

Lecture 9 – Graph Algorithms

AIAA 5037 Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures

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Outline

- Minimum Spanning Tree
 - Kruskal Algorithm
 - Disjoint Set
 - Prime Algorithm
- Topological Sort
- Graph Search

Minimum Spanning Tree

Minimum Spanning Trees

Spanning tree: Given a connected undirected graph, a **spanning tree** is a subset of the edges with that connects all the vertices together without any cycles

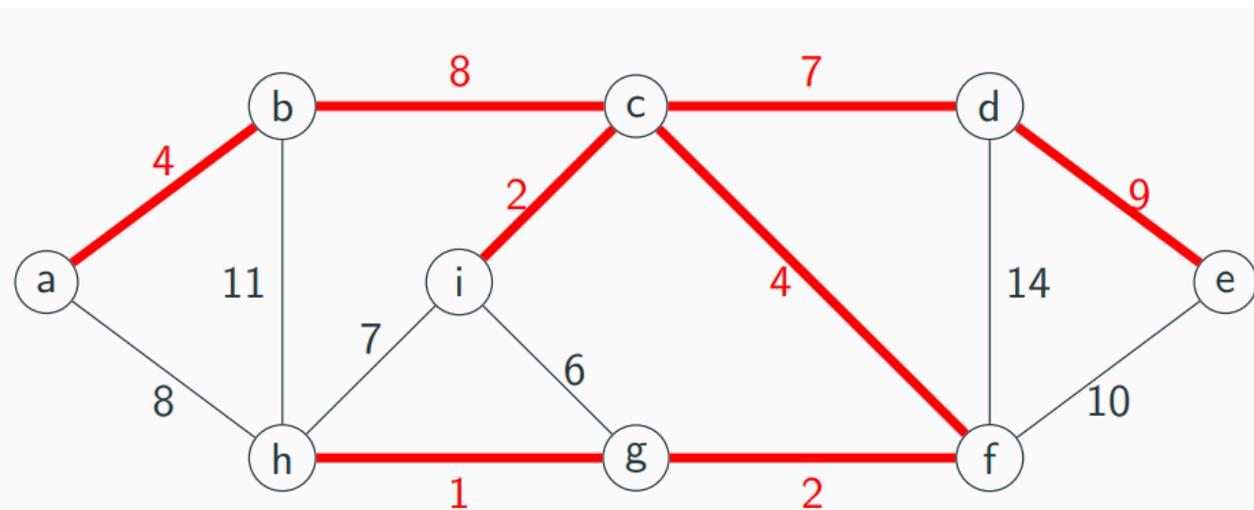
Minimum spanning tree (MST): a spanning tree with the minimum possible total edge weight

These edges always form a tree

- Start from any node, regard each node it links to as the child, and so on

Famous algorithms:

- Kruskal's algorithm
- Prim's algorithm



Minimum Spanning Trees

(Properties) For a connected graph with n vertices:

- Any spanning tree has exactly $n - 1$ edges
 - Needs at least $n - 1$ edges to connect n nodes
 - If there are n or more edges, there forms a cycle
- Any $n - 1$ edges without forming a cycle form a spanning tree
 - These $n - 1$ edges must connect all the n nodes because otherwise there is a cycle

An idea to solve the problem: select $n - 1$ edges without forming a cycle

Example Problem

Consider a country with n cities, and the government plans to build roads to connect them. Given a number of roads you can choose to connect the cities, each has a cost associated with it, representing the expense of construction. The goal is to connect all cities with the minimum total cost.

City 1	City 2	Cost
<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	4
<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	2
<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	5
<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	10
<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	3

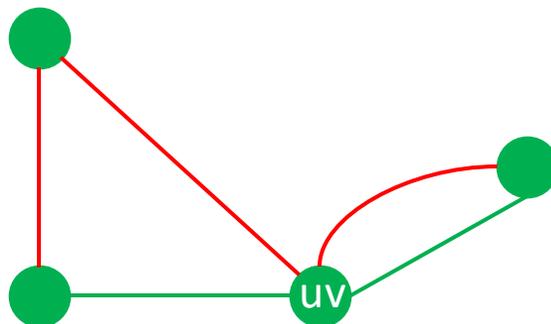
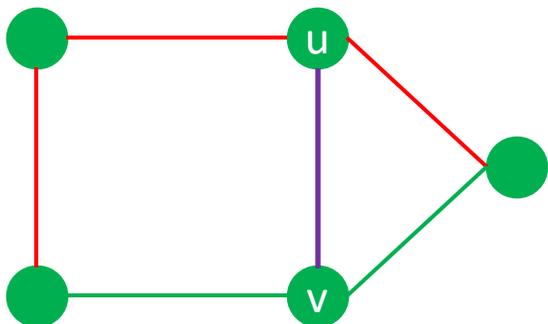
Optimal Substructure

Given an MST $C = \langle c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1} \rangle$ for graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ with n nodes. For any edge $e_{c_i} = \langle u, v \rangle$ contained in it, $C - \{c_i\}$ is an MST for $G' = g(G, \langle u, v \rangle) = \langle V', E' \rangle$, where

$$V' = V - \{u, v\} + uv,$$

$$E' = \{ \langle uv \text{ if } u' = u \text{ else } u', uv \text{ if } v' = v \text{ else } v' \rangle \mid \langle u', v' \rangle \in E \}$$

where uv is a new node by merging u and v .



Recurrence for Optimized Value

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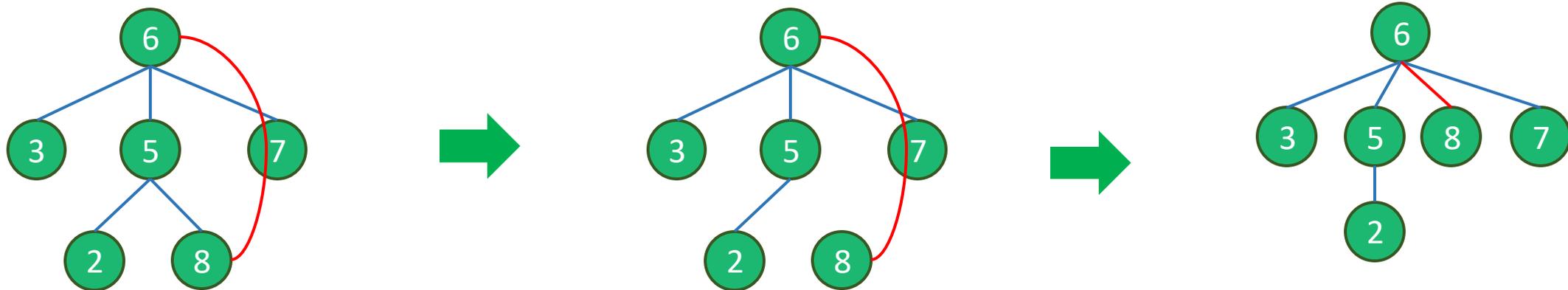
- Recurrence for optimized value: $f(G) = \min_{e \in E} (f(g(G, \langle e.u, e.v \rangle)) + e.w)$
- Large time complexity!
- Intuition: Greedily select the edge that has the smallest weight
- Is it optimal (Greedy choice property)?
 - prove the edge with smallest weight is contained in MST

Greedy Choice Property

There is an MST(G) that contains the edge with lowest weight e_x

Proof: Given any MST C that does not contain x , we can construct an MST C'' containing x

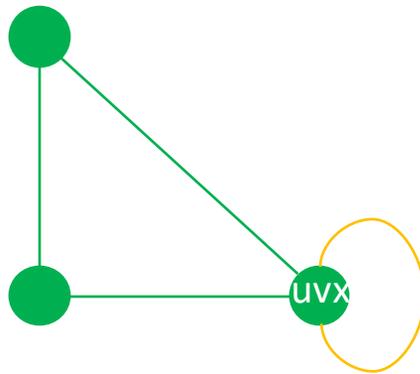
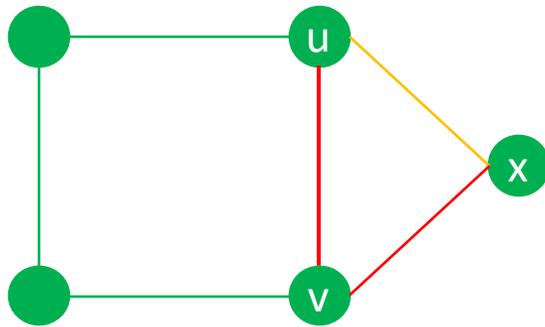
- Add x and build $C' = \langle c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}, x \rangle$, C' has 1 and only 1 cycle $C_l = \langle c_{k_1}, c_{k_2}, \dots, c_{k_l} \rangle$
- Delete $c_u = \arg \max_{u^* \in \{k_1, \dots, k_l\}} e_{c_{u^*}} \cdot w$, we have $C'' = C - \{c_u\} + \{x\}$ is a spanning tree.
- Since $e_x \cdot w$ is the smallest, $e_x \cdot w \leq c_u \cdot w$. Thus $|C''| \leq |C|$, with C being MST, C'' is also MST



Kruskal's Algorithm

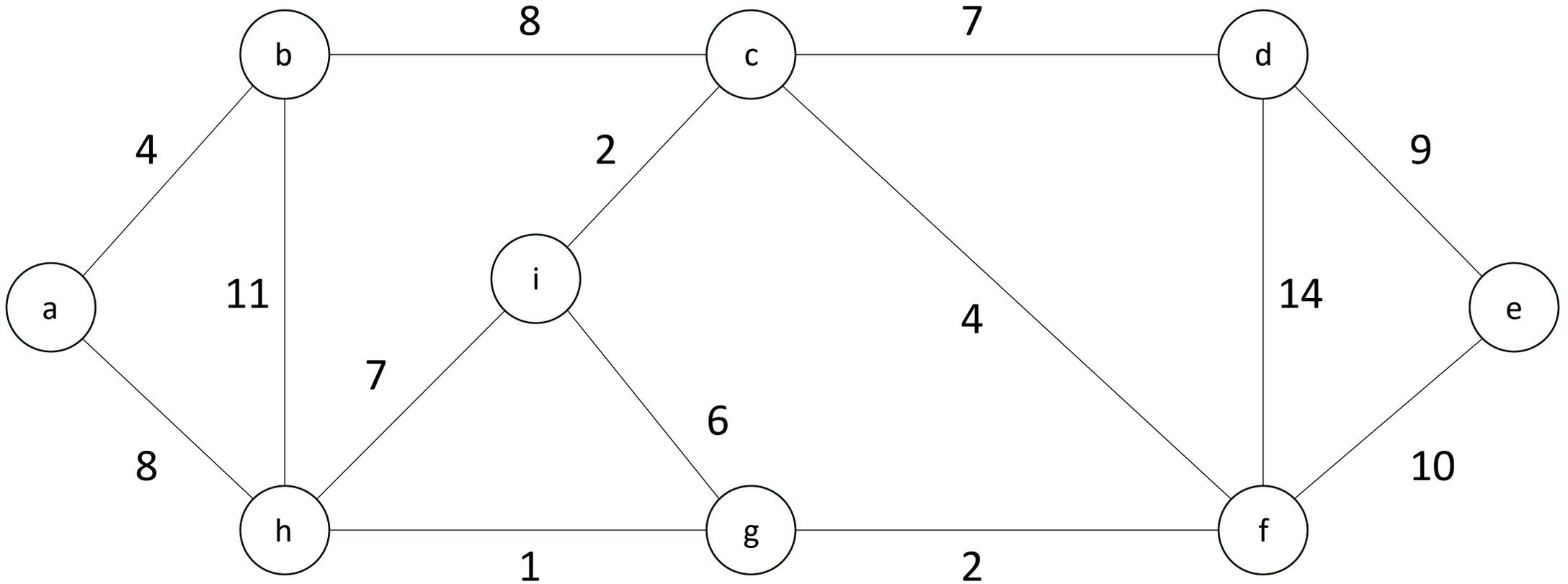
Substitution on merging the nodes: Greedily select the edge that has the smallest weight and does not form a cycle

- Edges that can form a cycle can be regarded as self-loop in the emerged graph, which are eliminated after merging



