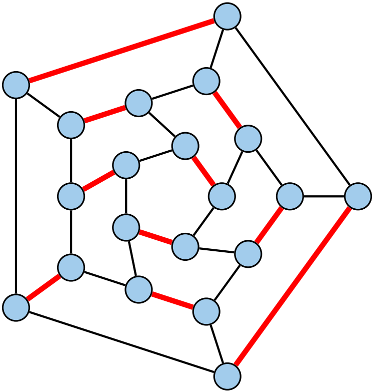
Part V

Matchings

Matching

- Input: undirected graph $G = (V, E)$.
- $M \subseteq E$ is a matching if each node appears in at most one edge in M.
- Maximum Matching: find a matching of maximum cardinality



16 Bipartite Matching via Flows

Which flow algorithm to use?

- Generic augmenting path: $\mathcal{O}(m\,\mathrm{val}(f^*)) = \mathcal{O}(mn)$.
- Capacity scaling: $\mathcal{O}(m^2 \log C) = \mathcal{O}(m^2)$.
- Shortest augmenting path: $\mathcal{O}(mn^2)$.

For unit capacity simple graphs shortest augmenting path can be implemented in time $\mathcal{O}(m\sqrt{n})$.

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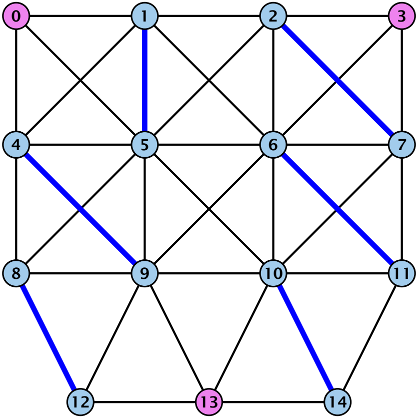

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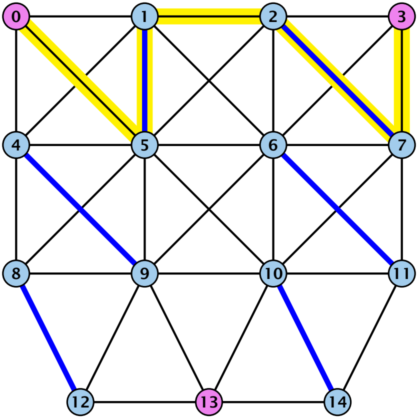

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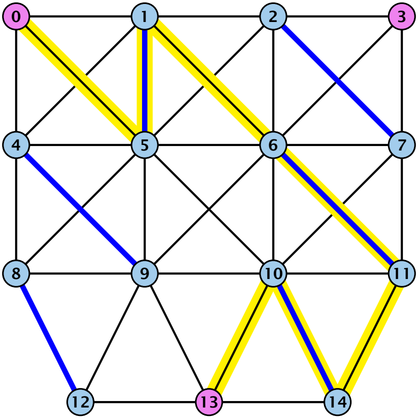

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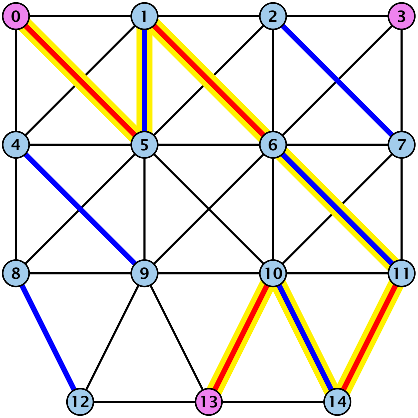

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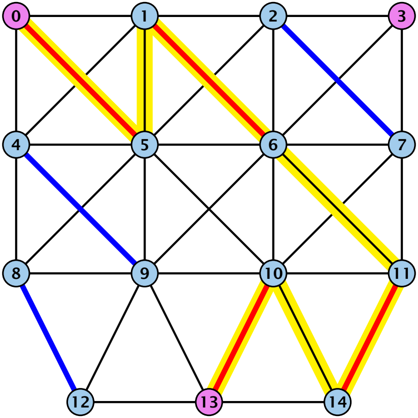

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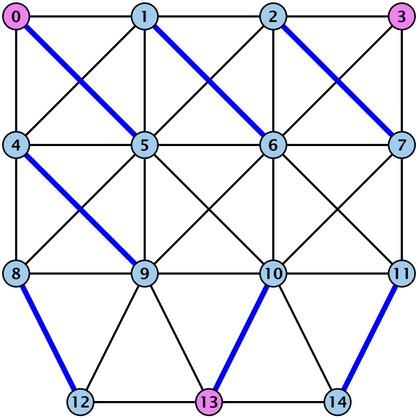

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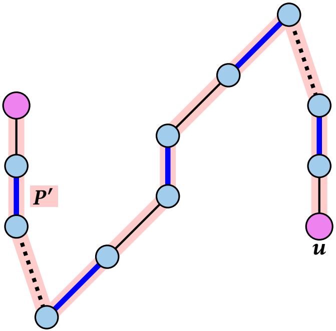

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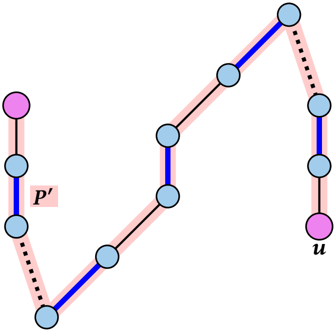

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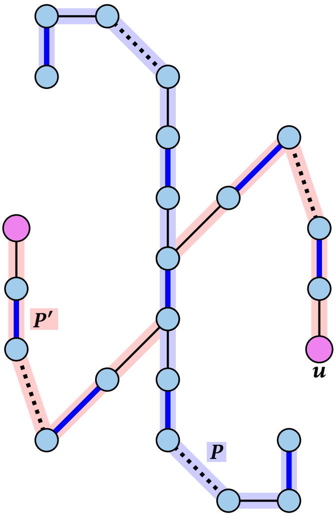

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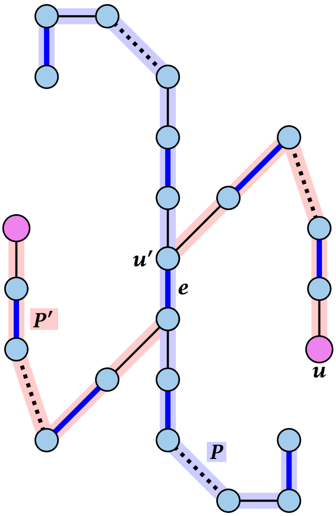

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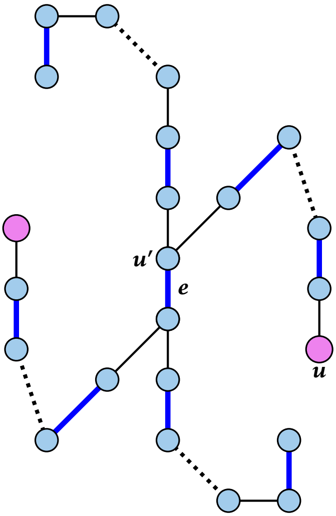

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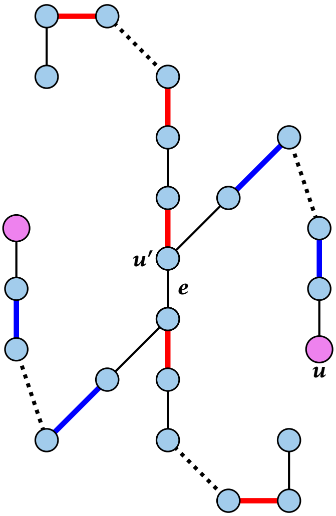

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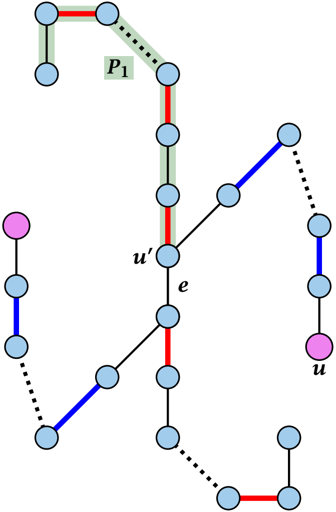

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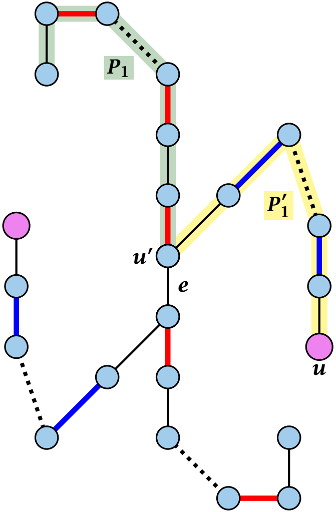

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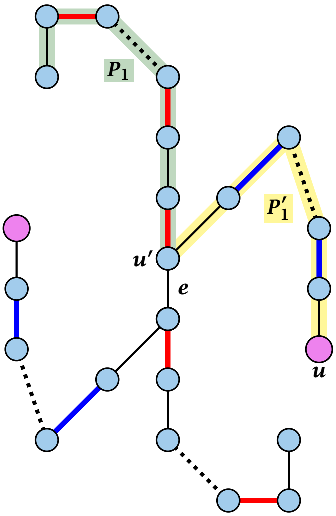

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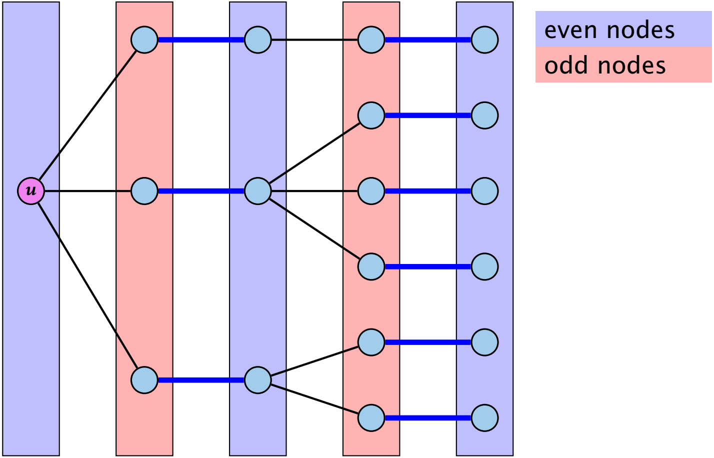

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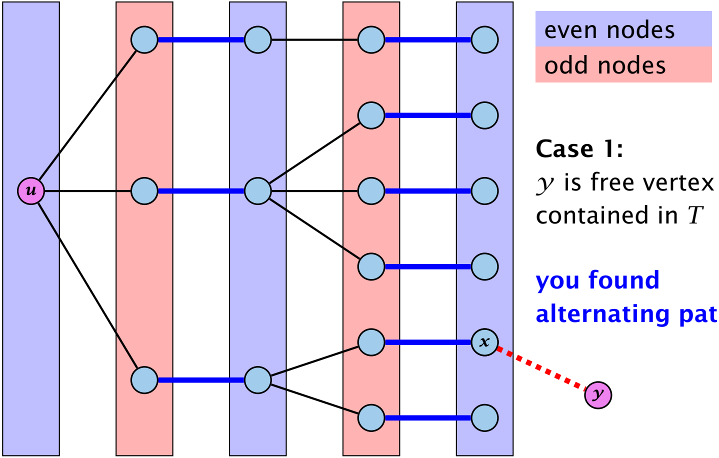

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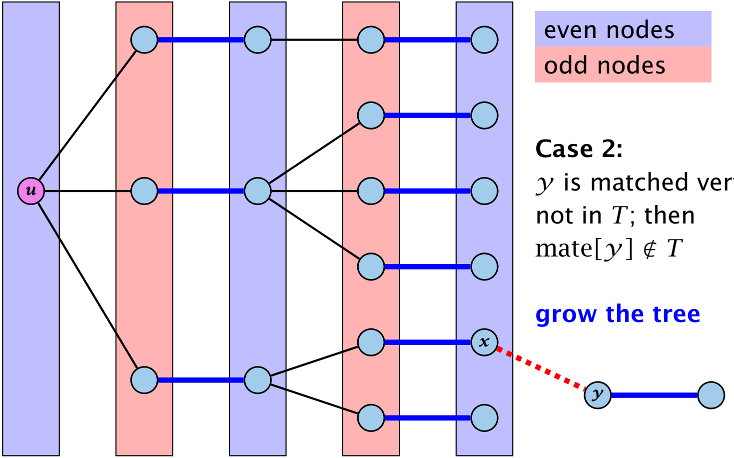

