CSE 421: Introduction to Algorithms

BFS

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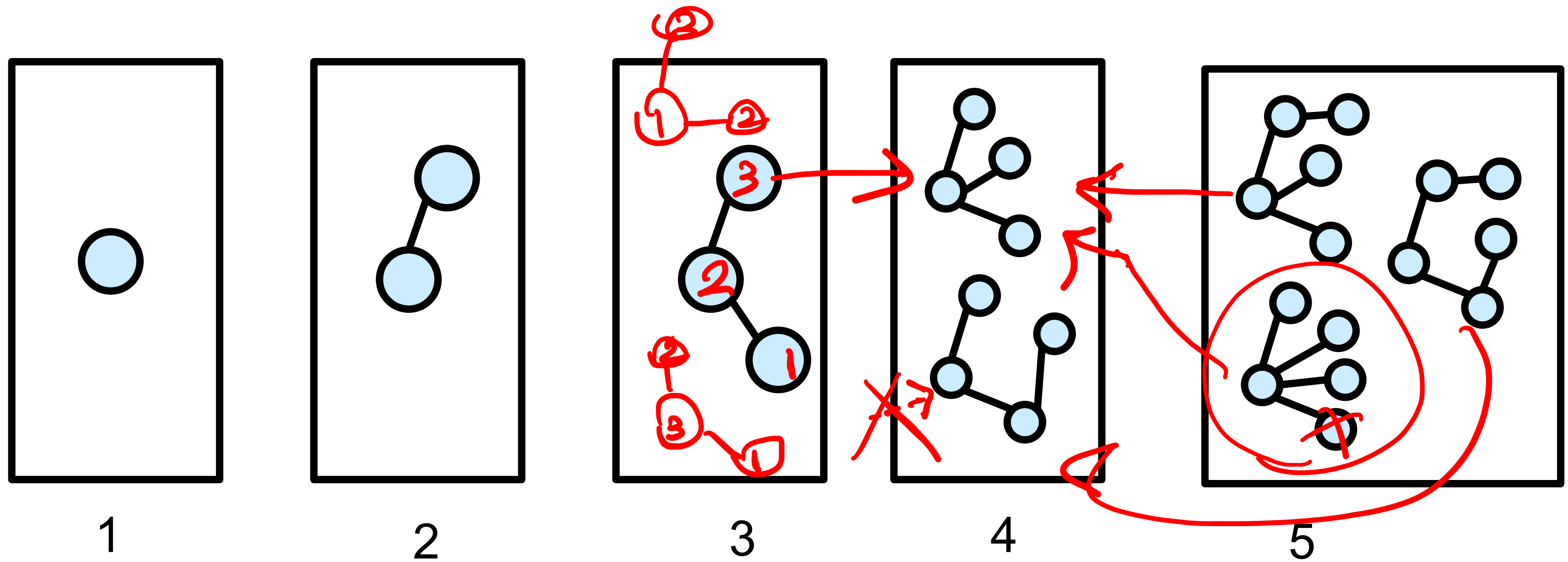
Induction

Induction in 311:

Prove $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = n(n+1)/2$

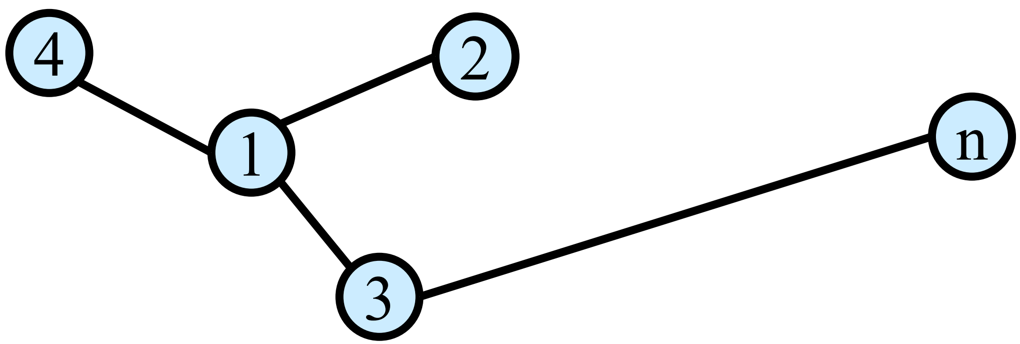
Induction in 421:

Prove all trees with n vertices have $n - 1$ edges

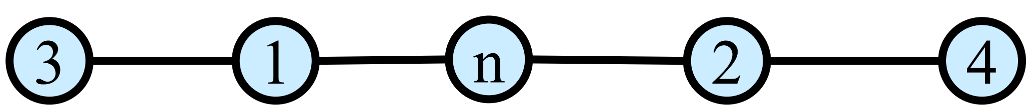


Wrong Induction on Trees

Start with a tree with vertices $\{1,2,\ldots,n-1\}$ add vertex n as a leaf and connected to an arbitrary vertex.



Will you ever construct the following tree?



#edges

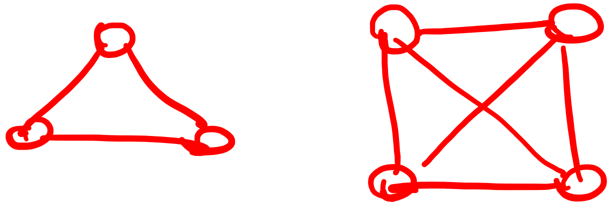
Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with $n = |V|$ vertices and $m = |E|$ edges.

Claim: $0 \le m \le \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^2)$

Pf: Since every edge connects two distinct vertices (i.e., G has no loops)

and no two edges connect the same pair of vertices (i.e., G has no multi-edges)

It has at most $\binom{n}{2}$ edges.



Sparse Graphs

A graph is called sparse if $m \ll n^2$ and it is called dense otherwise.

Sparse graphs are very common in practice

- Friendships in social network
- Planar graphs
- Web braph

Q: Which is a better running time $O(n+m)$ vs $O(n^2)$?

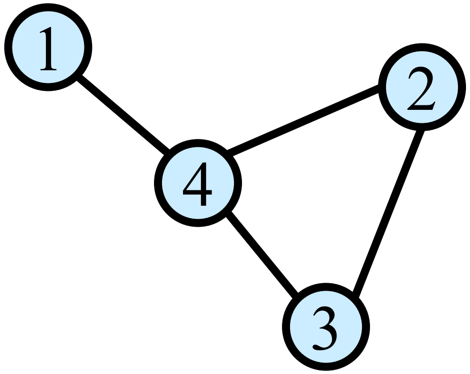
A: $O(n+m) = O(n^2)$, but $O(n+m)$ is usually much better.

Storing Graphs (Internally in ALG)

Vertex set $V = \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$.

