

# Graph Algorithms

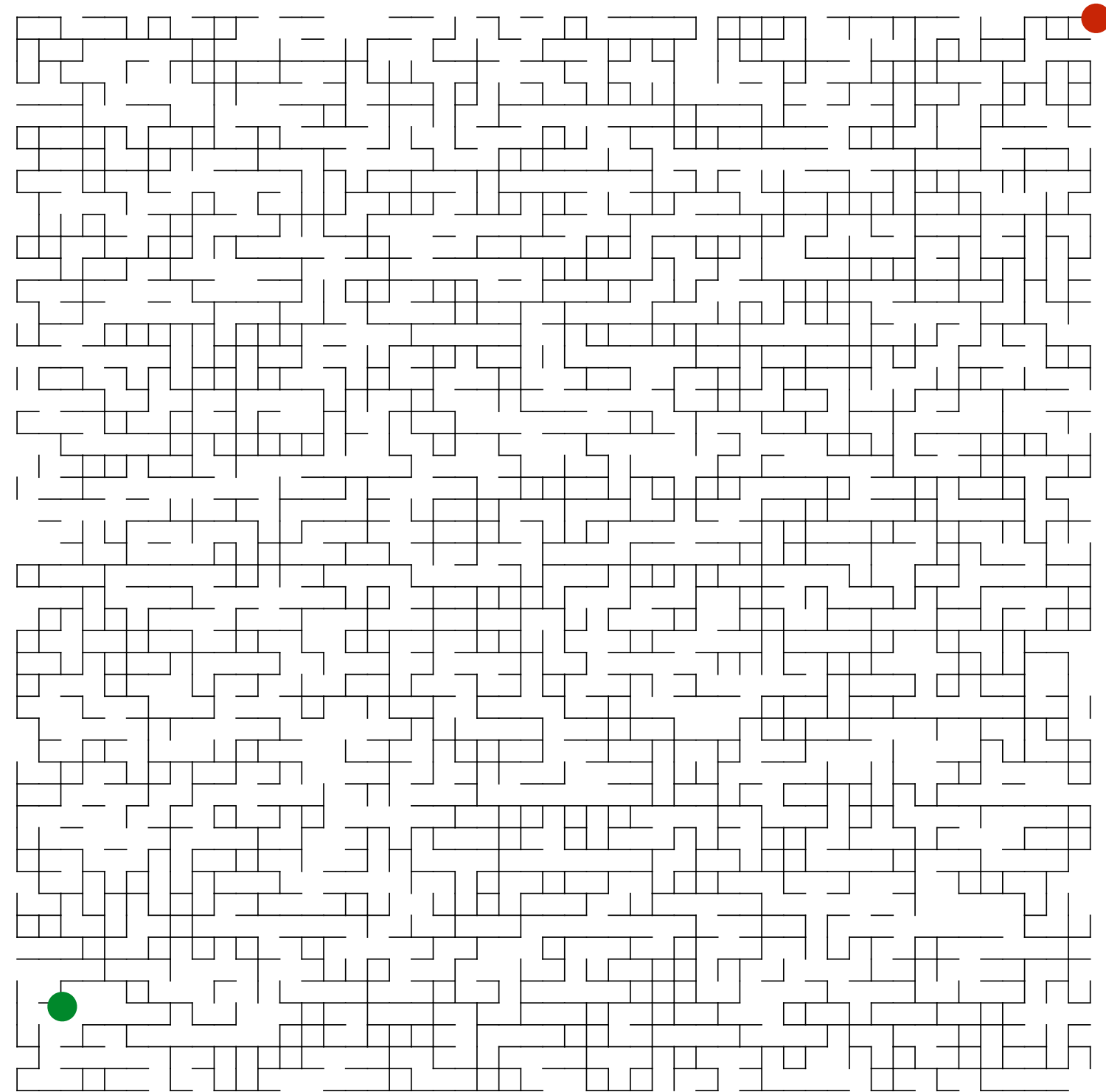
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For the next 3 weeks we will talk about computing properties of graphs.

There are 5 main problems we will discuss:

- Finding connected components (depth/breadth first search)
- Finding a minimum spanning tree
- Finding shortest paths between vertices
- Finding **negative** cycles in a graph with **negative** edge weights
- Finding a cycle in a directed graph and topological sorting.

# Depth/Breadth First Search



Depth-first search is how you might find your way out of a maze with a ball of string and a piece of chalk.

It can be used to determine if there is a path between two vertices, and more generally all the vertices that can be reached from a source vertex.

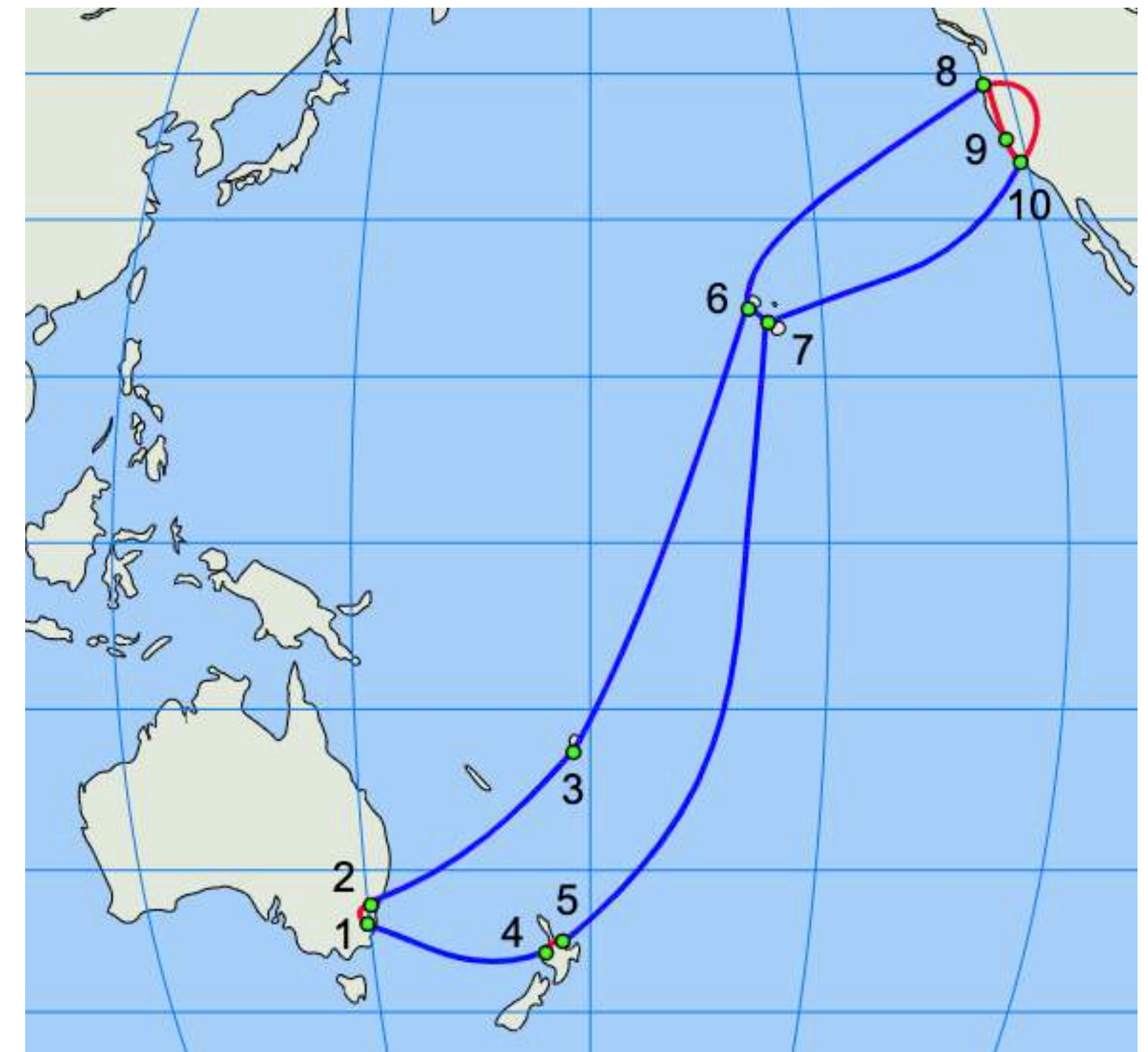
Depth- and Breadth-first search are simple examples of a more general graph searching paradigm that can be used for several different problems like...

# Minimum Spanning Tree

Given a connected graph find a tree connecting all vertices of minimum total edge weight.

An algorithm for this problem was developed as early as 1926 from a practical application: find the least amount of wire to connect a set of cities.

At right the southern cross cable route.  
~\$50K USD per km to construct.



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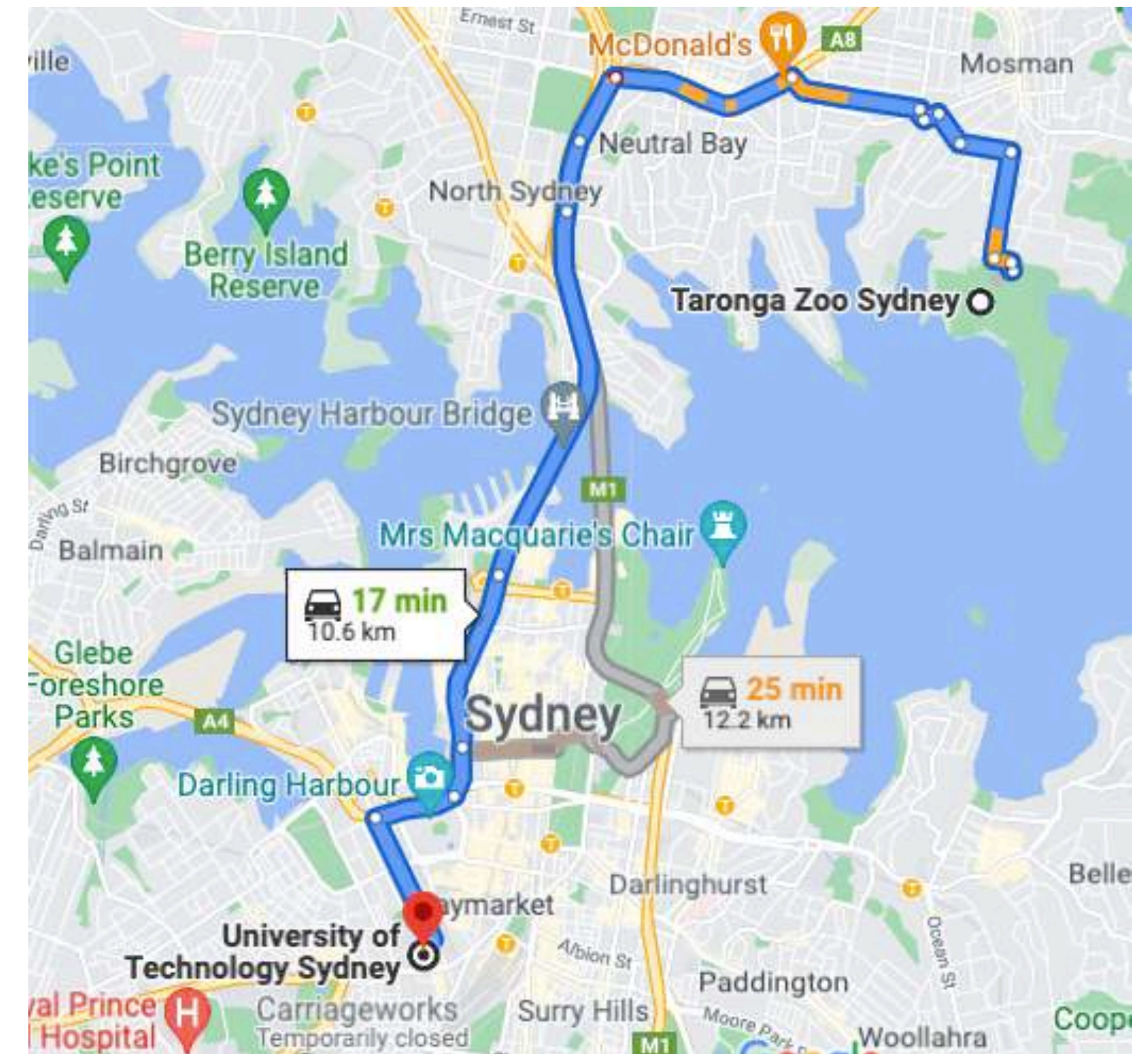
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Finding a shortest path between two points is a problem you probably solve every day.

Shortest could mean least distance, time, or money.

That is an advantage of abstracting the problem to a weighted graph.

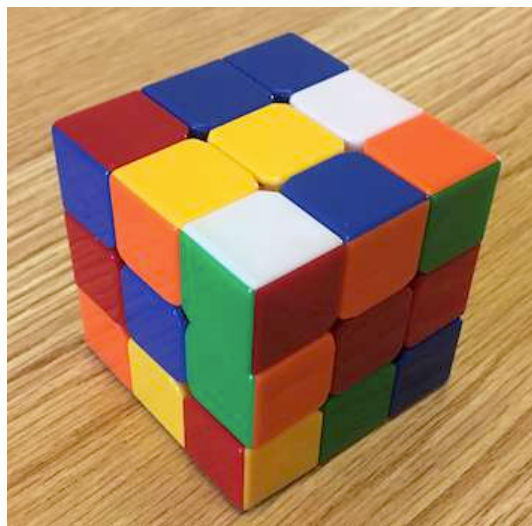
The same algorithm can be used no matter the notion of "distance".



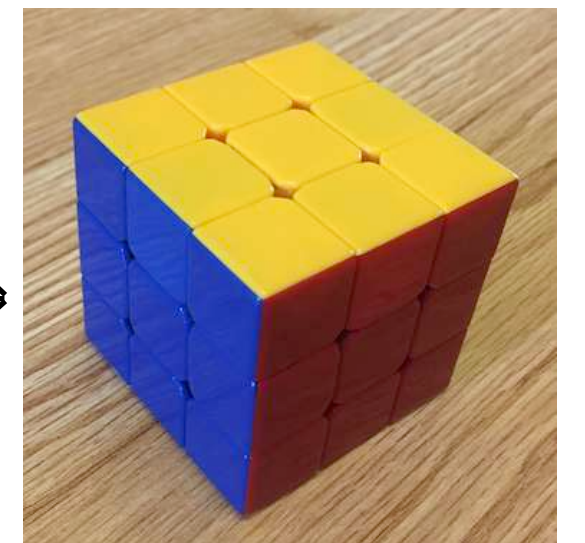
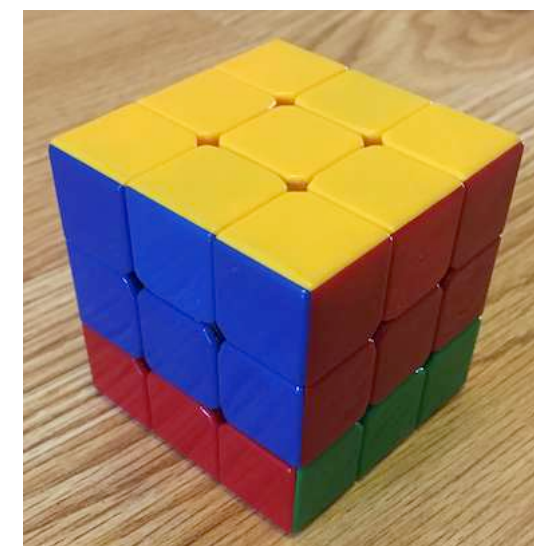
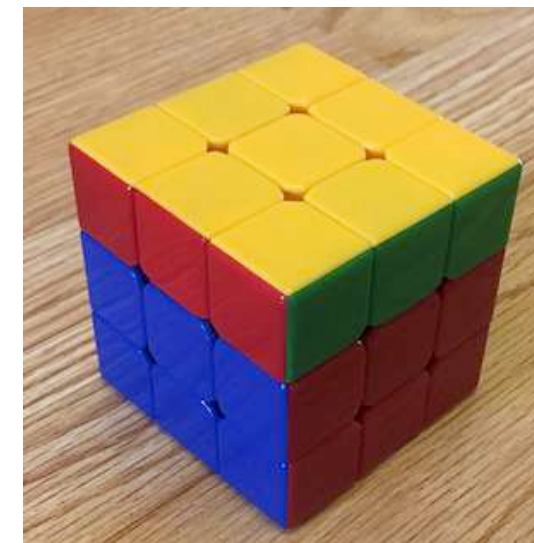
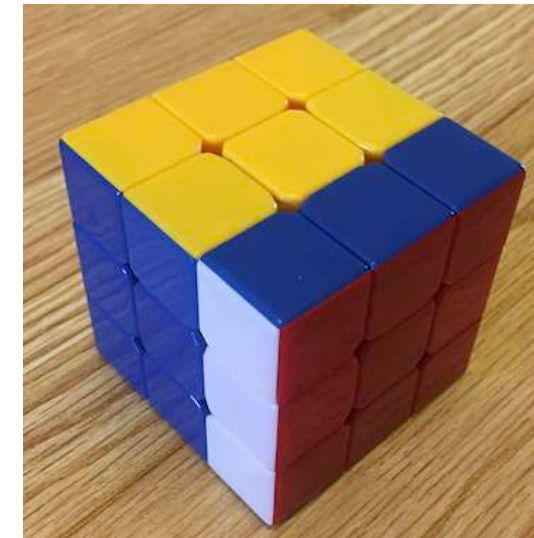
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Solving a Rubik's cube also traces a path through a graph.

This graph has  $\sim 4.3 \cdot 10^{19}$  vertices.



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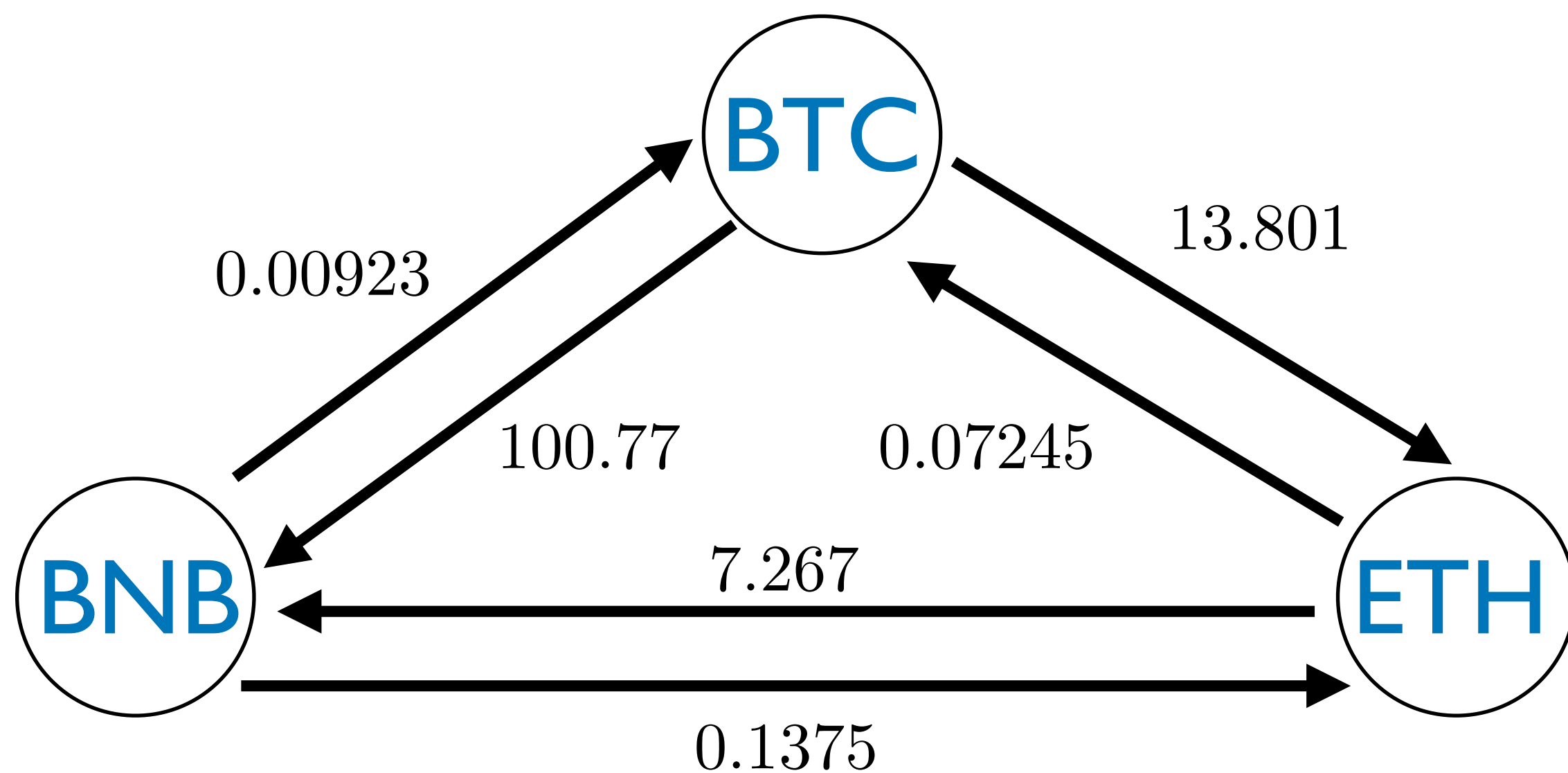
There is a path of length at most 20 between any two vertices in the "half turn metric."

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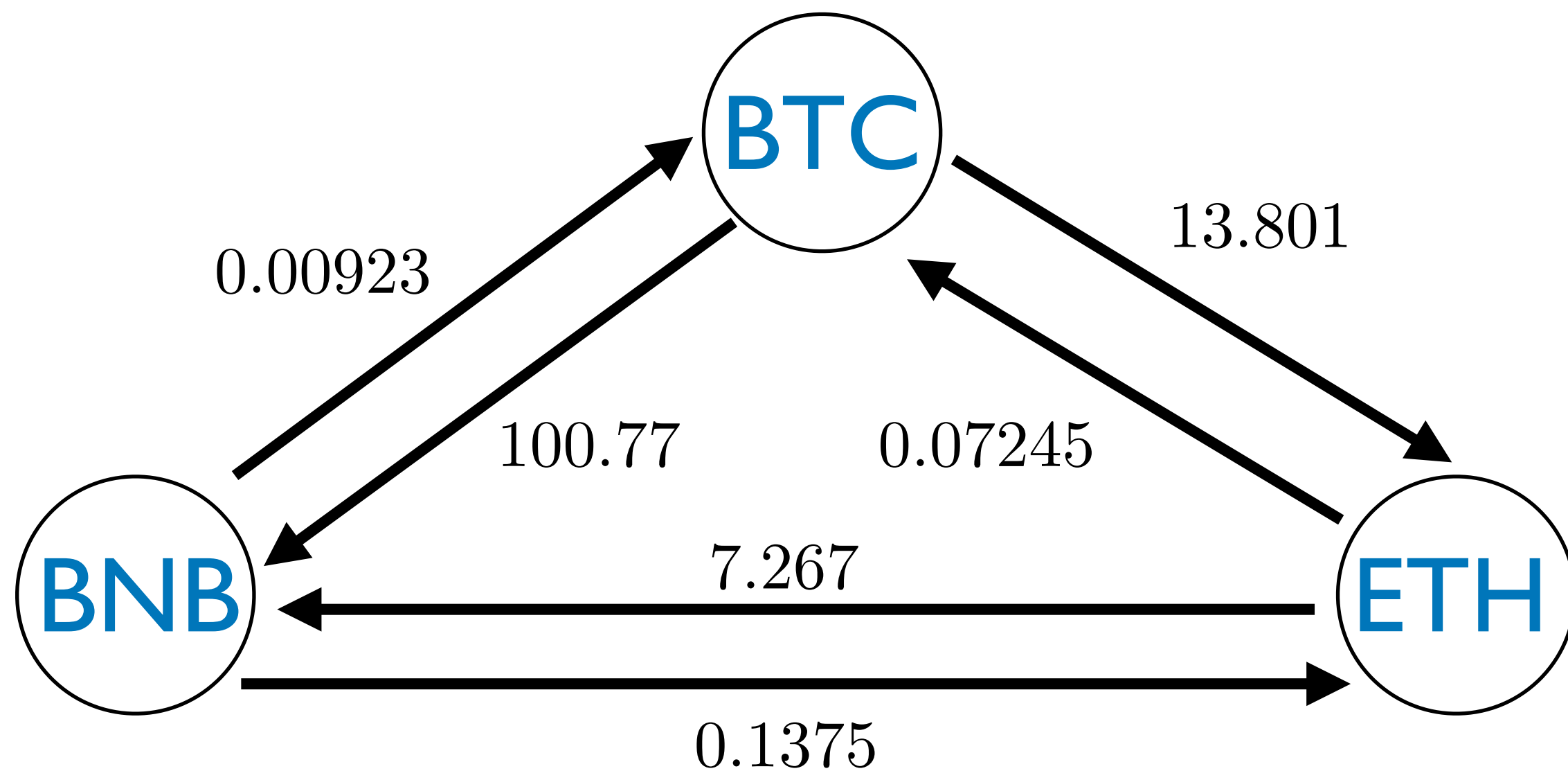


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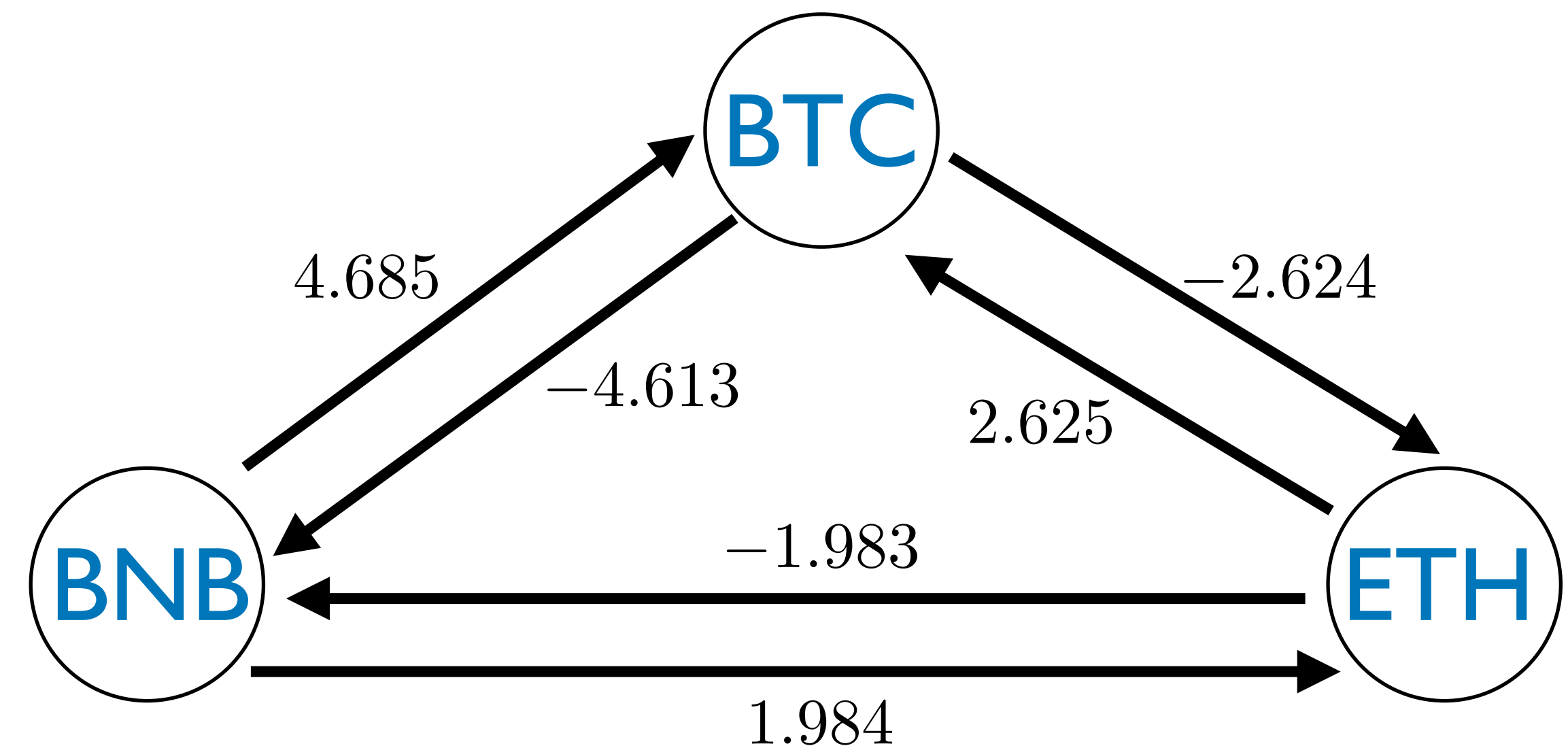
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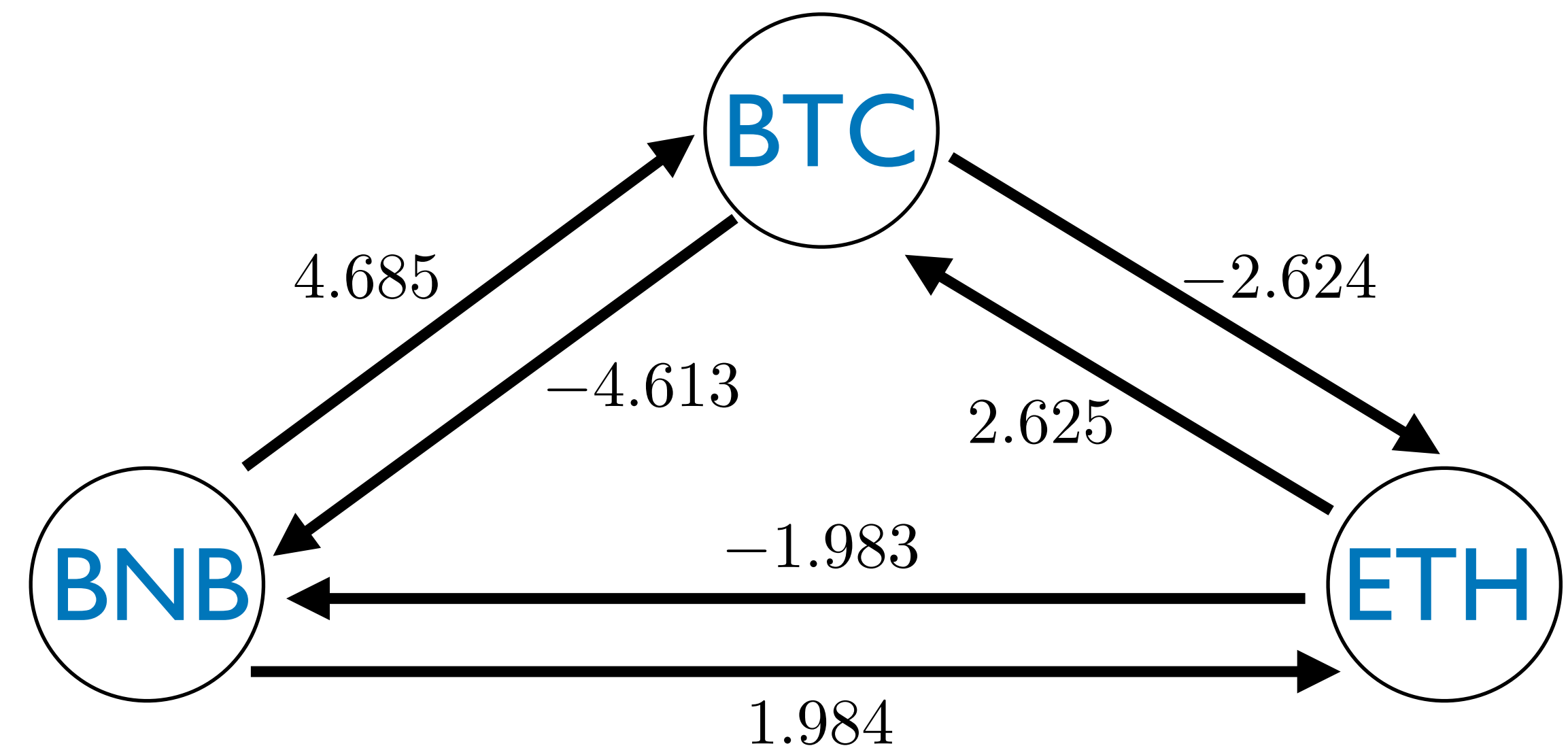
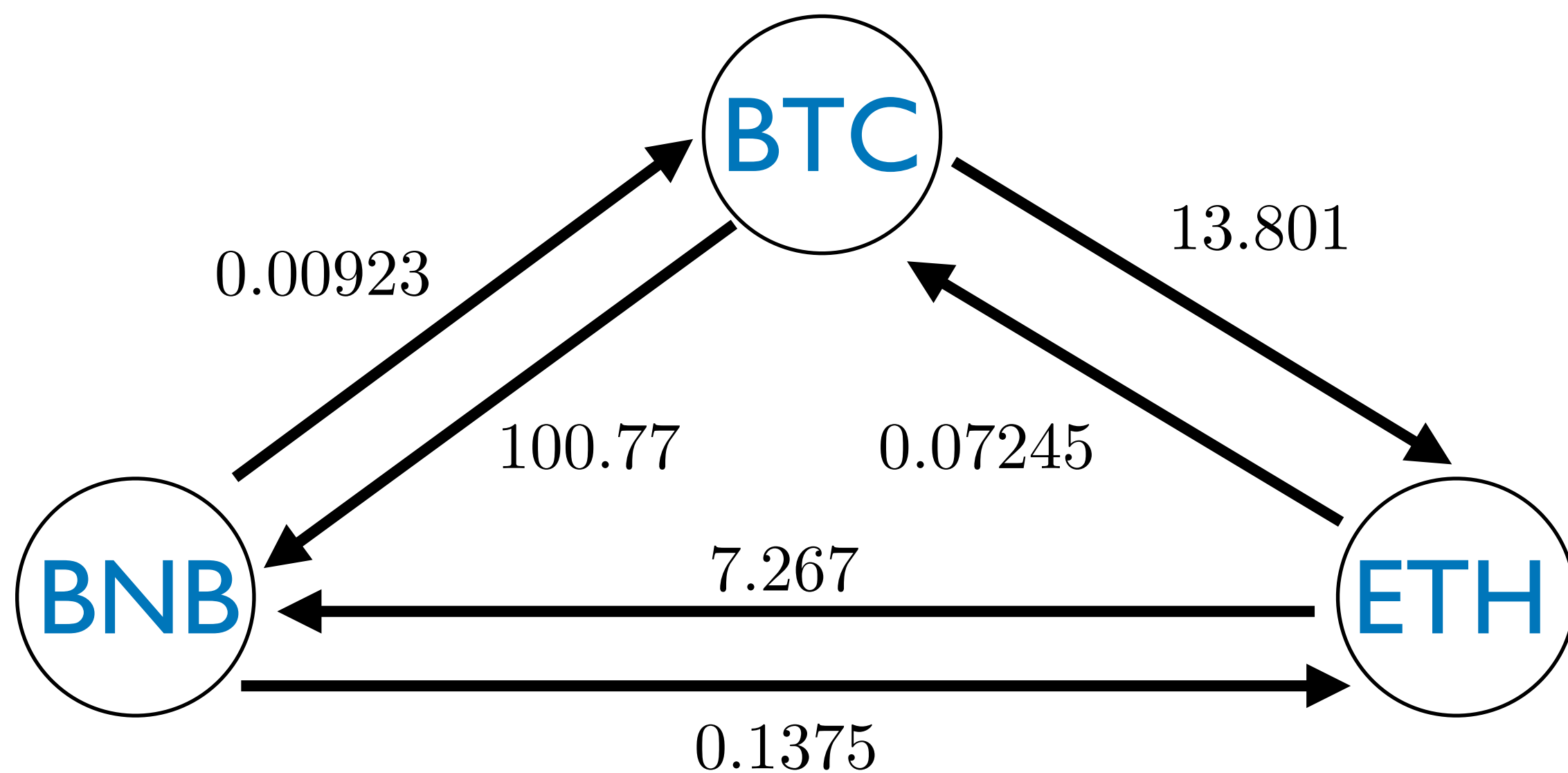
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# Types of graphs

These examples have shown several different kinds of graphs.

Edges can be

- Directed or undirected
- Weighted or simply present/absent.

weighted &  
directed

exchange  
rates

unweighted &  
directed

street  
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distance  
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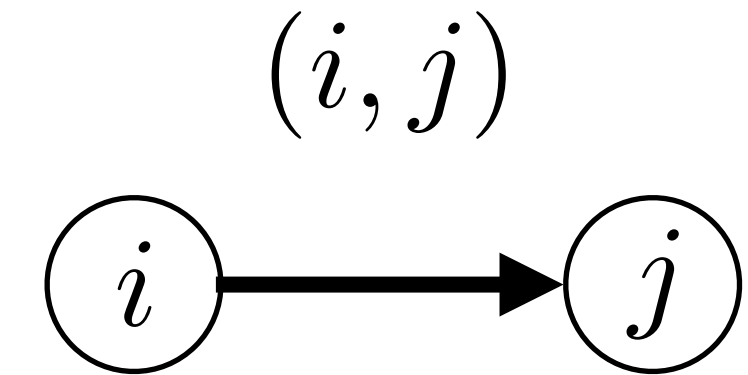
Rubik's cube  
graph

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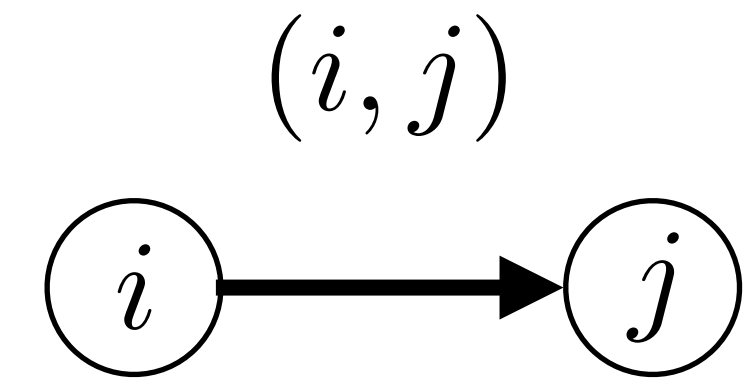


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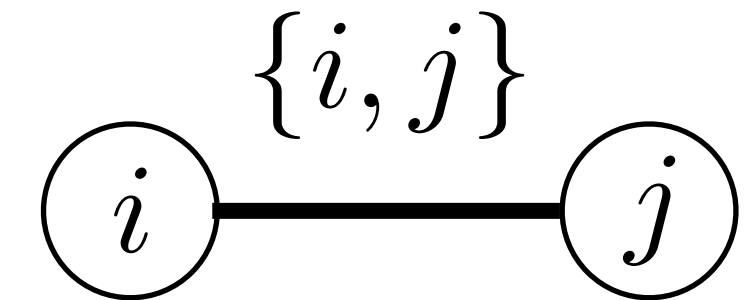
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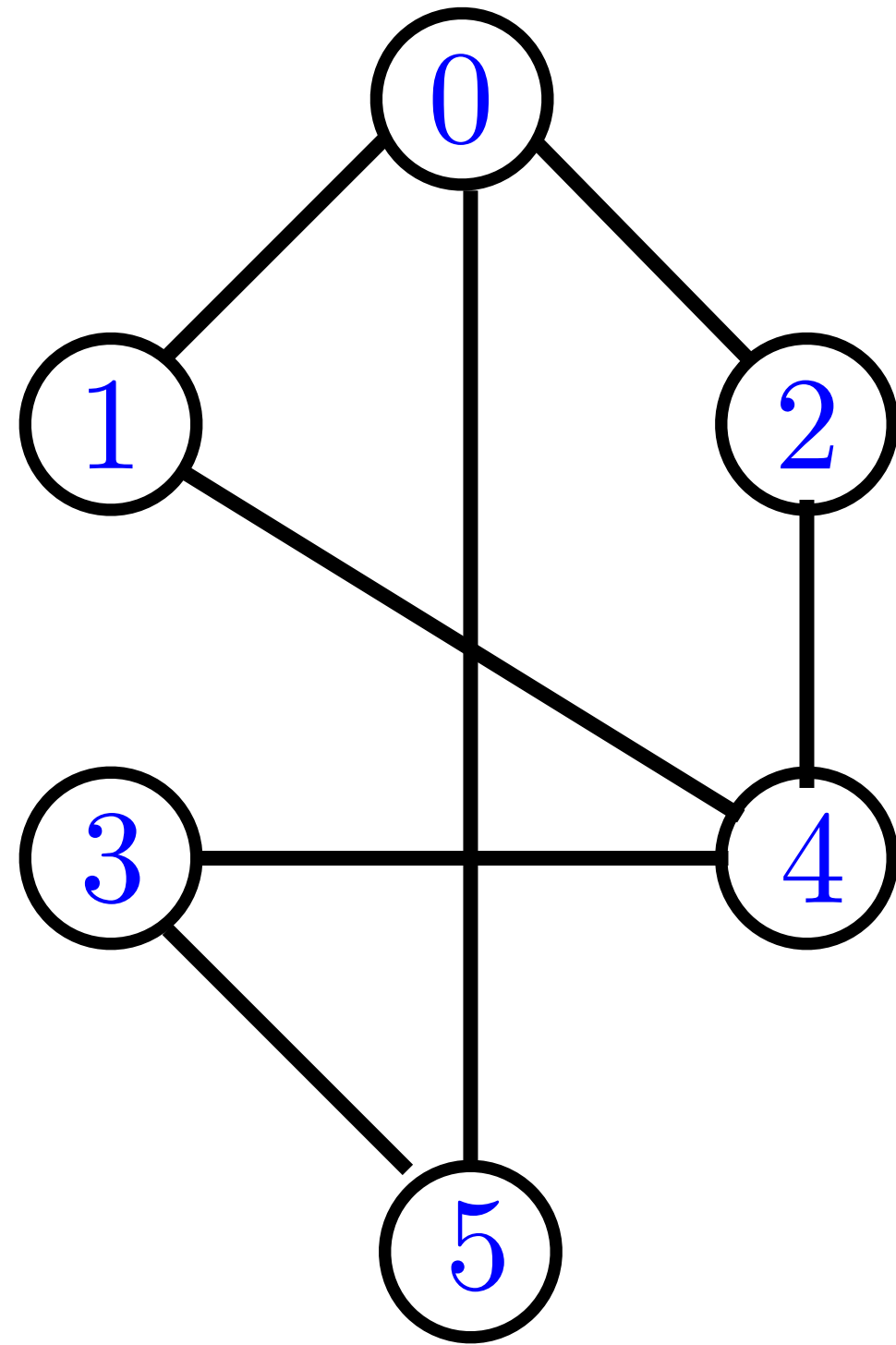
Two vertices are **adjacent** if and only if there is an edge between them.

The **endpoints** of the edge  $\{u, v\}$  are the vertices  $u$  and  $v$ .

An edge is **incident** to a vertex  $v$  iff  $v$  is one of its endpoints.

The **degree** of  $v$  is the number of edges incident to  $v$ .

# Example



In an  $n$ -vertex graph we will identify the vertices with the numbers  $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ .

In this graph vertex 2 and 4 are adjacent.

Vertex 1 and 5 are not adjacent.

The endpoints of  $\{3, 5\}$  are vertex 3 and 5.

The degree of vertex 0 is 3.

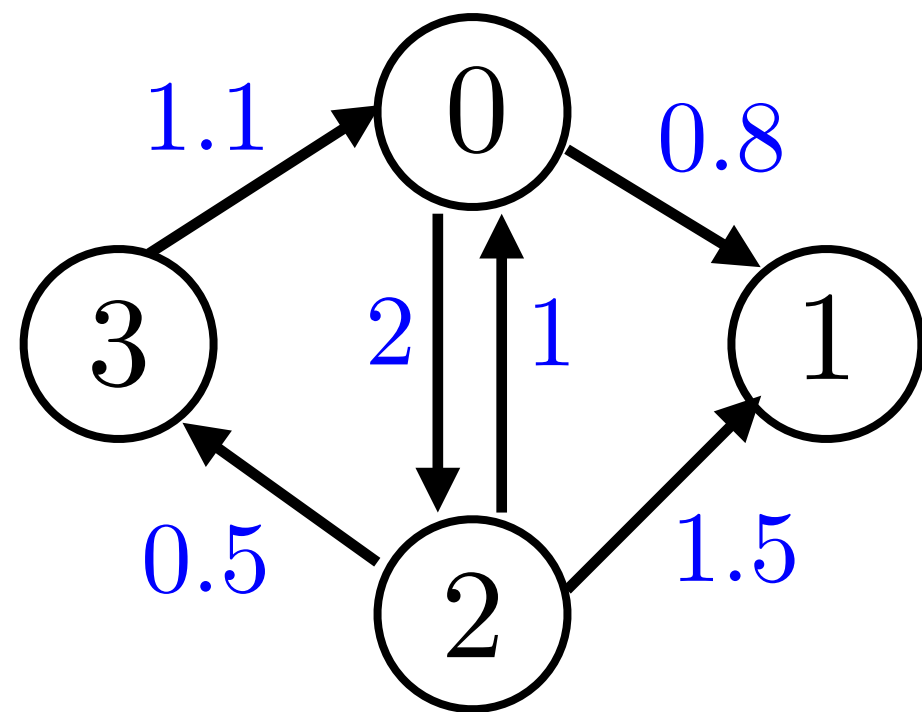
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Directed graph:

For a directed edge  $(u, v)$  we say  $v$  is **out-adjacent** to  $u$ , and  $u$  is **in-adjacent** to  $v$ .

The **out-degree** of  $v$  is the number of edges directed out of it.

The **in-degree** of  $v$  is the number of edges directed into it.



The out-degree of vertex 2 is 3 and the in-degree is 1.

# Graph Notation

Both directed and undirected:

We write an unweighted graph as  $G = (V, E)$  and a weighted one as  $G = (V, E, w)$  where  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Here  $E$  is the set of edges.

In the directed case  $E$  will be a set of ordered pairs of  $V$ , and in the undirected case a set of 2-element subsets of  $V$ .

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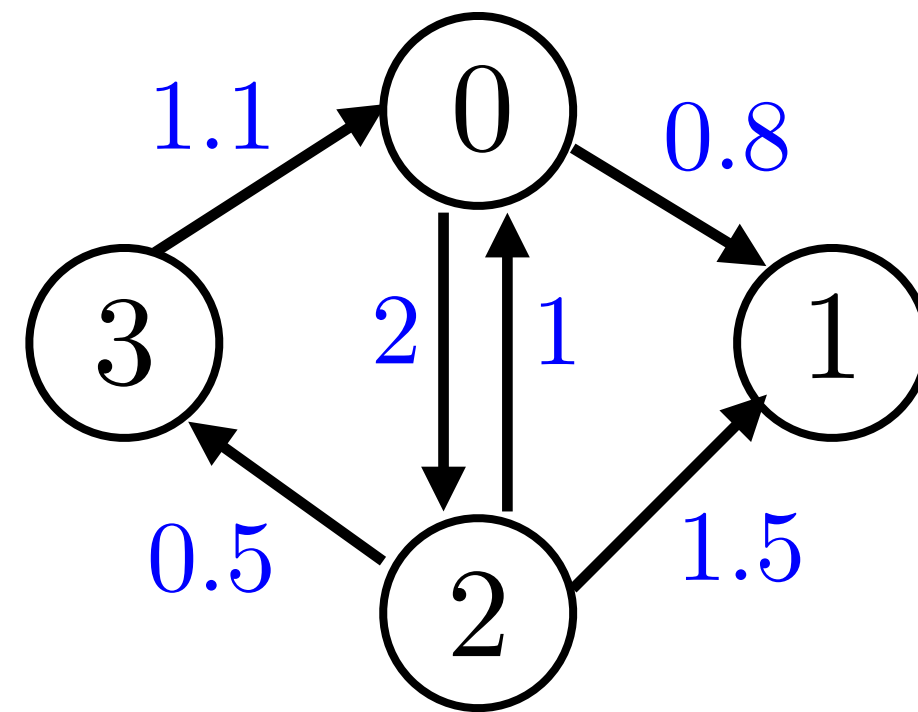
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- return the (out)-degree of a vertex.
- add/remove a vertex.

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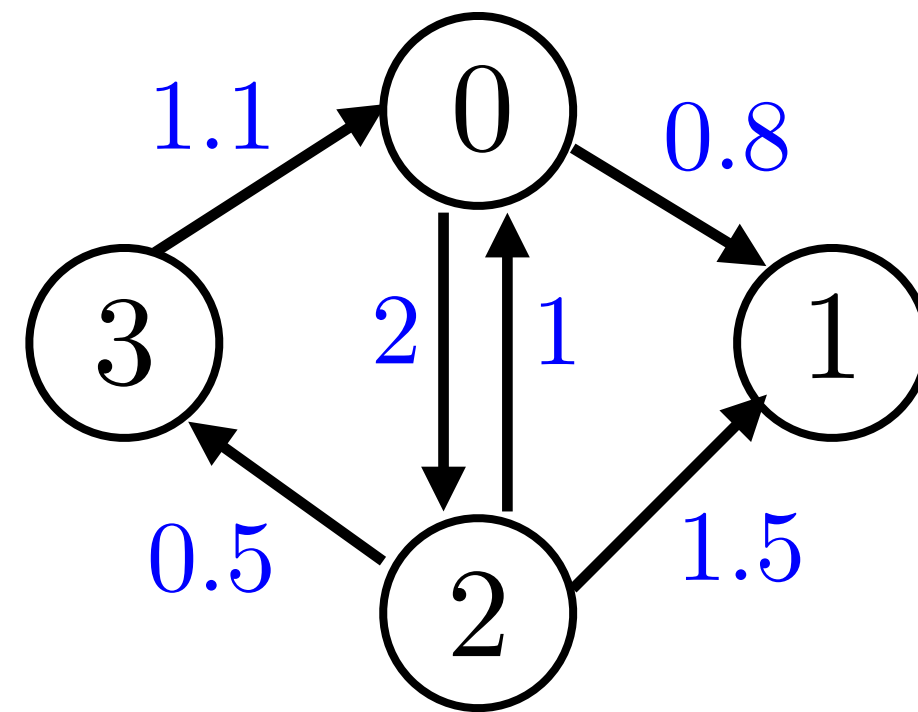


