

CSE 421: Introduction to Algorithms

DFS - DAGs

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HW1 Grade

Q: I received low grade in HW1 what should I do?

- Understand what was your mistake. Did you understand the problem statement correctly?
- Show up to office hours and ask for hints or to explain your solution
- Review materials of 311 on proofs/induction
- Do exercises from the book/Problem Solving Sessions

Q: My HW1 grade is low, will I be able to receive 4.0?

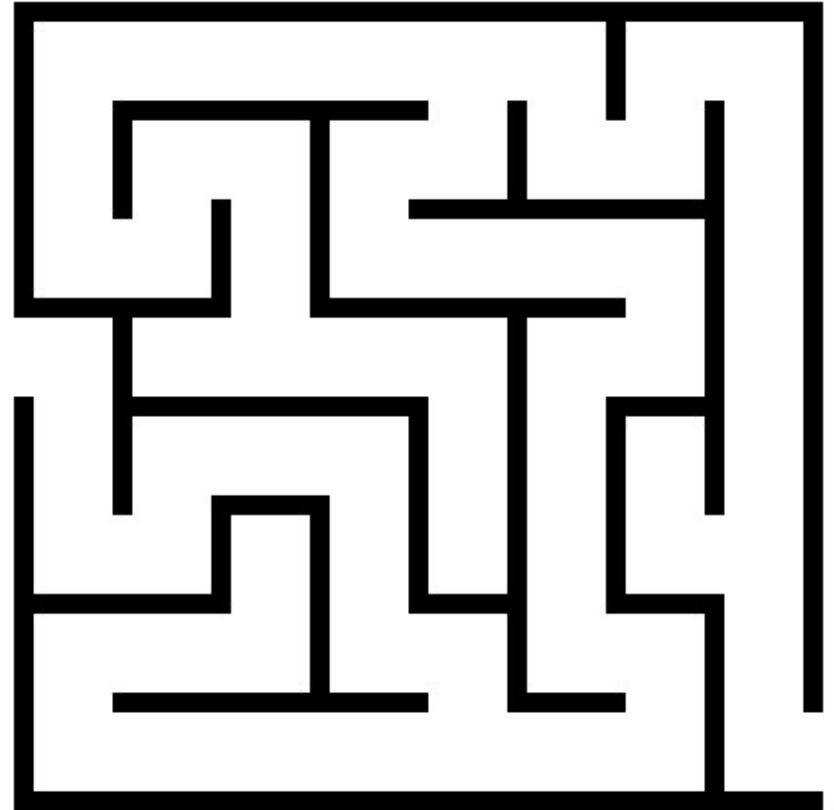
- Yes! I look at your progress. Many students are behind at beginning but by practice they catch up and receive 4.0

Q: I have filled out a regrade request, but was not convinced, what should I do?

- Show up to my office hour and discuss your solution

Depth First Search

Follow the first path you find as far as you can go; back up to last unexplored edge when you reach a dead end, then go as far you can



Naturally implemented using recursive calls or a stack

DFS(s) – Recursive version

Global Initialization: mark all vertices undiscovered

DFS(v)

Mark v **discovered**

for each edge {v,x}

if (x is undiscovered)

Mark x **discovered**

DFS(x)

Mark v **full-discovered**

DFS(A)

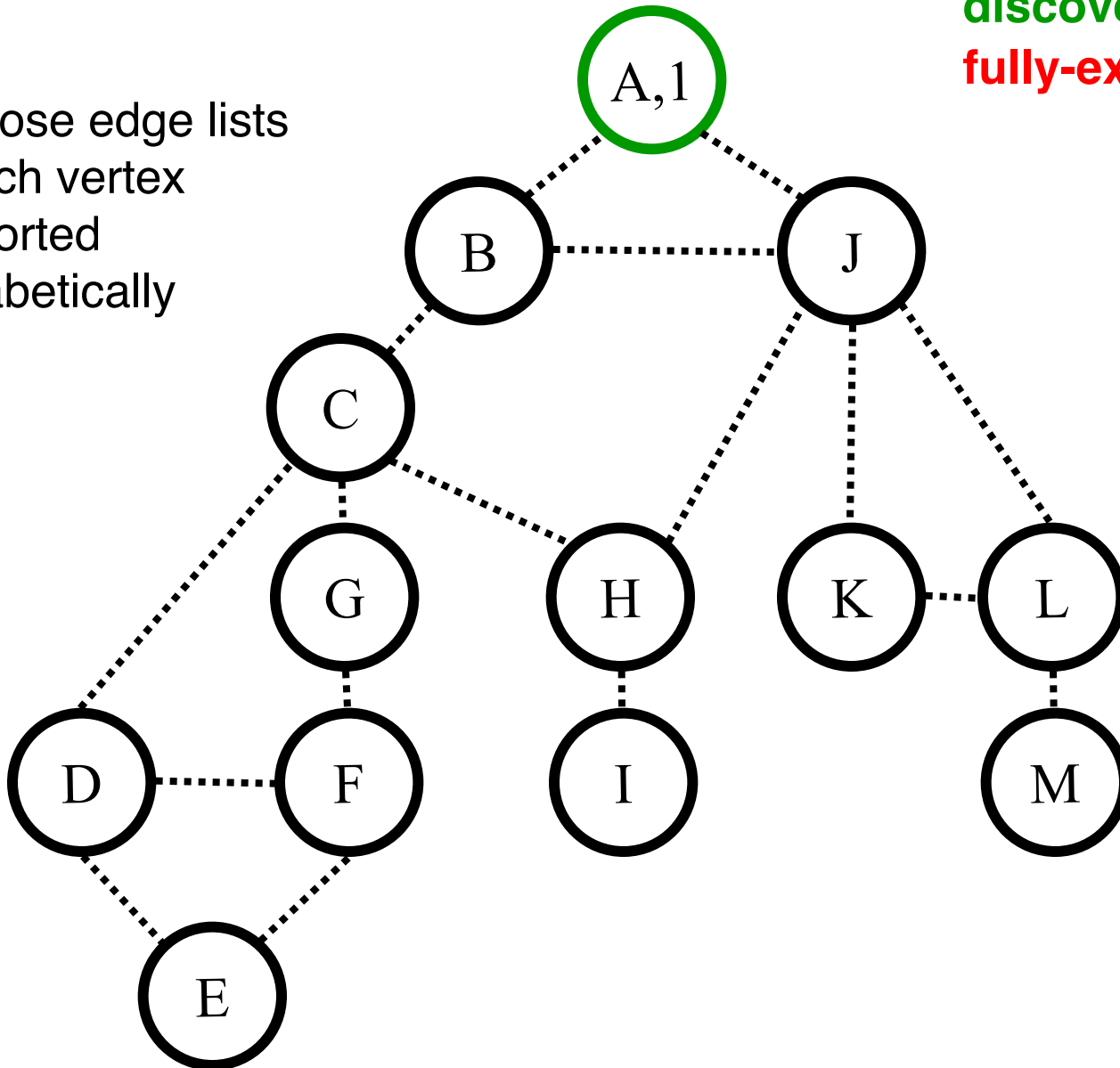
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Suppose edge lists
at each vertex
are sorted
alphabetically



Call Stack
(Edge list):

A (B,J)

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{1}

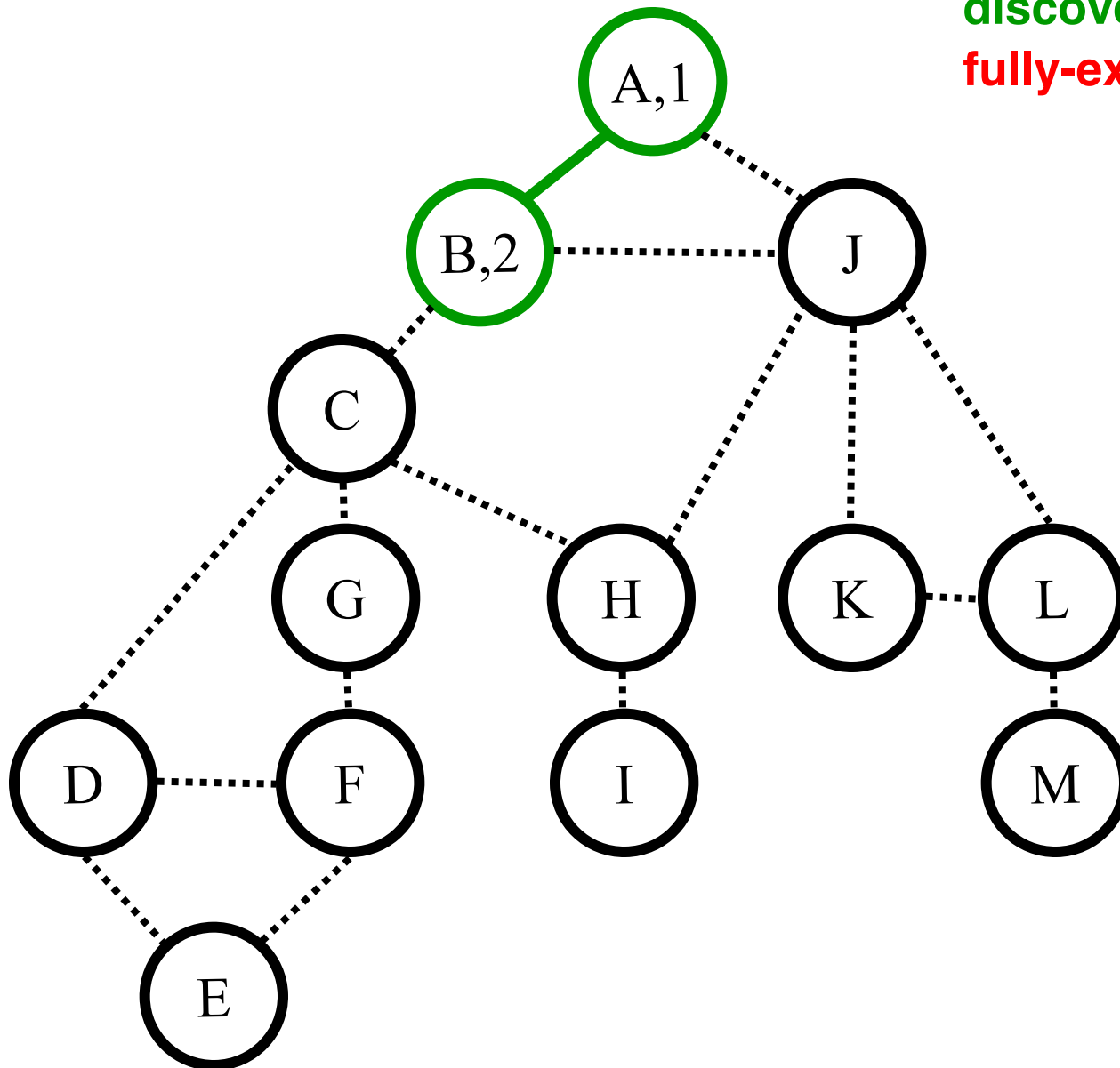
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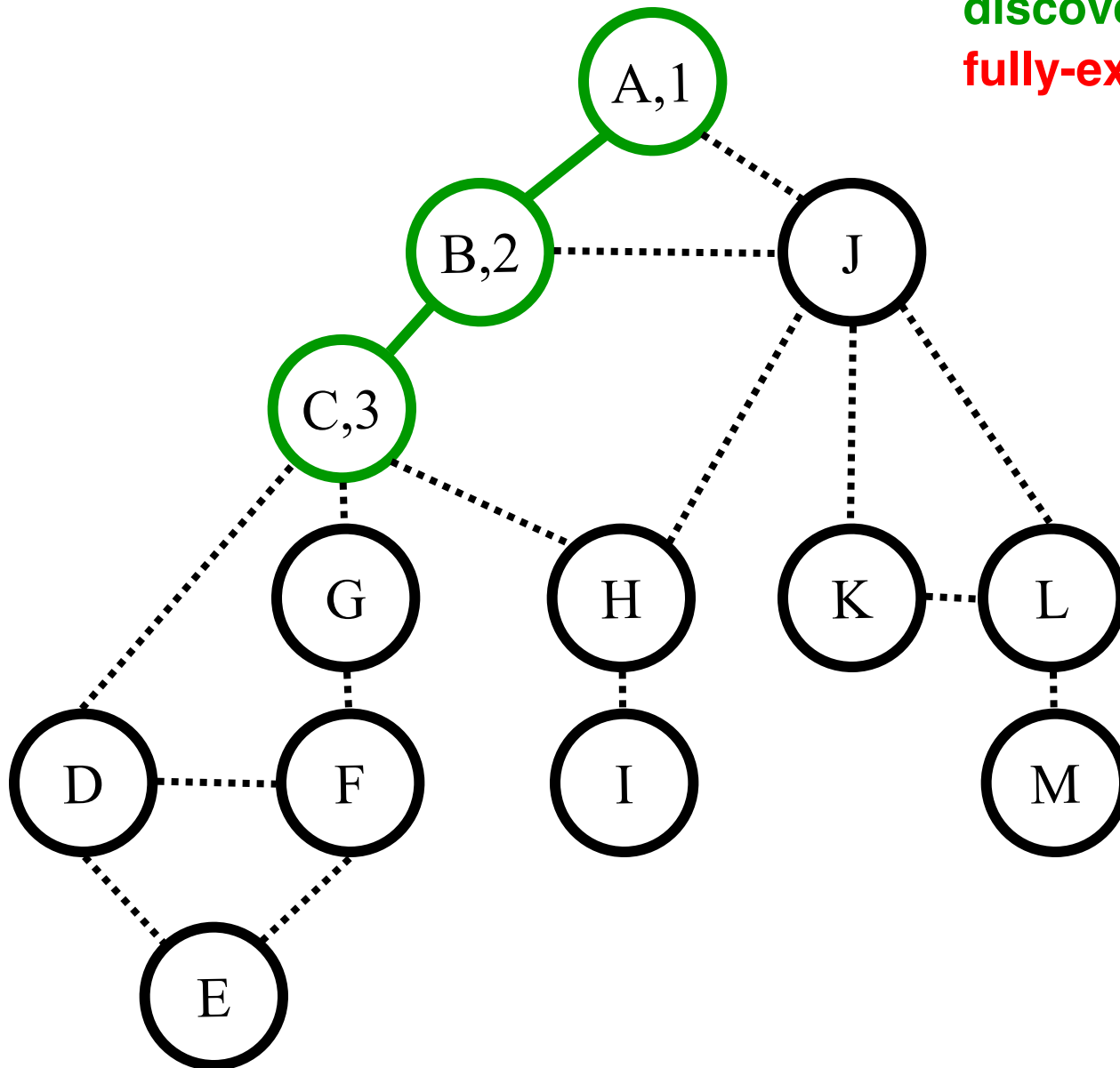
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C (B,D,G,H)

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{1,2,3}

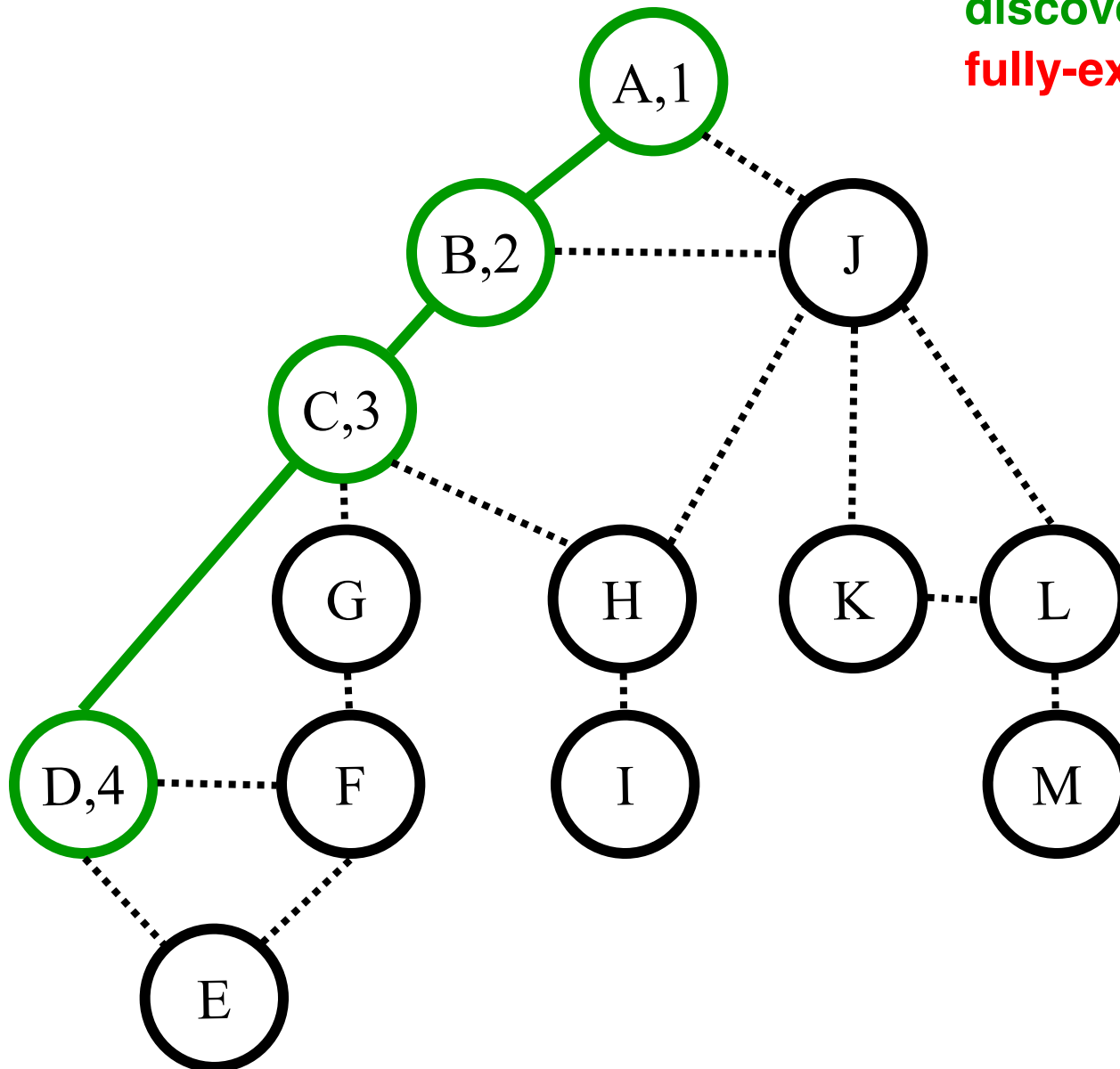
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D (C,E,F)

