

CSD2183: Data Structures

Elementary Graph Algorithms

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Before we start...

- Dr. Bingjie Xu, Assistant Professor, ICT.
- Practical (lab) and interactive (app), with deep-dive learning resources (NotebookLM).
- I expect you to be punctual, stay engaged, ask questions, and create respectful online discussion environment.

Information

- The mid-term exam grades will be released by end of week 9.
- Homework 2 will be released in week 9-10.

Overview

	Basics (Week 1 - 6)	Advanced (Week 8 - 13)
1	Foundations	Graph Foundations and Traversal
2	Running Times	Minimum Spanning Trees
3	Sorting	Shortest Paths
4	List and Hash Tables	Dynamic Programming
5	Trees	Greedy Algorithms
6	Consultation	Consultation

Cormen, Thomas H., et al. Introduction to algorithms 4th edition. MIT press, 2022.

Learning Objectives

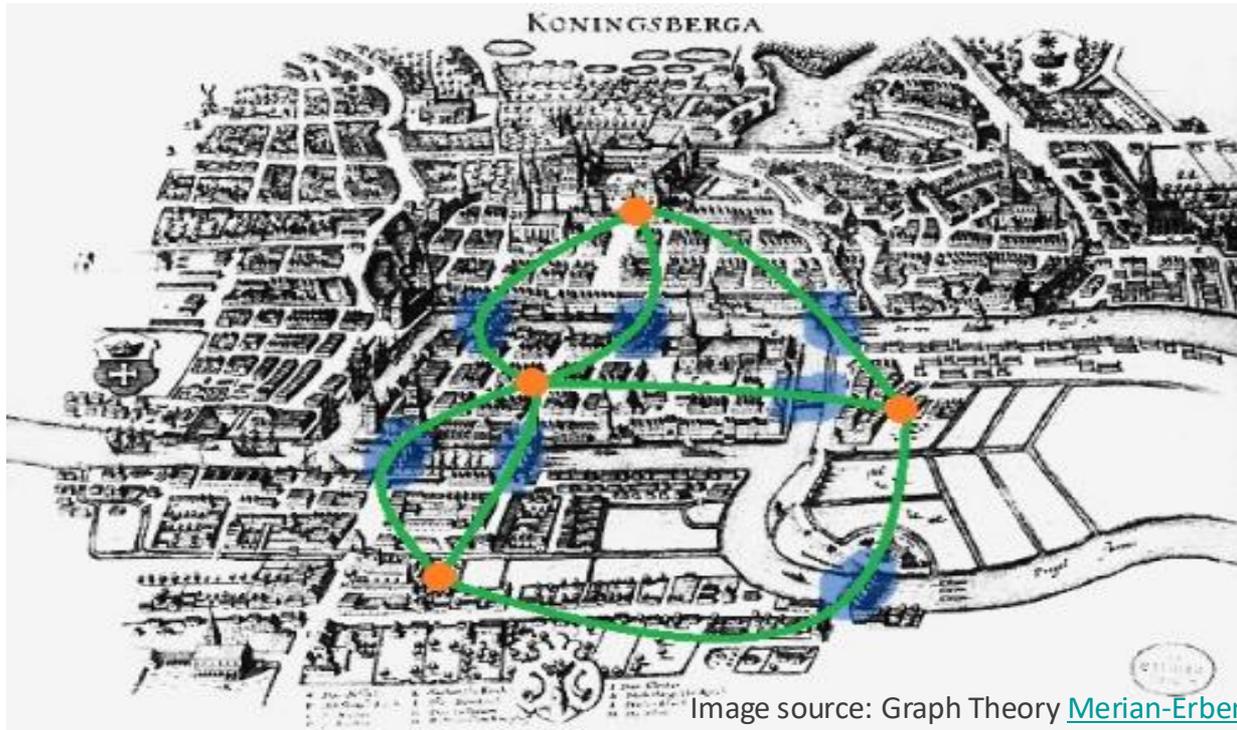
By end of this lecture, you will be able to:

- Name real-world examples of graphs in different domains, e.g., transportation, social networks, knowledge graph.
- Recall important **graph terminologies**, e.g., vertex, edge, directedness, weight, and path.
- Construct **graph representations**, e.g., adjacency-list, adjacency-matrix.
- Implement and analyze **graph traversal algorithms**, e.g., BFS, DFS.

Graph Foundations

- Real-world applications
- Definition
- Representations

Real-World Applications



- Map routes
- Neural networks
- Social networks
- Cube solution states
- ...

Origin of Graph Theory: 7 Bridges of Königsberg

Real-World Applications

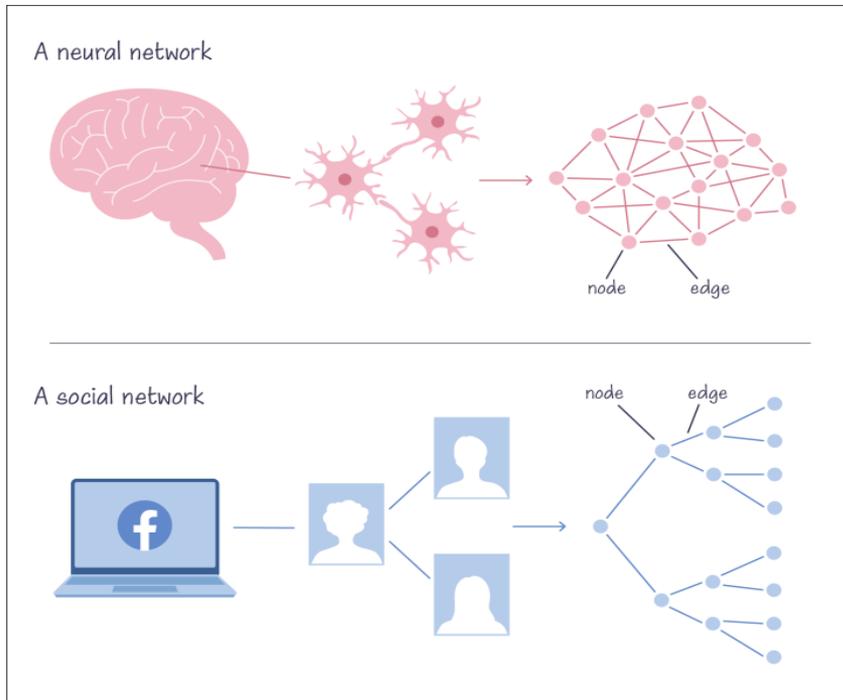
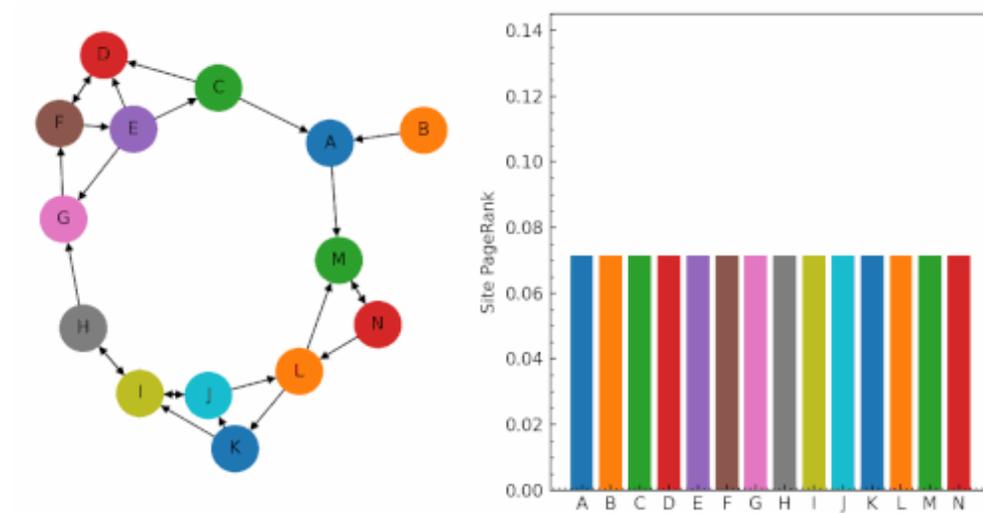


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Real-World Applications

 System Map

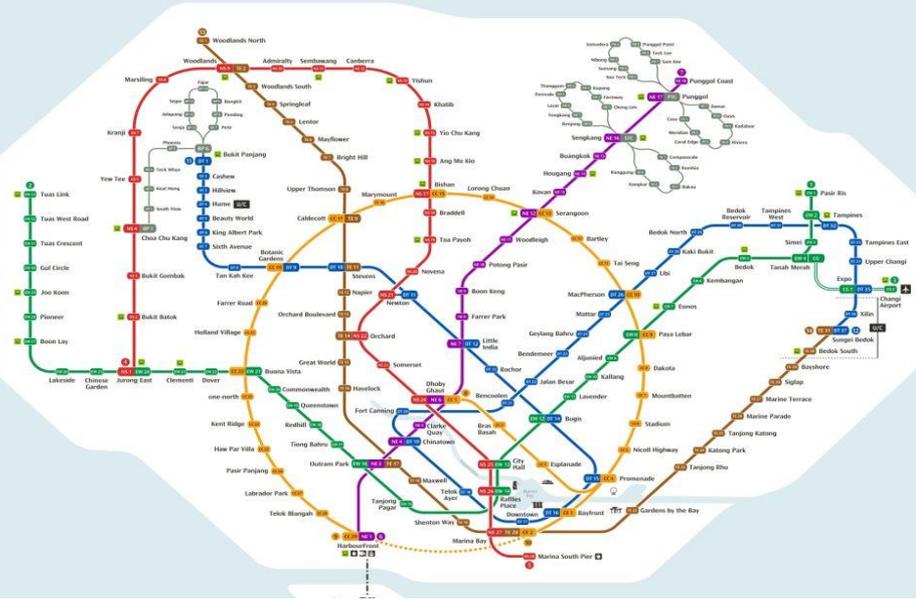


Image source: Land Transport Guru

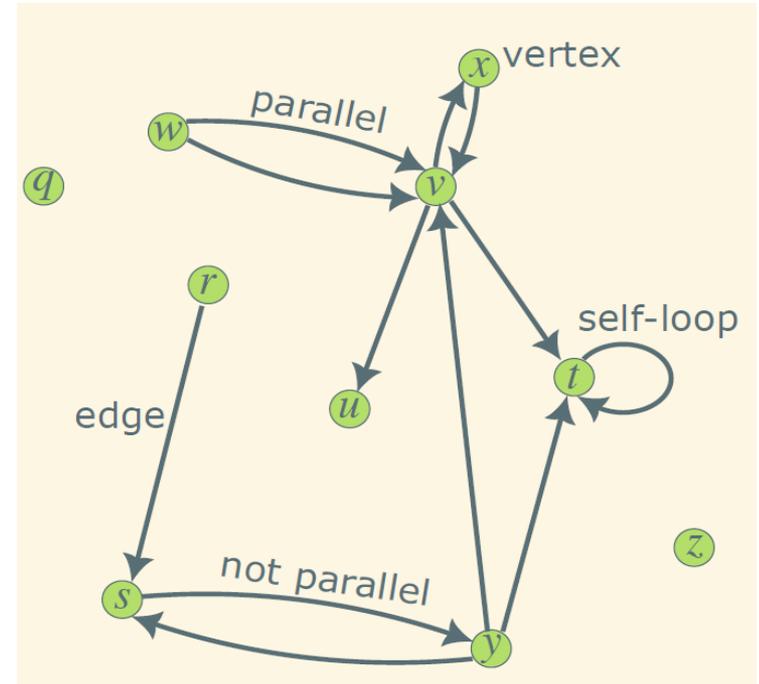
North & South East Asia



[Singapore Airlines Route Map](#)

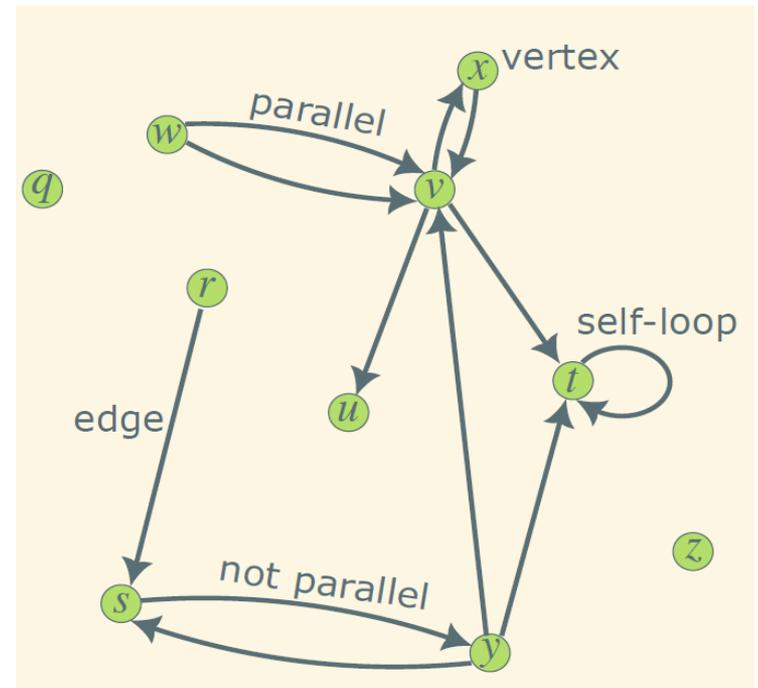
Graph Definition

- A graph $G = (V, E)$ of two sets:
 - V : Set of **vertices** (singular: vertex), also called “nodes”.
 - E : Set of **edges**, also called “links”.
- To emphasize the attributes of G , we sometimes write $G.V$ and $G.E$.



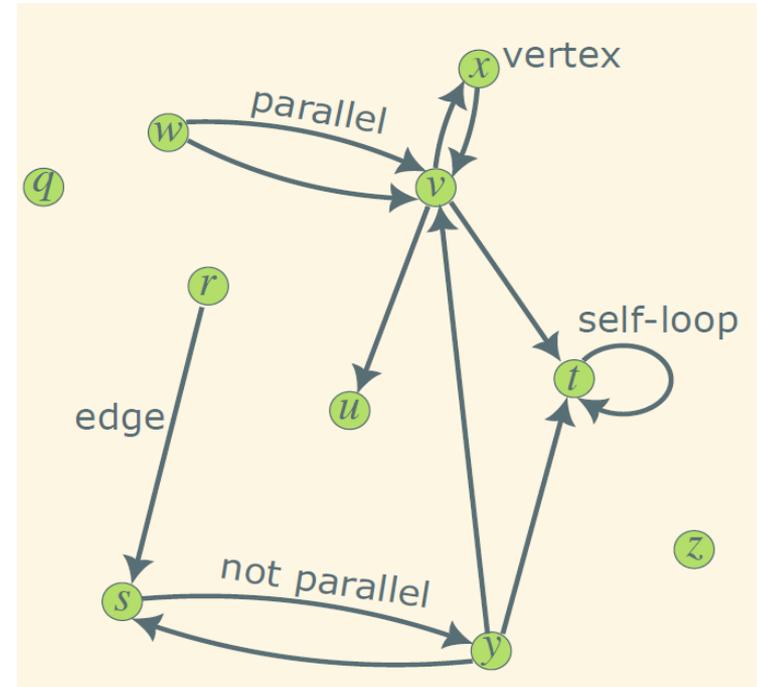
Graph Definition

- In a **directed graph**, also called a “digraph”, the edges are ordered pairs of vertices. That is, edge $(r, s) \in E$ does not necessarily imply edge $(s, r) \in E$. In plots, the order is usually indicated by an arrow from r to s .
- In an **undirected graph**, the edges are unordered pairs of vertices. That is, $(r, s) = (s, r)$.



Graph Definition

- A **weighted graph** is a graph in which each edge has an associated numerical value, called a **weight**. These weights often represent costs, distances, or capacities depending on the context.
- An **unweighted graph** is a graph in which all edges are treated as equal, i.e., they have no associated weights. Each edge simply represents a connection.

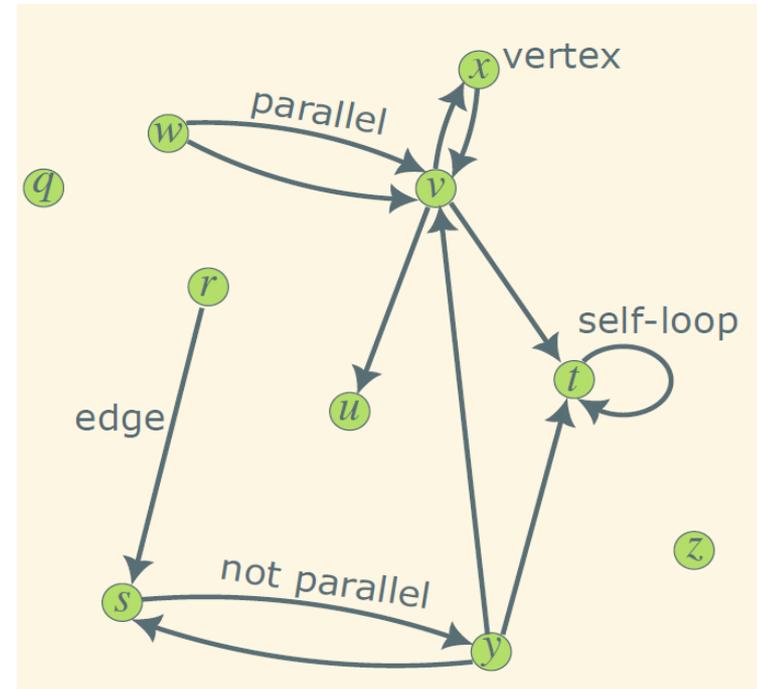


The weights in a bi-directed graph do not need to be the same.

Graph Definition

A graph is **simple** if it does not contain parallel edges or self-loops.

In this course, we only work with simple graphs. For brevity, the adjective “simple” will be omitted but is always implicit unless otherwise stated.

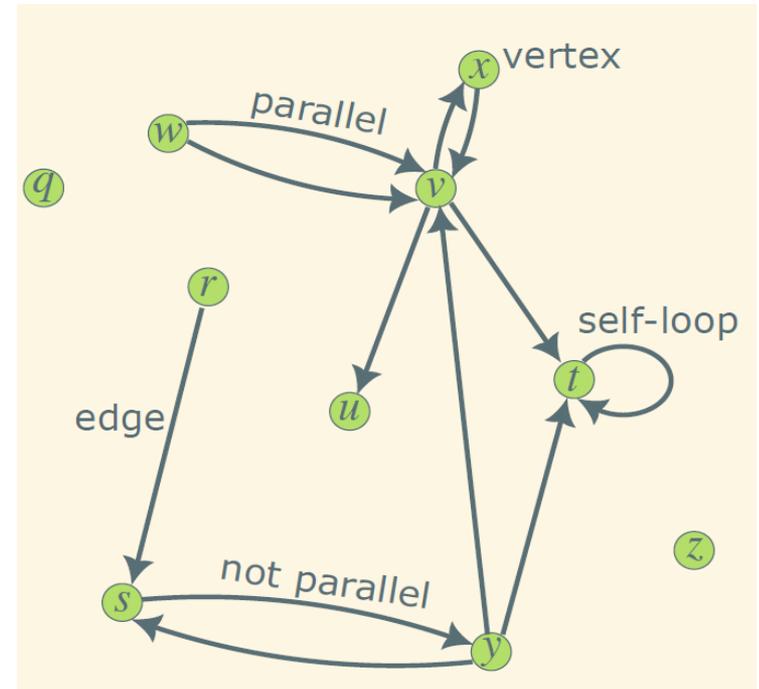


Graph Definition

Let k_v be the number of vertices pointing away from v .

In undirected graphs, k_v is called the **degree** of v .

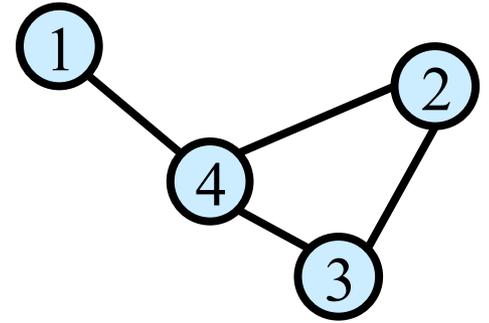
In directed graphs, k_v is called the **out-degree** of v .



Graph Representations

Adjacency List: Array Adj of $|V|$ lists, one per vertex.

- Vertex u 's list has all vertices v such that $(u, v) \in E$. Works for both directed and undirected graphs.
- The order of the elements in $Adj[u]$ does not matter.
- If edges have weights, store w in the lists.
- Space: $\Theta(V + E)$
- Time to list all vertices adjacent to u : $\Theta(\text{degree}(u))$
- Time to determine whether $(u, v) \in E$: $O(\text{degree}(u))$

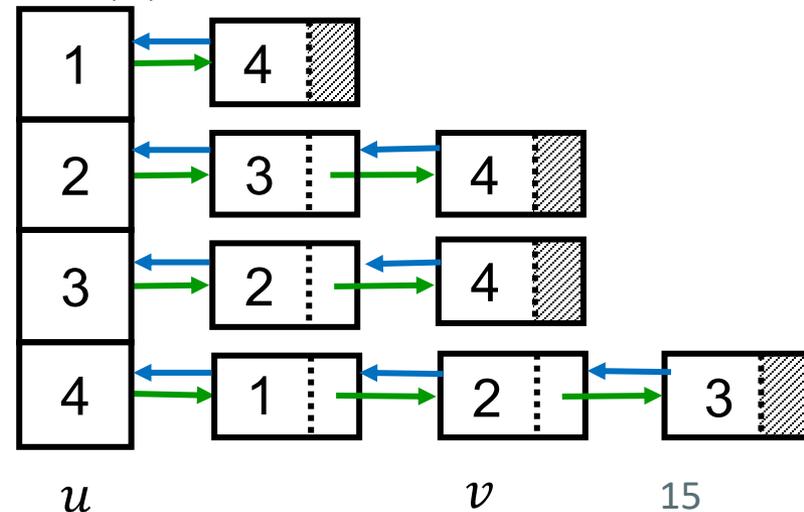


Advantage

- Compact for sparse graphs

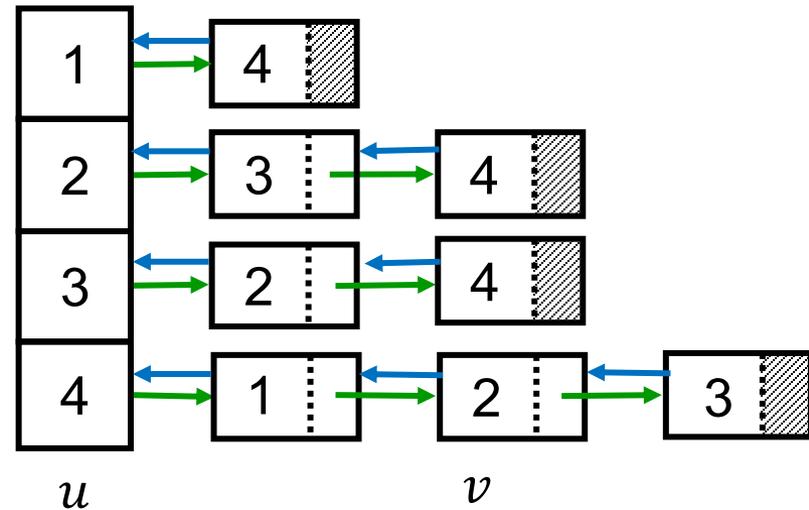
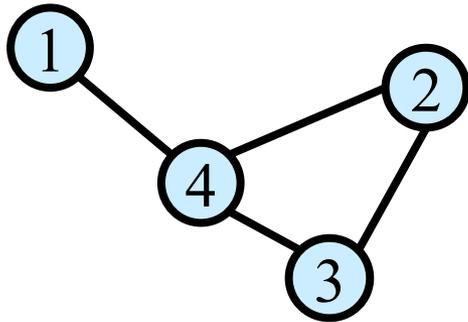
Disadvantage

- Bad memory access if graph is dense



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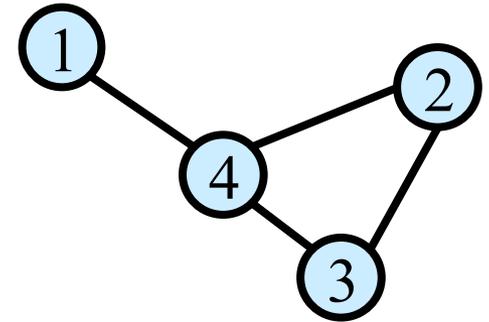
```
// Construct a graph
int n = 4; // Number of nodes
vector<vector<int>> adj(n);

// Add adjacencies
adj[1] = {4};
adj[2] = {3, 4};
adj[3] = {2, 4};
adj[4] = {1, 2, 3};
```

Graph Representations

Adjacency Matrix: $|V| * |V|$ matrix A .

- For all vertex i, j , $A[i, j] = 1$ if $(i, j) \in E$, 0 otherwise.
- Works for both directed and undirected graphs. Can also represent weighted graph, $A[i, j] = w_{ij}$
- Space: $\Theta(V^2)$
- Time to list all vertices adjacent to u : $\Theta(V)$
- Time to determine whether $(u, v) \in E$: $\Theta(1)$



Advantage:

- When graphs are reasonably small

Disadvantage:

- Inefficient for sparse graphs in storage

	1	2	3	4
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	1
3	0	1	0	1
4	1	1	1	0

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```
int numVertices;
vector<vector<int>> adjMatrix;

adjMatrix = vector<vector<int>>(numVertices, vector<int>(numVertices, 0));

// Add an edge between vertices u and v with weight (default 1)
void addEdge(int u, int v, int weight = 1) {
    adjMatrix[u][v] = weight;
    adjMatrix[v][u] = weight;
}

// Remove the edge between vertices u and v
void removeEdge(int u, int v) {
    adjMatrix[u][v] = 0;
    adjMatrix[v][u] = 0;
}
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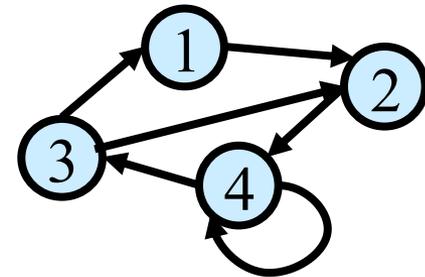
Exercise

For a directed graph, same asymptotic space and time as for an undirected graph using [Adjacency List](#).

Can you list the edges (u, v) and draw the directed graph based on below adjacency list?