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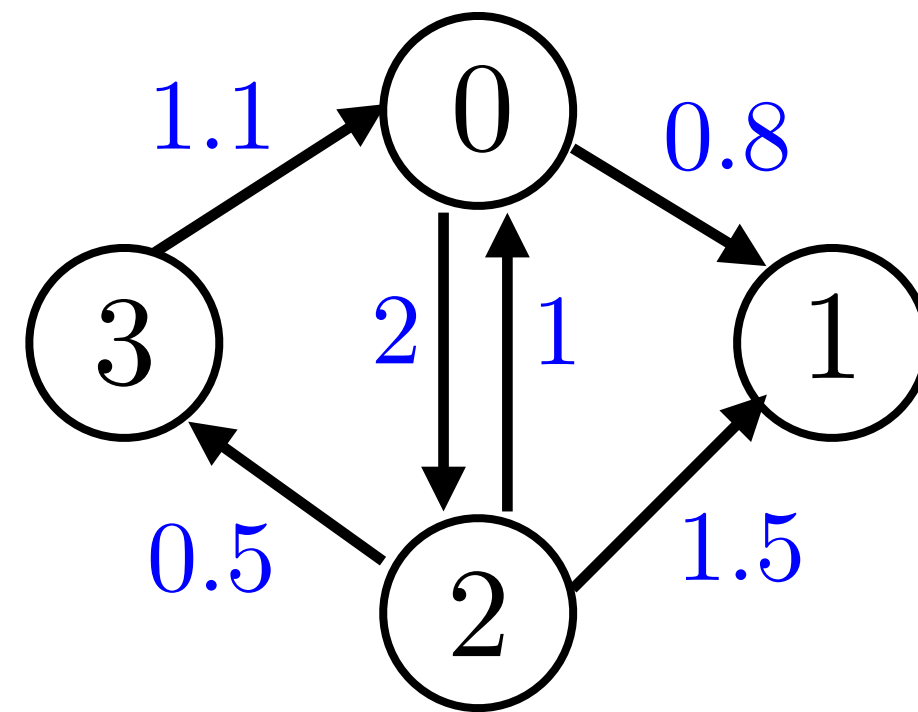
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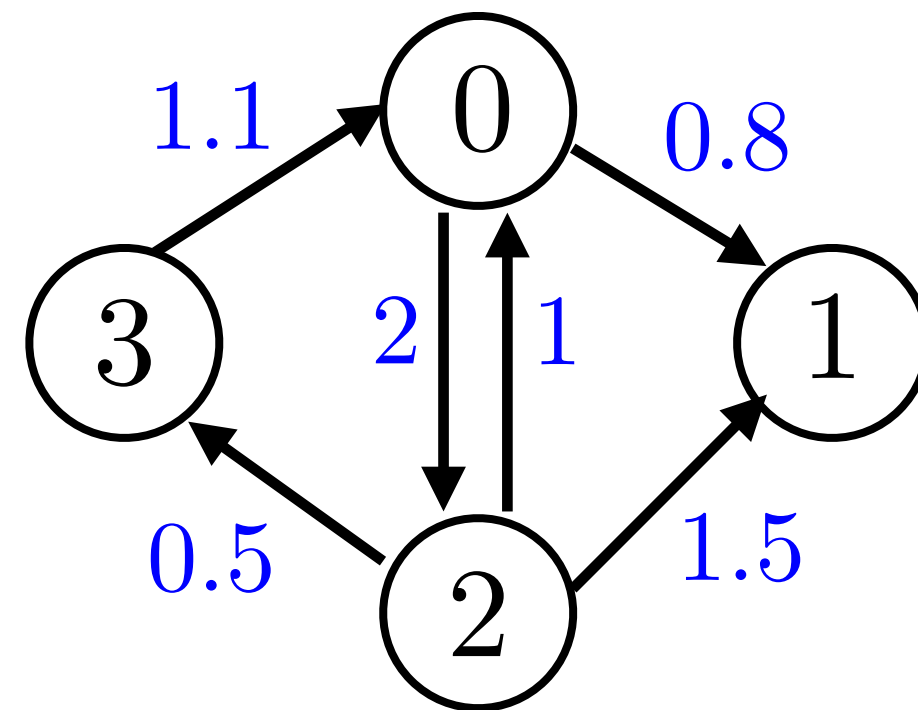
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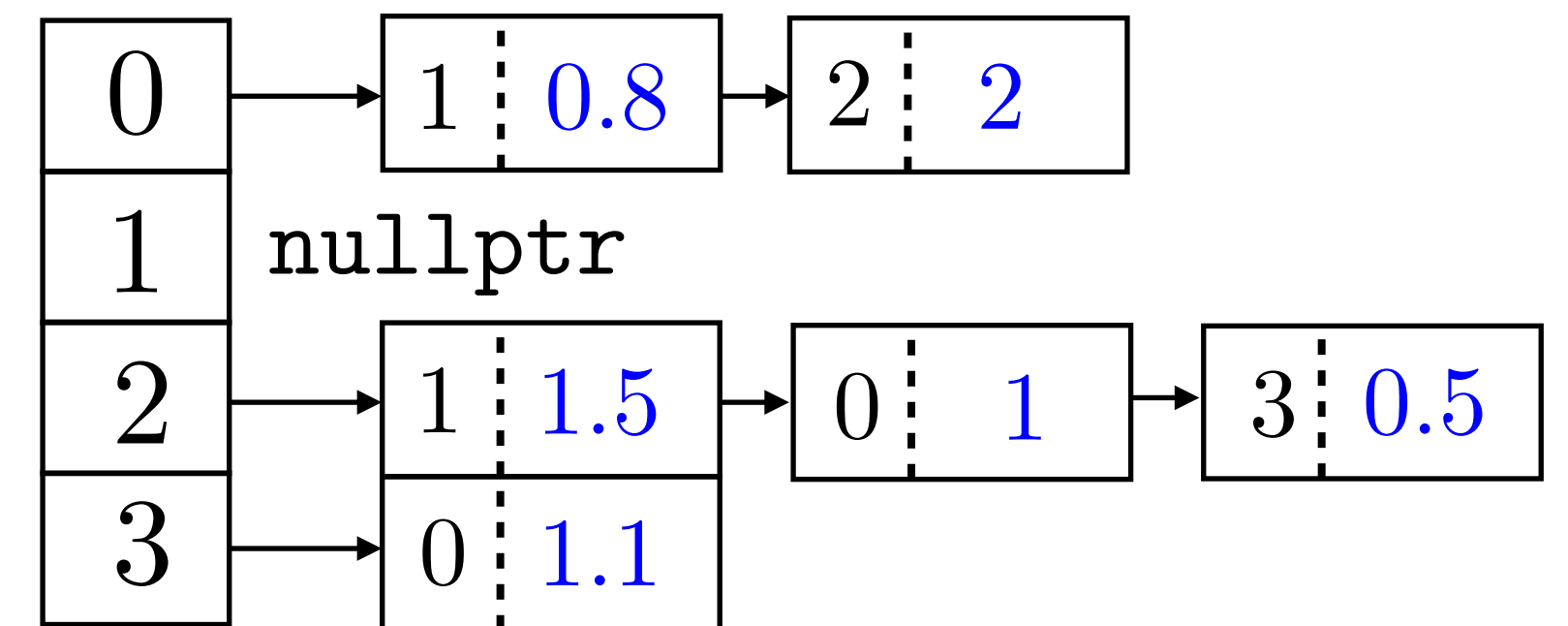
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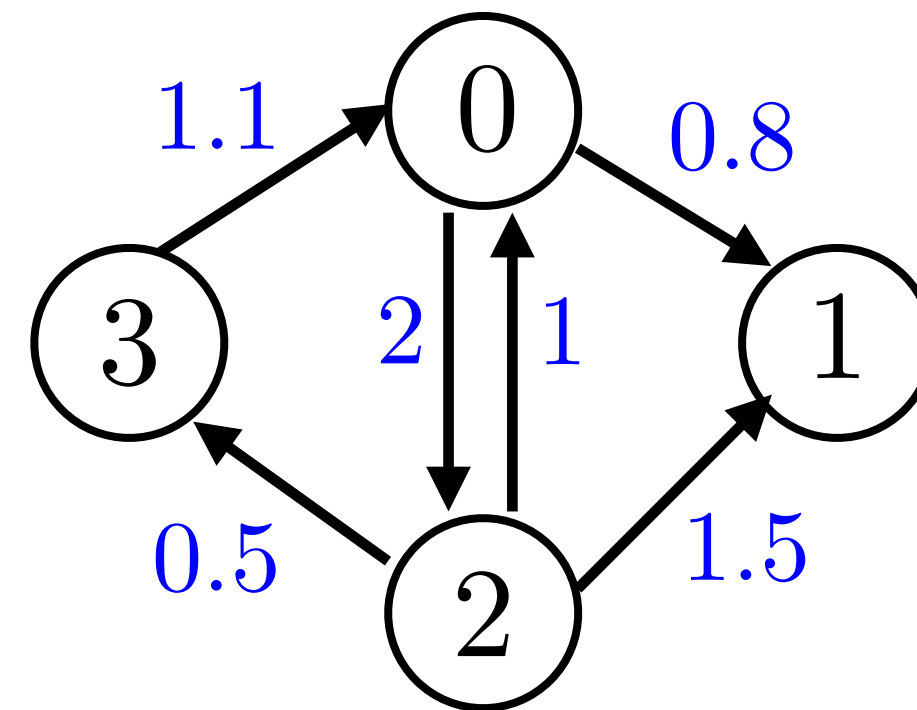
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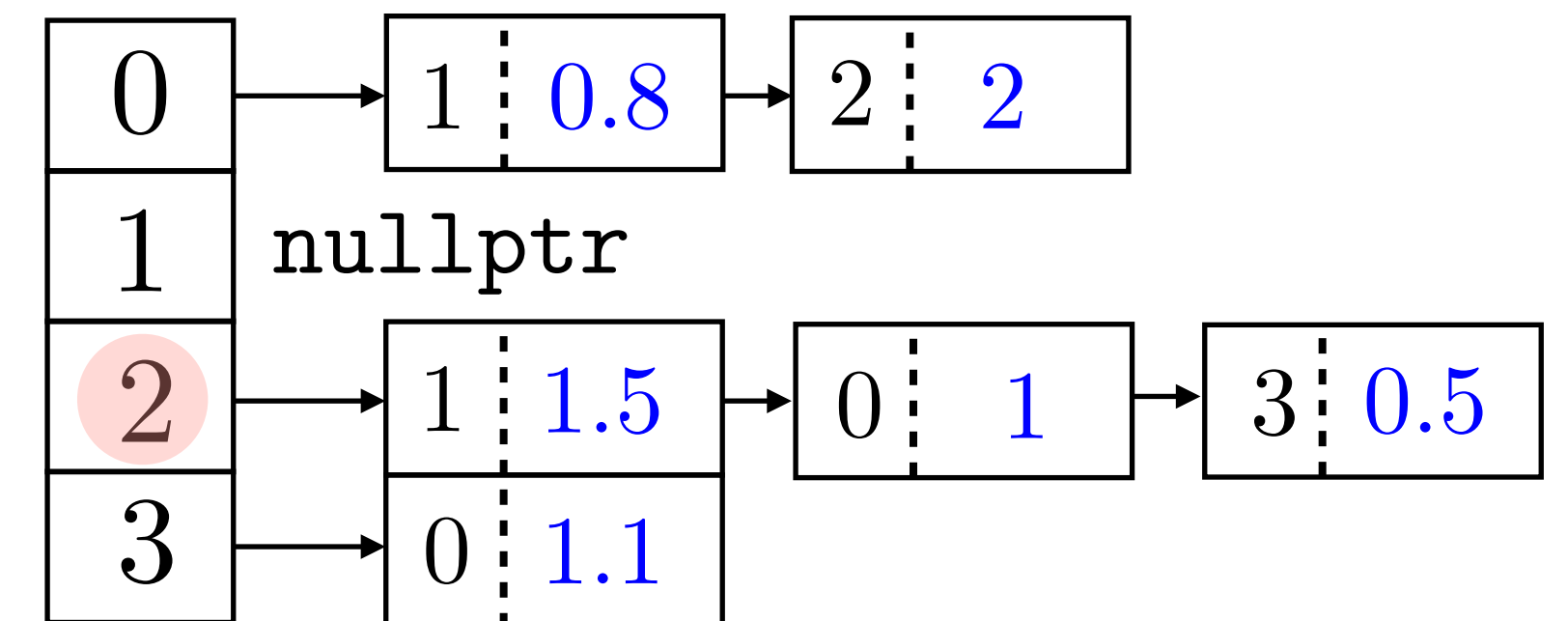
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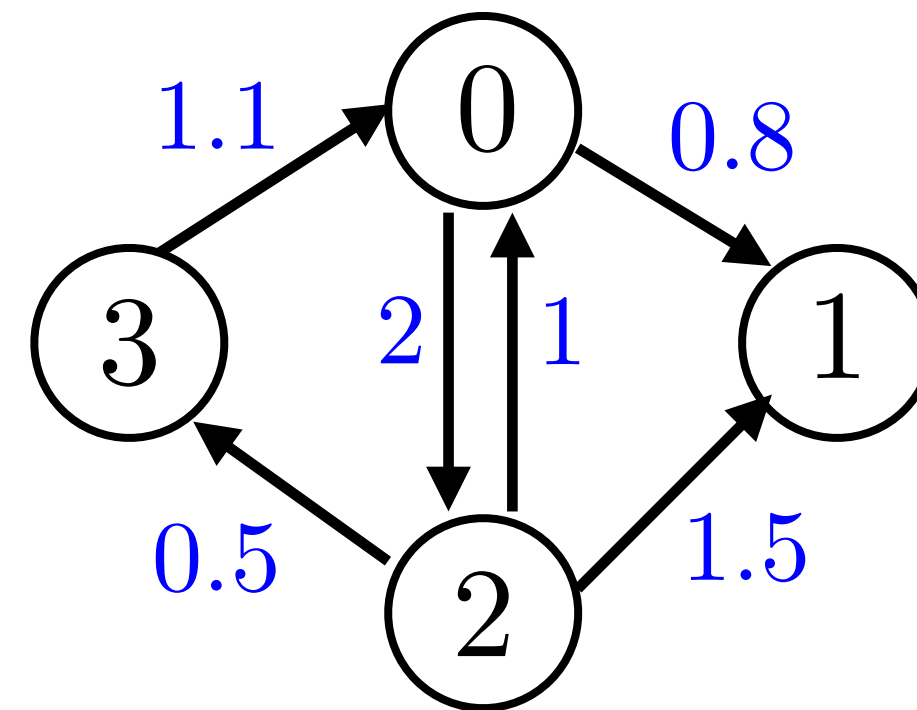
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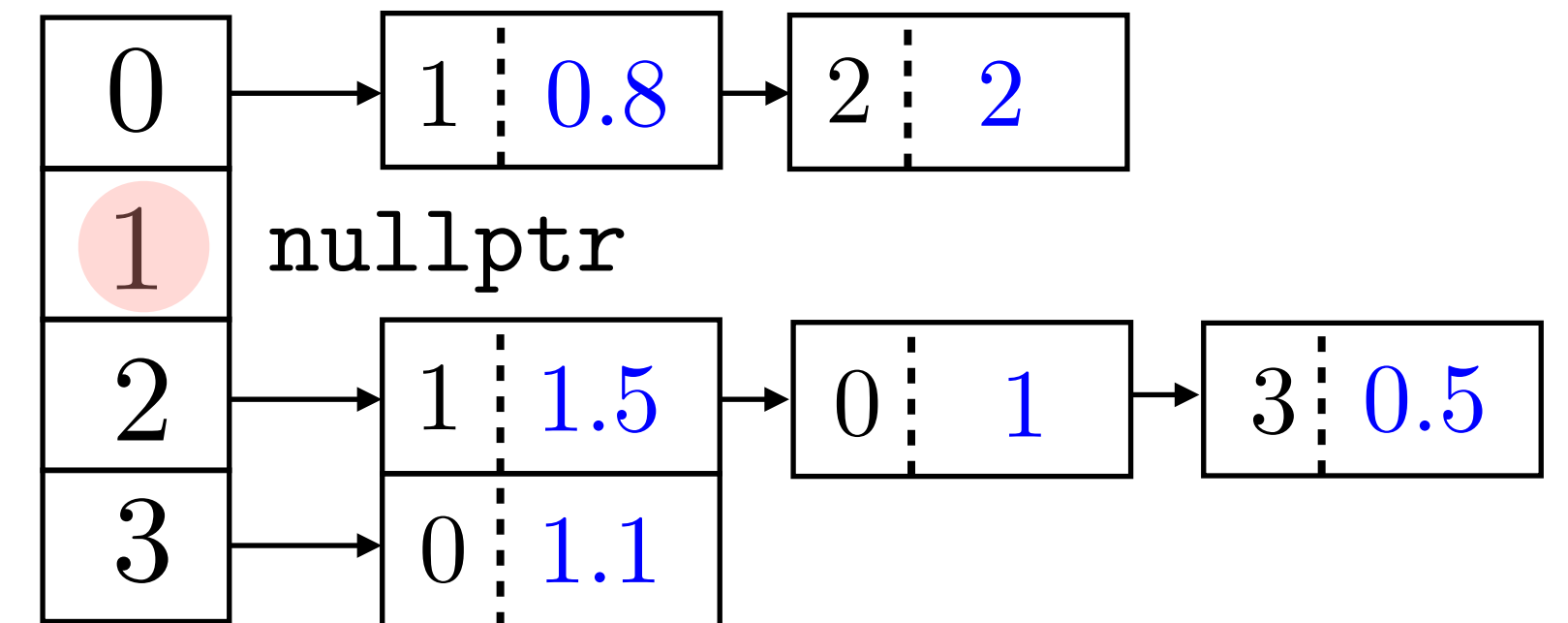
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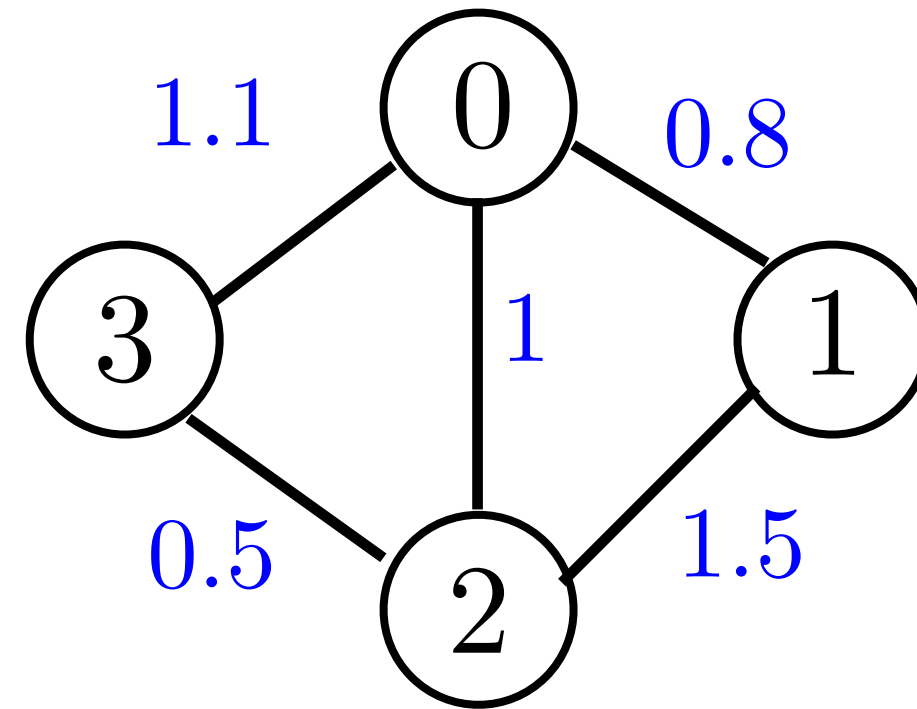
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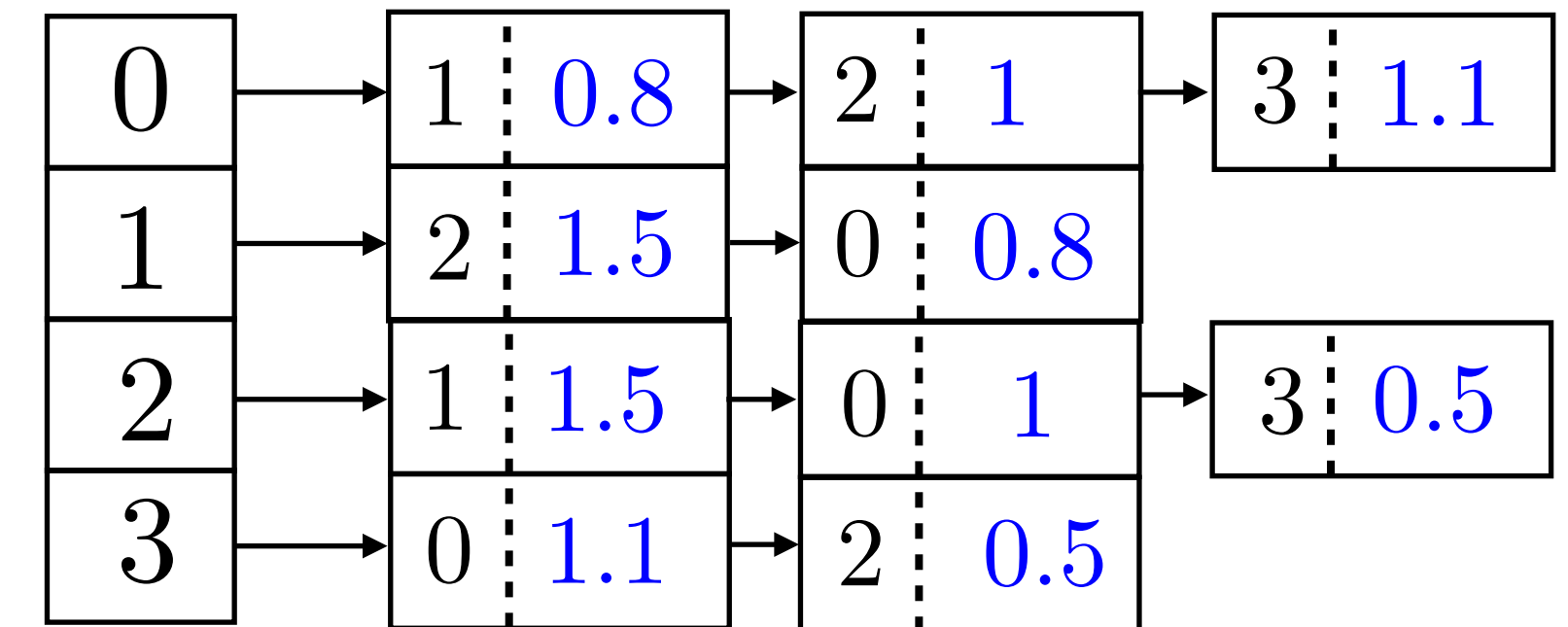
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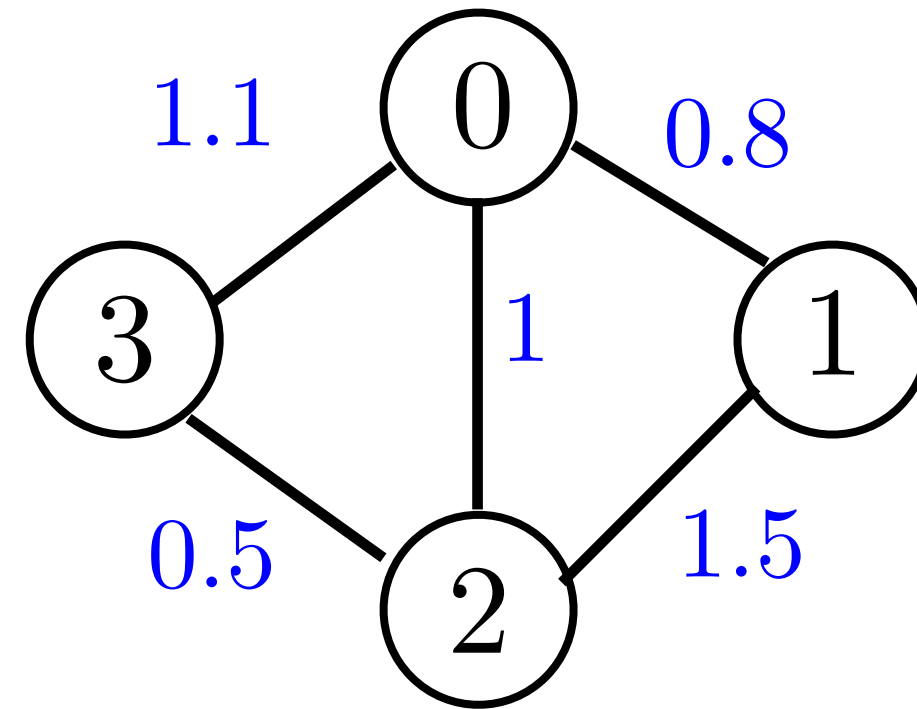
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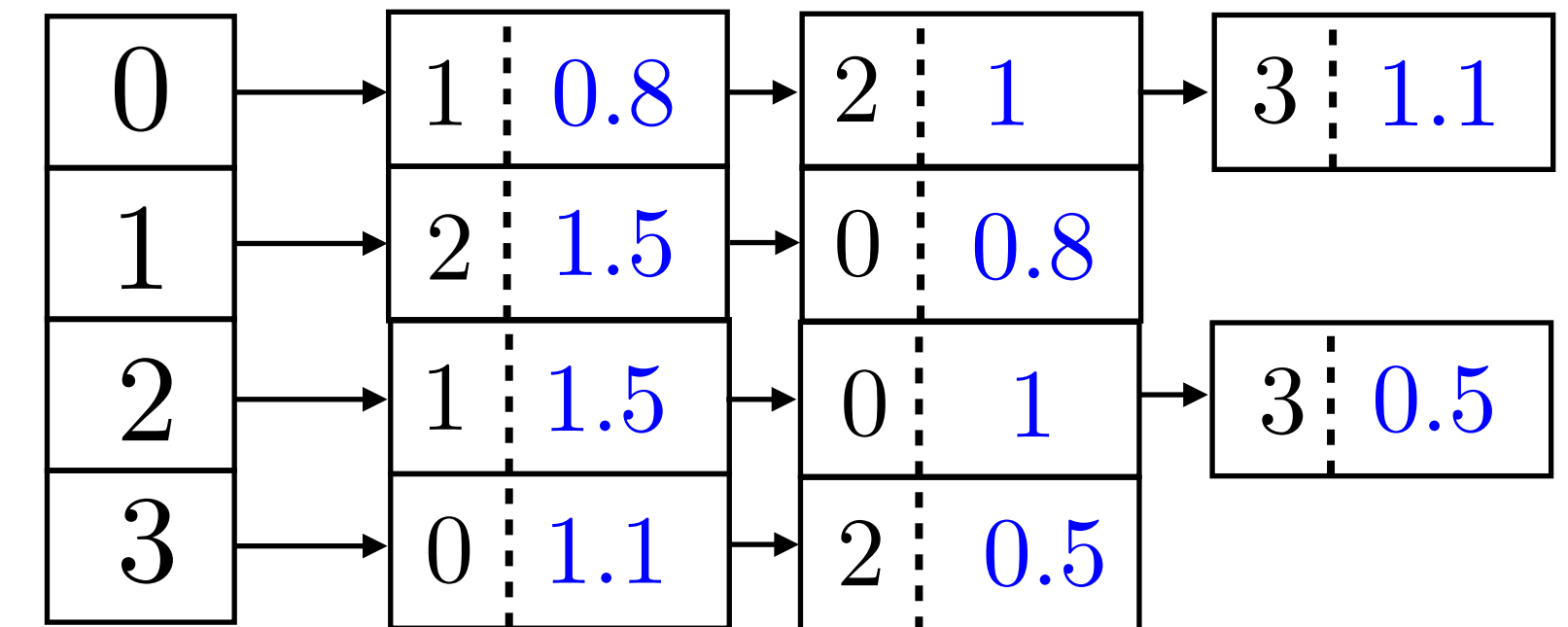
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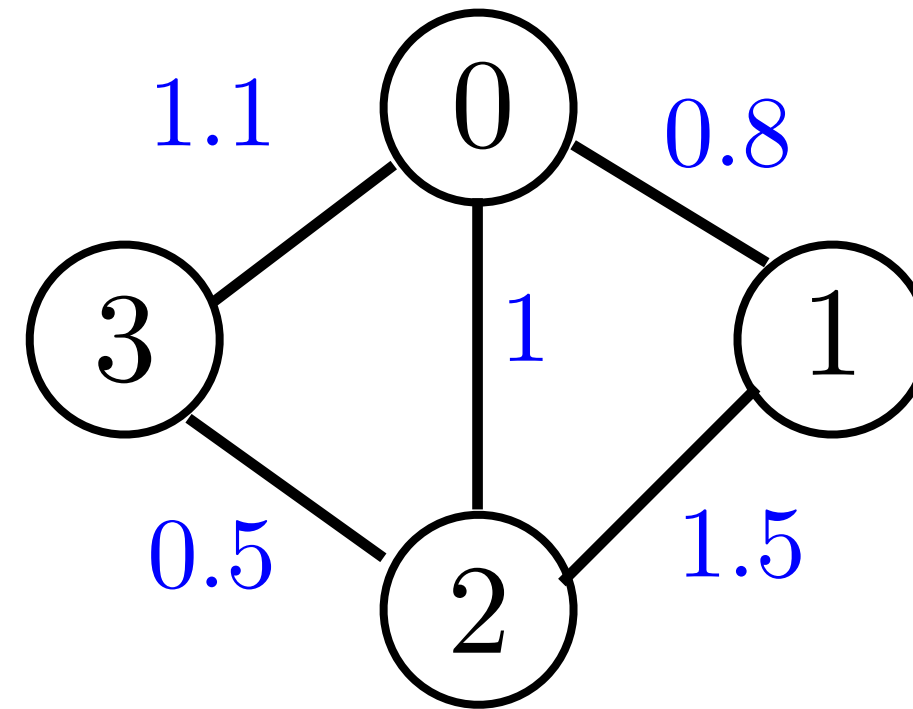
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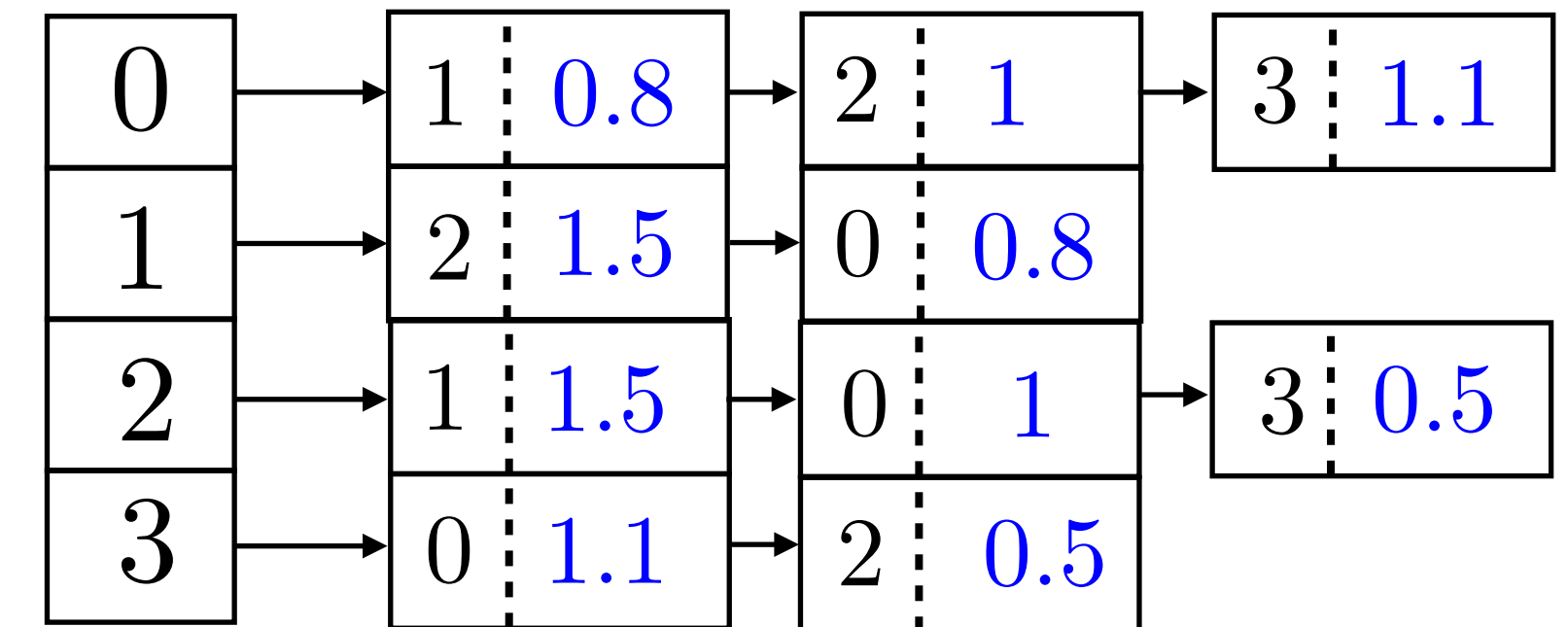
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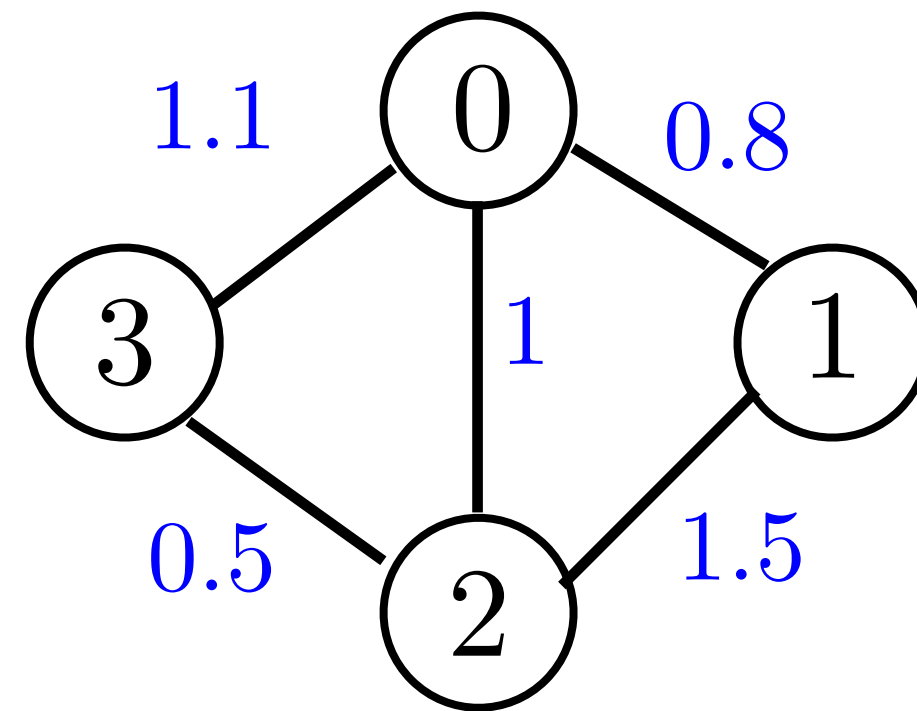
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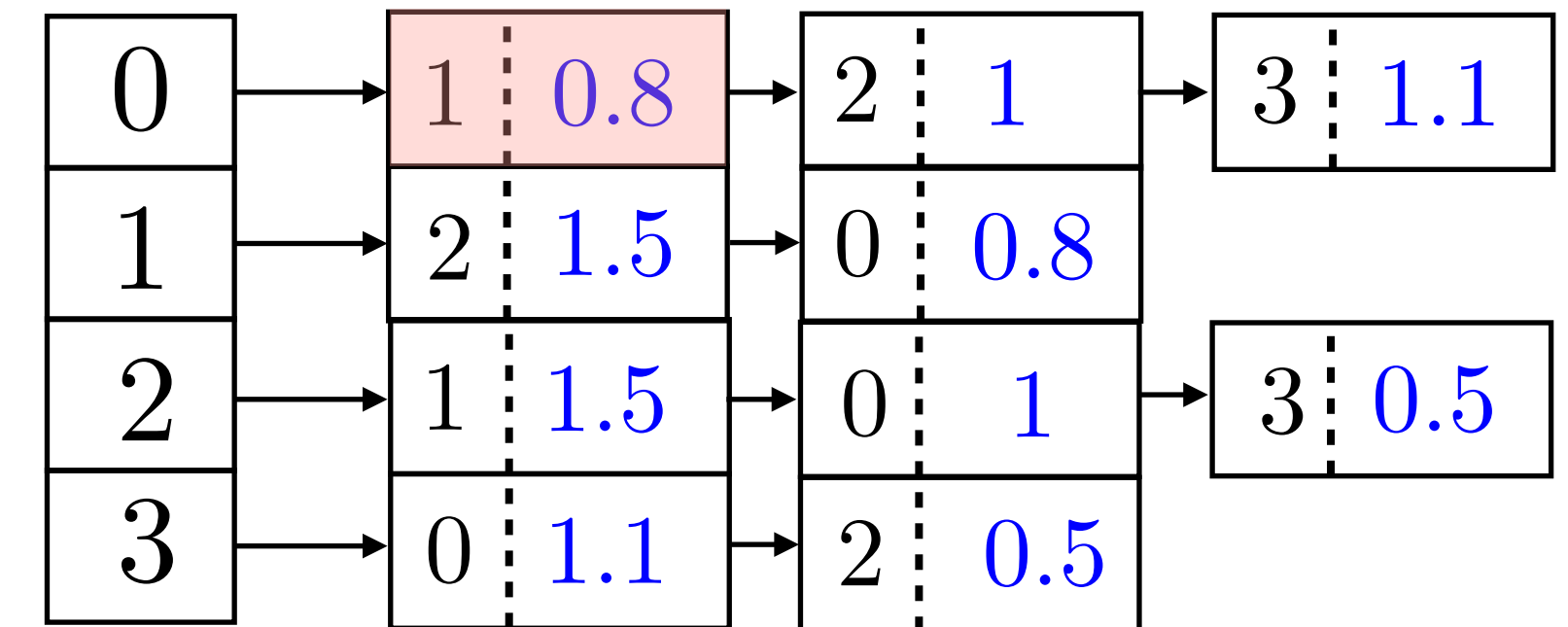
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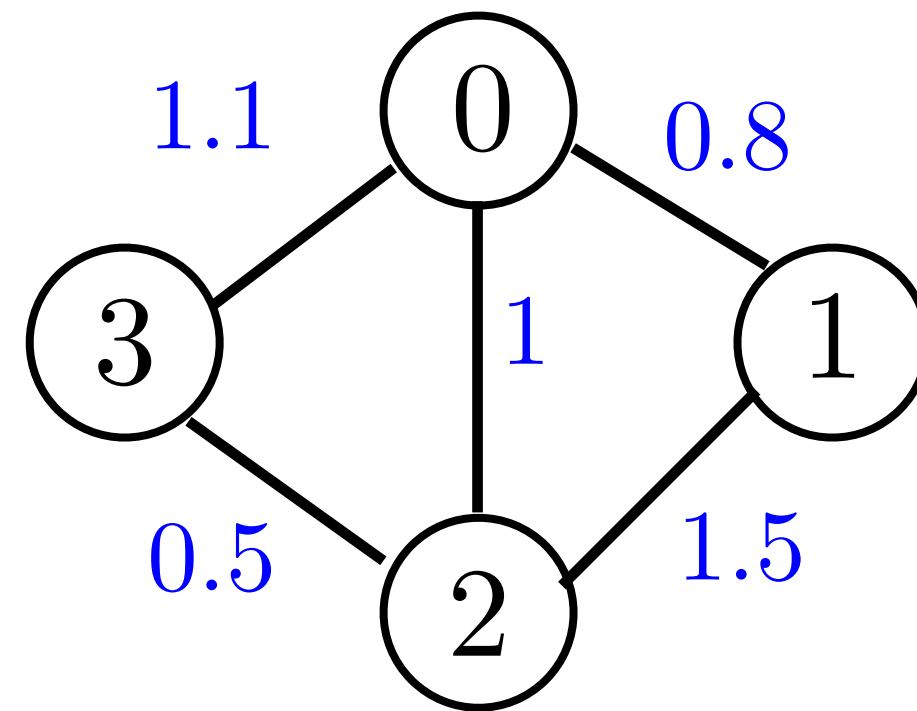
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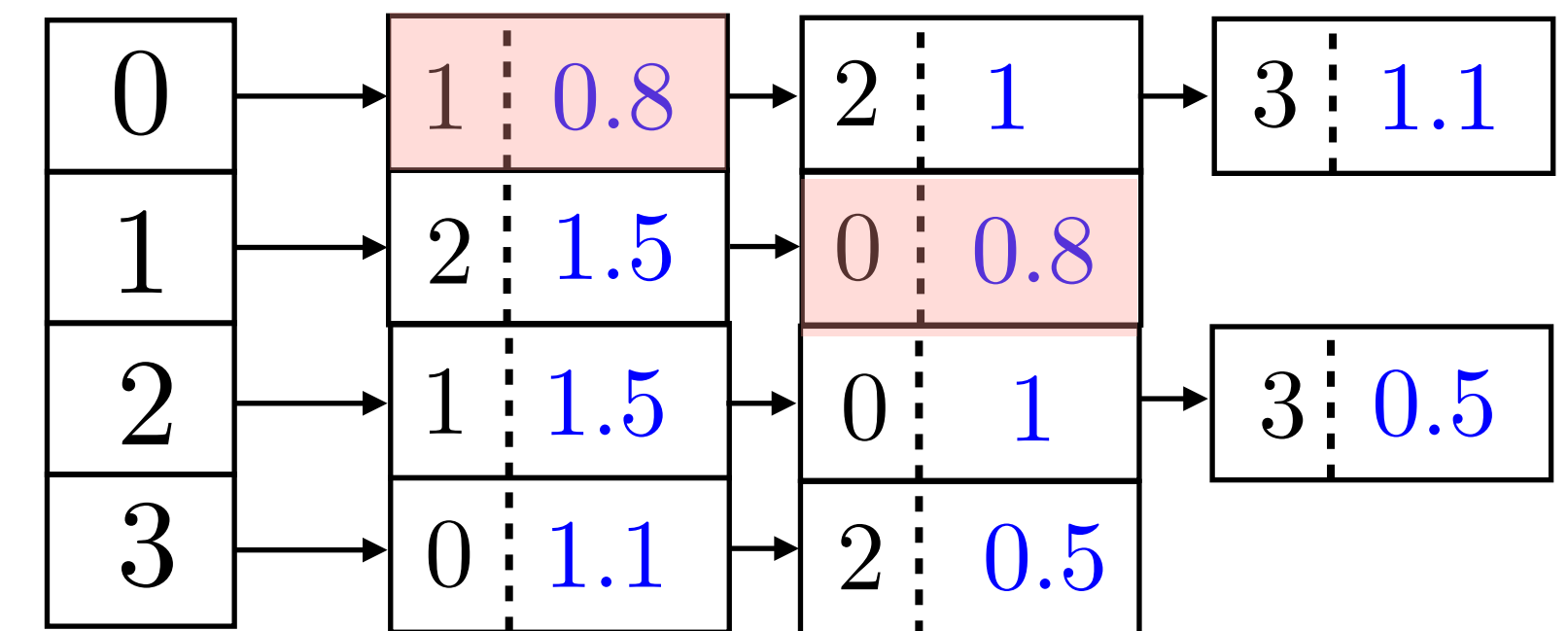
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add\_edge and is\_edge  
both take time  $O(1)$ .

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    bool is_edge(unsigned i, unsigned j)
    {
        bool found = false;
        for(auto x: arr[i])
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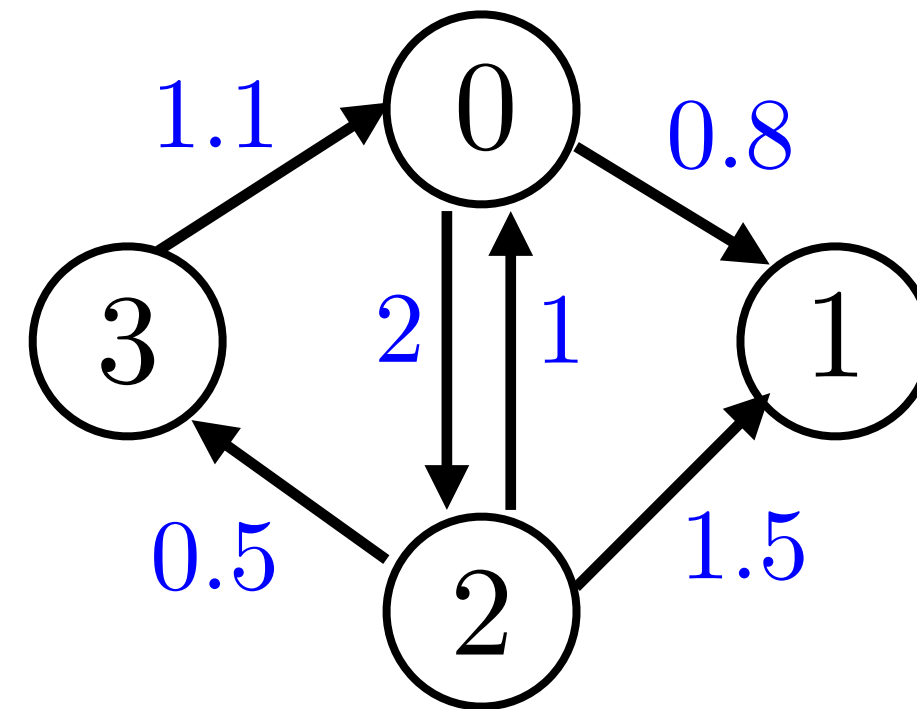
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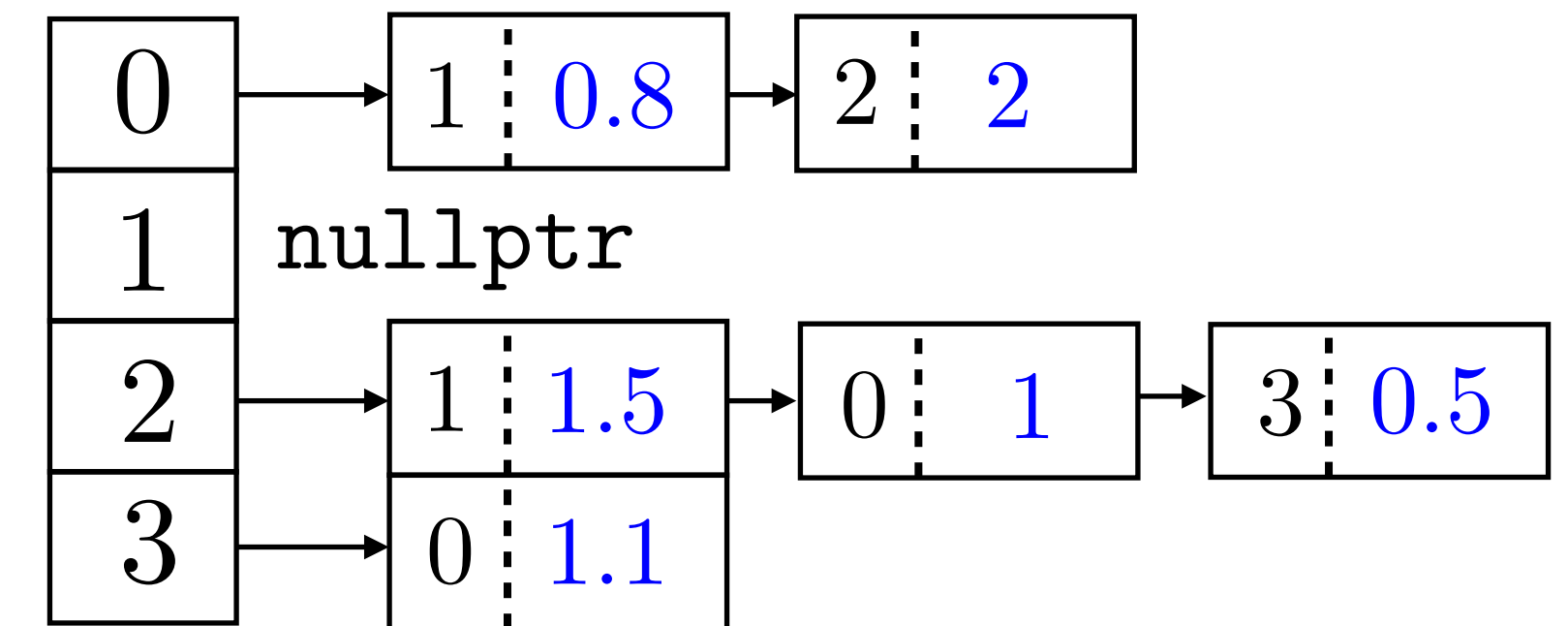
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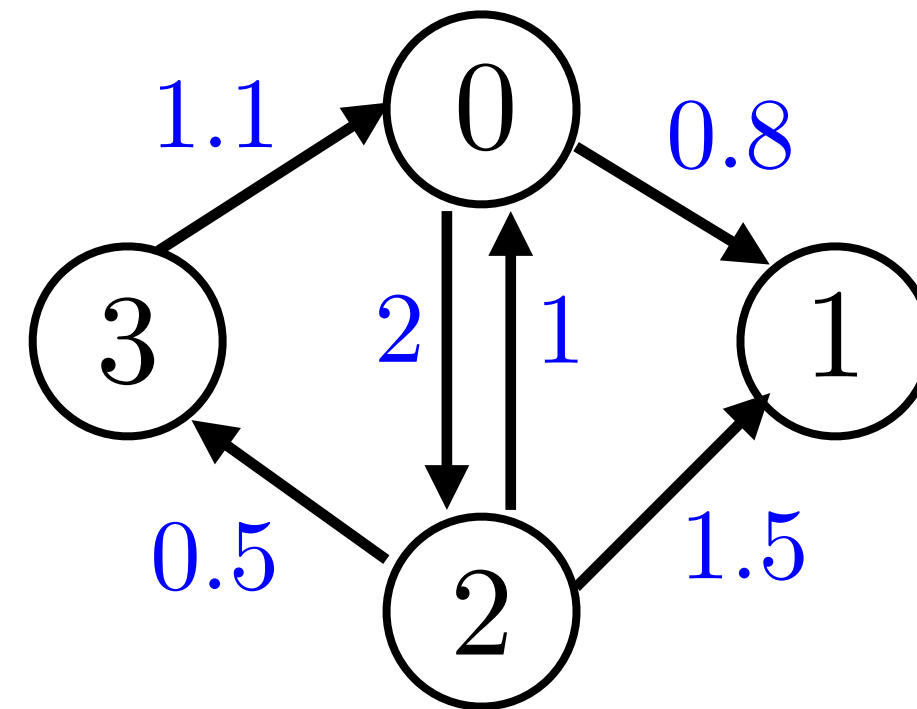
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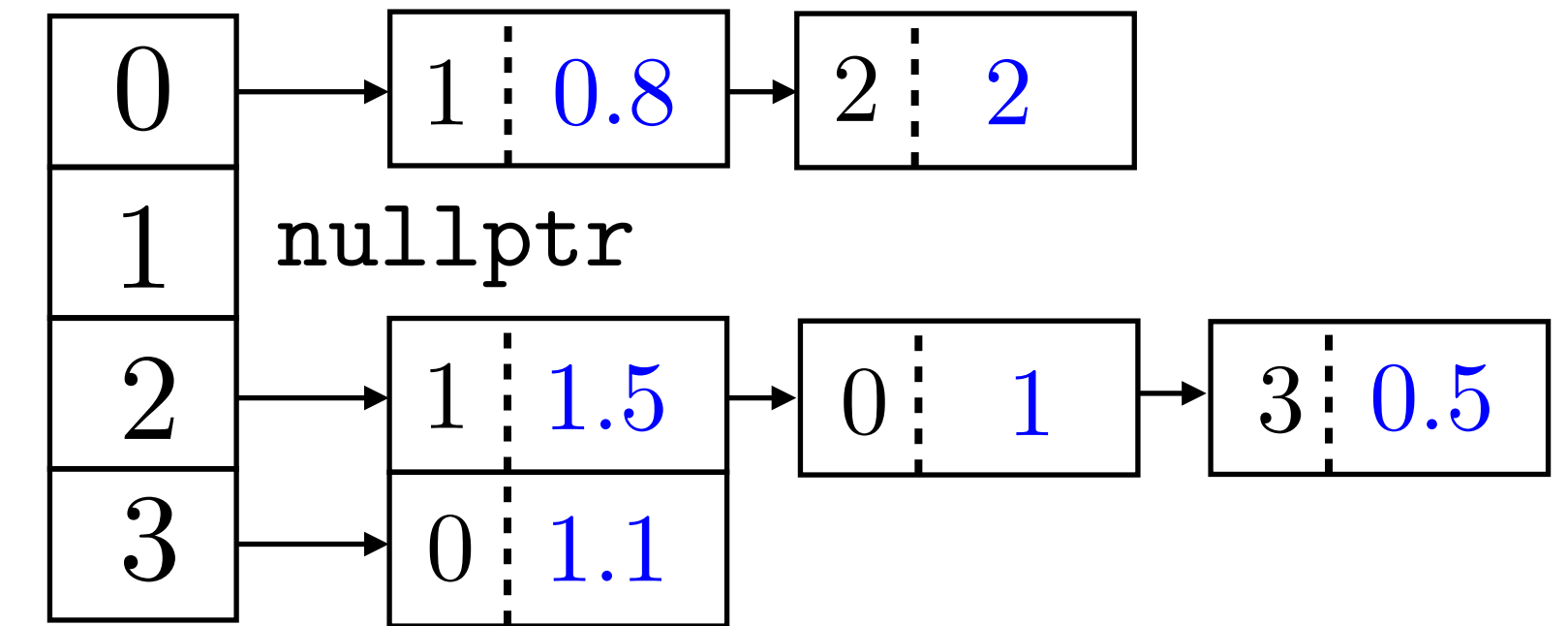
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Positive features of an adjacency matrix:

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With an "adjacency set" we have memory proportional to the number of edges but also pretty fast times for adding and checking for an edge.

You could use `std::unordered_set` instead to get these down to **average case amortised** constant time.

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This can allow a greater range of application.

All our algorithms work in the adjacency list model!

# Rubik's cube graph

What representation shall we use for the Rubik's cube graph?

We don't want to explicitly store this graph at all!

But we can simulate an adjacency list representation.

In particular, we can

iterate through all one-move neighbors of a cube position.

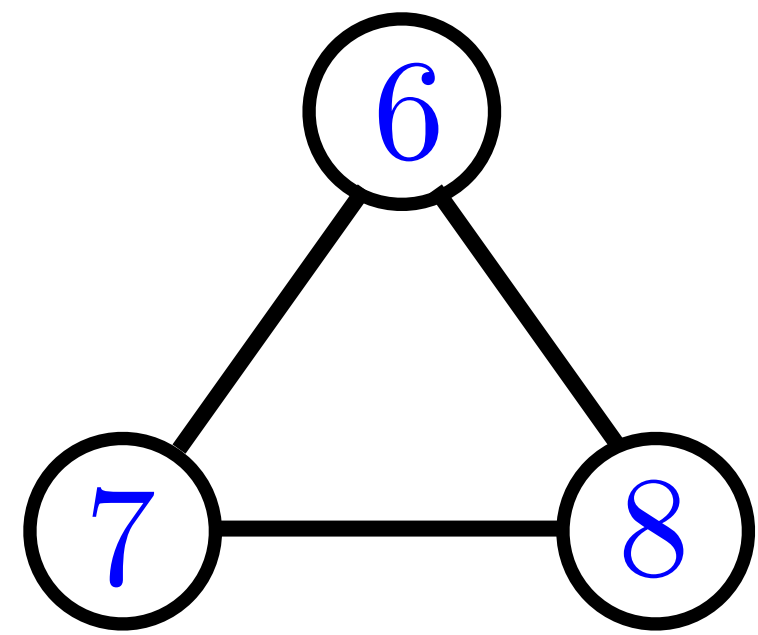
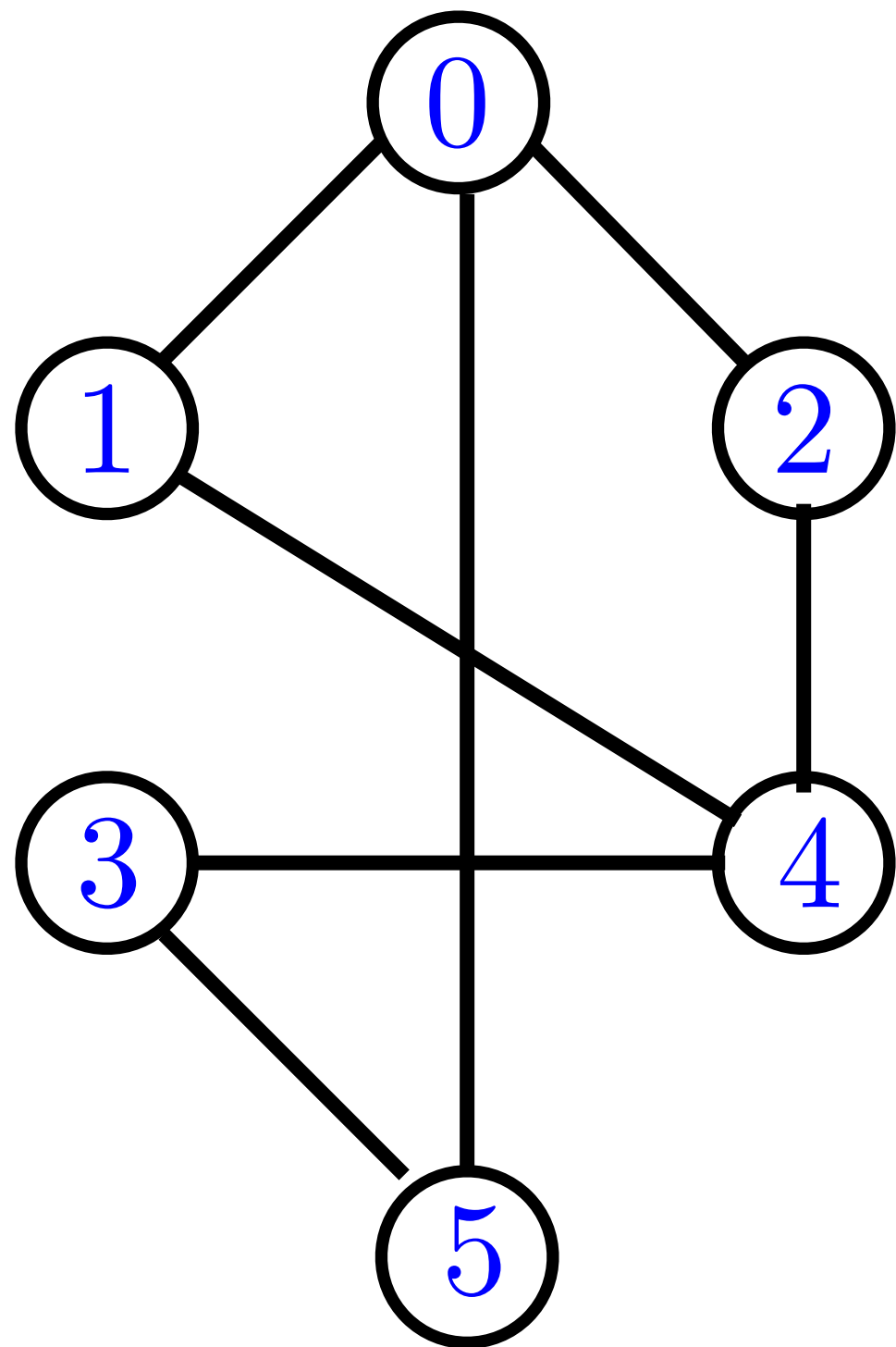
Remarkably, the algorithms we discuss **only need this primitive.**

# Depth/Breadth First Search

# Connectivity

Some of the most basic questions about a graph are about connectivity.

For this segment, we will just talk about undirected graphs.



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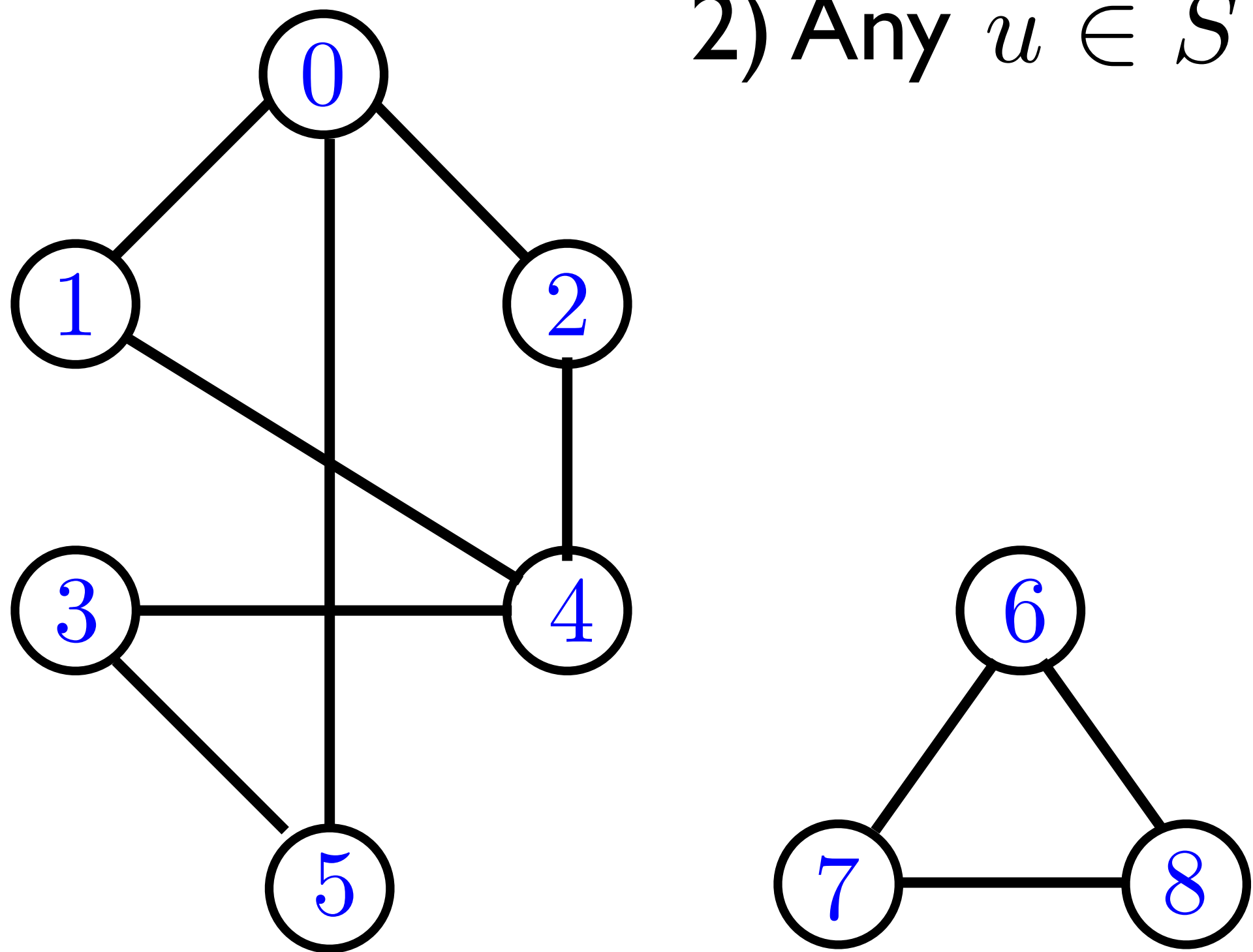
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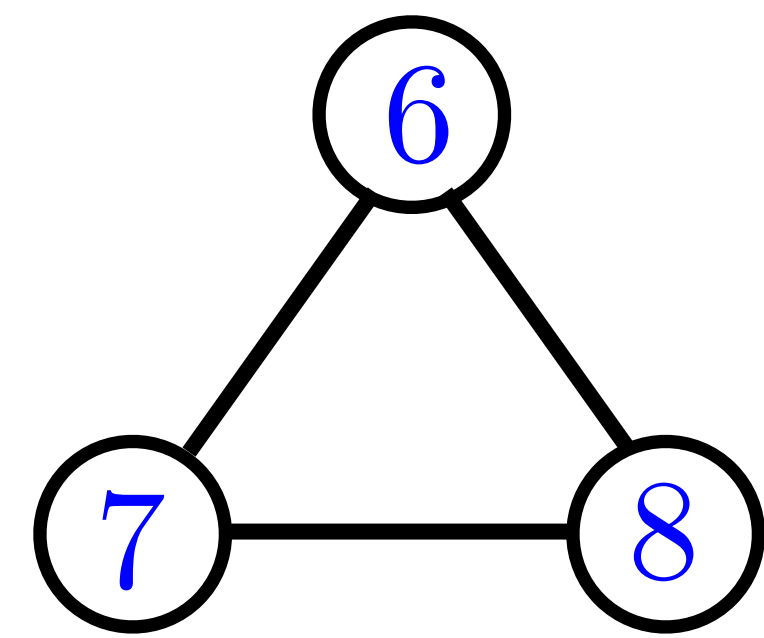
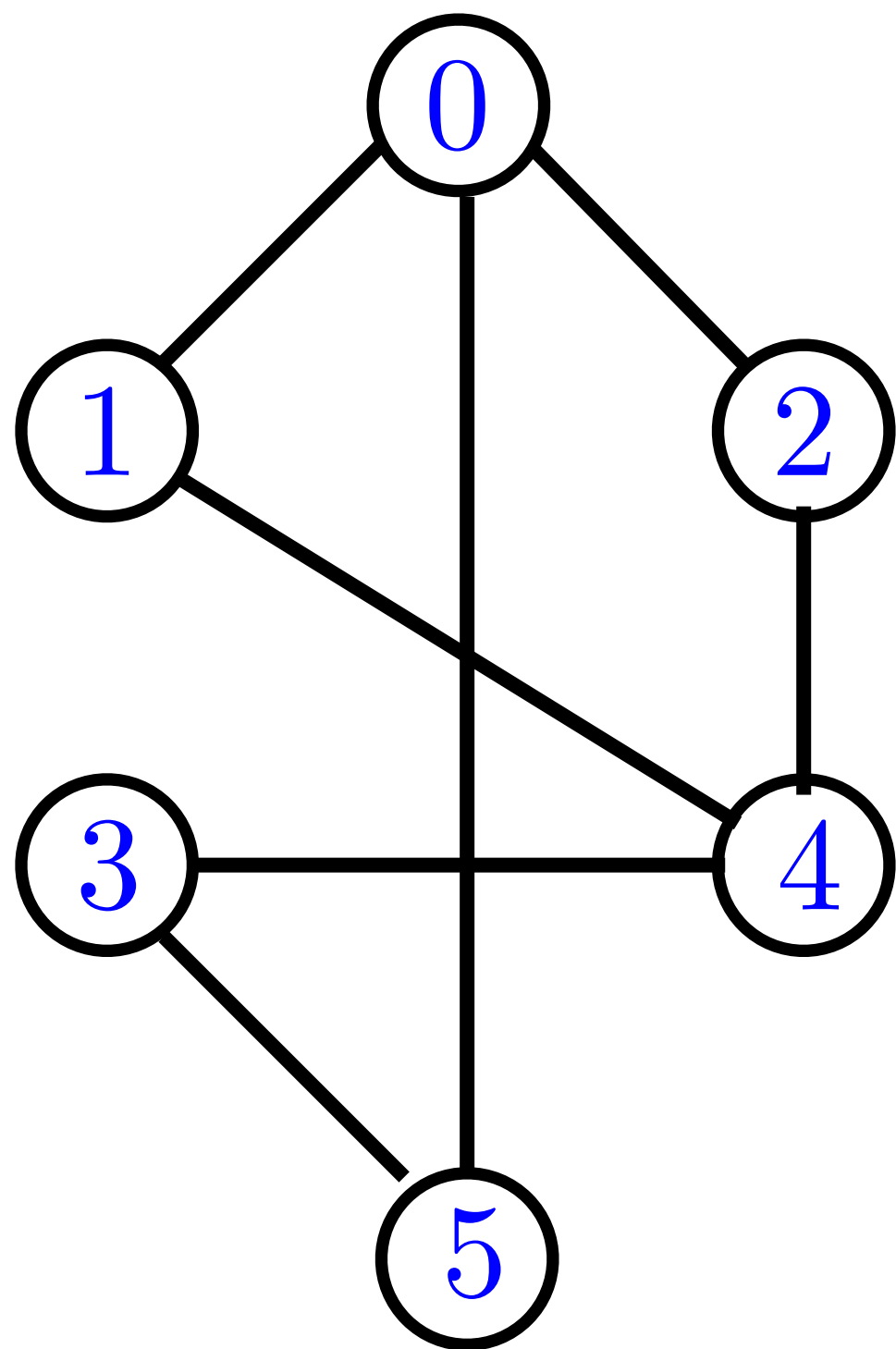


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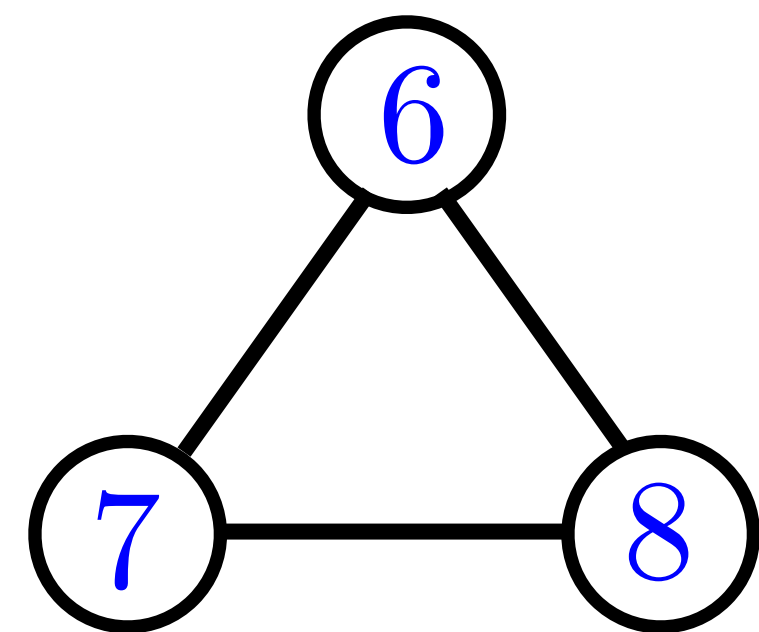
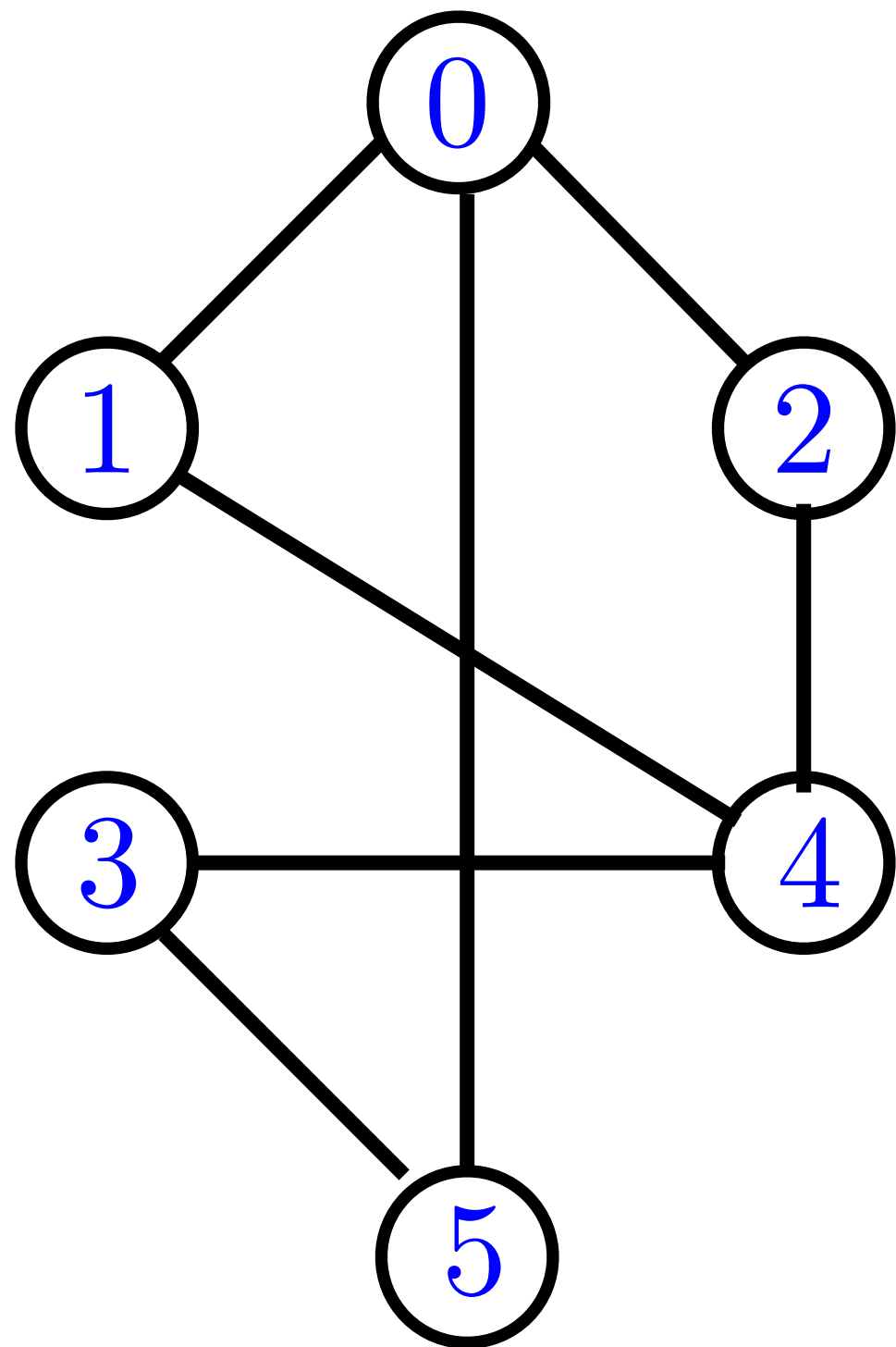
The connected components partition the vertices of the graph.

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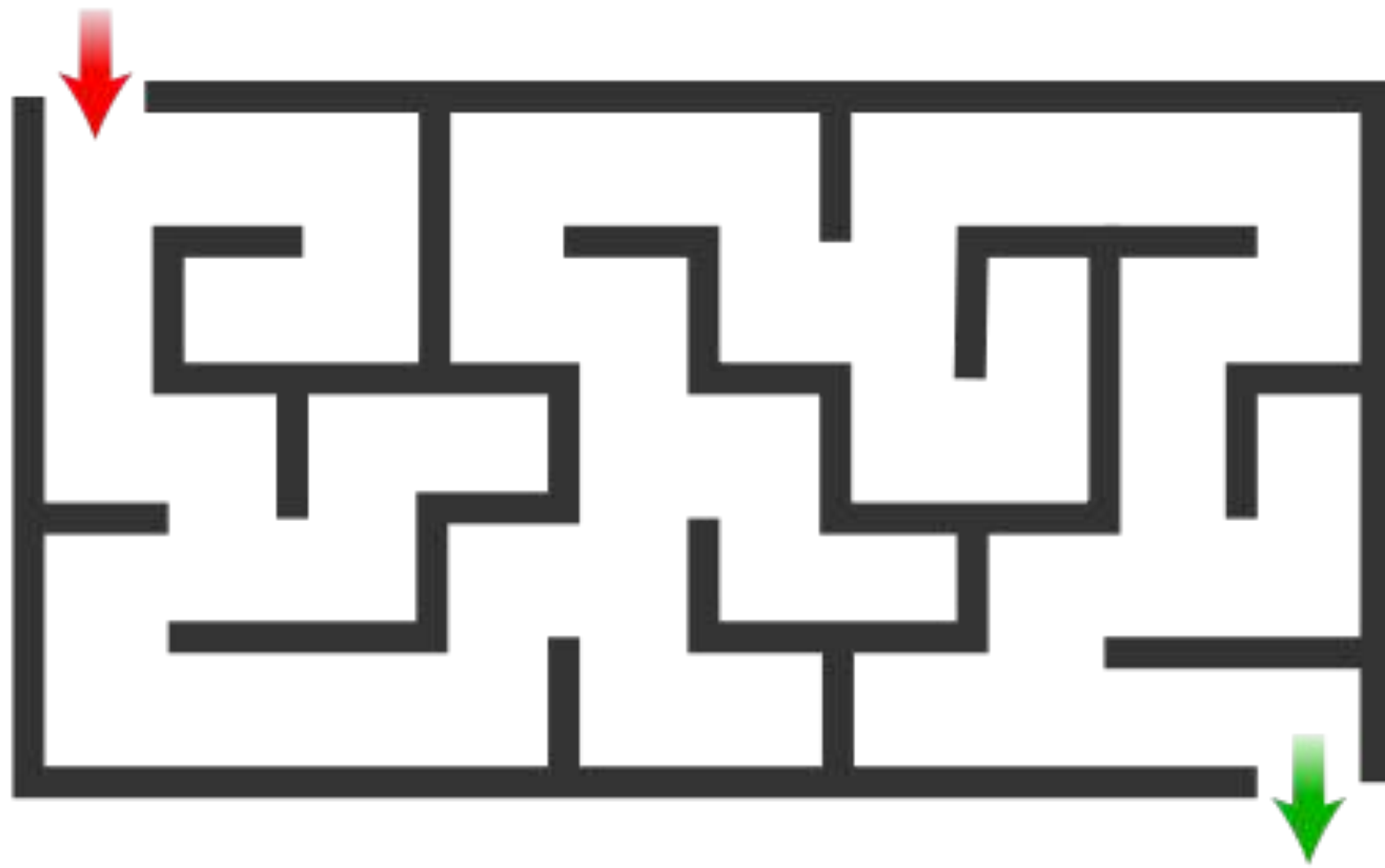
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We can do this (and more) with depth- or breadth-first search.

