Labeling and Routing

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Preamble

This lesson is mainly based on Chapter 4 of the book entitled

"Introduction to Distributed Algorithms,"

by Gerard Tel [4].

Routing

In a network, a node can send packets of information directly only to a subset of nodes: its neighbors.

Routing: decision procedure by which a node selects one (or, sometimes, more) of its neighbors to forward a packet on its way to an ultimate destination.

Routing Algorithm: a decision-making procedure to perform routing and guaranteeing delivery of each packet.

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A illustrative example will be proposed later.

Main optimization criteria

1. **Minimum hop:** minimizing the number traversed edges.
2. **Shortest path:** a (non-negative) weight is statically assigned to each channel.

   Minimizing the sum of the weights of the traversed edges.
3. **Minimum delay:** a (non-negative) weight is dynamically assigned to each channel

   (weights are periodically revised depending on the traffic).

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Labeling

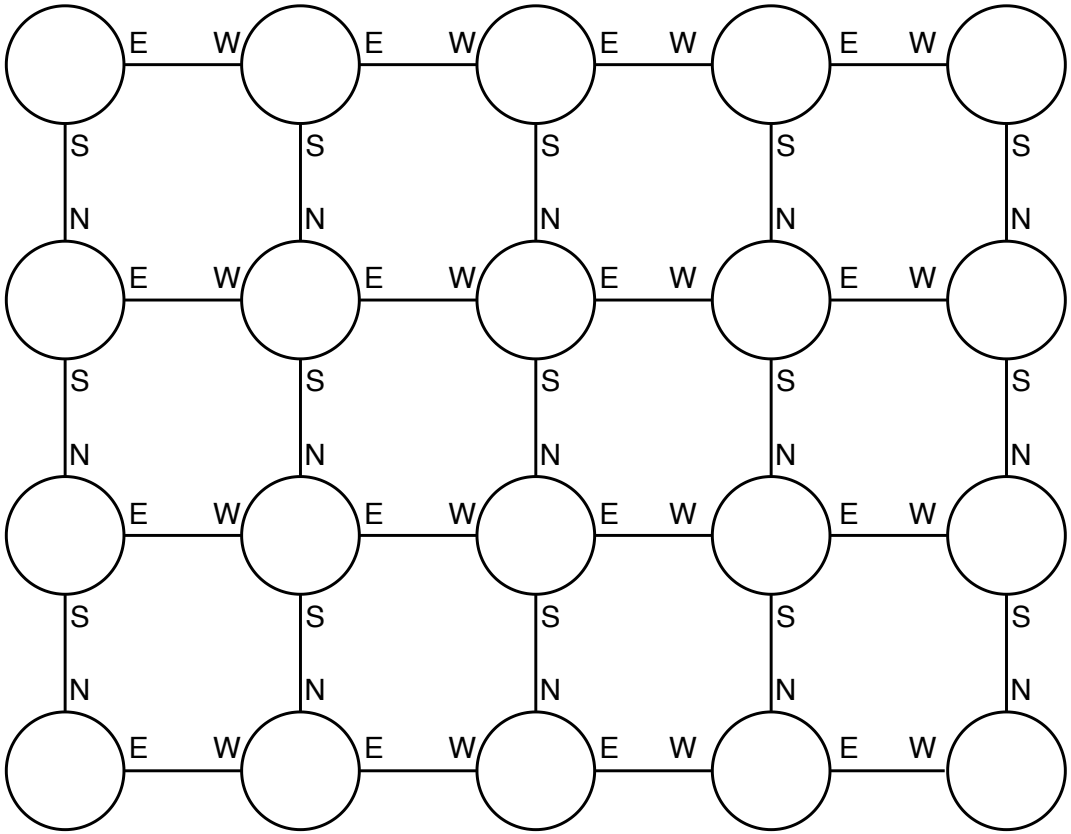
Labeling consists of assigning (or re-assigning) labels to nodes and/or channels.

Usually,

- node labels are unique in the network,
- while channel labels are unique only at the incident node.

Illustrative Example (channel labeling)

N-S-E-W sense of direction in a $(\ell \times L)$-grid with $\ell > 1$ and $L > 1$



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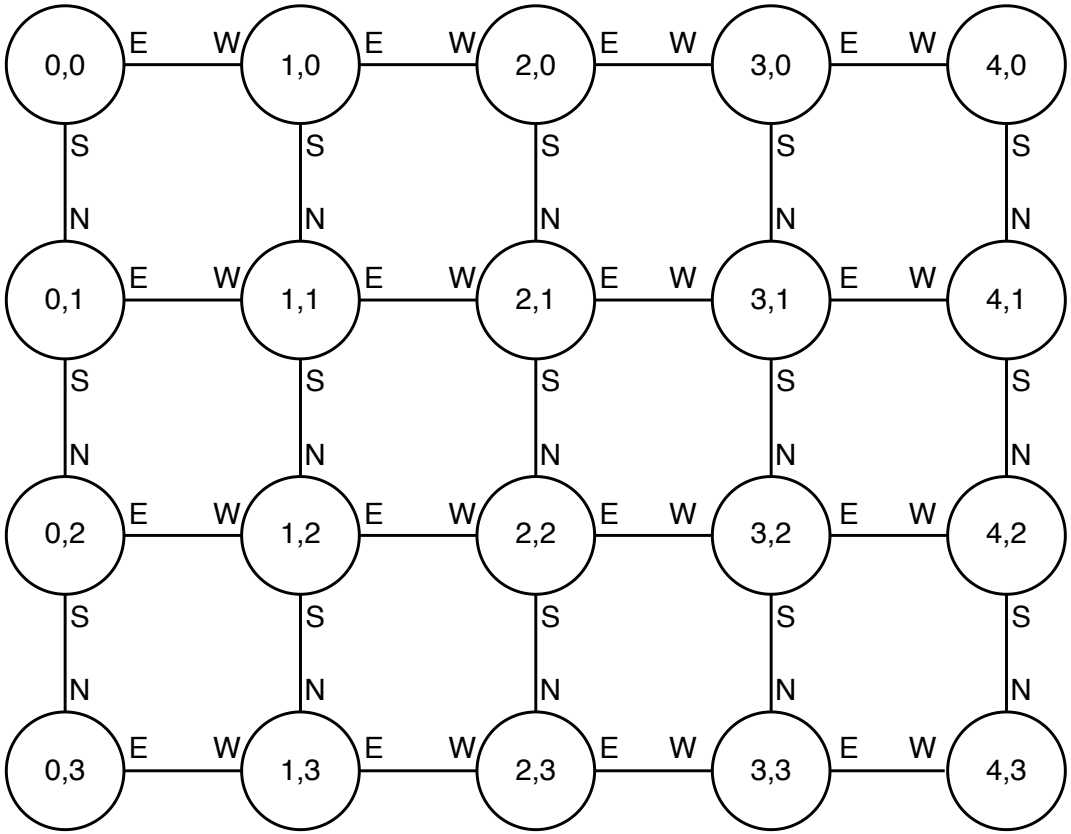

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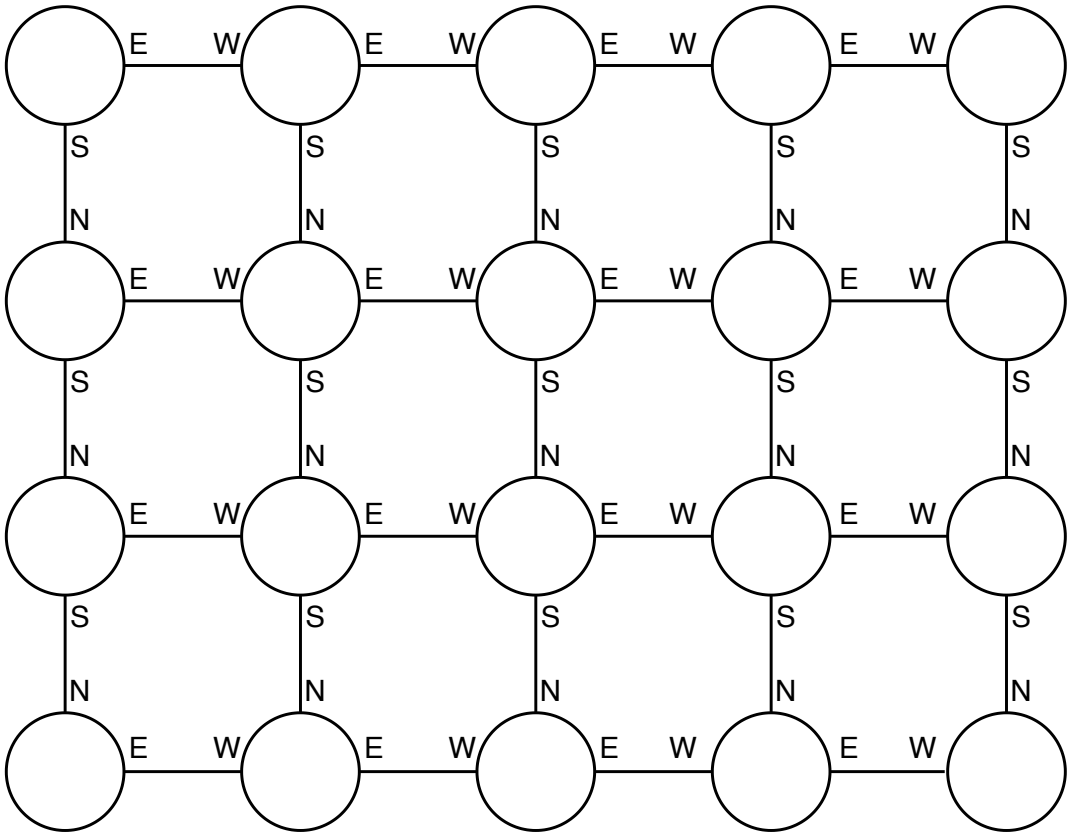

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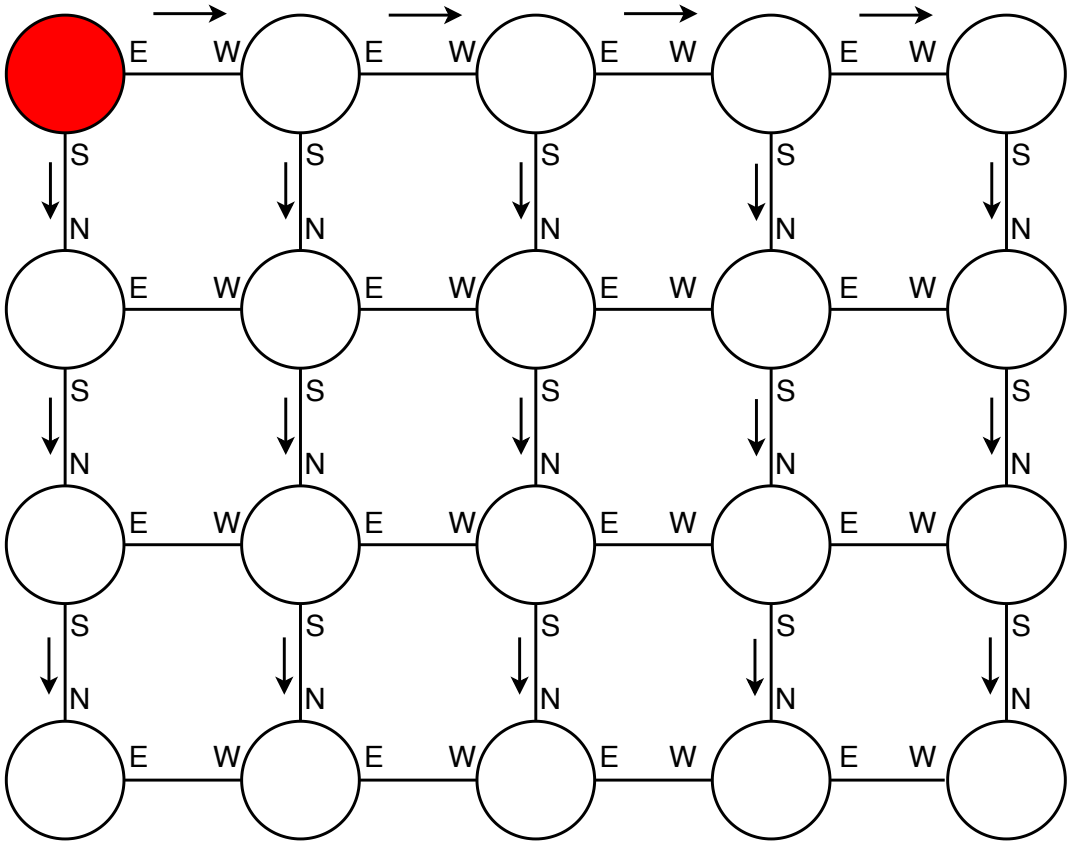

Node labeling, code for node p: the Algorithm

Inputs

1: $Labels \subseteq \{N, S, E, W\}$: labels of channels incident to p

Variables

2: $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$

Initialization ▷ All Initiators

3: **if** $Labels = \{E, S\}$ **then** ▷ Top-Left Corner
4: $(x, y) \leftarrow (0, 0)$
5: `Send` $\langle x, y \rangle$ `to` $\{S, E\}$
6: **end if**

Receipt of $\langle a, b \rangle$ **from** N ▷ Along a column

7: $(x, y) \leftarrow (a, b + 1)$
8: **if** $S \in Labels$ **then**
9: `Send` $\langle x, y \rangle$ `to` S
10: **end if**

Receipt of $\langle a, b \rangle$ **from** W ▷ Along the uppermost row

11: $(x, y) \leftarrow (a + 1, b)$
12: **if** $E \in Labels$ **then**
13: `Send` $\langle x, y \rangle$ `to` E
14: **end if**
15: `Send` $\langle x, y \rangle$ `to` S

Observations

1. From all-initiators to multi-initiators: wake-up the leader using flooding
   (*cf.*, distributed computing courses)
2. Time complexity: $\ell + L - 2$ rounds, optimal

   N.b., in case $\ell = L$, $\ell = L = \sqrt{n}$, where n is the number of nodes, so $2\sqrt{n} - 2$
3. Message complexity: $\ell \times L - 1 = n - 1$, optimal
4. Message size: $O(\log \ell + \log L)$ bits per message
5. Memory requirement: $O(\log \ell + \log L)$ bits per node
6. **Termination detection is missing**

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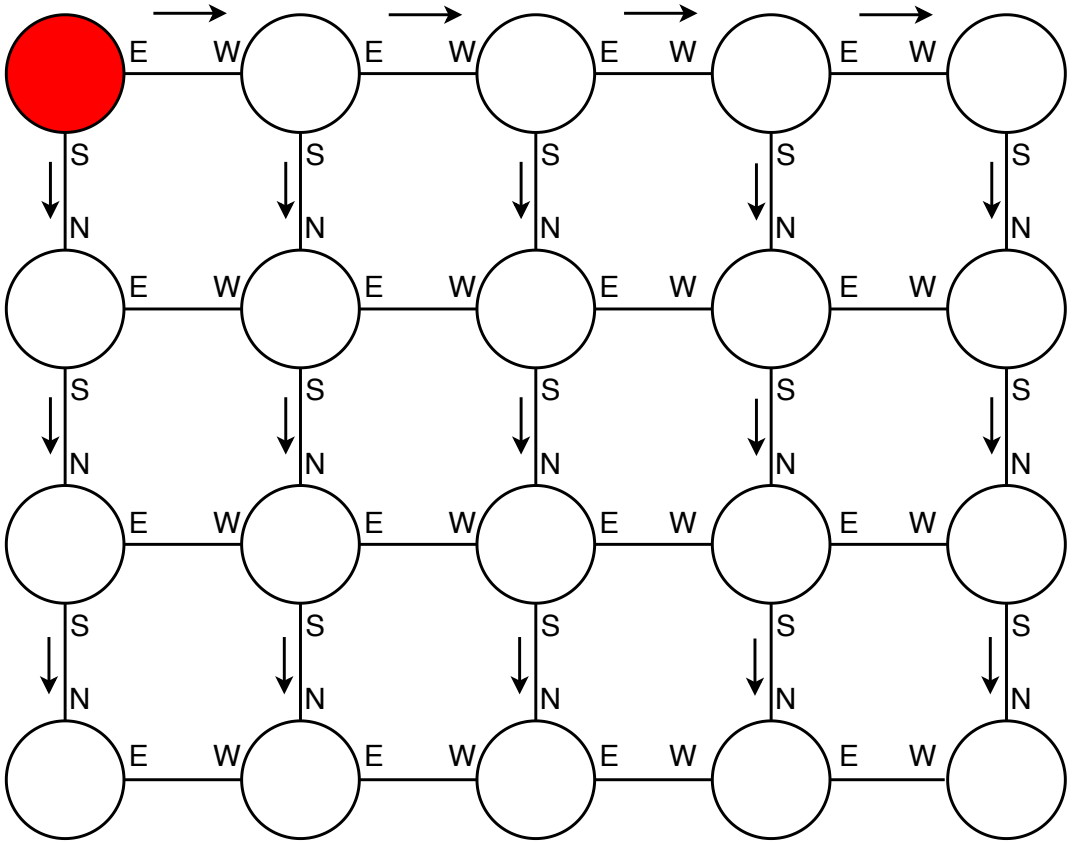

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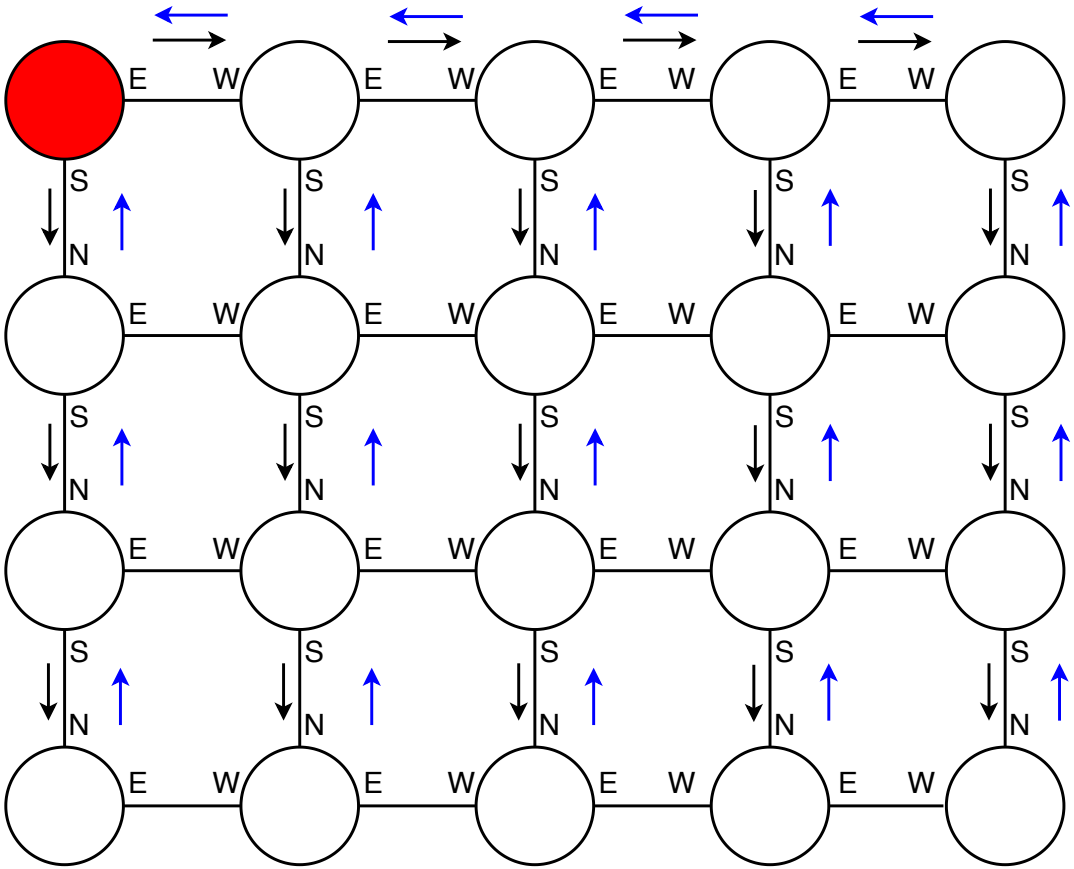

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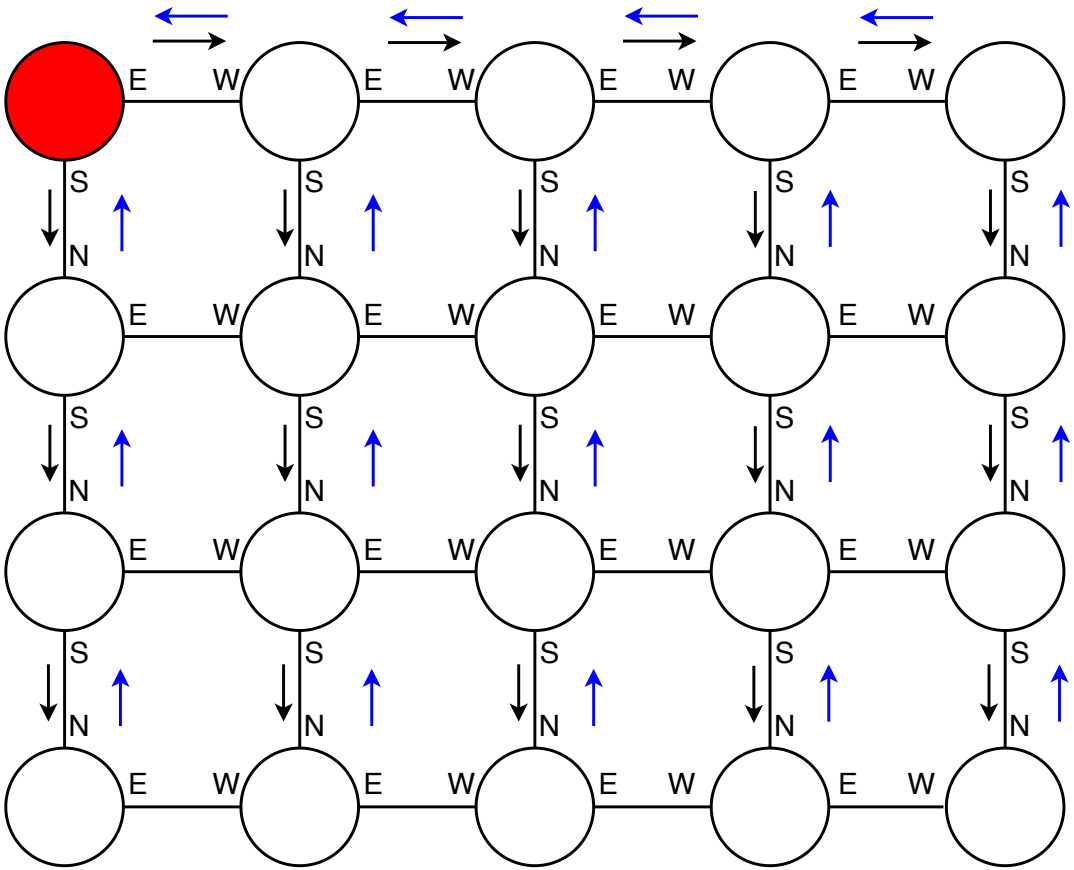

Remark: global termination detection requires an additional flooding initiated by $(0, 0)$

Adding Termination Detection at $(0,0)$, the algorithm

Add variable *Cpt* initialized to 0

Receipt of $\langle a, b \rangle$ **from** N

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2: **if** $S \in Labels$ **then**
3: Send $\langle x, y \rangle$ to S
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12: $Cpt++$
13: **if** $Cpt = 2$ **then**
14: **if** $Labels = \{S, E\}$ **then**
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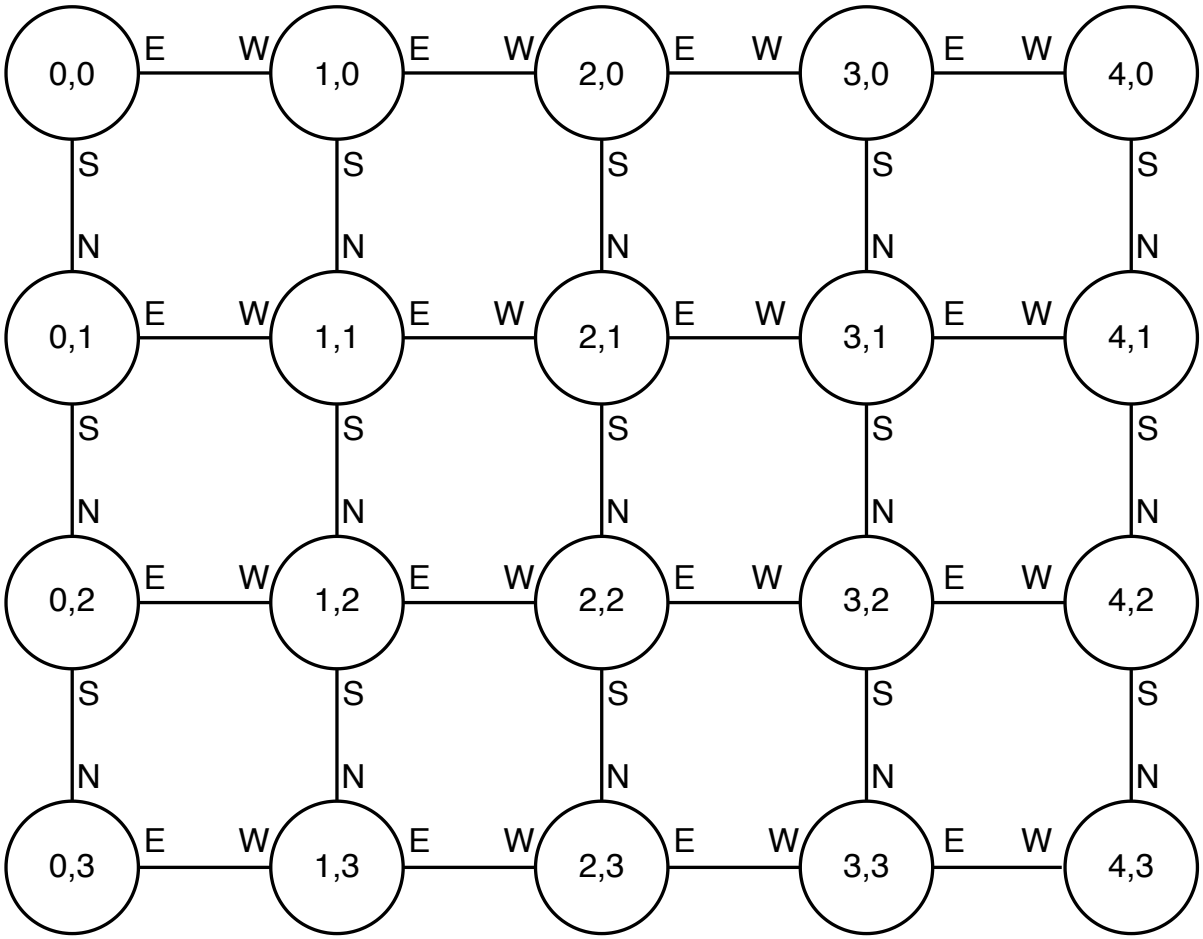

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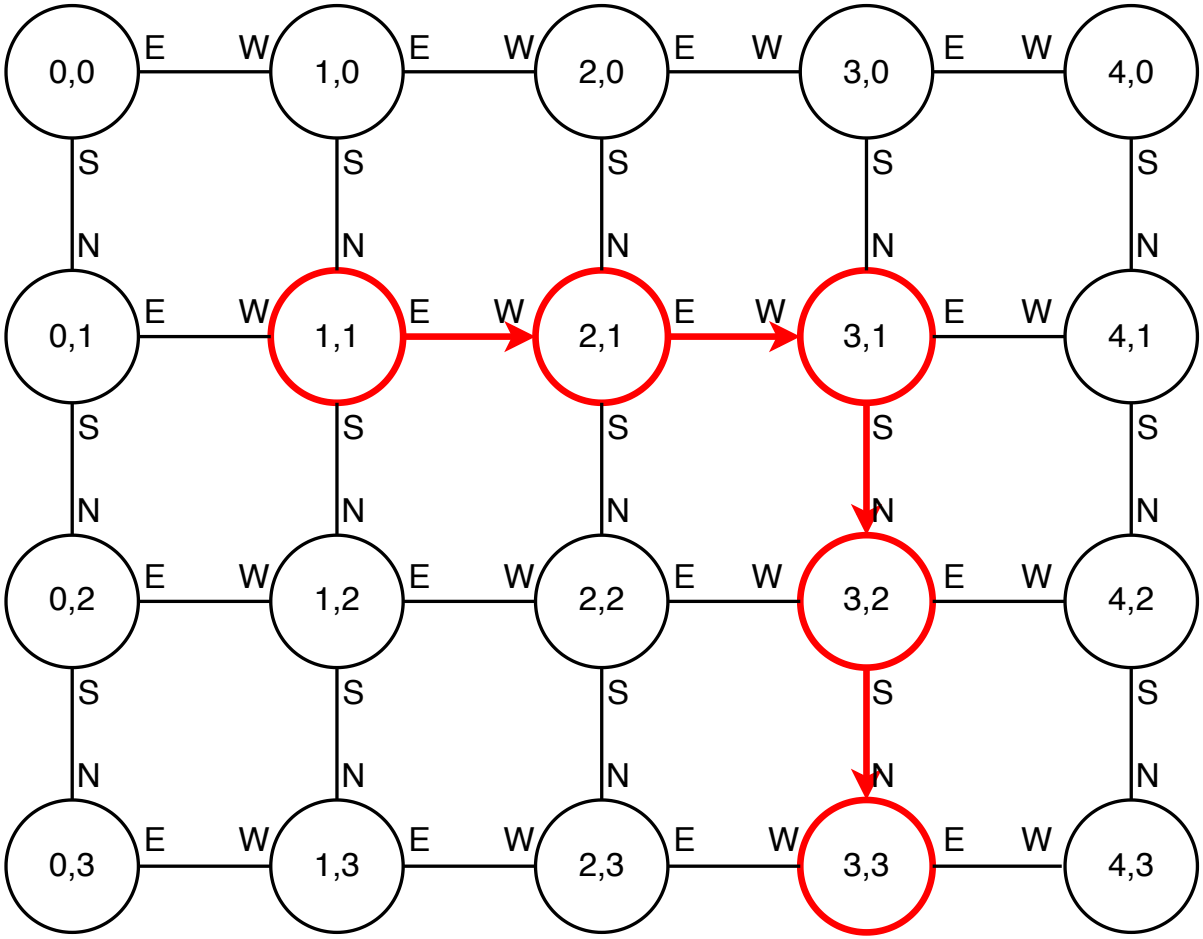

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Function `Latitude`(nx,ny)

1: **if** $y < ny$ **then**
2: `return` S
3: **end if**
4: `return` N

Function `Longitude`(nx,ny)

1: **if** $x < nx$ **then**
2: `return` E
3: **end if**
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Function `Routing`(D,nx,ny)

1: **if** $nx = x \wedge ny = y$ **then**
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Inputs

1: $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2$: label of the source node
2: $Data$: data to transmit (initiator only)
3: (dx, dy): destination label (initiator only)

Initialization

4: `Routing`$(Data,dx,dy)$

Receipt of $\langle D, nx, ny \rangle$ **from** c

5: `Routing`(D,nx,ny)

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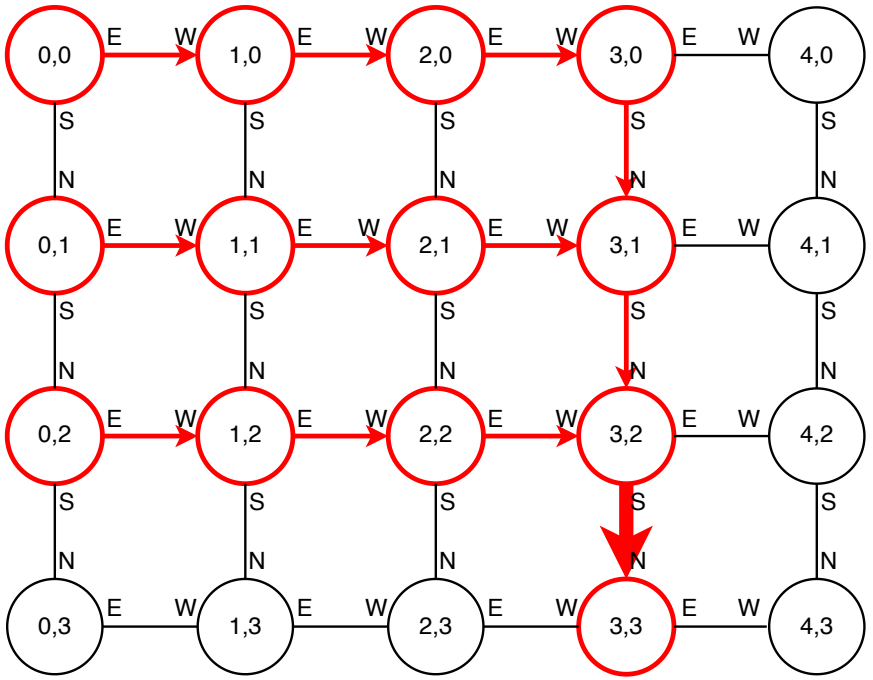

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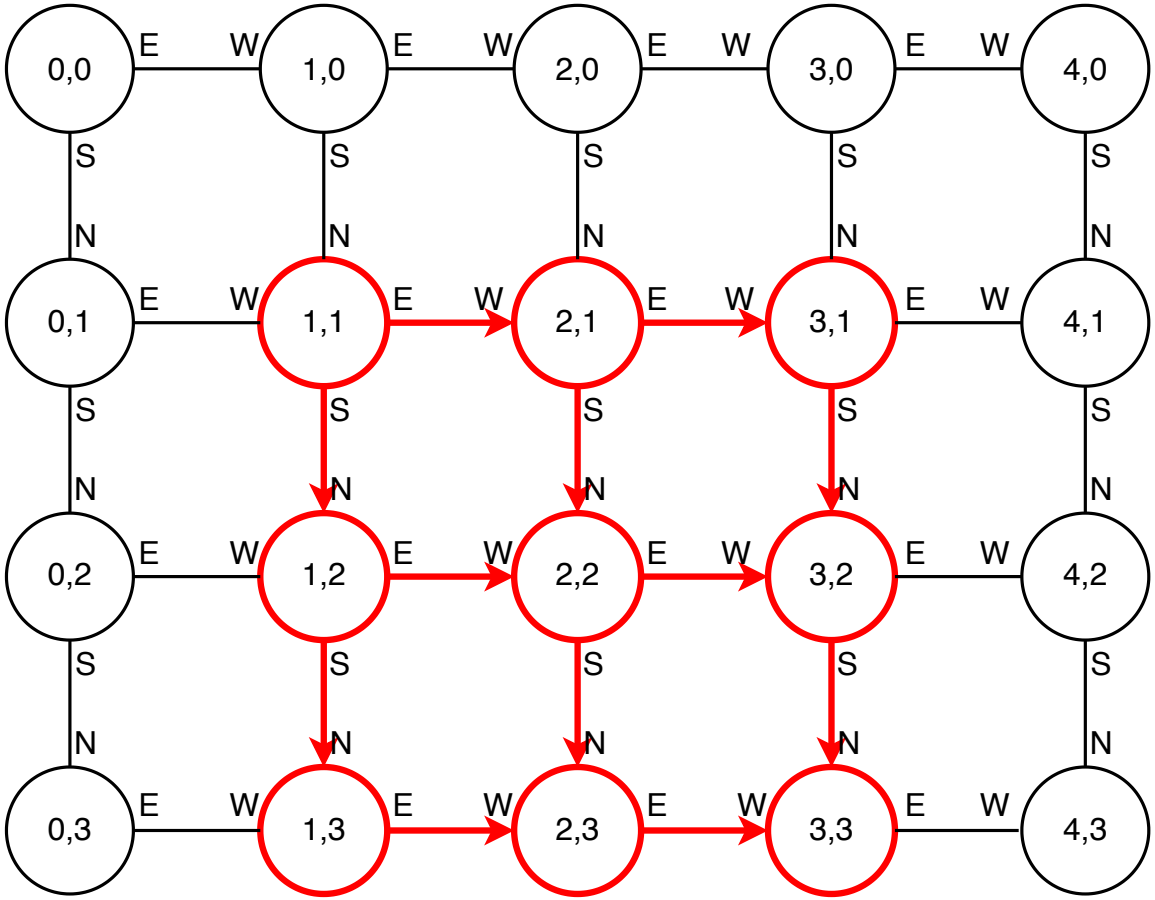

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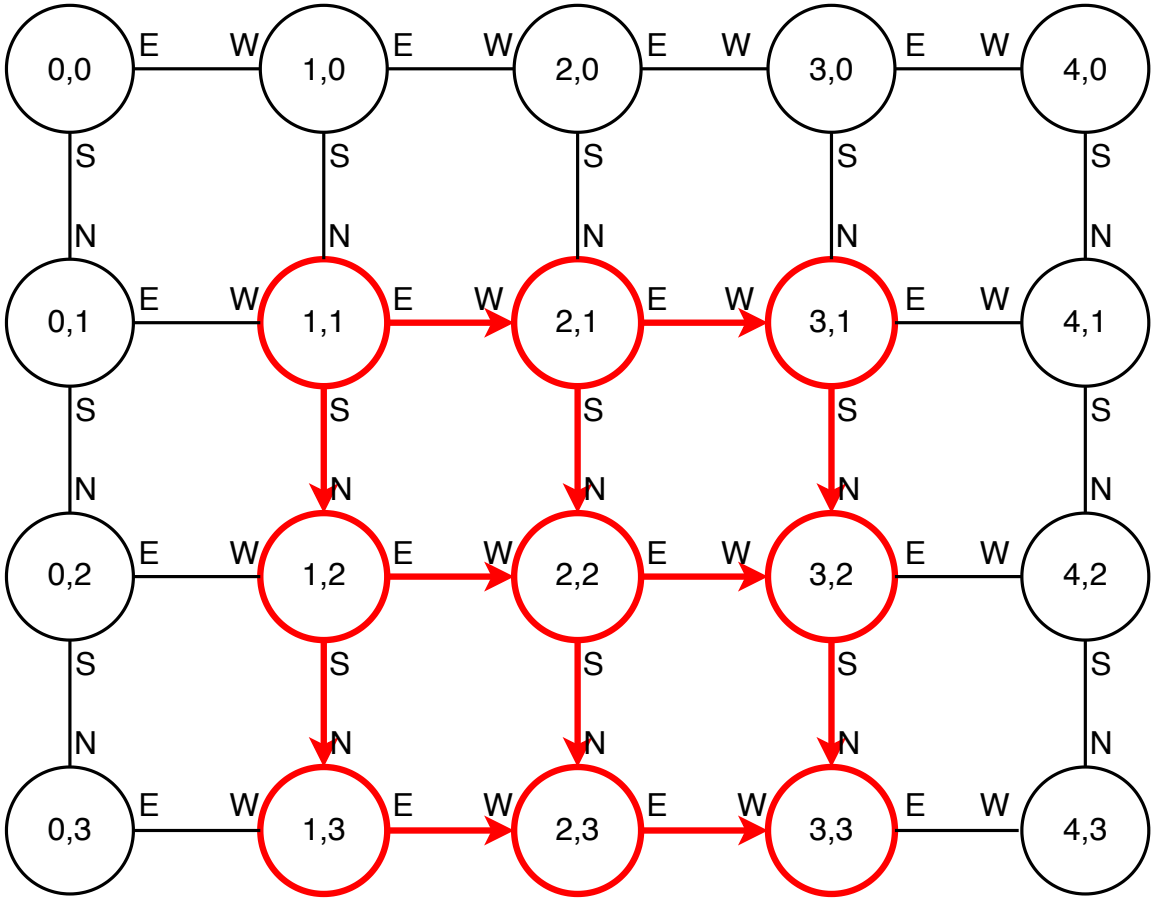

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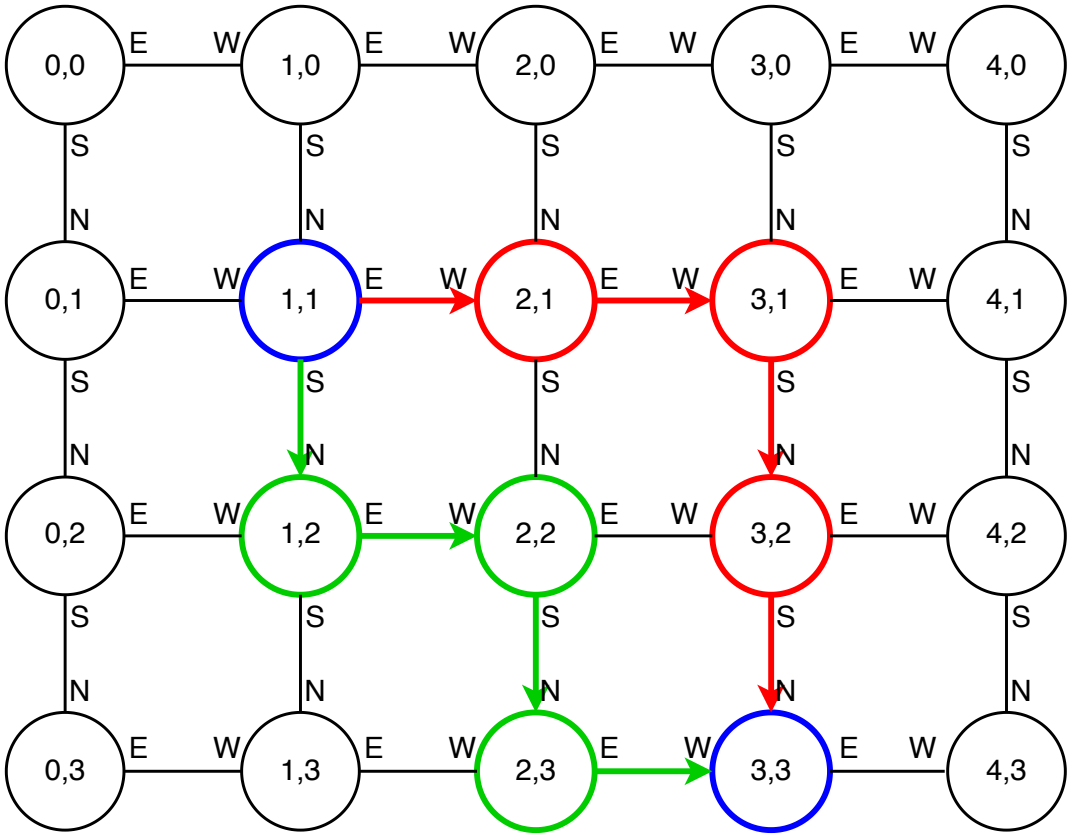

E.g., M_A sent through the green path before M_B, sent through the red path. Yet M_B may be delivered before M_A.

