

CS 170

Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems

Lecture 10

Minimum Spanning Trees

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Announcements

Midterm 1 next Tuesday Feb 25

- No class on Tuesday!
- No discussion sections on Tuesday!
- Midterm 1 Review Sessions: 9-11 Friday @Soda 306
- Also there are more OHs
- Scope: Up to and including today's lecture!

HW4 is due this Saturday.

HW 5 is optional and not for grade.

- Posted with solutions, so review the solutions!

Last Lecture: Minimum Spanning Trees

Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) Problem:

Input: a weighted graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative weights.

Output: A tree $T \subseteq E$ connecting all the vertices of the graph with **smallest cost** $\sum_{e \in T} w_e$

Recap: We prove that any algorithm that fits the following meta algorithm correctly returns an MST.

Meta Algorithm for MST

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“Cut Property”:

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Today

Two algorithms for MST.

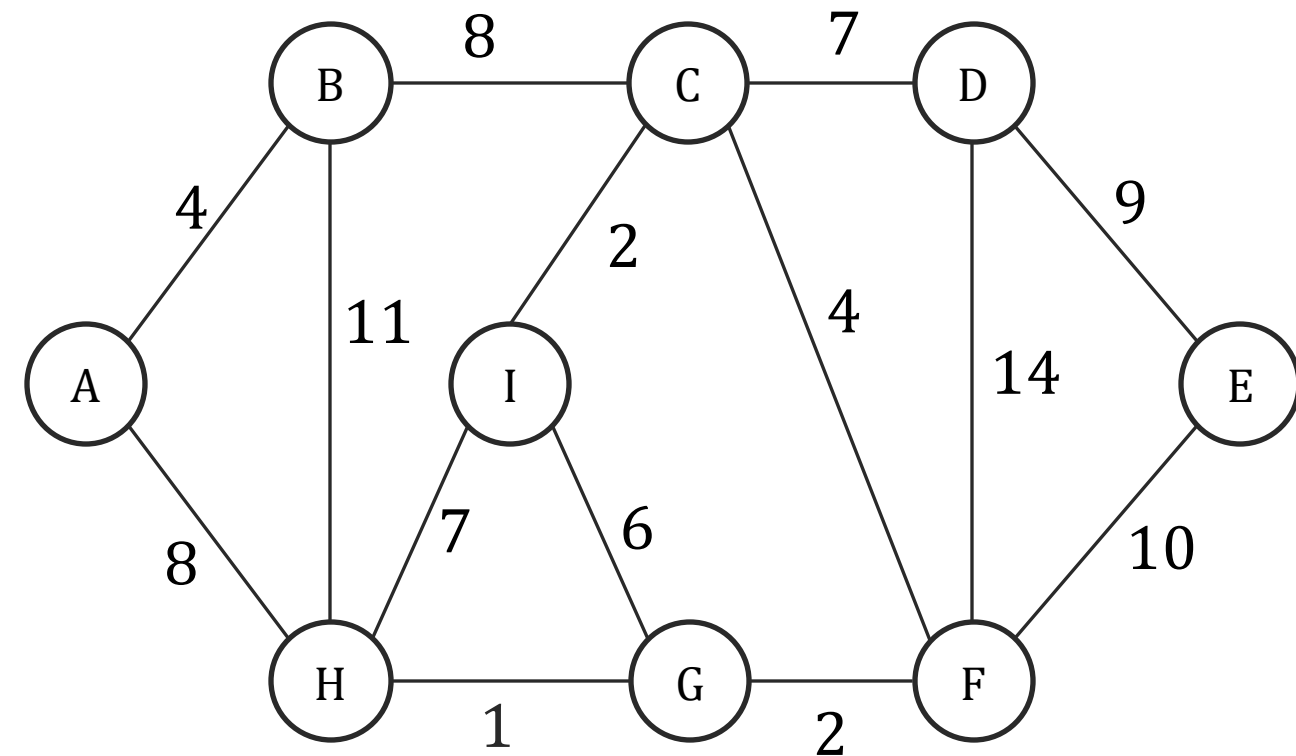
They fit the meta-algorithm recipe!

Based on different choice of cuts.

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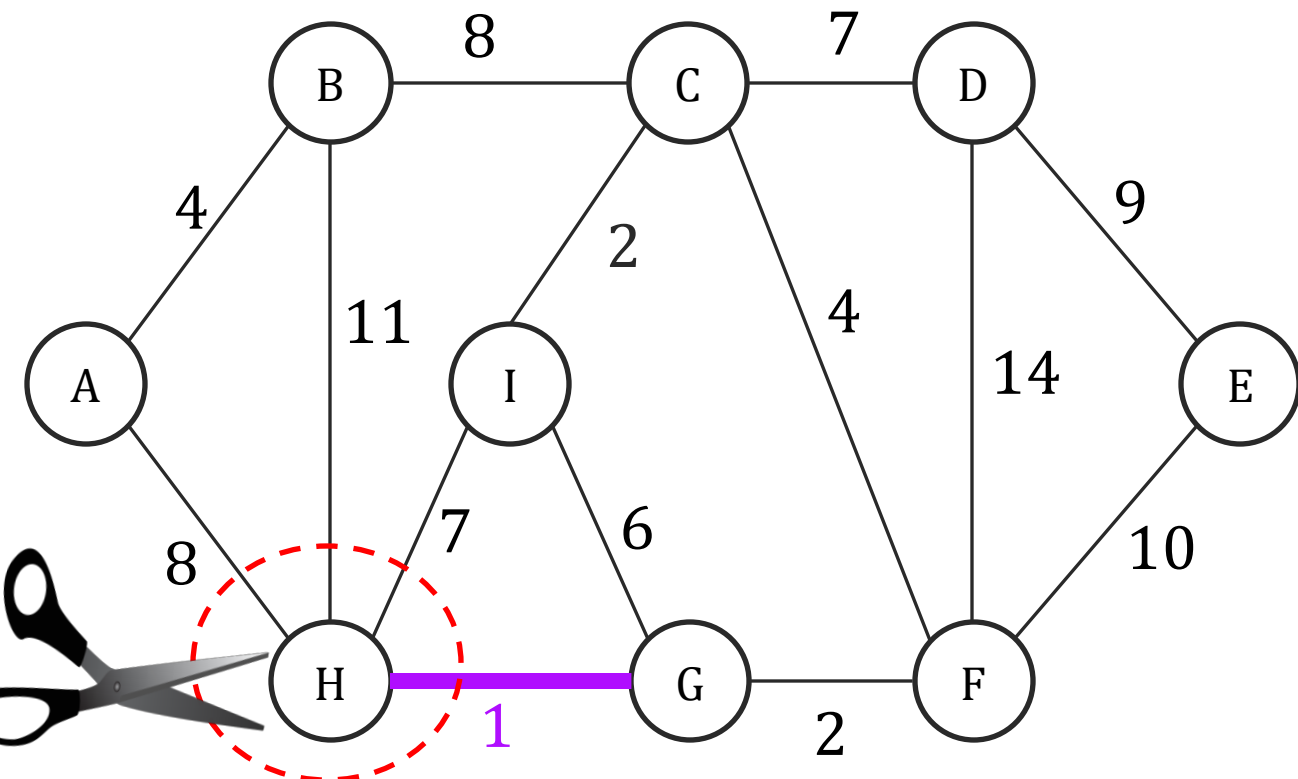
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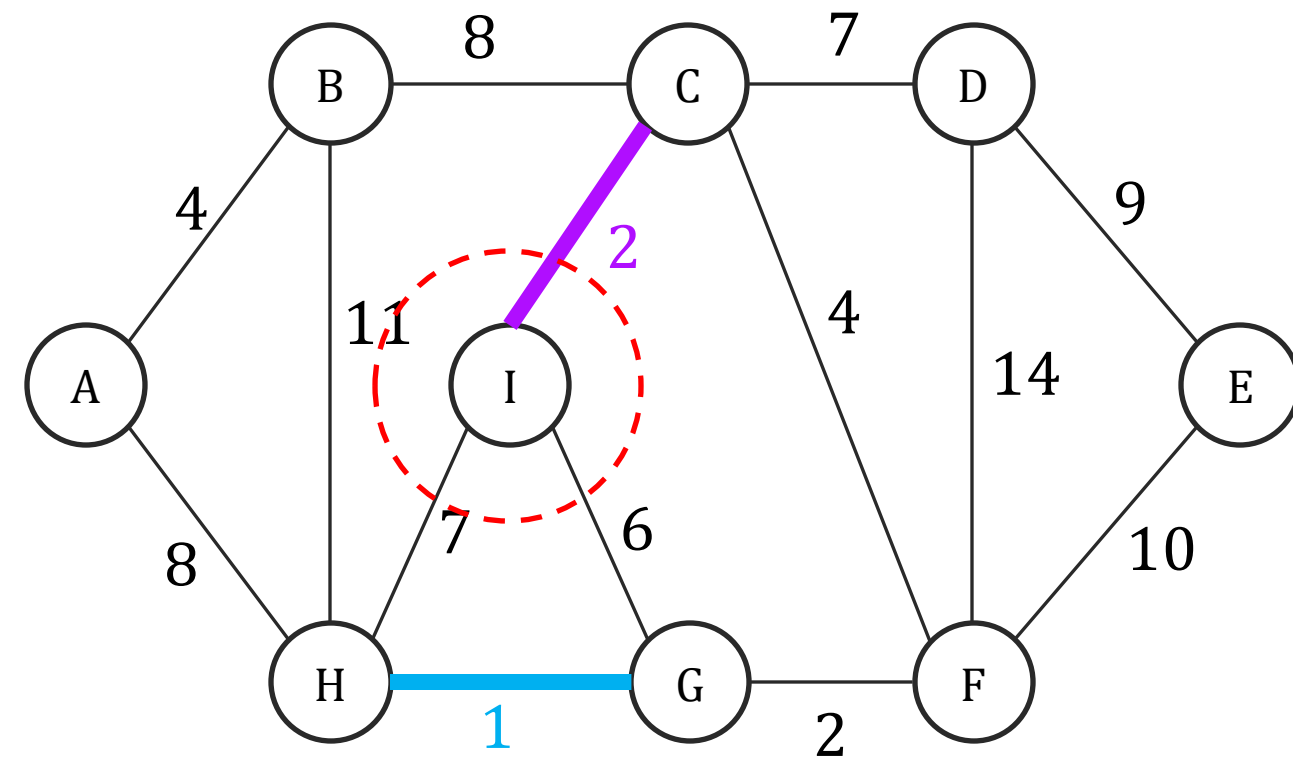
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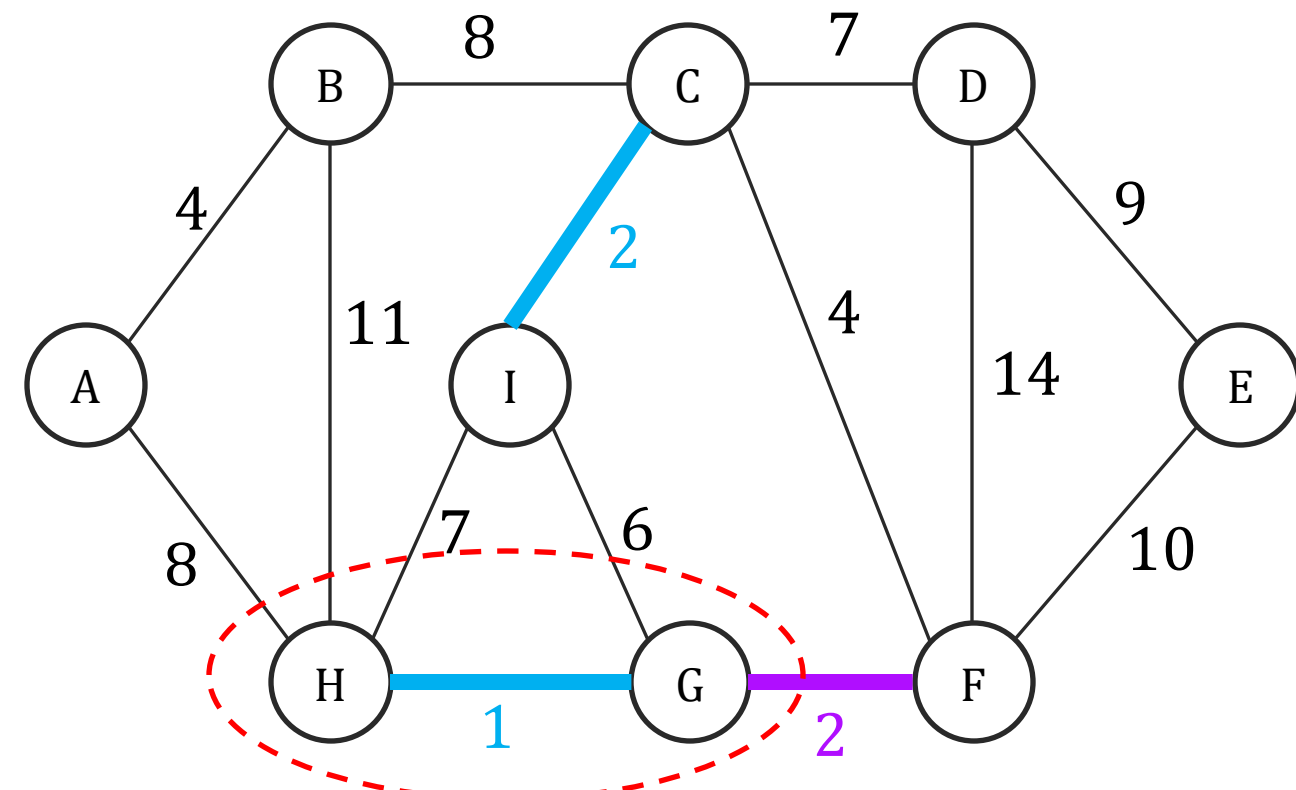
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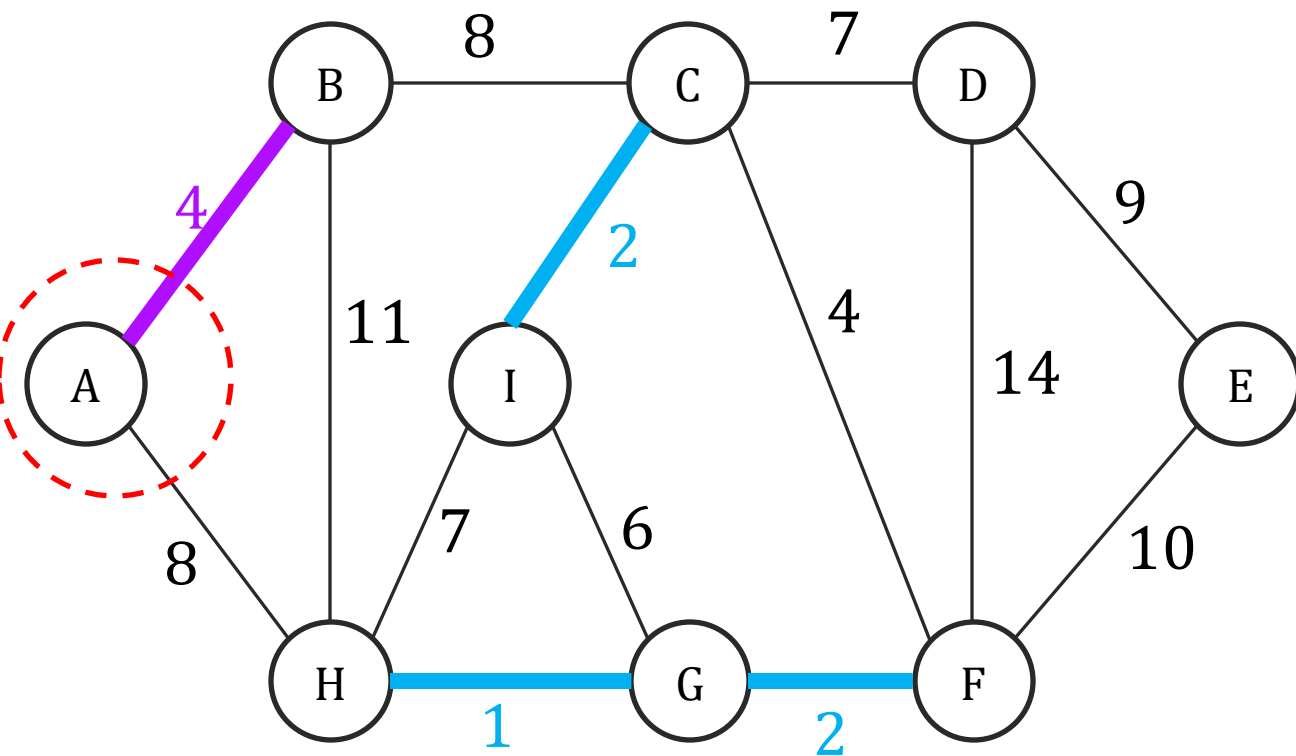
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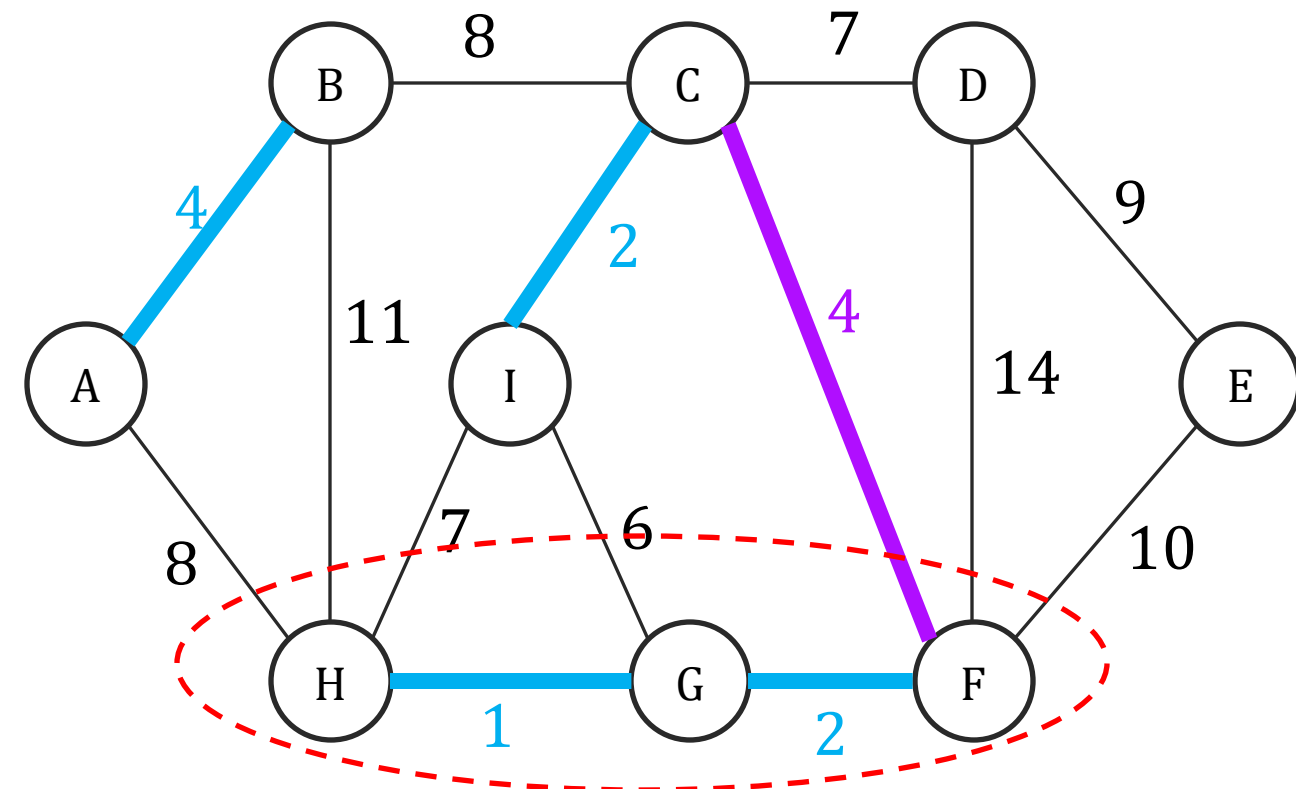
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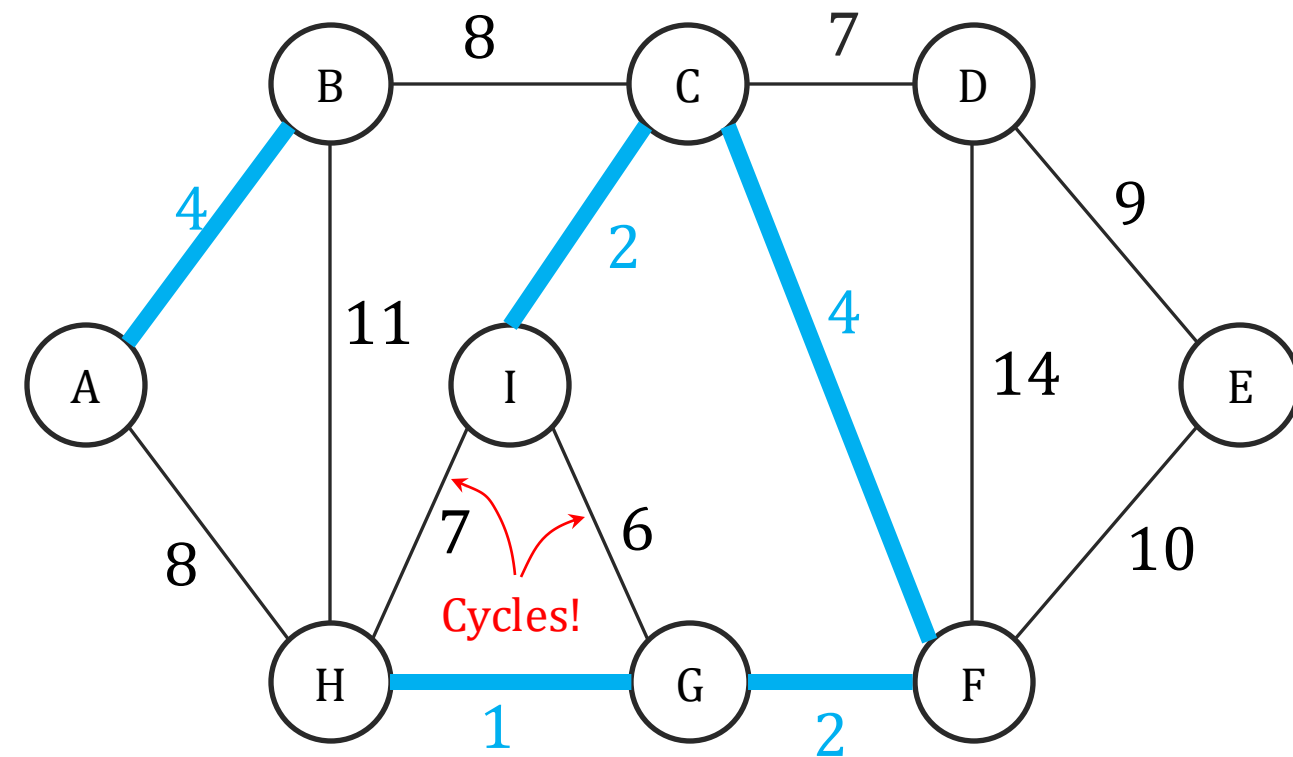
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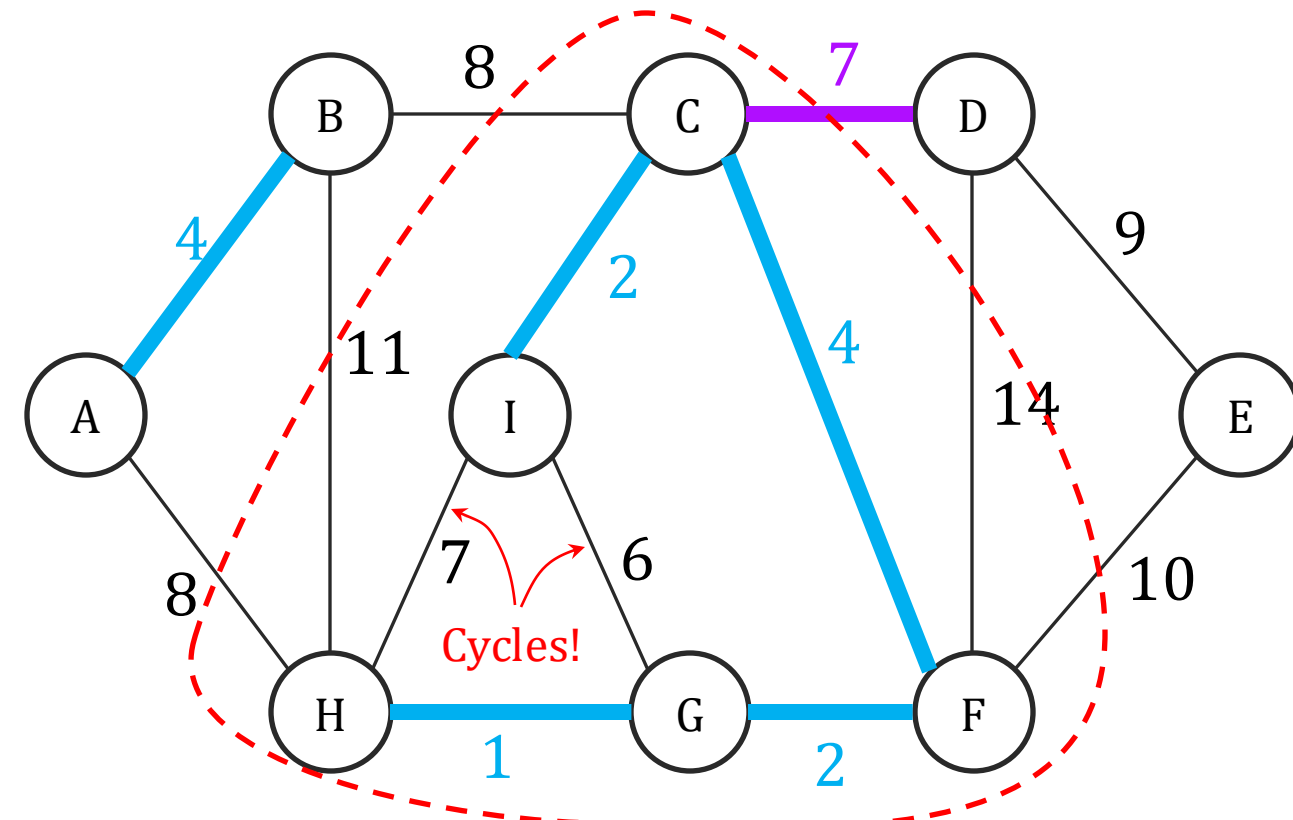
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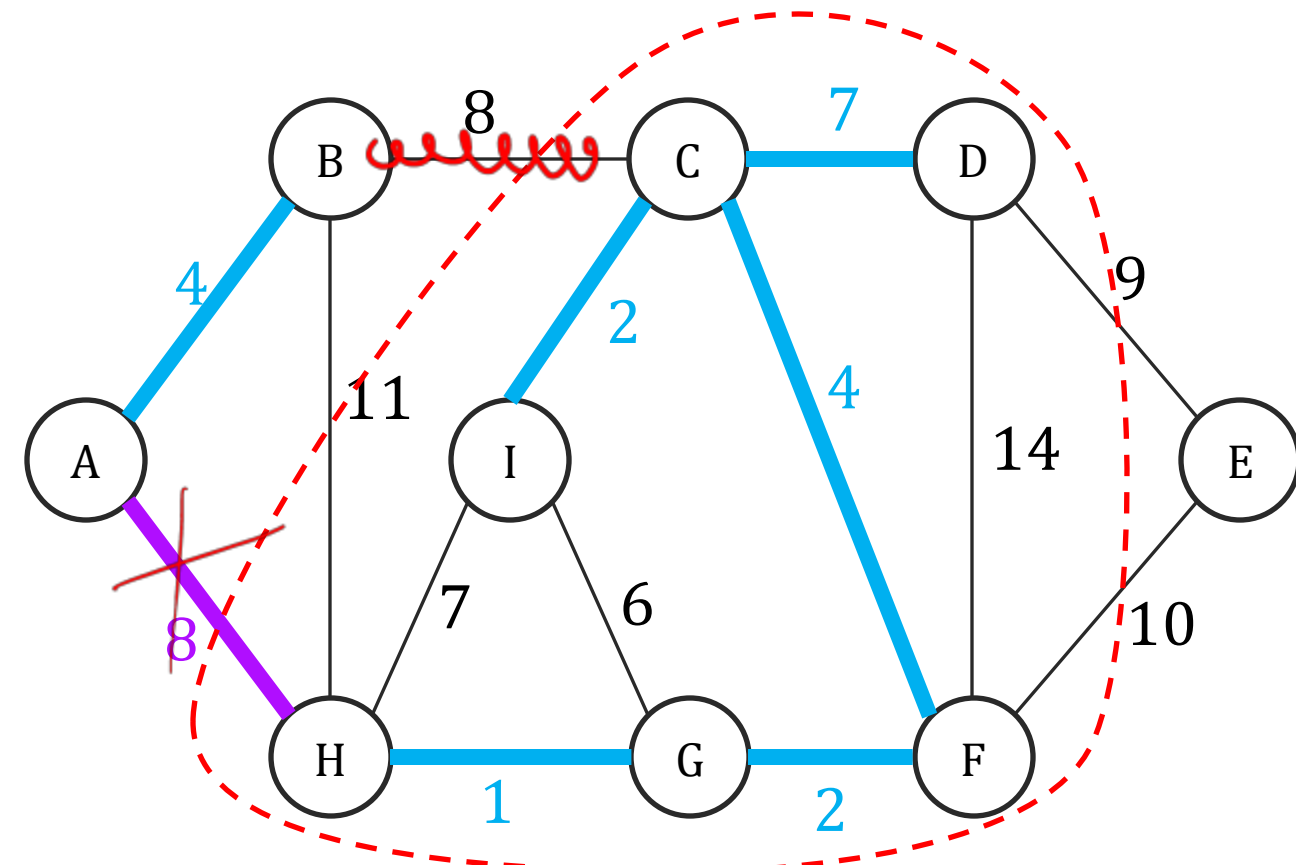
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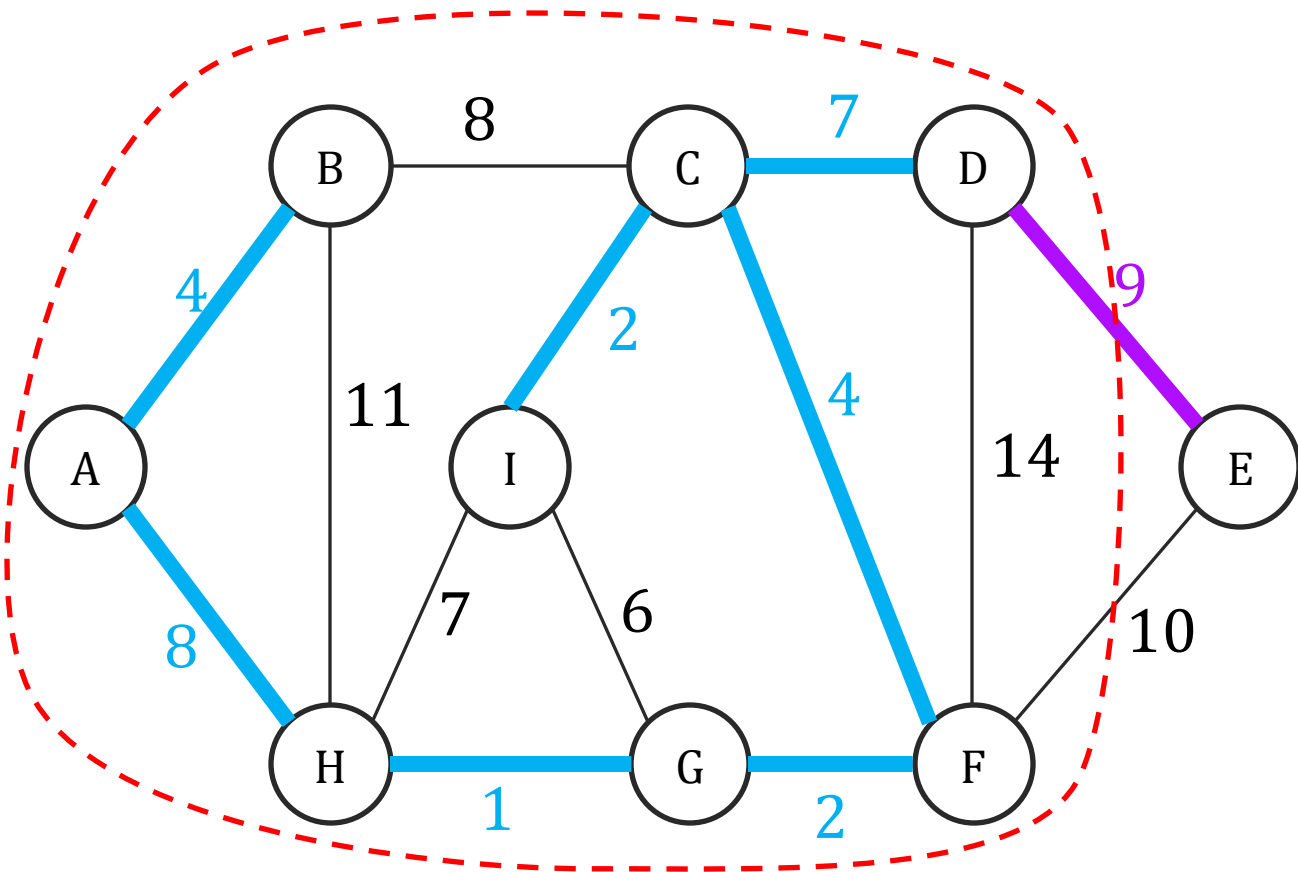
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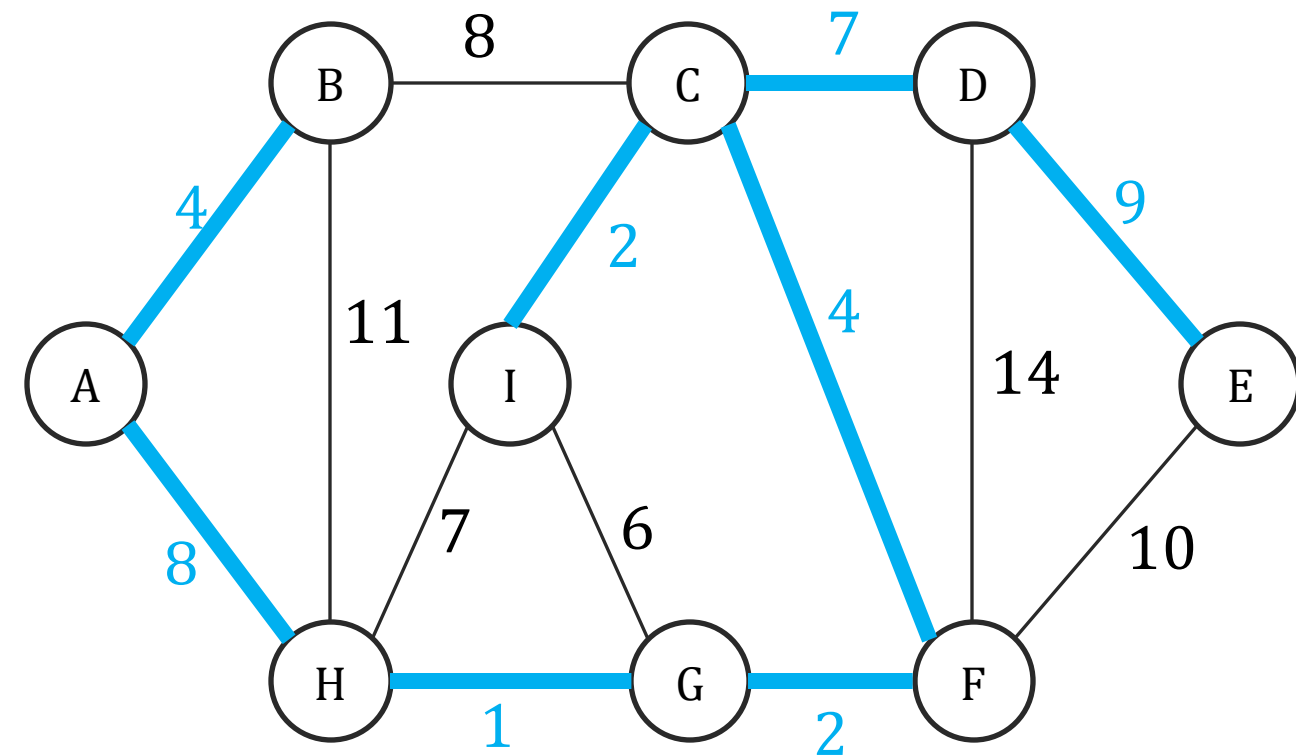
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Kruskal's Correctness