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y is matched vertex not in T; then $\text{mate}[y] \notin T$

grow the tree

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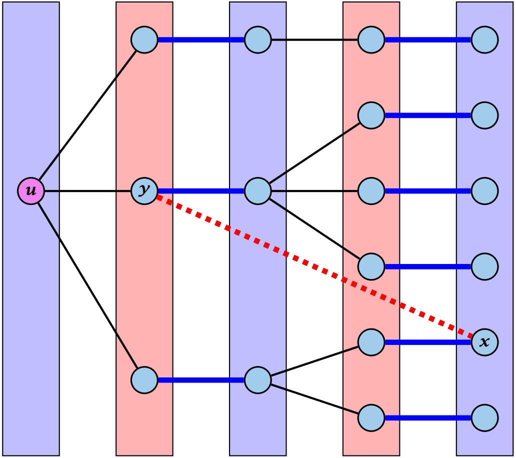

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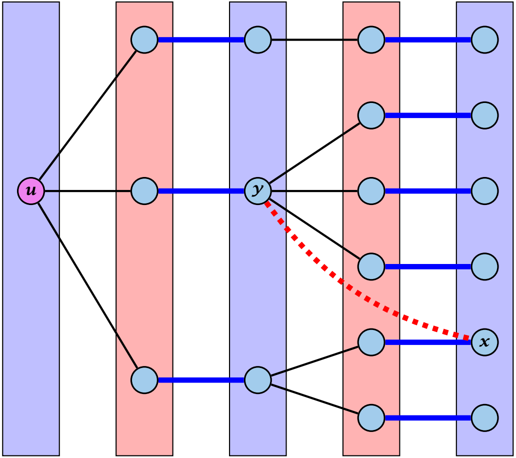

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does not happen in bipartite graphs

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free: number of unmatched nodes in S

r: root of current tree

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r is the new node that we grow from.

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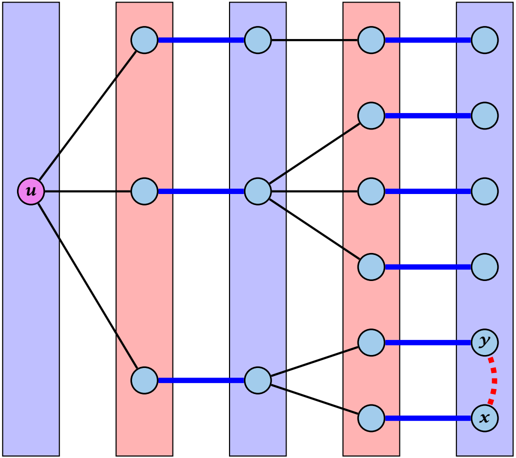

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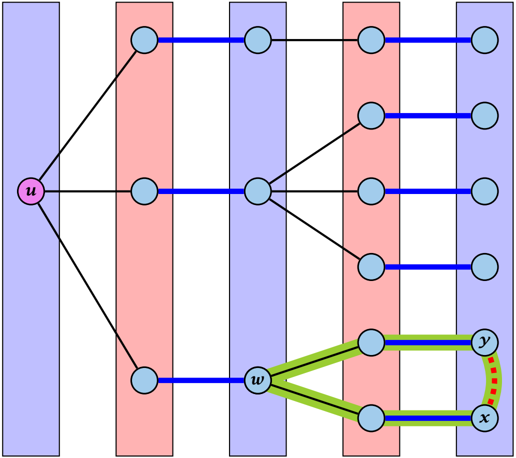

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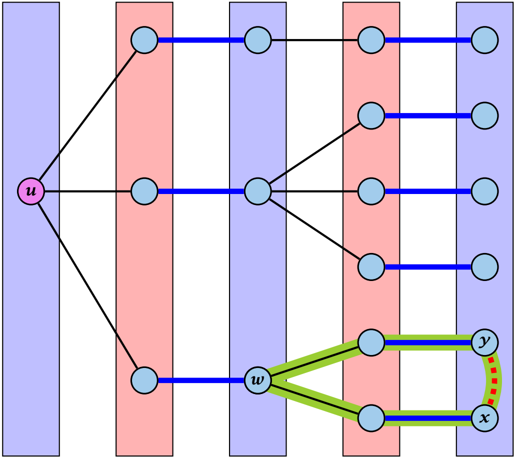

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The cycle $w \leftrightarrow y - x \leftrightarrow w$ is called a blossom.
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The path u-w is called the stem of the blossom.

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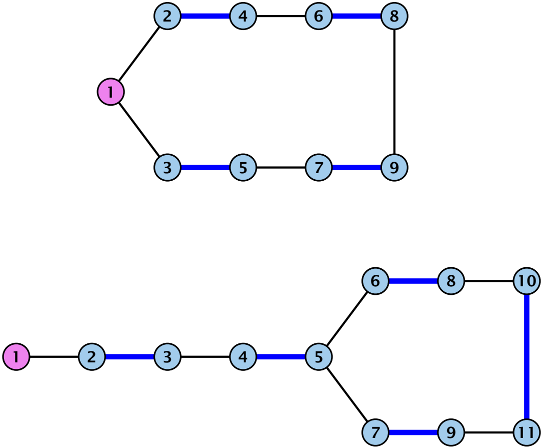

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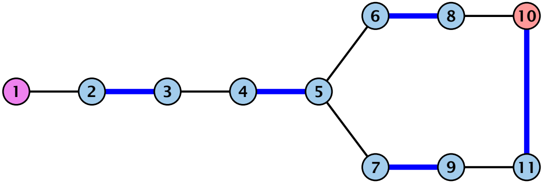

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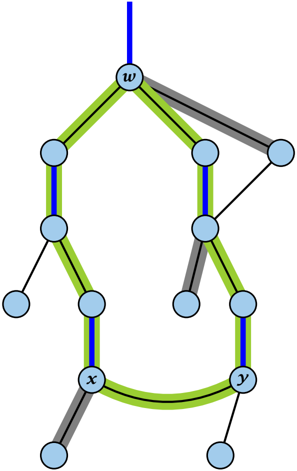

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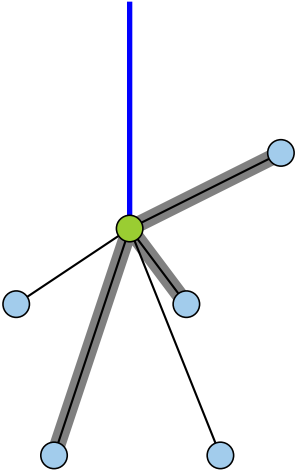

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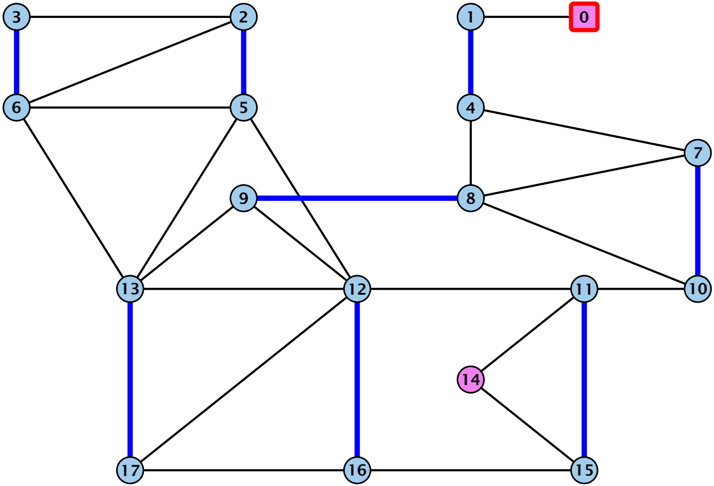

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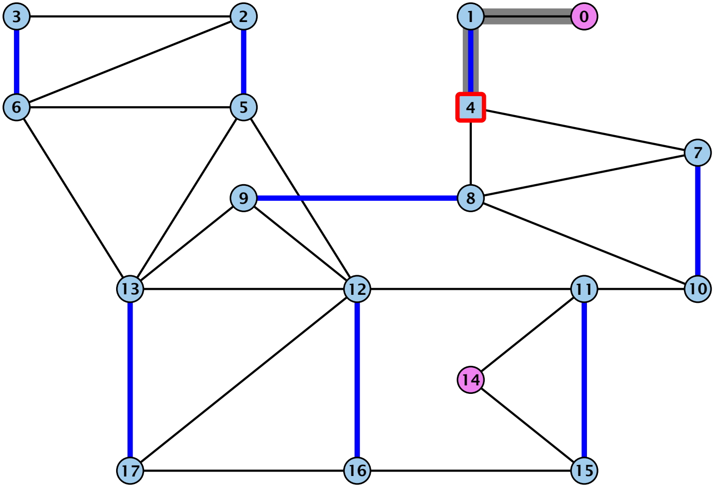

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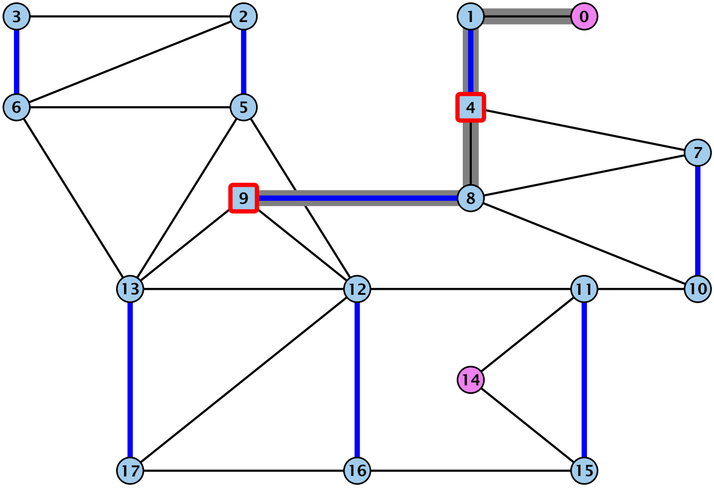

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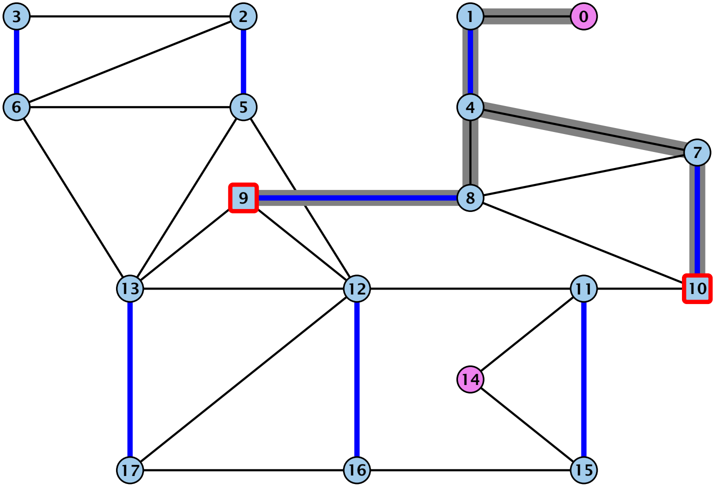

