

CS 361
Data Structures & Algs
Lecture 15

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Last Time

Identifying BFS vs. DFS trees

Can they be the same?

Problems 3.6, 3.9, 3.2

details left as homework. email.

DFS: recursive vs iterative. 2 kinds of stack

Digraphs, directed paths, oriented cycles,
DAGs, topological ordering, DFS in digraph

Today

strongly and weakly connected digraphs

new equivalence relation: “strongly connected to”. Strongly connected components. Structure Theorem.

DFS for digraphs. Applications.

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Directed graph $G=(V,E)$. “**Strongly connected**” means for every u, v in V , there exists an oriented path from u to v , and an oriented path from v to u .

“**Weakly connected**” means, ignoring edge directions, the undirected graph is connected.

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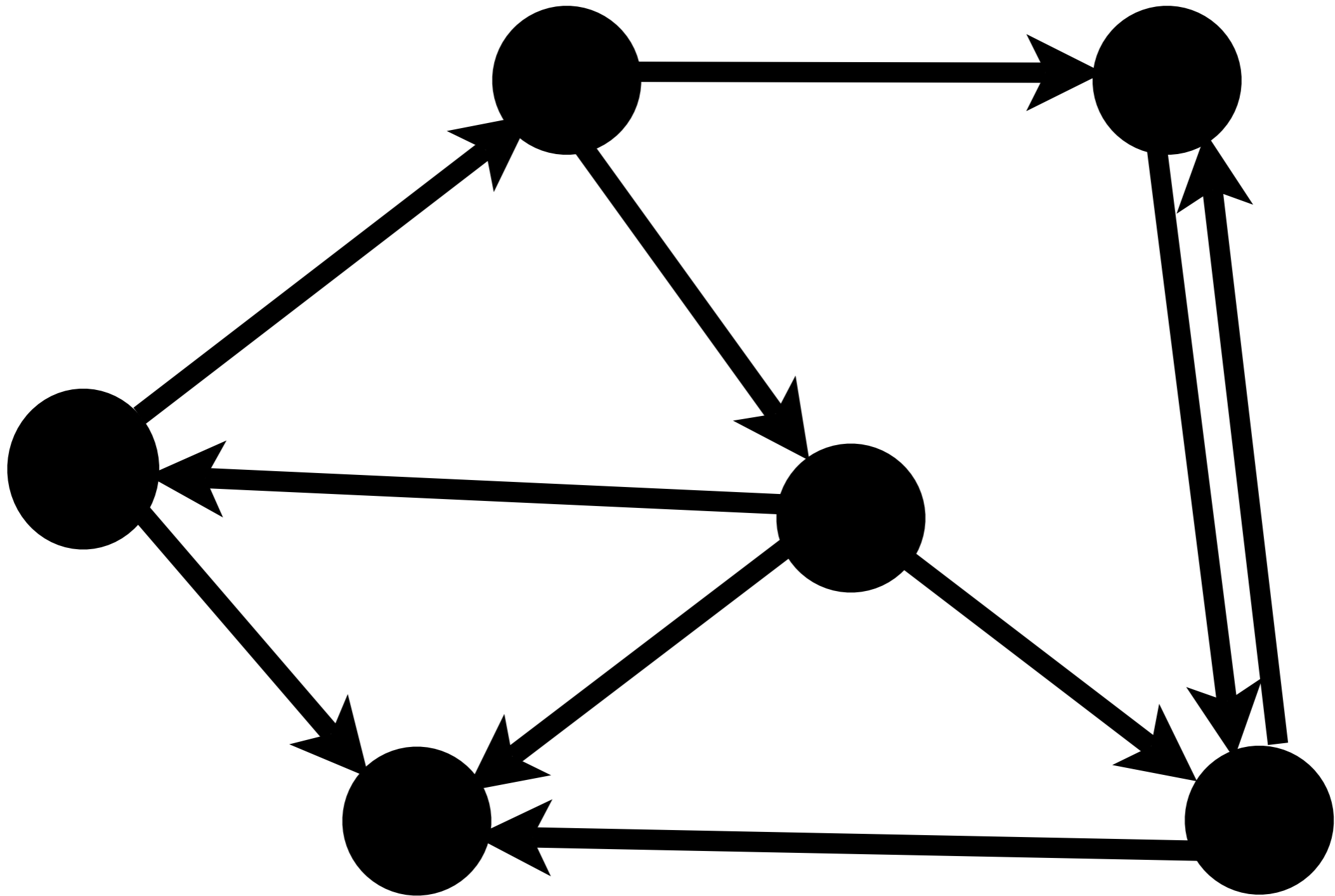
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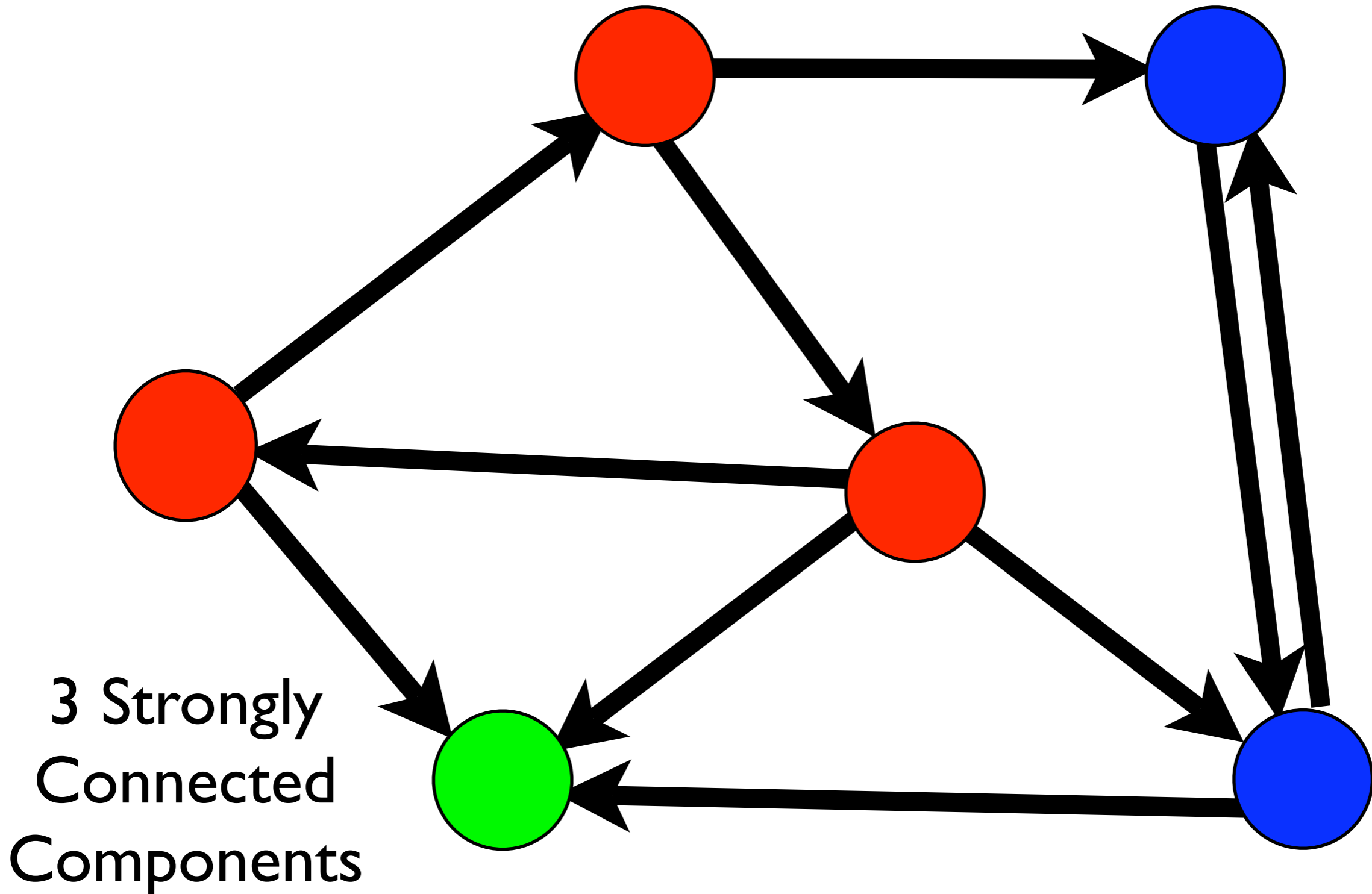
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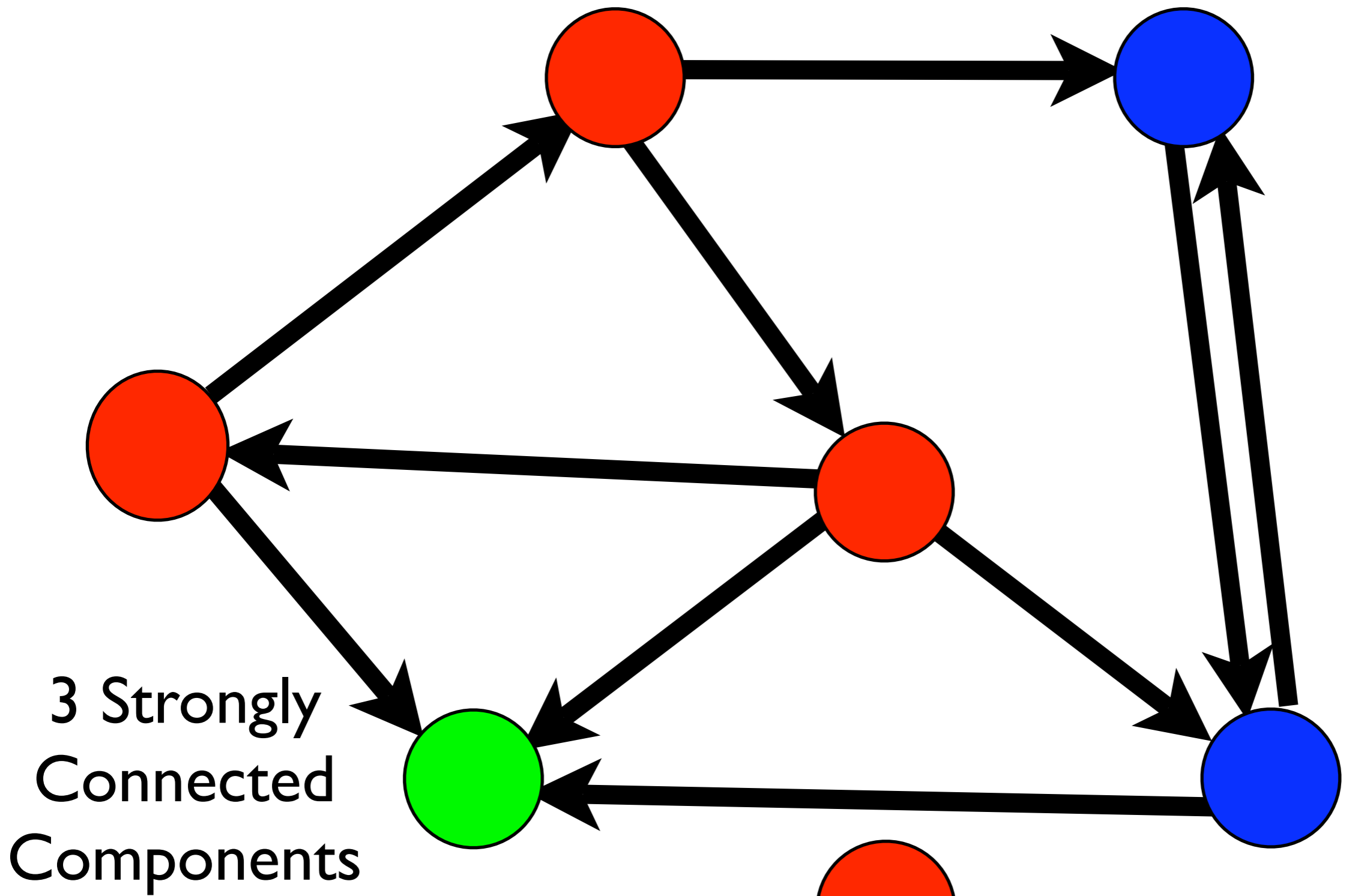
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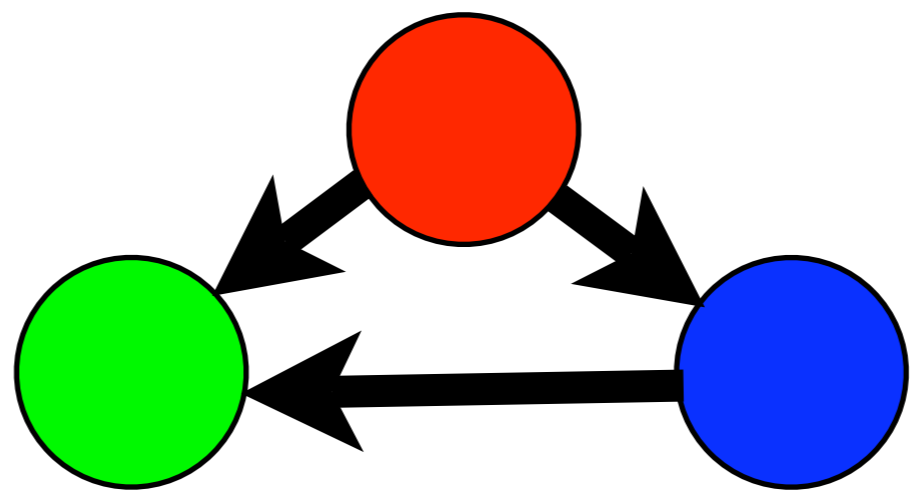
Structure Theorem