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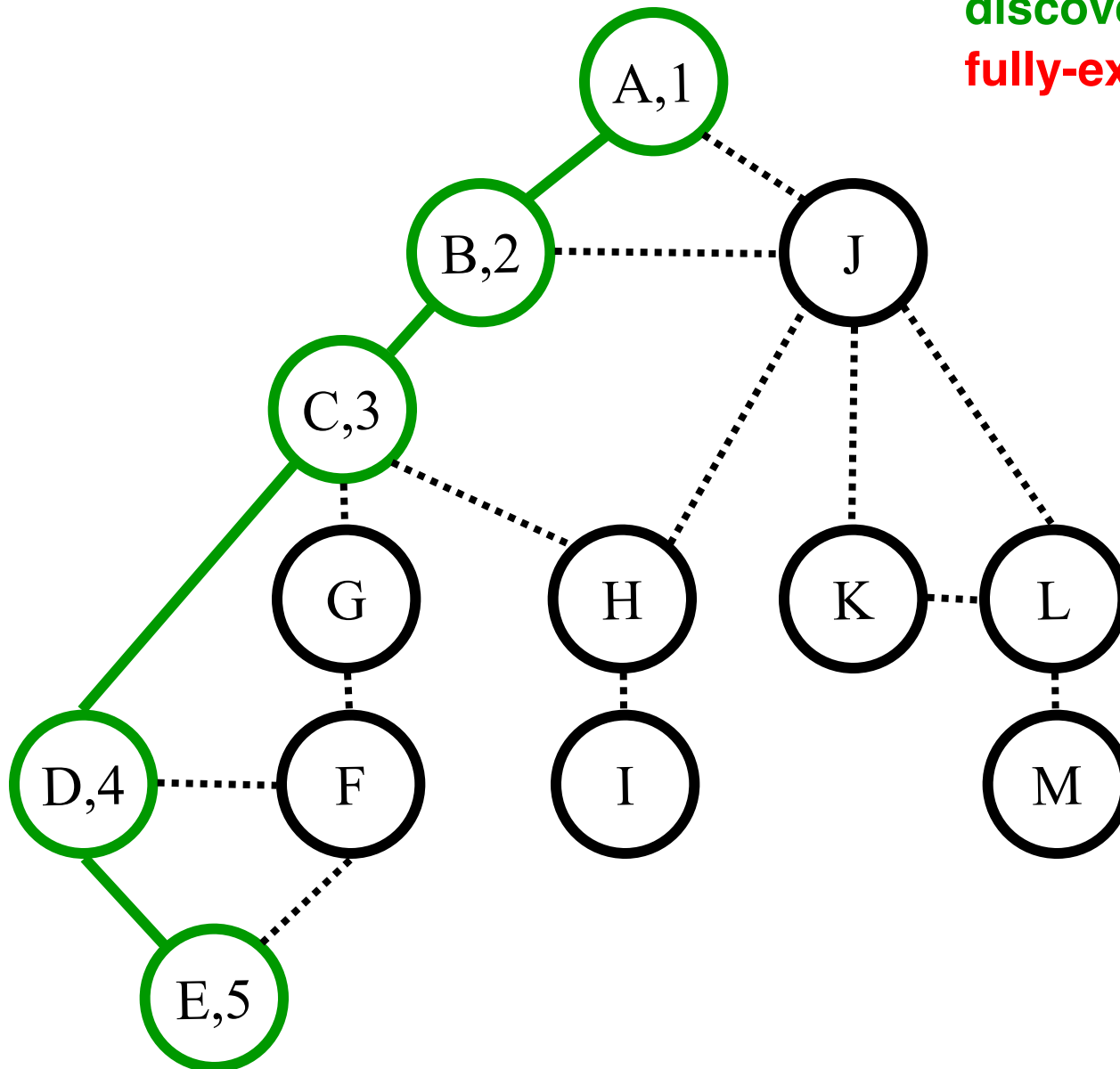
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- E (D,F)

st[] =
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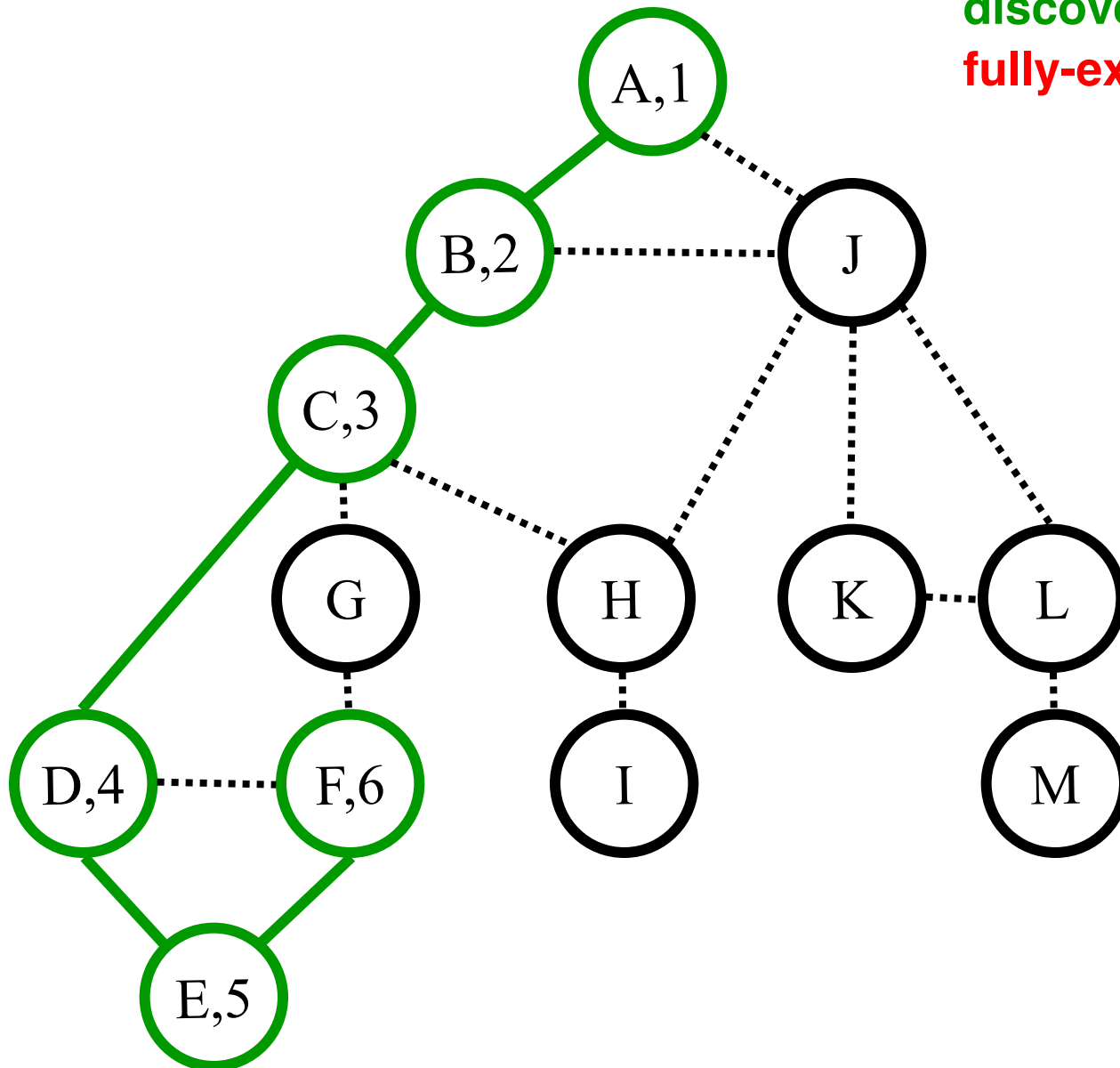
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E (~~D~~,~~F~~)
F (D,E,G)

st[] =
{1,2,3,4,5,
6}

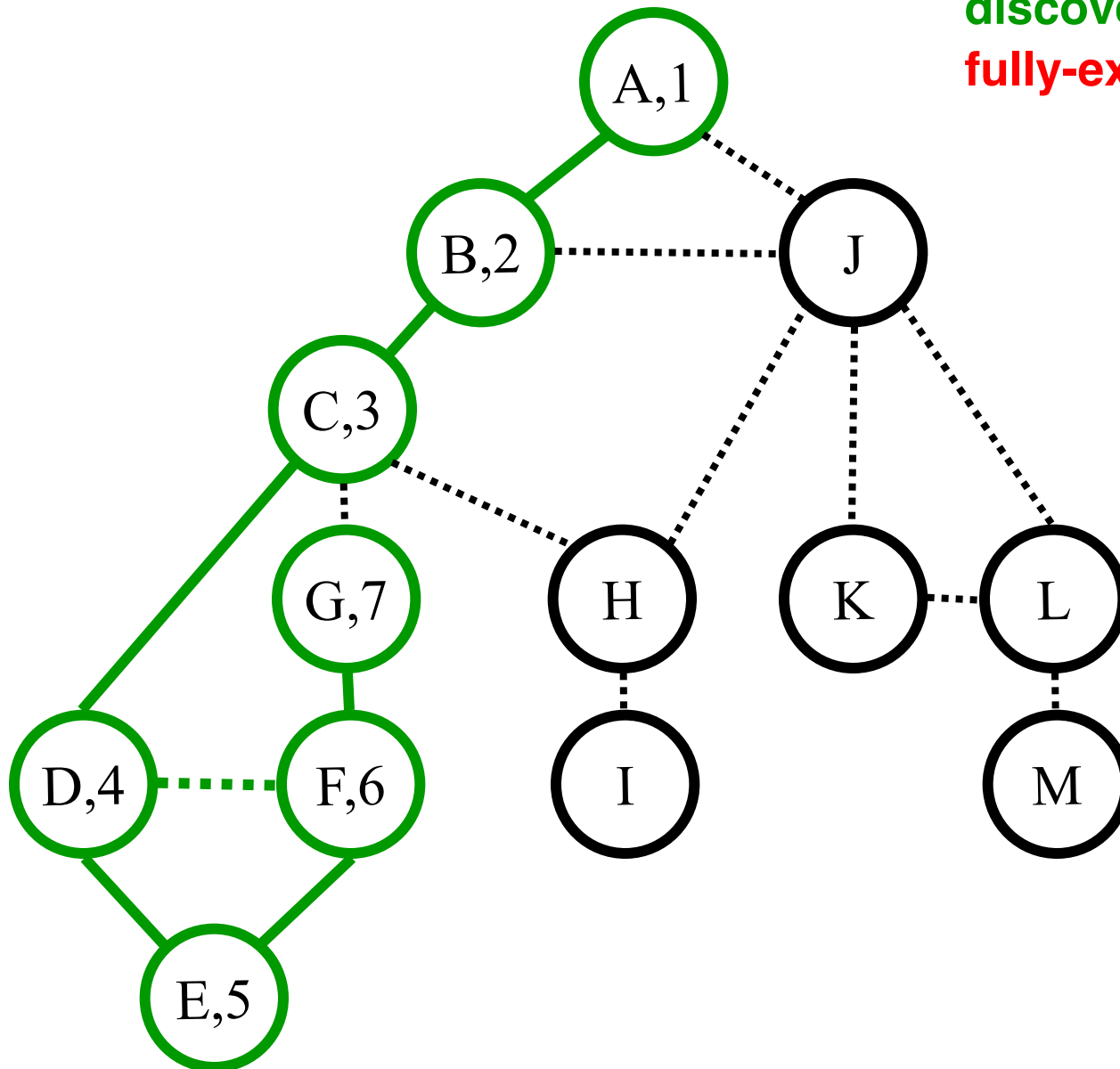
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G (C,F)