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Goal: compact routing tables by generalizing the grid example to arbitrary connected networks.

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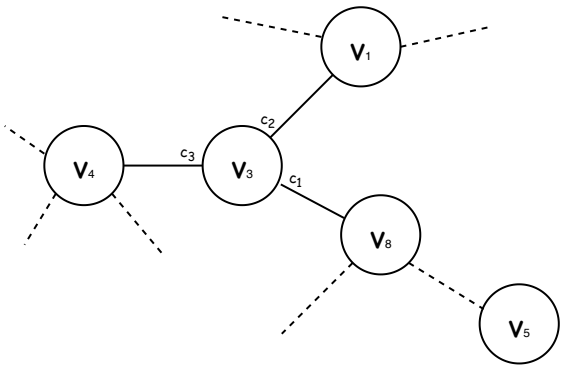
c_i: port number, local at the node, usually $\in [1..\delta_{v_i}]$ (δ_{v_i}: degree of v_i)



"Brute-force" routing table at v_3:

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v_4	c_3
v_5	c_1
...	...
v_8	c_1
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Memory requirement:
$\Omega(n \times (\log n + \log \delta_{v_i}))$ at each node v_i, where n is the total number of nodes.

"Compact" routing table at v_3:

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c_1	..., v_5, ..., v_8, ...
c_2	..., v_1, ...
c_3	..., v_4, ...

Memory requirement: only δ_{v_i} cells, depends on how compactly the set of destinations for each channel can be represented.

Two ways for compacting routing tables

- **Tree-labeling Scheme**, by Santoro and Khatib [3]
- **Interval Routing**, by Leeuwen and Tan [5]

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Remark: It is a re-labeling ! Nodes already have labels: their identifiers, which a immutable. The goal of this new labeling is to compute new **small pairwise distinct labels that encodes information helping the routing**.

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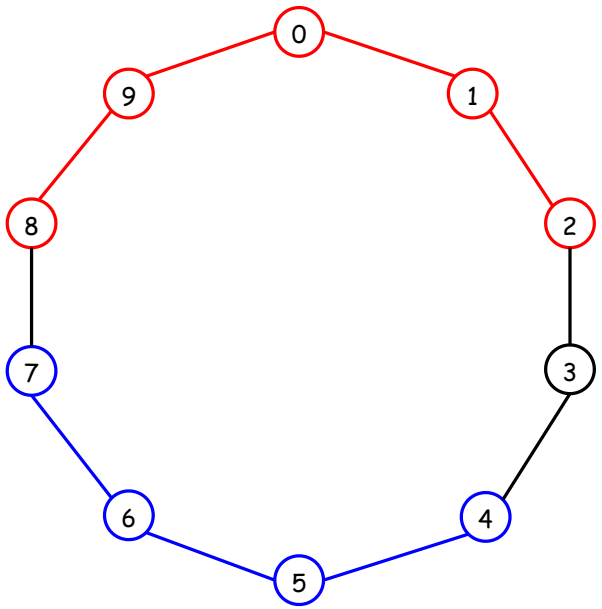

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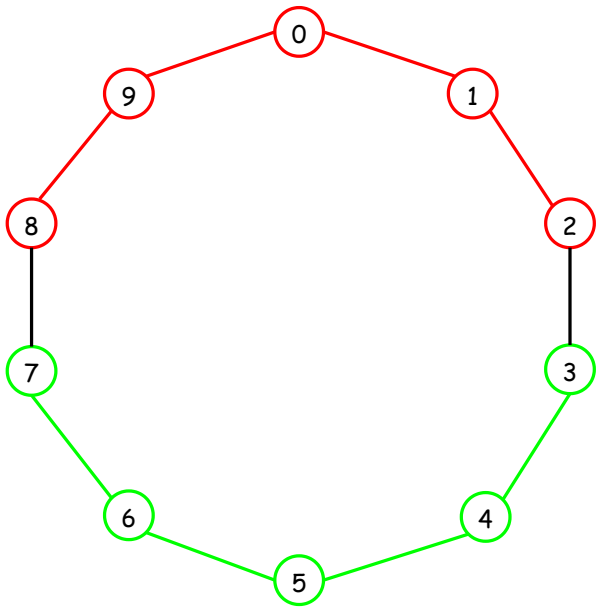

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Idea

For each node u of T:

- assign a (new) unique label $l_u \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ to u
- order channel from 1 to δ_u and assign a label $\alpha_i(u)$ to the ith channel outgoing from u

in such a way that for each node v:

- either $l_v = l_u$ (and so $v = u$)
- or $l_v \neq l_u$ and there exists $i \in \{1, \ldots, \delta_u\}$ such that
  - $l_v \in [\alpha_i(u), \alpha_{(i \bmod \delta_u)+1}(u))$ and
  - the link designated by $\alpha_i(u)$ is on the path from u to v

Routing using labels and cyclic intervals

The algorithm

Given a packet p with destination label d at node u.

if $d = l_u$ **then**
    `deliver` p
else
    let $\alpha_i(u)$ such that $d \in [\alpha_i(u), \alpha_{i \bmod \delta_u + 1}(u))$
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end if

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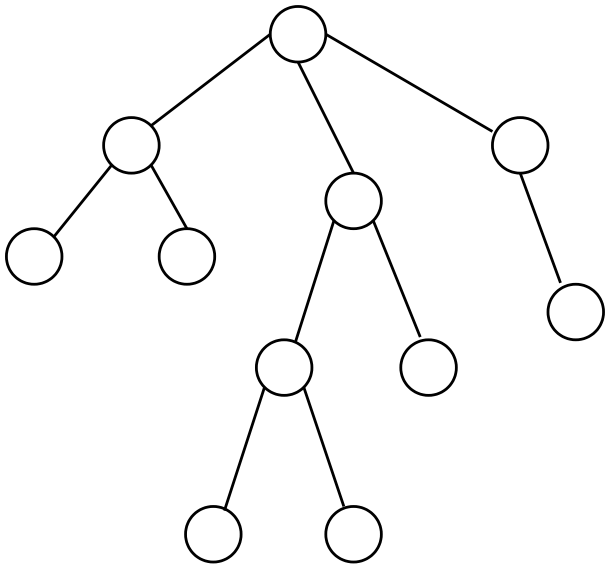

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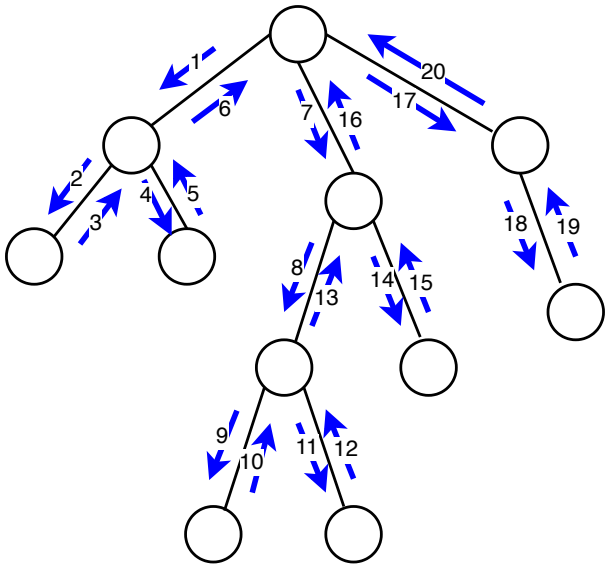

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(computed by a token circulation in $2n - 2$ rounds)

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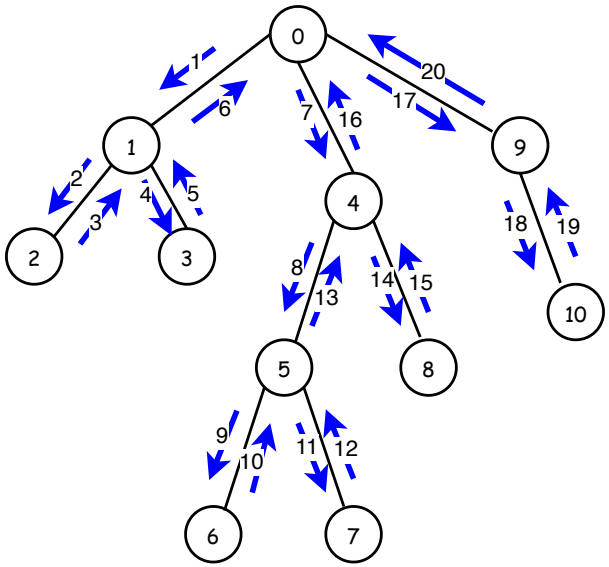

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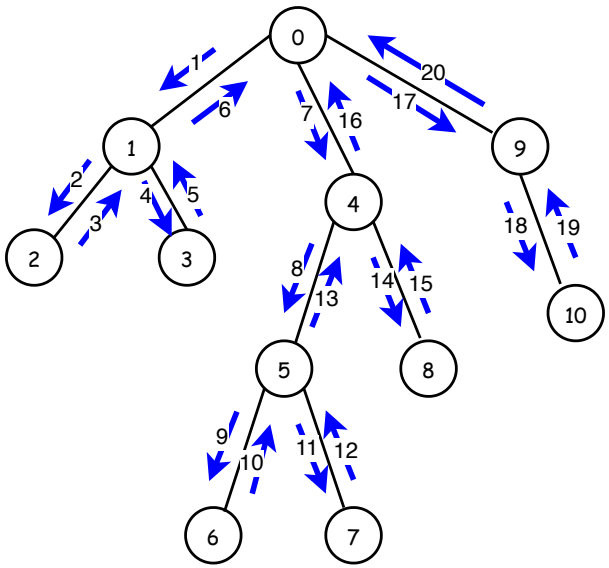

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   E.g., for node with label 4, we have:
   $4 + 5 = 9 \leq 11$

2. Labels in $T(u) : \{l_u, \ldots, l_u + |T(u)| - 1\}$

   E.g., nodes in the subtree of the node with label 4 are numbered from 4 to 8 (*i.e.*, 4+5-1)

3. Let v and w be two children of u such that l_w is the label immediately greater than l_v among the labels of u's neighbors: $l_w = l_v + |T(v)|$

   E.g., consider the children of the root of label 1 and 4: $4 = 1 + 3$

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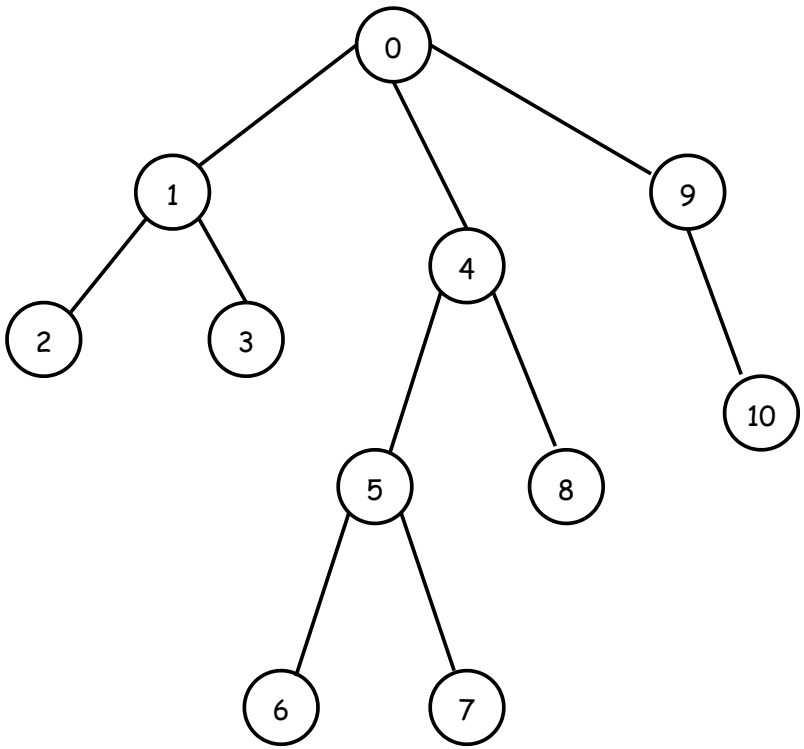

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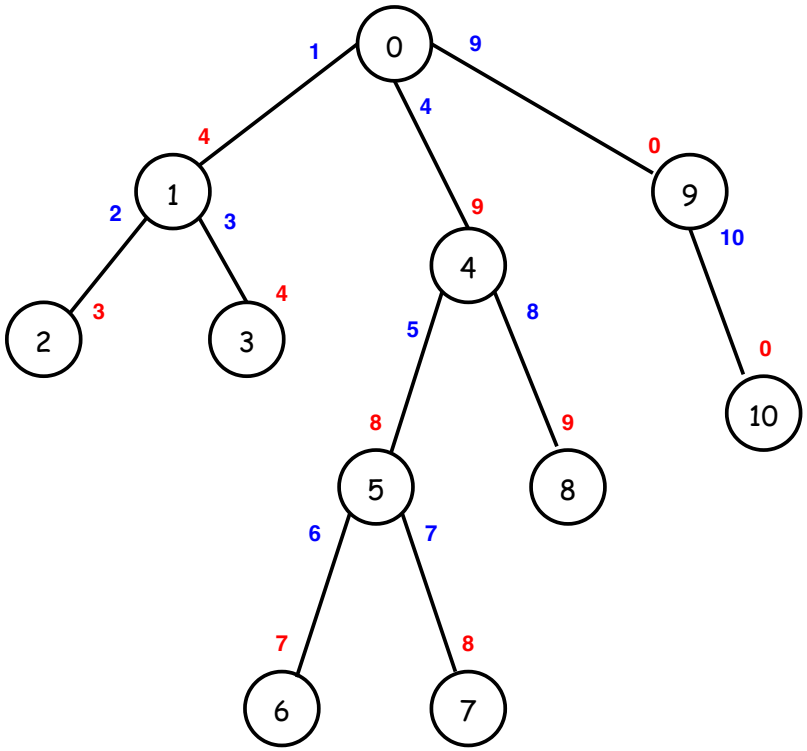

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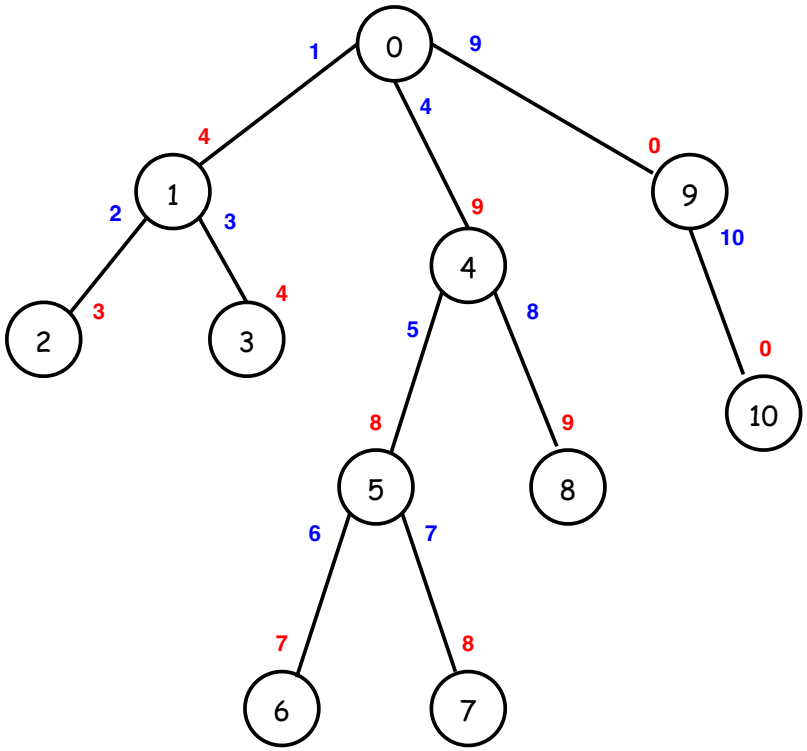

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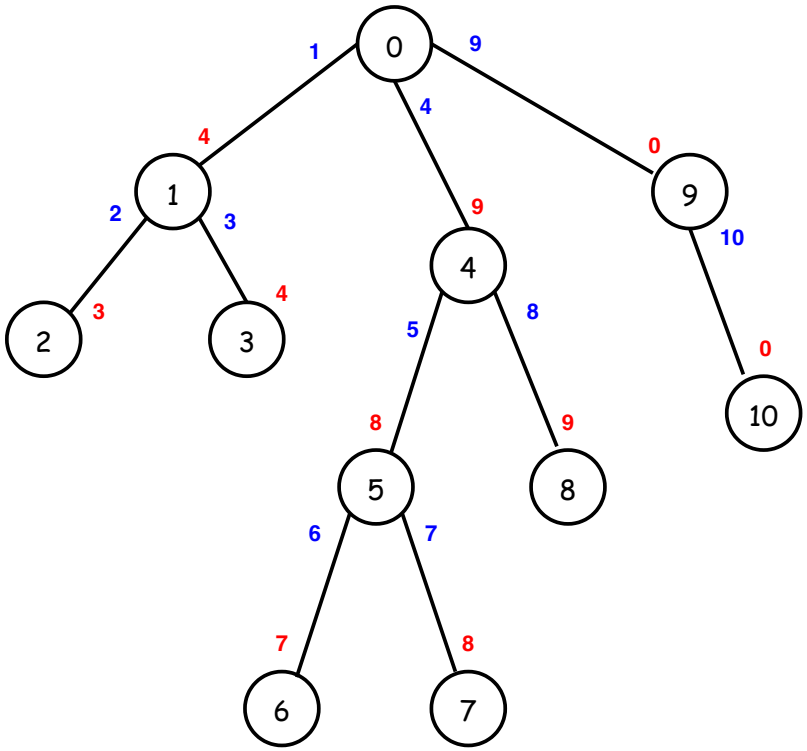

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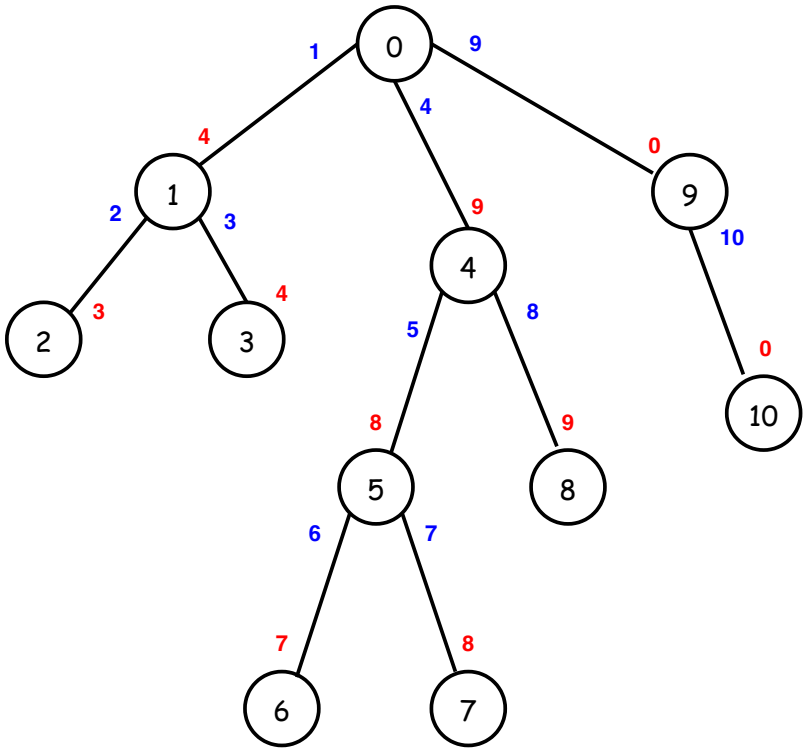

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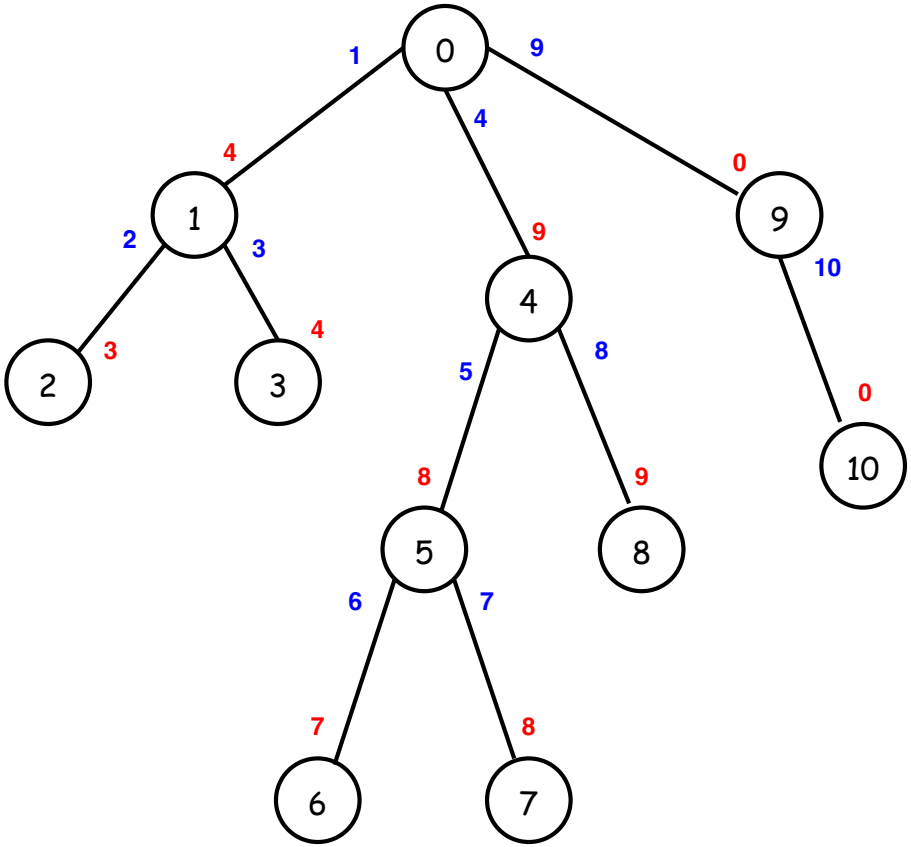

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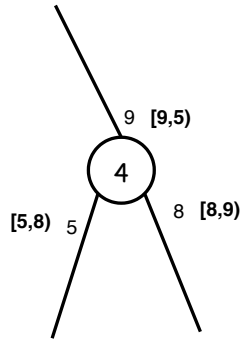

Local view at node u of label 4

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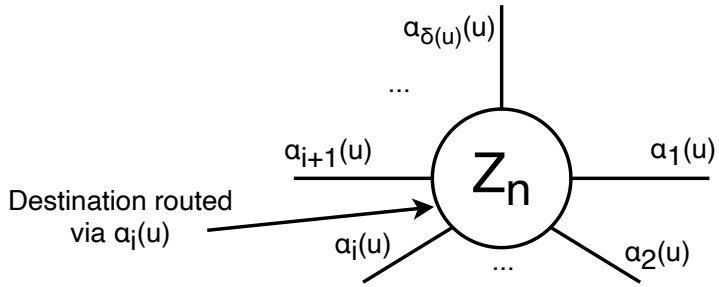

General scheme

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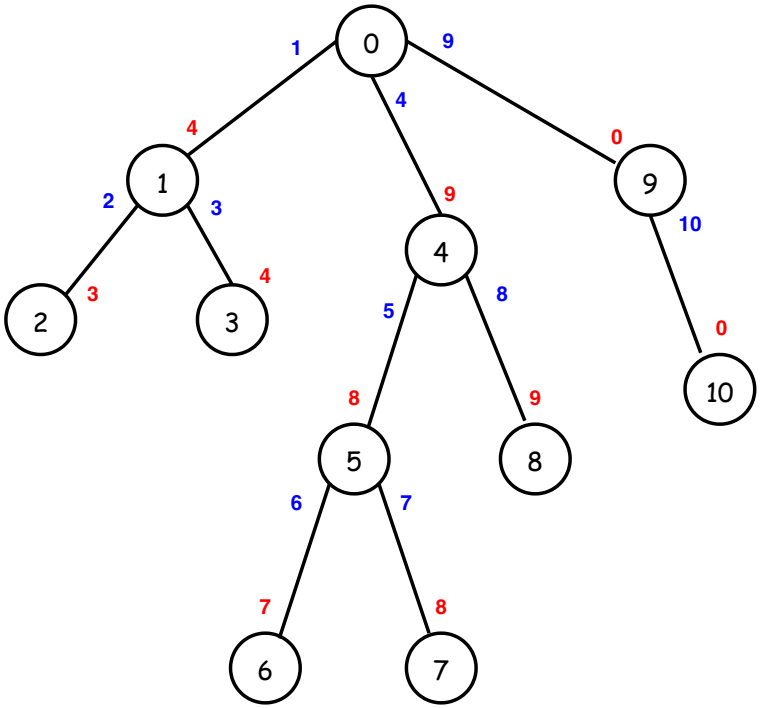

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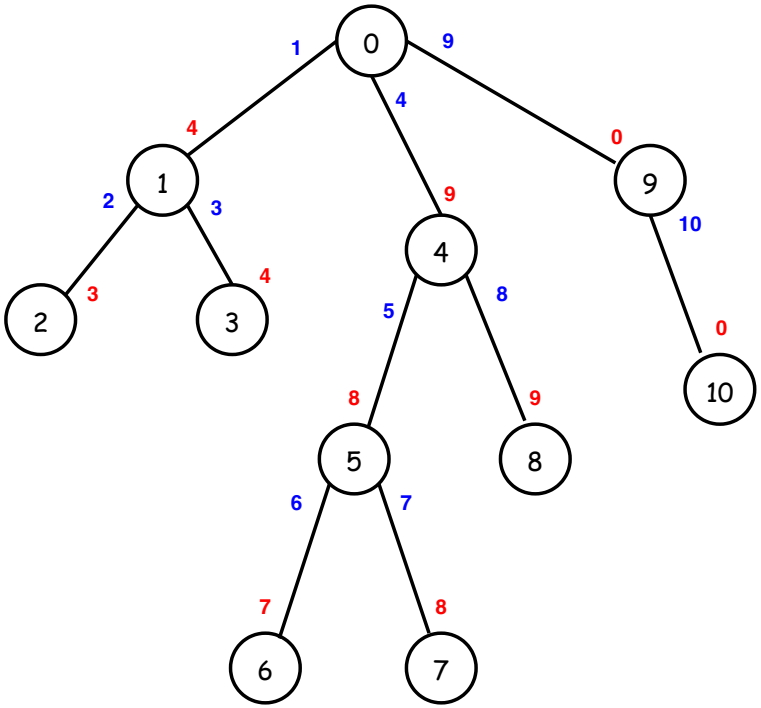

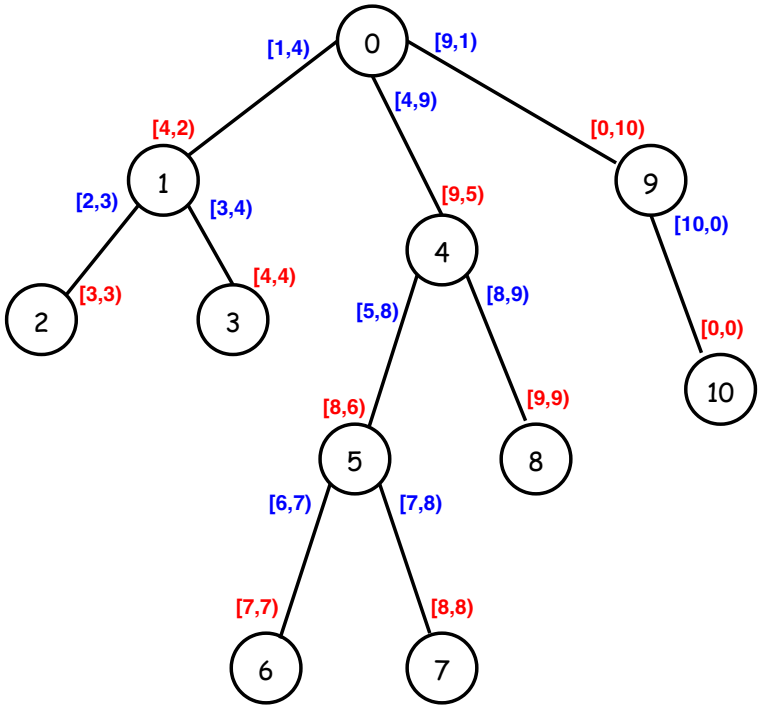

Remark: At 6, $[7, 7) = \{7, 8, 9, 10, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = \mathbb{Z}_{11}$

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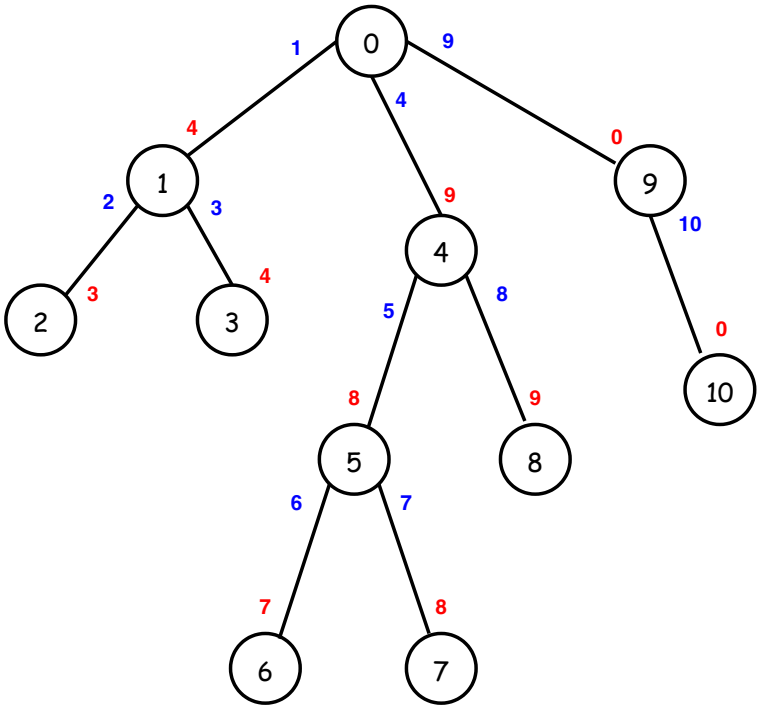

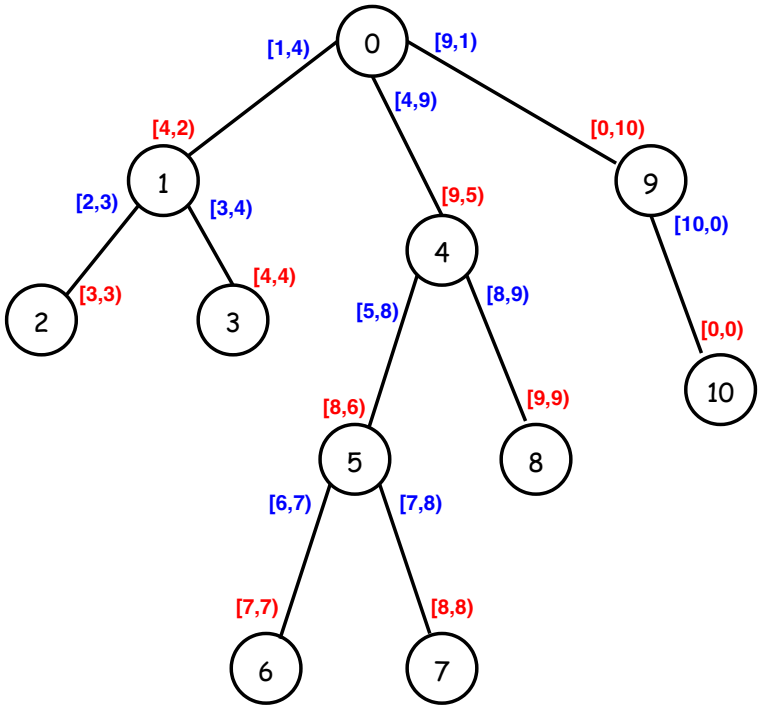

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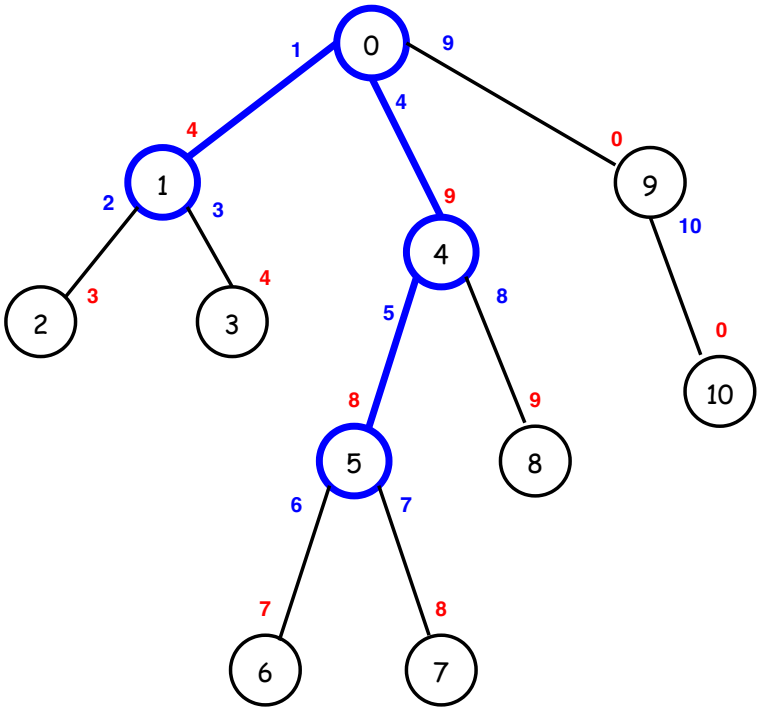

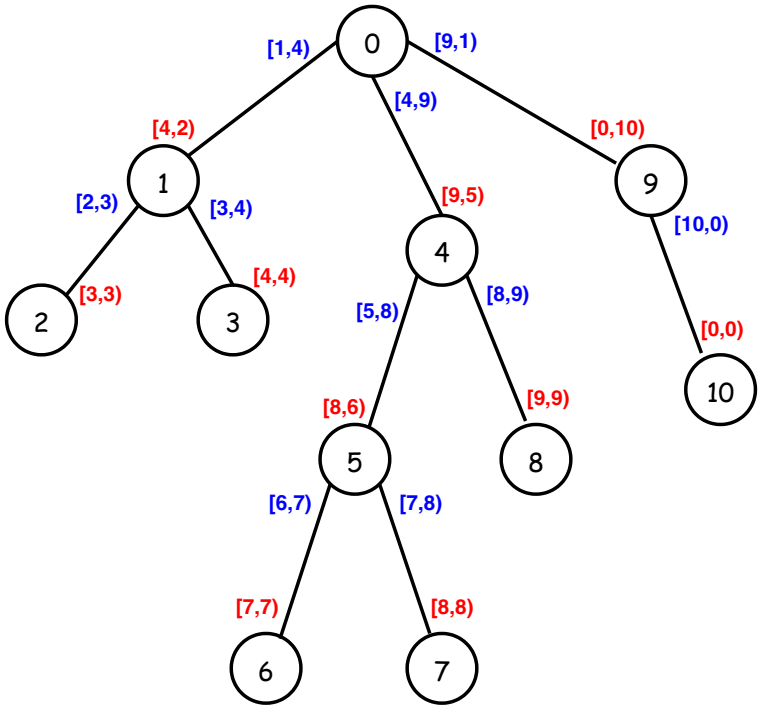

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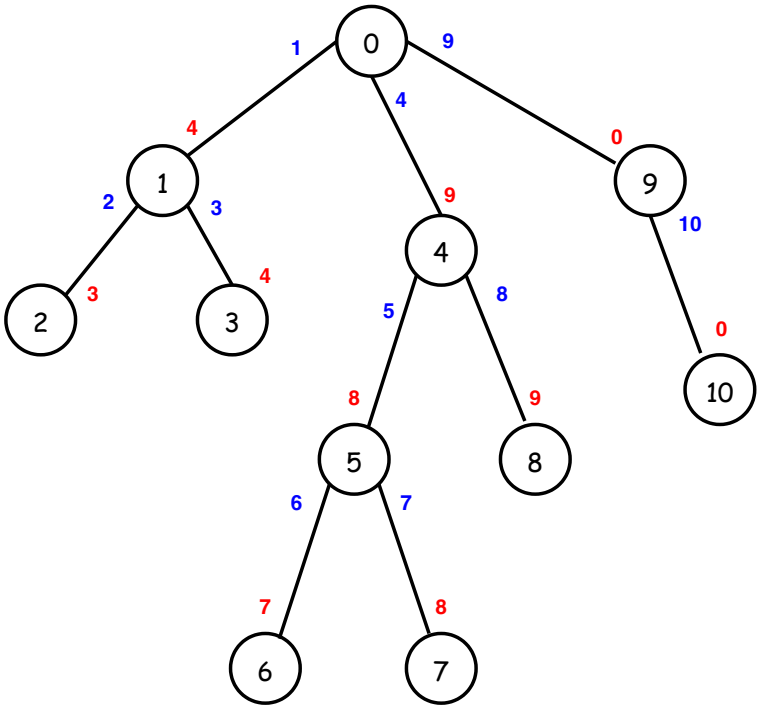

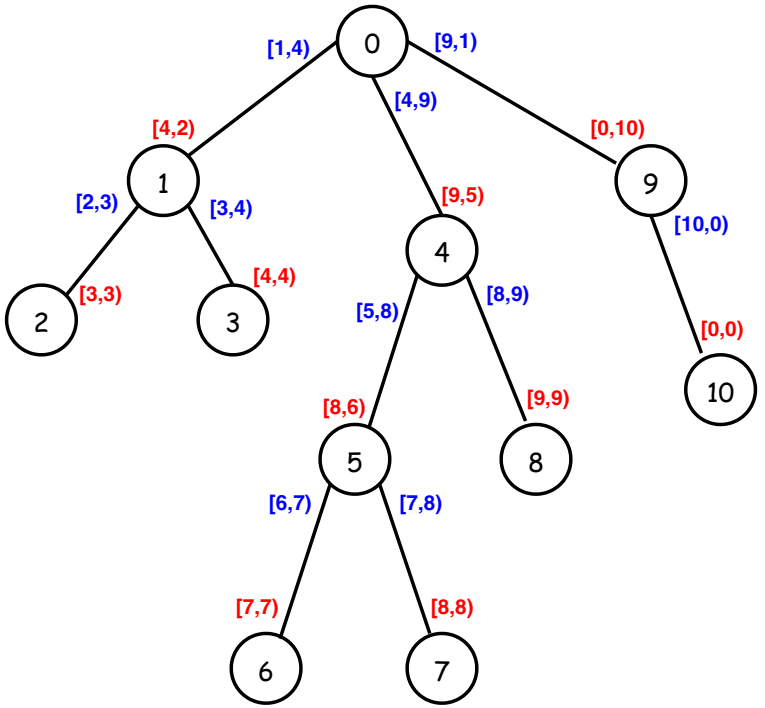

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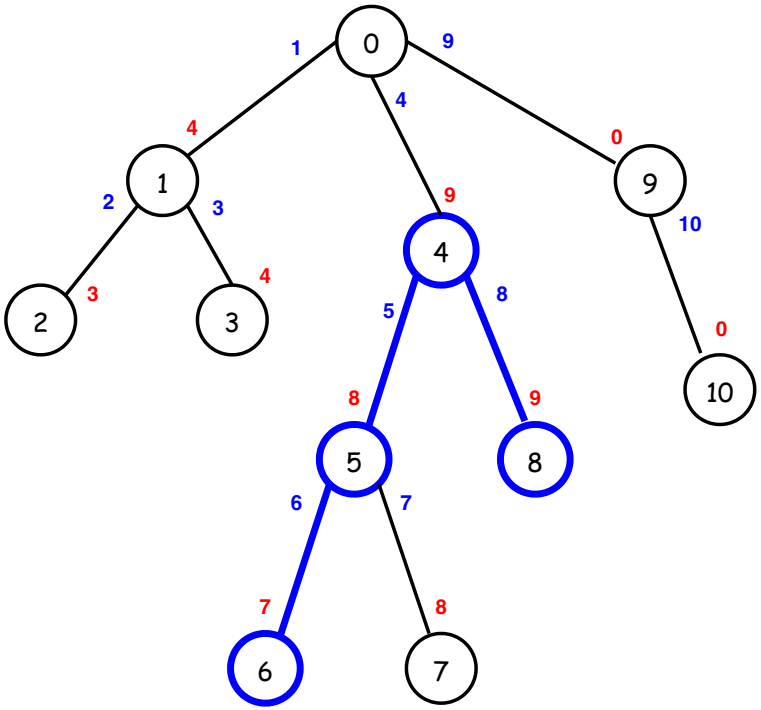

