Street-Routing Problems

Lecture 26
Sections 5.1 - 5.2

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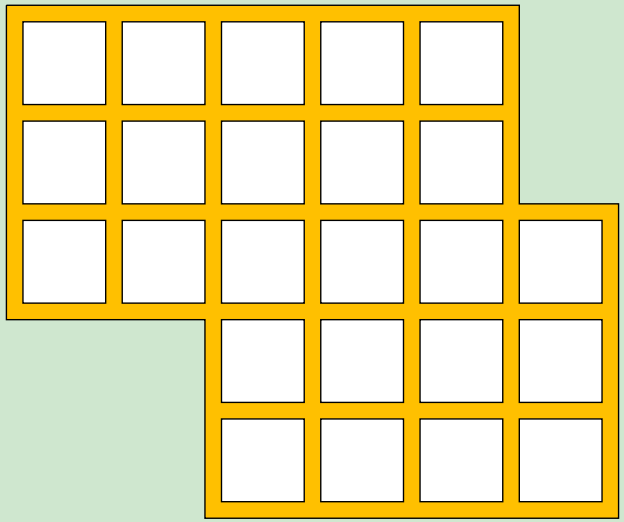

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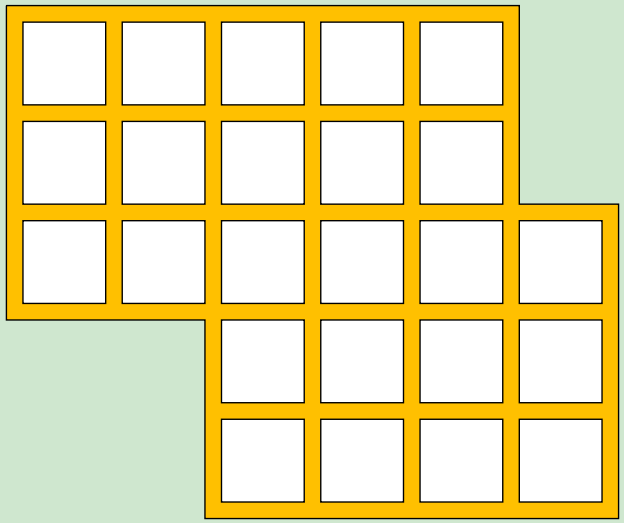

- A mail carrier must deliver mail to *both sides* of every street of the neighborhood, except the boundary.
- What route should he follow to minimize the total distance?
- Must he walk some streets (same side) twice?

The Königsberg Problem

Example (The Königsberg Problem)

- A Königsberger would like to take a stroll across the seven bridges of Königsberg.
- Can it be done without ever crossing the same bridge twice?
- Does it matter where the stroller starts?

The Bridges of Madison County Problem

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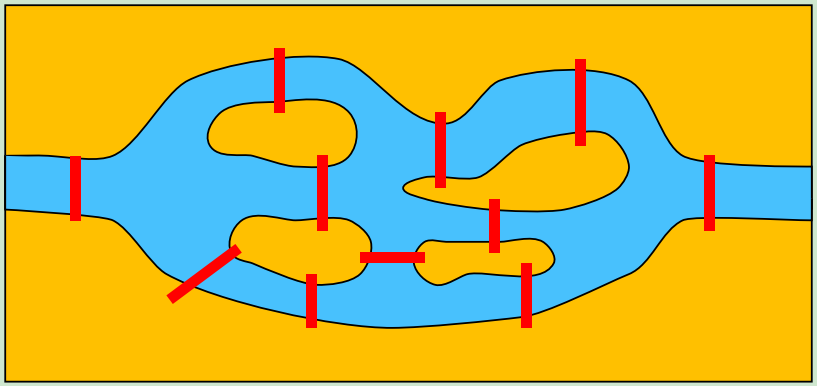

