

CSE 548 / AMS 542: Analysis of Algorithms

Prerequisites Review 6 (Greedy Algorithms: MST, SSSP, ...)

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An Activity-Selection Problem

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- Each activity a_i has a *start time* s_i and *finish time* f_i , where $0 \leq s_i < f_i < \infty$. If selected, activity a_i takes place during the half-open time interval $[s_i, f_i)$.
- Activities a_i and a_j are *compatible* if the intervals $[s_i, f_i)$ and $[s_j, f_j)$ do not overlap. That is, a_i and a_j are compatible if $s_i \geq f_j$ or $s_j \geq f_i$.

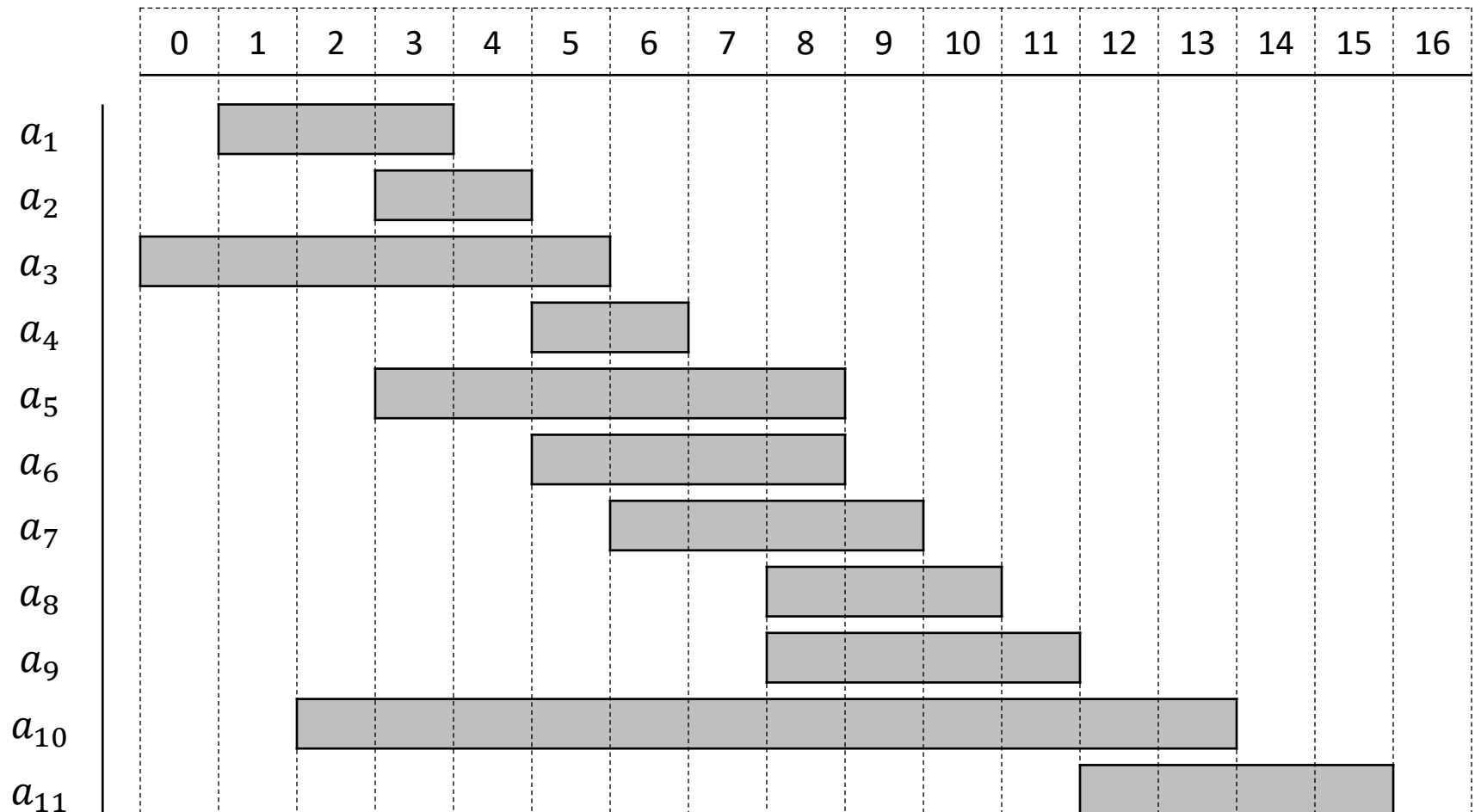
Goal: Select a maximum-size subset of mutually compatible activities.

Assume that the activities are sorted in monotonically non-decreasing order of finish time: $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \leq \dots \leq f_{n-1} \leq f_n$.

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An example set S of activities

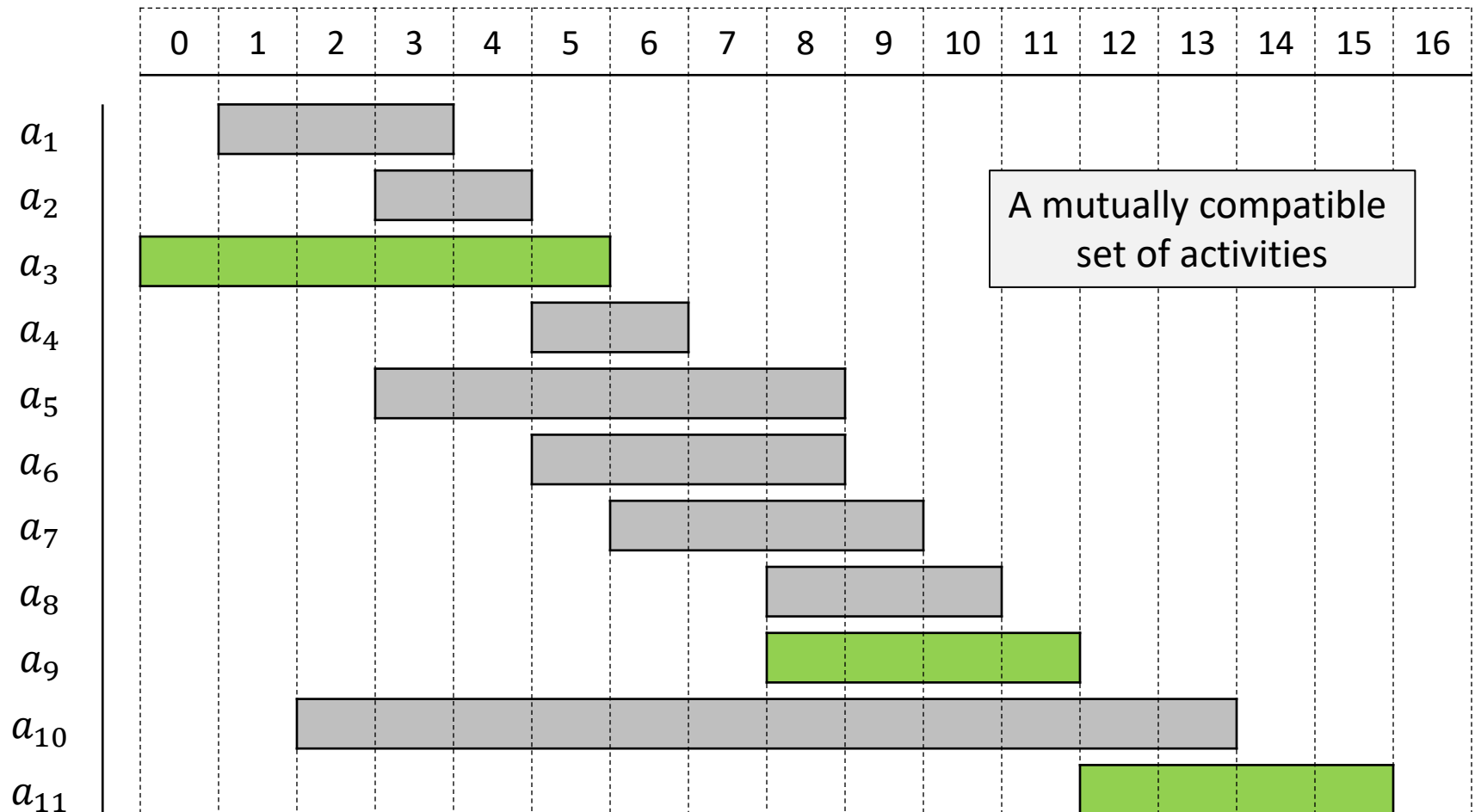
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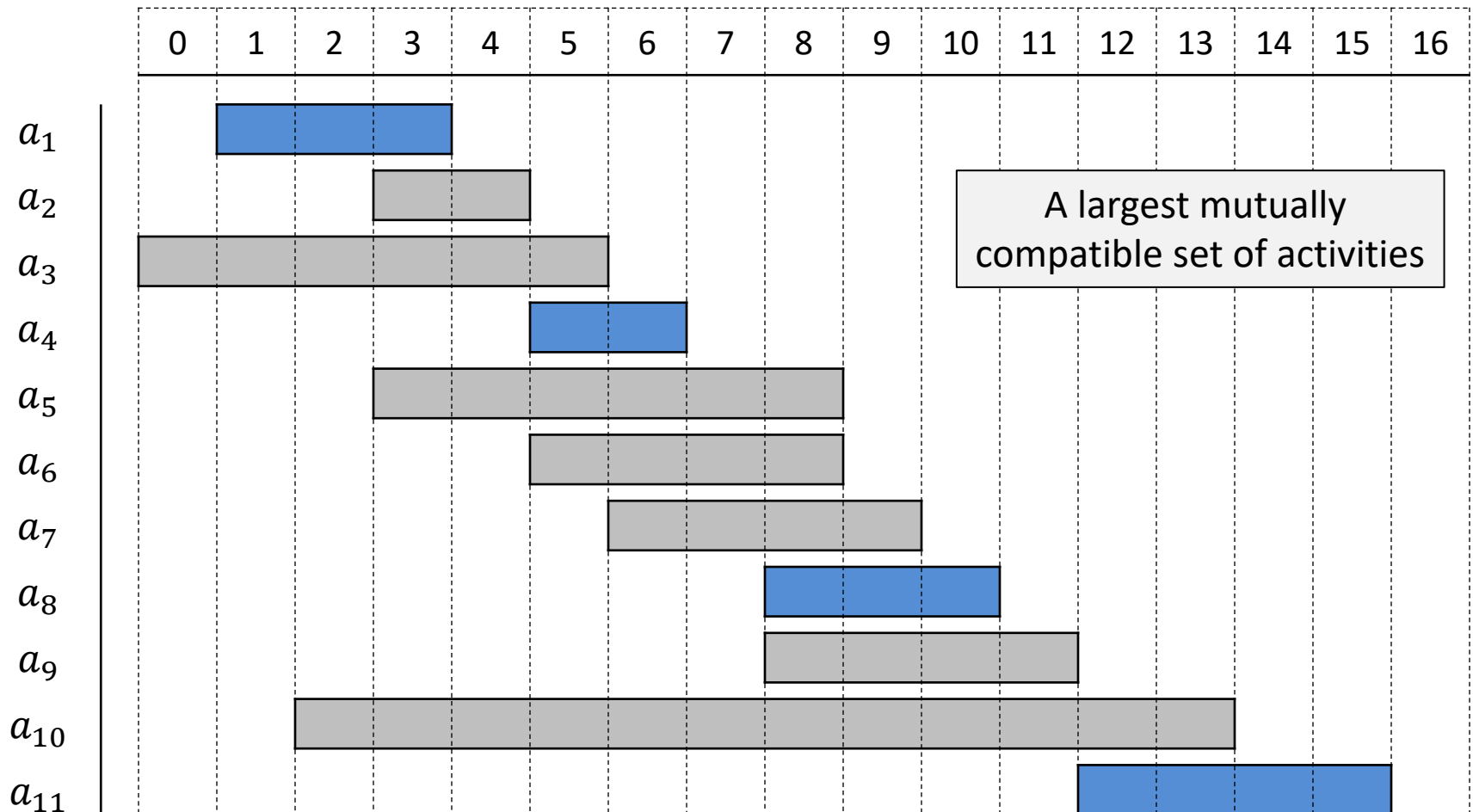
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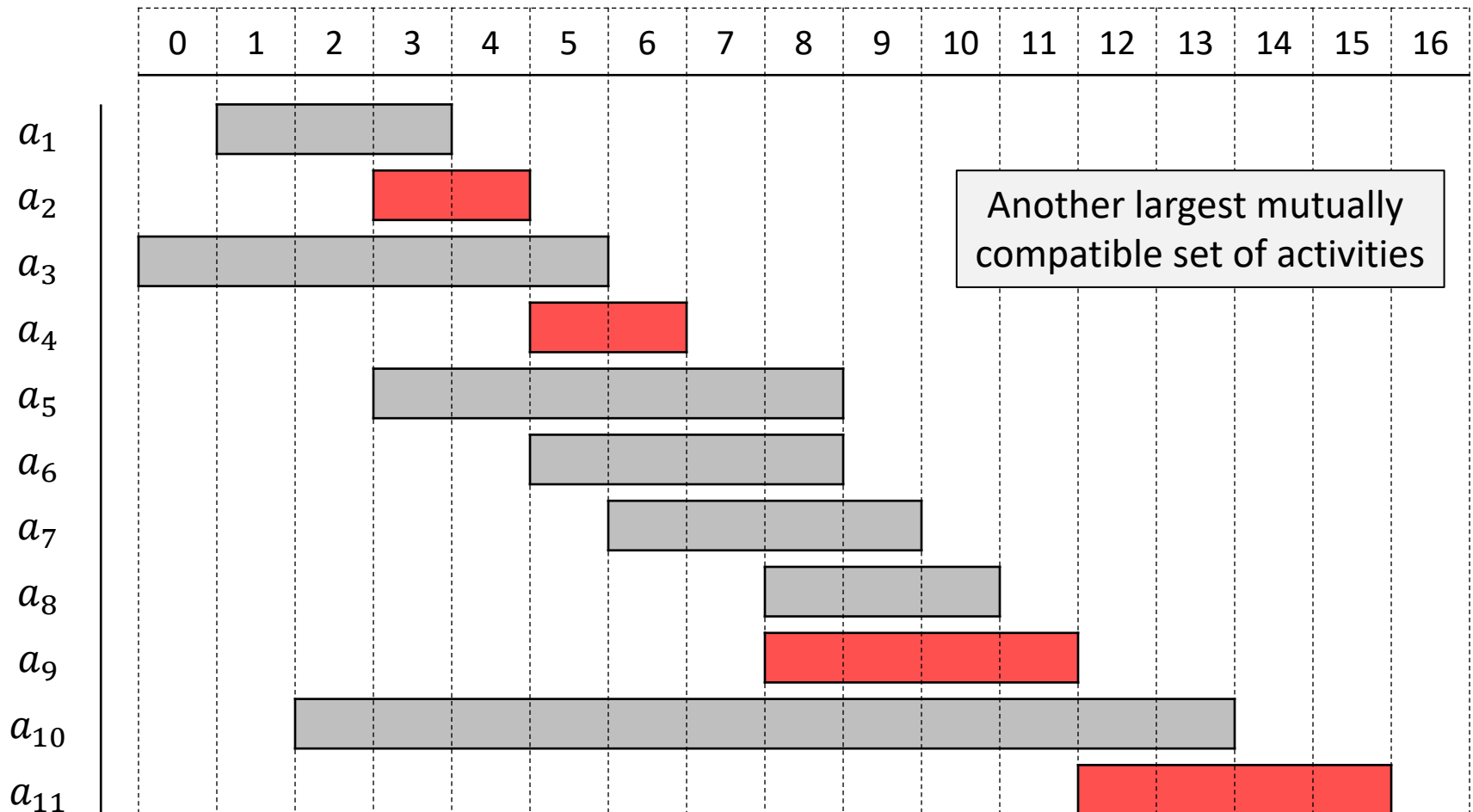
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Activity-Selection: Greedy Choice

Let S_k = the set of activities in S that start after activity a_k finishes.

THEOREM: Consider any nonempty subproblem S_k and let a_m be an activity in S_k with the earliest finish time. Then a_m is included in some maximum-size subset of mutually compatible activities of S_k .

PROOF: Let A_k = a maximum-size subset of mutually compatible activities in S_k .

Let a_j be the activity in A_k with the earliest finish time.

If $a_j = a_m$, we are done.

If $a_j \neq a_m$, let $A'_k = A_k - \{a_j\} \cup \{a_m\}$.

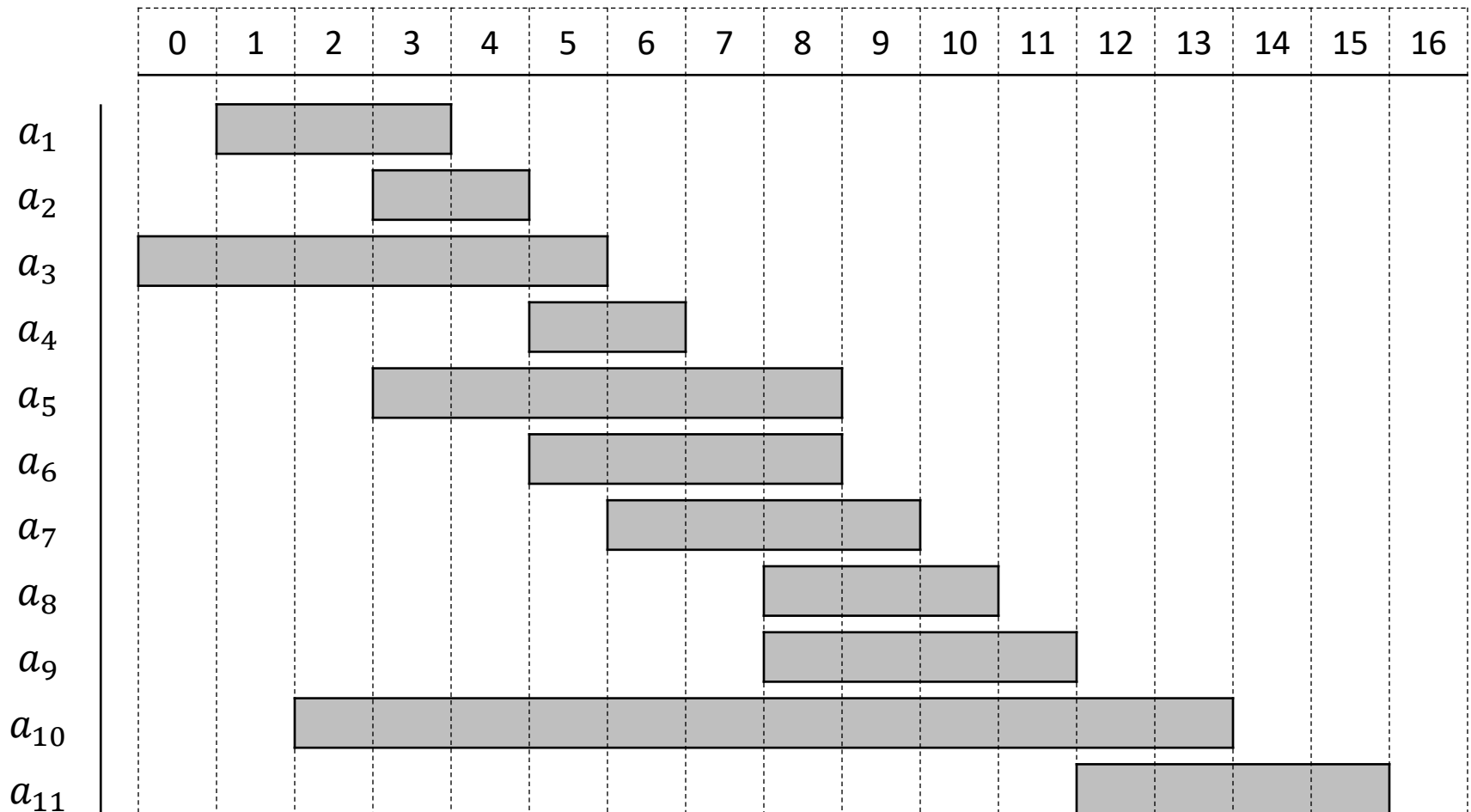
The activities in A'_k are disjoint because the activities in A_k are disjoint, a_j is the first activity in A_k to finish, and $f_m \leq f_j$.

Since $|A'_k| = |A_k|$, we conclude that A'_k is a maximum-size subset of mutually compatible activities of S_k , and it includes a_m .

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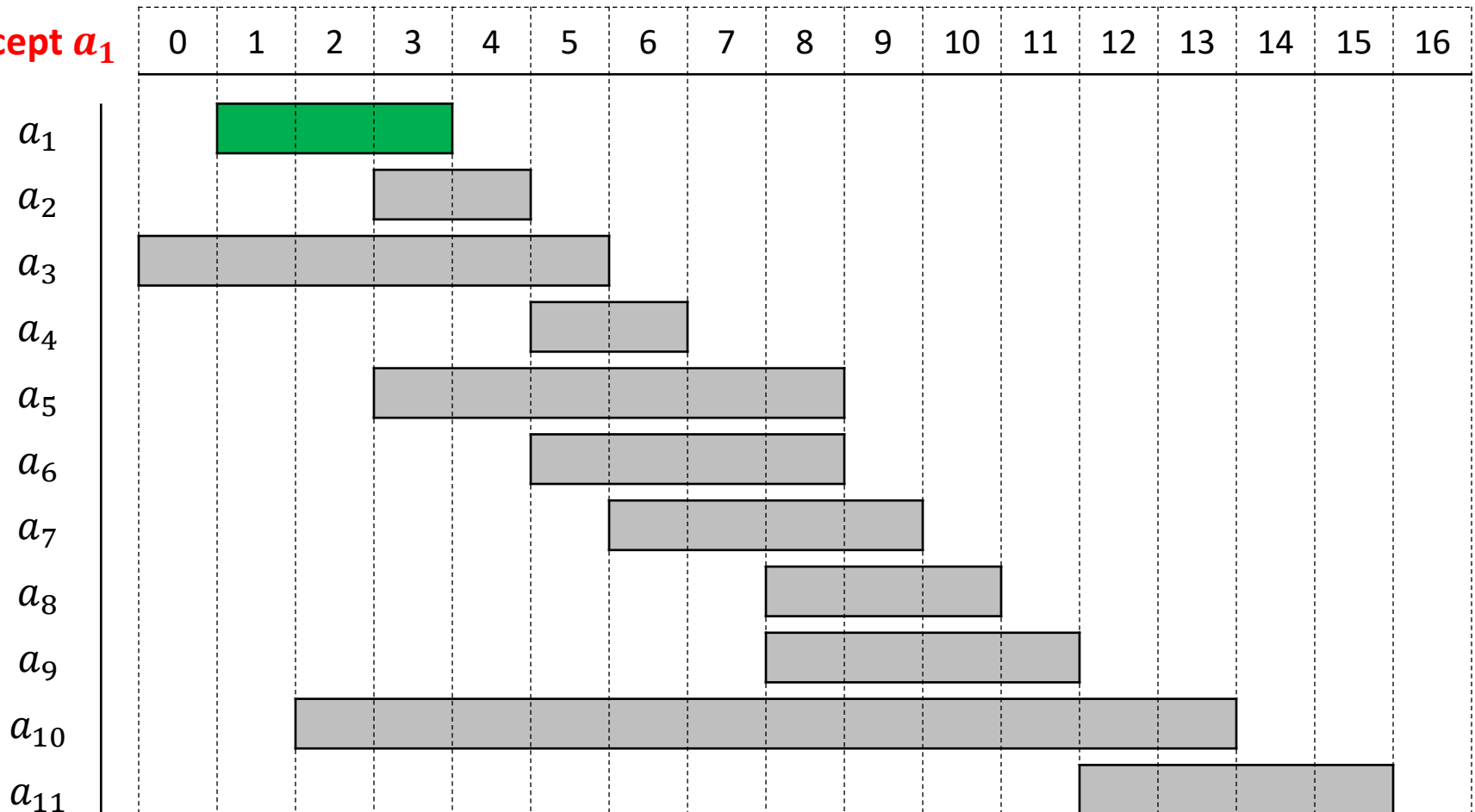


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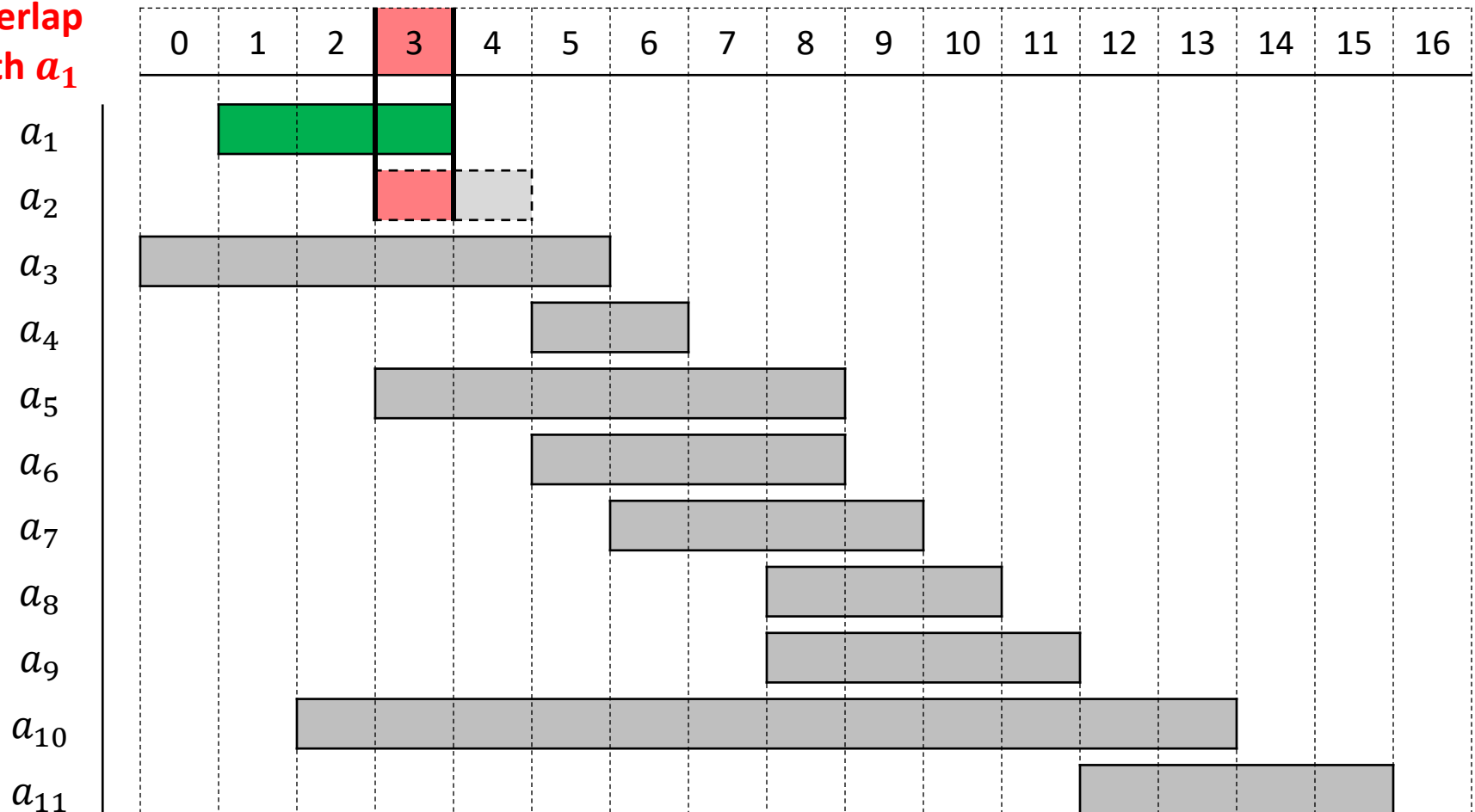


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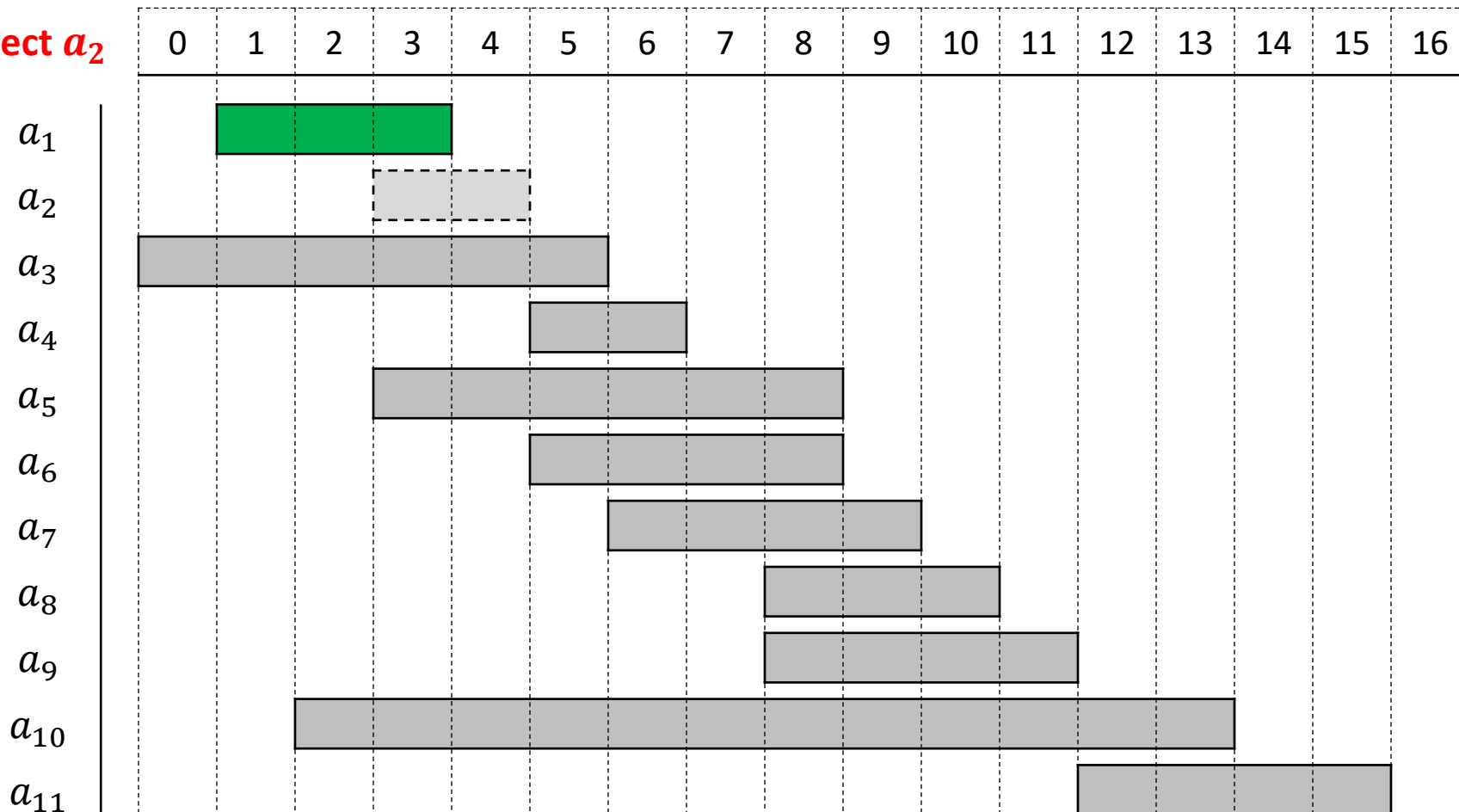


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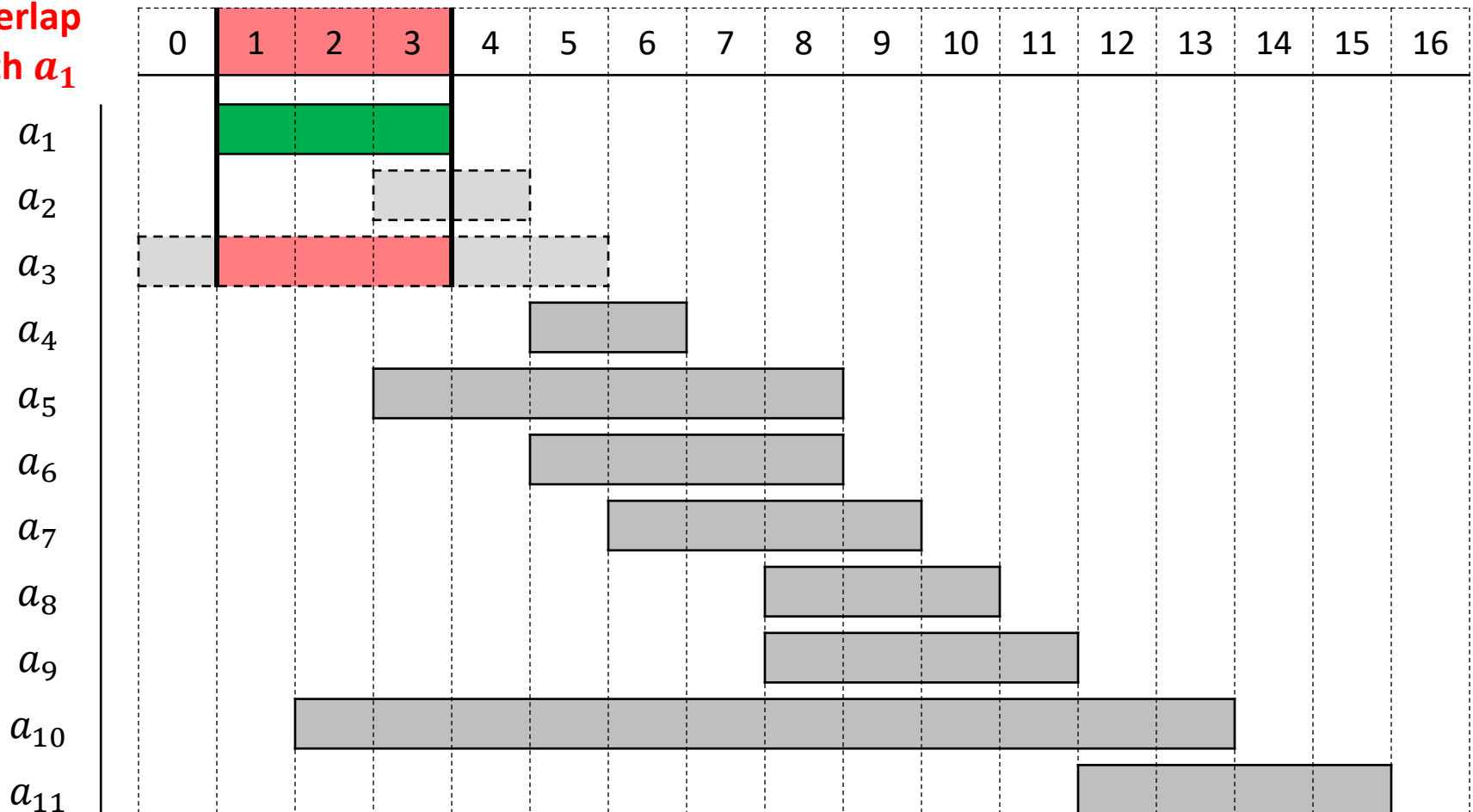


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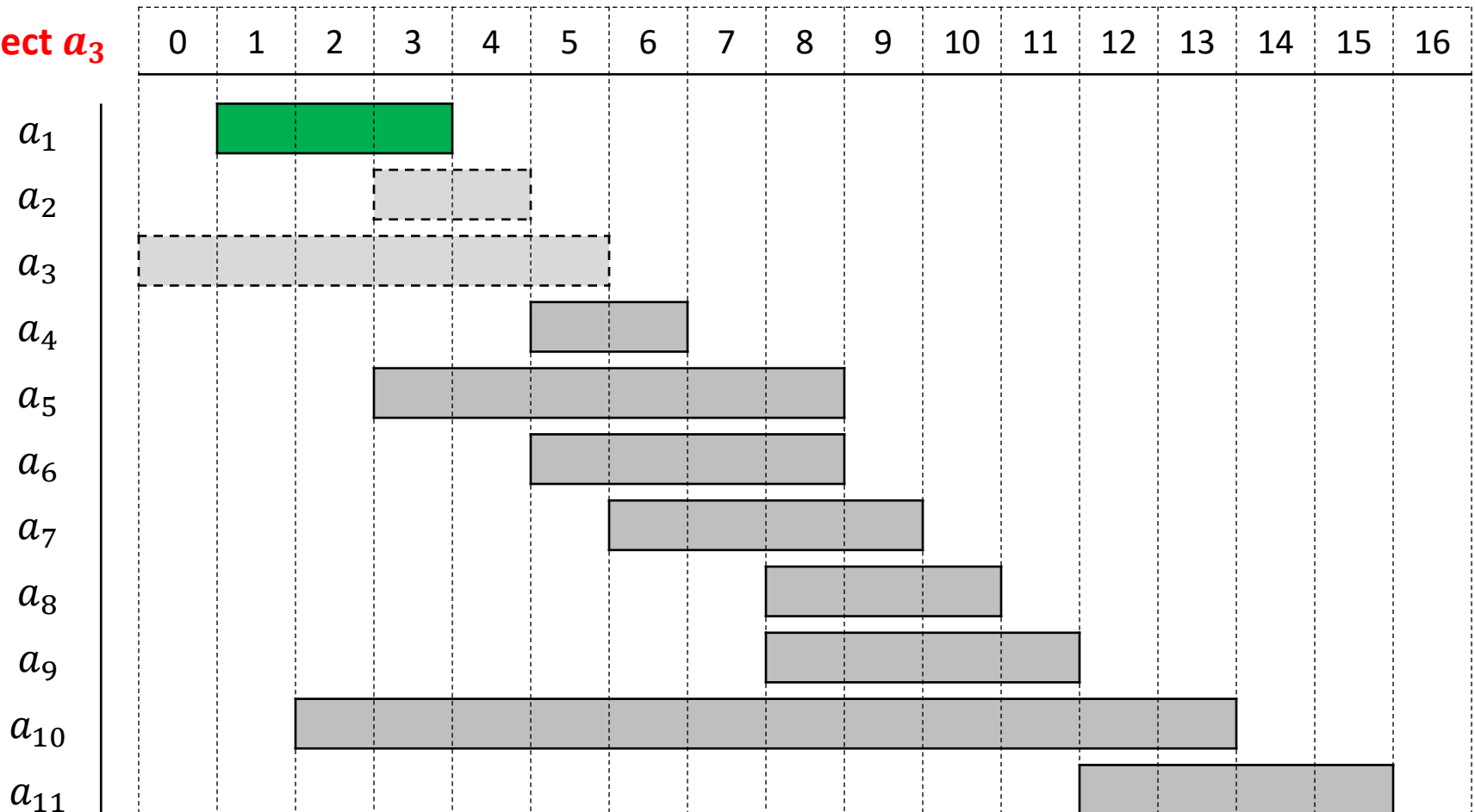


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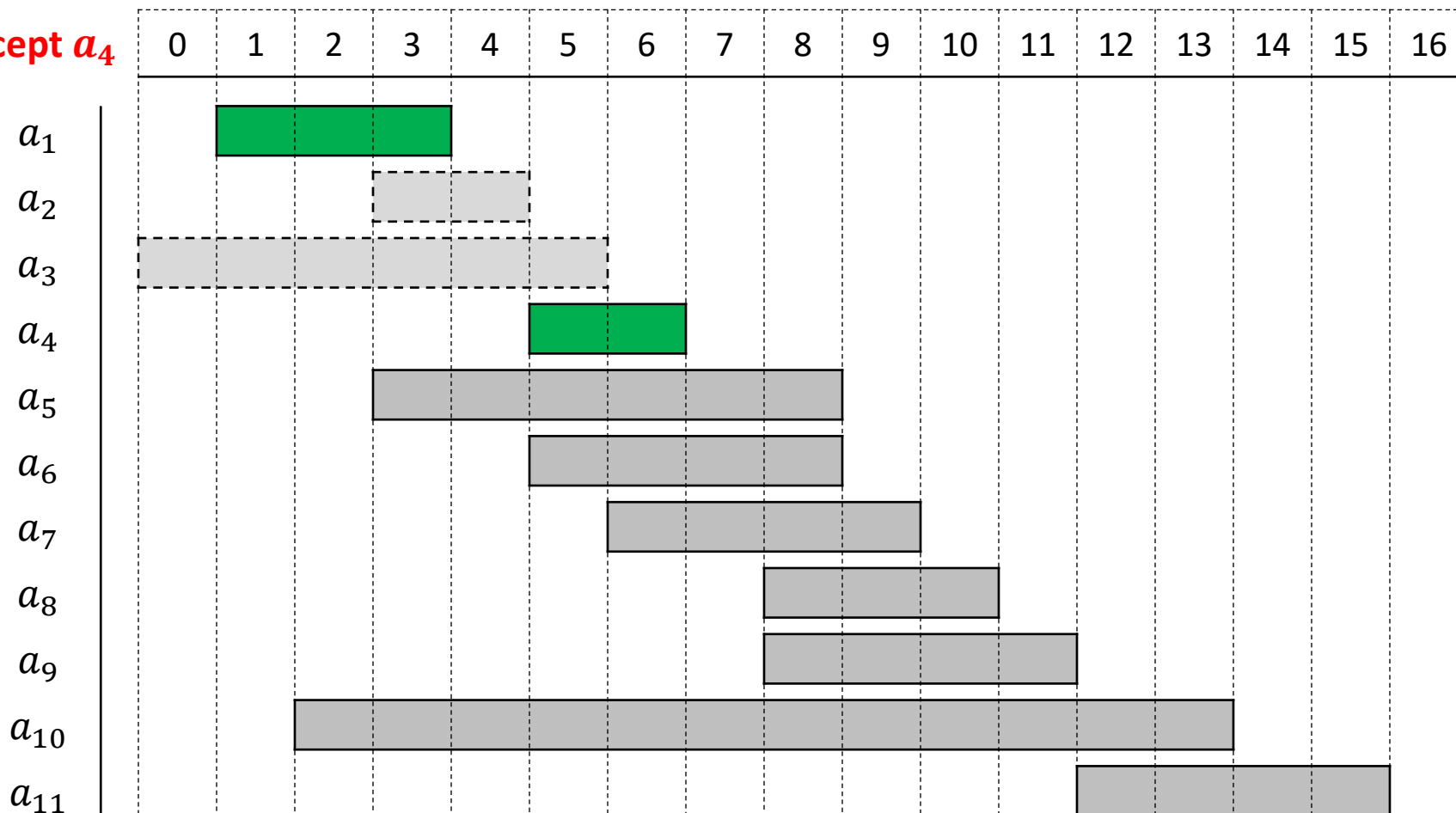


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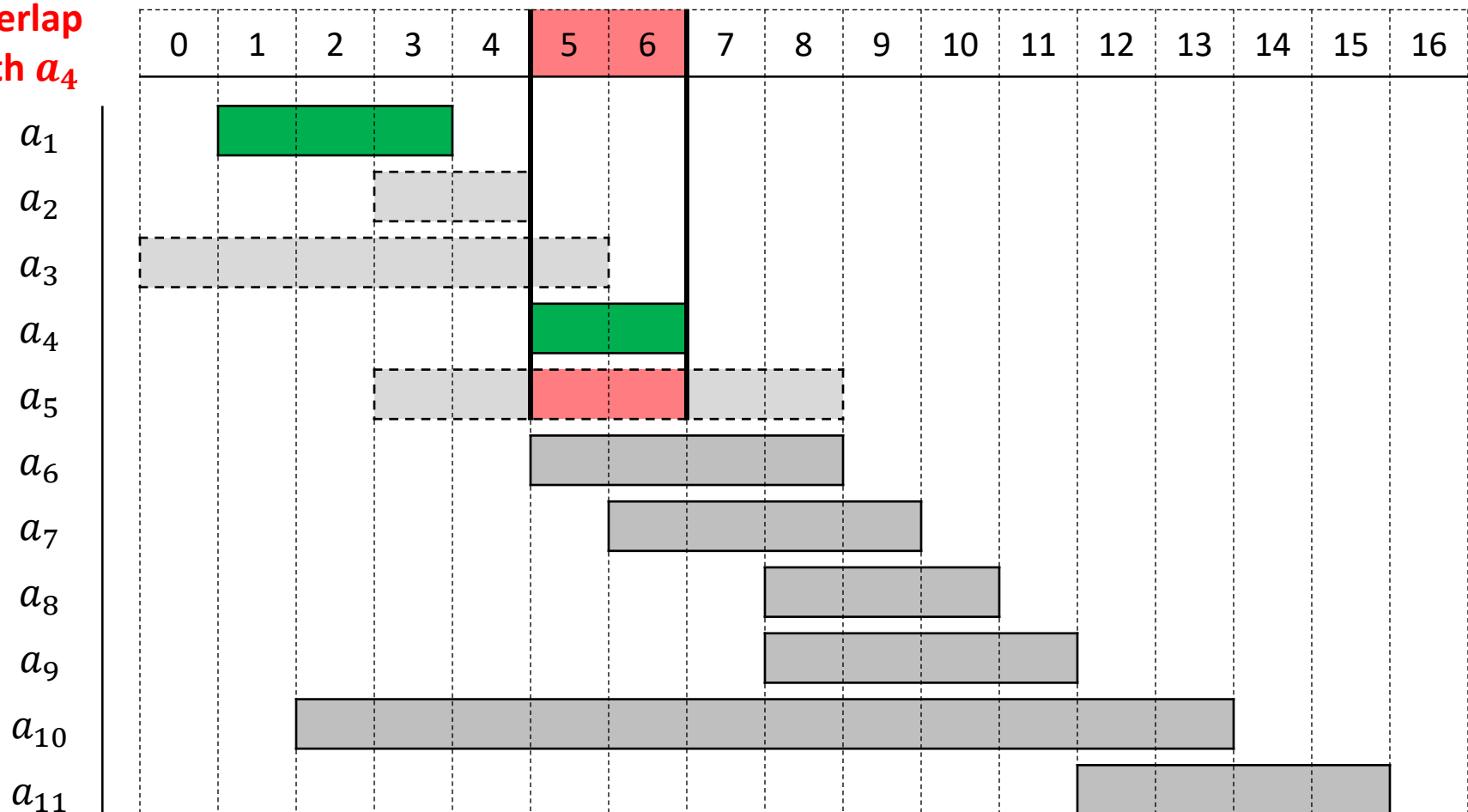


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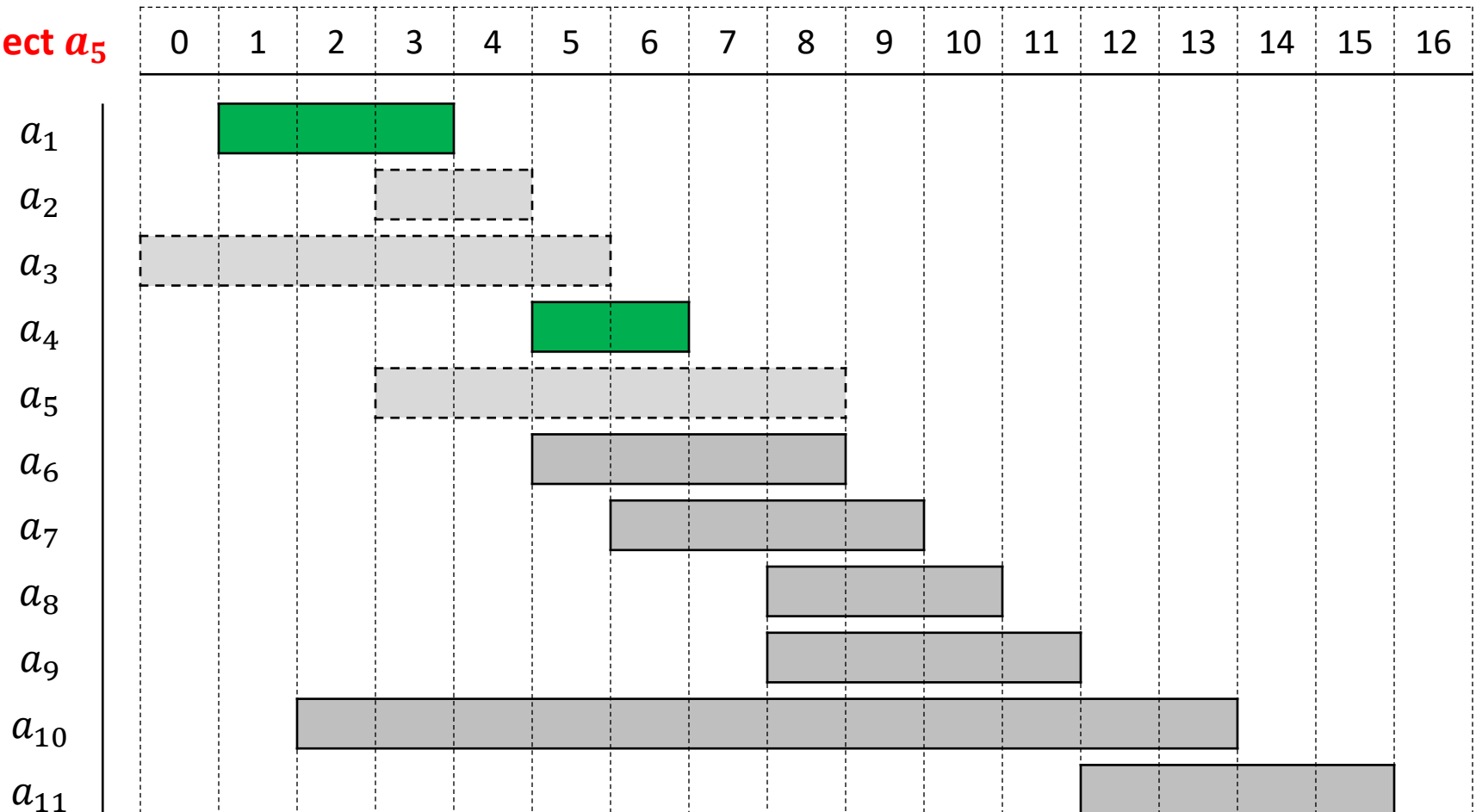


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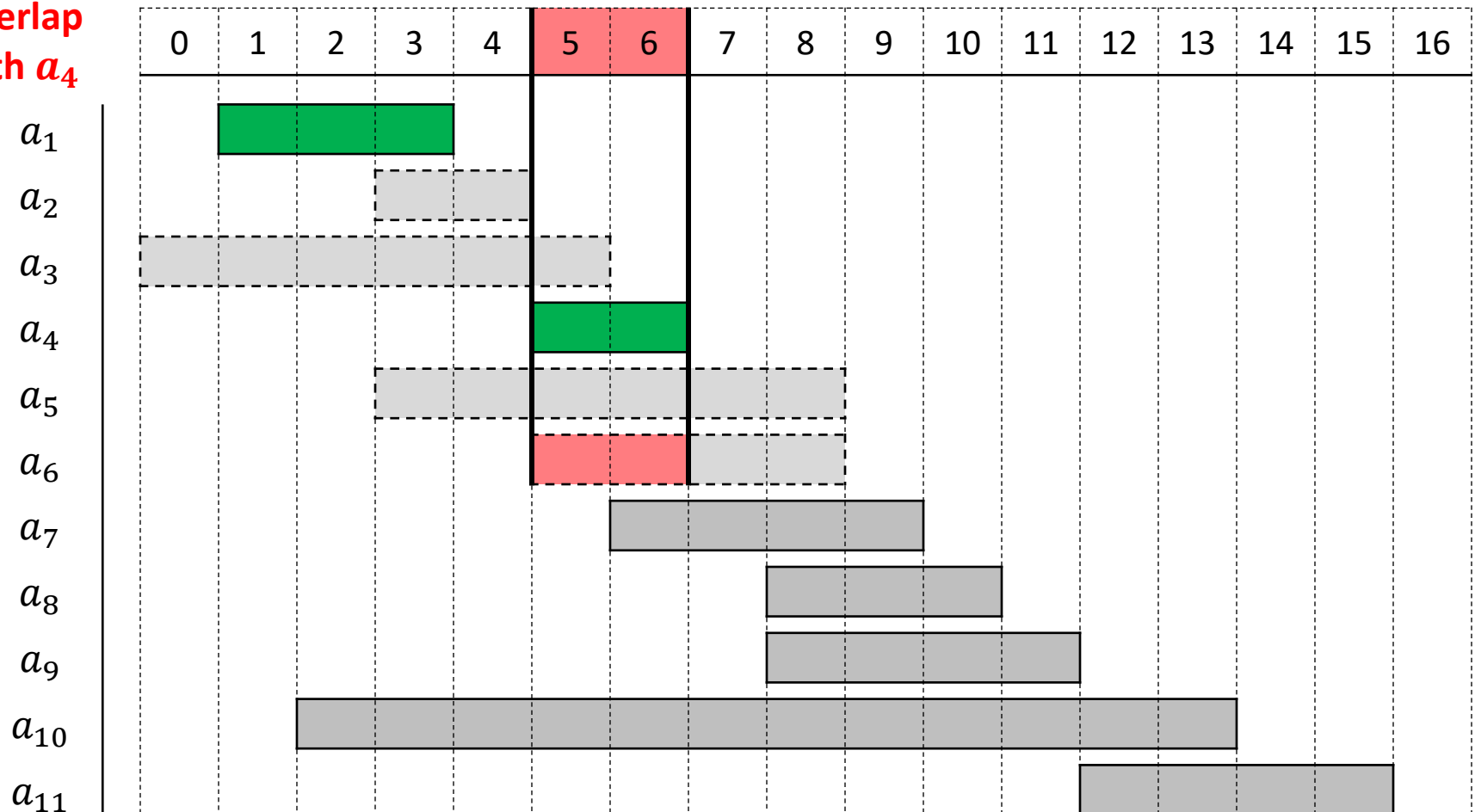


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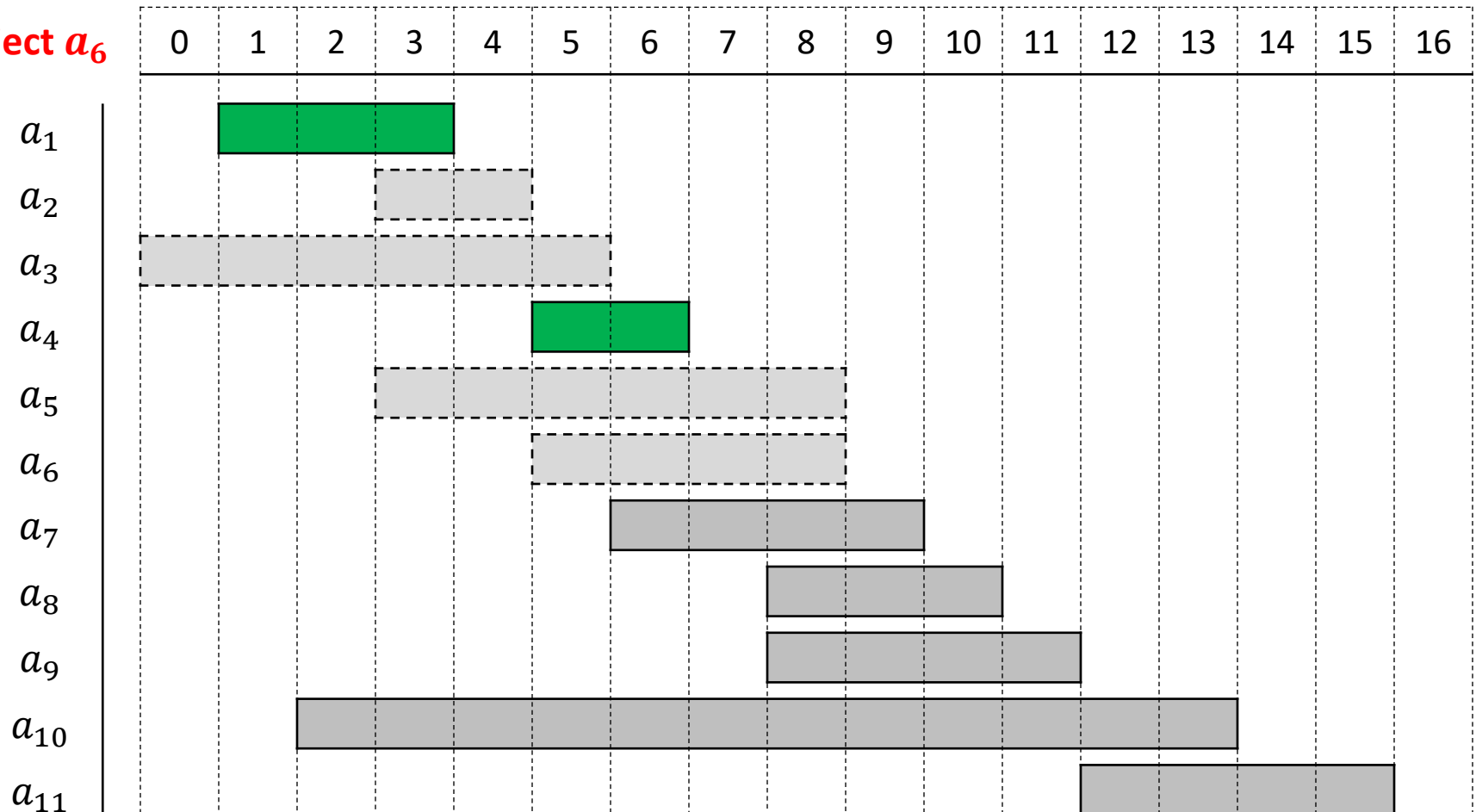


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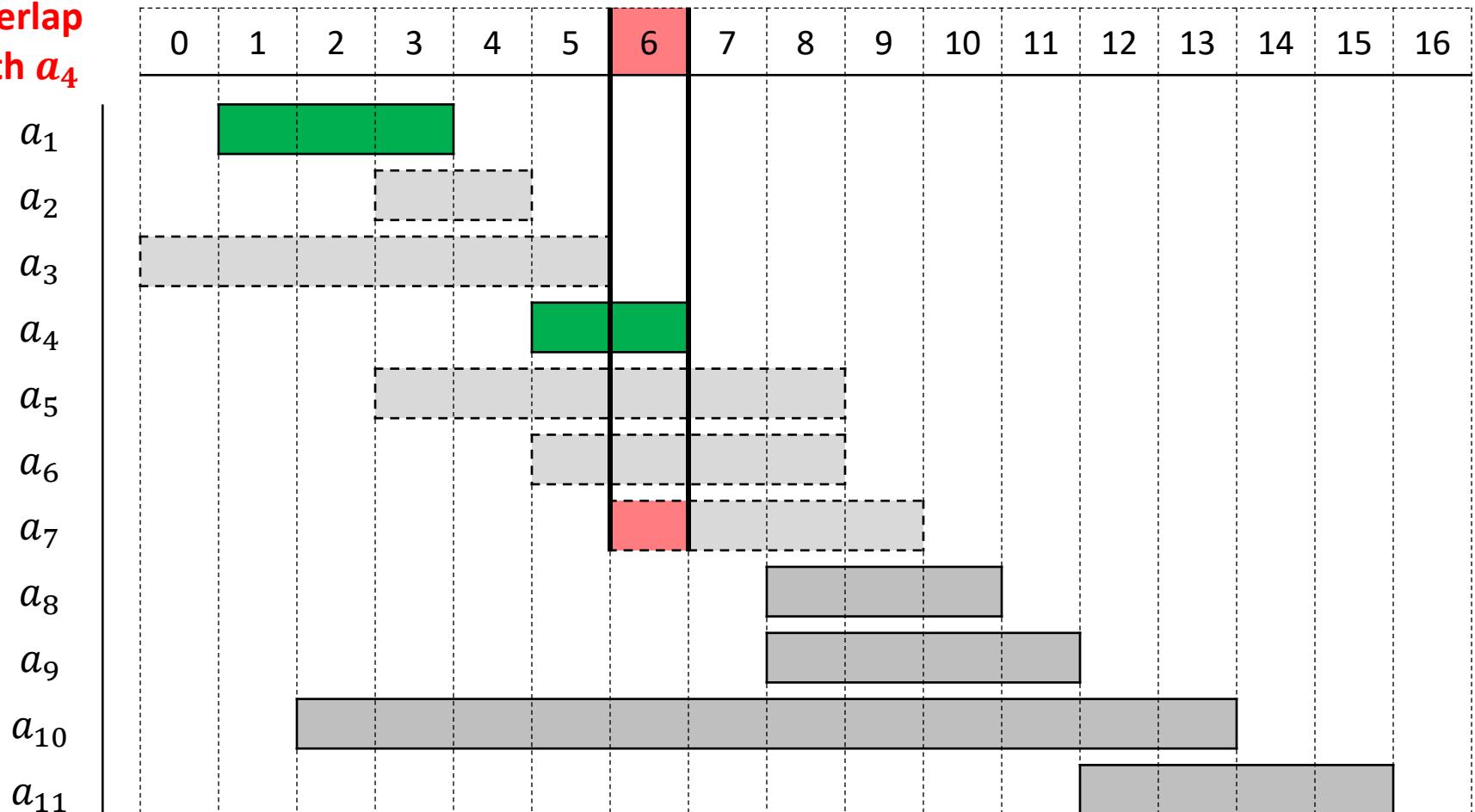


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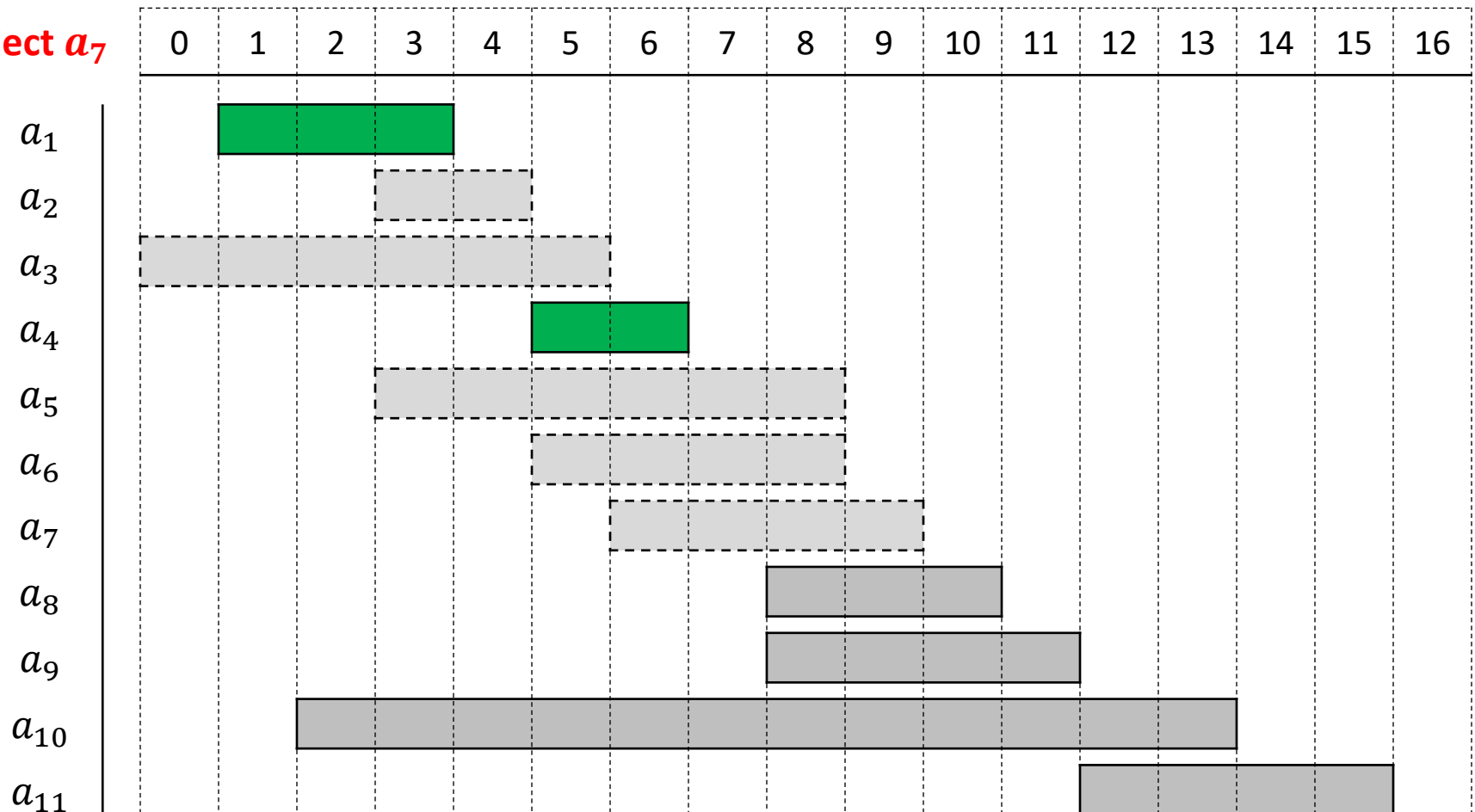