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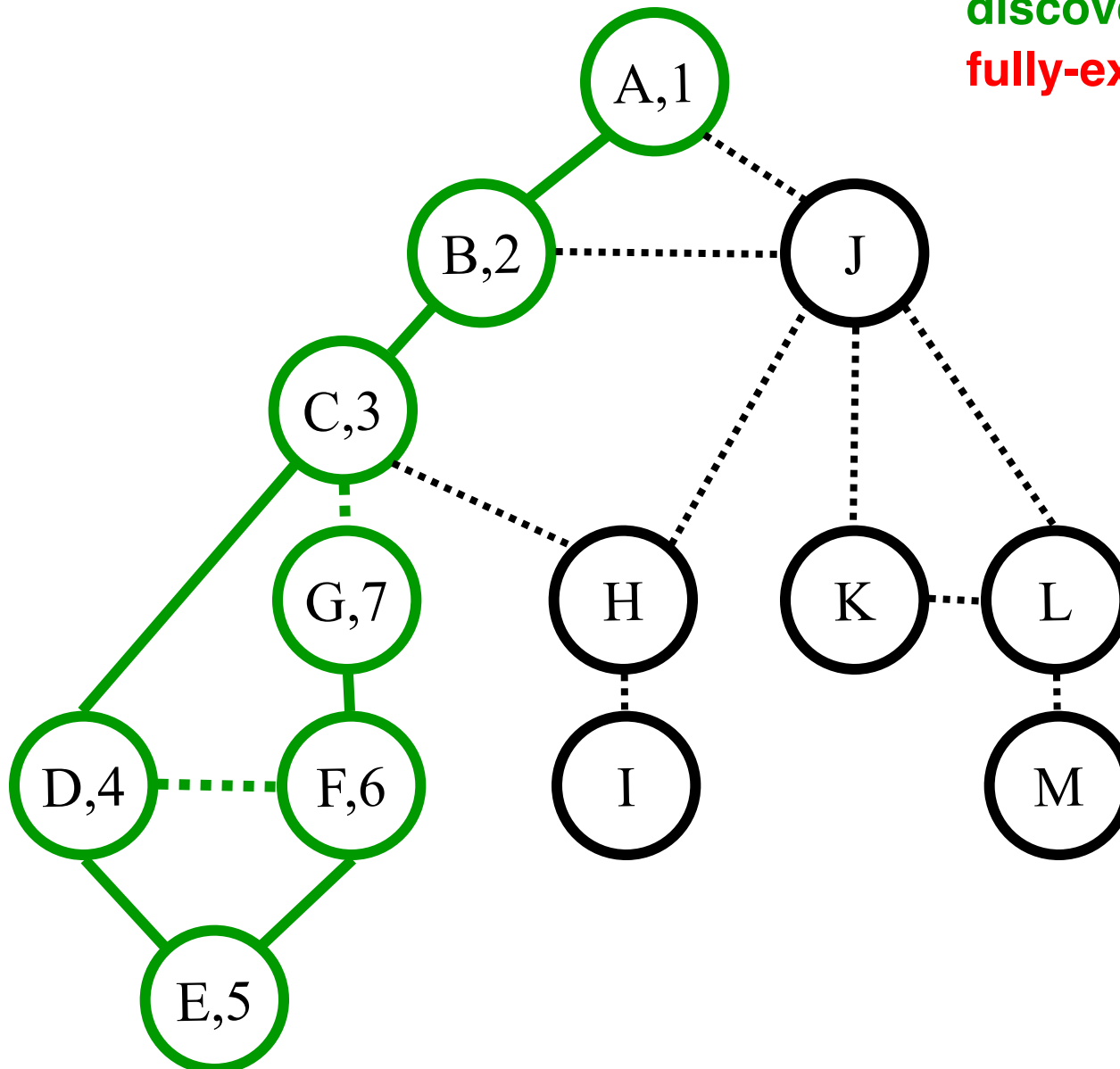
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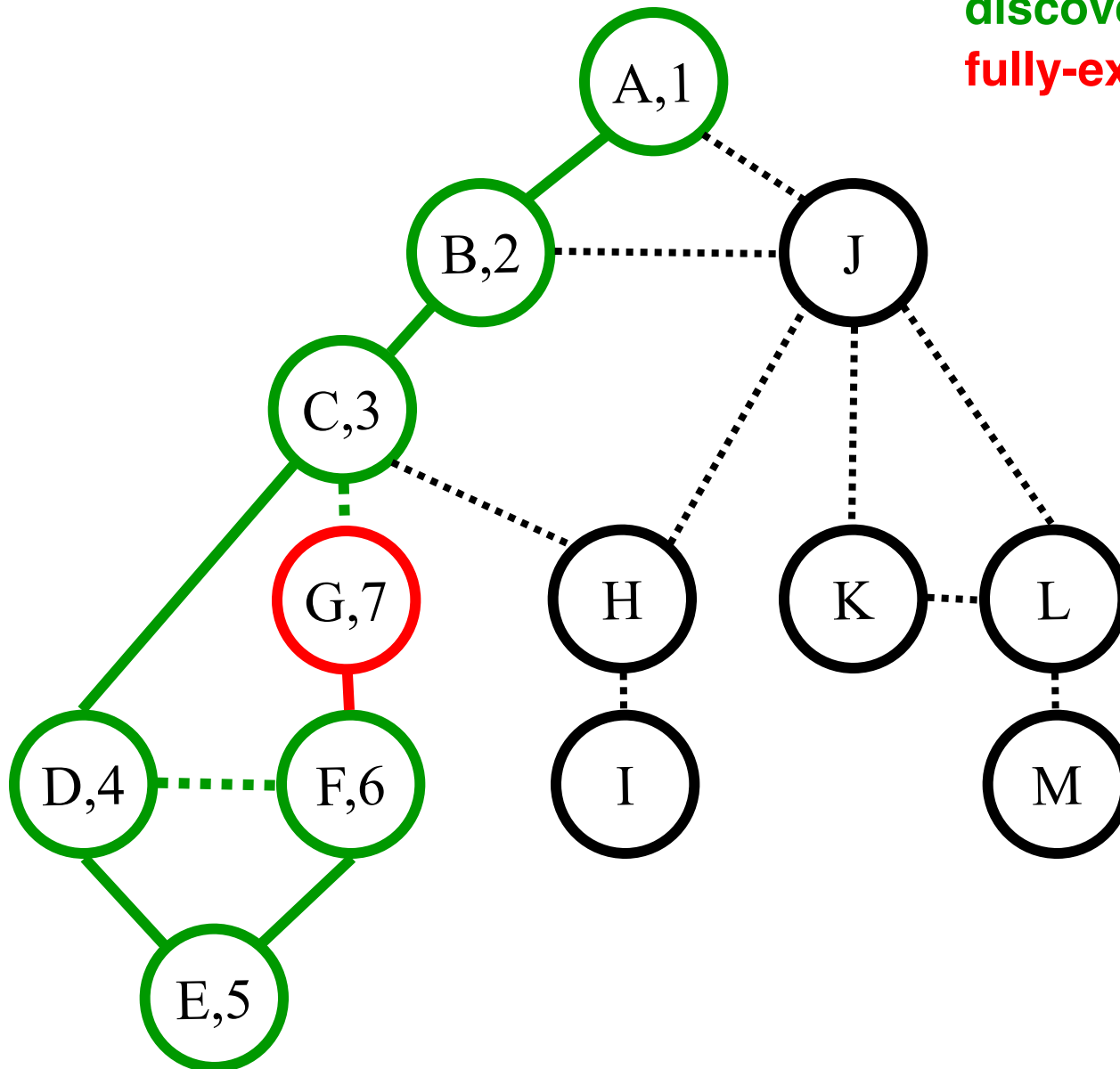
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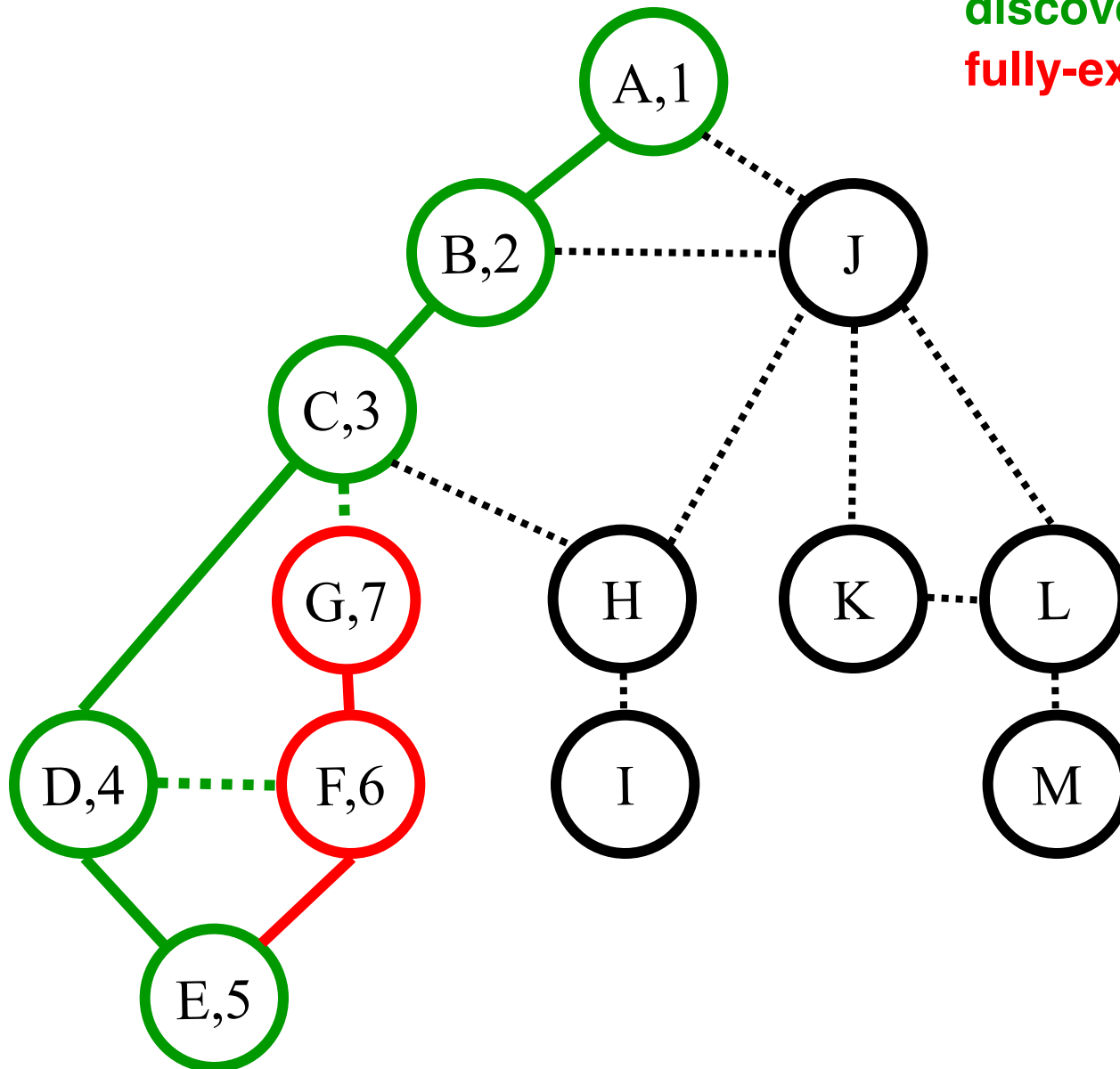
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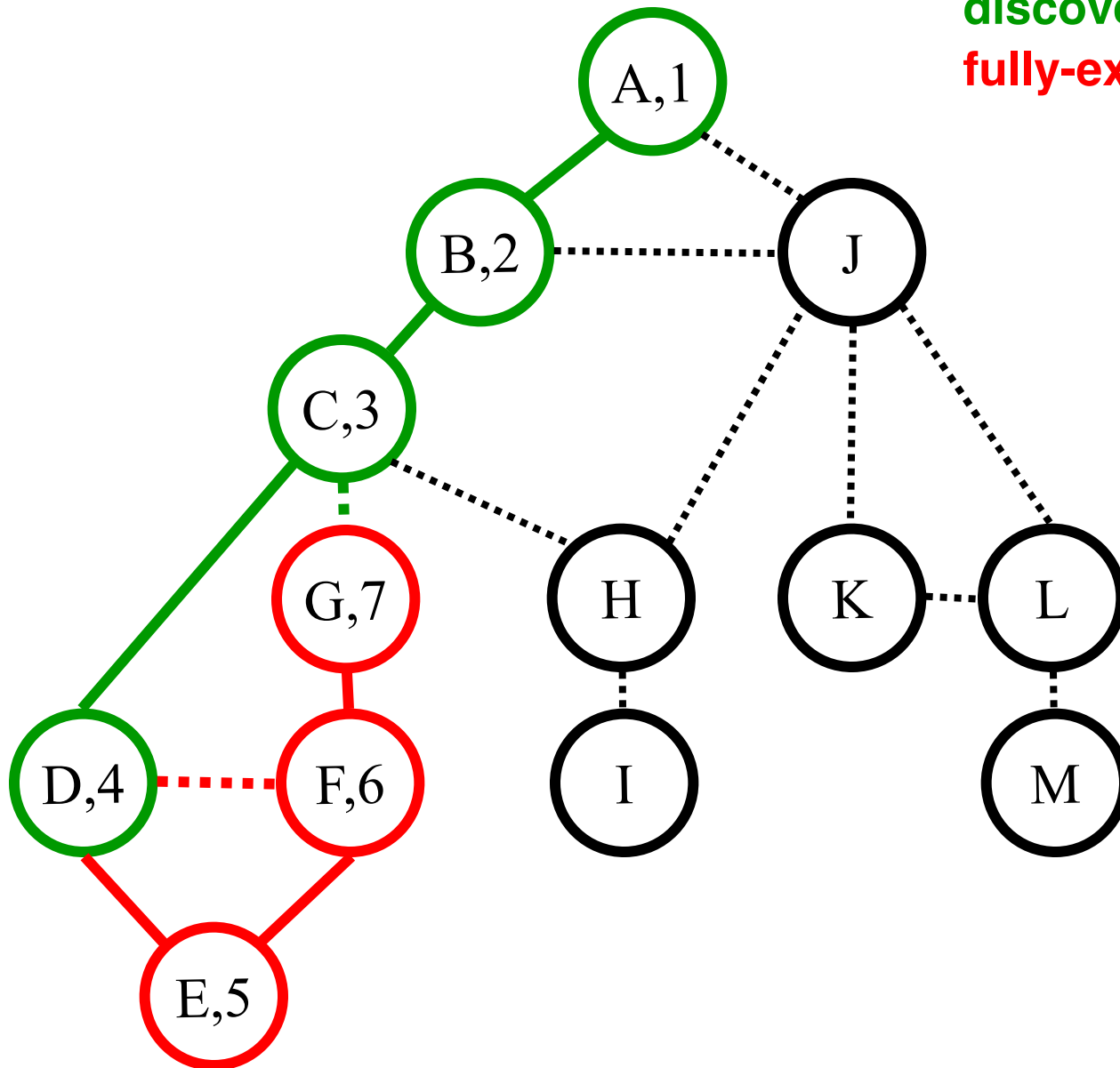
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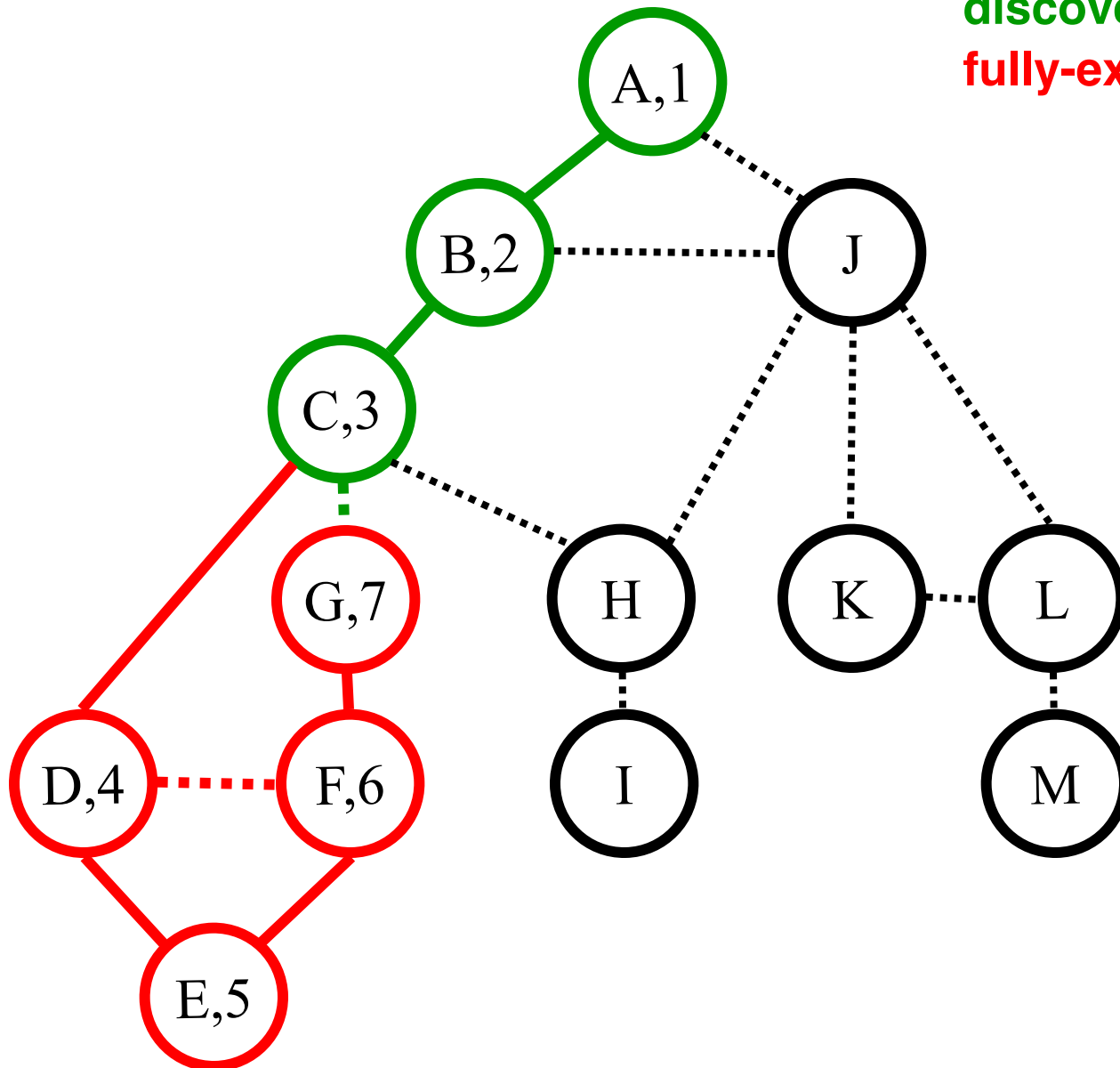
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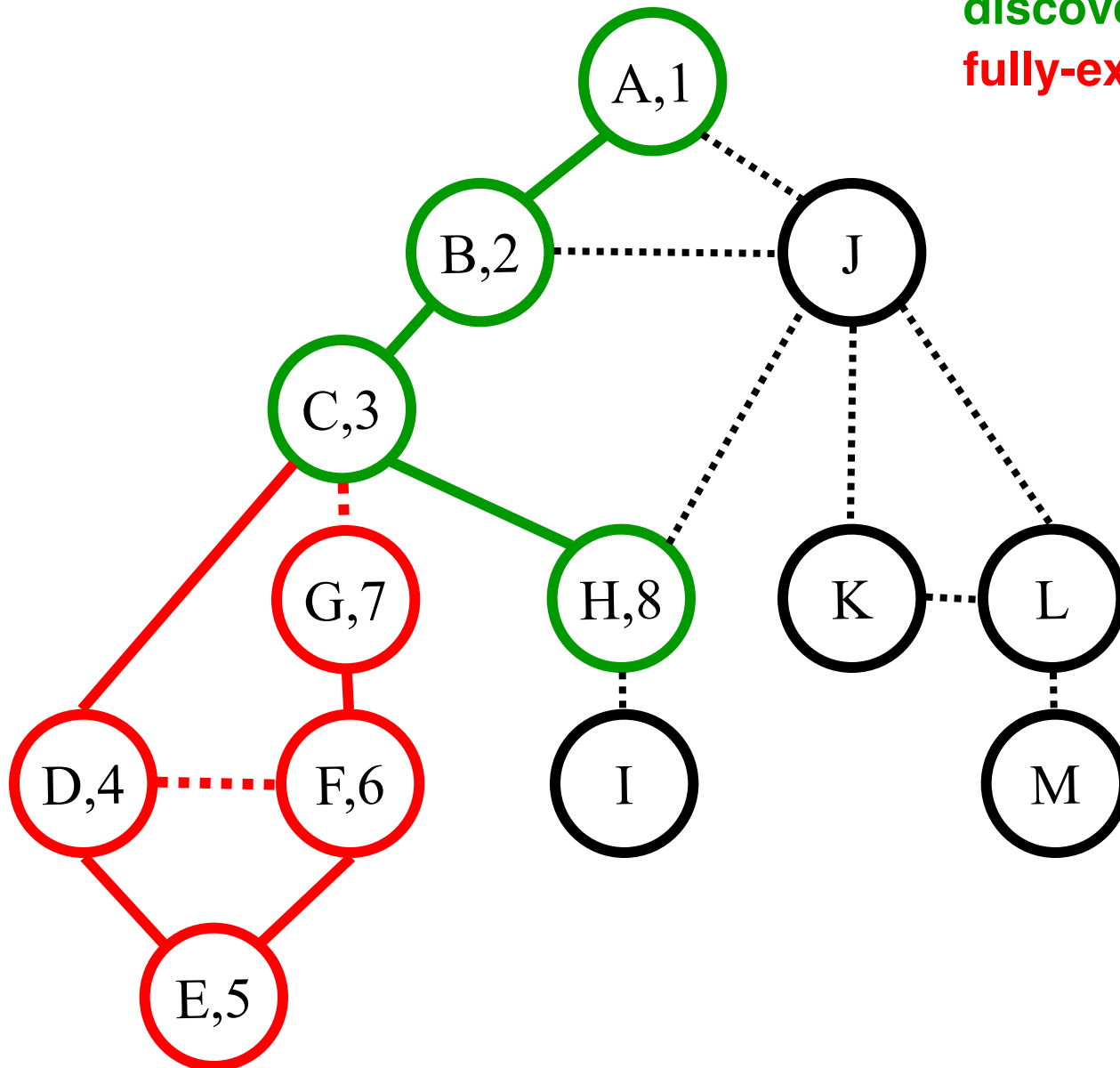
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st[] =
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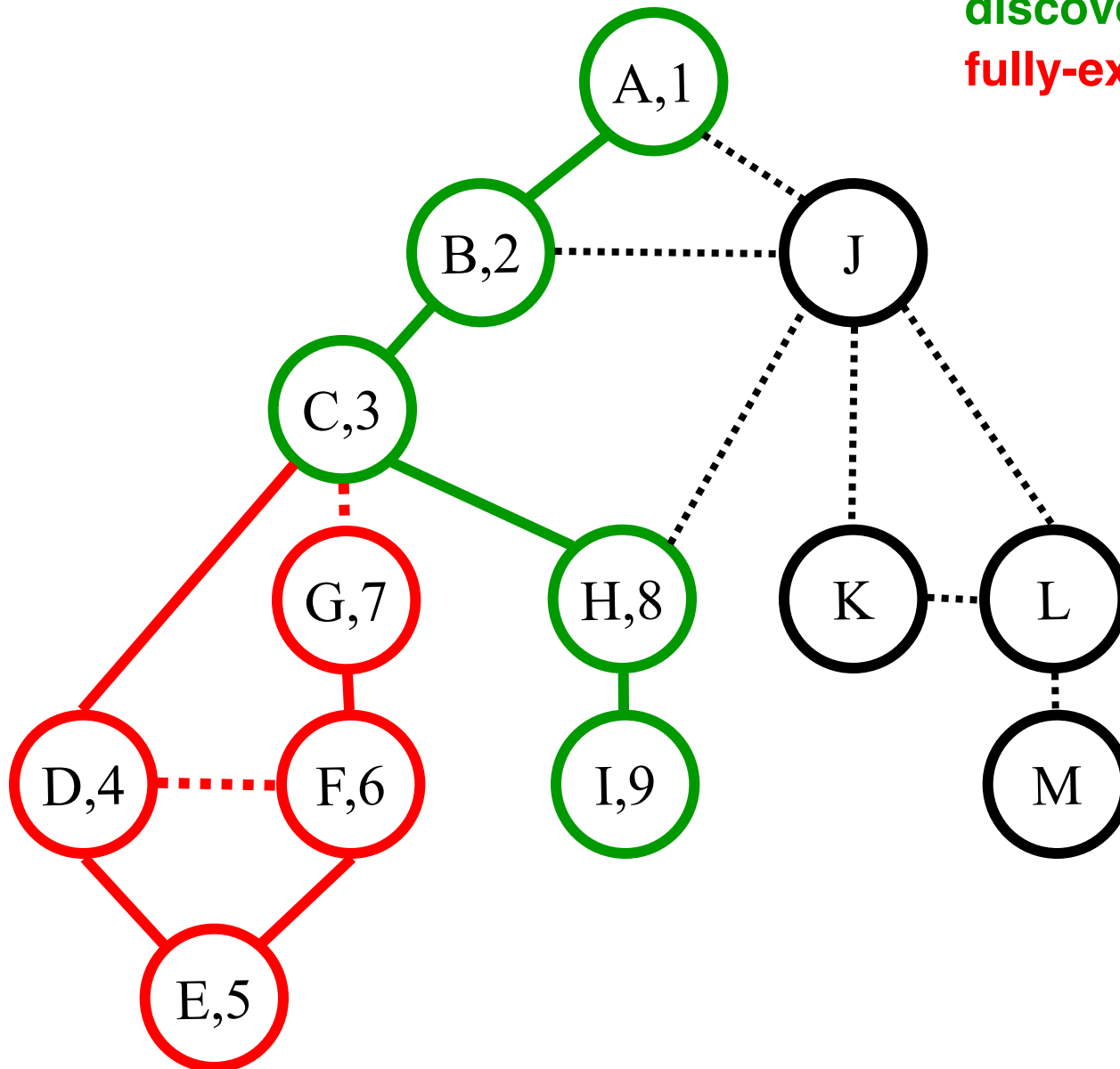
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- H (~~C~~,~~I~~,J)
- I (H)