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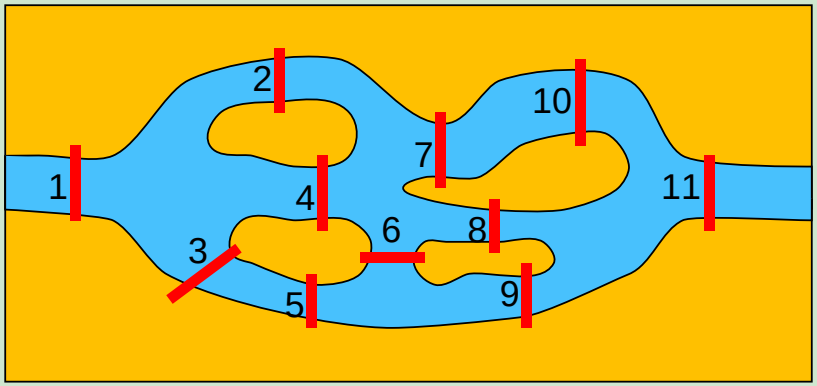

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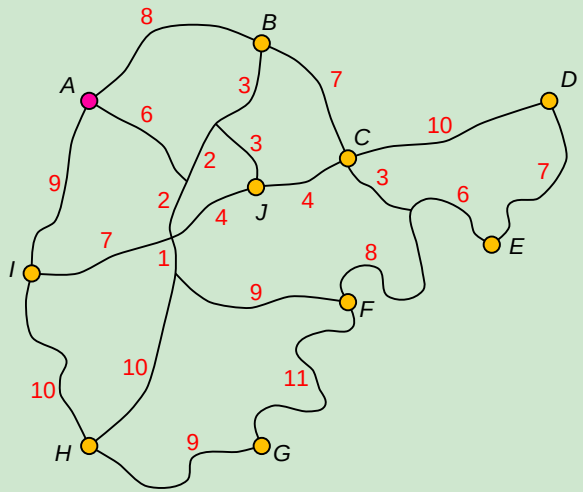

- A salesman is located in a city.
- He must make a trip during which he visits each of a number of other cities and return to his home city.
- He knows the distance from every city to every other city.
- What route will minimize the total distance traveled?

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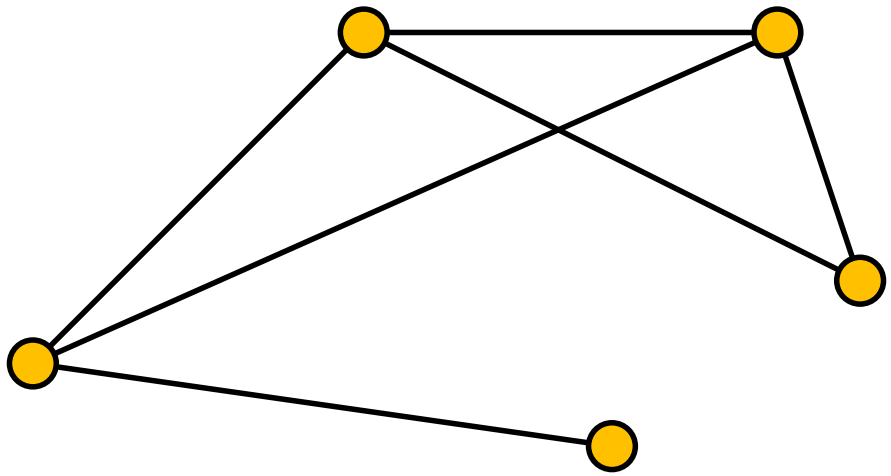
Definition

A graph is a collection of vertices and edges. We normally draw the vertices as dots and the edges as lines. Each edge connects a pair of vertices.