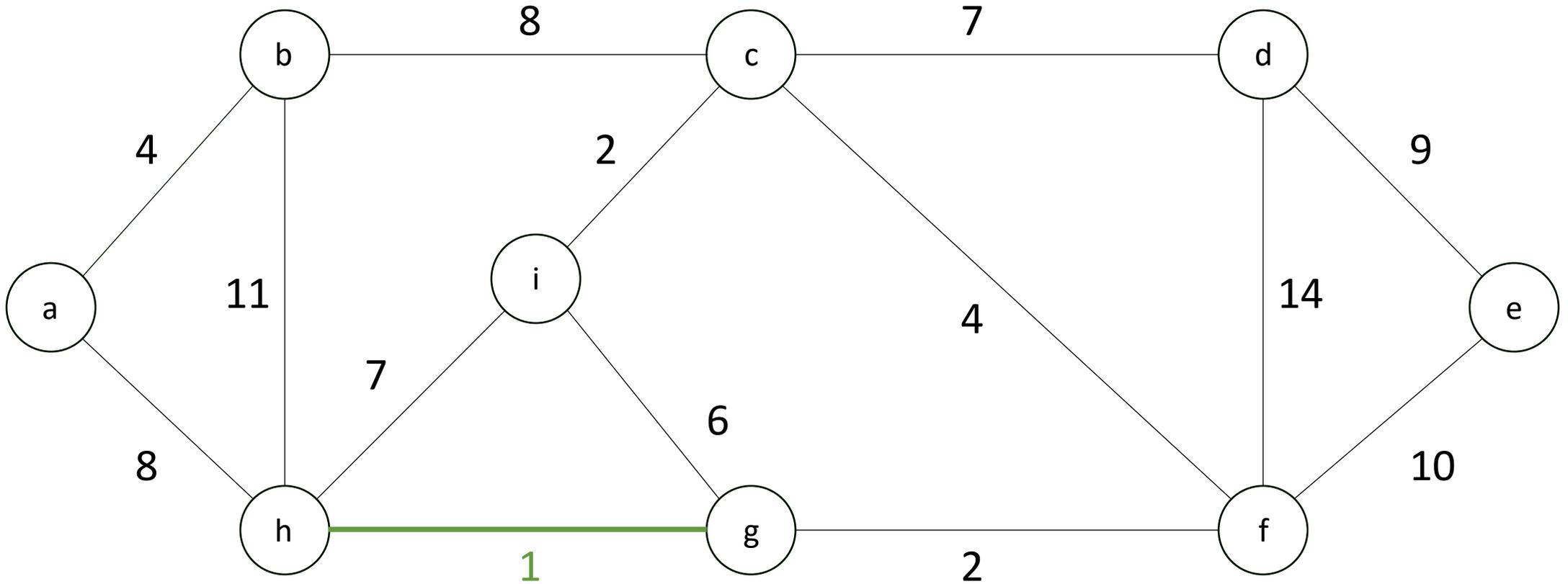
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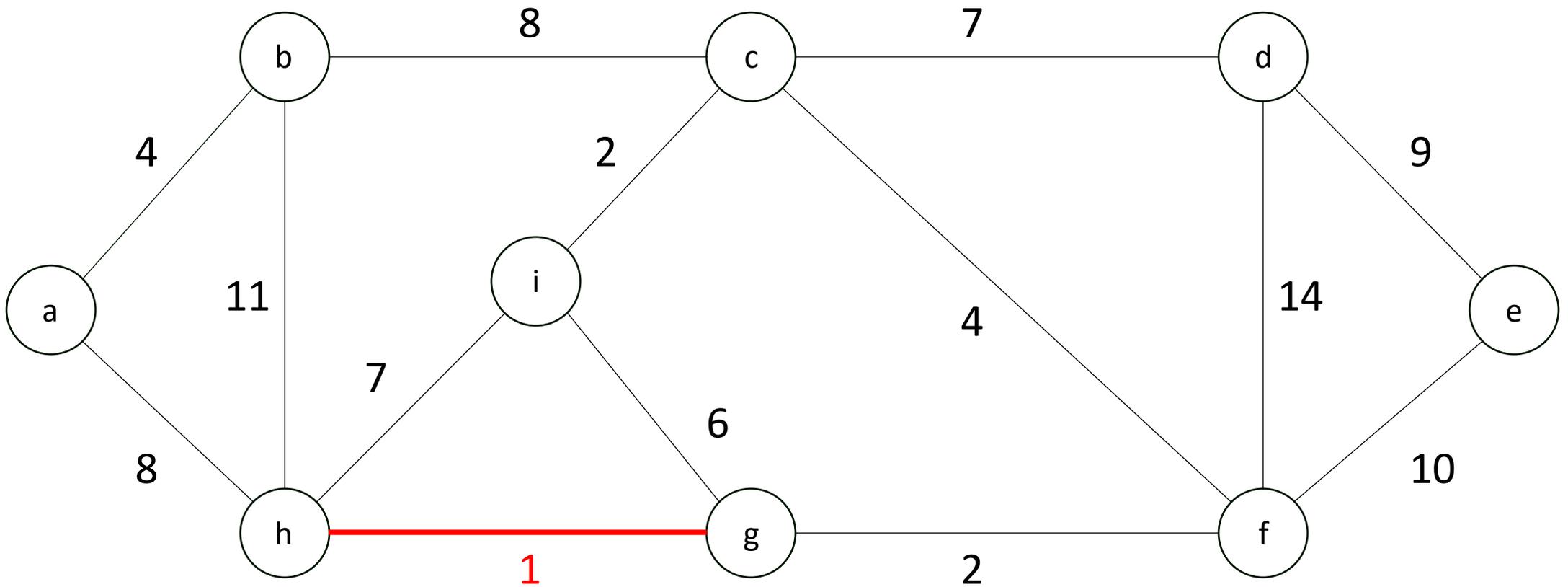
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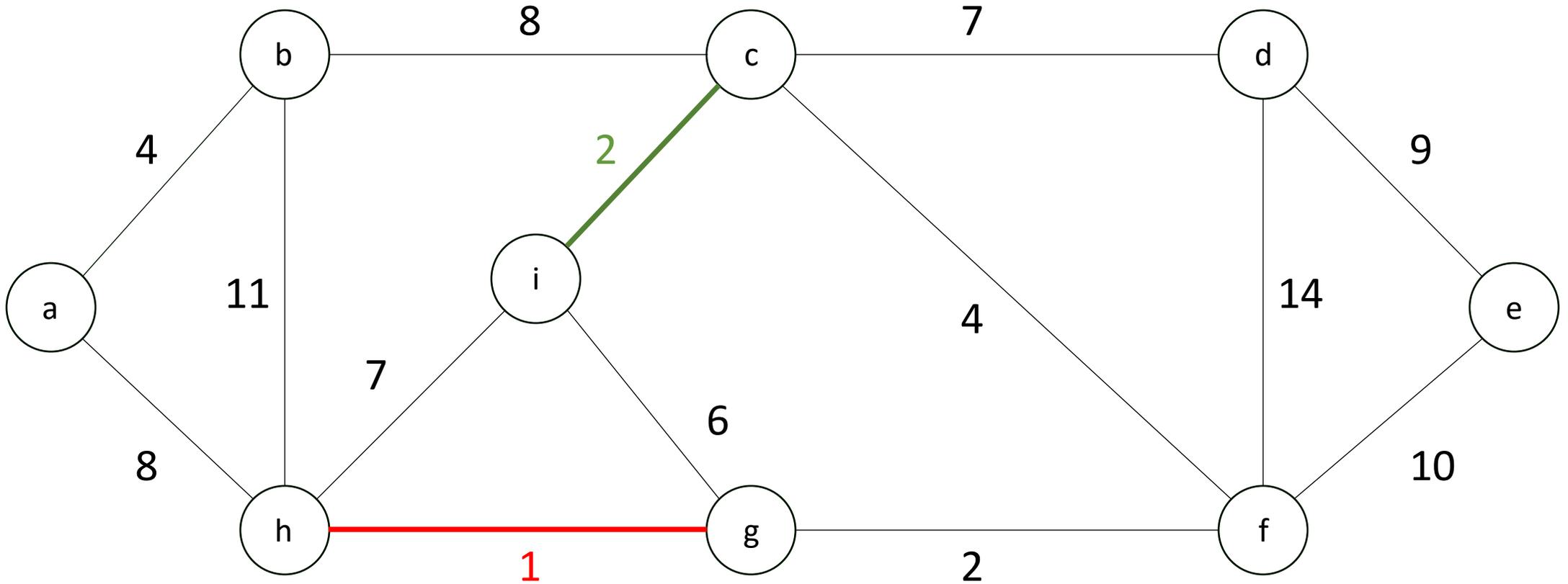
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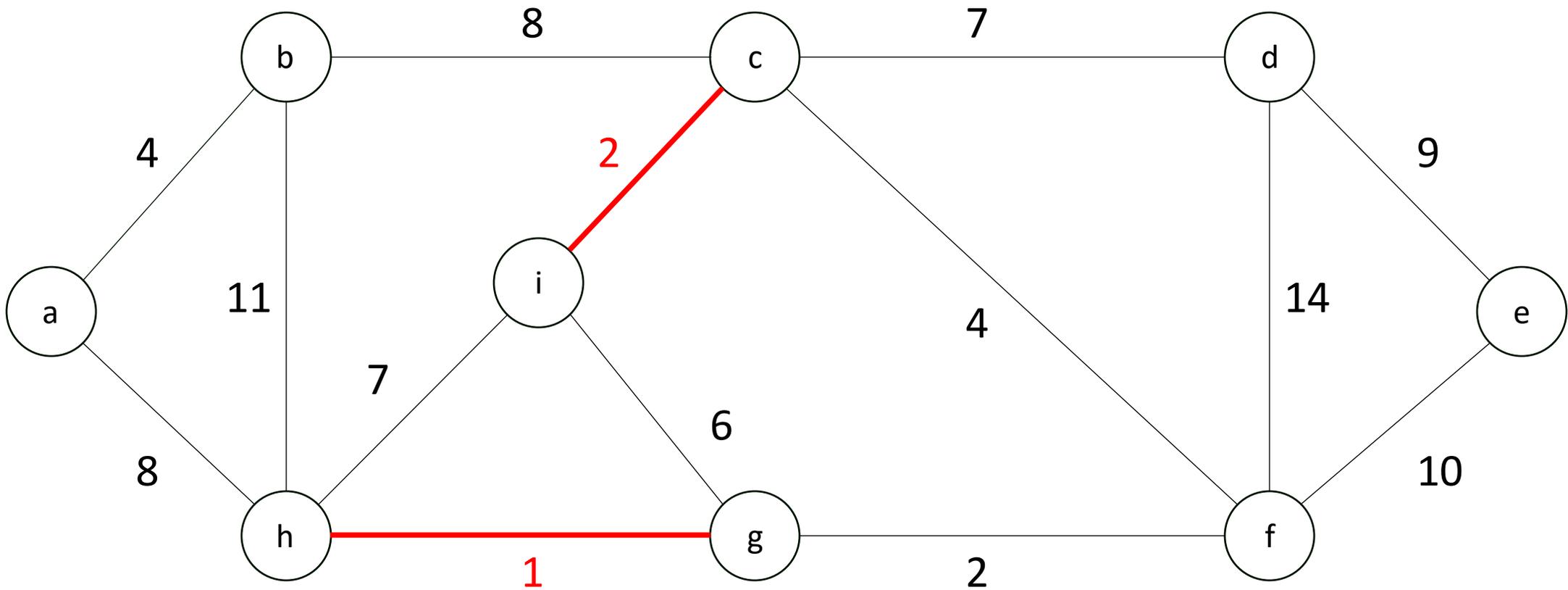
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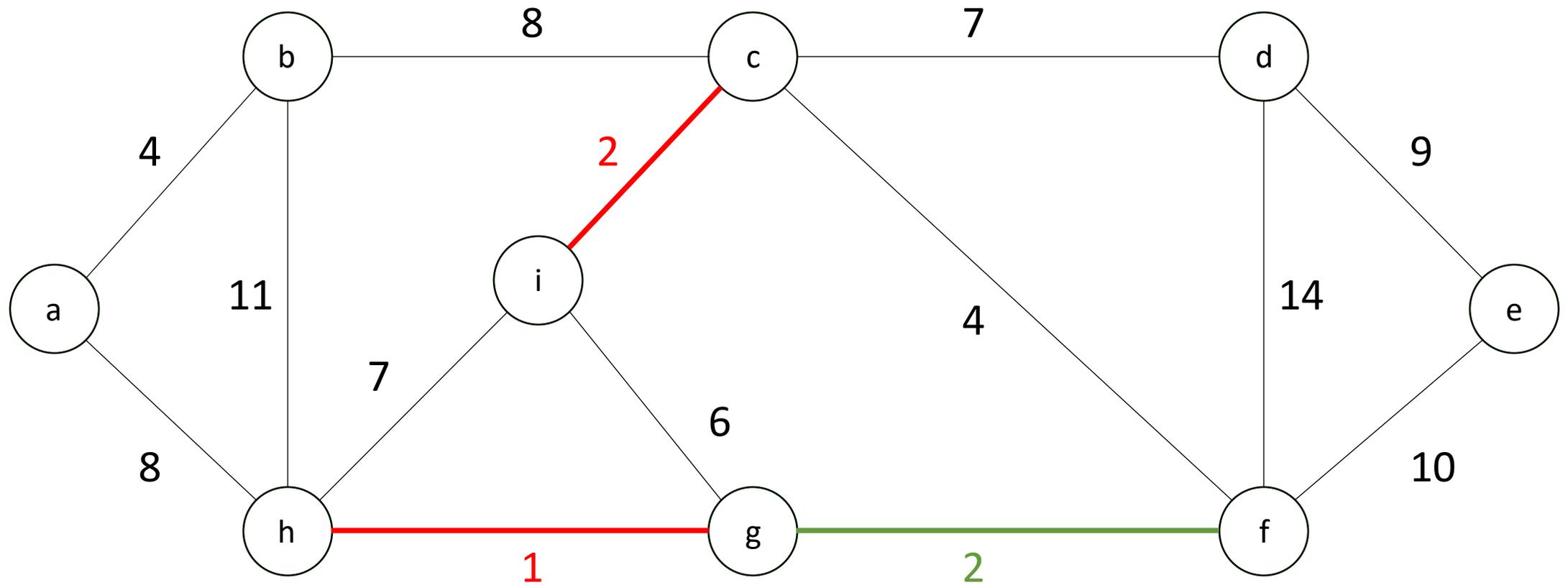
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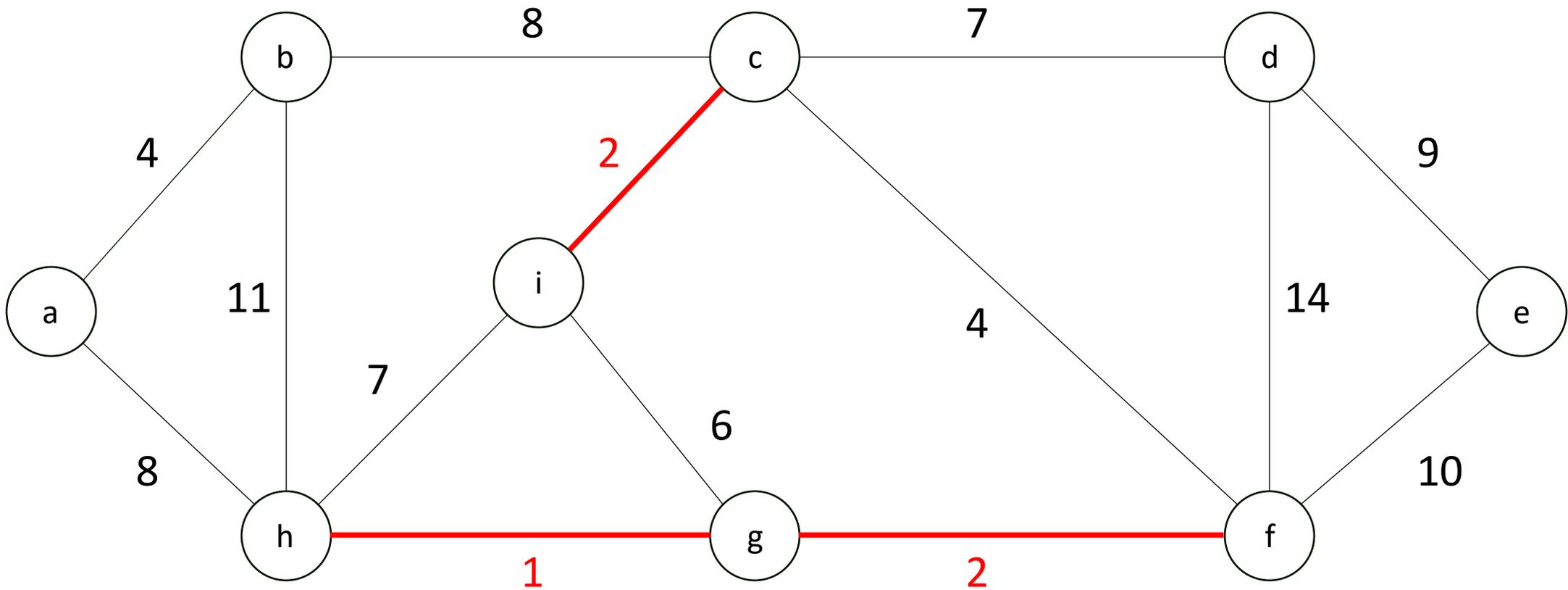
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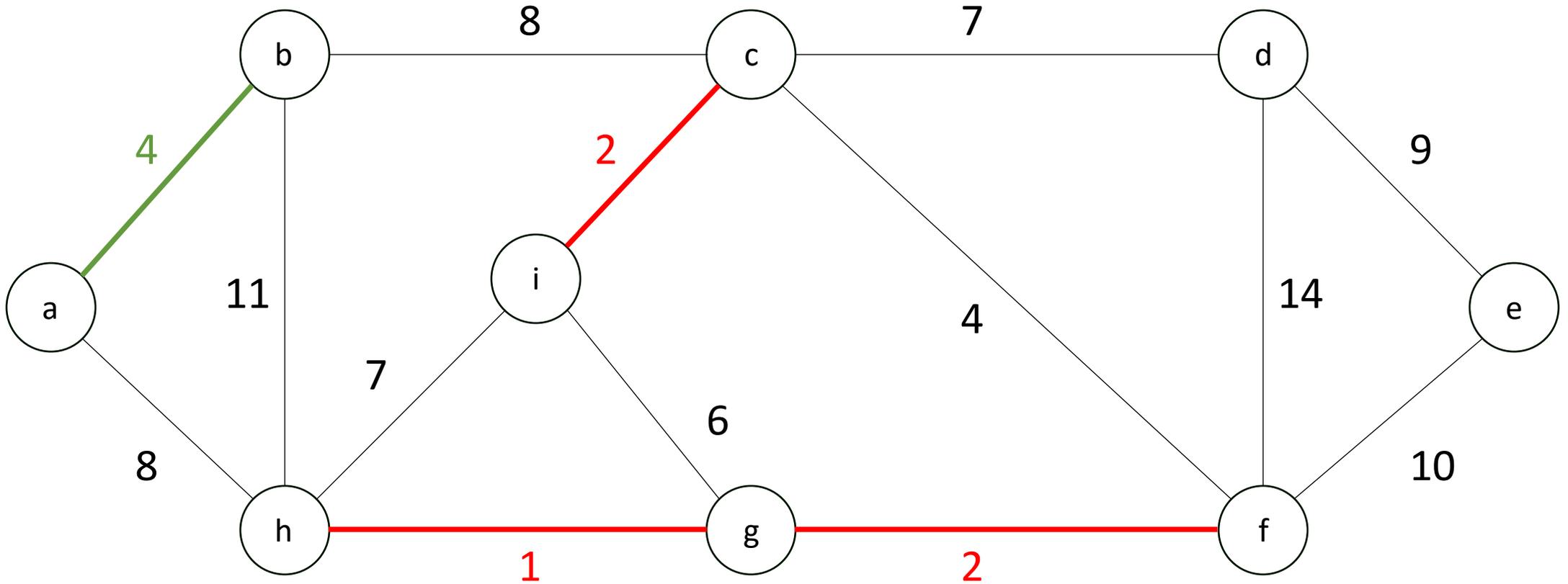
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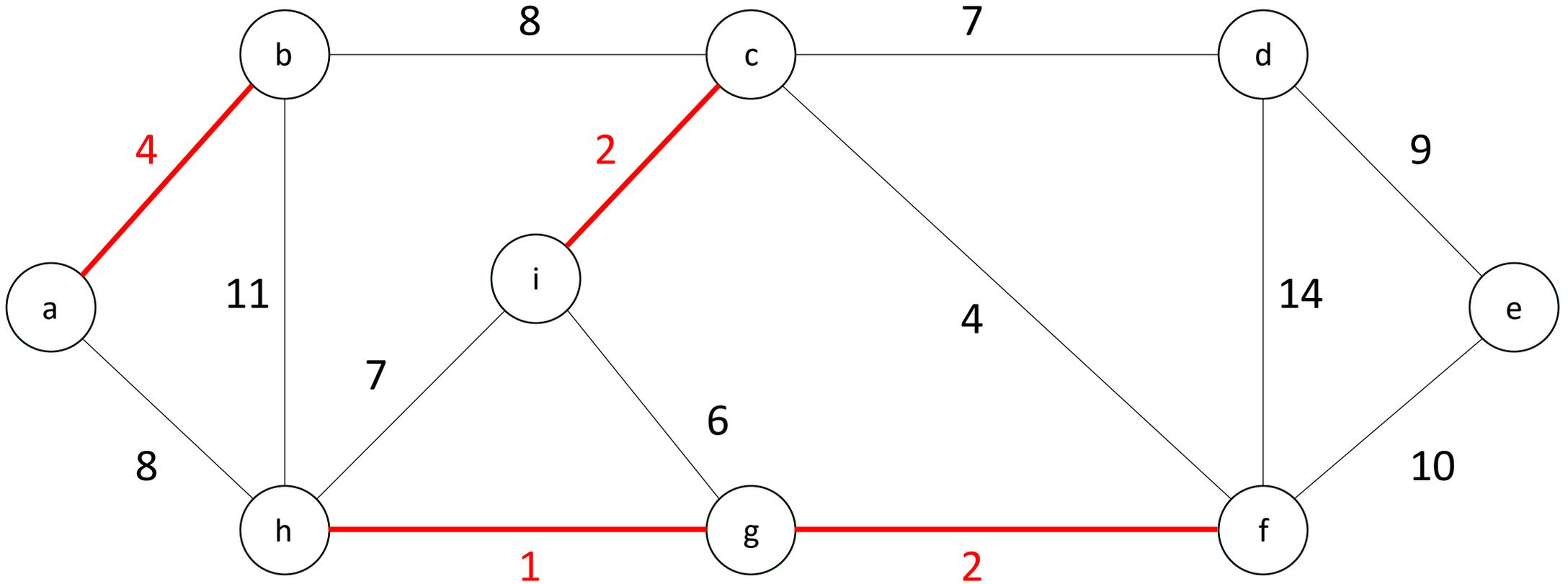
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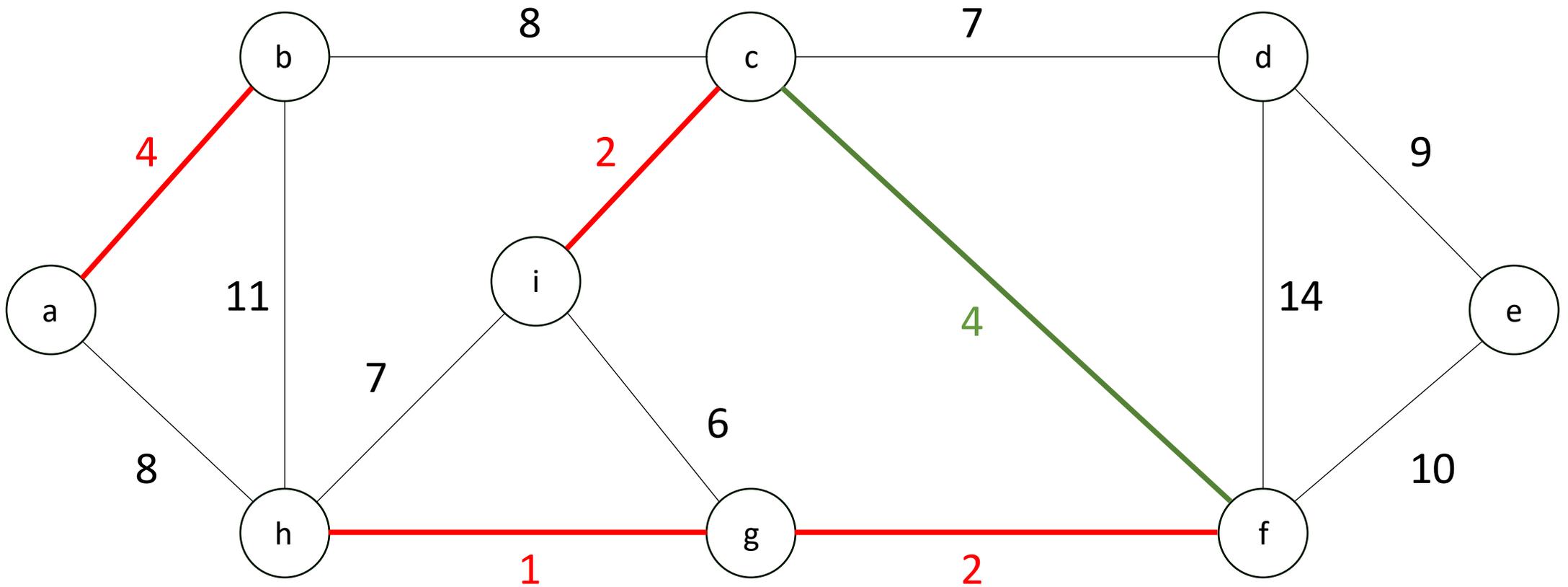
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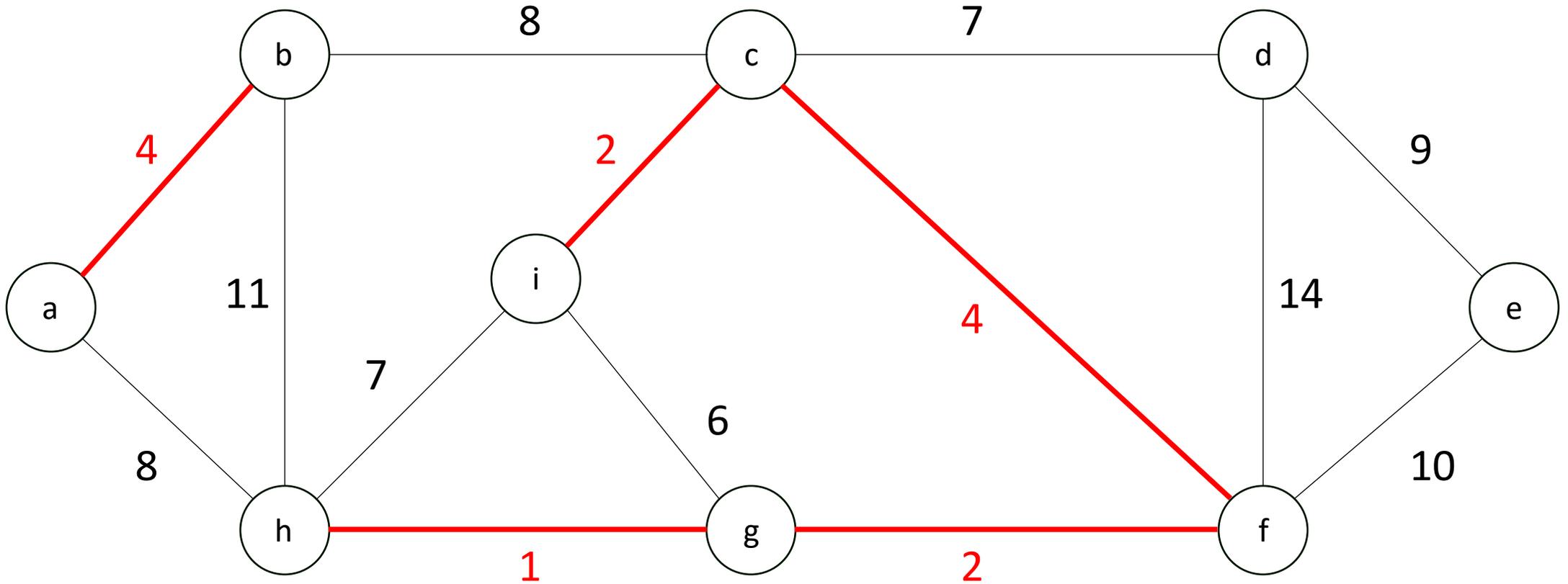
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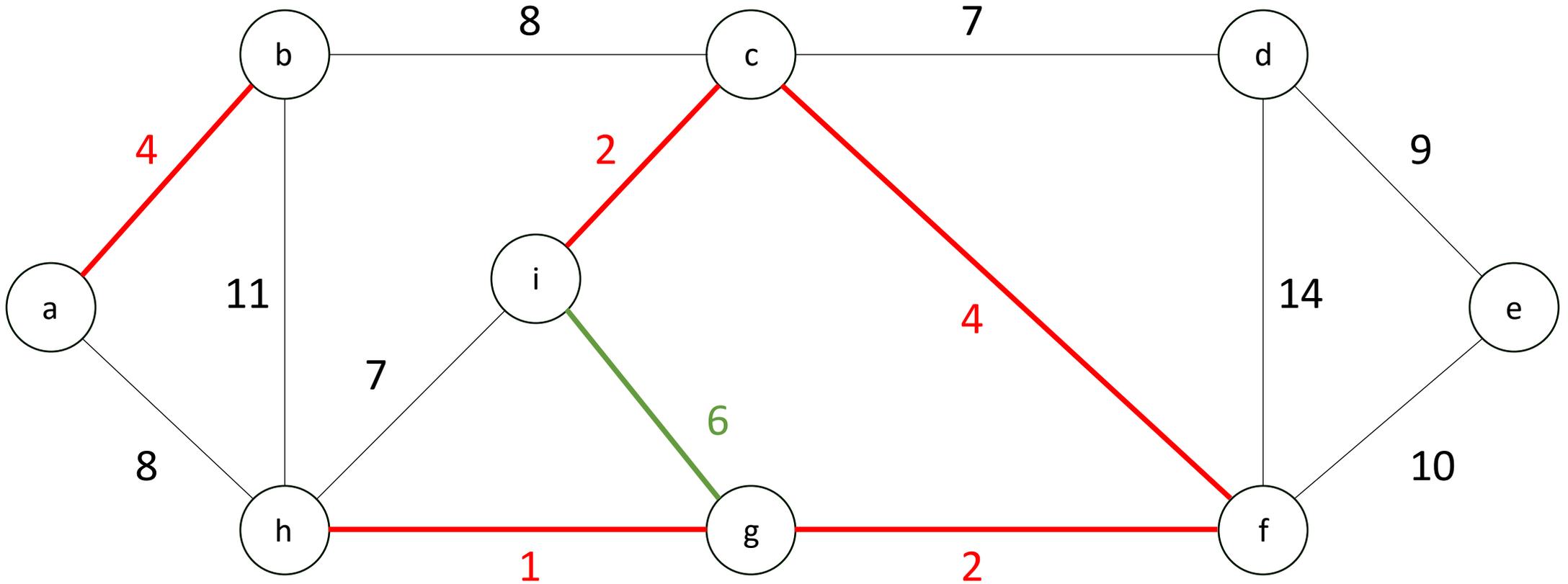
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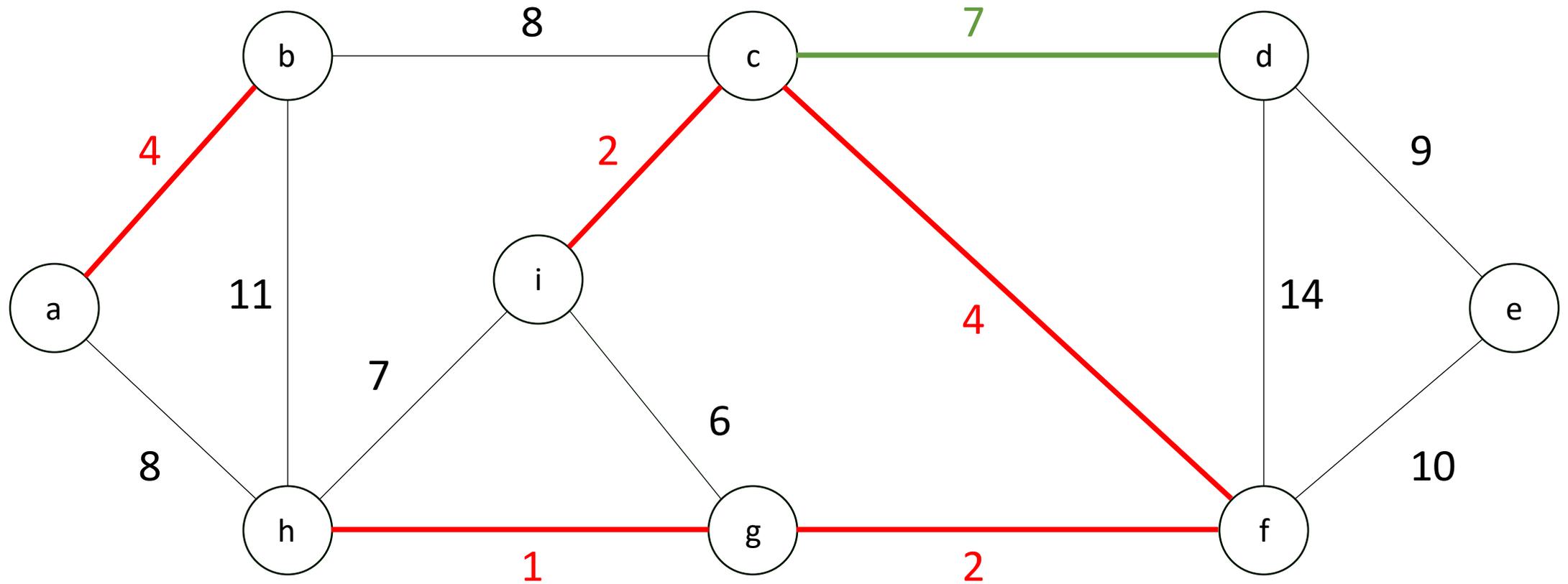