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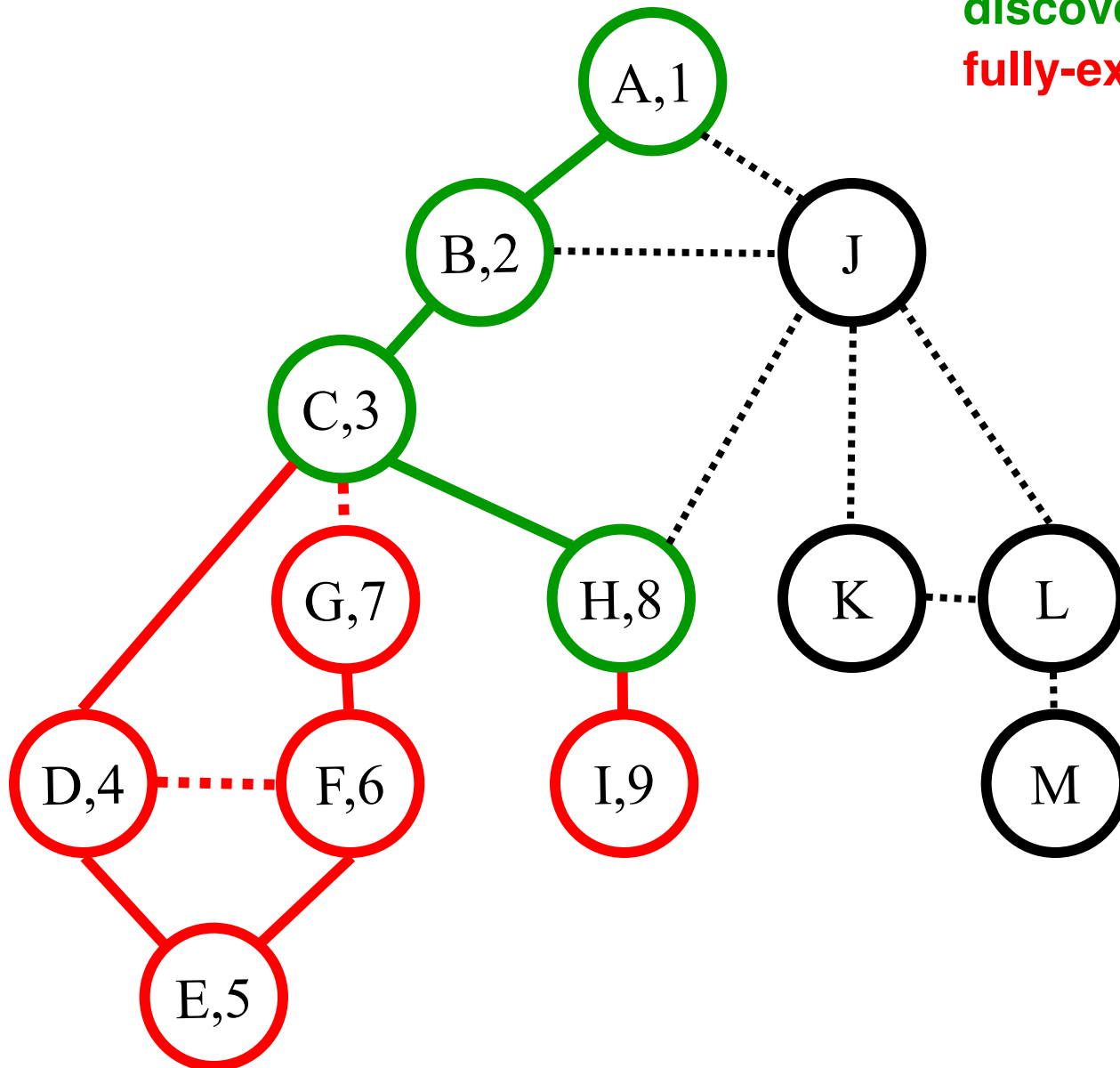
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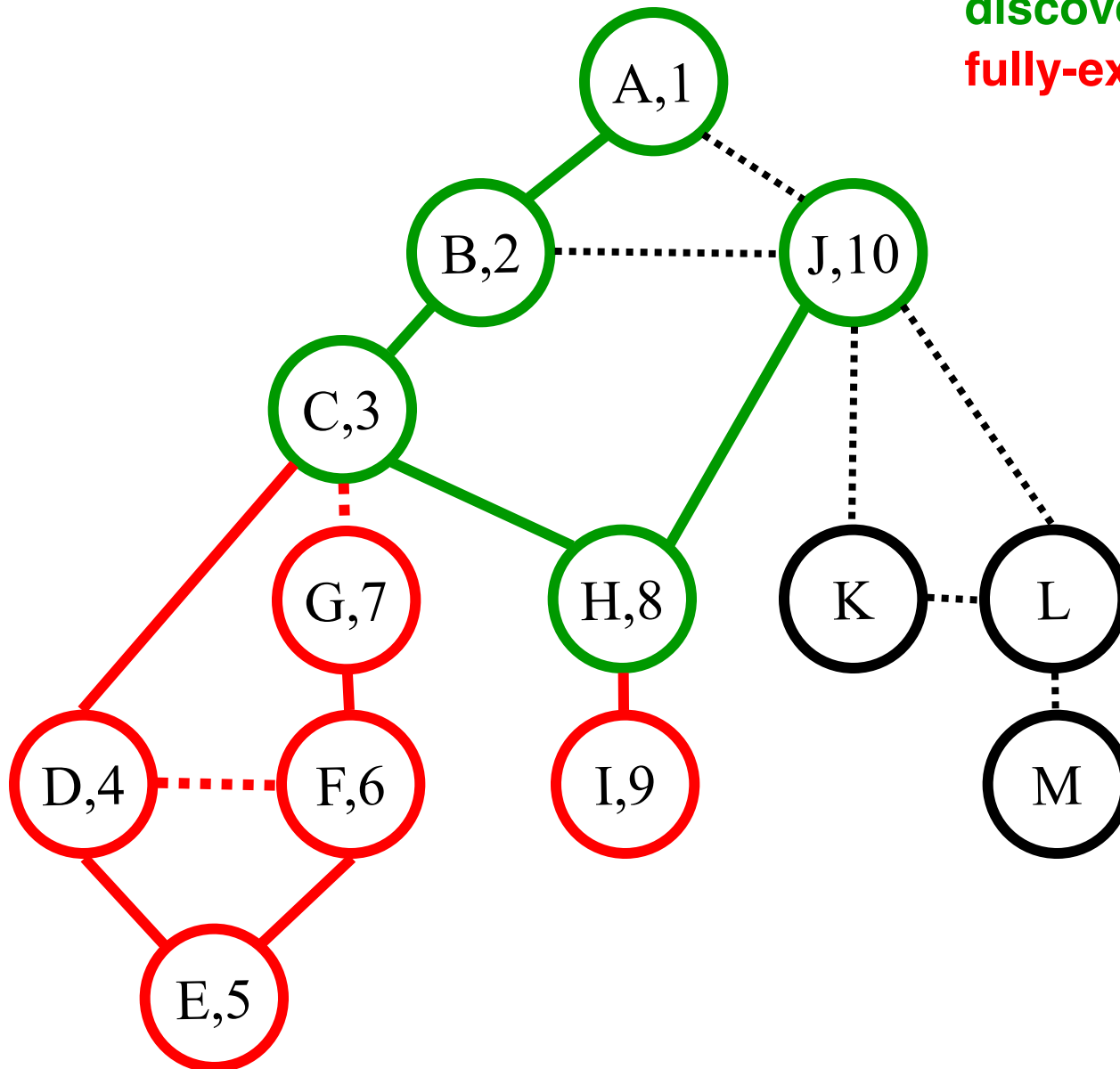
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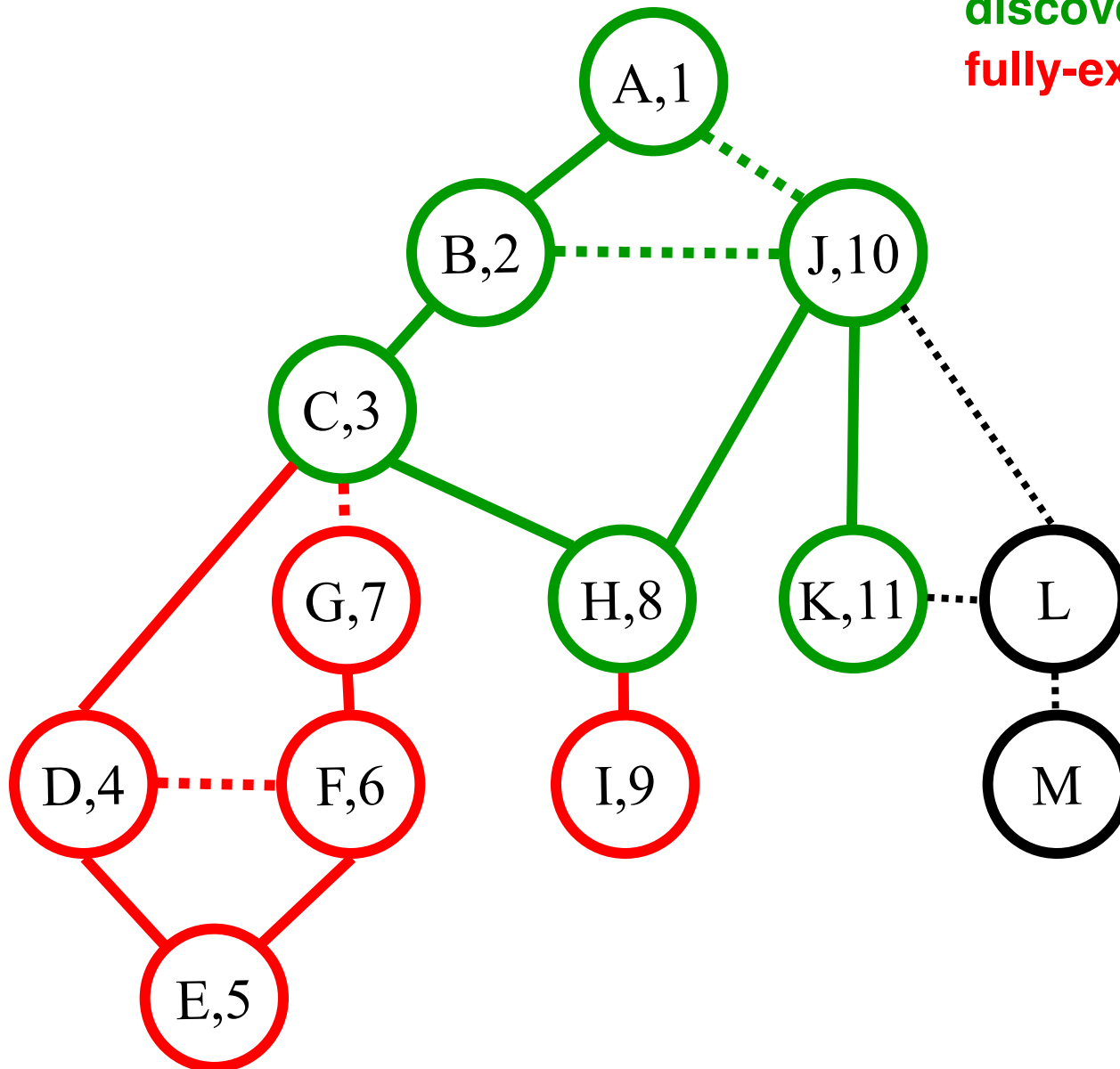
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K (J,L)

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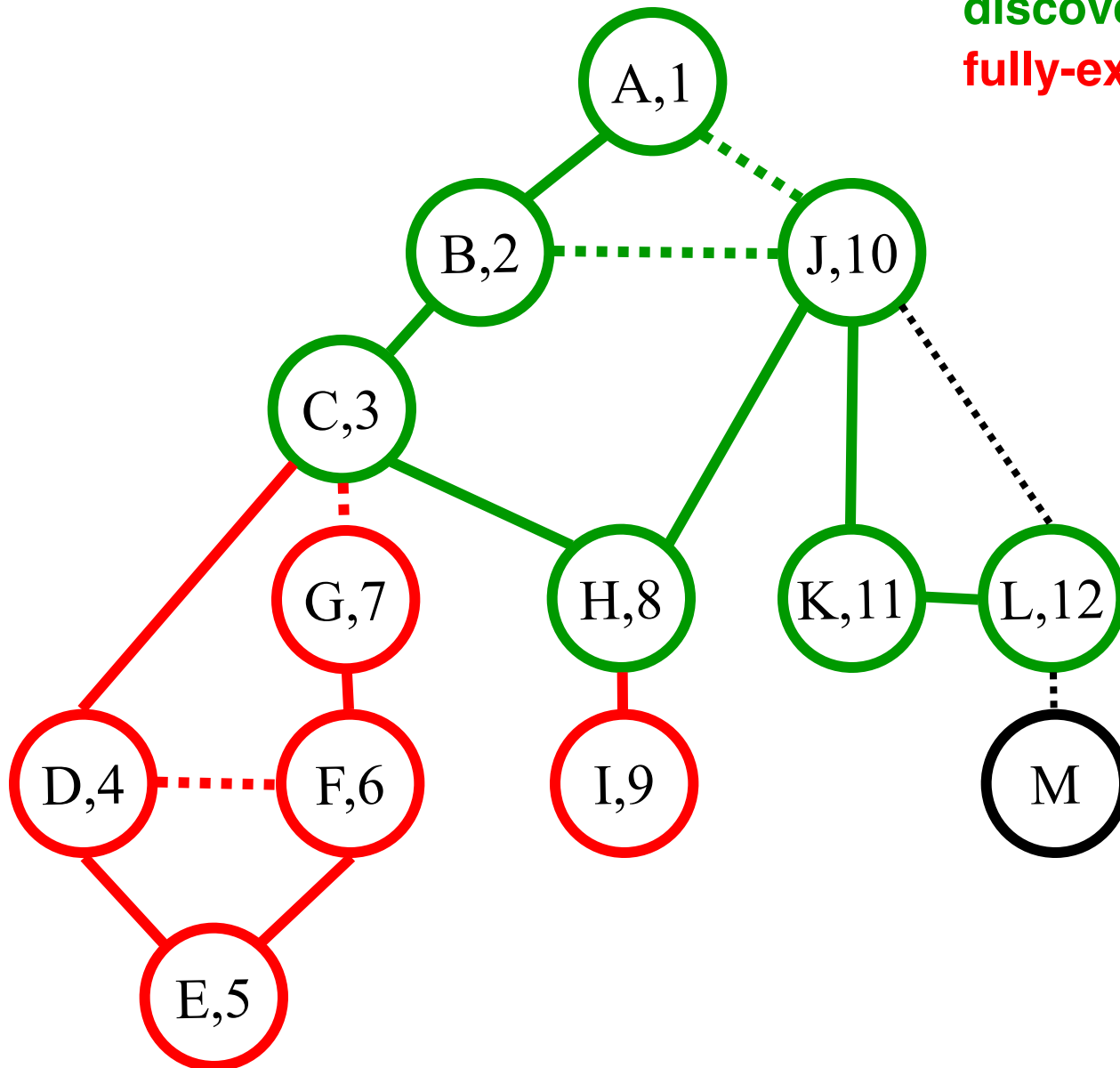
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L (J,K,M)