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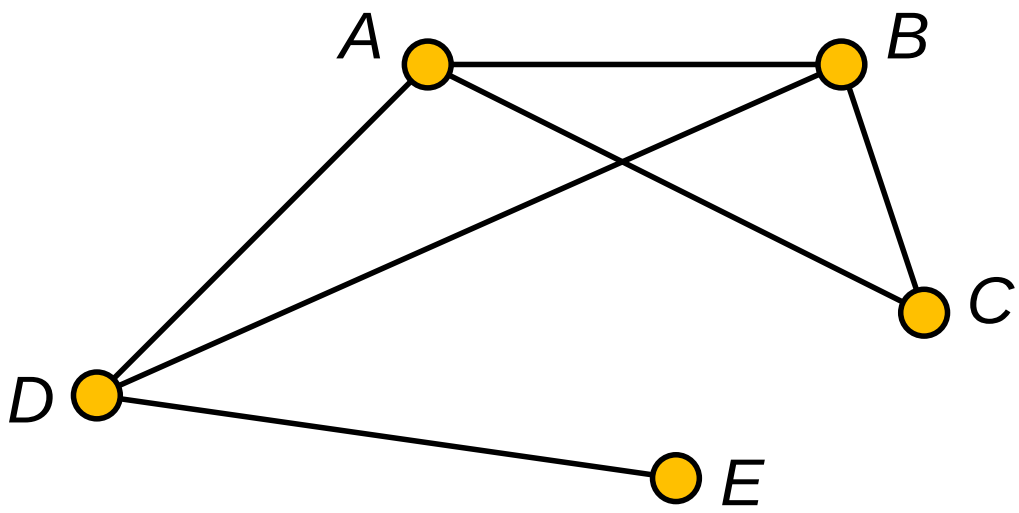
- We can give the vertices labels, e.g., A, B, C, etc.
- Then use those labels to identify the edges, e.g., AB, AC, etc.



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Definition (Path)

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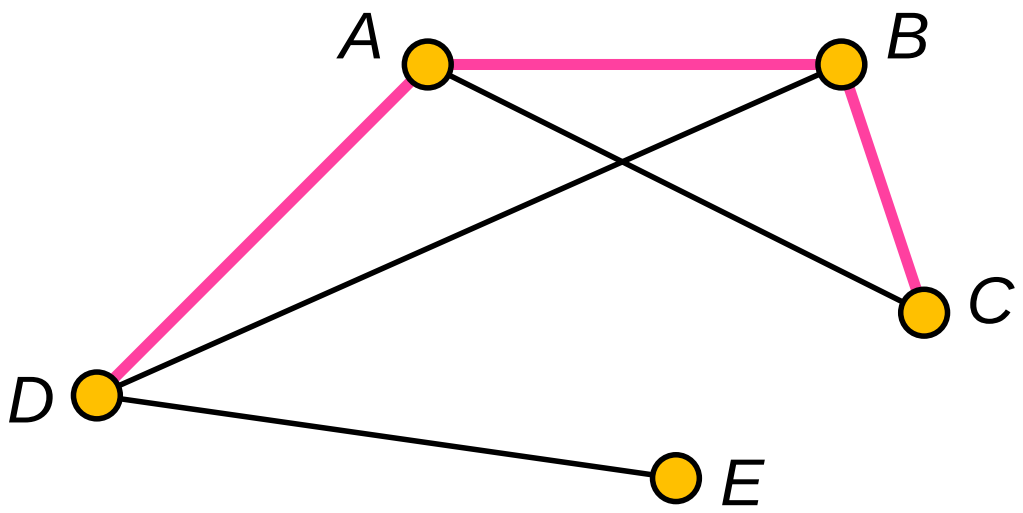

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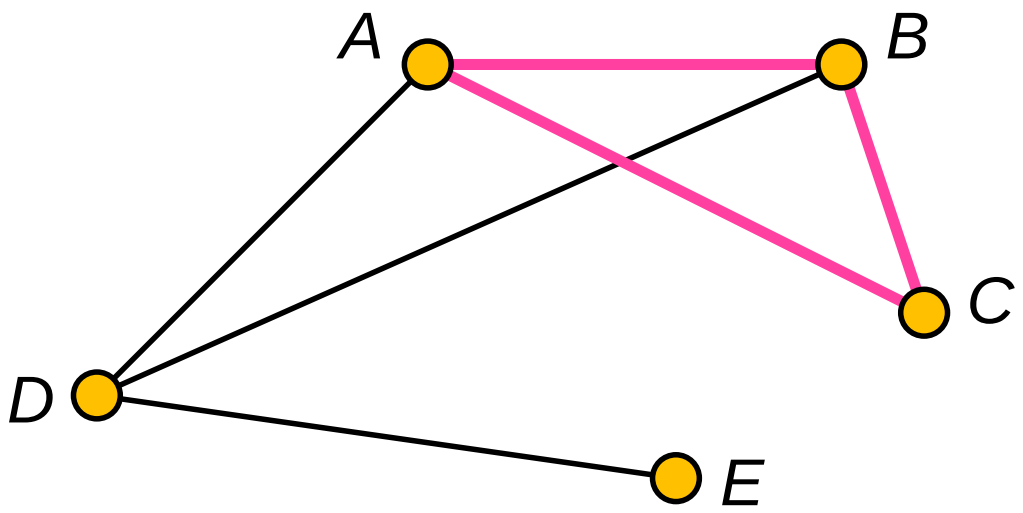
Definition (Circuit)

A circuit is a path that begins and ends at the same vertex. (E.g., *ABCA*.)



