

# Julienne and the Graph-Based Benchmark Suite

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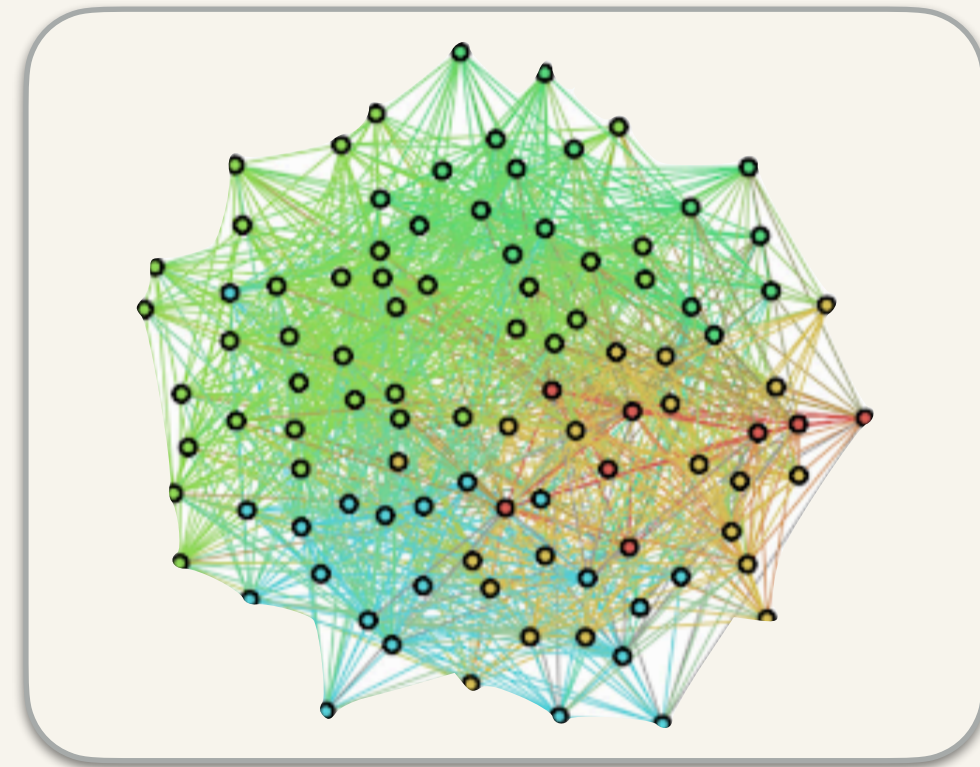
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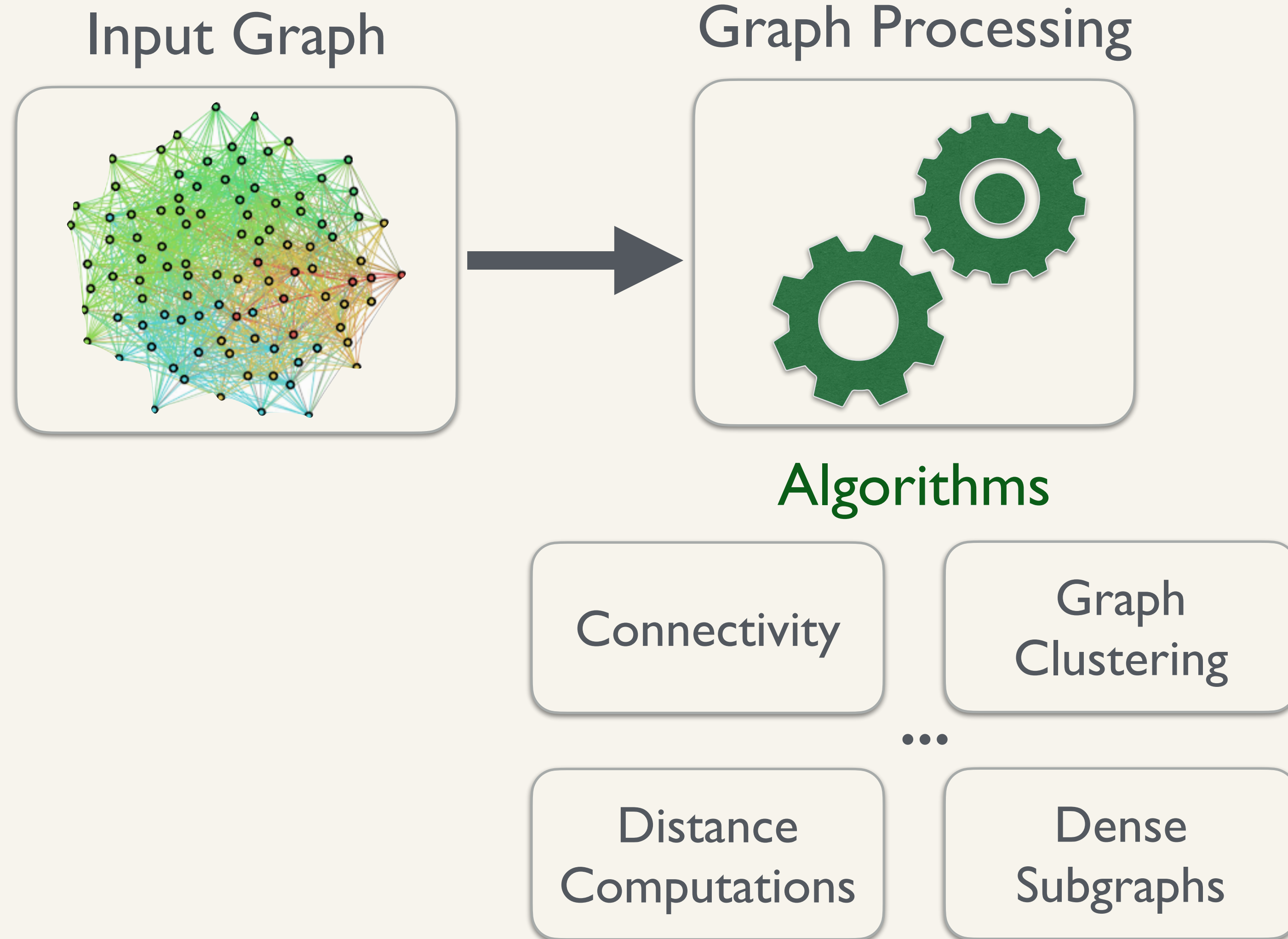
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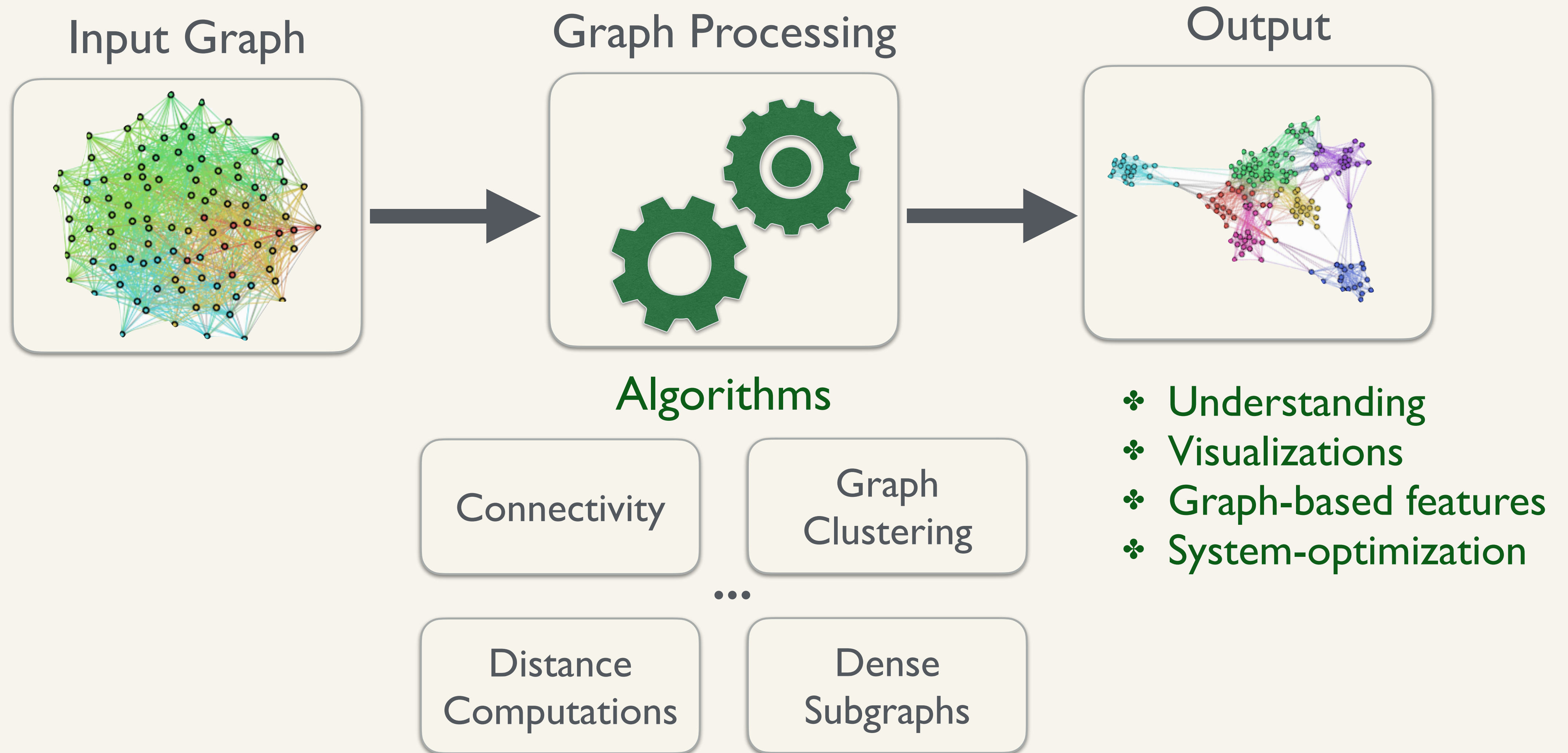
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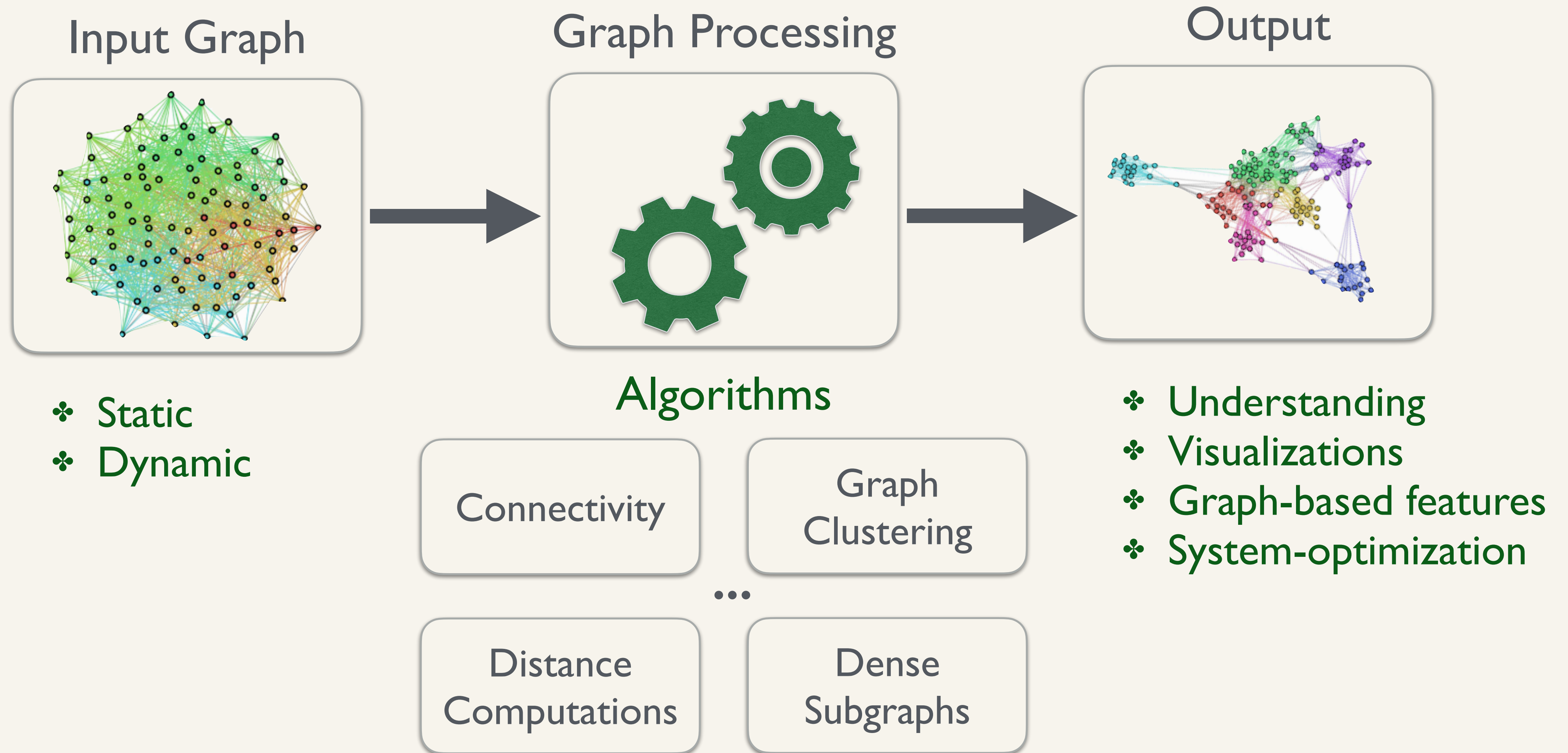
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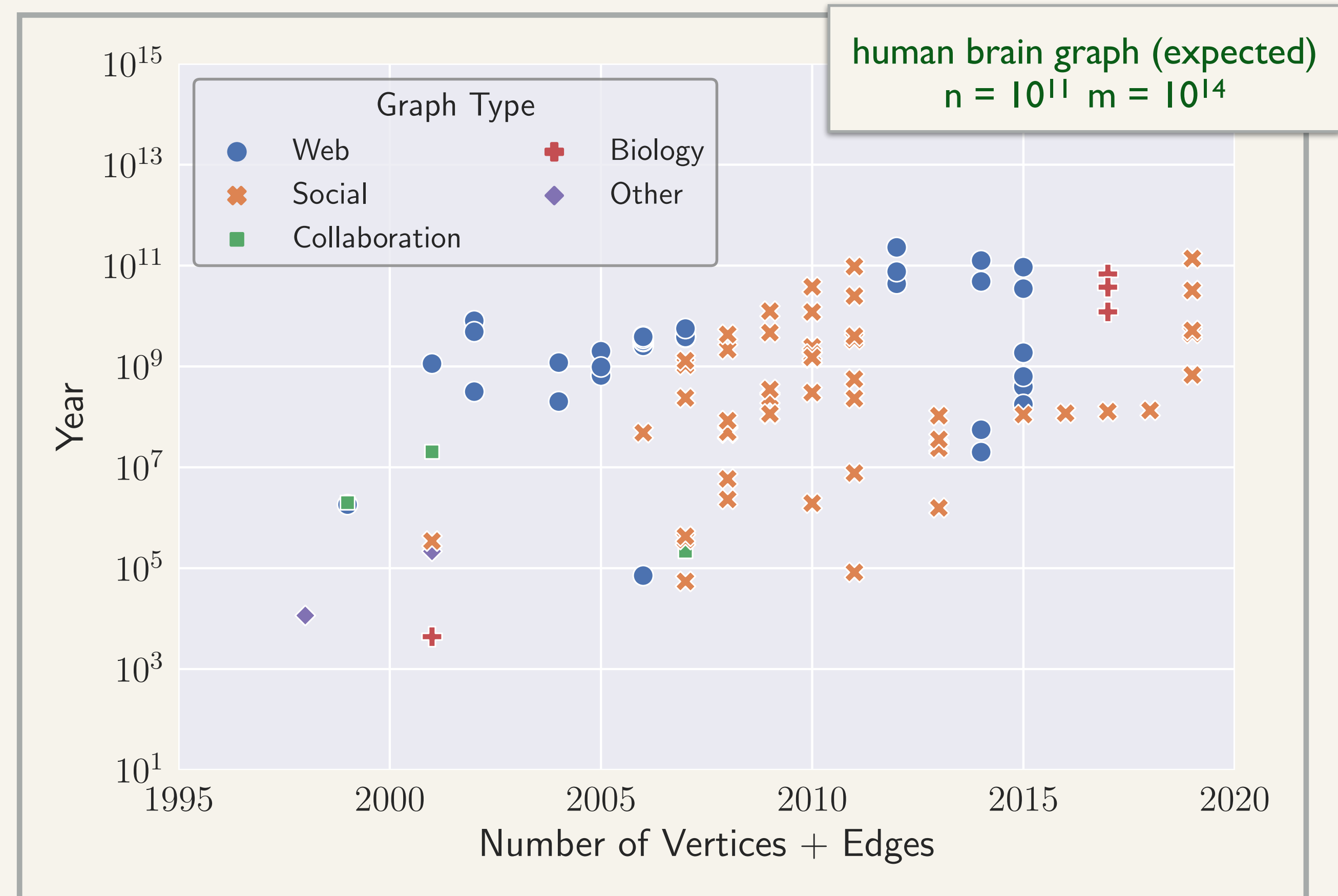


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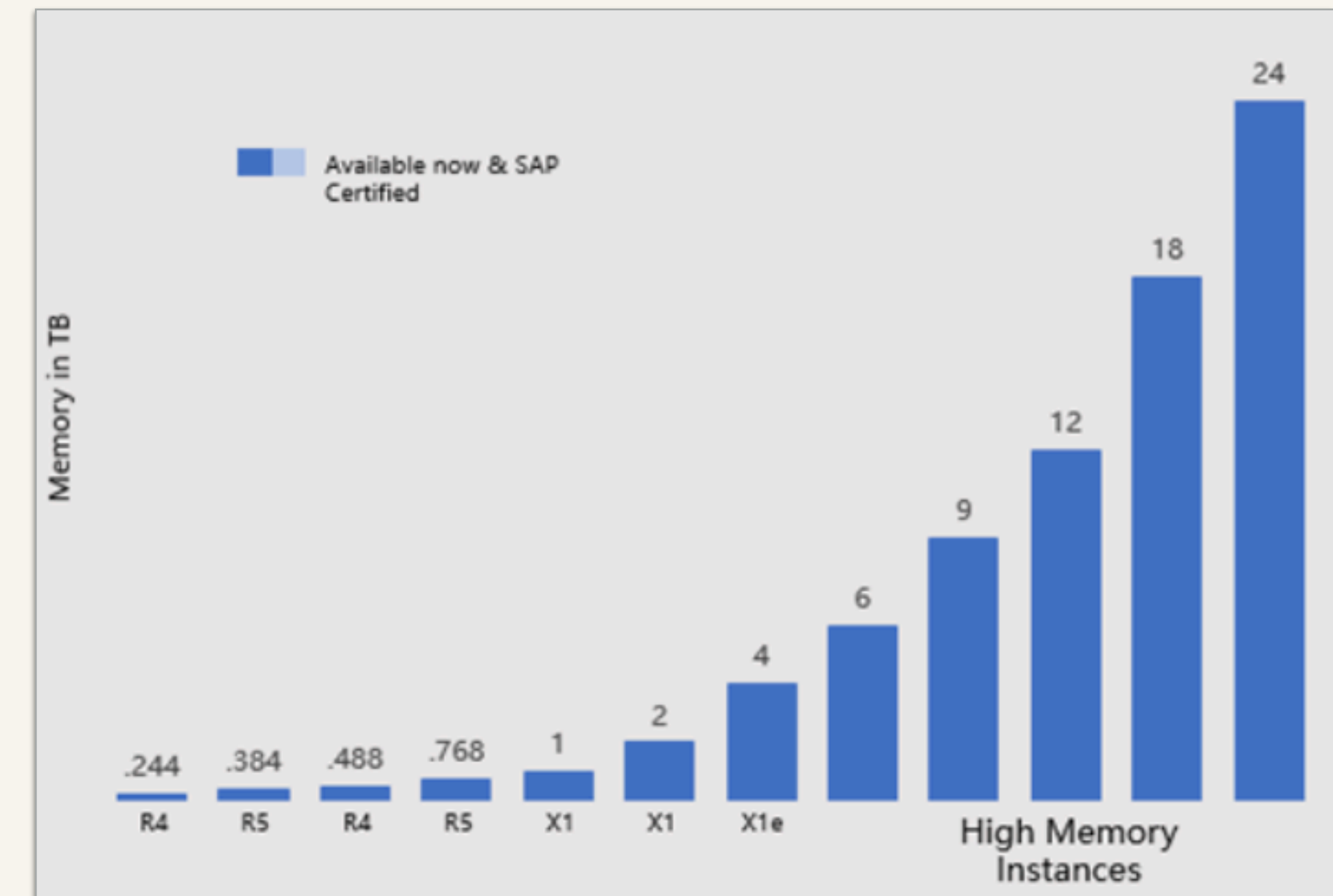
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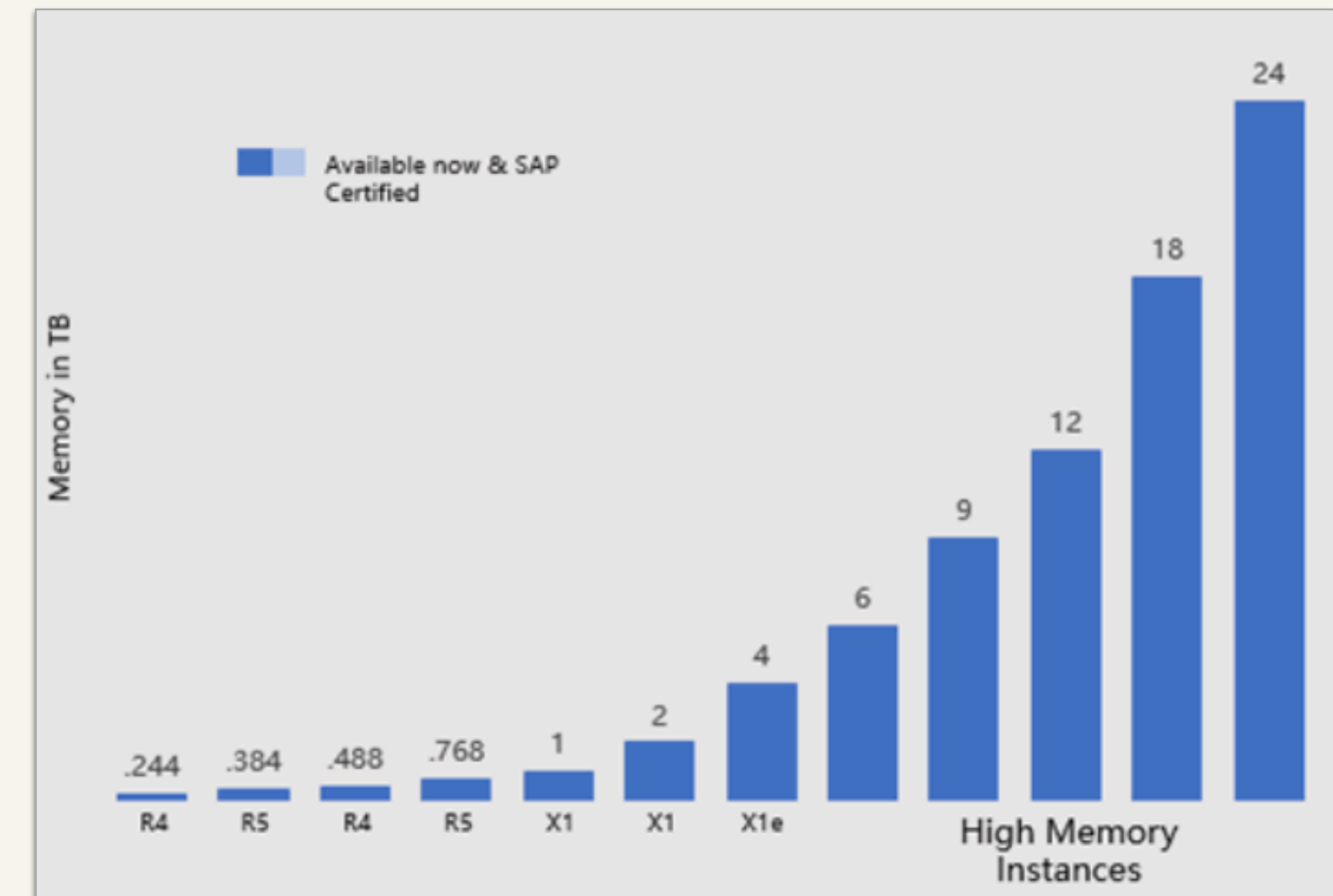
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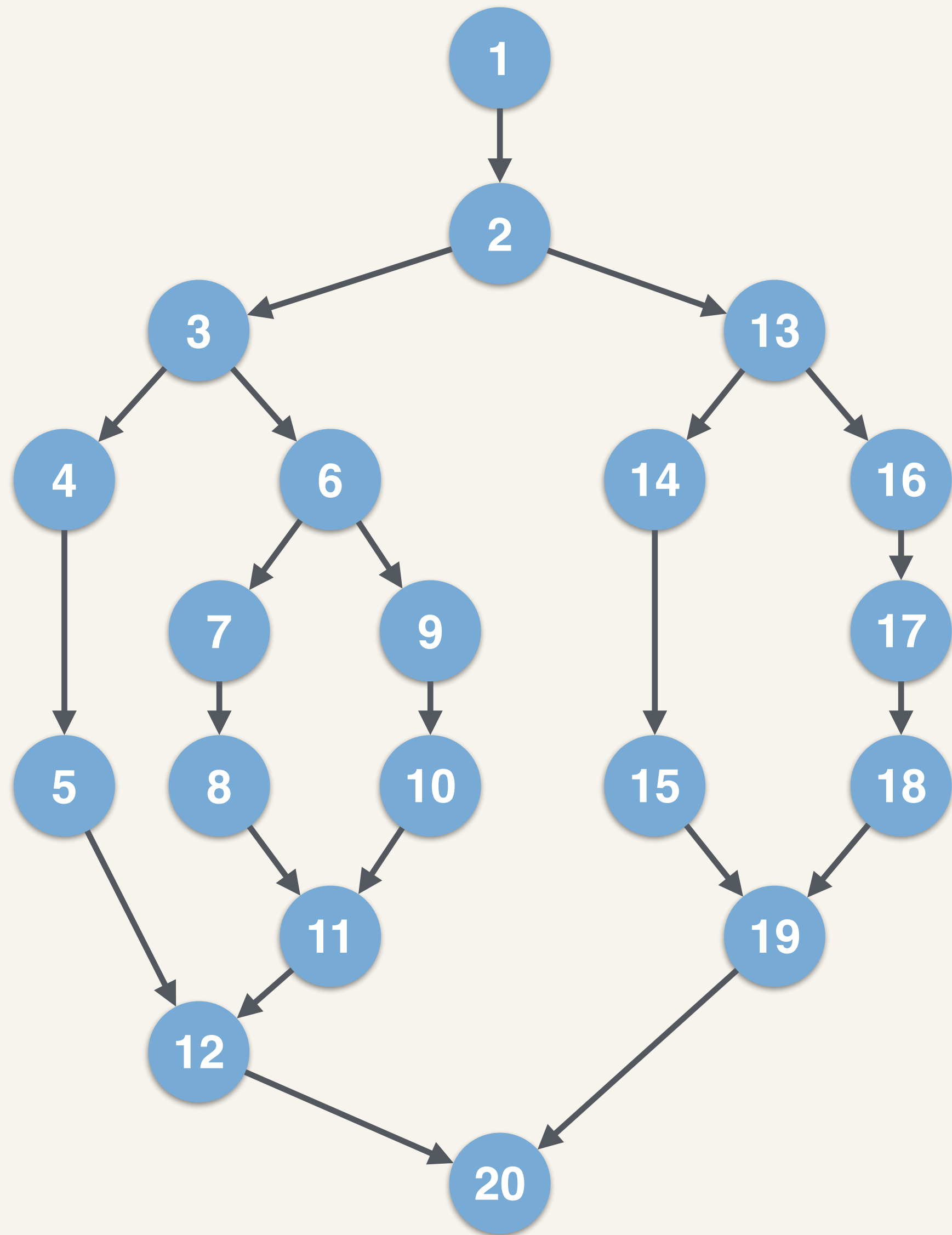
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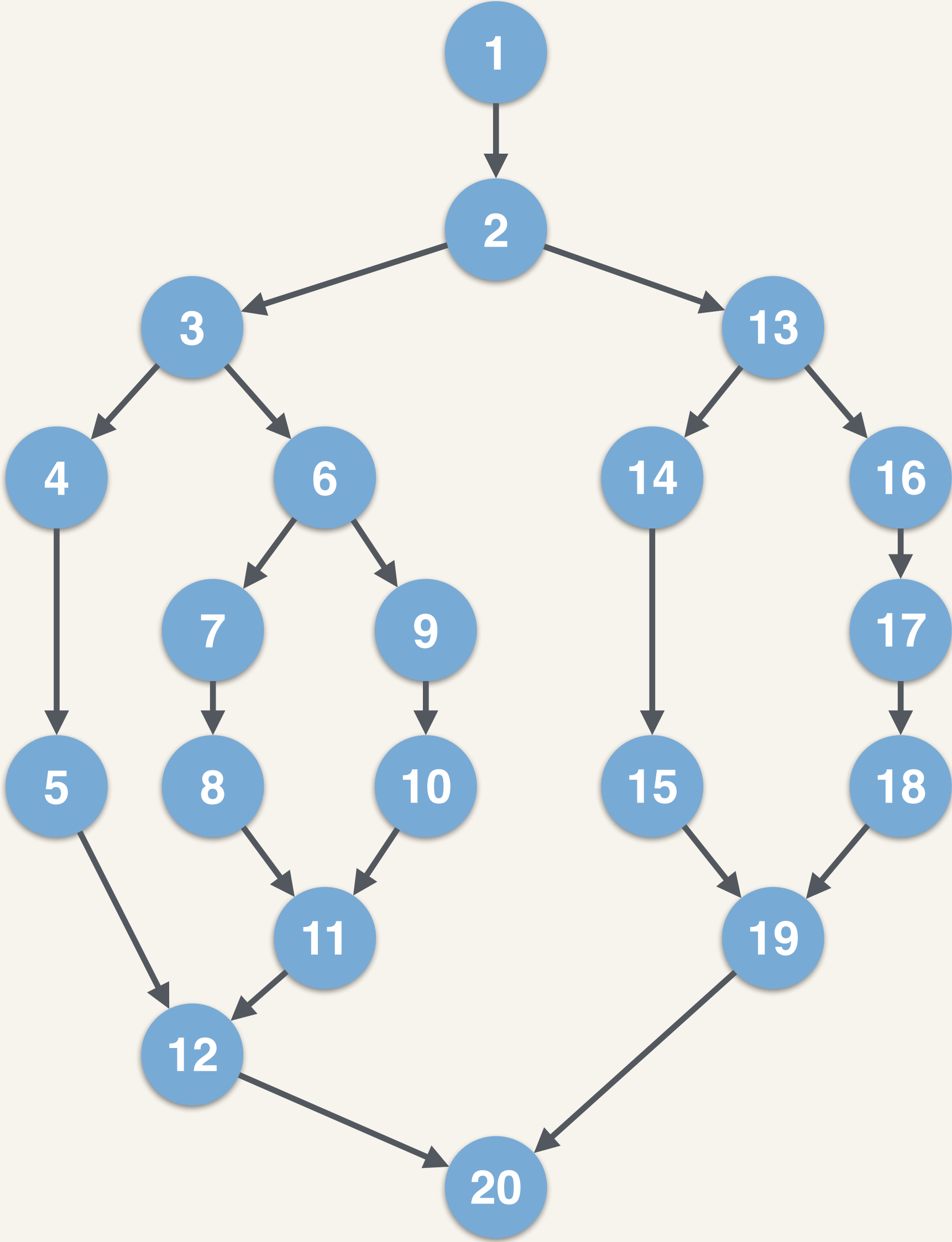


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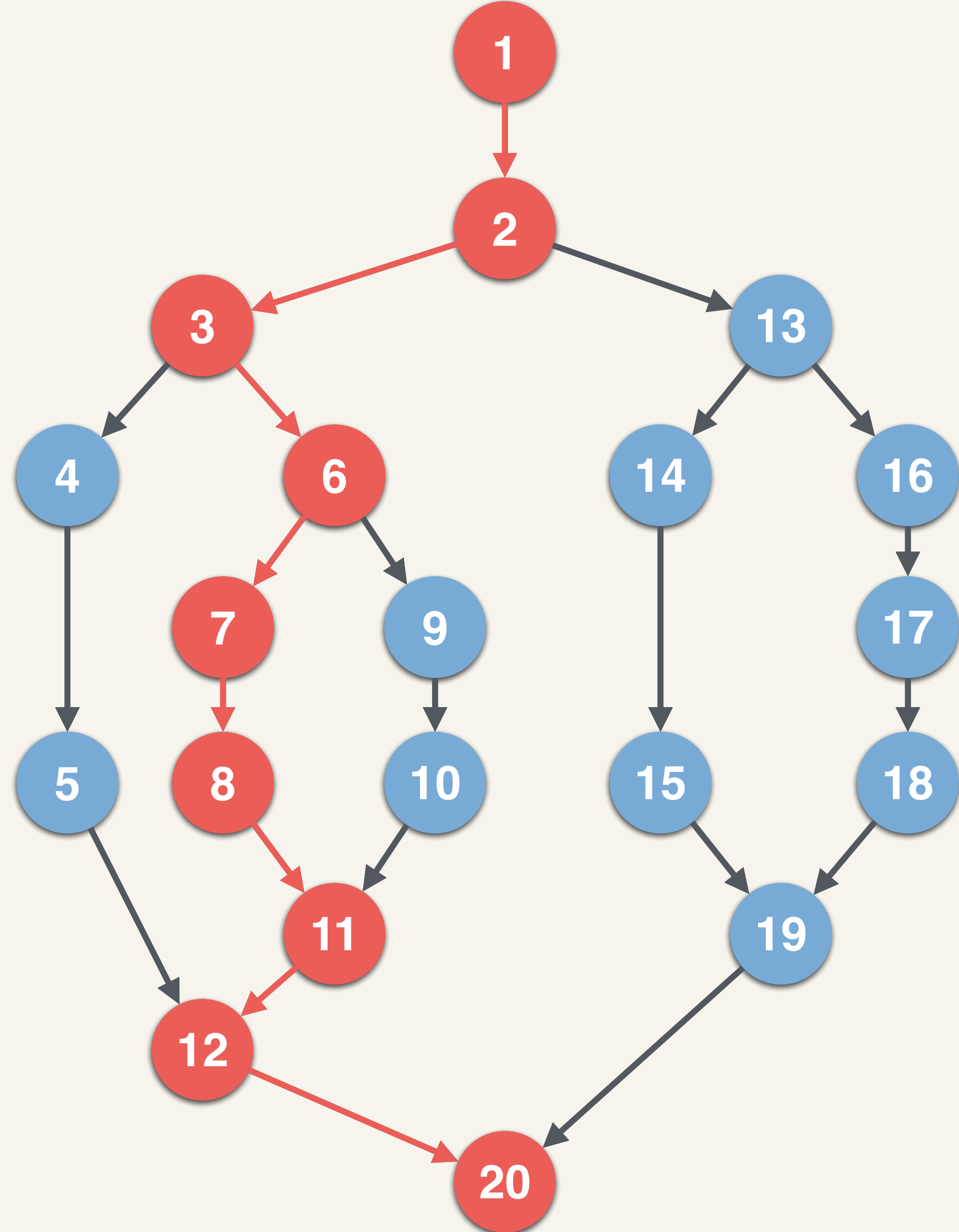
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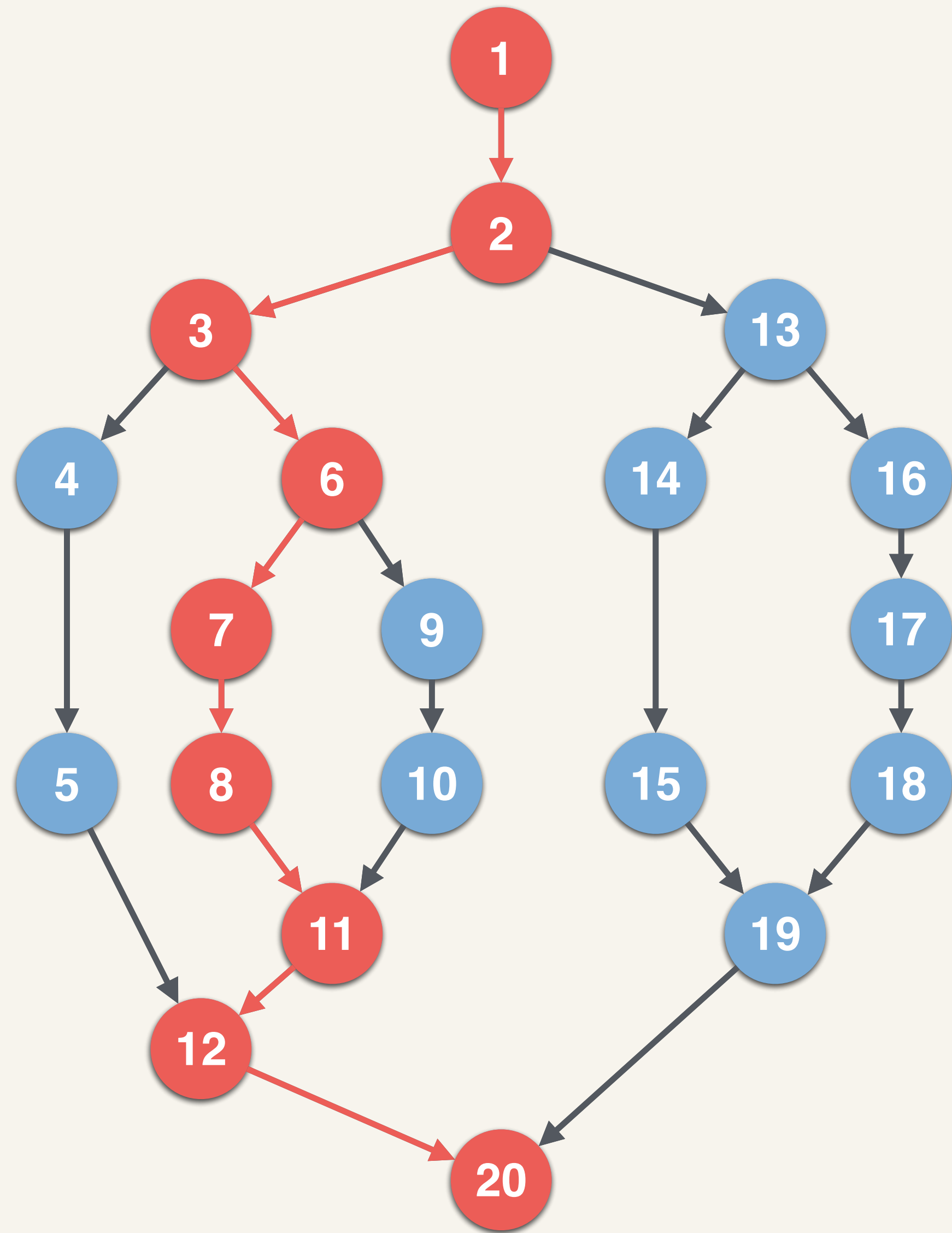


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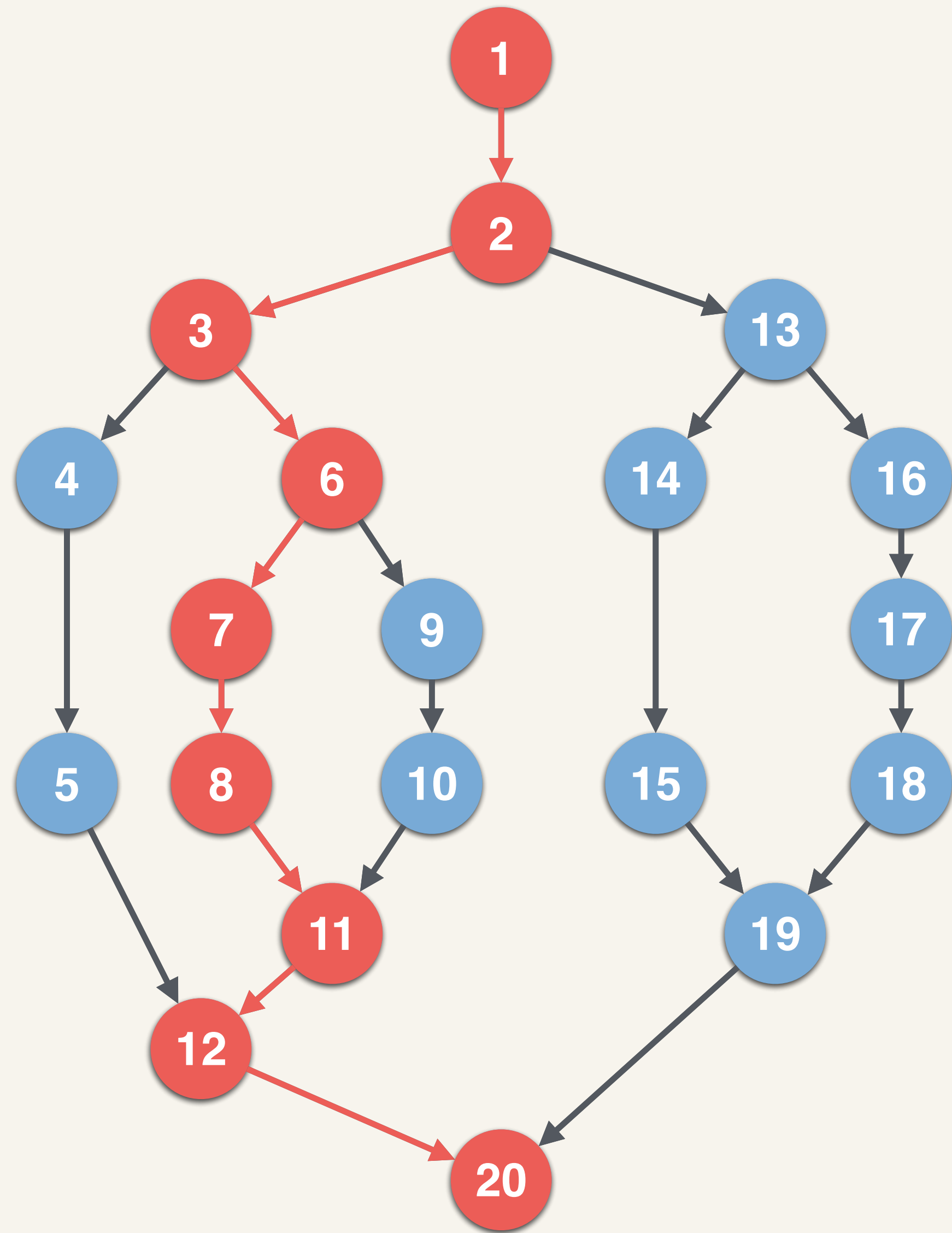
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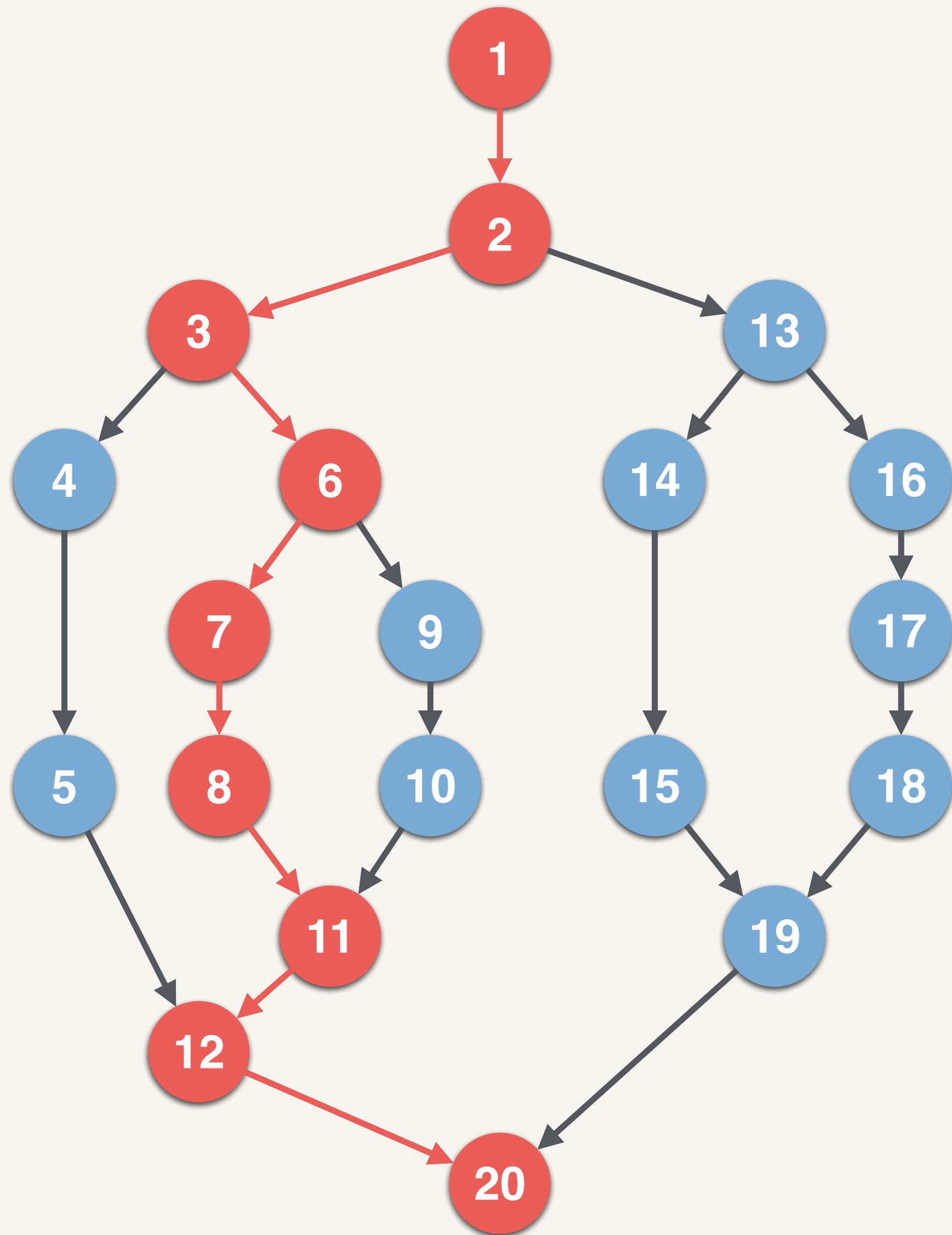
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Goal: work-efficient and low (polylogarithmic) depth algorithms

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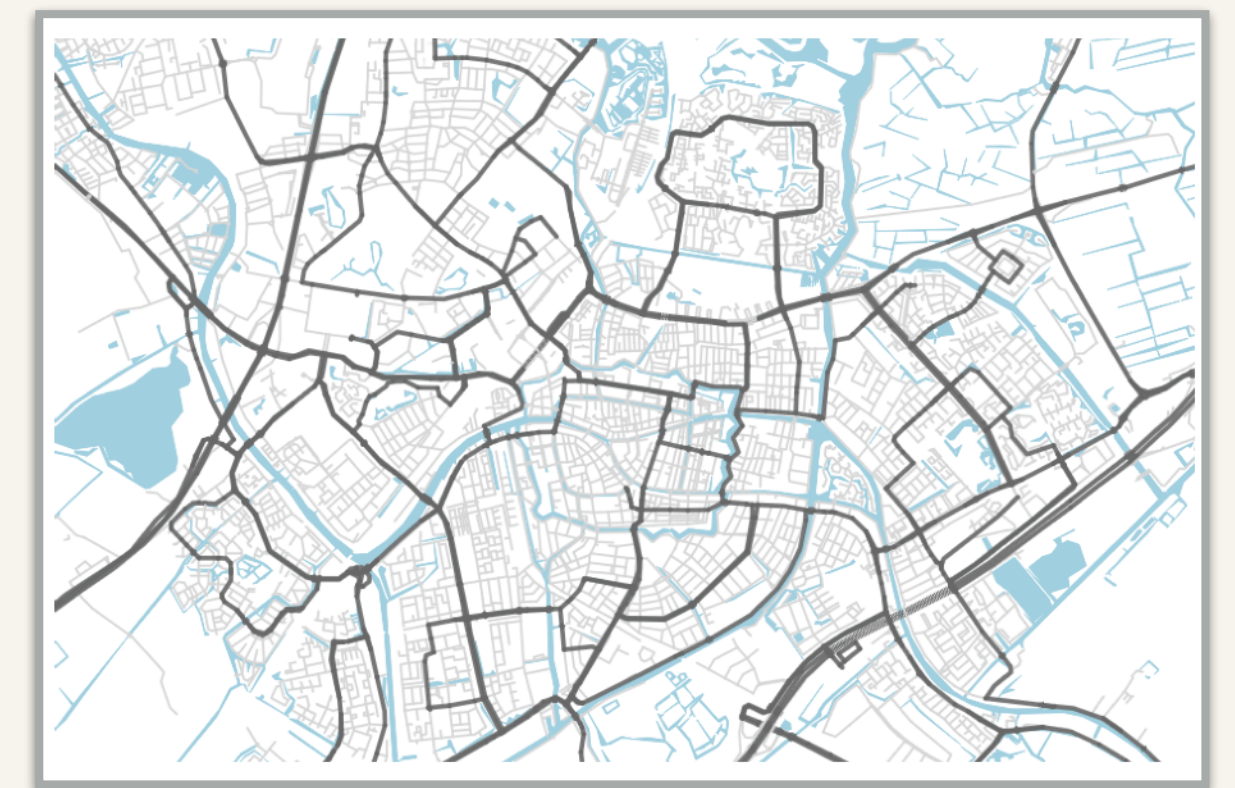
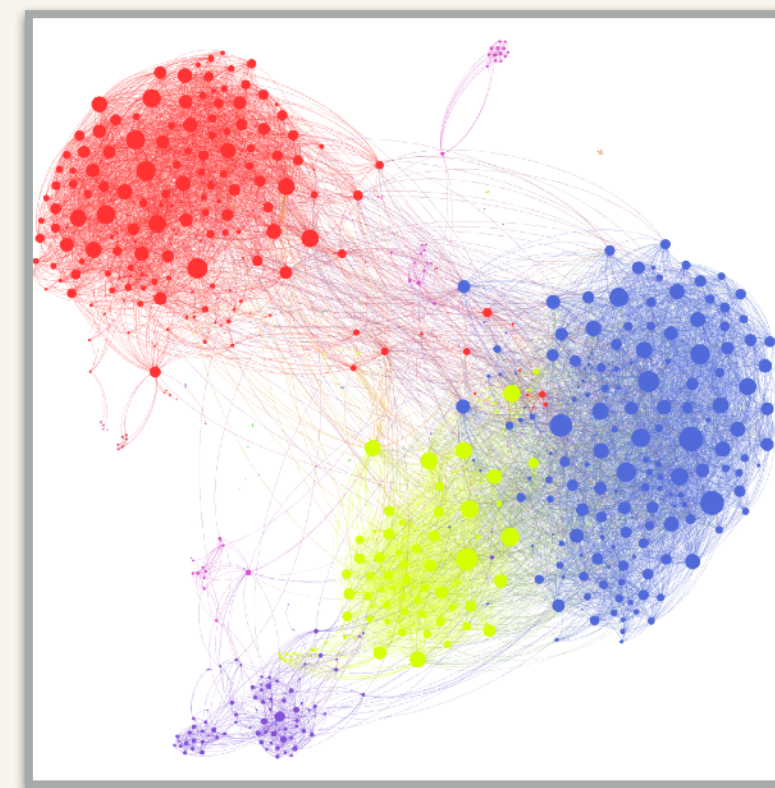
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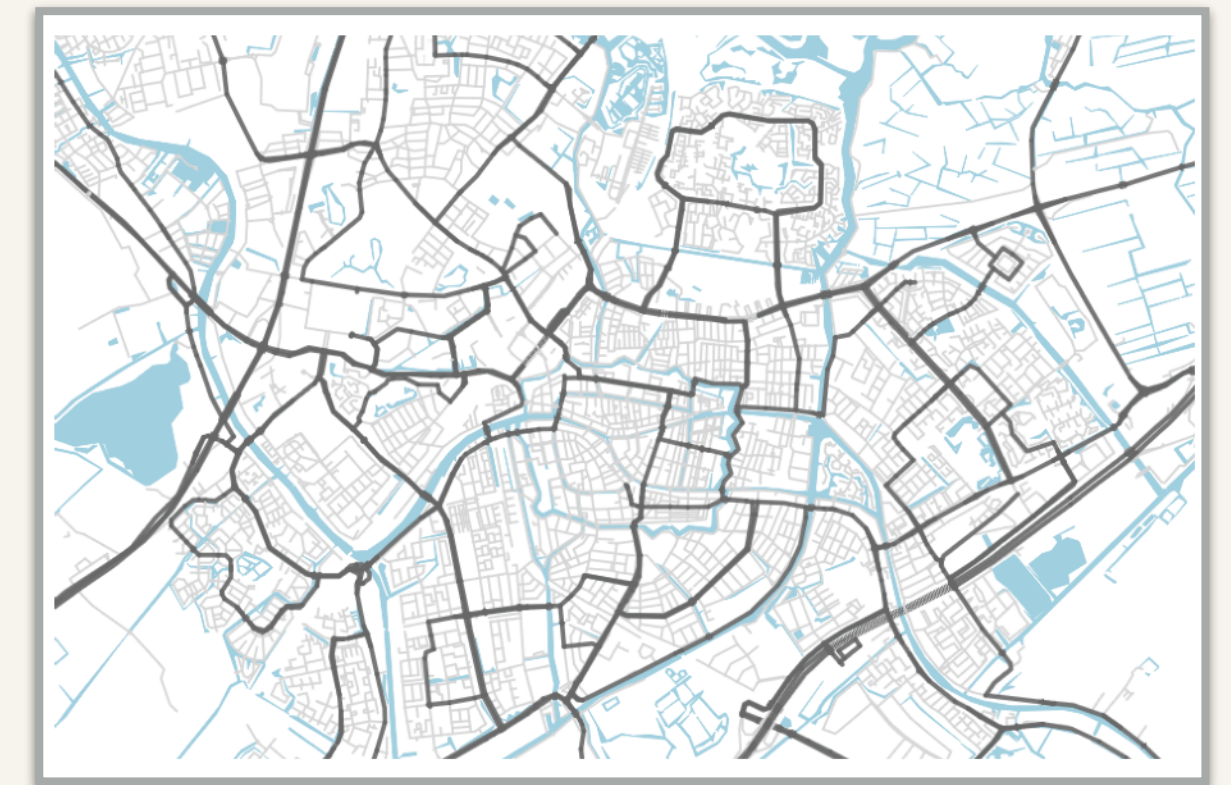
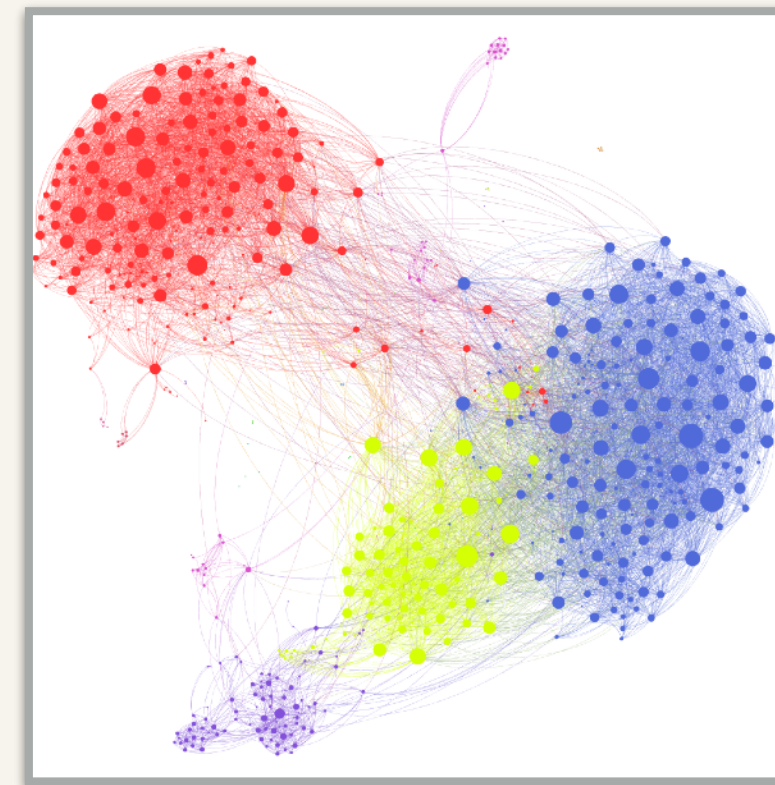
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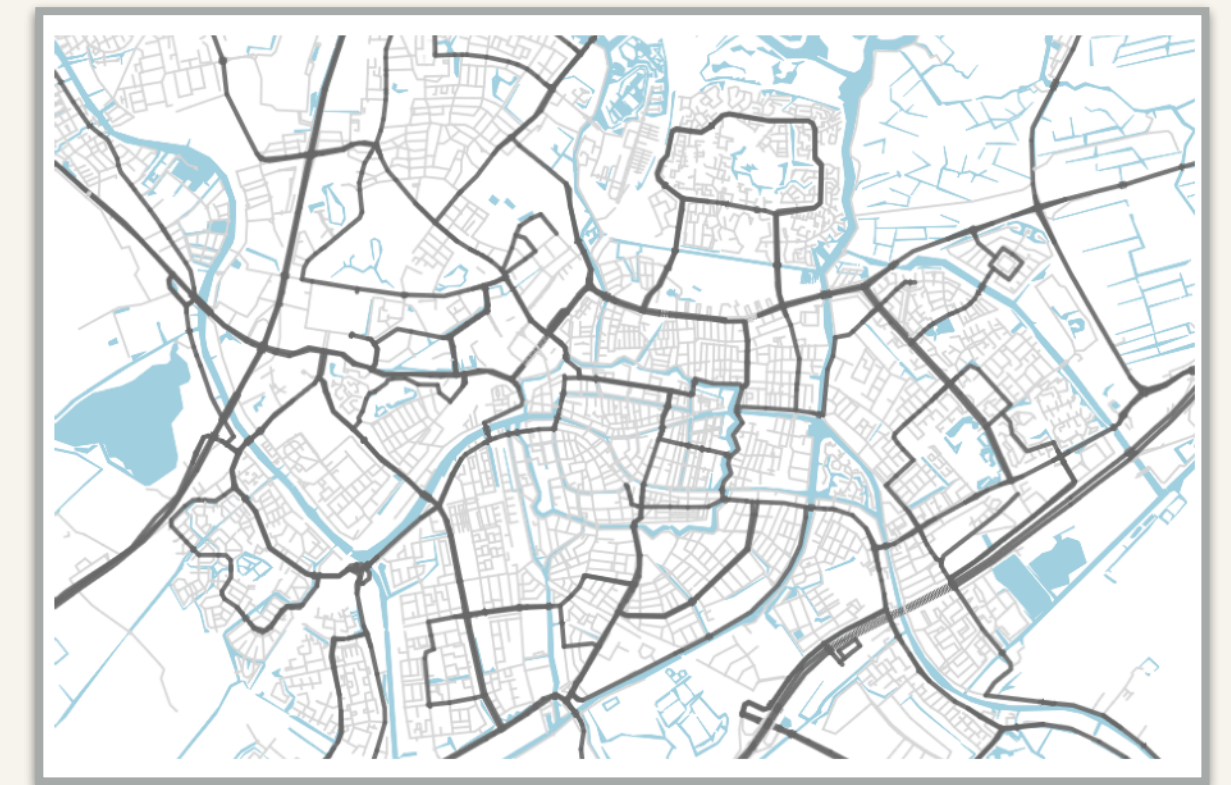
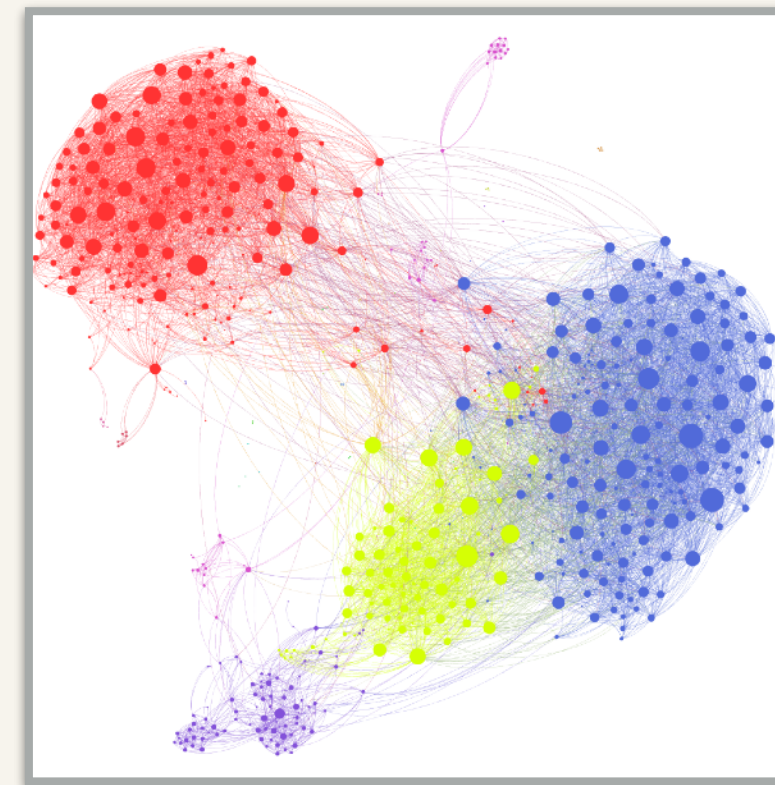
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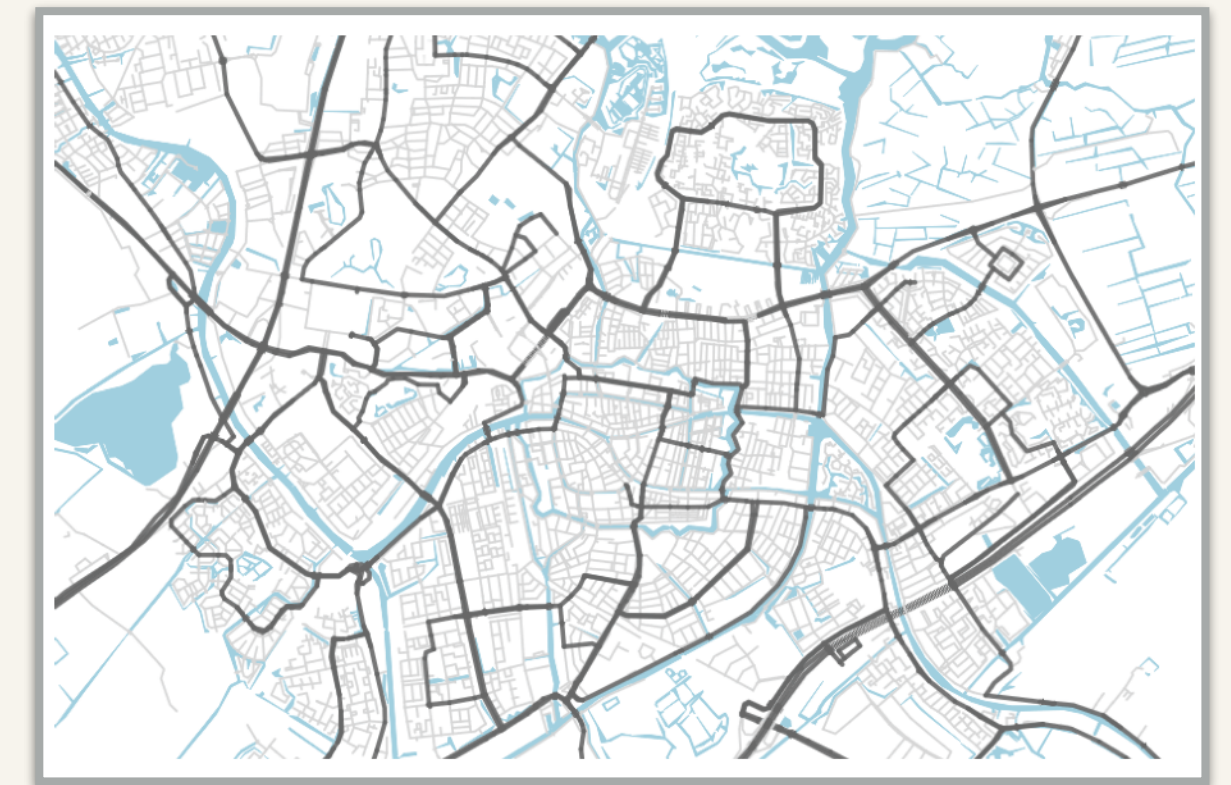
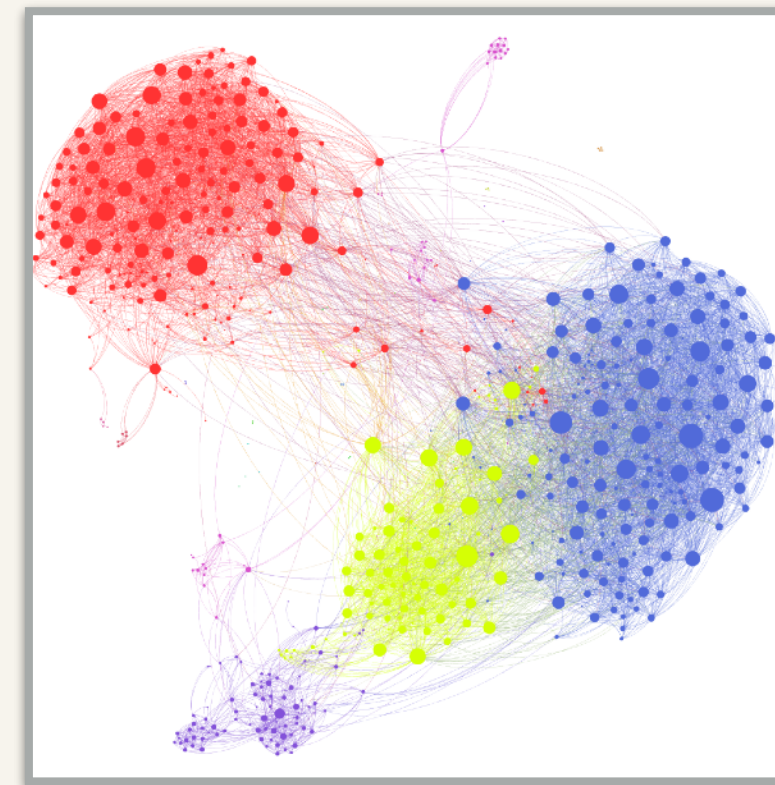
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Up to 9x faster using a work-efficient k-core algorithm (described in this talk)

# Julienne: A Framework for Parallel Graph Algorithms using Work-efficient Bucketing [DBS'17]

How do we design theoretically-efficient  
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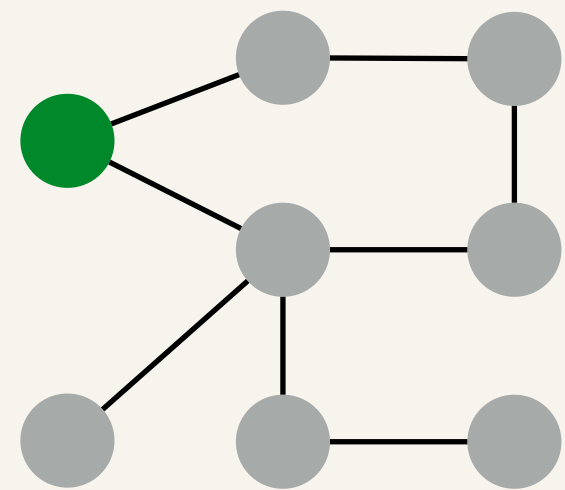
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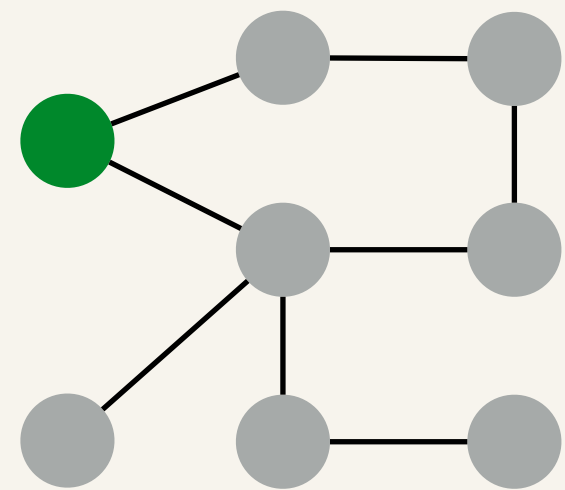
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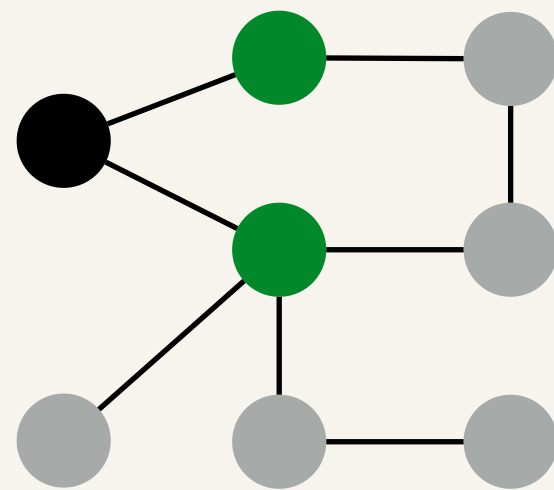
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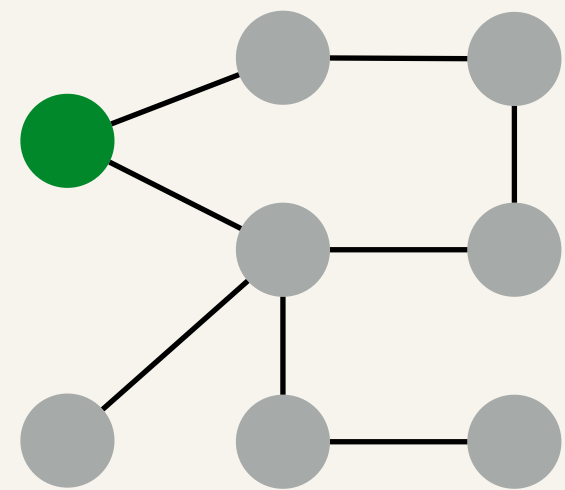
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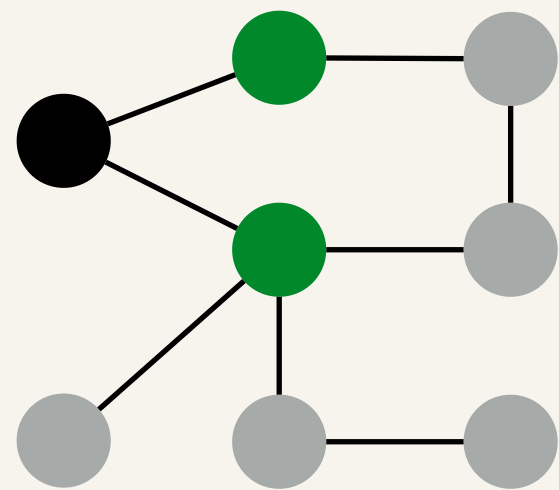
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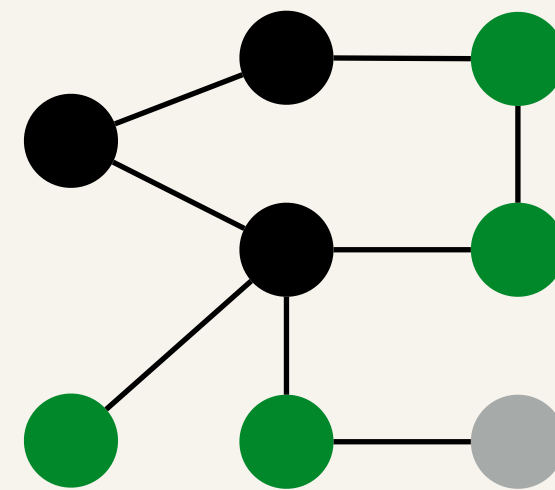
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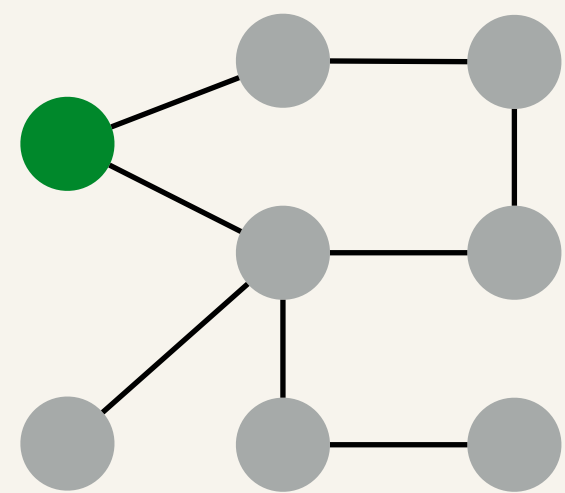