st[] =
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,11,12}

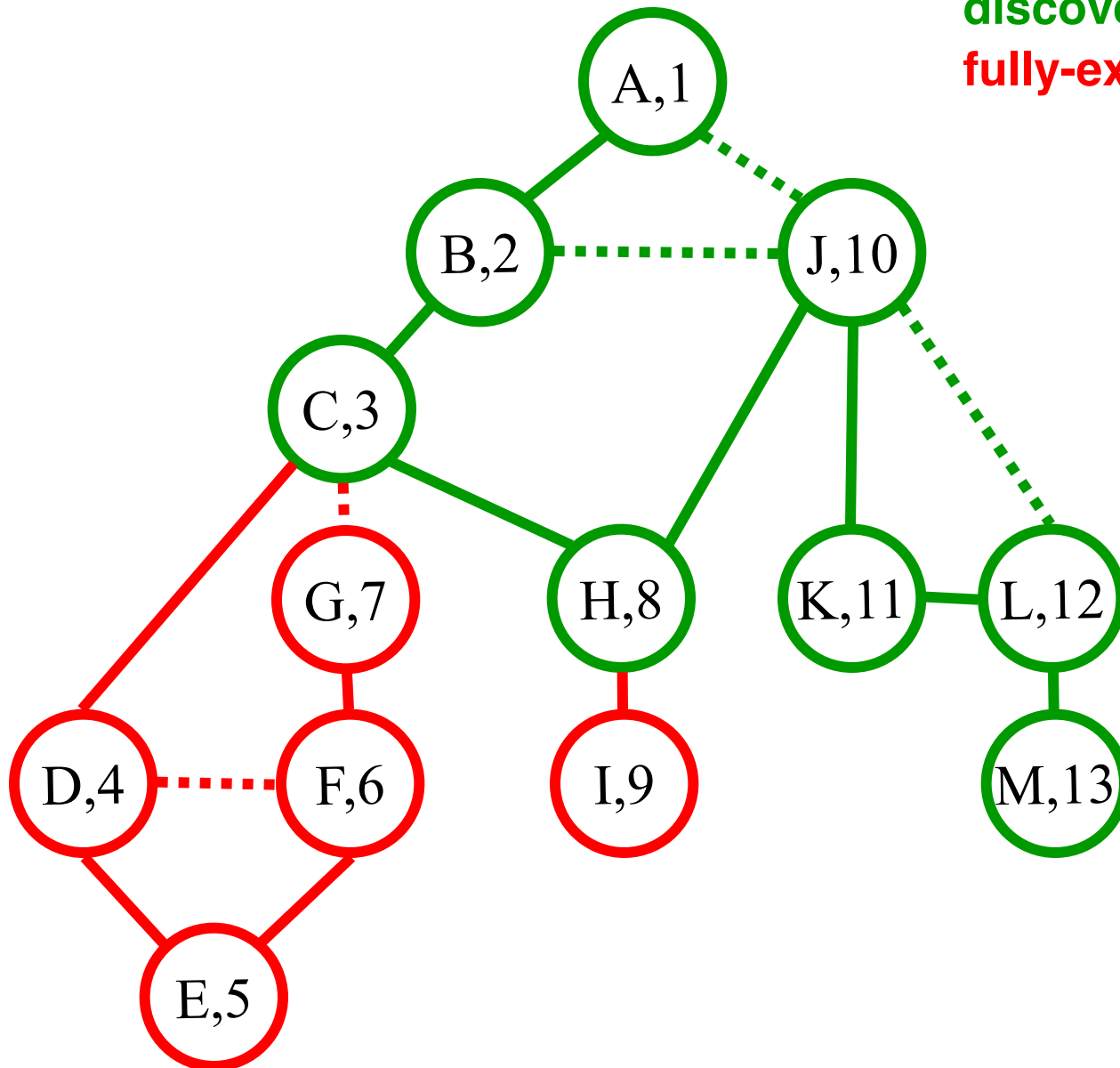
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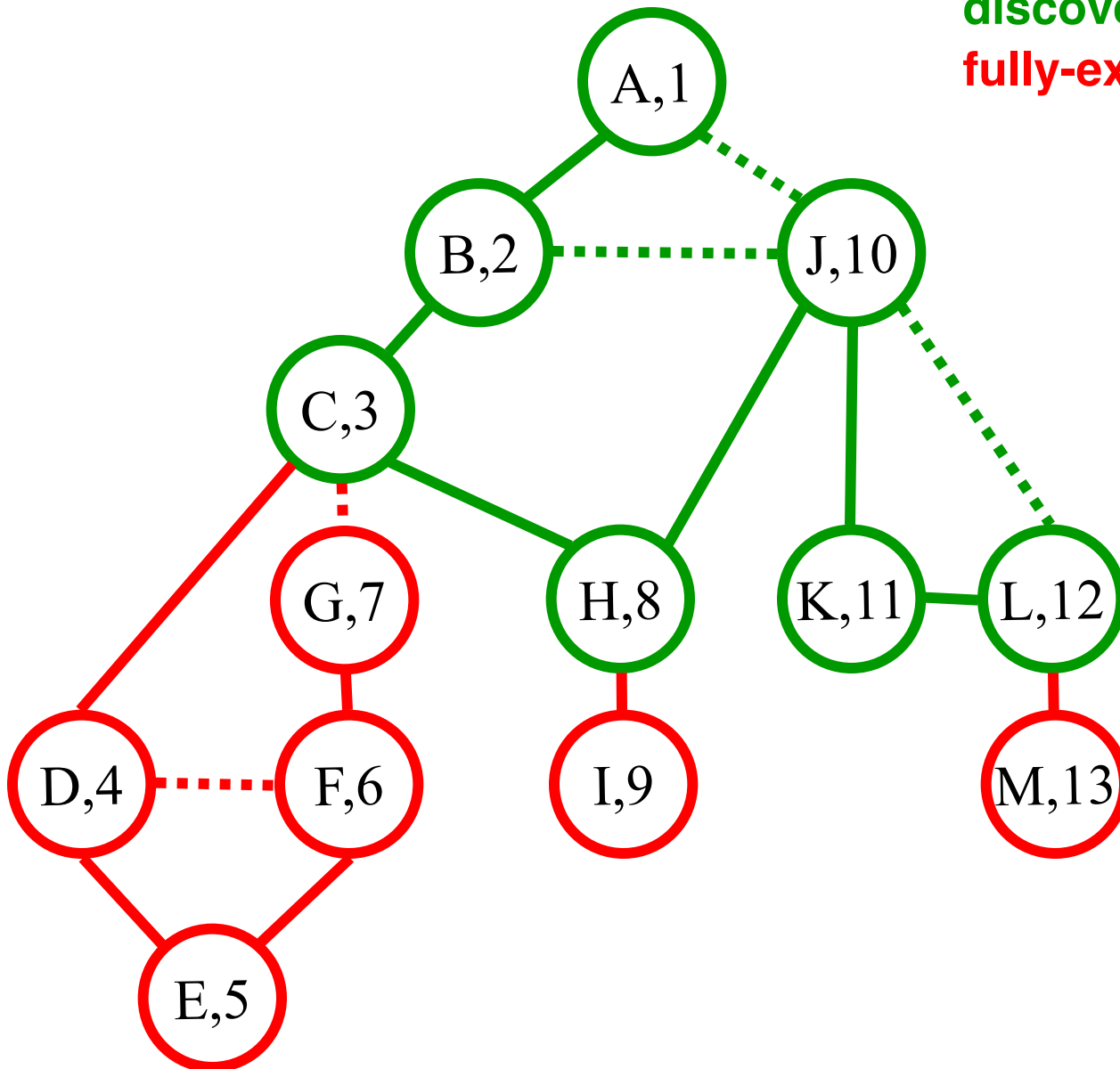
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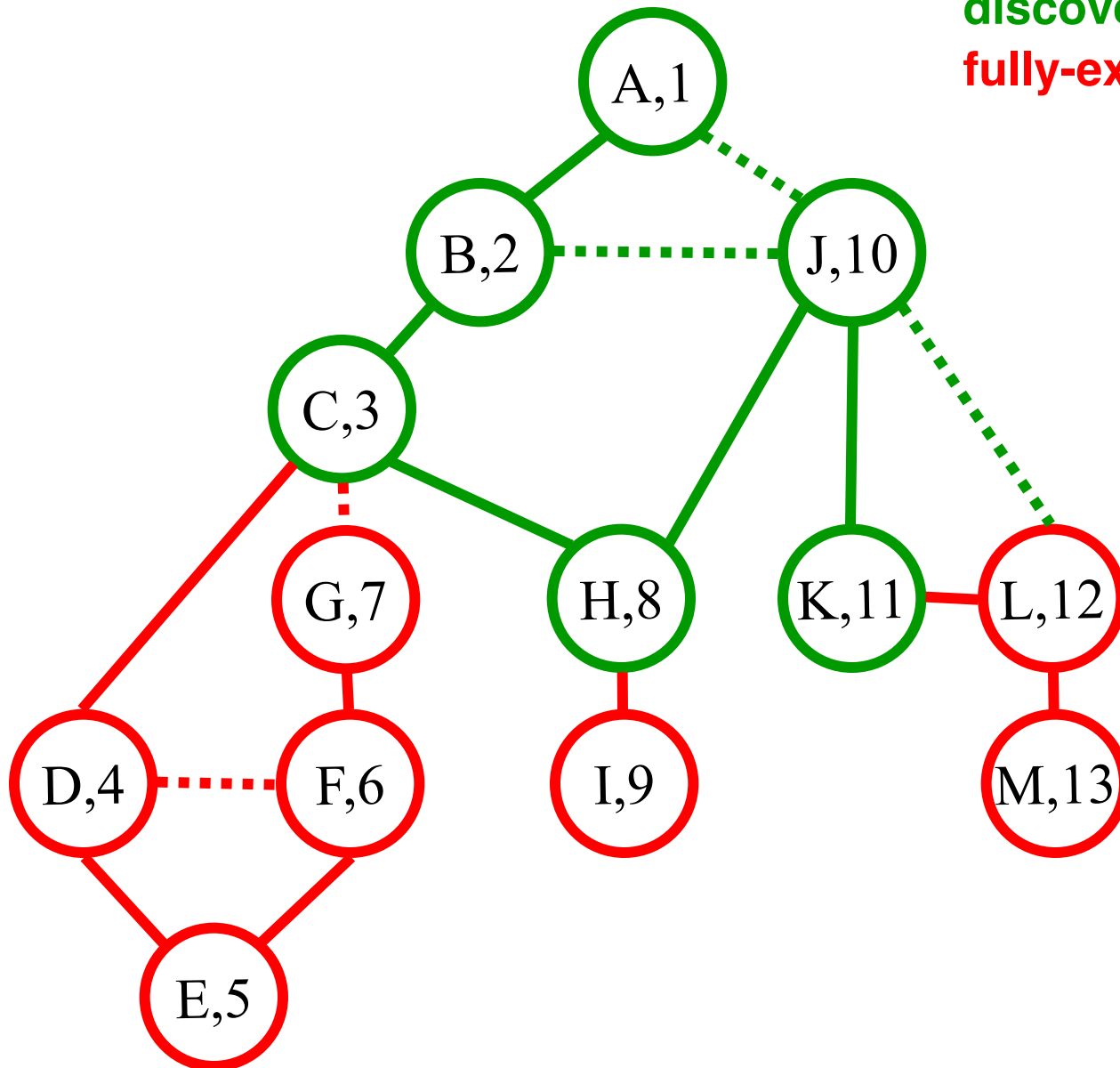
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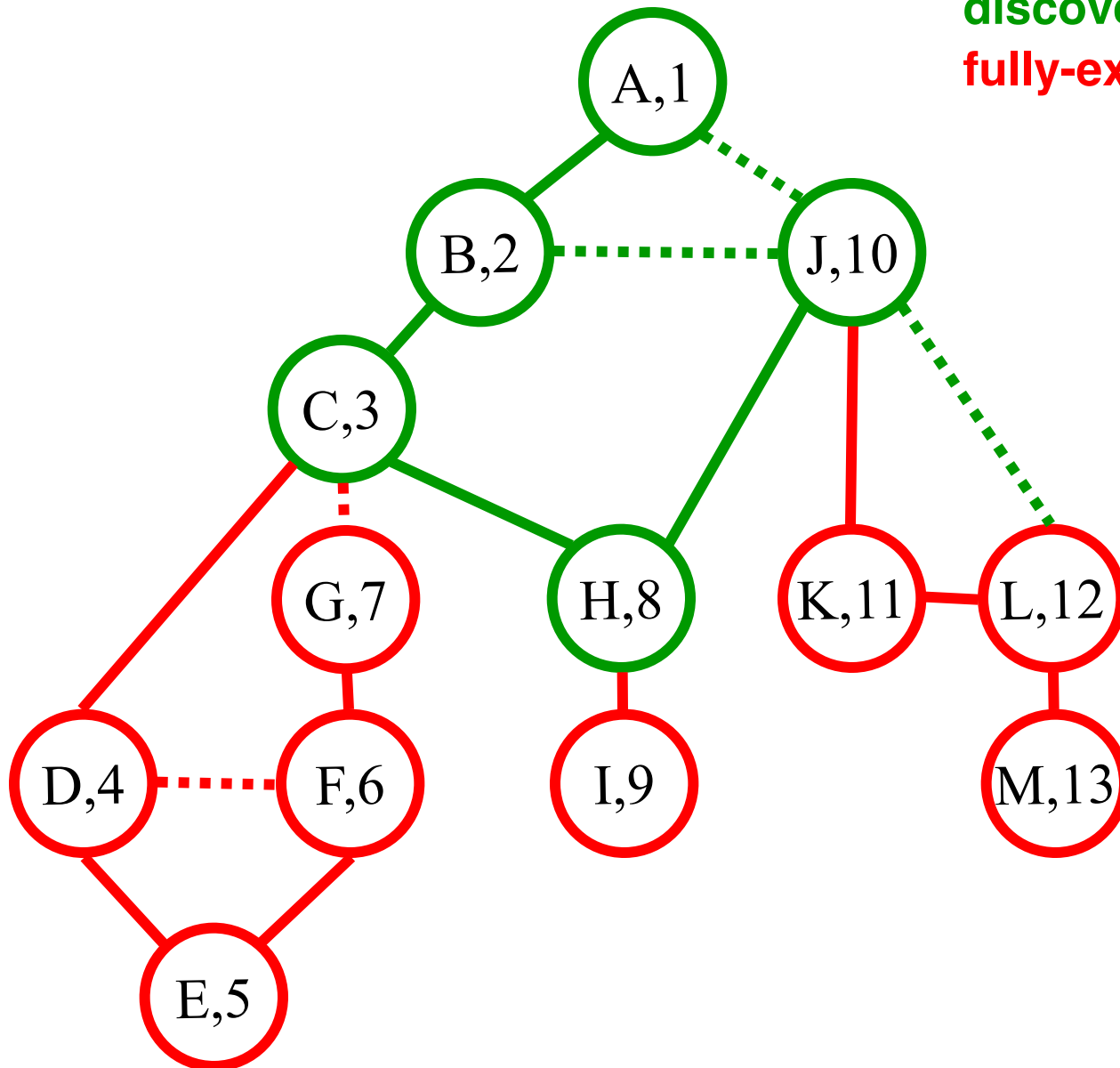
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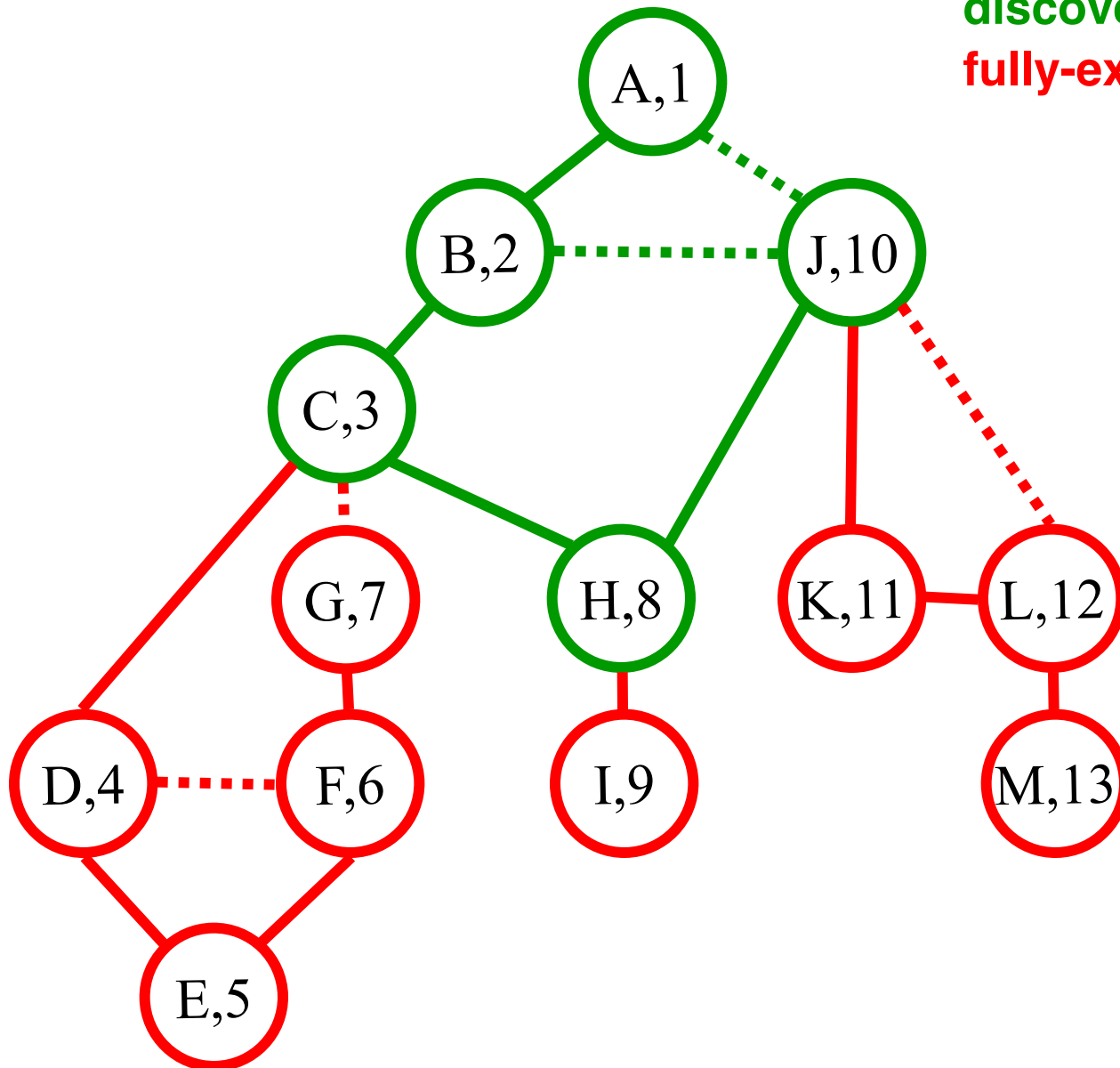
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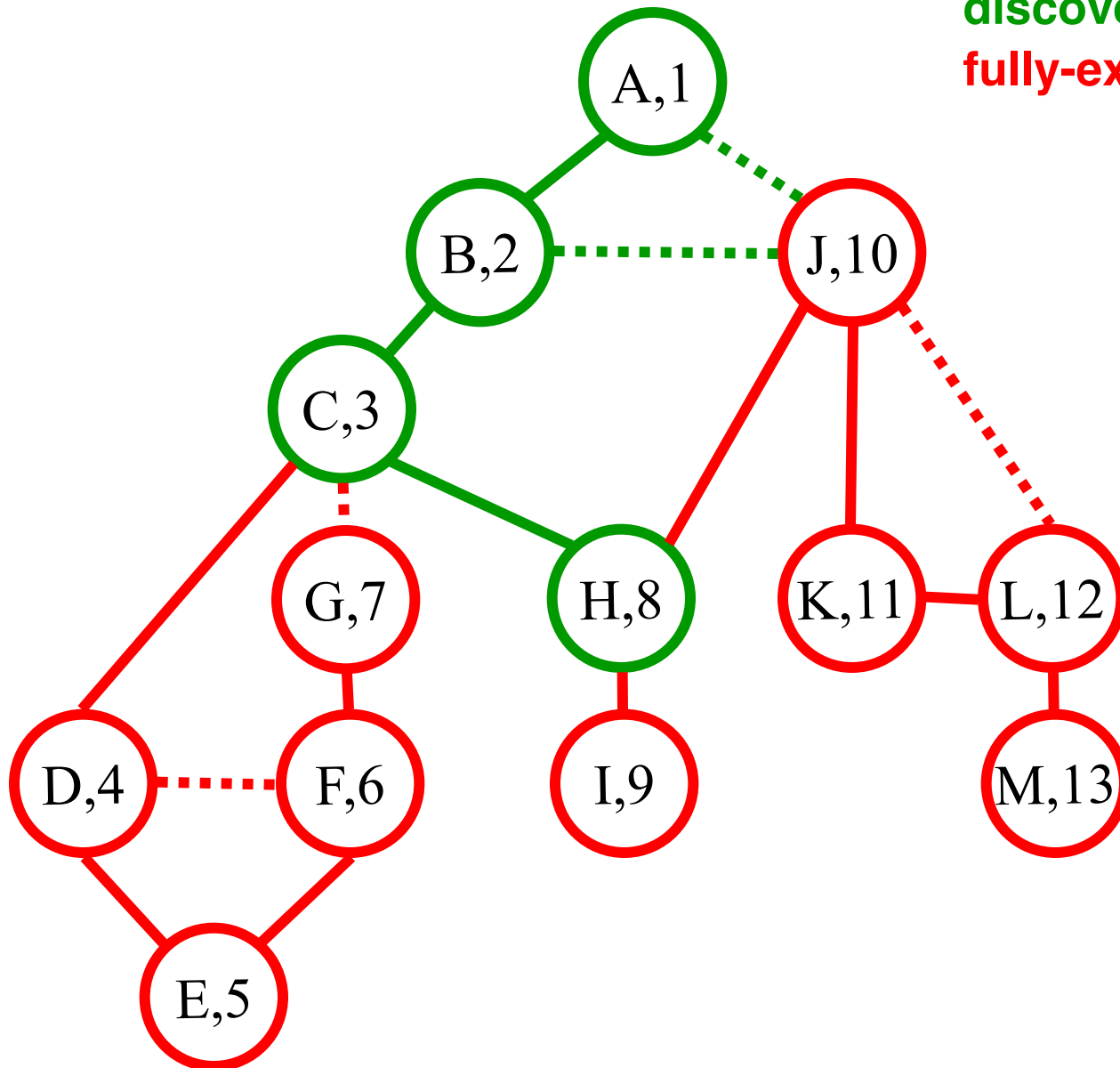