Does Kruskal return a minimum spanning tree?

- Since $X \cup \{(u, v)\}$ **doesn't have a cycle**, u and v belong to **two different connected components of X** .
 - Let $S \leftarrow$ **Connected component including u**
 - So (u, v) is the **lightest edge from S to $V \setminus S$** .
- Kruskal fits the meta algorithm description, so it find an MST.**

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Kruskal's Runtime and Union-Find

How do we quickly check if $X \cup \{(u, v)\}$ has a cycle?

→ We need to check if u 's connected component in $X = v$'s connected component in X

Union-FIND: A data-structure for **disjoint sets**

- **makeSet**(u): create a set from element u . Takes $O(1)$
- **find**(u): return the set that includes element u . Takes $O(\log(n))$
- **union**(u, v): Merge two sets containing u and v . Takes $O(\log(n))$

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Runtime of Kruskal's Algorithm

Sorting m edges: $O(m \log(m)) = O(m \log(n))$. Since $m \leq n^2$.

Everything else:

- n calls to **makeSet**
- $2m$ calls to **find**: 2 calls per edge to find its endpoints.
- $n - 1$ calls to **union**: A tree has $n - 1$ edges.

Total: $O((m + \cancel{n}) \log(n))$. For connected graphs = $O(m \log(n))$.