Adj

1	→	2	/		
2	→	4	/		
3	→	1	→	2	/
4	→	4	→	3	/



Graph Traversal Algorithms

- Breadth-first search (BFS)

Graph Traversal Algorithms

- A **path of length k** (k edges) from a vertex u to a vertex u' in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a sequence $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ of vertices such that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

$$u = v_0$$

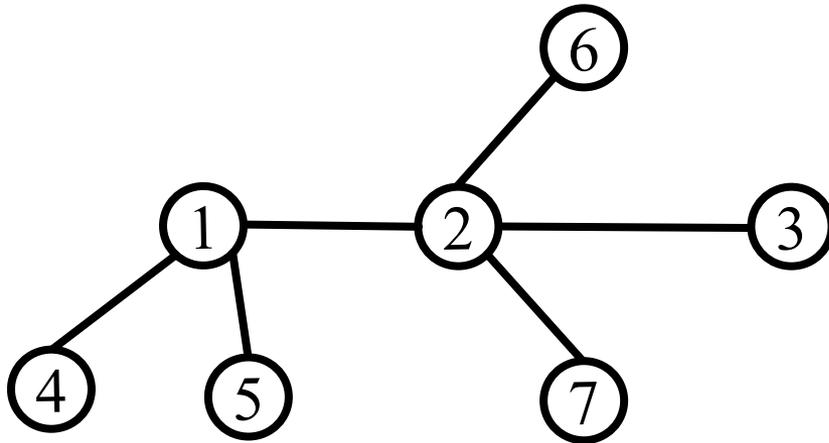
$$u' = v_k$$

$$(v_{i-1}, v_i) \in E, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

- Graph G can be directed and undirected.
- If there is a path p from u to u' , we say that **u' is reachable from u** via p .
- A path is simple if all vertices in the path are distinct.
- **Traversal:** Walk (via edges) from a fixed starting vertex u to all vertices reachable from u .

Graph Traversal Algorithms

Start from a tree (a simplified form of graph)



Breadth-first (broad) search order:

1,2,4,5,6,3,7

Depth-first (deep) search order:

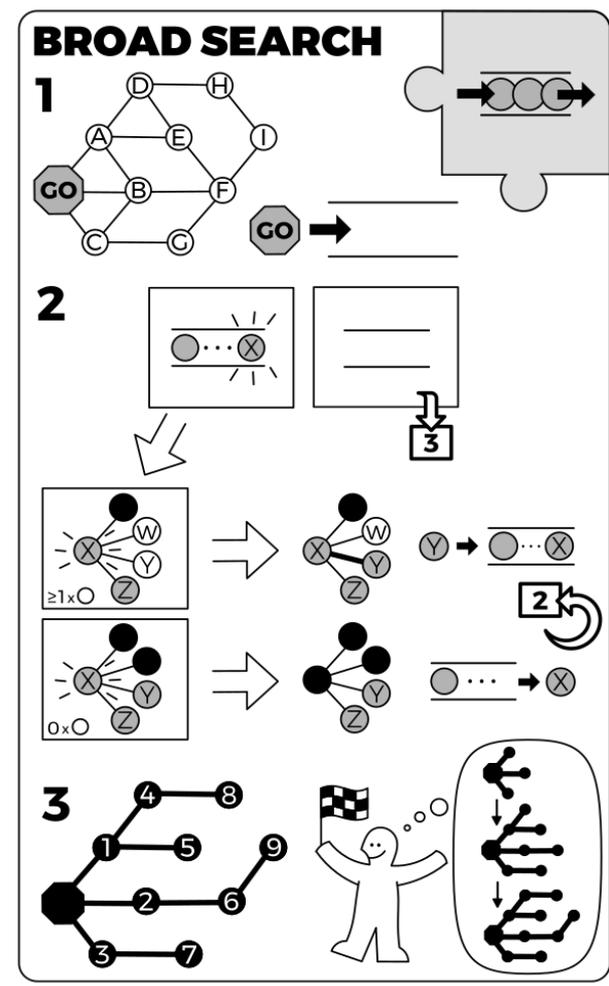
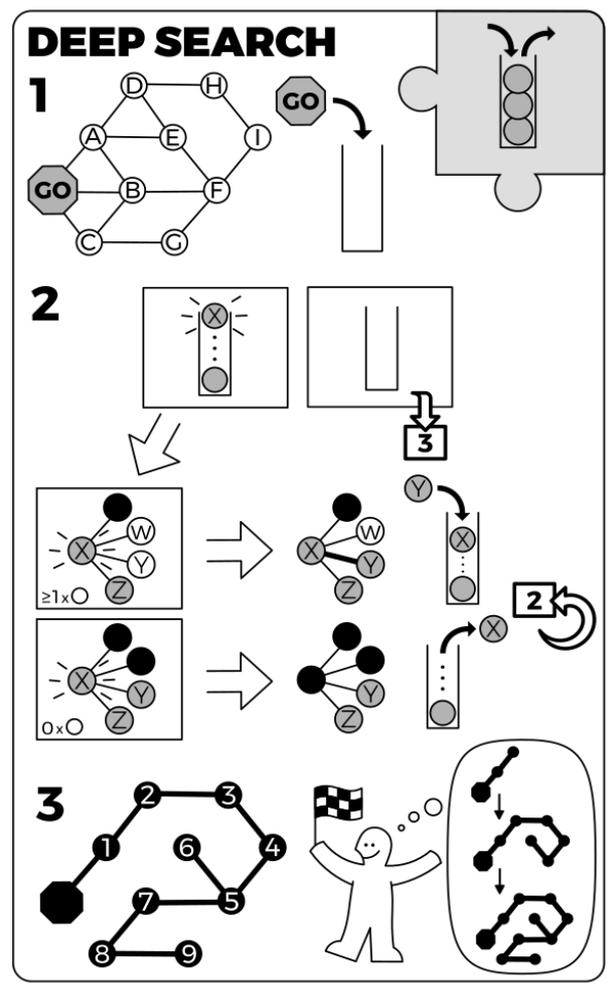
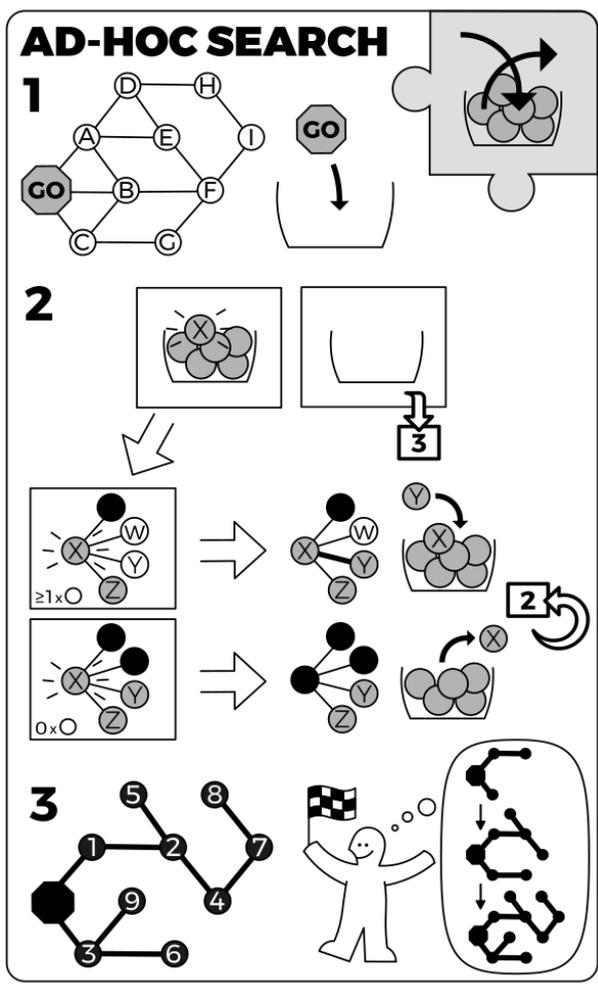
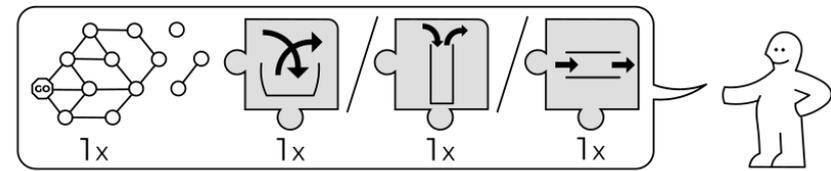
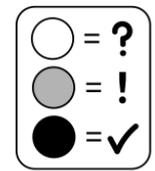
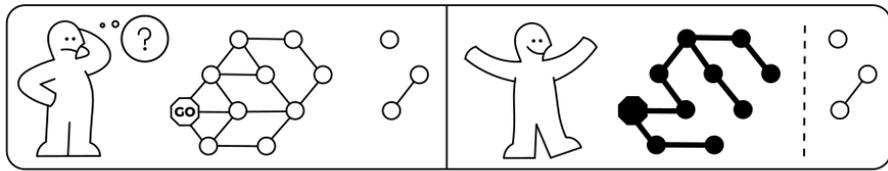
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Two important terms:

1. Discovering/visiting a vertex
2. Exploration of vertex

Common rules:

- Start from **any** vertex.
- Order to choose adjacent vertices does **not** matter.
- Works for both **undirected and directed** graphs.

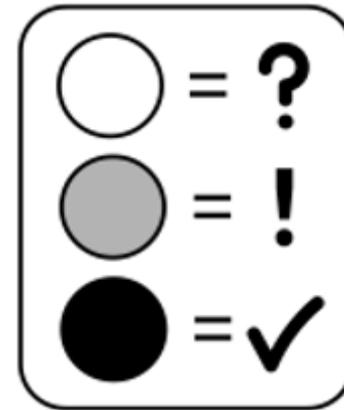


Breadth First Search (BFS)

Completely **explore** the vertices in order of their distance from s .

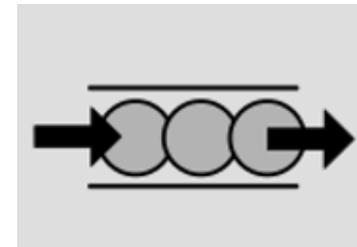
Three states of vertices:

- Undiscovered
- **Discovered**
- **Fully-explored**

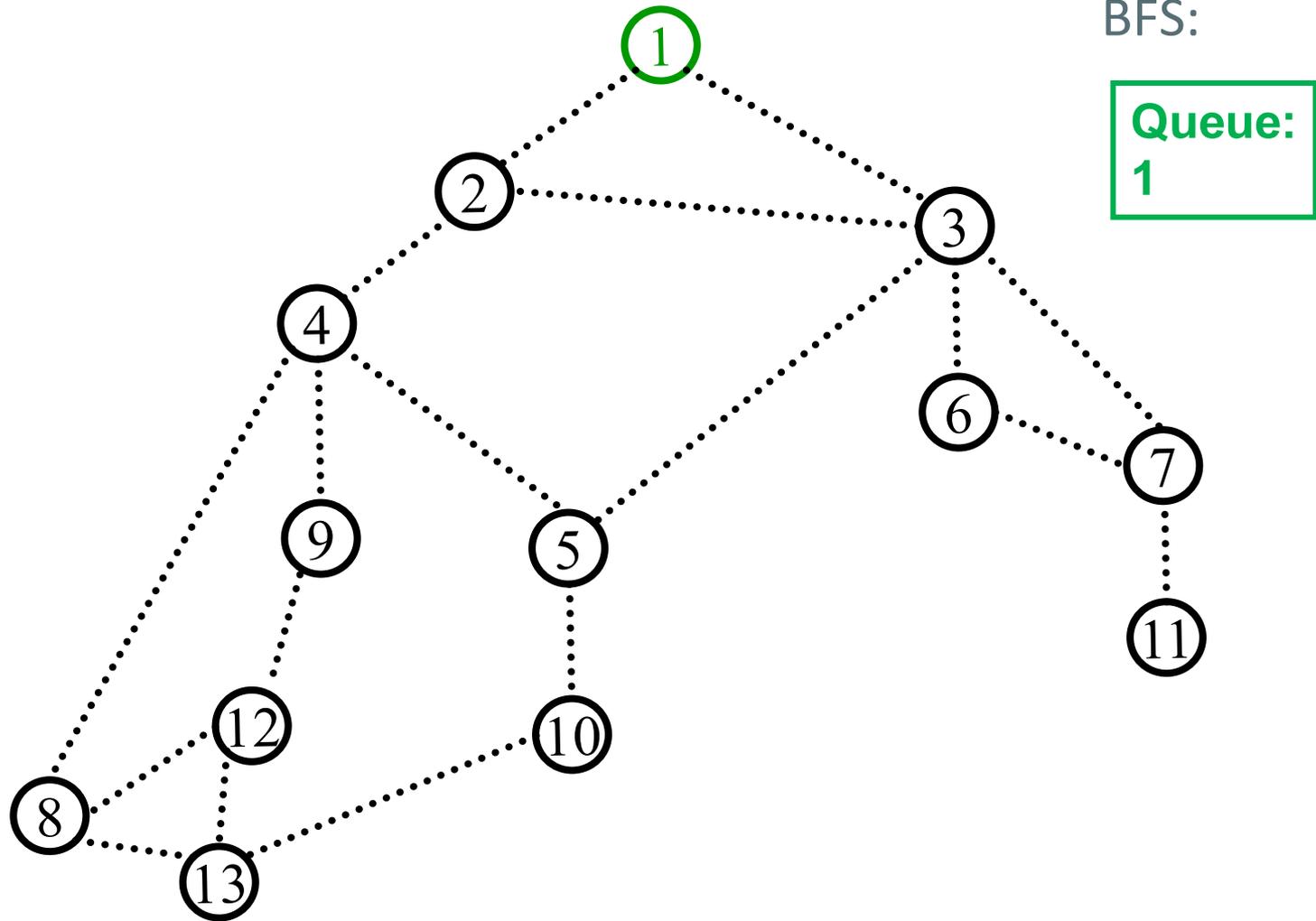


Naturally implemented using a **queue**.

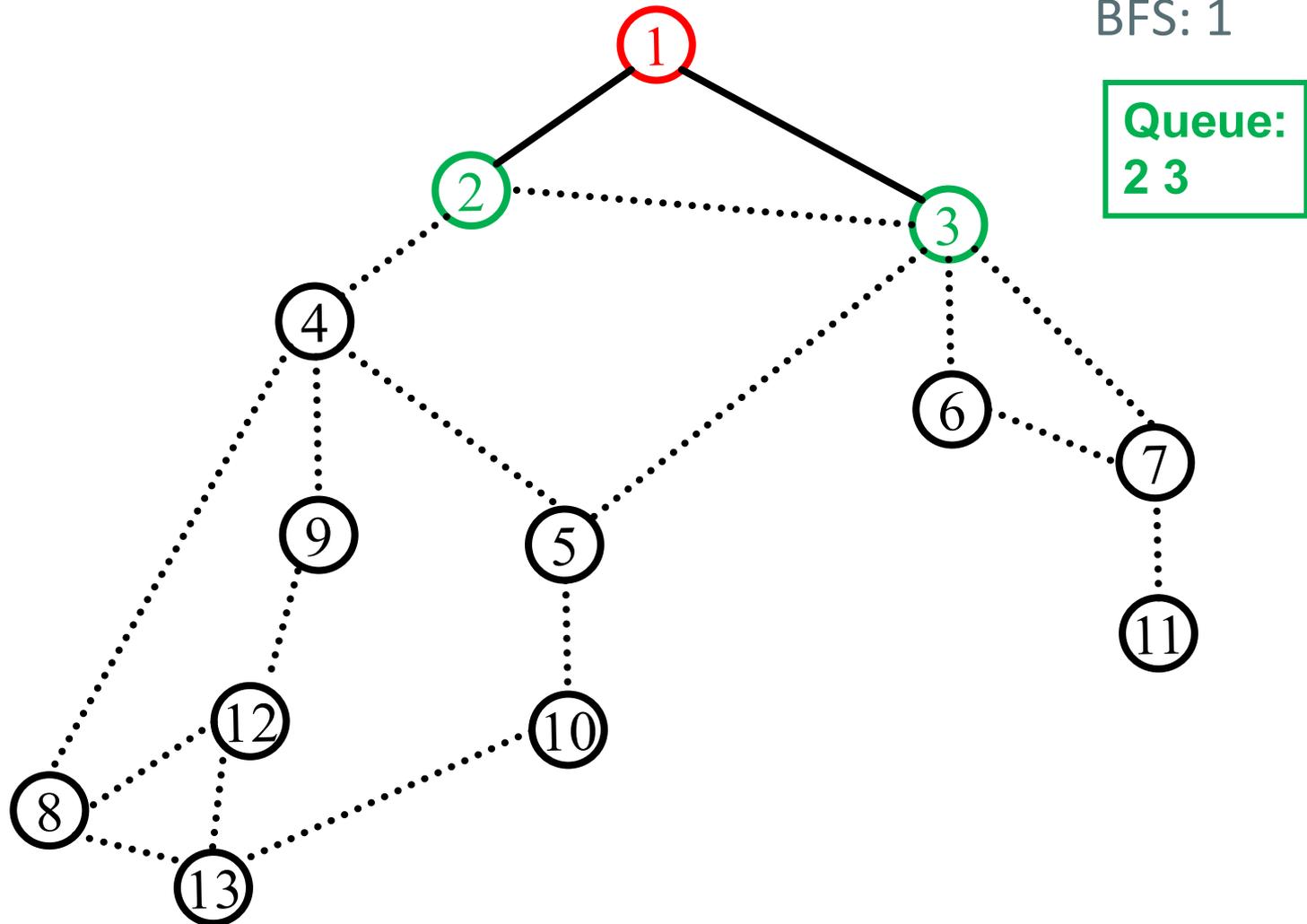
The queue will always have the list of **Discovered** (visited) vertices.