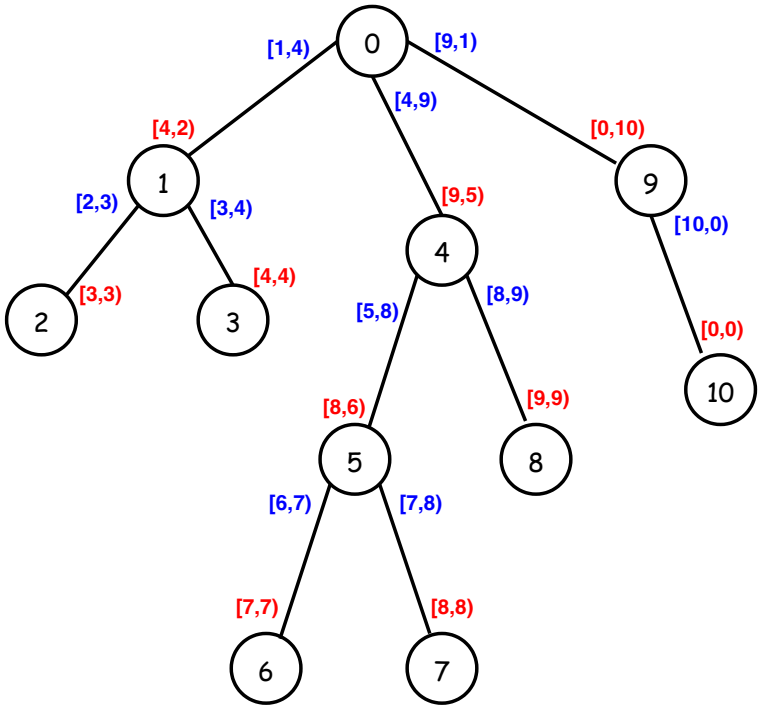

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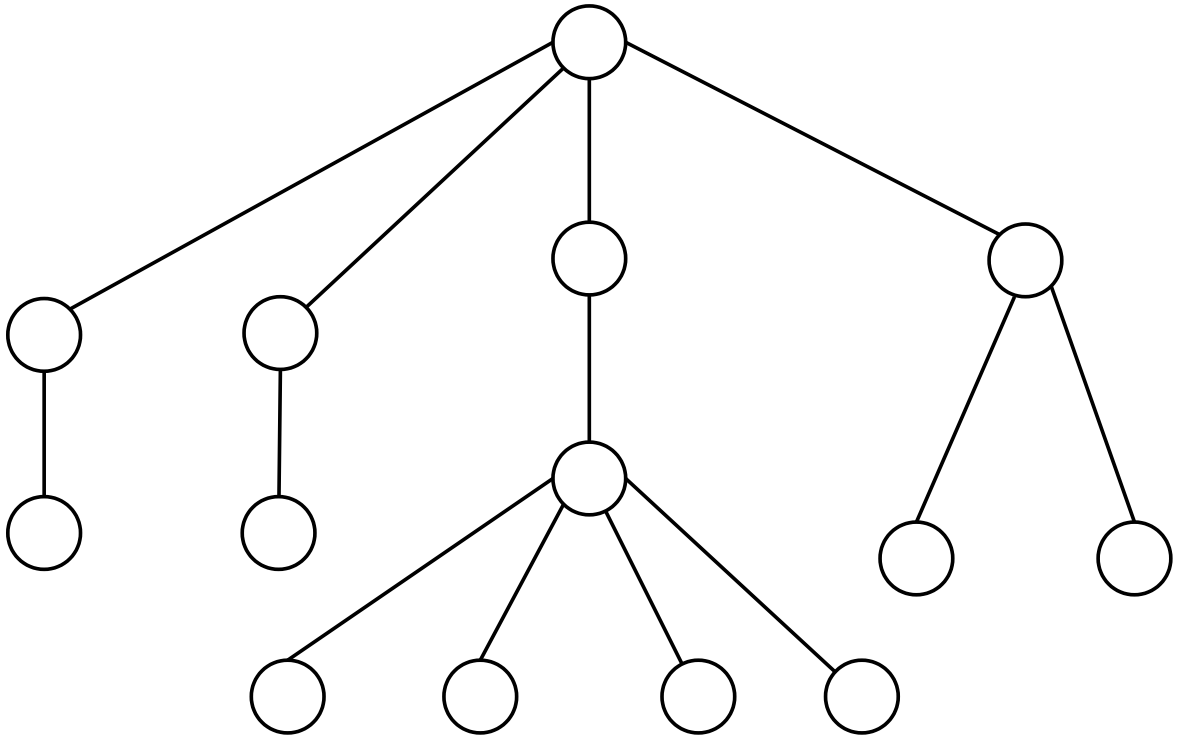

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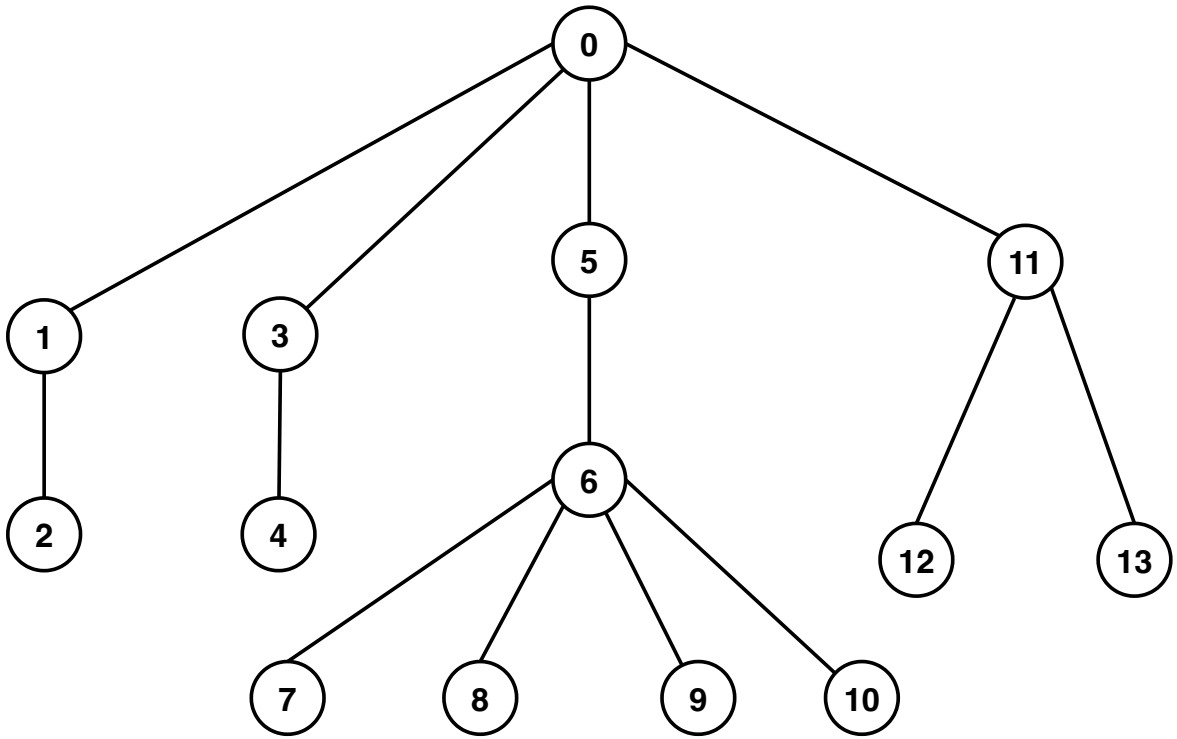

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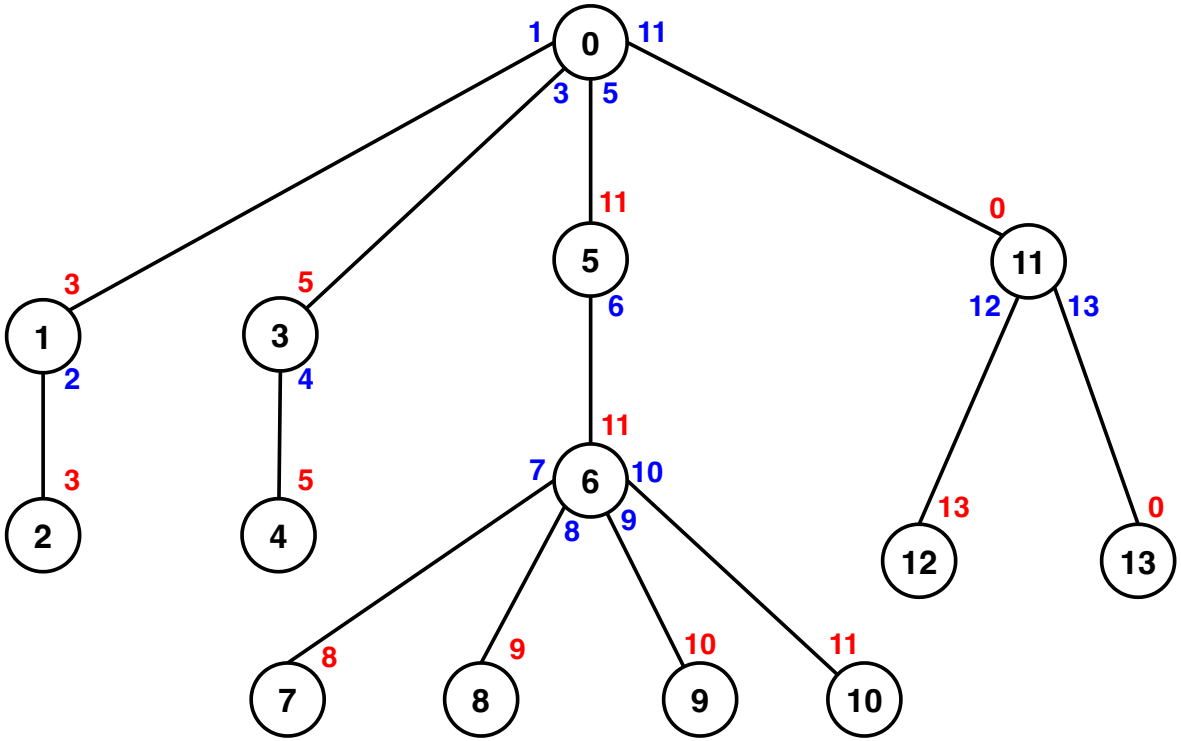

Channel Labeling ($n = 14$)

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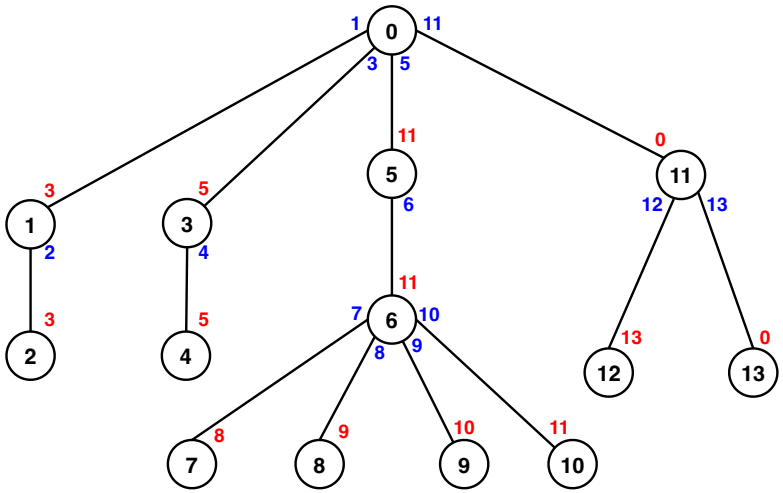

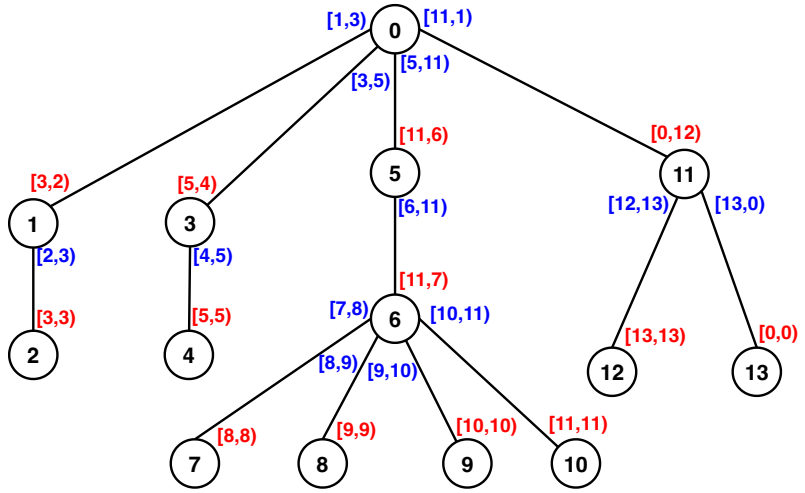

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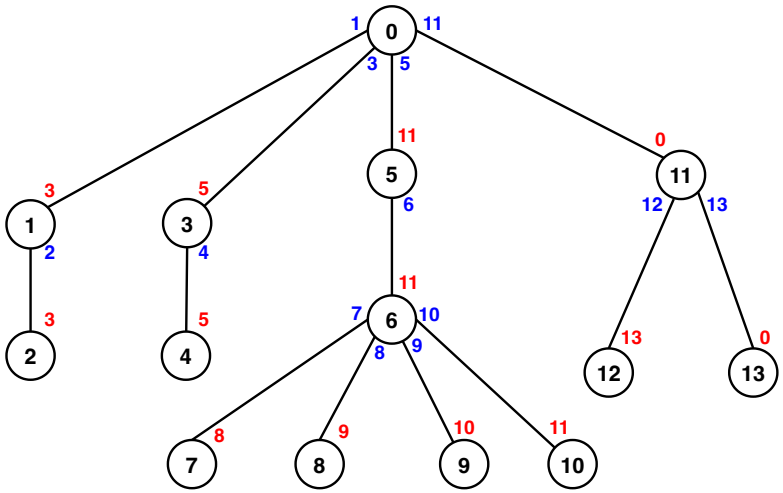

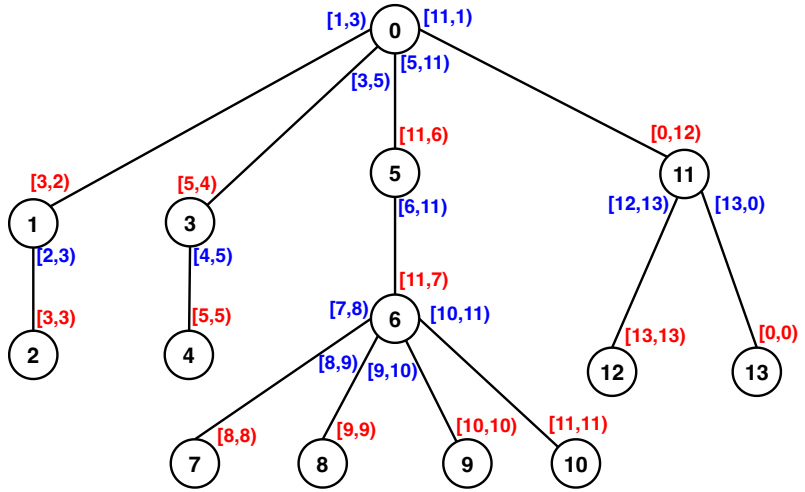

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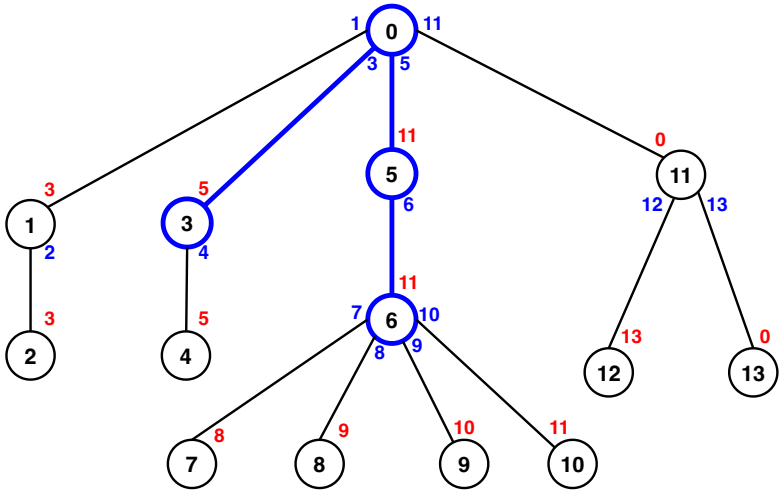

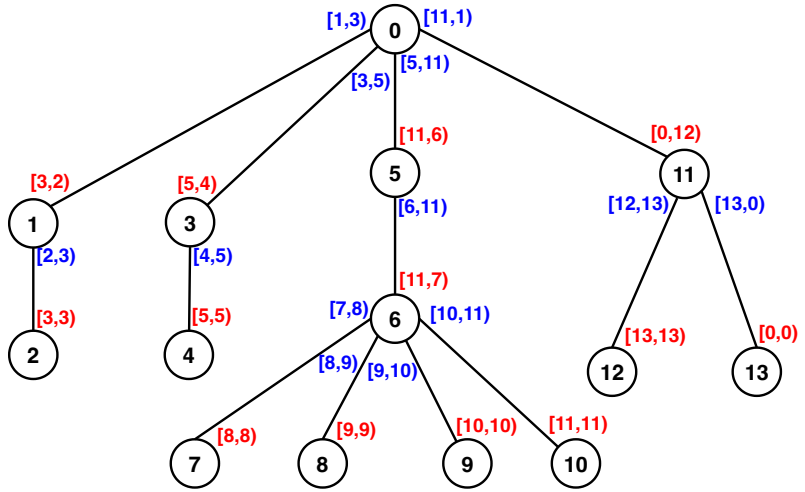

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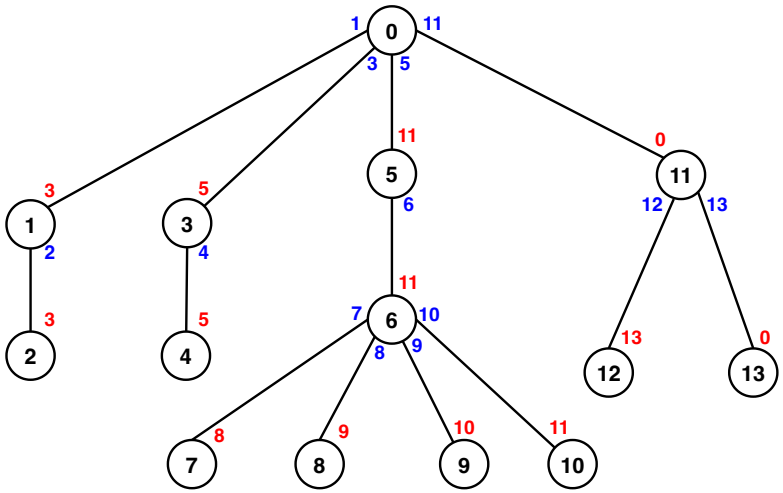

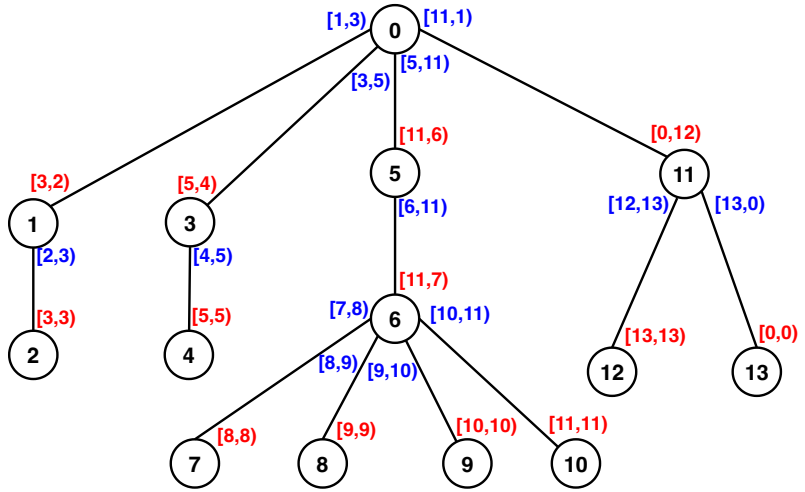

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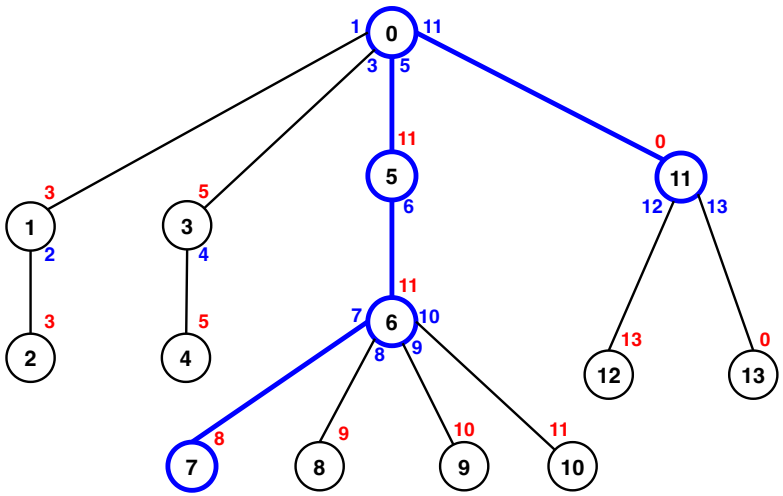

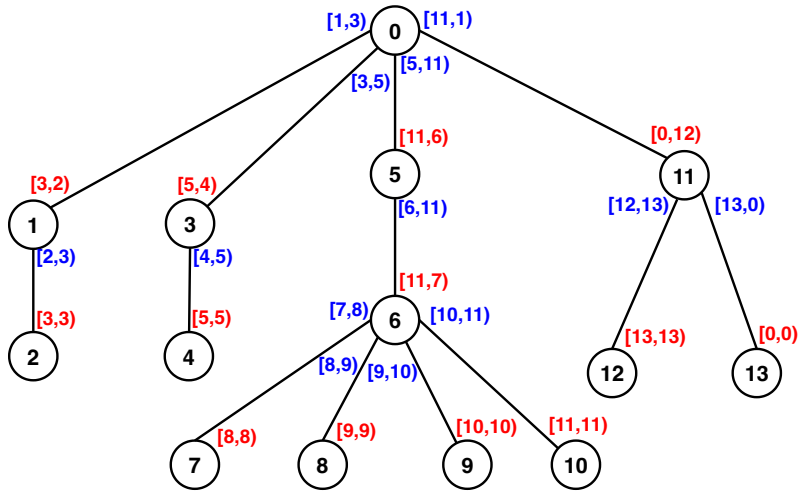

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Recall: The sets $S_1, \ldots, S_k$ forms a partition of the set X if the following two conditions hold

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- $\forall i, j \in \{1, \ldots, k\},\ i \neq j \Rightarrow S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ (*Intersection Property*)

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  The intersection property also holds, as shown in the next slide.

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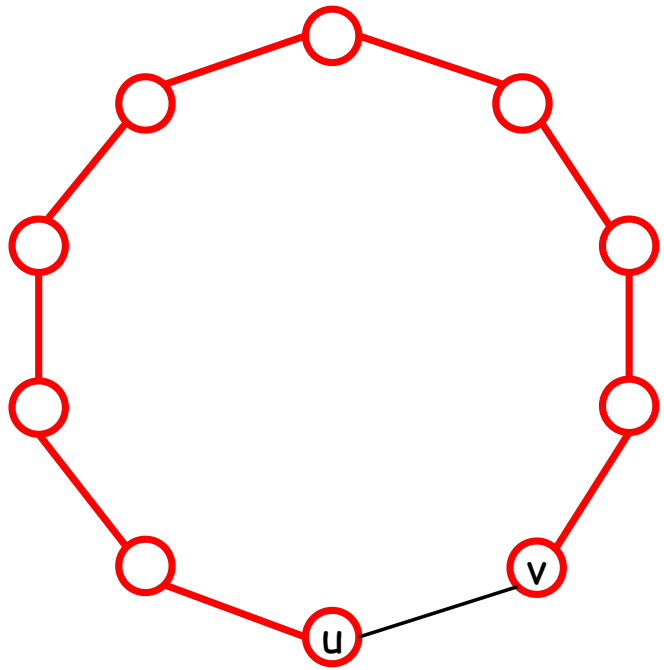

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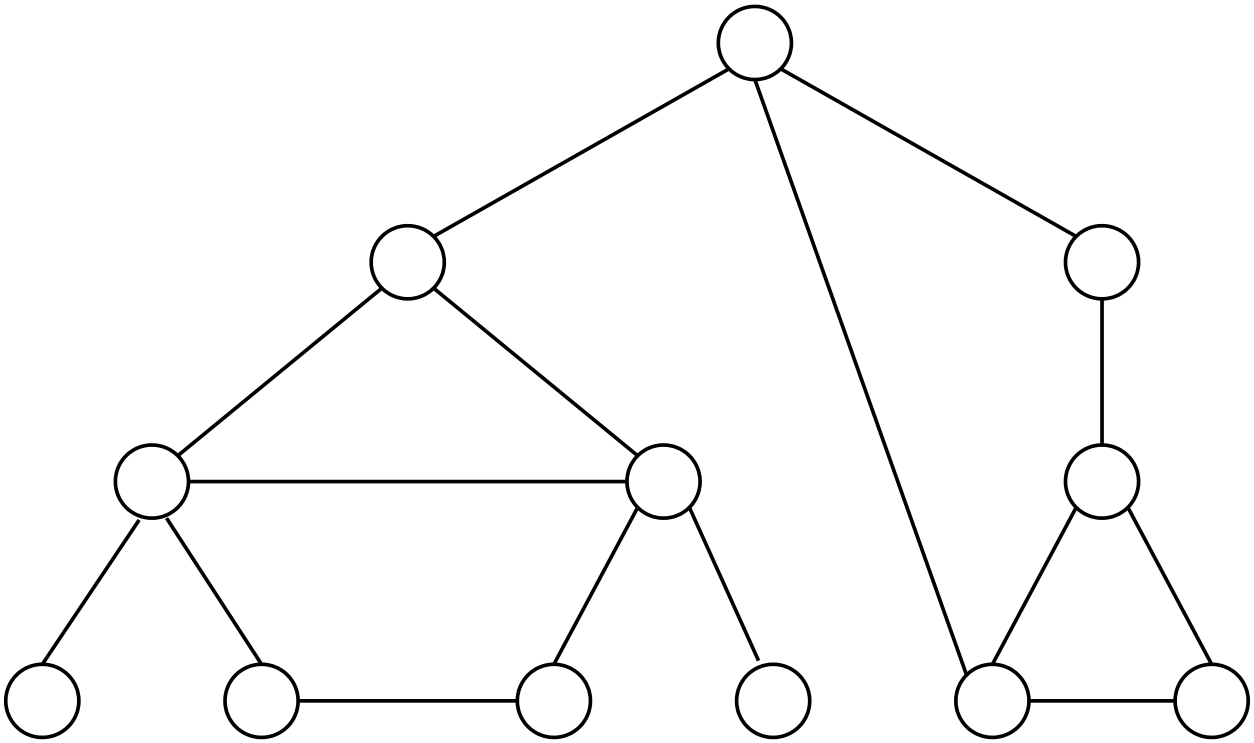

A network of $n = 12$ nodes

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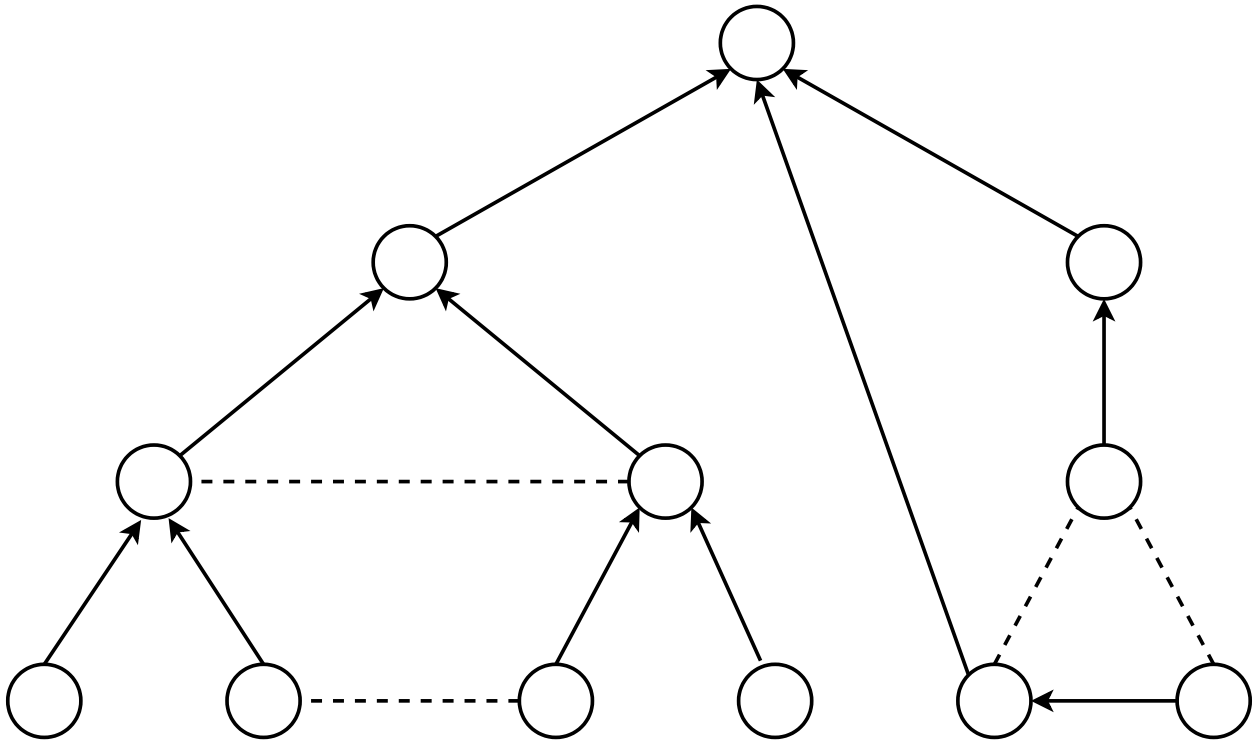

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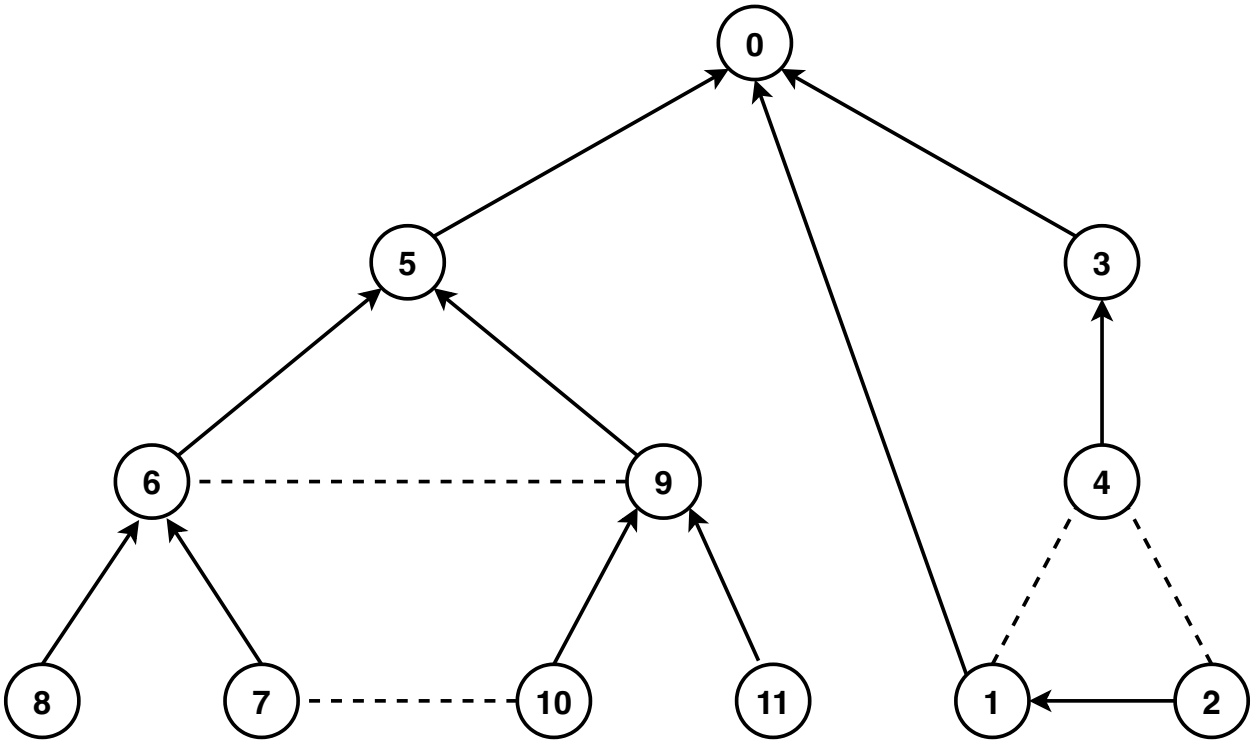

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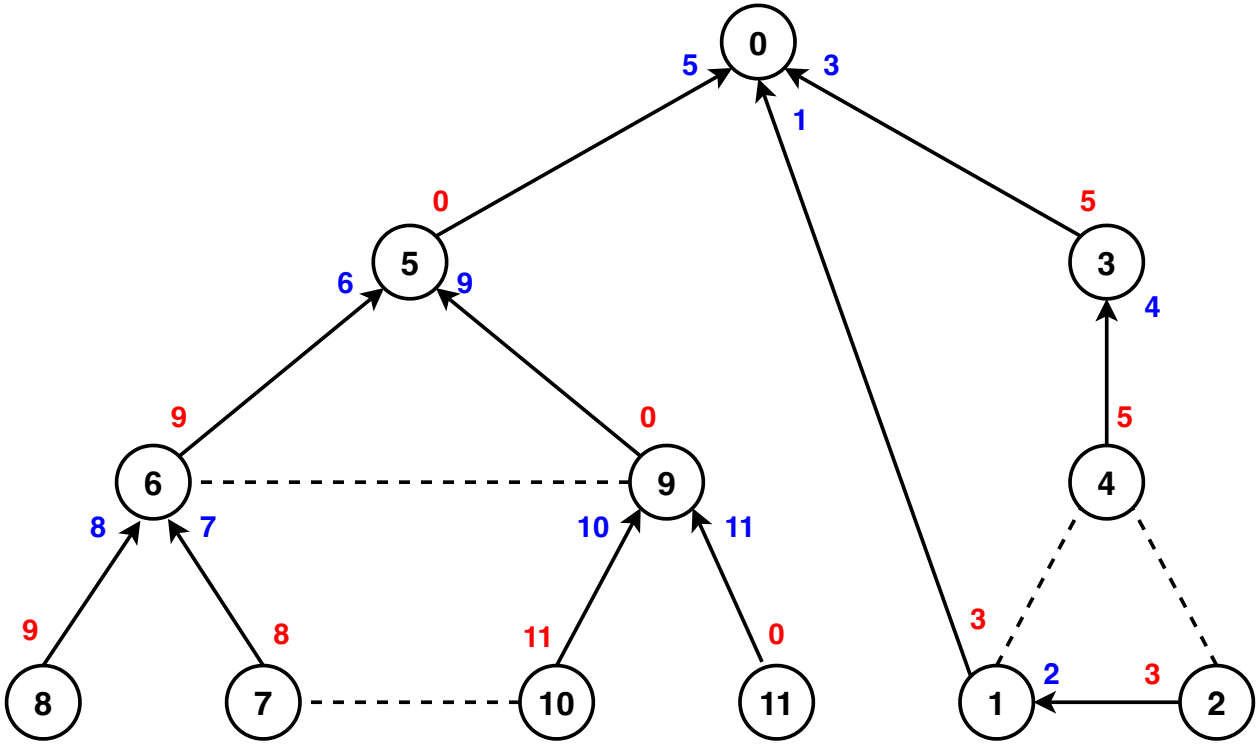

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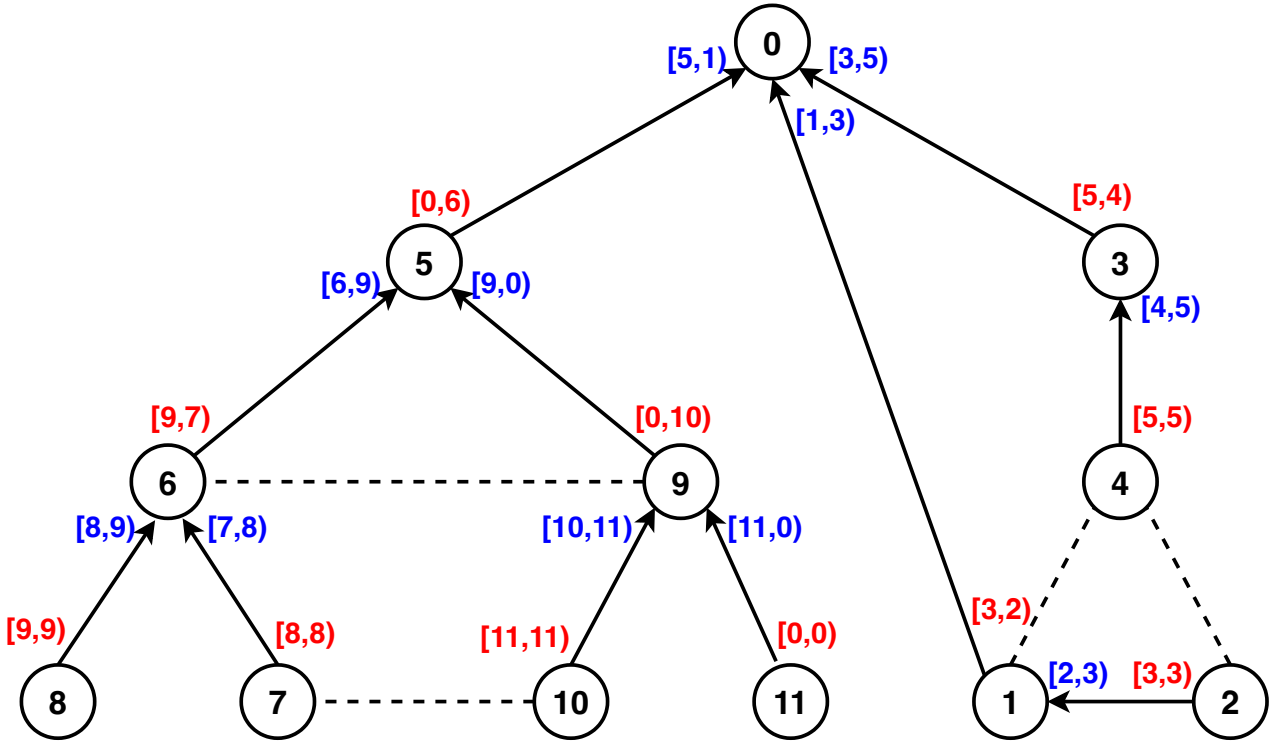

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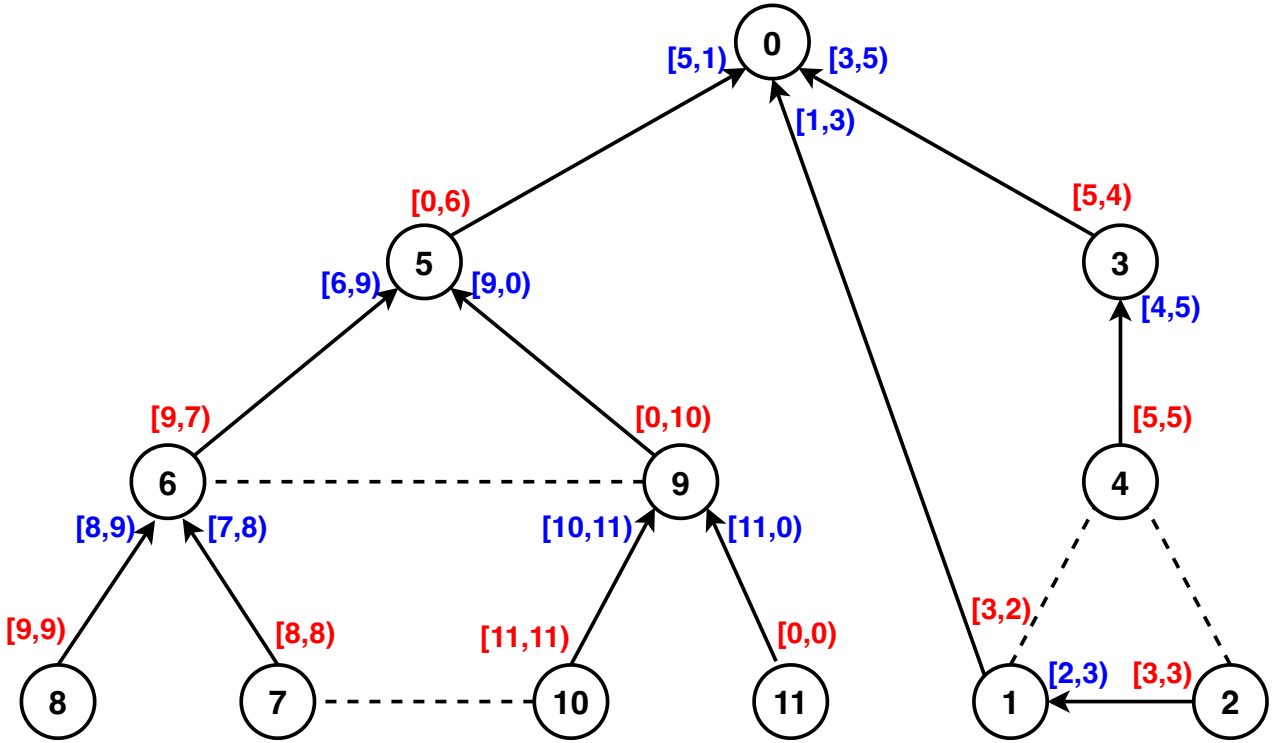

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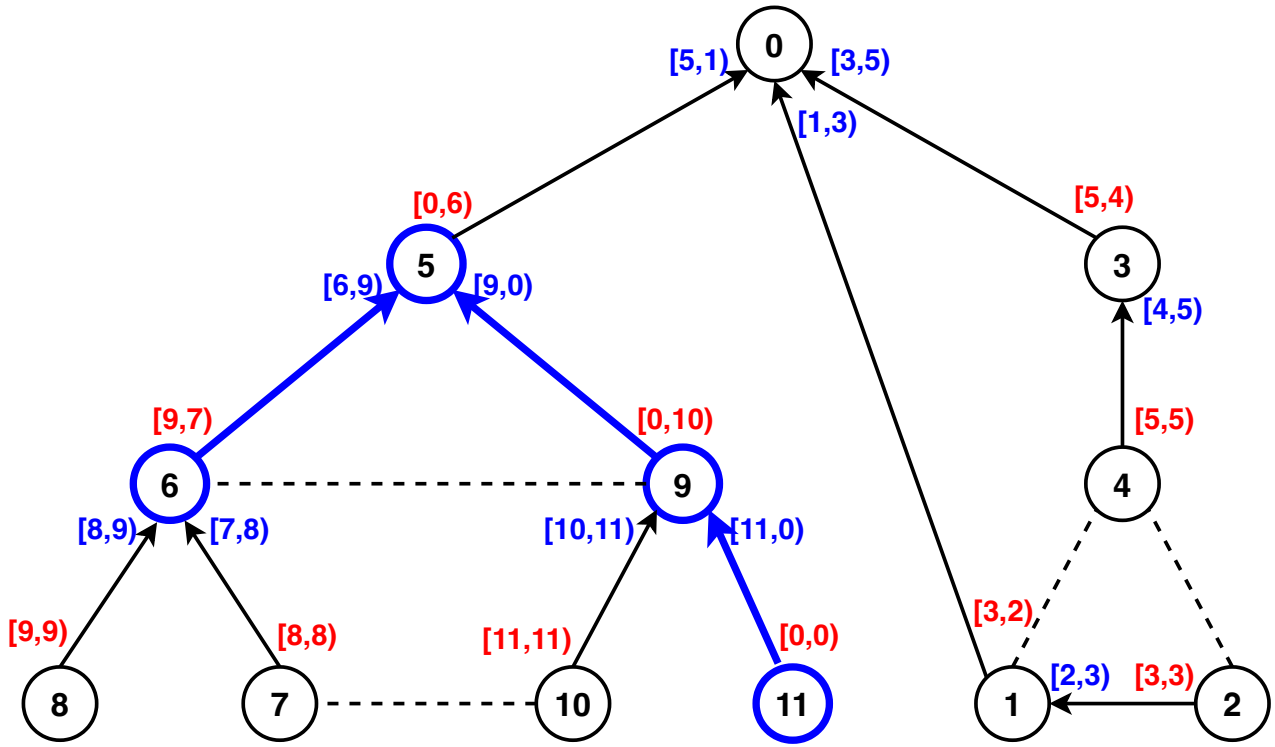