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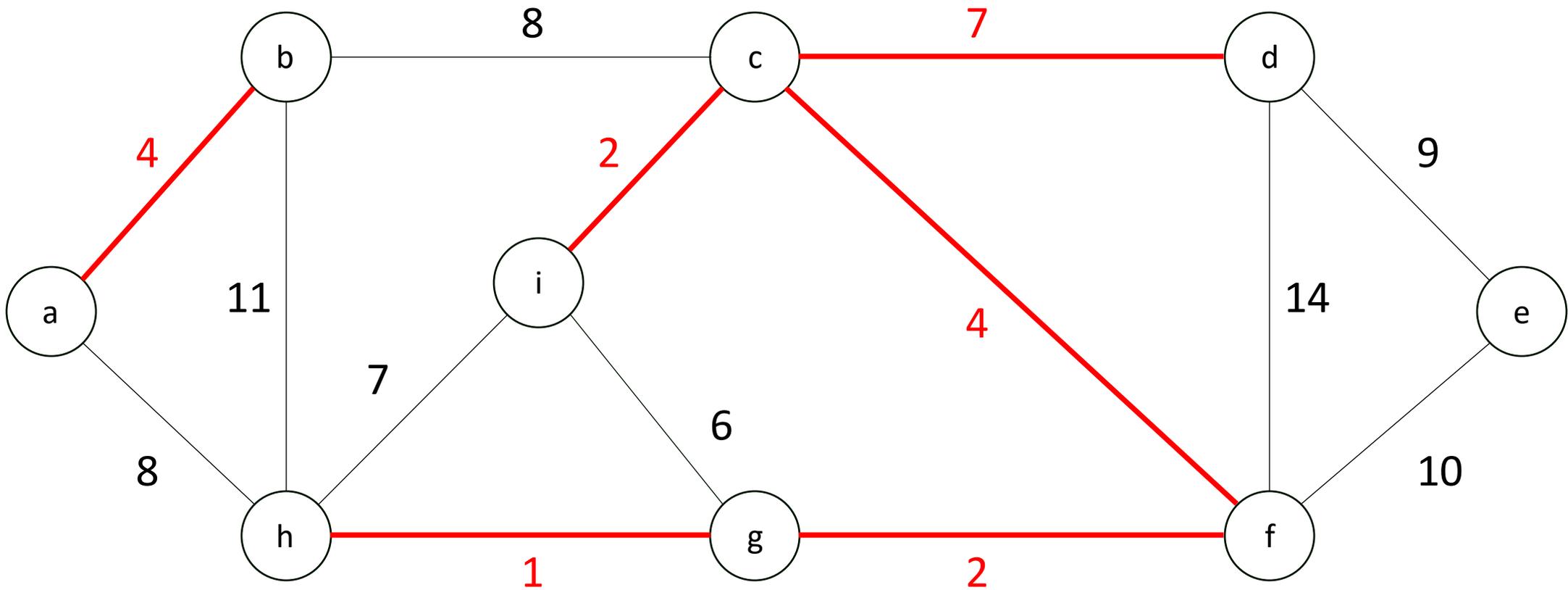
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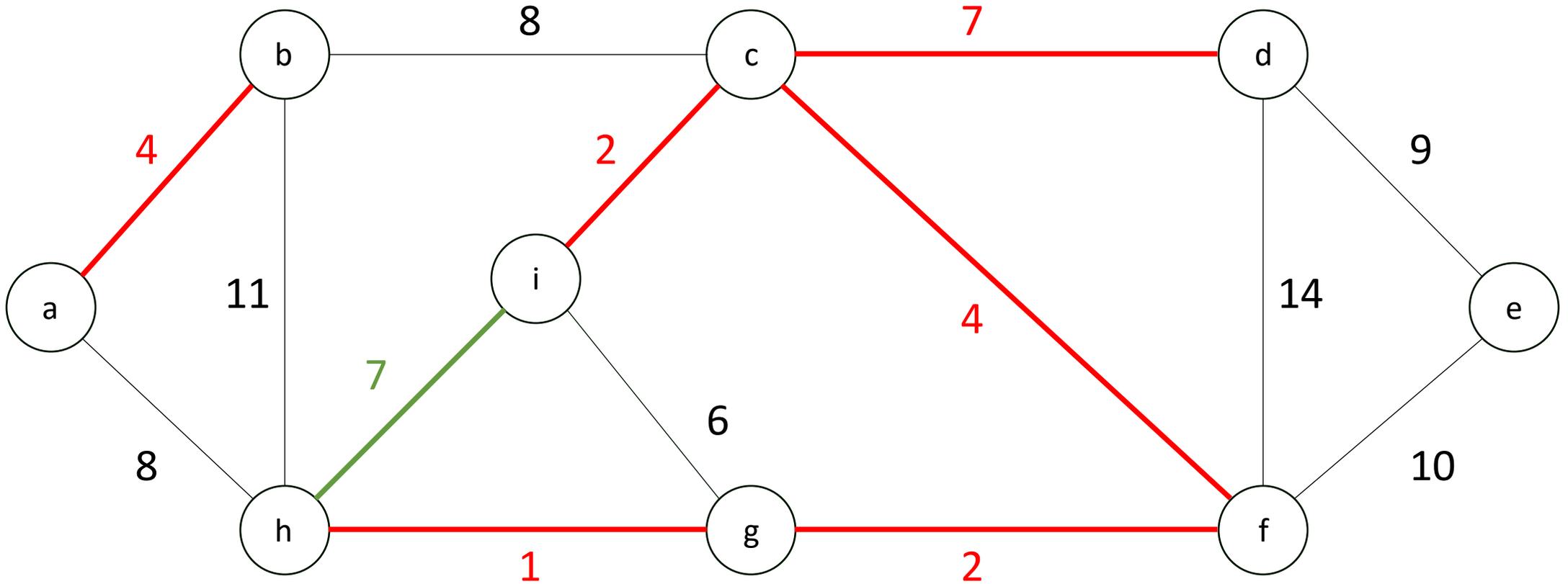
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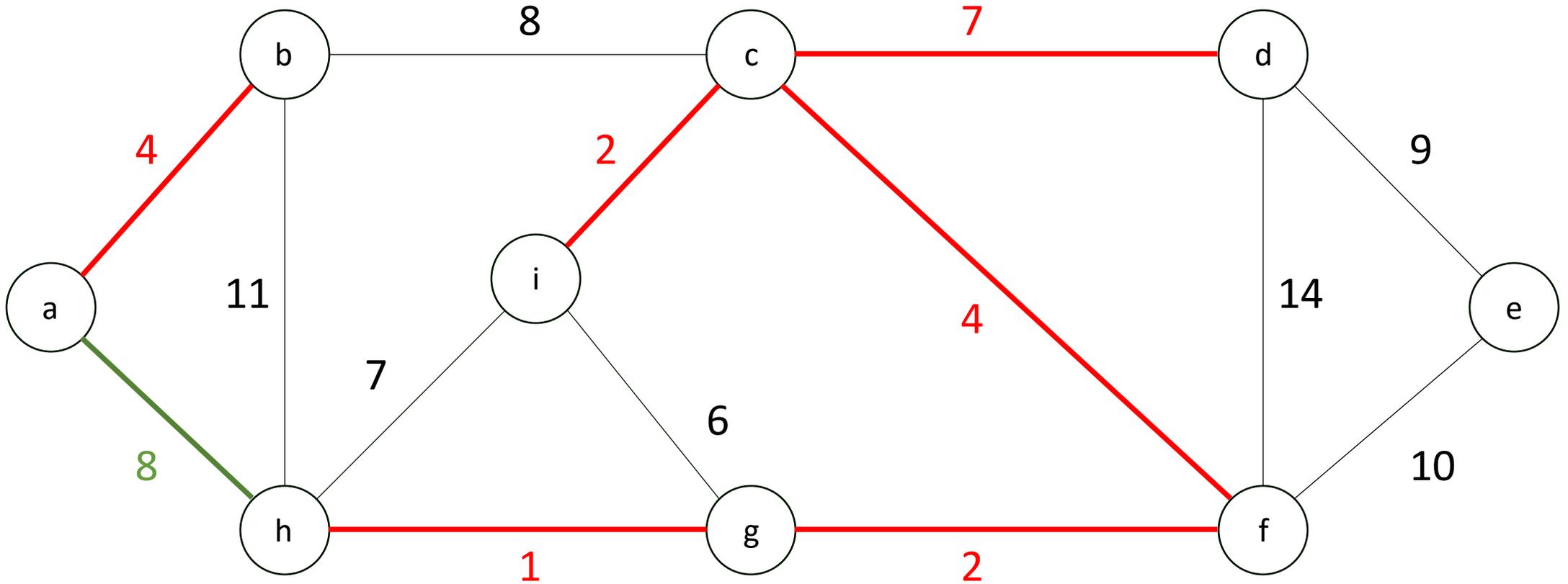
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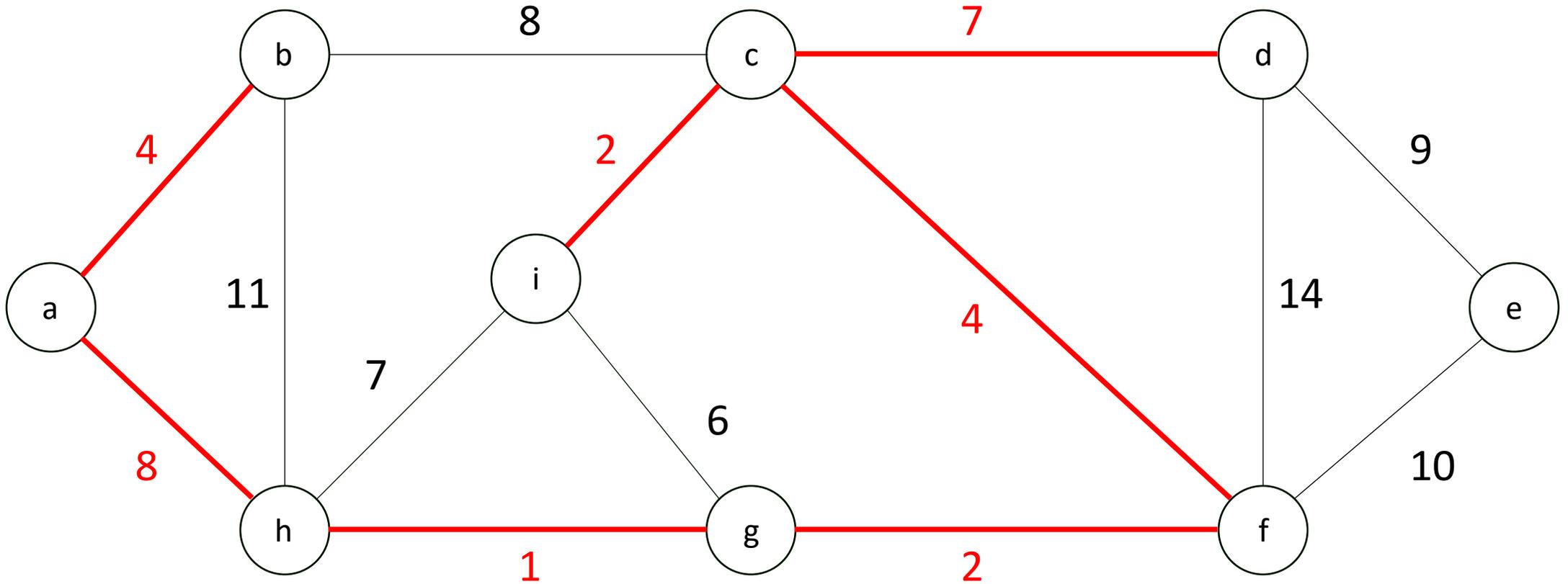
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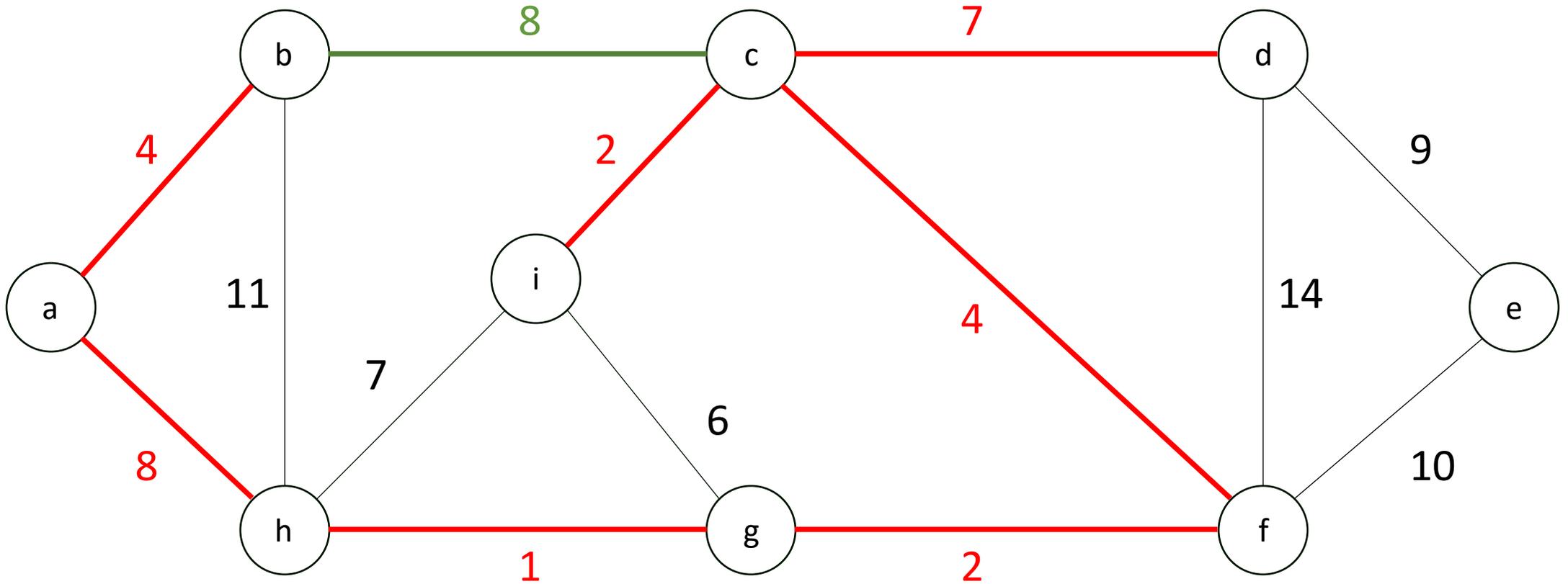
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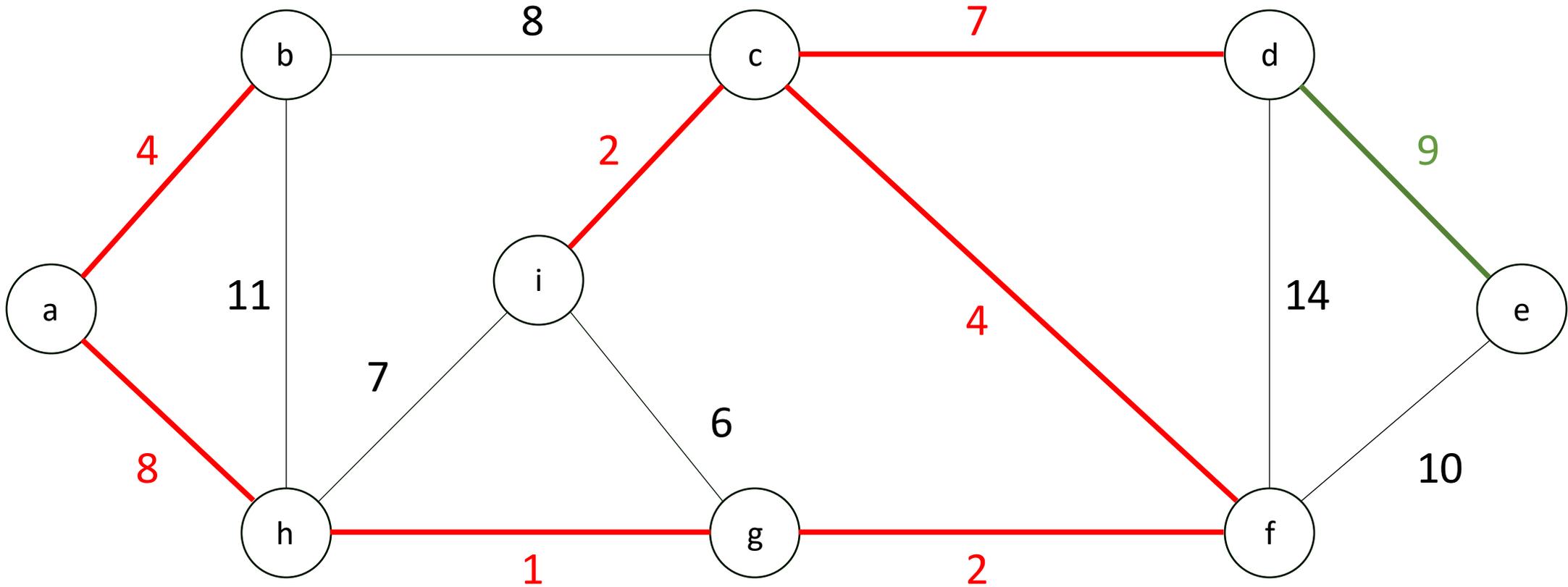
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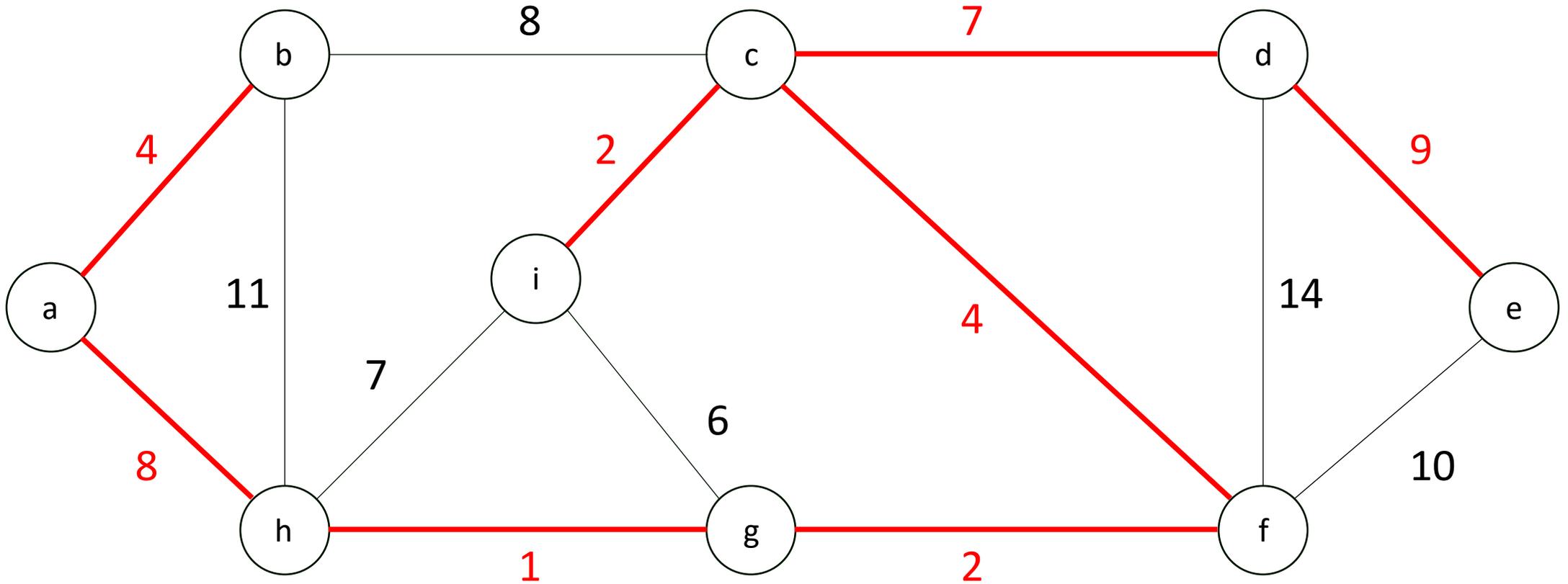
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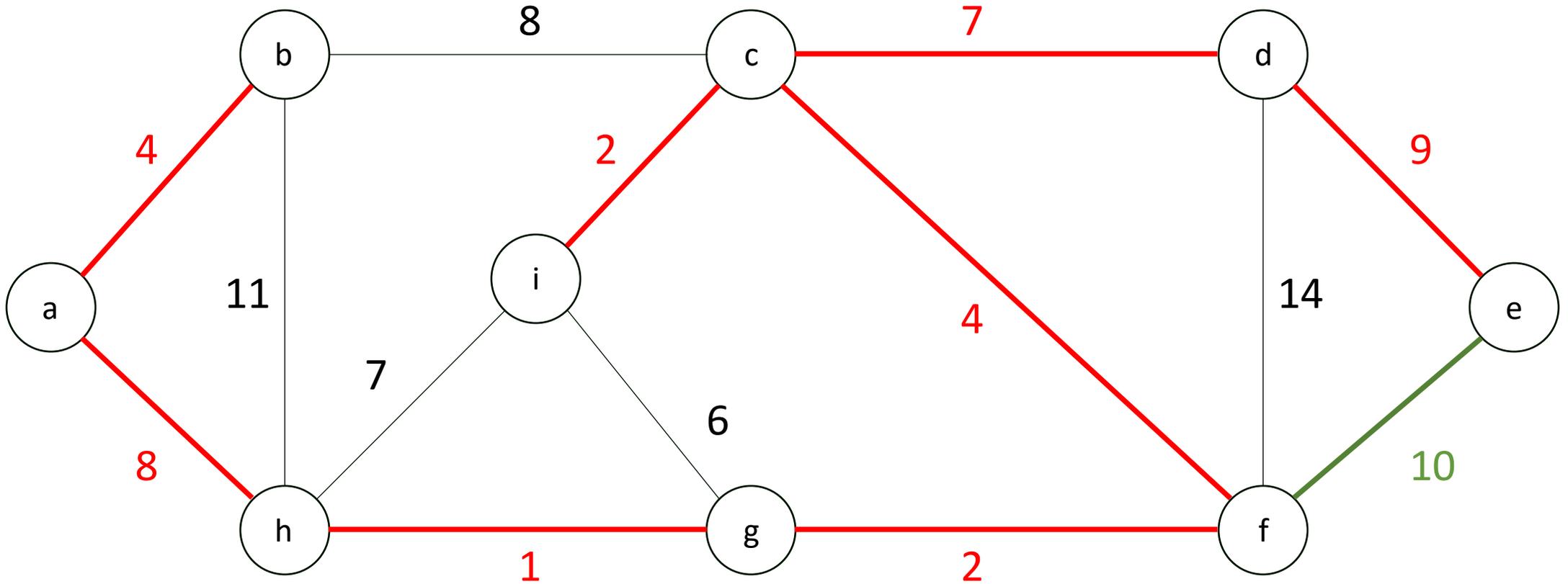
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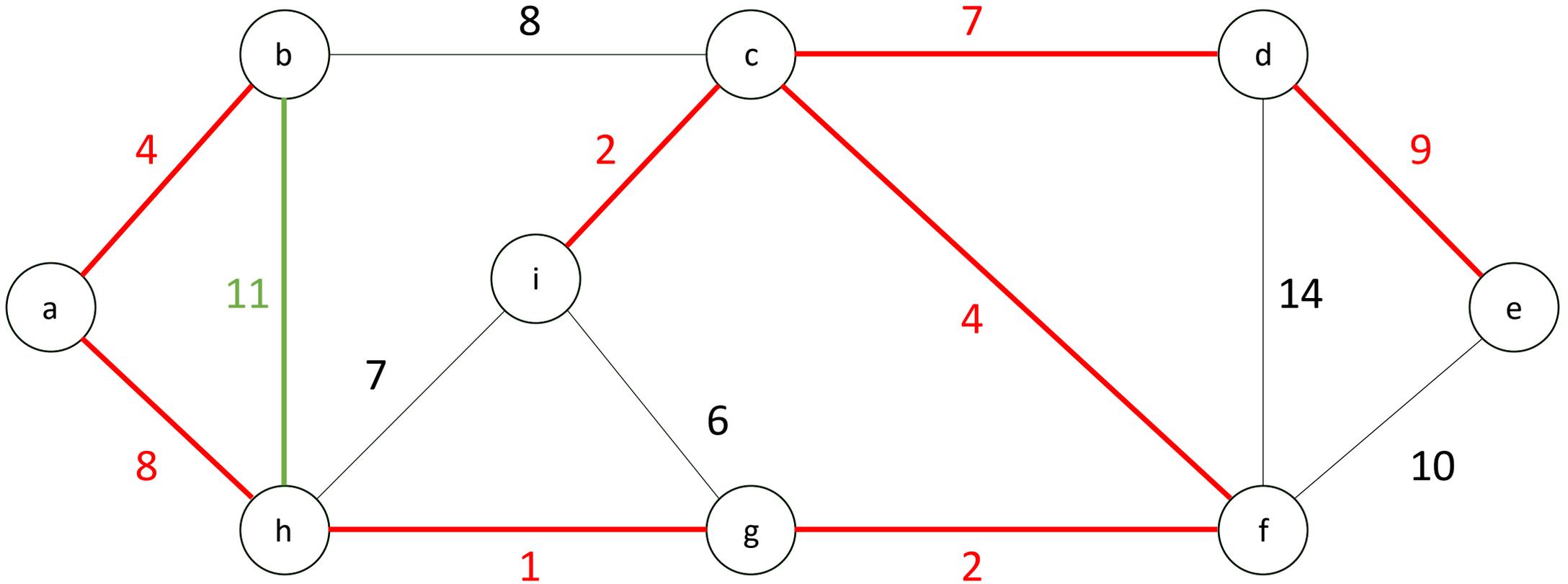
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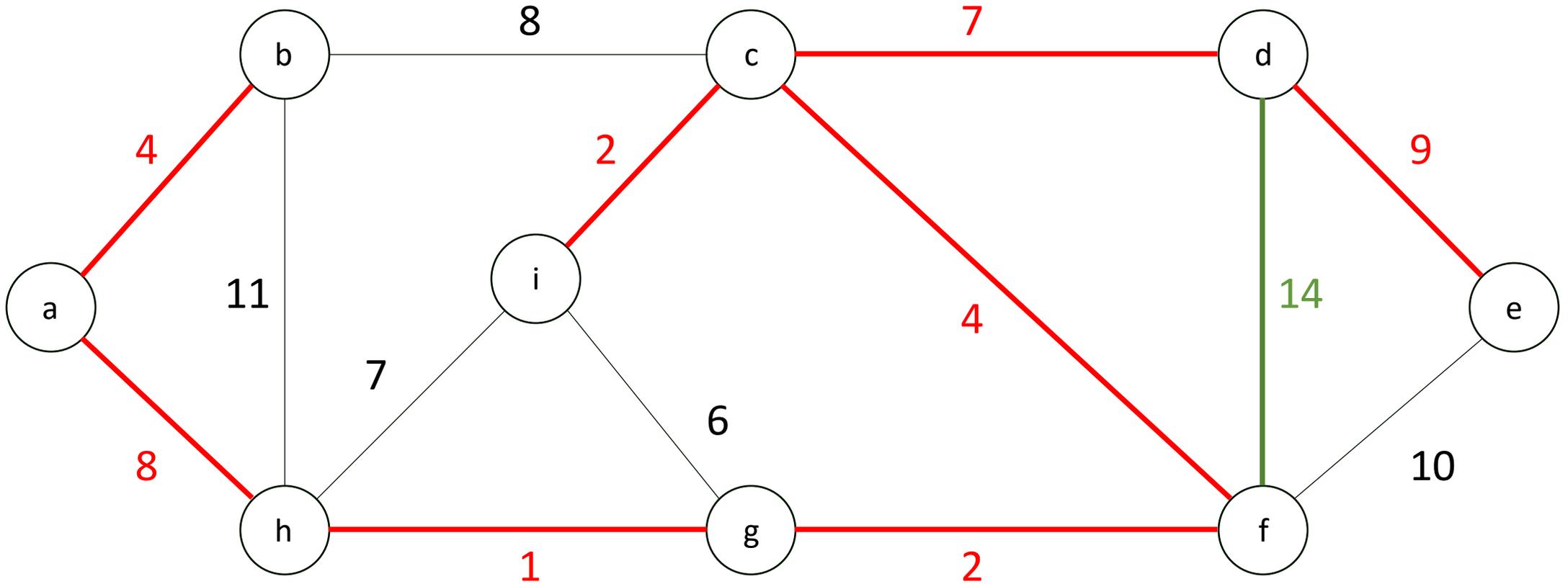
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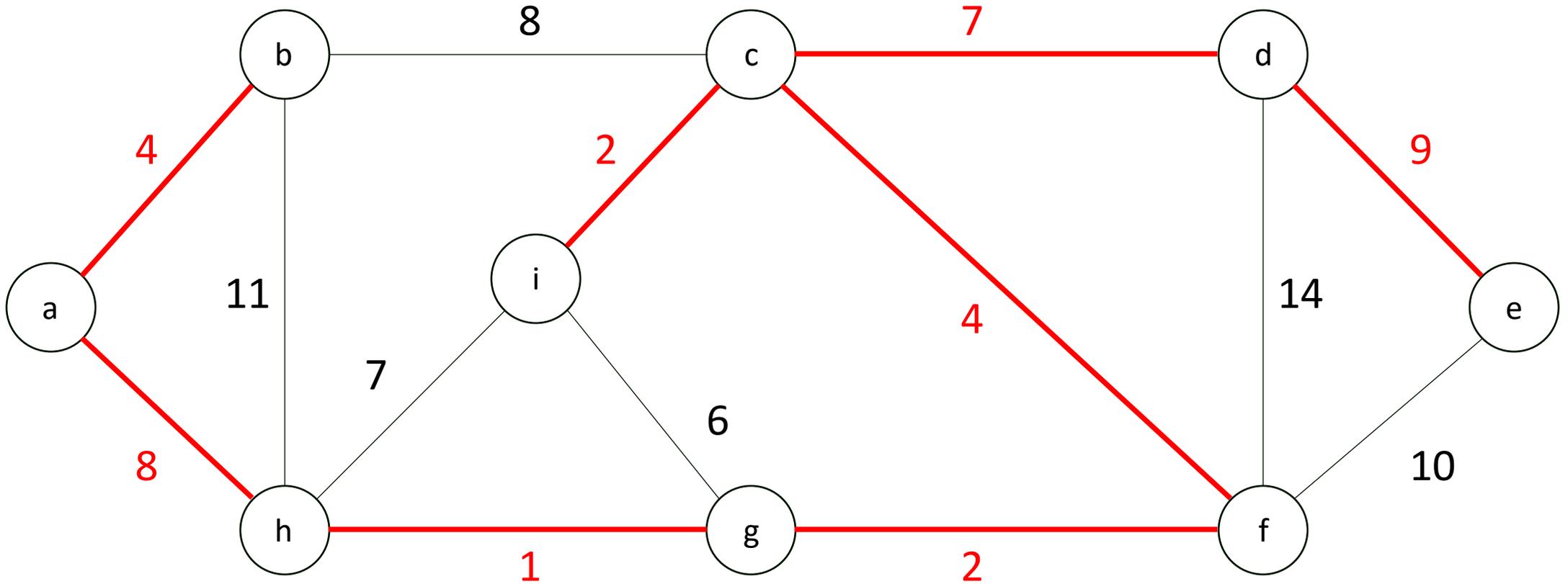
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- Sort: $O(E \log E)$
- Check whether to form a cycle?