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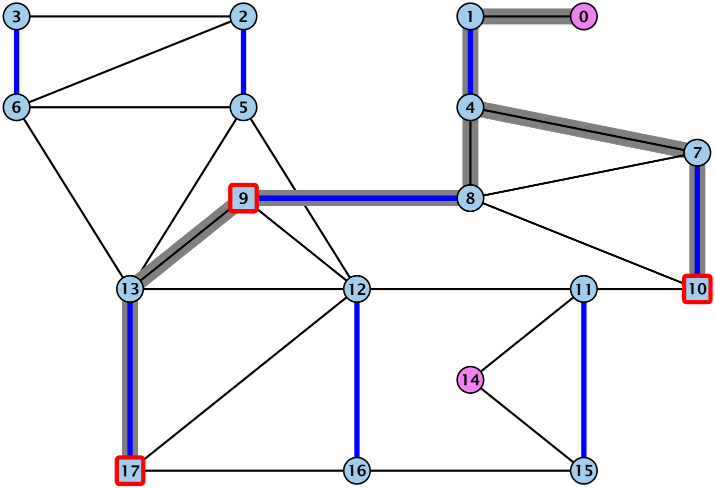

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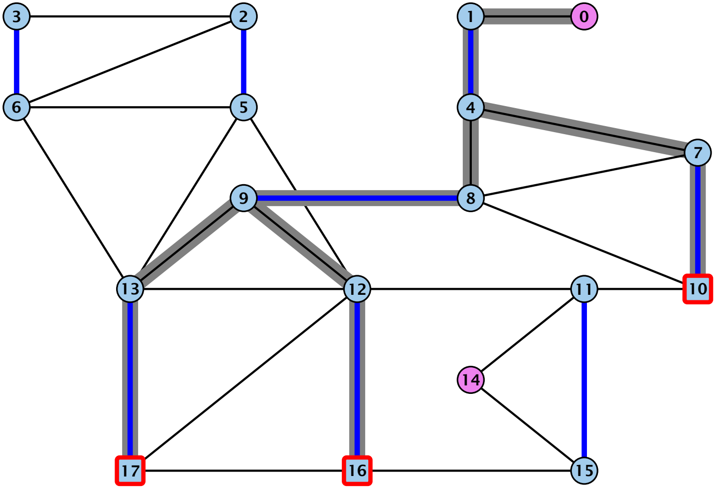

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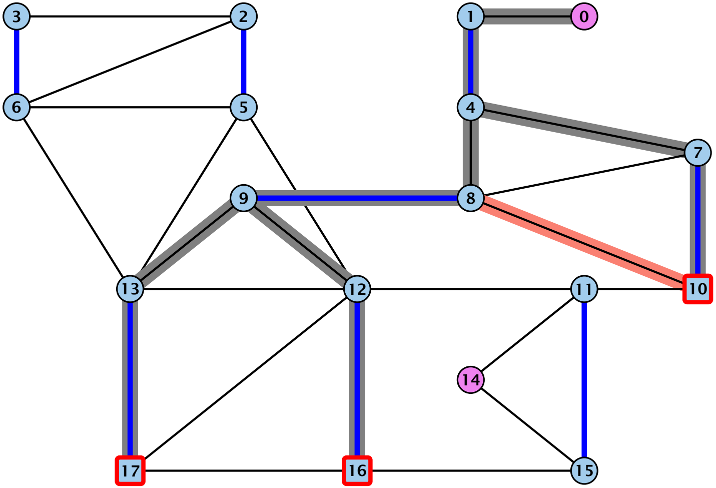

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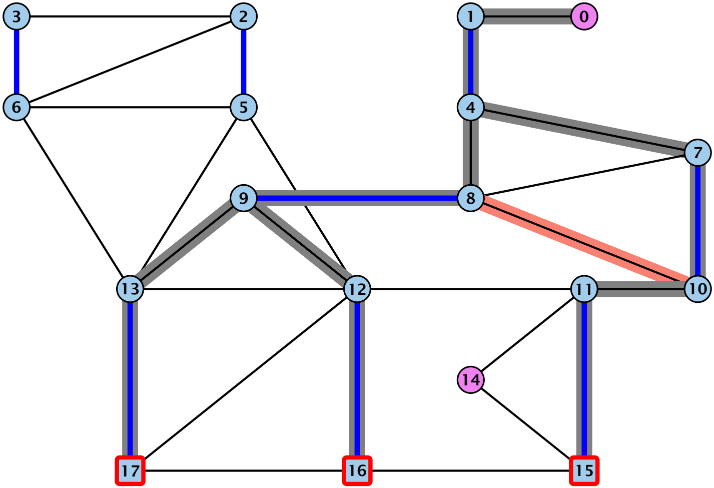

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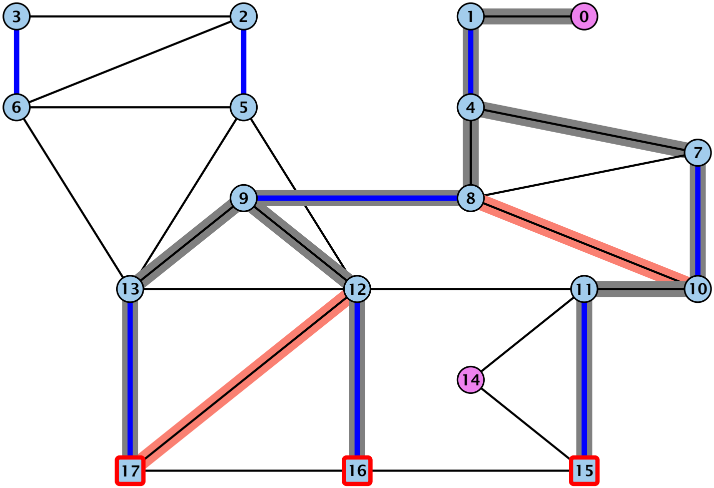

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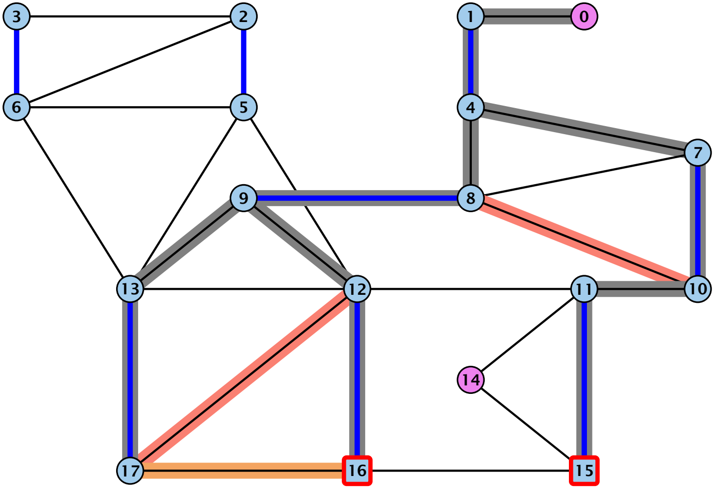

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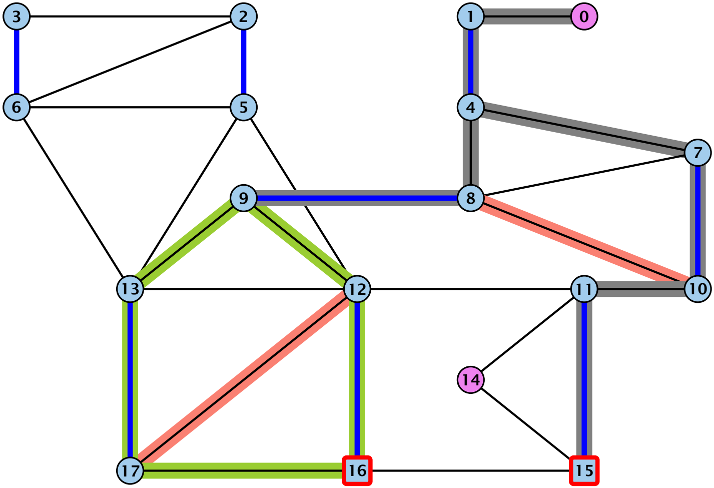

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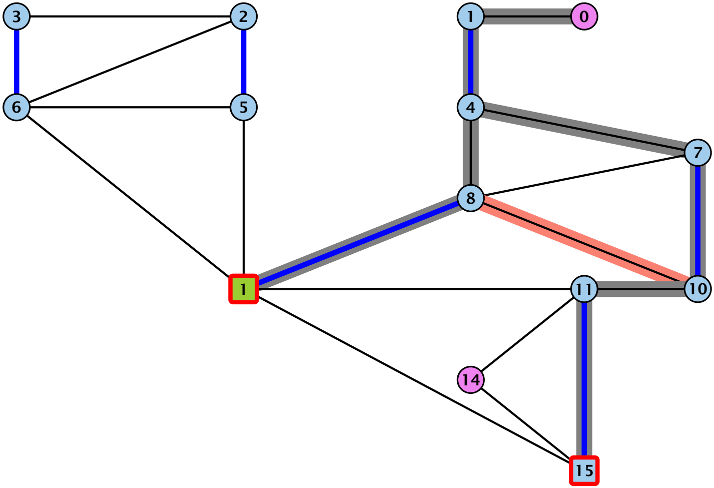

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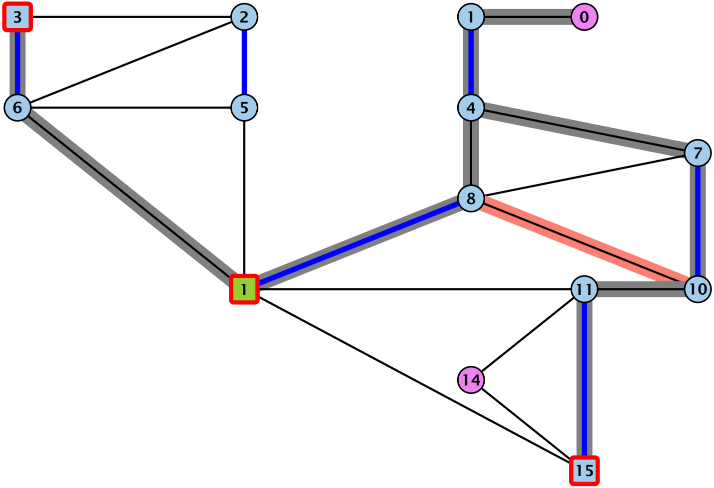

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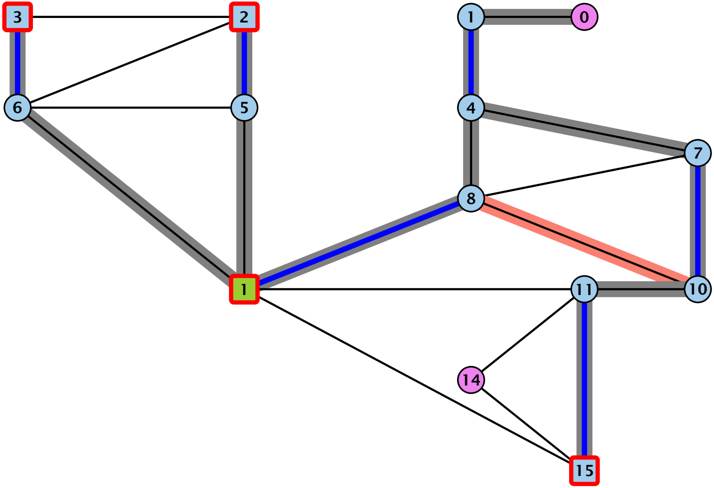

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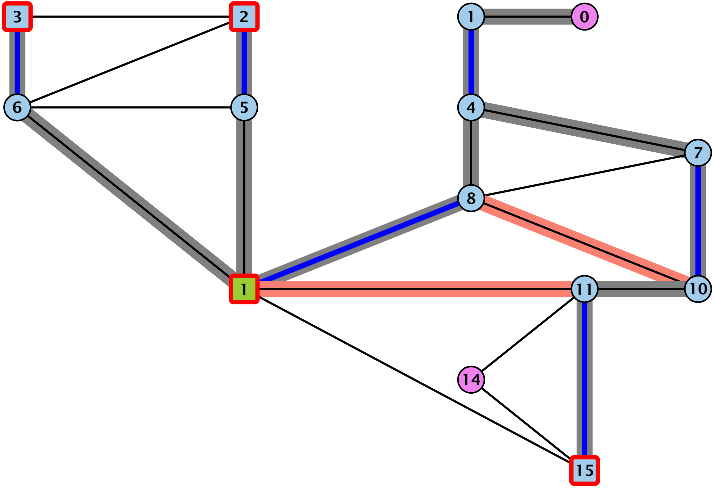