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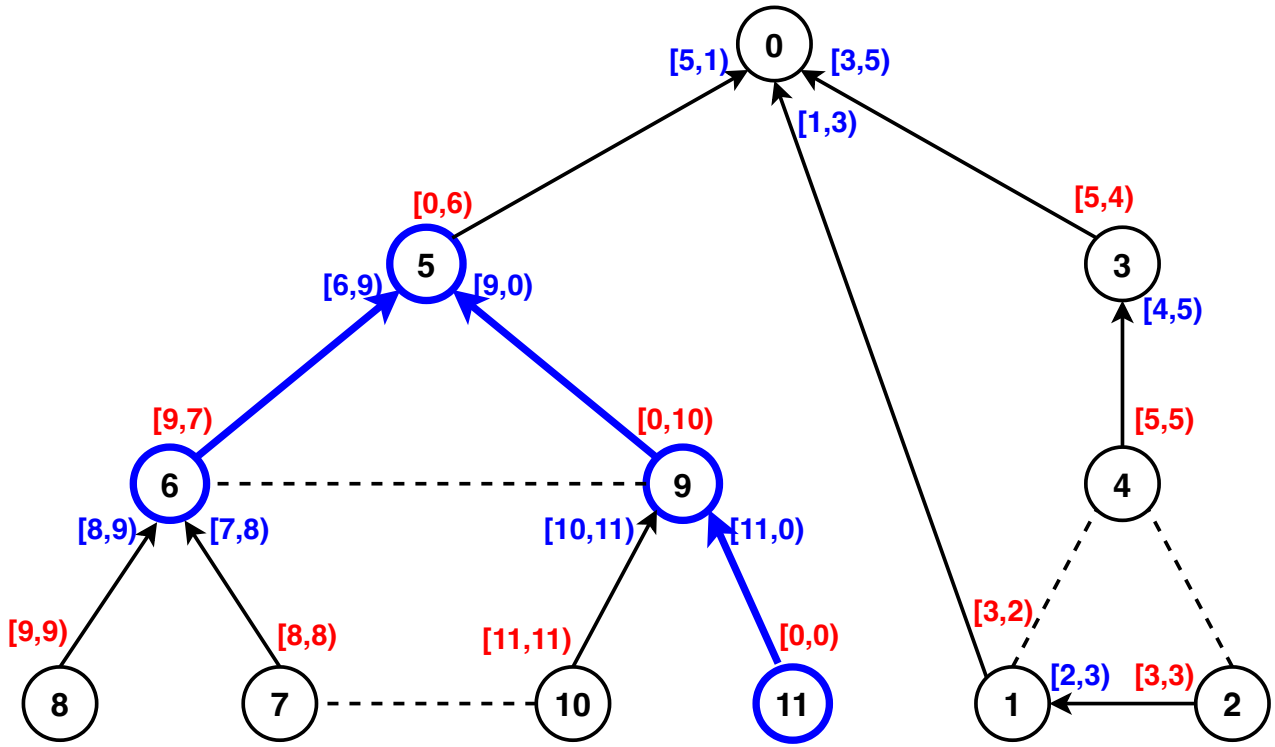

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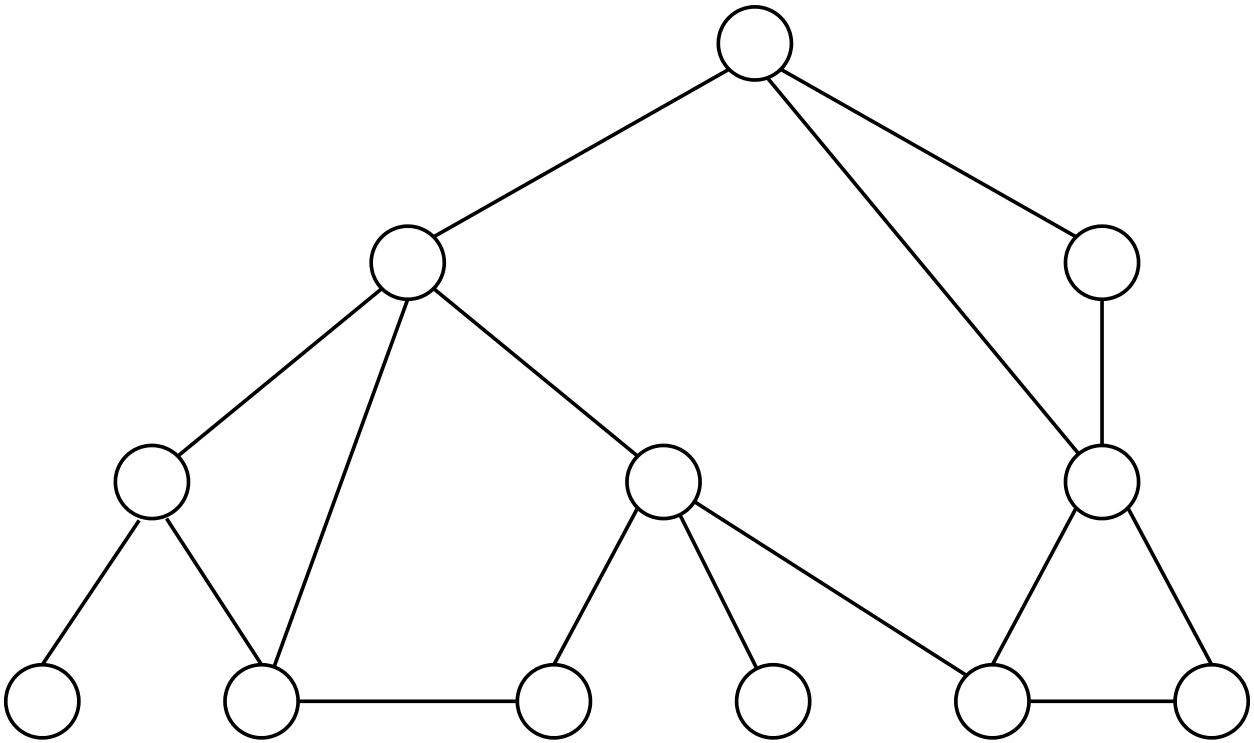

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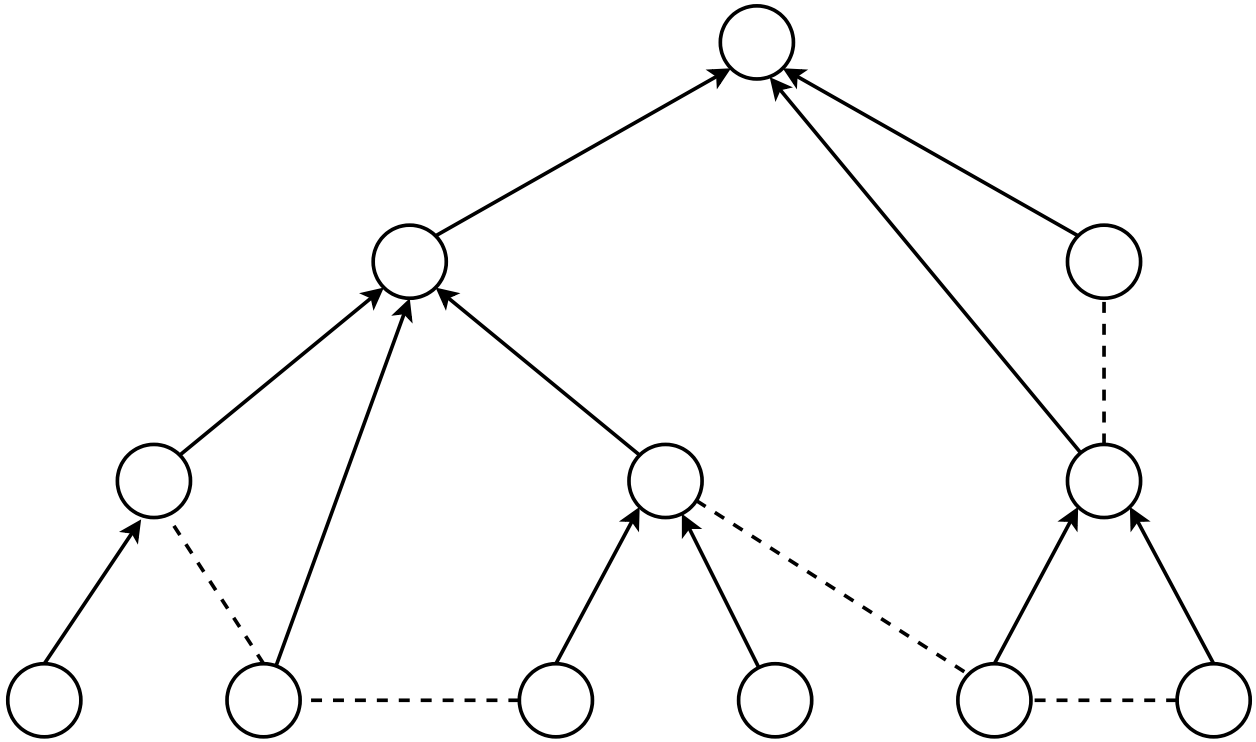

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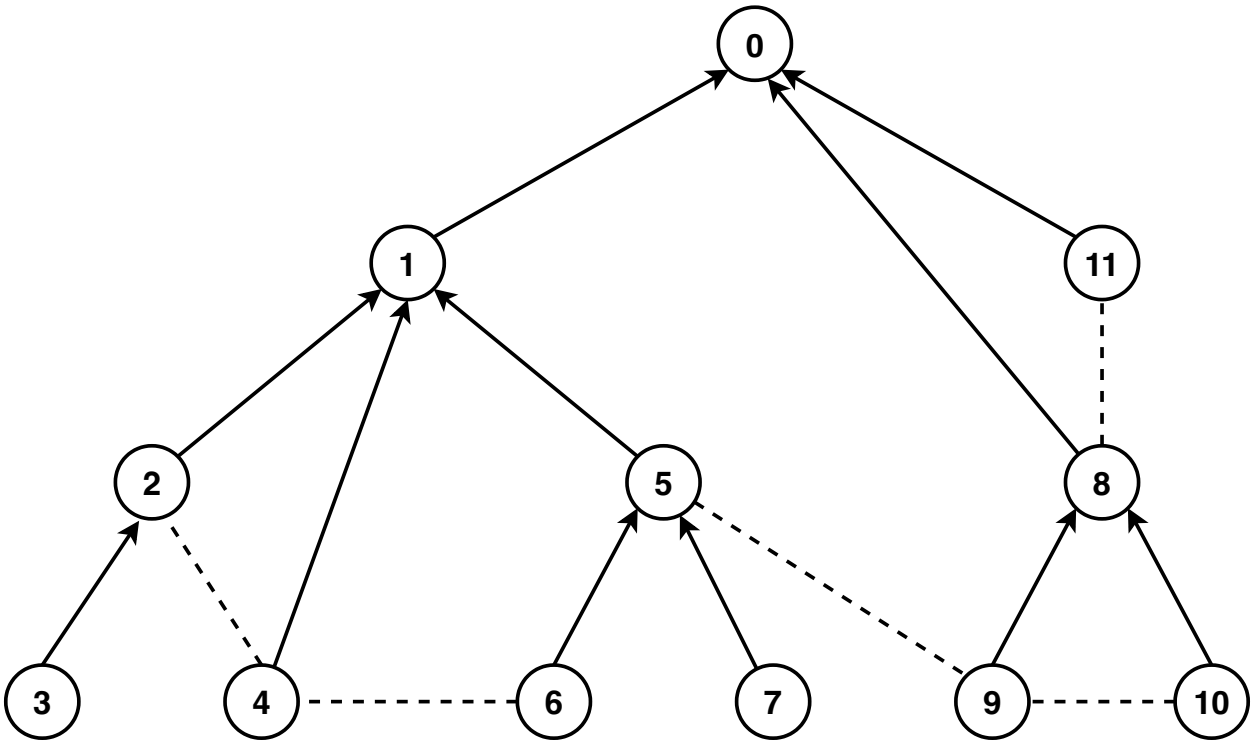

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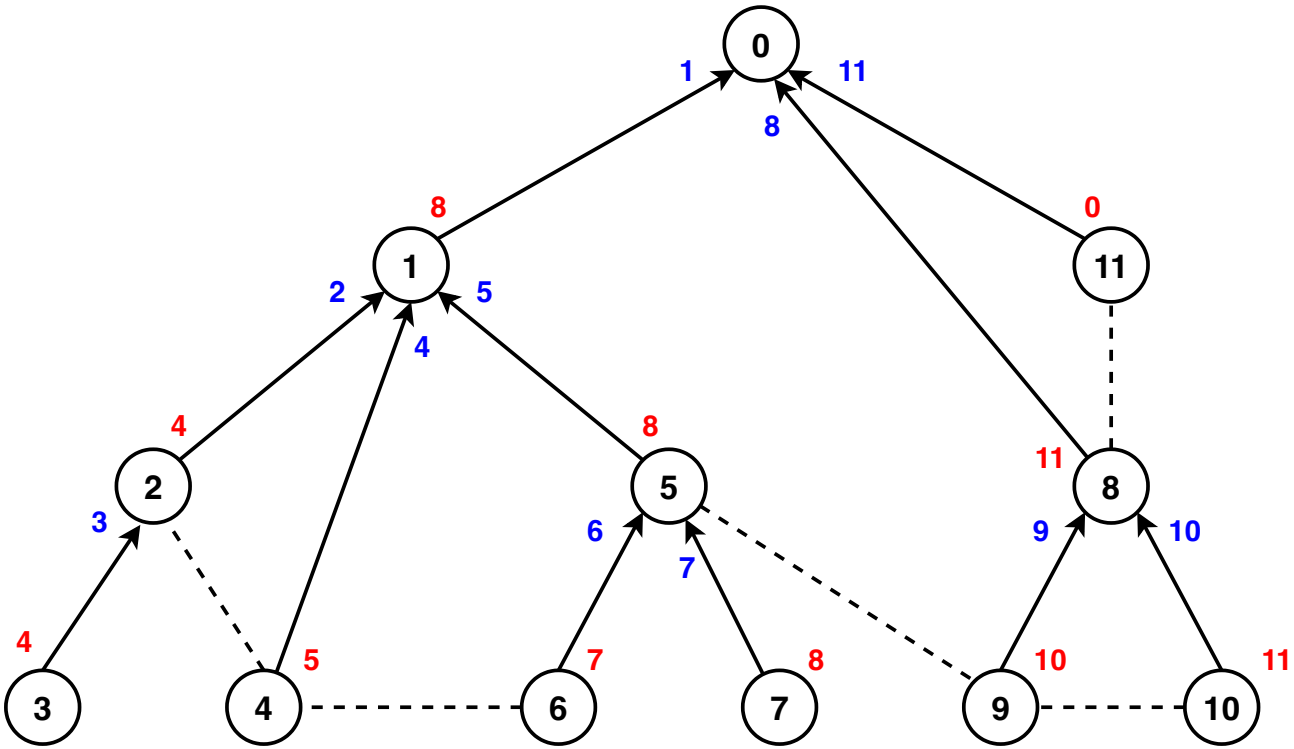

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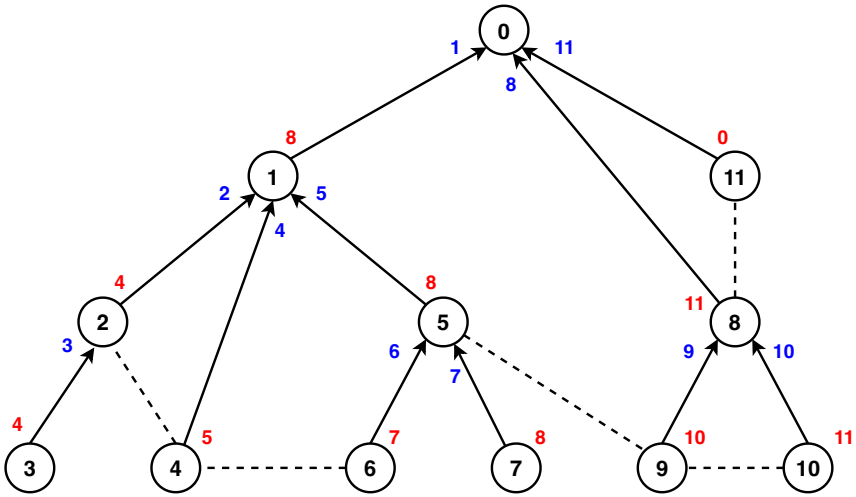

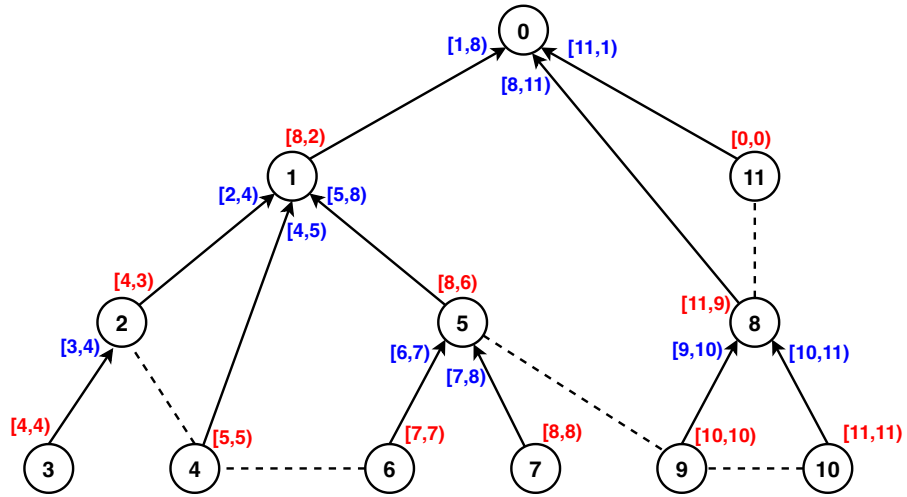

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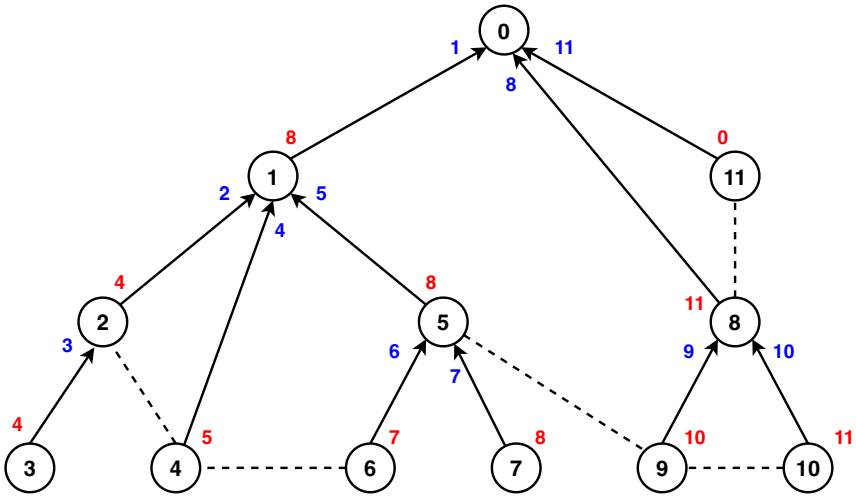

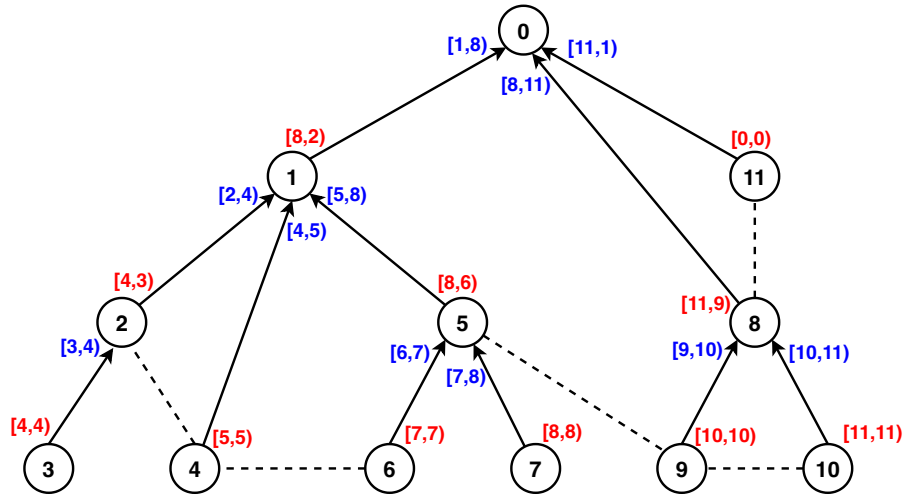

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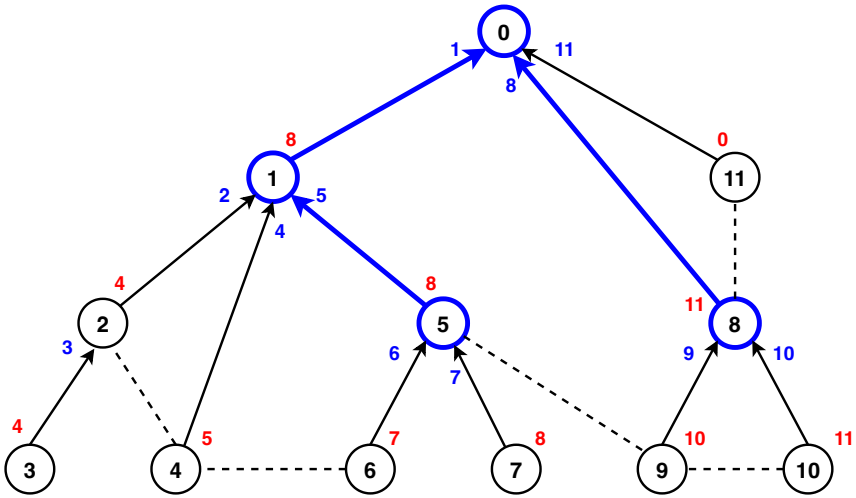

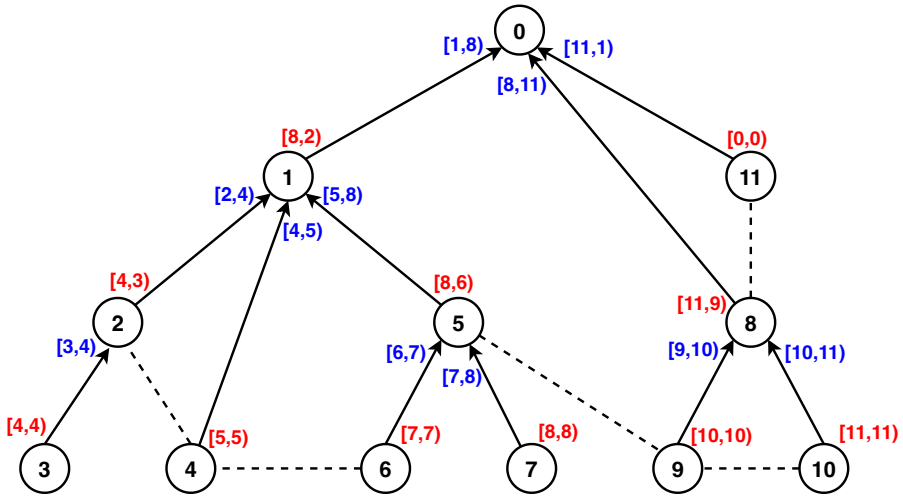

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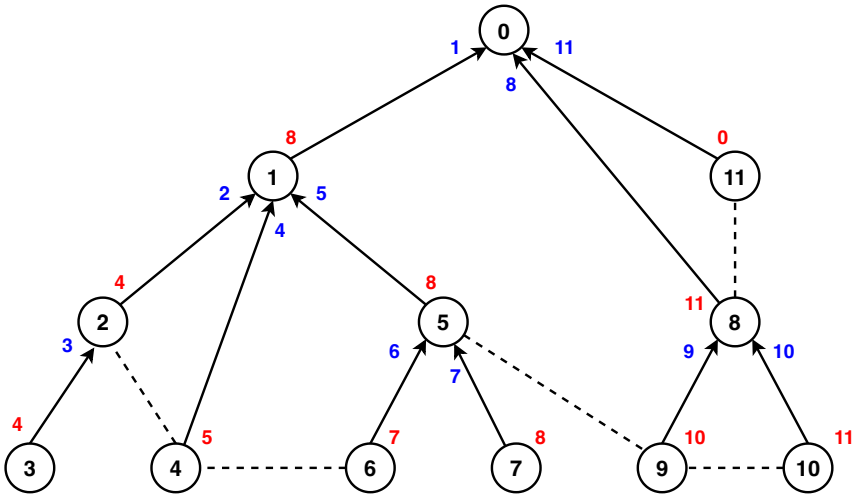

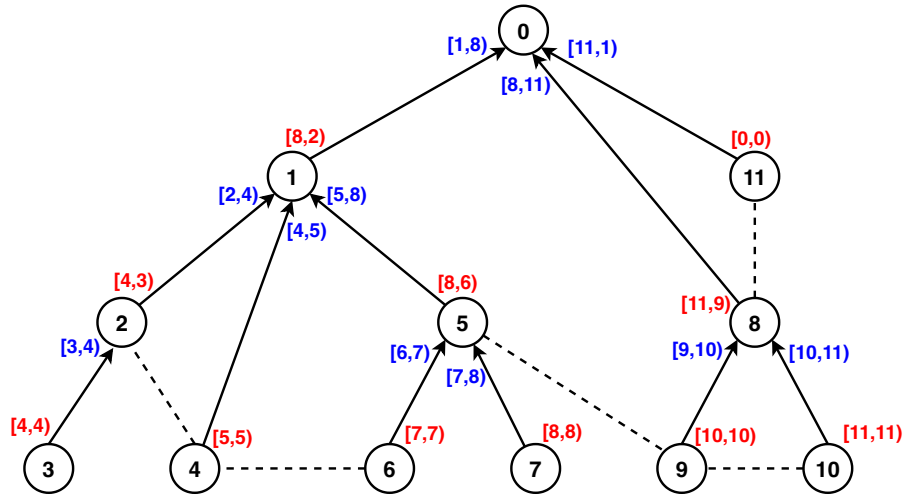

Routing path from 4 to 3?

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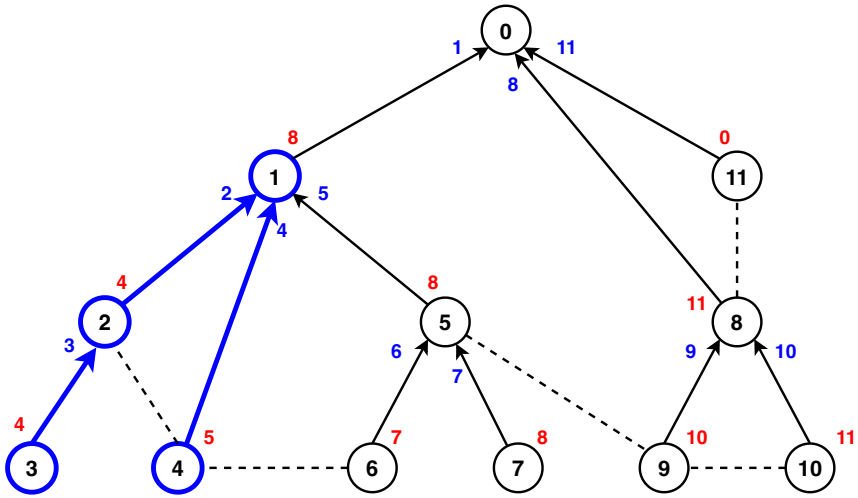

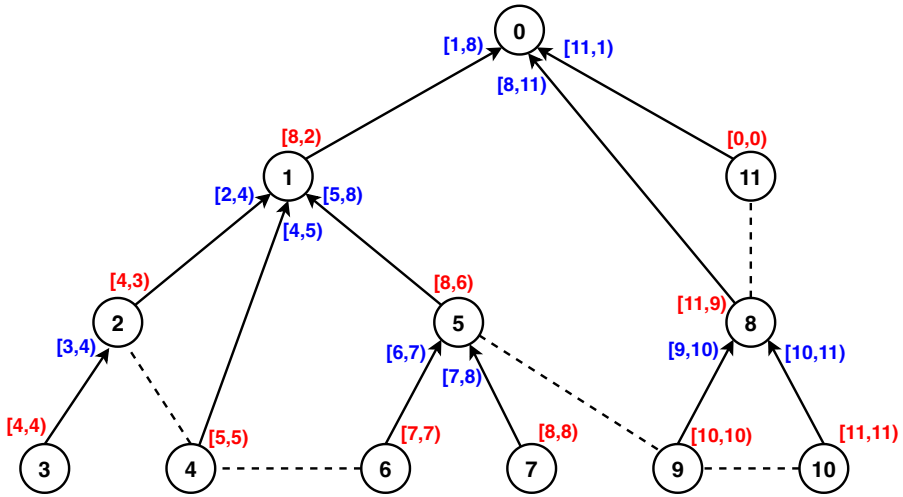

Routing path from 4 to 3:

At 4, $3 \in [5, 5)$ At 1, $3 \in [2, 4)$ At 2, $3 \in [3, 4)$

Roadmap

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Definition

An **interval labeling scheme (ILS)** for a network G of n nodes is

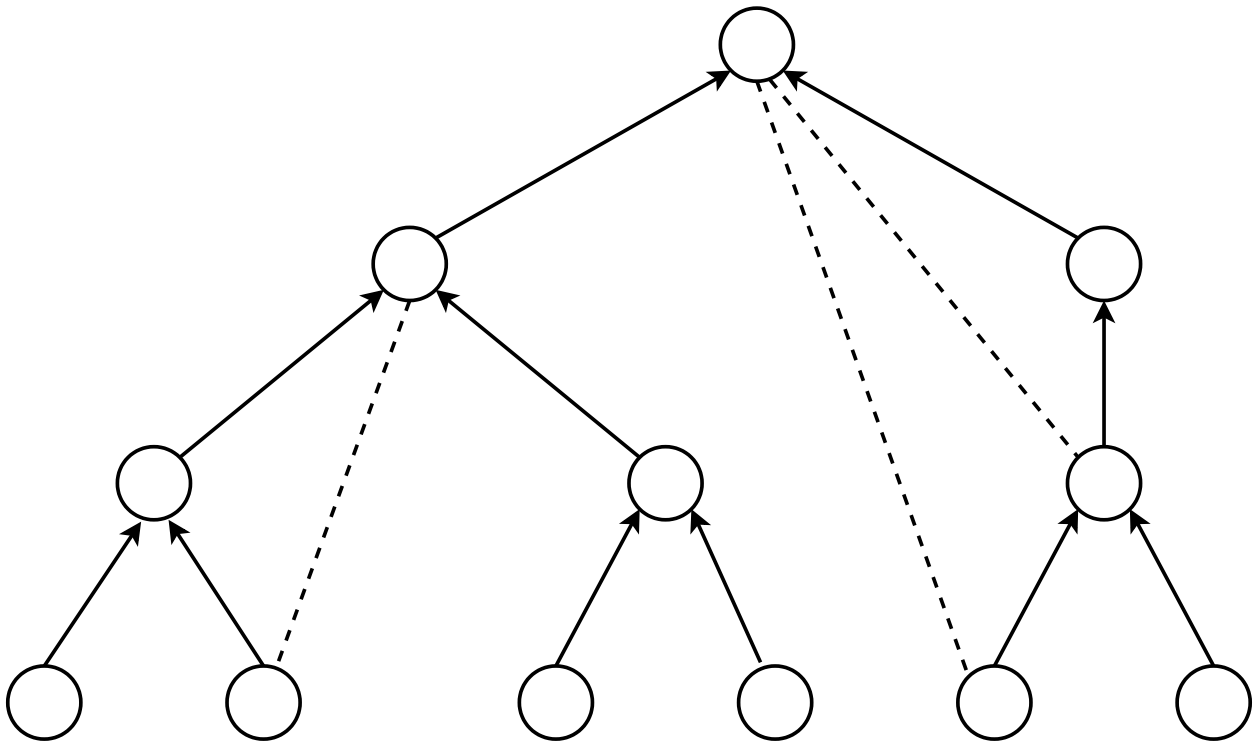
1. An assignment of different labels l_u from $\mathbb{Z}_n$ to the nodes u of G, and
2. and for each node u, an assignment of pairwise distinct labels $\alpha_i(u)$, $i = 1, \ldots, \delta_u$, from $\mathbb{Z}_n$ to all channels of u.

The **interval routing algorithm** assumes a ILS is given and forwards packets as in the tree-labeling scheme routing algorithm.

An **ILS is valid** if all packets forwarded using the interval routing algorithm eventually reach their final destination.

A valid ILS for arbitrary connected networks

Tool: Depth-First Search (DFS) spanning tree T (The root is the uppermost node)



Property: For every two neighbors u and v in G, either $u \in T(v)$, or $v \in T(u)$.

Distributed Construction: Leader election + token circulation

($O(m \times n)$ messages of size $O(B)$ bits, $O(m)$ rounds, and $O(\delta_u + B)$ bits of memory, where B the number of bits to store an identifier, *cf.*, distributed computing courses)

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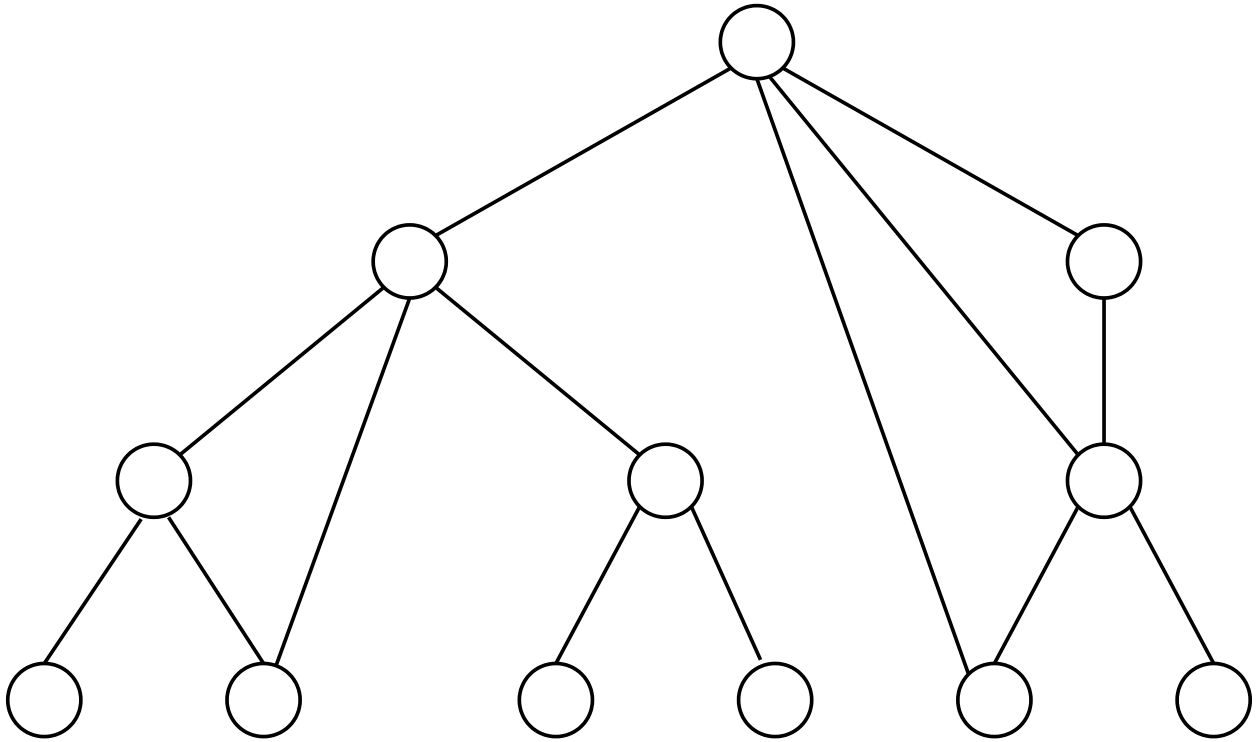

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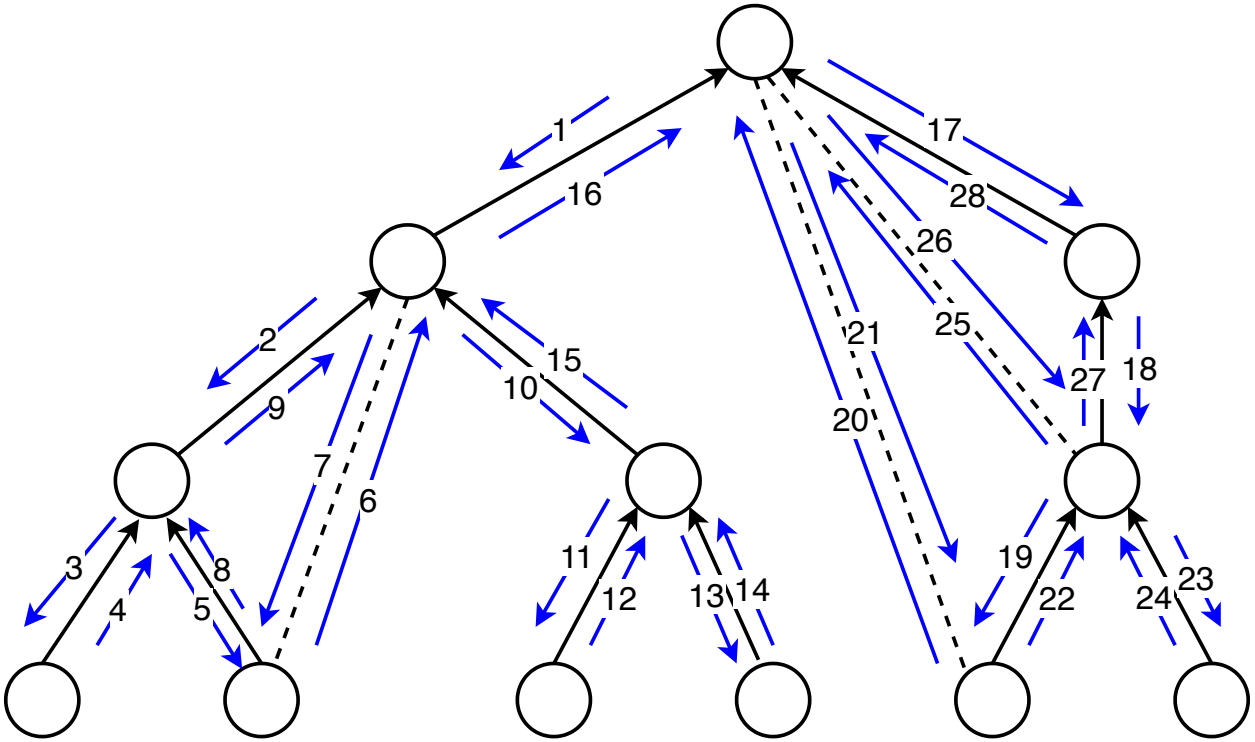

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Preorder DFS traversal

(computed by a token circulation in $2m$ rounds)

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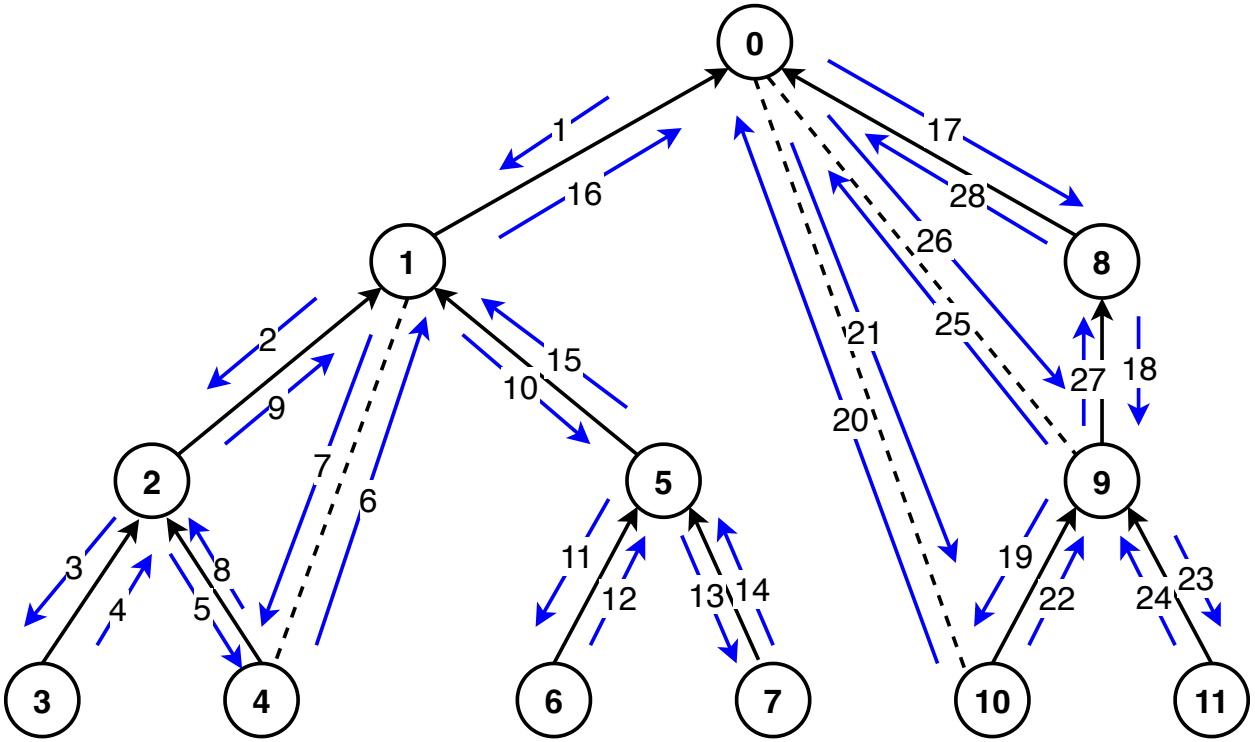

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Preorder DFS traversal + node labeling

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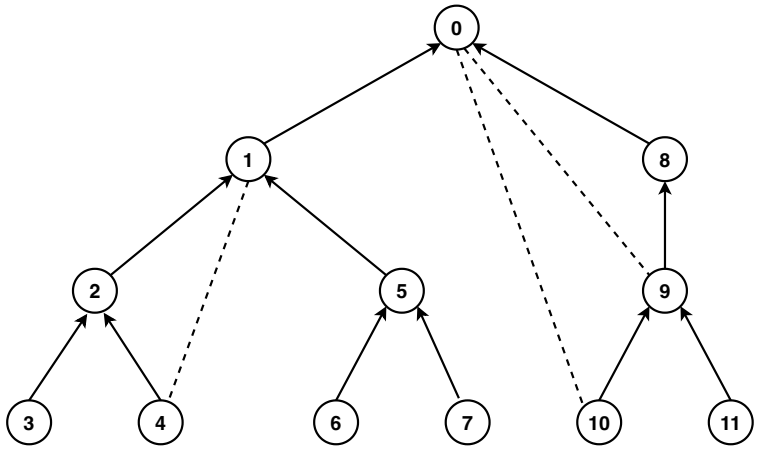