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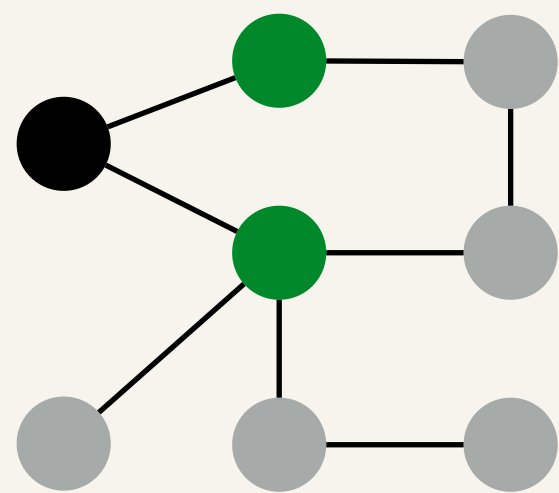
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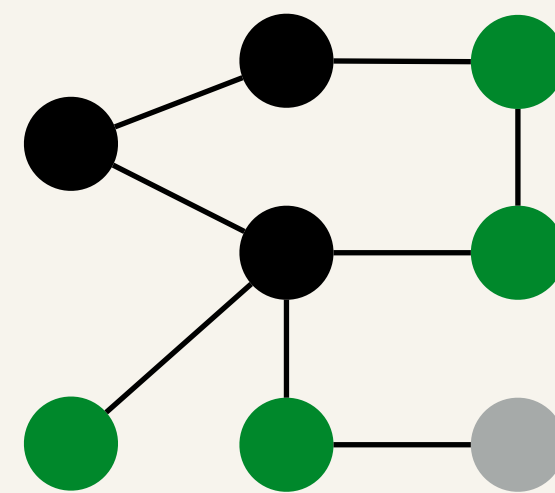
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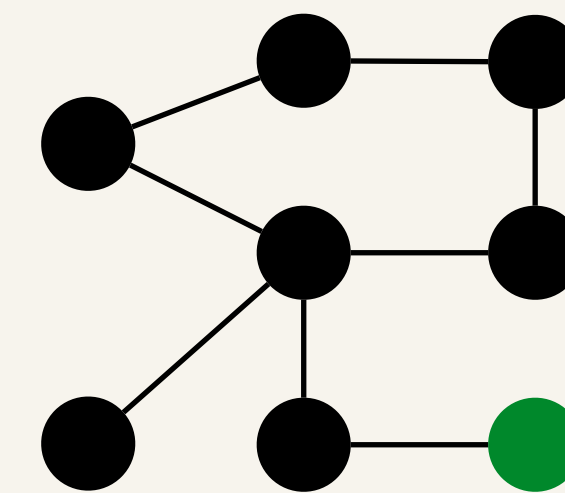
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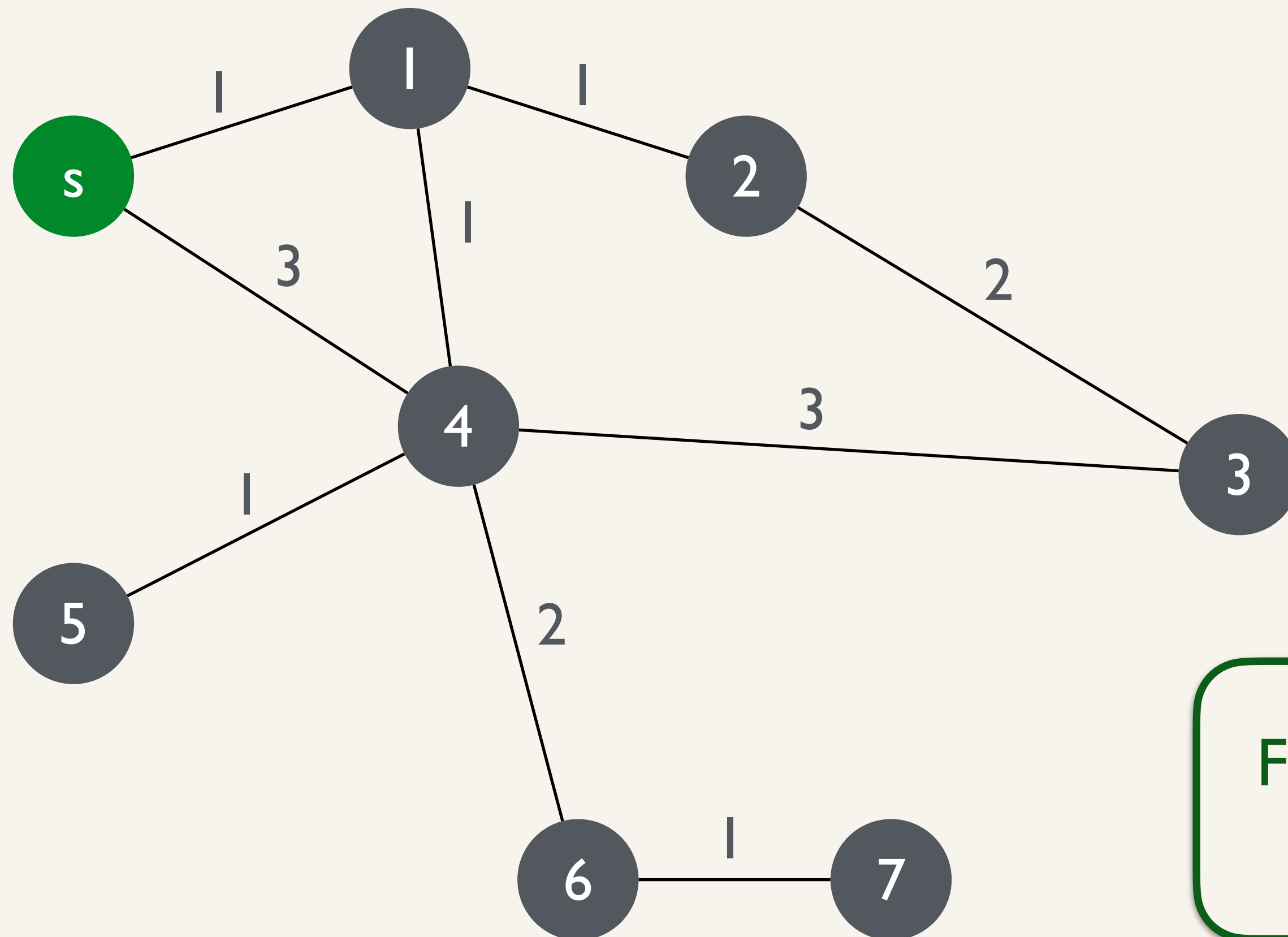
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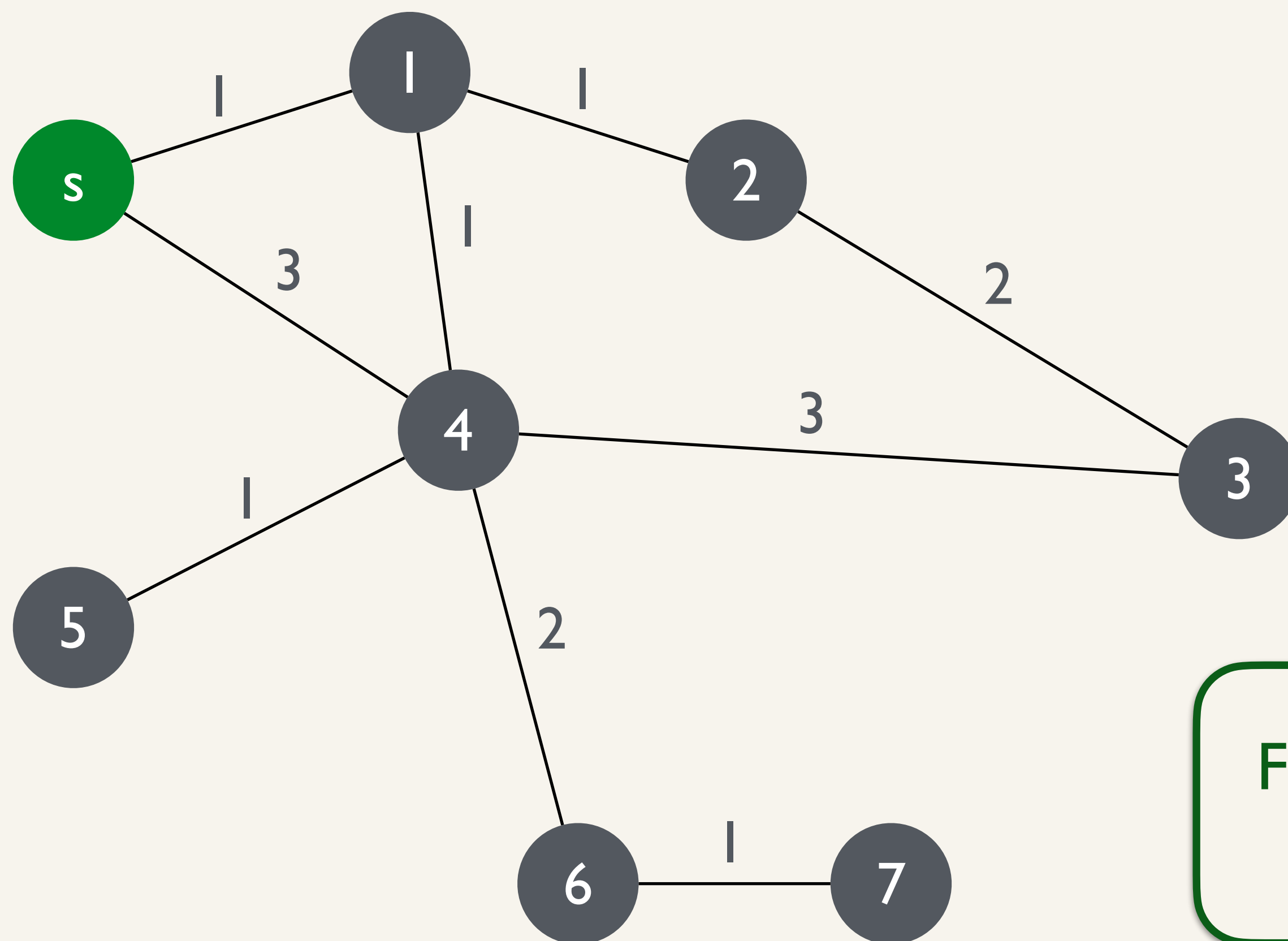


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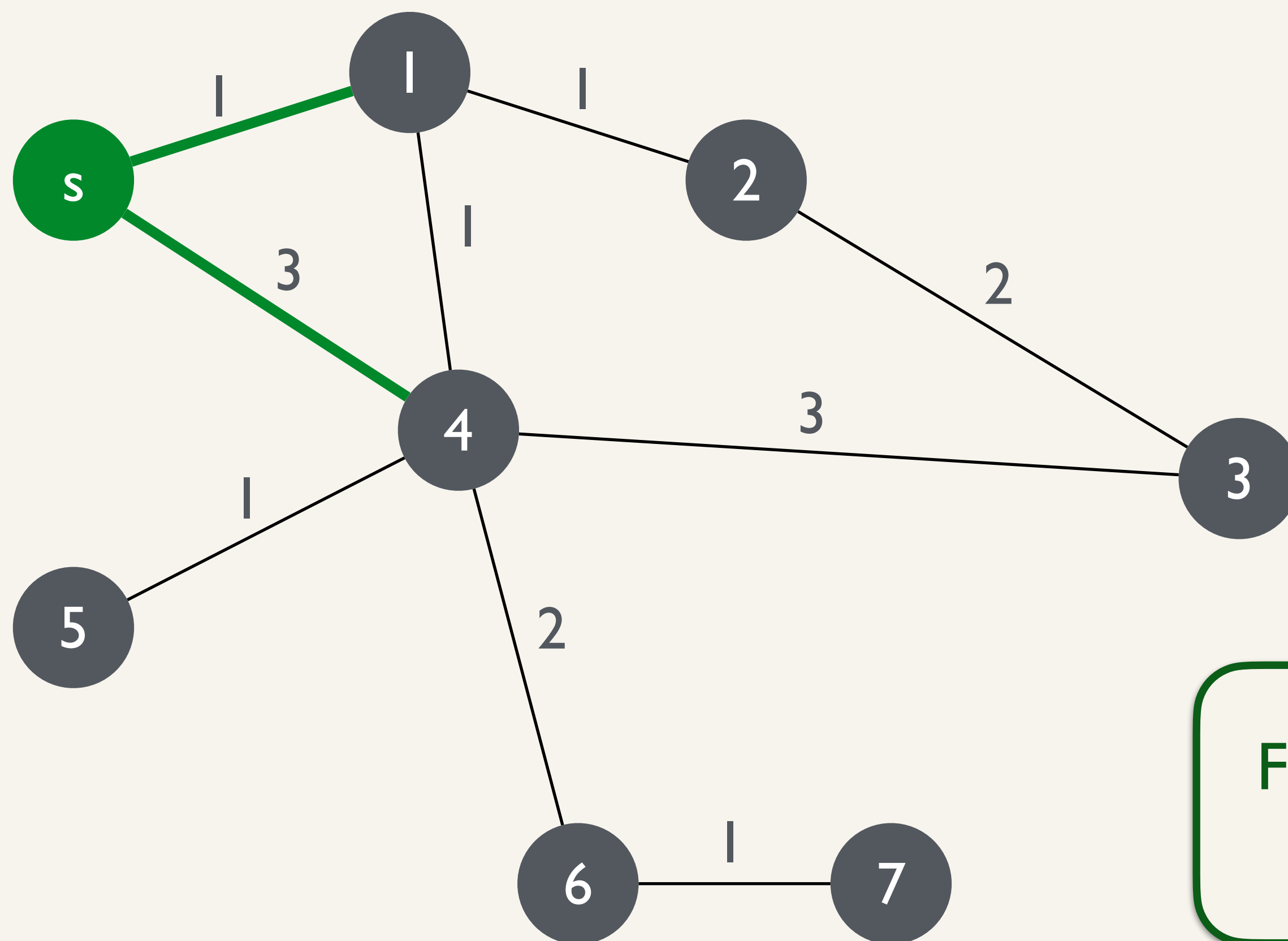
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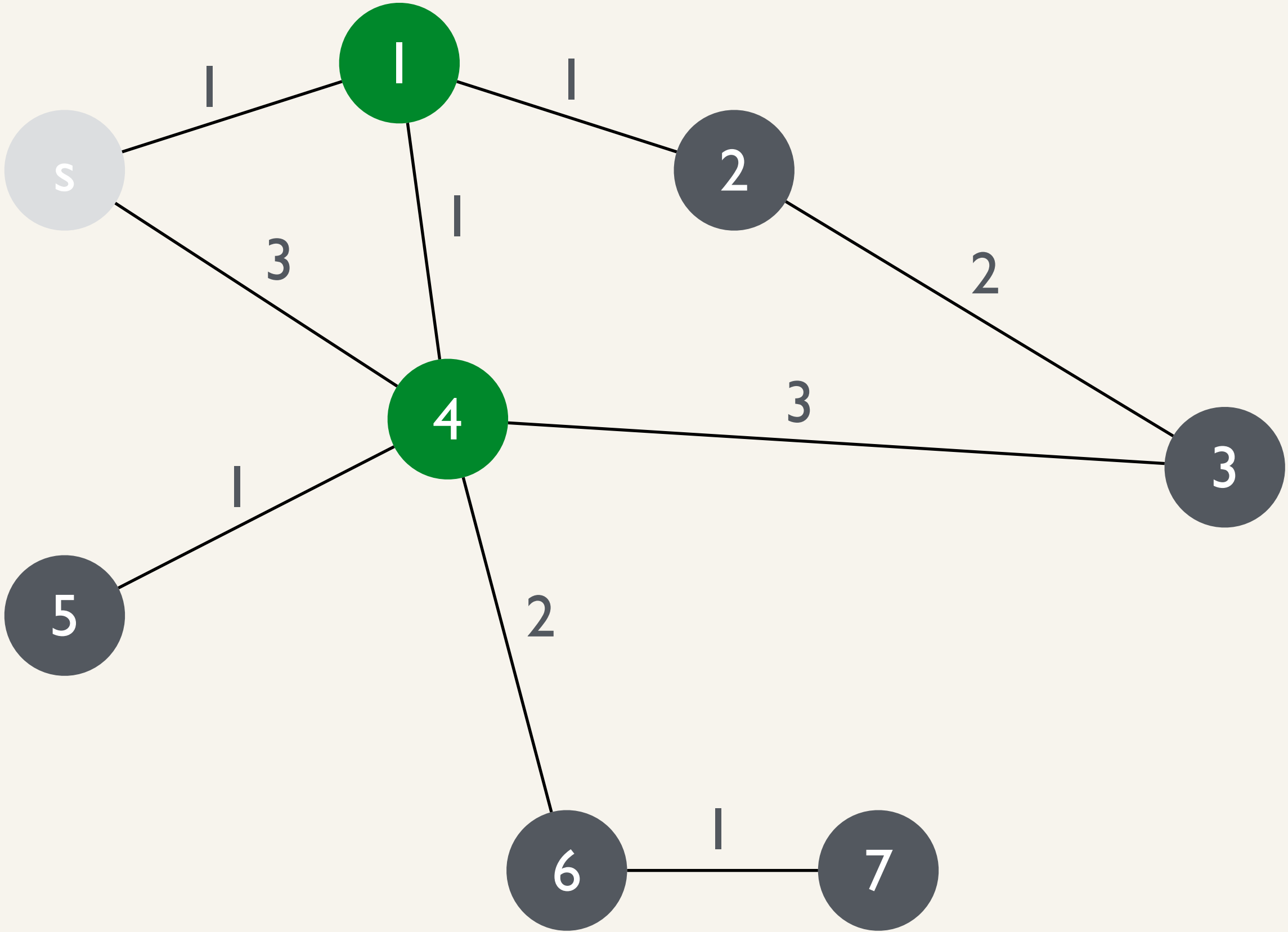
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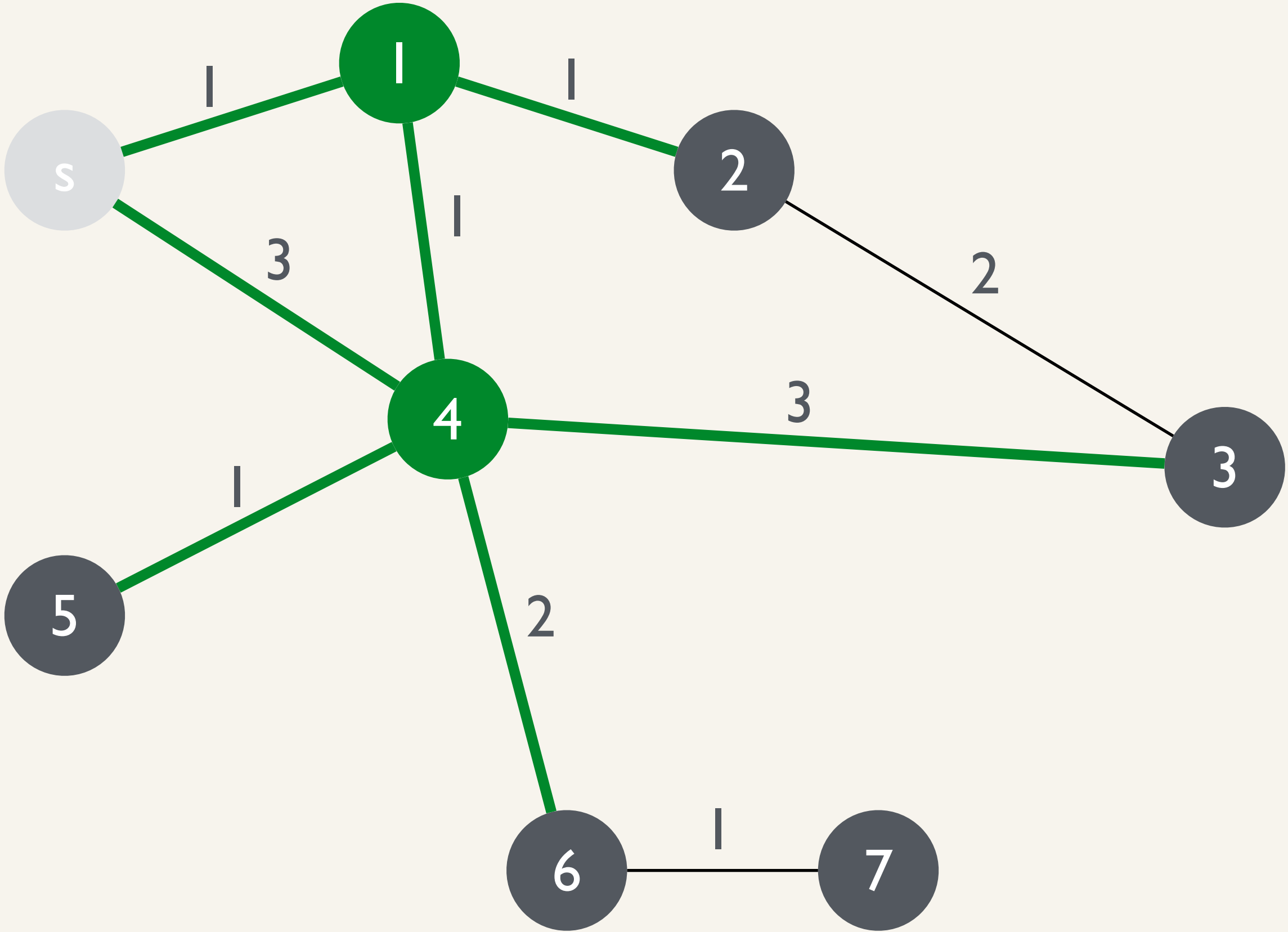
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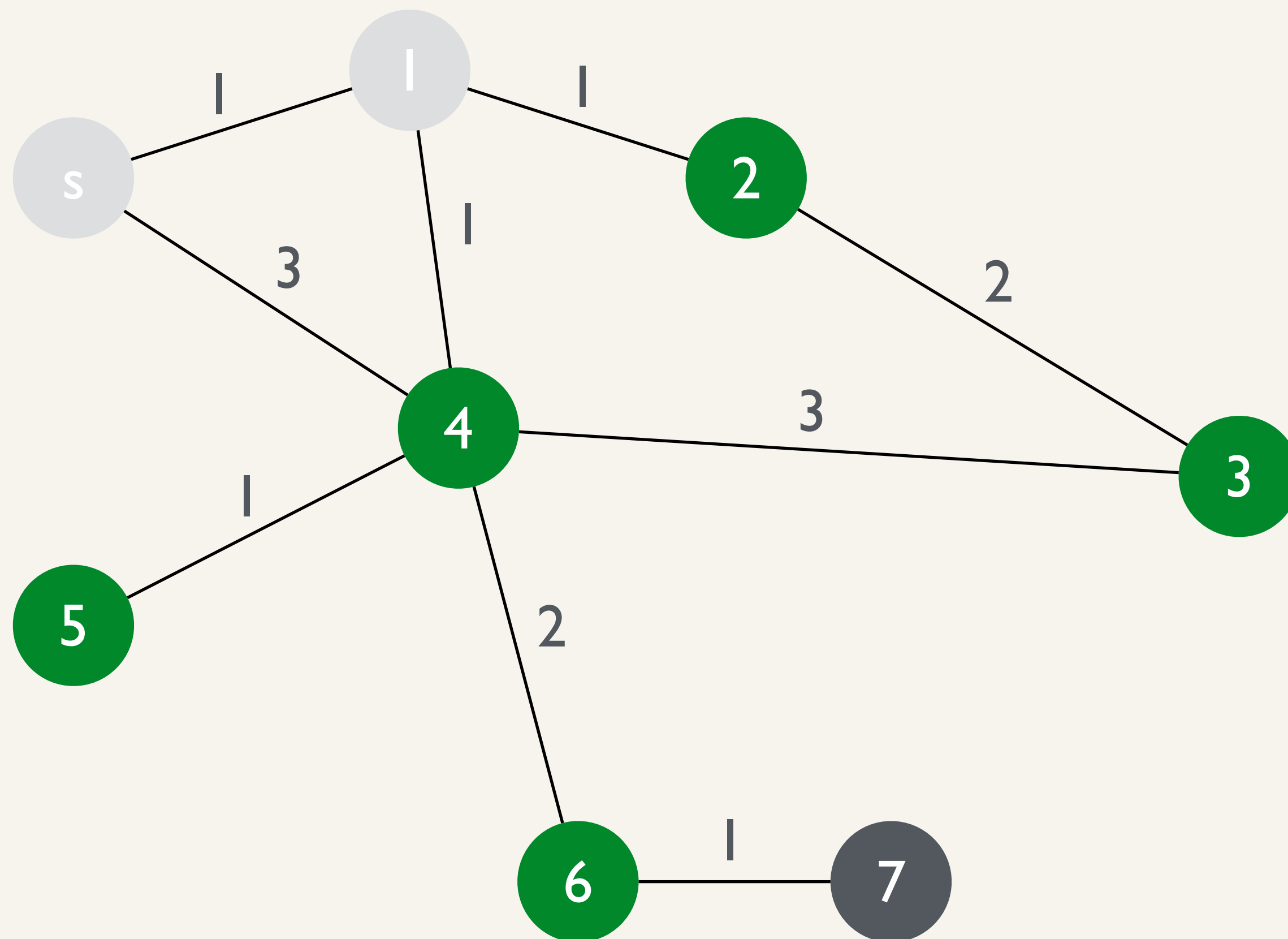
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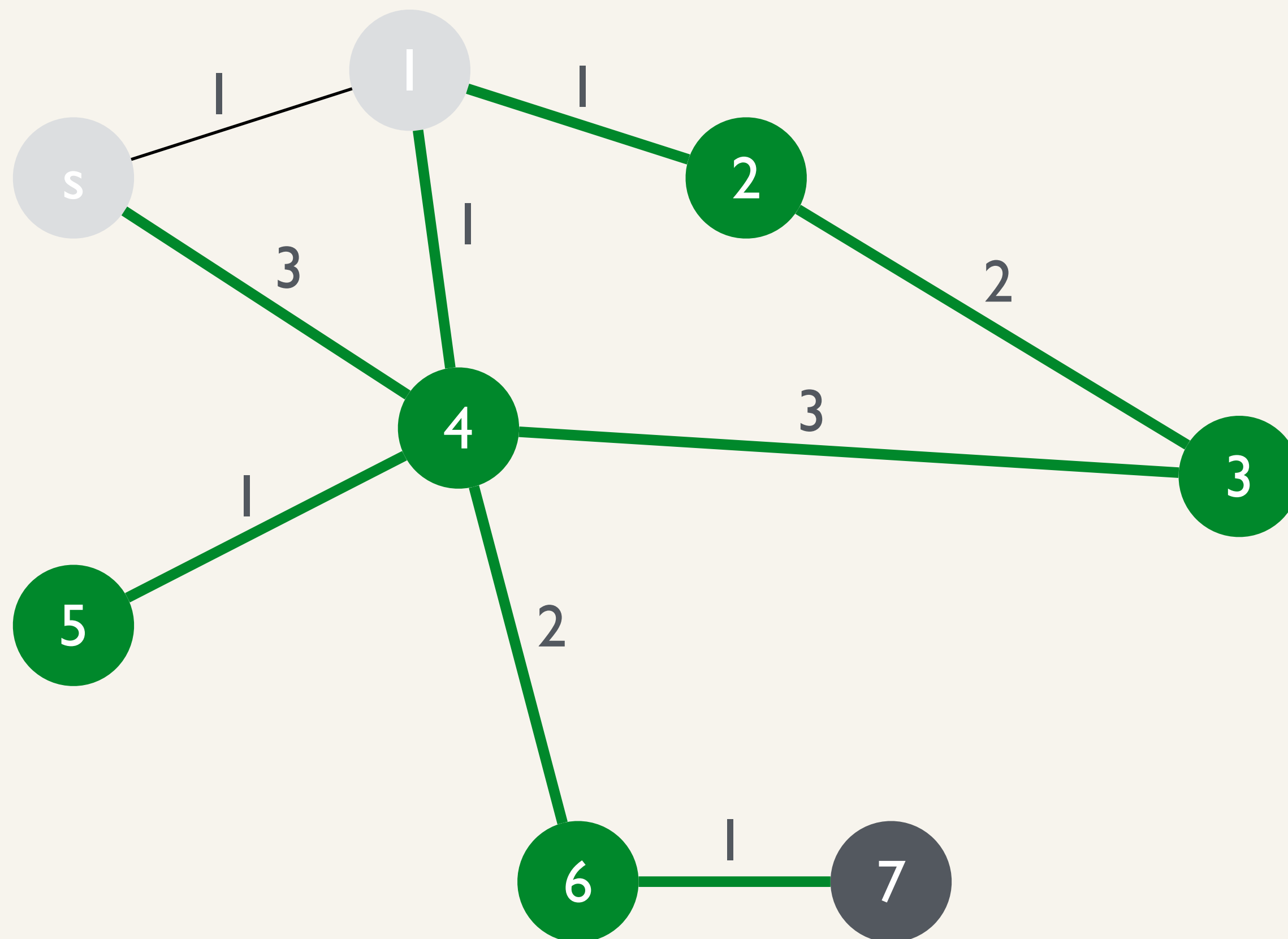
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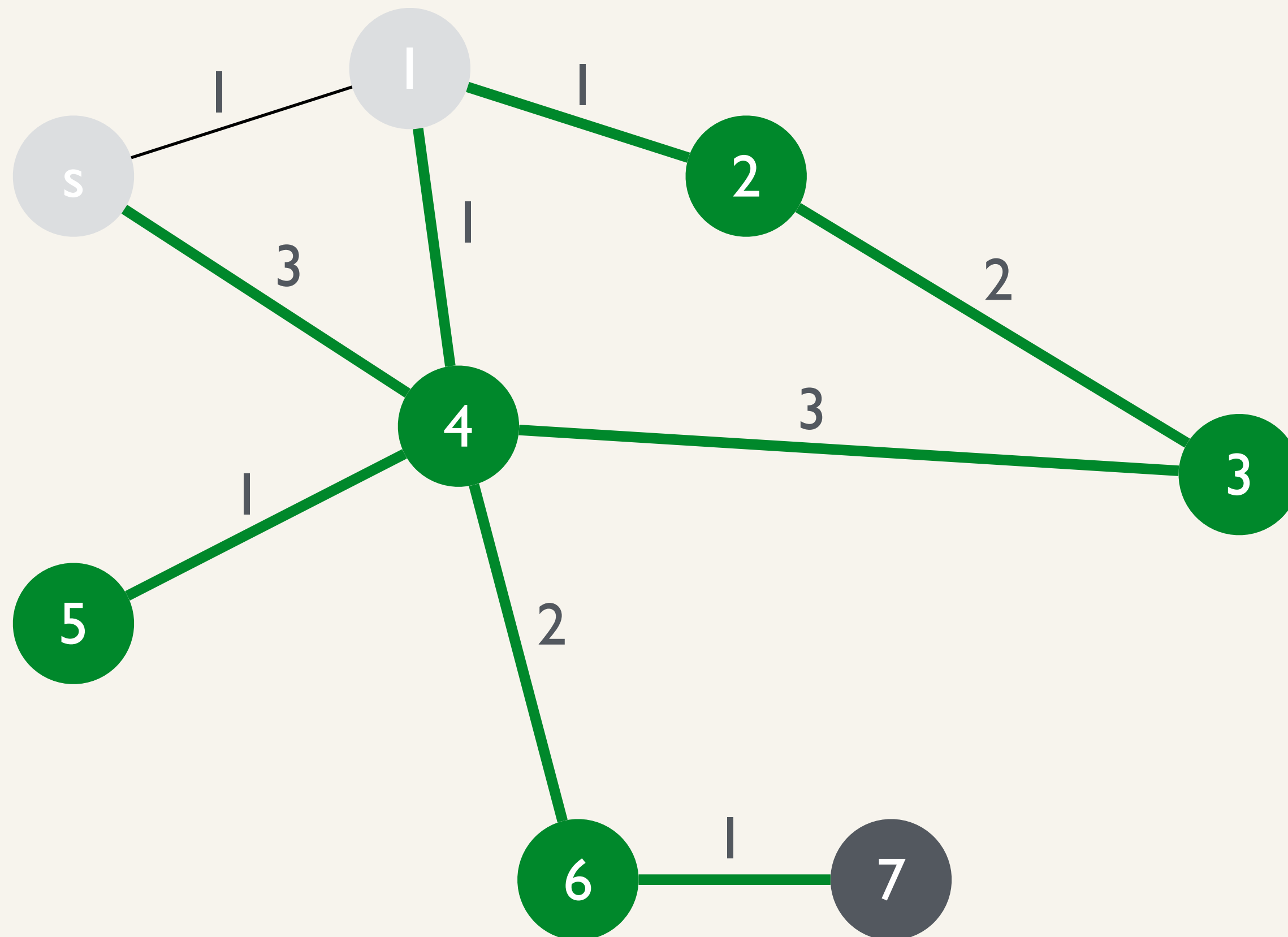
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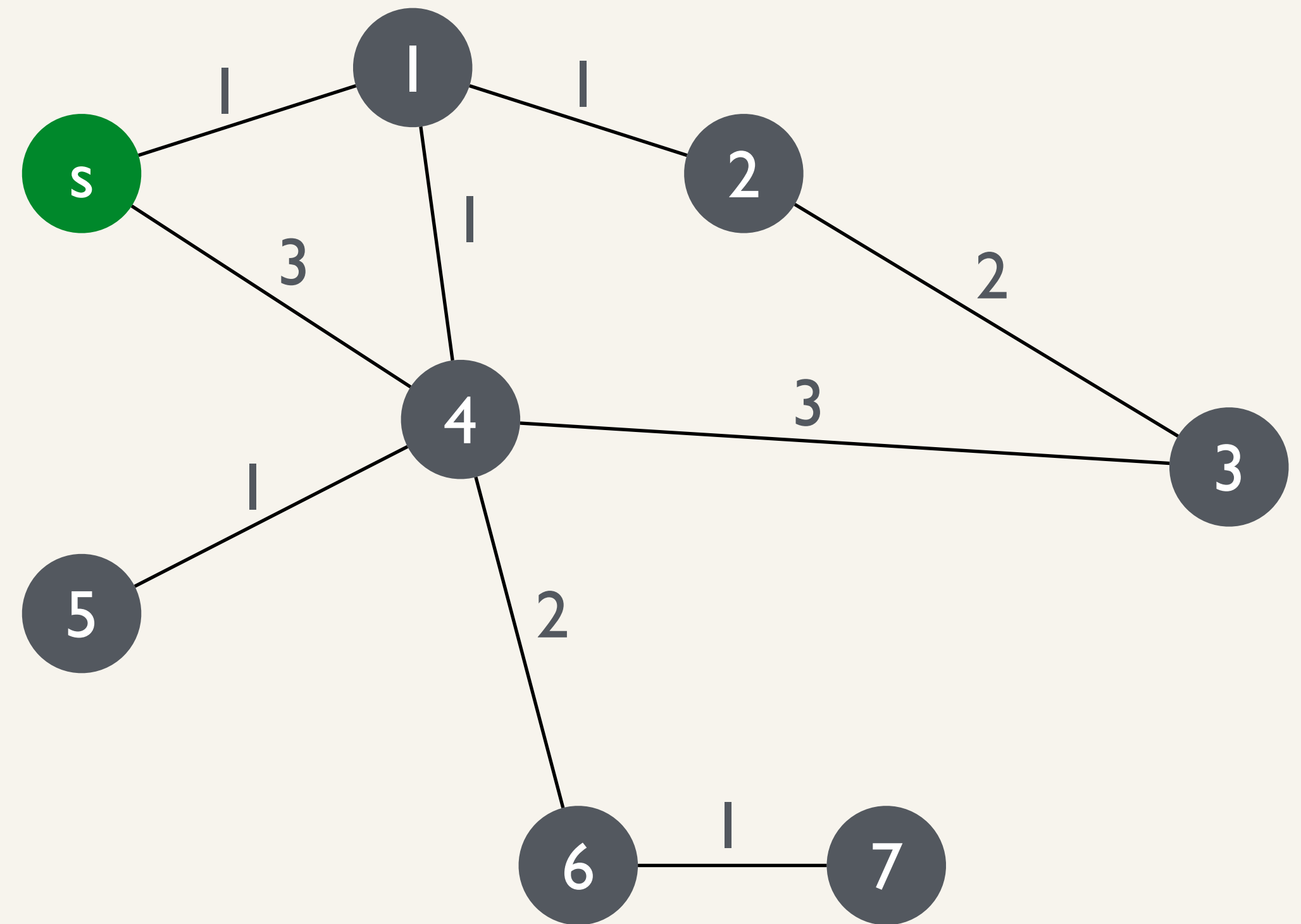
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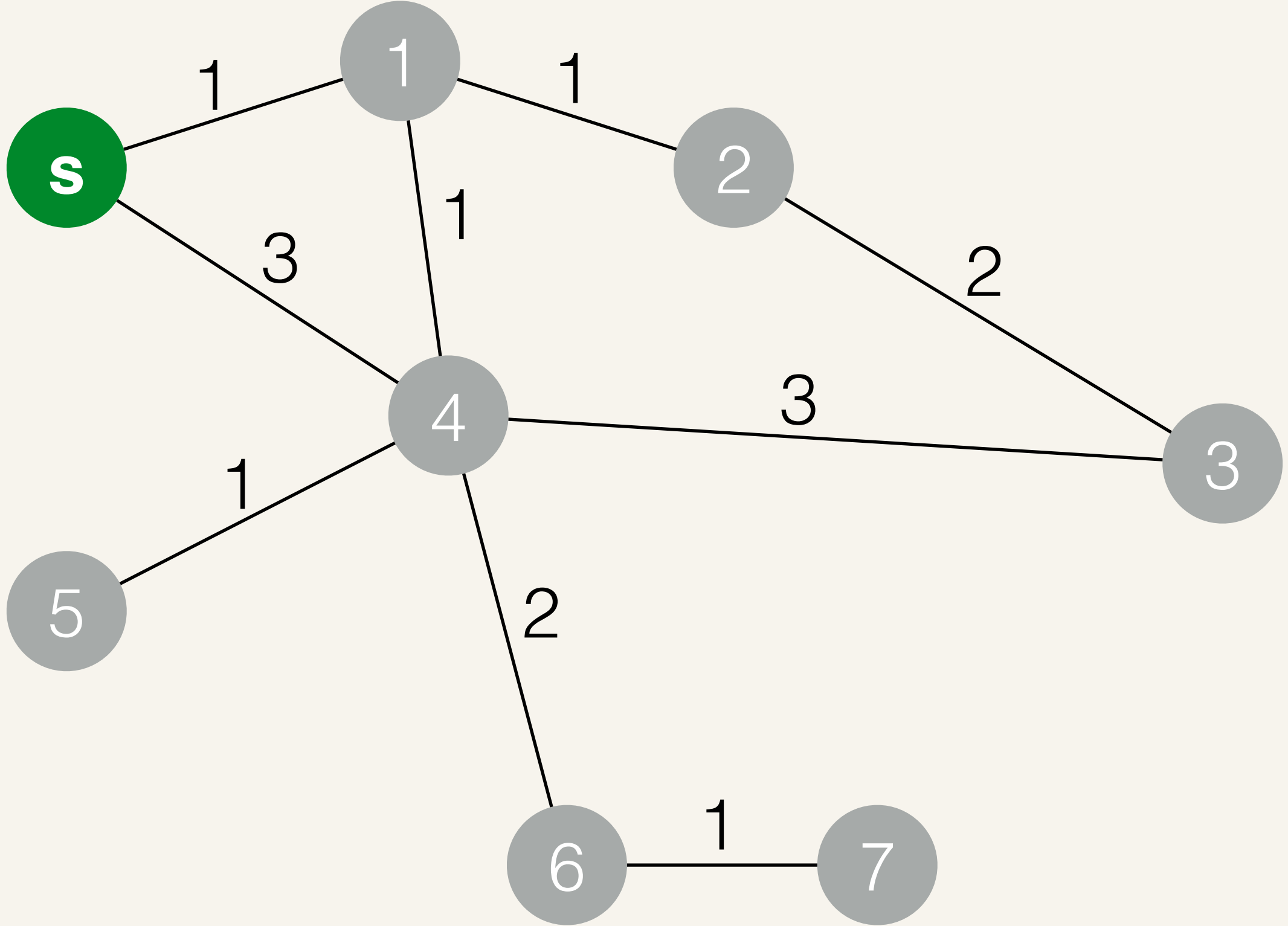
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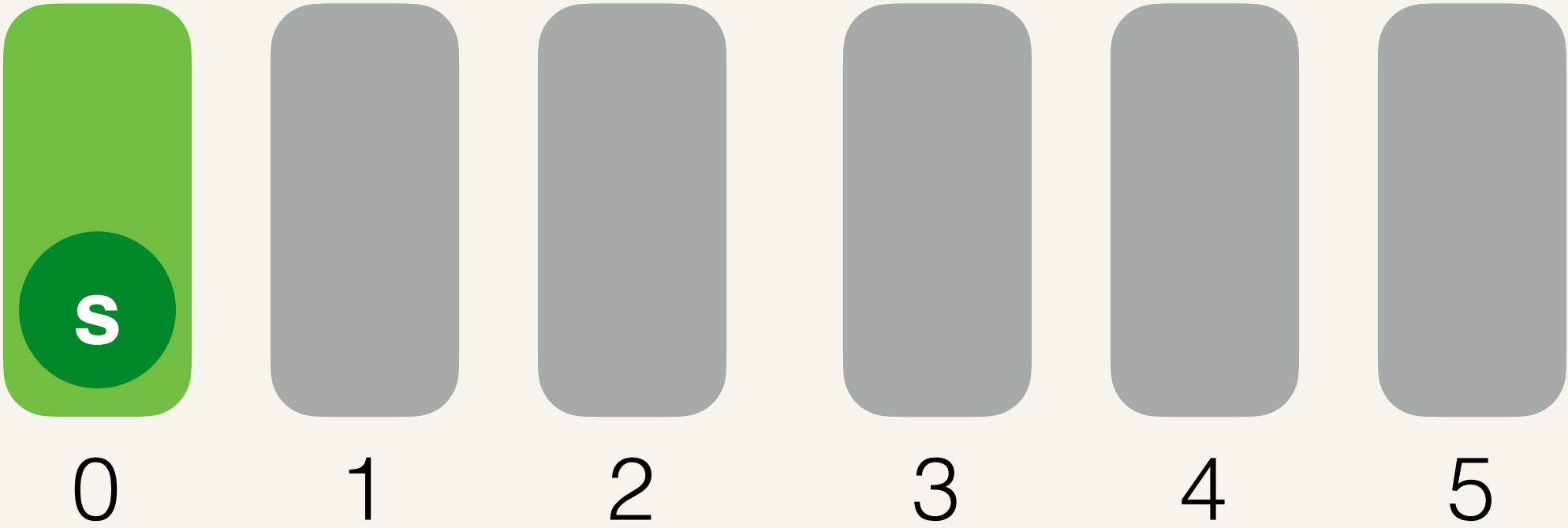
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- Represent buckets using dynamic arrays
- Runs in  $O(m + r_{\text{src}})$  work



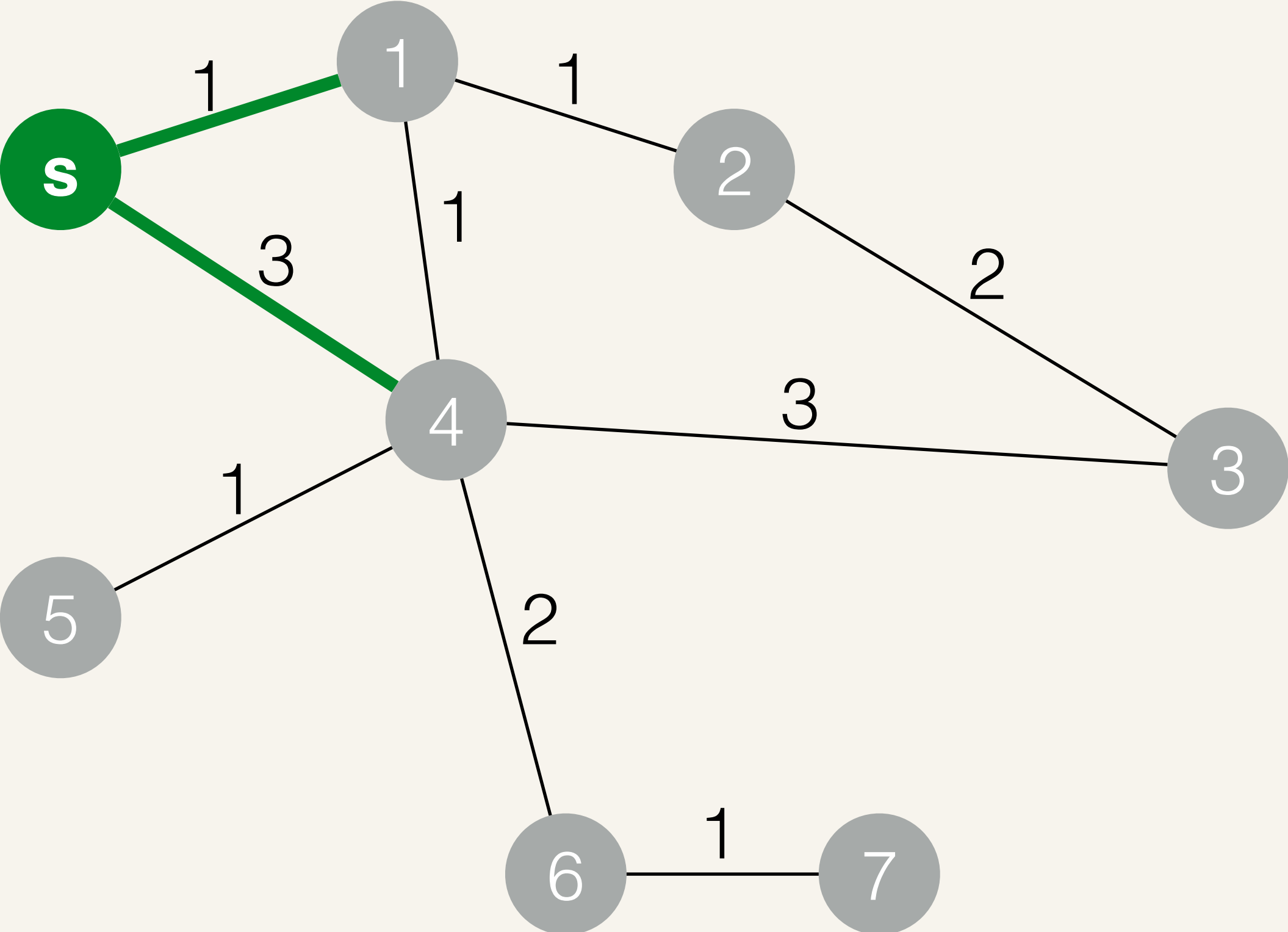
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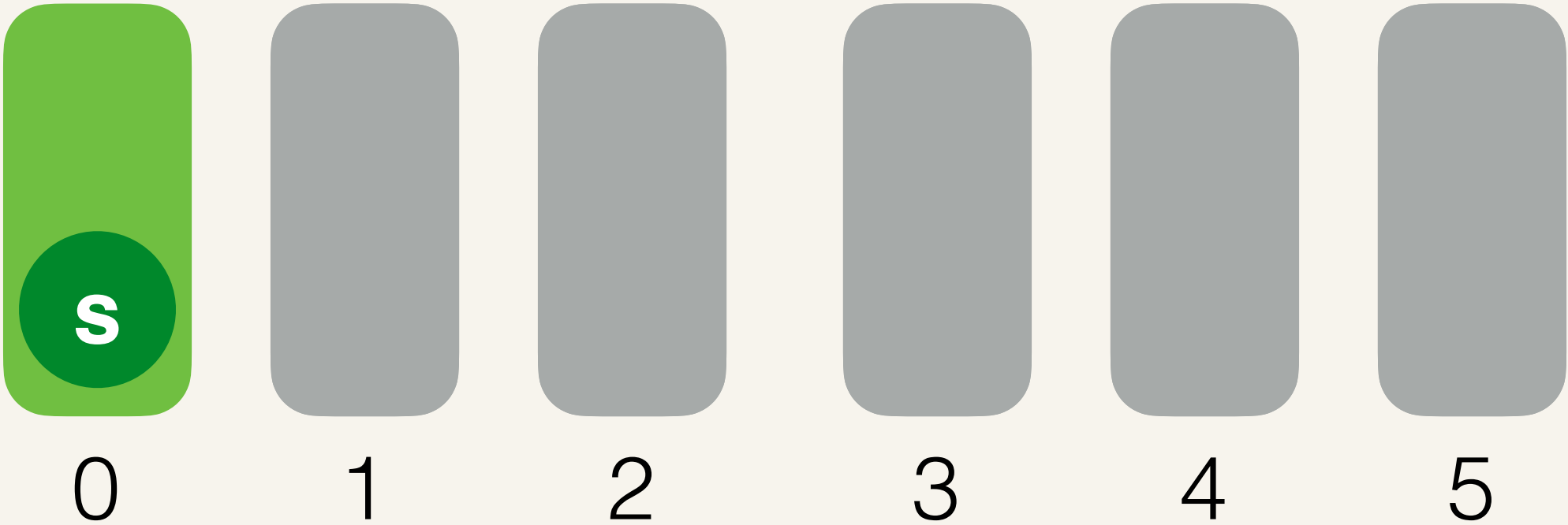
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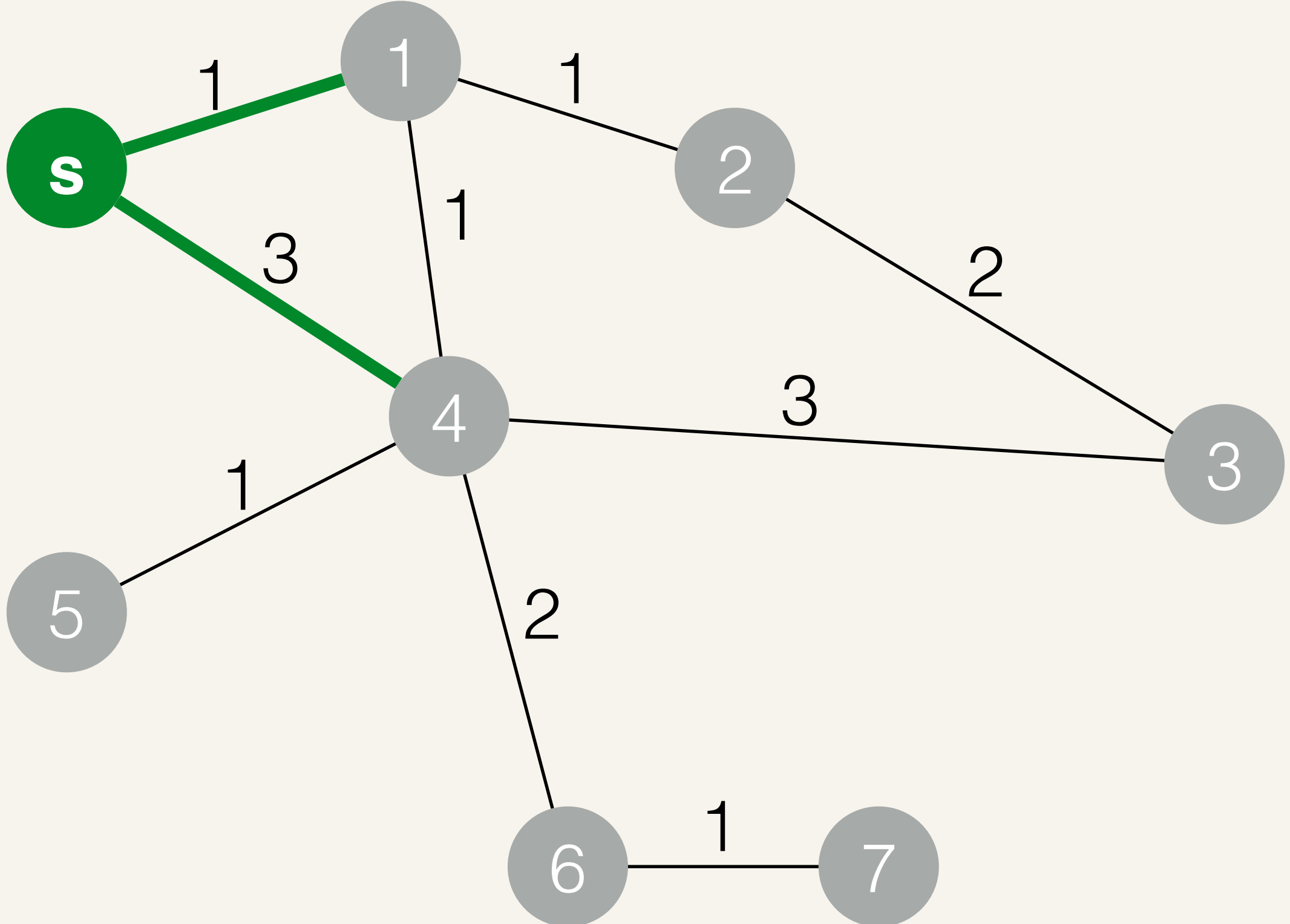
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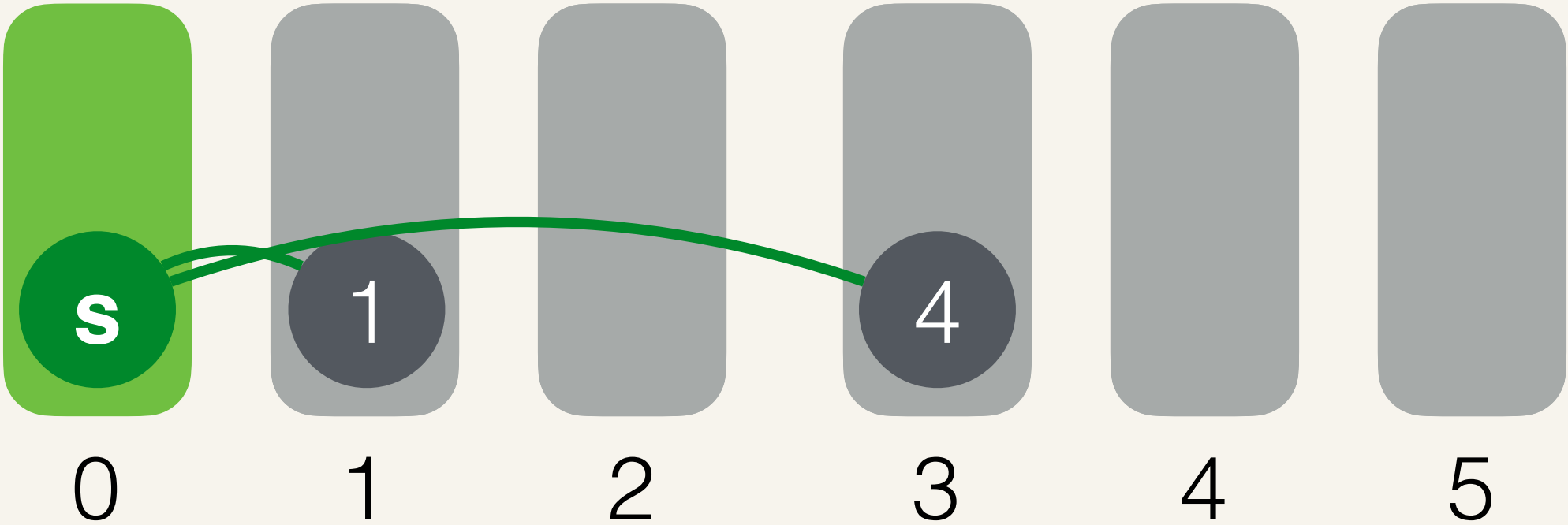
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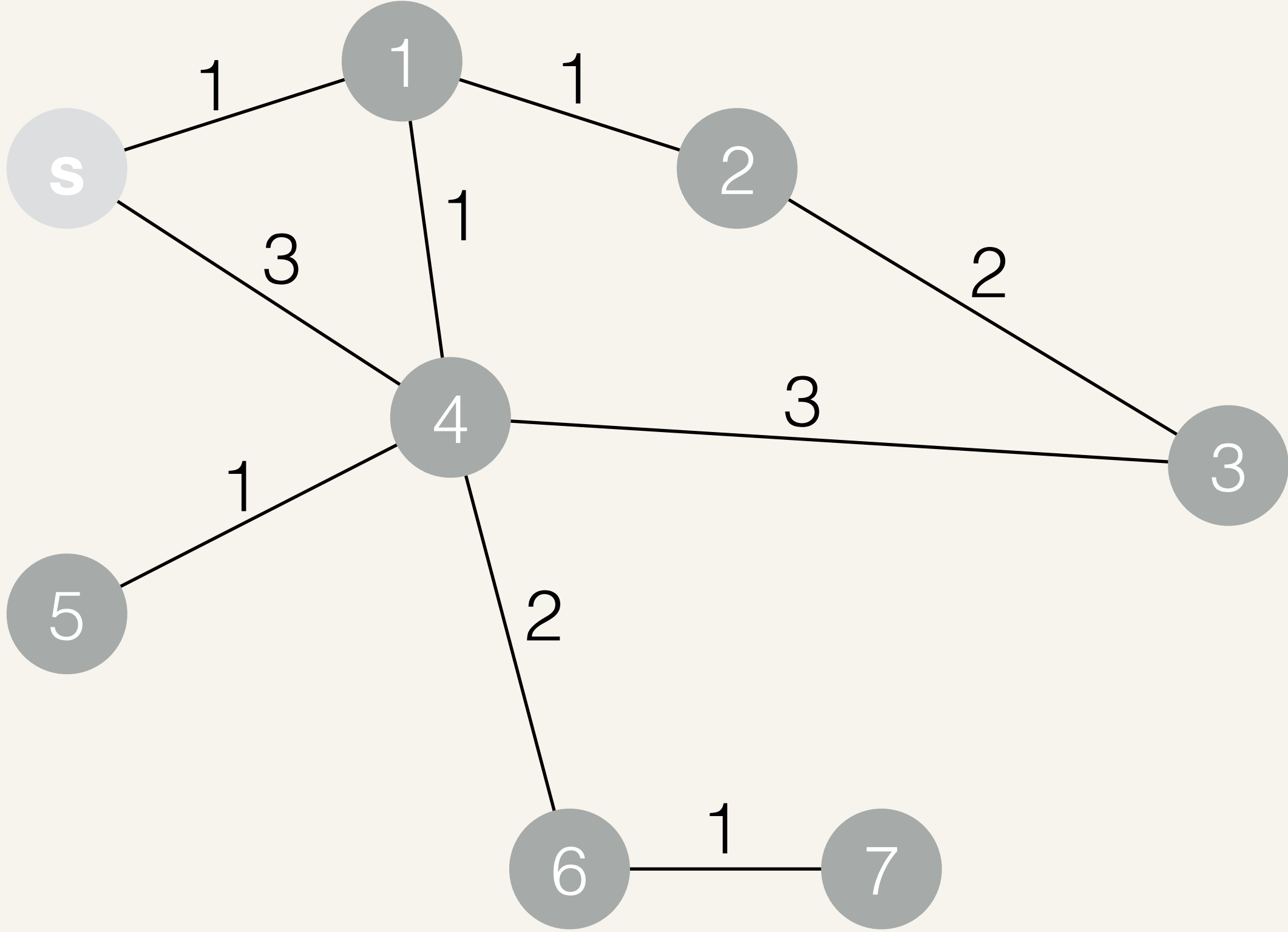
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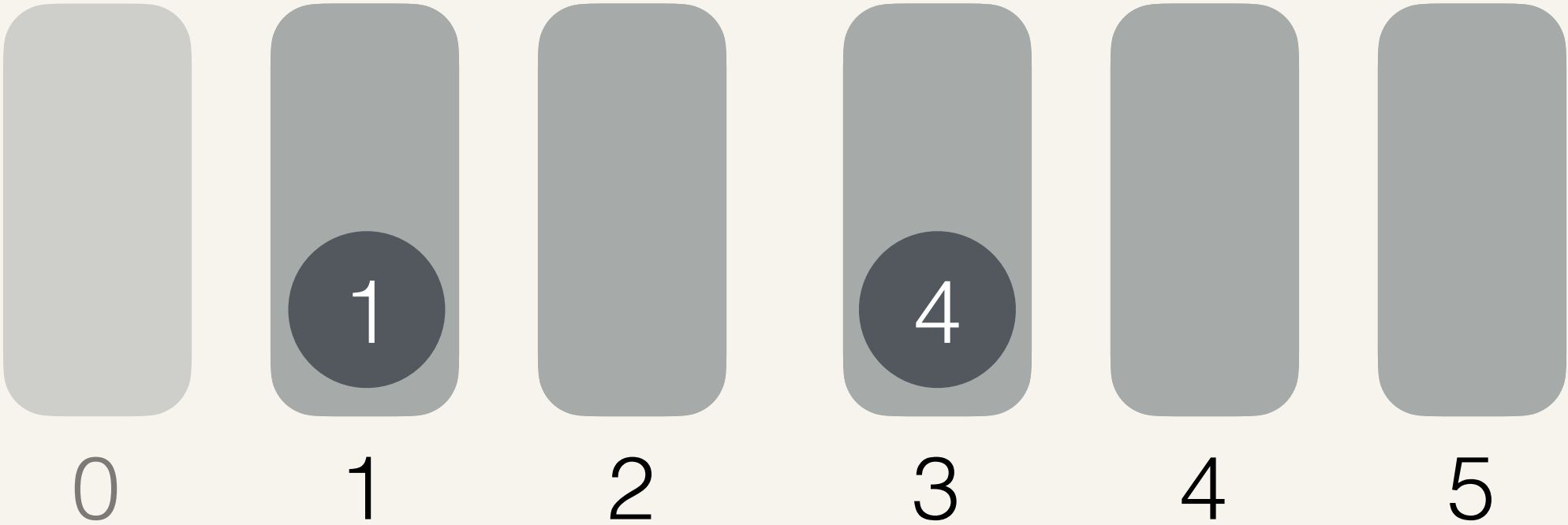
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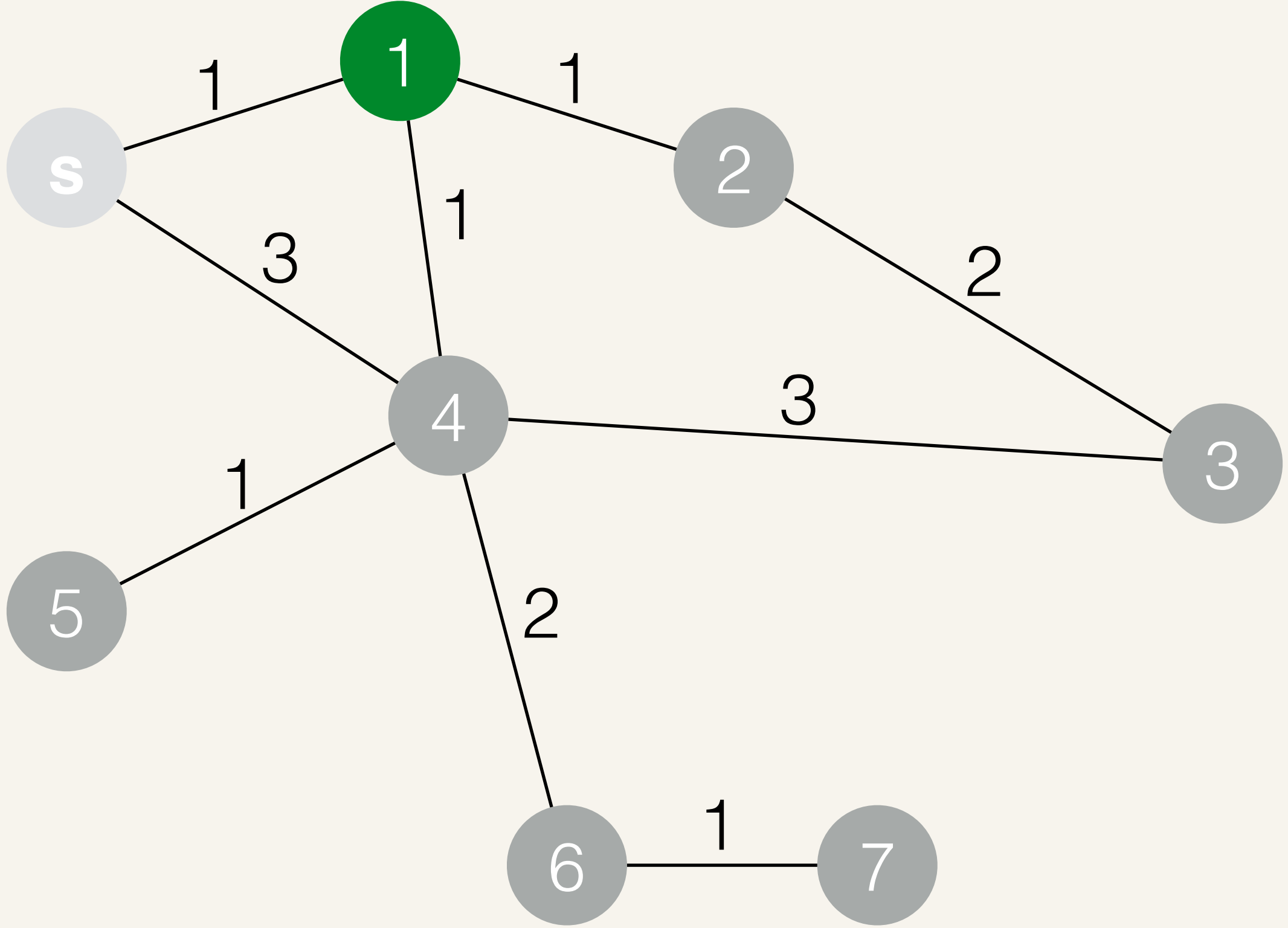
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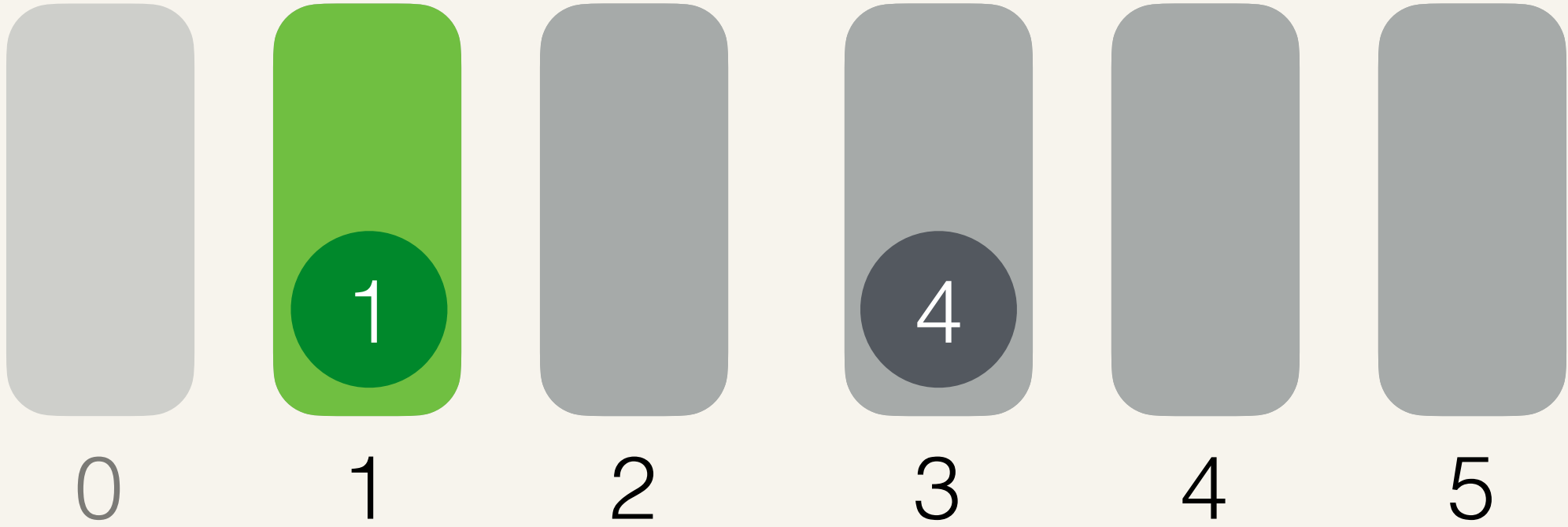
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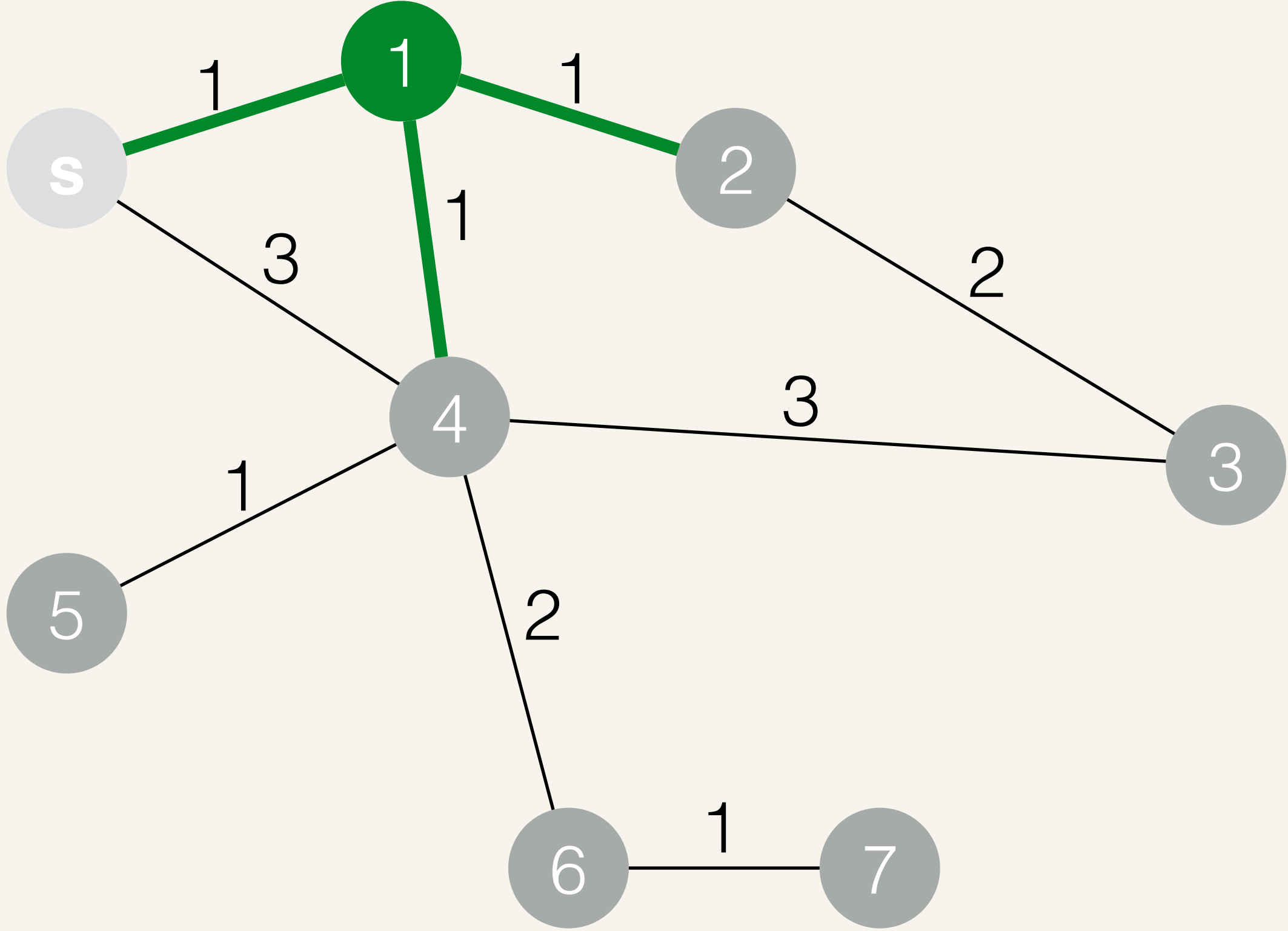
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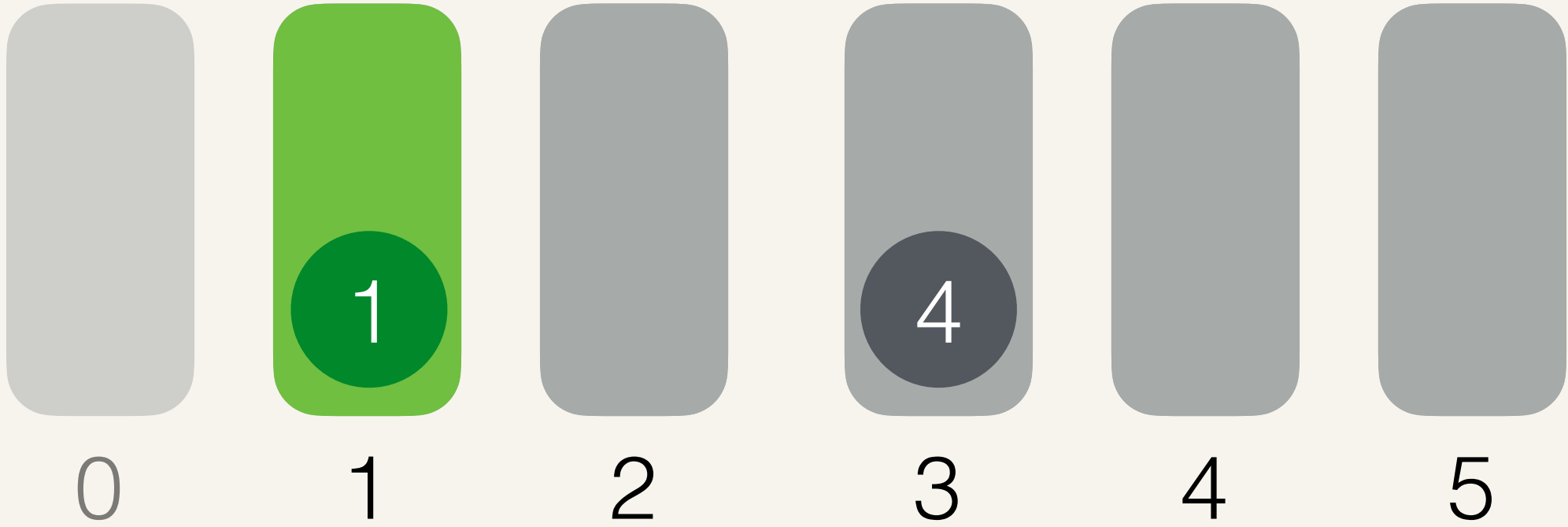
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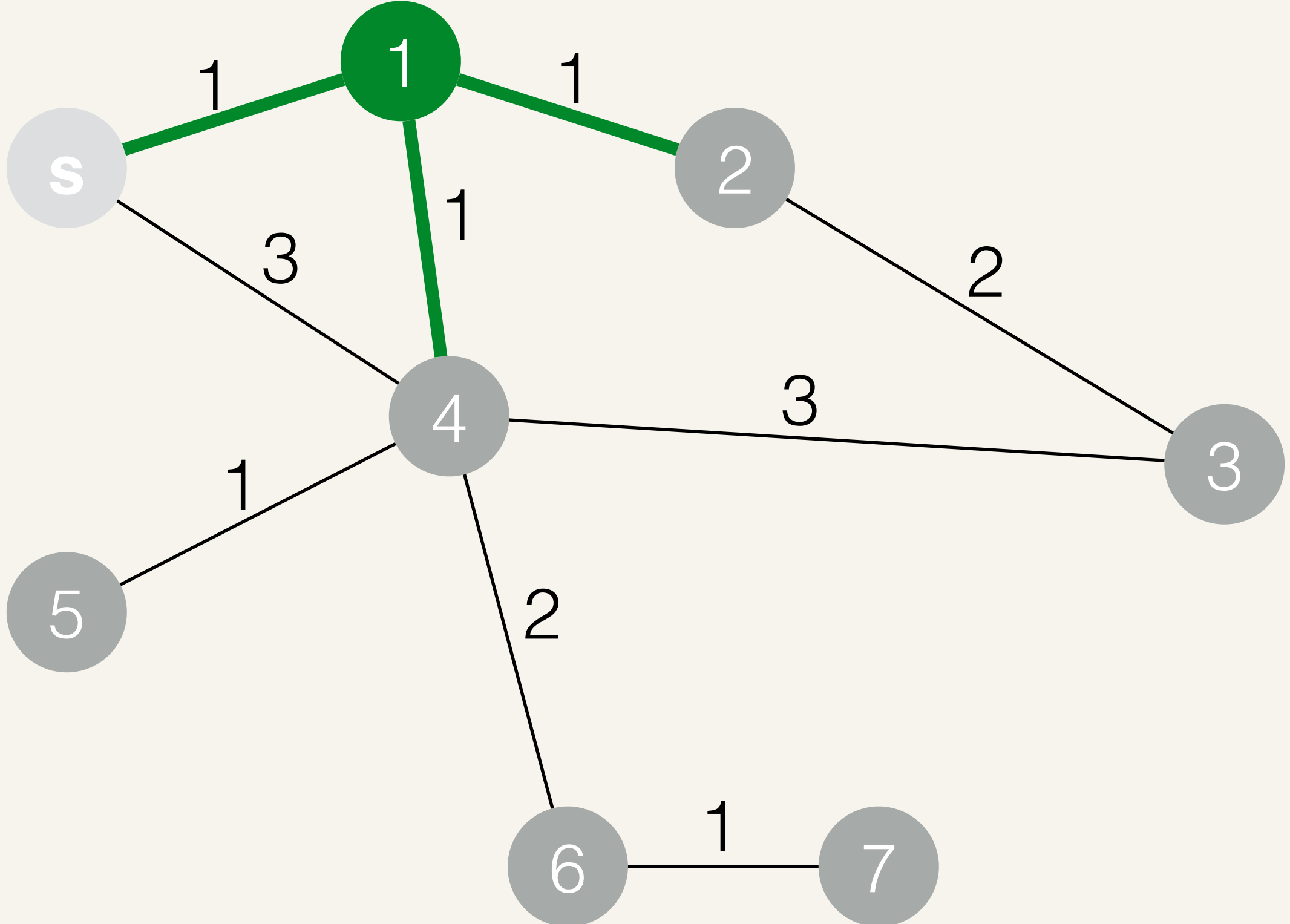


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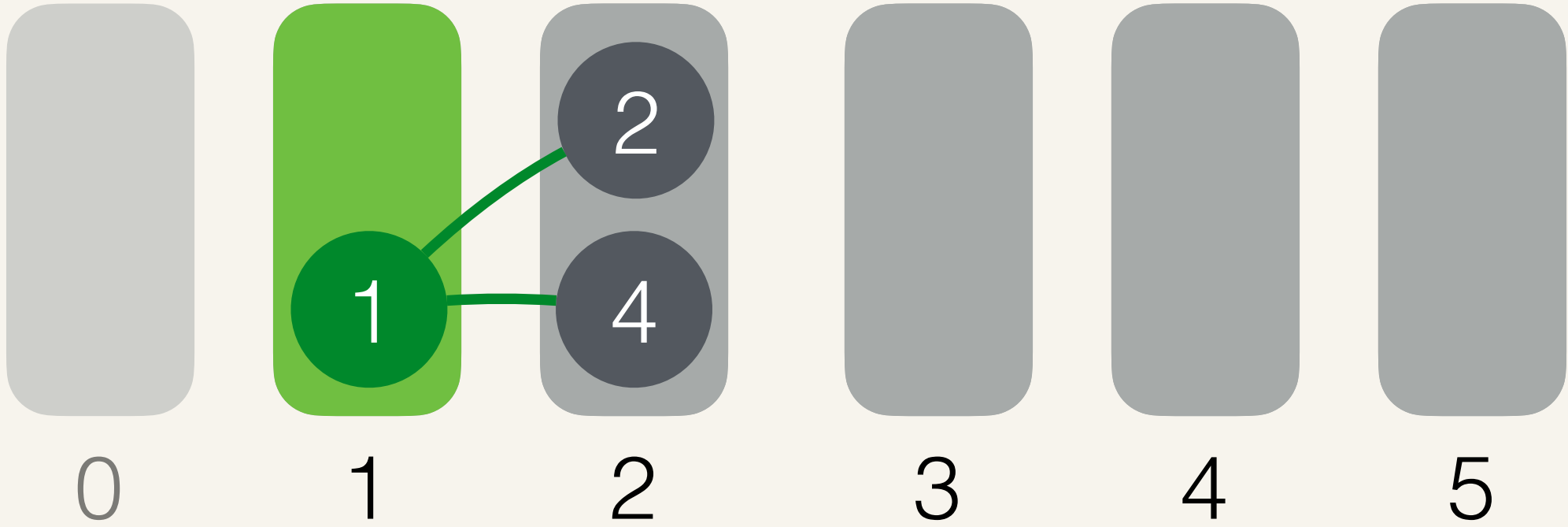




