



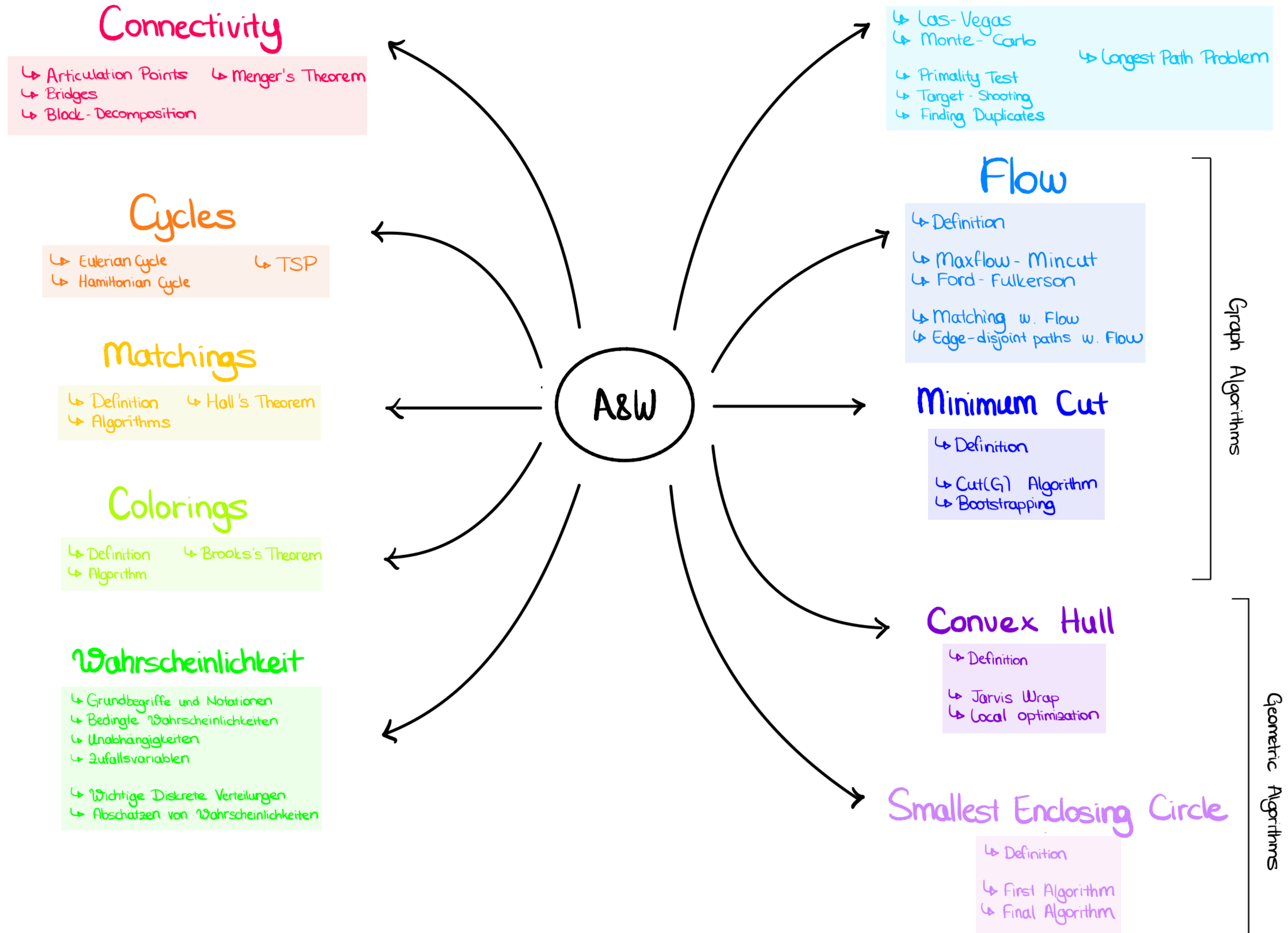
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Exercise Session 5

Coloring

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A&W Overview



Outline

- T1 Discussion
- Matching Kahoot
- Coloring
- Minitest 2 - coloring discussion

T1

Feedback + Discussion

- 1.c : Reflexivity argument accepted
- Watch out for the comments !
- Keep up the good work ! 🙌🙌🙌
- Questions, issues ... Let me know !



Some Announcements

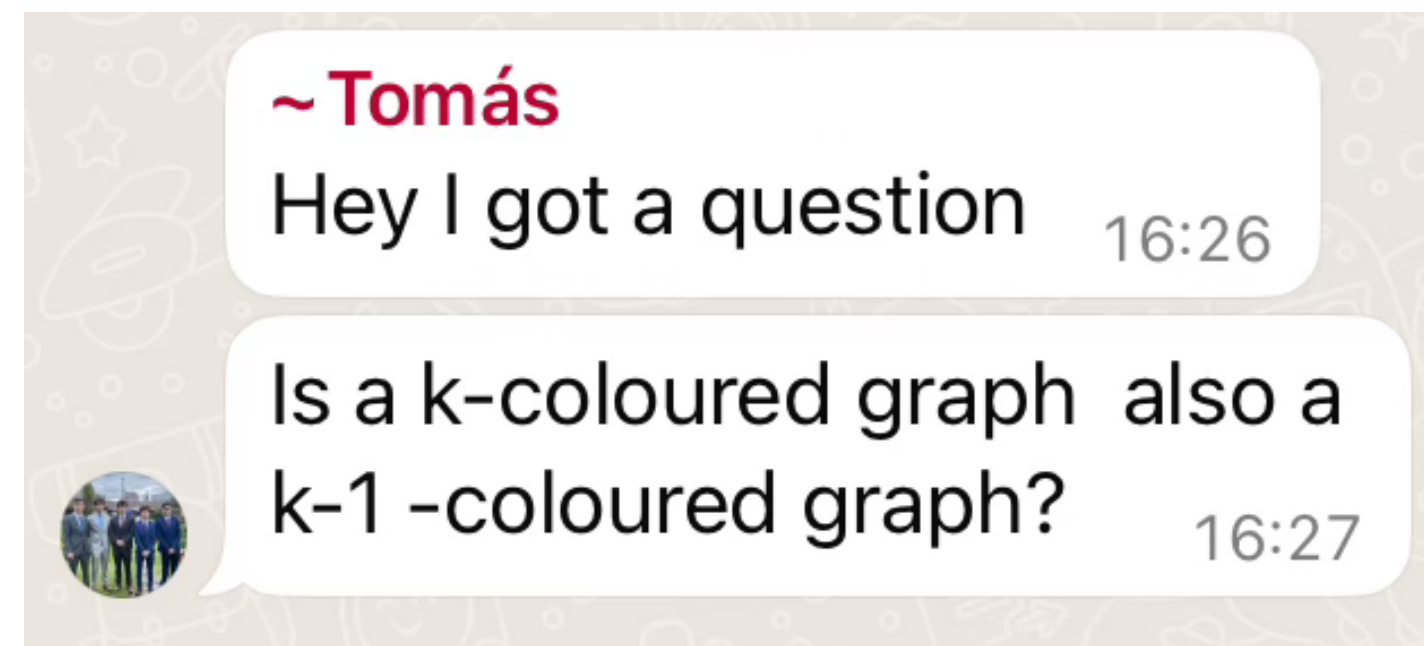
- Anki card approach changed (instead we have kahoots for now)
 - Matching kahoot this week
 - Cycles + TSP kahoot next week ...
- T2 (peer grading 1) ??
- Namings:
 - $T1$ (theoretical exercise 1) , $T2$ (peer grading 1), $T3$ (theoretical exercise 2) ...

Matching Kahoot

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Intuition



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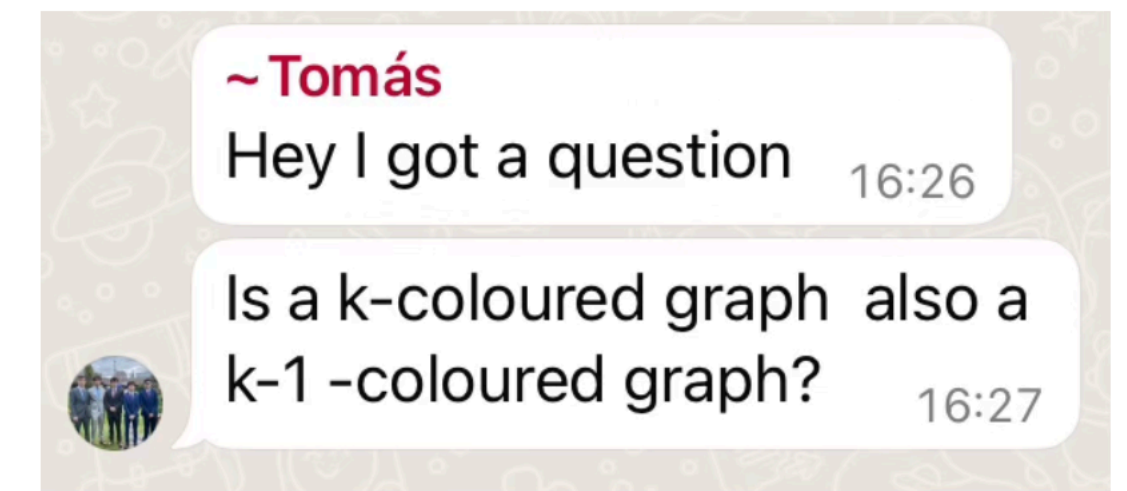
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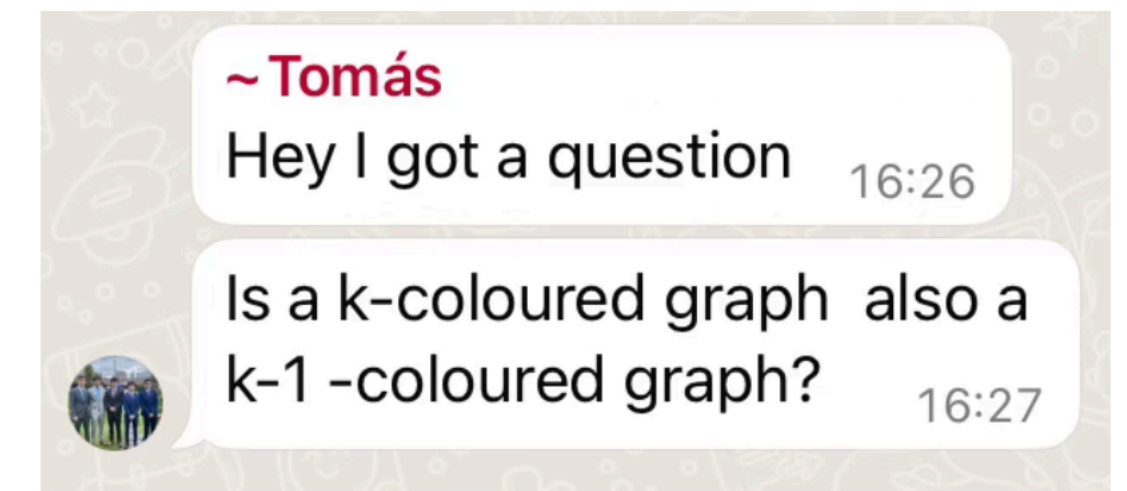


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simply change one node's color

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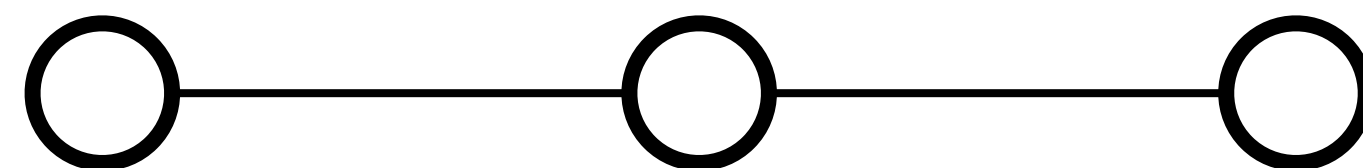
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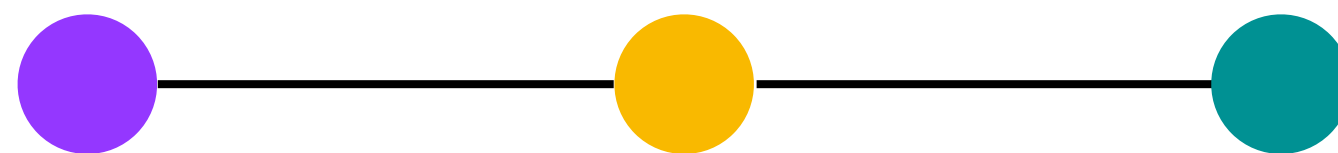
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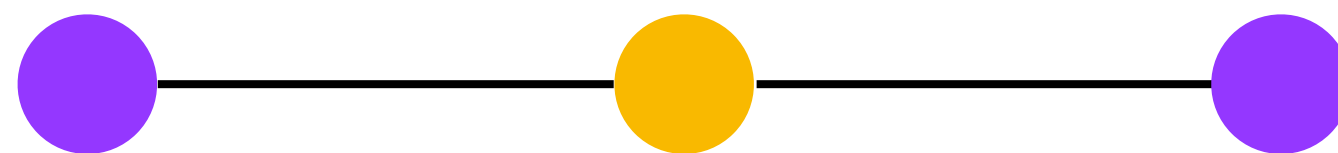
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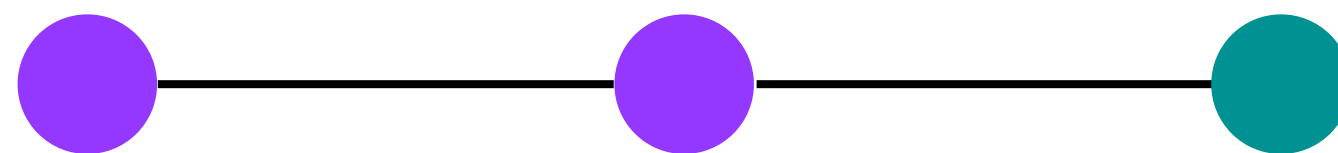
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Coloring

k-partite

- General version of the bipartite
- A graph $G = (V, E)$ is called **k-partite** if
 - the vertex set V can be divided into **k disjoint sets** $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_k$
 - s.t. **for every edge $(u, v) \in E$, u and v belong to different sets V_i and V_j where $i \neq j$**