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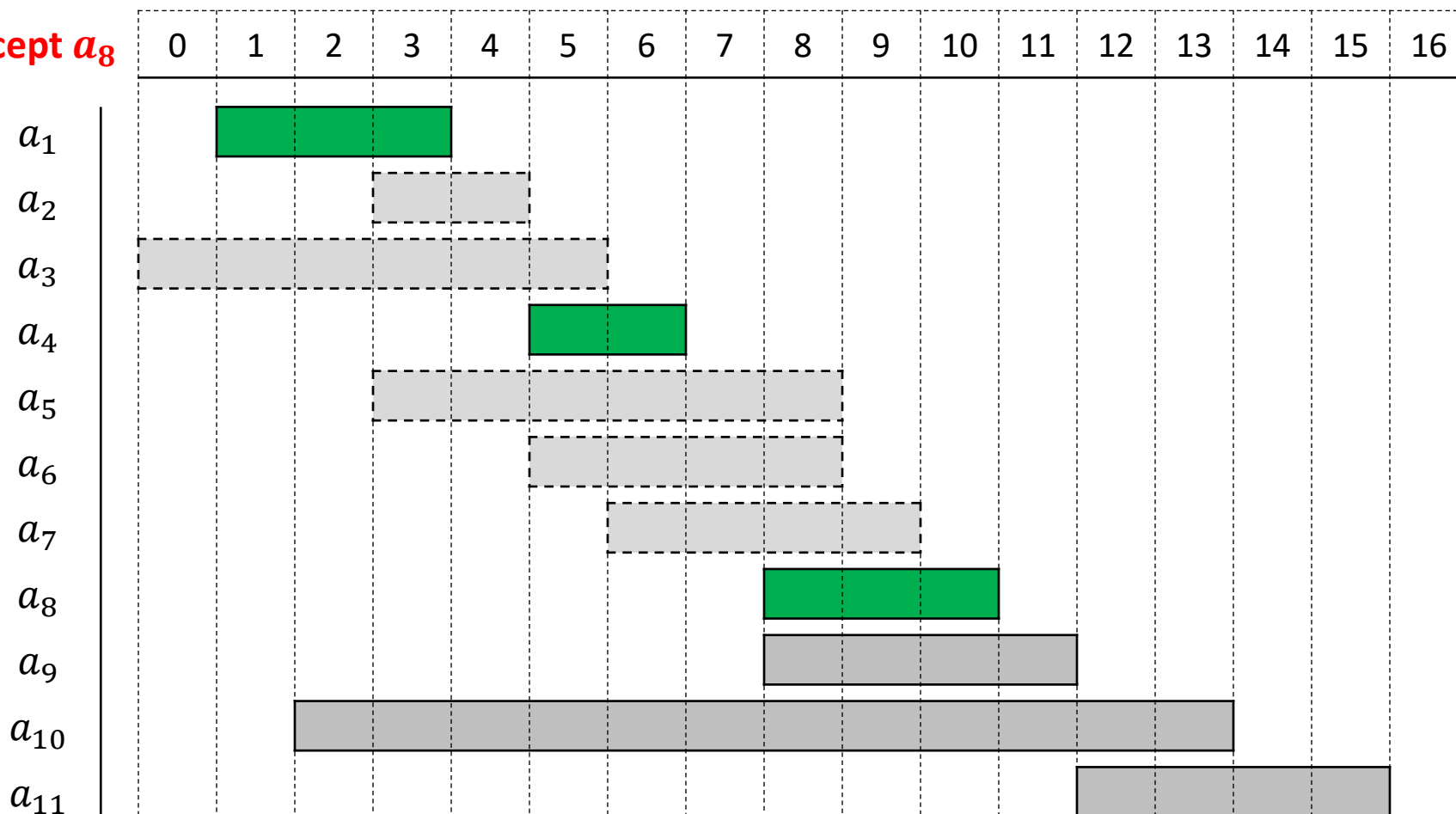


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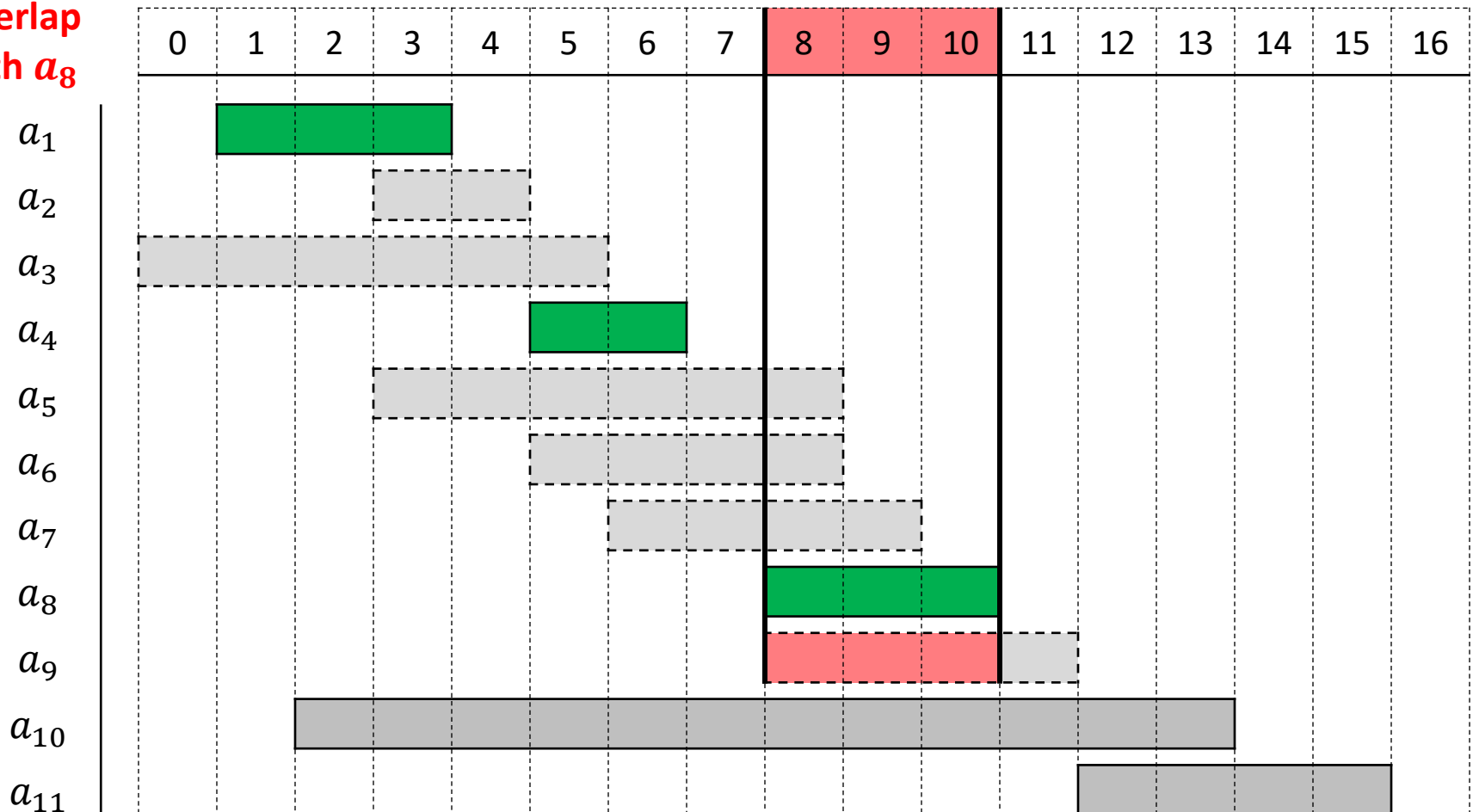


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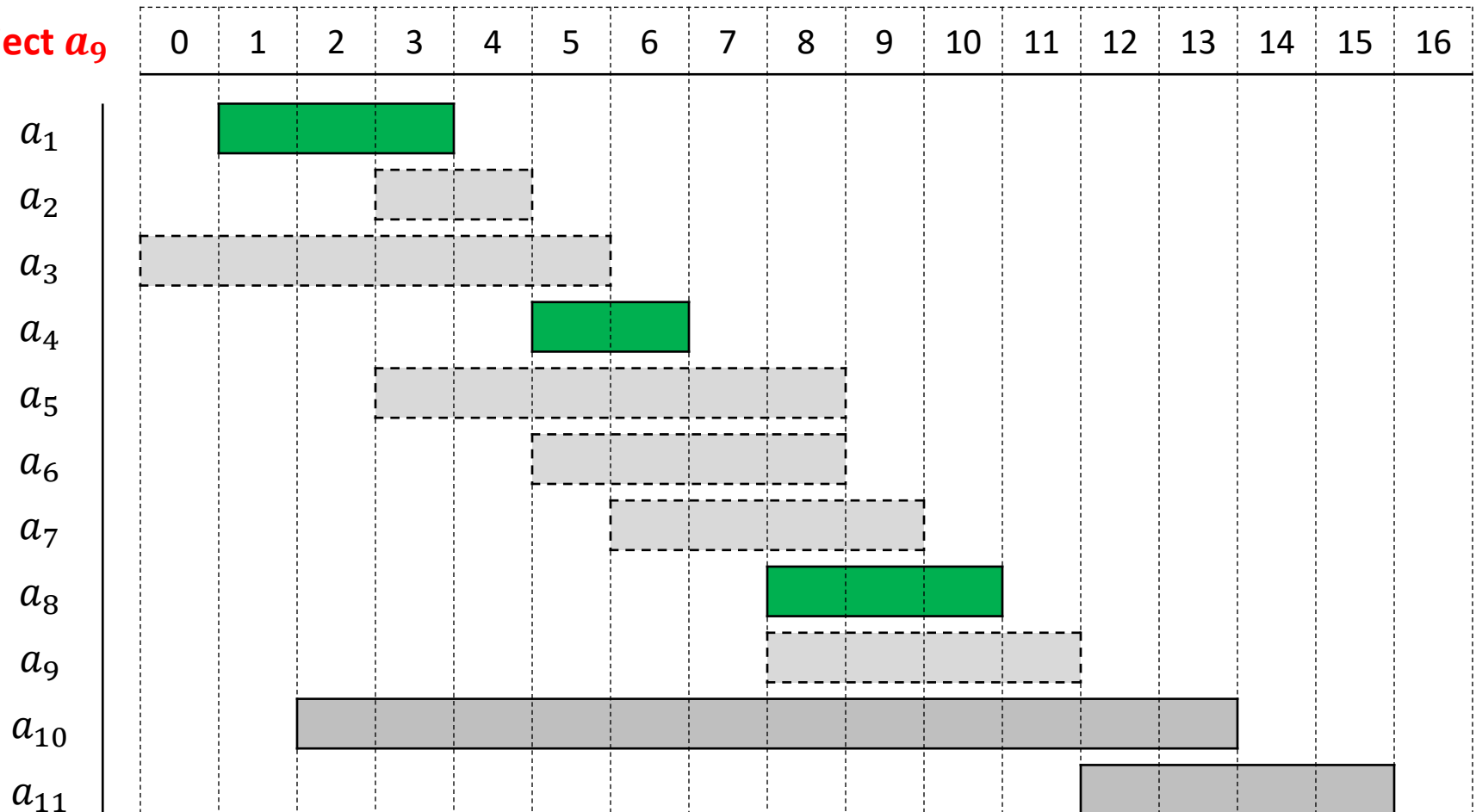


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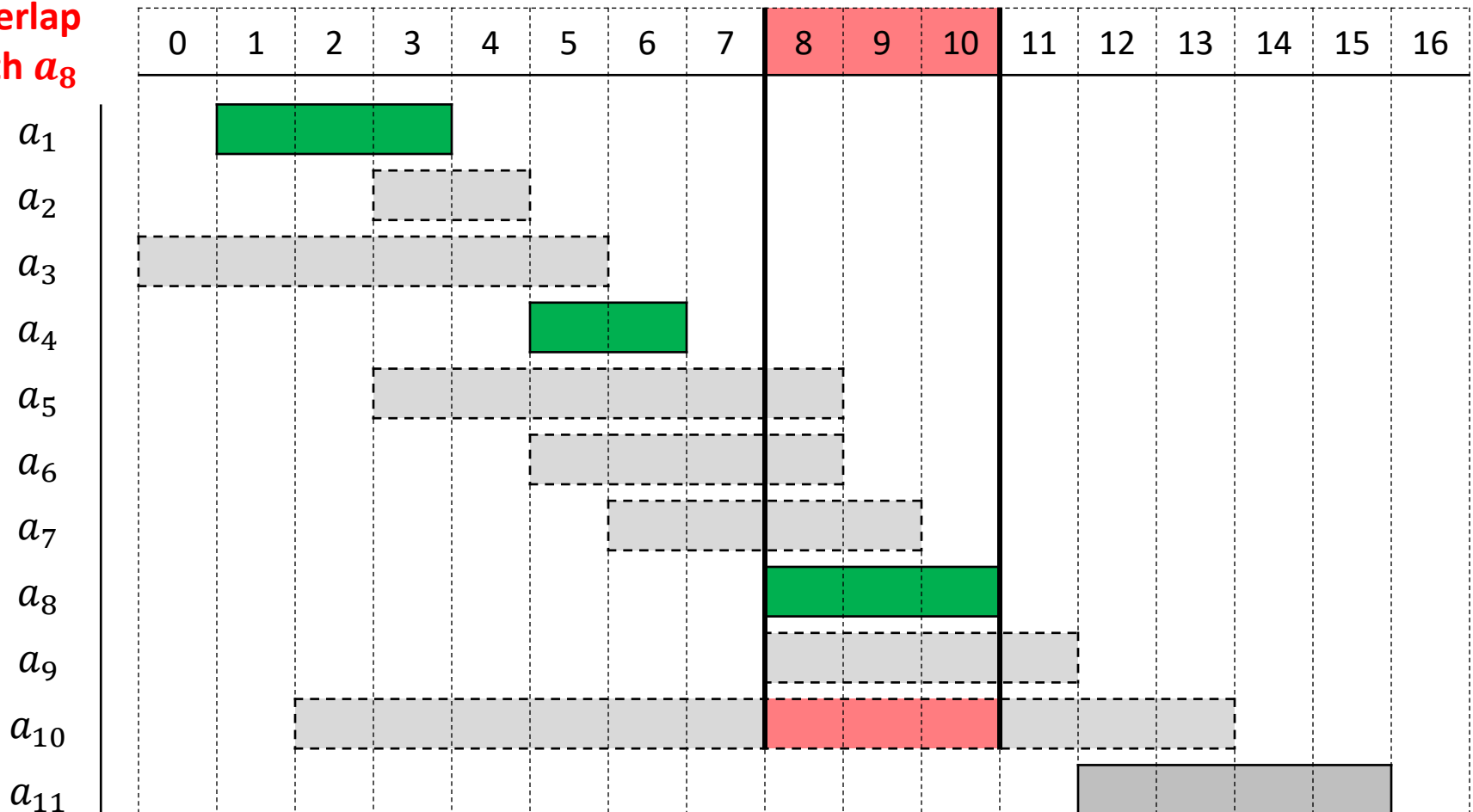


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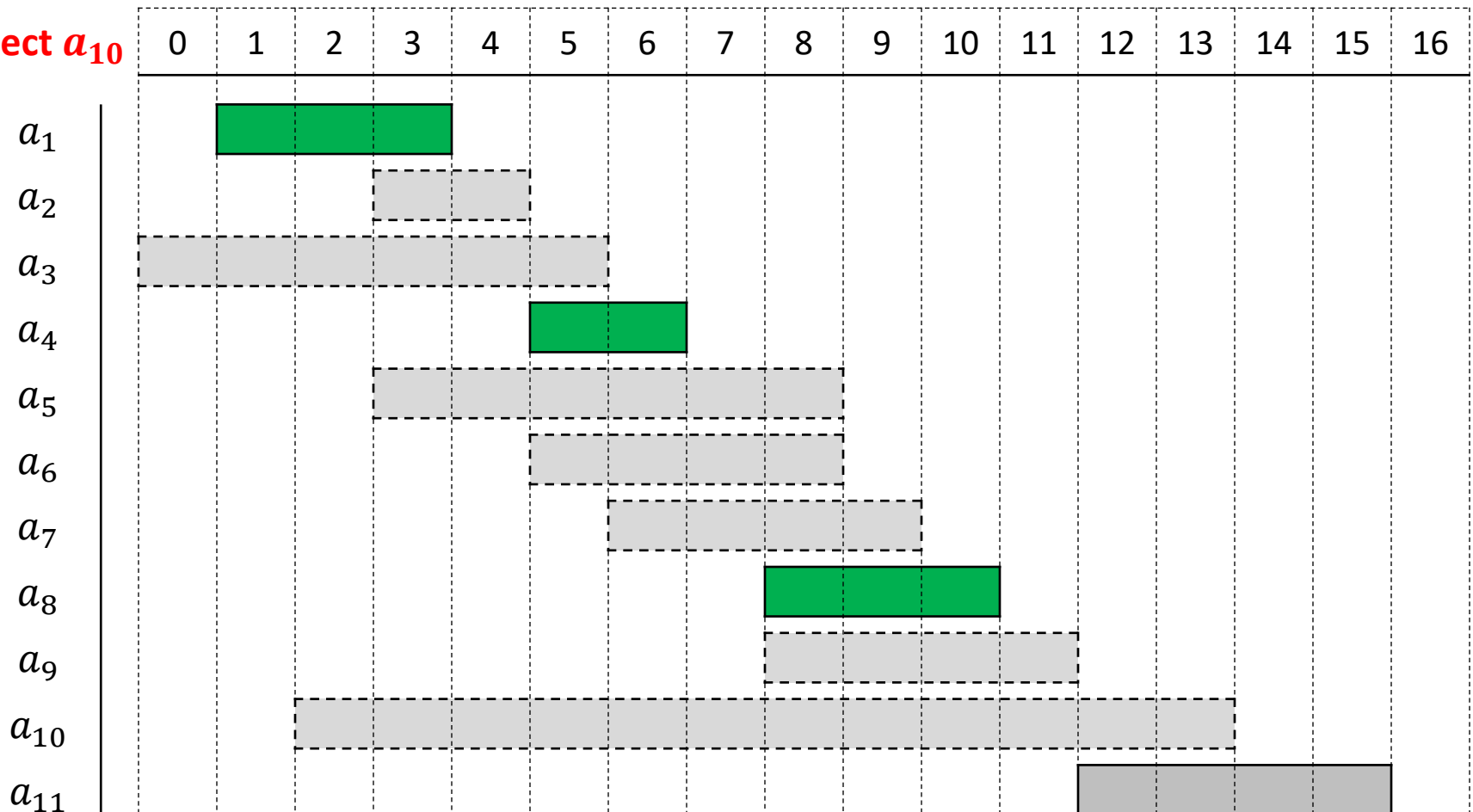


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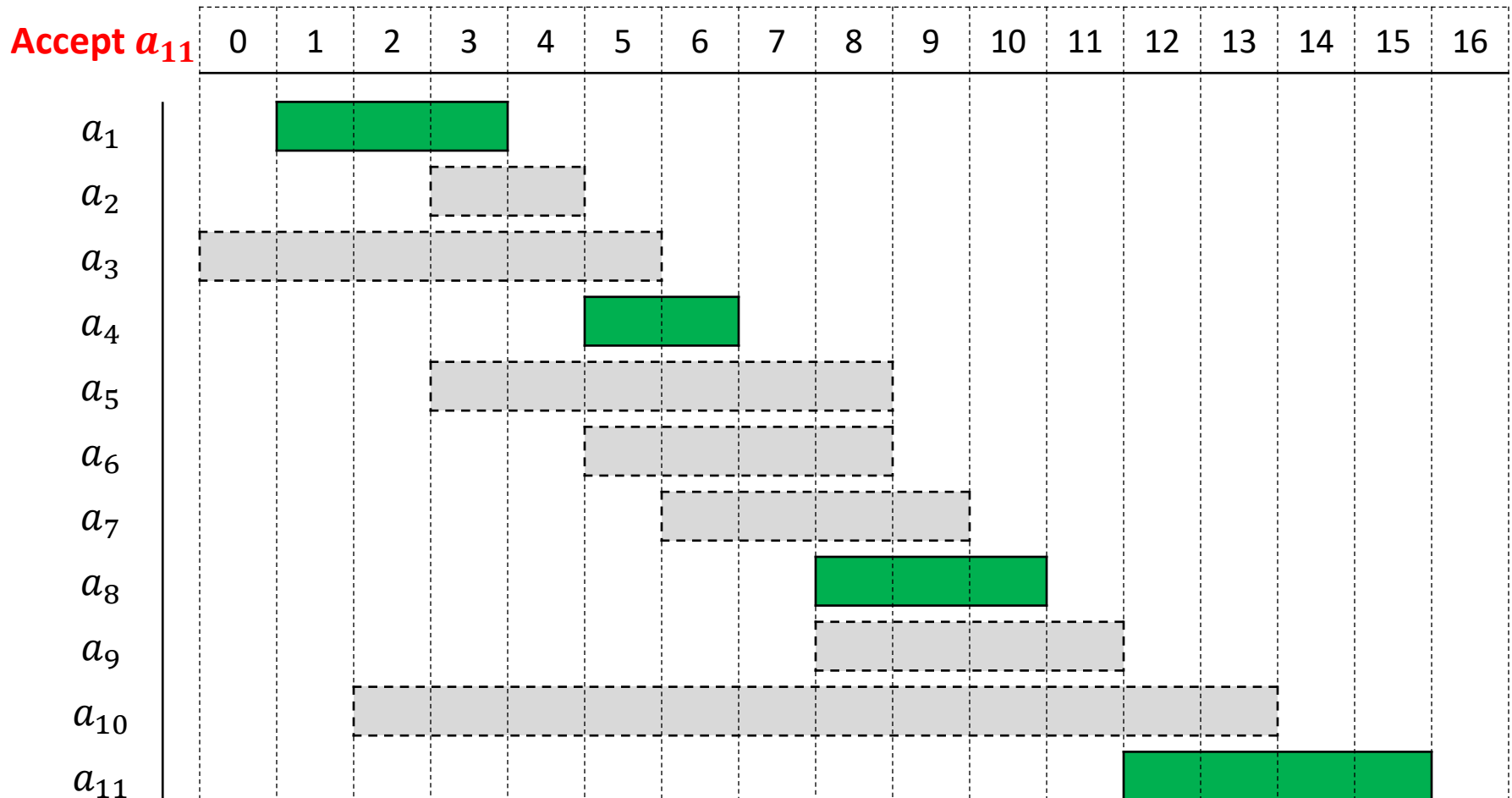
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Greedy Activity-Selection

GREEDY-ACTIVITY-SELECTOR (s, f)

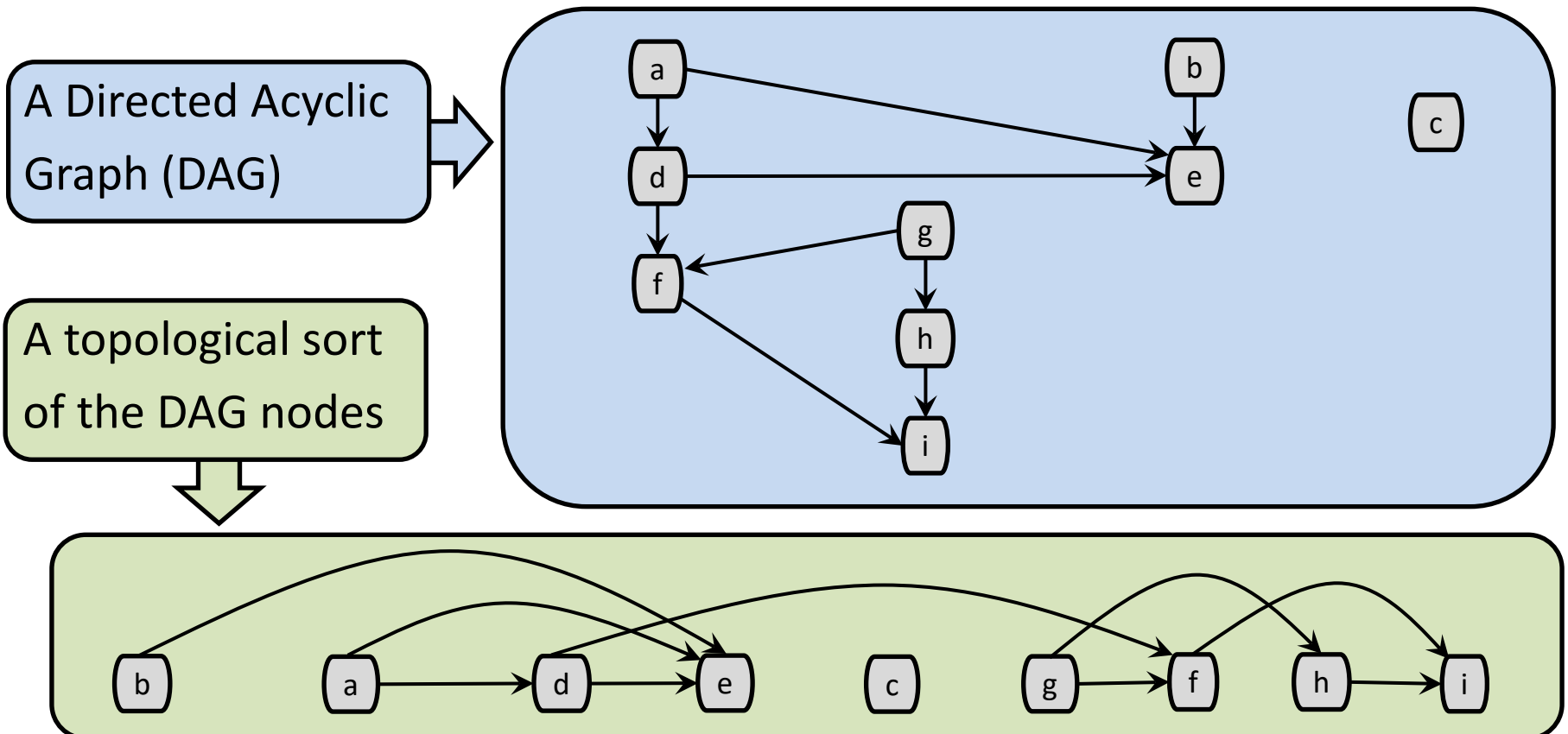
1. $n \leftarrow s.length$
2. $A \leftarrow \{a_1\}$
3. $k \leftarrow 1$
4. *for* $m \leftarrow 2$ *to* n *do*
5. *if* $s[m] \geq f[k]$ *then*
6. $A \leftarrow A \cup \{a_m\}$
7. $k \leftarrow m$
8. *return* A

Running time = $\Theta(n)$

Topological Sort

A **topological sort** of a DAG (i.e., directed acyclic graph) $G = (V, E)$ is a linear ordering of all its vertices such that if G contains an edge (u, v) , then u appears before v in the ordering.

We can view a topological sort of a graph as an ordering of its vertices along a horizontal line so that all directed edges go from left to right.

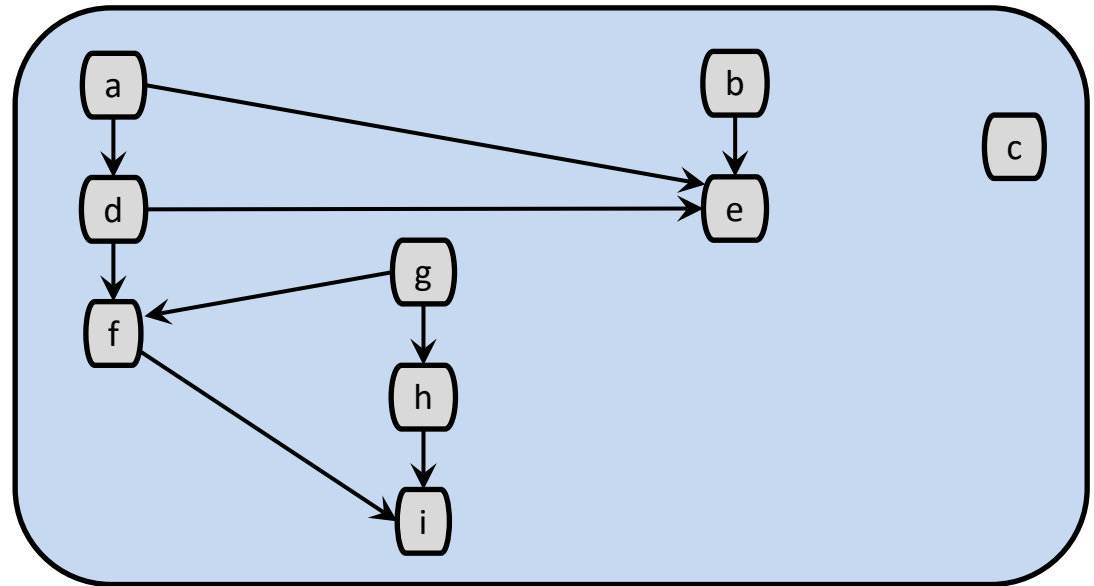


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with no incoming edges
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$n \leftarrow 9, i \leftarrow 0$

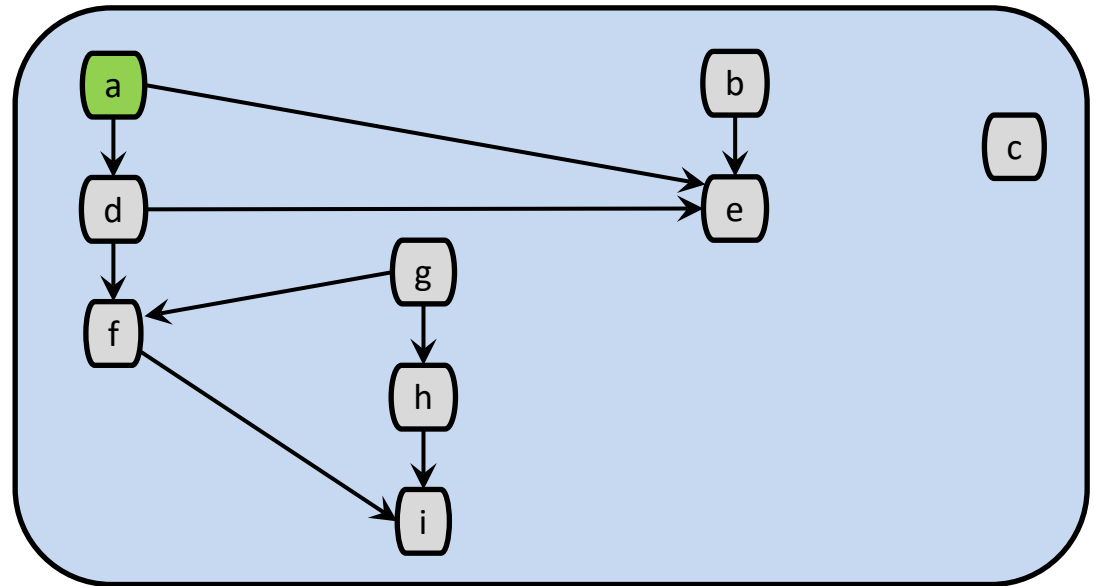


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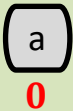
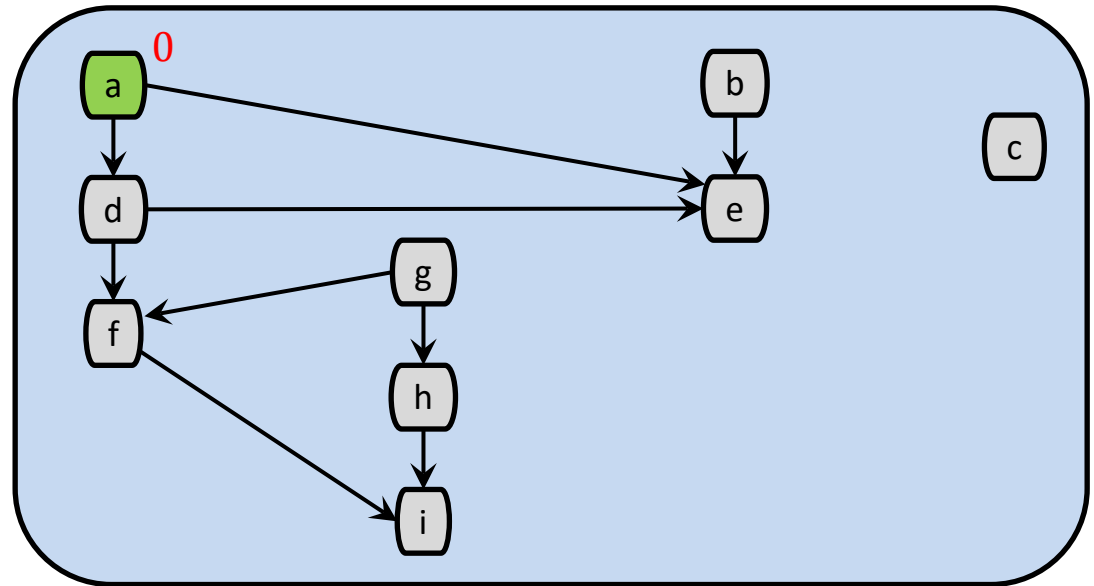


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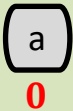
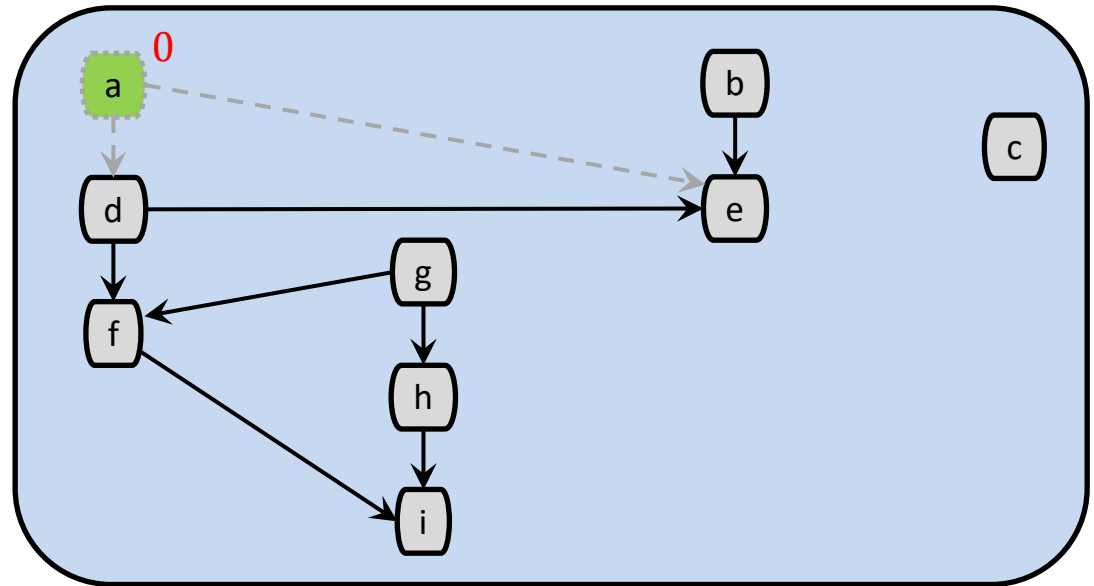


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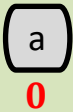
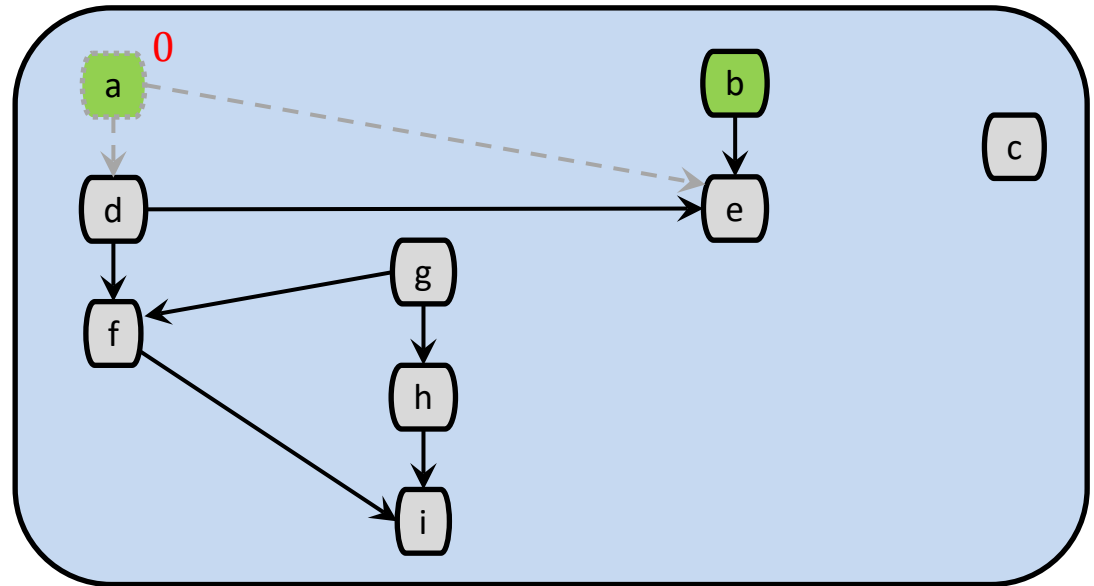


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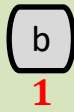
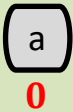
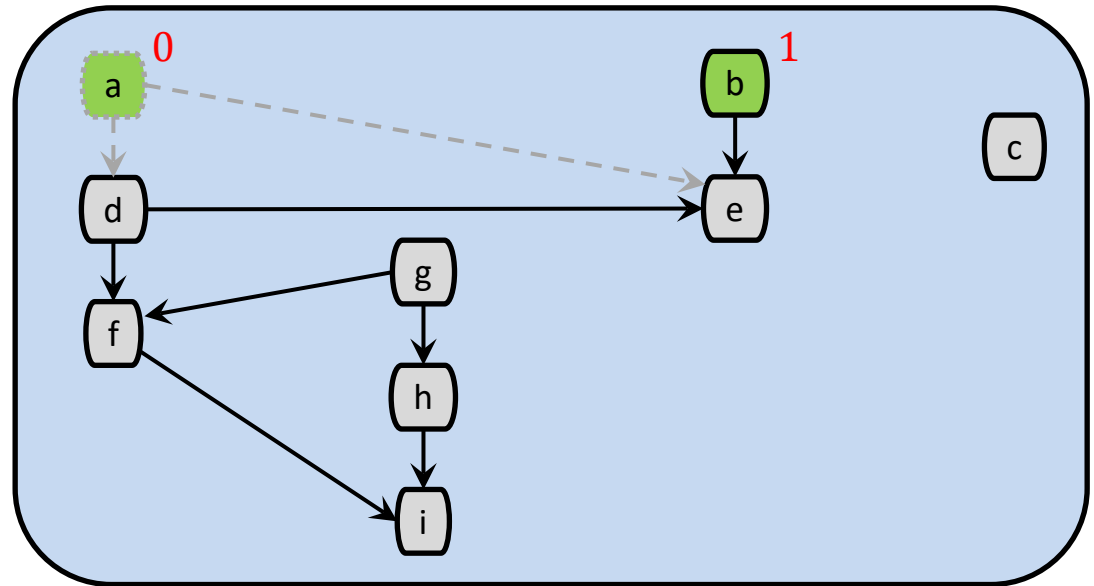


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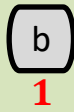
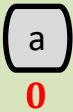
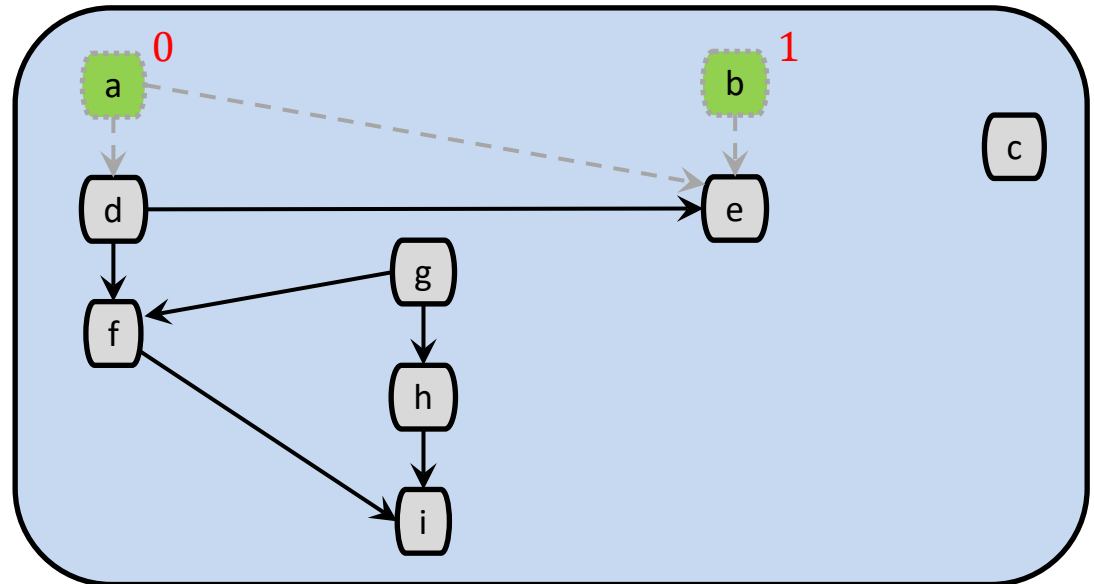


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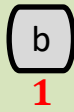
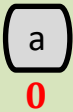
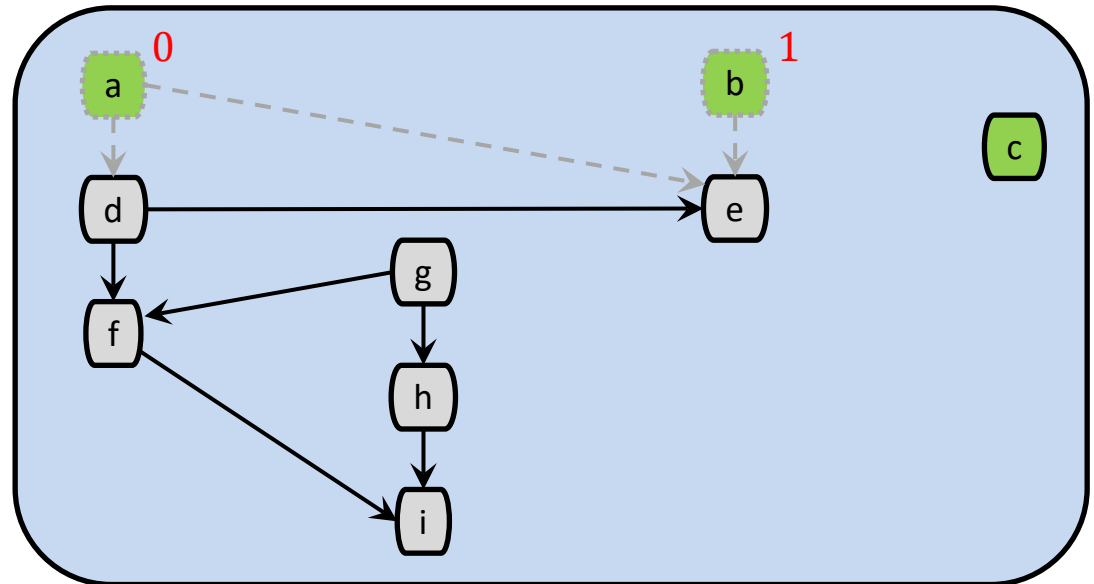


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choose node c with no incoming edges

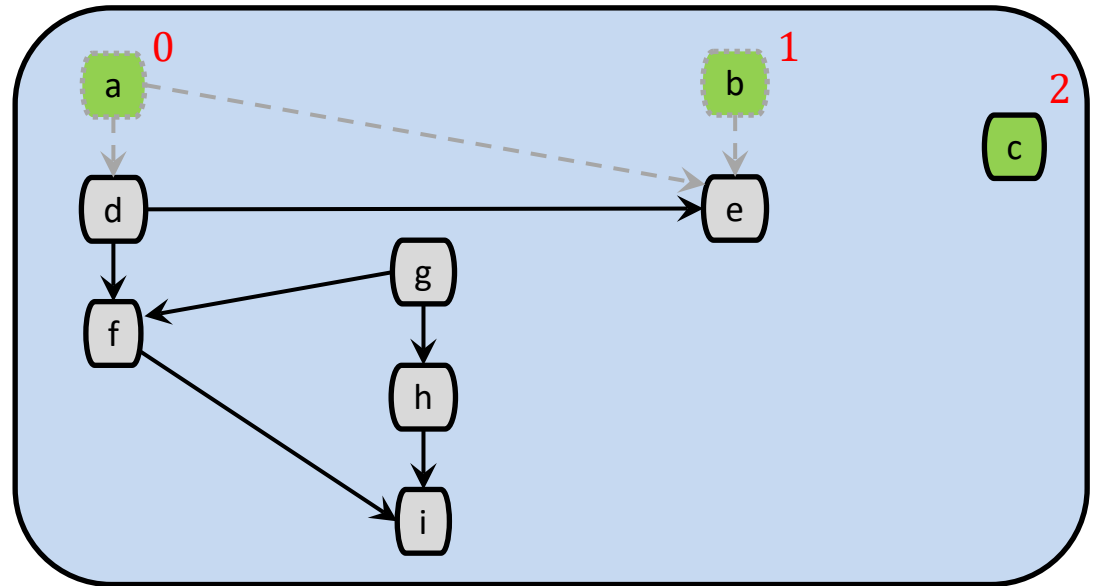


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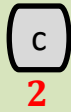
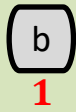
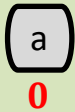
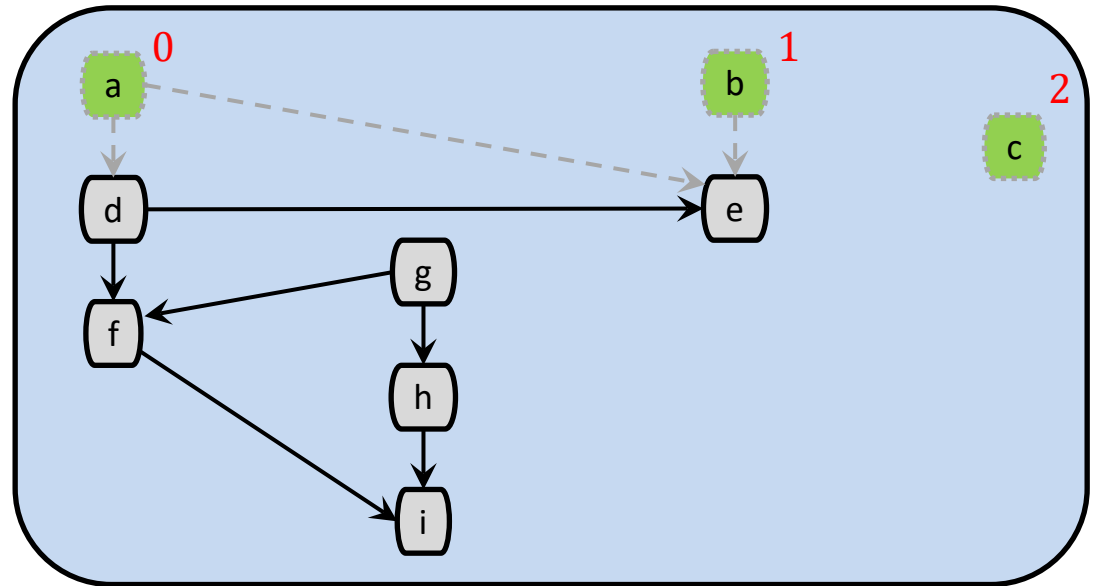


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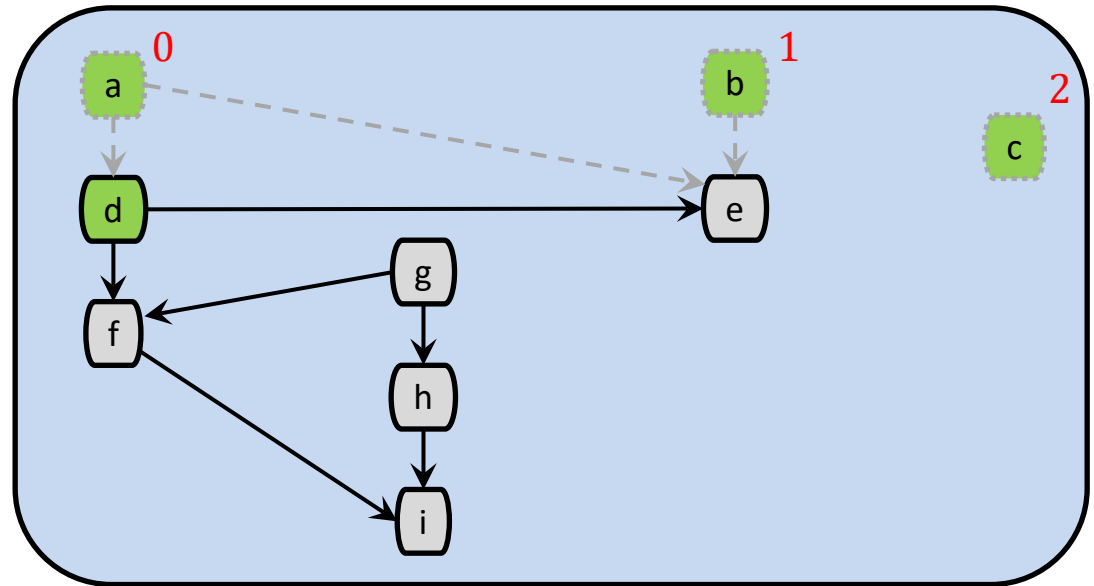


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0

b
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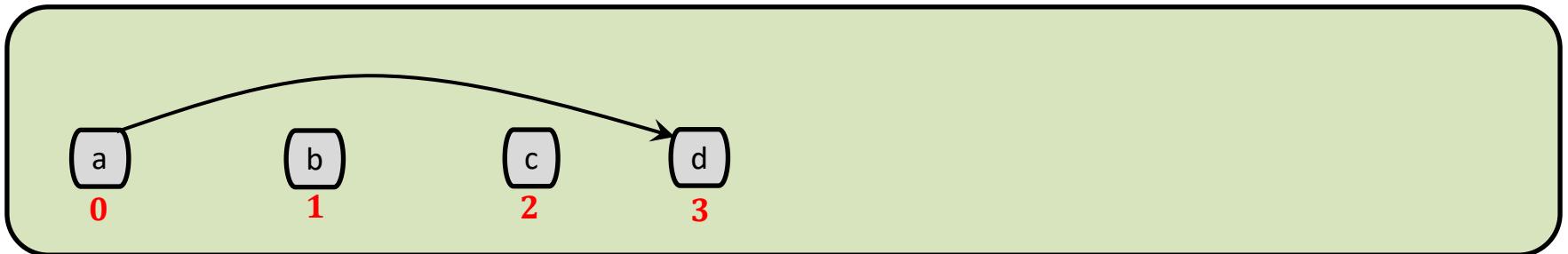
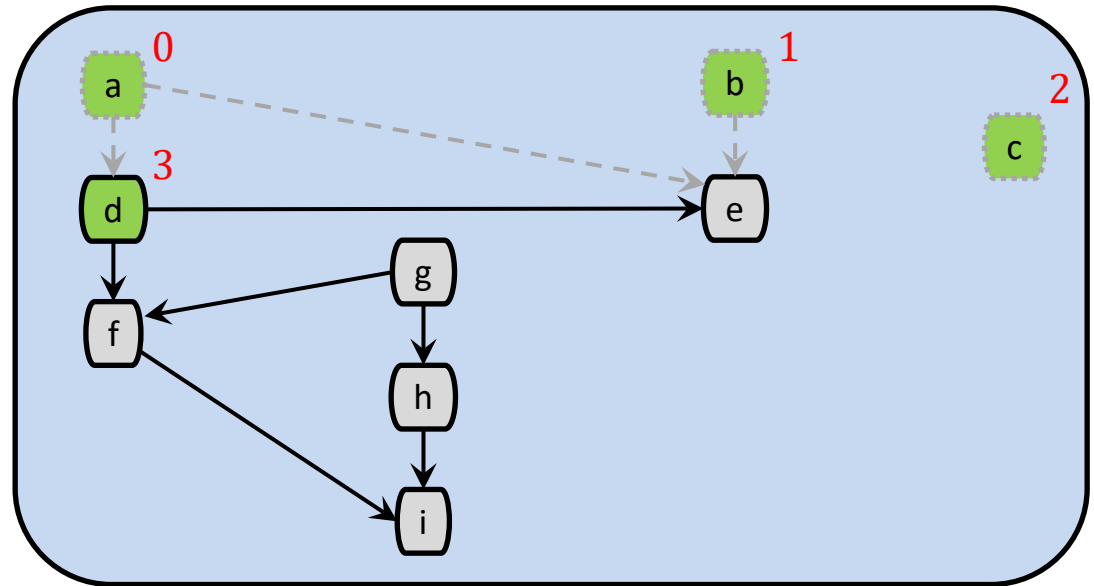
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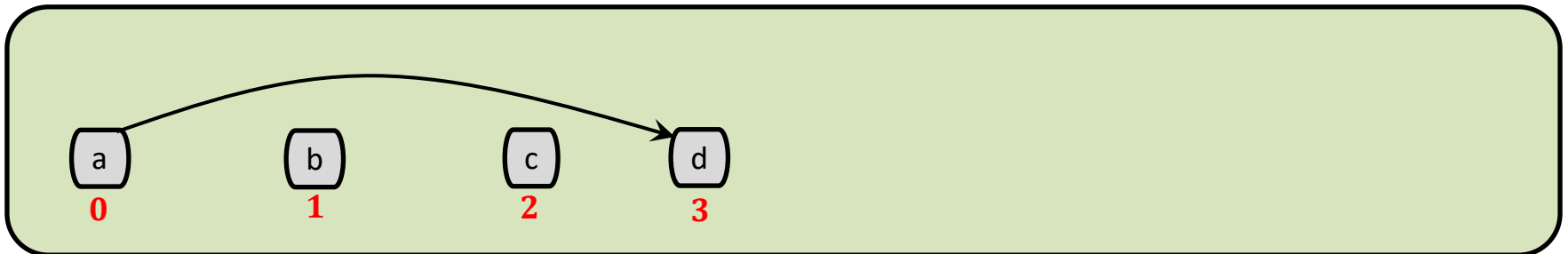
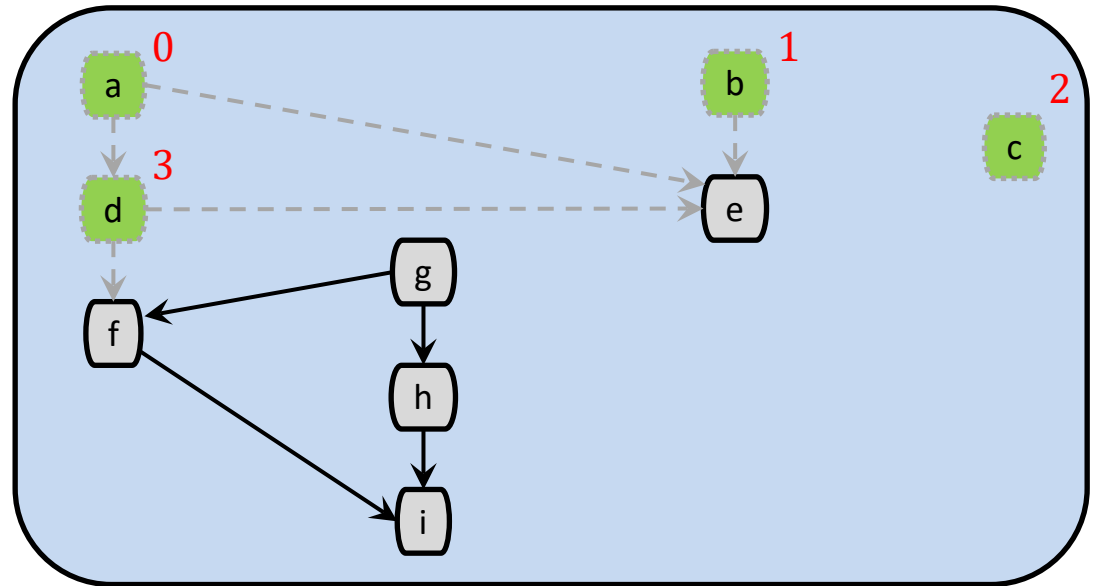


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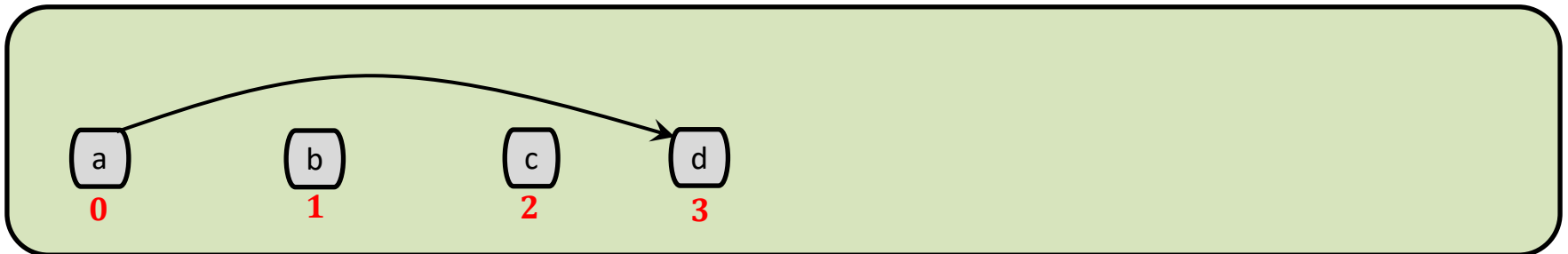
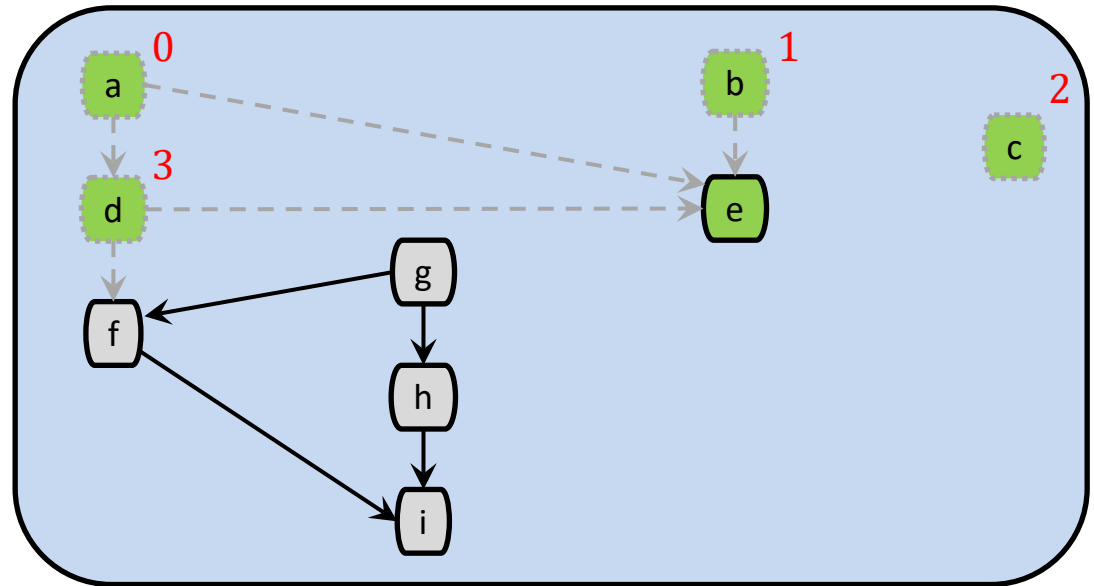


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choose node e with no incoming edges

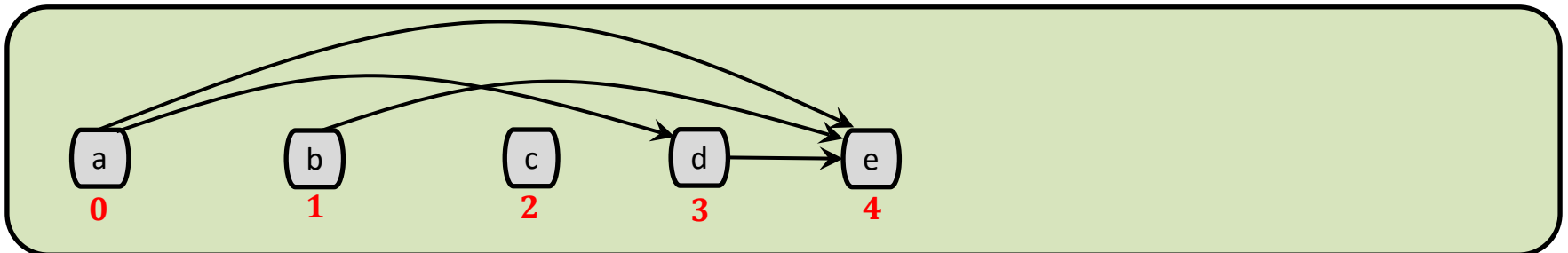
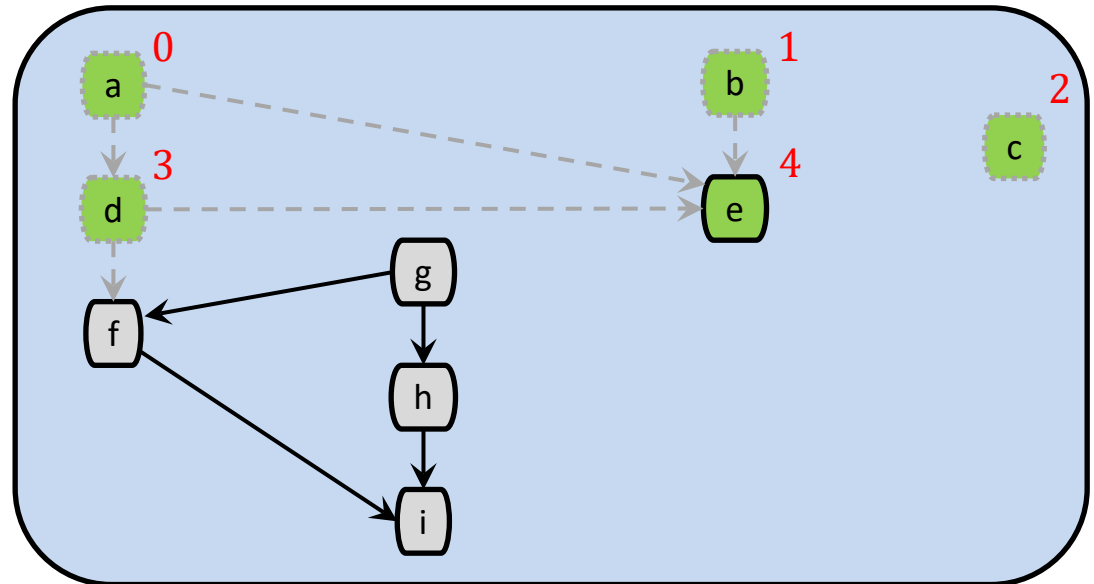


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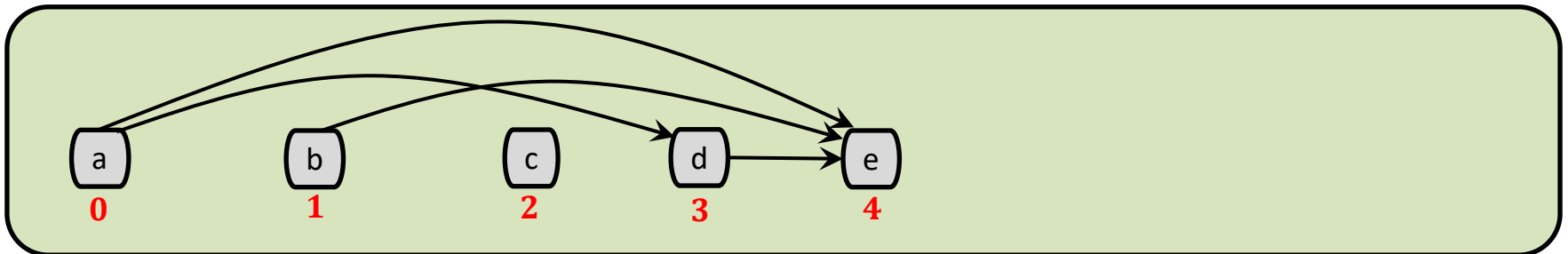
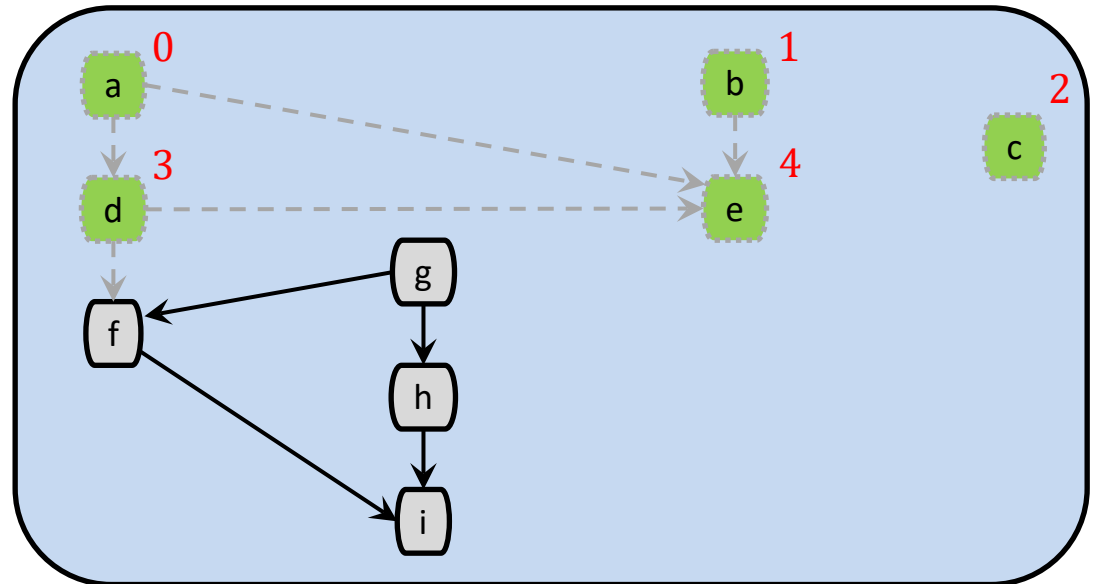


