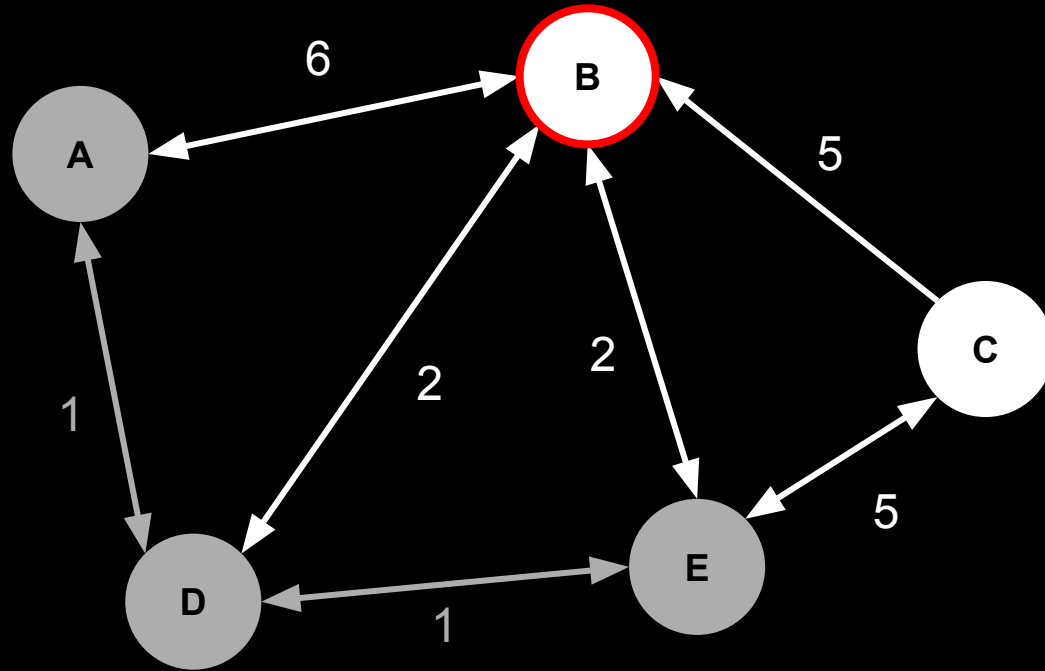
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Move to B as
new location

Mark E as
visited



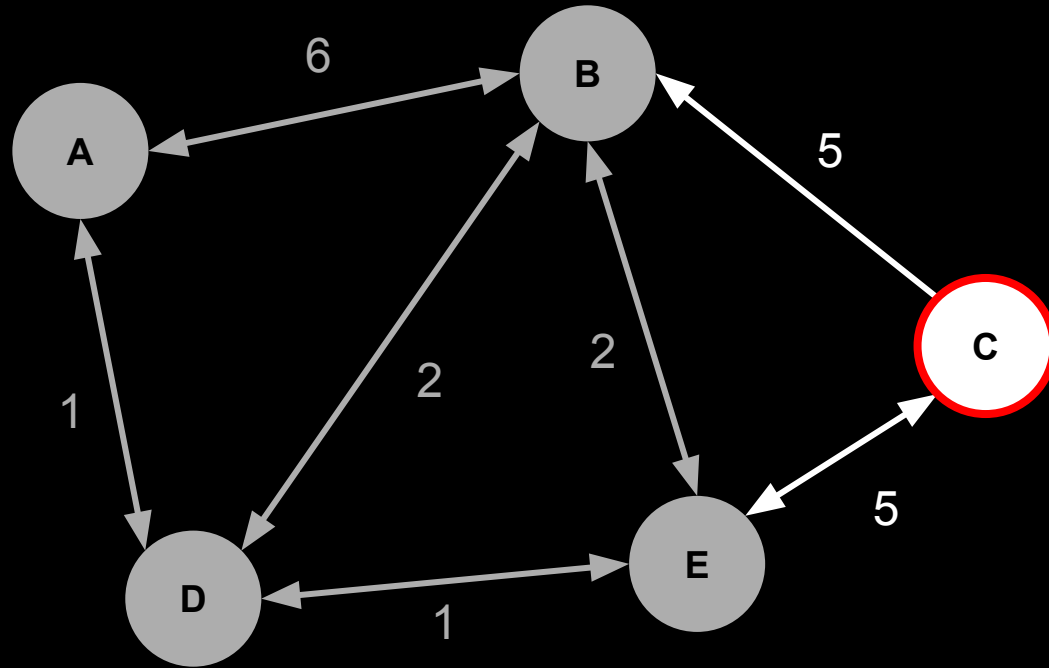
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No further
locations
reachable
from B