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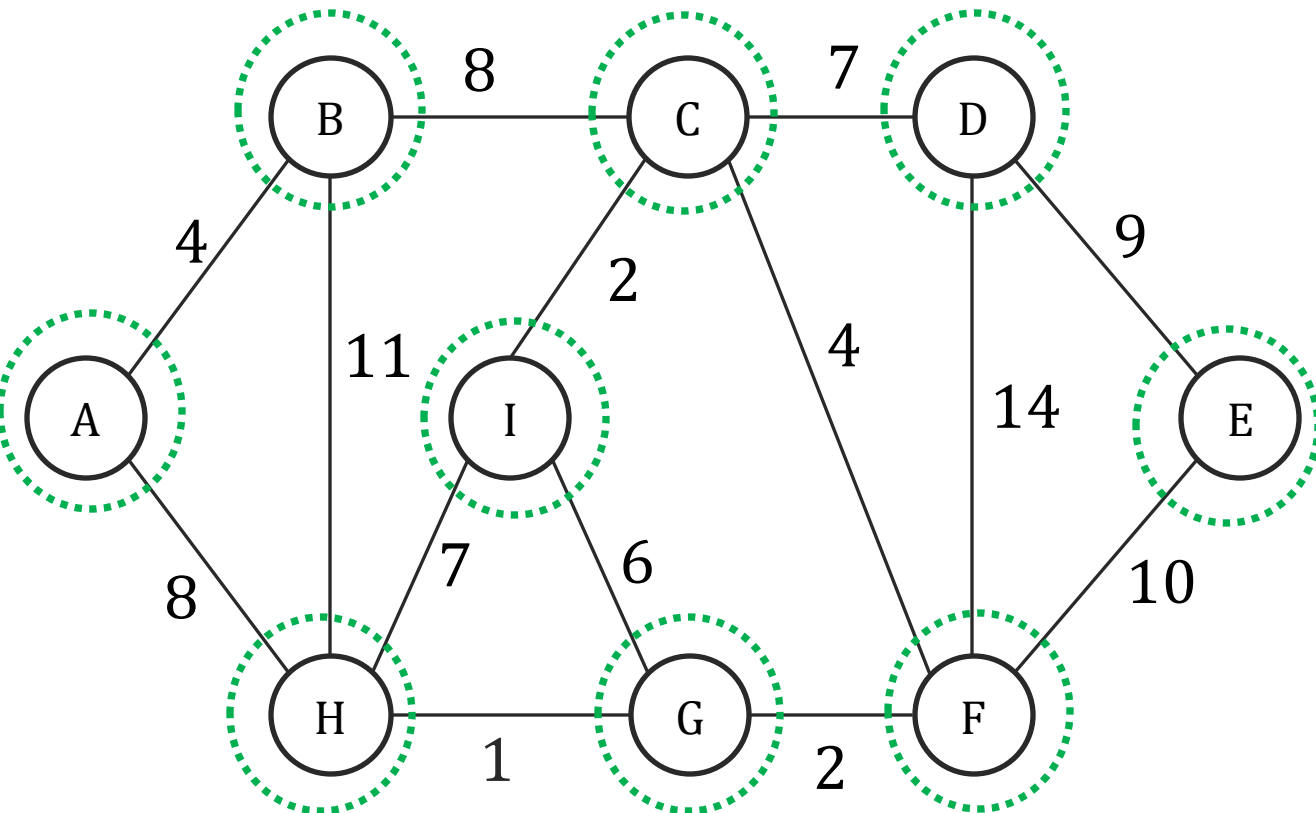
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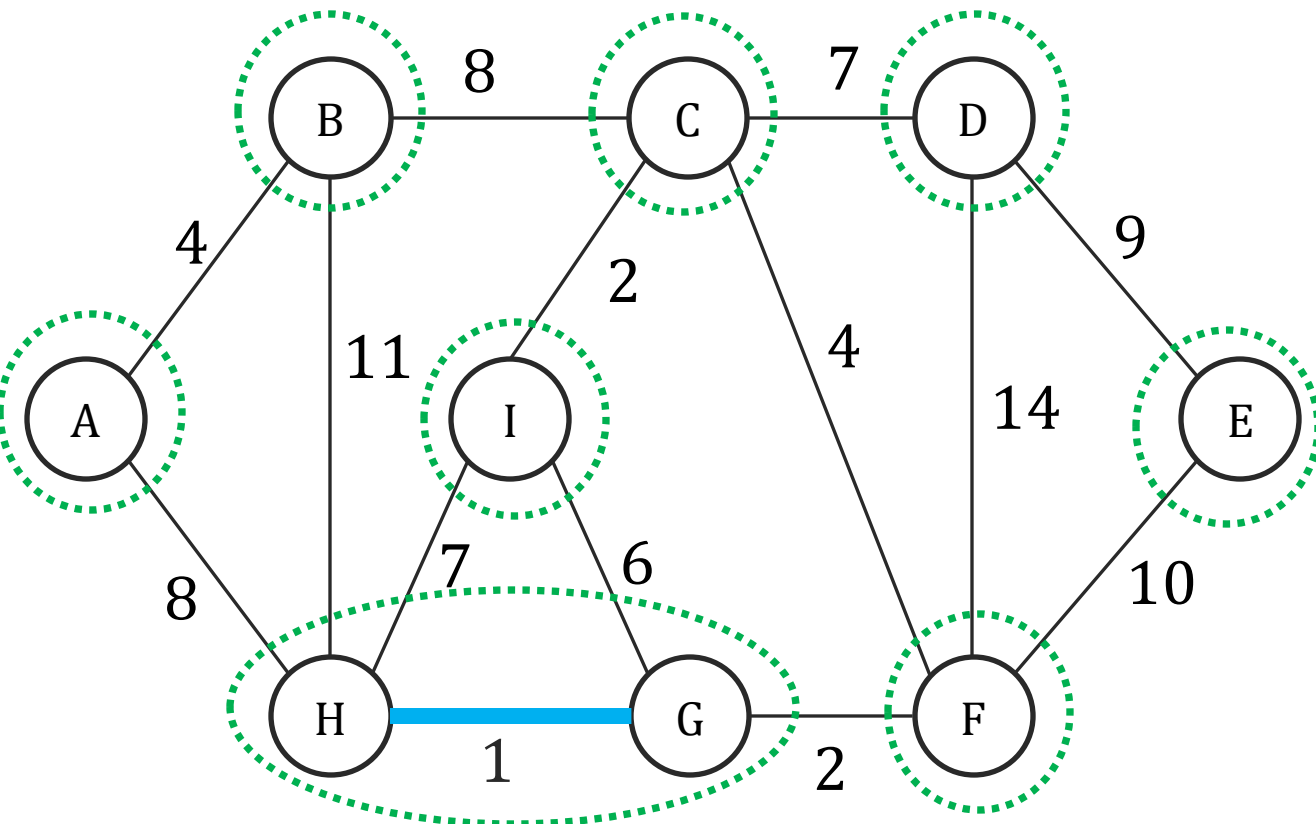
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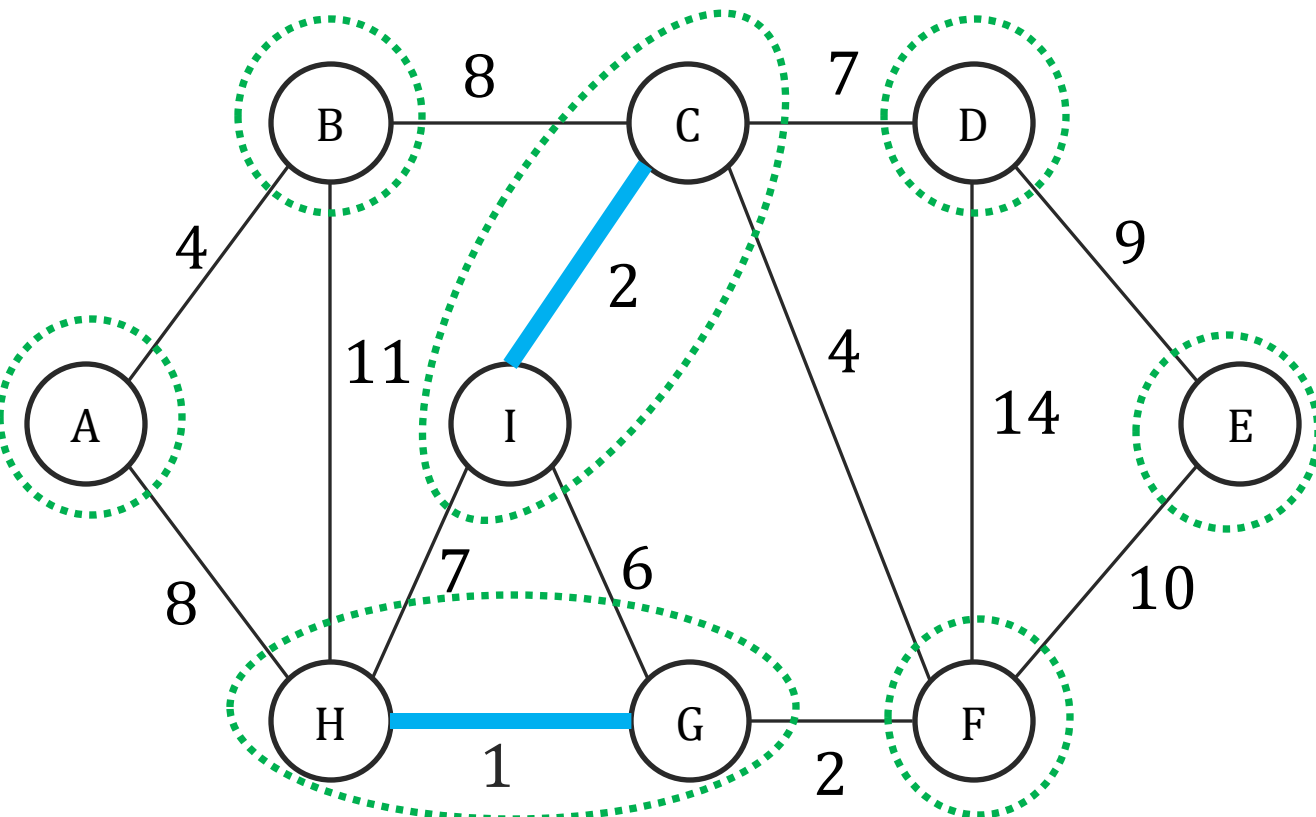
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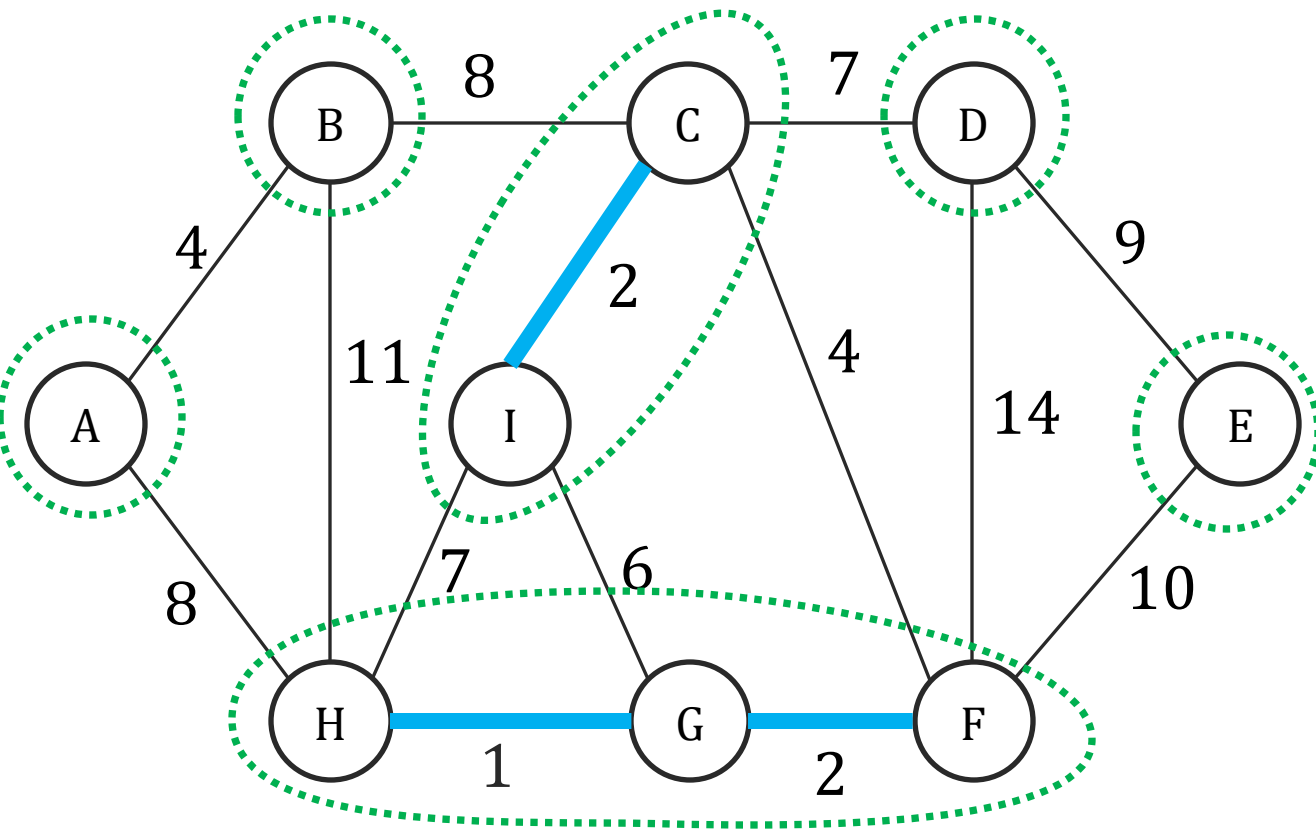
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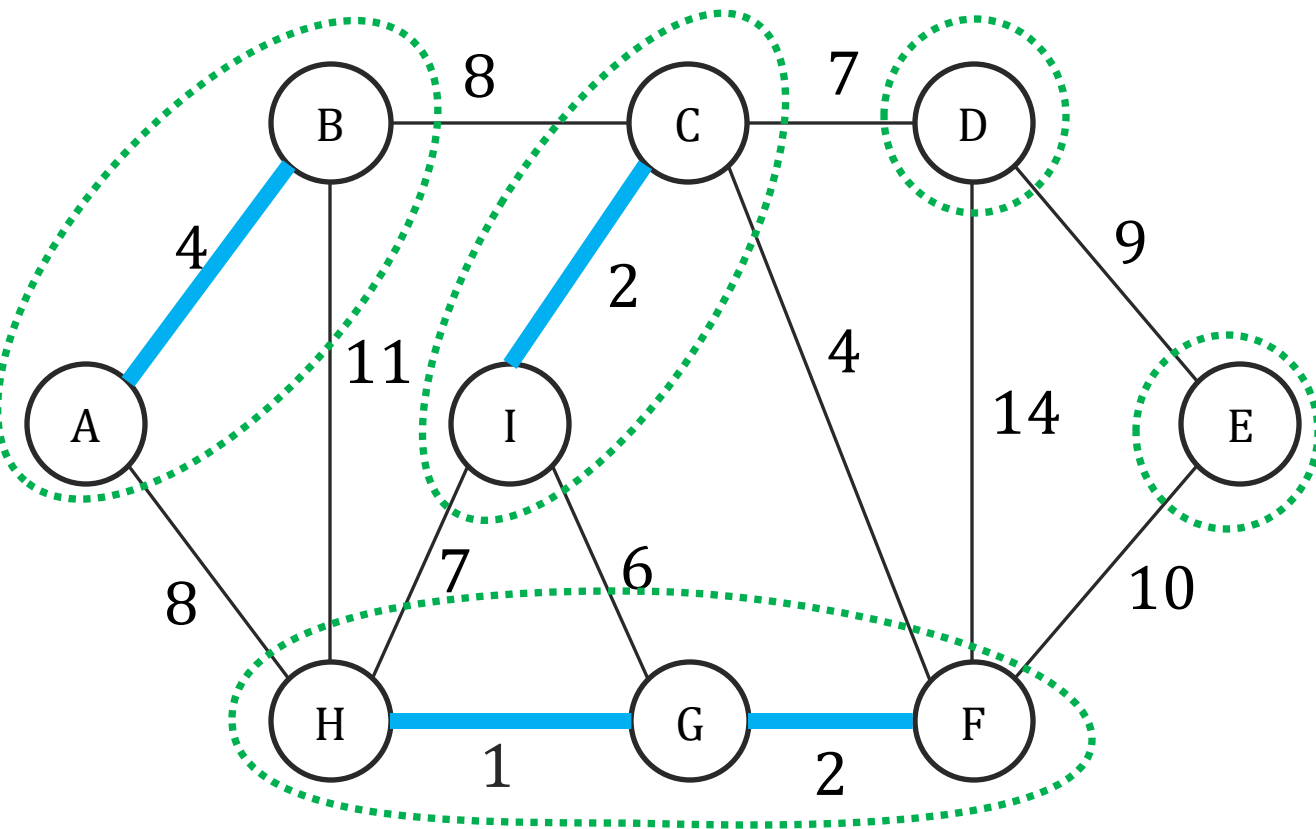
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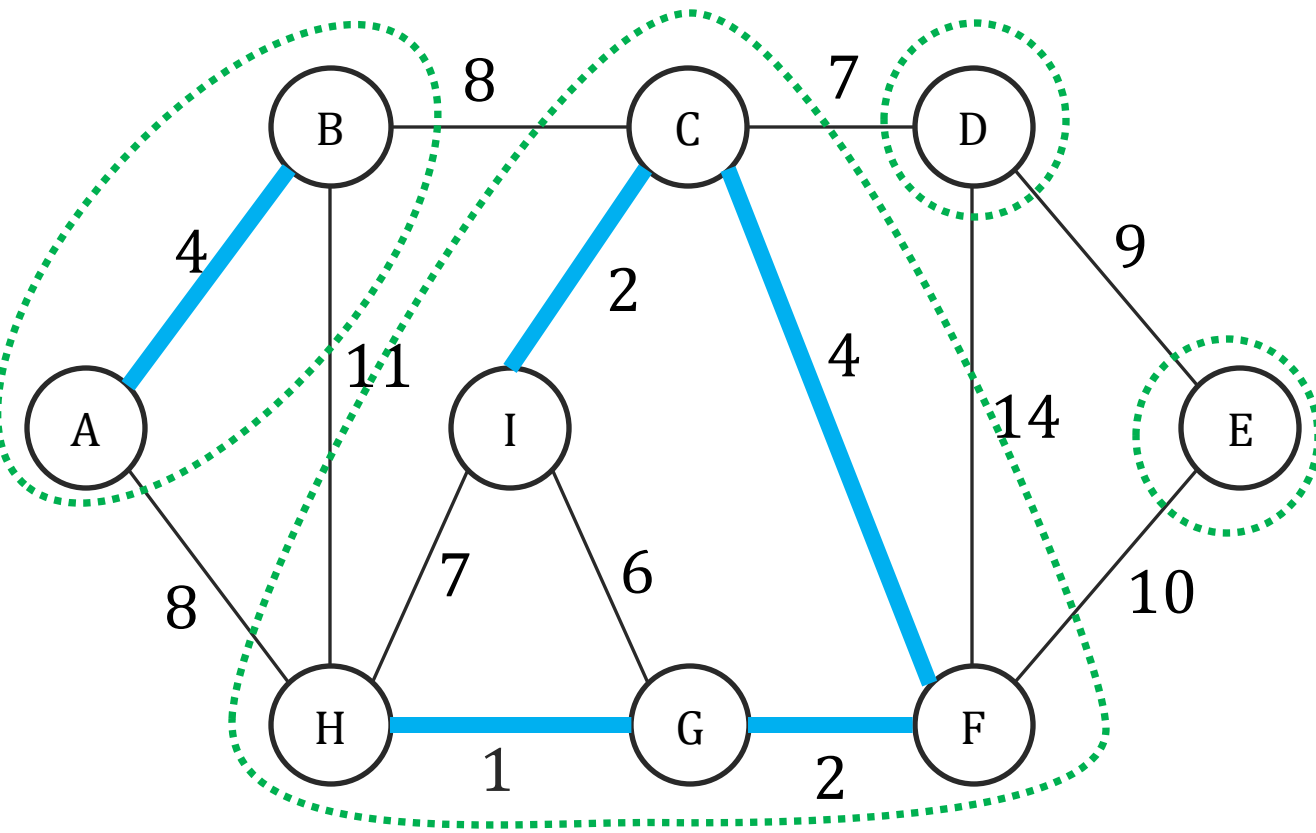
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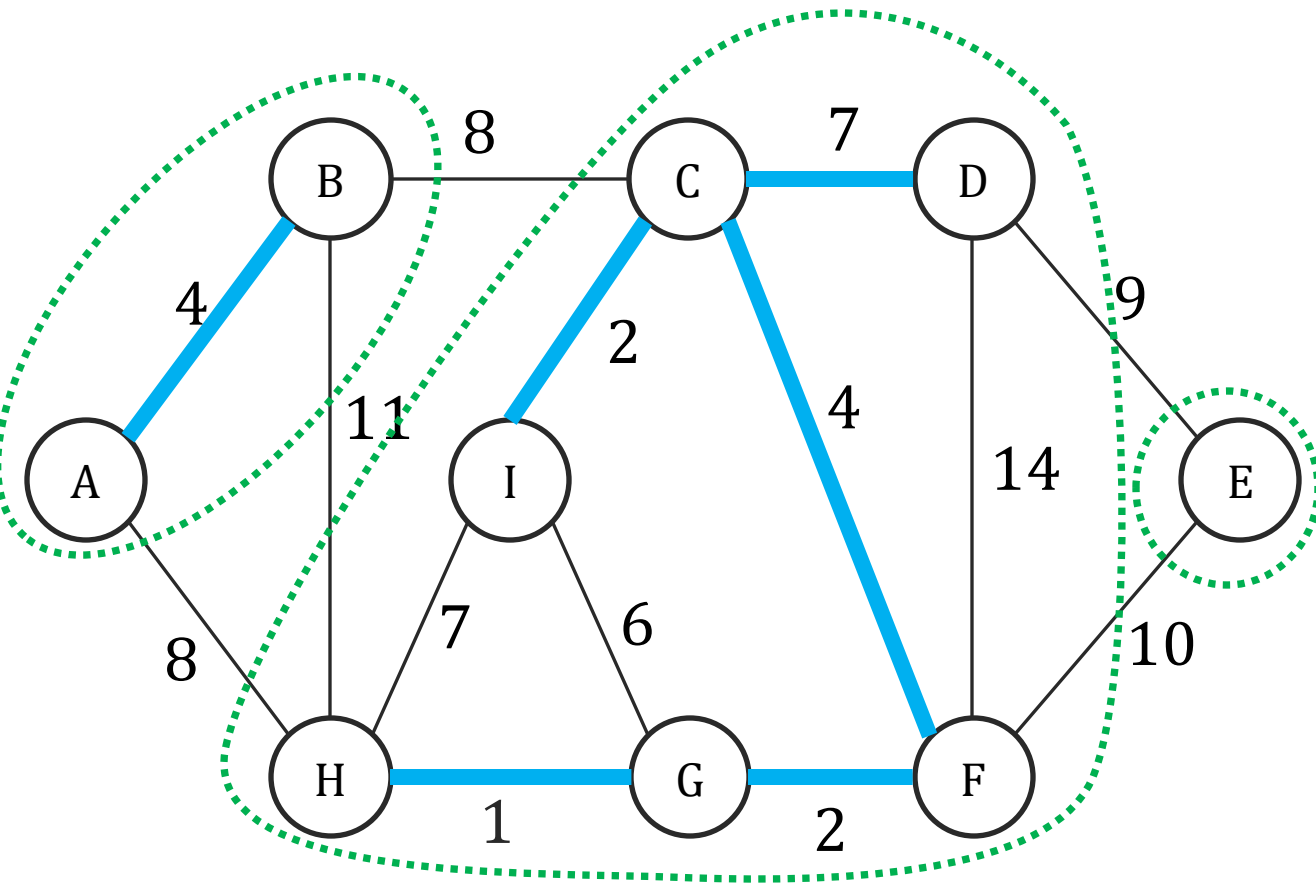
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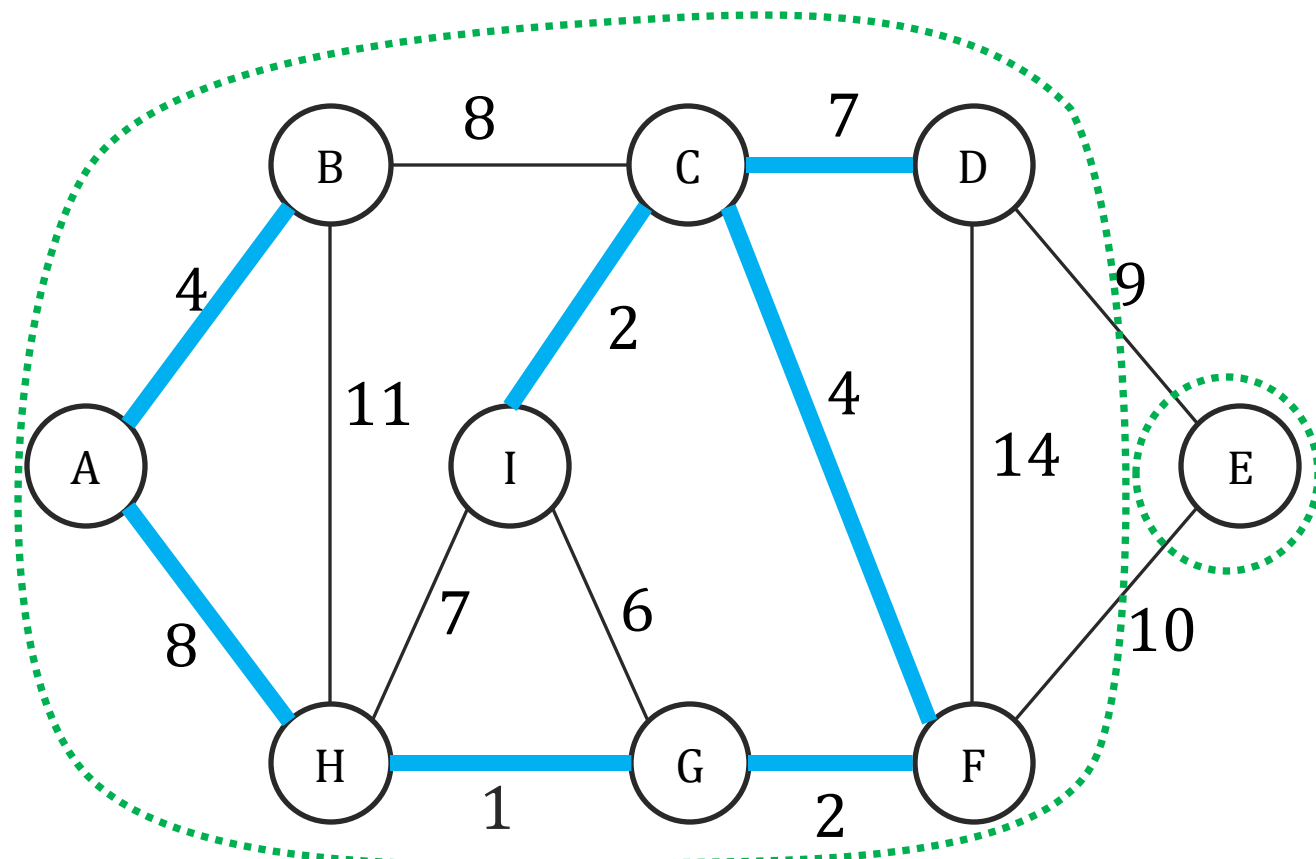
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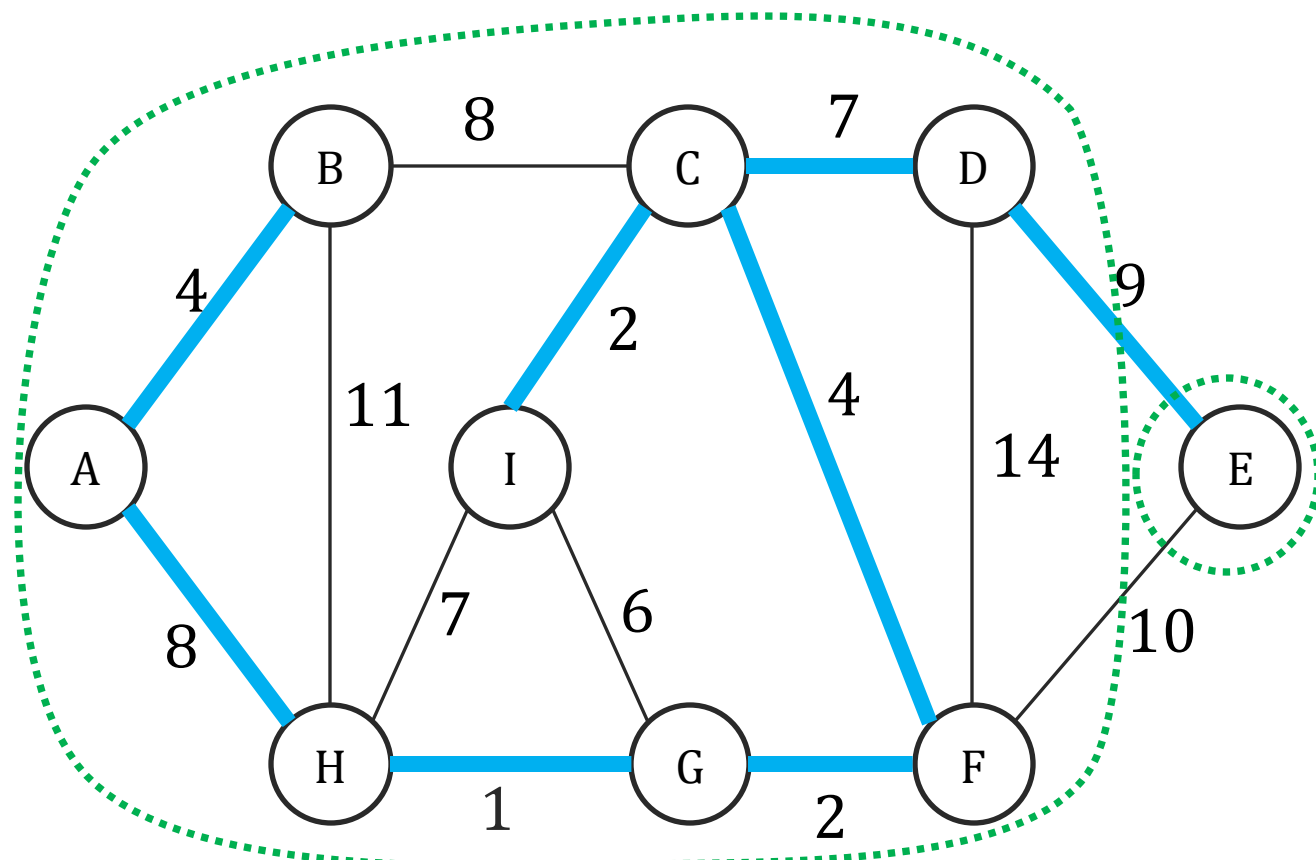
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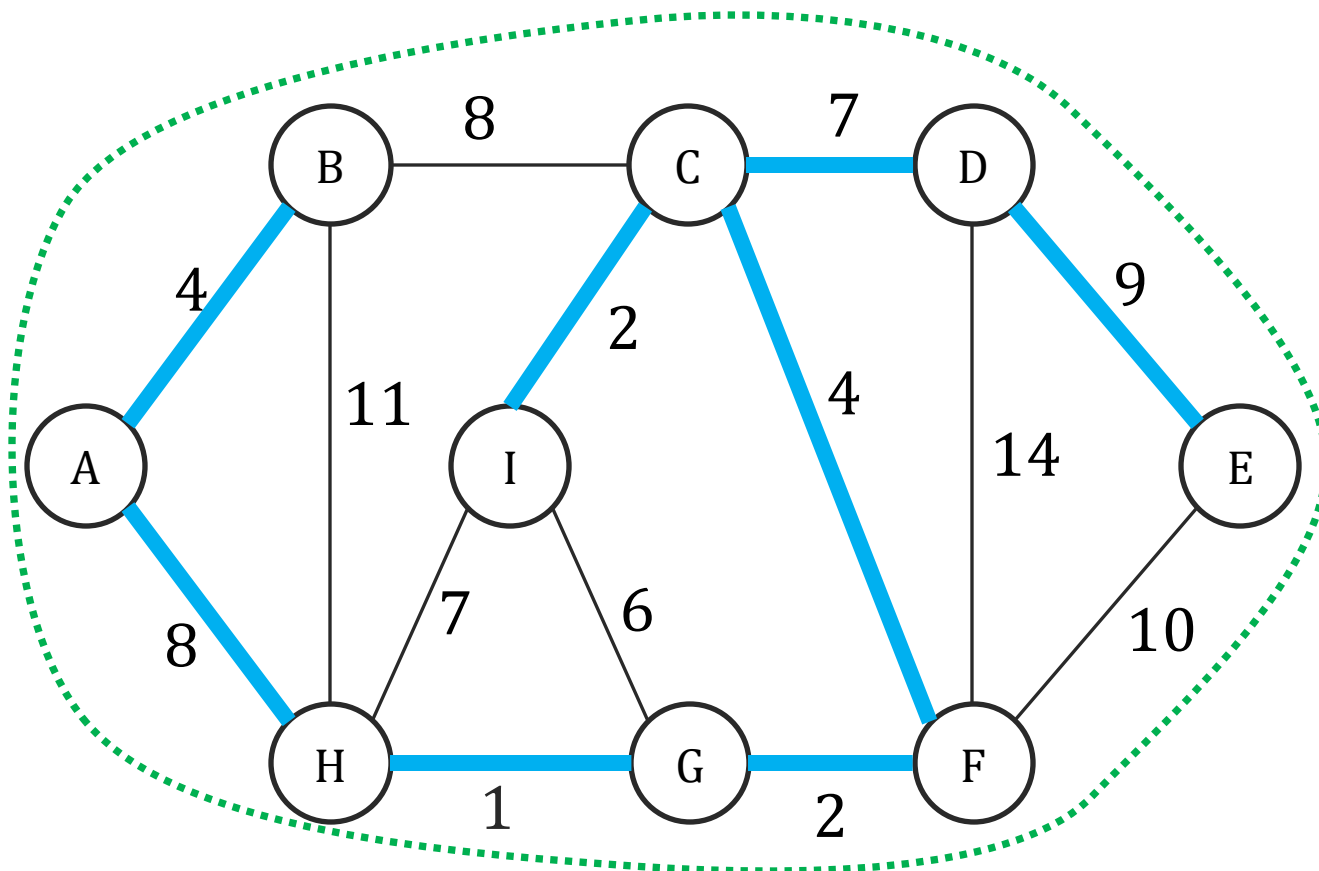
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A different MST greedy algorithm