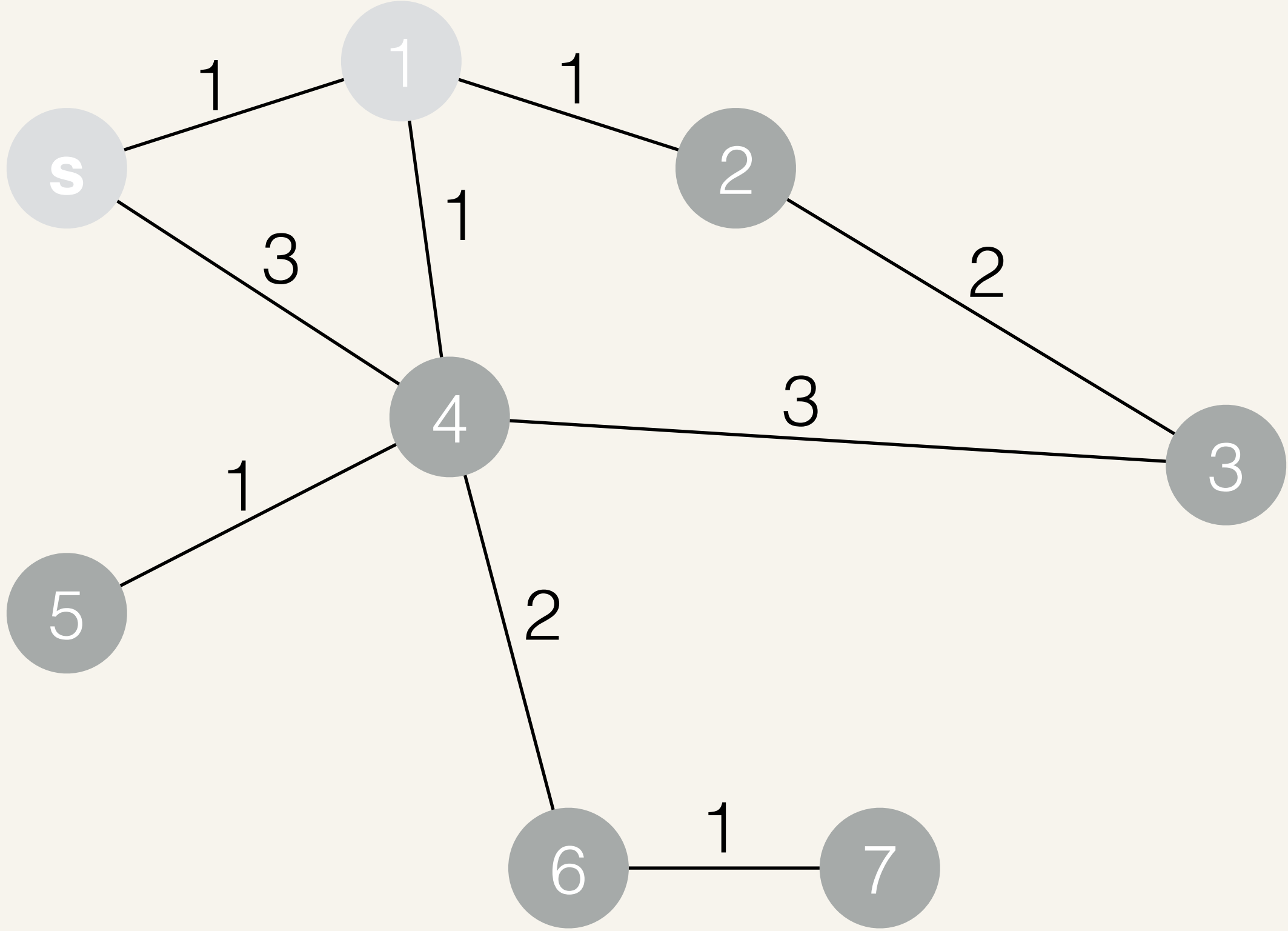
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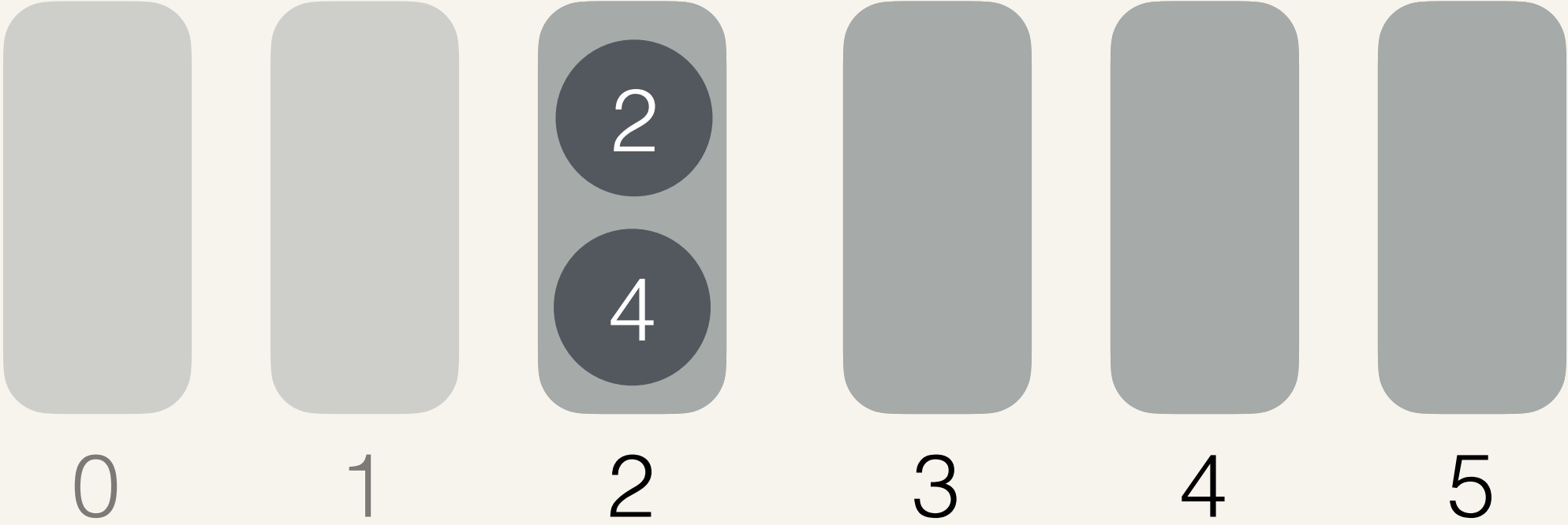
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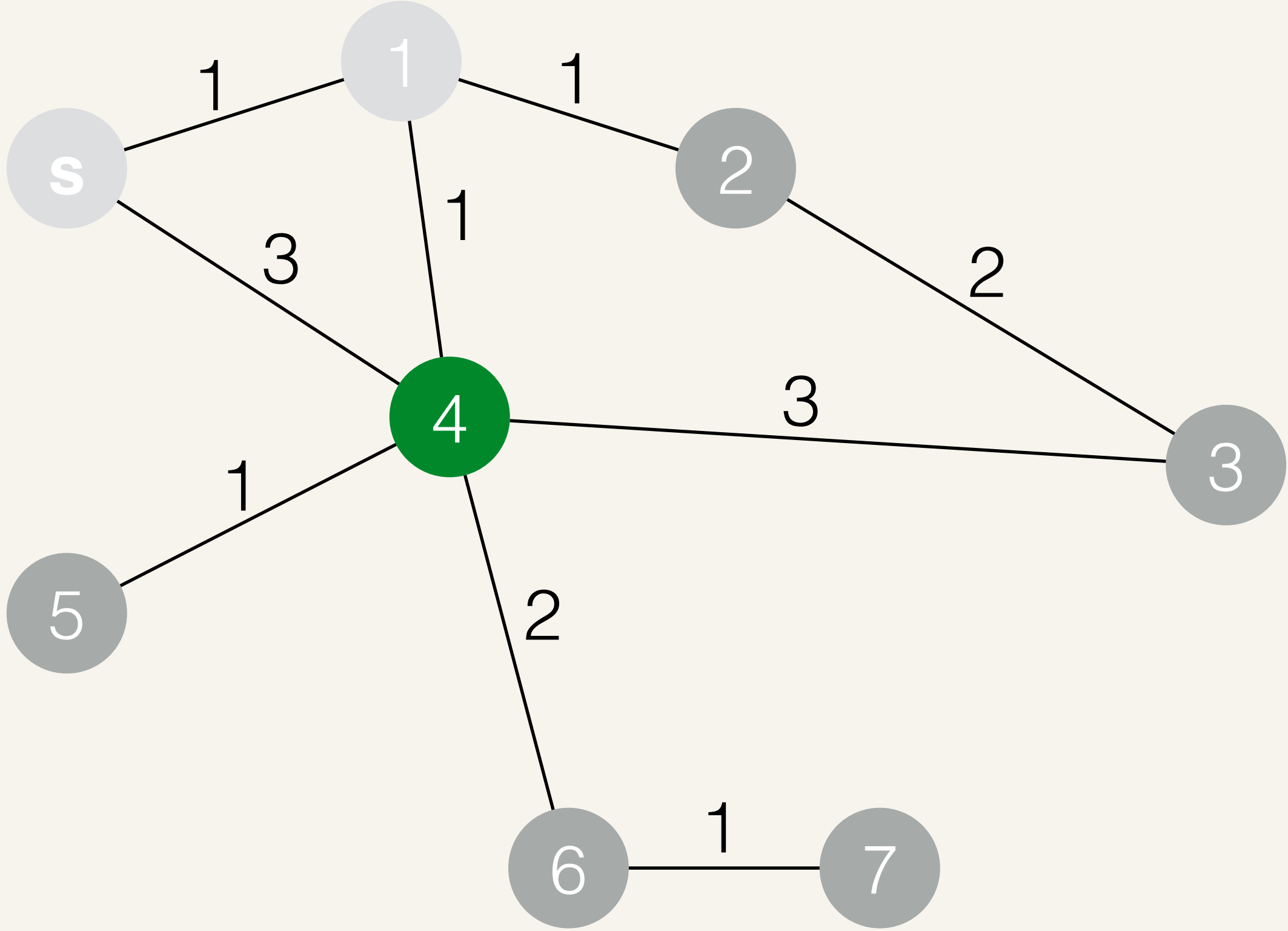
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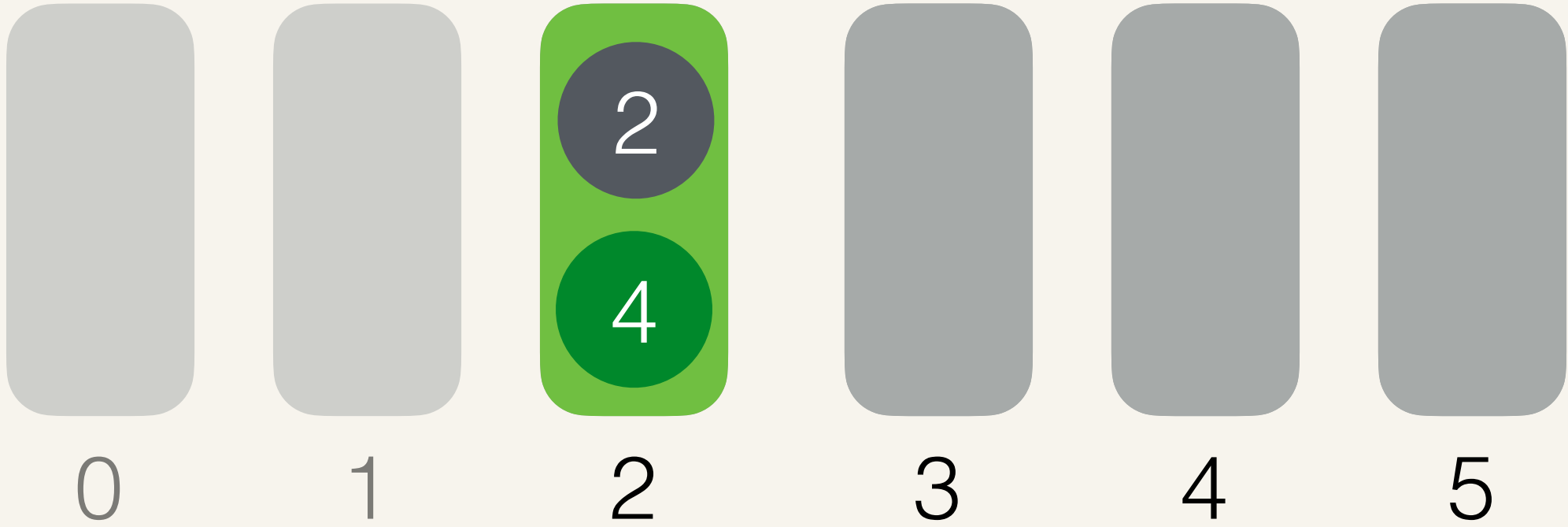
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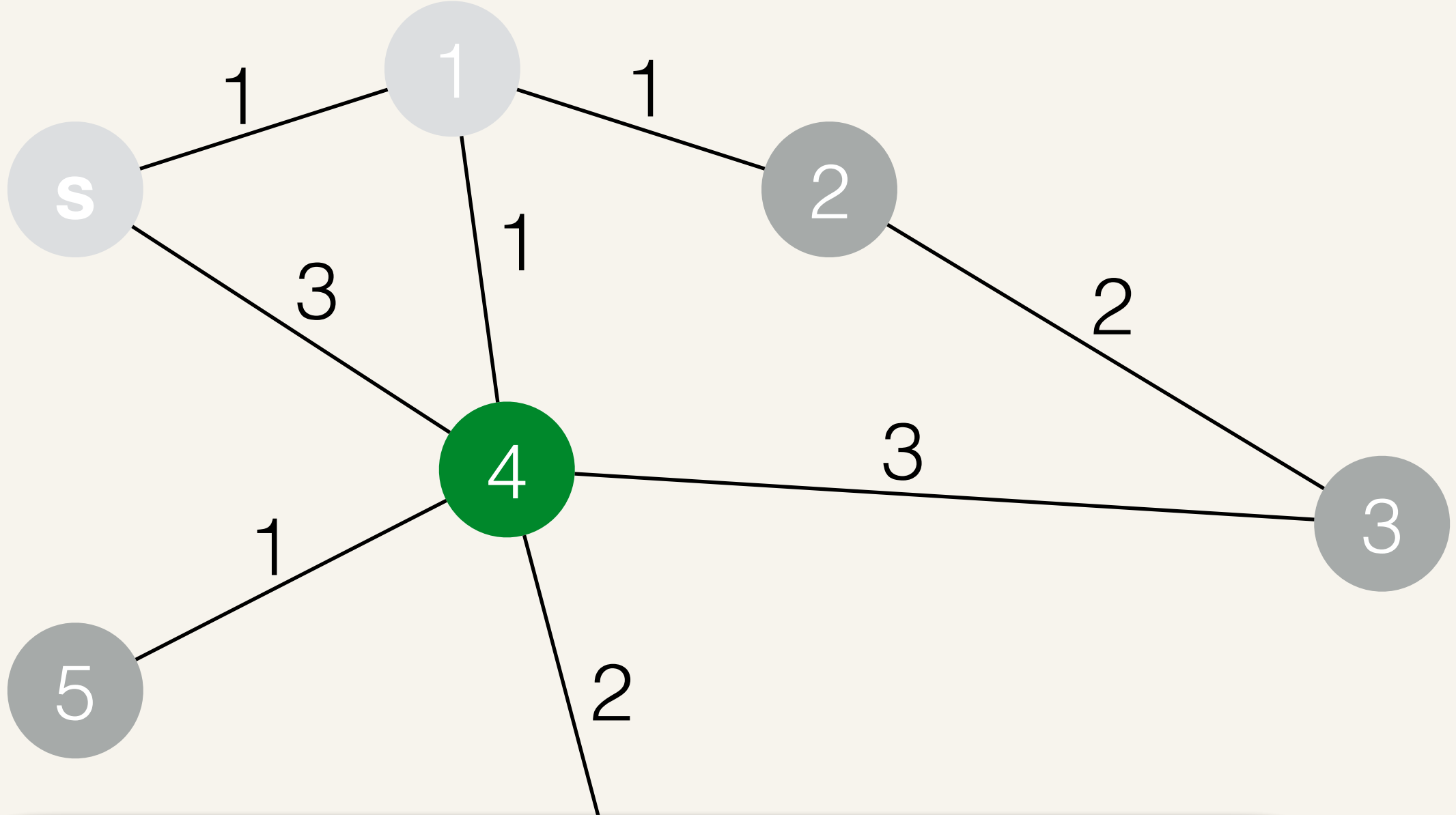
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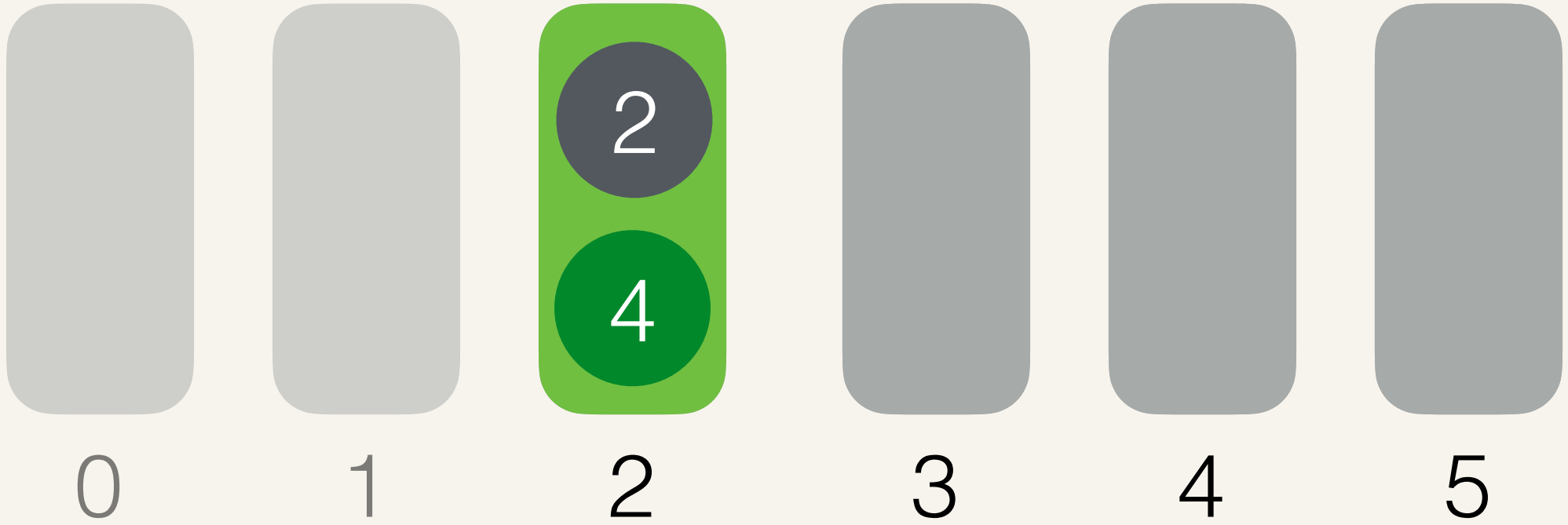


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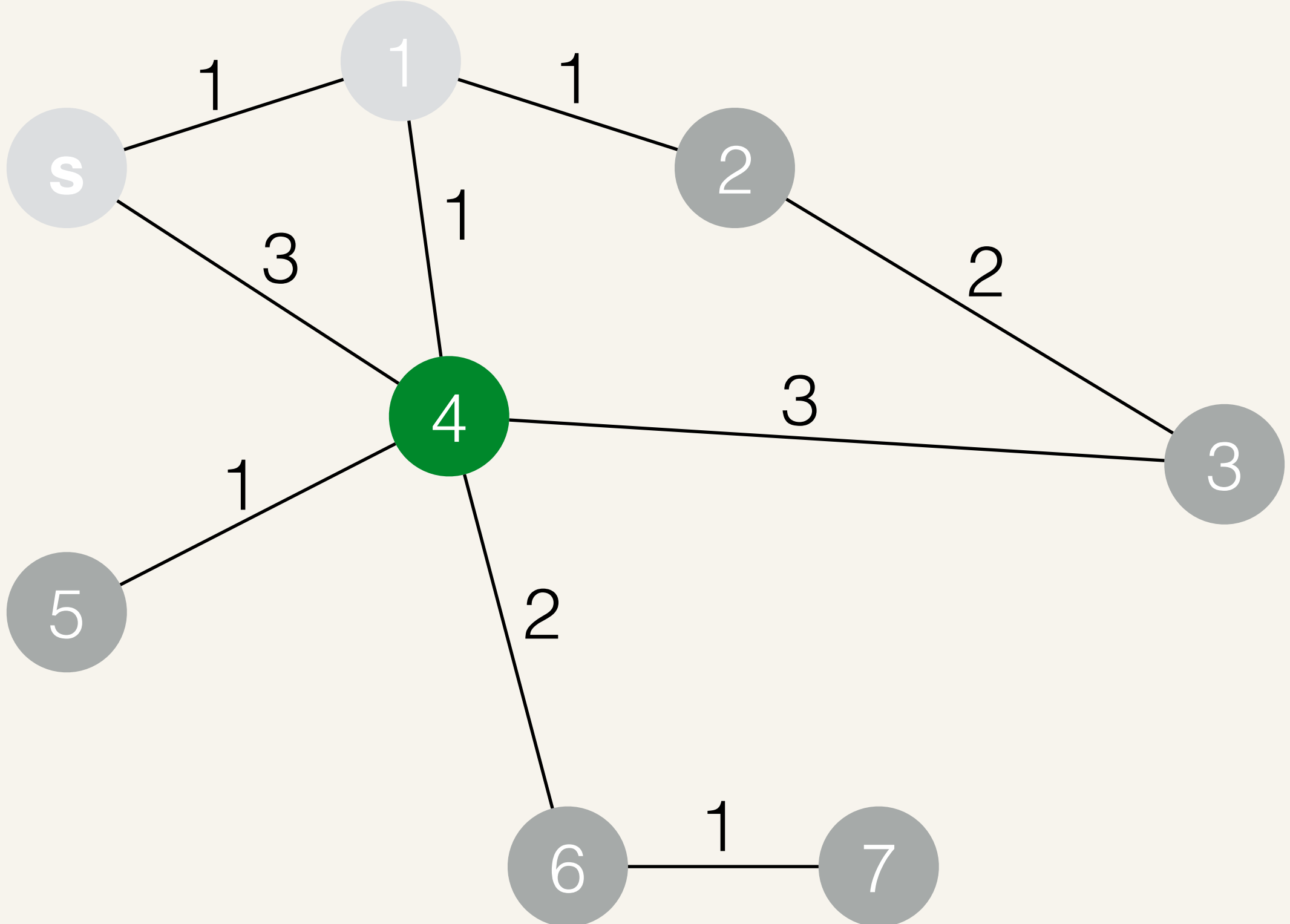
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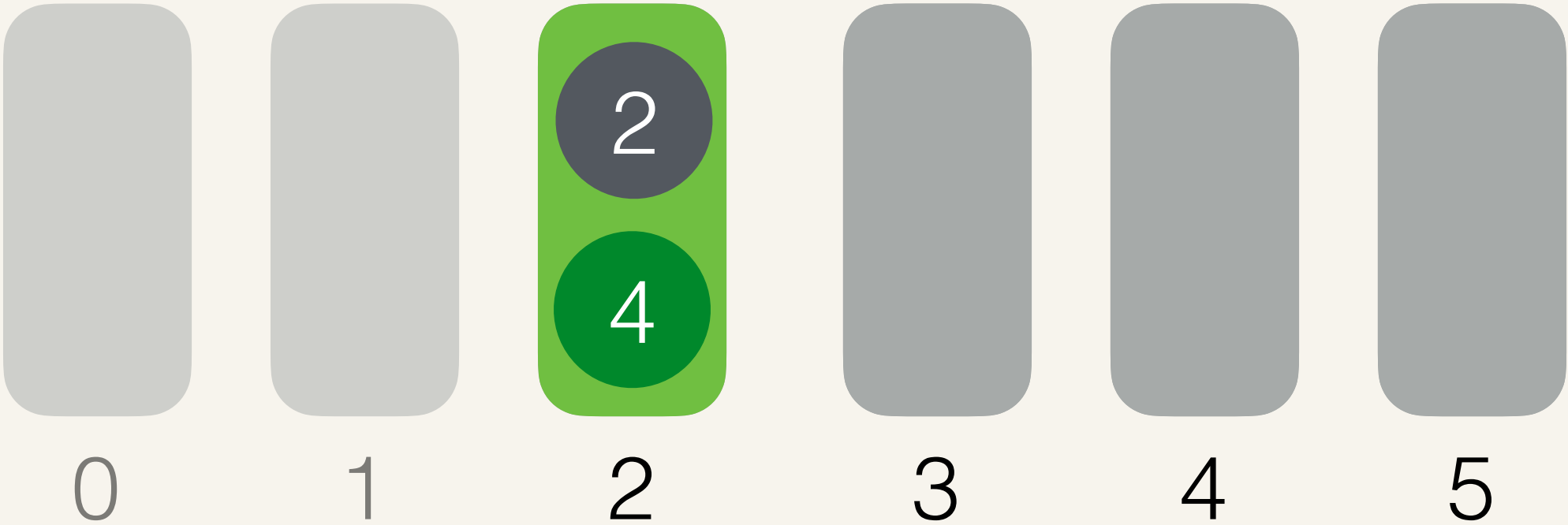
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  2. Update buckets of neighbors in parallel

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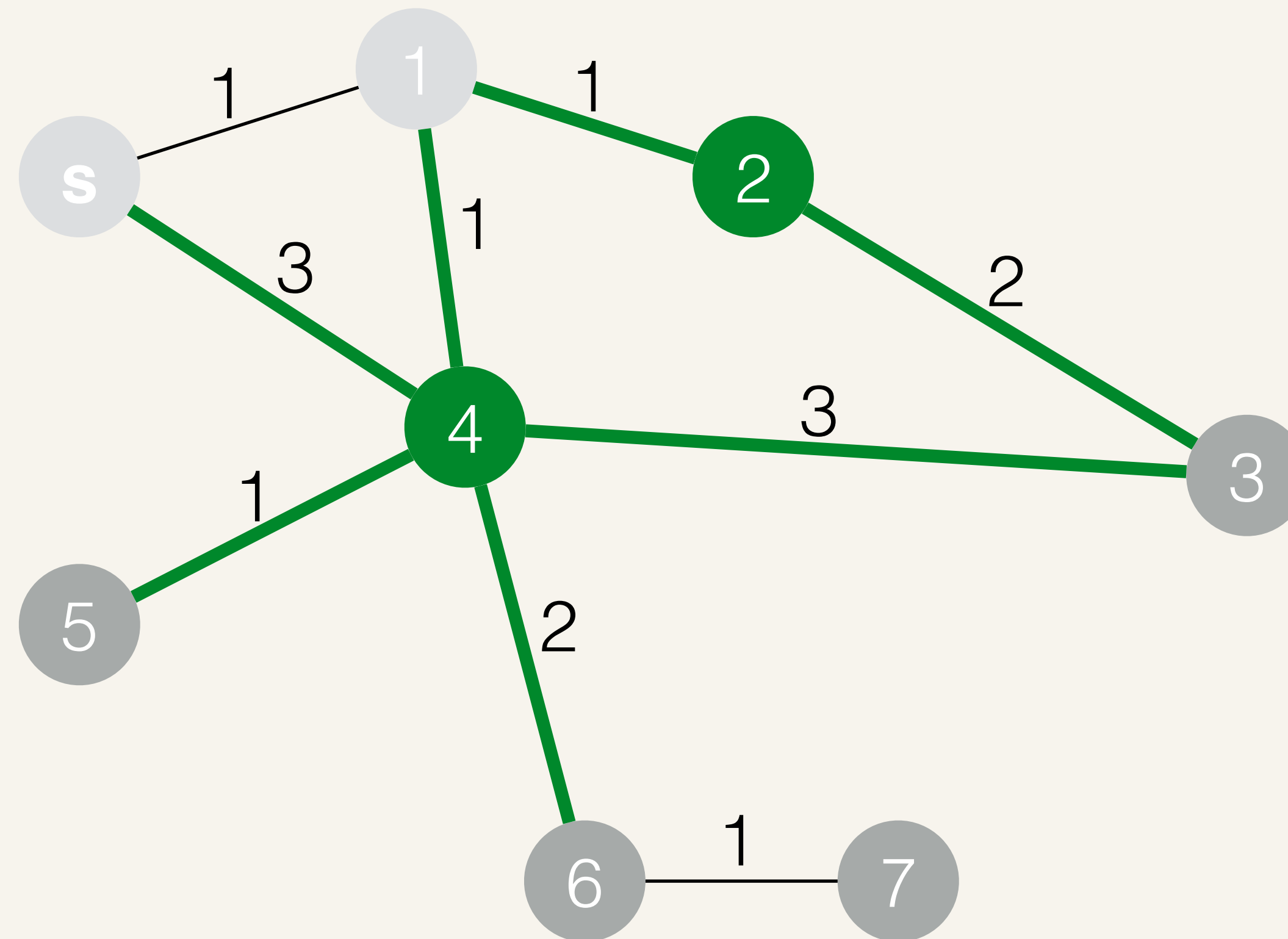


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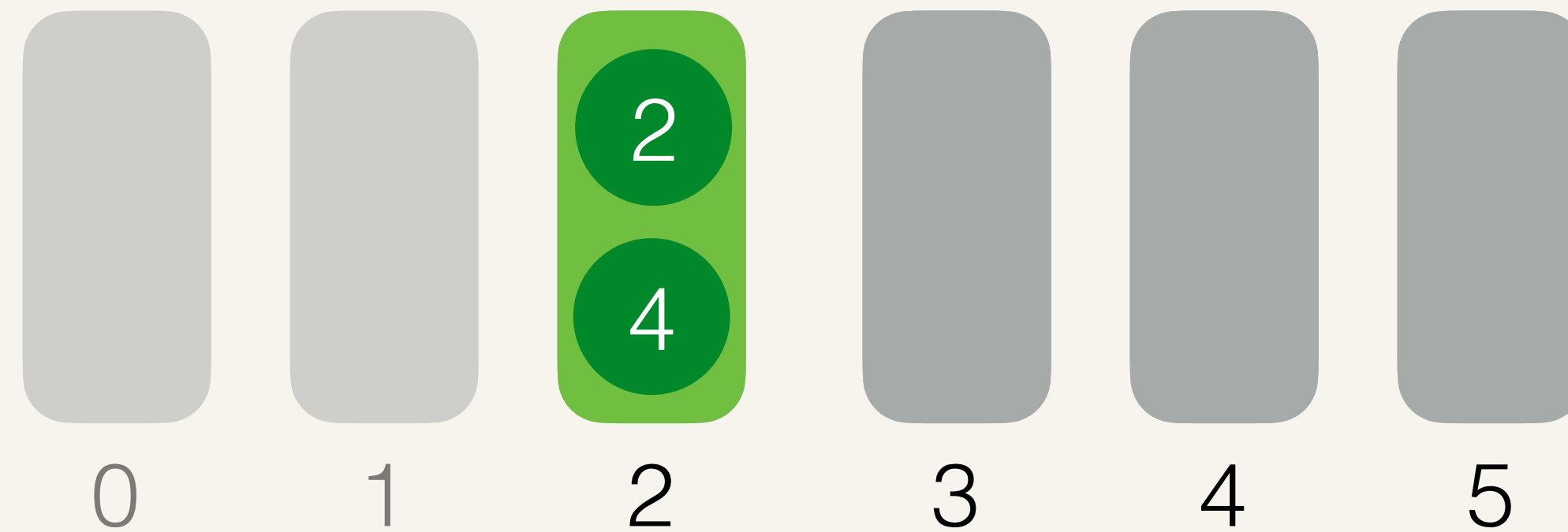
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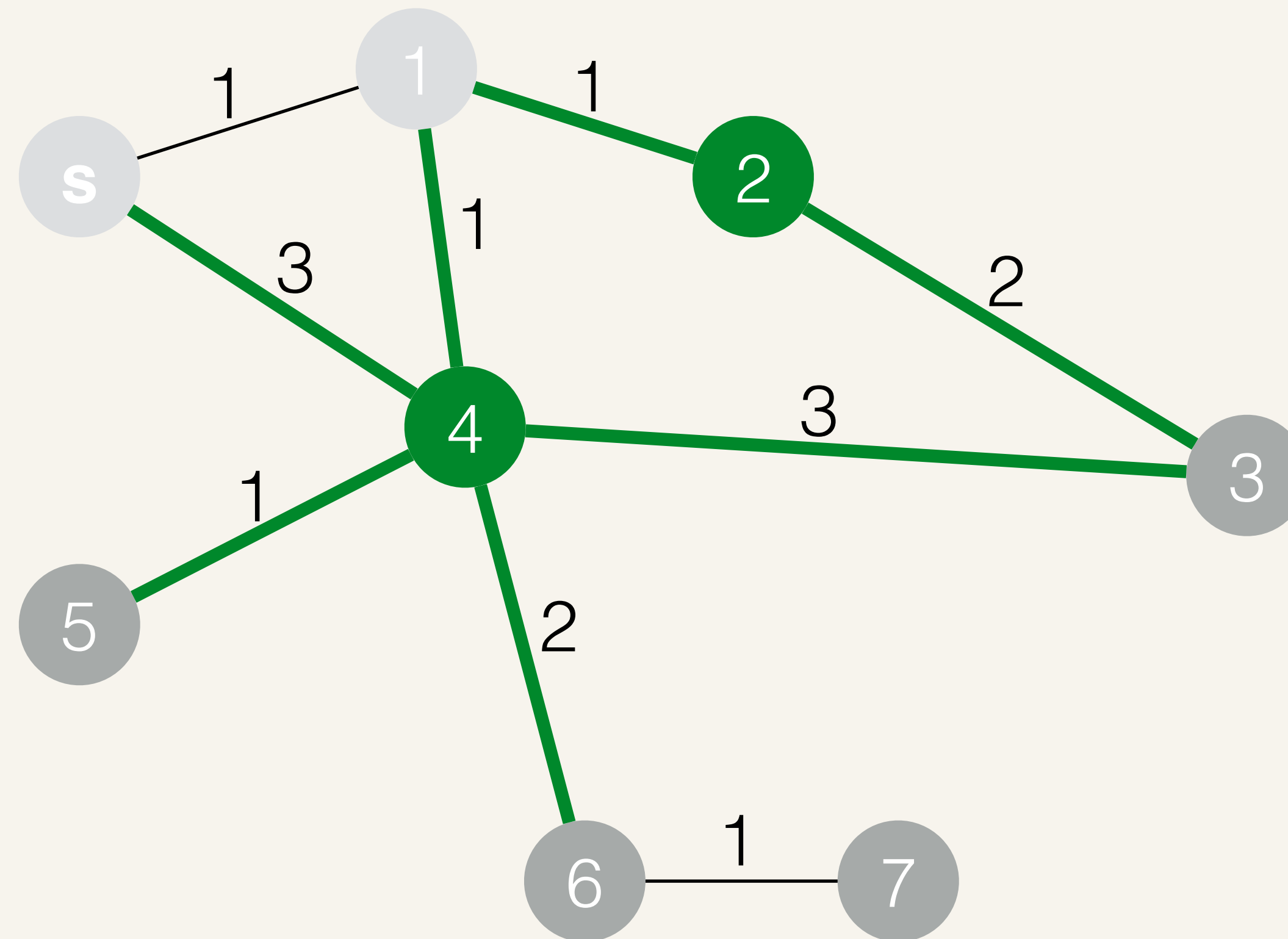
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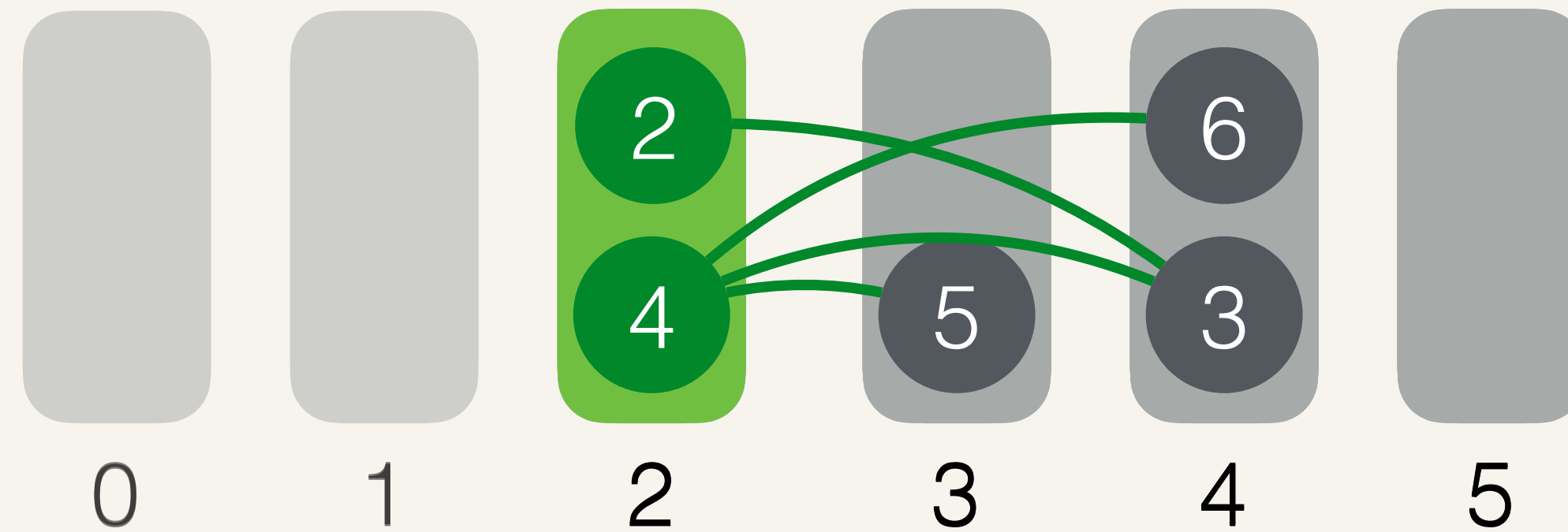
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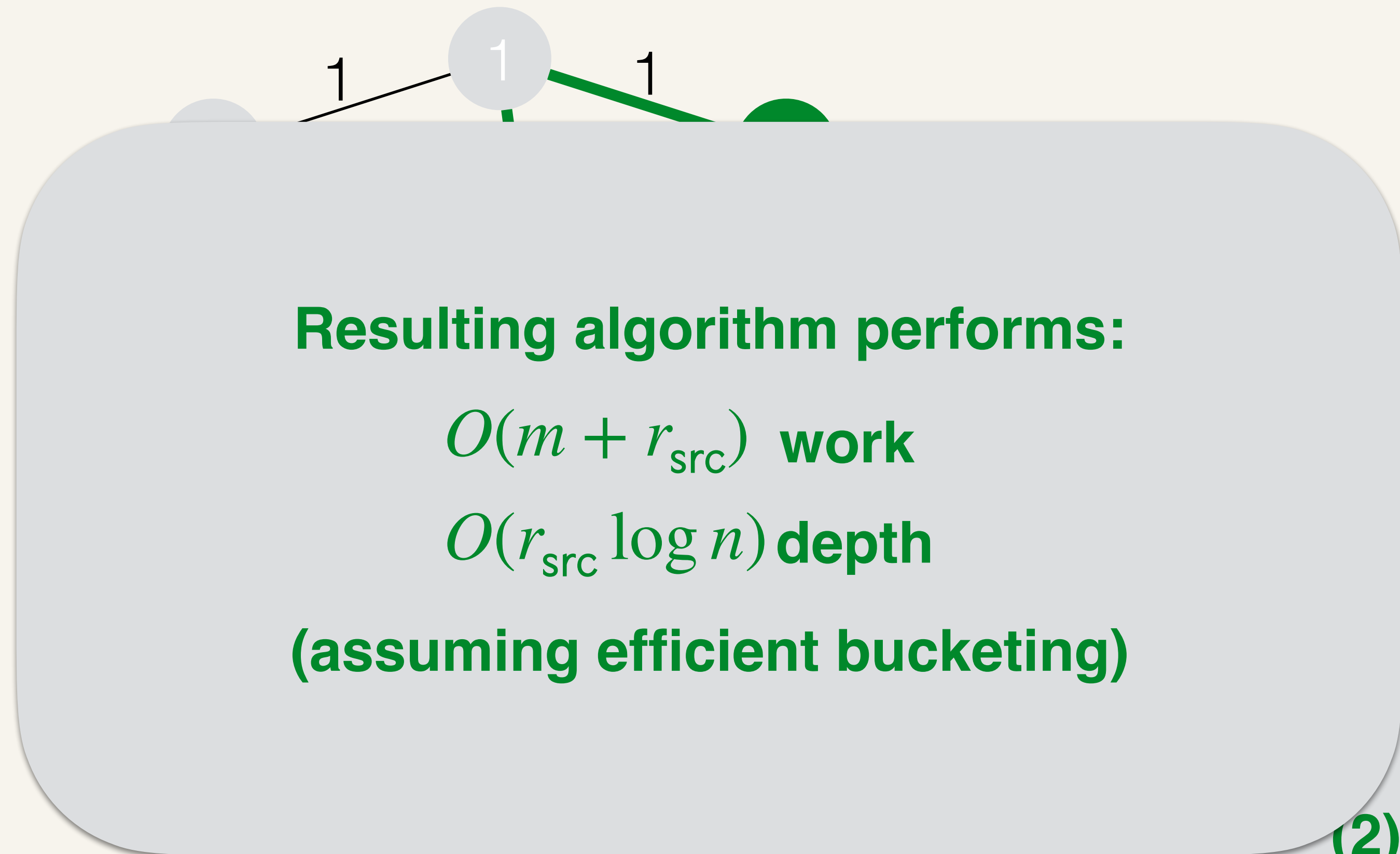


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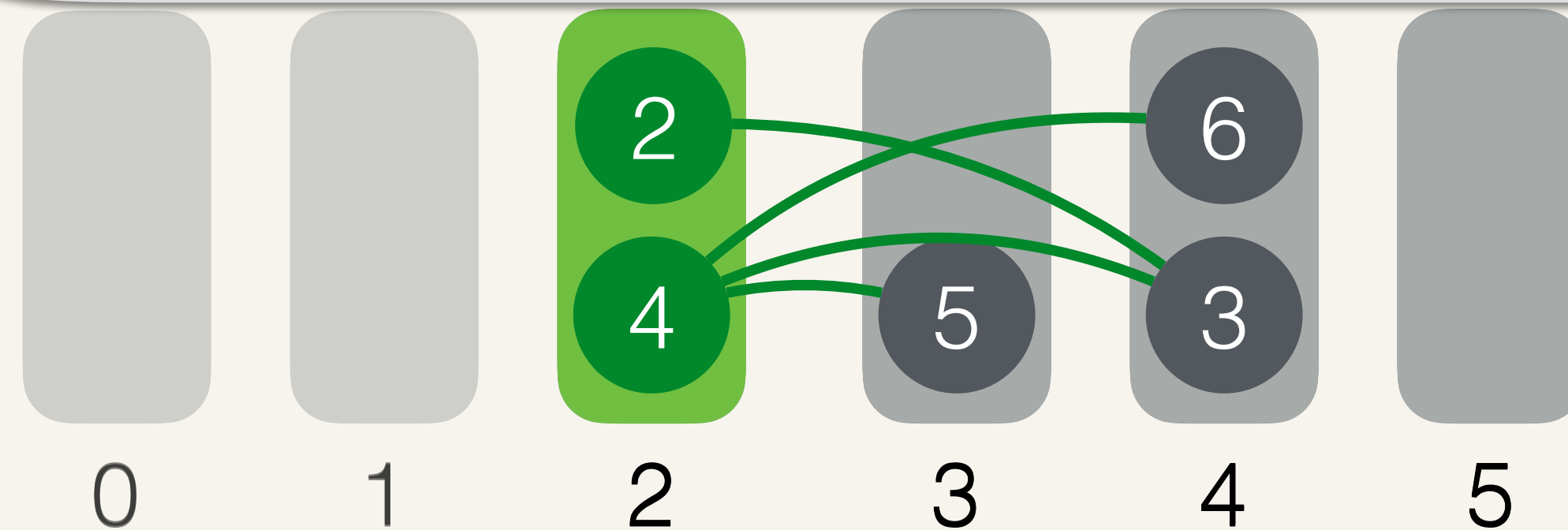


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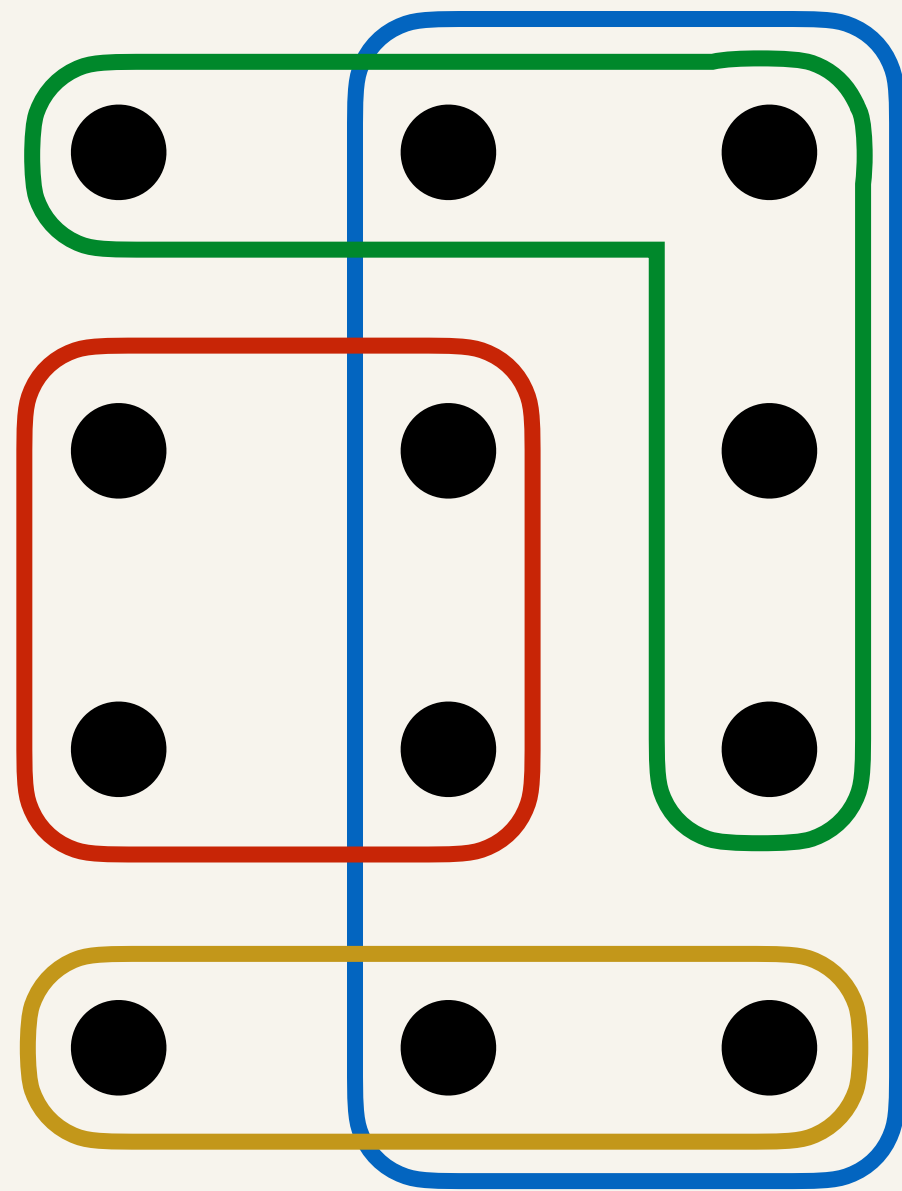
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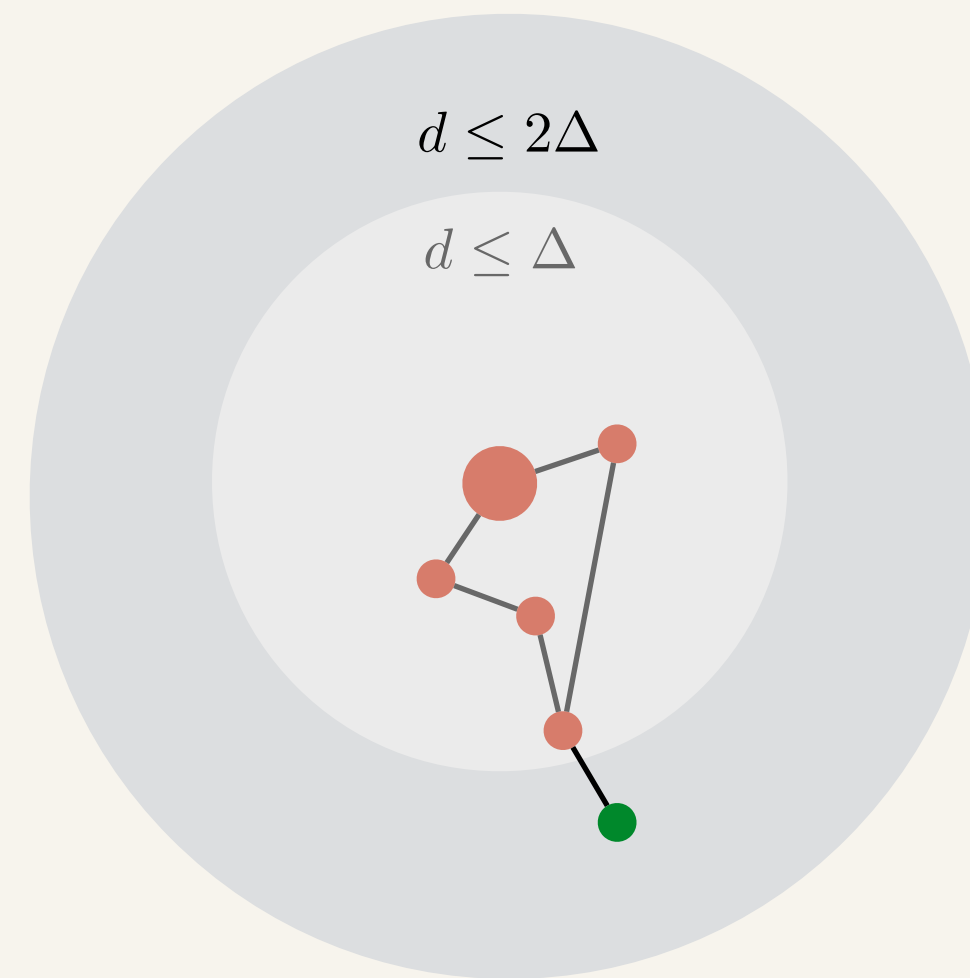
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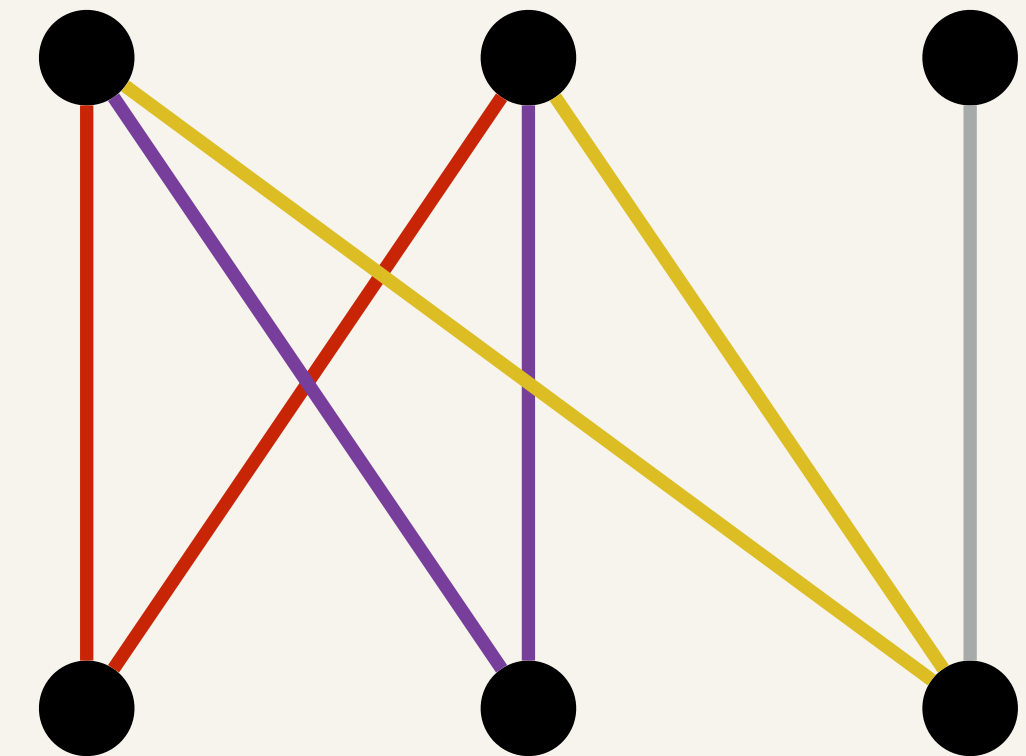
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Parallel Approximate Set Cover  
[BPT'12]



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Parallel k-Tip Decomposition  
[SS'20]

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## Goals

- Simplify expressing algorithms using an interface
- Theoretically efficient, reusable implementation

## Challenges

1. Multiple vertices insert into the same bucket in parallel
2. Possible to make work-efficient parallel implementations?

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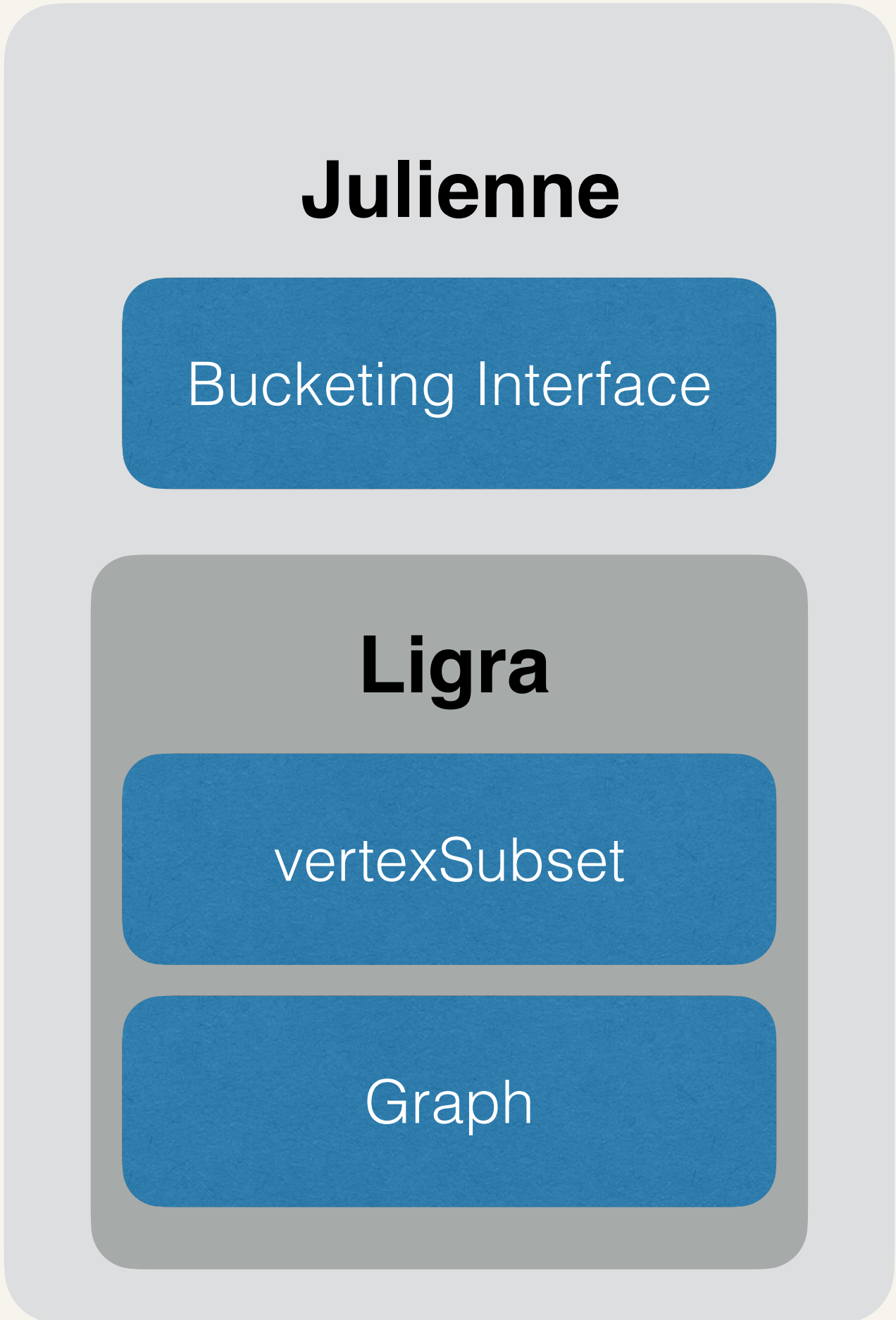
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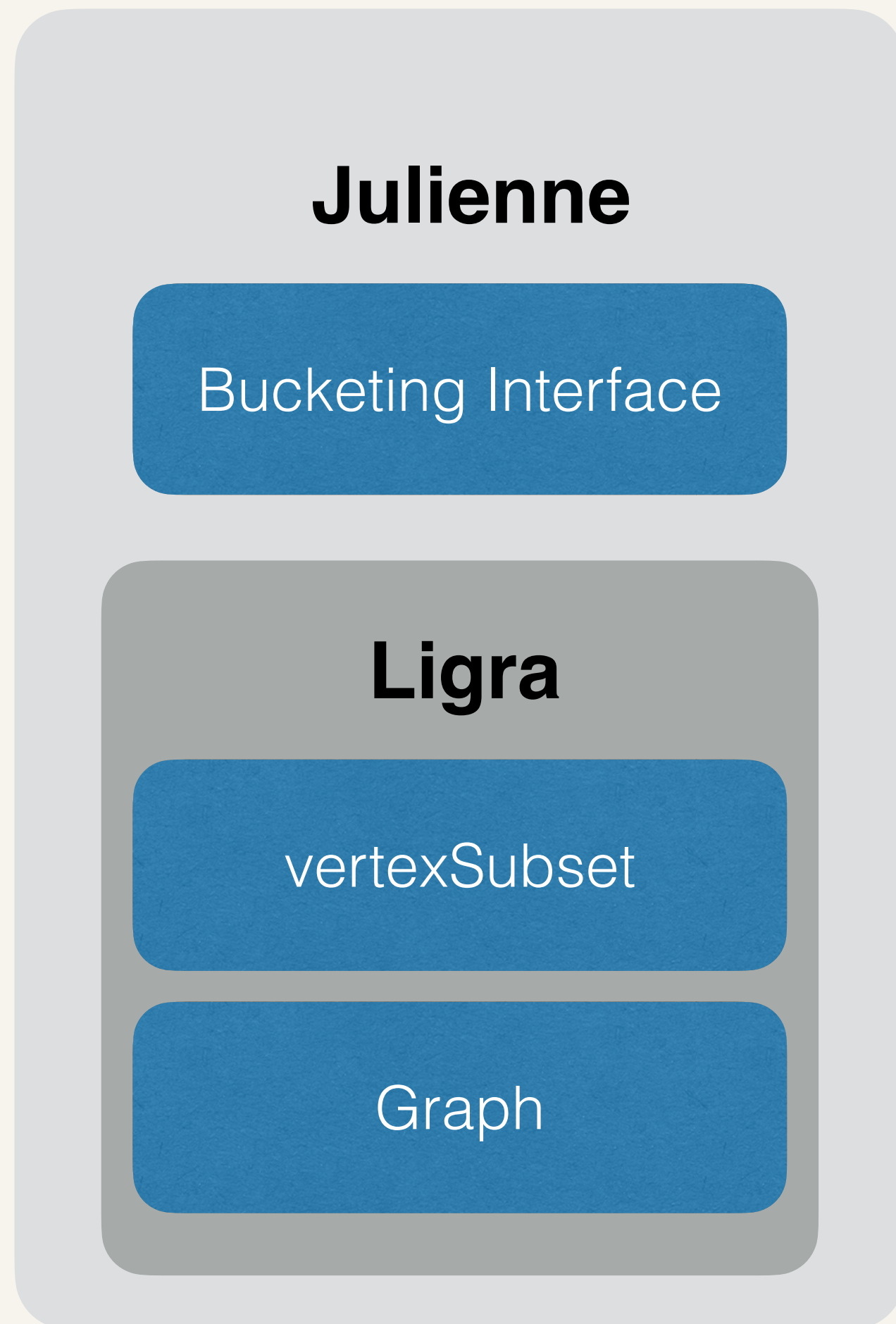
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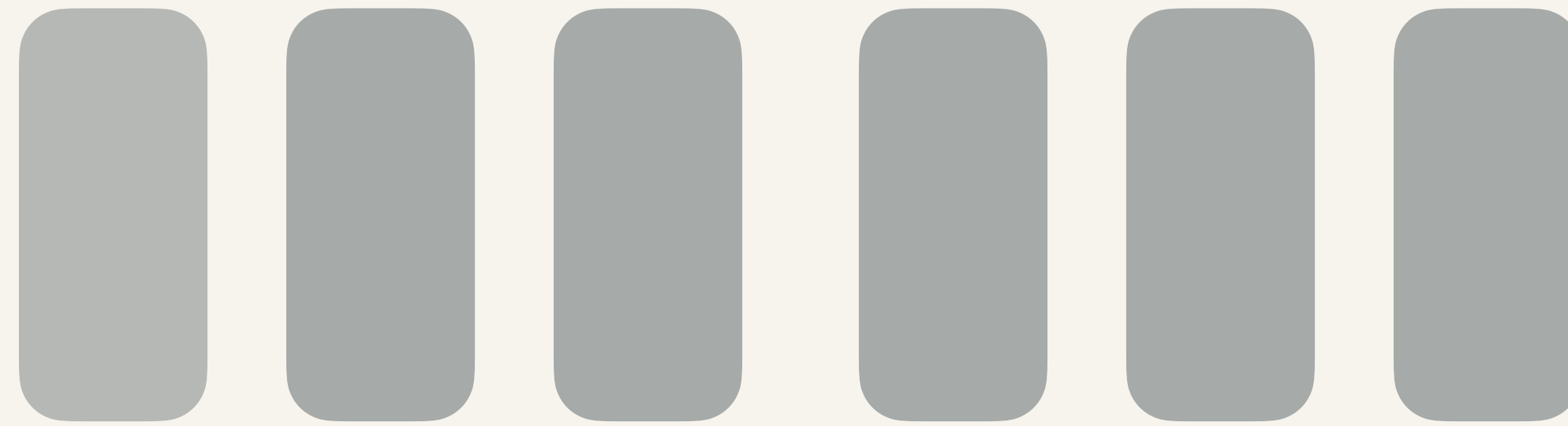
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- (1) Create bucket structure
- (2) Get the next bucket (vertexSubset)
- (3) Update buckets of a subset of identifiers

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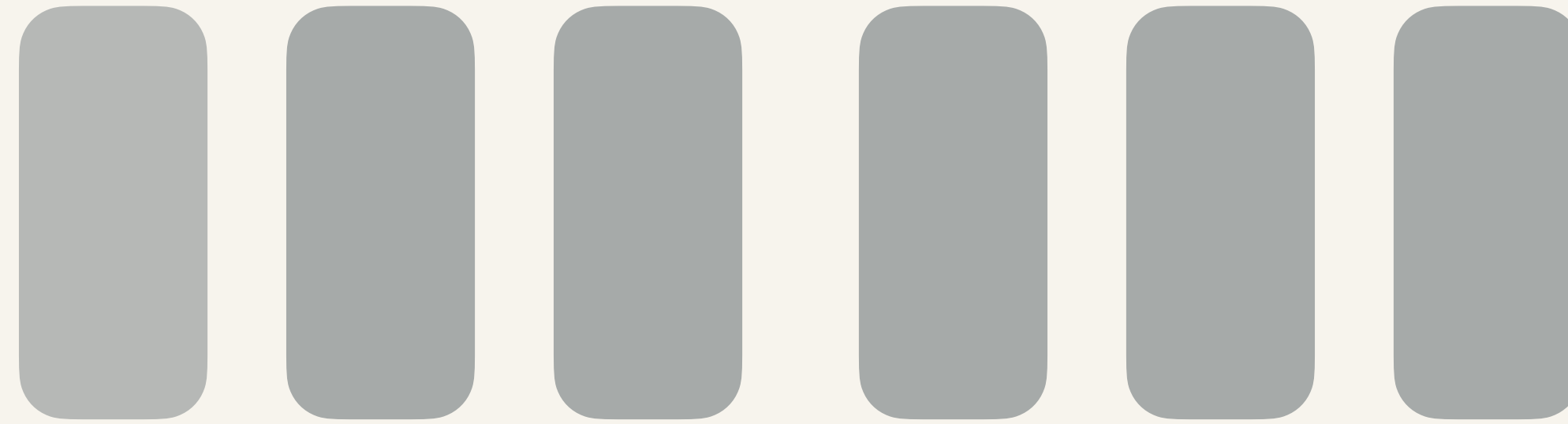
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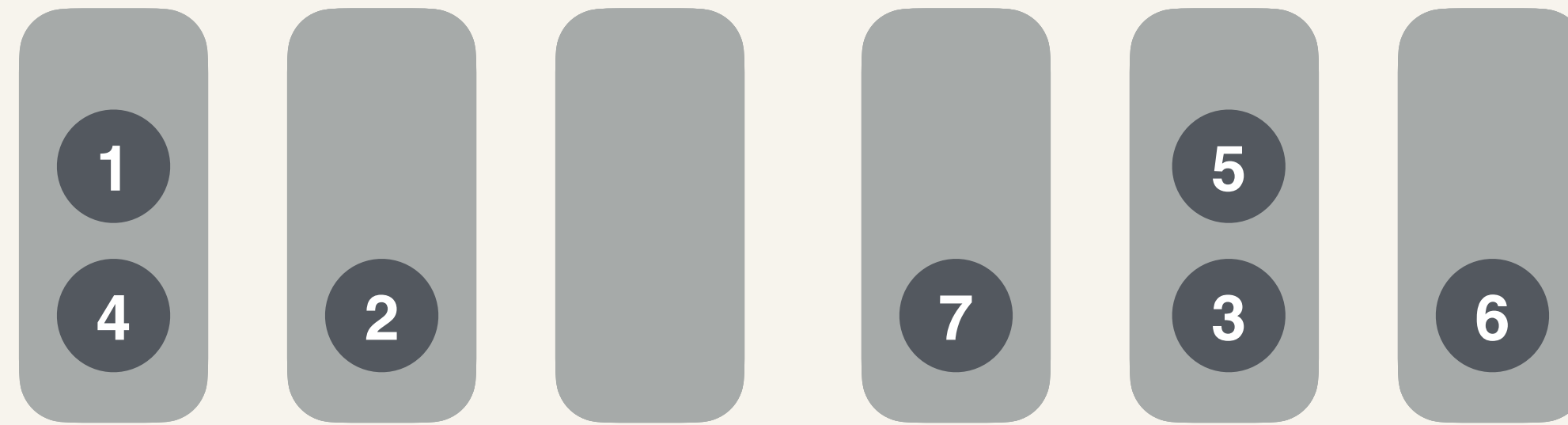
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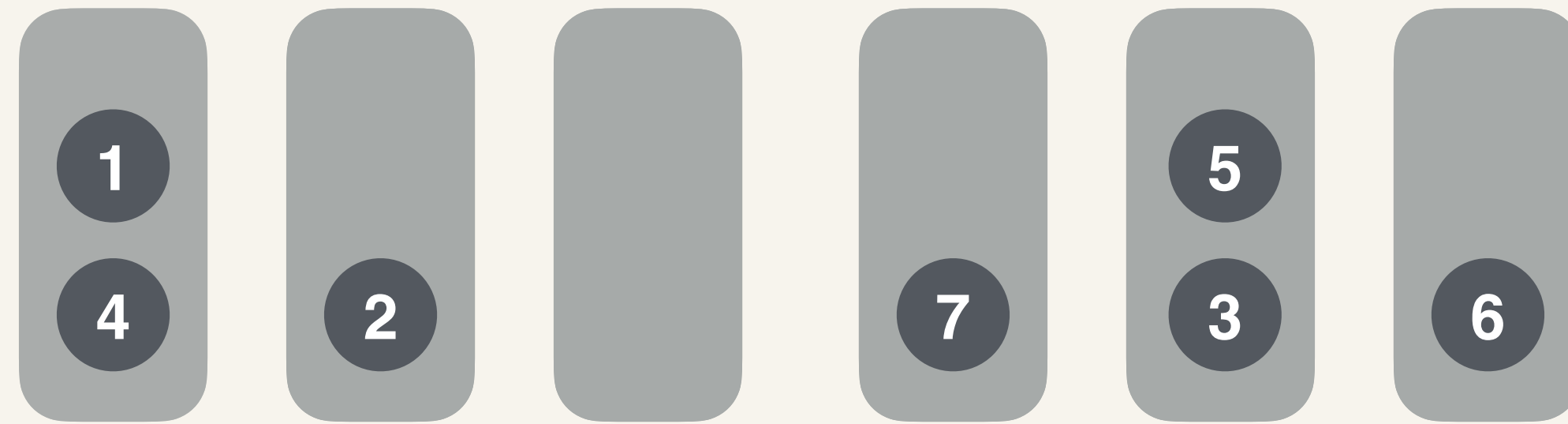
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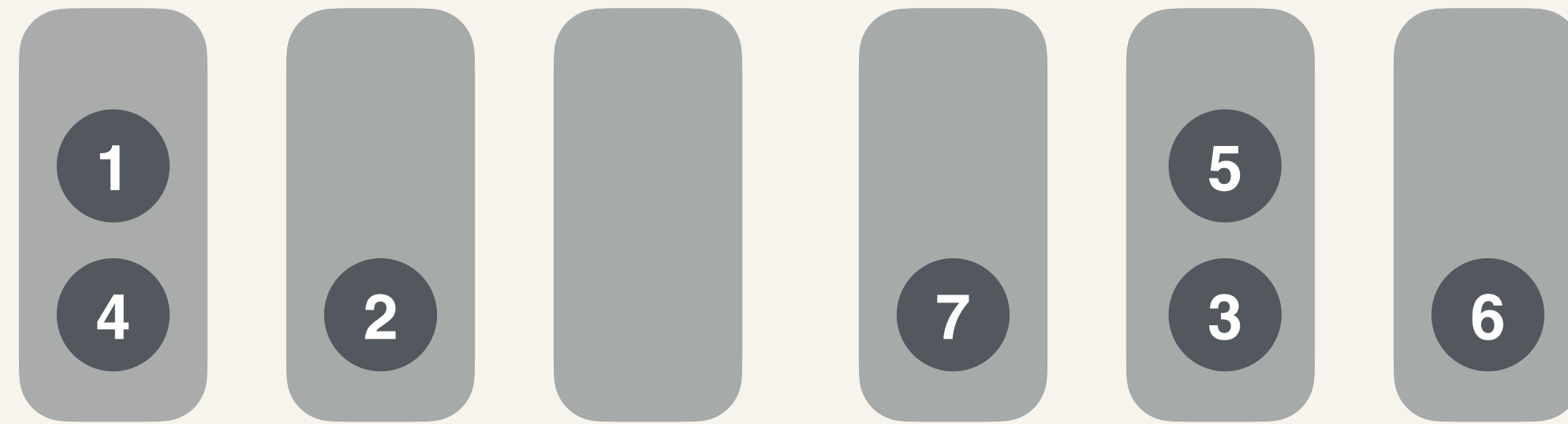
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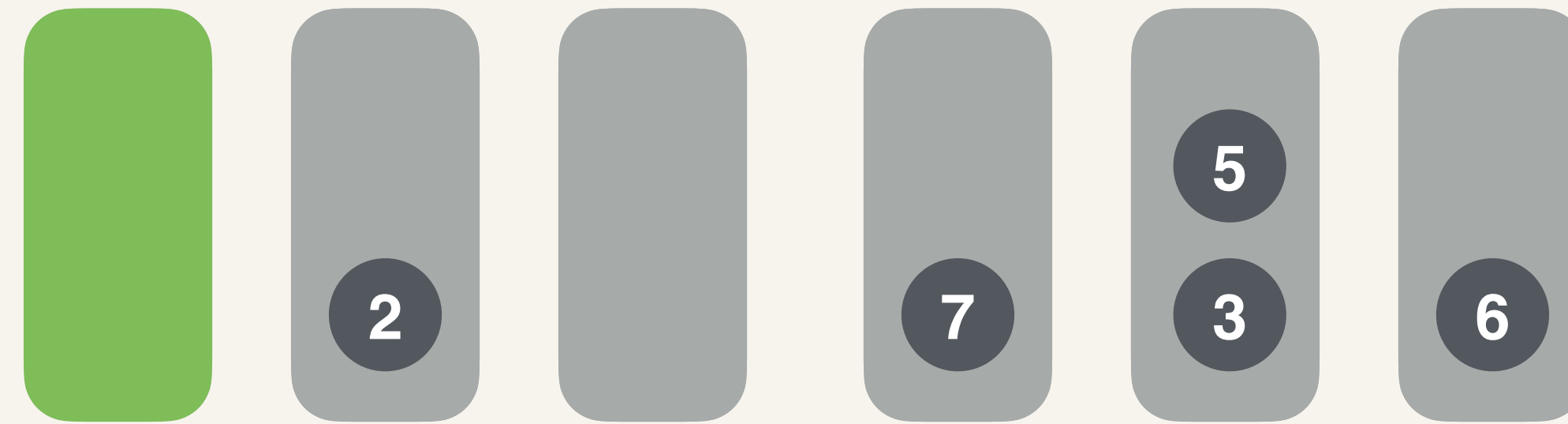


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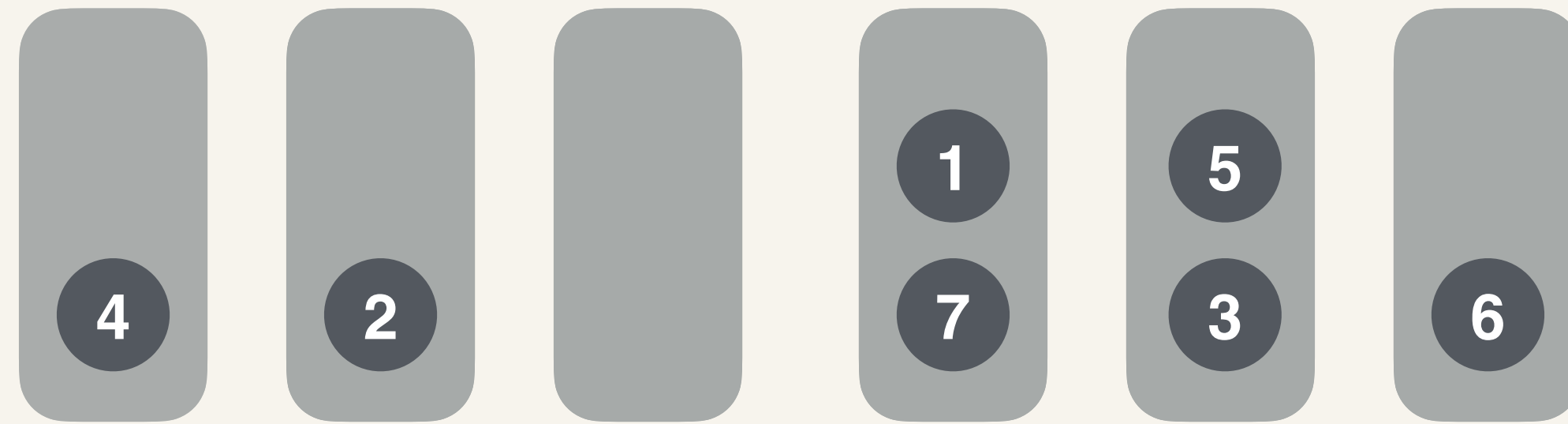