The Strong Components graph of G is obtained by “contracting” each strong component of G to a single vertex. Self-loops and multiple edges may result, and are discarded.

- 1: Strong Components graph is acyclic.
- 2: G has an oriented path from u to v iff $\text{scg}(G)$ has an oriented path from $[u]$ to $[v]$. (paths of length 0 count).
- 3: G is acyclic iff $G = \text{scg}(G)$.



contracted version:



One Technicality

In an undirected graph, the shortest a cycle can be is length 3. Why? No edge or node may be repeated.

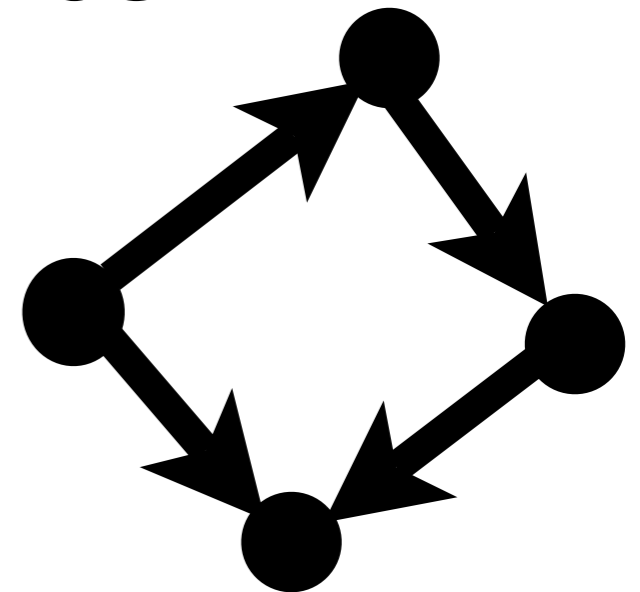
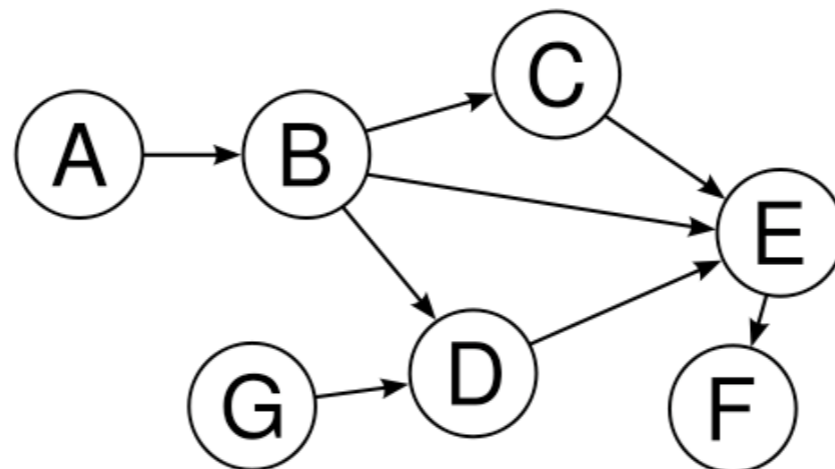
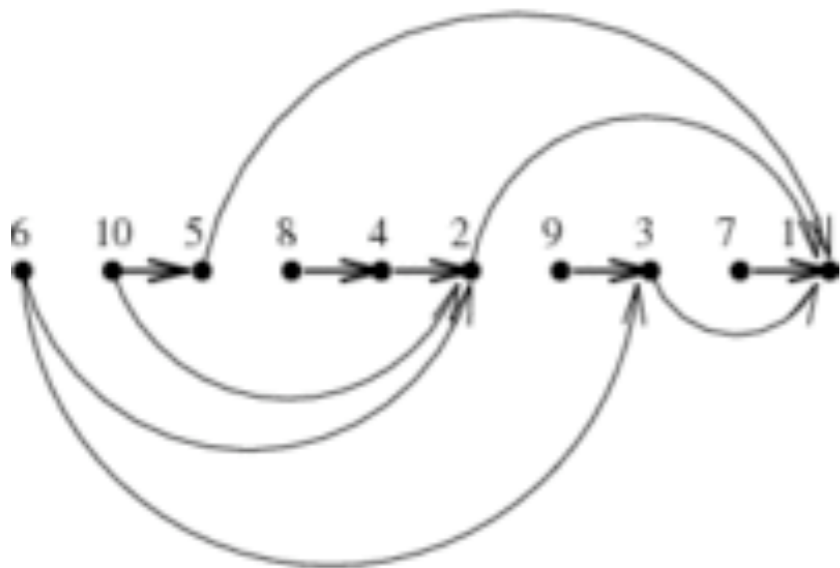
In a directed graph, there can be cycles of length 2, or even 1. Why? Edges in opposite directions don't count as repeats

DAGs

A directed graph is called **acyclic** if it has no oriented cycles.

Meaning: you can't get back where you start if you always follow arrows.

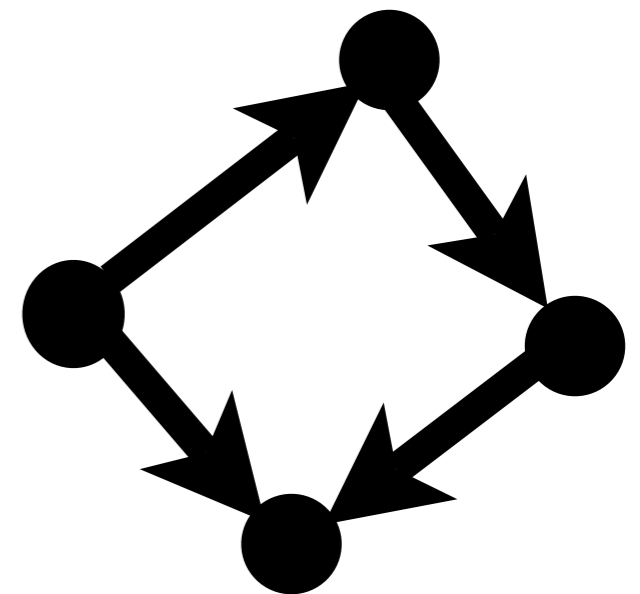
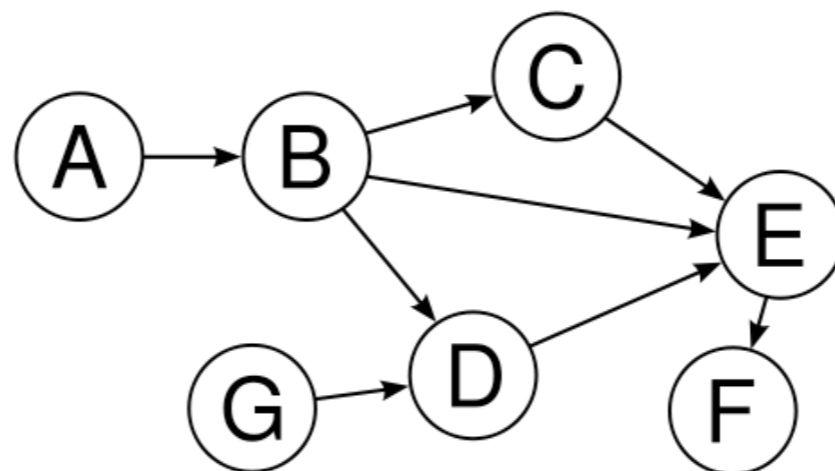
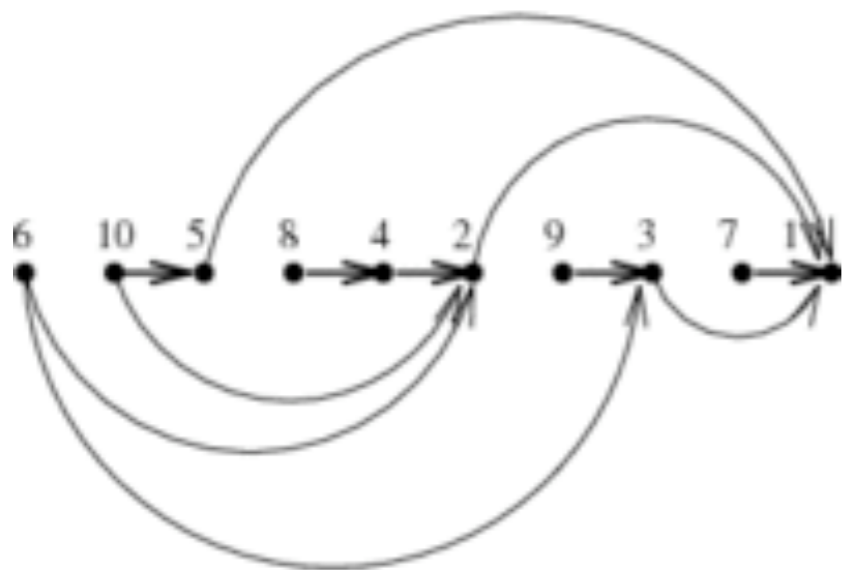
The “**underlying graph**” (just lose all the orientation info) may have cycles.