A different greedy algorithm for MSTs

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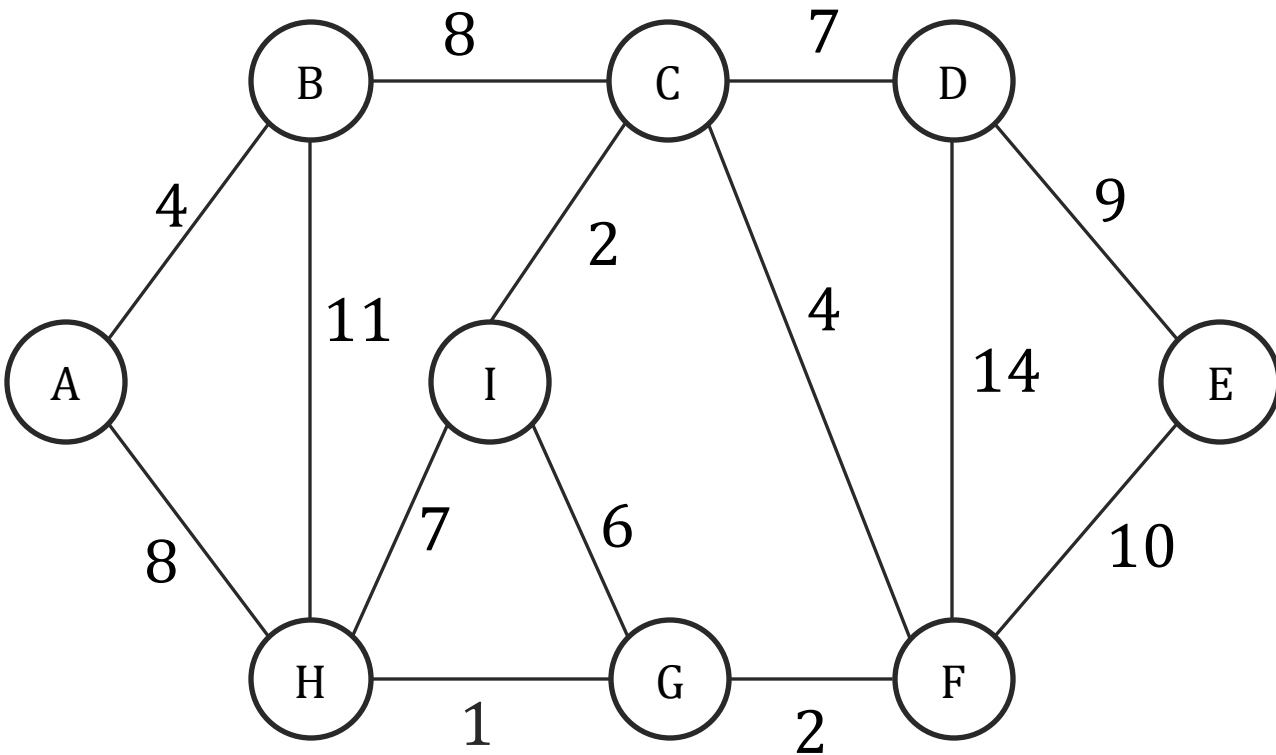
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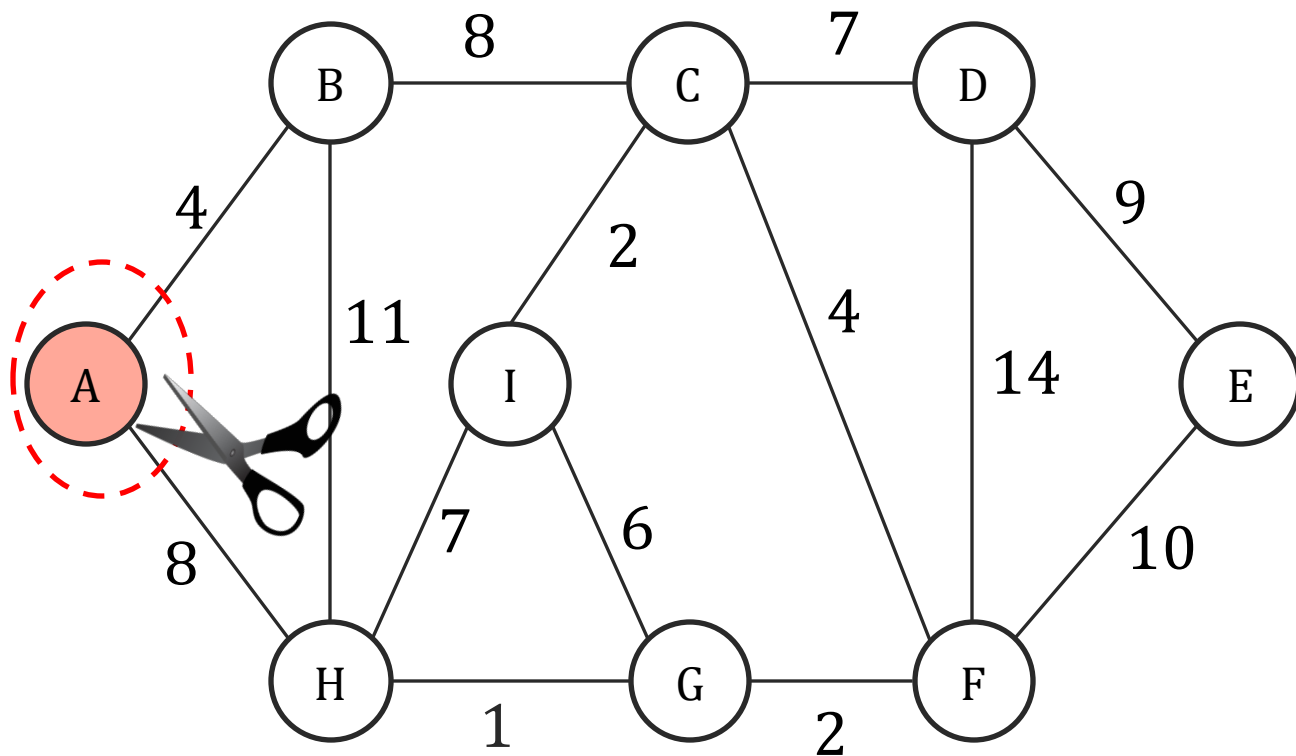
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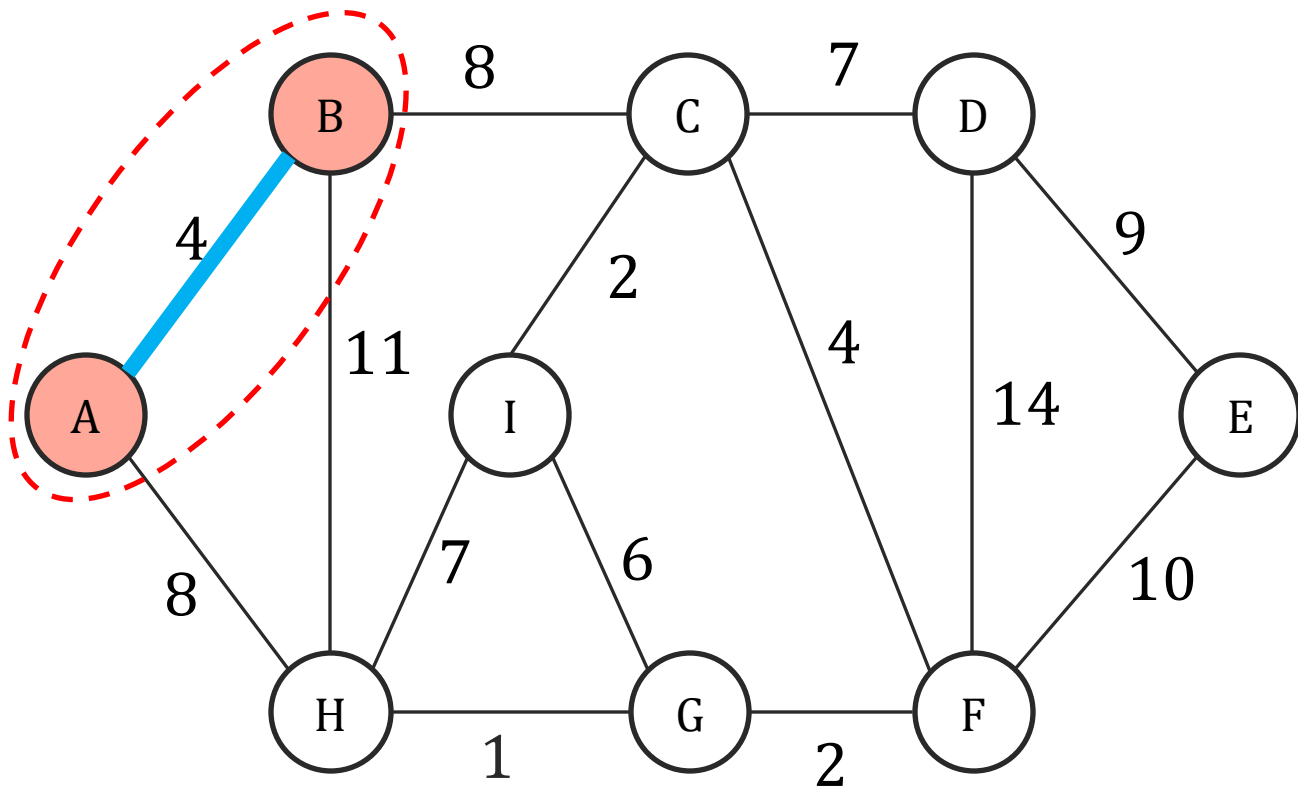
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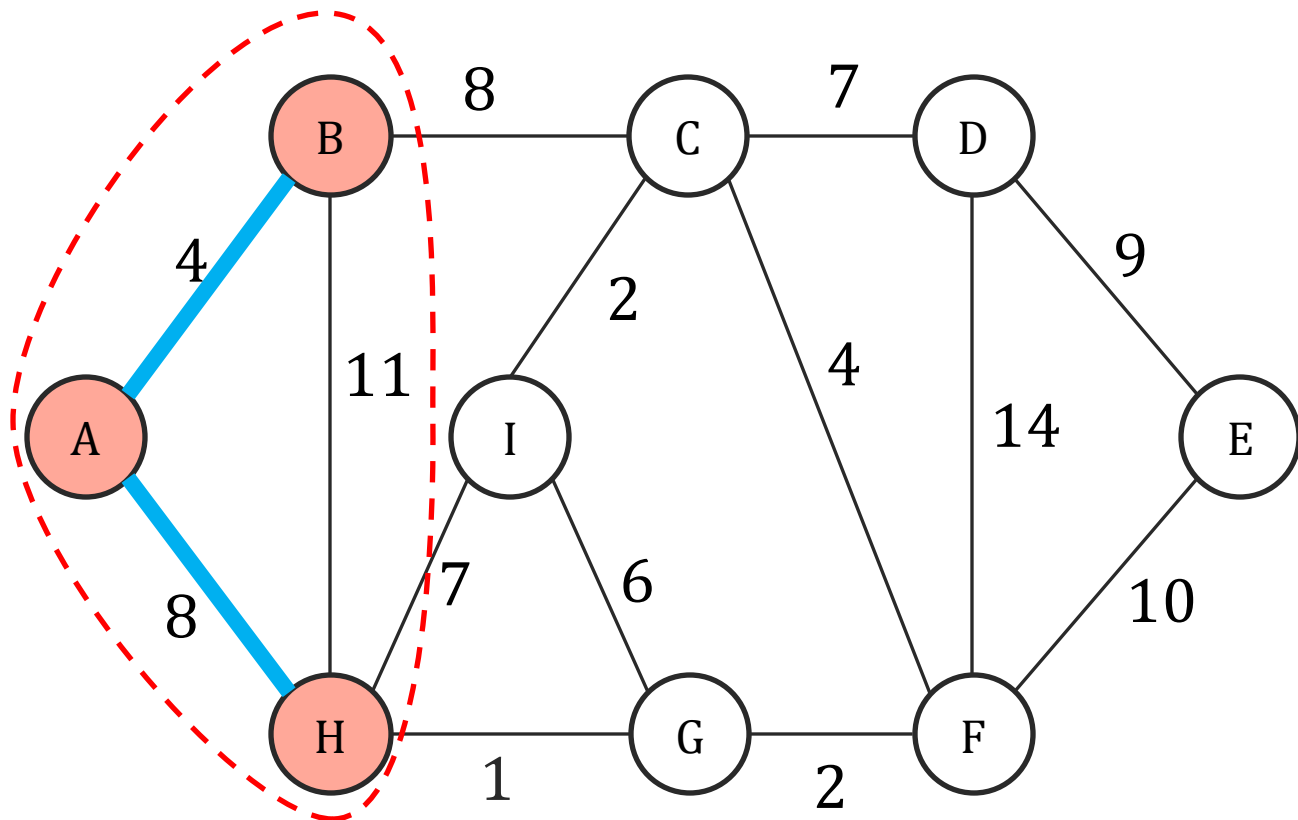
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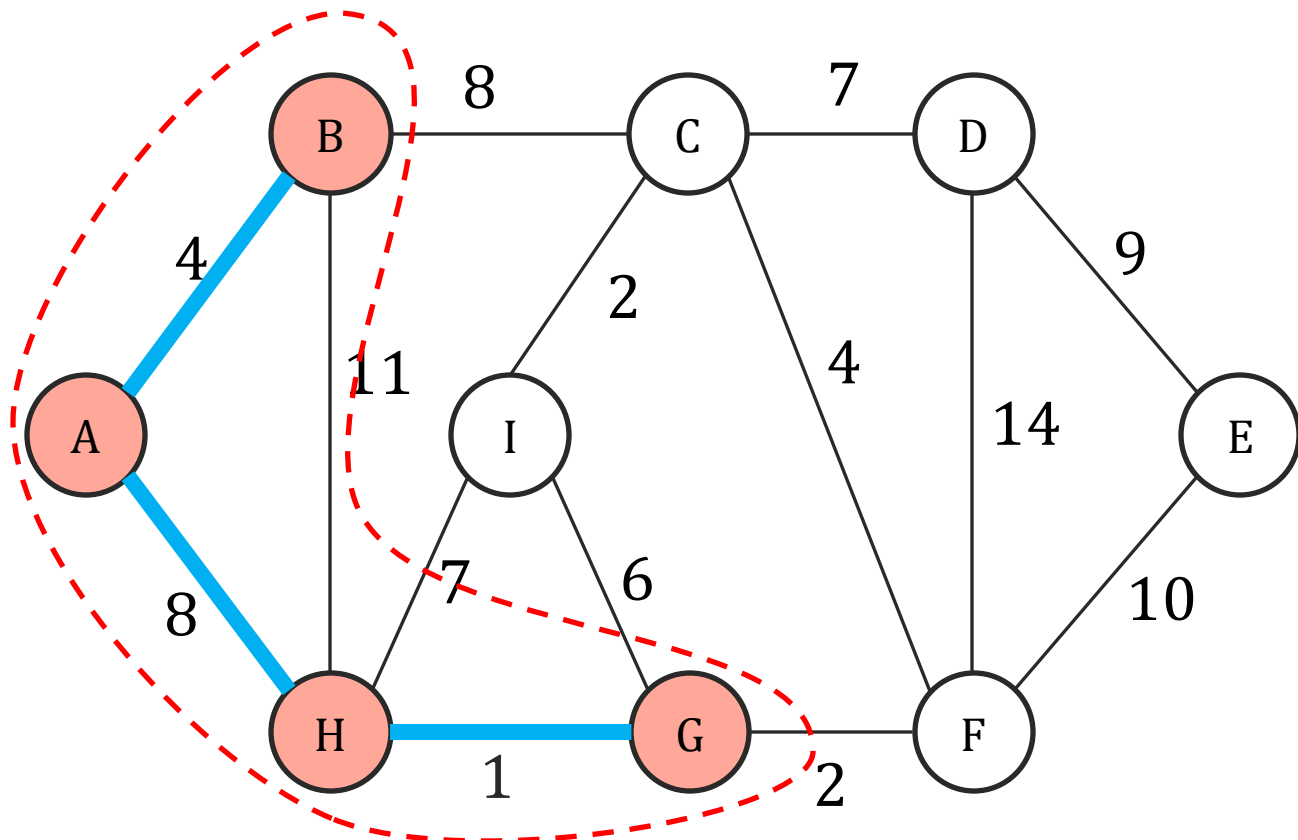
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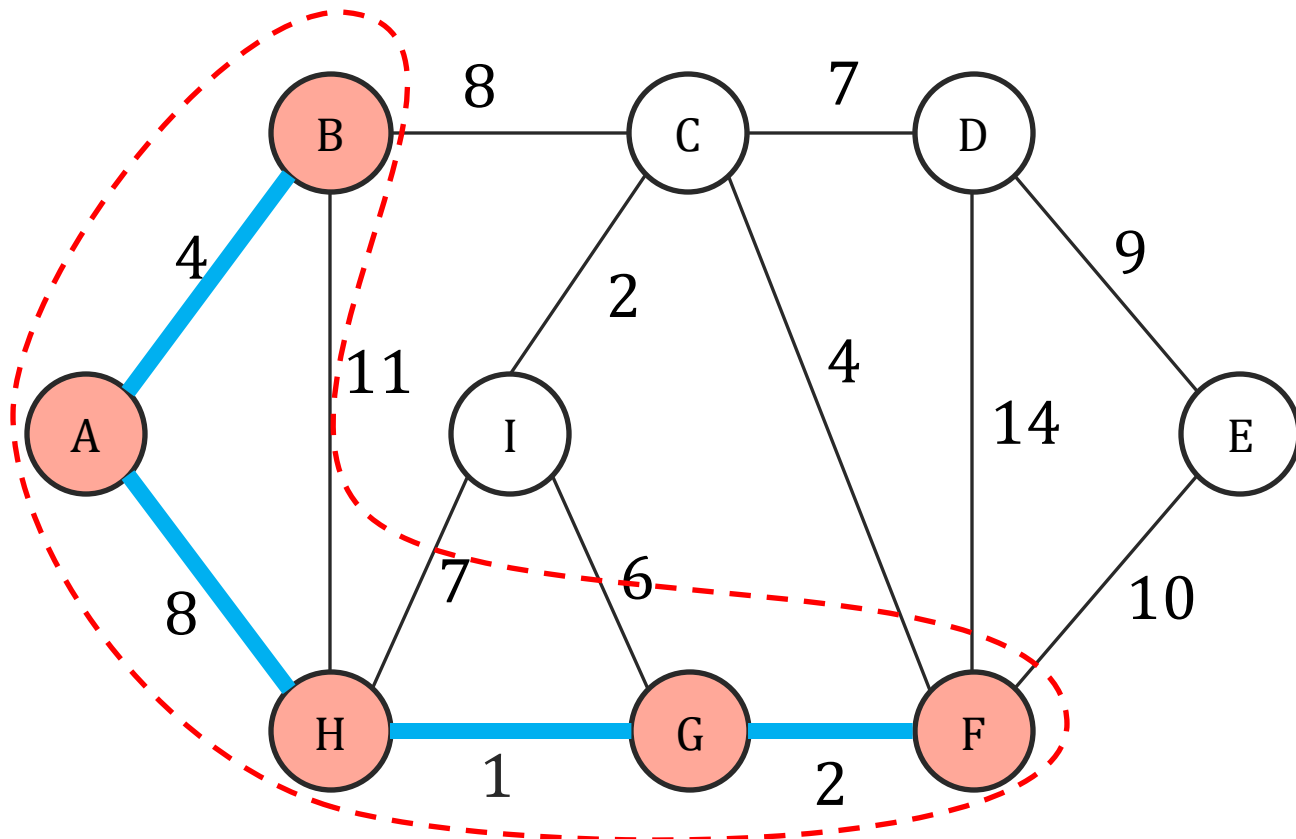
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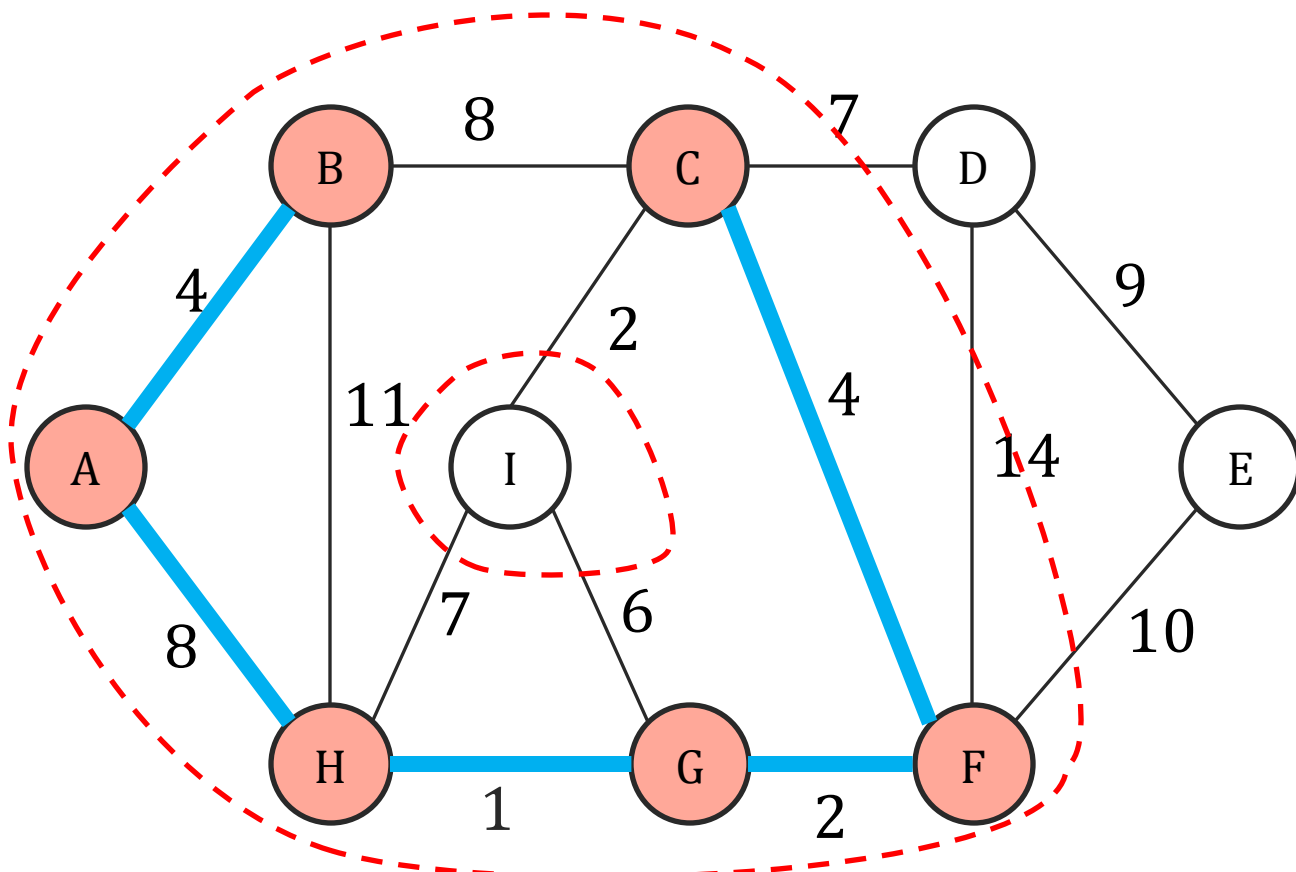
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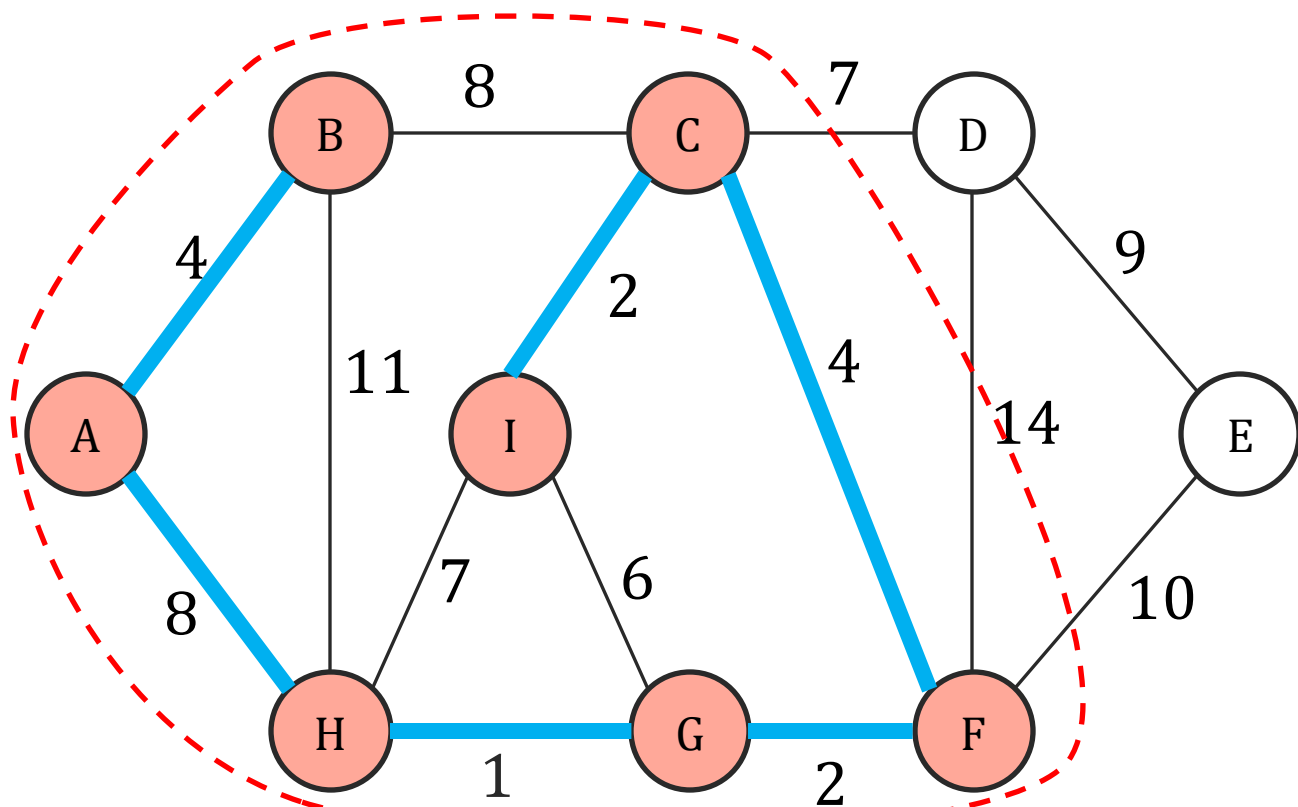
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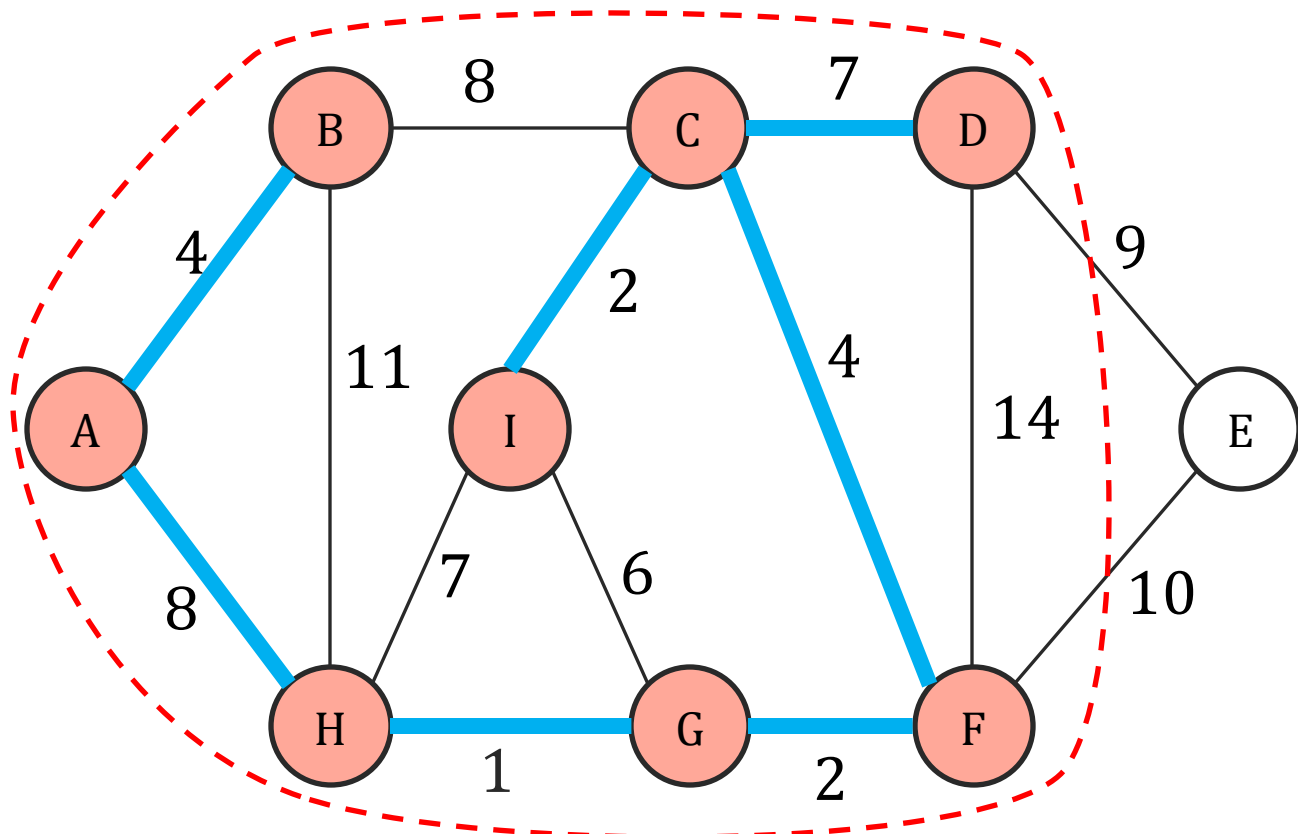
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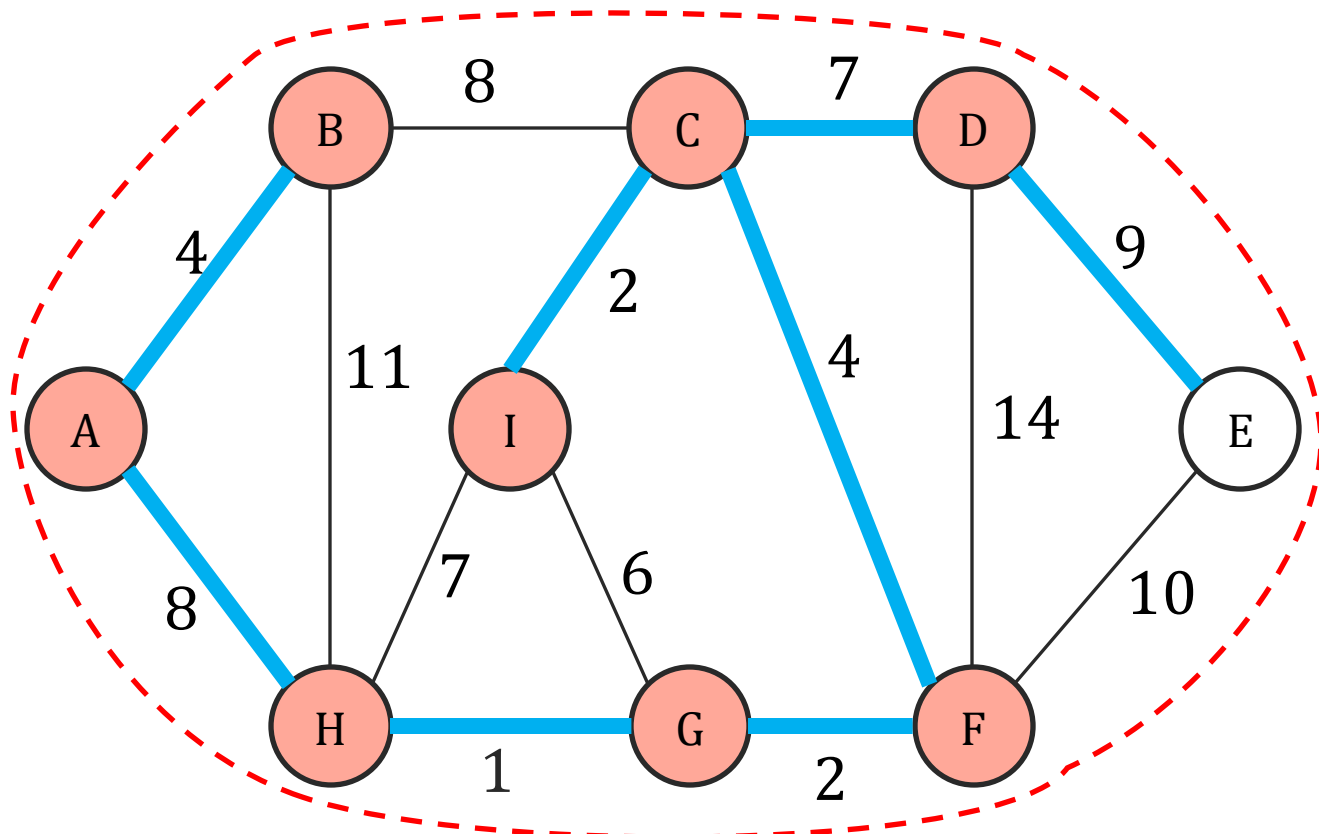
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while $|X| < |V| - 1$