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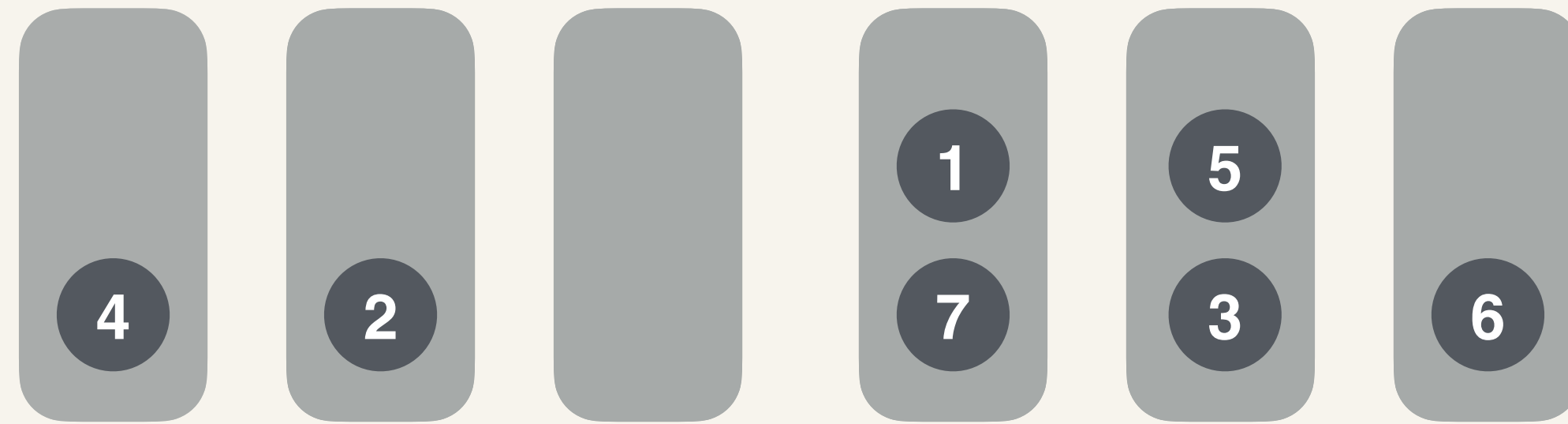
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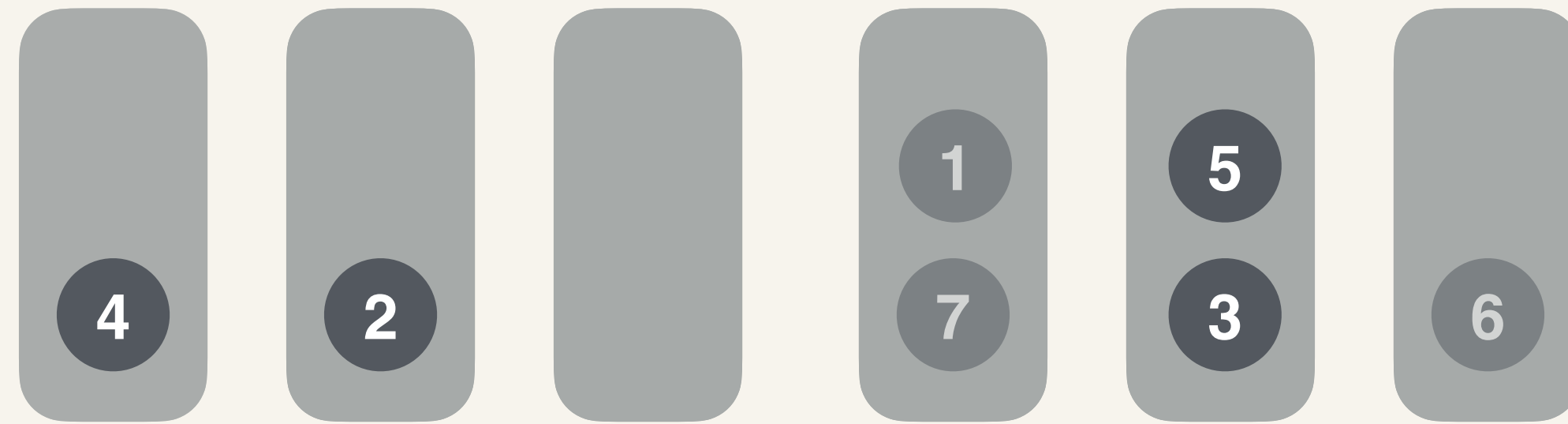
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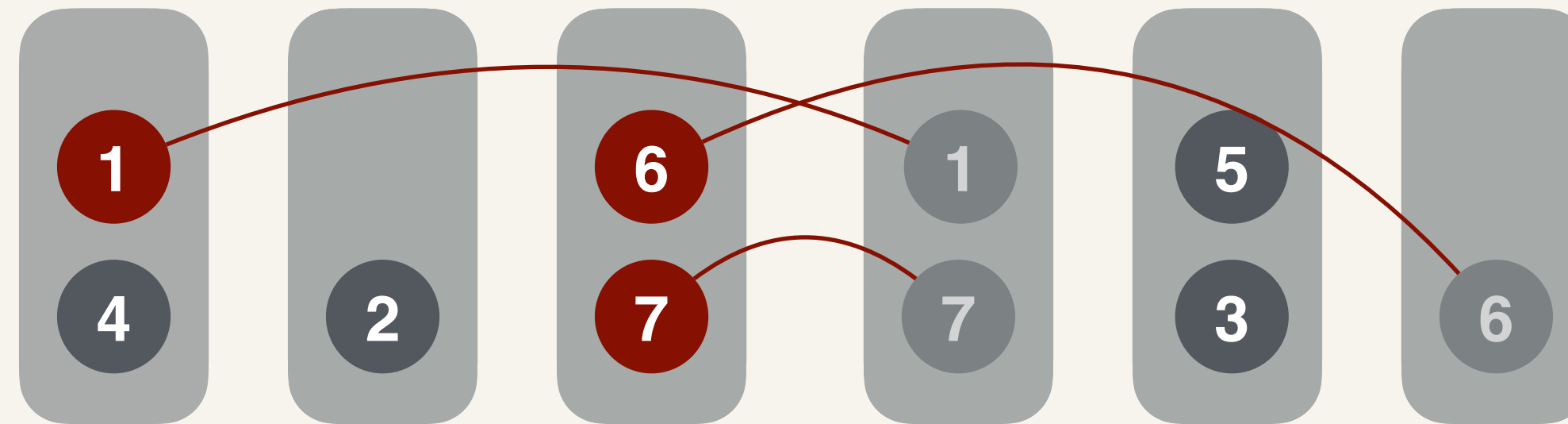
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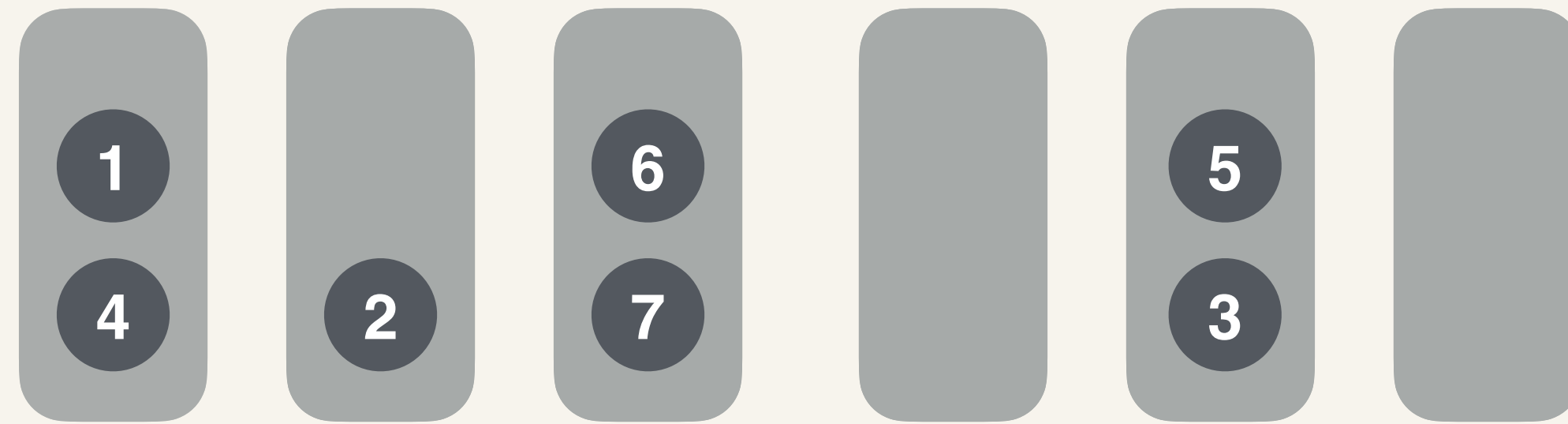
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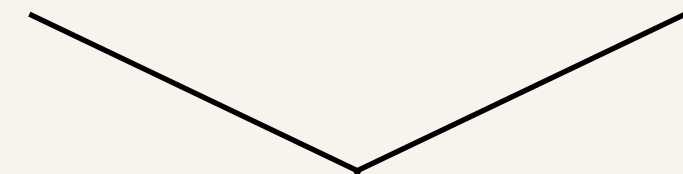
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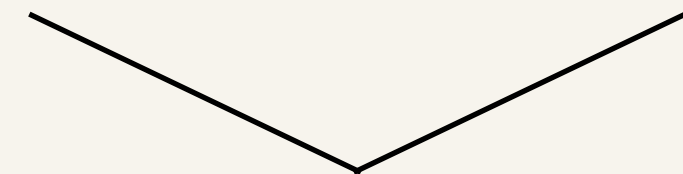
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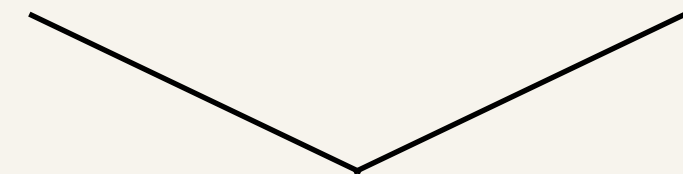
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**Can see paper for details on practical implementation and optimizations**

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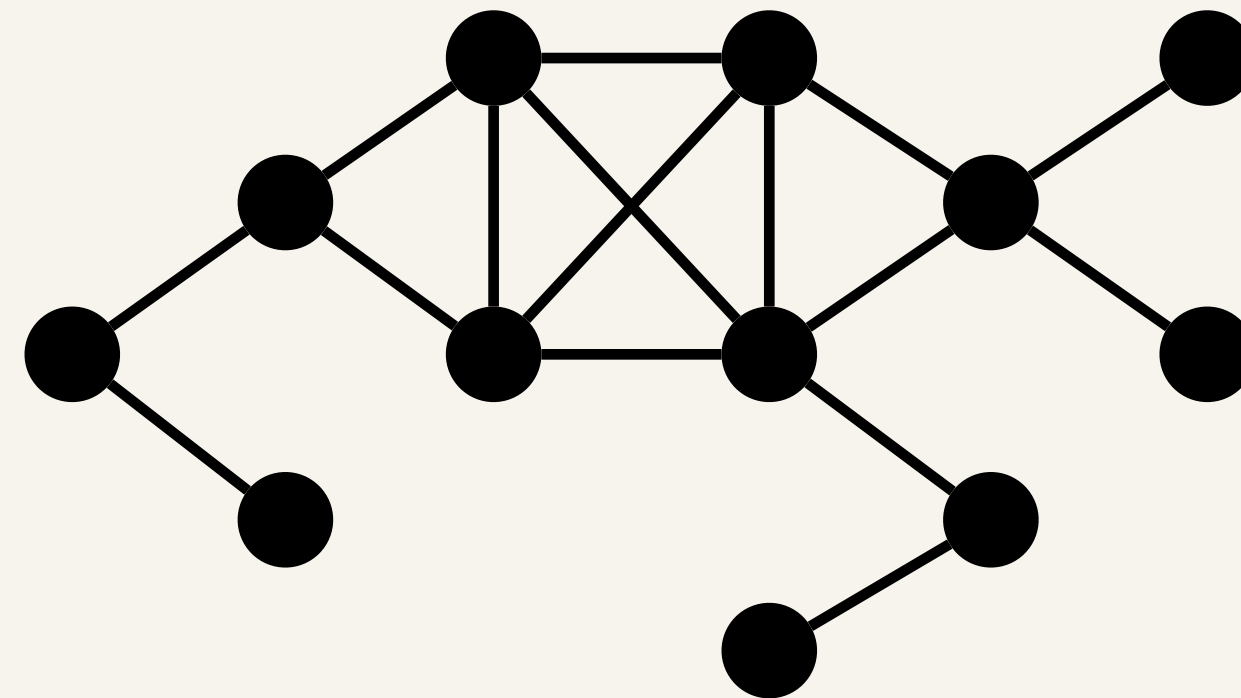
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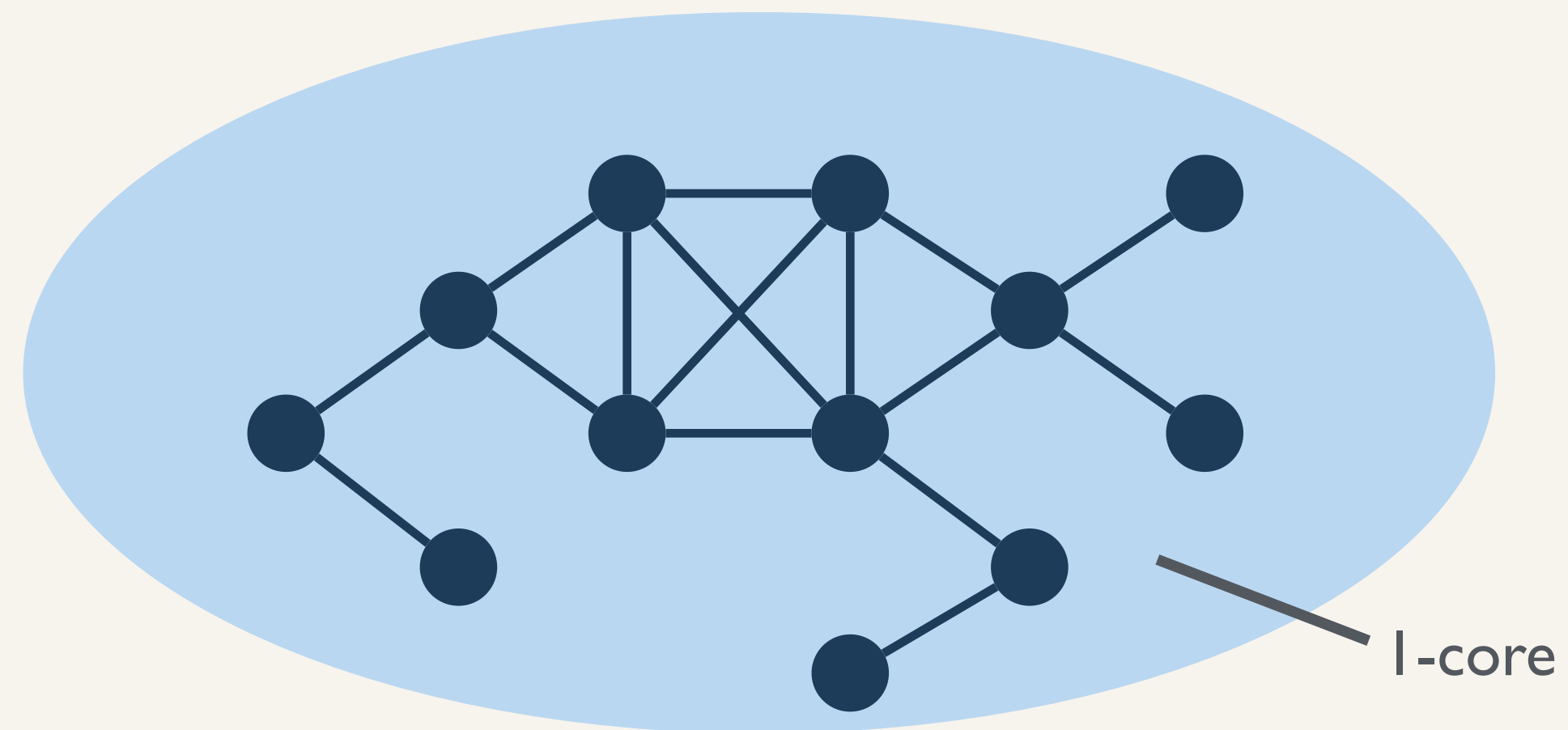
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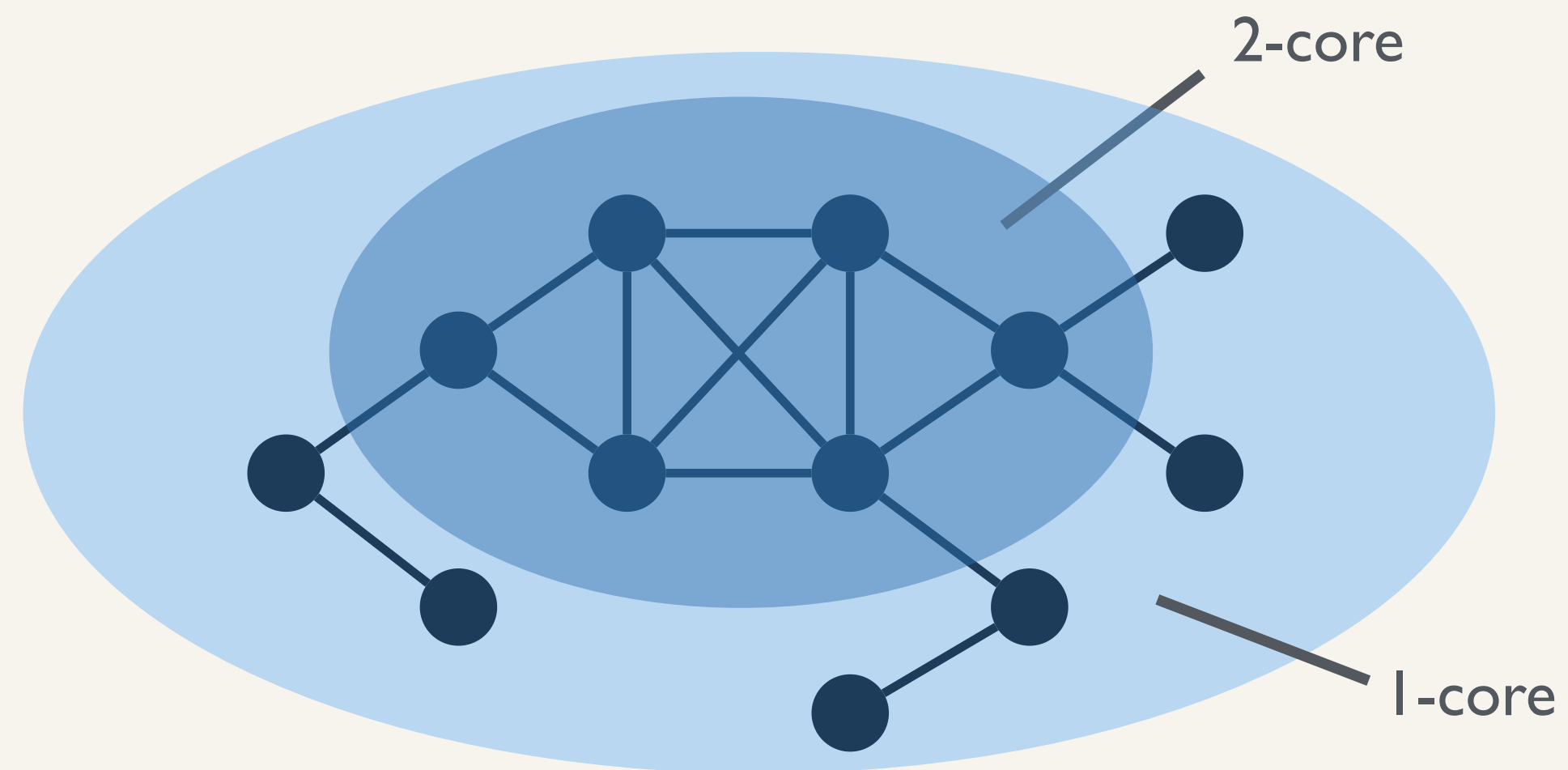
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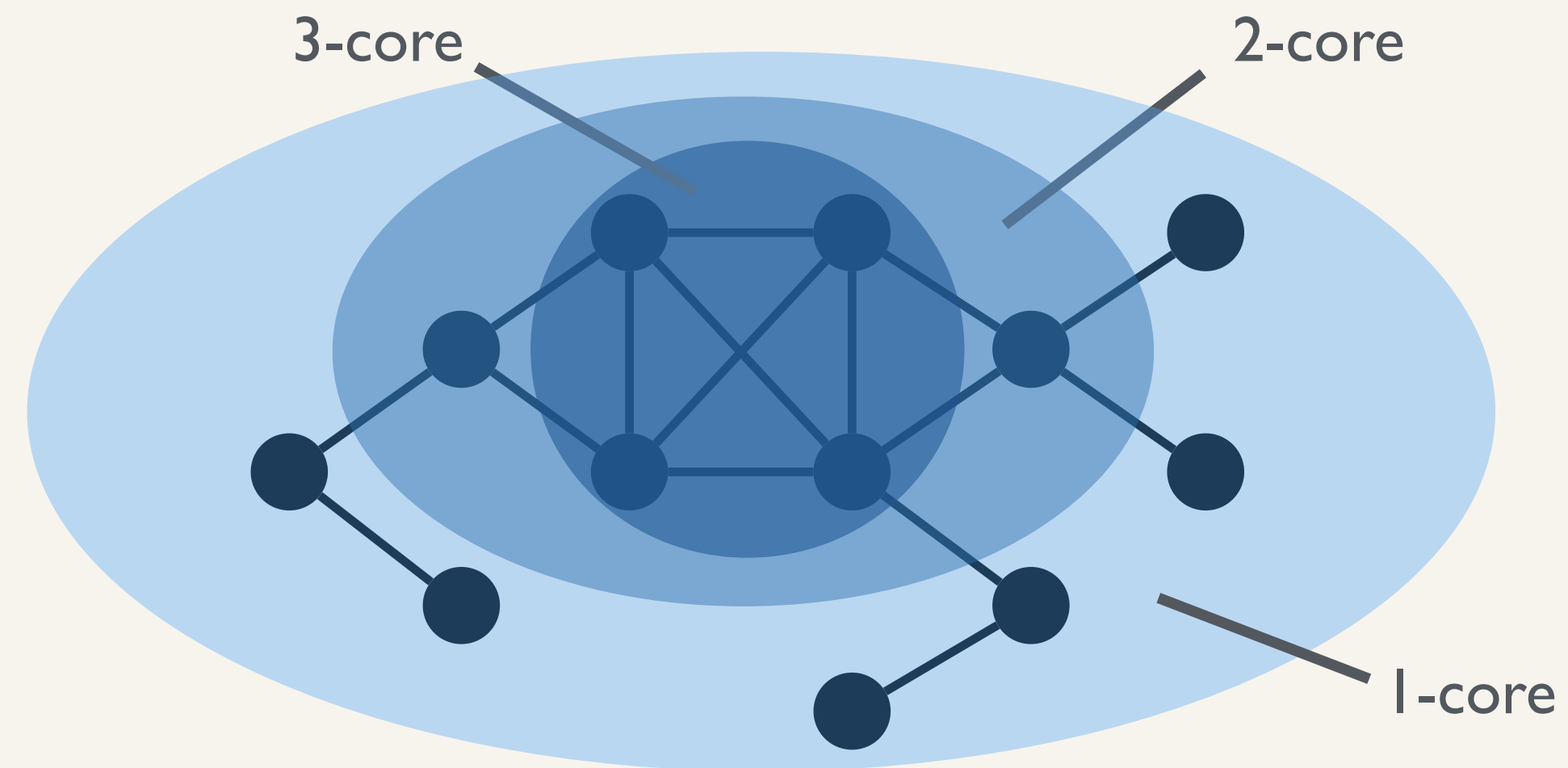
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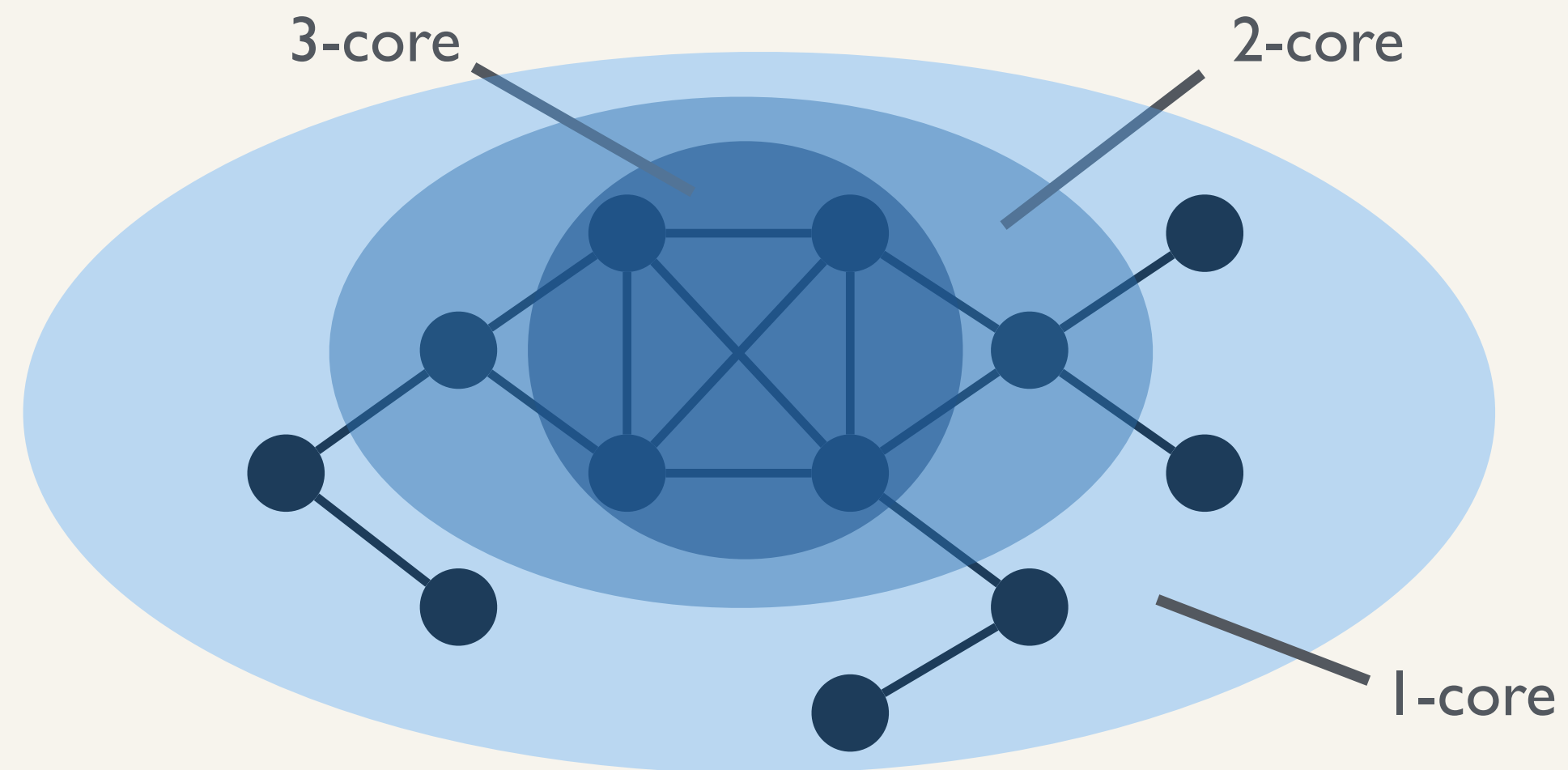
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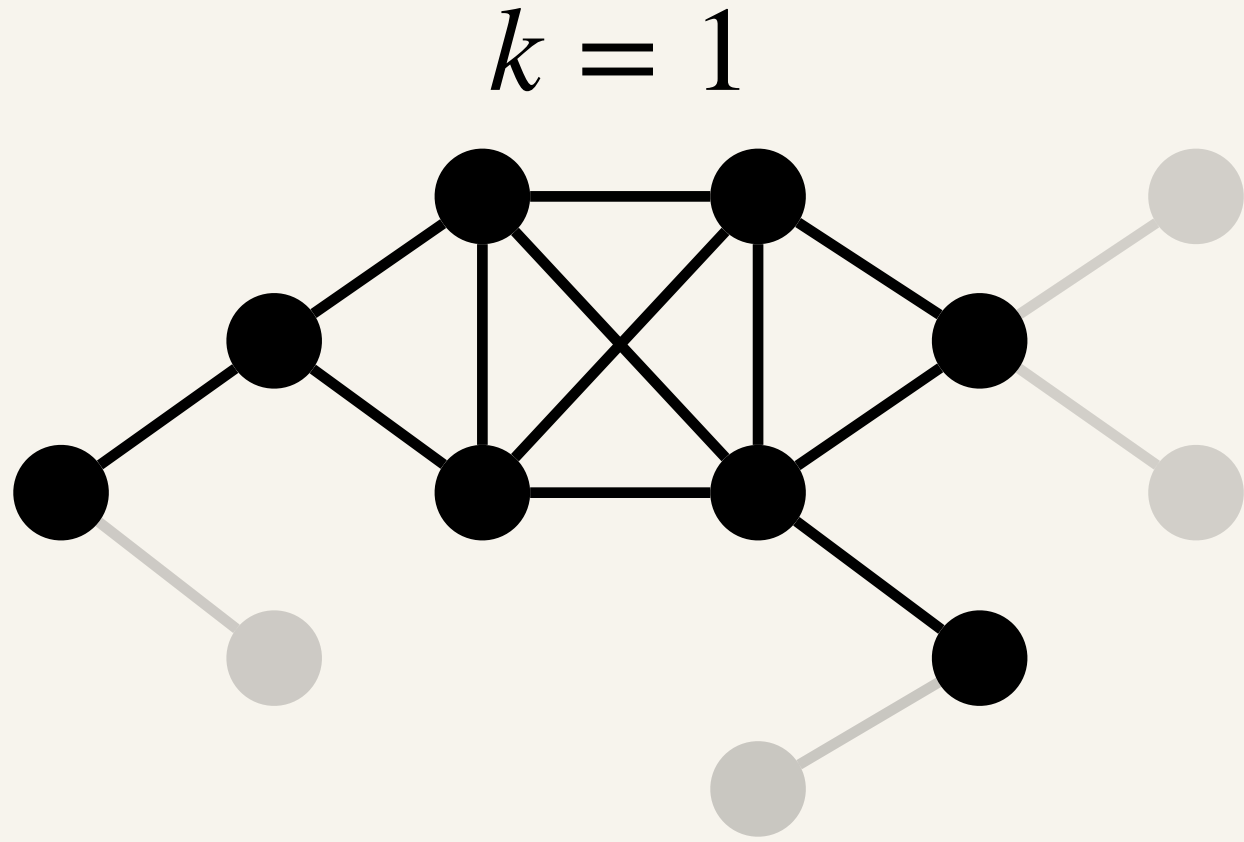
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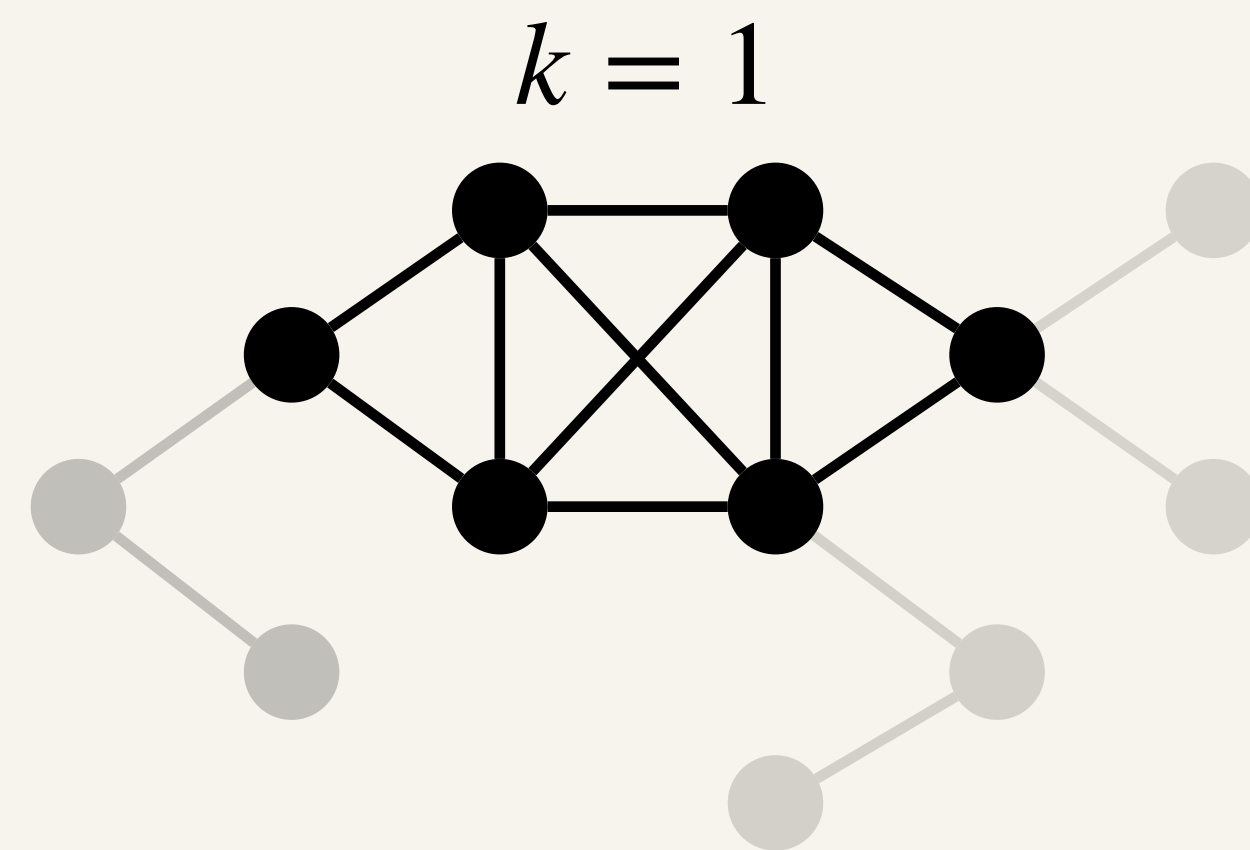
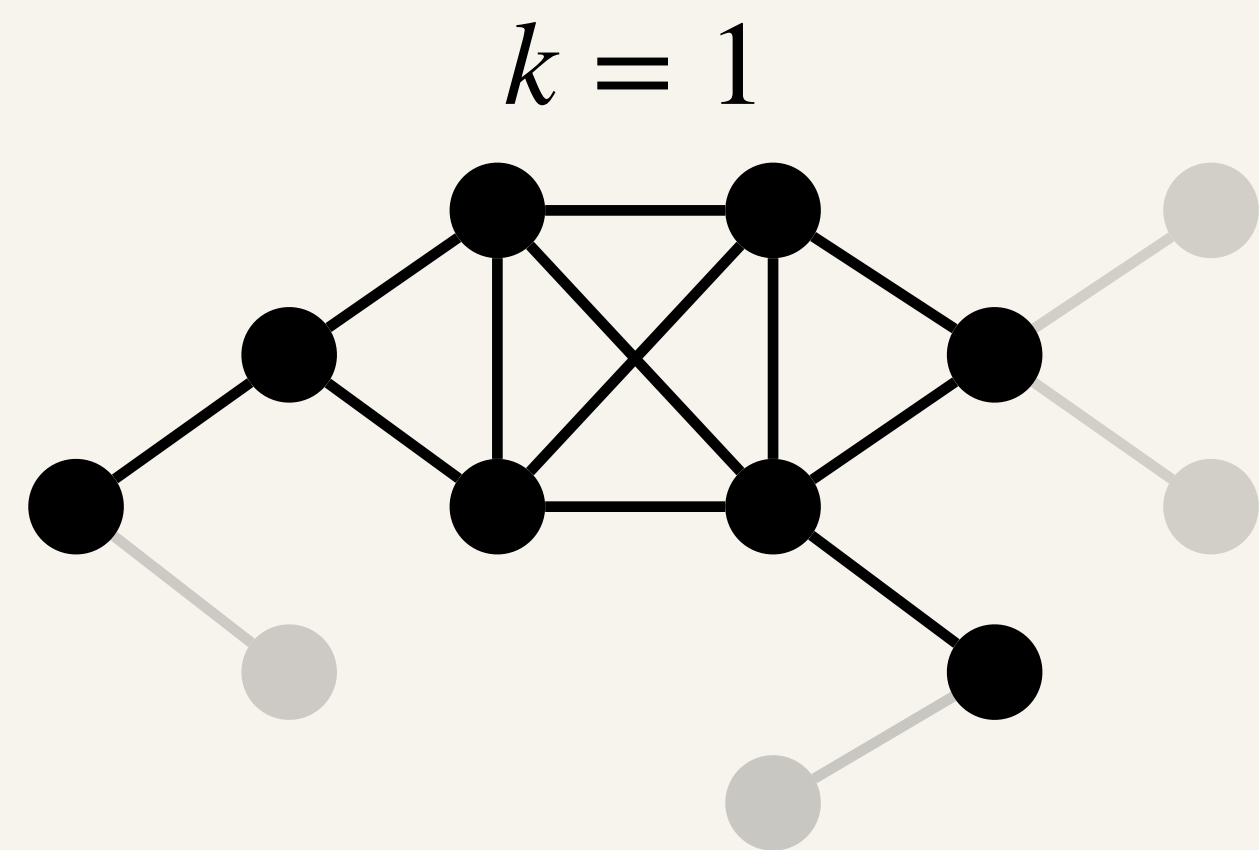


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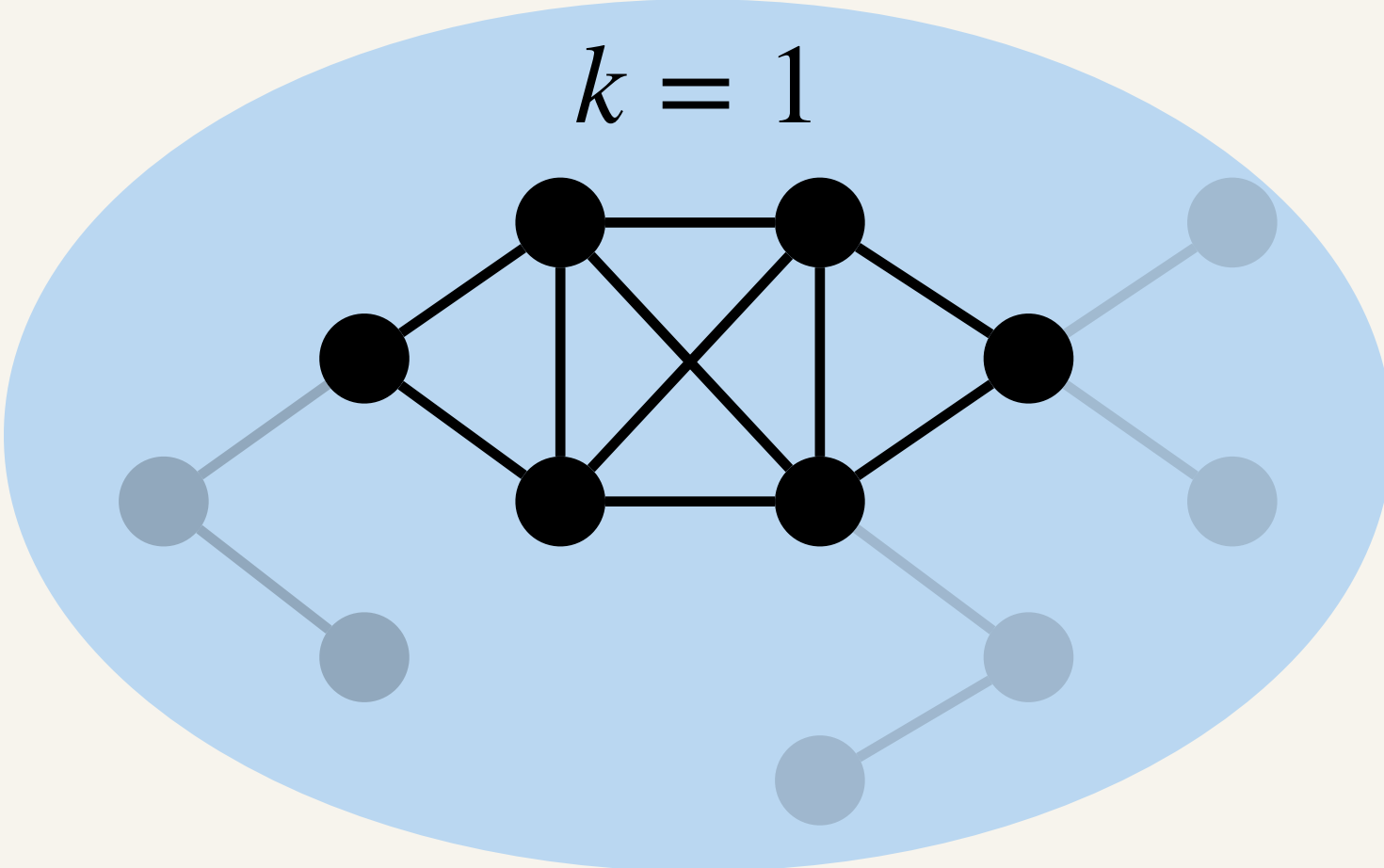
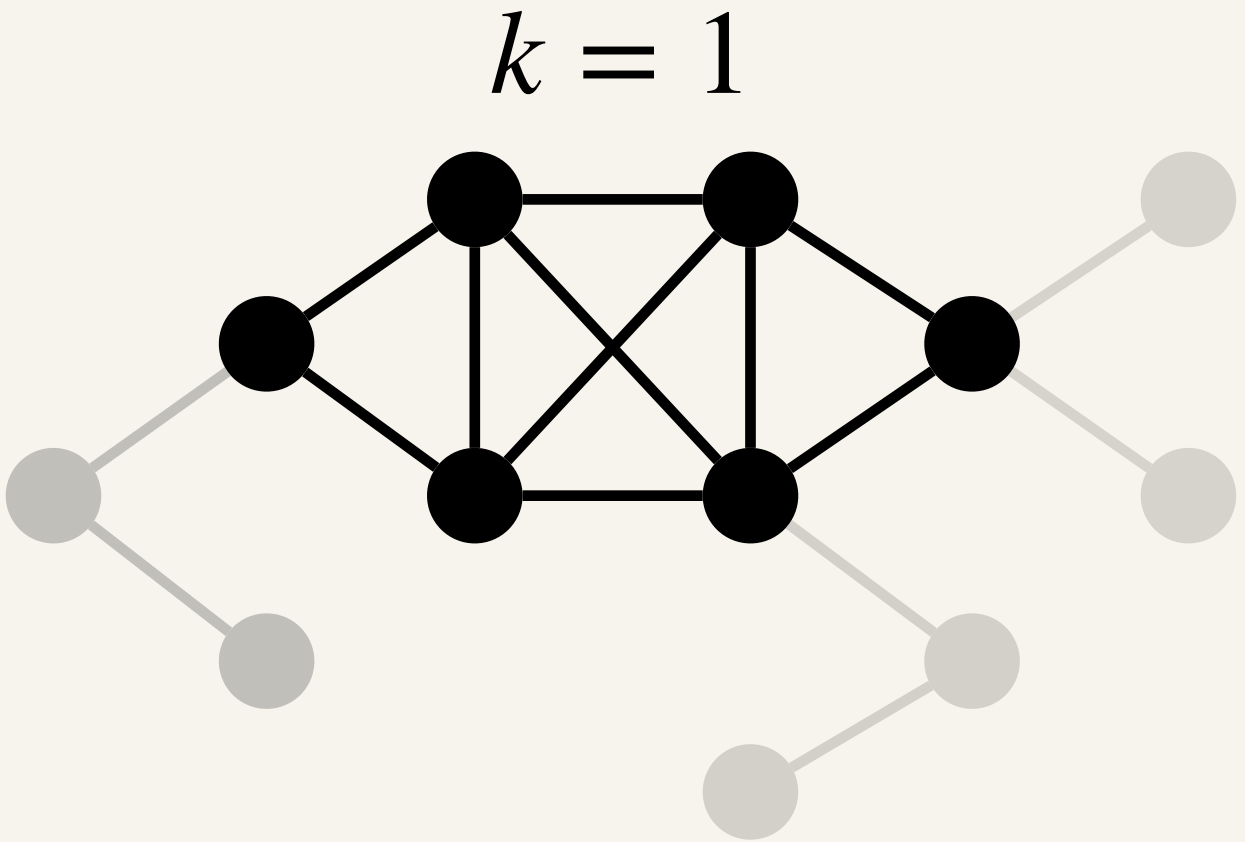
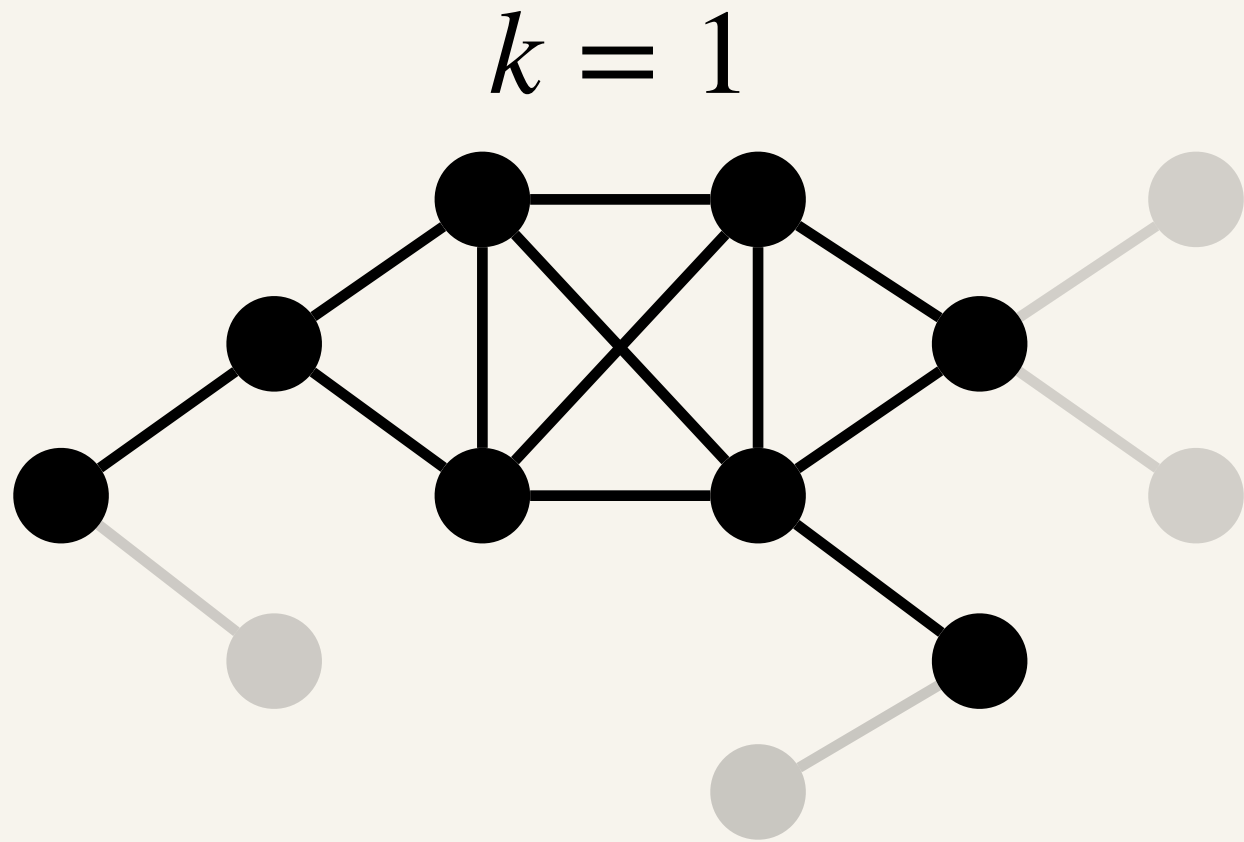


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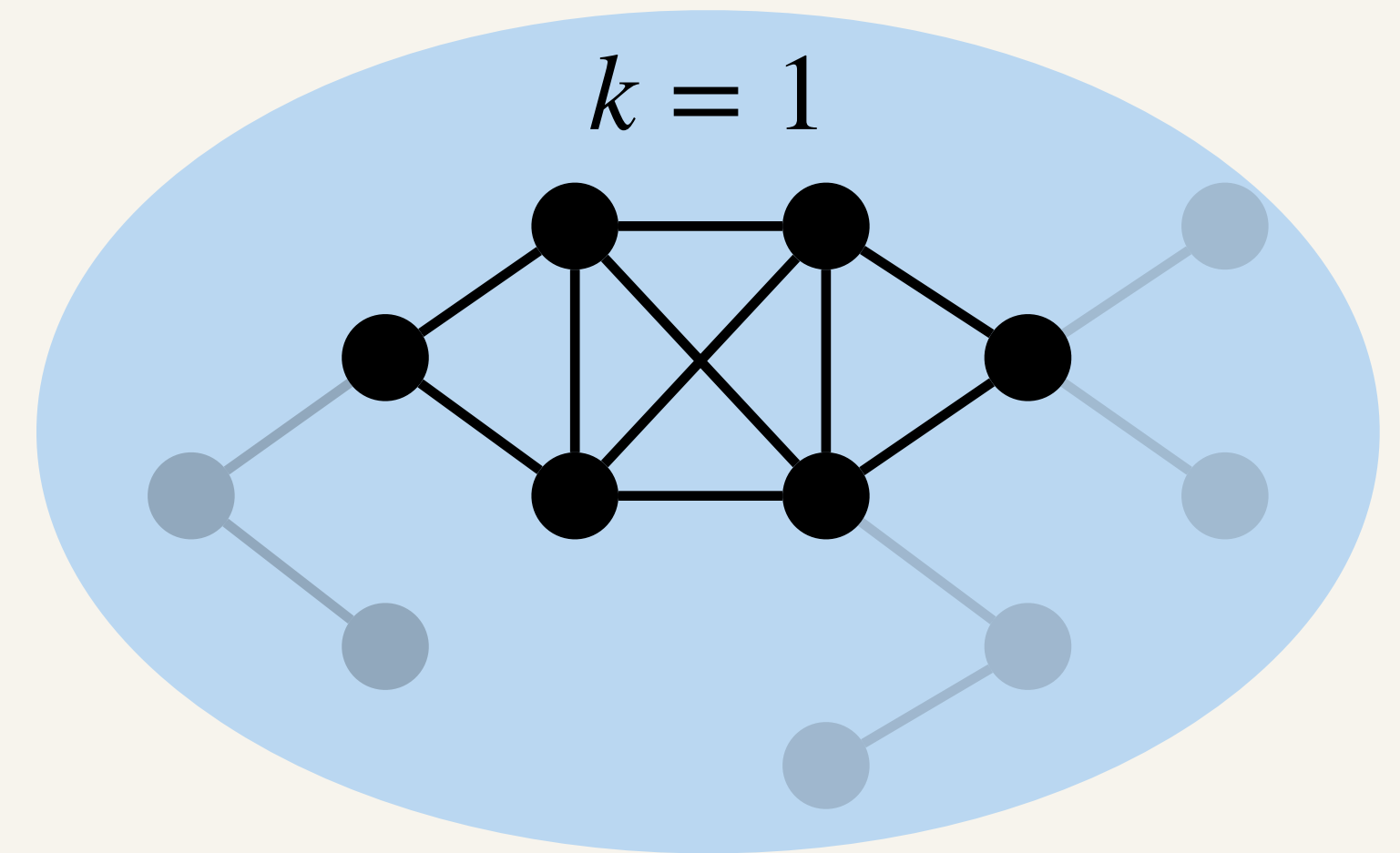
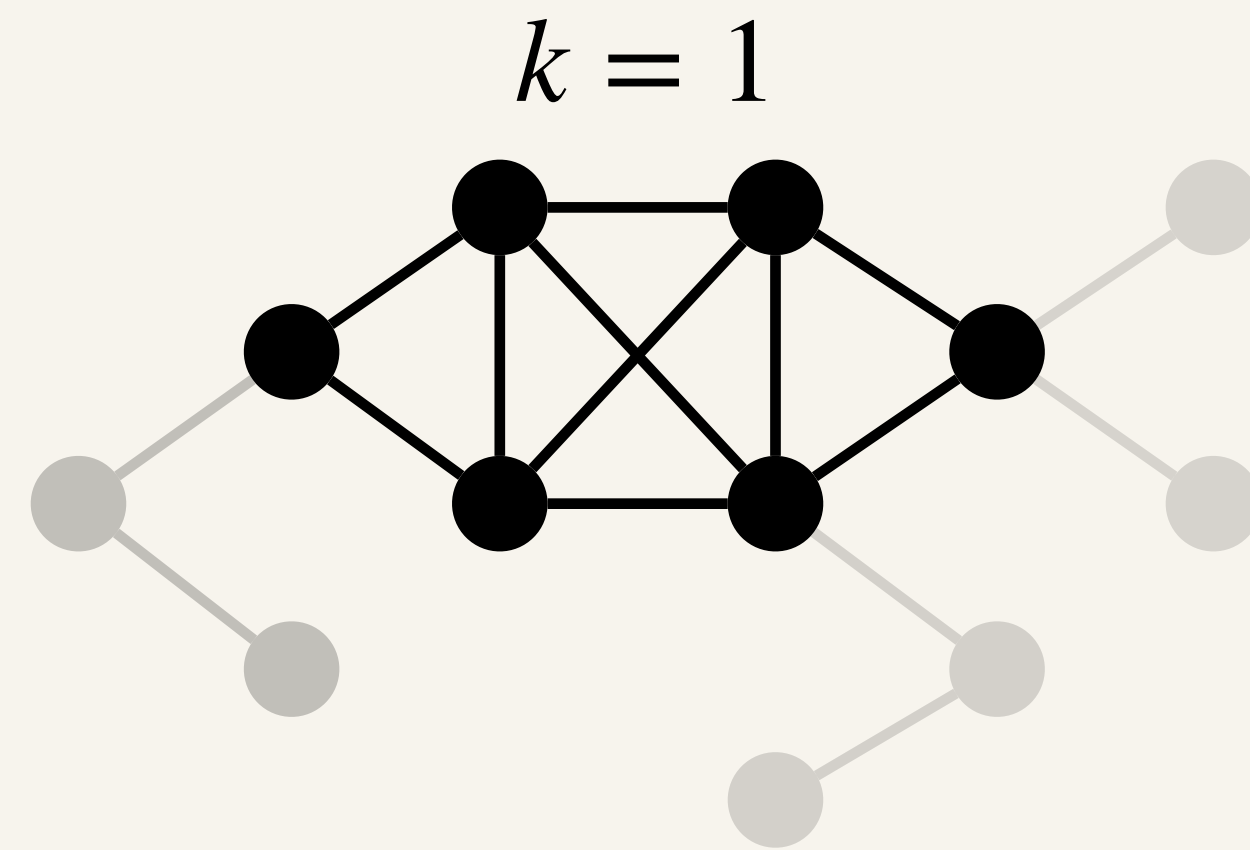
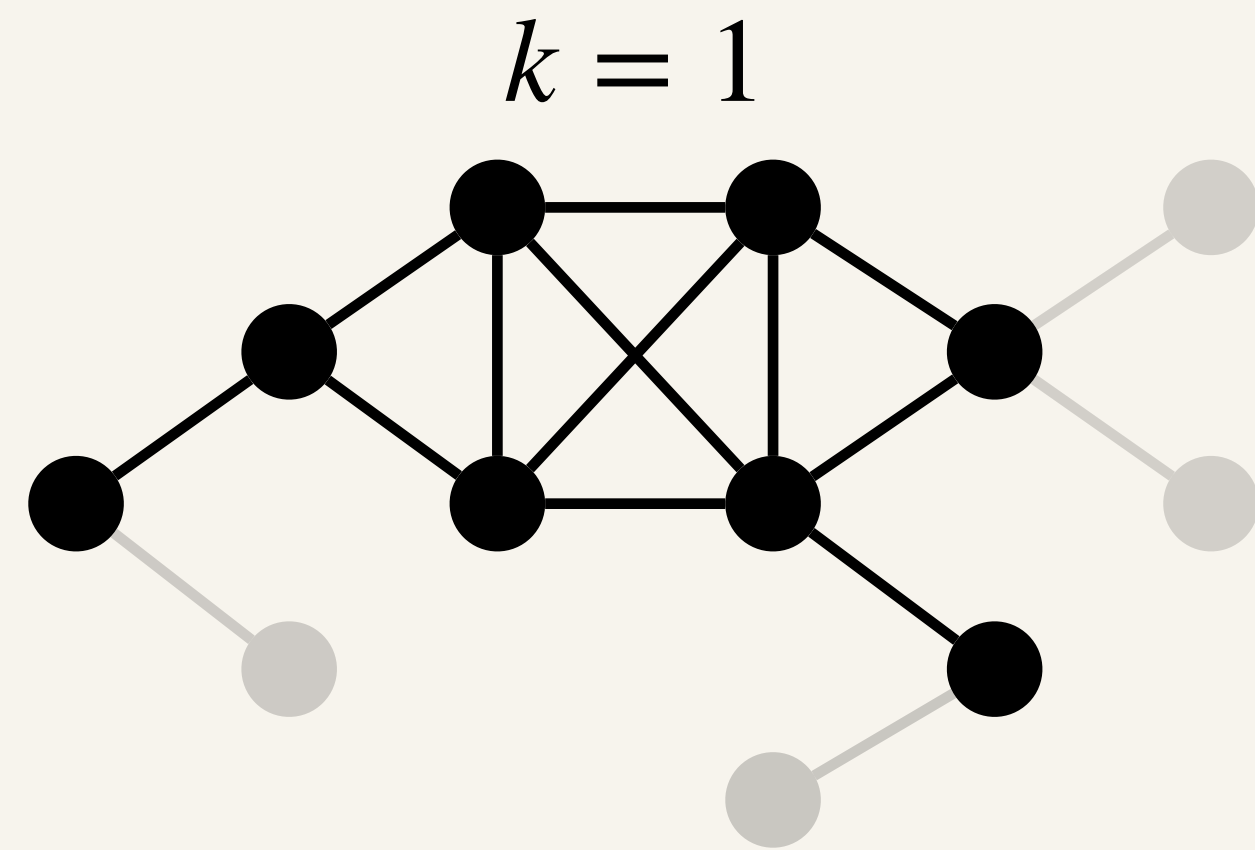




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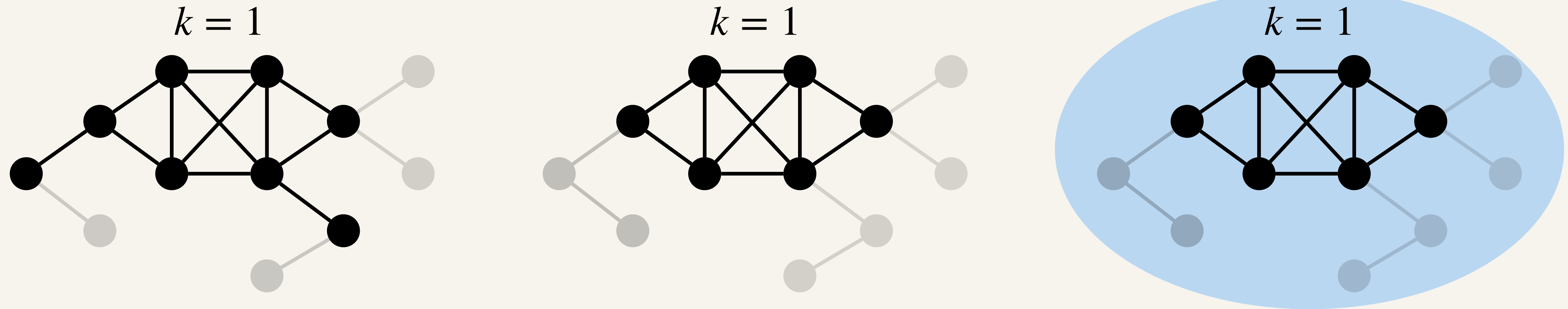


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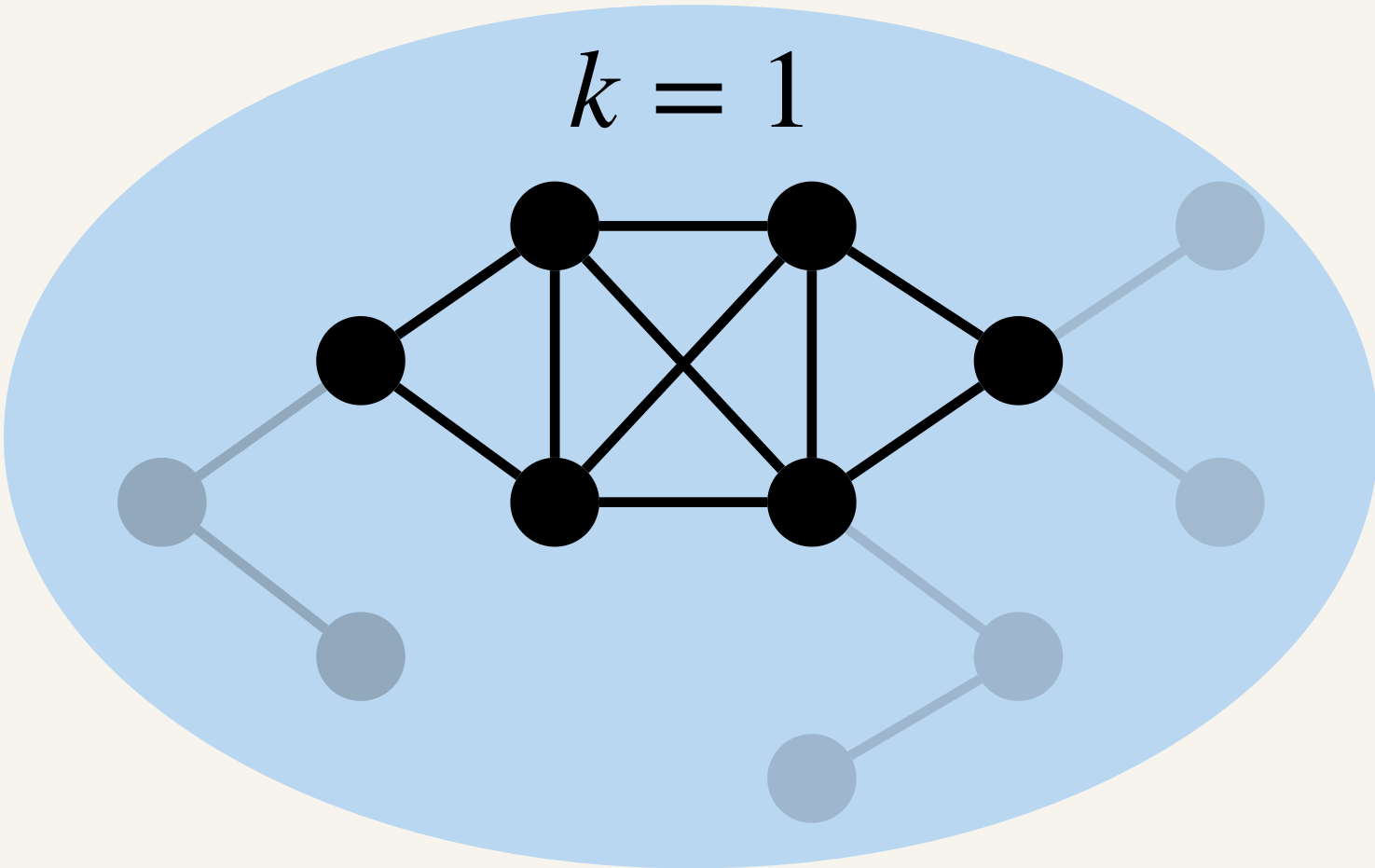
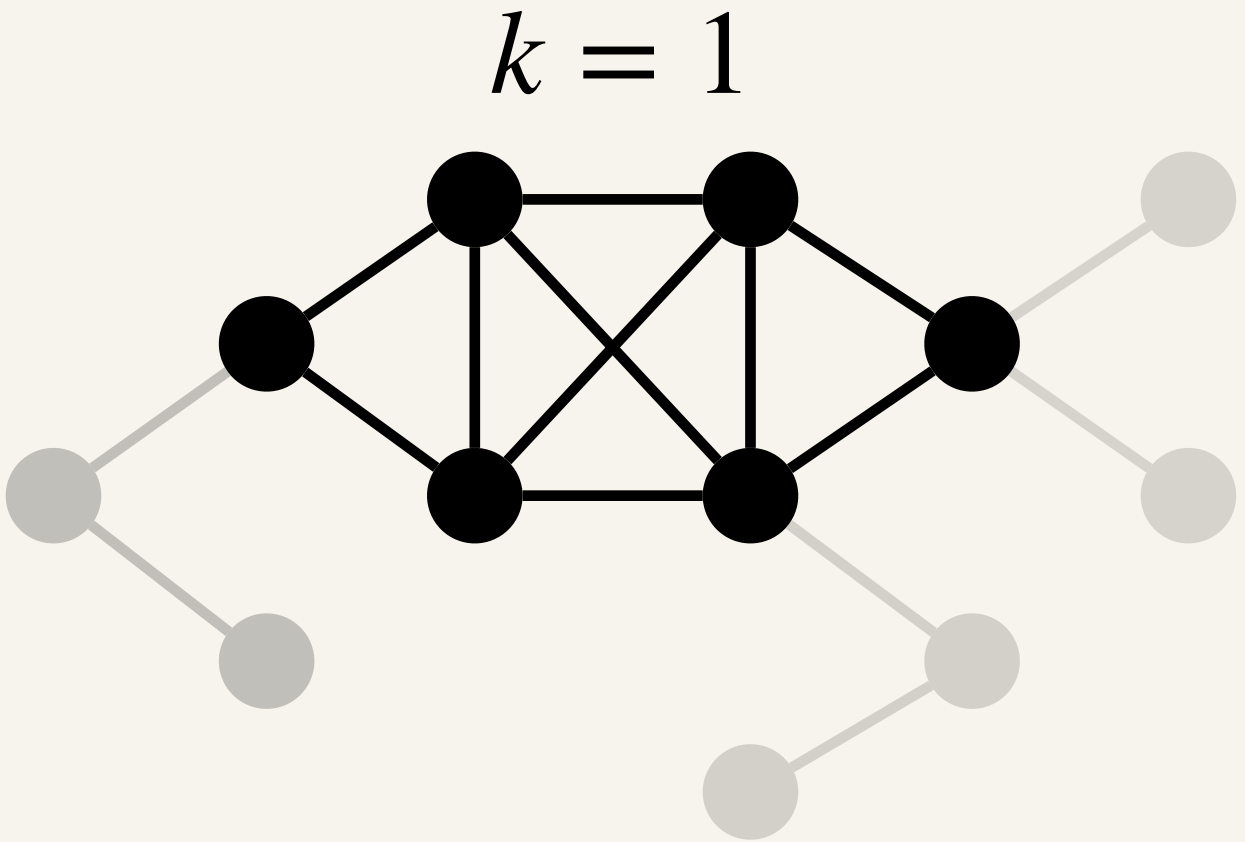
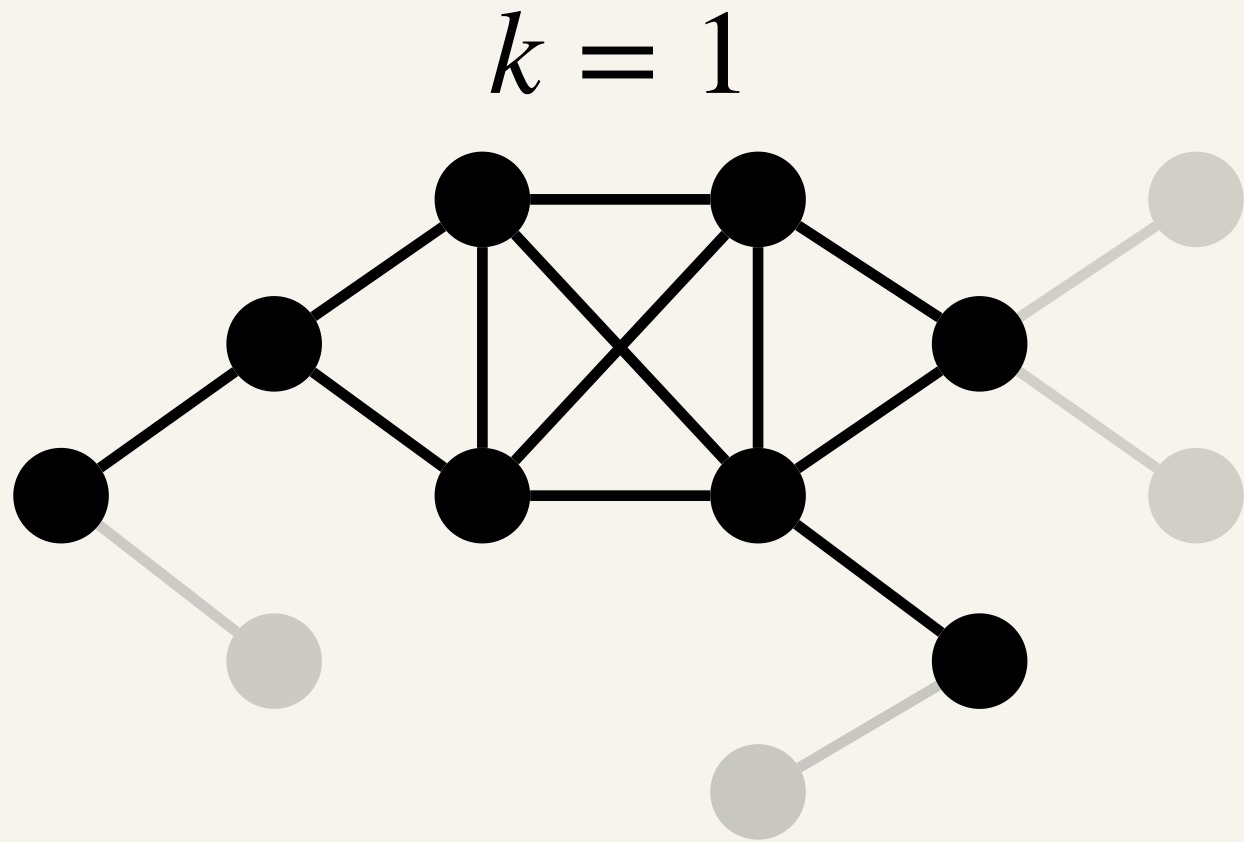
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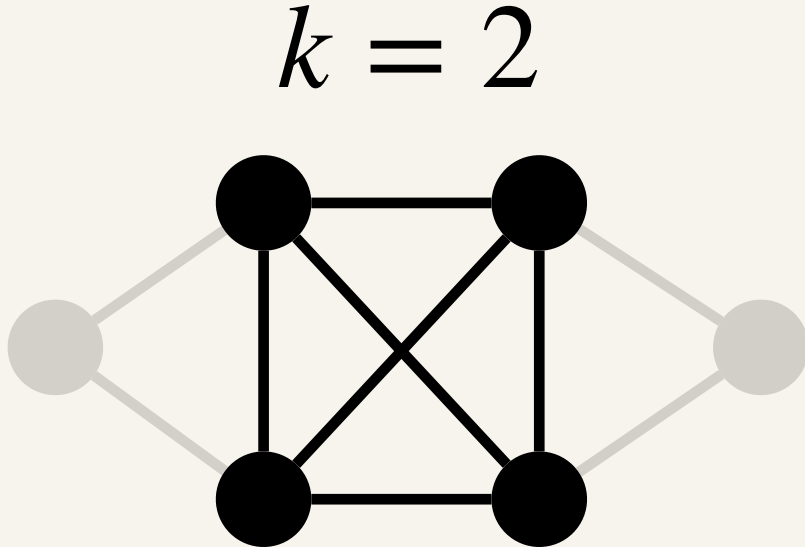
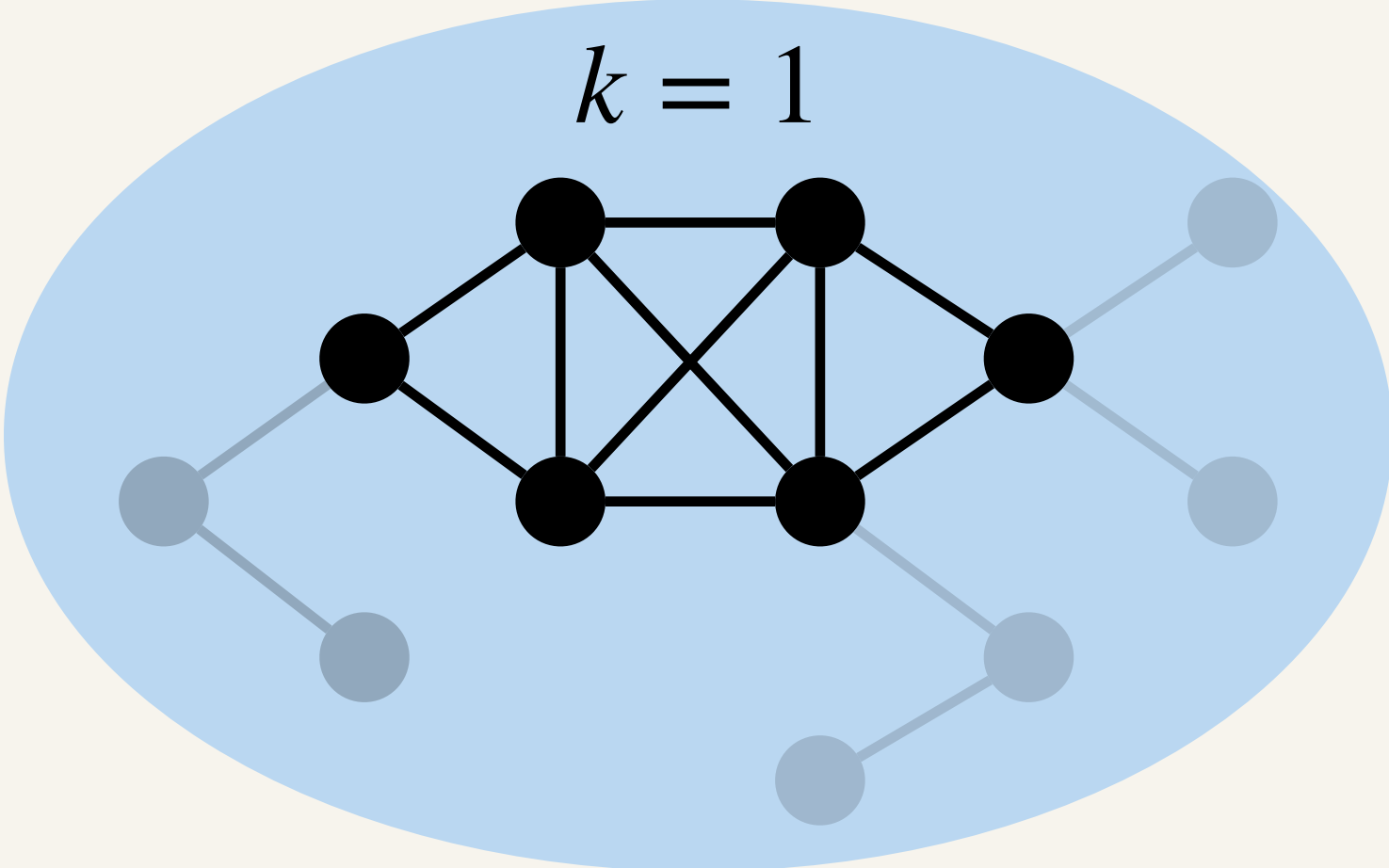
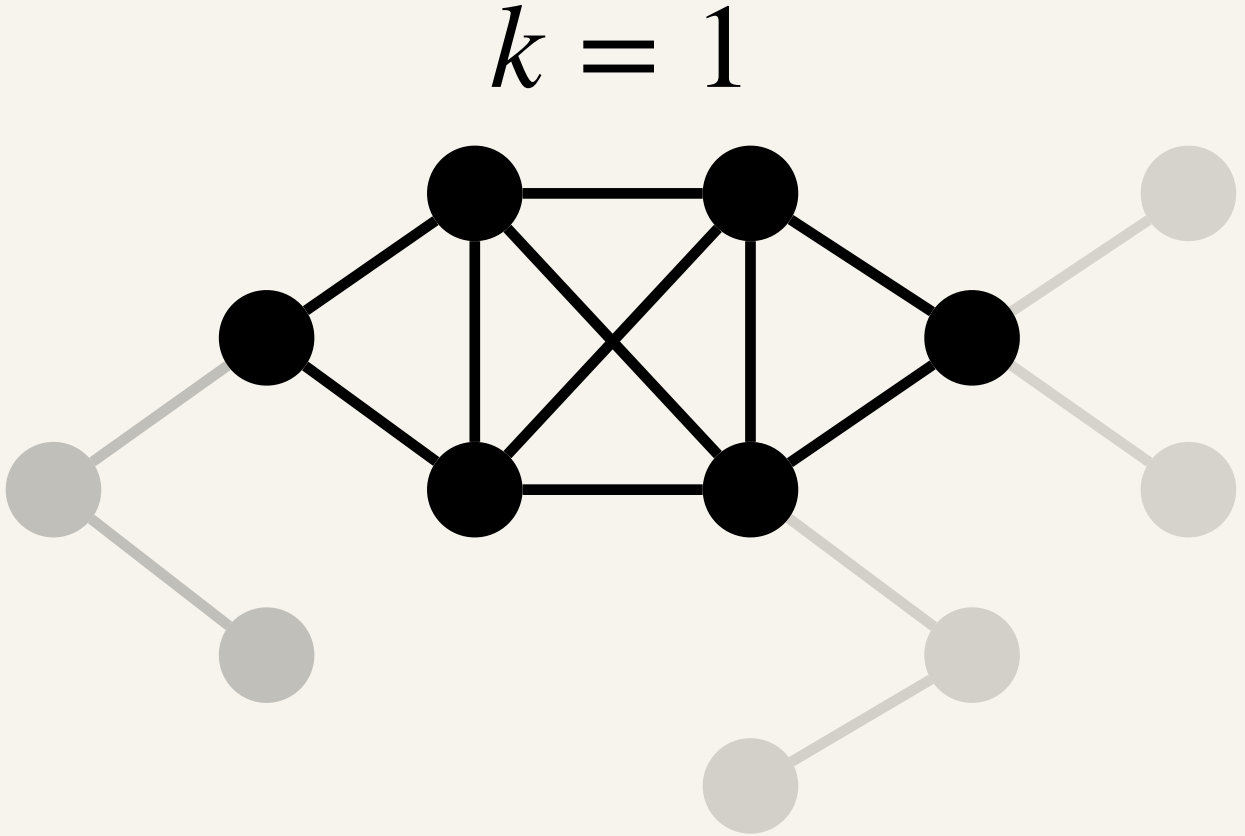
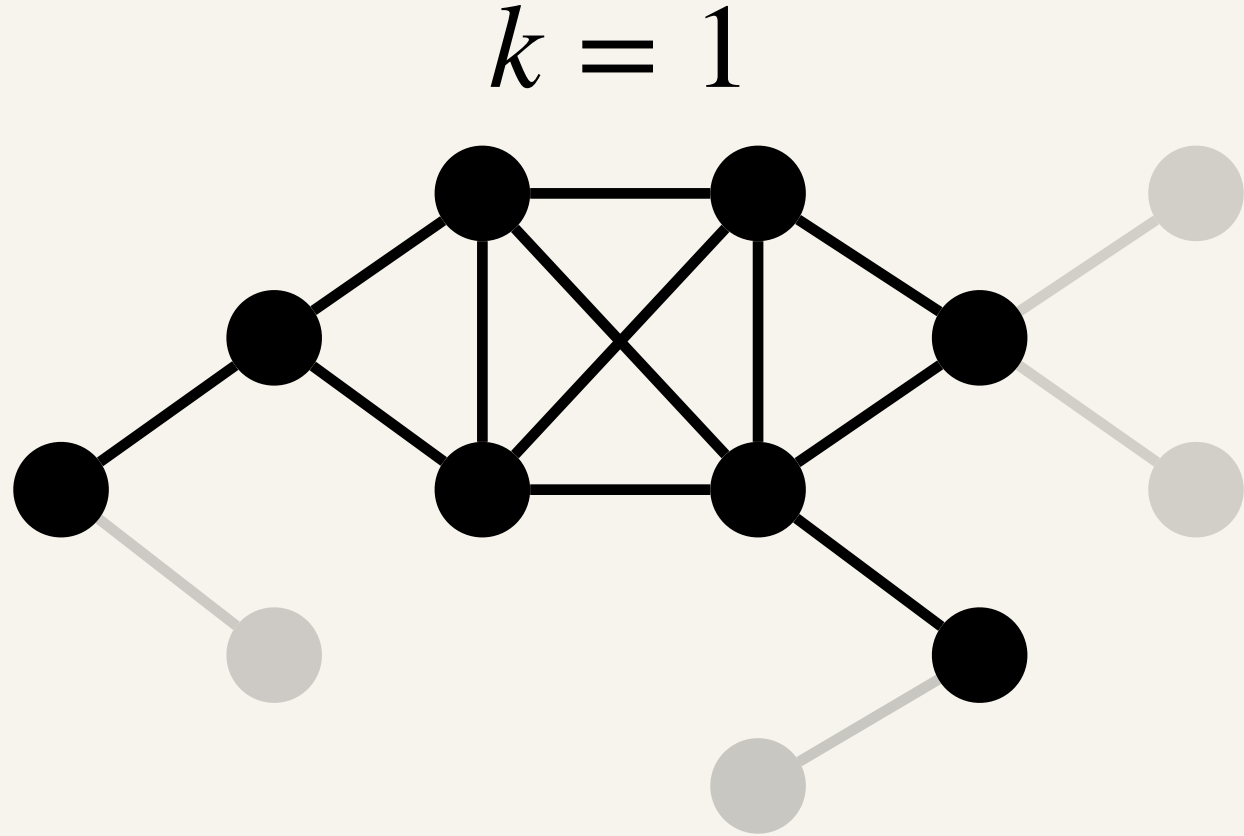