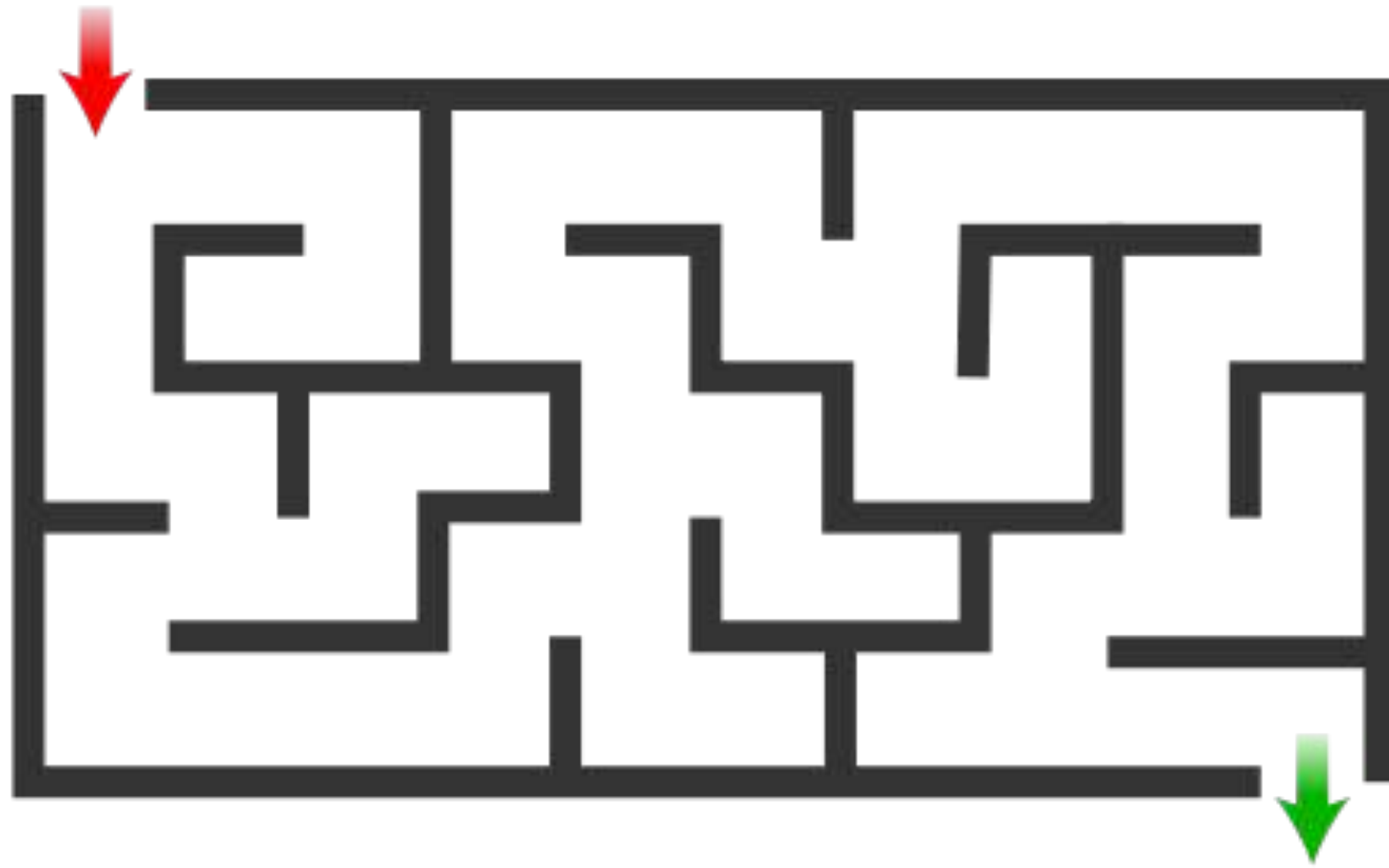


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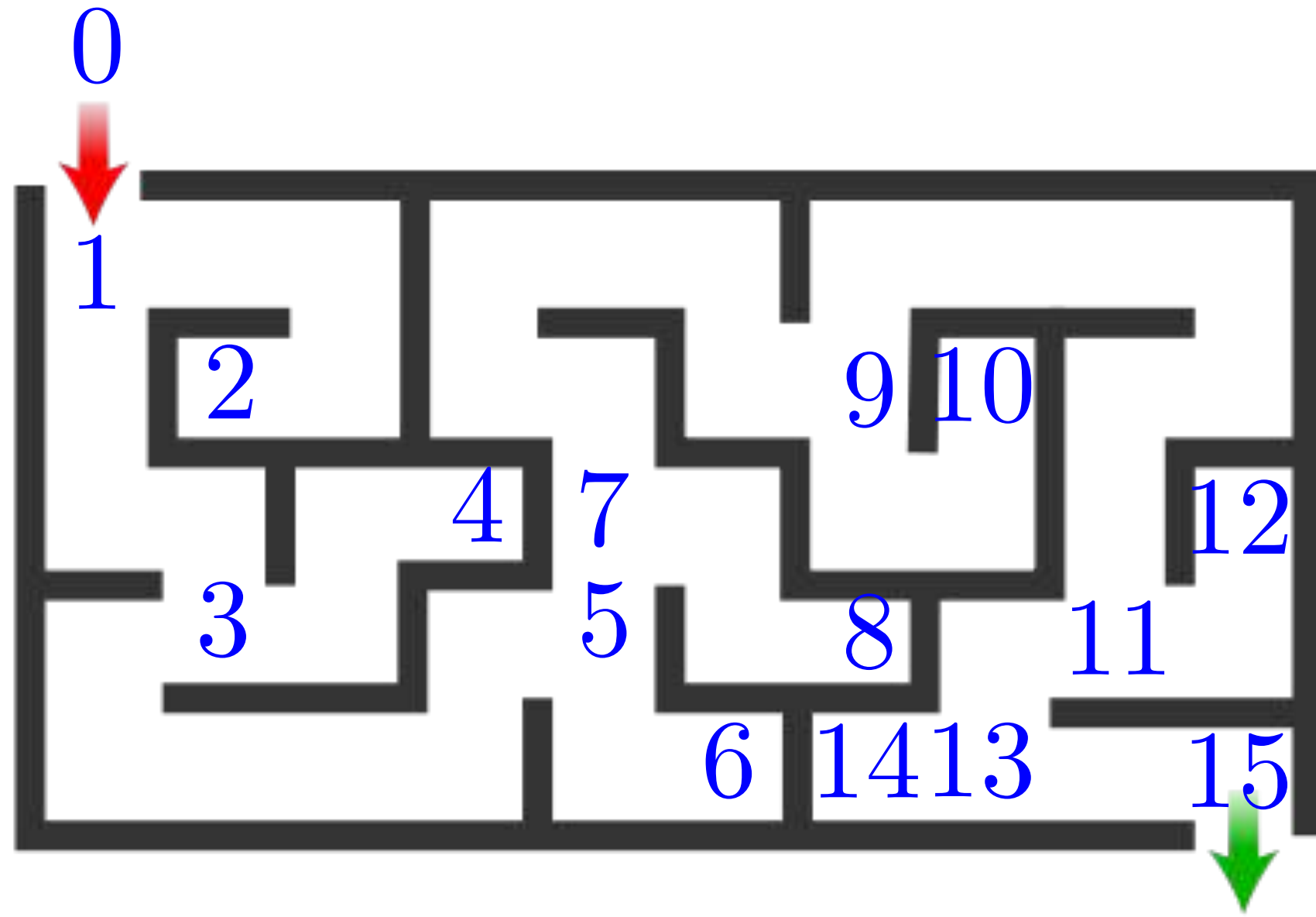
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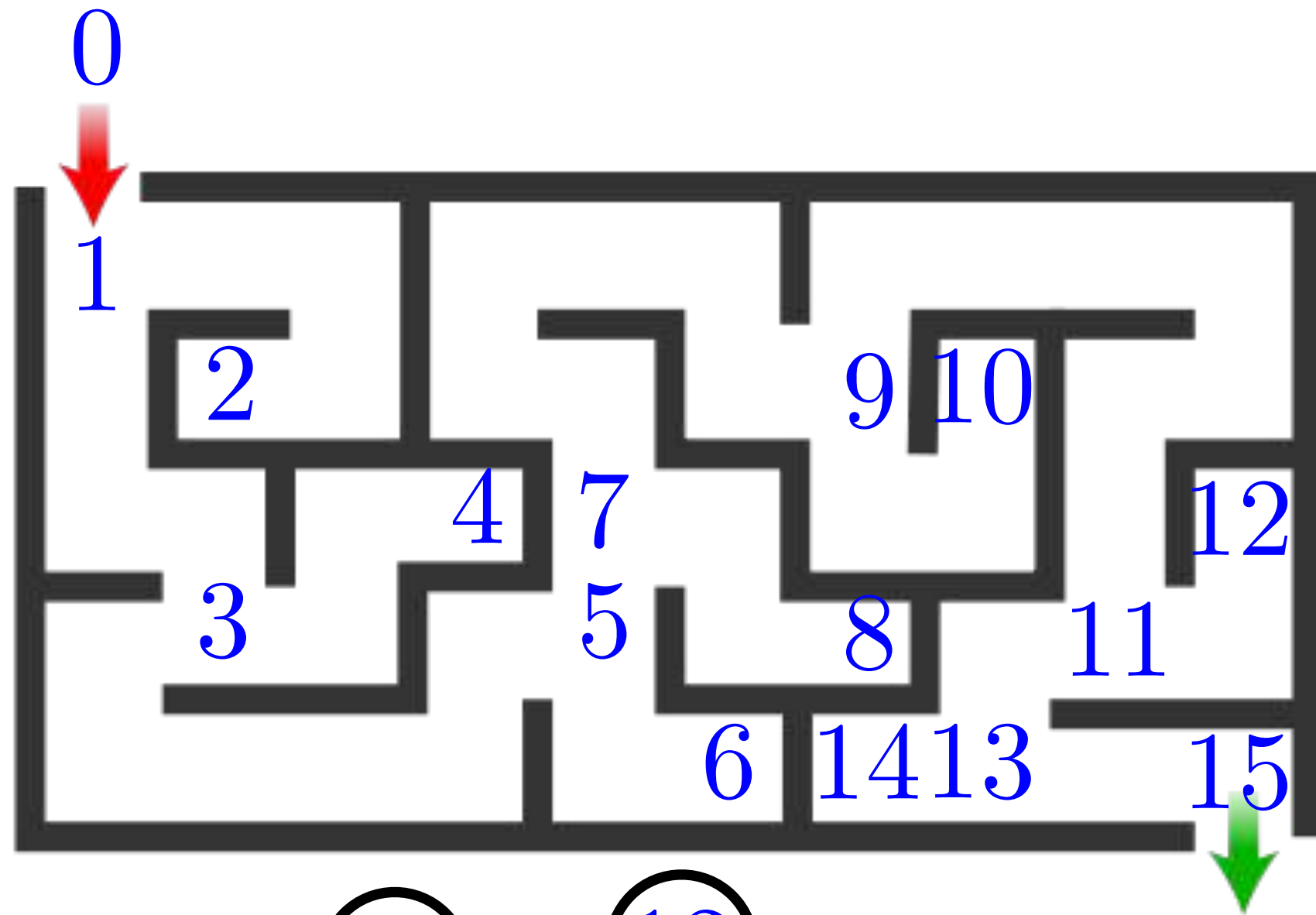
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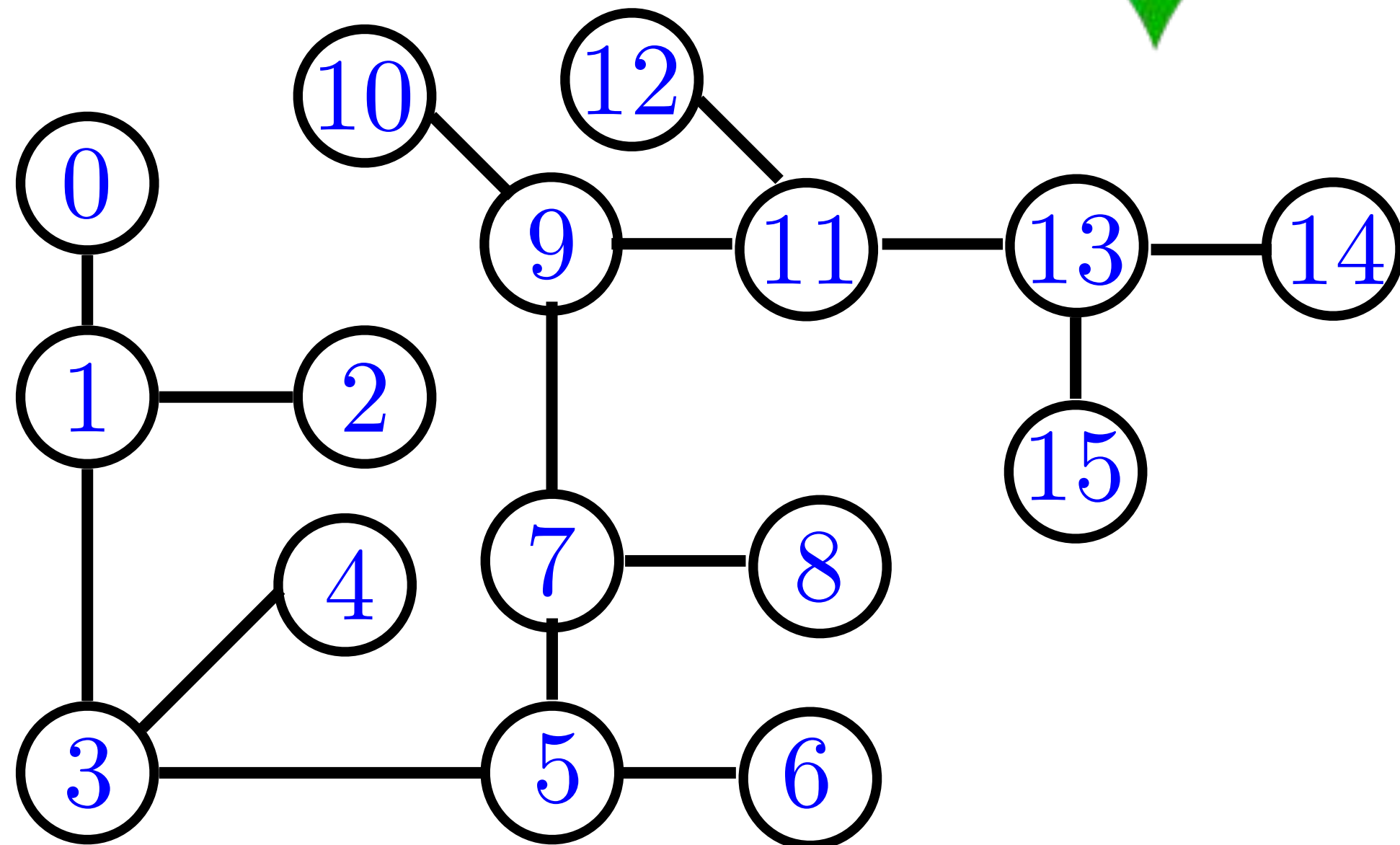
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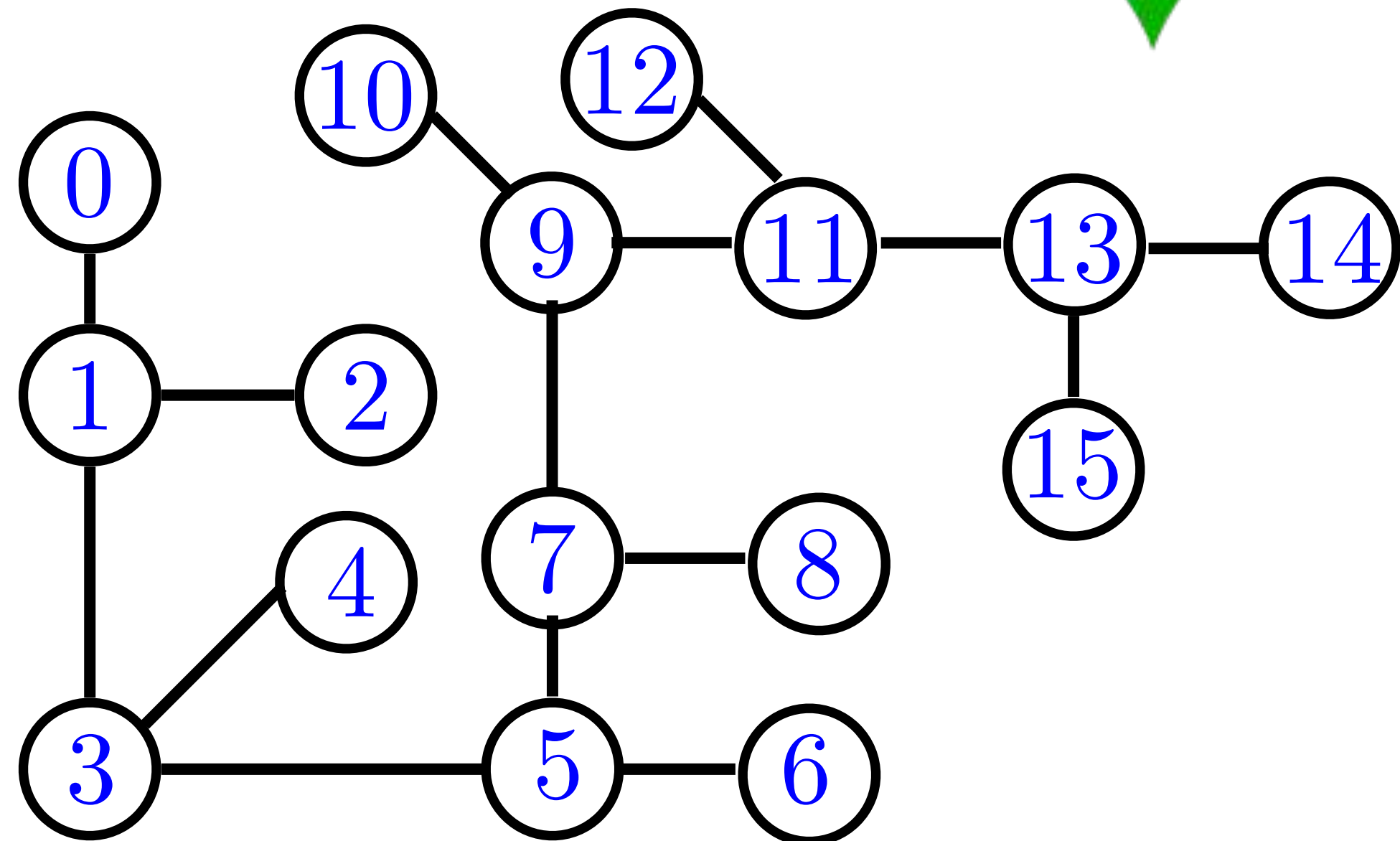
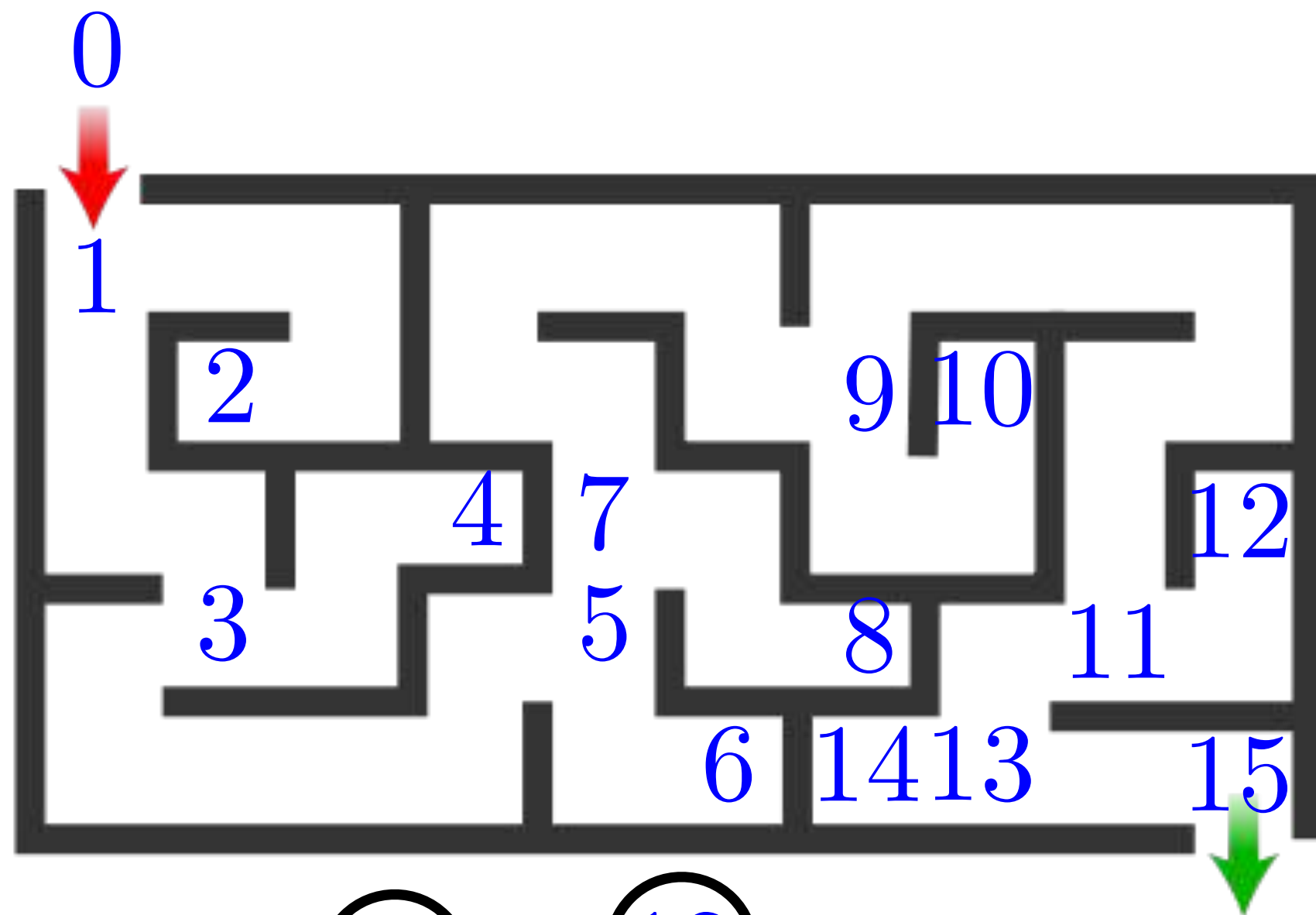


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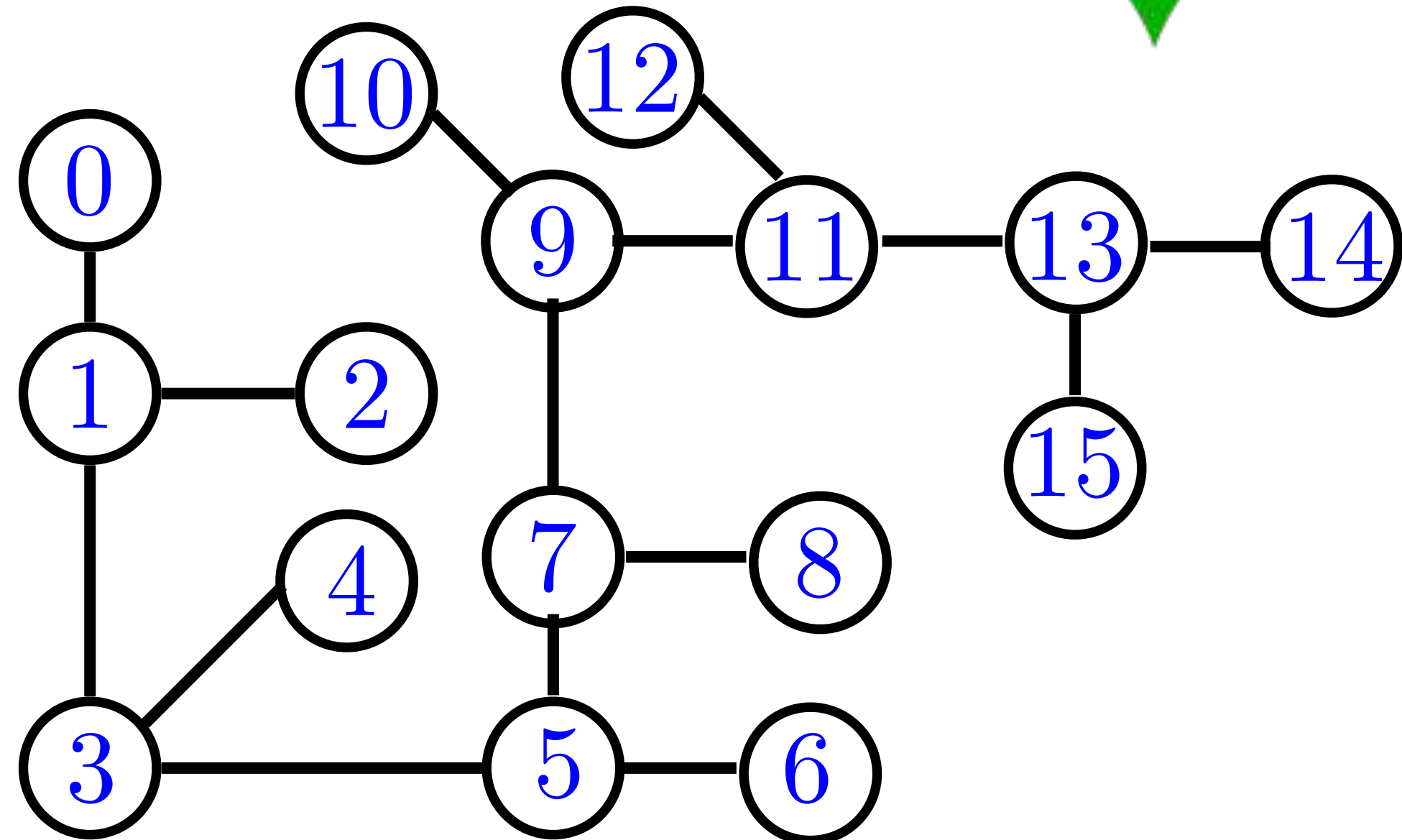
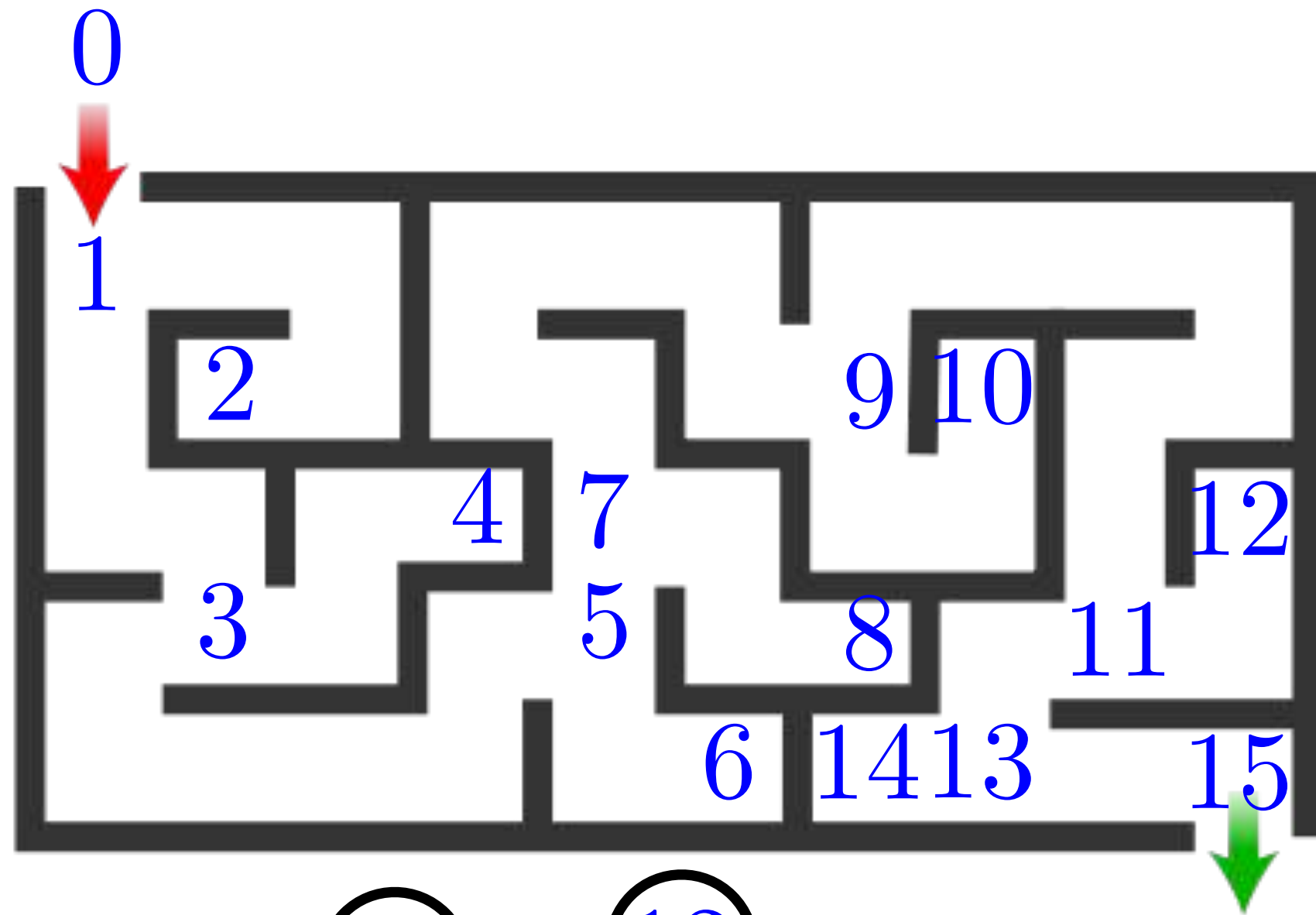
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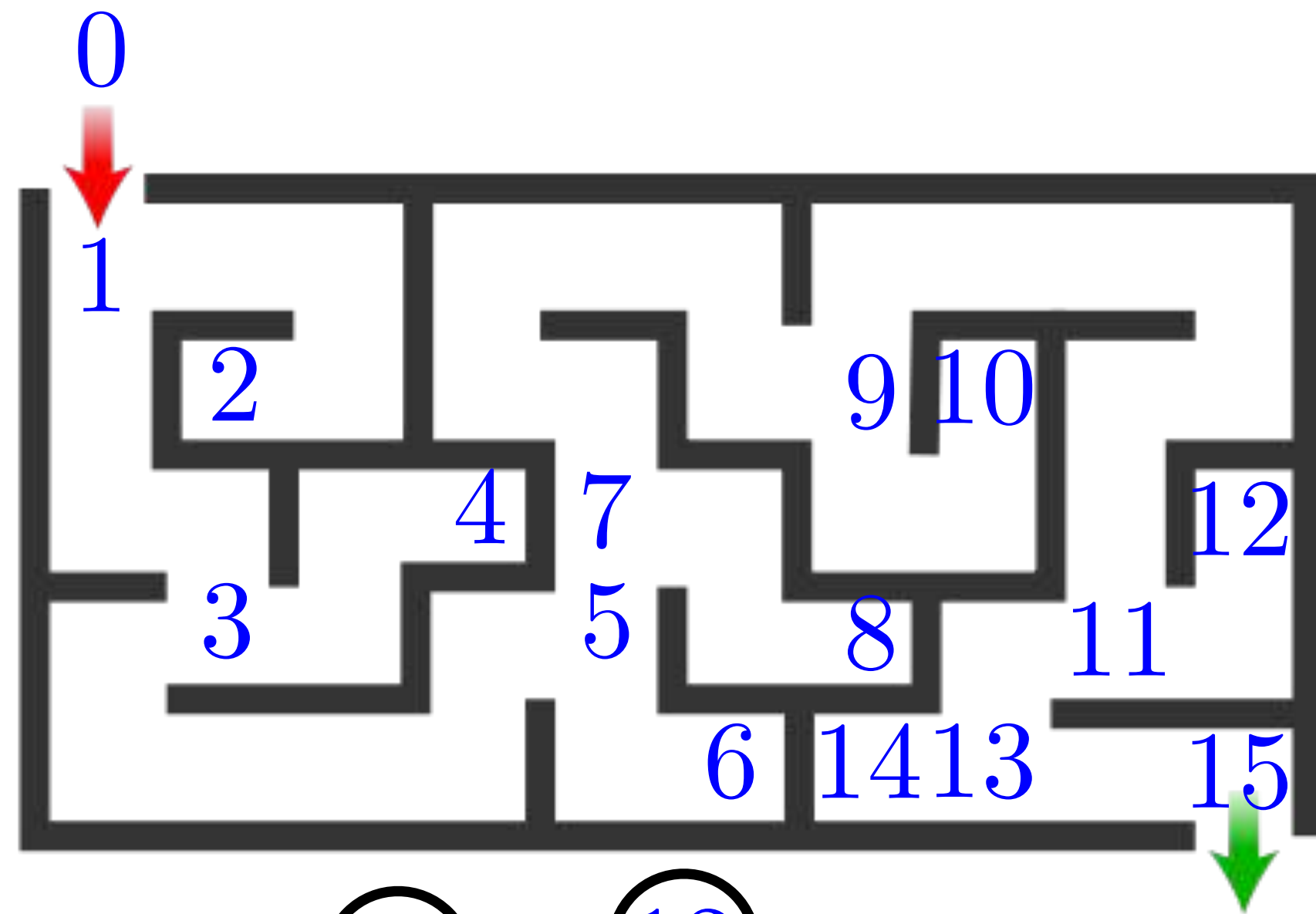
Depth-first search is similar to trying to find your way out of a maze with a ball of string and a piece of chalk.

You tether your string to the start of the maze.

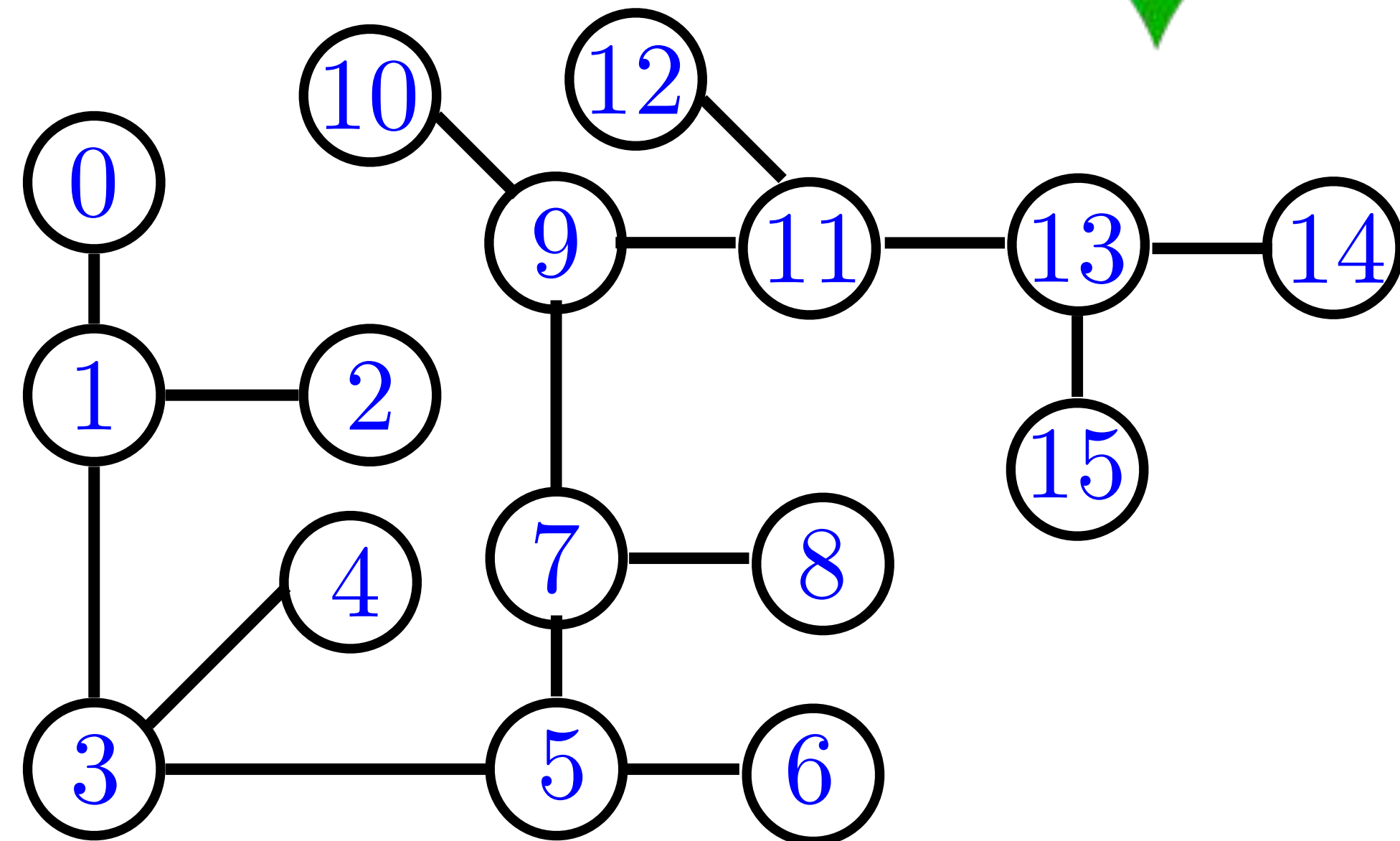
You mark a corridor with the chalk when you take it.

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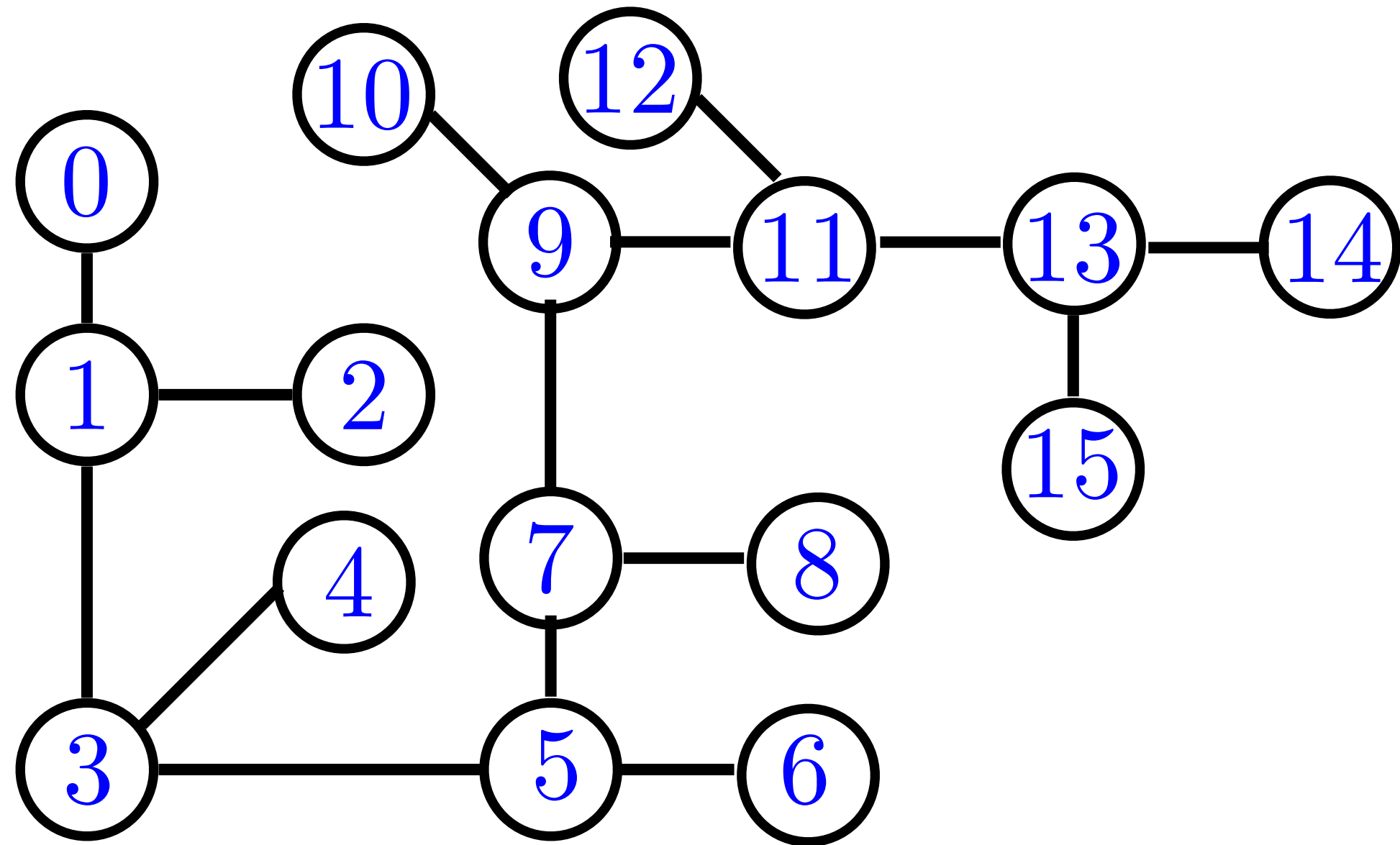
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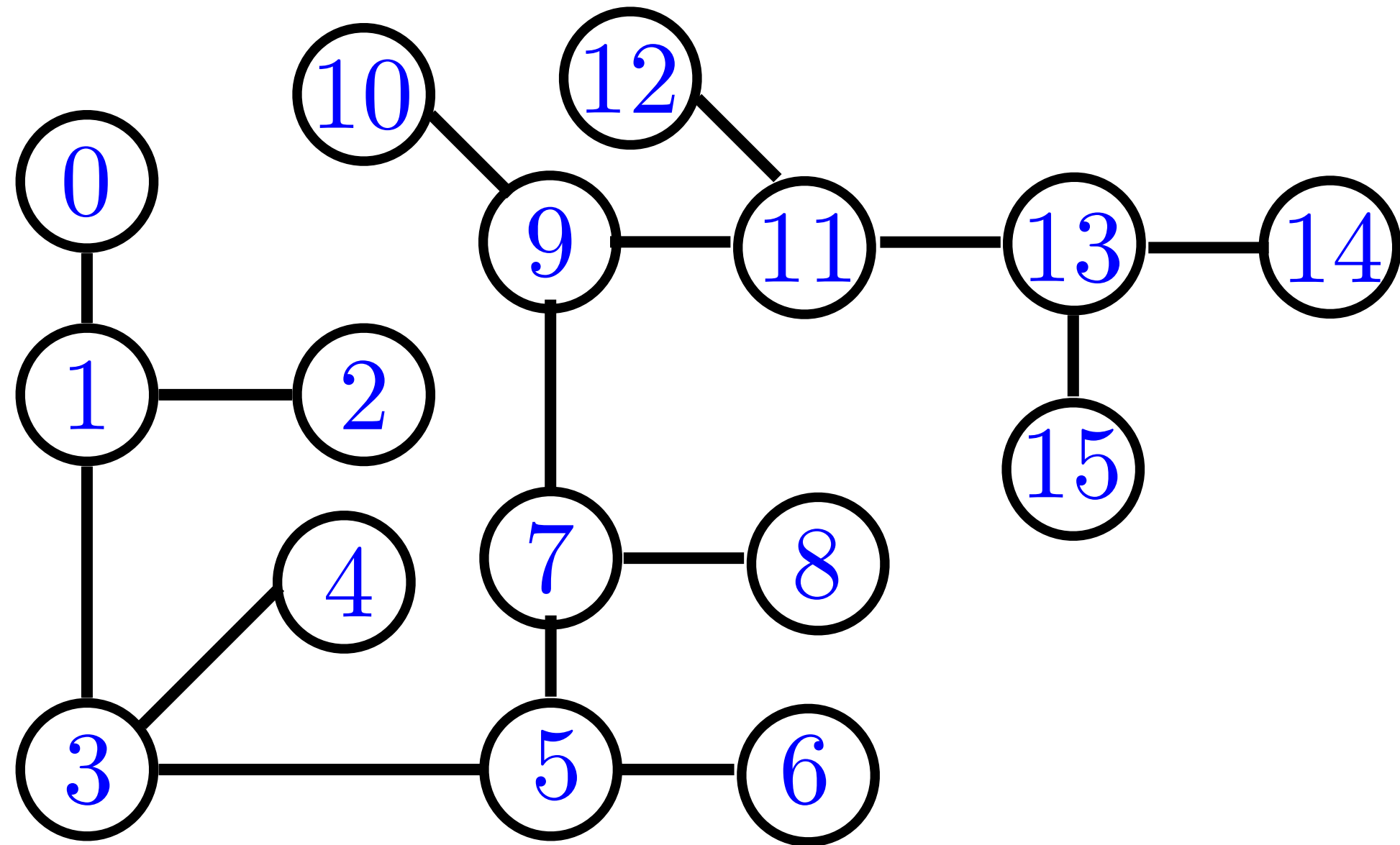
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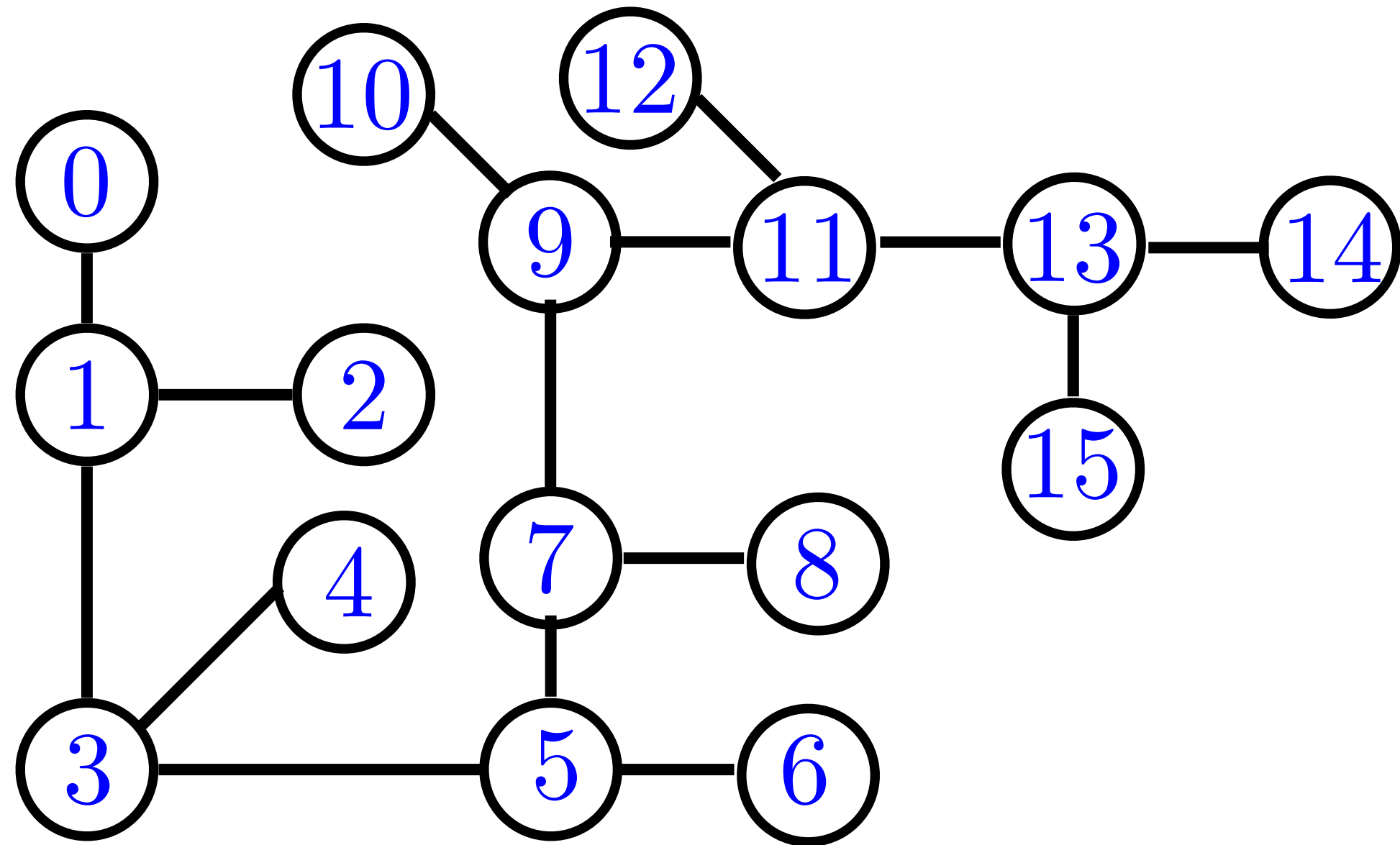
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# Depth-first search



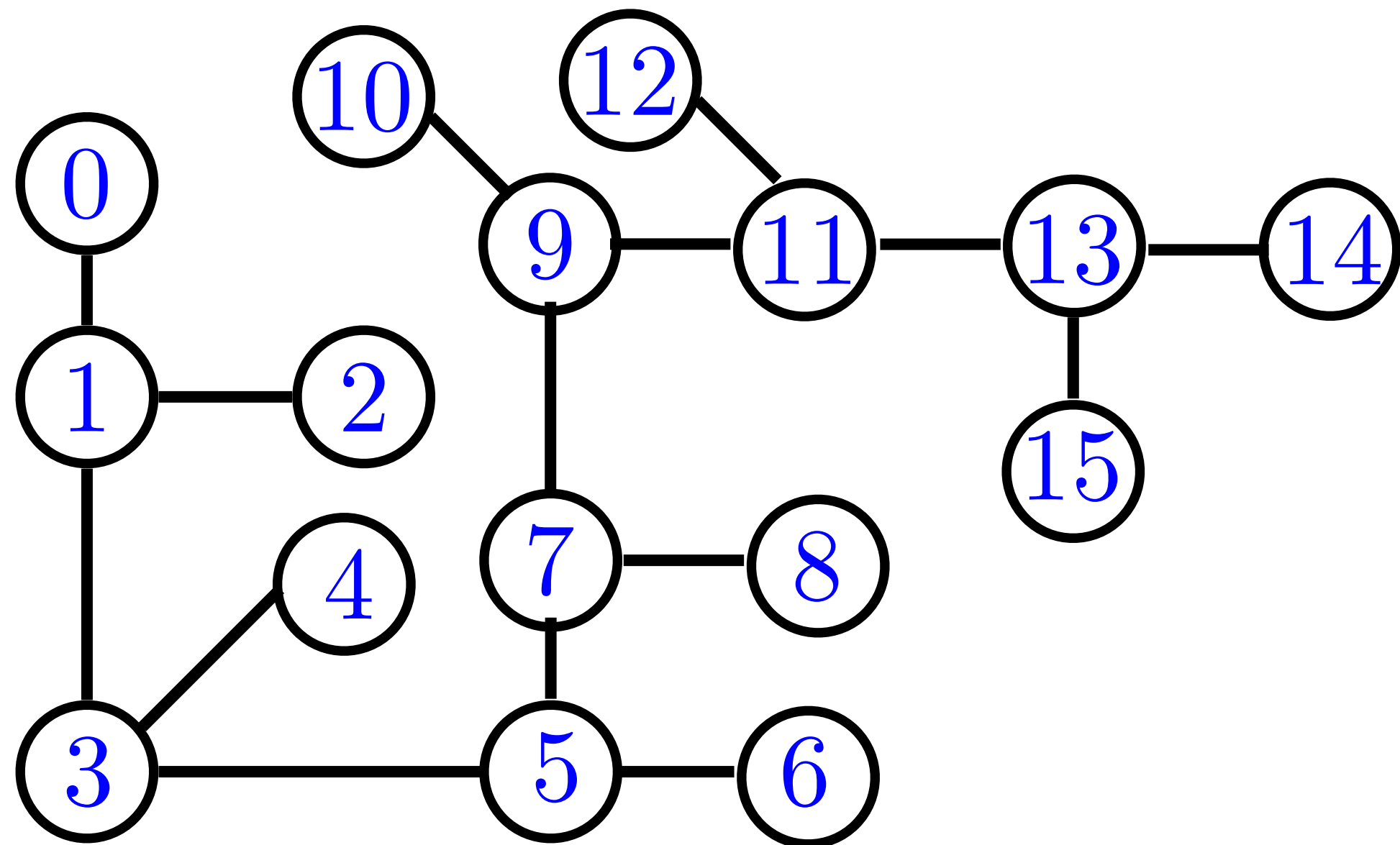
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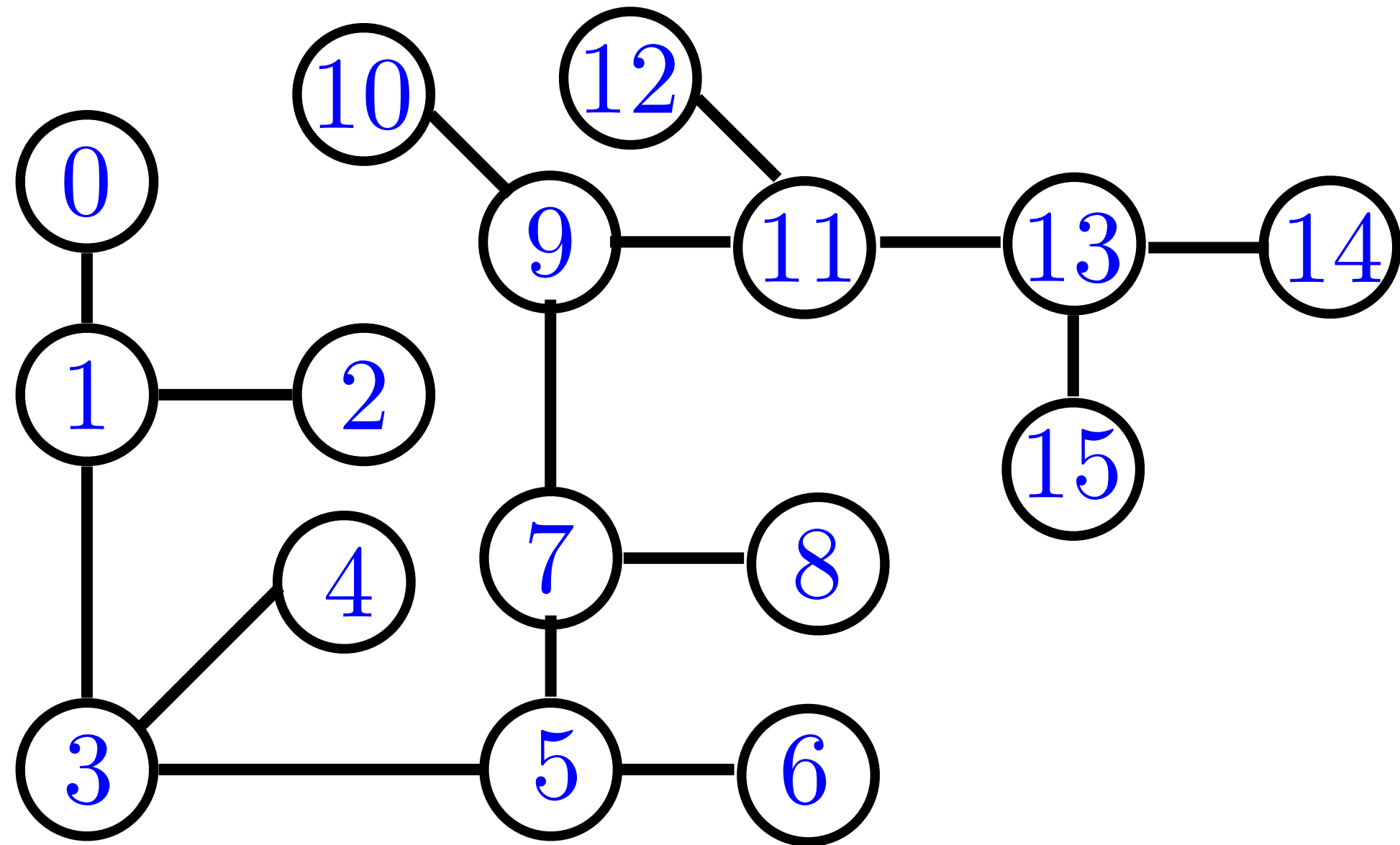
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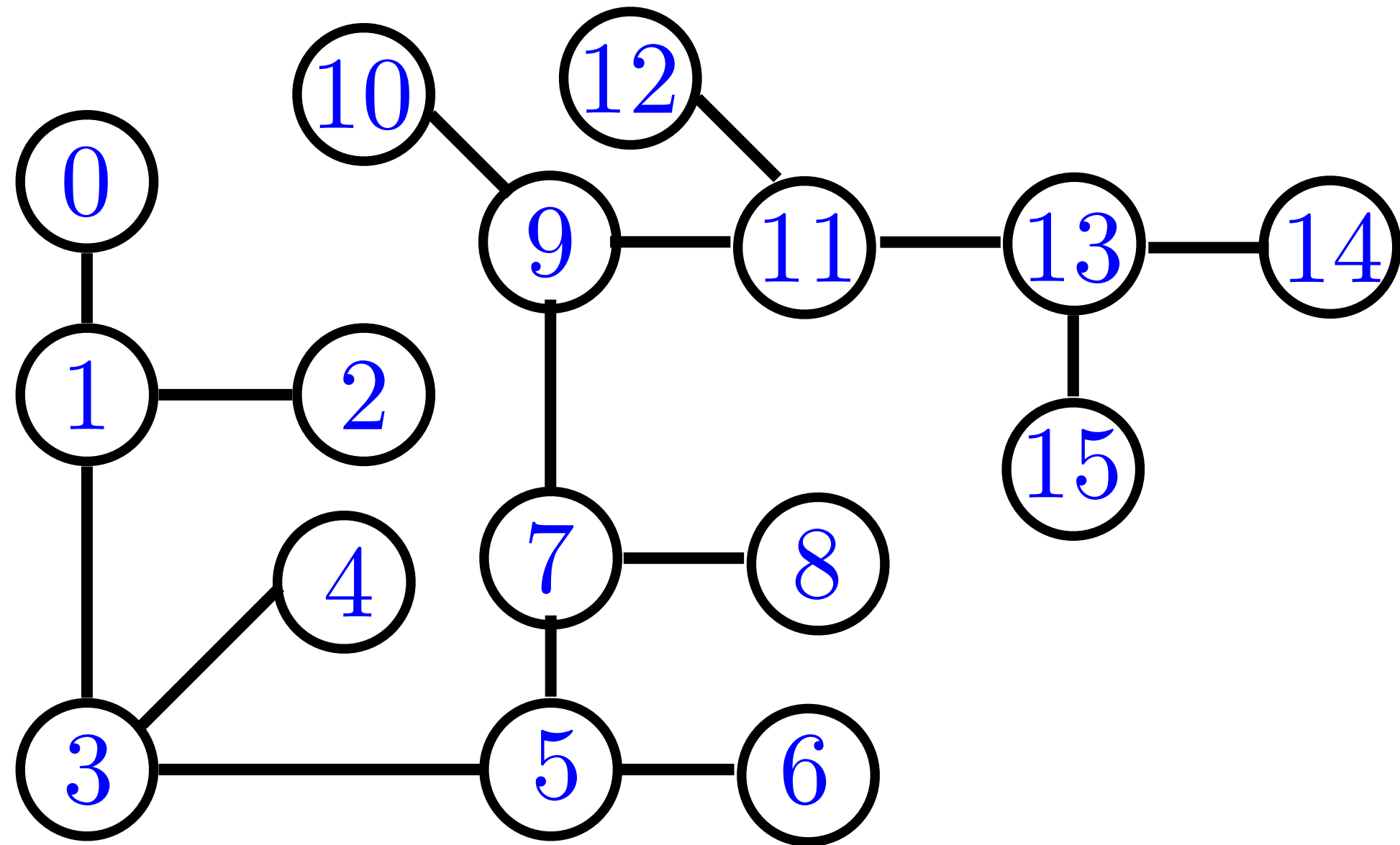
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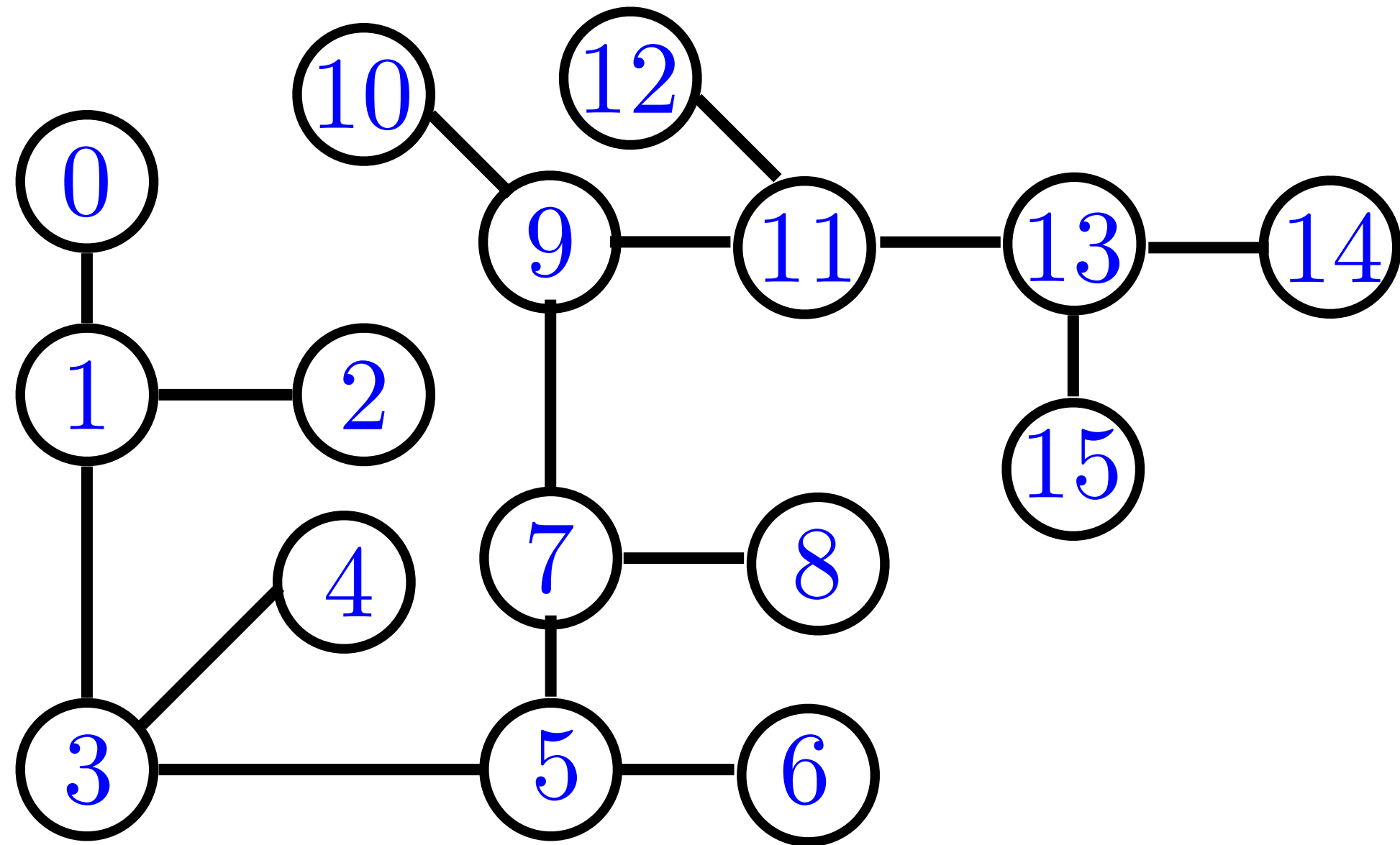
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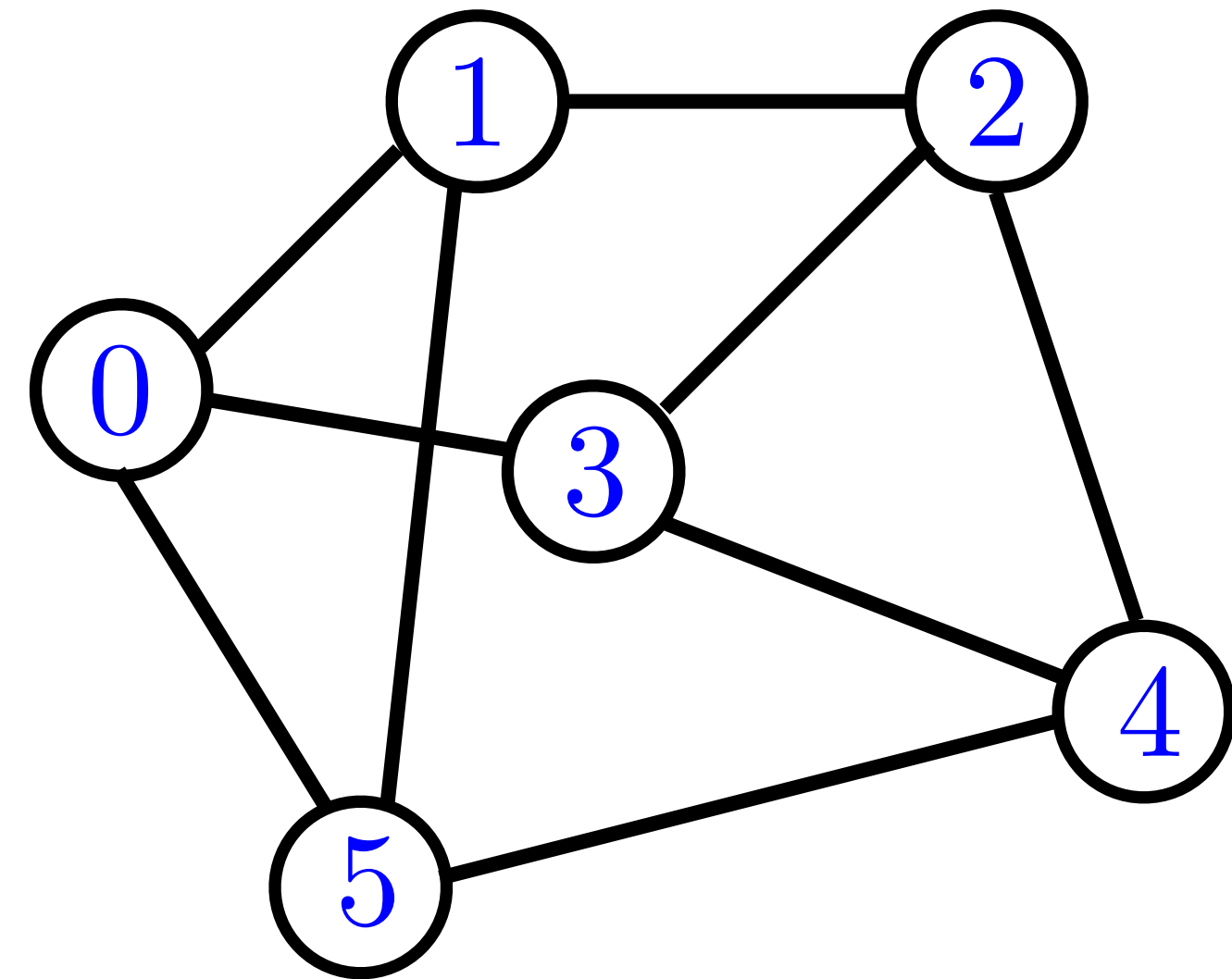
# Depth-first search



The search route of DFS depends on the order of vertices in the adj. lists.