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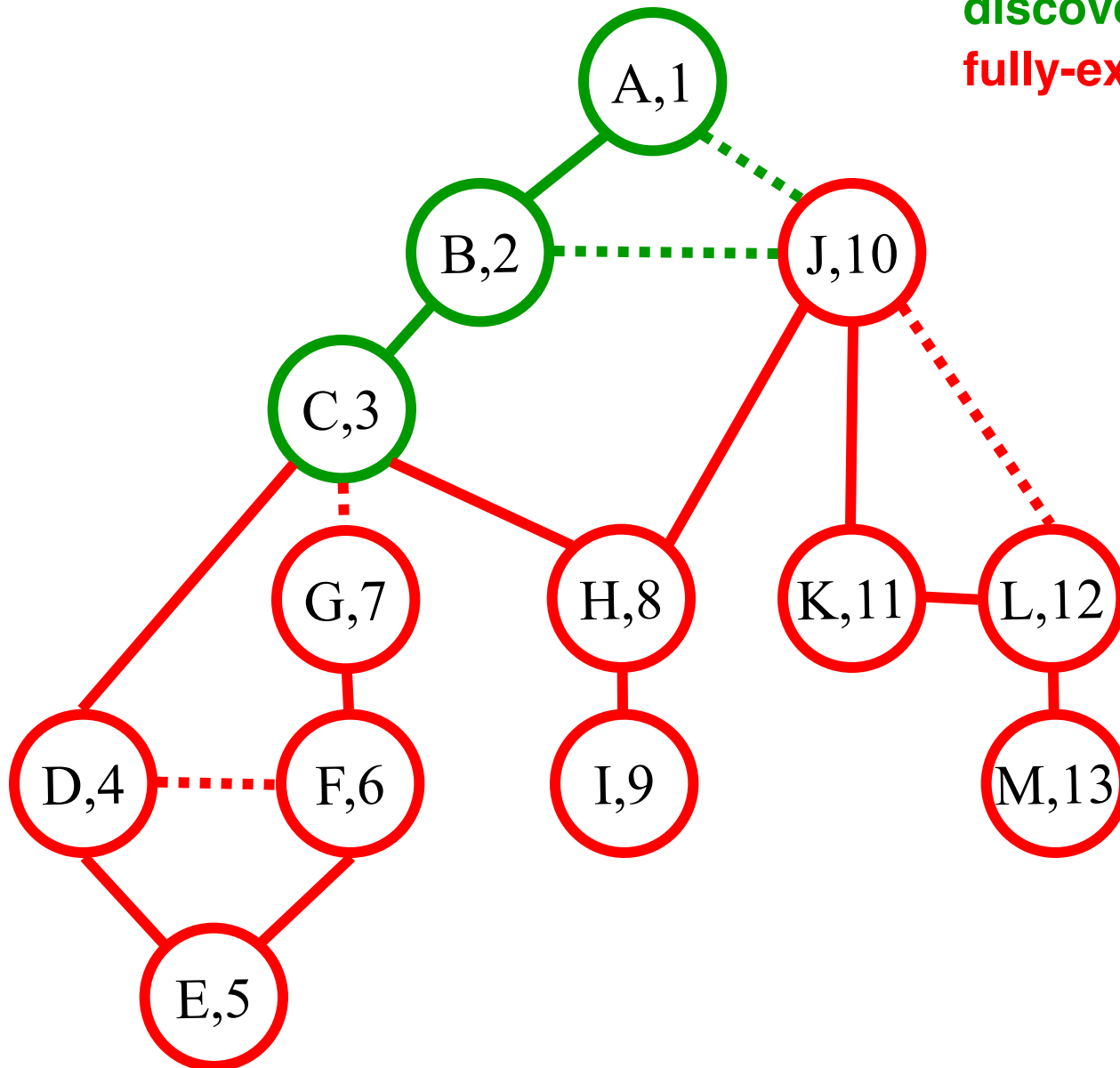
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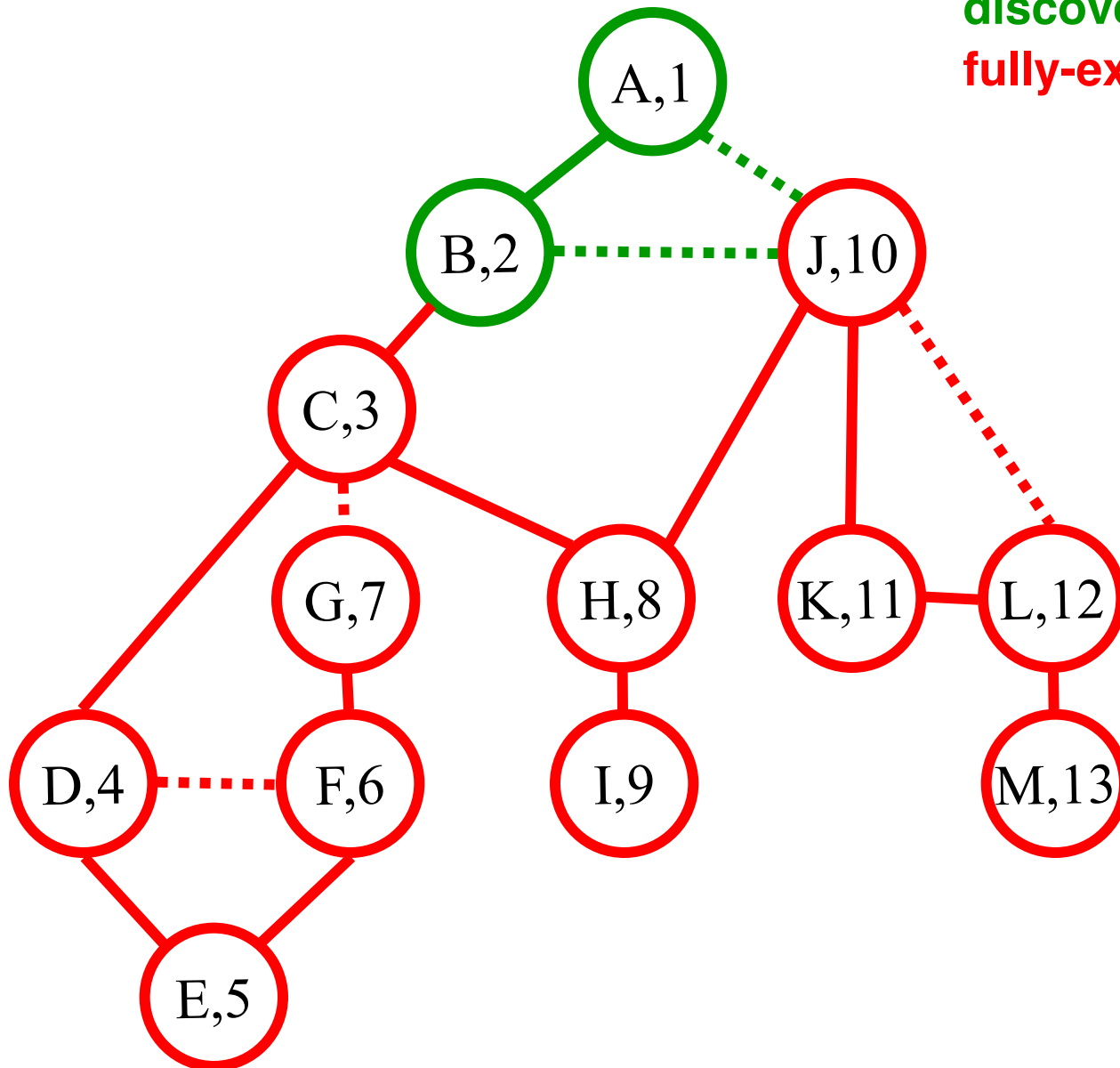
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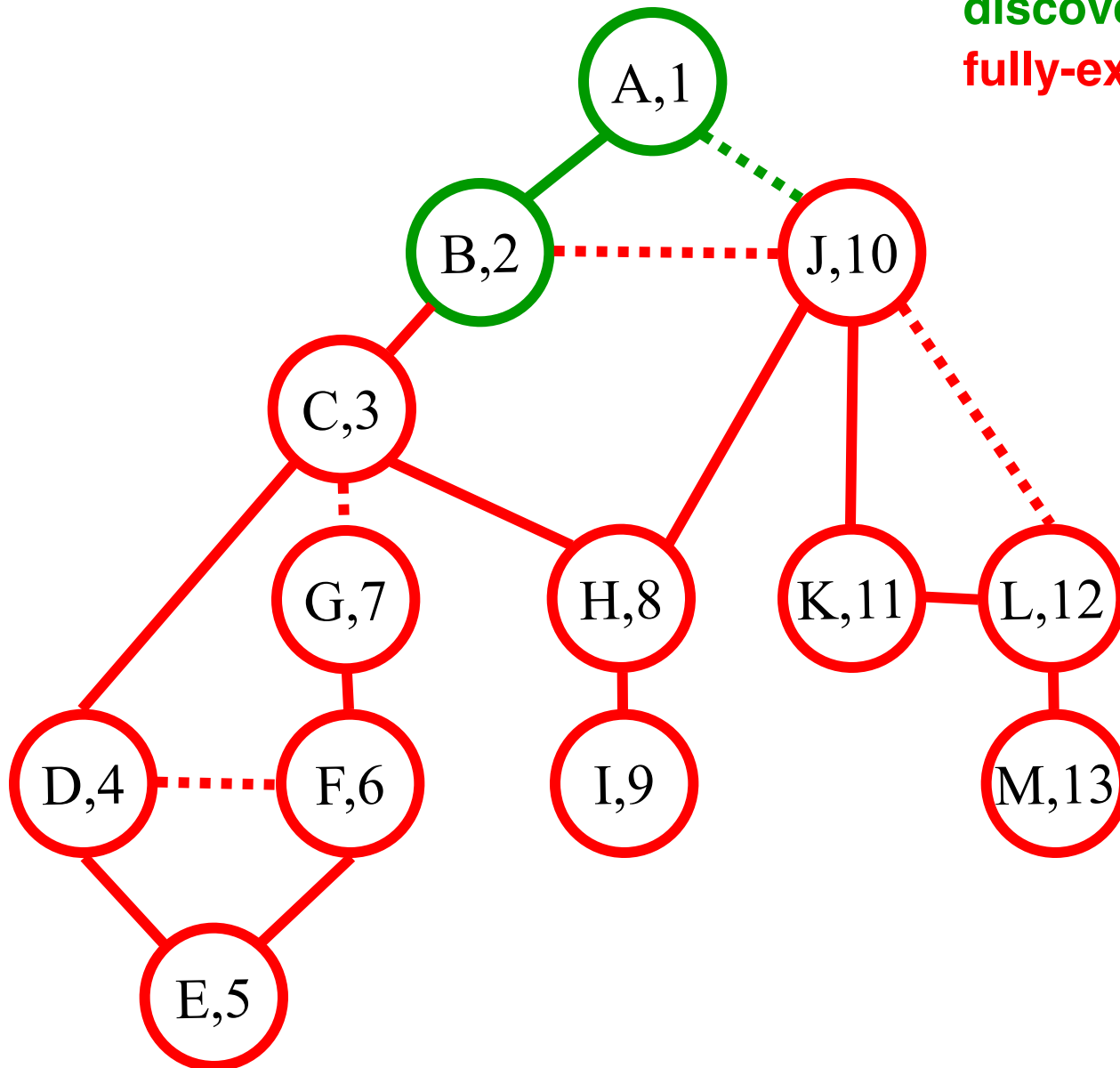
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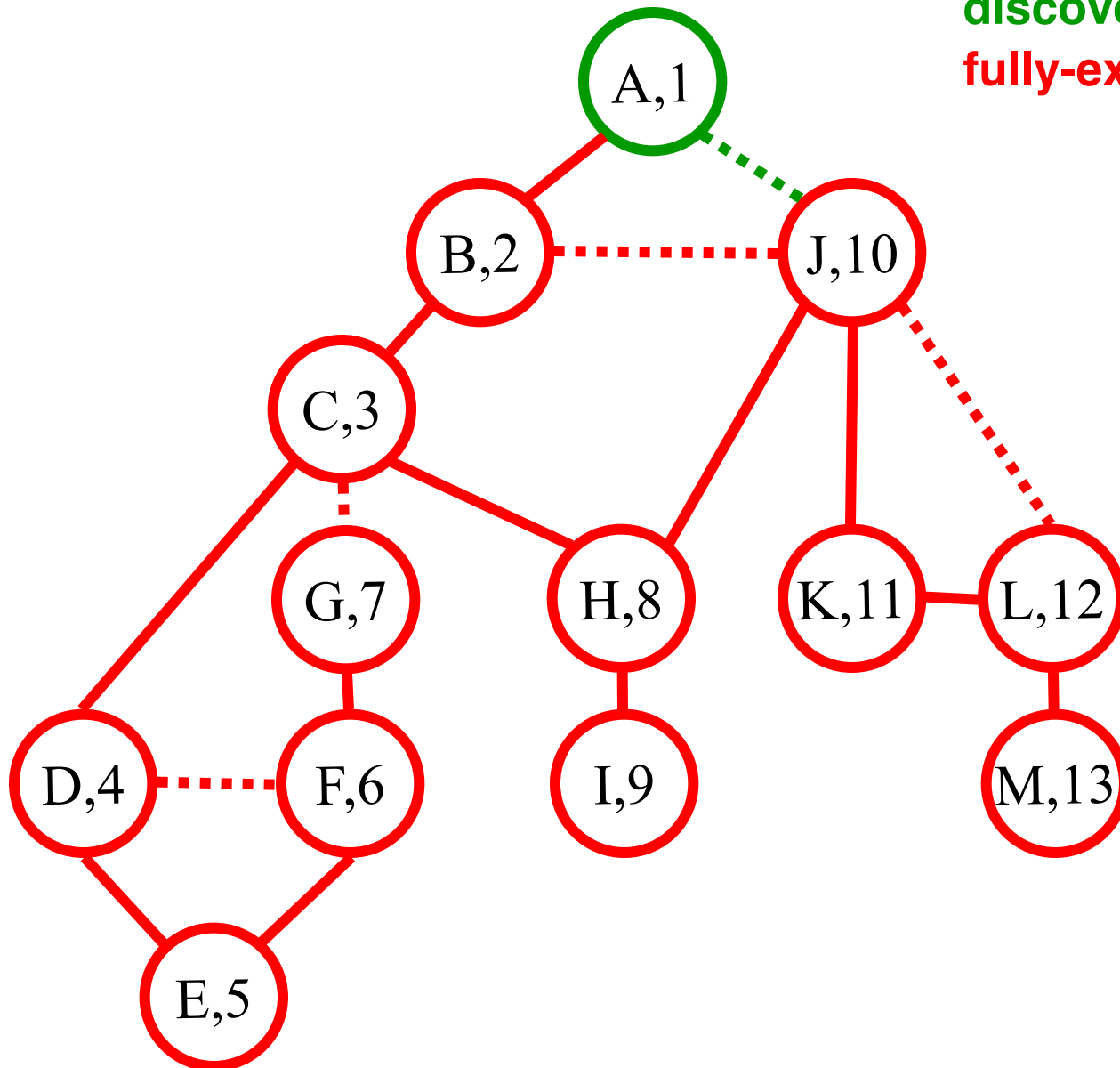
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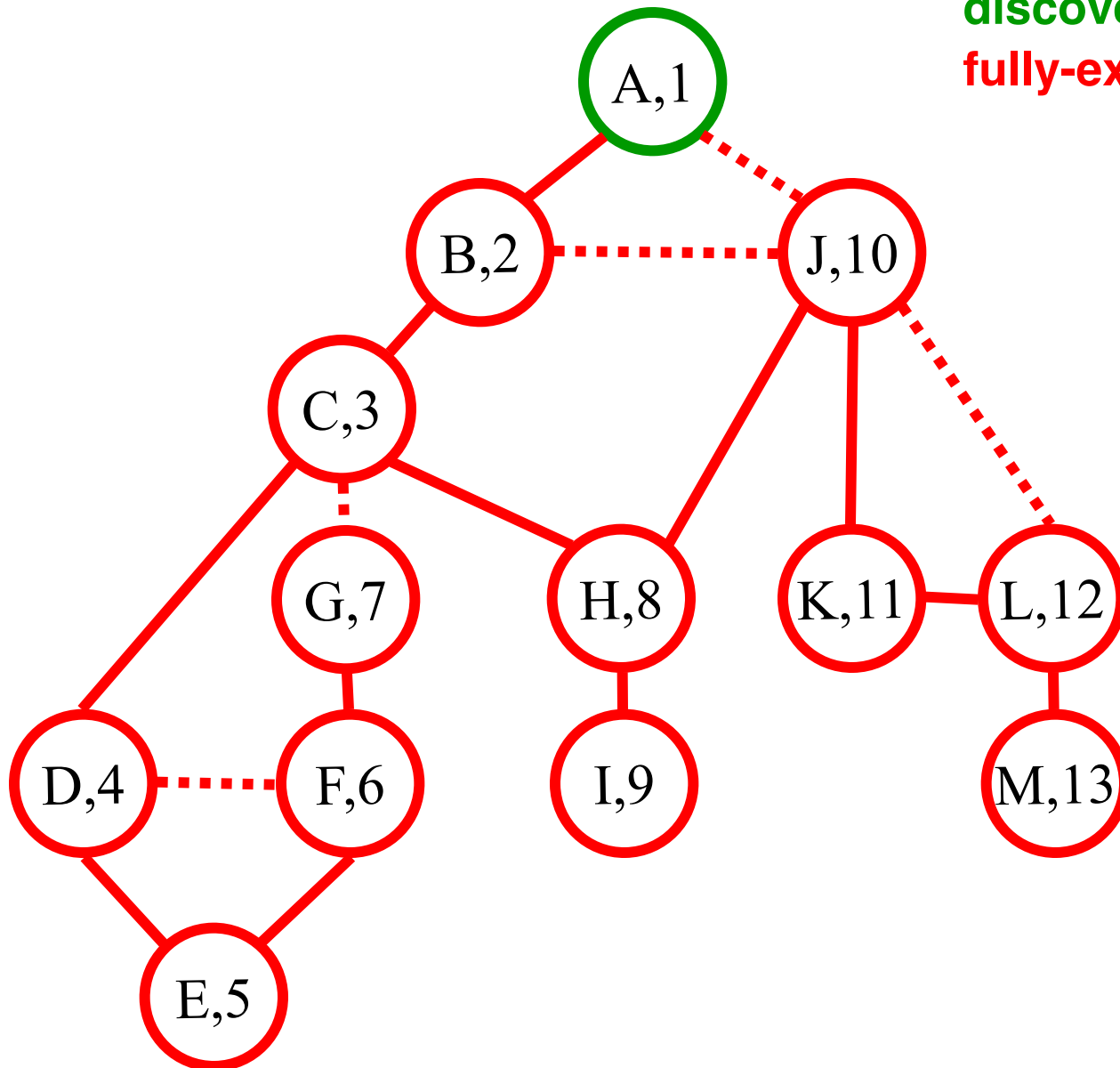
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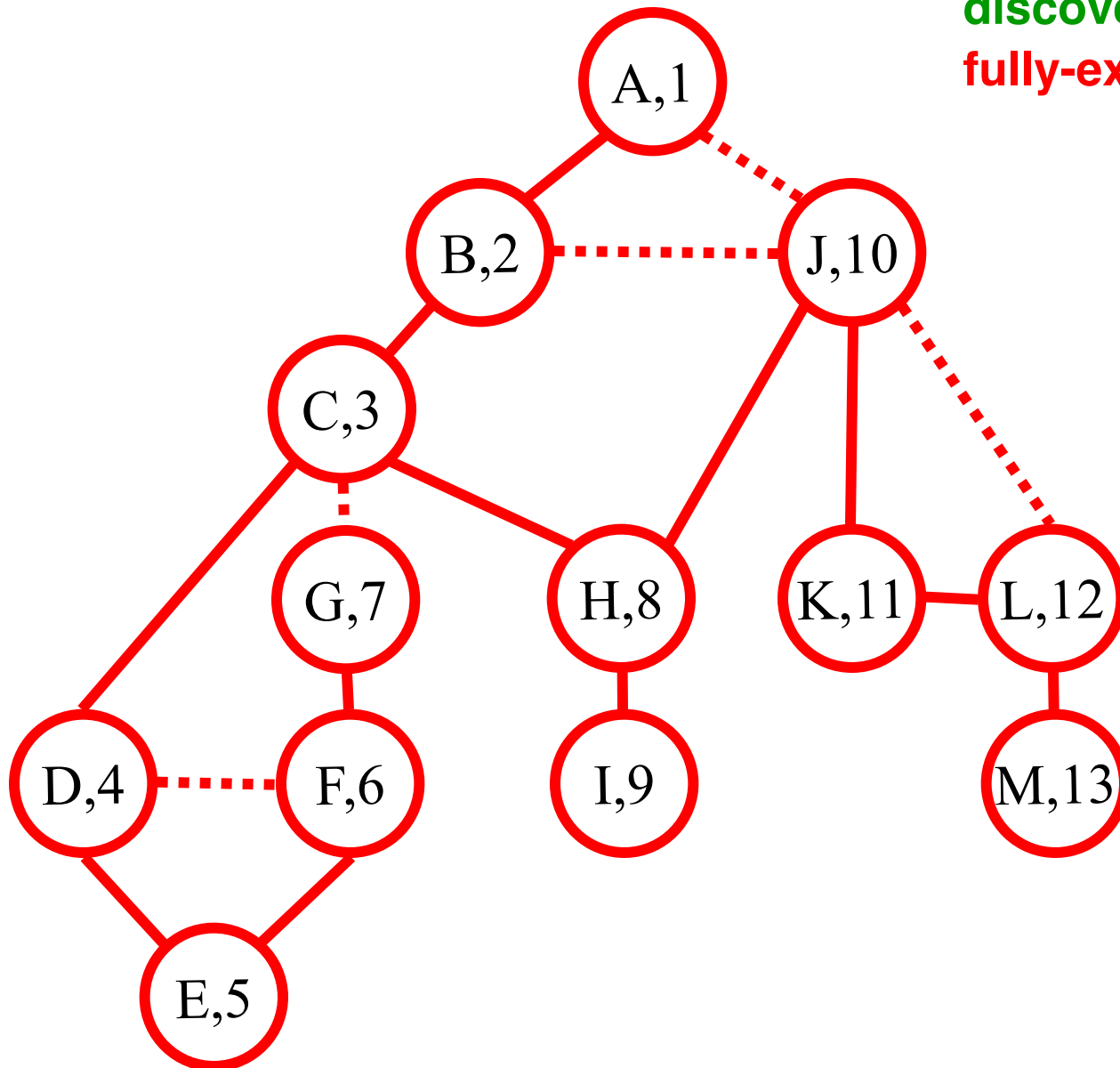
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TA-DA!!