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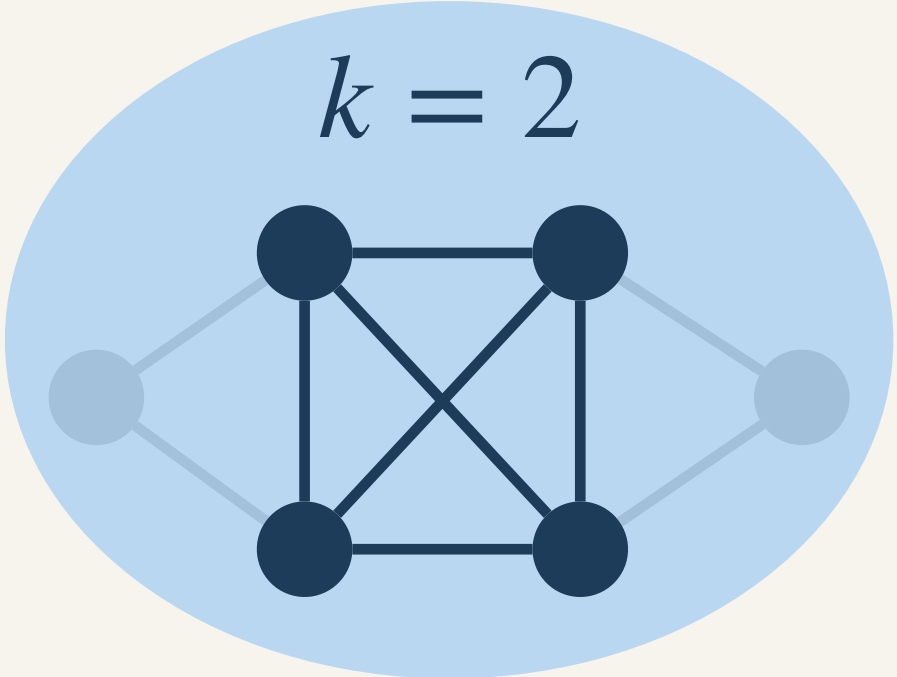
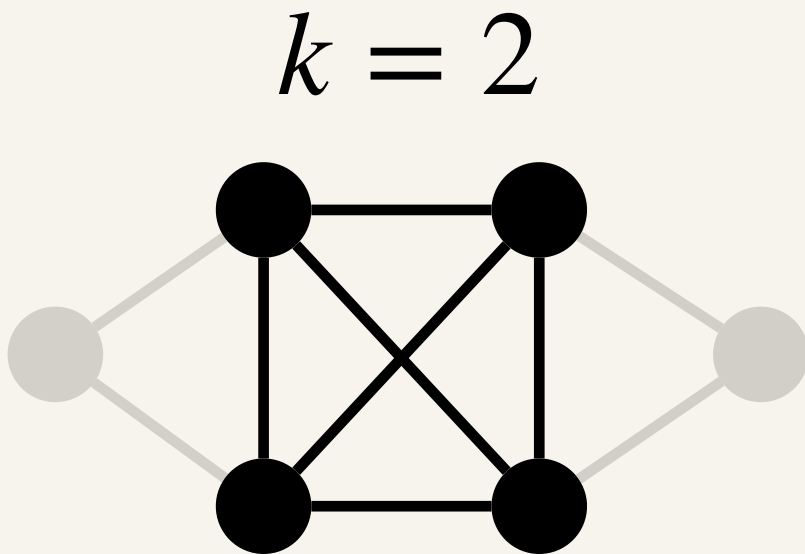
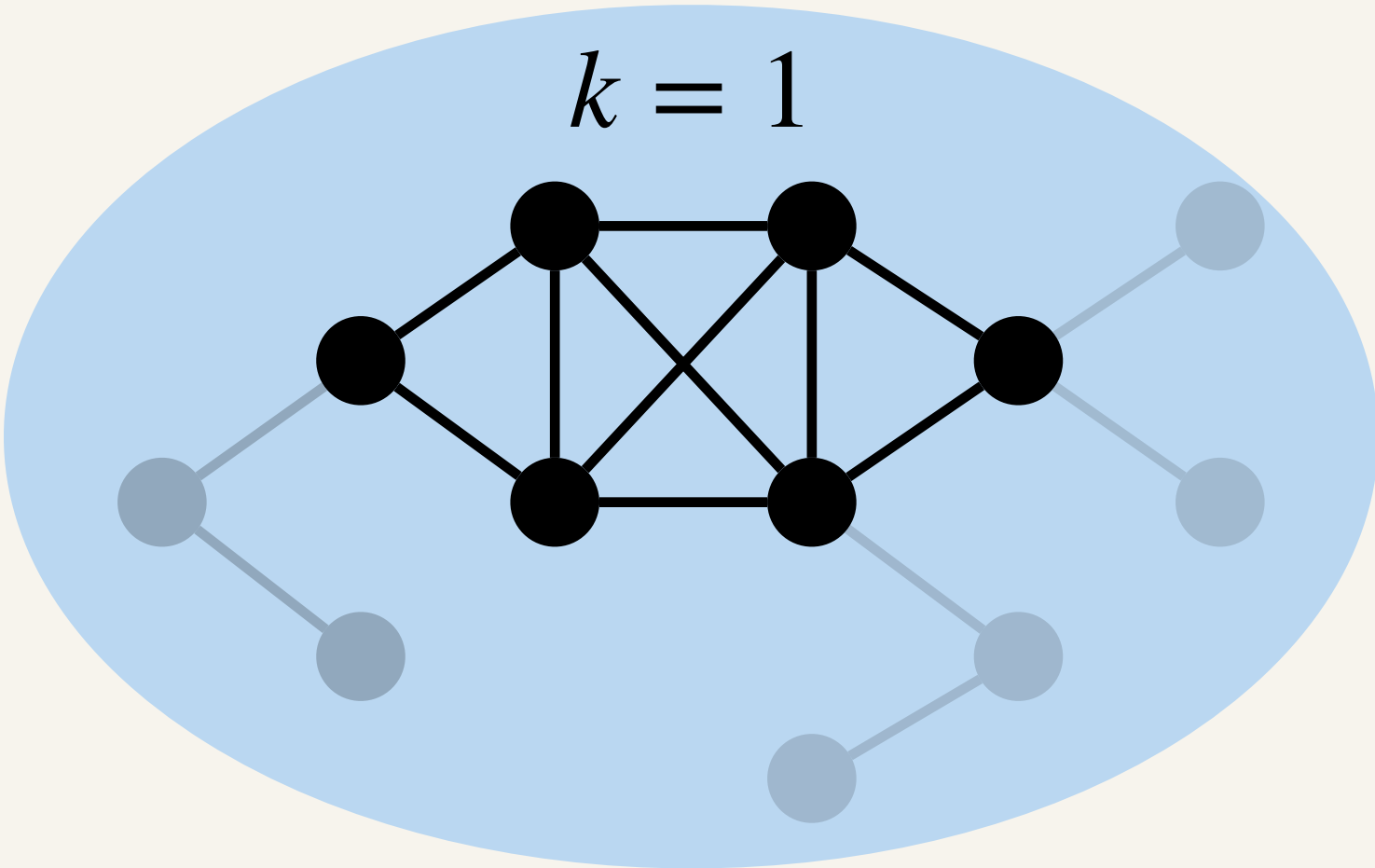
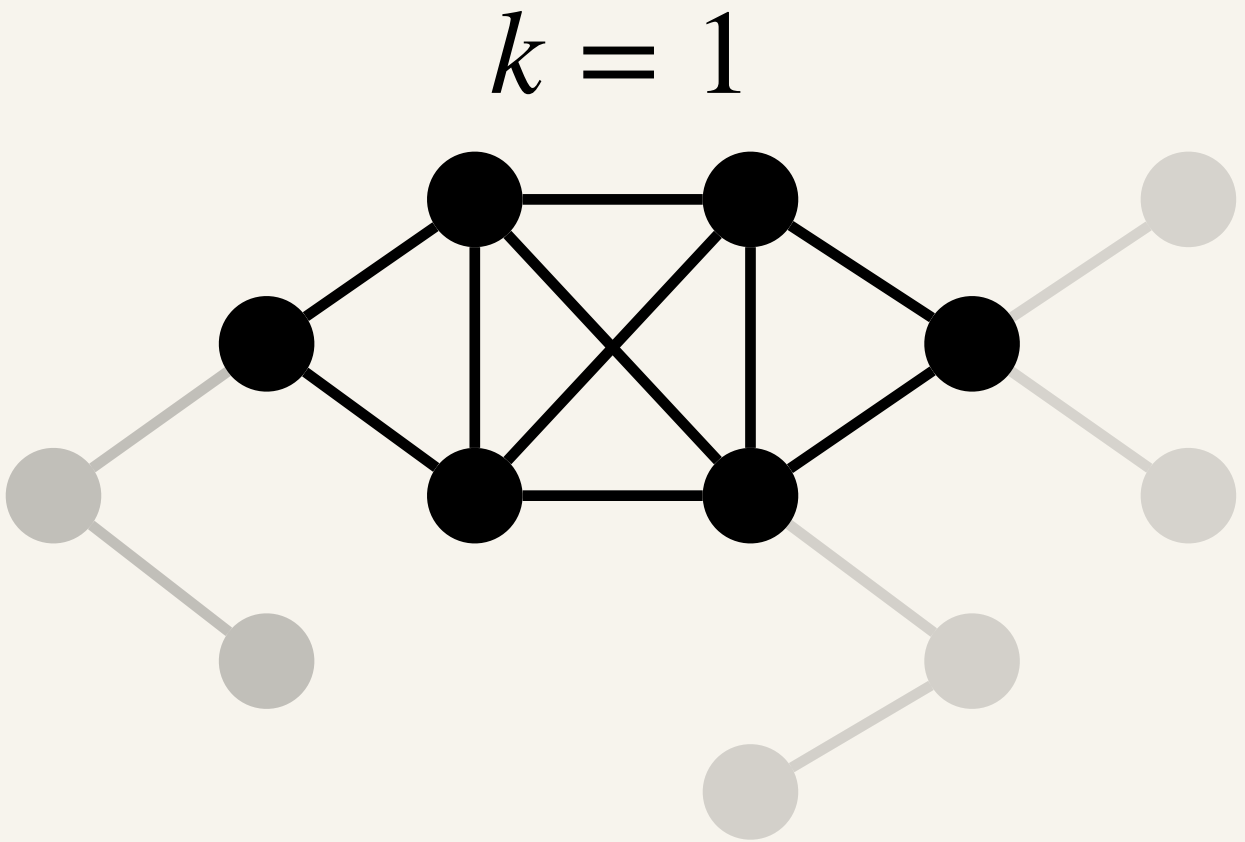
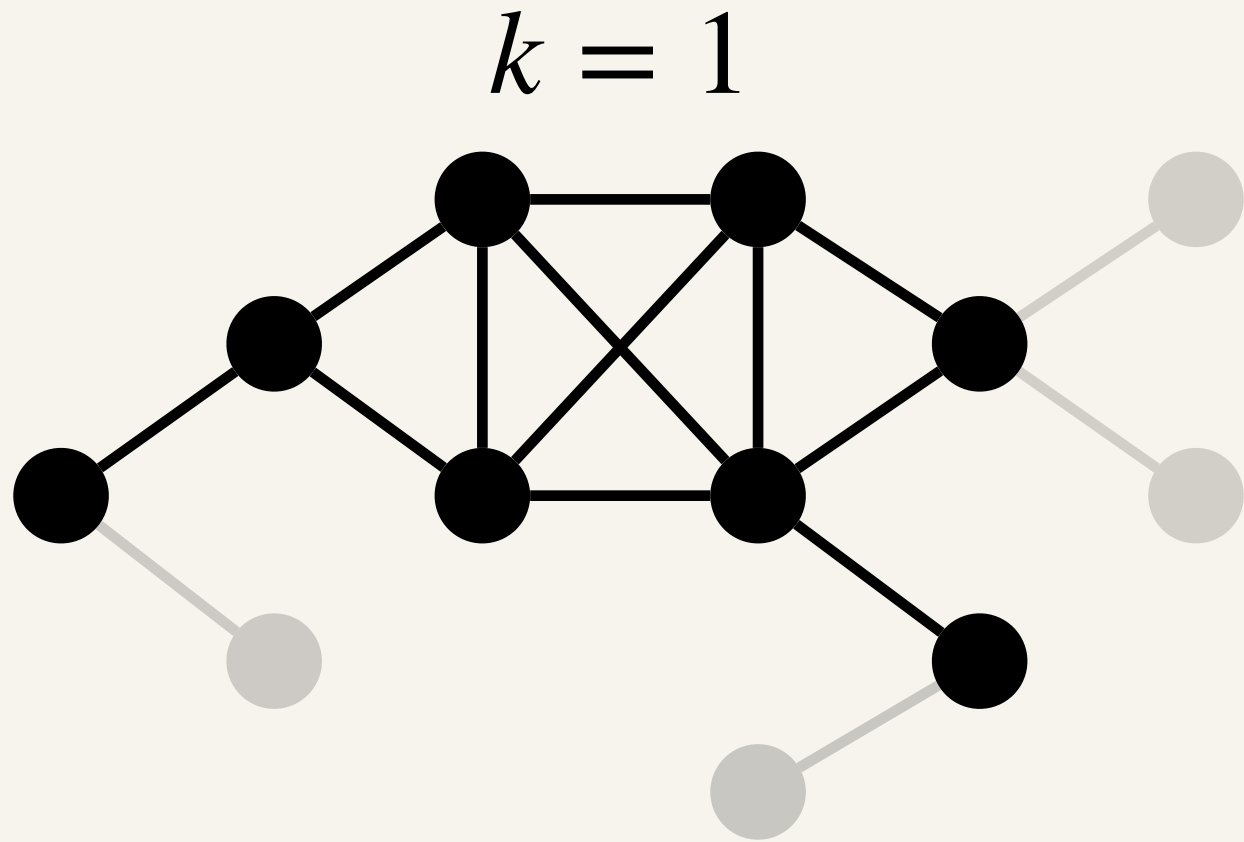
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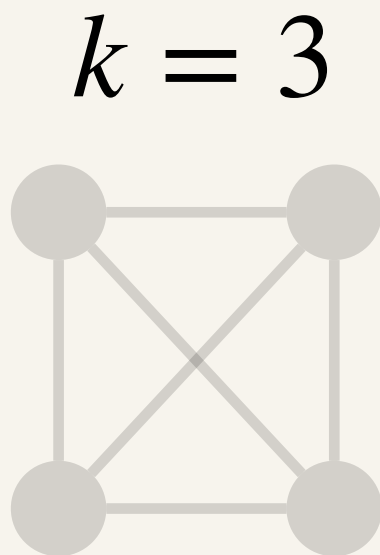
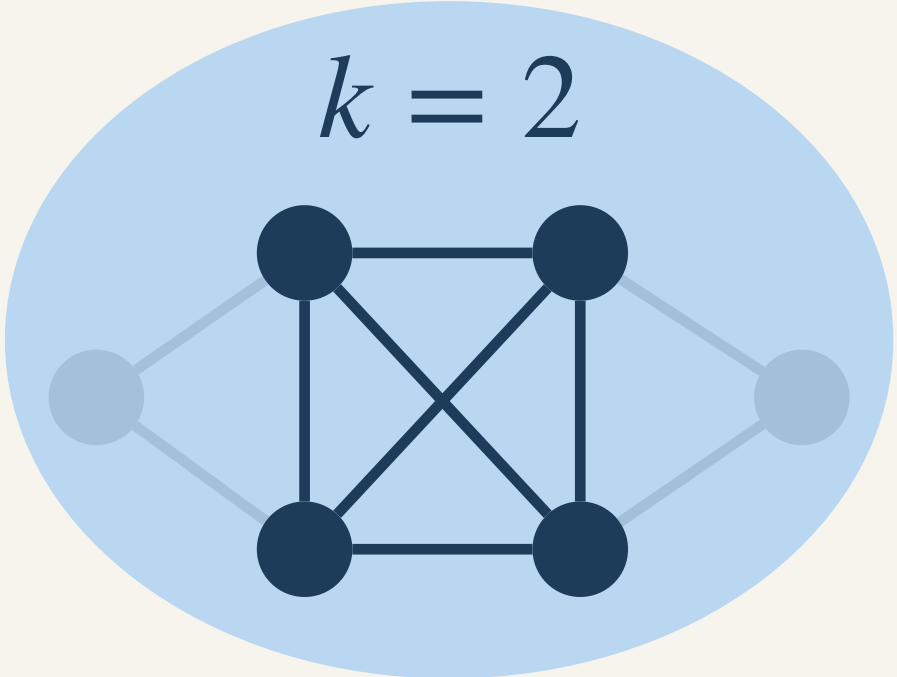
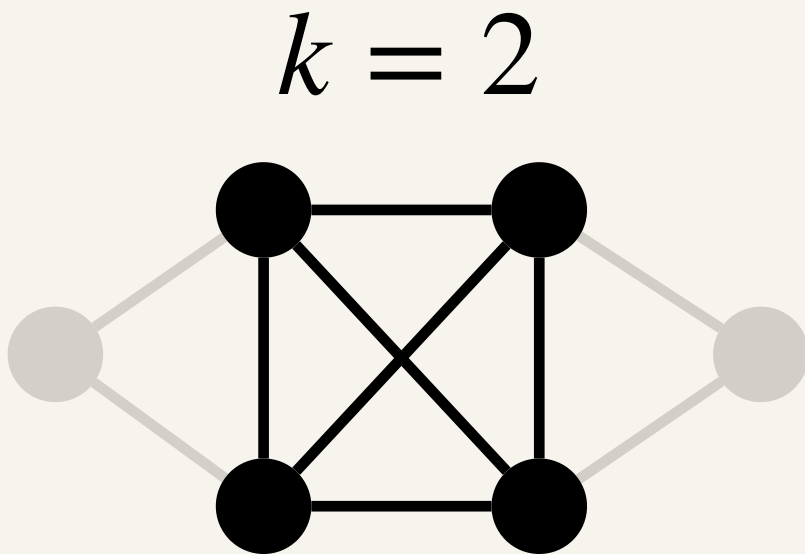
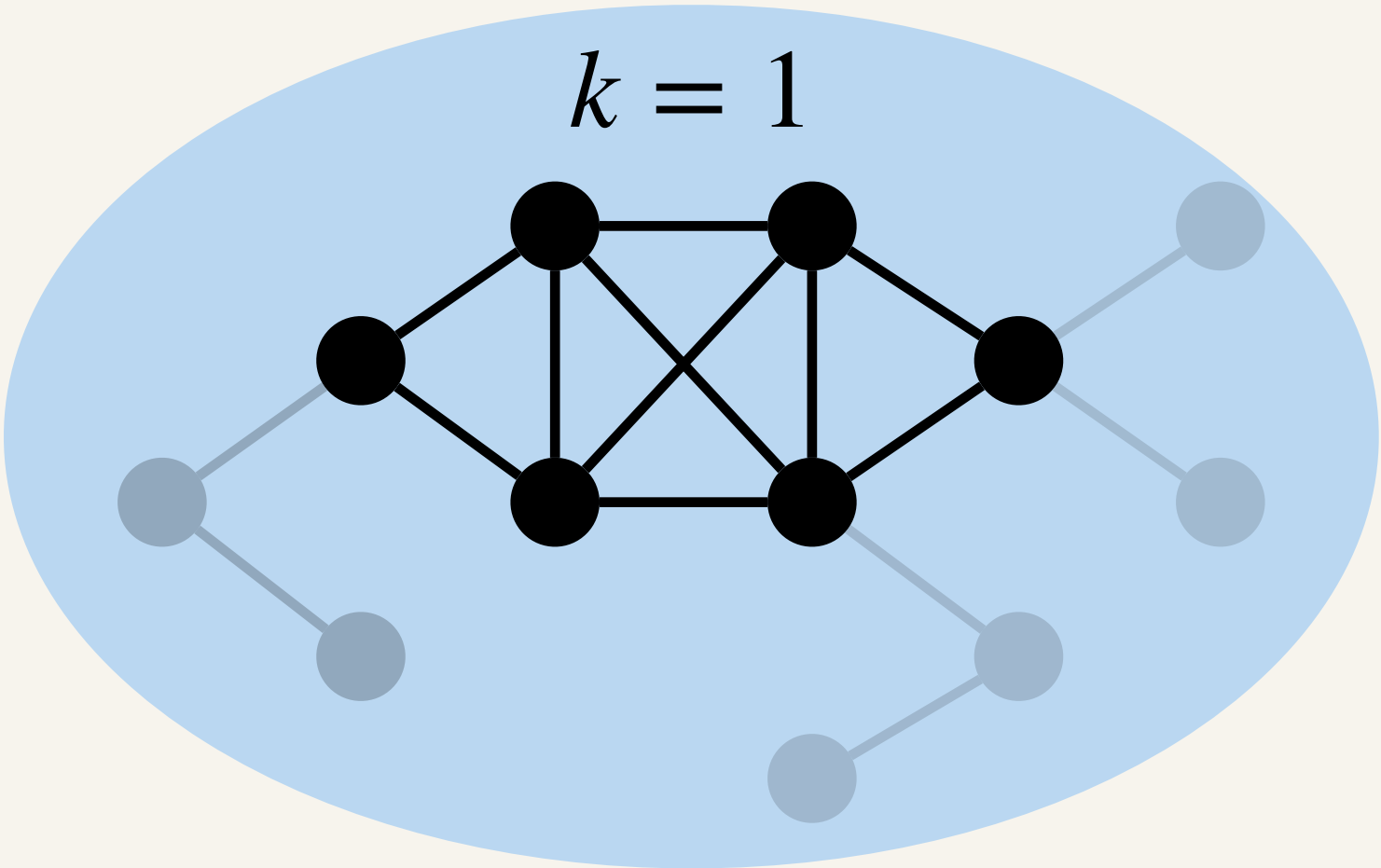
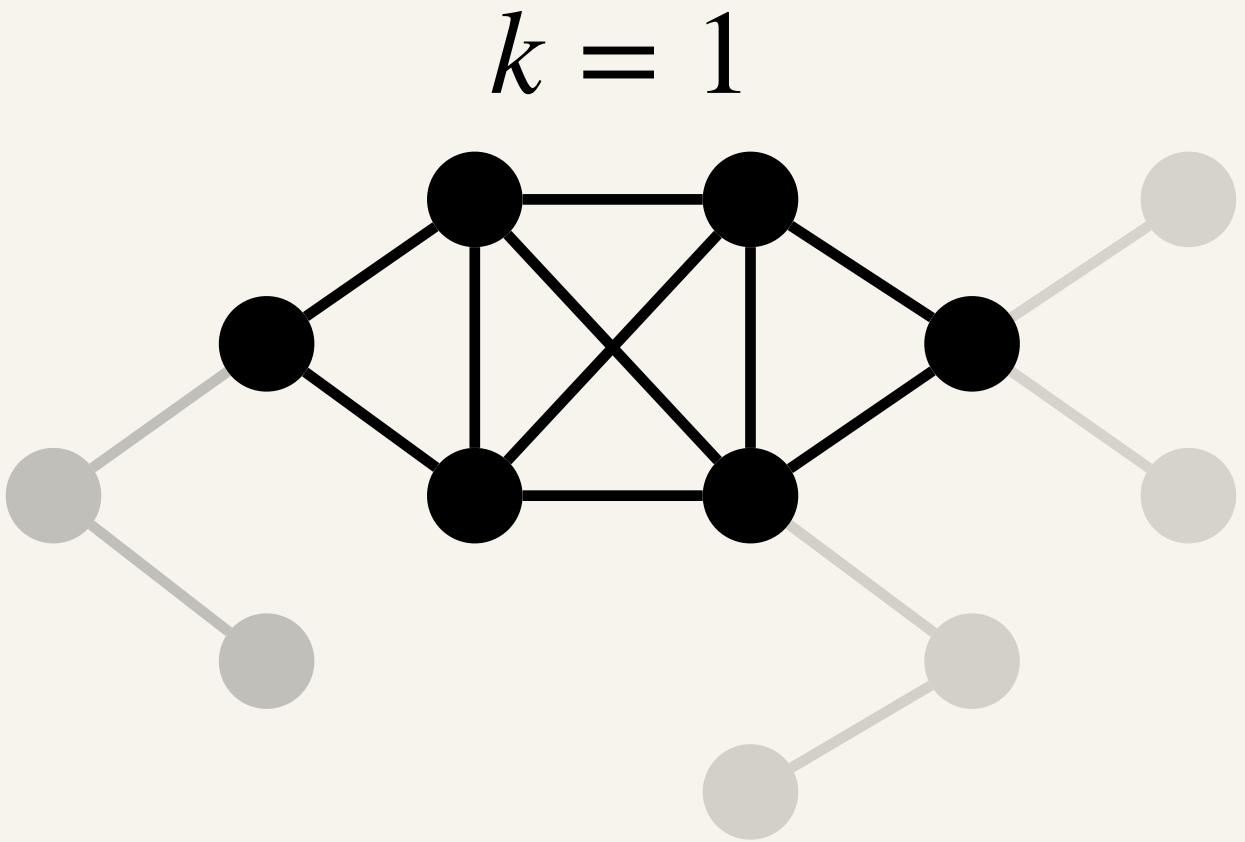
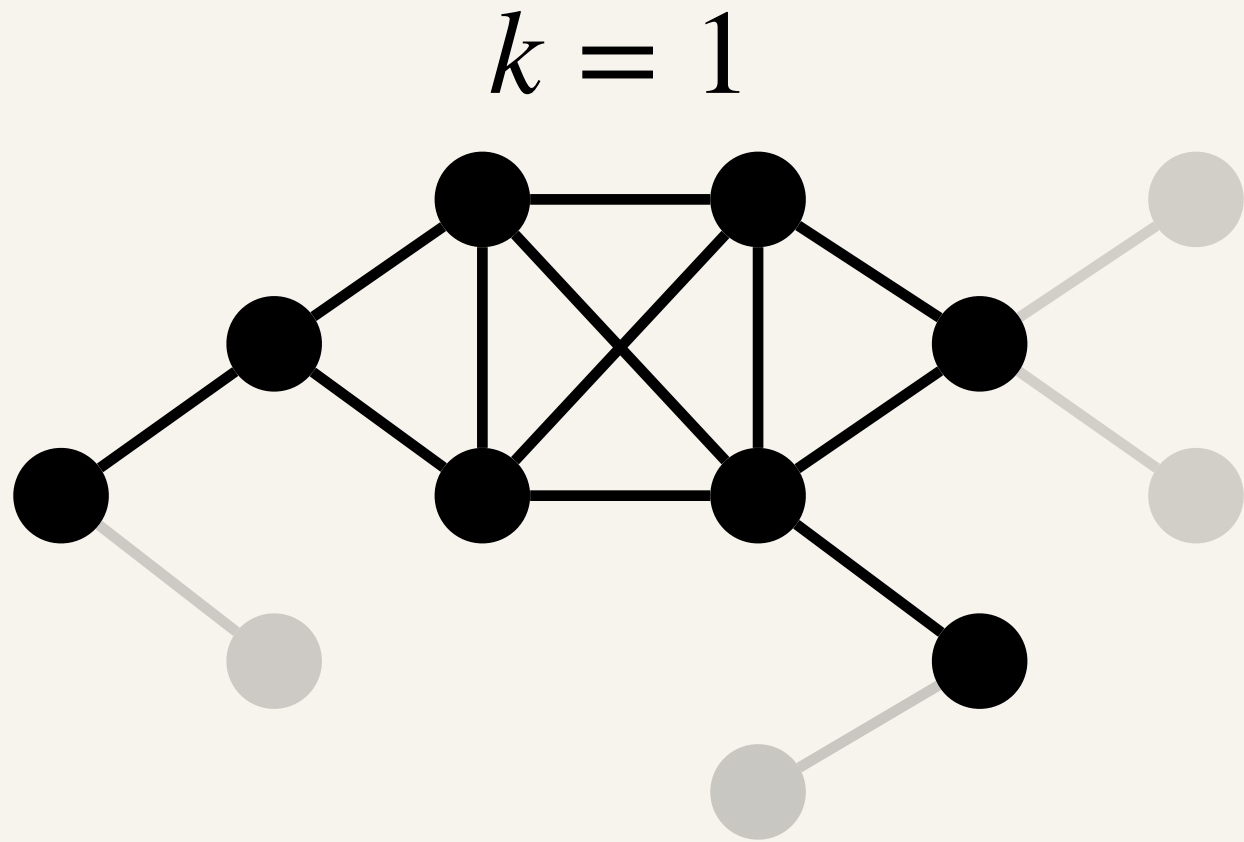
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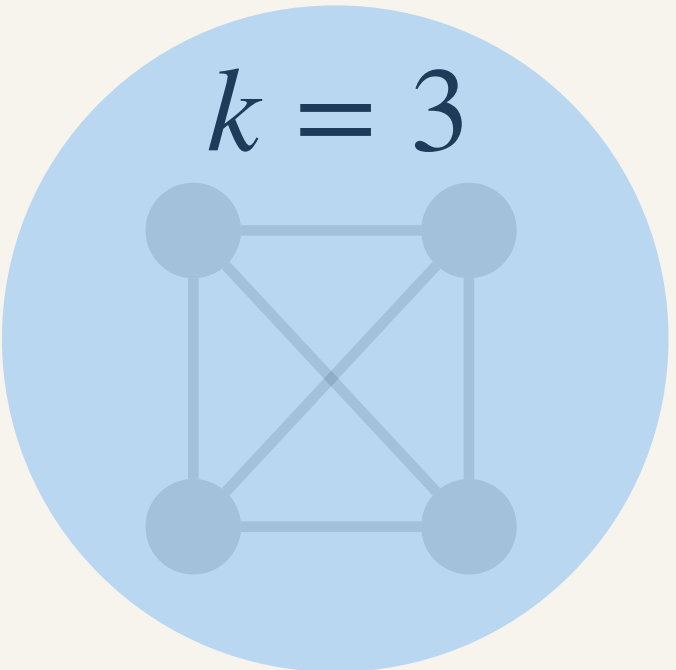
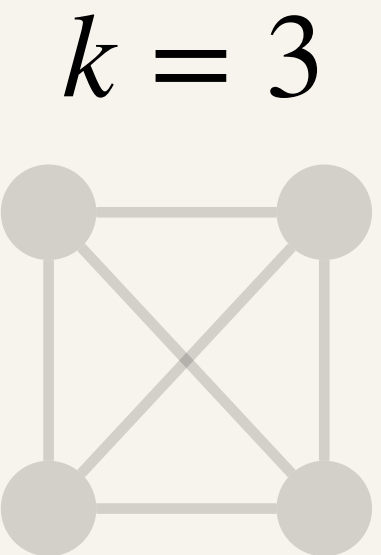
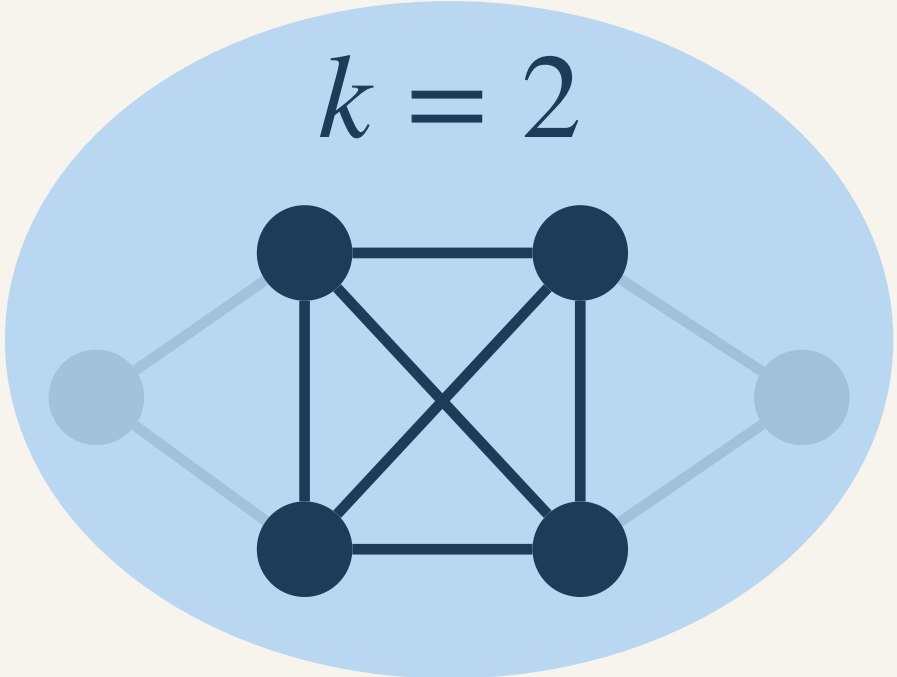
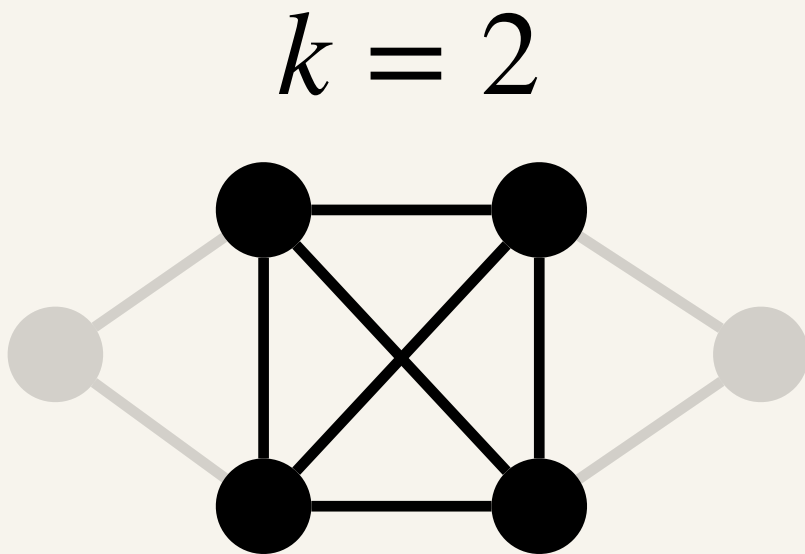
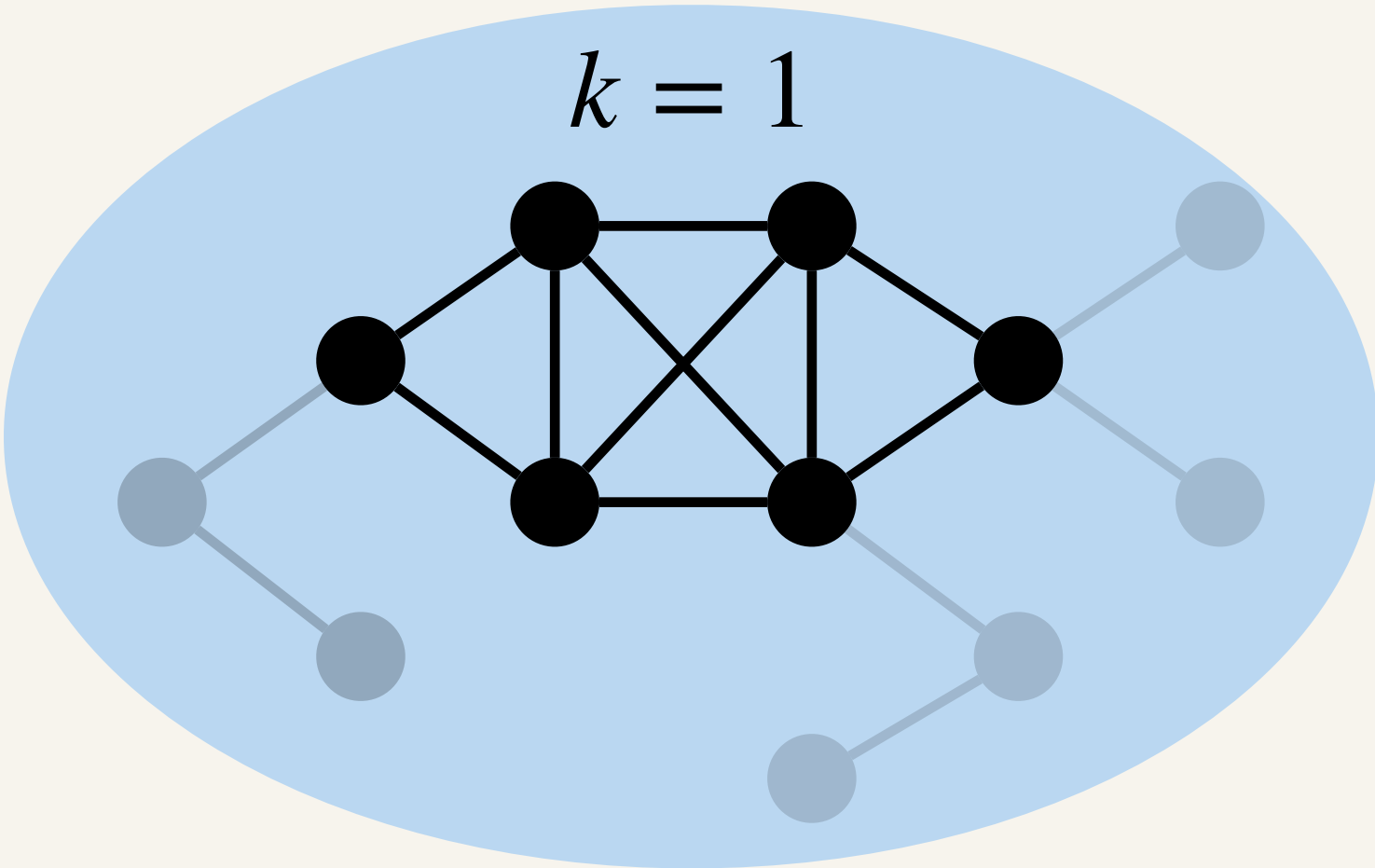
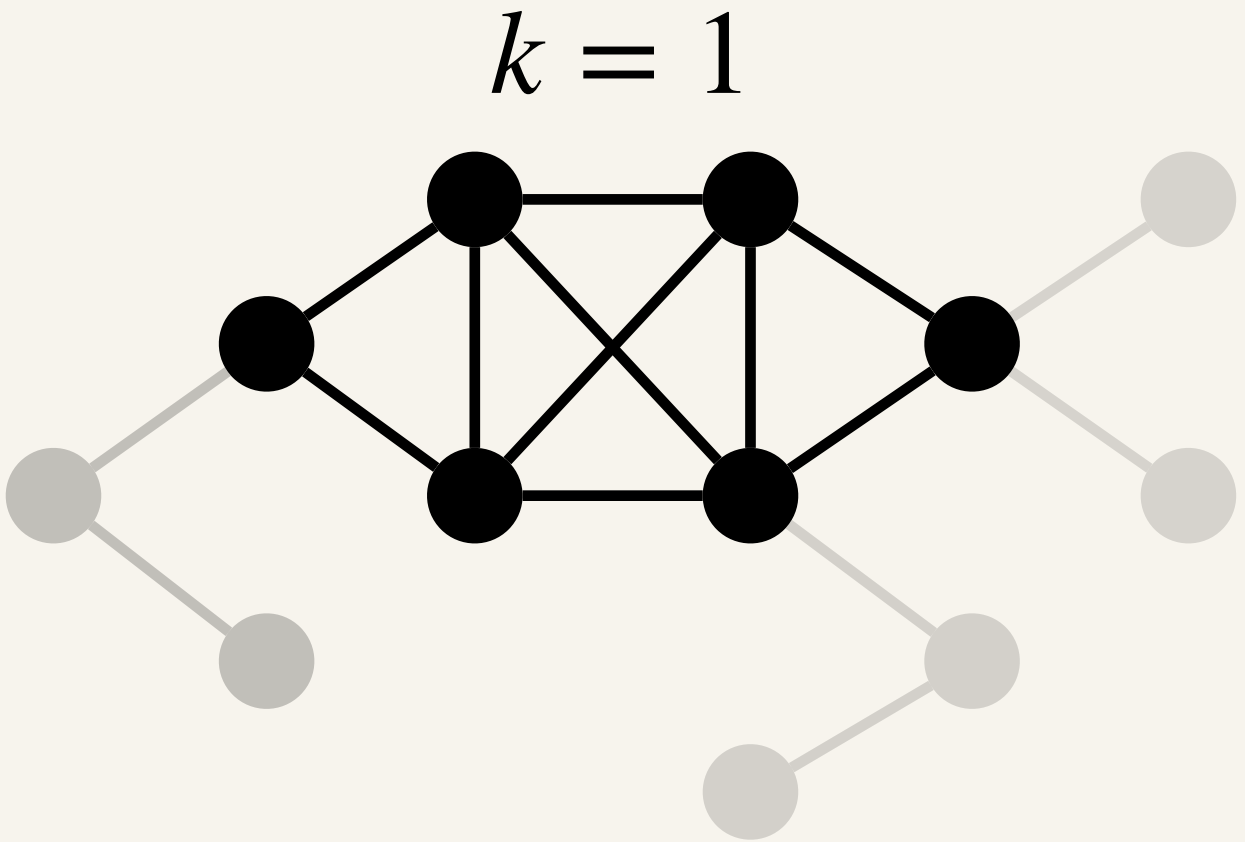
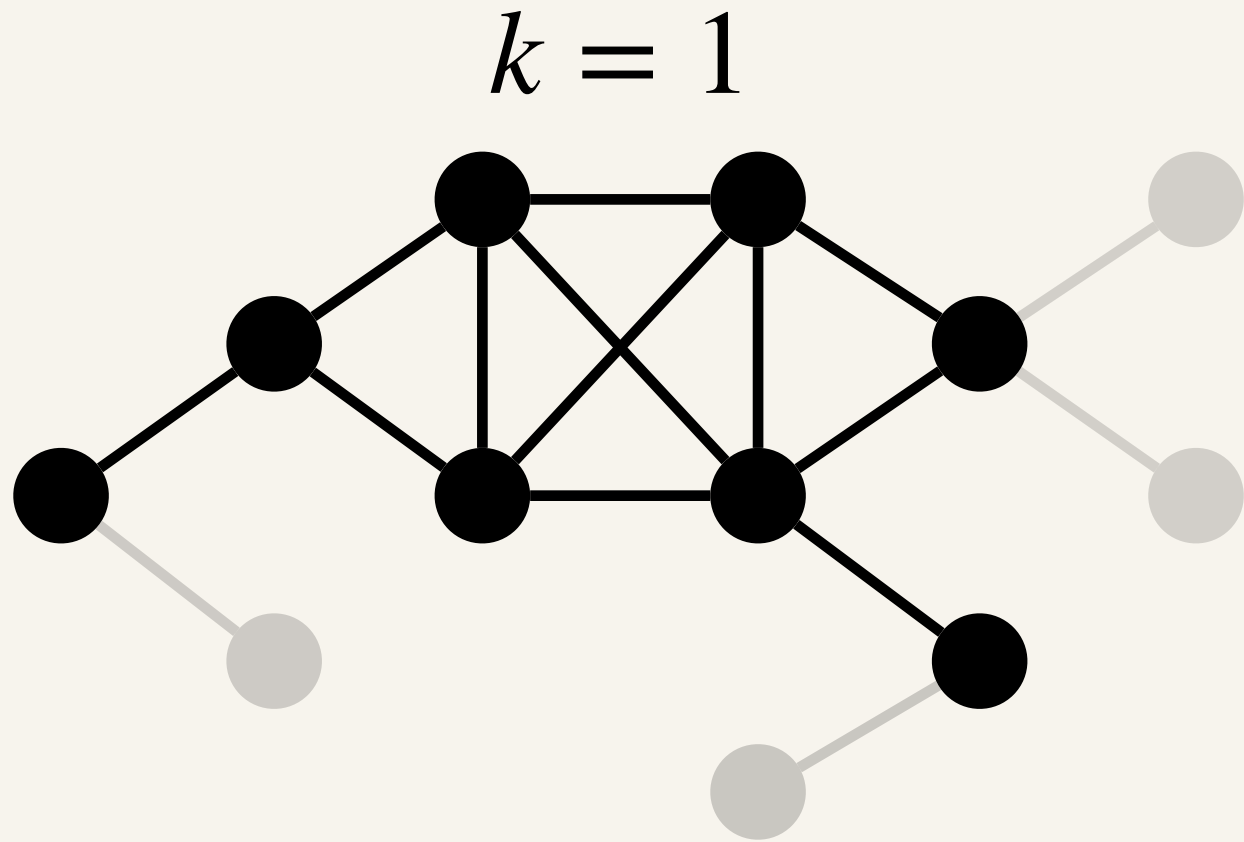
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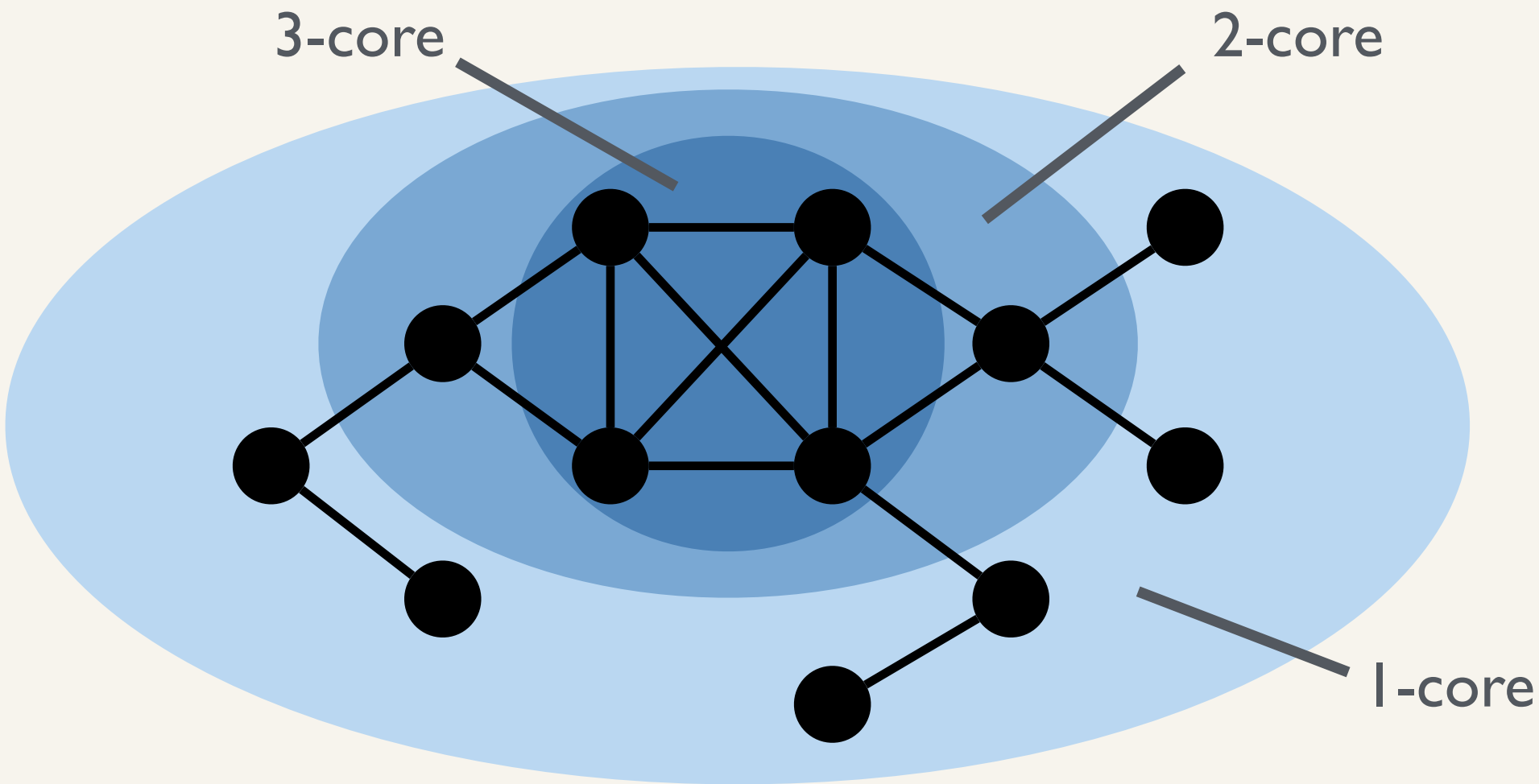
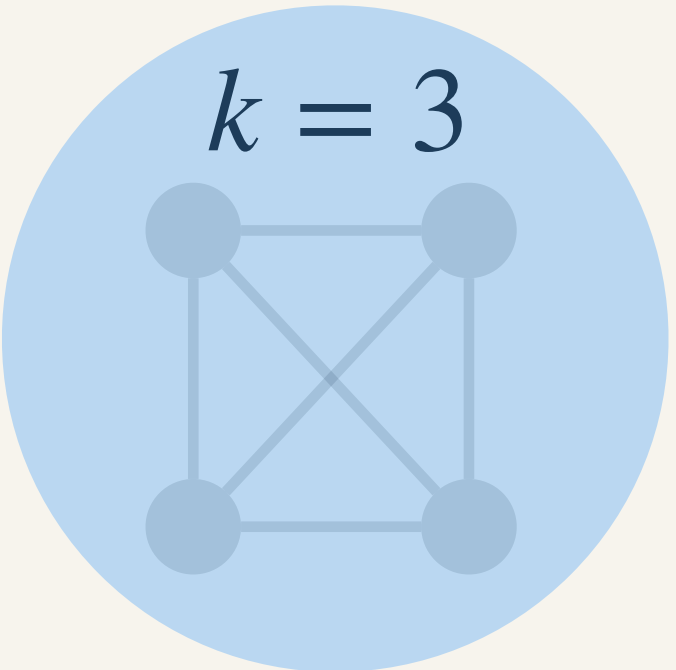
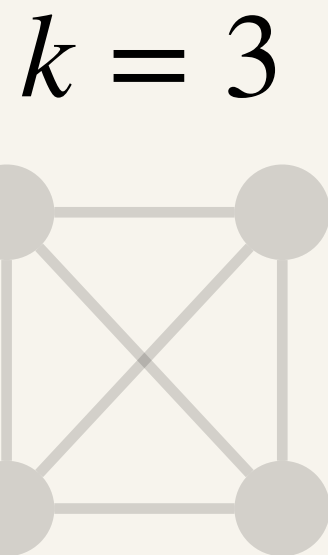
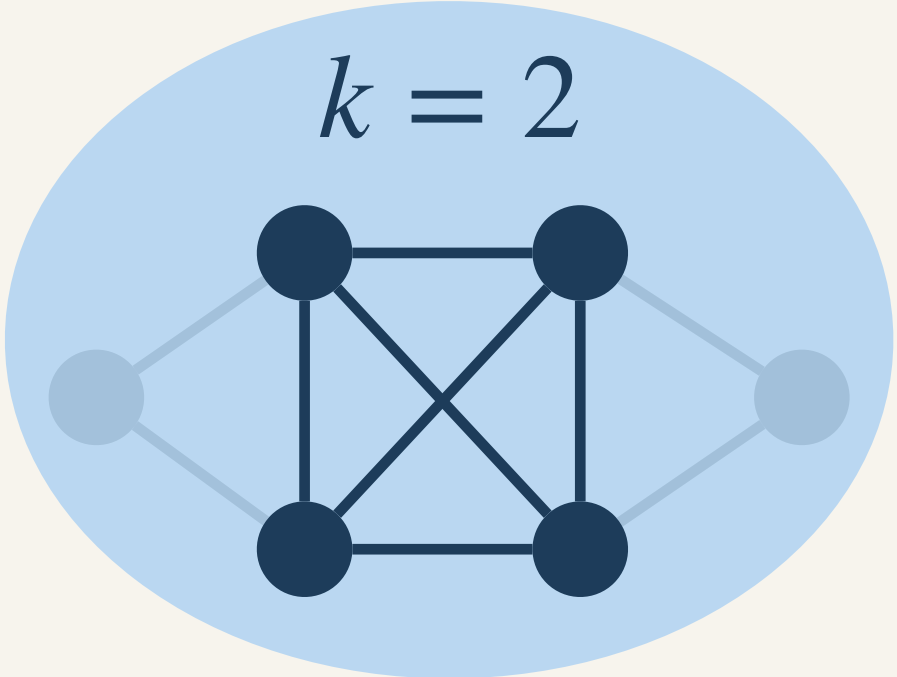
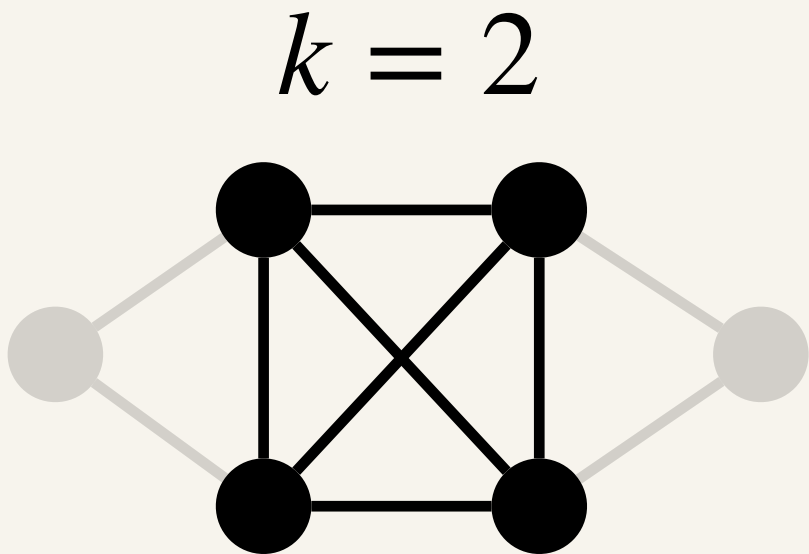
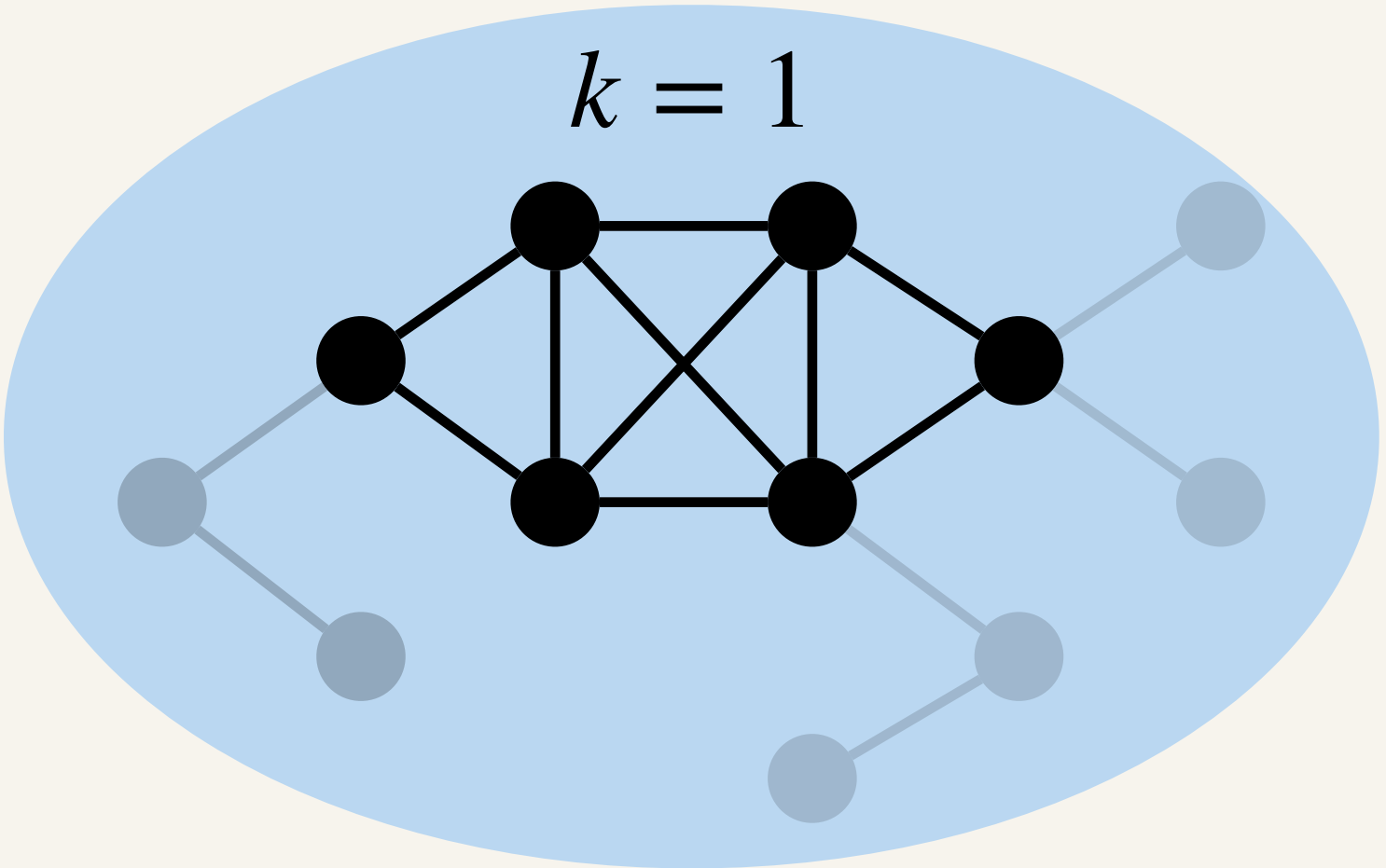
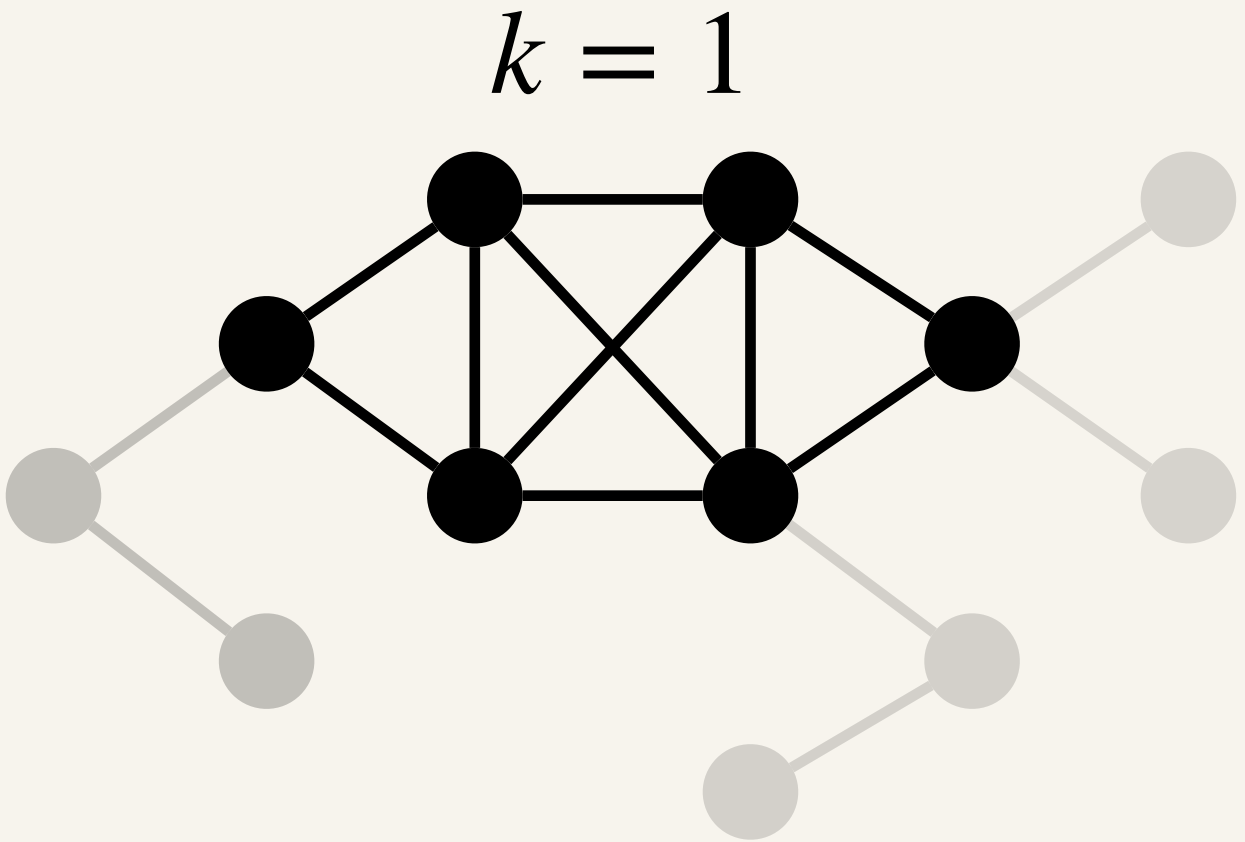
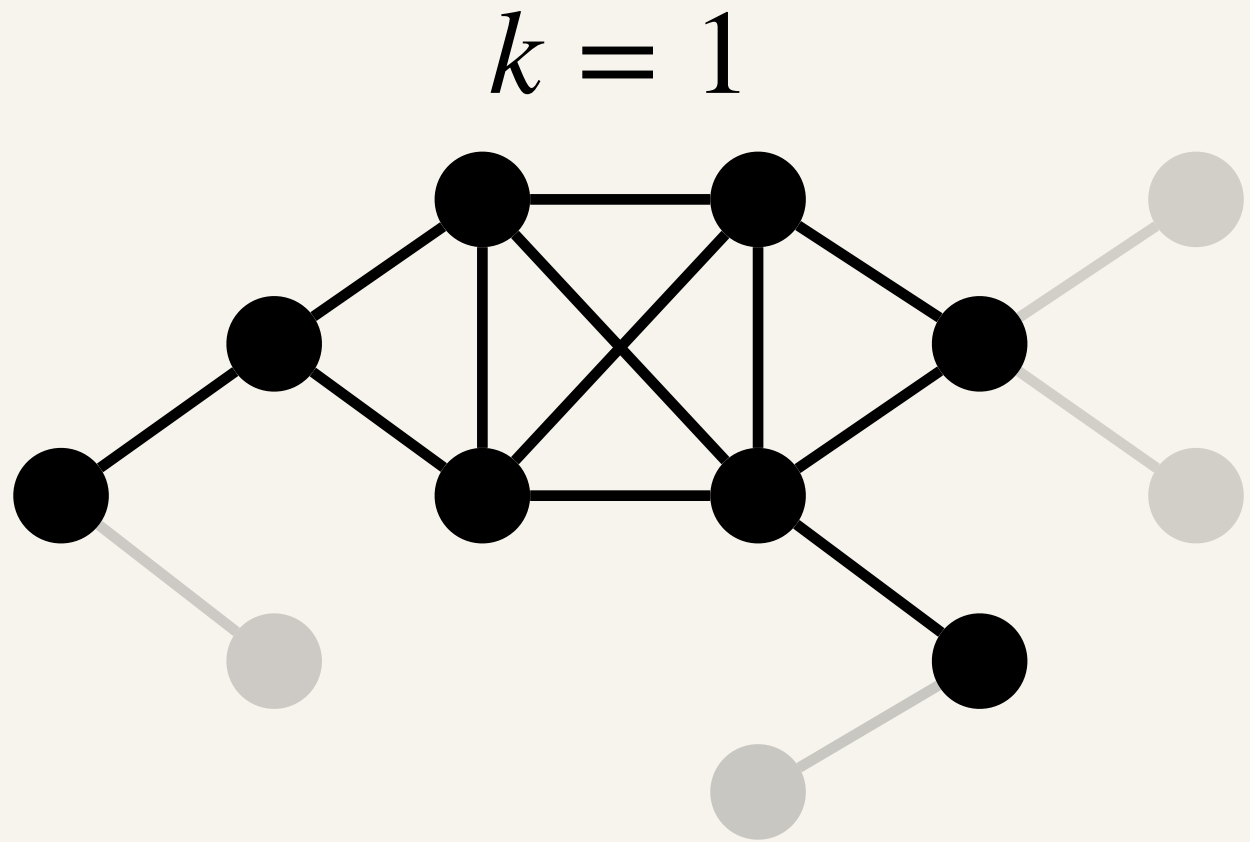


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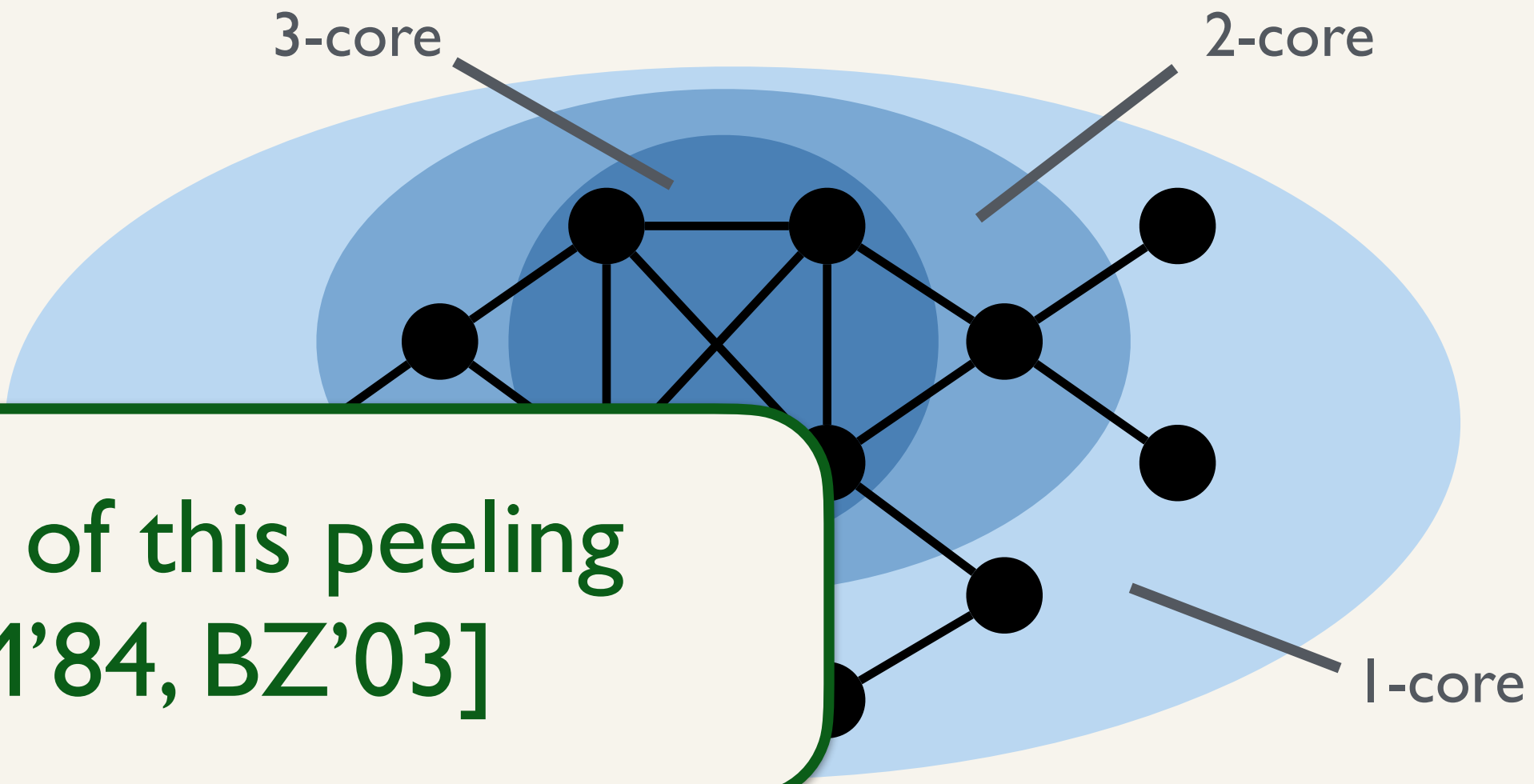
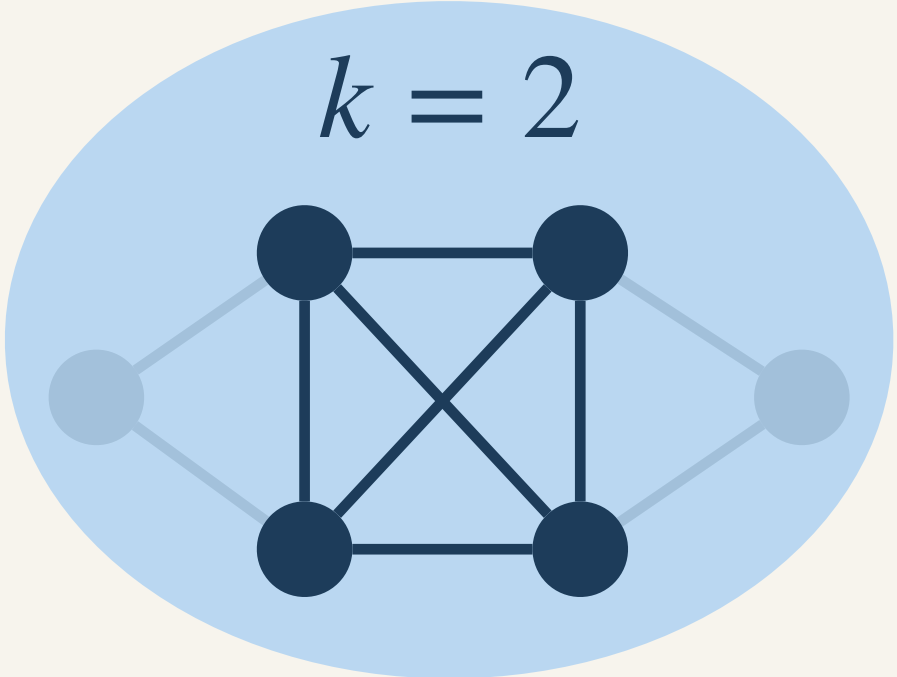
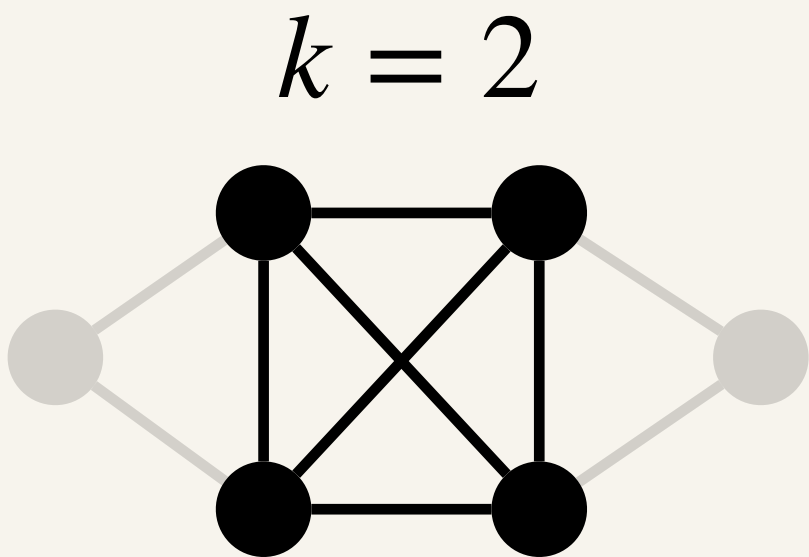
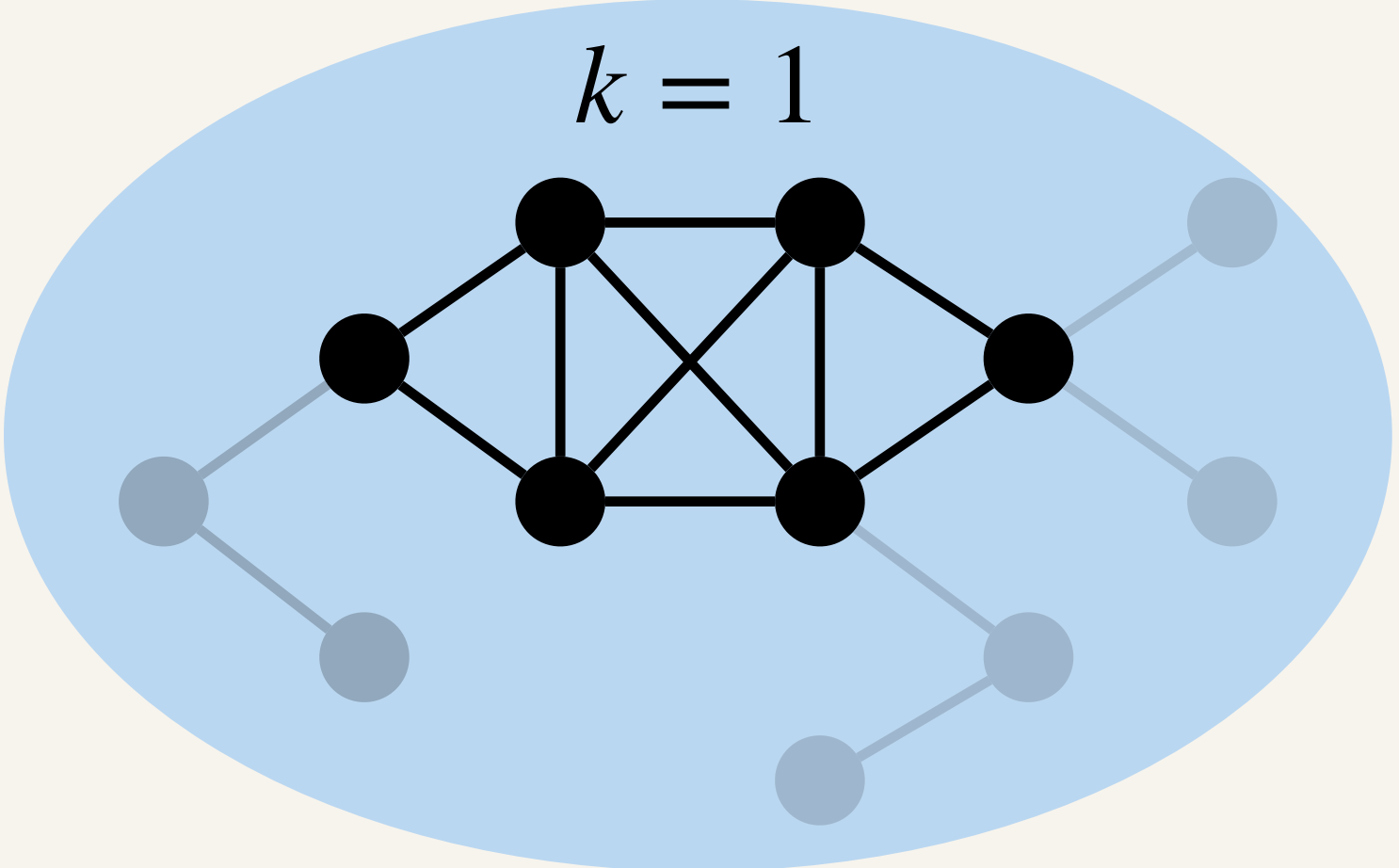
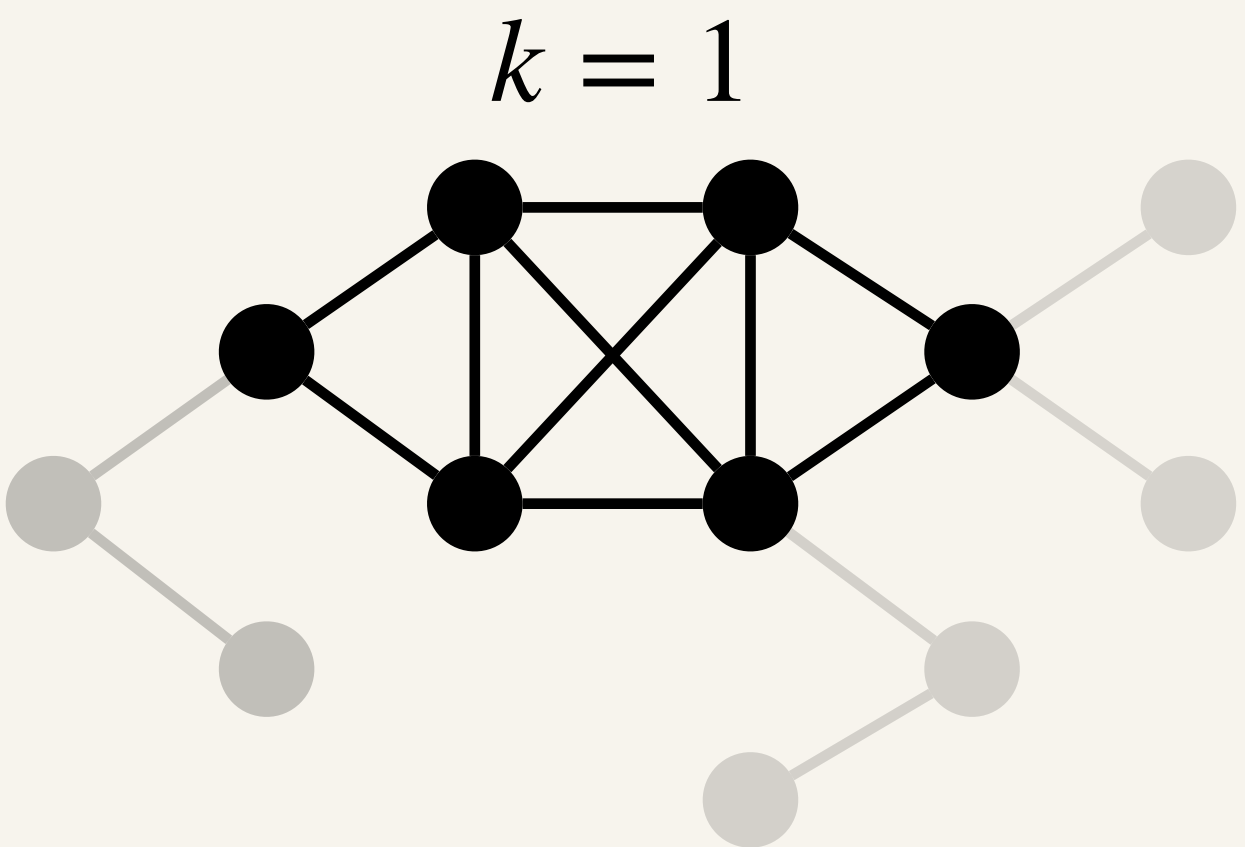
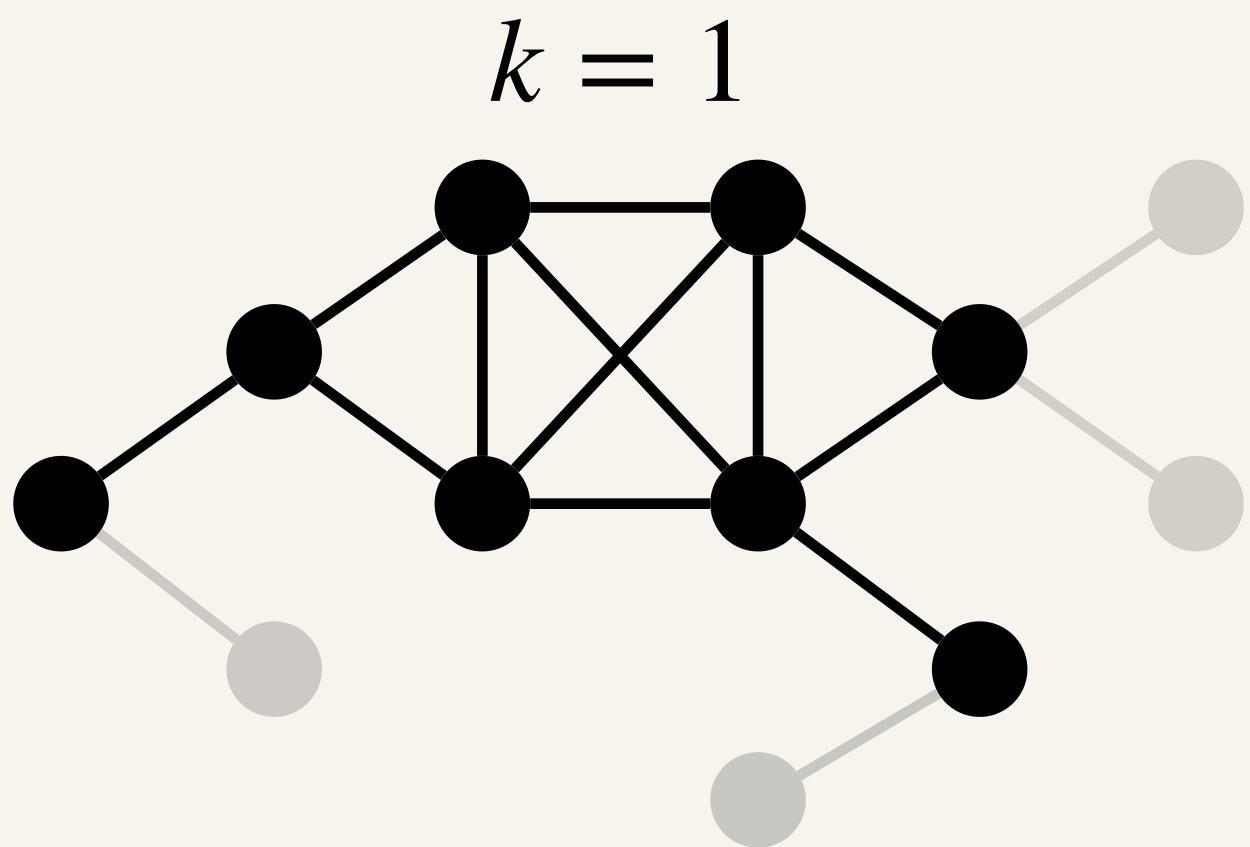