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# Depth-first search



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

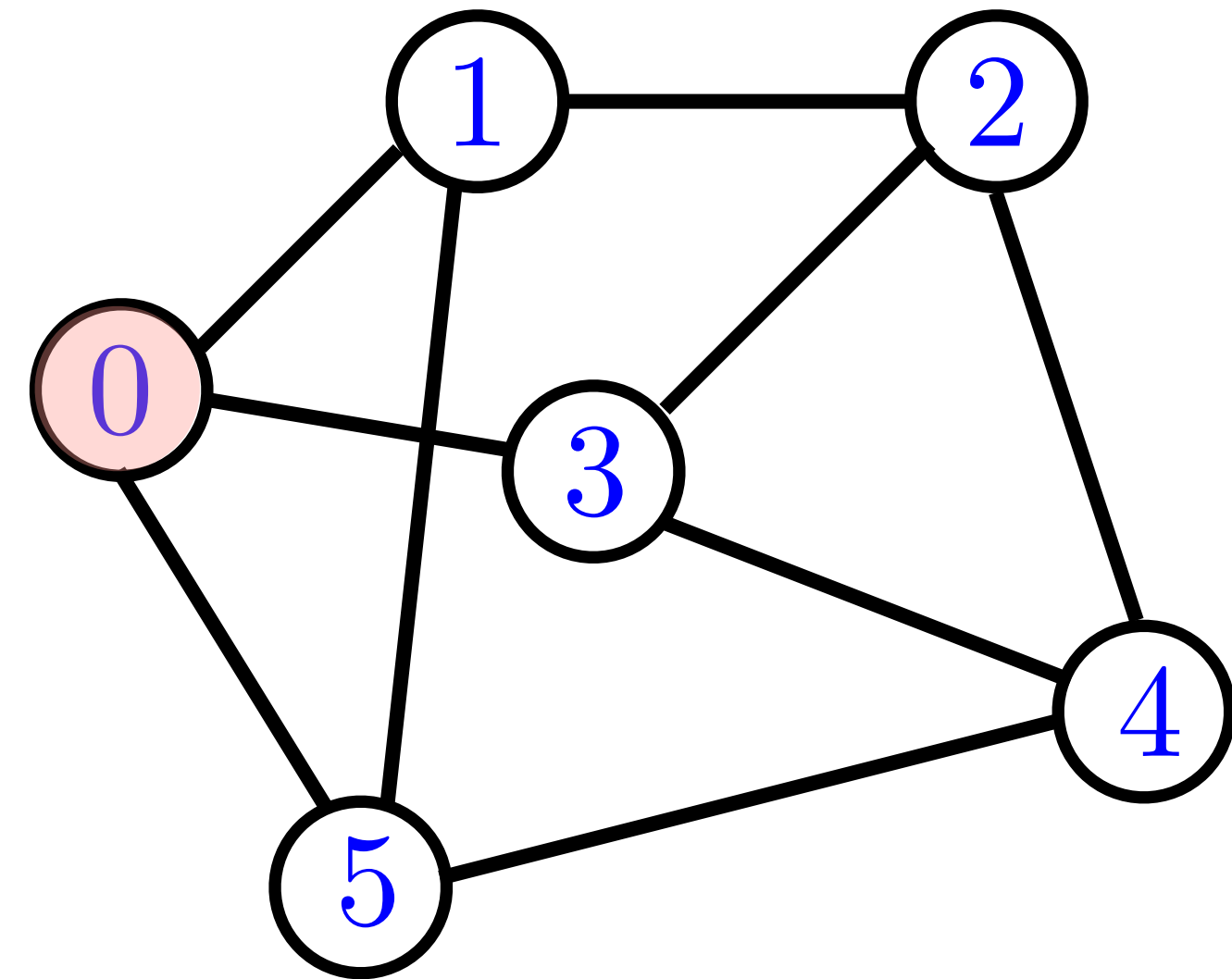
0: F  
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}
```

Let's look at a trace of `dfs(0)`.

<https://godbolt.org/z/eEjTM6xYd>

# dfs(0)



## Adjacency List

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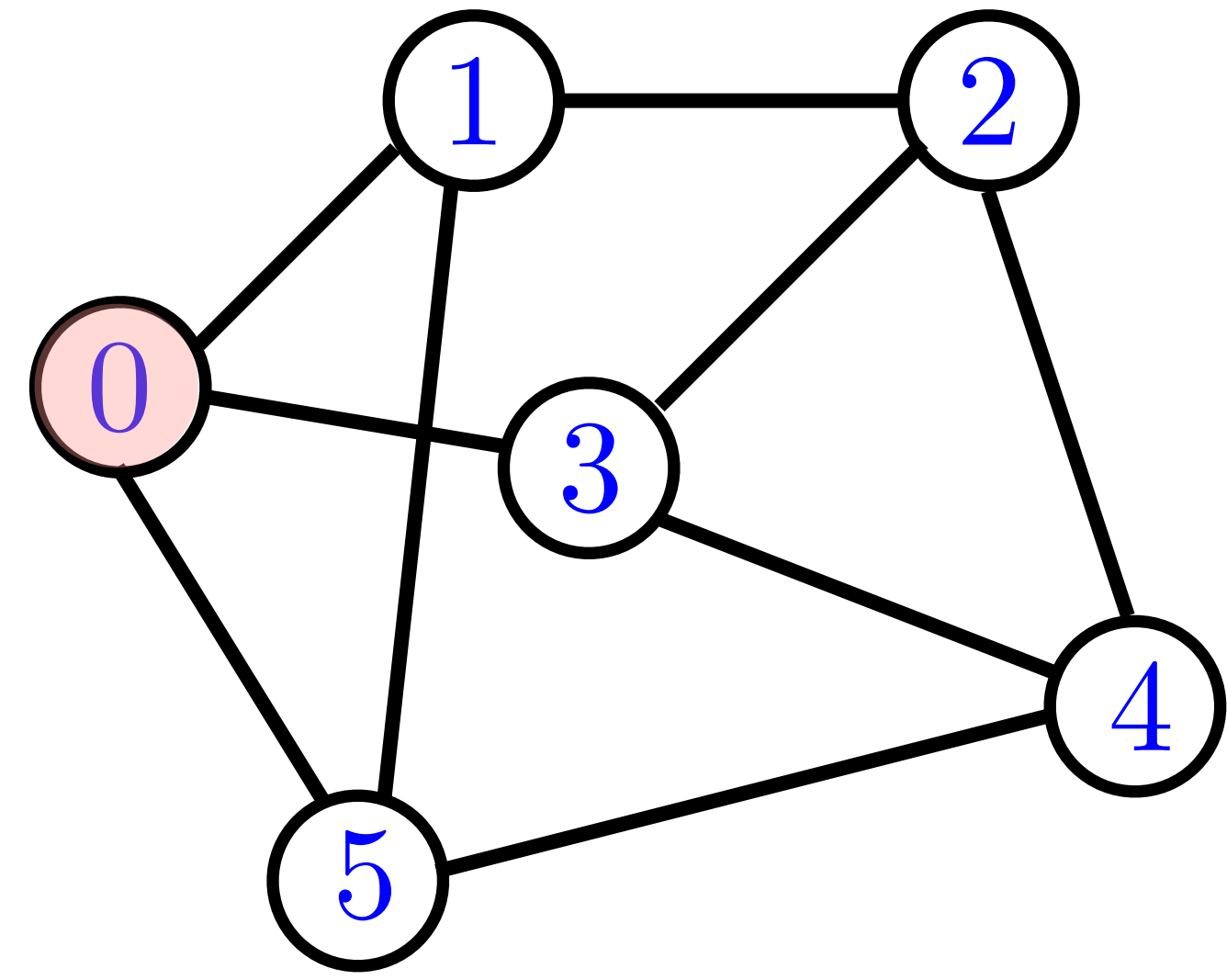
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We first mark vertex 0.

# dfs(0)



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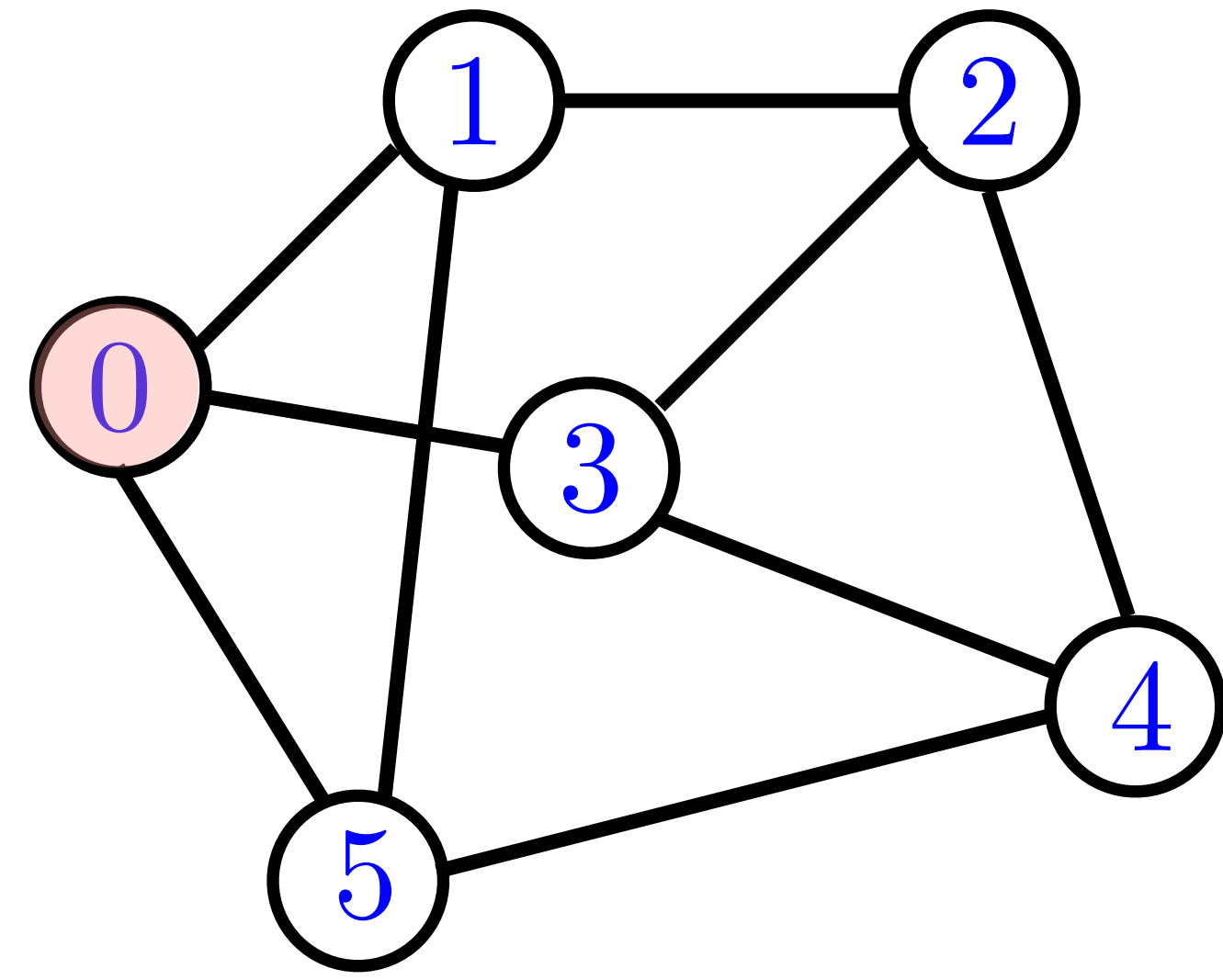
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We first mark vertex 0.

# dfs(0)



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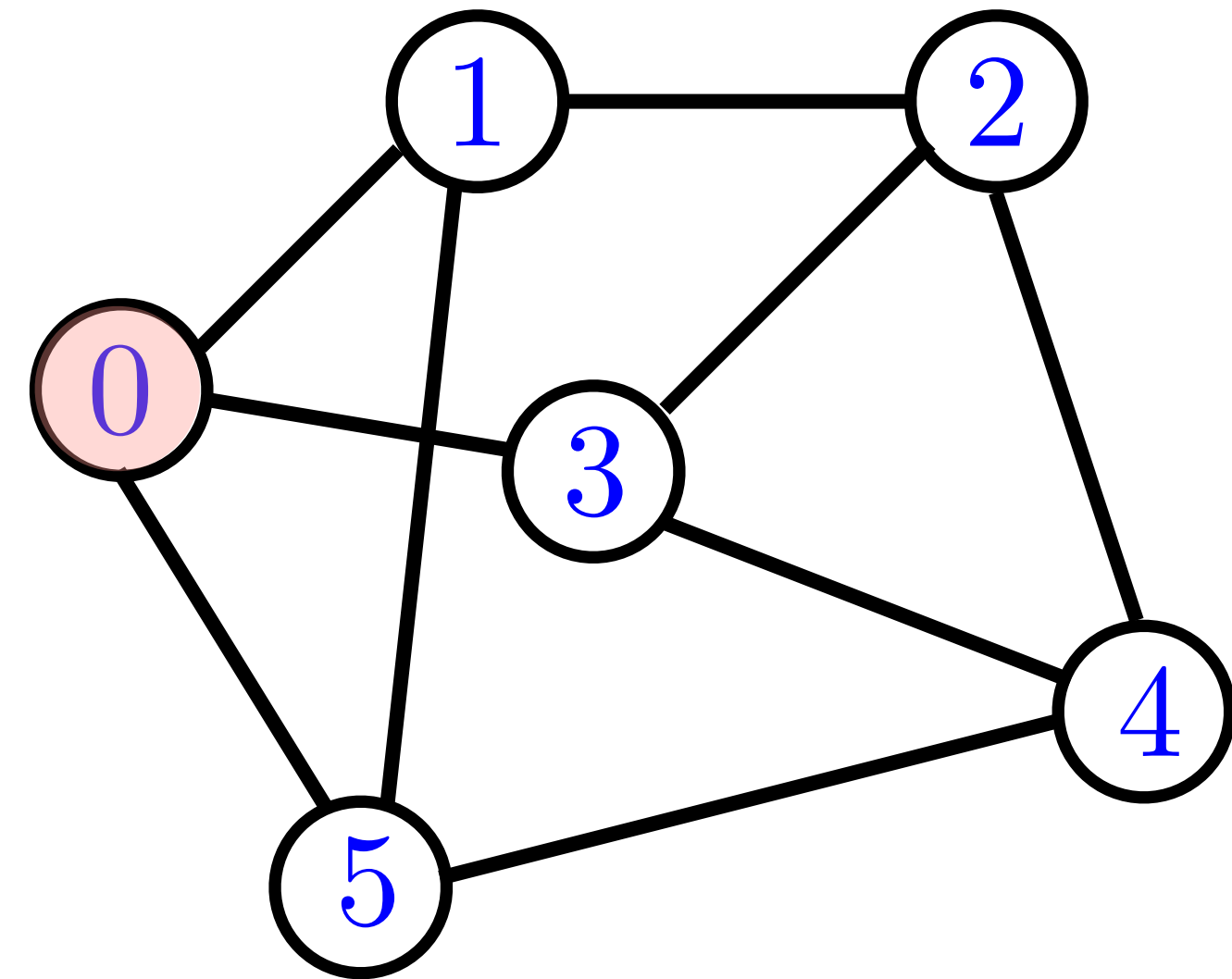
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We first mark vertex 0.

# dfs(0)



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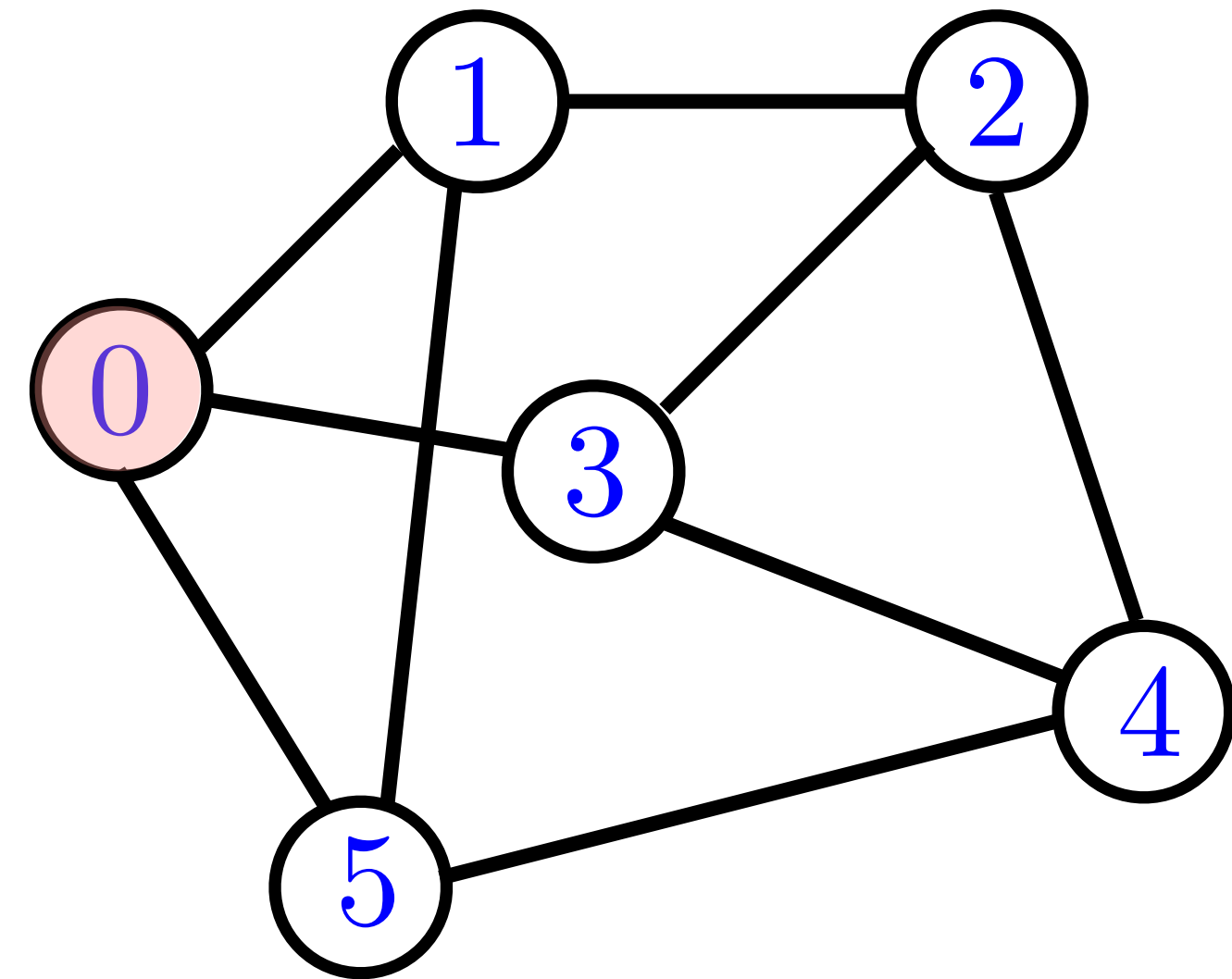
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# dfs(0)



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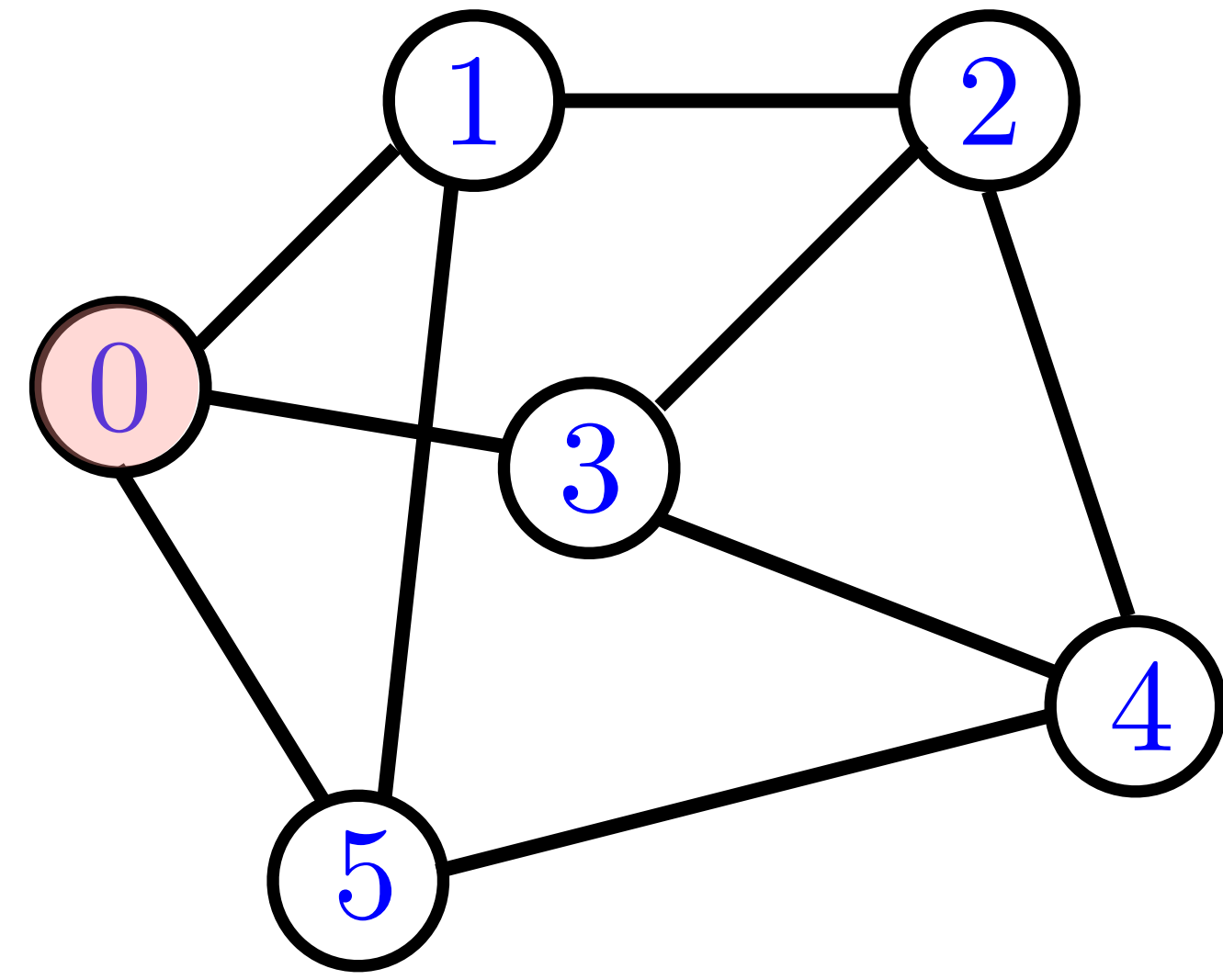
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Vertex 1 is not marked, so now we move to call `dfs(1)`.

# dfs(0)



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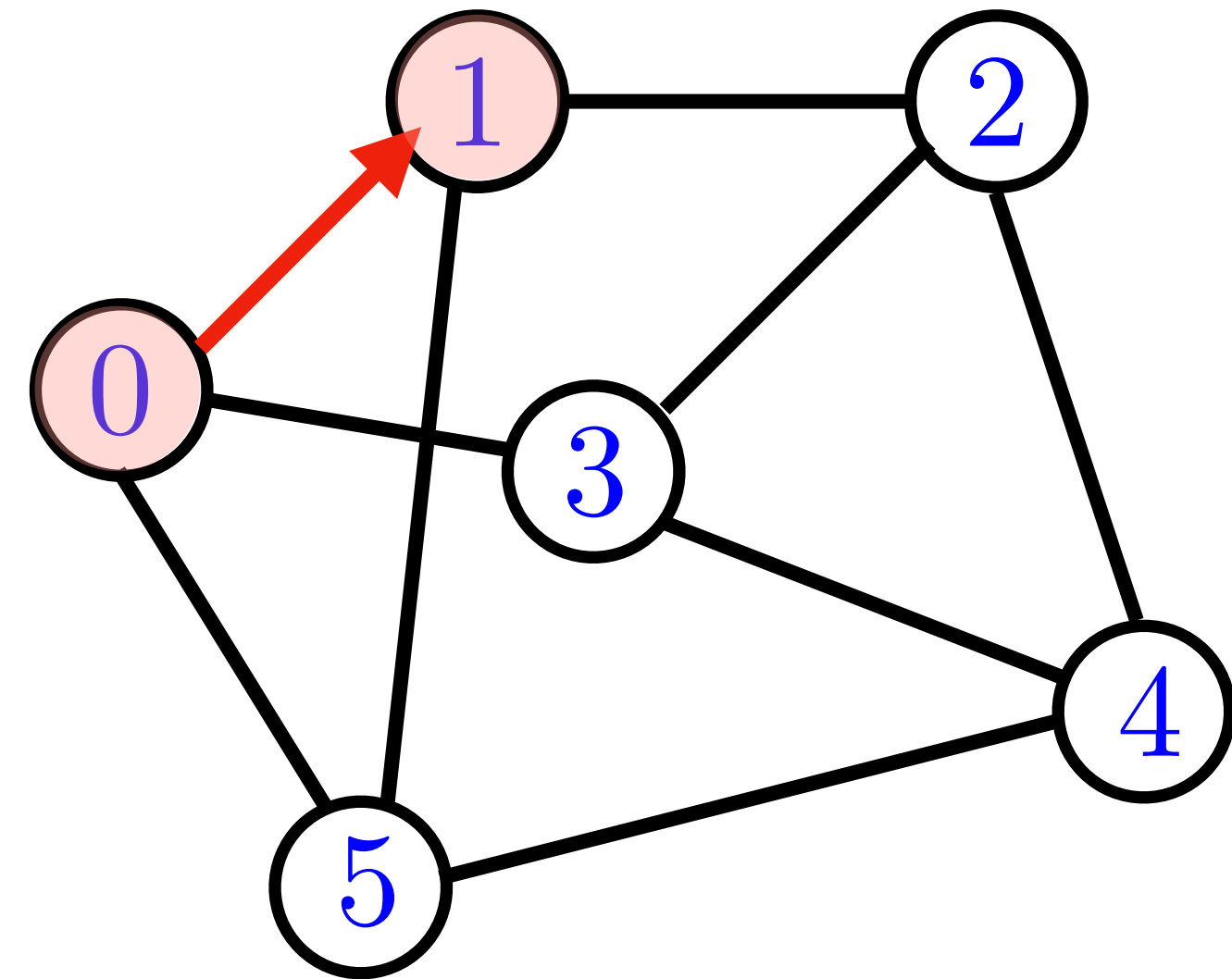
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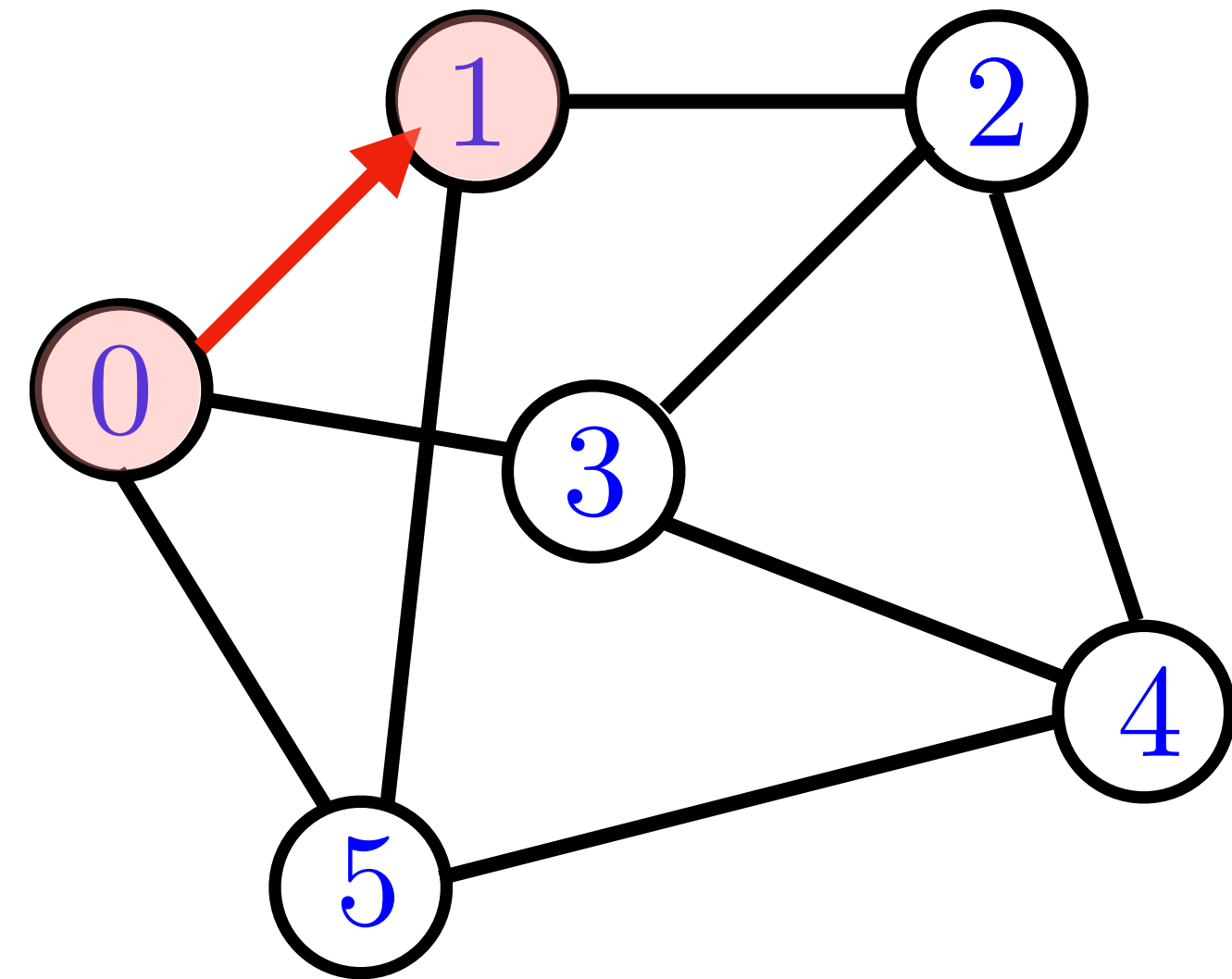
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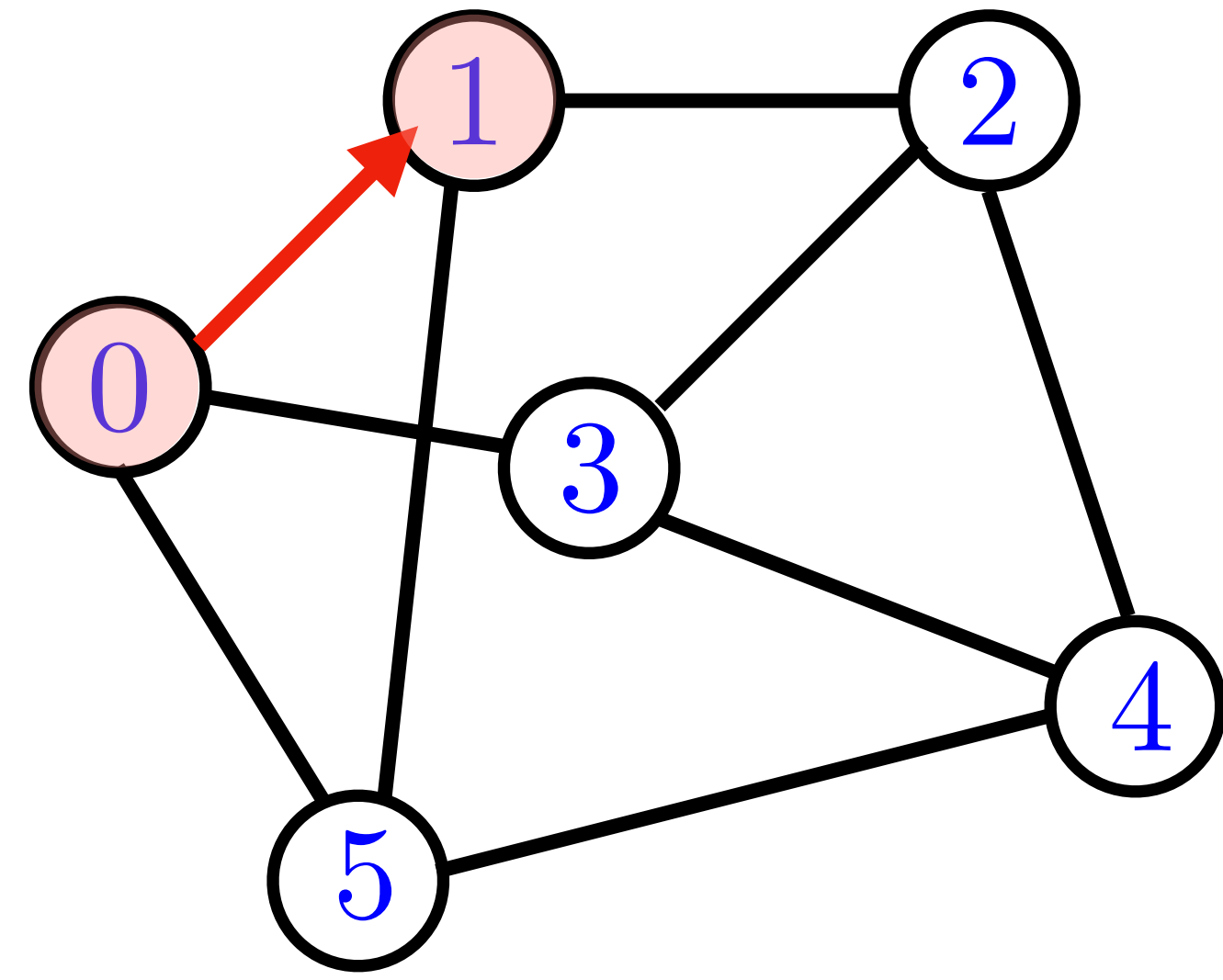
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Now we mark vertex 1.

In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(1)



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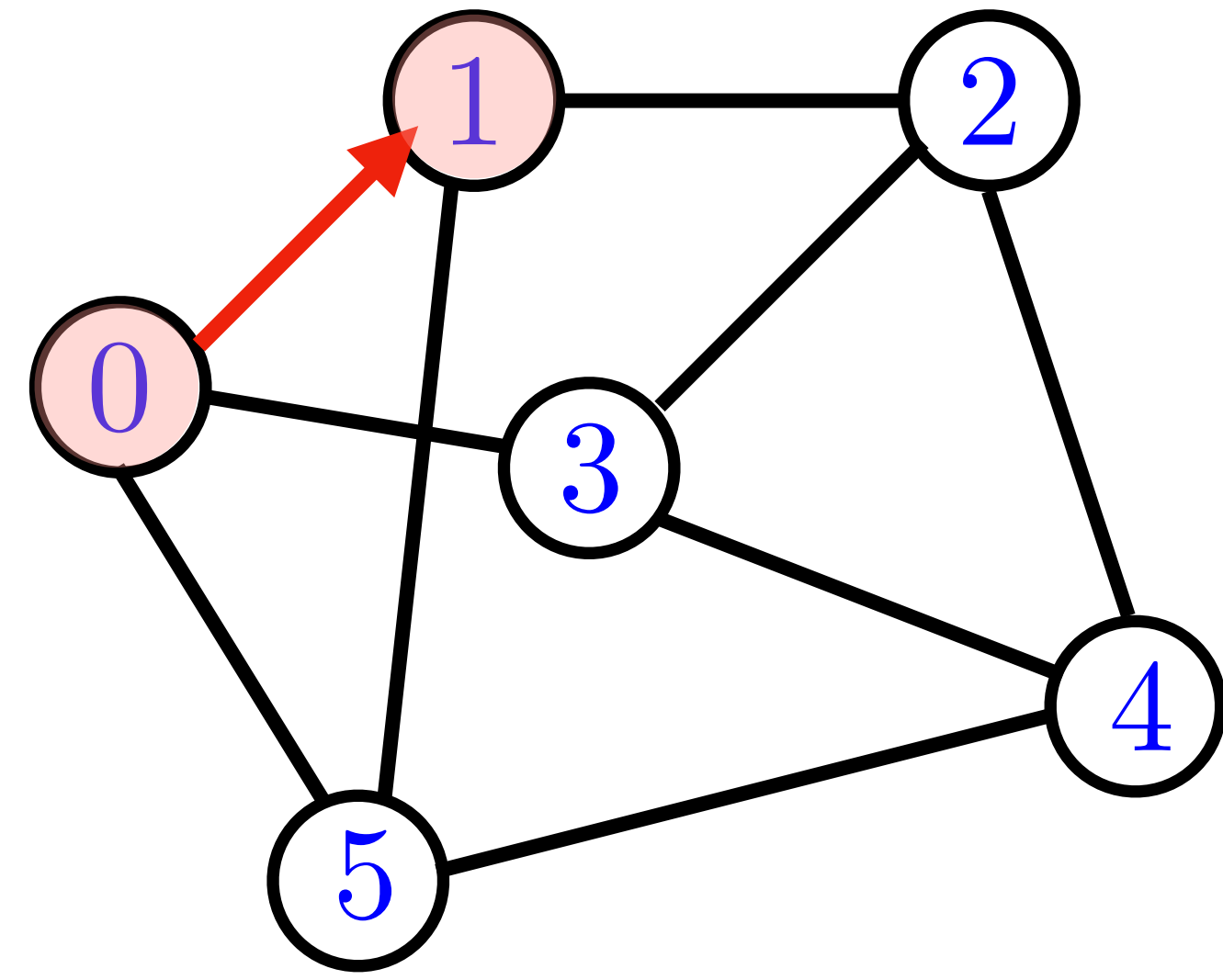
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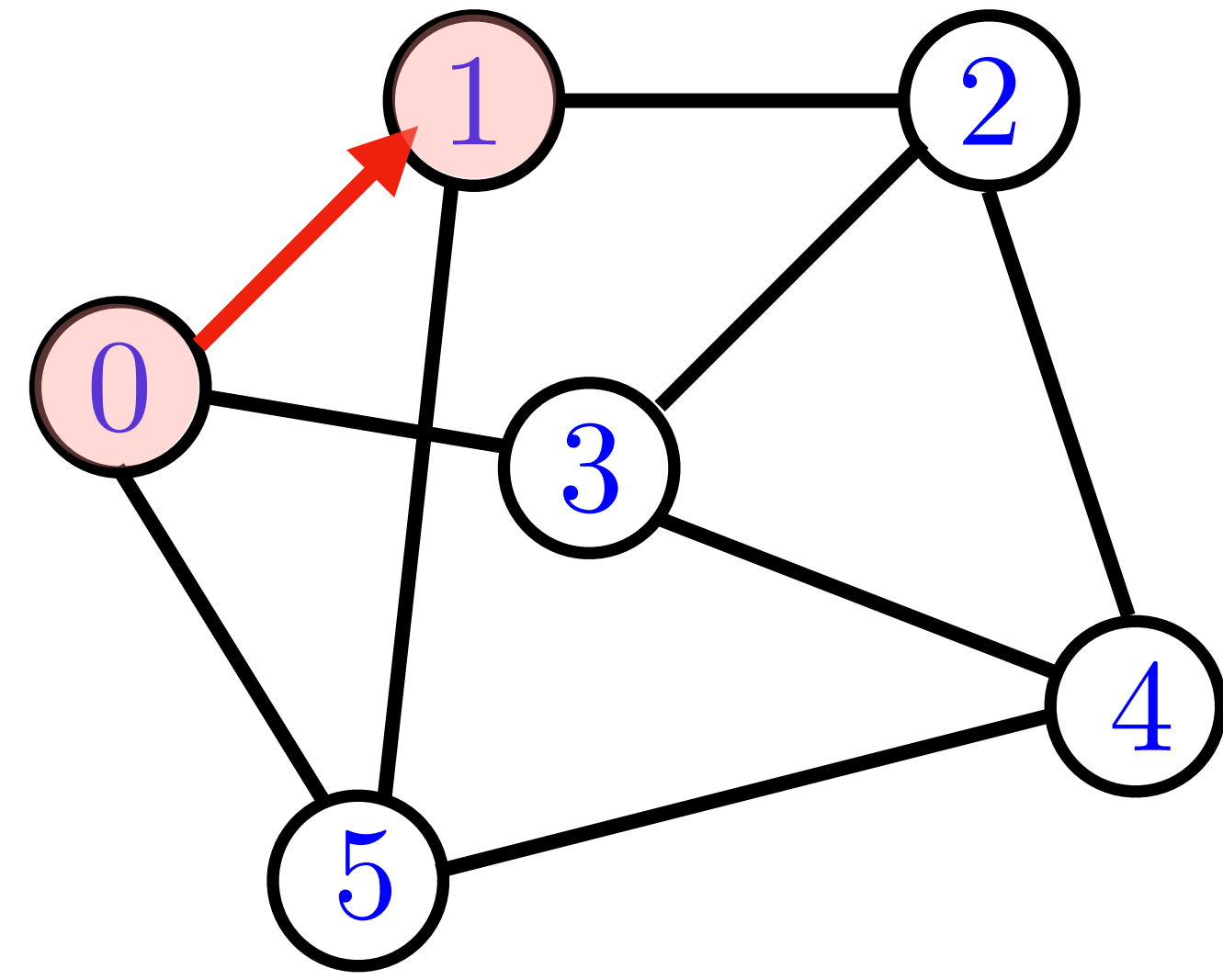
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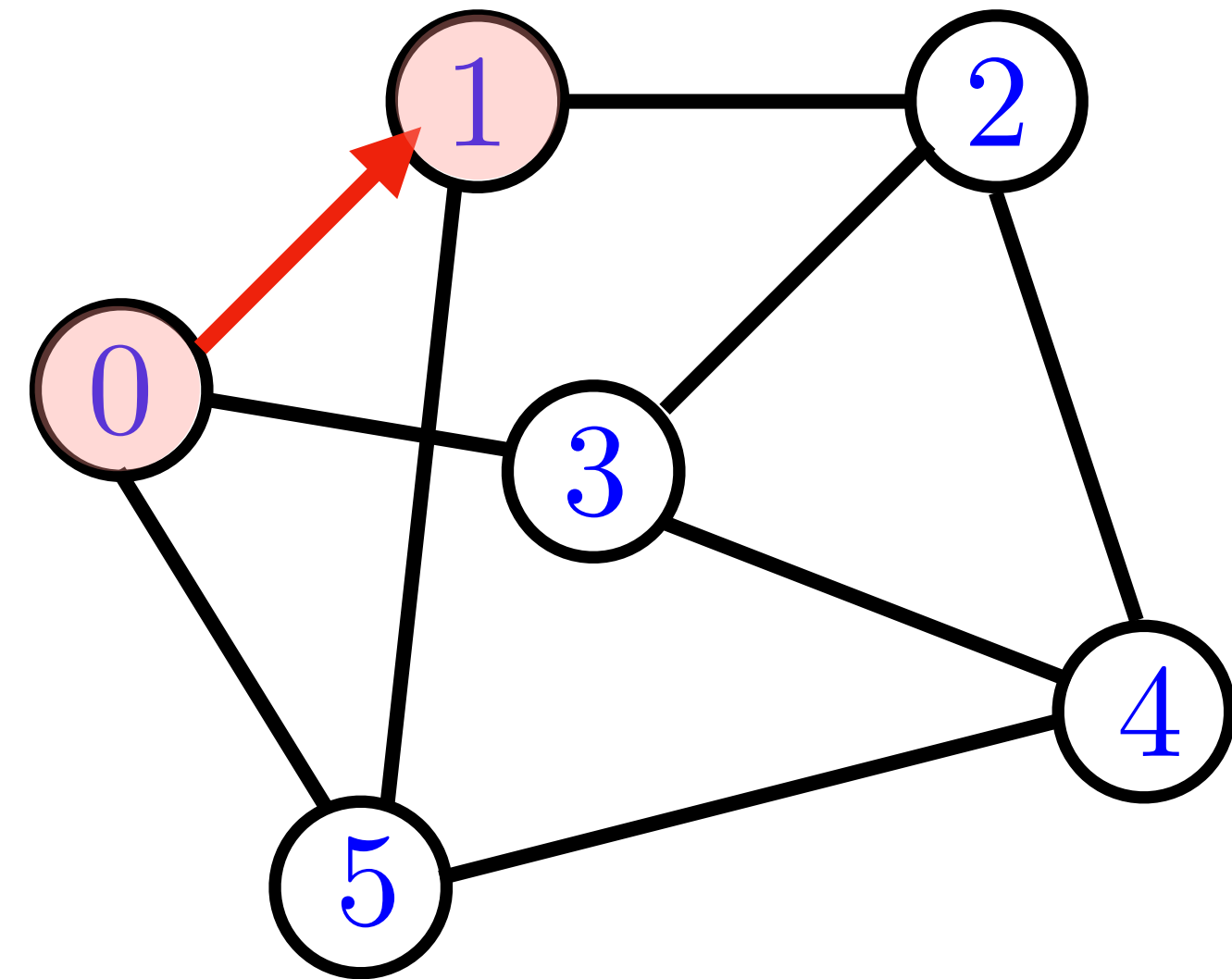
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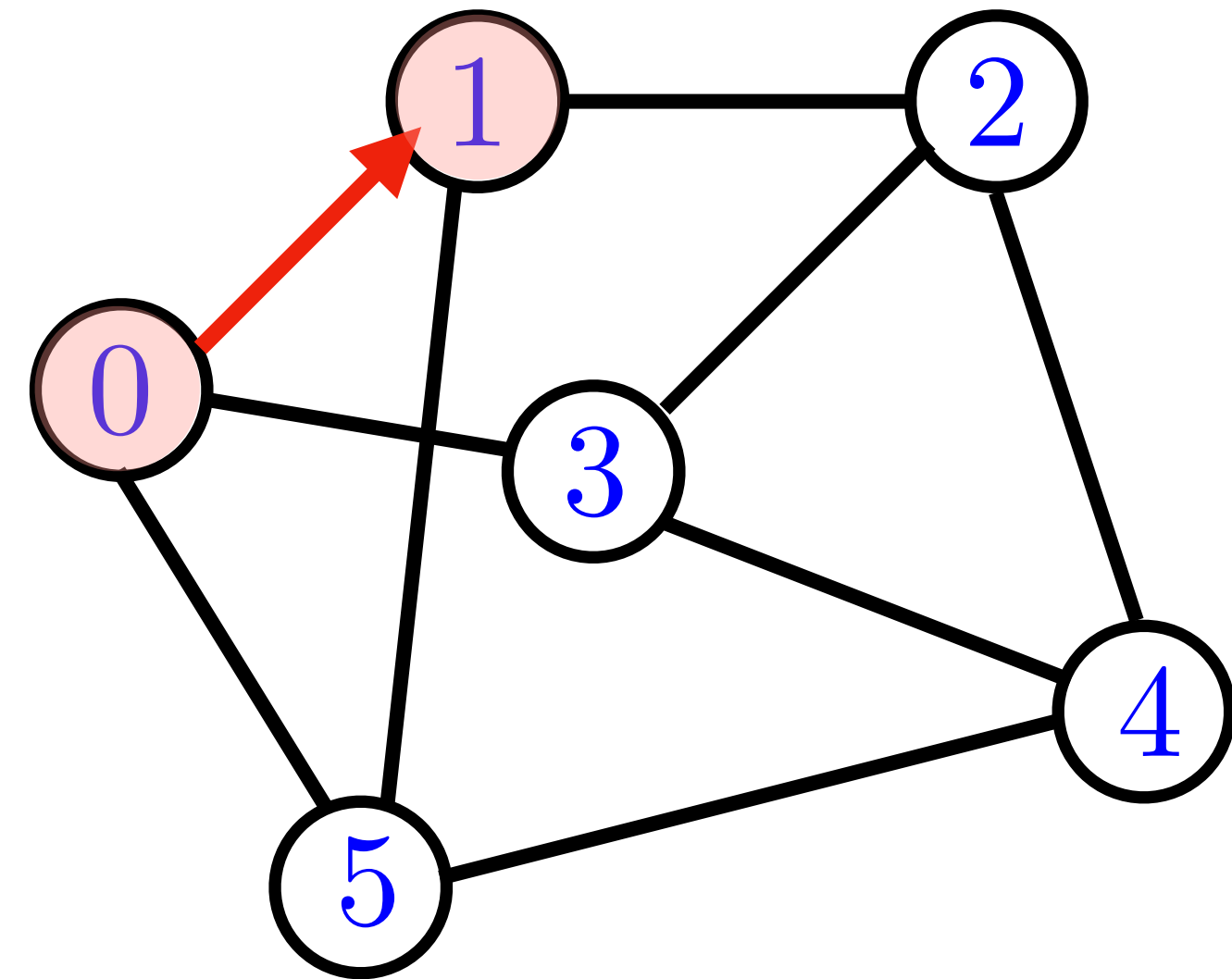
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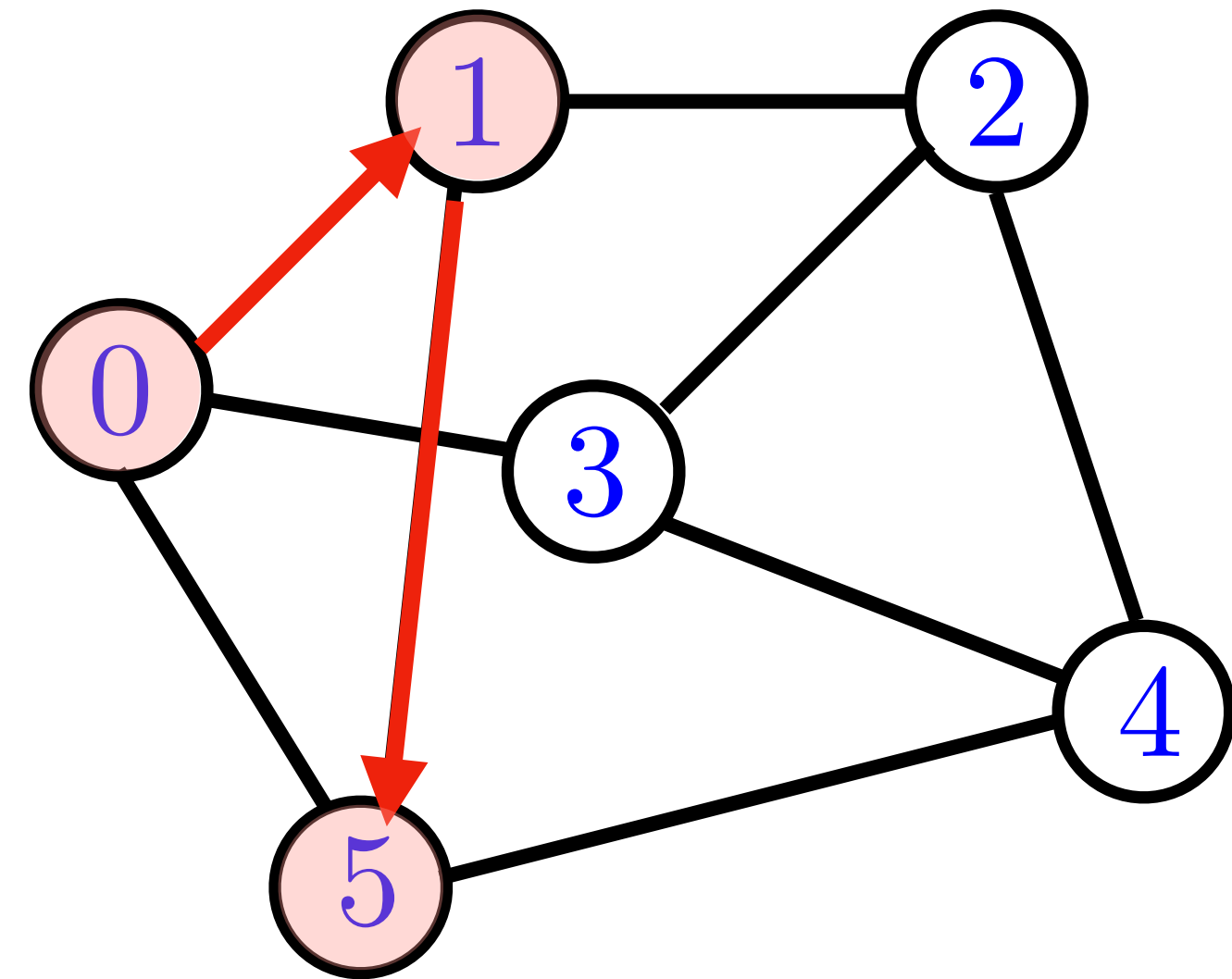
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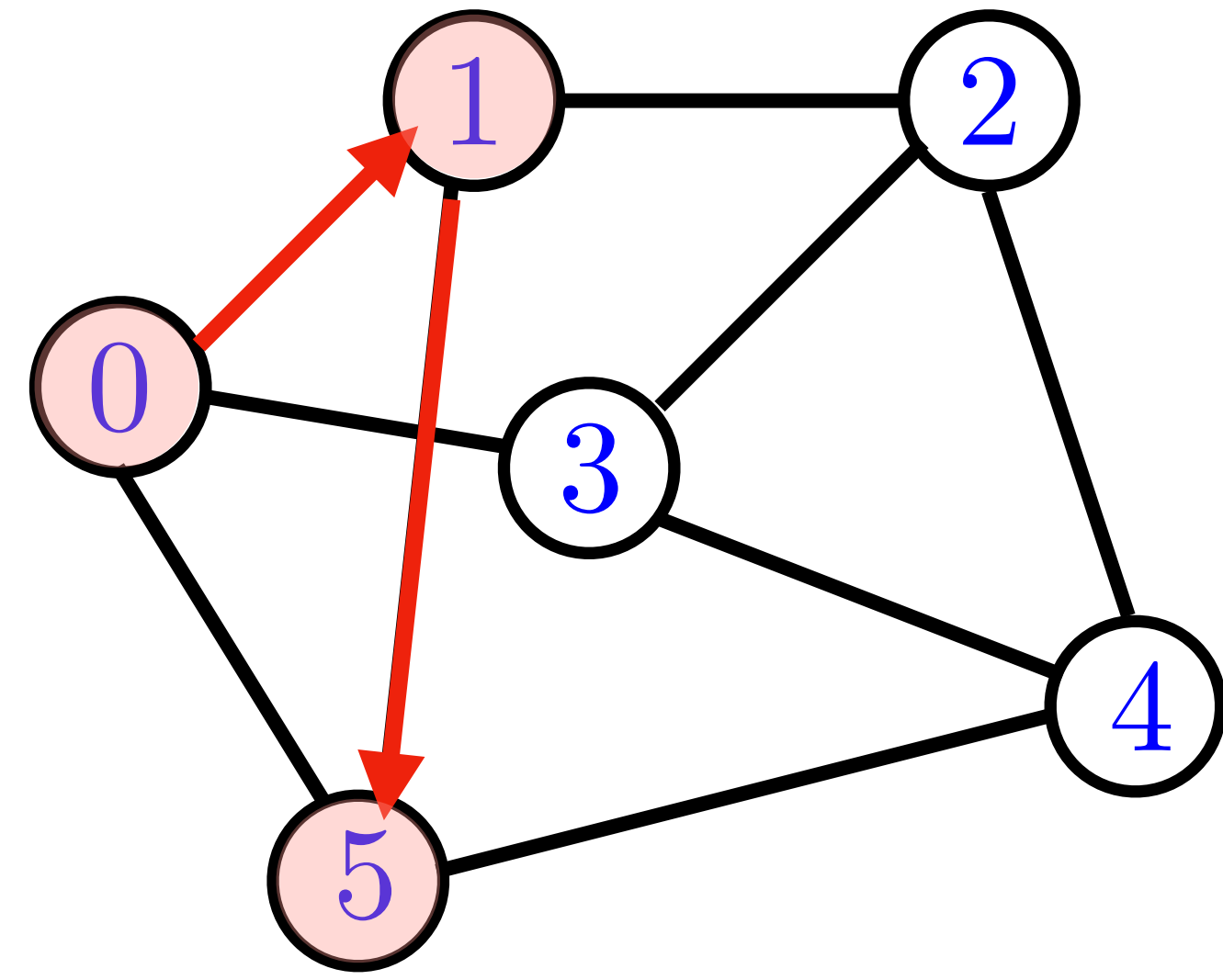
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# dfs(5)



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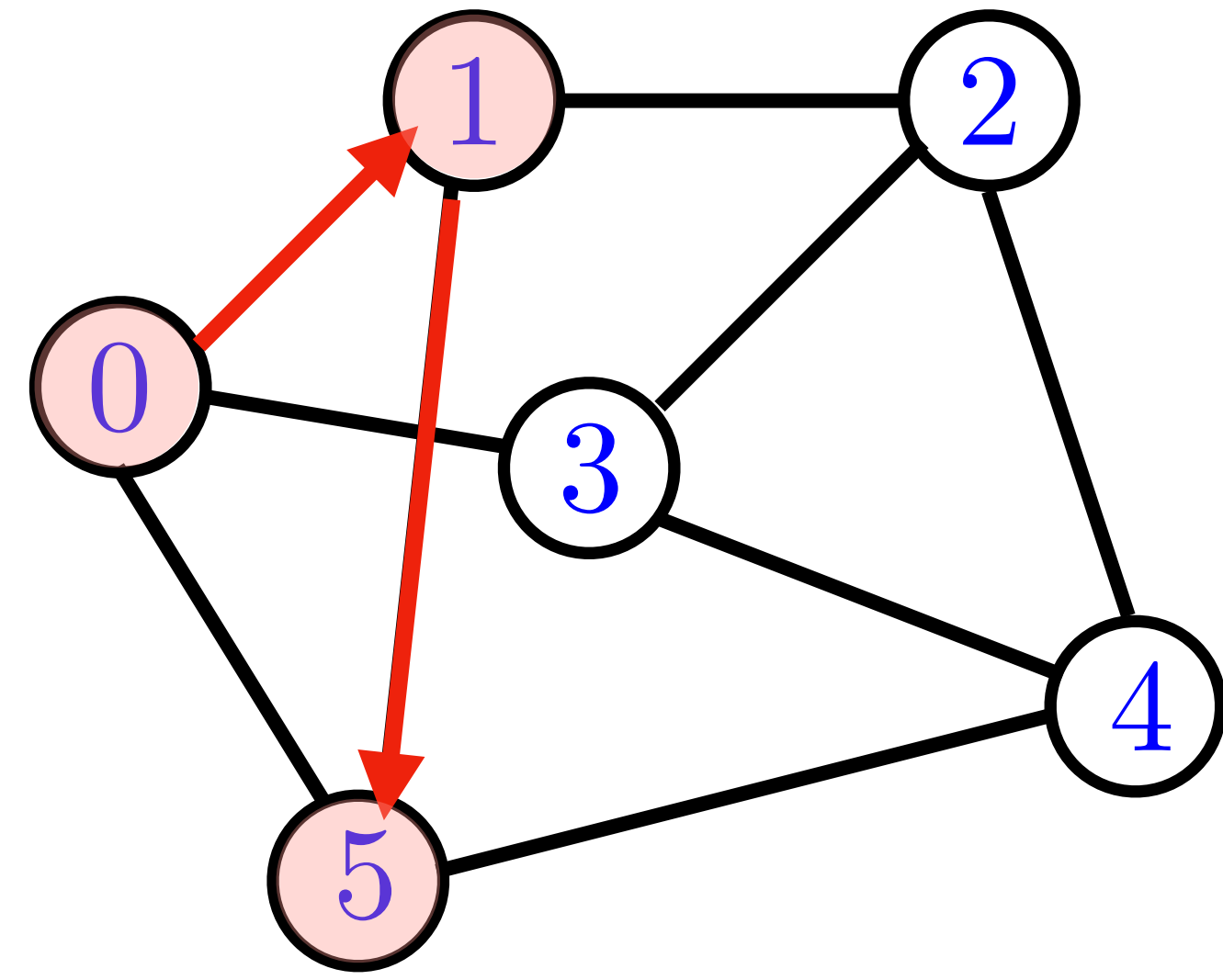
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# dfs(5)



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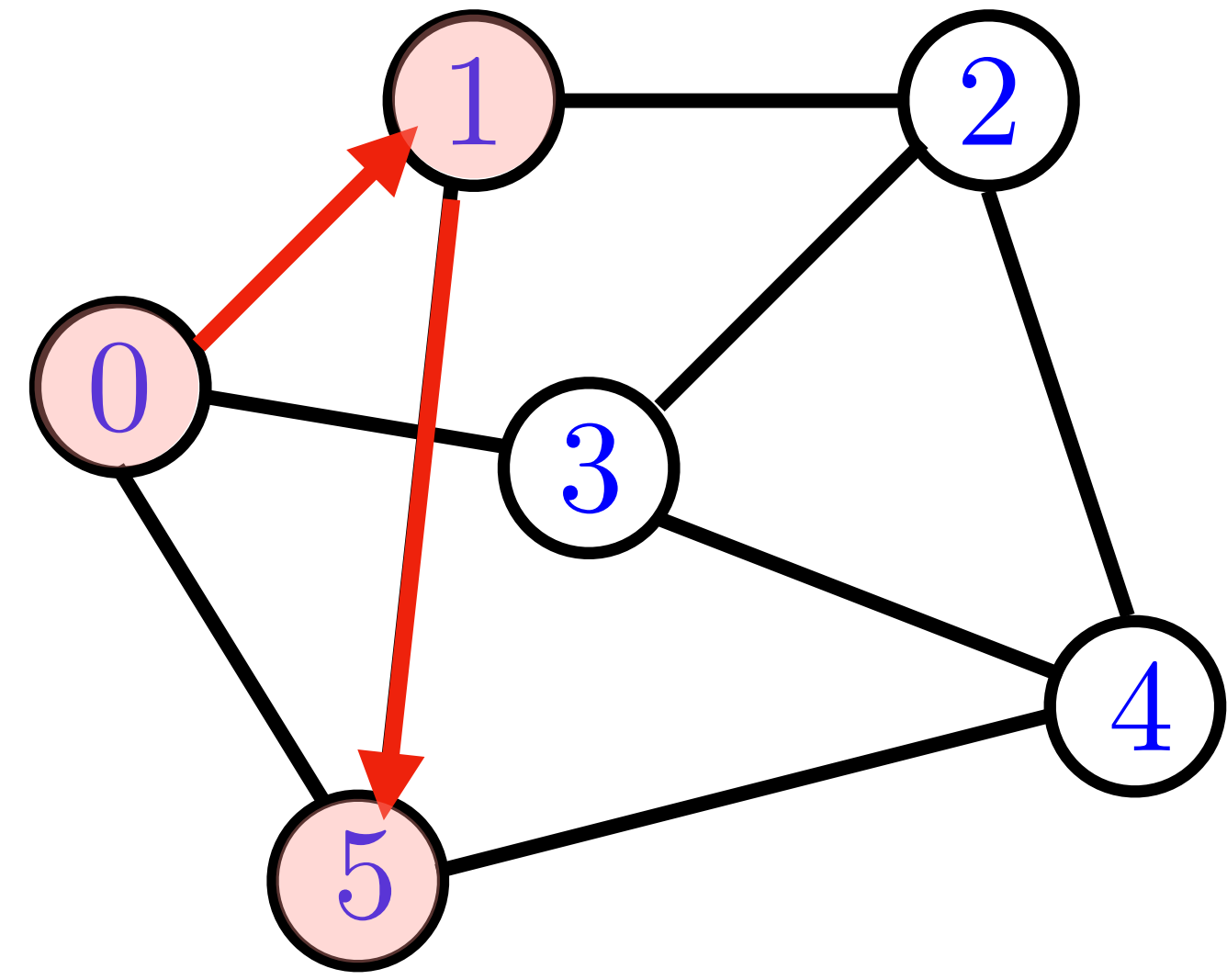
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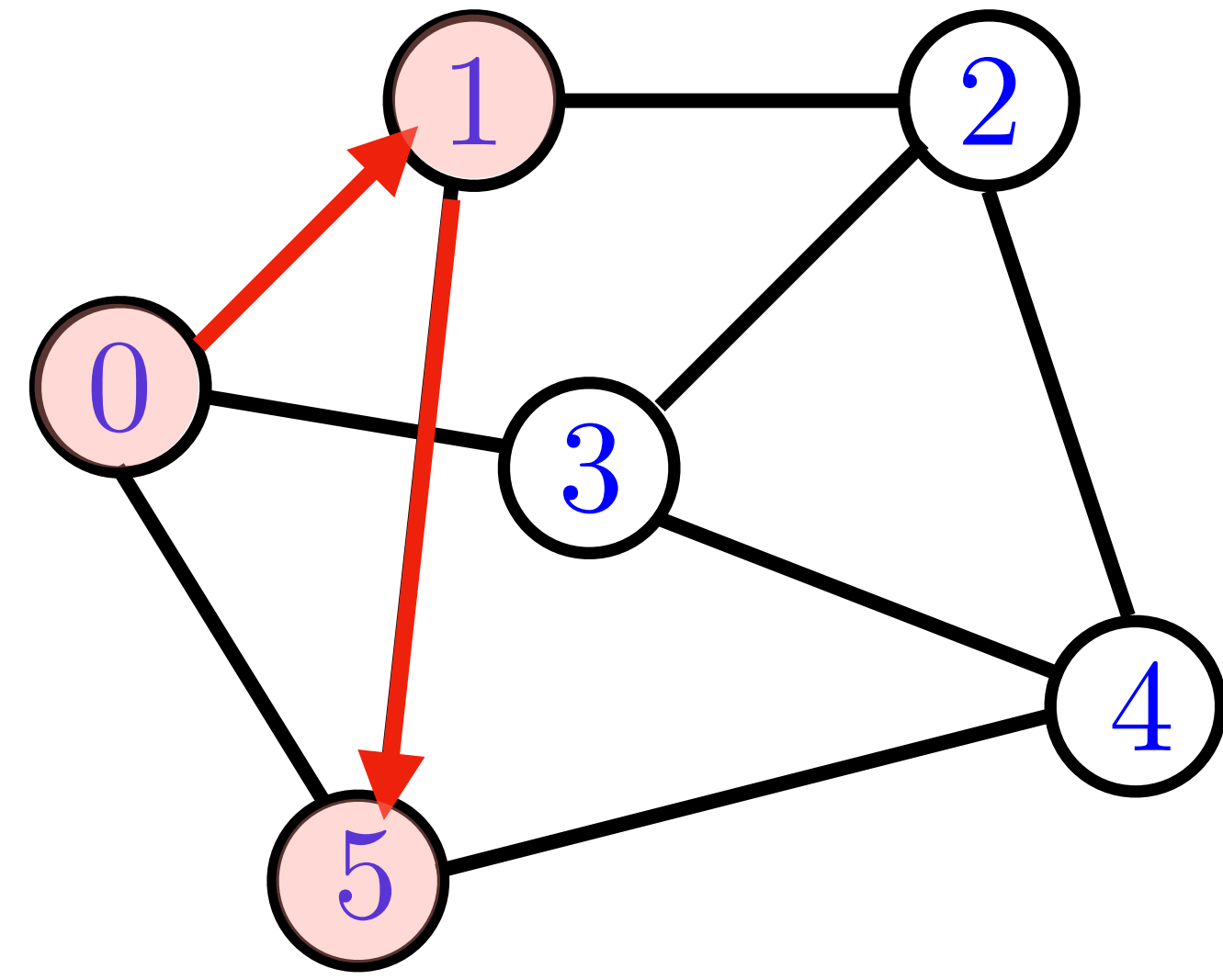
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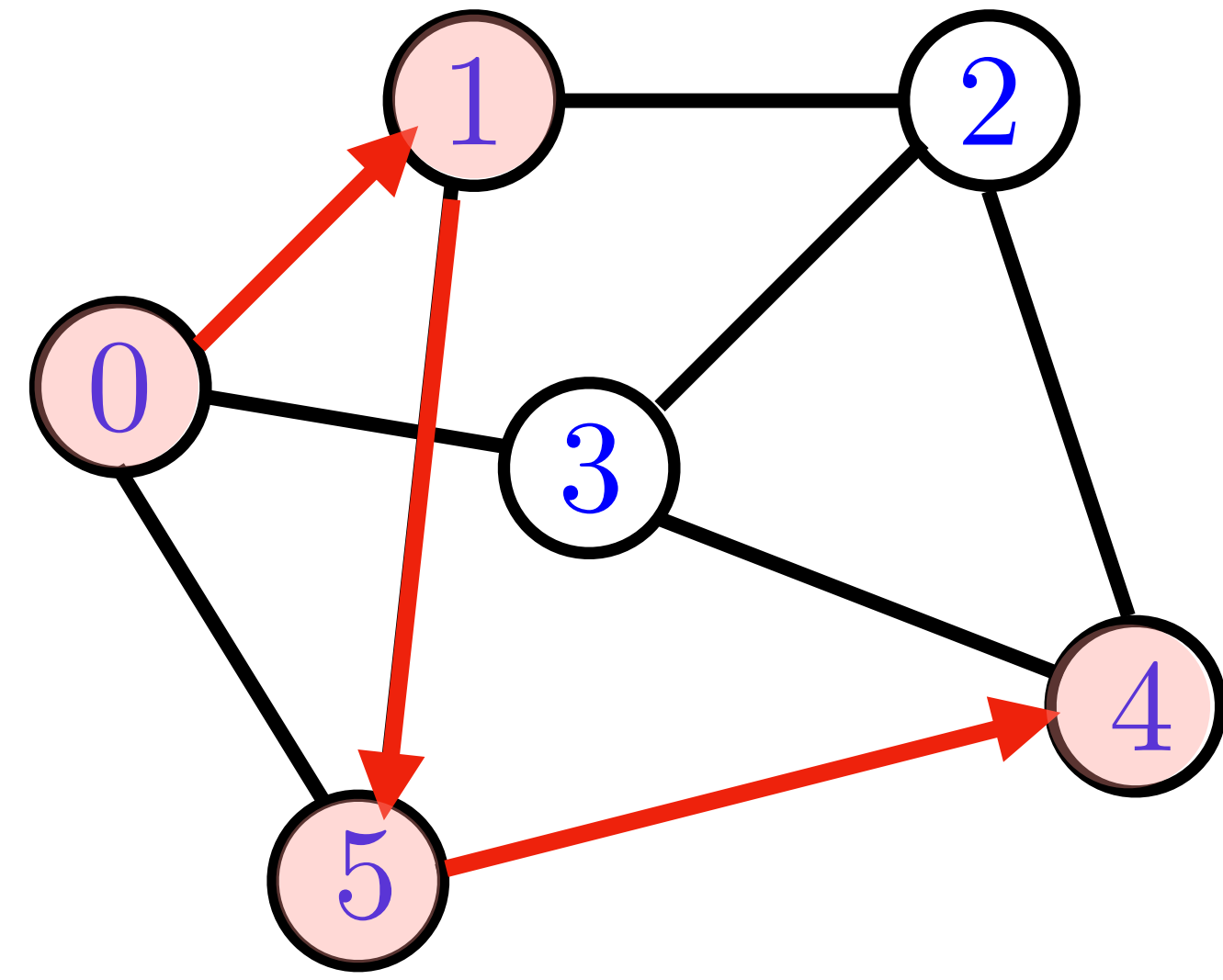
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# dfs(5)



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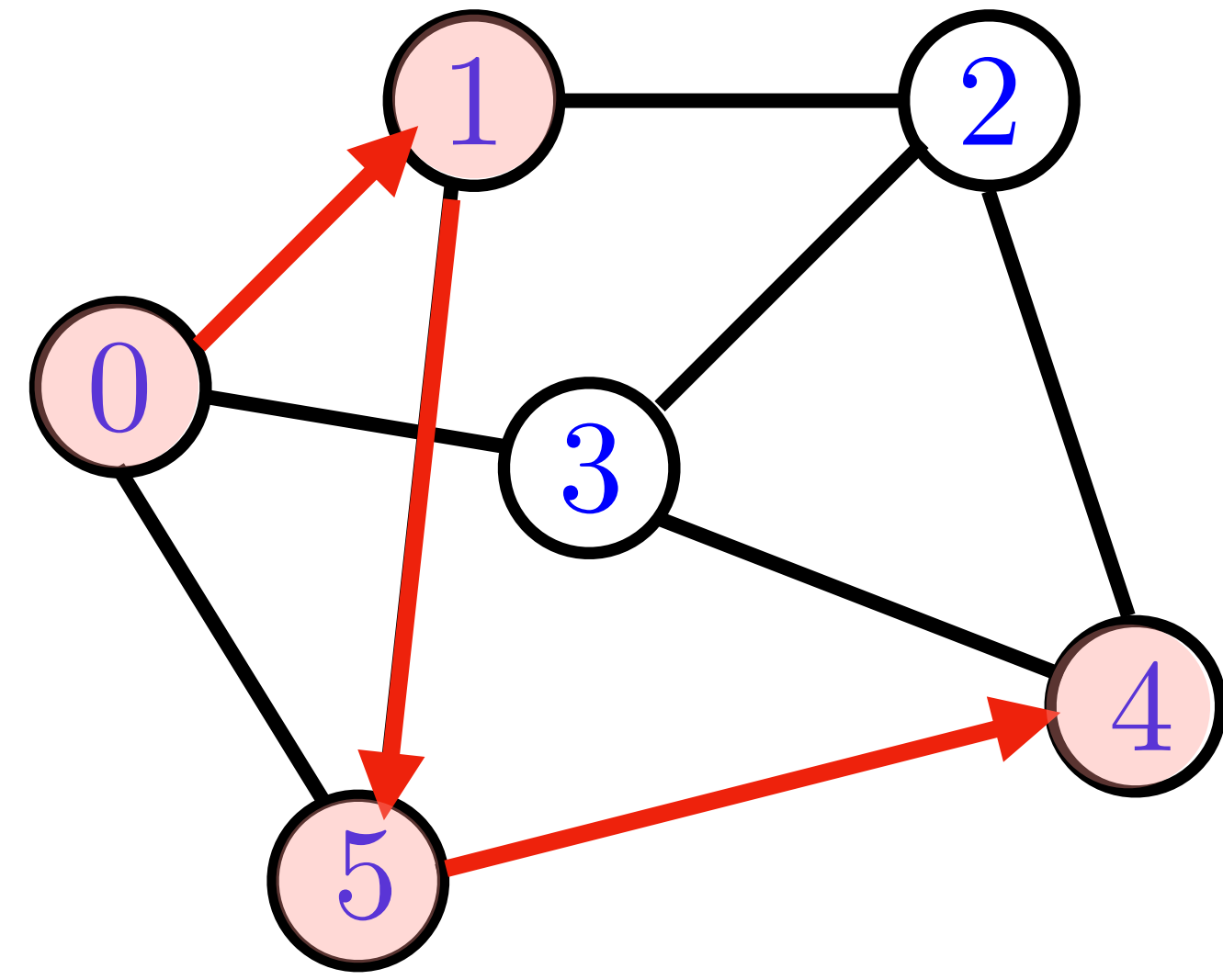
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# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

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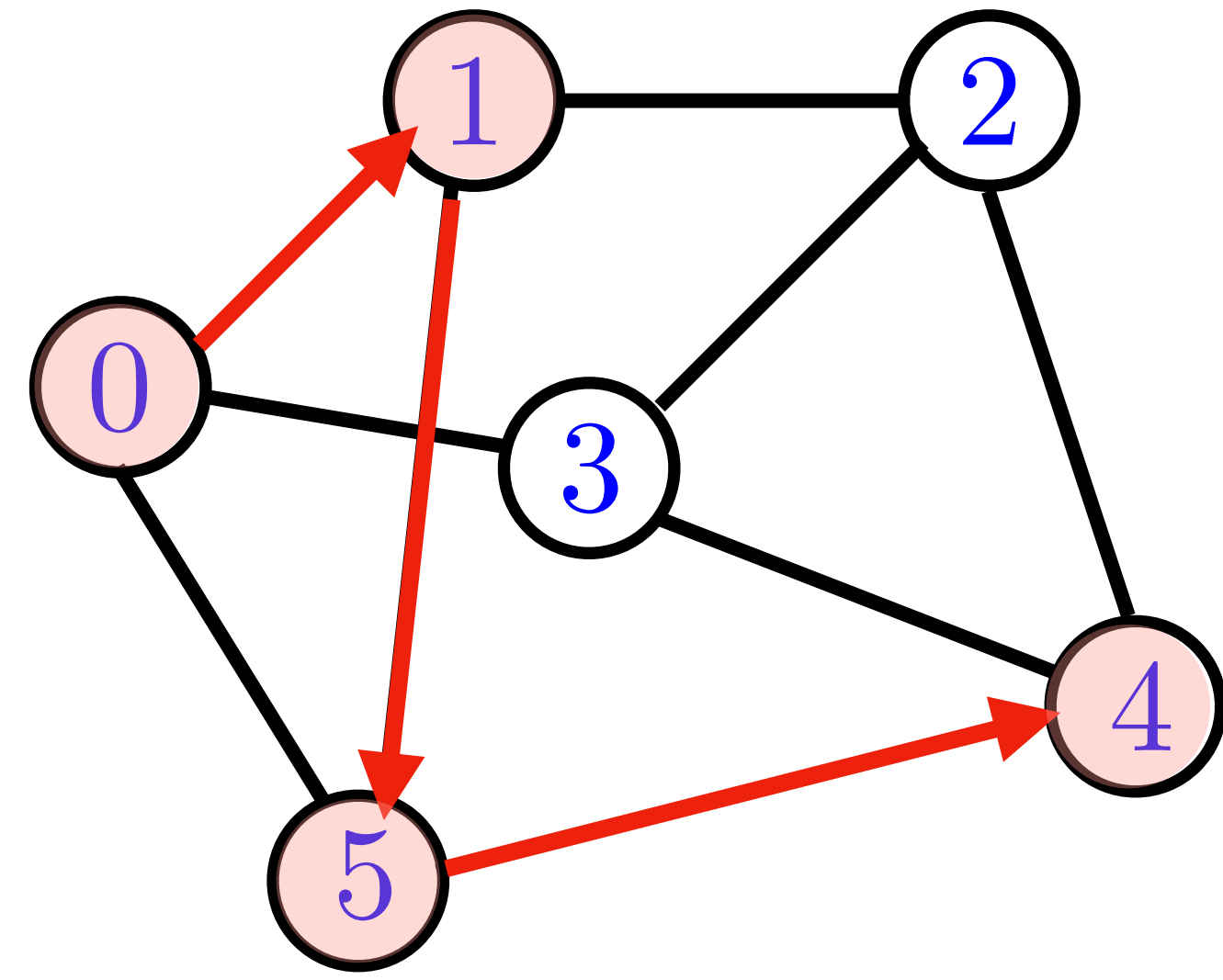
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In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

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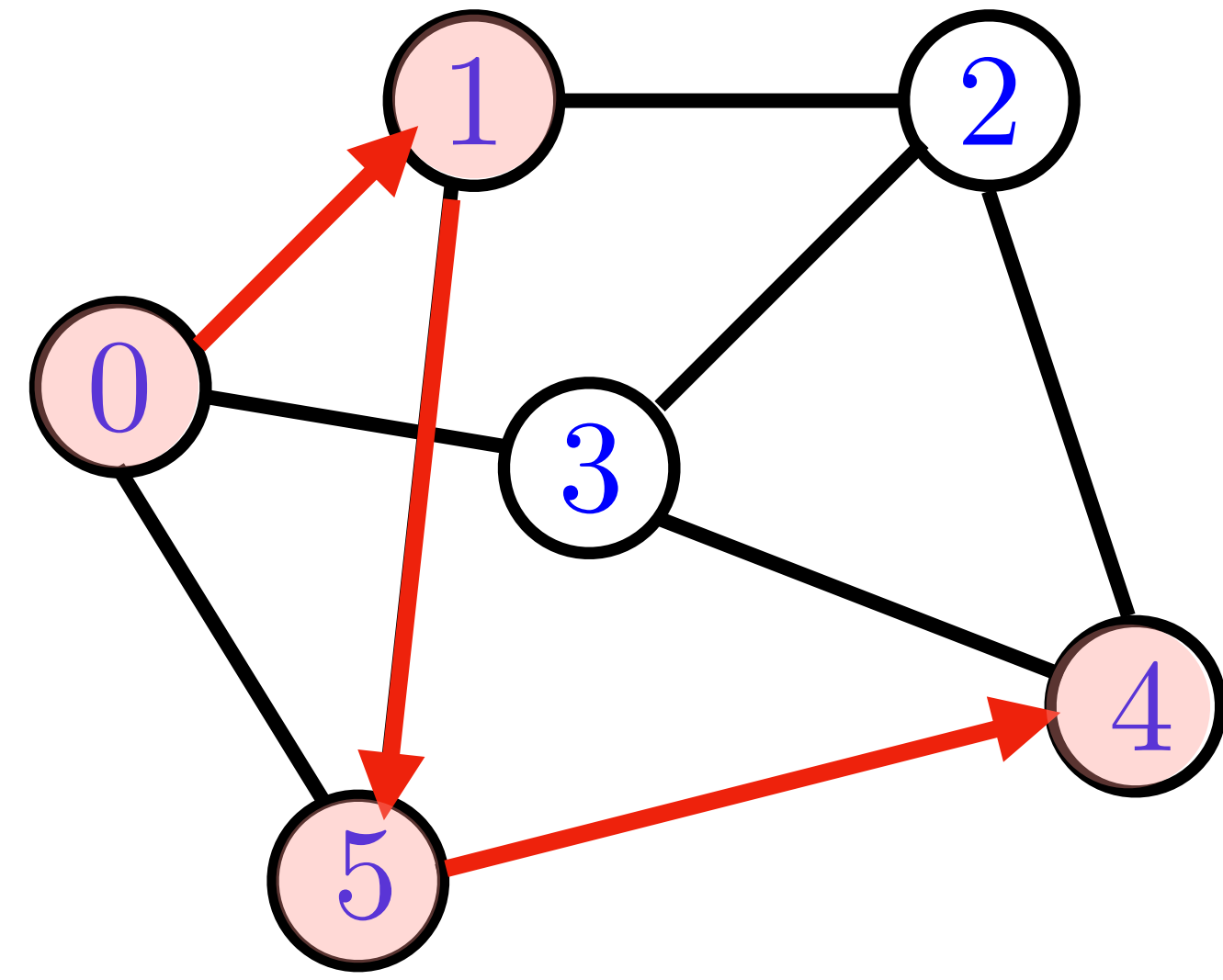
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Now we mark vertex 4.

In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(4)



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5: 4 1 0

## Marked

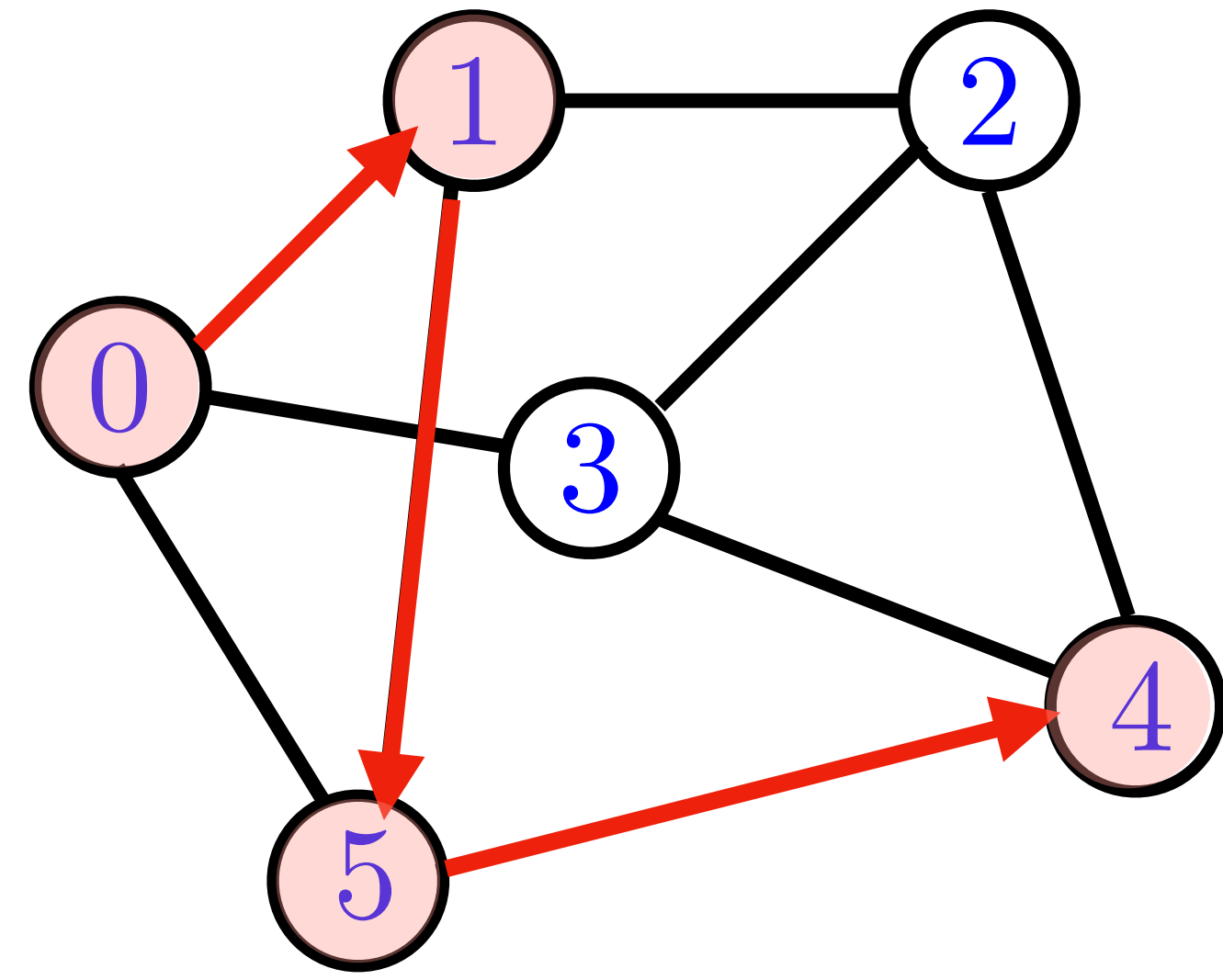
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        }  
    }  
}
```