Adjacency Matrix: A

- For all, $i, j, A[i, j] = 1$ iff $(v_i, v_j) \in E$
- Storage: n^2 bits



	1	2	3	4
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	1
3	0	1	0	1
4	1	1	1	0

Advantage:

- $O(1)$ test for presence or absence of edges

Disadvantage:

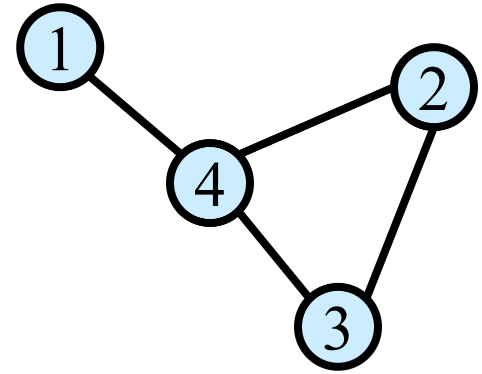
- Inefficient for sparse graphs both in storage and edge-access

Storing Graphs (Internally in ALG)

Don't use Hash table.

Adjacency List:

O(n+m) words

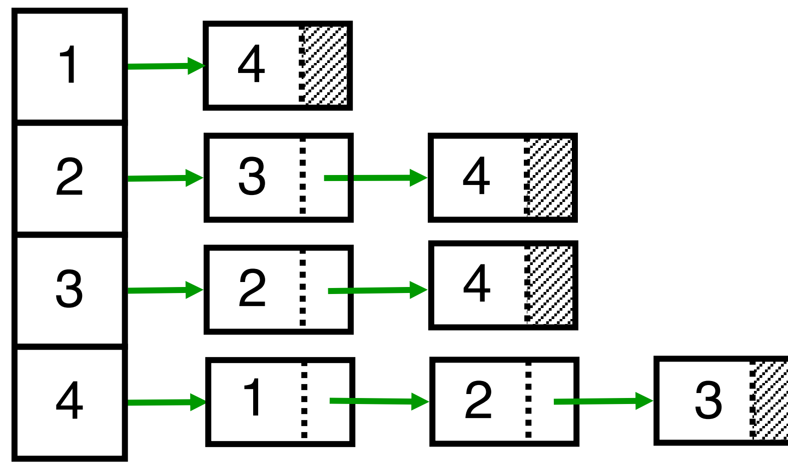


Advantage

- Compact for sparse
- Easily see all edges

Disadvantage

- No O(1) edge test
- More complex data structure



Typically assume you have access to adj matrix & adj list

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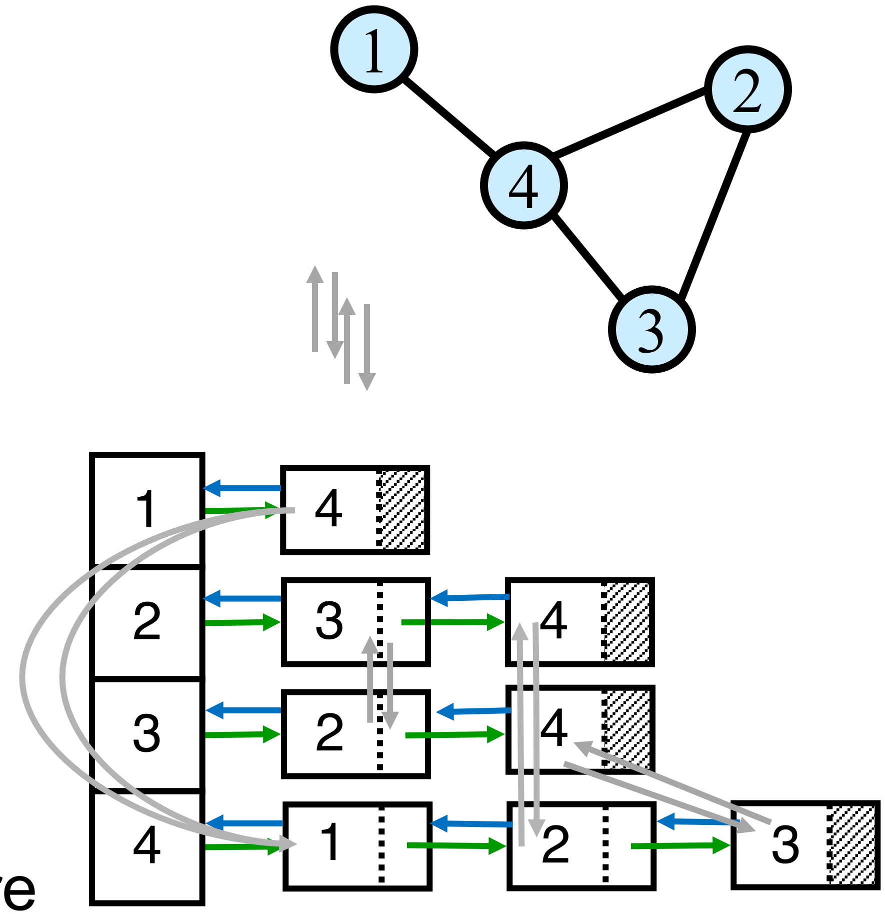

Graph Traversal

Walk (via edges) from a fixed starting vertex s to all vertices reachable from s.

- Breadth First Search (BFS): Order nodes in successive layers based on distance from s
- Depth First Search (DFS): More natural approach for exploring a maze; many efficient algs build on it.

Applications:

- Finding Connected components of a graph
- Testing Bipartiteness
- Finding Aritculation points

Breadth First Search (BFS)

Completely explore the vertices in order of their distance from s.

Three states of vertices:

- Undiscovered
- Discovered
- Fully-explored

Naturally implemented using a queue

The queue will always have the list of Discovered vertices

BFS implementation

Global initialization: mark all vertices "undiscovered"

```
BFS(s)
    mark  s "discovered"
    queue = { s }
    while queue not empty
        u = remove_first(queue)
        for each edge {u,x}
            if (x is undiscovered)
                mark x discovered
                append x on queue
        mark u fully-explored
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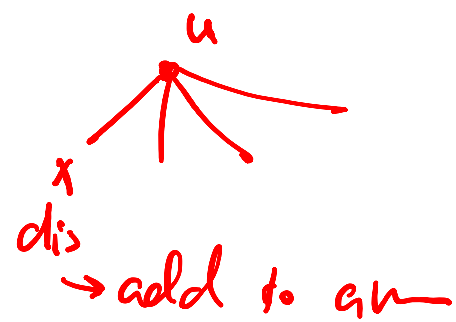
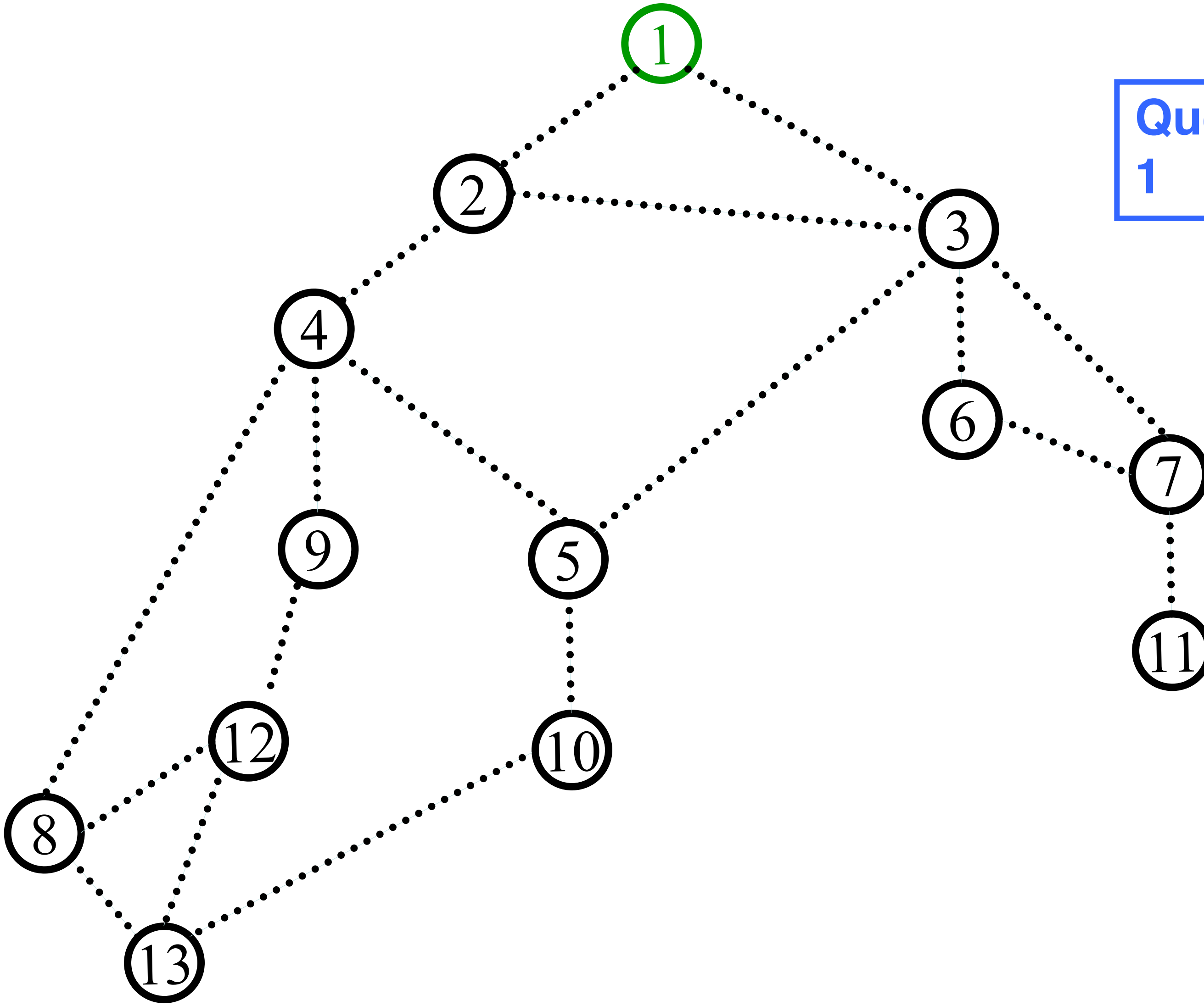


BFS(1)

green means discovered



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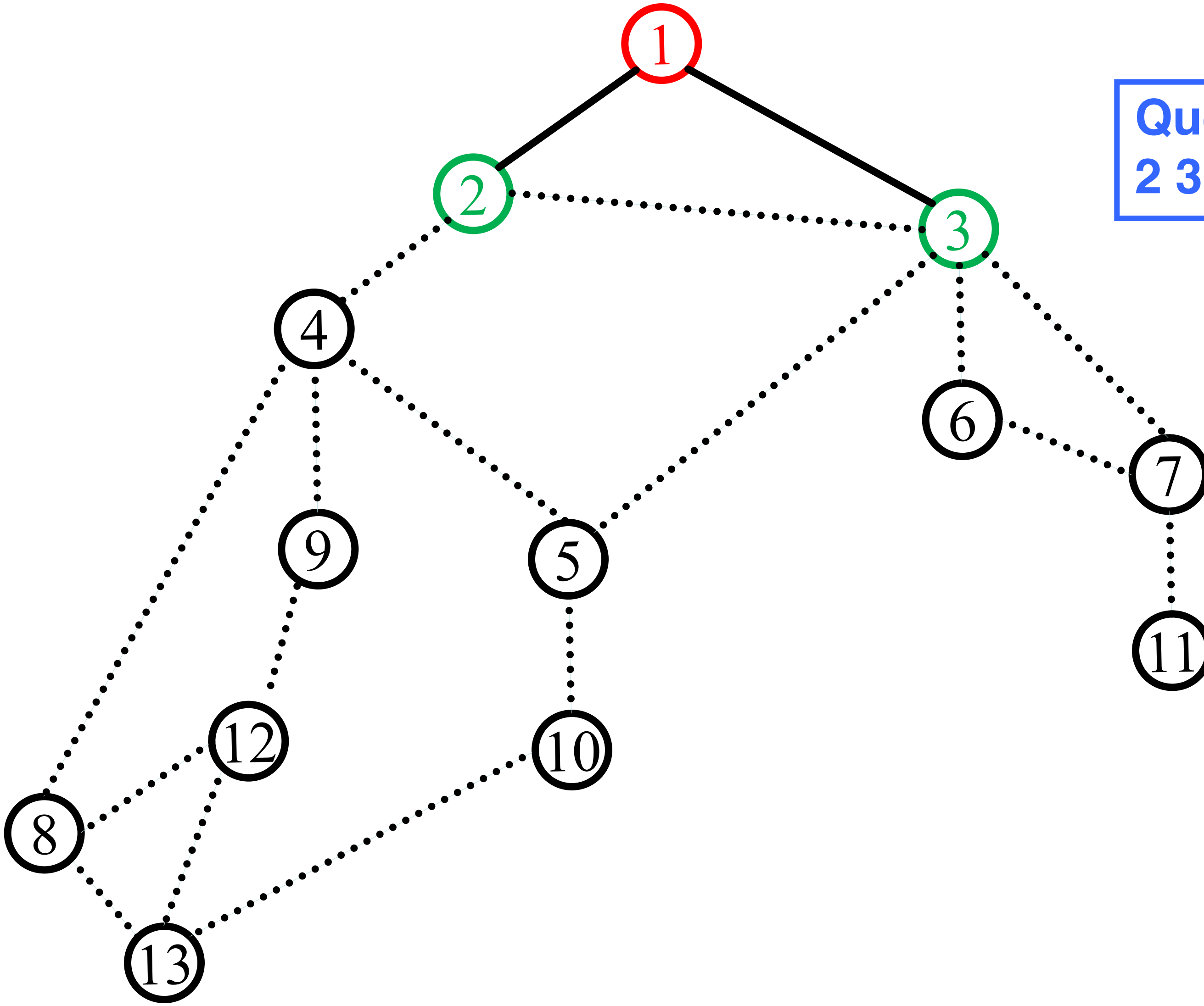

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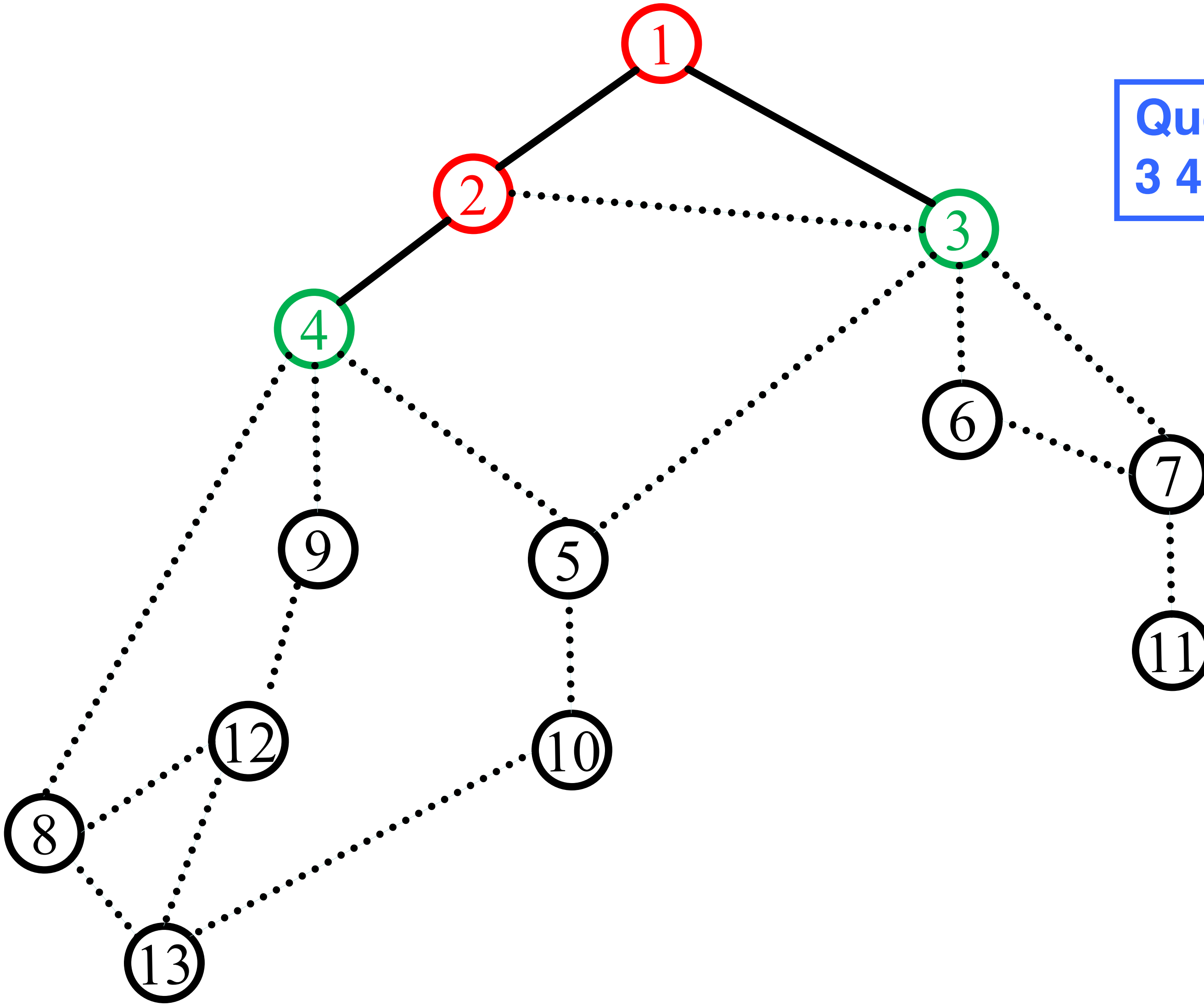

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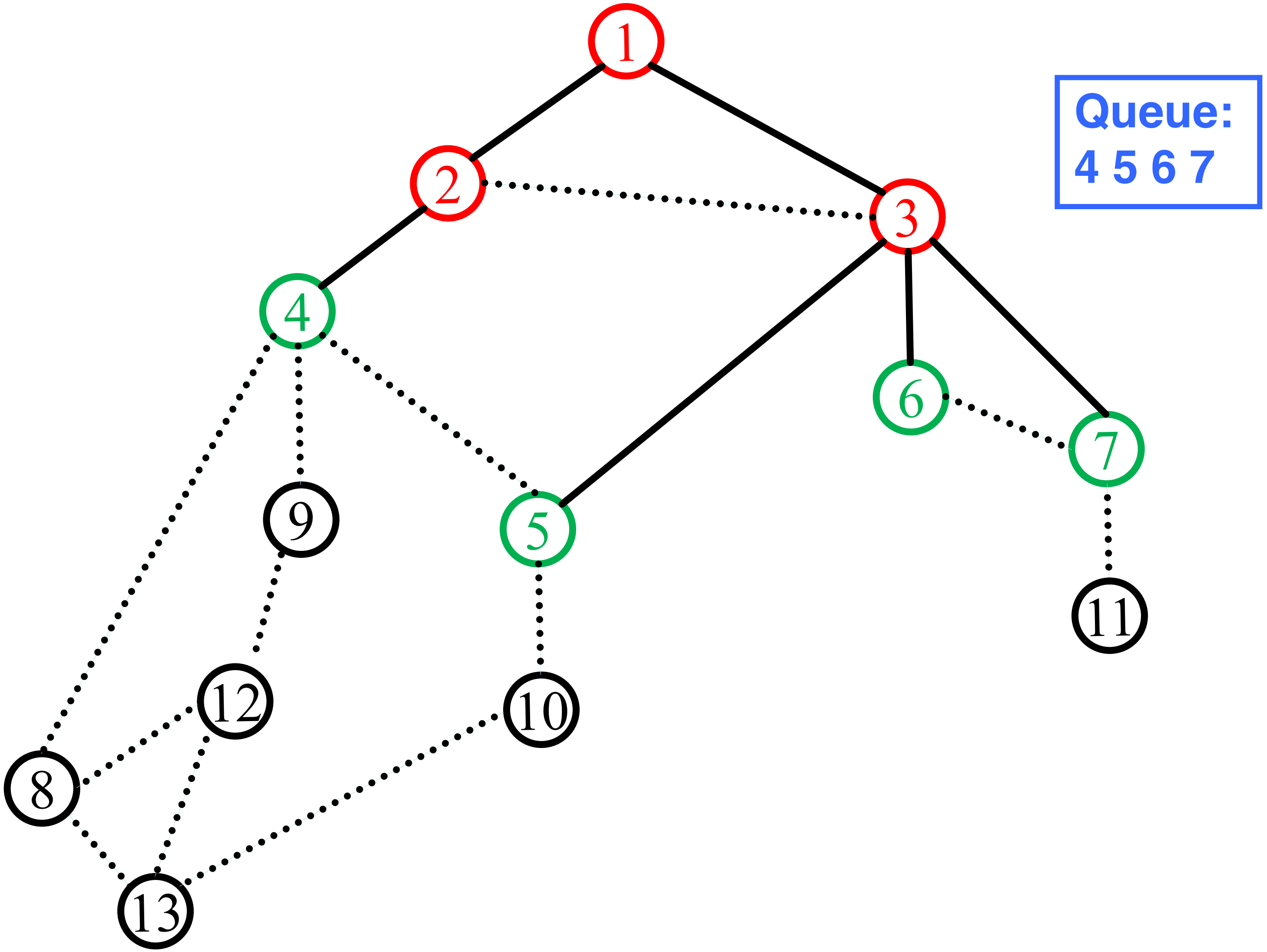

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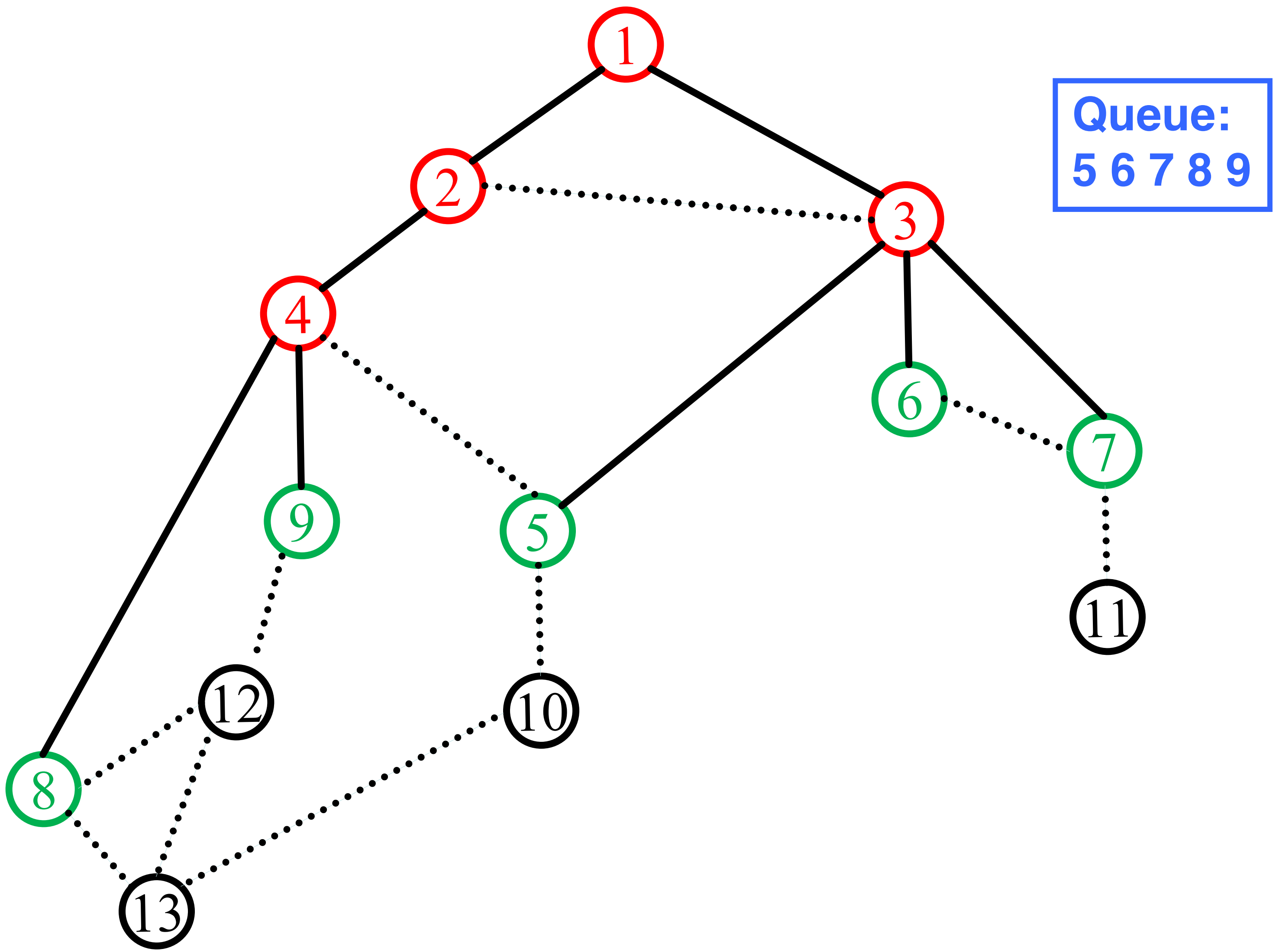