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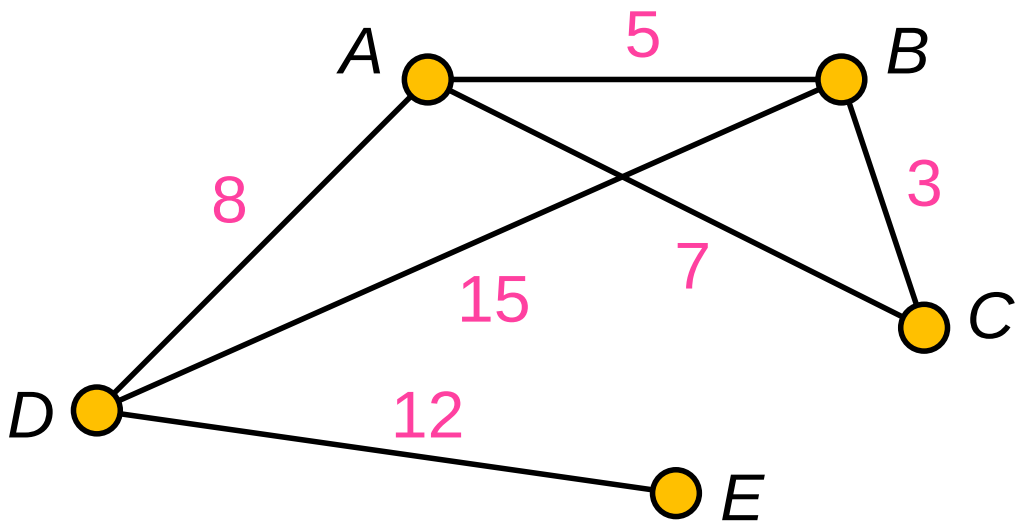
Definition (Weighted Graph)

A weighted graph is a graph in which every edge is assigned a value (its weight).



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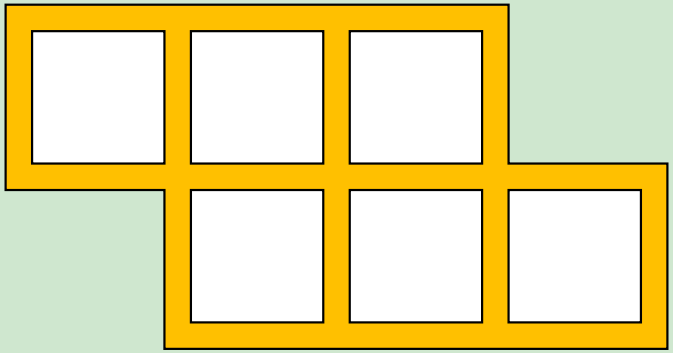

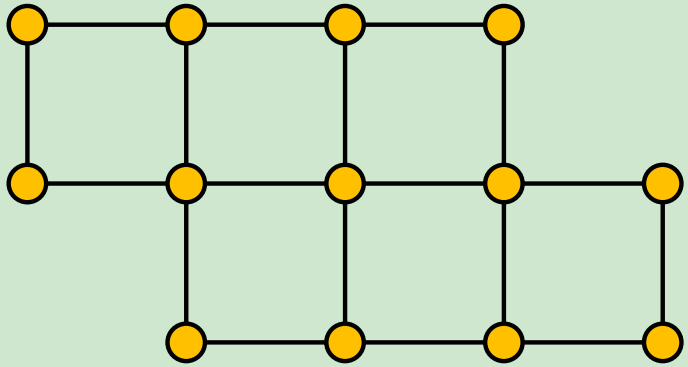

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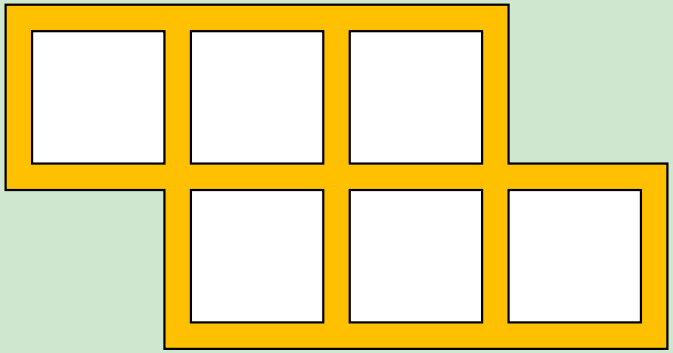

