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# Introduction to Graphs

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Trees are graphs.

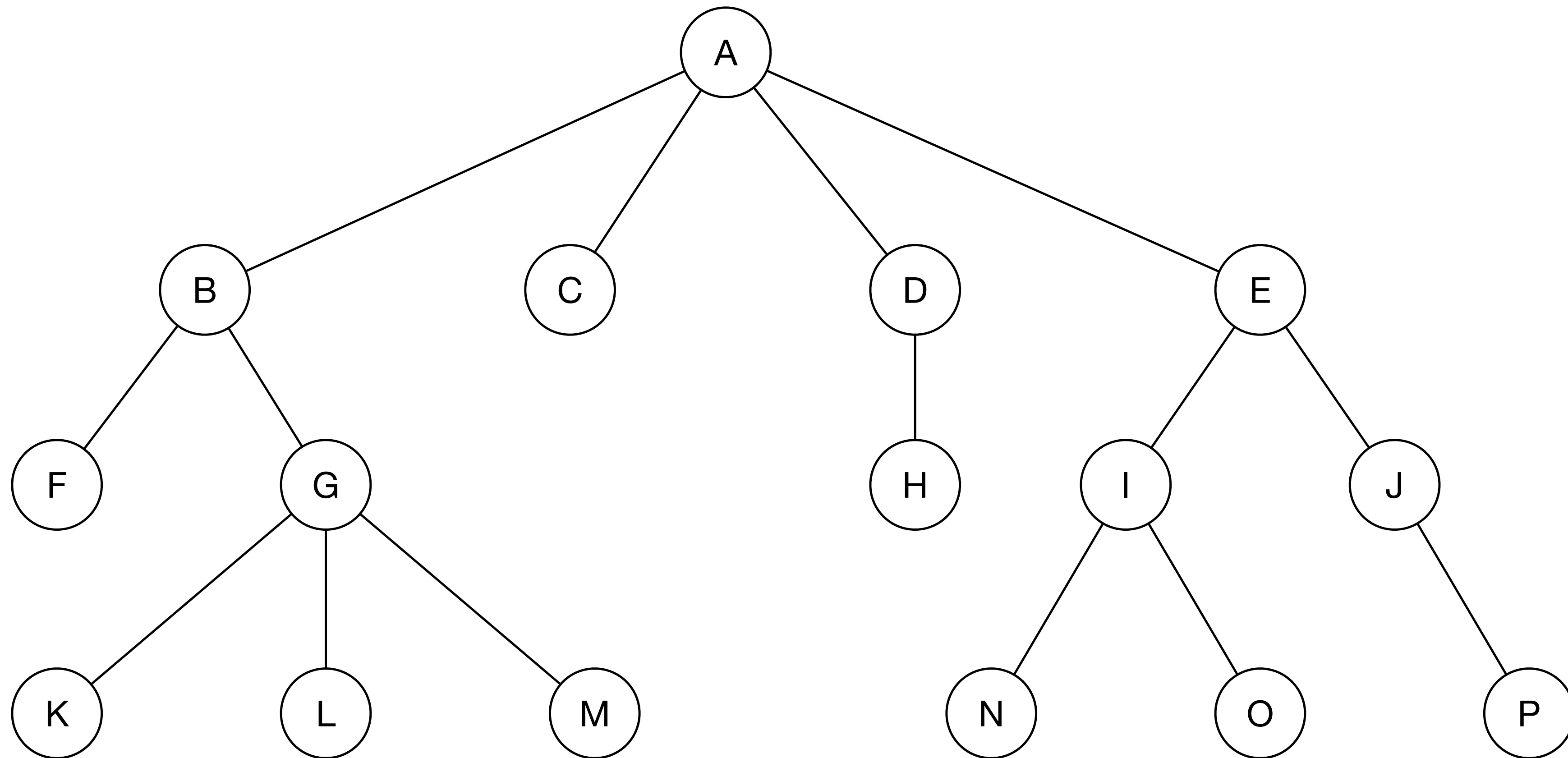
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## Terms we've introduced before

- Node (or vertex)
- Edge
- Degree (# of edges incident to a node)
- Path
- Cycle

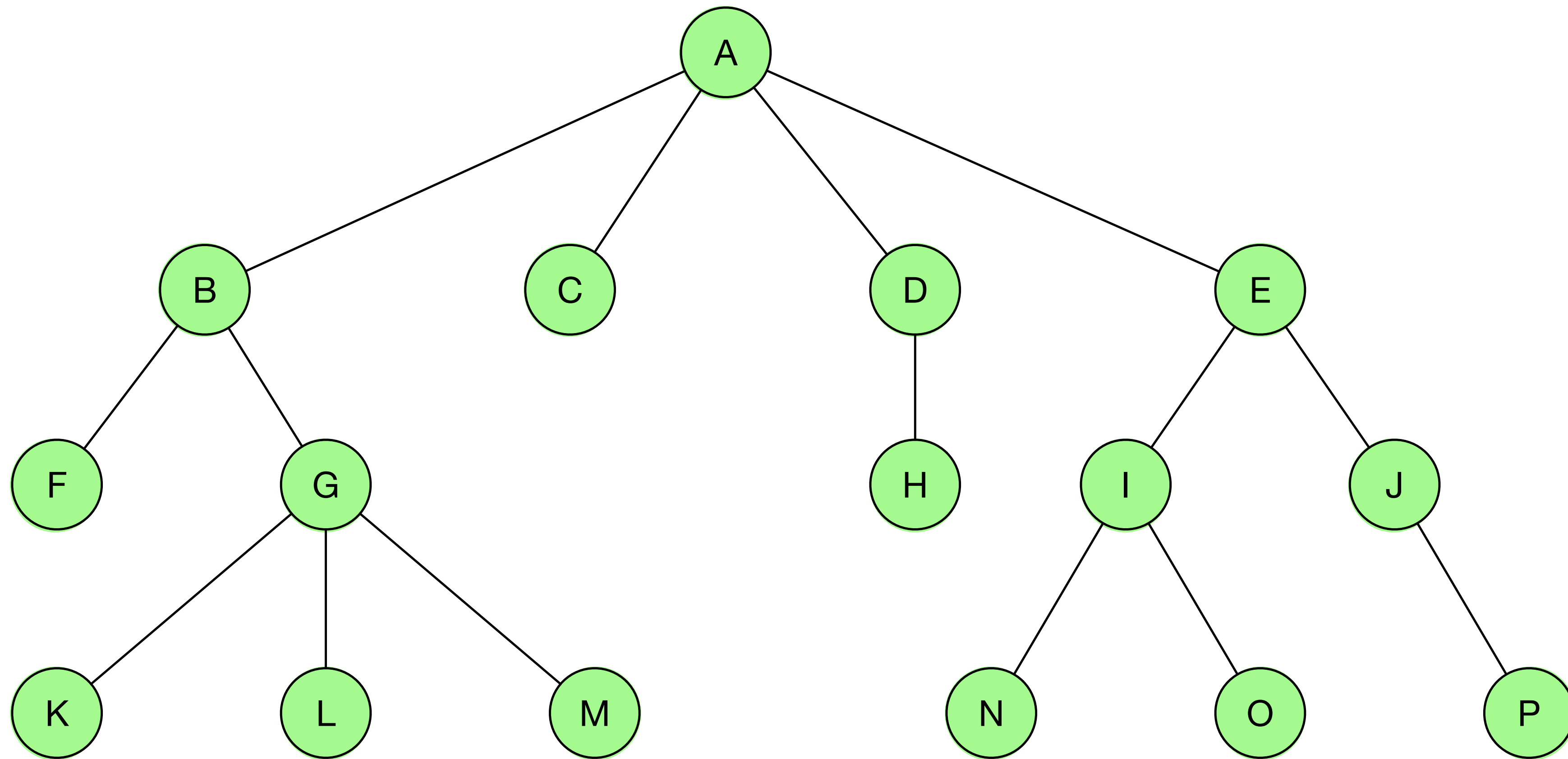
# What is a tree?

A tree is a structure consisting of *nodes* (a.k.a. vertices) and *edges*.



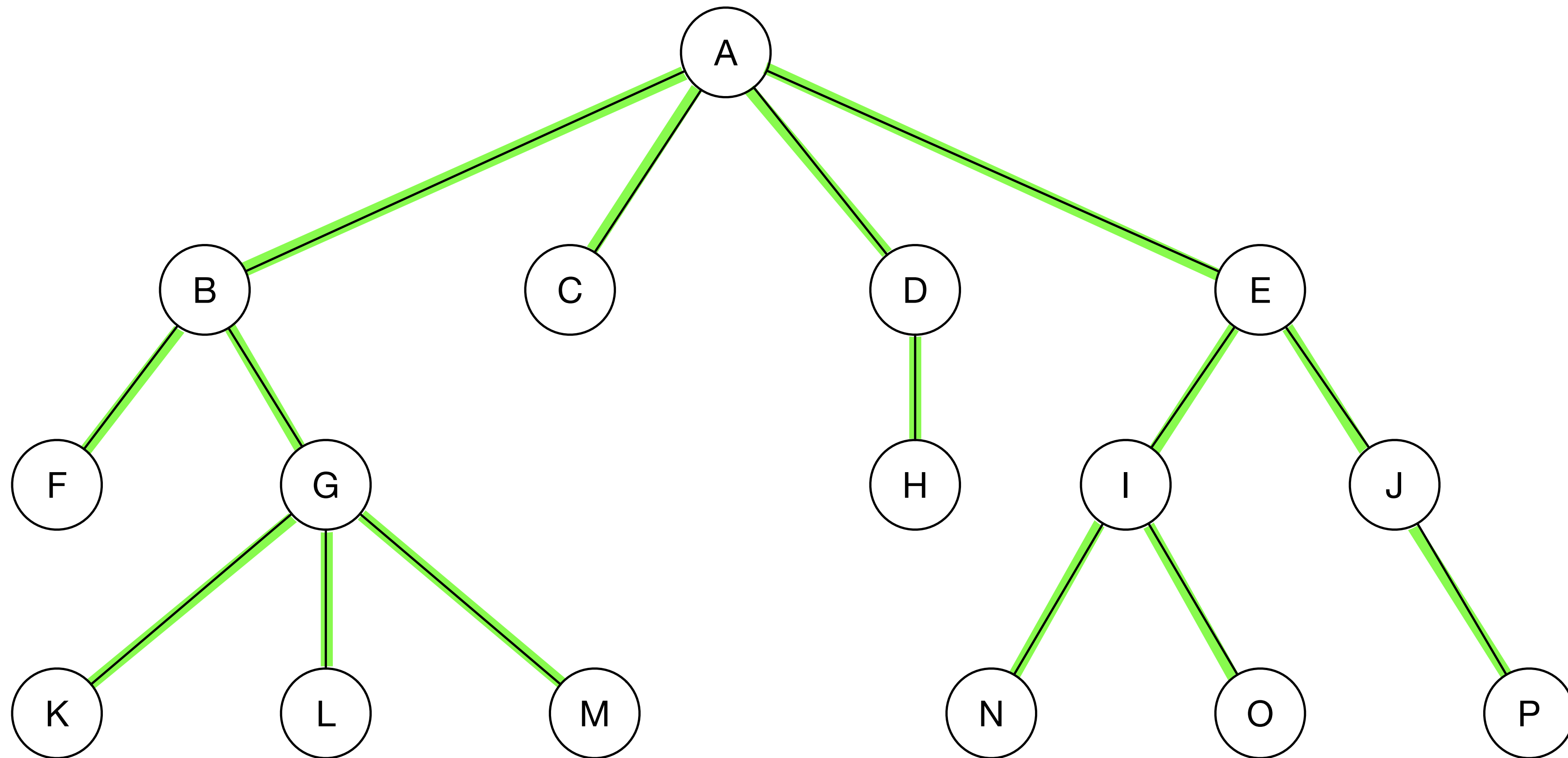
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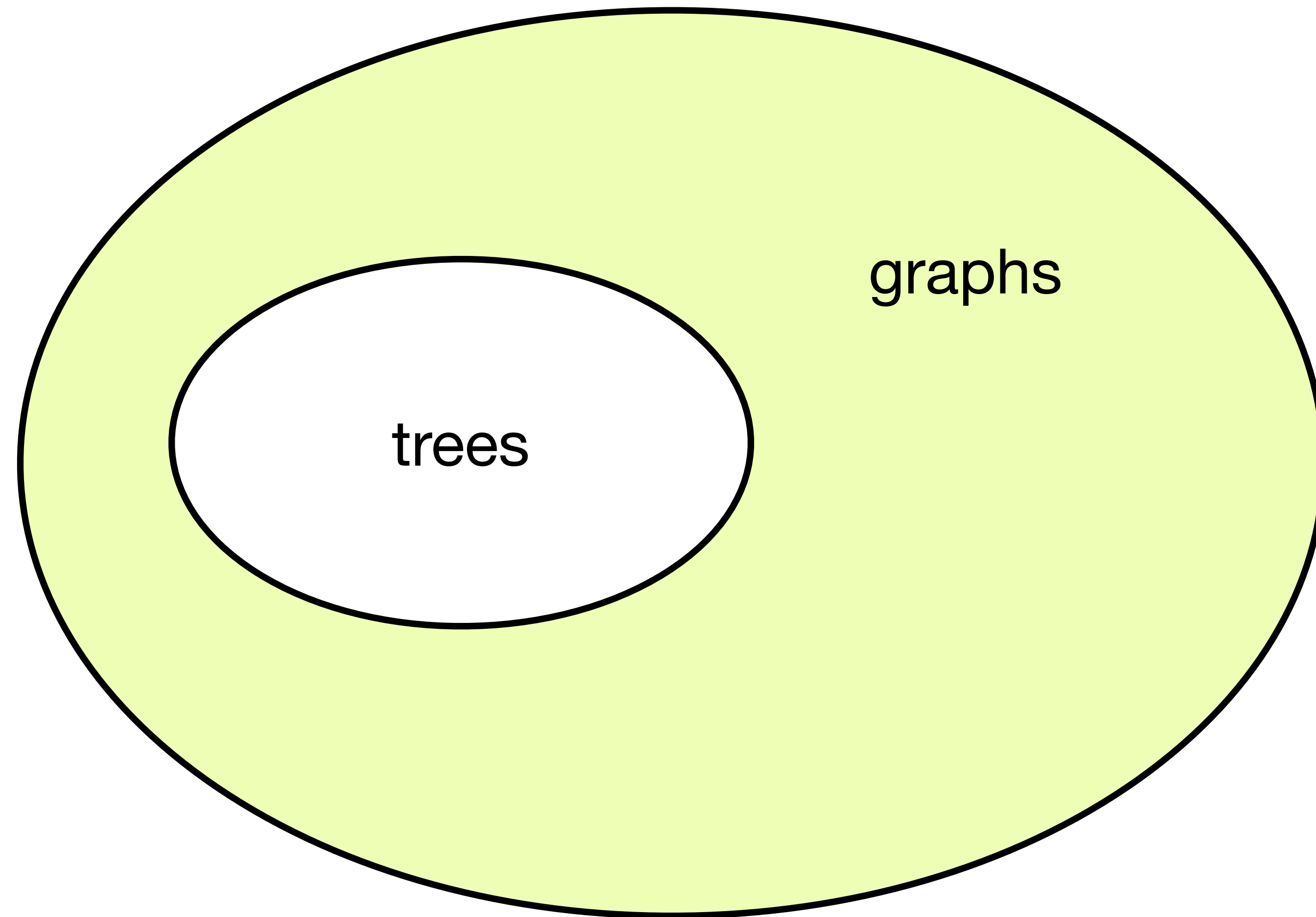


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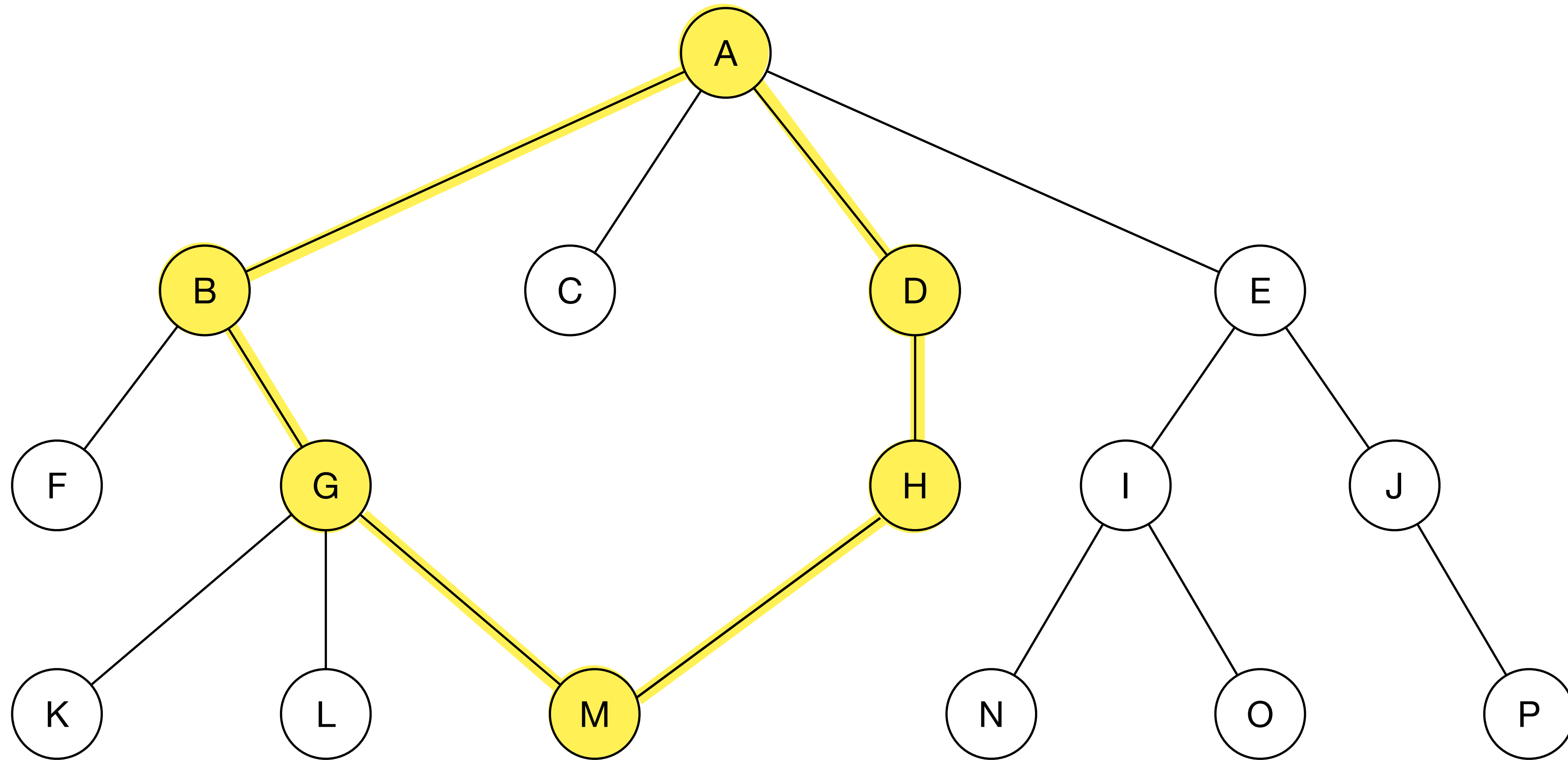
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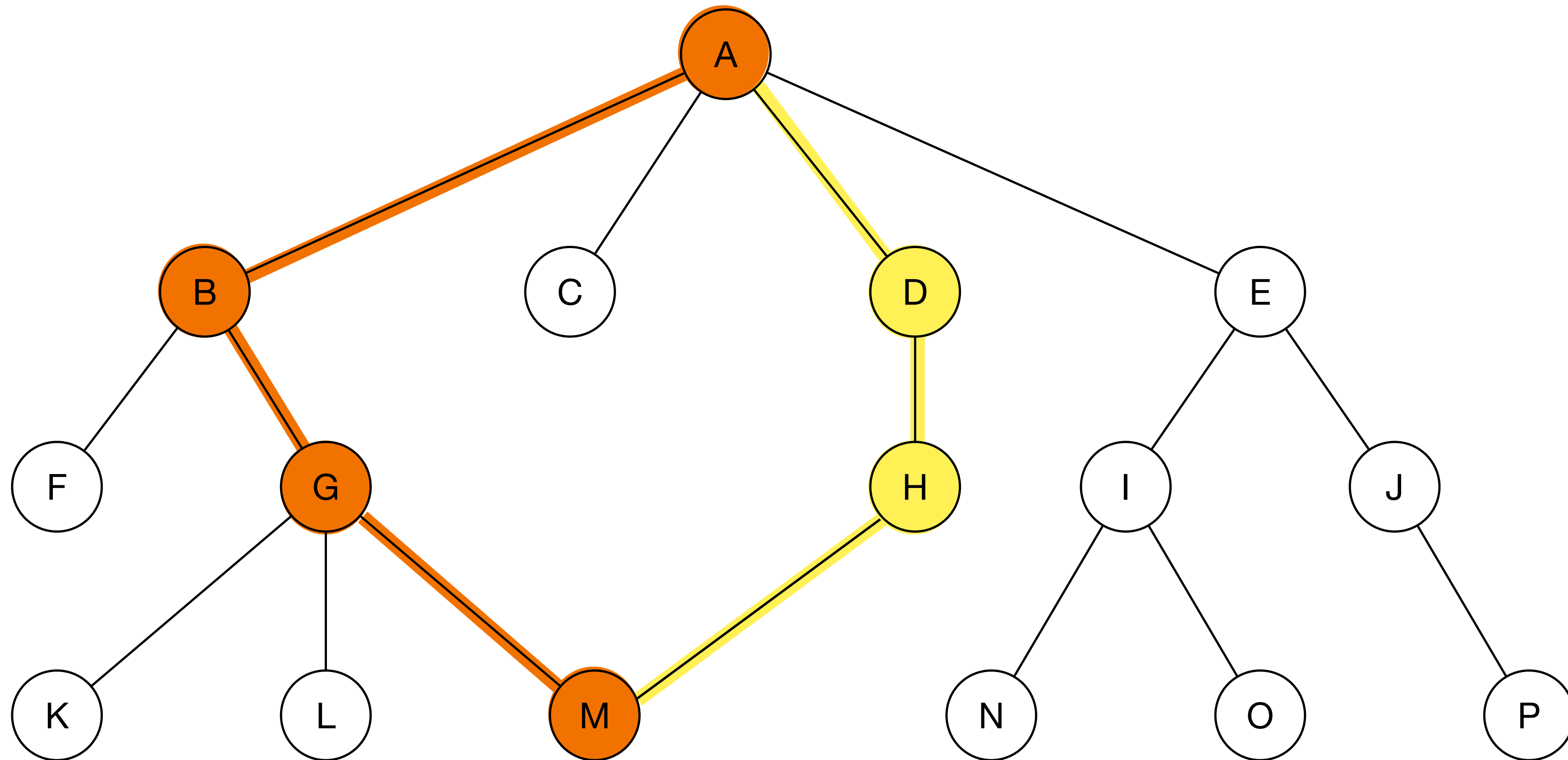
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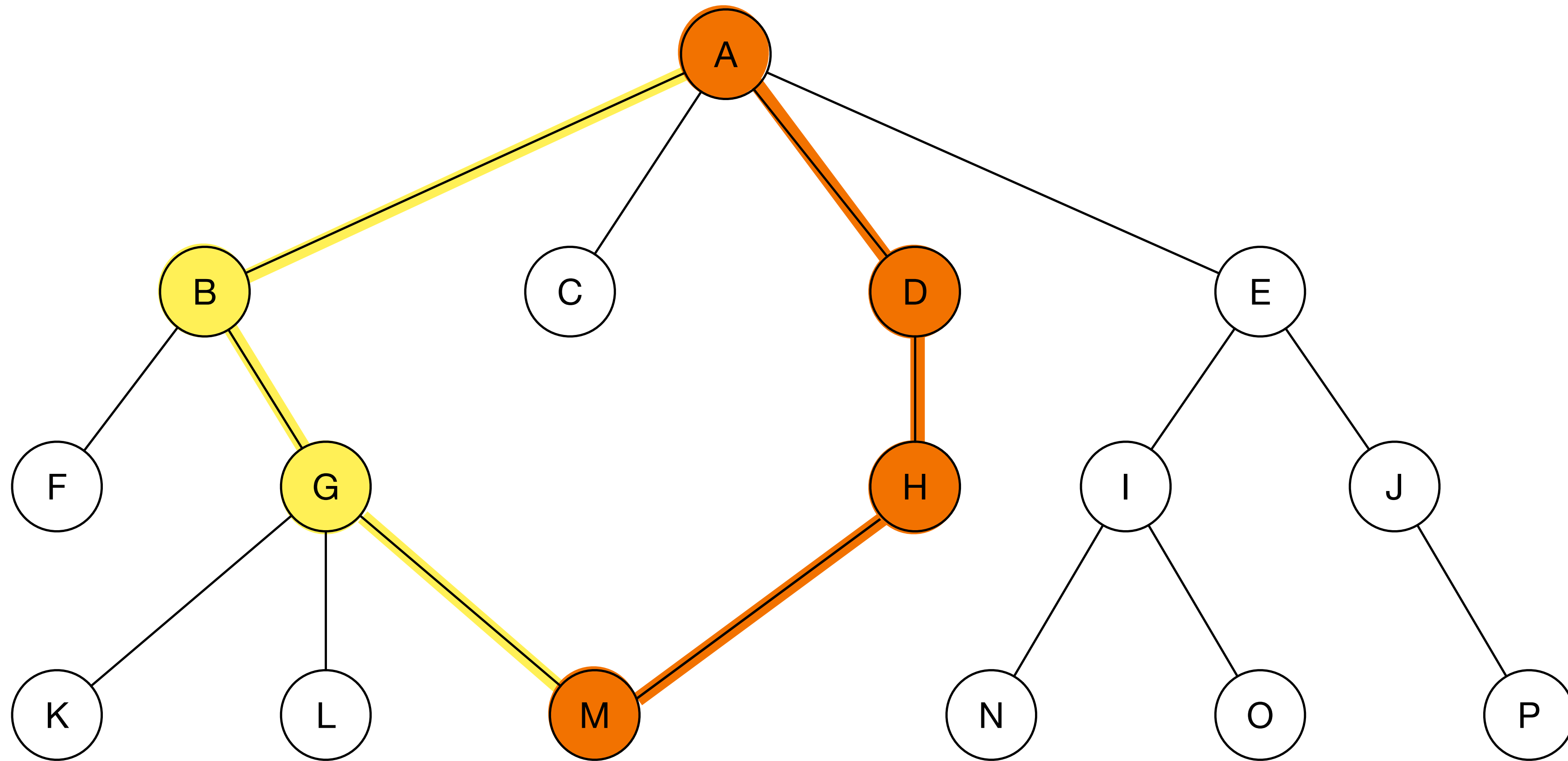
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Here's one path from A to M passing through B and G...



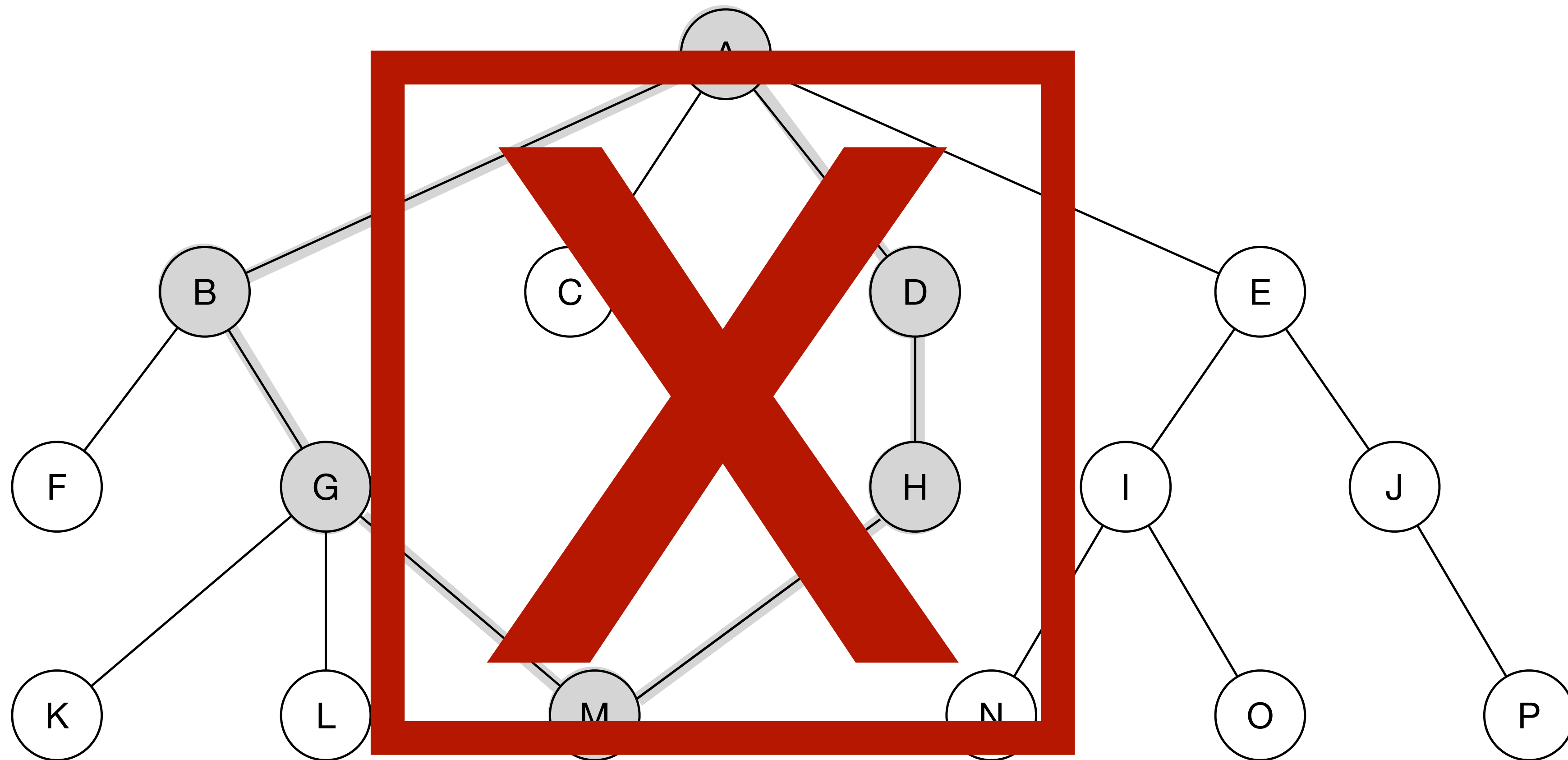
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...and here's another passing through D and H.



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However, there must be only one path between any pair of nodes.

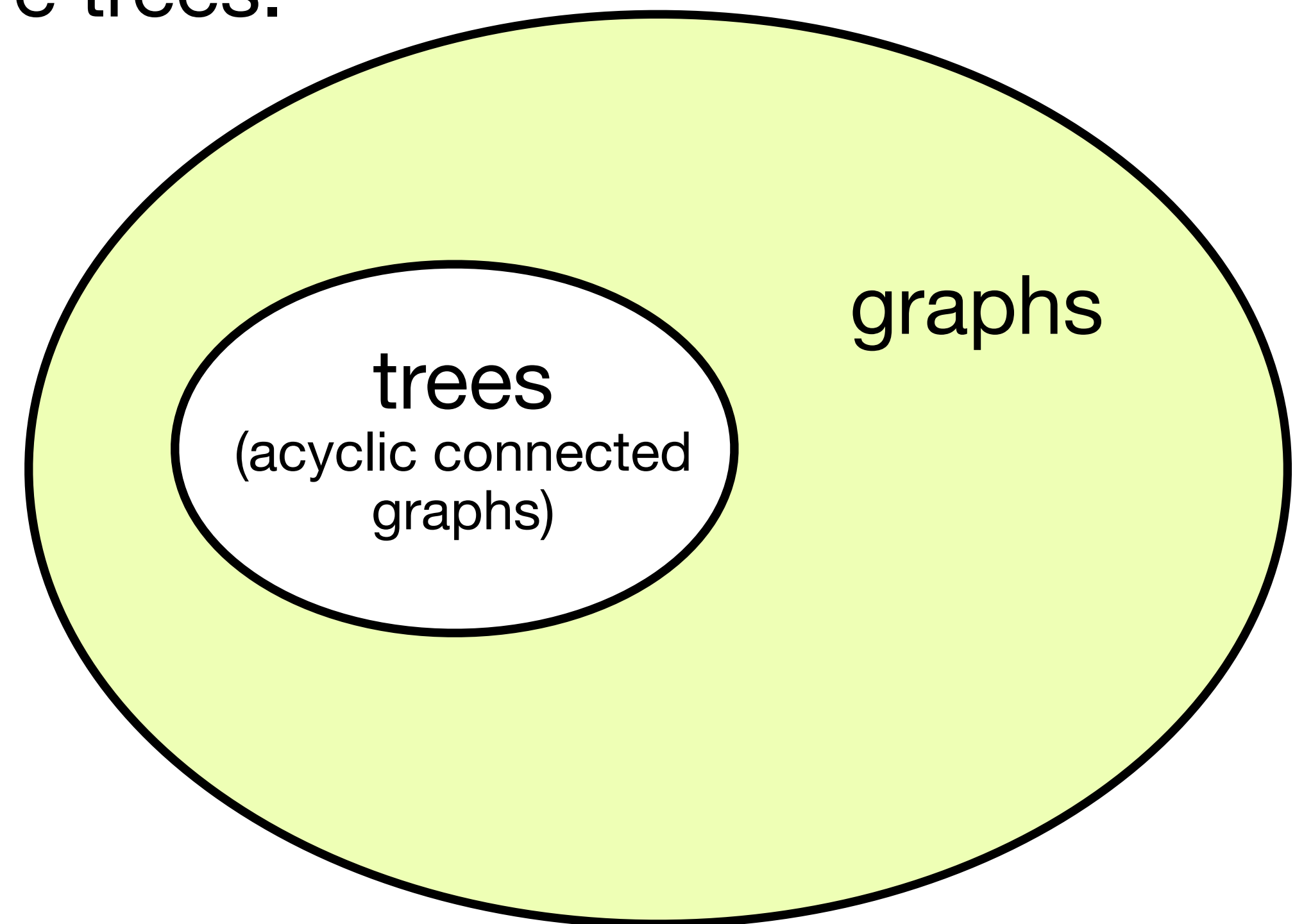


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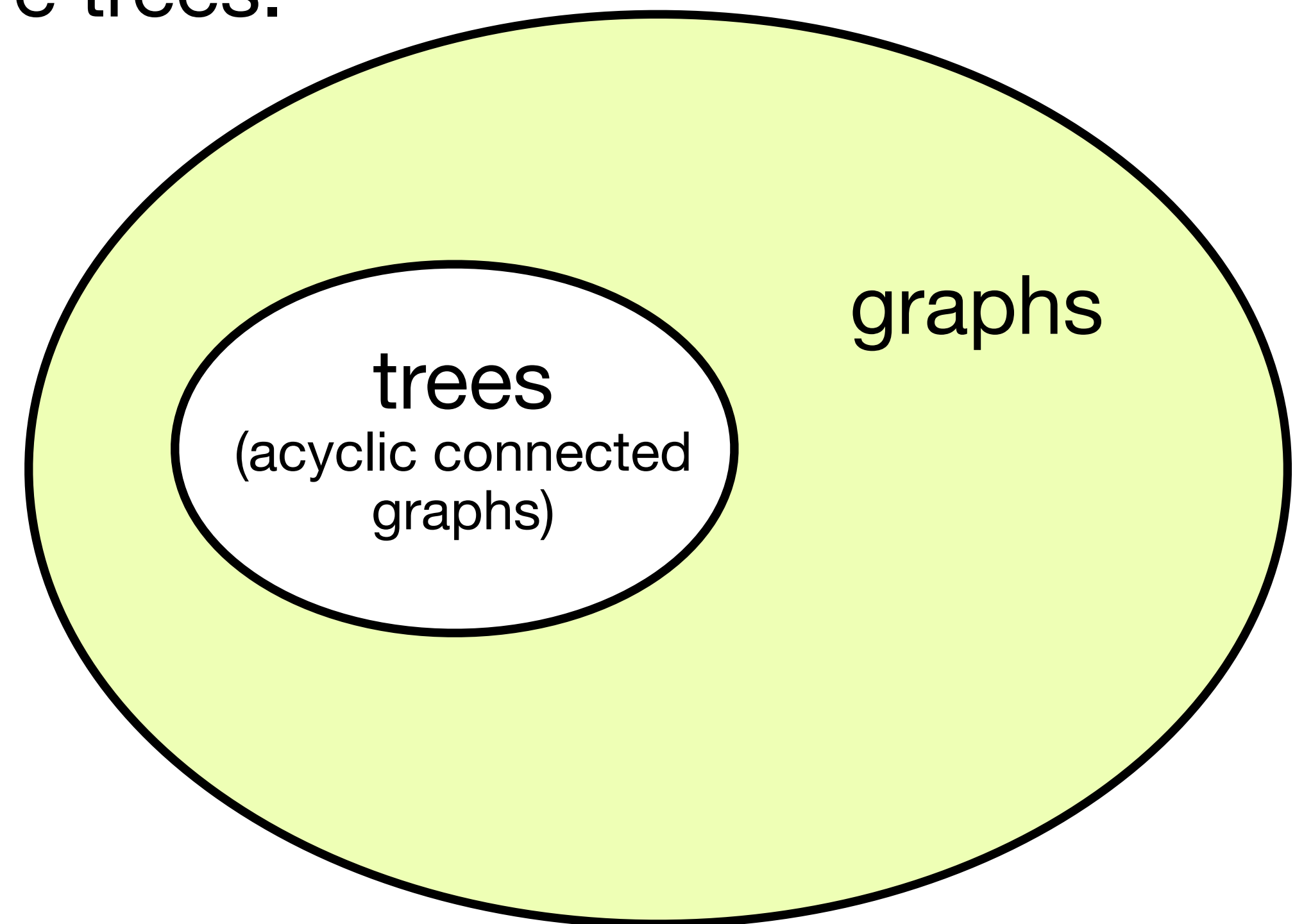
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Graphs may or may not contain cycles.