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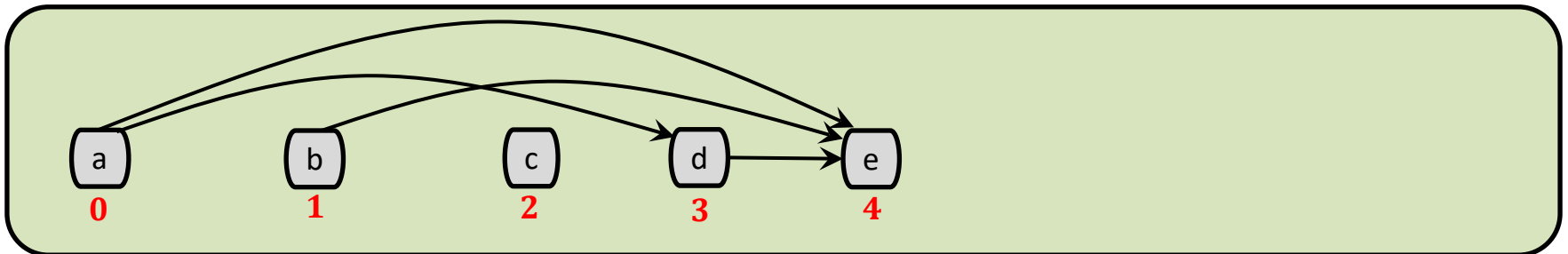
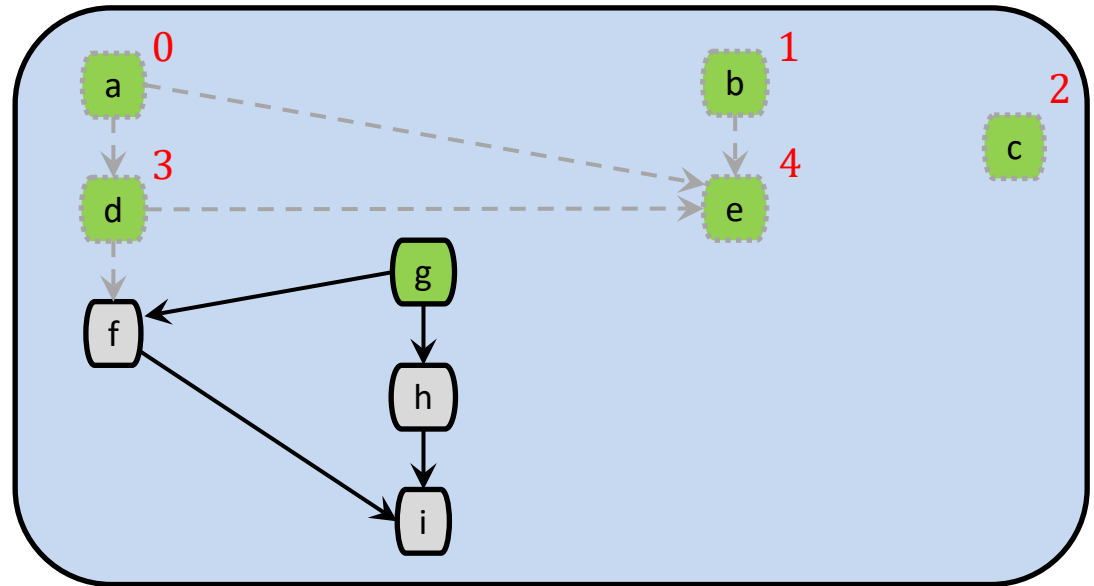


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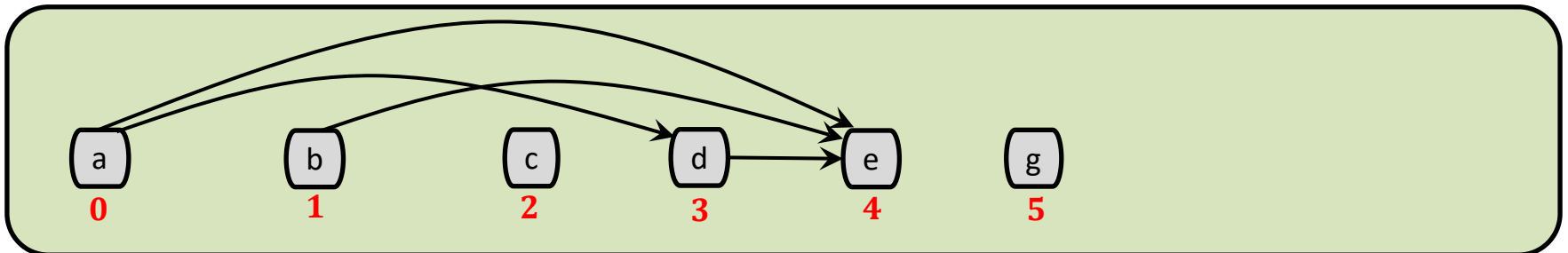
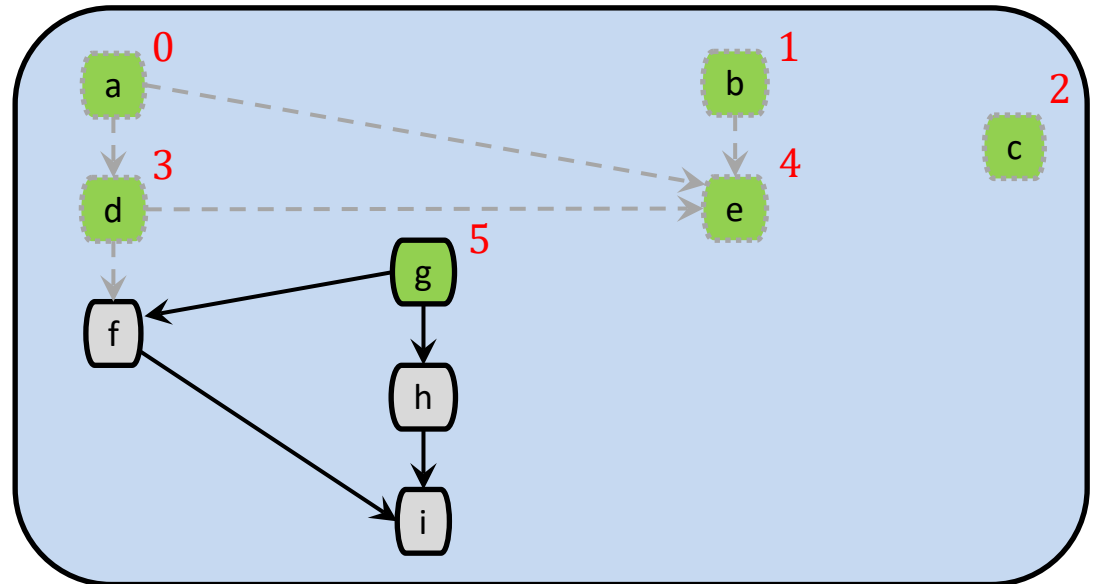
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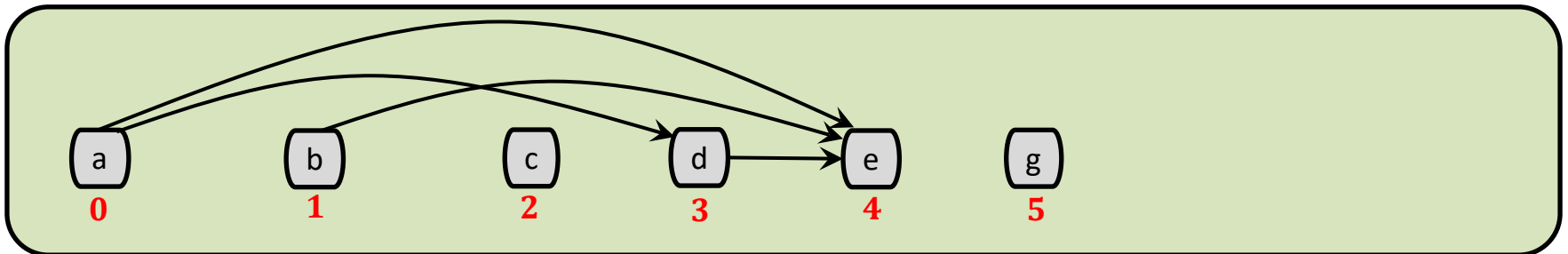
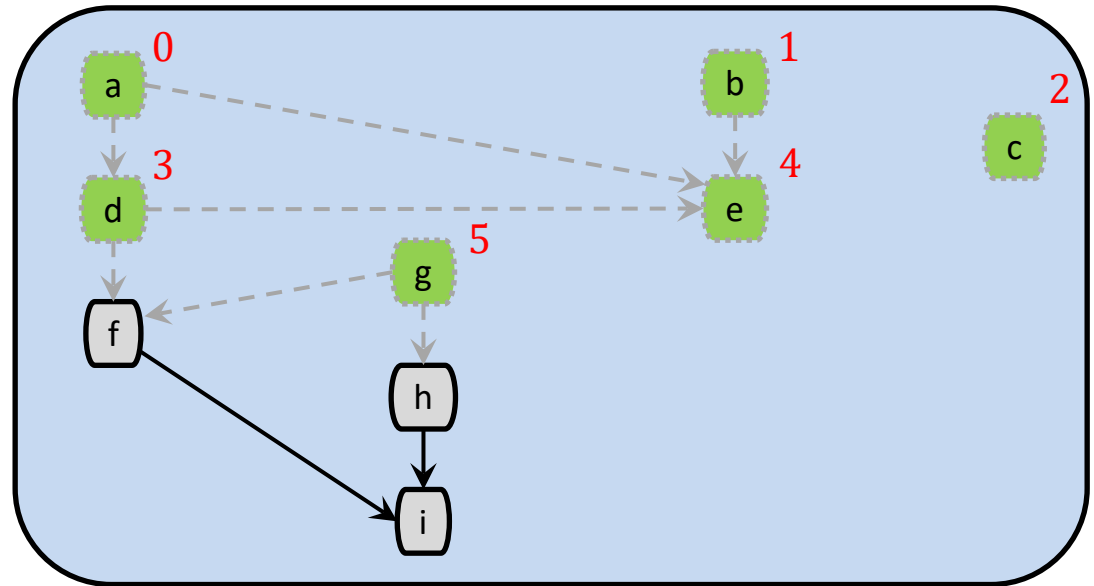


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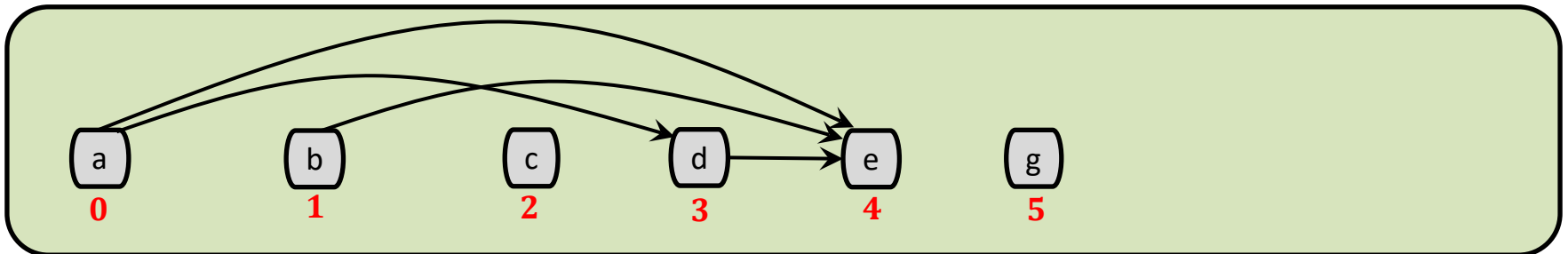
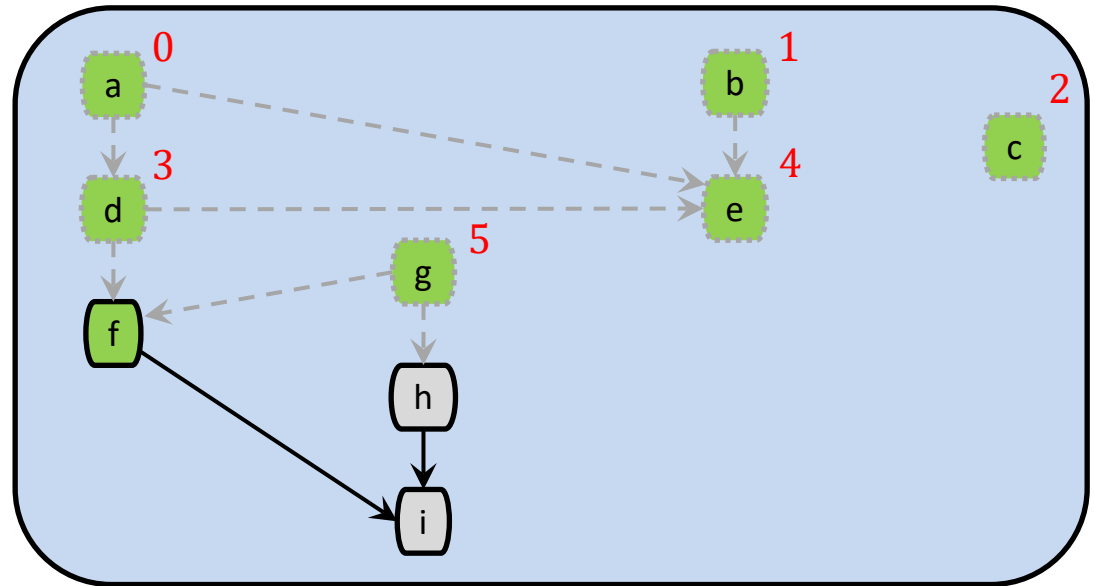


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choose node f with no incoming edges

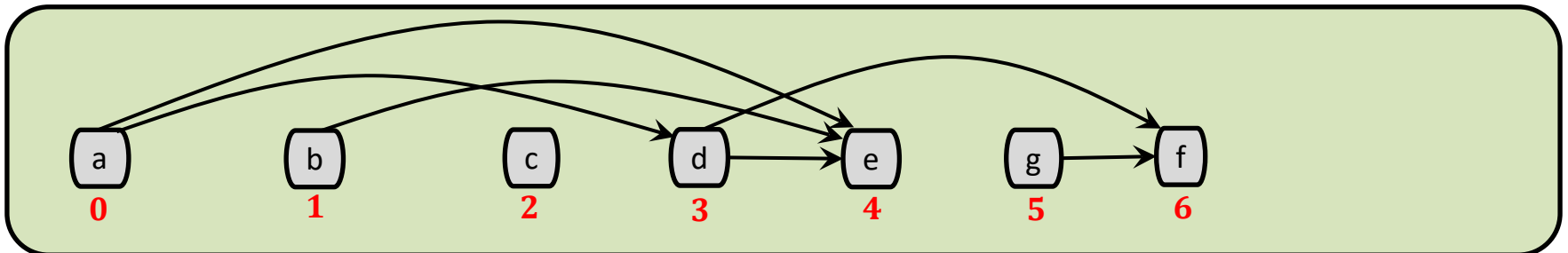
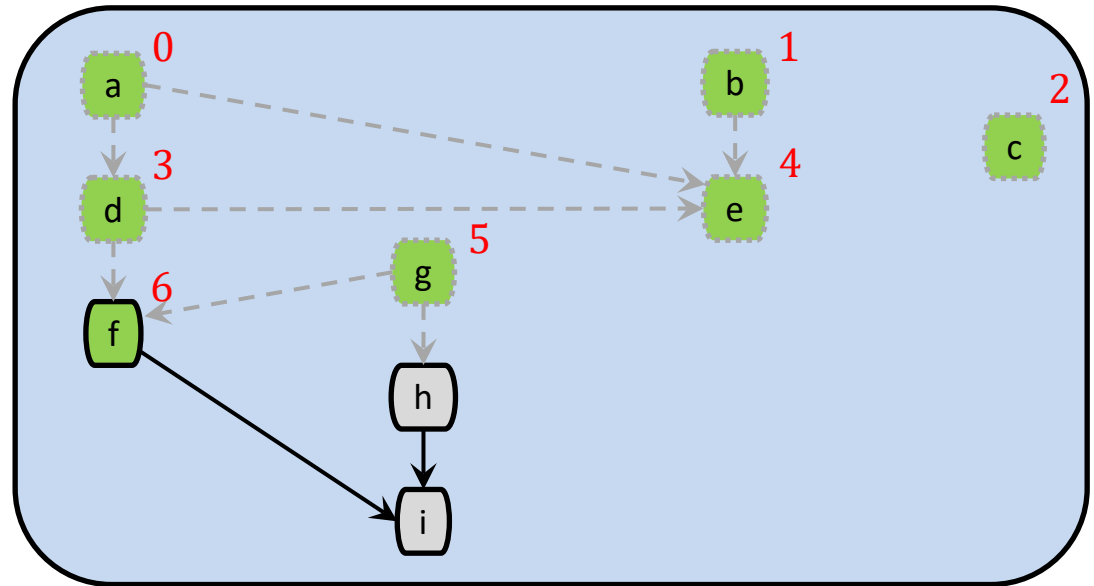


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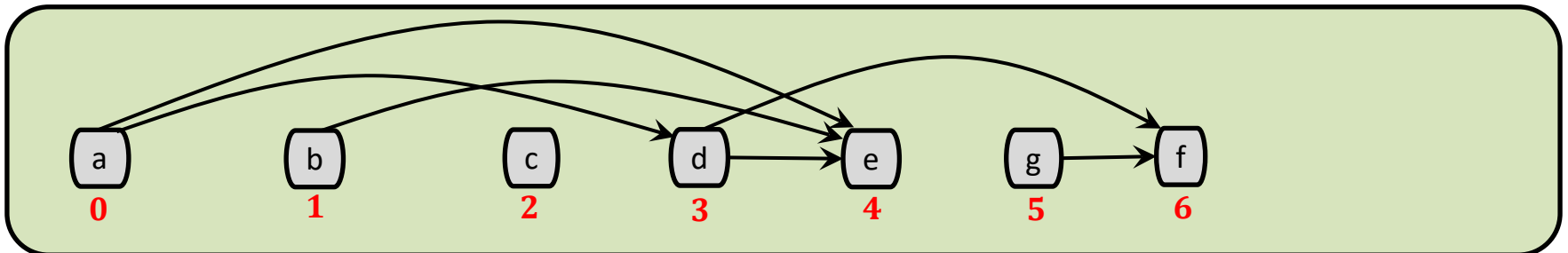
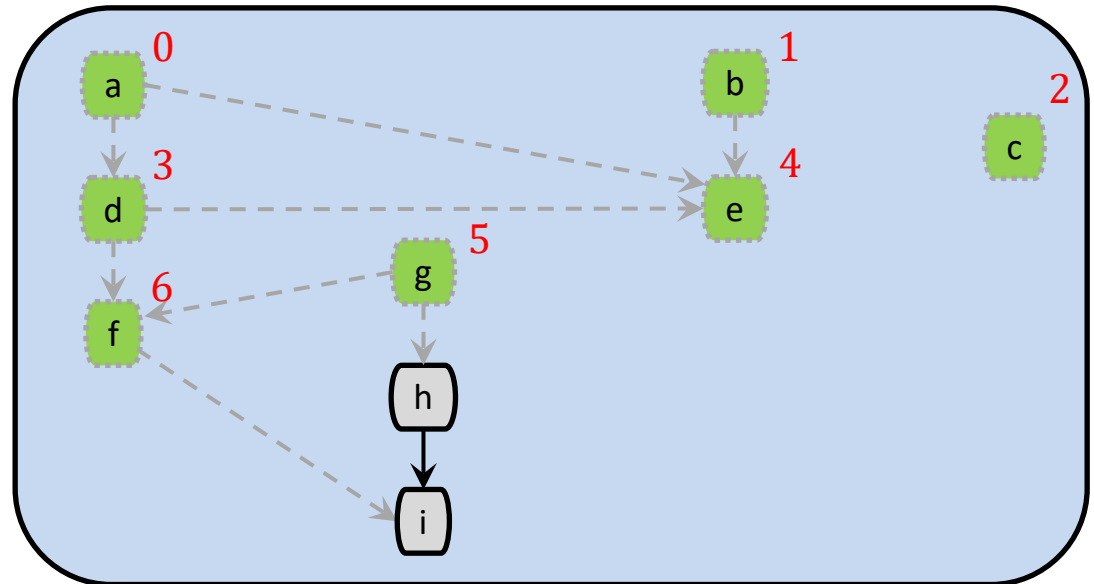


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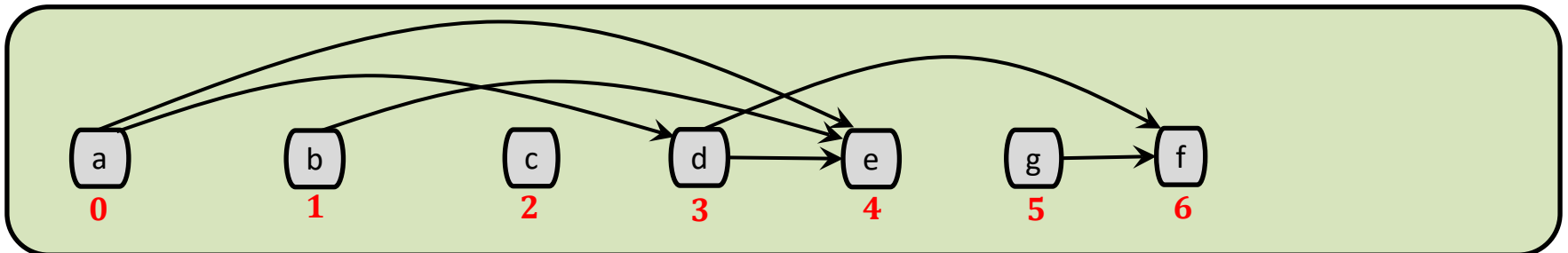
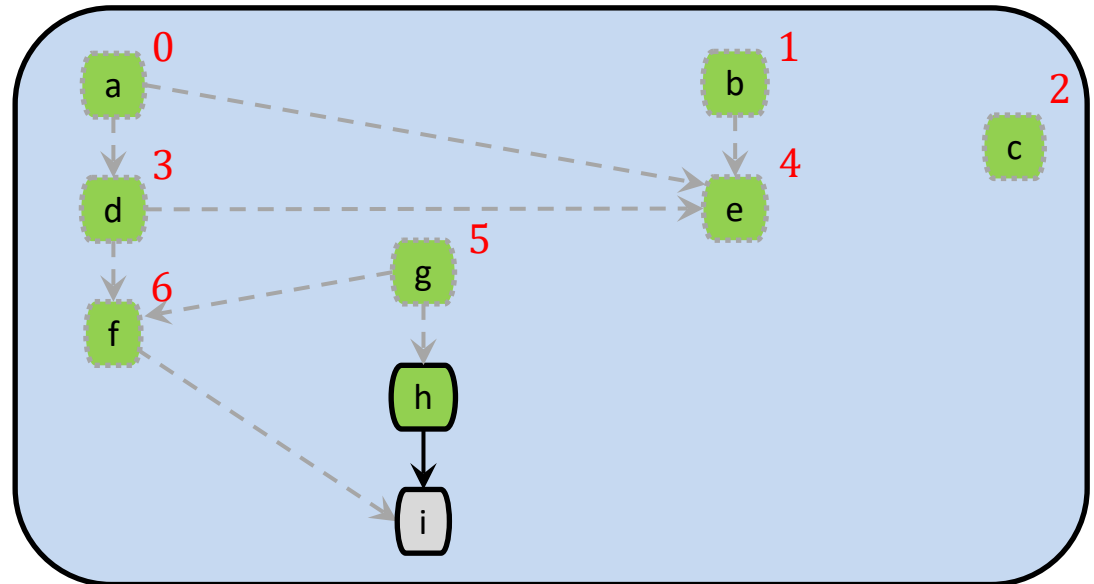


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choose node h with no incoming edges

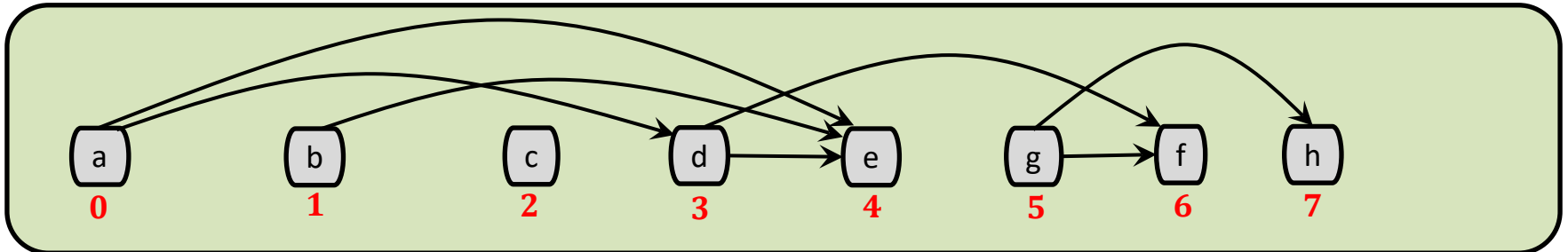
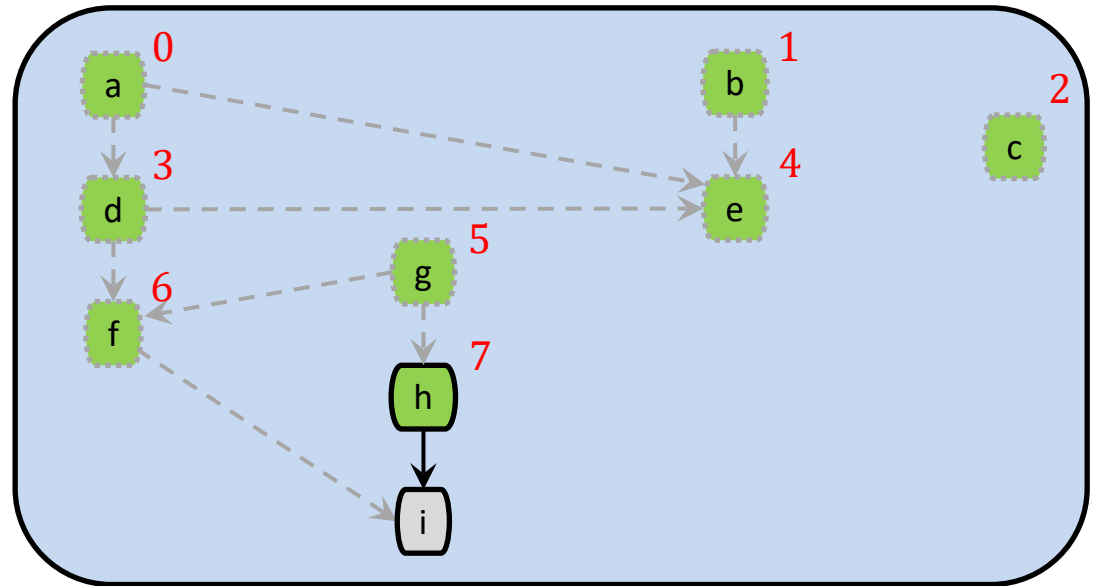


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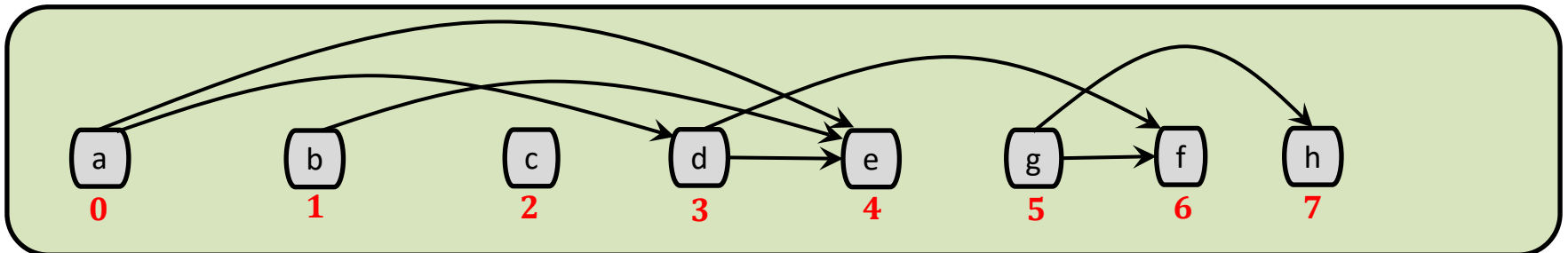
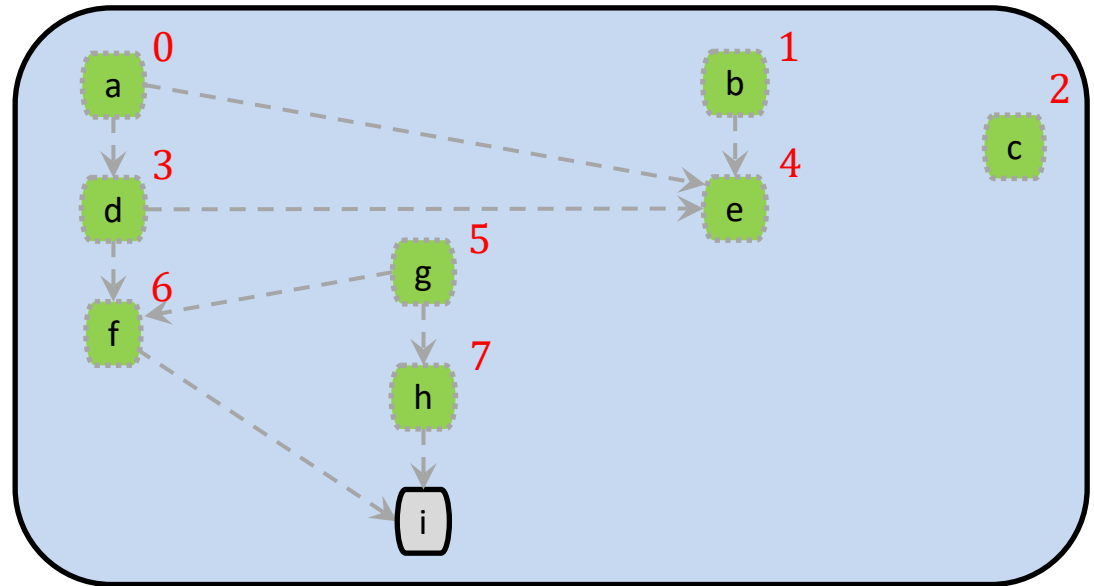


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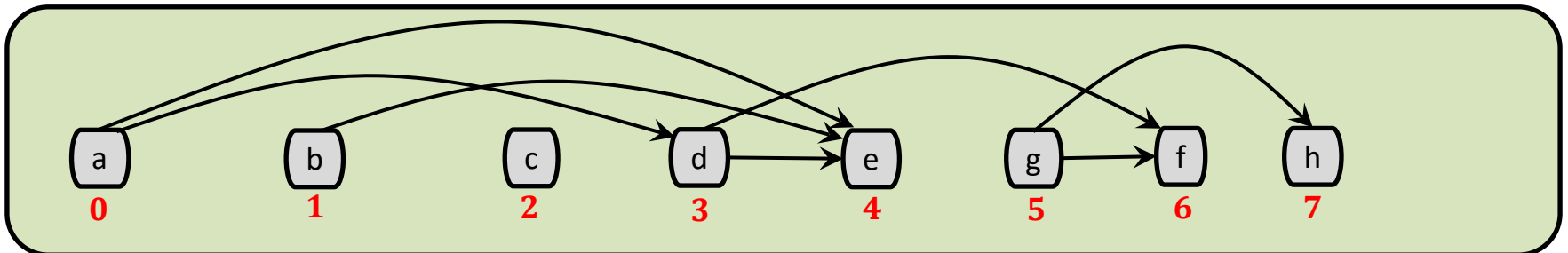
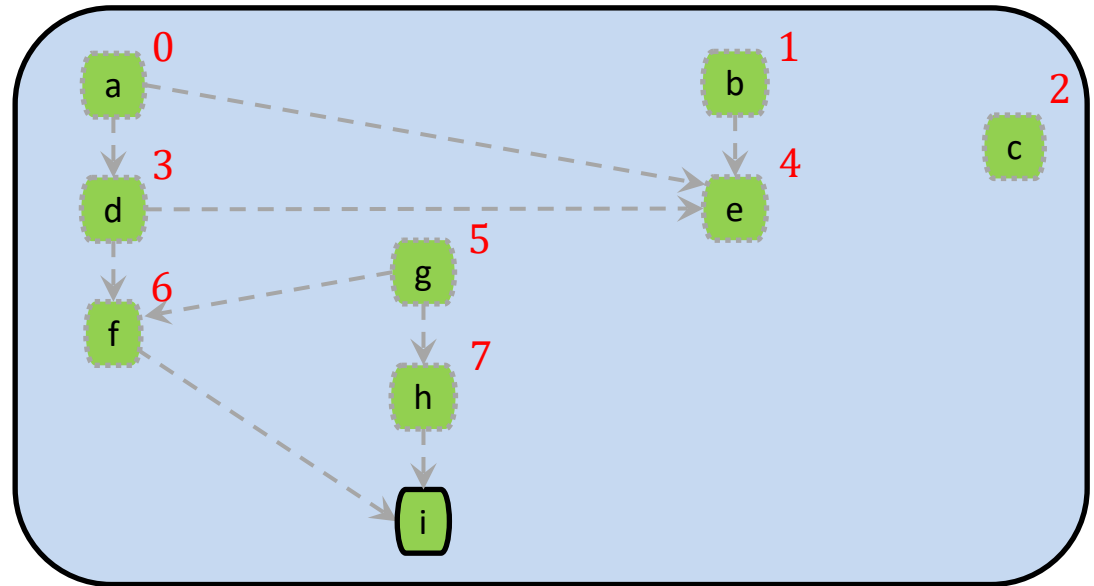


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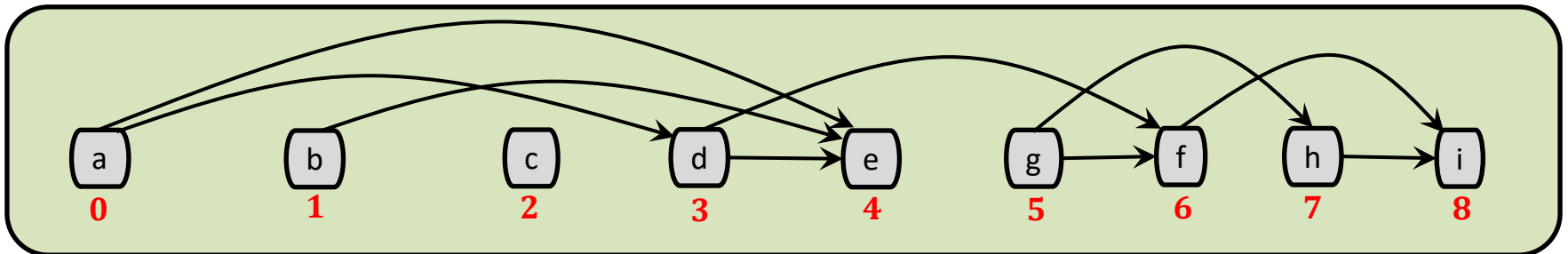
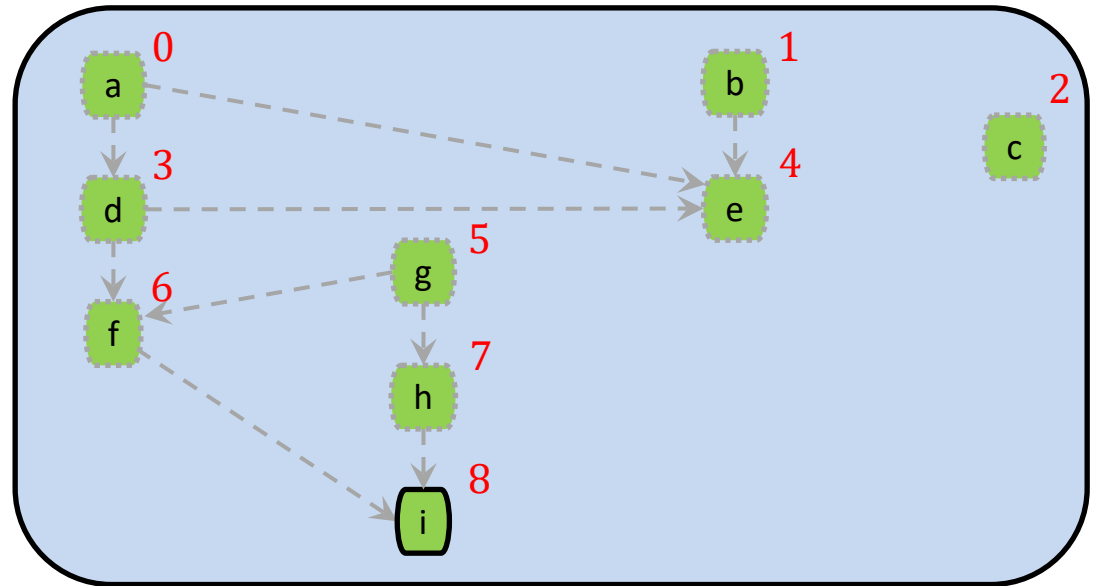


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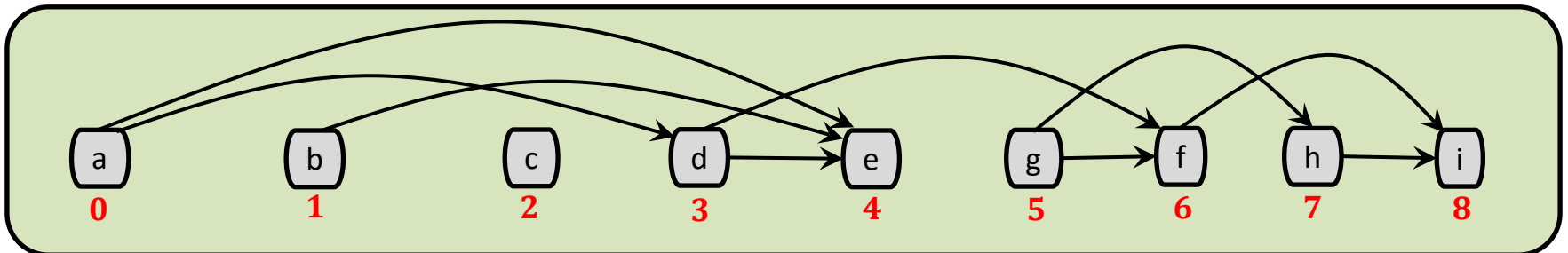
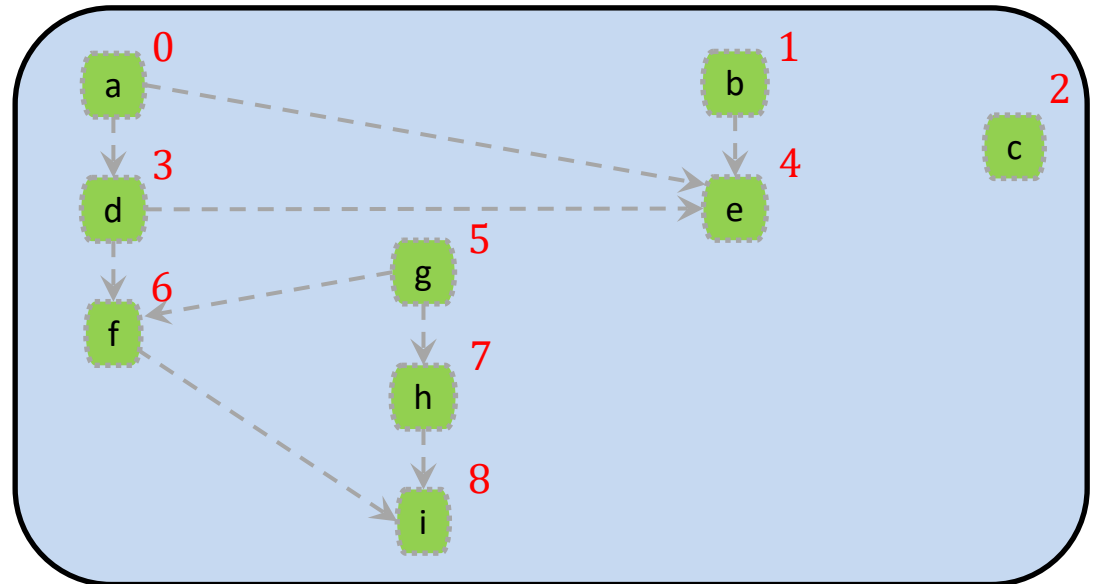


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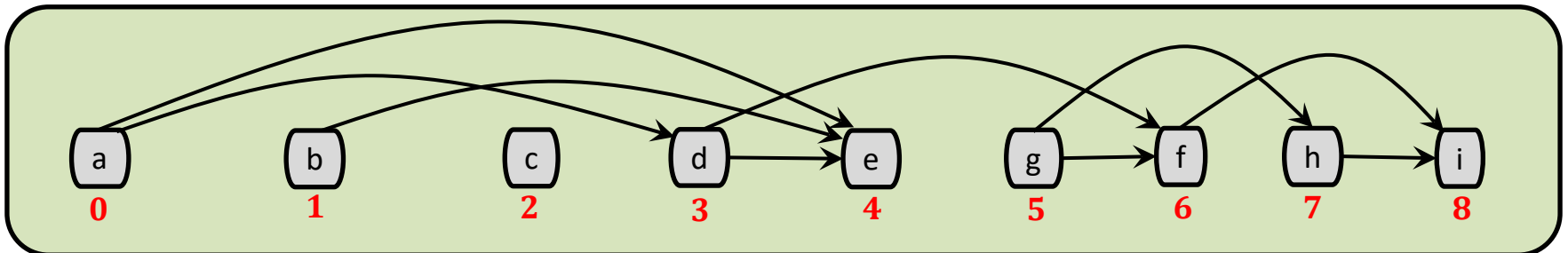
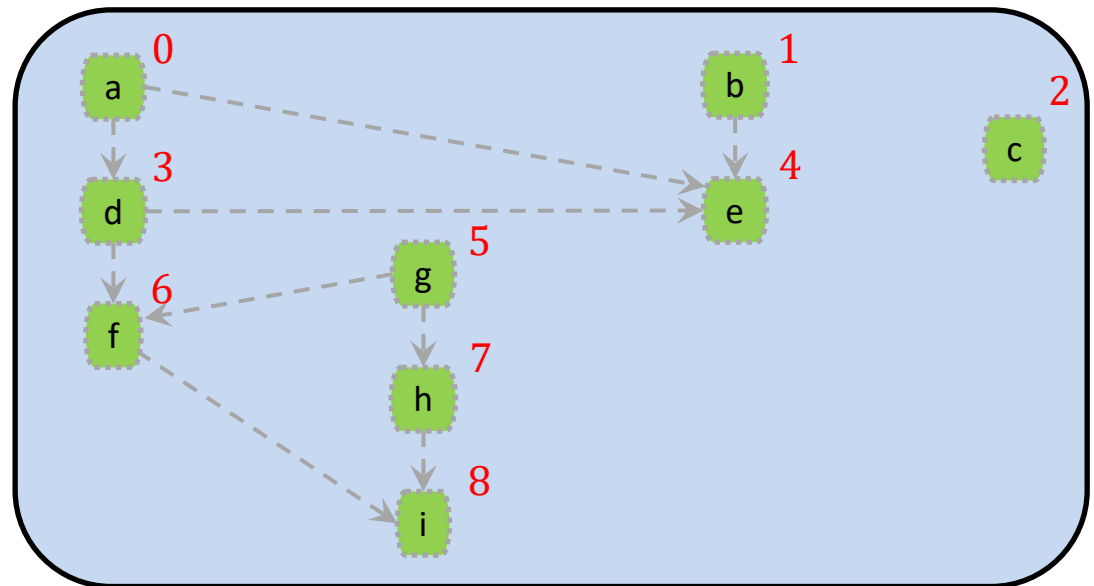


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1. $n \leftarrow |G.V|$
2. **for** each $v \in G.V$ **do** $d[v] \leftarrow 0$
3. **for** each $(u, v) \in G.E$ **do** $d[v] \leftarrow d[v] + 1$
4. **queue** $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$
5. **for** each $v \in G.V$ **do**
6. **if** $d[v] = 0$ **then** $Q.Enqueue(v)$
7. $i \leftarrow 0$
8. **while** $i < n$ **do**
9. $x \leftarrow Q.Dequeue()$
10. assign number i to x
11. $i \leftarrow i + 1$
12. **for** each $(x, v) \in G.E$ **do**
13. $d[v] \leftarrow d[v] - 1$
14. **if** $d[v] = 0$ **then** $Q.Enqueue(v)$

Let $n = |G.V|$ and $m = |G.E|$.

Then the running time of the algorithm is $O(n + m)$.

The Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) Problem

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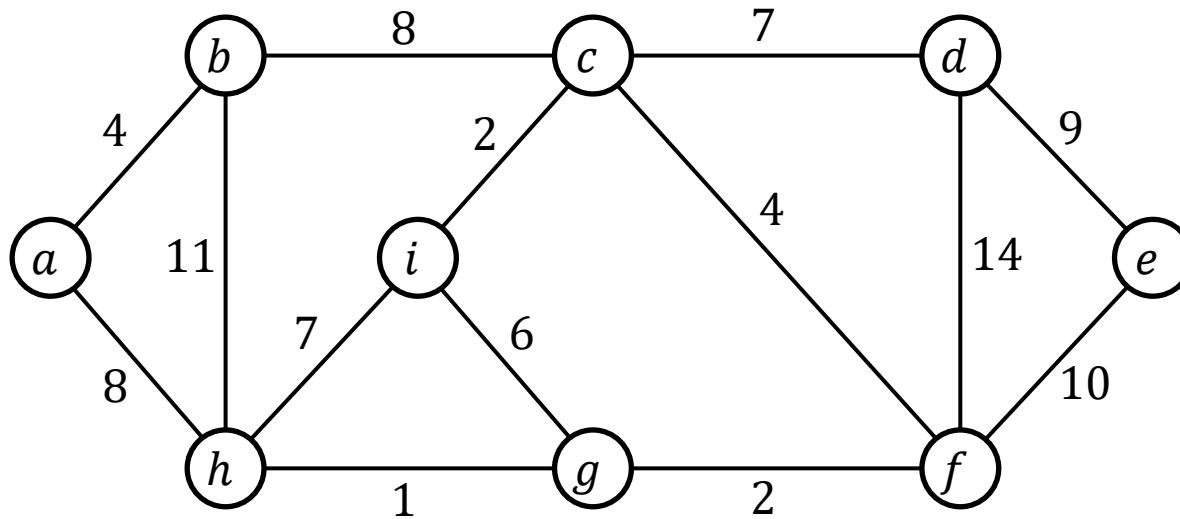
An acyclic subset $T \subseteq E$ that connects all vertices of V must form a tree, which we call a **spanning tree** since it “spans” the graph G .

A spanning tree of G can be found easily in $O(n + m)$ time, where $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$, using a *breadth-first search* (BFS) or a *depth-first search* (DFS).

The **minimum-spanning-tree (MST) problem** asks us to find a spanning tree T whose total weight $w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u, v)$ is minimized.

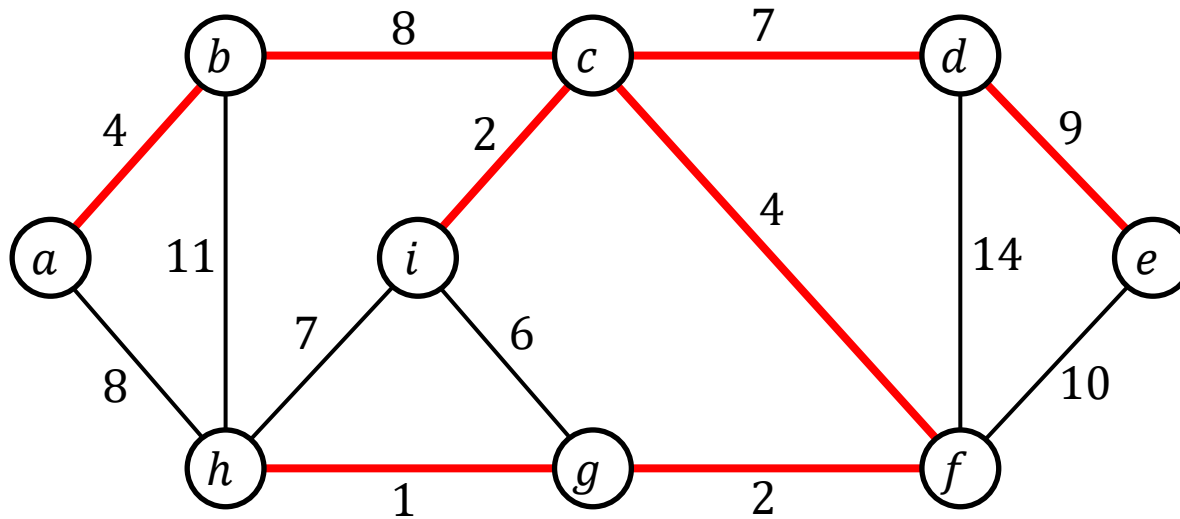
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Its MST (in red) of total weight 37

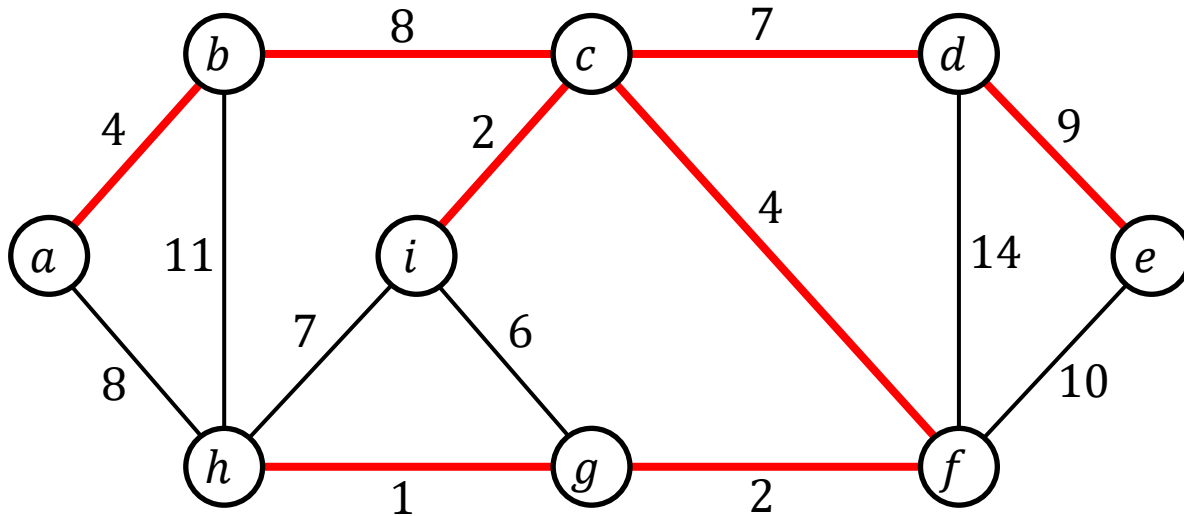
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Suppose set $A \subset E$ is a subset of some MST of G .

Now if edge $(u, v) \in E$ but edge $(u, v) \notin A$, we call (u, v) a **safe edge** provided $A \cup \{u, v\}$ is also a subset of an MST of G .

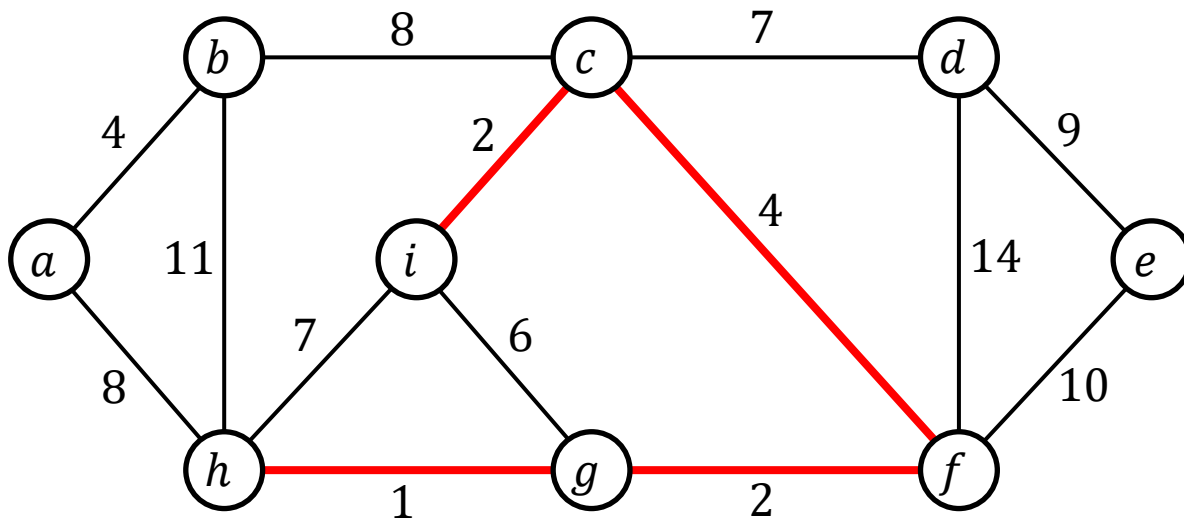
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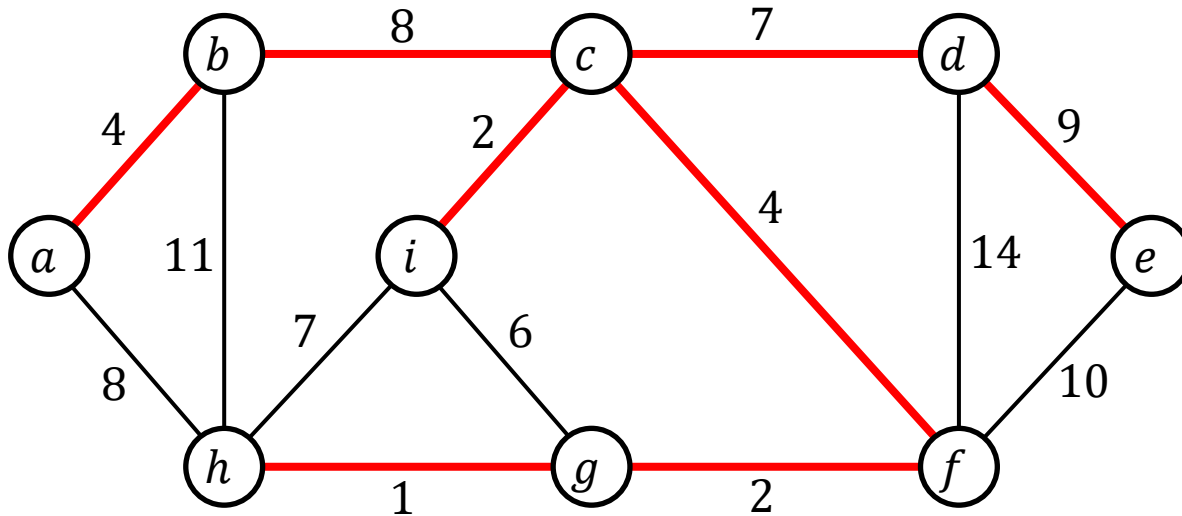
Red edges form an MST.
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Let $A = \{(i, c), (c, f), (f, g), (g, h)\}$

Clearly, $A \subset T$.