st[] = {}

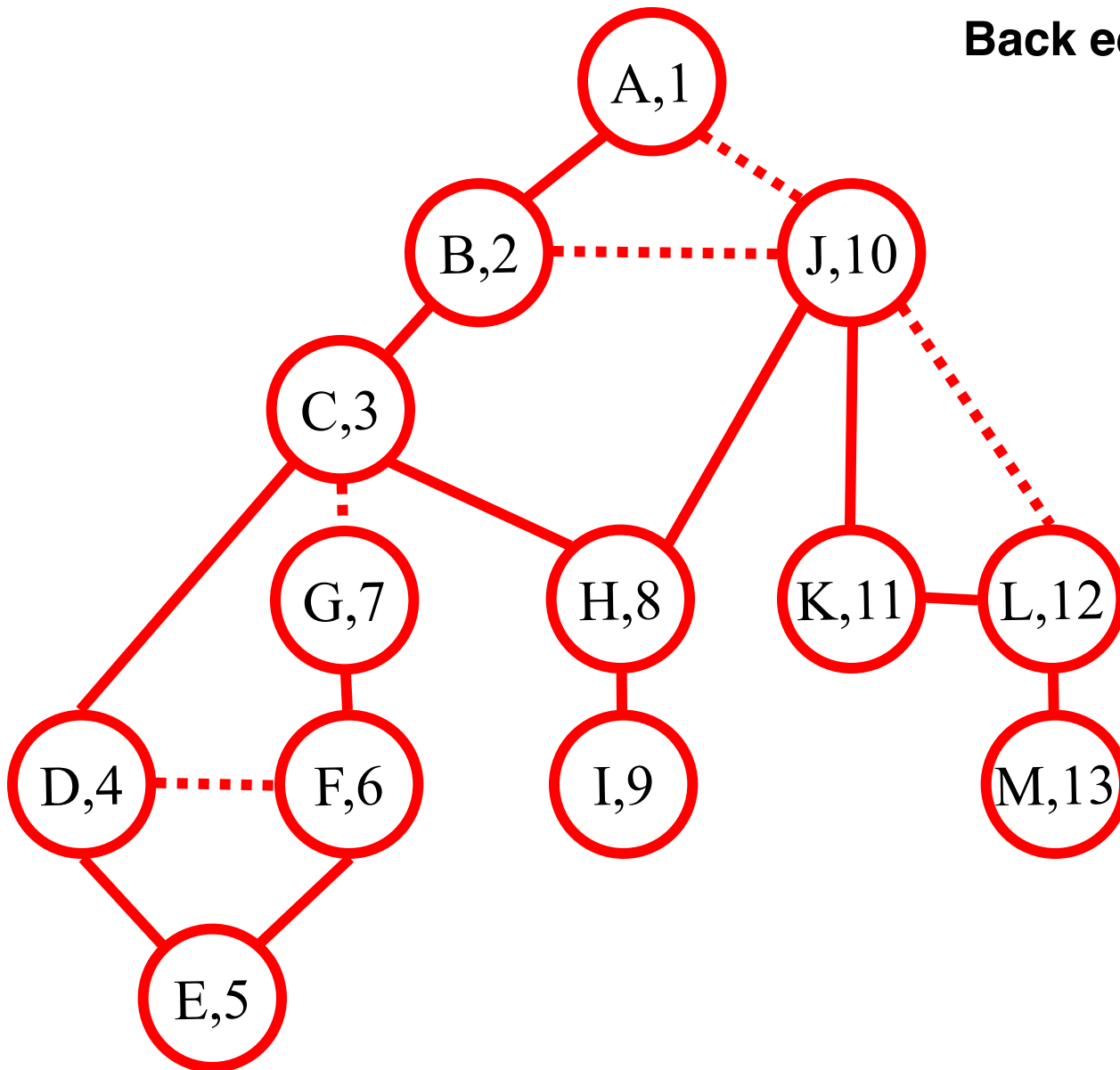
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Edge code:

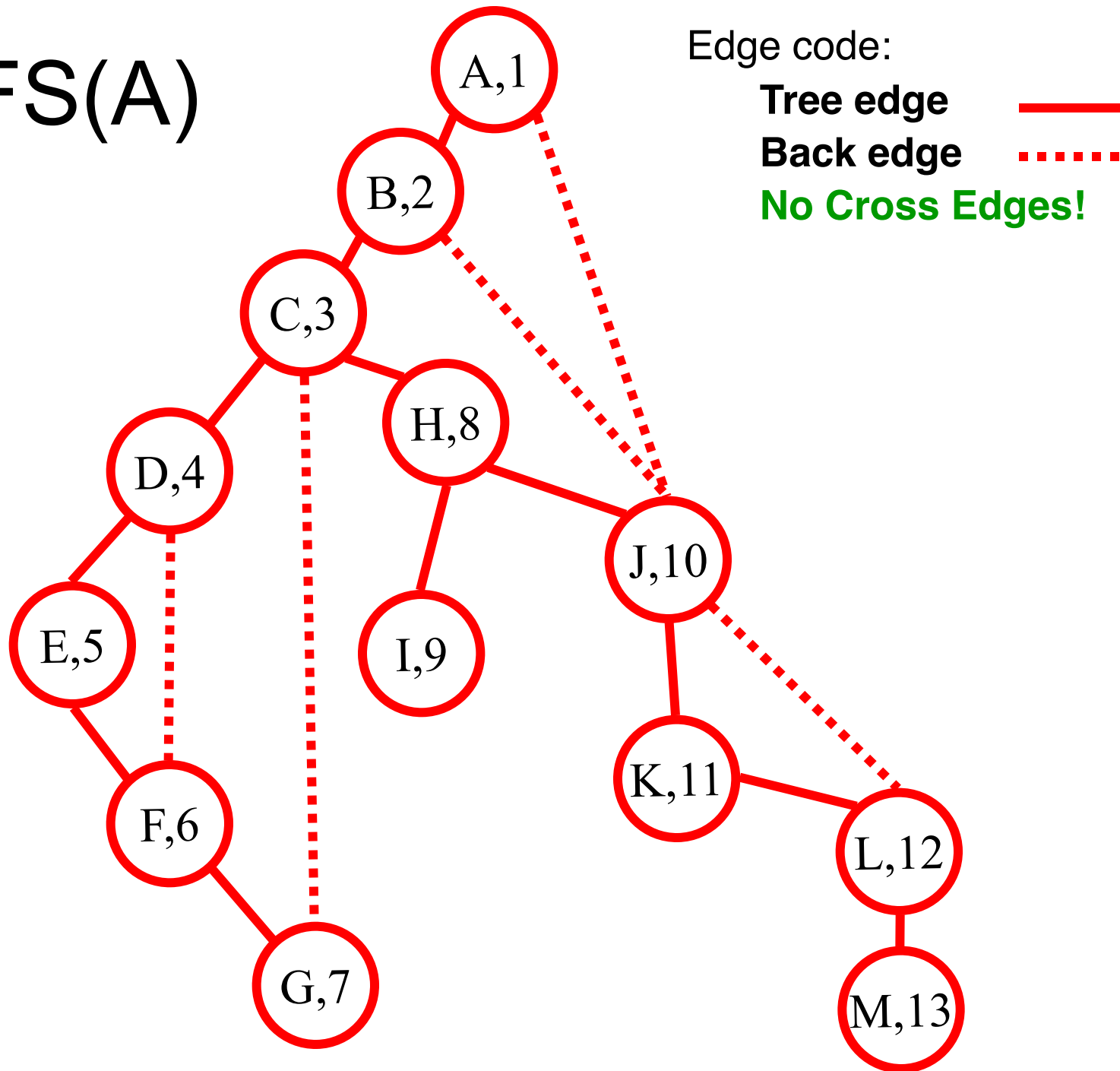
Tree edge



Back edge



DFS(A)



Properties of (undirected) DFS

Like BFS(s):

- DFS(s) visits x iff there is a path in G from s to x
So, we can use DFS to find connected components
- Edges into then-undiscovered vertices define a *tree* – the "depth first spanning tree" of G

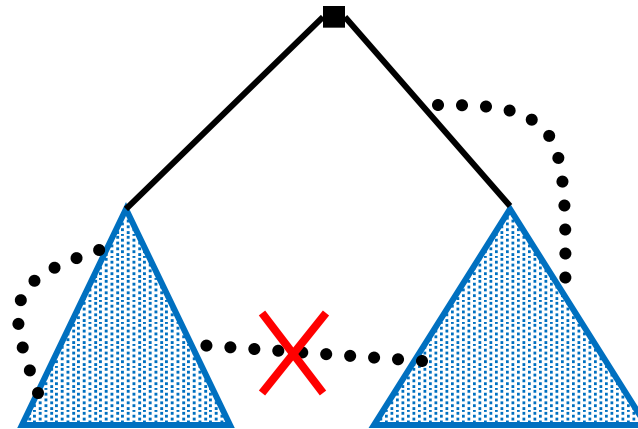
Unlike the BFS tree:

- The DFS spanning tree isn't minimum depth
- Its levels don't reflect min distance from the root
- Non-tree edges never join vertices on the same or adjacent levels

Non-Tree Edges in DFS

All non-tree edges join a vertex and one of its descendants/ancestors in the DFS tree

BFS tree \neq DFS tree, but, as with BFS, DFS has found a tree in the graph s.t. non-tree edges are "simple" – only descendant/ancestor



Non-Tree Edges in DFS

Obs: During $\text{DFS}(x)$ every vertex marked visited is a descendant of x in the DFS tree

Lemma: For every edge $\{x, y\}$, if $\{x, y\}$ is not in DFS tree, then one of x or y is an ancestor of the other in the tree.