Disjoint set

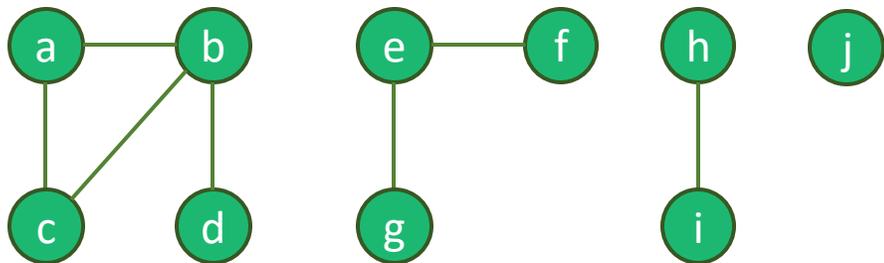
Requirement

Consider a situation: given some persons, how to quickly support the following operations?

- Find whether individual x and y are linked through direct/indirect friend relations
- Add a new friendship relation between x and y

Naïve solution: record the links, then search for all the reachable nodes from x (graph searching)

- High time and space complexity



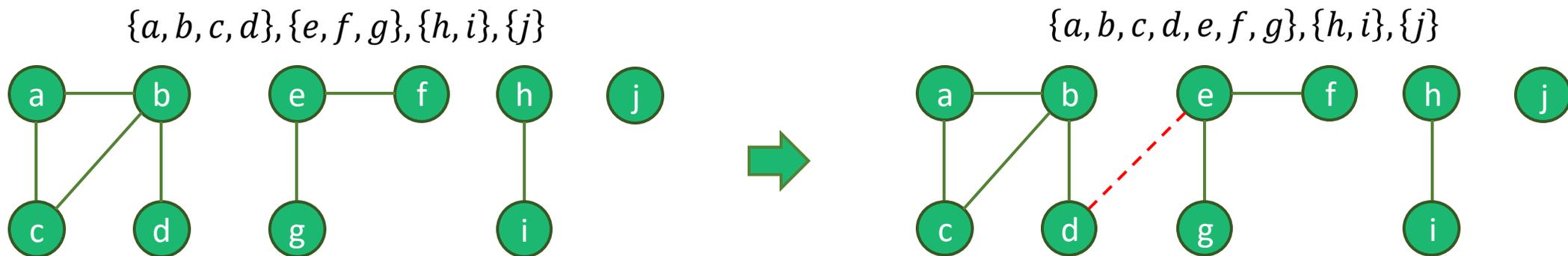
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A set-based view

- Nodes in each linked components can reach each other
- Only care about the linked components – ignore links and record with set
- Add a link is to union two sets



Disjoint Set

Store a collection of non-overlapping sets, also called union–find data structure or merge–find set, support operations:

- **Distinguish:** whether two elements are in the same set

$$\langle \{a, b, c, d\}, \{e, f, g\}, \{h, i\}, \{j\}, \langle a, c \rangle \rangle \Rightarrow \text{same}$$

- **Union:** given two elements, merge their set

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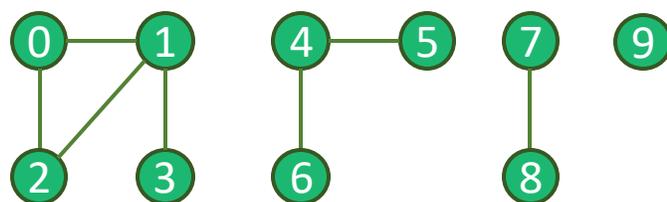
How to realize a disjoint set?

Straightforward solution: create separate collection for each set

- Distinguish: traverse all the collections and elements
- Union: find the corresponding collection, copy elements in one to the other
- **Problem:** large space and time complexity for massive number of sets and operations

Another Naïve Solution

Core idea: represent each set with a member (representative), record each element's set's representative with an array



0, 1, 2, 3 belongs to 0's set
4, 5, 6 belongs to 5's set,
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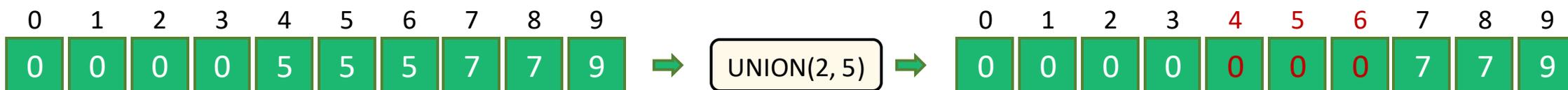
Distinguish: whether two elements are in the same set