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such that $u \in S$ and $v \in V \setminus S$.

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$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$

Return X

Correctness of Prim's Algorithm

Does Prim's Algorithm return a minimum spanning tree?

- X forms a **tree** and S refers to the set of **vertices** connected by this **tree**.
- Only edges that can "grow" a tree are those that **go from S to $V \setminus S$**
- At every step, Prim adds the **lightest such** edge.

So, Prim's algorithm fits the meta algorithm description, so it find an MST.

Meta Algorithm for MST

$X = \{\}$

Repeat until $|X| = |V| - 1$

Pick $S \subset V$, s.t. X has no edges from S to $V \setminus S$

$e \leftarrow$ lightest weight edge from S to $V \setminus S$

$X \leftarrow X \cup \{e\}$

How to implement Prim's Algorithm

This pseudo-code seems very slow!

At most $n - 1$ iterations
of this while loop.

Runtime of at most m to go through all
the edges and find the lightest.

Naively implementing this, take $O(nm)$.

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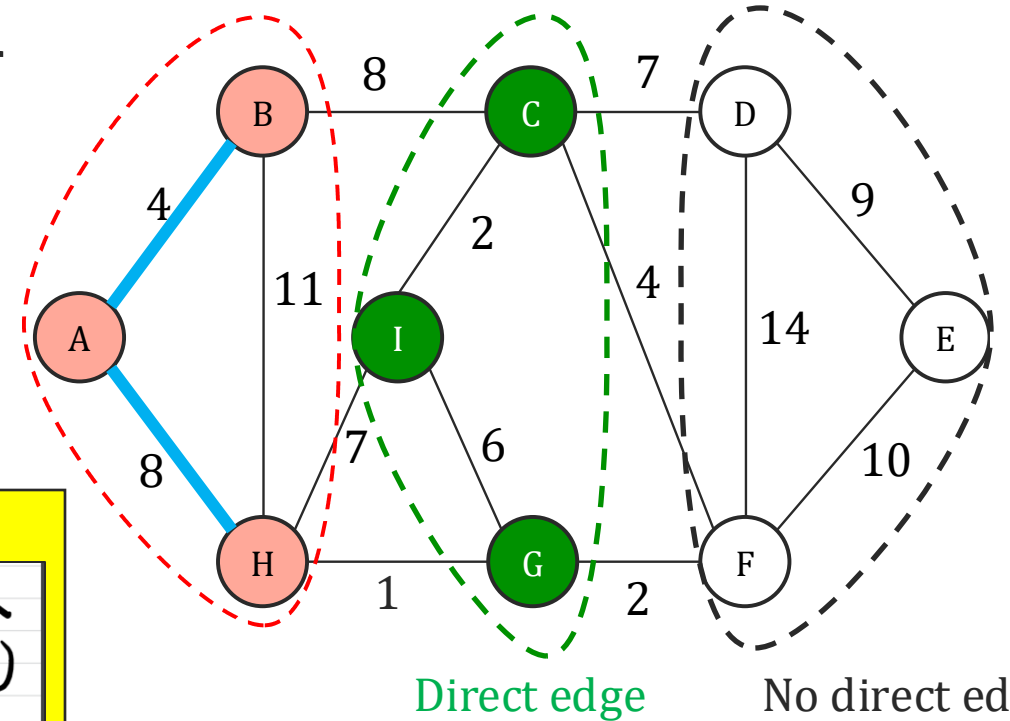
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How do we actually implement Prim's Algorithm?

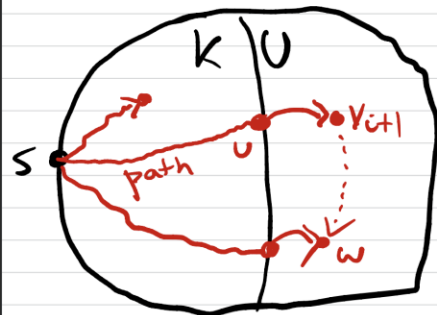
For each vertex $v \in V \setminus S$, we need to keep track of

- Whether v has **direct edge** to the set S of “visited” vertices.
- The **cost of the lightest edge** connecting v to the set S of “visited” vertices.



$$\text{dist}[v] = \begin{cases} d(s, v) & \text{if } v \in K \\ \min_{u \in K} \{ \text{dist}[u] + l(u, v) \} & \text{if } v \in U \end{cases}$$

help to find v_{i+1} !



After adding v_{i+1} to K
 If $(v_{i+1}, w) \in E$

$$\text{dist}[w] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dist}[w], \\ \text{dist}[v_{i+1}] + l(v_{i+1}, w) \end{array} \right\}$$

Same dilemma in lecture 7!

Implementing Prim's Algorithm Fast

We use the same idea as we did for Dijkstra's, with small changes.

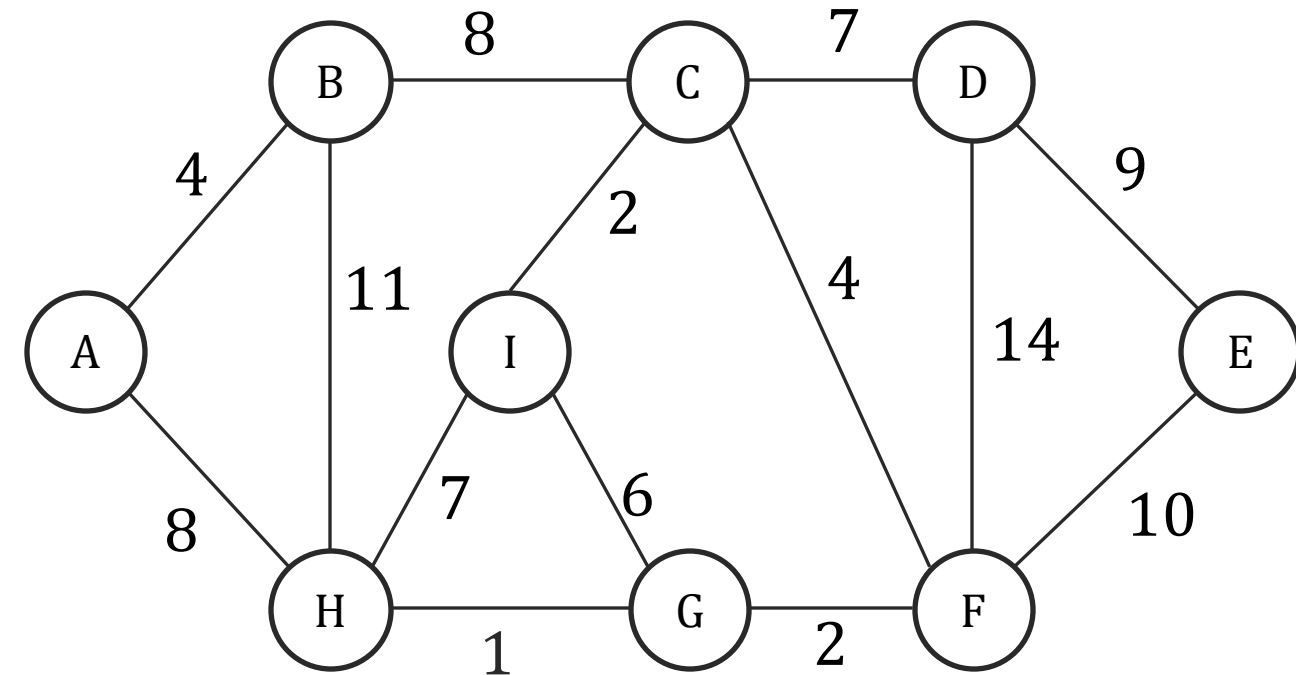
Each vertex has

- cost $dist[v]$ instantiated to ∞ and pointer $prev[v]$ instantiated to **null**
 - If a neighbor u is added to the **visited set** S and $dist[v] > w_{(u,v)}$:
 - update $dist[v] \leftarrow w_{(u,v)}$.
 - update $prev[v] \leftarrow u$

How is this different from Dijkstra?

- In Dijkstra, the condition to perform an update and the update accounted for the entire length of $s-v$ path
 - e.g., if $dist[v] > dist[u] + w_{(u,v)}$, then update $dist[v] \leftarrow dist[u] + w_{(u,v)}$
- Here, we only care about distance to the closest visited node, not the entire path.

Prim's Algorithm: Efficient Implementation



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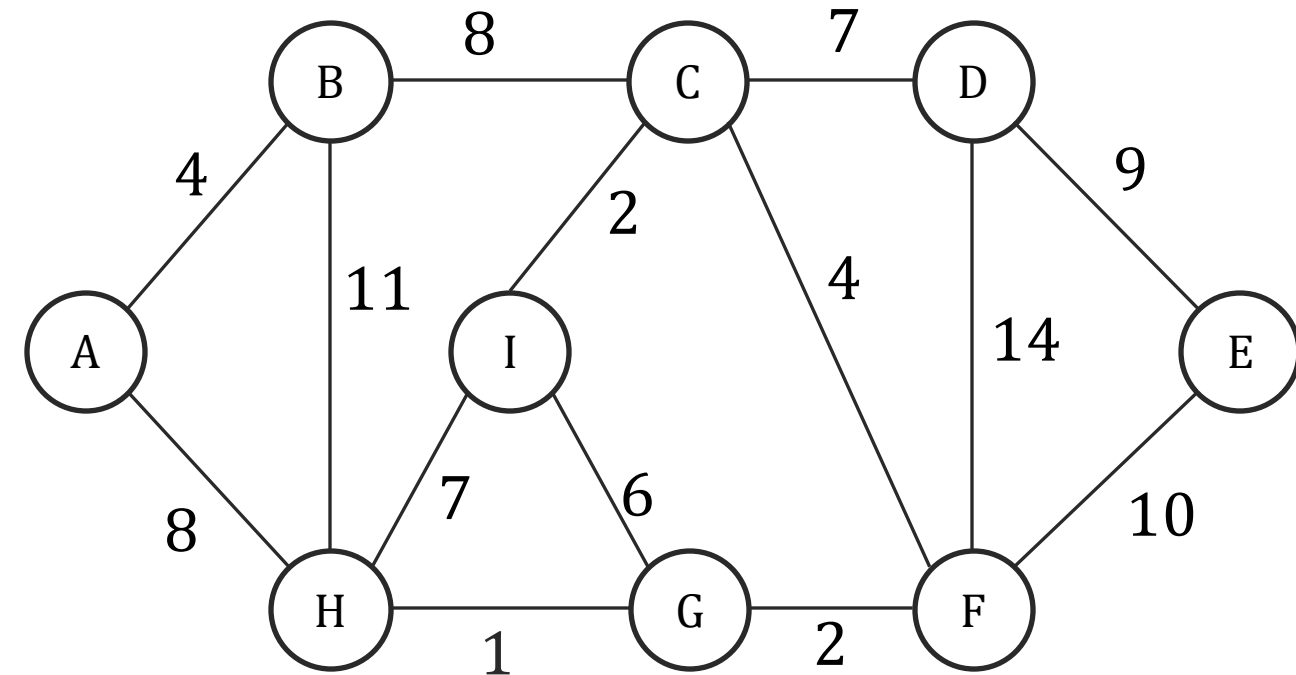
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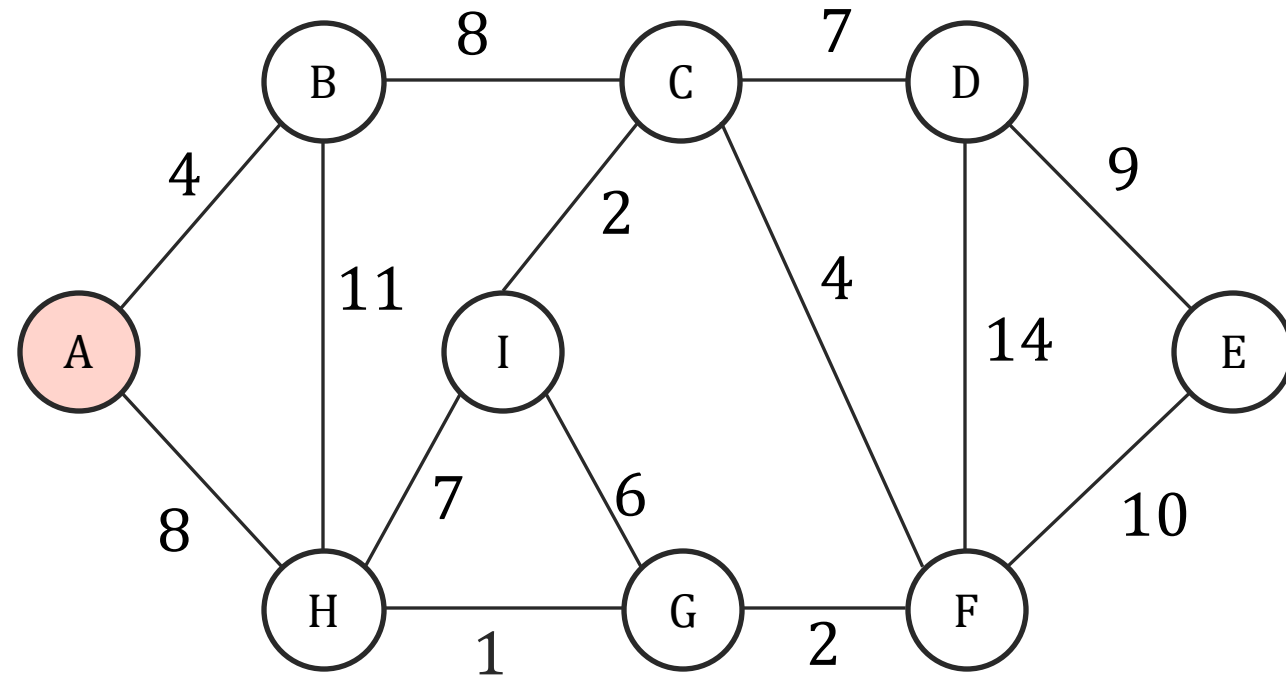
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Prim's Algorithm: Efficient Implementation

Red nodes: those deleted from Q



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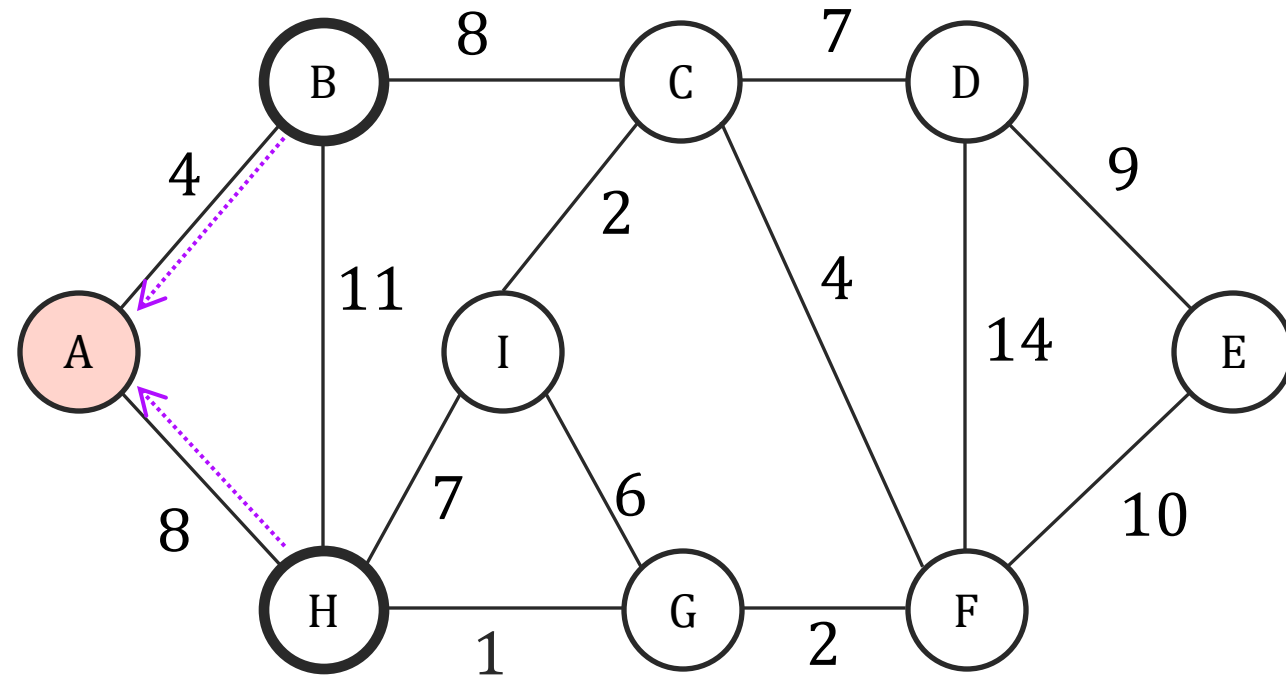
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Prim's Algorithm: Efficient Implementation

Red nodes: those deleted from Q Purple dotted line points to $prev$



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
<i>dist</i>	0	4	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	8	∞
<i>prev</i>	\emptyset	A	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset	A	\emptyset