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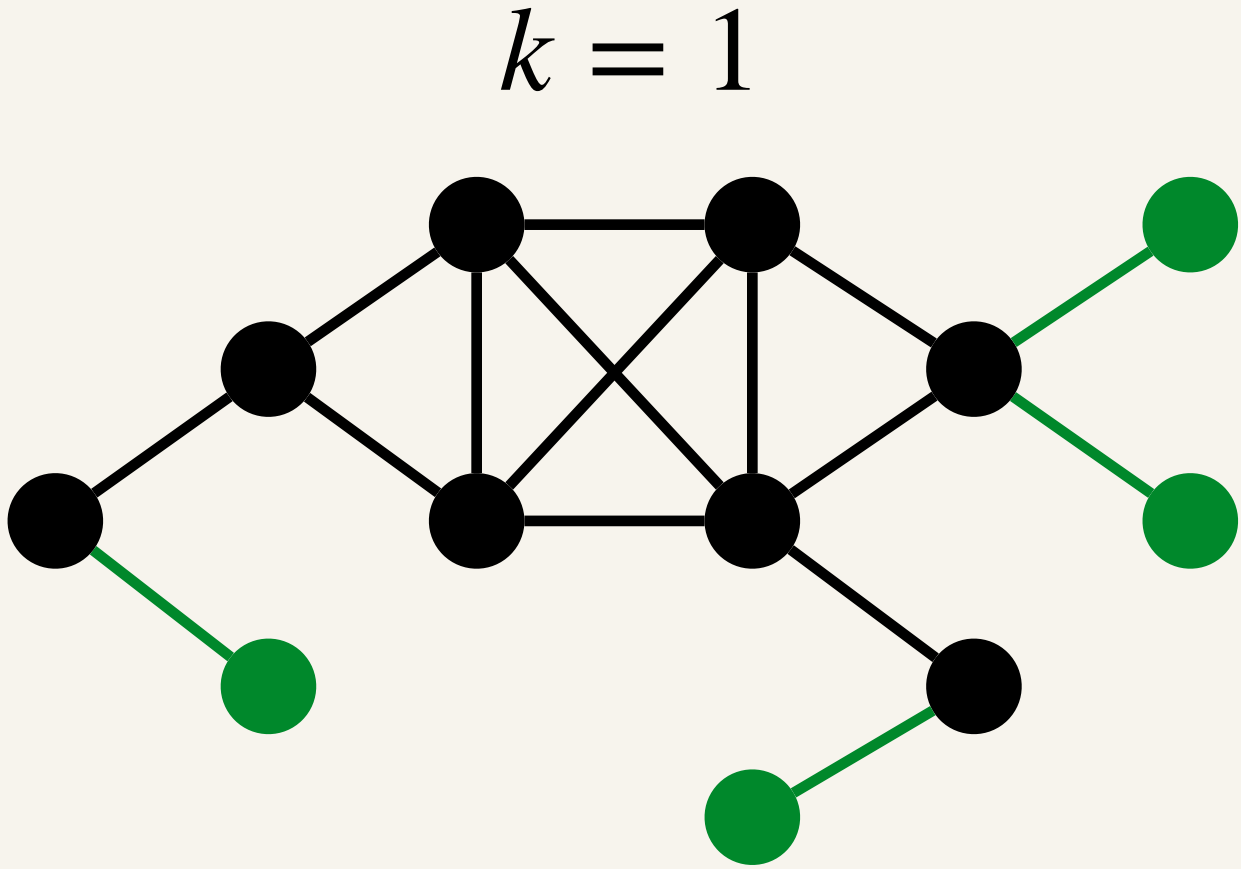
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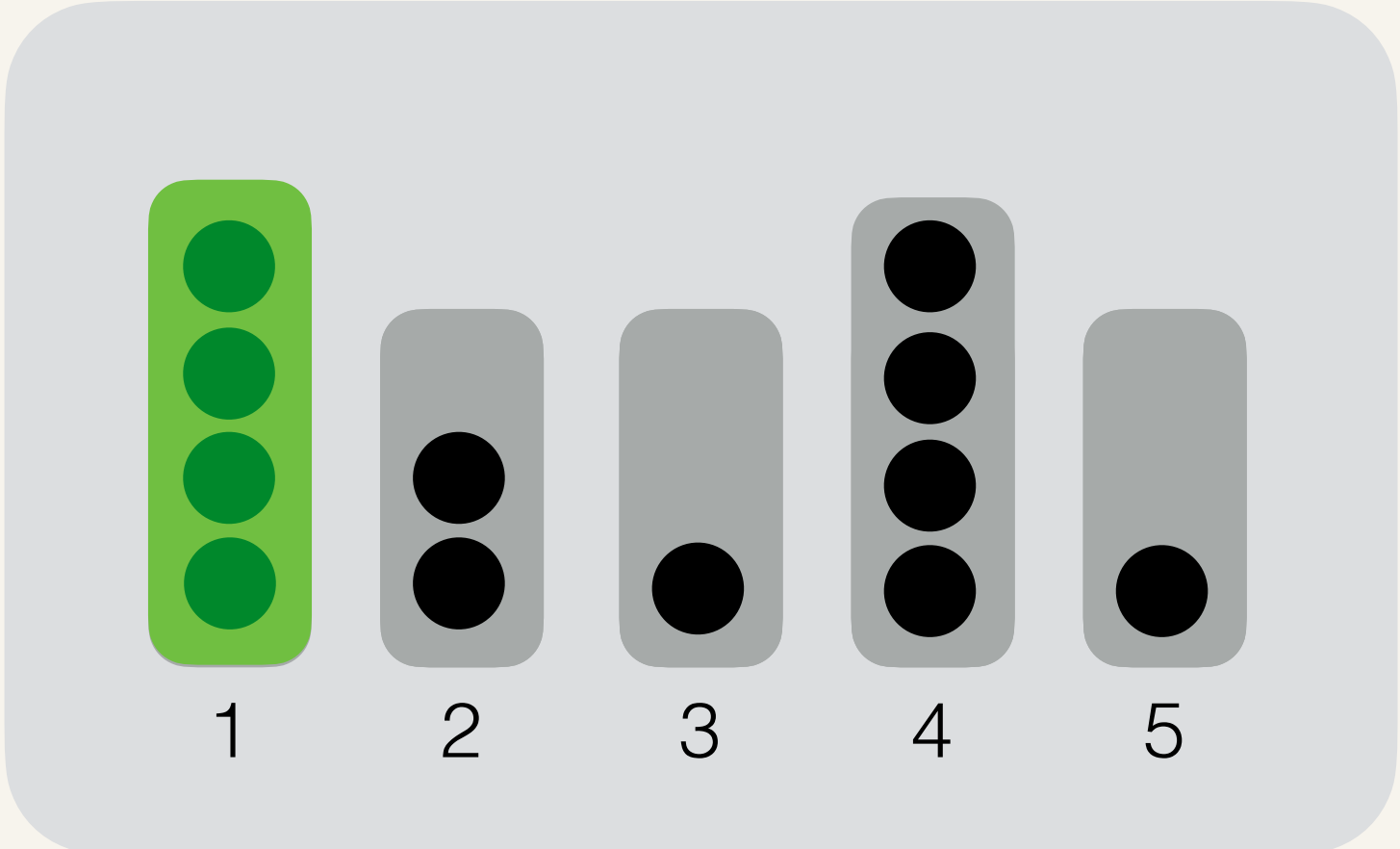
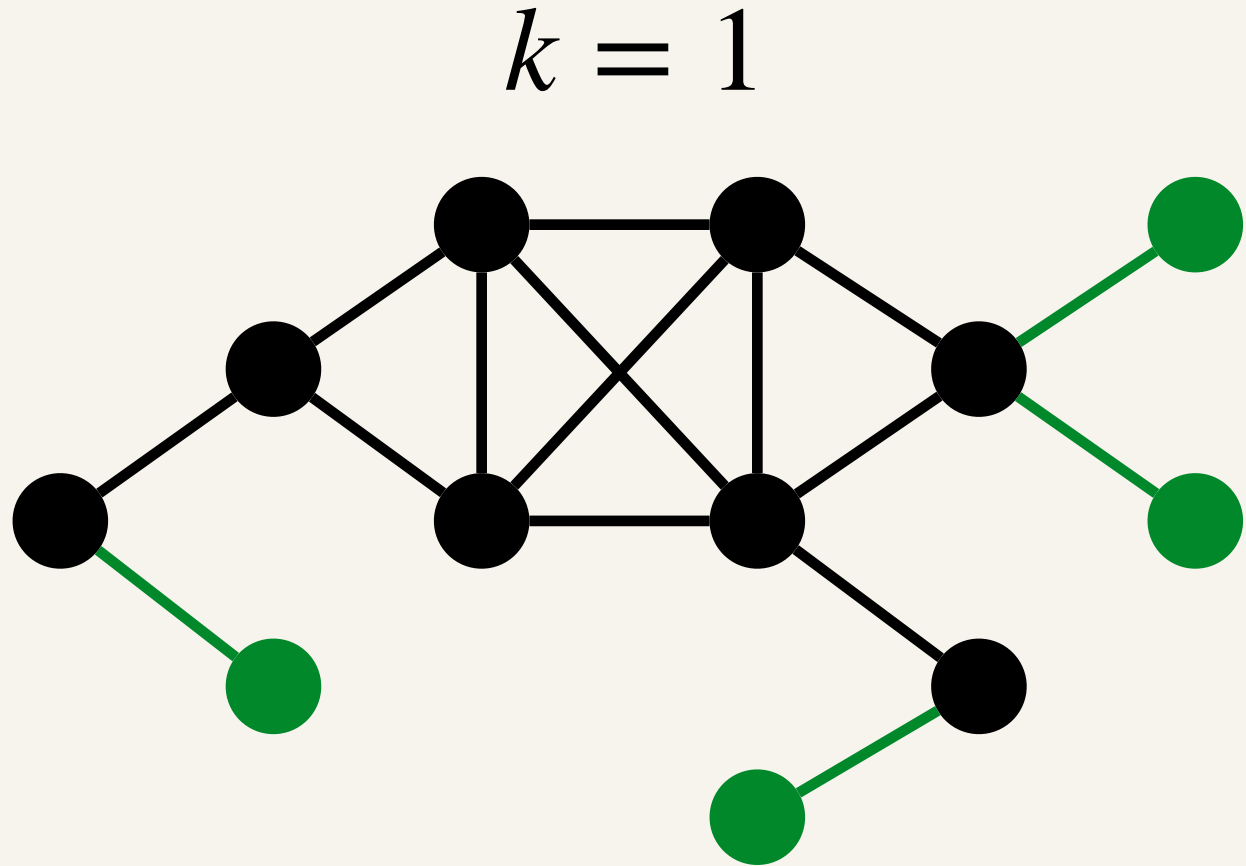
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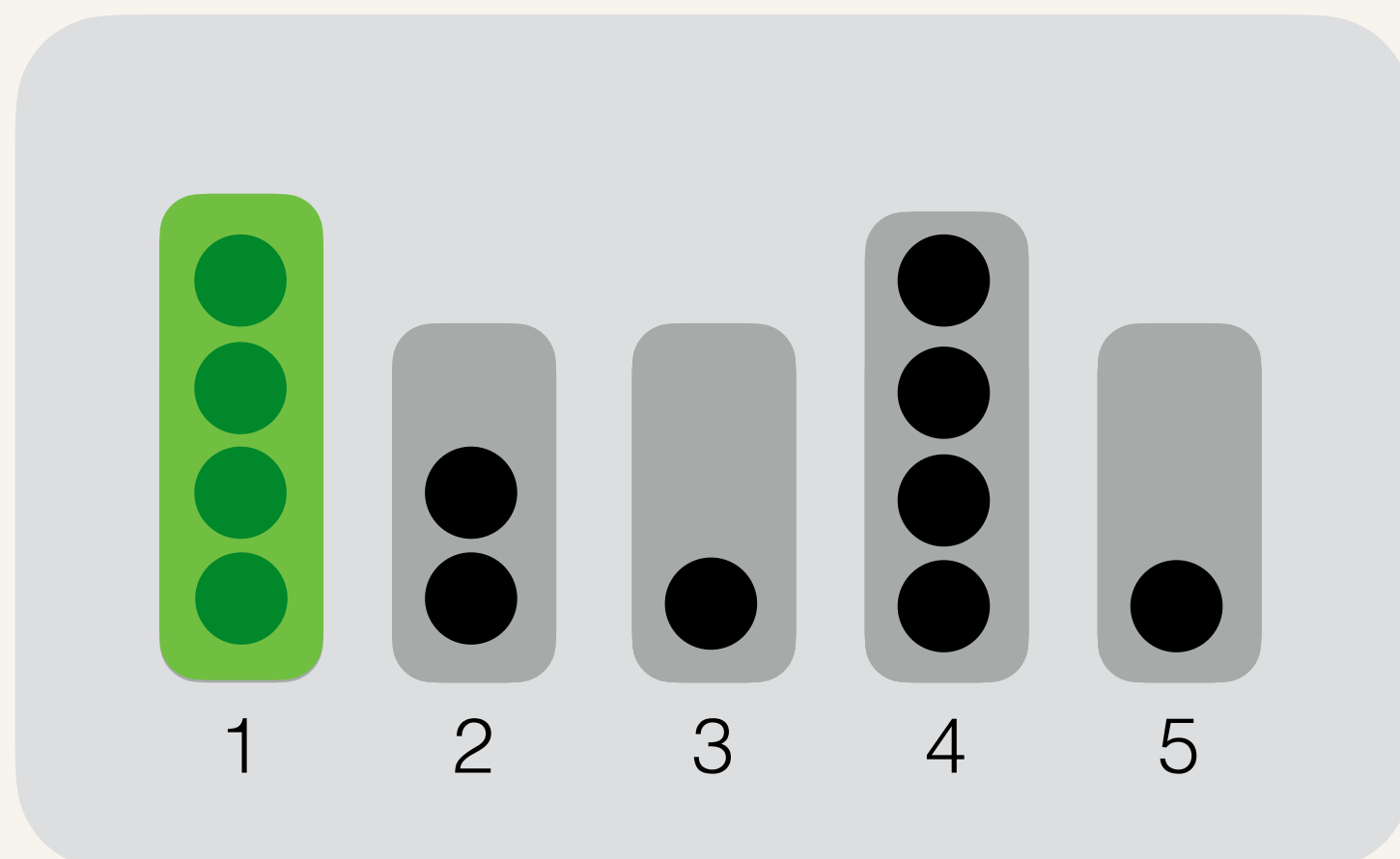
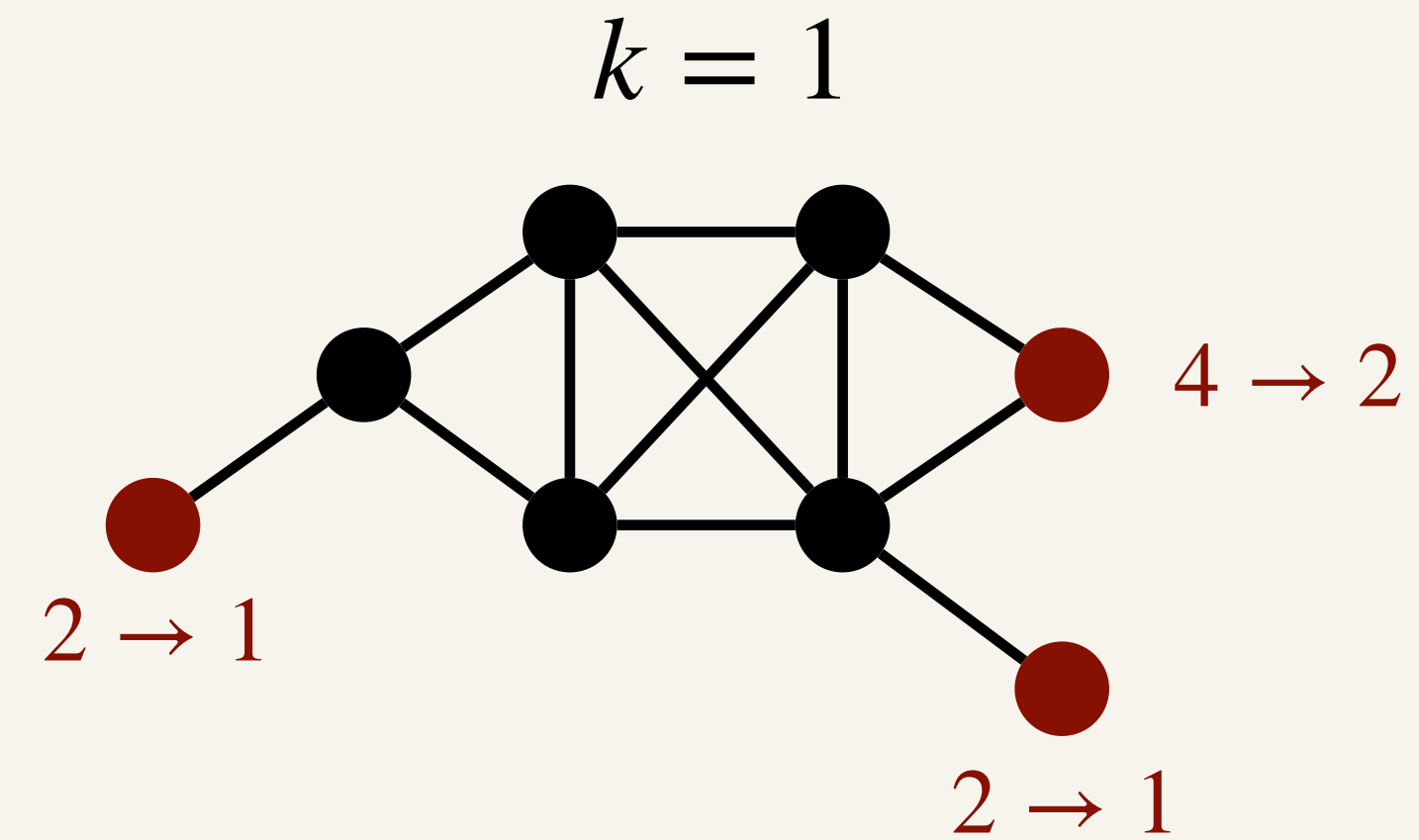
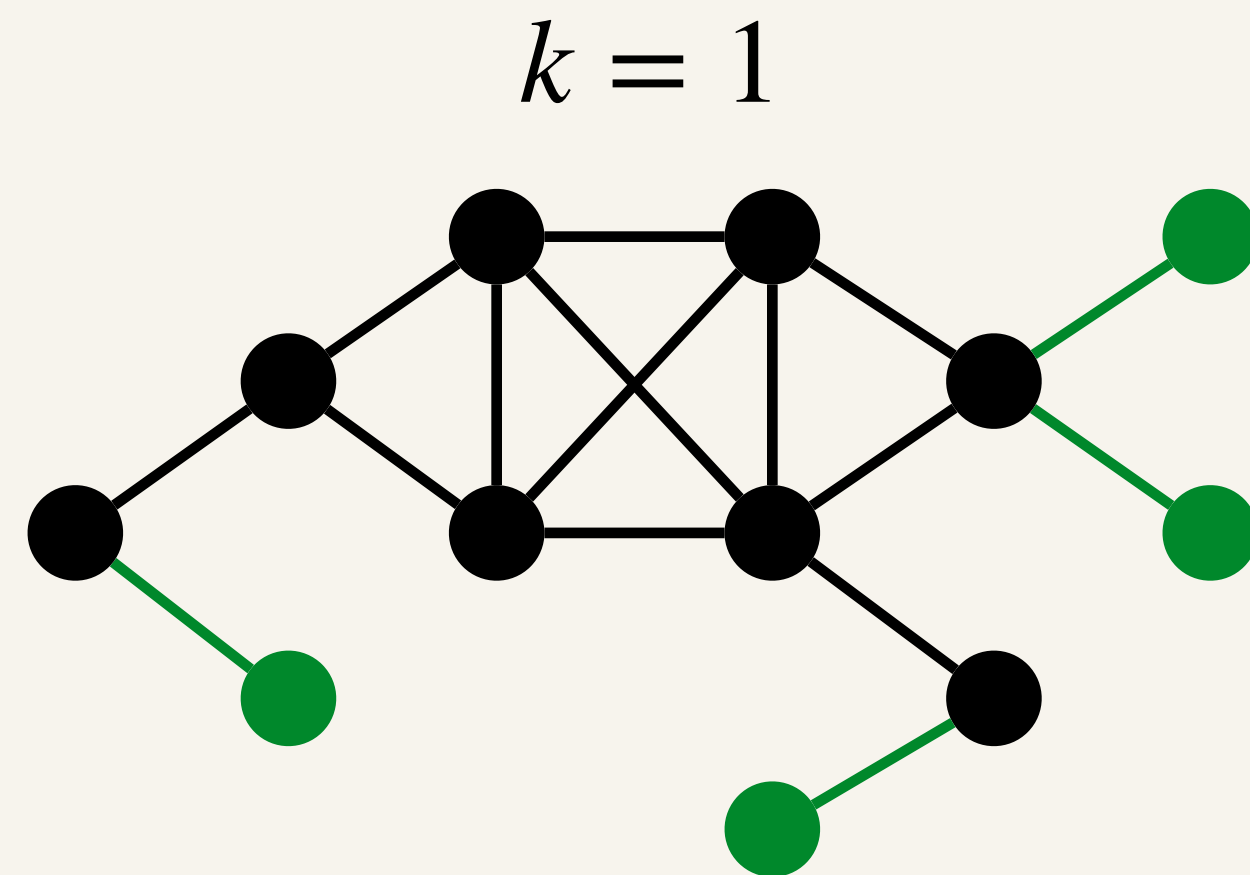
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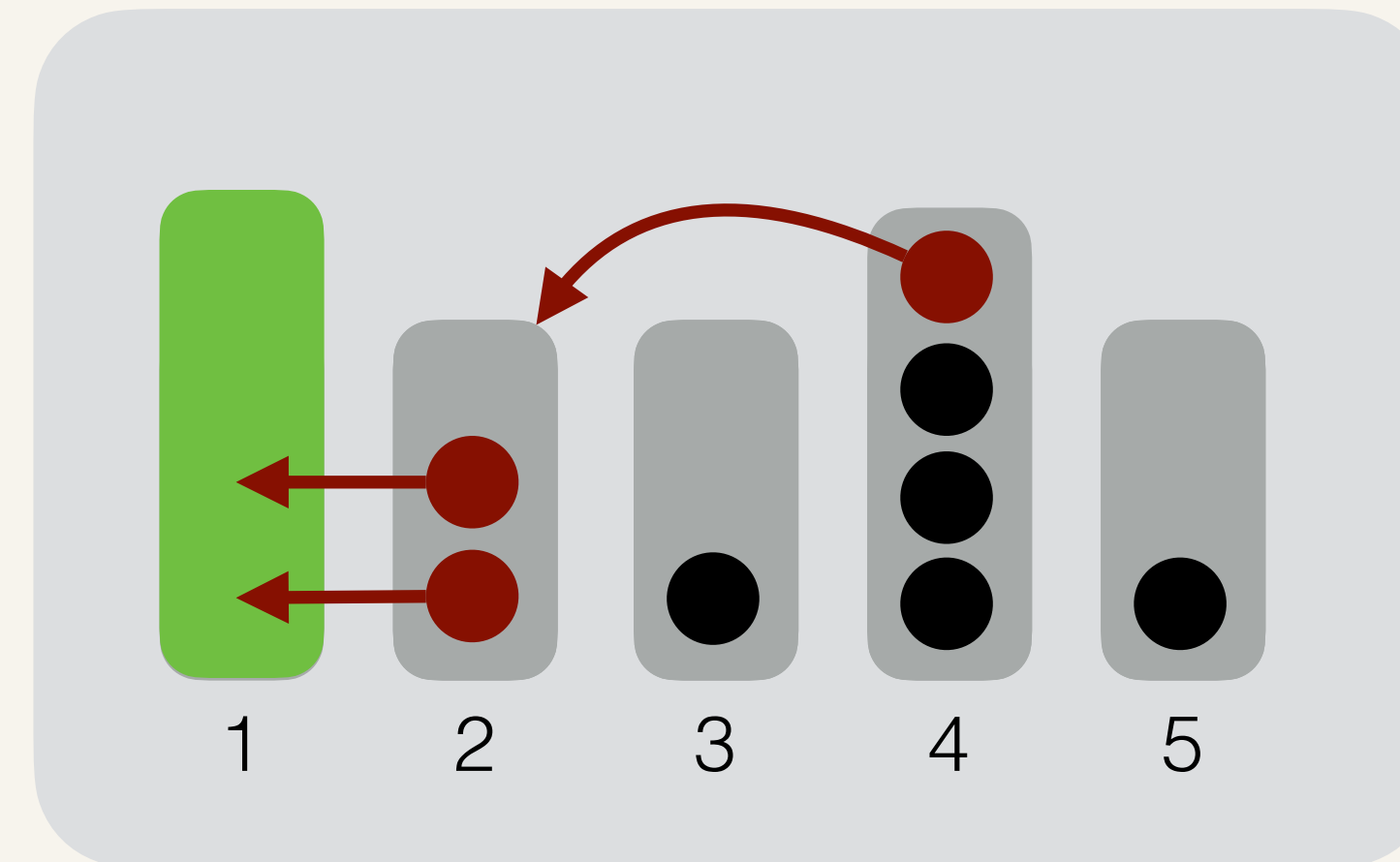
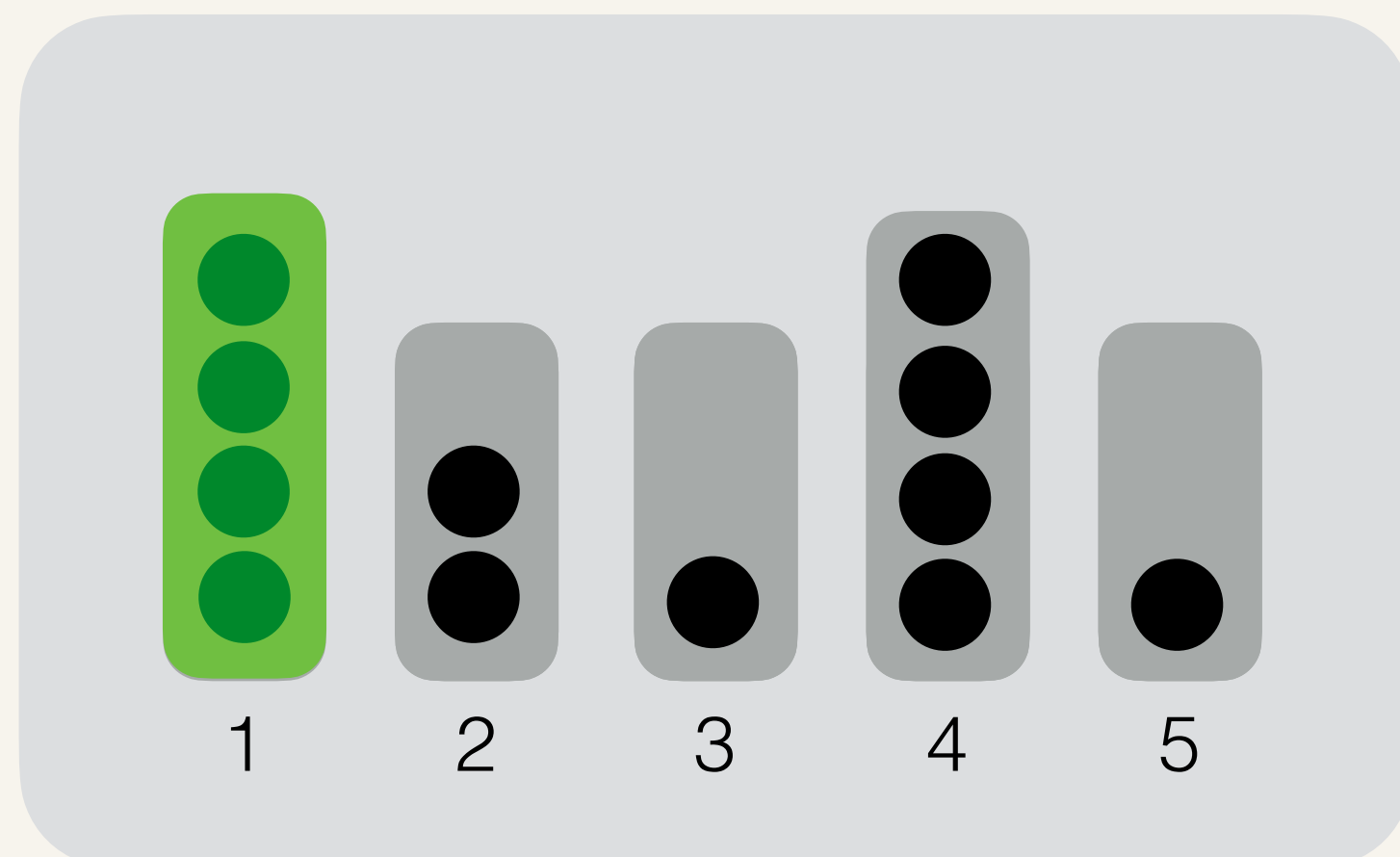
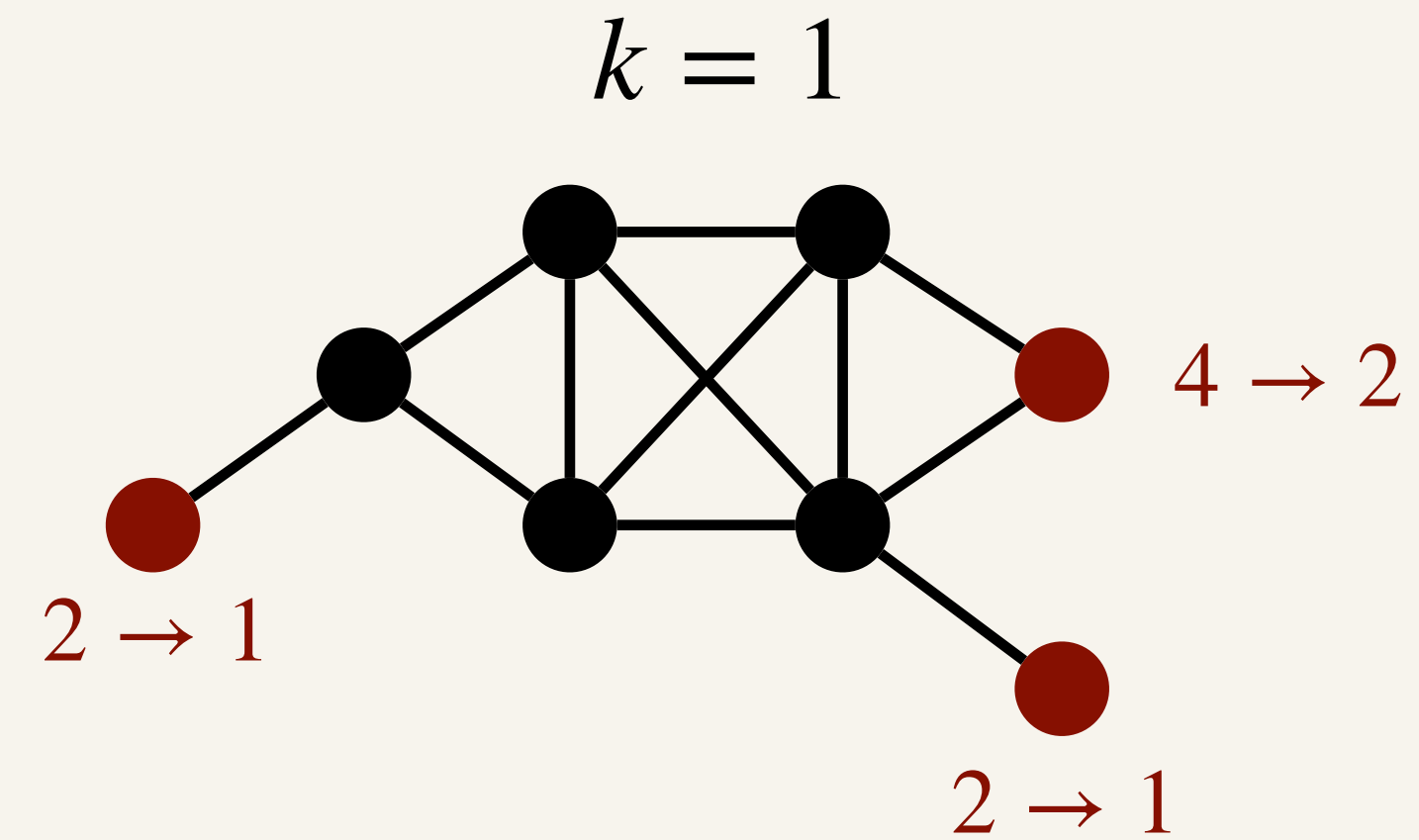
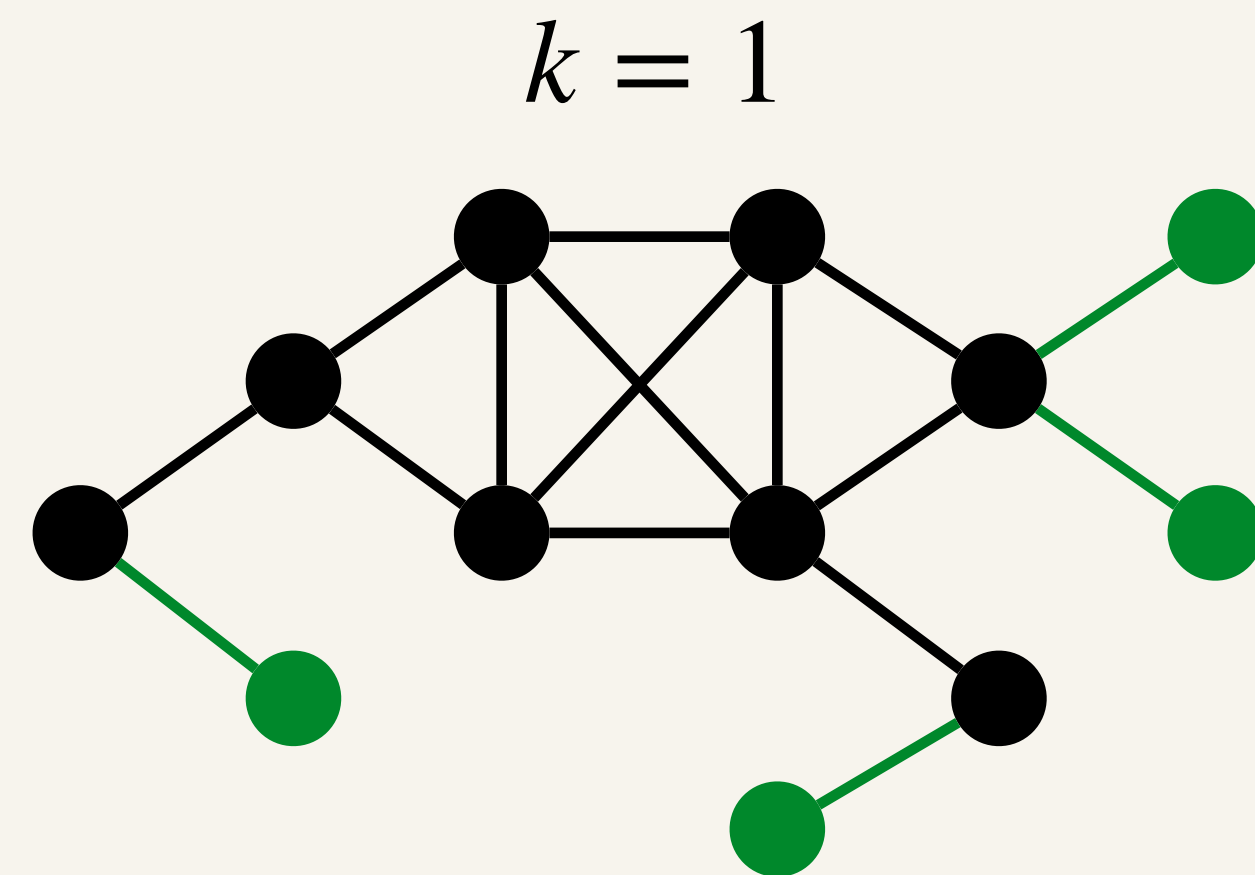
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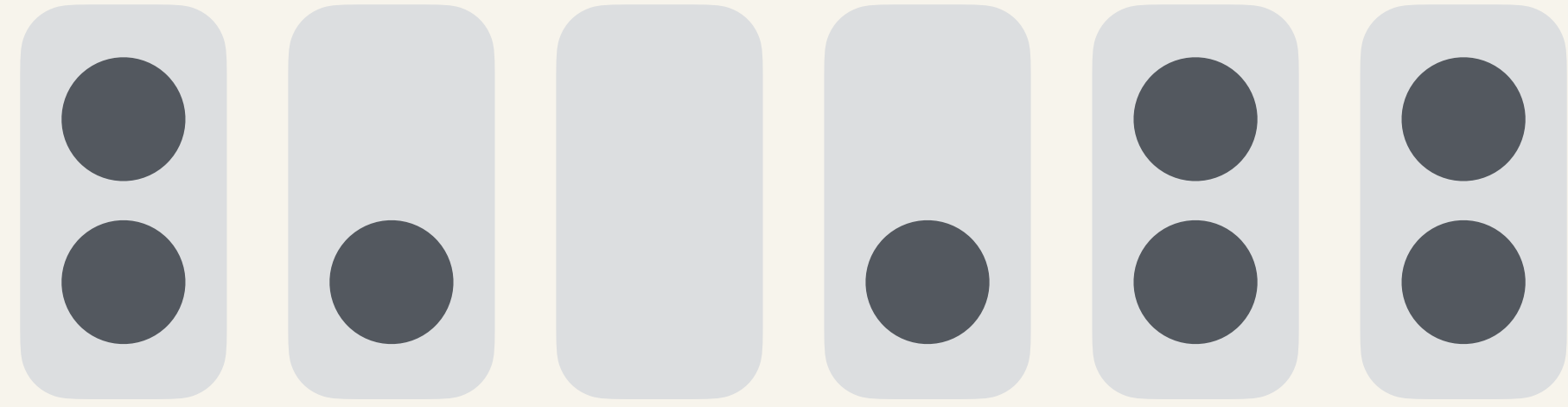
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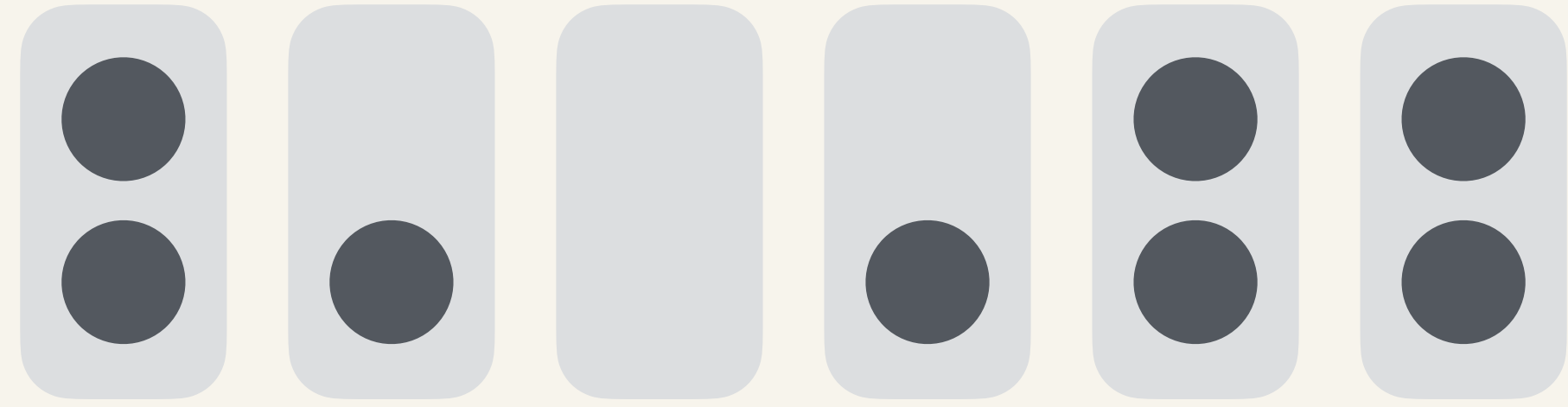


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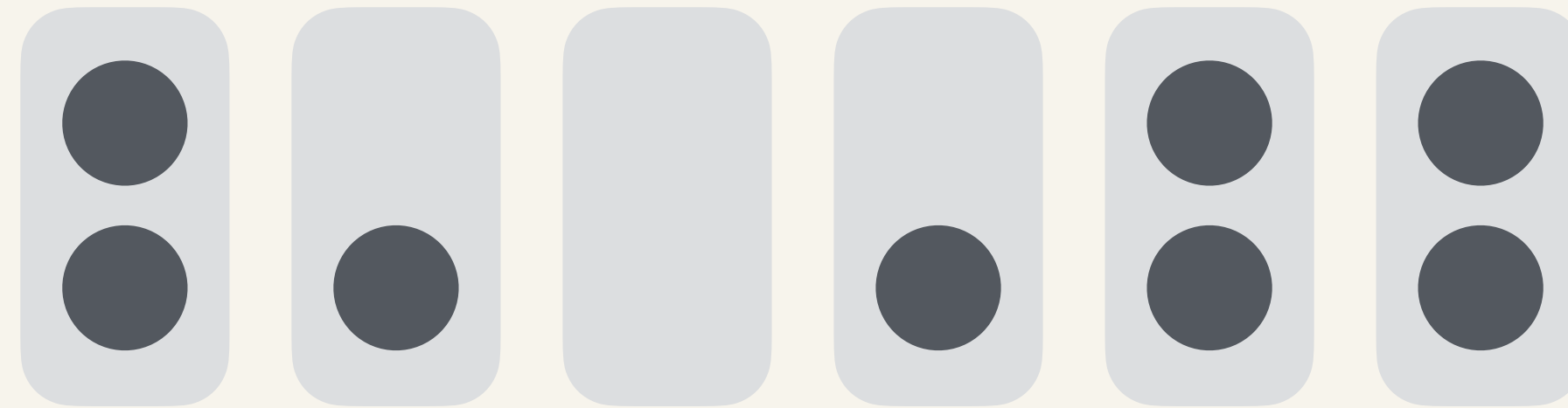




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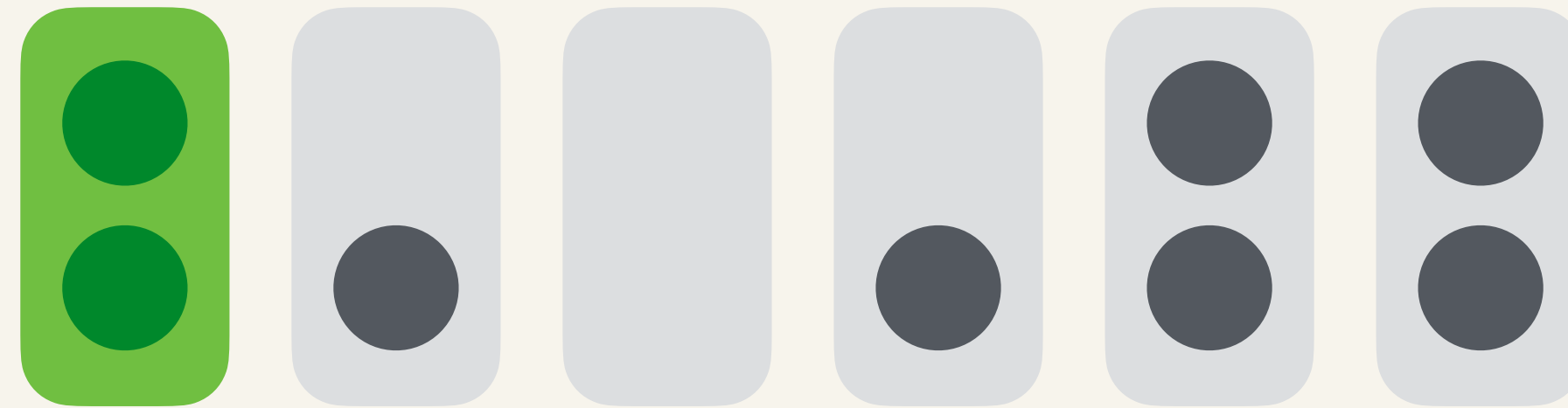
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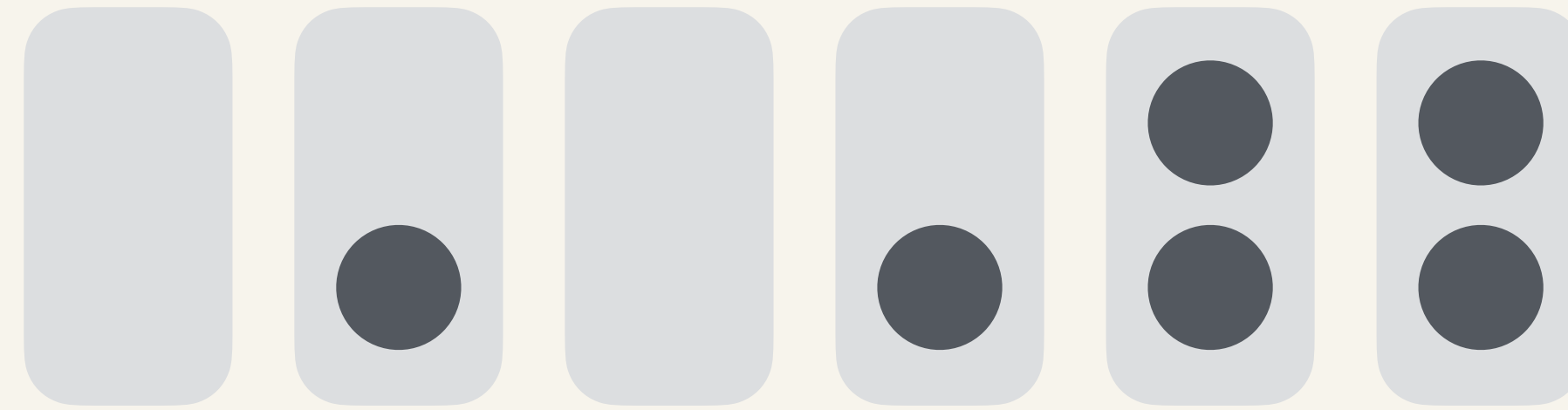
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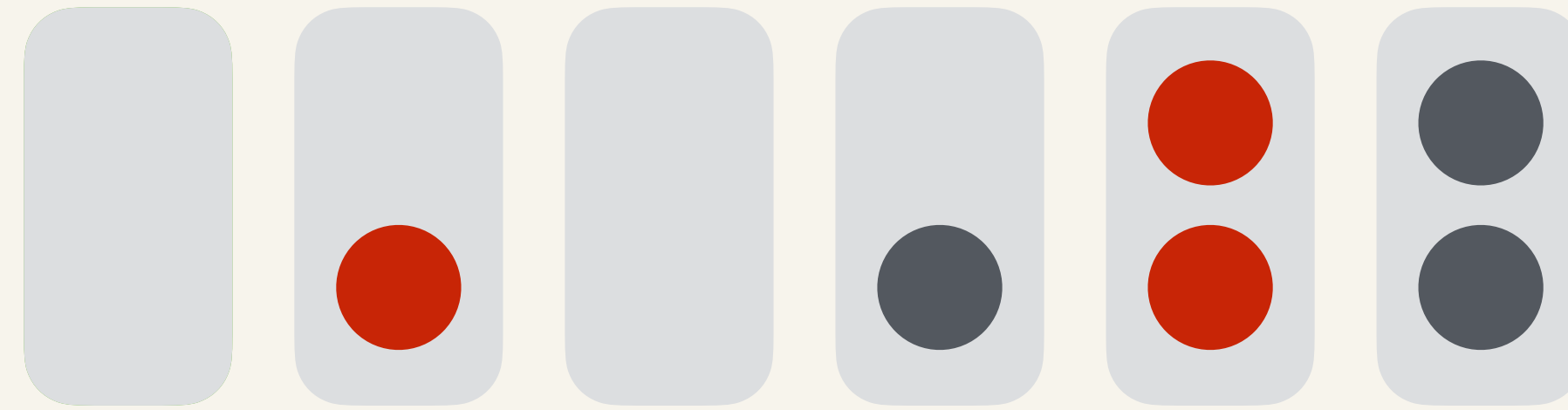


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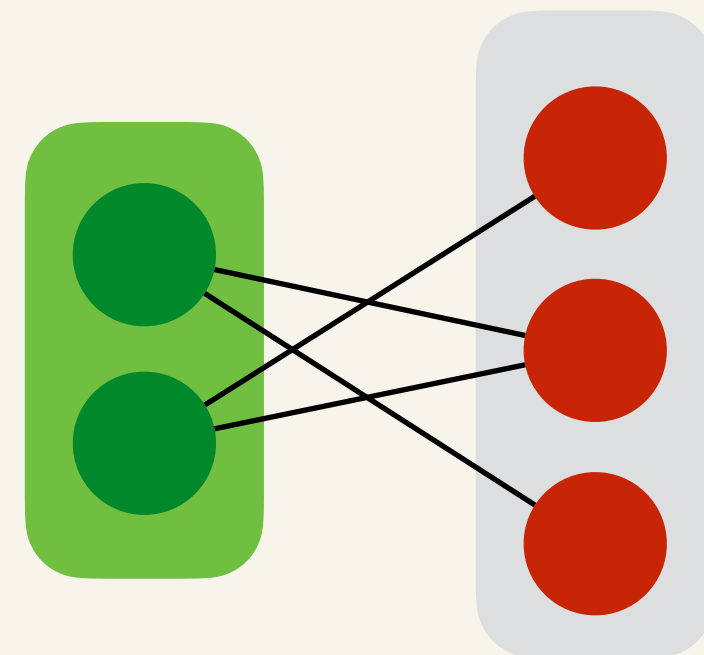


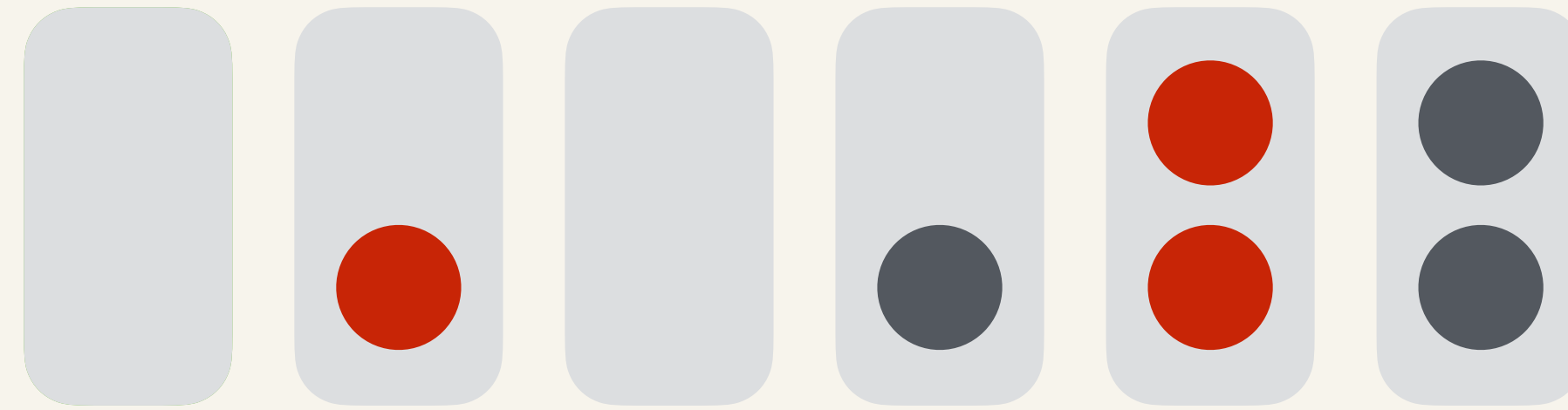


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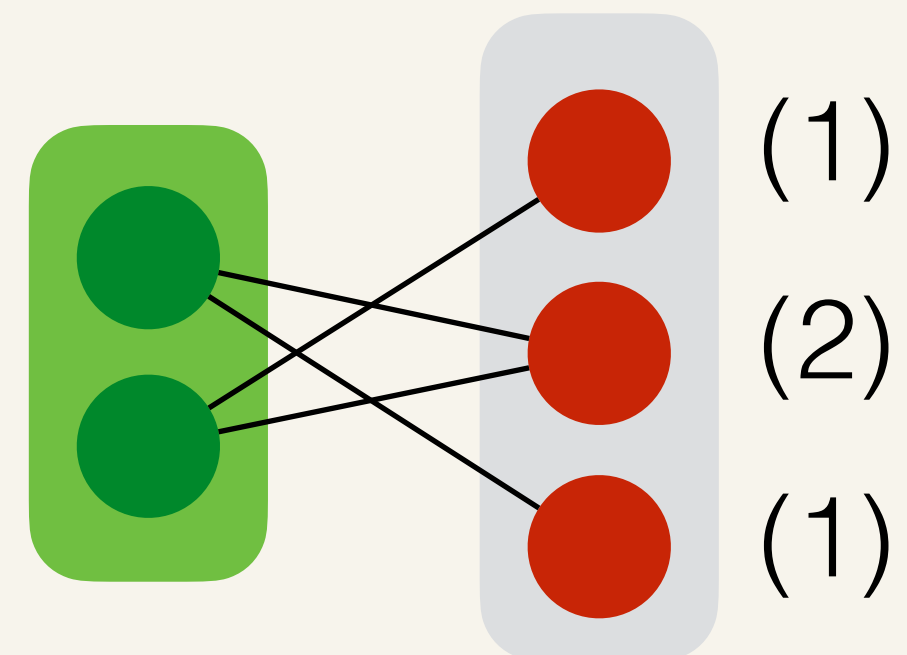


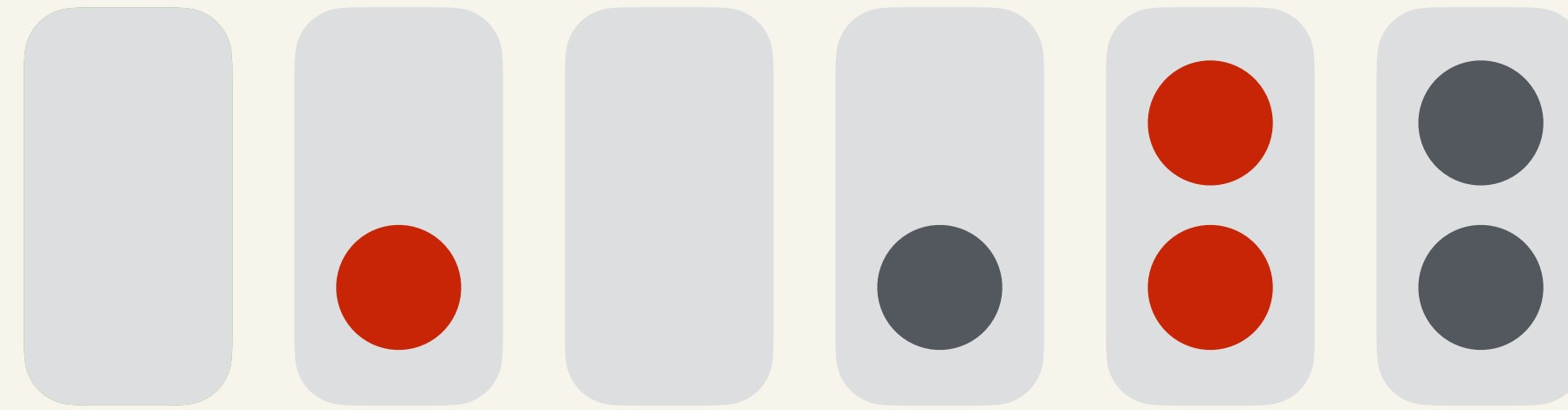


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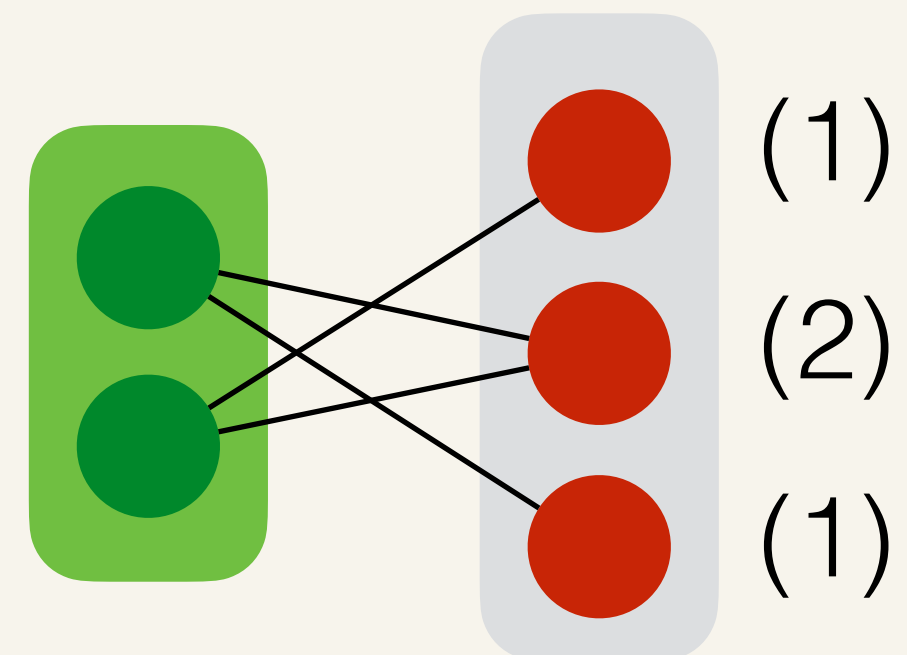




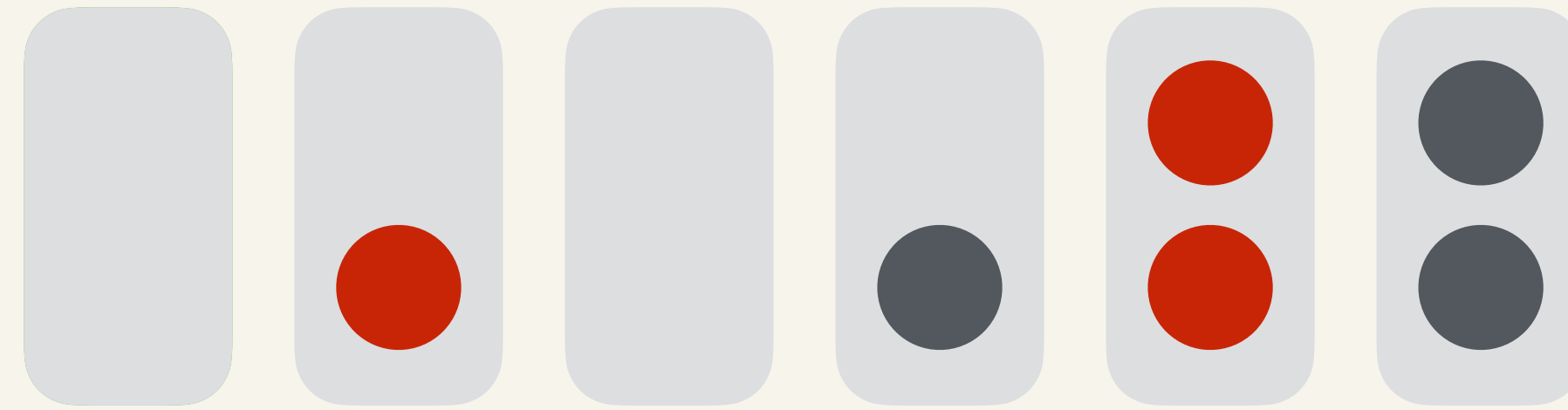
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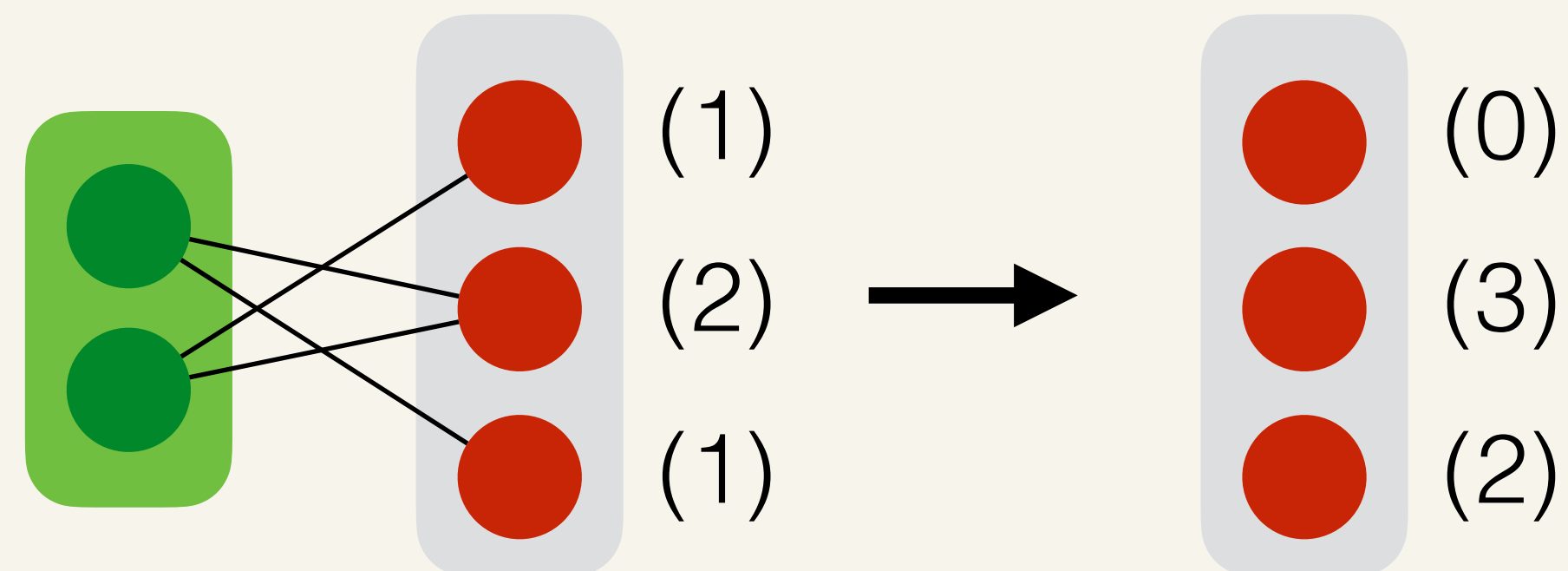


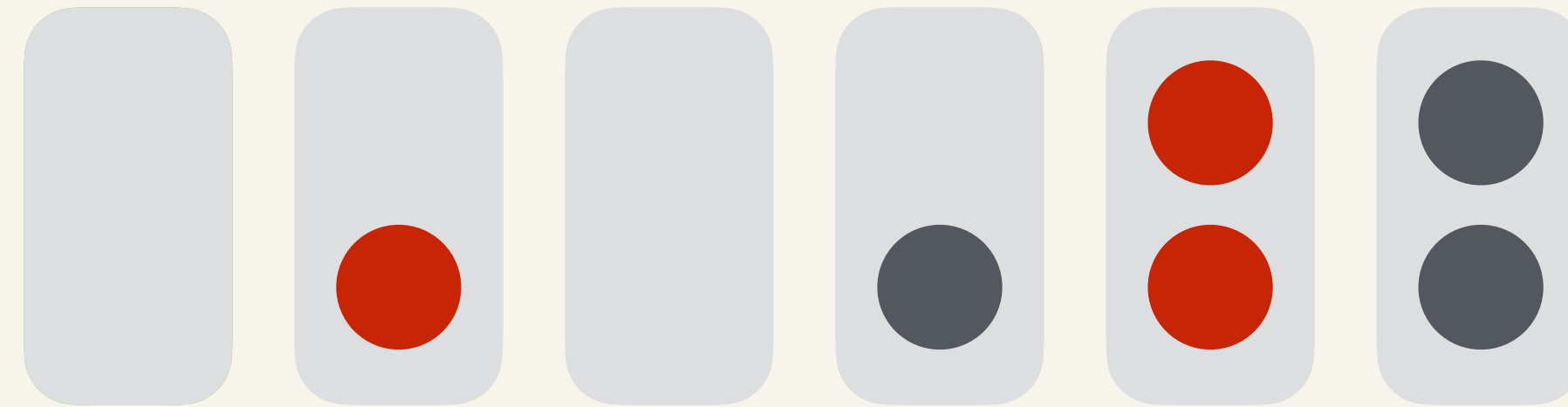


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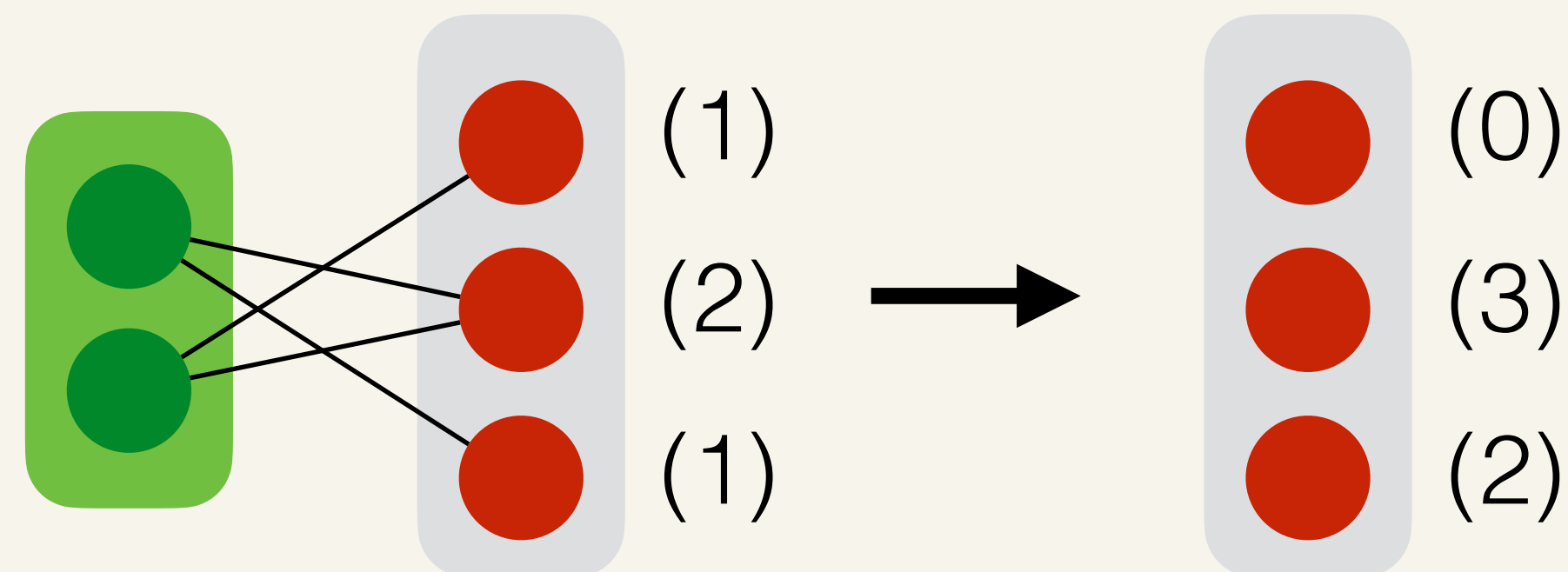


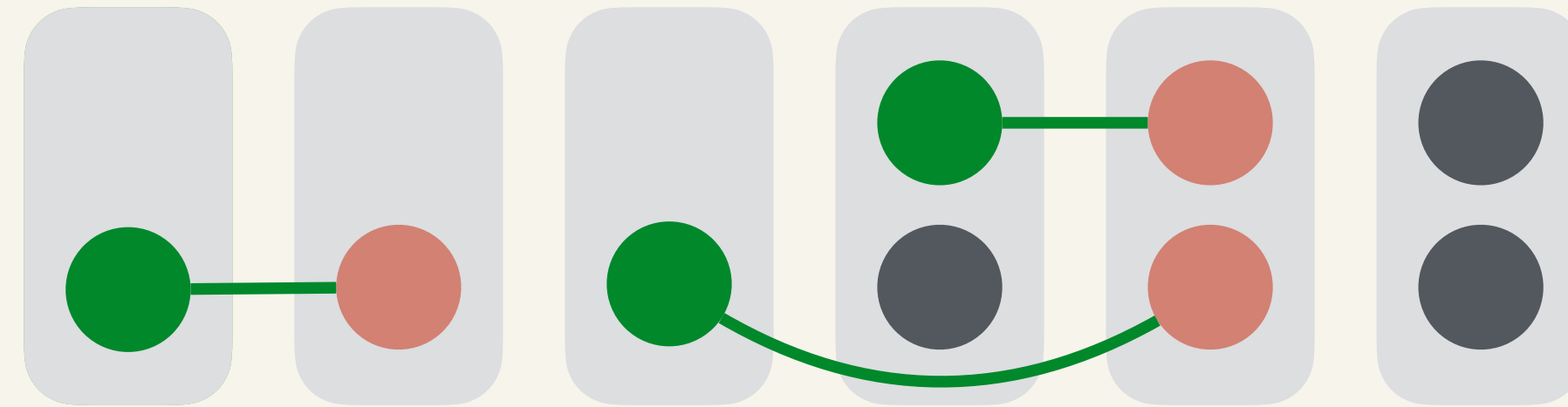


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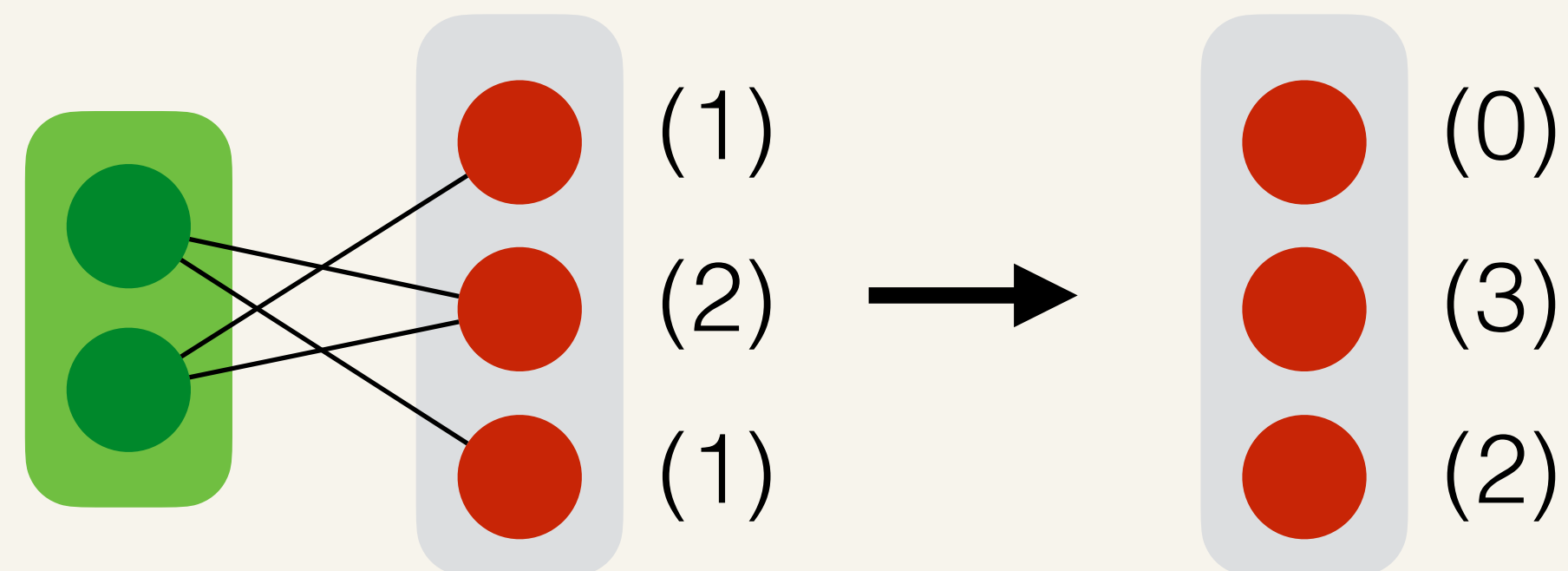