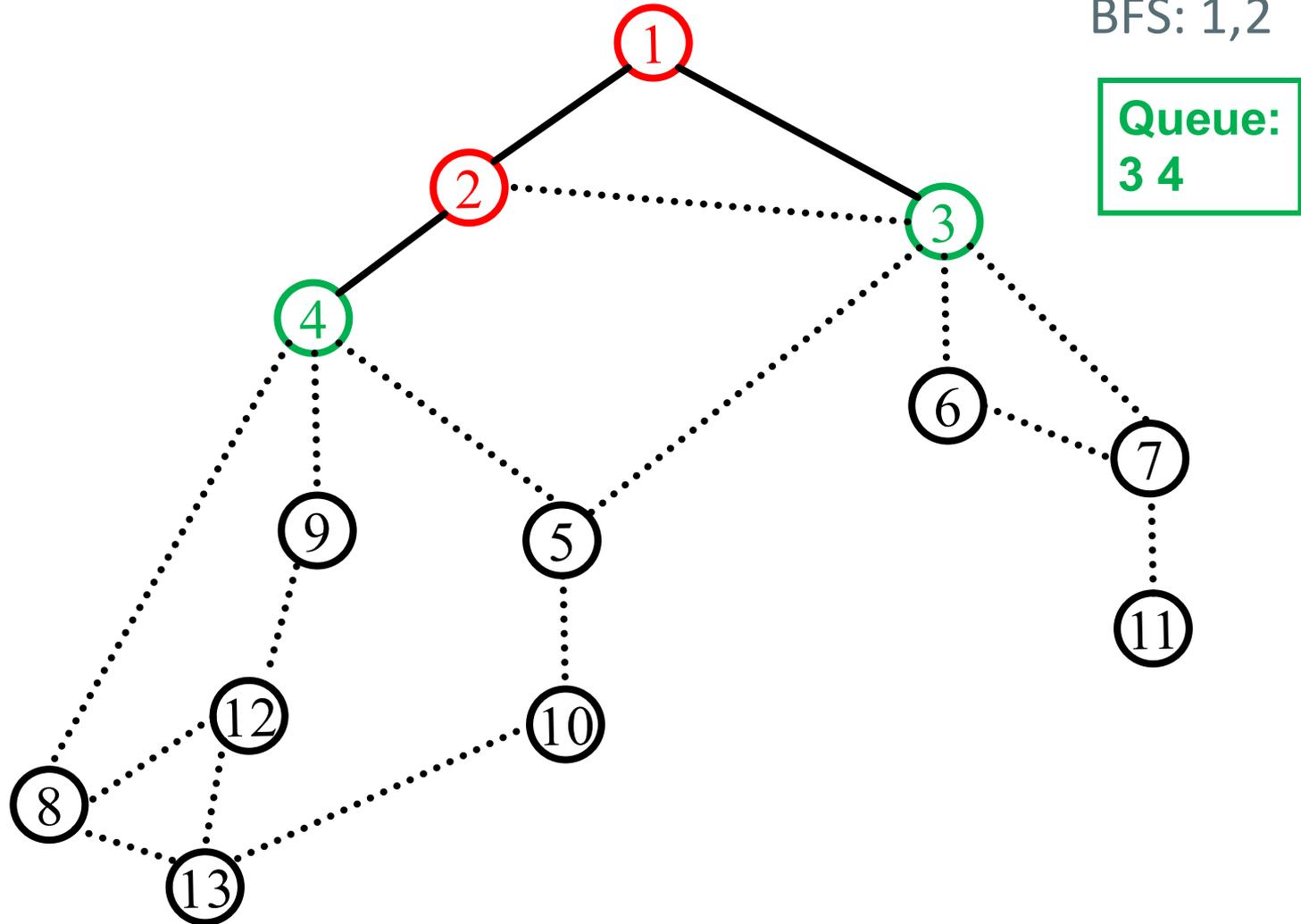
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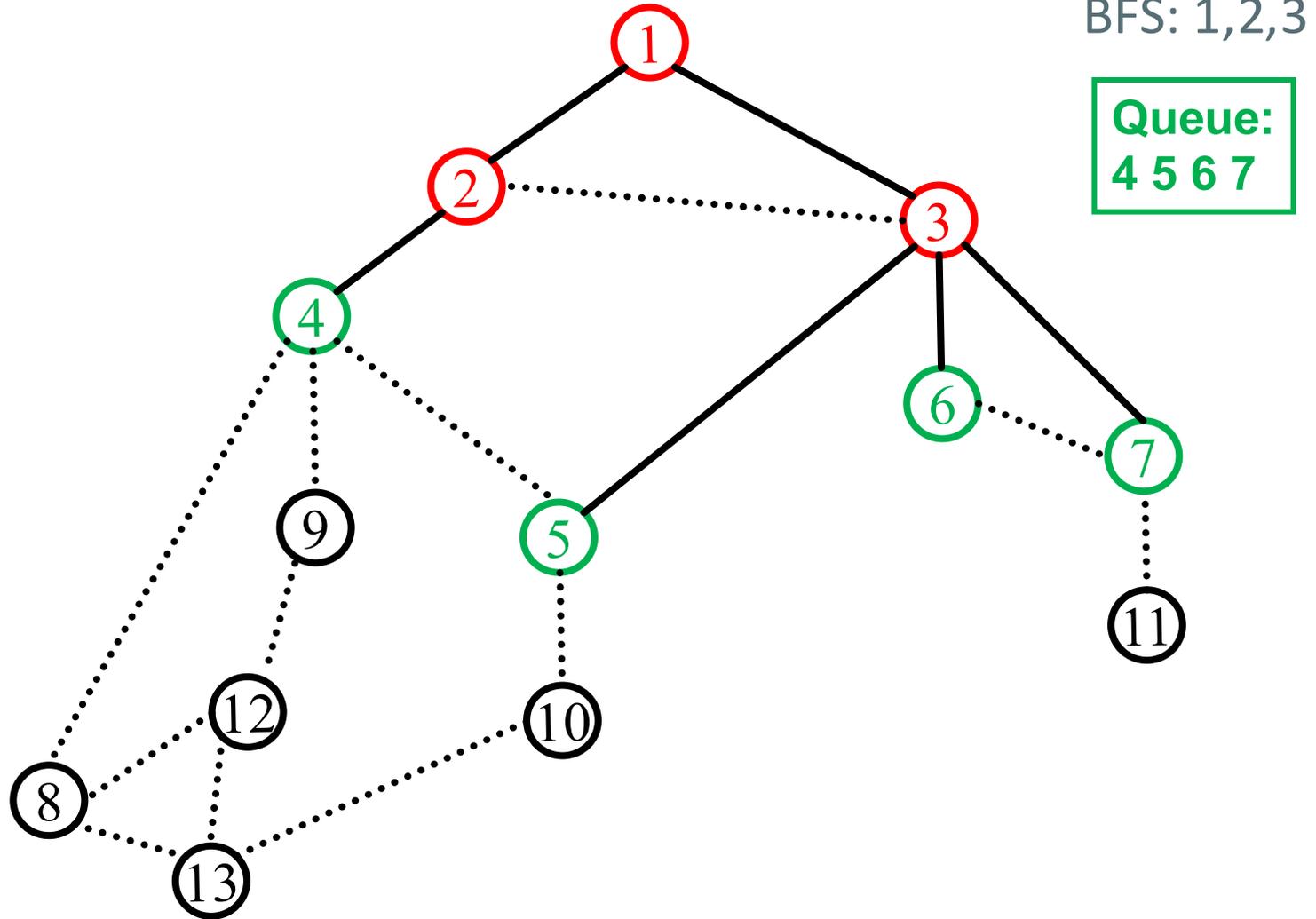
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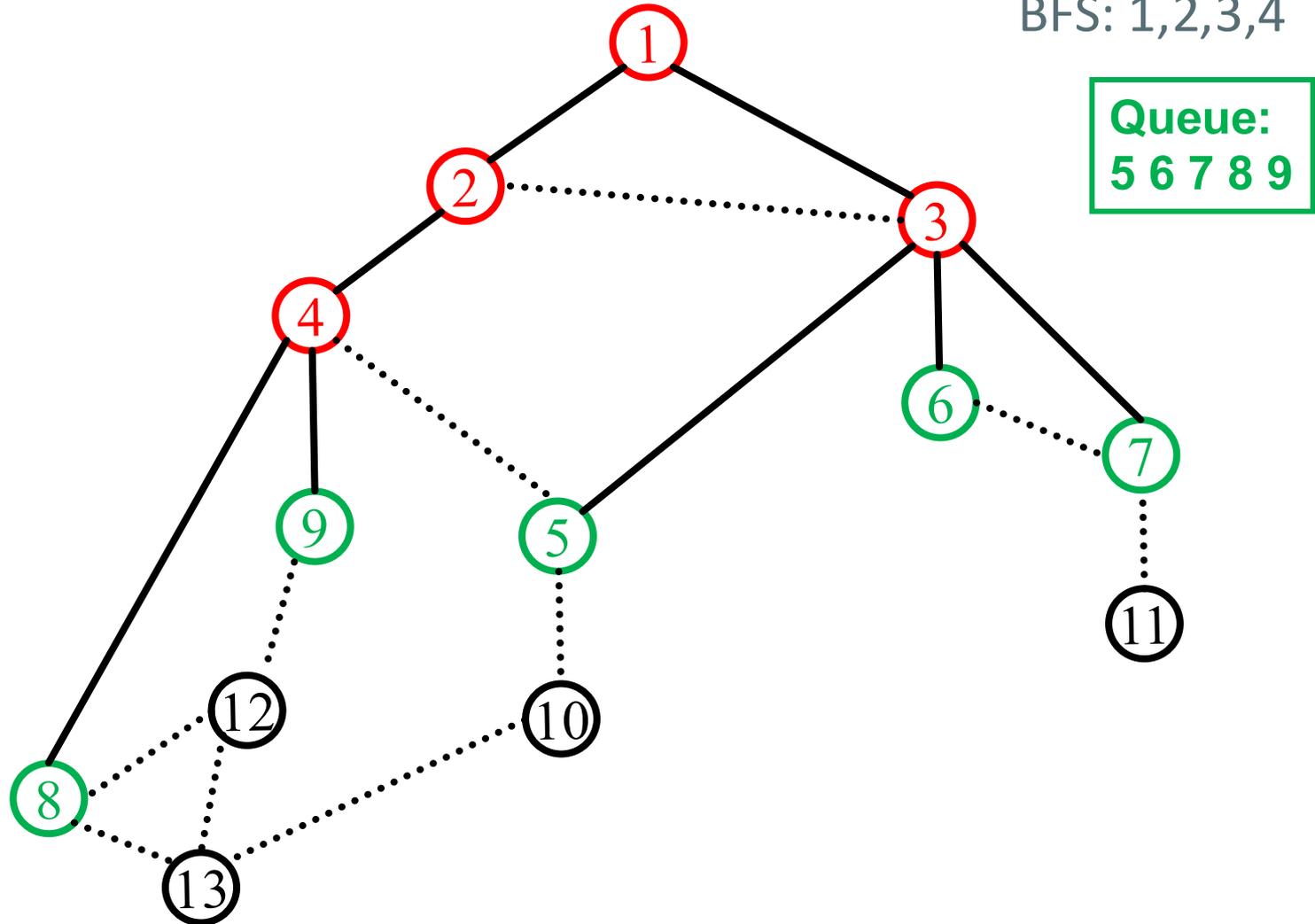
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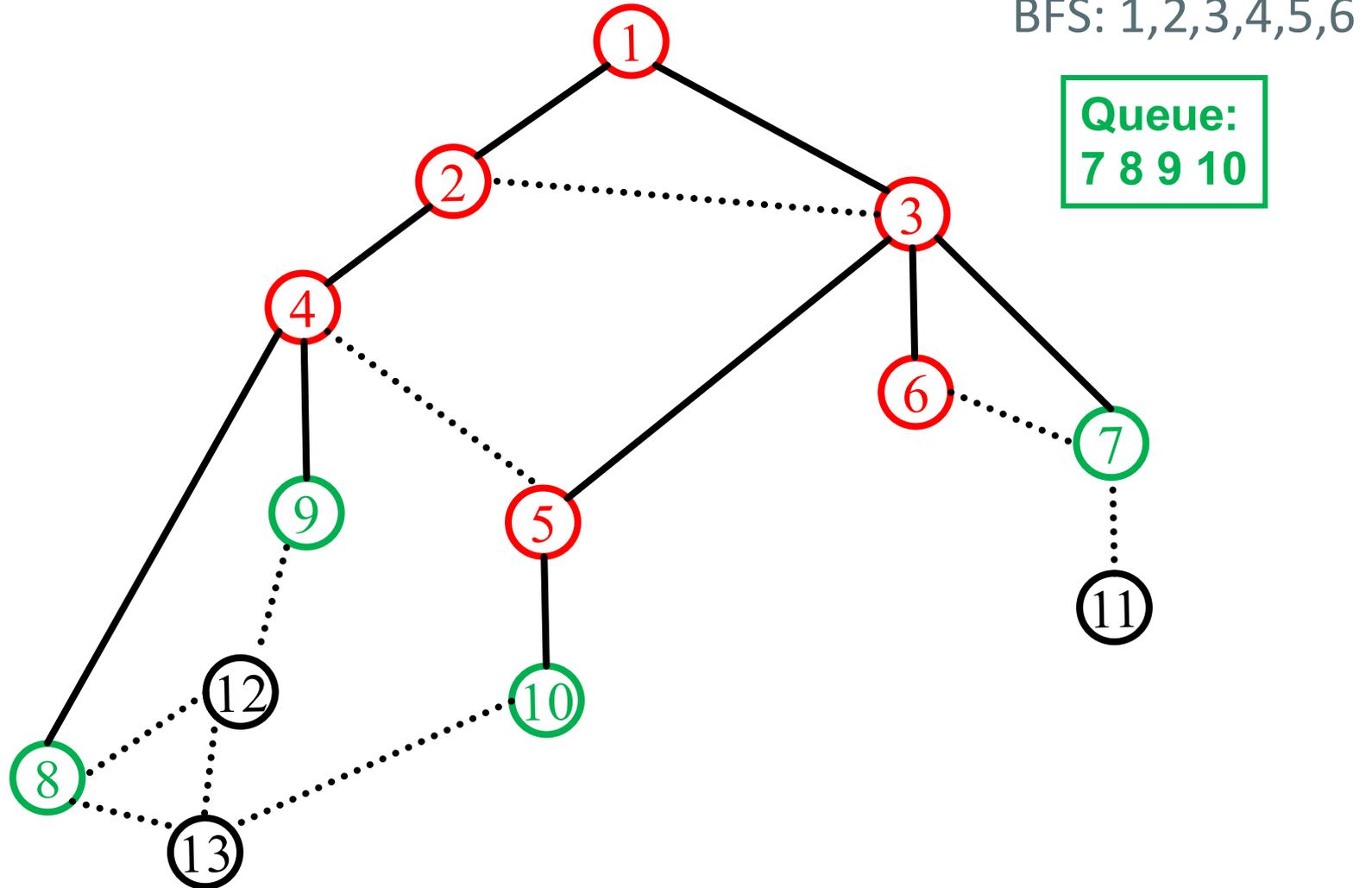
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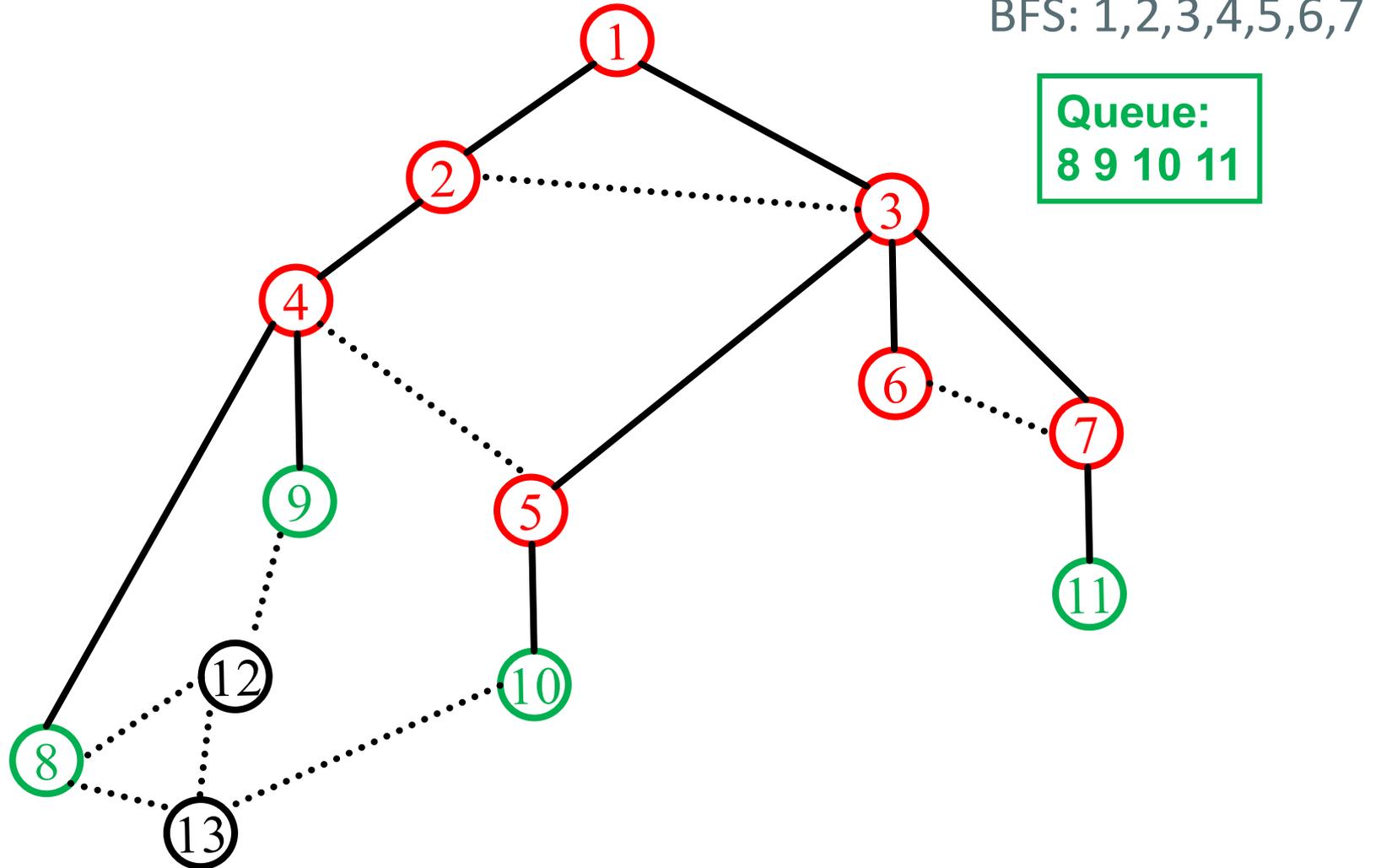
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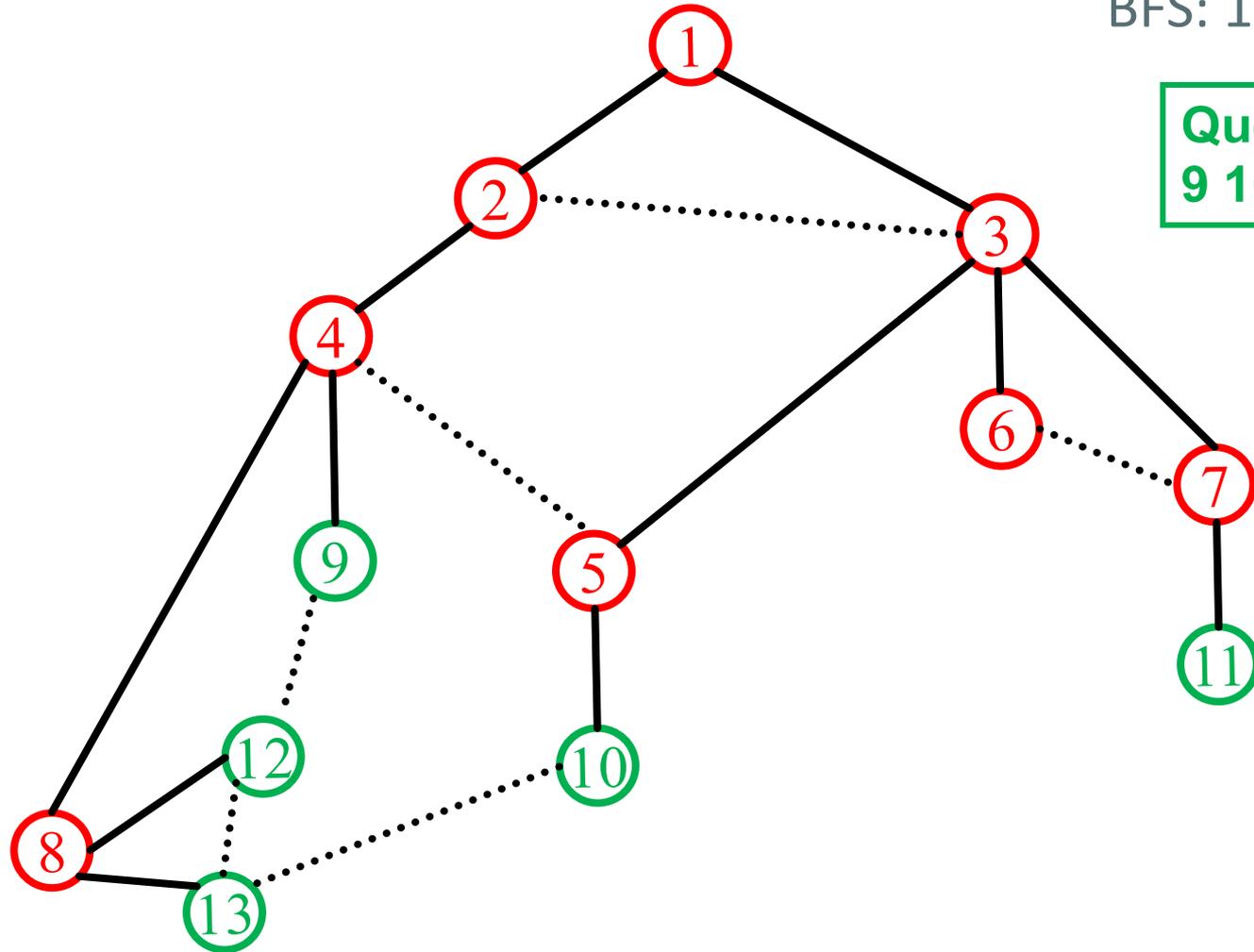
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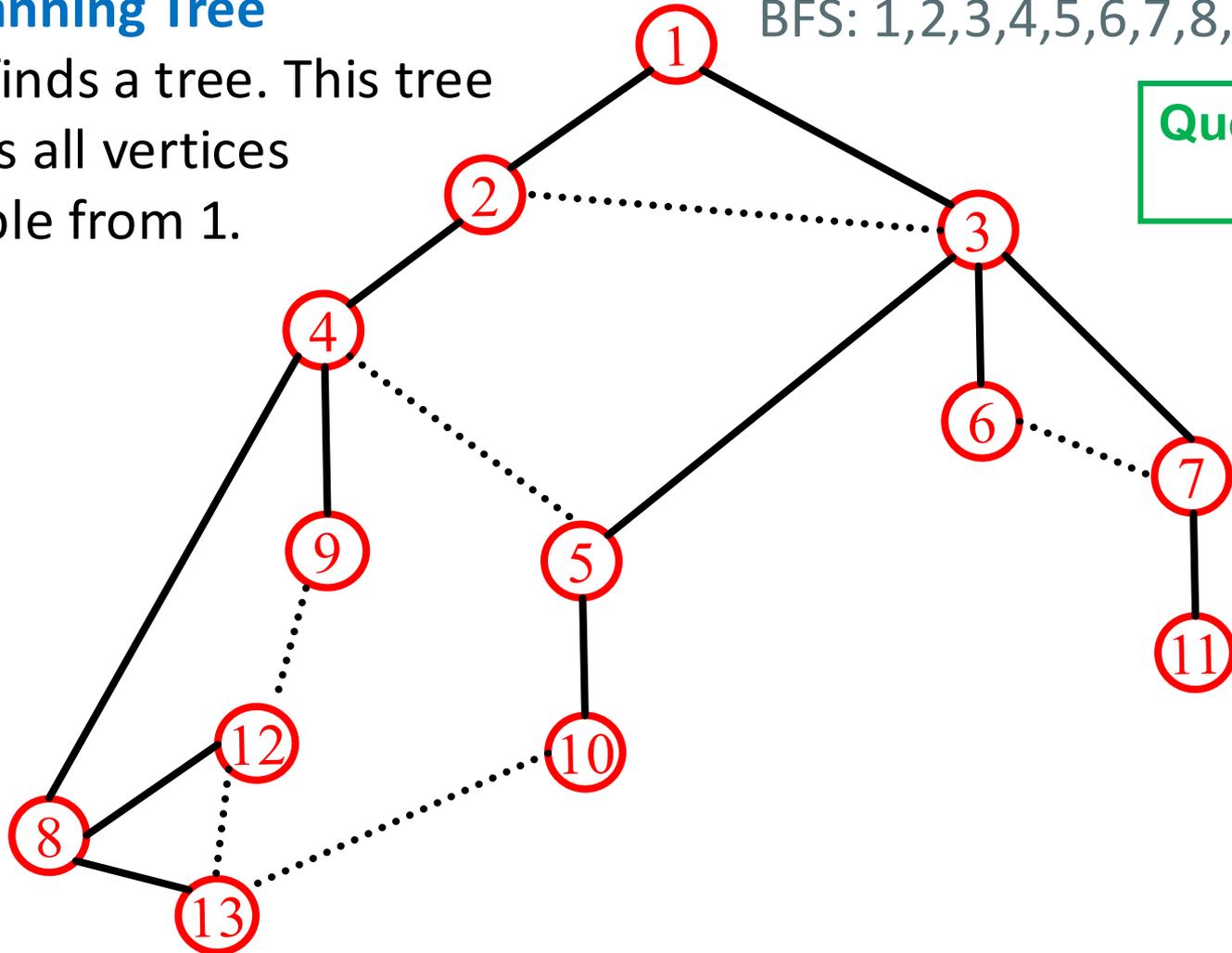


Breadth First Search (BFS)

BFS Spanning Tree

BFS(1) finds a tree. This tree contains all vertices reachable from 1.

BFS: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13



BFS: Implementation

$BFS(V, E, s)$

for each $u \in V - \{s\}$

$u.d = \infty$

// initialize “undiscovered”

$s.d = 0$

$Q = \emptyset$

ENQUEUE(Q, s)

while $Q \neq \emptyset$

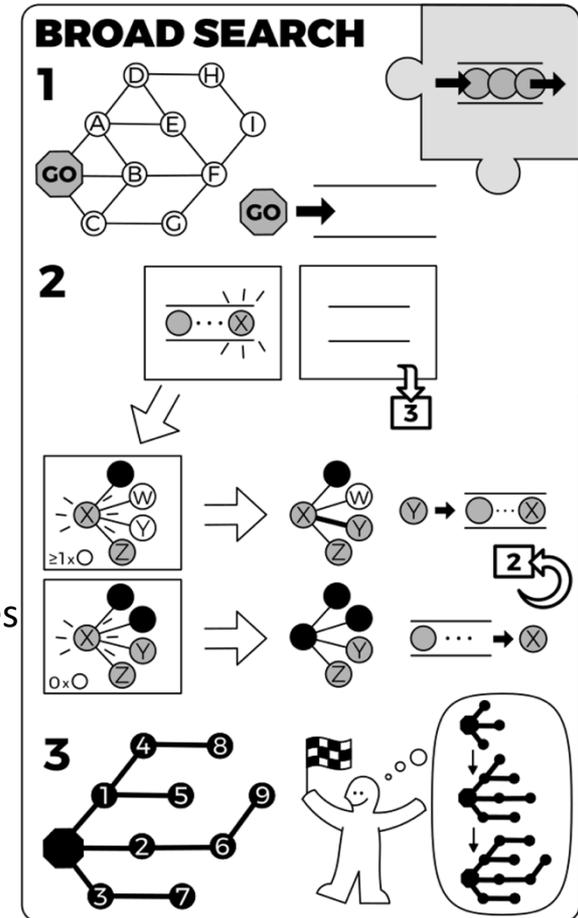
$u = \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ // “fully-explored”

for each $v \in G.Adj[u]$ // if directed graph, v are nodes
that u has a directed edge to

if $v.d == \infty$

$v.d = u.d + 1$

ENQUEUE(Q, v) // “discovered”



BFS: Time Complexity Analysis

BFS(V, E, s)

for each $u \in V - \{s\}$ // $O(V)$
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$$\sum_{u \in V} \text{degree}_u = \begin{cases} 2|E|, & \text{undirected graph} \\ |E|, & \text{directed graph} \end{cases}$$