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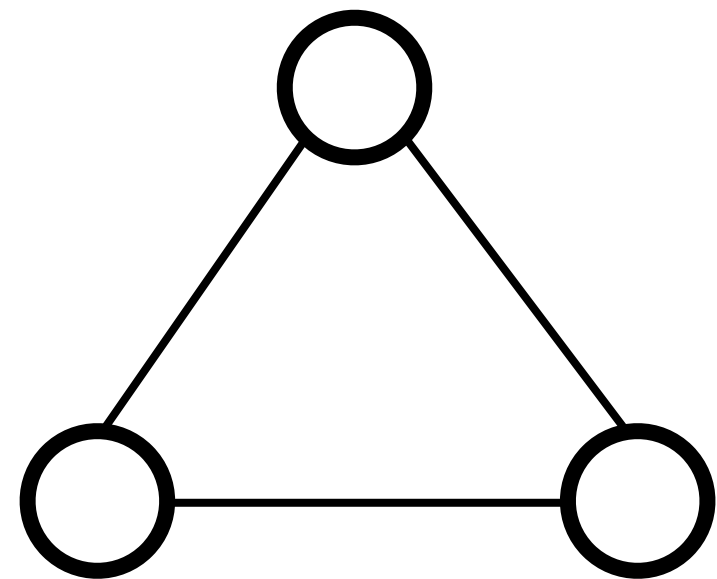
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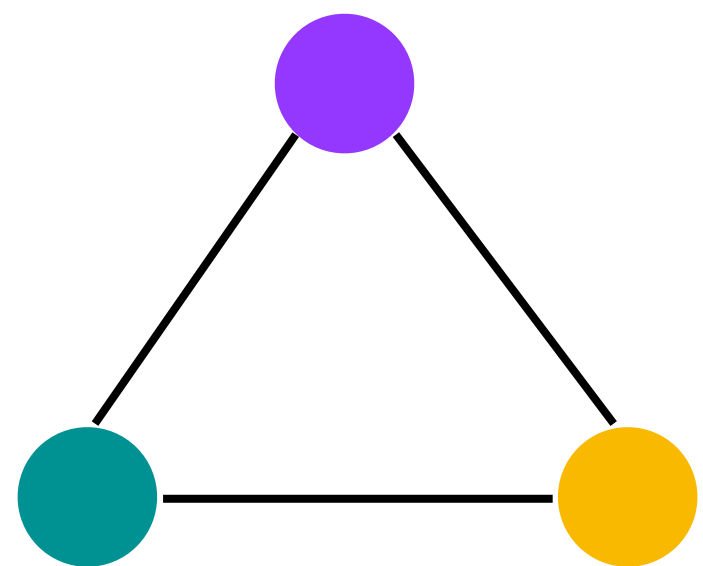
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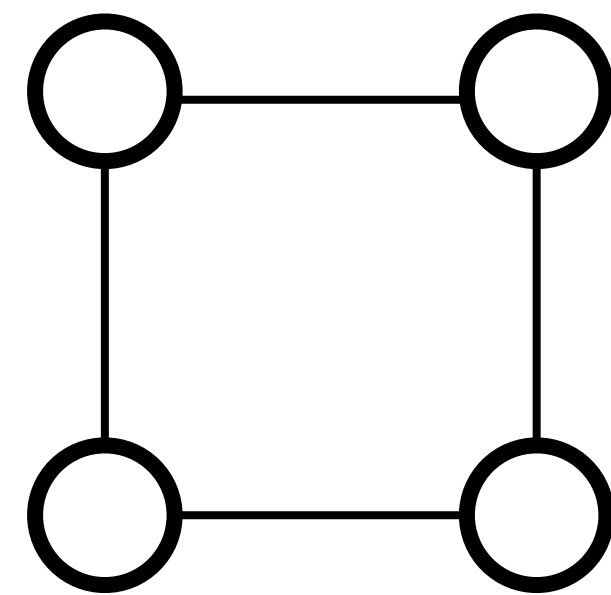
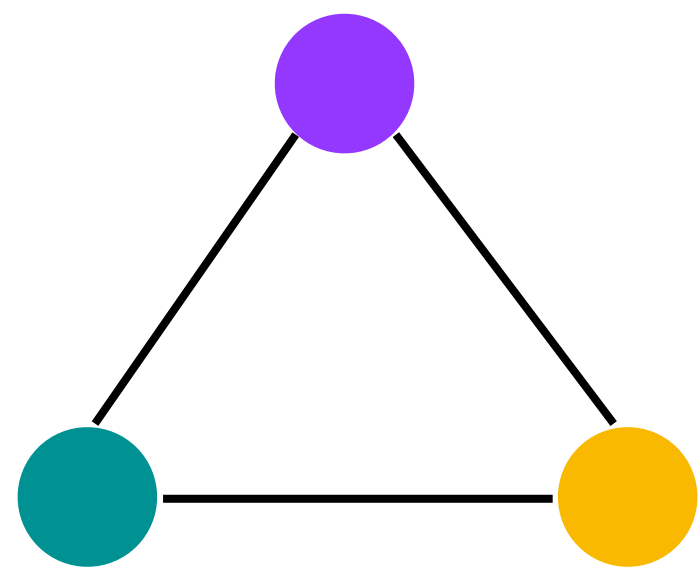
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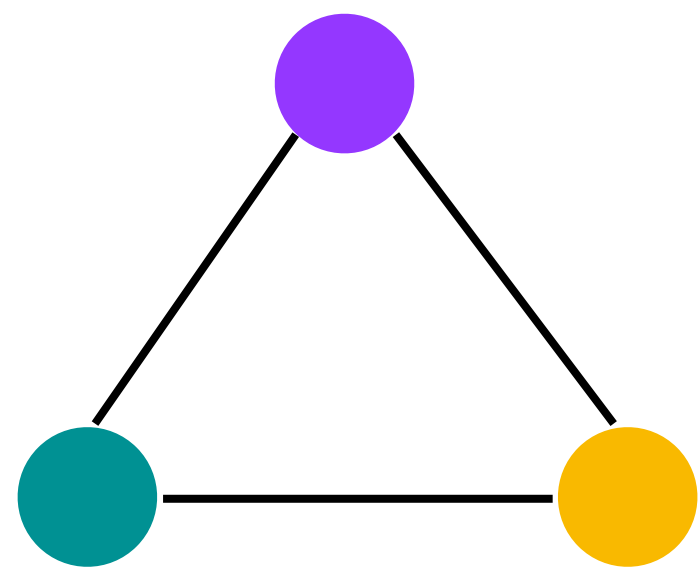
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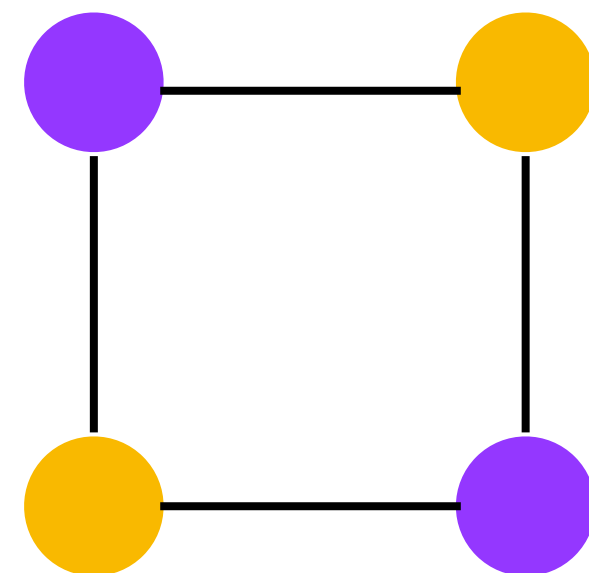
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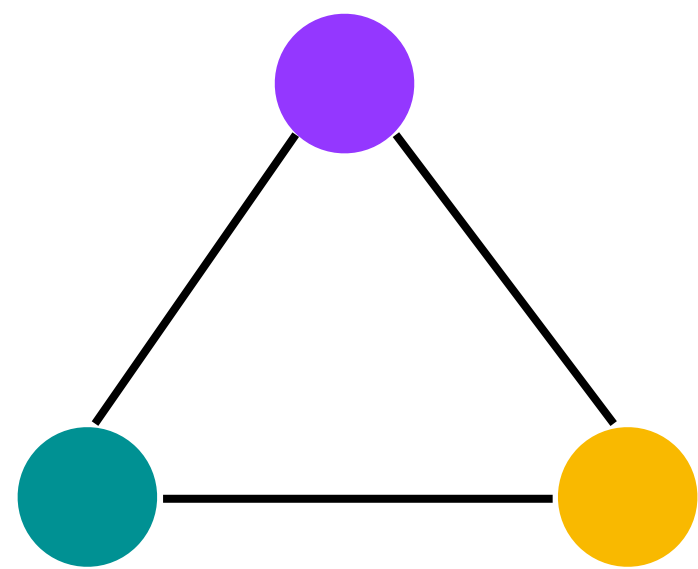
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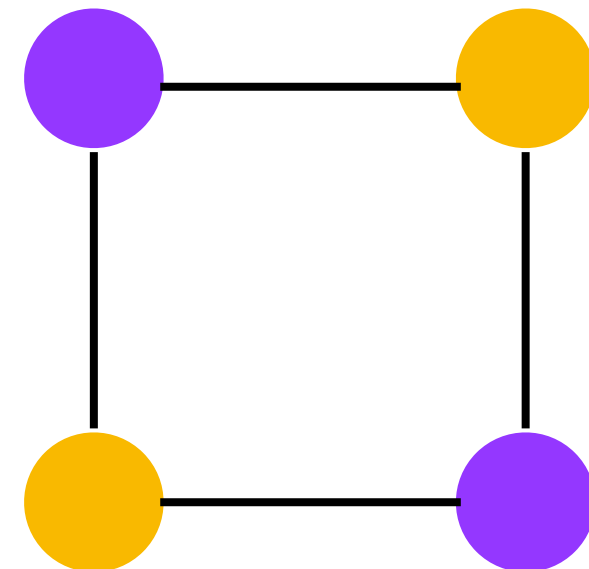
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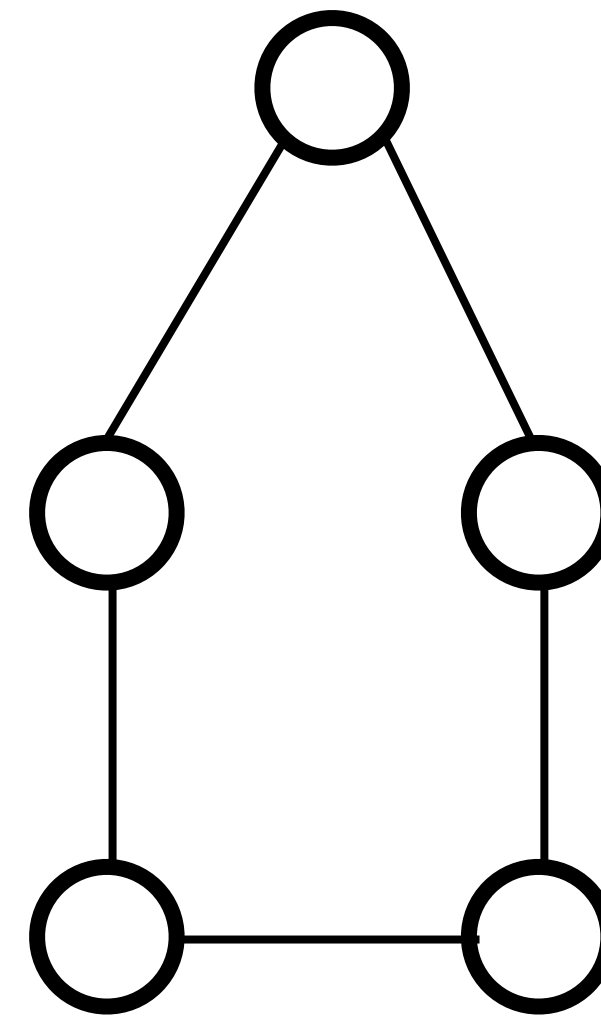
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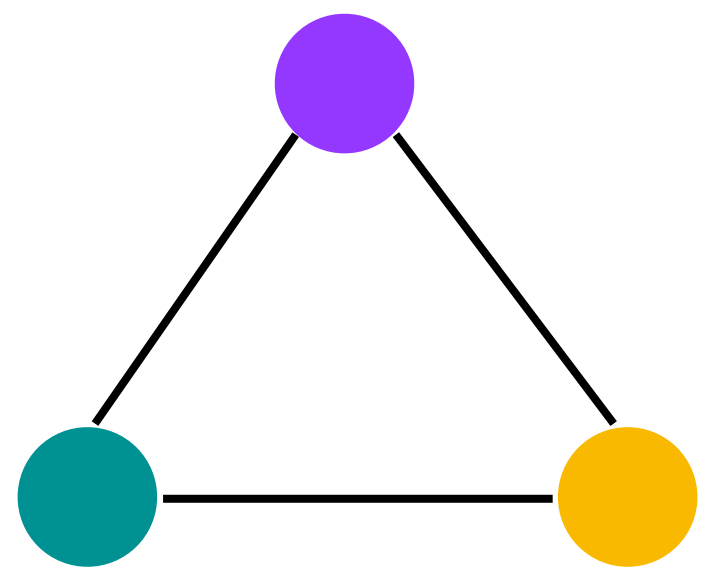
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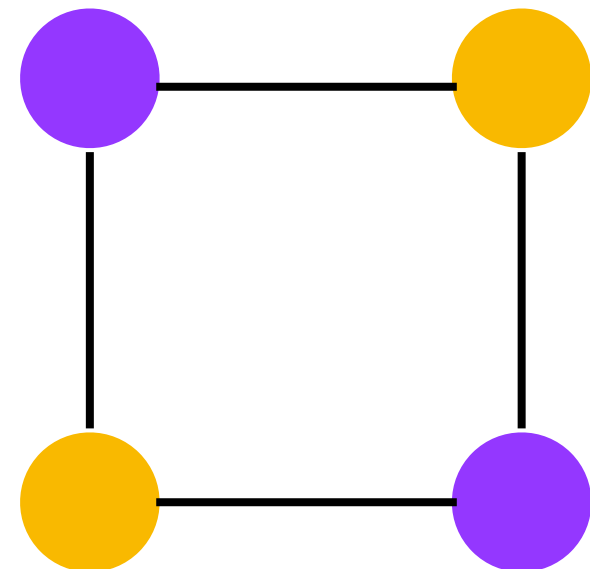
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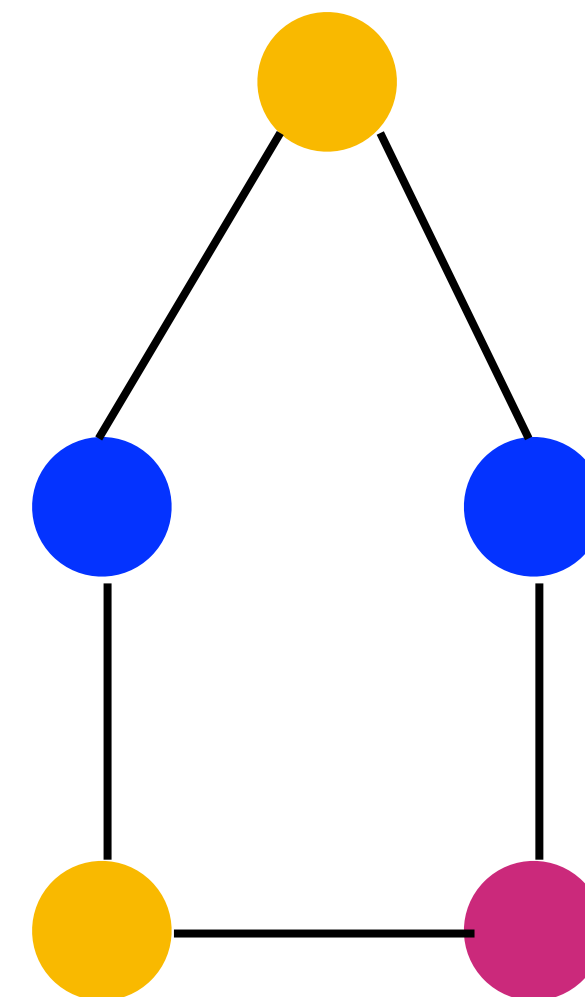
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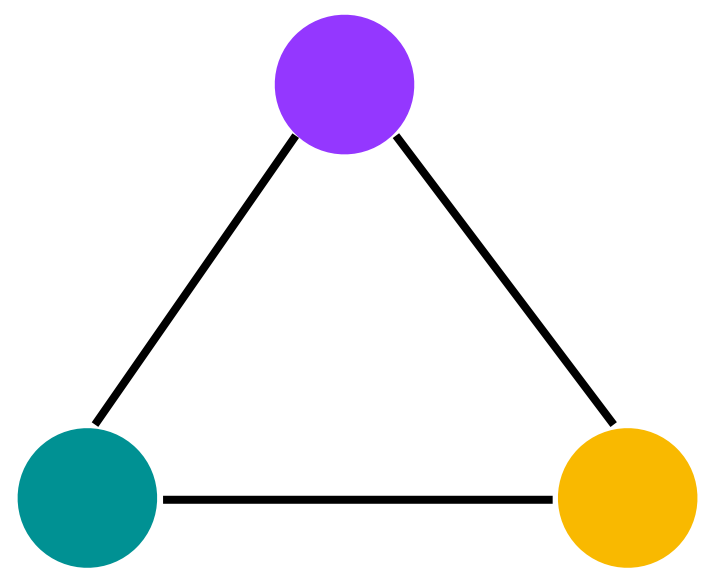
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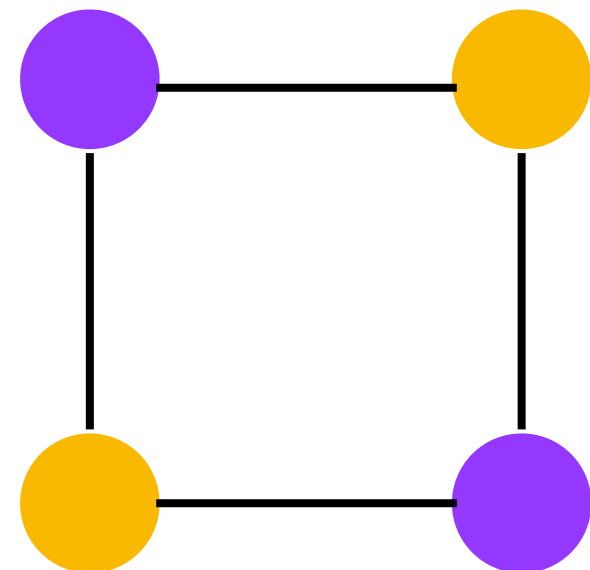
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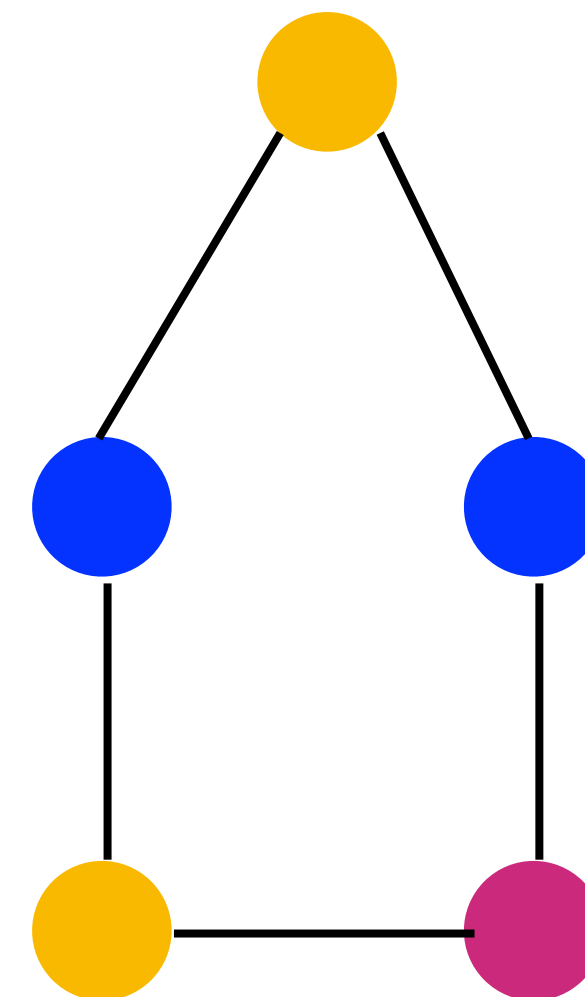
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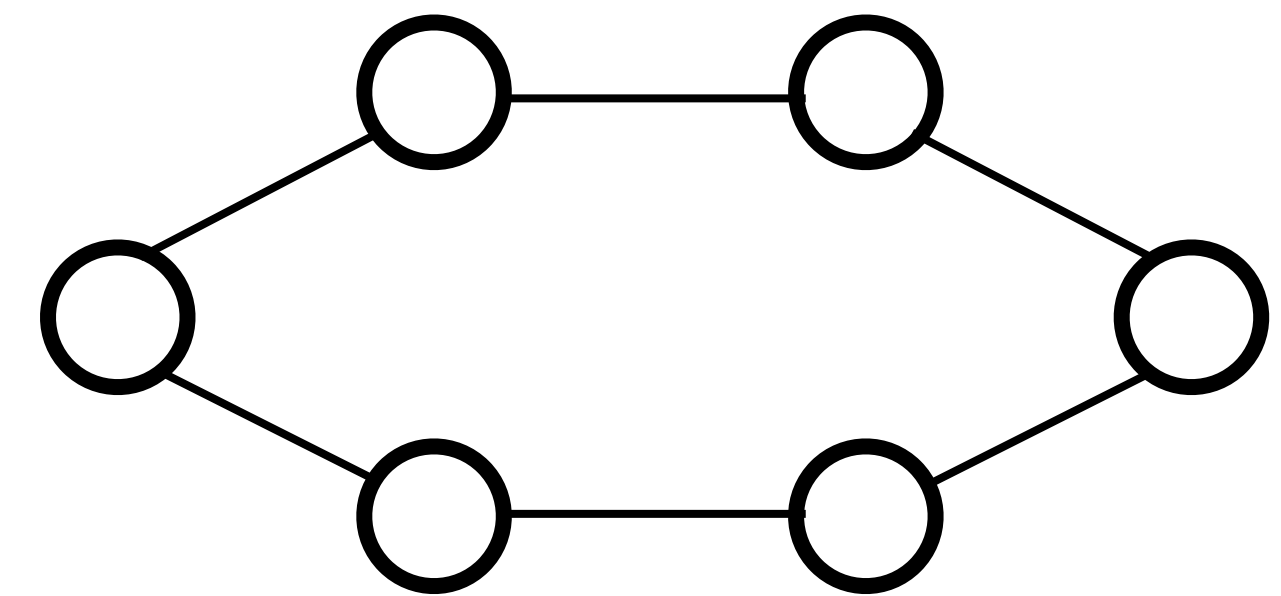
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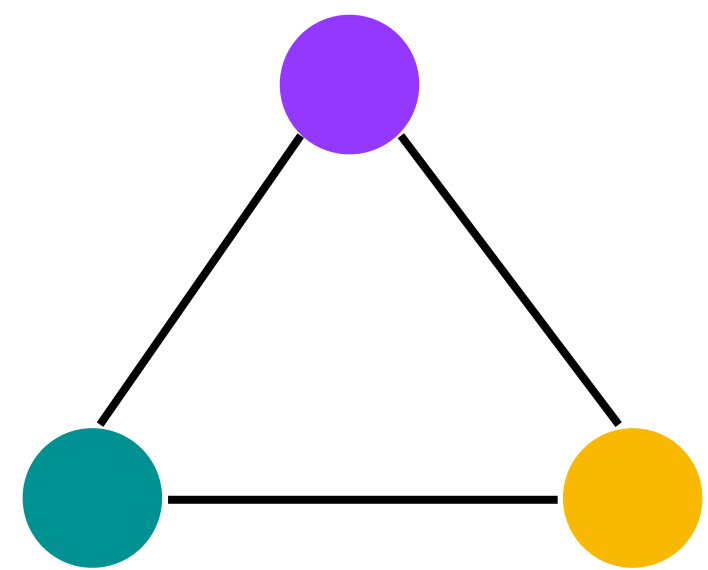
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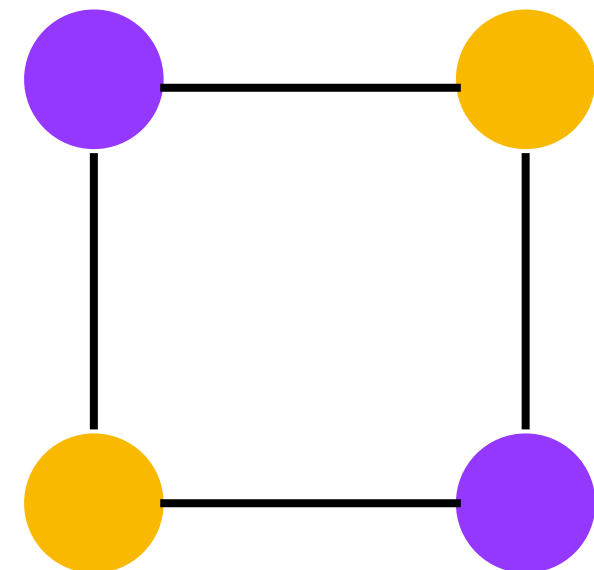
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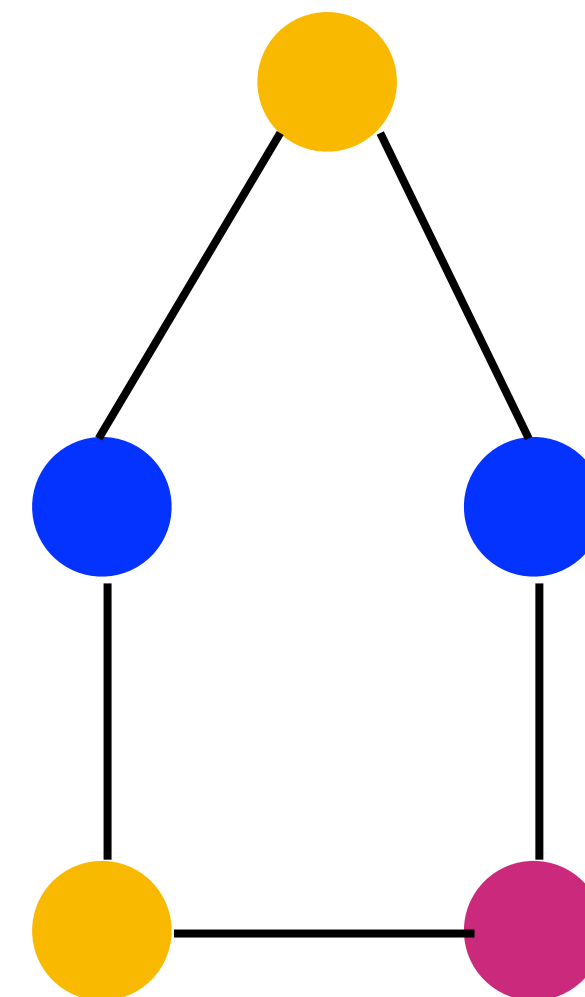
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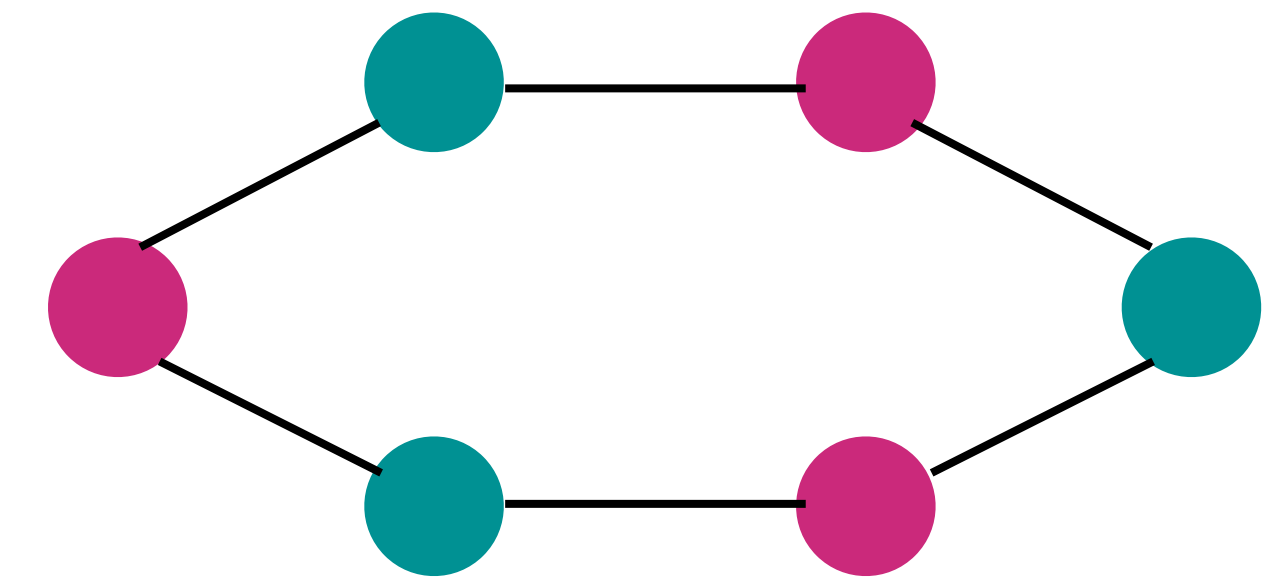
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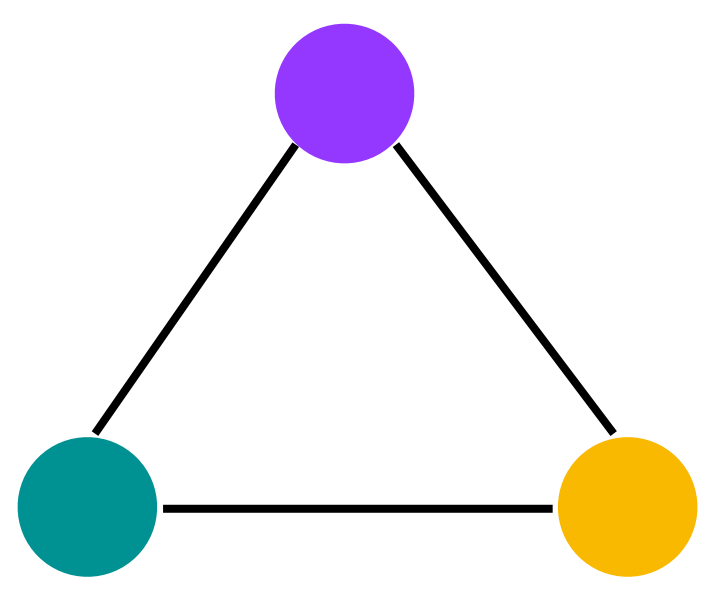
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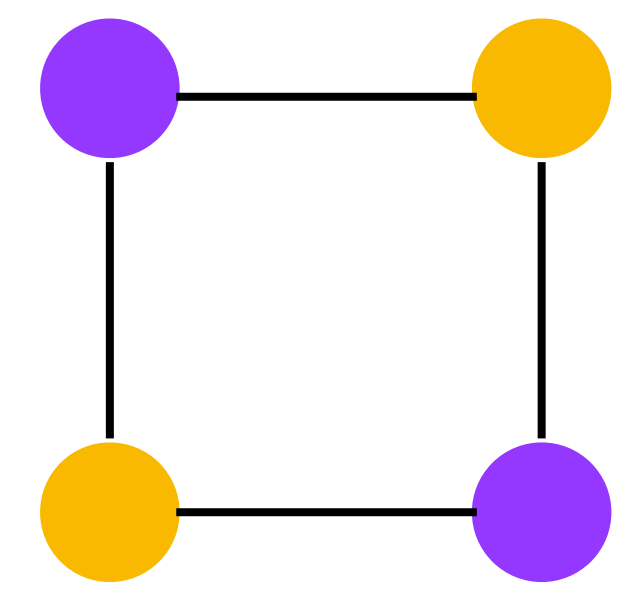
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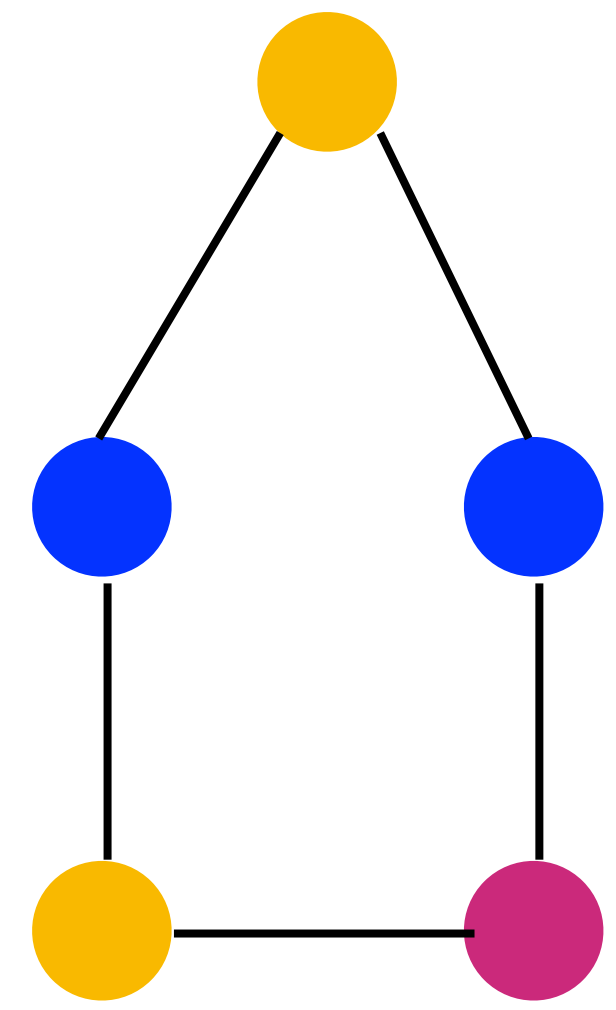
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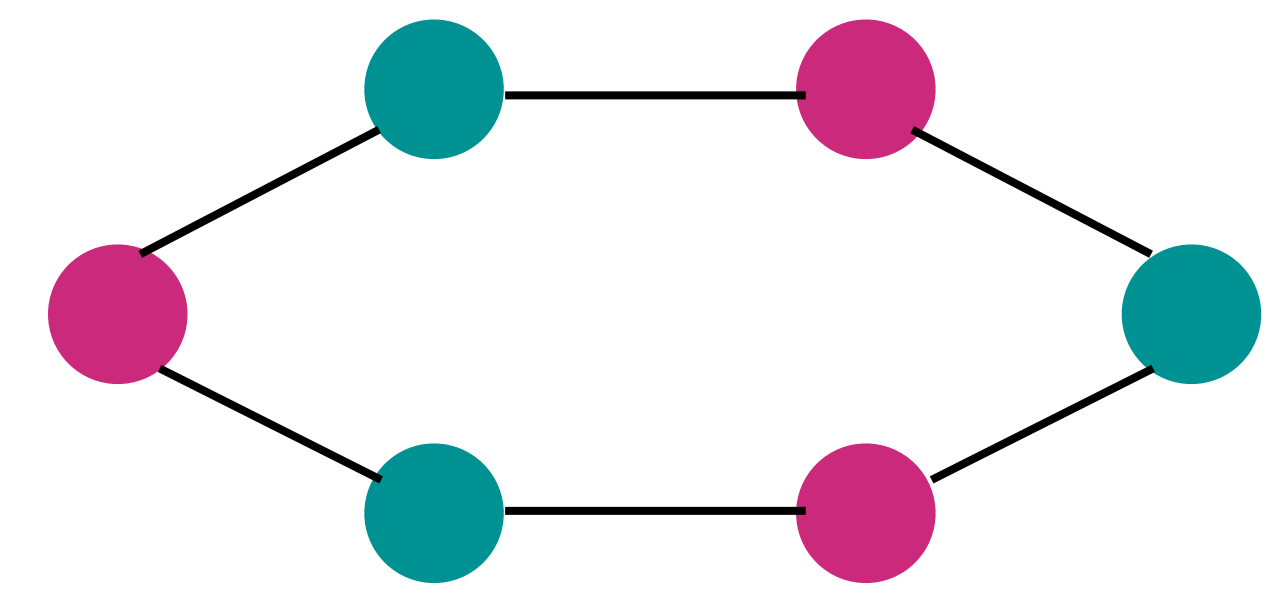