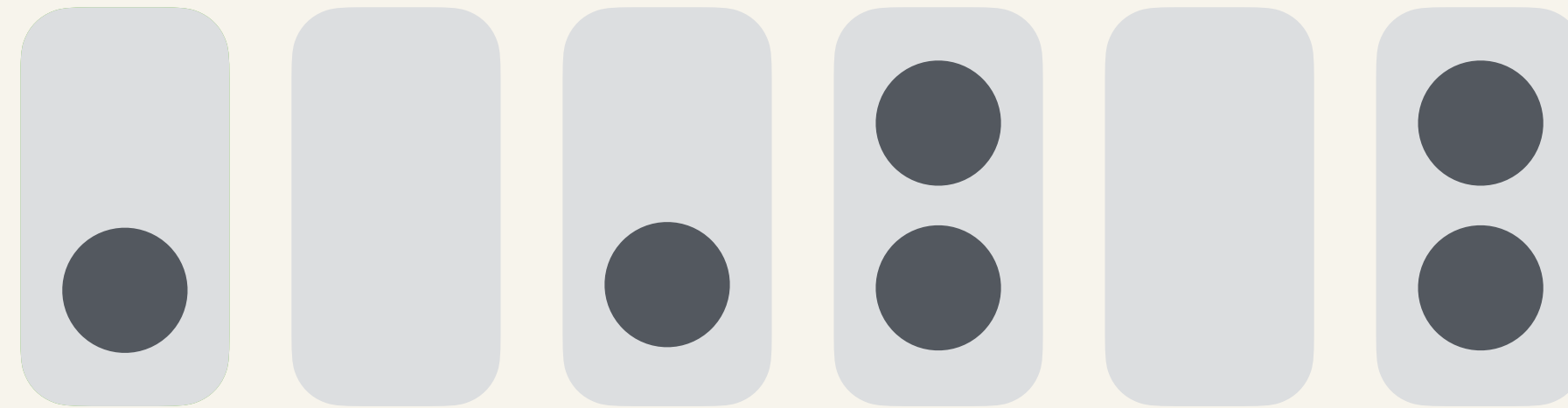


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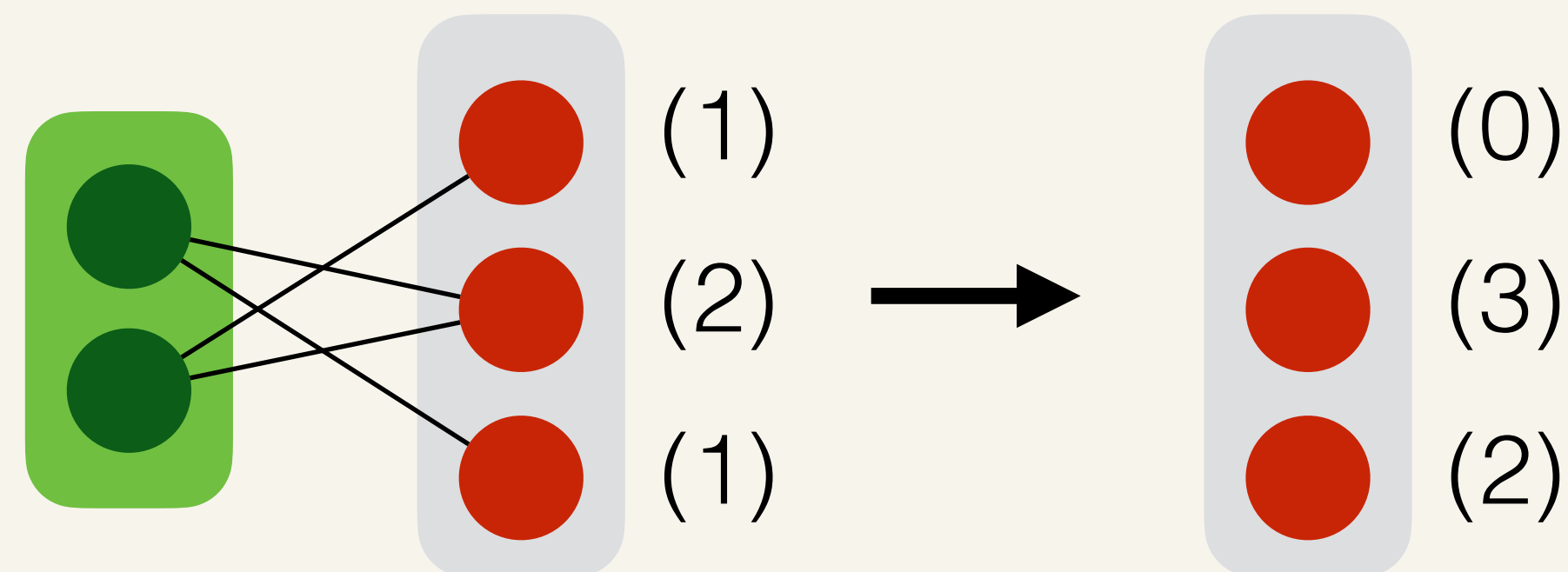


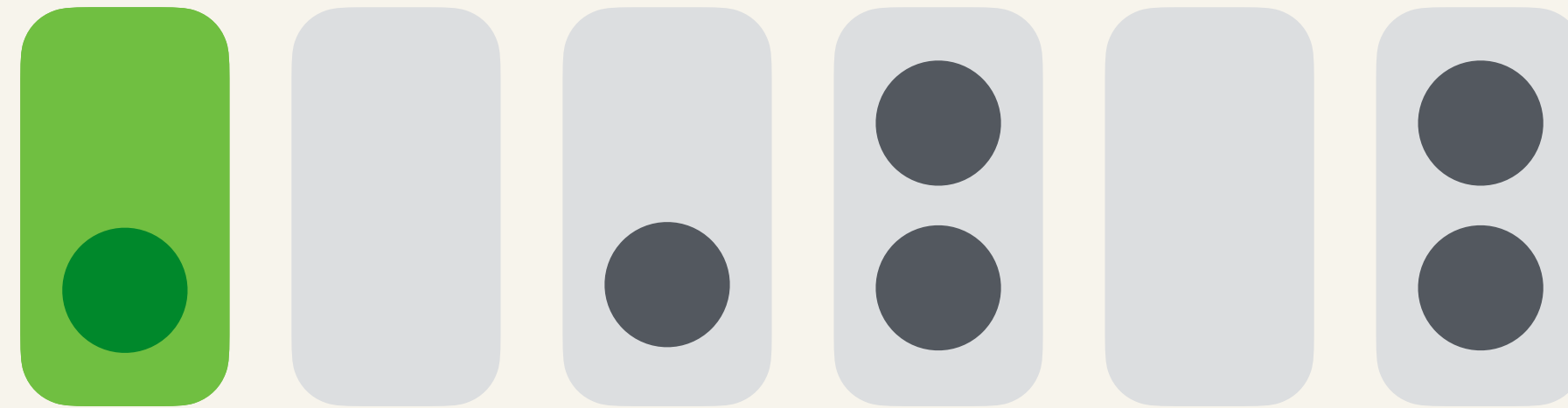


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# Work and Depth of Algorithms in Julienne

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wBFS	$O(D +  E )$	$O(D \log  V )$	
Delta-stepping	$O(w_\Delta)$	$O(d_\Delta \log  V )$	[1]
Approx Set Cover	$O(M)$	$O(\log^3 M)$	[2]

$\rho$  : number of rounds of parallel peeling

$D$  : diameter

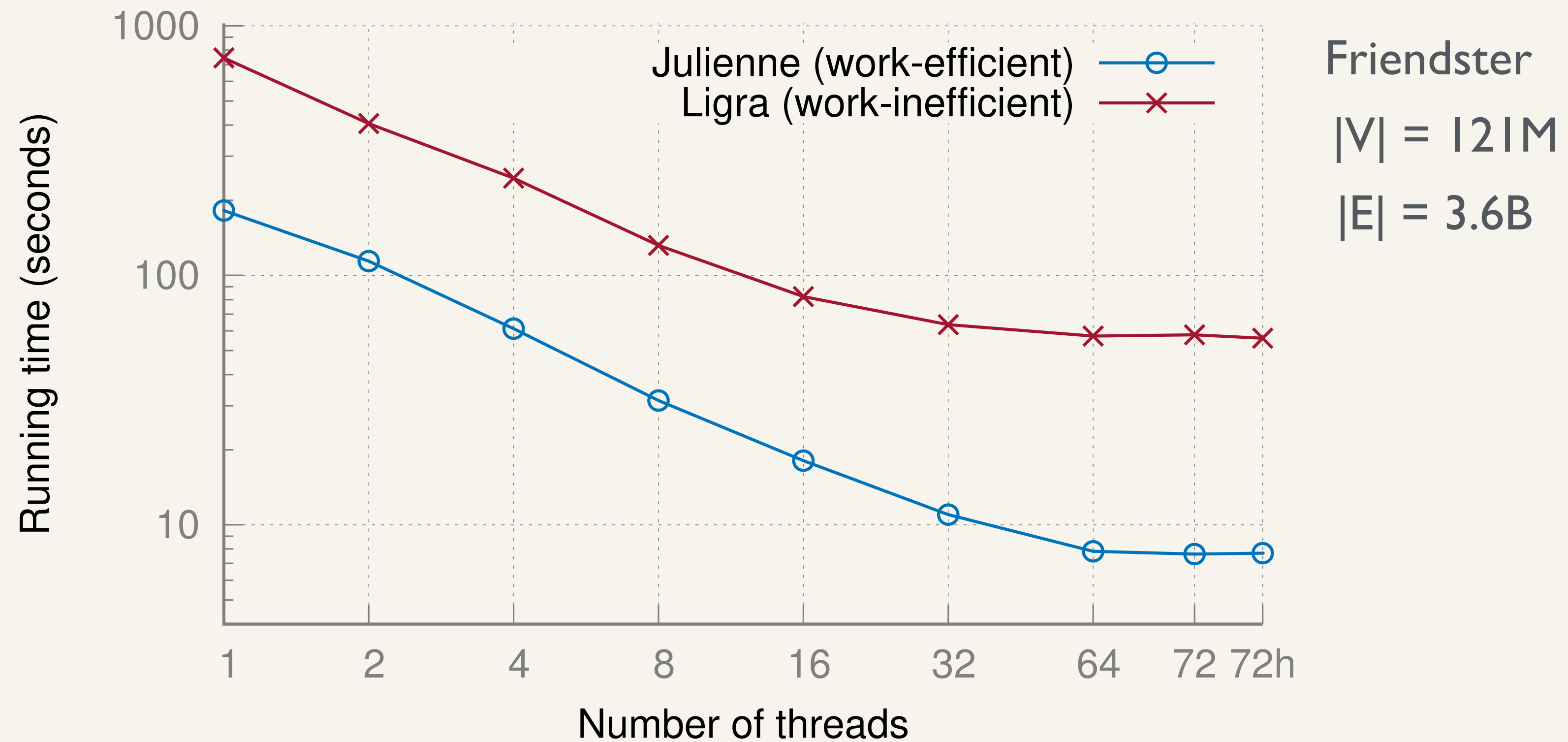
$w_\Delta, d_\Delta$  : work and number of rounds of the delta-stepping algorithm

$M$  : sum of sizes of sets

[1] Meyer, Sanders: [Δ-stepping: a parallelizable shortest path algorithm](#)

[2] Blelloch, Peng, Tangwongsan: [Linear-work greedy parallel approximate set cover and variants](#)

# Experimental Results



Across all inputs:

- Between 4-41x speedup over sequential peeling
- Speedups are smaller on small graphs with large  $\rho$
- 2-9x faster than work-inefficient implementation

# Experimental Results: Hyperlink Graphs

Hyperlink graphs extracted from Common Crawl Corpus

Graph	$ V $	$ E $	$ E (\text{symmetrized})$
HL2014	1.7B	64B	124B
HL2012	3.5B	128B	225B

- Previous analyses use supercomputers [1] or external memory [2]
- HL2012-Sym requires ~1TB of memory uncompressed

[1] Slota et al., 2015, Supercomputing for Web Graph Analytics

[2] Zheng et al., 2015, FlashGraph: Processing Billion-Node Graphs on an Array of Commodity SSDs

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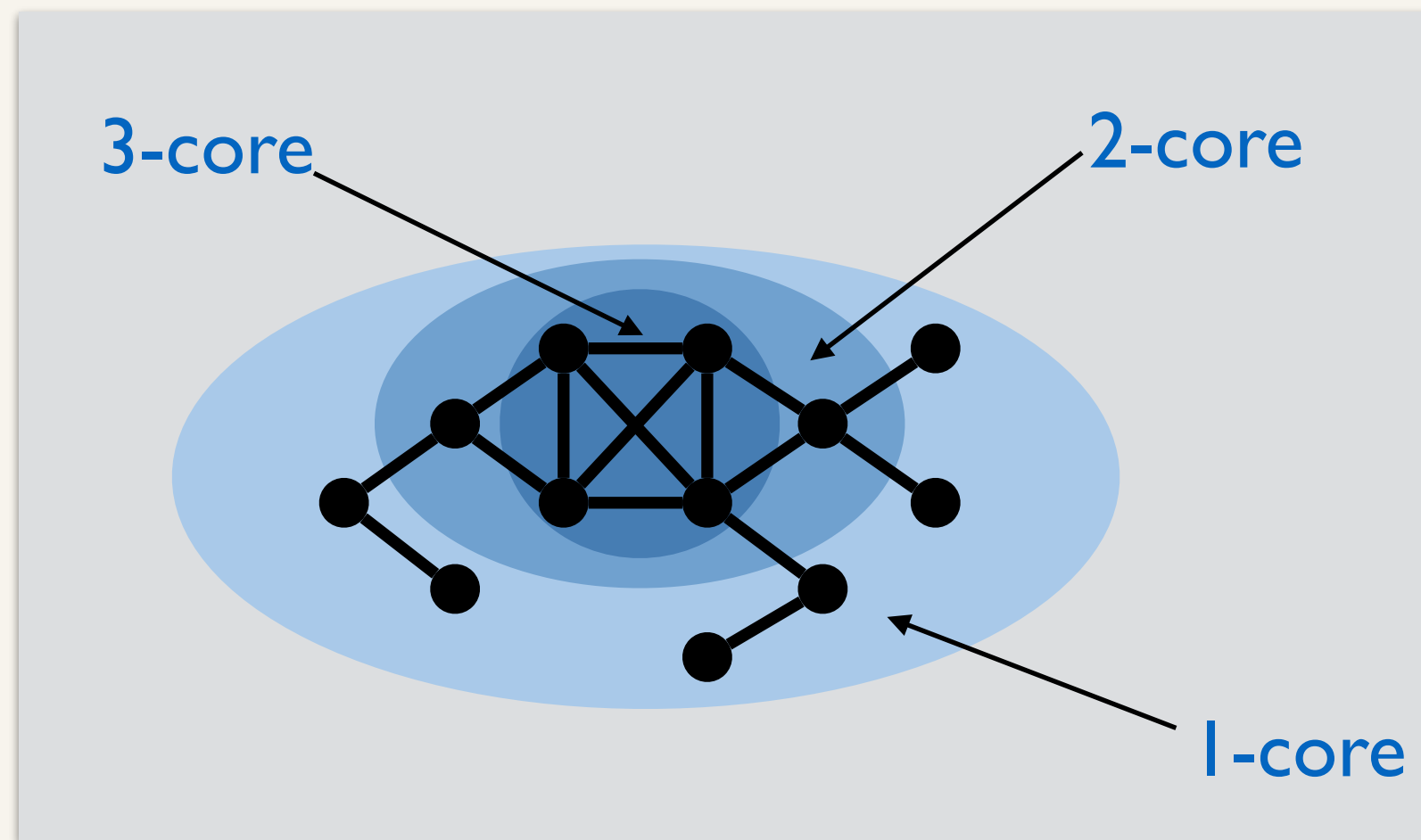
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Running time in seconds on 72 cores with hyperthreading

- Able to process in main-memory of 1TB machine by compressing
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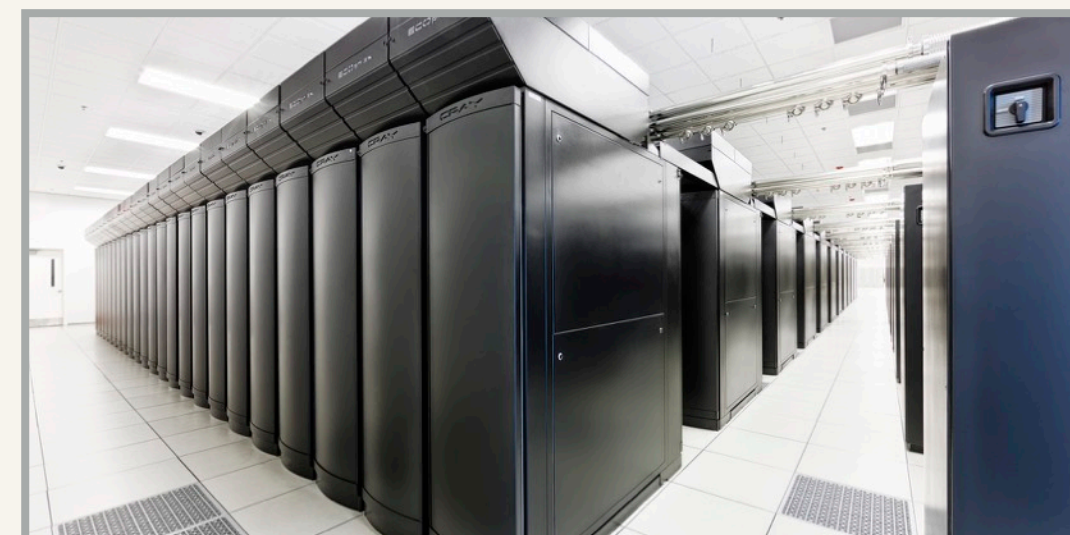
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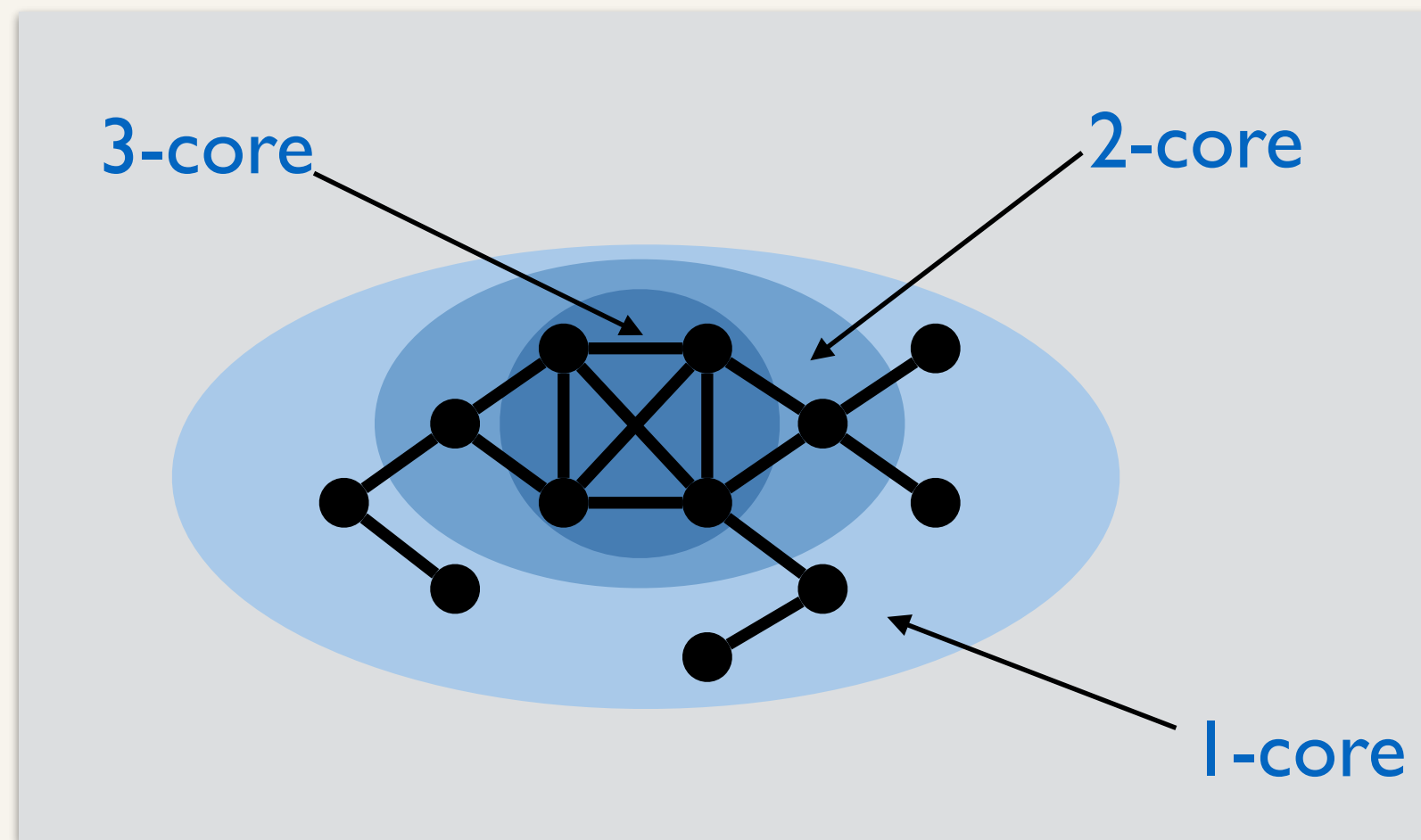


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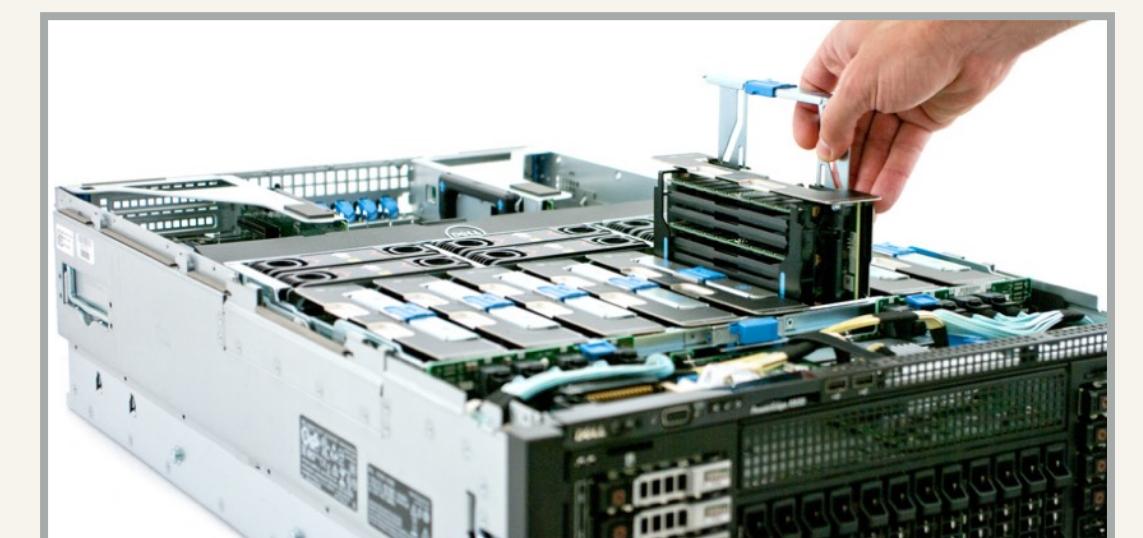
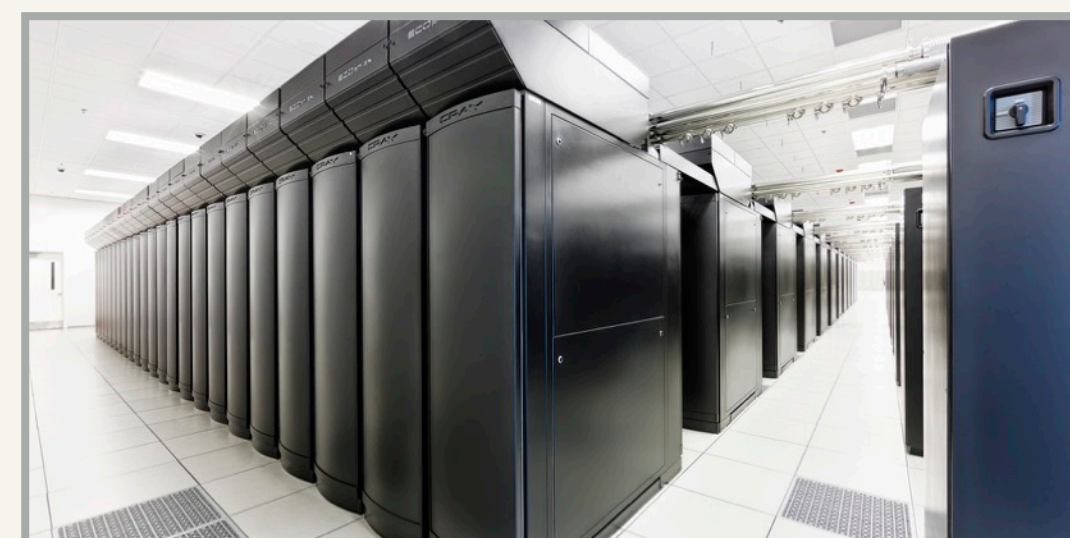


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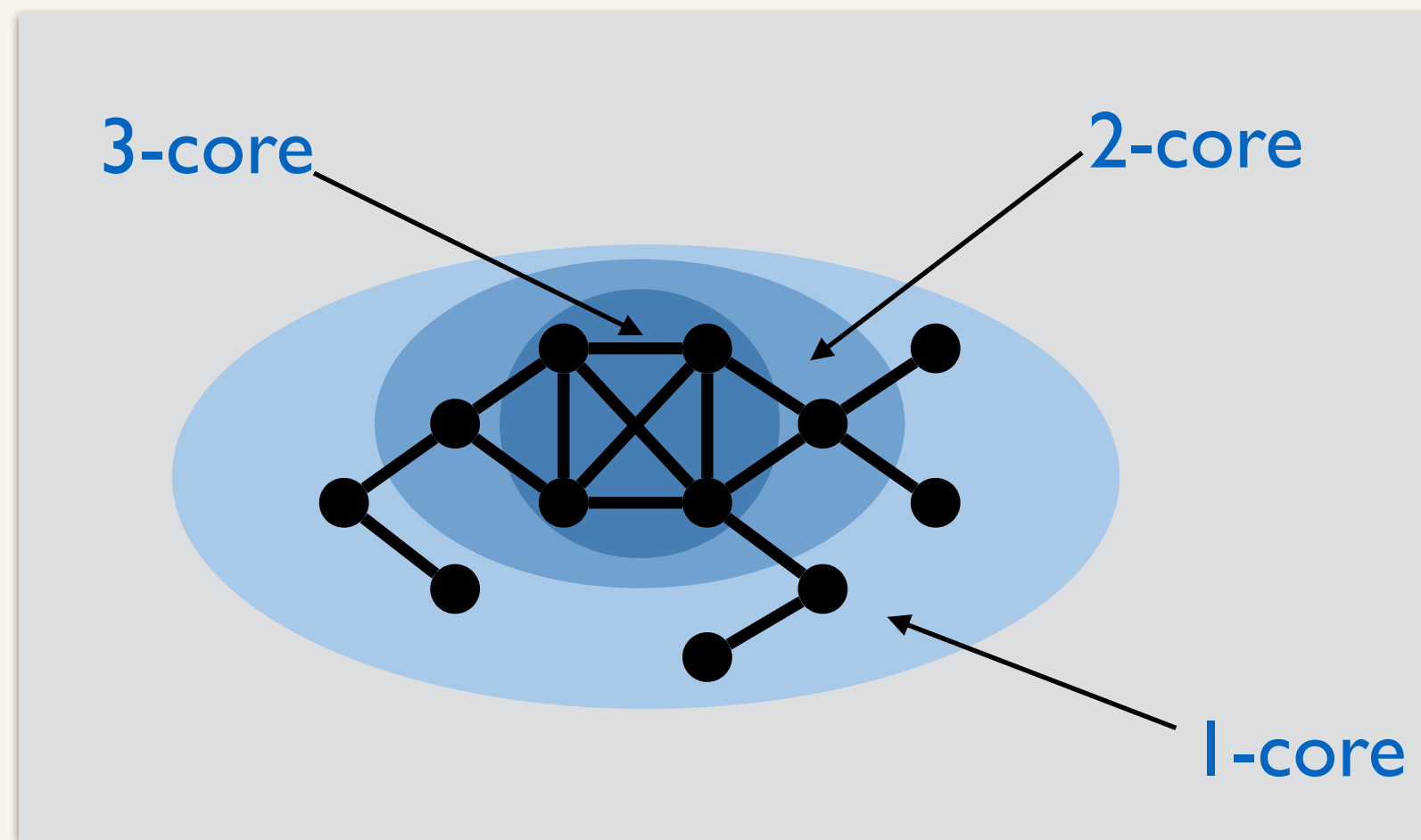
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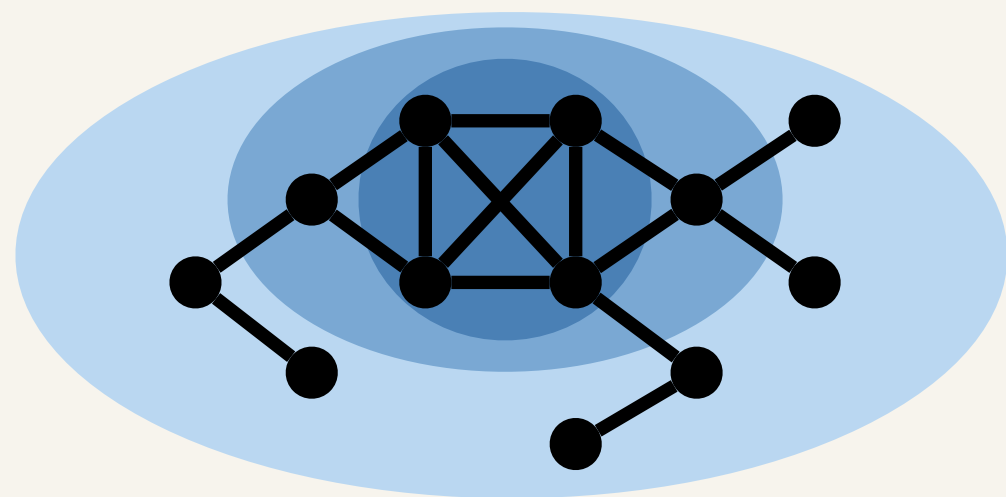
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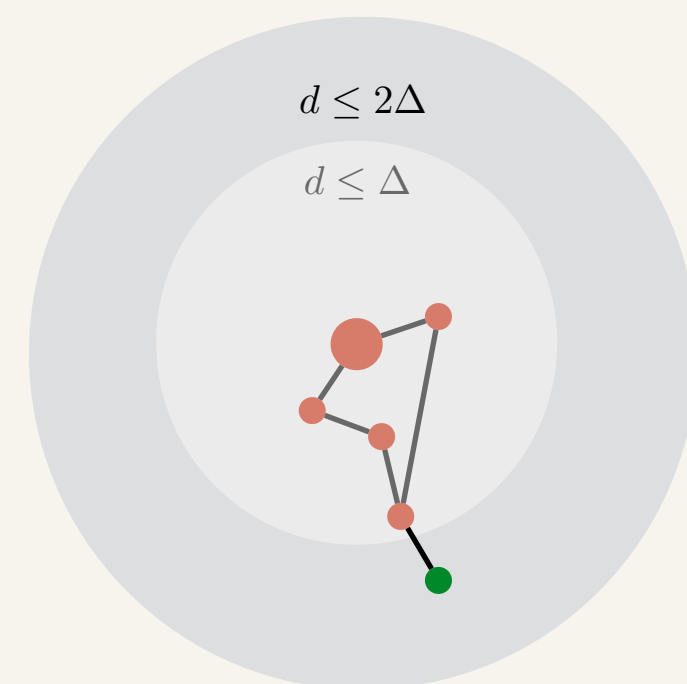
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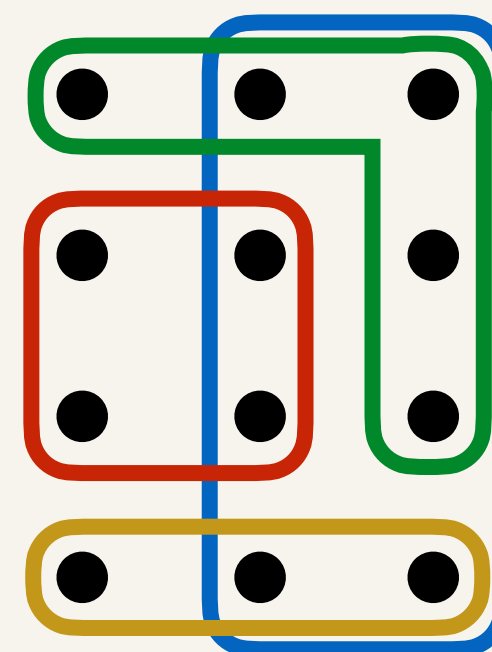
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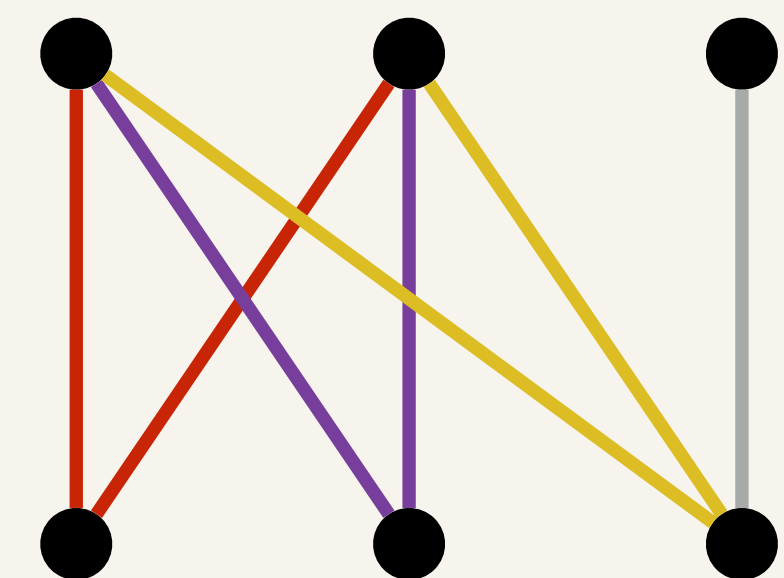
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# Theoretically-Efficient Parallel Graph Algorithms can be Fast and Scalable [DBS'18]

Can we solve a broad set of fundamental graph problems on the largest graphs, affordably and quickly?

# The Graph-Based Benchmark Suite (GBBS)

- ❖ Introduce a benchmark suite for graph problems with over 20 important problems
- ❖ GBBS algorithms achieve state-of-the-art results on the largest publicly available graphs

## Connectivity Problems

Low-Diameter Decomposition  
Connectivity  
Spanning Forest  
Biconnectivity  
Minimum Spanning Forest  
Strongly Connected Components

## Subgraph Problems

k-Core Decomposition  
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Apx. Densest Subgraph  
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Higher-Clique Counting

## Covering Problems

Maximal Ind. Set  
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Apx. Set Cover  
Graph Coloring

## Shortest Path Problems

Breadth-First Search  
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General Weight SSSP  
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SS Widest Path  
k-Spanner

## Eigenvector Problems

PageRank  
Personalized PageRank  
Personalized SimRank

[github.com/paralg/gbbs](https://github.com/paralg/gbbs)

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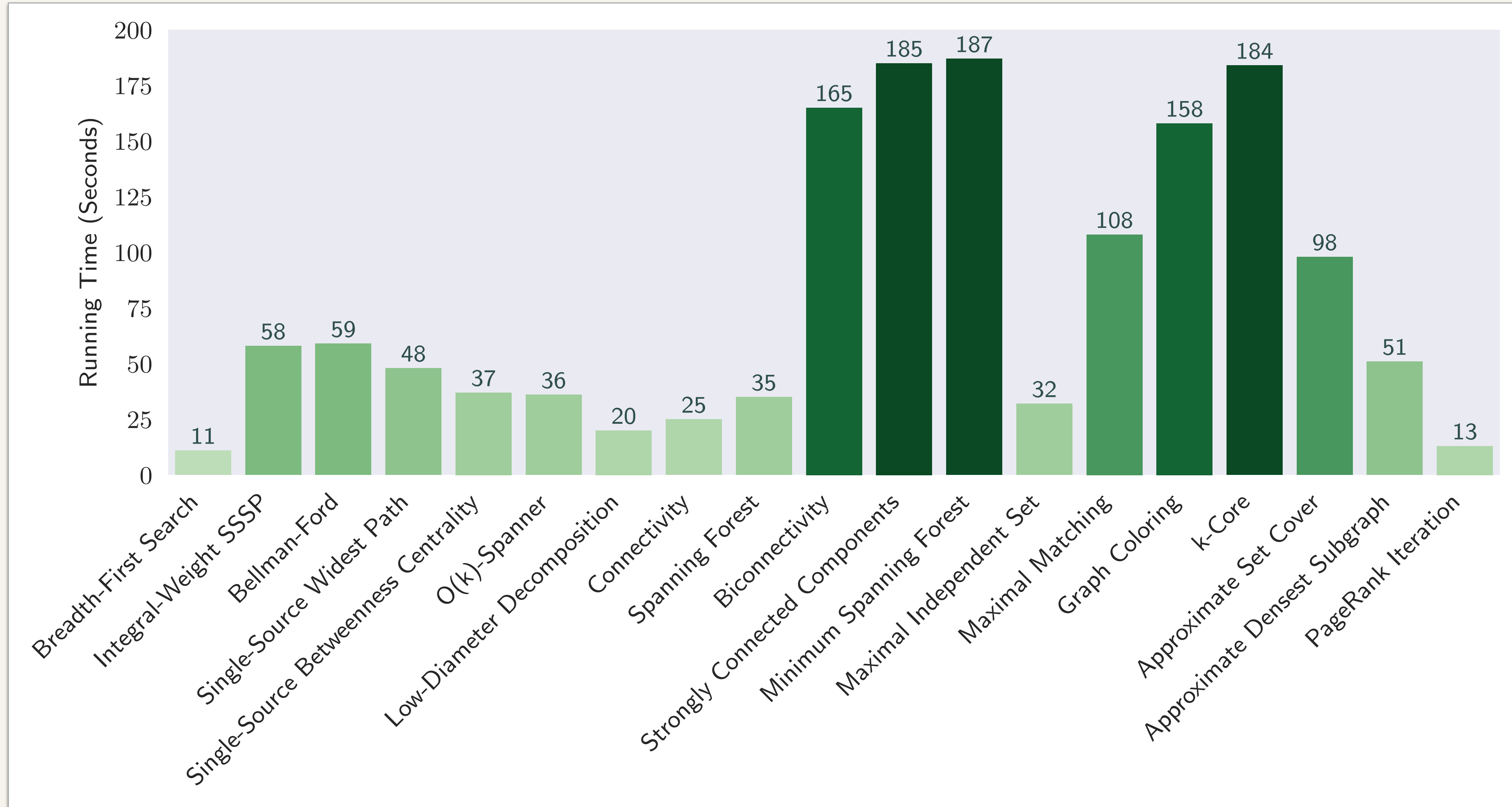
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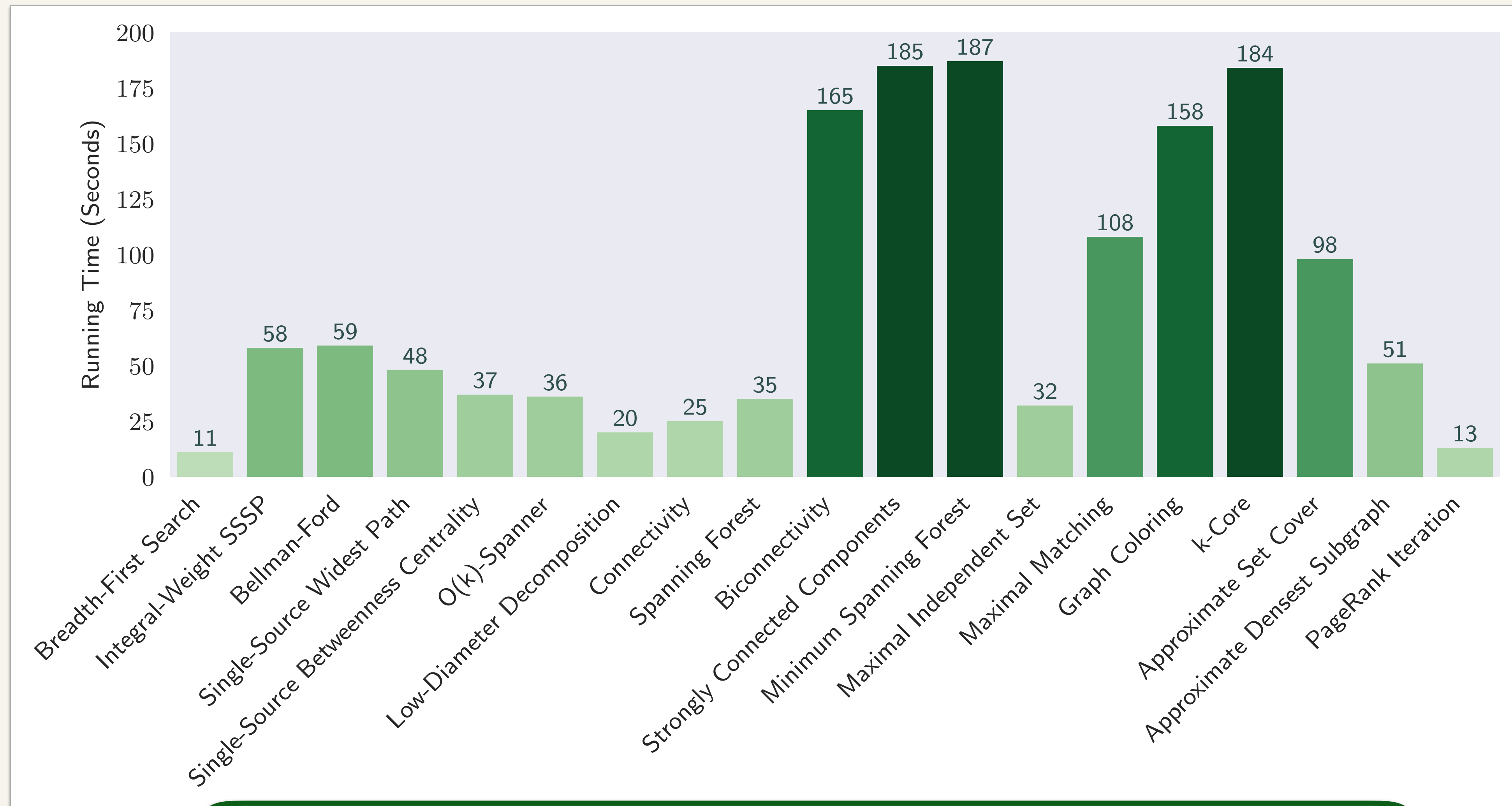
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Approximate Set Cover	$O(m)^\dagger$	$O(\log^3 n)^*$
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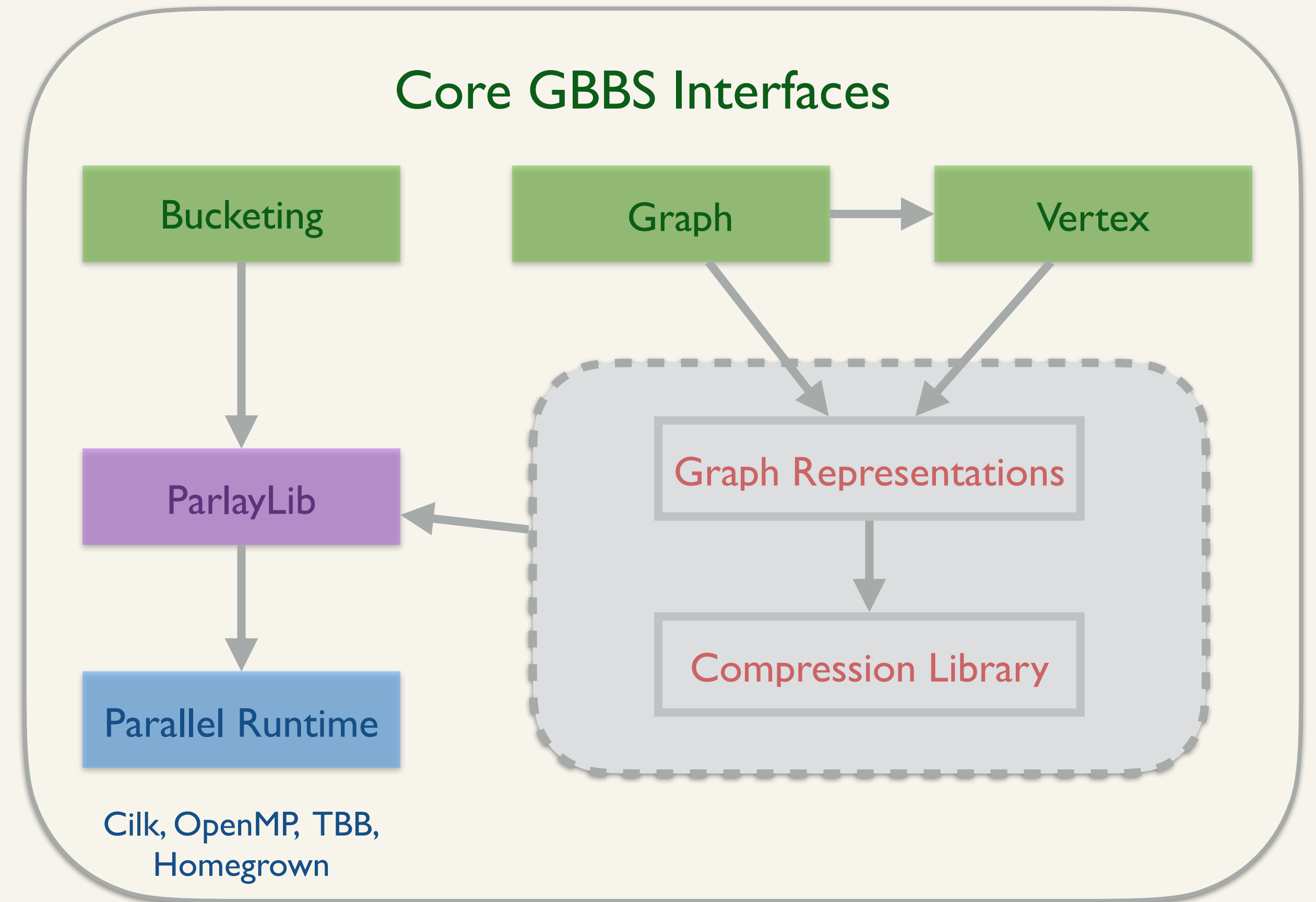
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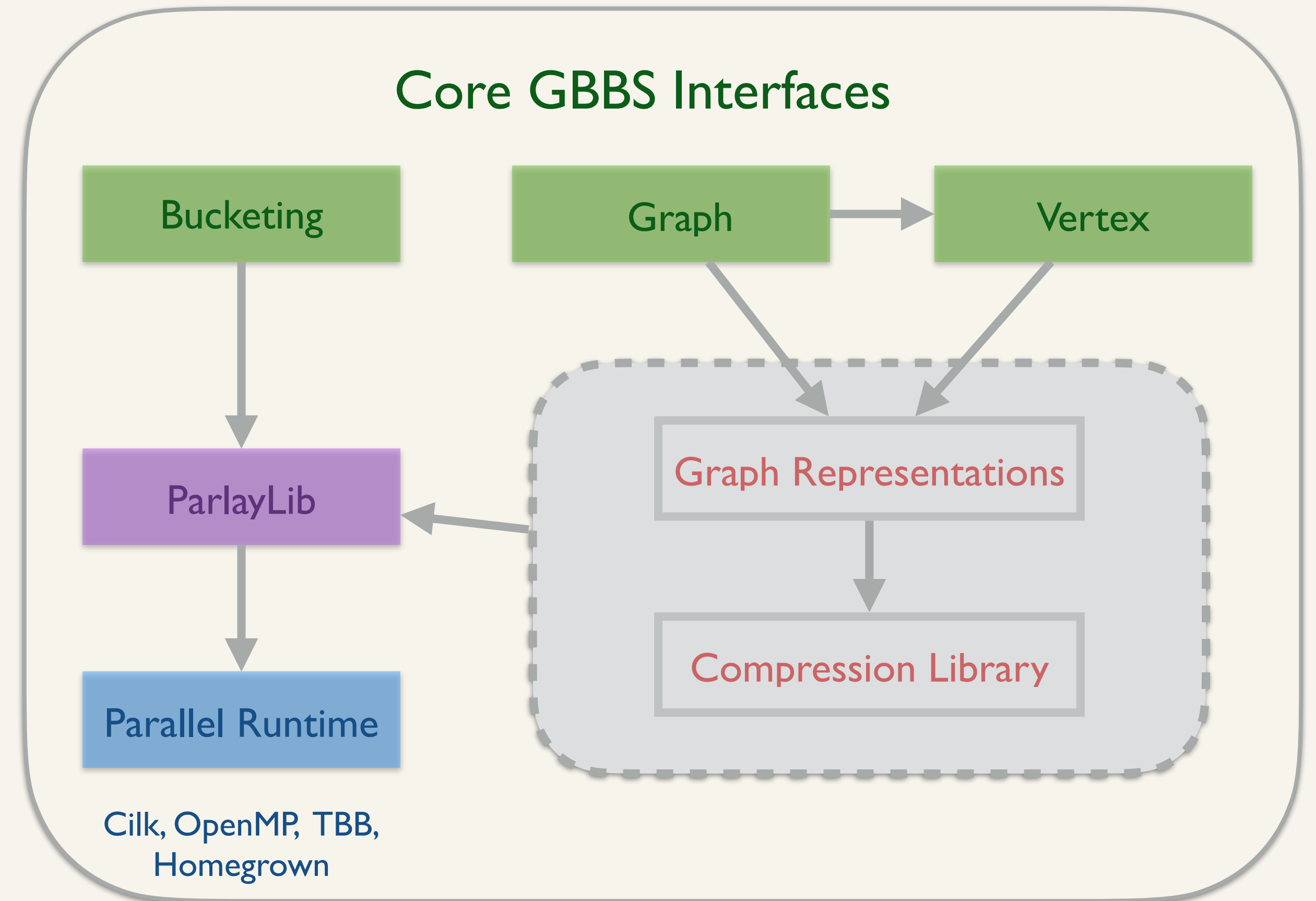
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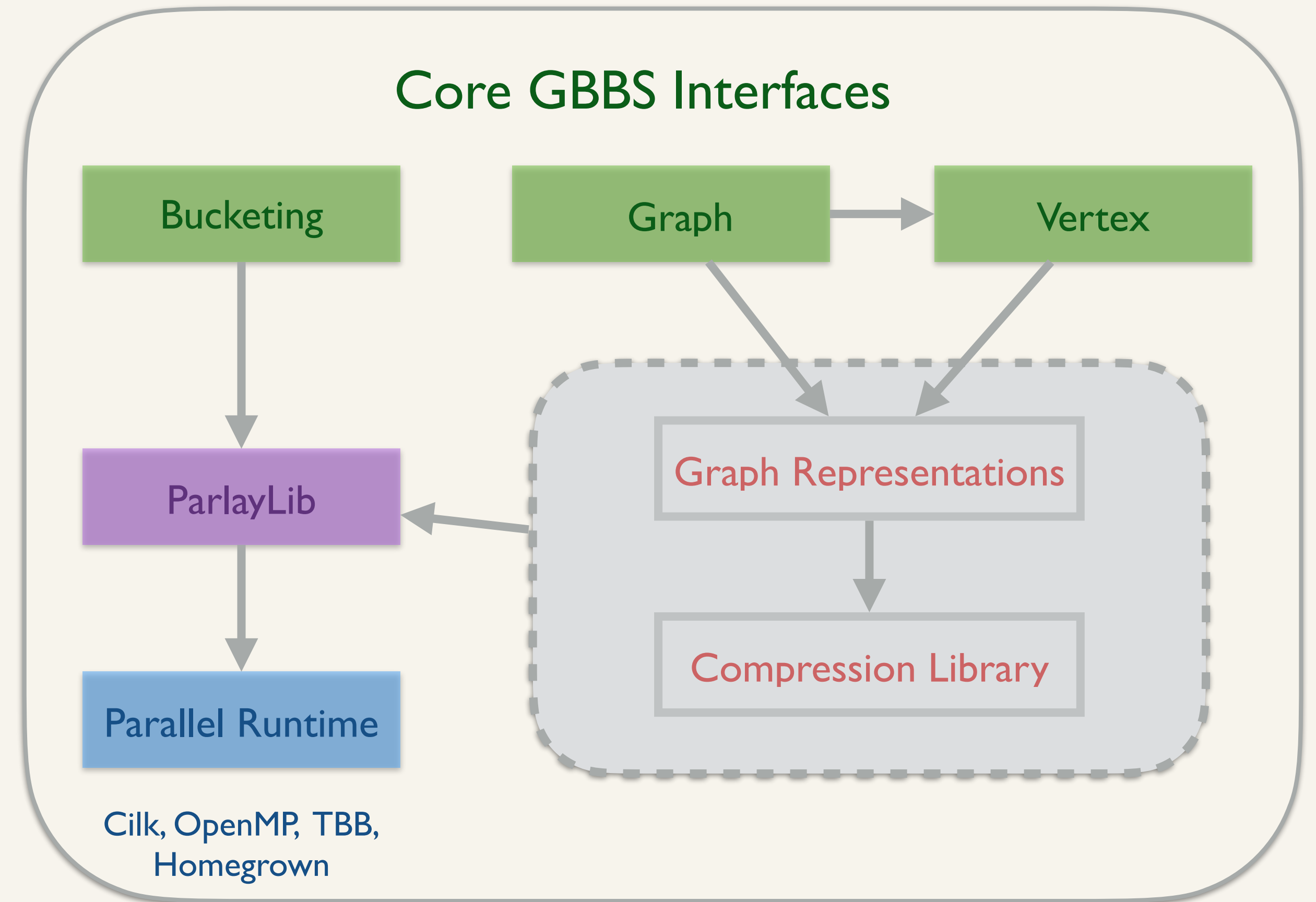
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❖ Compressed graph representations based on extending Ligra+



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WDC Hyperlink (Sym)	3.5B	225B	928 GB	351GB	1.56

# Vertex Interface

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<i>Neighborhood operators:</i>	map : (edge → void) → void	$O( N(v) )$	$O(\log n)$
	reduce : (edge → E) * E monoid → E		
	scan : (edge → E) * E monoid → E		
	count : (edge → bool) → int		
	filter : (edge → bool) → E seq		
	pack : (edge → bool) → void		
	iterate : (edge → bool) → void	$O(d_{it})$	$O(d_{it})$
	i-th : int → edge	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
	degree : unit → int		
	getNeighbors : unit → nghlist		
<i>Vertex-Vertex operators:</i>	intersection : (nghlist * nghlist) → int	$O(l \log (h/l + 1))$	$O(\log n)$
	union : (nghlist * nghlist) → int		
	difference : (nghlist * nghlist) → int		

Provides **functional primitives** for commonly used vertex operations with good theoretical bounds on their cost



Provides functional primitives for performing whole-graph operations, and for operations that consume and produce vertexSubsets