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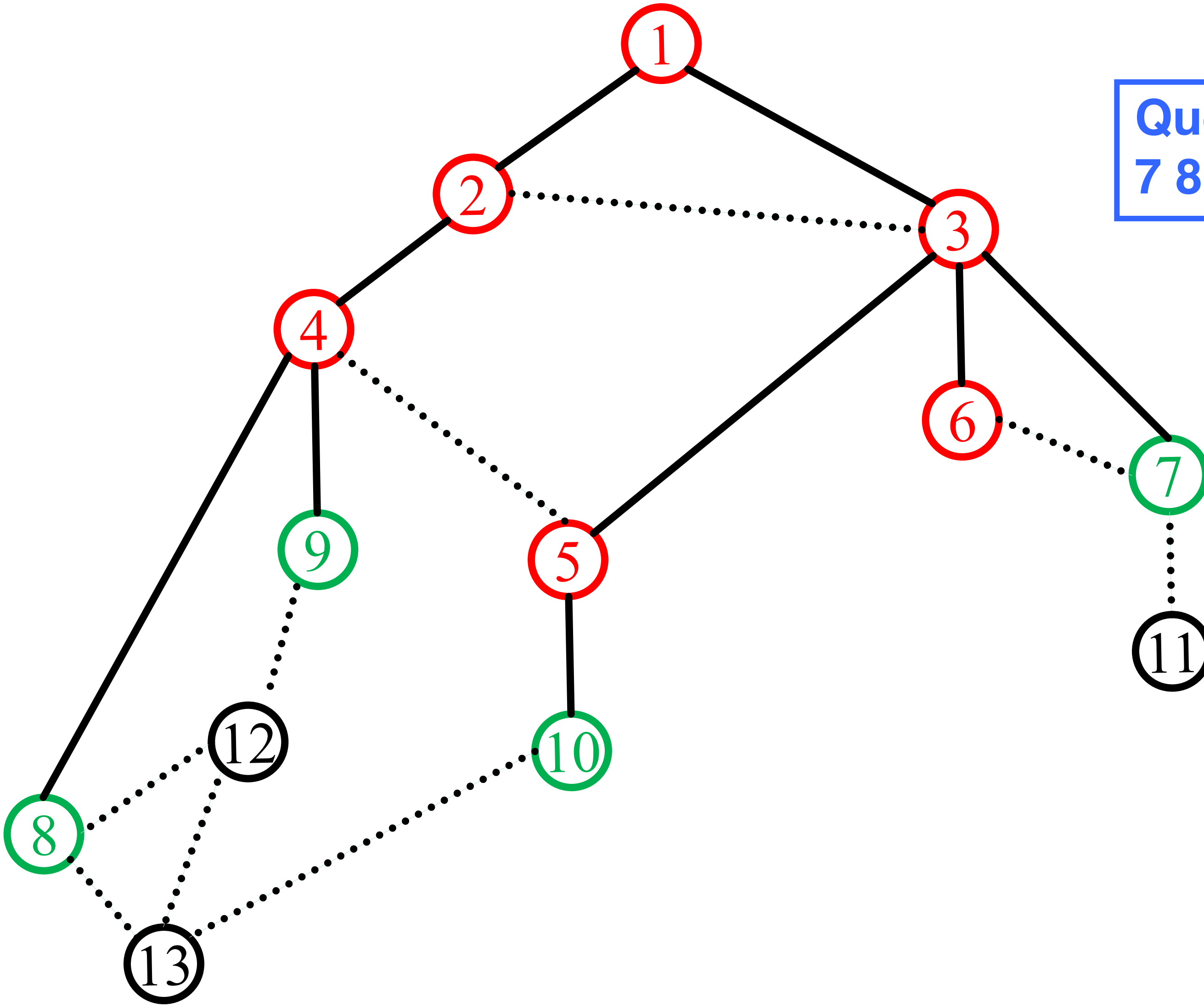

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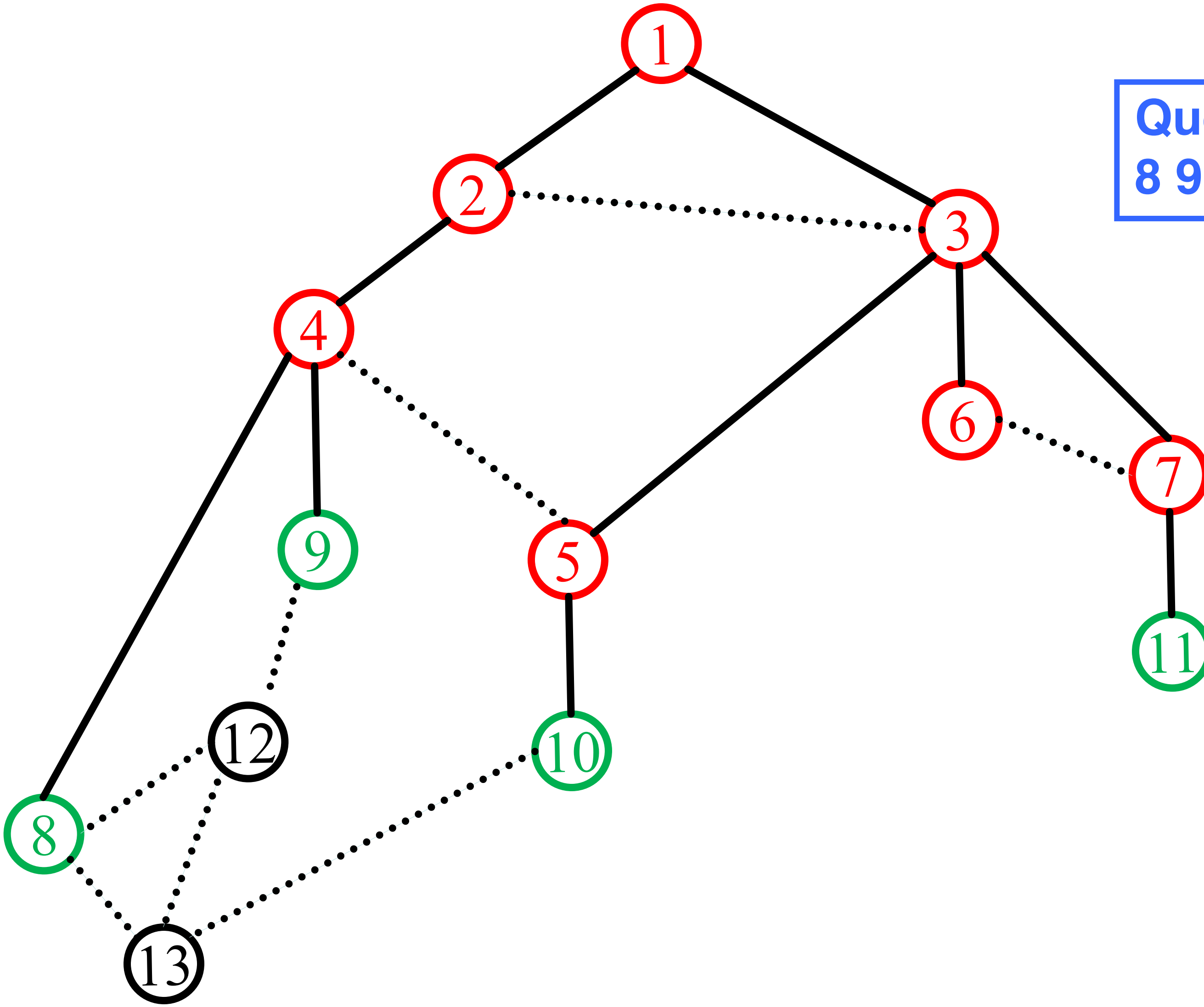

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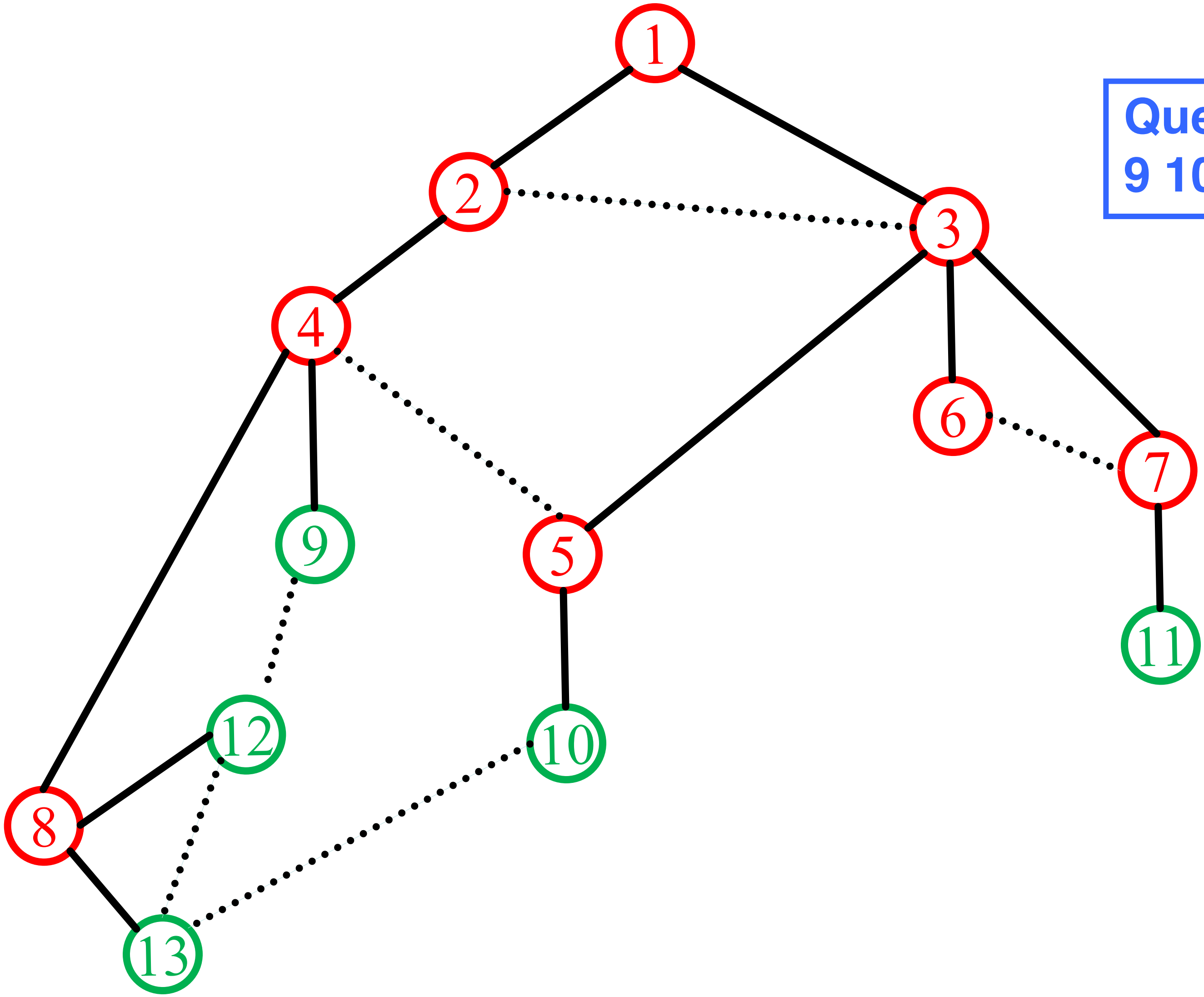

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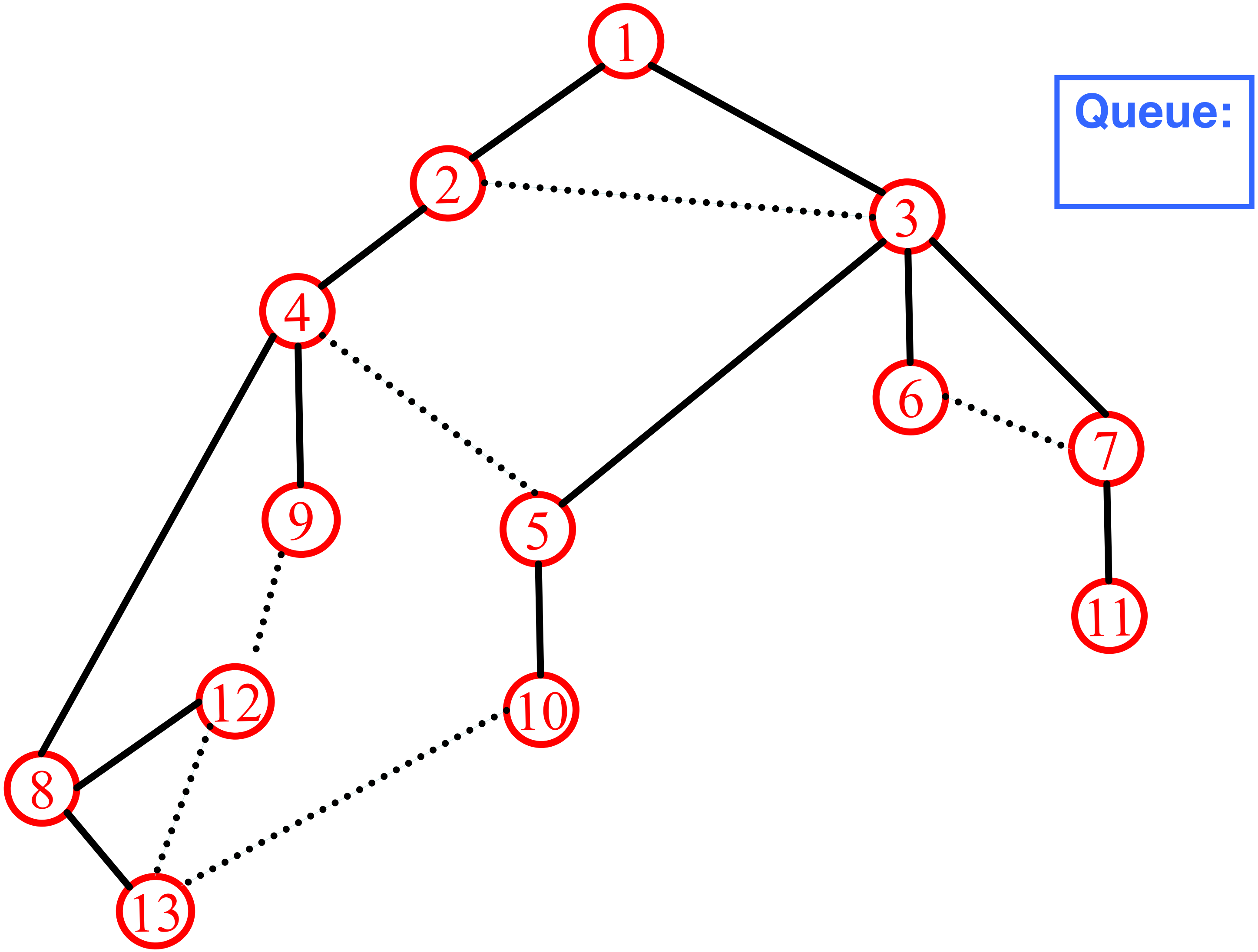

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O(n) times: Once from every vertex if G is connected

$\mathbf{deg}(u) \leq O(n)$ times

If we use adjacency list: $O(n) + O(\sum_v \deg(v)) = O(m + n)$