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Do you notice something ?



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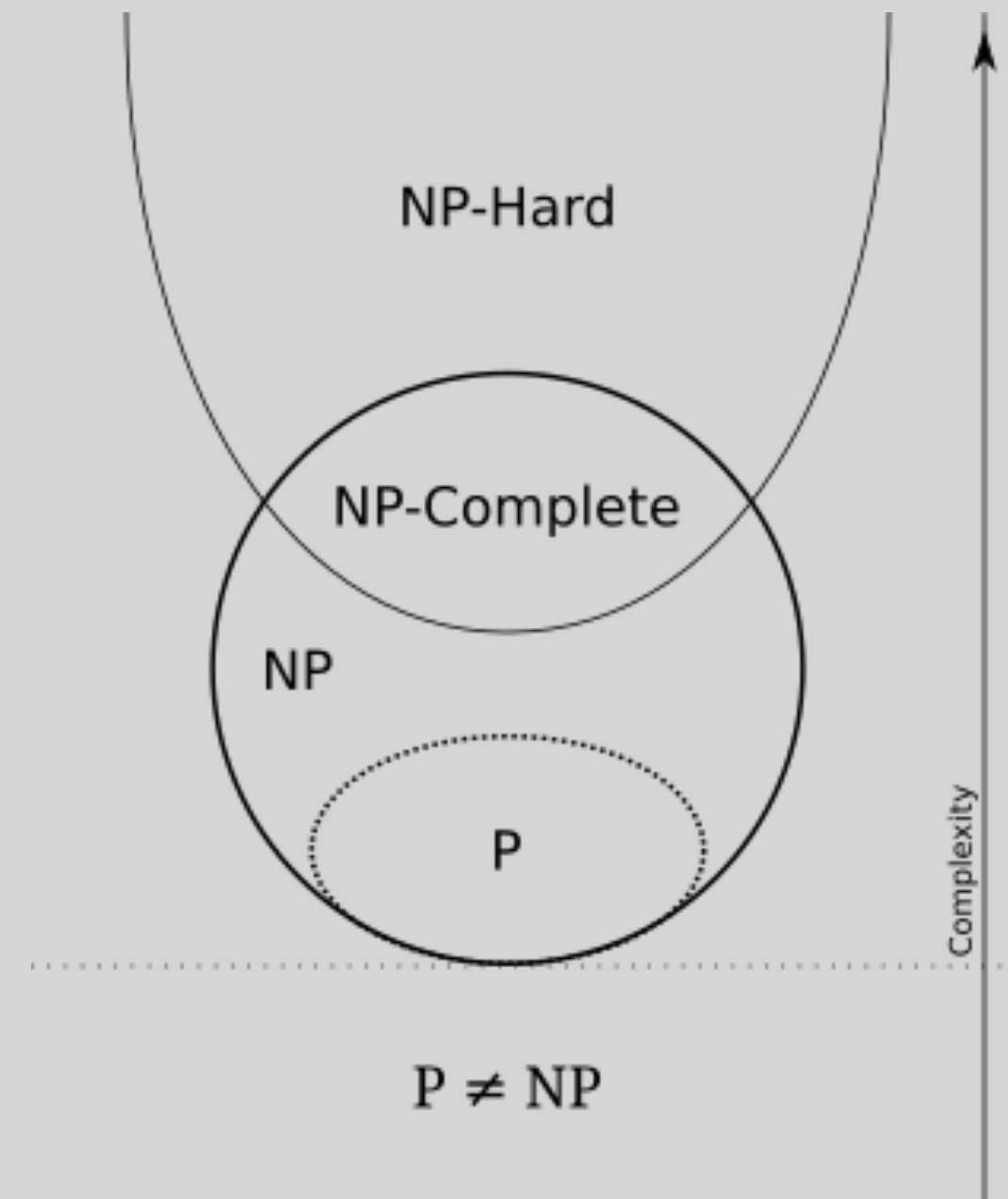
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Complexity Theory

TI next semester



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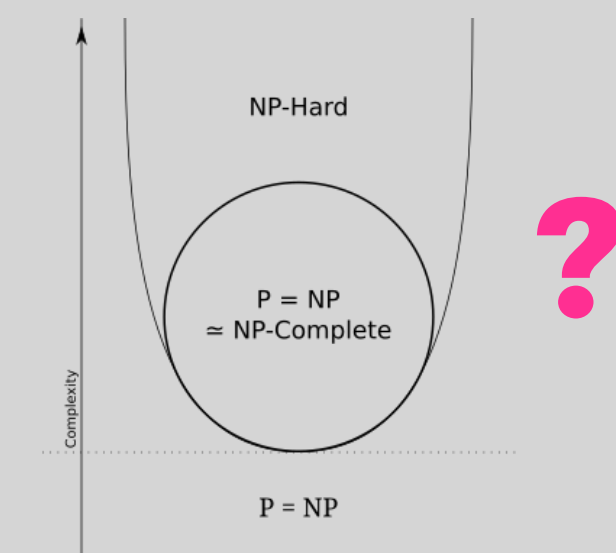
NP : non-deterministic polynomial

- NP is the set of decision problems *solvable* in polynomial time by a [nondeterministic Turing machine](#).
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A problem a in NP is **NP-complete** if :