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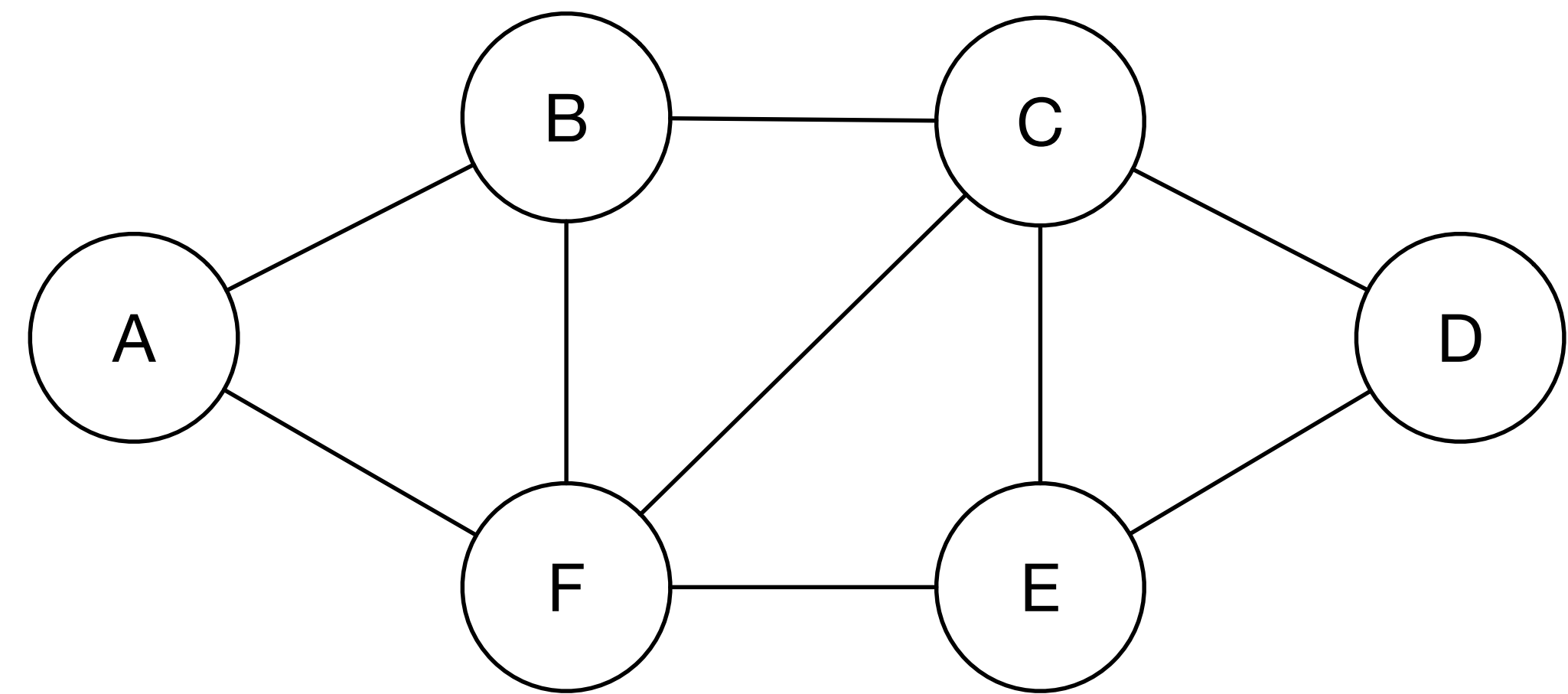
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Should have used script  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  to distinguish from labels of vertices in graph, e.g.,  $\mathcal{E}$  is set of all edges,  $E$  is the label of one of the vertices in the graph. My bad.

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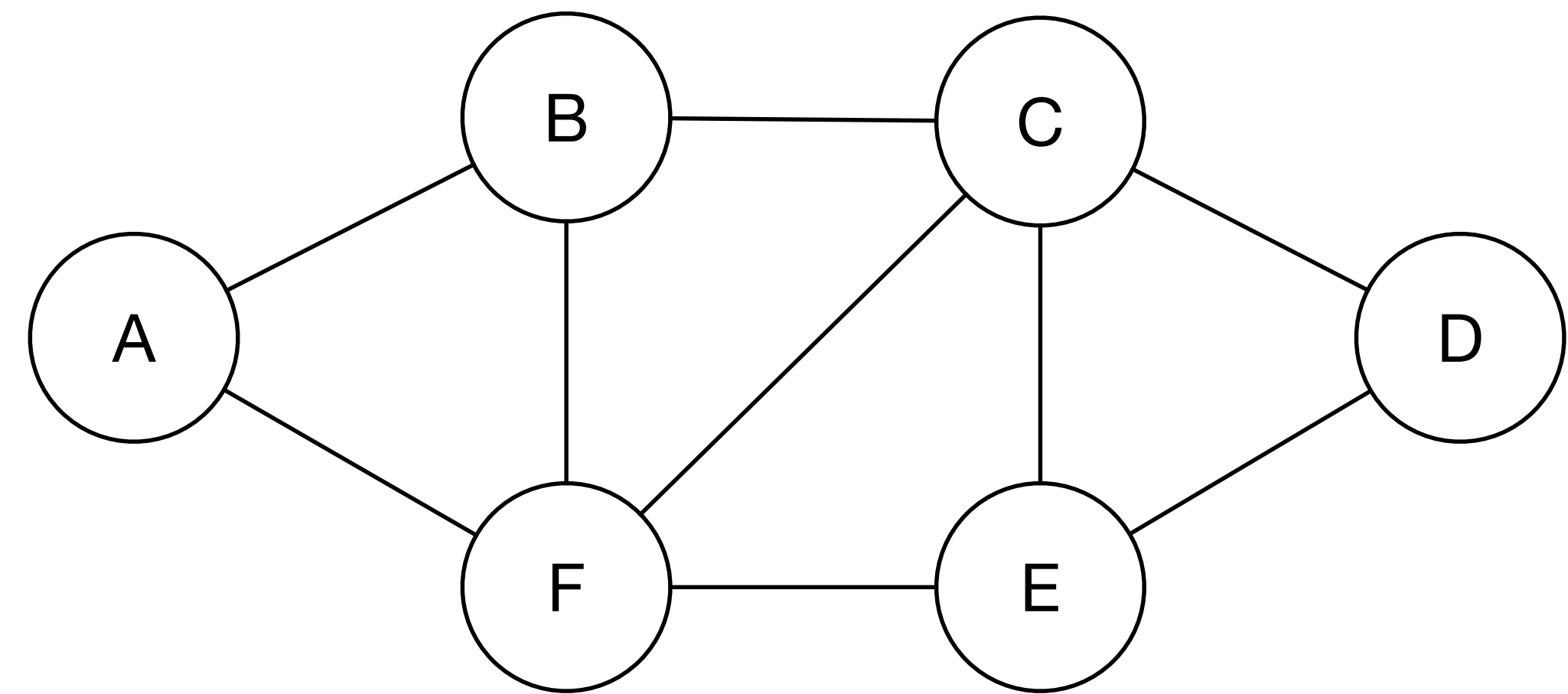
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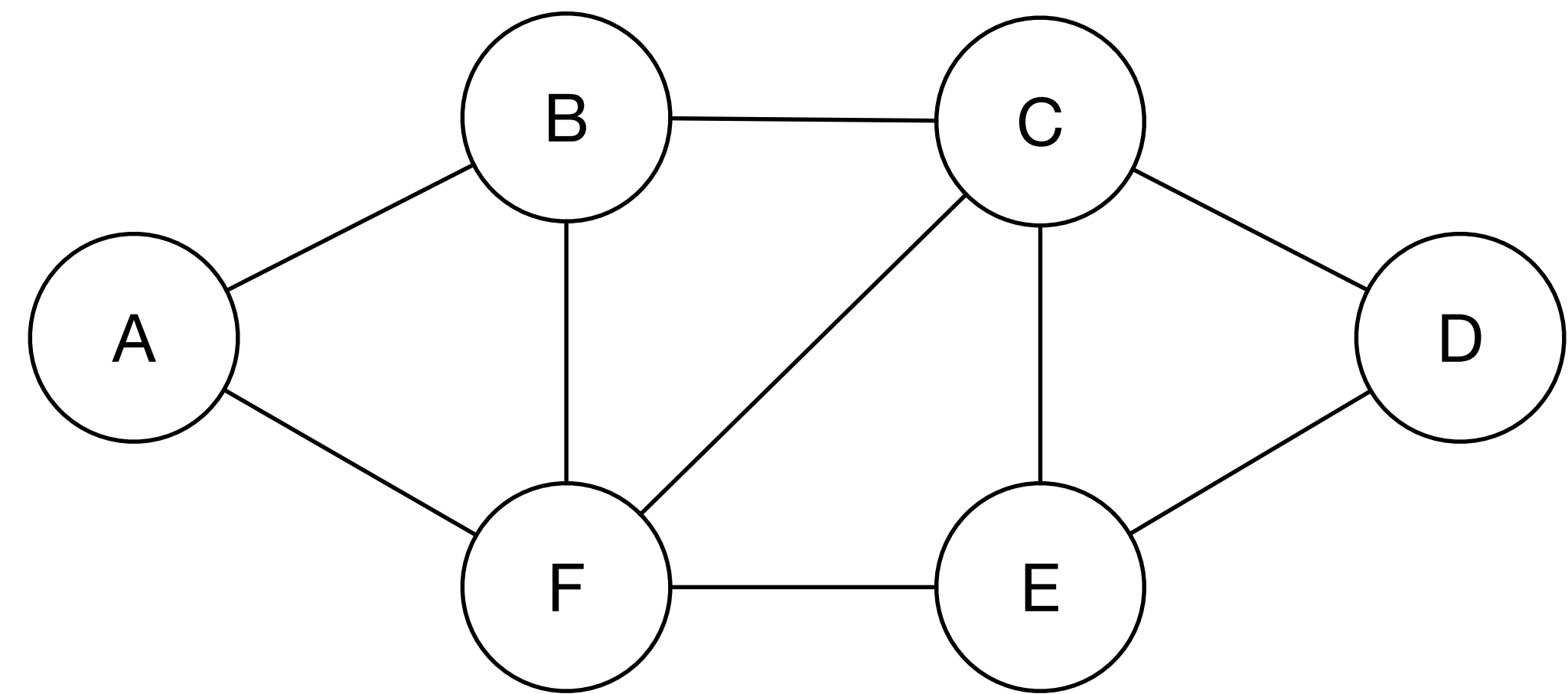
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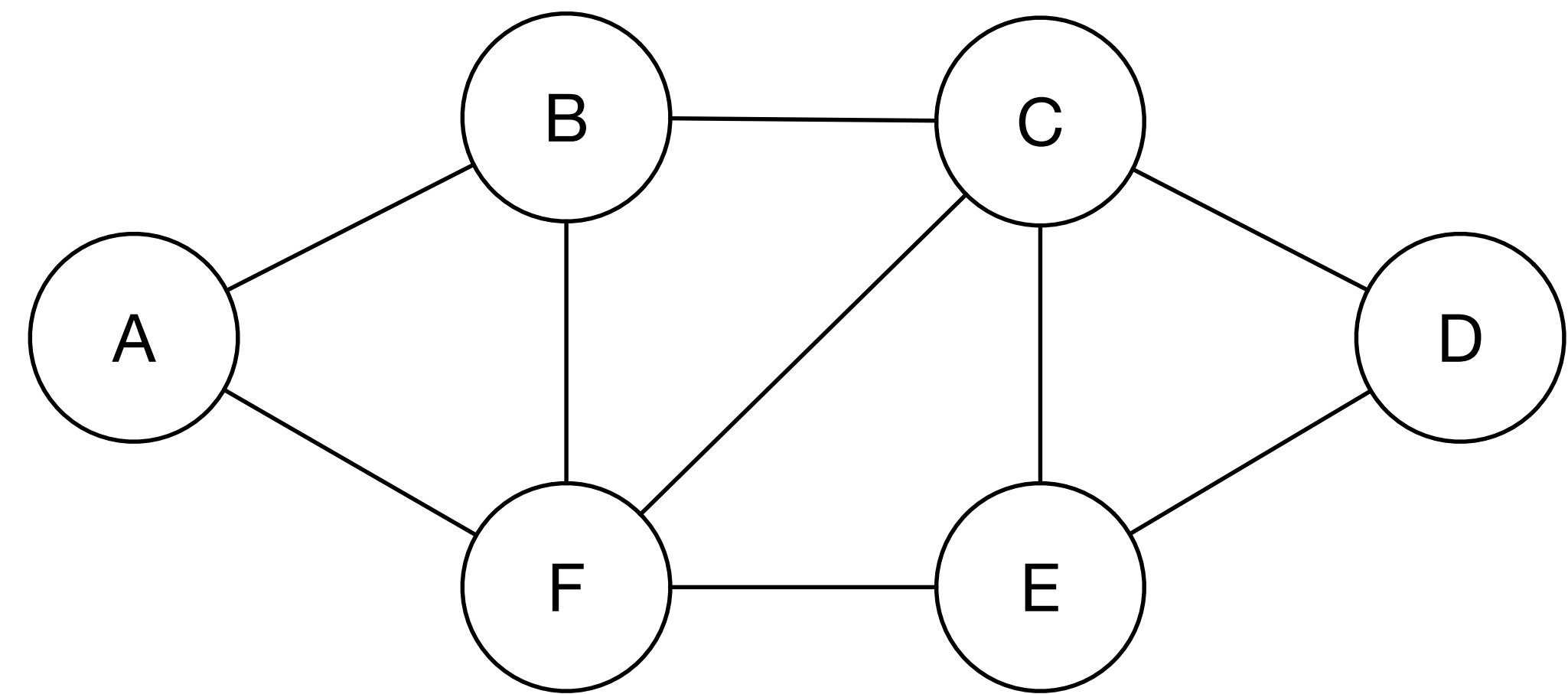
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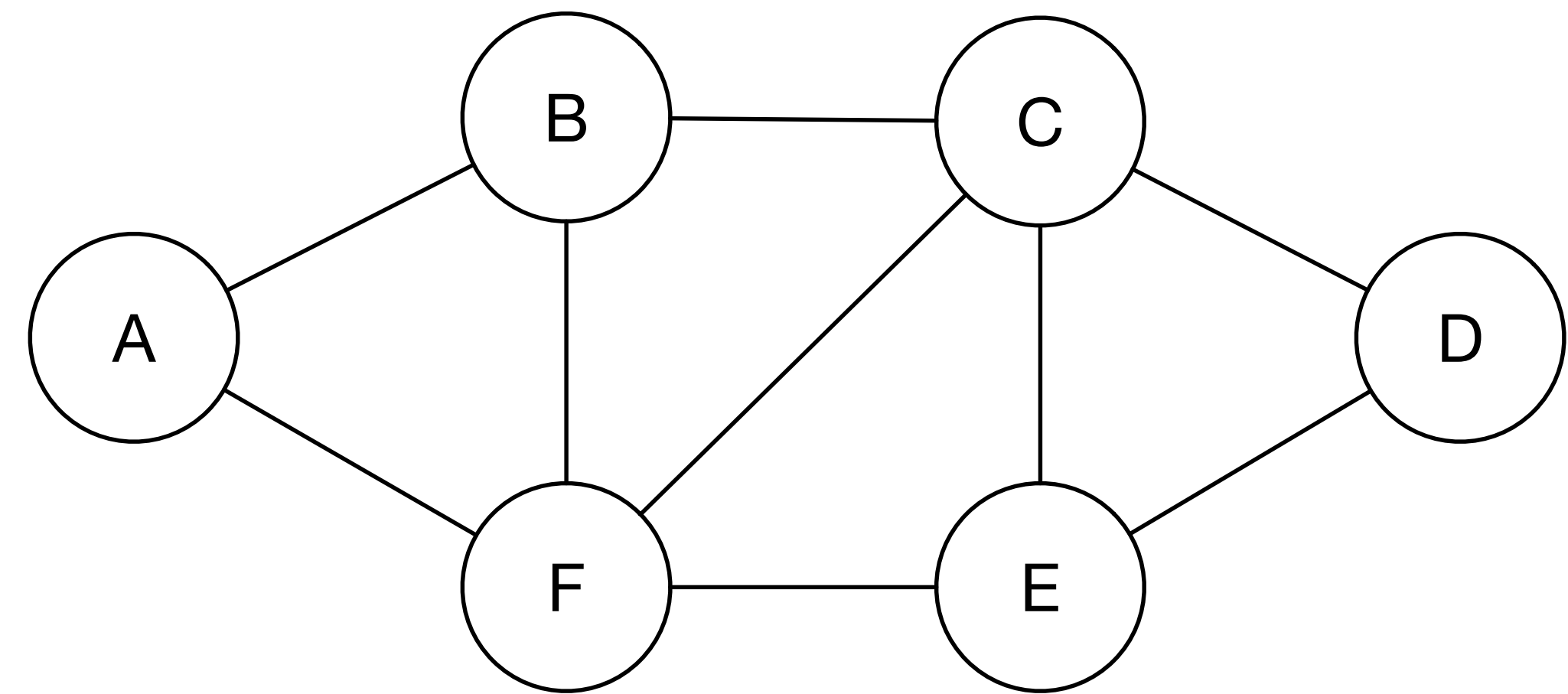
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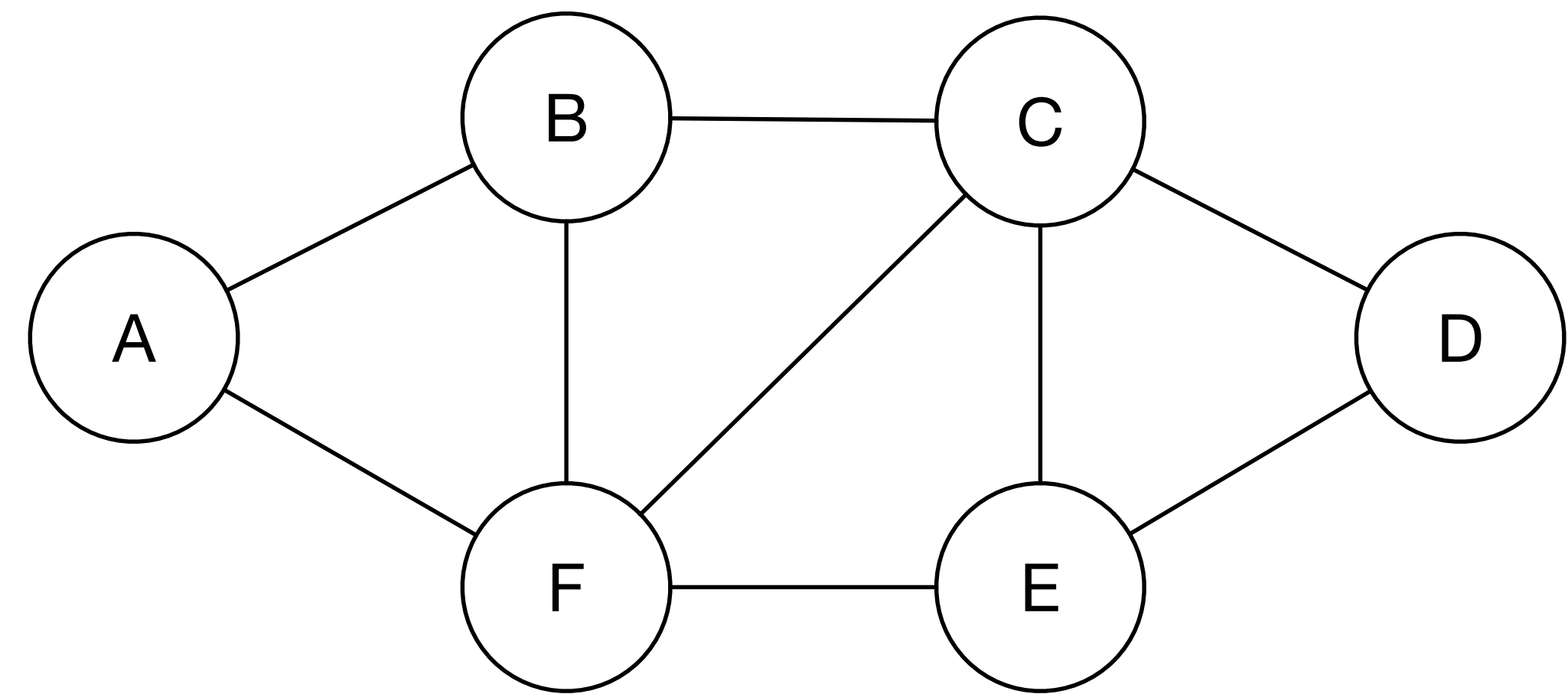
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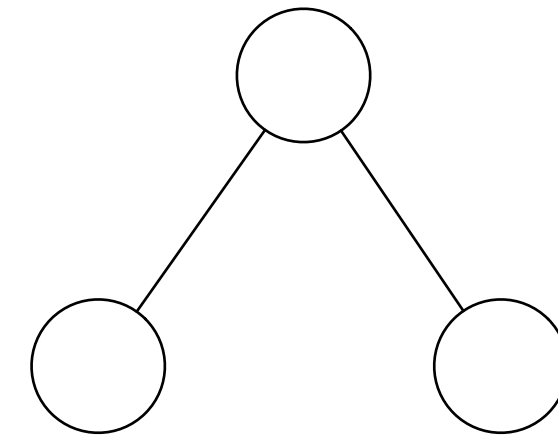
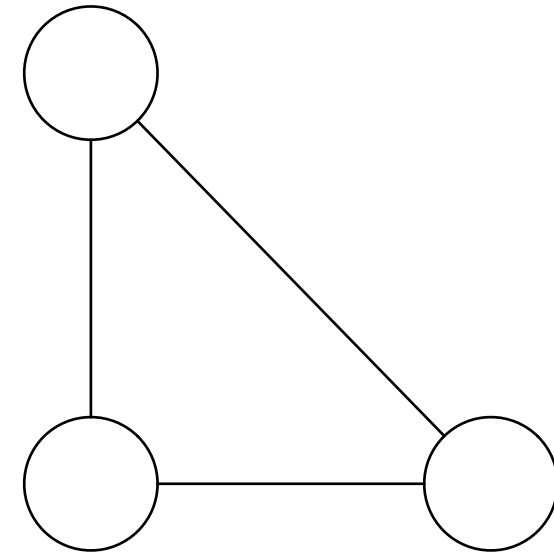
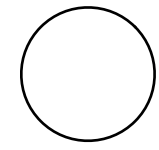
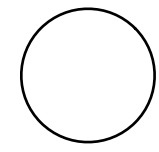
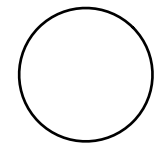
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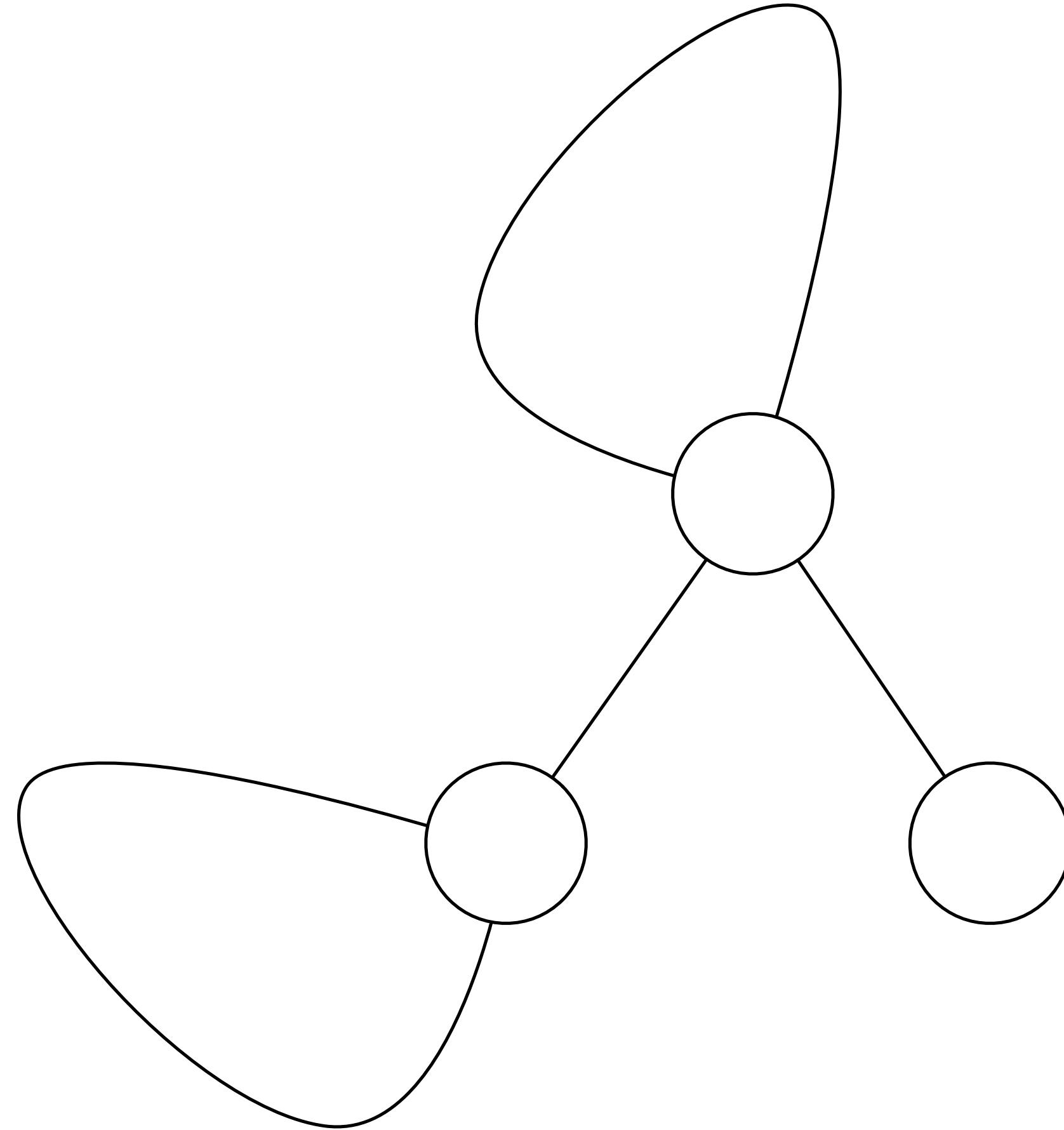


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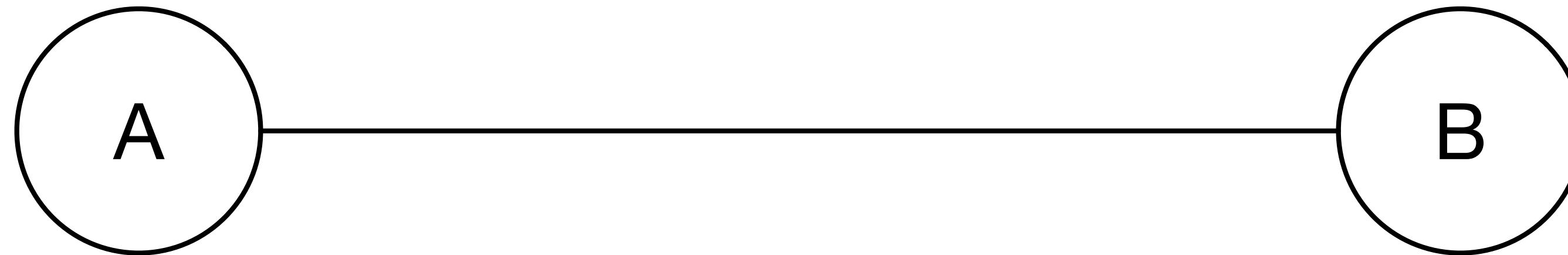


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Graphs may include  
self-loops



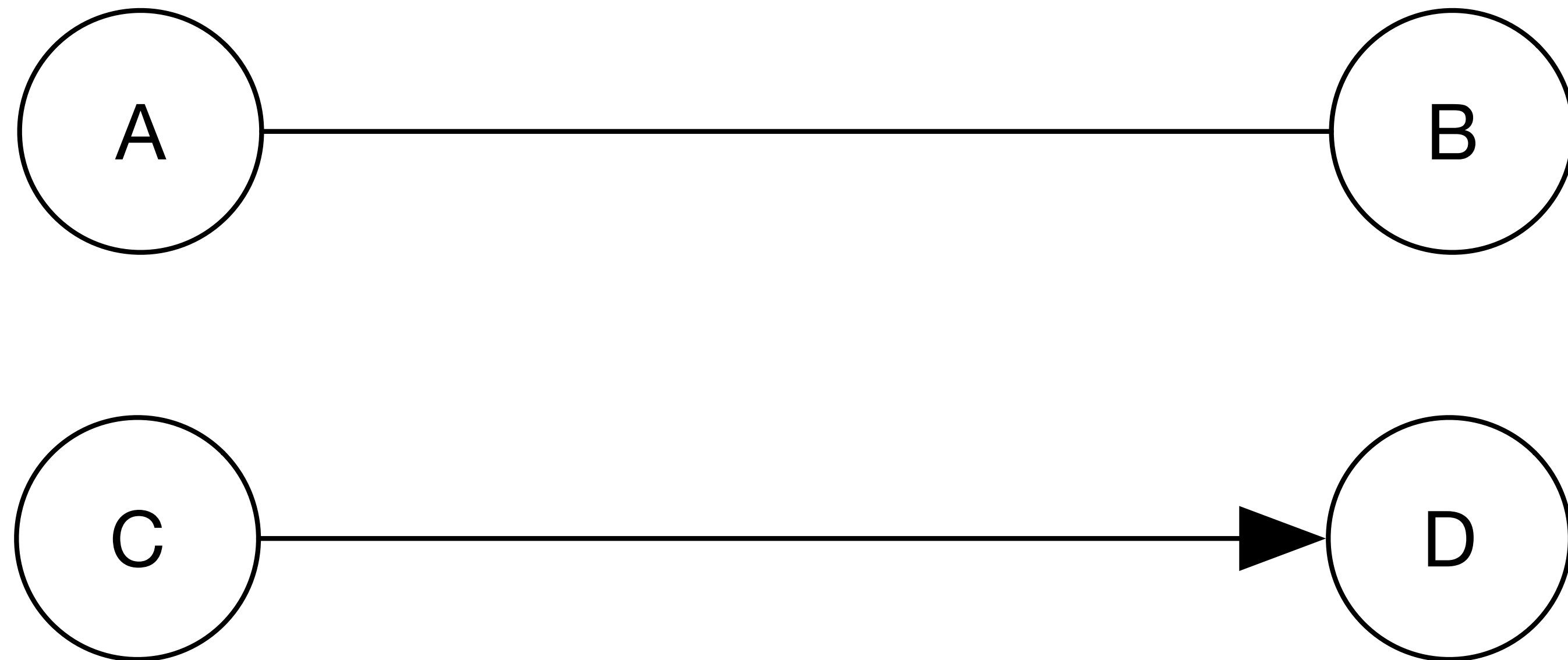
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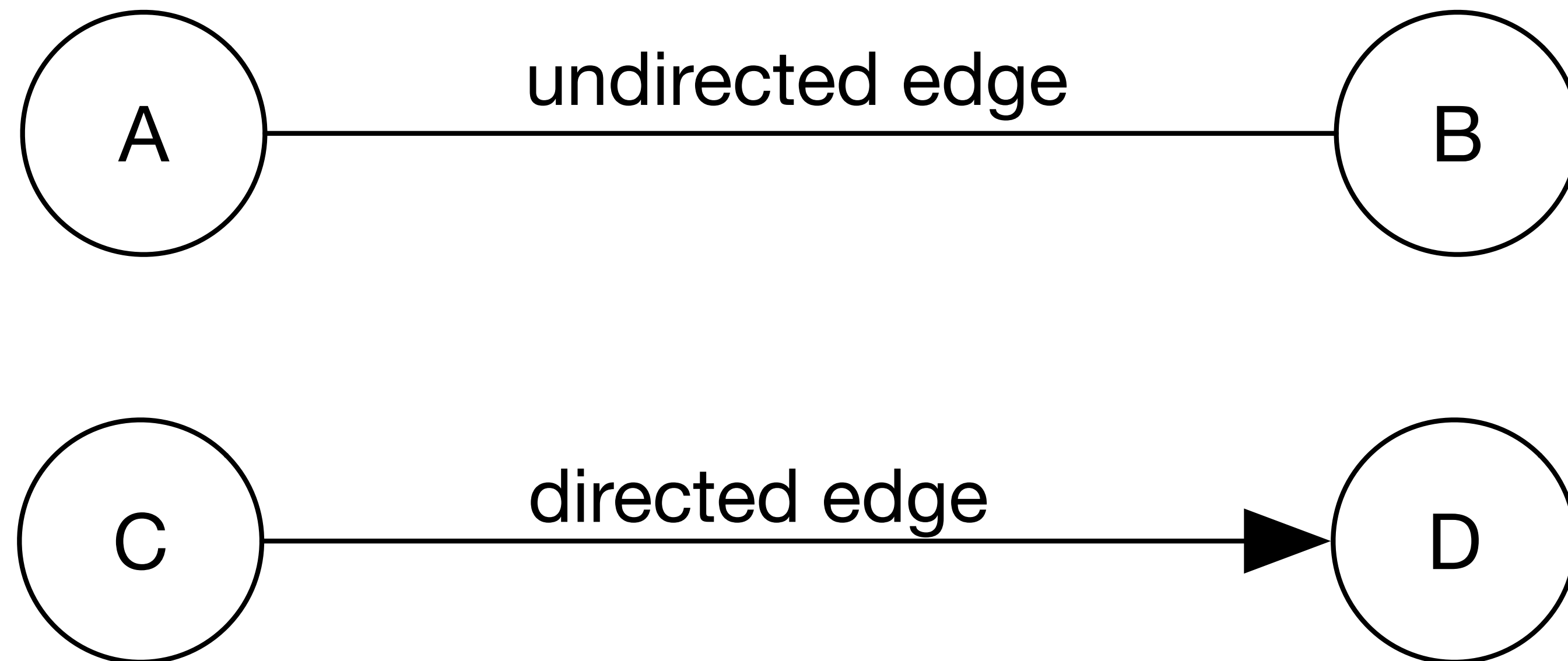
What does it mean to be adjacent?  
A direct path exists from one node to another  
(not passing through any other node)