= 2m

Properties of BFS

- BFS(s) visits a vertex v if and only if there is a path from s to v
- Edges into then-undiscovered vertices define a tree – the “Breadth First spanning tree” of G
- Level i in the tree are exactly all vertices v s.t., the shortest path (in G) from the root s to v is of length i
- All nontree edges join vertices on the same or adjacent levels of the tree

BFS Application: Shortest Paths

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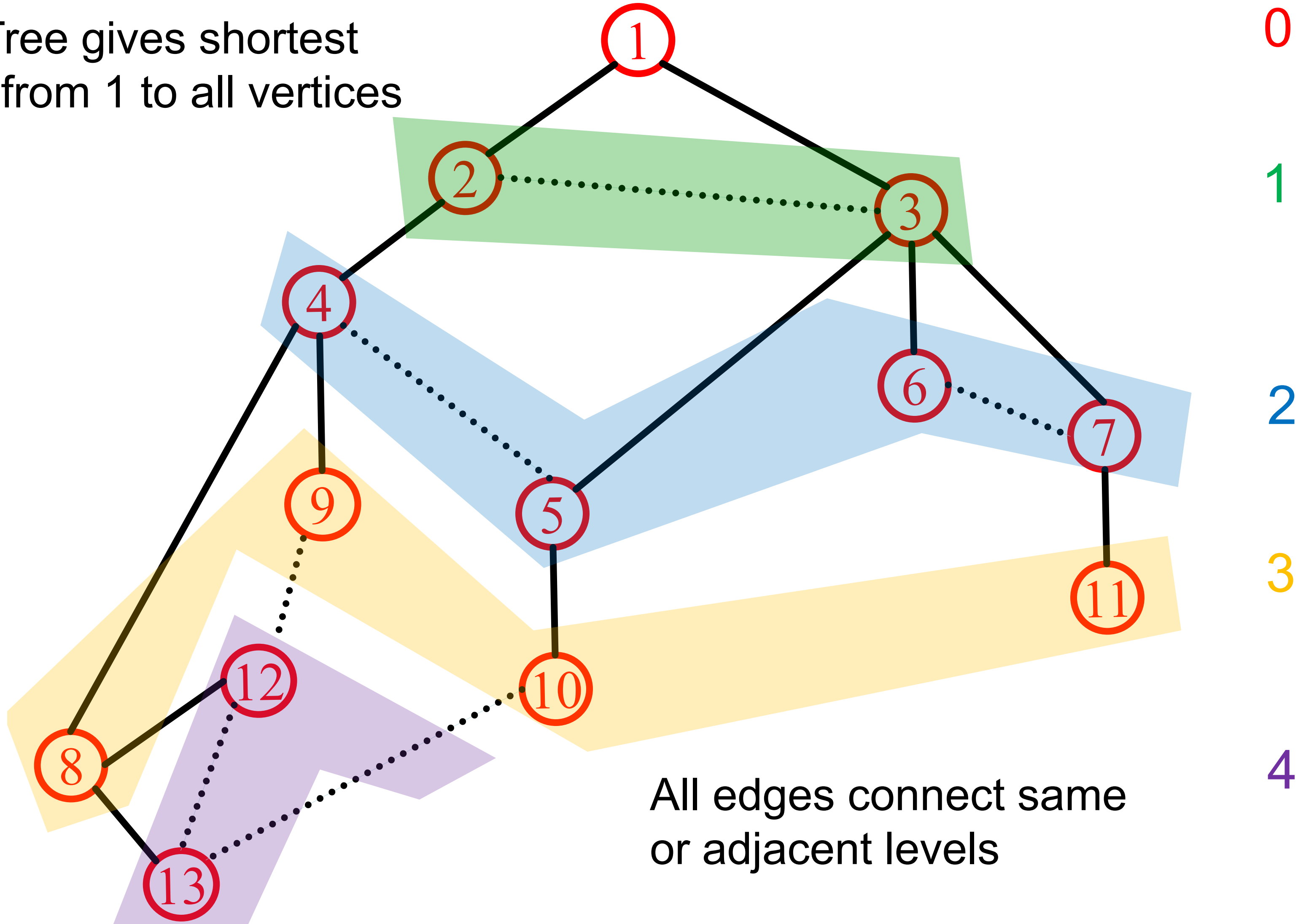