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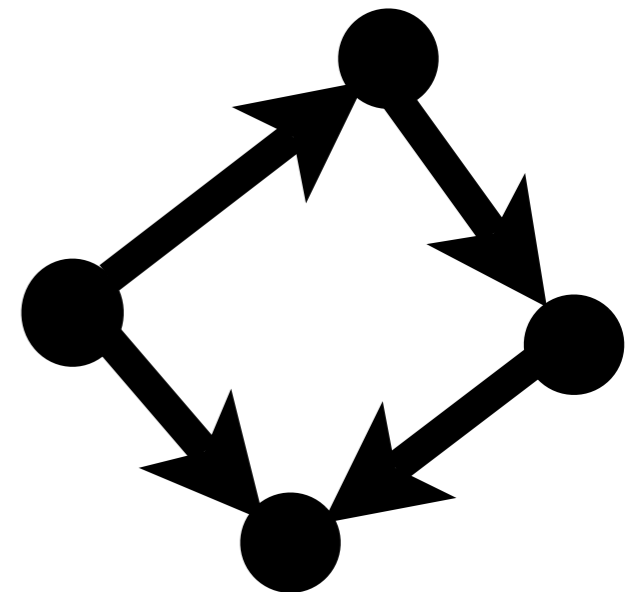
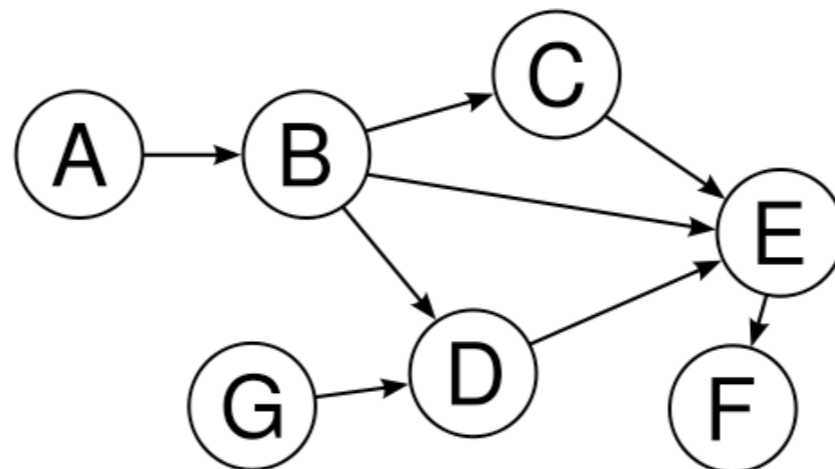
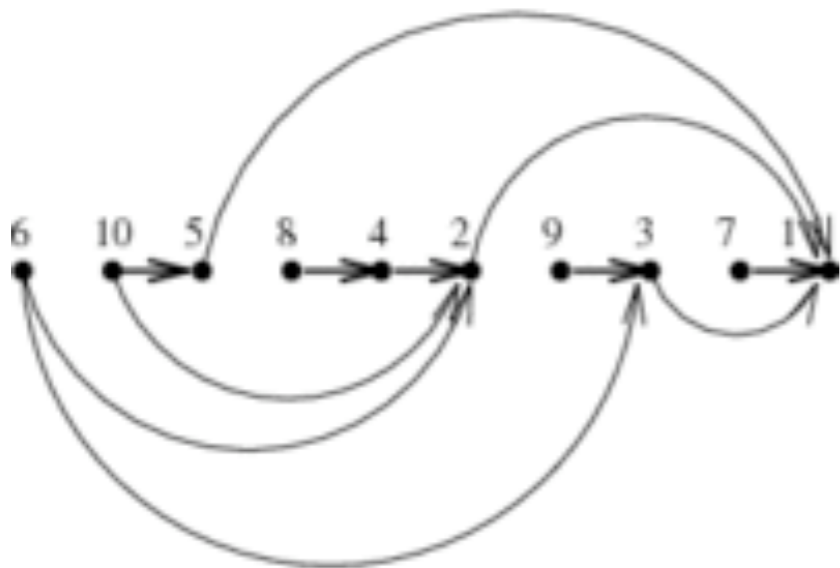


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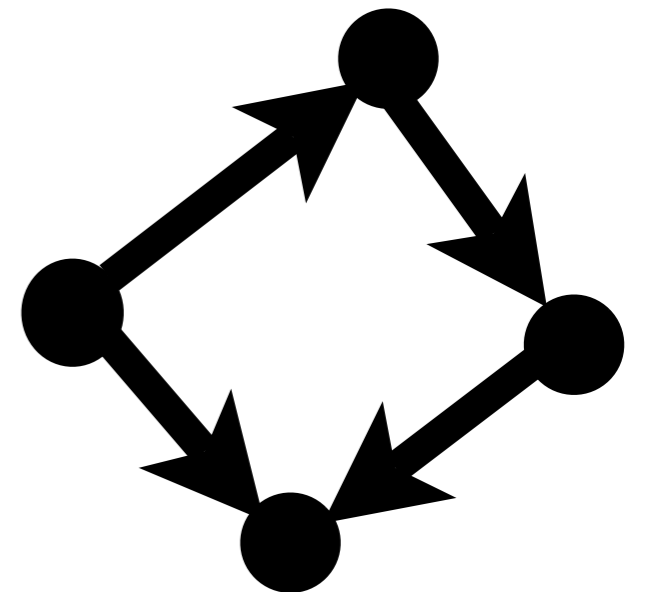
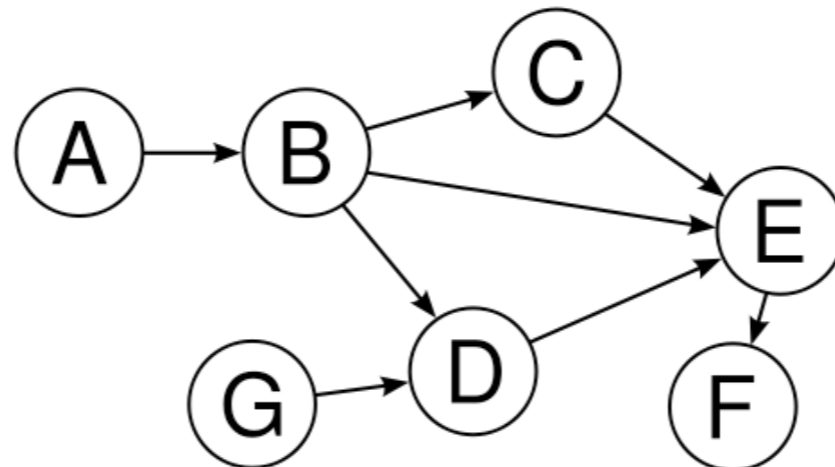
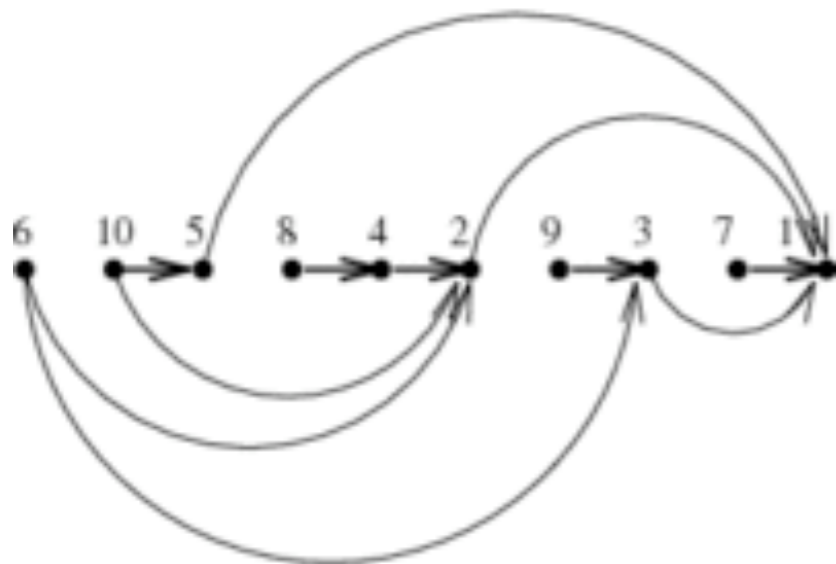
Thm: G has a topological sort iff G is a DAG