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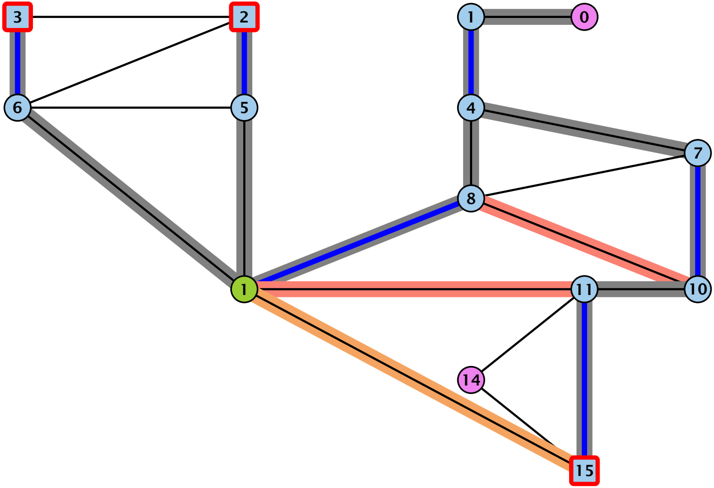

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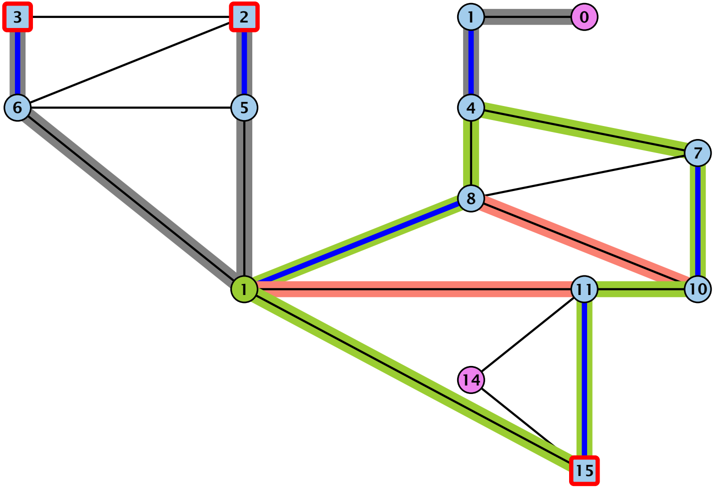

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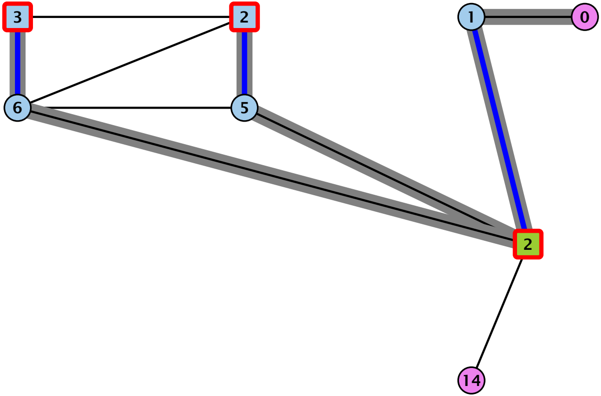

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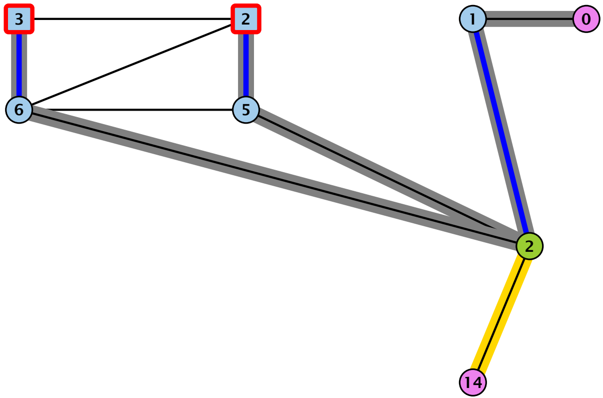

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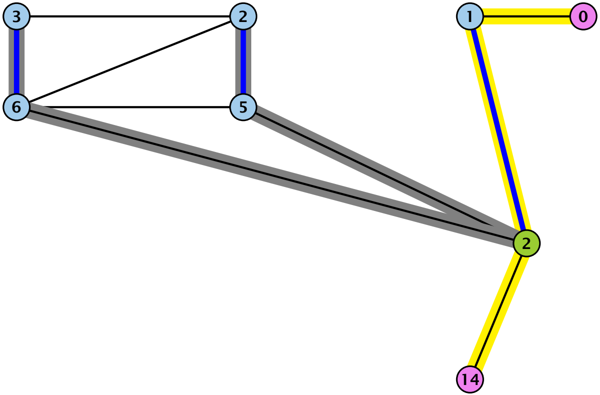

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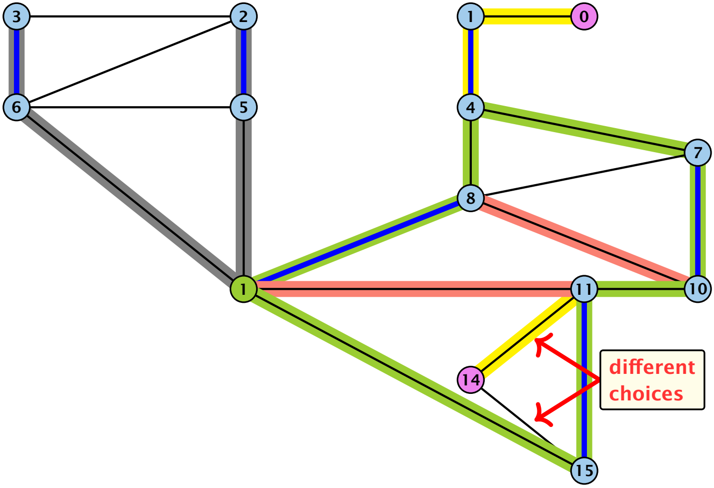

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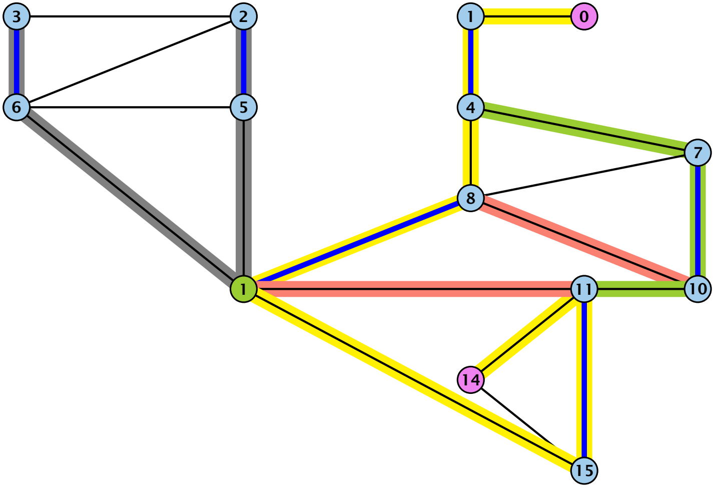

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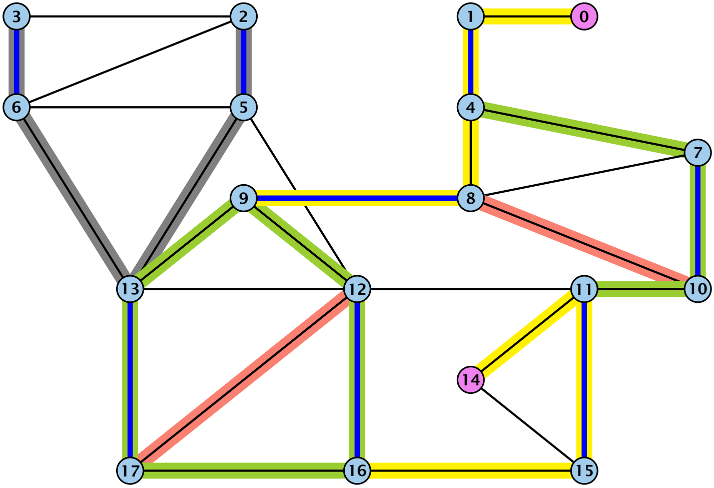

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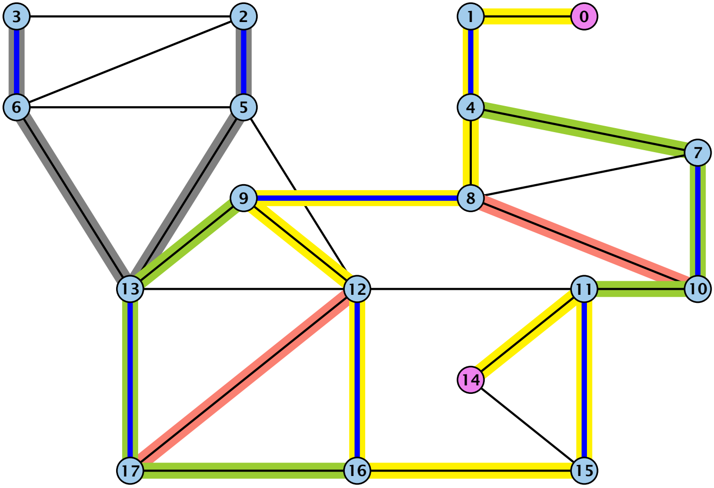

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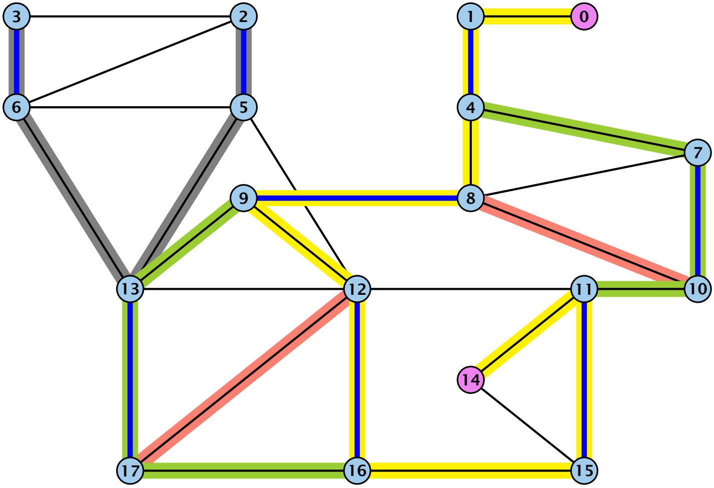

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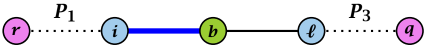

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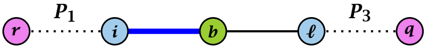

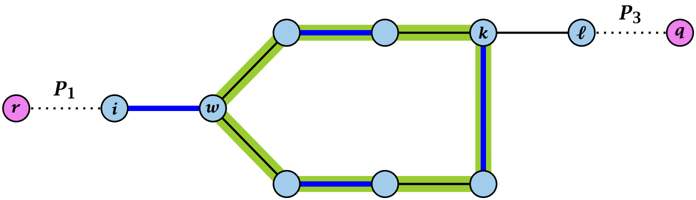

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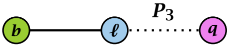

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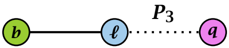

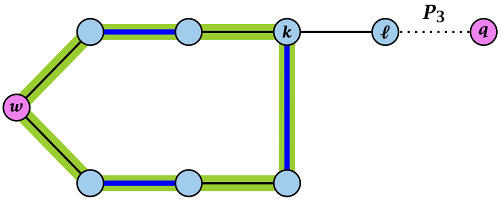

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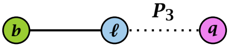

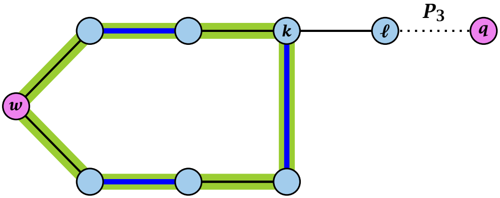

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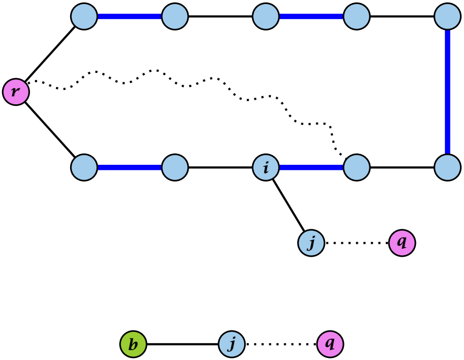

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Search for an augmenting path starting at r.