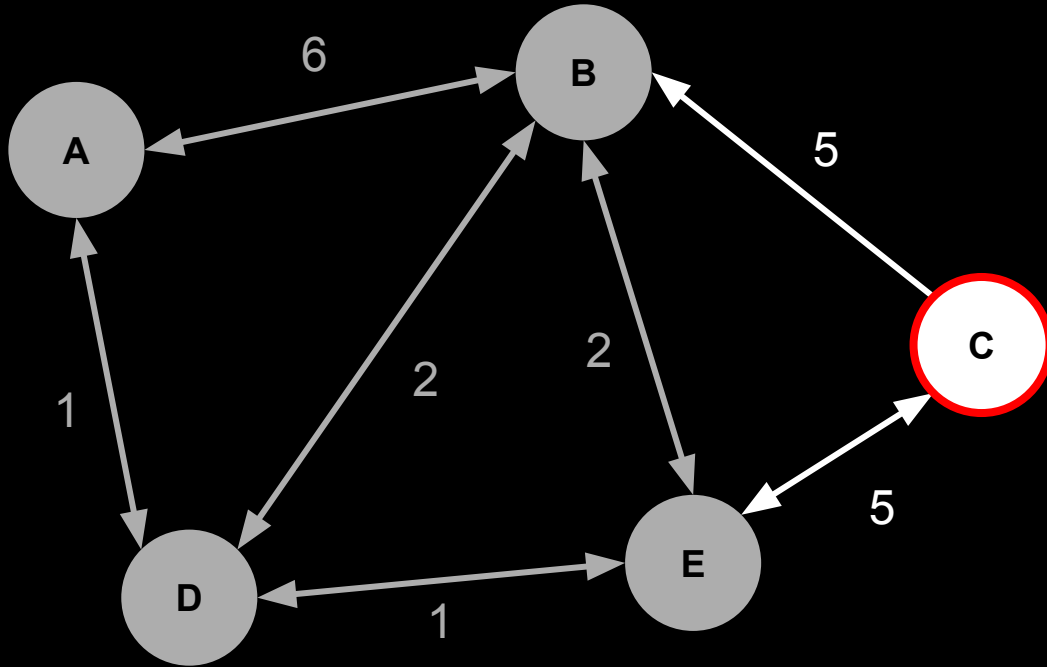
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Move to C as
new location



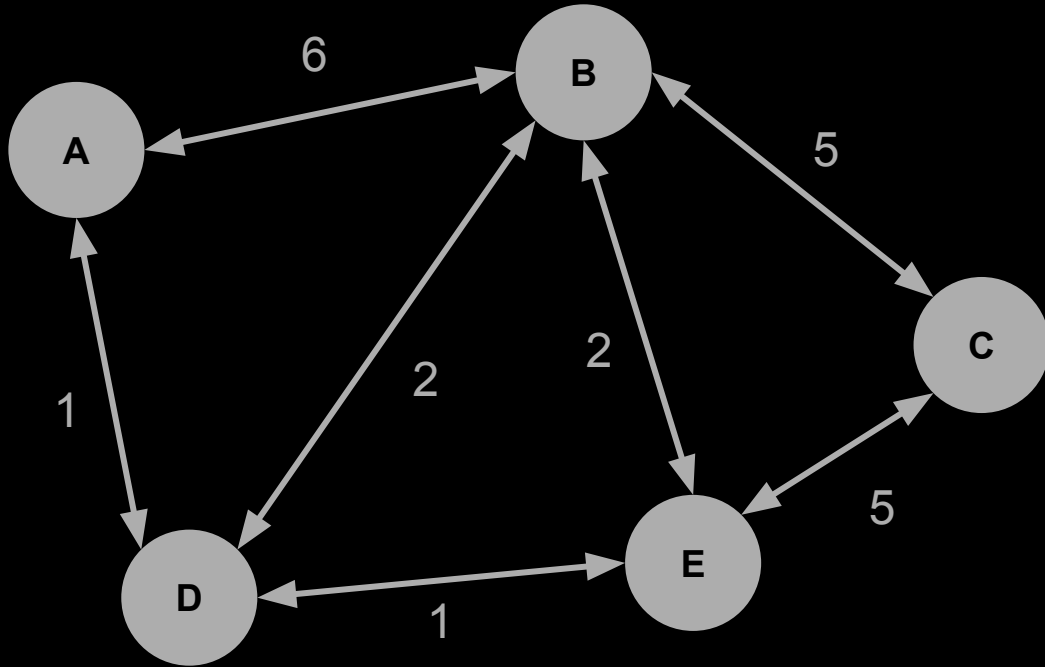
Distances: A = 0, B = 3, **C = 7**, D = 1, E = 2