Now we mark vertex 4.

In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

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1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

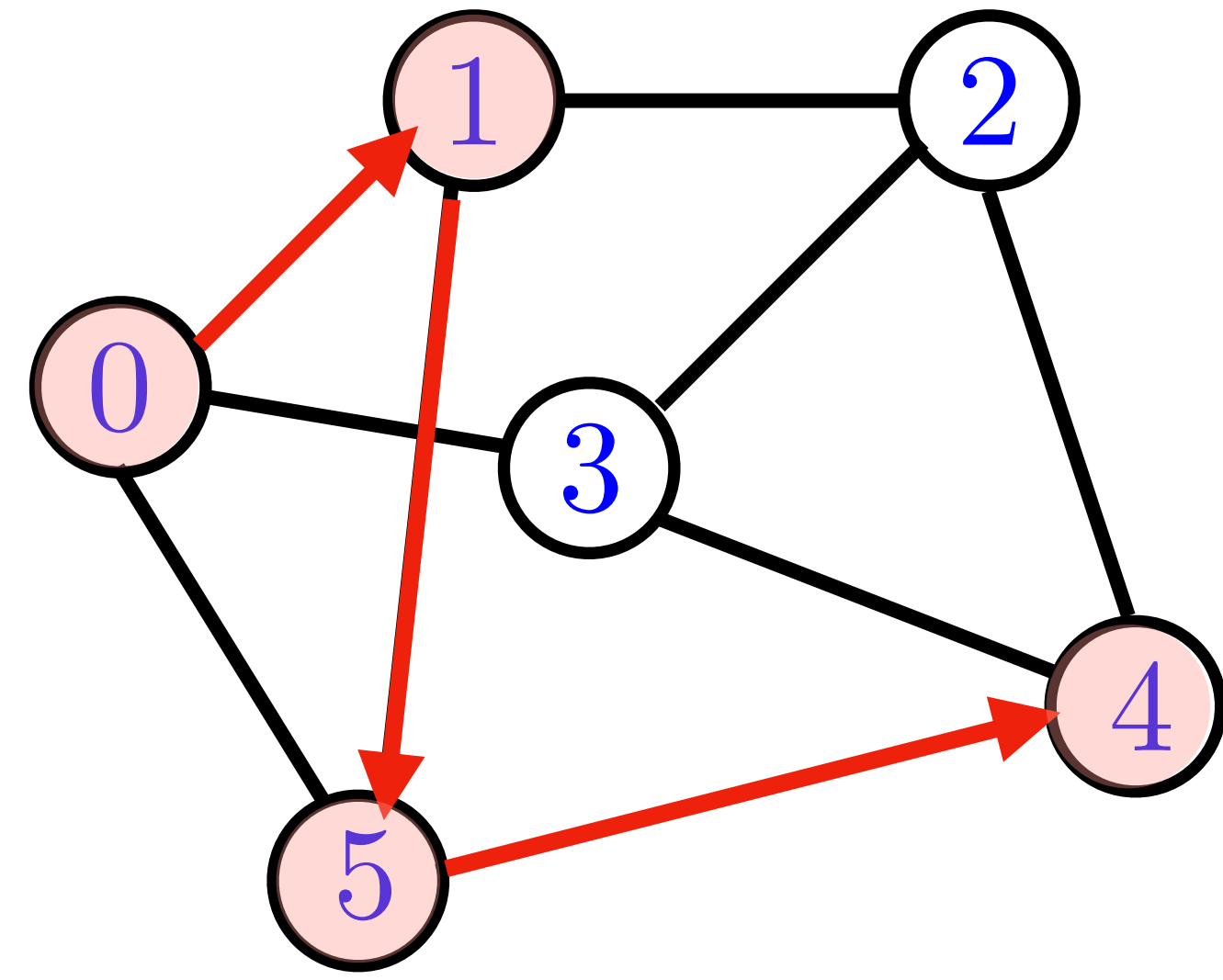
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# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

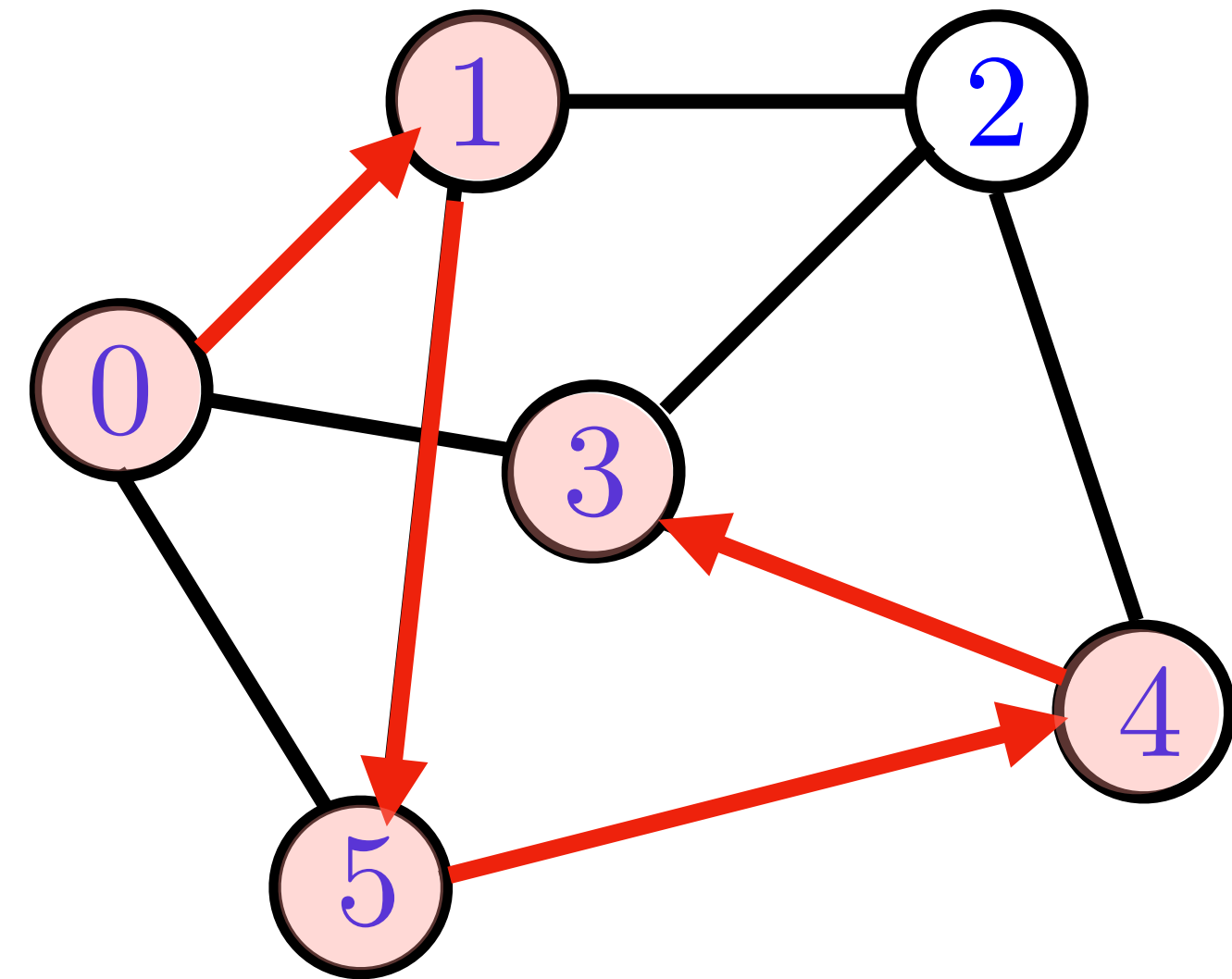
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In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

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4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

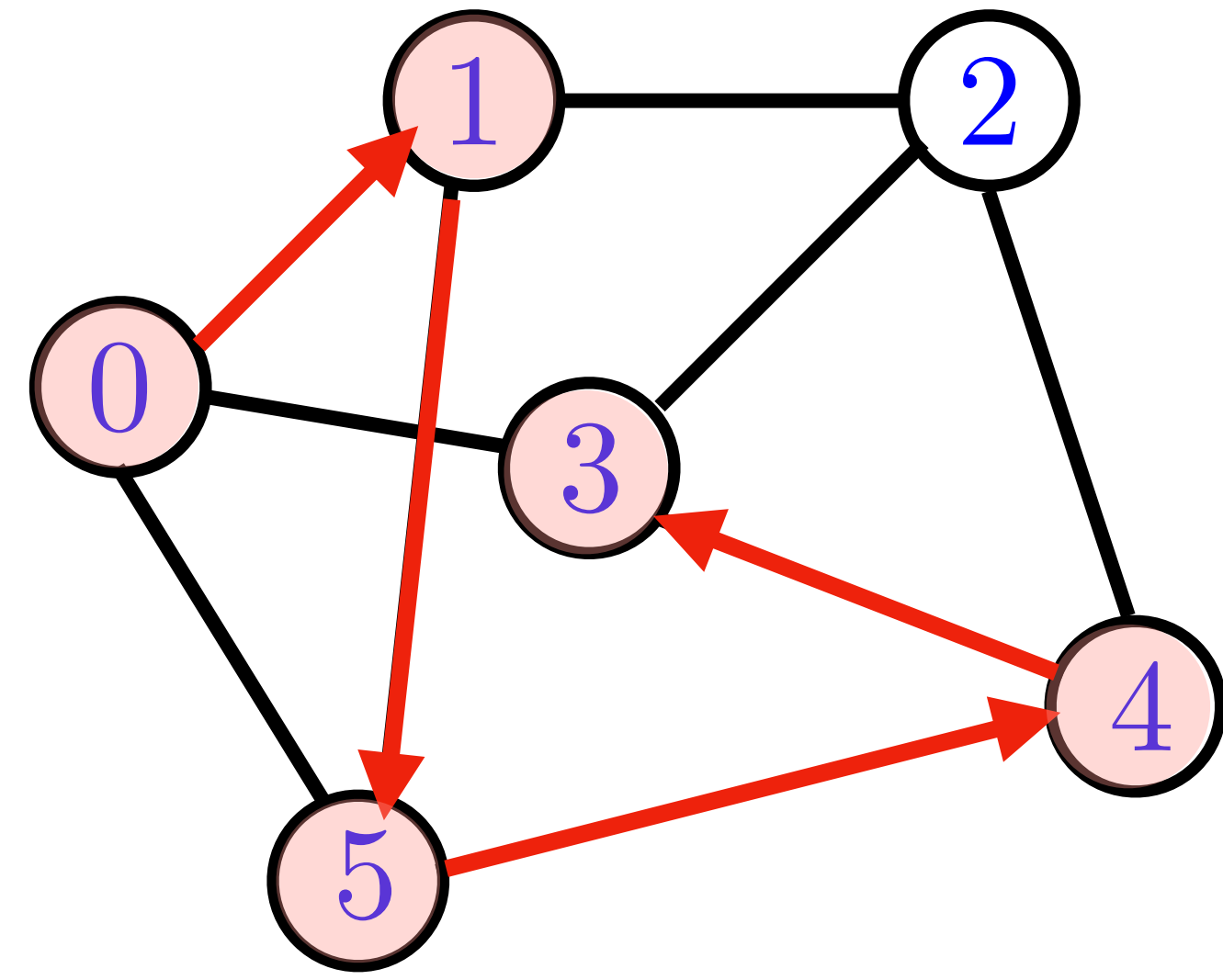
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In the for loop we first consider vertex 5.

# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

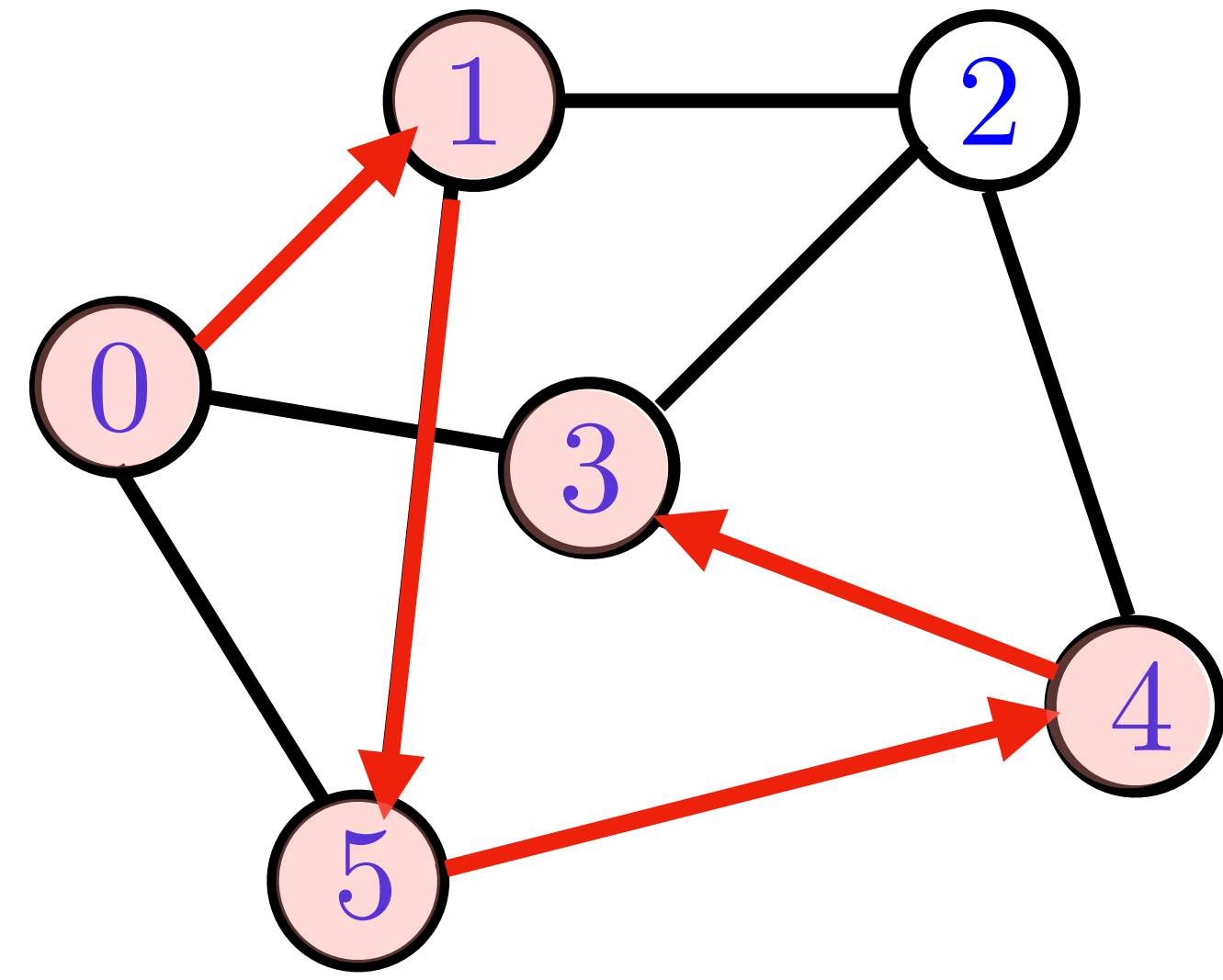
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        }  
    }  
}
```

We mark vertex 3.

Vertex 4 is already marked, so we move to vertex 2.

# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

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5: 4 1 0

## Marked

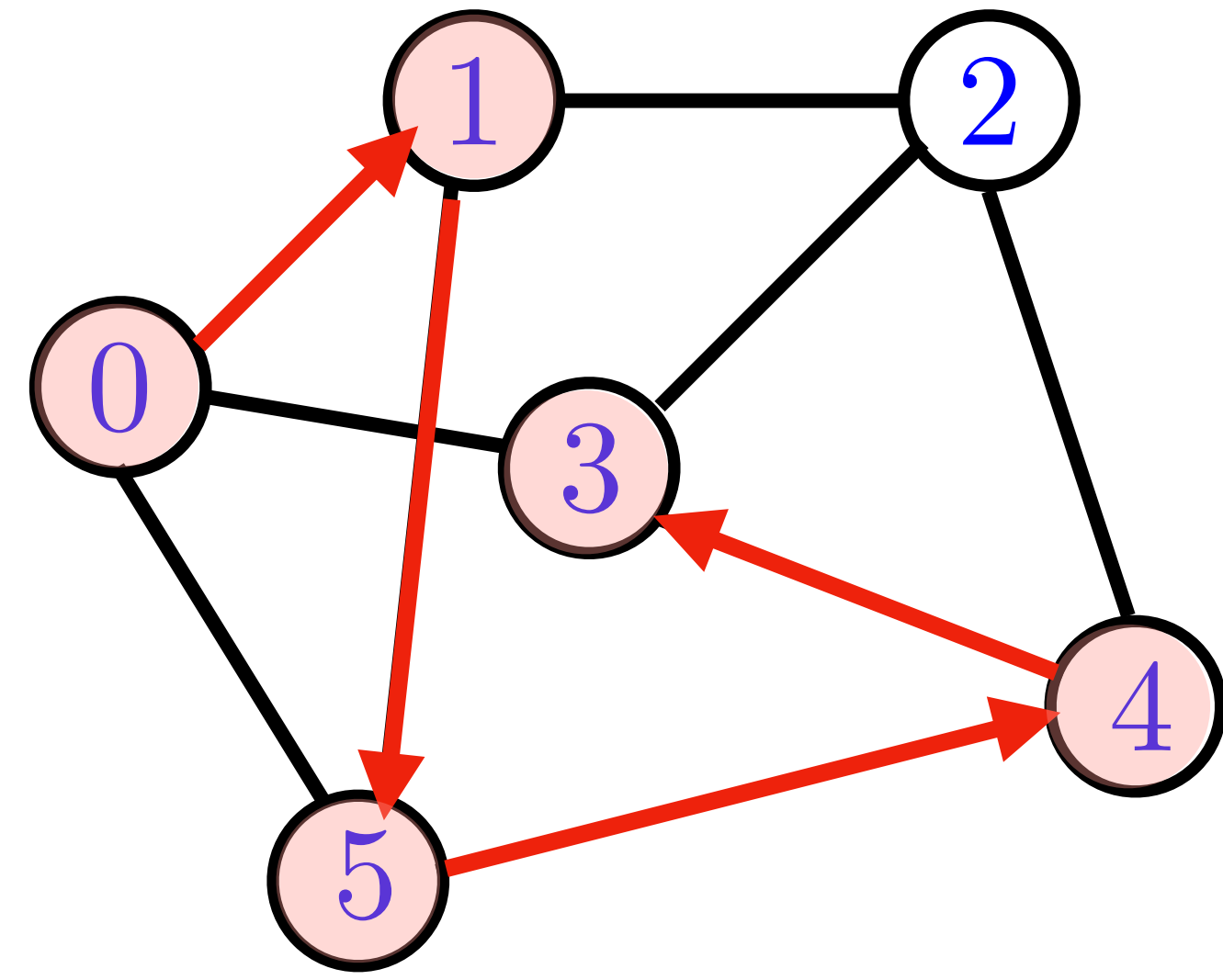
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}
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Vertex 4 is already marked, so we move to vertex 2.

# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

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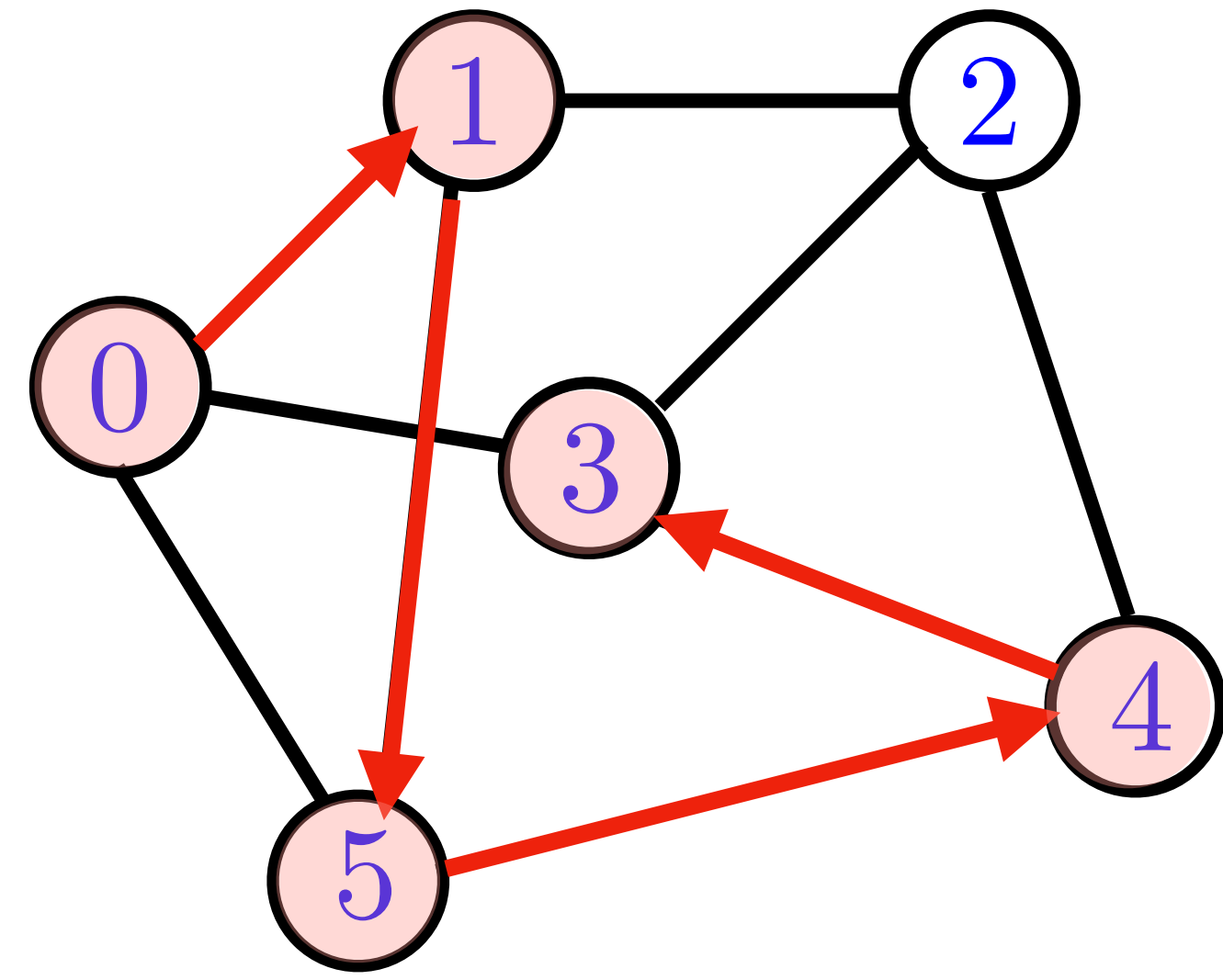
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# dfs(3)



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## Marked

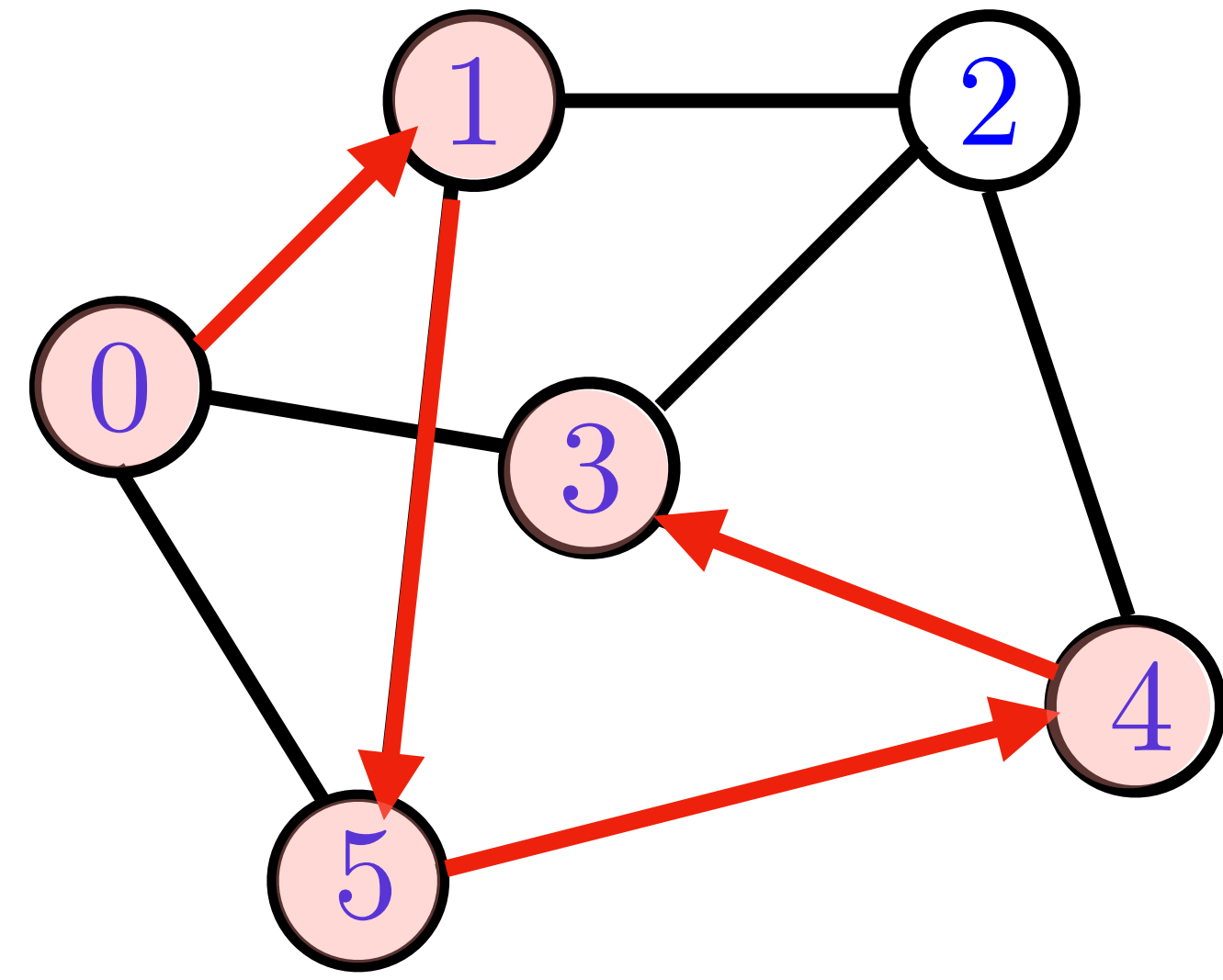
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# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

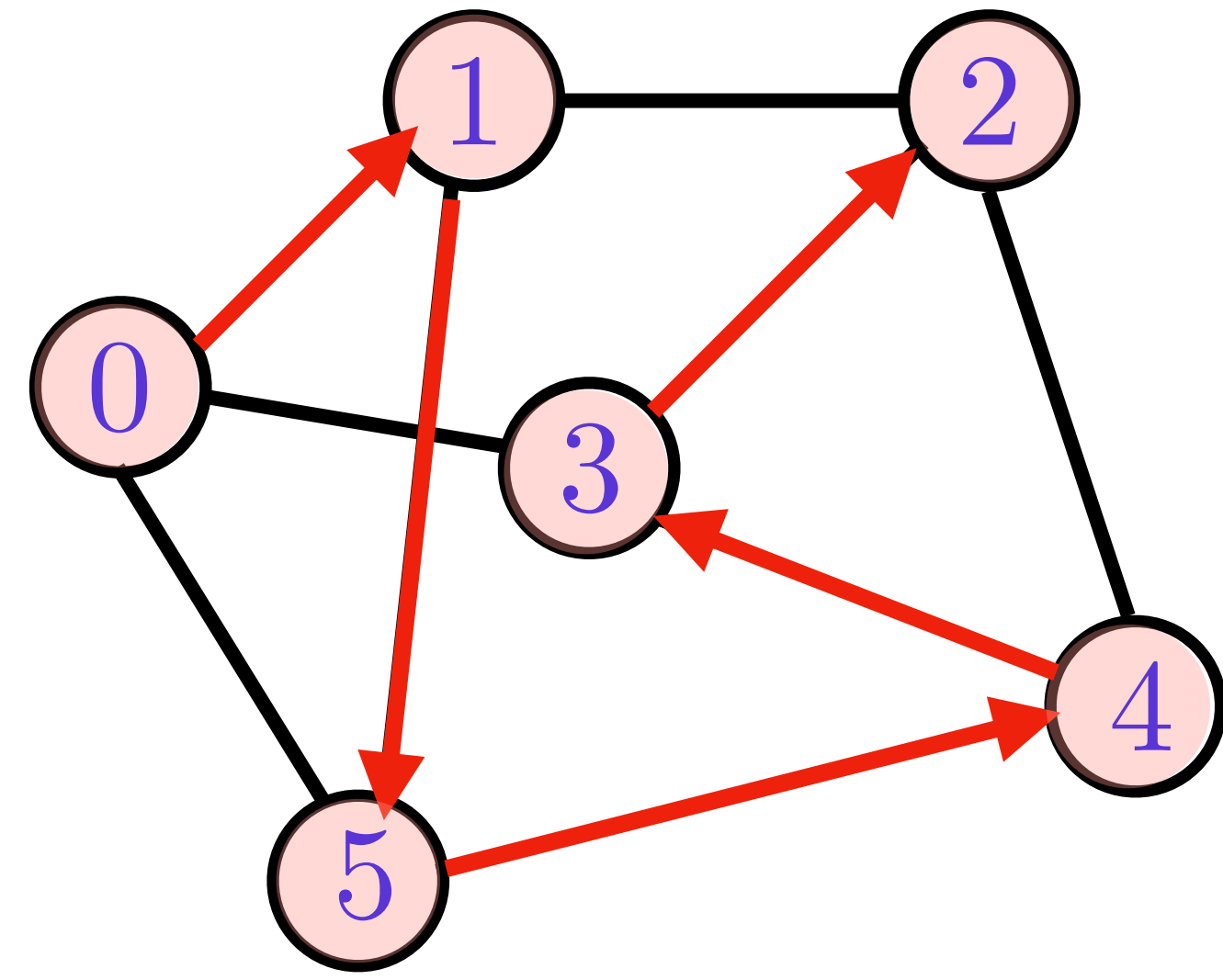
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# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

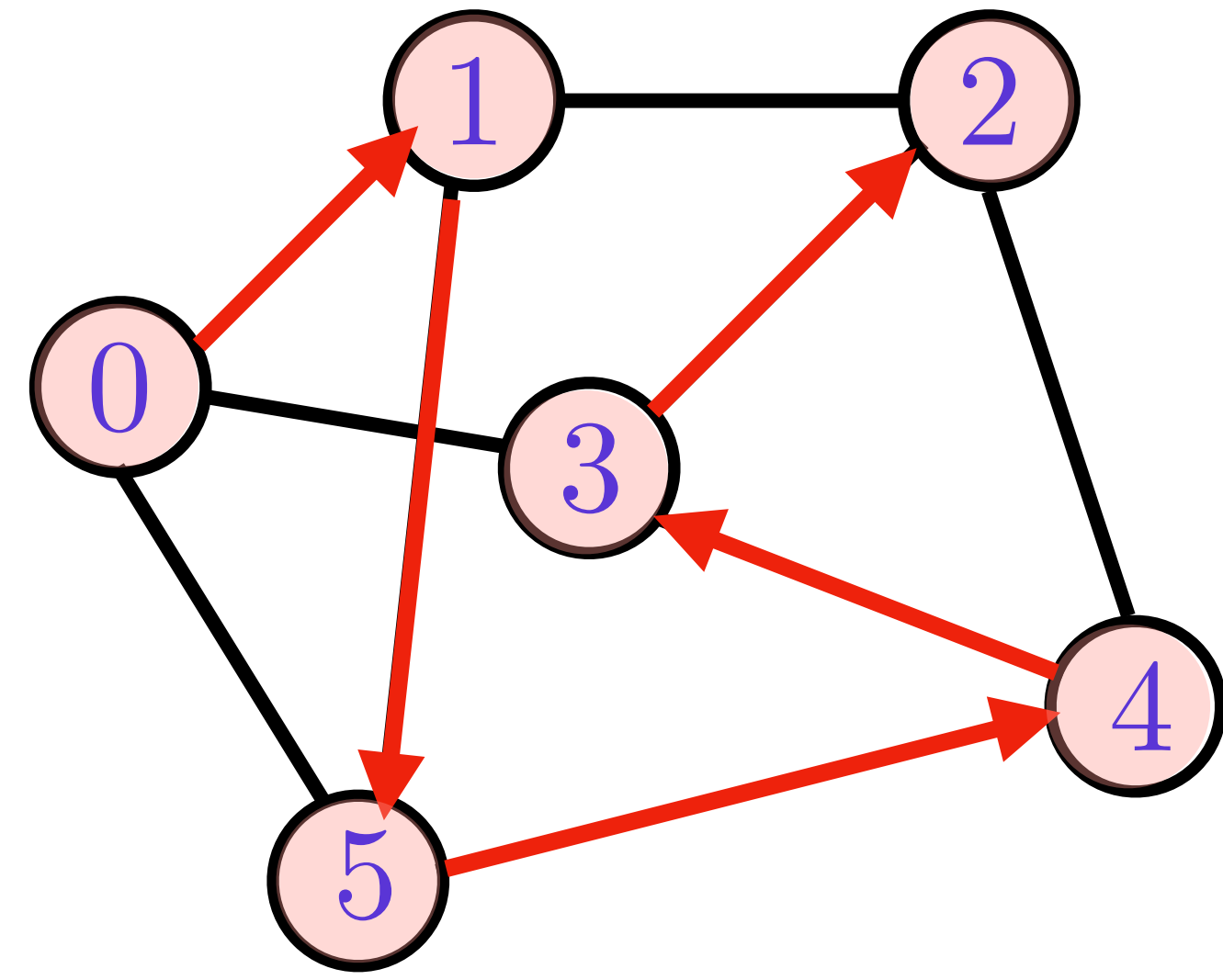
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    }  
}
```

We mark vertex 3.

Vertex 4 is already marked, so we move to vertex 2.

# dfs(2)



## Adjacency List

0: 1 5 3  
1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

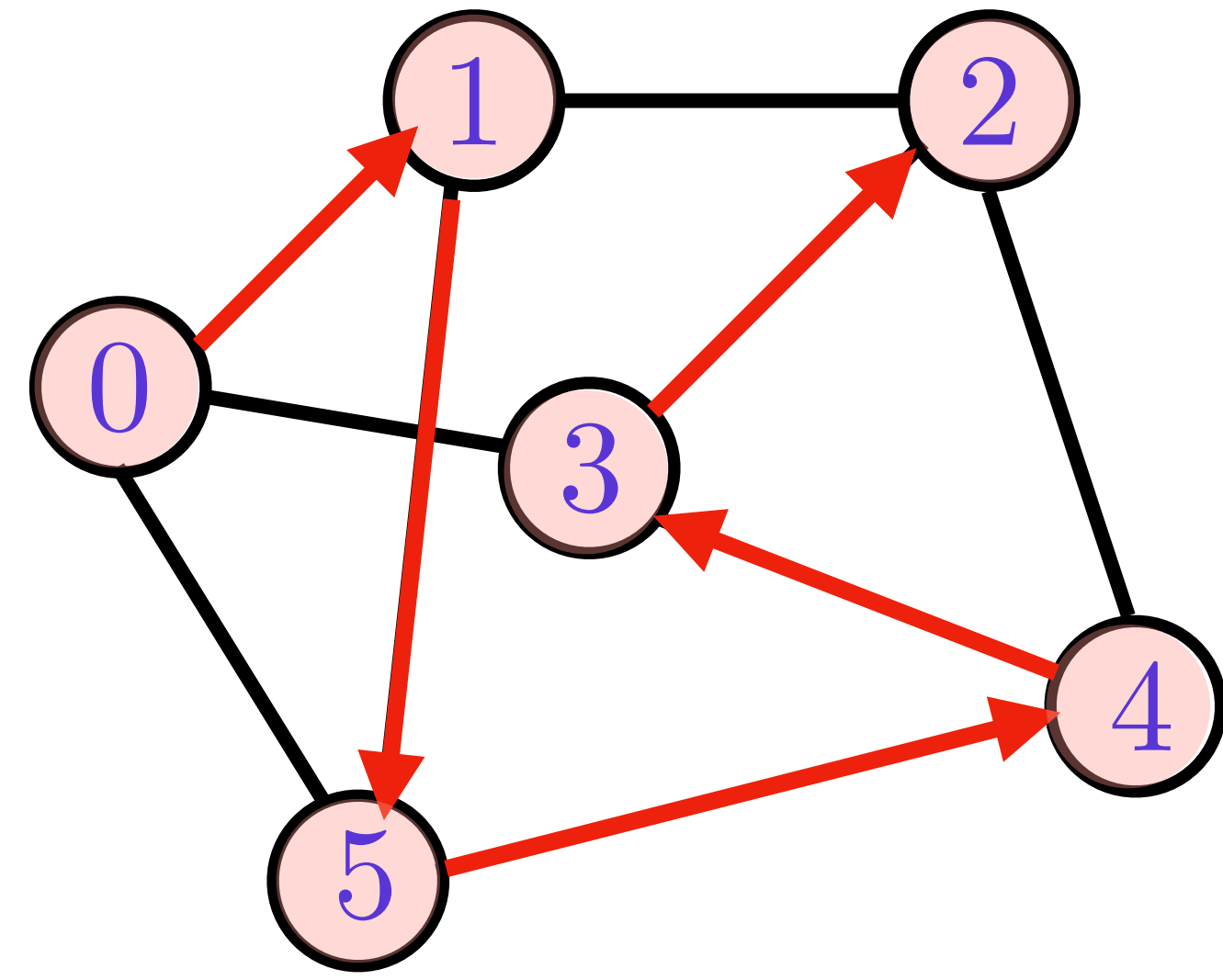
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        }  
    }  
}
```

We mark vertex 2.

Now all vertices have been marked.

# dfs(2)



## Adjacency List

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2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

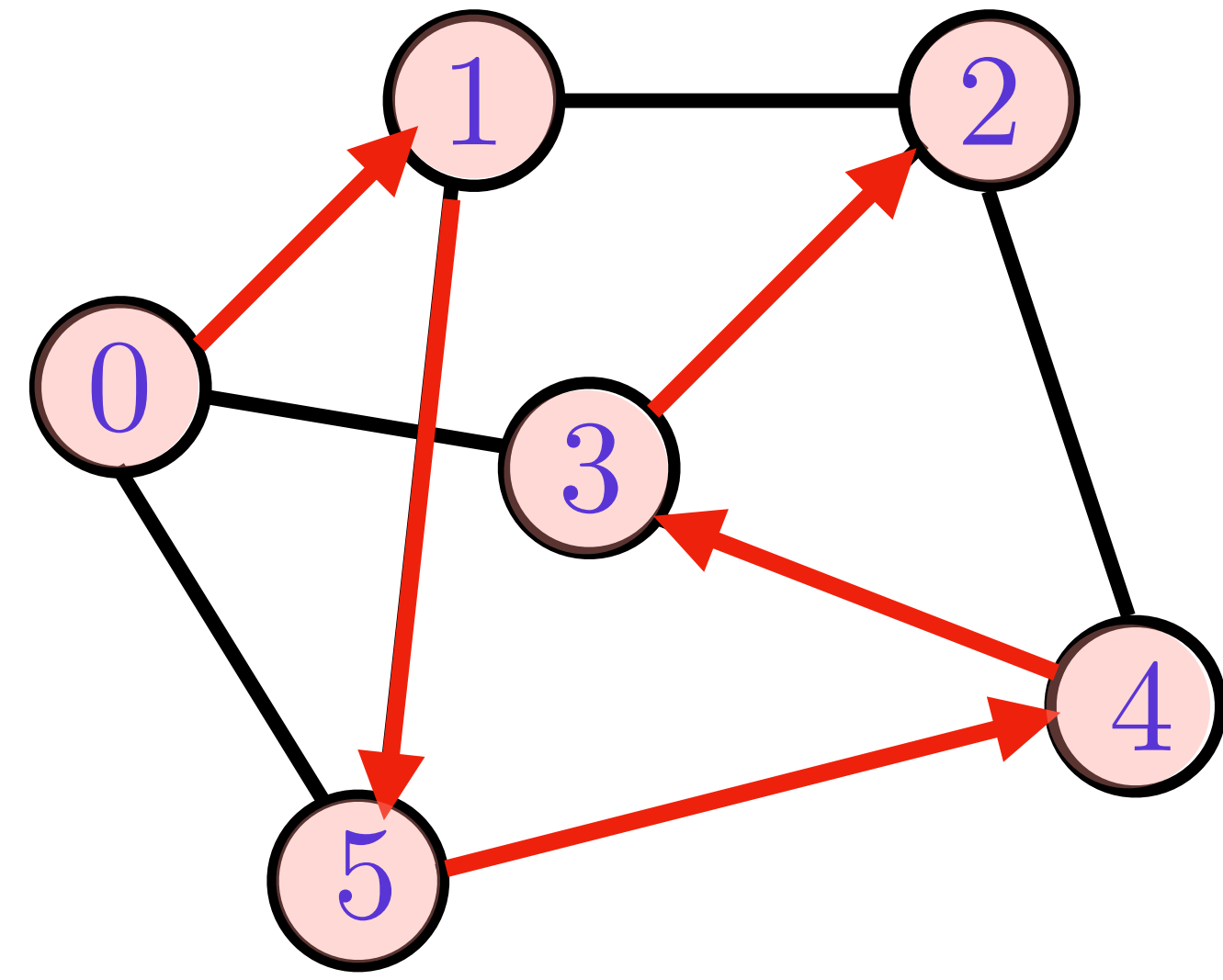
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    }  
}
```

We mark vertex 2.

Now all vertices have been marked.

# dfs(2)



## Adjacency List

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1: 5 2 0  
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4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

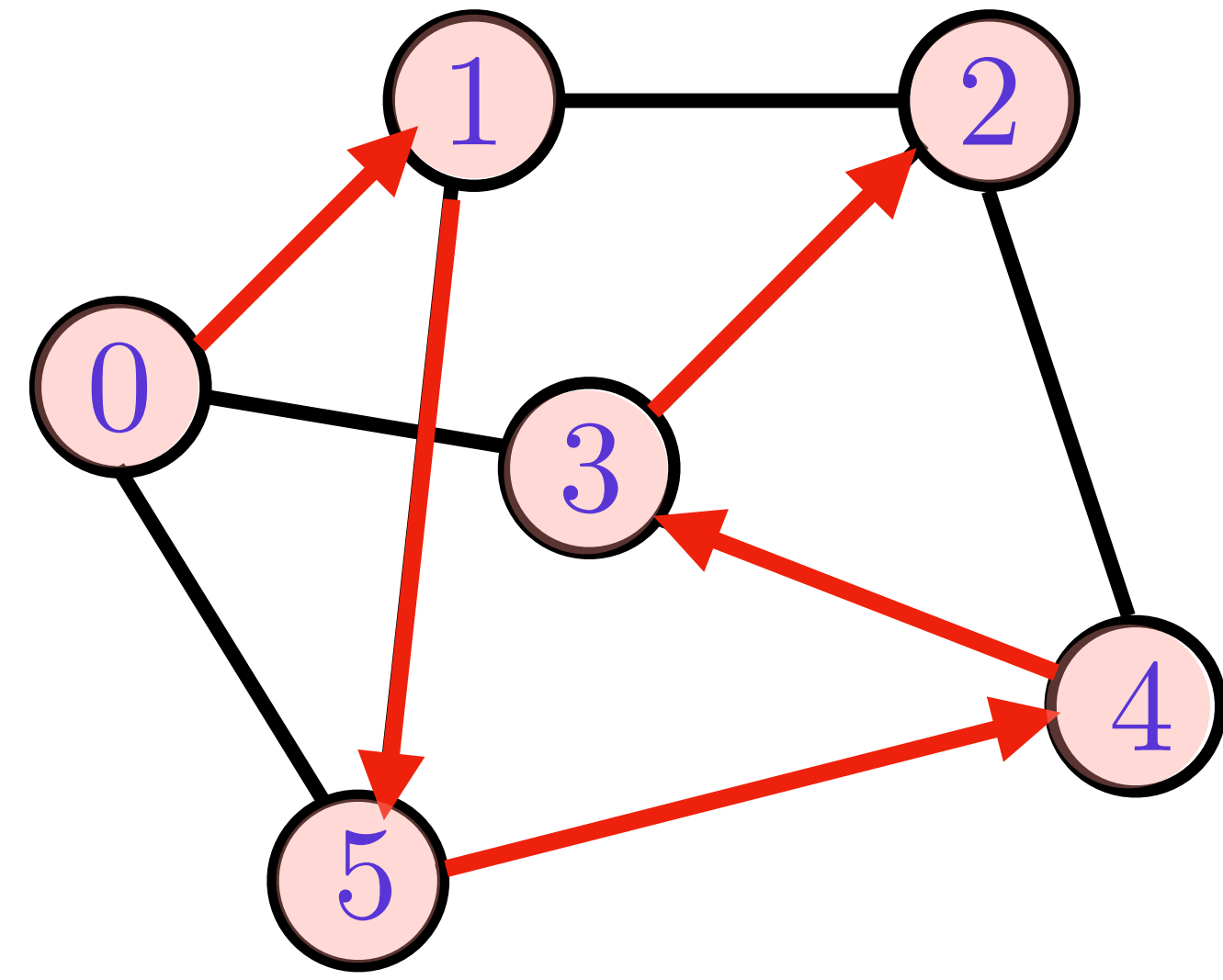
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}
```

We mark vertex 2.

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# dfs(2)



## Adjacency List

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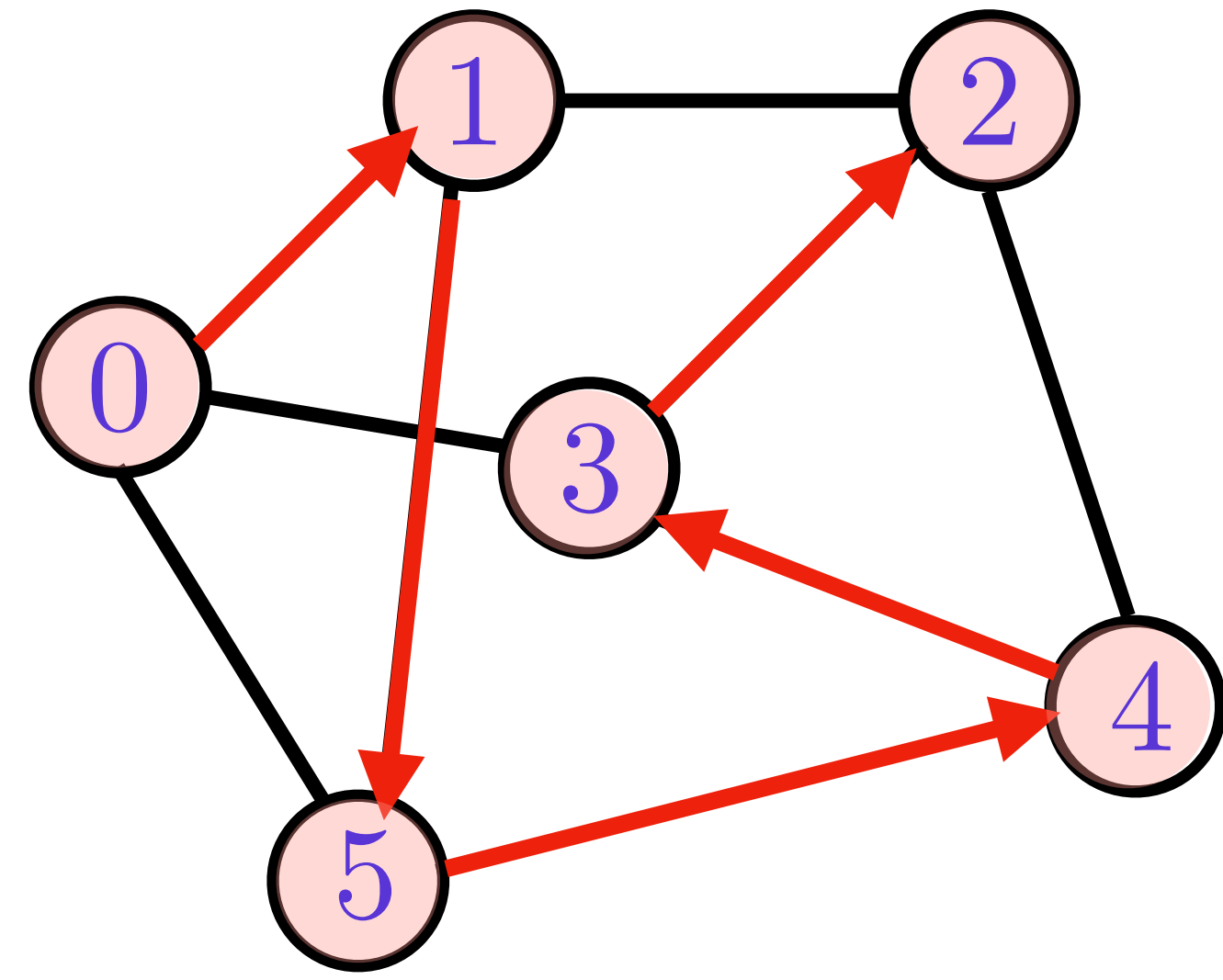
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        }  
    }  
}
```

We cycle through all neighbors of vertex 2, but do nothing as they are all marked.

The call to `dfs(2)` terminates.