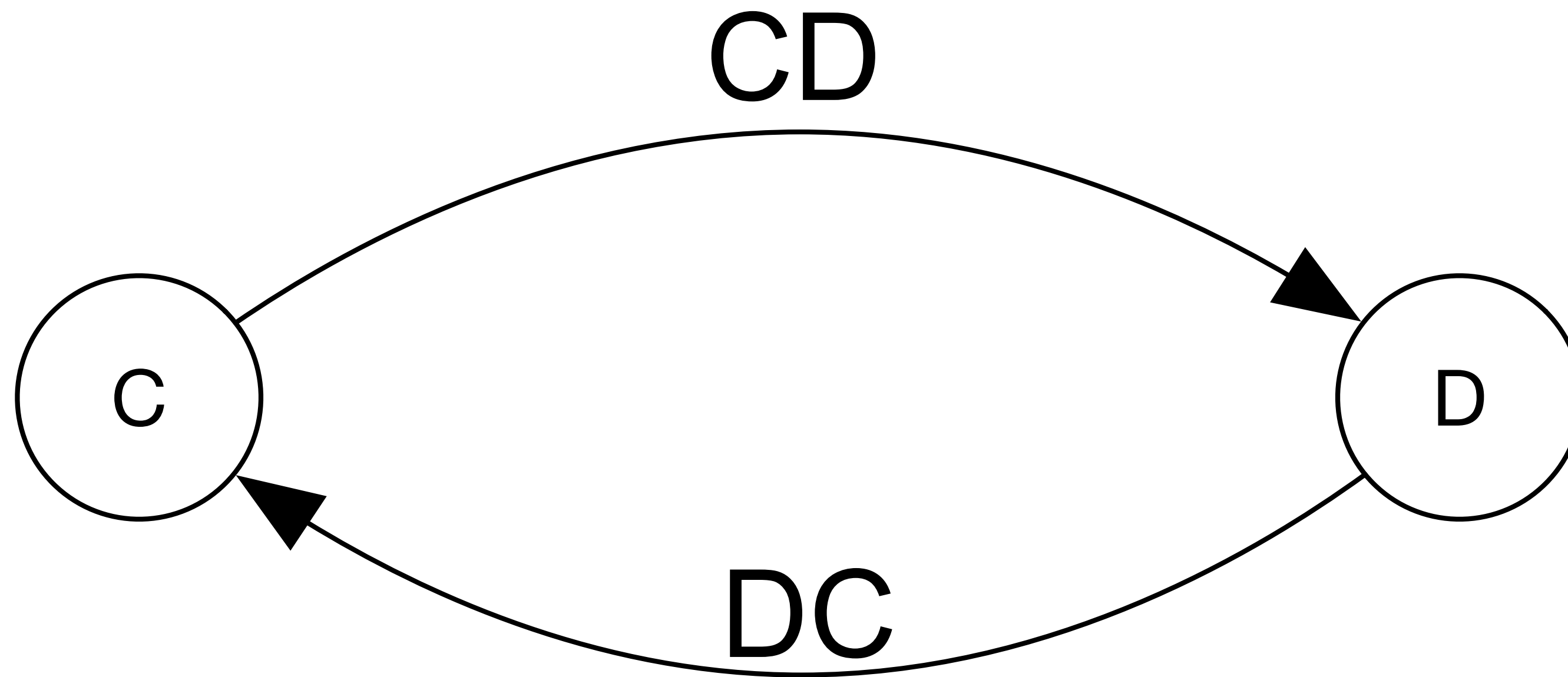
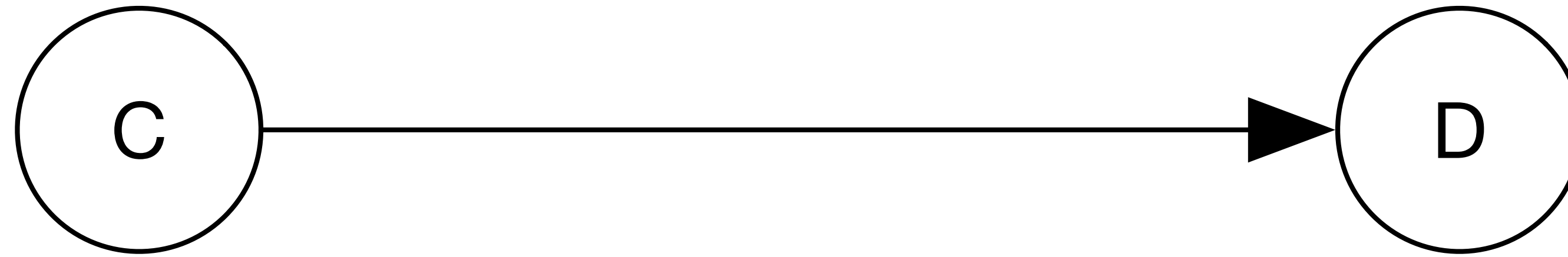
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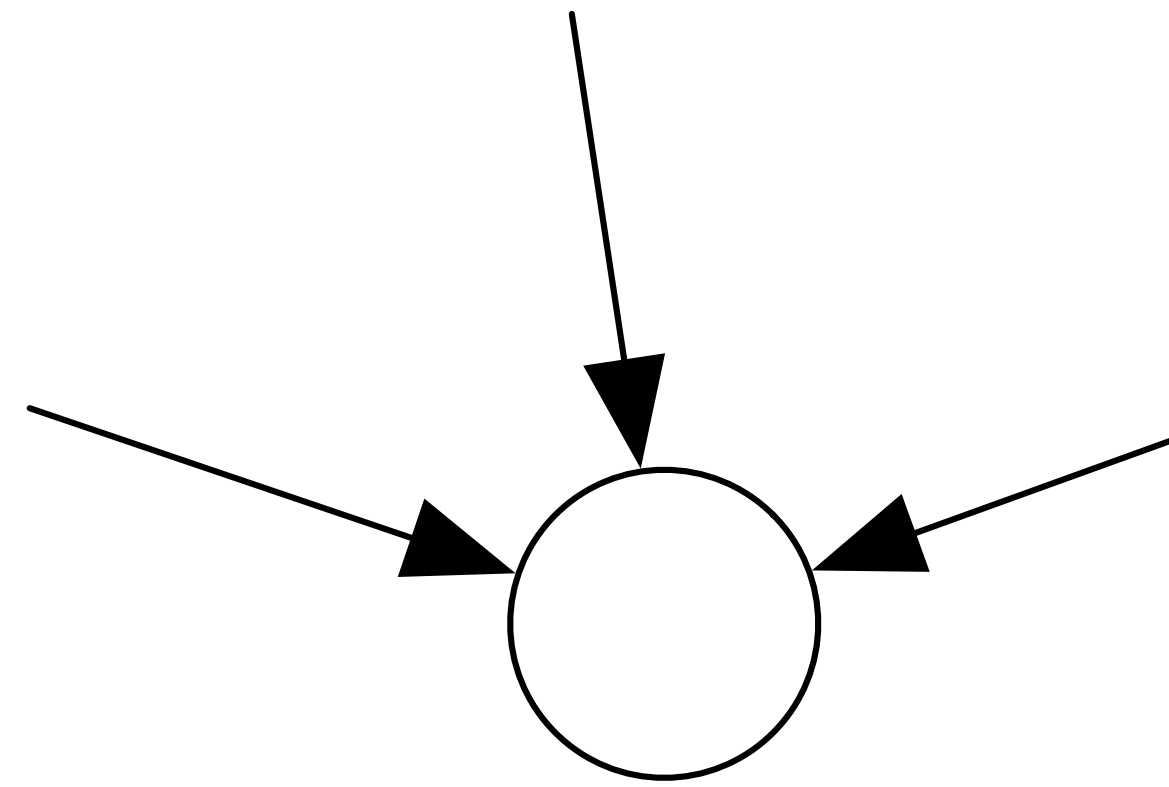
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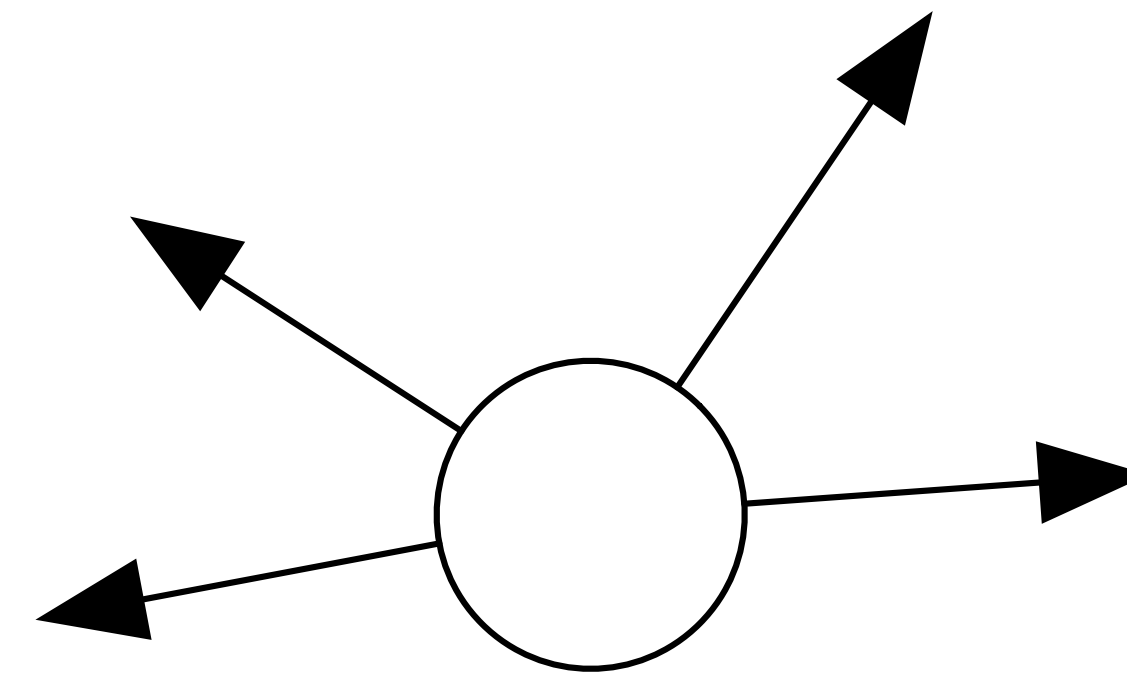
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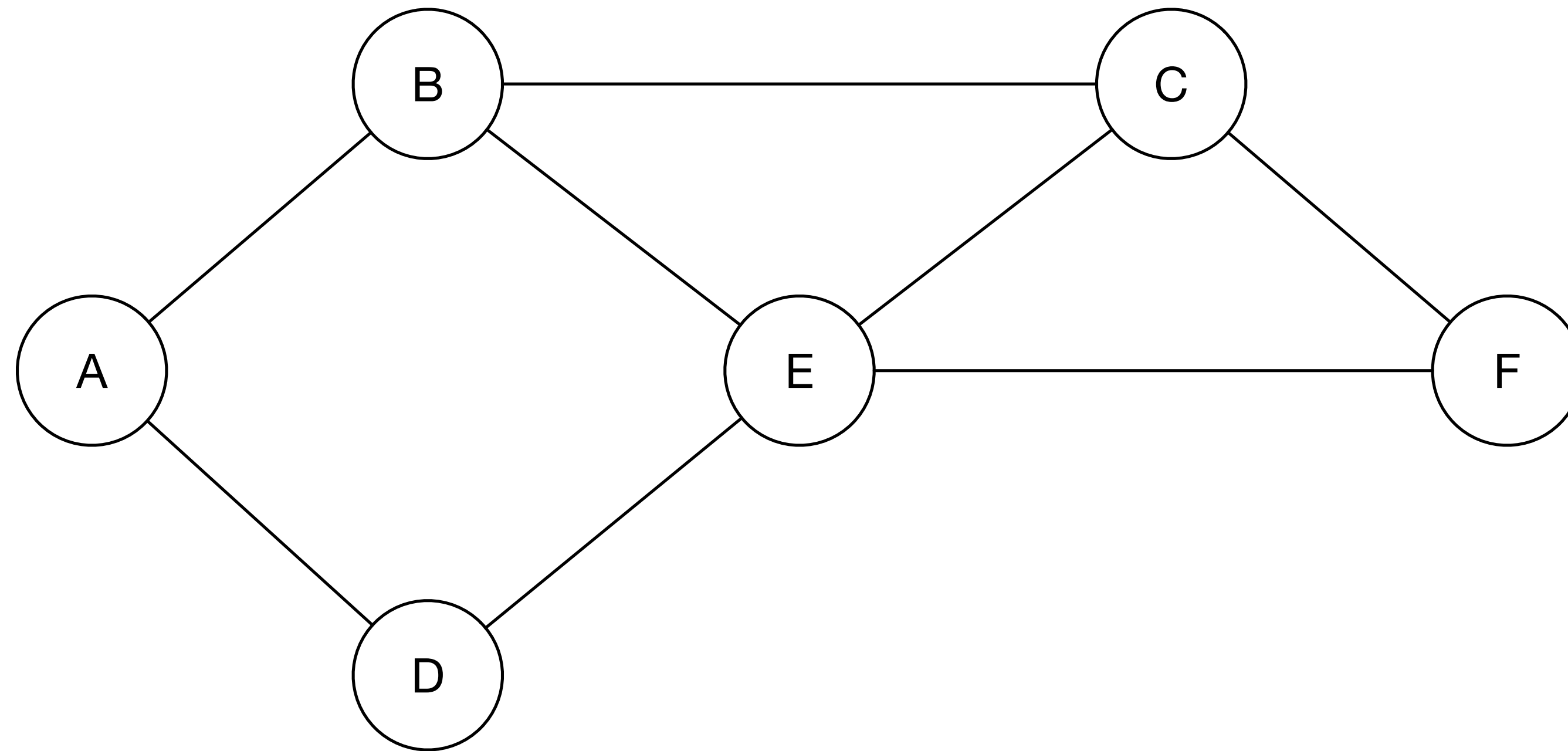


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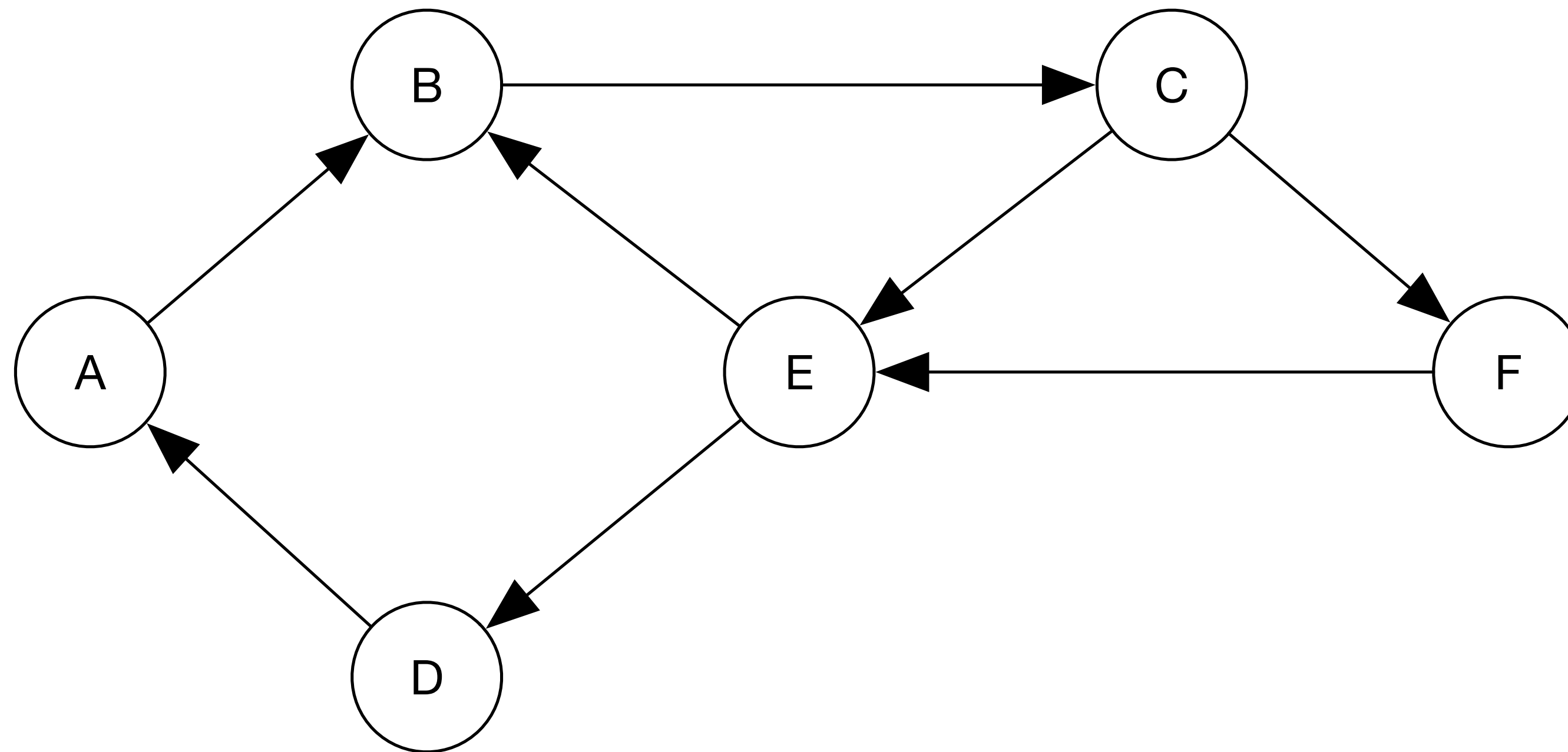


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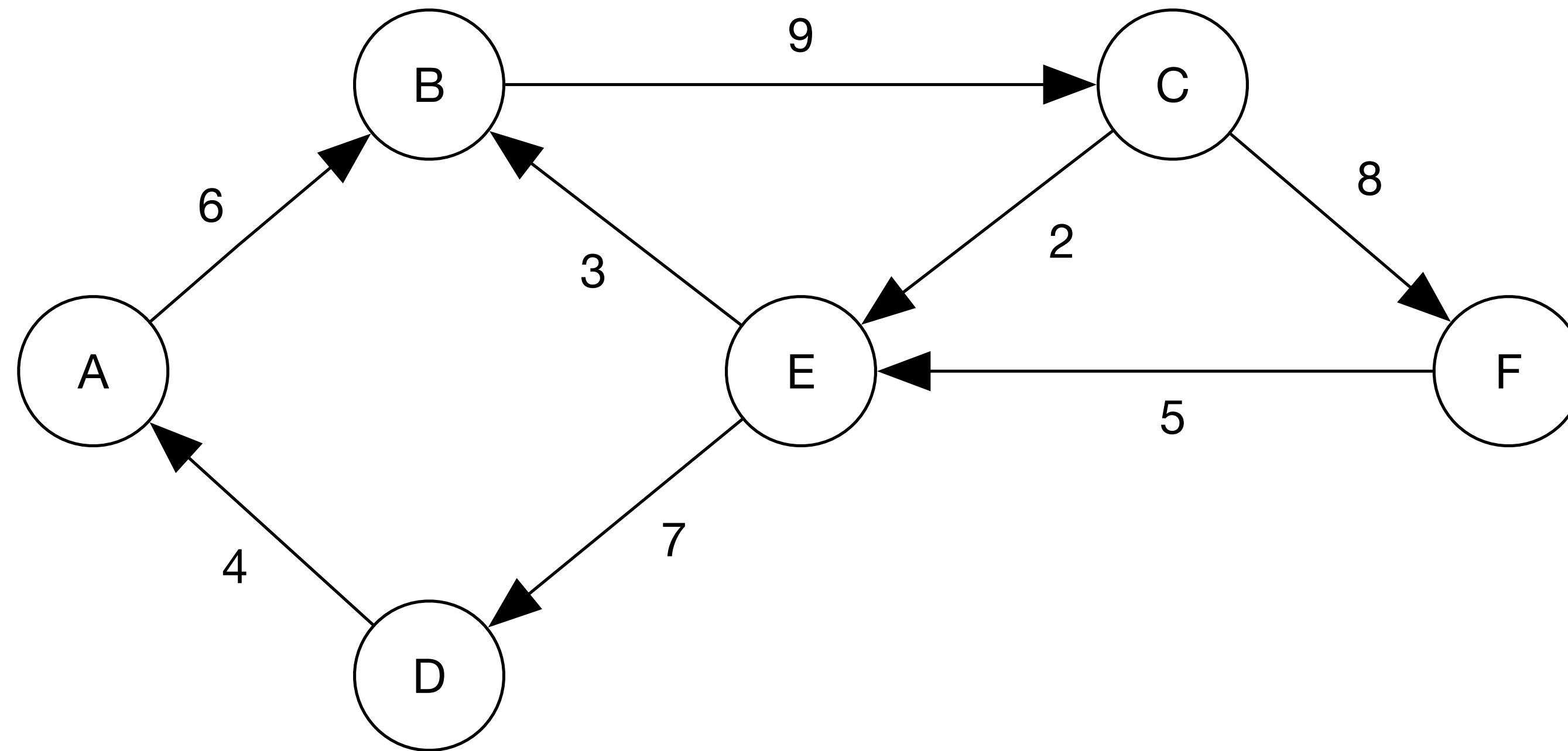
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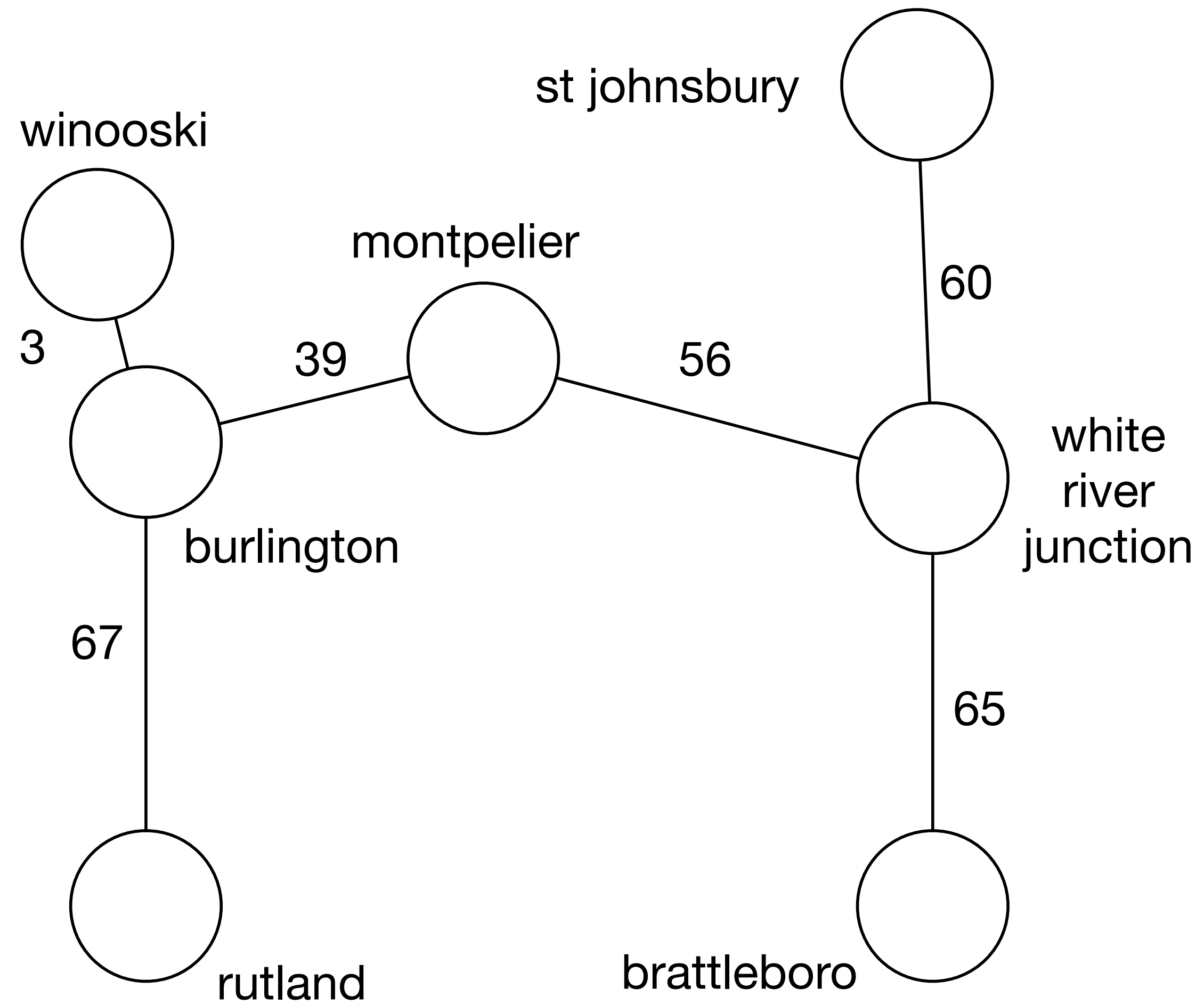
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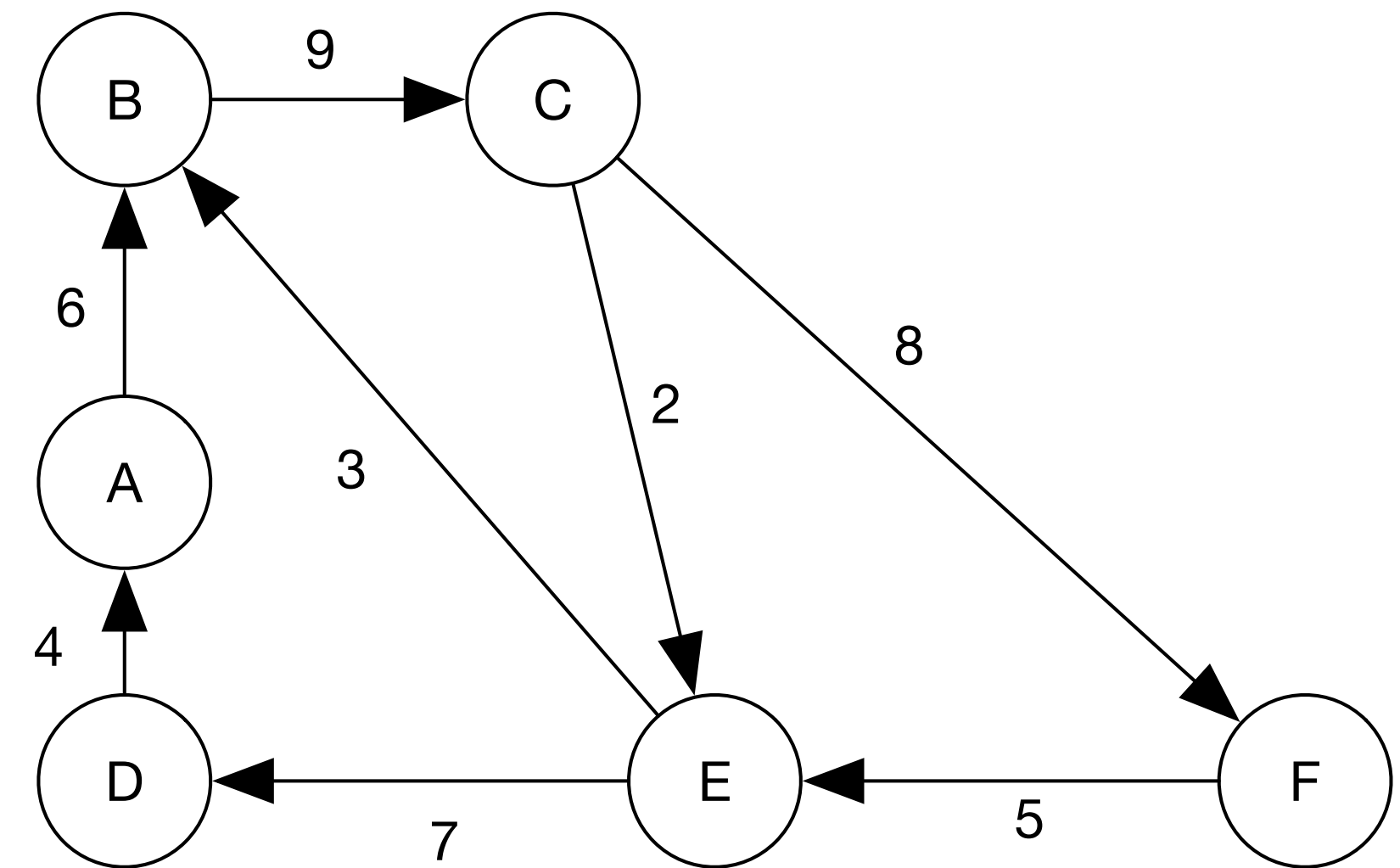
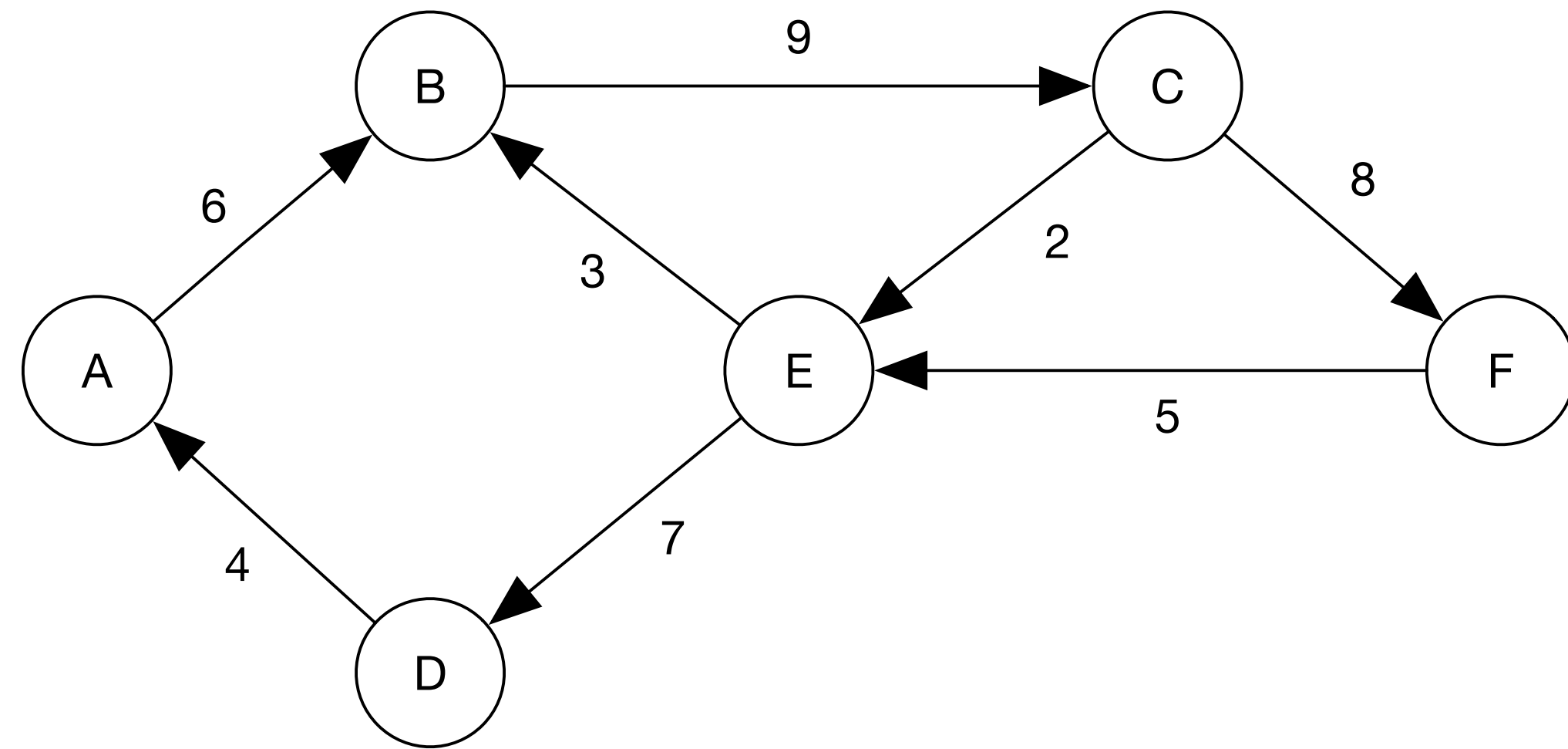


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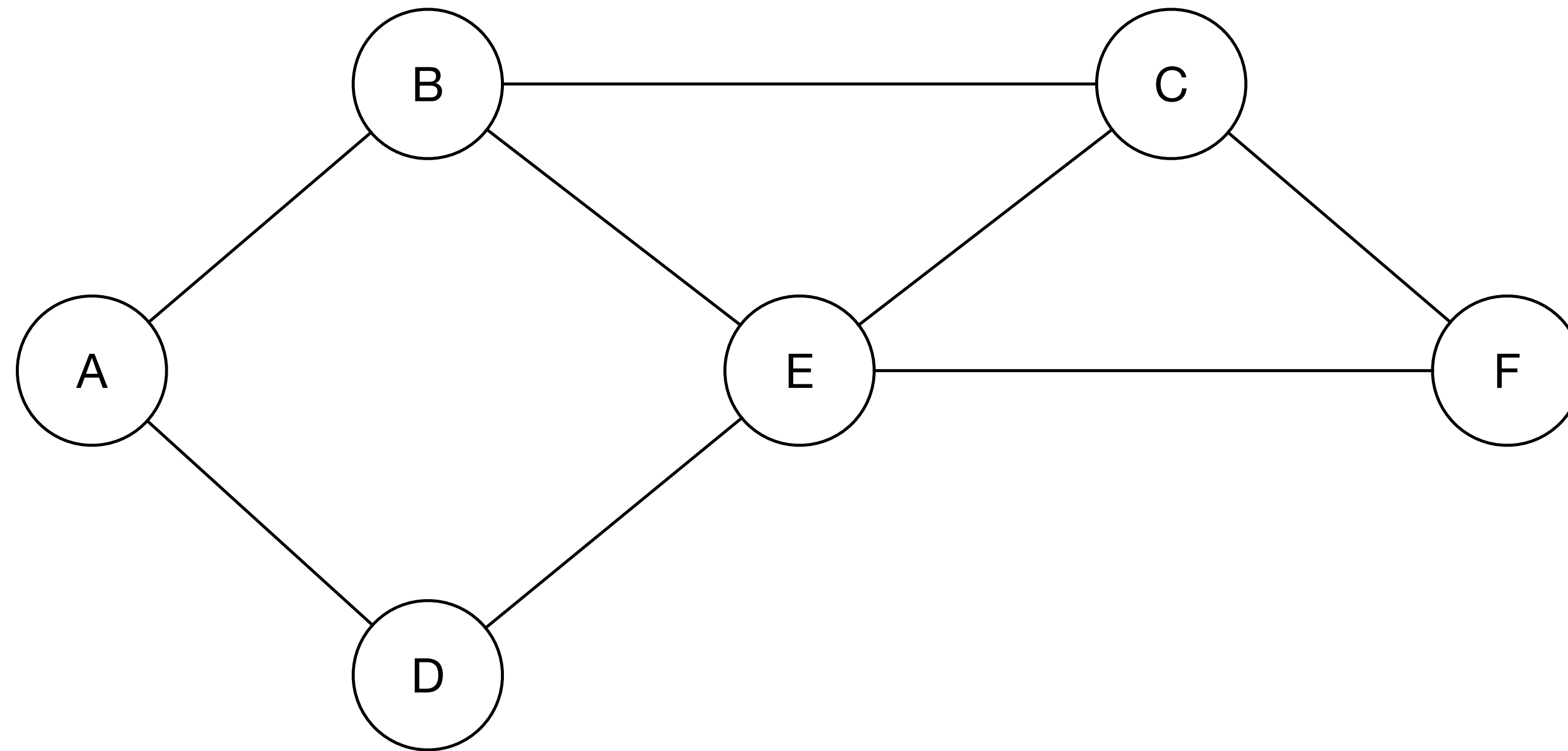




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What kind of data structure should we use to represent a graph?

