

Graphs

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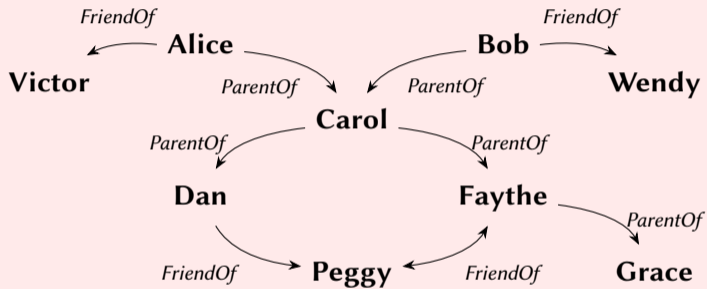
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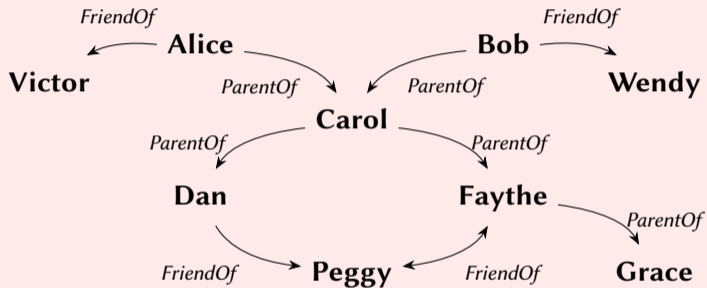
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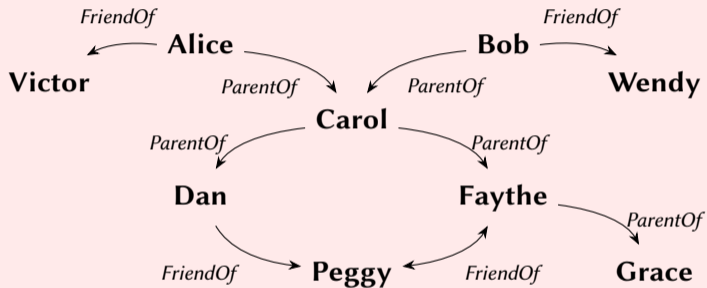


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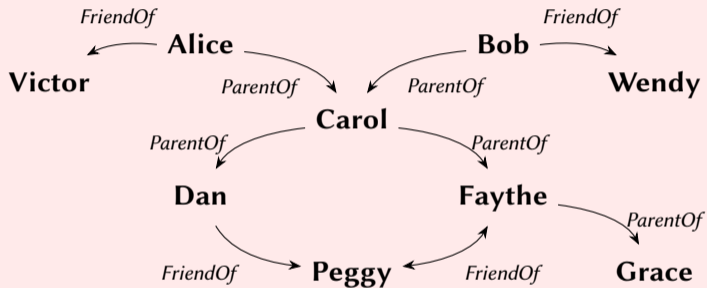
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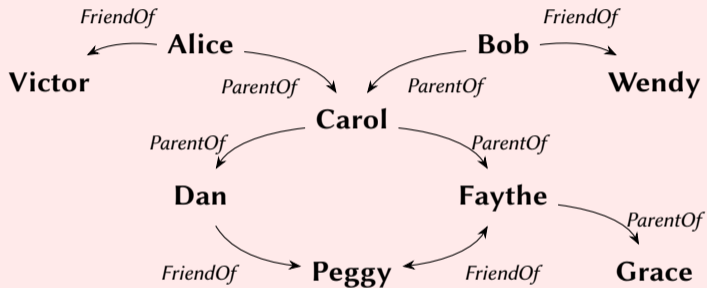
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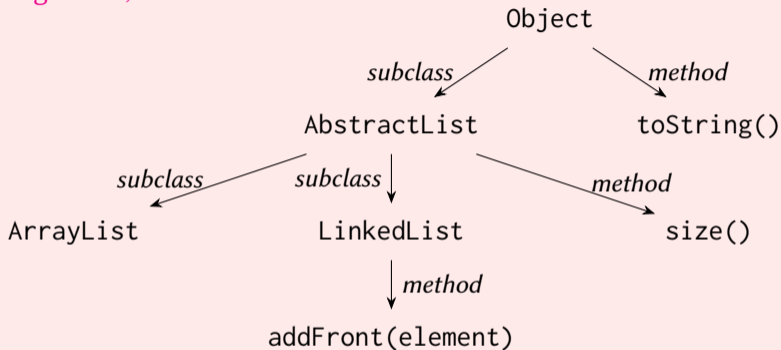
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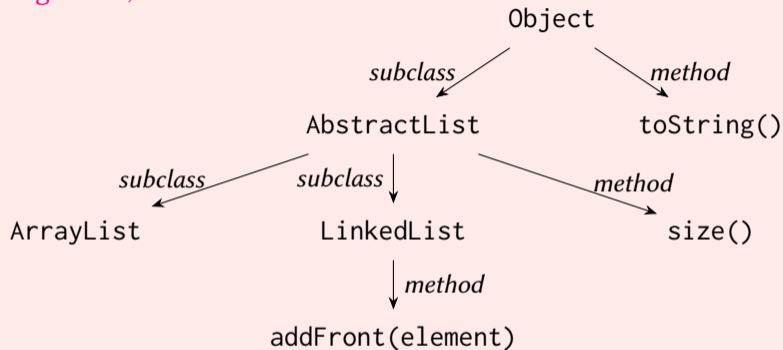
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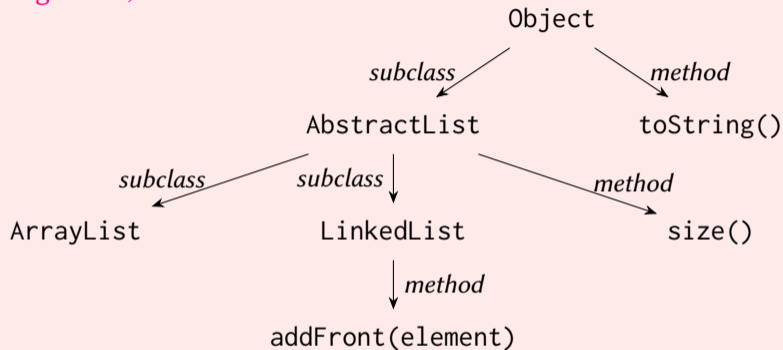