$$a \in P \implies P = NP$$




Let's take a break



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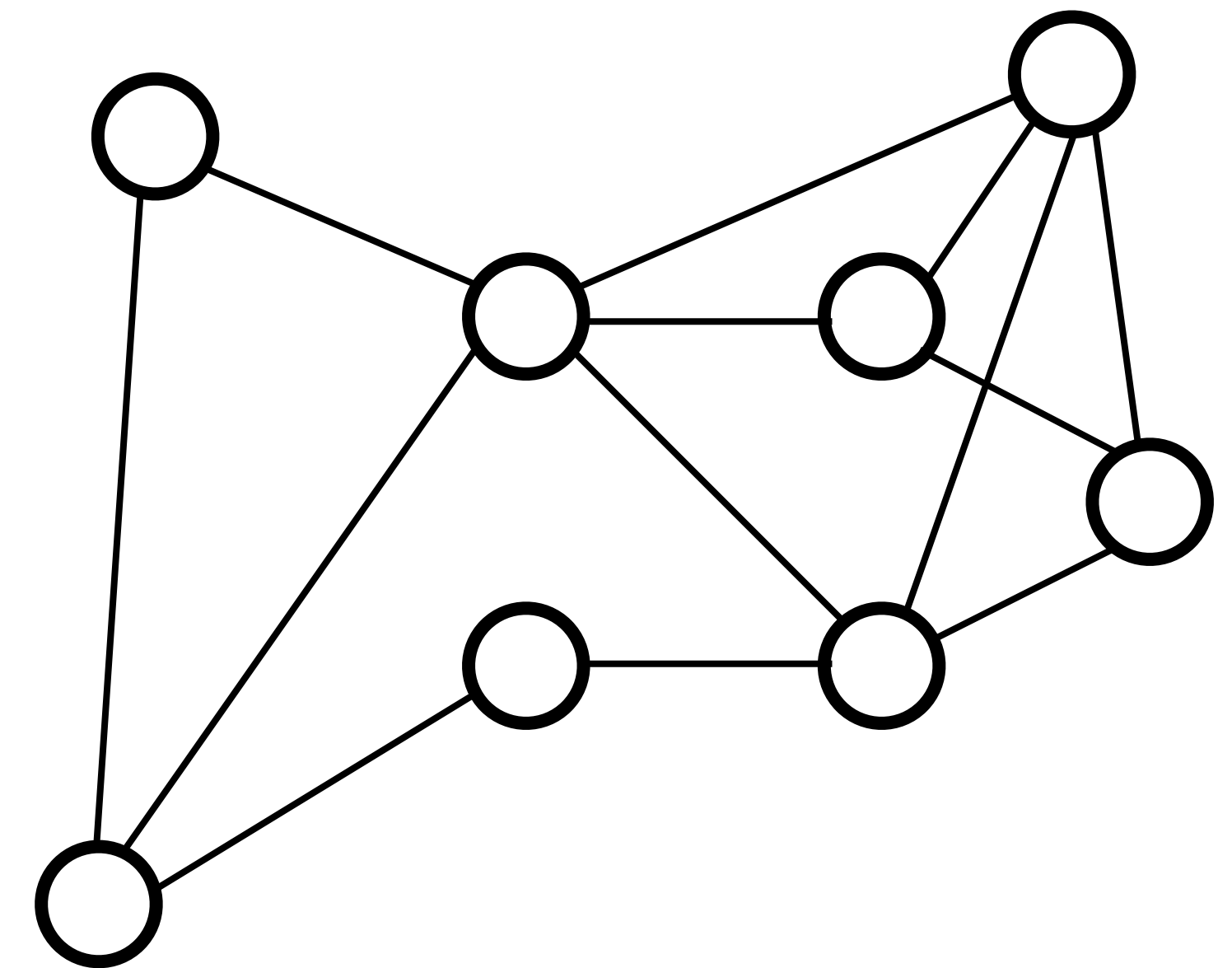
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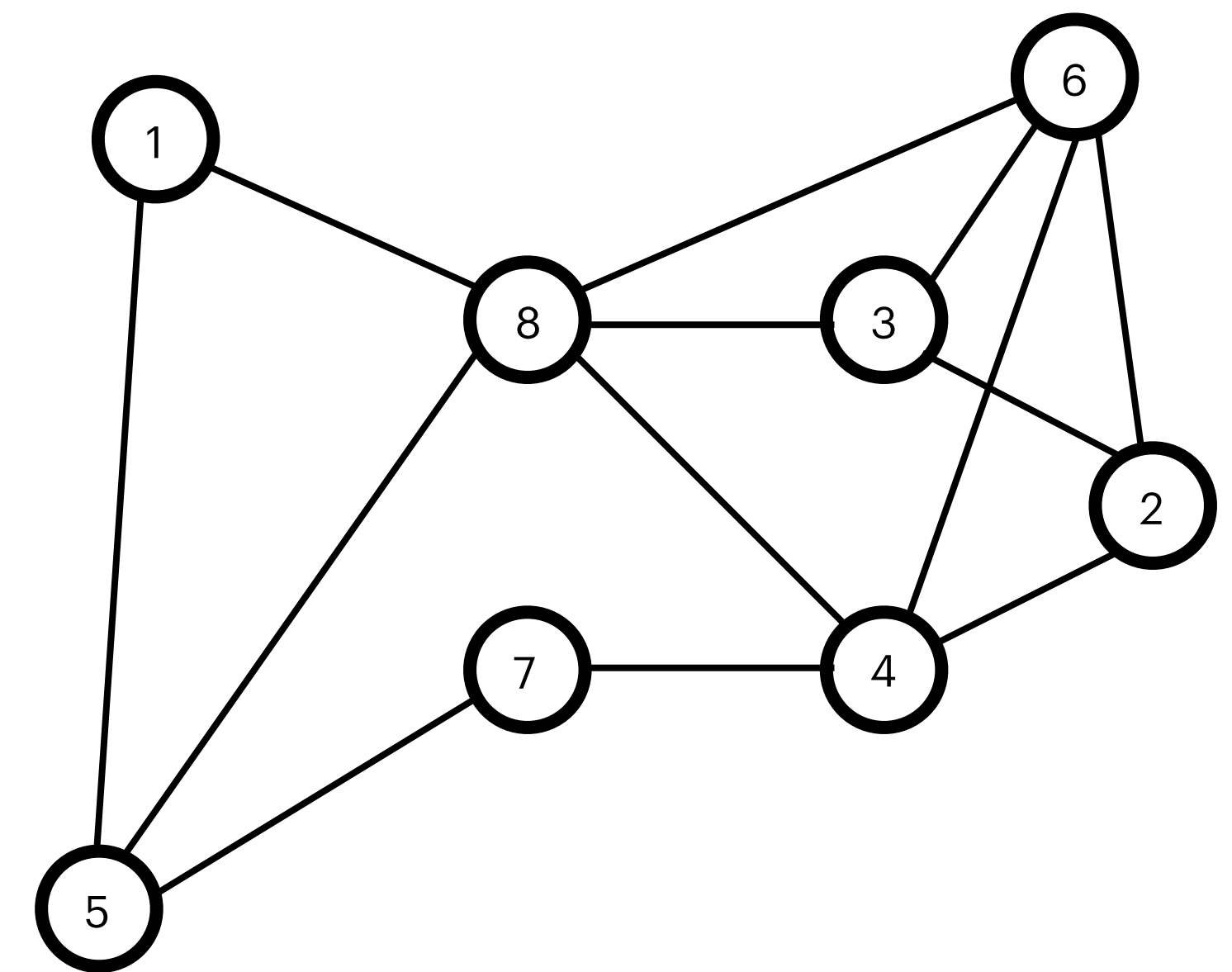
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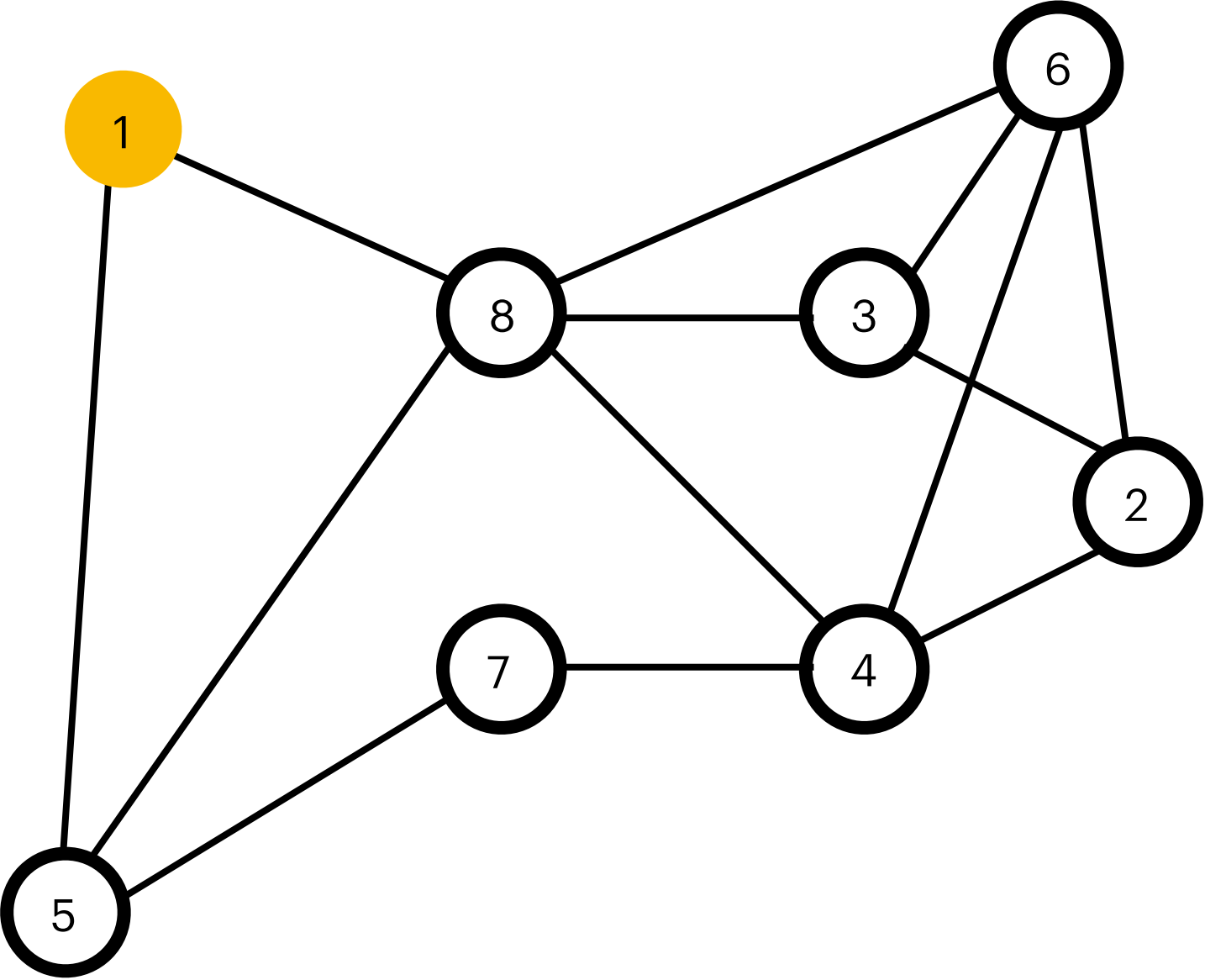
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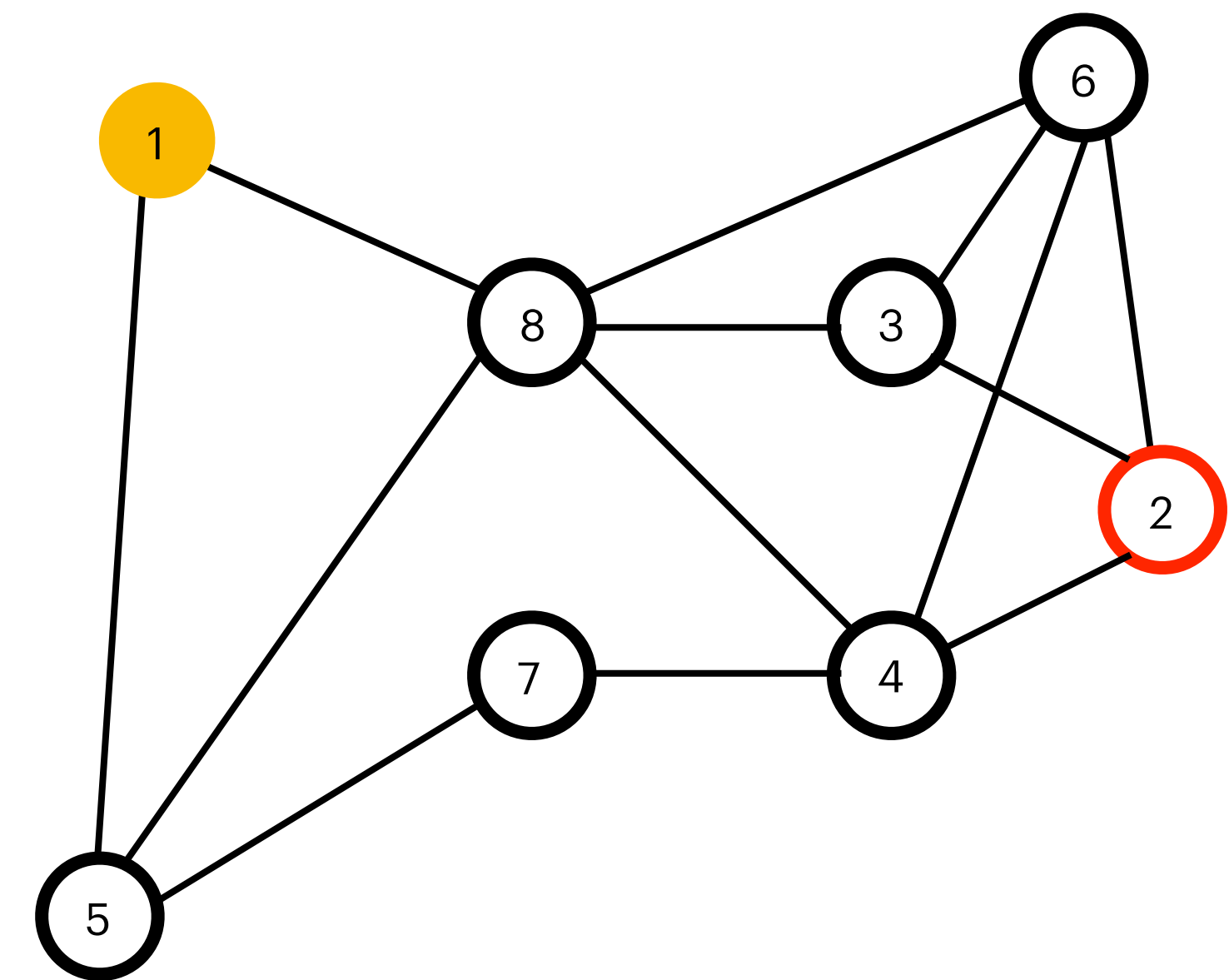
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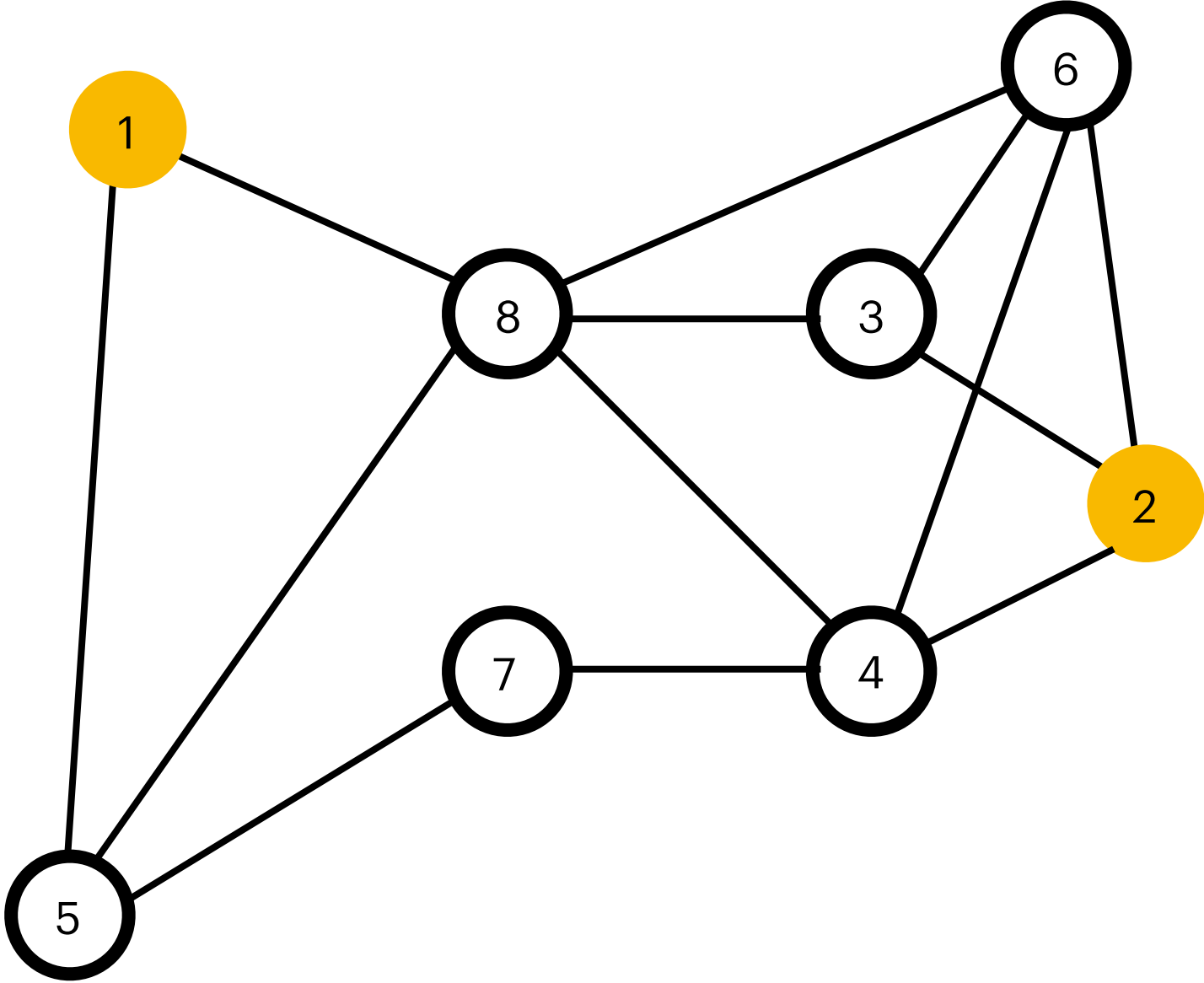
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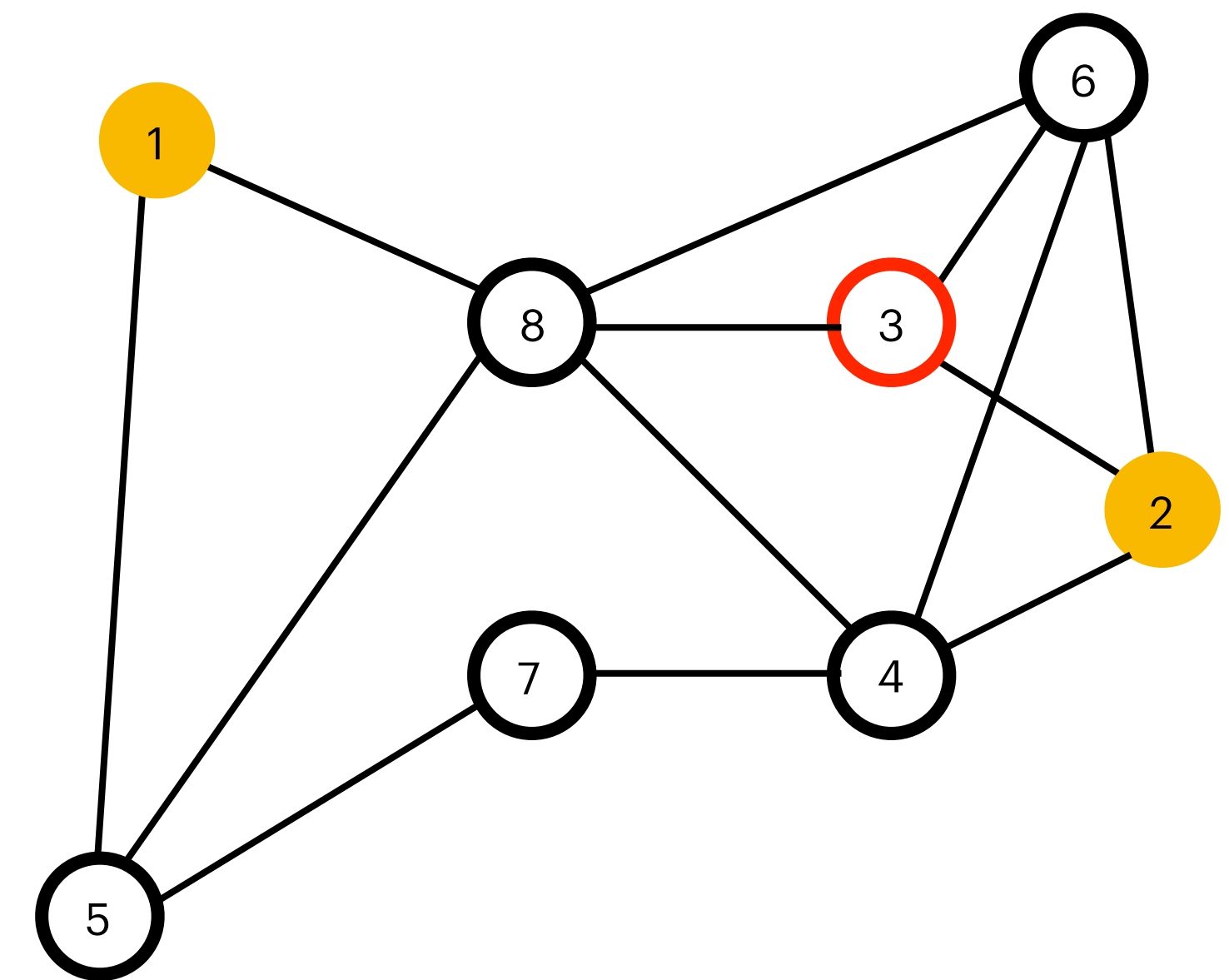
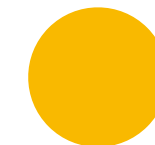
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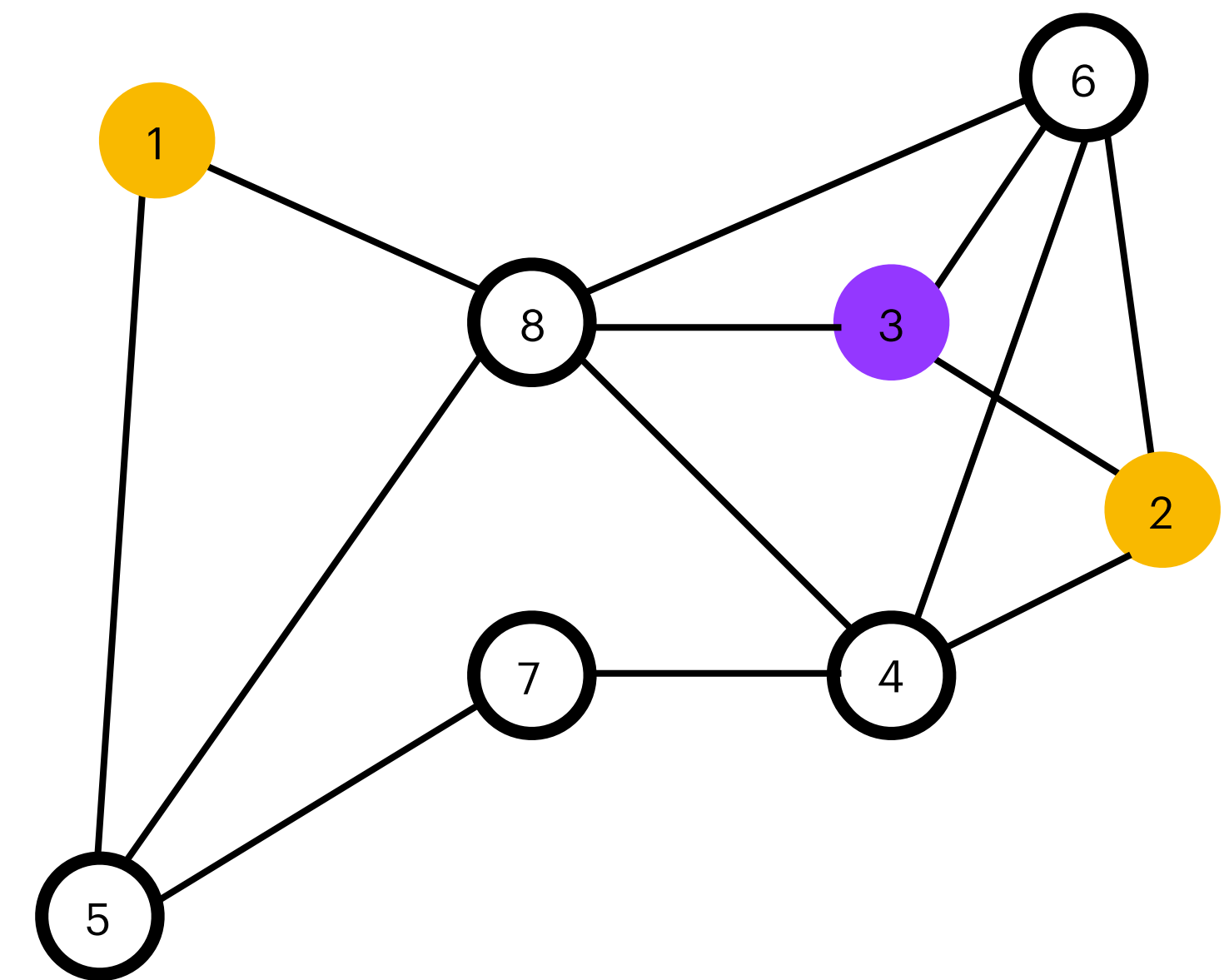
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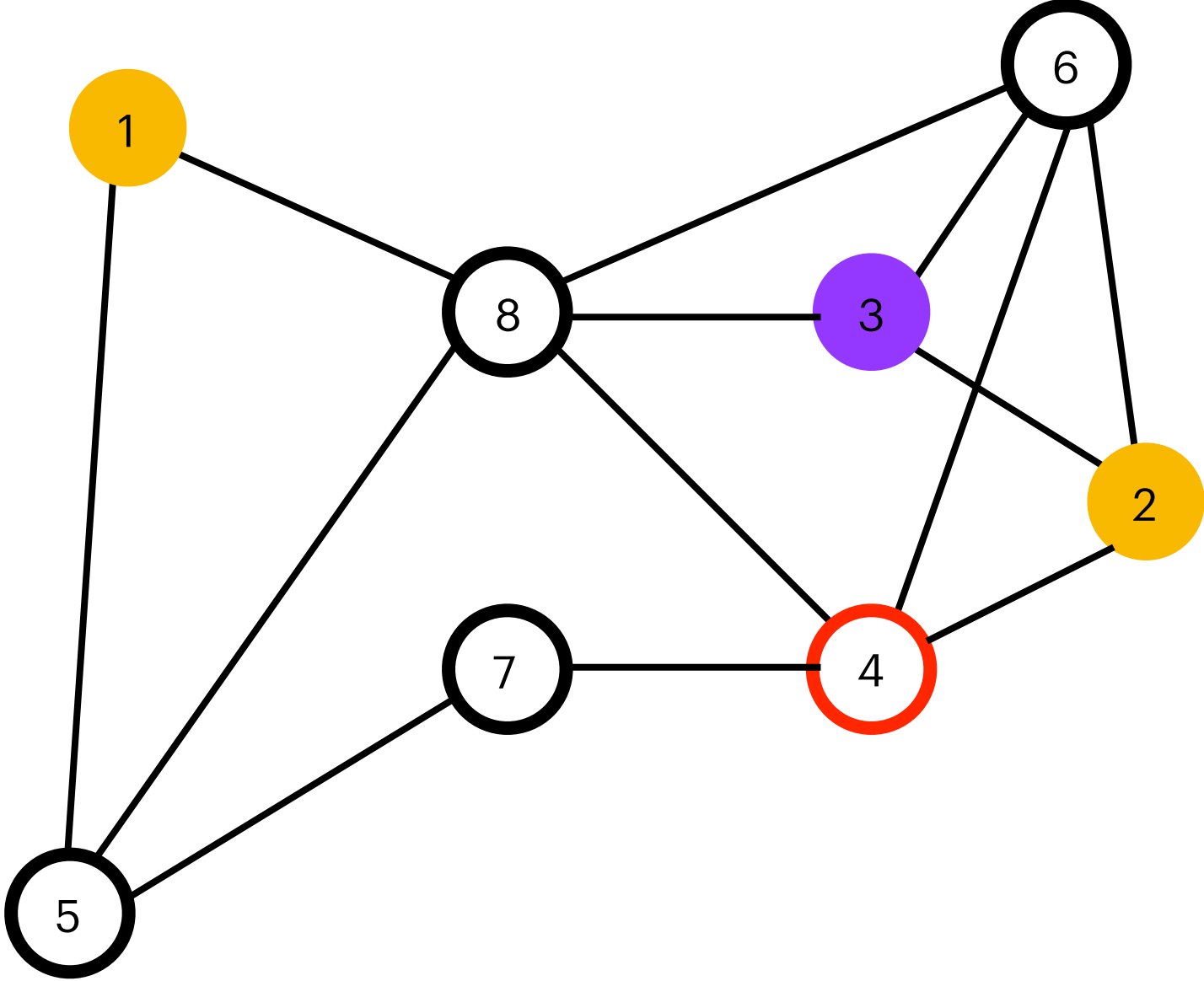
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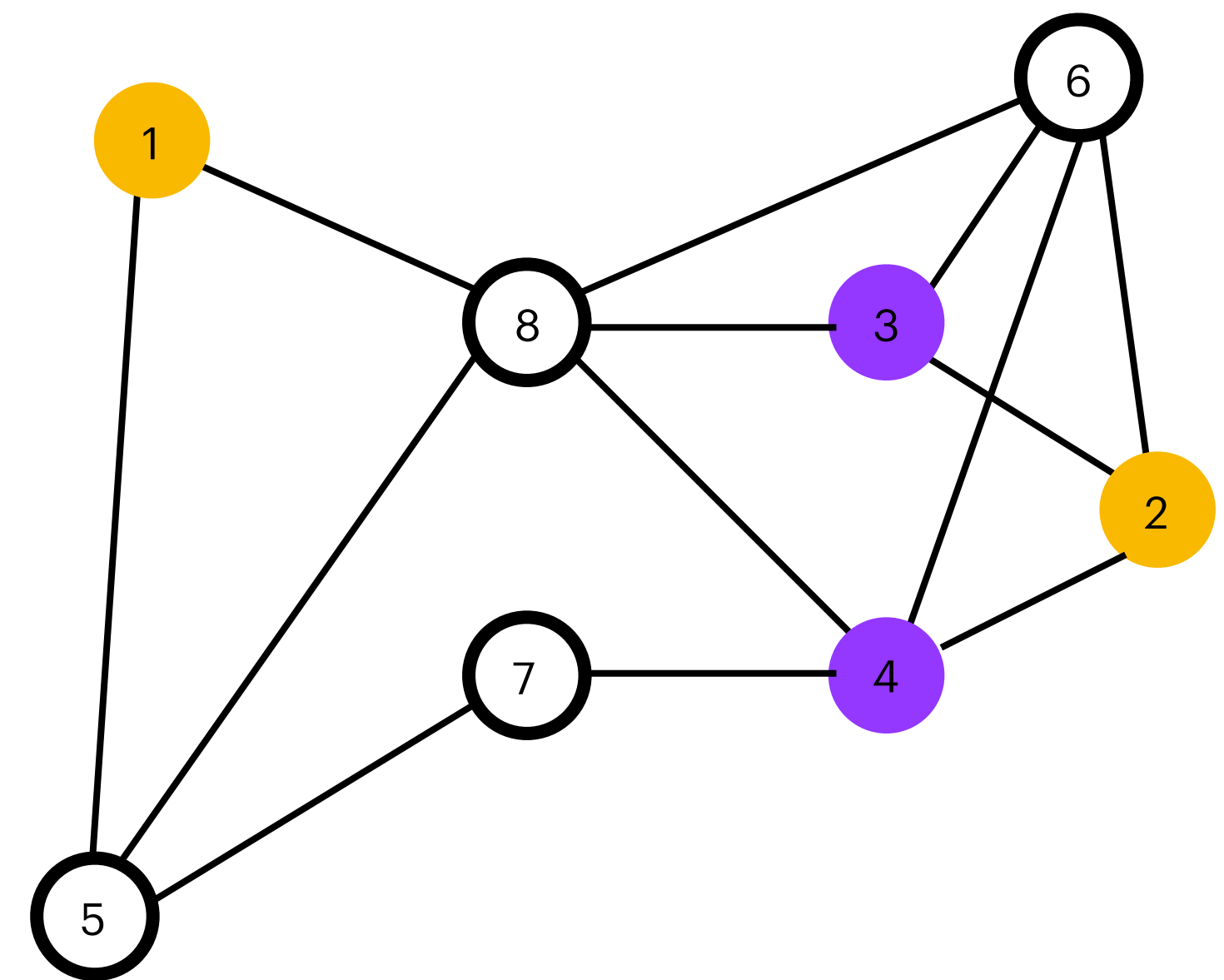
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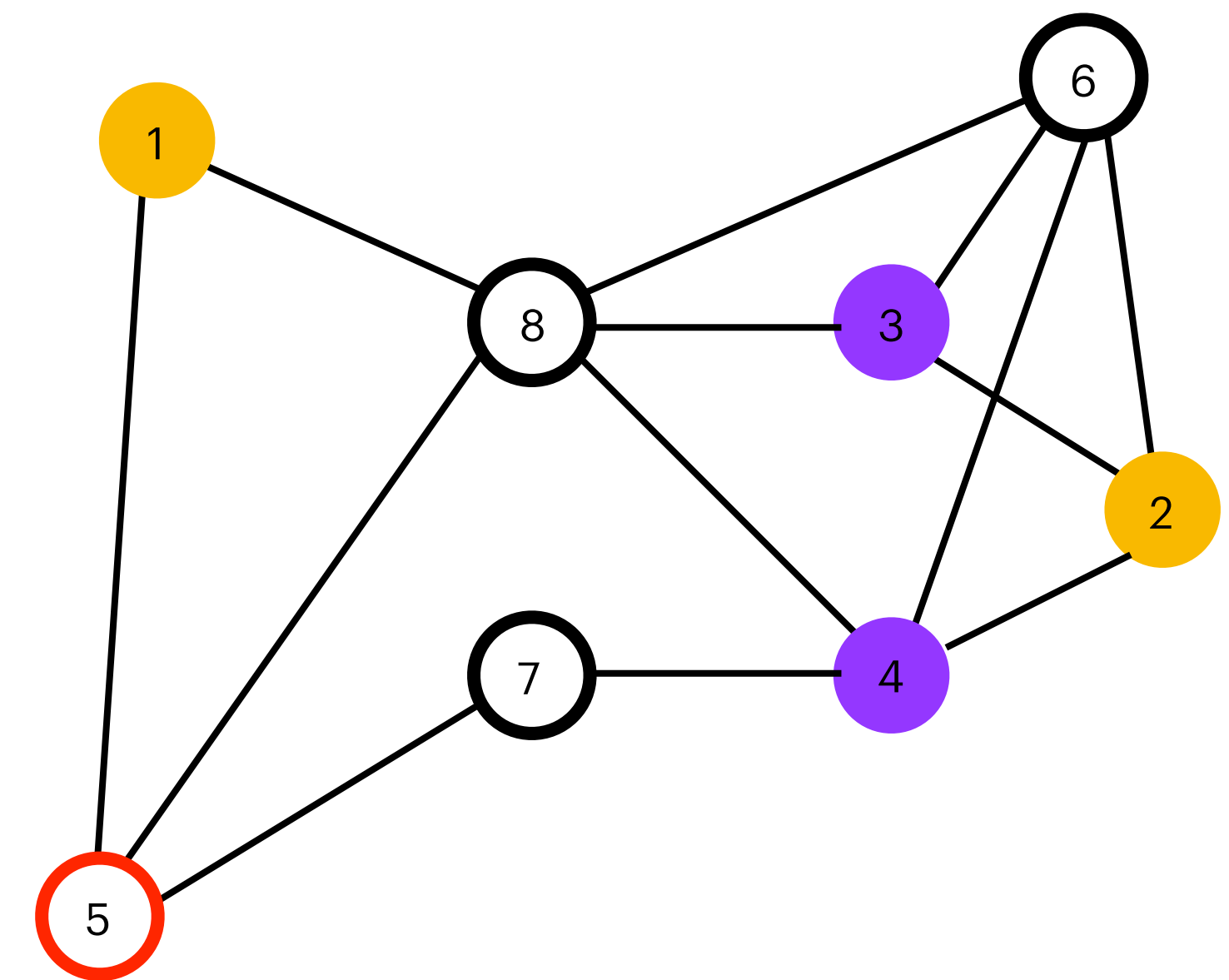
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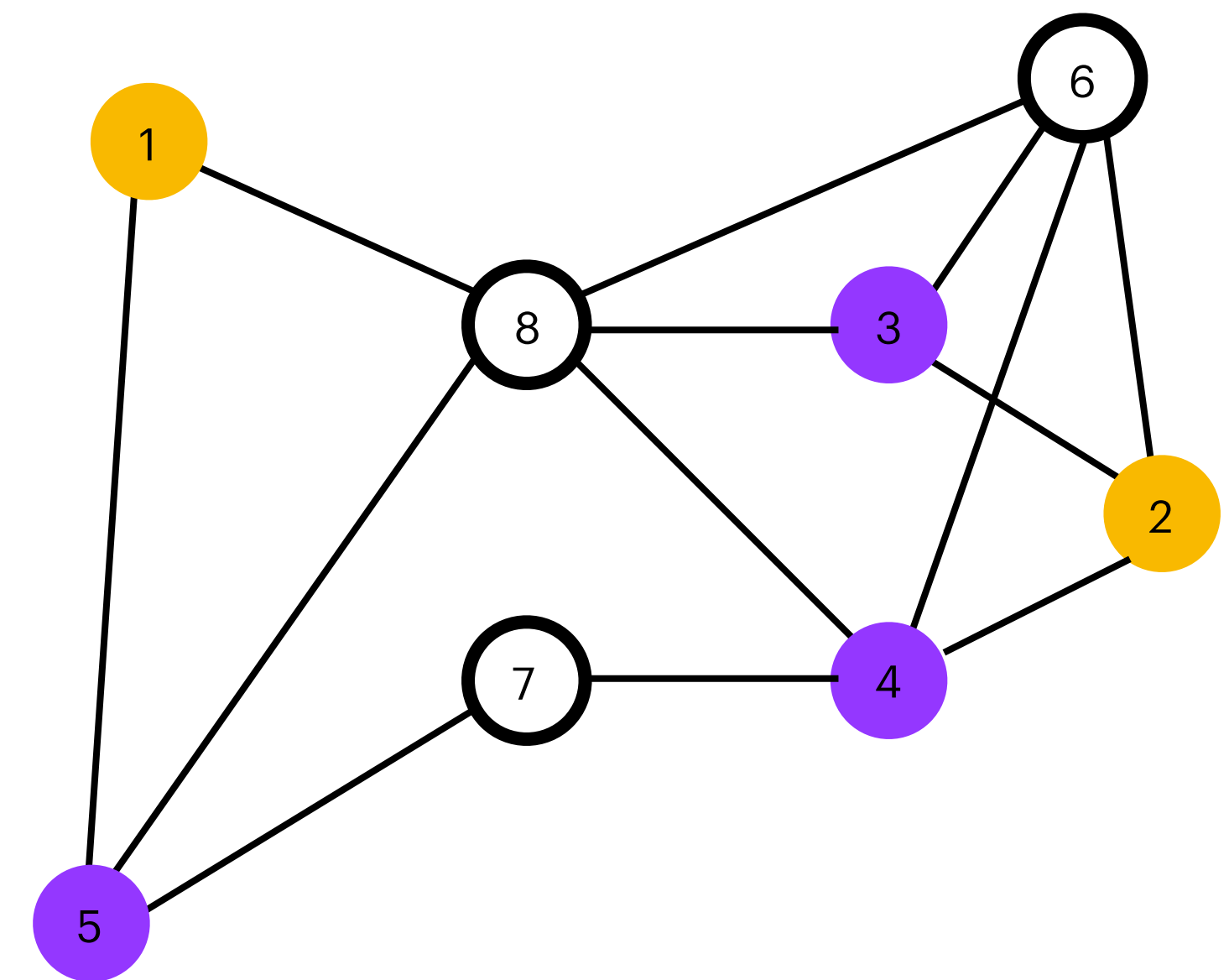
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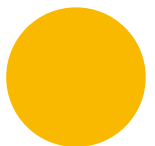