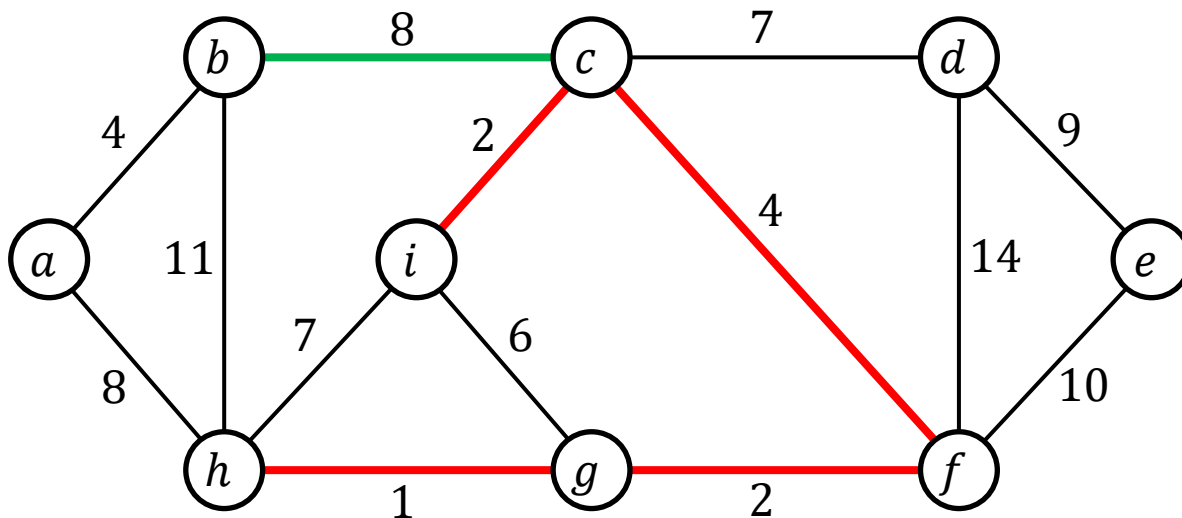
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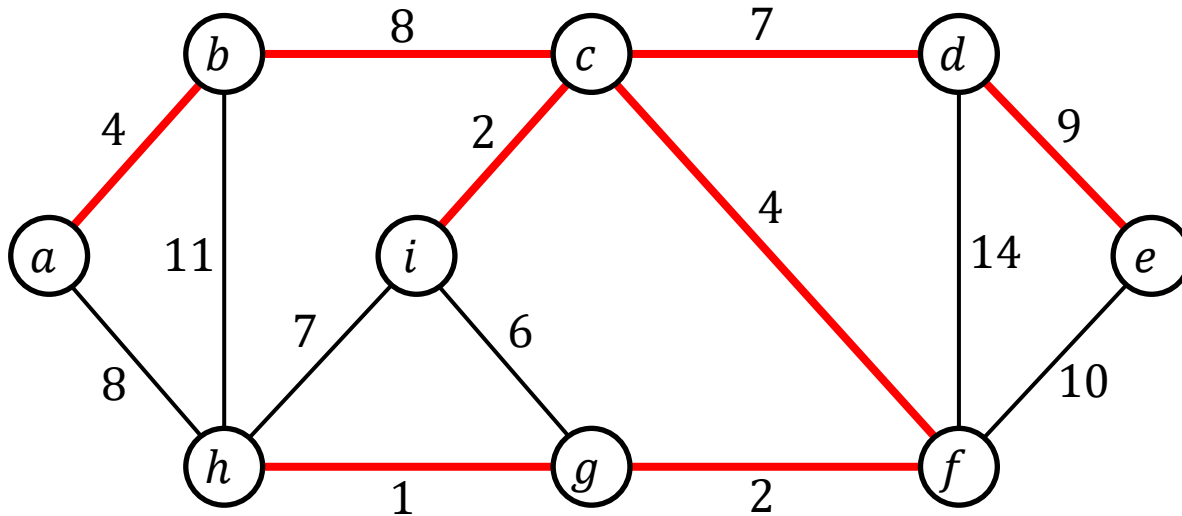
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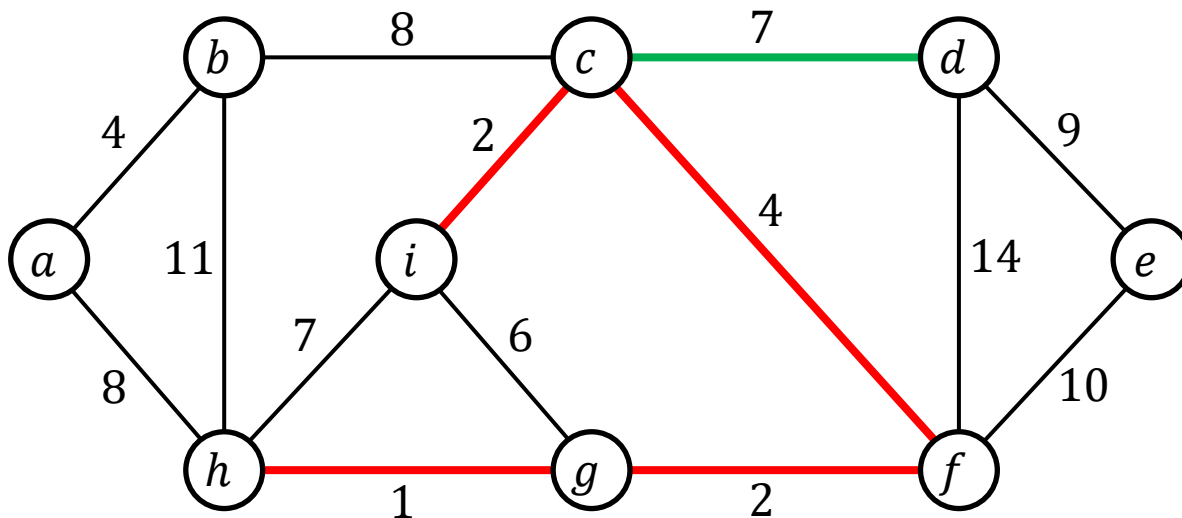


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Red edges form an MST.
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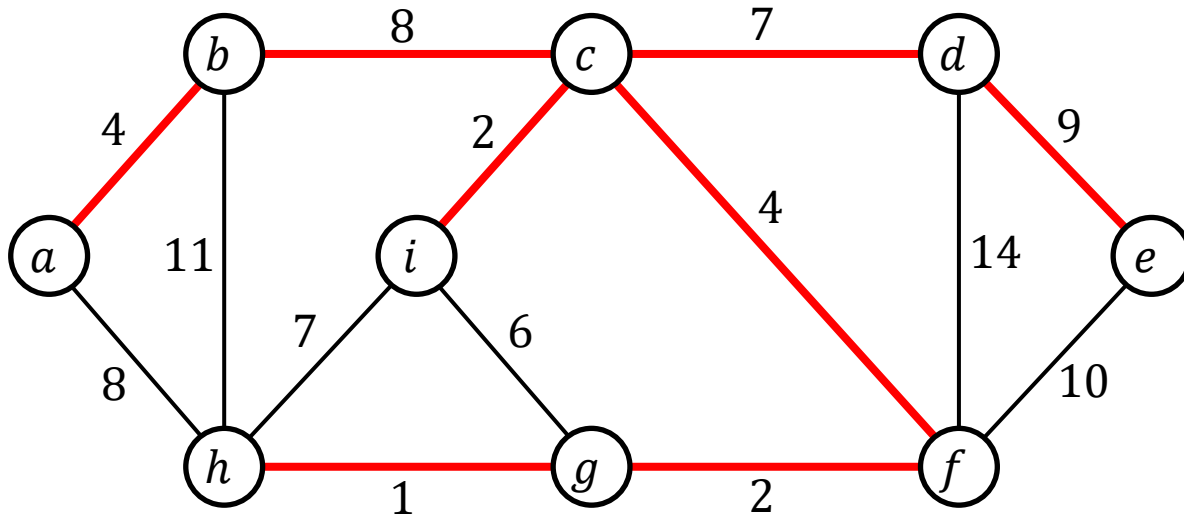


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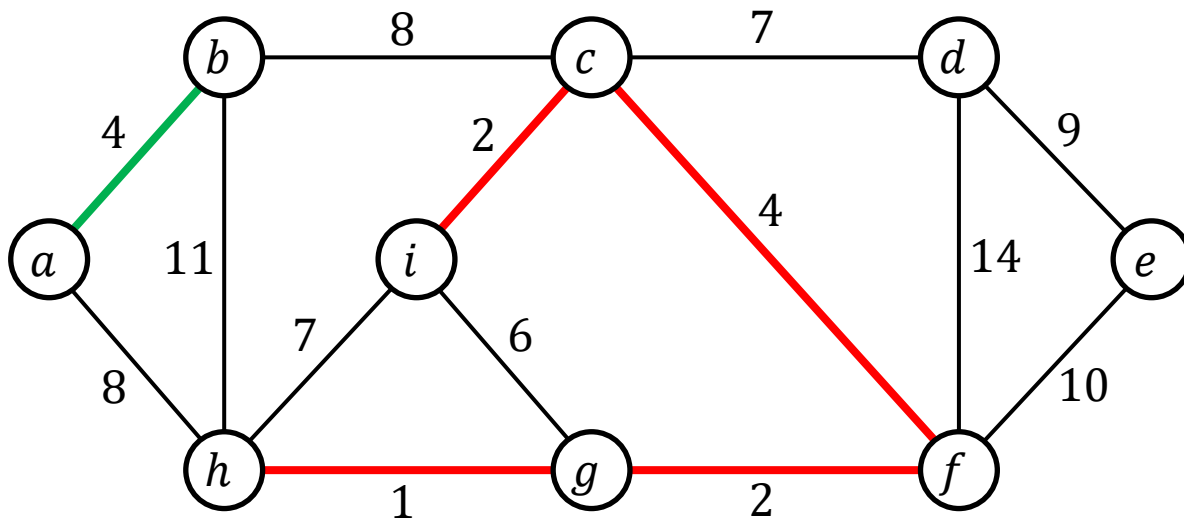
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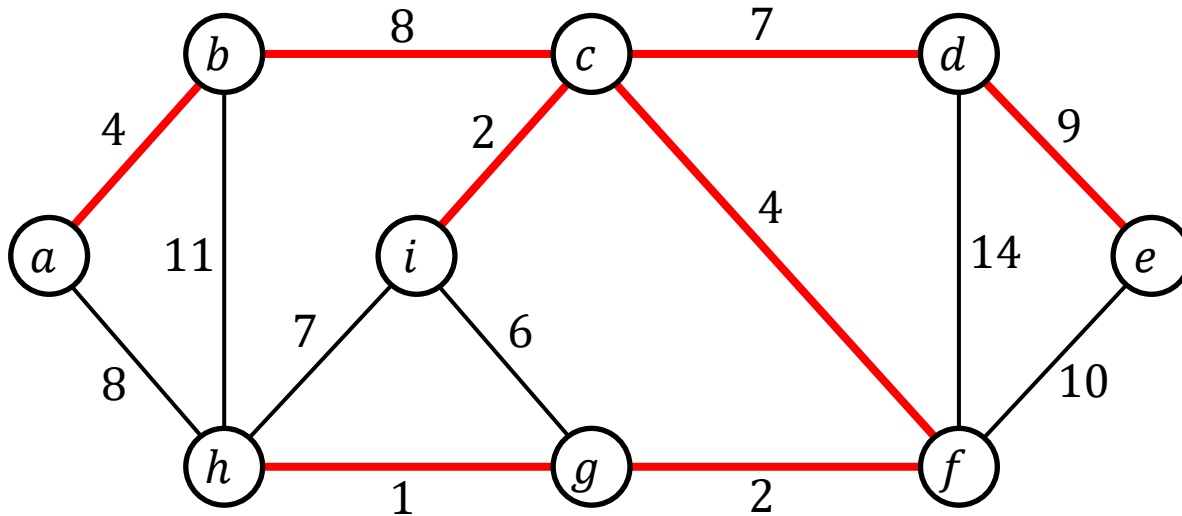
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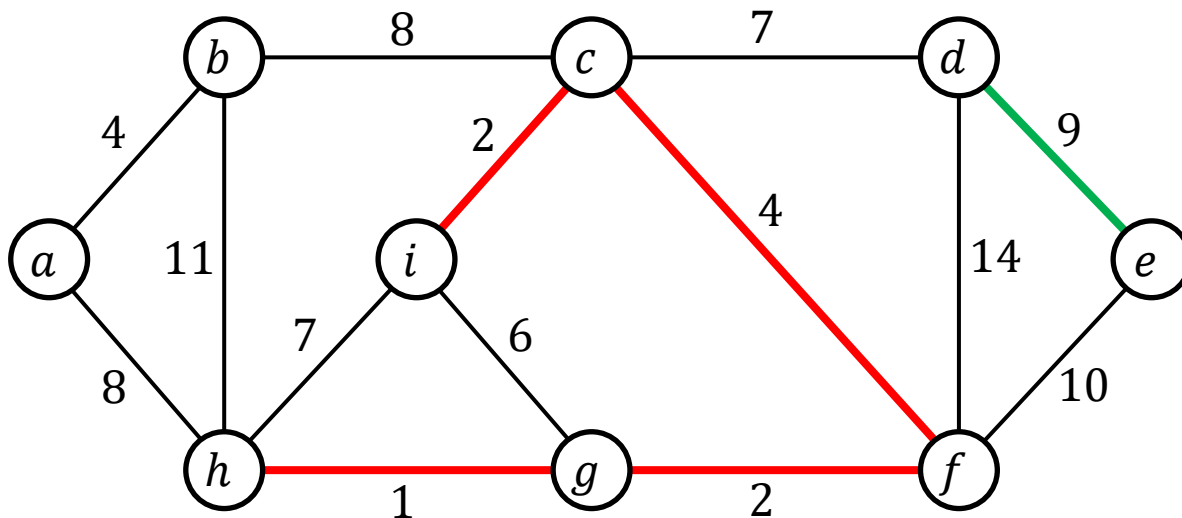


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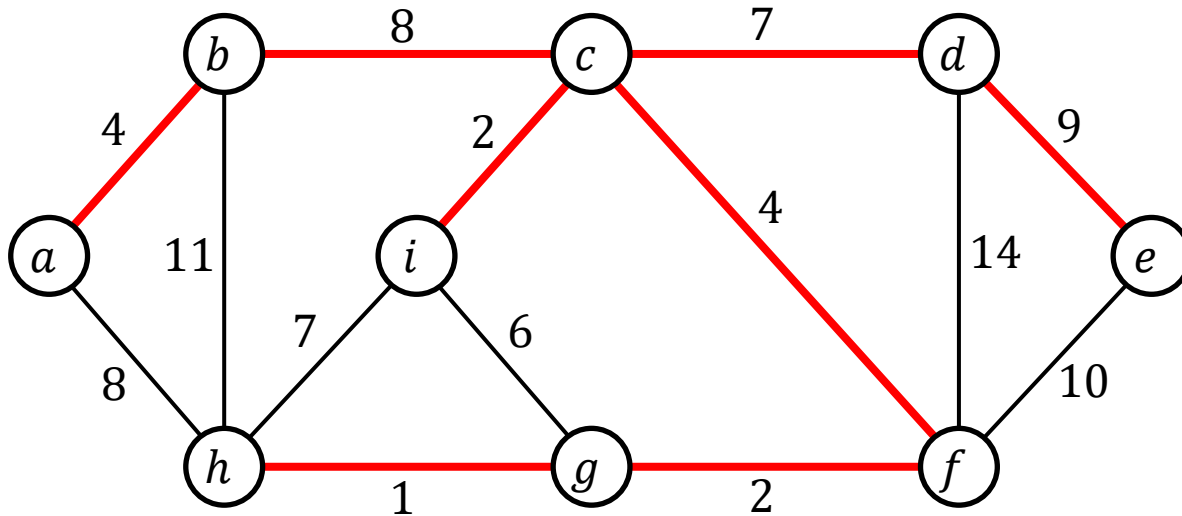


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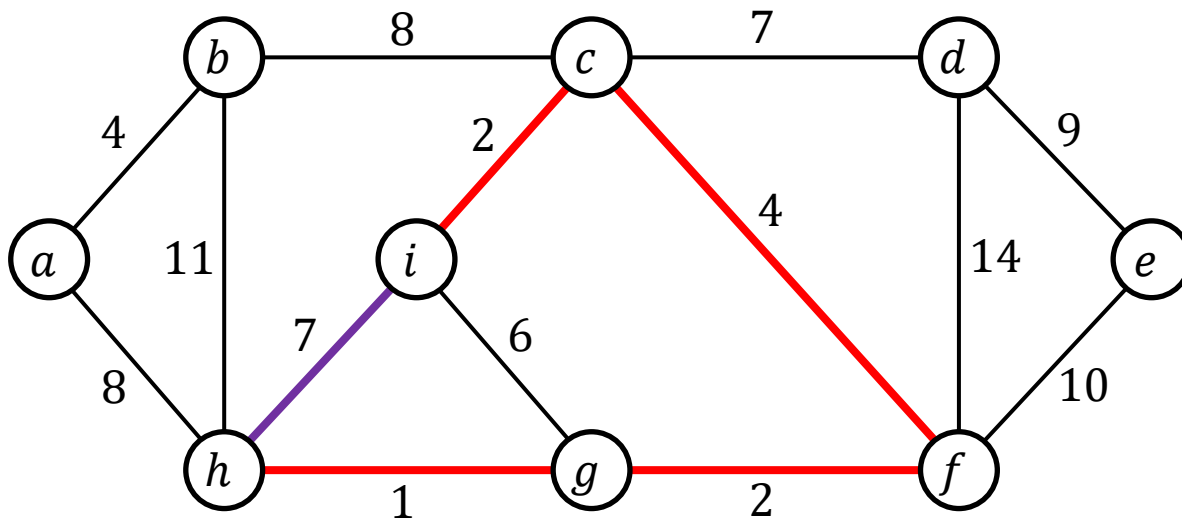
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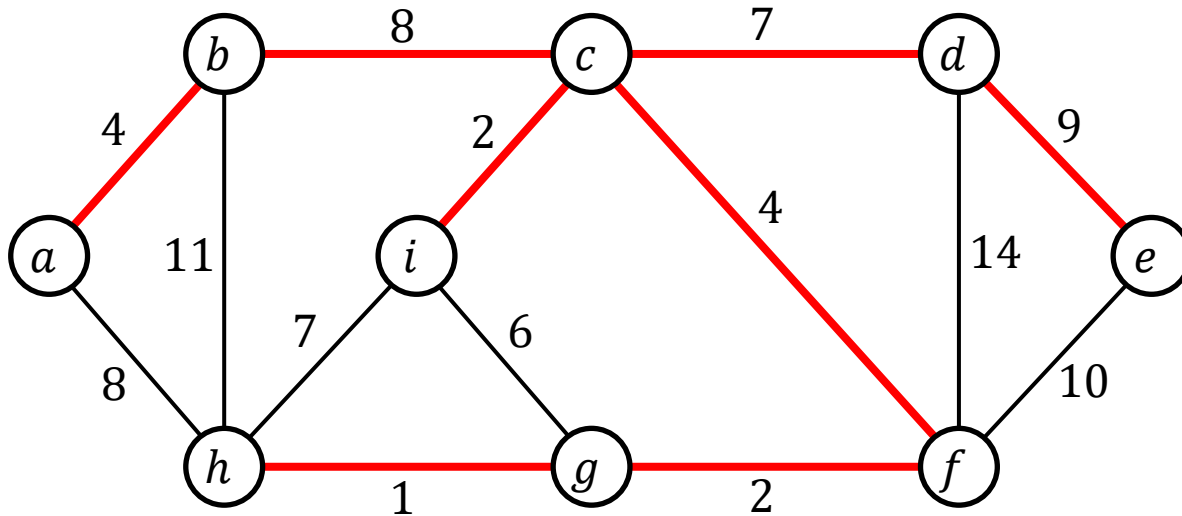


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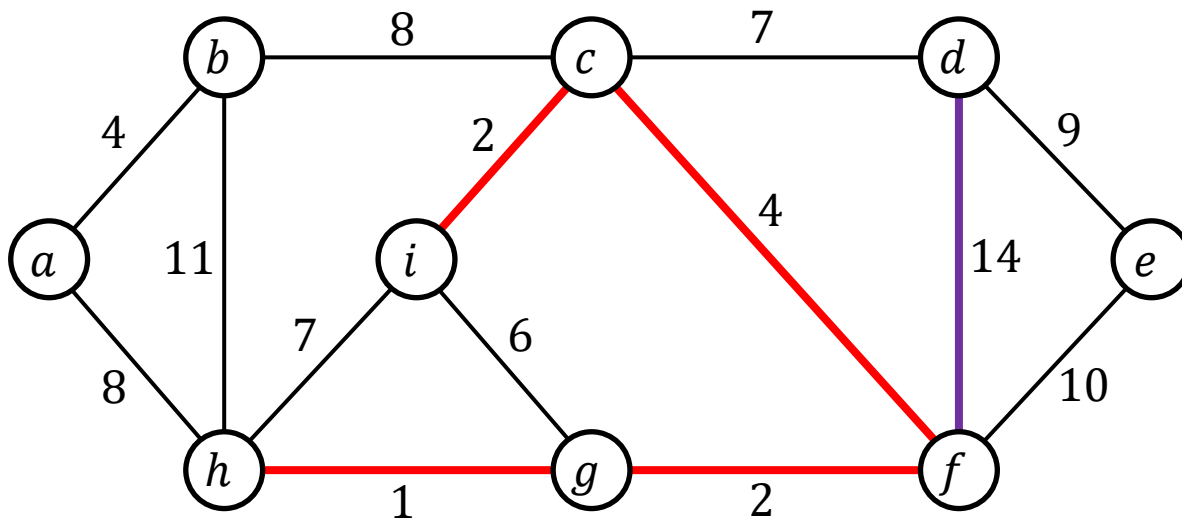
Clearly, $A \subset T$.

Edge (h, i) is **NOT safe**
because $A \cup \{(h, i)\}$
is **NOT part** of any MST
of the given graph.

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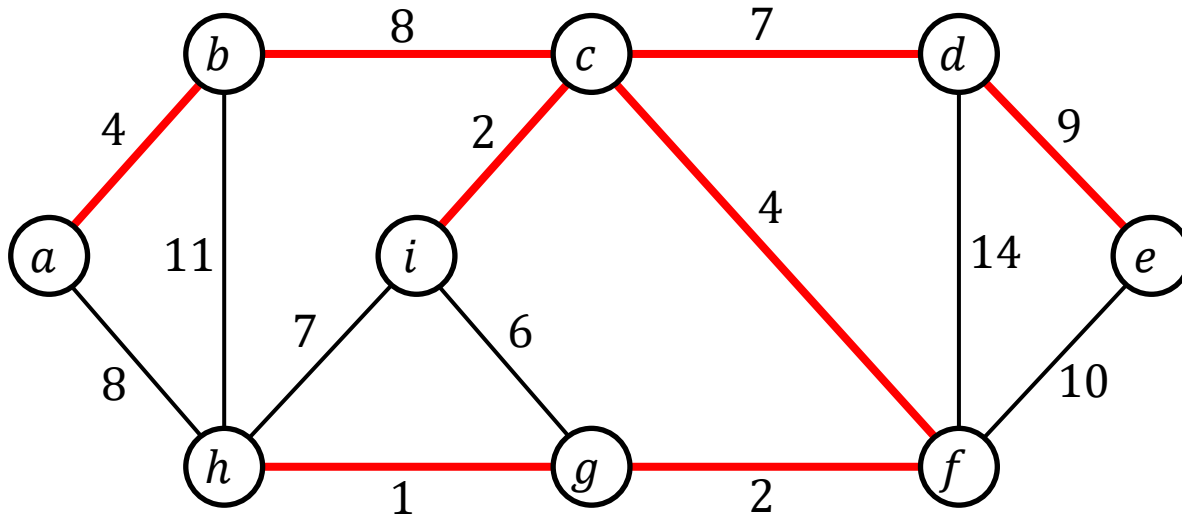


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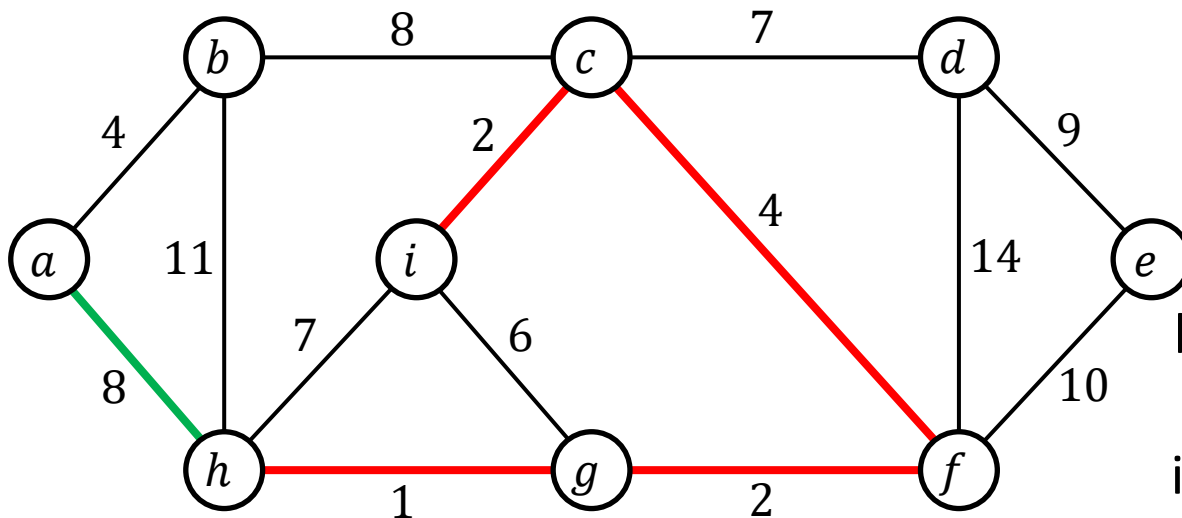
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Edge (a, h) is safe
because though $A \cup \{(a, h)\}$
is not a subset of T ,
it is a subset of another MST.

MST: Greedy Strategy for Growing an MST

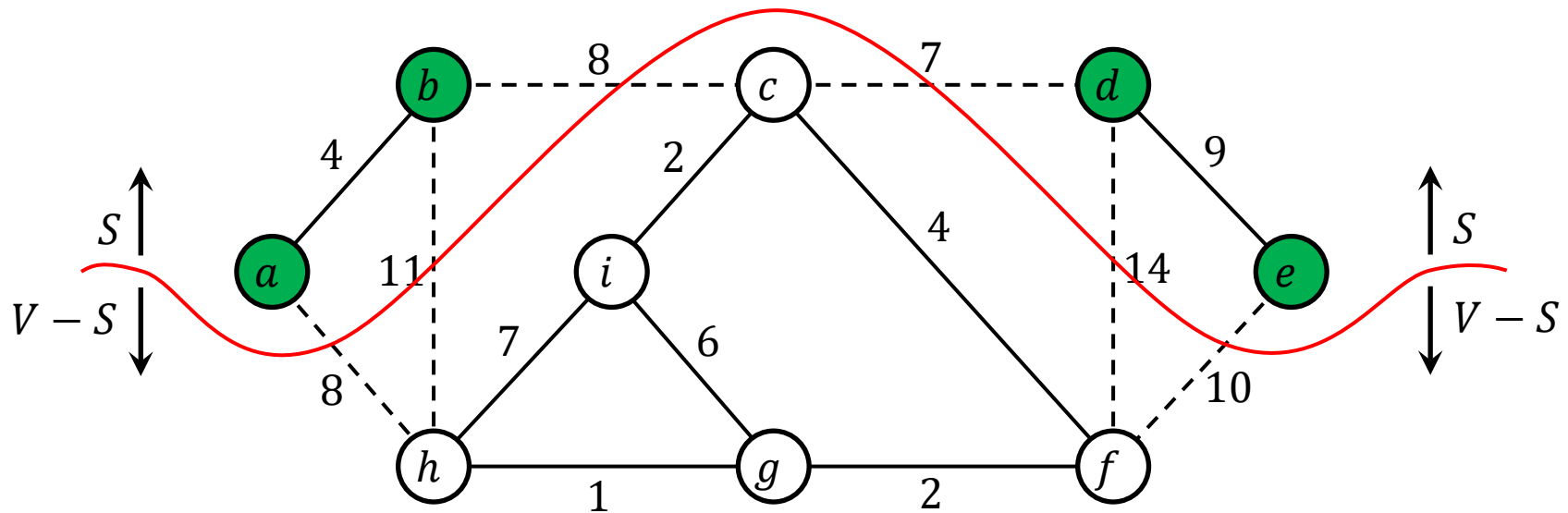
Generic-MST ($G = (V, E)$, w)

1. $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
2. *while* A does not form a spanning tree of G *do*
3. find an edge $(u, v) \in E$ that is safe for A
4. $A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u, v)\}$
5. *return* A

MST: Finding Safe Edges

A **cut** $(S, V \setminus S)$ of an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ is a partition of V .

We say that an edge $(u, v) \in E$ **crosses** the cut $(S, V \setminus S)$ if one of its endpoints is in S and the other is in $V \setminus S$.



Green vertices belong to set S , i.e., $S = \{a, b, d, e\}$.

White vertices belong to set $V - S$, i.e., $V - S = \{c, f, g, h, i\}$.

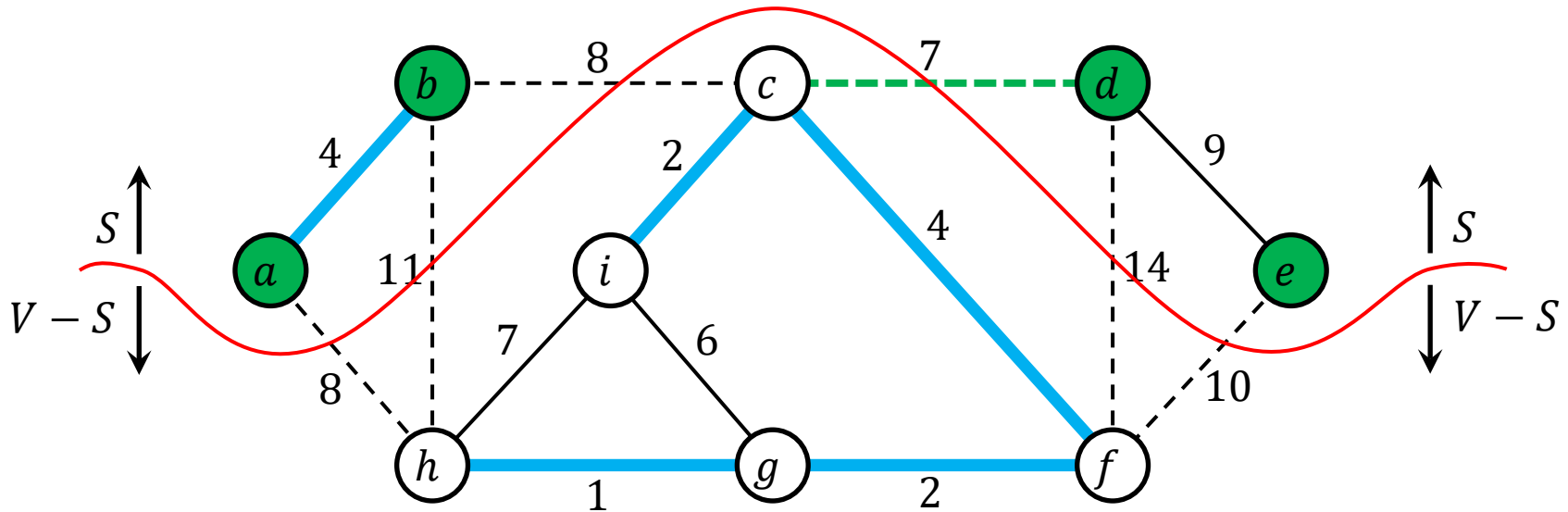
The red line represent the cut $(S, V - S)$.

Dotted edges are the cut edges, i.e., they cross the red line.

MST: Finding Safe Edges

A cut *respects* a set A of edges if no edge in A crosses the cut.

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Let the blue thick edges form the set A , i.e.,

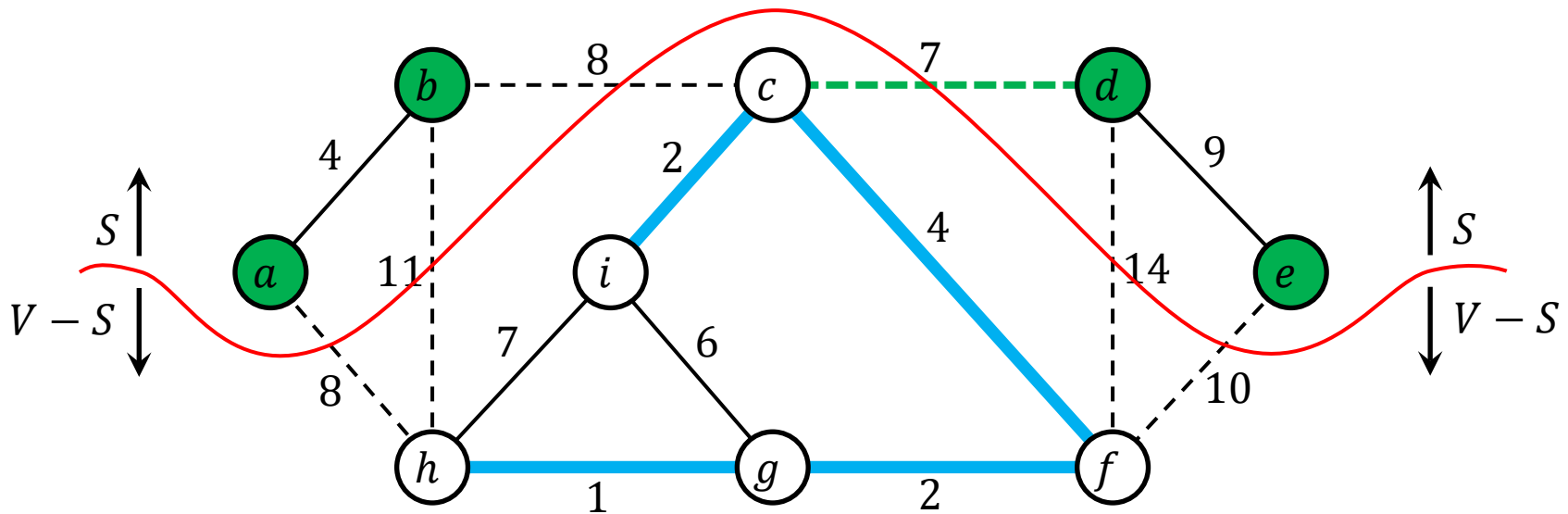
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Then edge (c, d) is a light edge crossing the cut.

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The entire set A can be on the same side of the cut, e.g.,

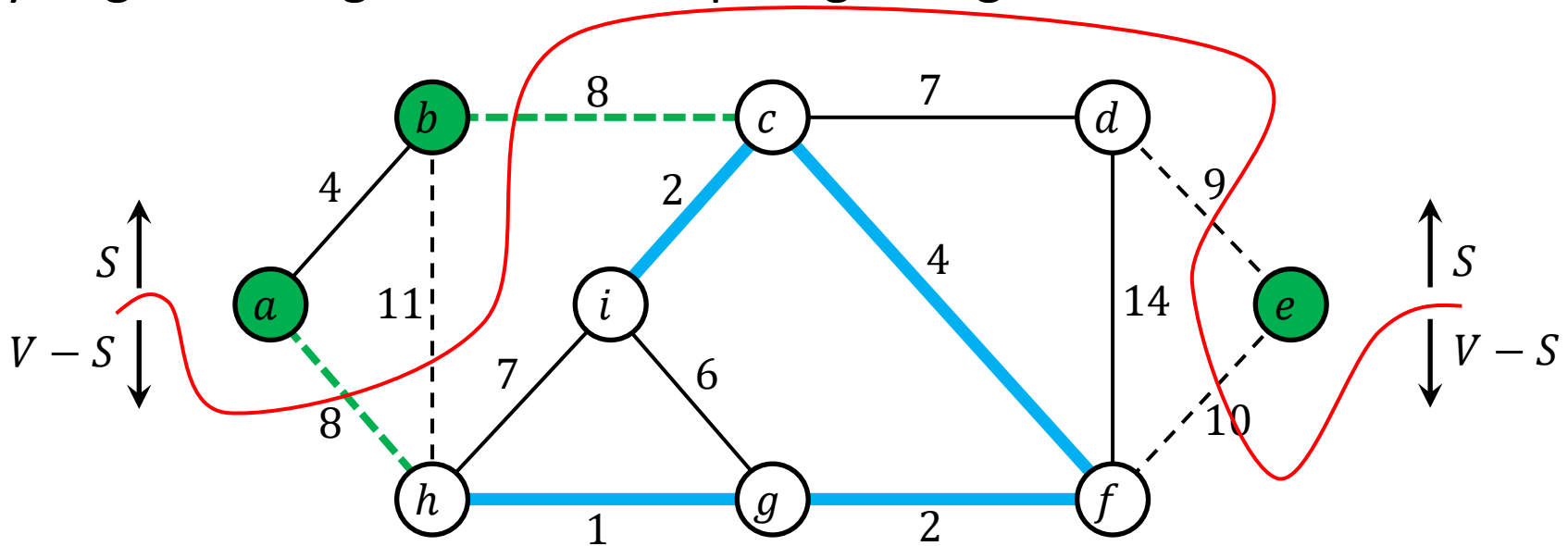
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Still edge (c, d) is a light edge crossing the cut.

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Consider a different cut as shown above.

Consider the same set $A = \{(c, f), (c, i), (f, g), (g, h)\}$.

Now both (a, h) and (b, c) are light edges crossing the cut.

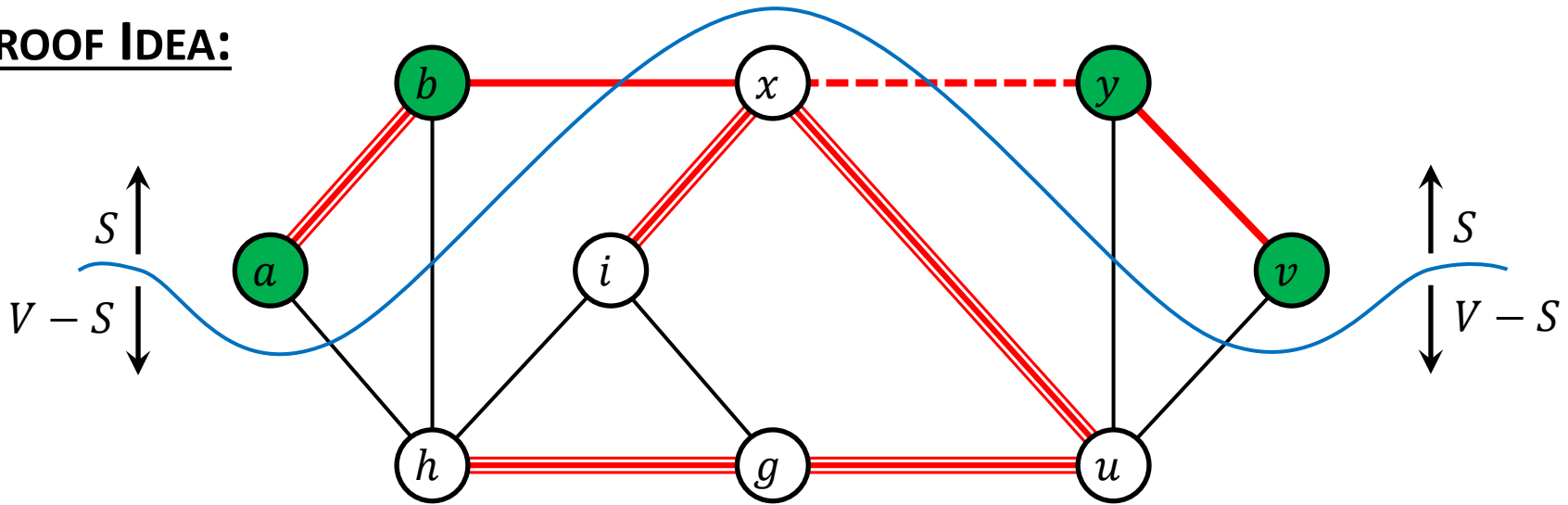
MST: Finding Safe Edges

THEOREM: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected, undirected graph with a real-valued weight function w defined on E . Let A be a subset of E that is included in some minimum spanning tree for G , and let $(S, V \setminus S)$ be any cut of G that respects A , and let (u, v) be a light edge crossing $(S, V \setminus S)$. Then, edge (u, v) is safe for A .

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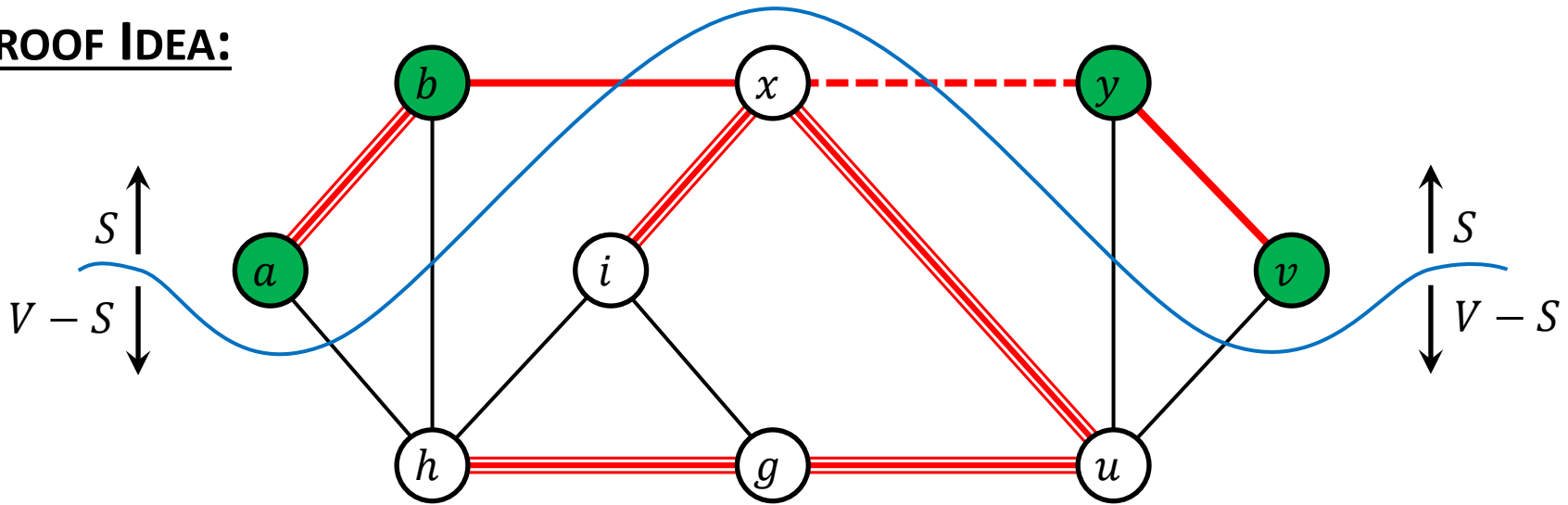
Let (u, v) be a light edge crossing the cut.

Let's assume $(u, v) \notin T$, as otherwise we are done.

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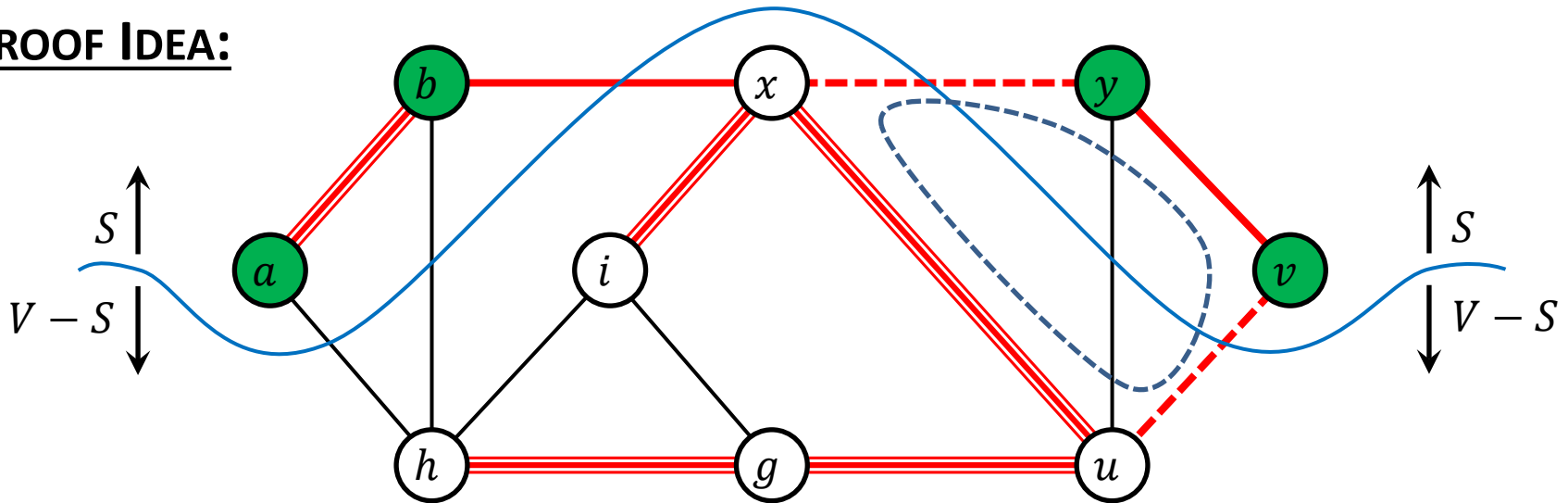


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As T is a spanning tree, some edge $(x, y) \in T$ must also cross the cut.

Let's add edge (u, v) to T .

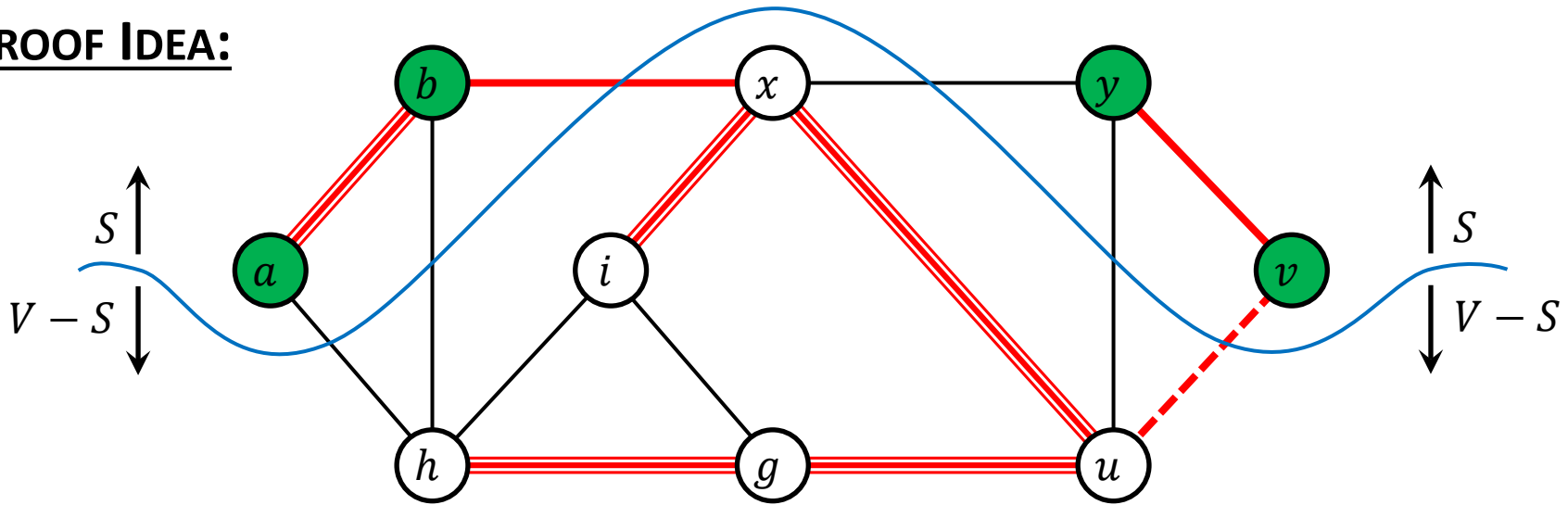
That must form a cycle in $T \cup \{(u, v)\}$.

So, $T \cup \{(u, v)\}$ is not a tree.

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We can break the cycle by removing edge (x, y) from $T \cup \{(u, v)\}$.

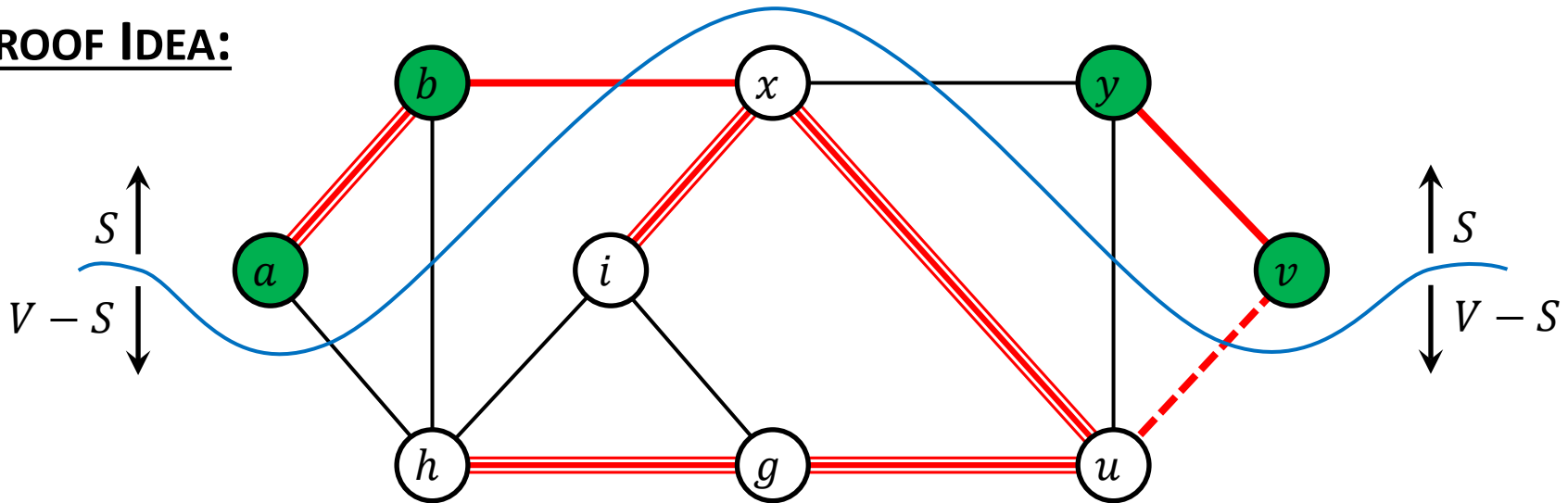
Let $T' = T - \{(x, y)\} \cup \{(u, v)\}$.

Observe that T' is now a spanning tree of G .

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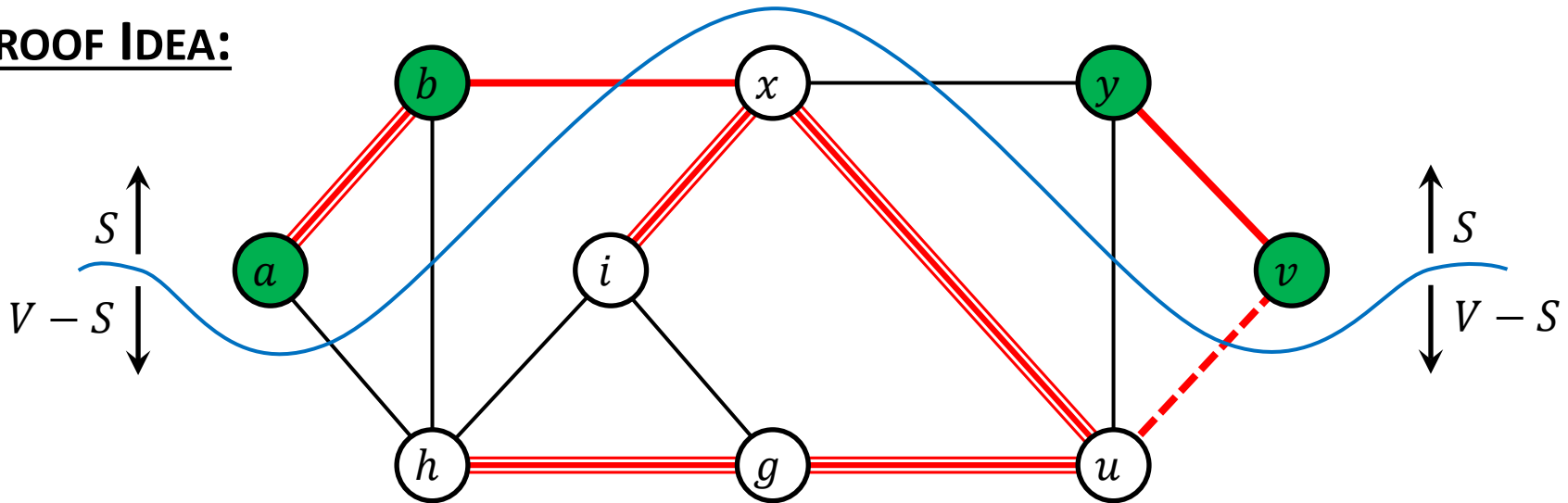
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } w(T') &= w(T - \{(x, y)\} \cup \{(u, v)\}) \\ &= w(T) - w((x, y)) + w((u, v)) \leq w(T) \end{aligned}$$

But we assumed that T is an MST of G , and so $w(T) \leq w(T')$

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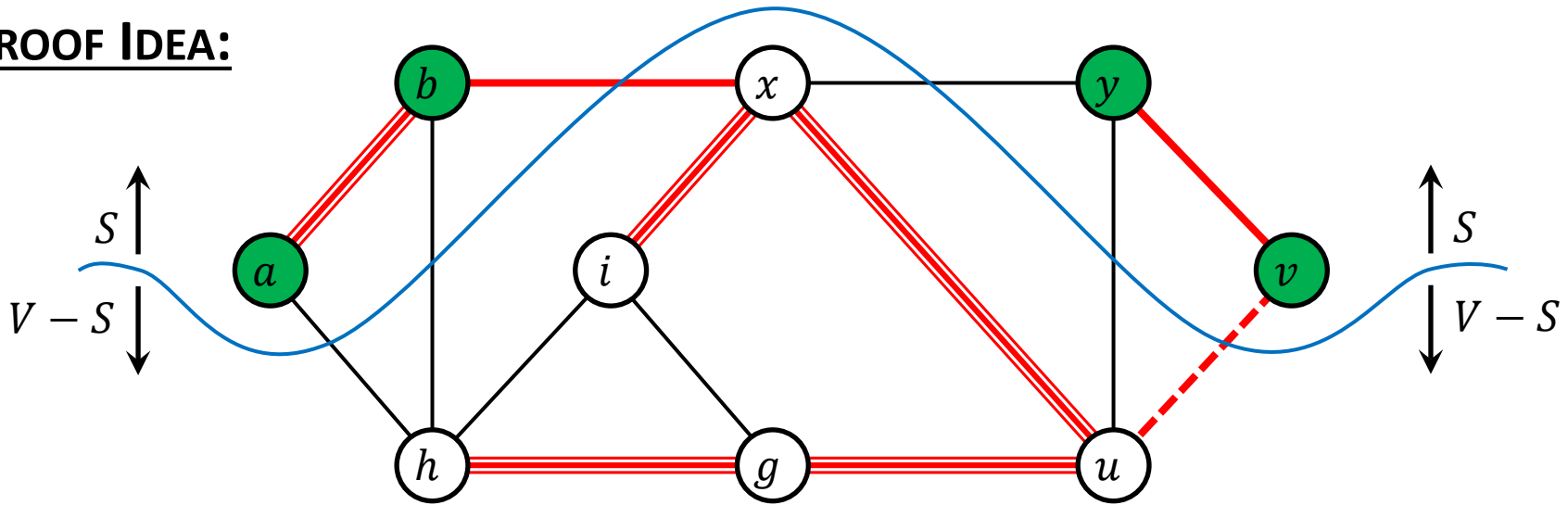
Since, $w(T') \leq w(T)$ and $w(T) \leq w(T')$, we have $w(T') = w(T)$.

So, T' must also be an MST of G .

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PROOF IDEA:



Since $A \subseteq T$ and $(x, y) \notin A$, we have $A \subseteq T'$.

Thus, $A \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq T'$.

Since T' is an MST of G , edge (u, v) is safe for A .

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COROLLARY: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected, undirected graph with a real-valued weight function w defined on E . Let A be a subset of E that is included in some minimum spanning tree for G , and let $C = (V_C, E_C)$ be a connected component (tree) in the forest $G_A = (V, A)$. If (u, v) is a light edge crossing from C to some other component of G_A , then edge (u, v) is safe for A .

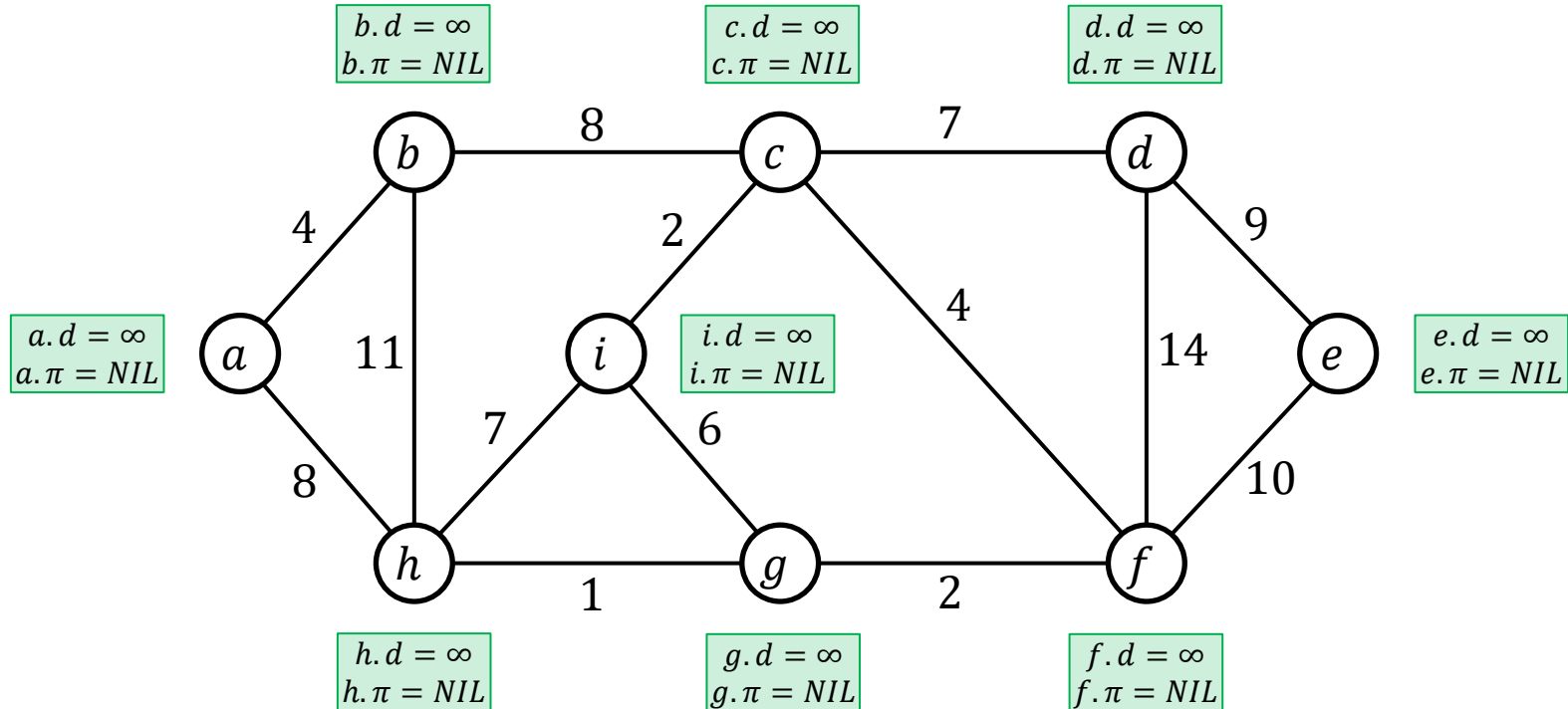
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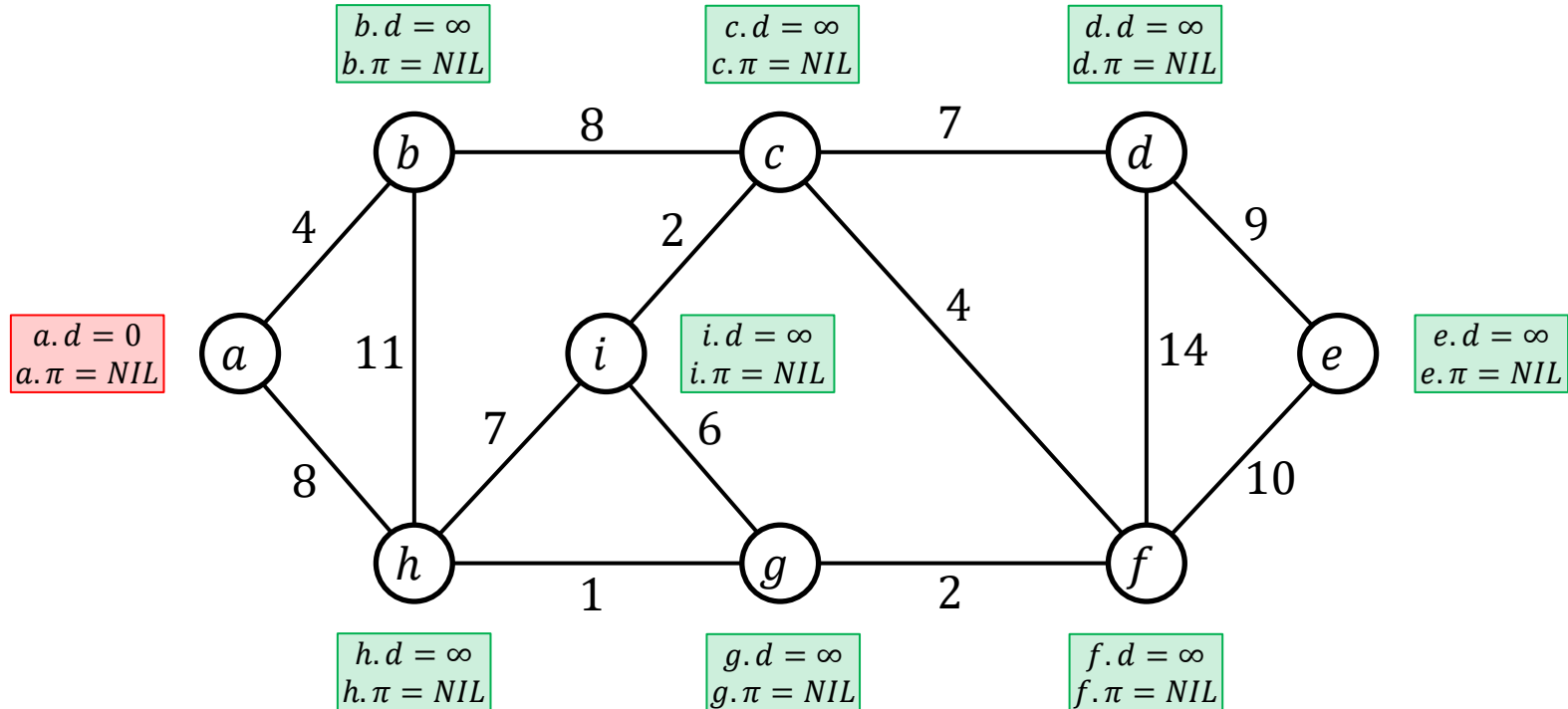
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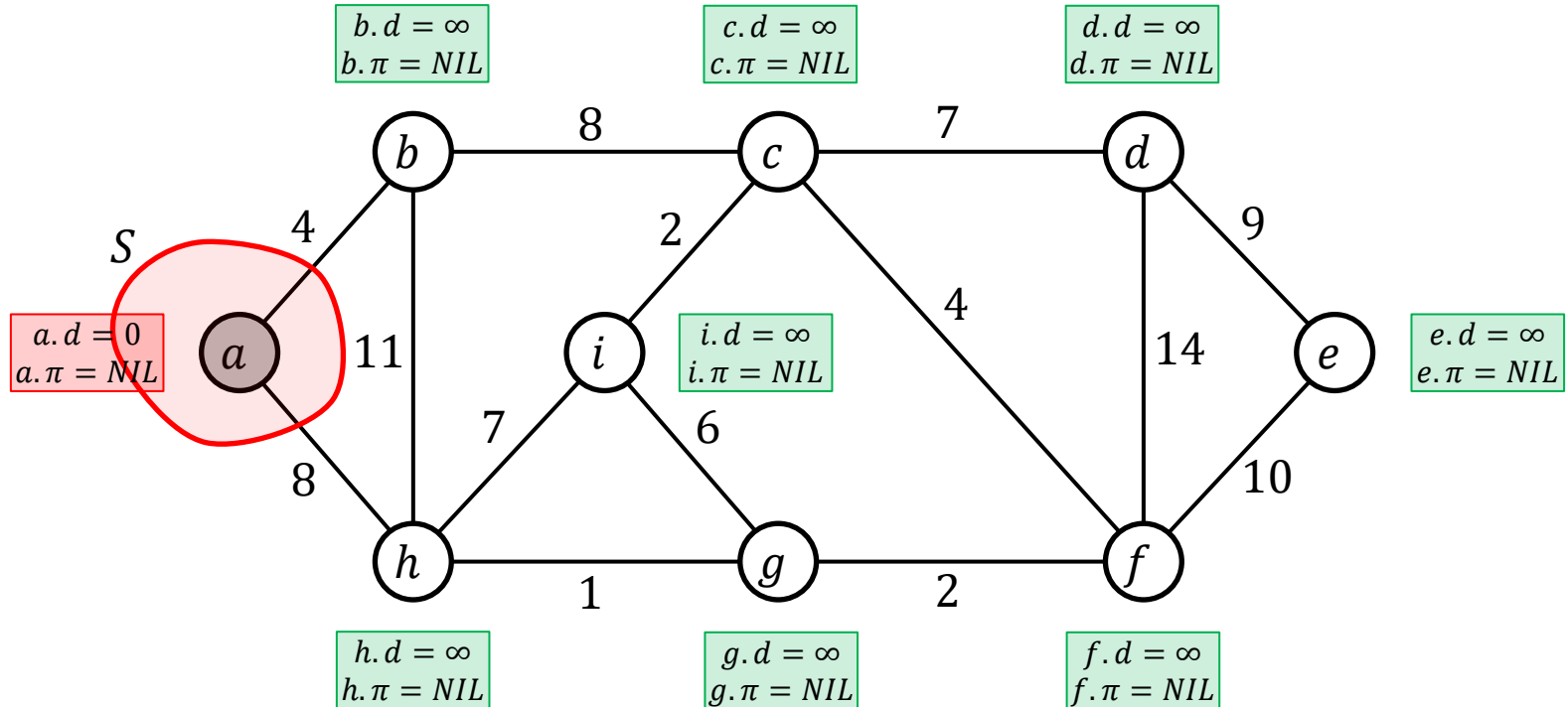
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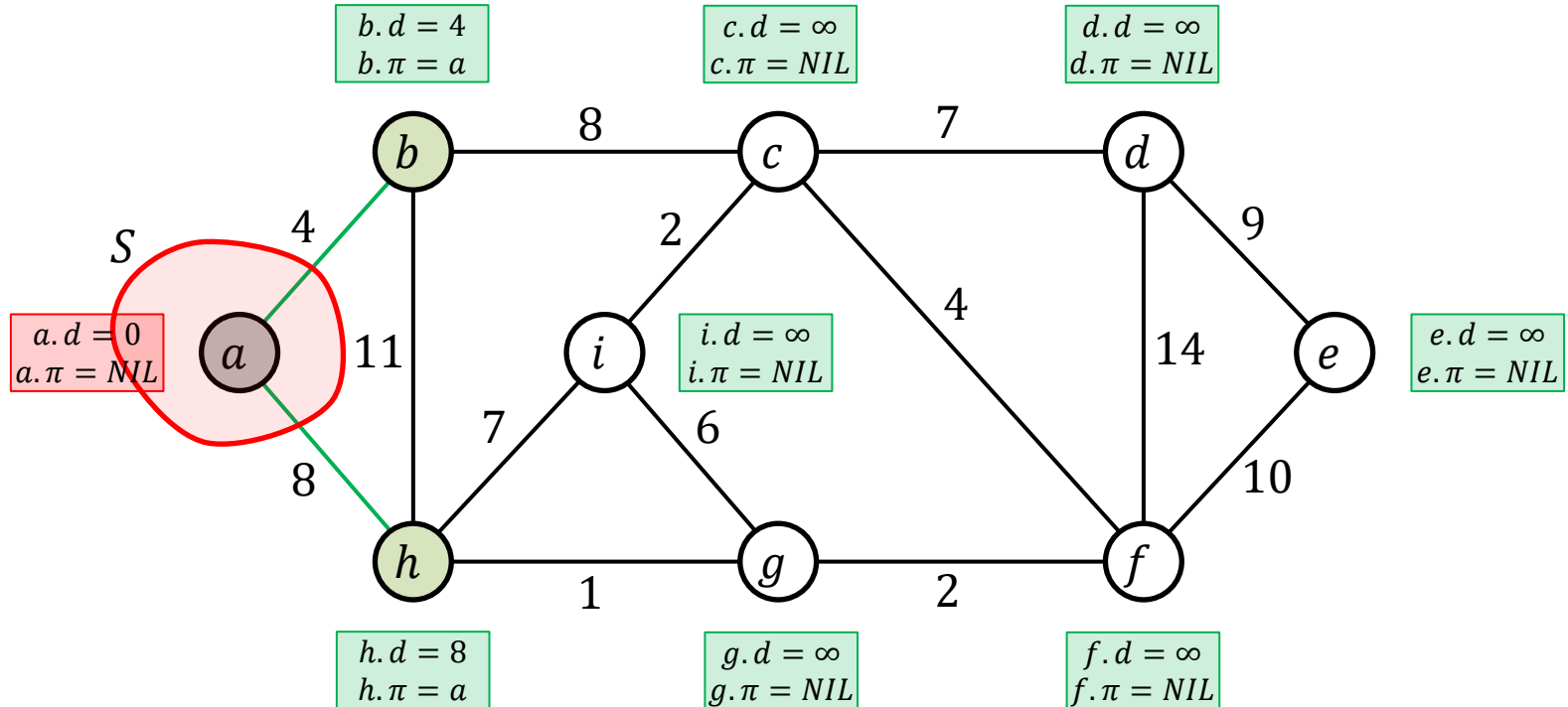
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Step 1: add vertex a to MST



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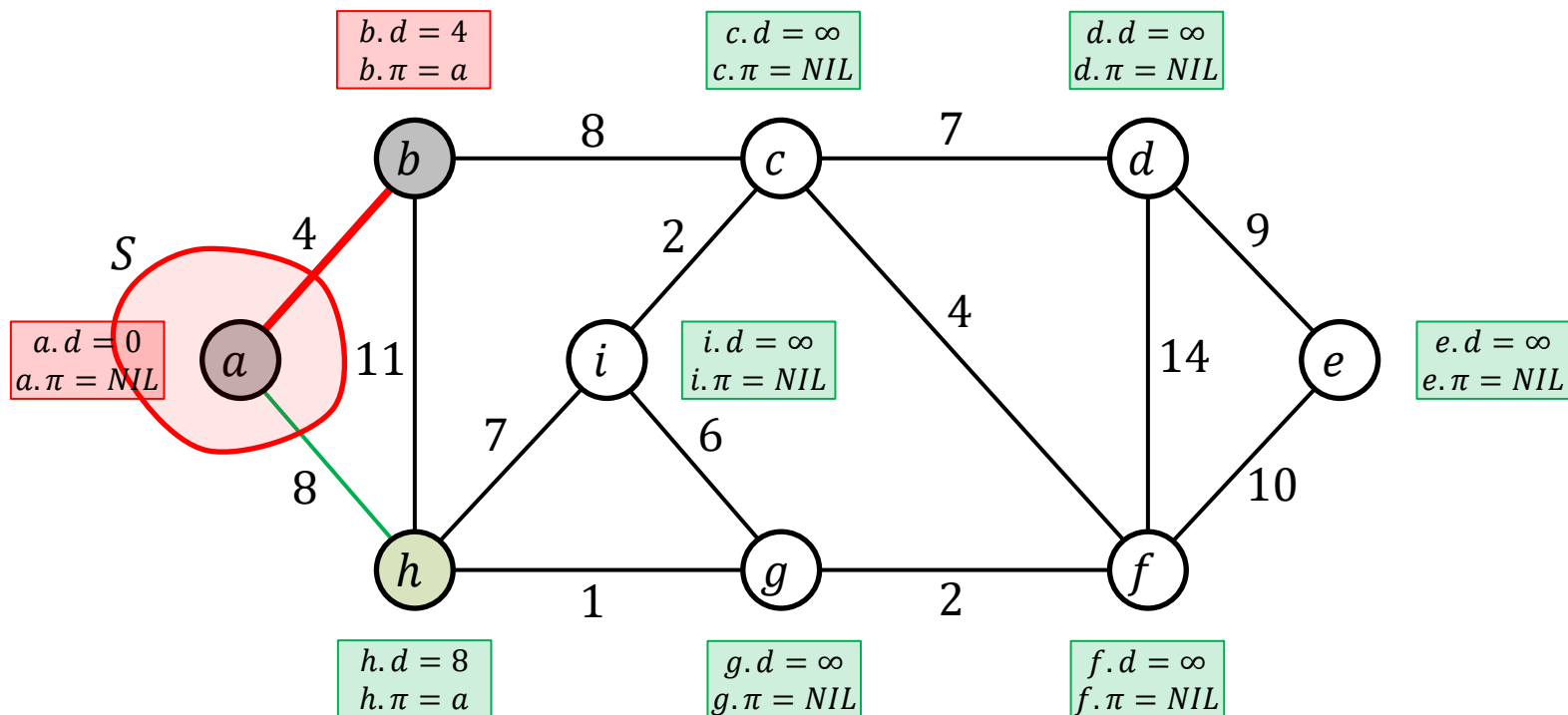
Step 1': update neighbors of a