Total time: $O(2V + E) \rightarrow O(V + E)$

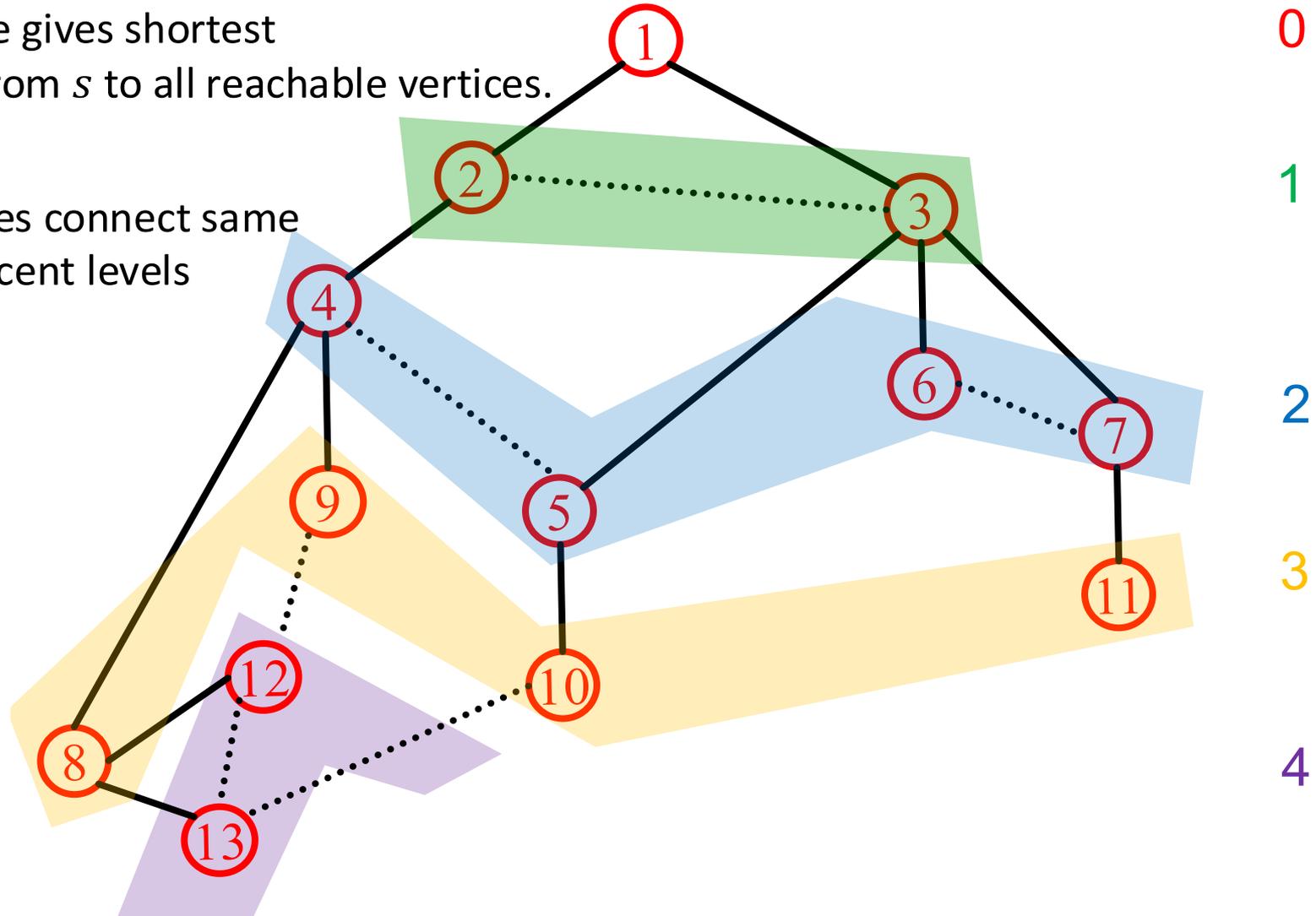
BFS: C++ Implementation

```
void BFS(int start, const vector<vector<int>>& adj, vector<bool>& visited) {  
    queue<int> q;  
    q.push(start);  
    visited[start] = true;  
  
    while (!q.empty()) {  
        int node = q.front();  
        q.pop();  
        cout << node << " ";  
  
        for (int neighbor : adj[node]) {  
            if (!visited[neighbor]) {  
                visited[neighbor] = true;  
                q.push(neighbor);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
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BFS Application: Shortest Paths

Sending a wave out from source vertex s ,
BFS tree gives shortest
paths from s to all reachable vertices.

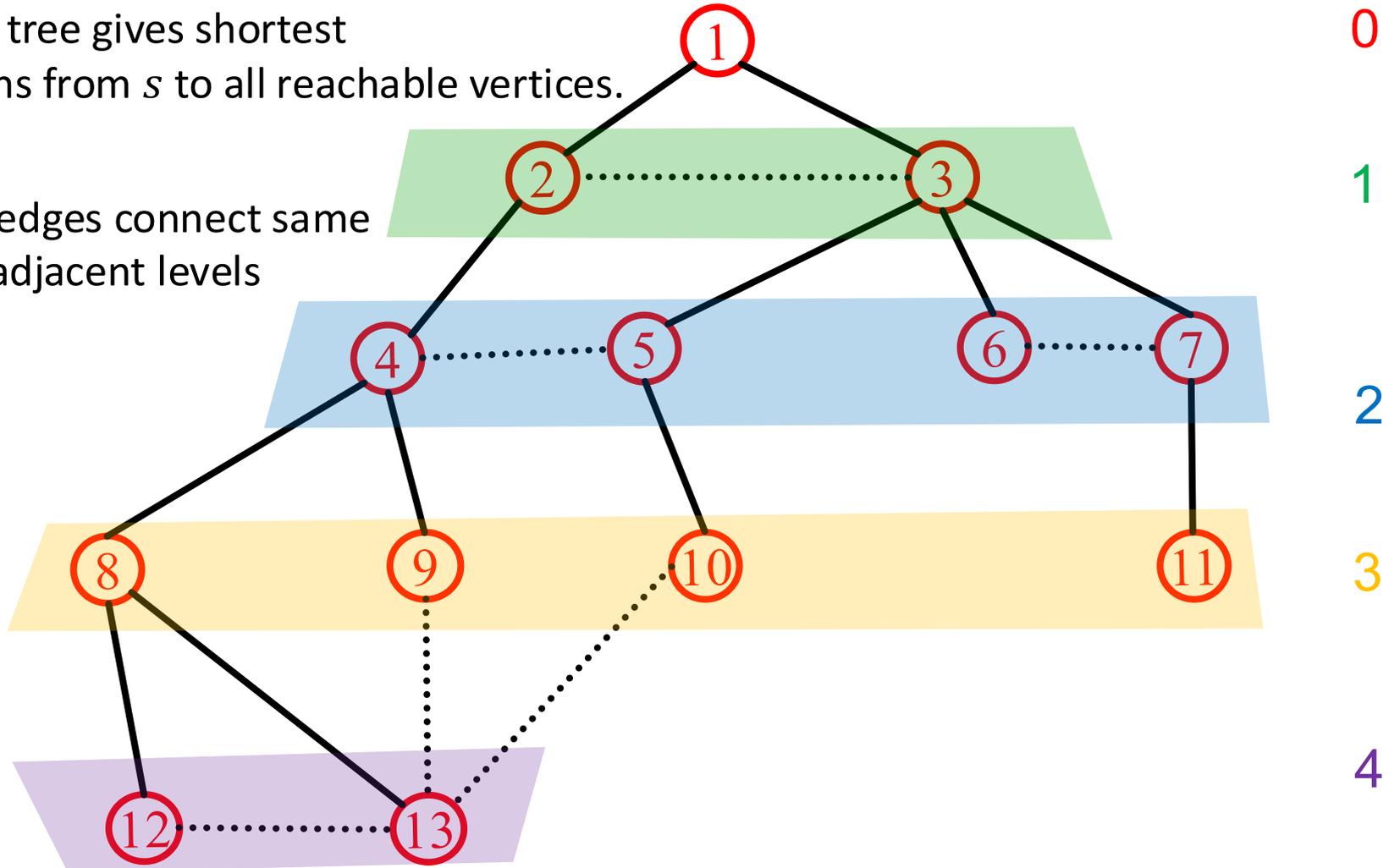
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BFS: Properties

Lemma: All vertices at level i of BFS(s) have shortest path distance i to s .

Claim: If $L(v) = i$ then shortest path $\leq i$

Pf: Because there is a path of length i from s to v in the BFS tree

Claim: If shortest path = i then $L(v) \leq i$

Pf: If shortest path = i , then say $s \rightarrow v_0, v_1, \dots, v_i \rightarrow v$ is the shortest path to v .

By previous claim,

$$L(v_1) \leq L(v_0) + 1$$

$$L(v_2) \leq L(v_1) + 1$$

$$L(v_i) \leq \overset{\dots}{L(v_{i-1})} + 1$$

So, $L(v_i) \leq i$.

This proves the lemma.

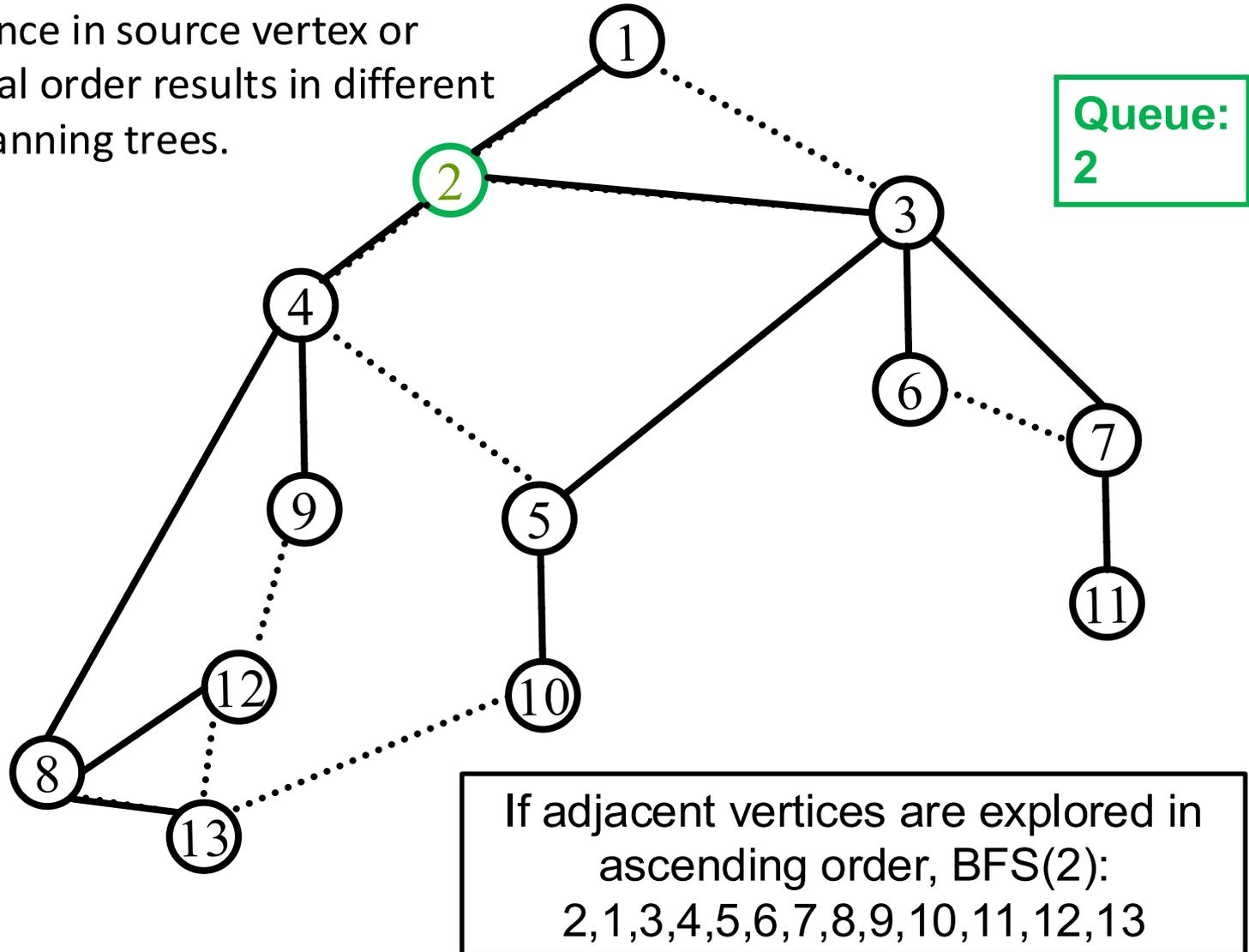
BFS: Wrap-up

- $\text{BFS}(s)$ implemented using FIFO queue.
- Edges into the undiscovered vertices define a tree – the “breadth first spanning tree” of G .
- Level i in the tree are exactly all vertices v , s.t., the shortest path (in G) from the root s to v is of length i .
- All nontree edges join vertices on the same or adjacent layers of the tree.