# dfs(2)



## Adjacency List

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## Marked

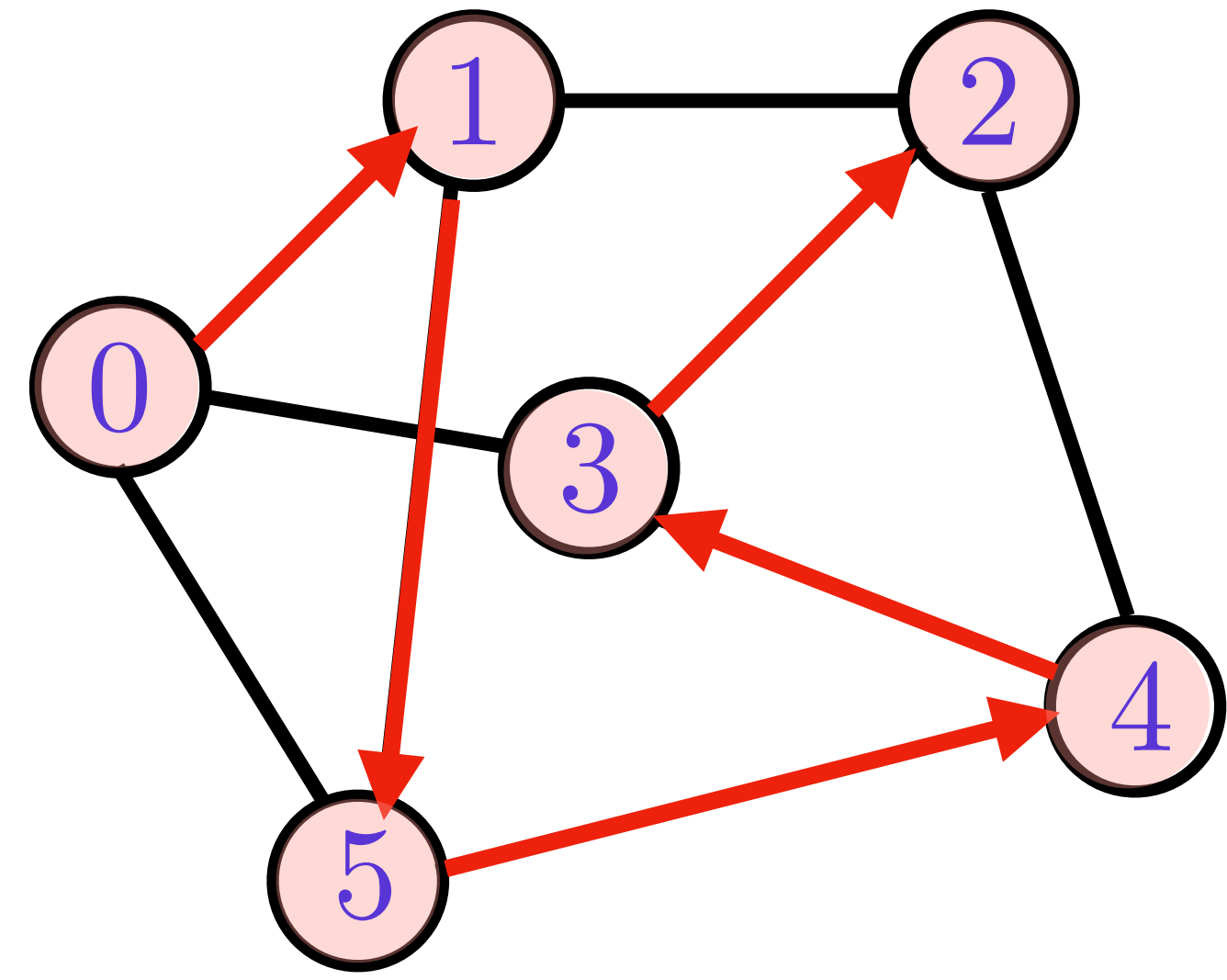
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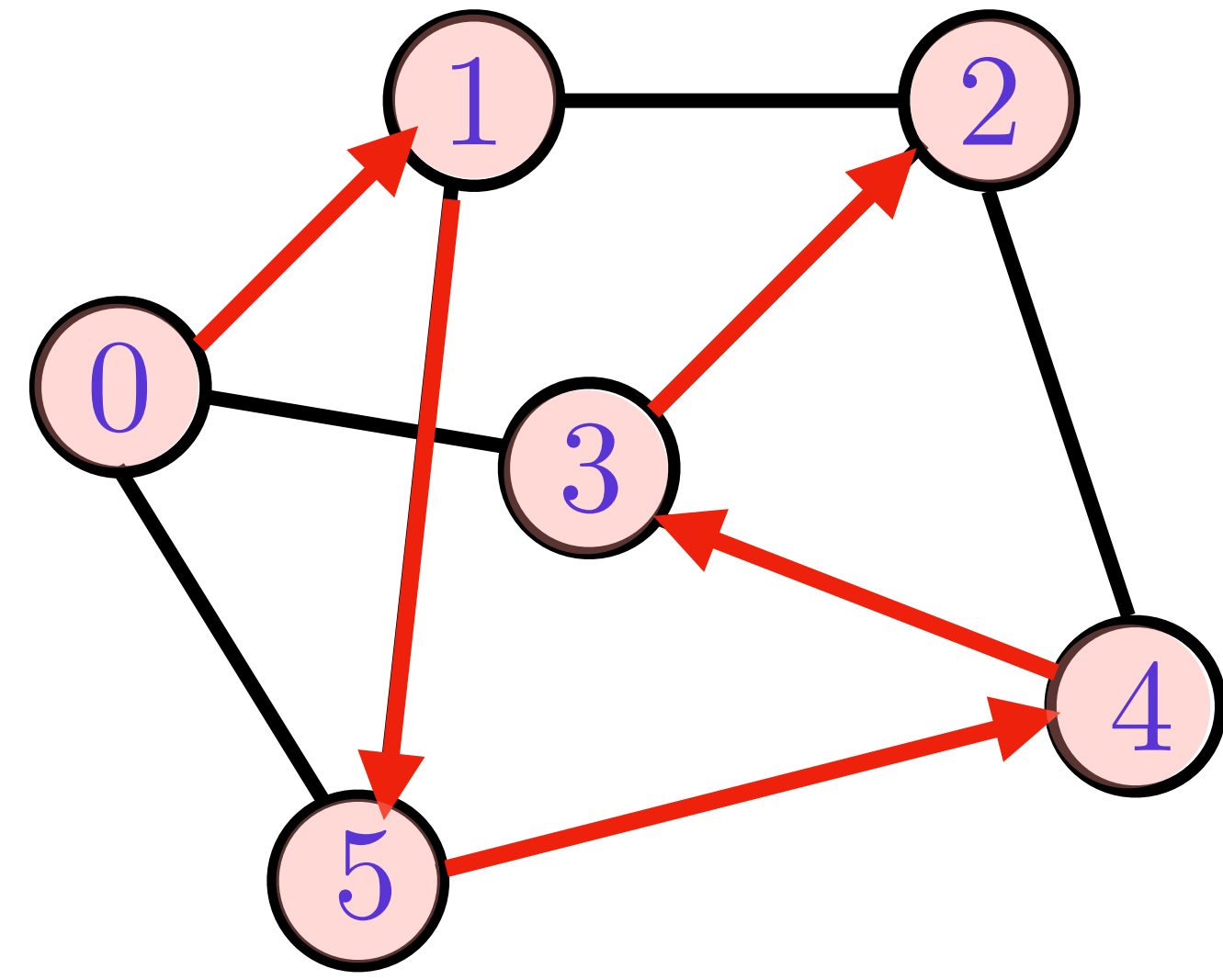
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## Adjacency List

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## Marked

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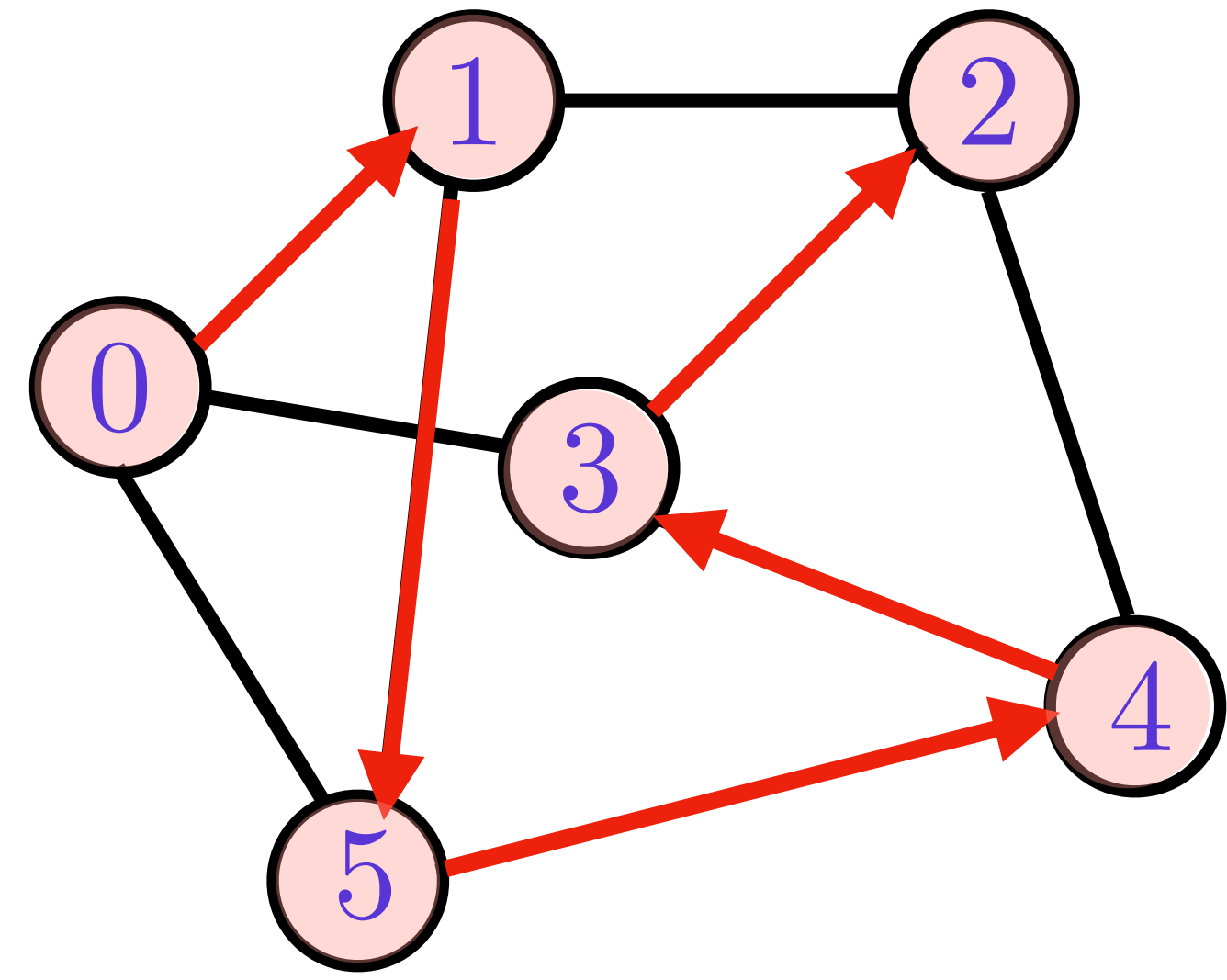
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}
```

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The call to `dfs(2)` terminates.



# dfs(3)



## Adjacency List

0: 1 5 3  
1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

0:T  
1:T  
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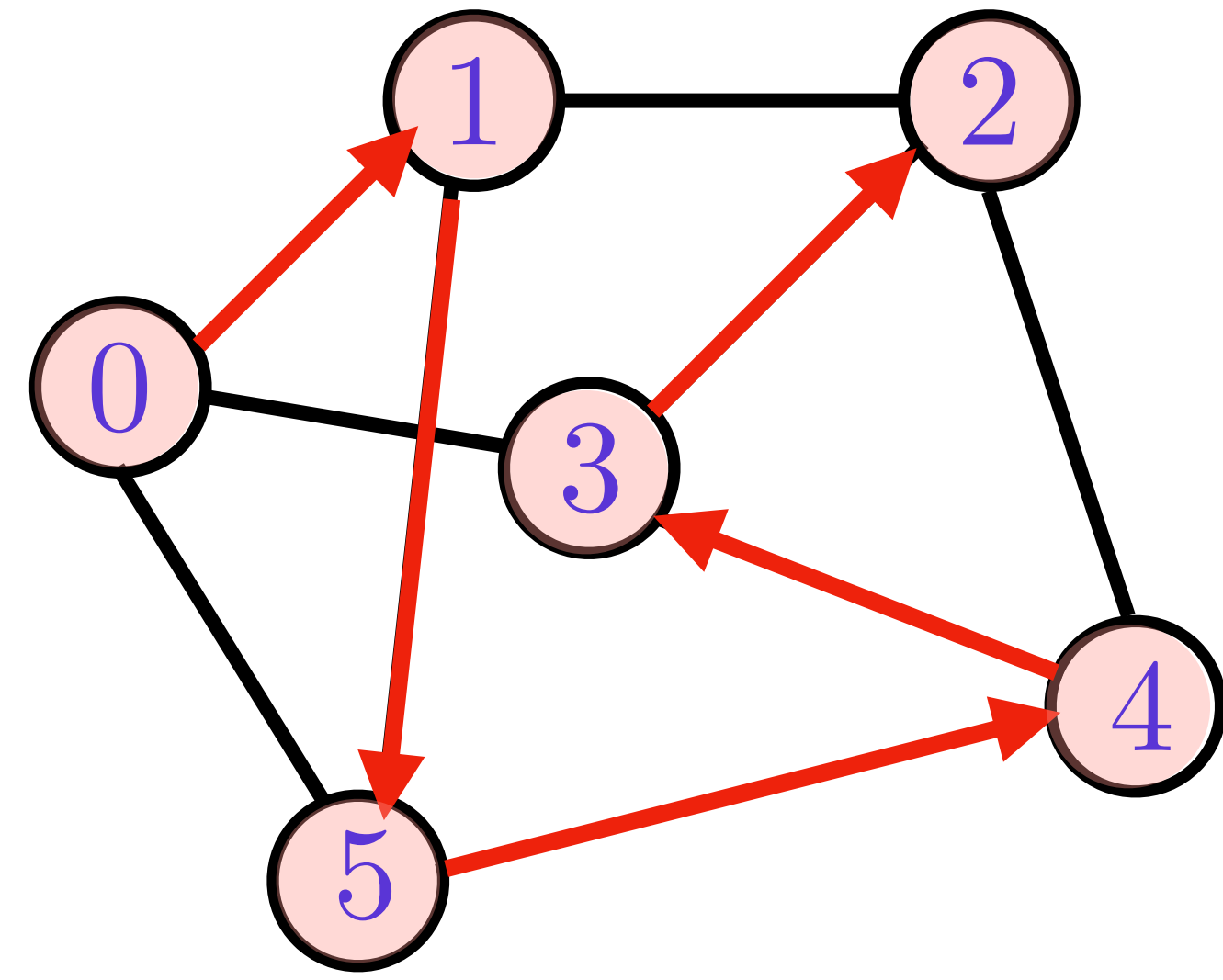
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    for(auto u : arr[v])  
    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We return to the call of `dfs(3)` and finish cycling through the neighbors.

The call to `dfs(3)` terminates.



# dfs(4)



## Adjacency List

0: 1 5 3  
1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

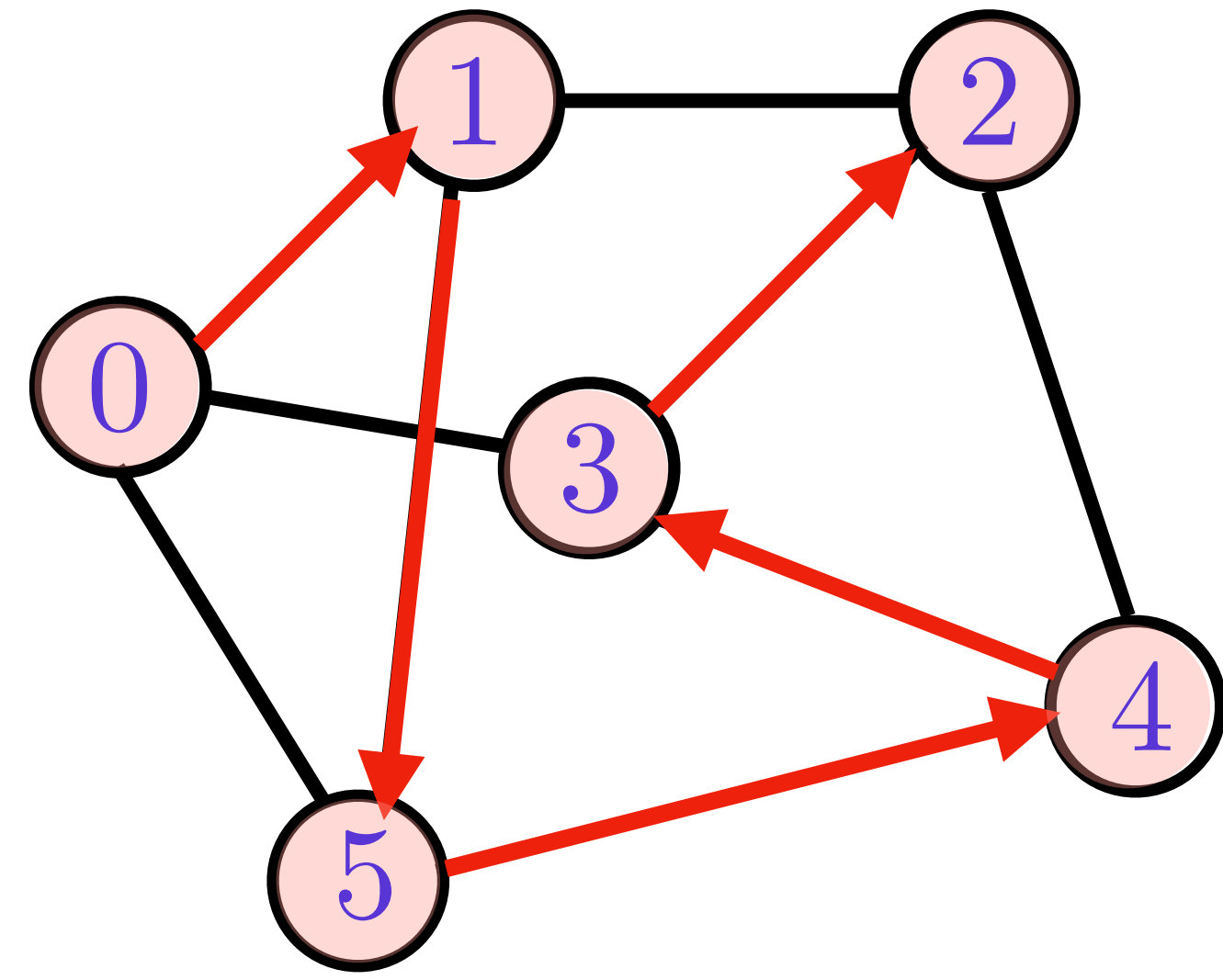
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    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We finish cycling through all the neighbors of vertex 4.

# dfs(5)



## Adjacency List

```
0: 1 5 3
1: 5 2 0
2: 4 3 1
3: 4 2 0
4: 5 3 2
5: 4 1 0
```

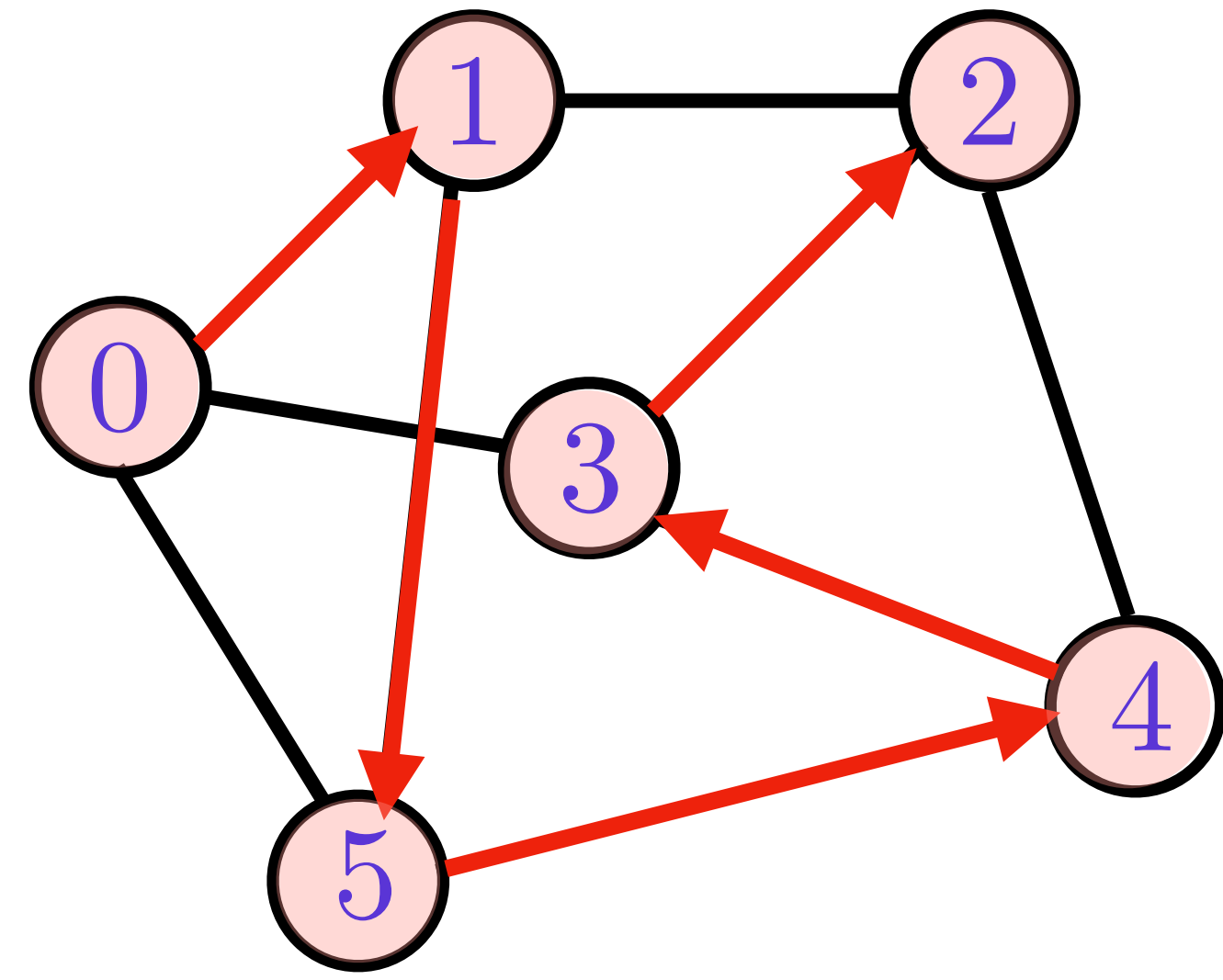
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    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We finish cycling through all the neighbors of vertex 5.

# dfs(1)



## Adjacency List

0: 1 5 3  
1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

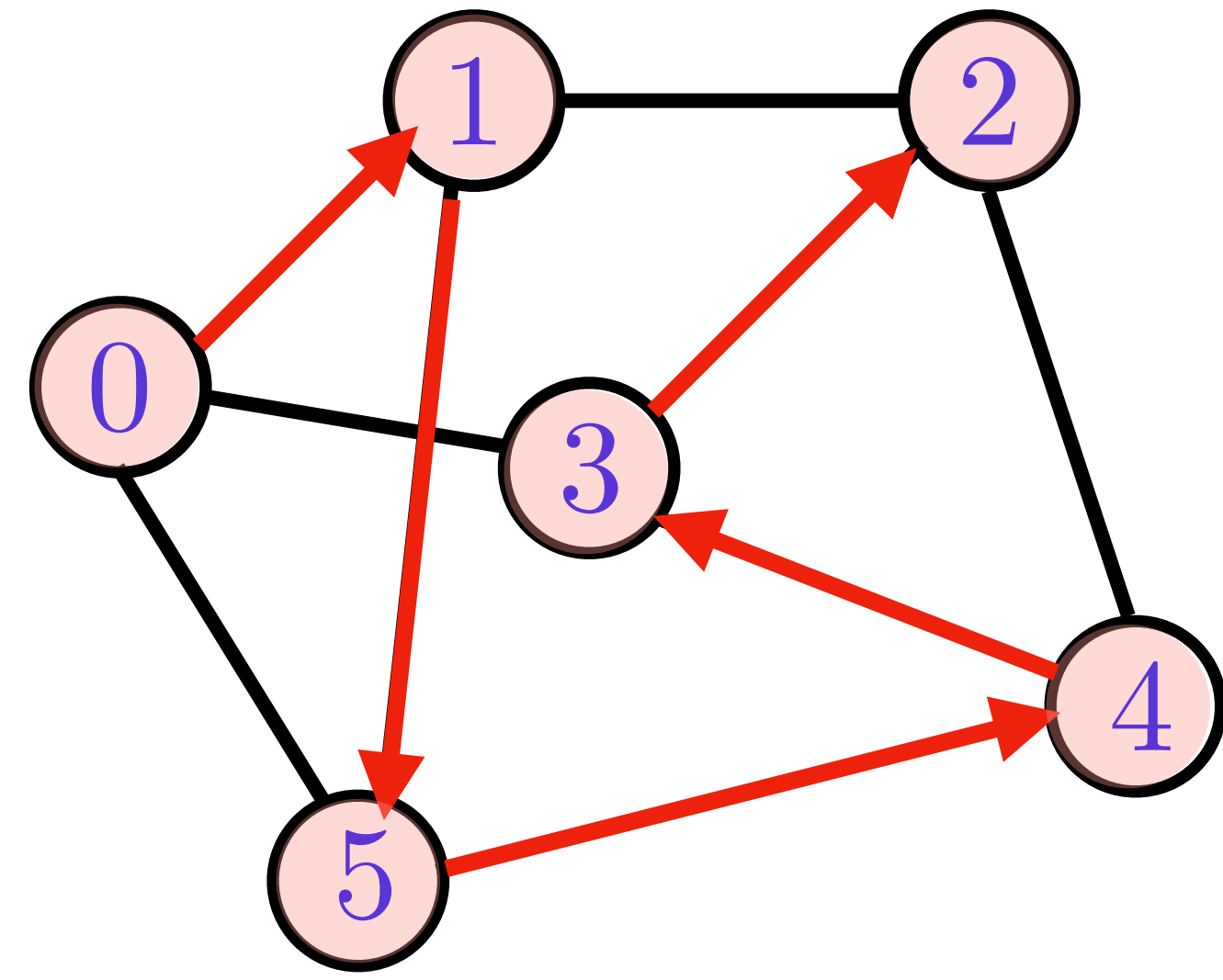
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    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We finish cycling through all the neighbors of vertex 1.

# dfs(0)



## Adjacency List

0: 1 5 3  
1: 5 2 0  
2: 4 3 1  
3: 4 2 0  
4: 5 3 2  
5: 4 1 0

## Marked

0:T  
1:T  
2:T  
3:T  
4:T  
5:T

```
bool marked[N] {};  
  
void dfs(unsigned v)  
{  
    marked[v] = true;  
    for(auto u : arr[v])  
    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

We finish cycling through all the neighbors of vertex 0.

The algorithm terminates!

# Depth-First Search

Running depth-first search on vertex  $v$  will mark exactly the vertices in the connected component of  $v$ .

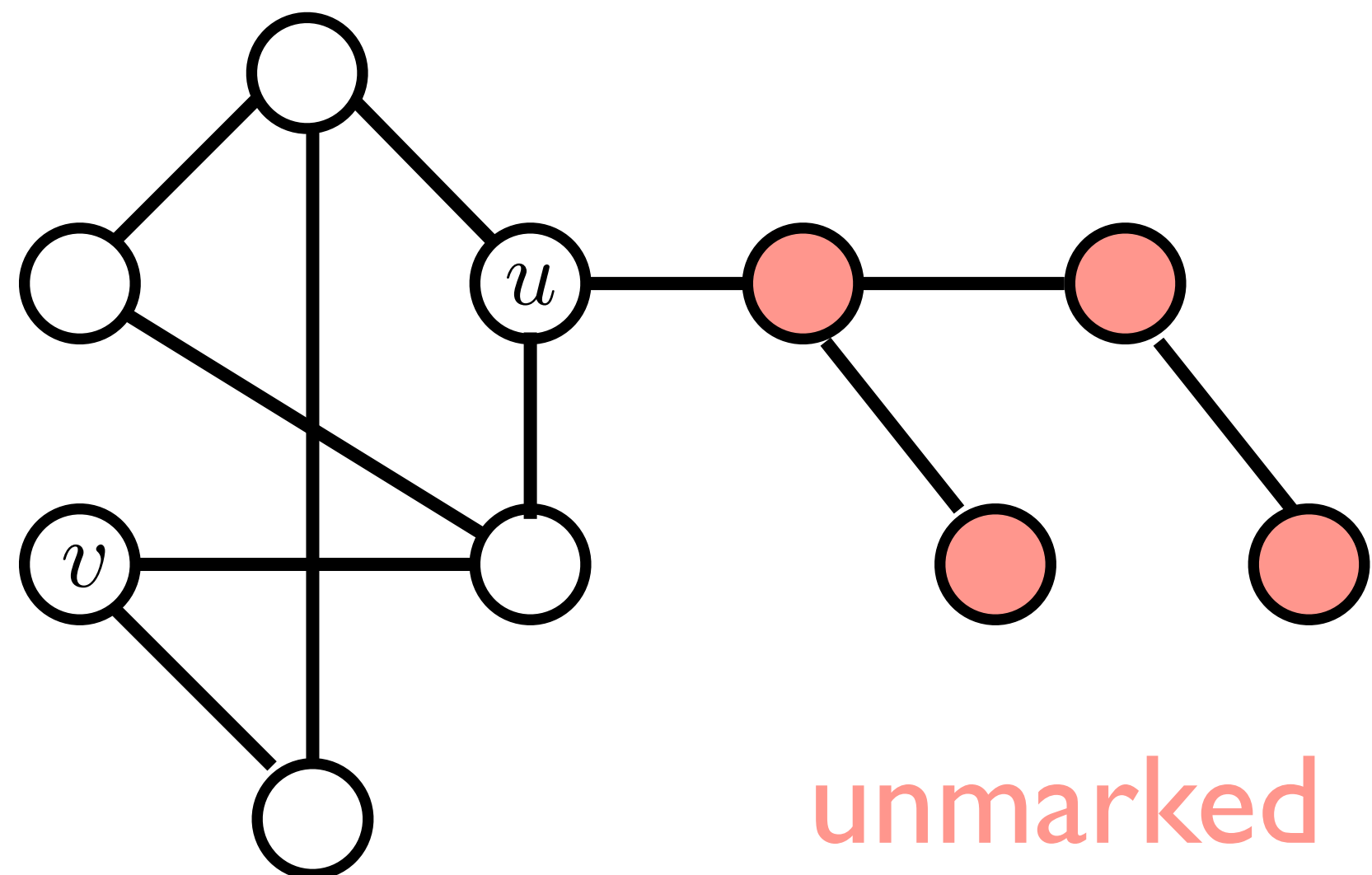
The for loop just iterates over neighbors of the vertex we are visiting.

We never call  $\text{dfs}(u)$  on a vertex  $u$  not in the connected component of  $v$ .

```
bool marked[N] {};  
  
void dfs(unsigned v)  
{  
    marked[v] = true;  
    for(auto u : arr[v])  
    {  
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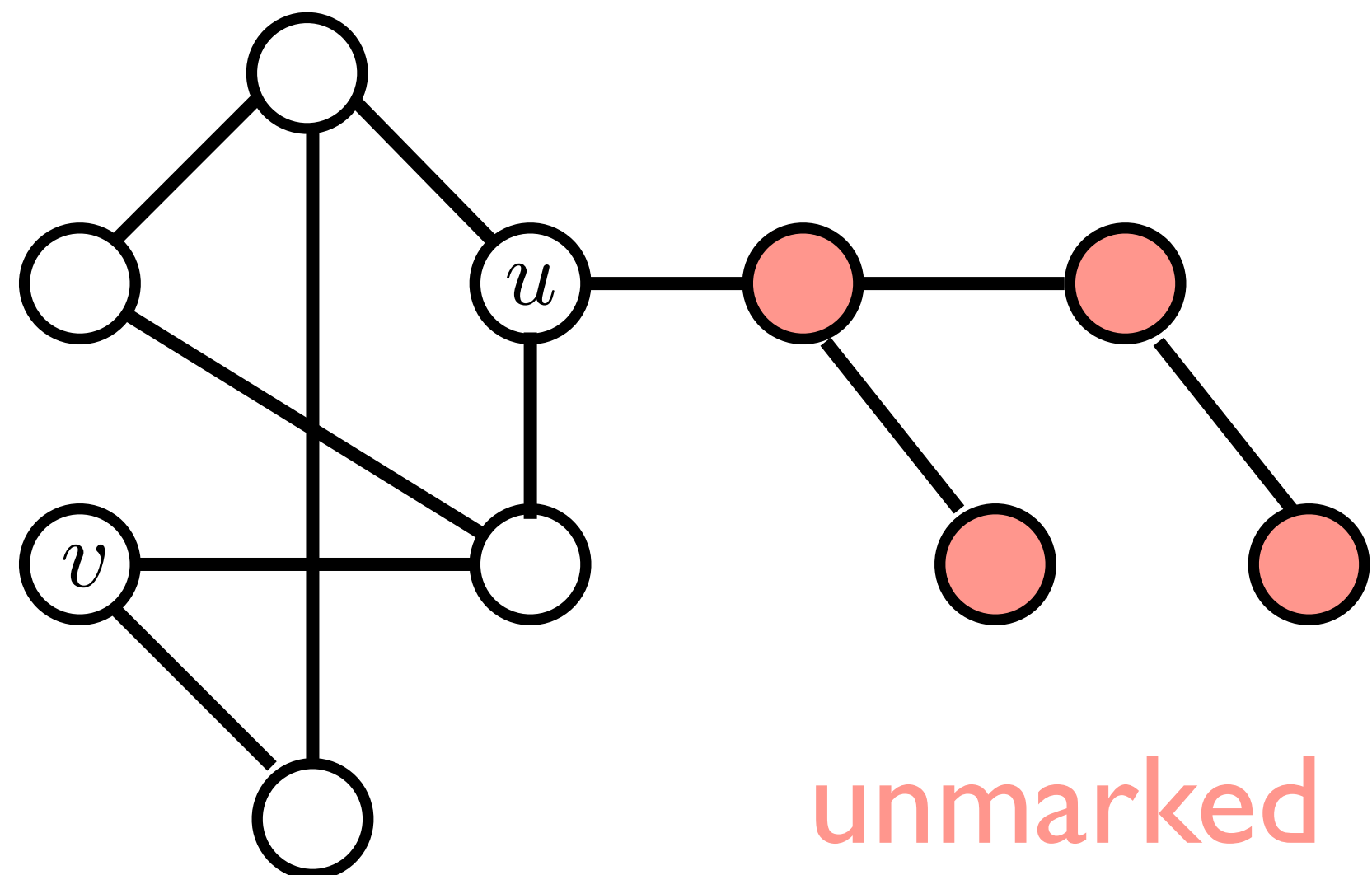
If a vertex in the connected component is unmarked, there would be a marked vertex with an unmarked neighbor---but that is not possible.



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    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Time Complexity

Running depth-first search on vertex  $v$  takes time proportional to the number of edges in the connected component of  $v$  in the adjacency list model.

We only call  $\text{dfs}(u)$  once on vertex  $u$ , because after that it is marked.

The time spent in  $\text{dfs}(u)$  is proportional to its degree in the adjacency list model.

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    marked[v] = true;  
    for(auto u : arr[v])  
    {  
        if(!marked[u])  
        {  
            dfs(u);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Further Additions

We can use depth-first search to find all connected components by wrapping it in a loop that performs dfs on any vertex still not marked.

The running time becomes  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

We can also use depth-first search to find paths between vertices, not just whether or not they are connected.

For this we use another array that records from where a vertex was visited (we will talk more about this in the next video).

# Iterative DFS

We can straightforwardly transform the recursive version of DFS into an iterative one by using a **stack** data structure.

The stack simulates the call function stack in the recursive version.

# Iterative DFS

```
void iterative_dfs(unsigned v)
{
    visit_stack.push(v);
    while(!visit_stack.empty())
    {
        unsigned x = visit_stack.top();
        visit_stack.pop();
        if(marked[x])
        {
            continue;
        }
        marked[x] = true;
        print_marked();
        for(auto u : arr[x])
        {
            if(!marked[u])
            {
                visit_stack.push(u);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

To get exactly the same visit order as the recursive one we should push vertices in `arr[x]` in reverse order.

We allow a vertex to be pushed on the stack more than once in order to simulate the visit order of recursive DFS.

<https://godbolt.org/z/ovq99ebGc>

# Breadth-First Search

# Shortest Paths

Let us continue working on an **undirected** and **unweighted** graph.

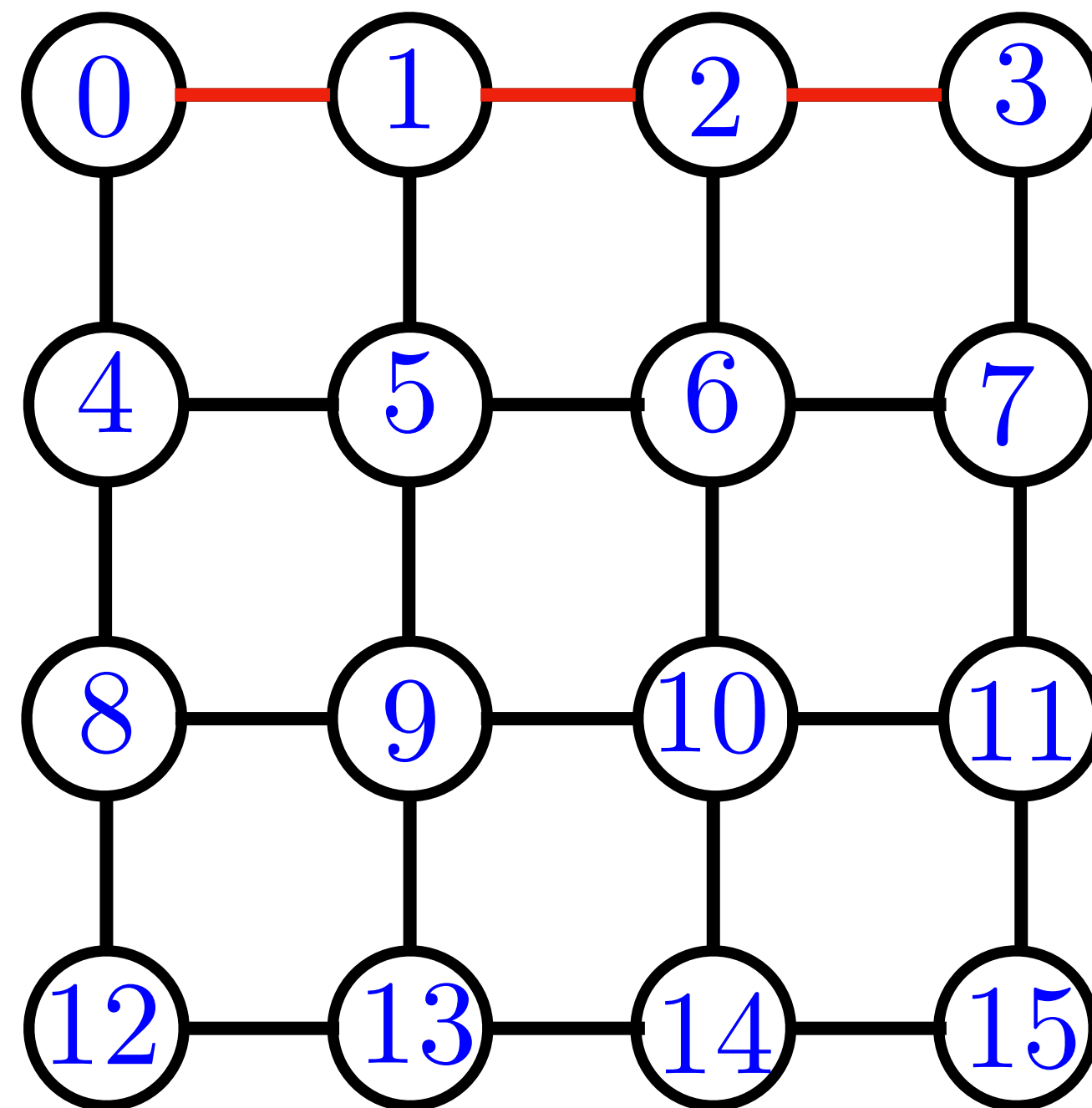
**Single-source shortest paths problem:** Given a vertex  $v$ , find shortest paths from  $v$  to all other vertices in its connected component.

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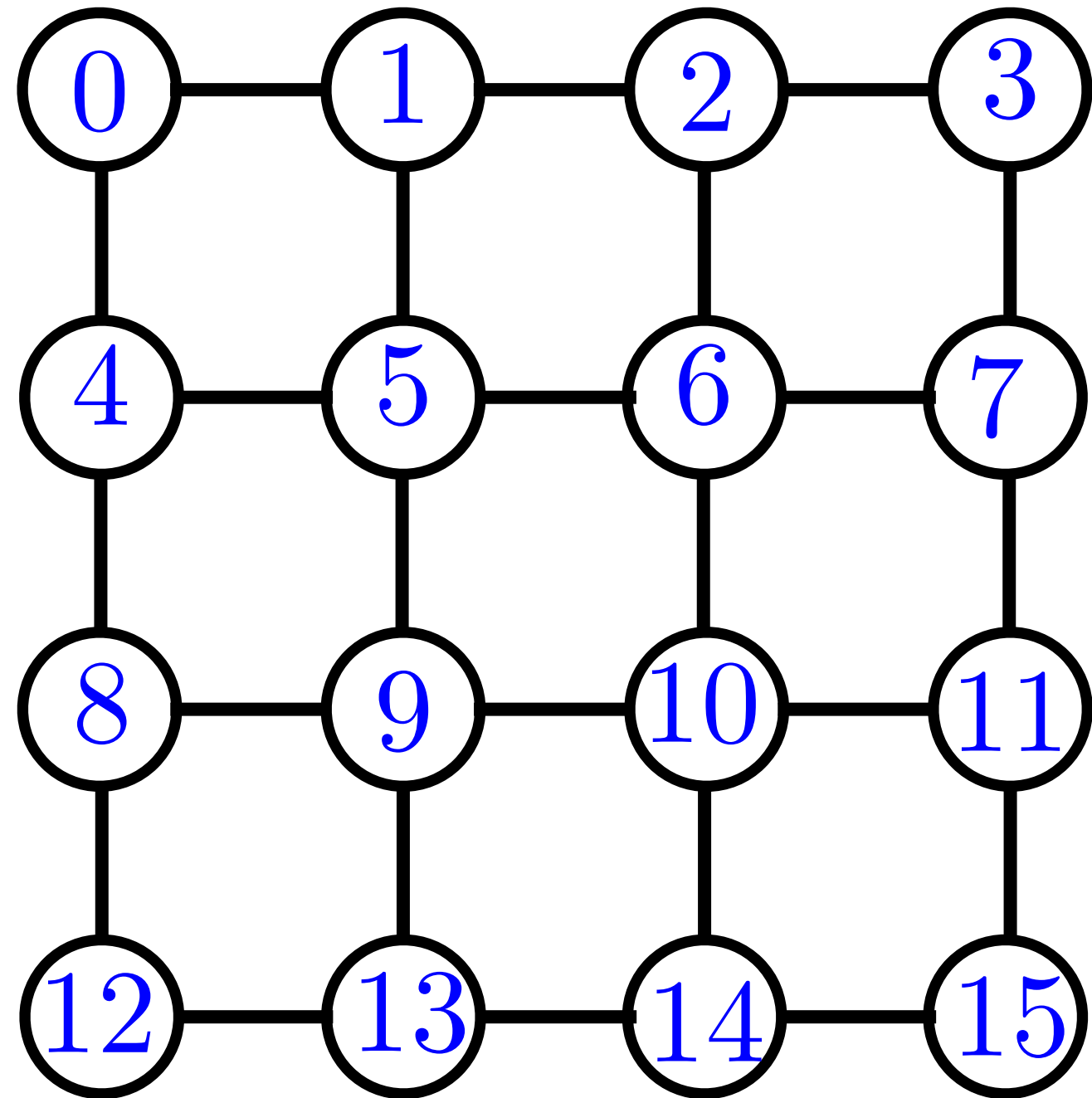
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Example graph:



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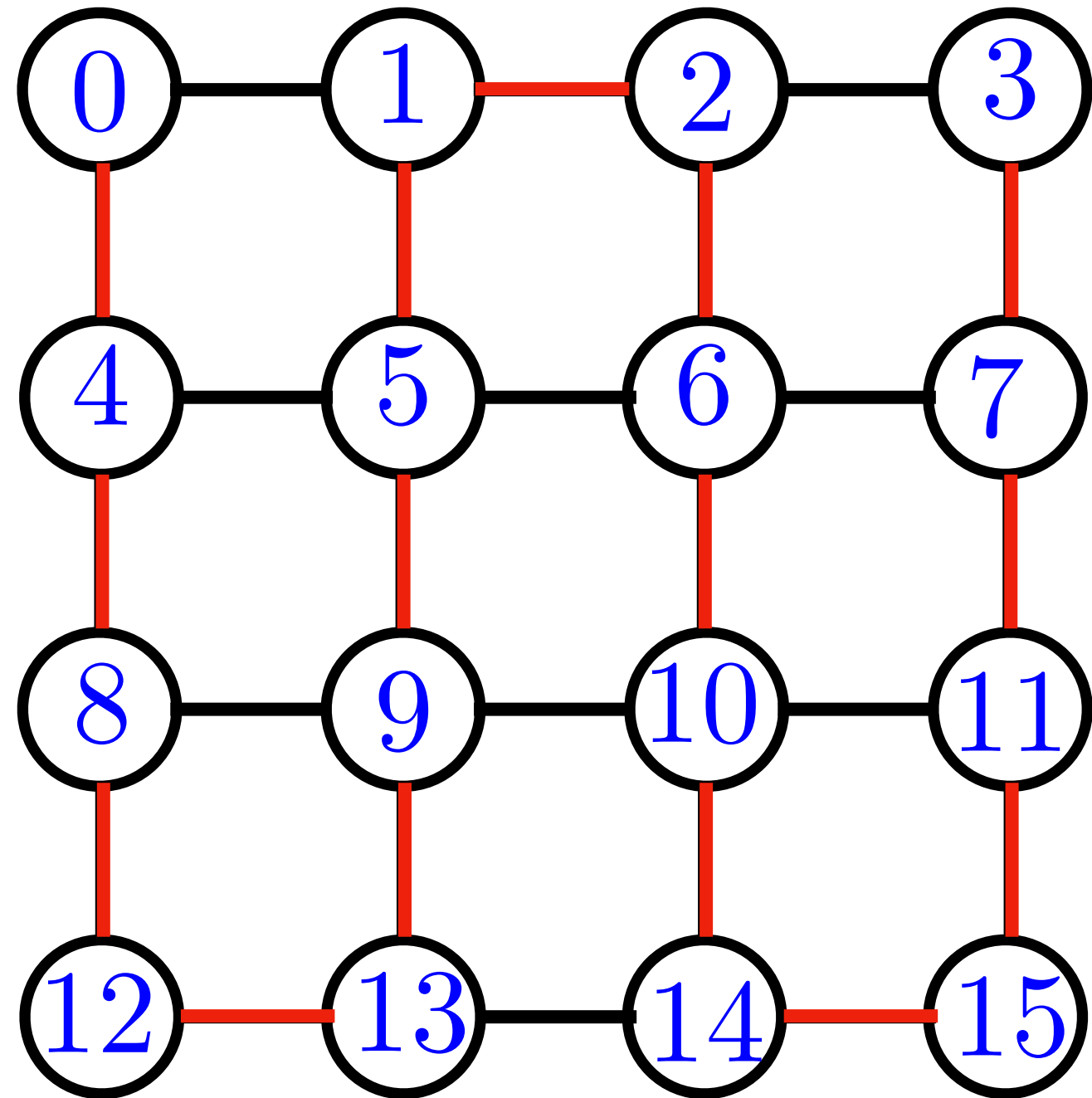
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# Breadth-First Search

Another classic graph algorithm, breadth-first search, can solve the single source shortest path problem in an unweighted graph.

To do breadth-first search we can take the iterative version of DFS and replace the stack with a queue.

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void bfs(unsigned v)
{
    visit_queue.push(v);
    marked[v] = true;
    while(!visit_queue.empty())
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queue that holds vertices where we still need to explore their neighbors.

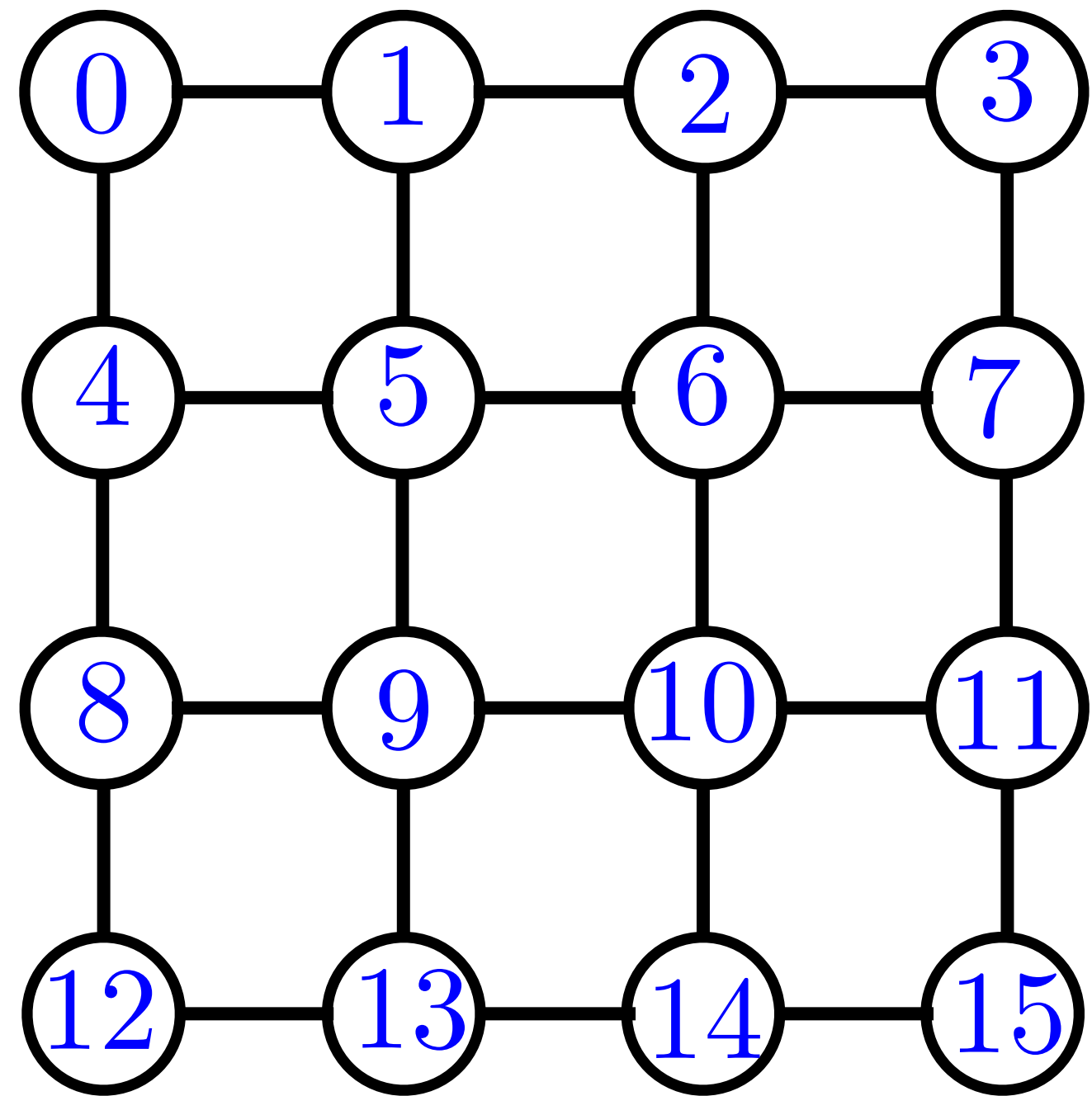
marked

array of bools, indicates if vertex has been added to queue.

edge\_to

array of vertices. Tells vertex we came from to visit a vertex.

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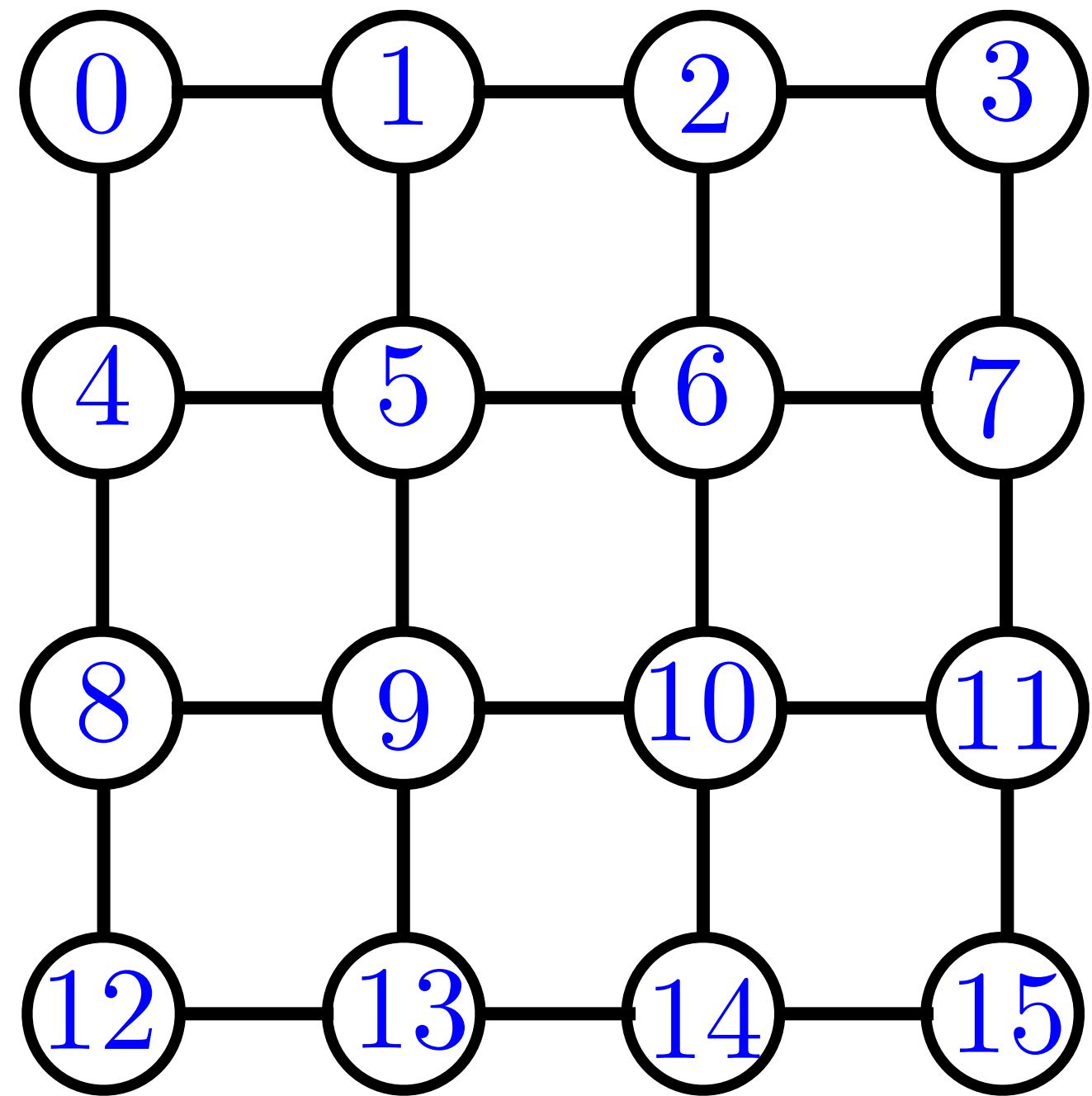
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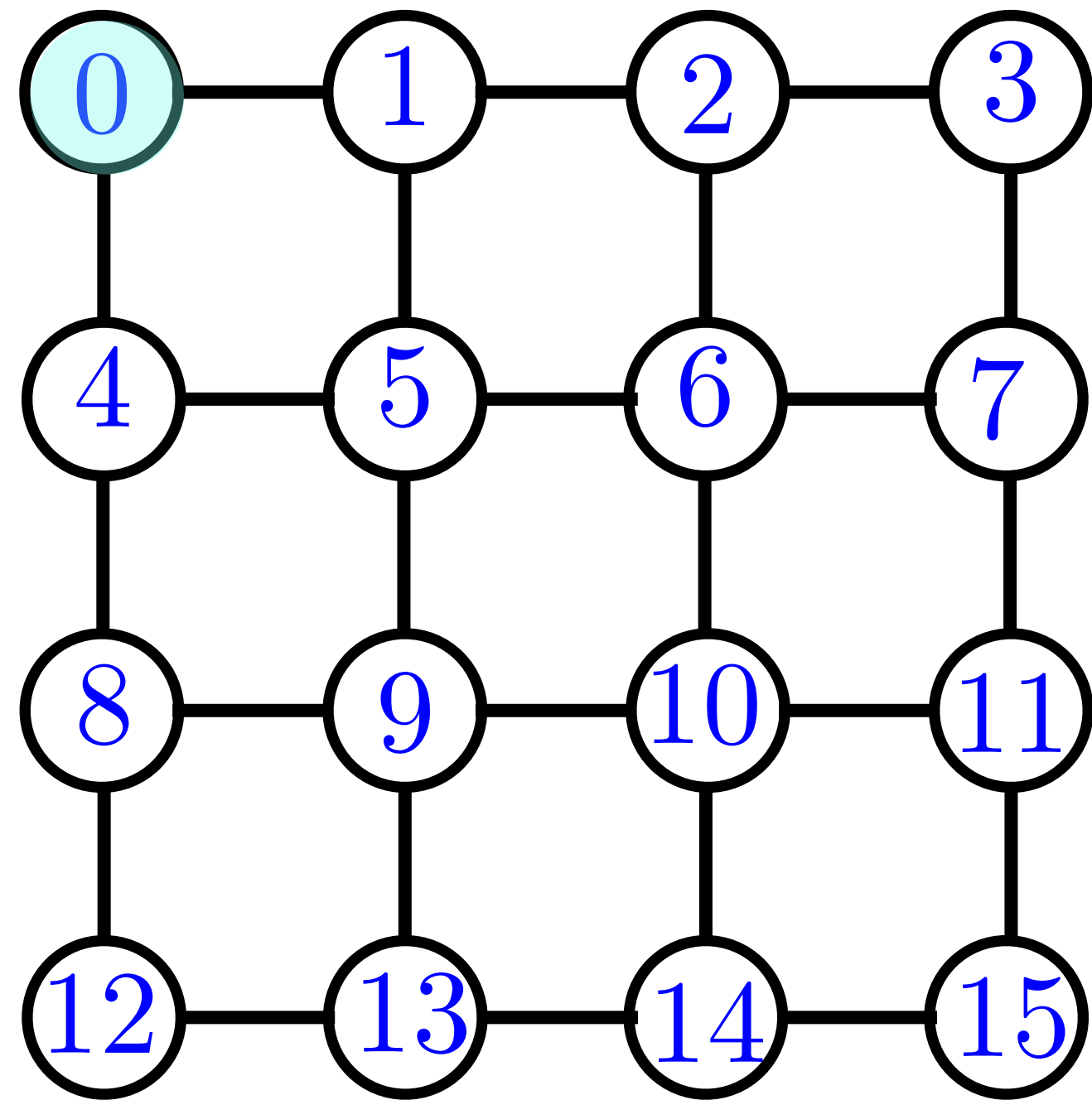


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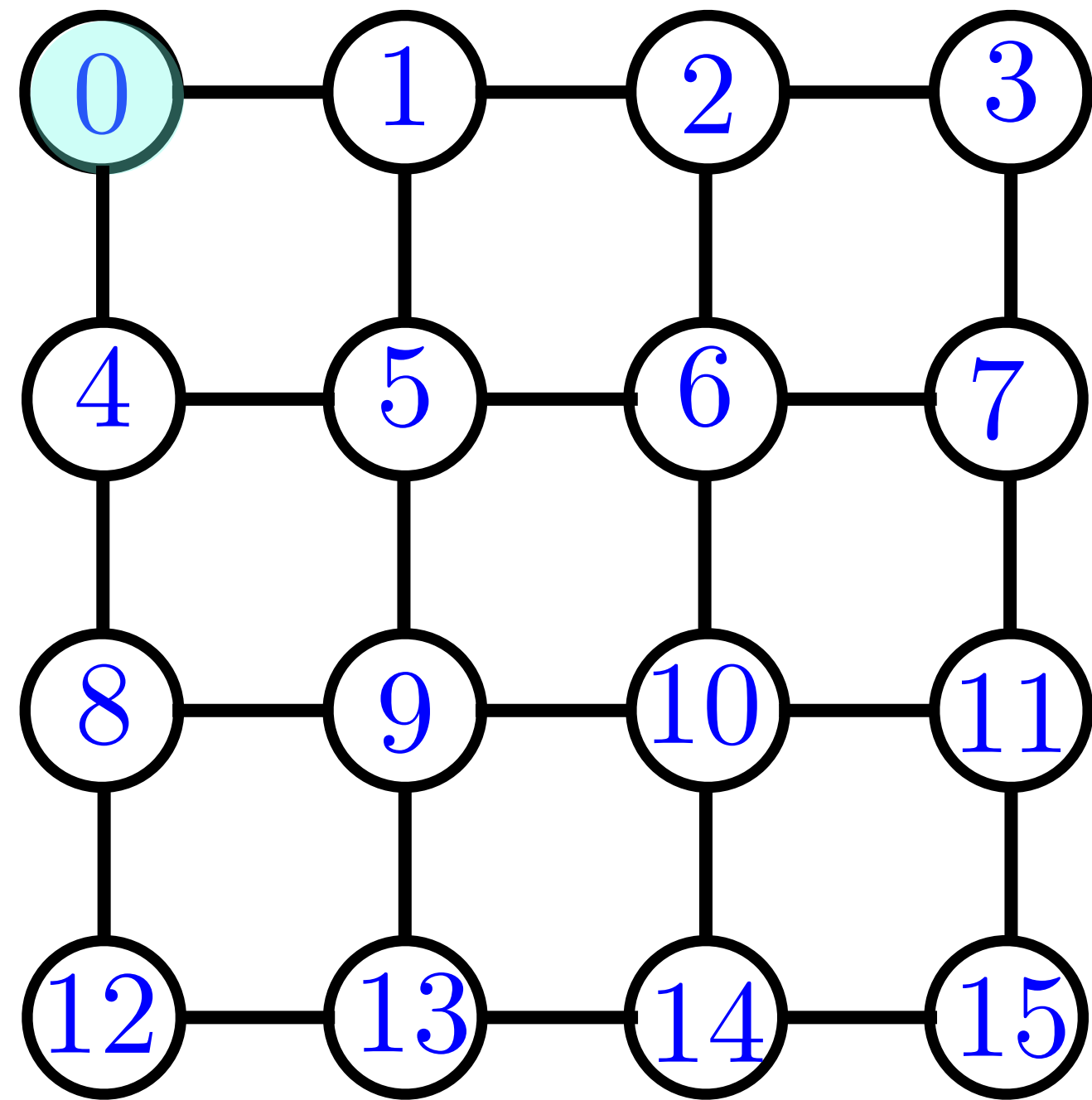