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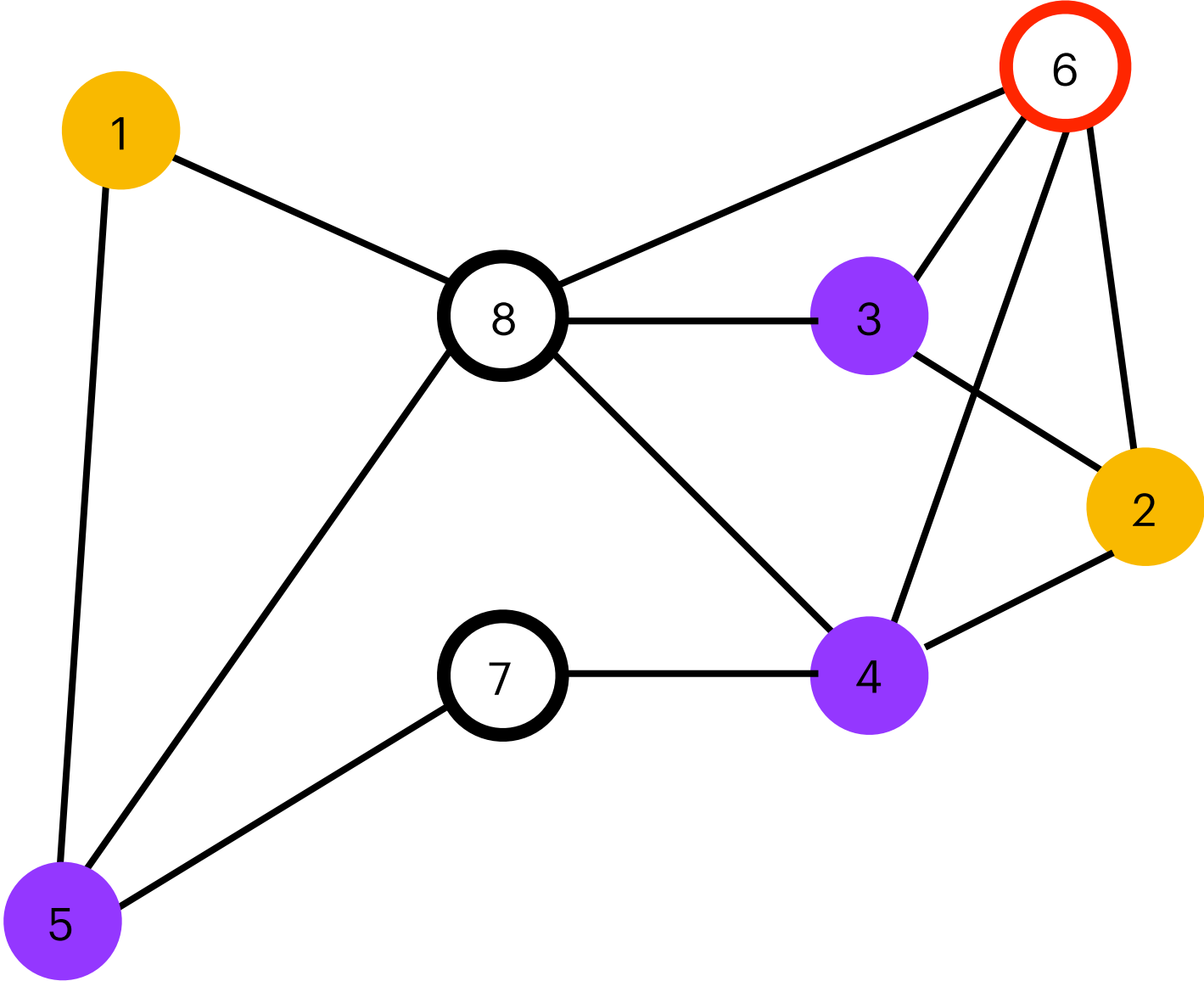
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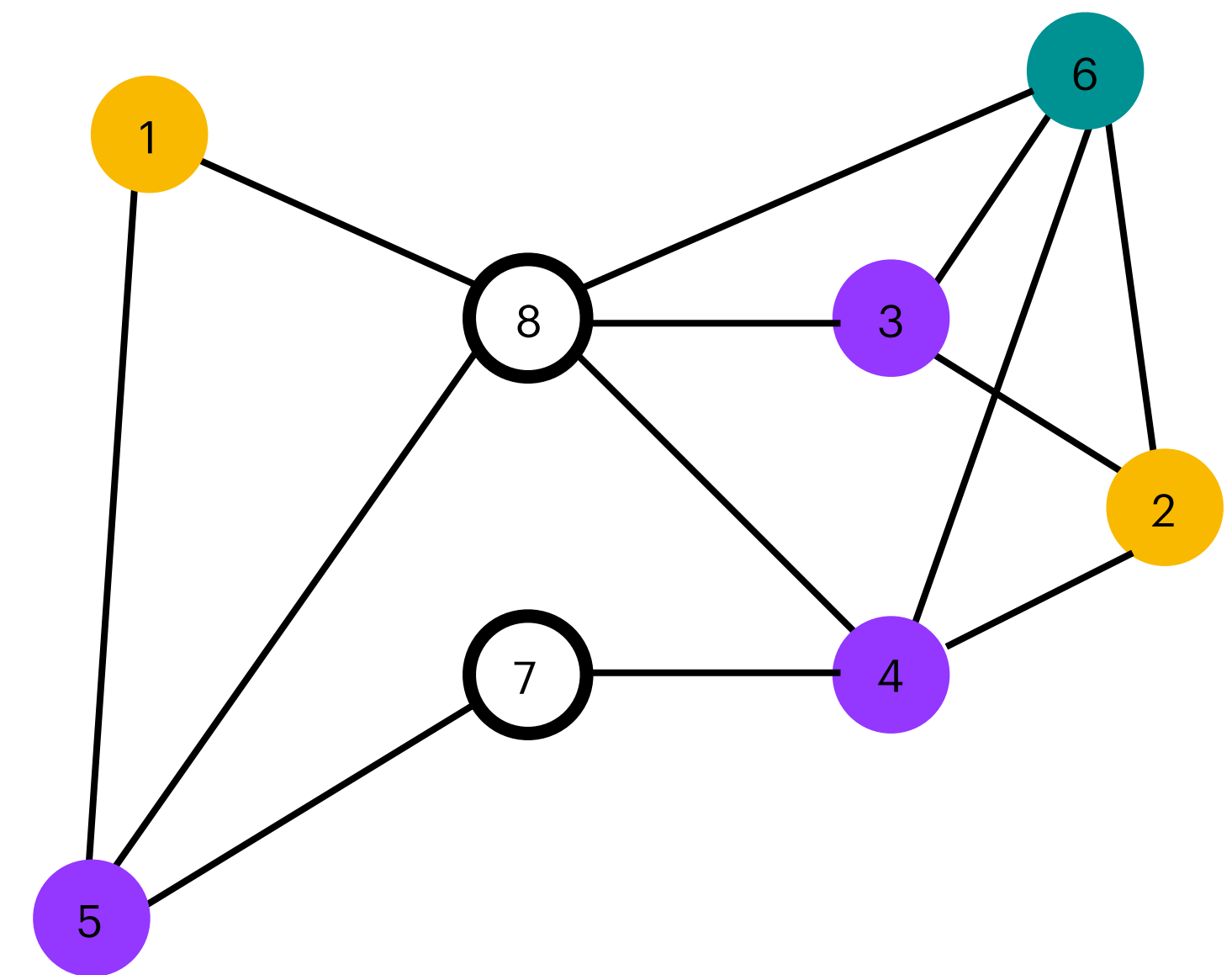
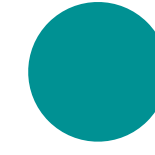
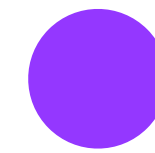
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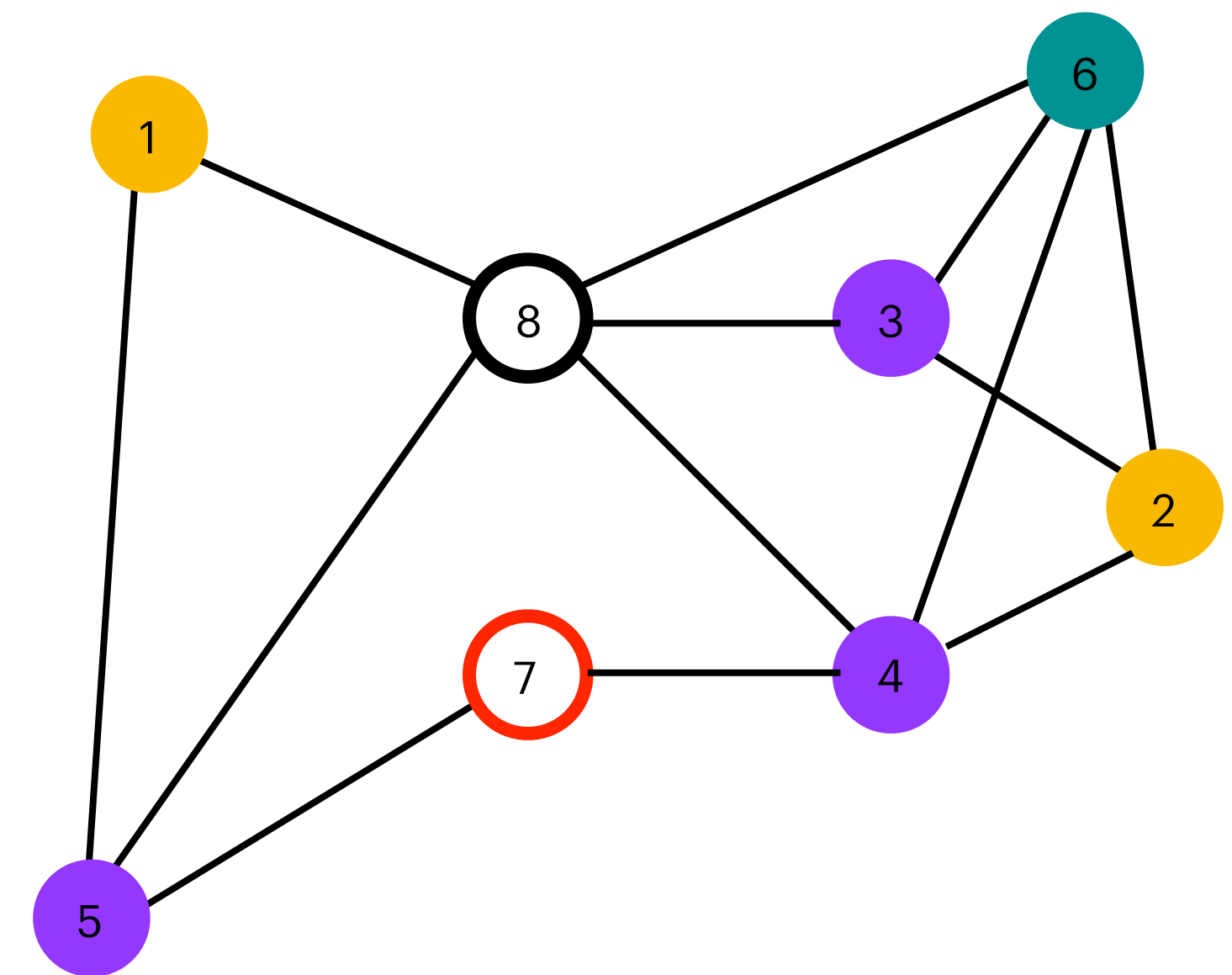
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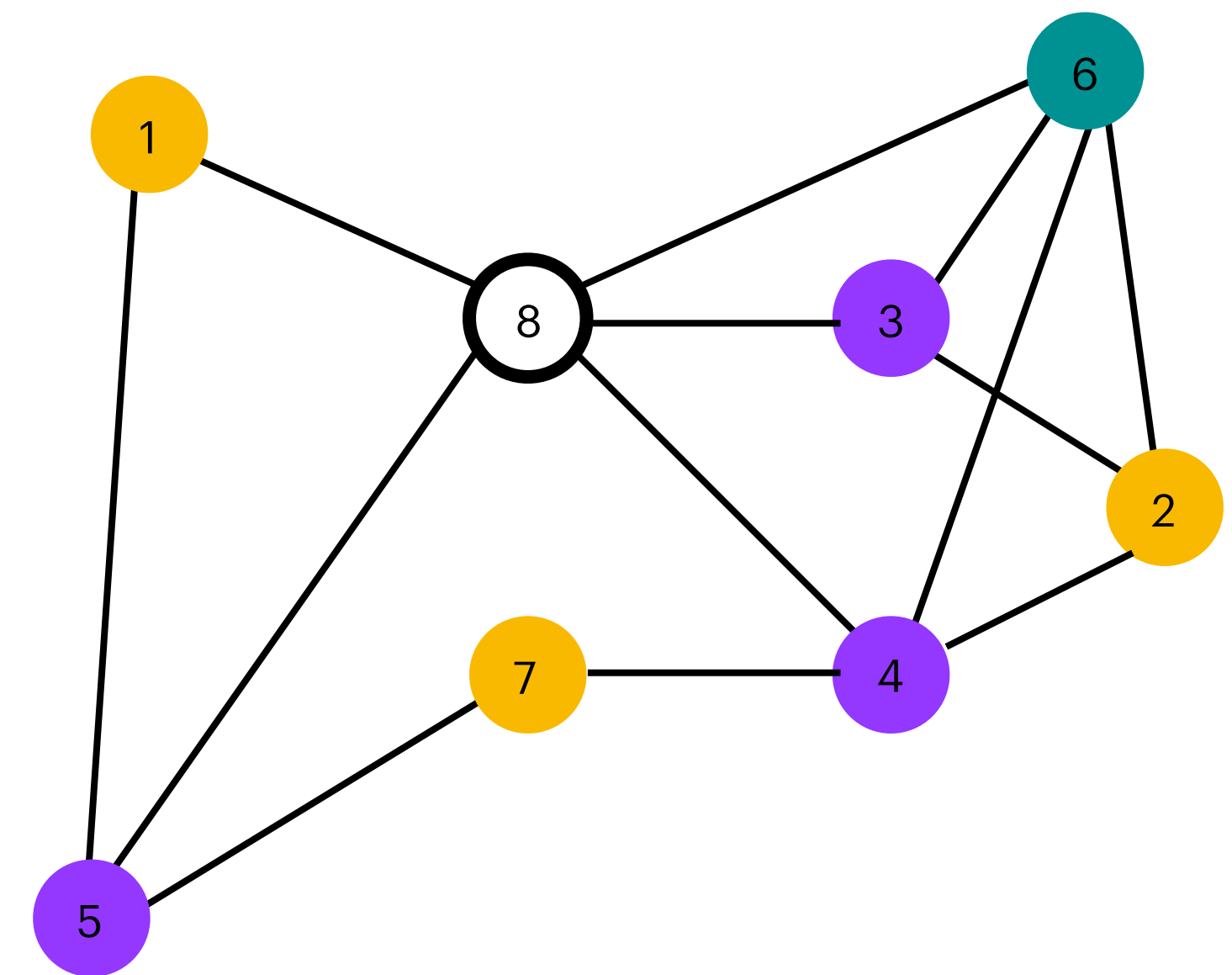
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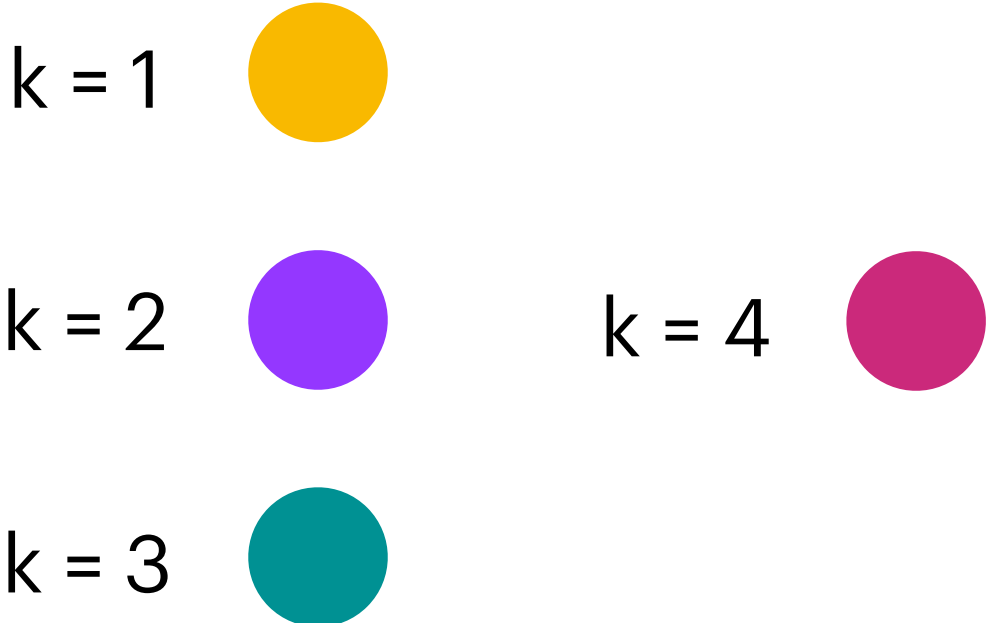
 