- Applications: reachability, unweighted shortest path, connected component (lab).



Exercise: BFS from Different Source Vertices

Difference in source vertex or traversal order results in different BFS spanning trees.

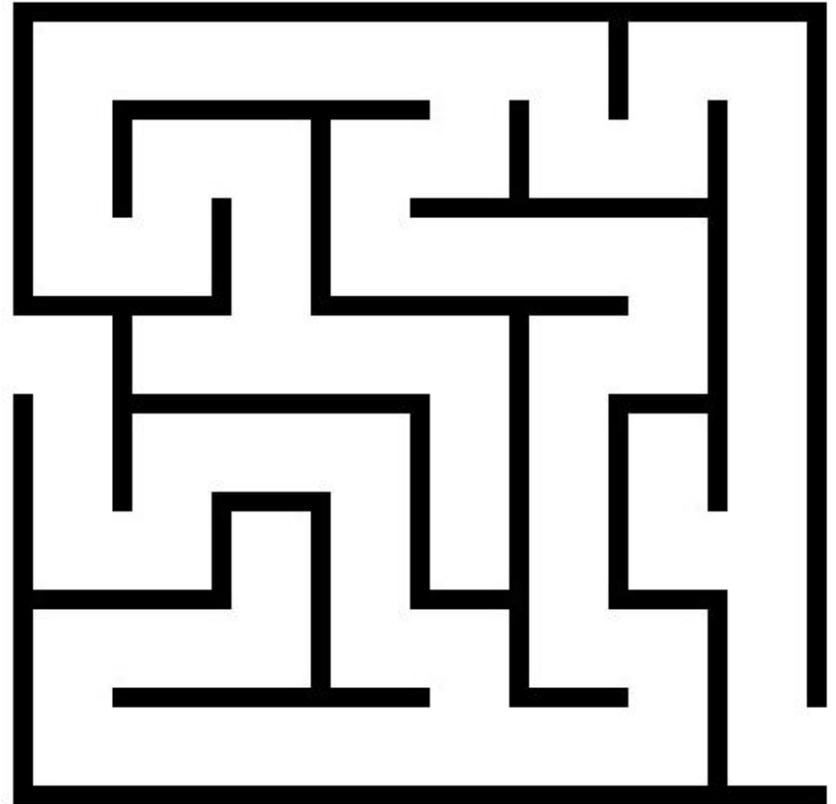


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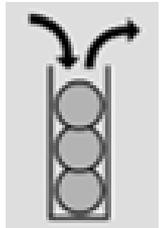
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Depth First Search (DFS)

Follow the first path you find as far as you can go; back up to last unexplored edge when you reach a dead end, then go as far as you can.

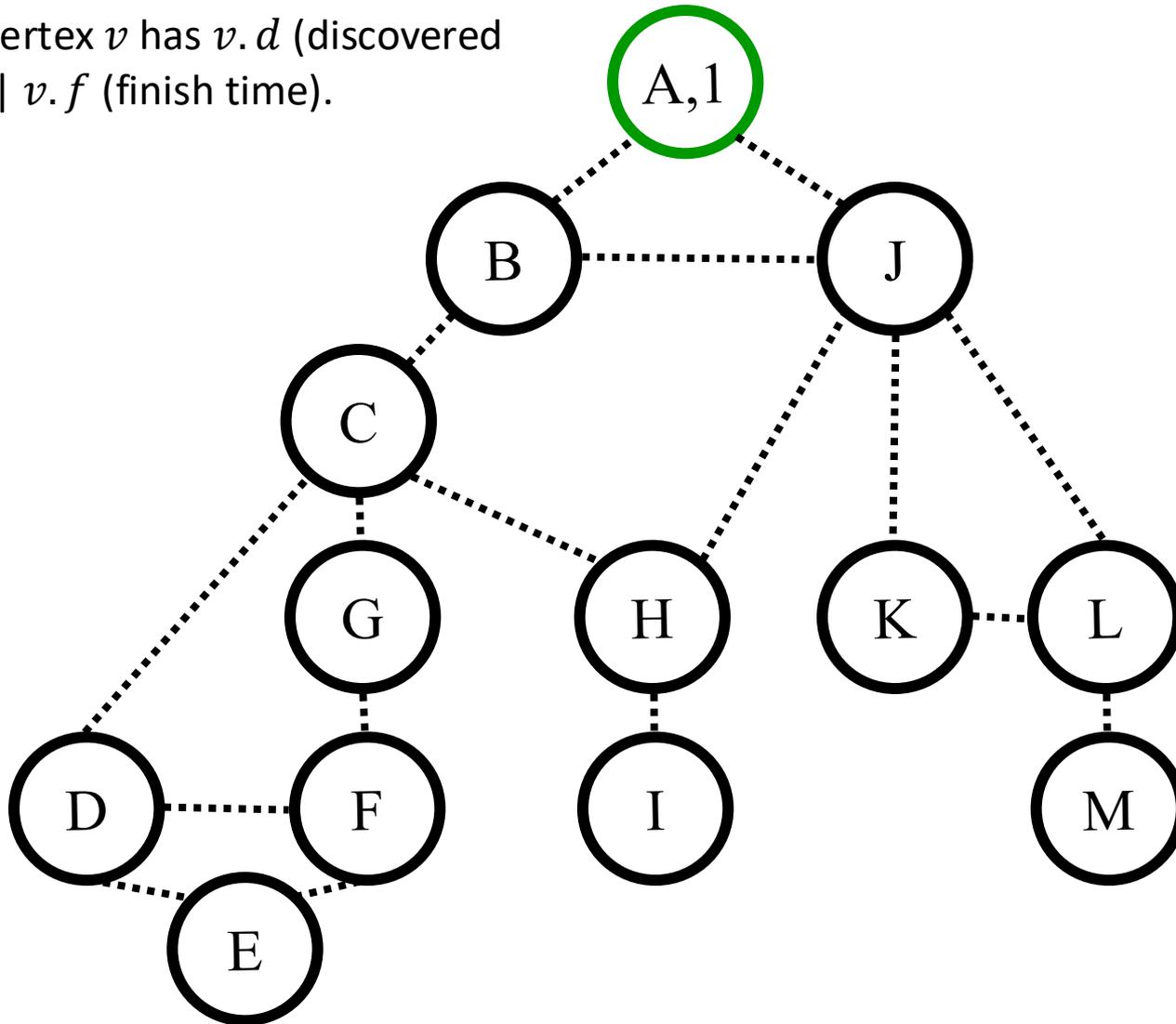


Naturally implemented using **recursive calls or a stack**.



Depth First Search (DFS)

Each vertex v has $v.d$ (discovered time) | $v.f$ (finish time).



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Undiscovered
Discovered
fully-explored

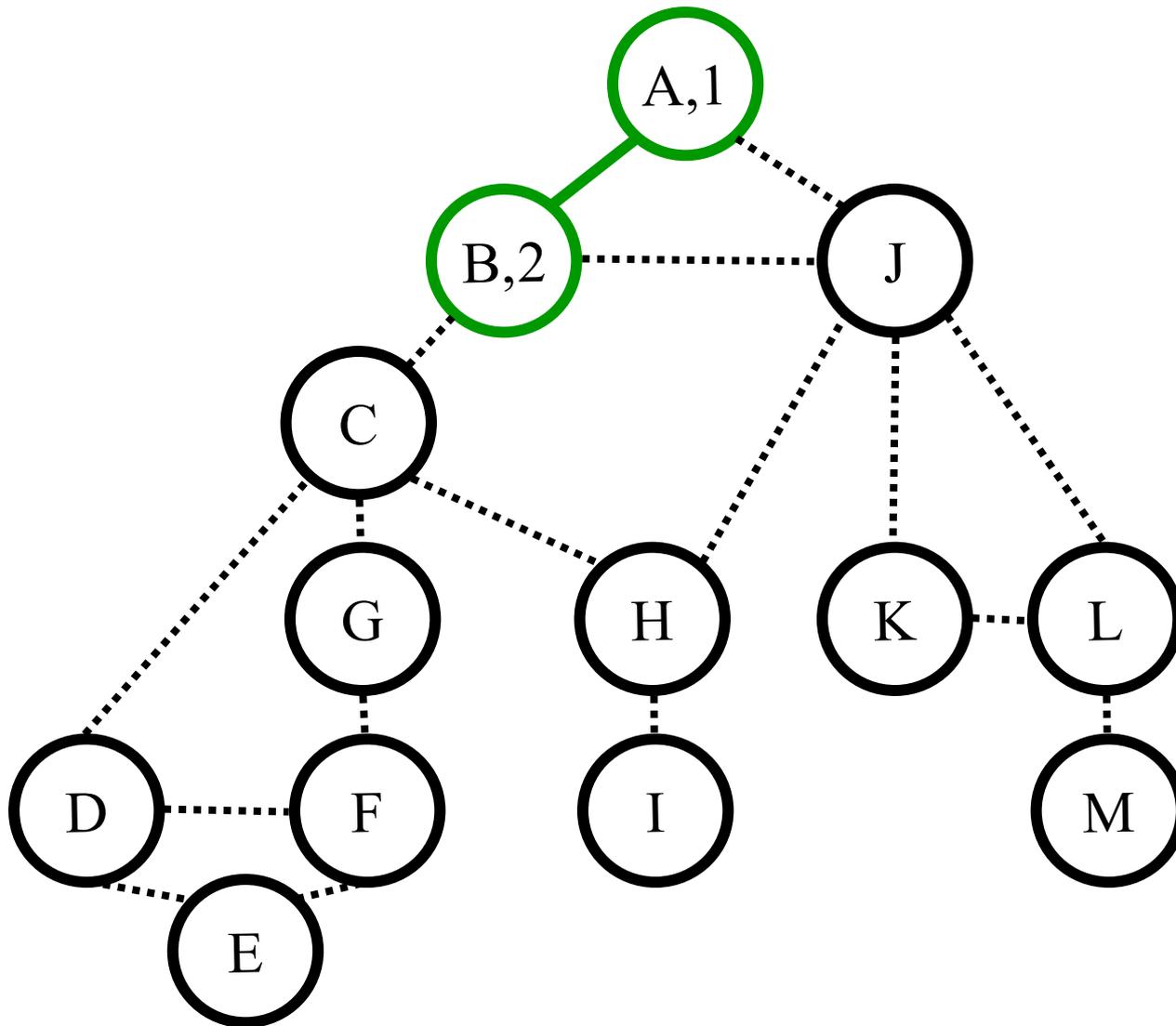
Call Stack
 (Edge list):

A (B,J)

st[] =
 {A}

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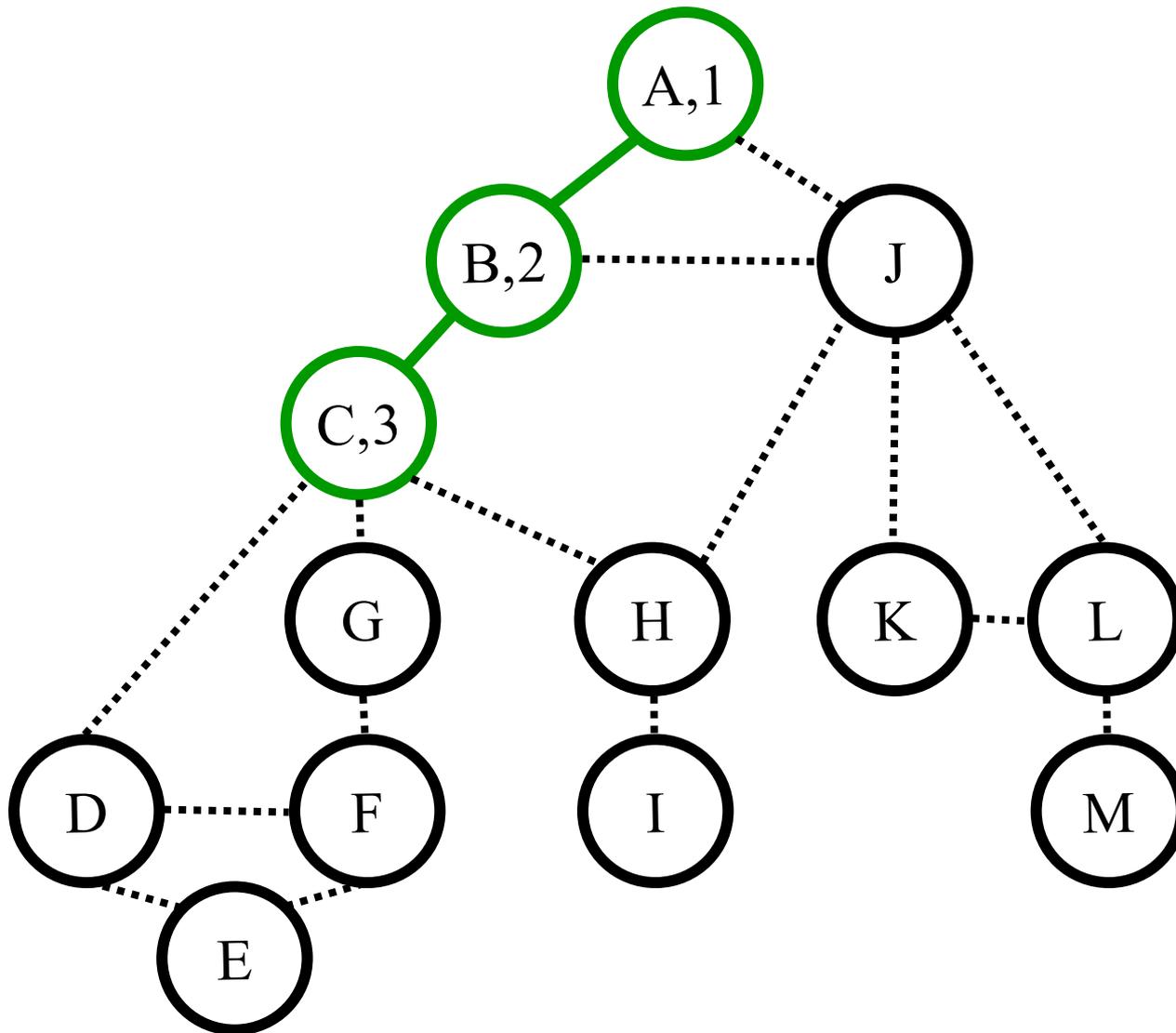
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 {A,B}

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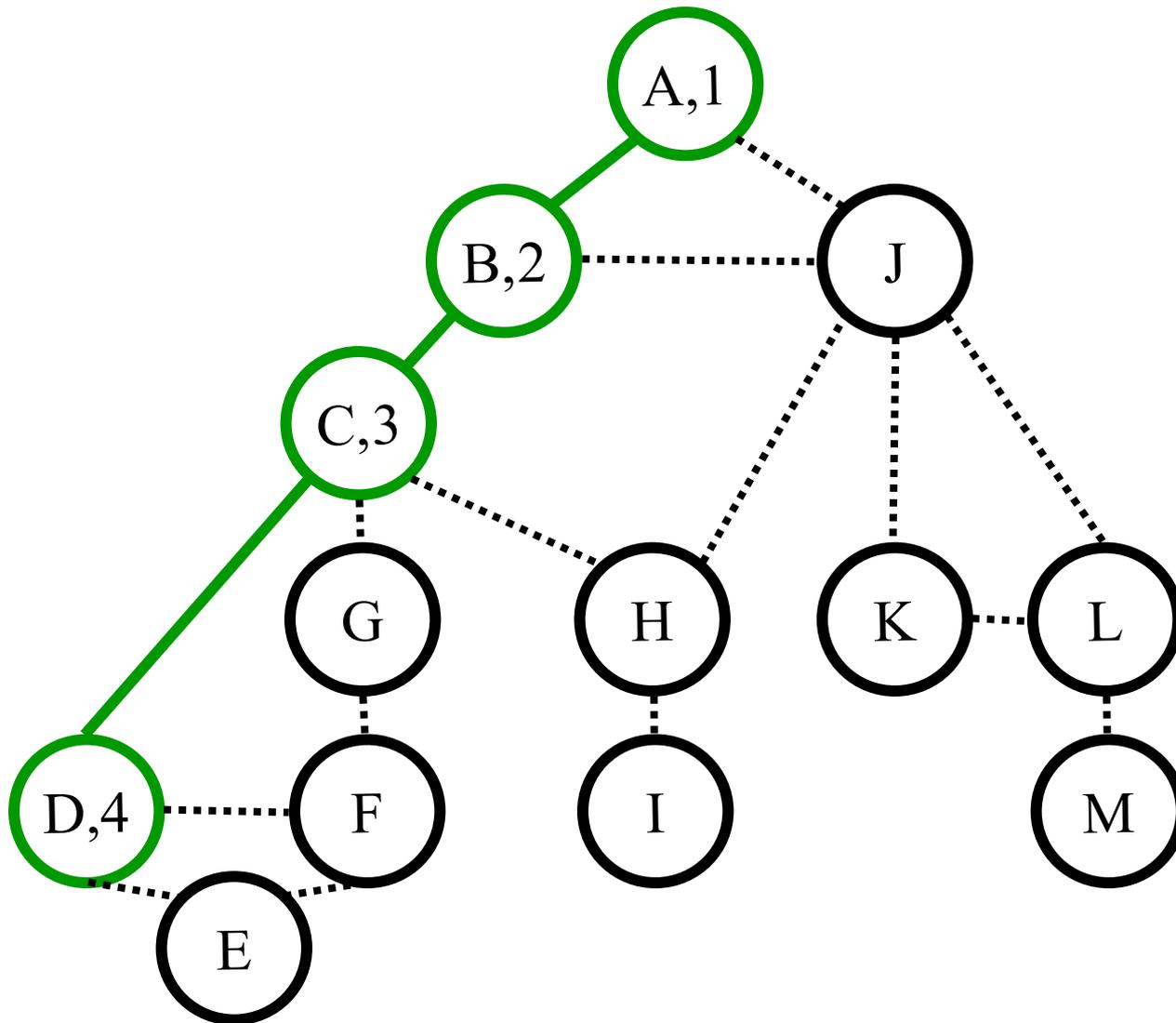
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 C (B,D,G,H)

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 D (C,E,F)

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 {A,B,C,D}

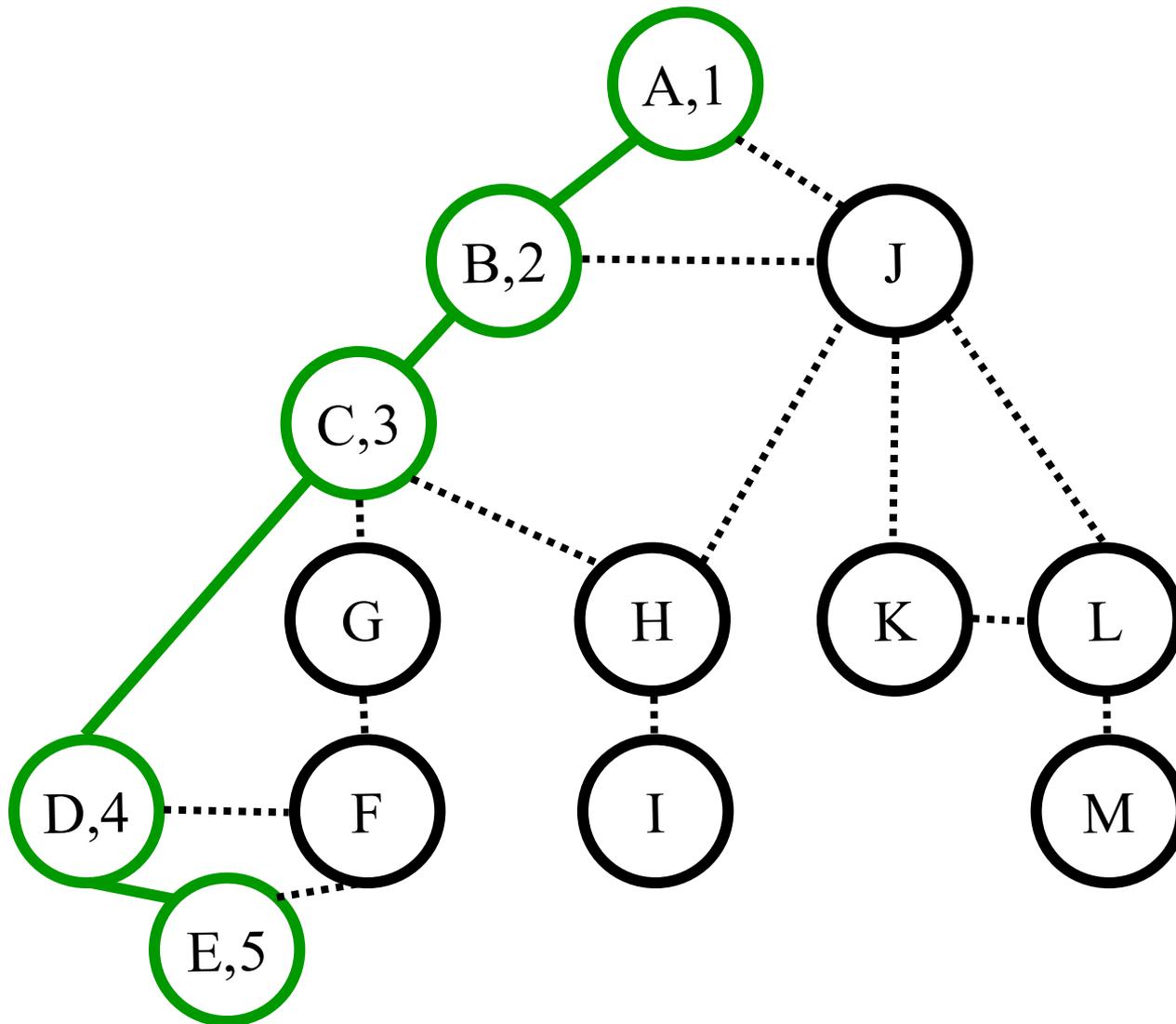
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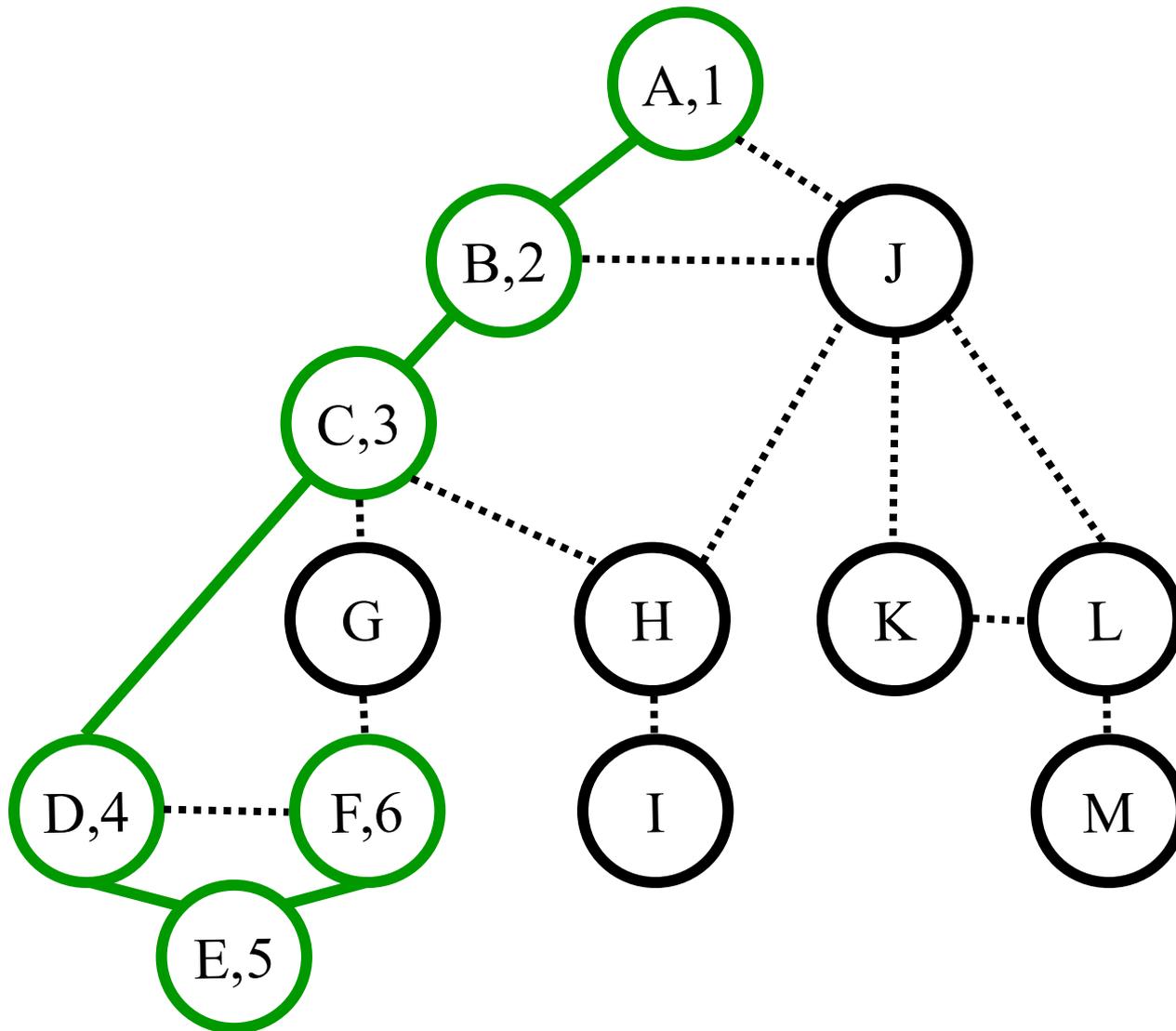
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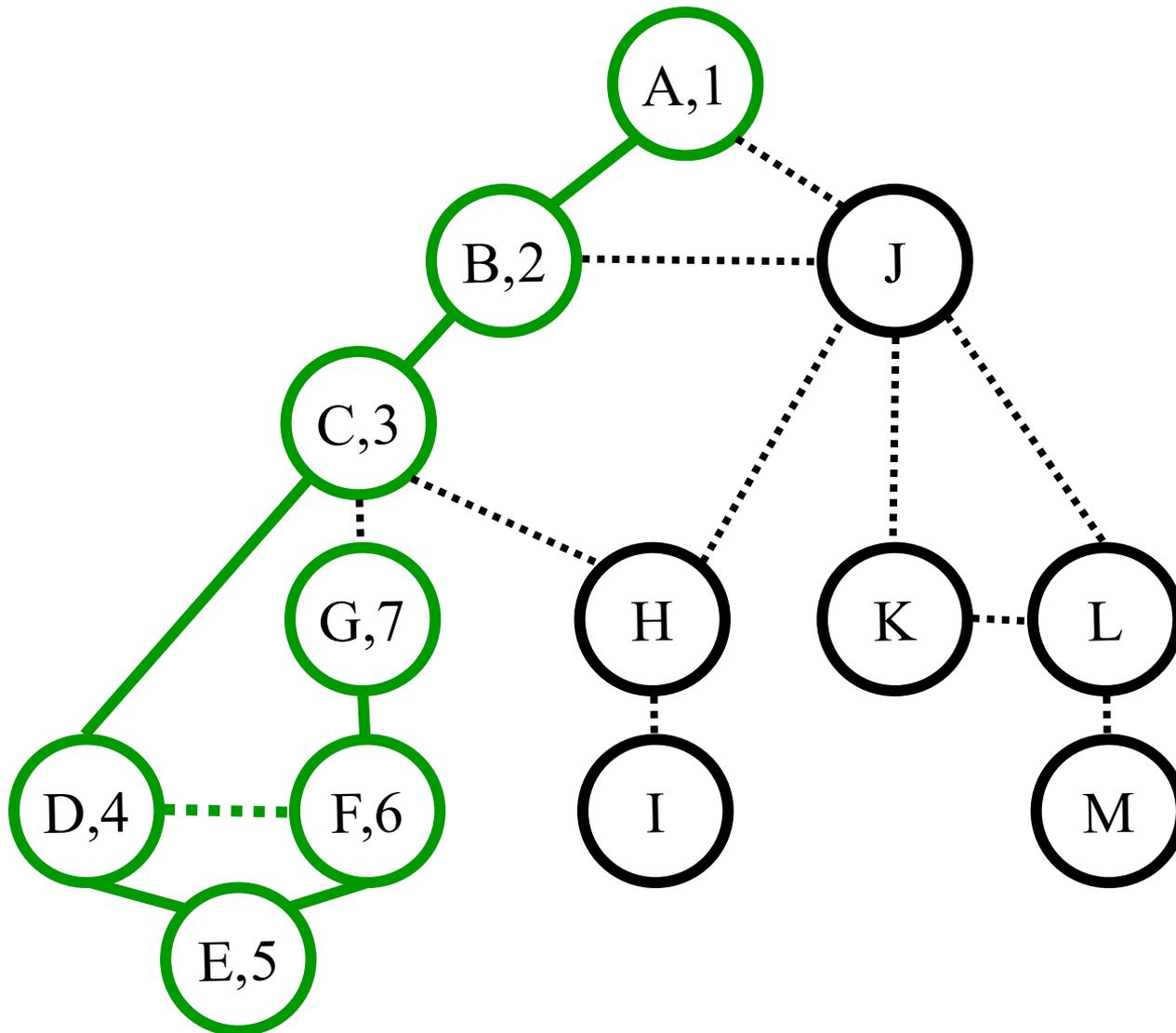
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 F (D,E,G)

st[] =
 {A,B,C,D,E,F}



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 G(C,F)

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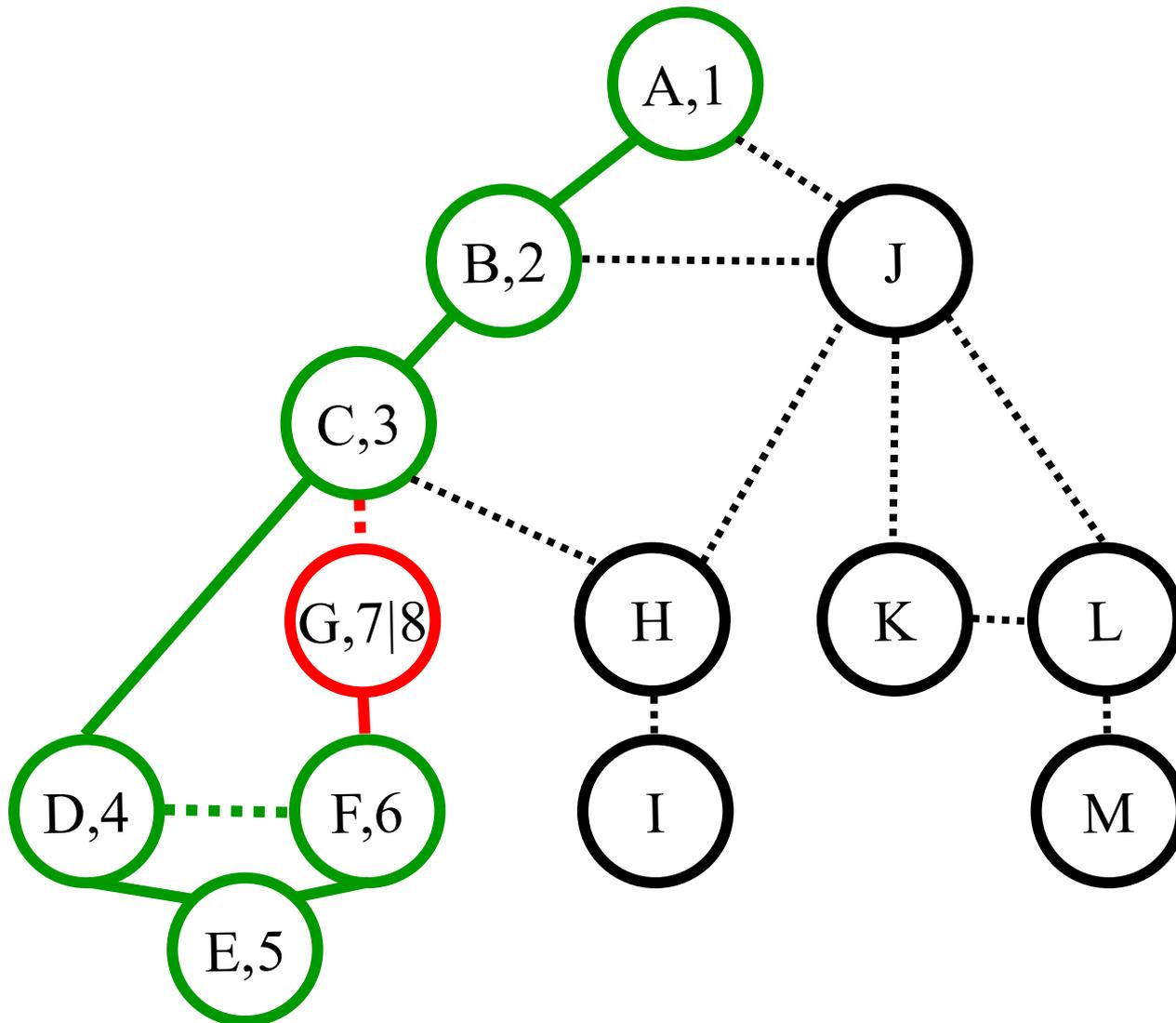