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$A(i)$ contains neighbours of node i.

We create a copy $\bar{A}(i)$ so that we later can shrink blossoms.

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found is just a Boolean that allows
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Put the root in the tree.

list could also be a set or a stack.

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As long as there are nodes with unexamined neighbours...

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...examine the next one

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If you found augmenting path
abort and start from next root.

Algorithm 26 examine(i, *found*)

for all $j \in \bar{A}(i)$ **do**
    if j is even **then** contract(i, j) and **return**
    if j is unmatched **then**
        $q \leftarrow j$;
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Examine the neighbours of a node i

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If you find a matched node that is not in the tree you grow...

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mate(j) is a new node from which you can grow further.

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Get all nodes of the blossom.

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Identify all neighbours of b.

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Every node that was adjacent to a node in B is now adjacent to b

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Only for making a blossom expansion easier.

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Only delete links from nodes not in B to B.

When expanding the blossom again we can recreate these links in time $\mathcal{O}(m)$.

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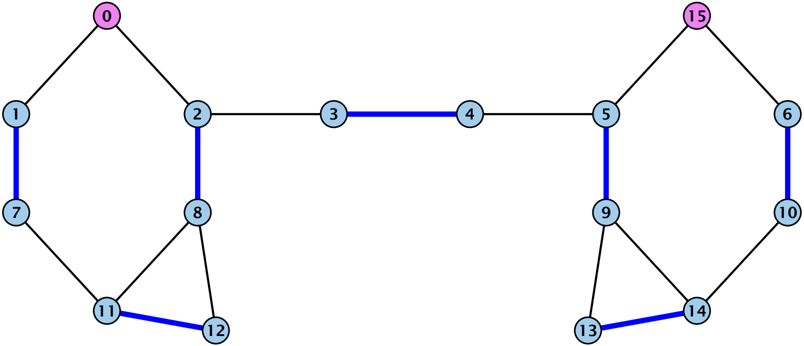

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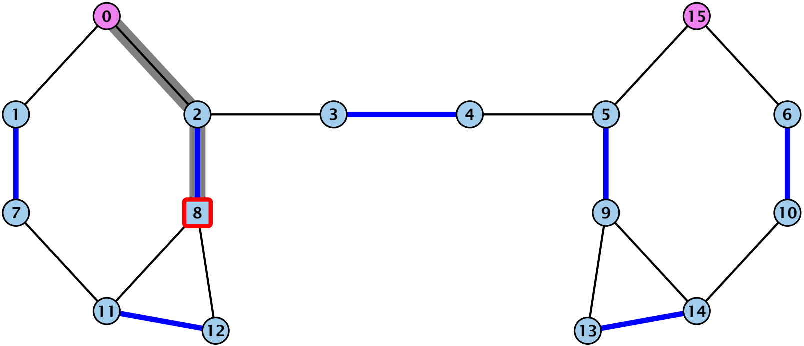

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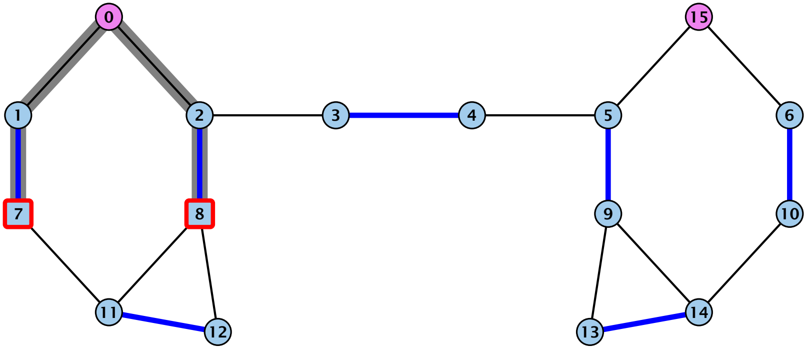

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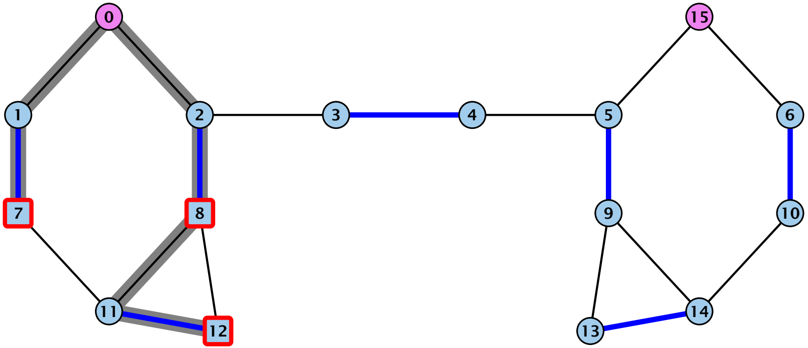

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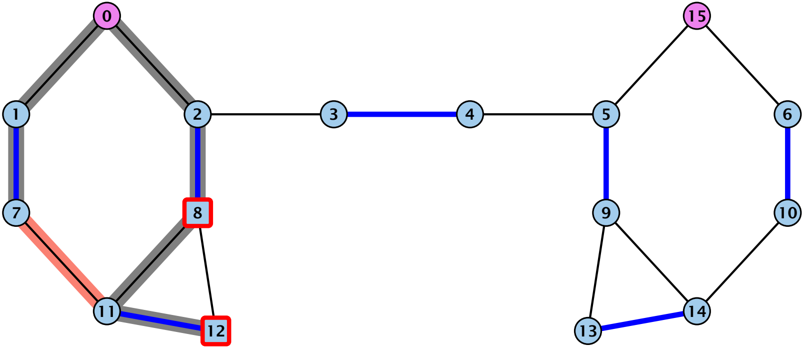

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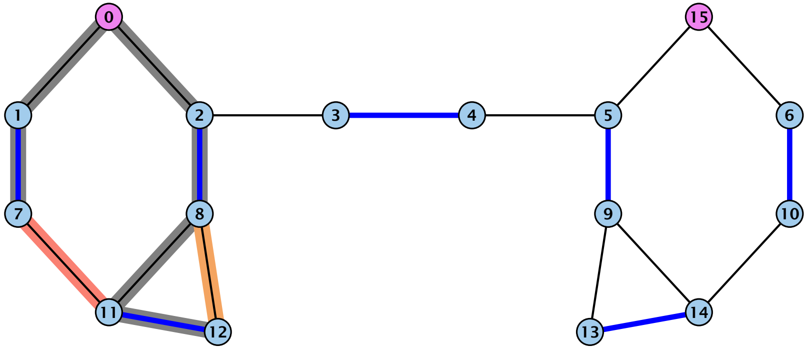

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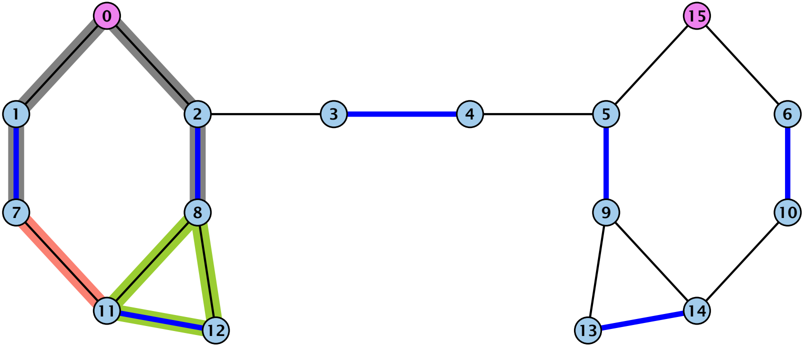

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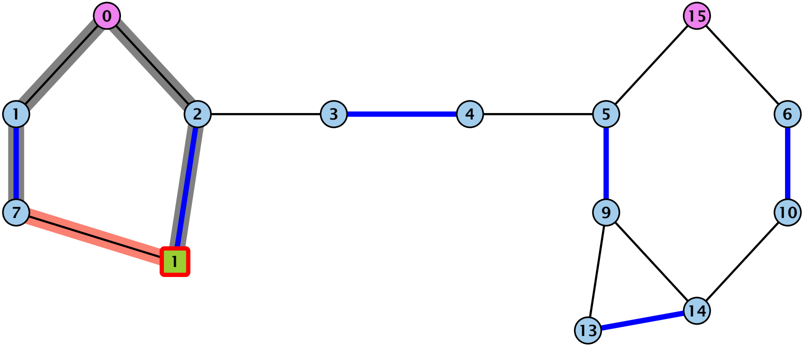

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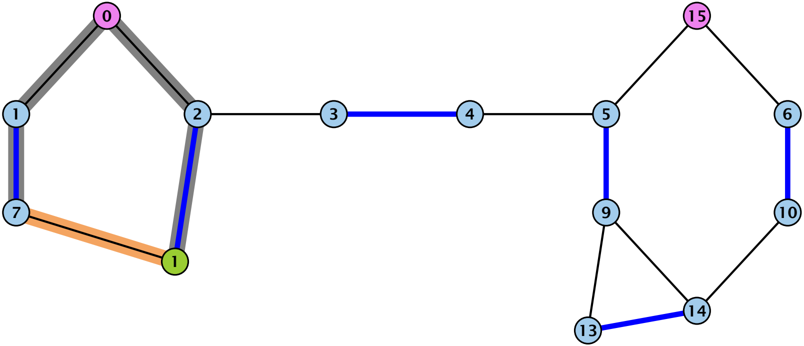

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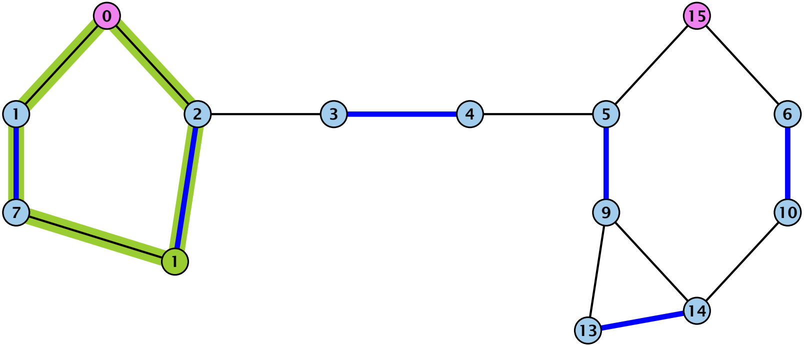

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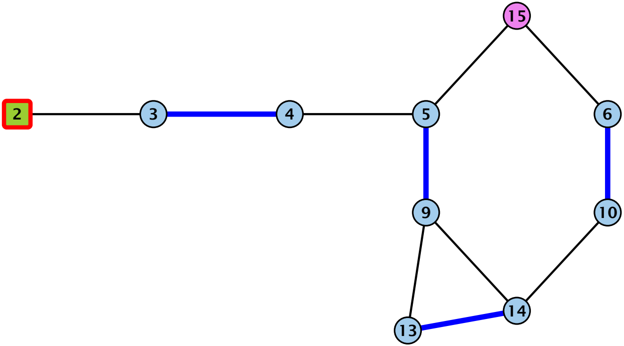

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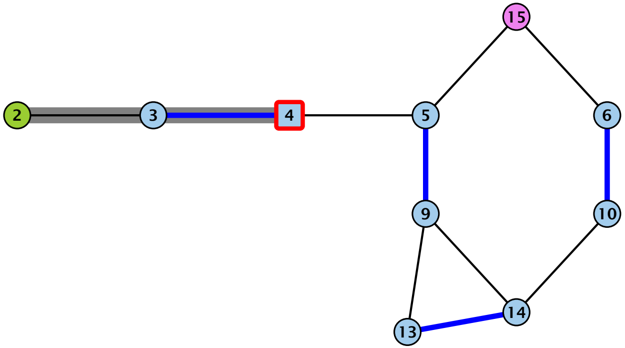