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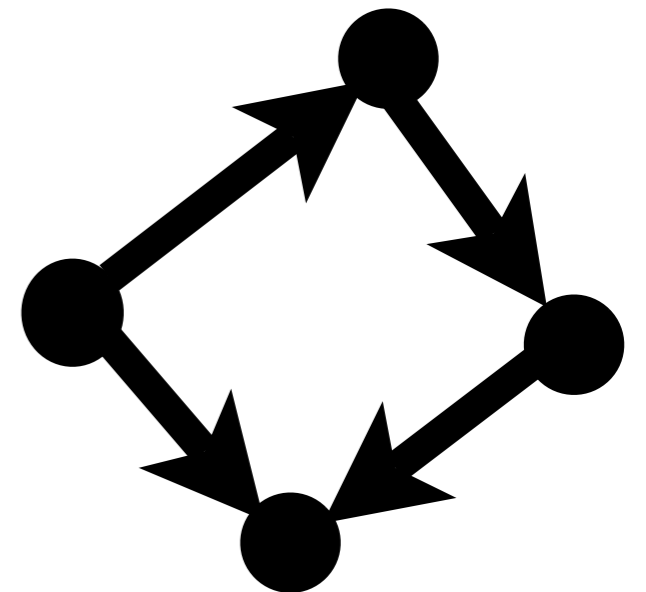
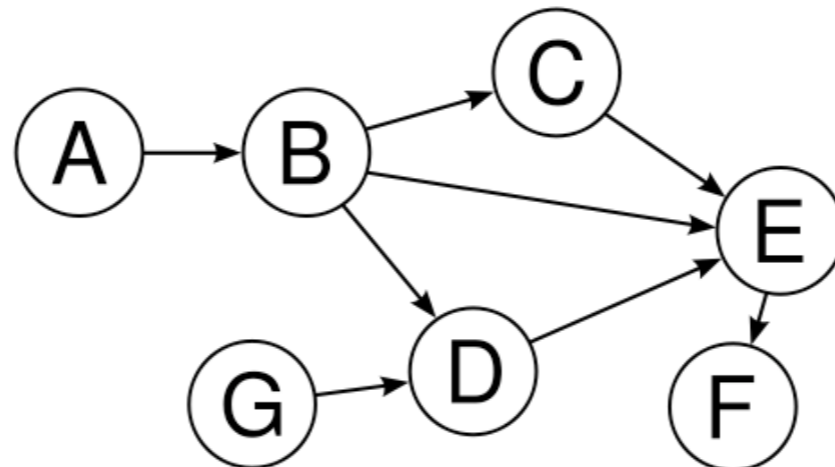
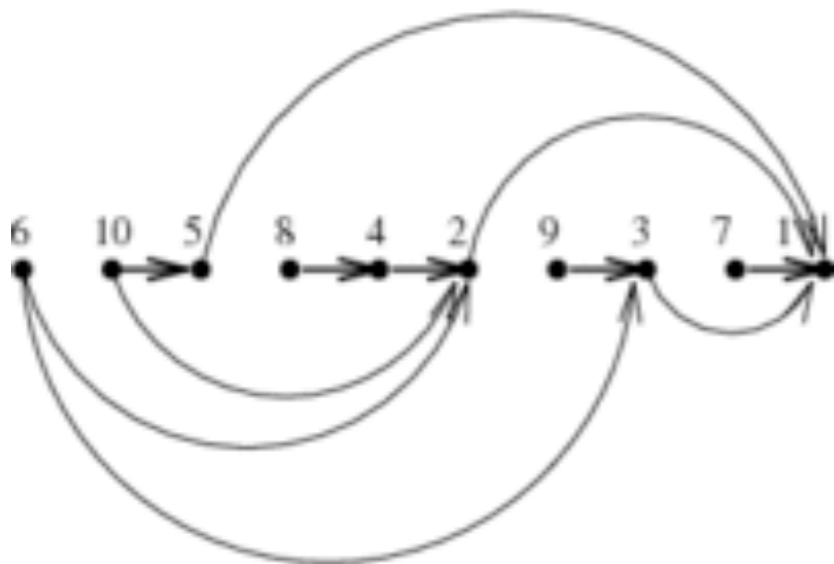


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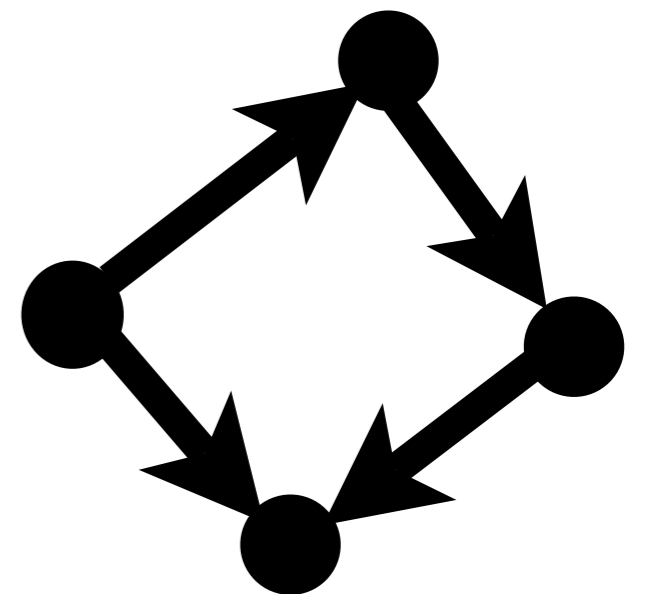
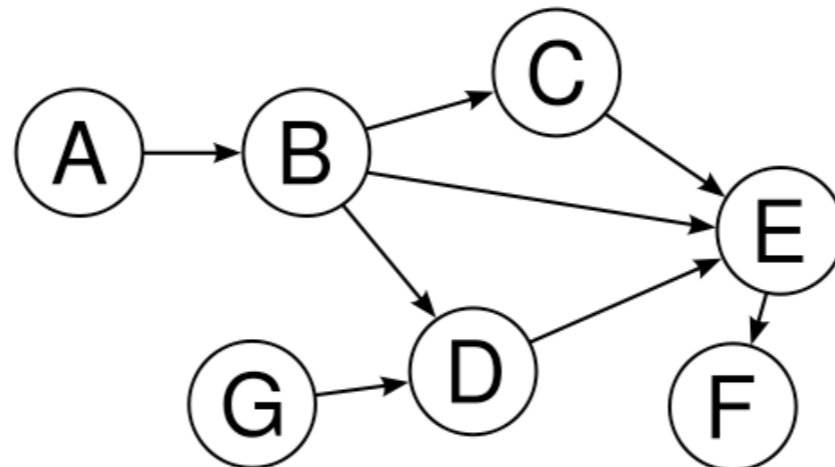
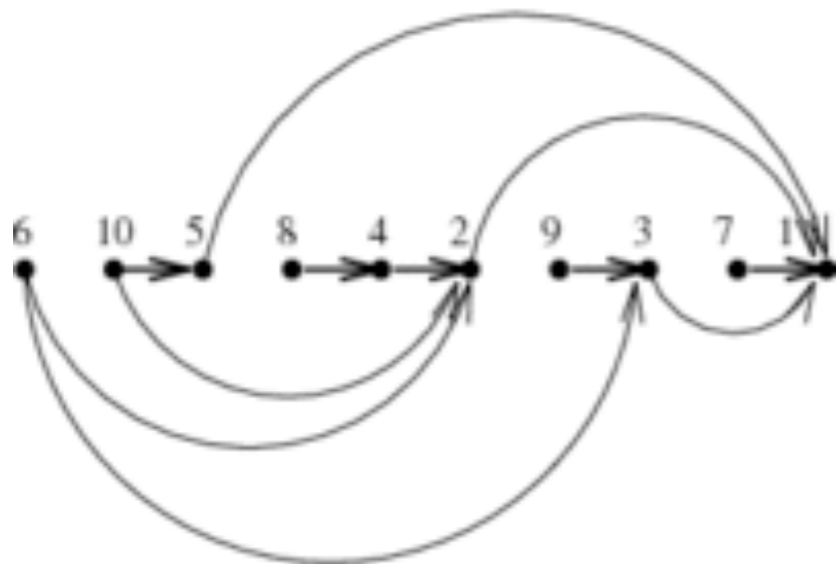
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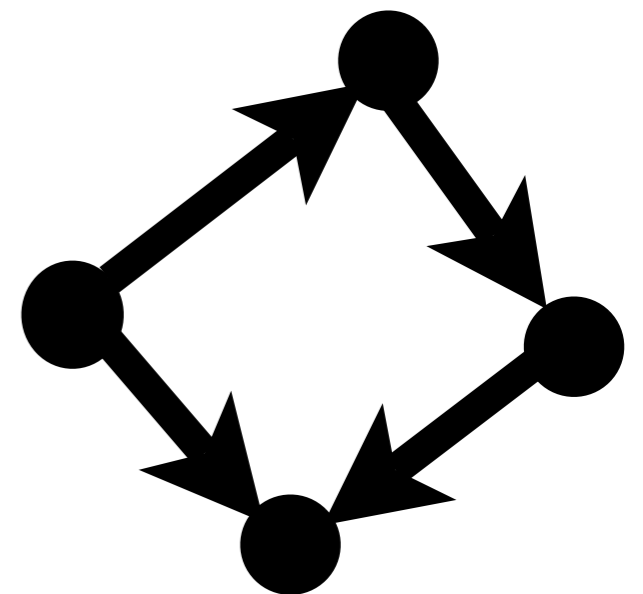
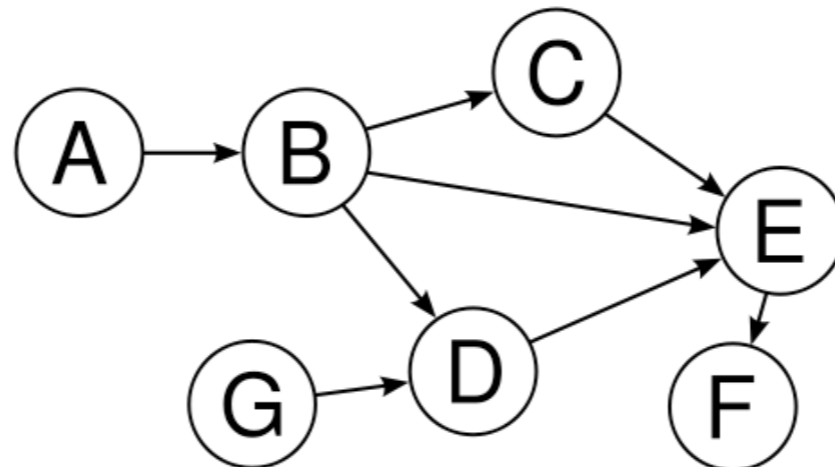
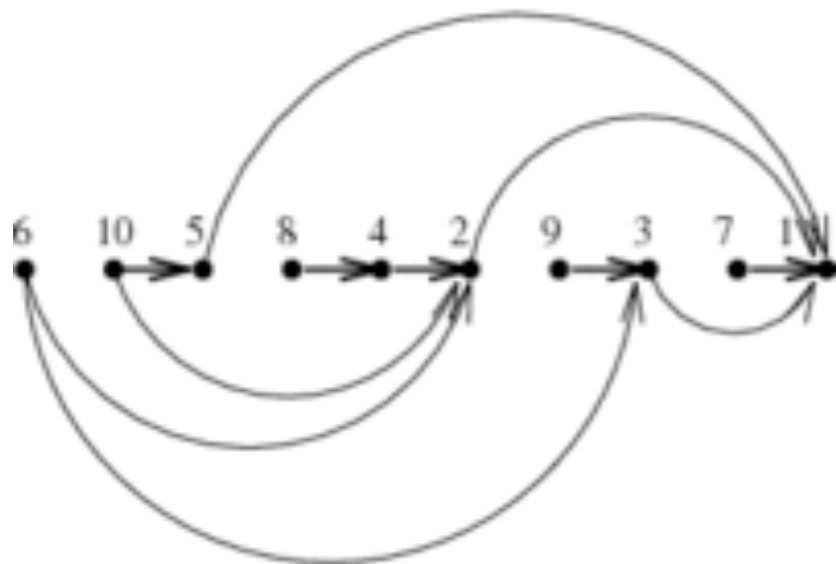
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Implementation issues?