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Adjacency matrix

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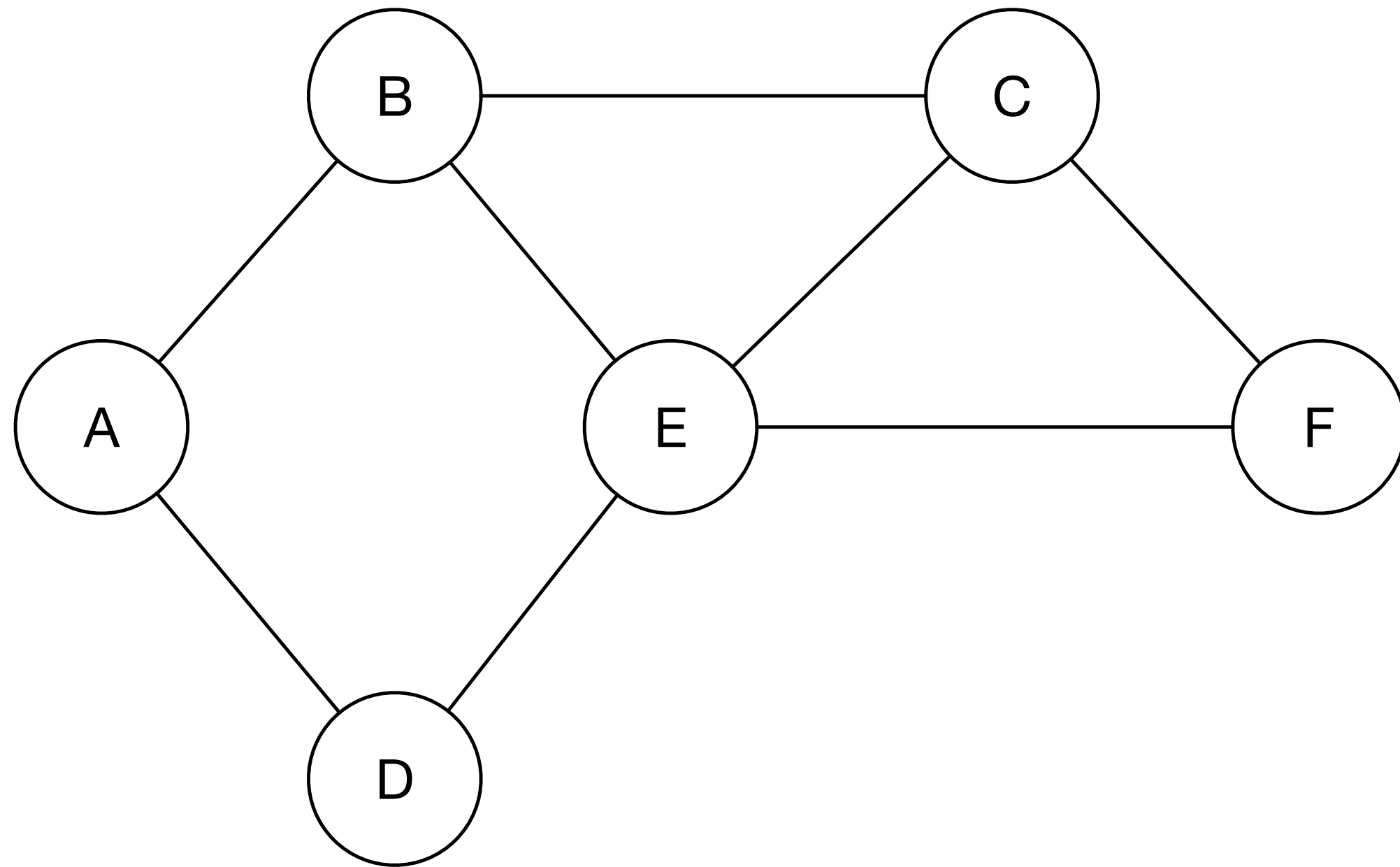
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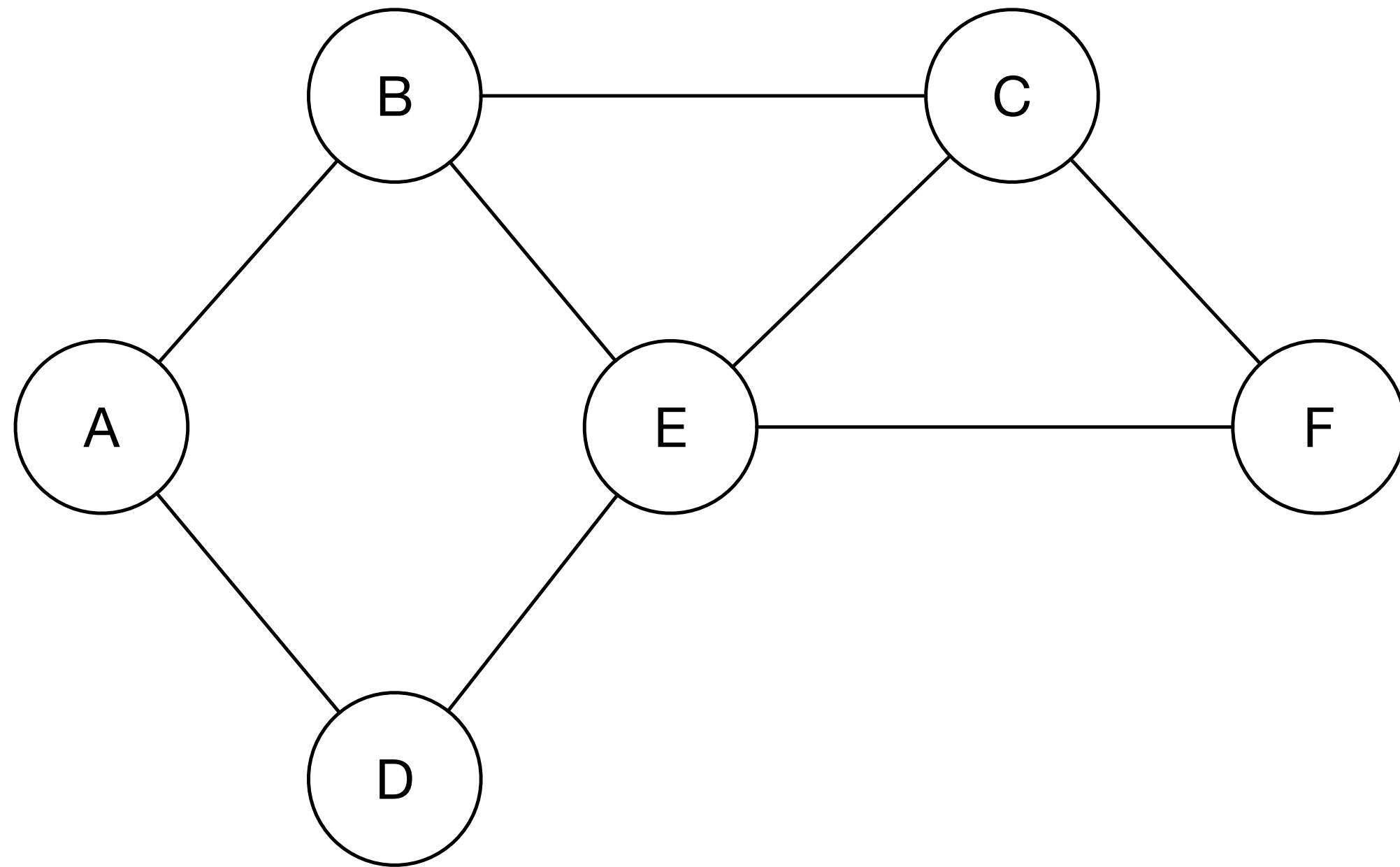
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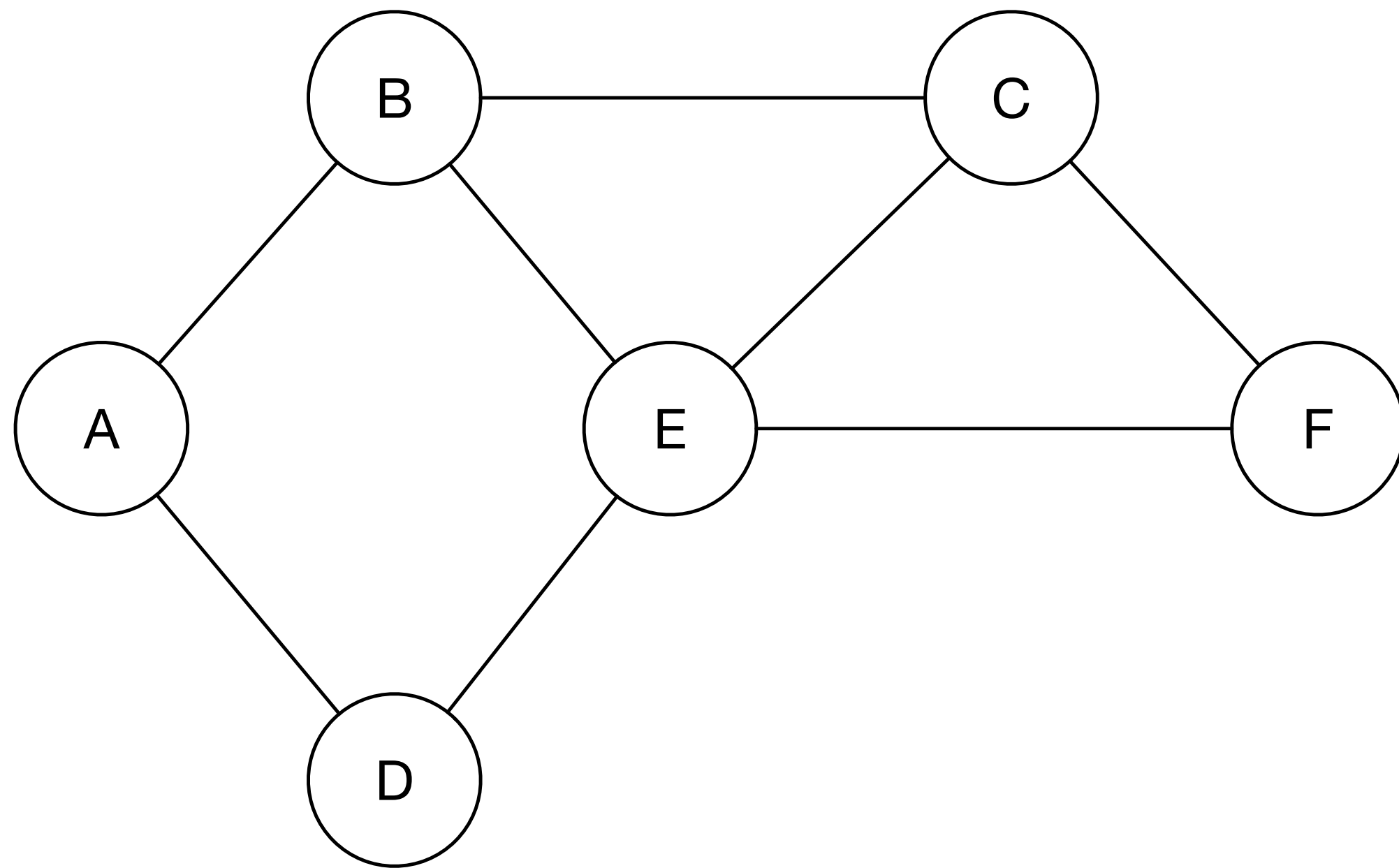
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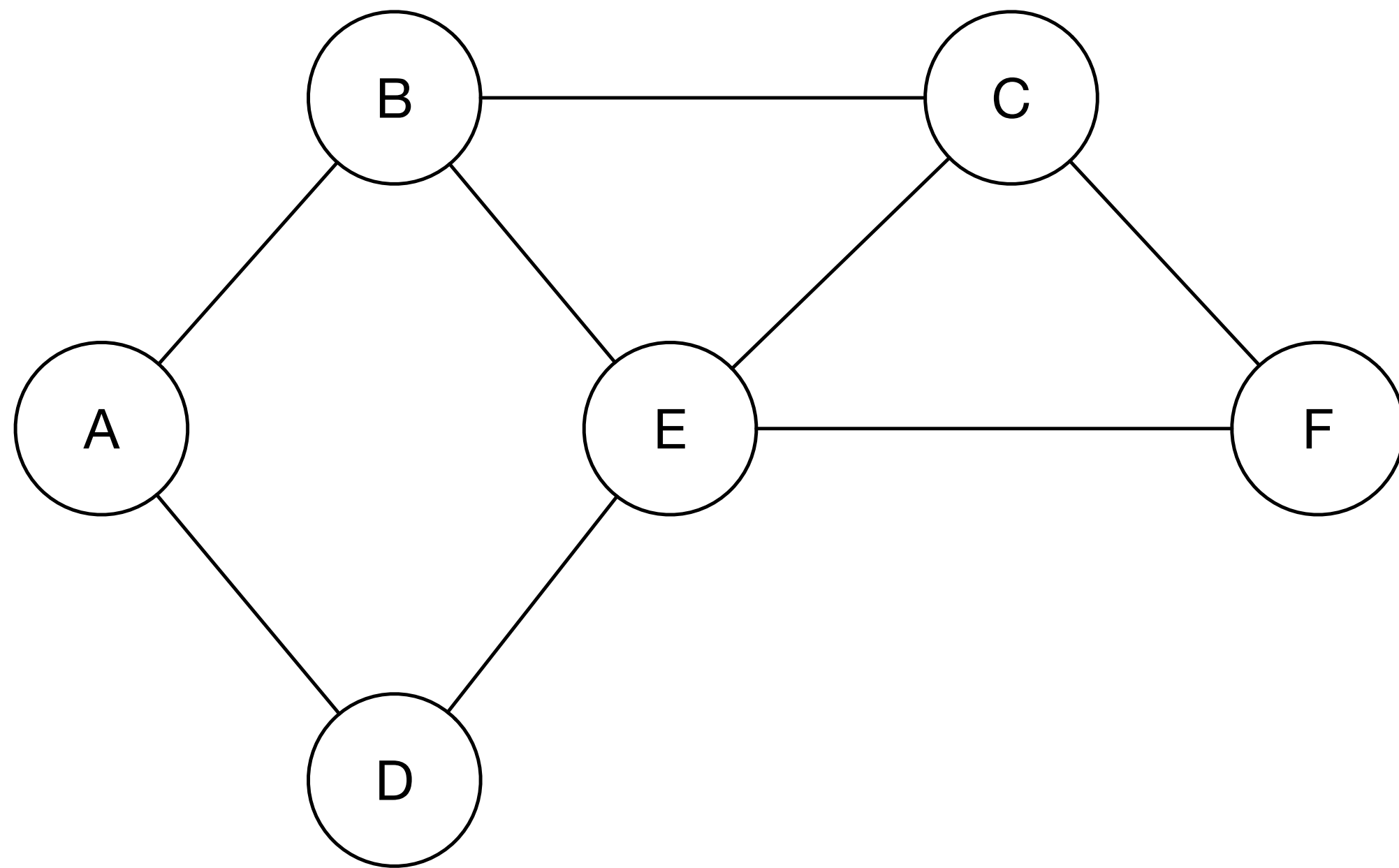


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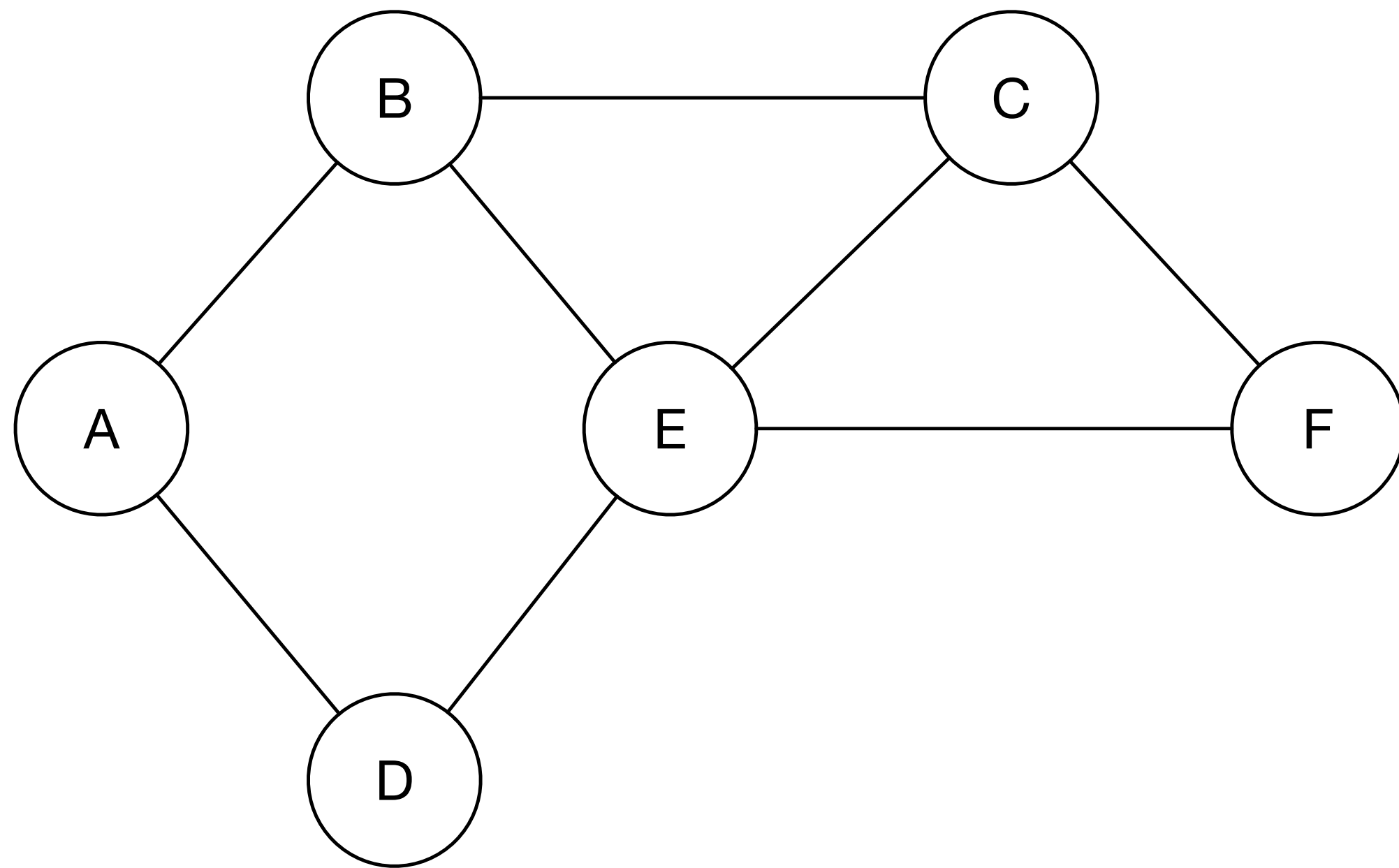
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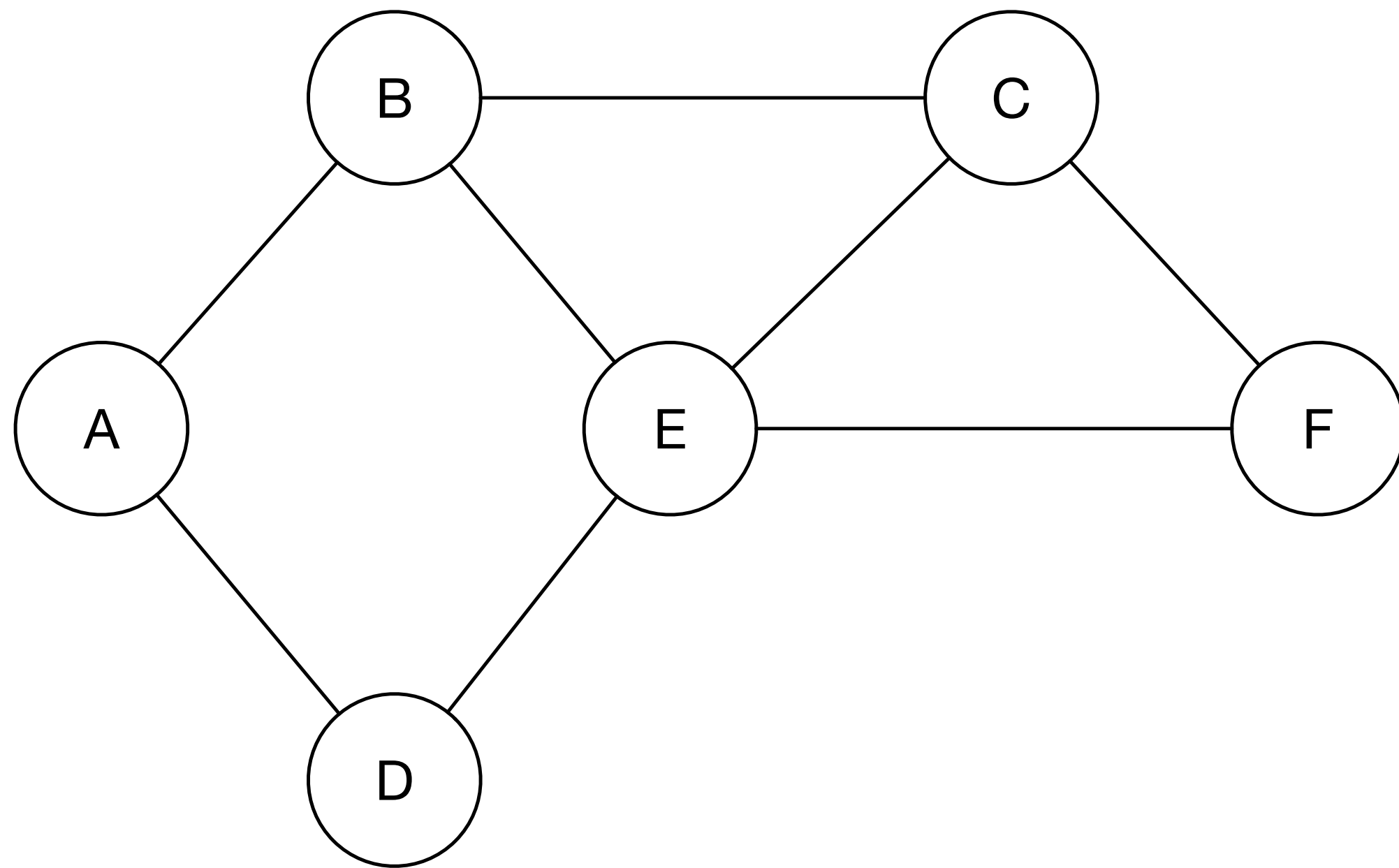
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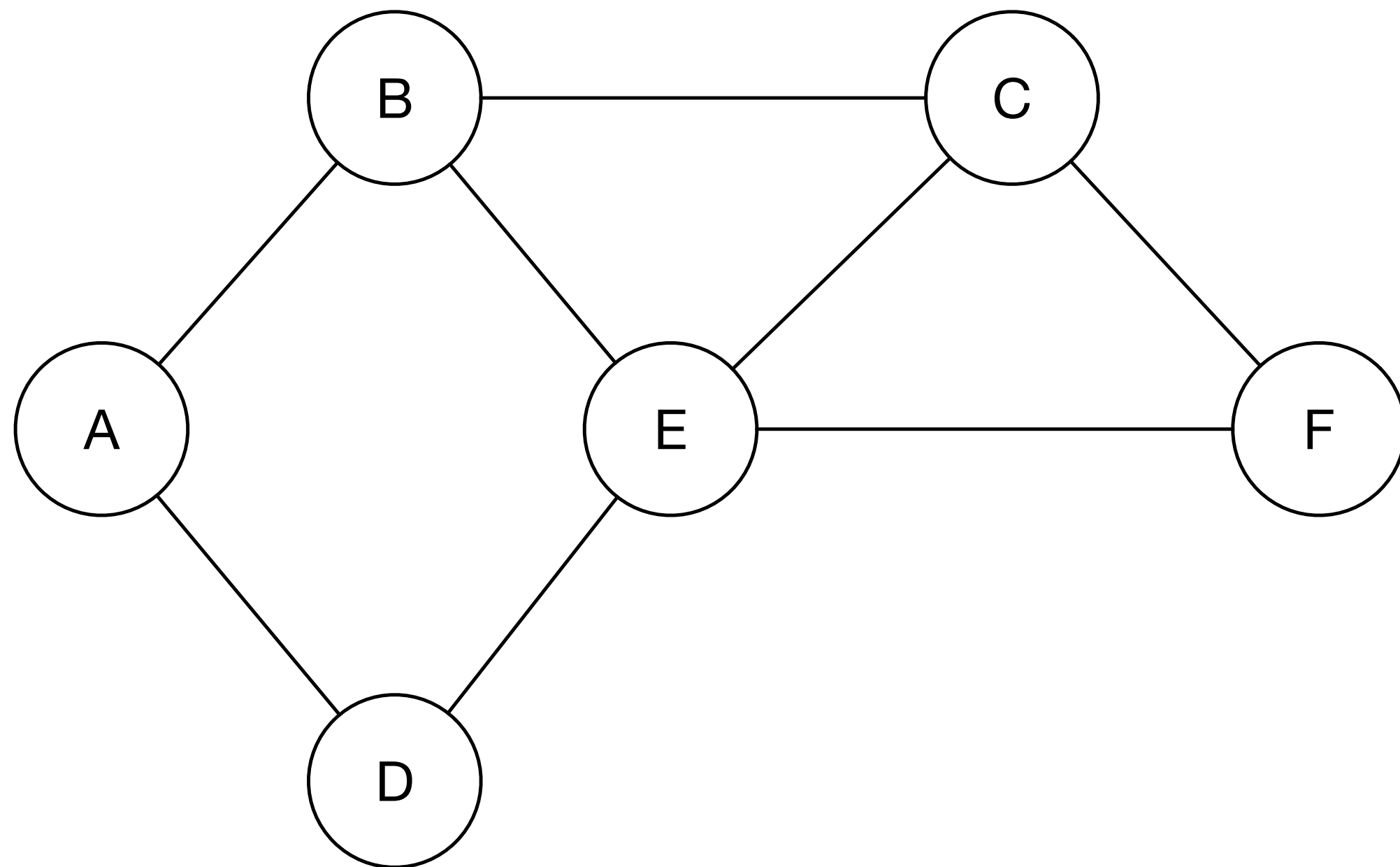
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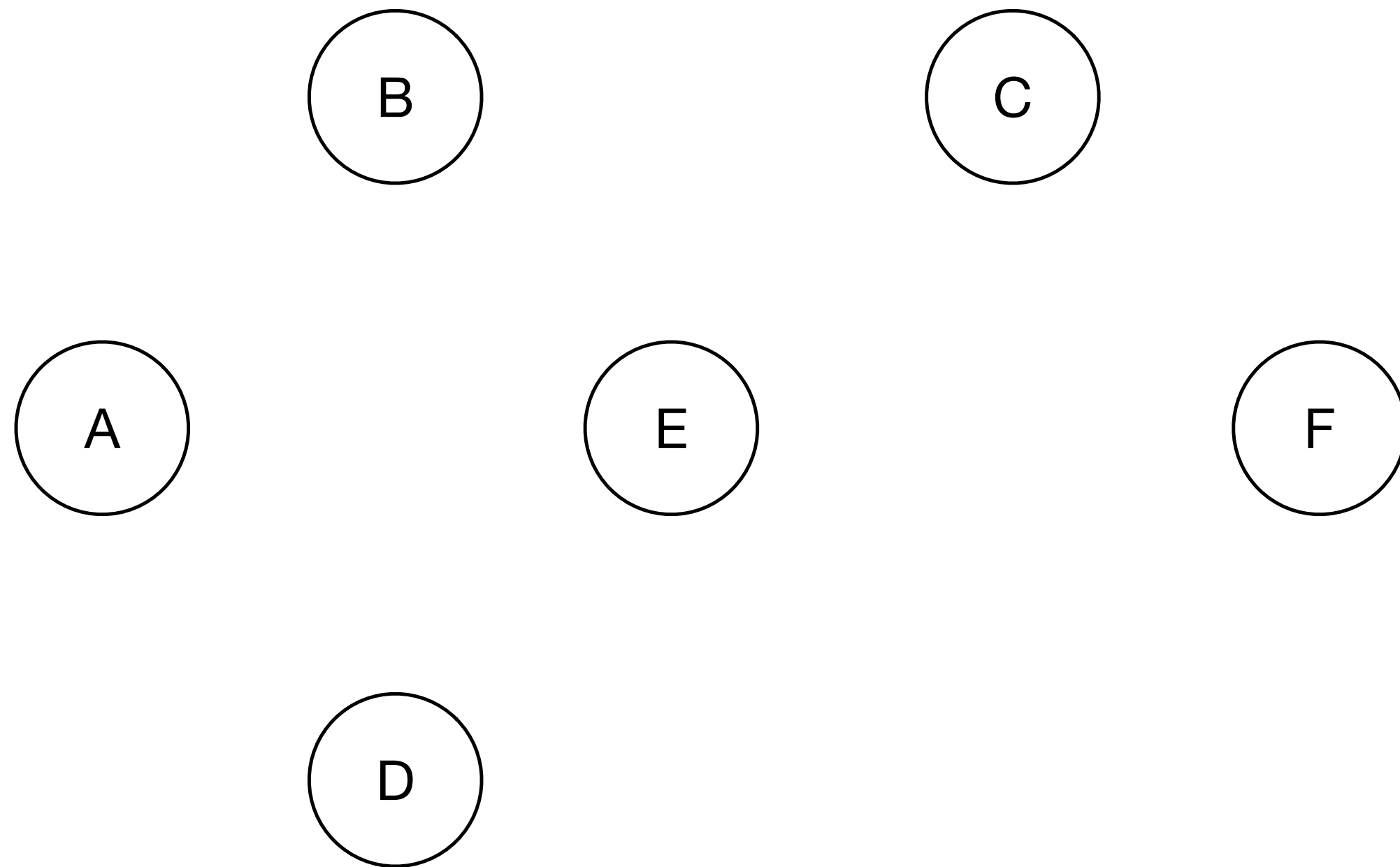
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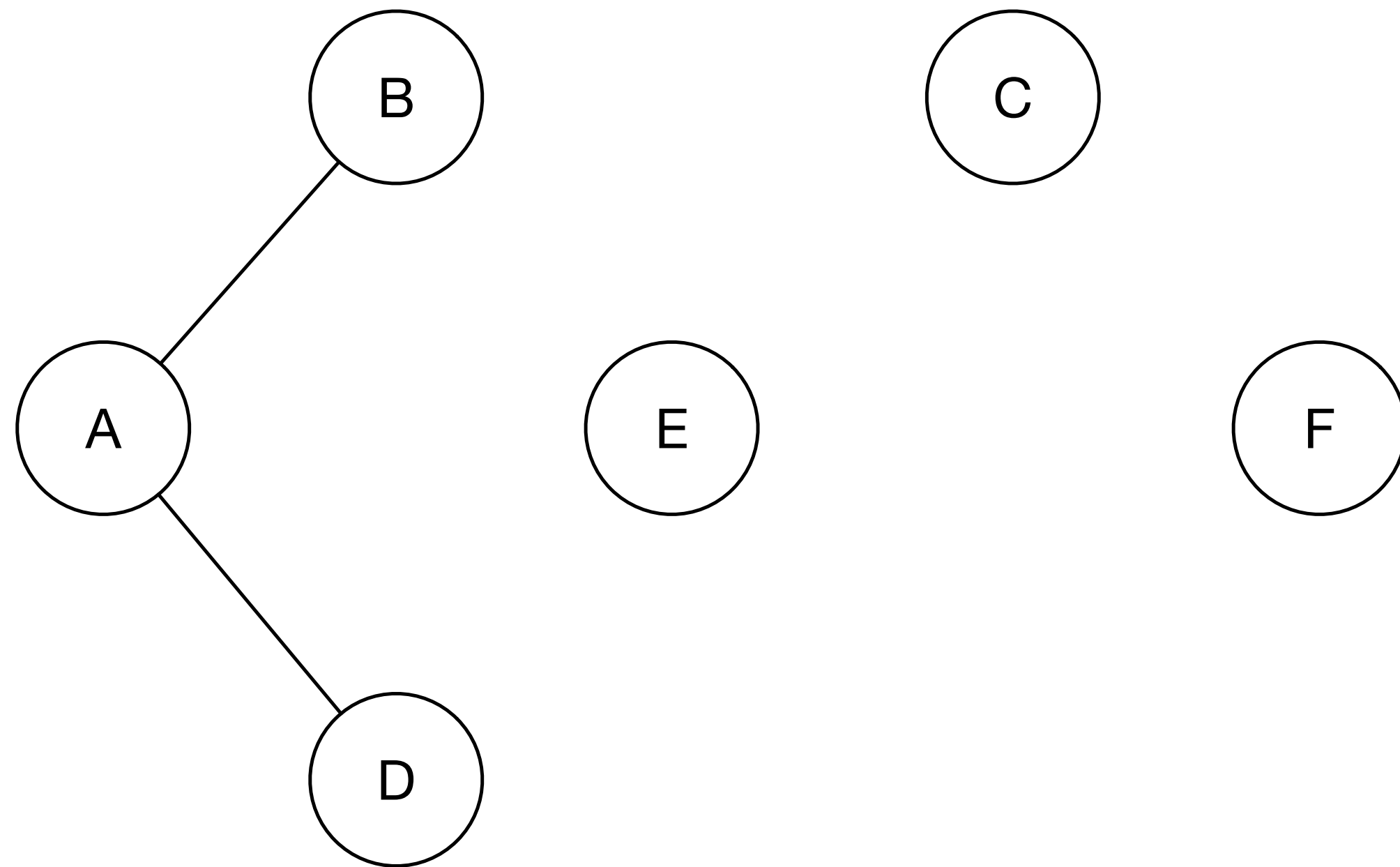
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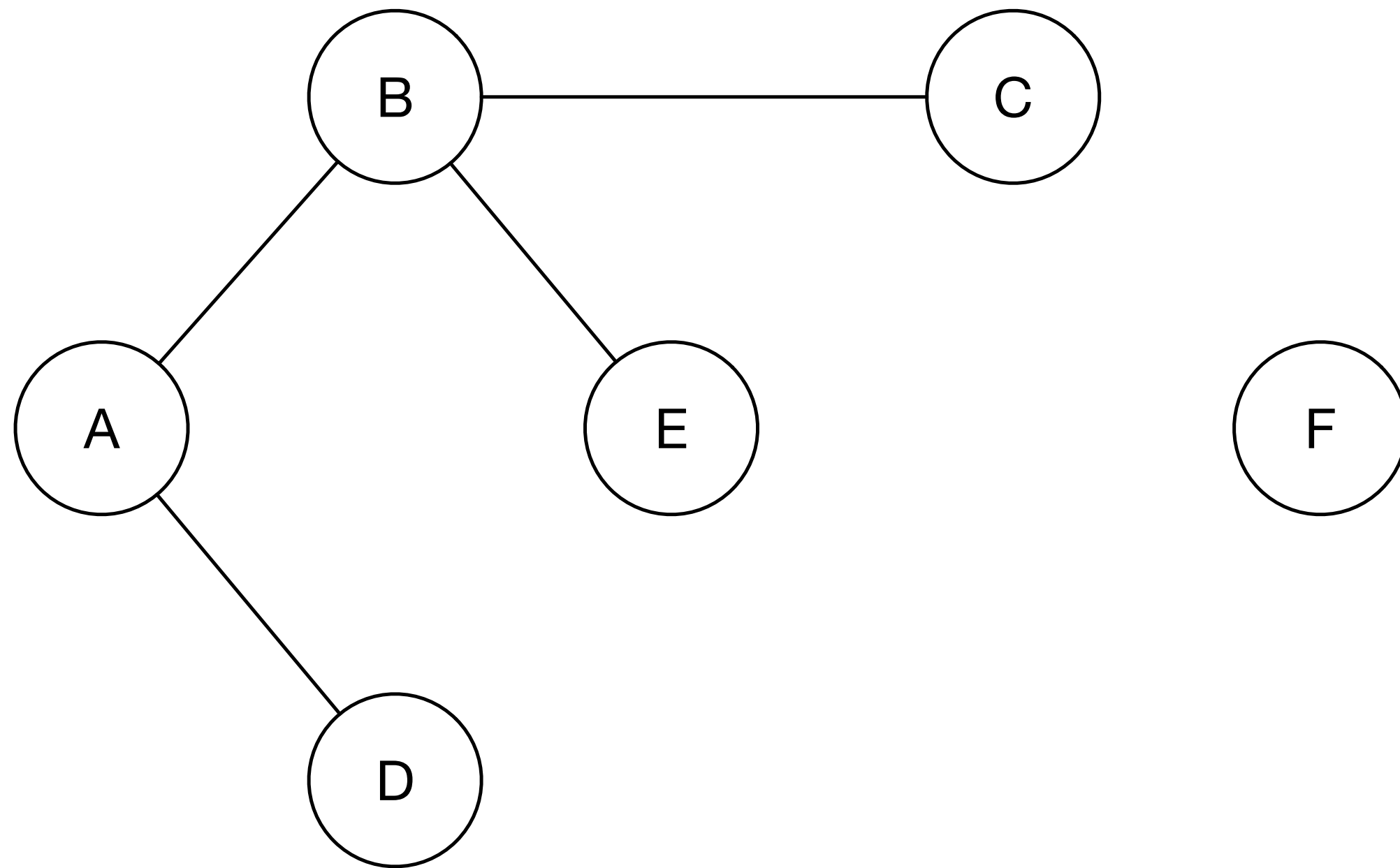
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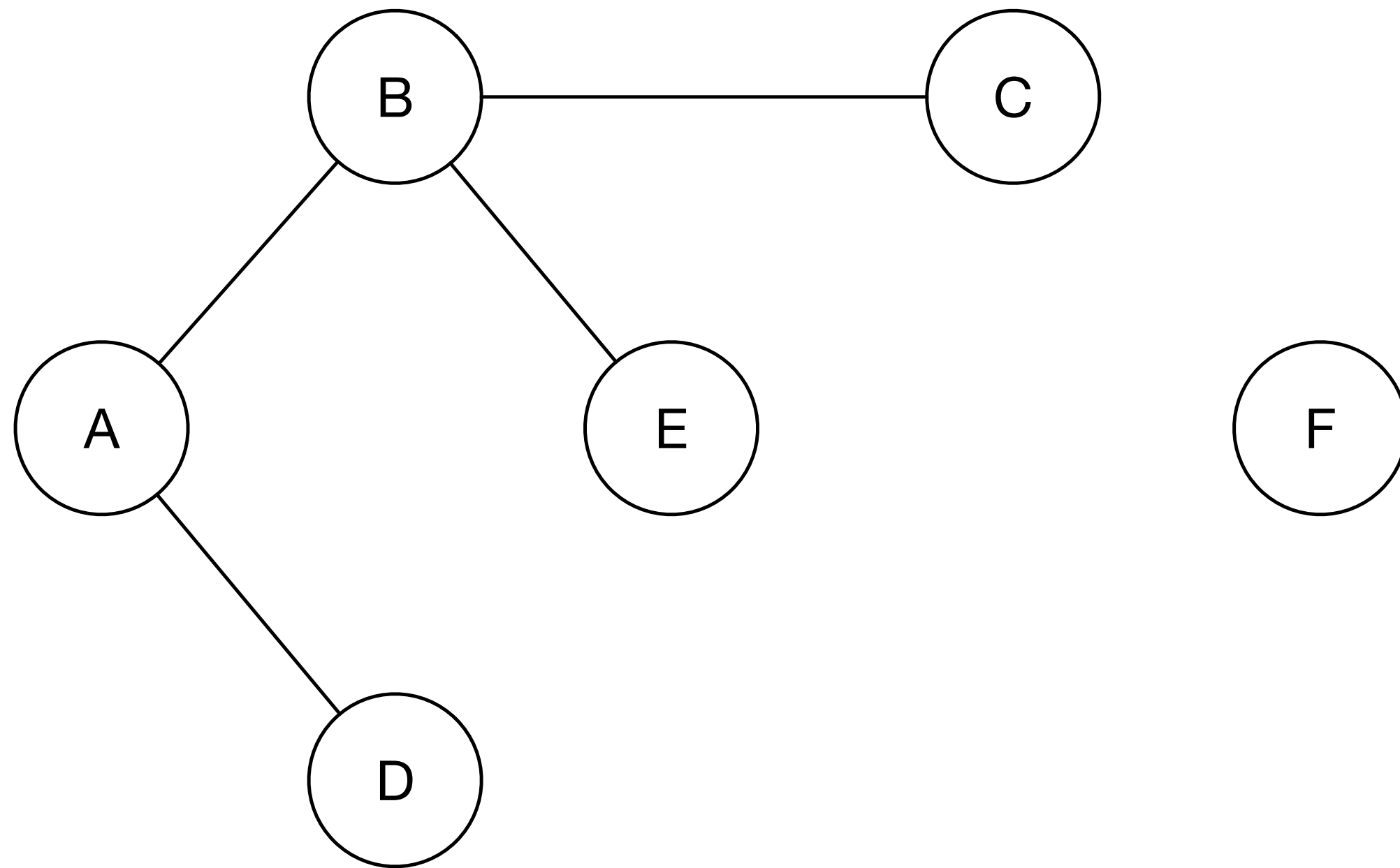