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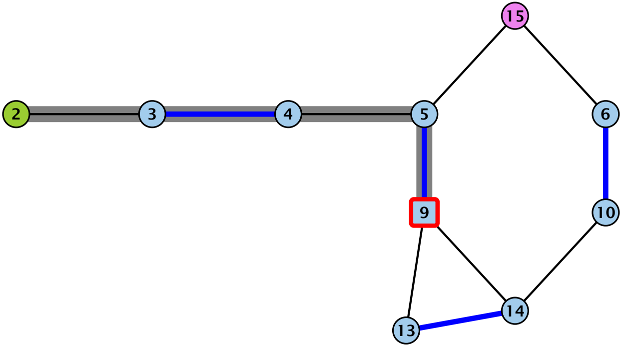

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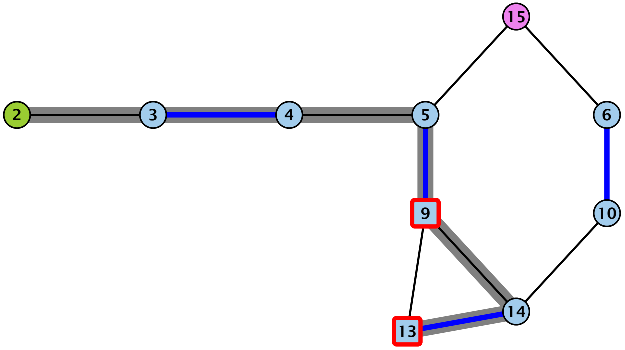

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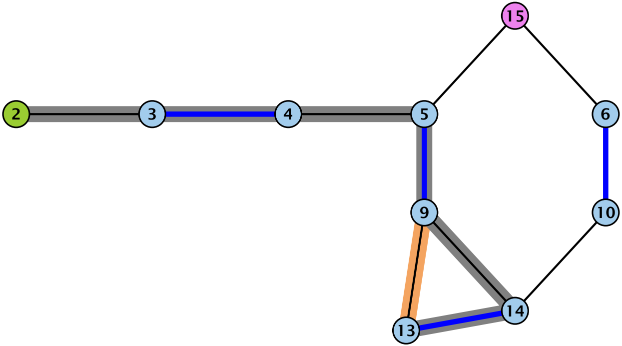

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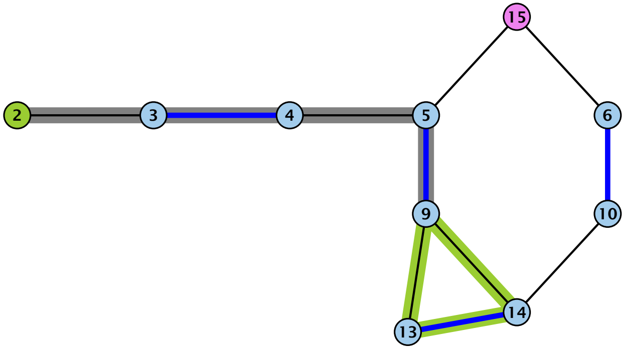

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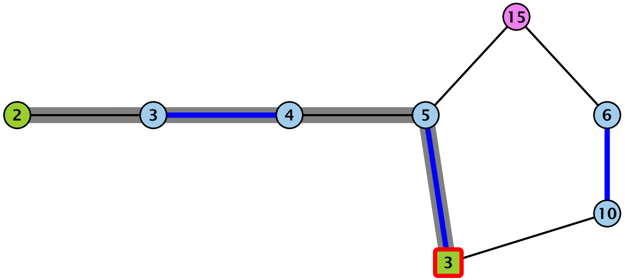

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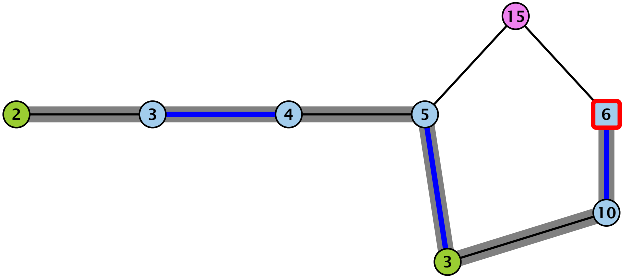

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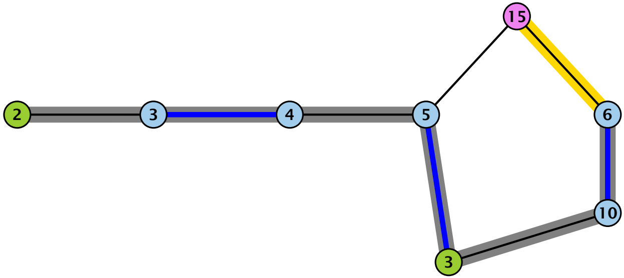

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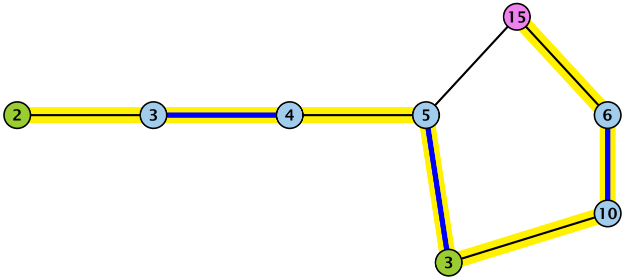

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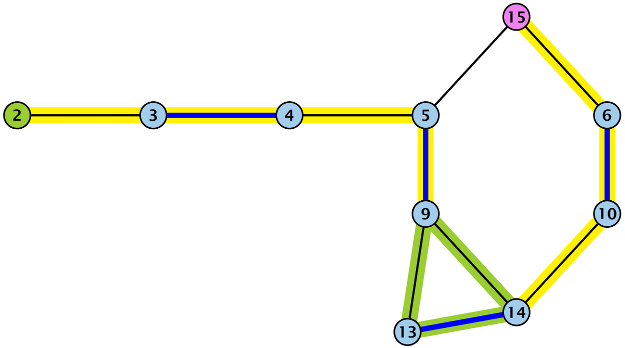

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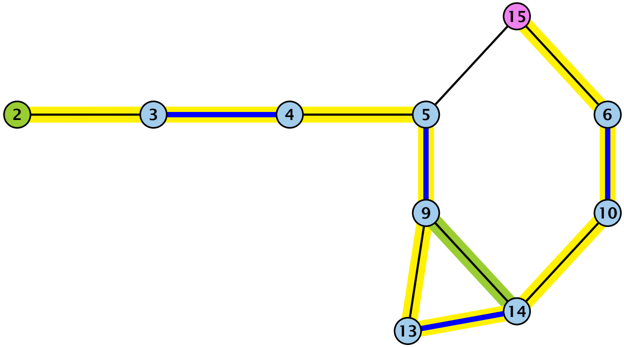

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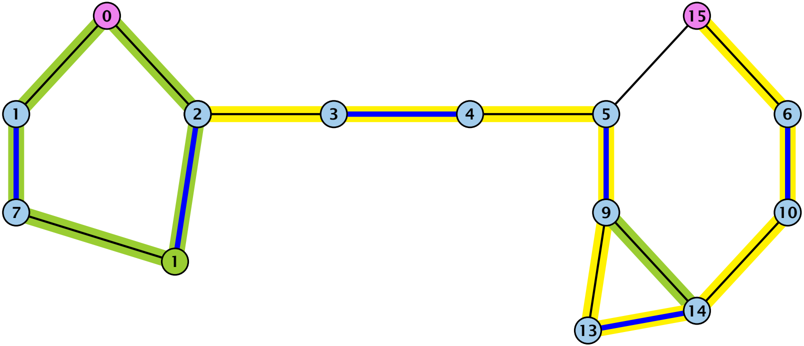

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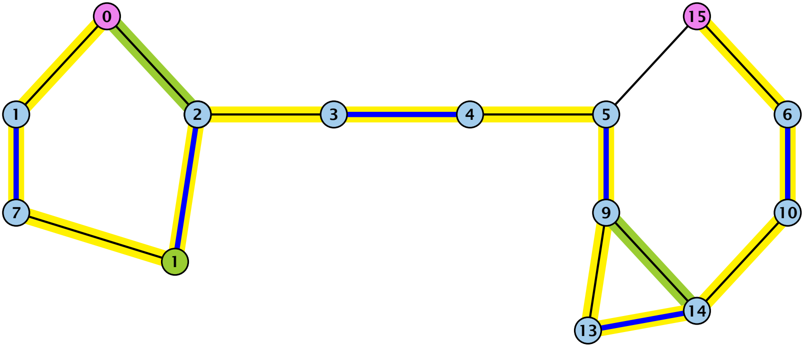

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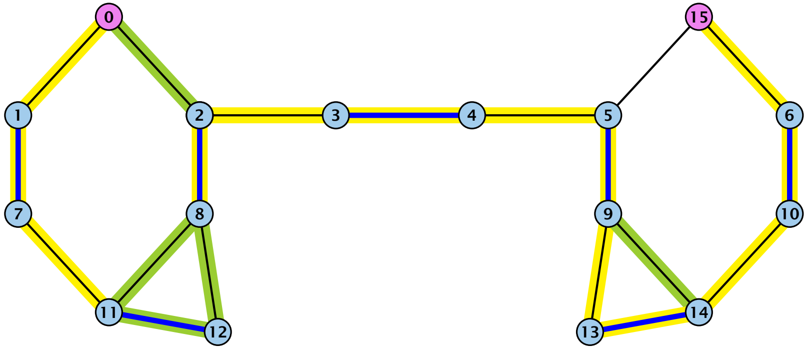

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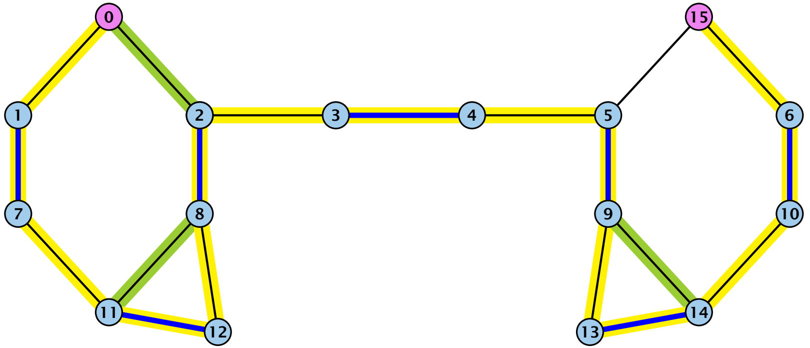

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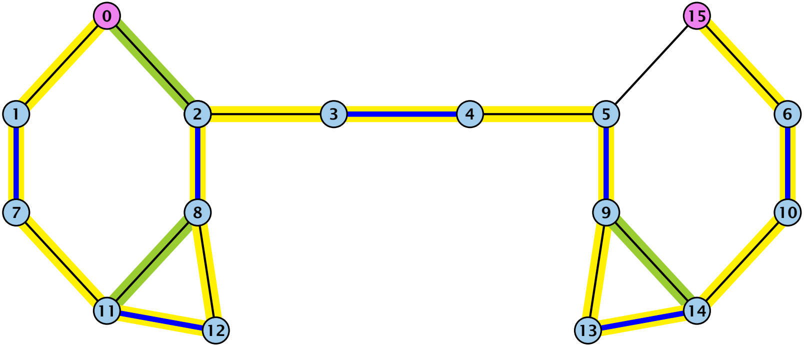

A Fast Matching Algorithm

Algorithm 28 Bimatch-Hopcroft-Karp(G)

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    vertex-disjoint, shortest augmenting path w.r.t. M.
    M ← M ⊕ (P_1 ∪ ··· ∪ P_k)
until 𝒫 = ∅
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We call one iteration of the repeat-loop a phase of the algorithm.