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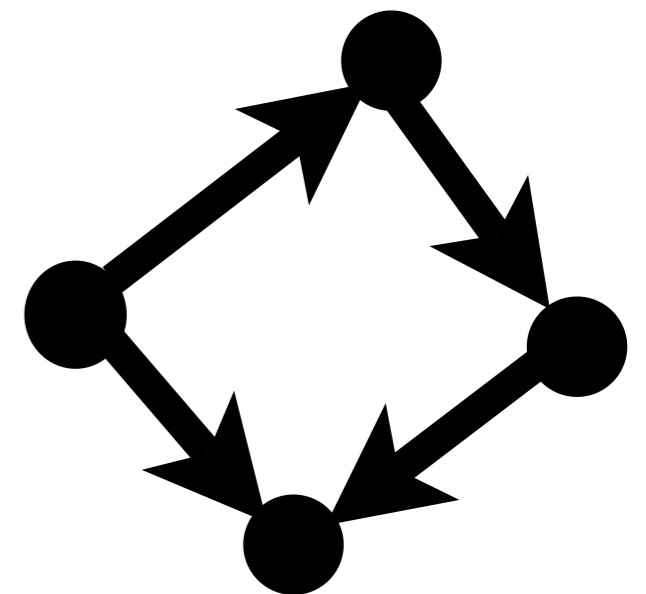
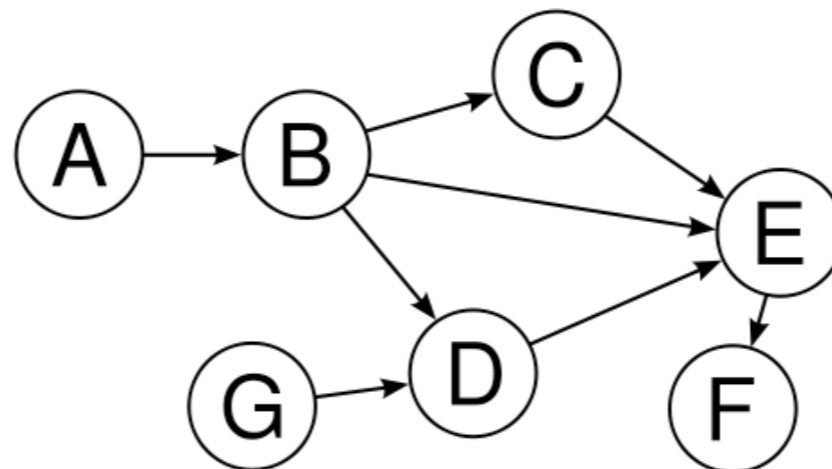
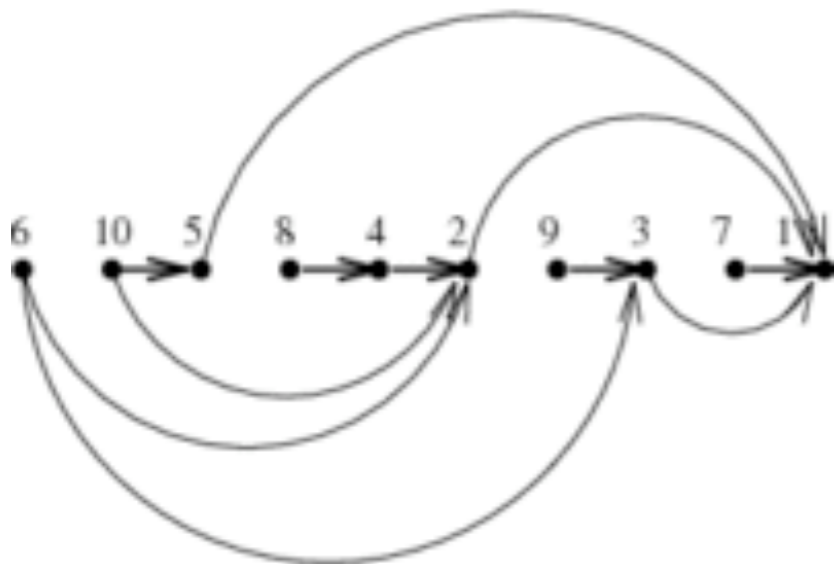
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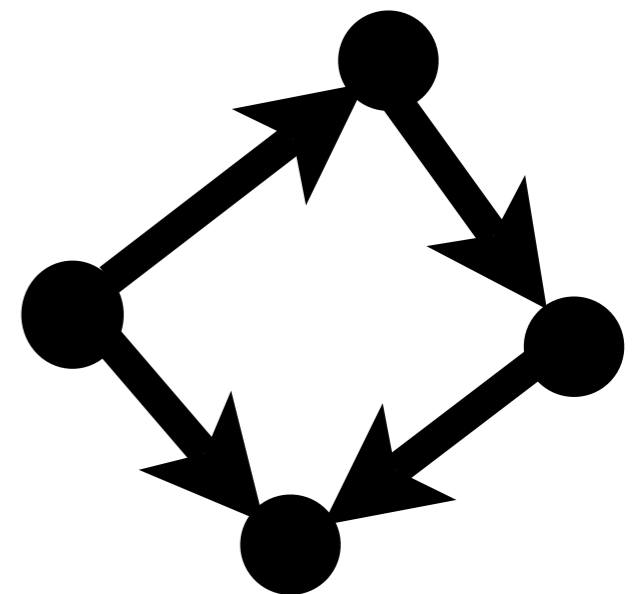
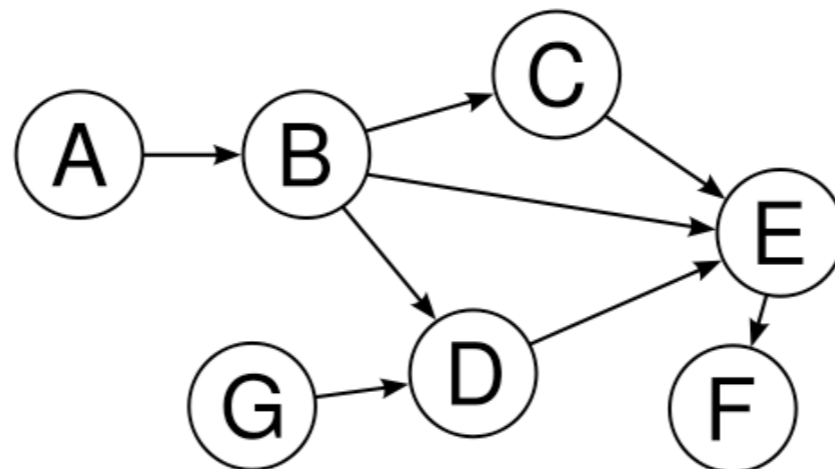