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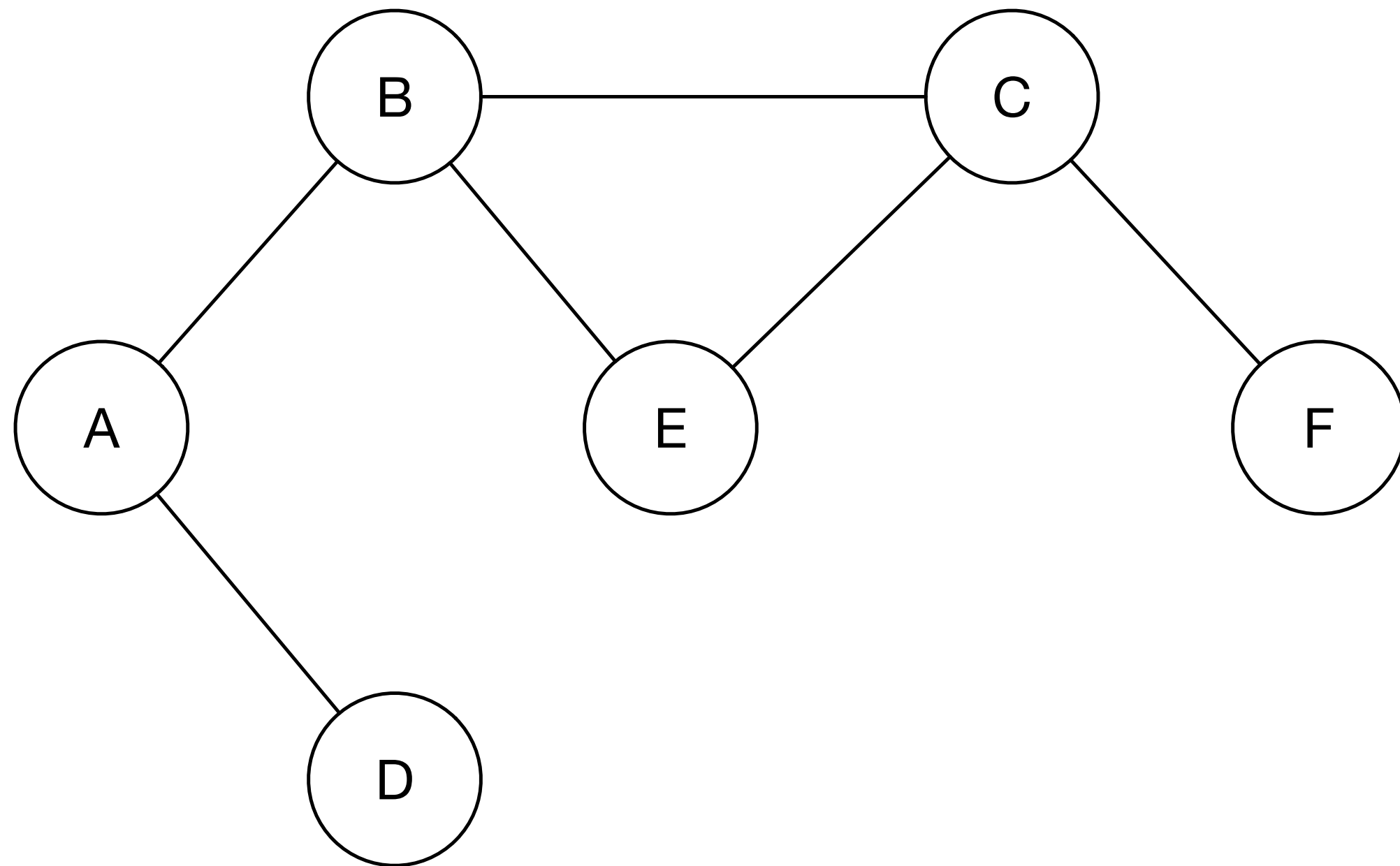
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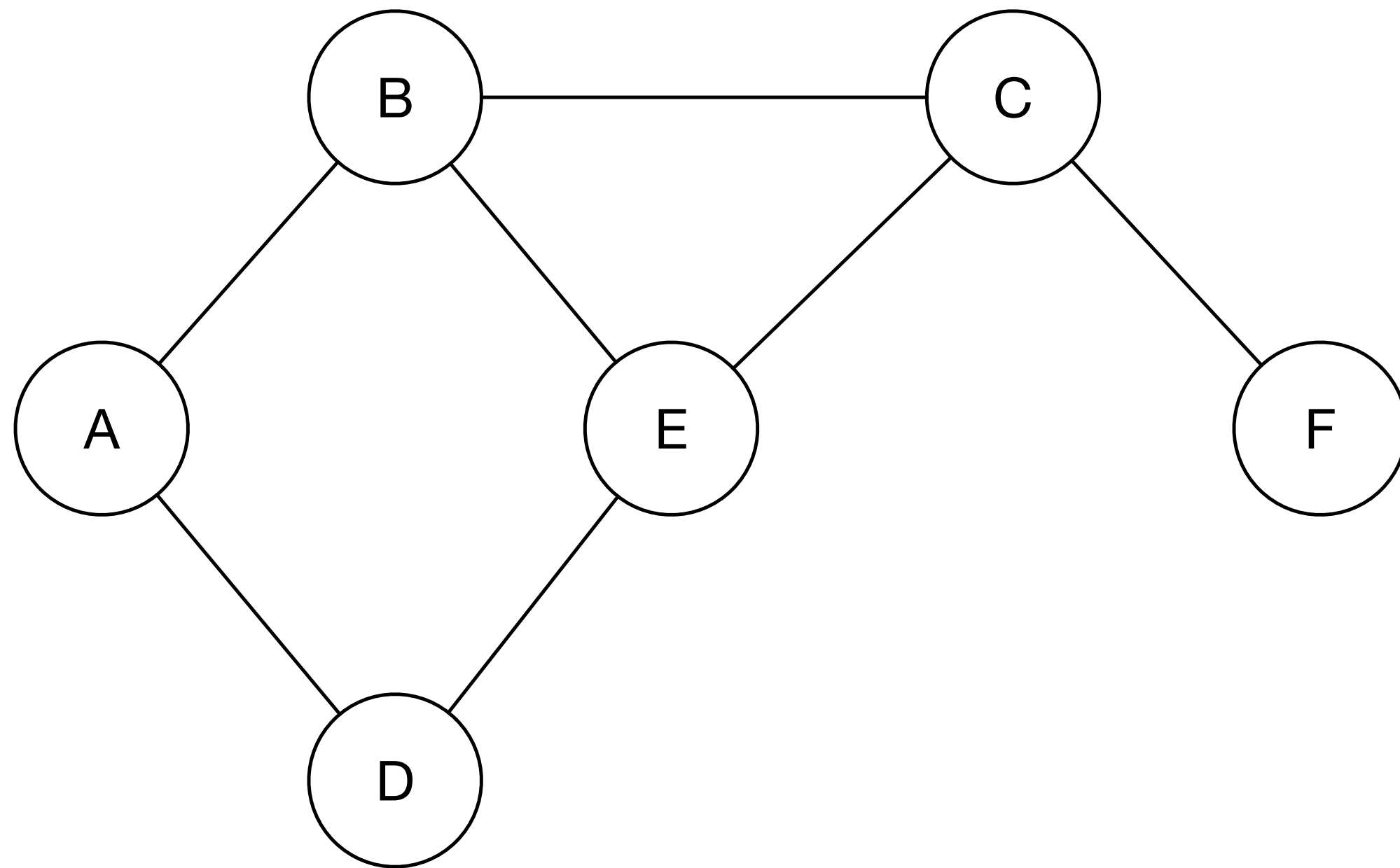
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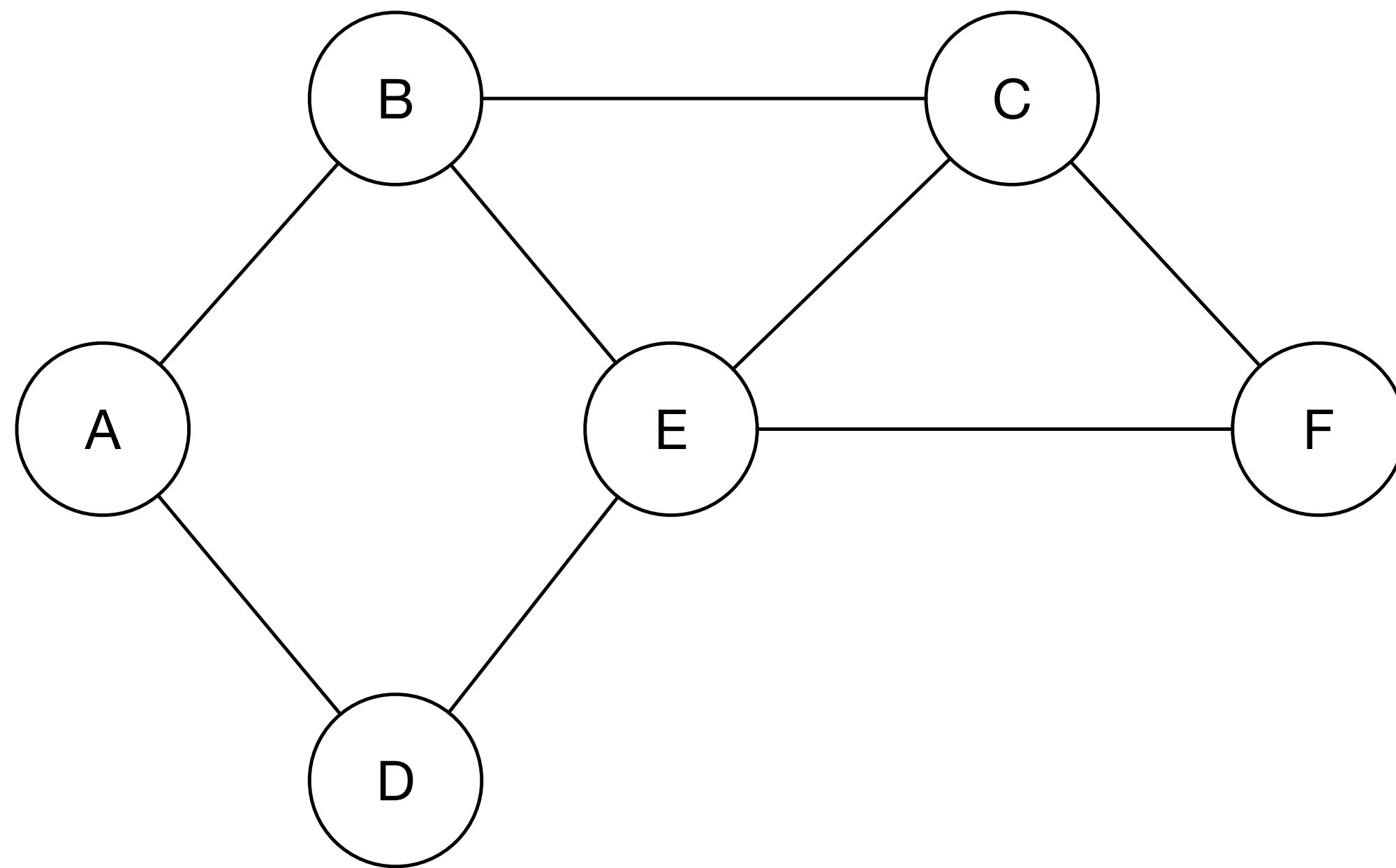
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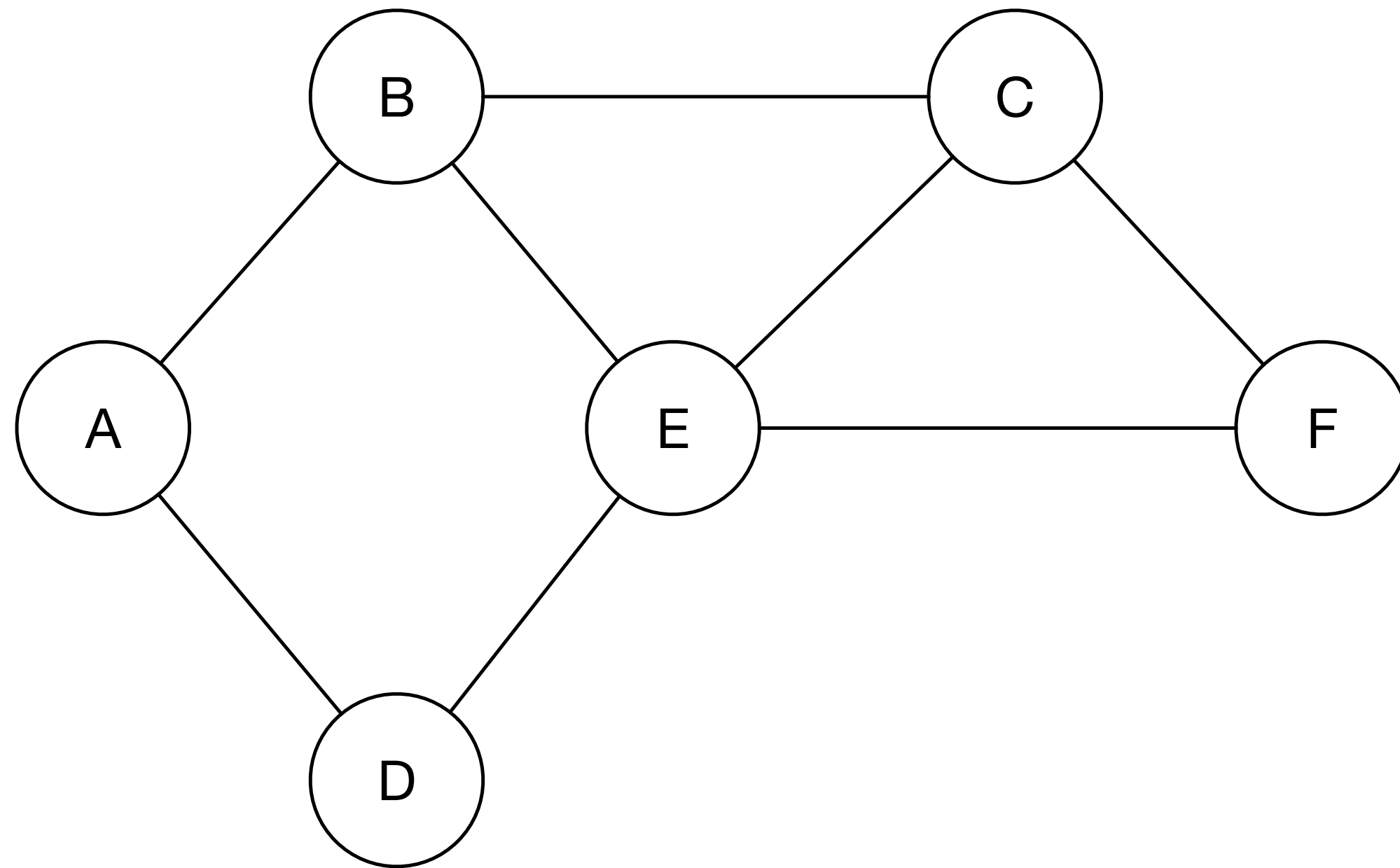
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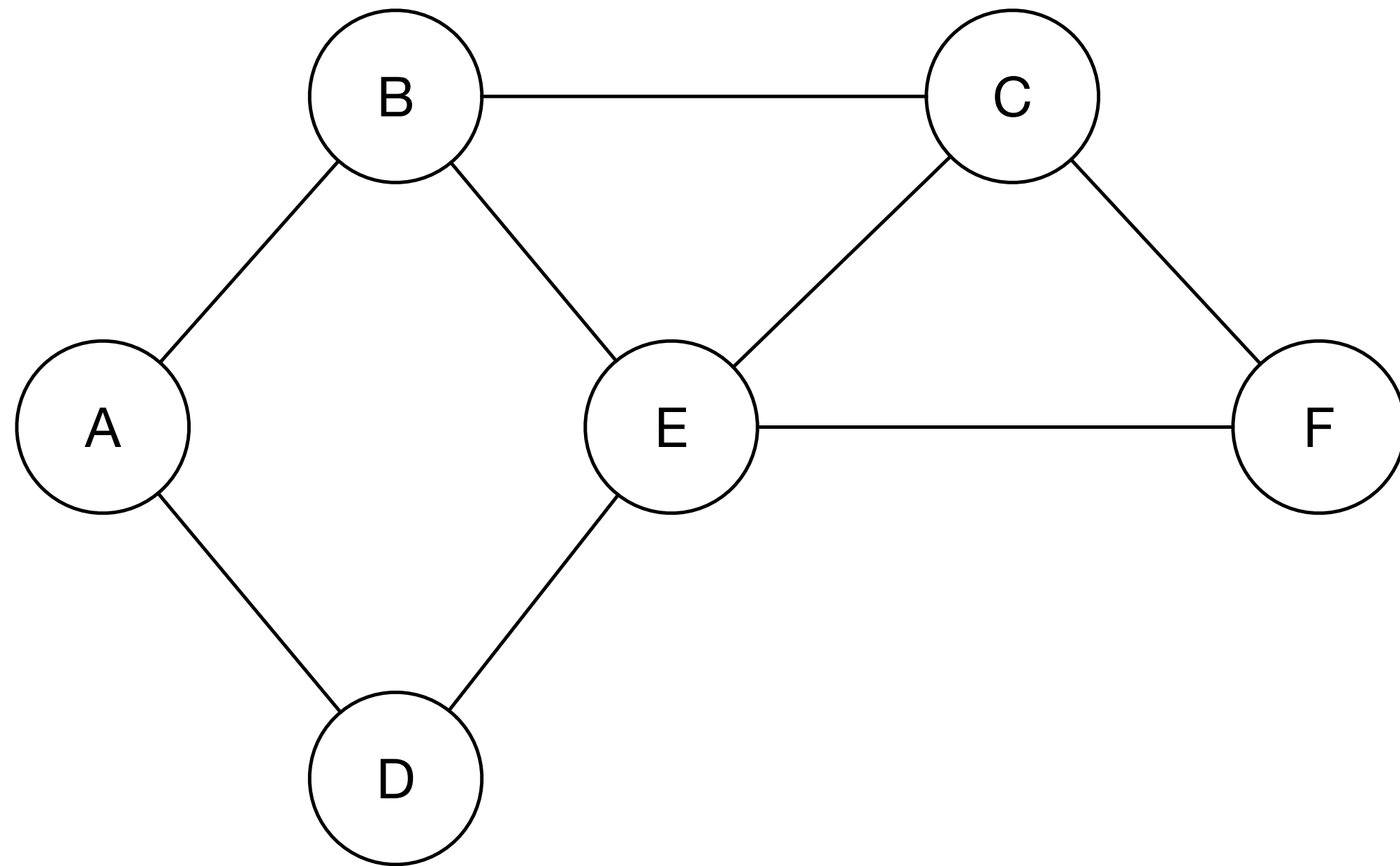
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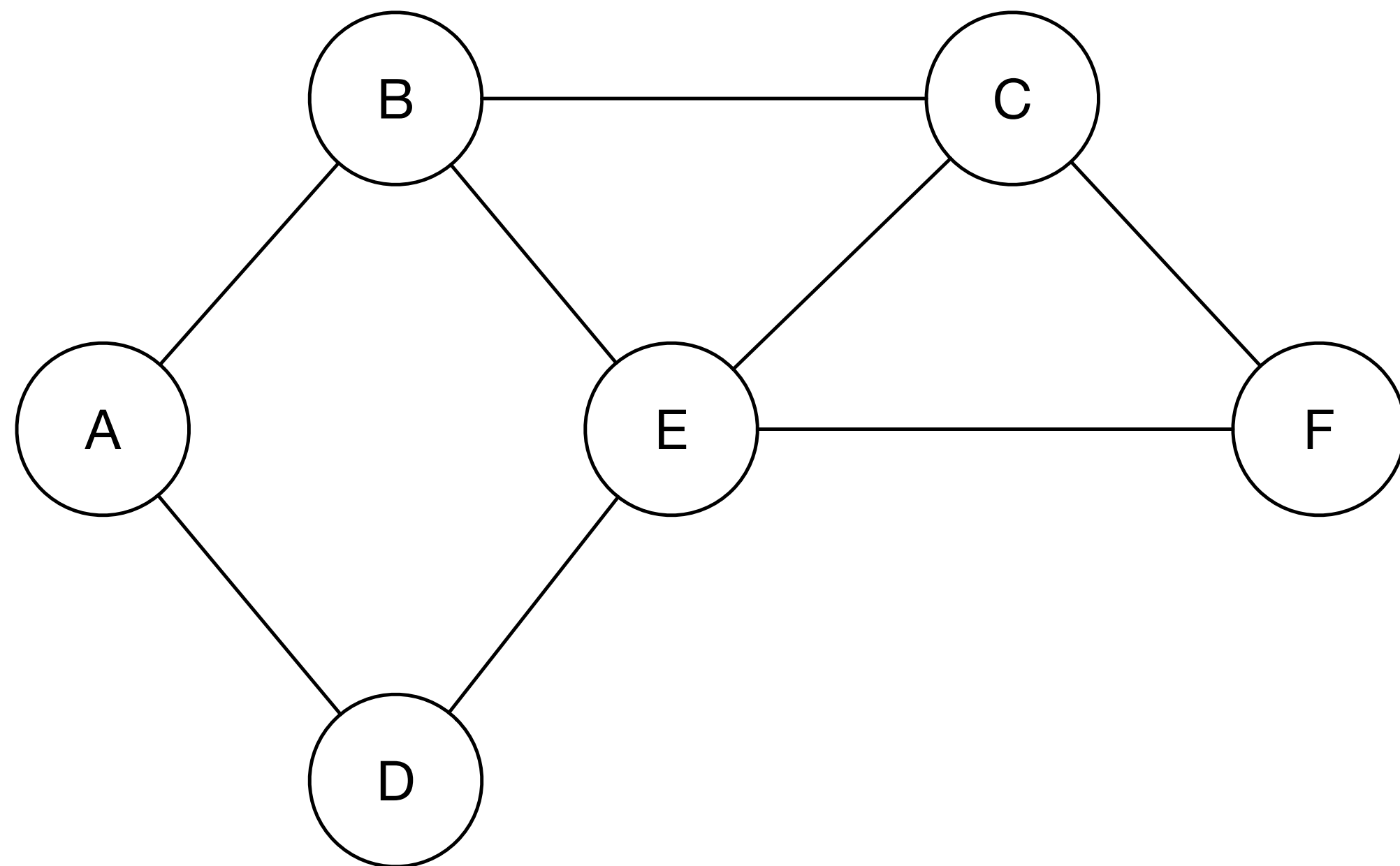
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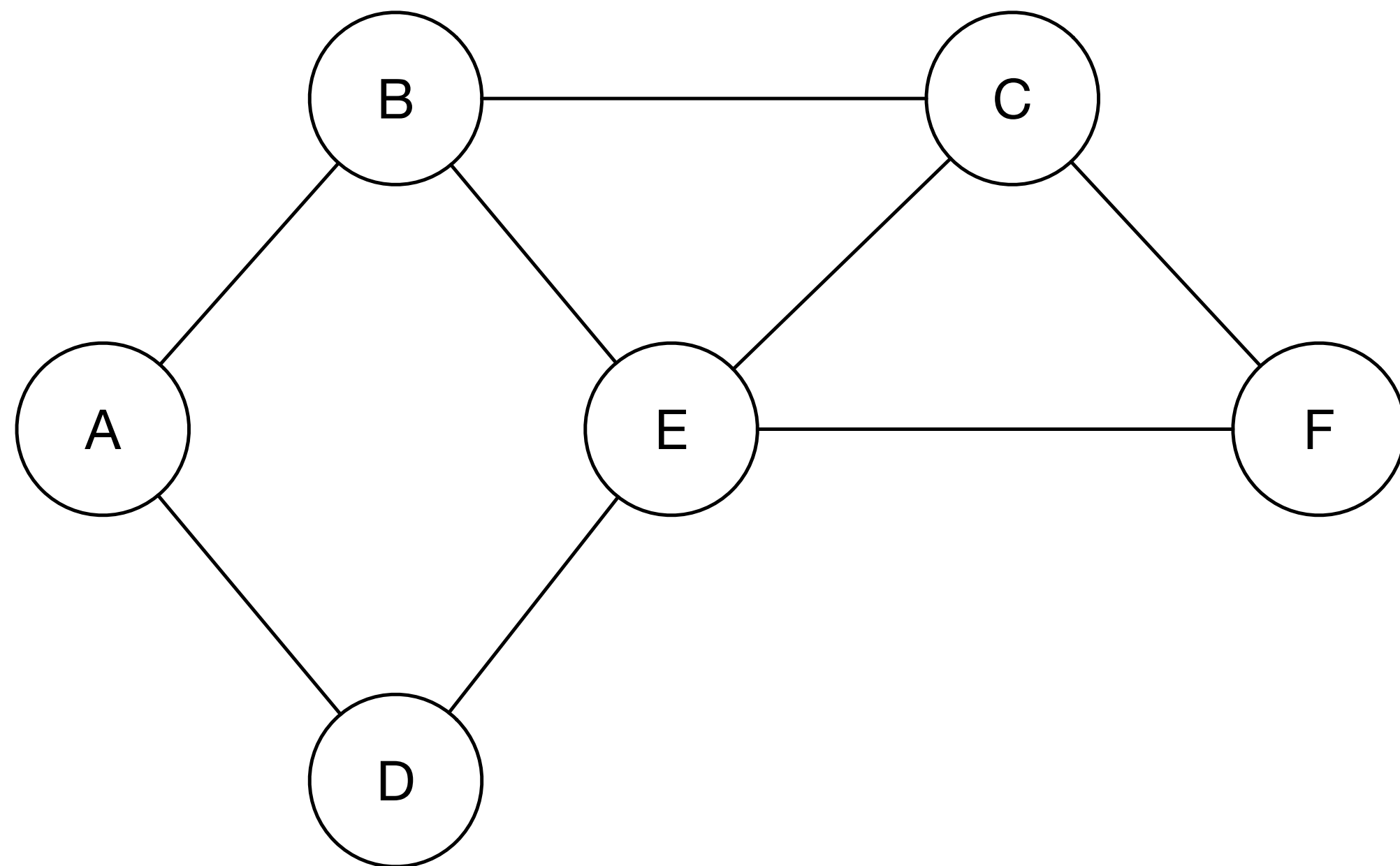


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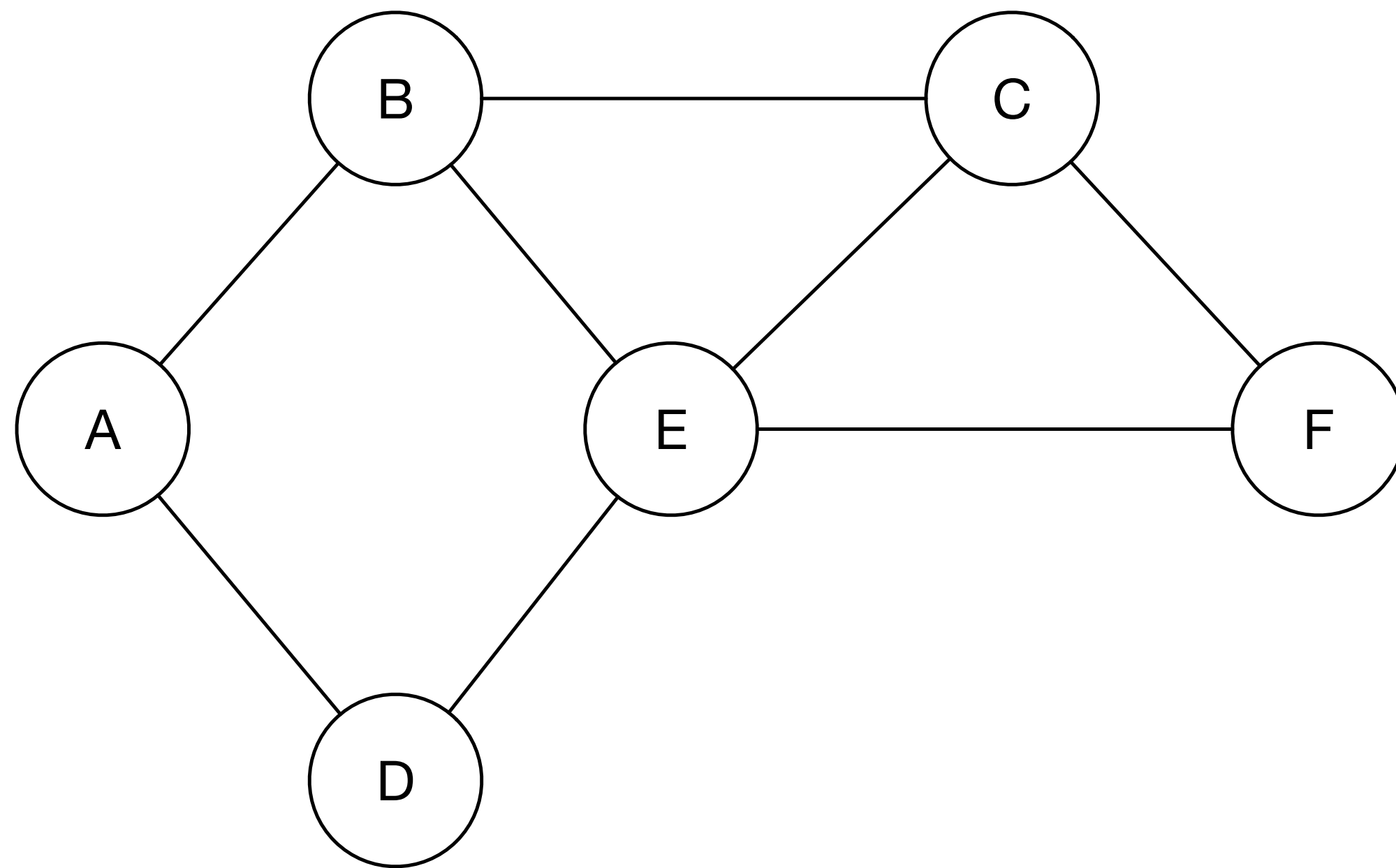
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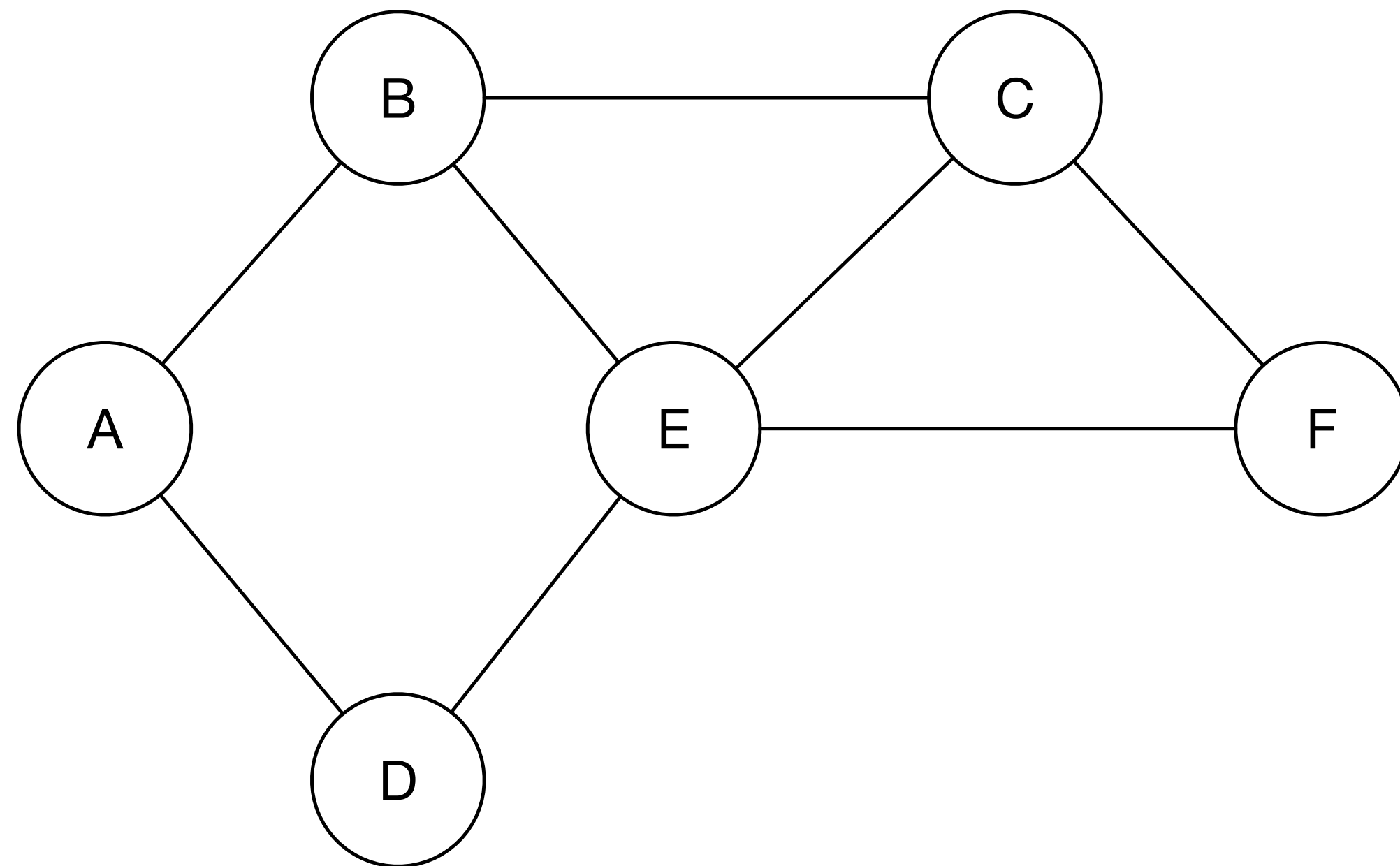