## Graph Interface

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<i>Graph operators:</i>	numVertices : unit → int	} $O(1)$	$O(1)$
	numEdges : unit → int		
	getVertex : int → vertex		
	filterGraph : (edge → bool) → graph	} $O(n + m)$	$O(\log n)$
	packGraph : (edge → bool) → unit		
	extractEdges : (edge → bool) → edge sequence		
contractGraph : int sequence → graph	$O(n + m)^\dagger$	$O(\log n)^\ddagger$	
<i>VertexSubset operators:</i>	edgeMap : vset * (edge → bool) * (vtxid → bool) → vset	} $O\left(\sum_{u \in U} d(u)\right)$	$O(\log n)$
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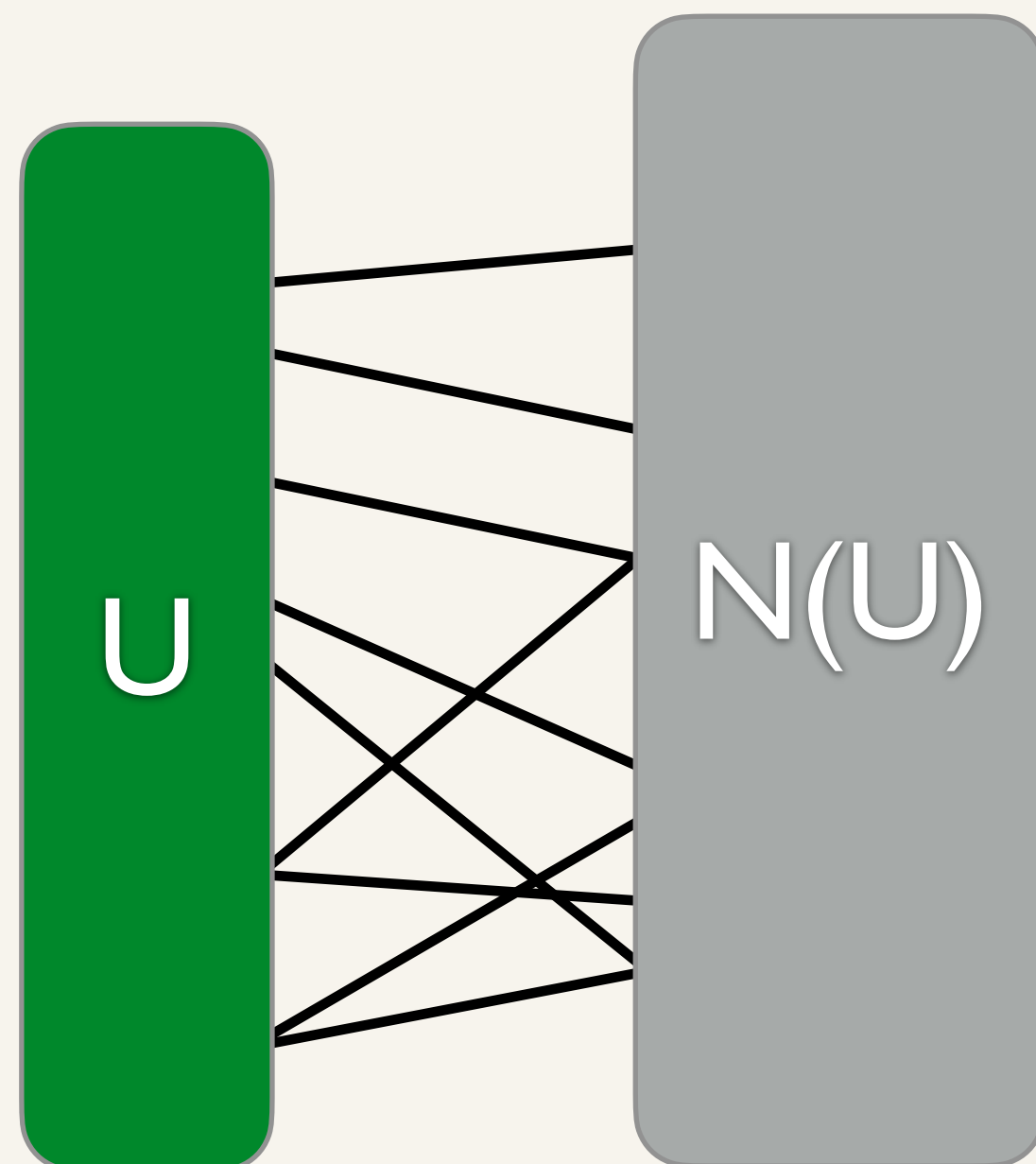
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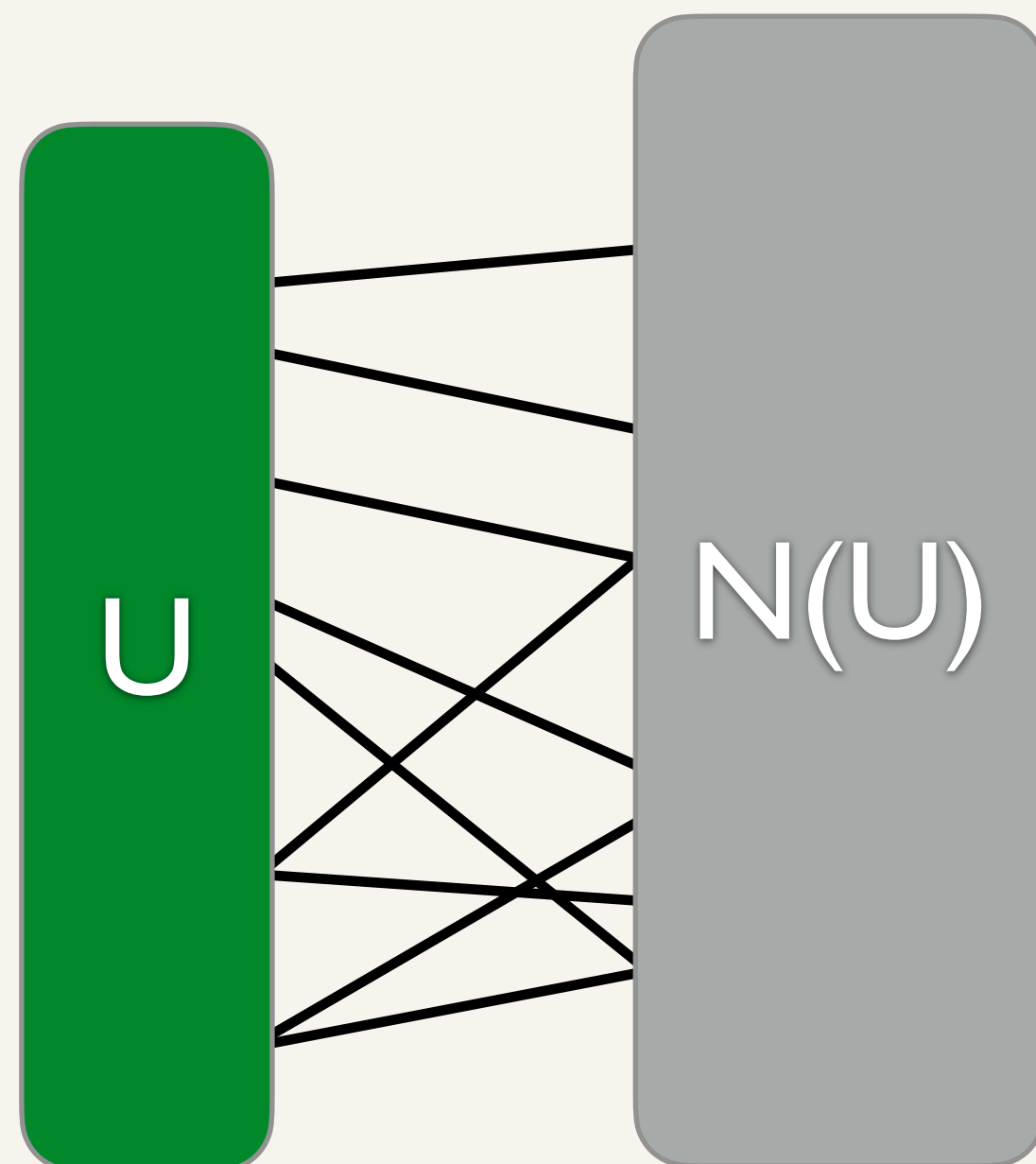
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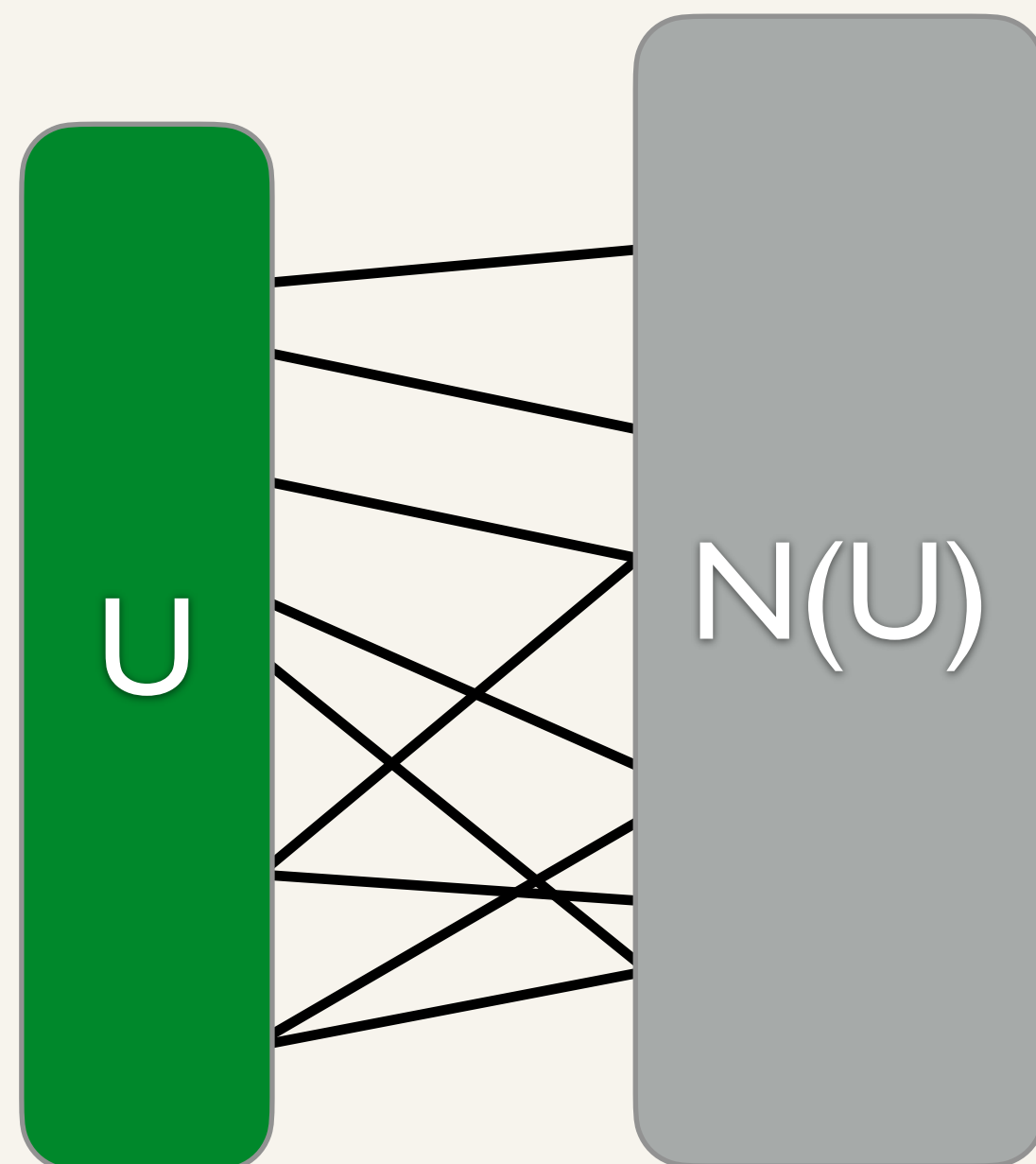
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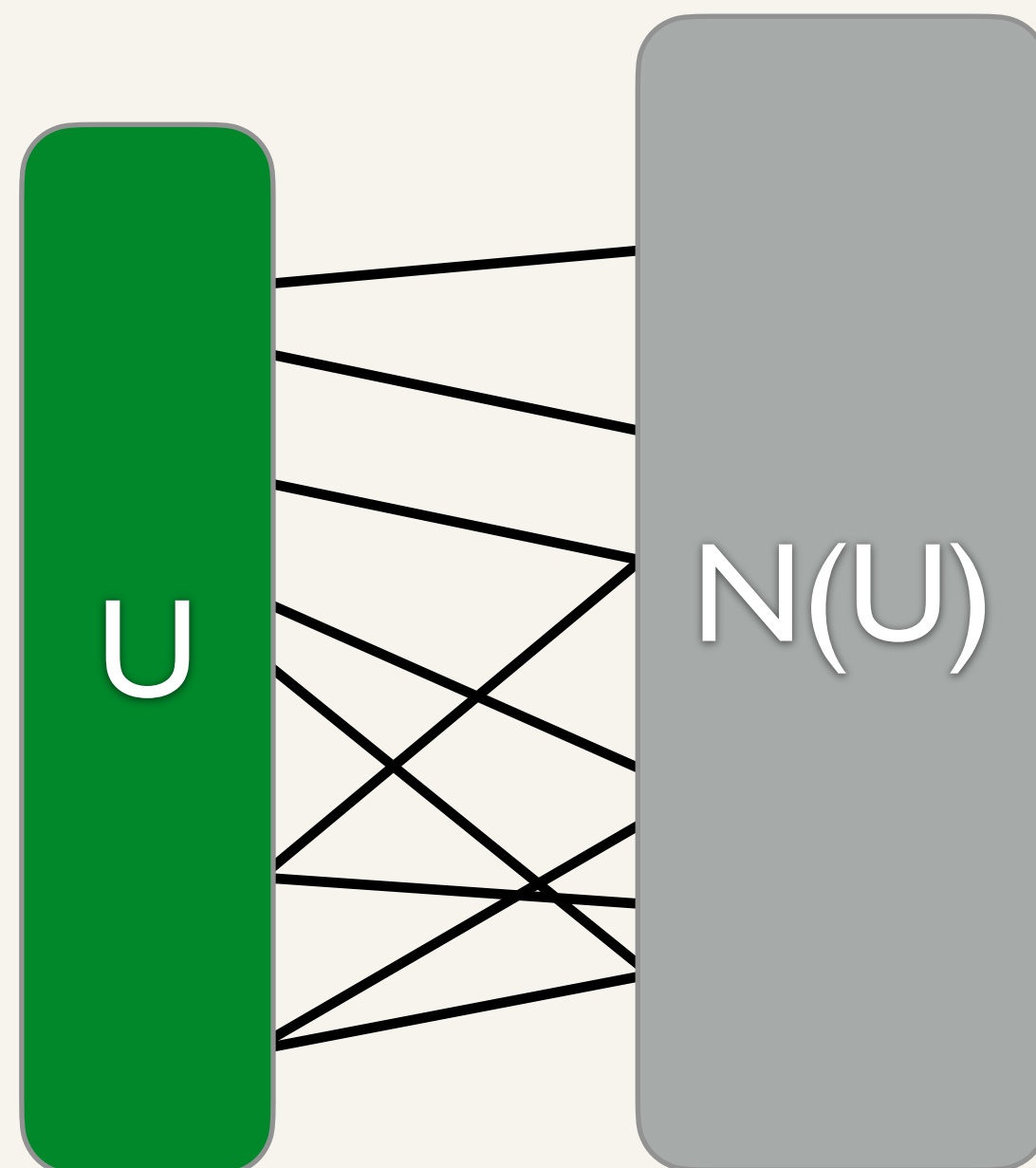
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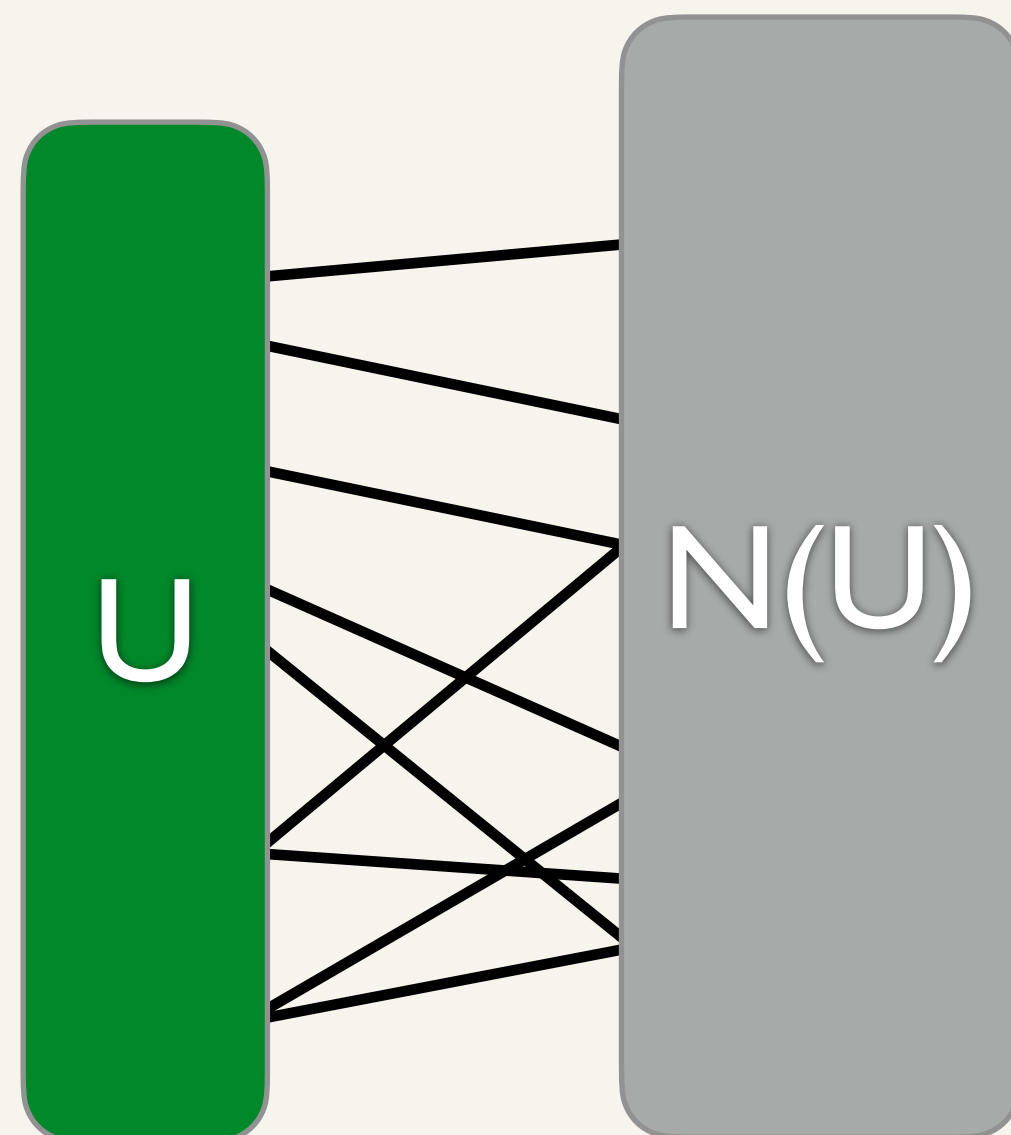
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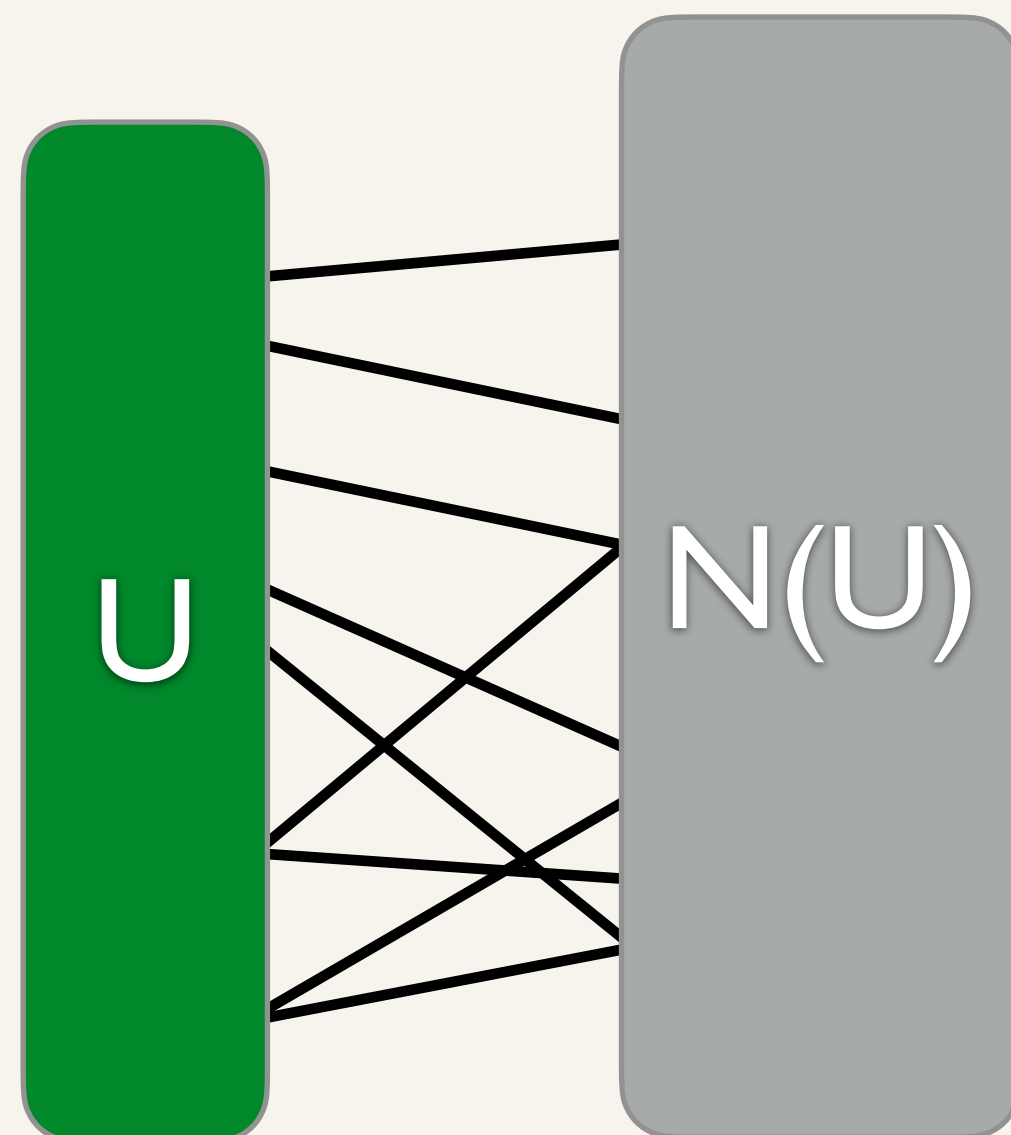
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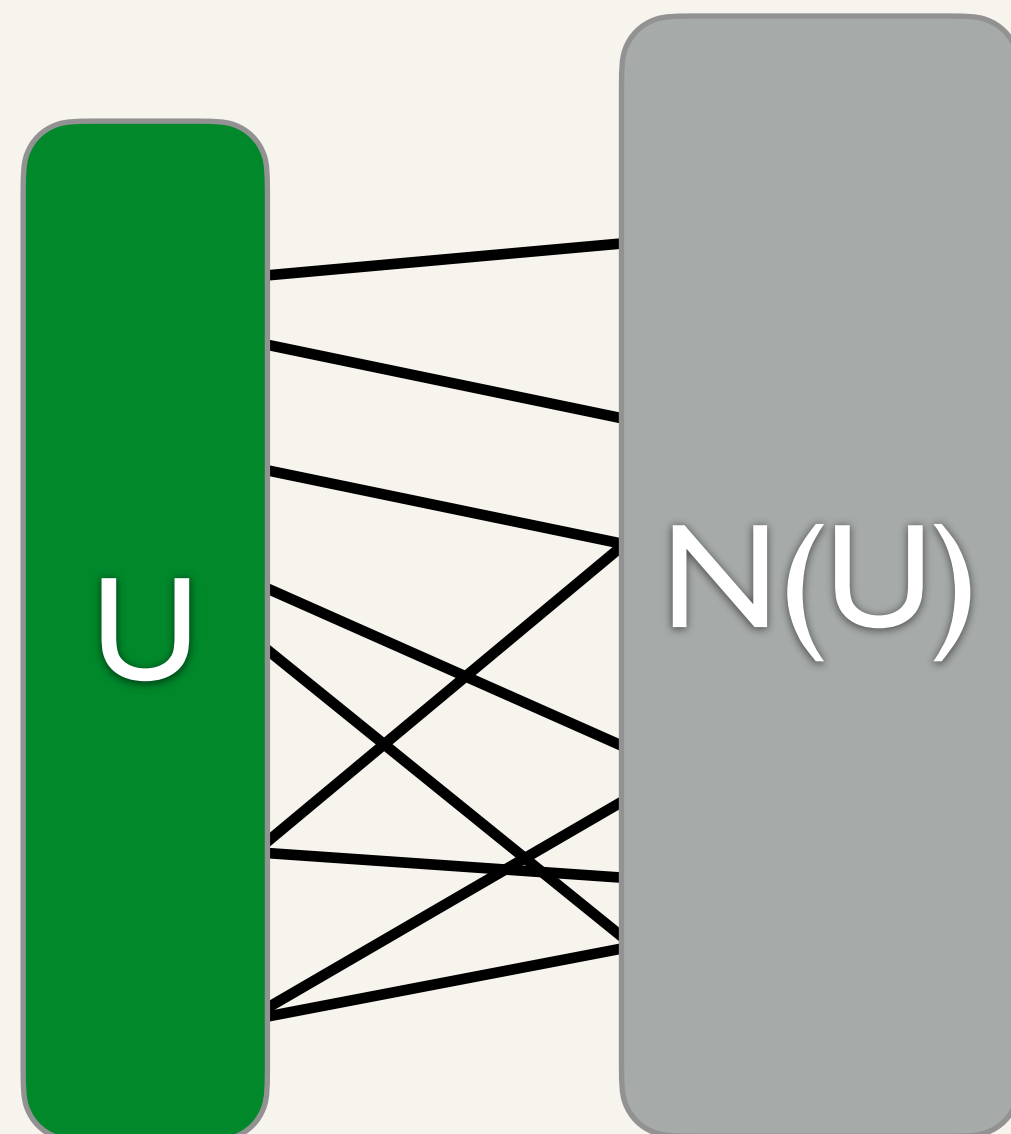
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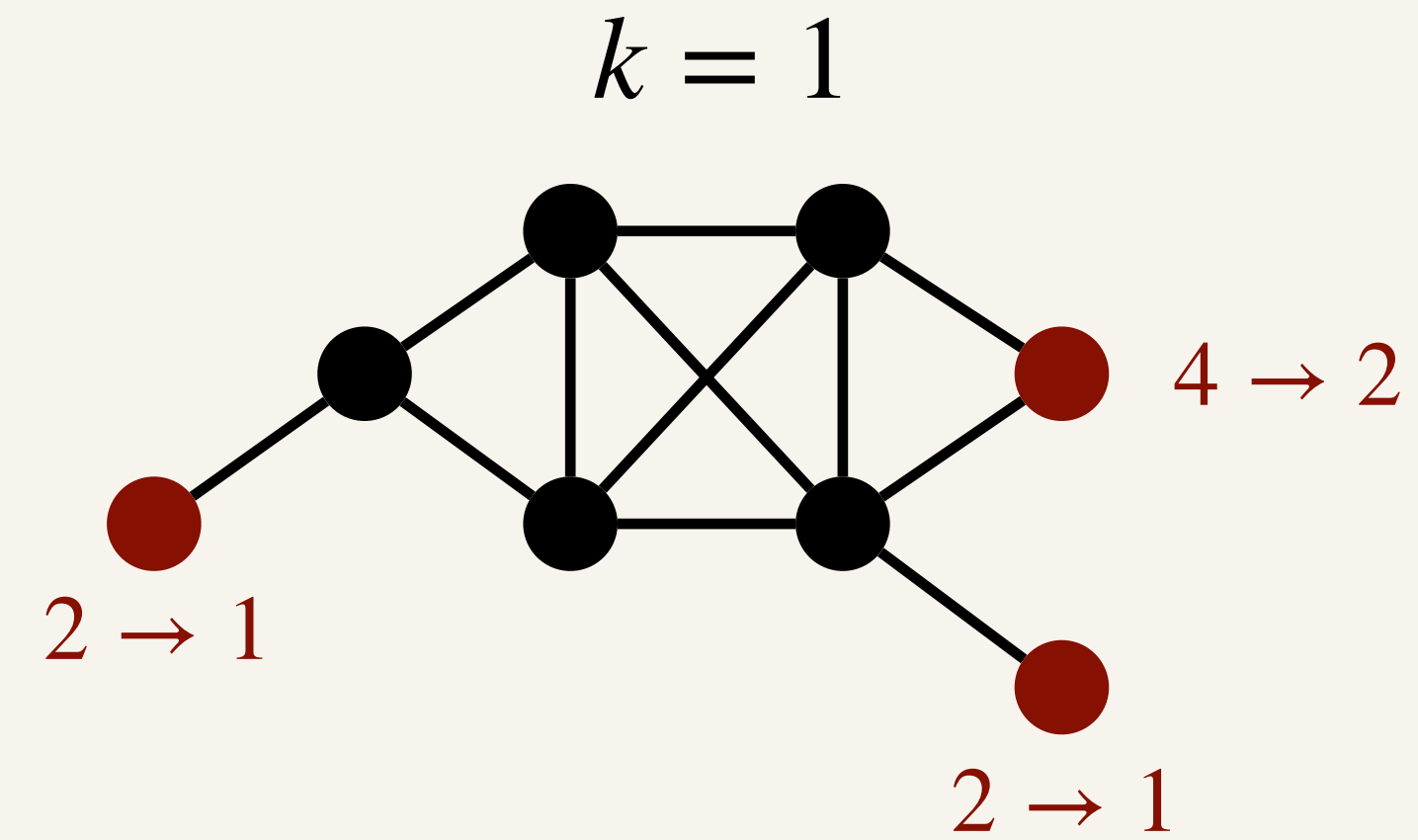
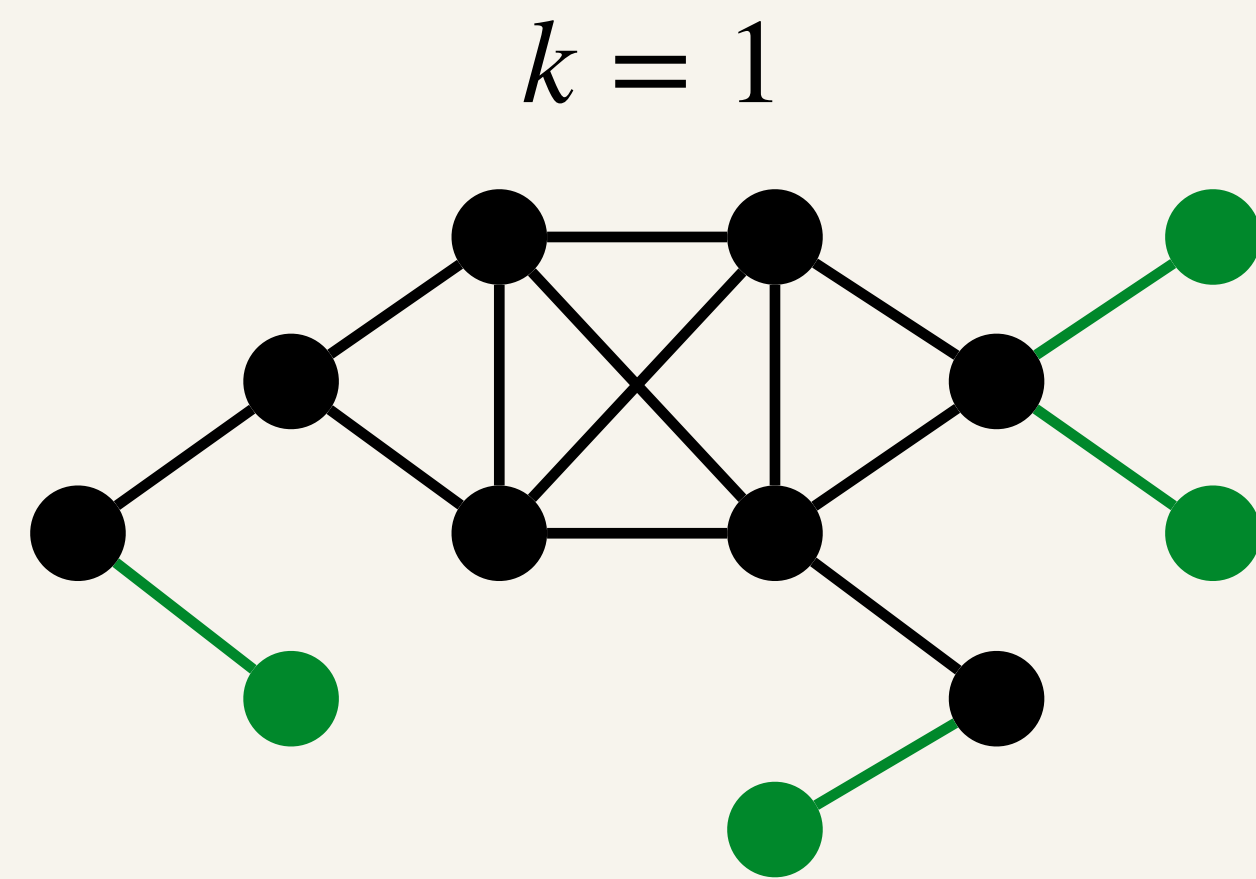
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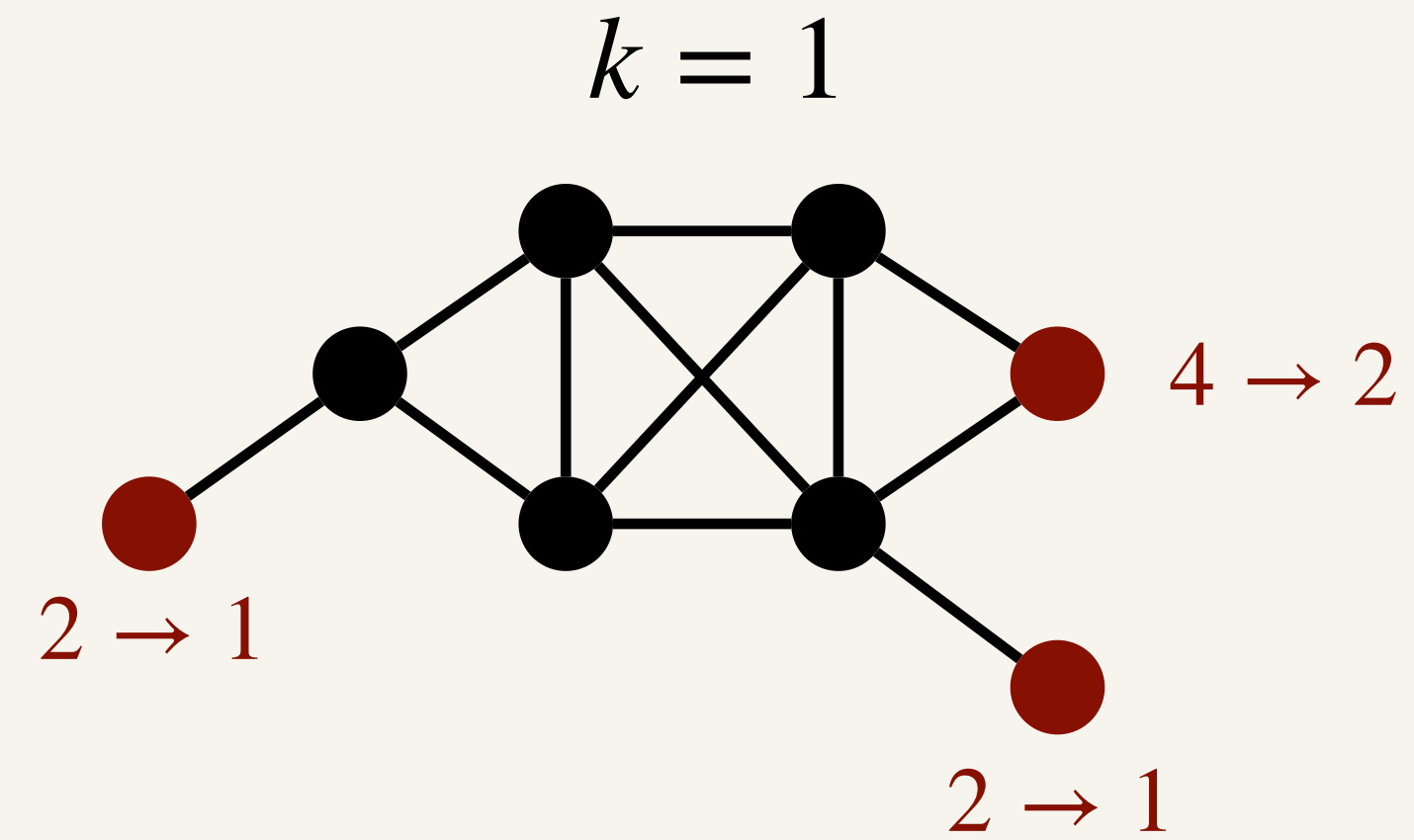
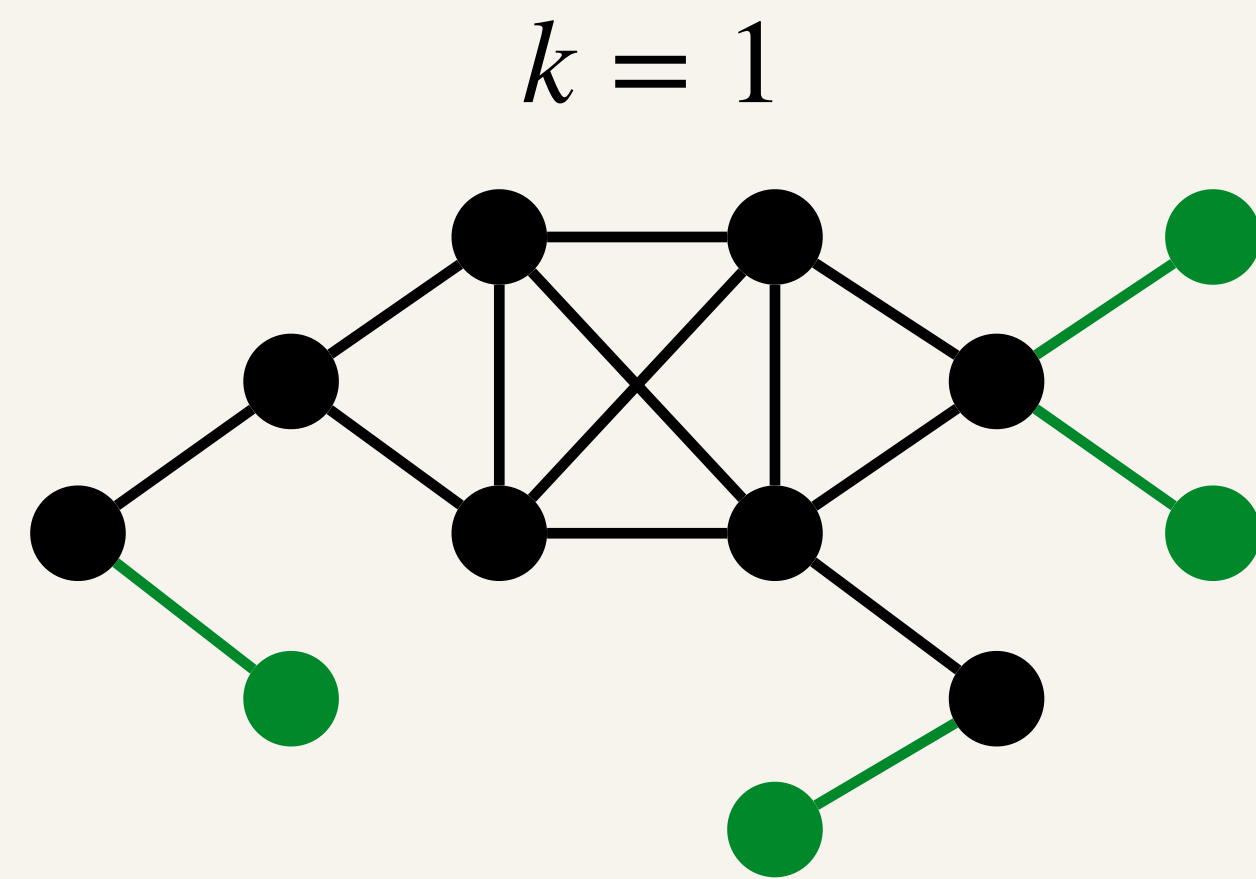
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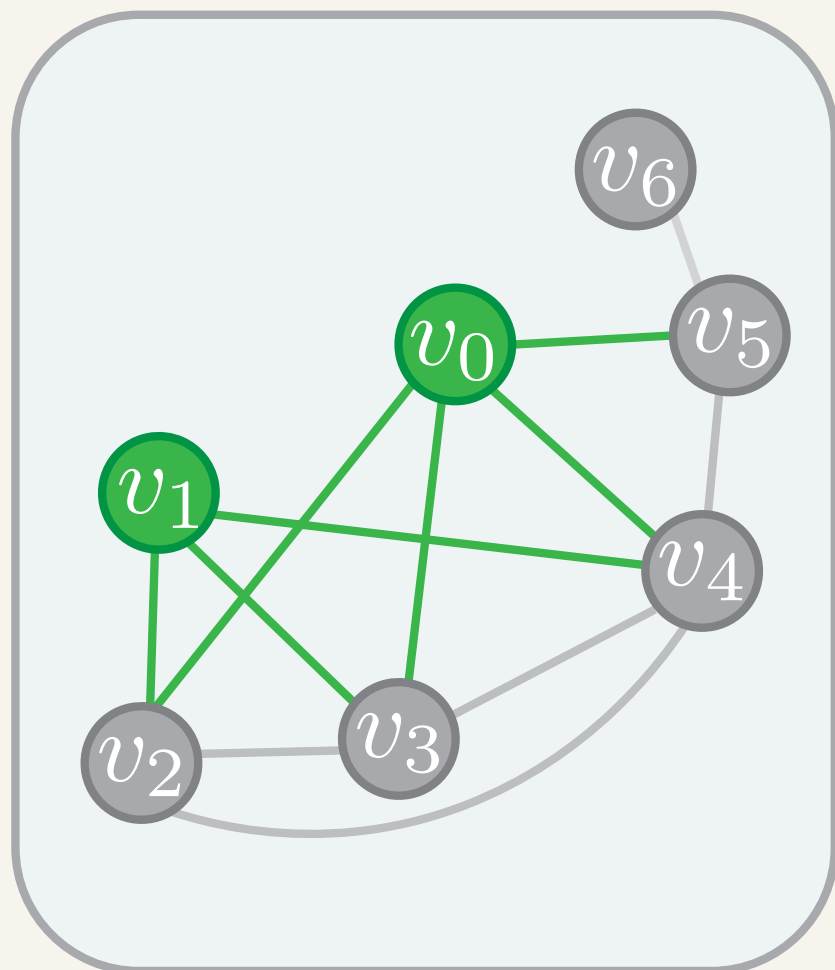
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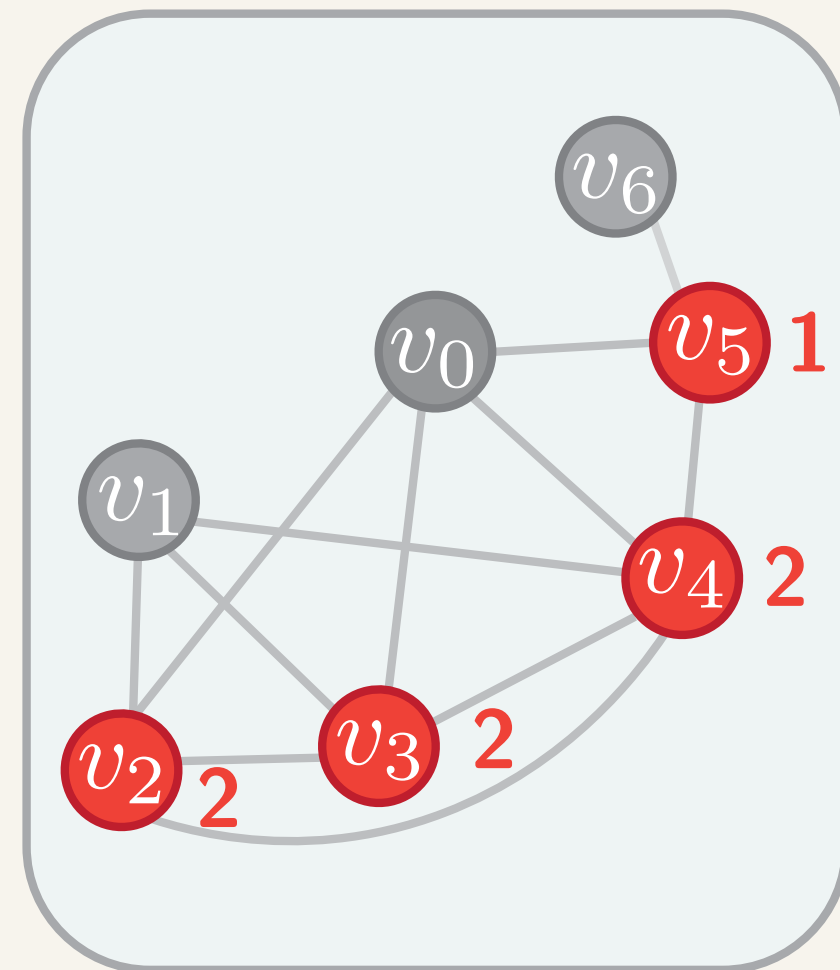
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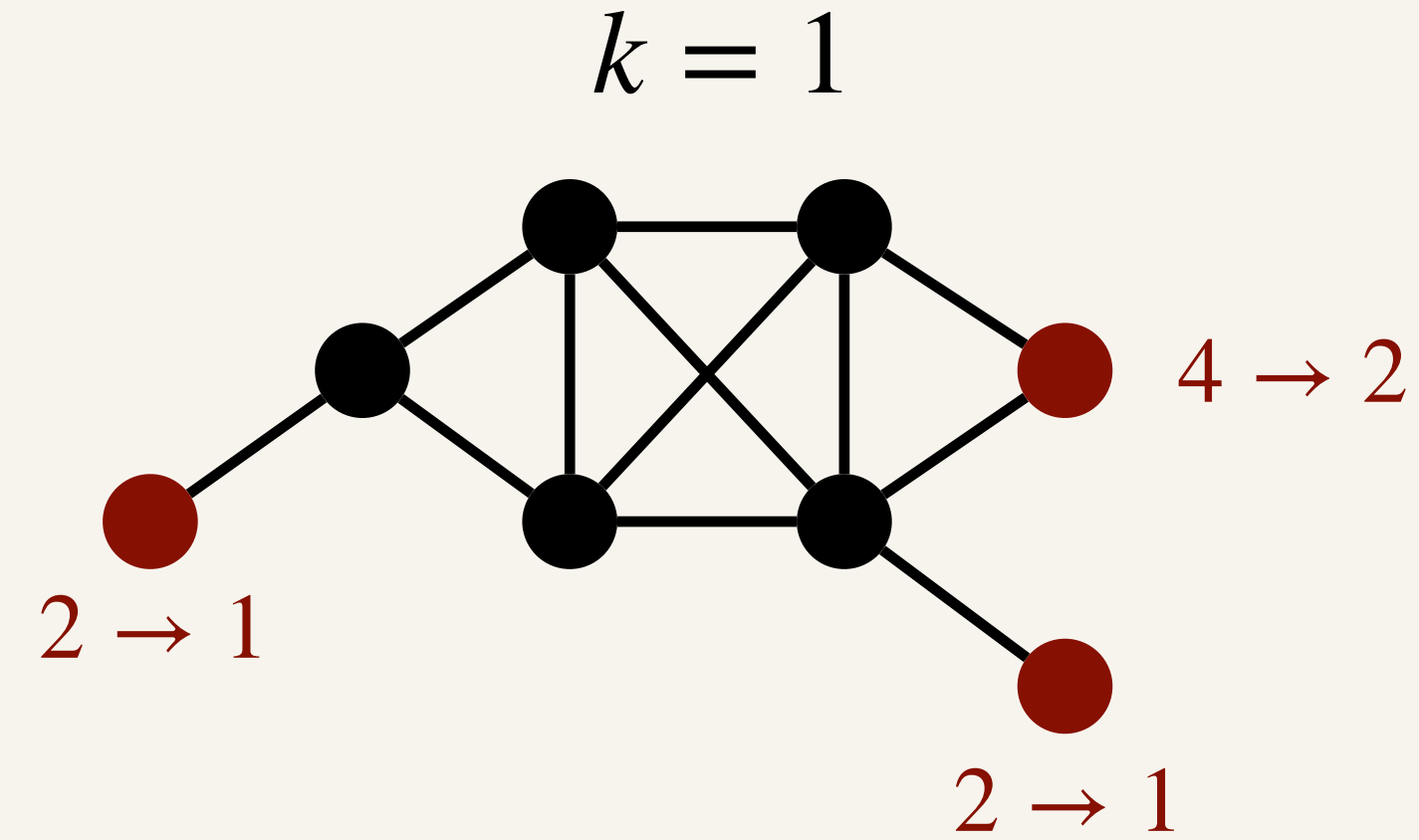
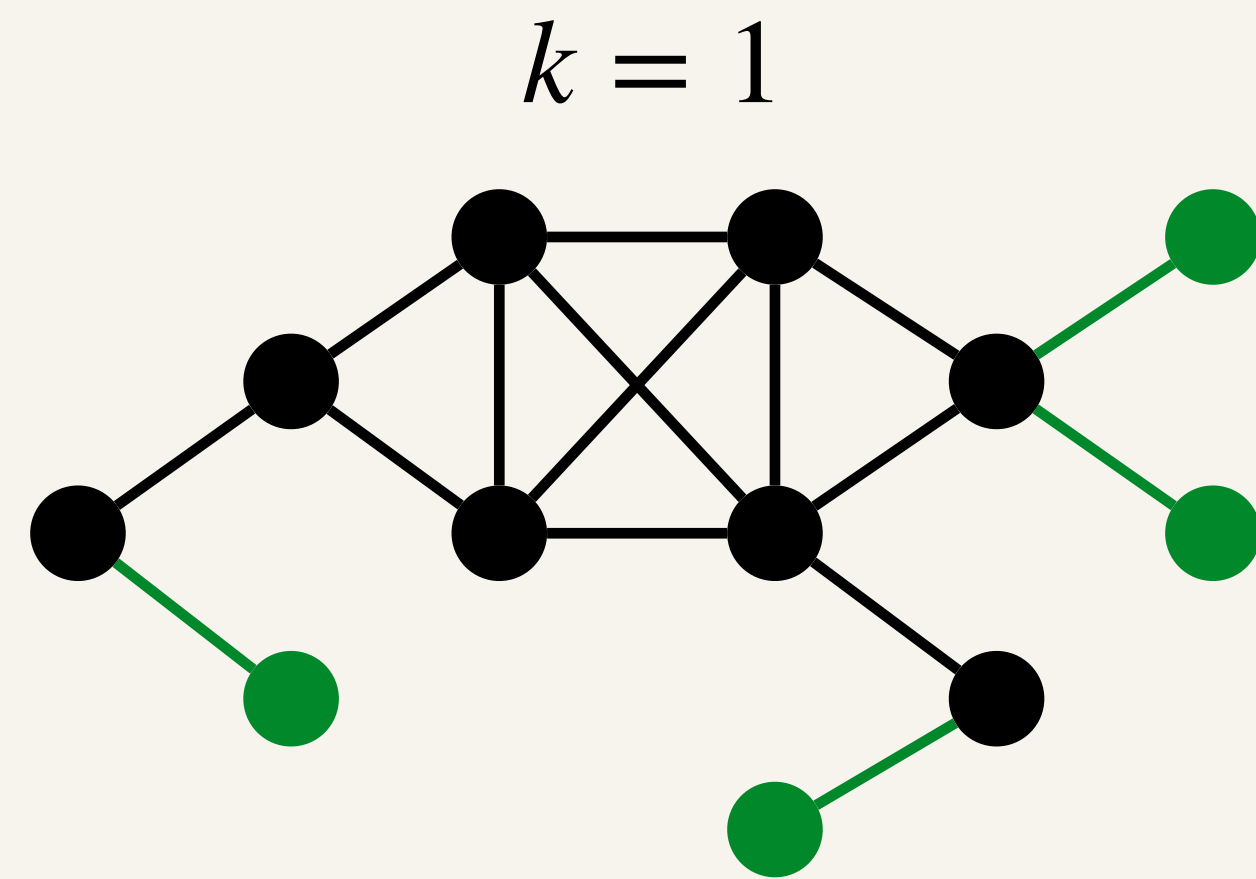
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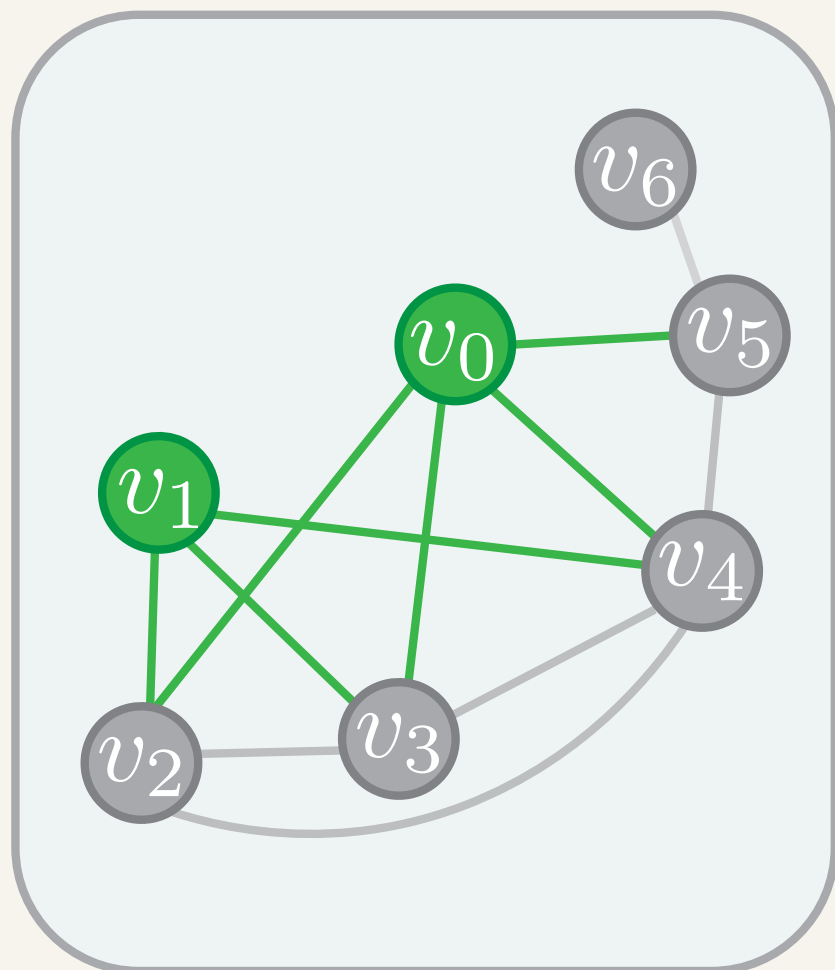
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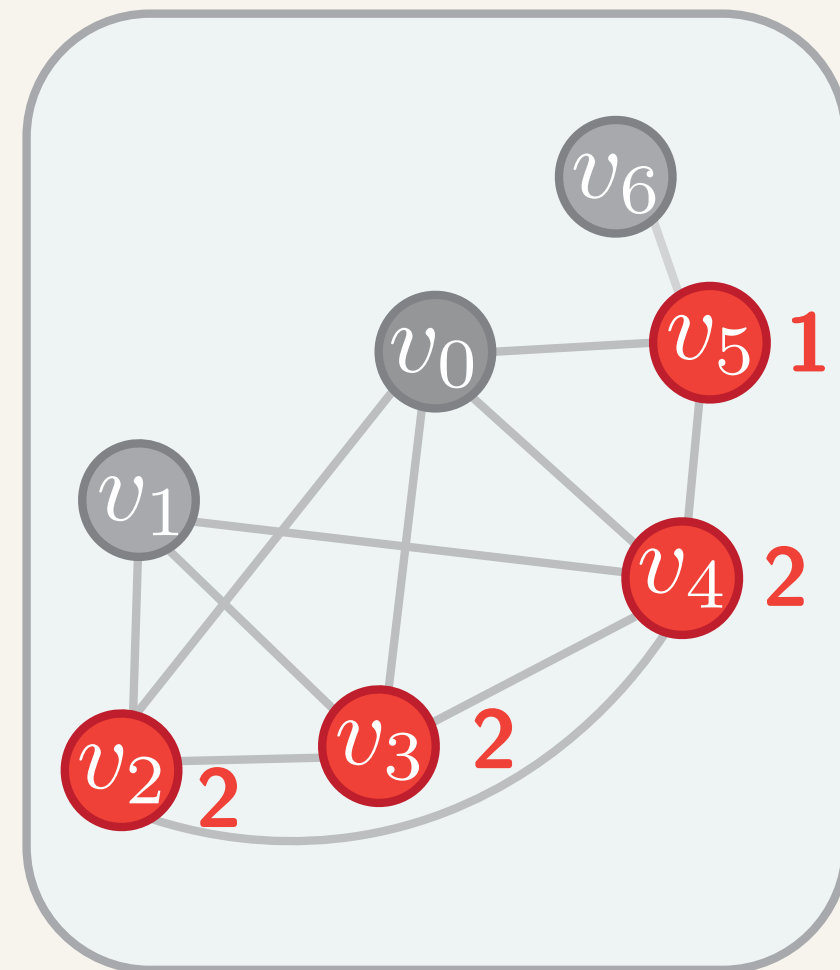
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## Our Implementation

- ❖ We provide a provably-efficient implementation of nghCount that takes

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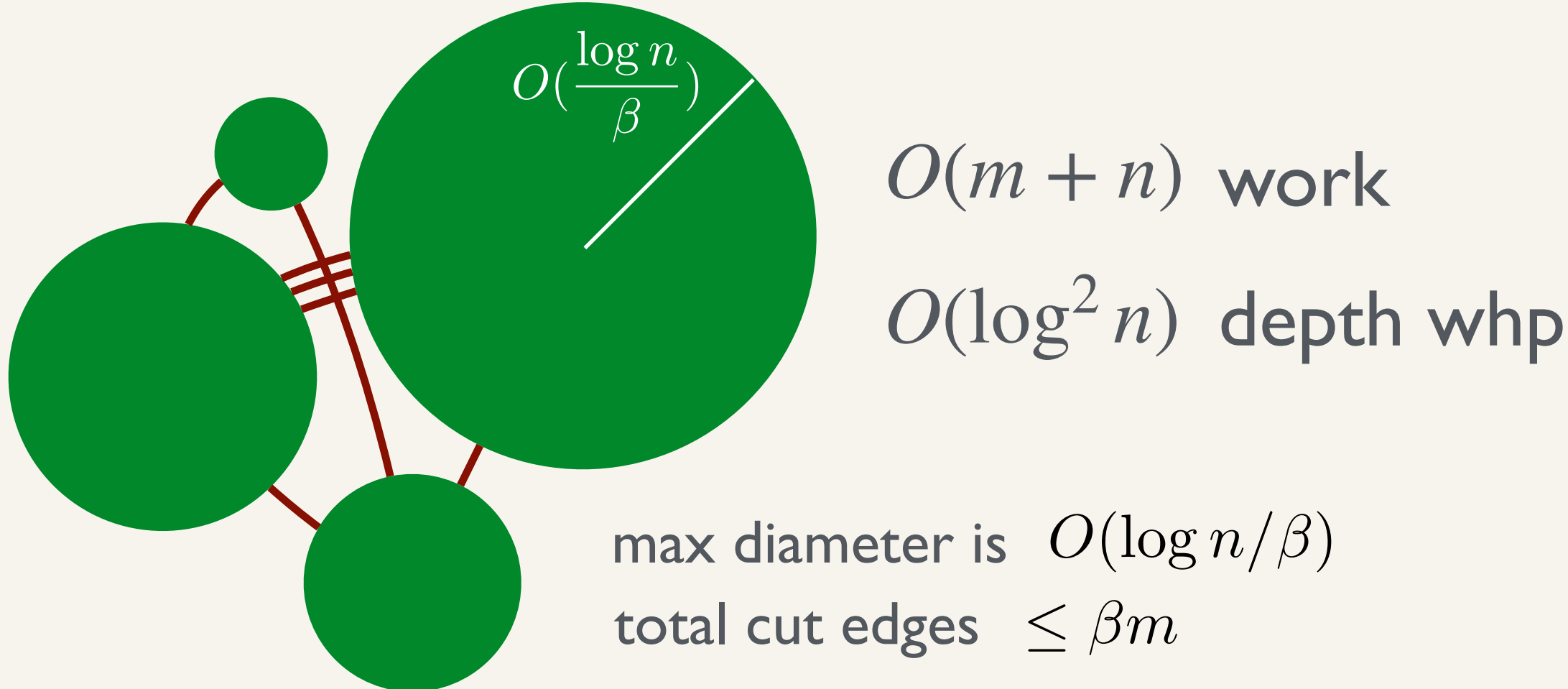
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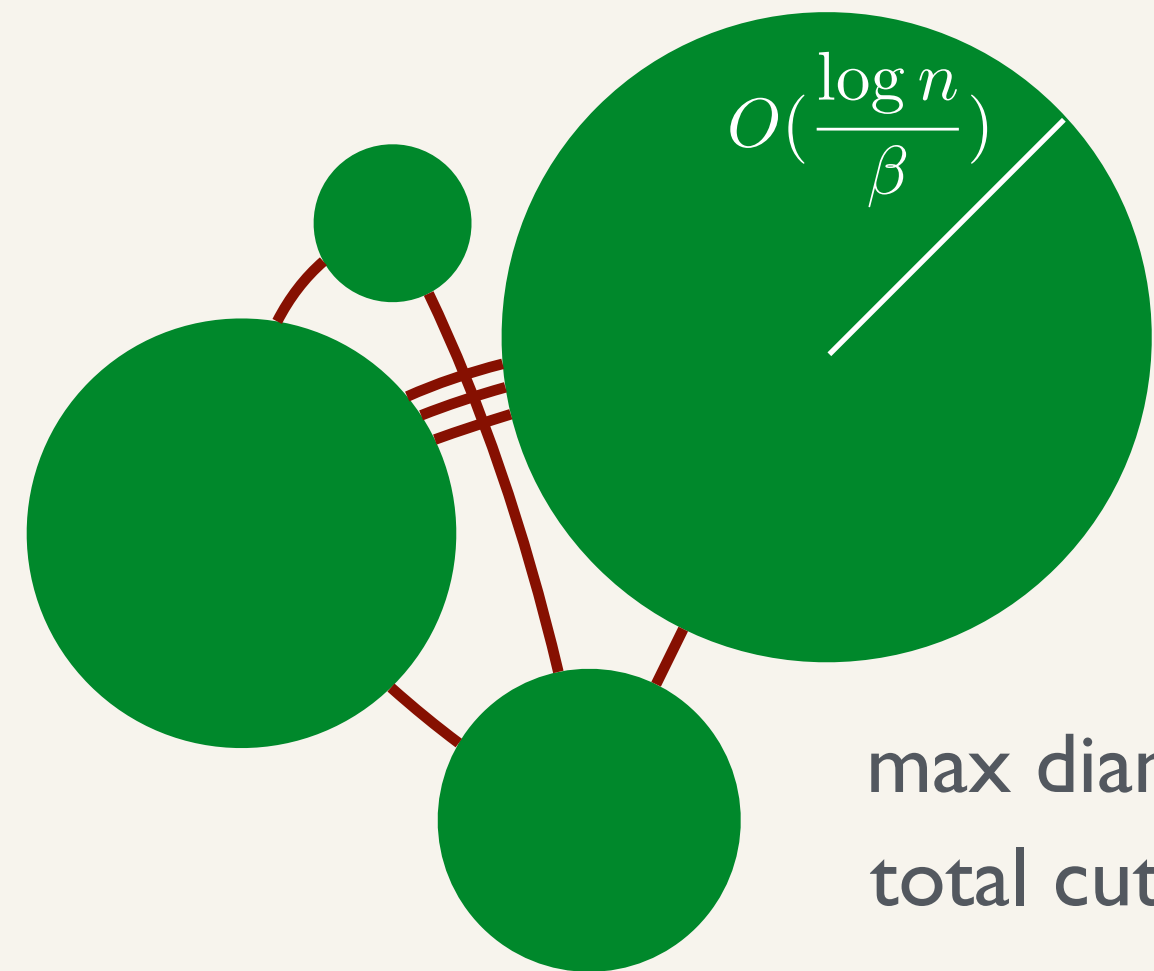


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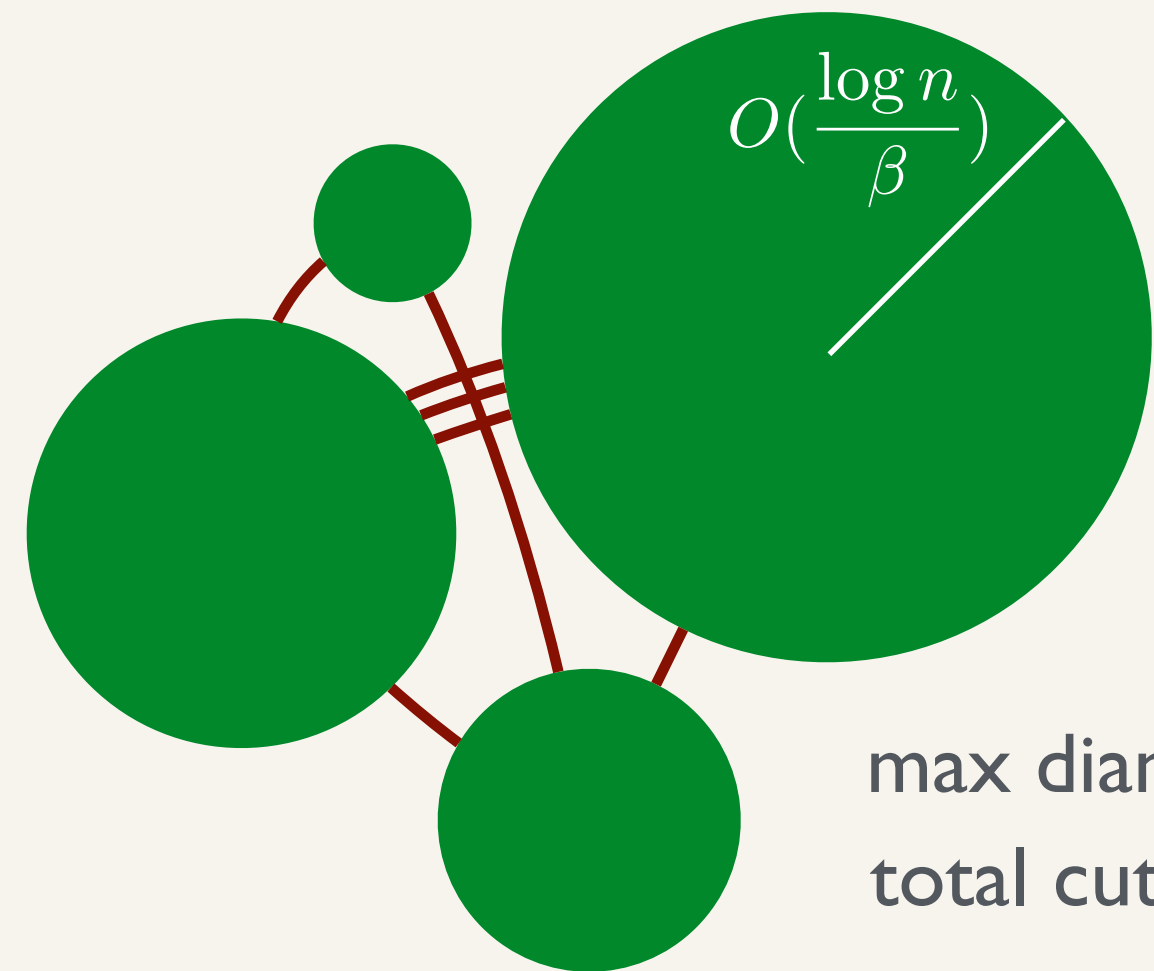
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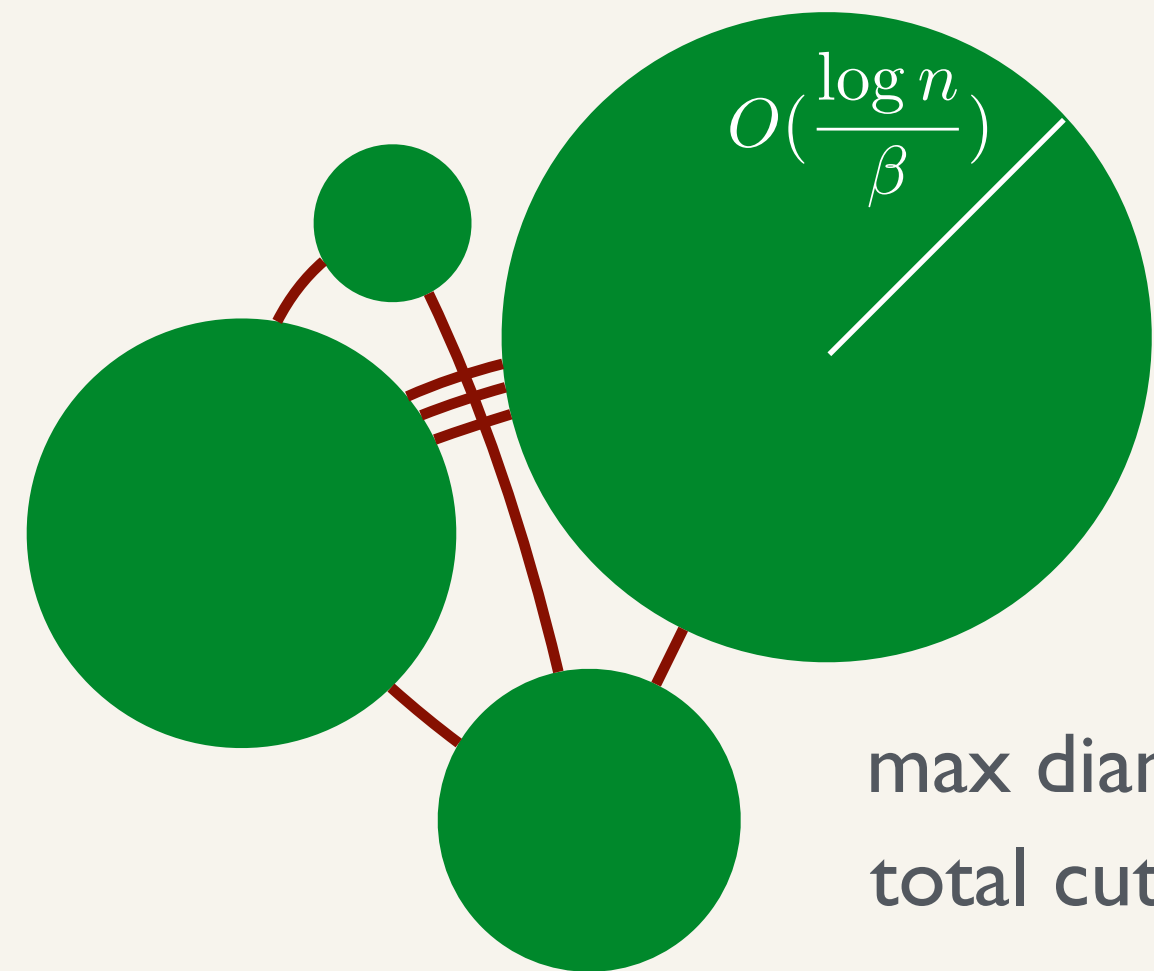
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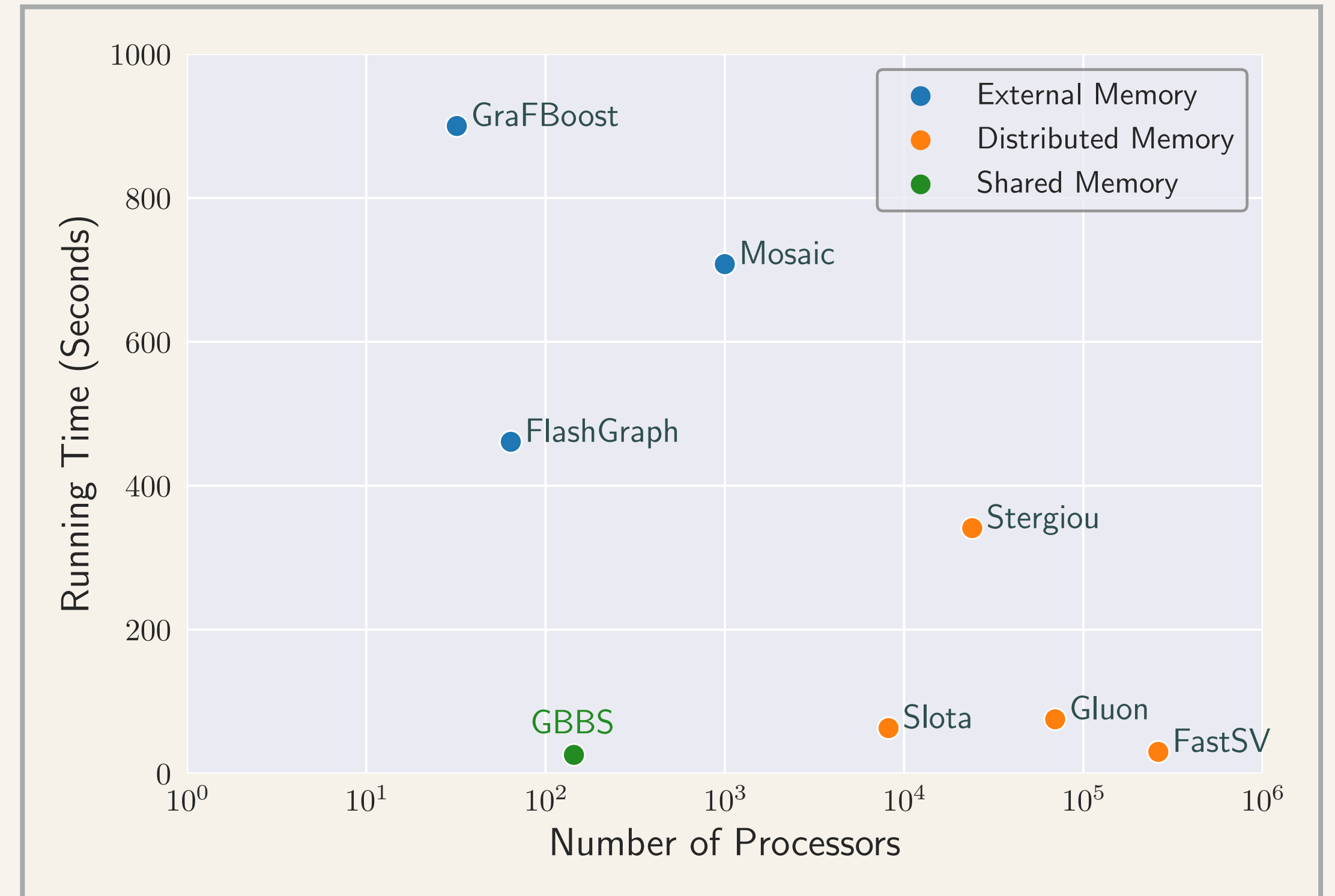
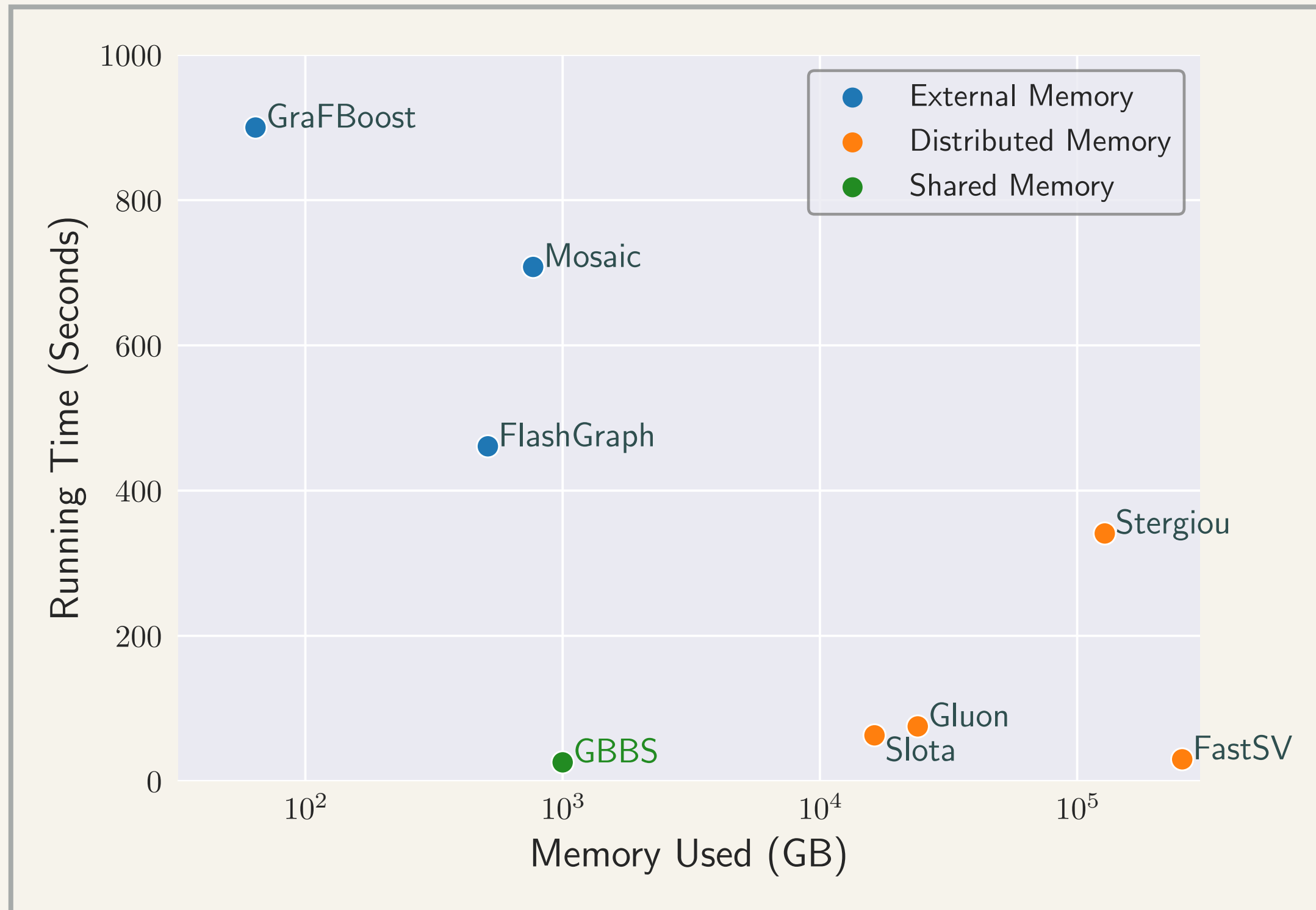
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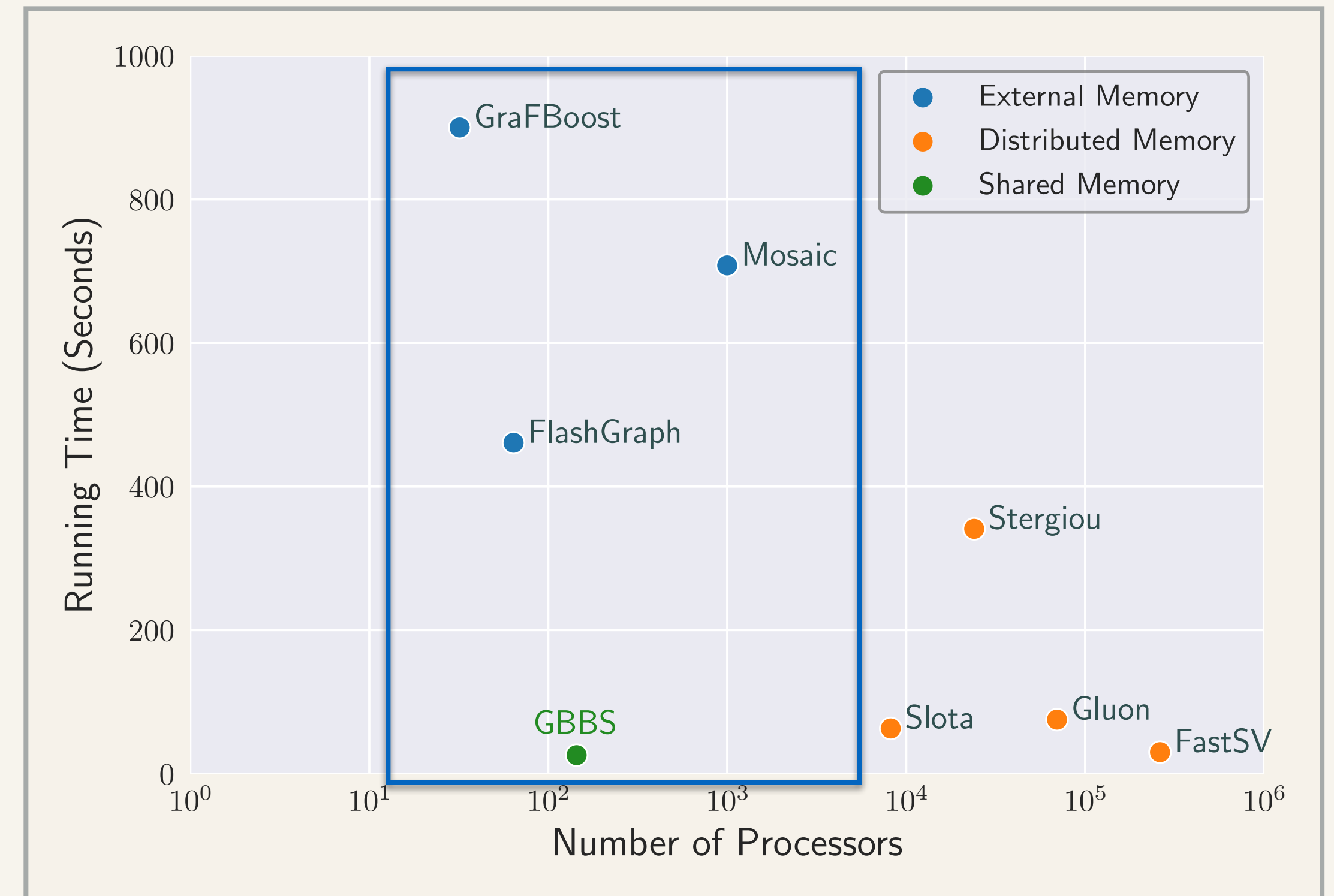
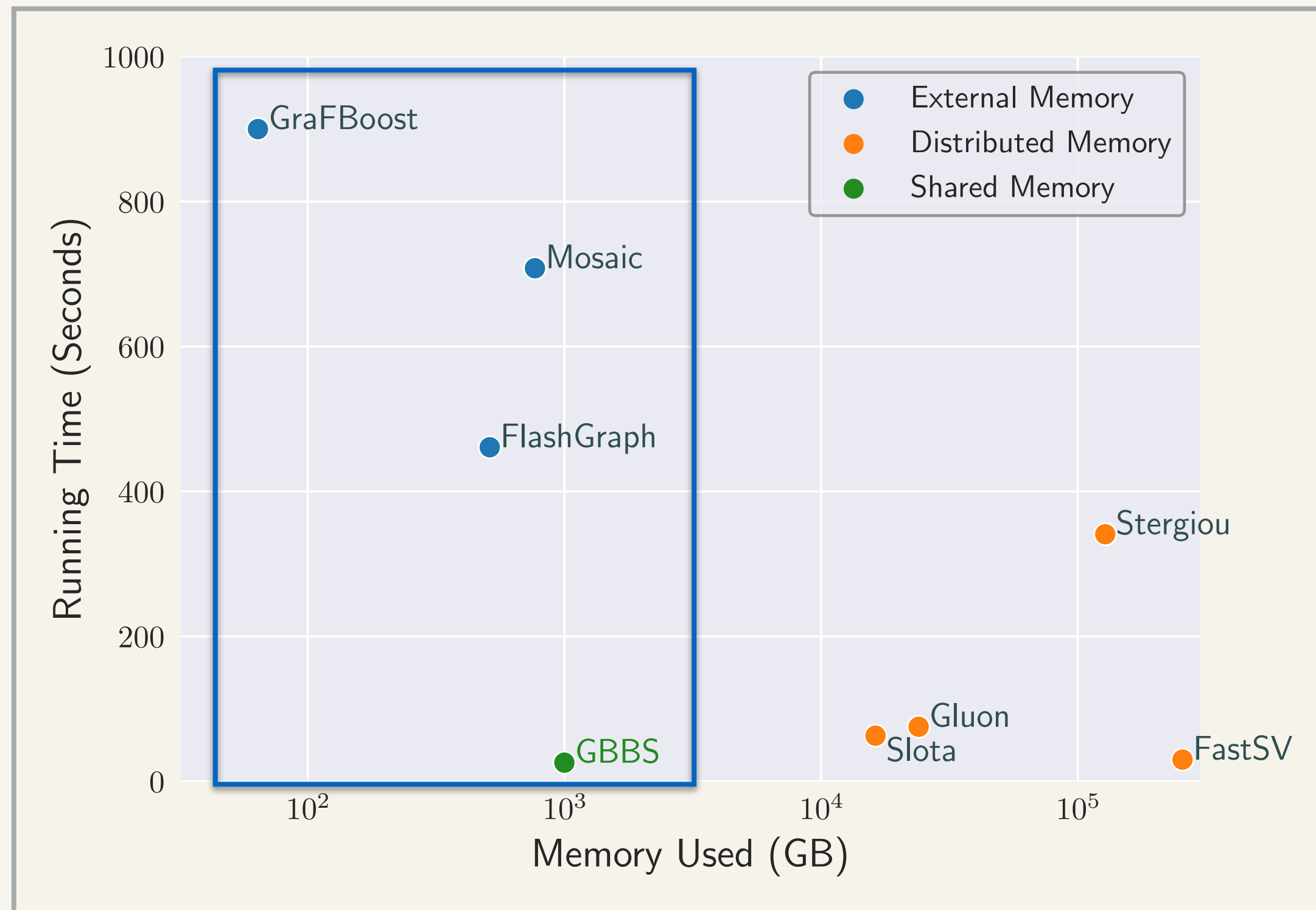
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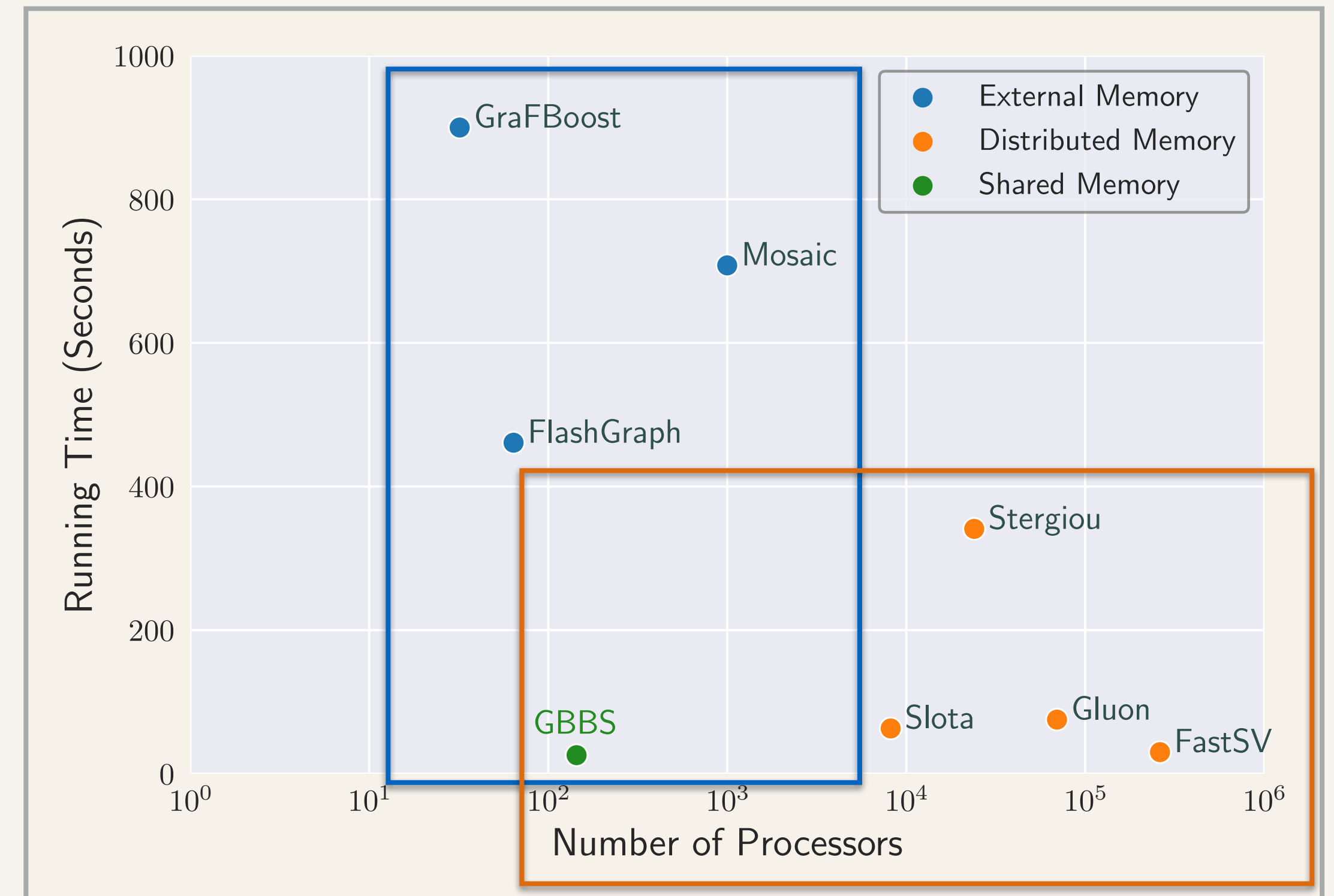
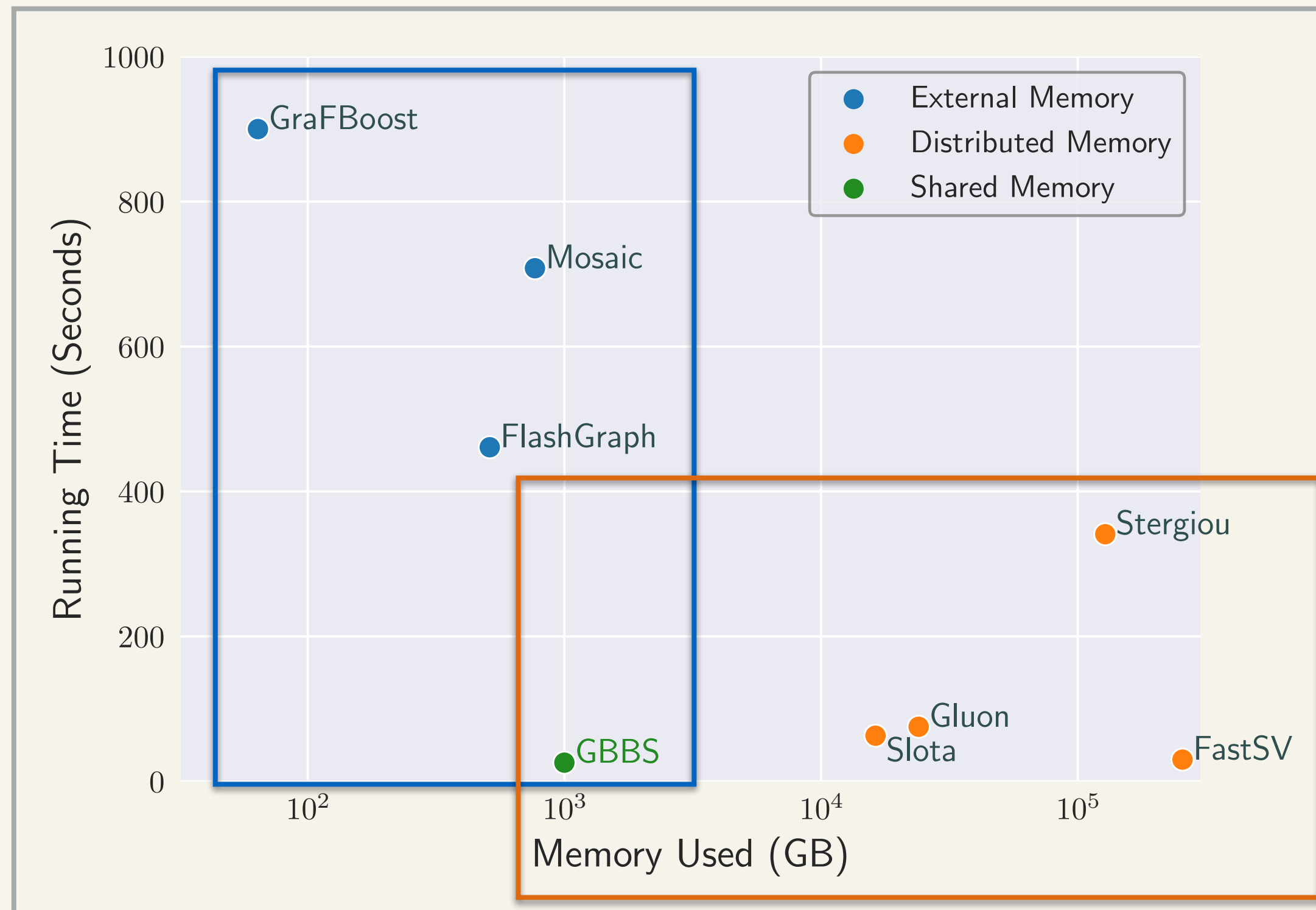


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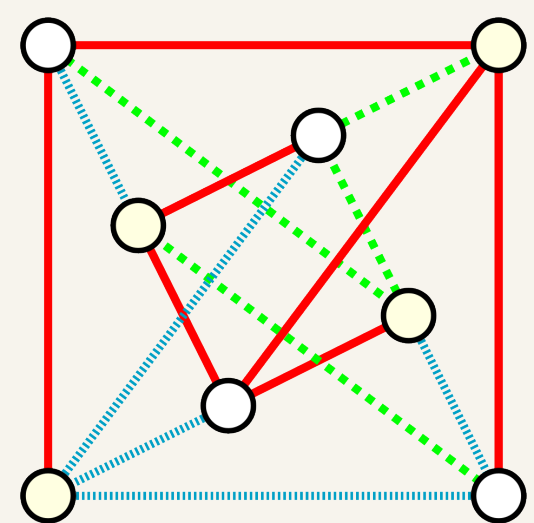
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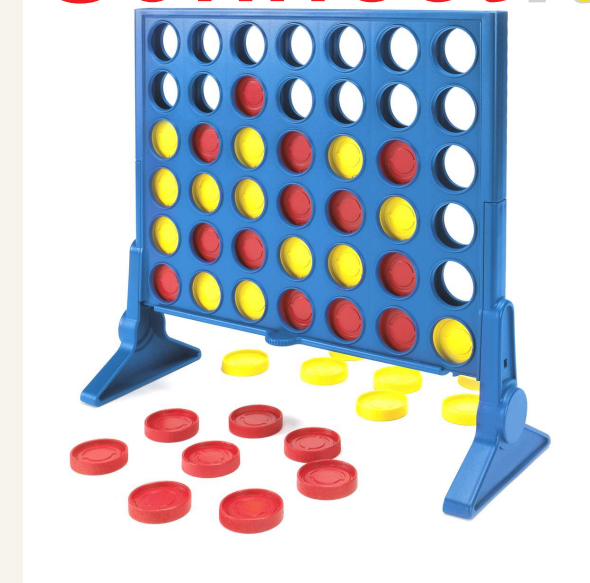
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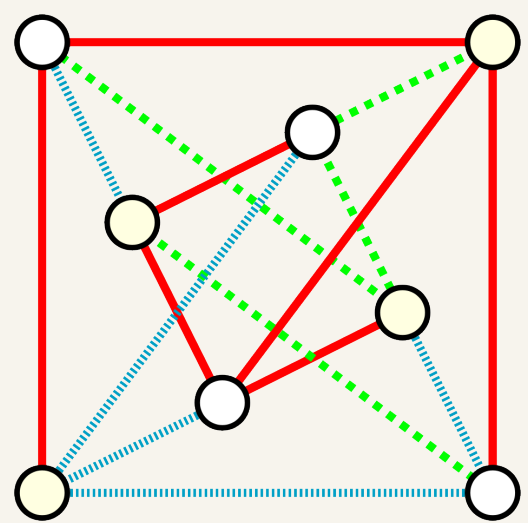
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*Shared-memory parallel graph embedding*

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# GBBS @ Graph Mining Team (Google Research)

Goal: accelerate parallel graph clustering algorithms by 10—100x using scalable (work-efficient) parallel graph algorithms

## Recent work / in submission:

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with Jessica Shi, David Eisenstat, Jakub Lacki, Vahab Mirrokni

## Ongoing work:

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