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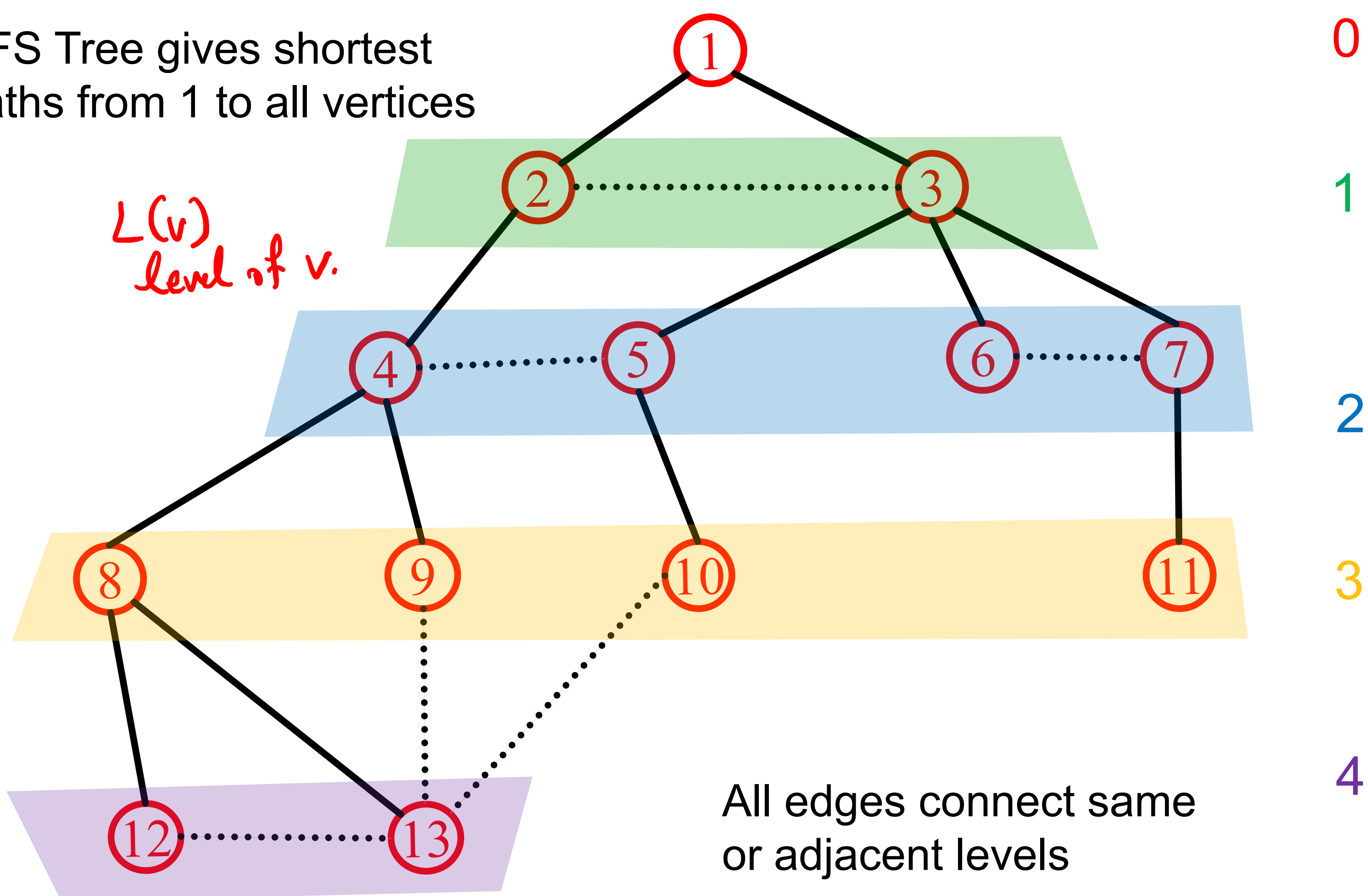

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Claim: All nontree edges join vertices on the same or adjacent levels of the tree

Pf: Consider an edge {x,y}

Say x is first discovered and it is addedto level i.

We show y will be at level i or $i+1$

This is because when vertices incident to x are considered in the loop, if y is still undiscovered, it will be discovered and added to level $i+1$.

Properties of BFS

Lemma: All vertices at level i of BFS(s) have shortest path distance i to s.

Claim: If $L(v) = i$ then shortest path $\leq i$
Pf: Because there is a path of length i from s to v in the BFS tree

Claim: If shortest path $= i$ then $L(v) \leq i$
Pf: If shortest path $= i$, then say $s = v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_i = v$ is the shortest path to v.
By previous claim,

$$L(v_1) \leq L(v_0) + 1$$
$$L(v_2) \leq L(v_1) + 1$$
$$\ldots$$
$$L(v_i) \leq L(v_{i-1}) + 1$$

So, $L(v_i) \leq i$.

This proves the lemma.