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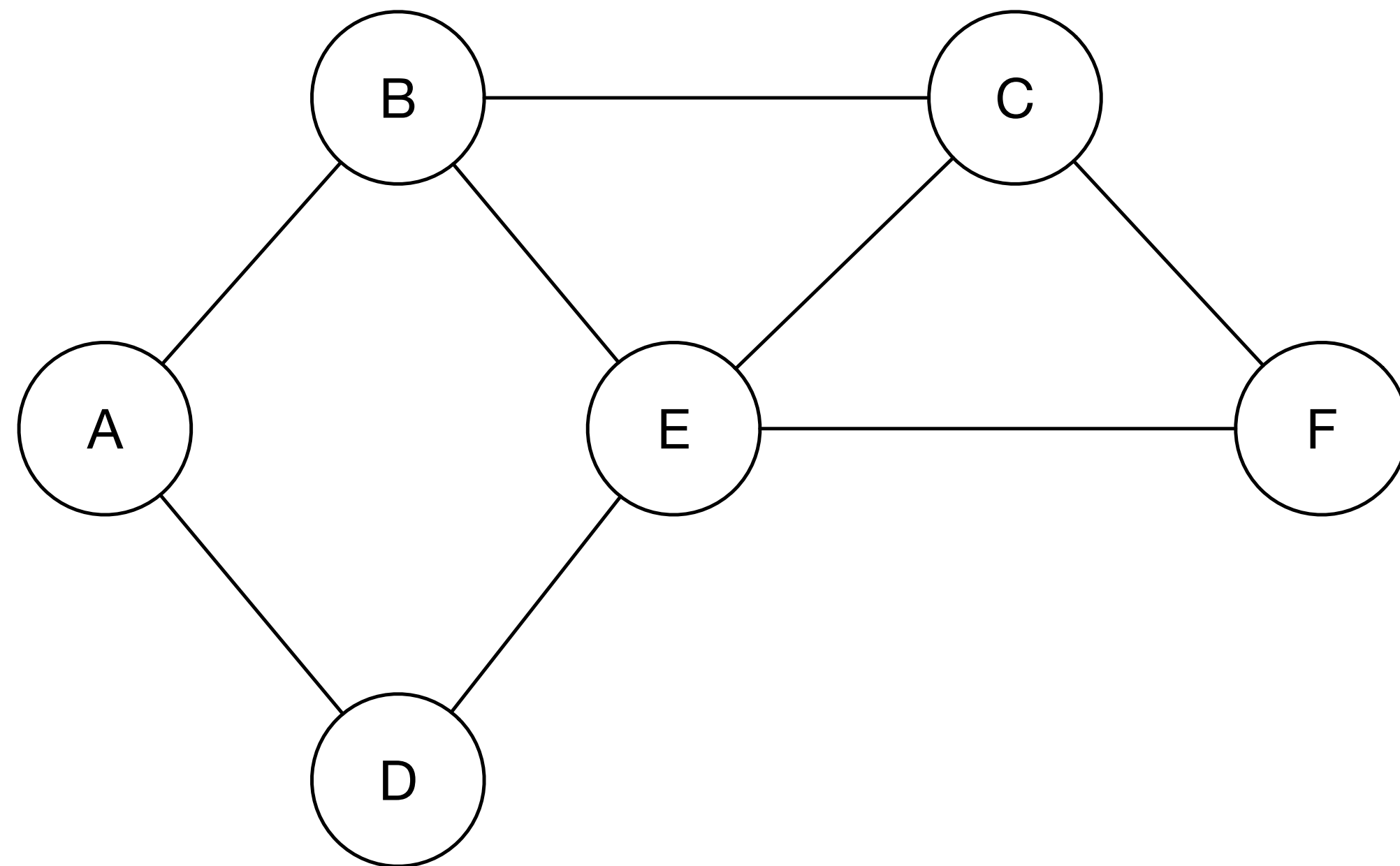


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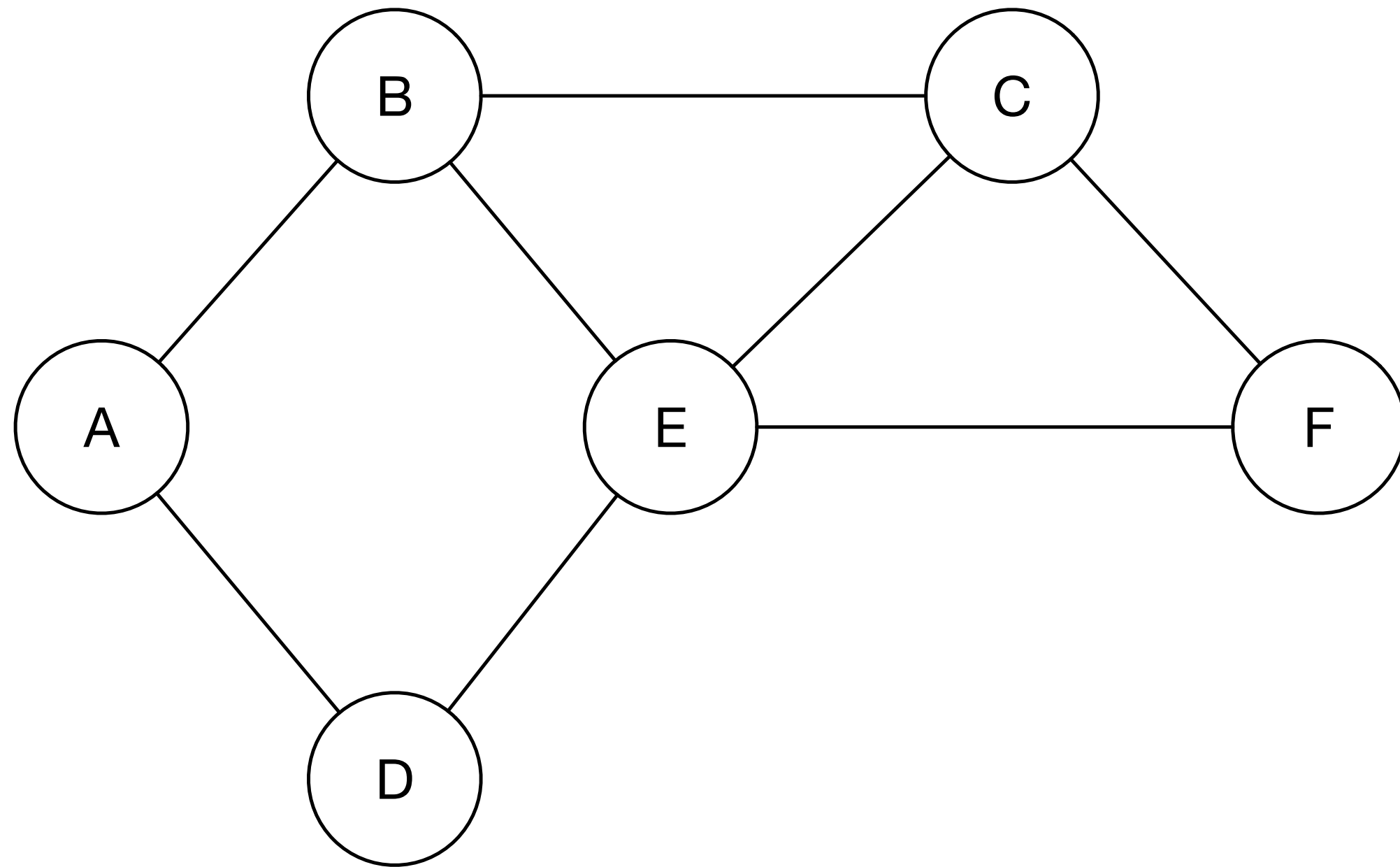


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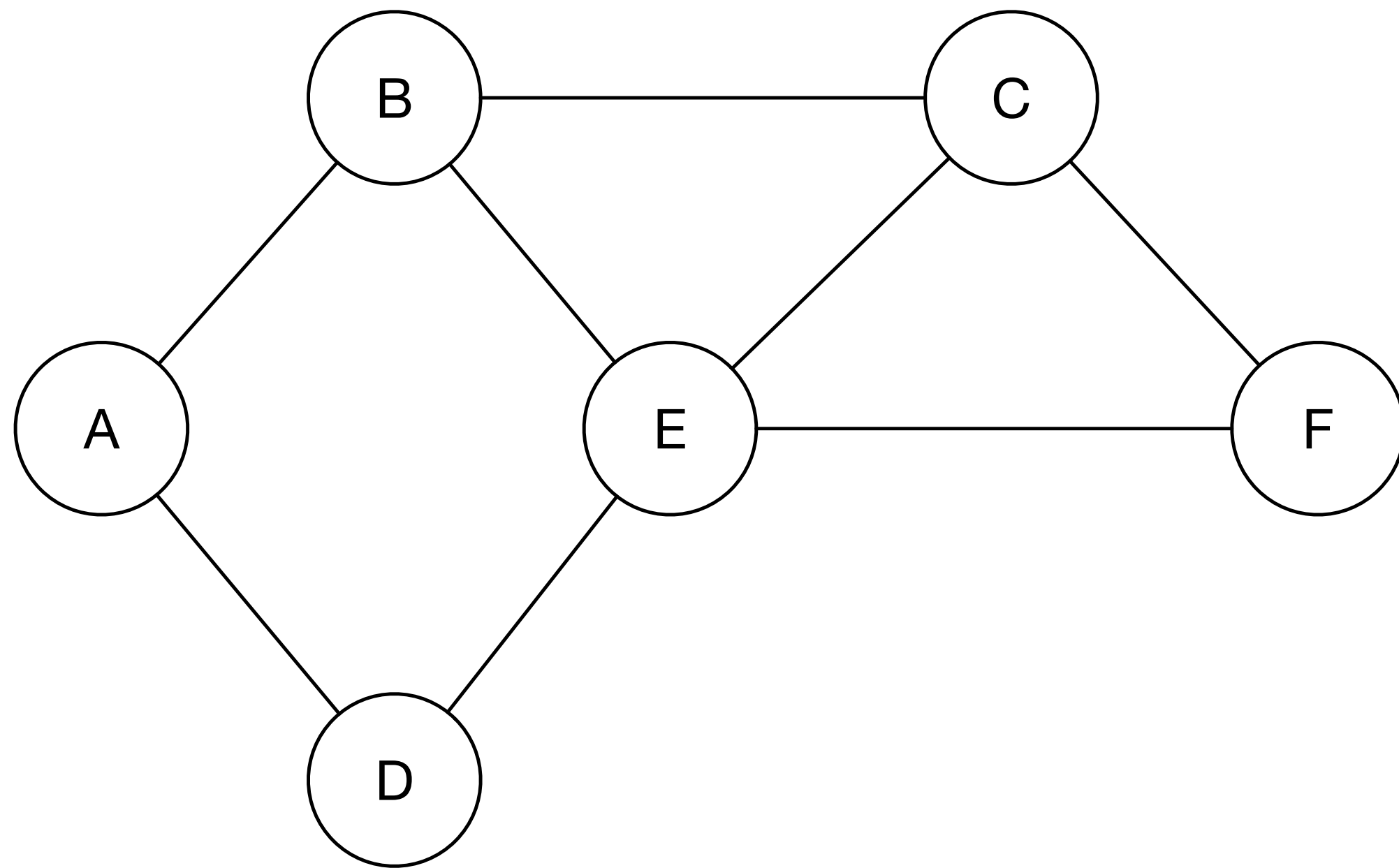


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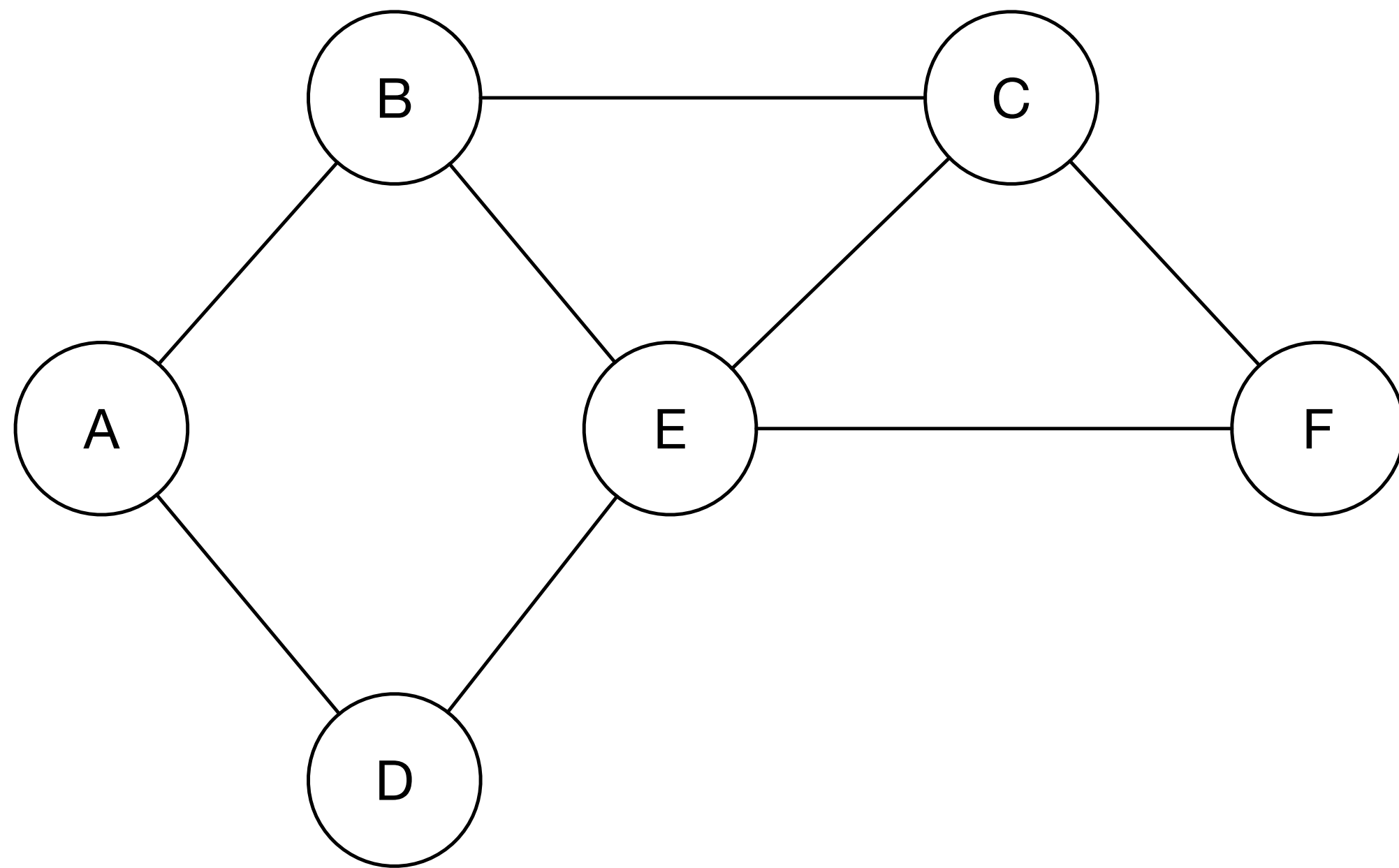


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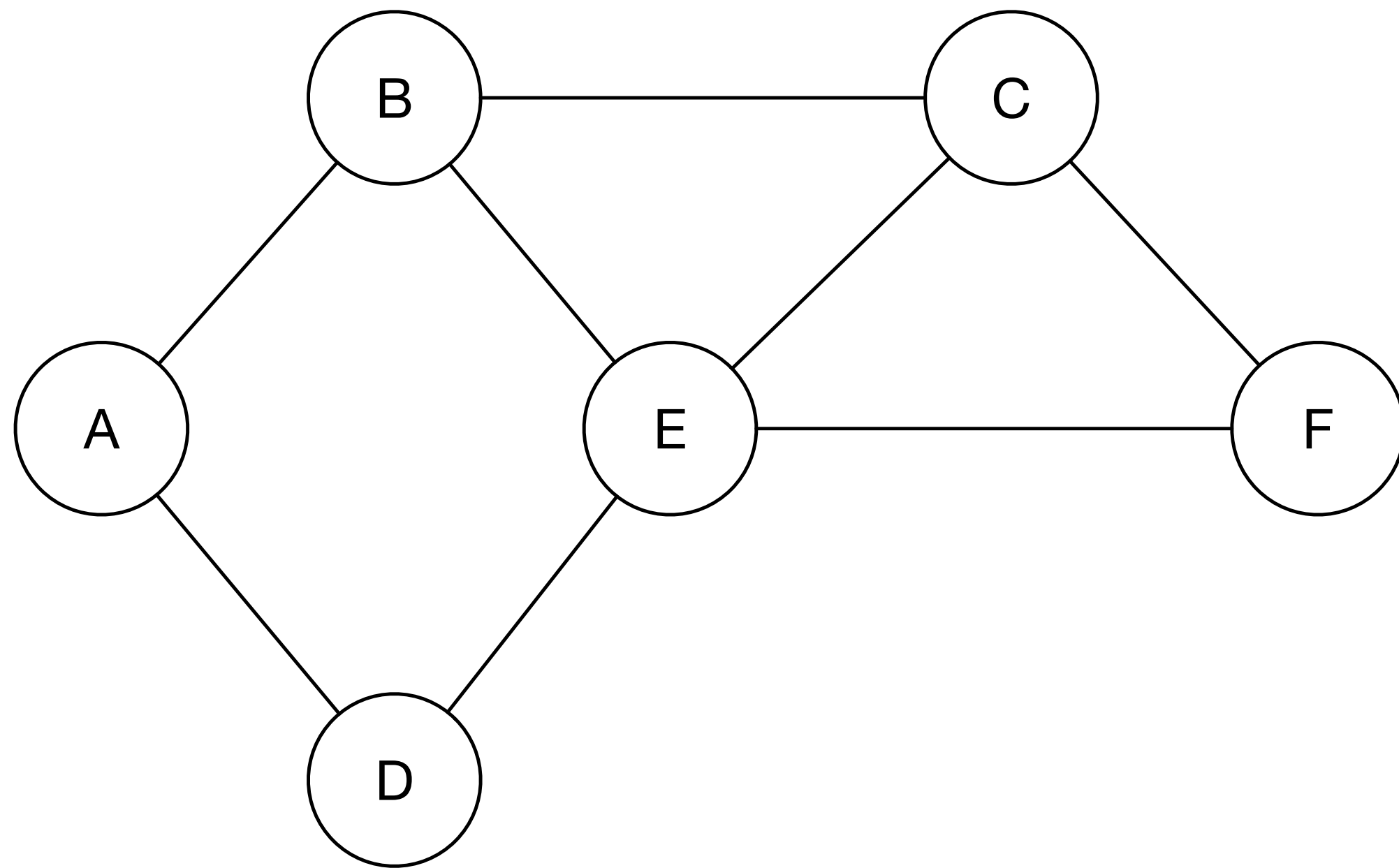


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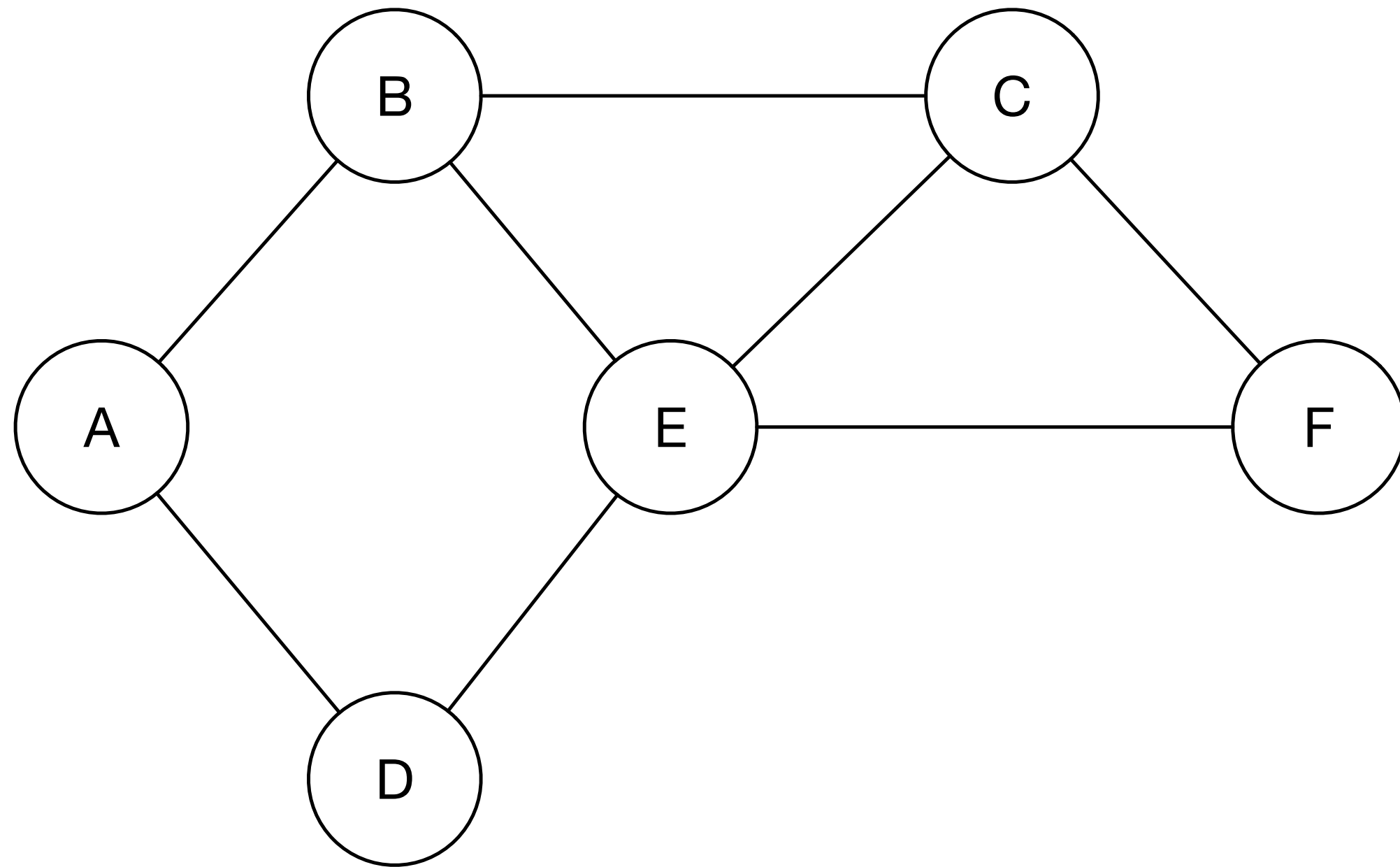


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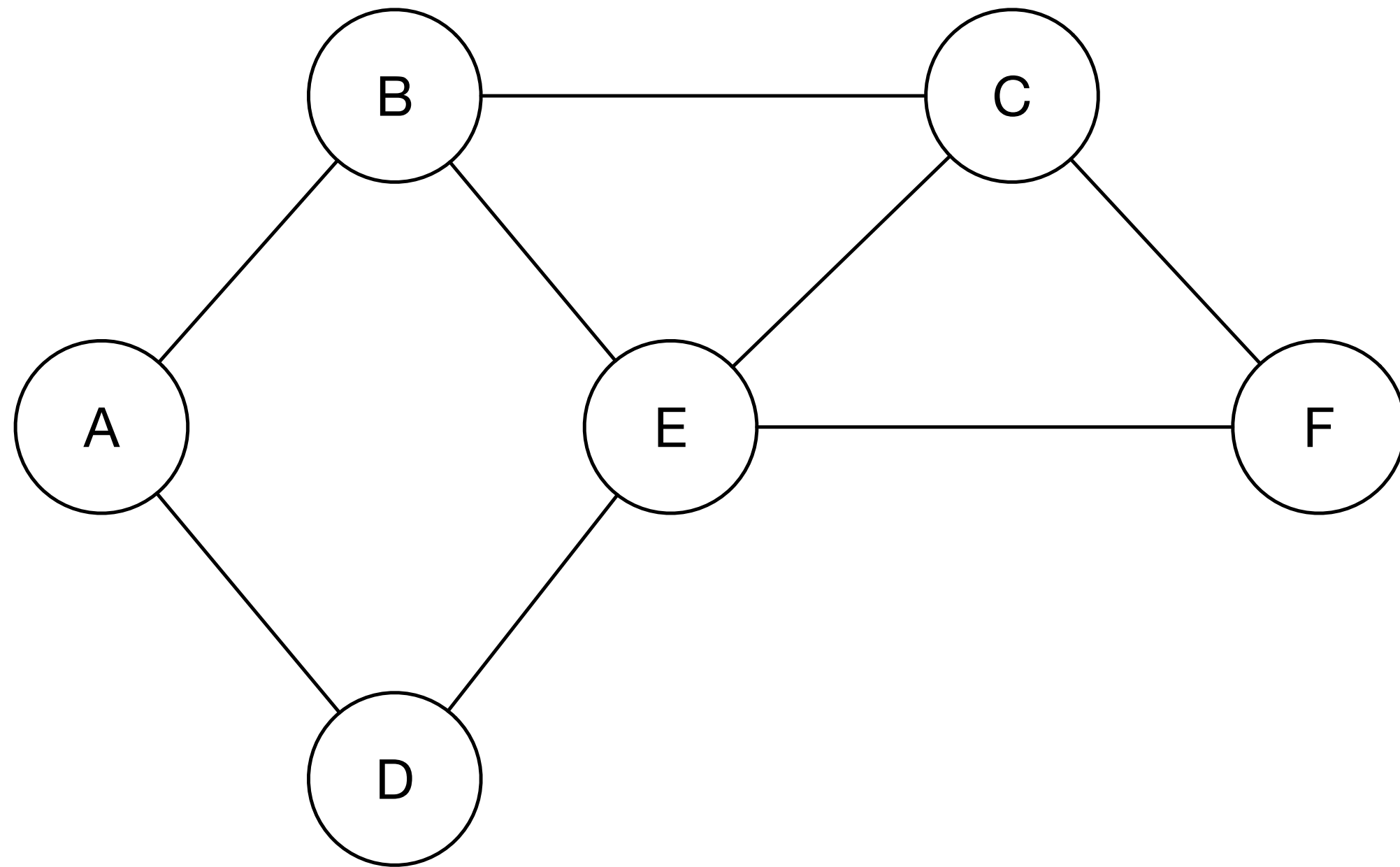
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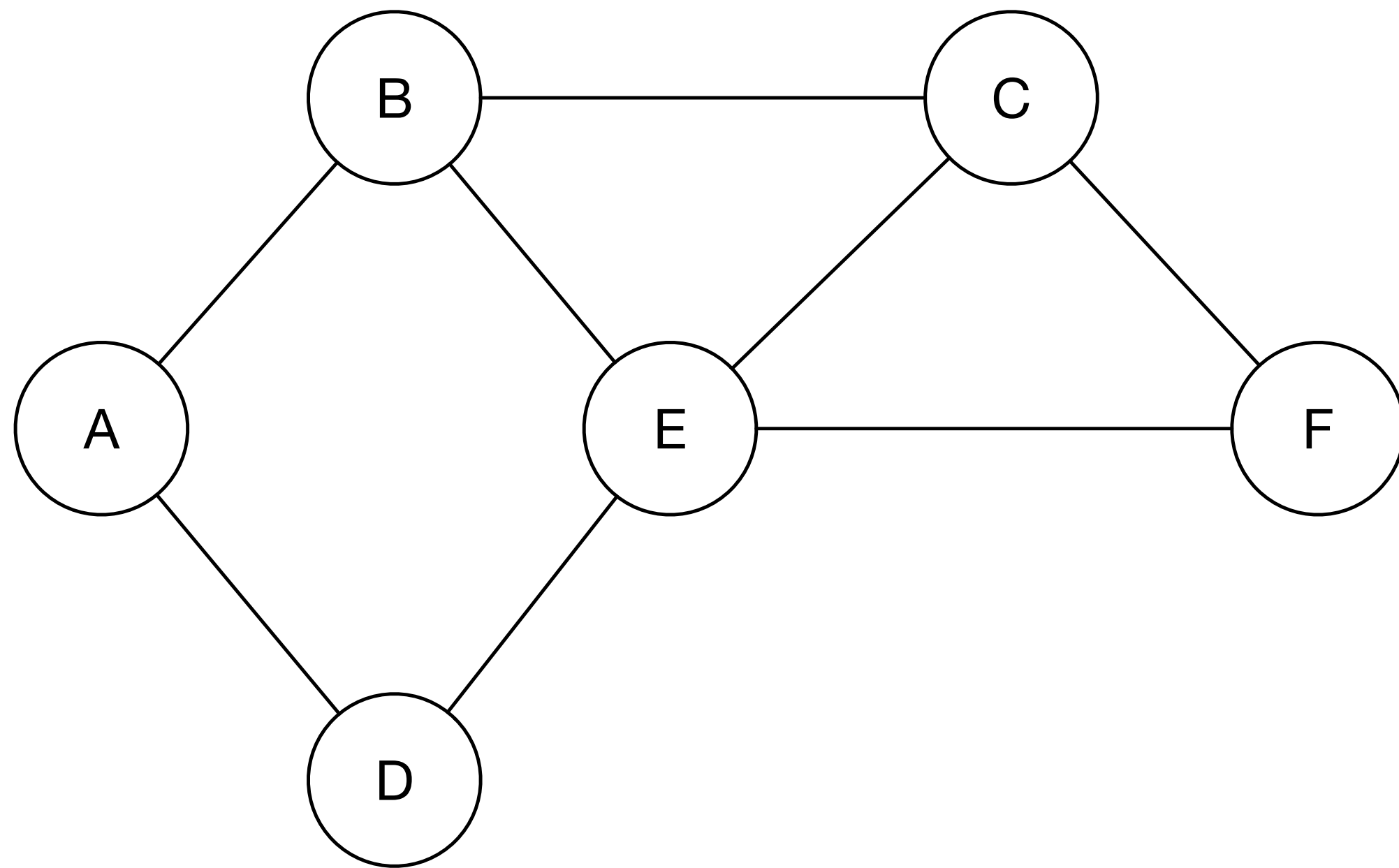


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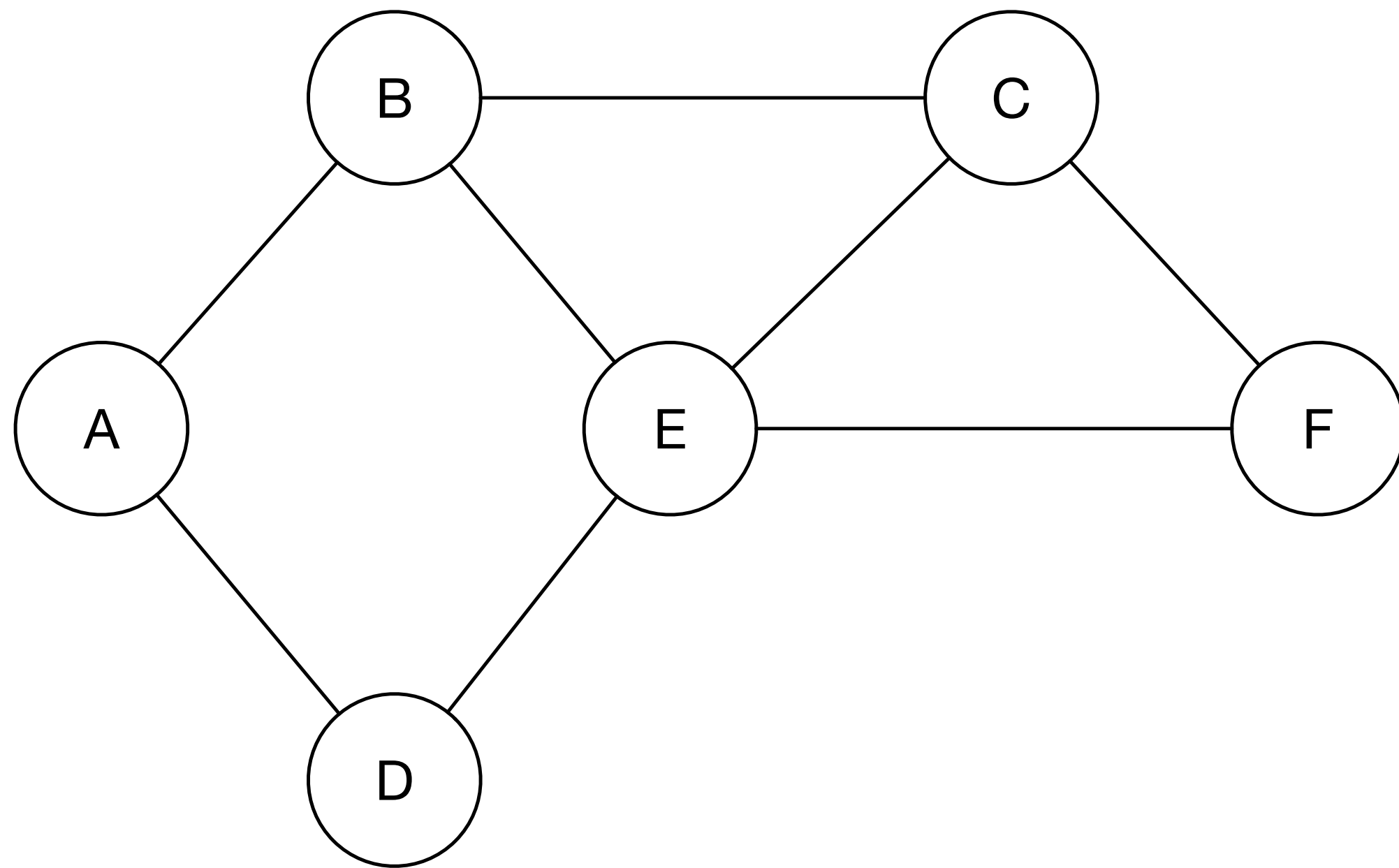