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 ,F}



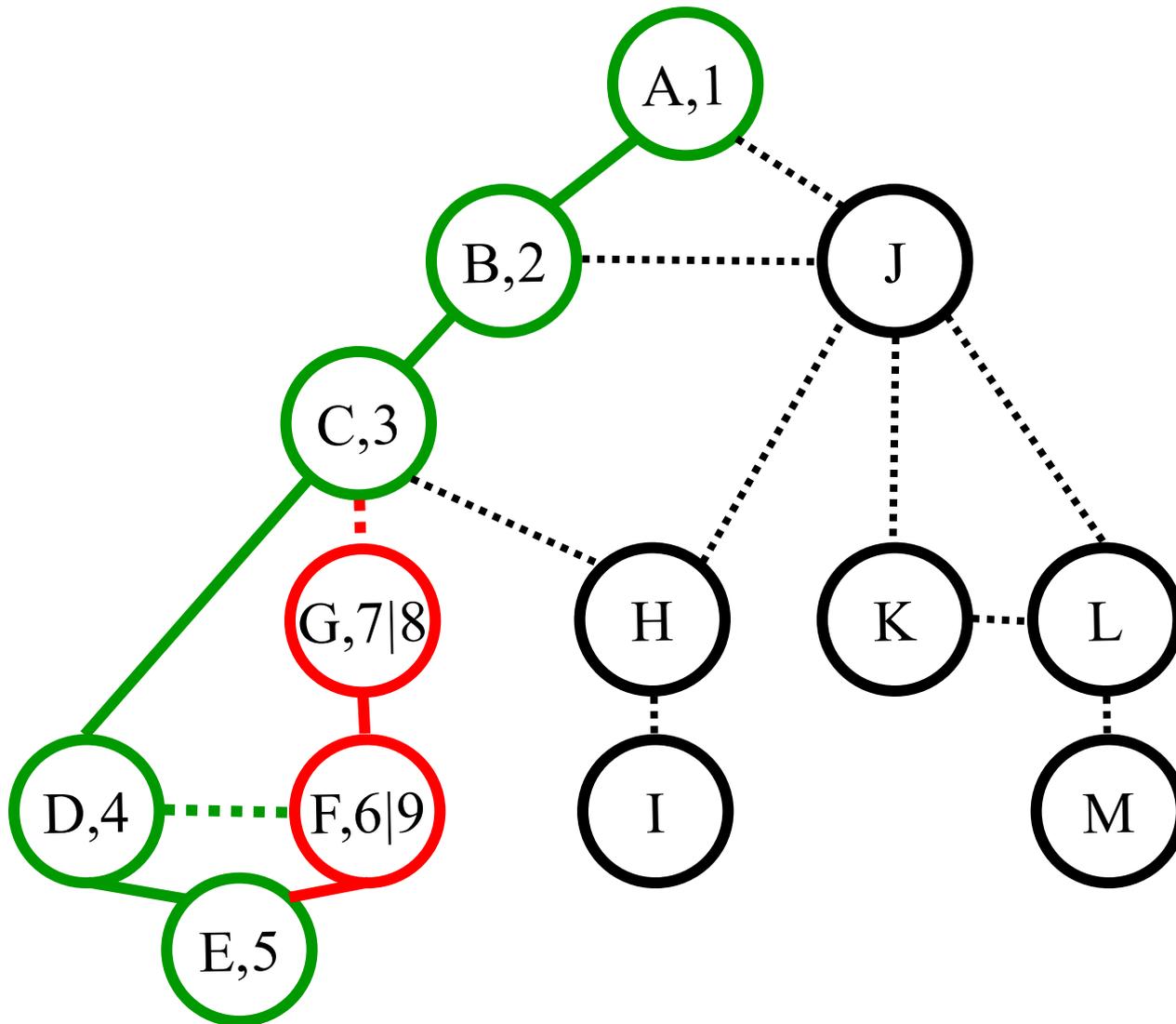
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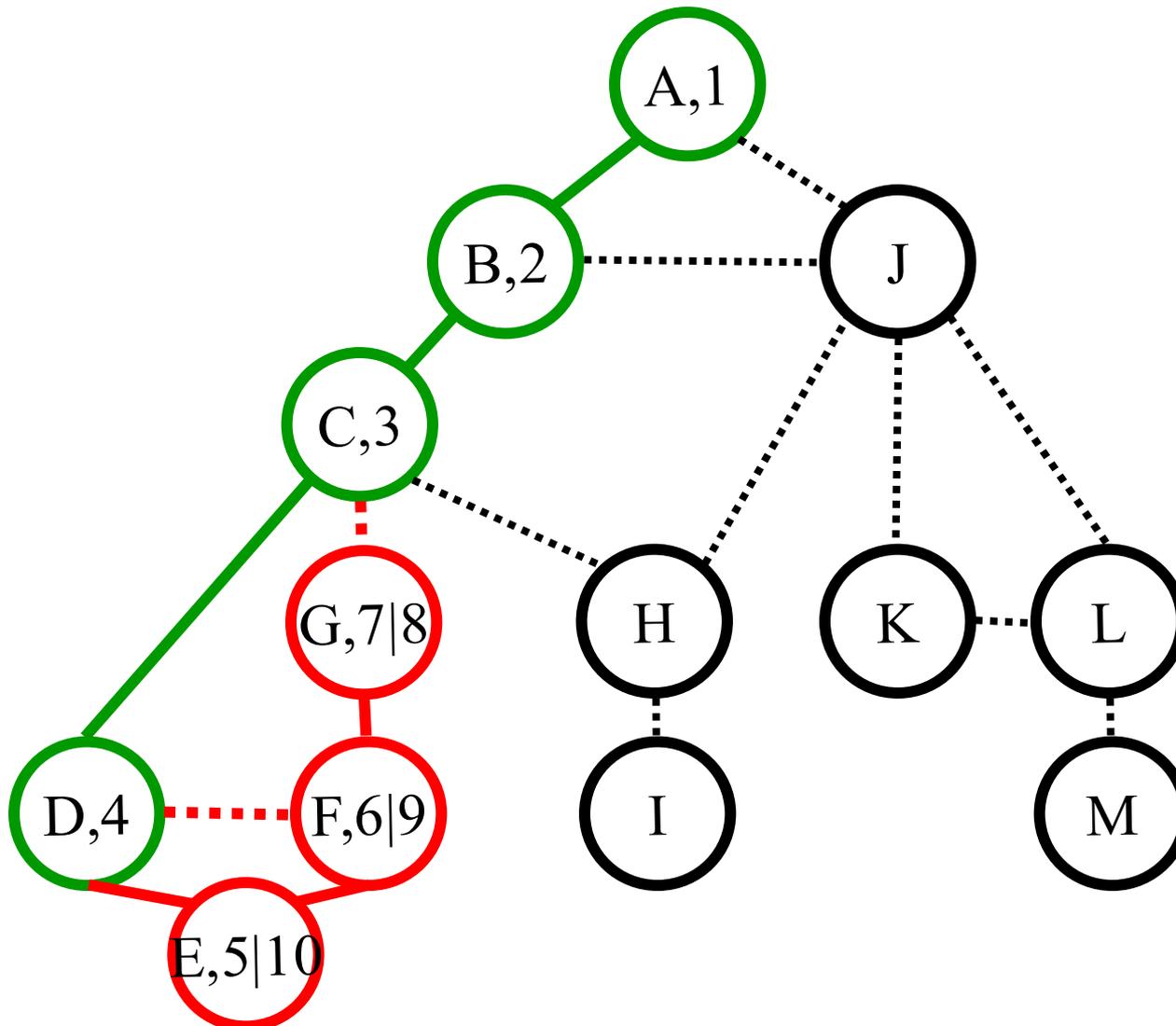
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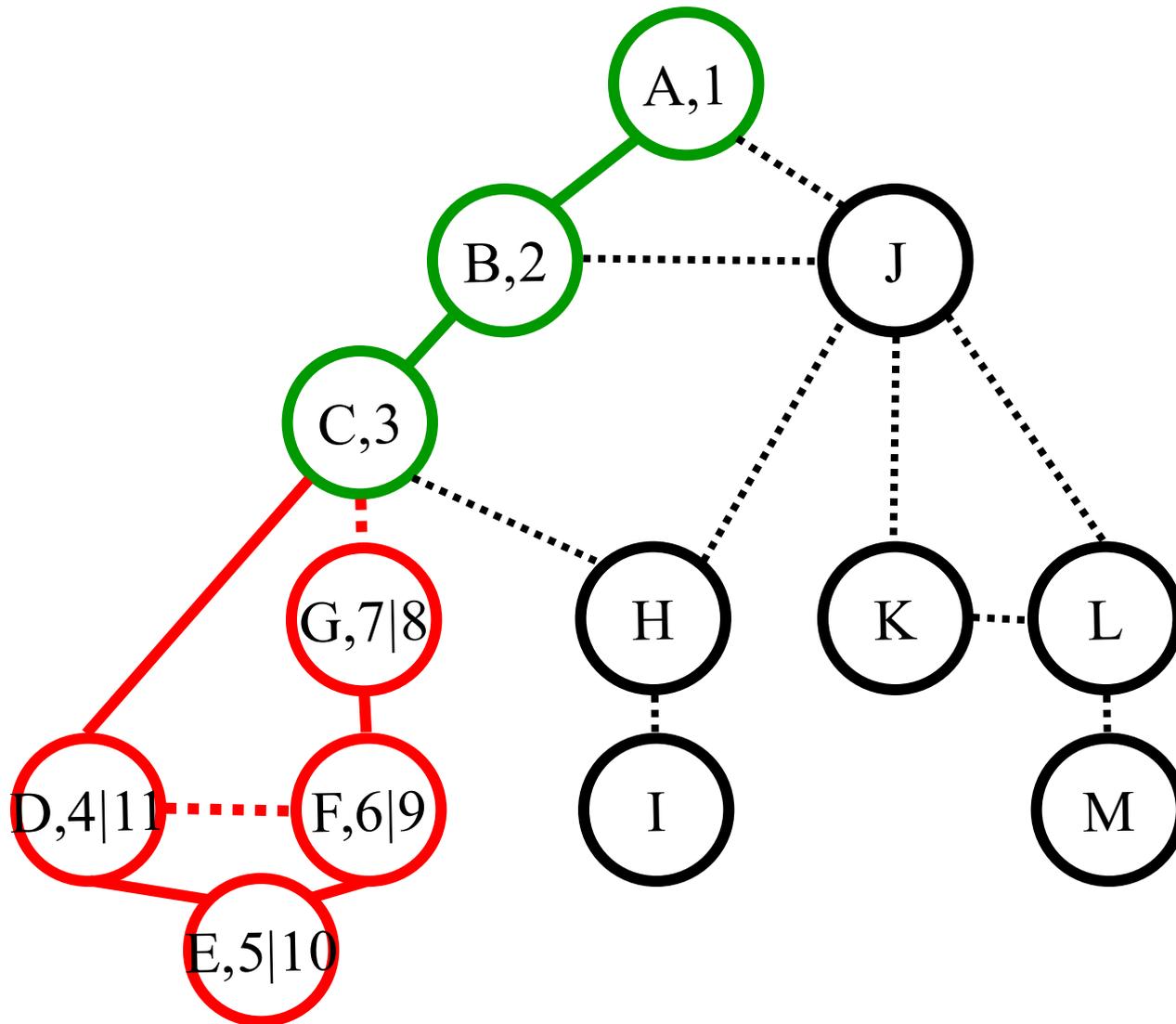
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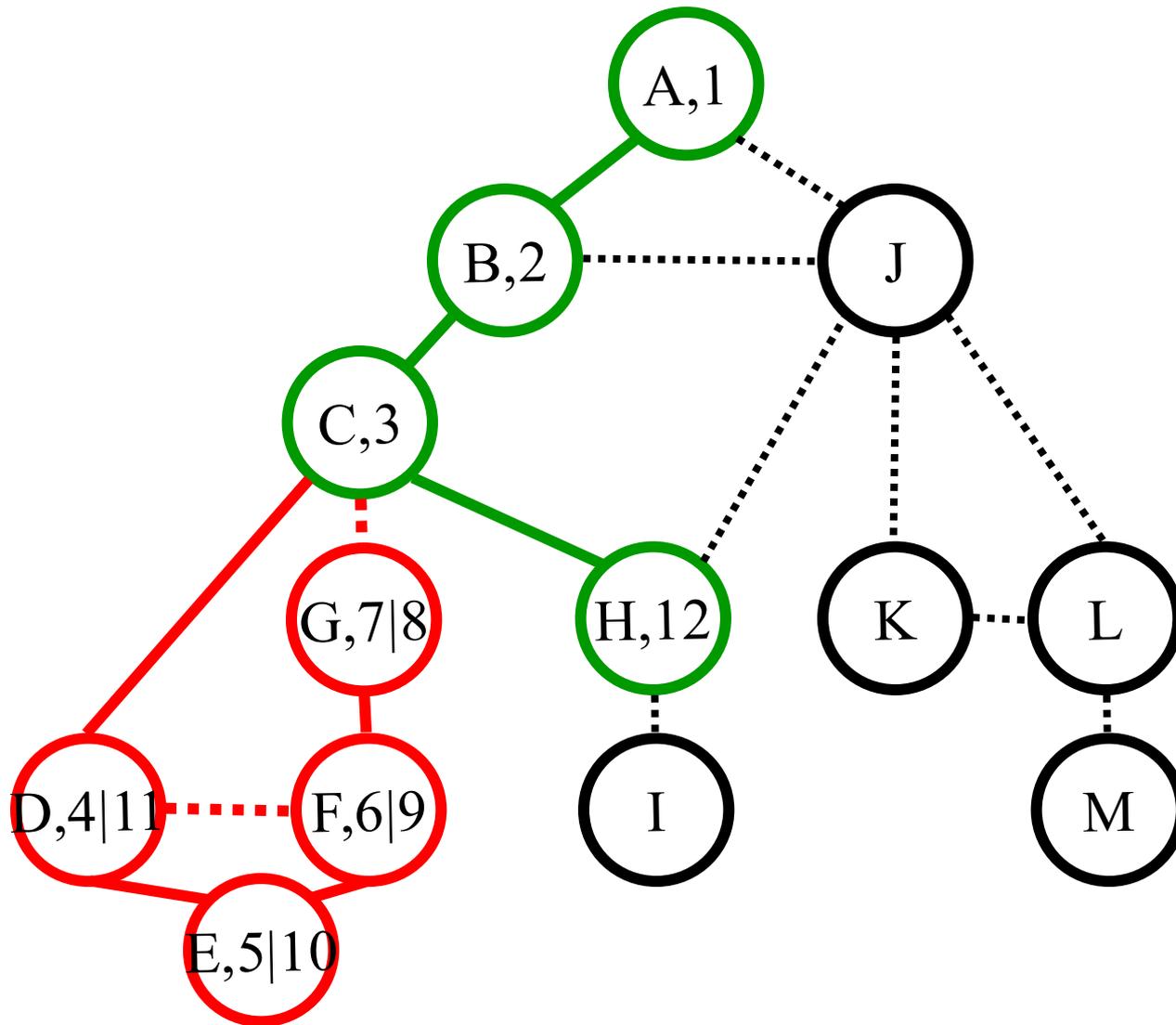
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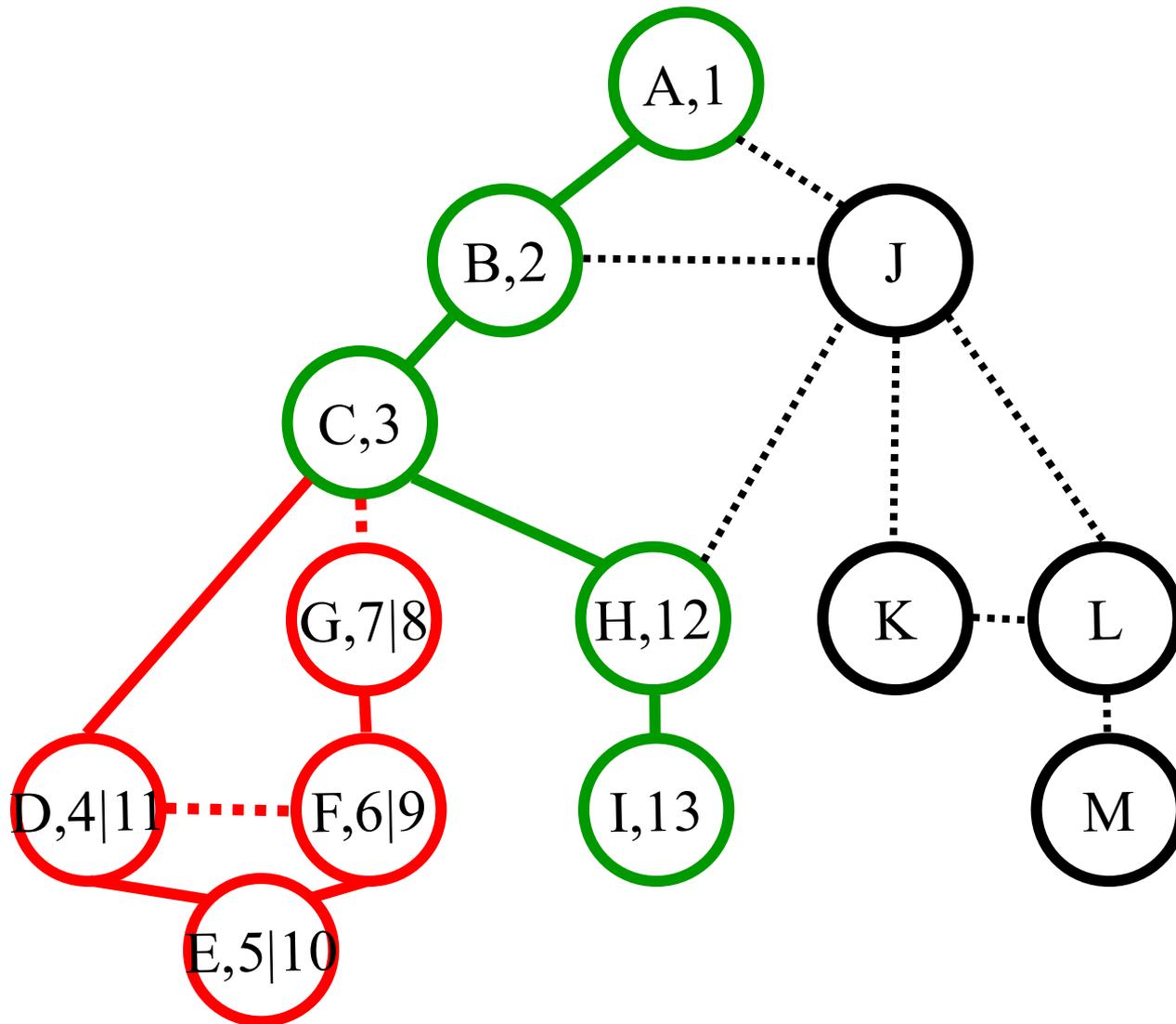
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 H (C,I,J)

st[] =
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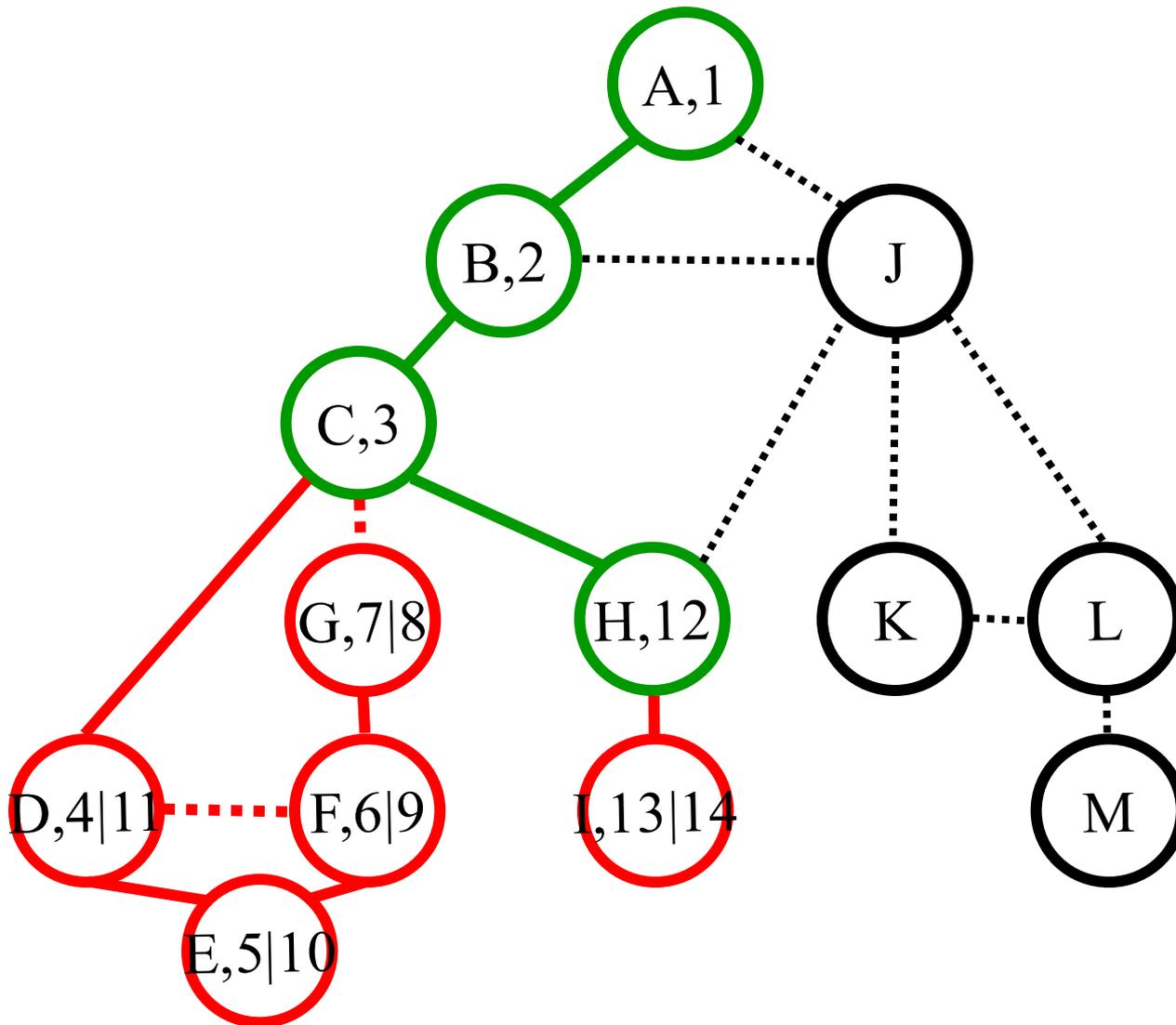
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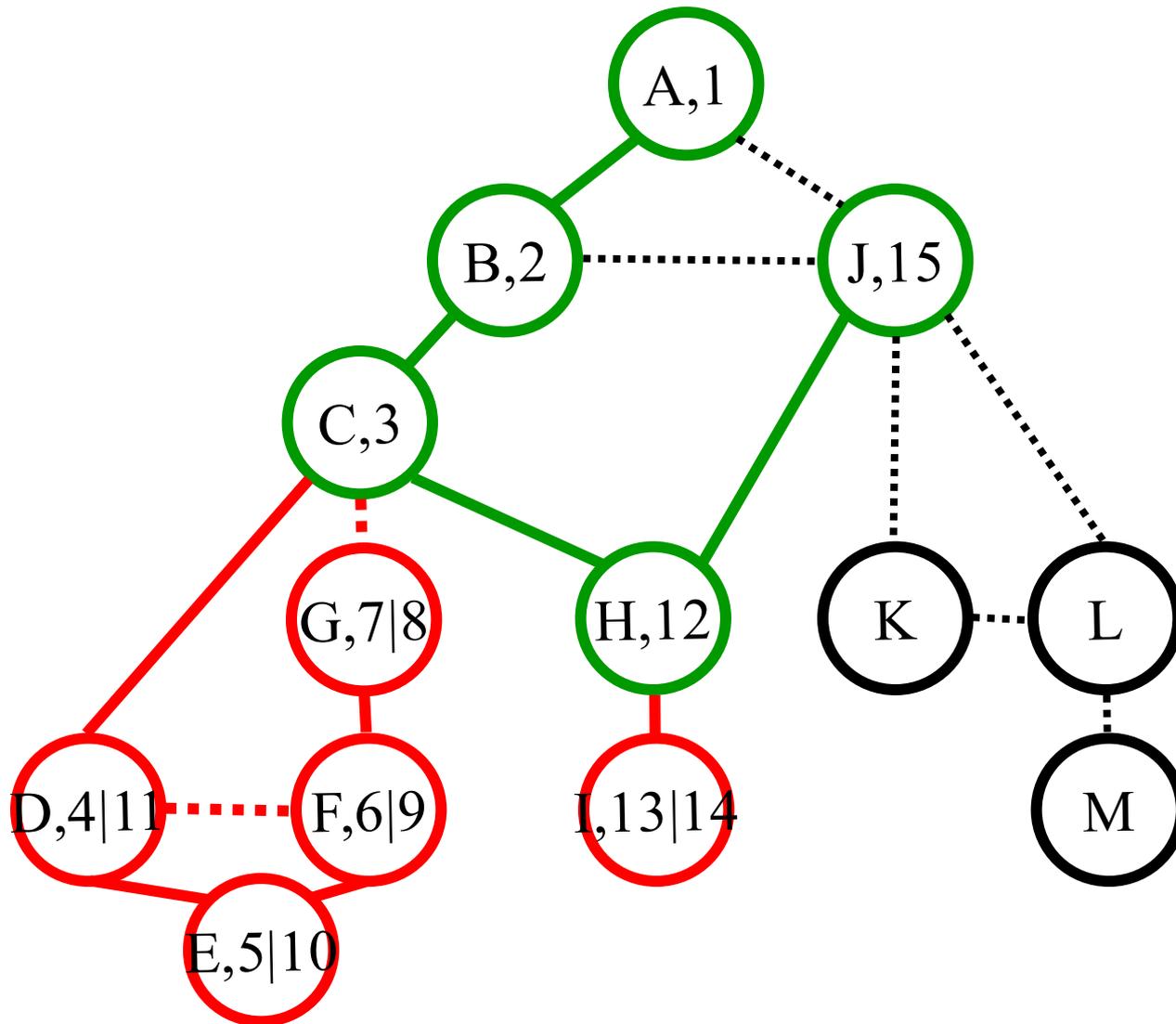
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st[] =
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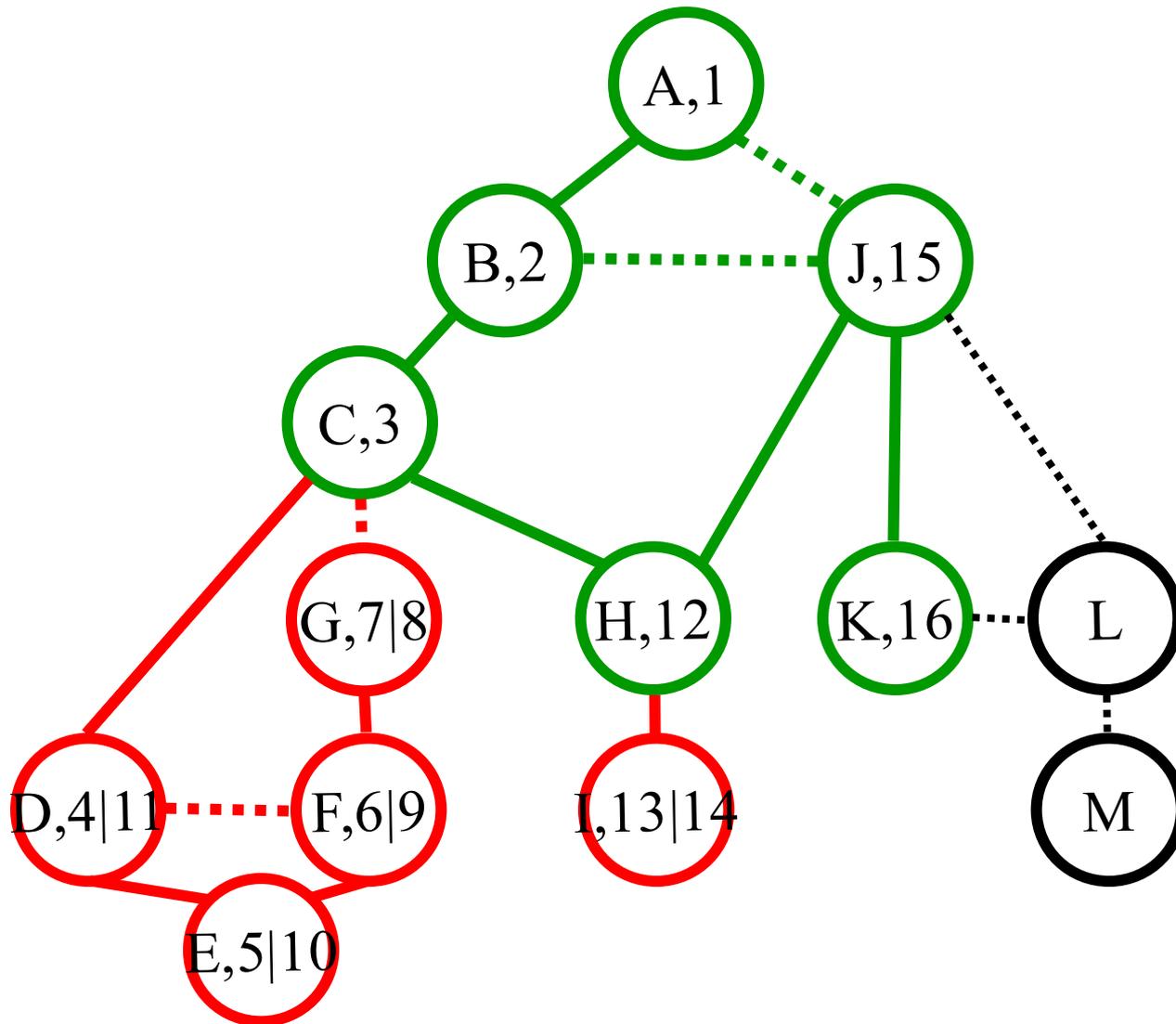
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 K (J,L)

st[] =
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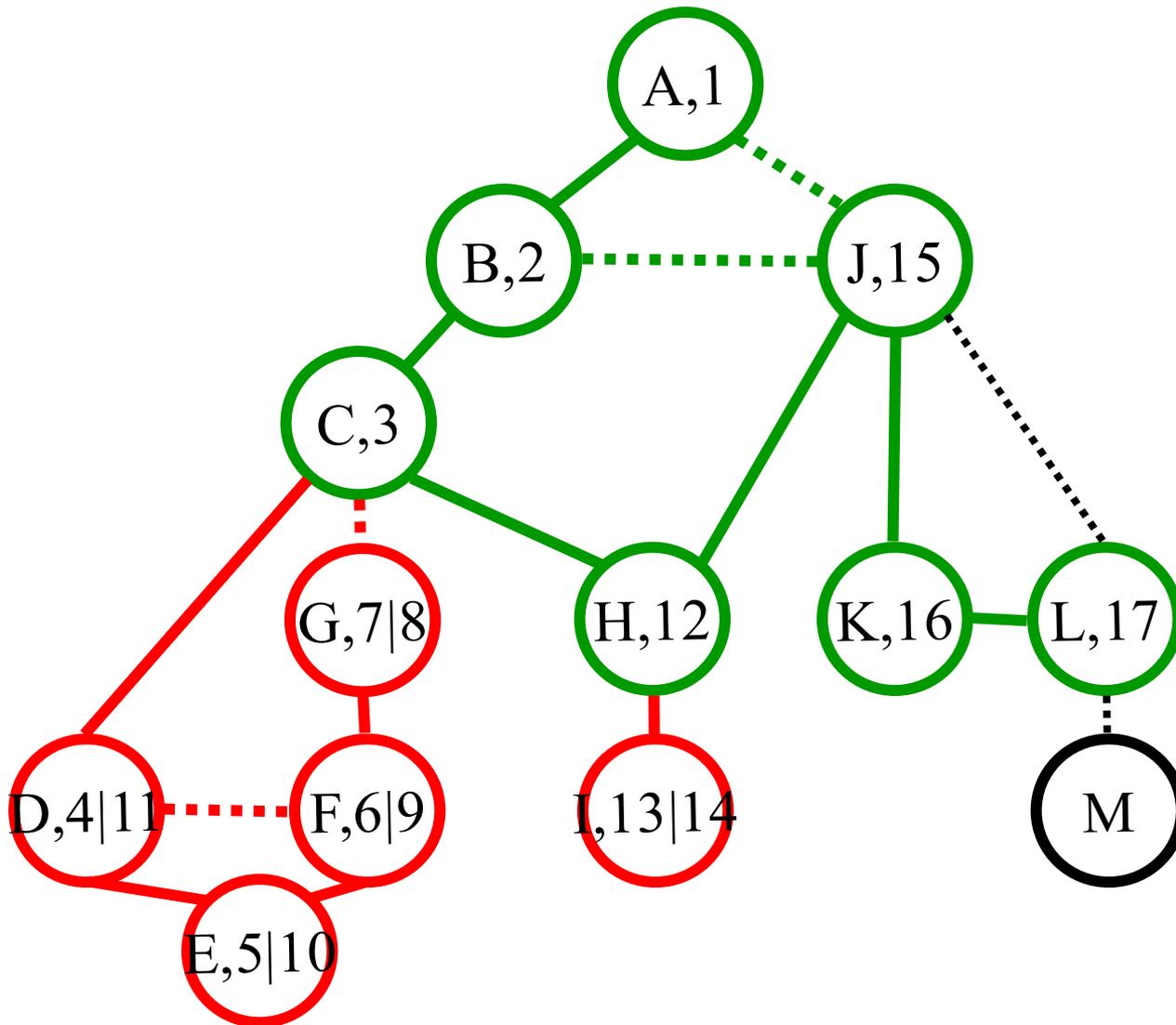
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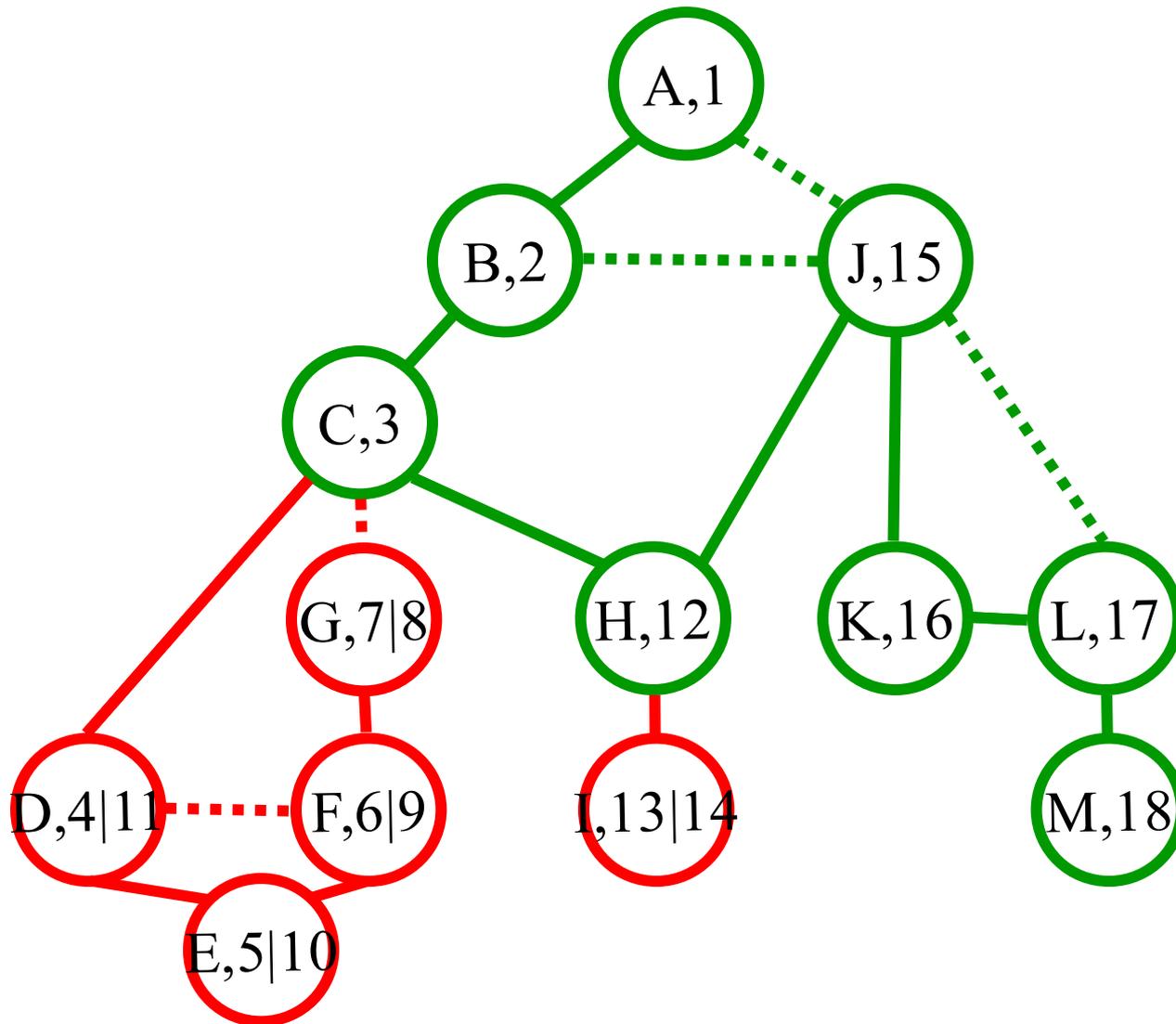
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 L (J,K,M)

st[] =
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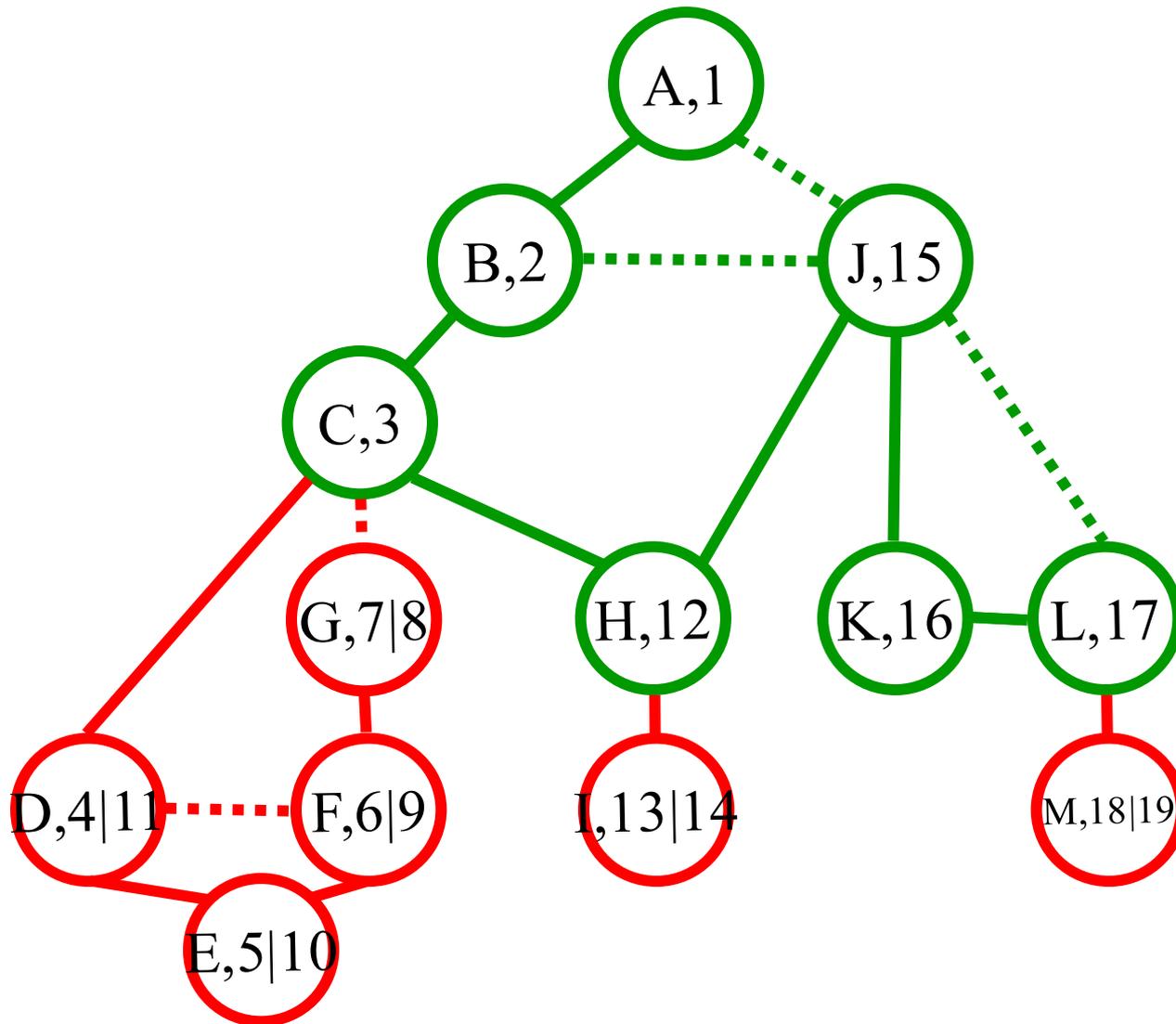
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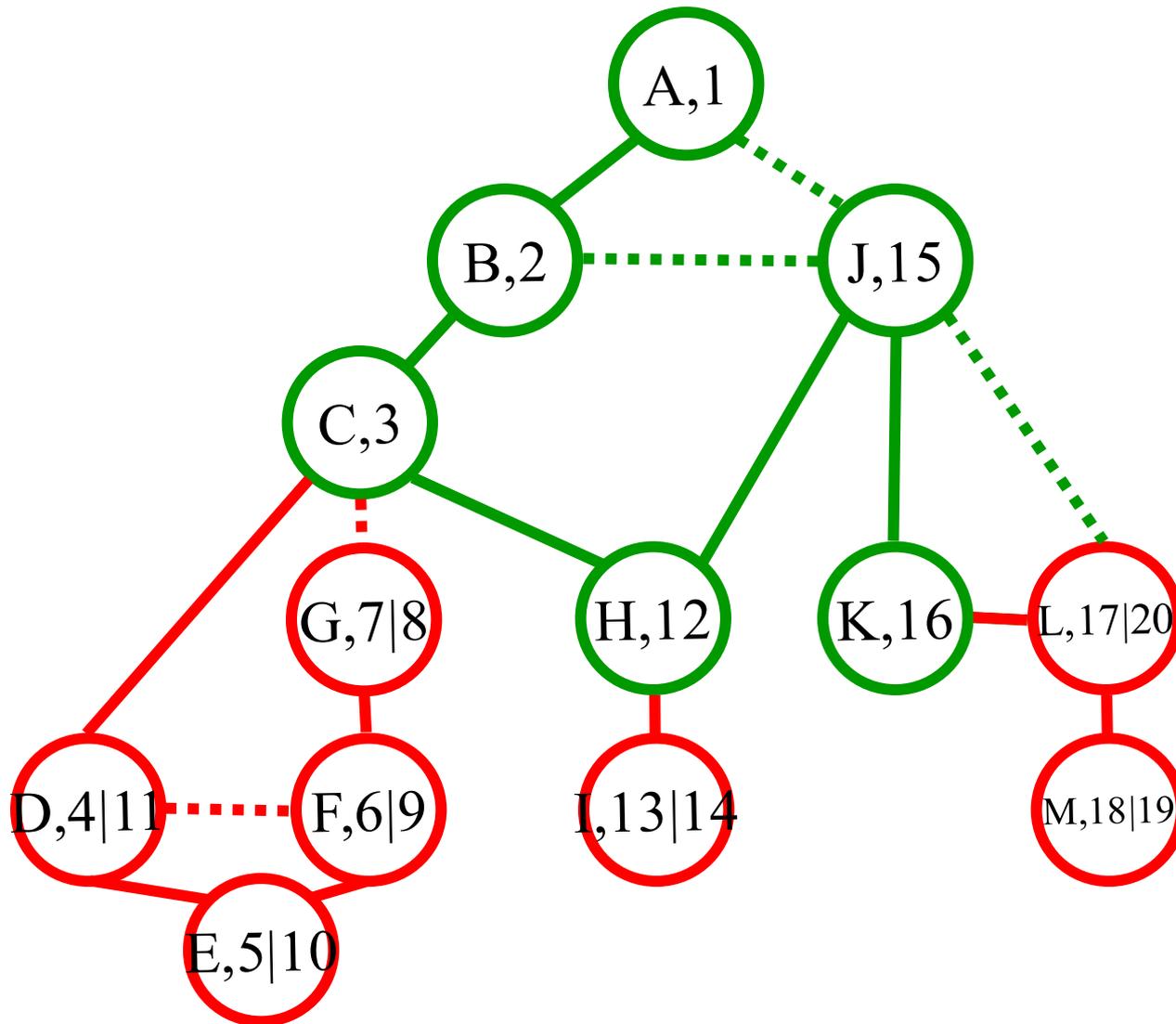
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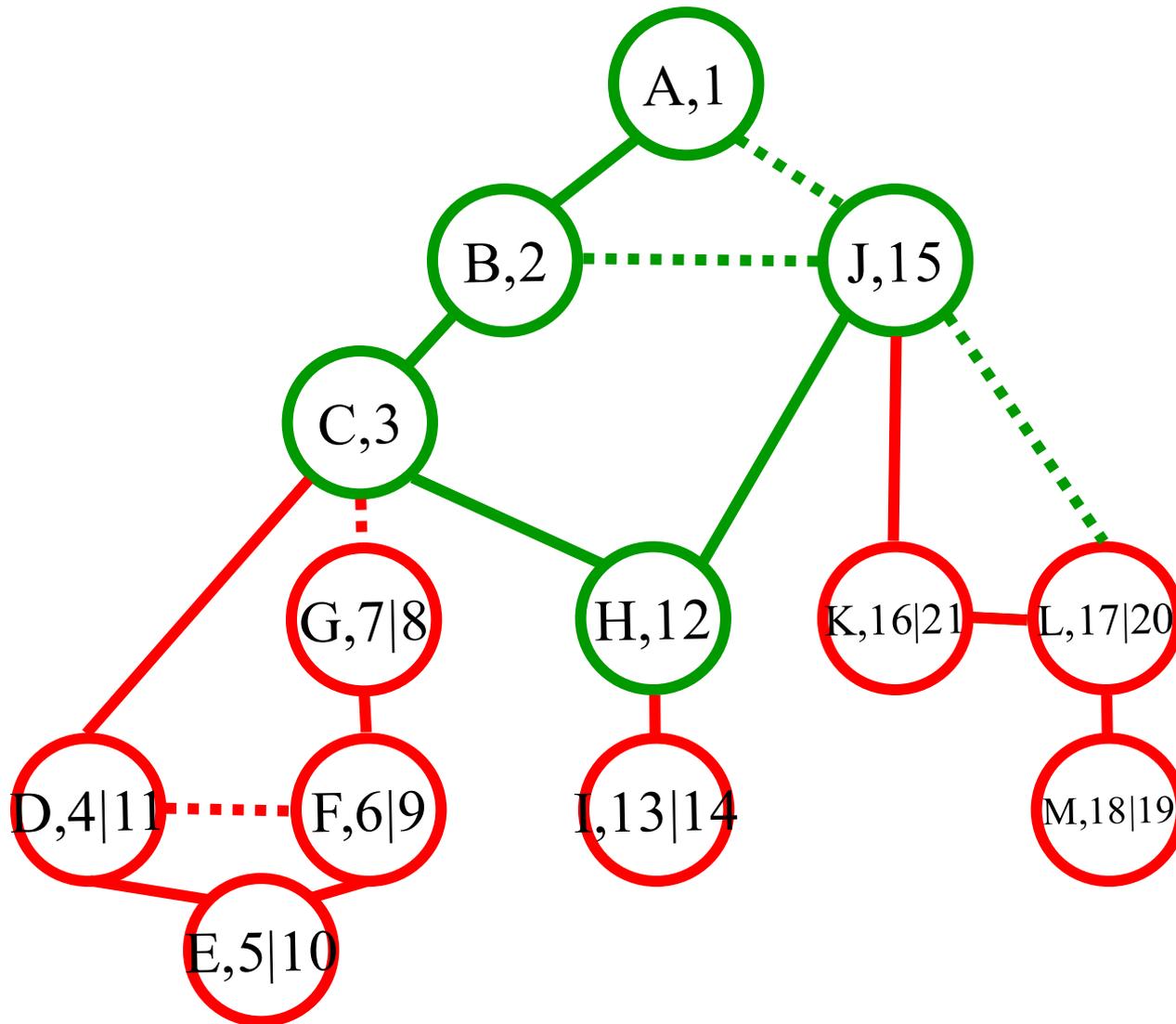
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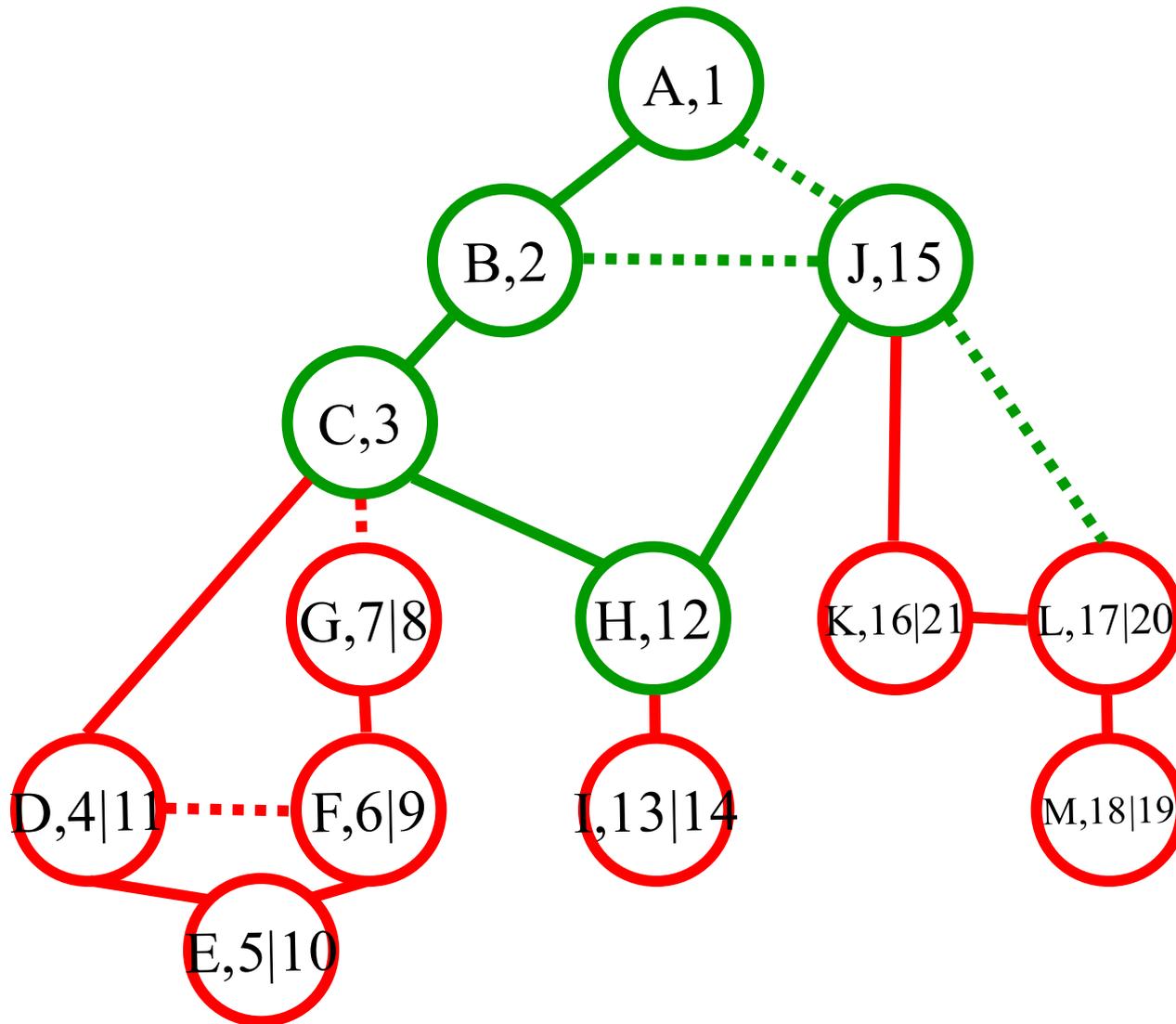
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st[] =
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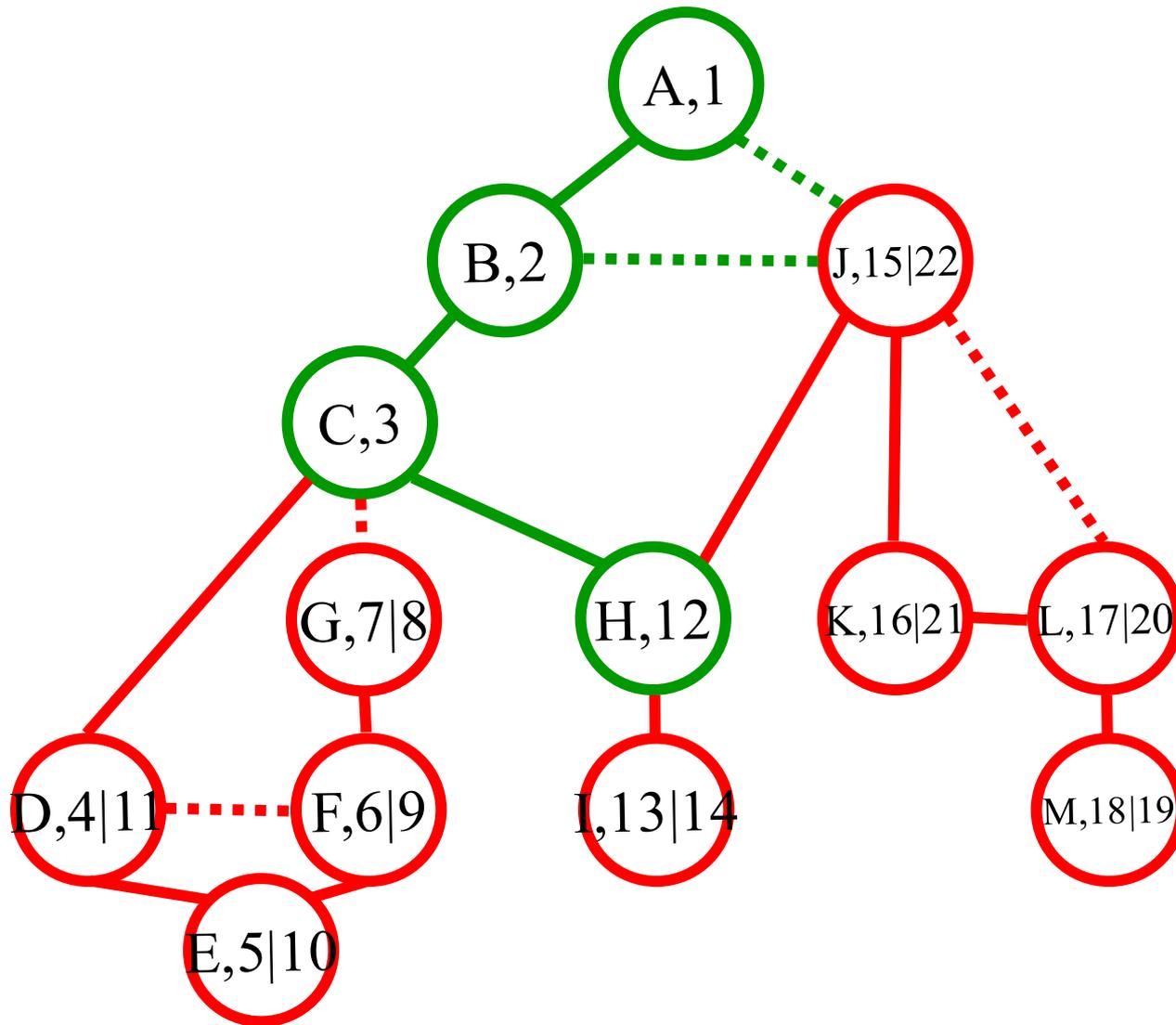
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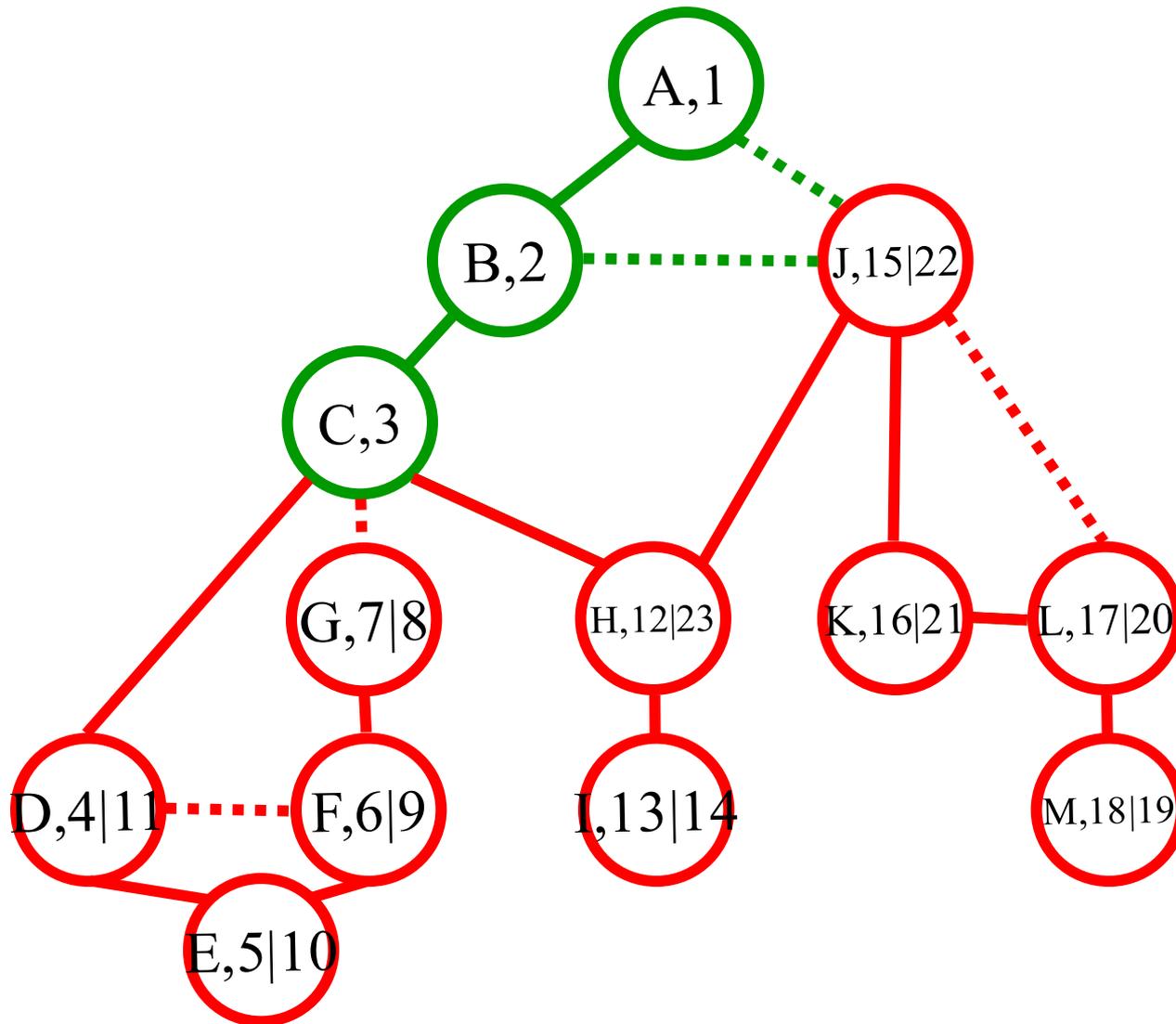