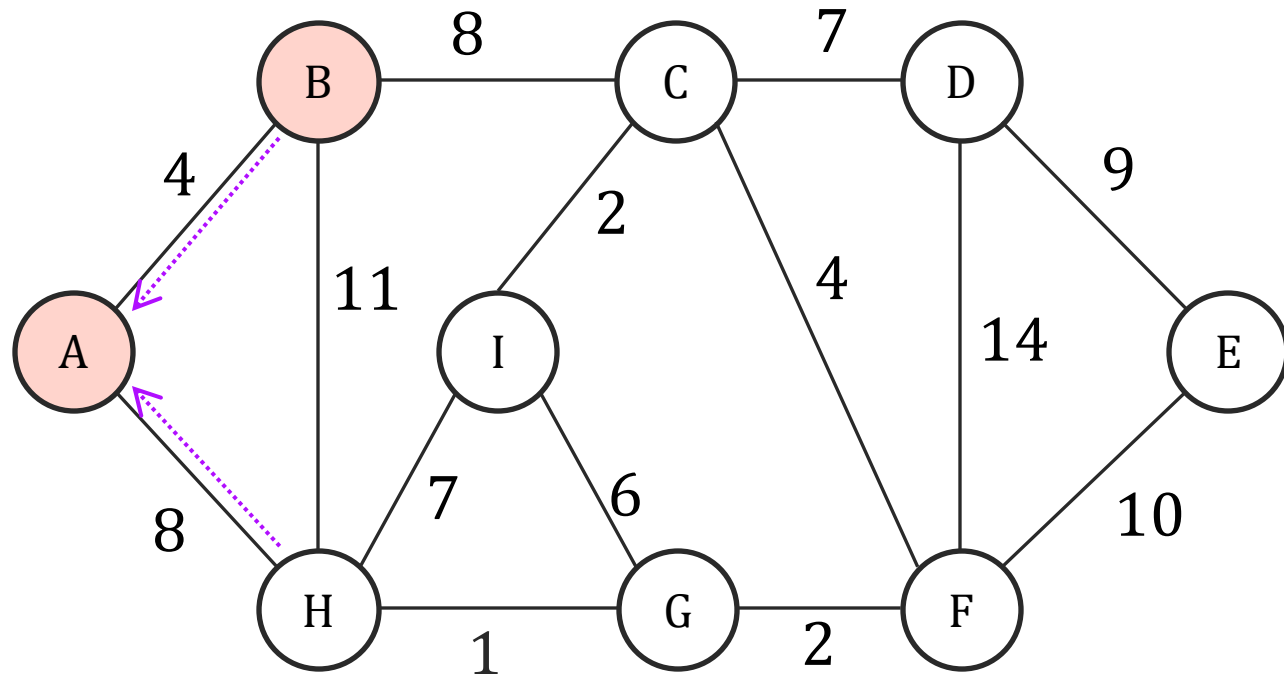
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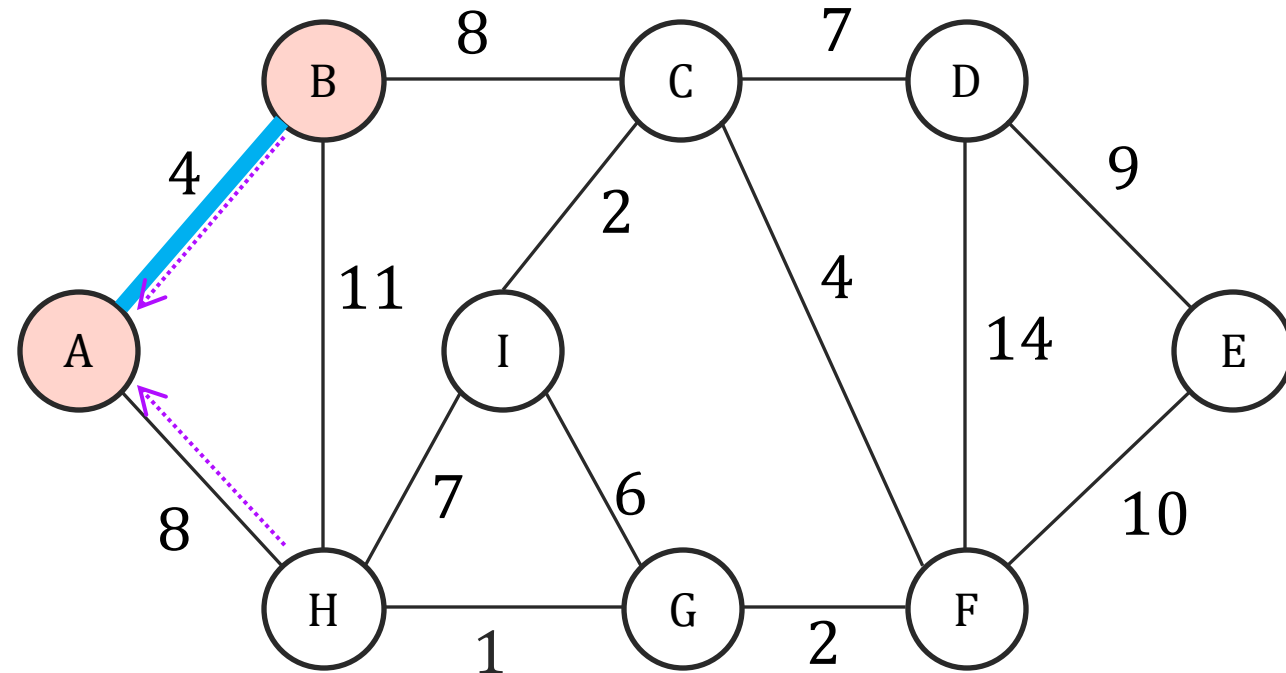
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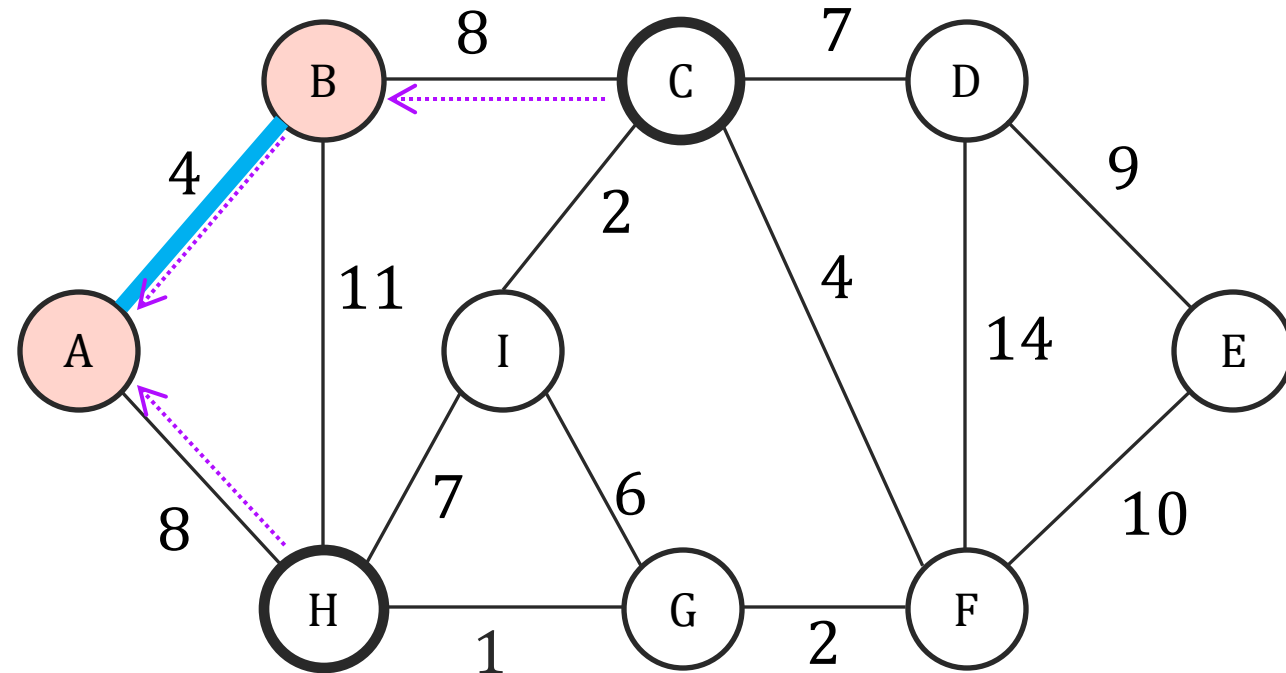
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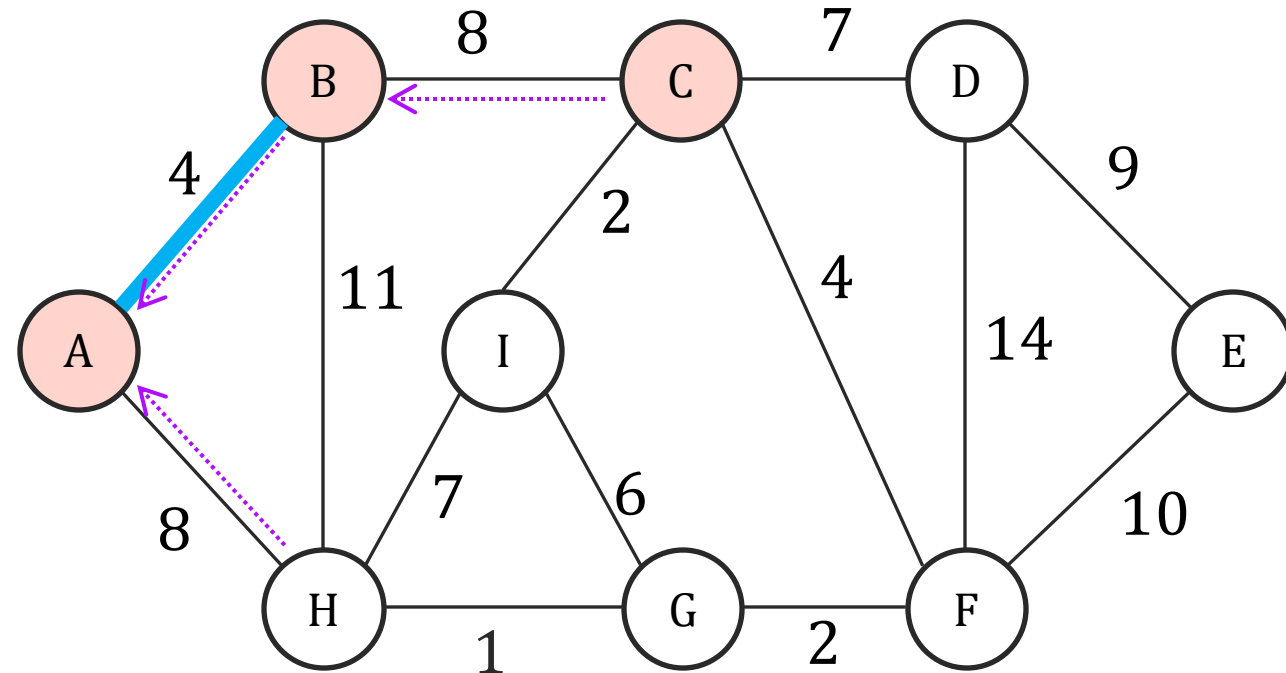
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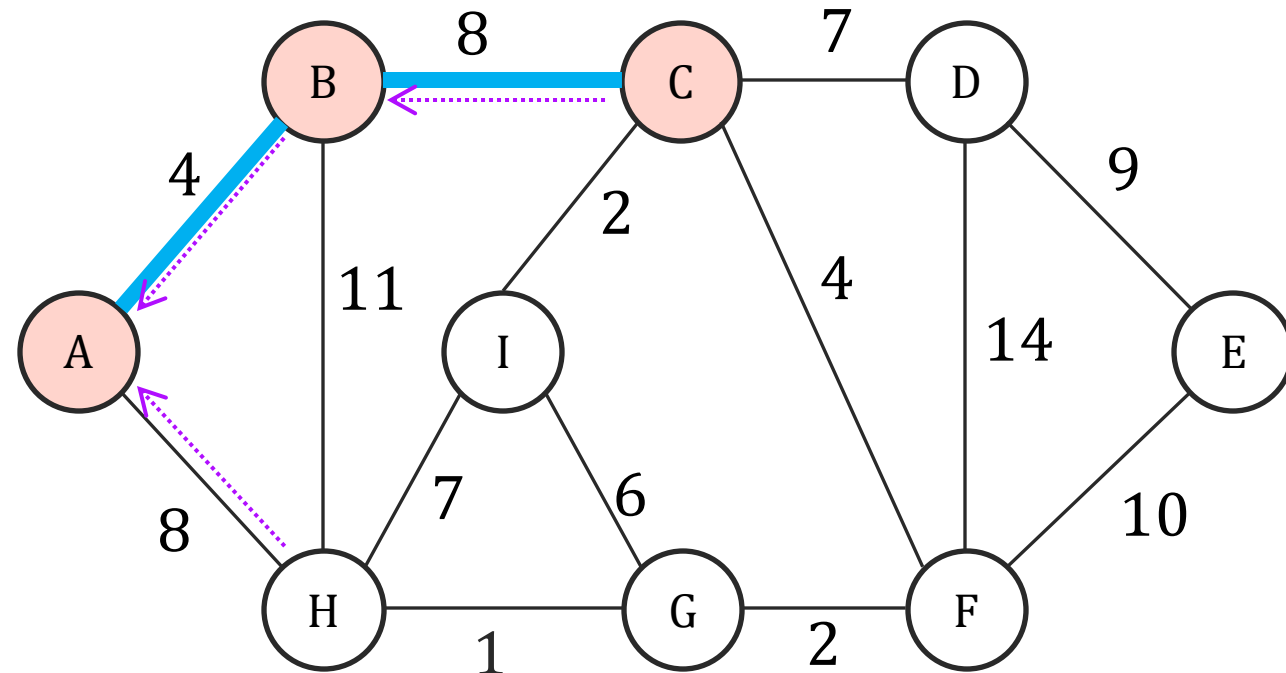
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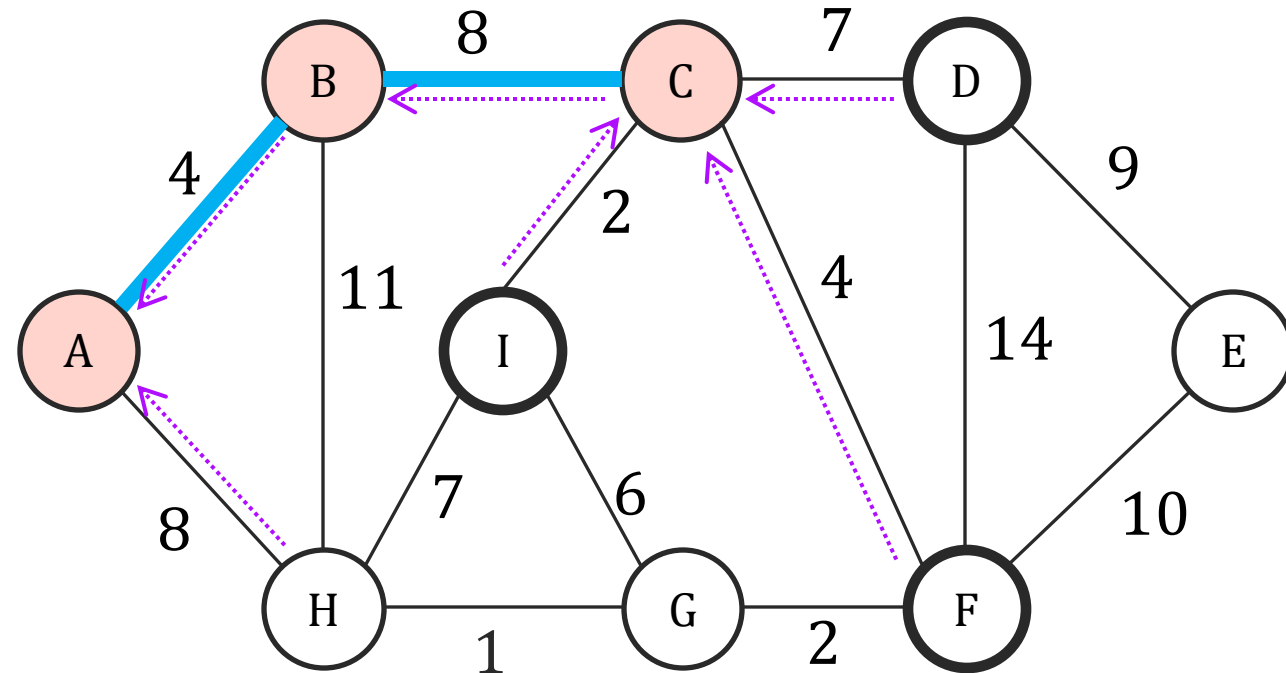
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<i>prev</i>	\emptyset	A	B	C	\emptyset	C	\emptyset	A	C