No further
locations
reachable from
C



Distances: A = 0, B = 3, C = 7, D = 1, E = 2

All nodes
visited, we're
done!





spam emails



finding oranges in images

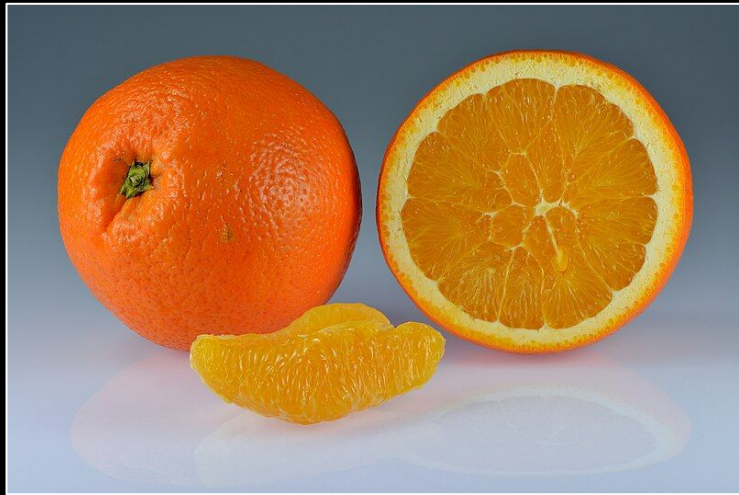


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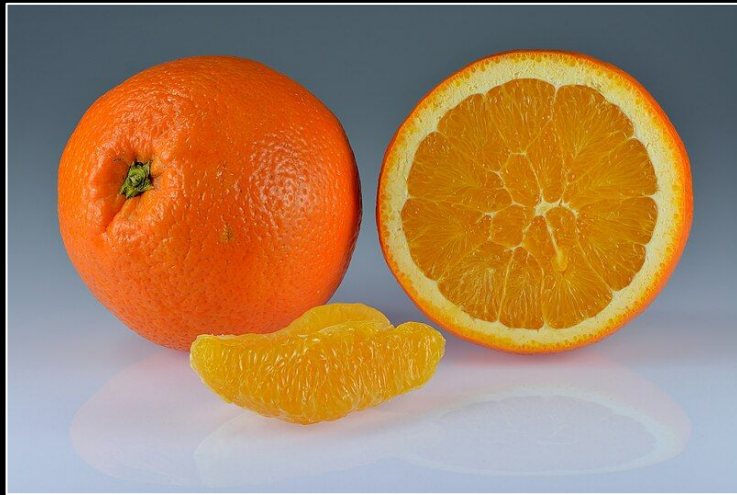


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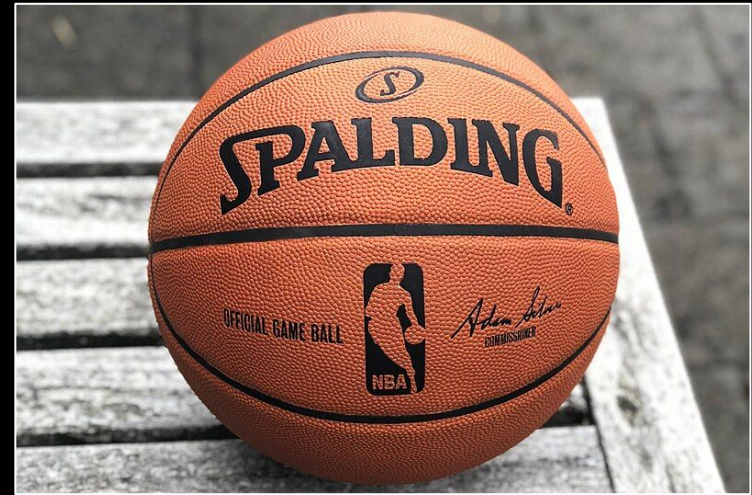


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what set of rules can solve this?

machine learning algorithms