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$$\text{Cut} = (S, V - S)$$

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Step 2: add vertex b through edge (a, b)



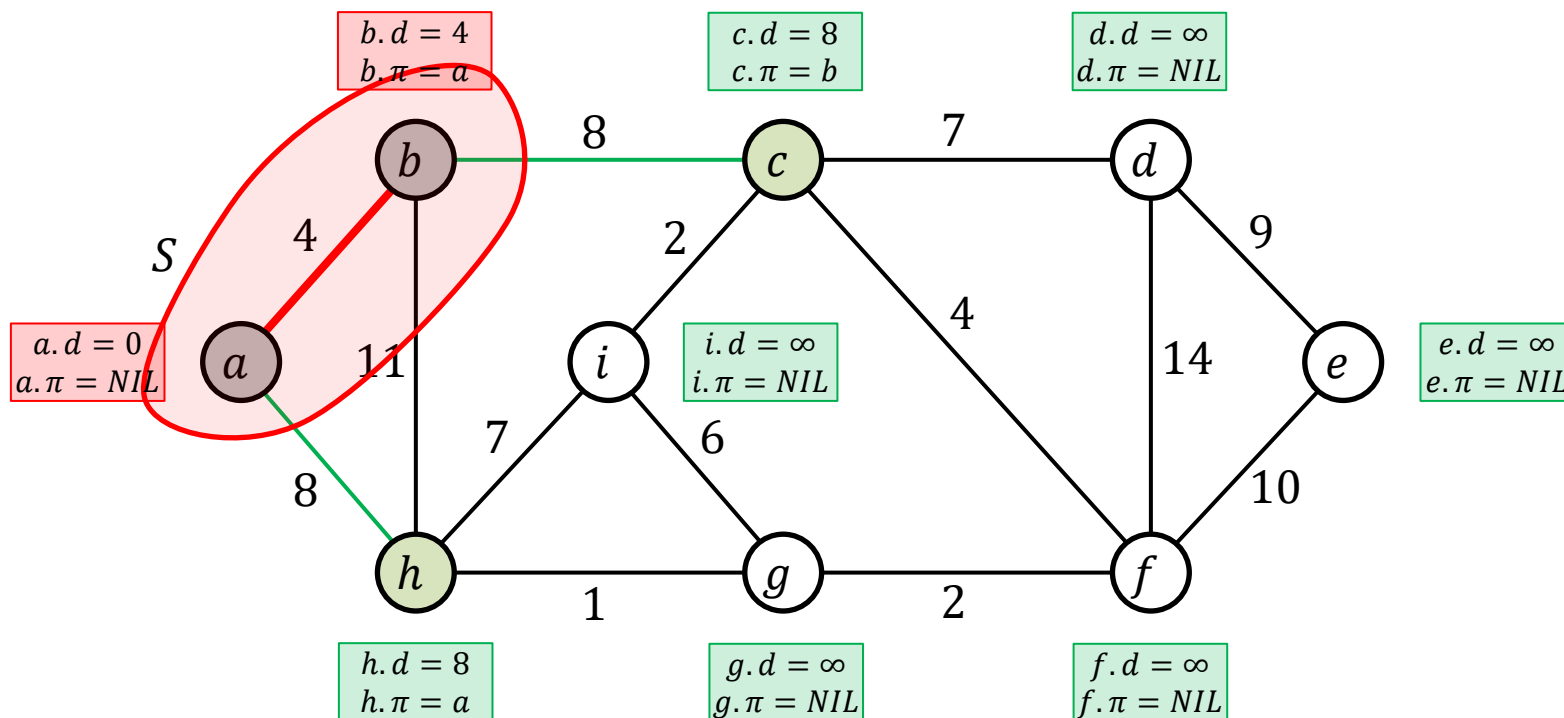
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(a, b) is the light edge crossing the cut

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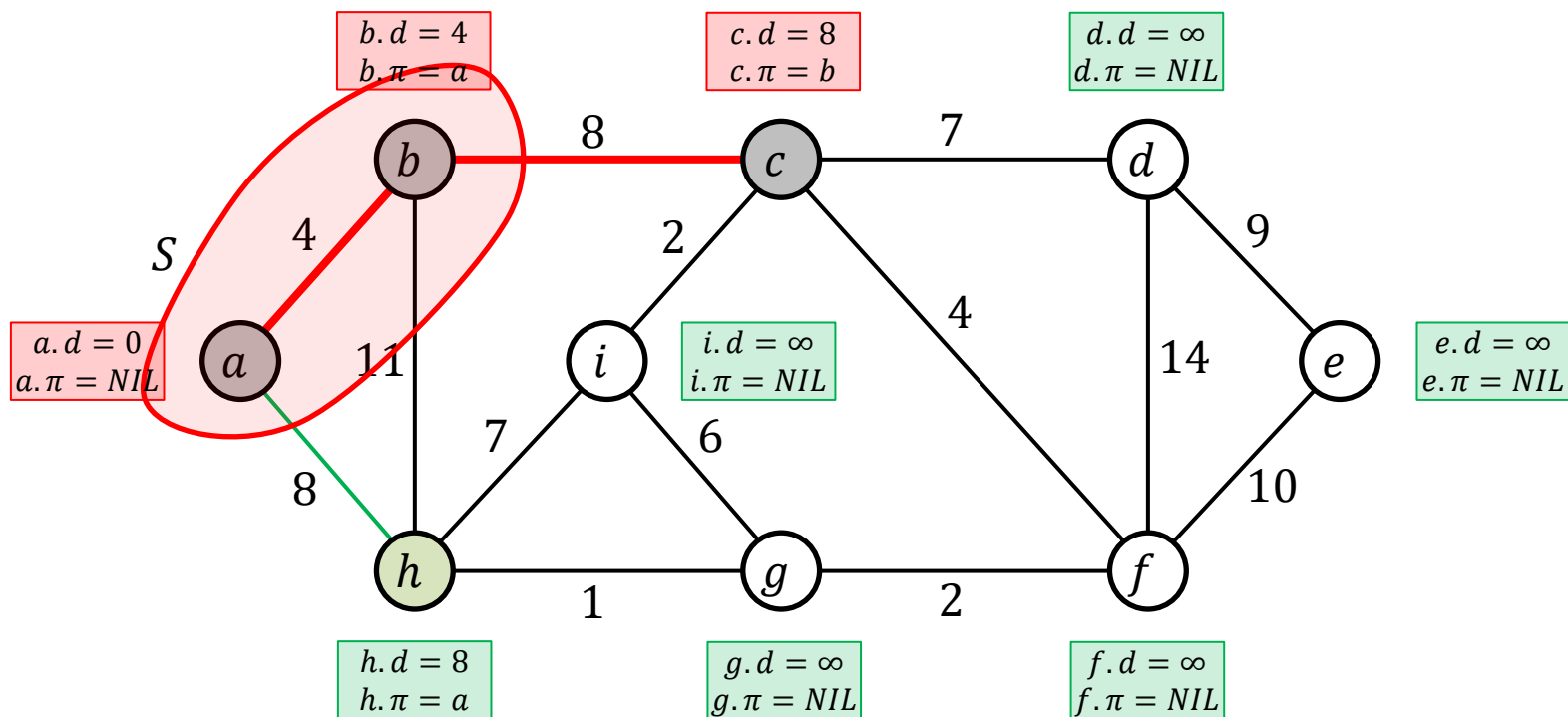
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Step 3: add vertex c through edge (b, c)



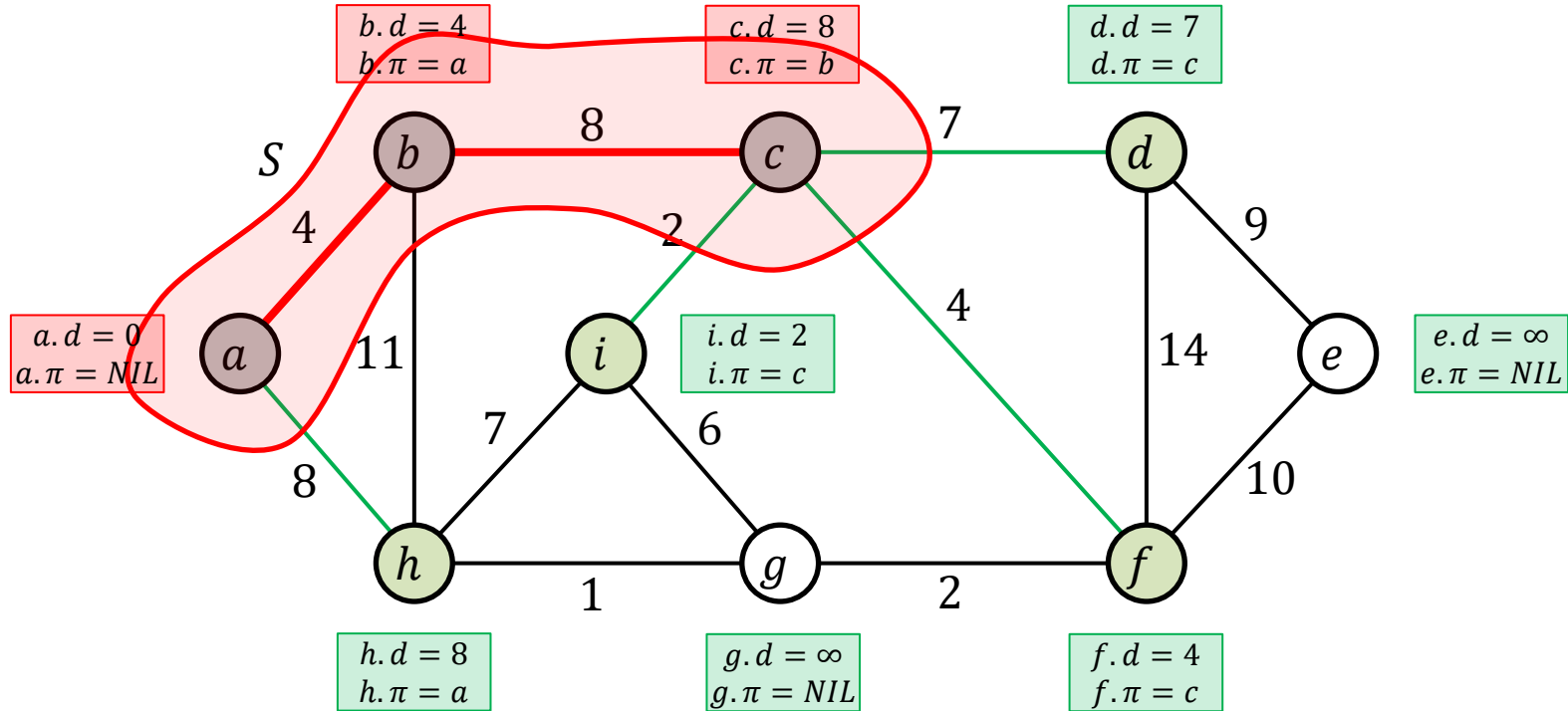
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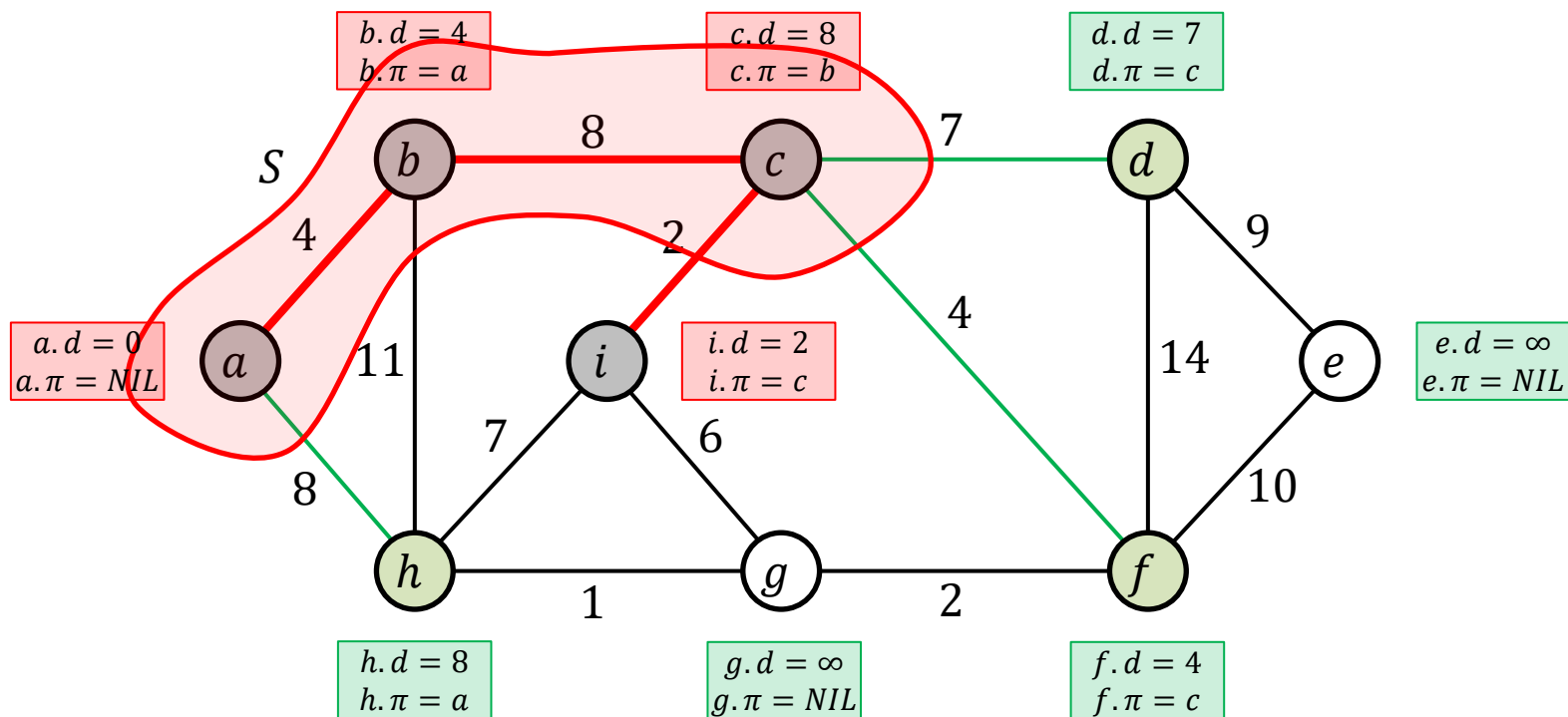
Step 3': update neighbors of c



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Step 4: add vertex i through edge (c, i)



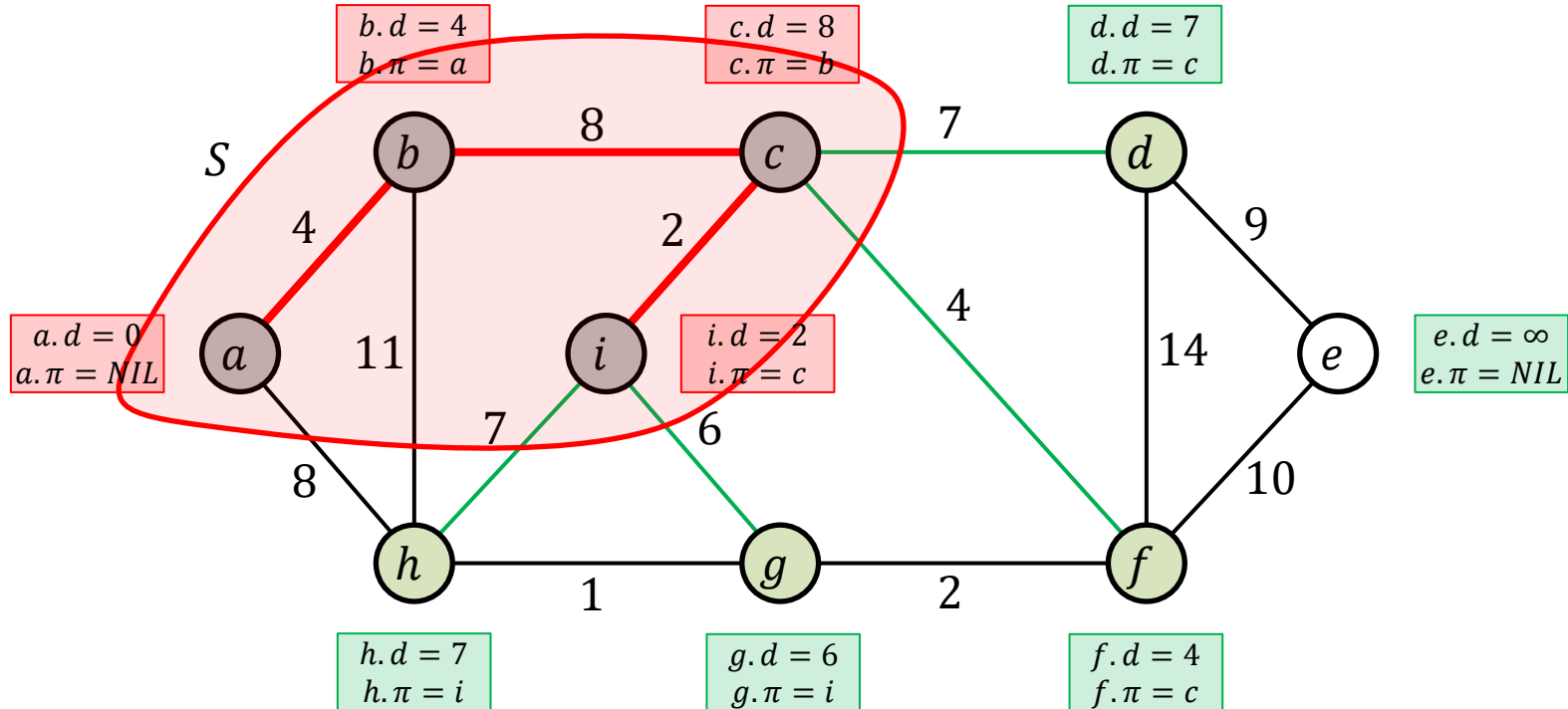
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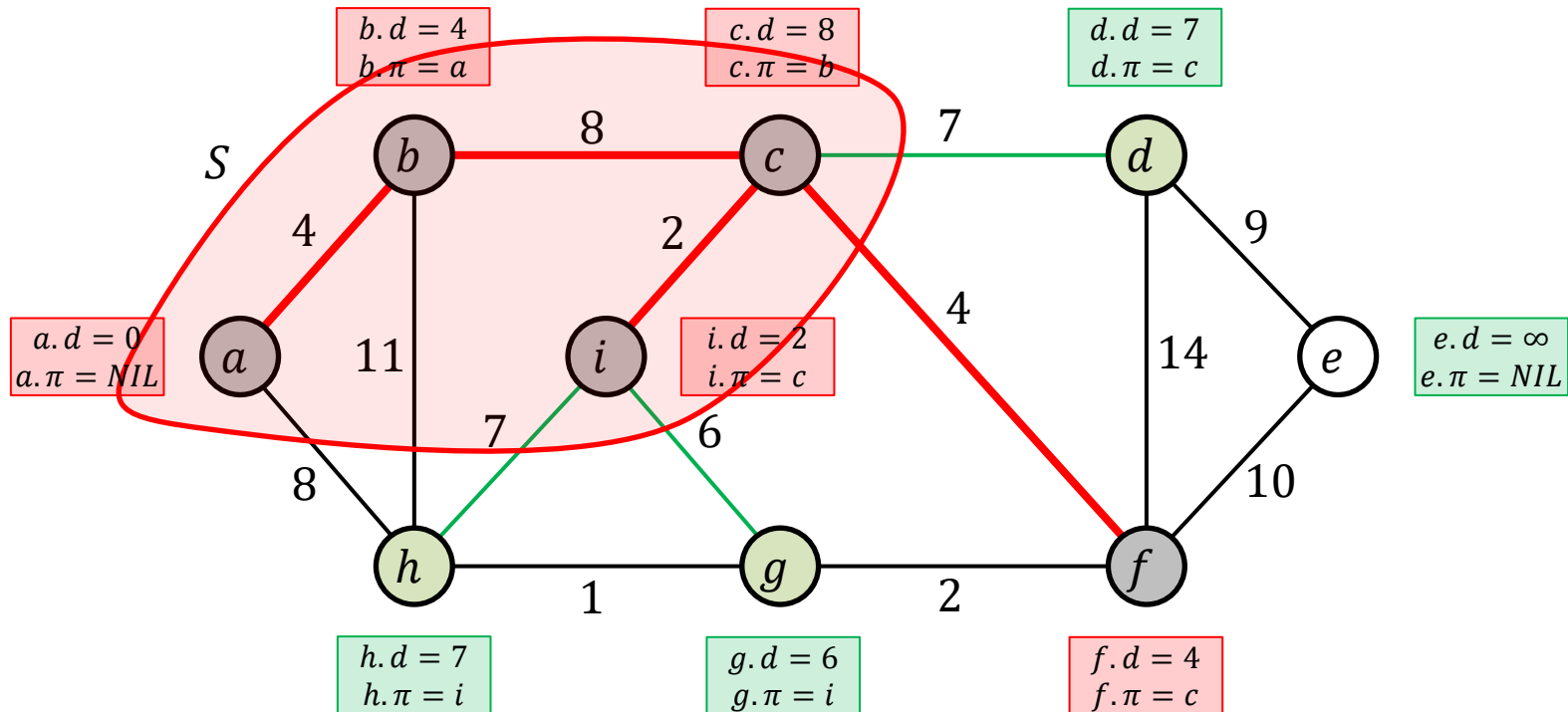
Step 4': update neighbors of i



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Step 5: add vertex f through edge (c, f)



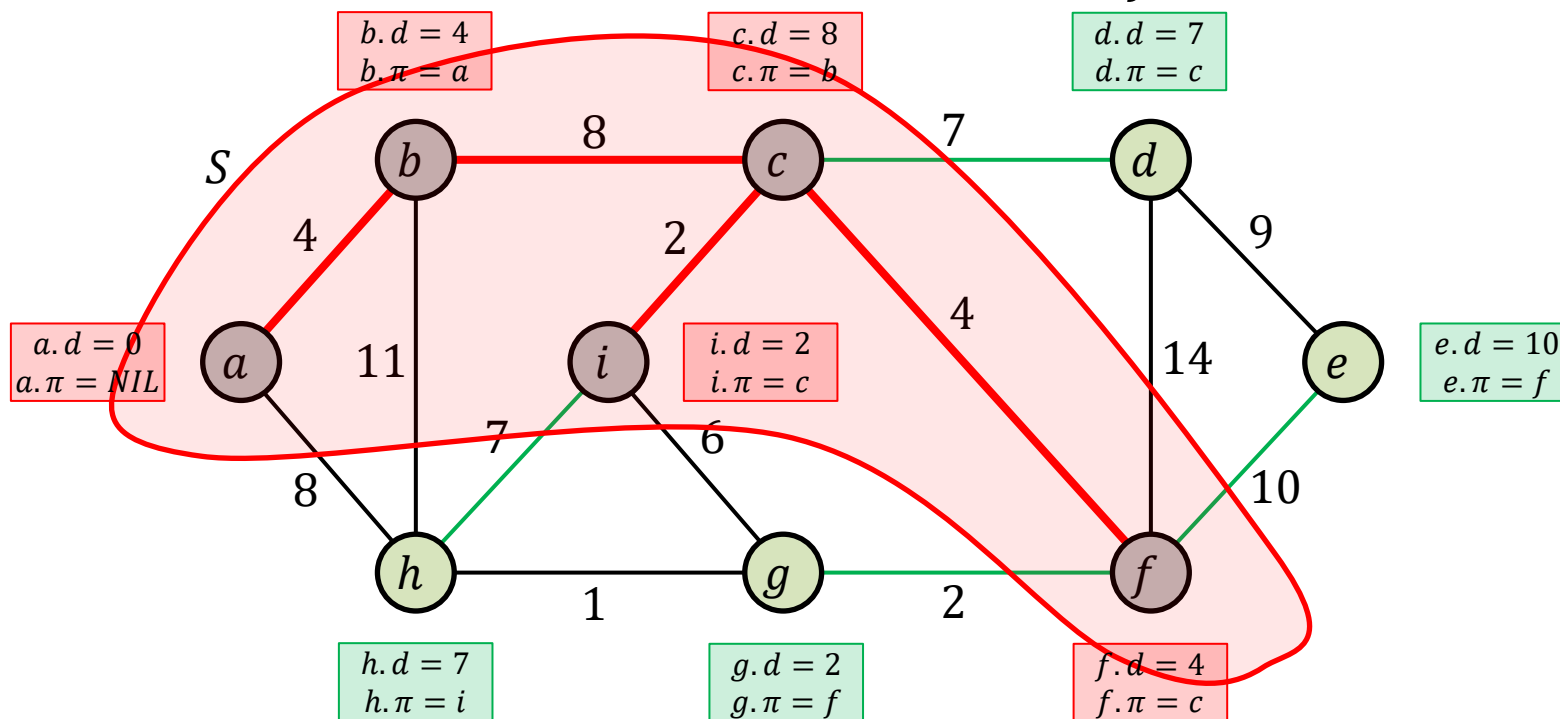
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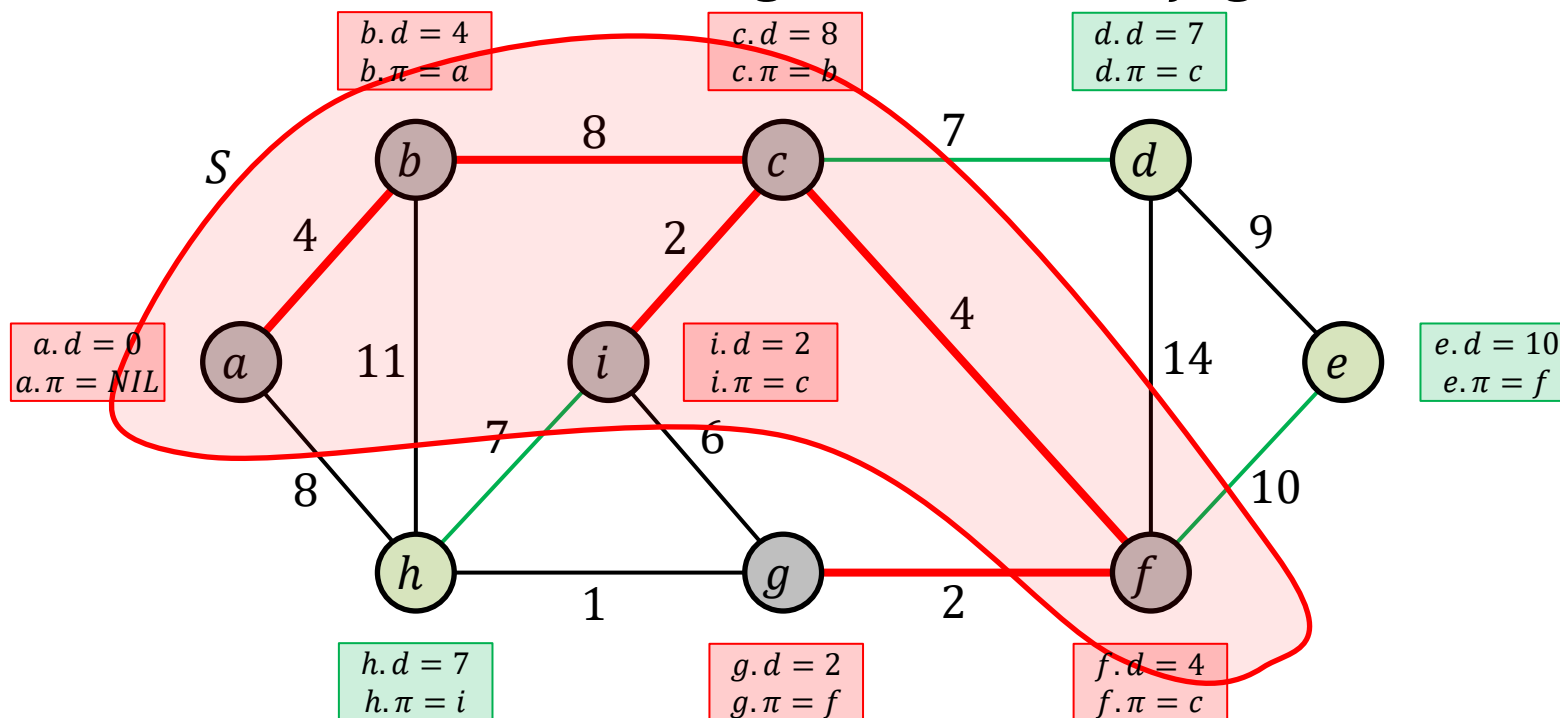


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Step 6: add vertex g through edge (f, g)



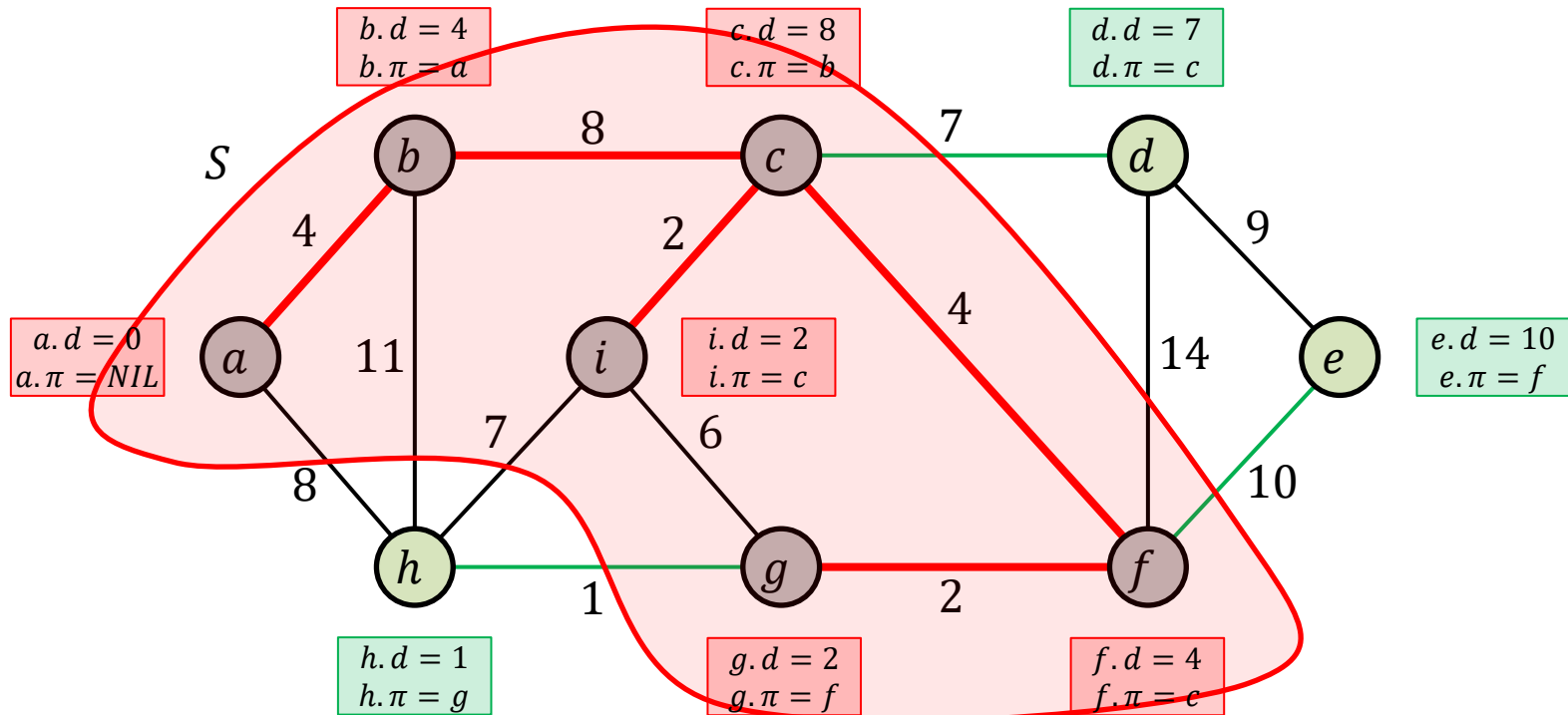
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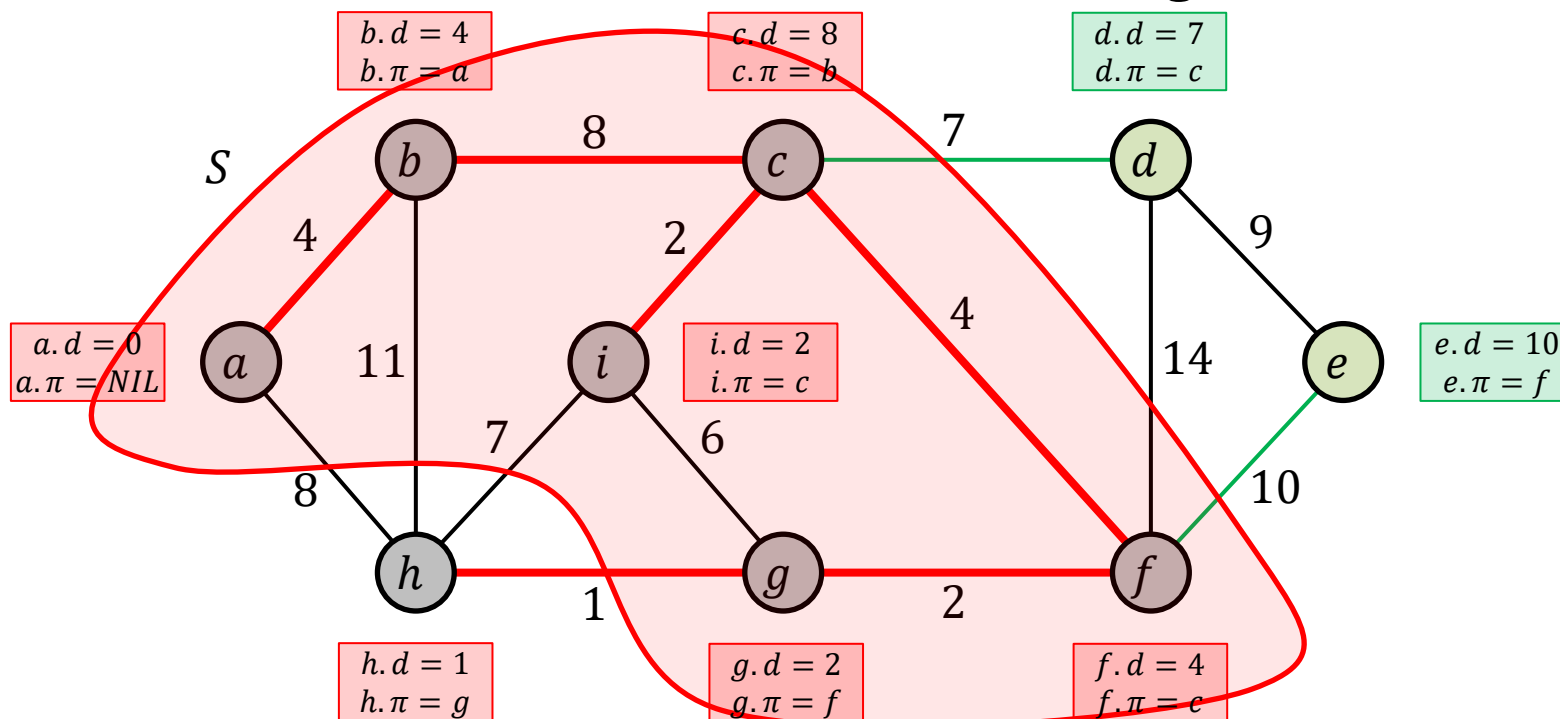


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Step 7: add vertex h through edge (g, h)



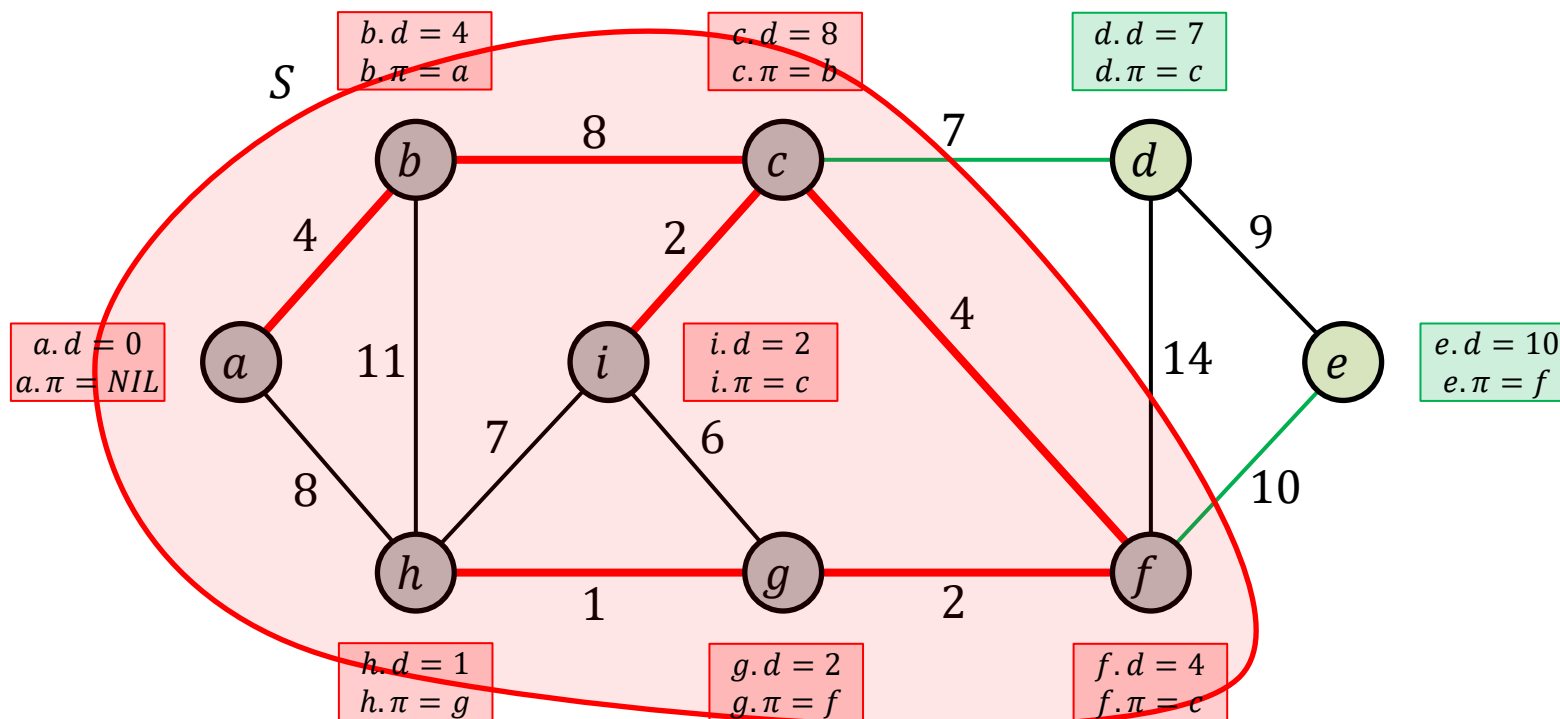
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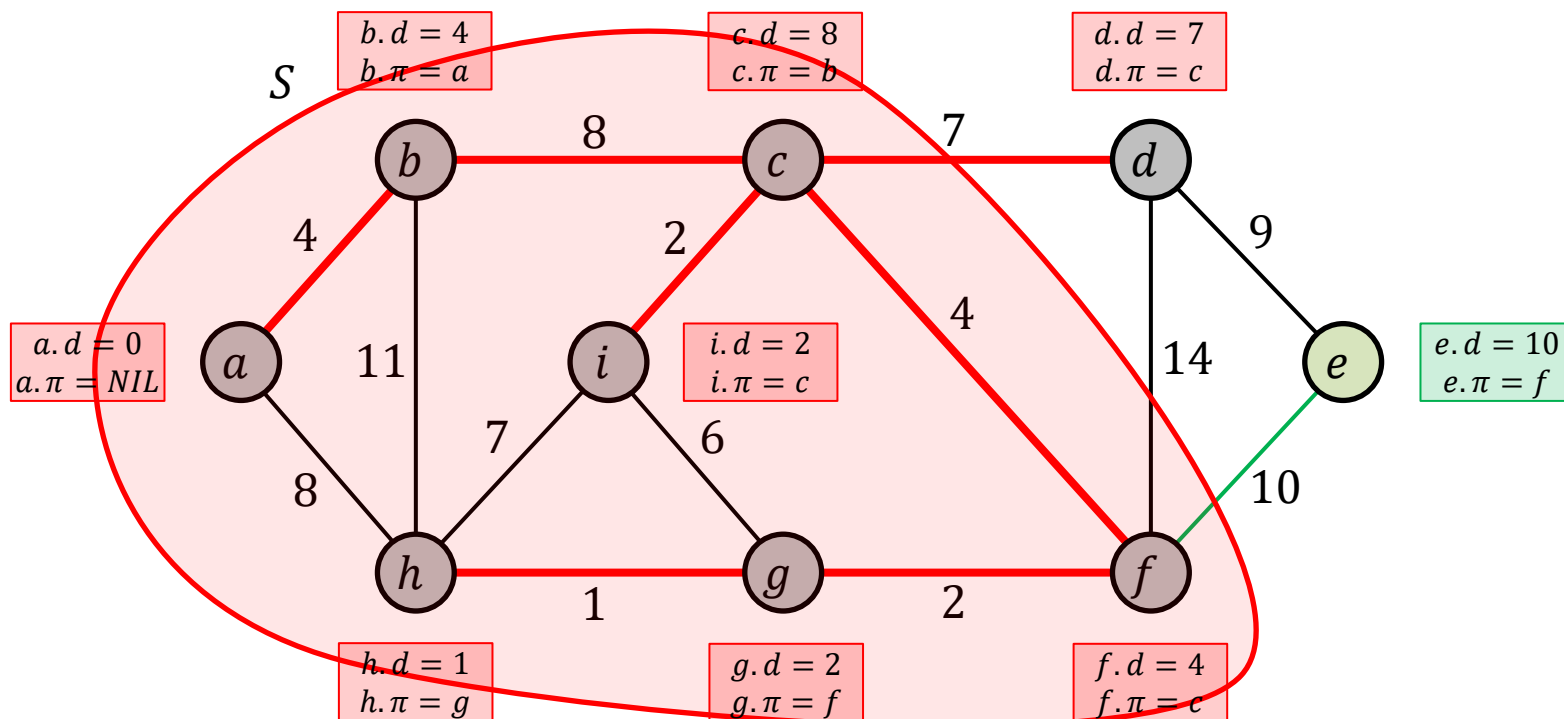


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Step 8: add vertex d through edge (c, d)



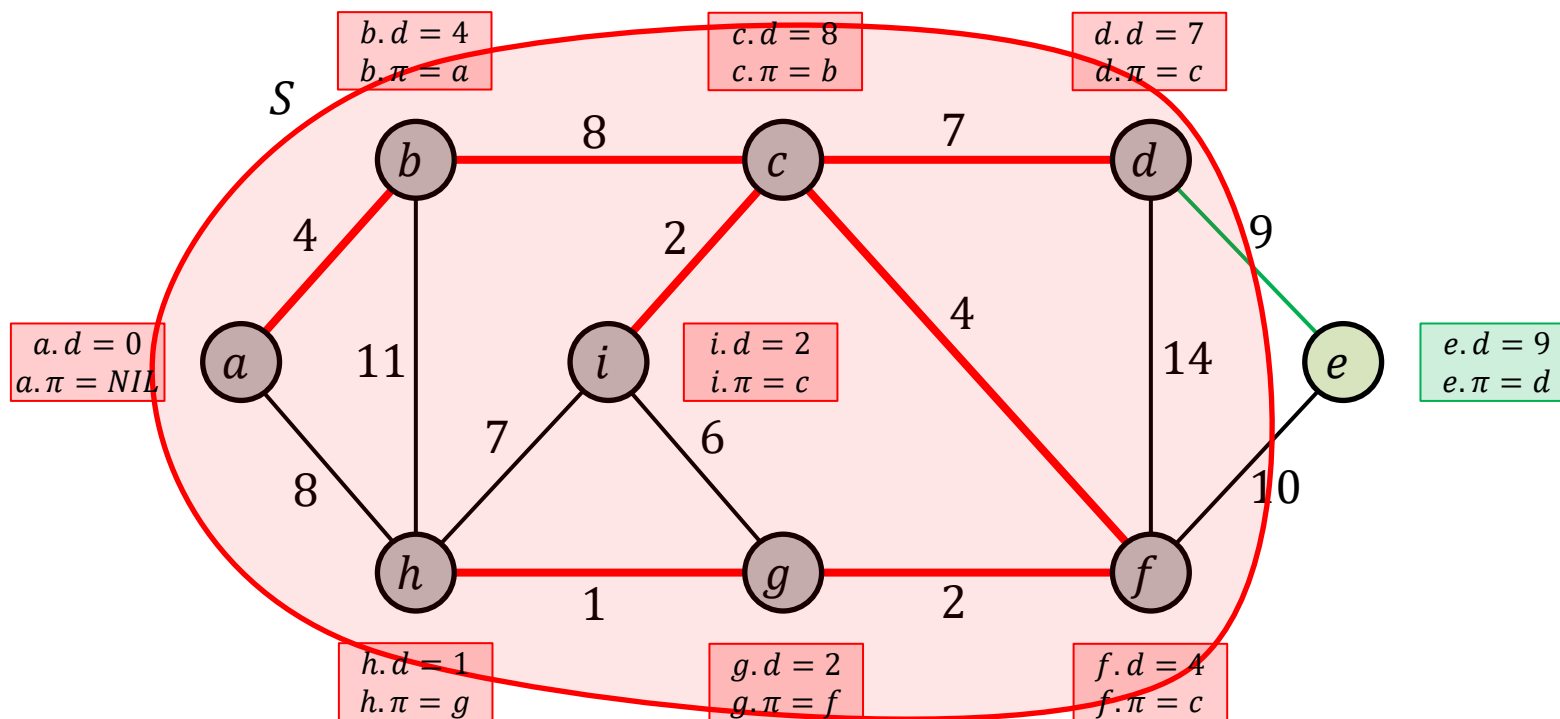
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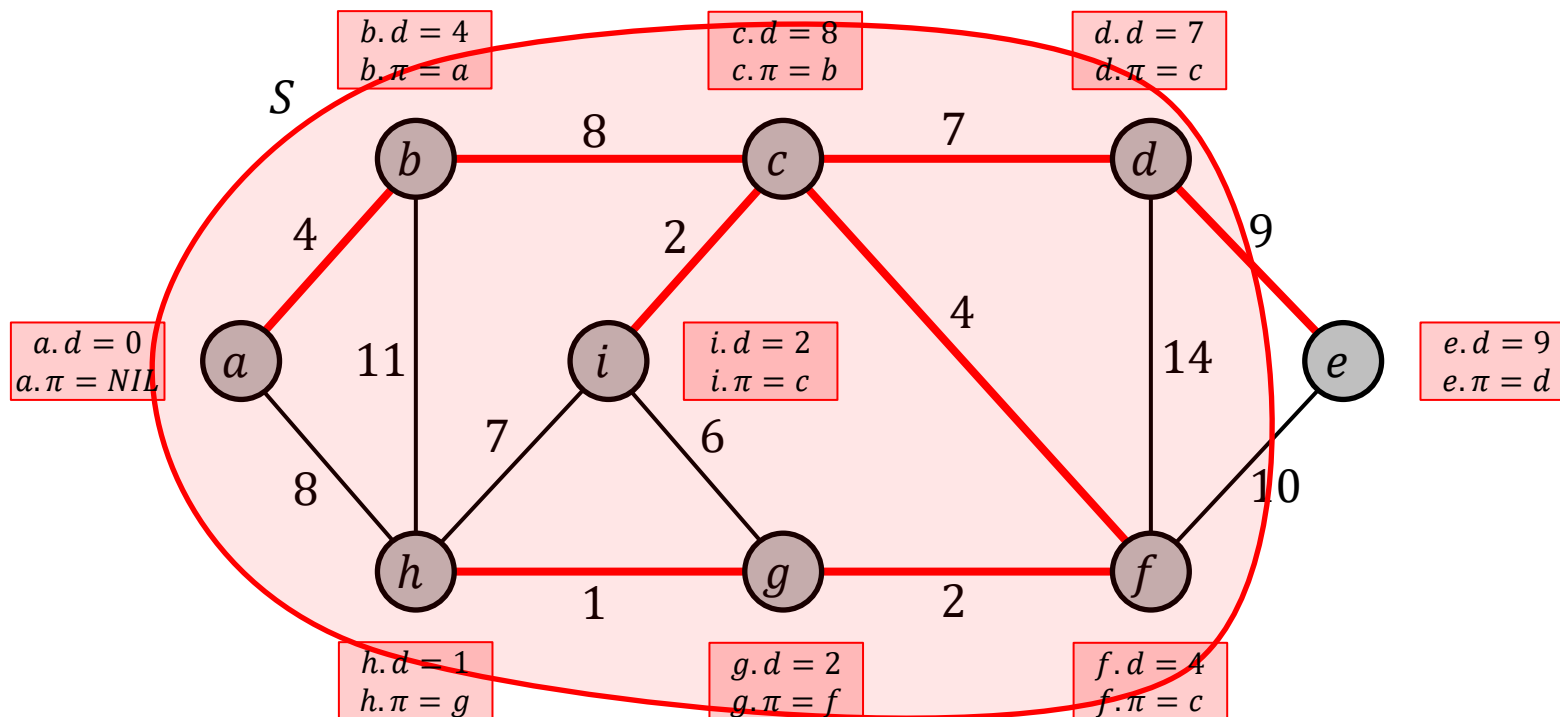


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Step 9: add vertex e through edge (d, e)



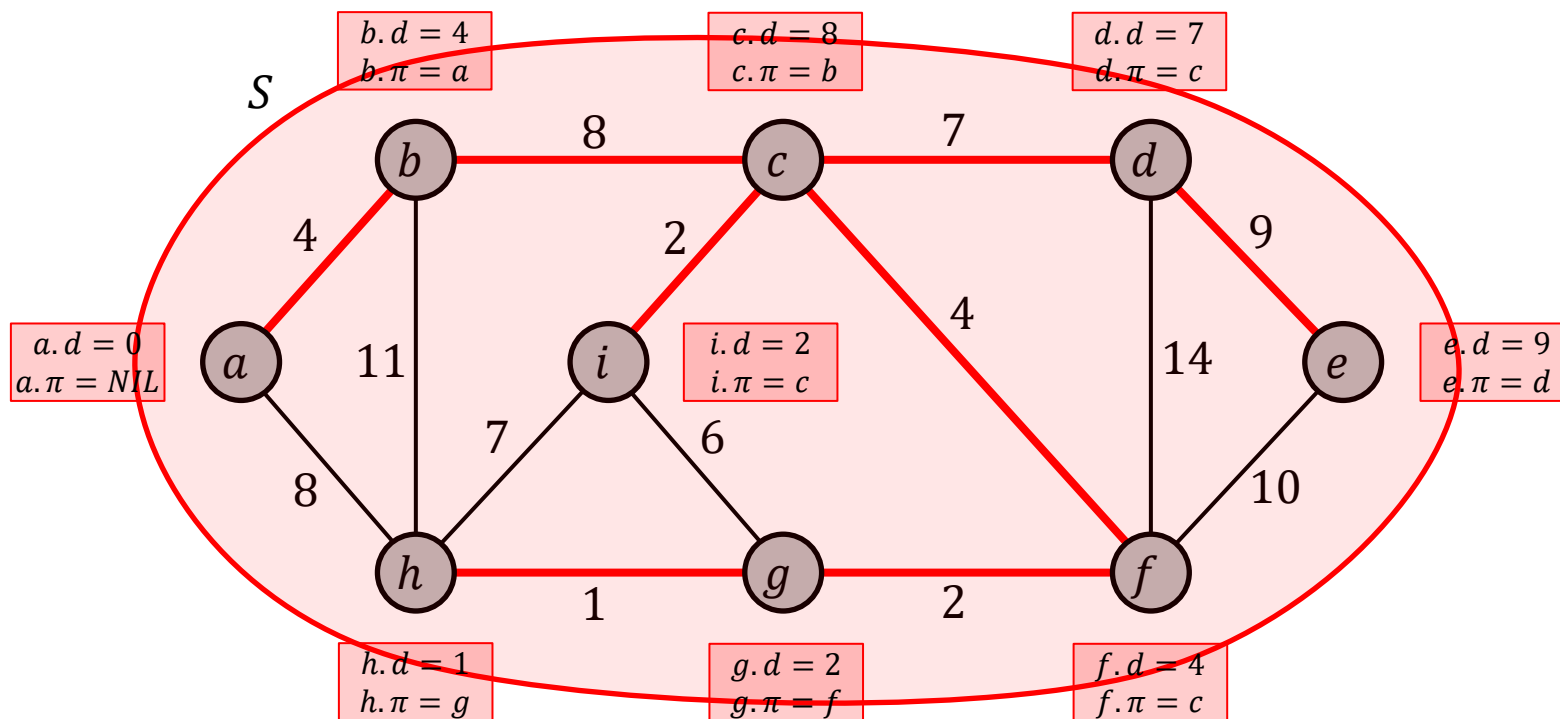
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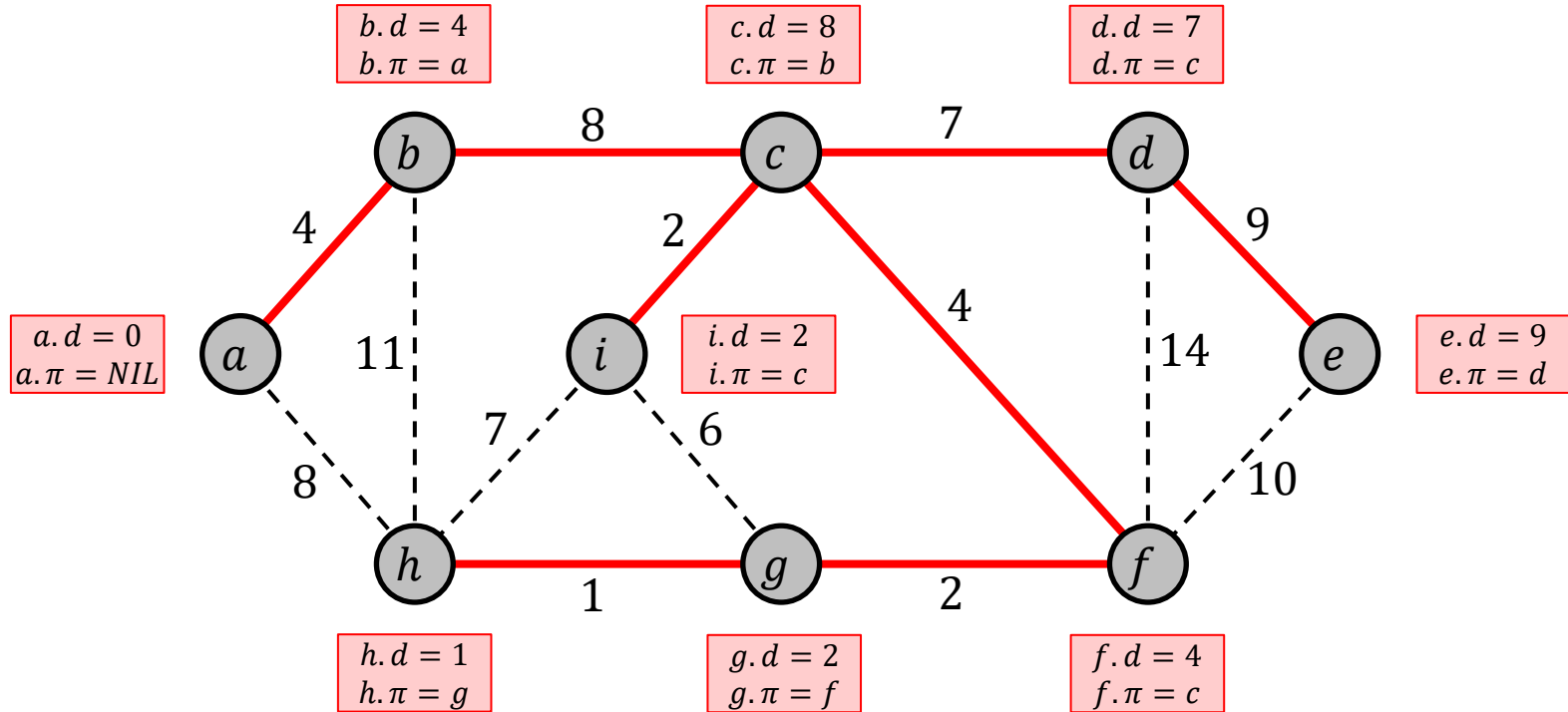
Step 9': update neighbors of e



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Done



Total weight = 37

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Let $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$

$INSERTS = n$

$EXTRACT-MINS = n$

$DECREASE-KEYS \leq m$

Total cost

$$\leq n(\text{cost}_{Insert} + \text{cost}_{Extract-Min}) + m(\text{cost}_{Decrease-Key})$$

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4. $r.d \leftarrow 0$
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6. *for* each vertex $v \in G.V$ *do*
7. $INSERT(Q, v)$
8. *while* $Q \neq \emptyset$ *do*
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10. *for* each $(u, v) \in G.E$ *do*
11. *if* $v \in Q$ *and* $w(u, v) < v.d$ *then*
12. $v.d \leftarrow w(u, v)$
13. $v.\pi \leftarrow u$
14. $DECREASE-KEY(Q, v, w(u, v))$

Let $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$

For Binary Heap (worst-case costs):

$$cost_{Insert} = O(\log n)$$

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A Disjoint-Set Data Structure (for Kruskal's MST Algorithm)

A *disjoint-set data structure* maintains a collection of disjoint dynamic sets. Each set is identified by a *representative* which must be a member of the set.

The collection is maintained under the following operations:

MAKE-SET(x): create a new set $\{x\}$ containing only element x .
Element x becomes the representative of the set.

FIND(x): returns a pointer to the representative of the set
containing x

UNION(x, y): replace the dynamic sets S_x and S_y containing
 x and y , respectively, with the set $S_x \cup S_y$

A Disjoint-Set Data Structure (union by rank)

MAKE-SET (x)

1. $\pi(x) \leftarrow x$
2. $rank(x) \leftarrow 0$

LINK (x, y)

1. *if* $rank(x) > rank(y)$ *then* $\pi(y) \leftarrow x$
2. *else* $\pi(x) \leftarrow y$
3. *if* $rank(x) = rank(y)$ *then* $rank(y) \leftarrow rank(y) + 1$

UNION (x, y)

1. *LINK (FIND (x), FIND (y))*

FIND (x)

1. *if* $x \neq \pi(x)$ *then return* *FIND ($\pi(x)$)*
2. *else return* x

A Disjoint-Set Data Structure (union by rank)

THEOREM: A sequence of N MAKE-SET, UNION and FIND operations of which exactly n ($\leq N$) are MAKE-SET operations takes $O(N \log n)$ time to execute.

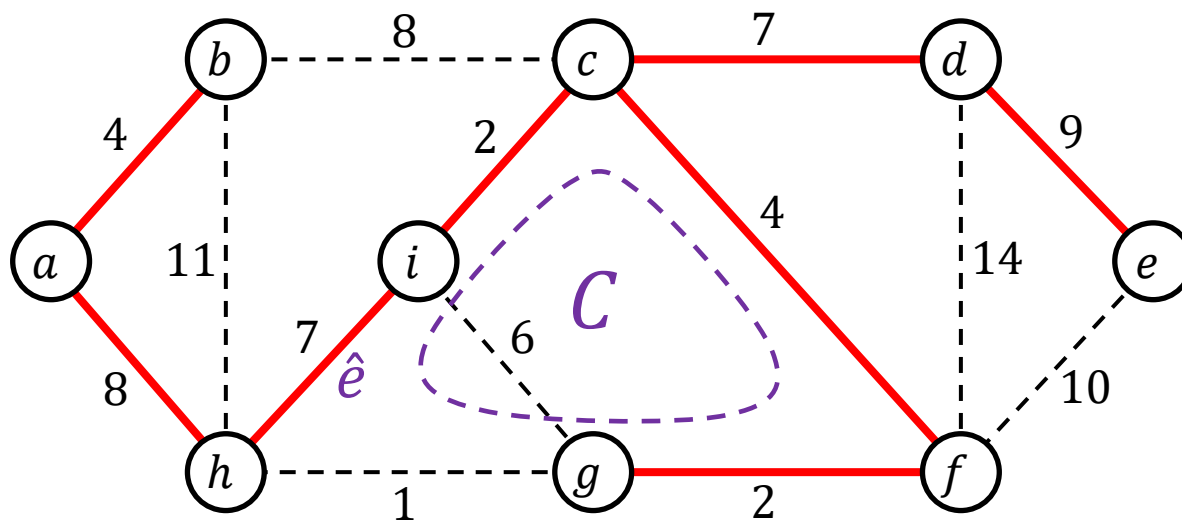
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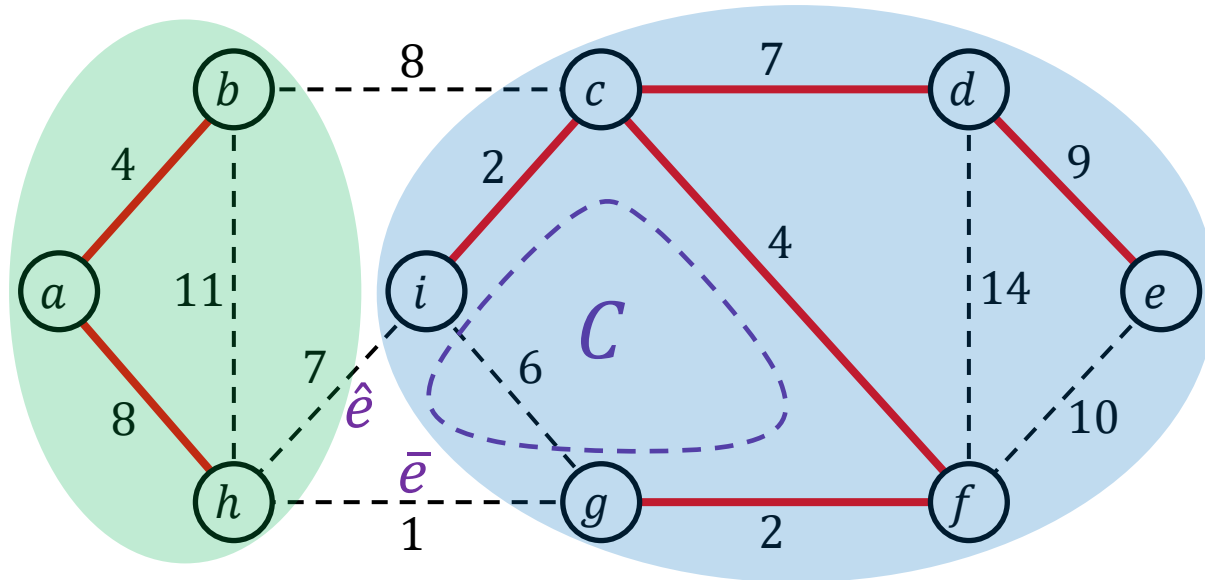


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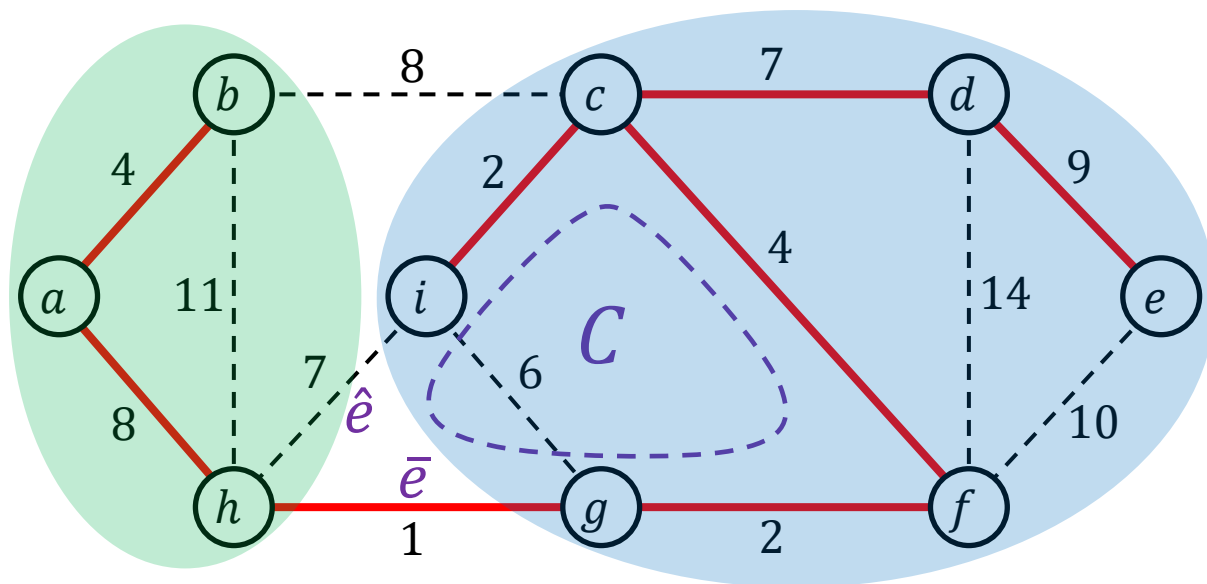
Let's remove \hat{e} from T . Then T will get split into two components.