Proof:

One of x or y is discovered first, suppose WLOG that x is discovered first and therefore $\text{DFS}(x)$ was called before $\text{DFS}(y)$

Since $\{x, y\}$ is not in DFS tree, y was fully-explored when the edge $\{x, y\}$ was examined during $\text{DFS}(x)$

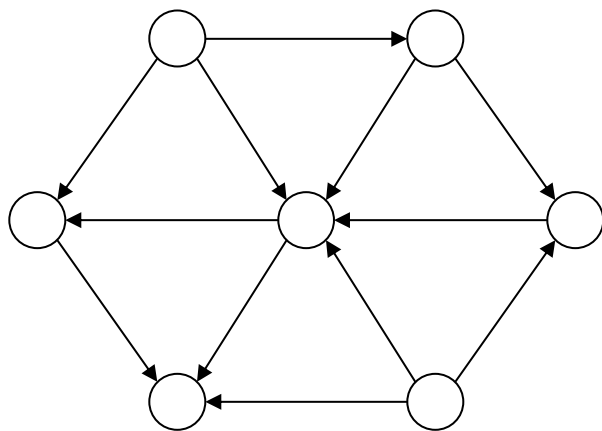
Therefore y was discovered during the call to $\text{DFS}(x)$ so y is a descendant of x by observation.

DAGs and Topological Ordering

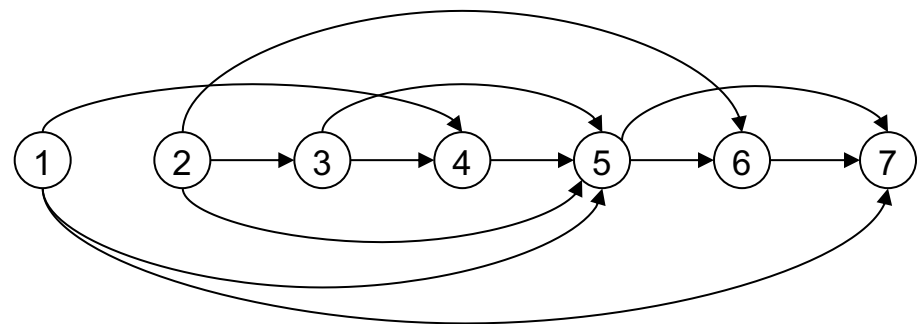
Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAG)

A **DAG** is a directed acyclic graph, i.e., one that contains no directed cycles.

Def: A **topological order** of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is an ordering of its nodes as v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n so that for every edge (v_i, v_j) we have $i < j$.



a DAG



a topological ordering of that DAG—
all edges left-to-right

DAGs: A Sufficient Condition

Lemma: If G has a topological order, then G is a DAG.

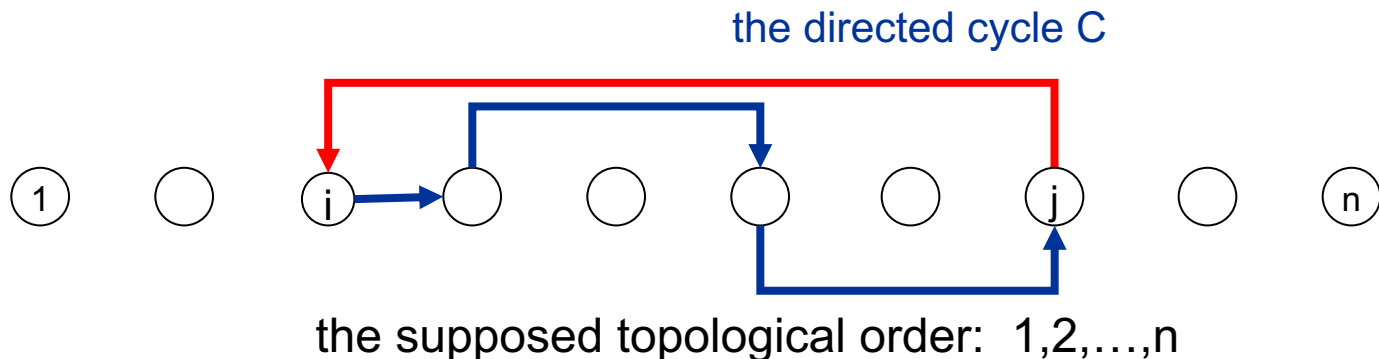
Pf. (by contradiction)

Suppose that G has a topological order $1, 2, \dots, n$ and that G also has a directed cycle C .

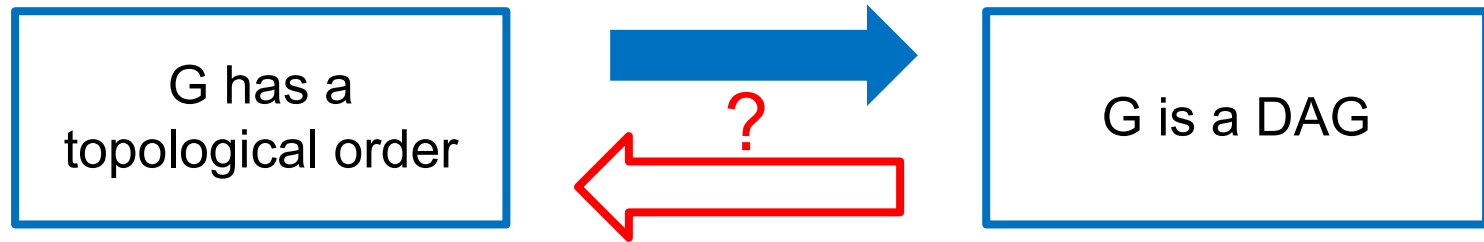
Let i be the lowest-indexed node in C , and let j be the node just before i ; thus (j, i) is an (directed) edge.

By our choice of i , we have $i < j$.

On the other hand, since (j, i) is an edge and $1, \dots, n$ is a topological order, we must have $j < i$, a contradiction



DAGs: A Sufficient Condition



Every DAG has a source node

Lemma: If G is a DAG, then G has a node with no incoming edges (i.e., a source).

Pf. (by contradiction)

Suppose that G is a DAG and it has no source

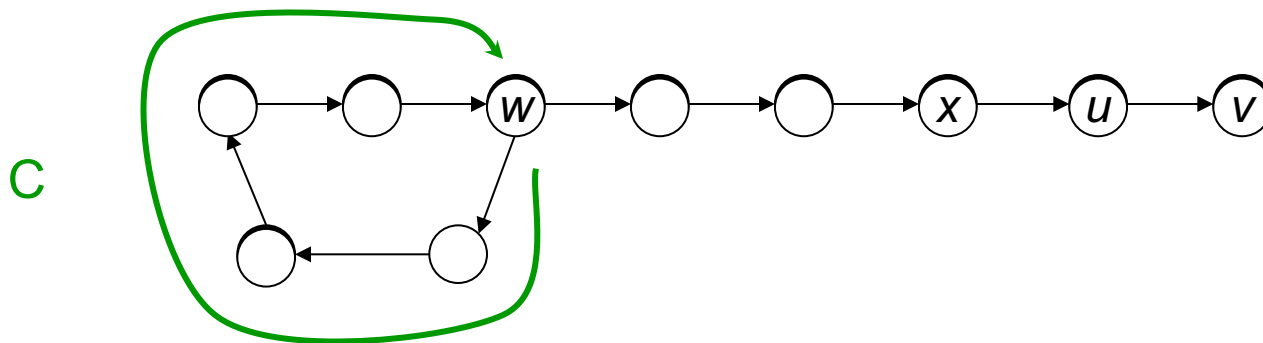
Pick any node v , and begin following edges **backward** from v . Since v has at least one incoming edge (u, v) we can walk backward to u .

Then, since u has at least one incoming edge (x, u) , we can walk backward to x .

Repeat until we visit a node, say w , twice.

Is this similar to a previous proof?

Let C be the sequence of nodes encountered between successive visits to w . C is a cycle.



DAG => Topological Order

Lemma: If G is a DAG, then G has a topological order

Pf. (by induction on n)

Base case: true if $n = 1$.

IH: Every DAG with $n-1$ vertices has a topological ordering.

IS: Given DAG with $n > 1$ nodes, find a source node v .

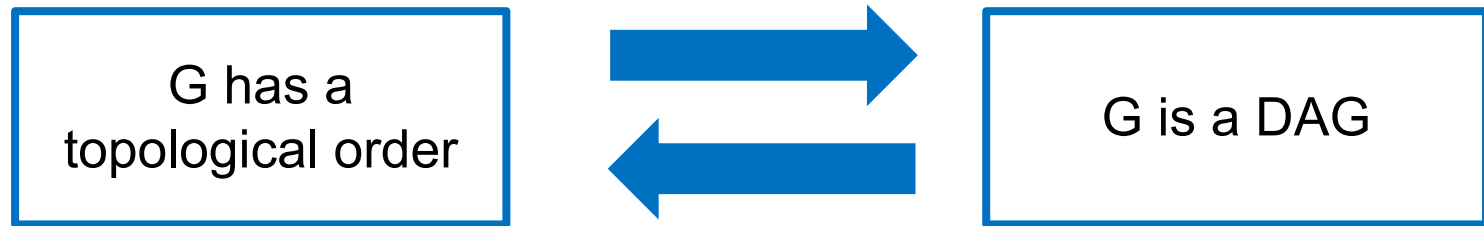
$G - \{v\}$ is a DAG, since deleting v cannot create cycles.

Reminder: Always remove vertices/edges to use IH

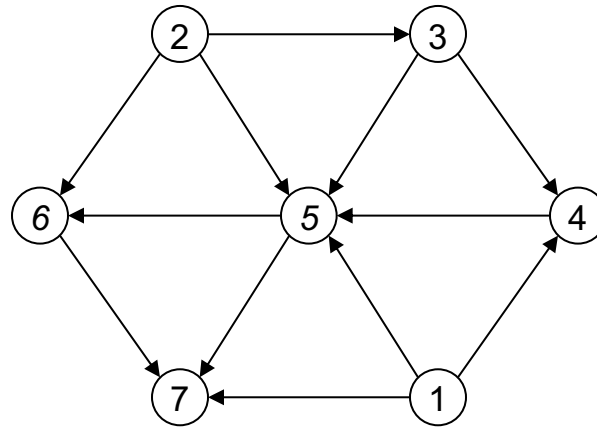
By IH, $G - \{v\}$ has a topological ordering.

Place v first in topological ordering; then append nodes of $G - \{v\}$ in topological order. This is valid since v has no incoming edges.

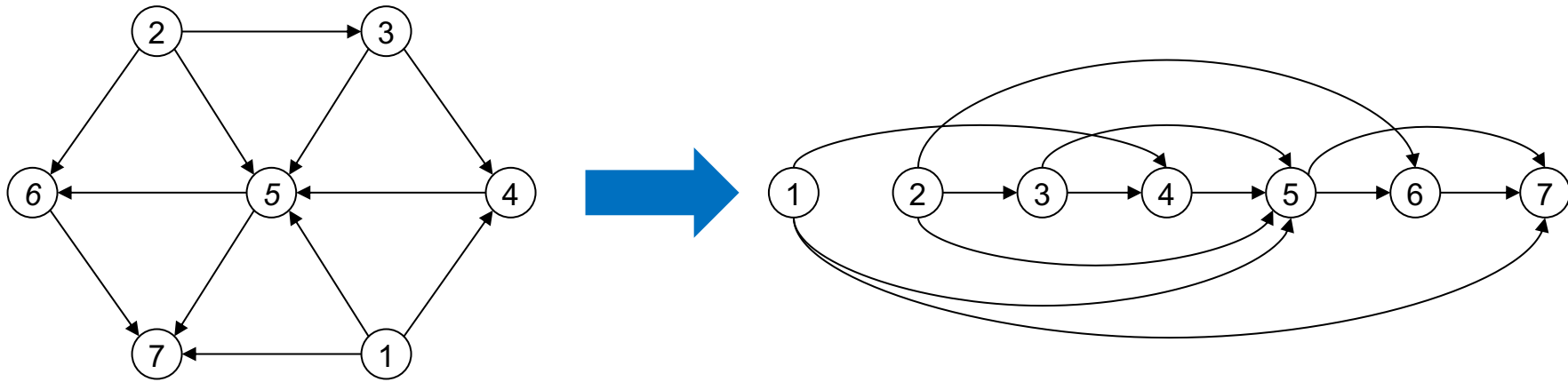
A Characterization of DAGs



Topological Order Algorithm: Example



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Topological order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Induction gives Algorithms!

Topological Sorting Algorithm

Maintain the following:

count[w] = (remaining) number of incoming edges to node w

S = set of (remaining) nodes with no incoming edges

Initialization:

count[w] = 0 for all w

count[w]++ for all edges (v,w) O(m + n)

S = S \cup {w} for all w with count[w]=0

Main loop:

while S not empty

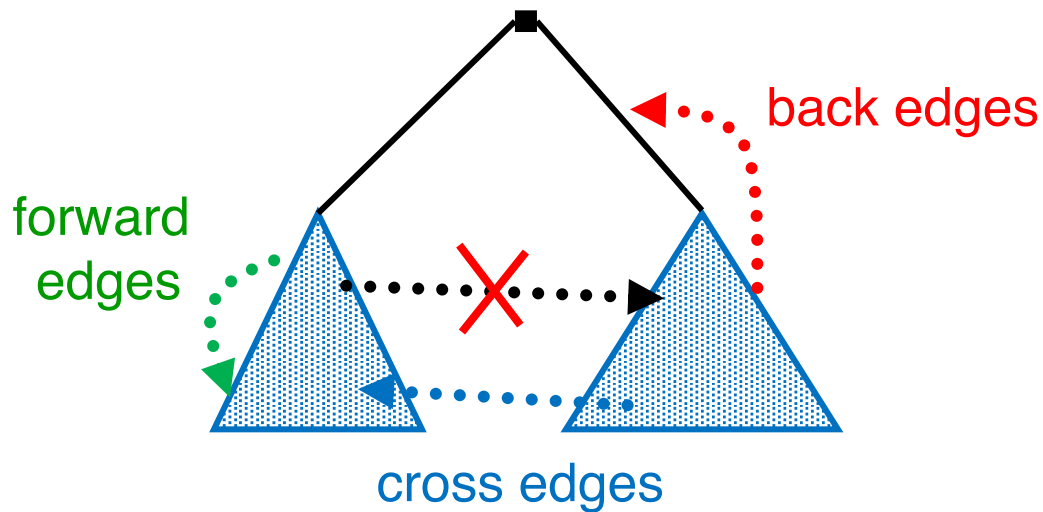
- remove some v from S
- make v next in topo order O(1) per node
- for all edges from v to some w O(1) per edge
 - decrement count[w]
 - add w to S if count[w] hits 0

Correctness: clear, I hope

Time: O(m + n) (assuming edge-list representation of graph)

DFS on Directed Graphs

- Before DFS(s) returns, it visits all previously unvisited vertices reachable via directed paths from s
- Every cycle contains a back edge in the DFS tree



Summary

- Graphs: abstract relationships among pairs of objects
- Terminology: node/vertex/vertices, edges, paths, multi-edges, self-loops, connected
- Representation: Adjacency list, adjacency matrix
- Nodes vs Edges: $m = O(n^2)$, often less
- BFS: Layers, queue, shortest paths, all edges go to same or adjacent layer
- DFS: recursion/stack; all edges ancestor/descendant
- Algorithms: Connected Comp, bipartiteness, topological sort

Greedy Algorithms



**Coin Changing Problem
Greedy Algorithm**

Greedy Strategy

Goal: Given currency denominations: 1, 5, 10, 25, 100, give change to customer using *fewest* number of coins.

Ex: 34¢.



Cashier's algorithm: At each iteration, give the *largest* coin valued \leq the amount to be paid.

Ex: \$2.89.



Greedy is not always Optimal

Observation: Greedy algorithm is sub-optimal for US postal denominations: 1, 10, 21, 34, 70, 100, 350, 1225, 1500.

Counterexample. 140¢.

Greedy: 100, 34, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1.

Optimal: 70, 70.



Lesson: Greedy is short-sighted. Always chooses the most attractive choice at the moment. But this may lead to a dead-end later.

Greedy Algorithms Outline

Pros

- Intuitive
- Often simple to design (and to implement)
- Often fast

Cons

- Often incorrect!

Proof techniques:

- Stay ahead
- Structural
- Exchange arguments