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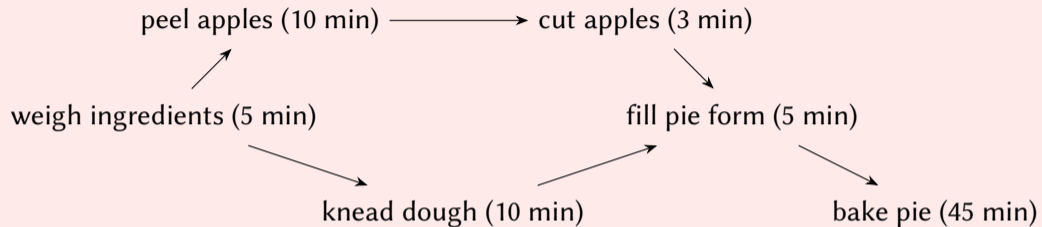
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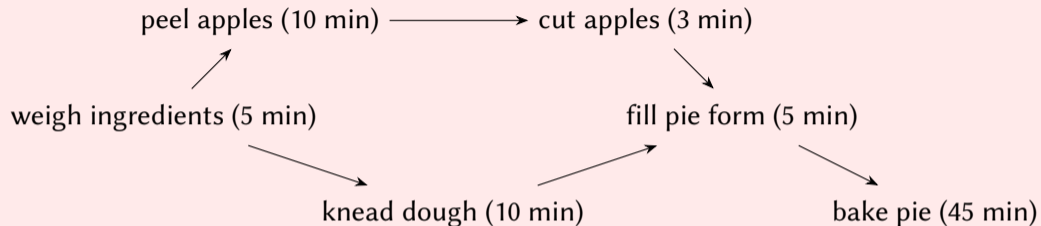
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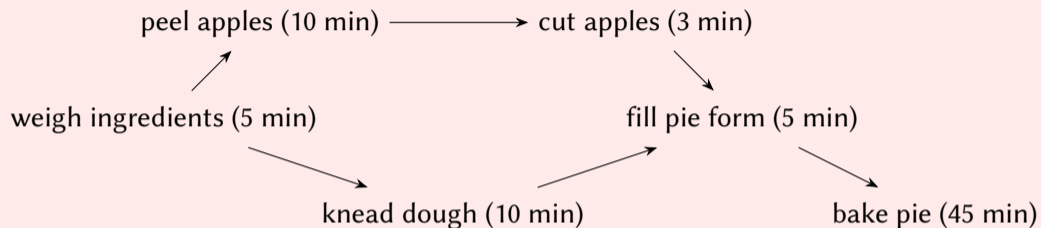


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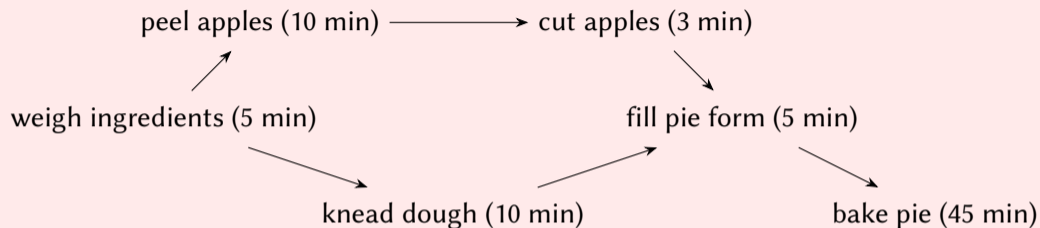
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(that we can turn into a *shortest* path problem).

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We will see examples of this in the lectures and assignments!

Selected topics on graphs

- ▶ Formalization.
- ▶ Data structures to represent graphs.
- ▶ Traversing graphs:
Reachability, finding cycles, shortest paths (without weights), topological sort,
- ▶ Minimum spanning trees.
- ▶ Finding shortest-paths (with weights).

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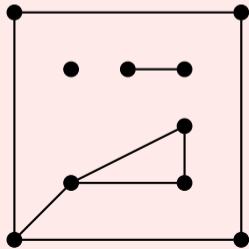
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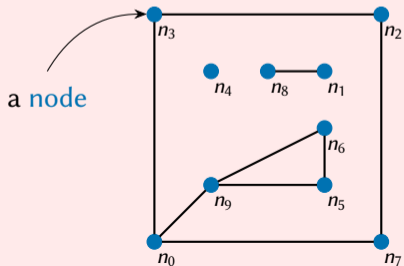


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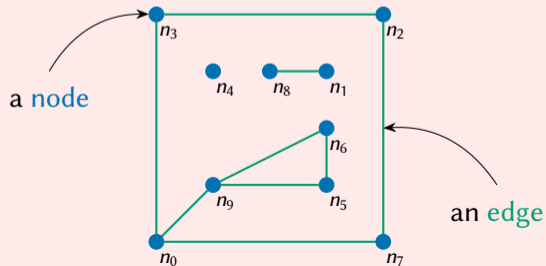


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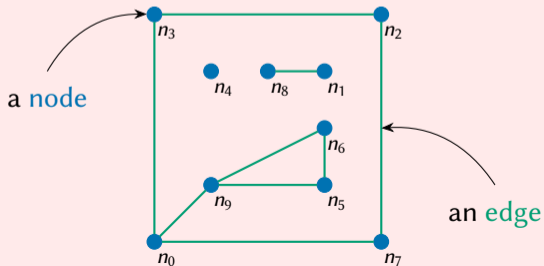
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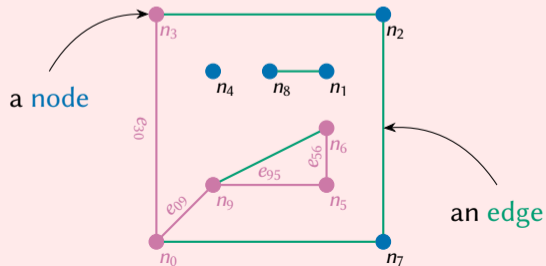
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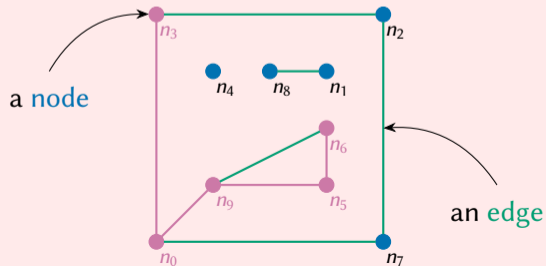
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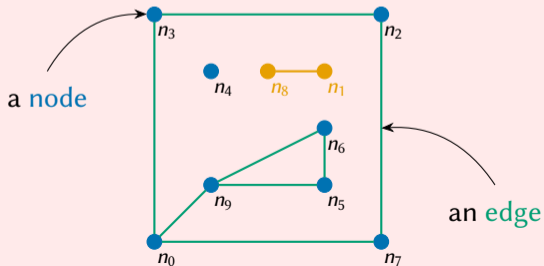
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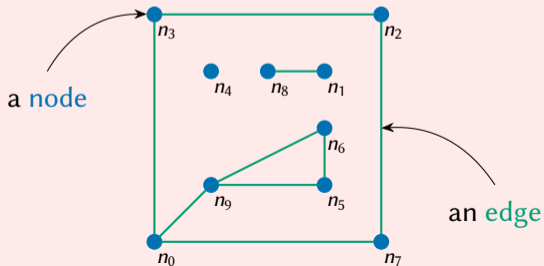
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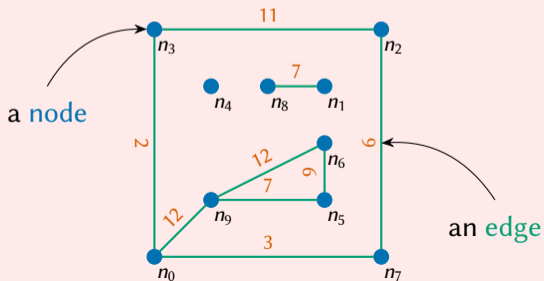
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Typically modeled via a *weight function* weight , e.g., $\text{weight} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.