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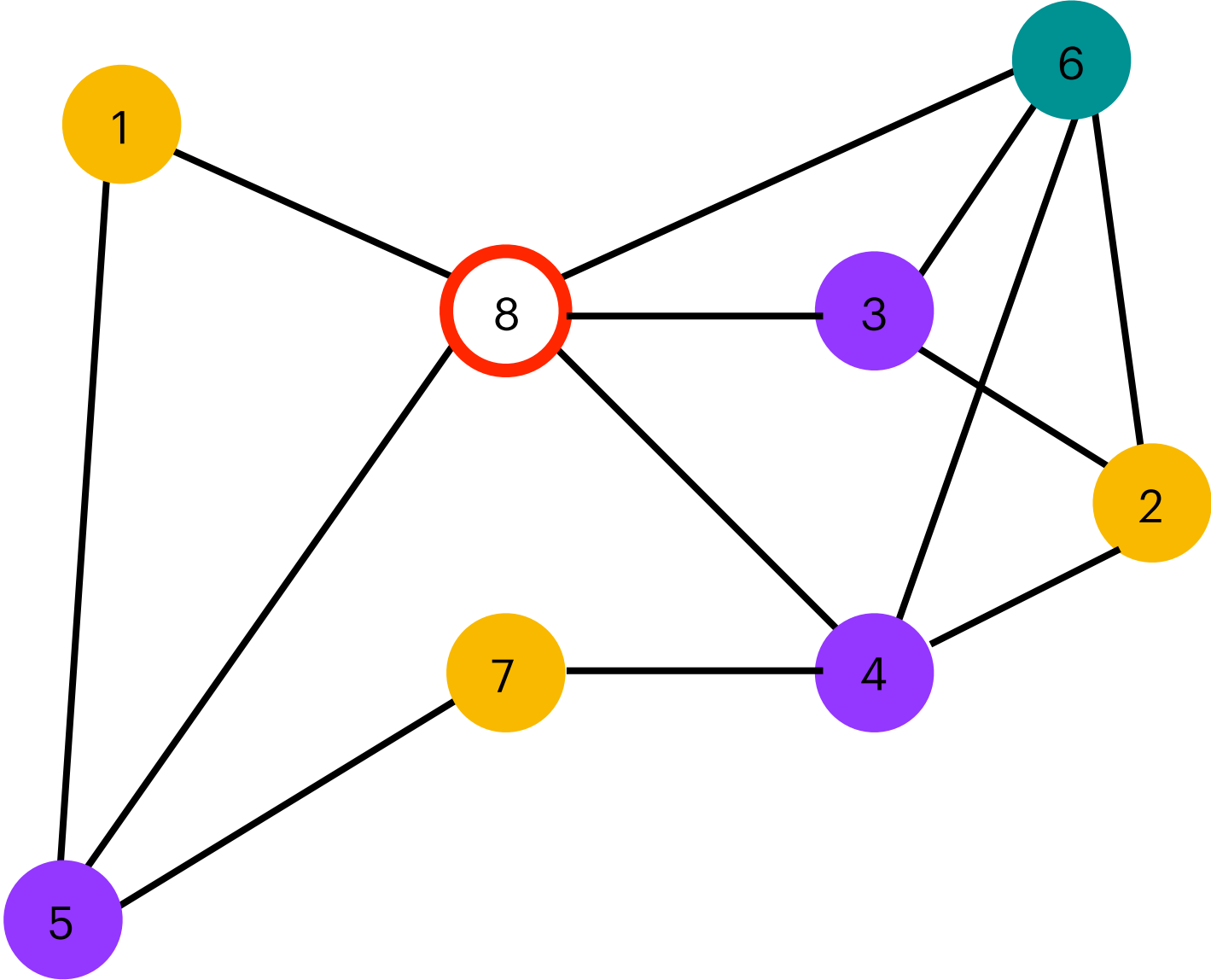
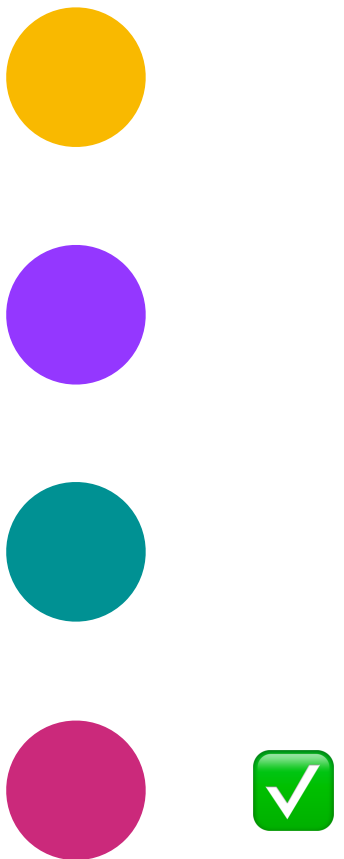
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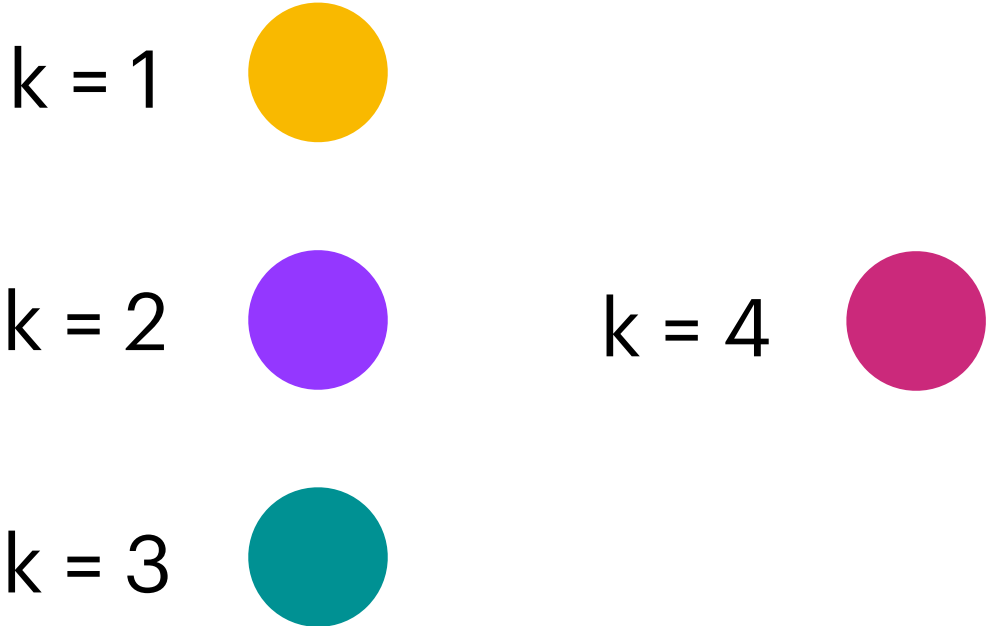
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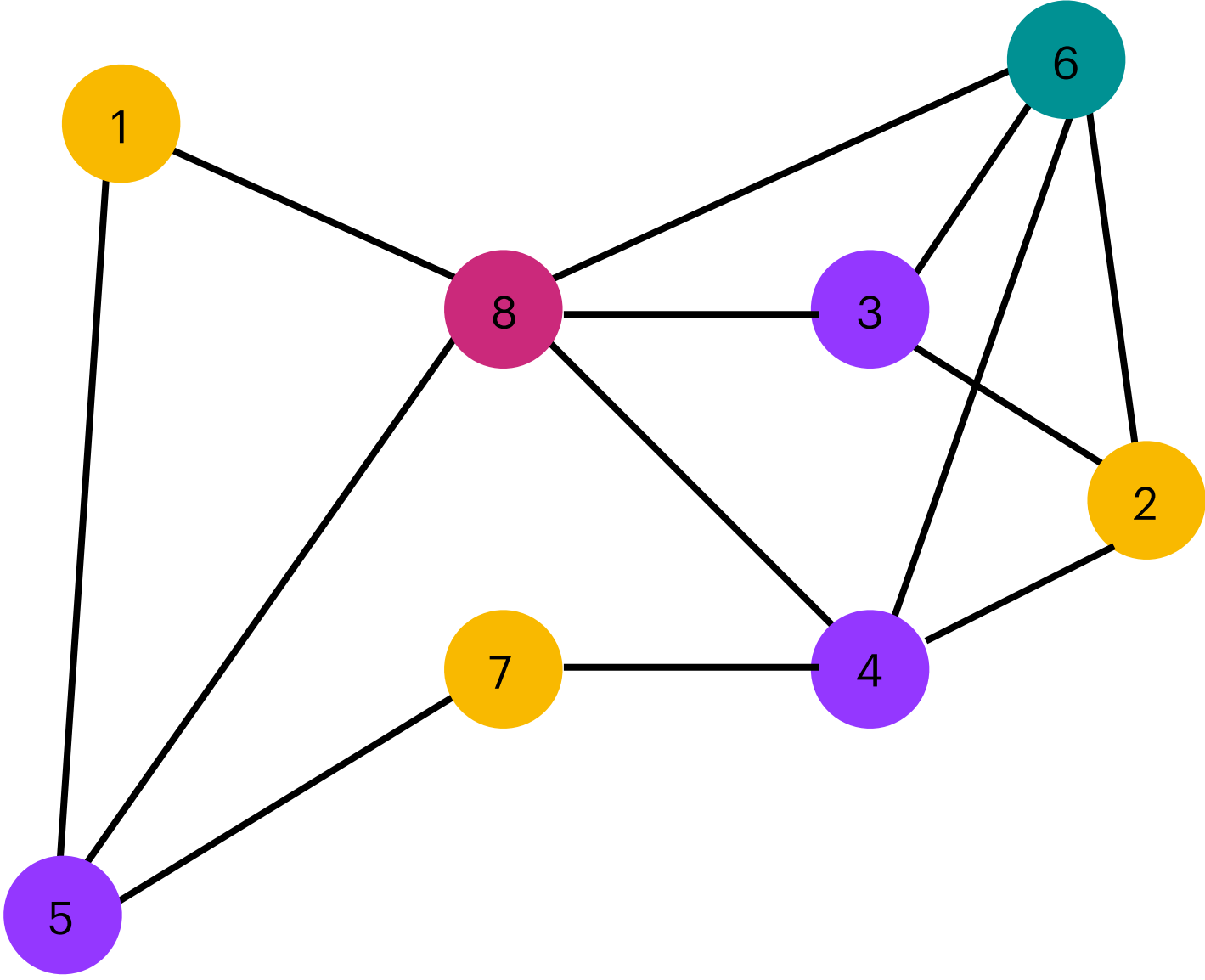
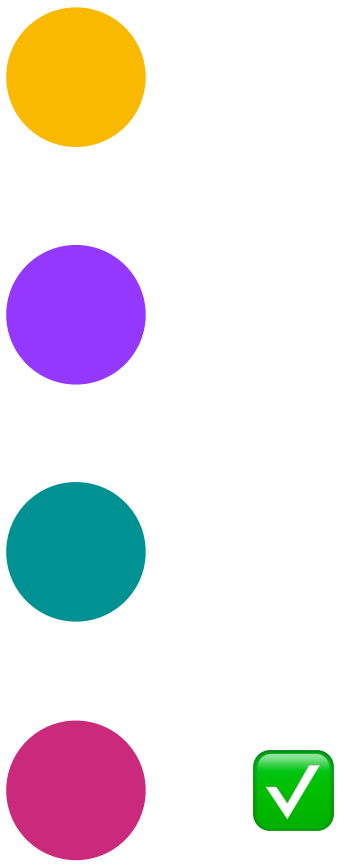


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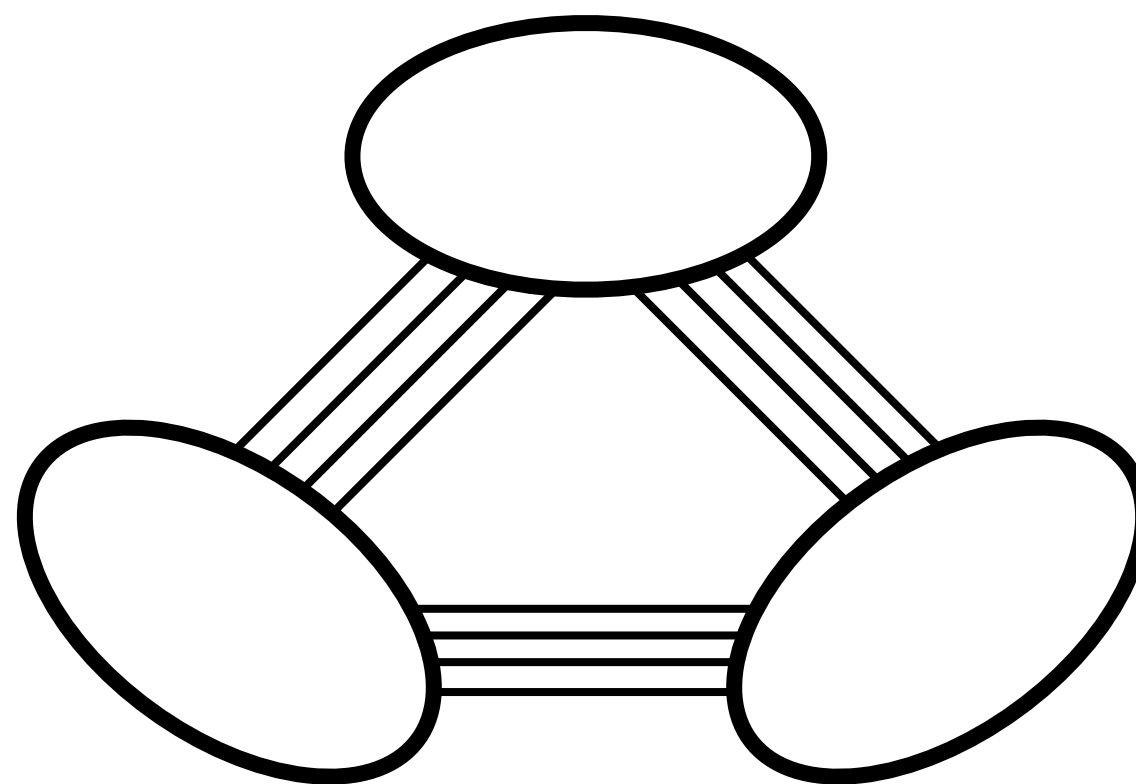
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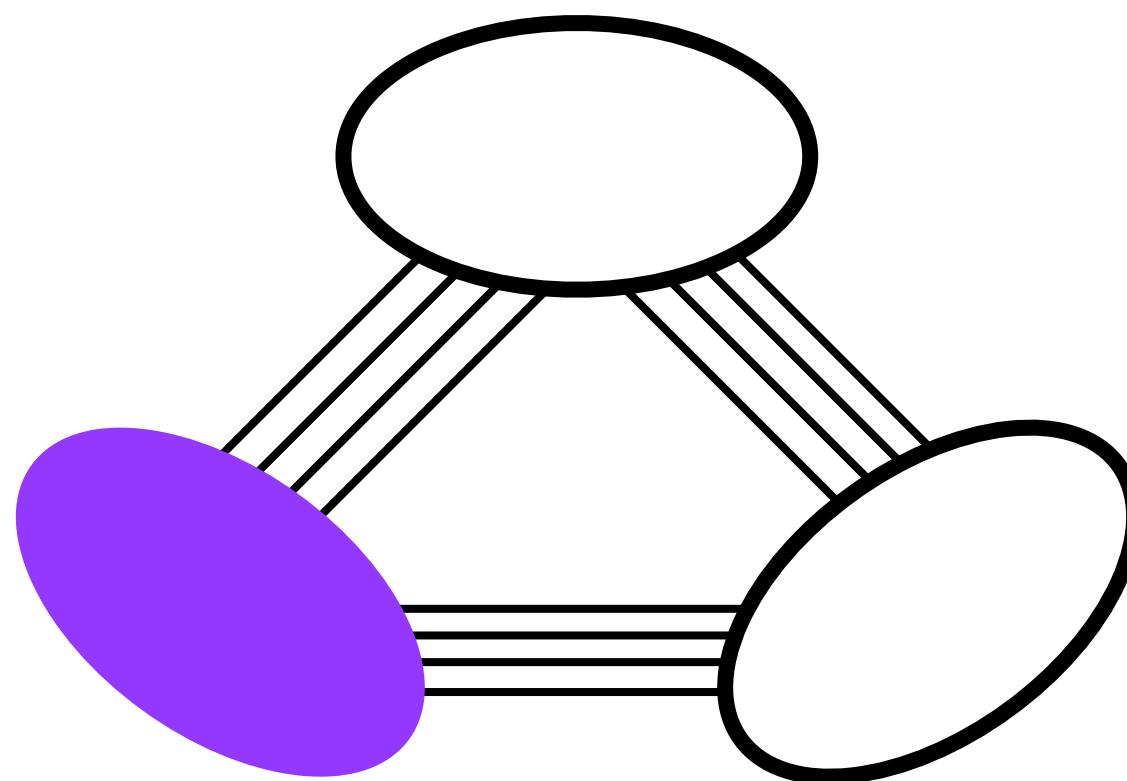
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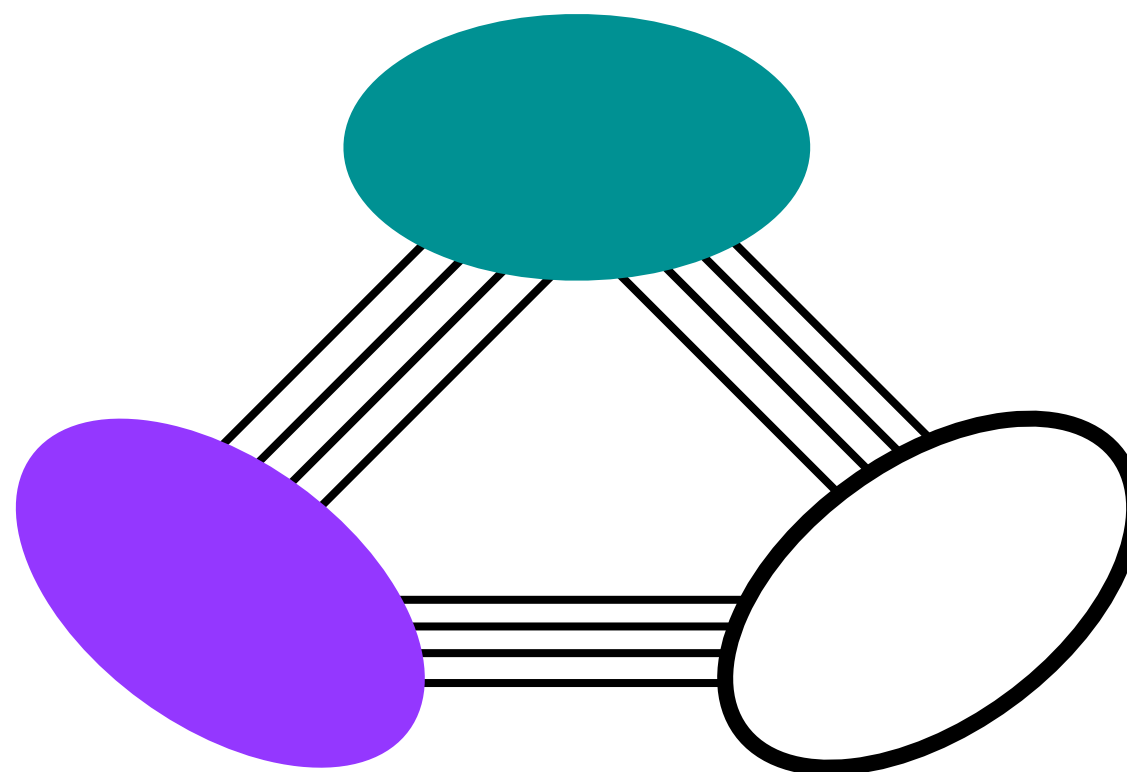
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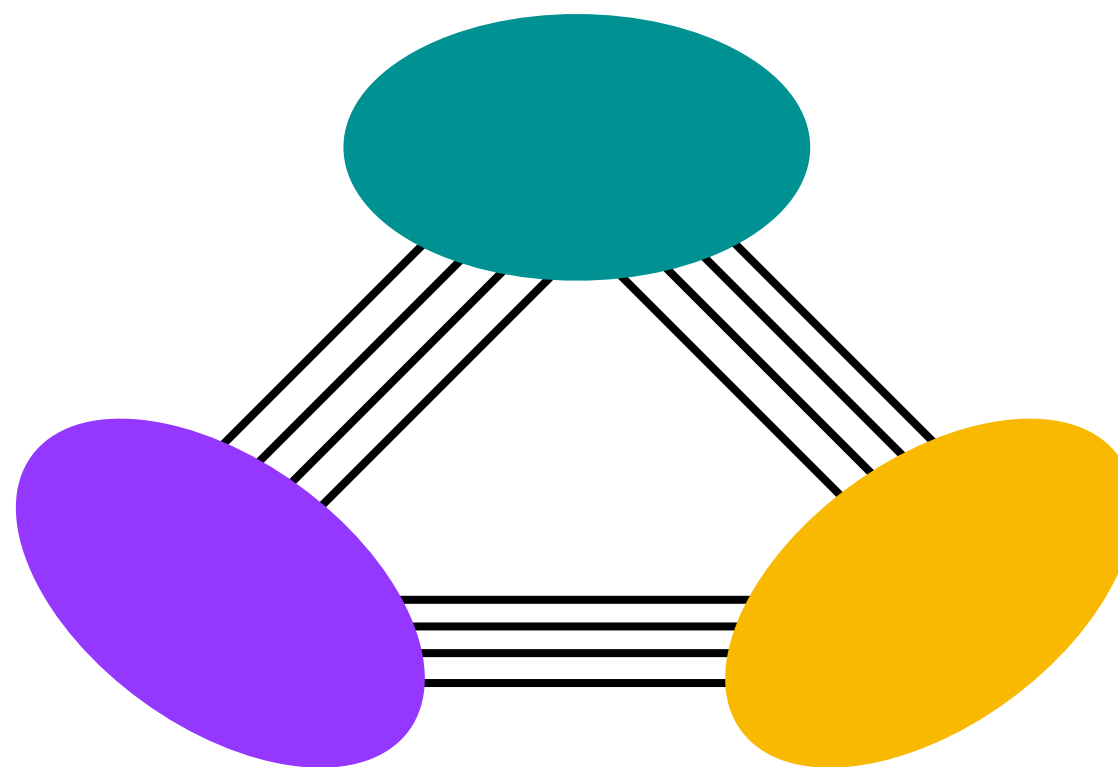
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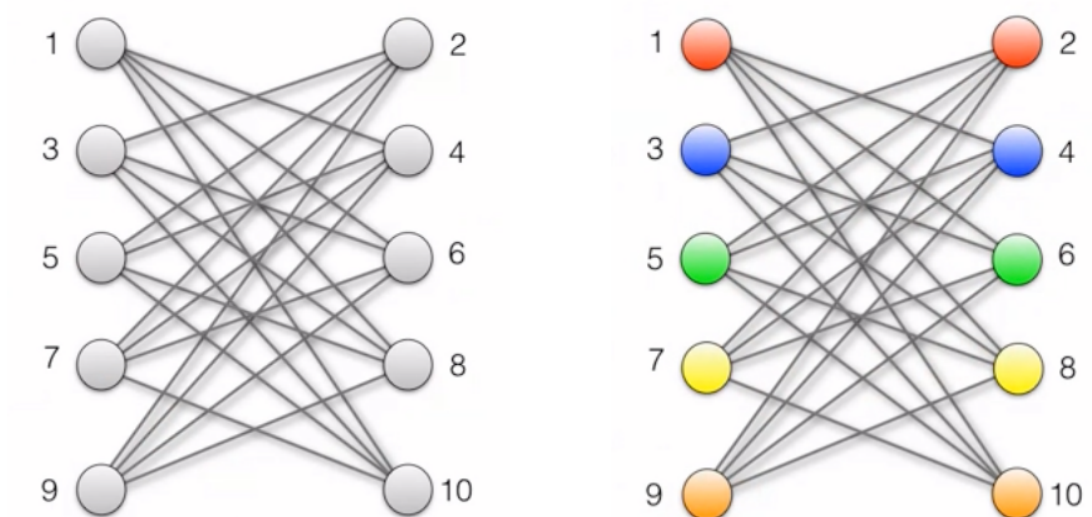
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 - the Greedy Algorithm needs $|V| / 2$ colors