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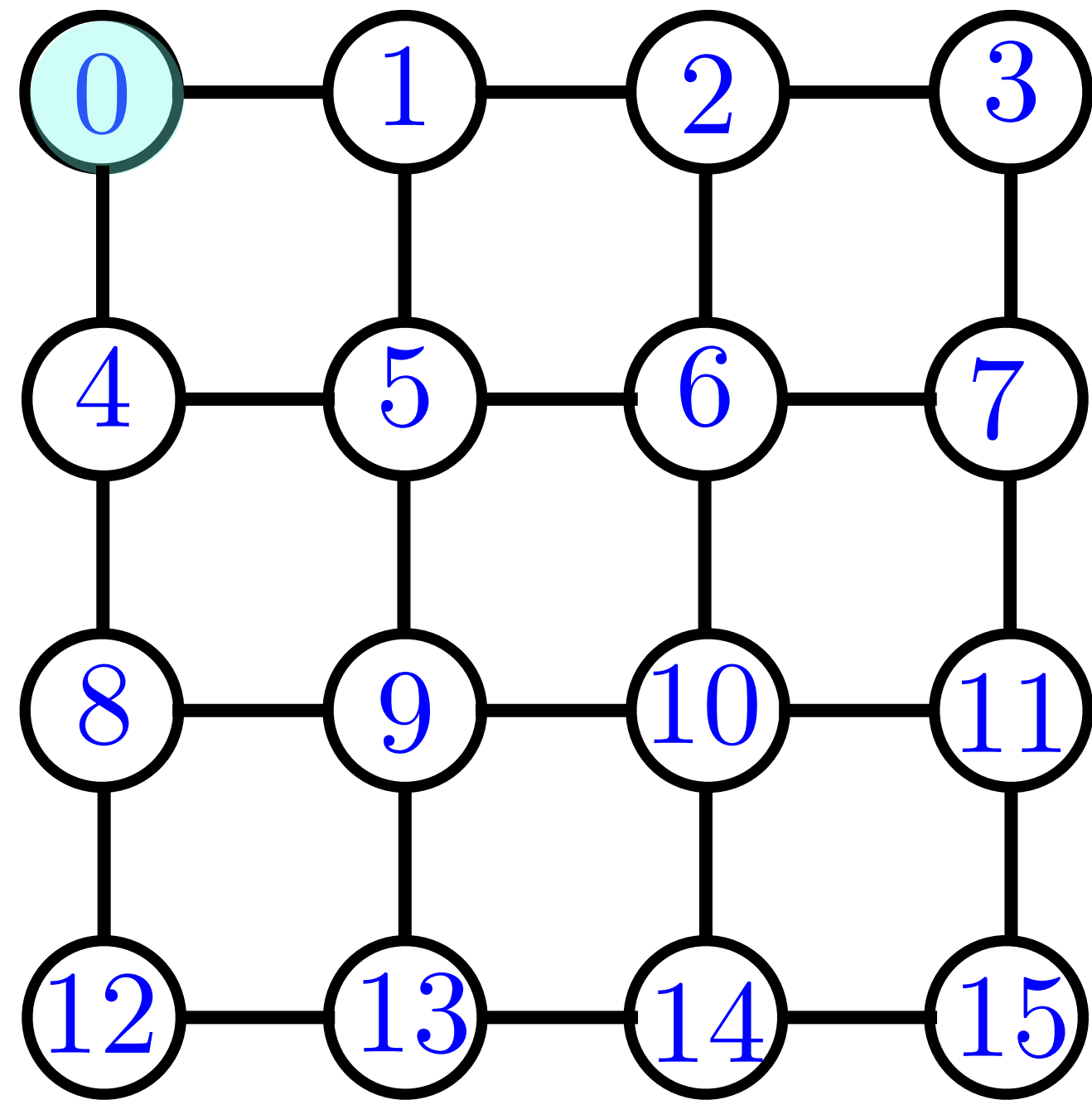
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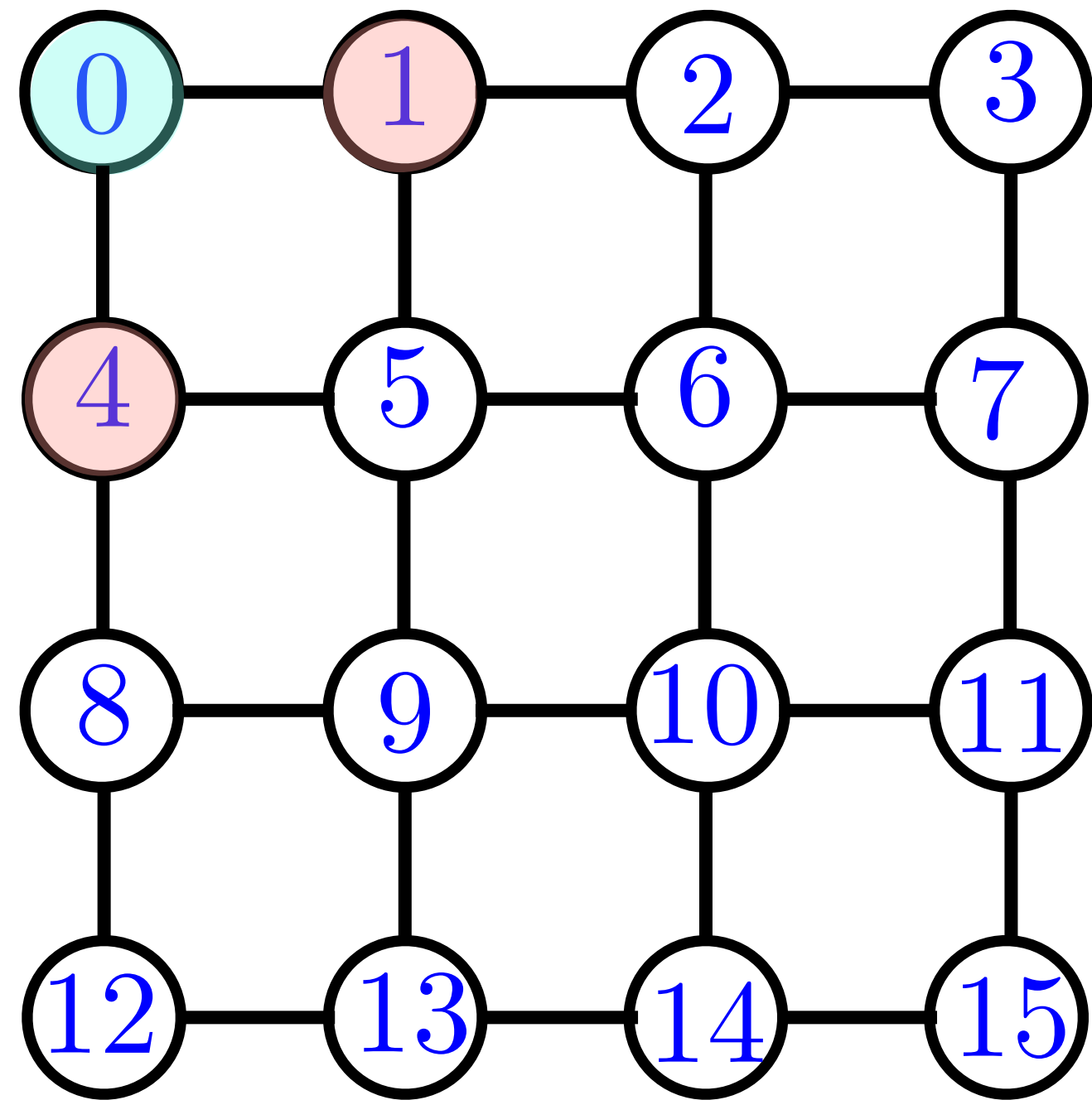
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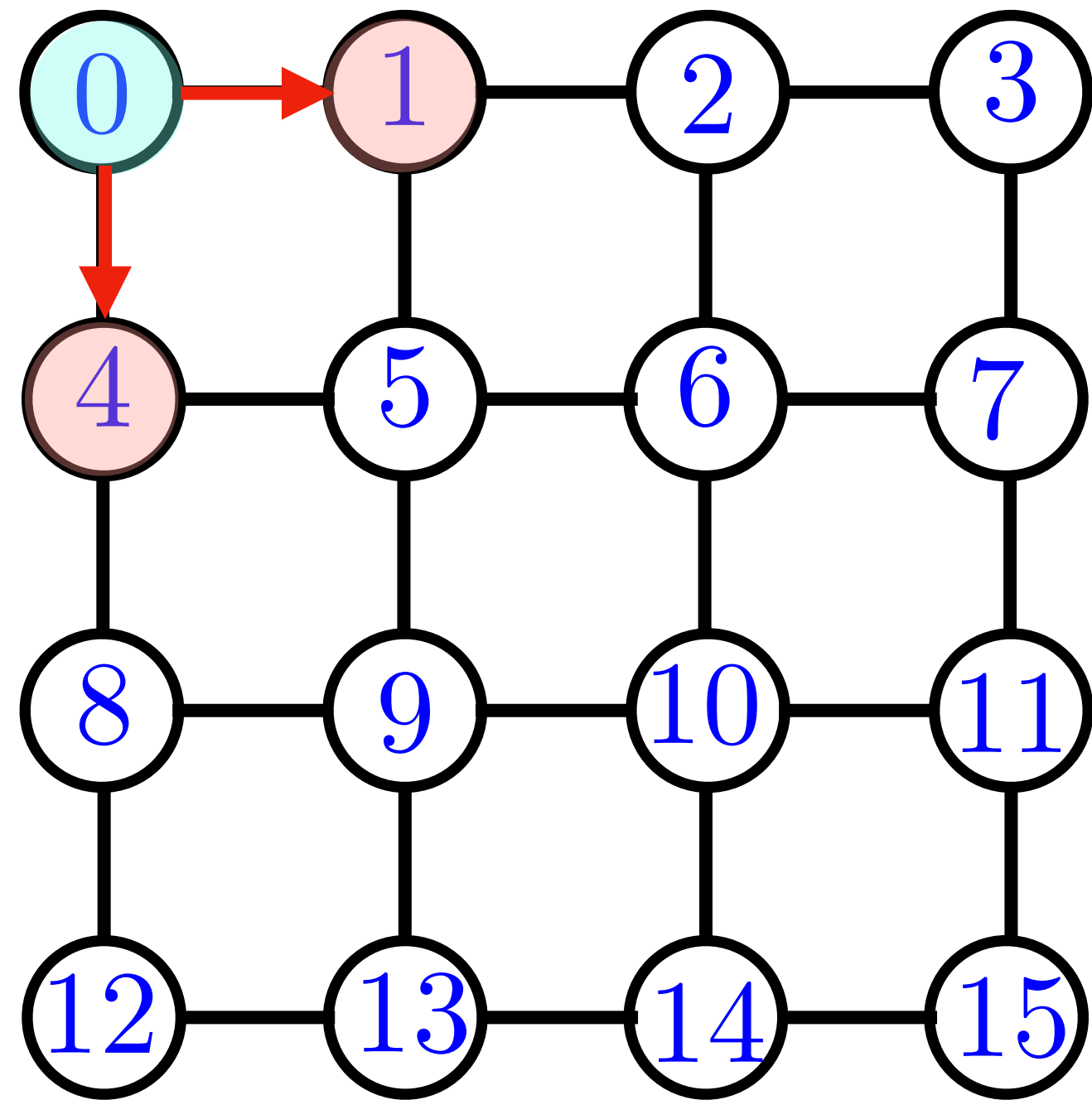
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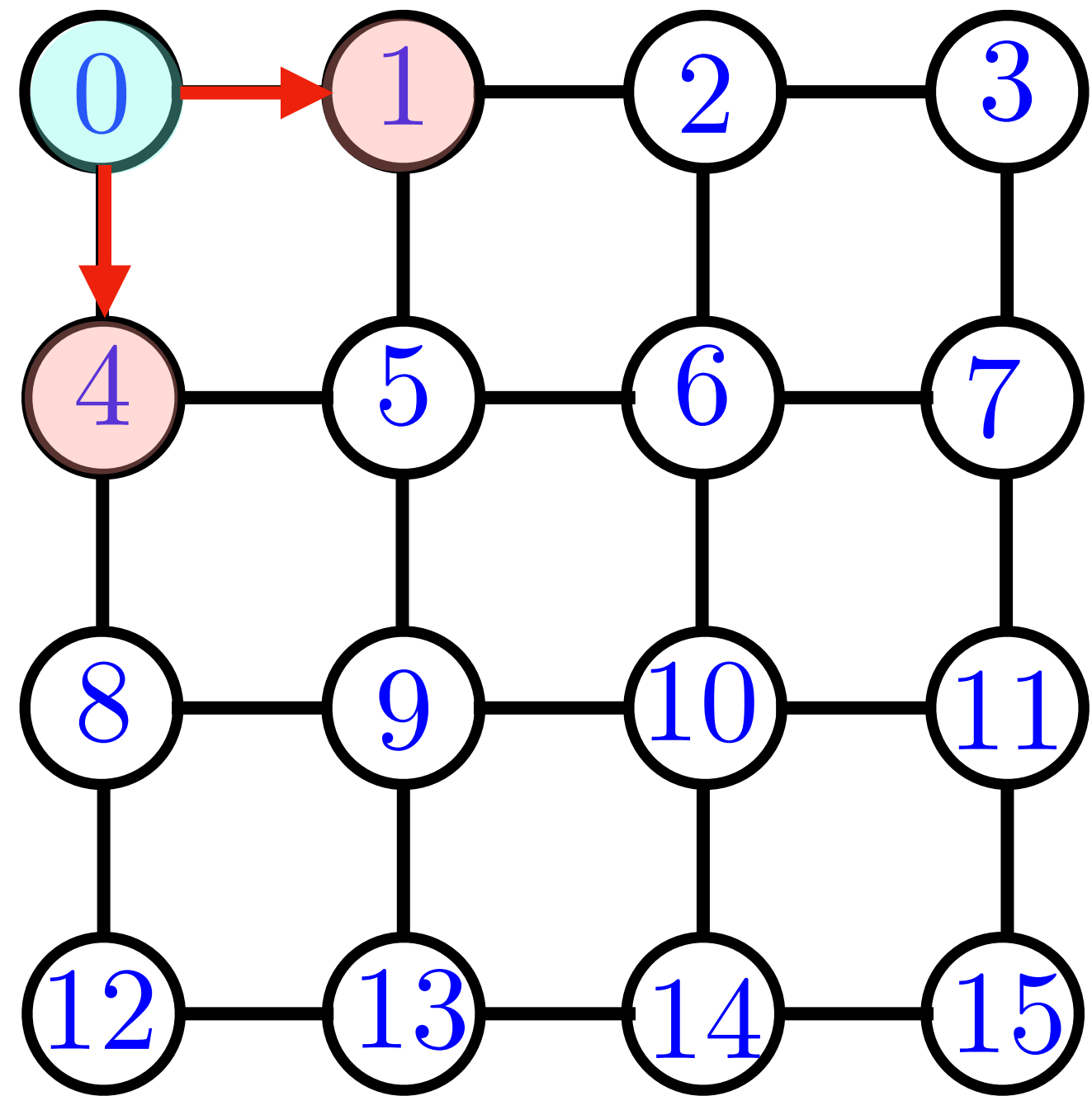
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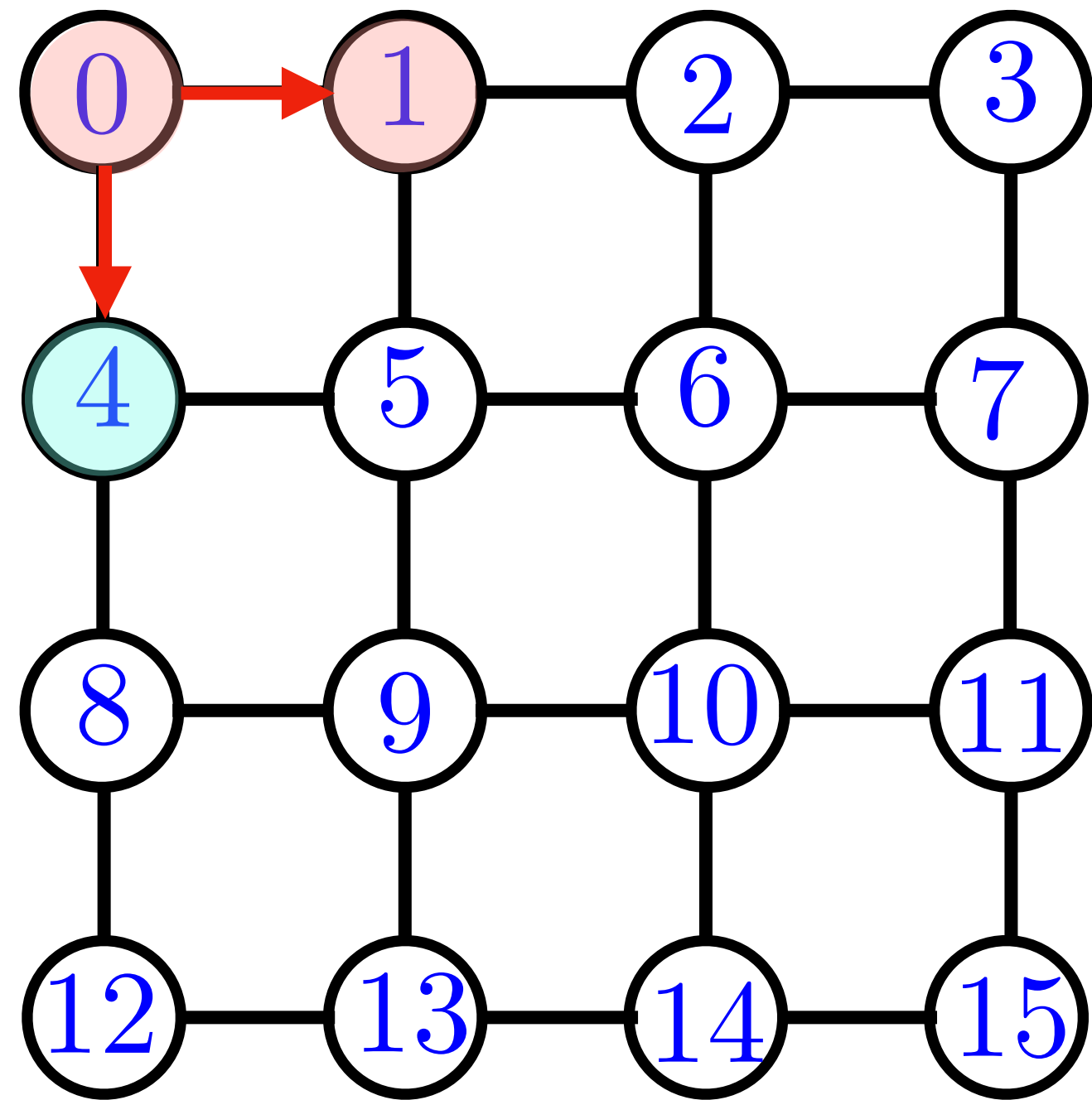


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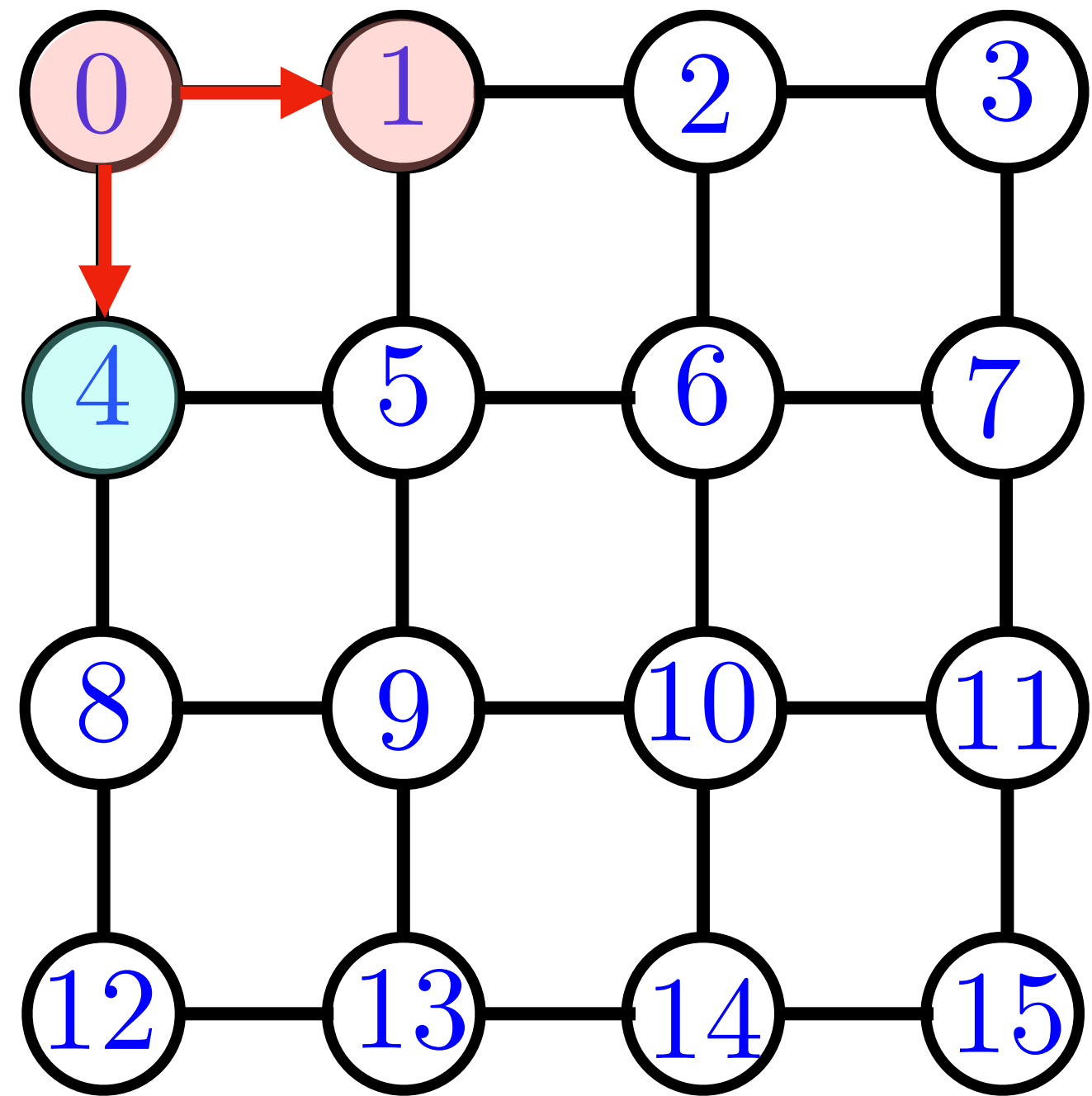
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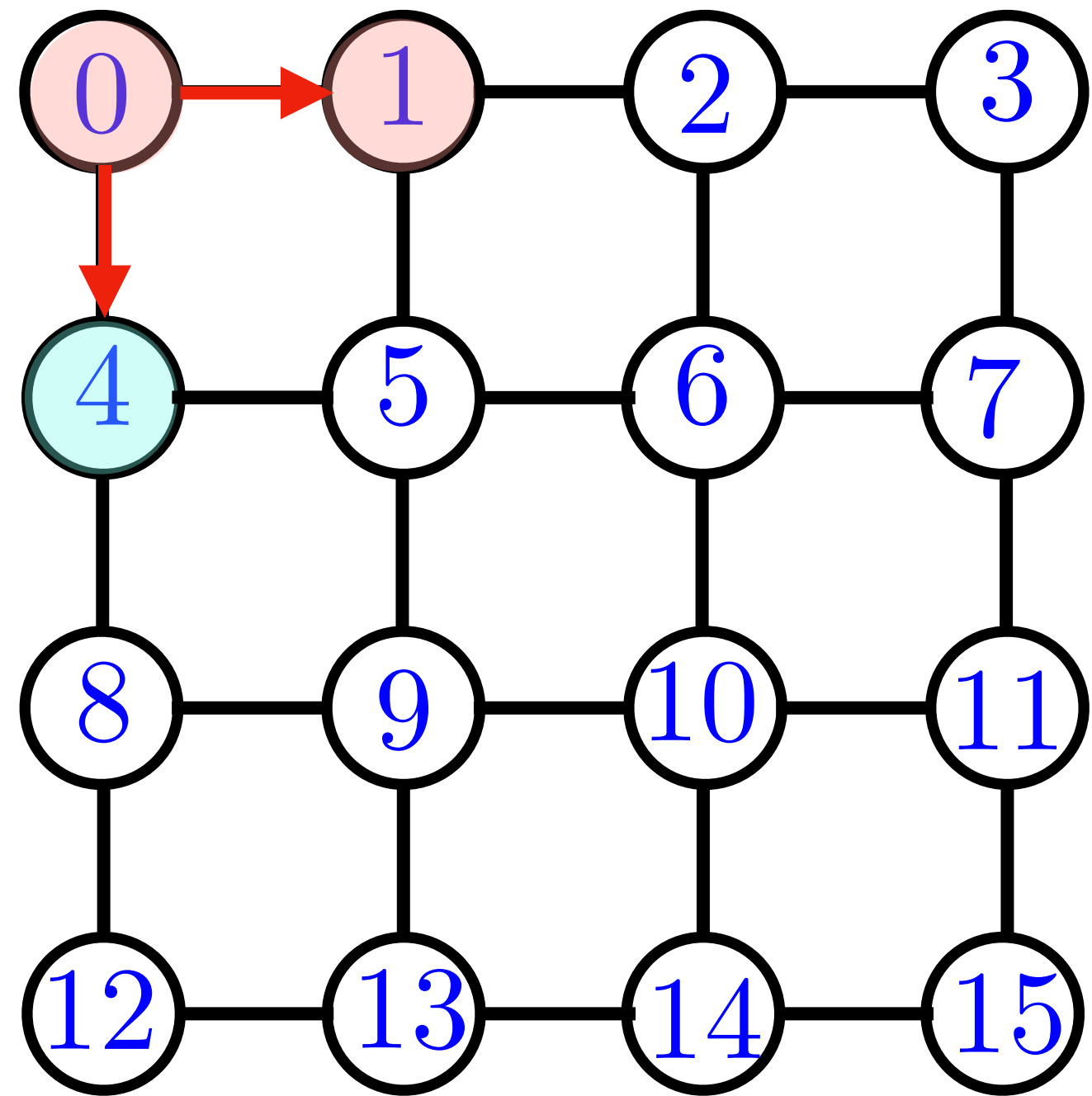


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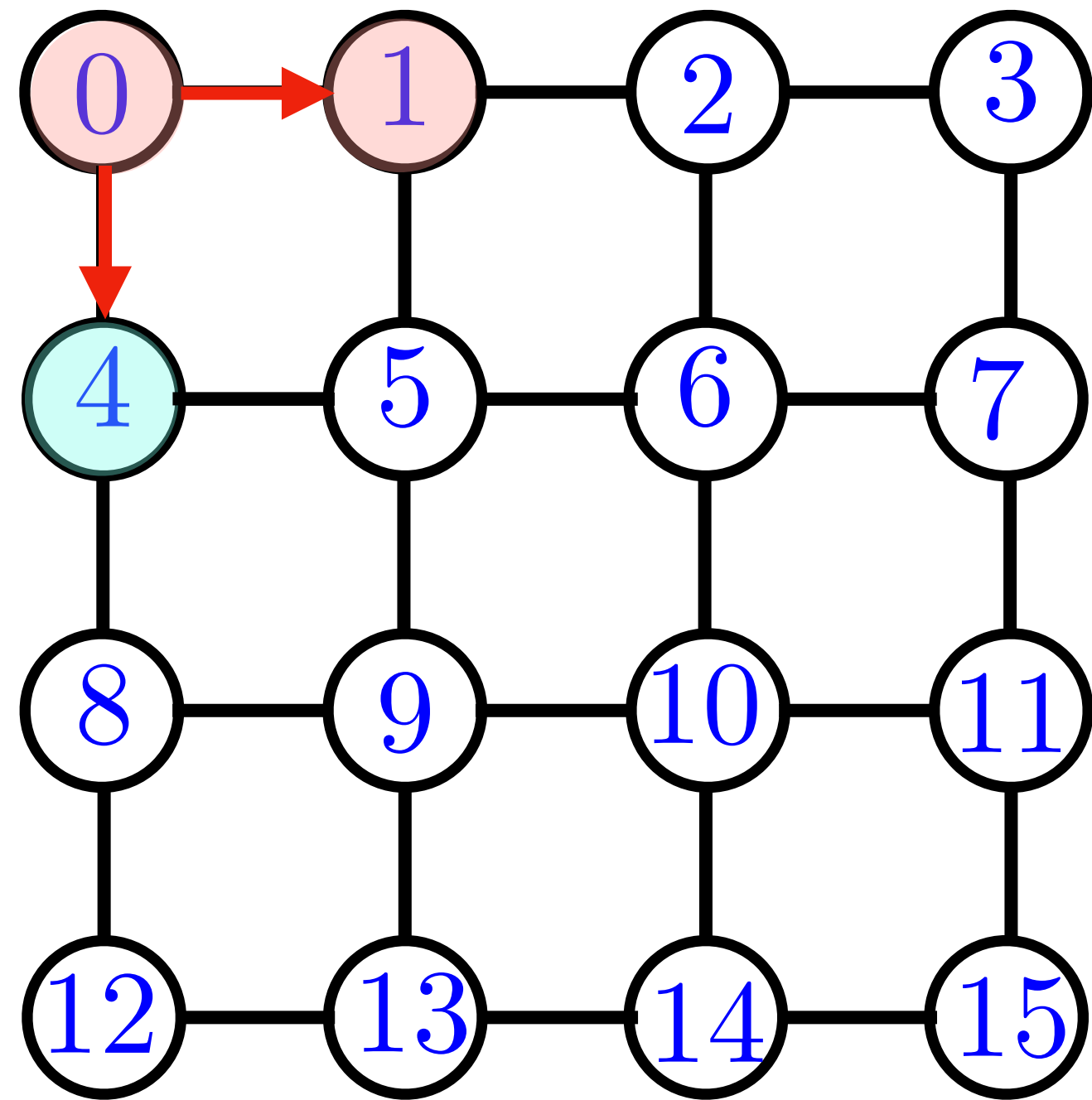
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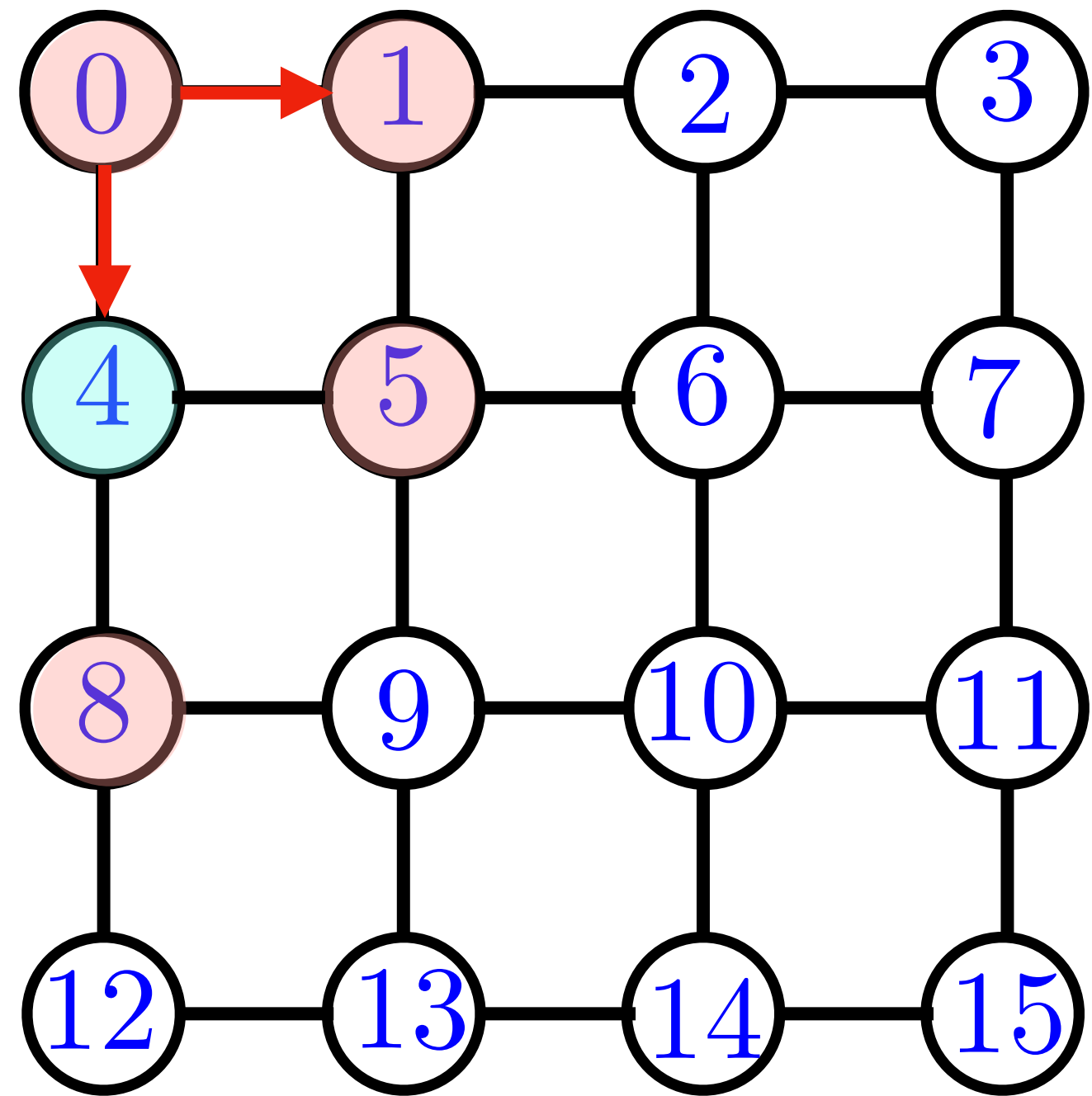
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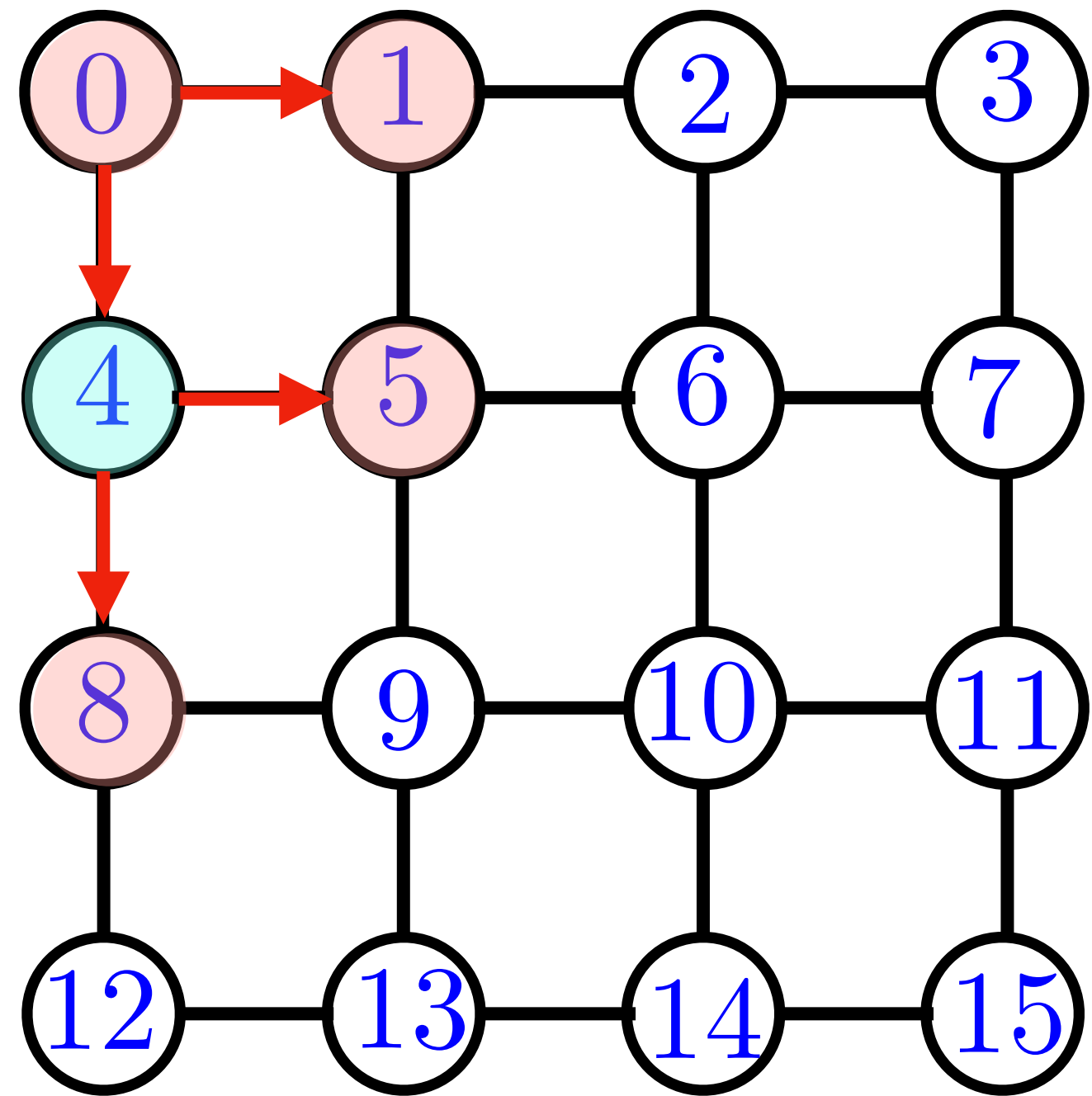
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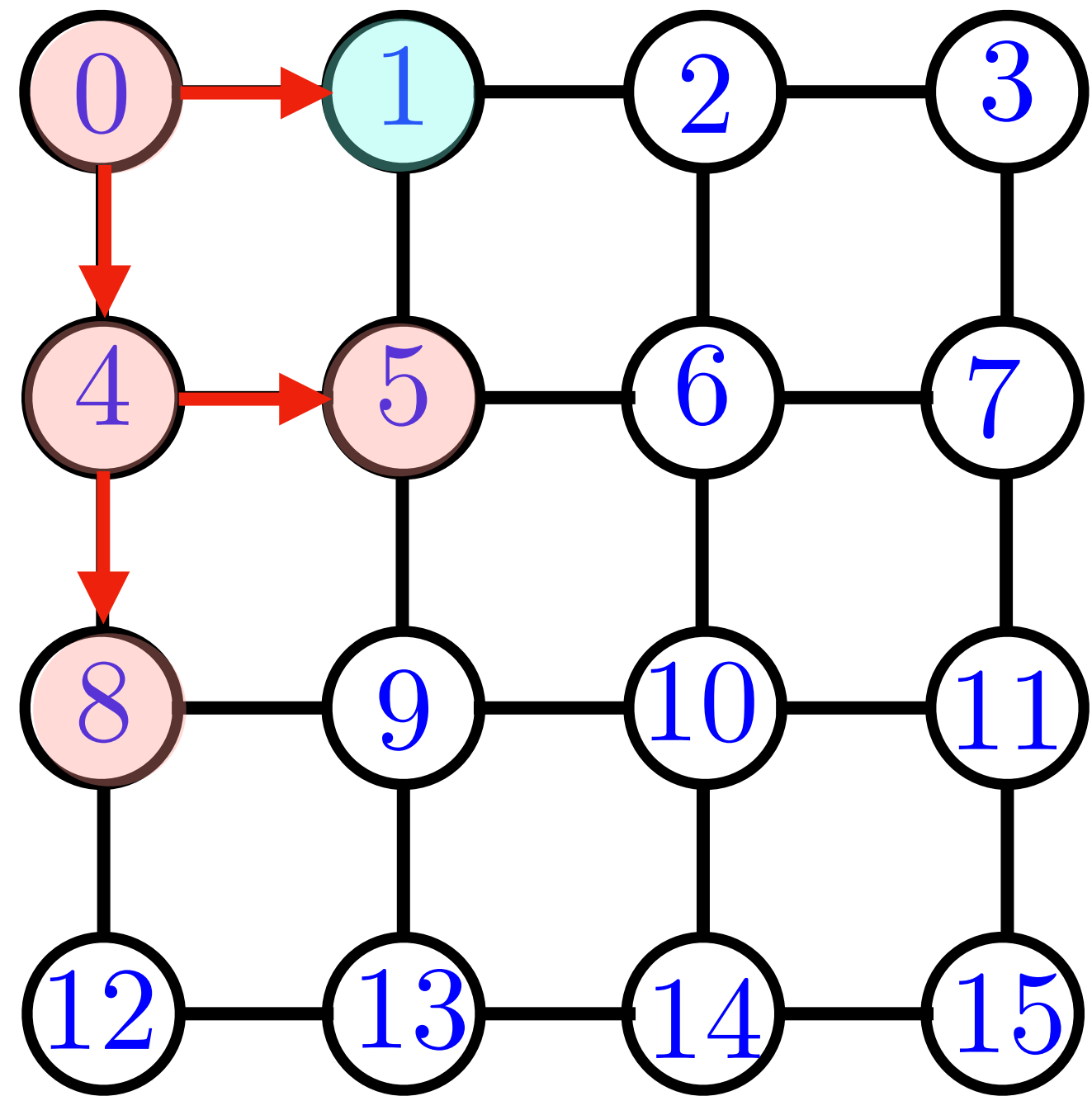
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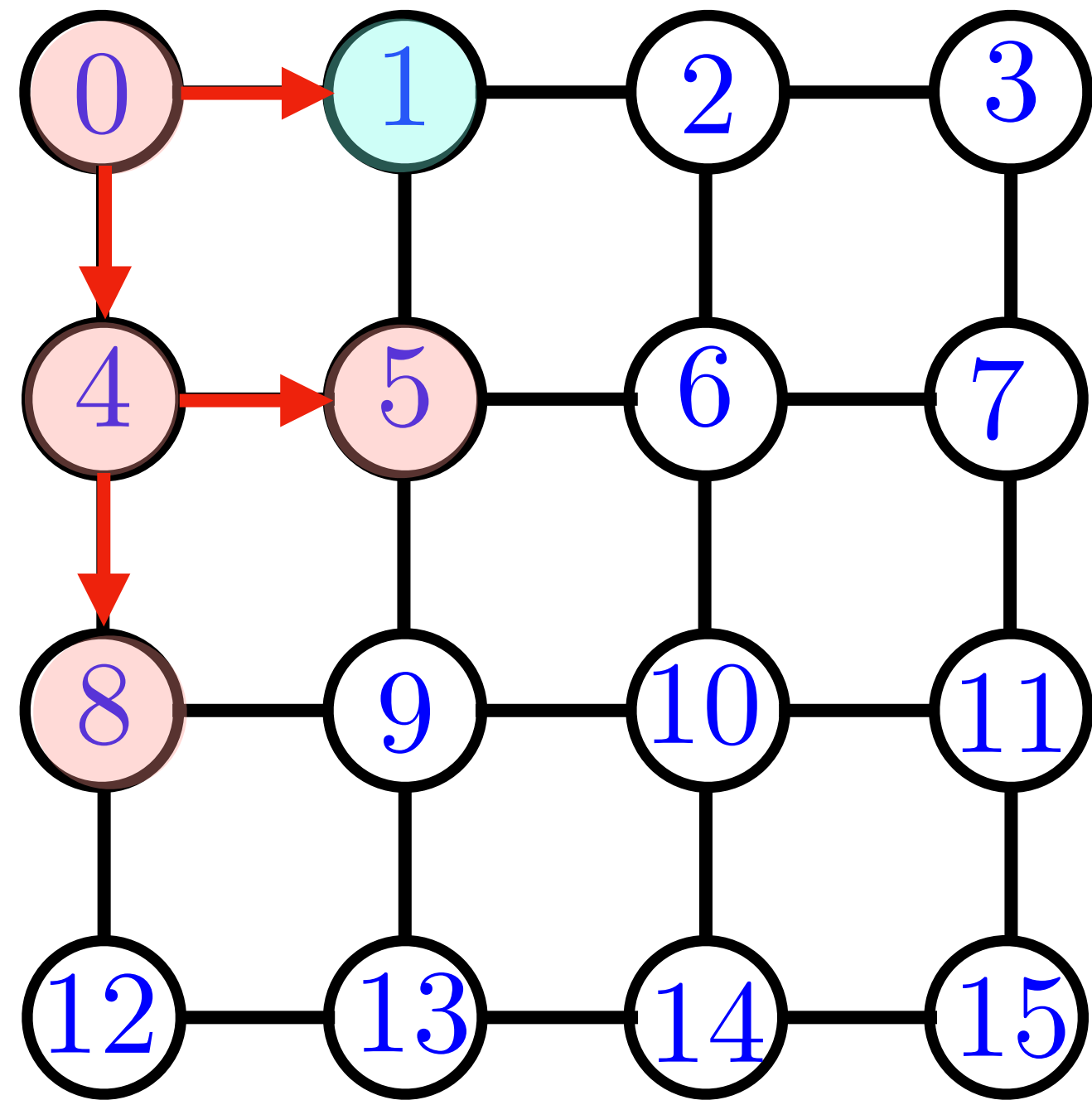
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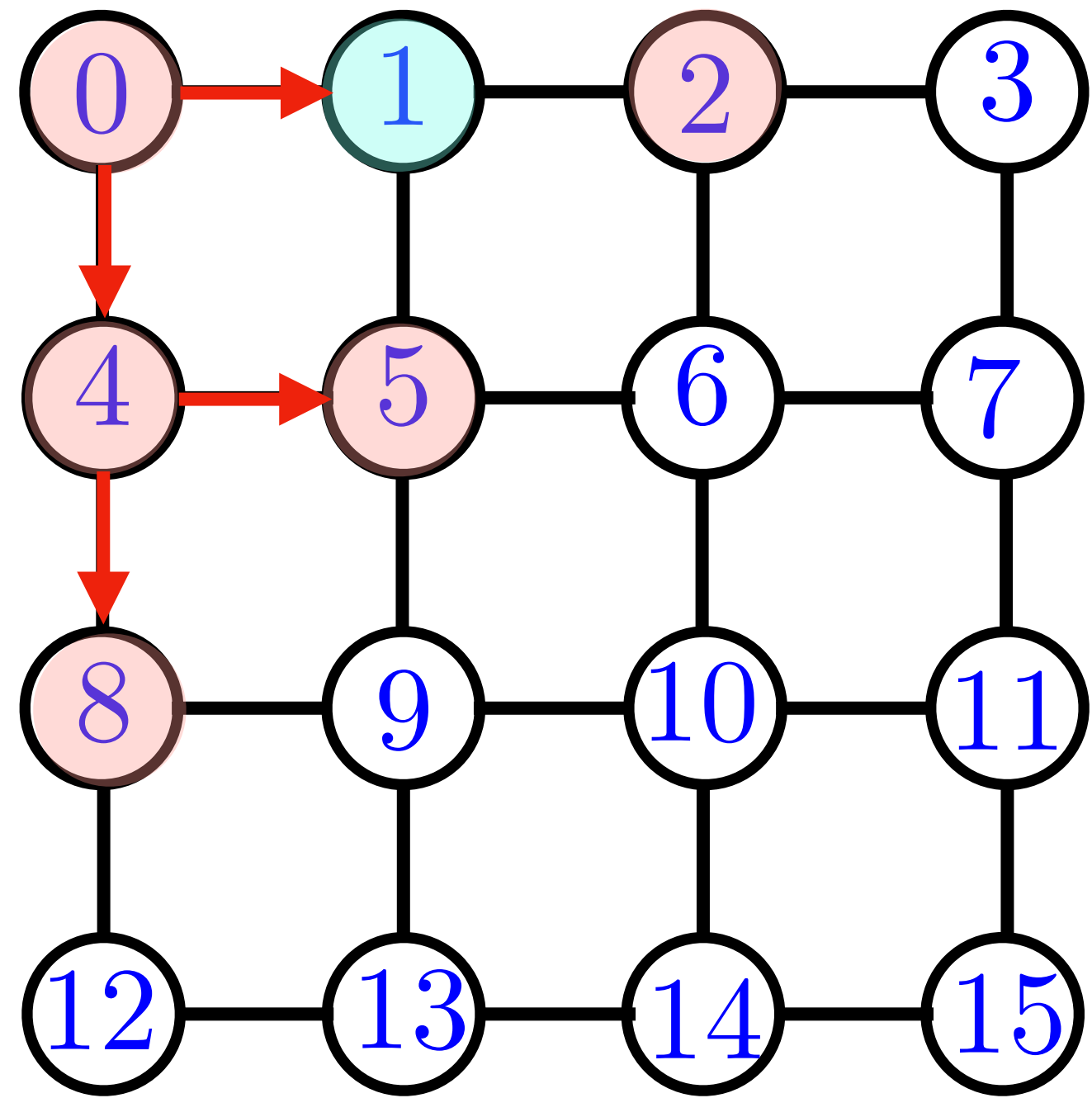
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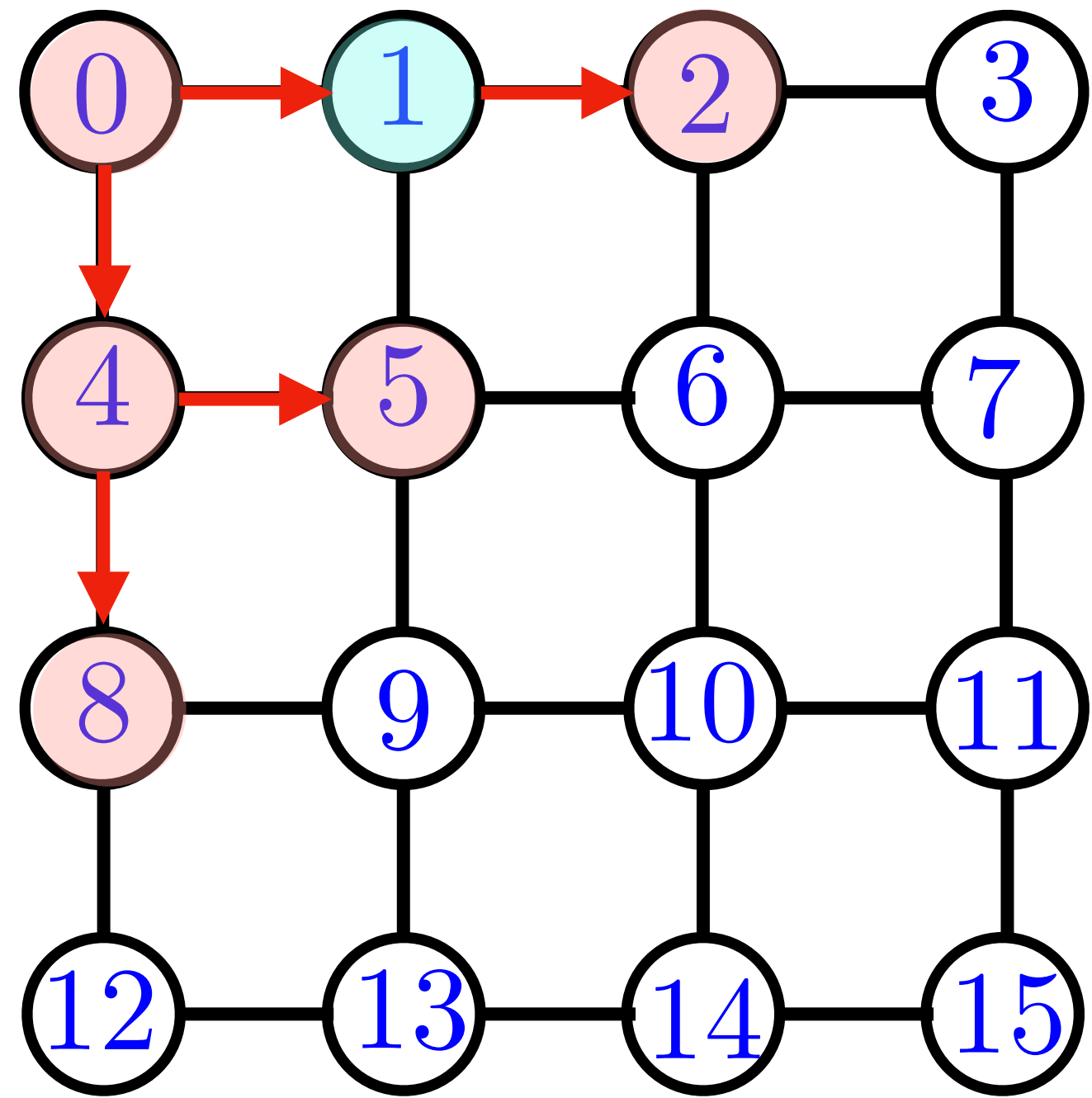
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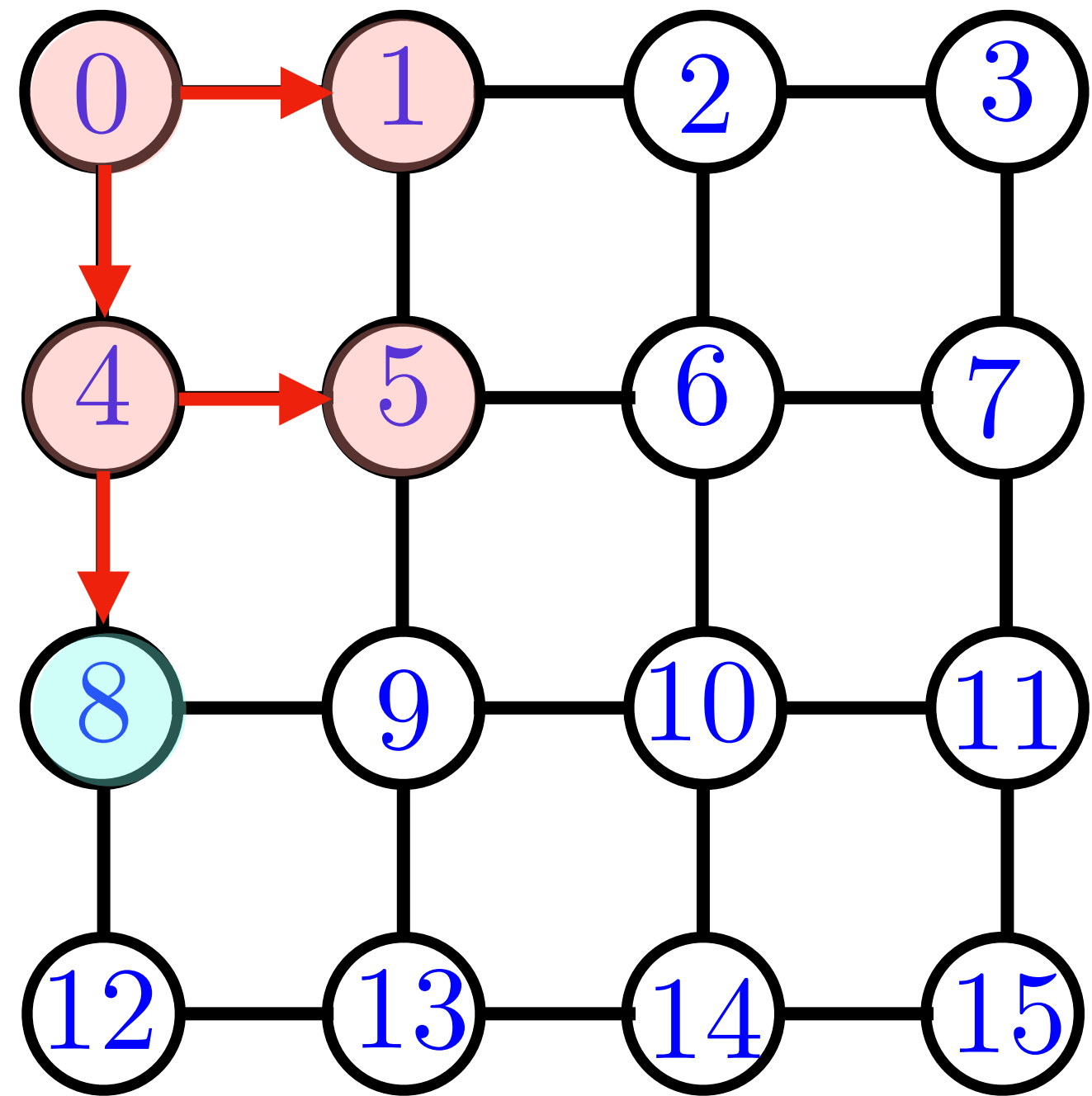
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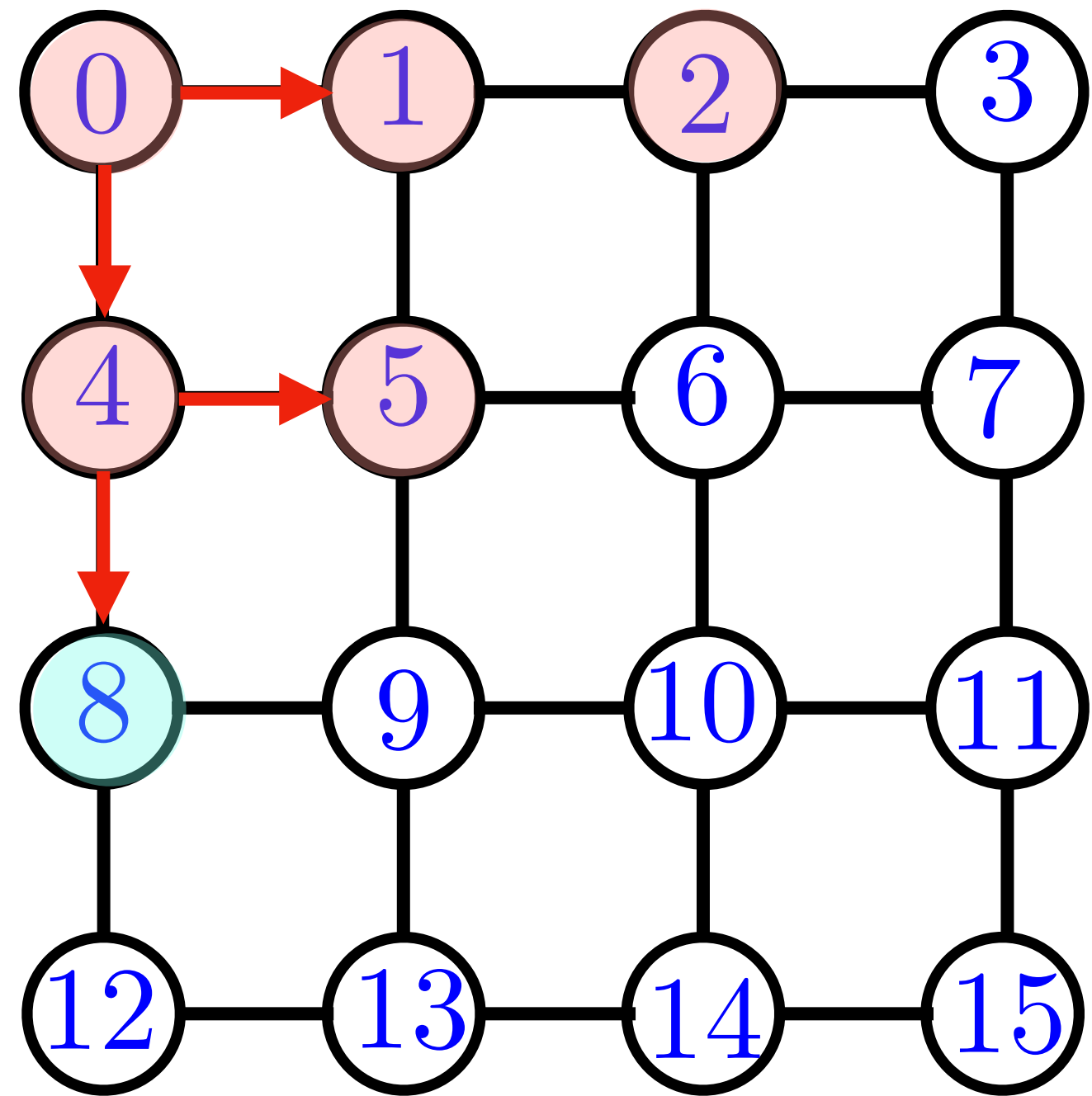


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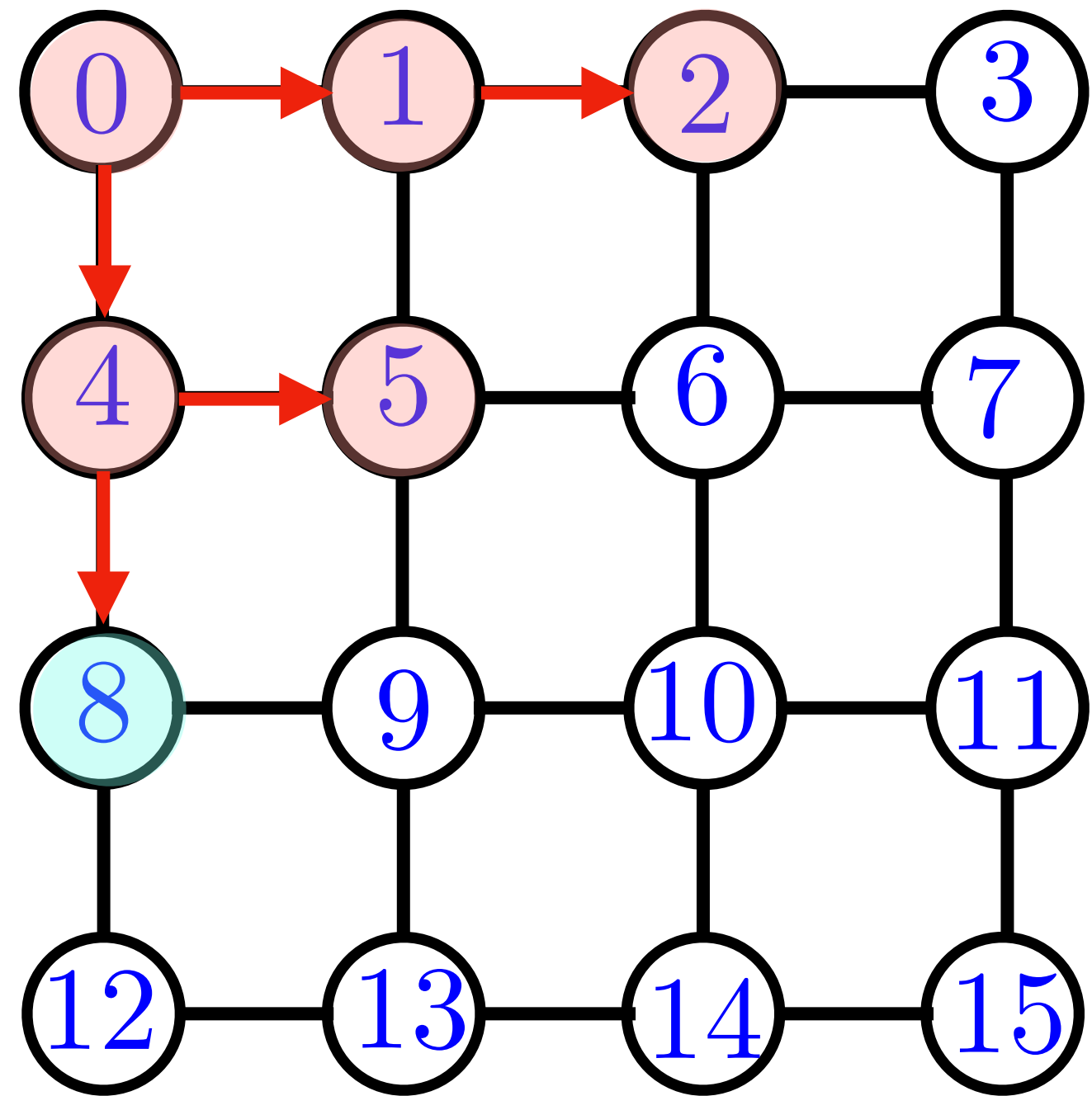


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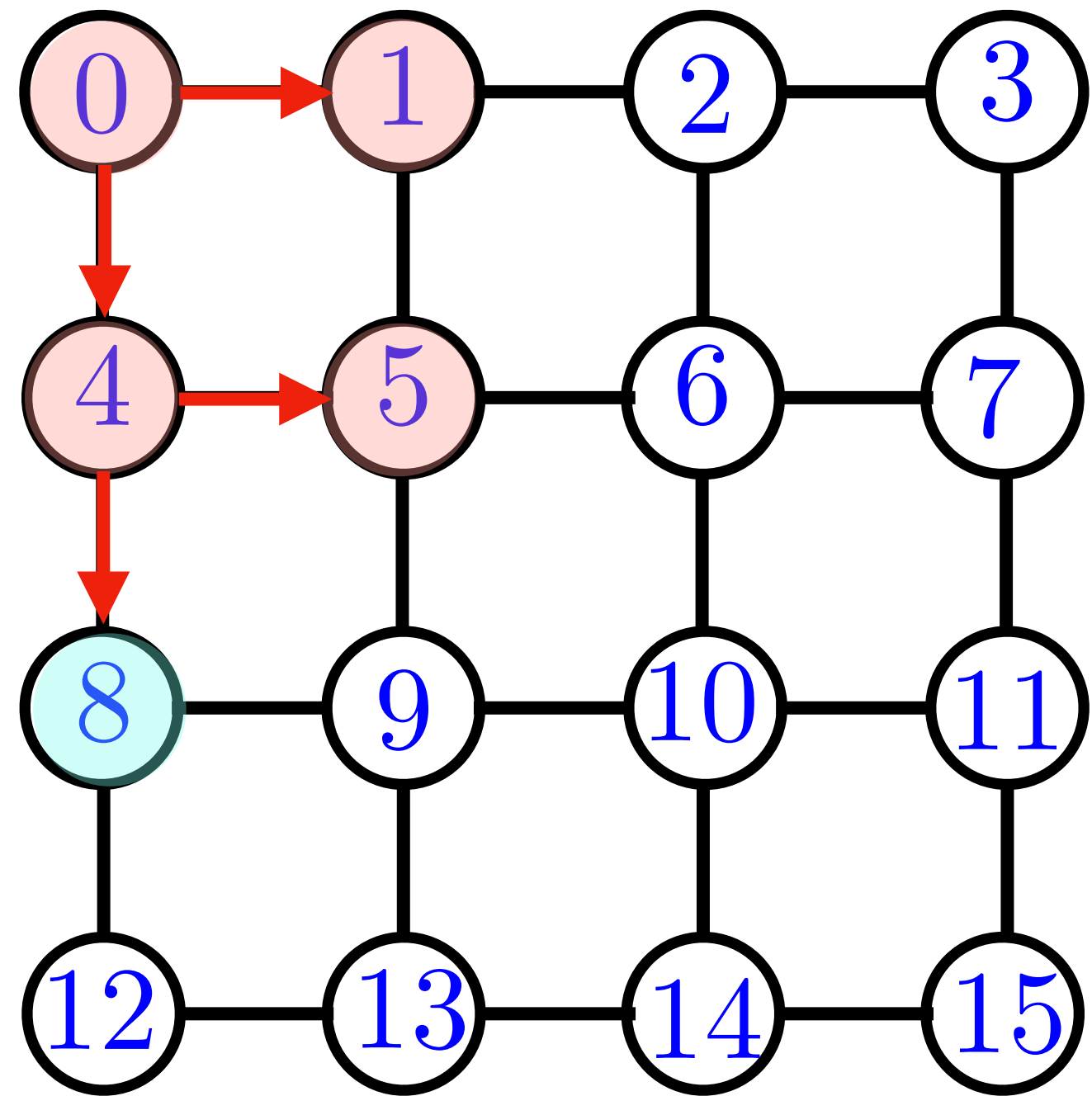


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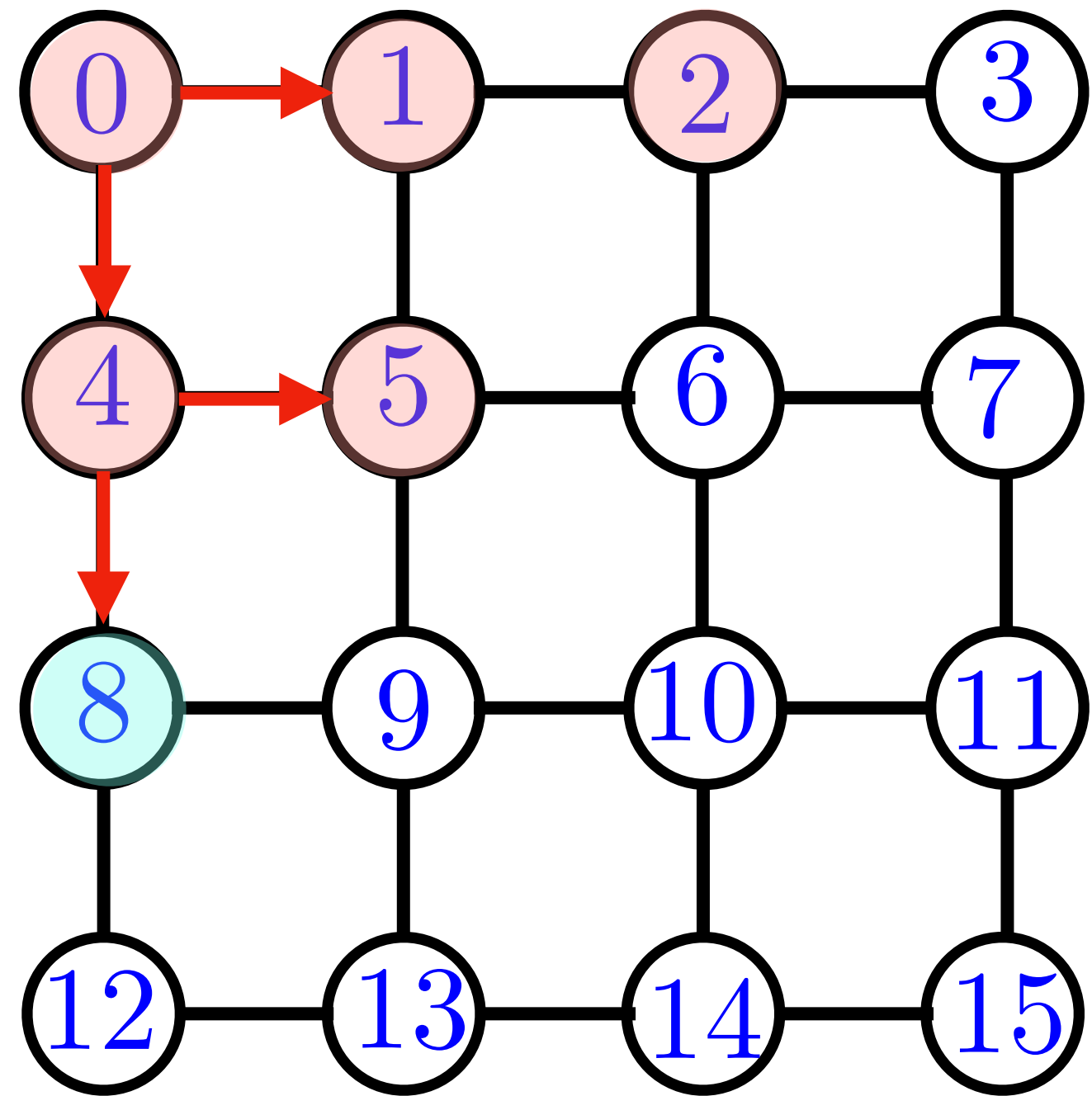