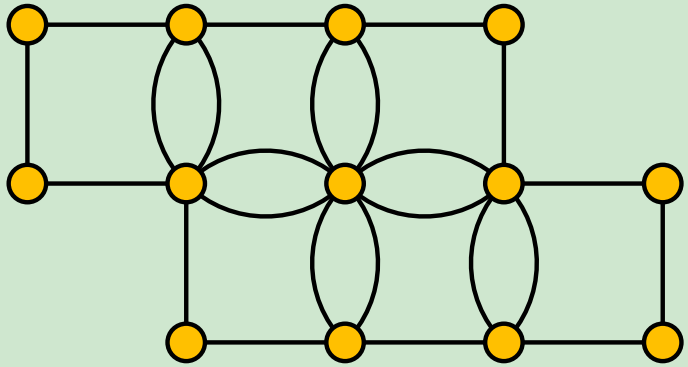

- In the Mail Carrier Problem, we want a path that traverses every edge *at least twice* (except the boundary) and has the minimal total length.
- With the duplicated edges, the Mail Carrier Problem is the same as the Security Guard Problem.

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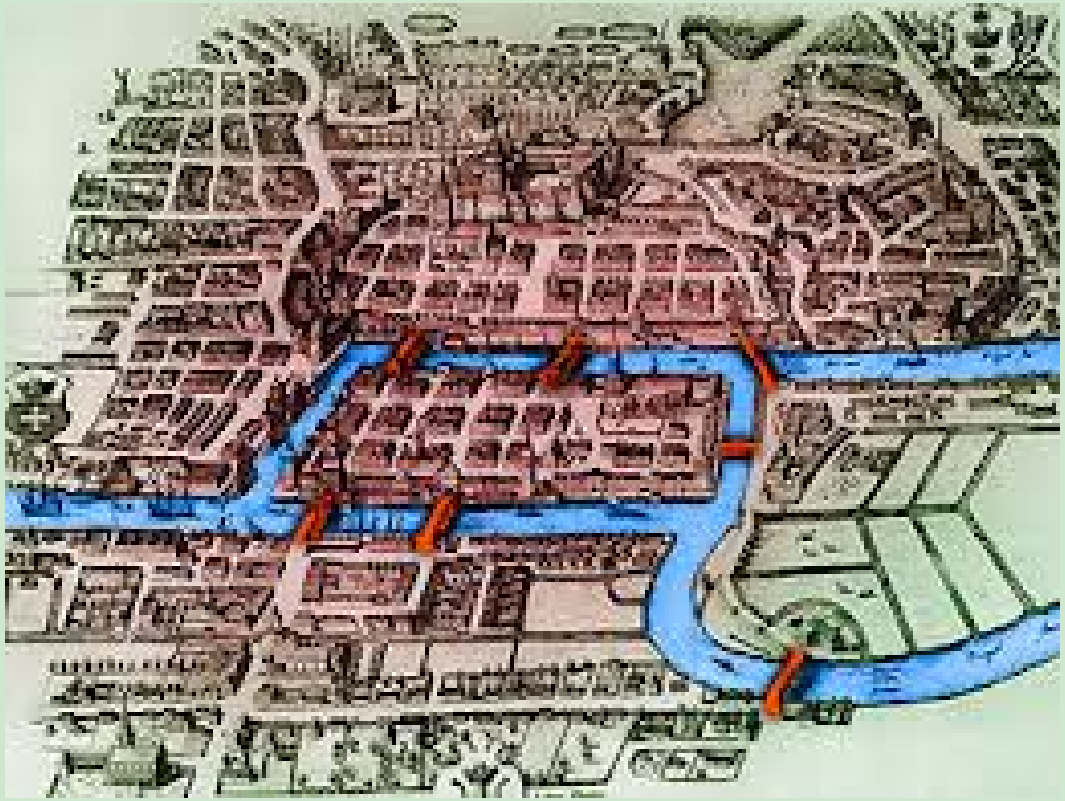