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Heuristic Meaning

Heuristic in Algorithms:

A **heuristic** in algorithms refers to a **problem-solving technique** that:

- Uses a **practical approach** to find a solution quickly.
- Sacrifices **accuracy** or **completeness** for **speed**.
- Aims for a **good enough** solution rather than the **perfect** one.
- Often relies on **experience, intuition, or patterns** rather than formal mathematical proofs.

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Heuristic + Greedy Algorithm

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- Heuristic :
 - $v_n :=$ Vertex with the smallest degree. Delete v_n
 - $v_{n-1} :=$ Vertex with the smallest degree in the remaining G . Delete v_{n-1}
 - Iterate

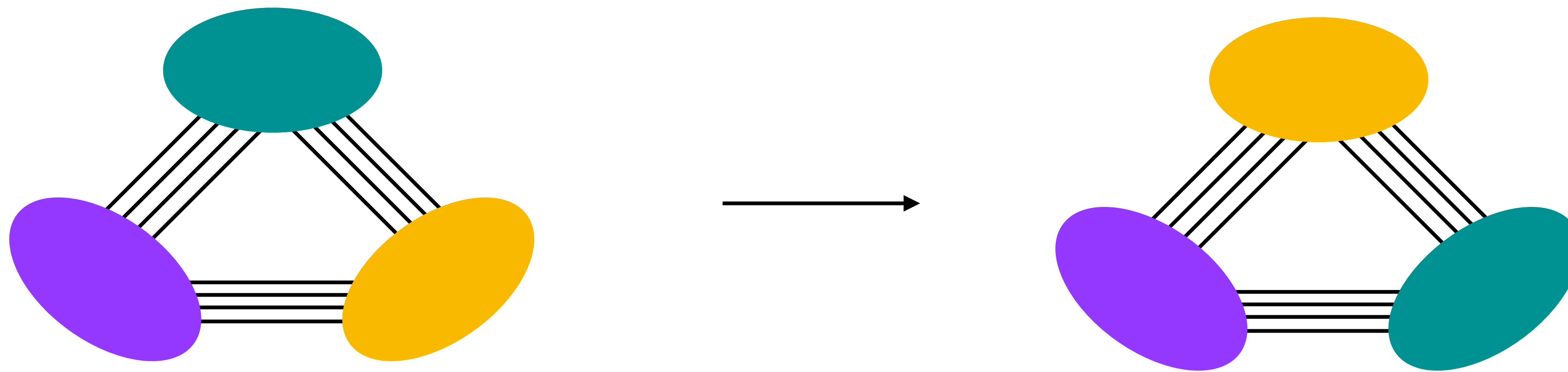
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Heuristic + Greedy Algorithm - Observations

- If in every subgraph of G , there exists a vertex with degree $\leq k$
 - heuristic provides an order v_1, \dots, v_n s.t. the Greedy Algorithm needs $k+1$ colors
- For trees heuristic+greedy finds a coloring with 2 colors
- For planar graphs heuristic+greedy finds a coloring with ≤ 6 colors
- If G is connected and there exists $v \in G$ with $\deg(v) < \Delta(G)$ \longrightarrow heuristic (or bfs/dfs)+ greedy finds a coloring with $\leq \Delta(G)$ colors
 - it doesn't hold only when the graph is regular: $\forall v \in V$ ($\deg(v) = \Delta(G)$)
- If the G is 3-colorable, then one can color it in $O(|V| + |E|)$ time with $O(\sqrt{|V|})$ colors

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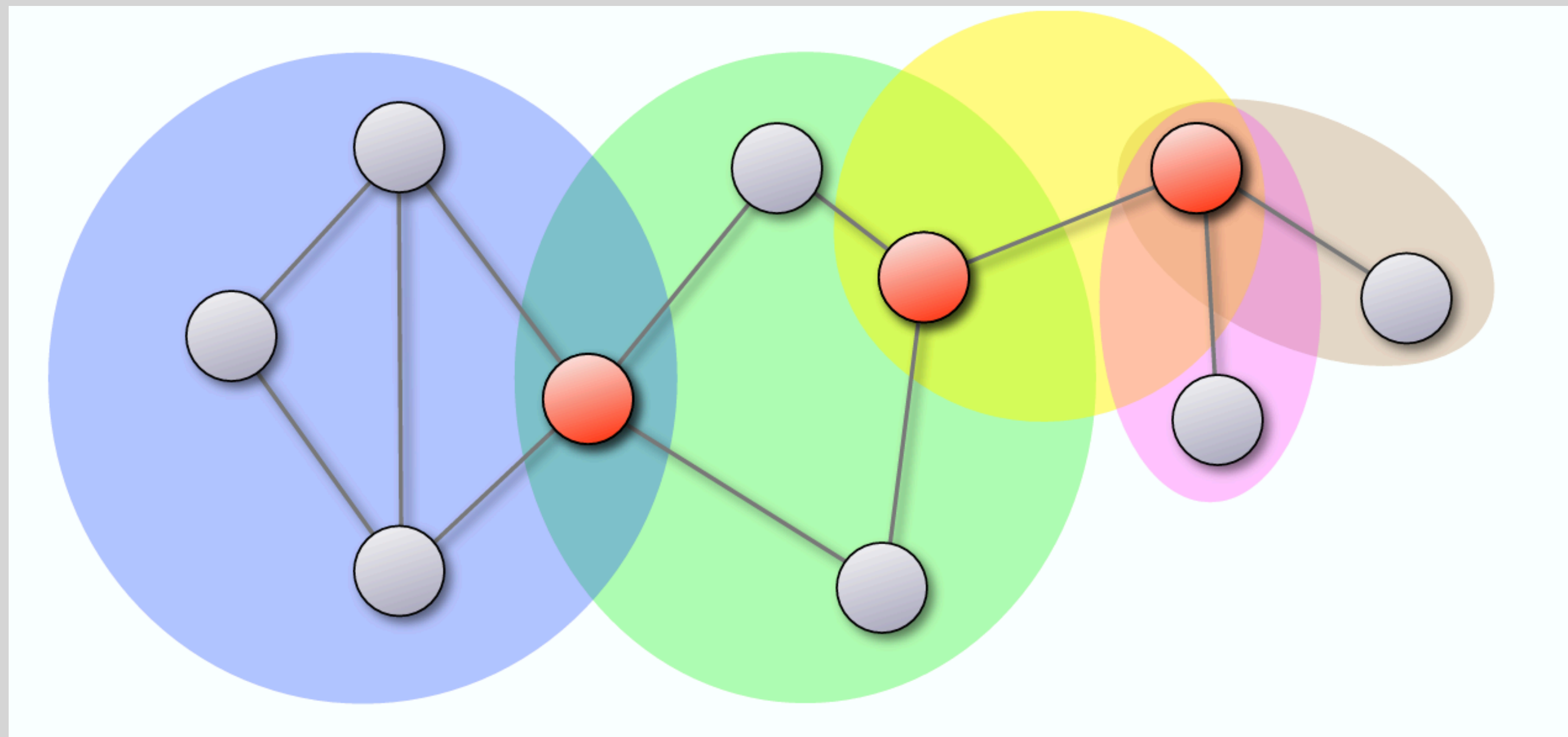
Swapping Color Classes Trick



Articulation Points and Bridges

Definition

- The equivalence classes are named as **Blocks**



- Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph.

The equivalence relation \sim on E is defined as :

$$e \sim f := \begin{cases} e = f & \text{or} \\ e \text{ and } f \text{ are on a common cycle} \end{cases}$$

Lemma :

2 blocks always intersect at an articulation point.

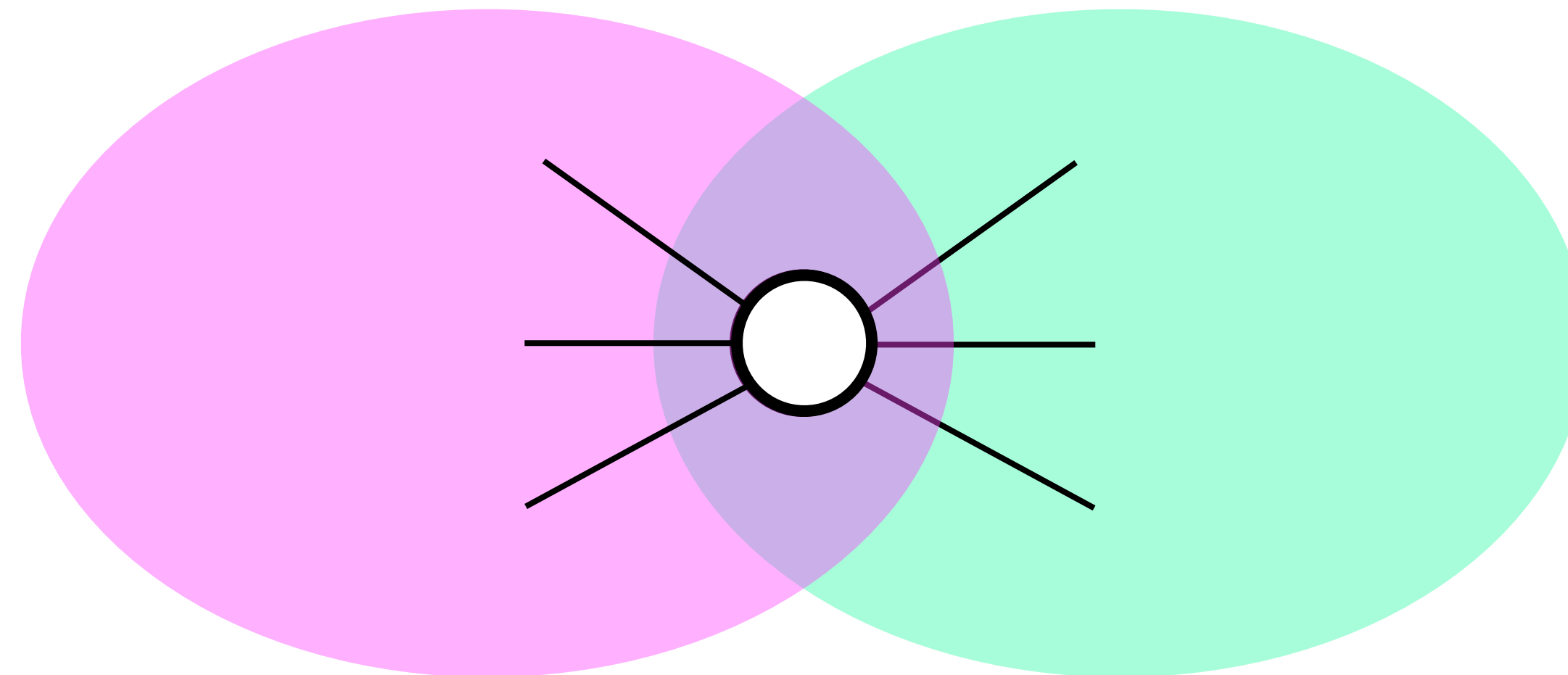
Articulation point is the critical point that holds blocks together. If a graph has an articulation point, it serves as the **only connection** between two or more blocks.

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- For all Block-Graphs , if every block can be colored with k colors
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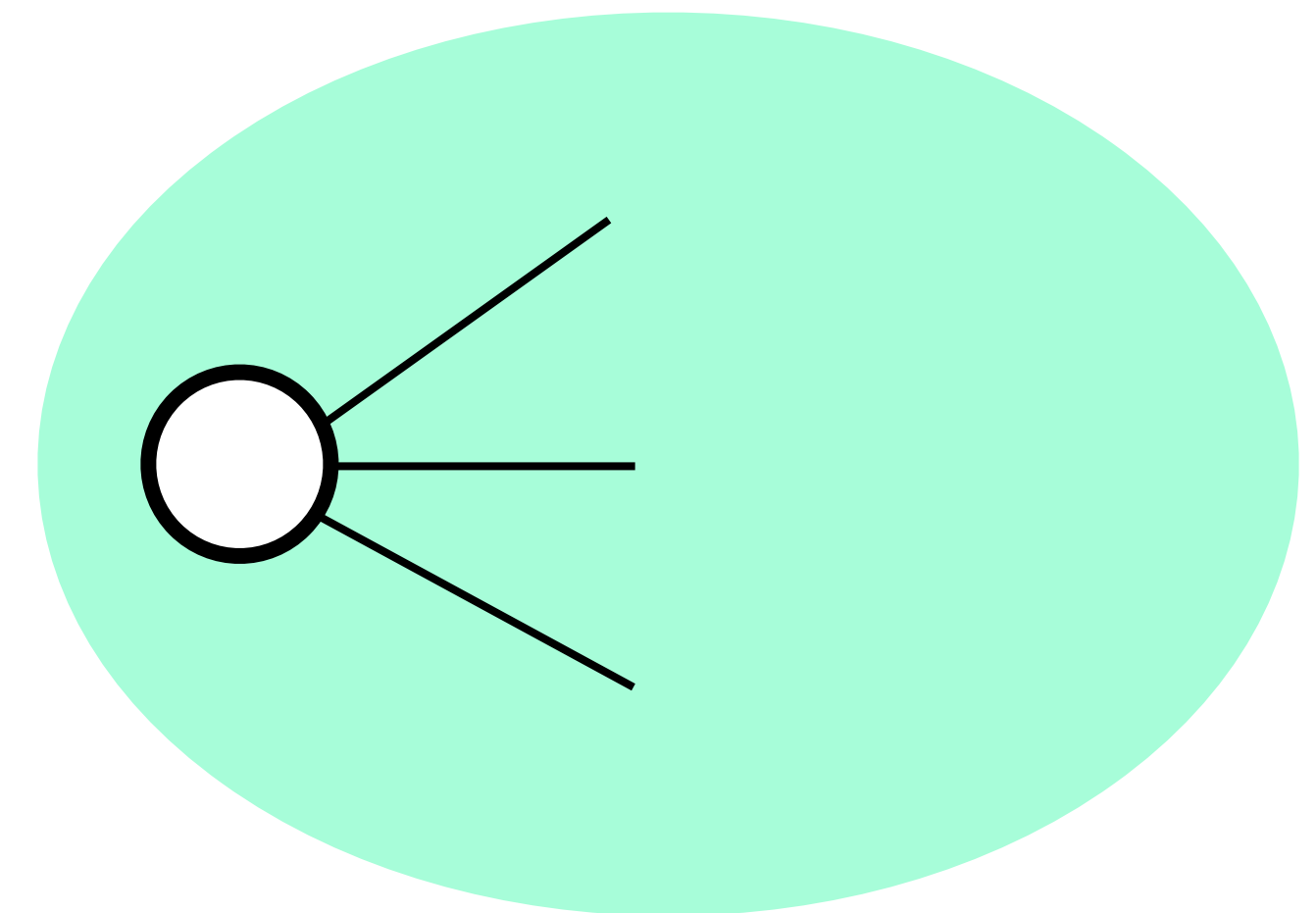
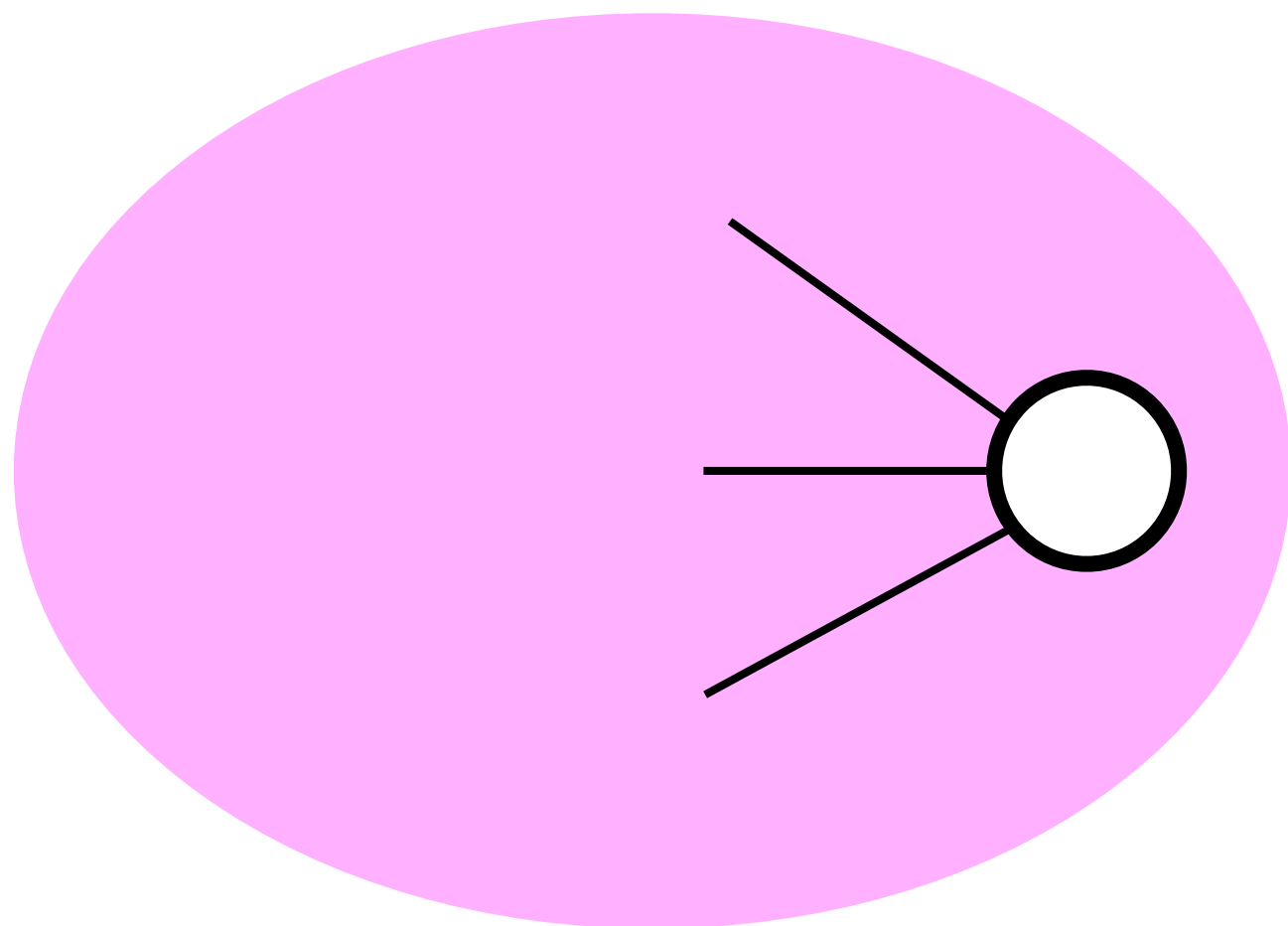