There must be an edge $\bar{e} \in C$ that reconnects the two components.

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Let's add \bar{e} to $T - \{\hat{e}\}$, and let $T' = T \cup \{\bar{e}\} - \{\hat{e}\}$.

Then T' is a spanning tree of G .

Since $w(\hat{e}) > w(\bar{e})$, we get, $w(T') = w(T) - w(\hat{e}) + w(\bar{e}) < w(T)$.

So, T cannot be an MST of G !

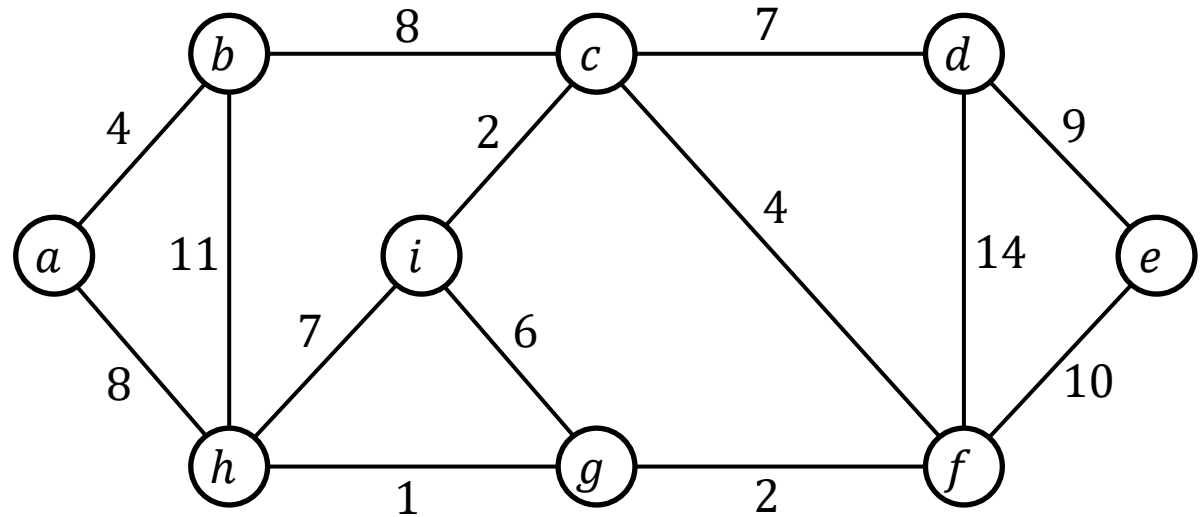
MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

MST-Kruskal ($G = (V, E), w$)

1. $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
2. *for* each vertex $v \in G.V$ *do*
3. $MAKE-SET(v)$
4. sort the edges of $G.E$ into nondecreasing order by weight w
5. *for* each edge $(u, v) \in G.E$ taken in nondecreasing order by weight *do*
6. *if* $FIND(u) \neq FIND(v)$ *then*
7. $A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u, v)\}$
8. $UNION(u, v)$
9. *return* A

MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

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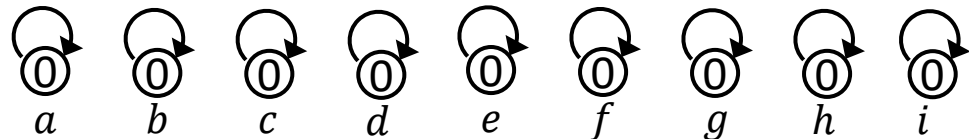


Disjoint-Set

Data Structure

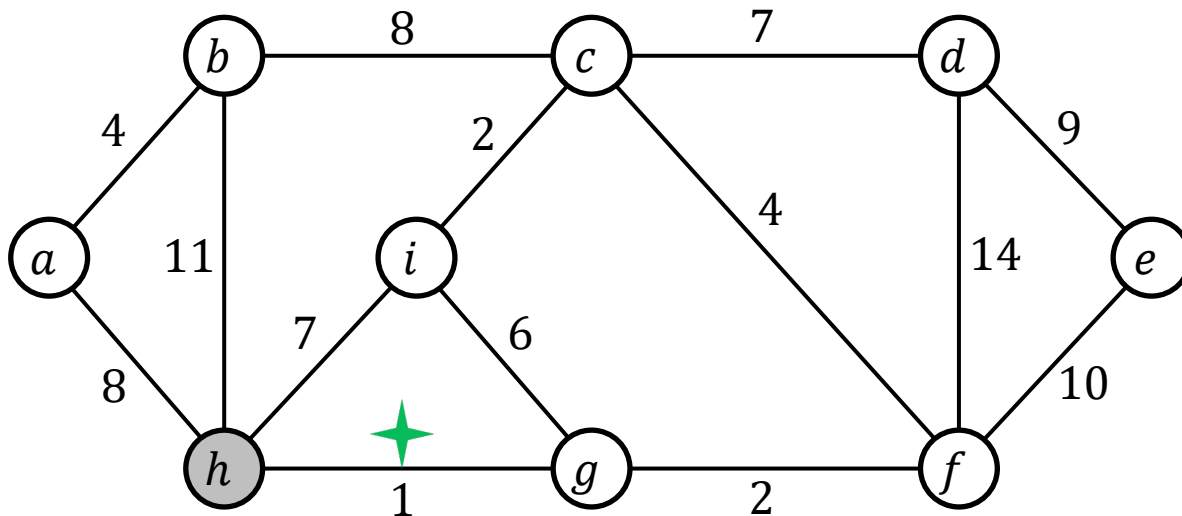
(union by rank only) :

MAKE-SET(x), $x \in \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$



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(1) edge (h, g):



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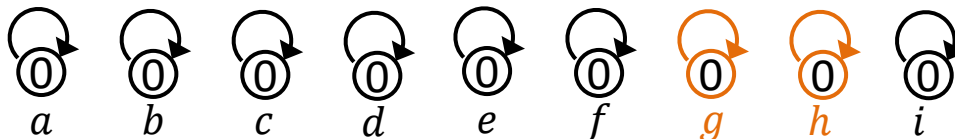
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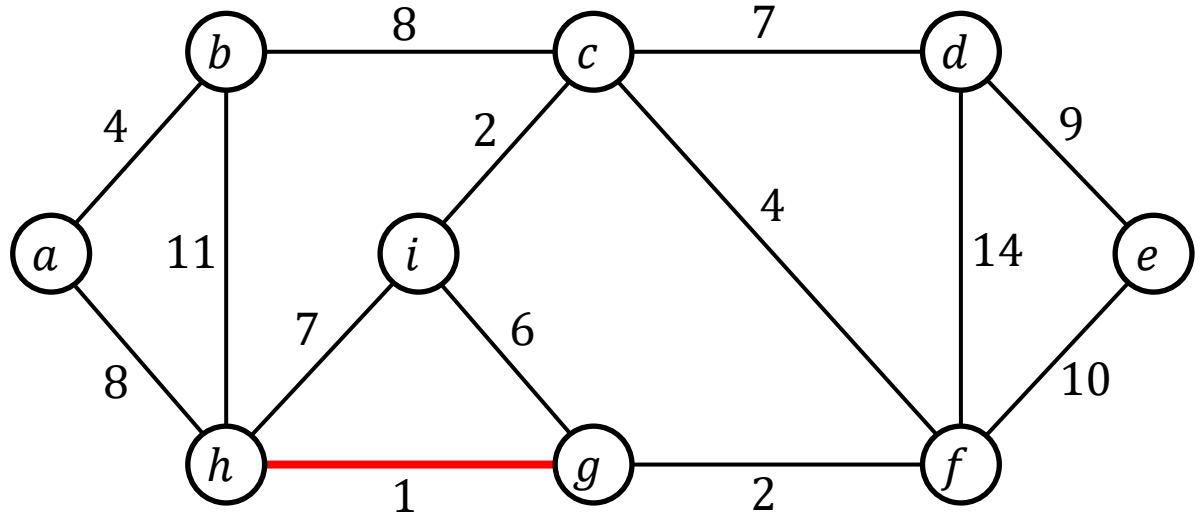
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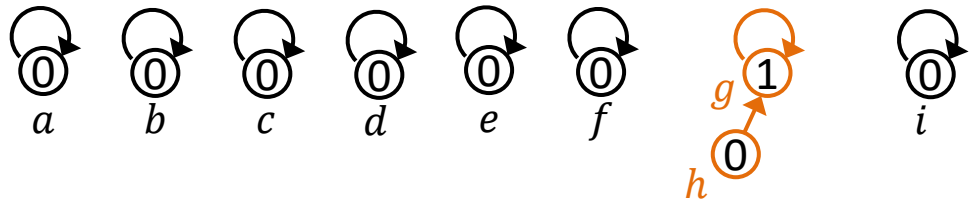
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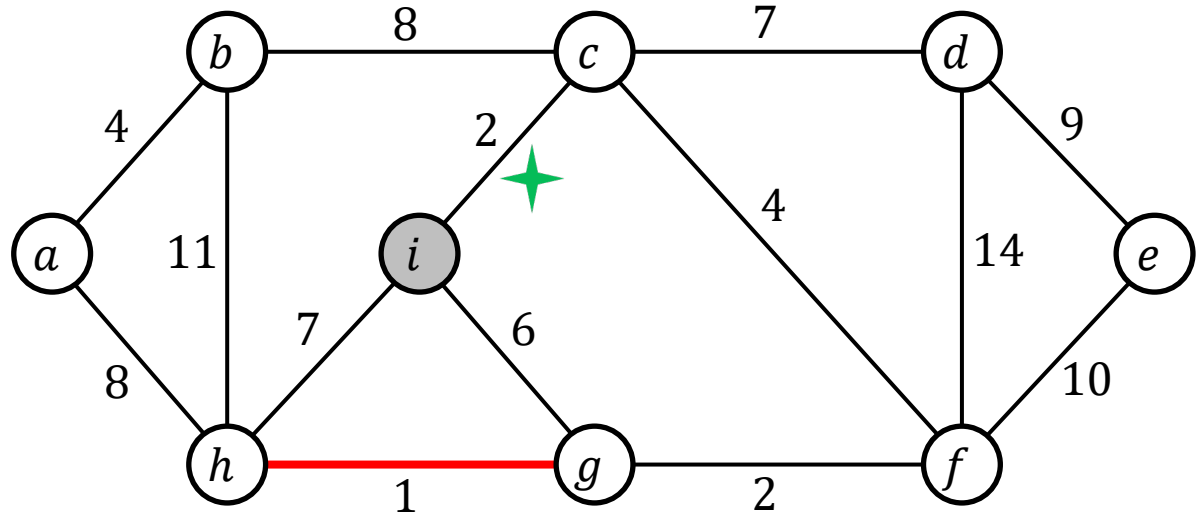
(union by rank only) :

UNION(h, g)



MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(2) edge (i, c):



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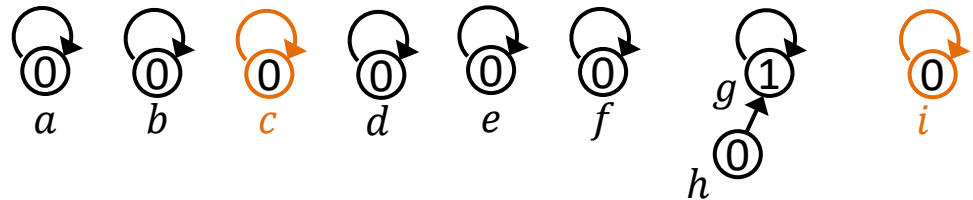
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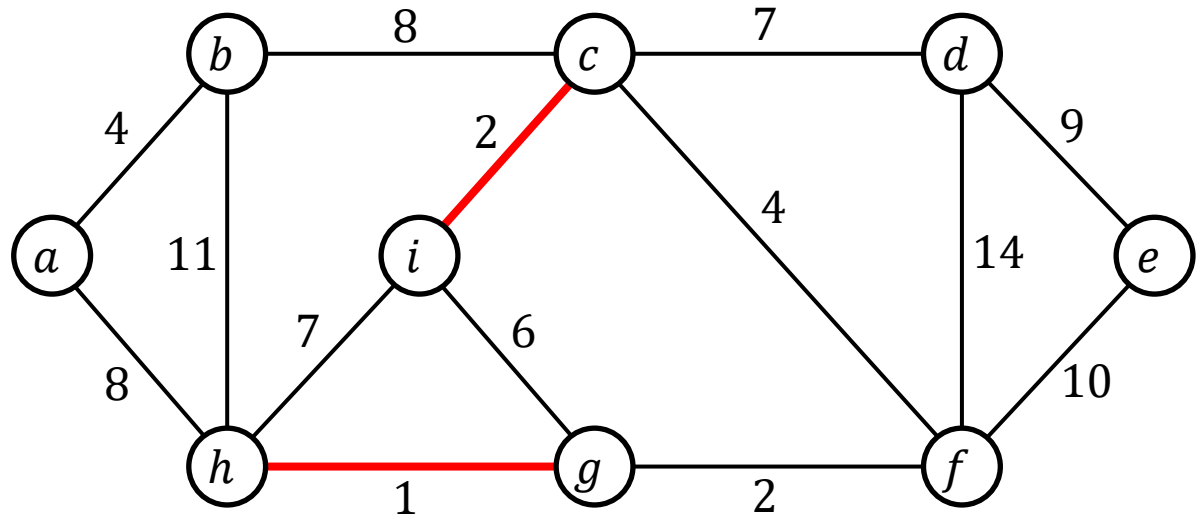
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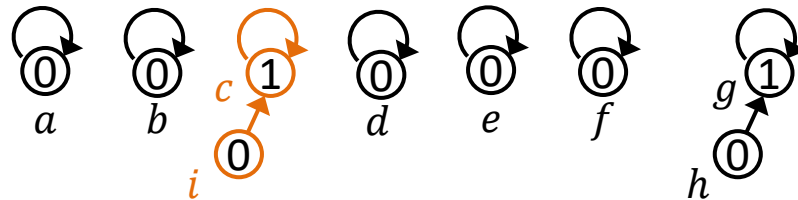
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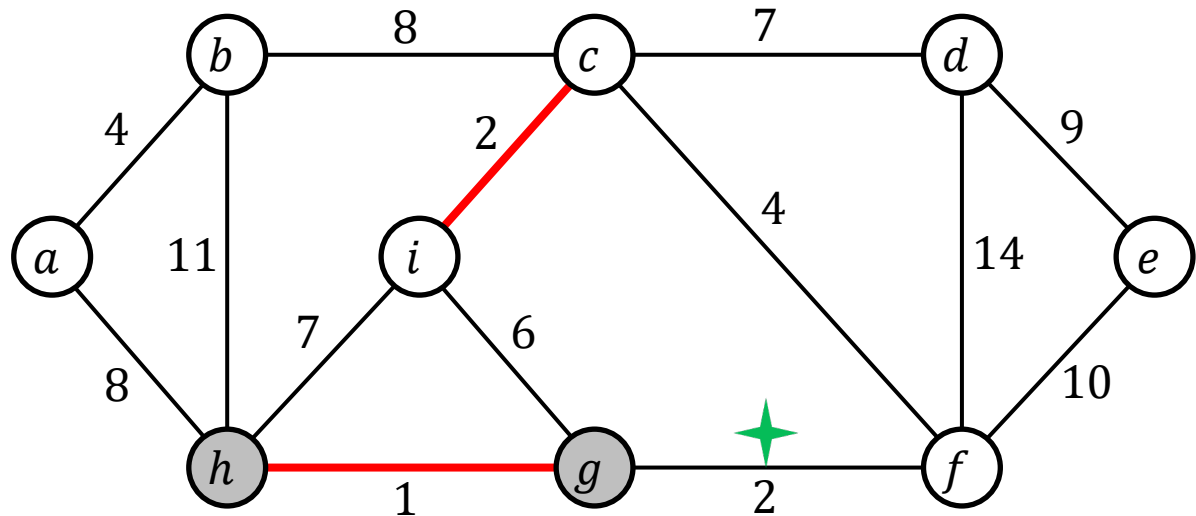
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(3) edge (g, f):



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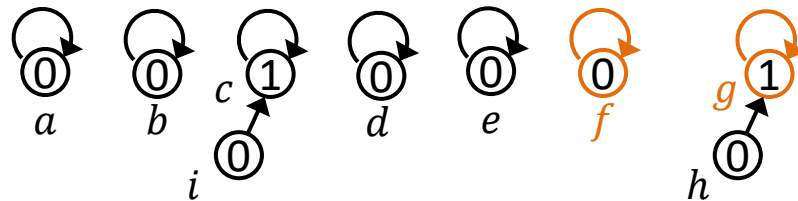
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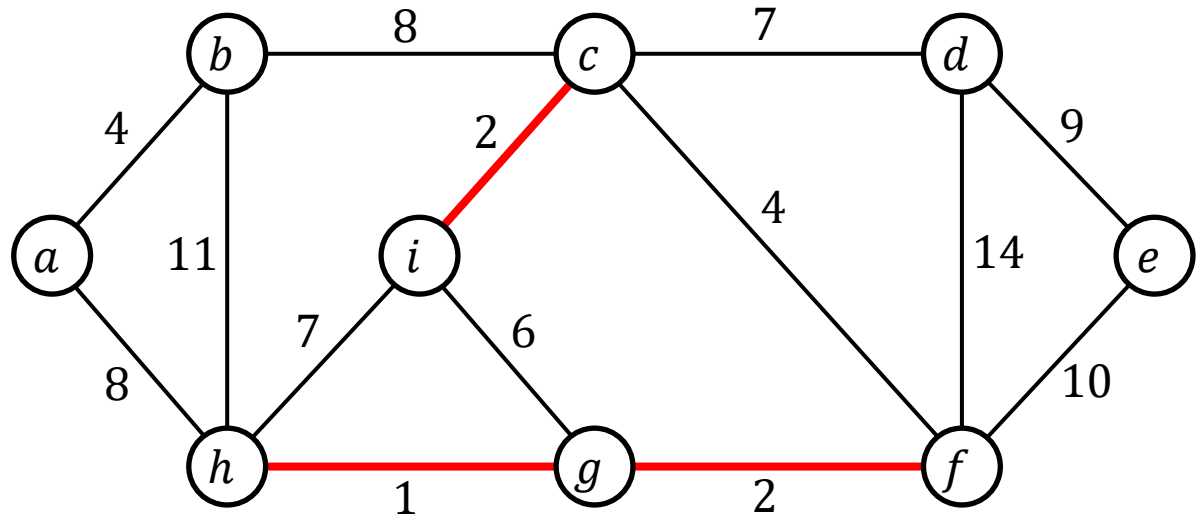
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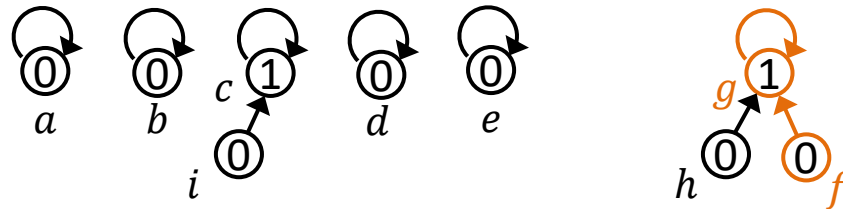
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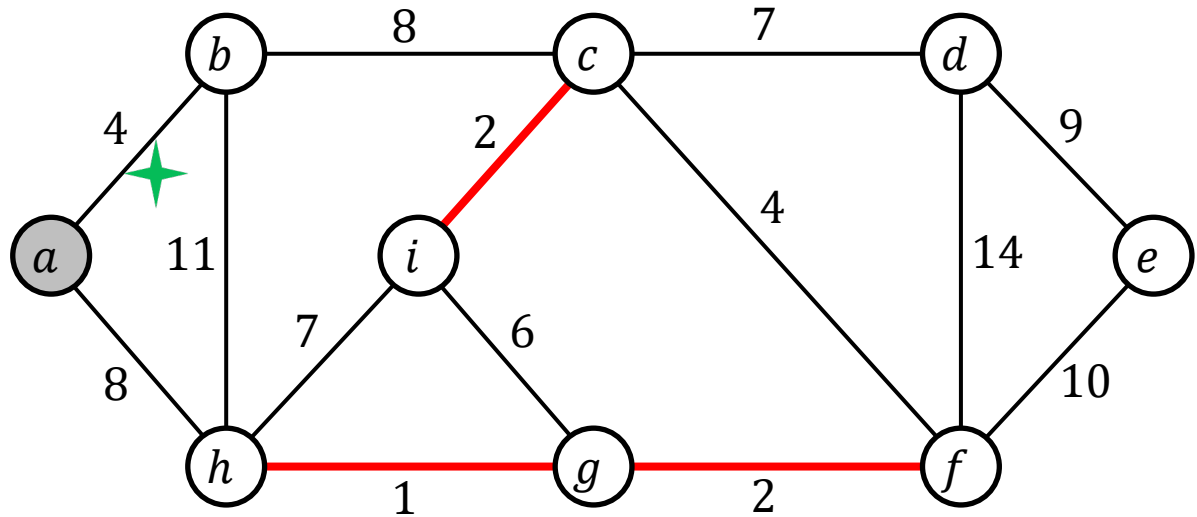
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UNION(g, f)



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(4) edge (a, b):



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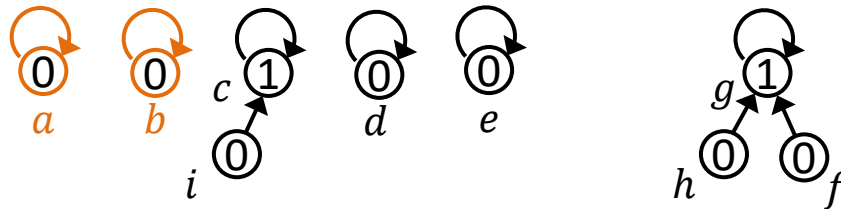
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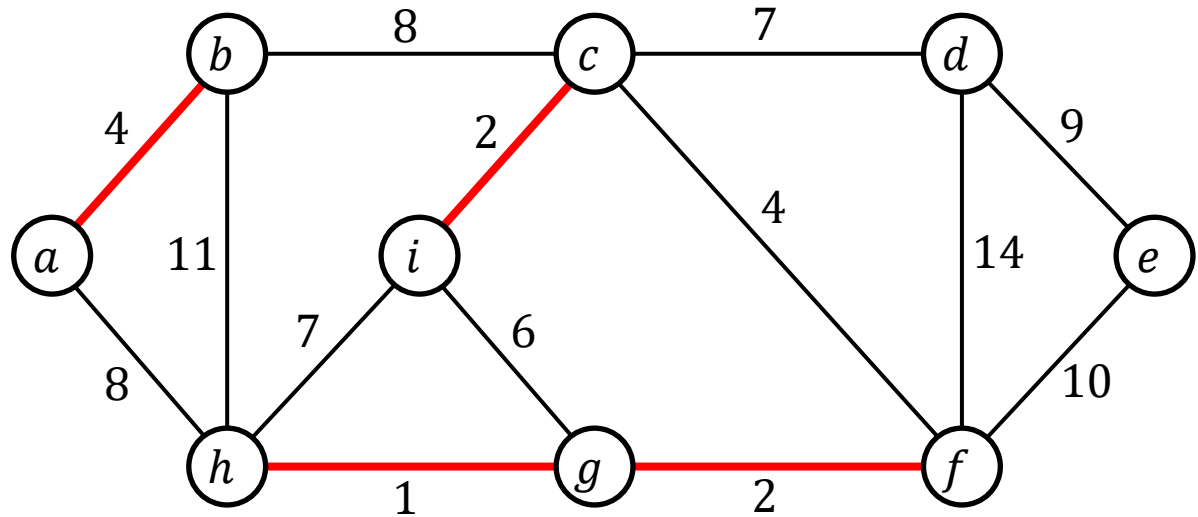
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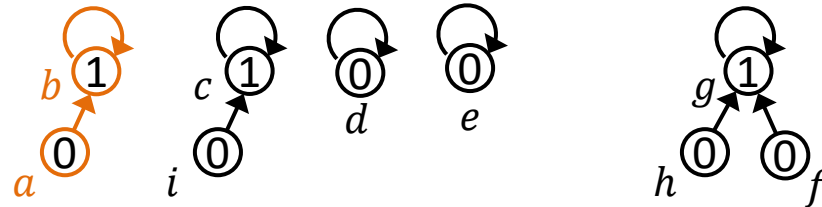
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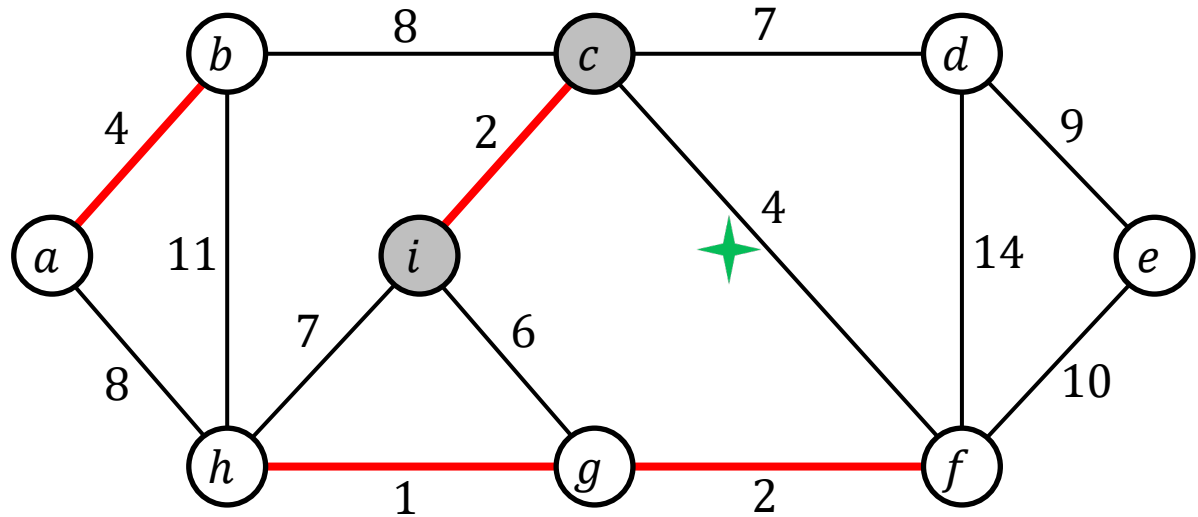
(union by rank only) :

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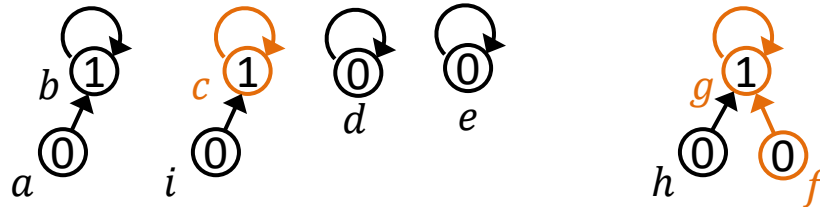
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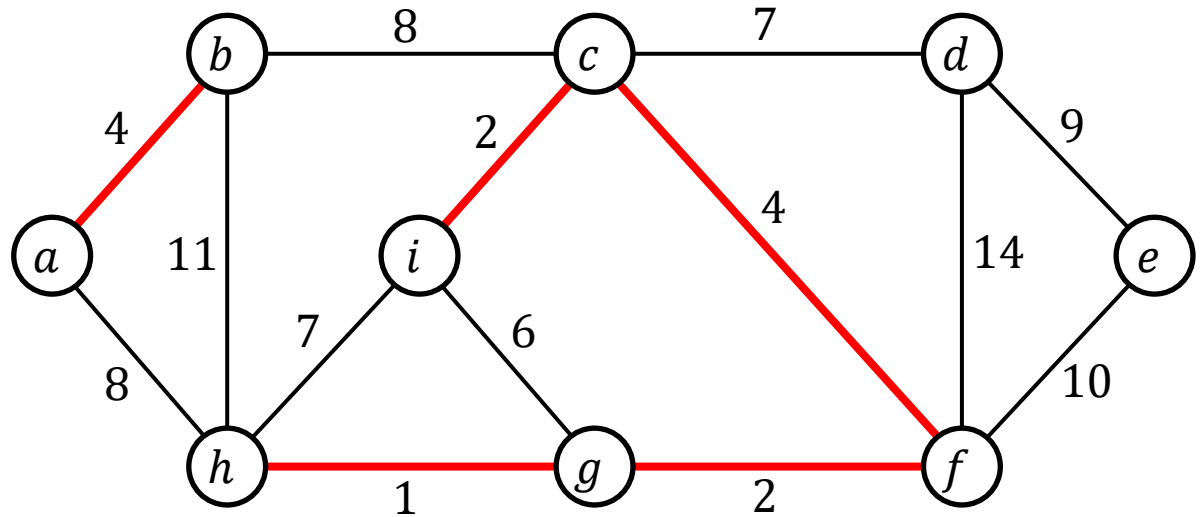
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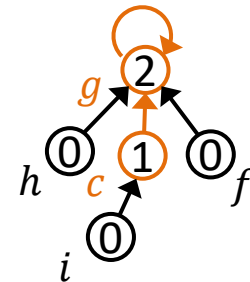
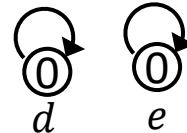
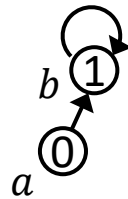
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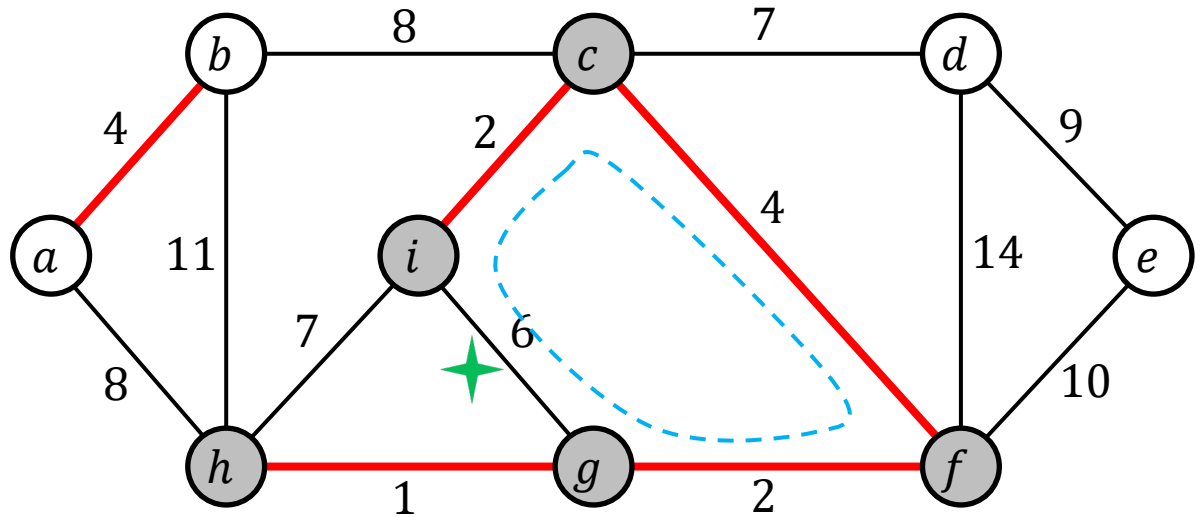
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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

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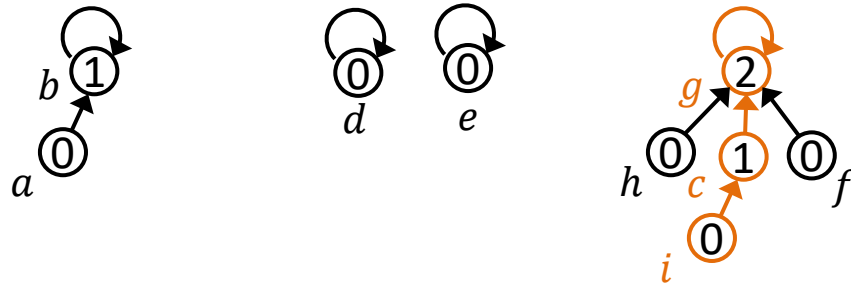
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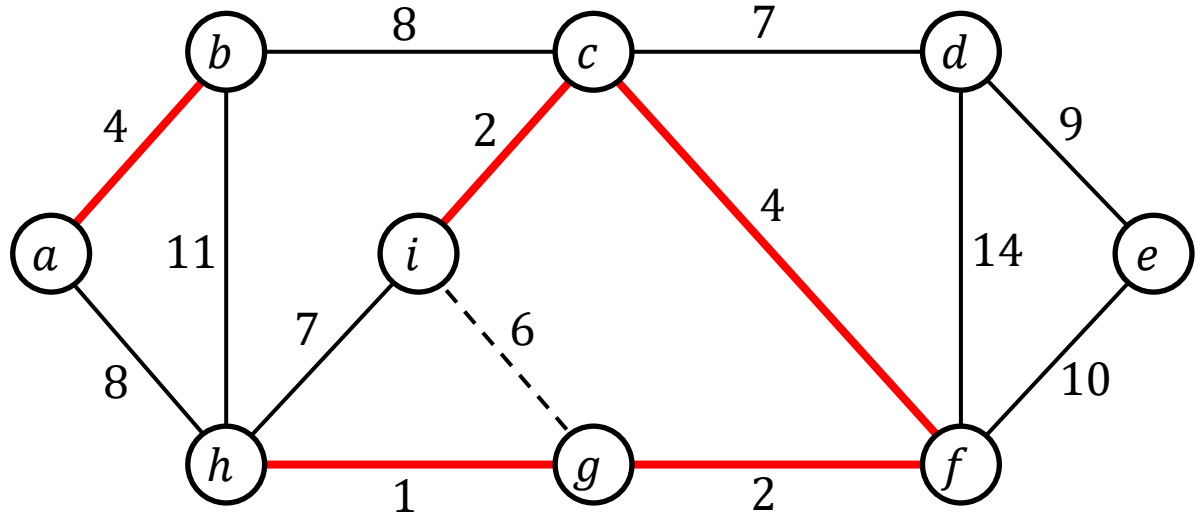
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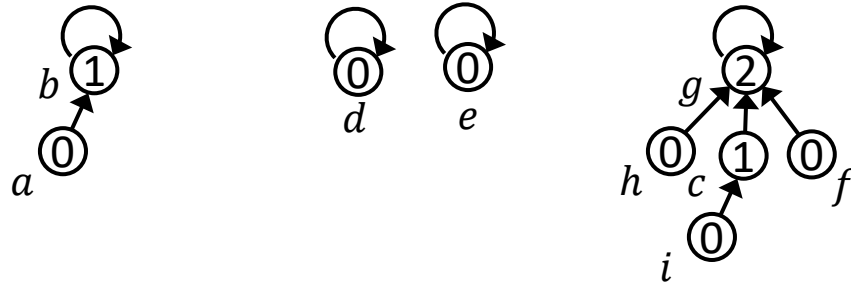
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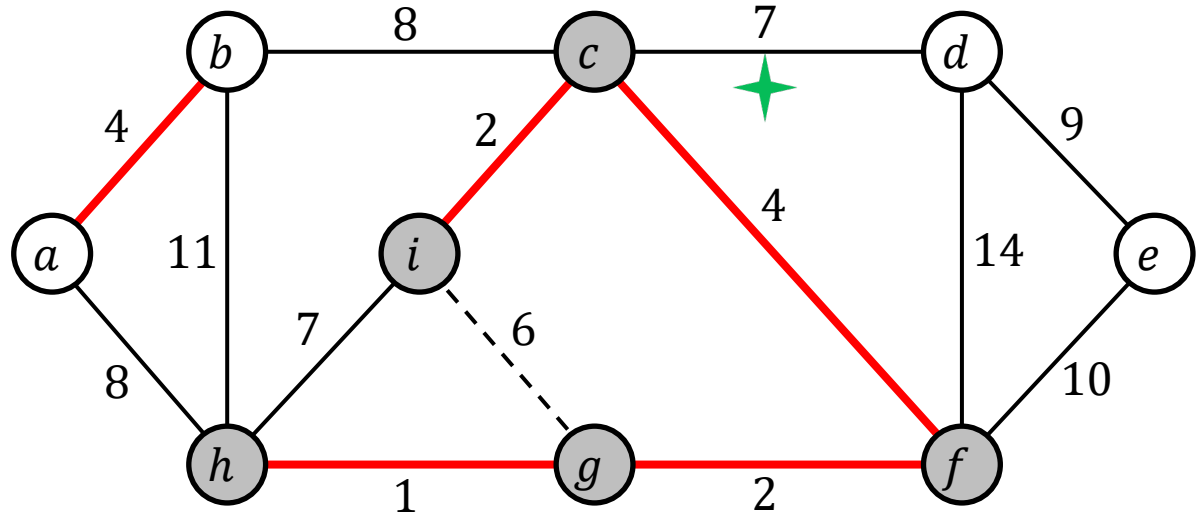
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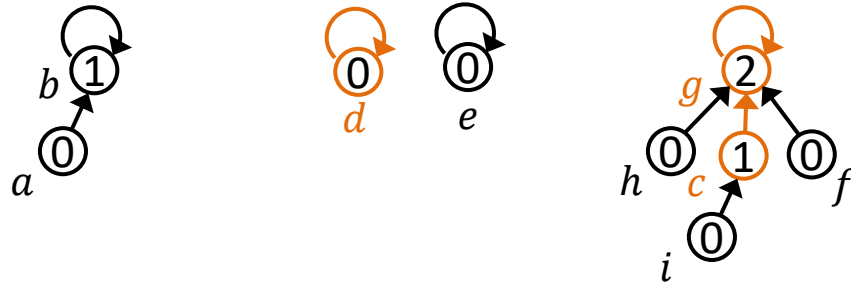
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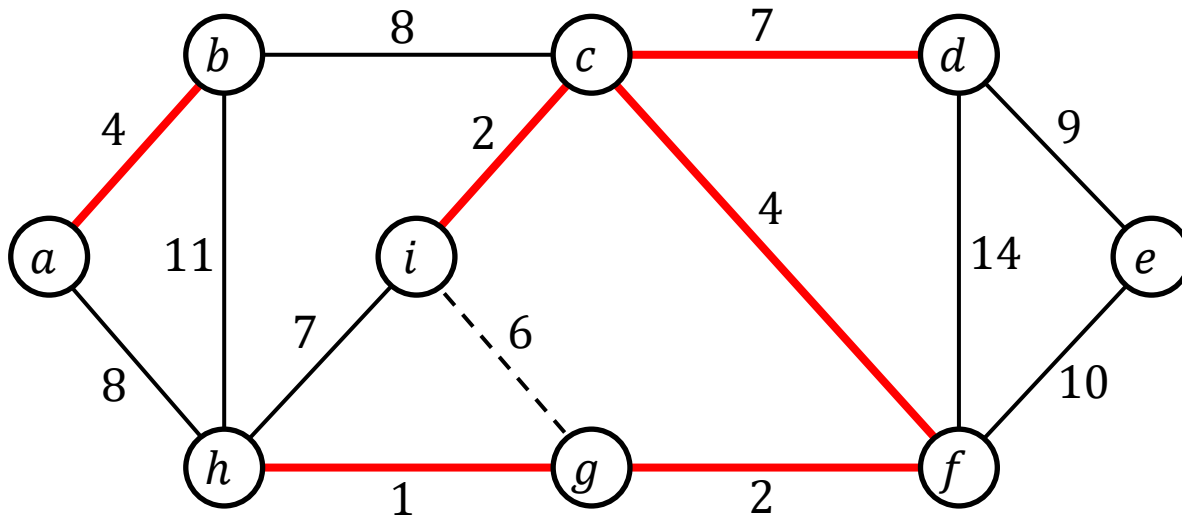
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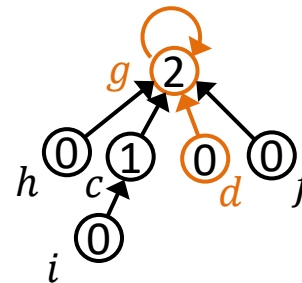
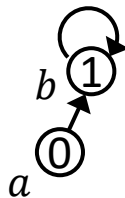
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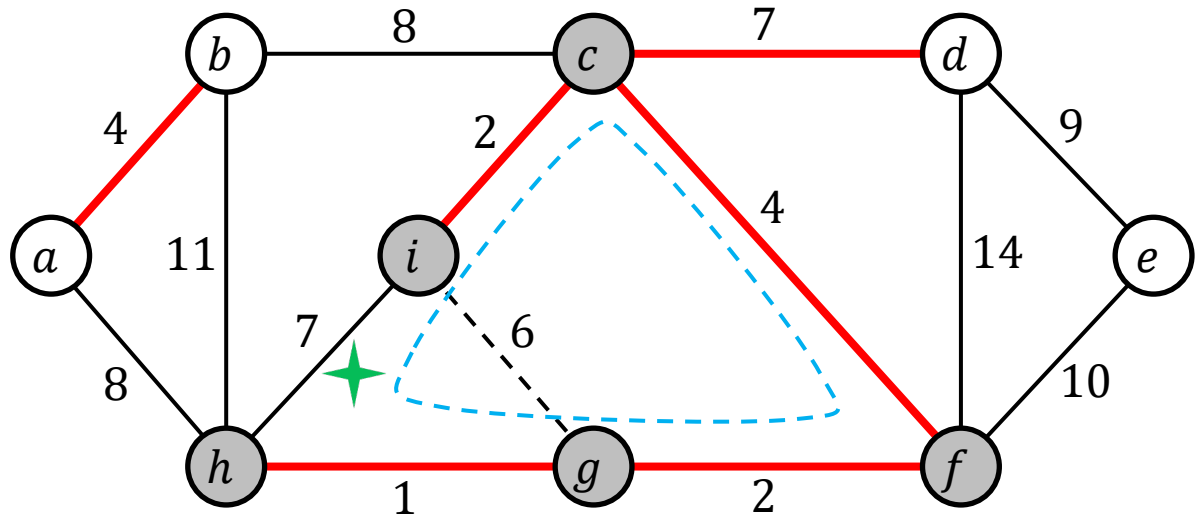
(union by rank only) :

UNION(c, d)



MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(8) edge (i, h):



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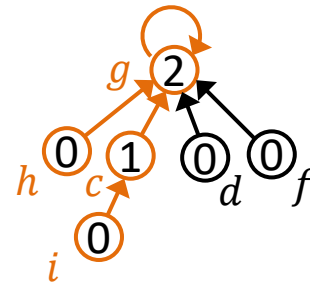
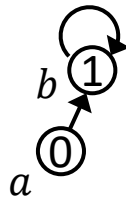
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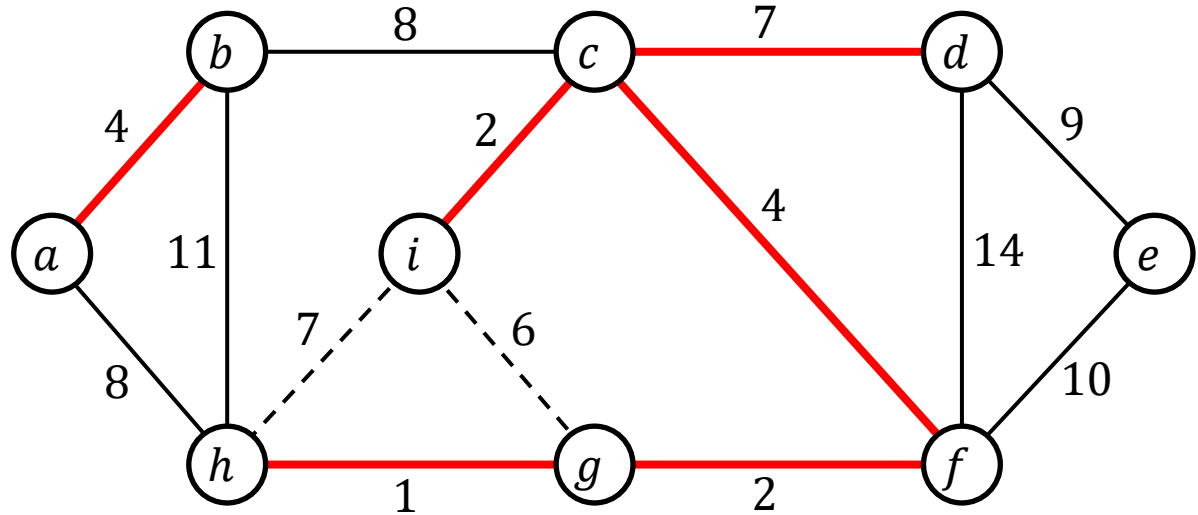
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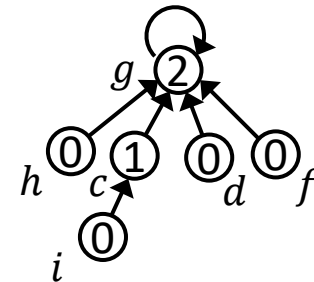
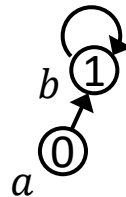
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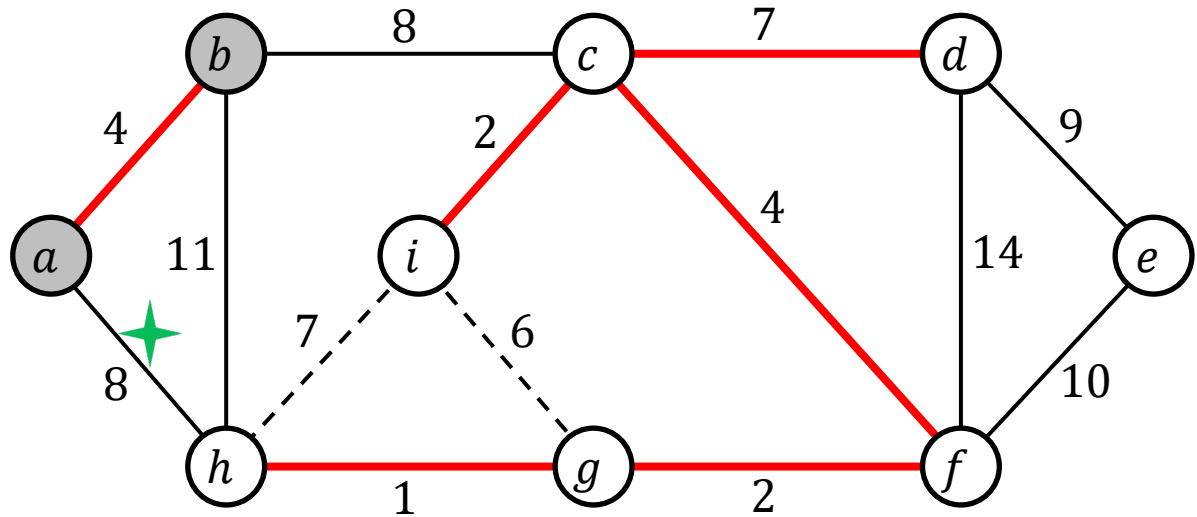
Data Structure

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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(9) edge (a, h):



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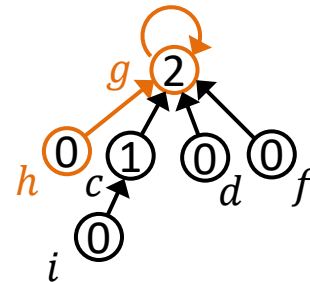
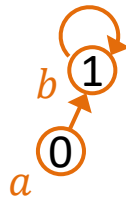
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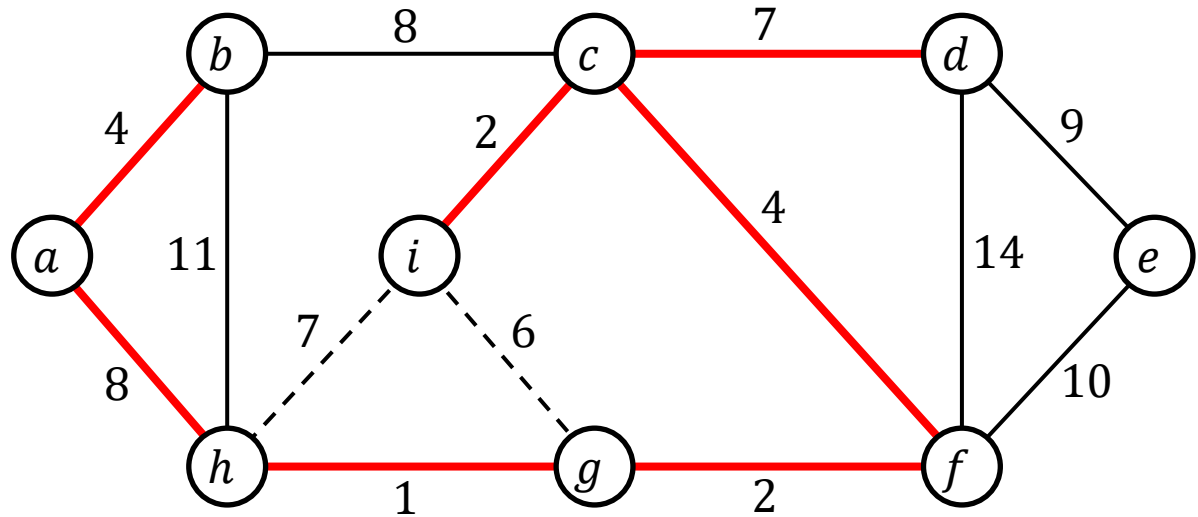
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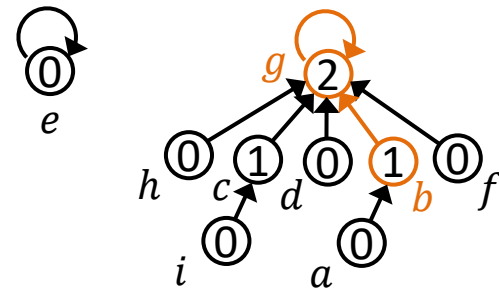
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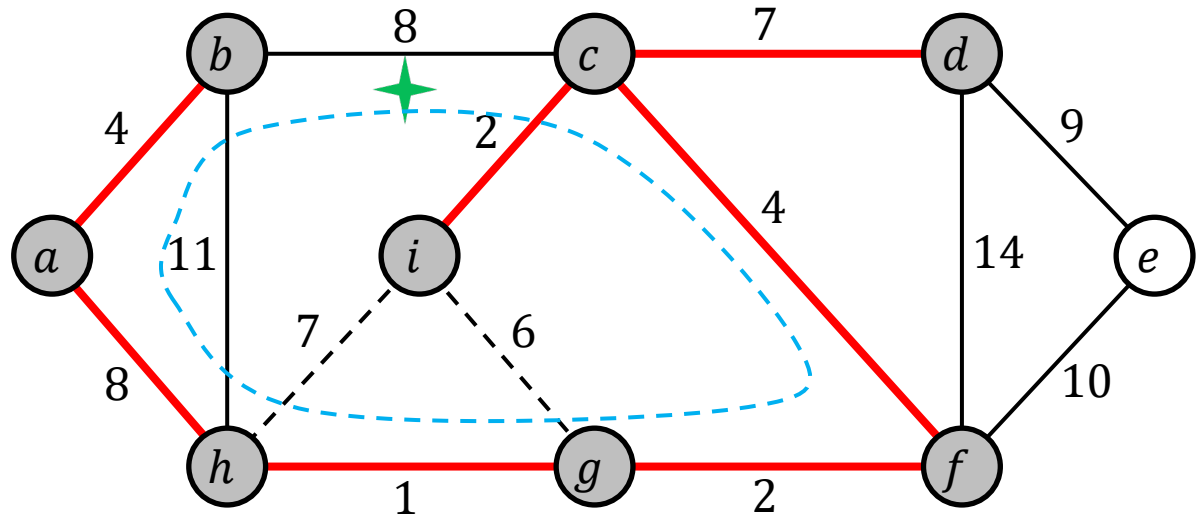
(union by rank only) :

UNION(a, h)



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(10) edge (b, c):



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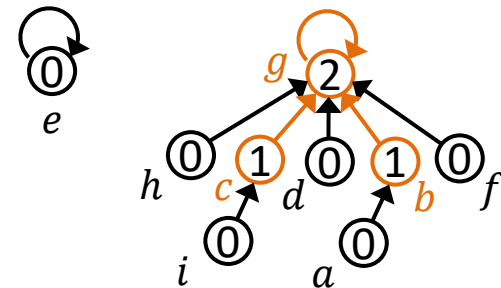
(b, c) creates a cycle by connecting two nodes of S , and it is a heaviest edge on that cycle

Disjoint-Set

Data Structure

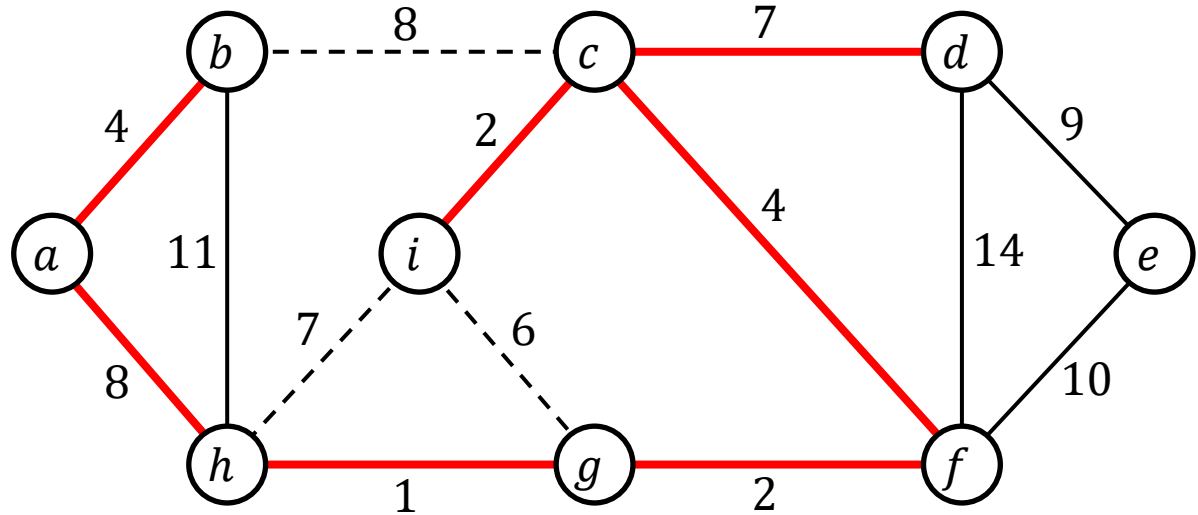
(union by rank only) :

FIND(b) returns g, FIND(c) returns g



MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(10) edge (b, c):



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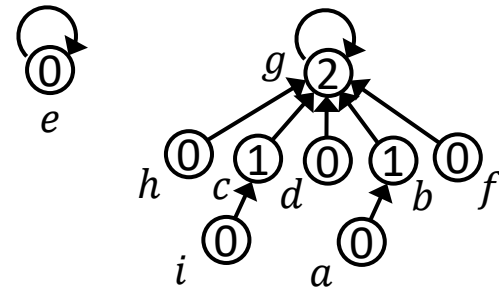
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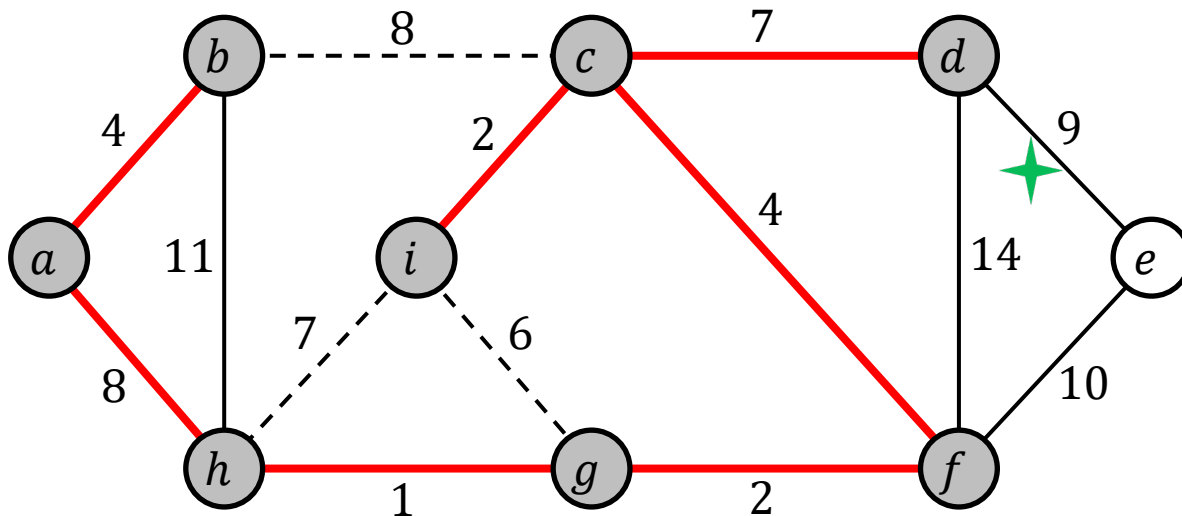
Data Structure

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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(11) edge (d, e):



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Cut = $(S, V - S)$

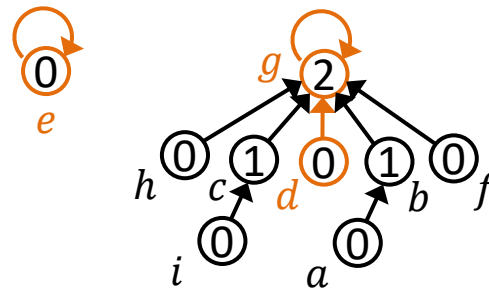
(d, e) is a light edge crossing the cut

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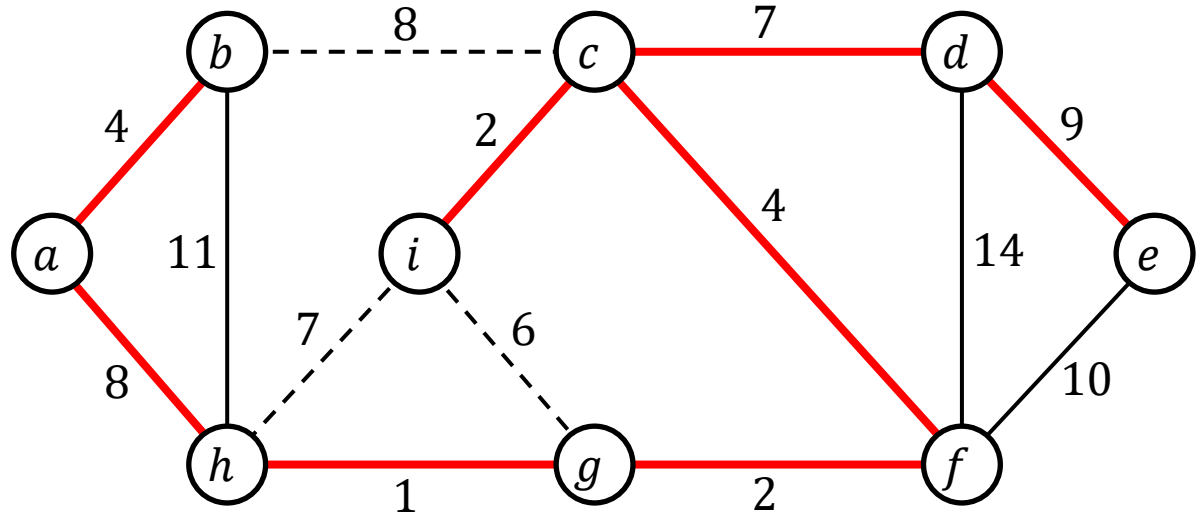
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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

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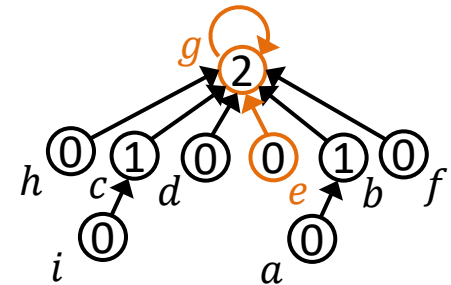
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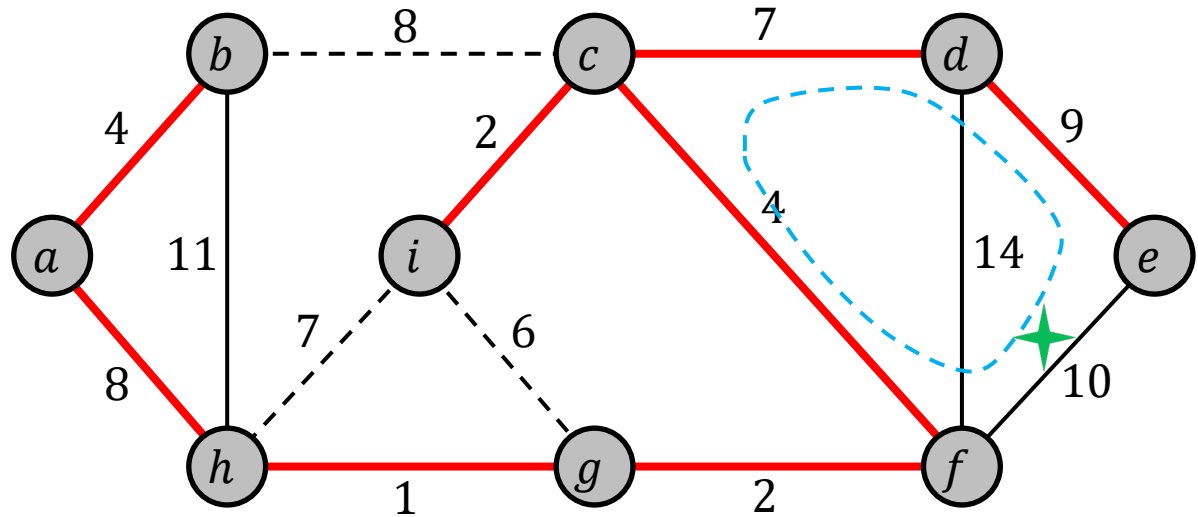
(union by rank only) :

UNION(d, e)



MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

(12) edge (e, f):



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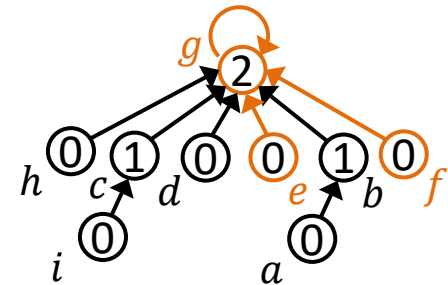
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Disjoint-Set