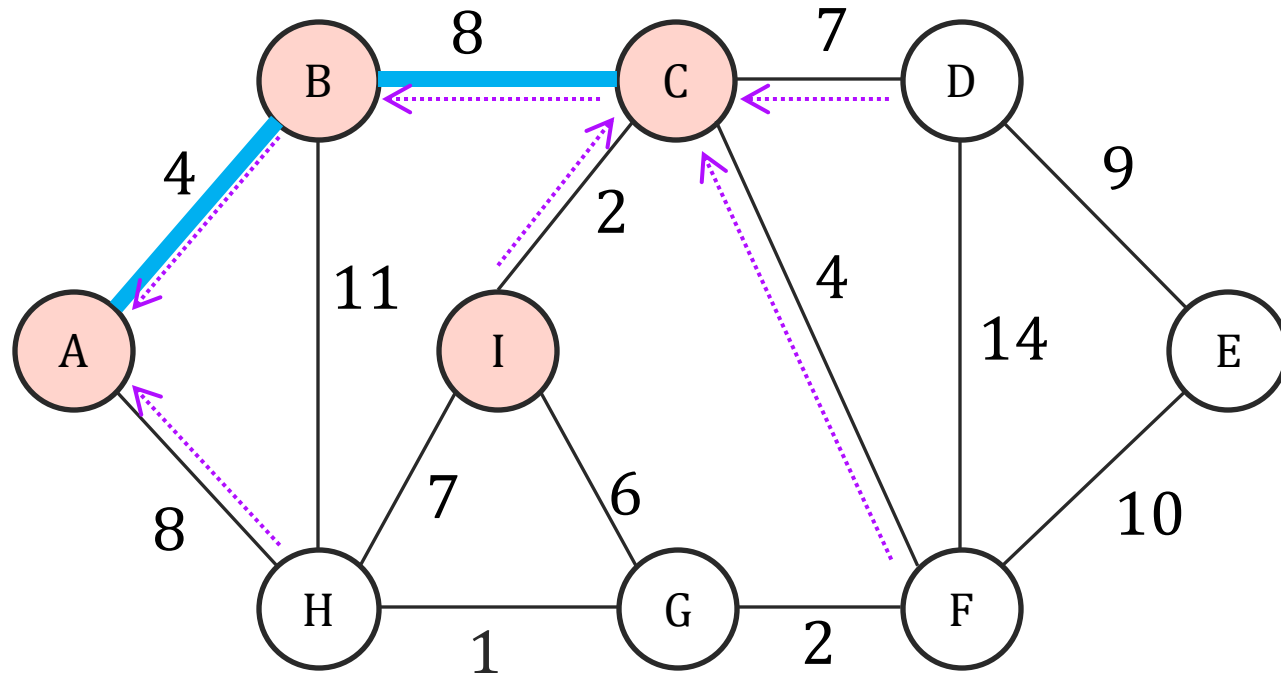
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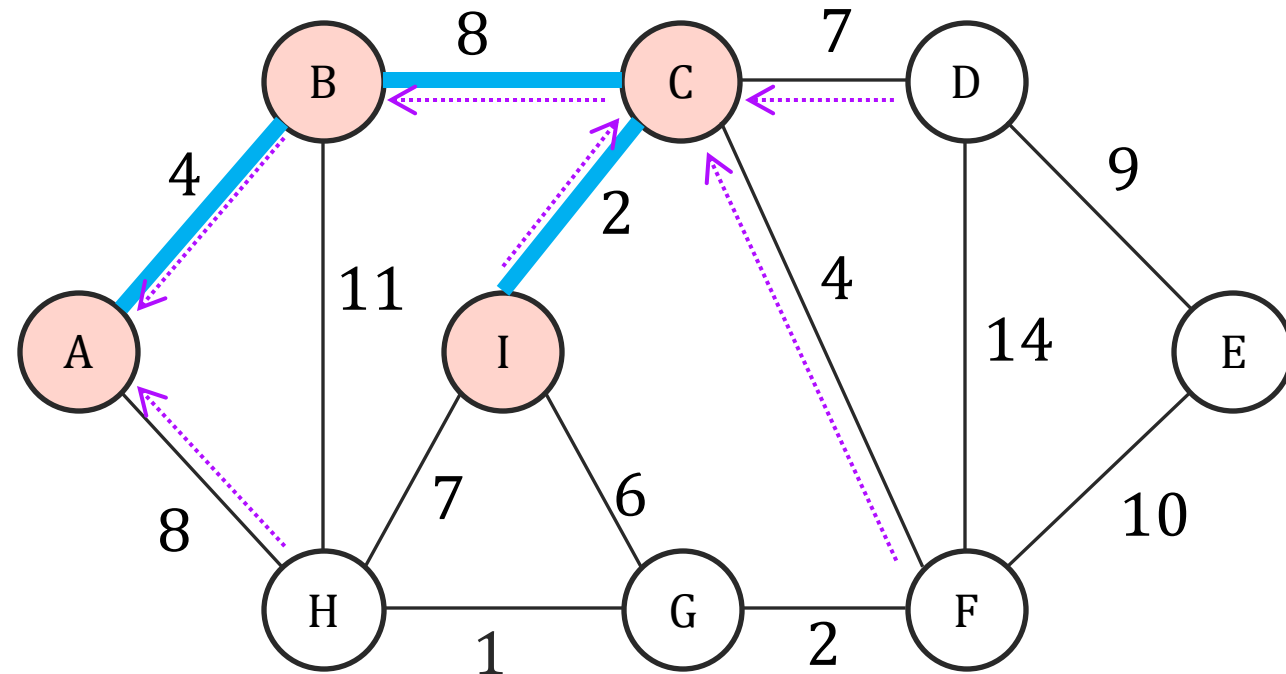
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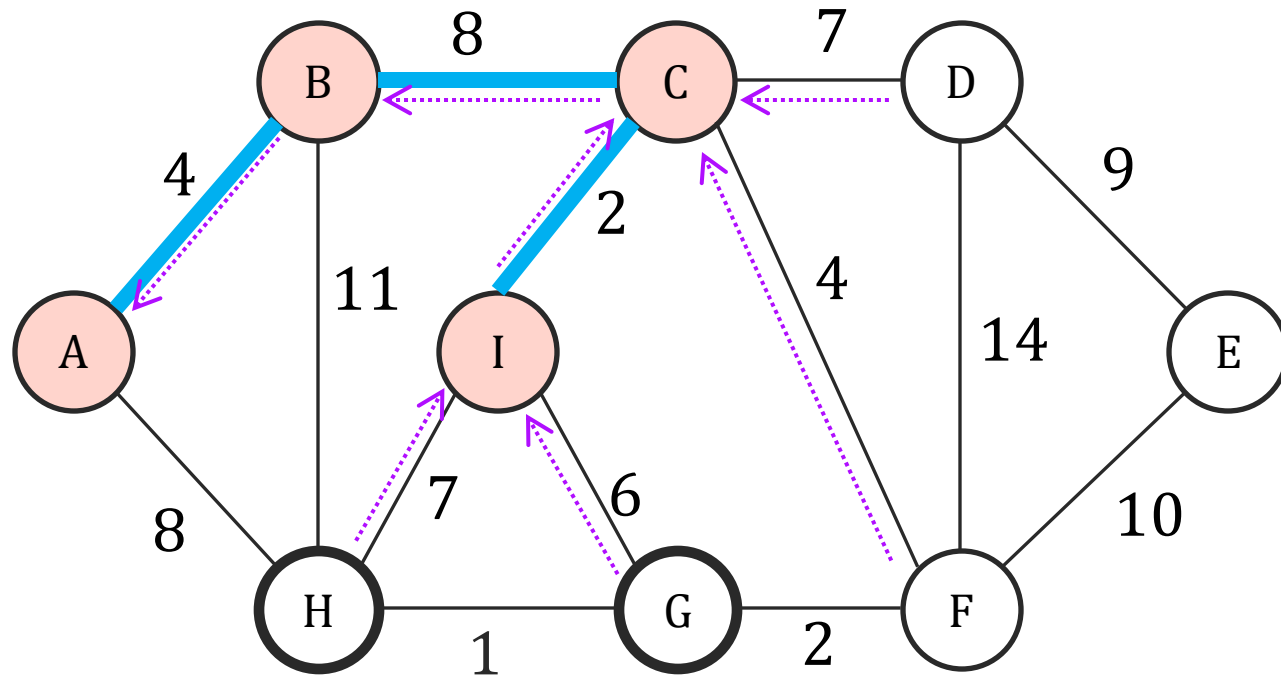
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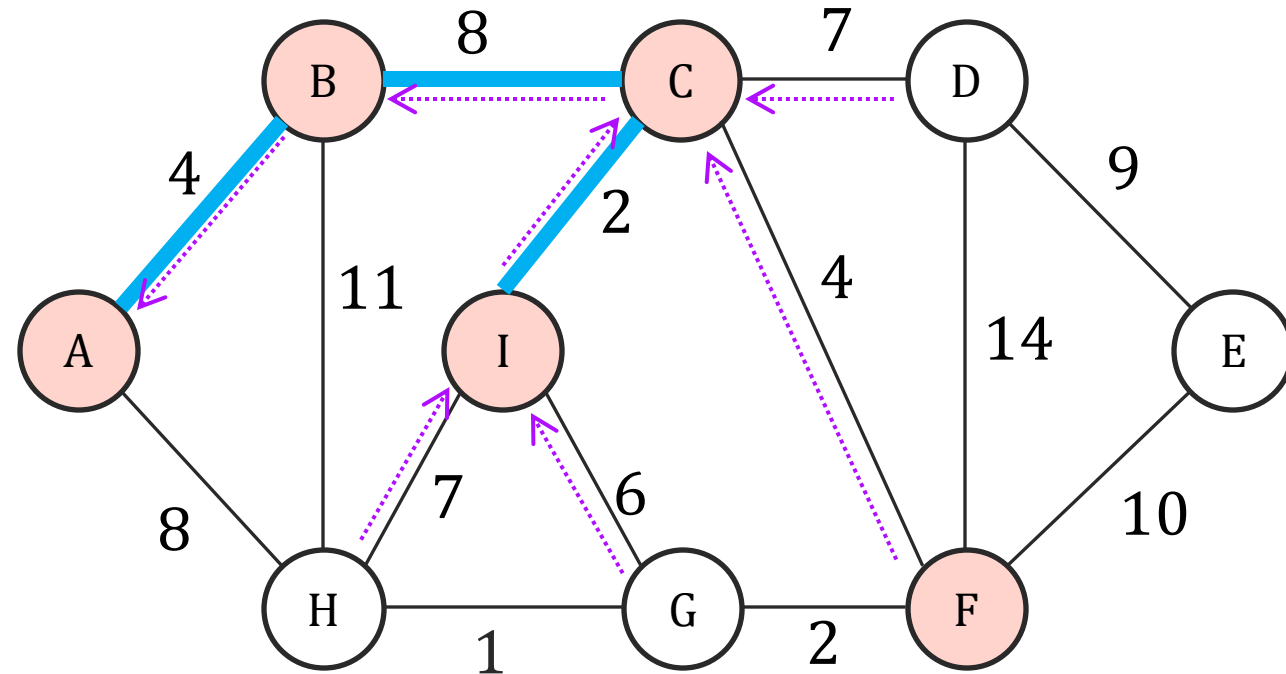
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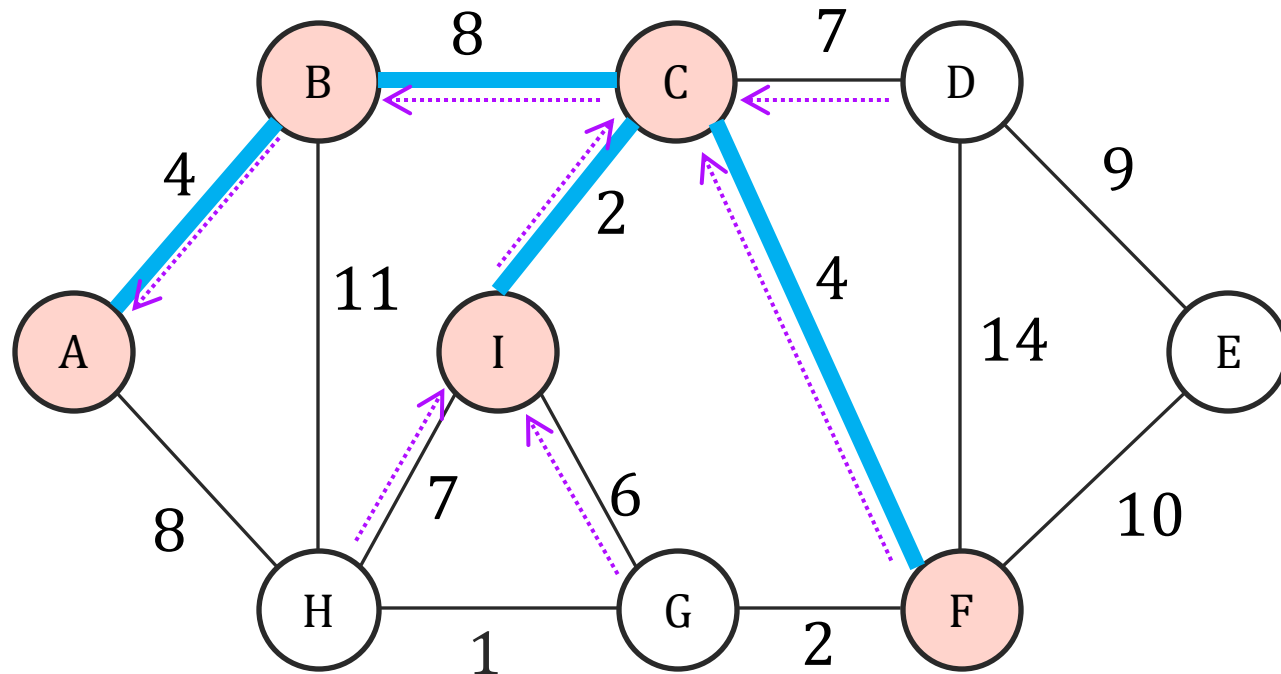
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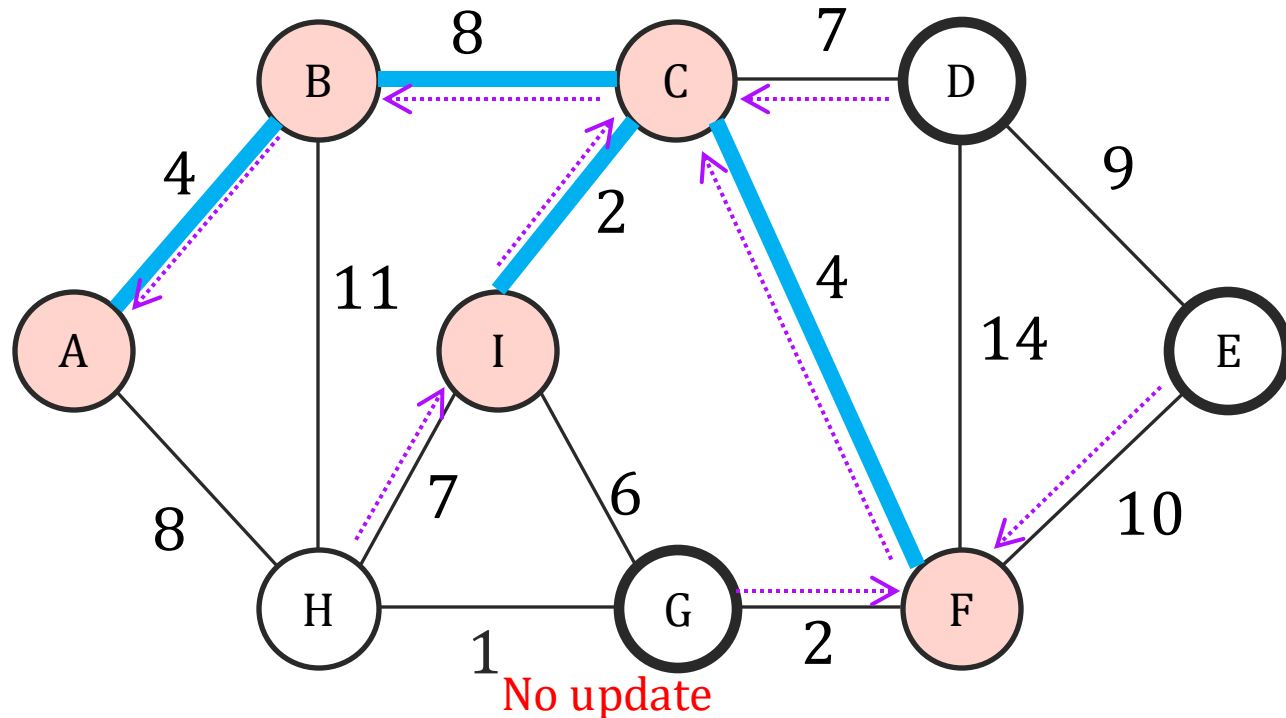
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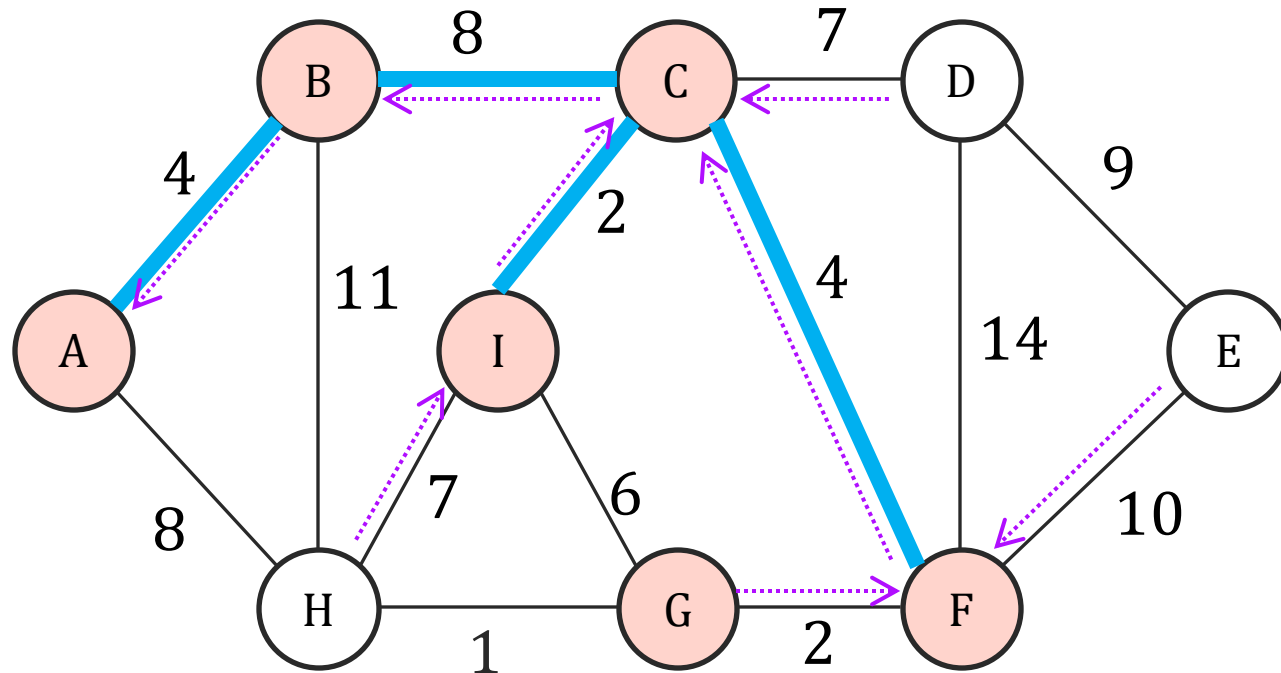
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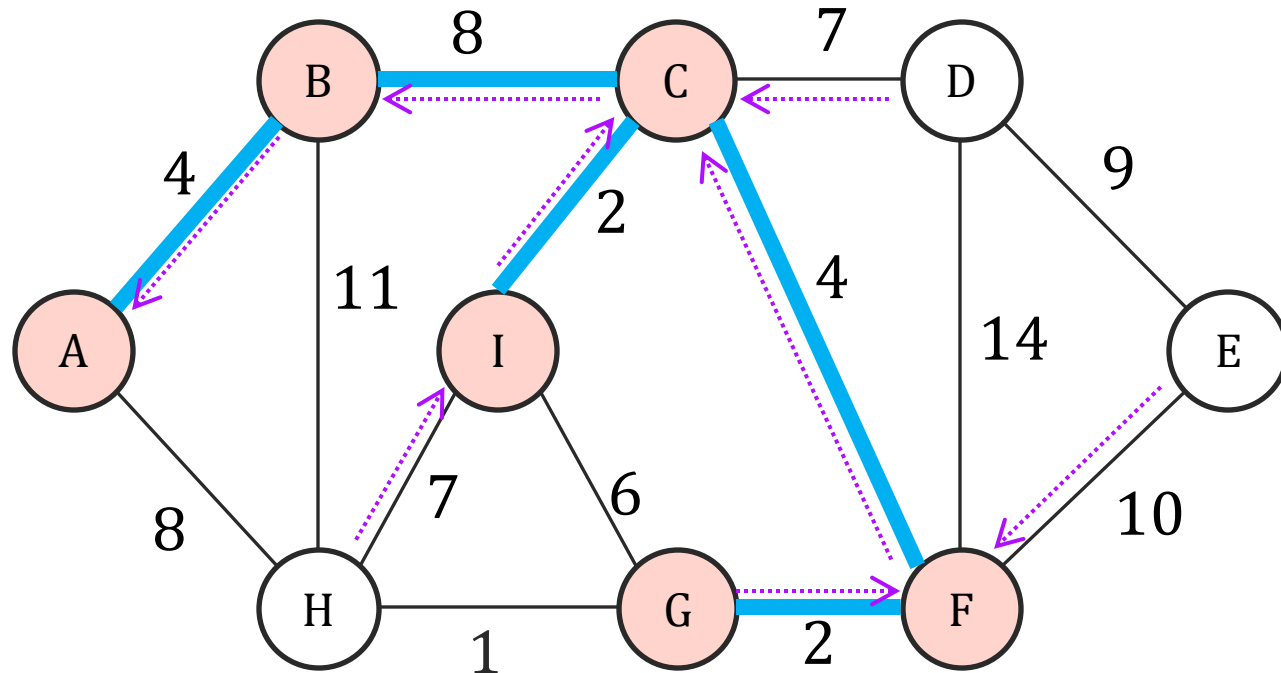
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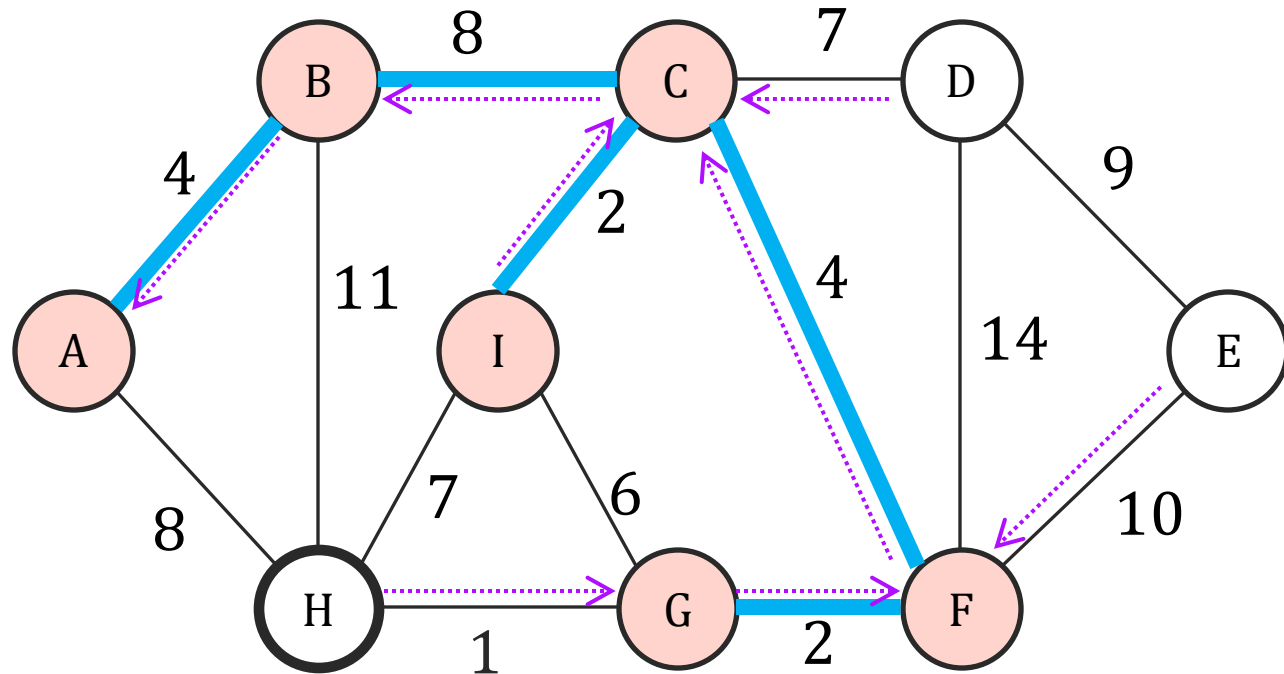
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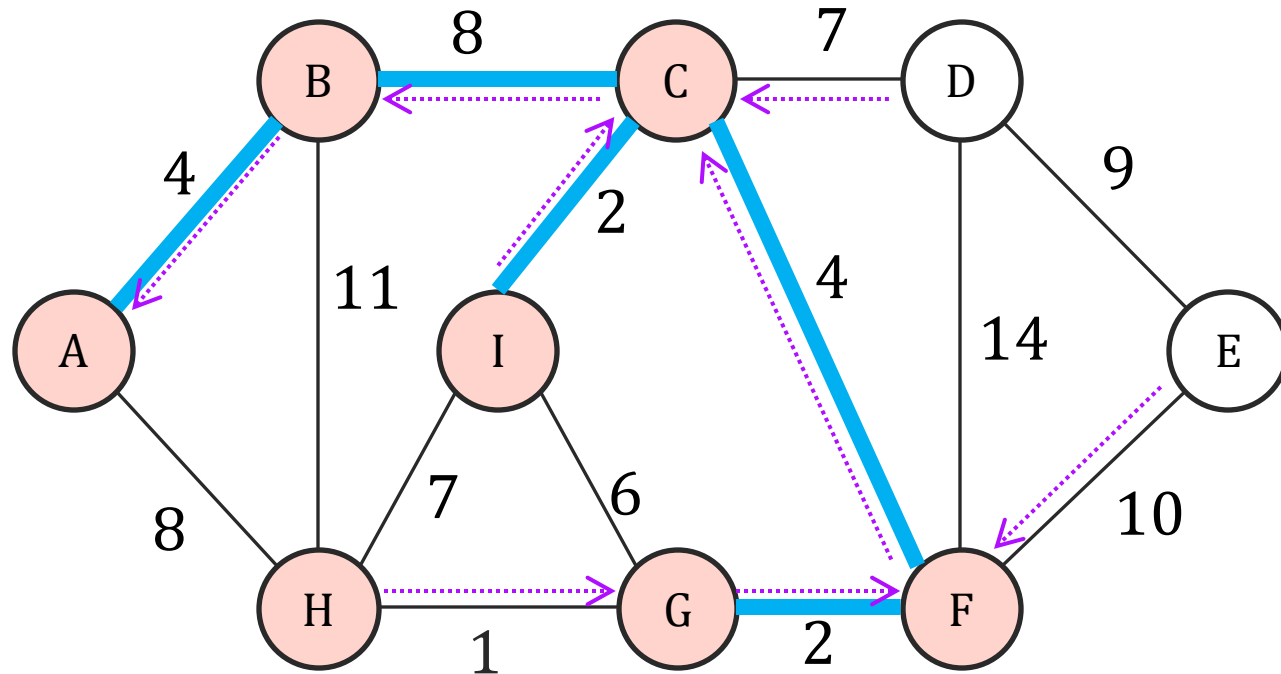
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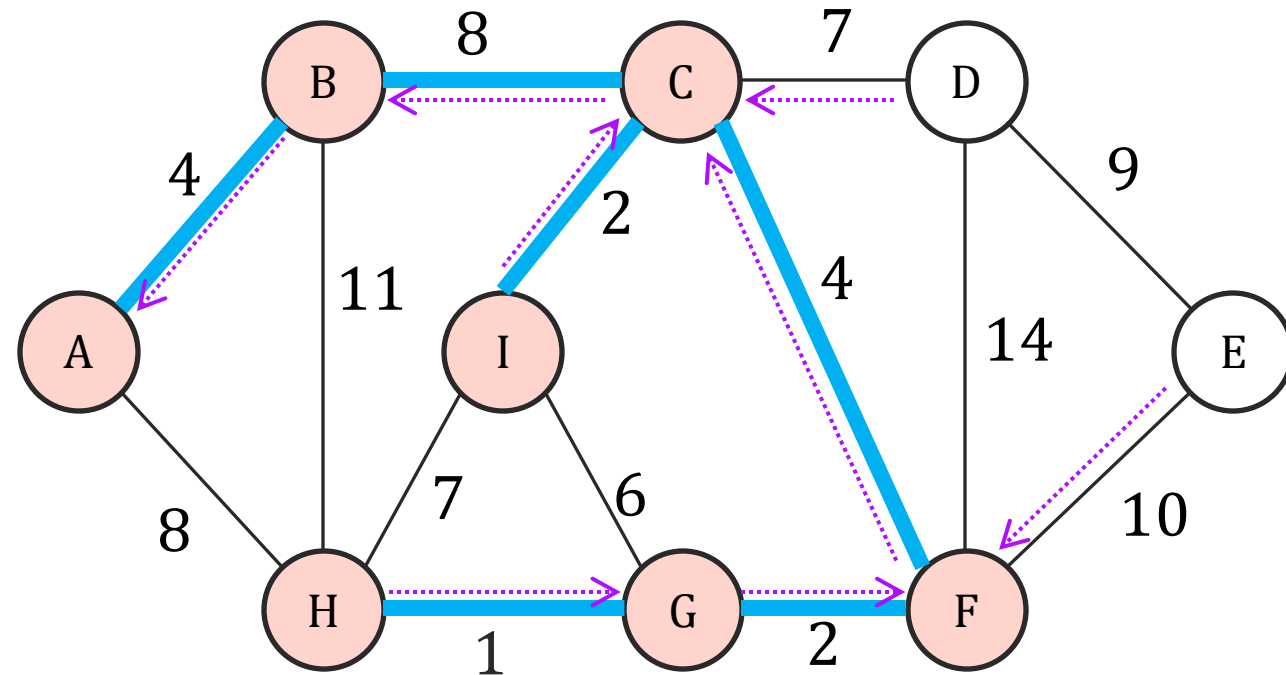
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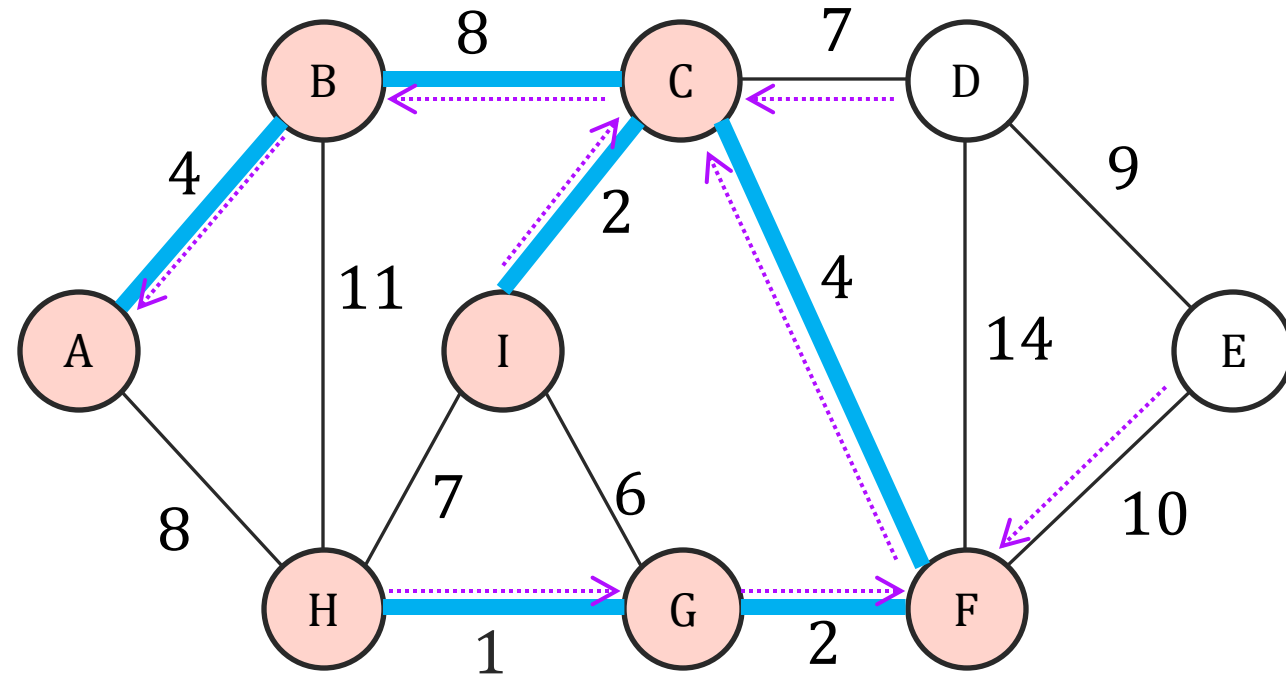
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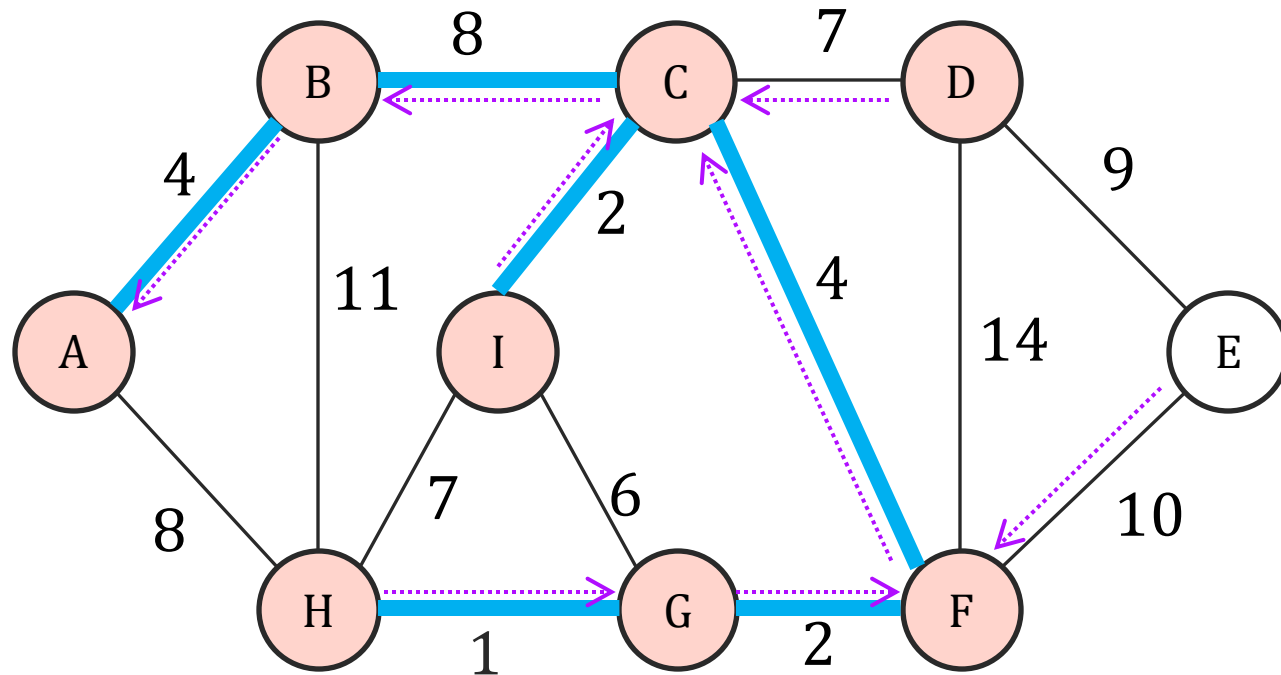
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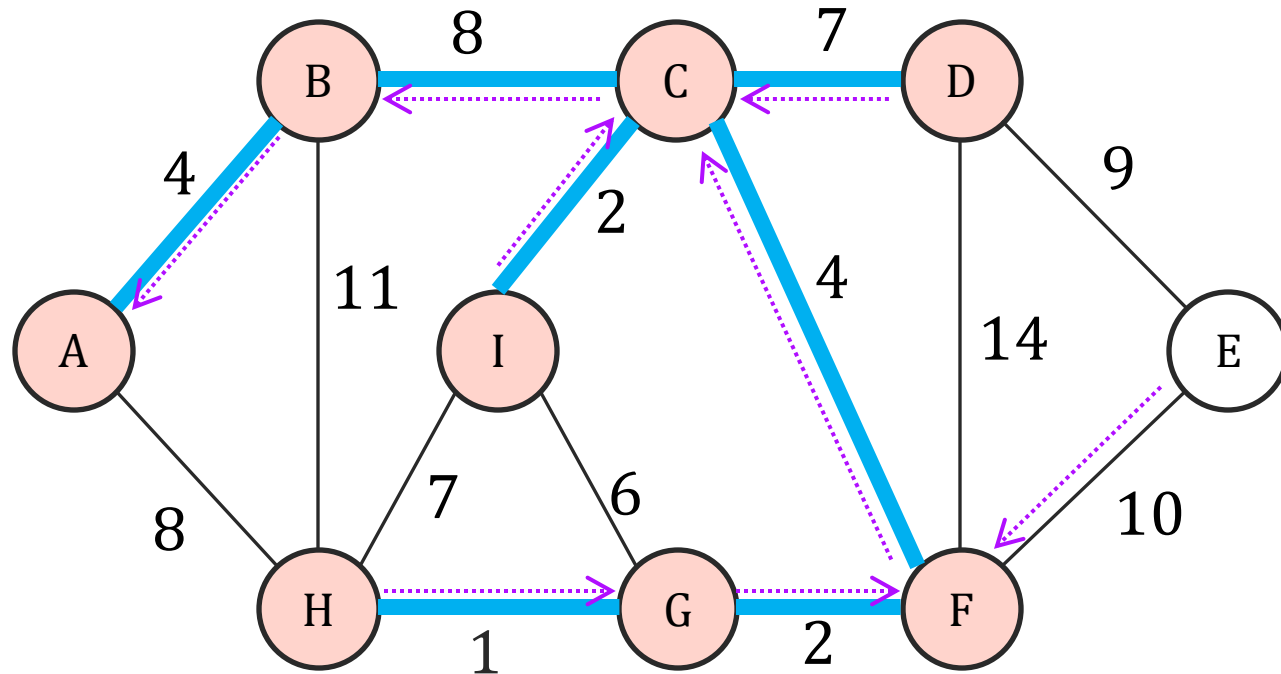
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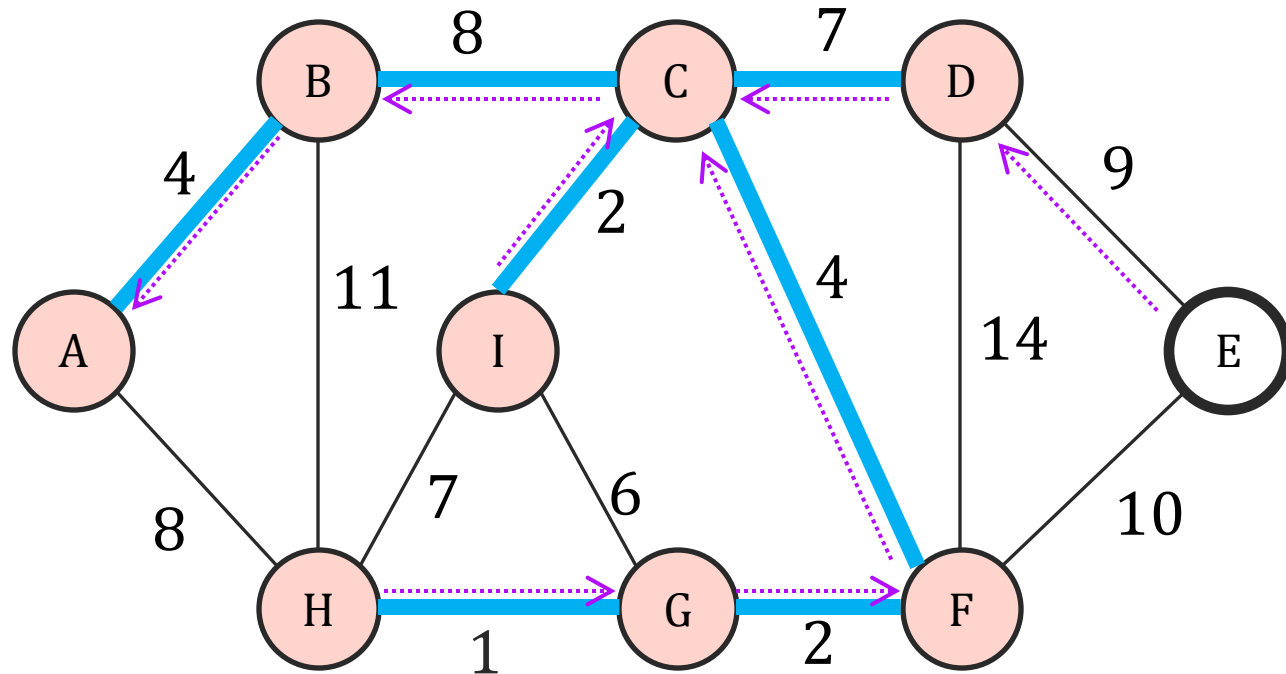
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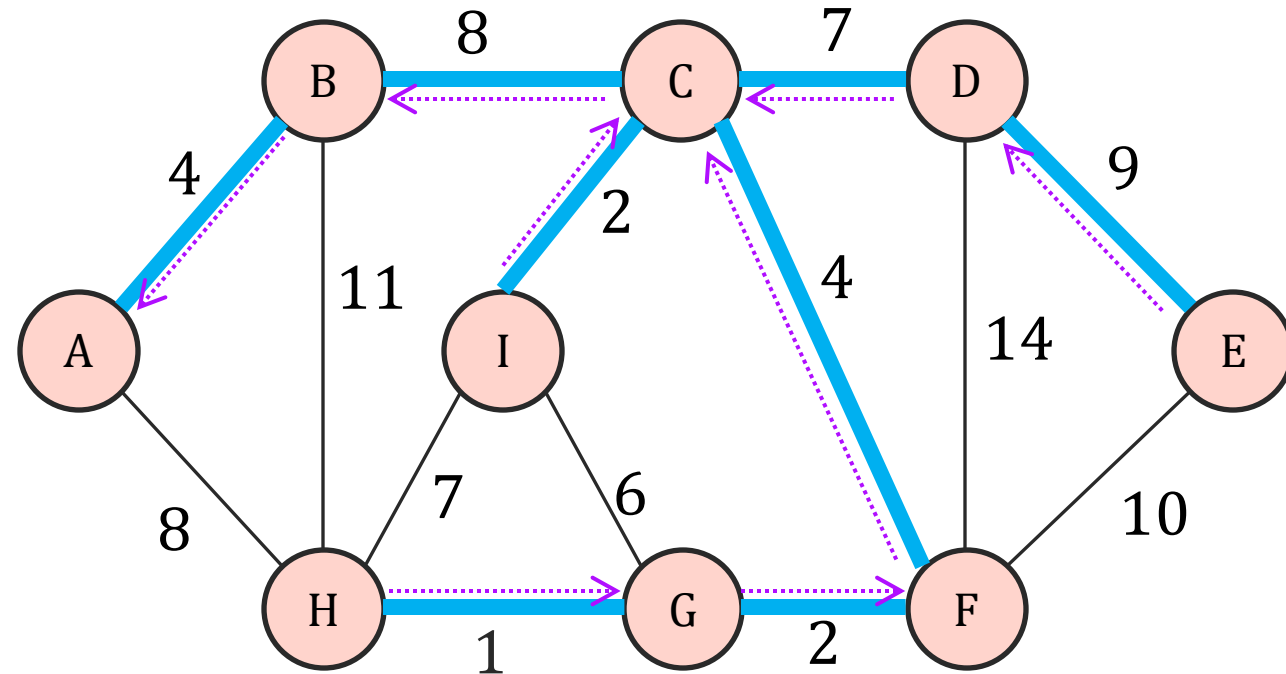
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Runtime of Prim's Algorithm