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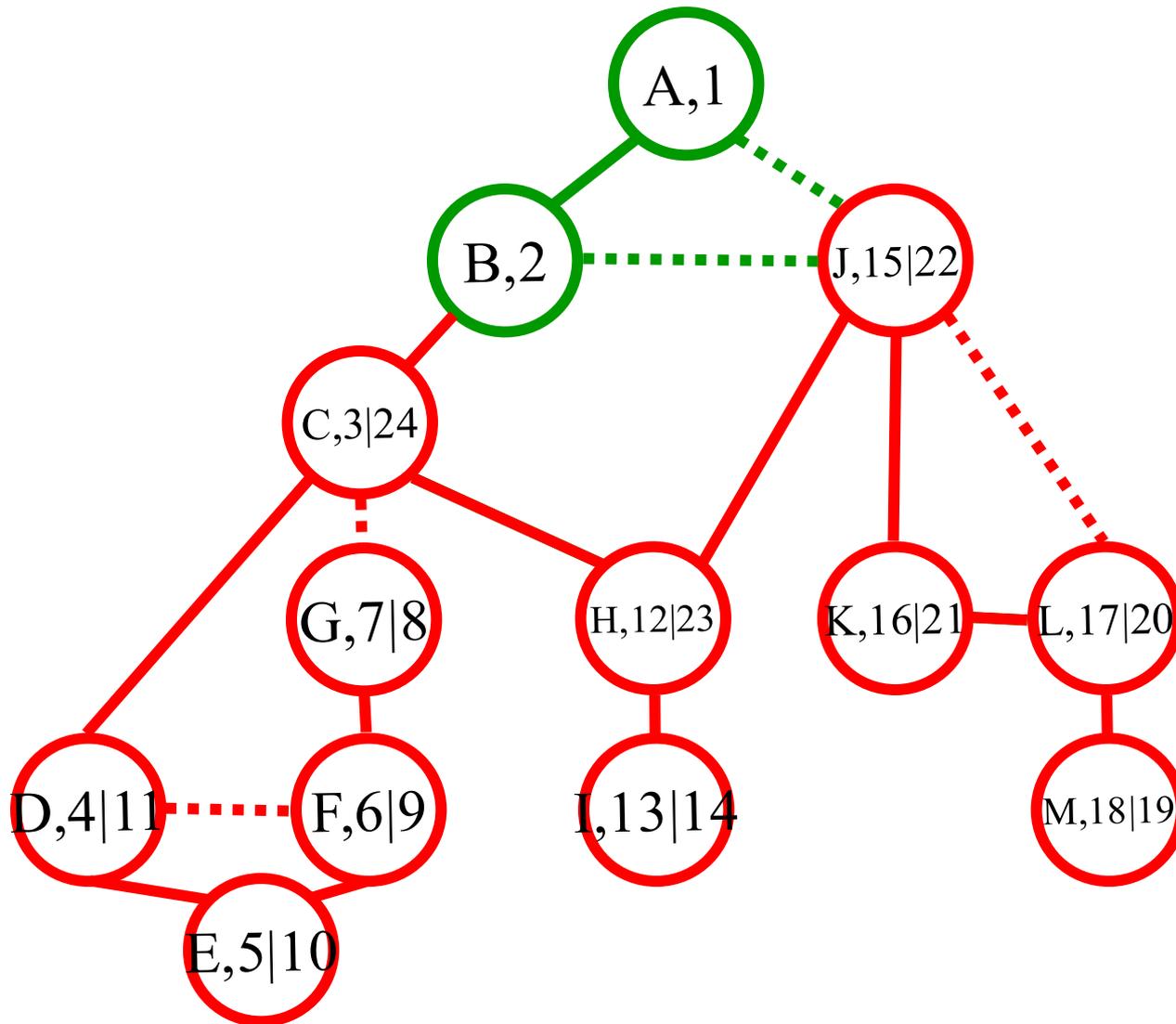
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st[] =
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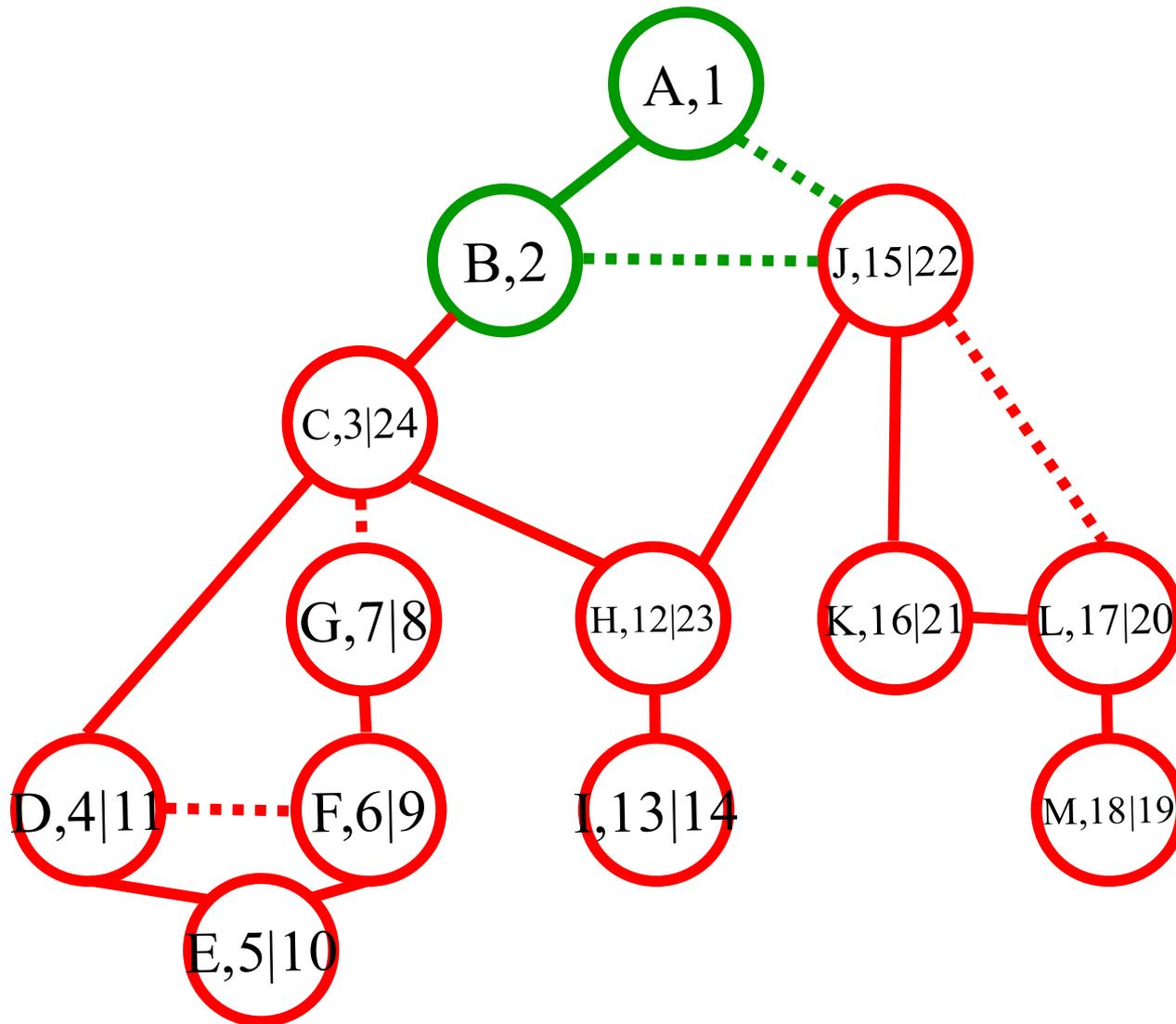
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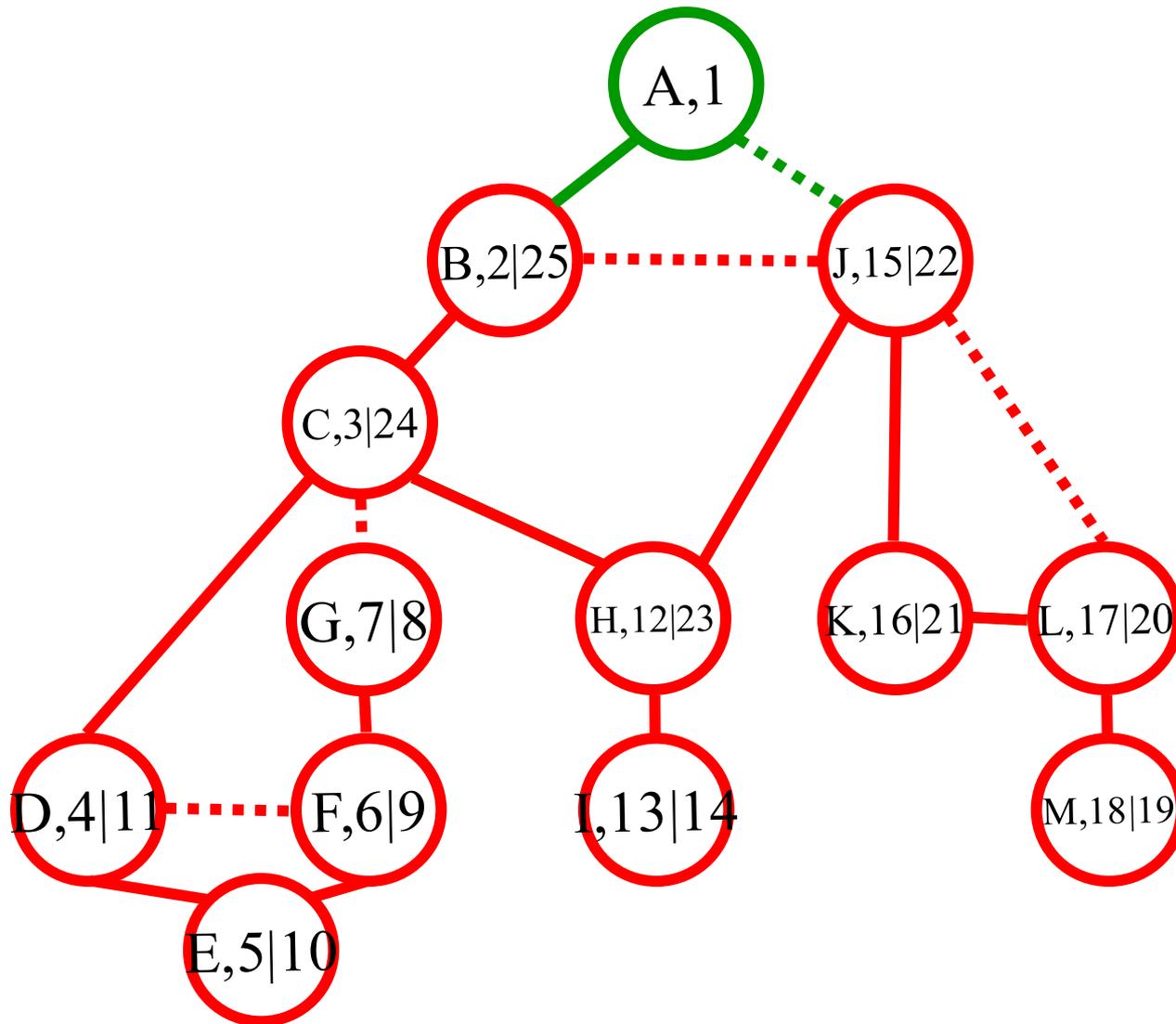
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st[] =
 {A,B}

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Call Stack:
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A (~~B~~, ~~J~~)

st[] = {A}

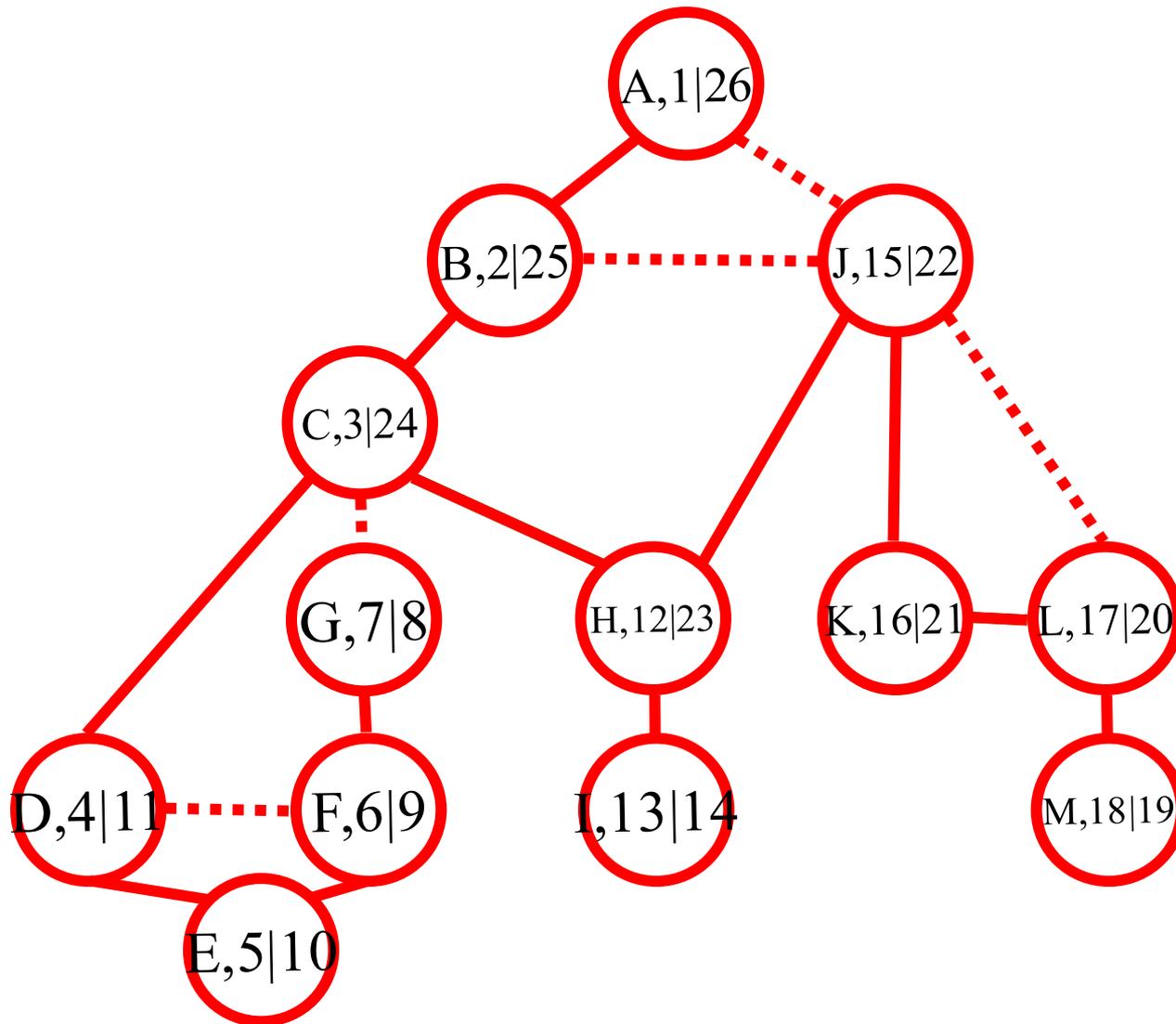
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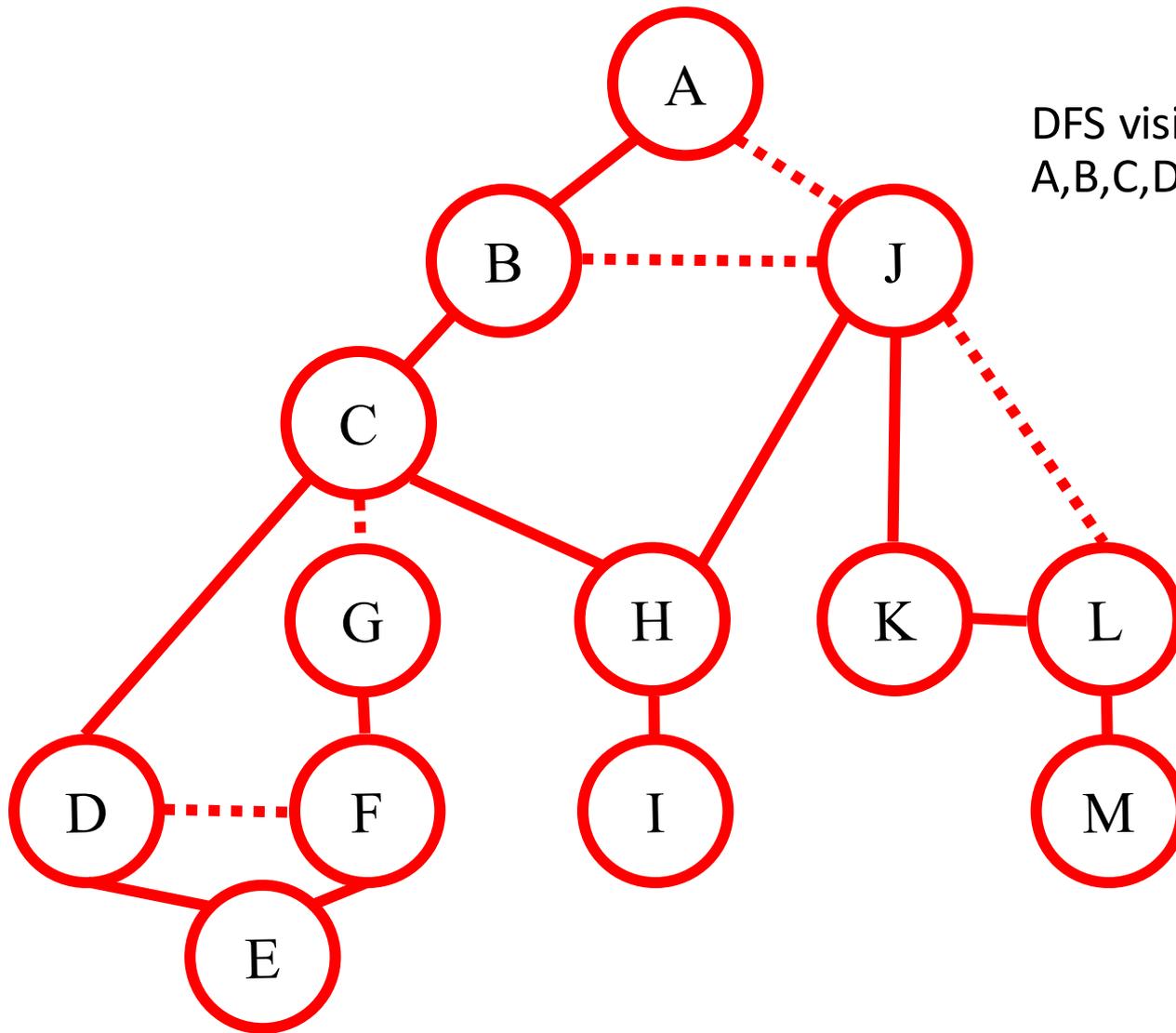
Call Stack:
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TA-DA!!

st[] = {}



Depth First Search (DFS)



DFS Spanning Tree

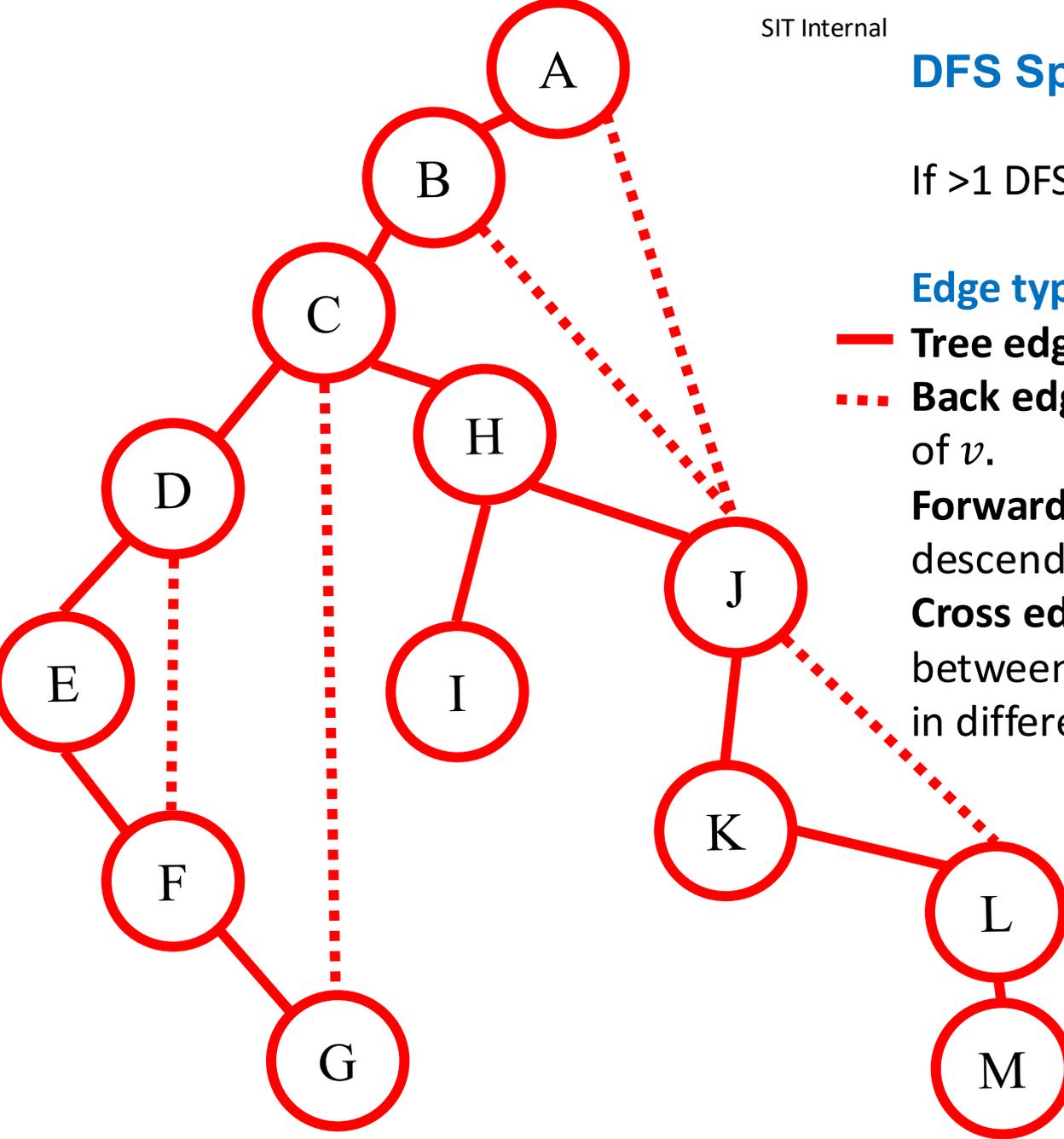
If >1 DFS tree, then **depth-first forest**.

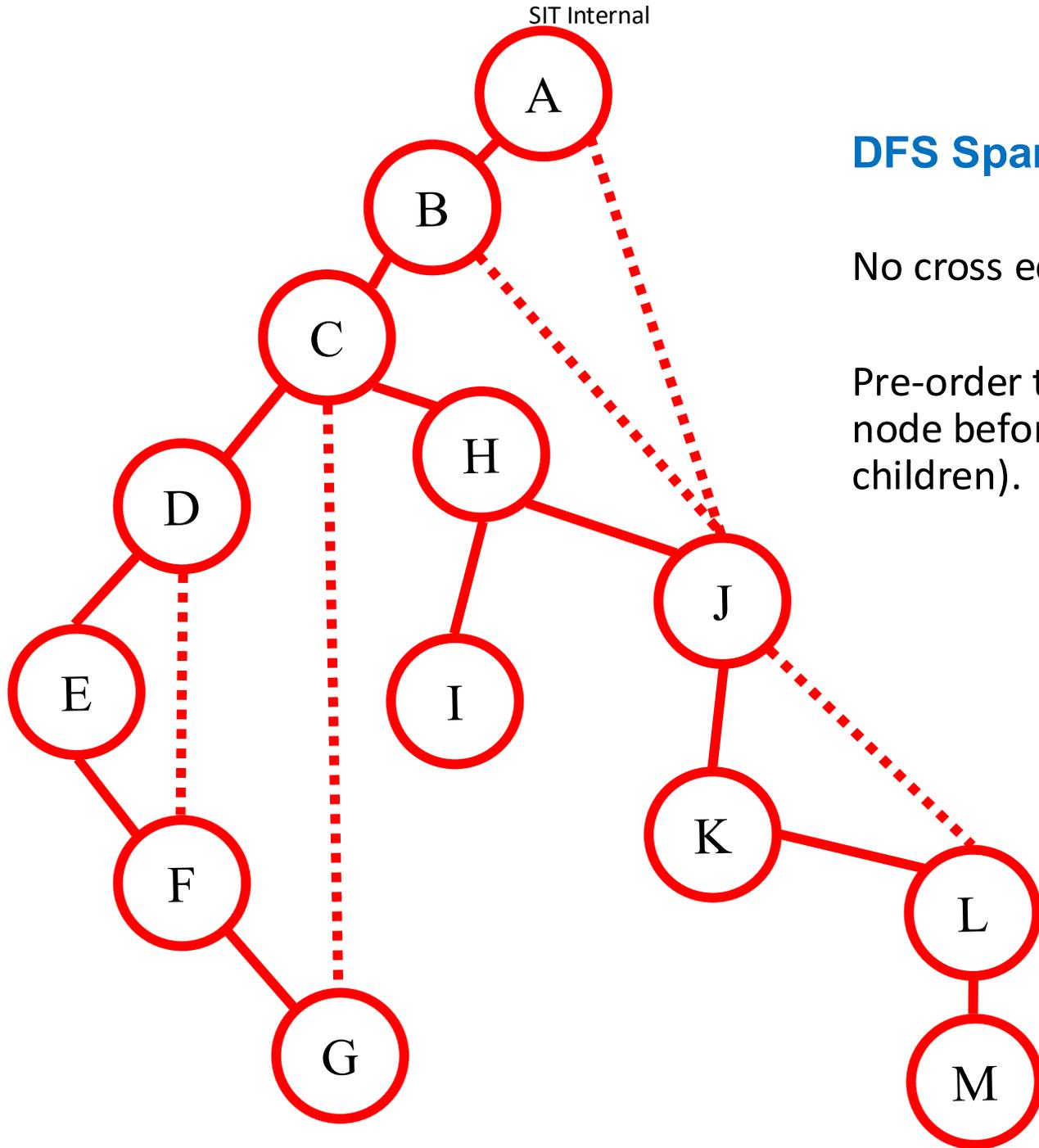
Edge types

- **Tree edge:** found by exploring (u, v) .
- ⋯ **Back edge:** (u, v) , u is a descendant of v .

Forward edge: (u, v) , v is a descendant of u , but not a tree edge.

Cross edge: Any other edge, go between vertices in same DFS tree or in different DFS trees.





DFS Spanning Tree

No cross edges!

Pre-order tree (visit a node before visiting its children).

DFS: Implementation and Analysis

Initialization: mark all vertices undiscovered, $time = 0$

DFS(u) - recursive

$time = time + 1$

$u.d = time$ // discover/visit u

Mark u **discovered**

for each edge $\{u, x\}$

if (x is undiscovered)

Mark x **discovered**

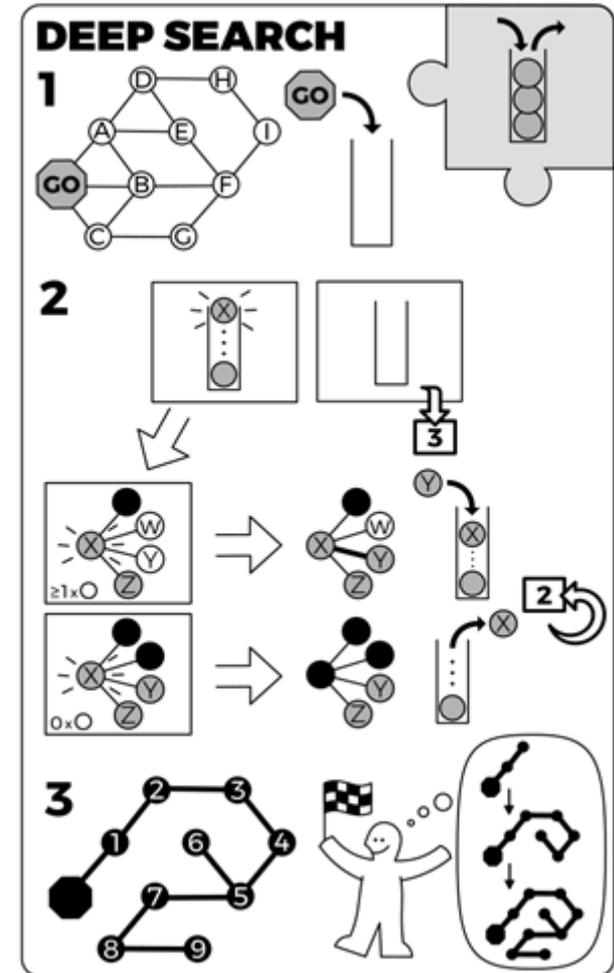
$x.parent = u$

DFS(x) // time counts

Mark u **fully-explored**

$time = time + 1$

$u.f = time$ // finish u , fully explored



Total time: $\Theta(V + E)$, not just big-O because guaranteed to examine every vertex and edge.

DFS: C++ Implementation