Data Structure

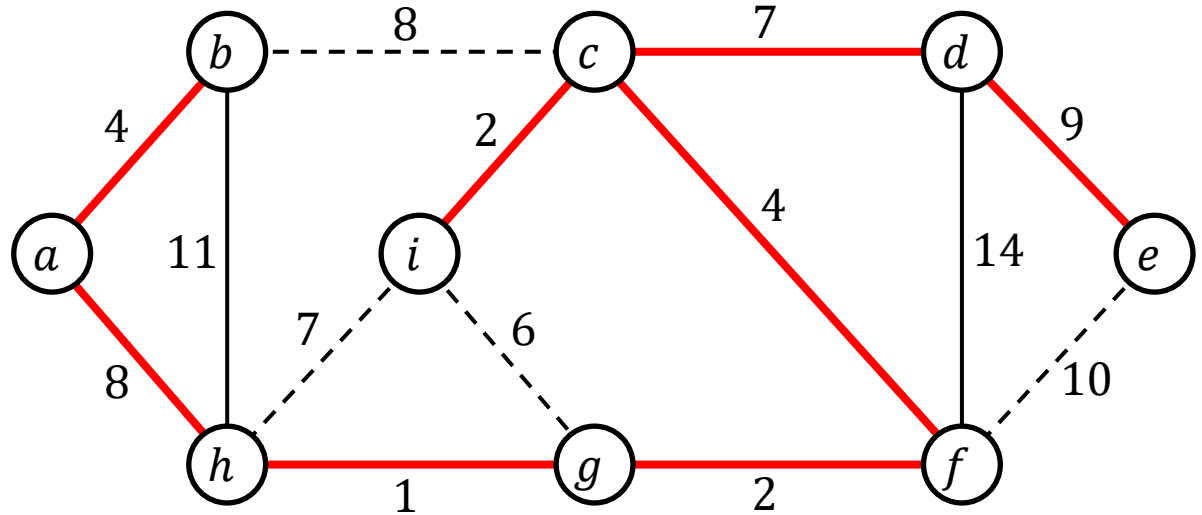
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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

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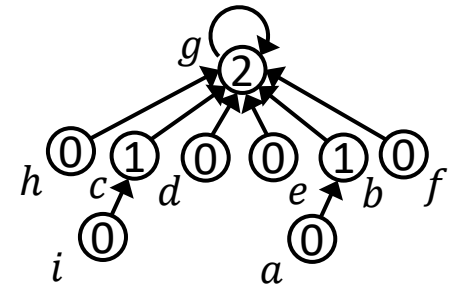
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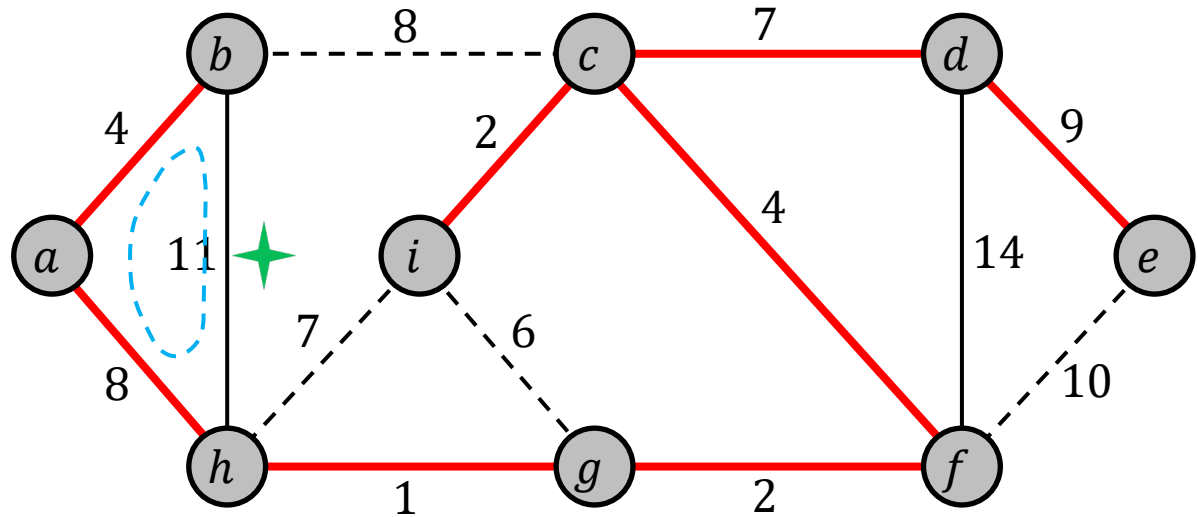
Data Structure

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MST: Kruskal's Algorithm

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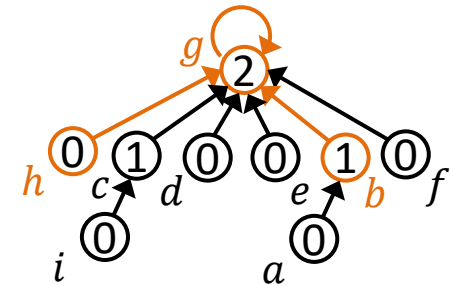
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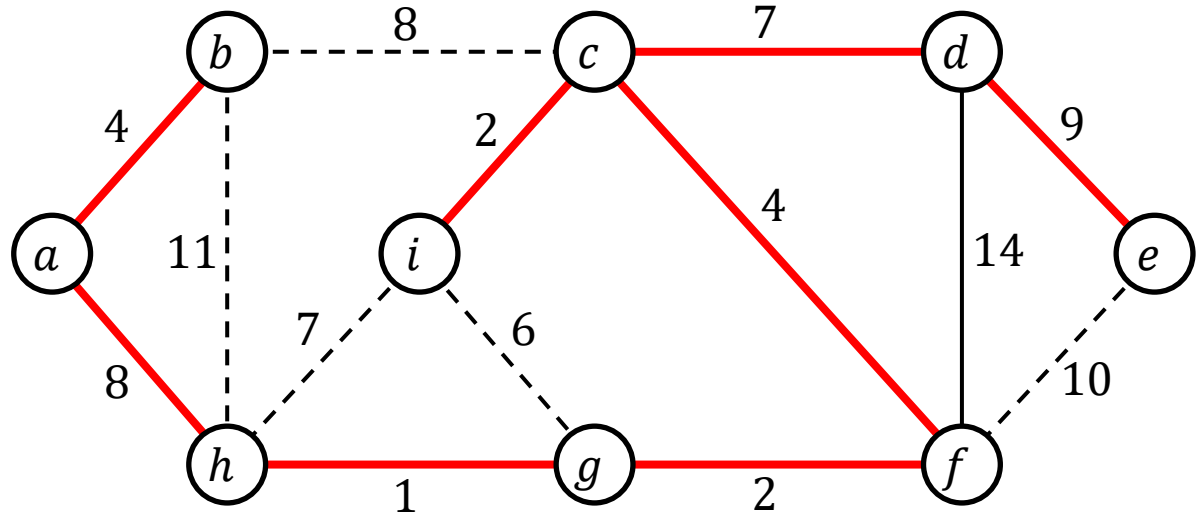
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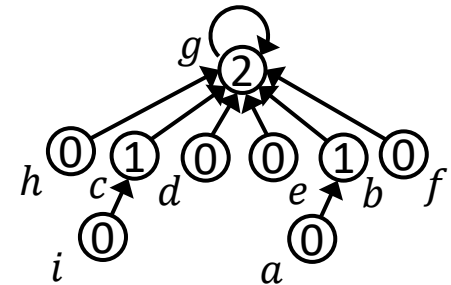
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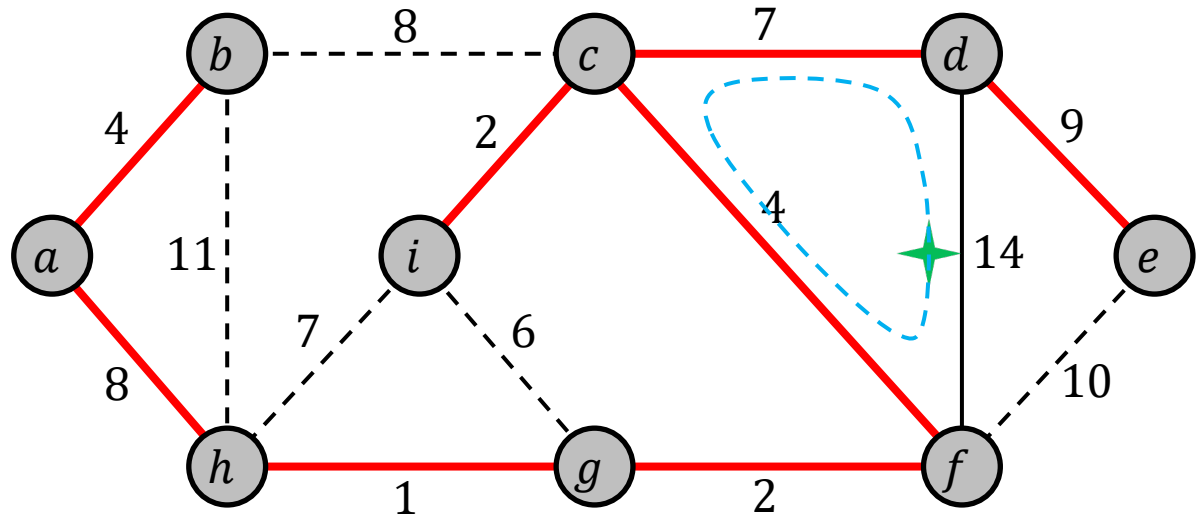
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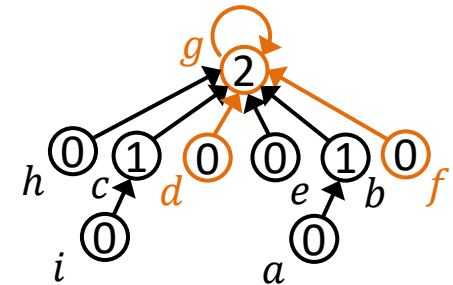
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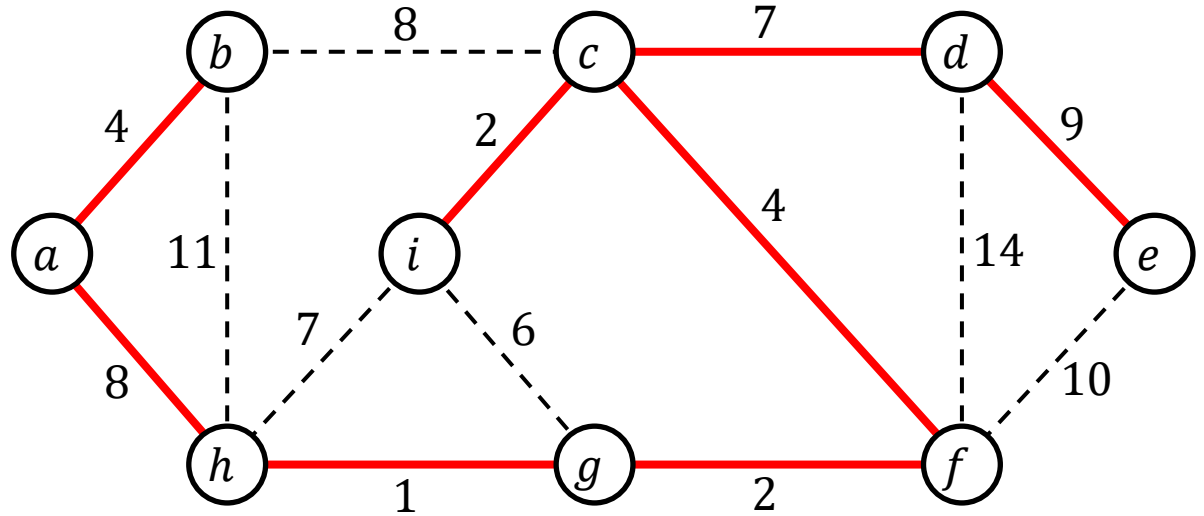
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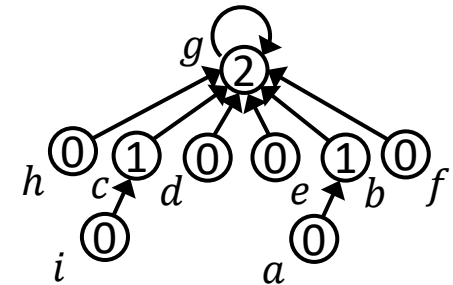
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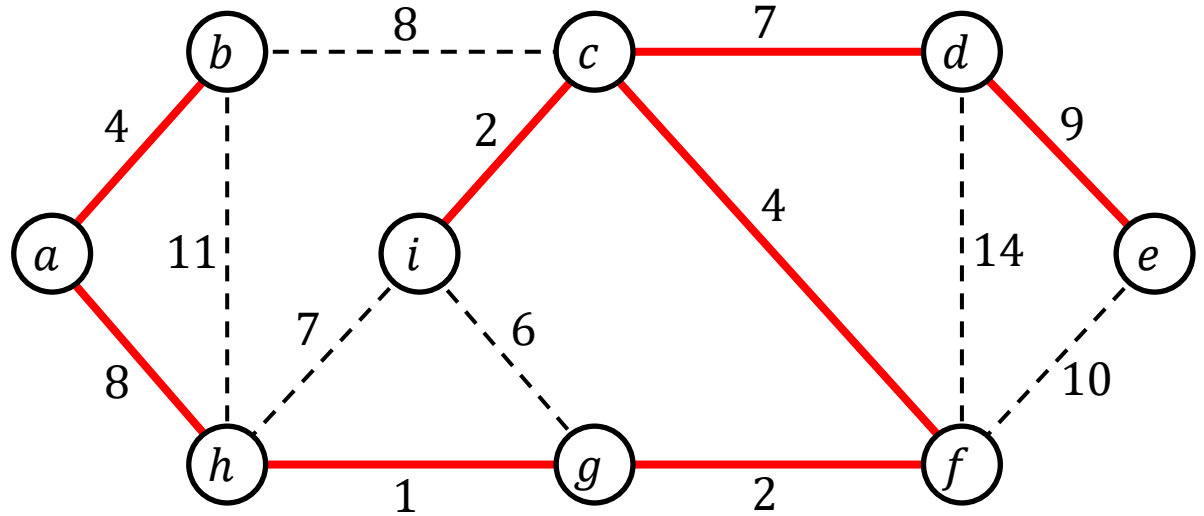
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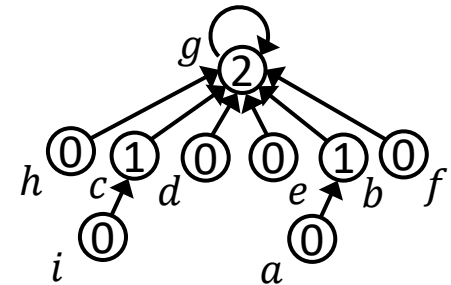


Total weight = 37

Disjoint-Set

Data Structure

(union by rank only) :



MST: Kruskal's Algorithm (union by rank)

MST-Kruskal ($G = (V, E), w$)

1. $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
2. *for* each vertex $v \in G.V$ *do*
3. $MAKE-SET(v)$
4. sort the edges of $G.E$ into nondecreasing order by weight w
5. *for* each edge $(u, v) \in G.E$ taken in nondecreasing order by weight *do*
6. *if* $FIND(u) \neq FIND(v)$ *then*
7. $A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u, v)\}$
8. $UNION(u, v)$
9. *return* A

Let $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$. Since G is connected, we have $m \geq n - 1$.

Then the sorting in step 4 can be done in $O(m \log m)$ time.

#disjoint-set operations performed, $N = 2m + 2n - 1$, of which

#MAKE-SET: n , #FIND: $2m$, #UNION: $n - 1$

So, total time taken by disjoint-set operations = $O((n + m) \log n)$

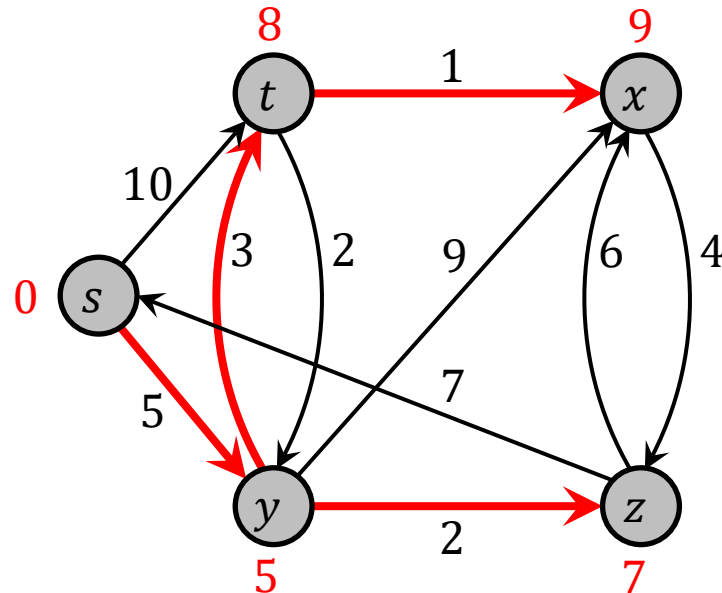
Hence, MST-Kruskal's running time = $O(m \log m)$

The Single-Source Shortest Paths (SSSP) Problem

We are given a weighted, directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with vertex set V and edge set E , and a non-negative weight function w such that for each edge $(u, v) \in E$, $w(u, v)$ represents its weight.

We are also given a source vertex $s \in V$.

Our goal is to find a shortest path (i.e., a path of the smallest total edge weight) from s to each vertex $v \in V$.



Intuition behind Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm

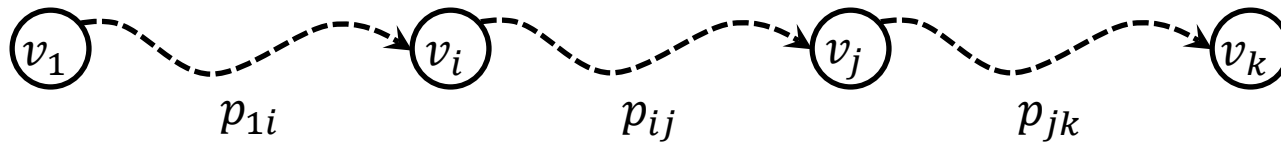
Lemma: [subpaths of shortest paths are shortest paths] Given a weighted, directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with weight function $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, let $p = v_1 v_2 \dots v_k$ be a shortest path from vertex v_1 to vertex v_k and, for any i and j such that $1 \leq i \leq j \leq k$, let $p_{ij} = v_i v_{i+1} \dots v_j$ be the subpath of p from vertex v_i to vertex v_j . Then p_{ij} is a shortest path from v_i to v_j .

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Proof: Let's decompose p as follows.



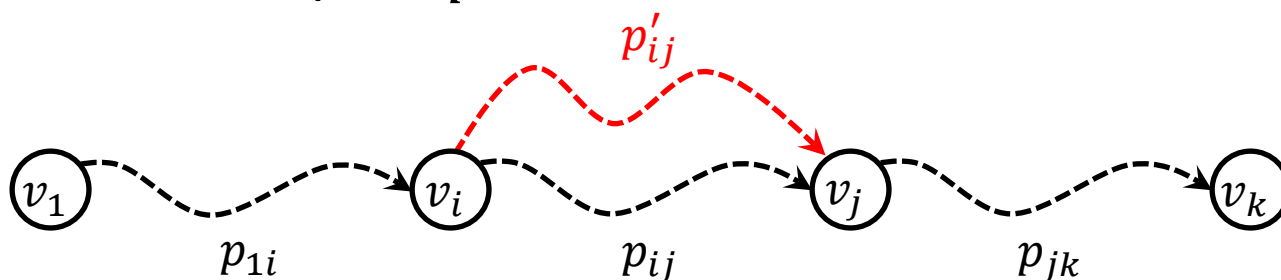
Then weight of path p , $w(p) = w(p_{1i}) + w(p_{ij}) + w(p_{jk})$.

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If p_{ij} is not a shortest path, let p'_{ij} be a shorter path from v_i to v_j .

$\therefore w(p_{1i}) + w(p'_{ij}) + w(p_{jk}) < w(p_{1i}) + w(p_{ij}) + w(p_{jk}) = w(p)$,

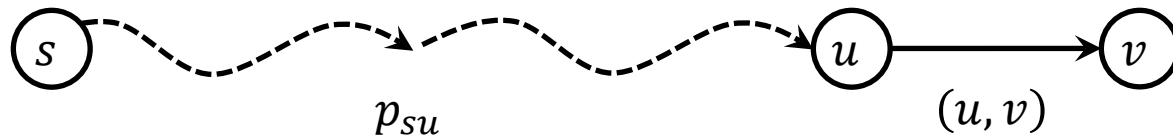
which contradicts our assumption that p is a shortest v_1 to v_k path.

Intuition behind Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm

Observations: Let $v \in V$ and $v \neq s$.

Consider any shortest path $p_{s,v}$ from s to v .

Path $p_{s,v}$ must reach v through a node u from which v has an incoming edge, i.e., $(u, v) \in E$.



Let $p_{s,u}$ be the subpath of $p_{s,v}$ that goes from s to u .

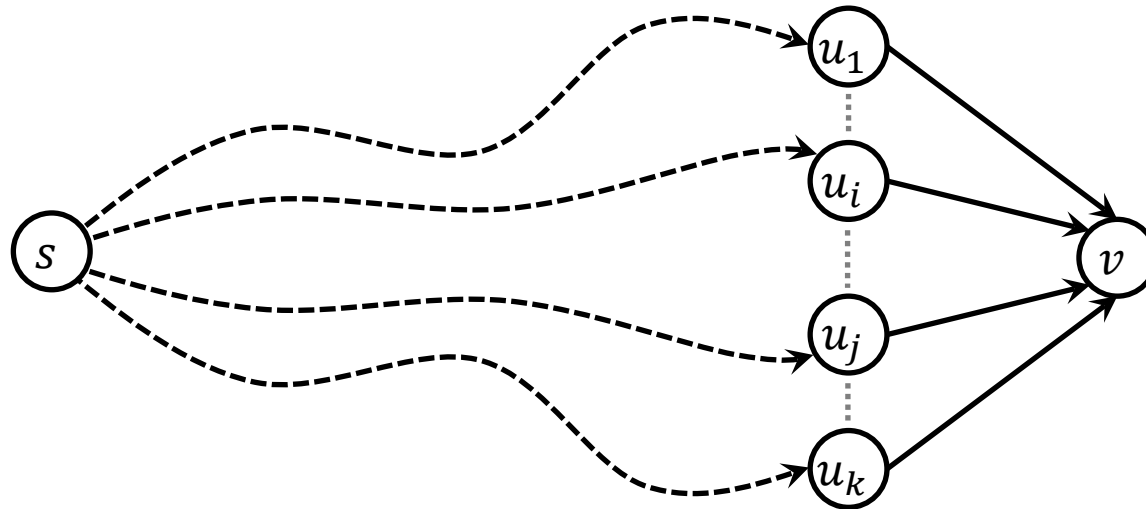
Since subpaths of shortest paths are also shortest paths, $p_{s,u}$ must be a shortest path from s to u .

So, once we know $p_{s,u}$, we can append (u, v) to it to find $p_{s,v}$.

But two questions!

Intuition behind Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm

First question: v can have multiple incoming edges. How do we know which of them lies on $p_{s,v}$?

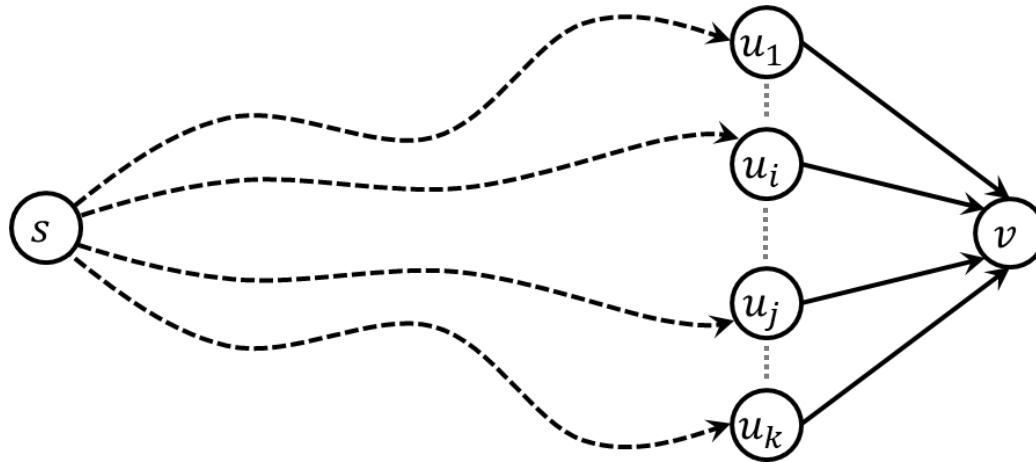


Suppose, v has k incoming edges $(u_1, v), (u_2, v), \dots, (u_k, v)$.

The solution is to maintain a tentative shortest s to v distance $d[v]$ initialized to ∞ , and update $d[v]$ to $\min\{d[v], w(p_{s,u}) + w(u, v)\}$ when we find the shortest path $p_{s,u}$ to each $u \in \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$.

Intuition behind Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm

Second question: When do we know that $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$, where $\delta(s, v)$ is the shortest distance from s to v ?



Find shortest paths to vertices in non-decreasing order of $\delta(s, \cdot)$.

We start with vertex s because we know $\delta(s, s) = 0$.

Since edge weights are non-negative, any u with $\delta(s, u) > \delta(s, v)$ cannot be on $p_{s,v}$.

So, if $d[v]$ is the smallest among all vertices to which we are yet to find shortest distances, we know that $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$.

Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm with a Min-Heap (SSSP: Single-Source Shortest Paths)

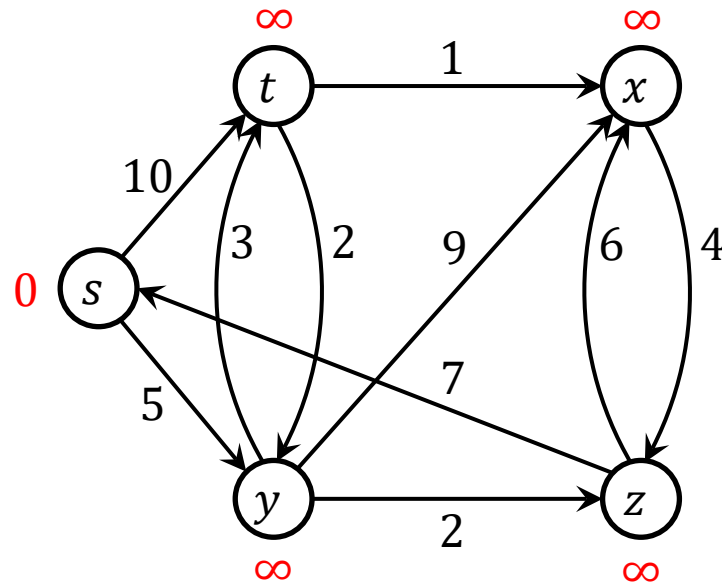
Input: Weighted graph $G = (V, E)$ with vertex set V and edge set E , a weight function w , and a source vertex $s \in G[V]$.

Output: For all $v \in G[V]$, $v.d$ is set to the shortest distance from s to v .

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Dijkstra-SSSP (  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $w$ ,  $s$  )  
1.   for each vertex  $v \in G.V$  do  
2.        $v.d \leftarrow \infty$   
3.        $v.\pi \leftarrow NIL$   
4.    $s.d \leftarrow 0$   
5.   Min-Heap  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$   
6.   for each vertex  $v \in G.V$  do  
7.       INSERT(  $Q, v$  )  
8.   while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do  
9.        $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}( Q )$   
10.      for each  $(u, v) \in G.E$  do  
11.          if  $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$  then  
12.               $v.d \leftarrow u.d + w(u, v)$   
13.               $v.\pi \leftarrow u$   
14.          DECREASE-KEY(  $Q, v, u.d + w(u, v)$  )
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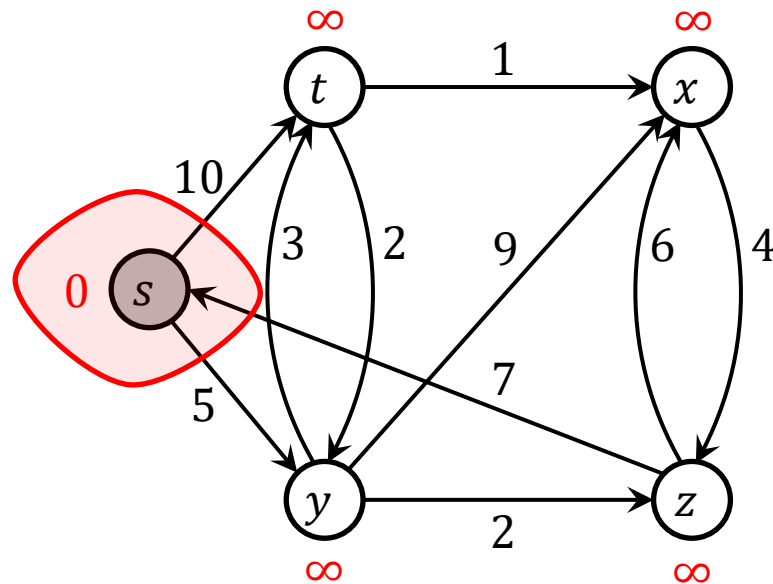
SSSP: Dijkstra's Algorithm

Initial State (with initial tentative distances)



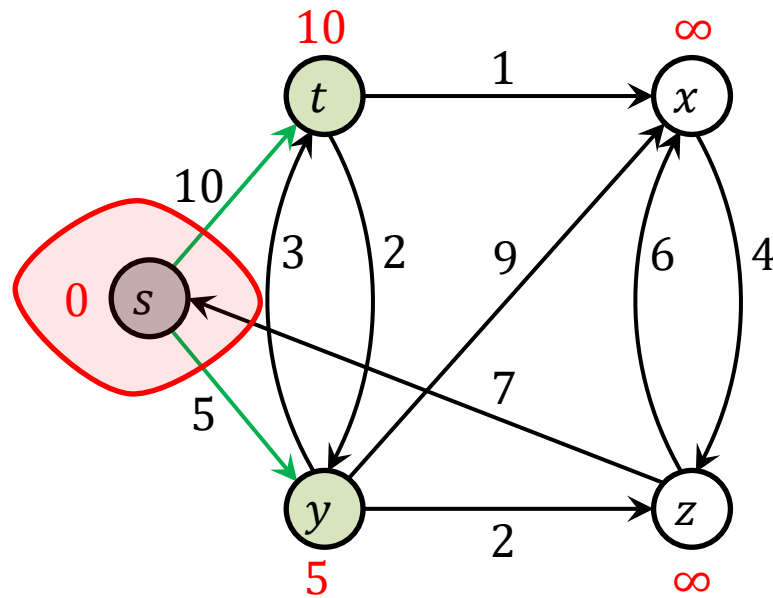
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Step 1: add vertex s to SPT



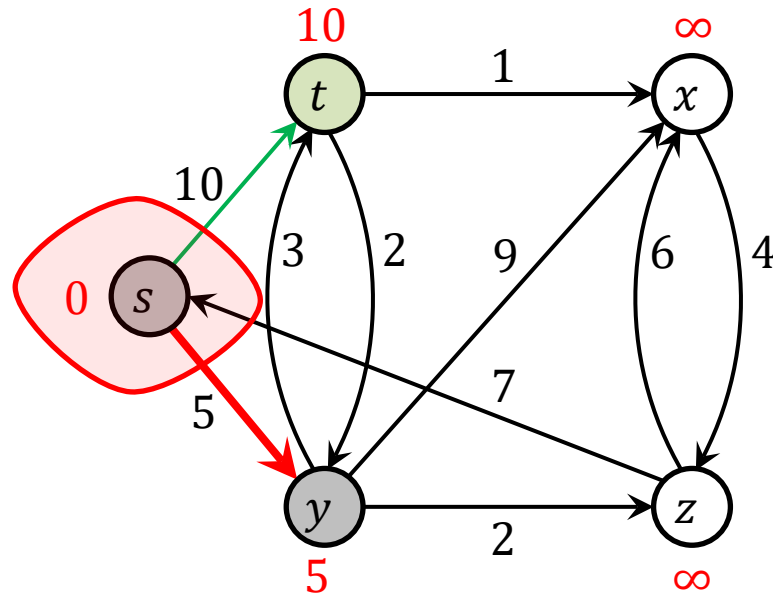
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Step 1': update neighbors of s



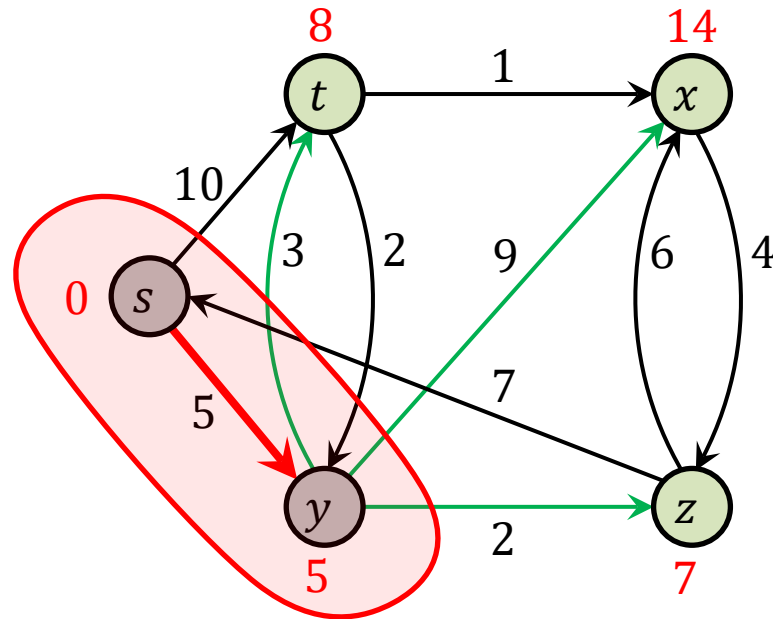
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Step 2: add vertex y through edge (s, y)



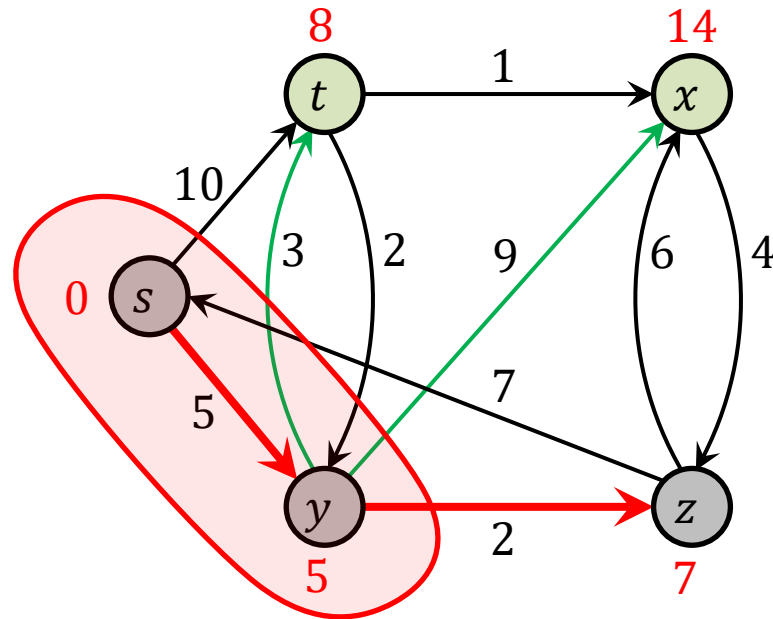
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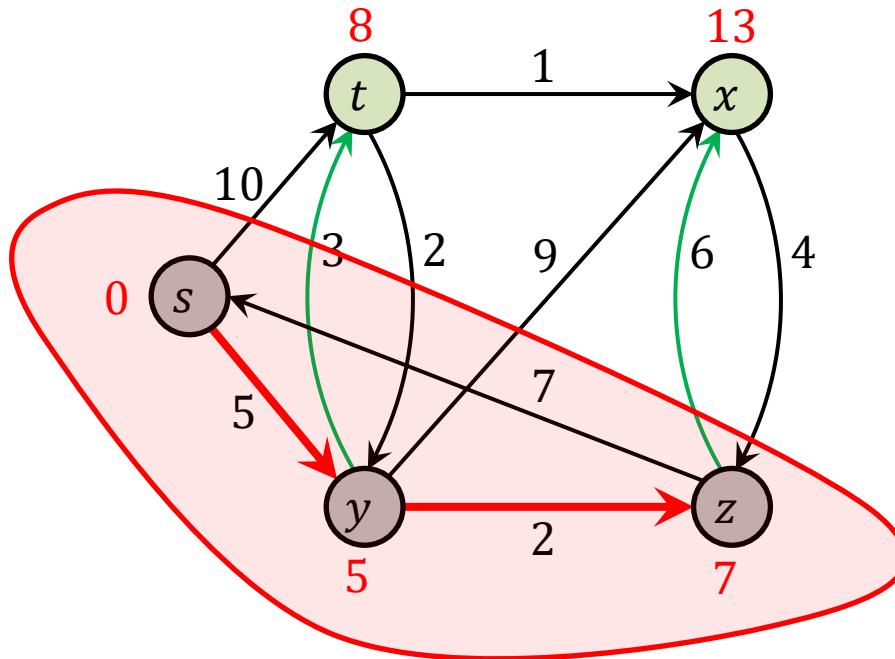
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Step 3: add vertex z through edge (y, z)



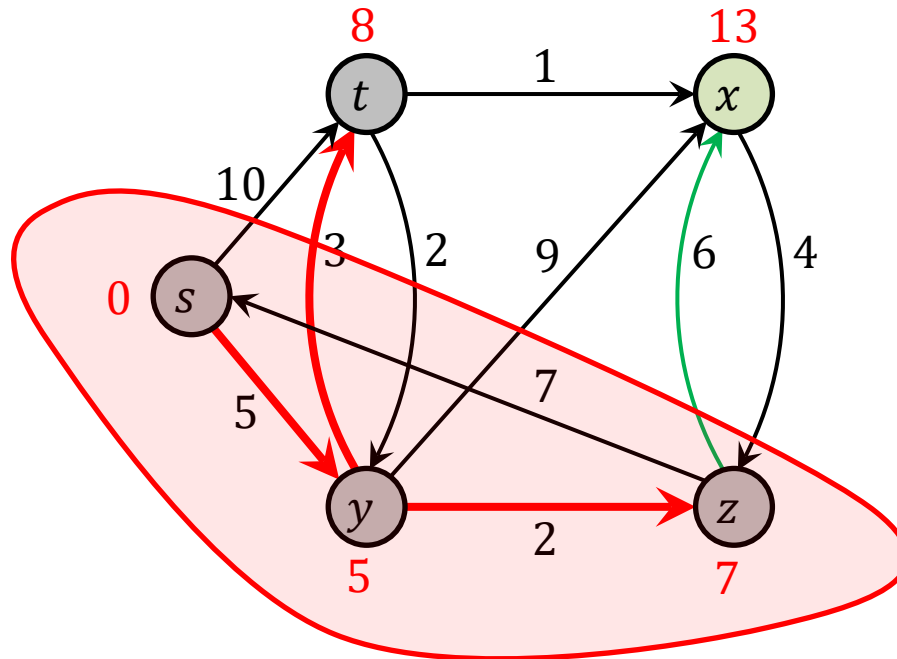
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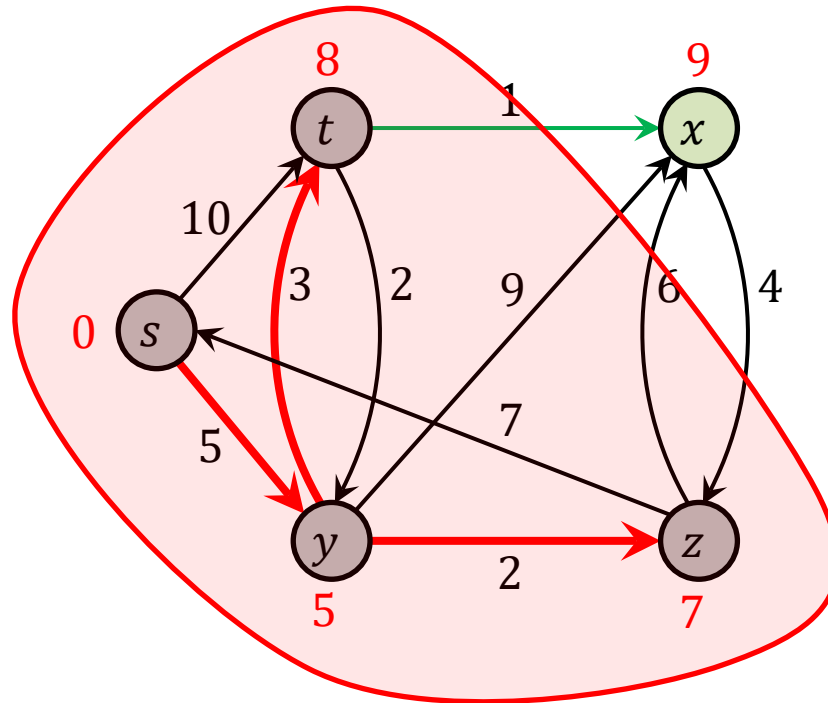
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Step 4: add vertex t through edge (y, t)



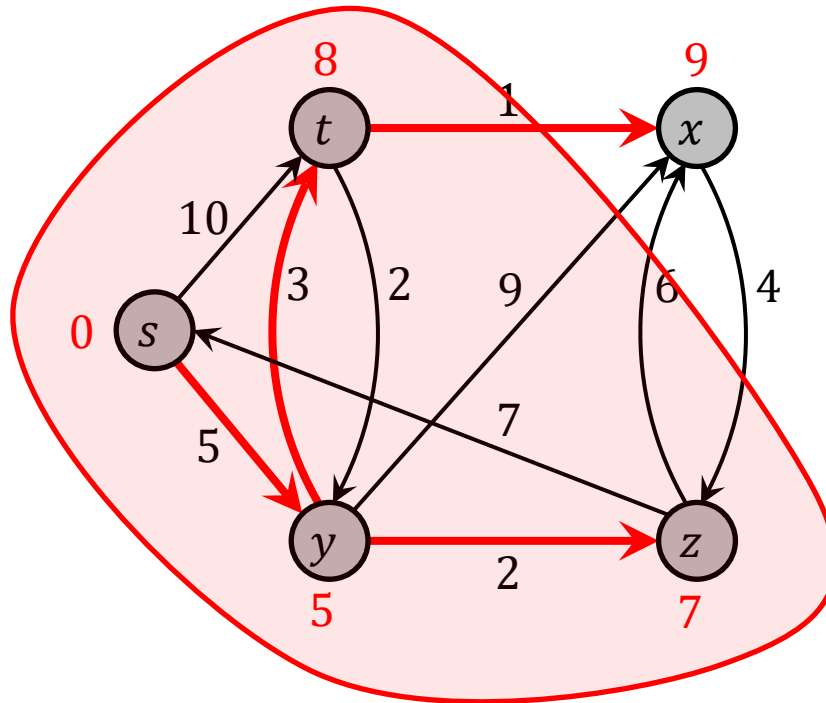
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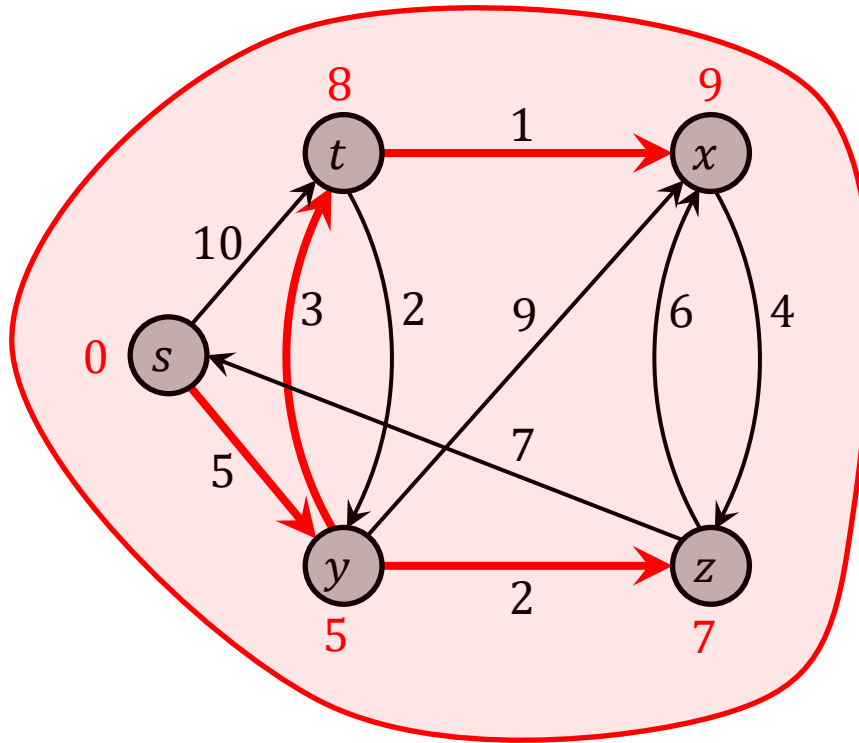
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Step 5: add vertex x through edge (t, x)



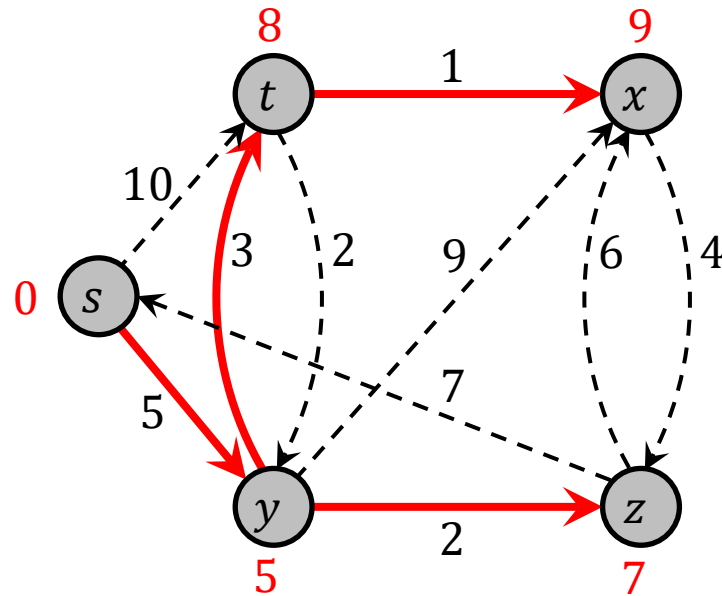
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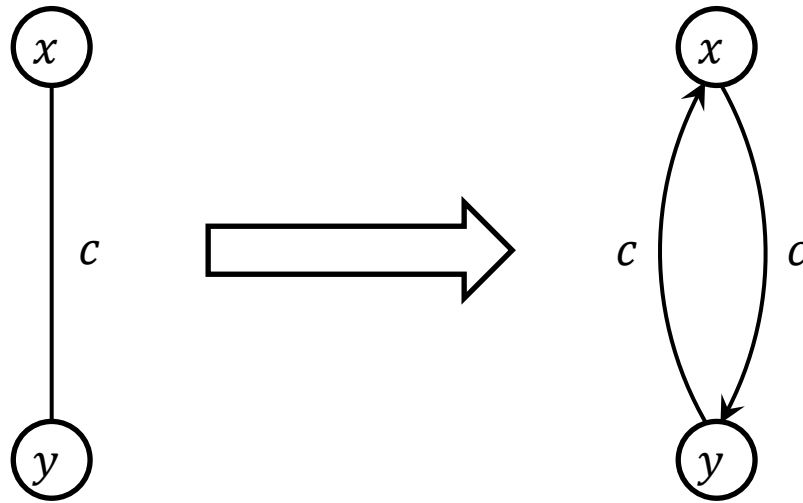
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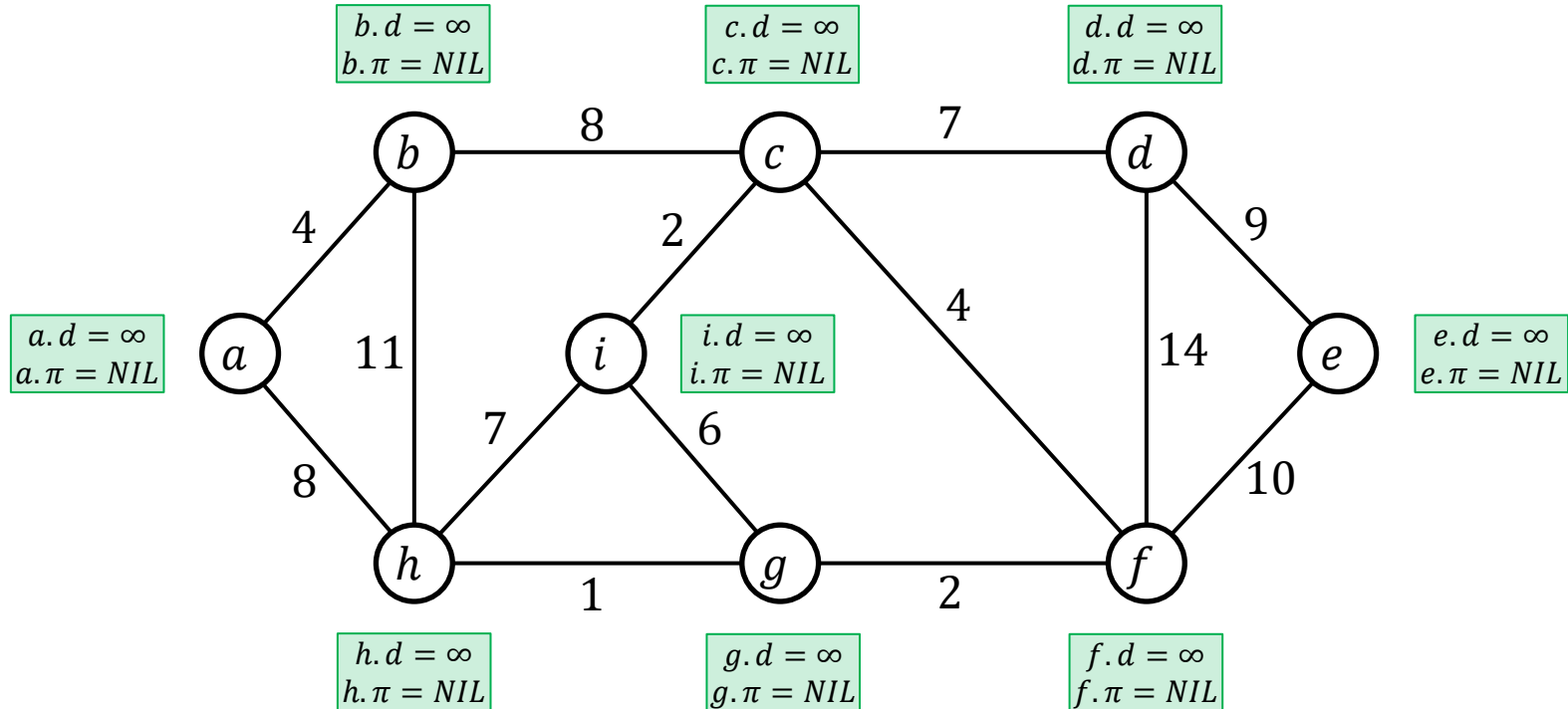
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One undirected edge \Rightarrow Two directed edges



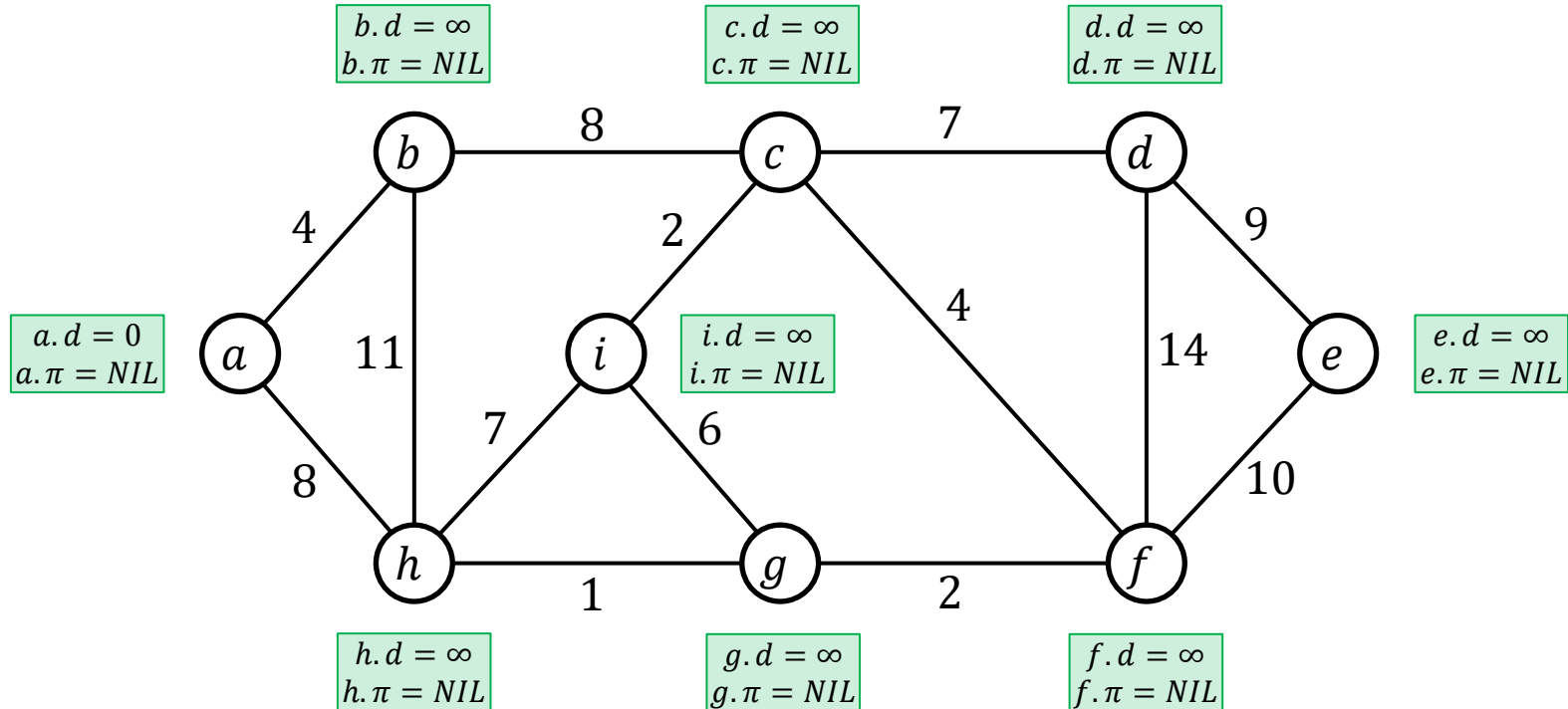
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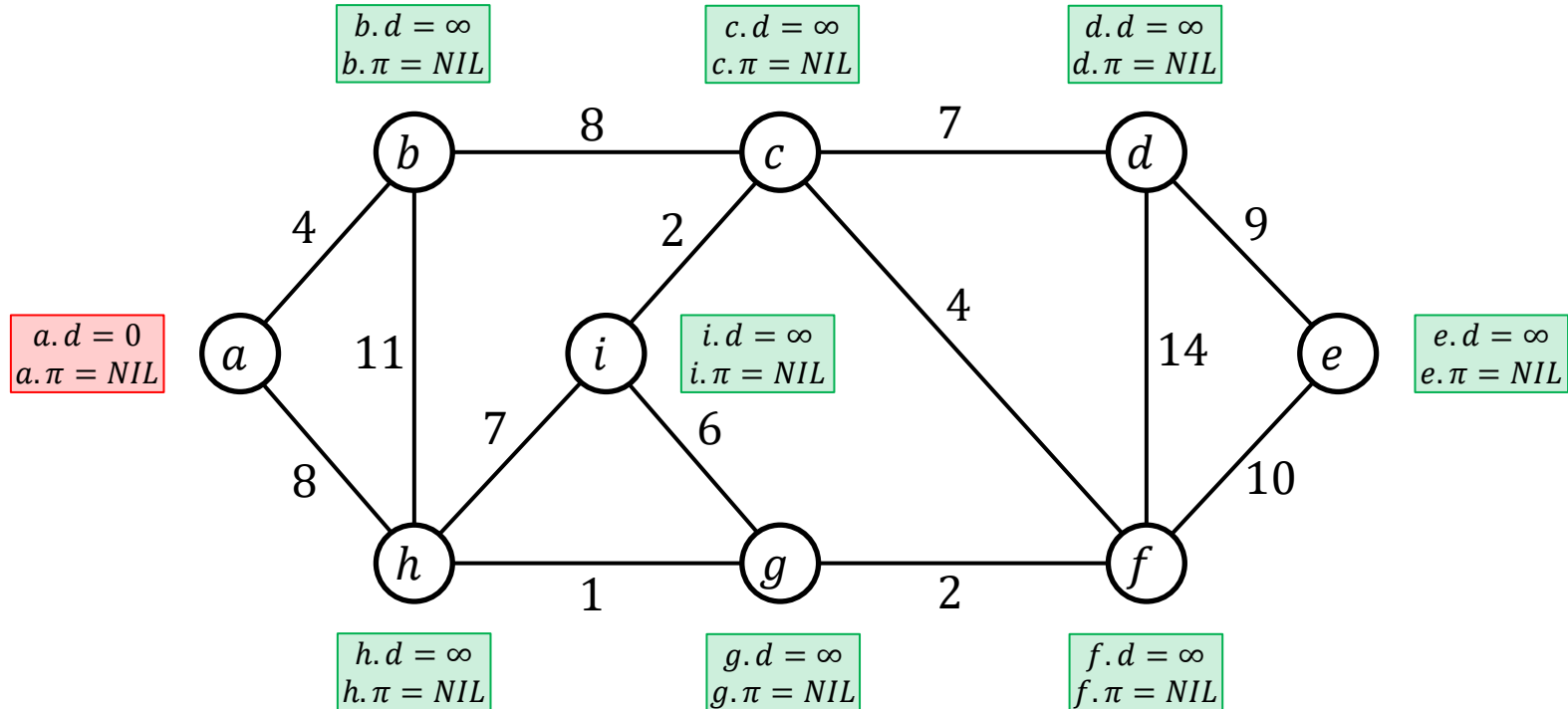
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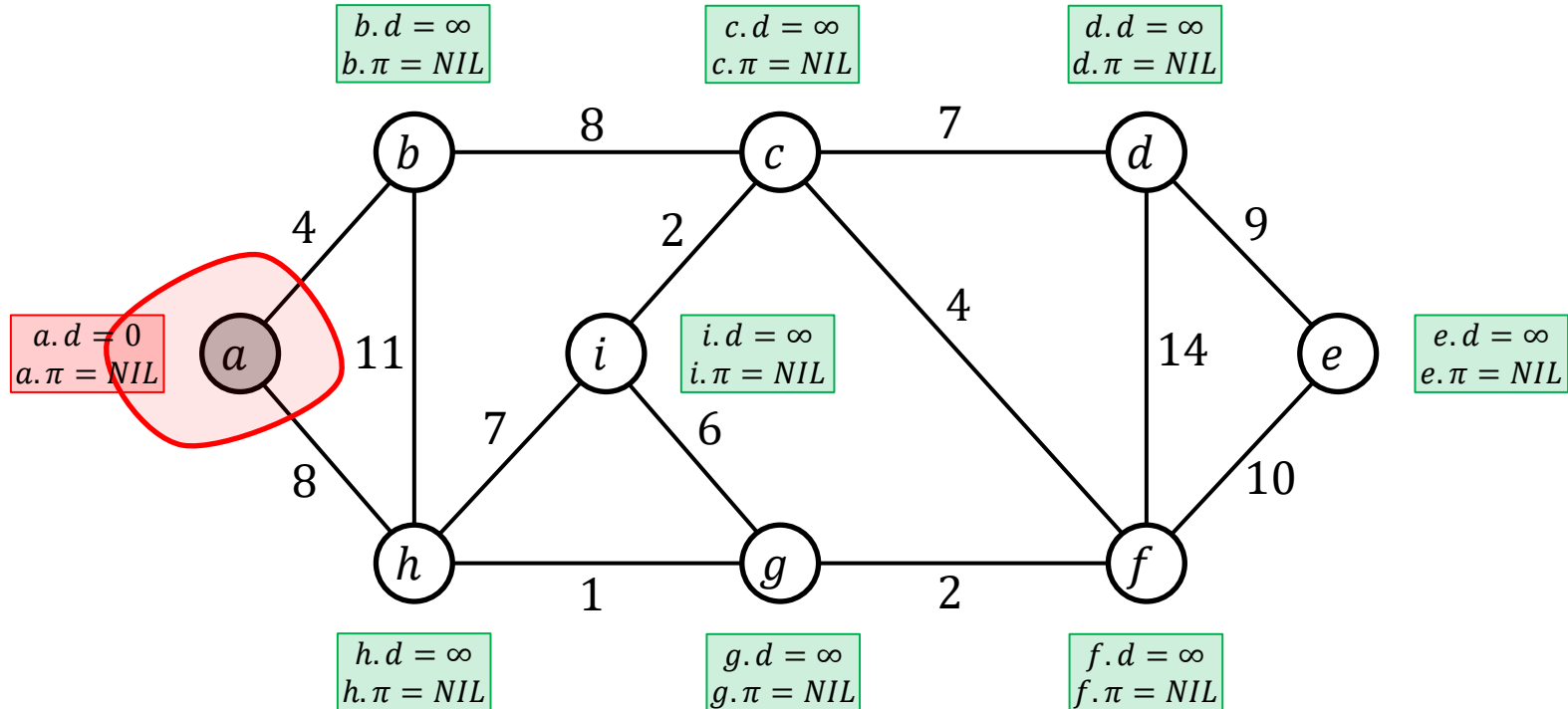
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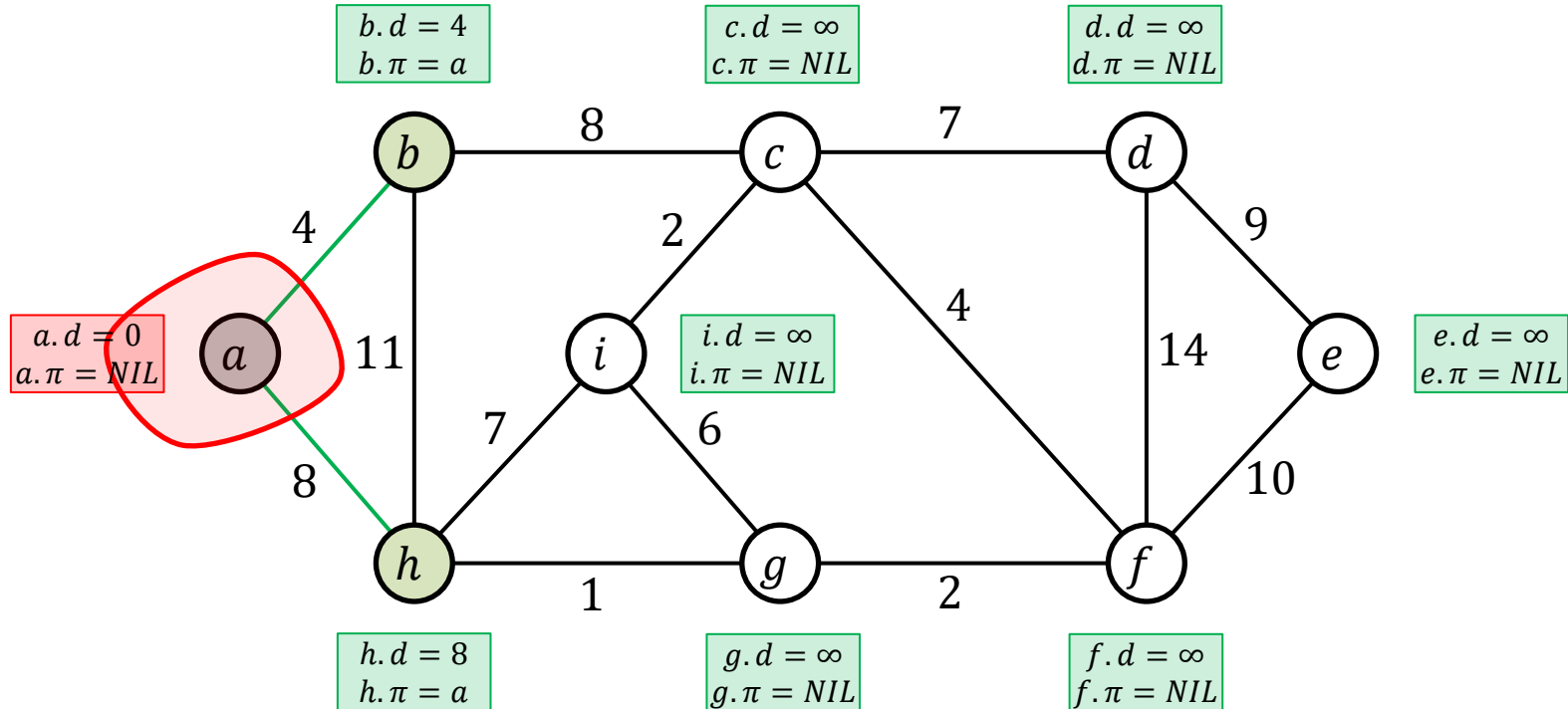
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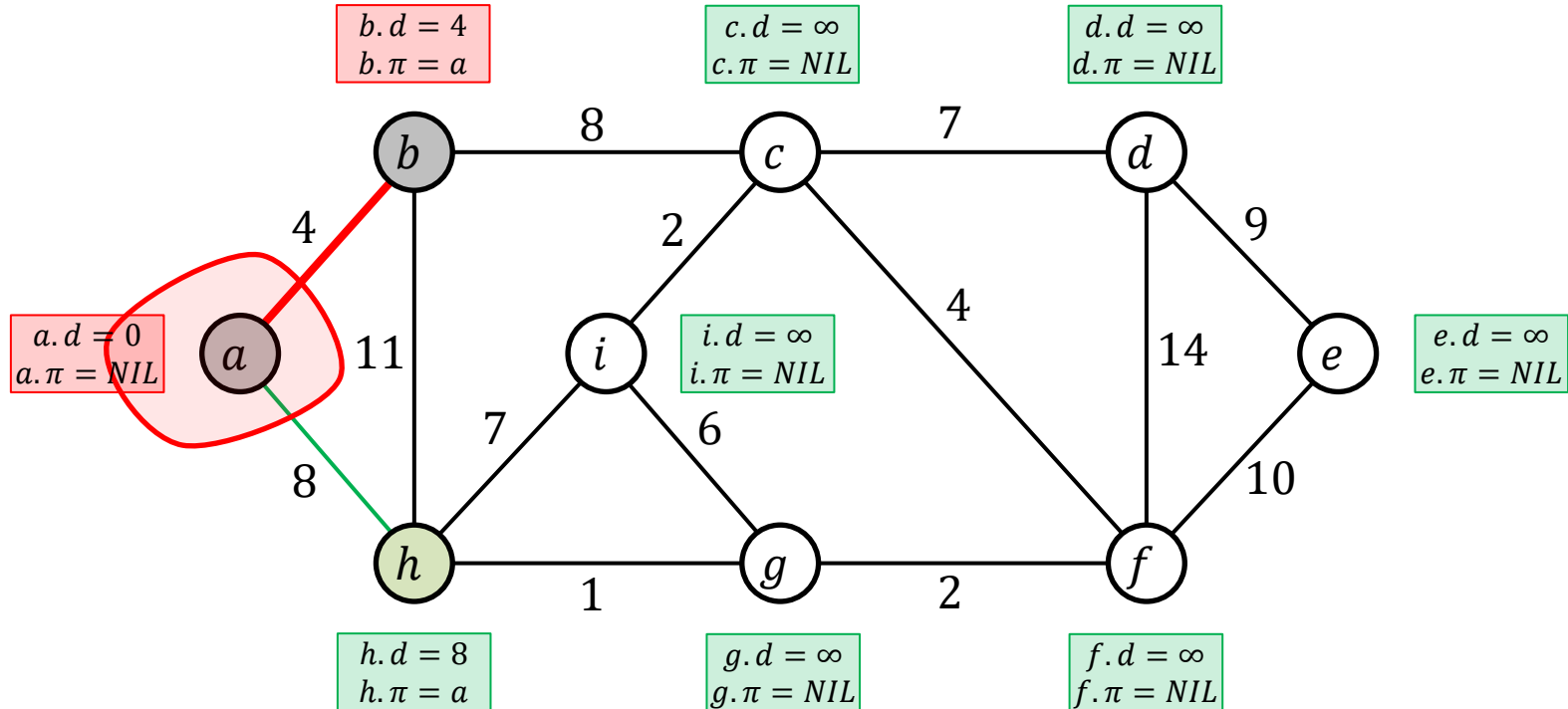
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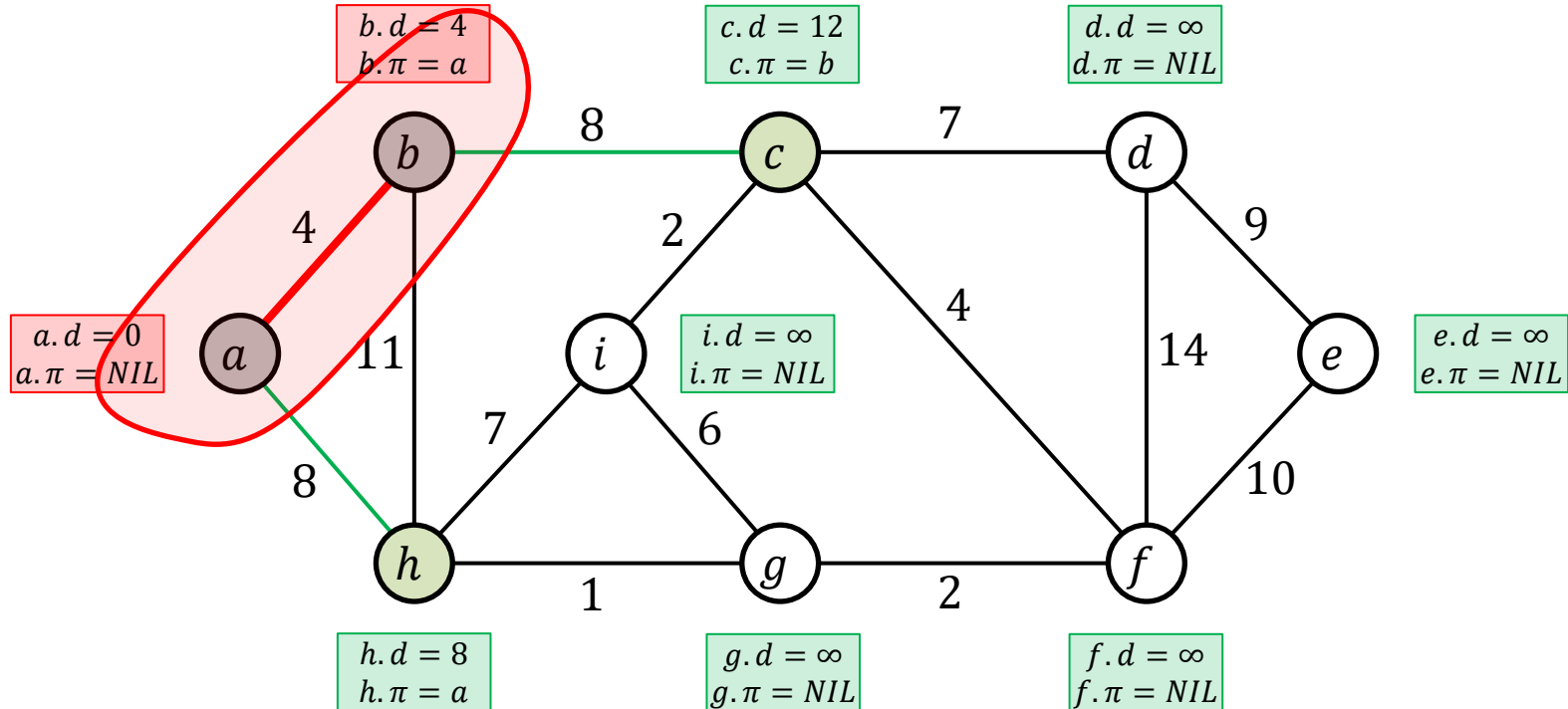
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Step 2: add vertex b through edge (a, b)