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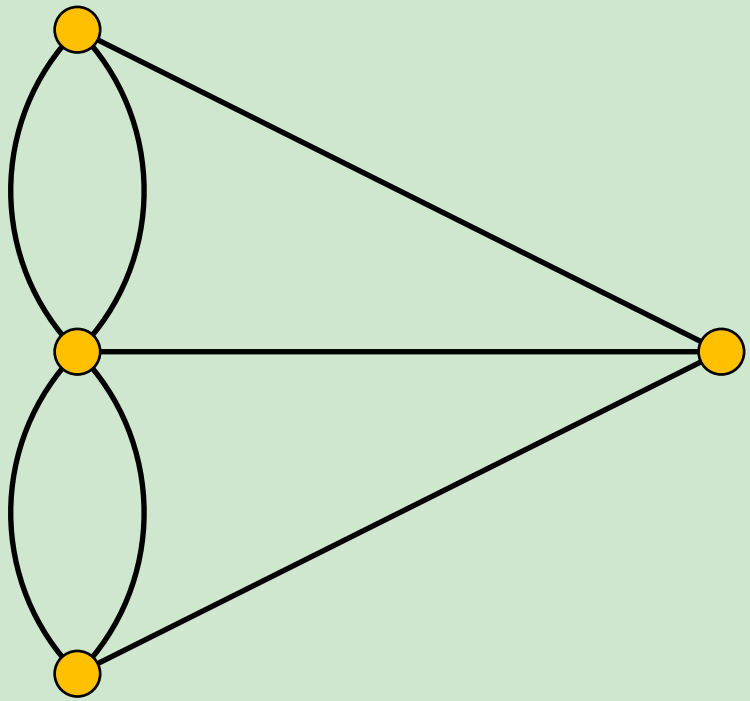

- We draw a graph that shows only the relevant parts.

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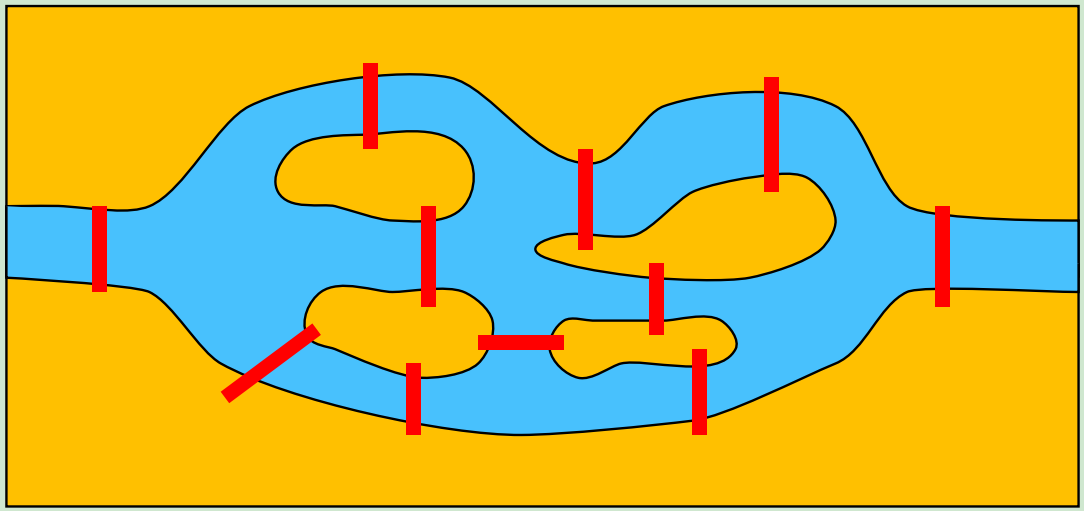