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One phase of the Hopcroft-Karp algorithm can be implemented in time $\mathcal{O}(m)$.

construct a "level graph" G':

- construct Level 0 that includes all free vertices on left side L
- construct Level 1 containing all neighbors of Level 0
- construct Level 2 containing matching neighbors of Level 1
- construct Level 3 containing all neighbors of Level 2
- ...
- stop when a level (apart from Level 0) contains a free vertex

can be done in time $\mathcal{O}(m)$ by a modified BFS

Analysis Hopcroft-Karp

- a shortest augmenting path must go from Level 0 to the last layer constructed
- it can only use edges between layers
- construct a maxim**al** set of vertex disjoint augmenting path connecting the layers
- for this, go forward until you either reach a free vertex or you reach a "dead end" v
- if you reach a free vertex delete the augmenting path and all incident edges from the graph
- if you reach a dead end backtrack and delete v together with its incident edges

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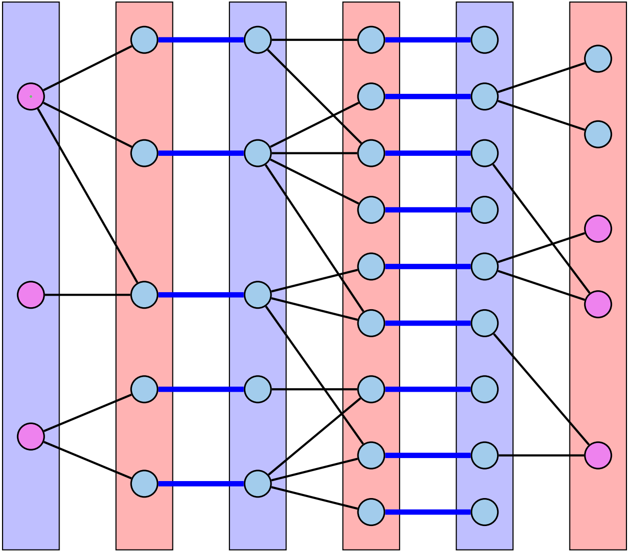

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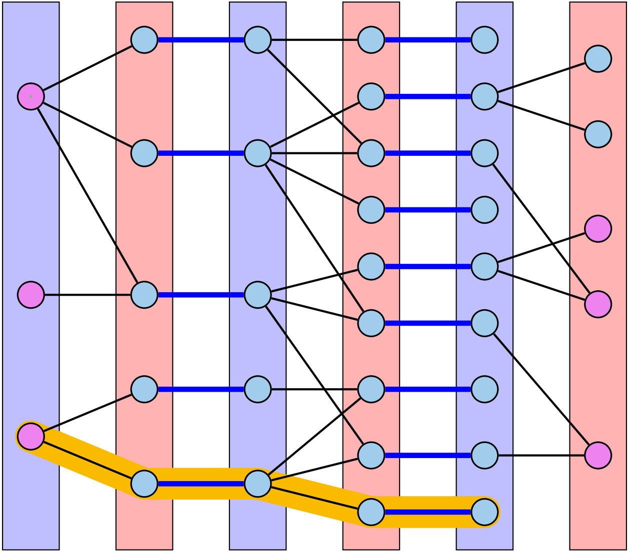

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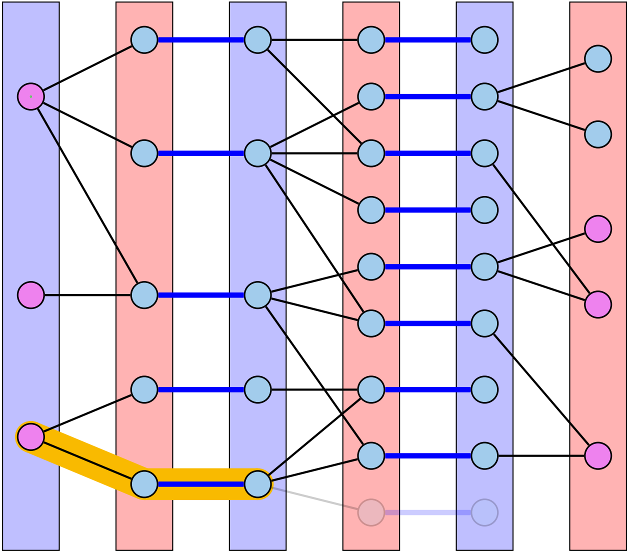

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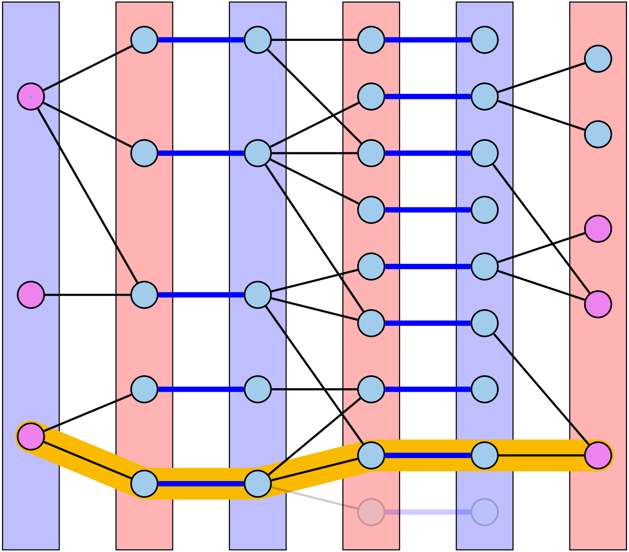

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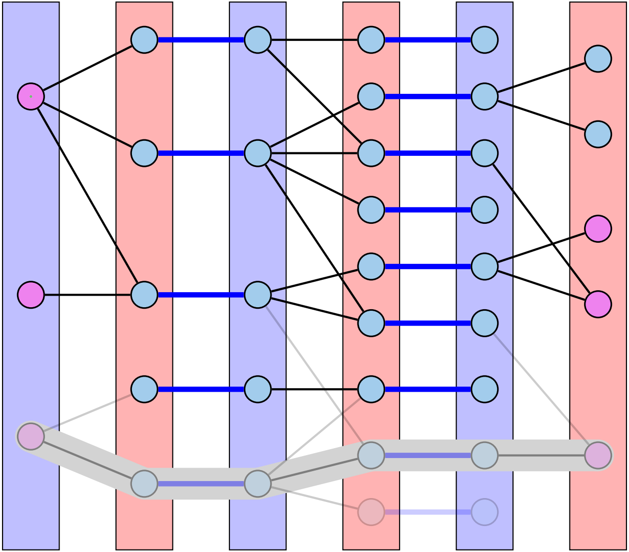

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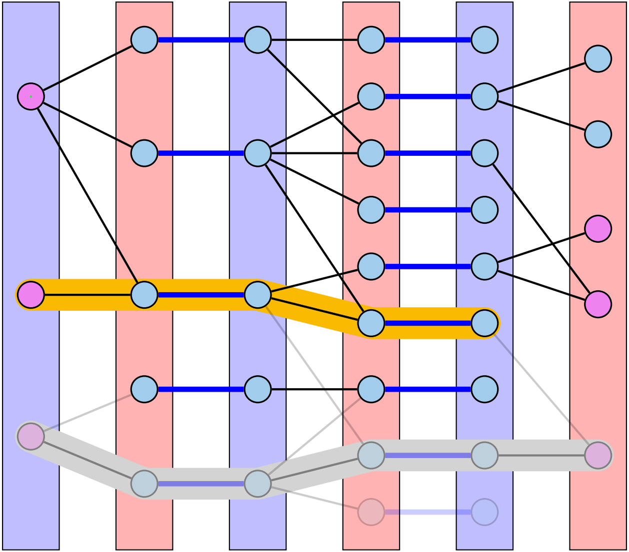

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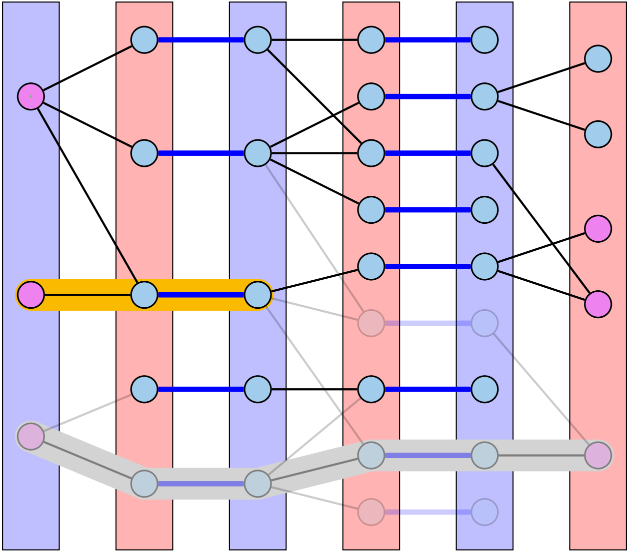

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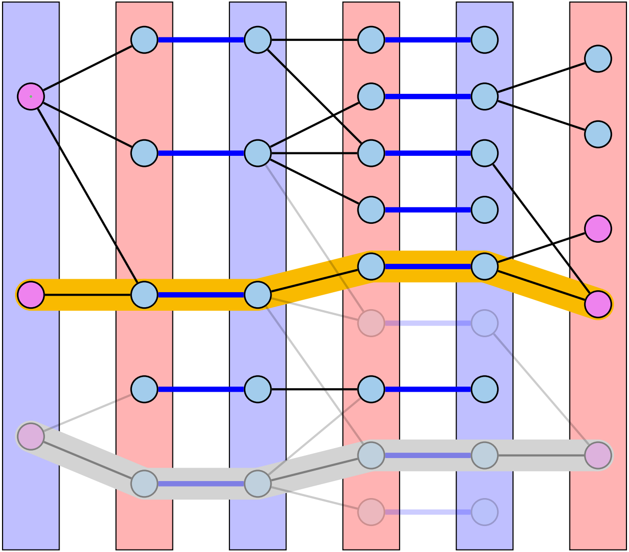

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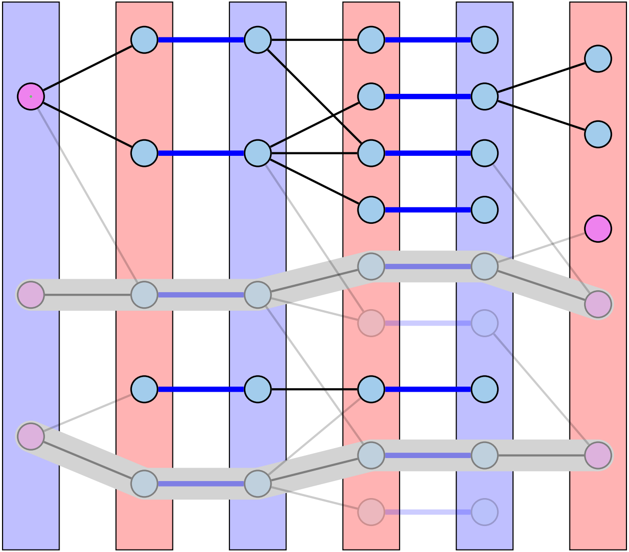

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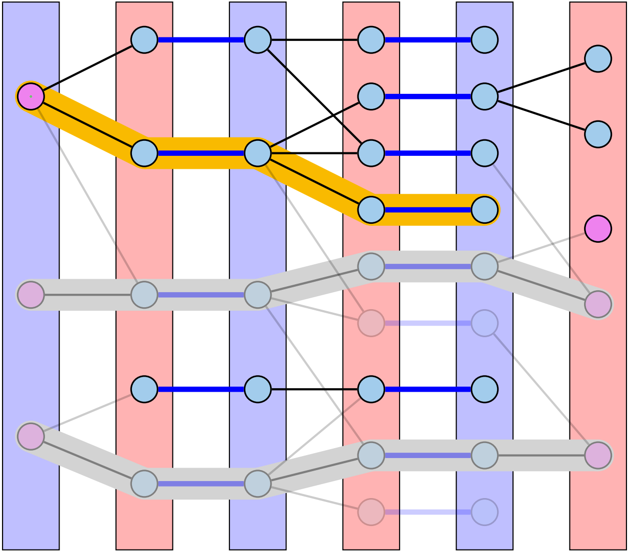