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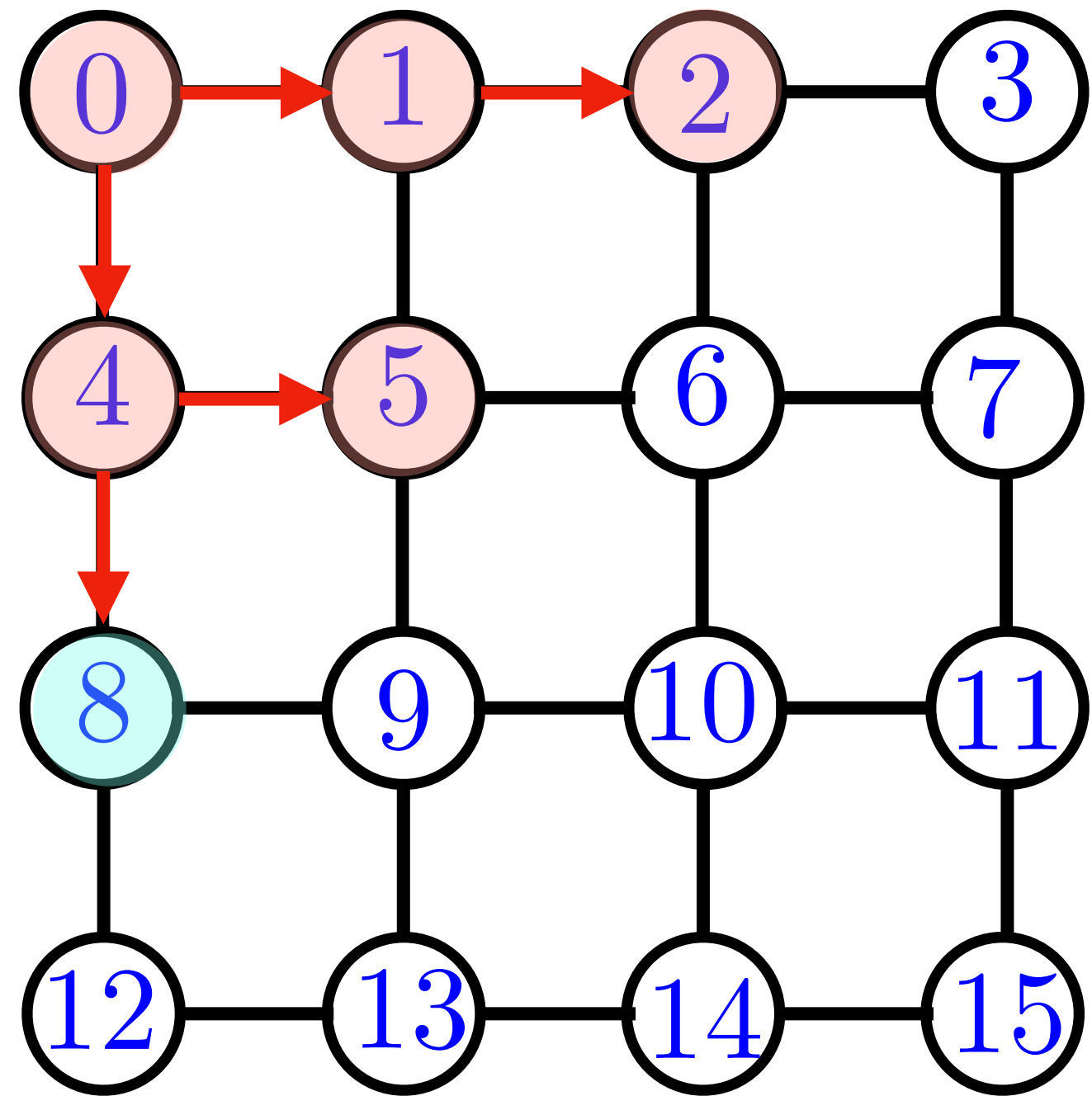


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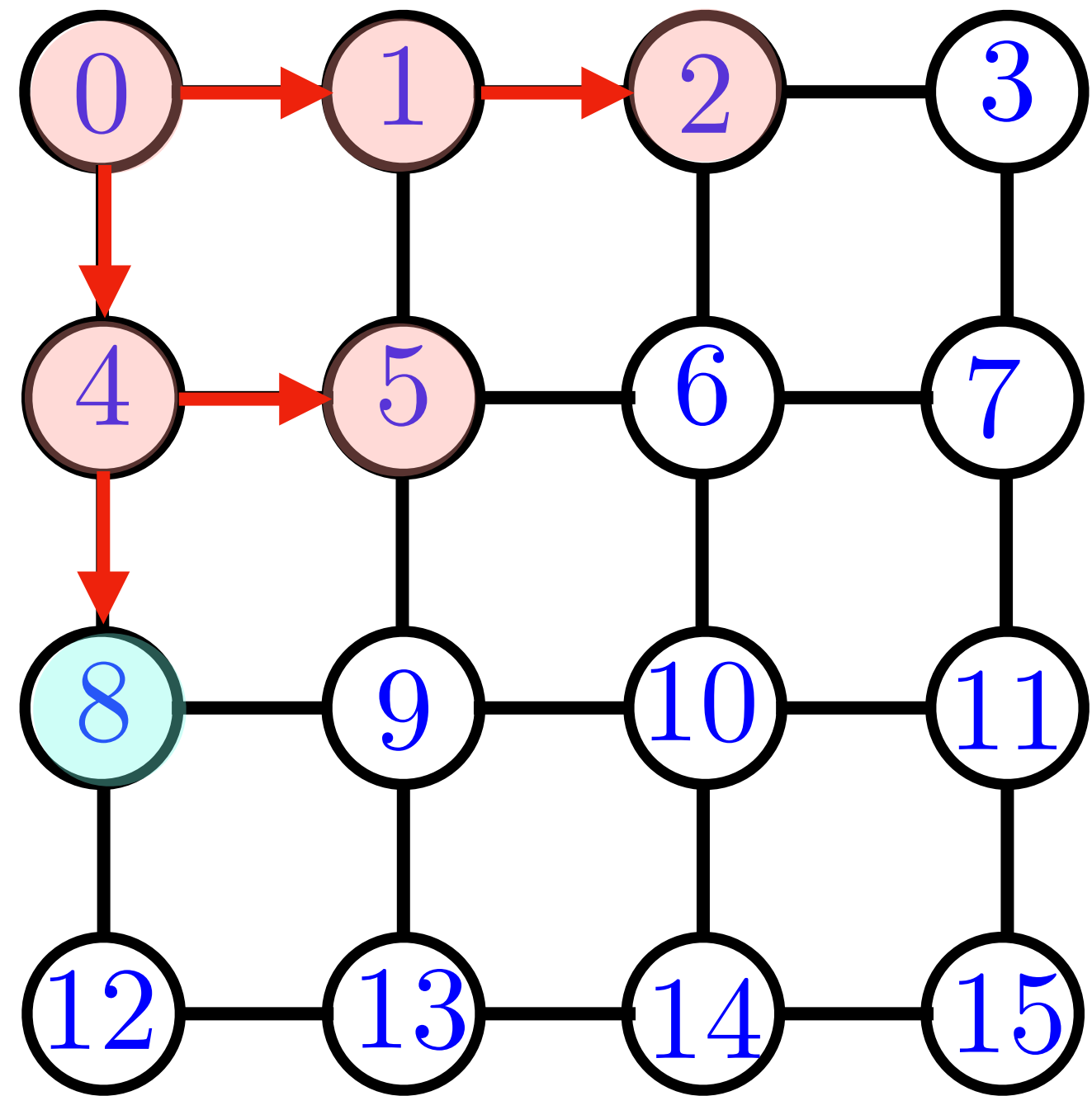
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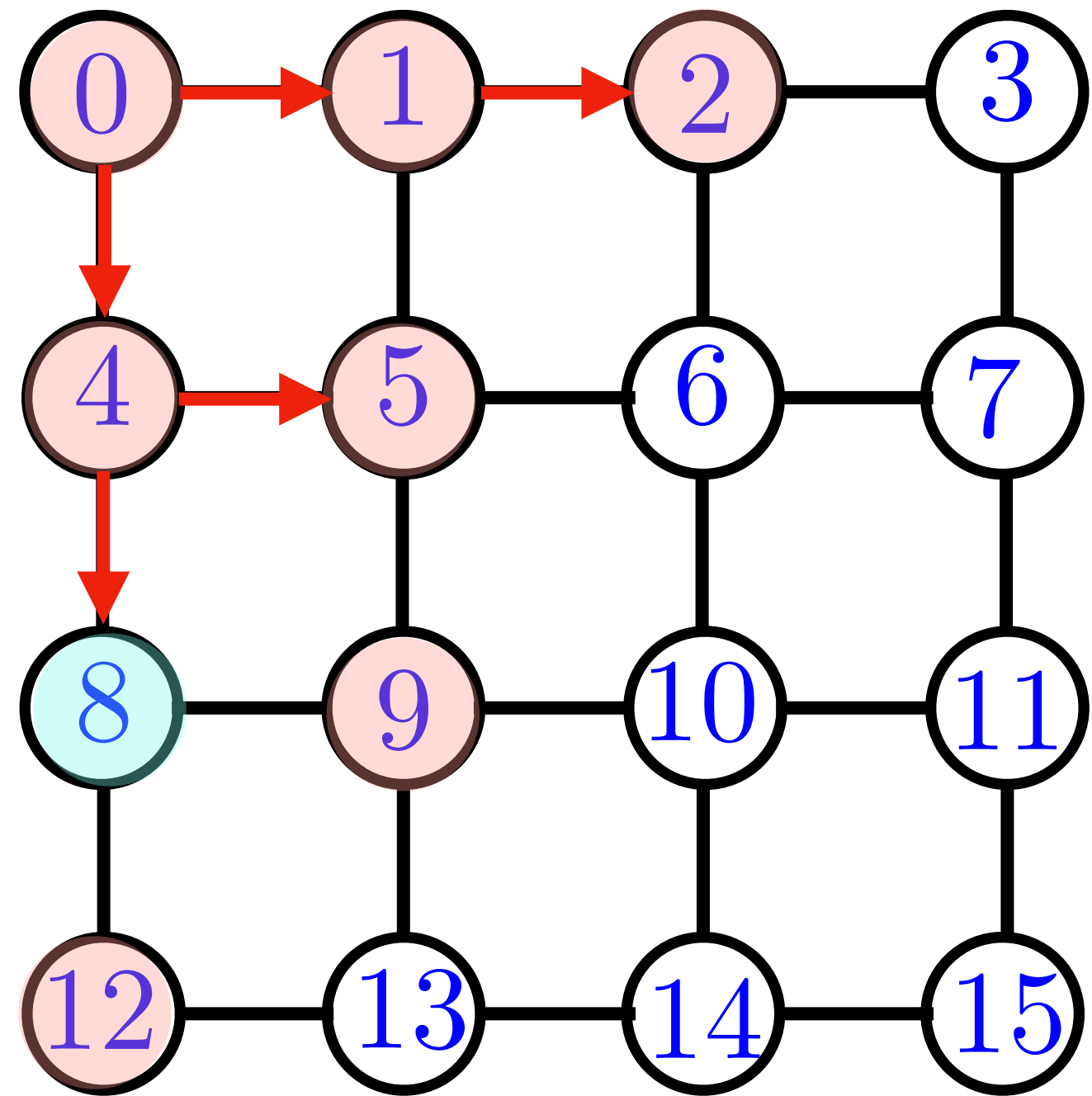


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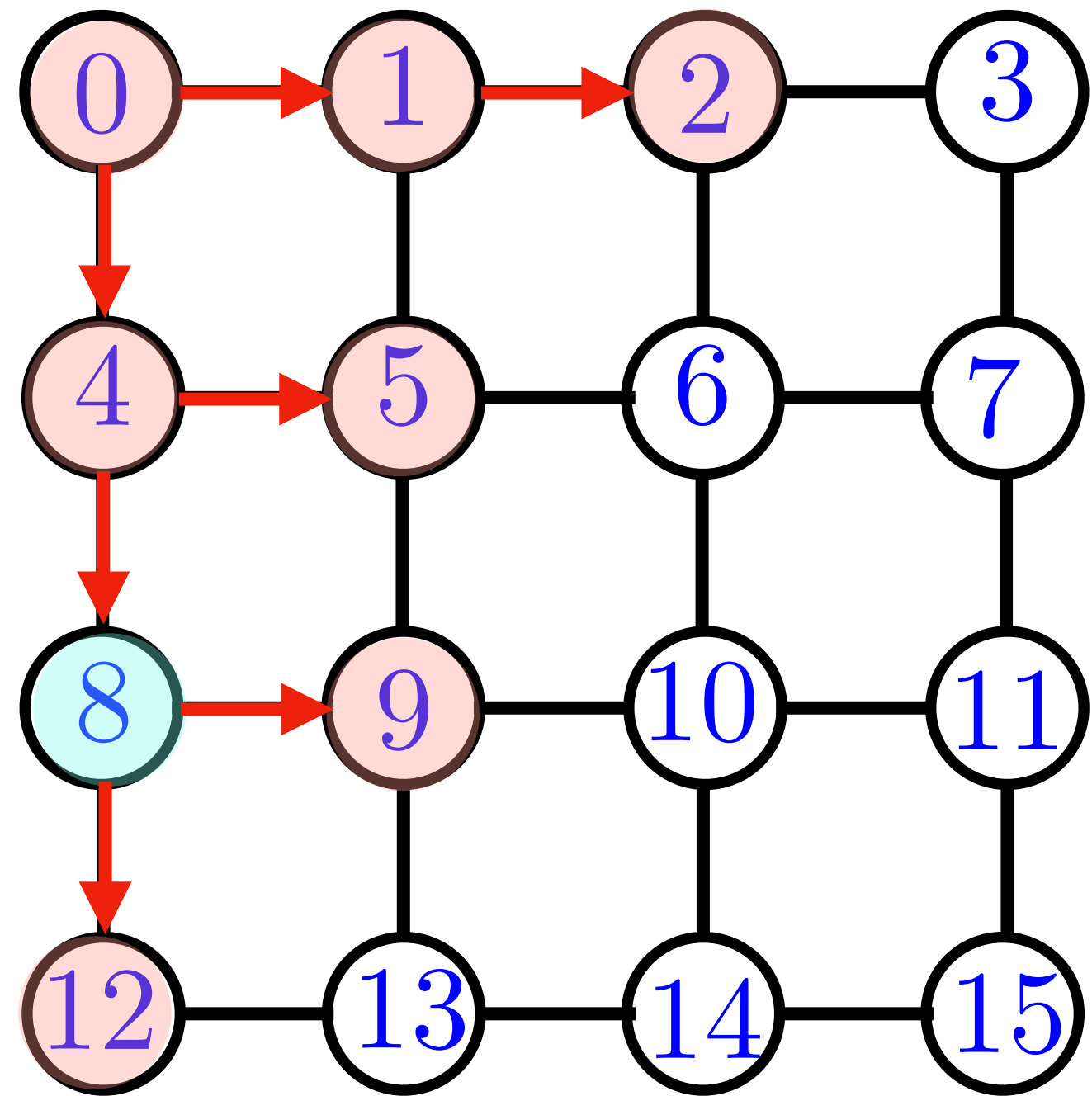


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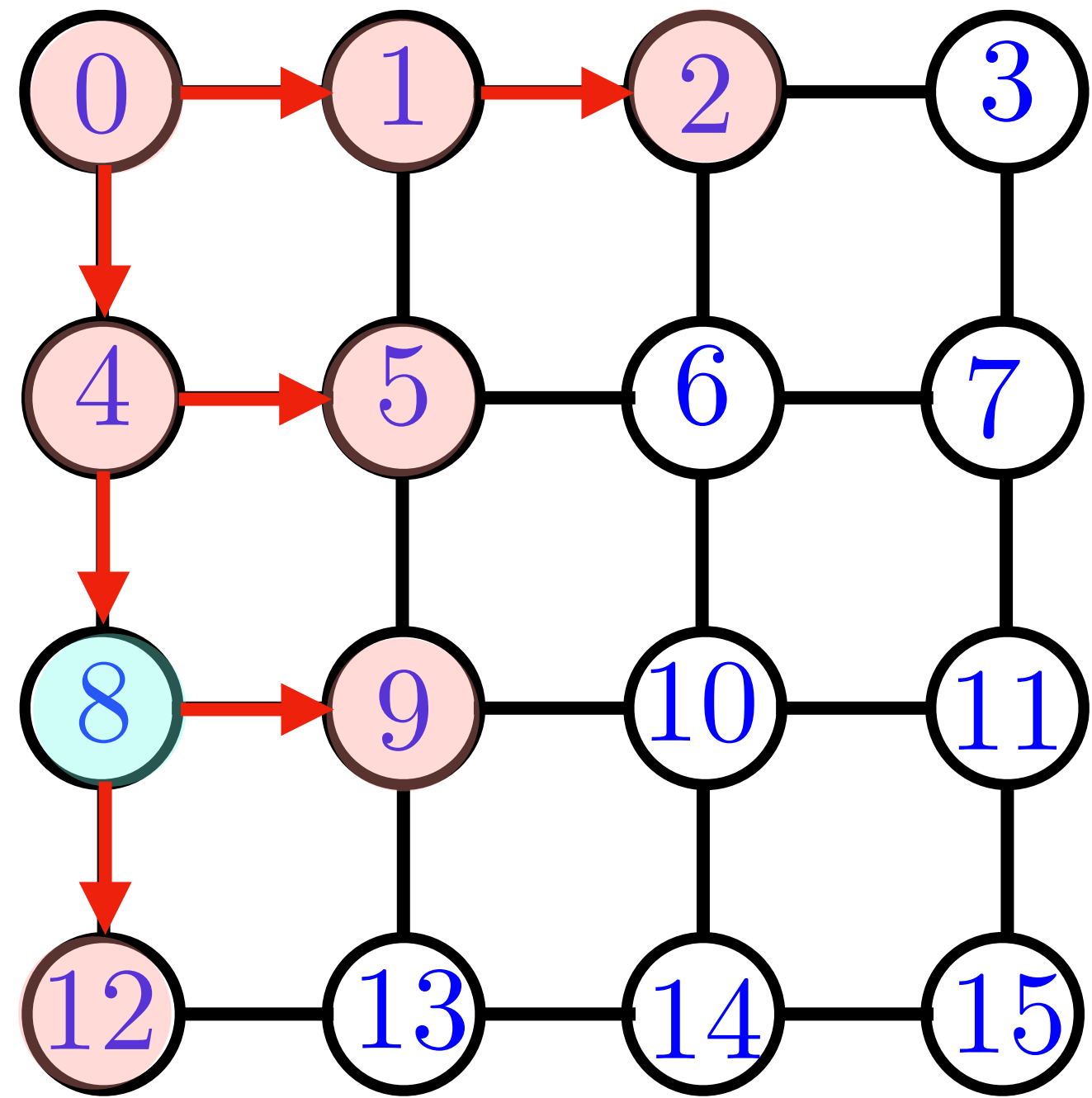


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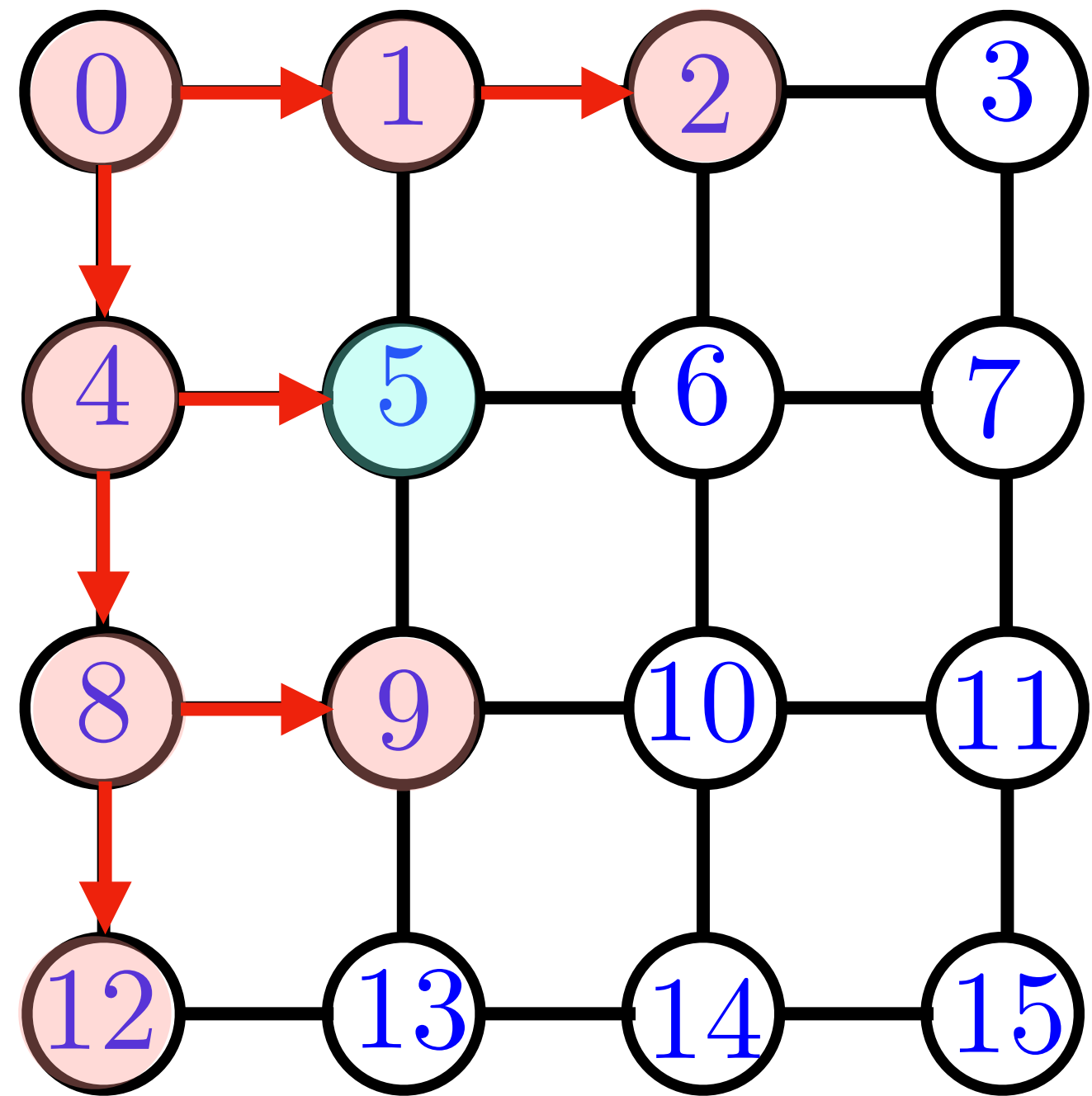
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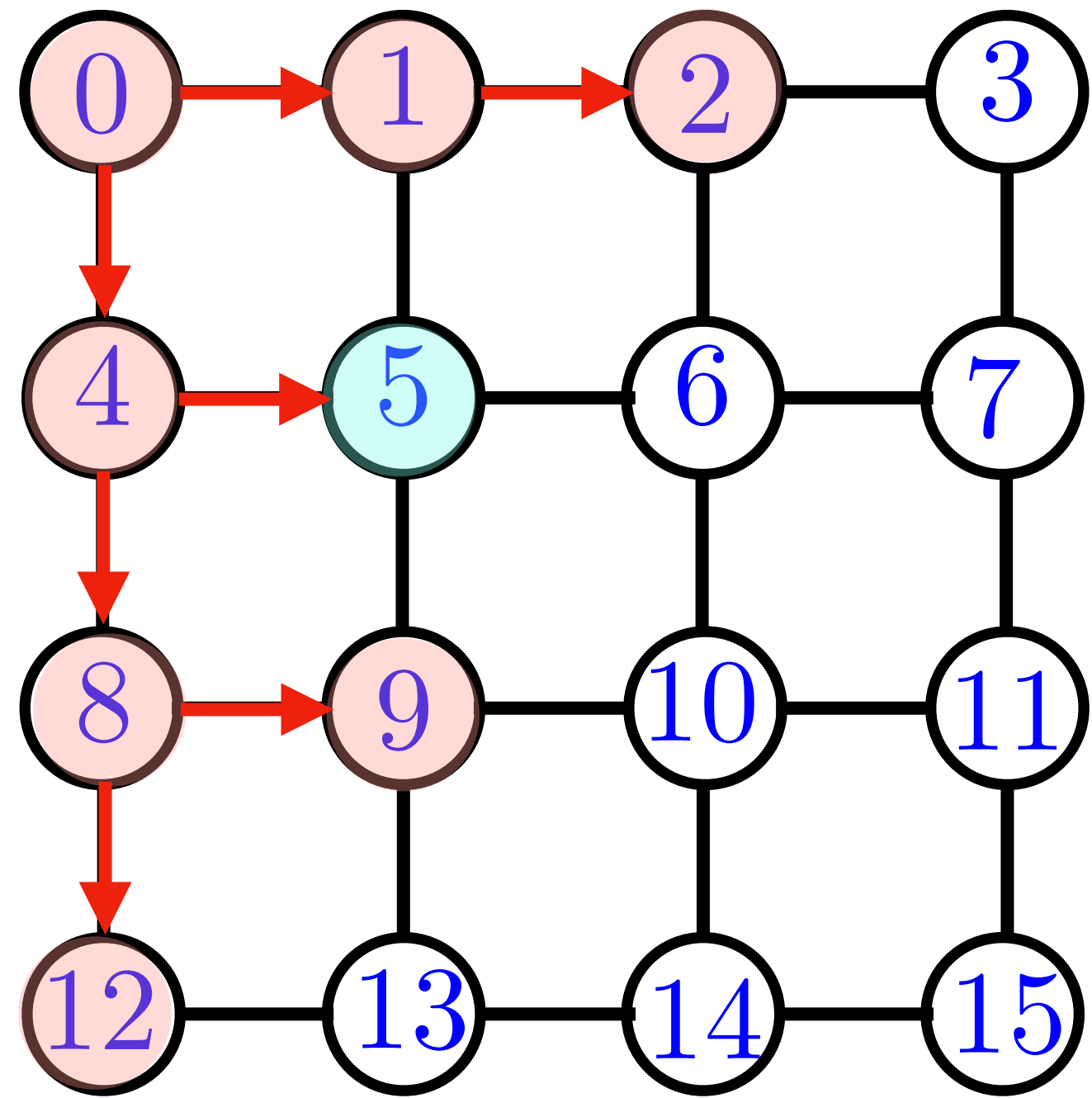
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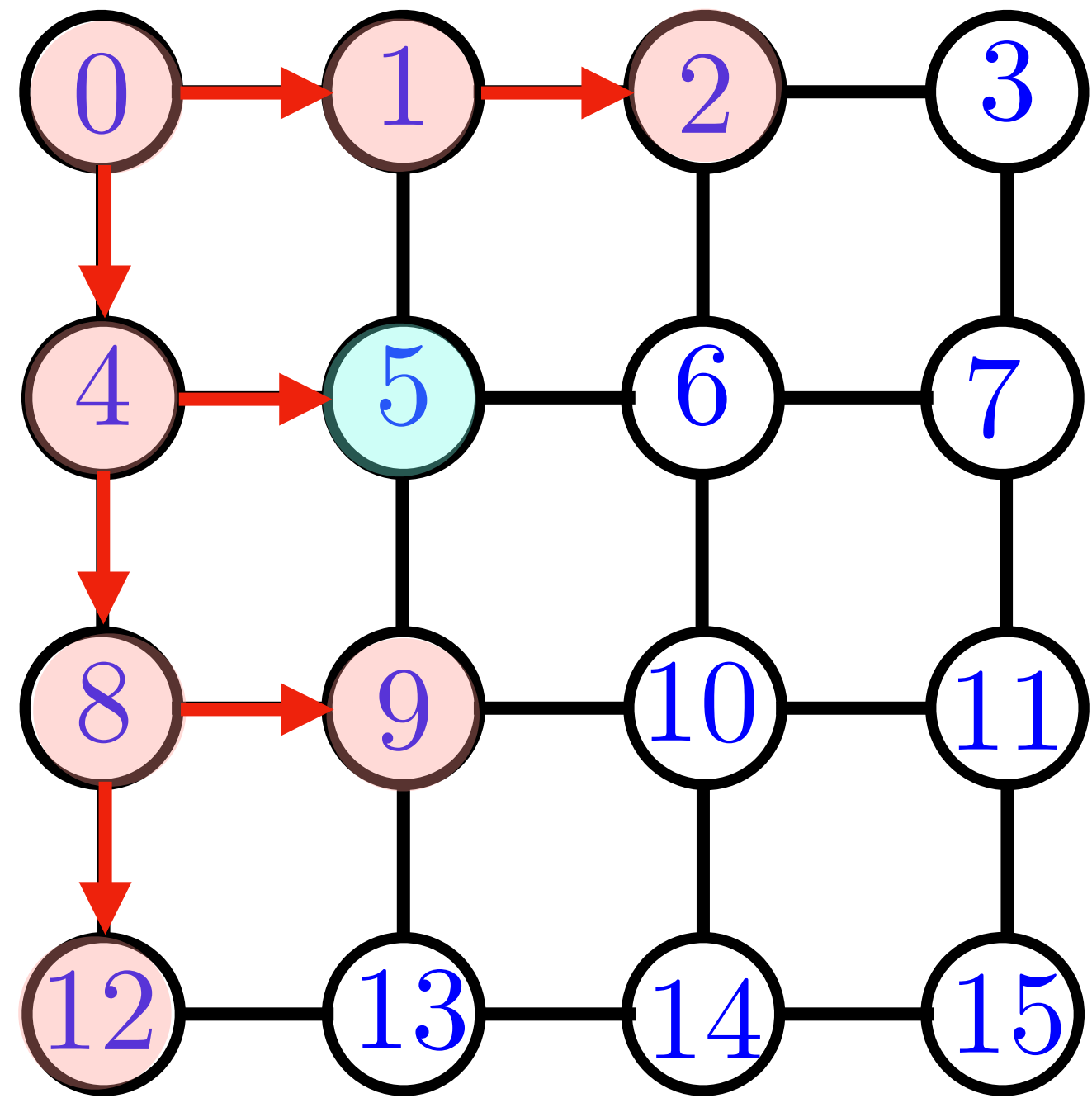
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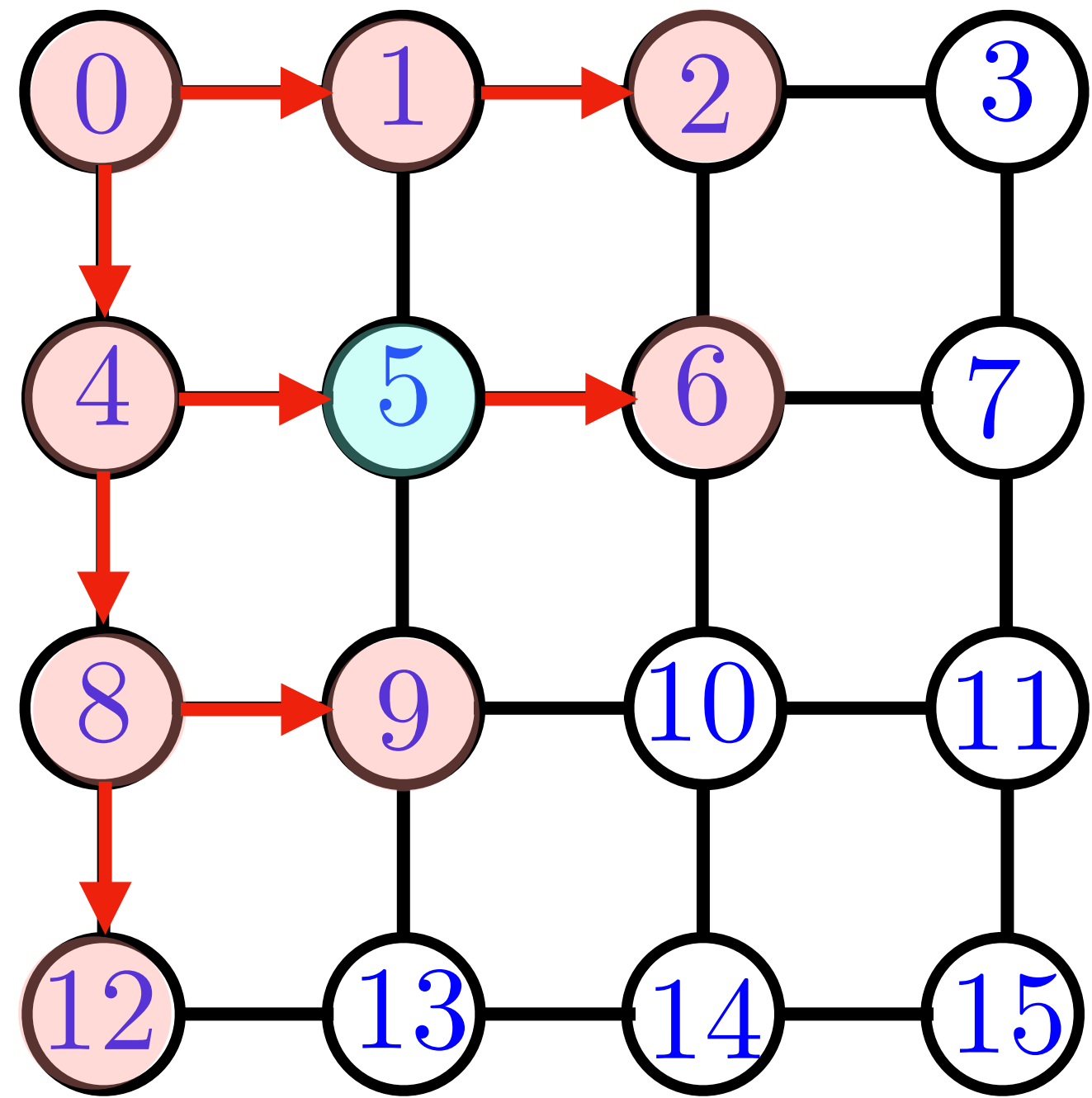
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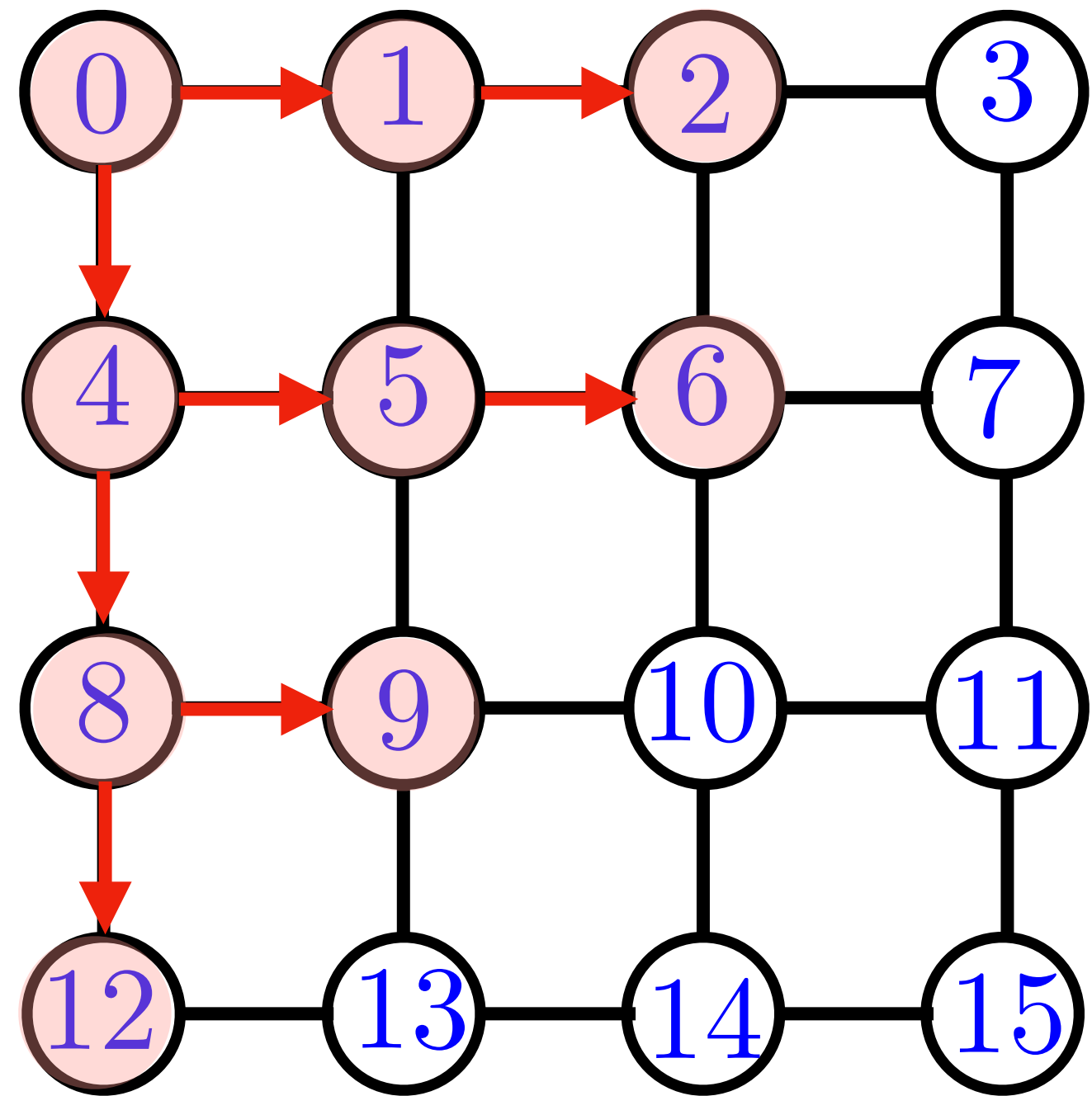
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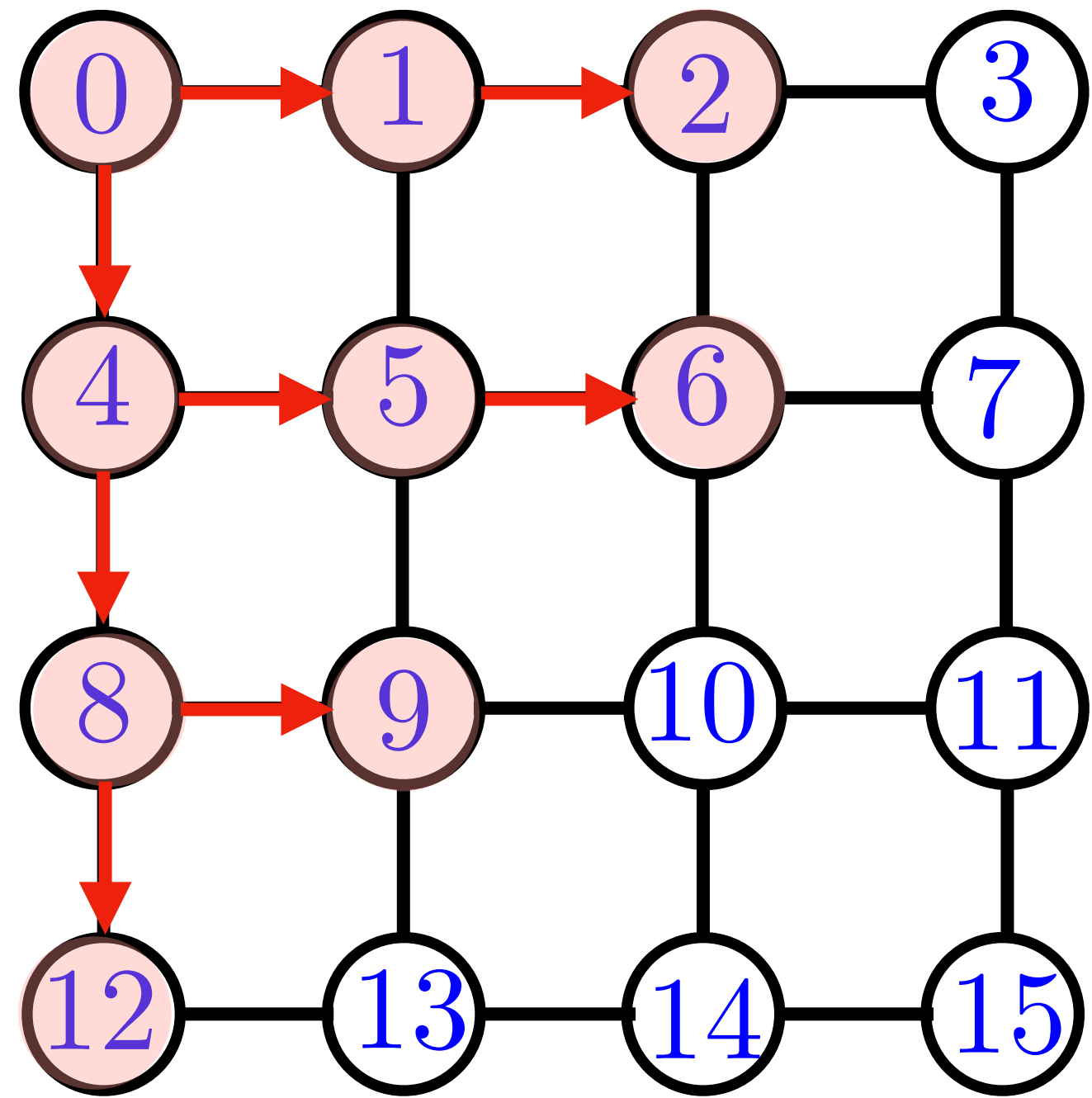
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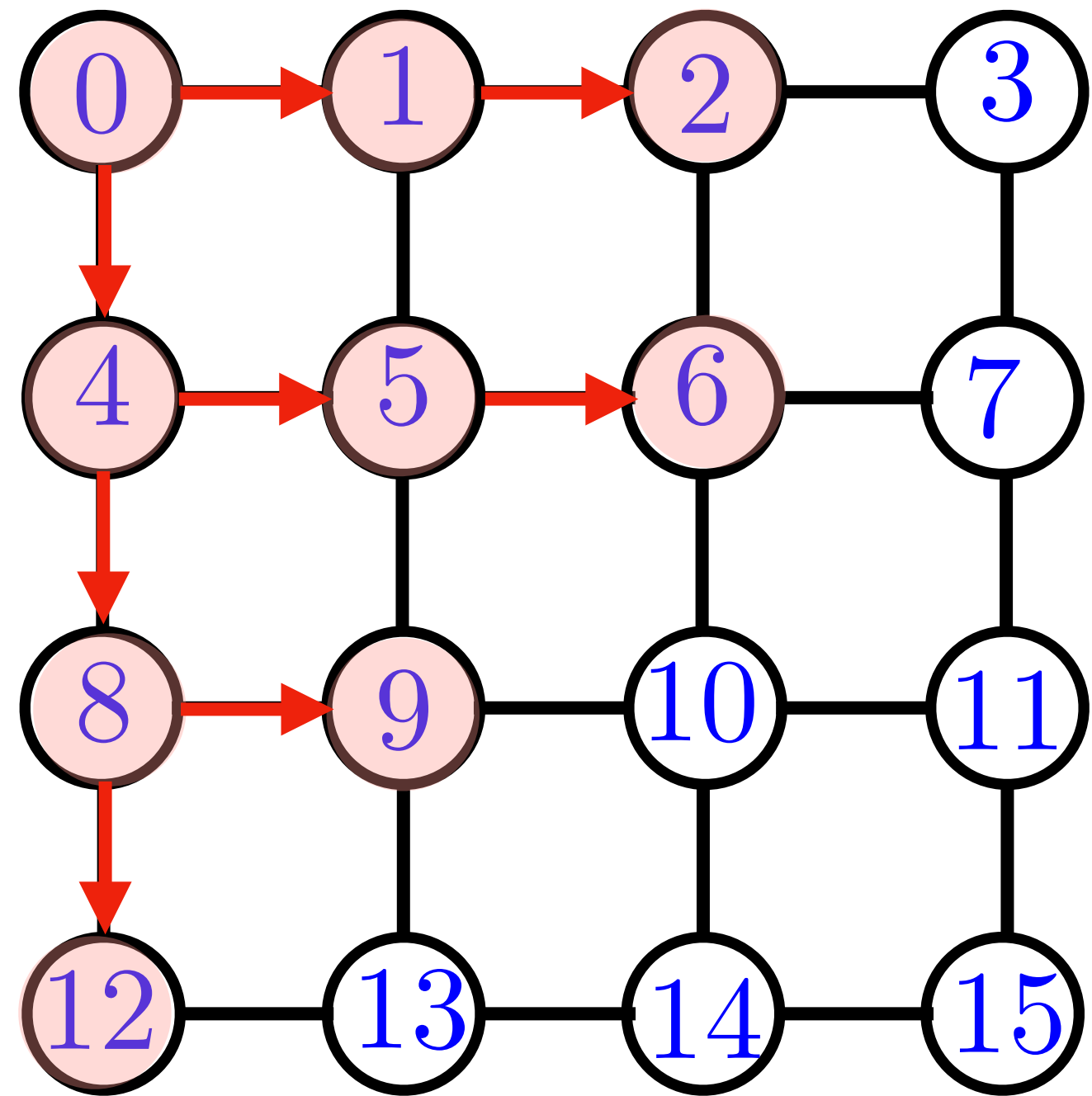
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Now we have found a path of length 3 from vertex 0 to vertex 3.



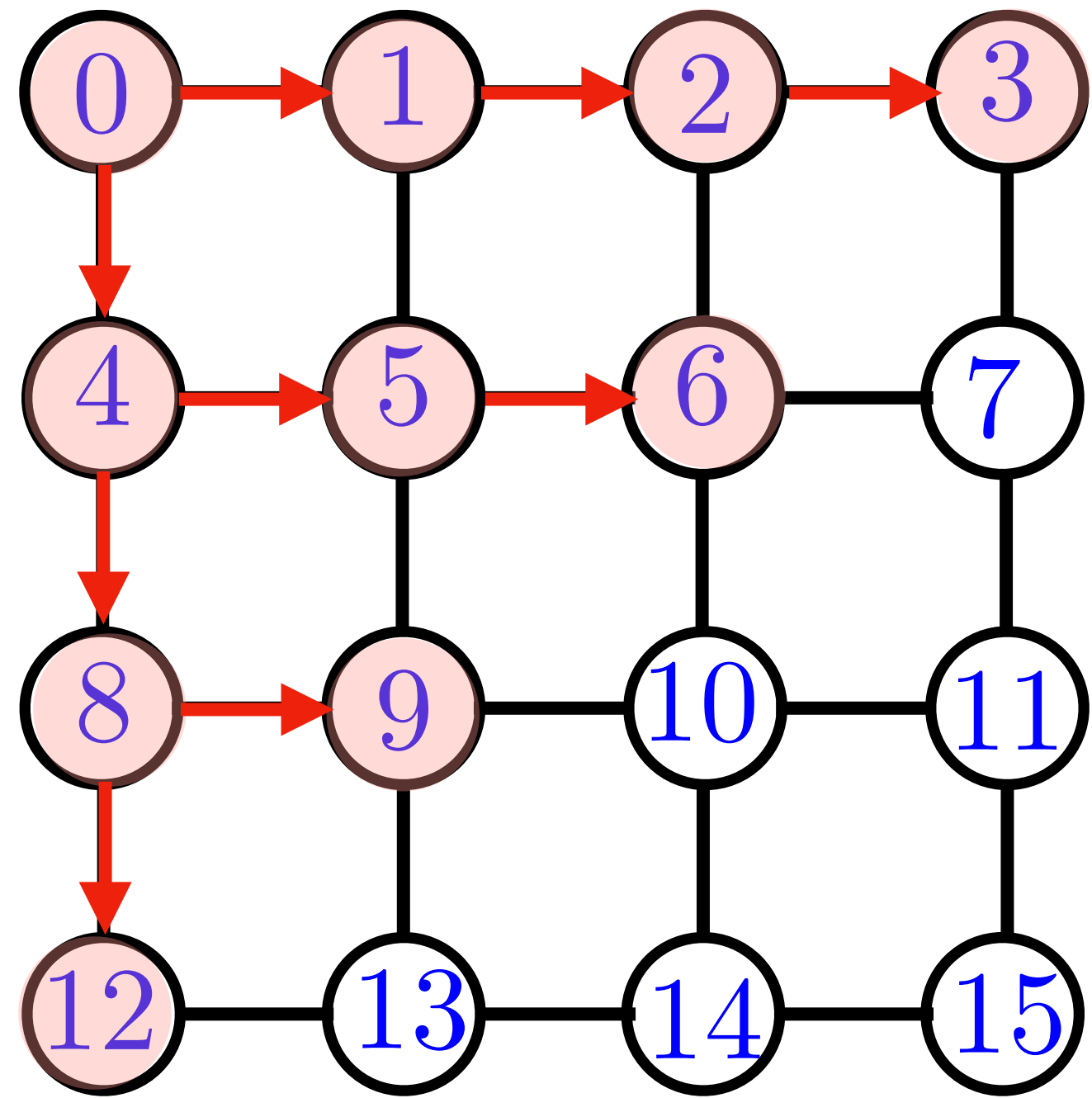
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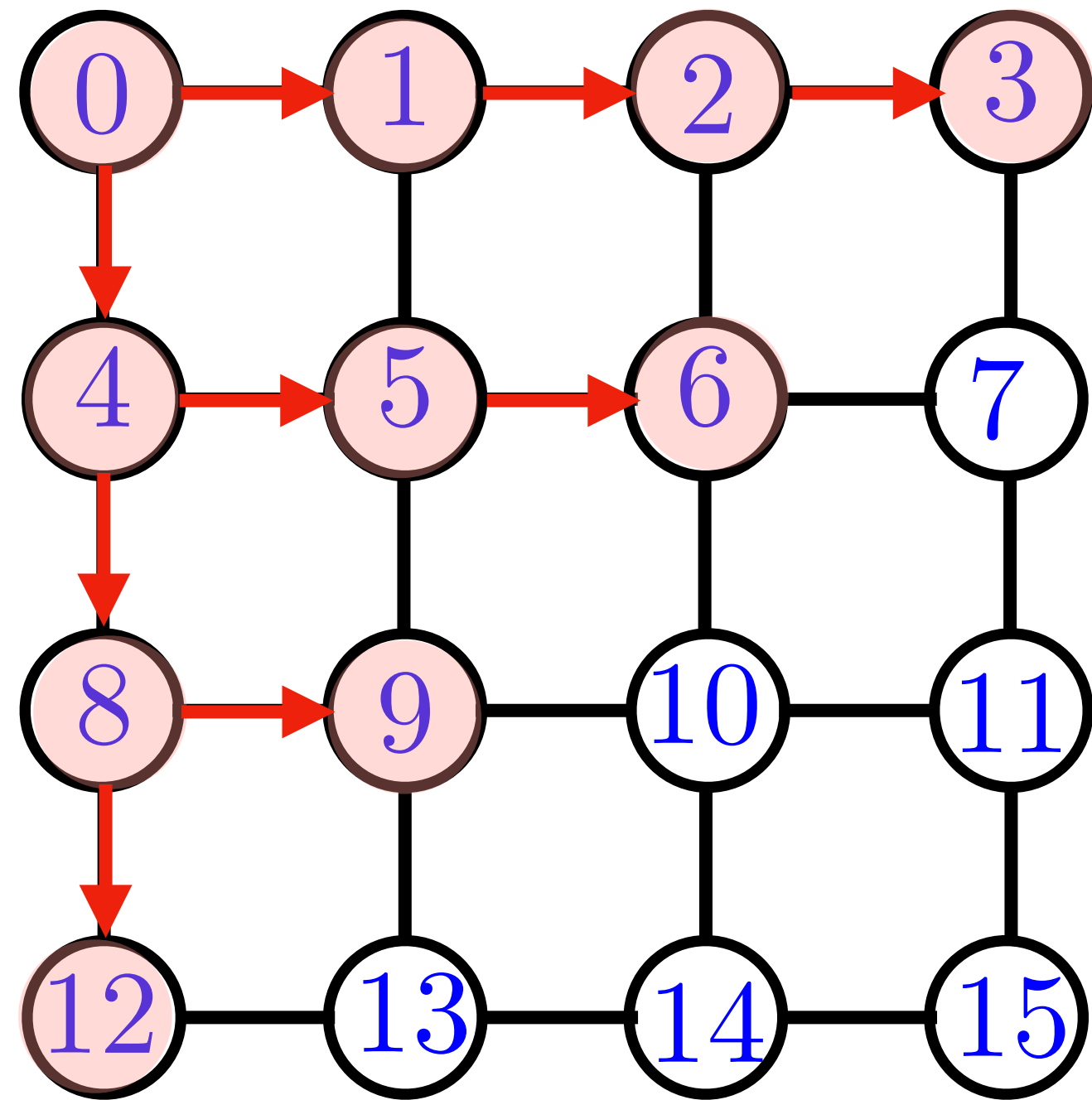
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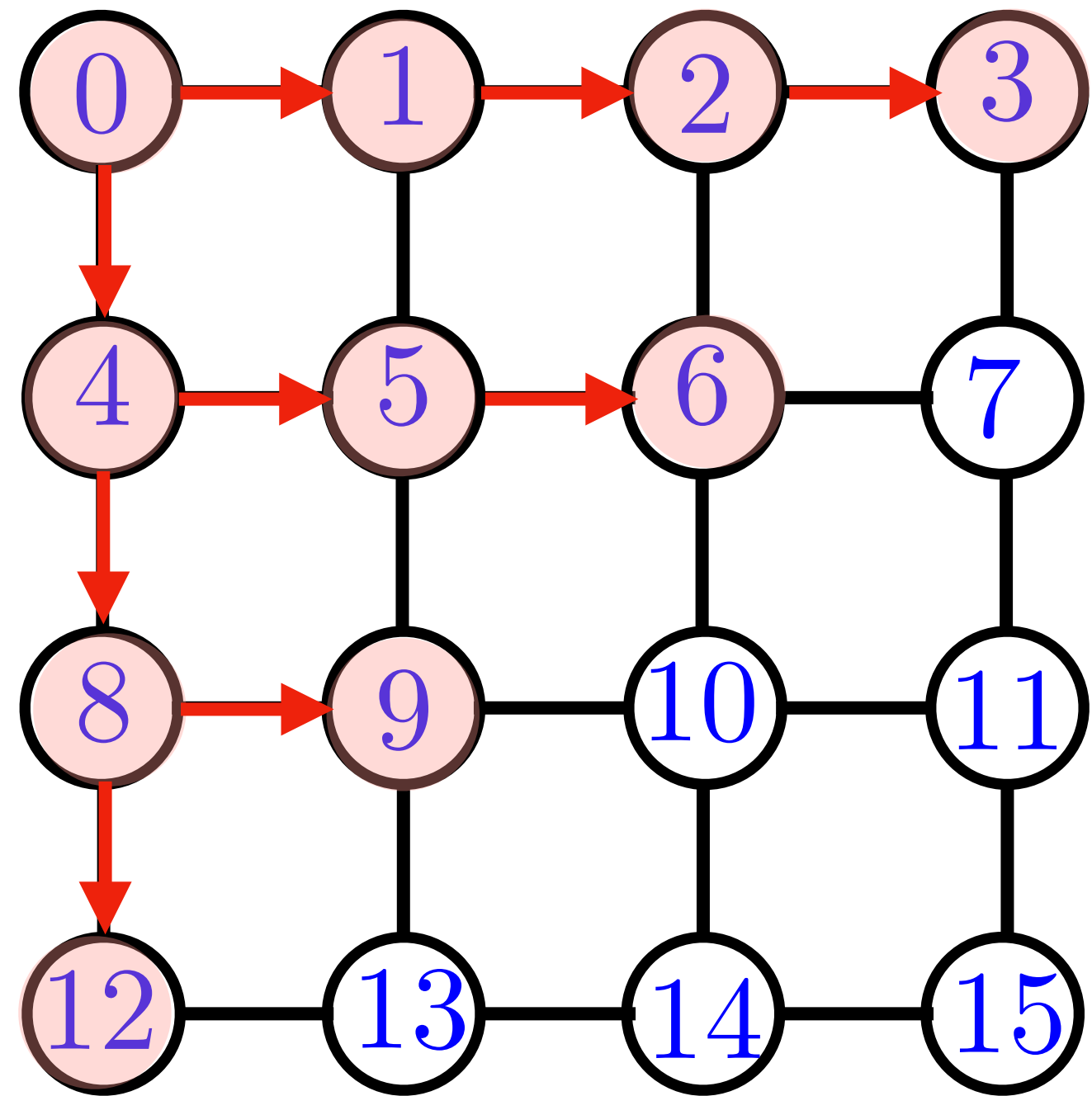
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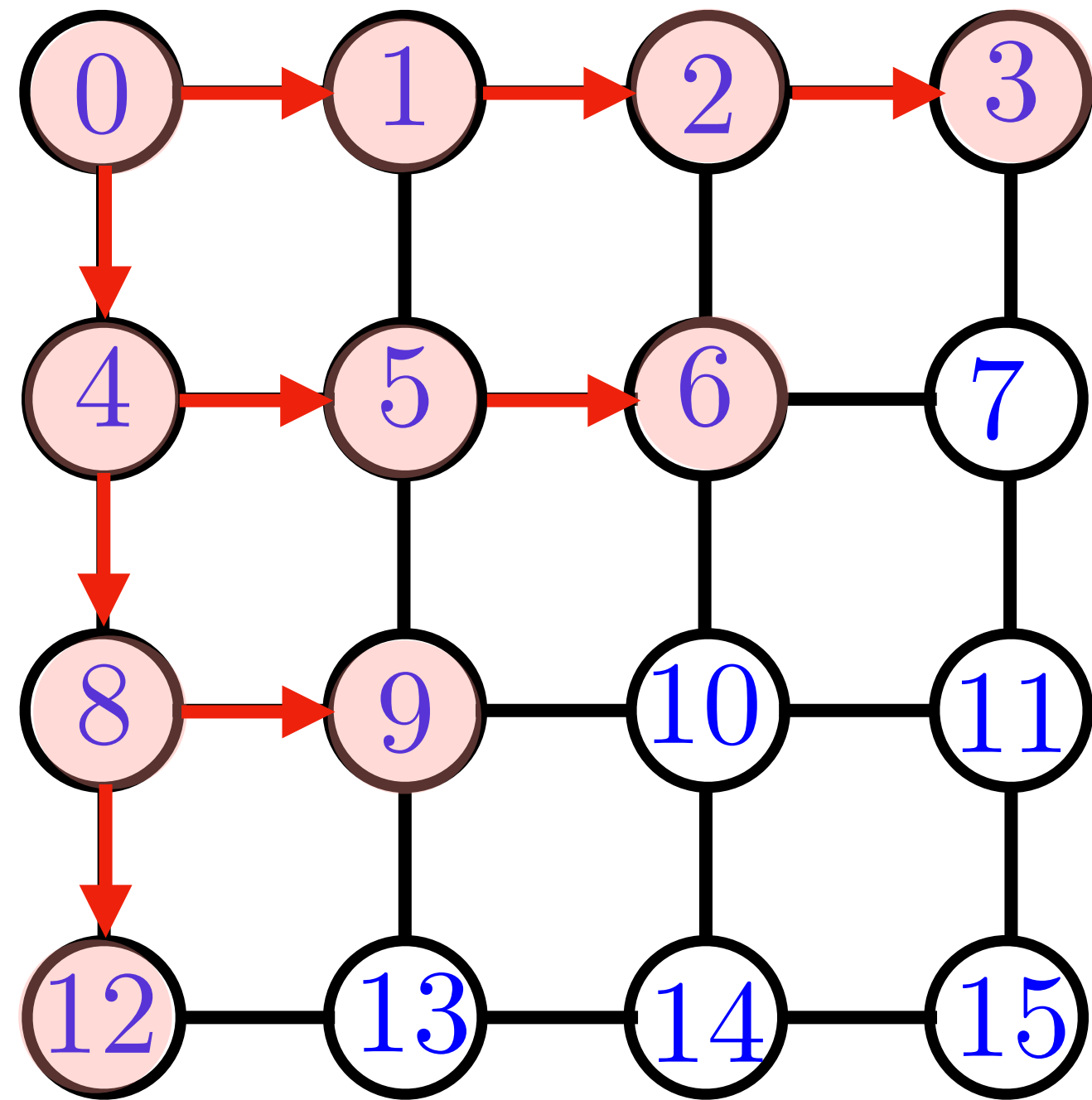
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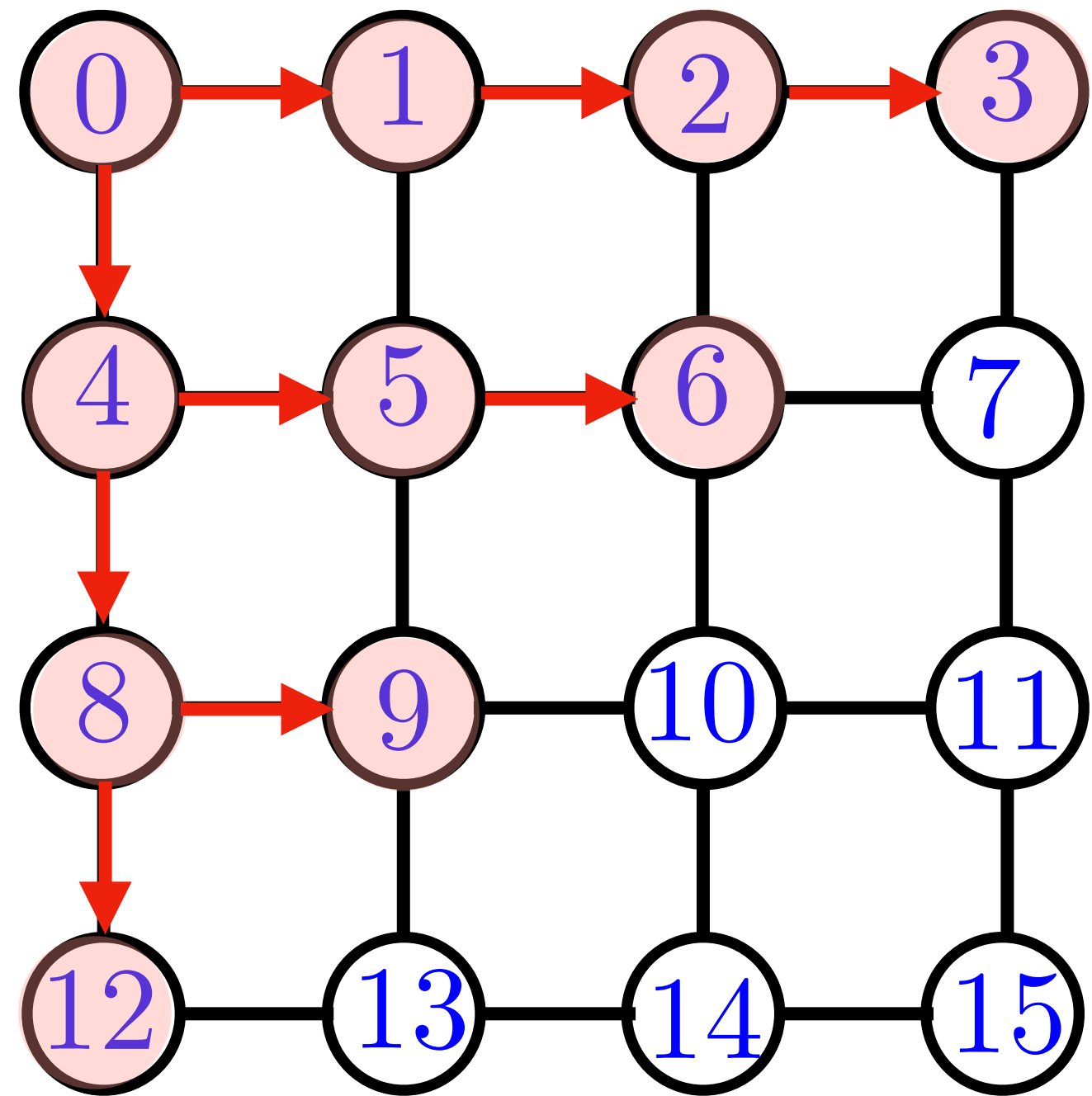
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# BFS Properties

Say we run BFS starting on vertex  $v$ .

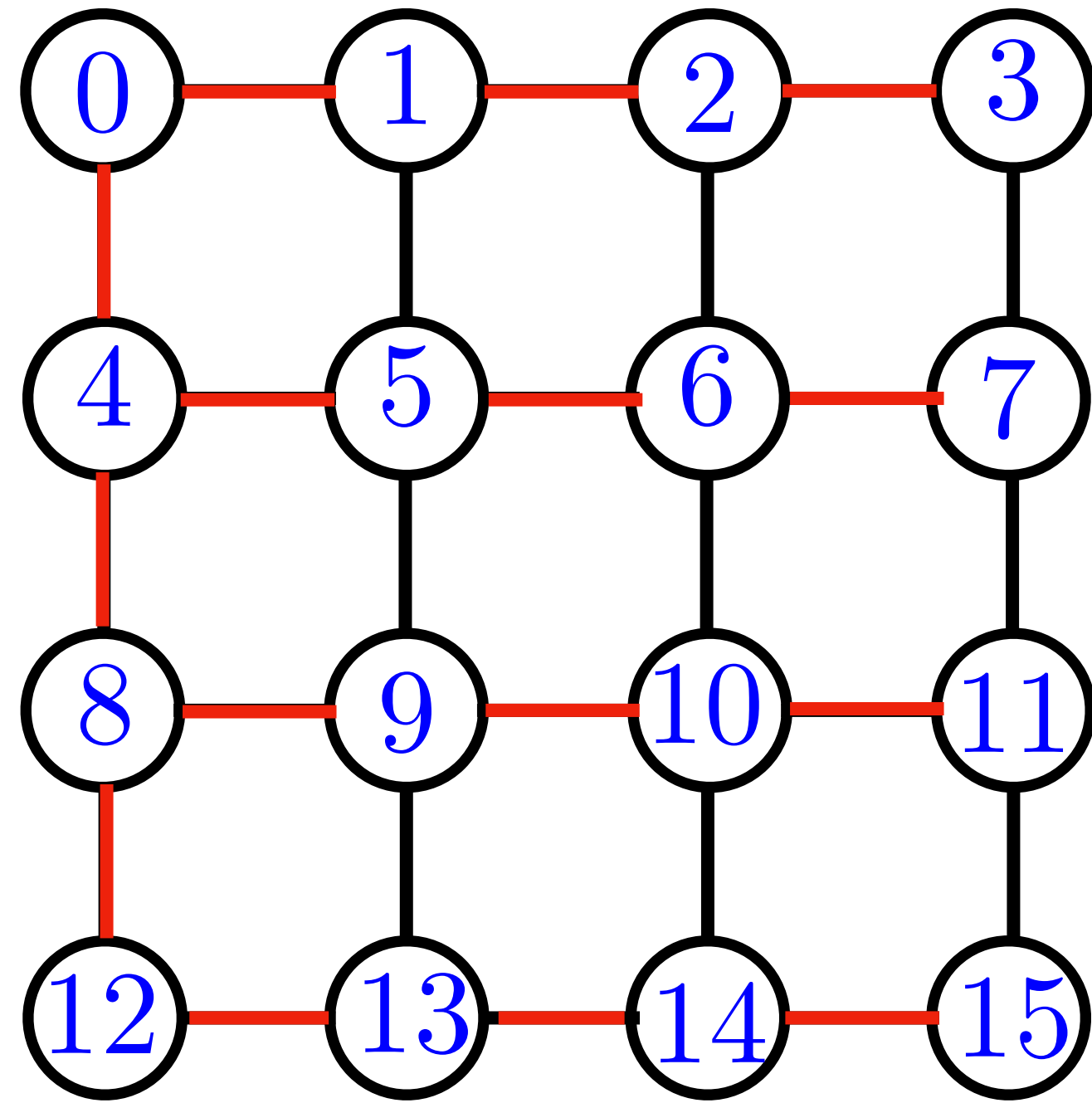
**Fact:** For any vertex  $u$  connected to  $v$ , tracing back from  $\text{edge\_to}[u]$  will give a shortest path from  $v$  to  $u$ .

As we saw in the example, vertices enter into the queue in order of their **distance** from  $v$ .

A vertex at distance  $k$  from  $v$  will always enter the queue before any vertex at distance  $k + 1$ .

We will discover  $u$  from its neighbor that is closest to  $v$ .

# BFS Tree



The edges in red represent the `edge_to` array at the end of the BFS algorithm on our example graph.

We have drawn an edge between  $u$  and  $\text{edge\_to}[u]$  for every vertex  $u \neq 0$  (the start vertex).

These edges form a tree!

This is a shortest path tree. The edges in the tree give us shortest paths from vertex 0 to every other vertex in the graph.

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