- Find and compare the representative: $\Theta(1)$



Union: given two elements, merge their set

- Traverse the array and modify the corresponding elements: $\Theta(n)$



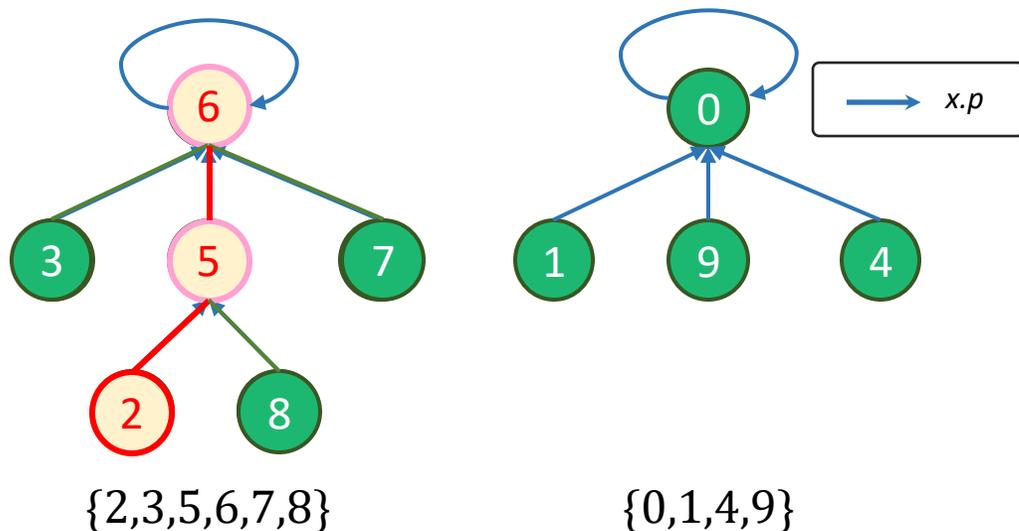
Disjoint Set with Tree

Represent each set with a tree, where each element is a node

- Use root node as the representative

Distinguish whether two elements are in the same set

- Find the root through parent pointer (set the parent of the root to itself to ease coding)



```
FIND(x)
1. if x.p != x:
2.     return FIND(x.p)
3. else:
4.     return x
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Time complexity: $O(h)$

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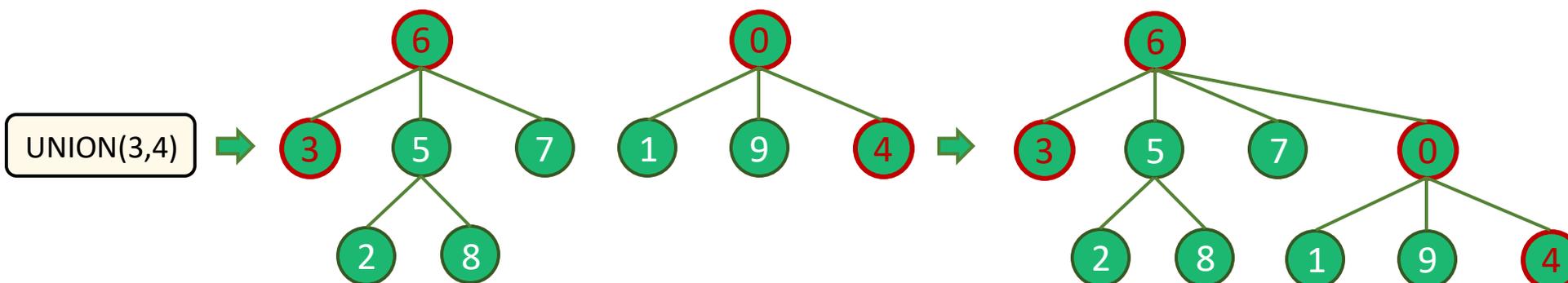
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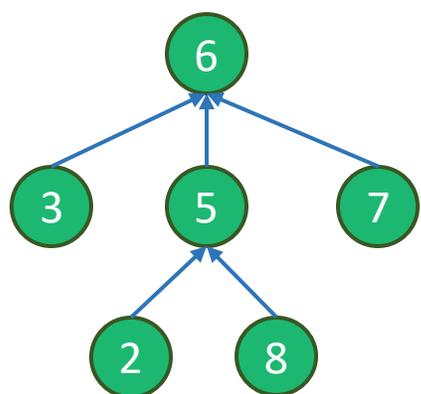
- Find the roots of x and y 's corresponding tree $O(h)$
- Make x 's roots as the parent of y 's root $O(1)$

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UNION(x, y)
1. root_x = FIND(x)
2. root_y = FIND(y)
3. if root_x == root_y:
4.     return
5. else:
6.     root_y.p = root_x
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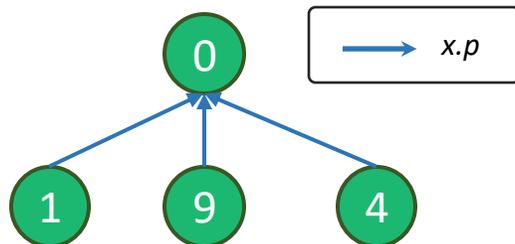


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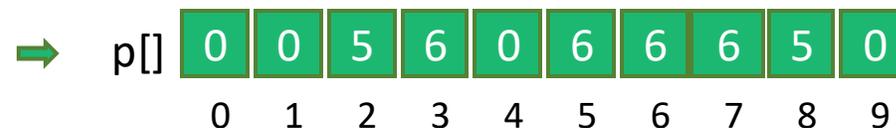
Store tree structure in an array: since only parent information is needed



{2,3,5,6,7,8}



{0,1,4,9}



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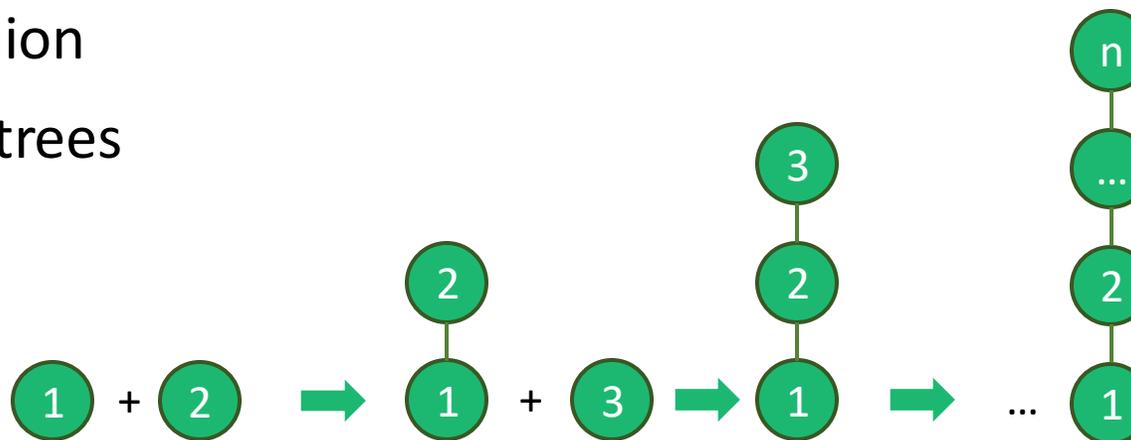
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Any potential deficiency?

- Link $\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 4 \rangle, \langle 4, 5 \rangle, \langle 5, 6 \rangle, \dots \langle n - 1, n \rangle$
- $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ for find and union

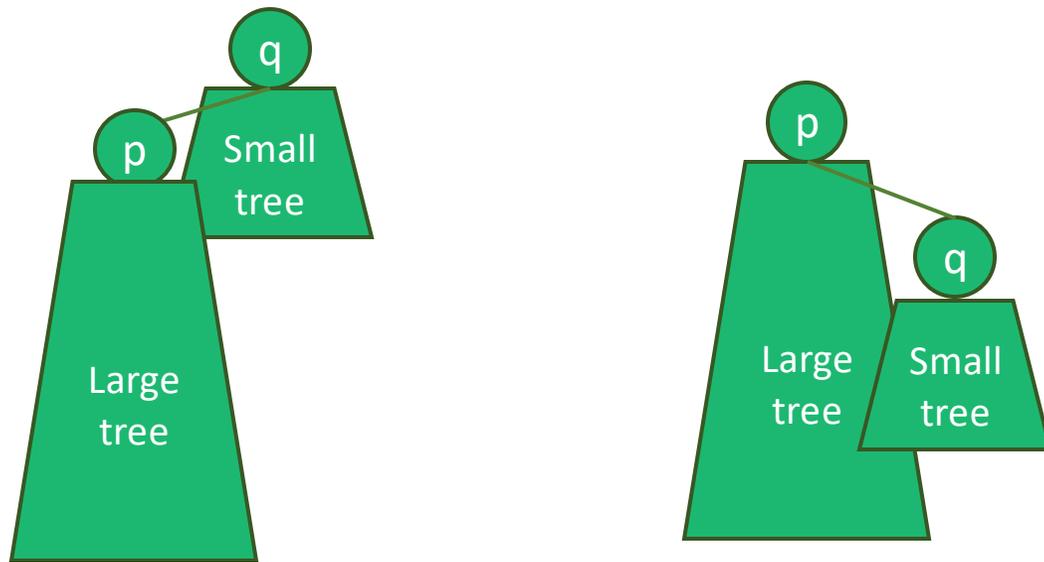
Improve complexity: avoid tall trees

- Union-by-Rank
- Path Compression



Union by Rank

Keep track each tree's **size (number of nodes)**, link roots of smaller tree to root of larger tree.



Intuitively reduce height

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Weight_UNION(x, y)
1. root_x = FIND(x)
2. root_y = FIND(y)
3. if root_x == root_y:
4.     return
5. else:
6.     if root_x.size < root_y.size:
7.         root_x.p = root_y
8.         root_y.size += root_x.size
9.     else:
10.        root_y.p = root_x
11.        root_x.size += root_y.size
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Union by Rank

Proposition: With union by rank, depth of any node x is at most $\log n$.

Proof:

- Notation: $d(x)$ - depth of x , $|T|$ - size of a tree T
- $d(x)$ possibly increase when the tree (T) containing x is merged with another tree T' :
 - $d(x)$ increases by 1 only when $|T'| \geq |T|$
 - The new tree's size $|T''| = |T| + |T'| \geq 2|T|$, at least doubles.
 - If $d(x) = h$, then $2^h \leq |T|$. Since $|T| \leq n$, $h \leq \log n$

Conclusion: with union by rank, time complexity for find and union operation are $O(\log n)$

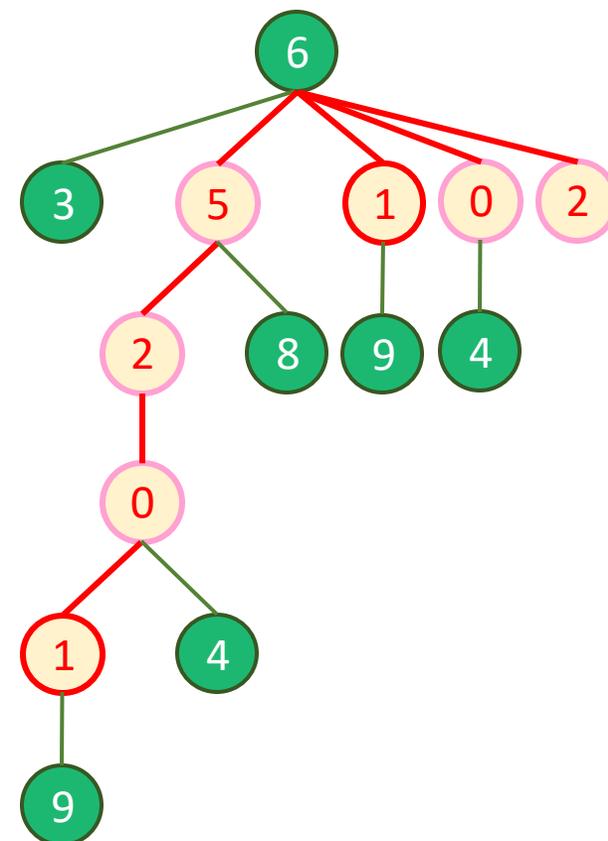
Path Compression

After finding the root for each node, move the node to be its child

- Find: $O(1)$ after many find operations
- Union: with m arbitrary linking operations, time complexity is roughly $O((m + n)\log n)$ [1]

Path compression + union by rank: nearly $O(1)$ on average

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FIND_PC(x)
1. if x.p != x:
2.     x.p = FIND_PC(x.p)
3. return x.p
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[1] R. Seidel and M. Sharir. Top-Down Analysis of Path Compression. Siam J. Computing, 2005, Vol. 34, No. 3, pp. 515-525.

Kruskal's Algorithm

- Not to form a cycle: merge the two nodes connected and ignore the self loops with both ends in the merged group

MST-KRUSKAL(G, w)

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3. **MAKE-SET**(v)
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6. **if** **FIND-SET**(u) \neq **FIND-SET**(v)
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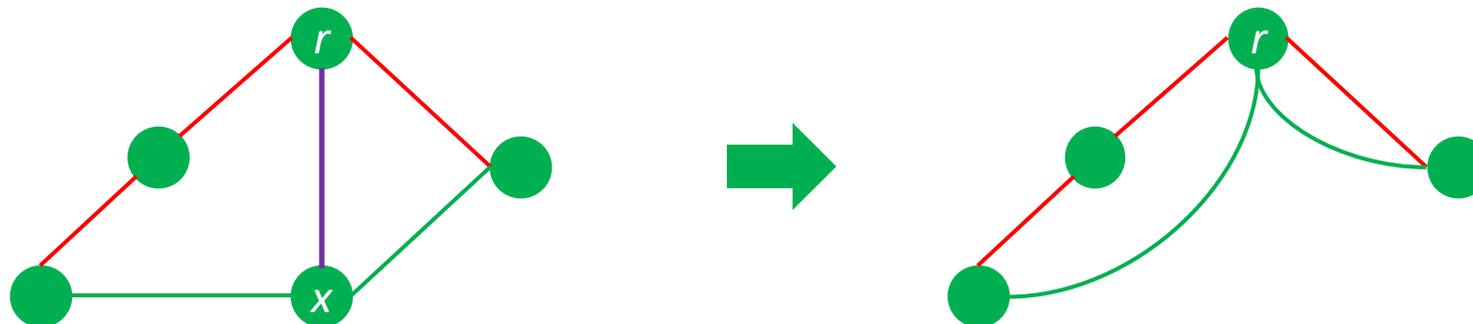
- Sort: $O(E \log E)$
- Check whether to form a cycle: $O(E)$ or $O((V + E) \log V)$

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Recurrence for Optimized Value

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Recurrence for optimized value: $f(G) = \min_{e=\langle x, root \rangle \in E} (f(g(G, \langle x, root \rangle)) + e.w)$

Complexity: exponential (2^{n-1}) subproblems (subgraphs)

Intuition: greedily select the edge linking with root with least weight $\min_{e=\langle x, root \rangle \in E} e.w$

Is it optimal?

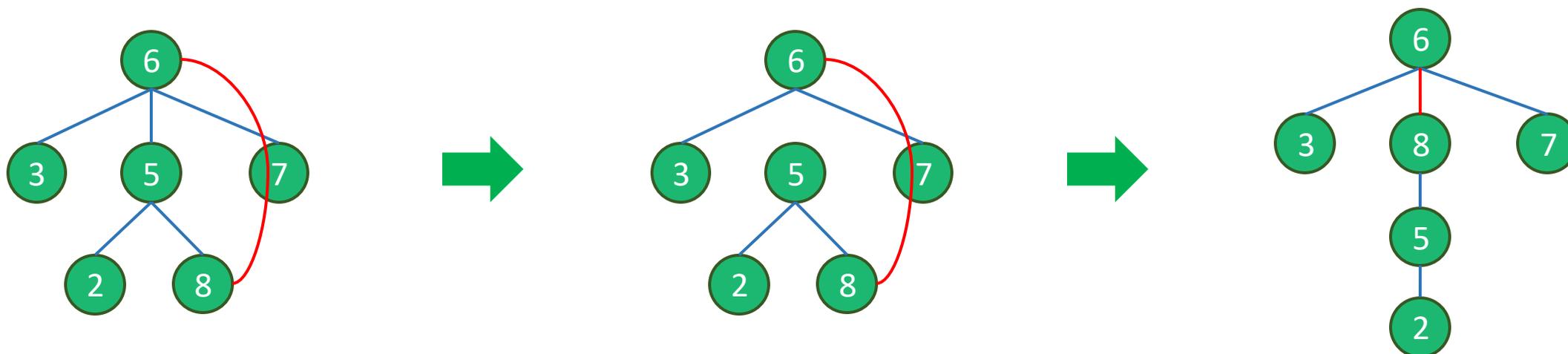
— — prove the edge with least distance connecting root is contained in an MST

Greedy Choice Property

There exists an MST that contains the edge $e^* = \min_{e=\langle x, \text{root} \rangle \in E} e.w$

Proof: Given any MST T not containing e^* , we can construct an MST T' containing e^*

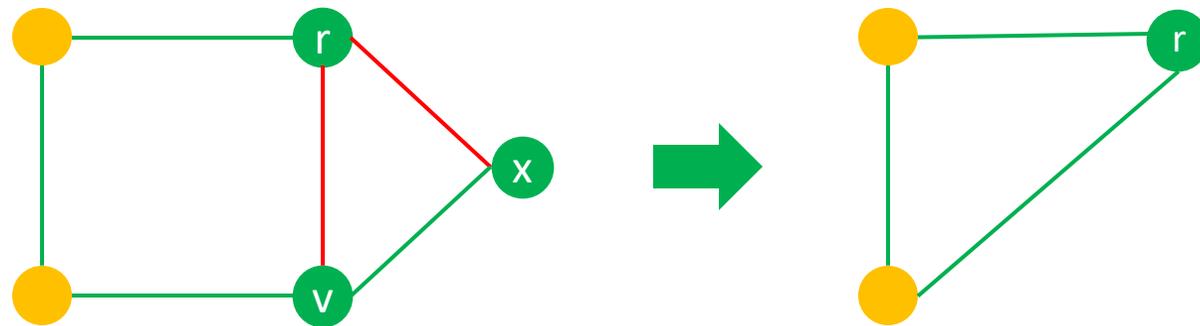
- Add $e^* = \langle r, x \rangle$ to T , there is a cycle containing r and x and a child y of r
- Delete $e' = \langle y, r \rangle$ to obtain the new tree T' . Since $e^* = \min_{e=\langle x \neq \text{root}, \text{root} \rangle \in E} e.w$, $e^*.w \leq e'.w$. $T'.w - T.w = e^*.w - e'.w \leq 0$, since T is MST, T' is MST that contains e^*



Prim's Algorithm

Substitution on merging the nodes:

- Since all the selected nodes are merged into root