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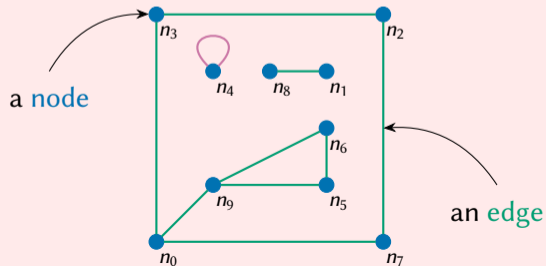
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(we will mostly ignore self-loops).

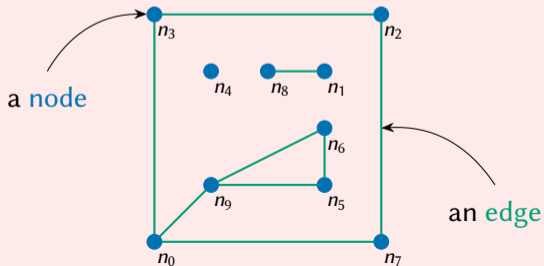


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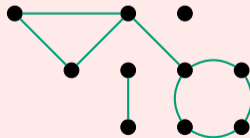
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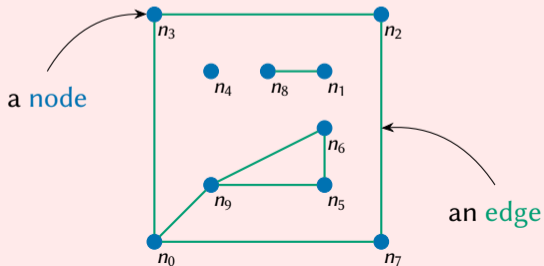


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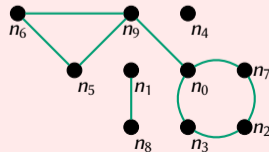
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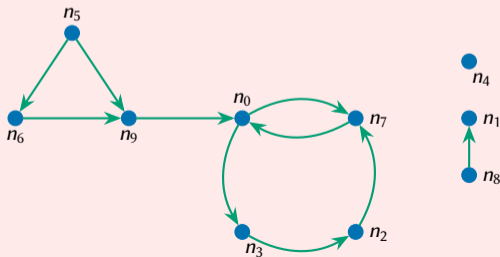


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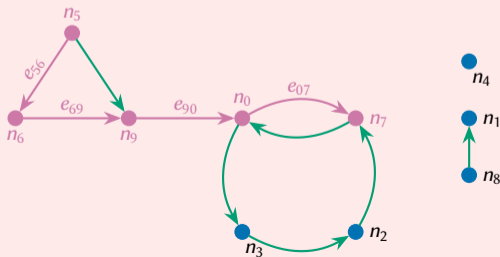
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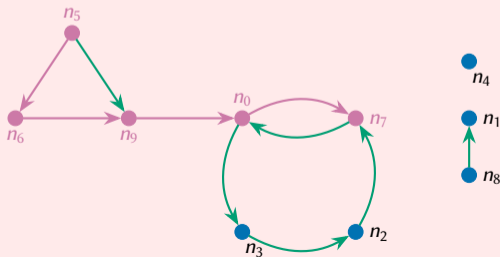
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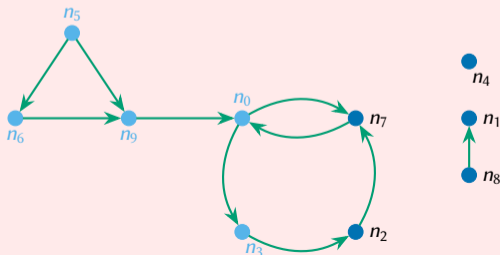
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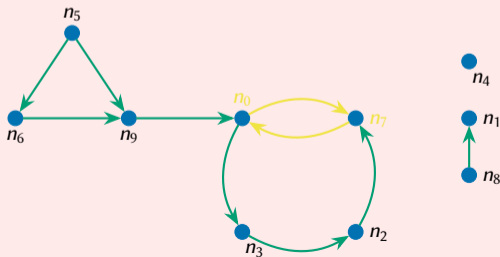
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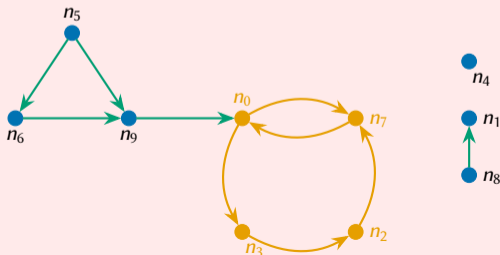
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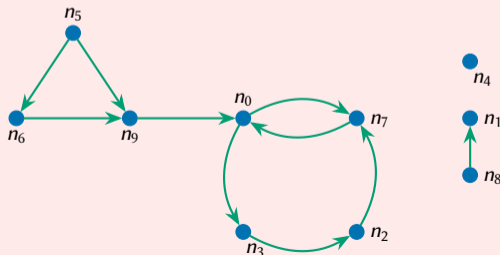
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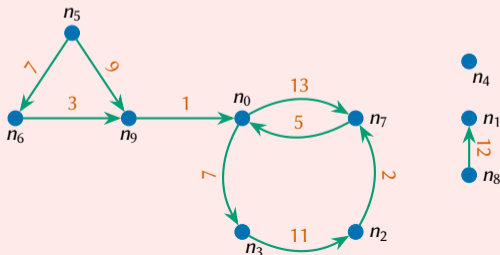
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Typically modeled via a *weight function* weight , e.g., $\text{weight} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.



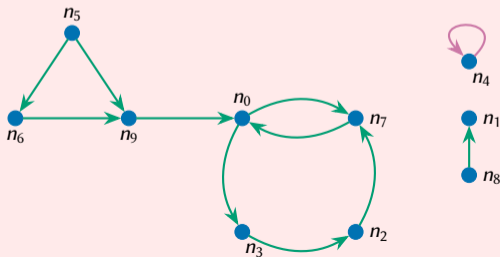
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(we will mostly ignore self-loops).