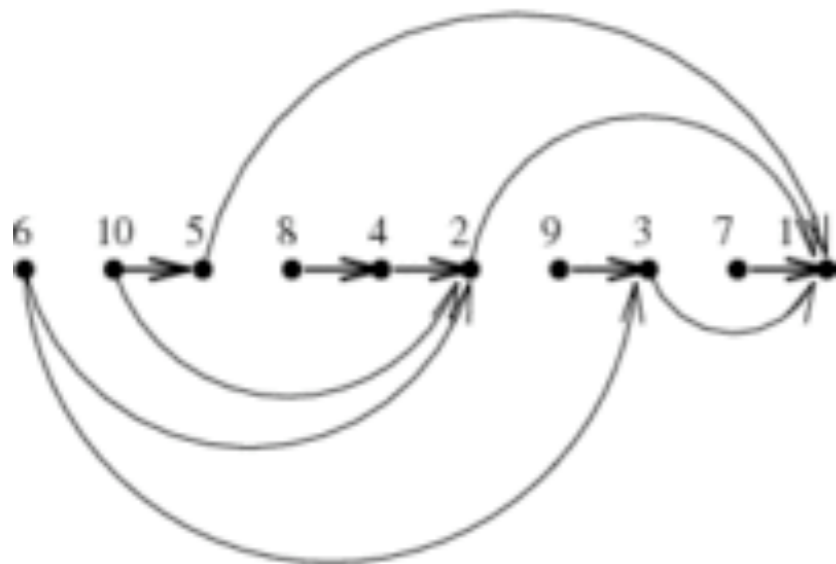
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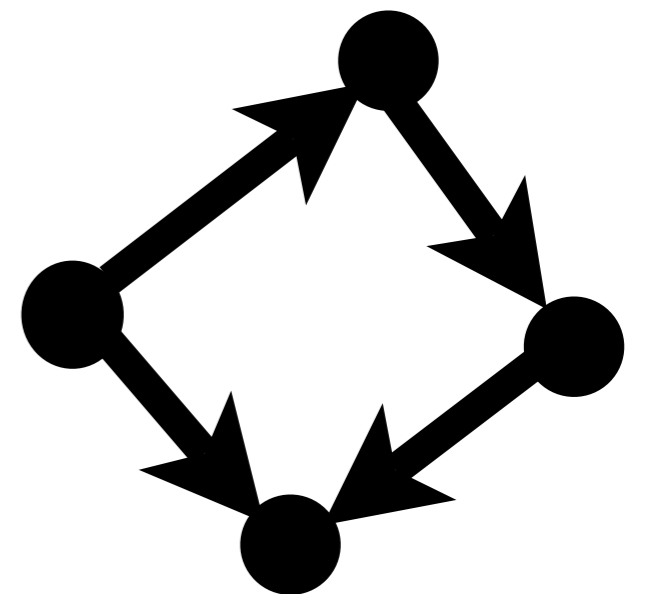
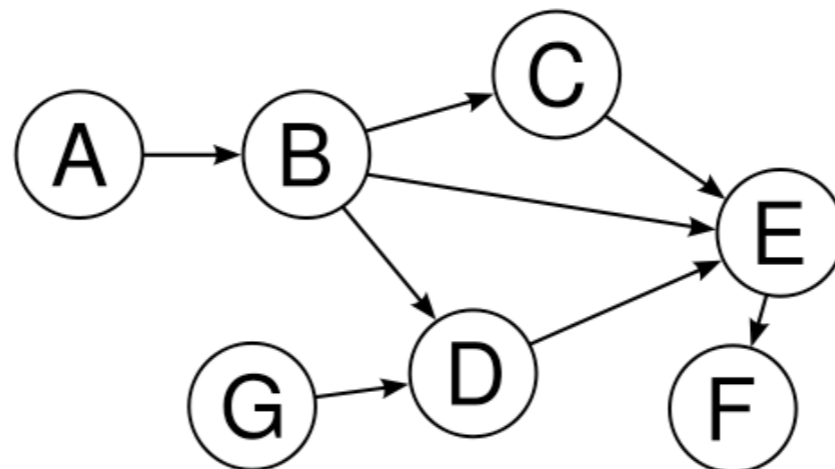
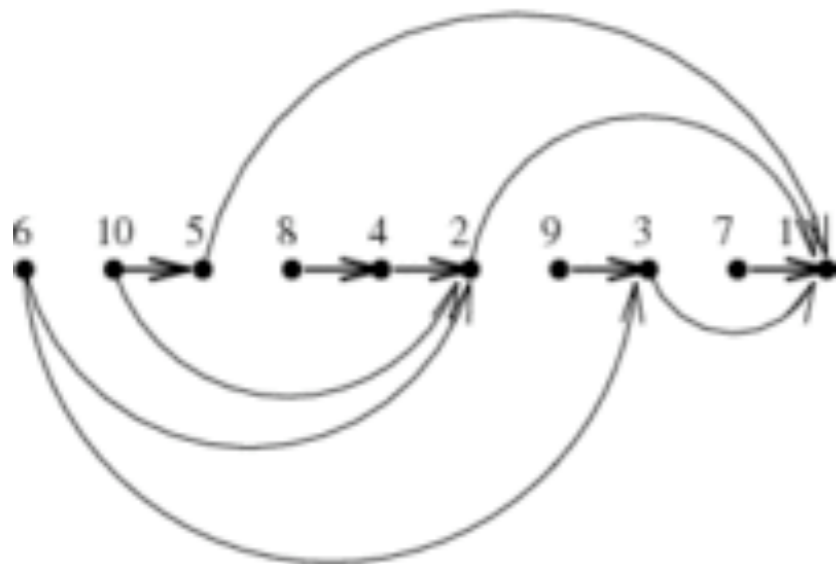
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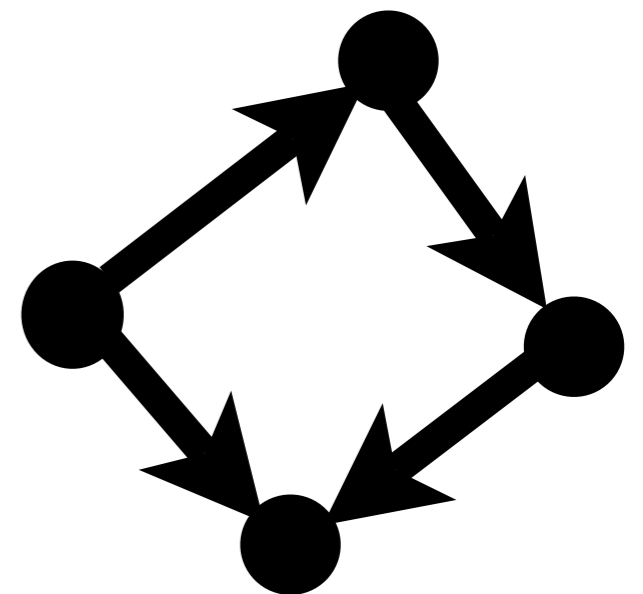