- Greedily select the edge that has the smallest weight linking an unselected node to the current selected nodes

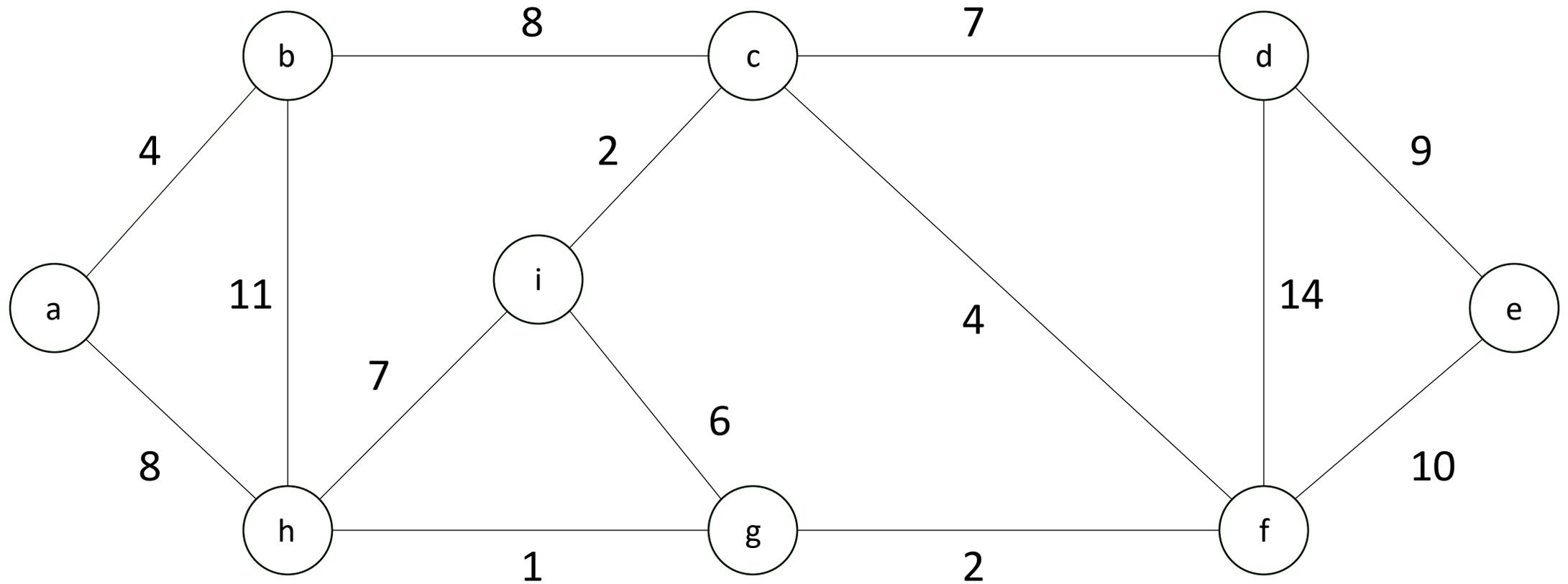


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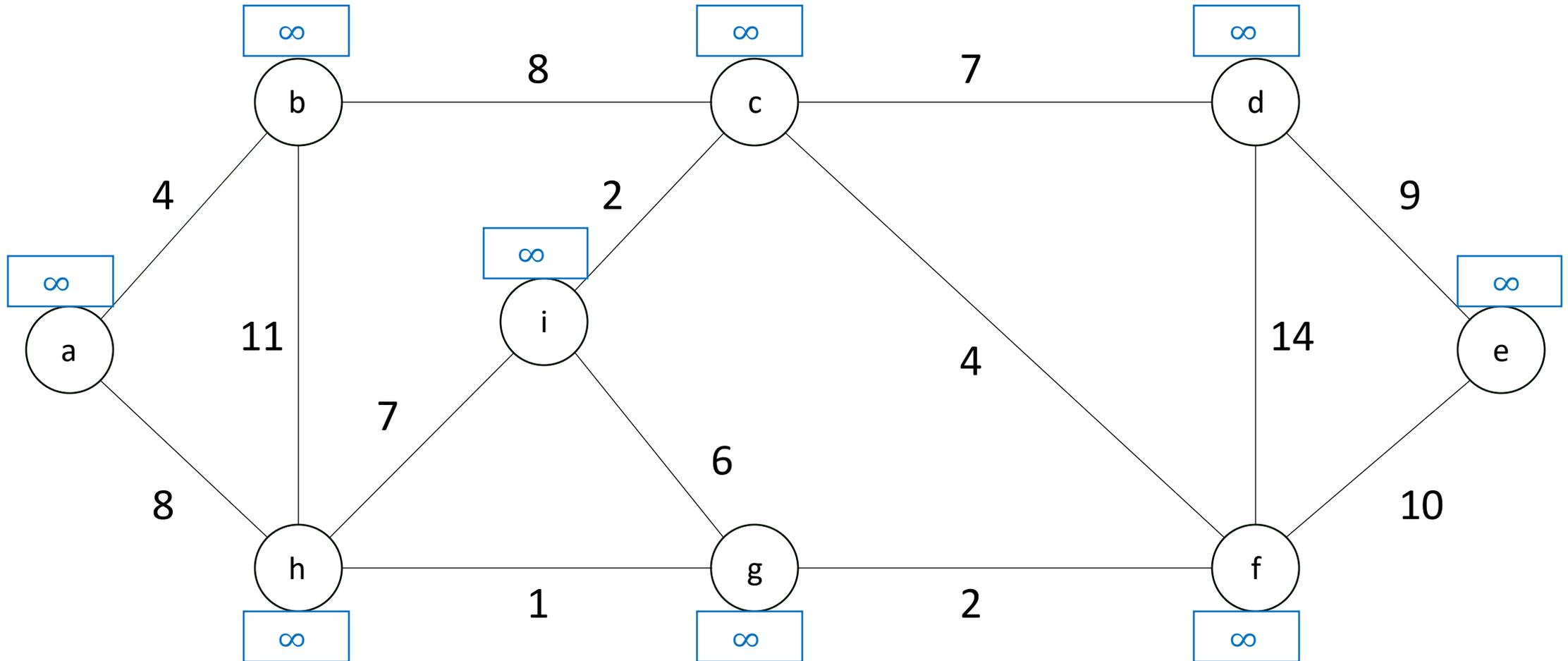
Another algorithm for minimum spanning tree that operates the nodes instead of edges (add nodes to the MST)

1. Randomly pick a node as the root
2. Calculate the minimum distance from each nodes outside of the tree to a node in the tree
3. Pick the node with smallest distance, add to a tree
4. Update the distances
5. Repeat 3-4 until all the nodes are in the tree

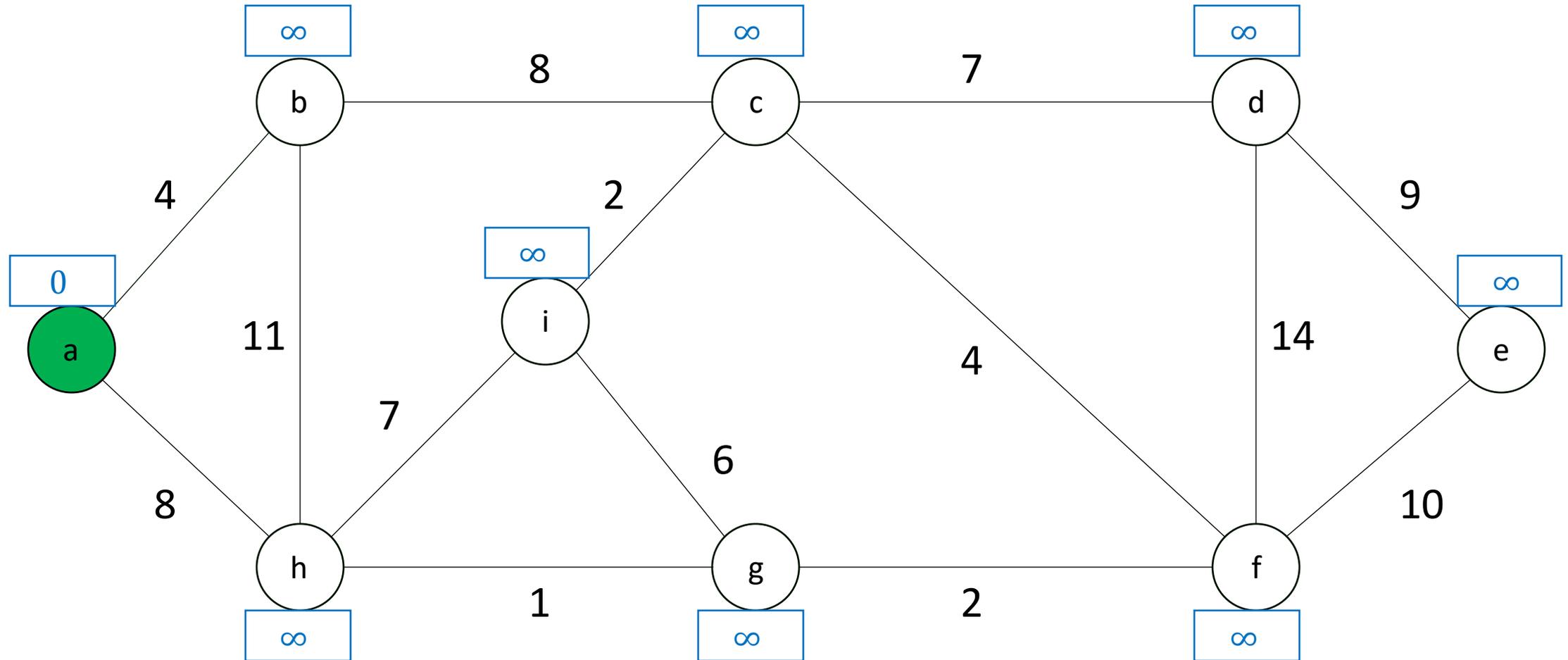
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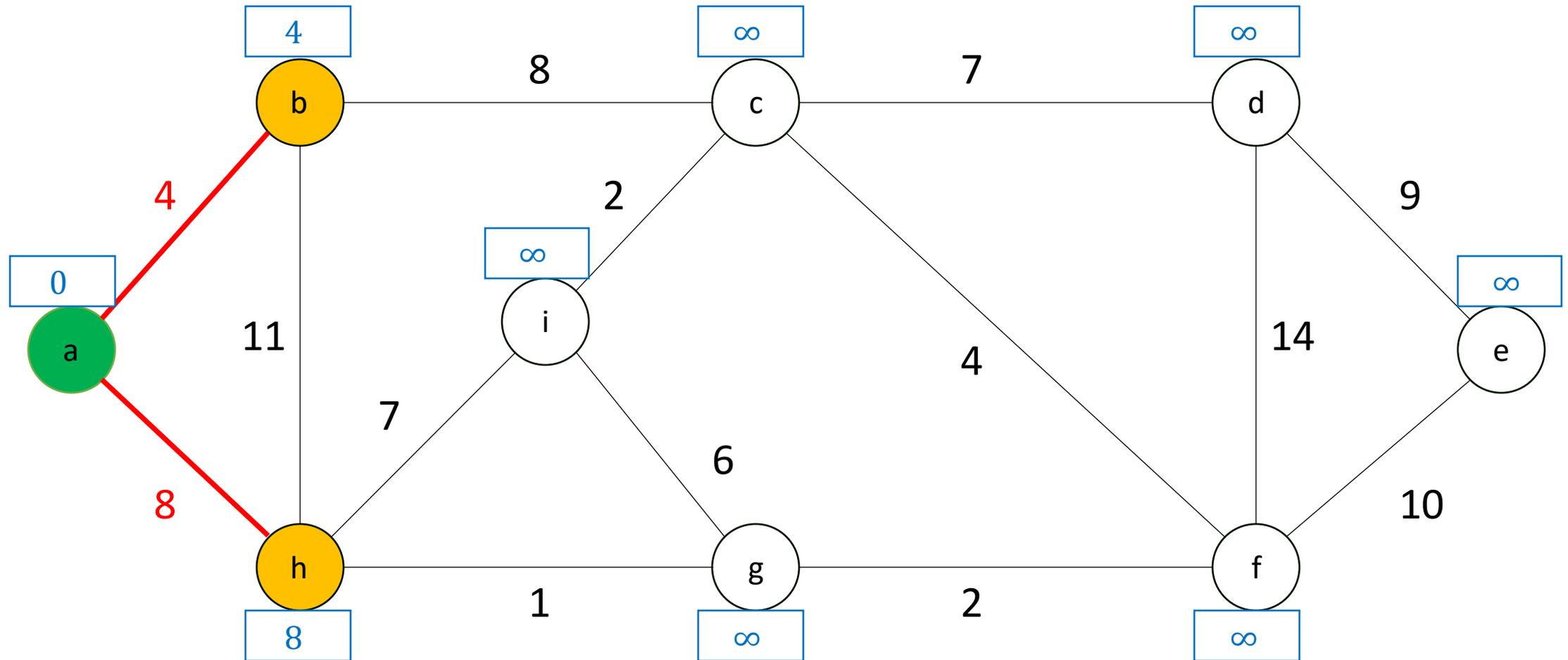
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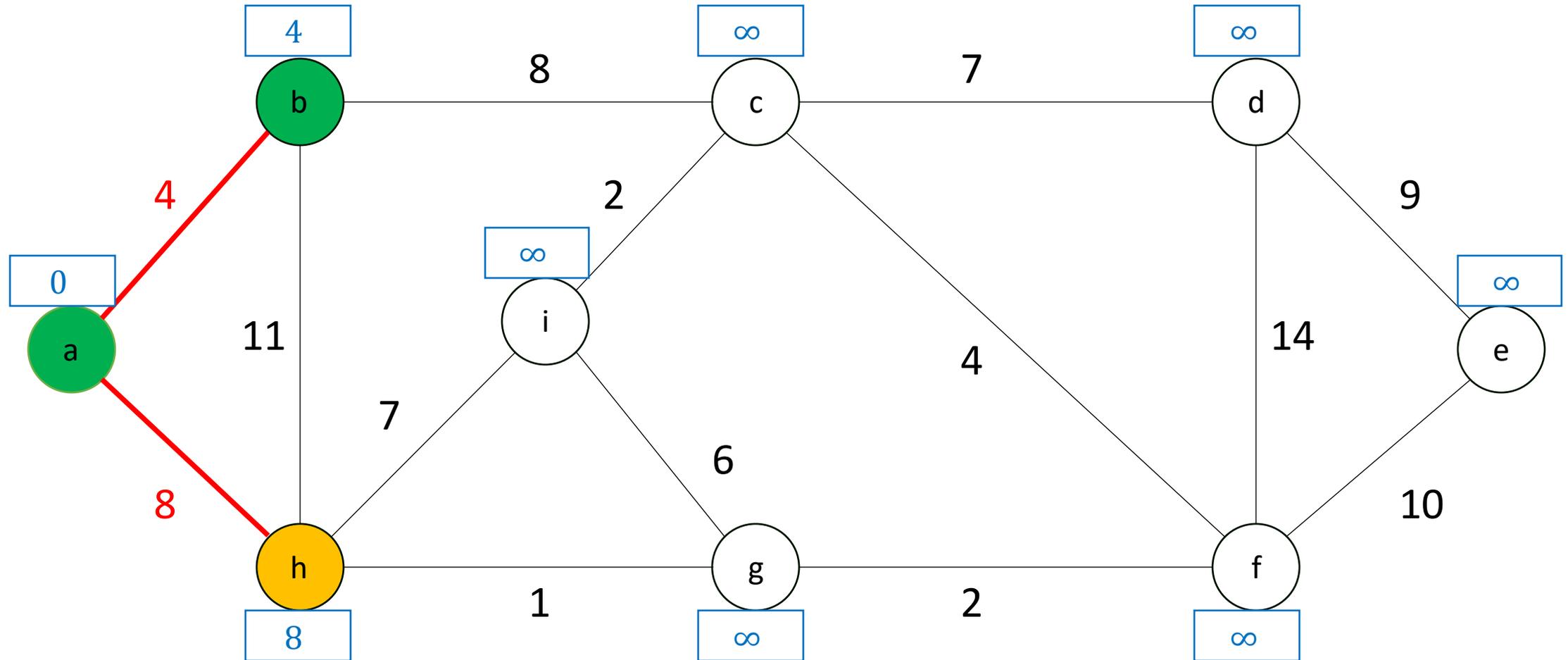
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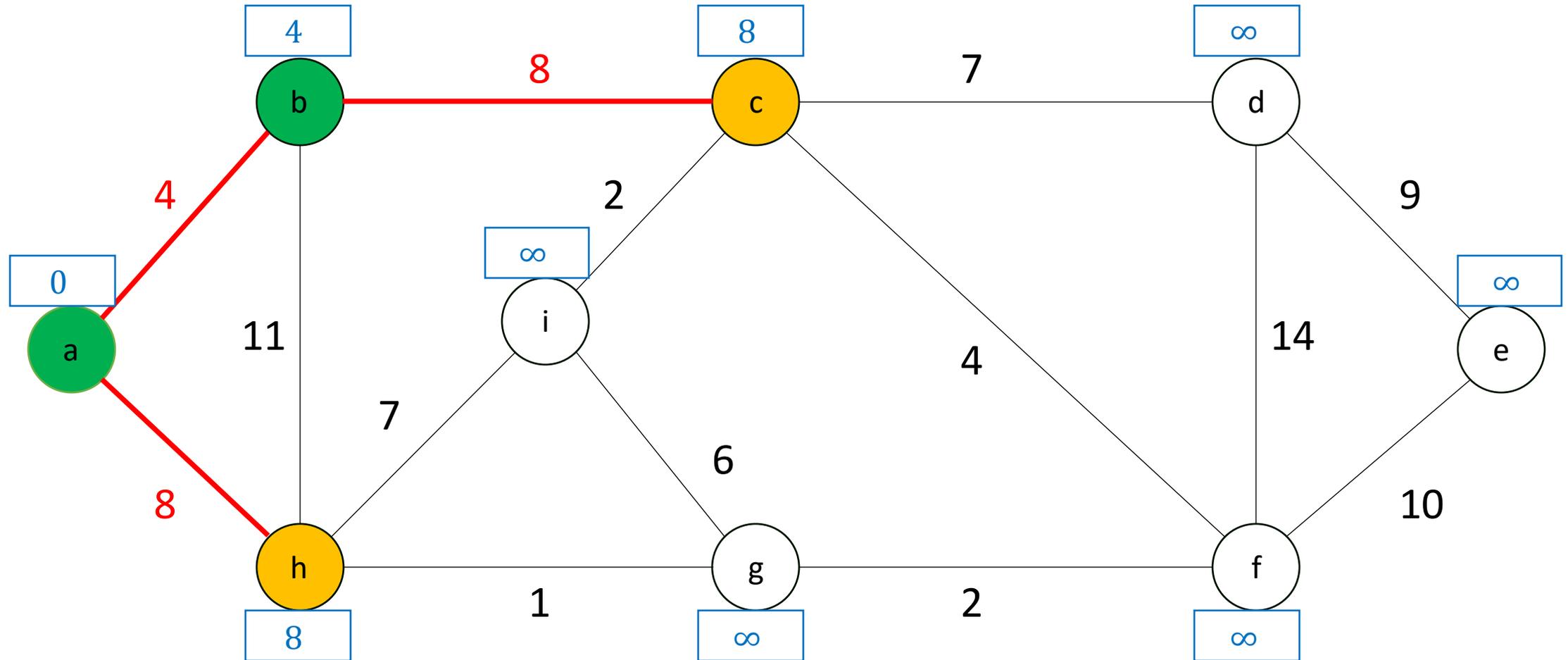
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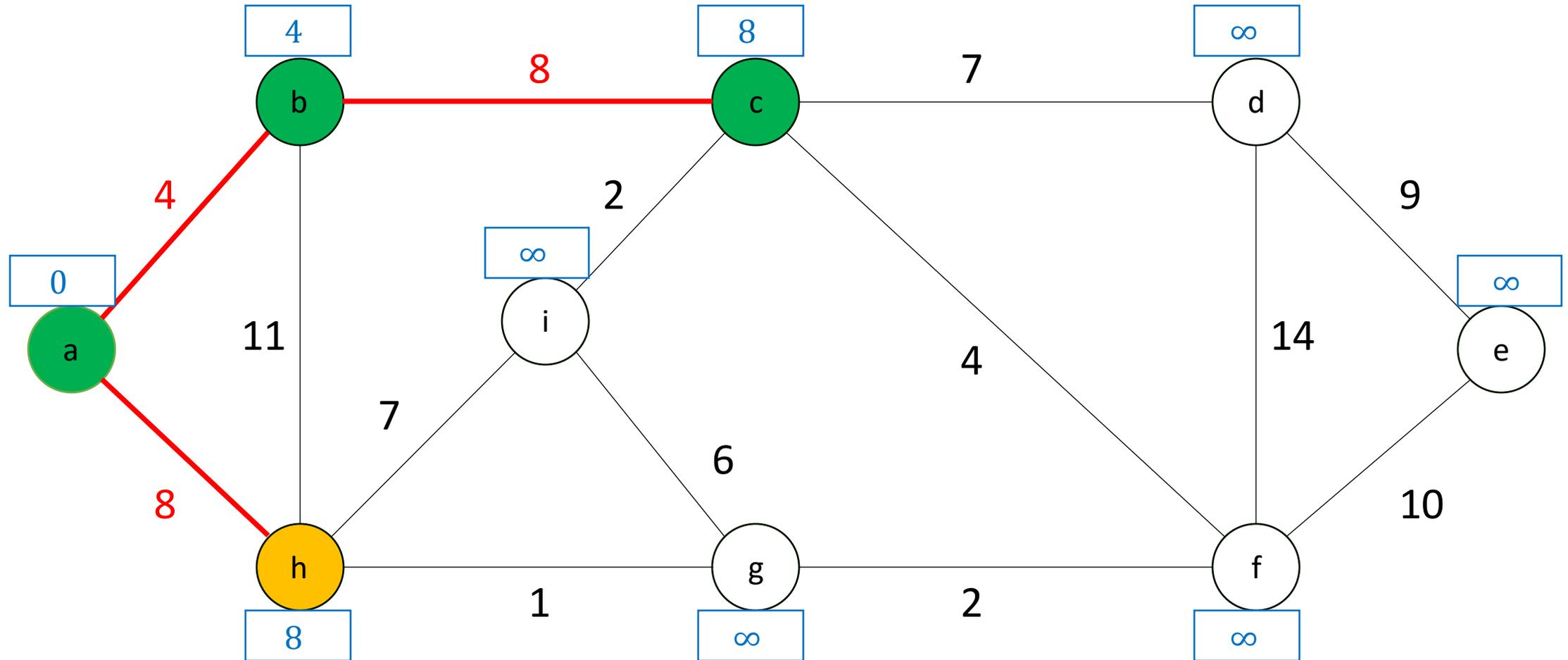
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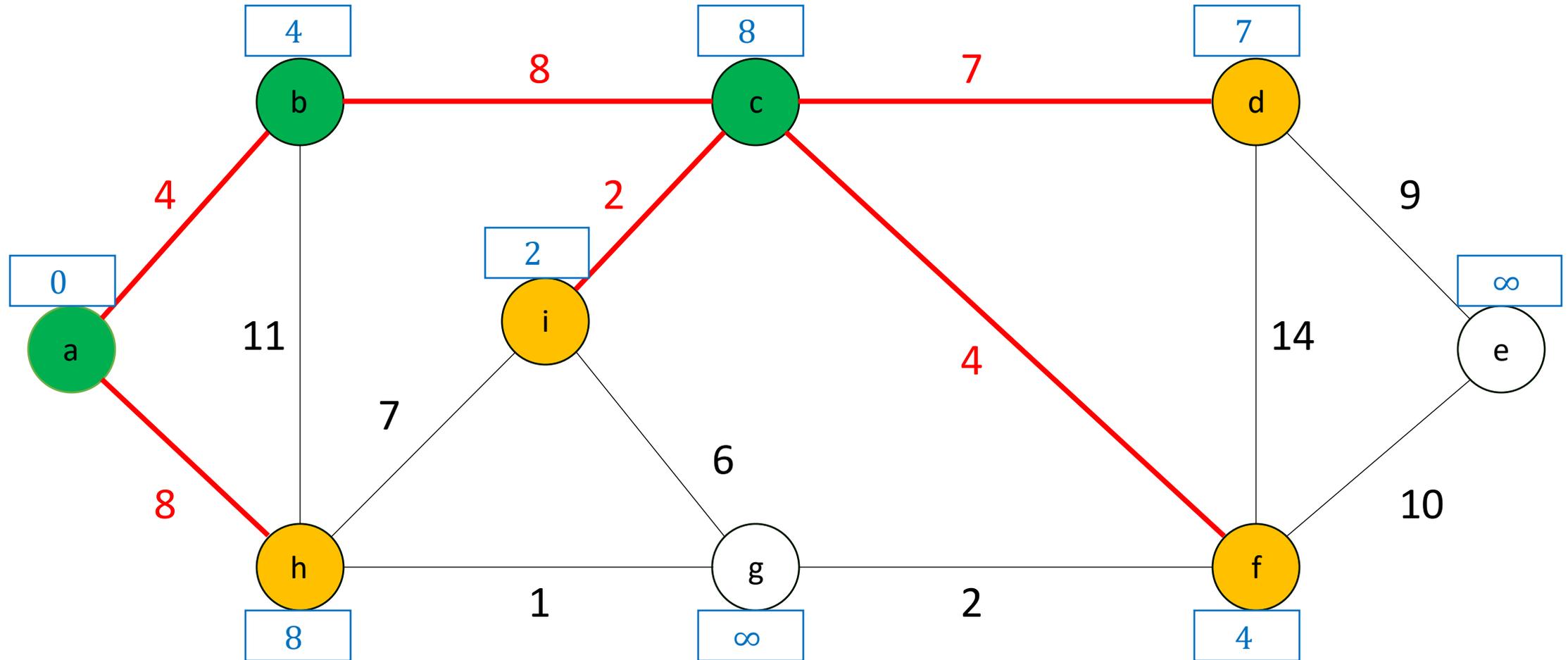
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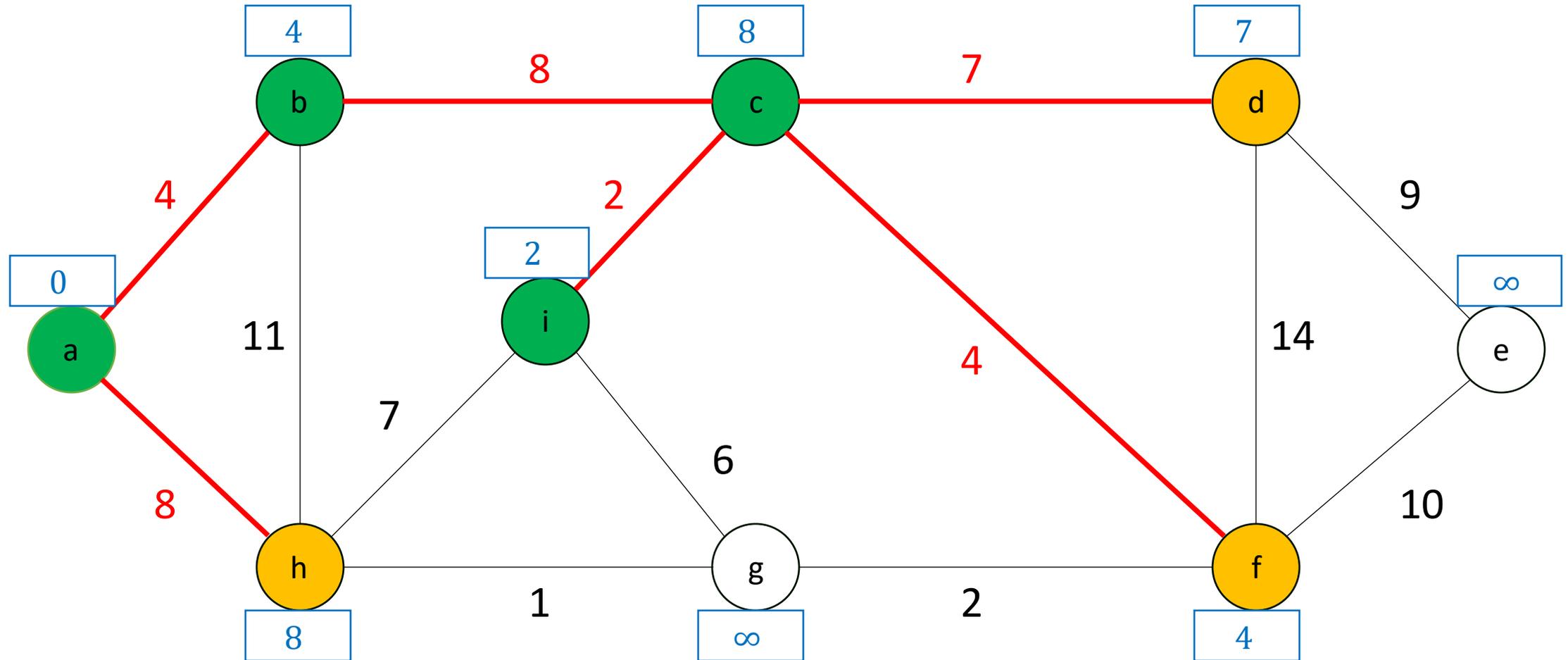
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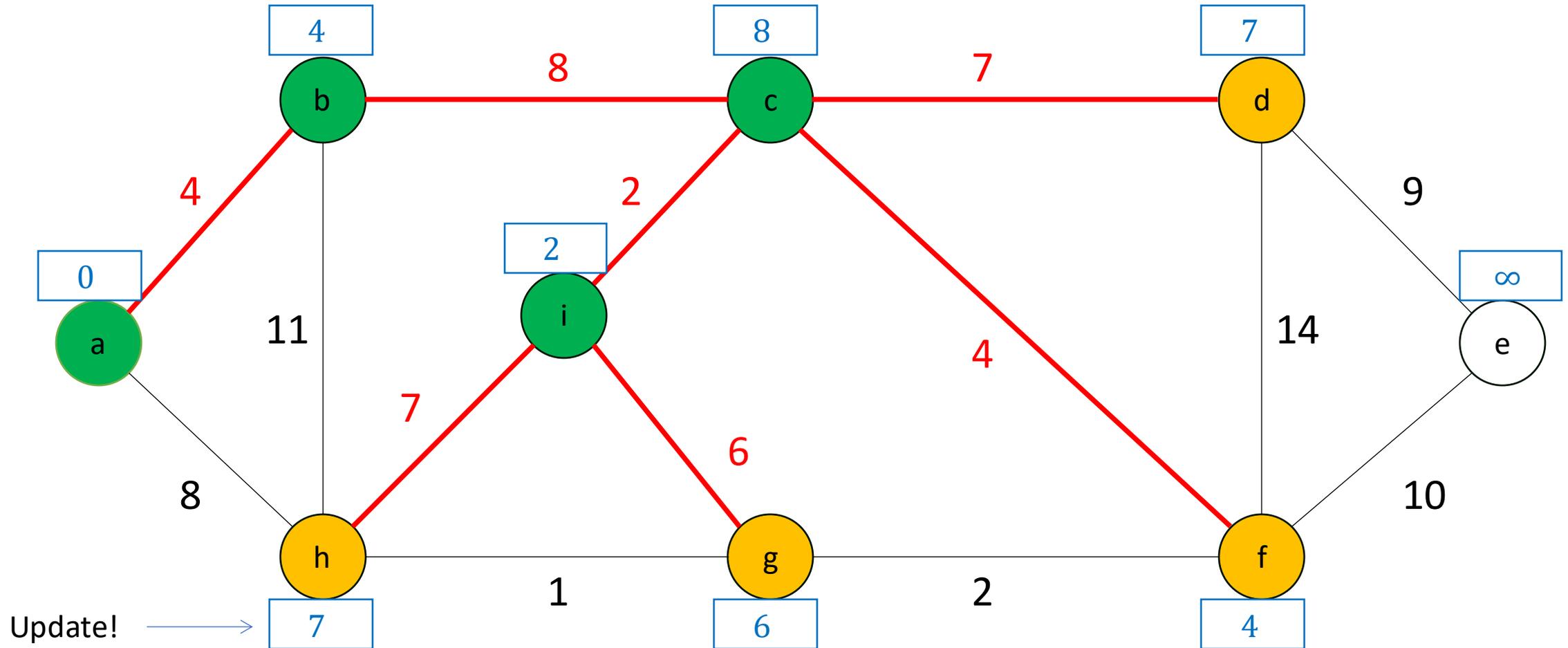
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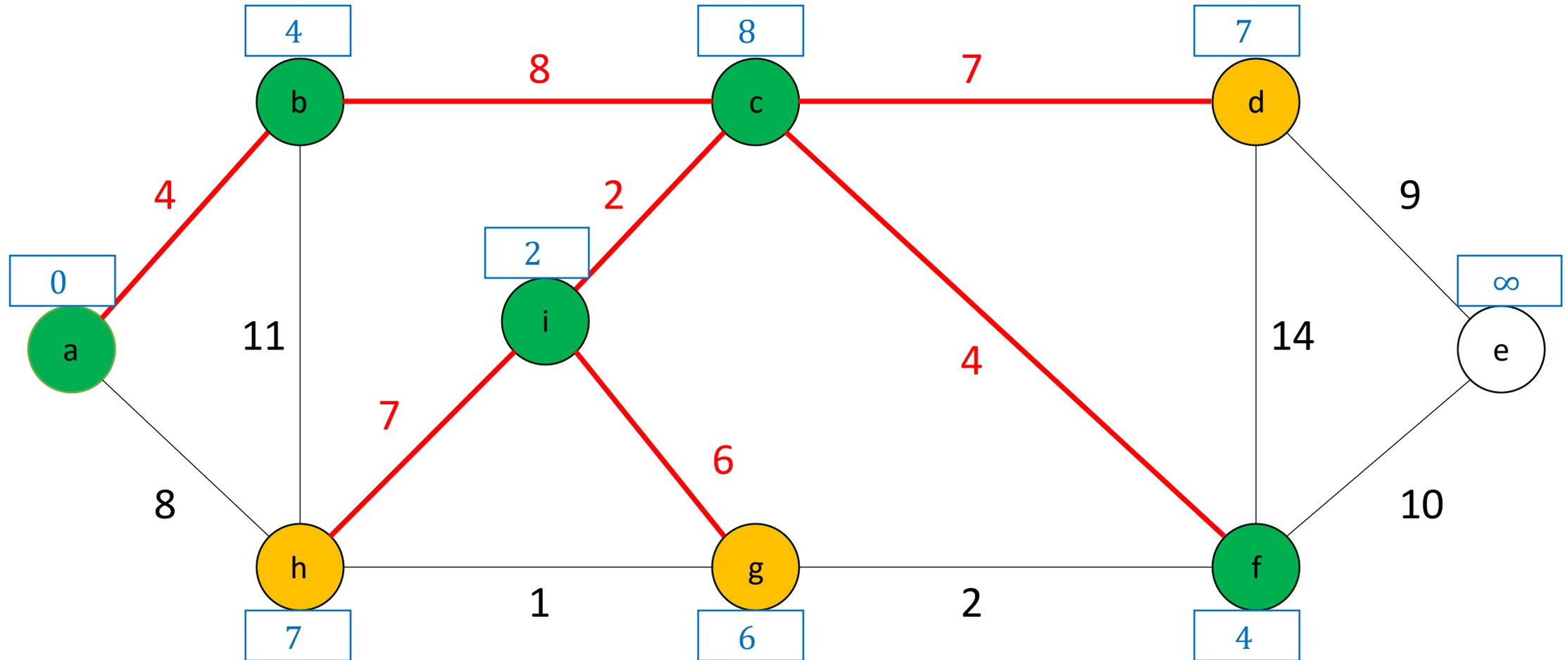
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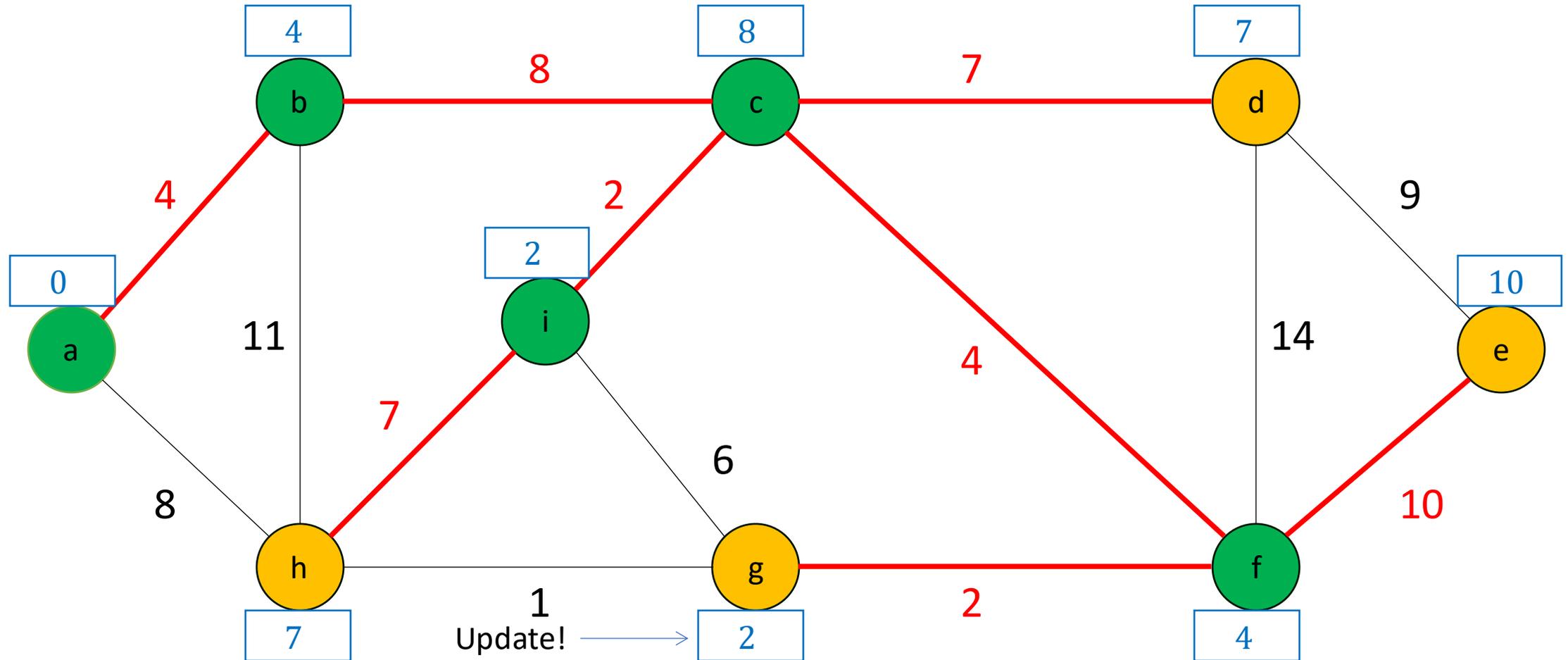
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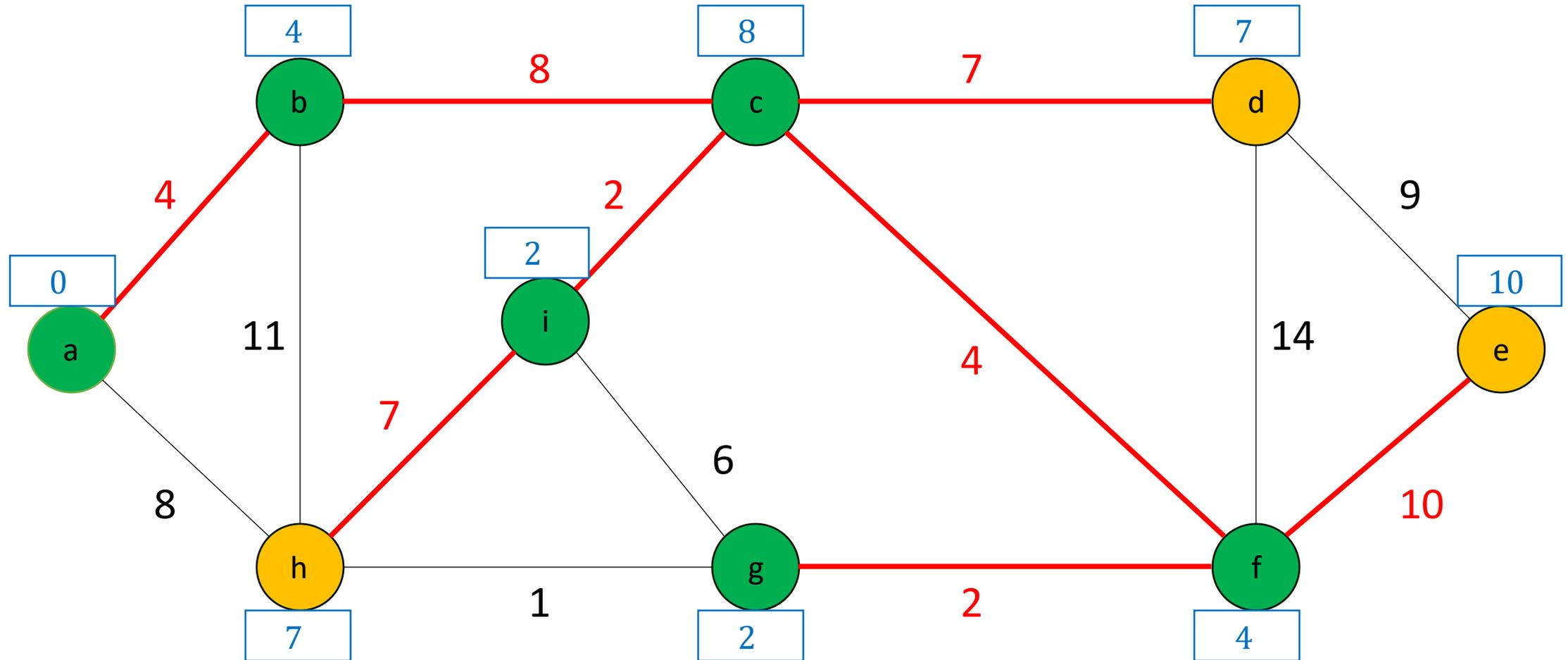
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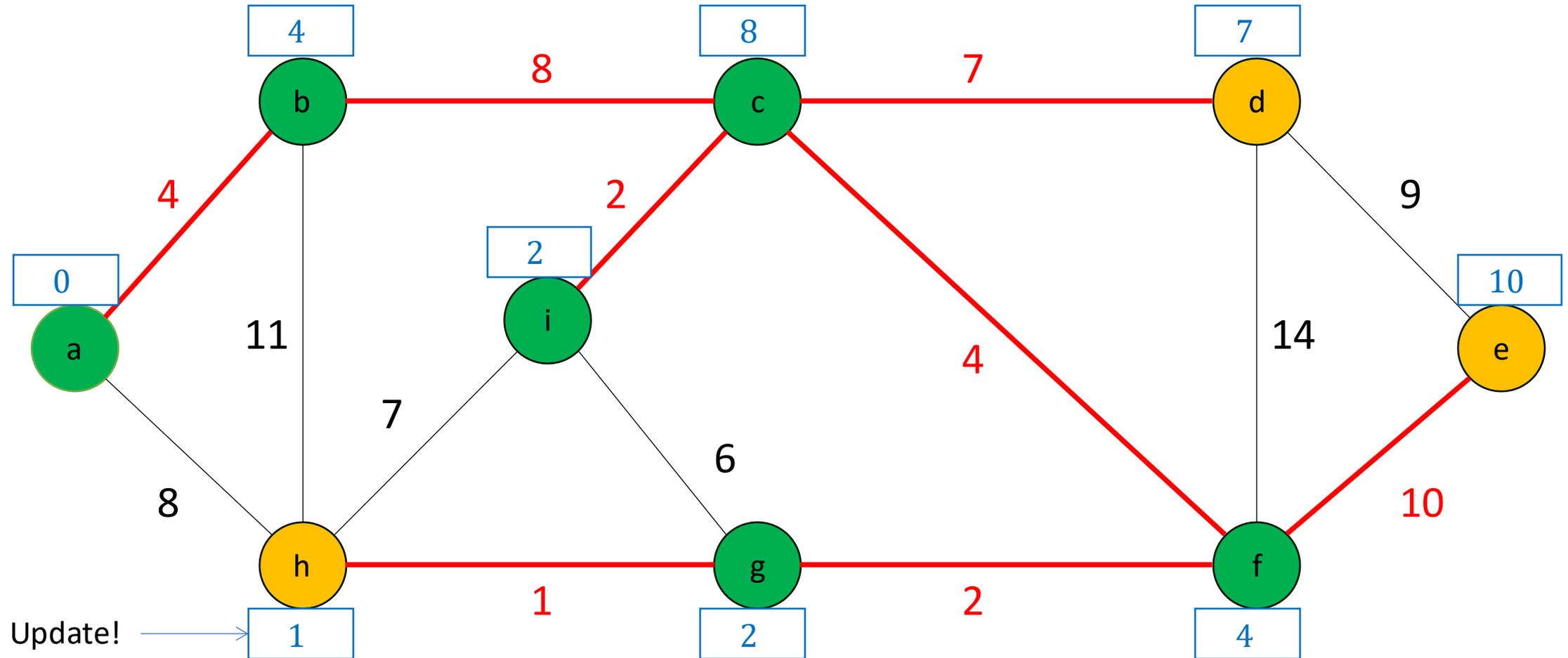
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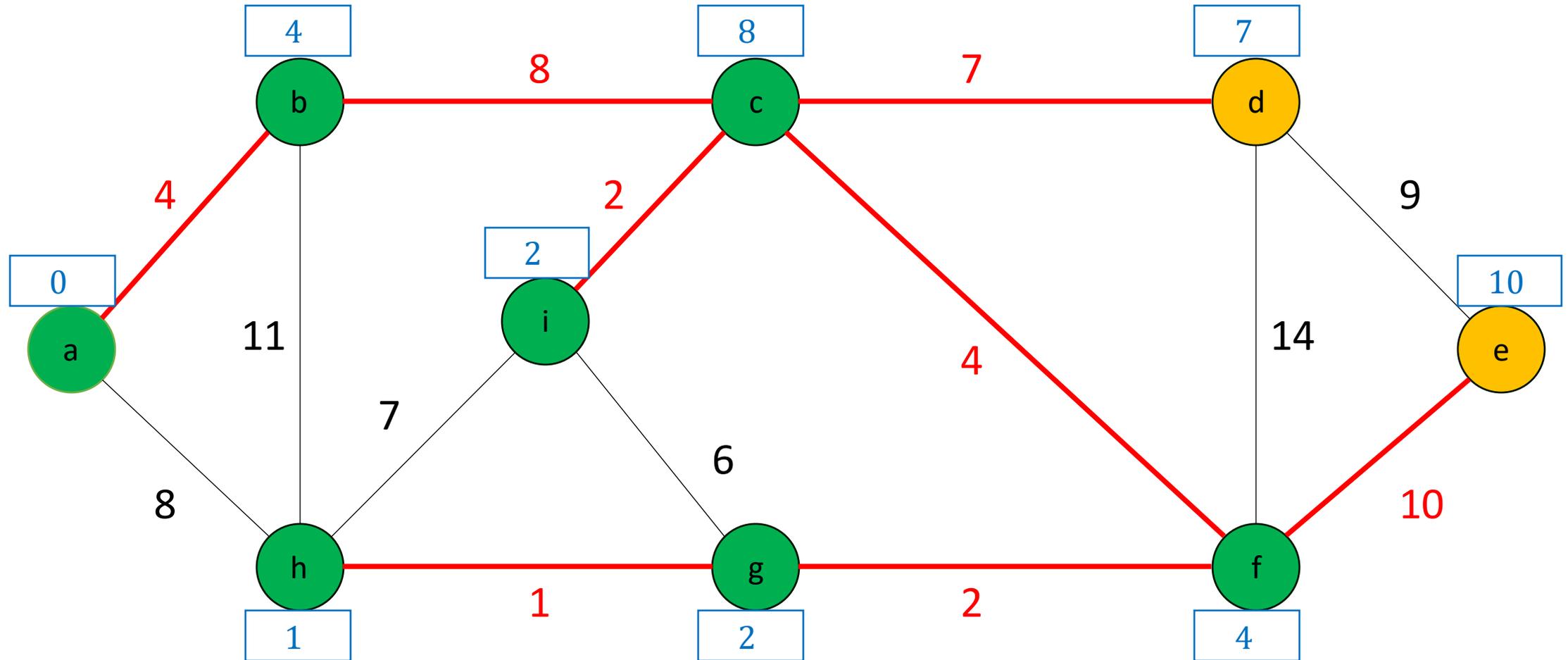
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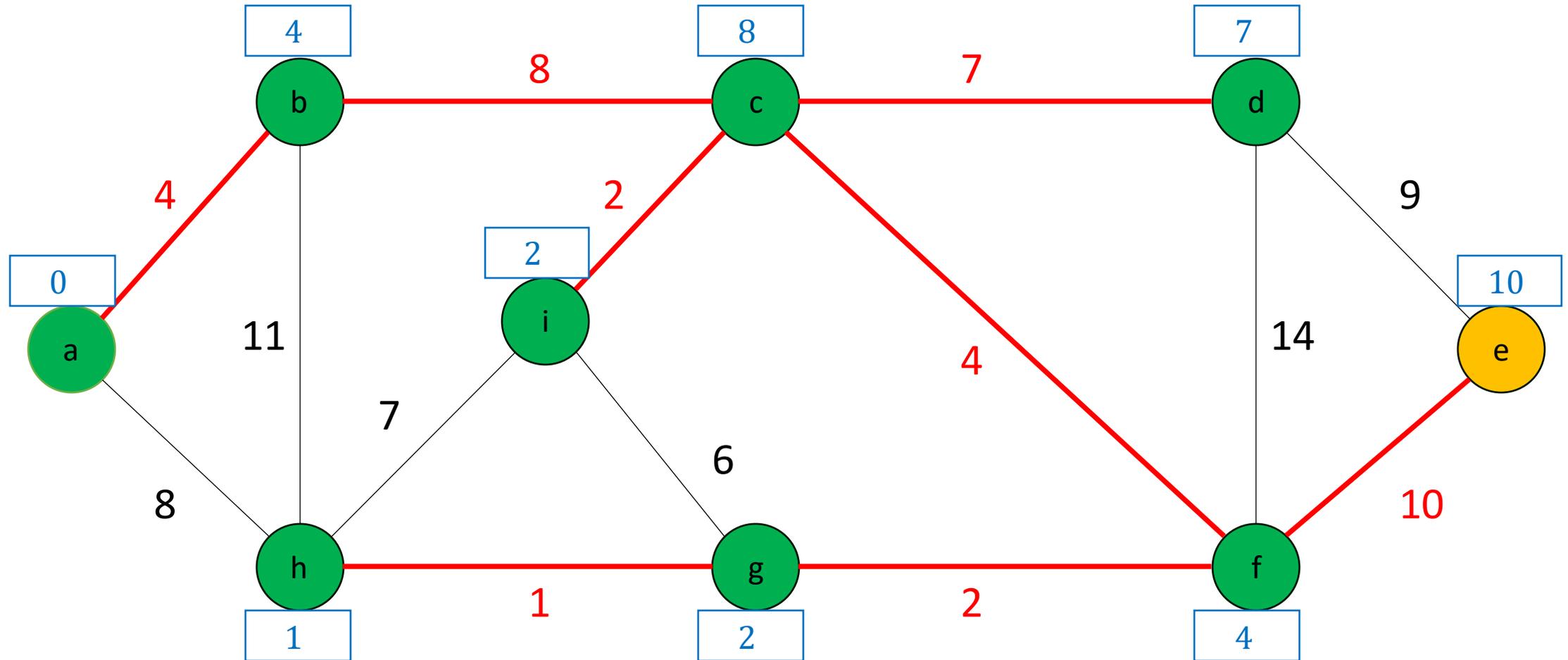
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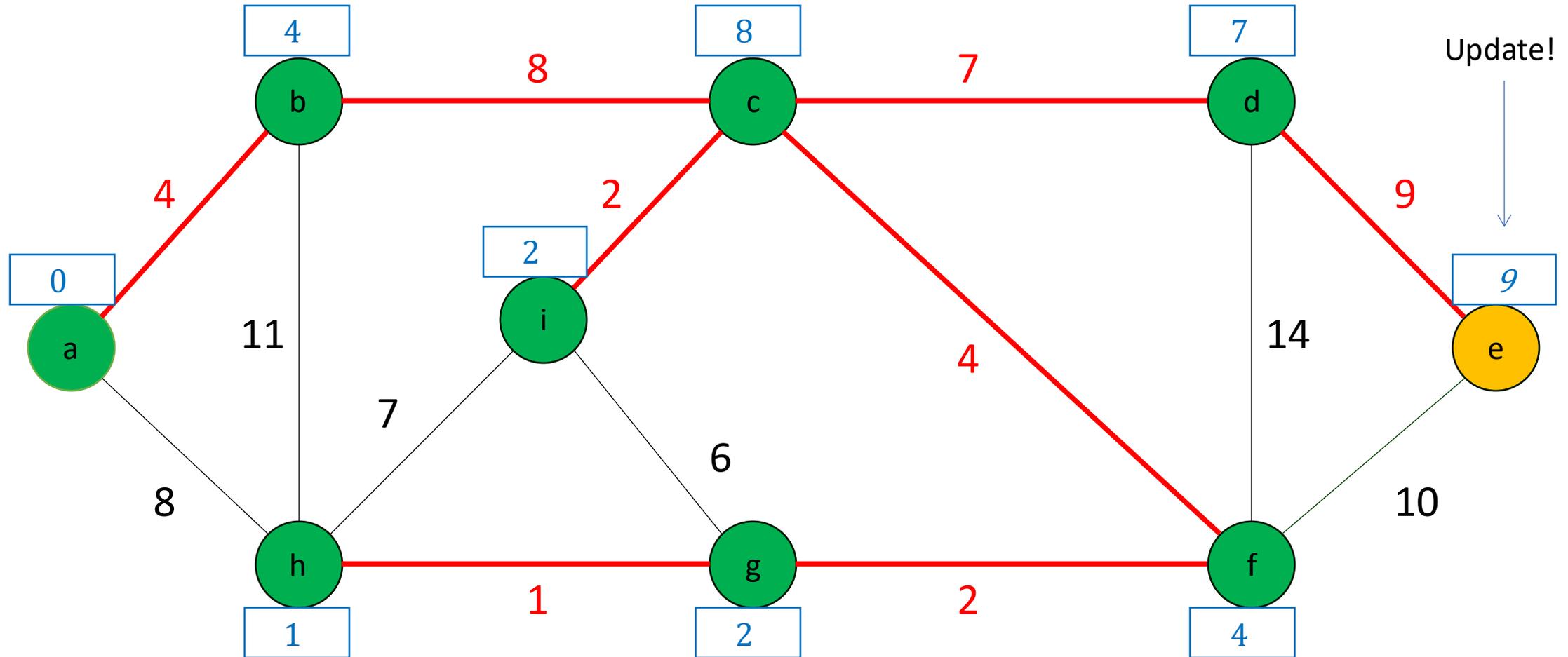
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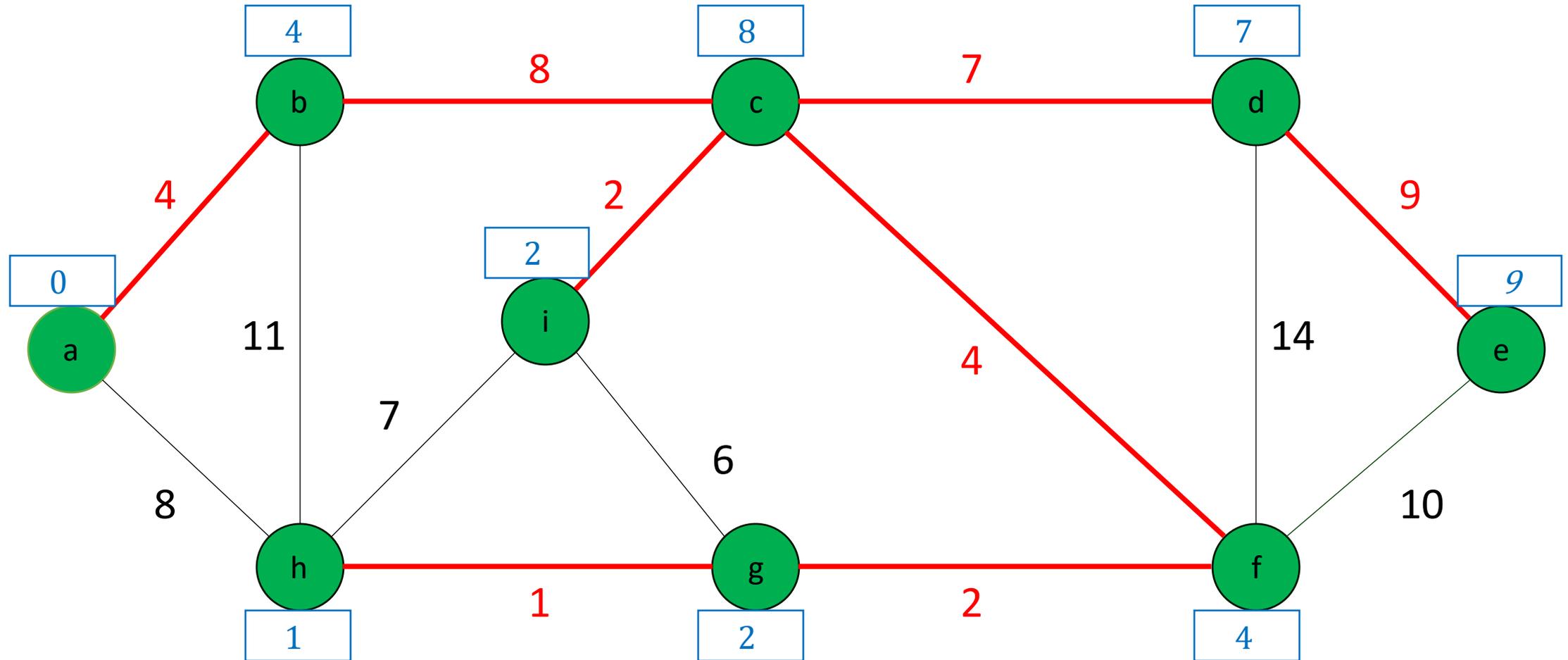
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Pseudo Code

MST-PRIM(G, w, r)

1. **for** each vertex $u \in G.V$ $O(V)$
2. $u.key = \infty$
3. $u.\pi = NIL$
4. $r.key = 0$
5. $Q = \emptyset$
6. **for** each vertex $u \in G.V$ $O(V \log V)$
7. INSERT(Q, u)
8. **while** $Q \neq \emptyset$ V iterations
9. $u = EXTRACT - MIN(Q)$ $O(\log V)$
10. **for** each vertex $v \in G.Adj[u]$ $|u.edges|$ iterations
11. **if** $v \in Q$ and $w(u, v) < v.key$
12. $v.\pi = u$
13. $v.key = w(u, v)$
14. DECREASE - KEY($Q, v, w(u, v)$) $O(\log V)$

- The total time: $O(V \log V + \sum_{u \in V} |u.edges| \log V) = O((E + V) \log V)$

Source: Introduction to algorithms, edition four

Topological Sort

Topological Sort

Given a directed **acyclic** graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$. Find an order $O = \langle o_1, o_2, \dots, o_V \rangle$ satisfying there does not exist pair $\langle i, j \rangle$ that $i < j$ and $\langle o_j, o_i \rangle \in E$

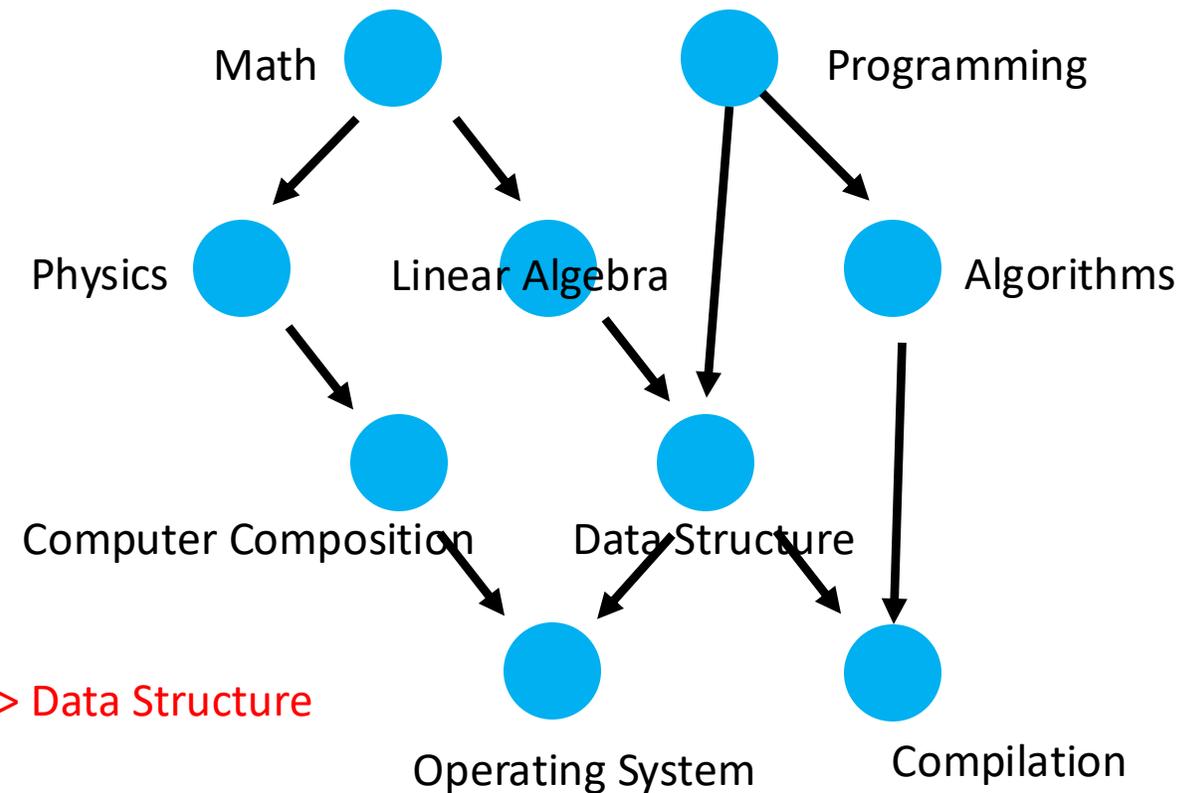
Example:

- Course Selection
- Manufacturing Workflows

Intuitive understanding

- Find an order of doing things that respect the given pair-wise dependencies

Math > Physics > Programming > Linear Algebra > Algorithms > Data Structure
> Computer Composition > Operating System > Compilation



Optimal Substructure

Given a topological sort $O = \langle o_1, o_2, \dots, o_v \rangle$ for graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, deleting o_1 generates a topological sort of a graph $G' = \langle V', E' \rangle$, where

$$V' = V - \{o_1\},$$

$$E' = \{ \langle u', v' \rangle \mid \langle u', v' \rangle \in E, u' \neq o_1, v' \neq o_1 \}$$

Proof: obvious, for the original order, there is no $\langle i, j \rangle$ that $i < j$ and $\langle o_j, o_i \rangle \in E$, deleting a node does not change of pair-wise relationship of the rest of the nodes

Recurrence for Optimized Value

Given a topological sort $O = \langle o_1, o_2, \dots, o_v \rangle$ for graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, deleting o_1 generates a topological sort of a graph $G' = \langle V', E' \rangle$, where

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Recurrence: $f(G)$ - whether you can find a topological sort for G

$$f(G) = \max_{u \in V} f(g(G, u)) \mathbb{I}\{ |\{ \langle v, u \rangle \mid v \in V - \{u\}, \langle v, u \rangle \in E \}| = 0 \}$$

Complexity: exponential subproblems (subgraphs)

Greedy Intuition: choose a node that does not have precedents

Is it optimal?

— — For any node without precedents, there exists a topological order starting with it

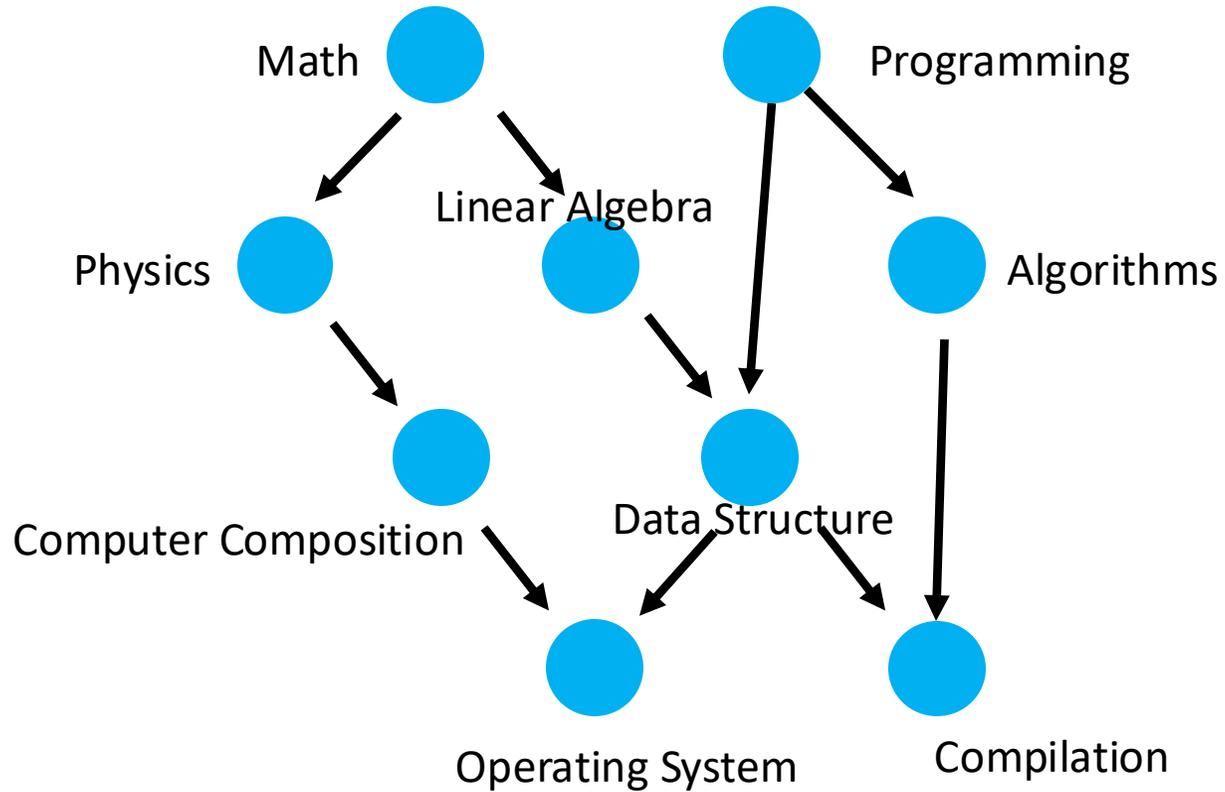
Greedy Choice Property

For any node (u) without precedents, there exists a topological order starting with it

Proof:

- Given any topological sort $O = \langle o_1, \dots, o_k, u, o_{k+2}, \dots, o_n \rangle$ where u does not appear as the first, $O' = \langle u, o_1, \dots, o_k, o_{k+2}, \dots, o_n \rangle$ is a topological sort

Kahn Algorithm



Math Physics Programming Linear Algebra Algorithms Data Structure Computer Composition Operating System Compilation

Kahn Algorithm

Greedy delete a node that has no predecessor (in-degree is 0)

1. Record the in-degree of each node
2. Pick the node whose in-degree is 0 (delete and put to the list)
3. Update the in-degree of the successors
4. Repeat 2-3 until all the nodes have been picked