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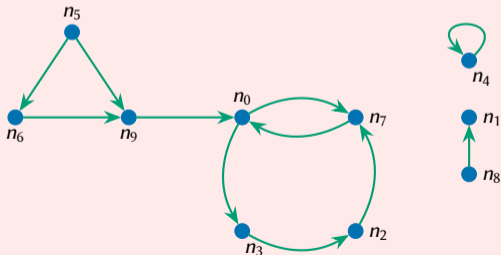
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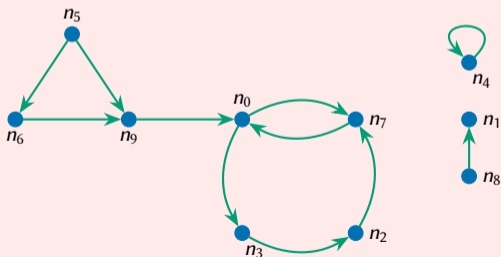
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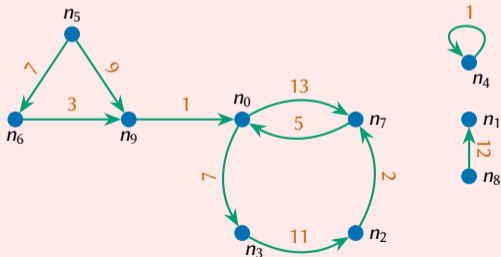
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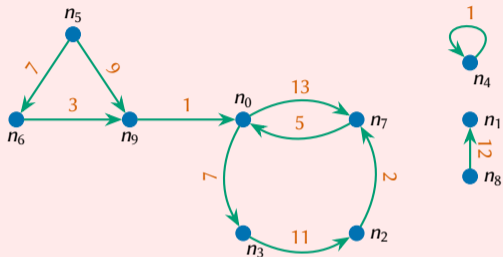
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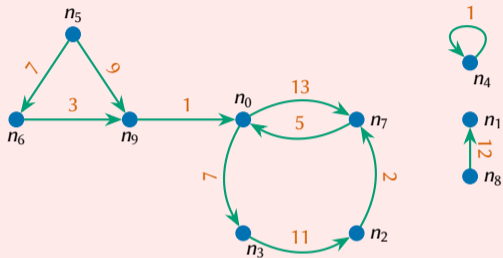
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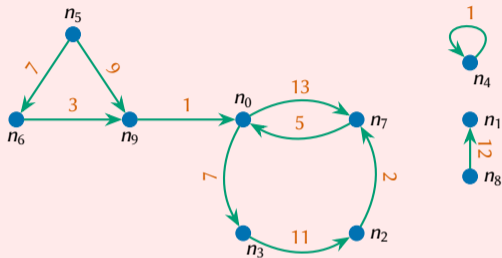
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If needed, one can also store *incoming edges* or *both*.
- ▶ $A[i]$ is a *bag*, e.g., linked list, dynamic array, search tree, hash table,
- ▶ A can be a *dynamic array* to support adding nodes efficiently.
- ▶ A can be a *dictionary* mapping nodes onto their adjacency lists.
Useful when nodes do not have identifiers, not all nodes have edges,

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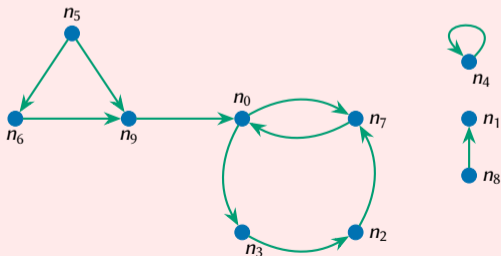
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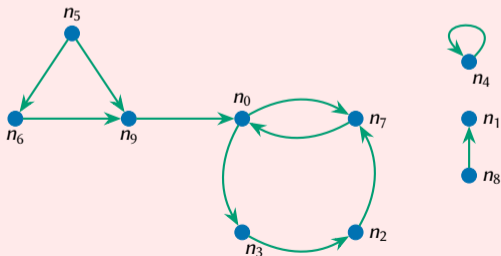
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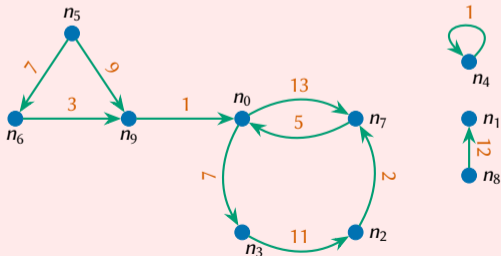
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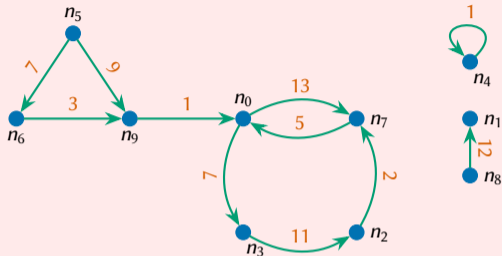
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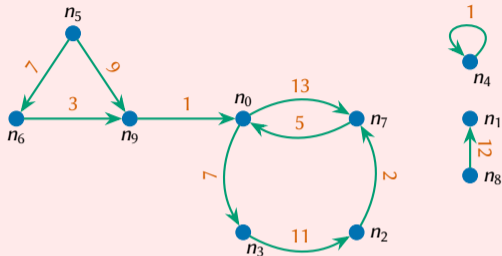
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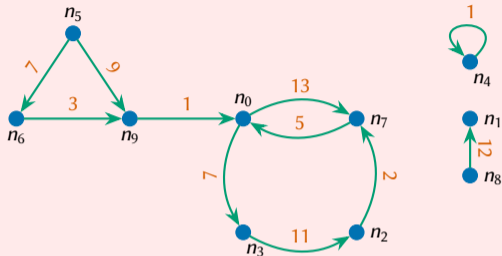


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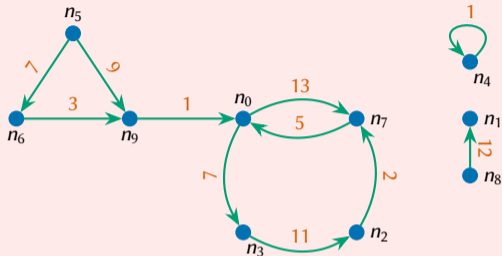