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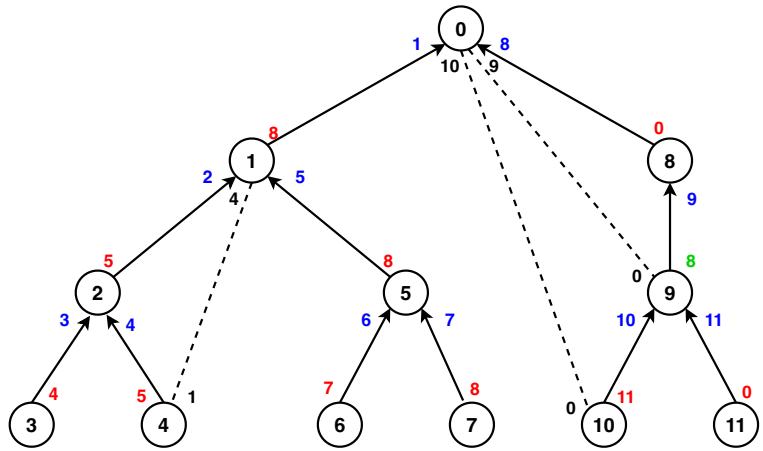

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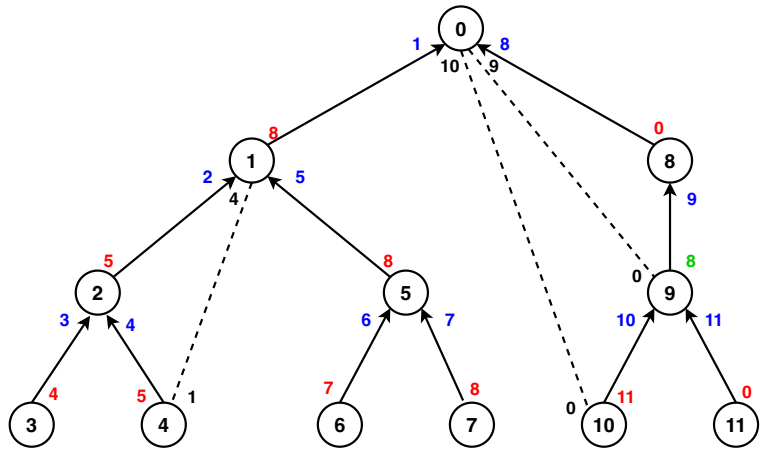

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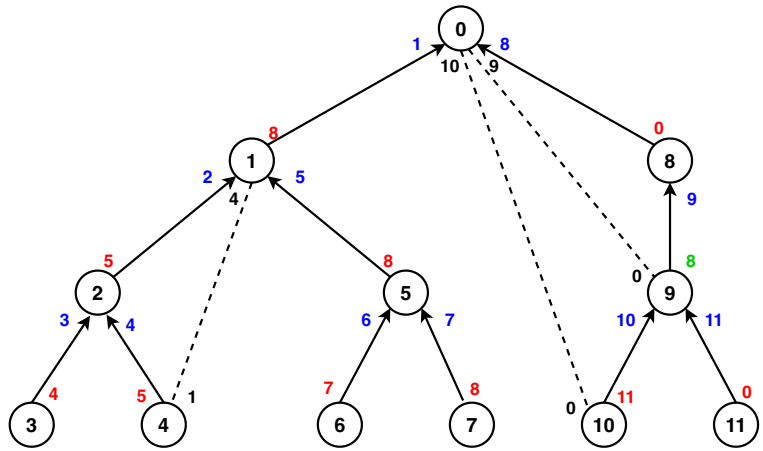

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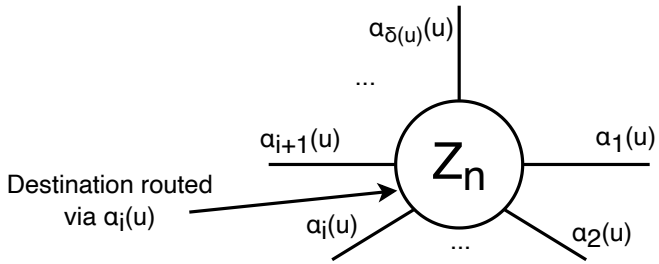

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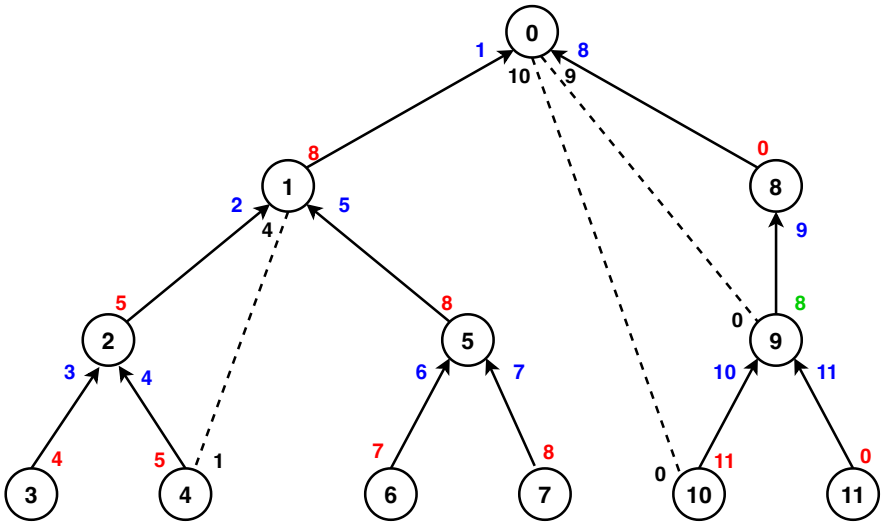

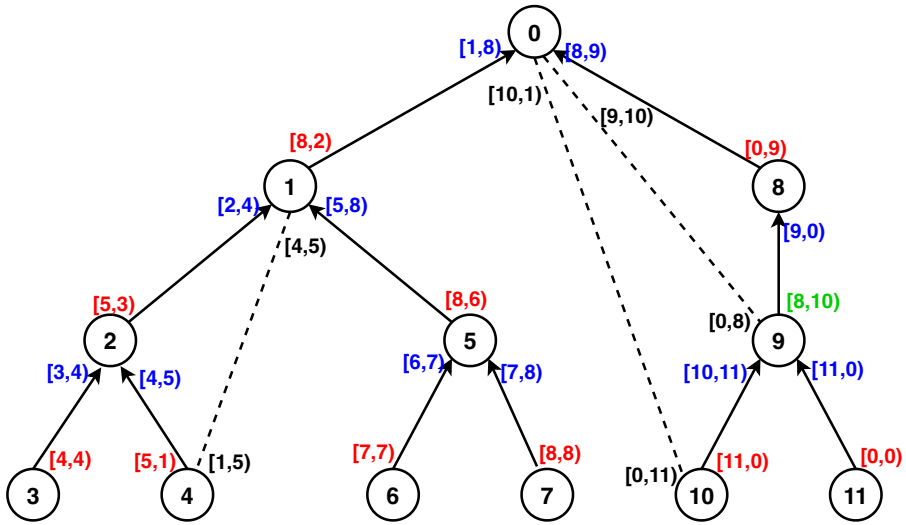

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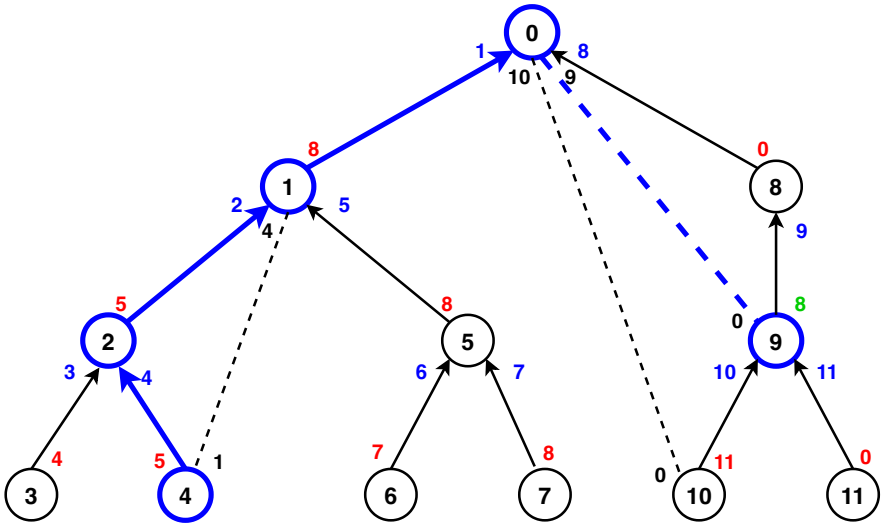

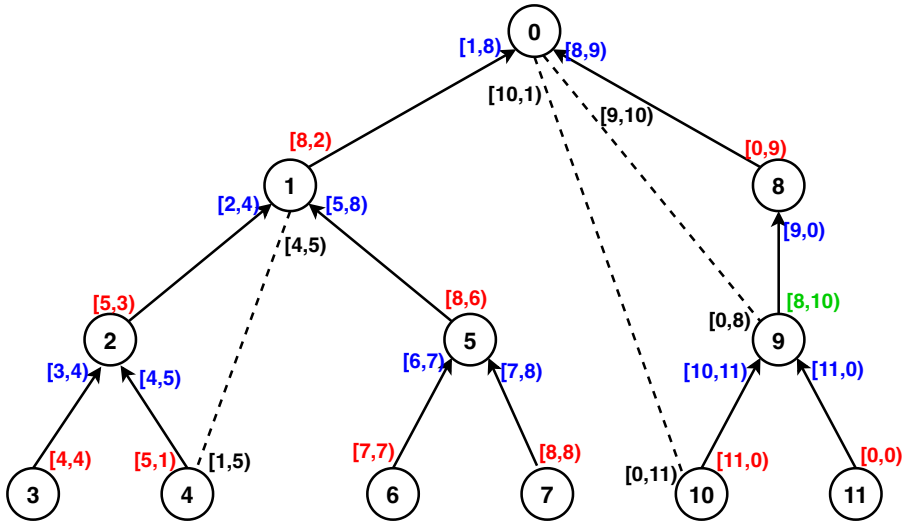

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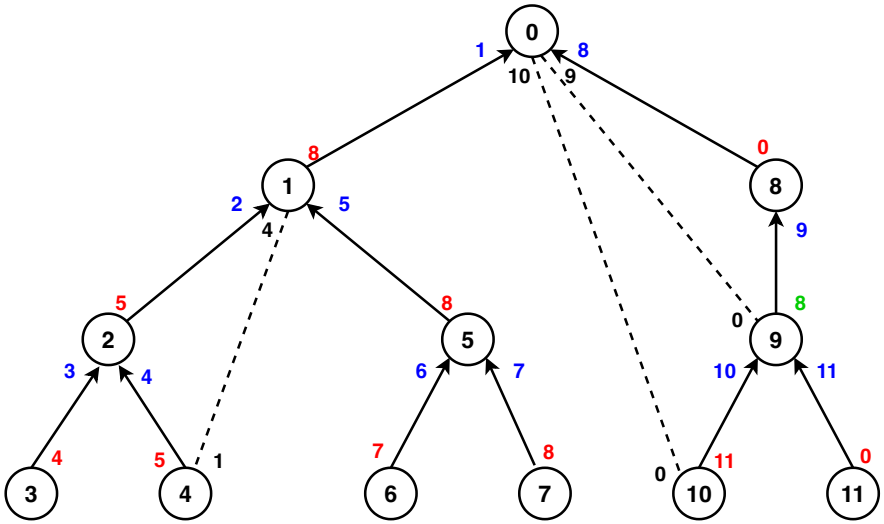

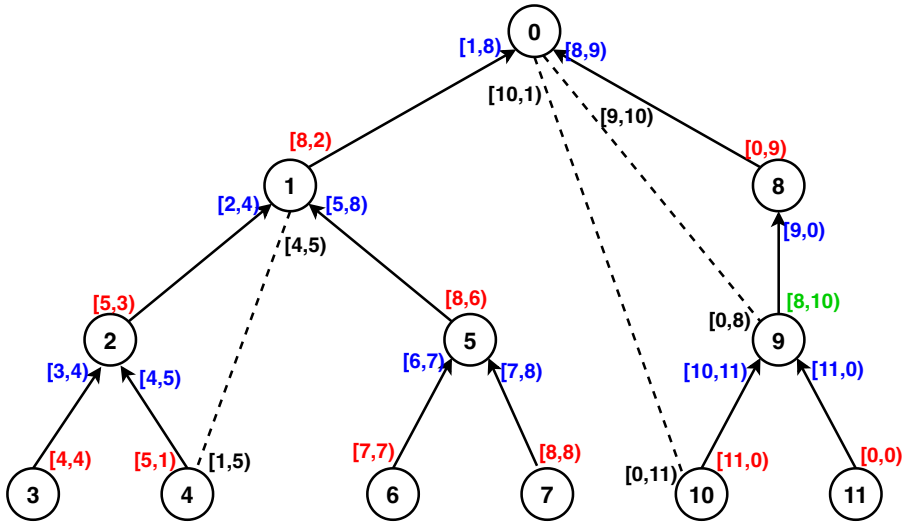

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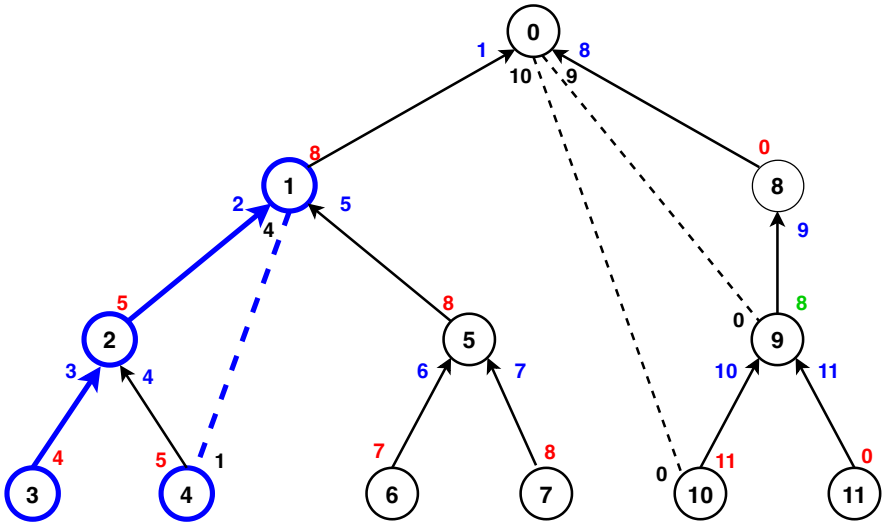

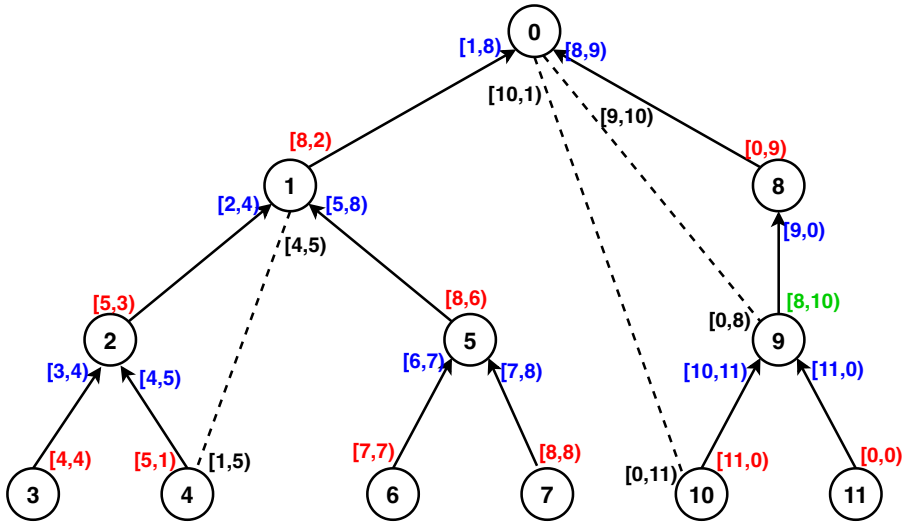

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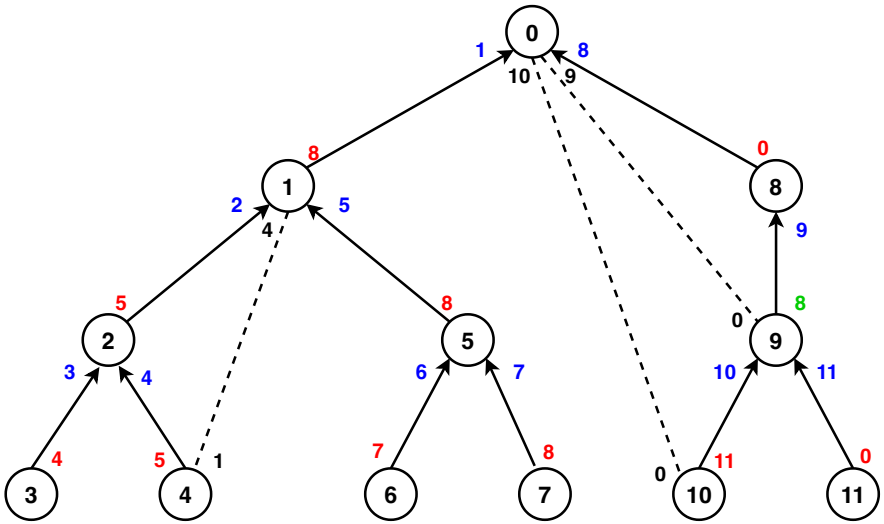

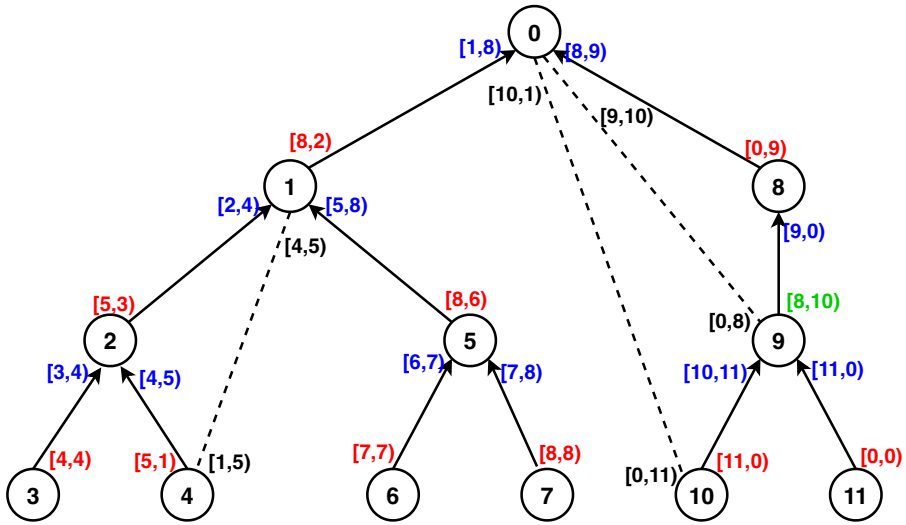

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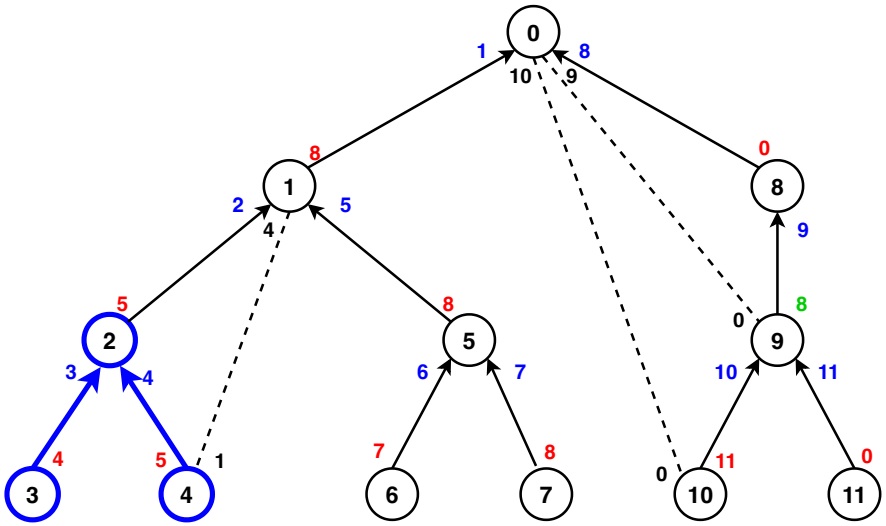

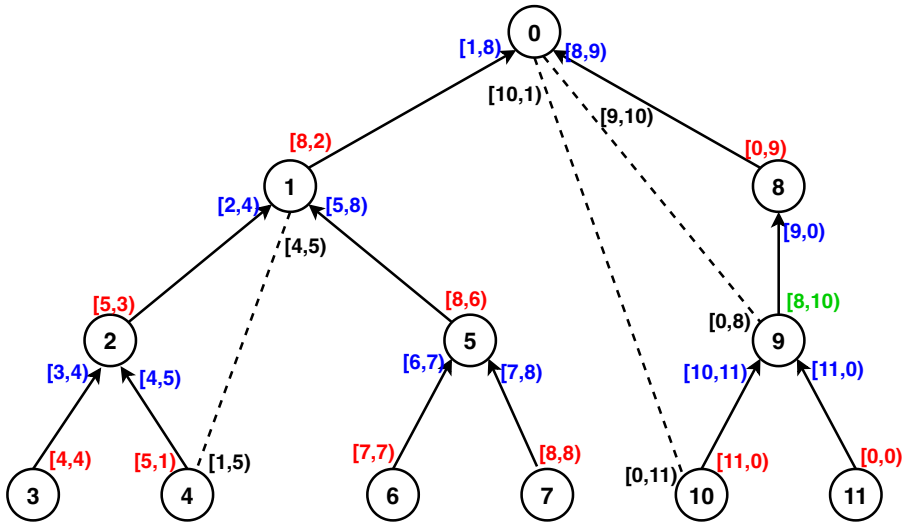

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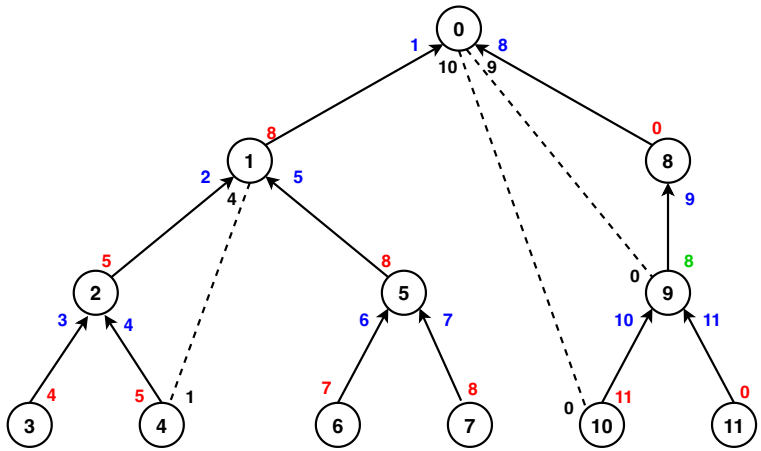

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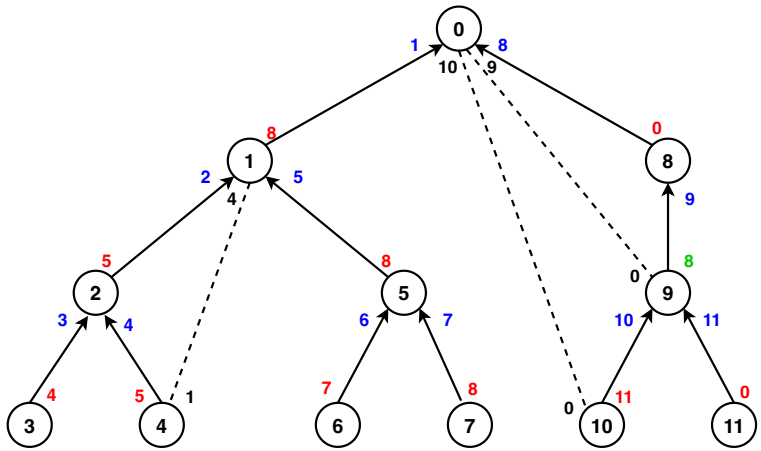

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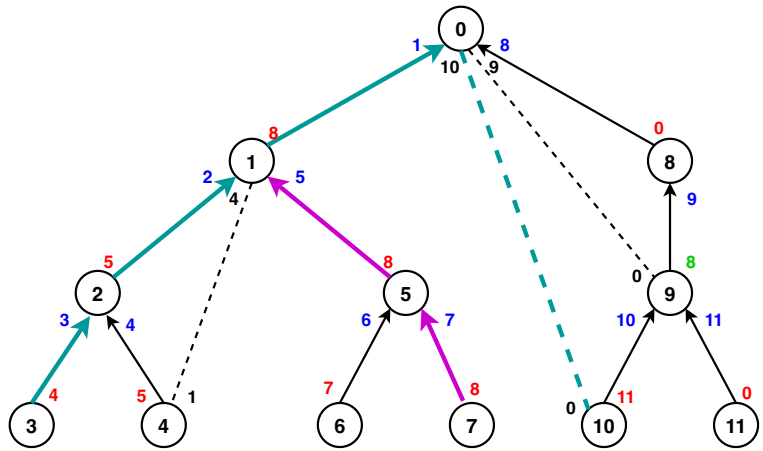

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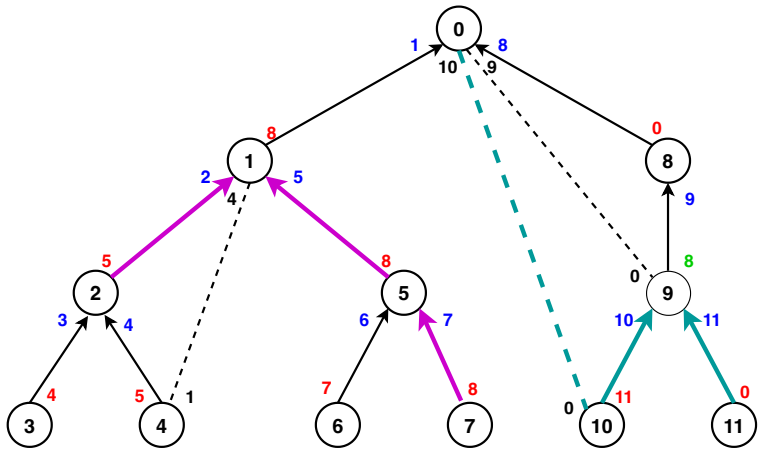

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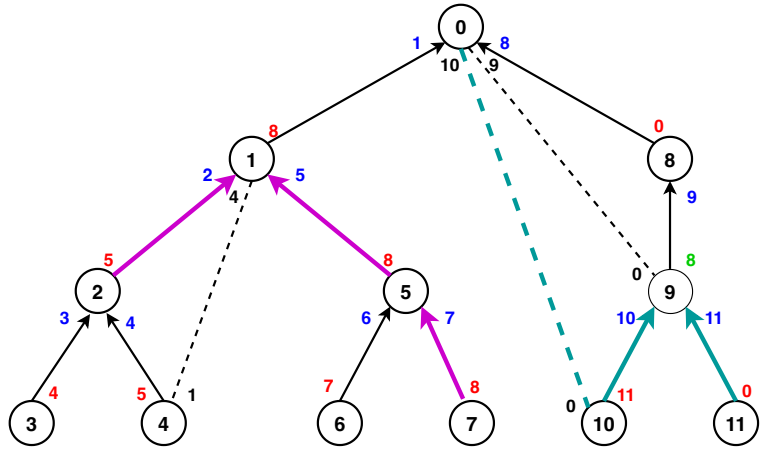

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[4] $(a, b) < (c, d) \equiv [a < c \vee (a = c \wedge b < d)]$

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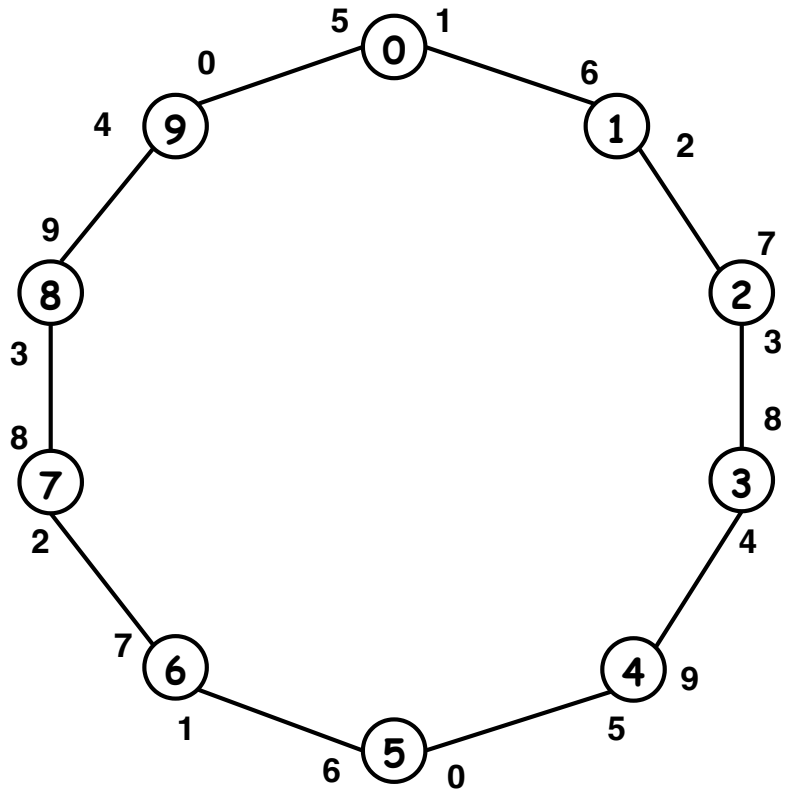

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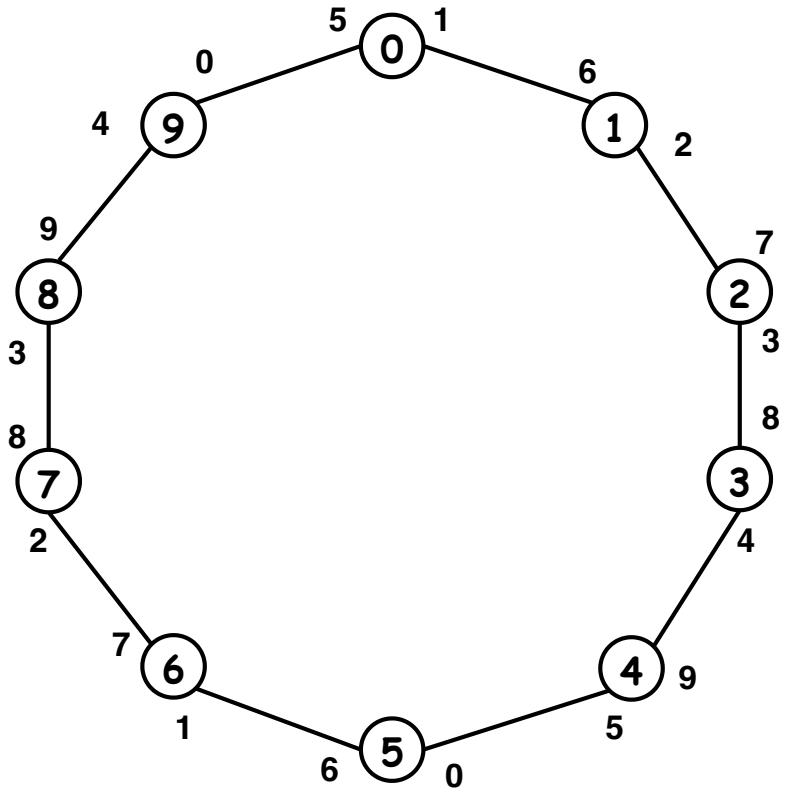

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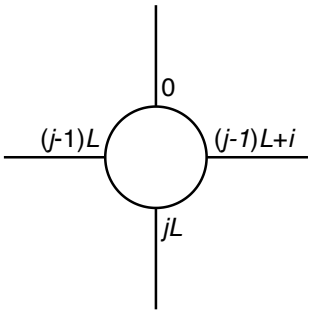

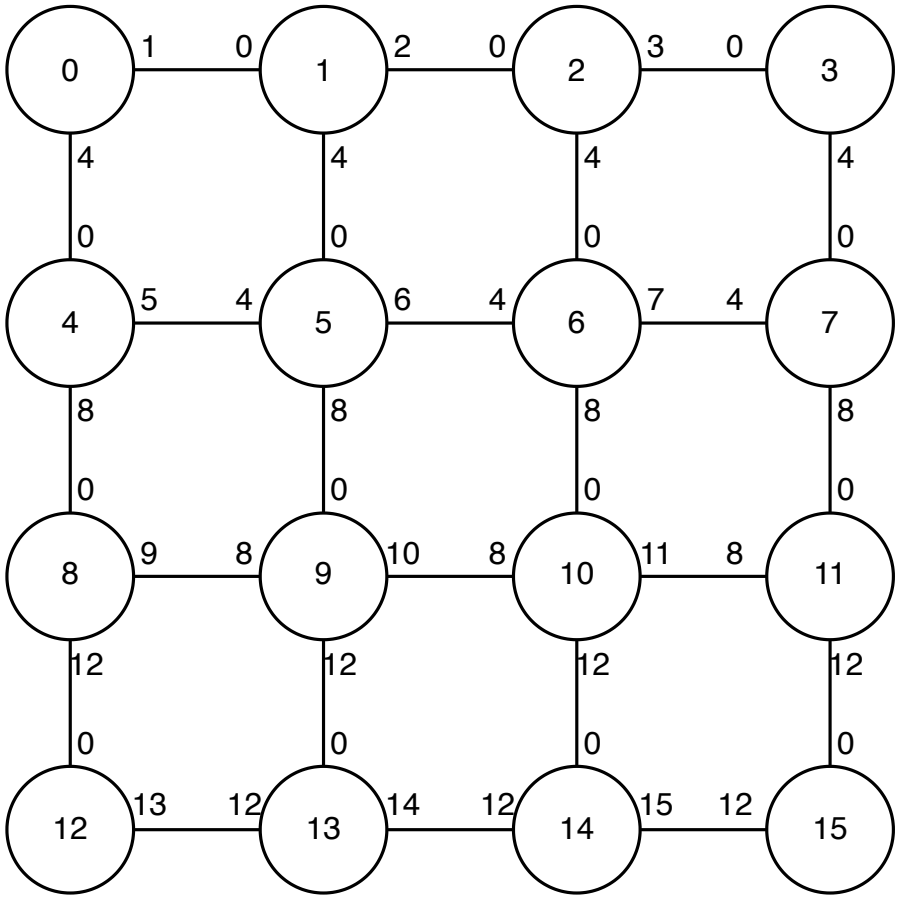

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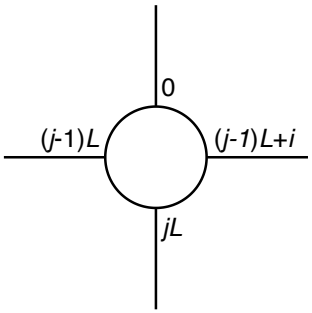

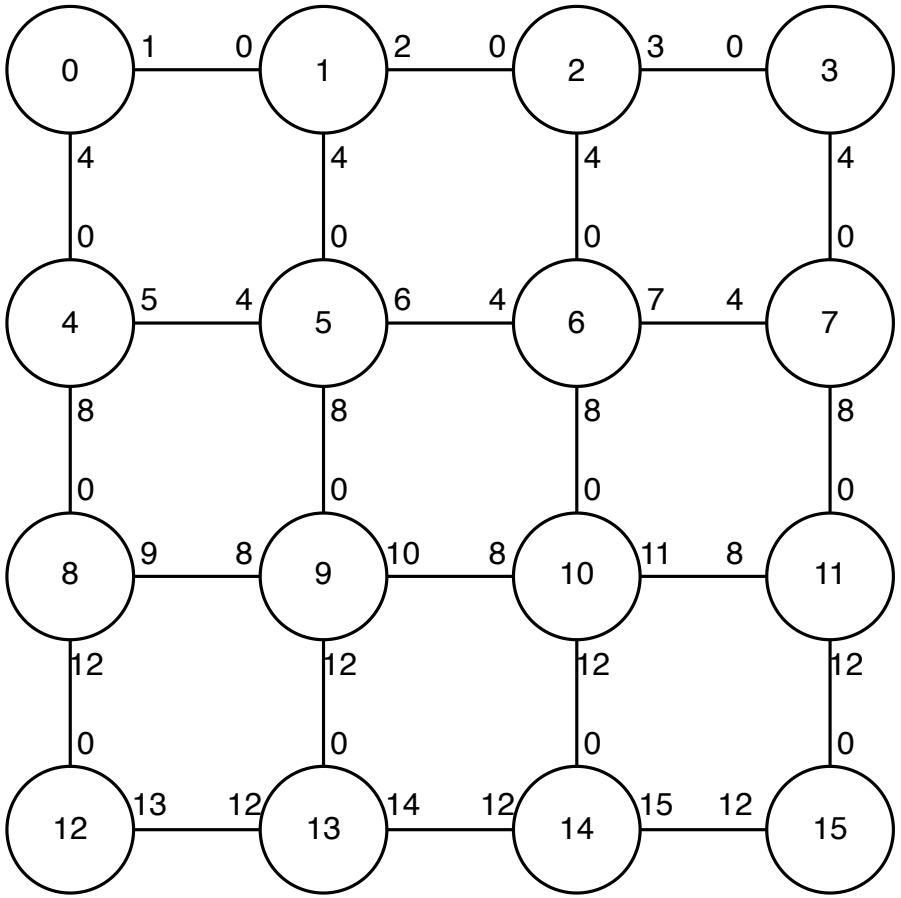

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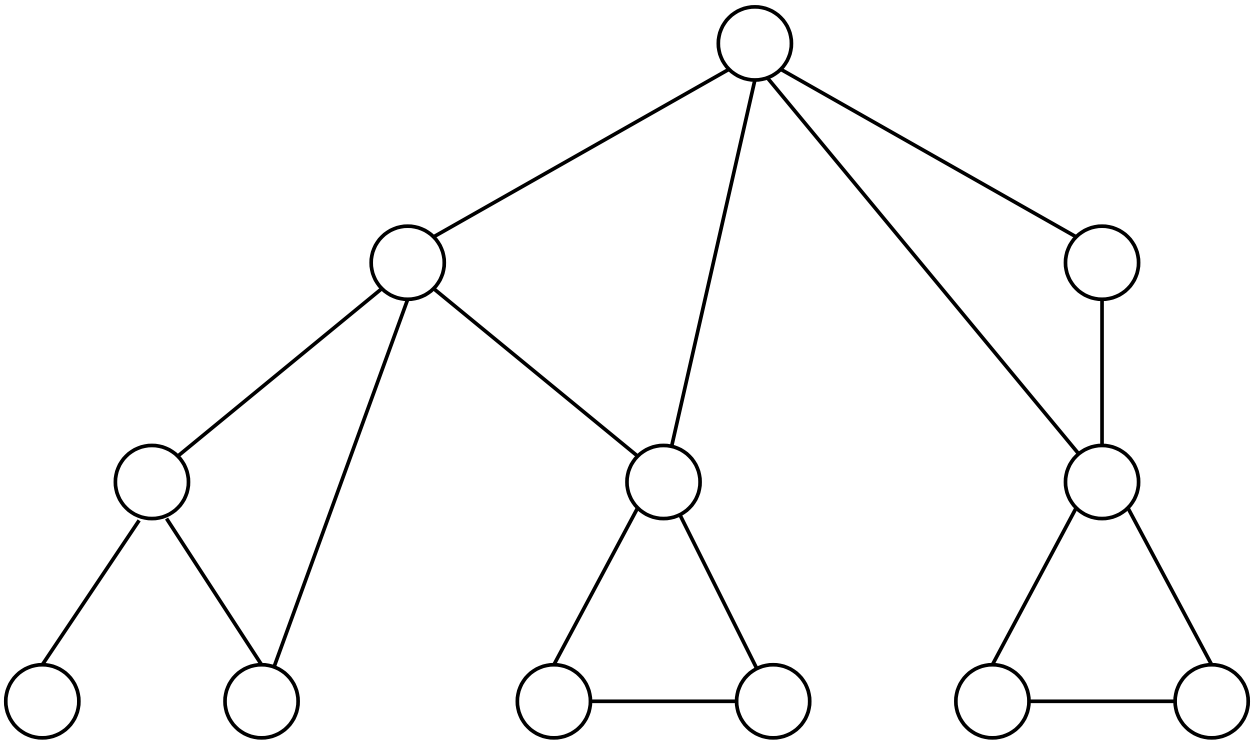

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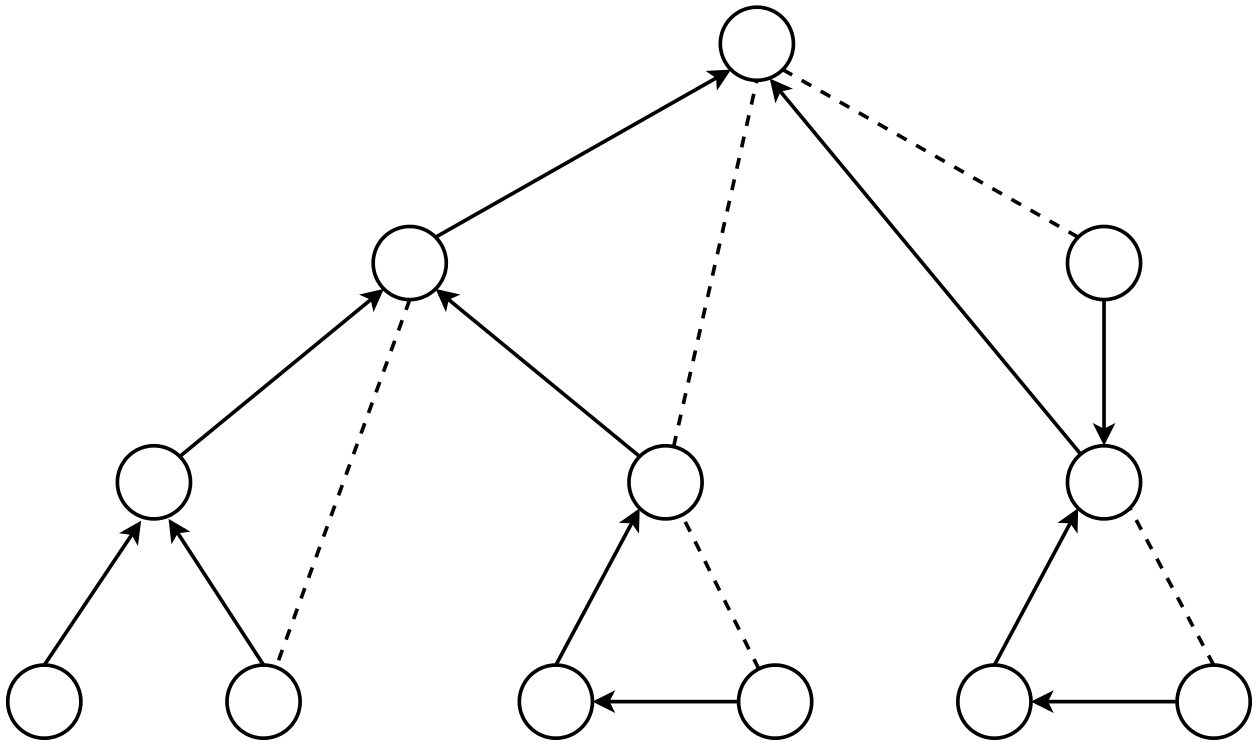