```
deg := each vertices' in-degree
Q := all vertices with in-degree=0
ordering := {}
while Q is not empty:
    u = Q.pop()
    ordering.append(v)
    for  $v \in \{v' \mid \langle u, v' \rangle \in E\}$ :
        deg[v] -= 1
        if deg[v] is 0: push v to Q
```

Complexity

- Each node will be inserted to the queue once and deleted once – $O(V)$
- Edges from a node are traversed when it is deleted: $O(E)$ in total
- Total time complexity: $O(V + E)$
- Auxiliary Space complexity: $O(V)$

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Extension: Cycle Detection

Given a directed graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, detect whether there is cycle in G

- Example applications: detecting deadlocks in Operating Systems
- Solution: a graph with cycle is non-empty when the topological sort algorithm stops

deg := each vertices' in-degree

Q := all vertices with in-degree=0

while Q is not empty:

 u = Q.pop()

 for $v \in \{v' \mid \langle u, v' \rangle \in E\}$:

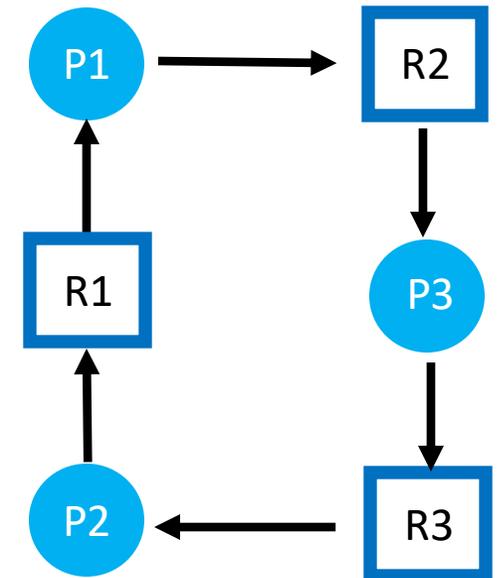
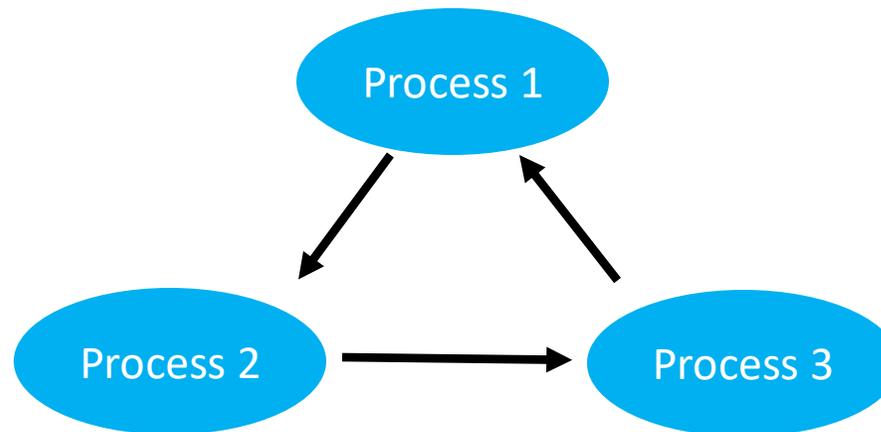
 deg[v] -= 1

 if deg[v] is 0: push v to Q

for v in V:

 if deg[v] != 0: return "has cycle!"

return "no cycle."



Resource Allocation Graph

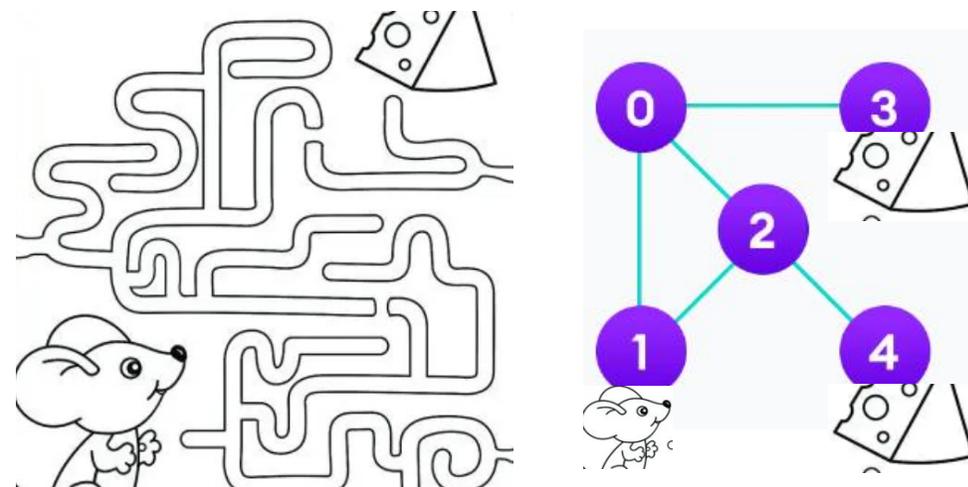
Basic Graph Search Algorithms

Graph Search

Problem: Given a maze as a graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$, where node $v \in V$ means rooms and edges $e \in E$ means connection between rooms, some room contain some cheese $c[v]$. Given a starting point s of the mouse, what is the maximum number of cheese the mouse can get?

Graph search/traversal algorithms

- Visit edges and nodes for general discovery or explicit search
- Commonly used in graph algorithms

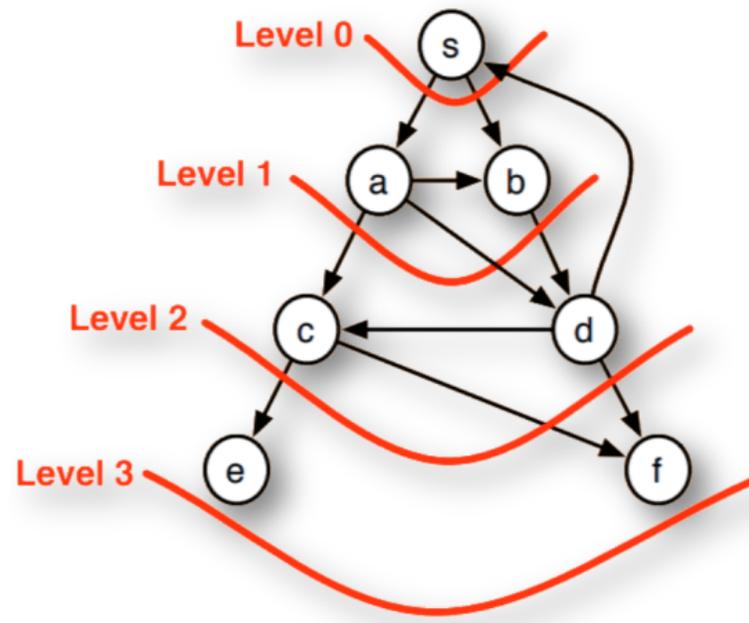


Breadth-First Search

Search a graph data structure for a node

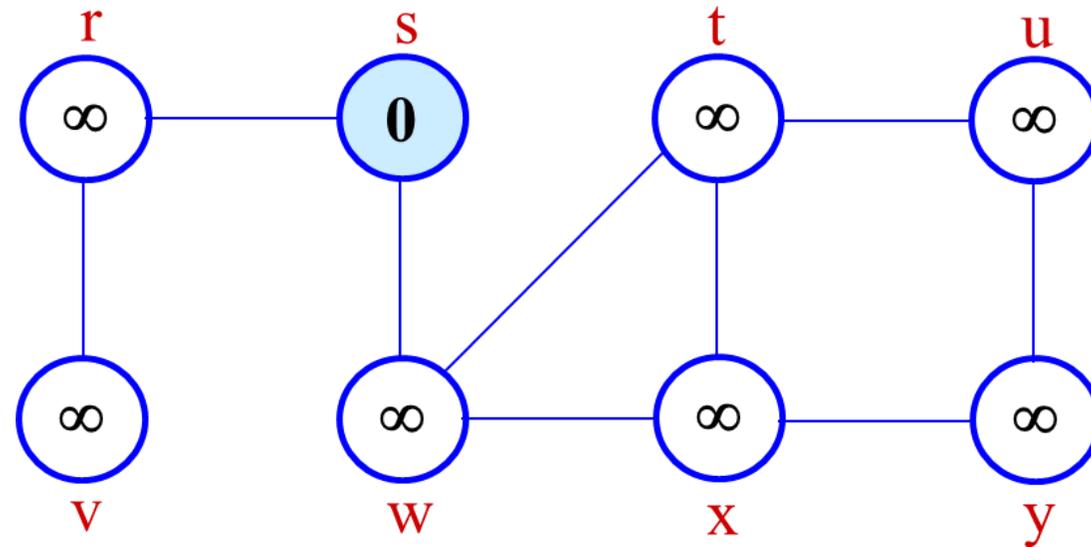
- Starts at the root of the graph
- Breadth-first: finish visiting all nodes you can reach now before moving to the next level

Example: grab the general ideas of various knowledge before going deep into any of them



Breadth-First Search

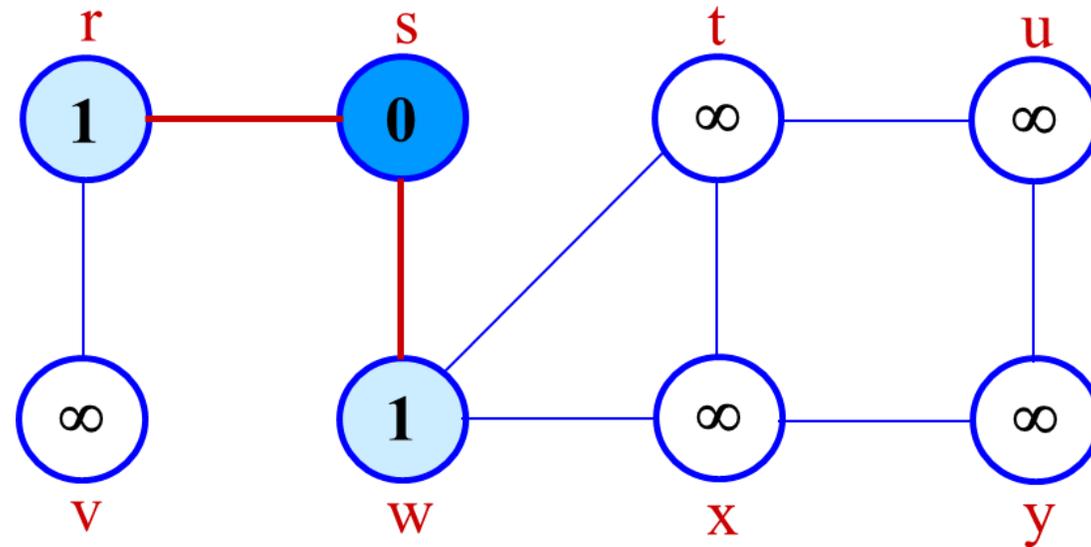
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- Nodes that has been visited before are skipped



Q: s
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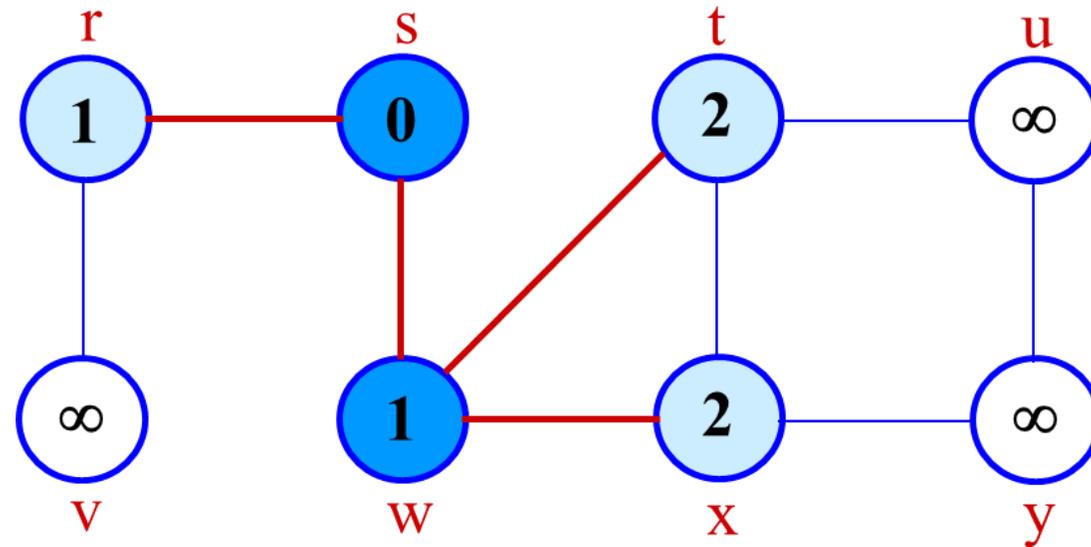
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Q: w r
1 1

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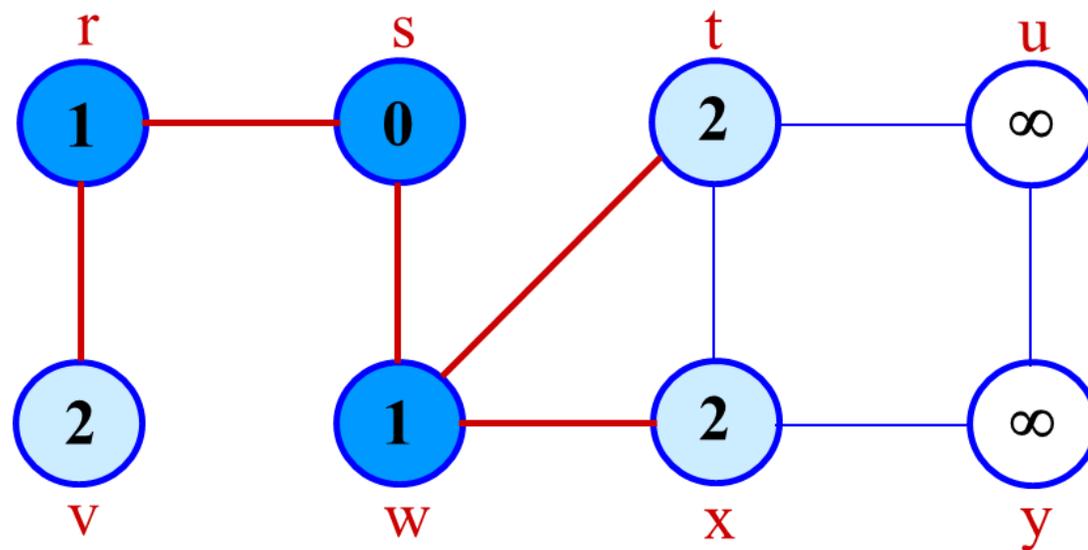
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Q: r t x
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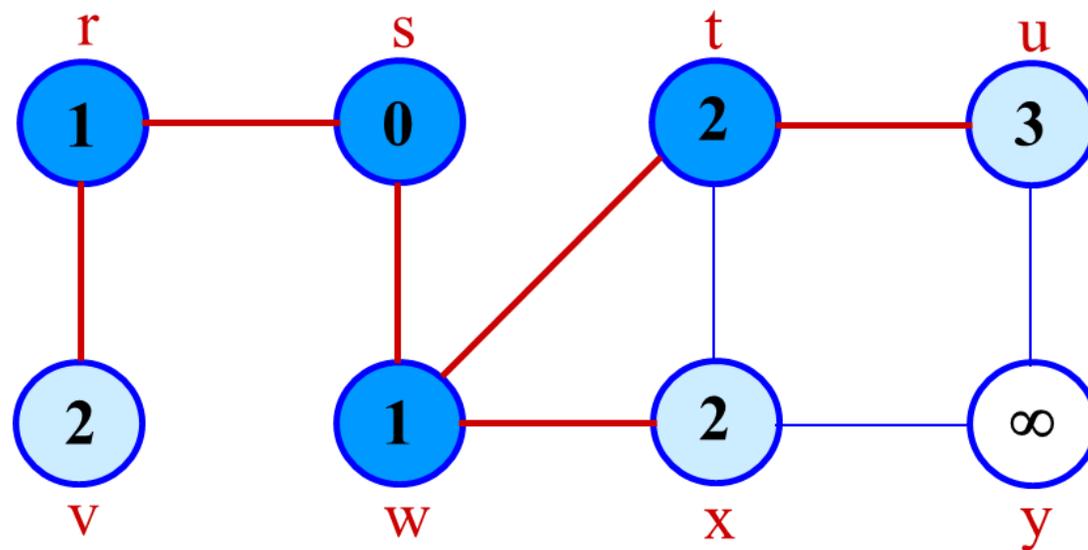
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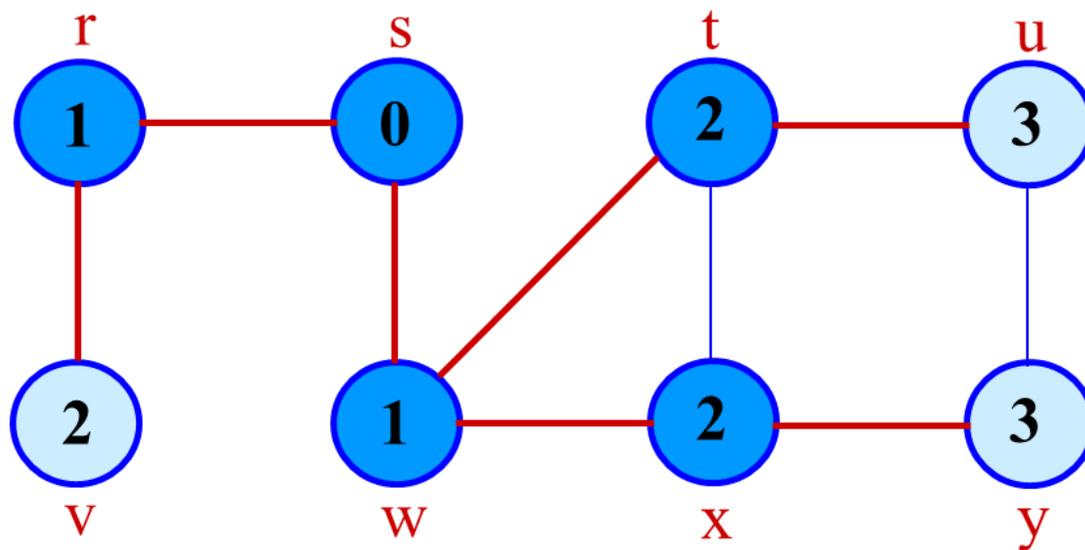
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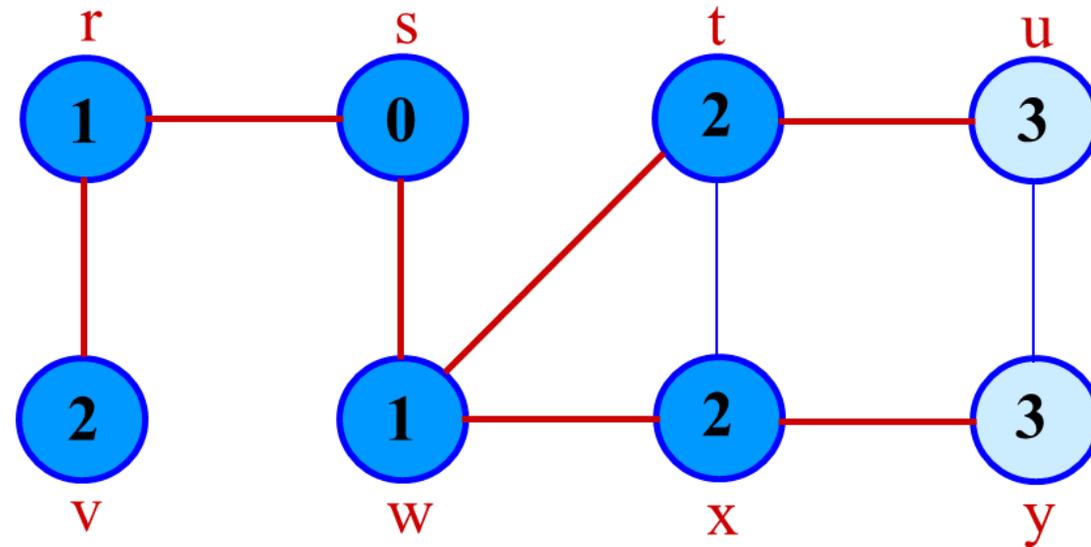
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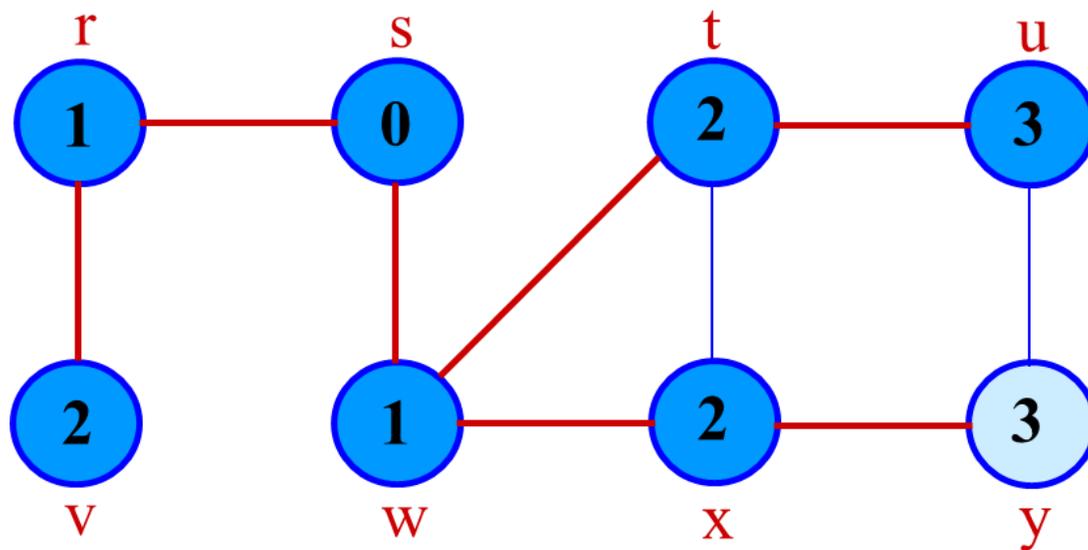
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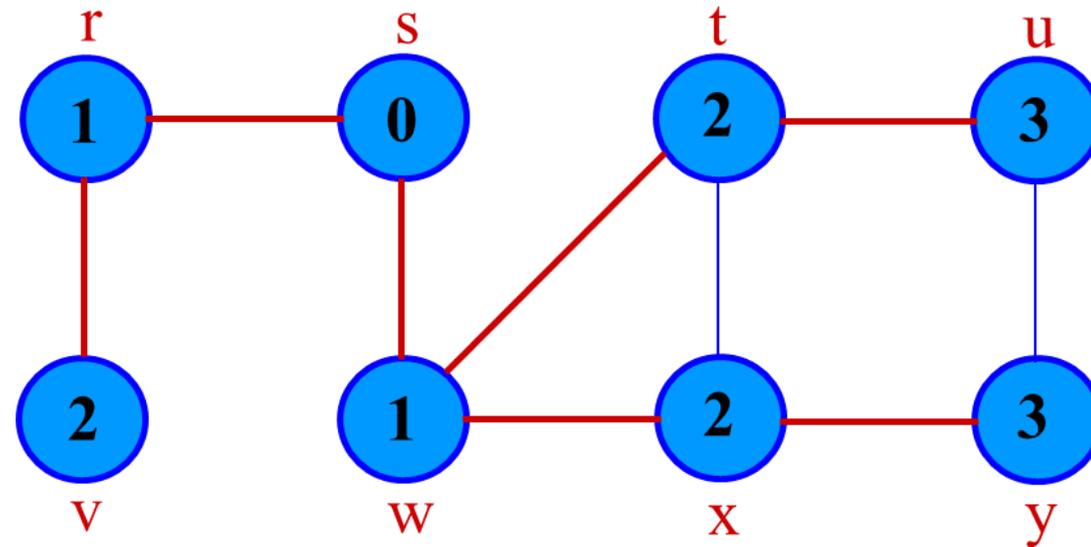
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Q: y
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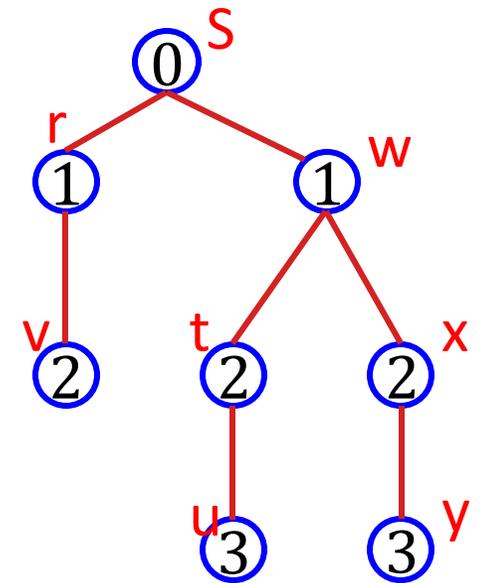
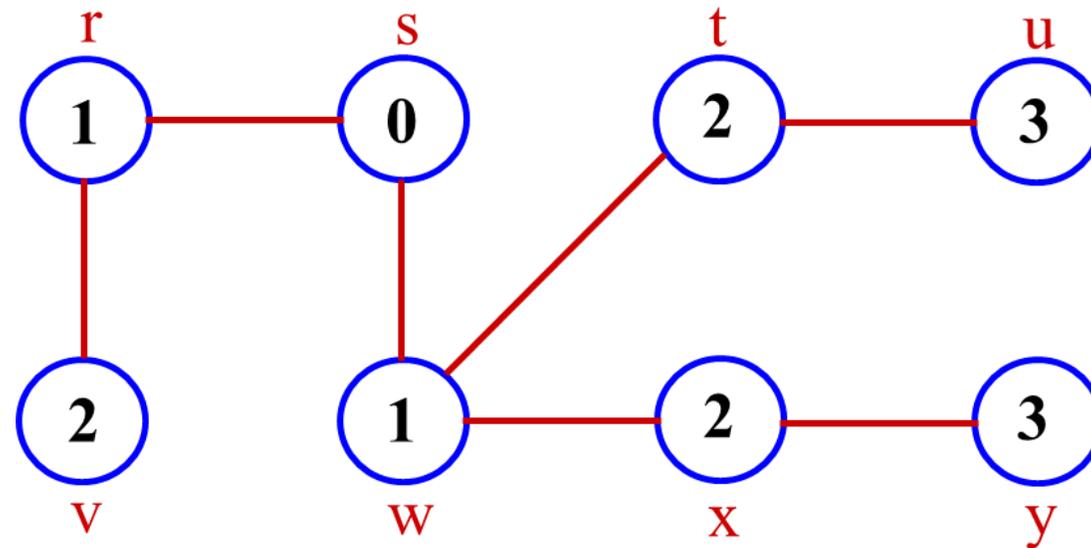
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Q: \emptyset

Breadth-First Search

Produces a “breadth-first tree” with root s that contains all reachable vertices



BF Tree

Breadth-First Search

Notations

- $v.d$: the depth of v in the bfs tree
- $v.\pi$: the parent node of v in the bfs tree

Time Complexity

- **Initialization:** $O(V)$
- **Traversal Loop**
 - **Vertex:** enqueued and dequeued at most once, $O(V)$
 - **Edge:** Edges from each node traversed once, $O(E)$
- **Total:** $O(V + E)$

BFS(G, s)