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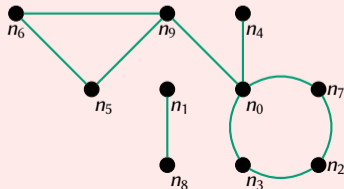
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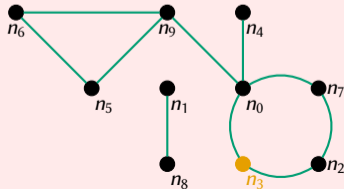
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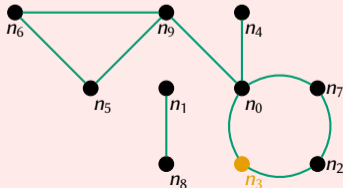
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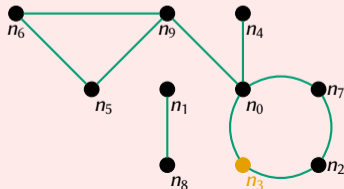
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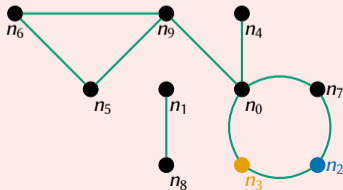
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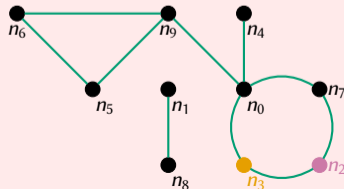
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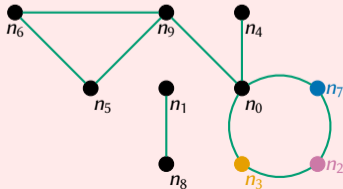
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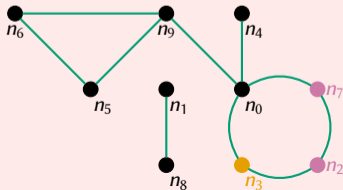
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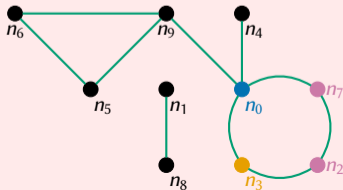
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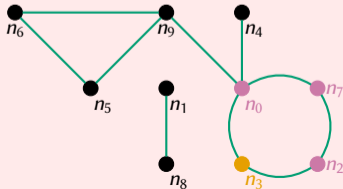
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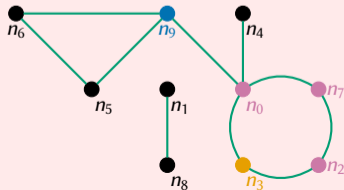
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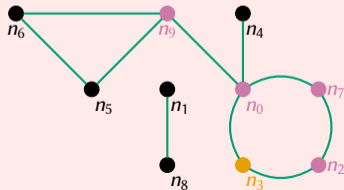
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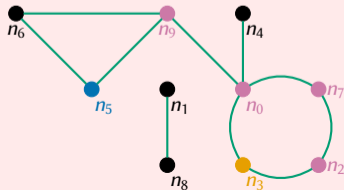
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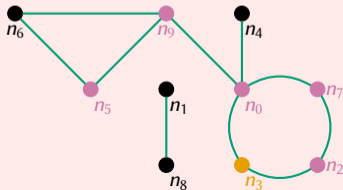
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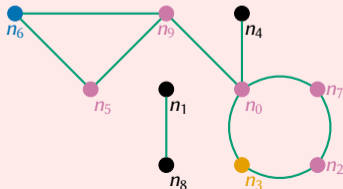
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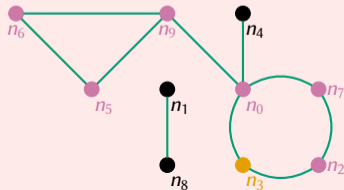
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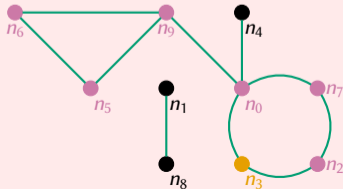
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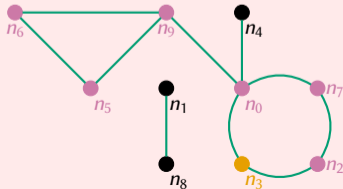
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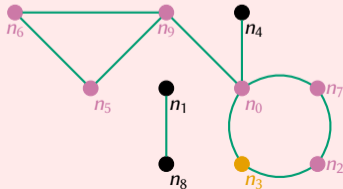
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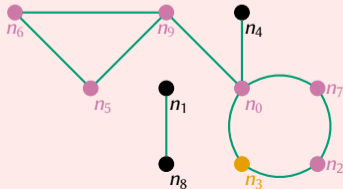
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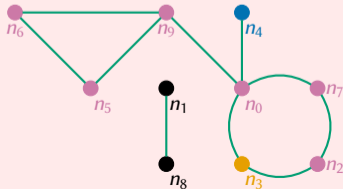
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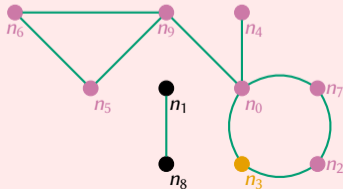
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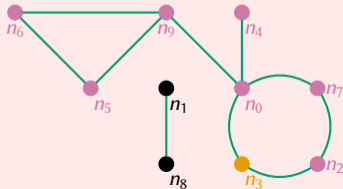
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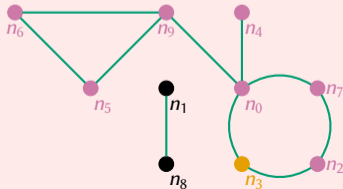
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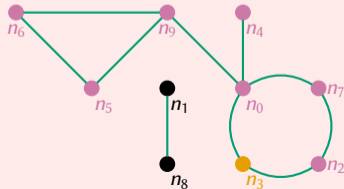
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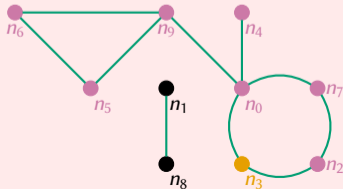
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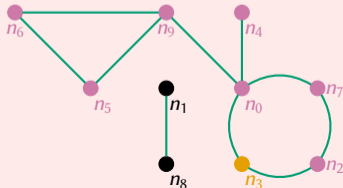
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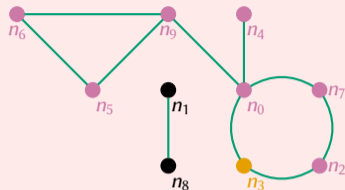
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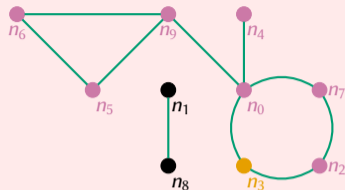
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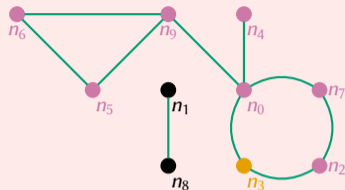
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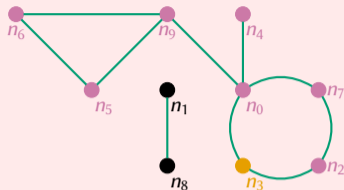
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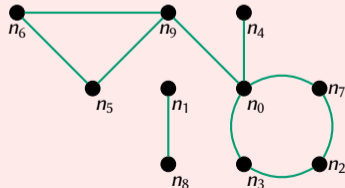