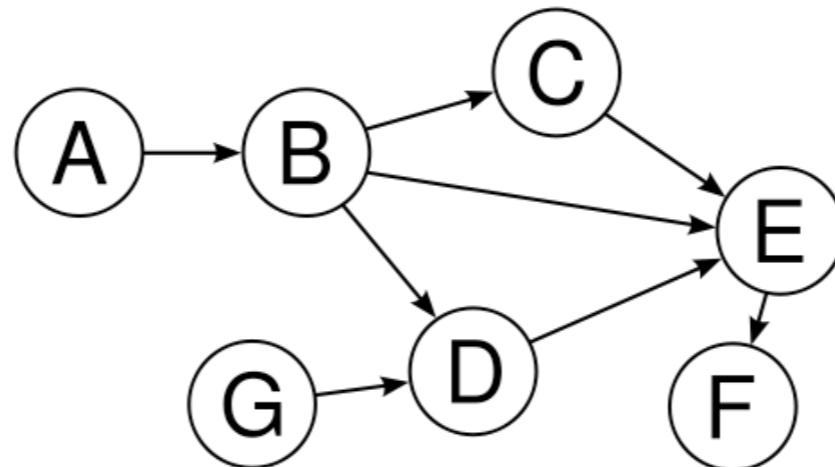
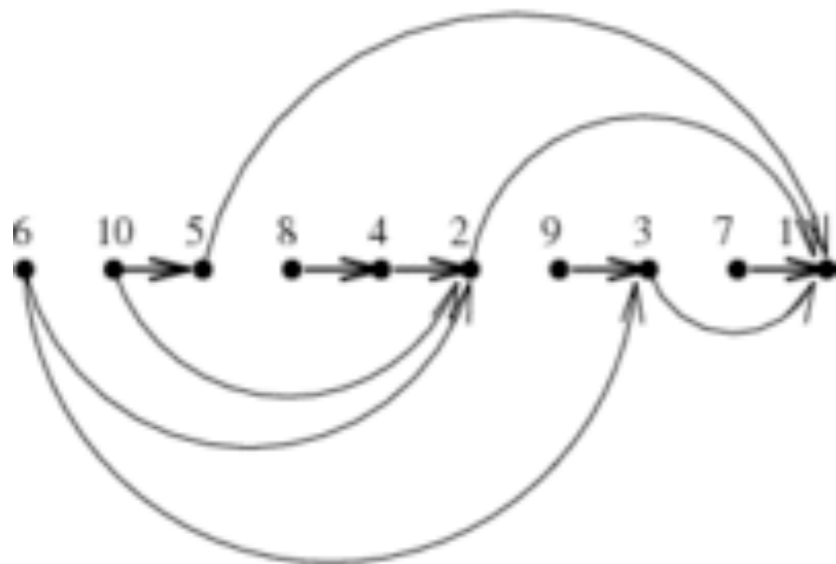
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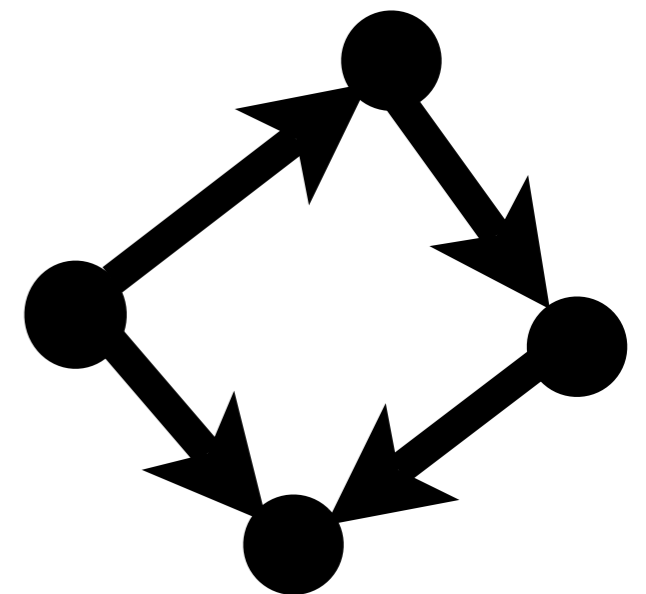
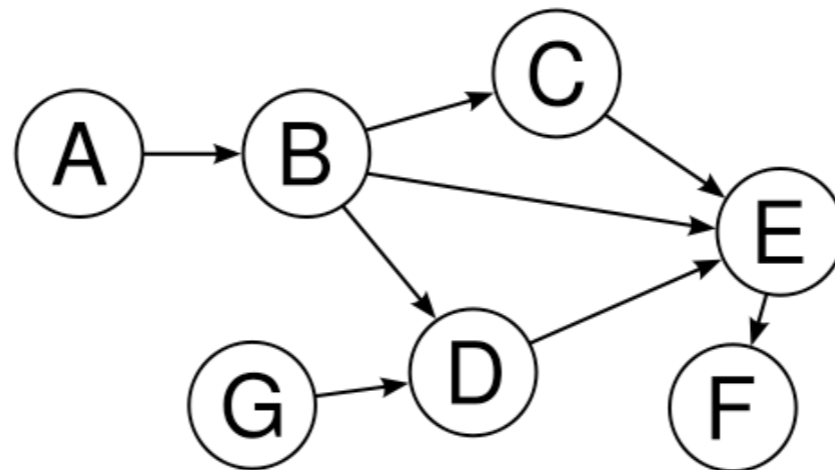
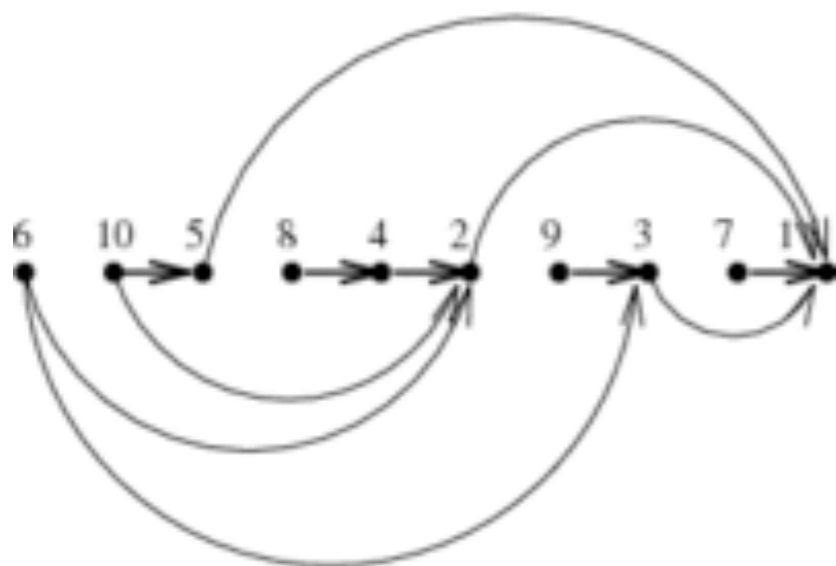
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