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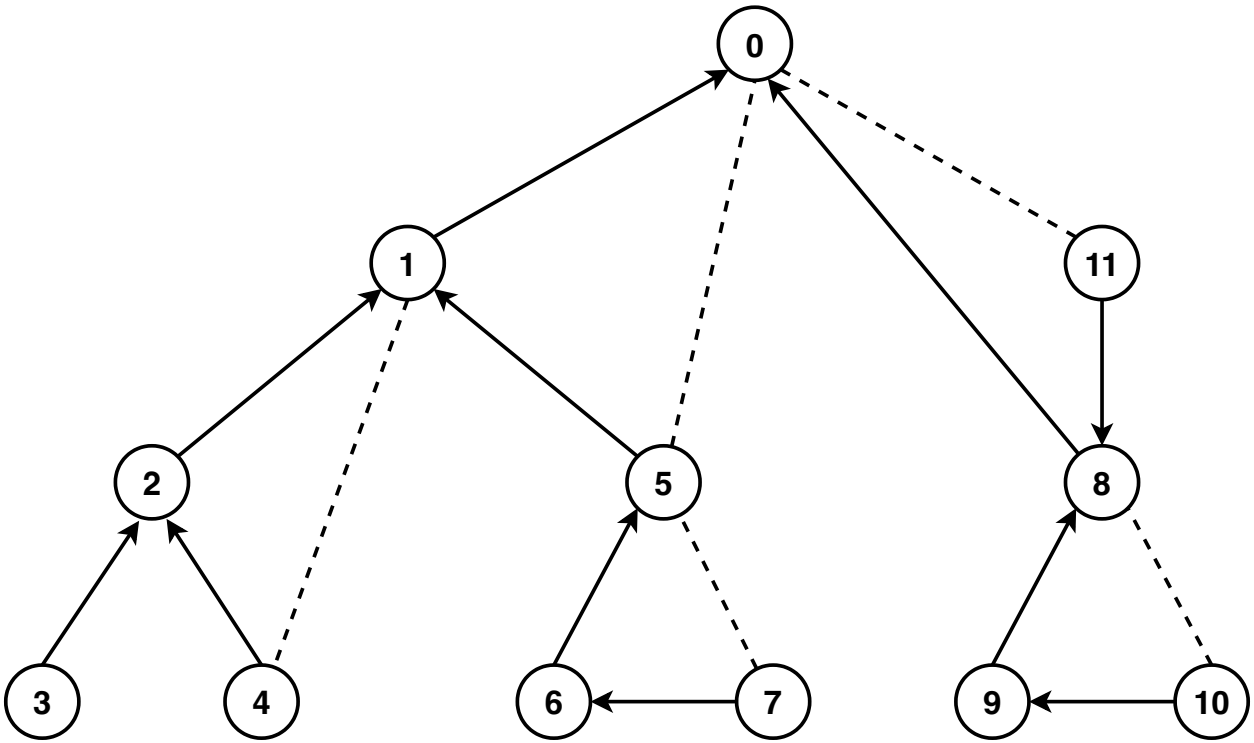

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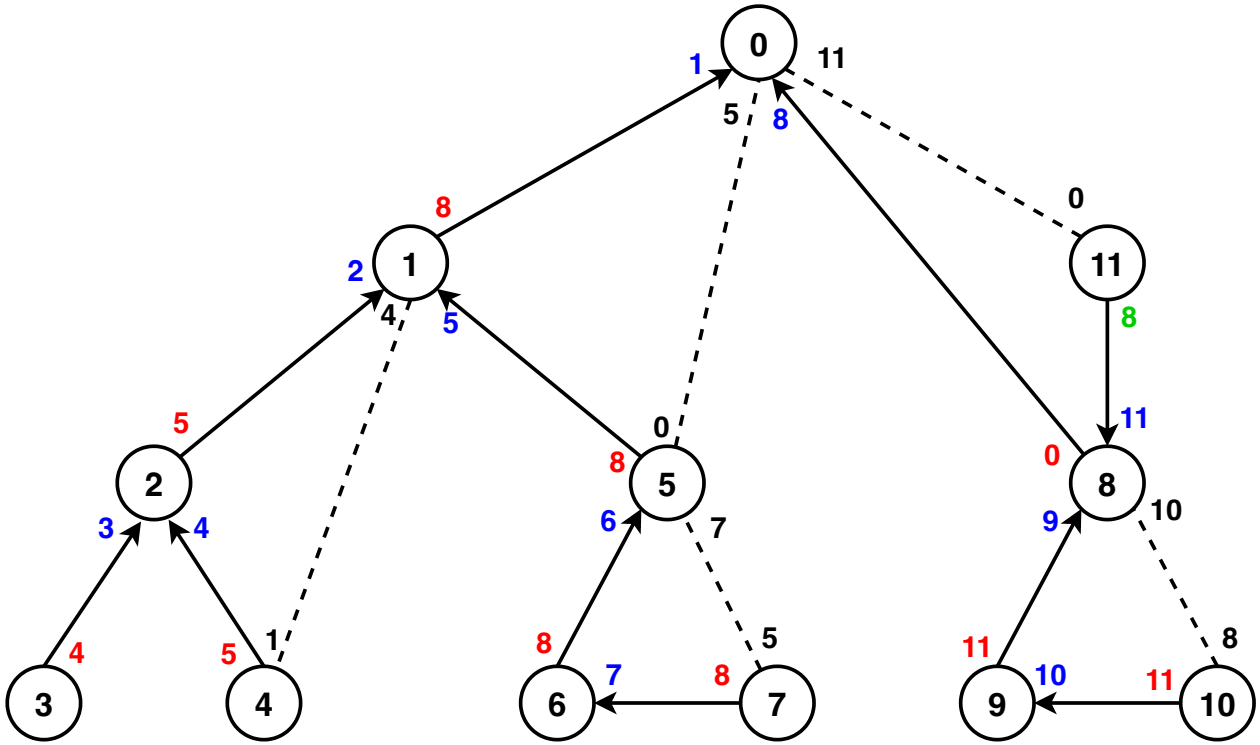

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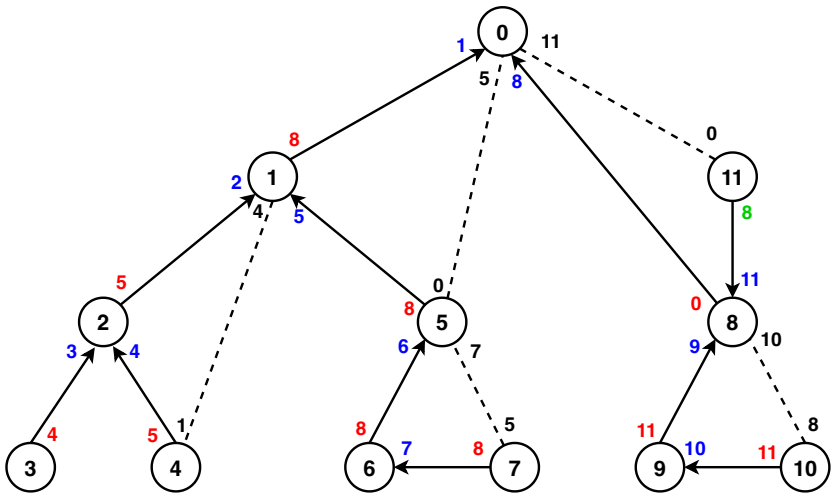

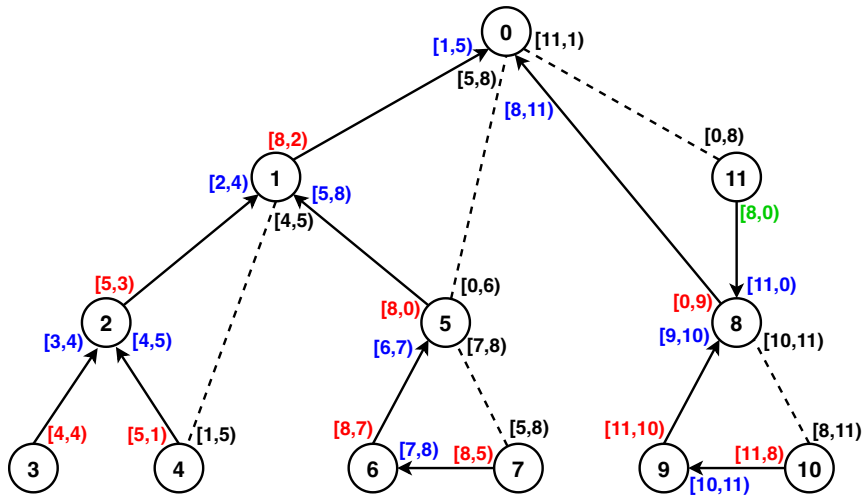

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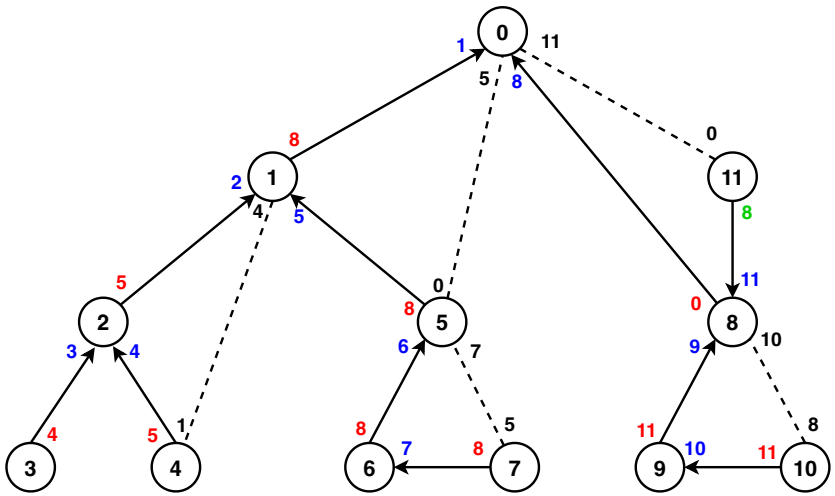

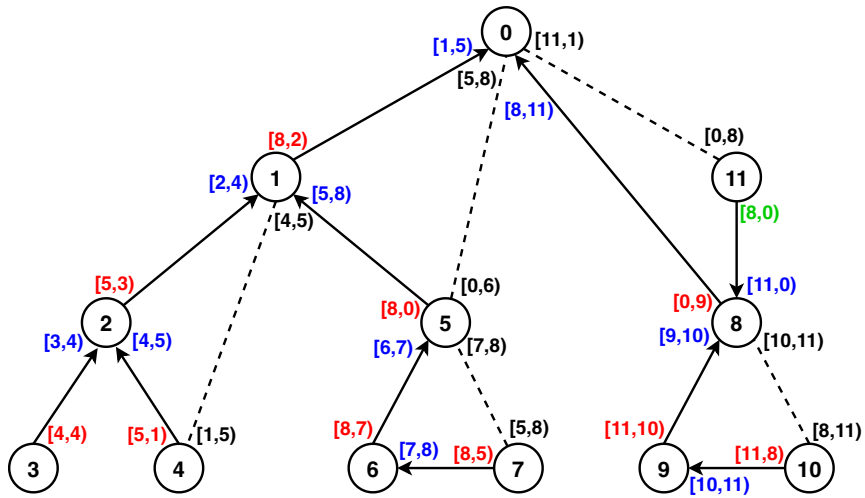

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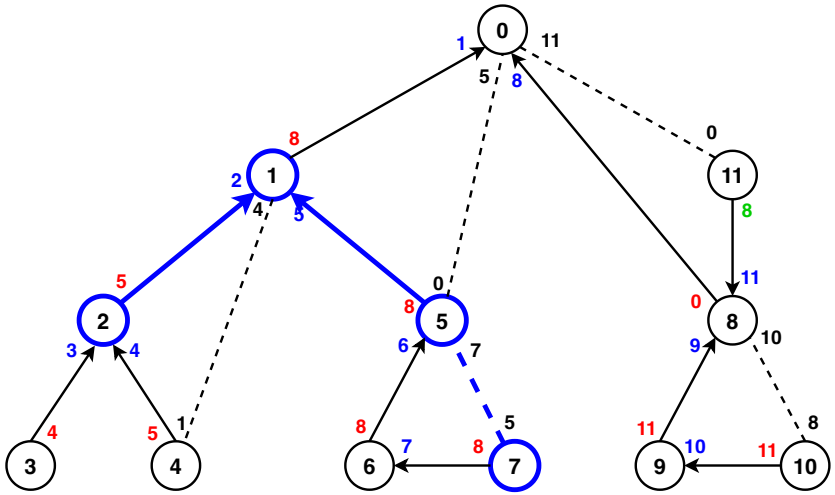

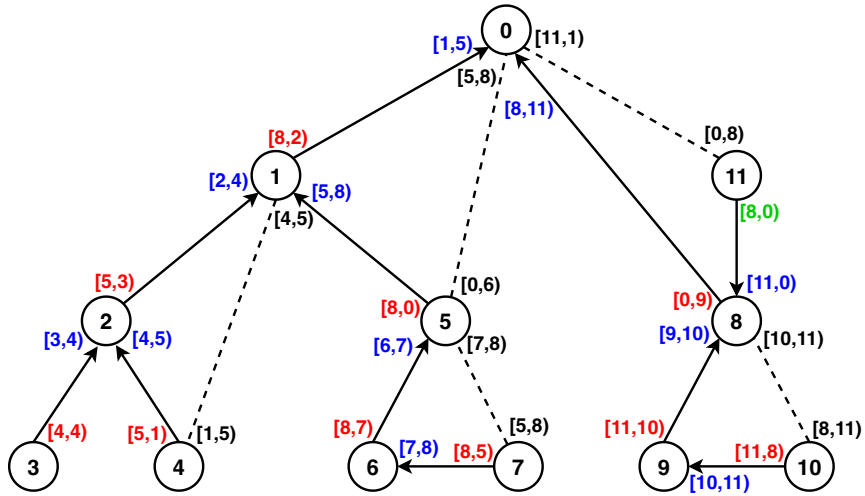

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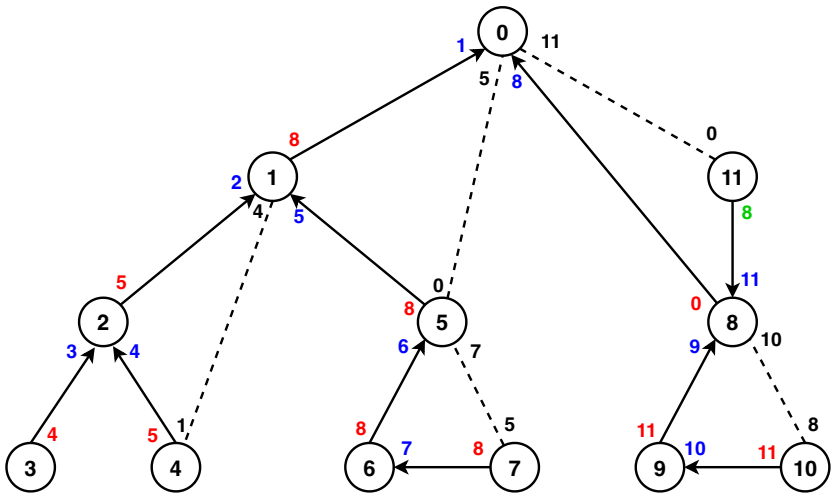

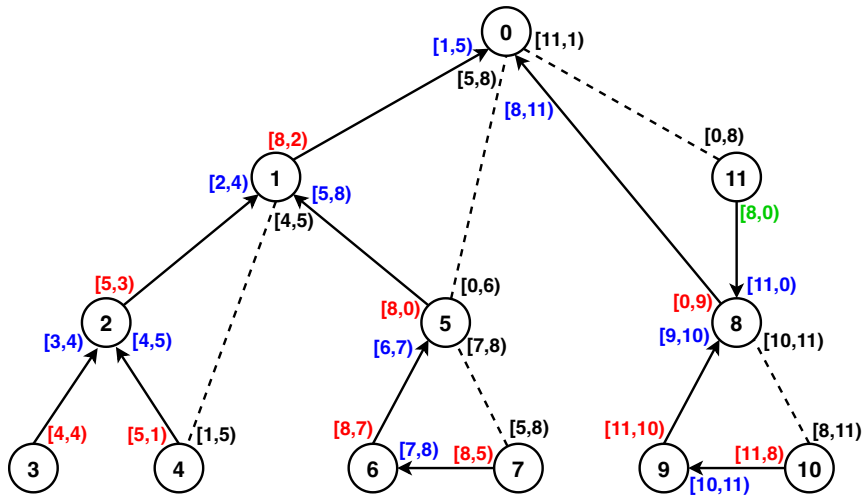

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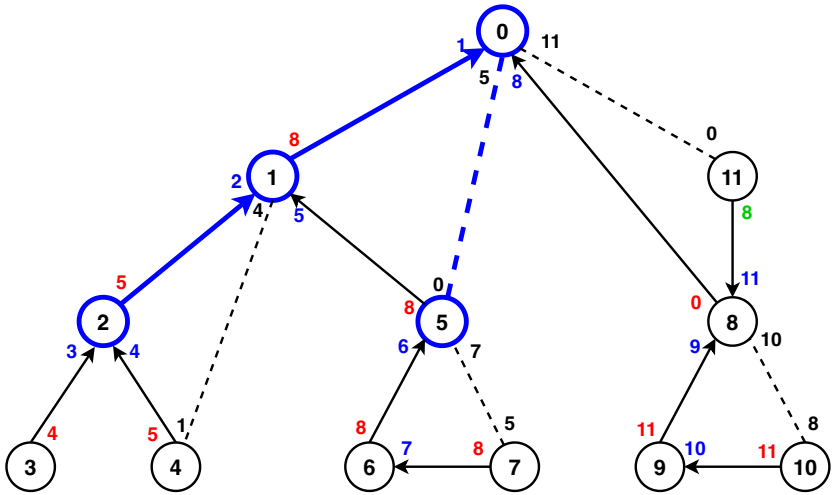

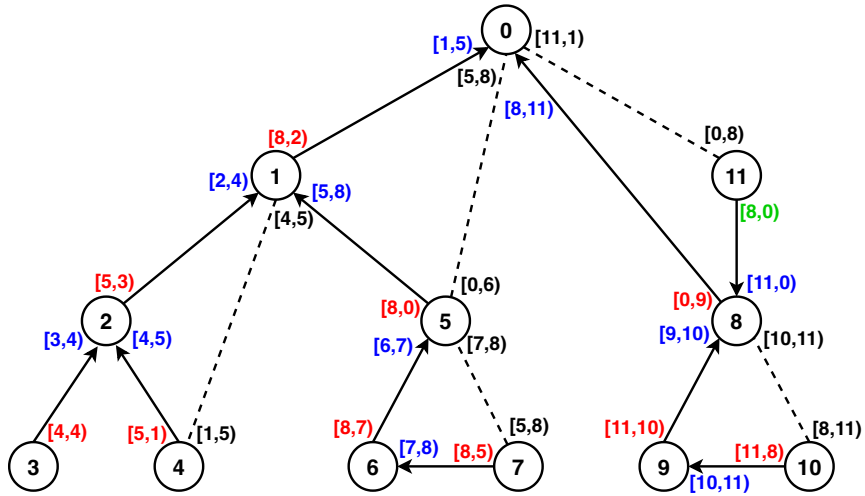

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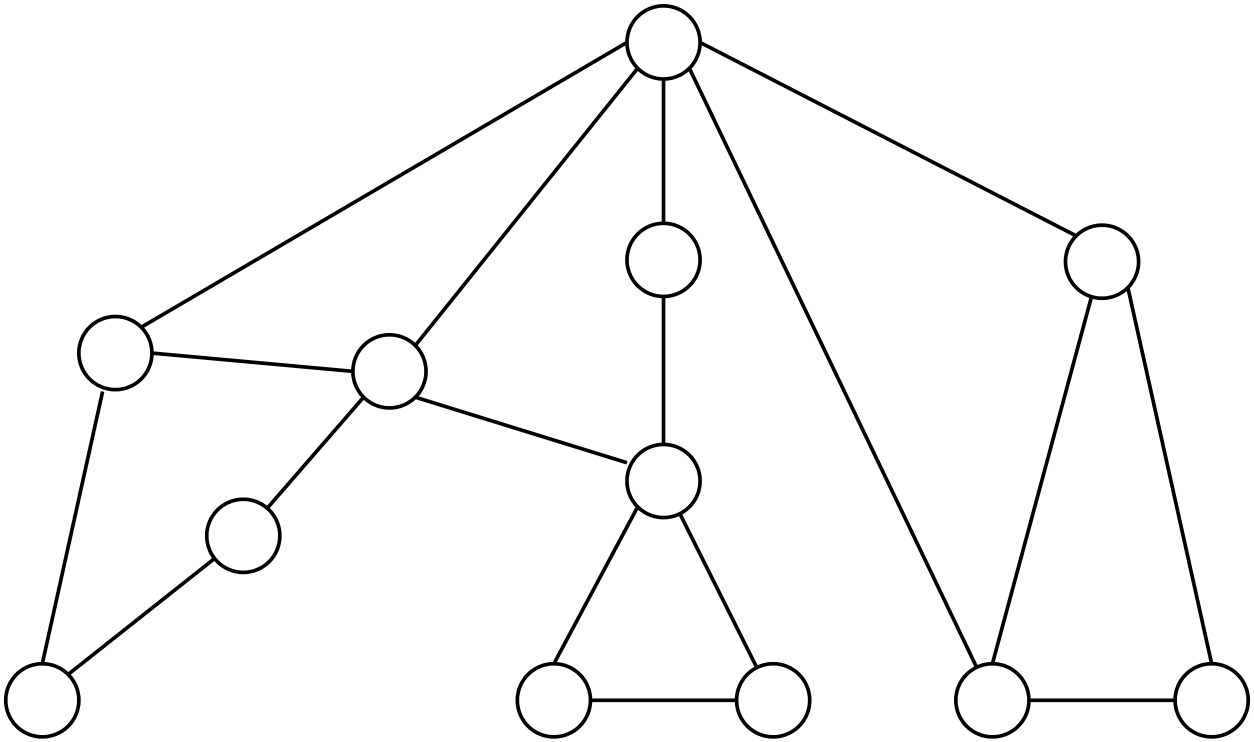

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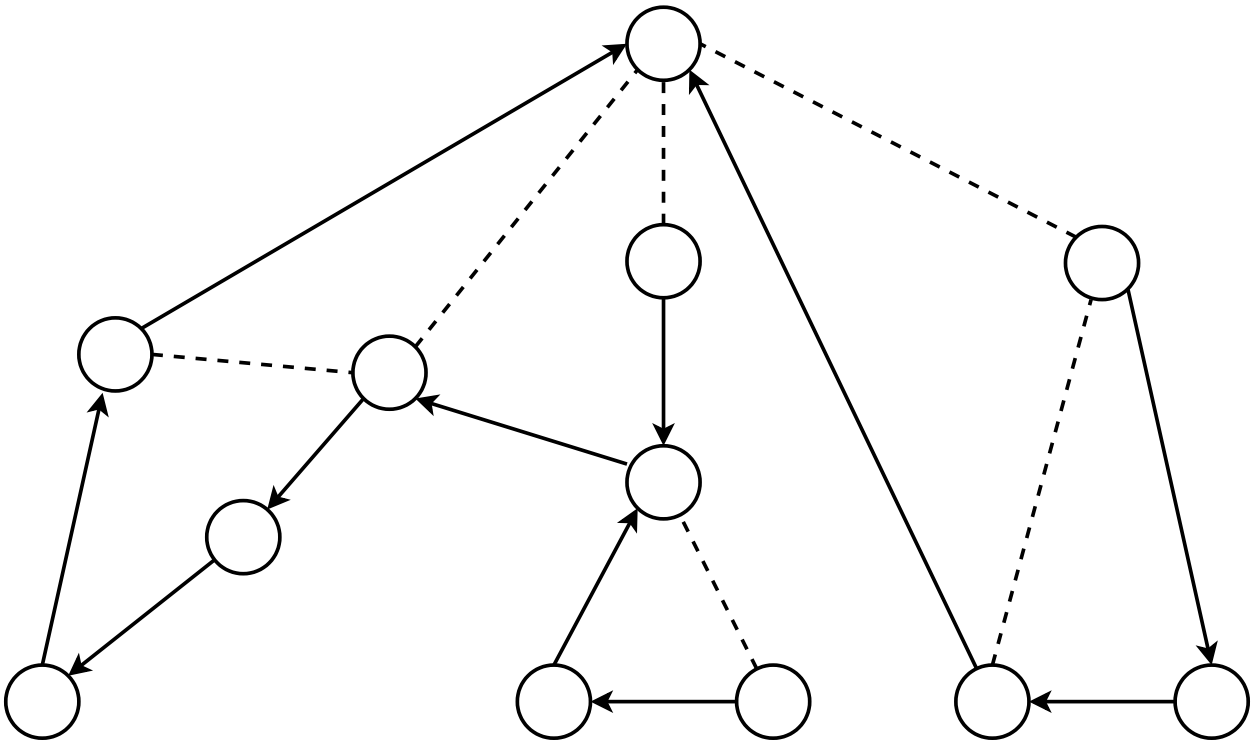

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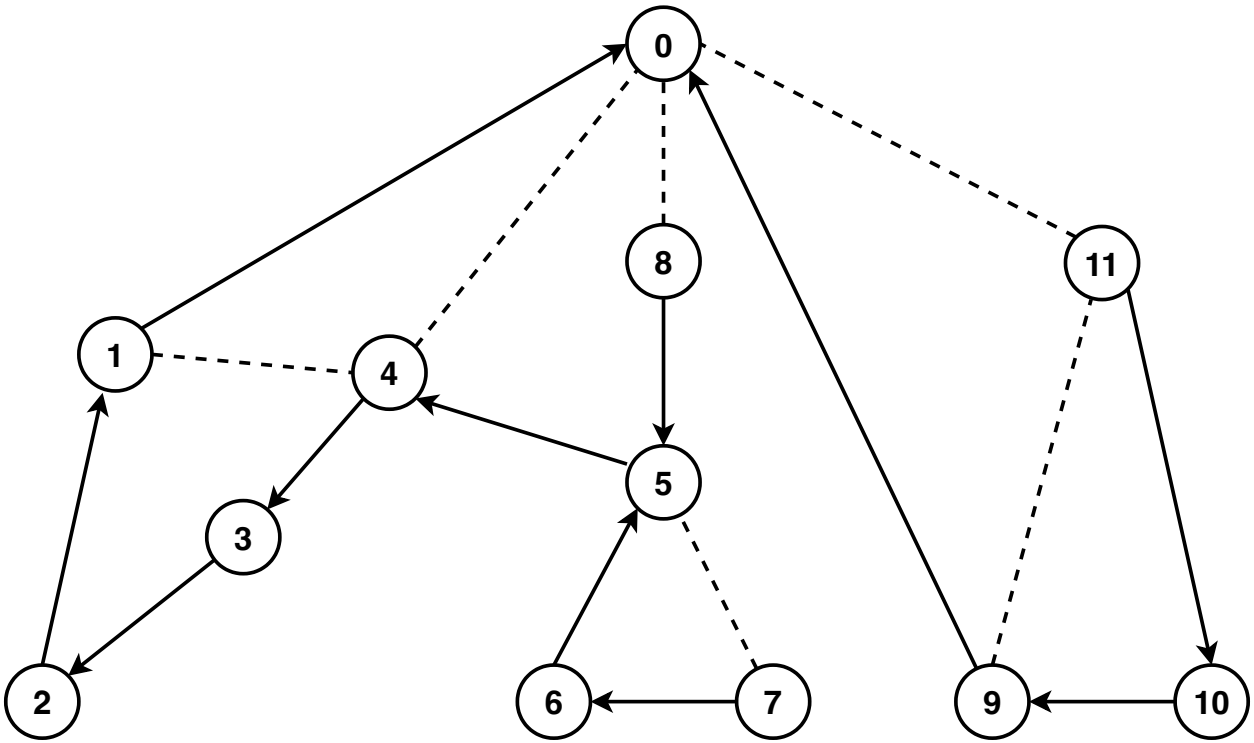

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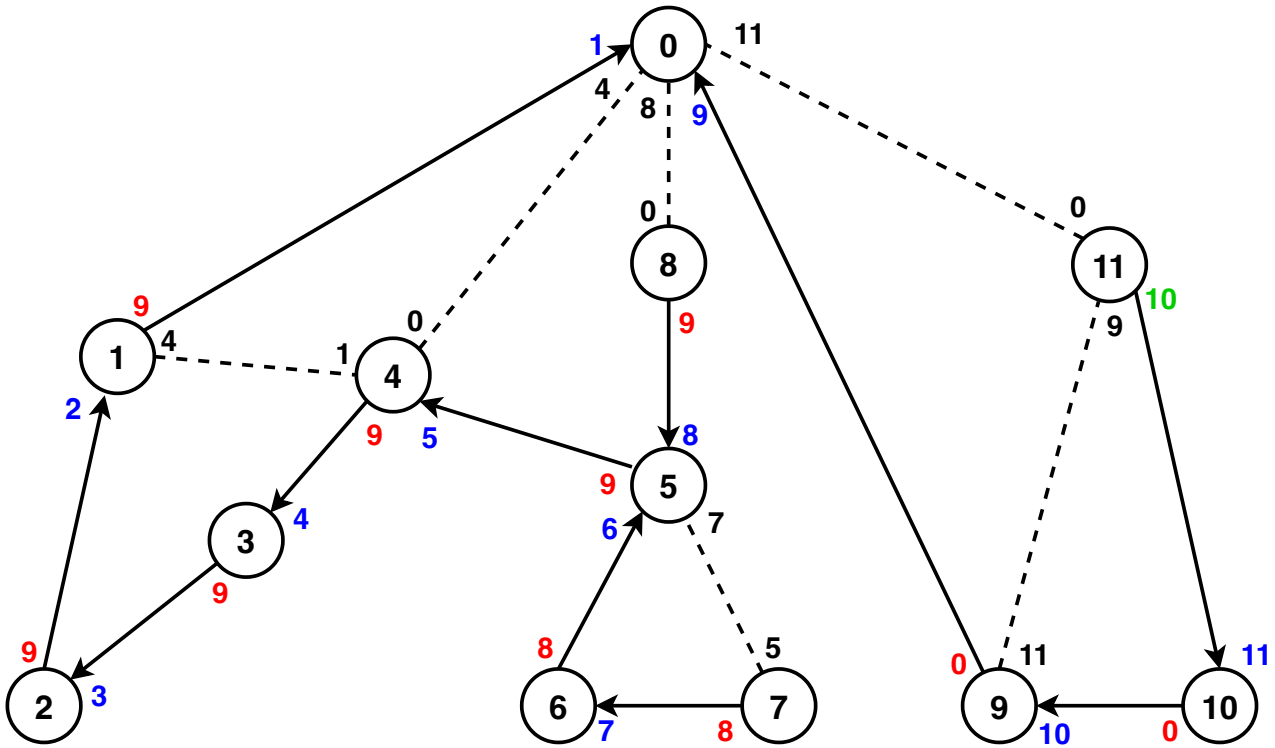

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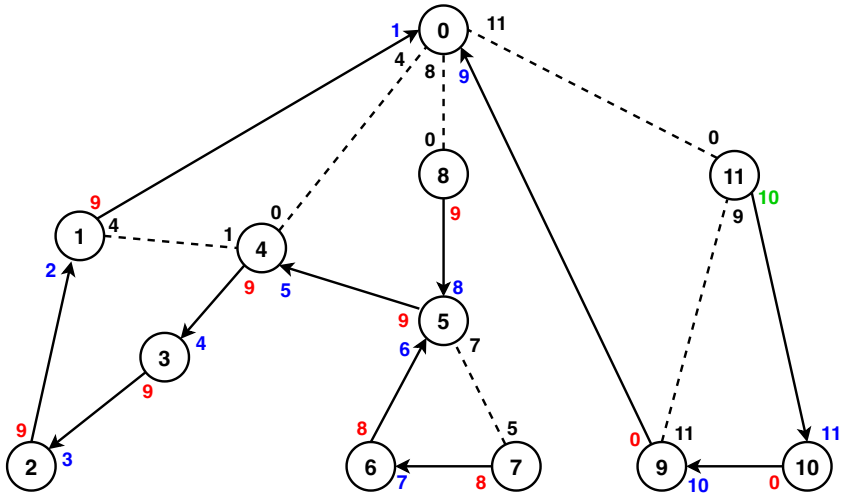

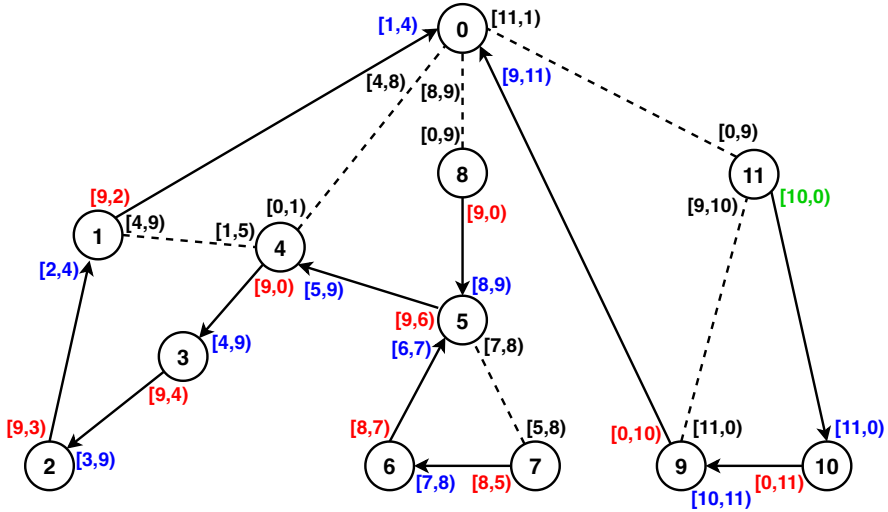

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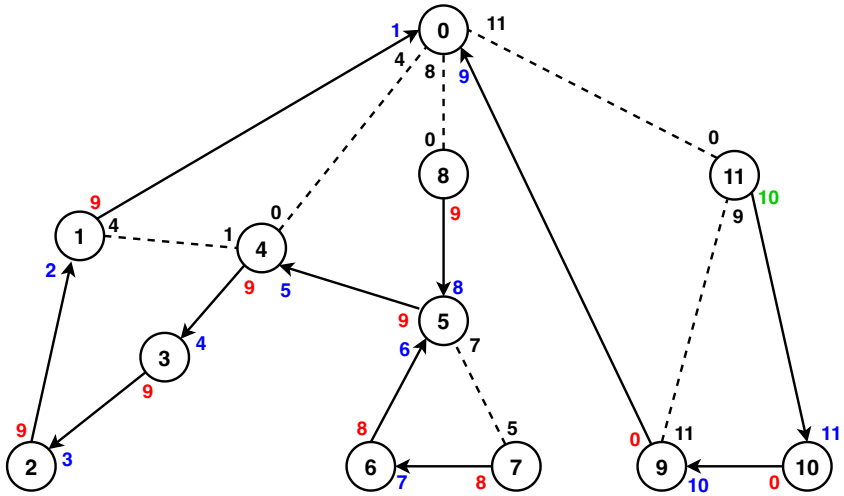

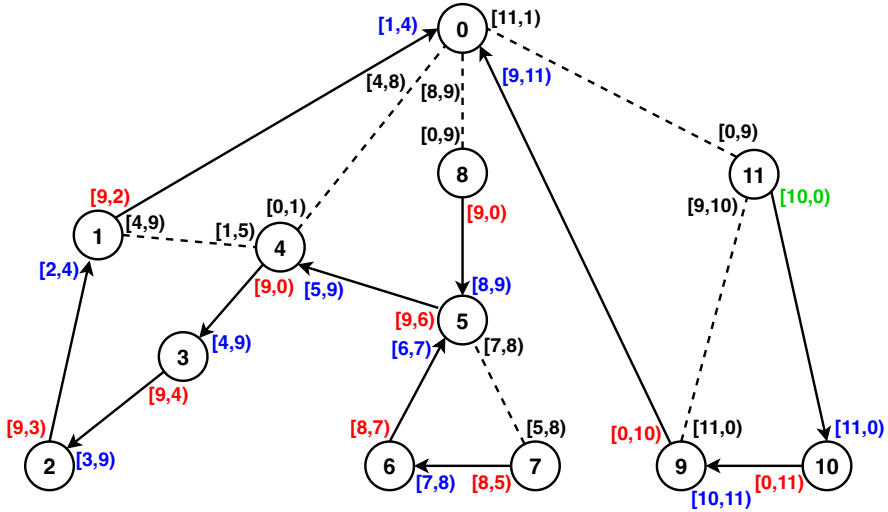

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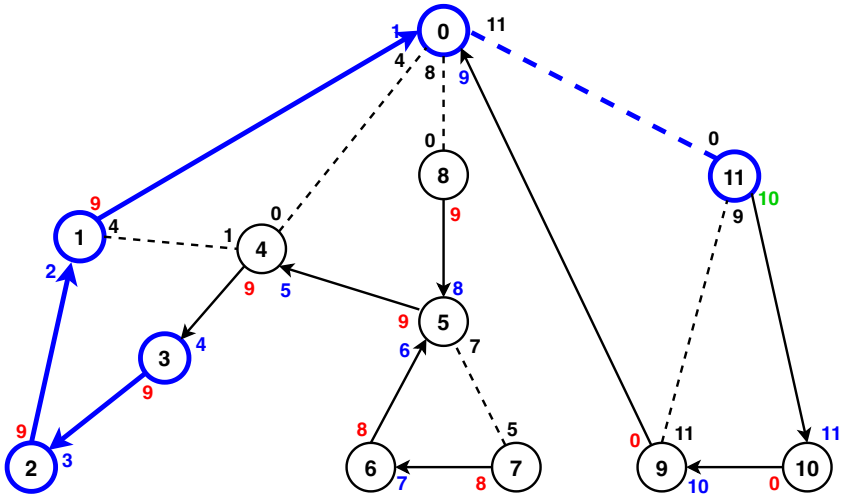

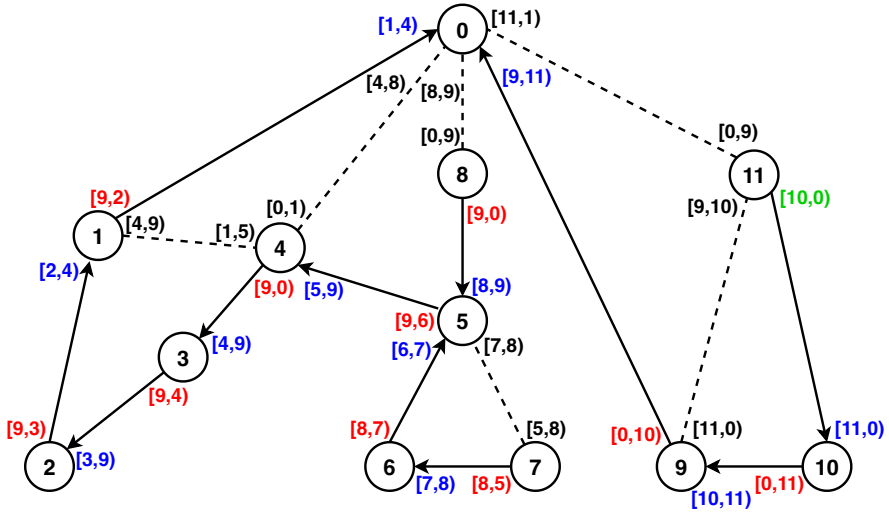

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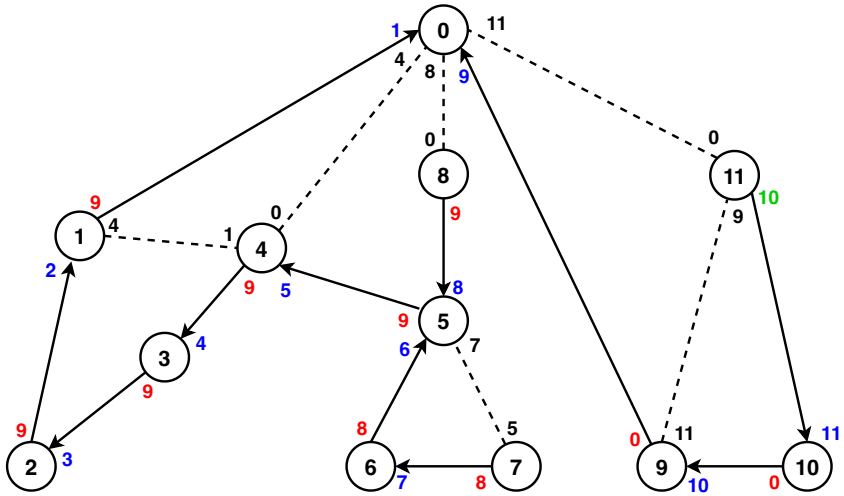

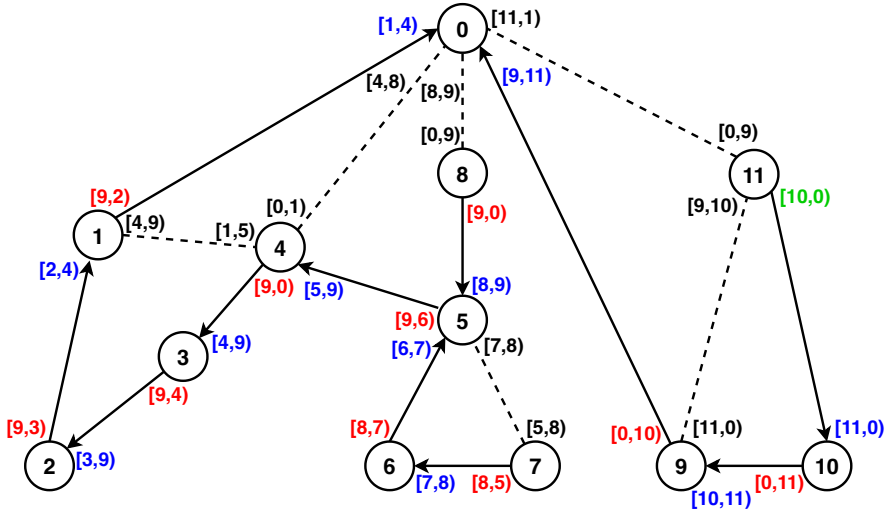

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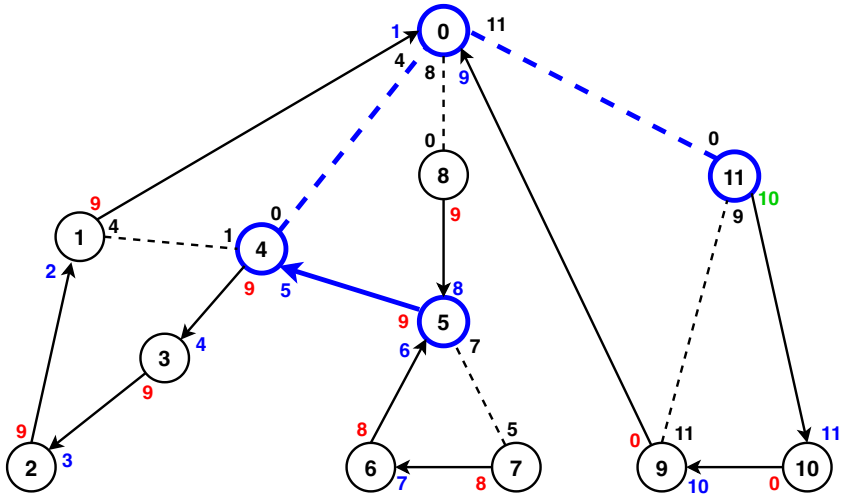

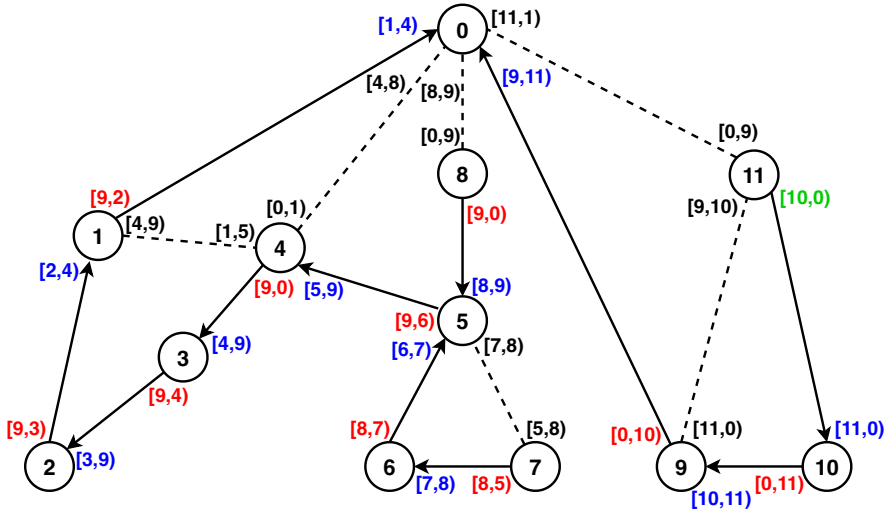

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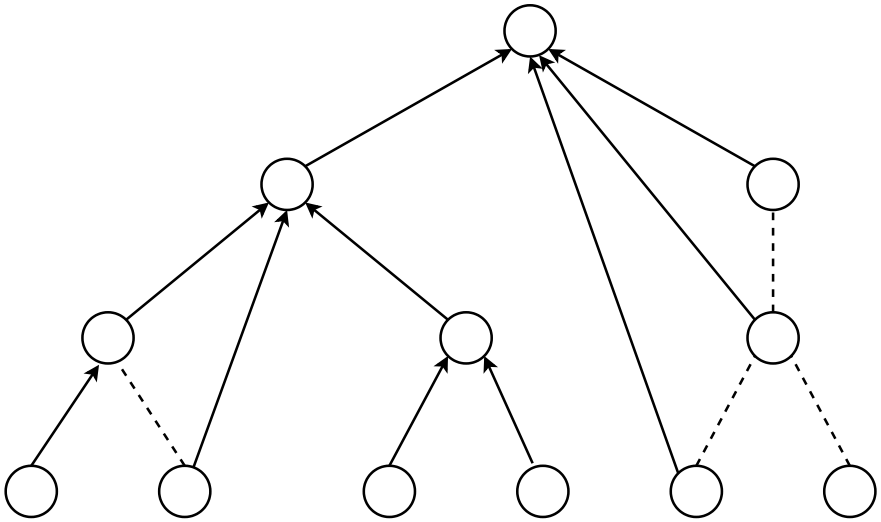

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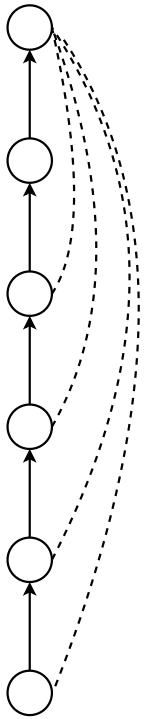

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Example: If the destination label is aabbc and the current node has channel labels: aabb, abba, aab, aabc, aa.

aabb, aab, aa are prefix and the channel labeled **aabb** is selected for the next hop.