```
1  for each vertex  $u \in G.V - \{s\}$ 
2       $u.color = \text{WHITE}$ 
3       $u.d = \infty$ 
4       $u.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
5   $s.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
6   $s.d = 0$ 
7   $s.\pi = \text{NIL}$ 
8   $Q = \emptyset$ 
9  ENQUEUE( $Q, s$ )
10 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
11      $u = \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ 
12     for each  $v \in G.Adj[u]$ 
13         if  $v.color == \text{WHITE}$ 
14              $v.color = \text{GRAY}$ 
15              $v.d = u.d + 1$ 
16              $v.\pi = u$ 
17             ENQUEUE( $Q, v$ )
18      $u.color = \text{BLACK}$ 
```

Breadth-First Search

Theorem (Correctness of breadth-first search)

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed or undirected graph, and suppose that BFS is run on G from a given source vertex $s \in V$. Then, during its execution, BFS discovers every vertex $v \in V$ that is reachable from the source s , and upon termination, $v.d = \delta(s, v)$. Moreover, for any vertex $v \neq s$ that is reachable from s , one of the shortest paths from s to v is a shortest path from s to $v.\pi$ followed by the edge $(v.\pi, v)$.

Notations

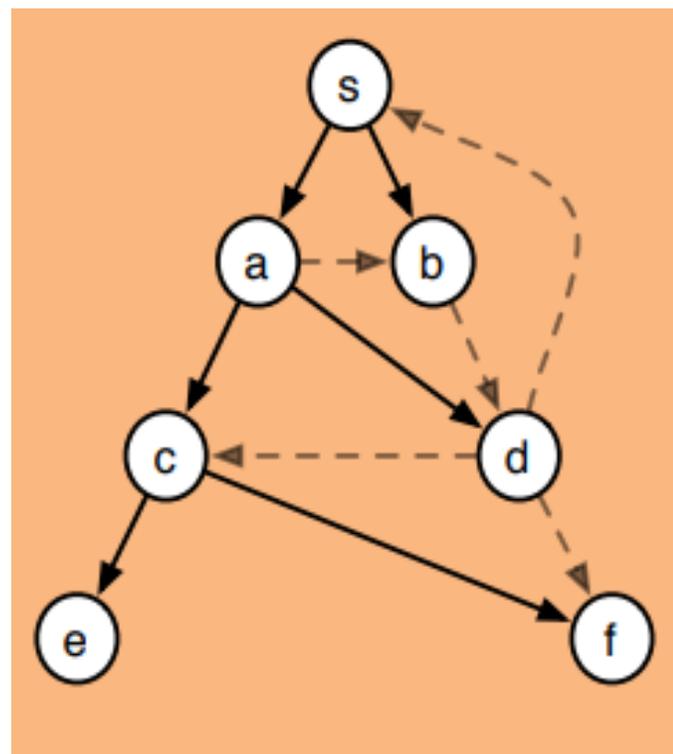
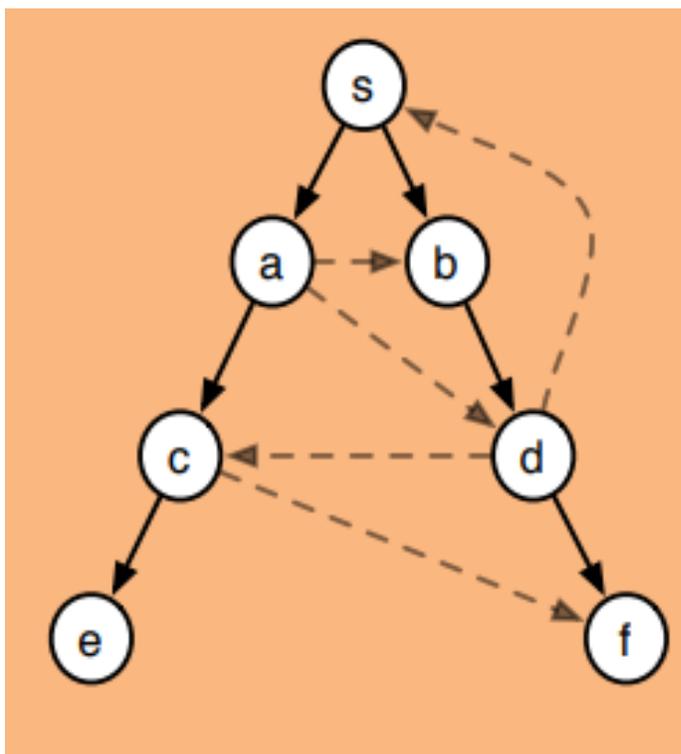
- $\delta(s, v)$: the shortest path distance from s to v (minimum number of edges)
 - $\delta(s, v) = \infty$ if no path exists

Proof: mathematical induction, $\delta(s, v) = 1$ then $v.d = 1$, $\delta(s, v) = 2$ then $v.d = 2$, ...

Breadth-First Search

Each path from source to a vertex is the shortest path between them on the graph

Example: an undirected graph and two possible BFS trees with distances from s



Thank you!

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