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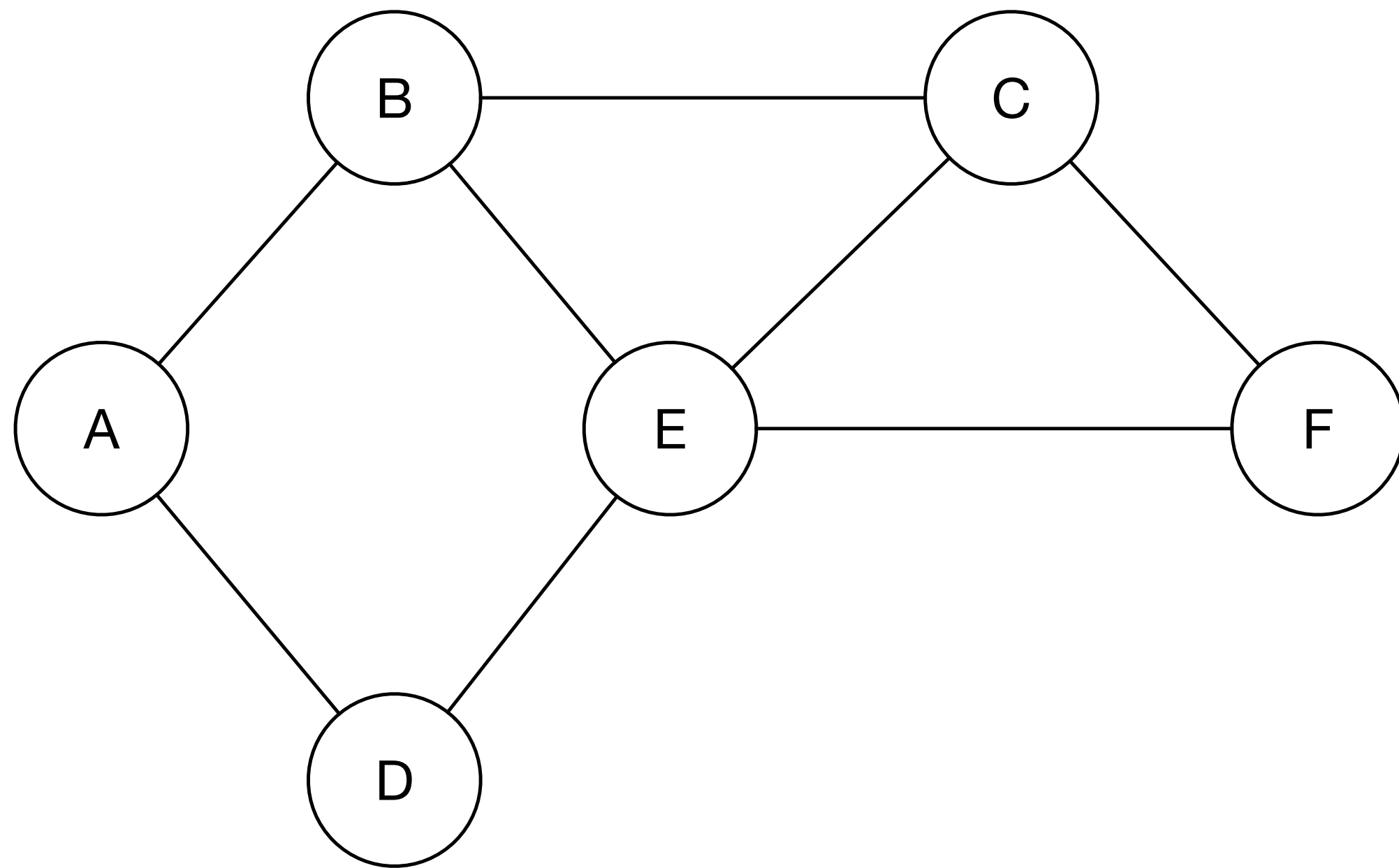


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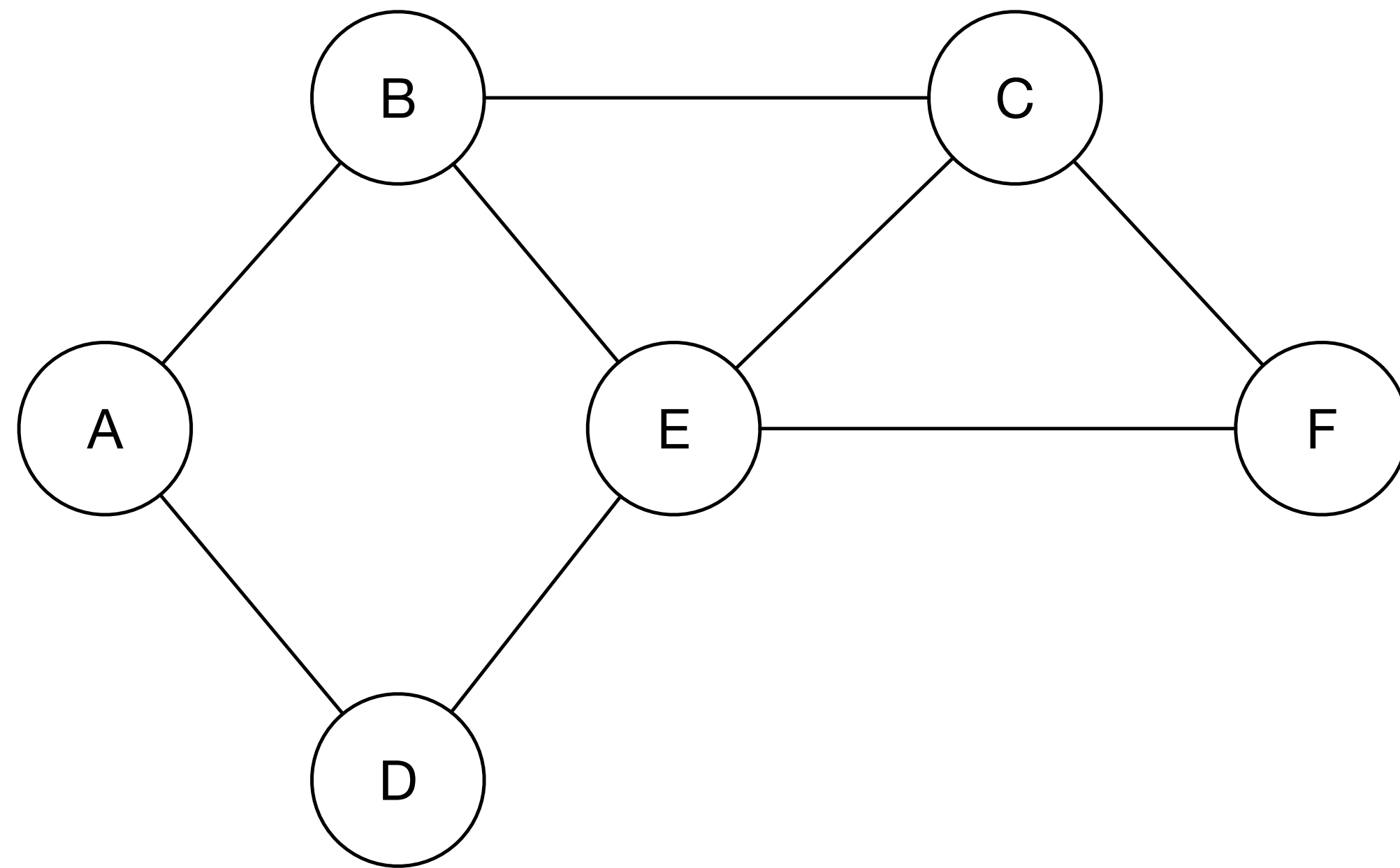


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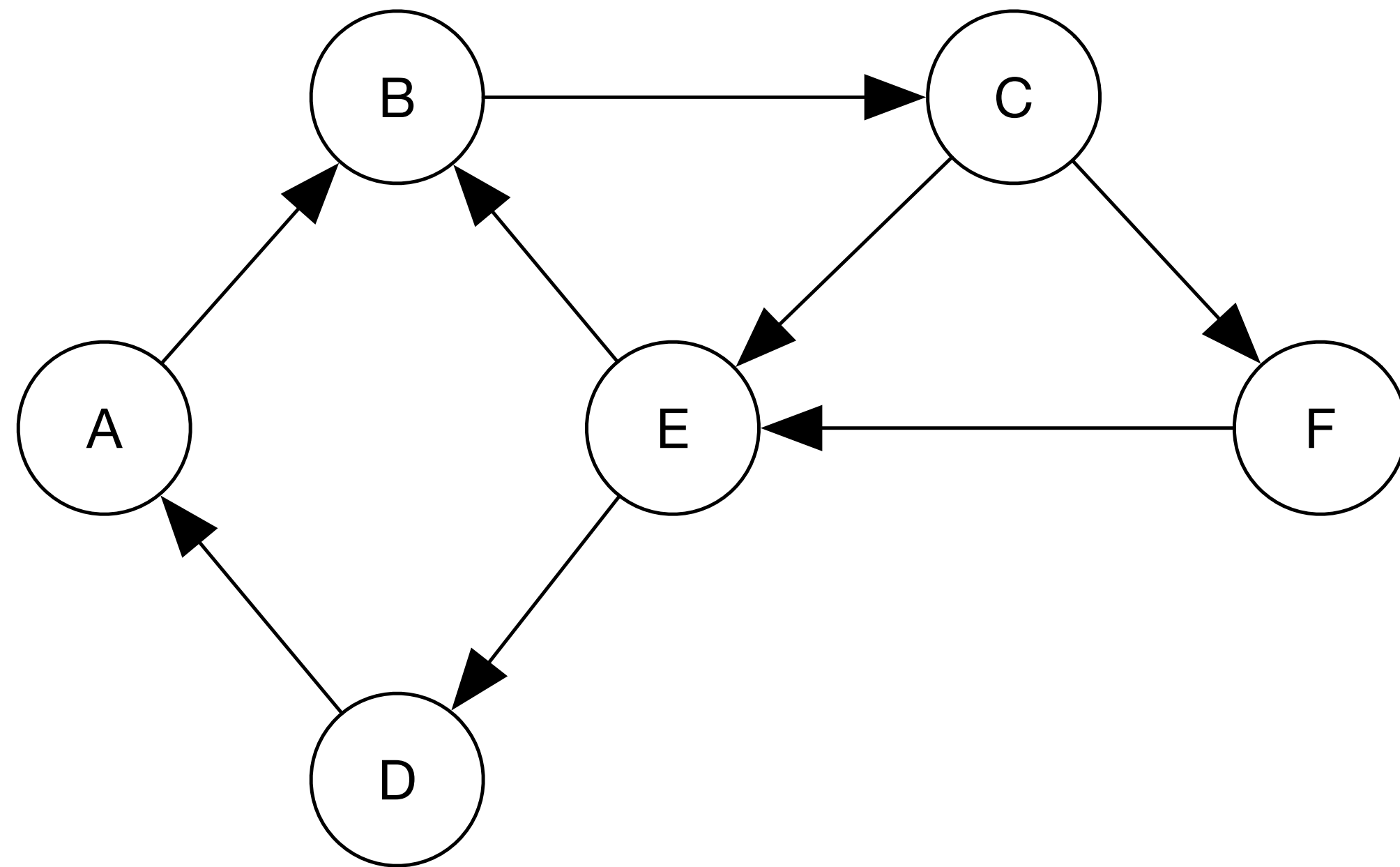


Space:  $O(|V|^2)$   
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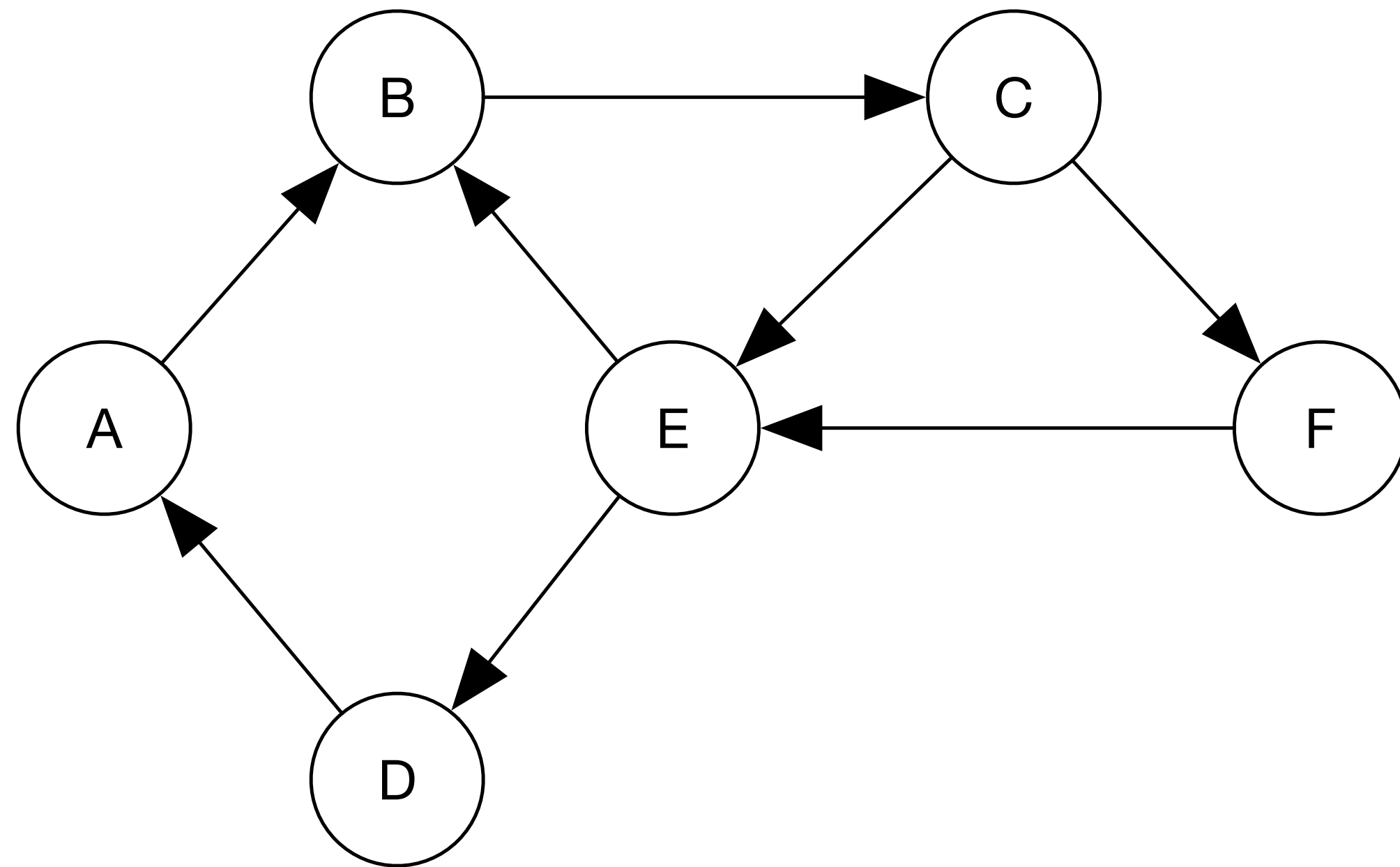
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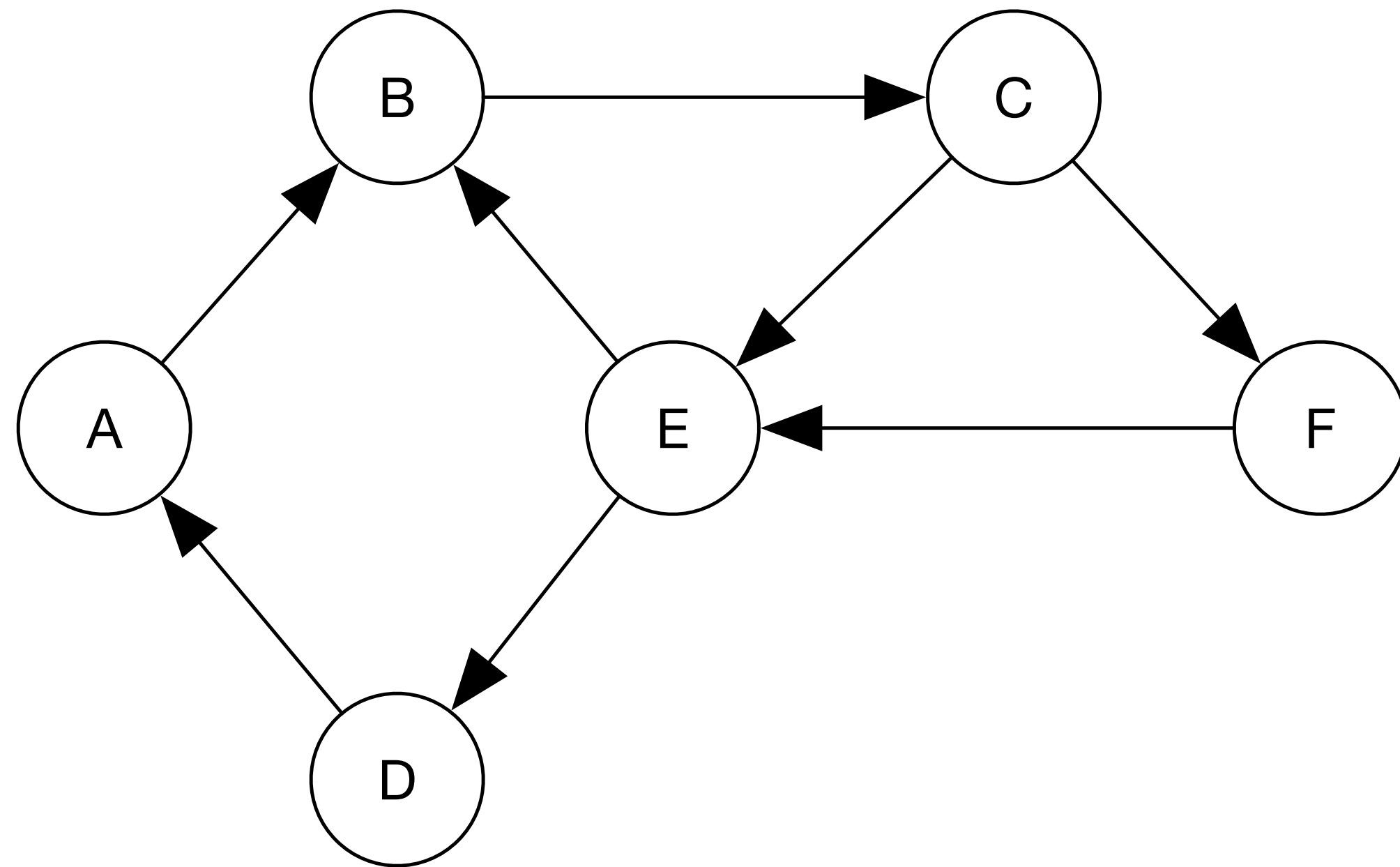
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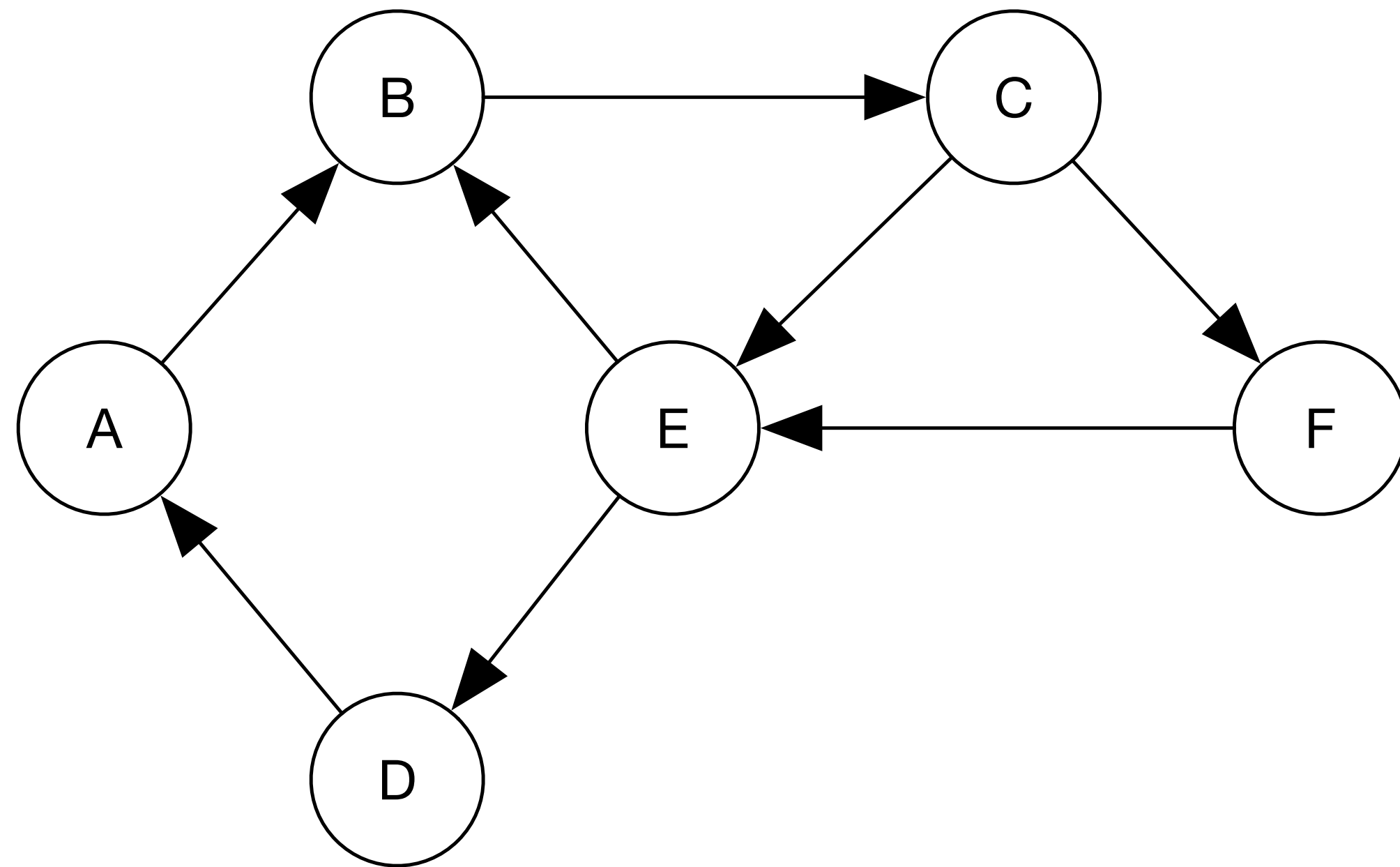


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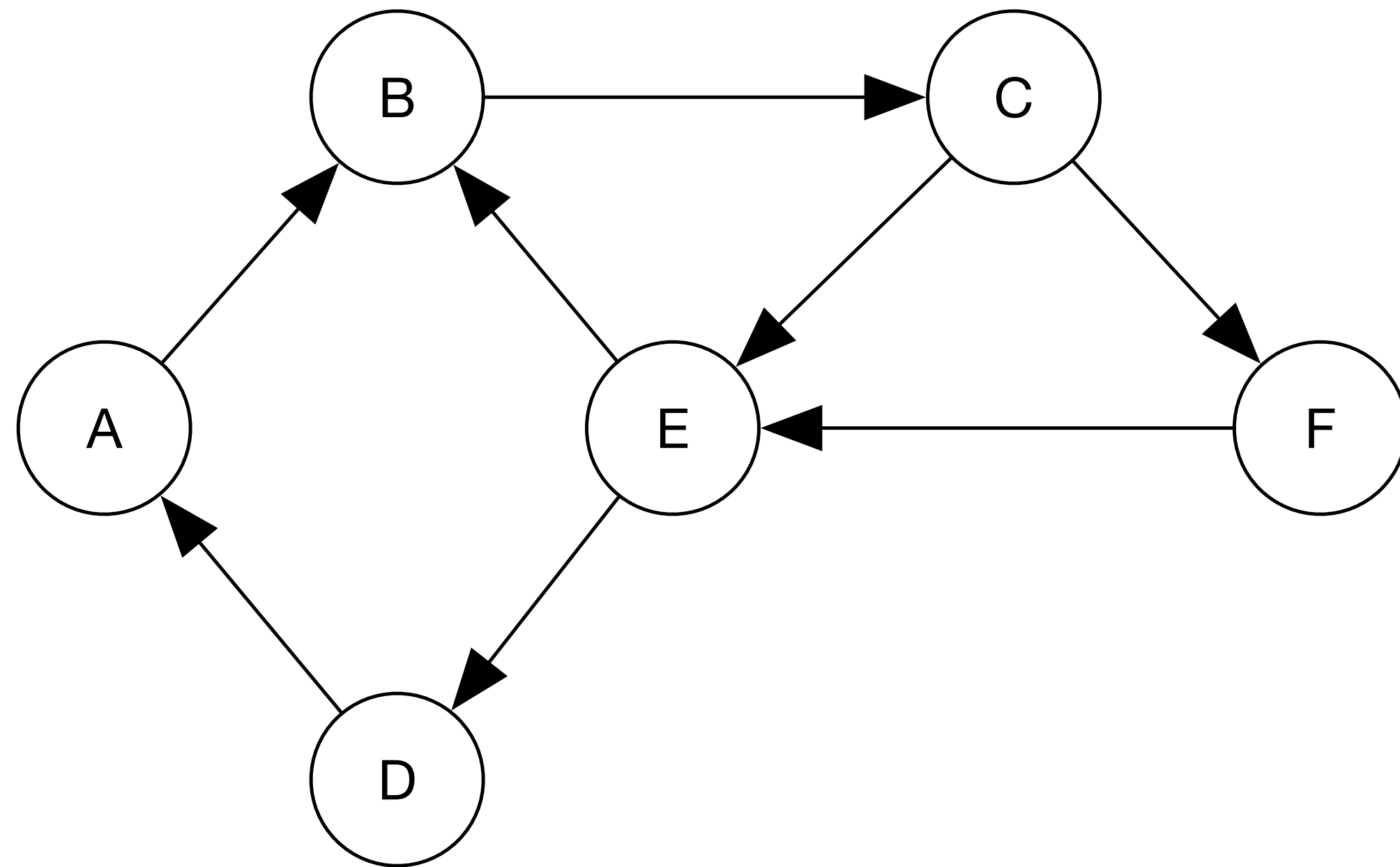
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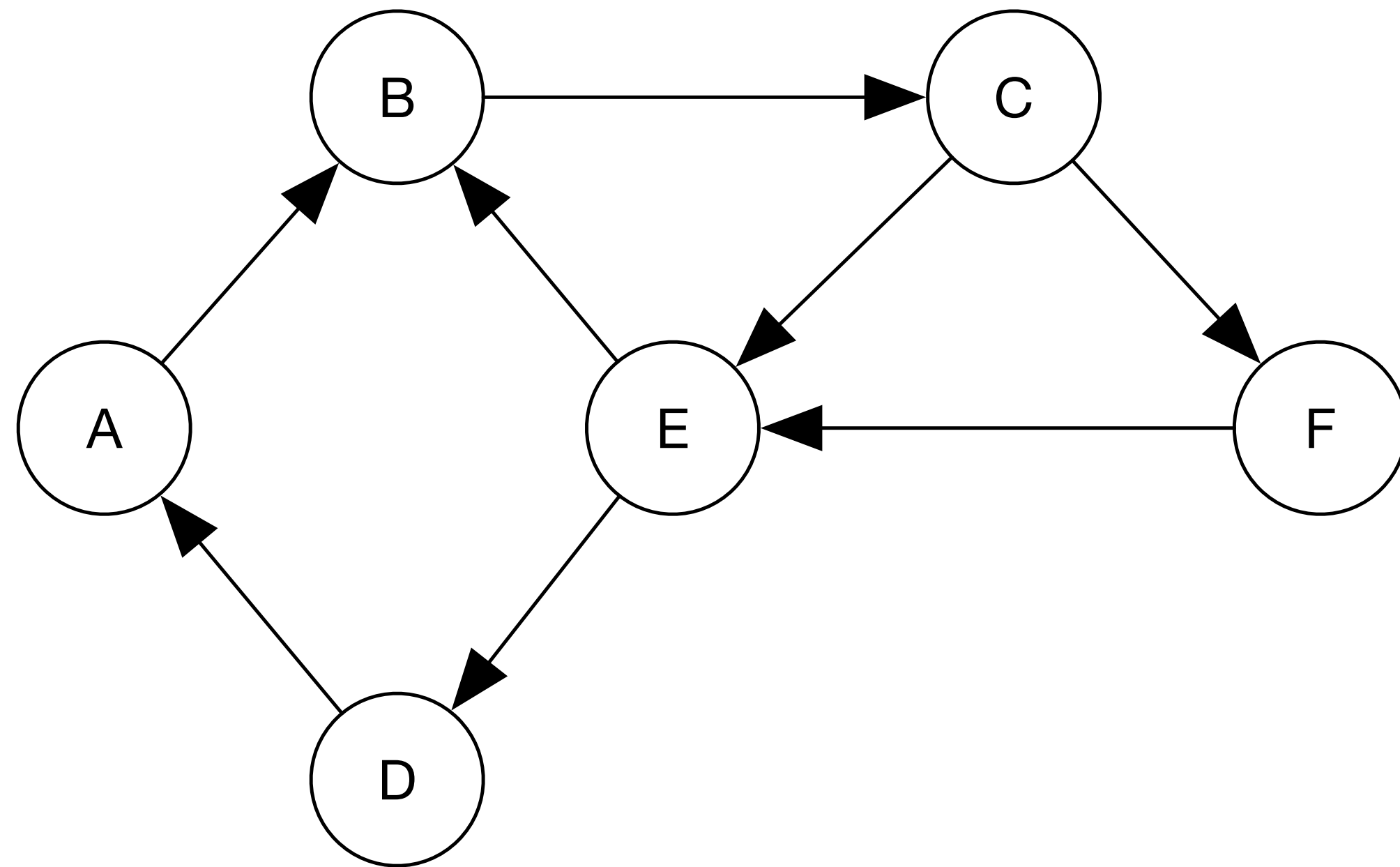
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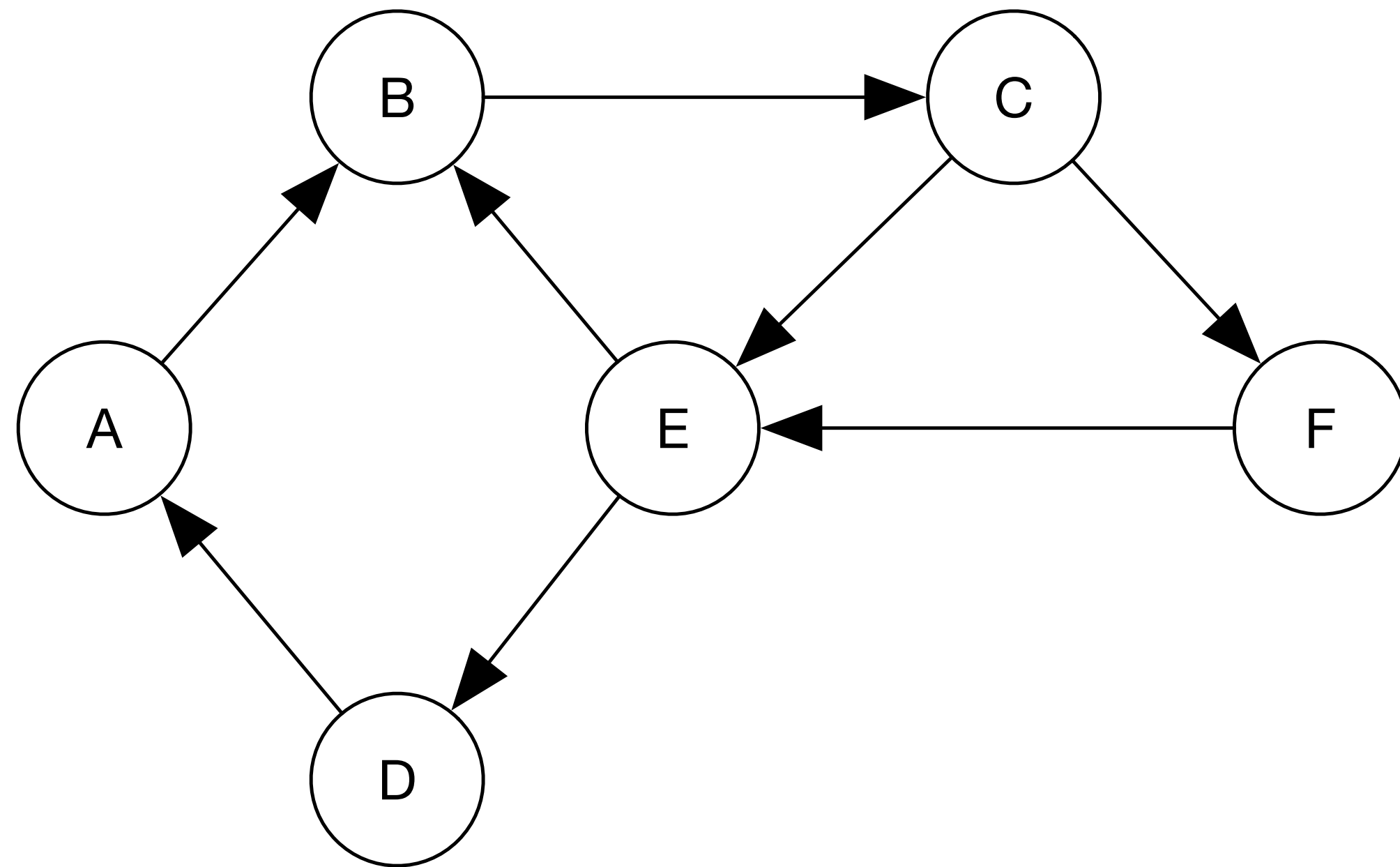
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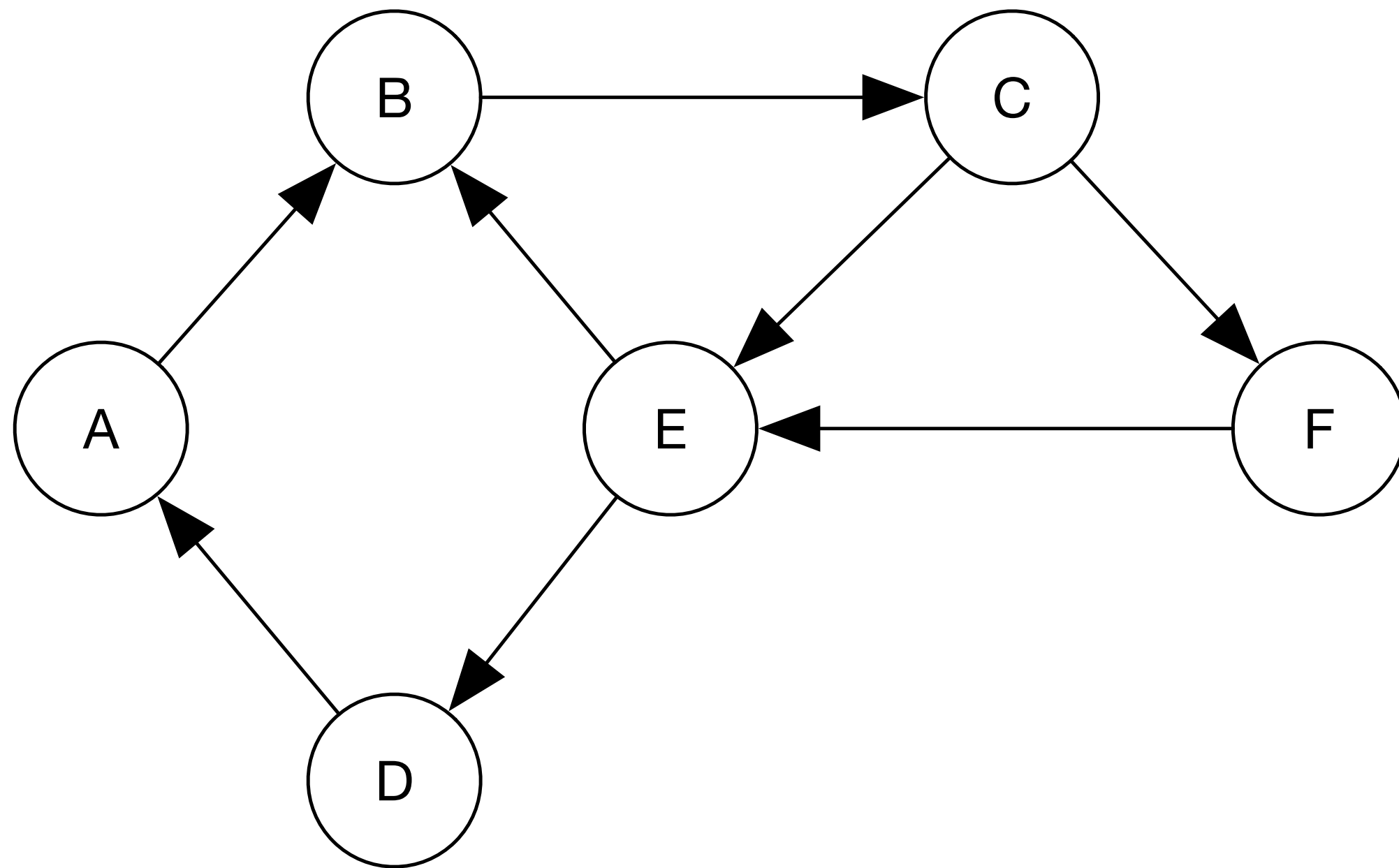
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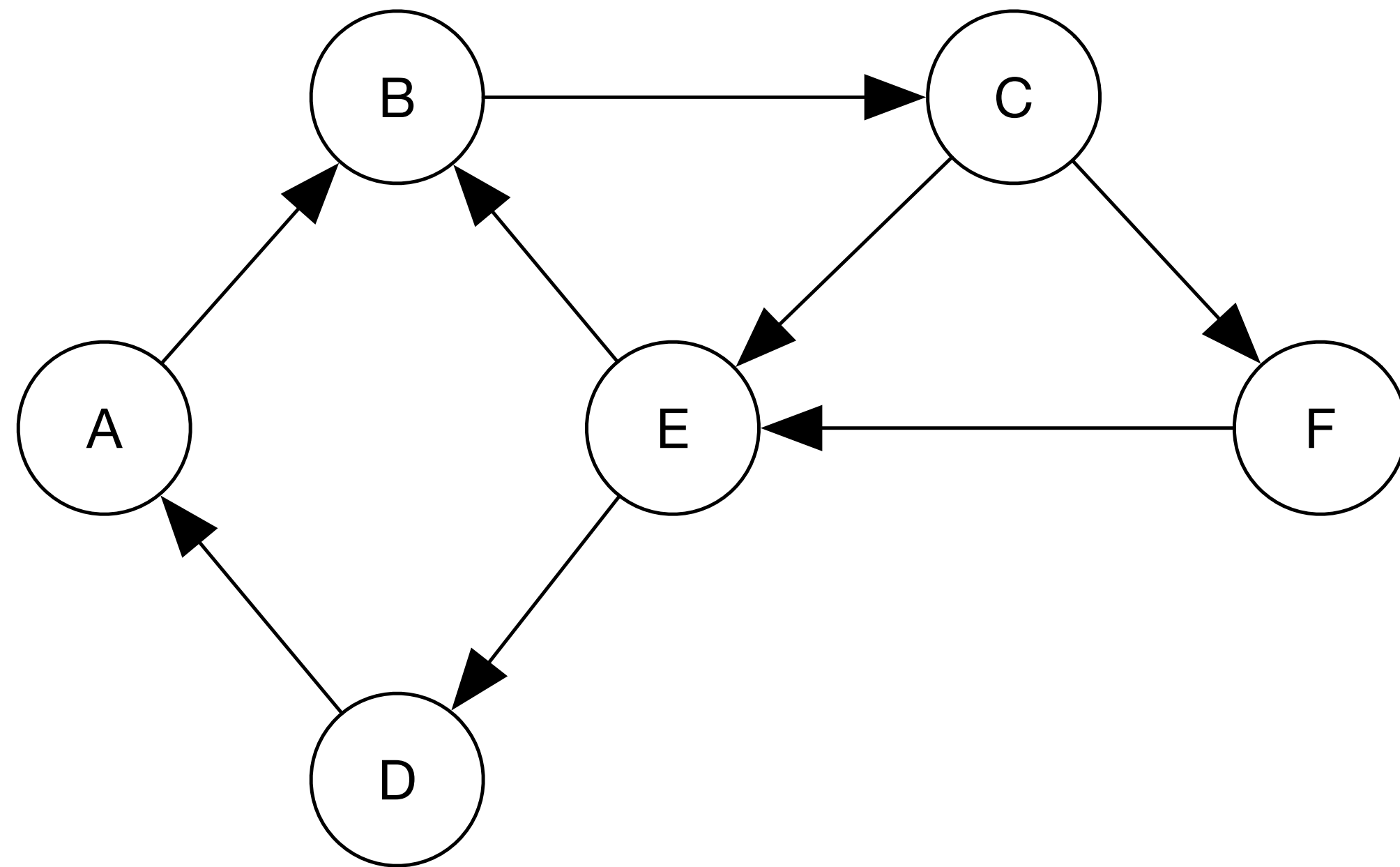