Routing Algorithm

Given a packet p with destination label d at node u.

if $d = l_u$ **then**
    `deliver` p
else
    let $\alpha_i(u) :=$ the longest channel label such that $\alpha_i(u) \lhd d$
    send p via the channel labeled with $\alpha_i(u)$
end if

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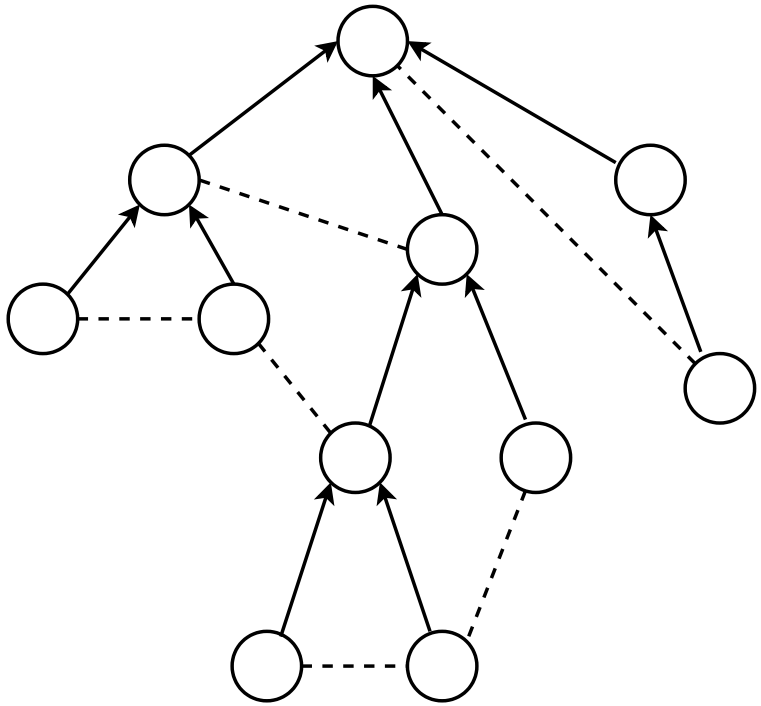

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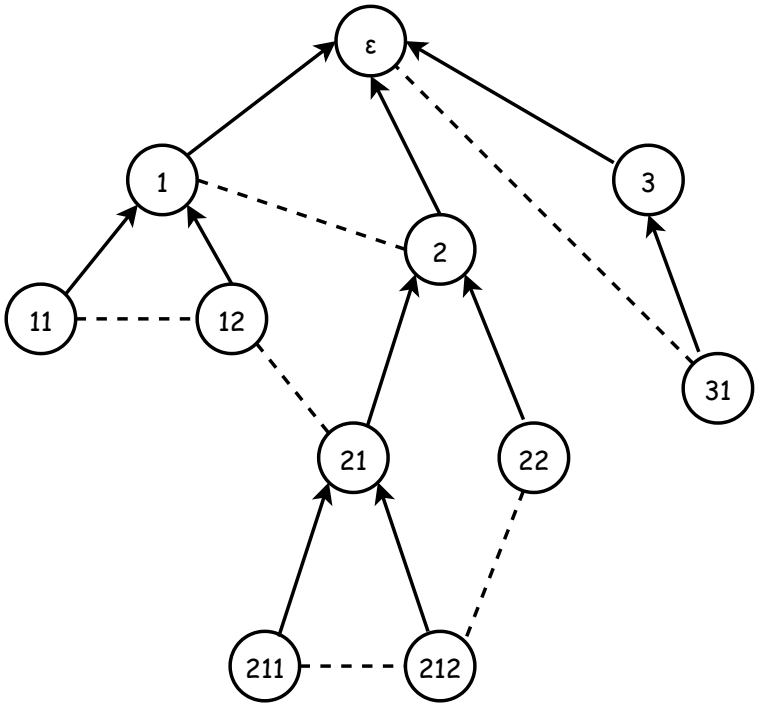

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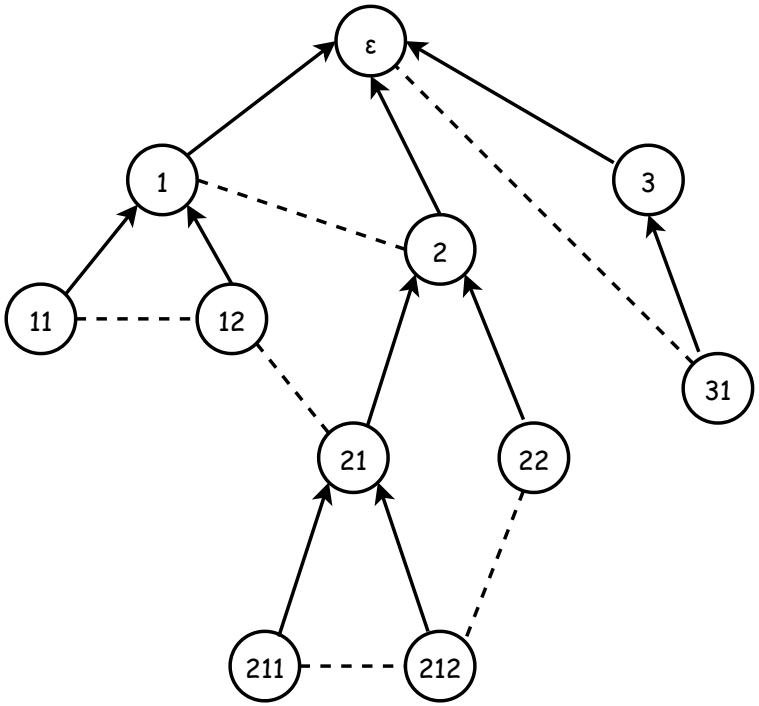

Remark: It may be distributedly computed during the broadcast phase of a PIF on the spanning tree T (with initialization and termination detection at the root)

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(If we use port numbers as alphabet, $|\Sigma| = O(\Delta)$ where Δ is the degree of the network)

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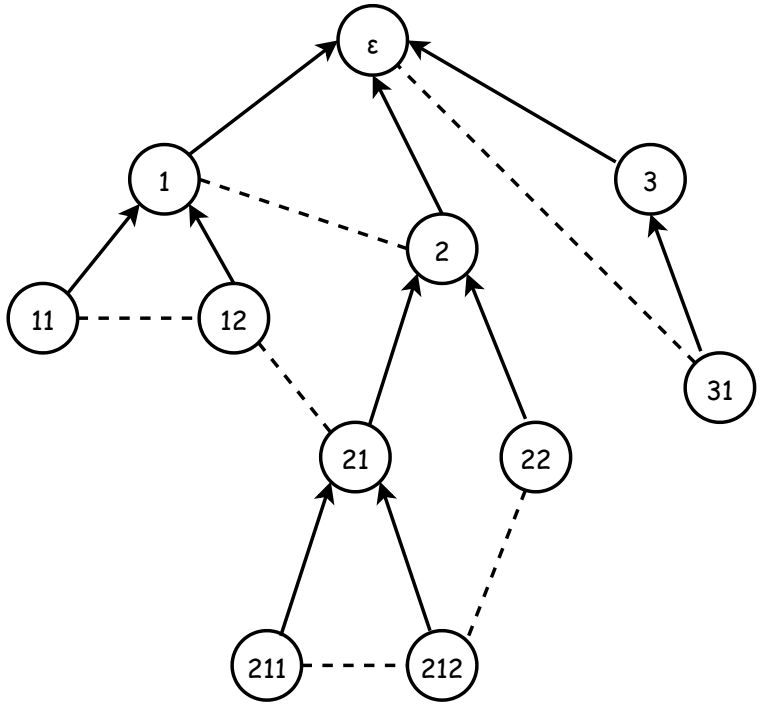

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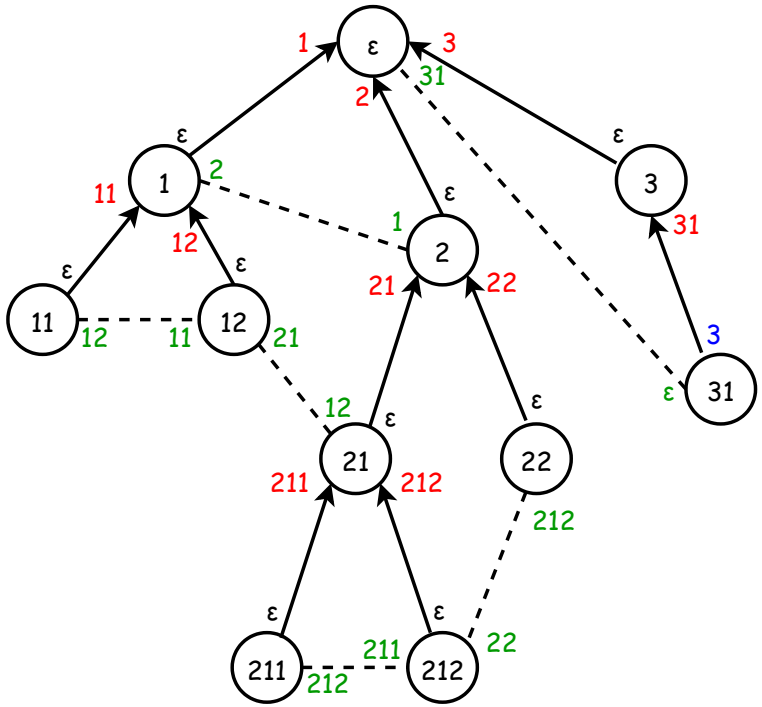

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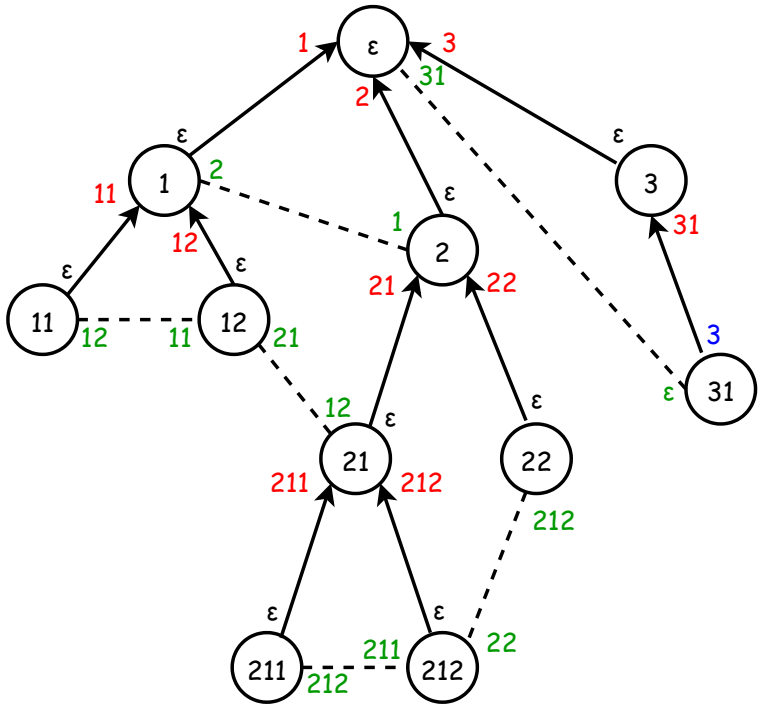

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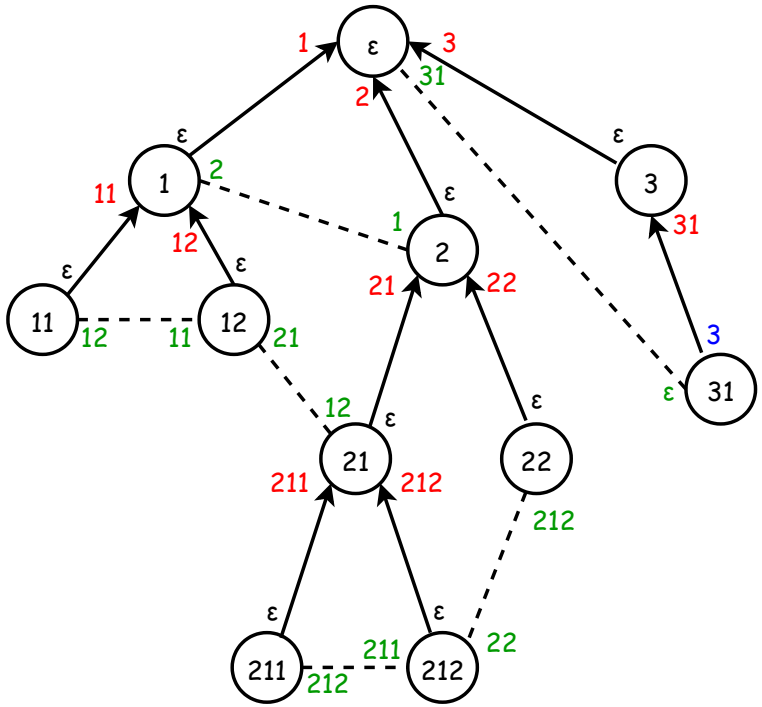

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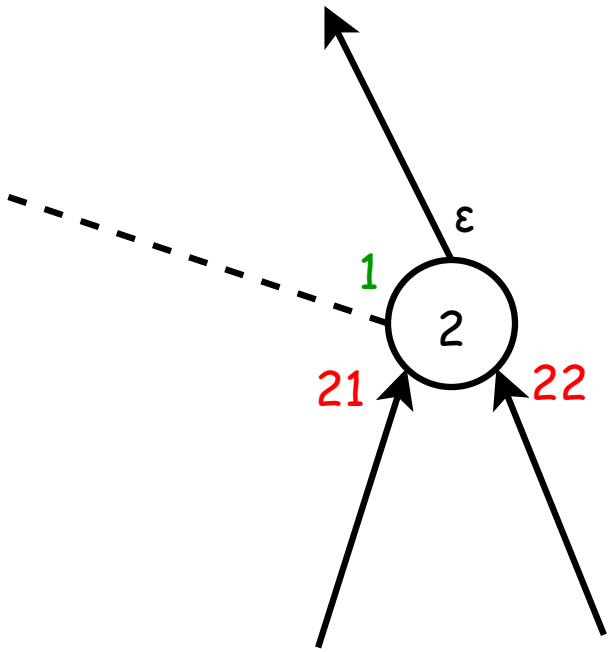

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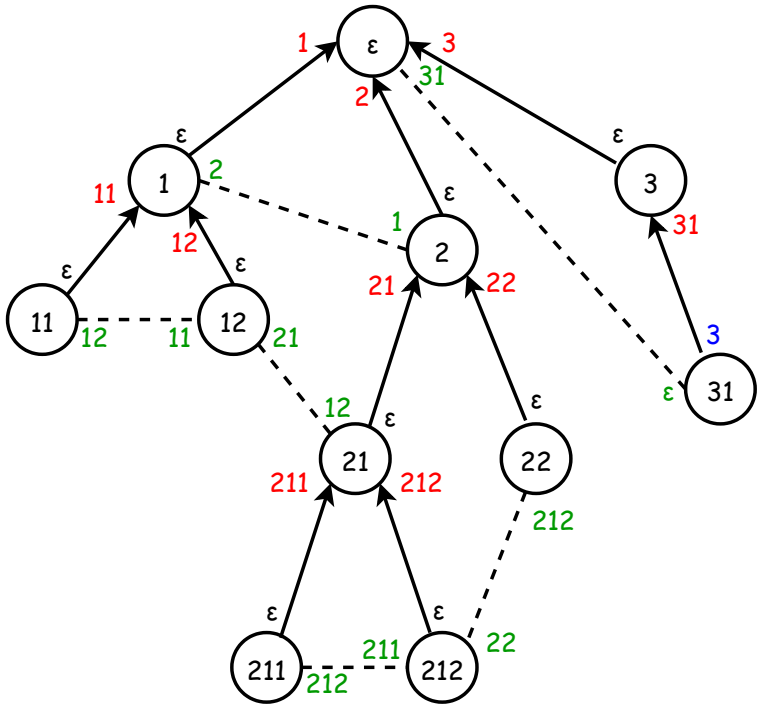

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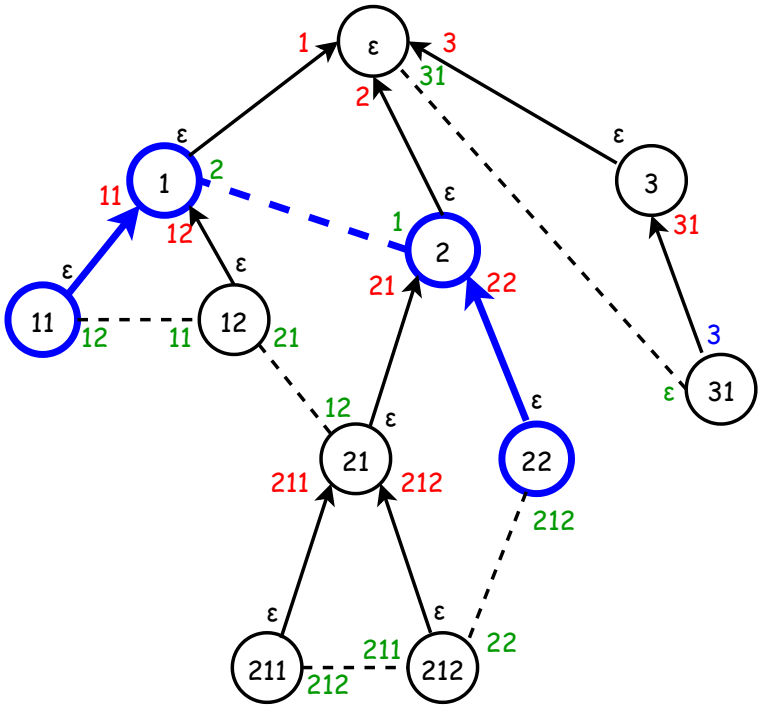

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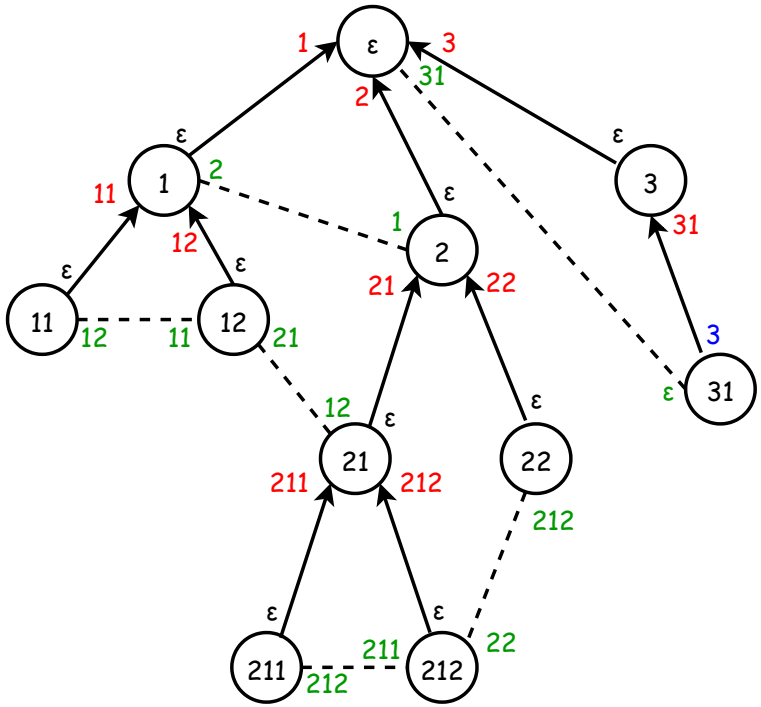

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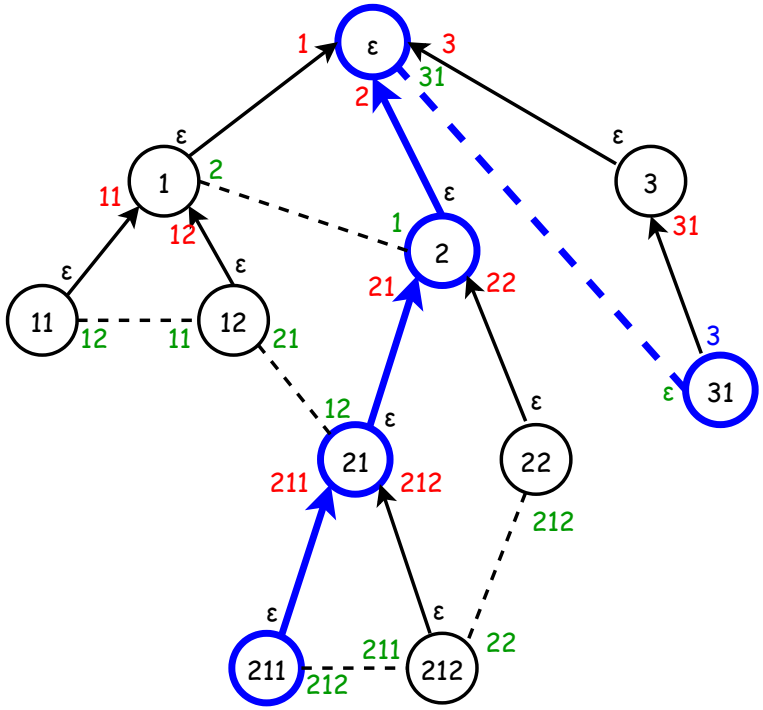

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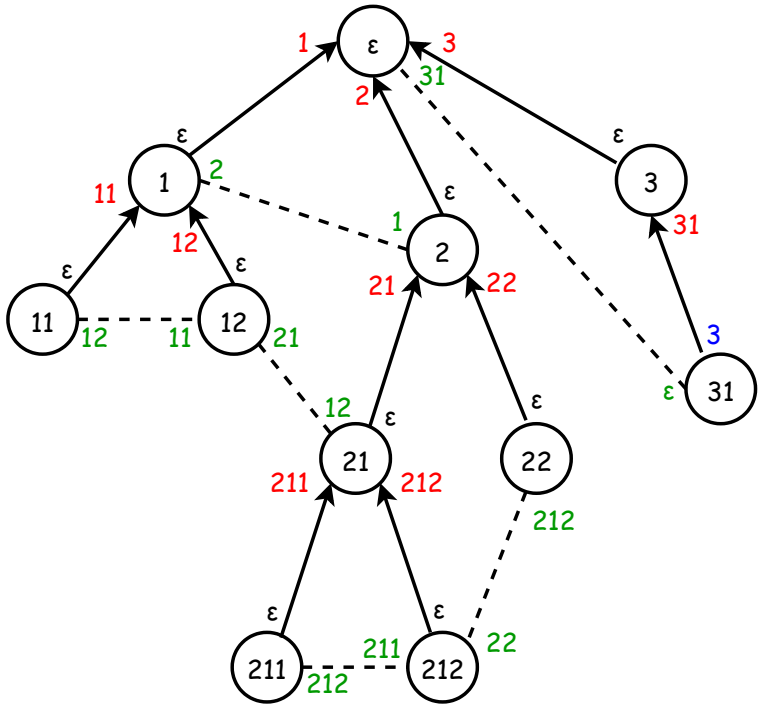

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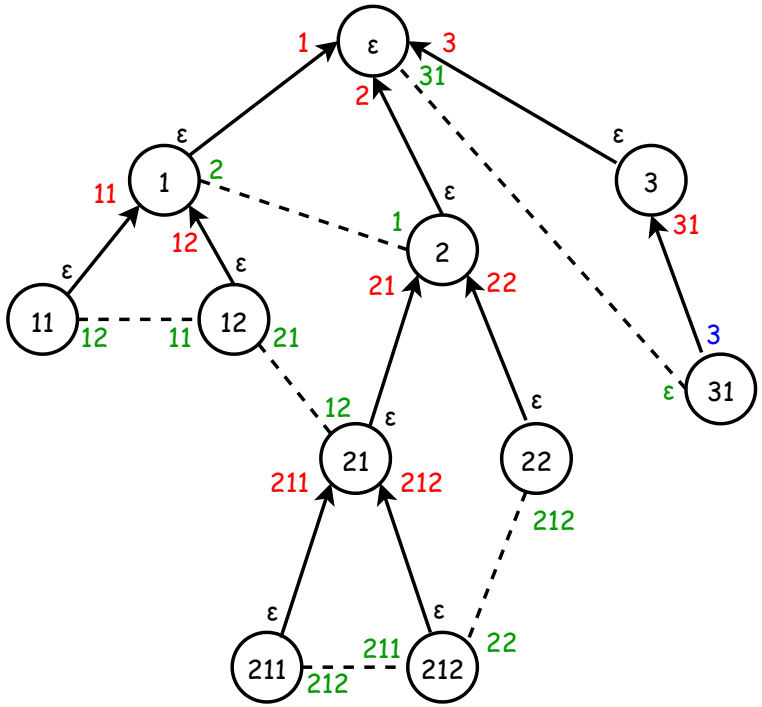

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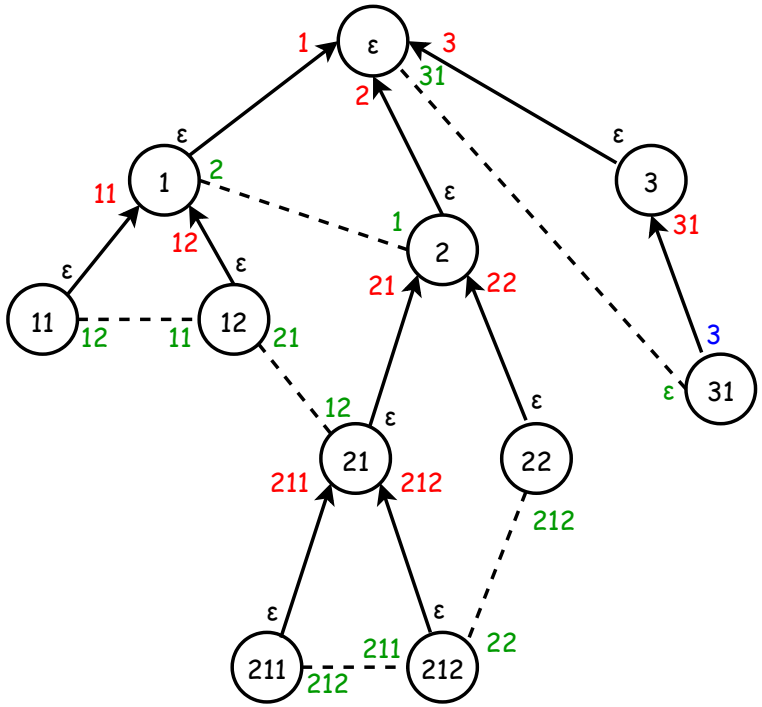

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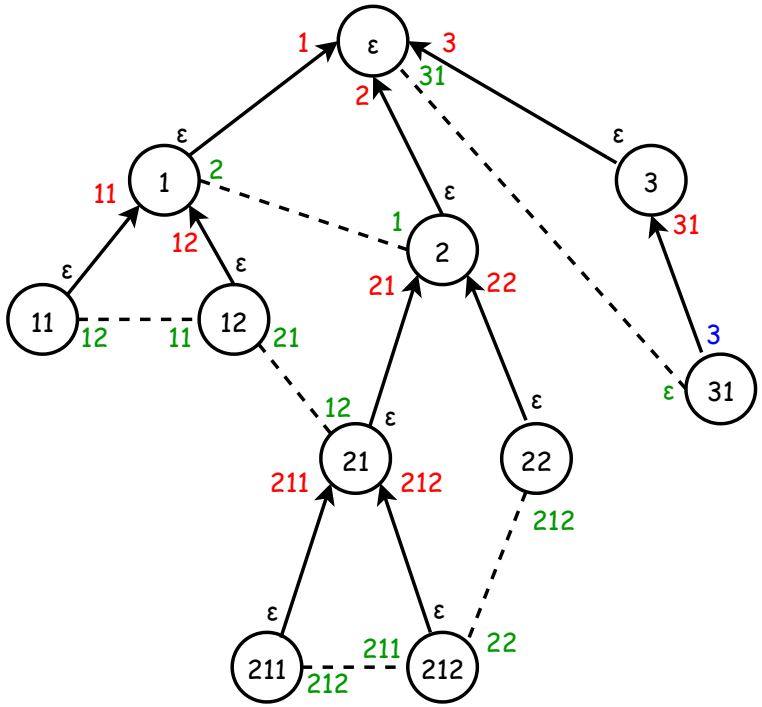

Proof of Property 1

For all nodes u and v such that $u \neq v$, there is a channel at u labeled with a prefix of l_v

If u is not the root, u has a channel ϵ which is a prefix of l_v.

Otherwise, u is the root, $v \in T(u)$, and has a child w such that $v \in T(w)$. By construction, $\alpha_w(u) = l_w \lhd l_v$. □

Proof of Property 2

If $u \in T(v)$, w is an ancestor of u

If $\alpha_w(u) = \epsilon$, w is an ancestor of u
(w is either the parent of u or the root).

Otherwise, $l_w = \alpha_w(u) \lhd l_v \lhd l_u$ and so w is an ancestor of u.

□

Proof of Property 3

If u is an ancestor of v, w is an ancestor of v closer to v than u

Let w' be the child of u such that $v \in T(w')$. $\alpha_{w'}(u) = l_{w'}$ is a non-empty prefix of l_v. As $\alpha_w(u)$ is the longest prefix of l_v at u, we have

$$l_u \lhd \alpha_{w'}(u) = l_{w'} \lhd \alpha_w(u) = l_w \lhd l_v$$

That is, w is an ancestor of v below u.

□

Proof of Property 4

If $u \notin T(v)$, w is an ancestor of v or w is the parent of u

If $\alpha_w(u) = \epsilon$, w is the parent of u or the root. Now, the root is an ancestor of v.

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Overall, a packet for v initiated at u reaches v within at most $2H$ hops.

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Pros. and Cons.

Complexity: $O(m.n)$ messages of size $O(B + H.\log|\Sigma|)$ bits, $O(m)$ rounds, and $O(B + \delta_u.H.\log|\Sigma|)$ bits of memory per node u where B the number of bits to store an identifier

Pros.

- Correct
- Robust
- Load-balancing (every link is used by at least one route)

Cons.

- Memory usage (without the memory used by the computations):

$$O(\delta_u.H.\log|\Sigma|) \text{ bits per node } u$$

($O(\delta_u.H.\log\Delta)$ bits per node u if we use port numbers)

($O(\delta_u.D.\log\Delta)$ bits per node u if the tree is BFS)

- Efficiency

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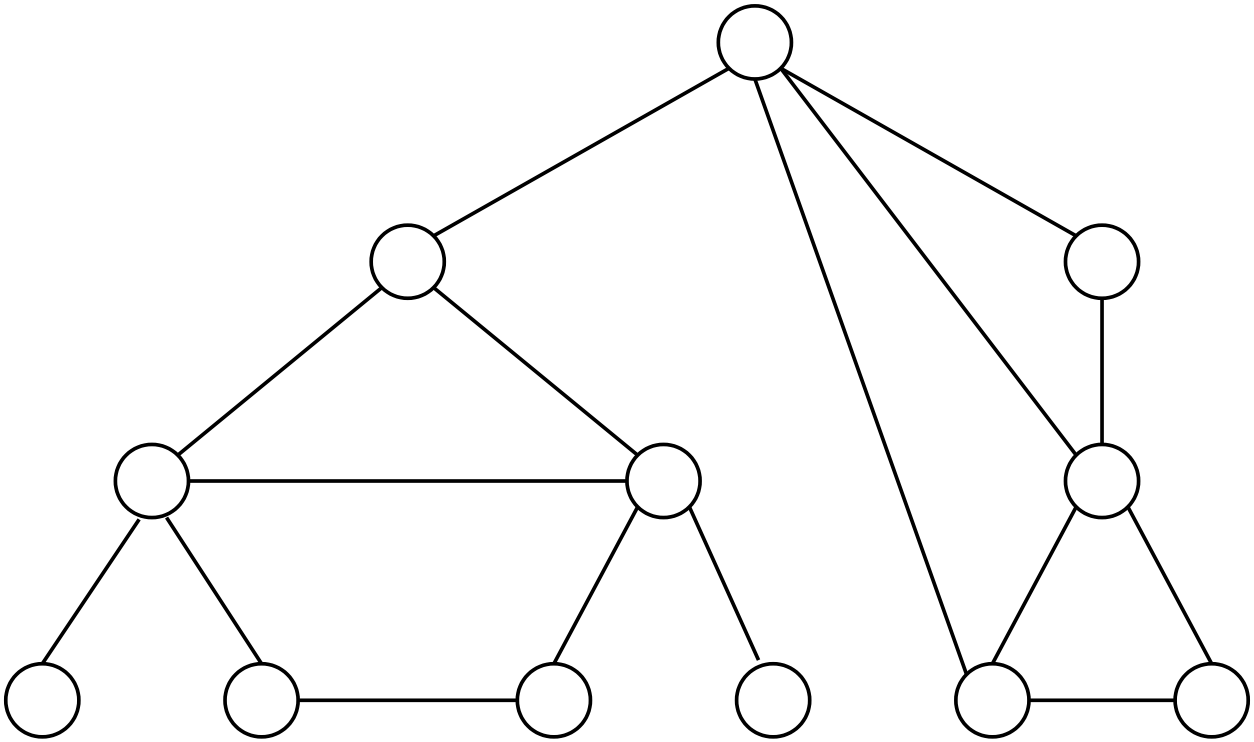

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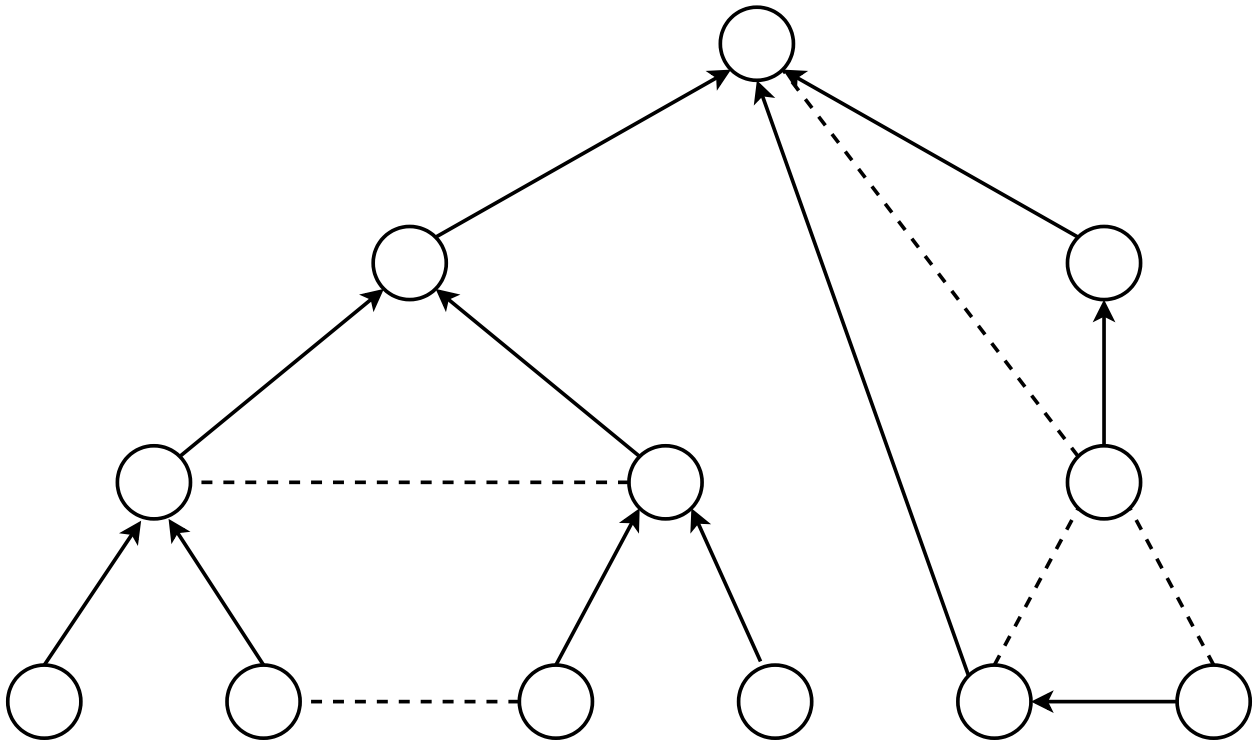