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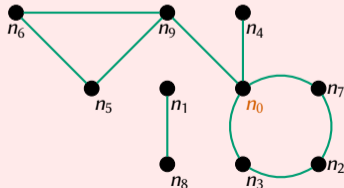
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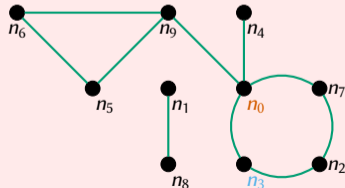
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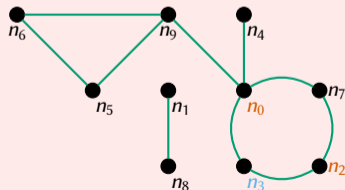
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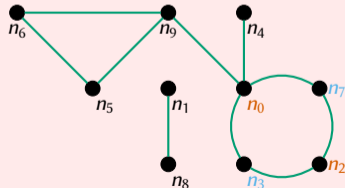
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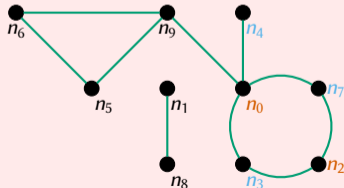
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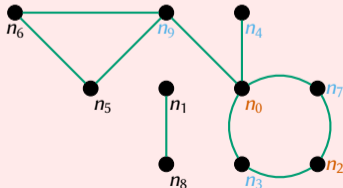
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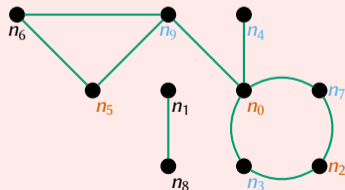
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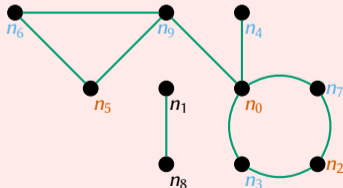
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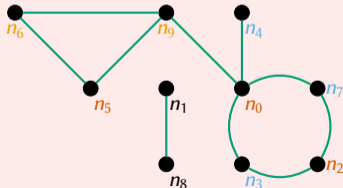
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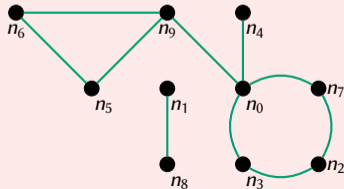
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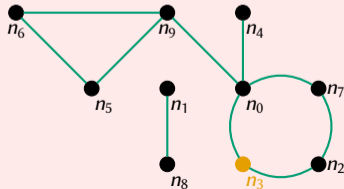
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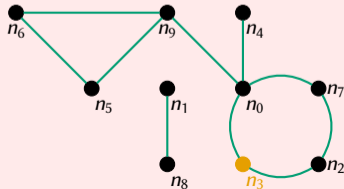
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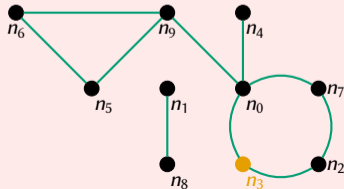
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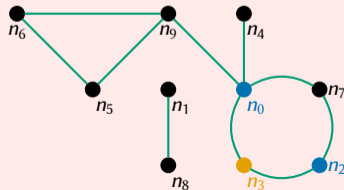
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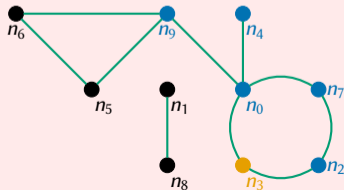
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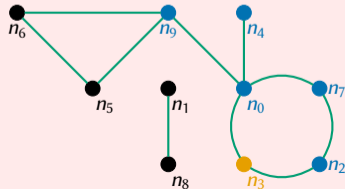
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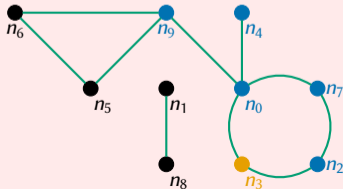
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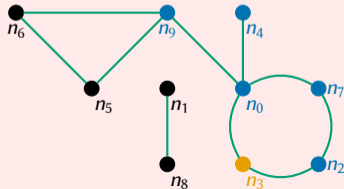
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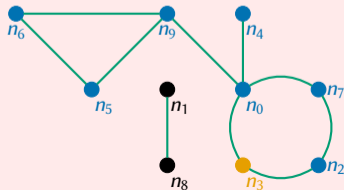
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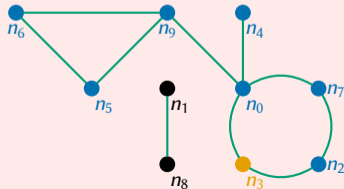
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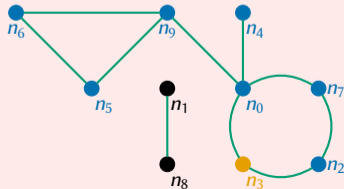
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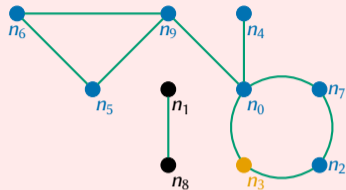
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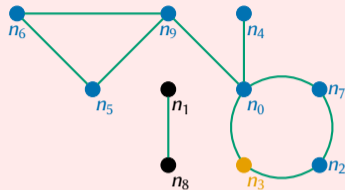
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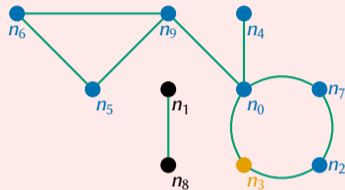
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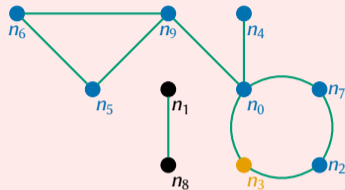
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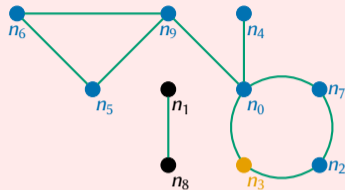