Recall Priority Queue implementations

- Binary heap: $\log(n)$ per operation.
- Fibonacci Heap: $\log(n)$ for deleteMin, $O(1)$ for insert and decreaseKey.

Runtime of Prim's:

- n Q.inserts
- n Q.deleteMin
- m Q.decreaseKey

With binary heap: $O((m + n) \log(n))$.

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Comparing MST algorithm's runtimes

- Kruskal's runtime: $O((m + n) \log(n))$
- Prim's runtime: $O(m + n \log(n))$
- For **sparse graphs** ($m = O(n)$), both equally good.
- For **dense graphs**, ($m \gg (n \log(n))$), Prim is much faster than Kruskal.

Other fun facts (no need to memorize):

- $O(m + n)$ expected runtime of a randomized algorithm: Karger, Klein, Tarjan 1995.
- Deterministic $O(m \alpha(m, n))$: Chazelle 2000
- $\alpha(m, n)$ is called “inverse Ackerman” function and $\alpha(m, n) \leq 5$ for m, n being # of particles in the universe!
- A deterministic algorithm with $O(\text{optimal})$: Pettie, Ramachandran 2002
- What's “optimal”? No idea!

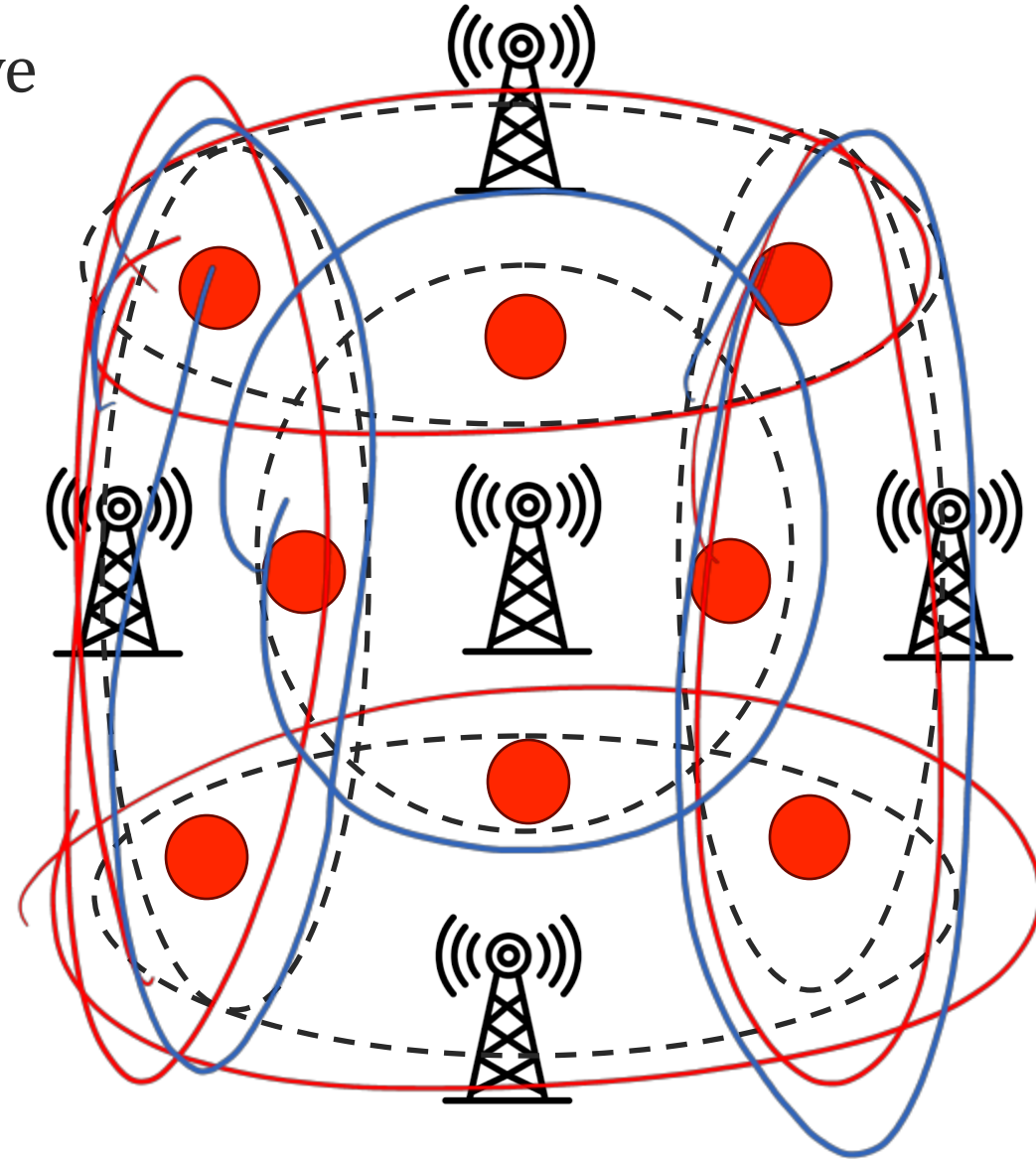
Covering

Imagine, we want to build cell towers so that we provide signal coverage to all houses in a city.

Each **possible location for a cell tower** will cover some homes.

What's the smallest number of cell towers I have to install to cover the city?

Where should these be installed?



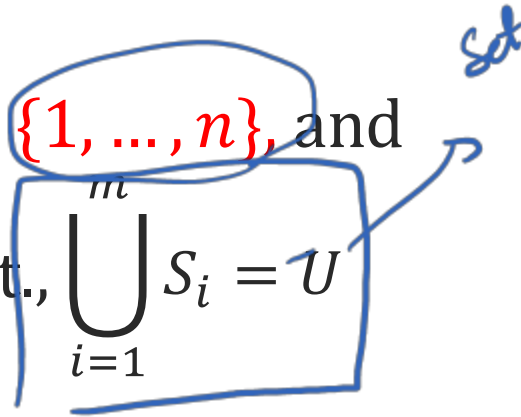
The Set Cover Problem

Input:

→ Universe of n elements $U = \{1, \dots, n\}$, and

→ Subsets $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m \subseteq U$, s.t., $\bigcup_{i=1}^m S_i = U$

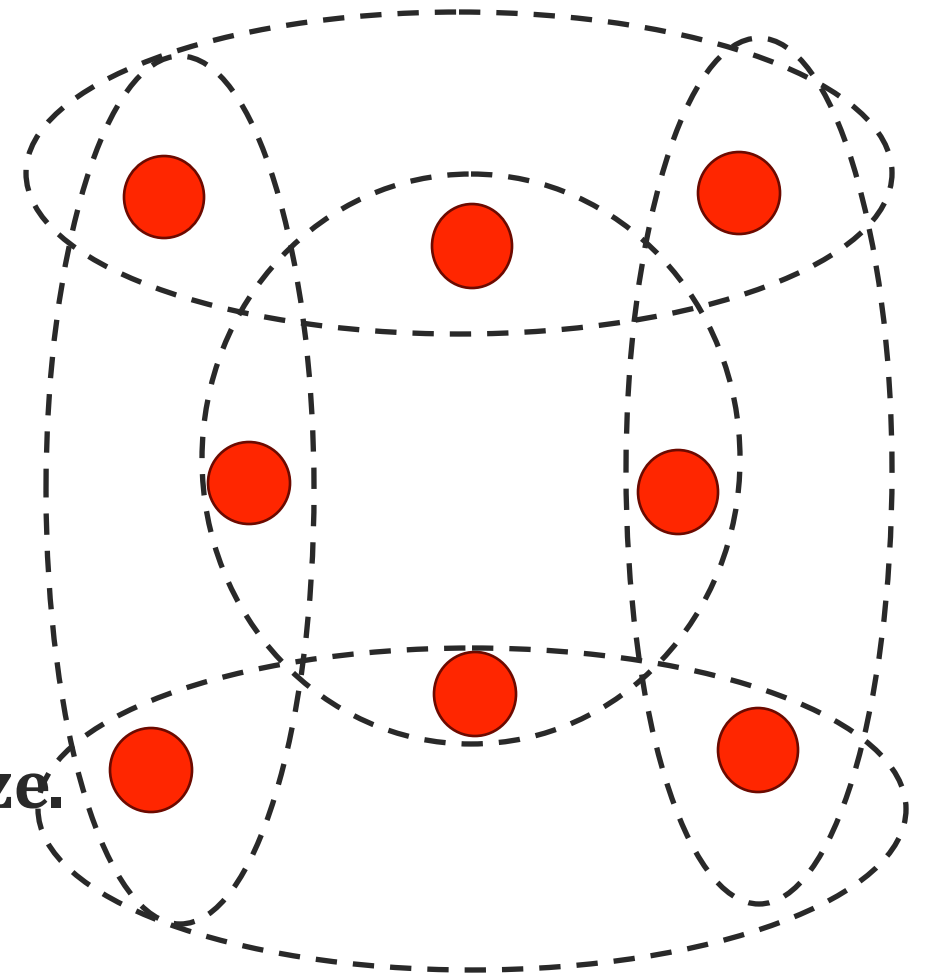
$\{1, 3, 5\}$ $\{2, 4\}$



Output:

A collection of subsets covering U of **minimal size**.

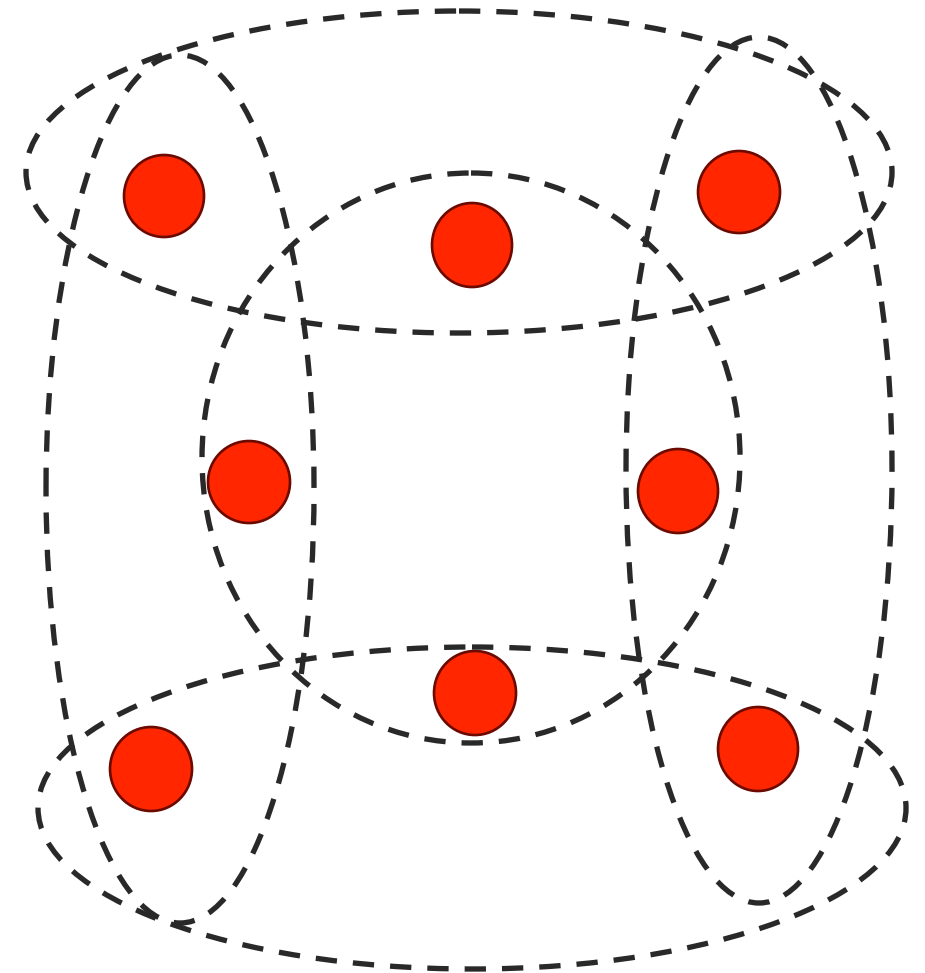
i.e., $J \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ s.t., $\bigcup_{i \in J} S_i = U$



Greedy Algorithm

Discuss

What is a good greedy algorithm?

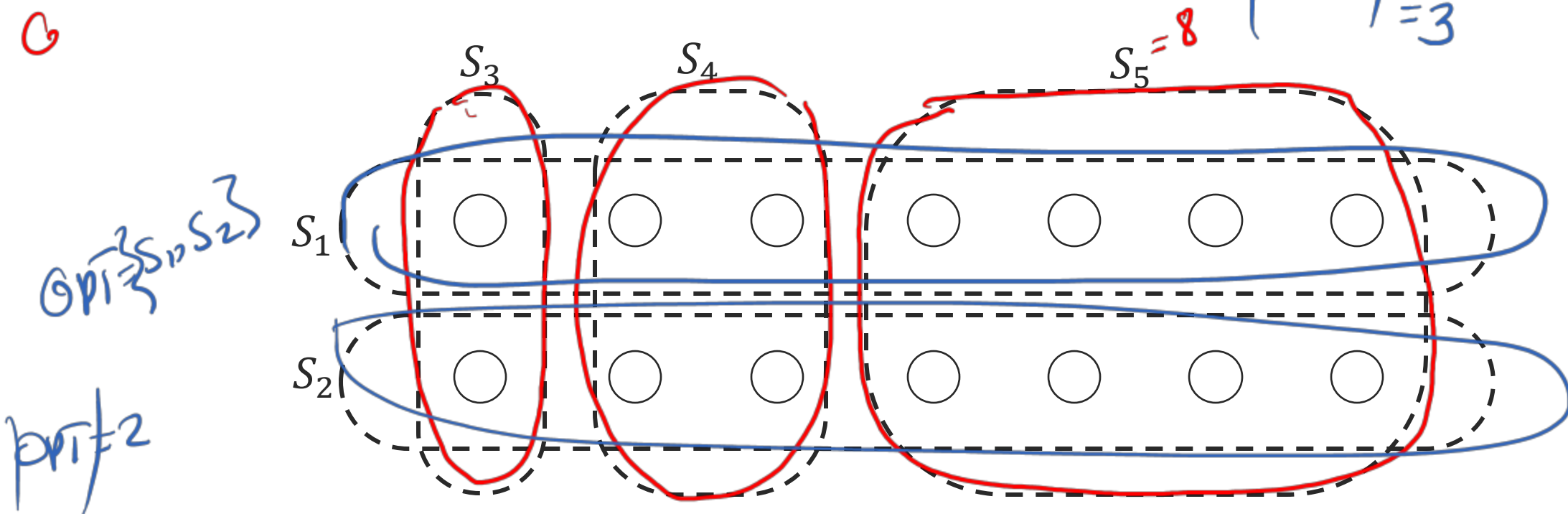


Greedy Algorithm for Set Cover

A suggested greedy algorithm:

Repeat until all elements of U are covered: Pick the set with the largest number of uncovered elements.

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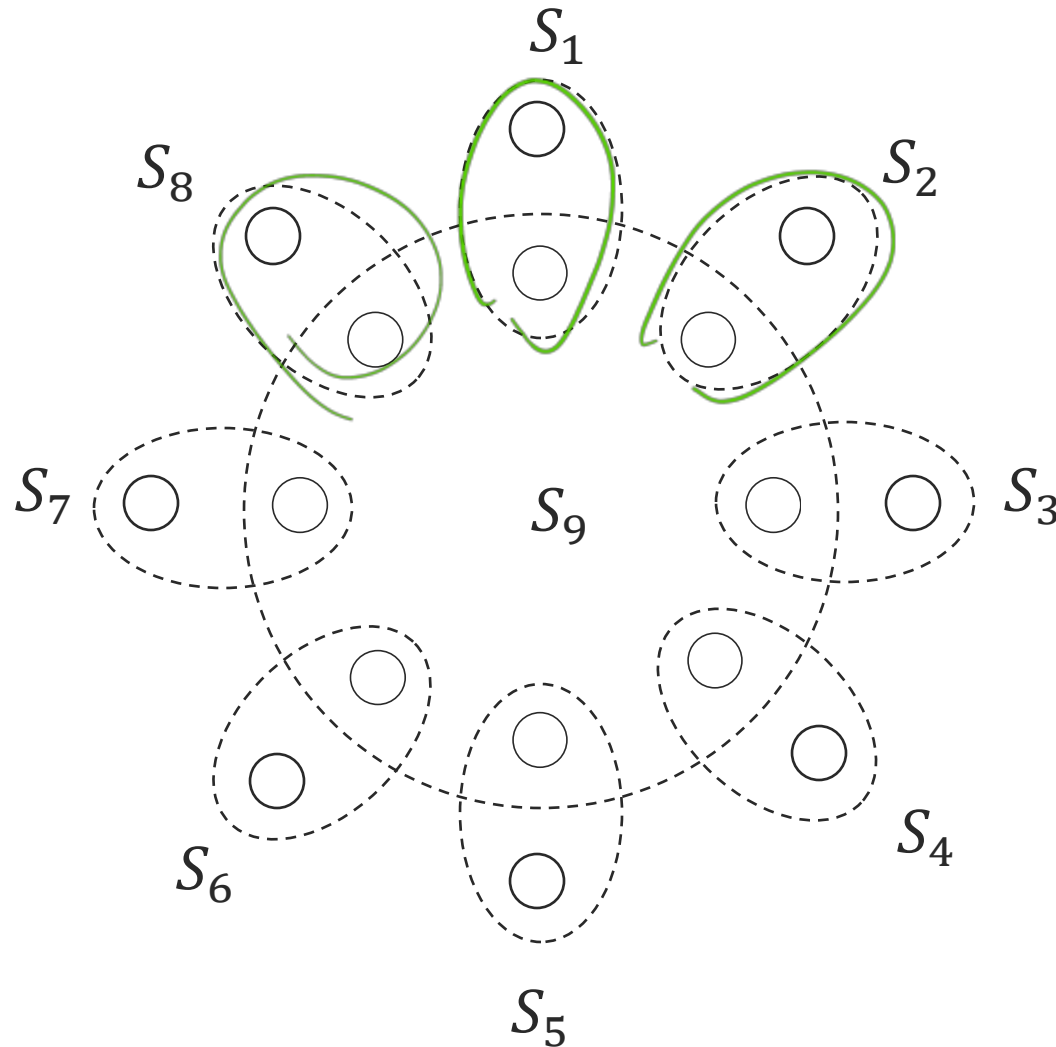


Greedy is not optimal for Set Cover

One other example where this greedy algorithm is not optimal

OPT: $S_1 \dots S_8$
never picking S_9

$|OPT| = 8$



Greedy: S_9, S_1, \dots, S_8
 $|Greedy| = 9$

Wrap up

Almost done with being greedy!

- Just a little left: Greedy is actually reasonably good for set cover.
- We mastered proof by induction!
- Scheduling, Minimum Spanning Trees, Horn-Satisfiability, MSTs, Set Cover

Next time

- Set Cover with Greedy
- Dynamic Programming