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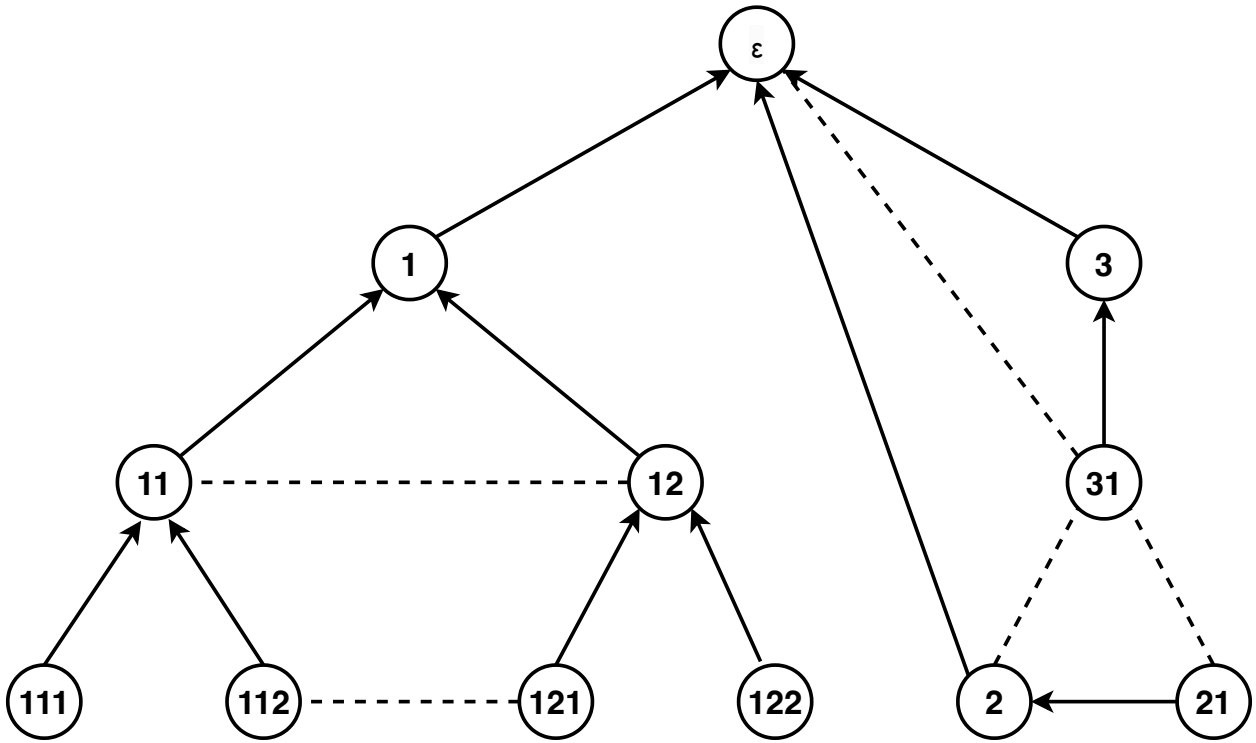

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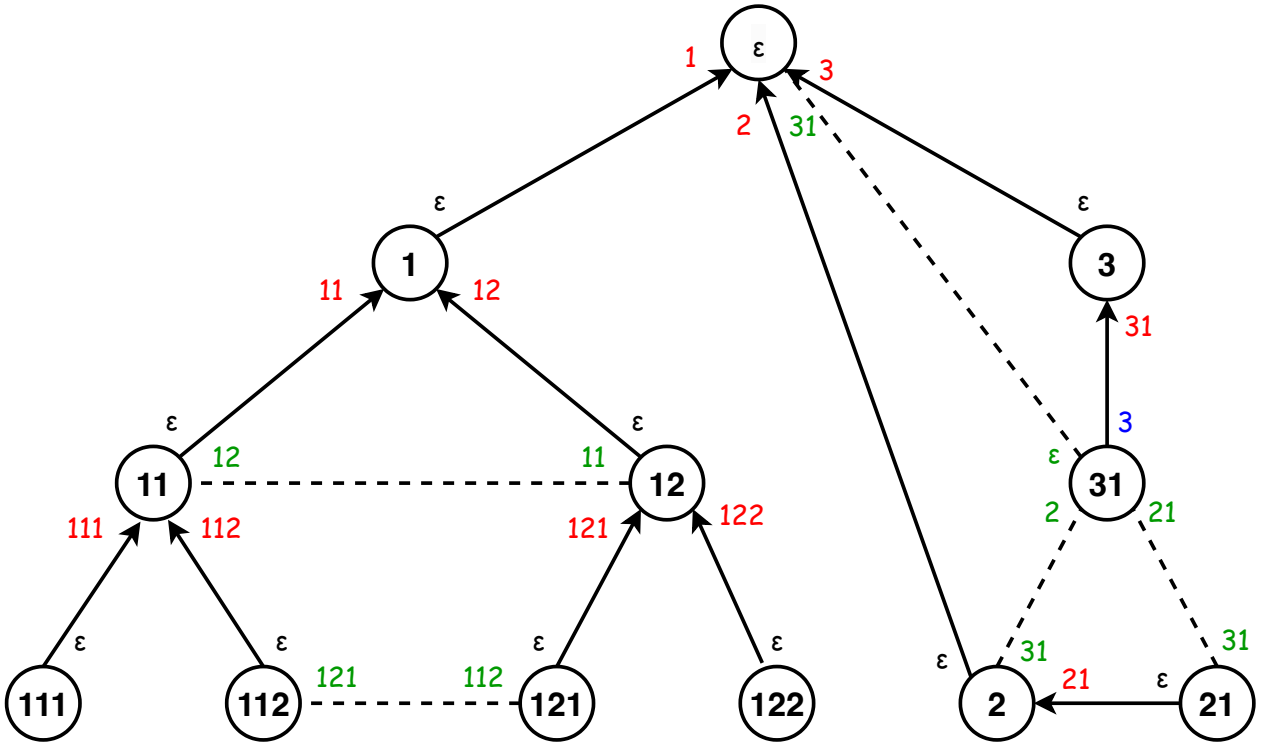

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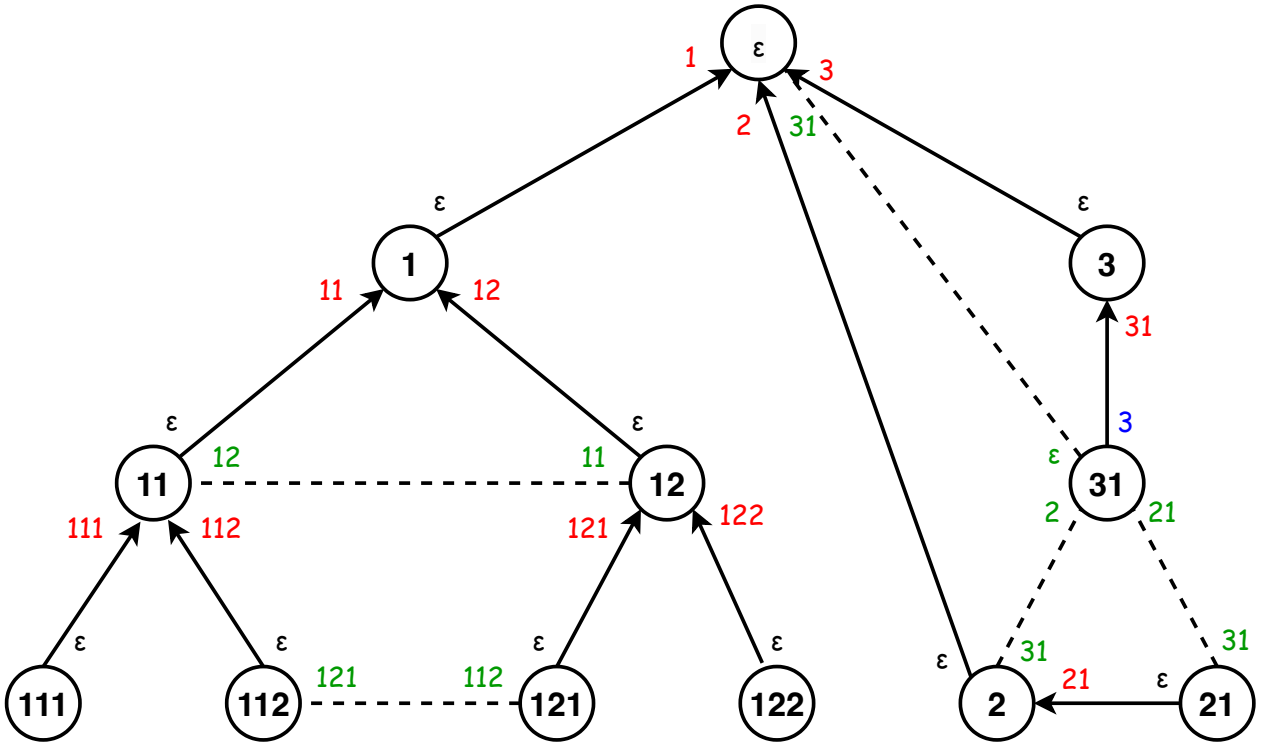

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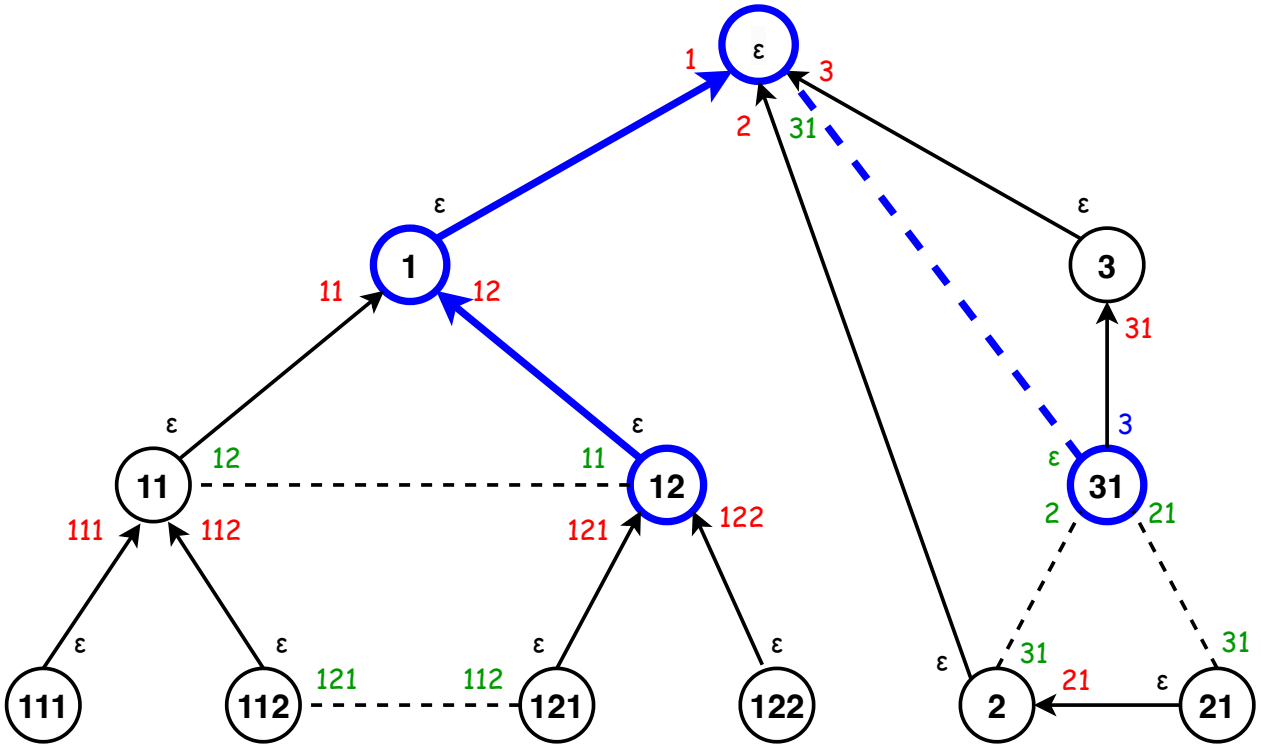

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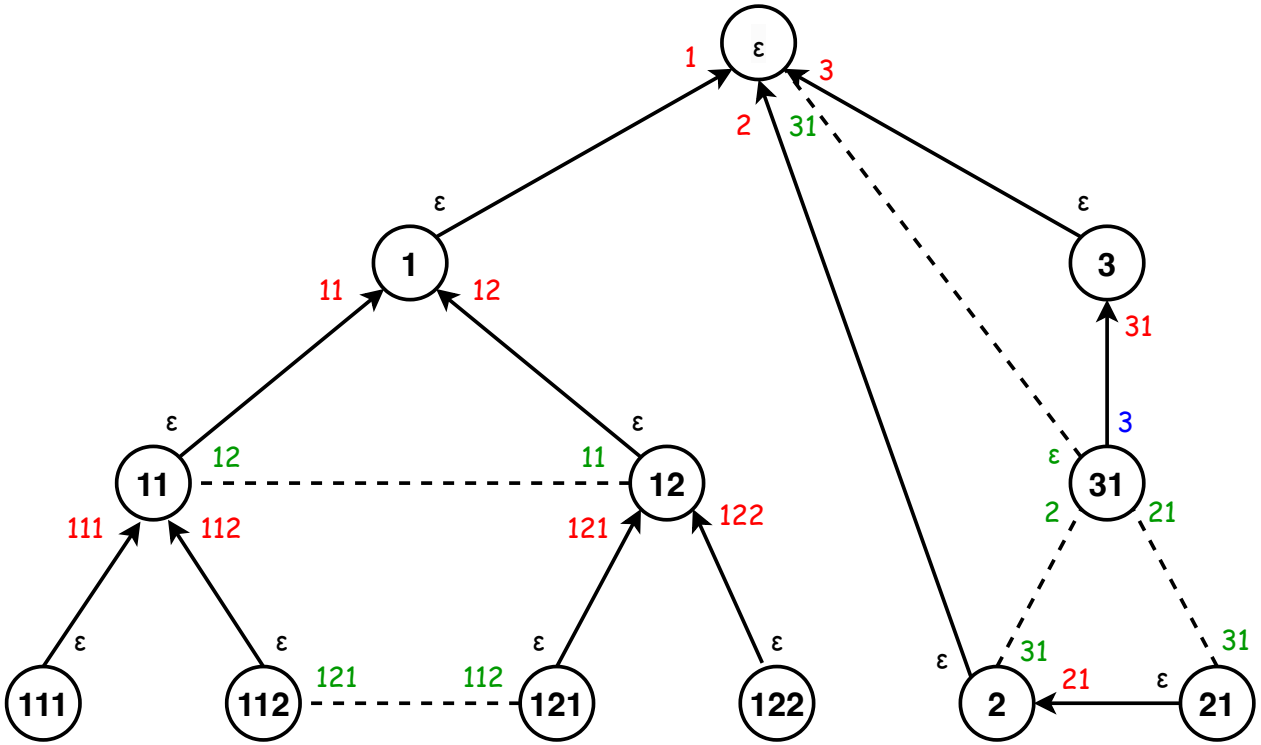

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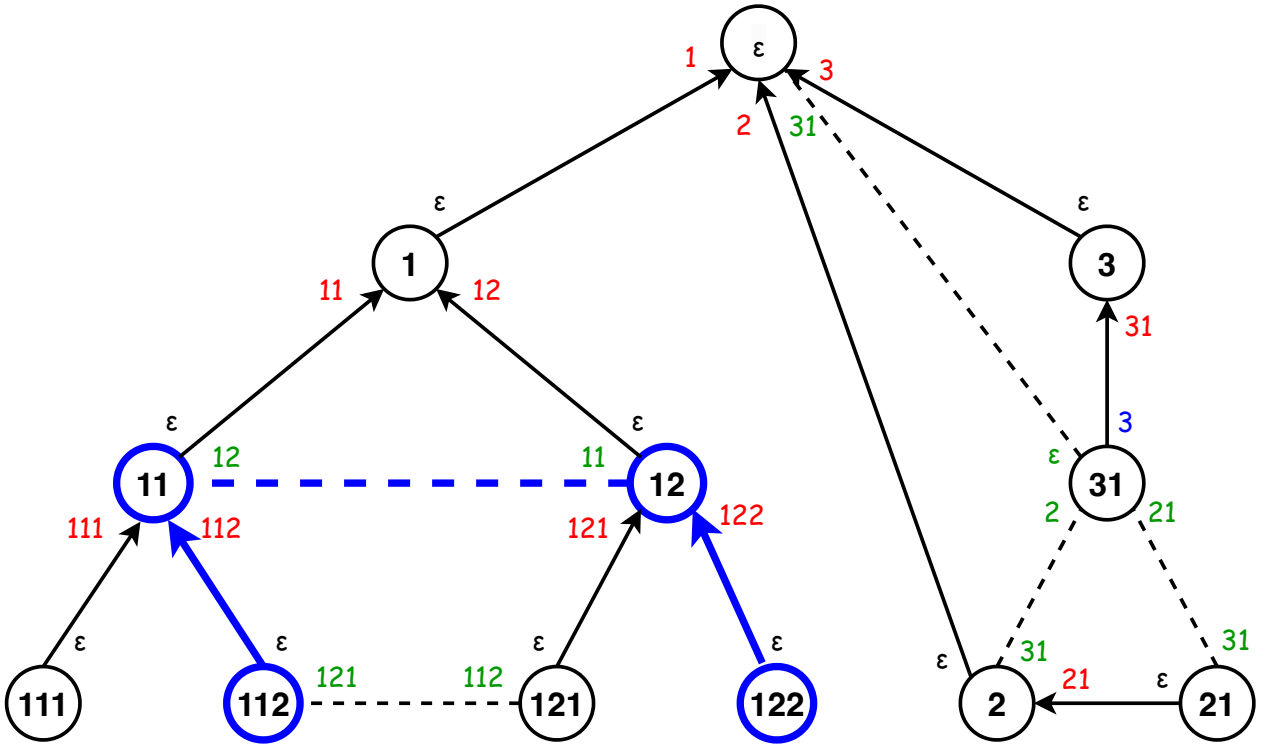

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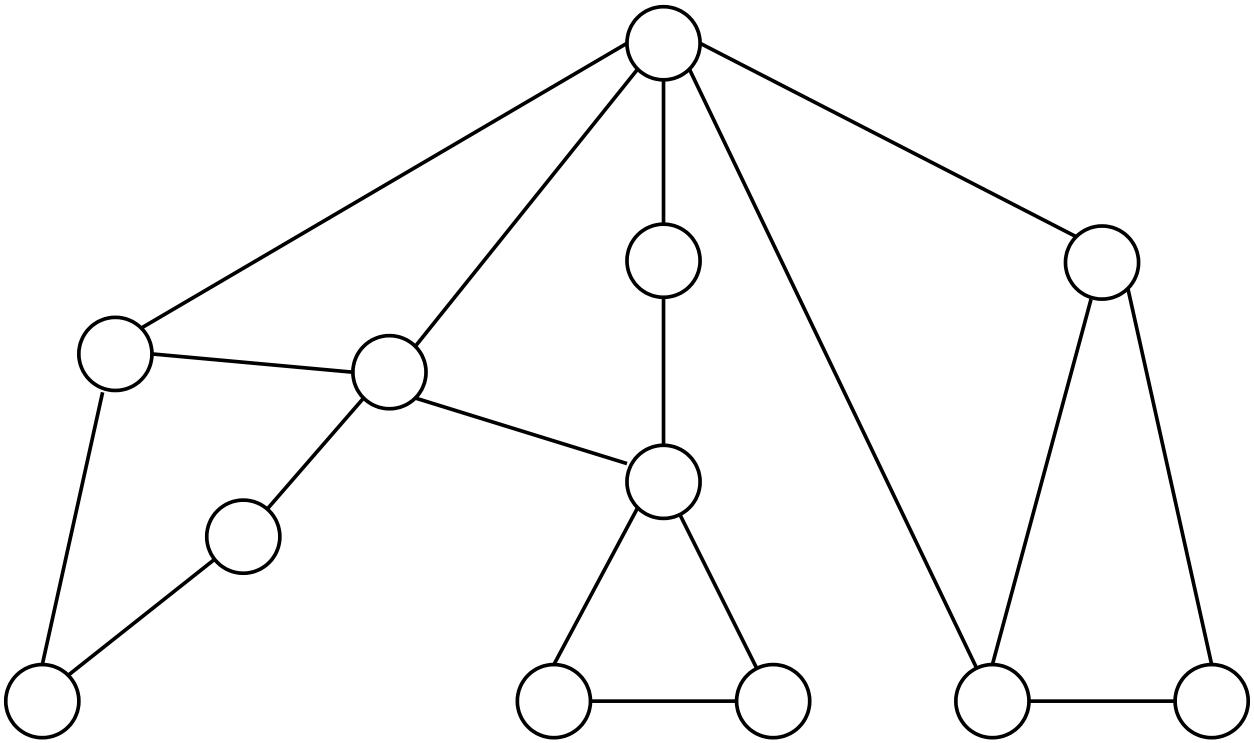

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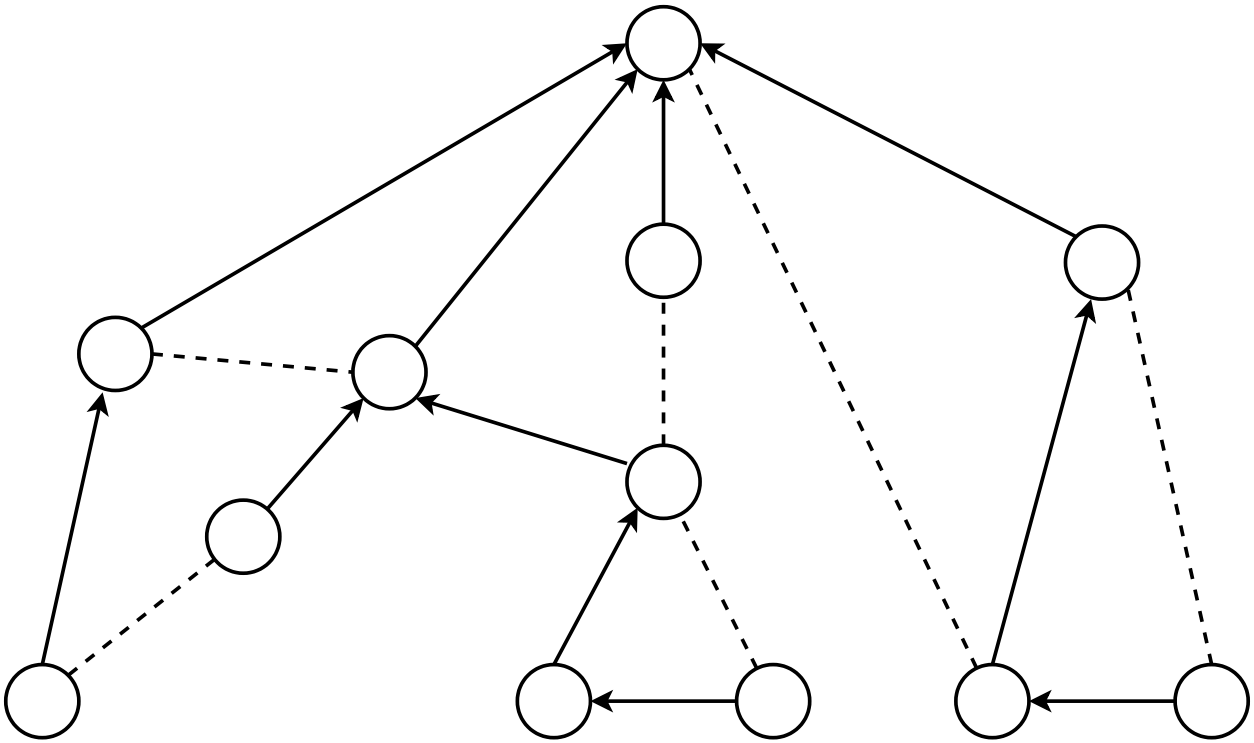

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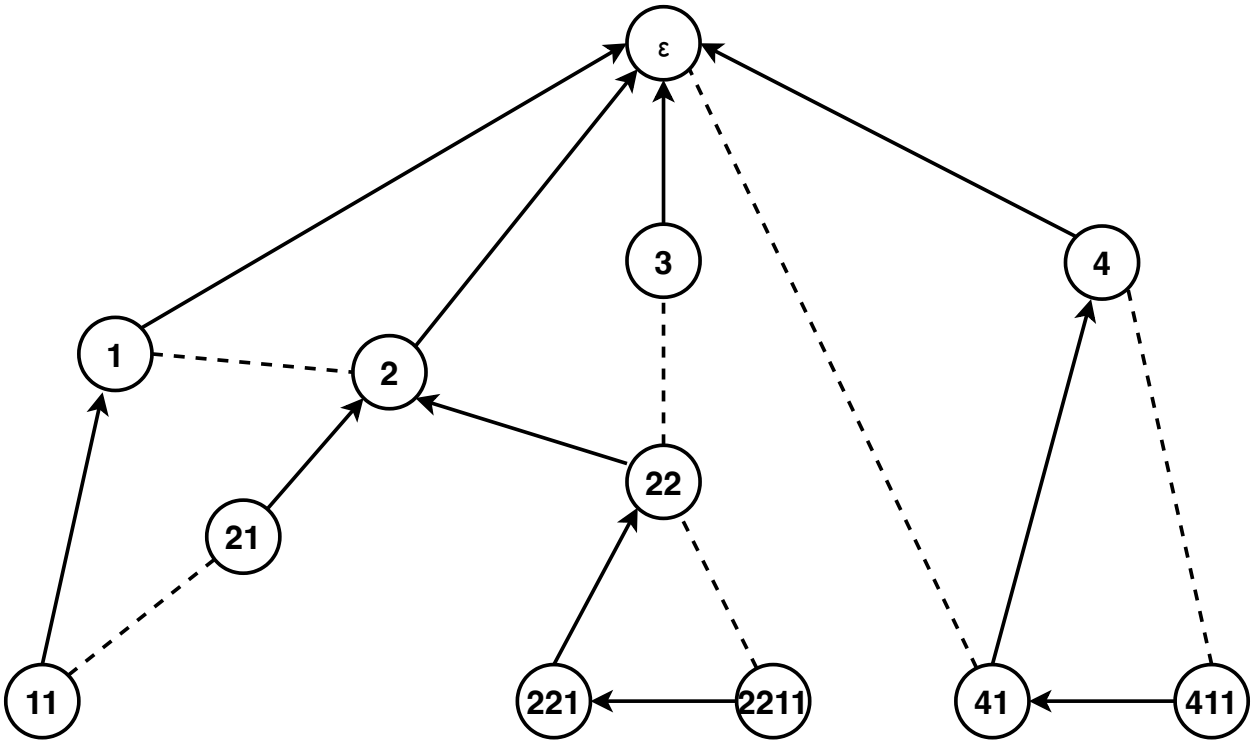

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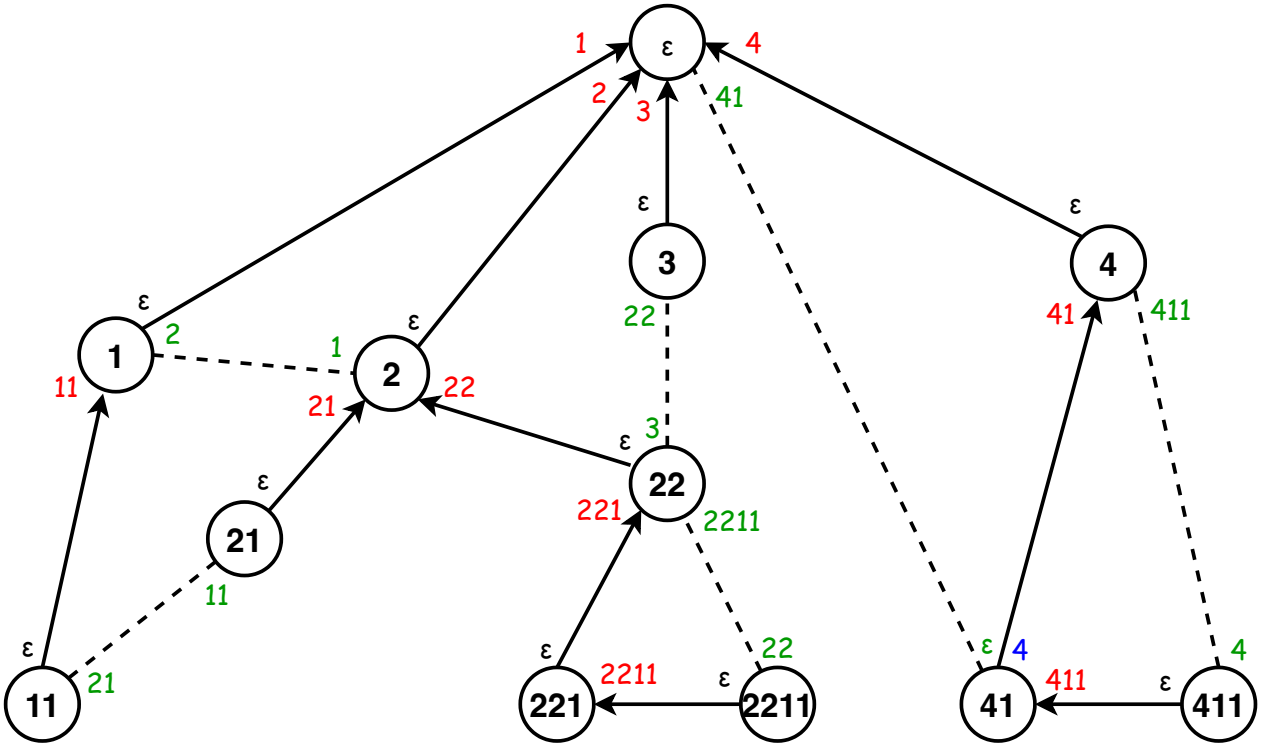

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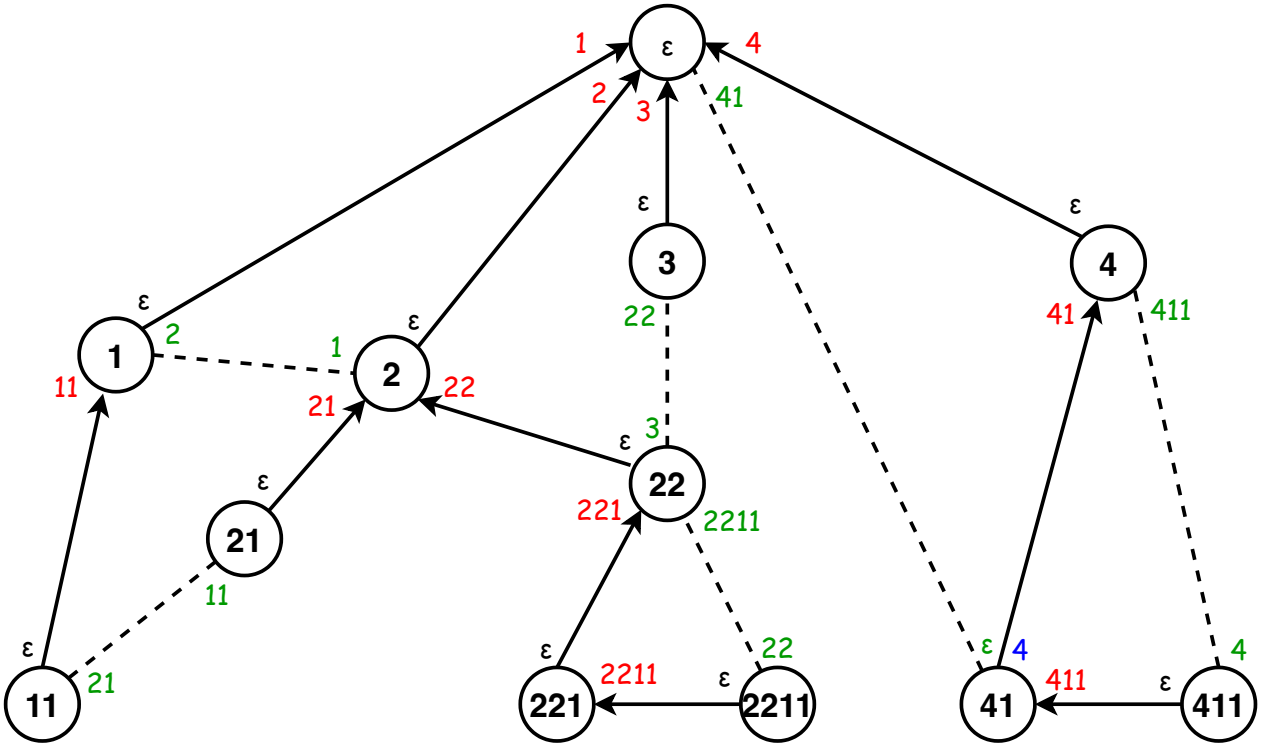

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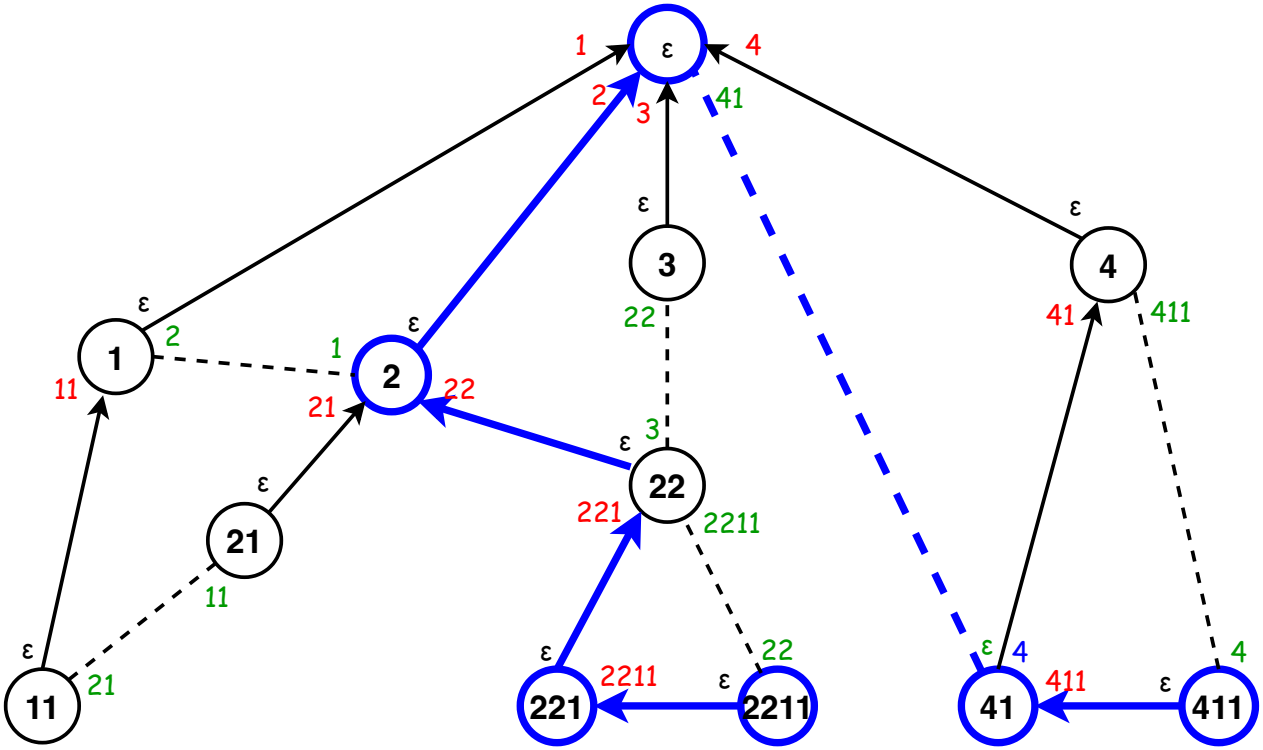

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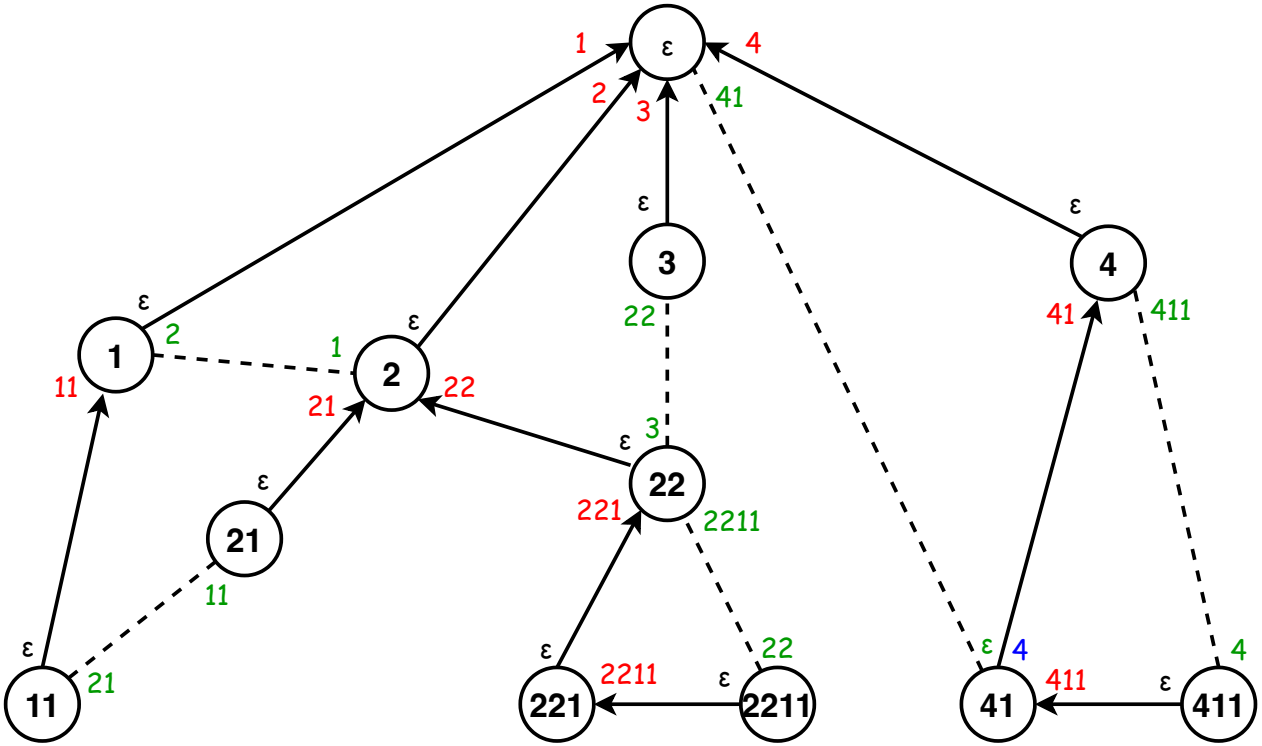

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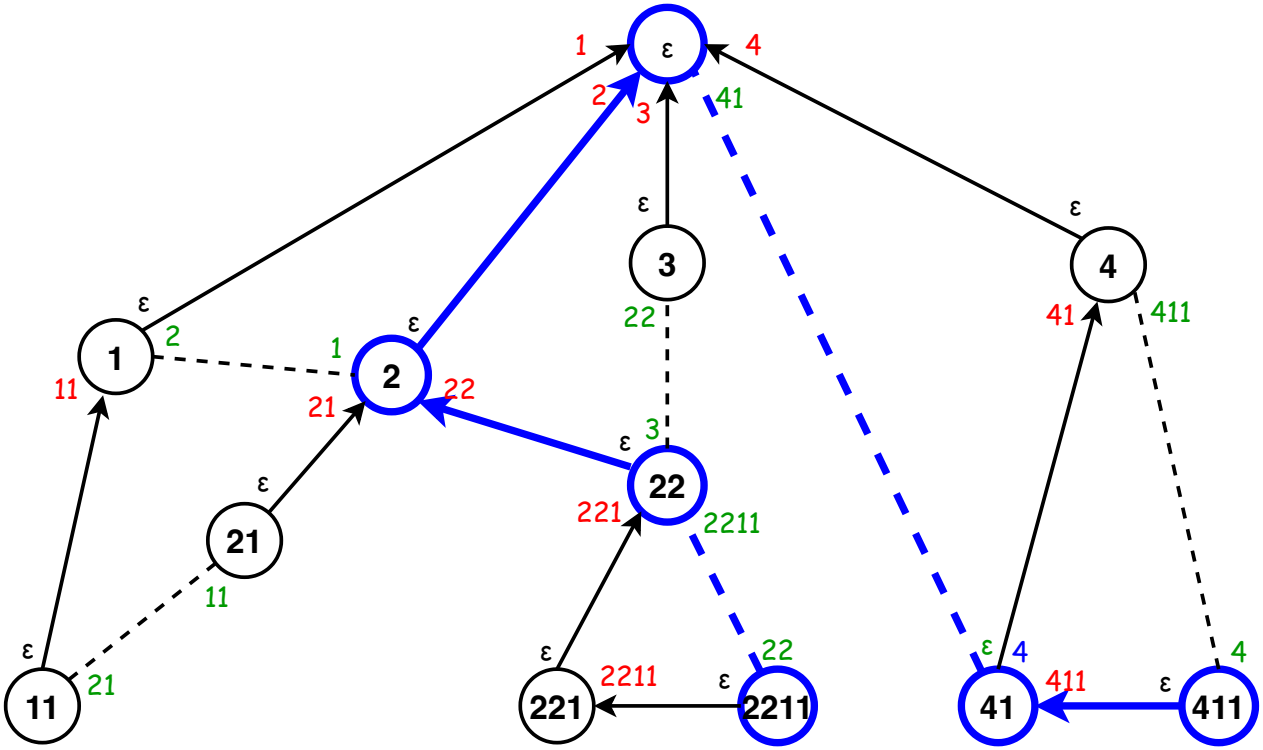

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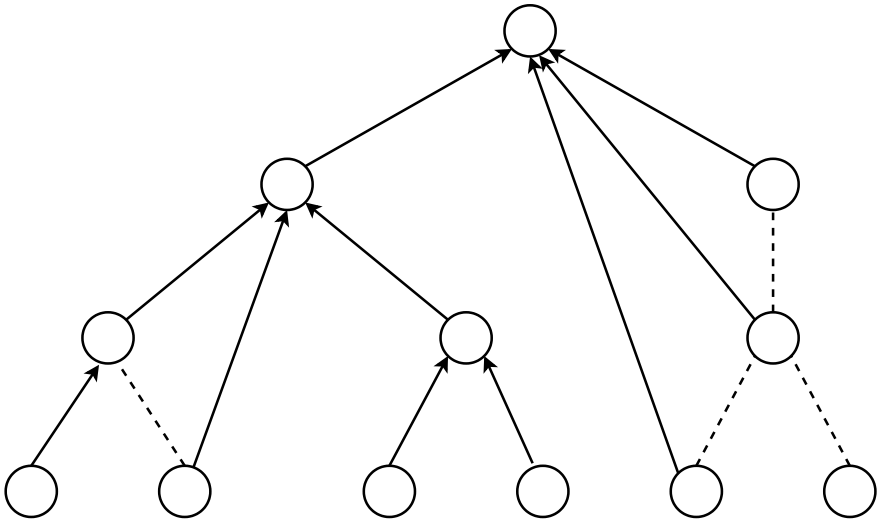

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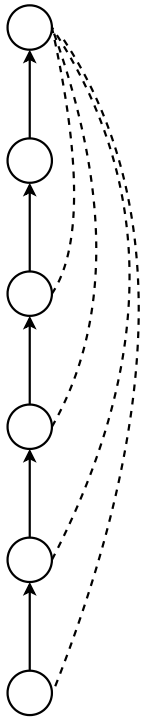

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