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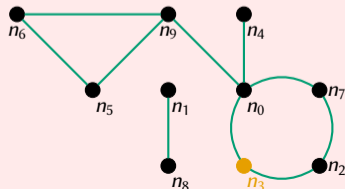
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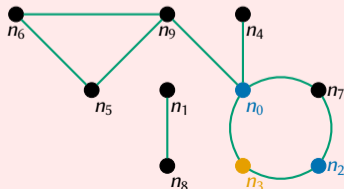
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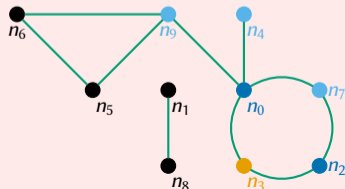
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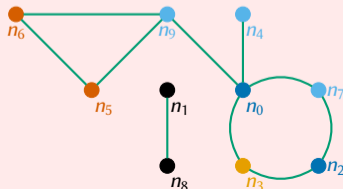
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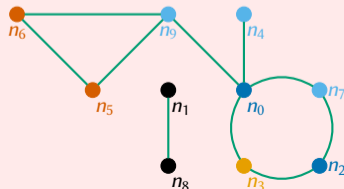
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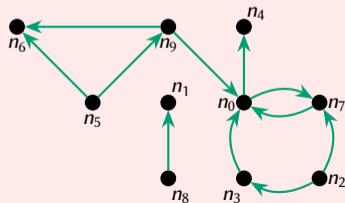
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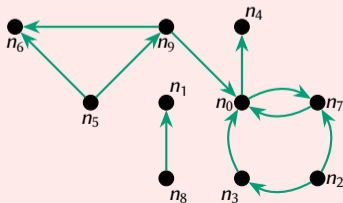
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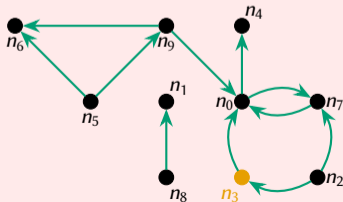
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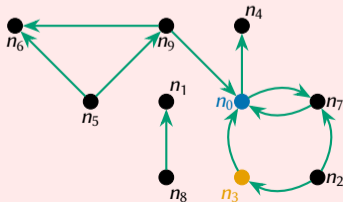
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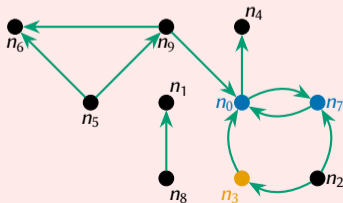
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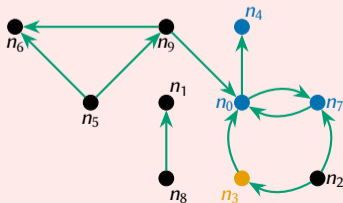
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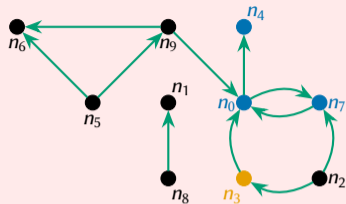
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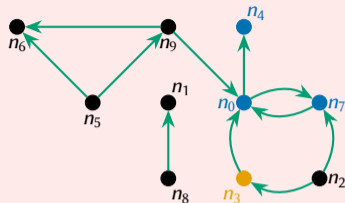


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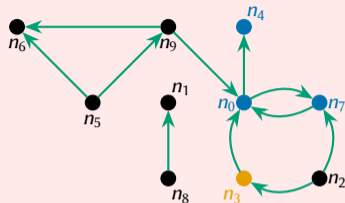
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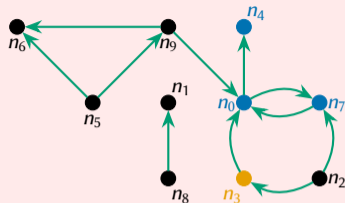
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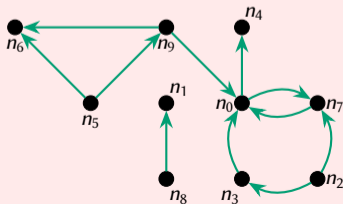
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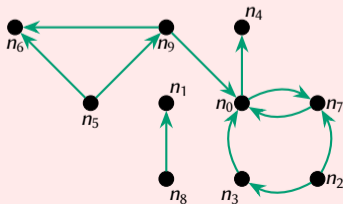


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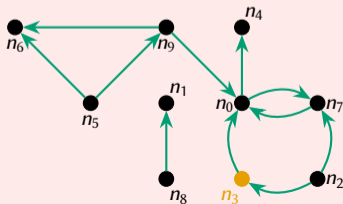


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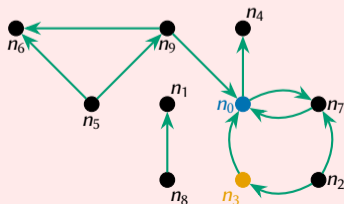


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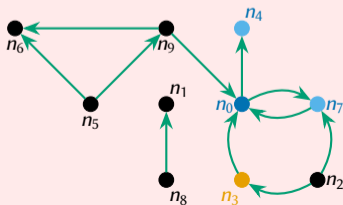


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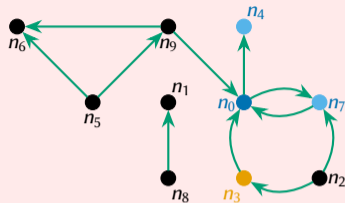
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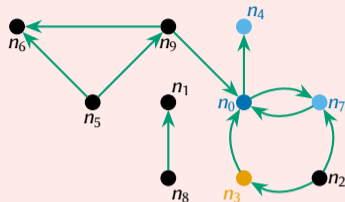


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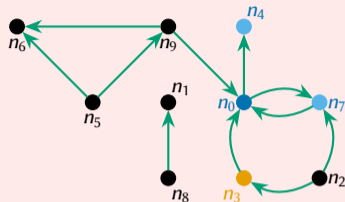
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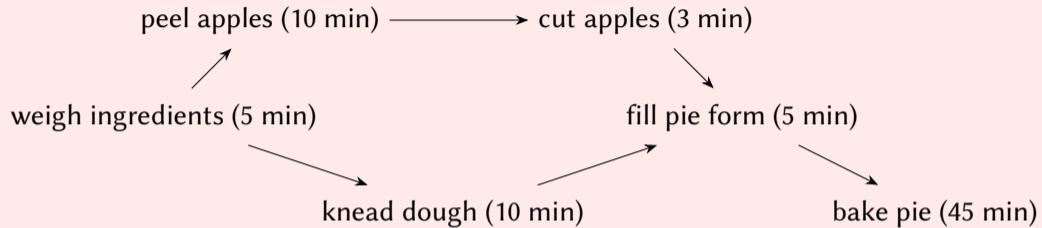
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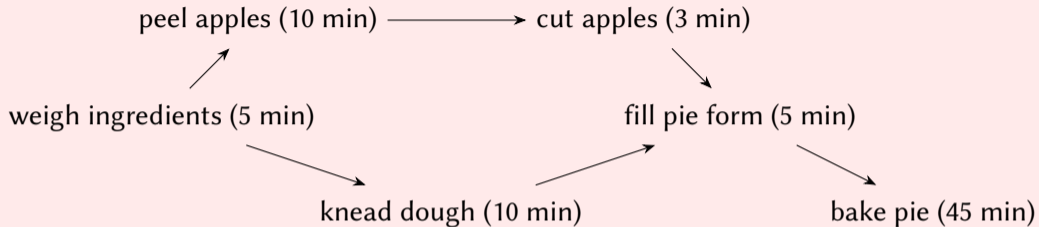
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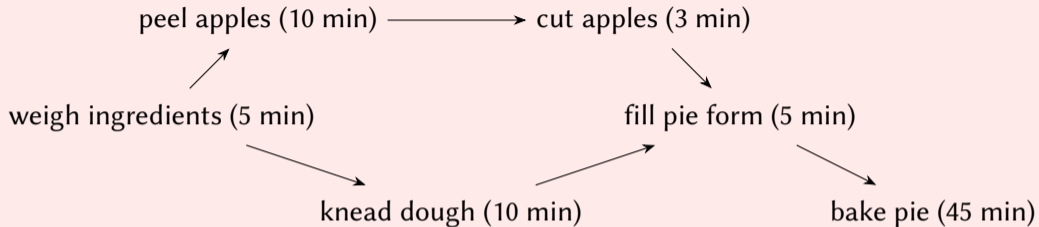