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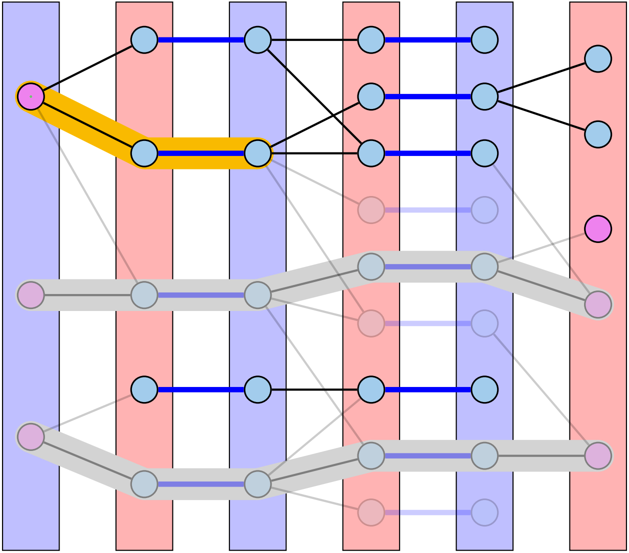

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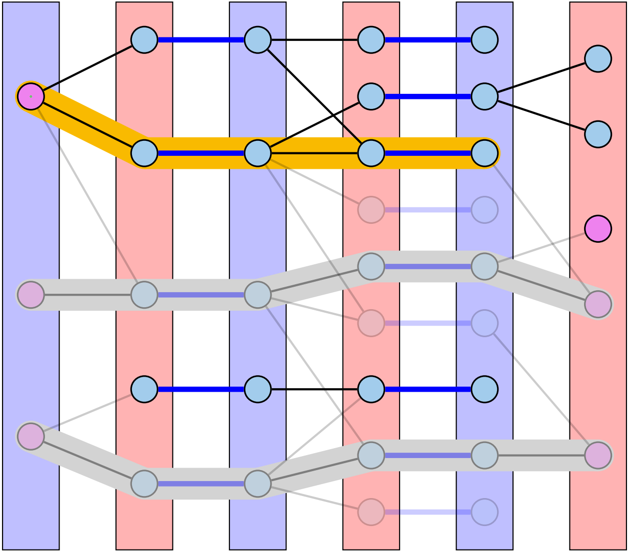

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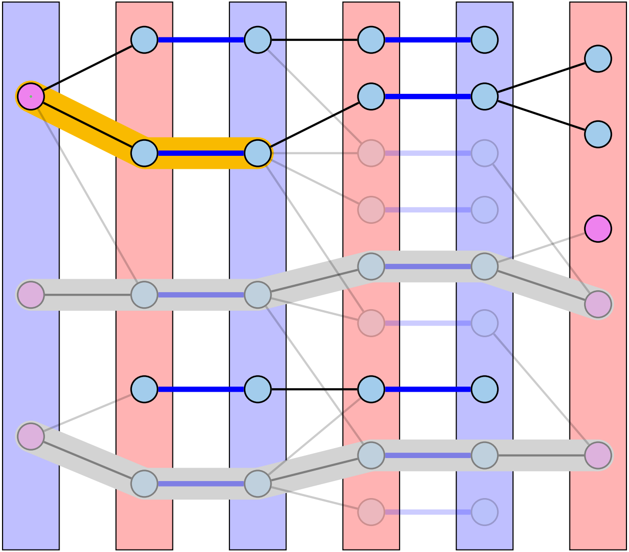

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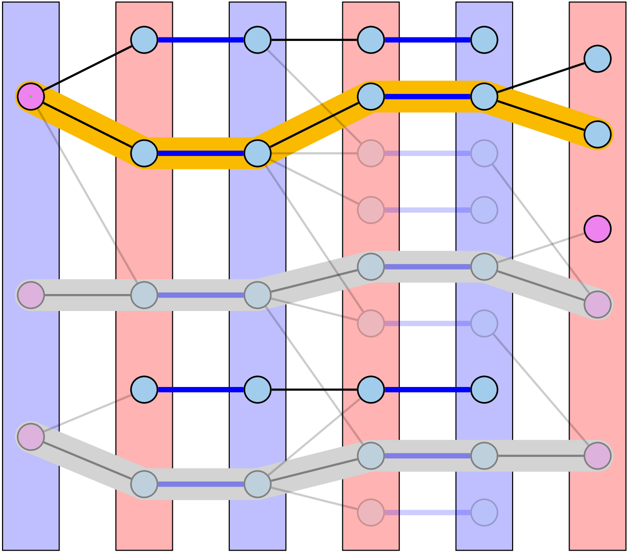

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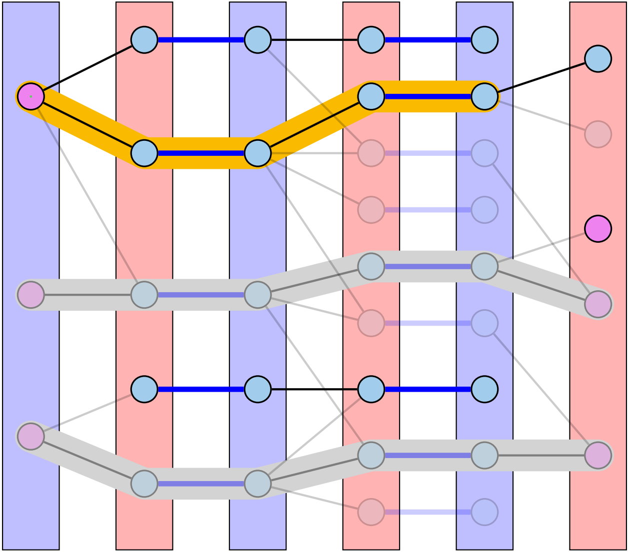

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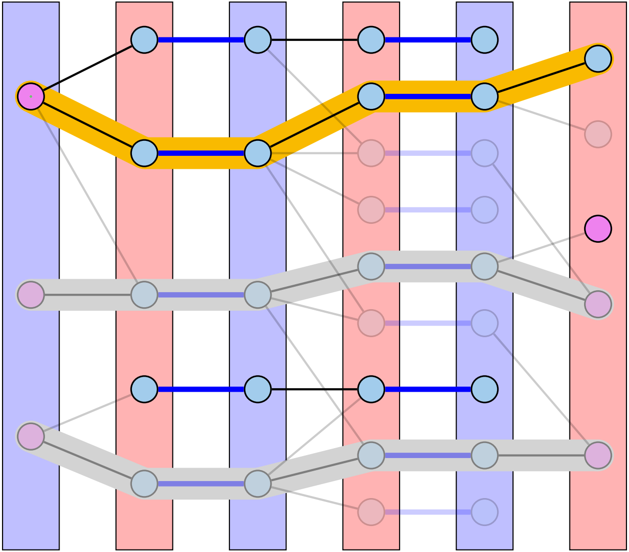

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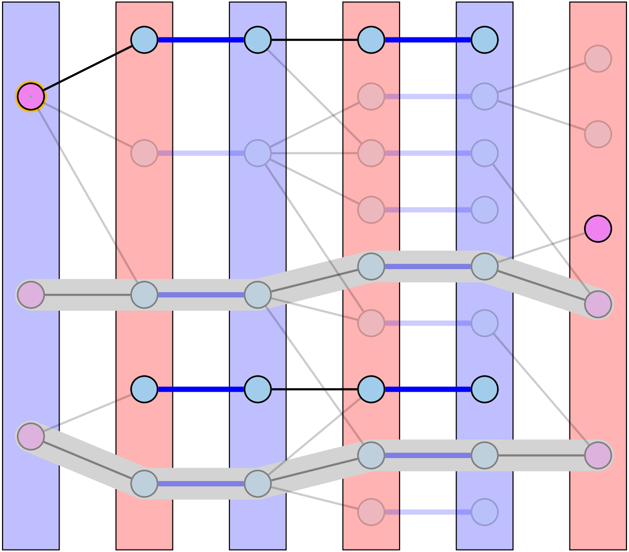

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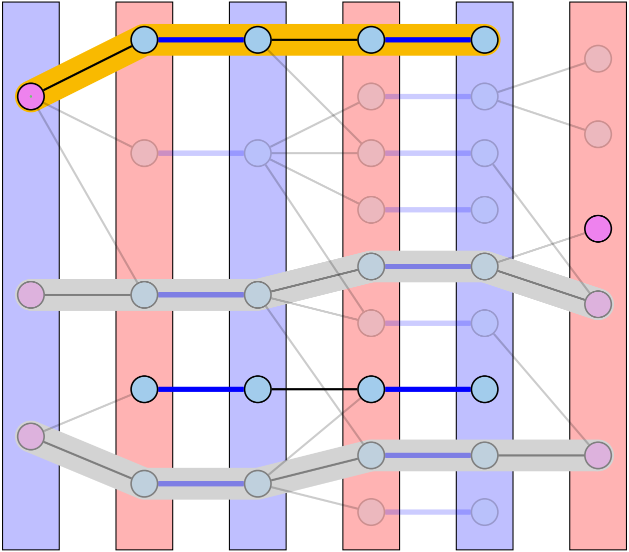

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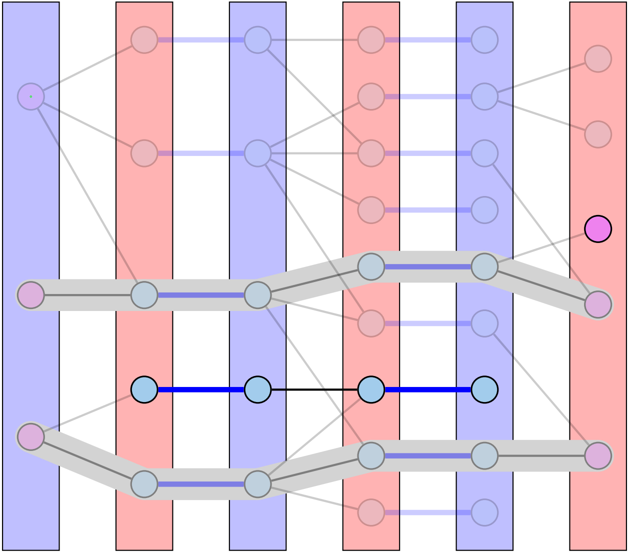

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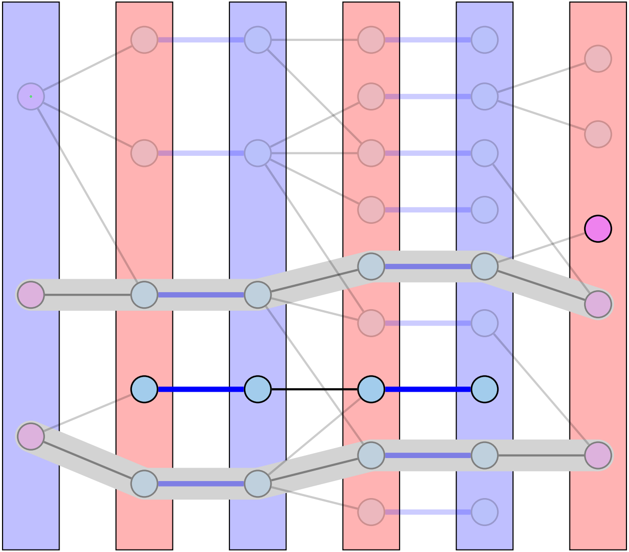

Analysis: Shortest Augmenting Path for Flows

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- a search deletes at least one edge from the level graph

there are at most n phases

Time: $\mathcal{O}(mn^2)$.

Analysis for Unit-capacity Simple Networks

cost for searches during a phase is $\mathcal{O}(m)$

- an edge/vertex is traversed at most twice

need at most $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$ phases

- after $\sqrt{n}$ phases there is a cut of size at most $\sqrt{n}$ in the residual graph
- hence at most $\sqrt{n}$ additional augmentations required

Time: $\mathcal{O}(m\sqrt{n})$.