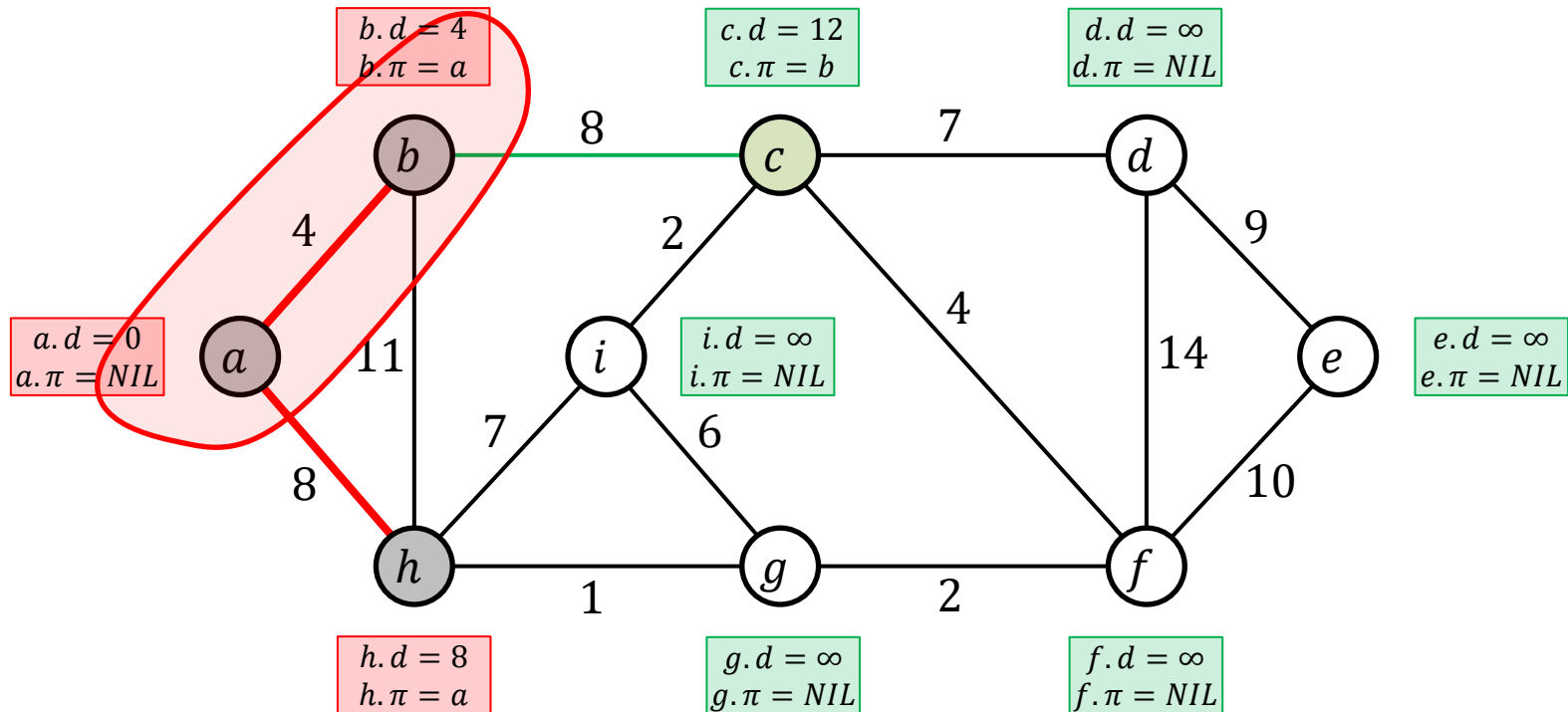
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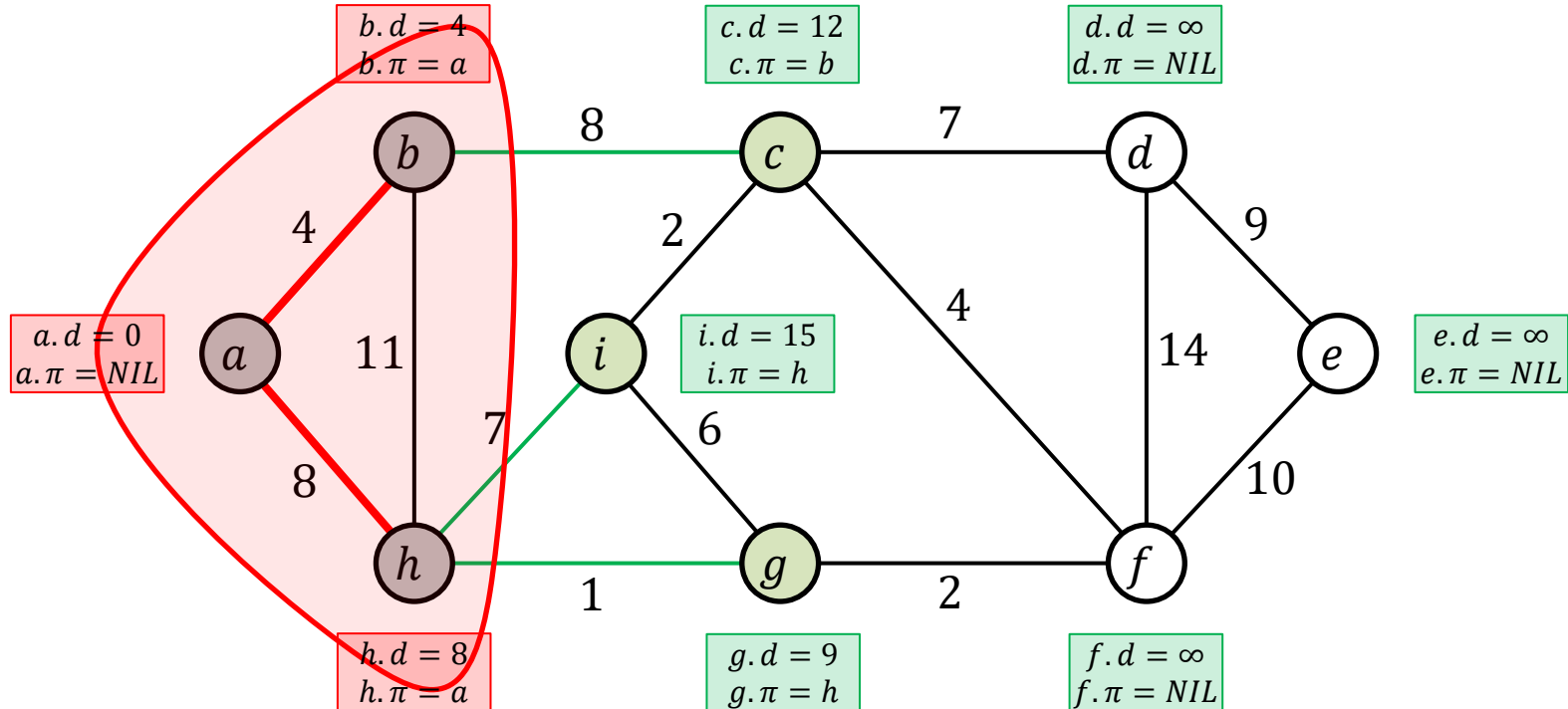
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Step 3: add vertex h through edge (a, h)



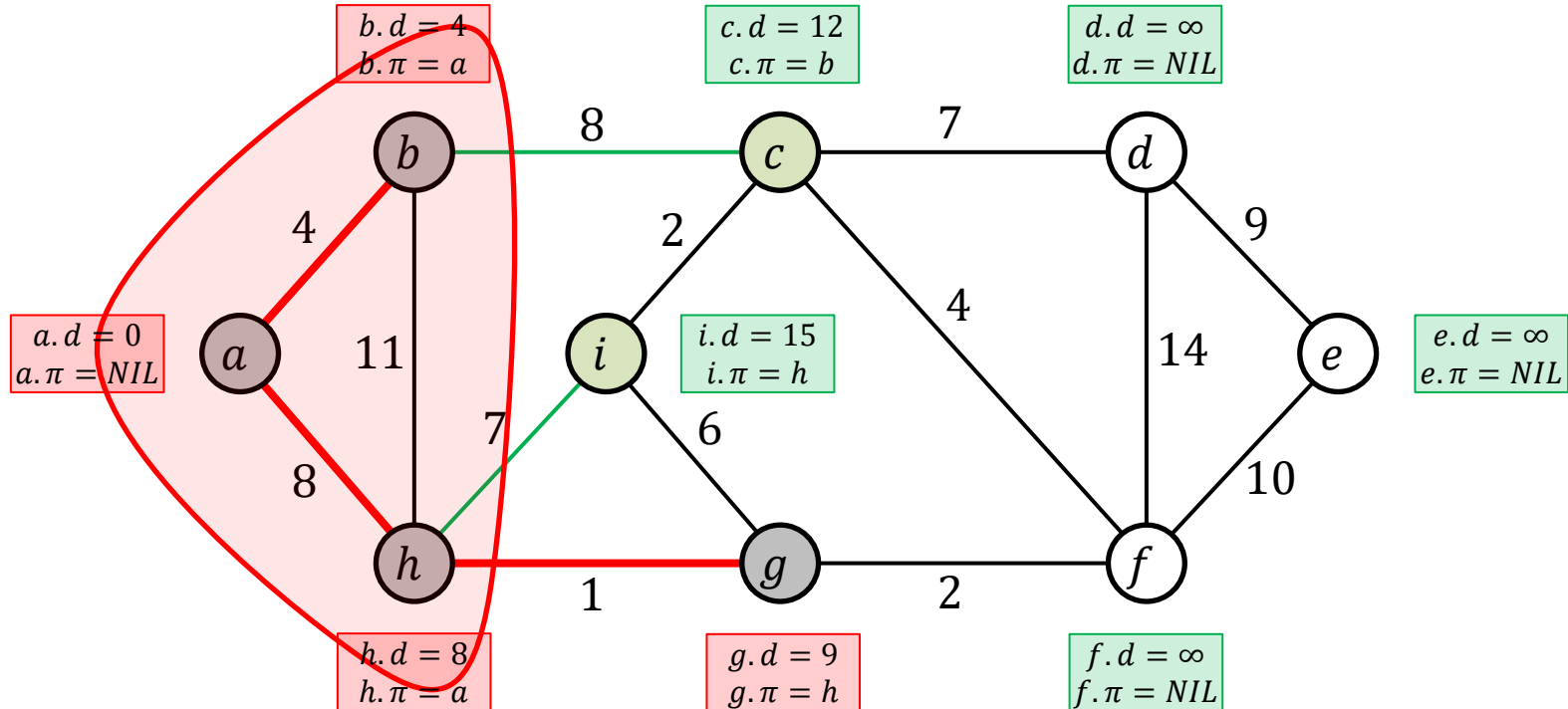
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Step 3': update neighbors of h



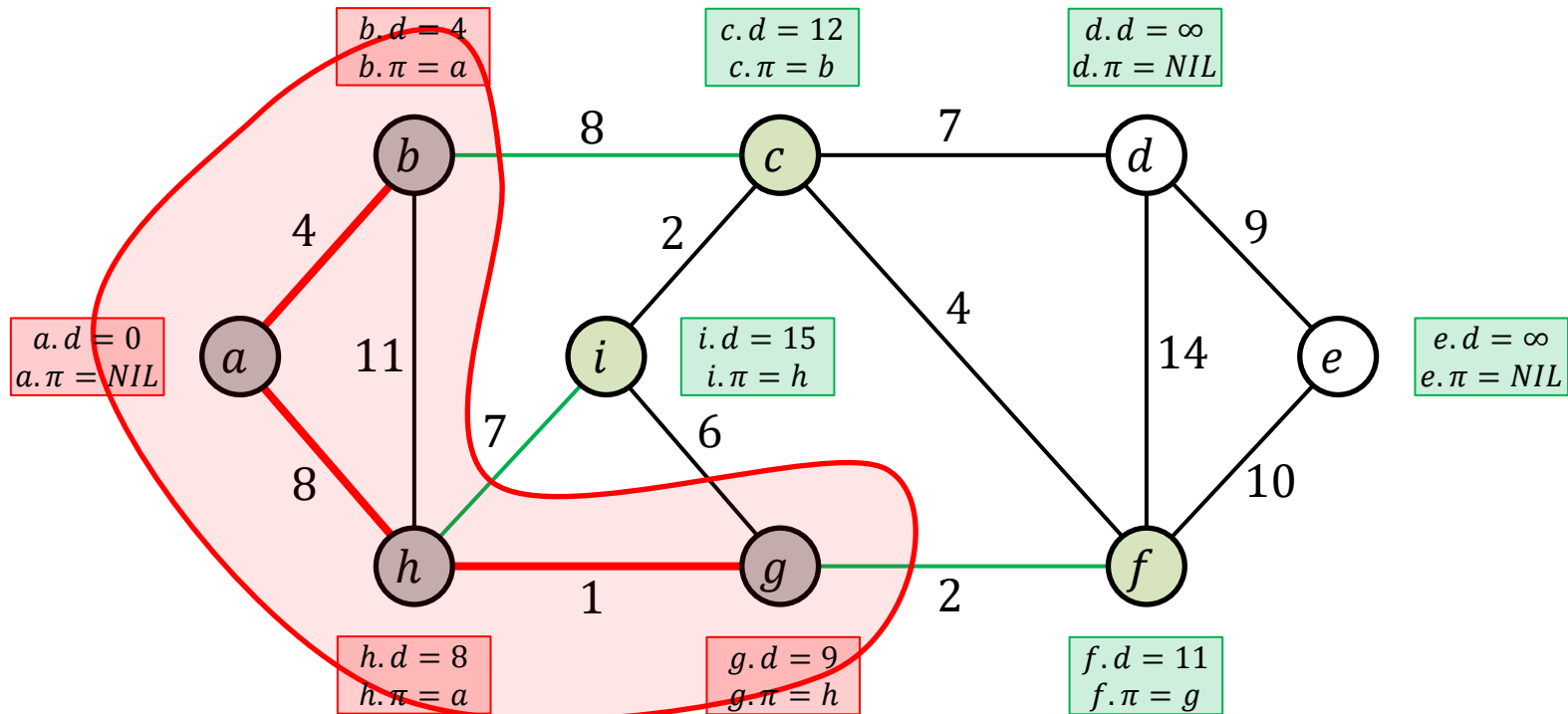
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Step 4: add vertex g through edge (h, g)



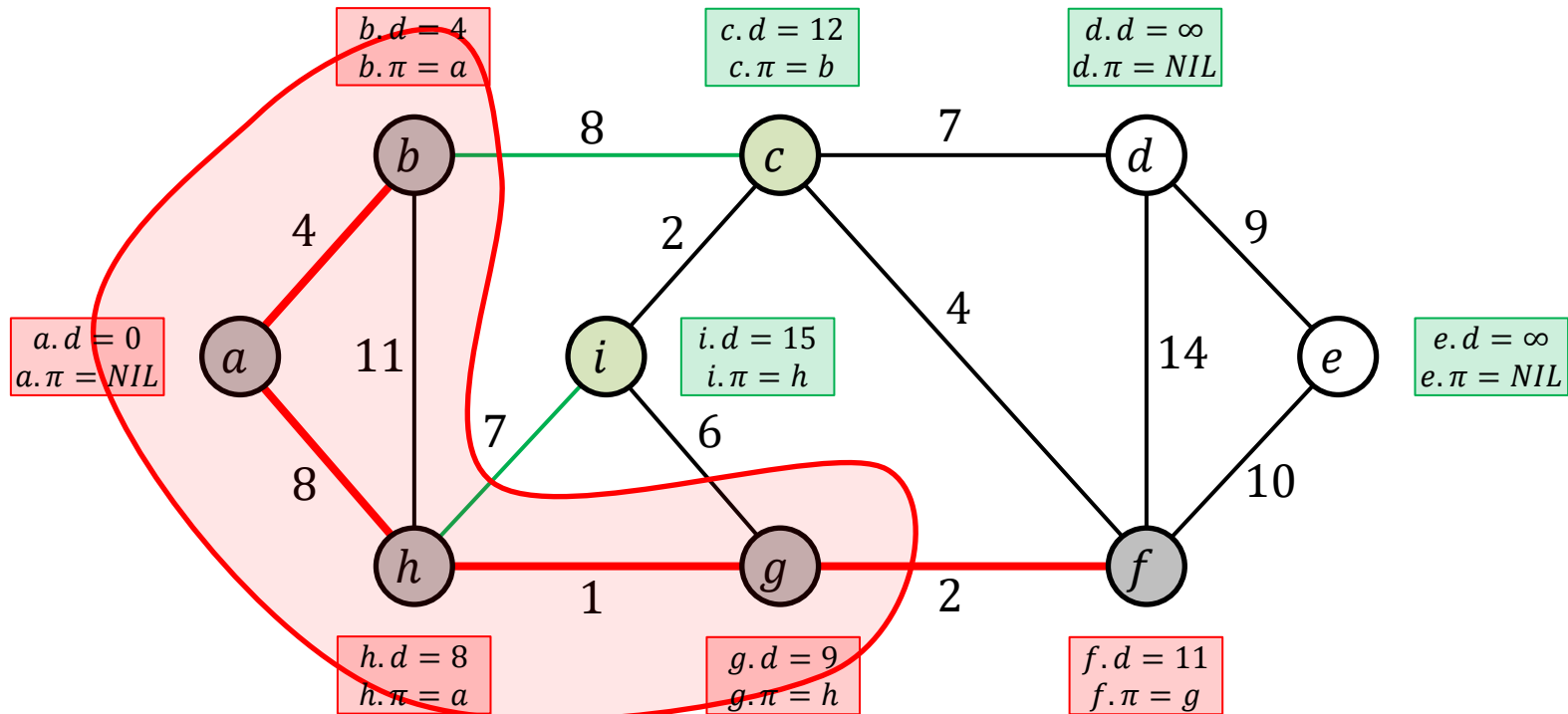
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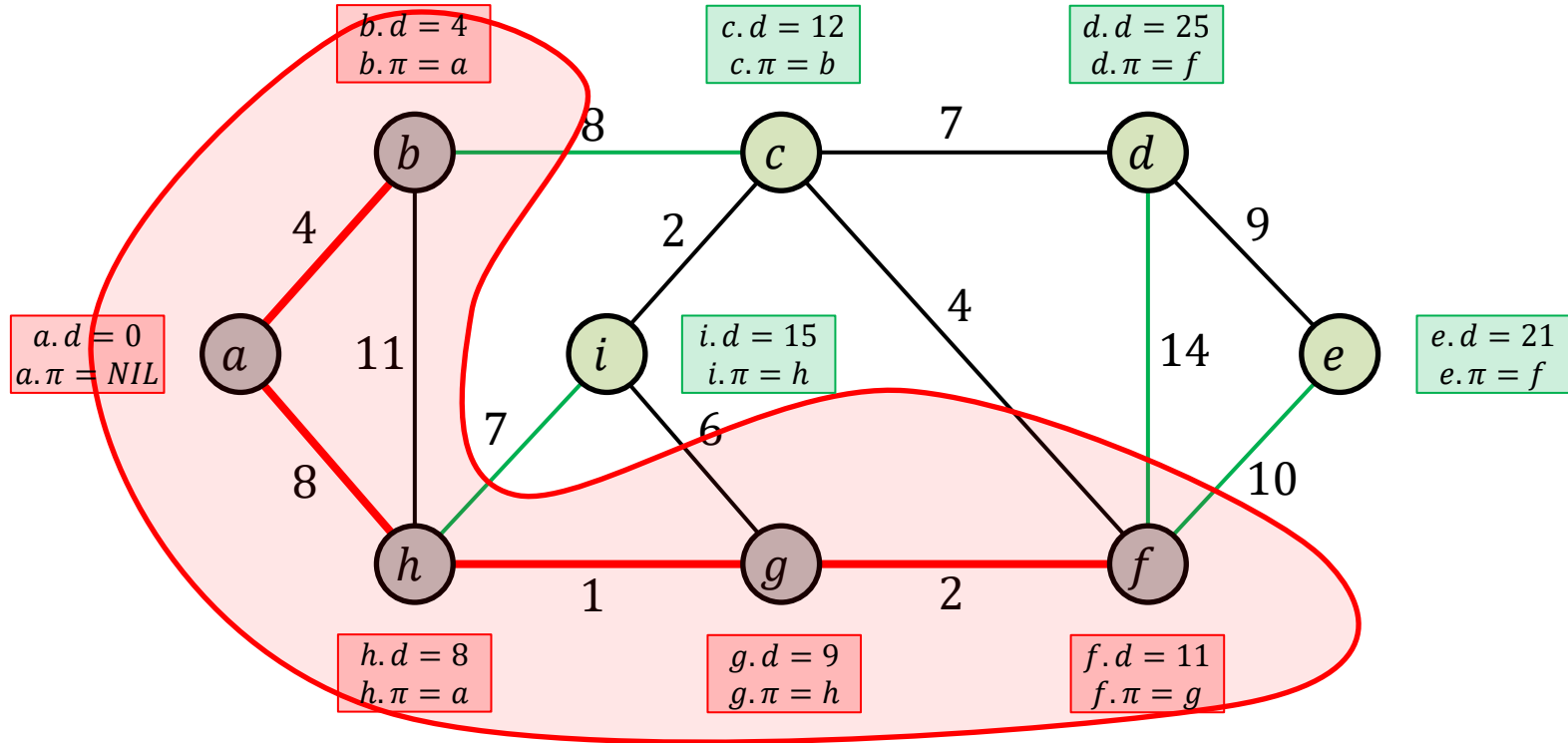
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Step 5: add vertex f through edge (g, f)



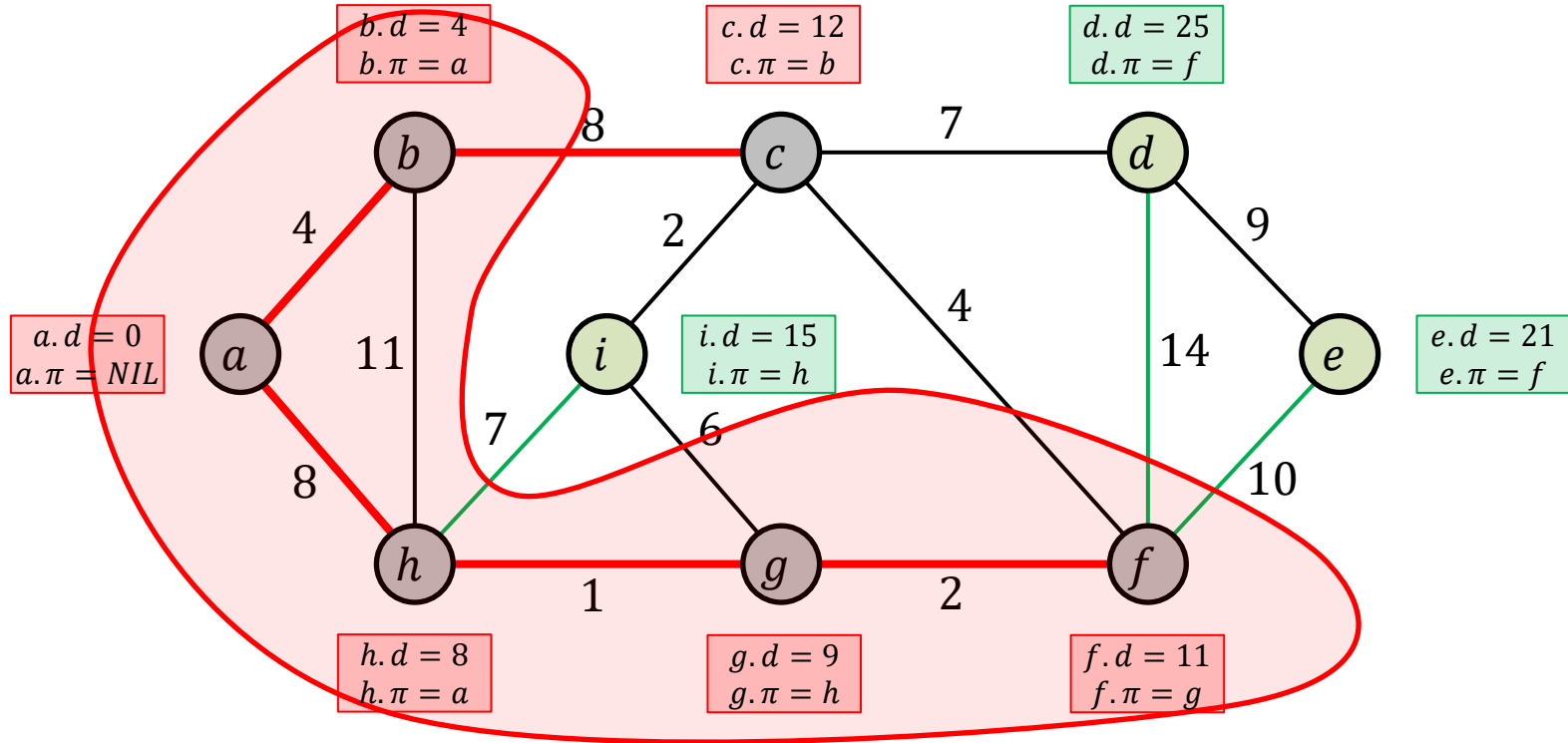
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Step 5': update neighbors of f



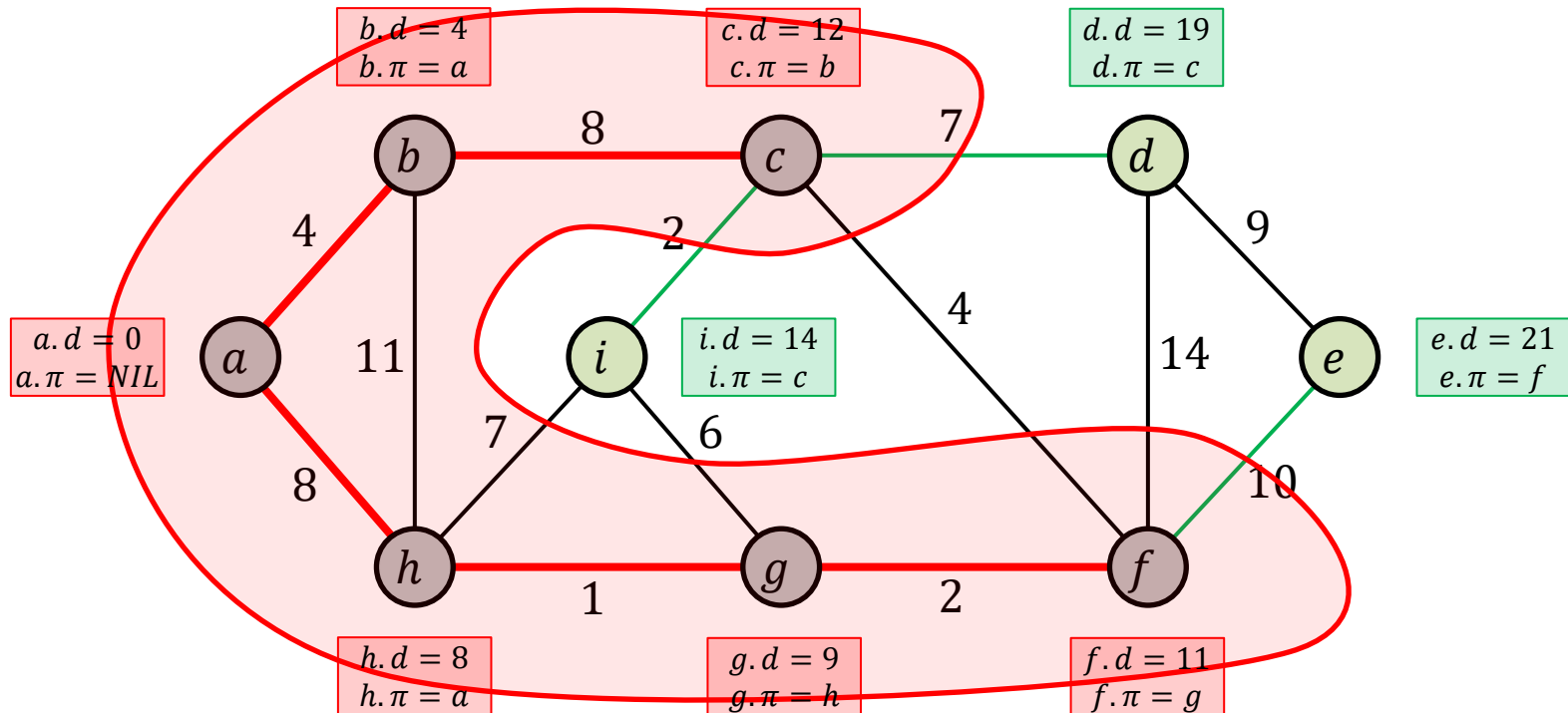
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Step 6: add vertex c through edge (b, c)



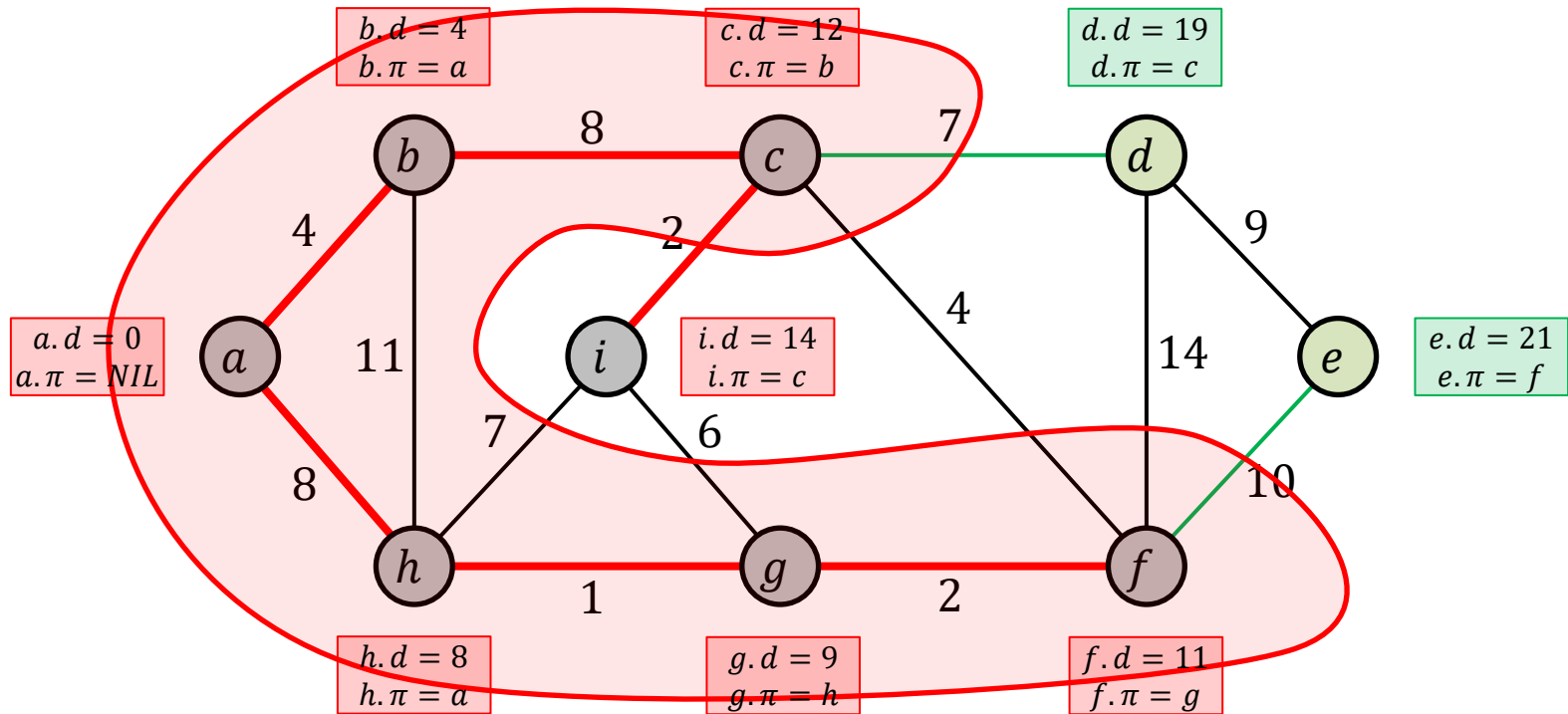
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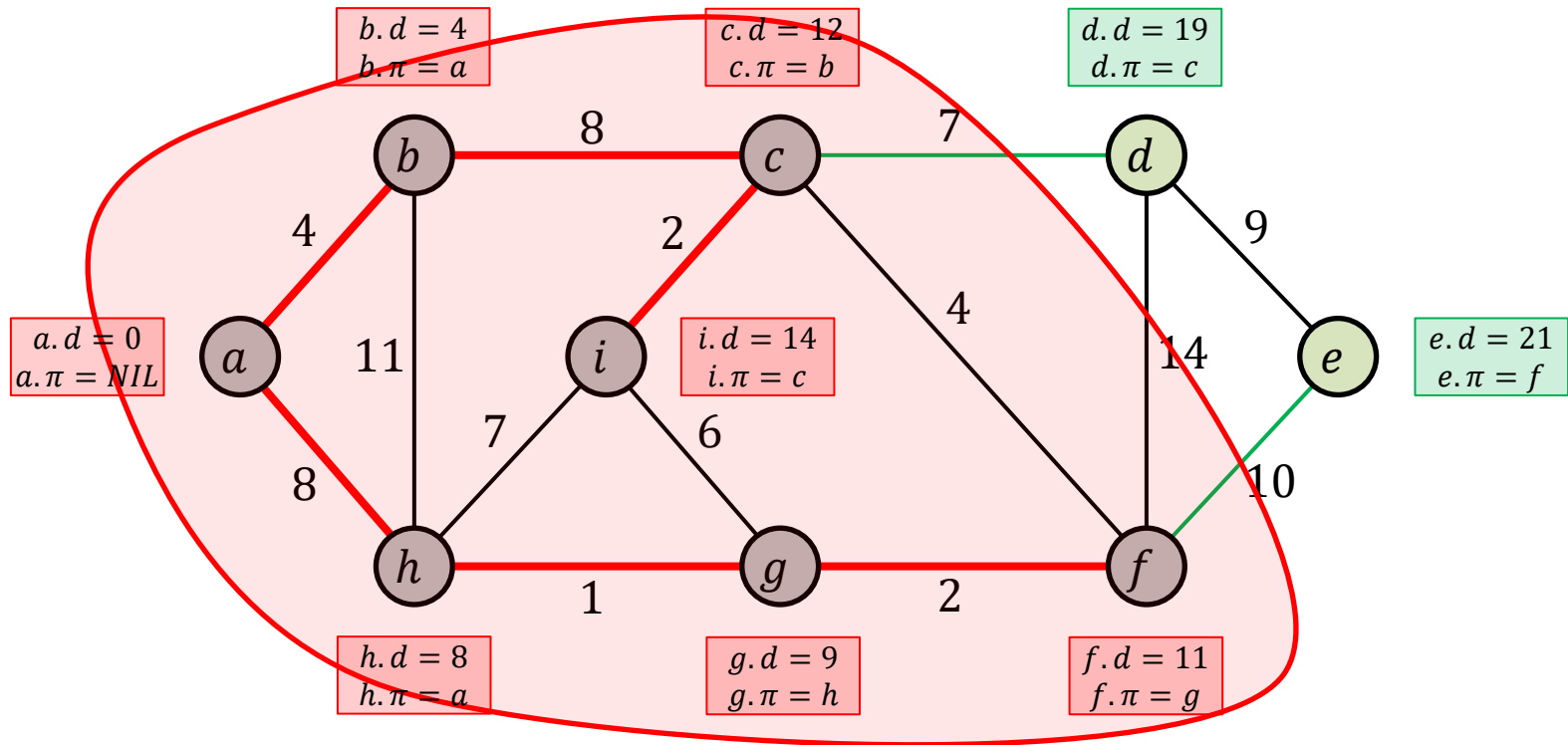
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Step 7: add vertex i through edge (c, i)



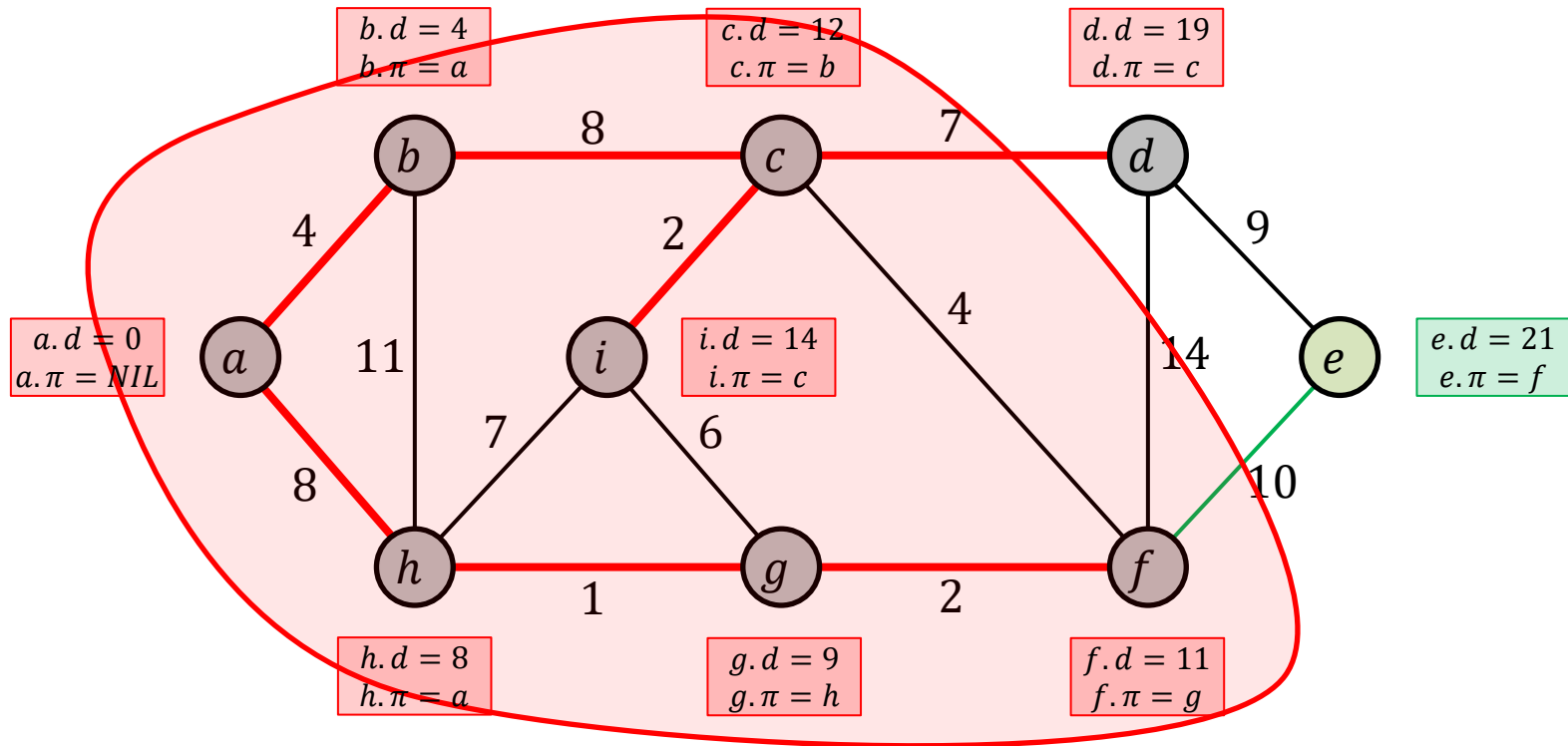
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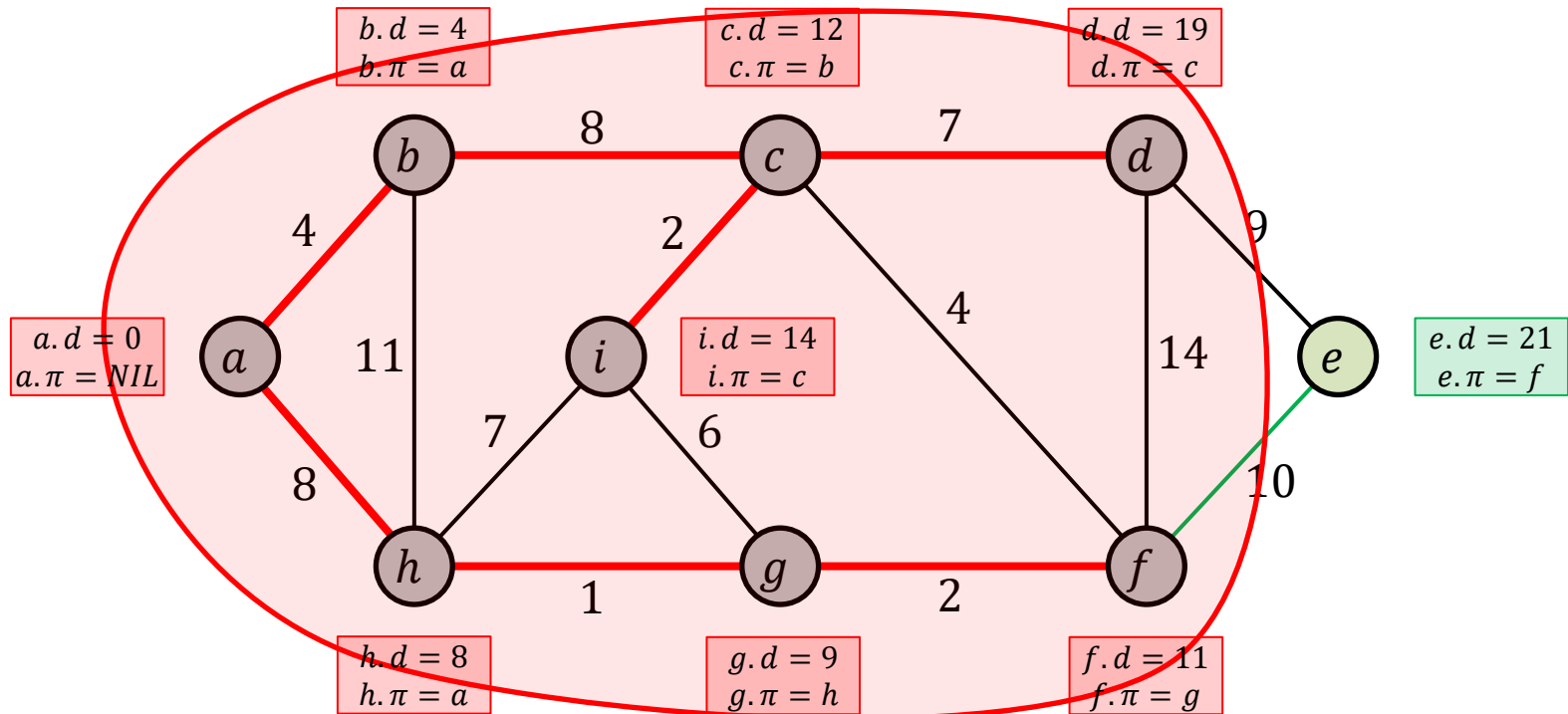
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Step 8: add vertex d through edge (c, d)



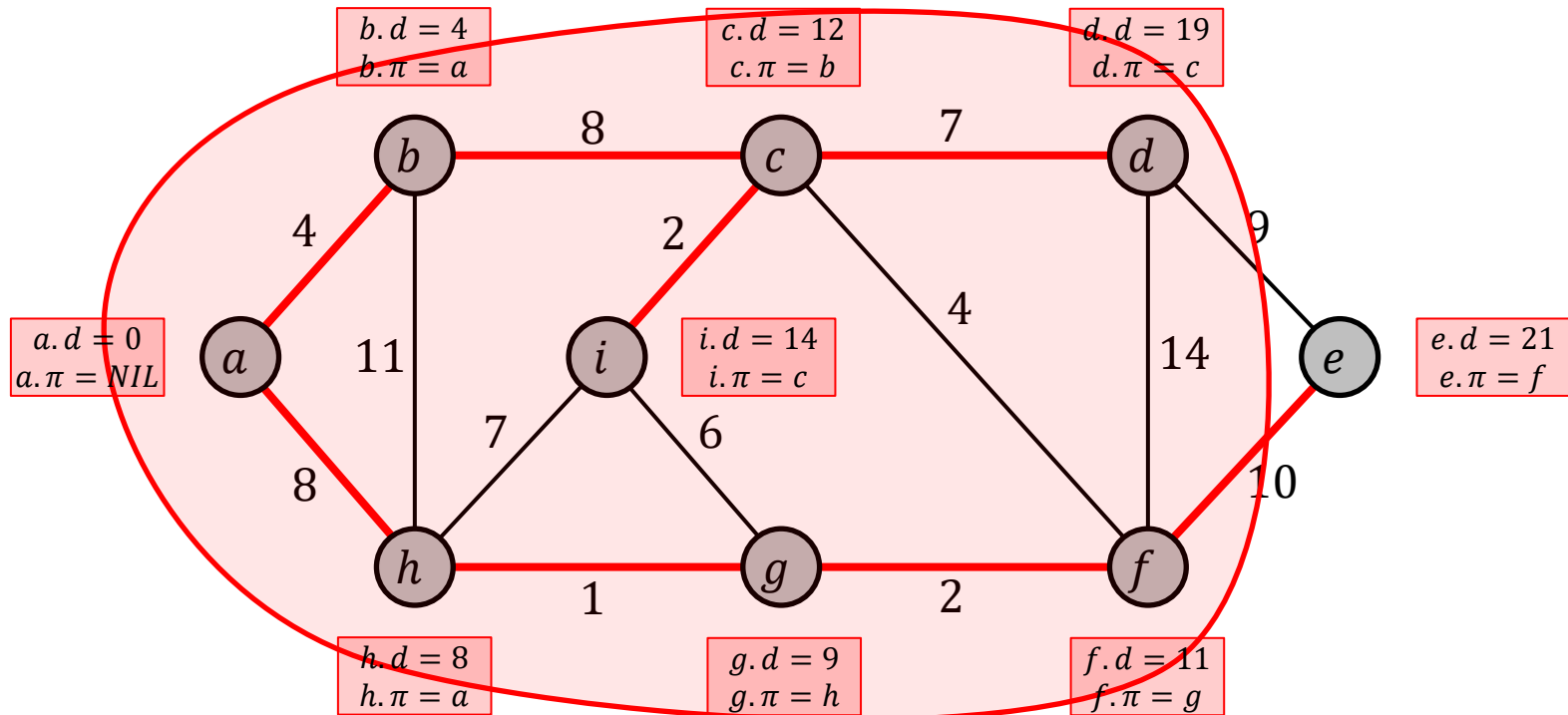
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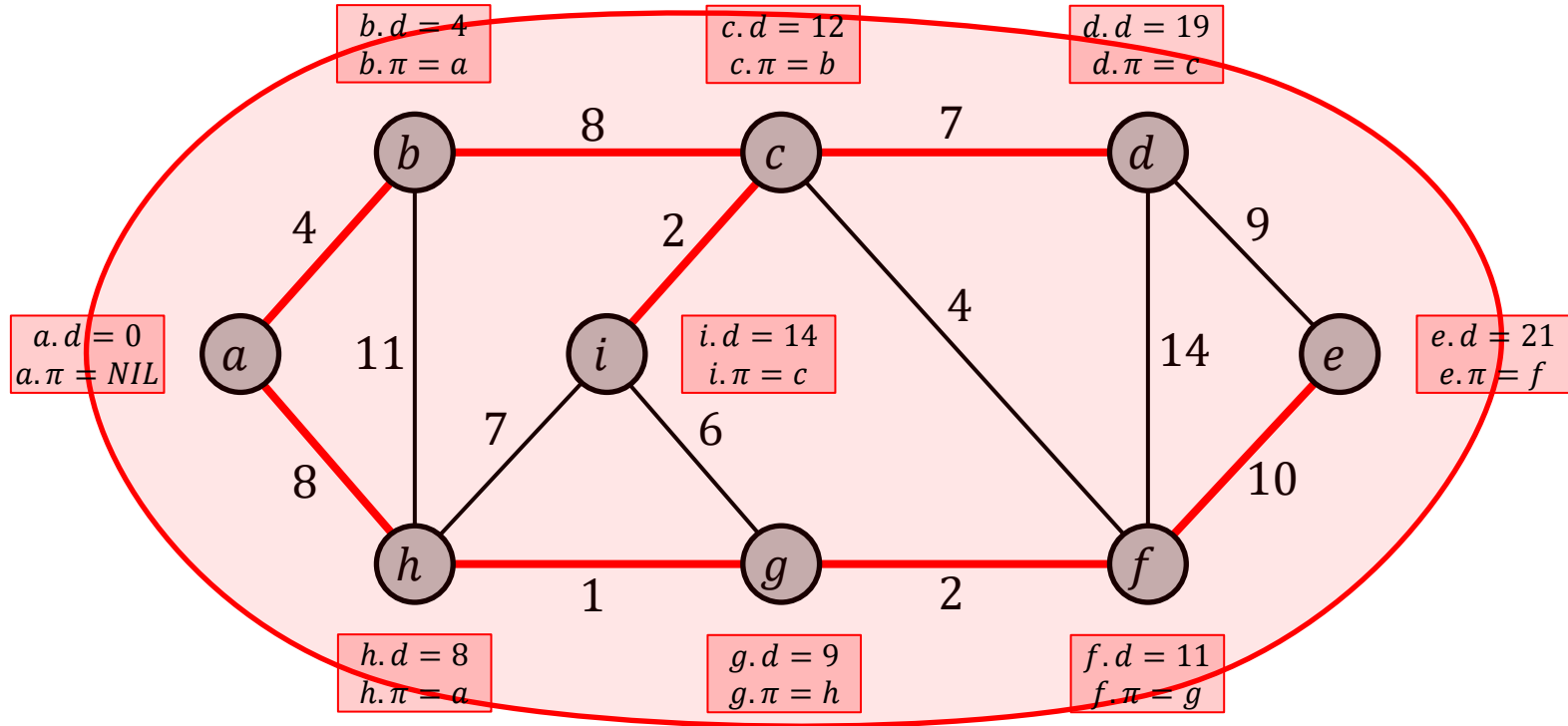
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Step 9: add vertex e through edge (f, e)



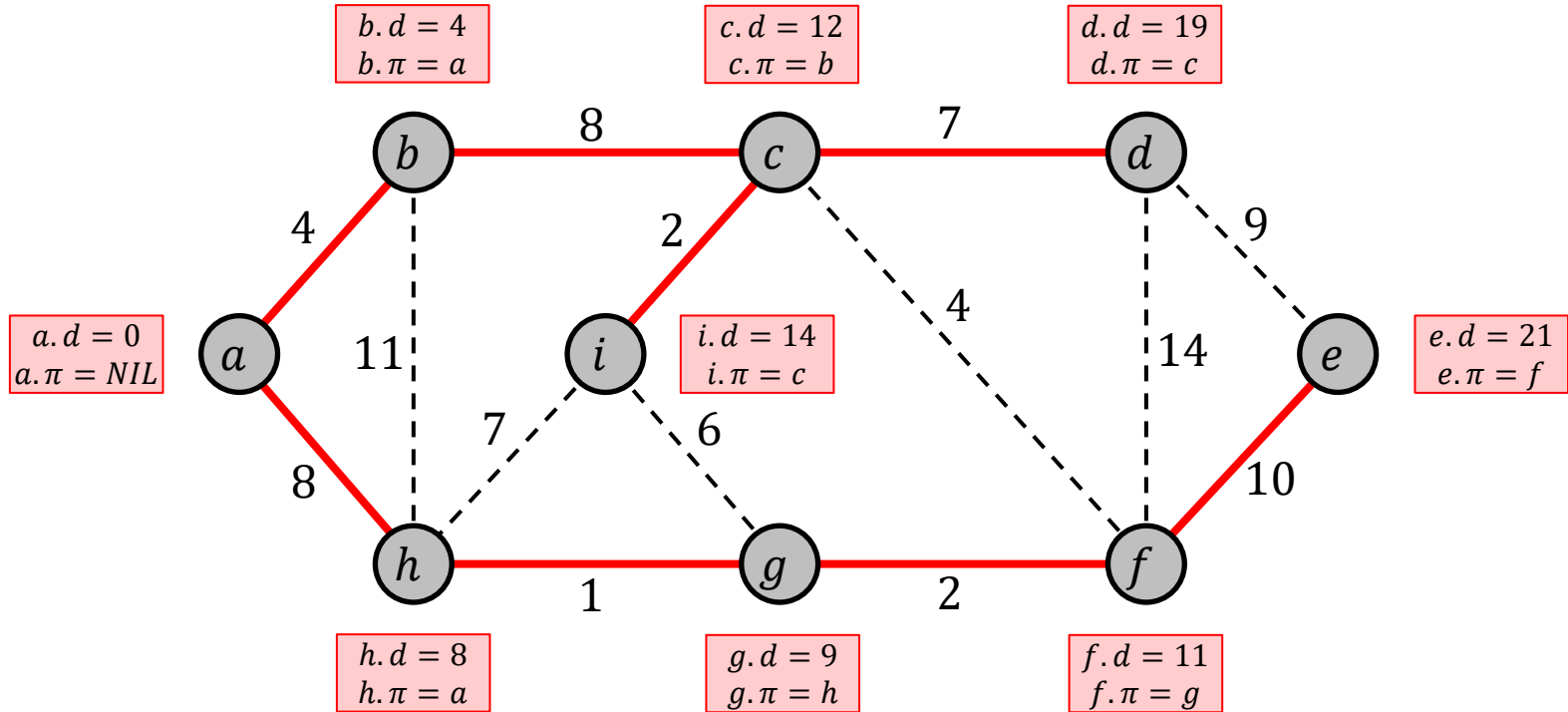
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Step 9': update neighbors of e



SSSP: Dijkstra's Algorithm

Done



Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm with a Min-Heap (SSSP: Single-Source Shortest Paths)

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Output: For all $v \in G[V]$, $v.d$ is set to the shortest distance from s to v .

Dijkstra-SSSP ($G = (V, E)$, w , s)

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1.  for each vertex  $v \in G.V$  do
2.     $v.d \leftarrow \infty$ 
3.     $v.\pi \leftarrow NIL$ 
4.   $s.d \leftarrow 0$ 
5.  Min-Heap  $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
6.  for each vertex  $v \in G.V$  do
7.    INSERT(  $Q, v$  )
8.  while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do
9.     $u \leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN(  $Q$  )
10.   for each  $(u, v) \in G.E$  do
11.     if  $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$  then
12.        $v.d \leftarrow u.d + w(u, v)$ 
13.        $v.\pi \leftarrow u$ 
14.     DECREASE-KEY(  $Q, v, u.d + w(u, v)$  )
```

Let $n = |G[V]|$ and $m = |G[E]|$

INSERTS = n

EXTRACT-MINS = n

DECREASE-KEYS $\leq m$

Total cost

$$\leq n(\text{cost}_{\text{Insert}} + \text{cost}_{\text{Extract-Min}}) + m(\text{cost}_{\text{Decrease-Key}})$$

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Let $n = |G[V]|$ and $m = |G[E]|$

For Binary Heap (worst-case costs):

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Insert}} = O(\log n)$$

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Extract-Min}} = O(\log n)$$

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Decrease-Key}} = O(\log n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total cost (worst-case)} \\ = O((m + n) \log n) \end{aligned}$$

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For Fibonacci Heap (amortized):

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Insert}} = O(1)$$

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Extract-Min}} = O(\log n)$$

$$\text{cost}_{\text{Decrease-Key}} = O(1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total cost (amortized)} \\ = O(m + n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

Optional
Kruskal's MST algorithm
and a Union-Find data structure
with union by rank and path compression

A Disjoint-Set Data Structure (union by rank and path compression)

MAKE-SET (x)

1. $\pi(x) \leftarrow x$
2. $rank(x) \leftarrow 0$

LINK (x, y)

1. *if* $rank(x) > rank(y)$ *then* $\pi(y) \leftarrow x$
2. *else* $\pi(x) \leftarrow y$
3. *if* $rank(x) = rank(y)$ *then* $rank(y) \leftarrow rank(y) + 1$

UNION (x, y)

1. *LINK (FIND (x), FIND (y))*

FIND (x)

1. *if* $x \neq \pi(x)$ *then* $\pi(x) \leftarrow$ *FIND ($\pi(x)$)*
2. *return* $\pi(x)$

A Disjoint-Set Data Structure (union by rank and path compression)

THEOREM: A sequence of N MAKE-SET, UNION and FIND operations of which exactly n ($\leq N$) are MAKE-SET operations takes $O(N\alpha(n))$ time to execute, where $\alpha(n)$ is the extremely slowly growing *Inverse Ackermann Function* which has a value no larger than 3 for all practical values of n .

MST: Kruskal's Algorithm (union by rank and path compression)

MST-Kruskal ($G = (V, E), w$)

1. $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
2. *for* each vertex $v \in G.V$ *do*
3. $MAKE-SET(v)$
4. sort the edges of $G.E$ into nondecreasing order by weight w
5. *for* each edge $(u, v) \in G.E$ taken in nondecreasing order by weight *do*
6. *if* $FIND(u) \neq FIND(v)$ *then*
7. $A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u, v)\}$
8. $UNION(u, v)$
9. *return* A

Let $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$. Since G is connected, we have $m \geq n - 1$.

Then the sorting in step 4 can be done in $O(m \log m)$ time.

#disjoint-set operations performed, $N = 2m + 2n - 1$, of which

#MAKE-SET: n , #FIND: $2m$, #UNION: $n - 1$

So, total time taken by disjoint-set operations = $O((n + m)\alpha(n))$

Hence, MST-Kruskal's running time = $O(m \log m)$