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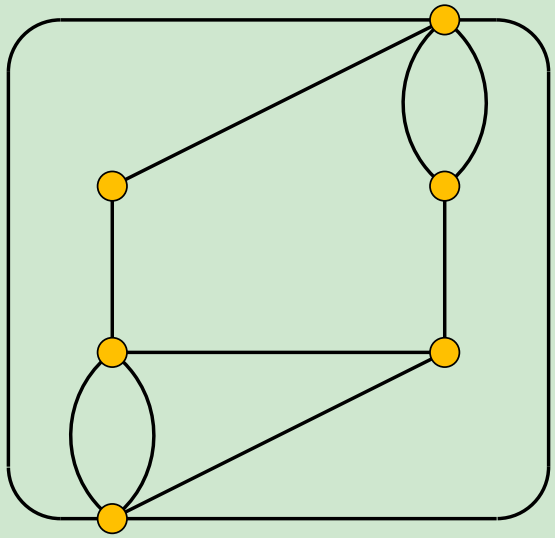

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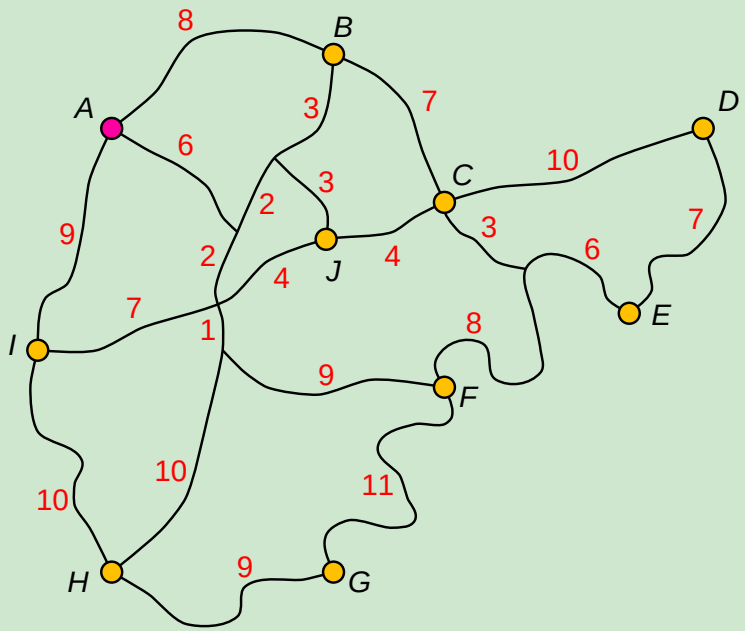

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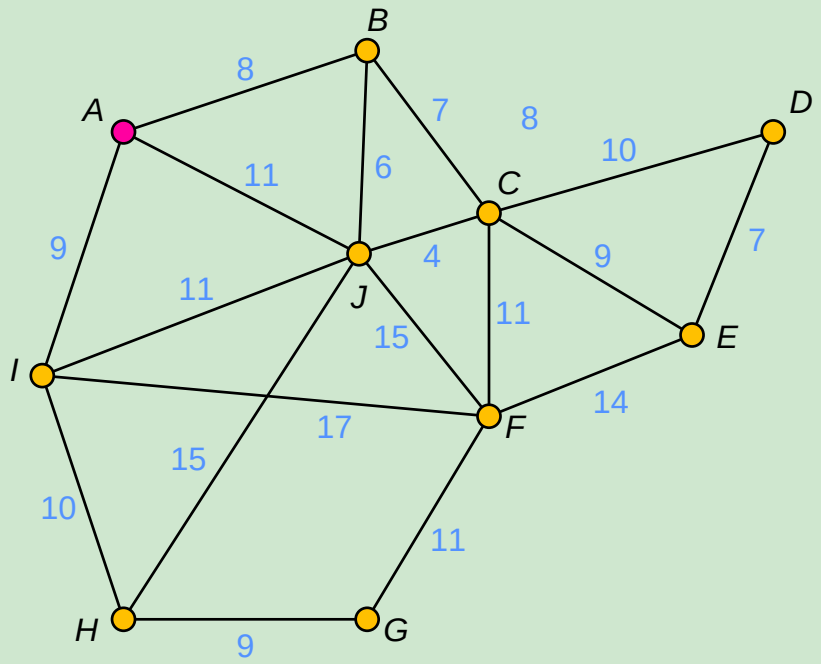

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