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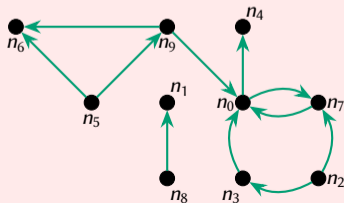
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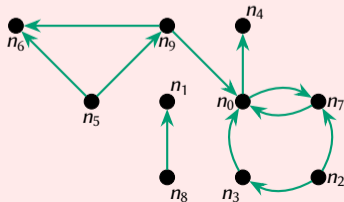
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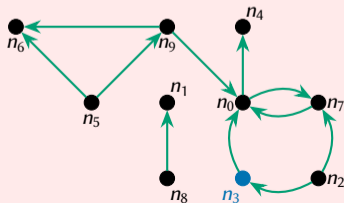
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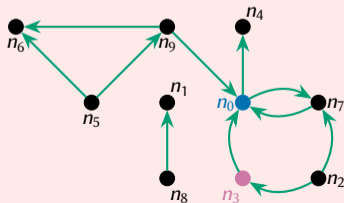
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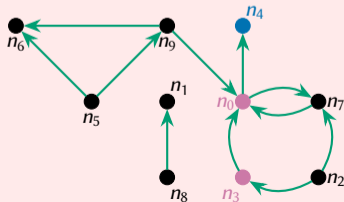
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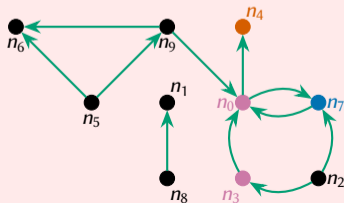
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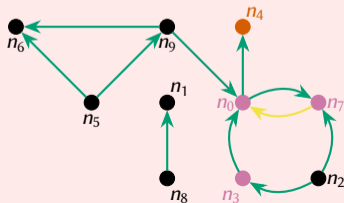
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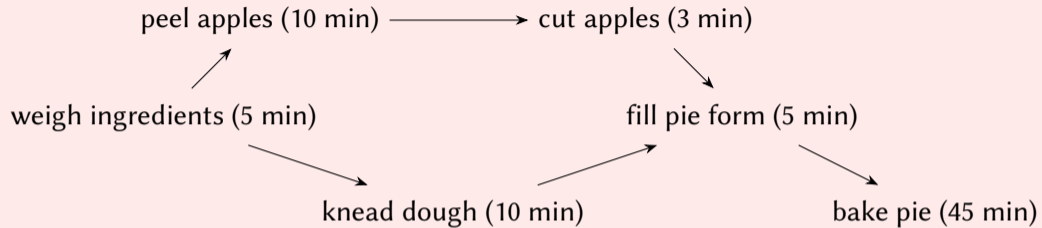
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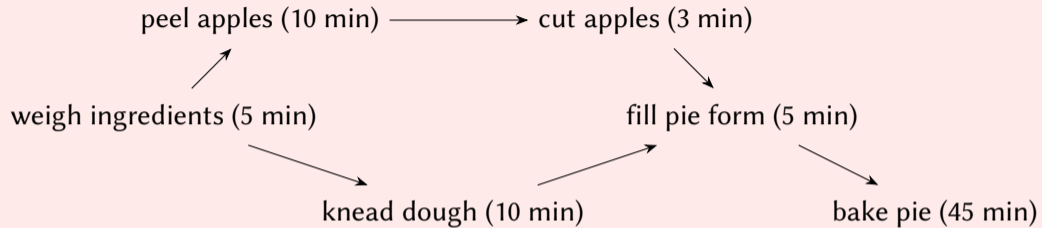
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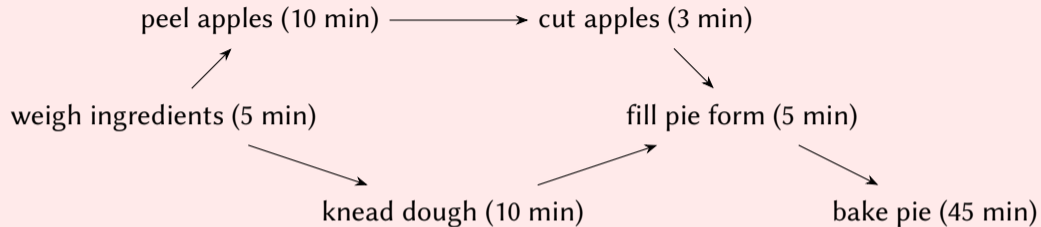
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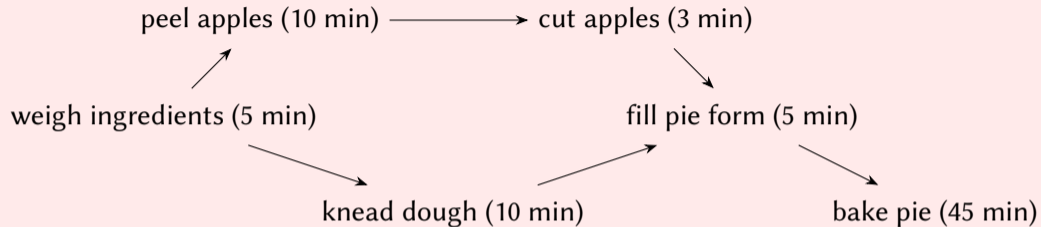


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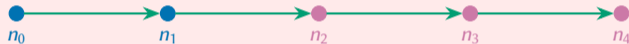
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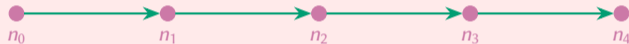
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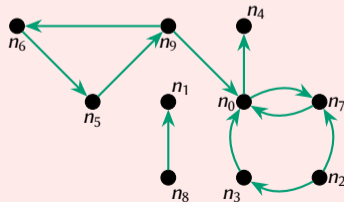
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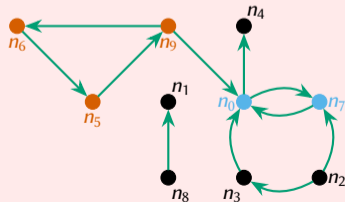
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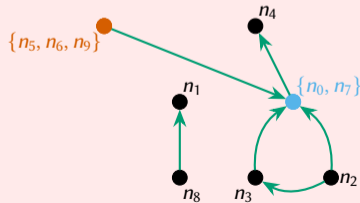
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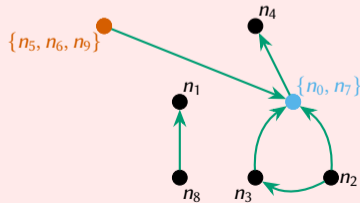
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