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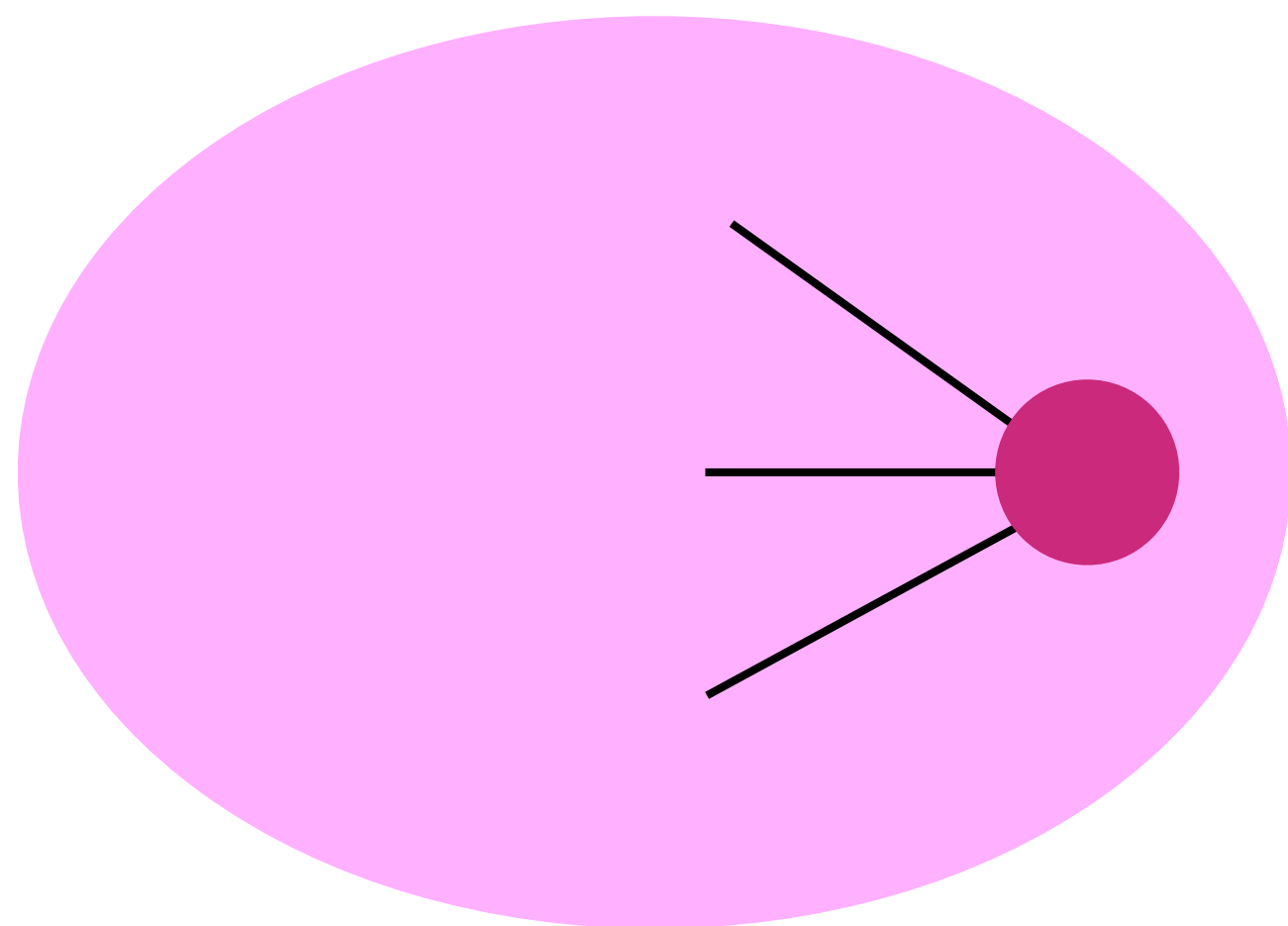


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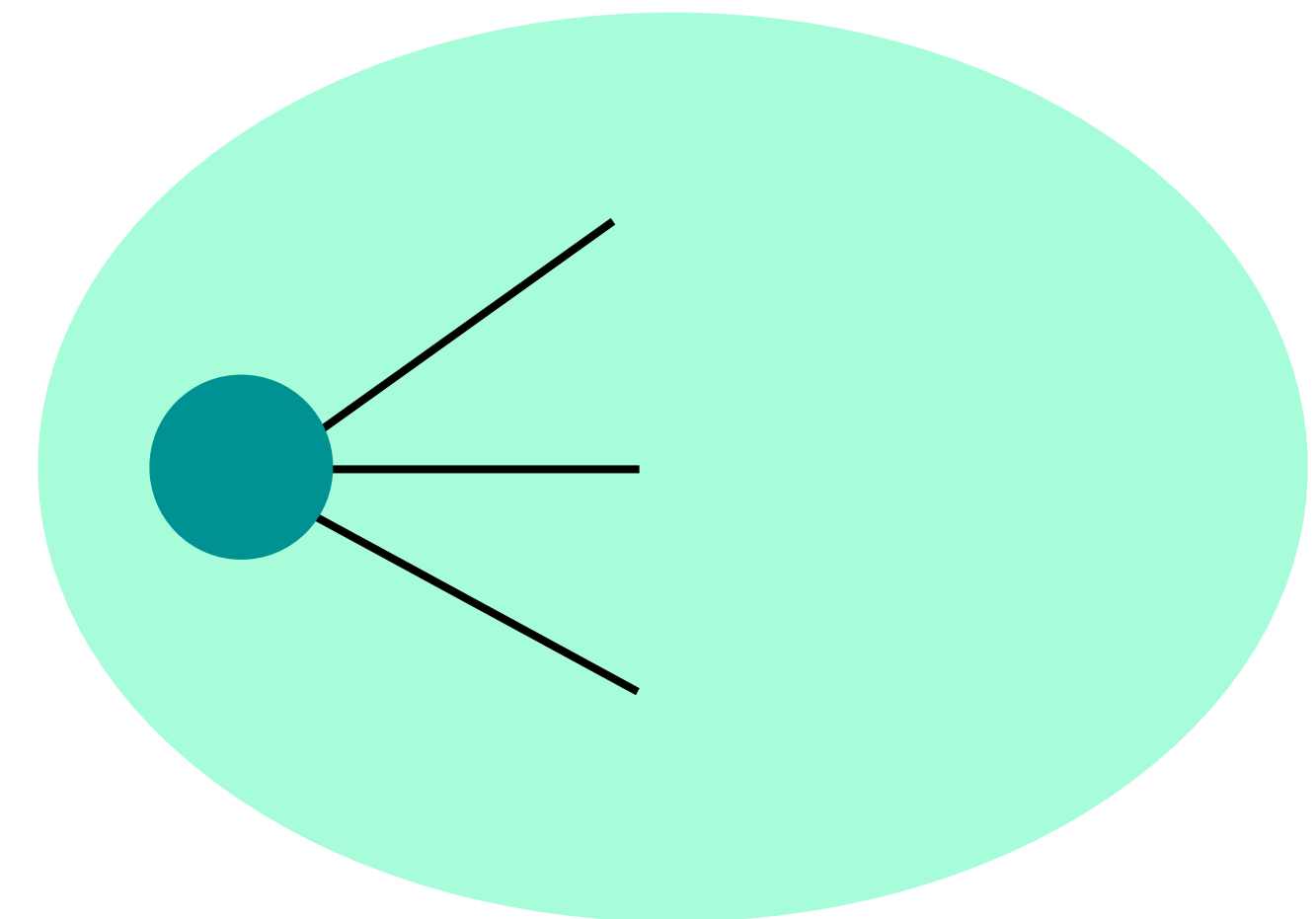
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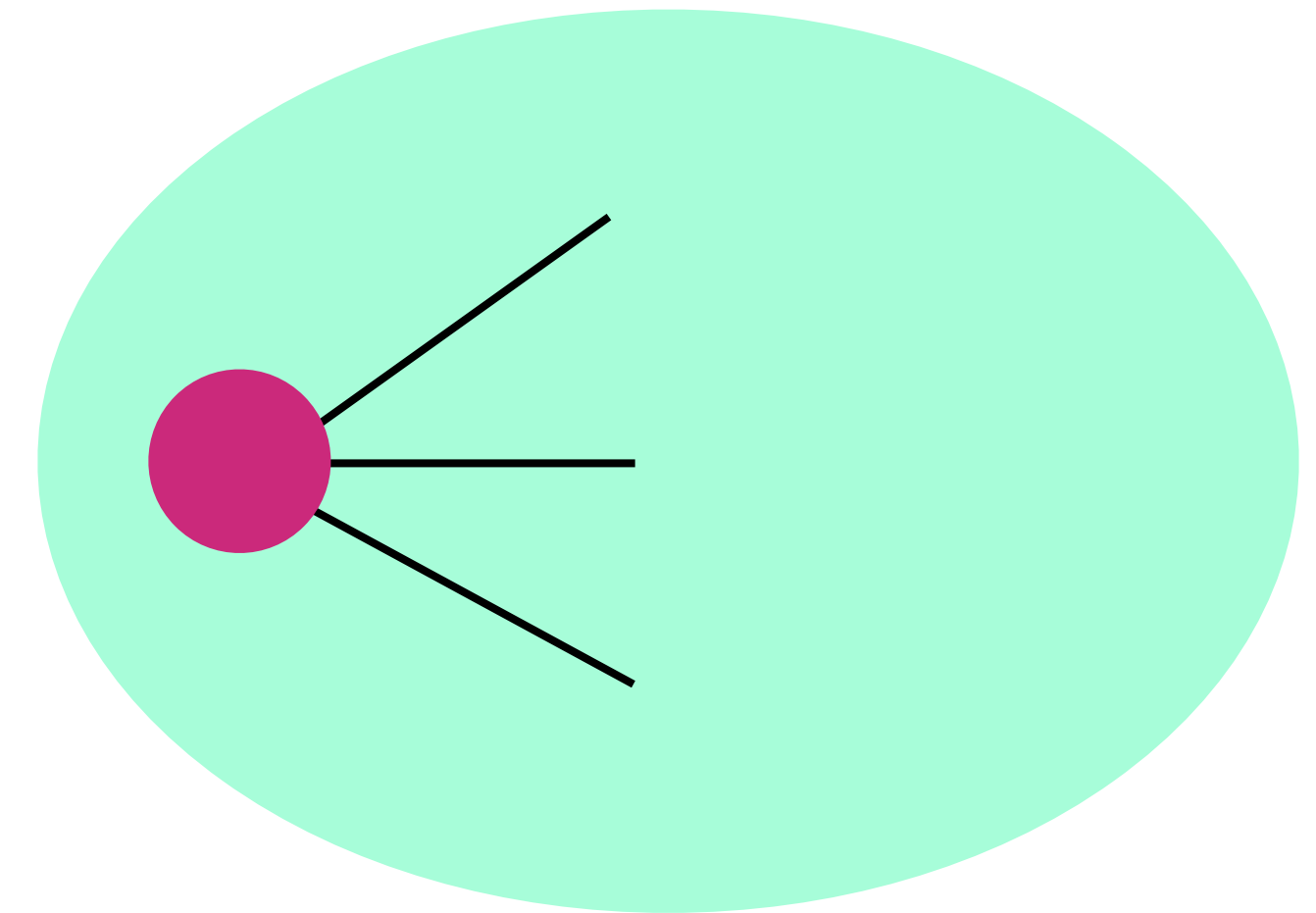
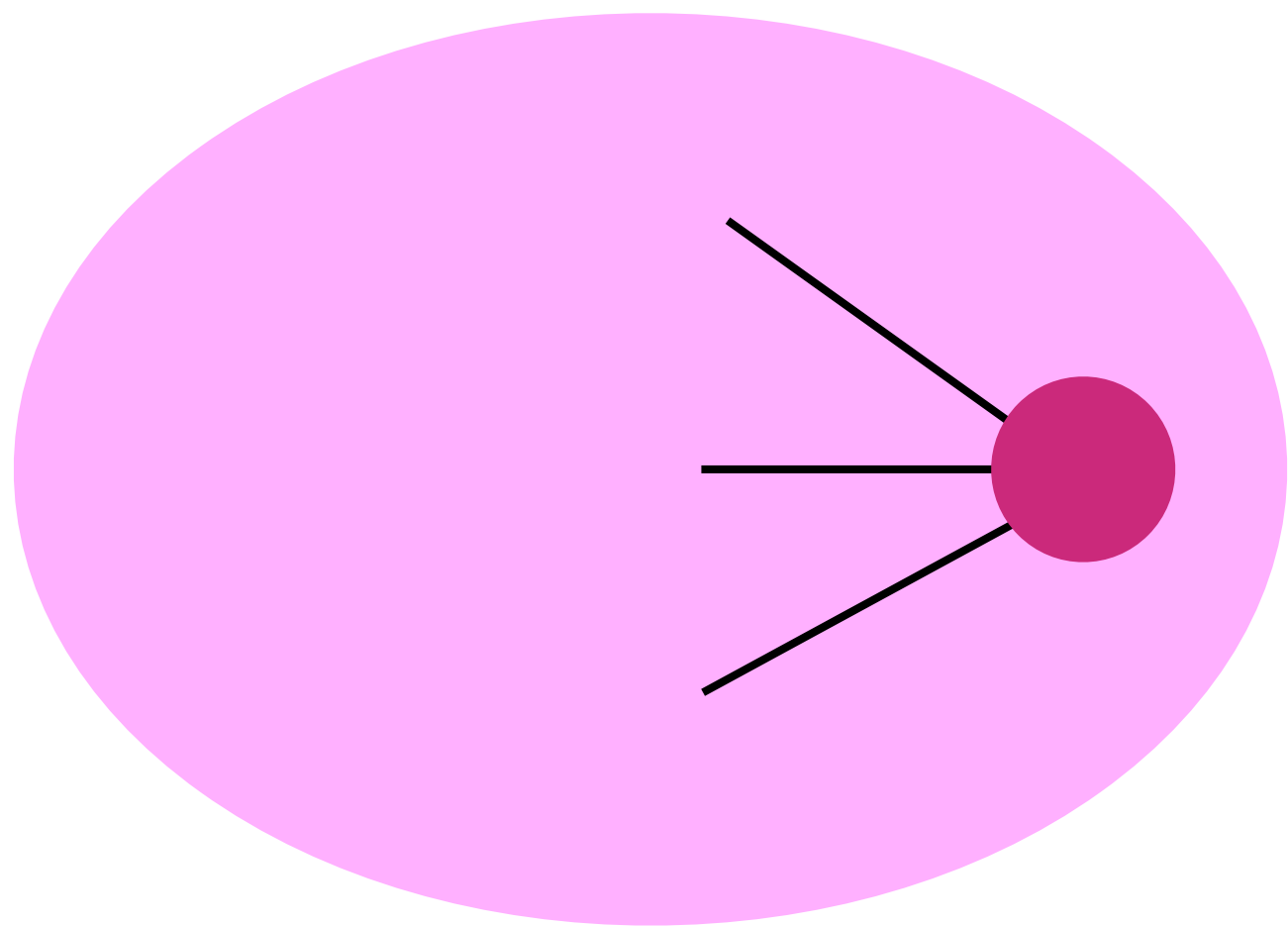


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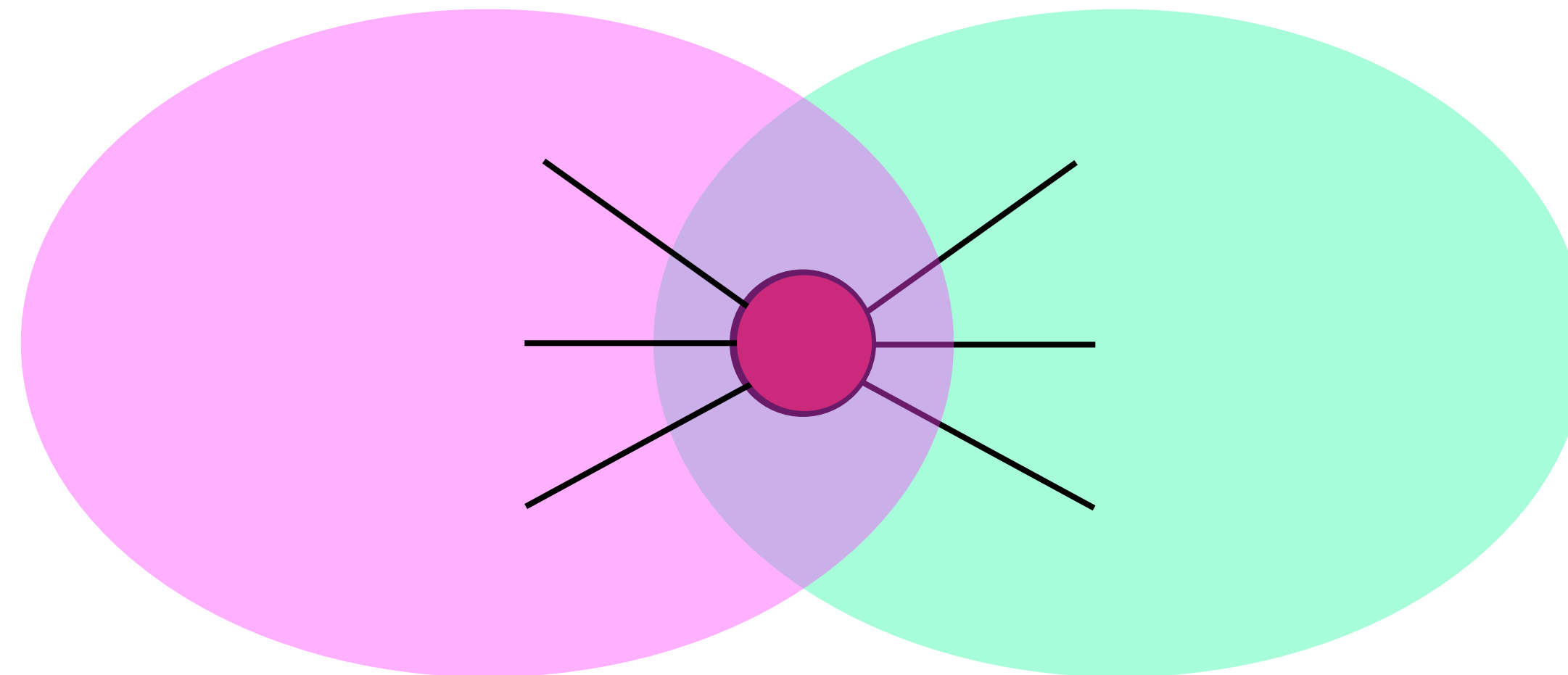


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Coloring

Brook's Theorem

- All Graphs

- can be colored in $O(|E|)$ time with $\Delta(G) + 1$ colors

Brook's Theorem

- $G \neq K_n$, $G \neq C_{2n+1}$, G connected

- can be colored in $O(|E|)$ time with $\Delta(G)$ colors

- Pick an arbitrary order of the vertices : $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
- $c[v_1] \leftarrow 1$ color the first vertex with color 1
- for $i = 2$ to n do
 - $c[v_i] \leftarrow \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k \neq c[u] \text{ for all } u \in N(v_i) \cap \{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}\}$
min color k s.t. it's not equal to the color of the neighbors of v_i that are already colored

Minitest 2 - rest

Questions

Feedbacks , Recommendations

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