```
enum Color { WHITE, GRAY, BLACK };

struct Vertex {
    Color color;
    int discoveryTime;
    int finishTime;
};
```

```
int numVertices;
vector<list<int>> adjList;
vector<Vertex> vertices;
int time;

void DFS_VISIT(int u) {
    time++;
    vertices[u].discoveryTime = time;
    vertices[u].color = GRAY;

    for (int v : adjList[u]) {
        if (vertices[v].color == WHITE) {
            DFS_VISIT(v);
        }
    }

    vertices[u].color = BLACK;
    time++;
    vertices[u].finishTime = time;
}
```

DFS: Wrap-up

Like BFS(s):

- DFS(s) visits x if there is a path in G from s to x .
So, we can also use DFS to find connected components.
- Edges into the-undiscovered vertices define a tree – the “spanning tree” of G .

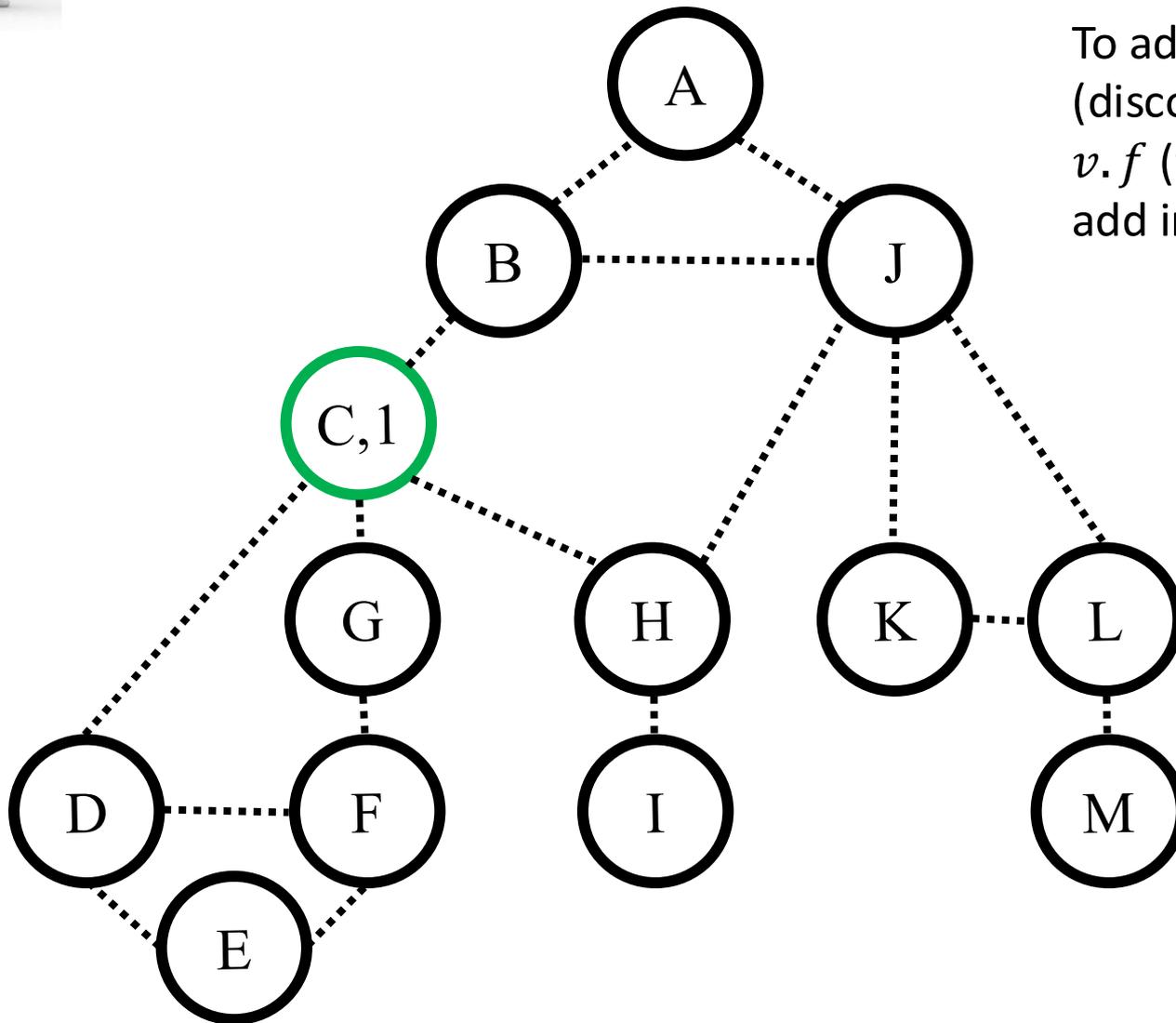
Unlike the BFS spanning tree:

- The DFS spanning tree is not minimum depth.
- Its levels don't reflect min distance from the root.
- Non-tree edges never join vertices on the same or adjacent levels.

Applications: reachability, topological sort (lab), connected component (lab).



Exercise: DFS from Different Source Vertices



To add in the $v.d$ (discovered time) and $v.f$ (finish time) values; add in edge types.

Summary

- Terminology: vertices, edges, degree, paths, spanning tree...
- Edges and vertices: $|E| = O(V^2)$ in general graphs, $|V| - 1$ for trees
- Representations: adjacency list (for sparse graph), adjacency matrix
- BFS: layers, queue, reachable, shortest paths, all edges go to same or adjacent layer
- DFS: recursion/stack, reachable, all edges ancestor/descendant
- Techniques: discover/visit then explore

Graph Traversal Algorithm	Type	Time Complexity
Breadth-First Search (BFS)	Iterative	$O(V + E)$
Depth-First Search (DFS)	Recursive / Iterative	$\theta(V + E)$