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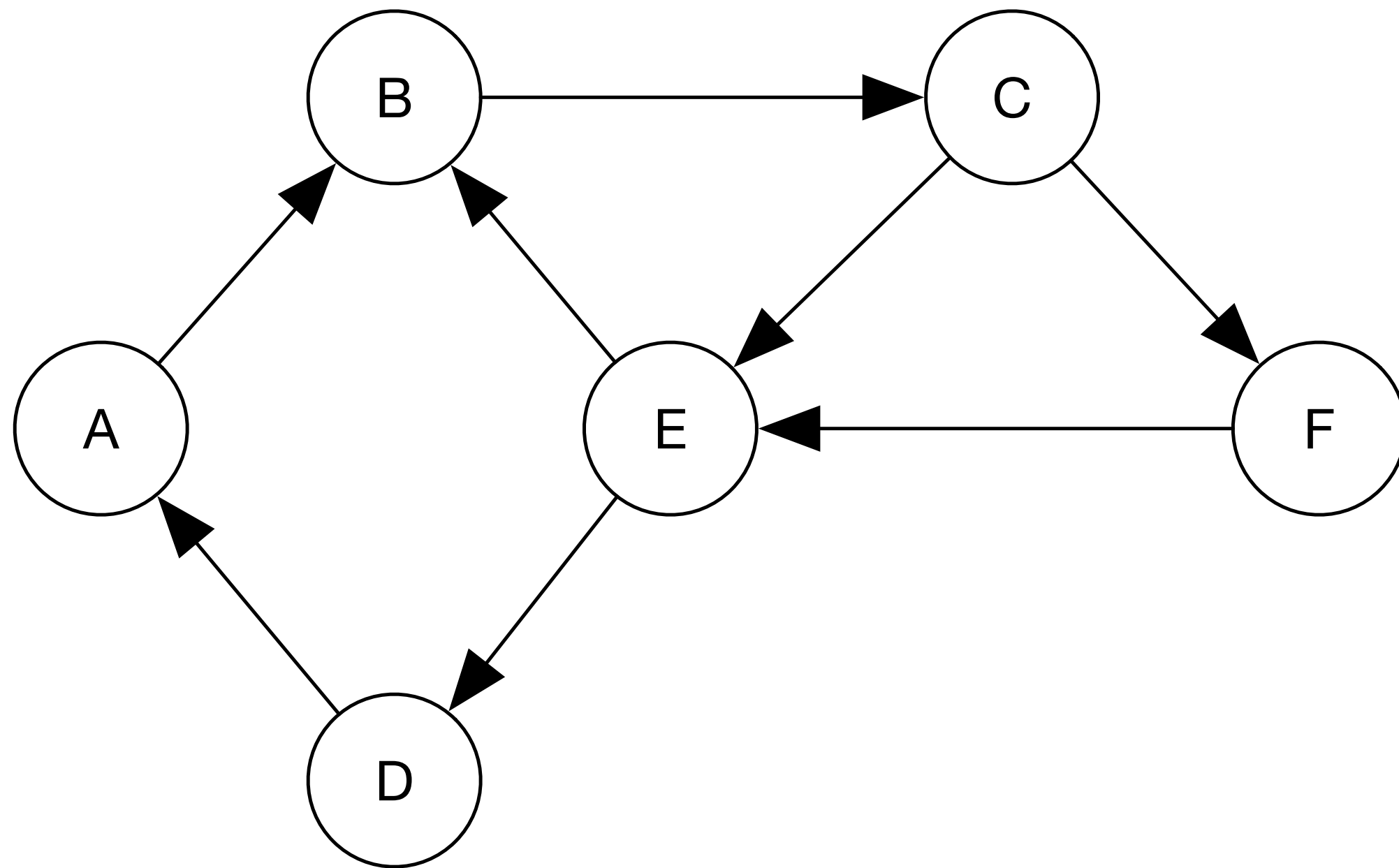


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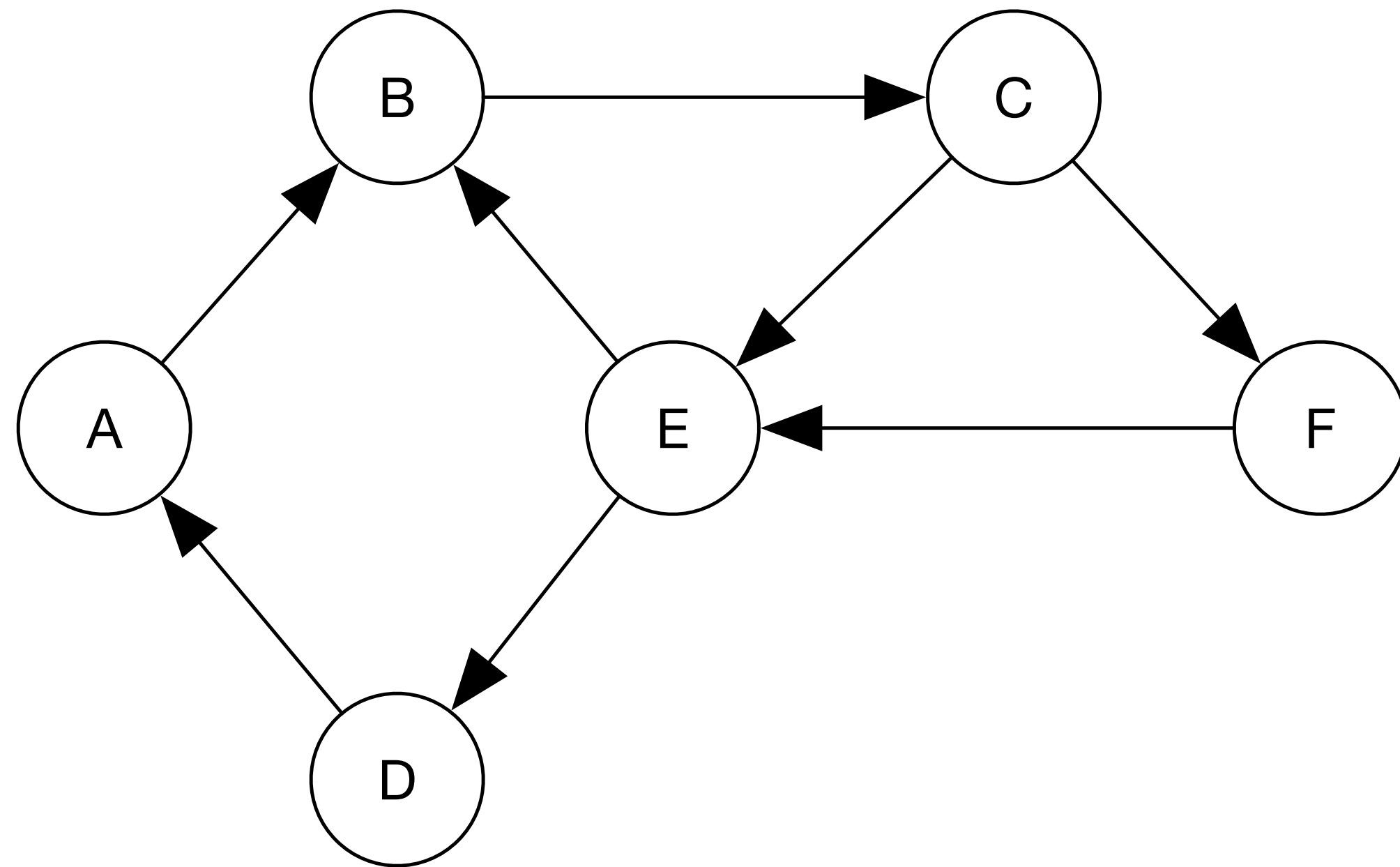


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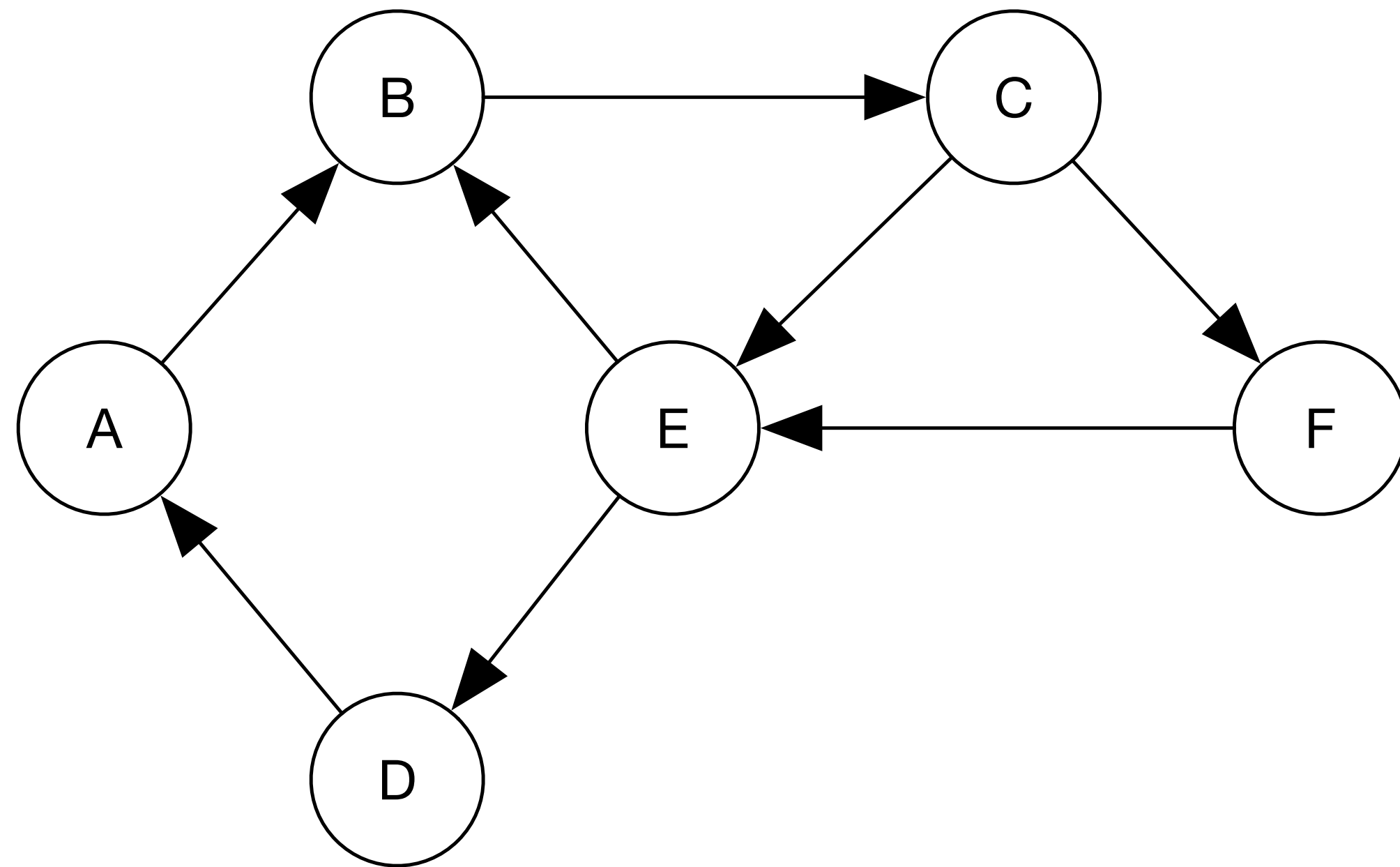
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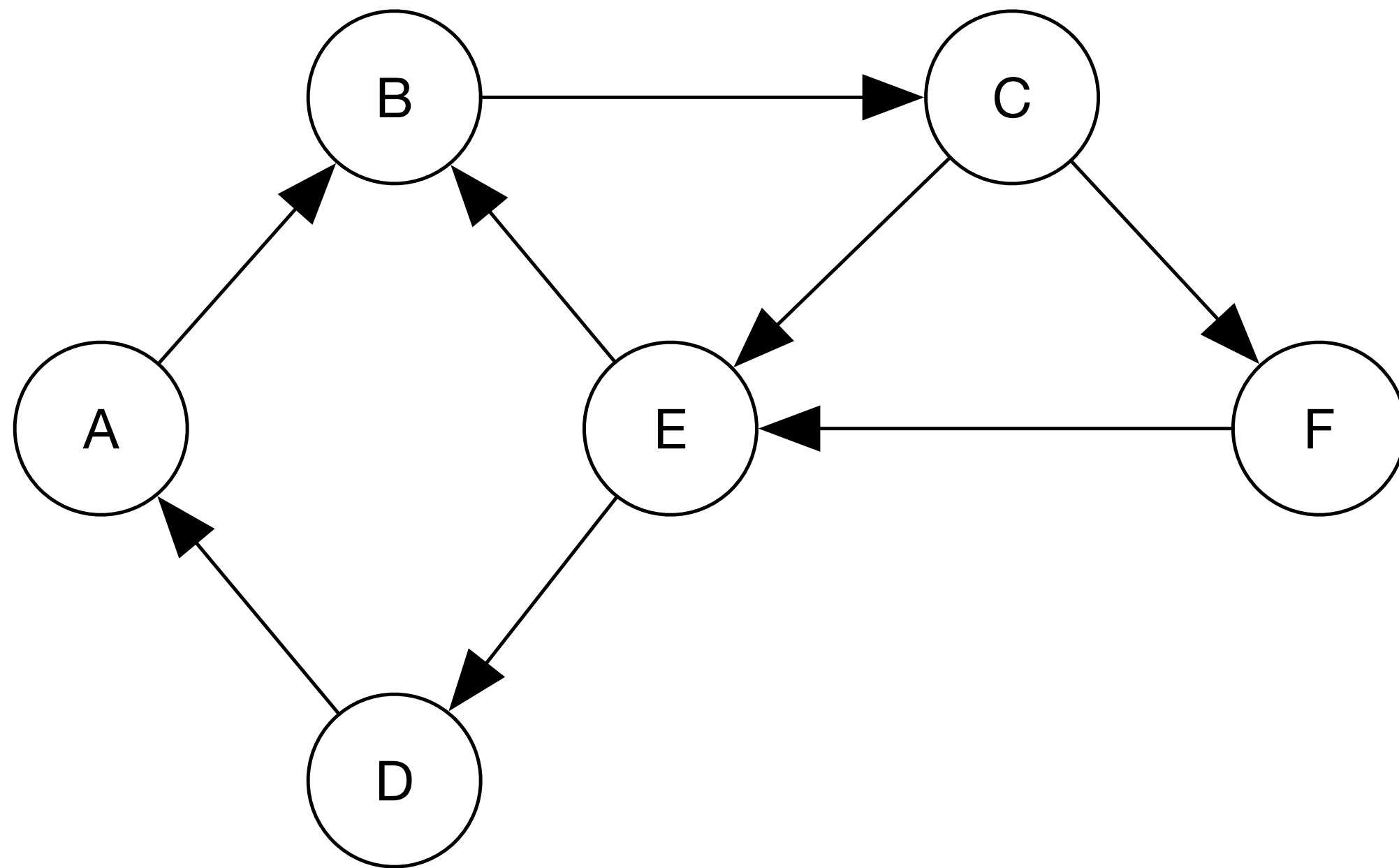


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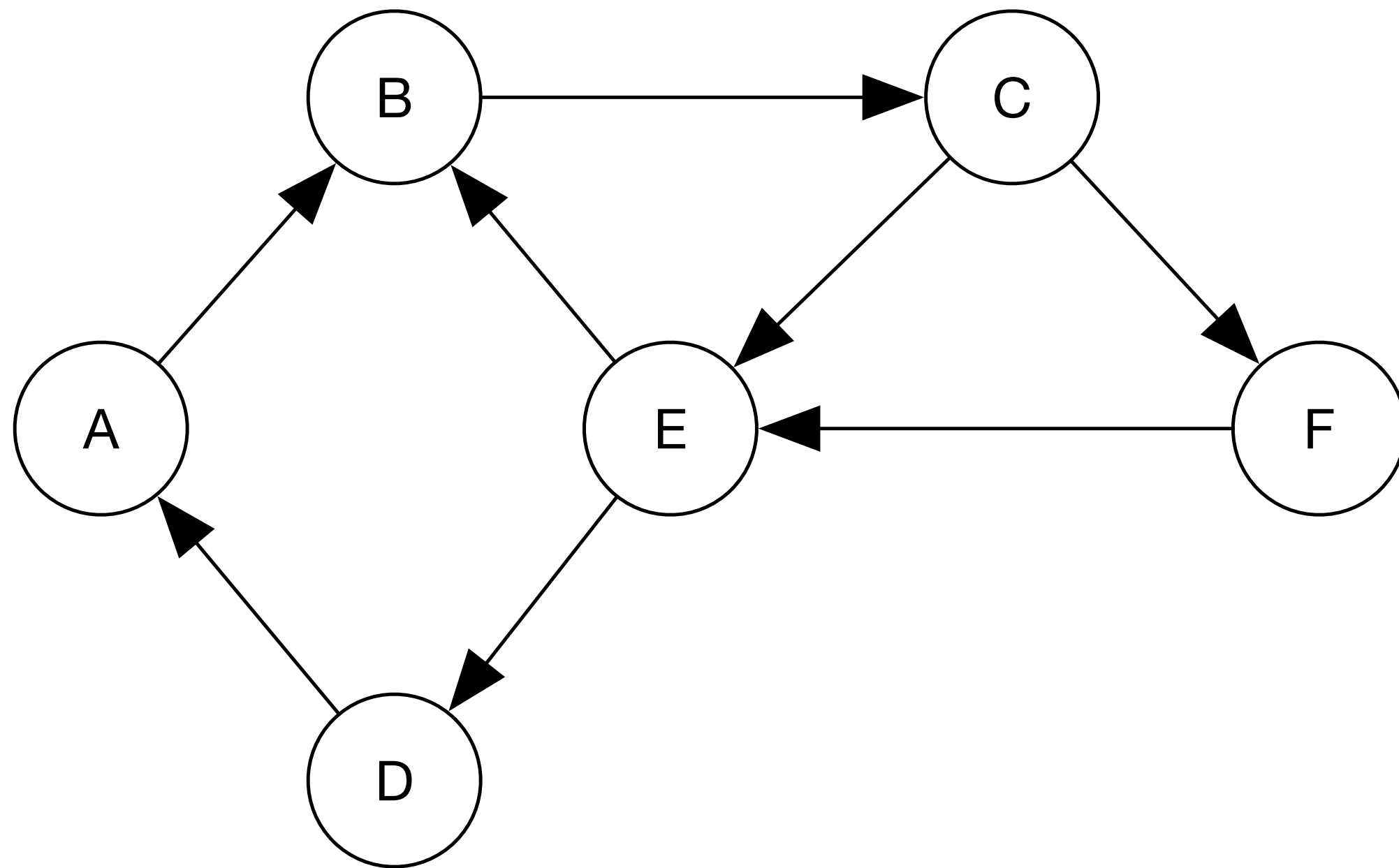


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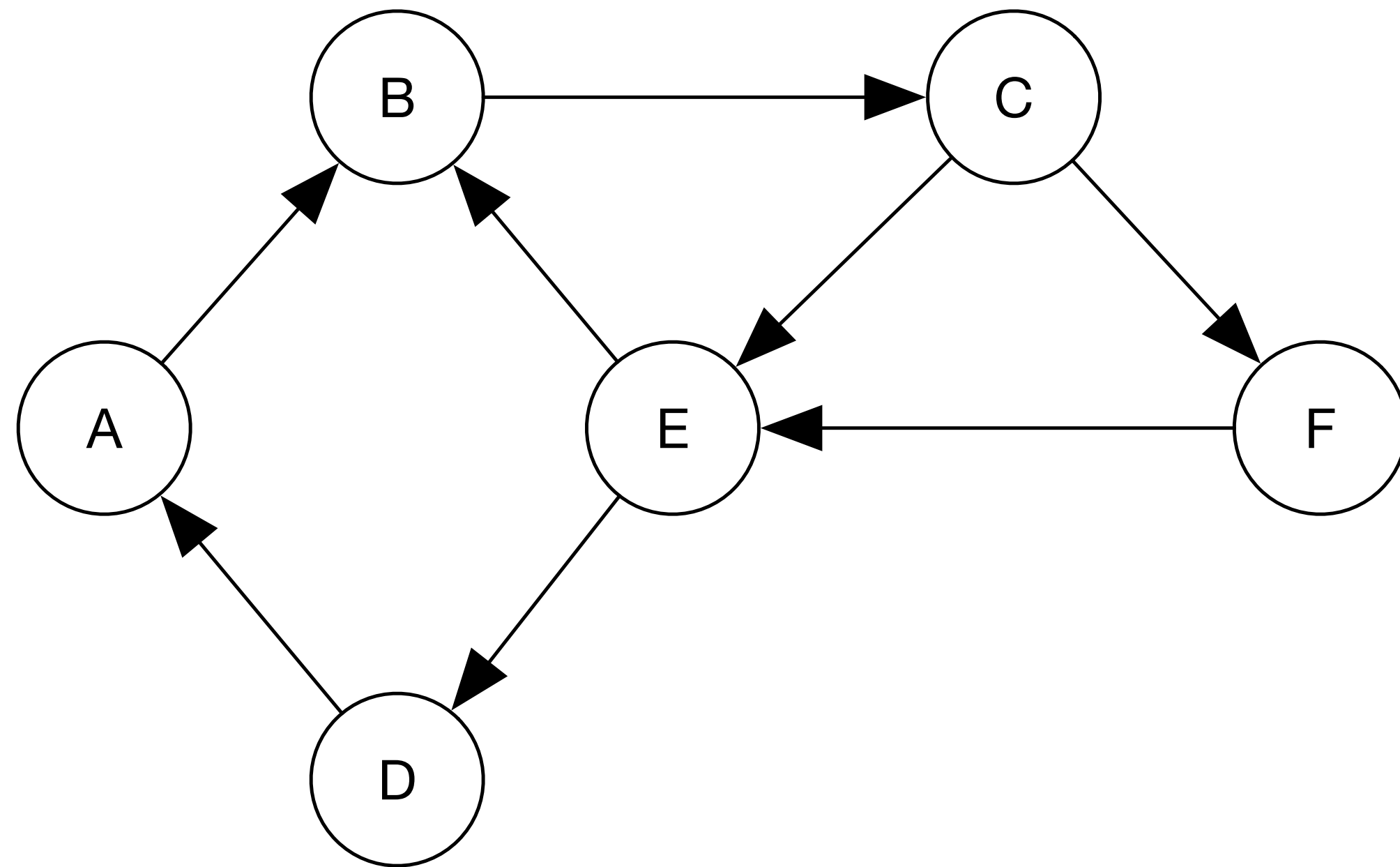


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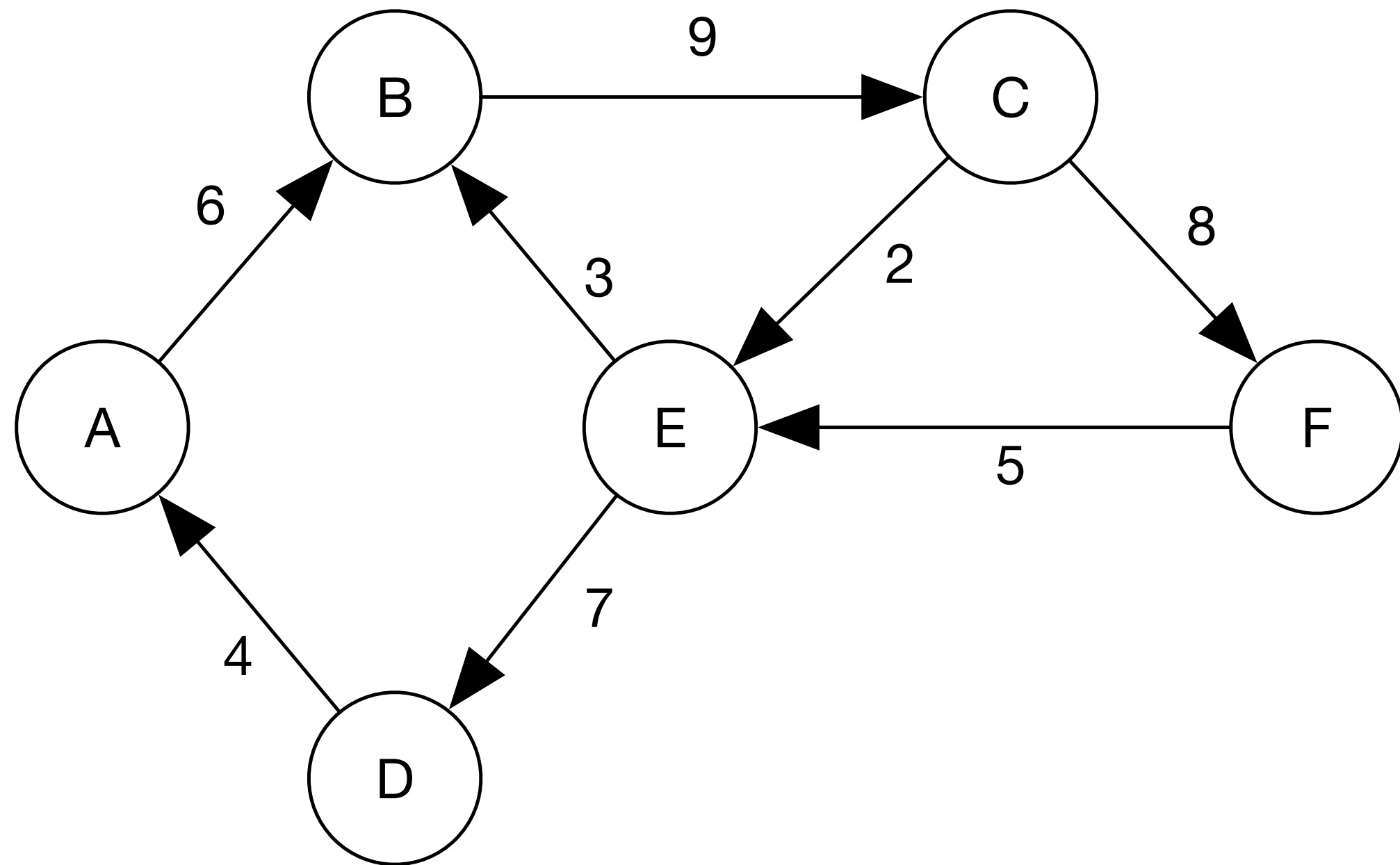


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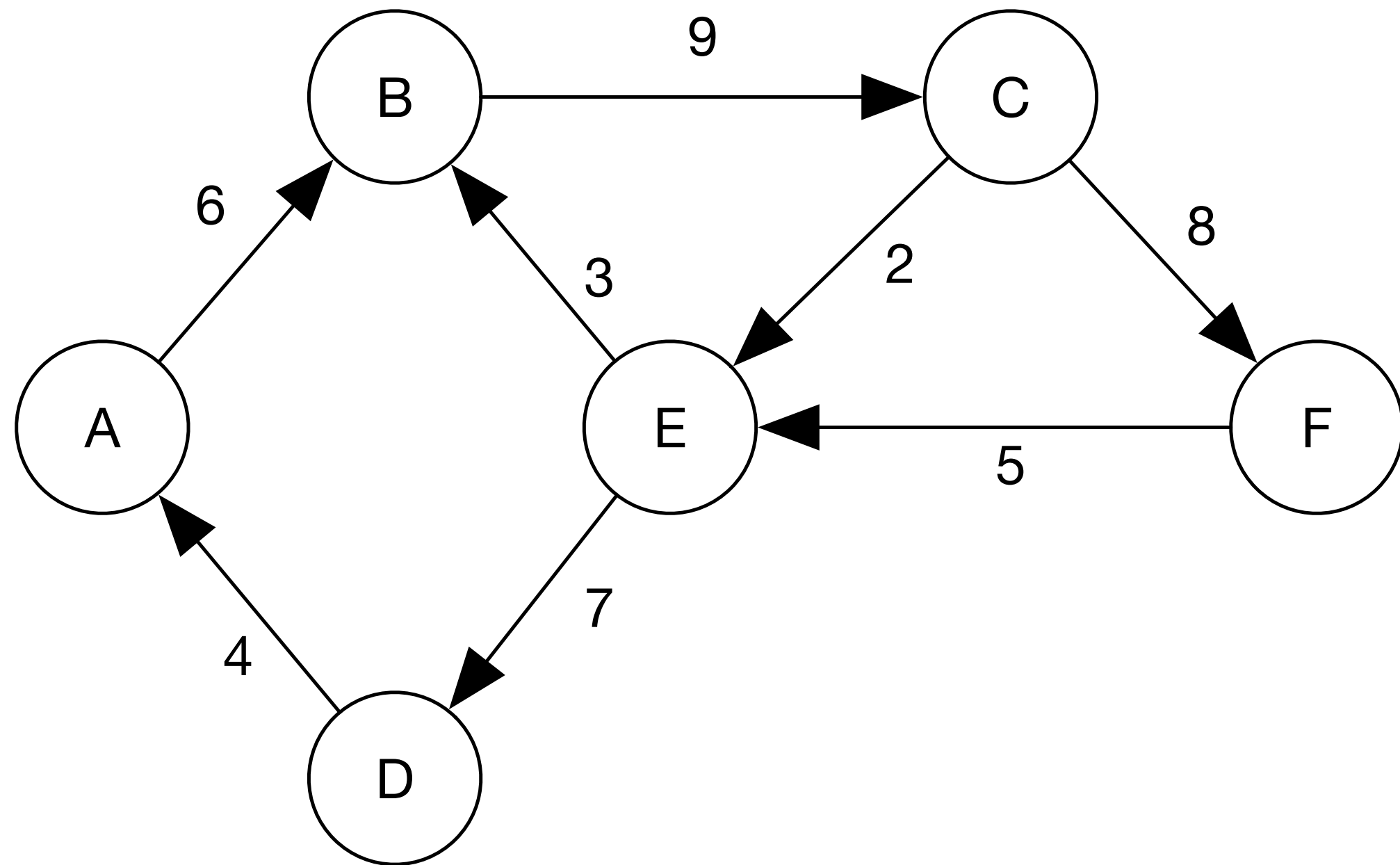
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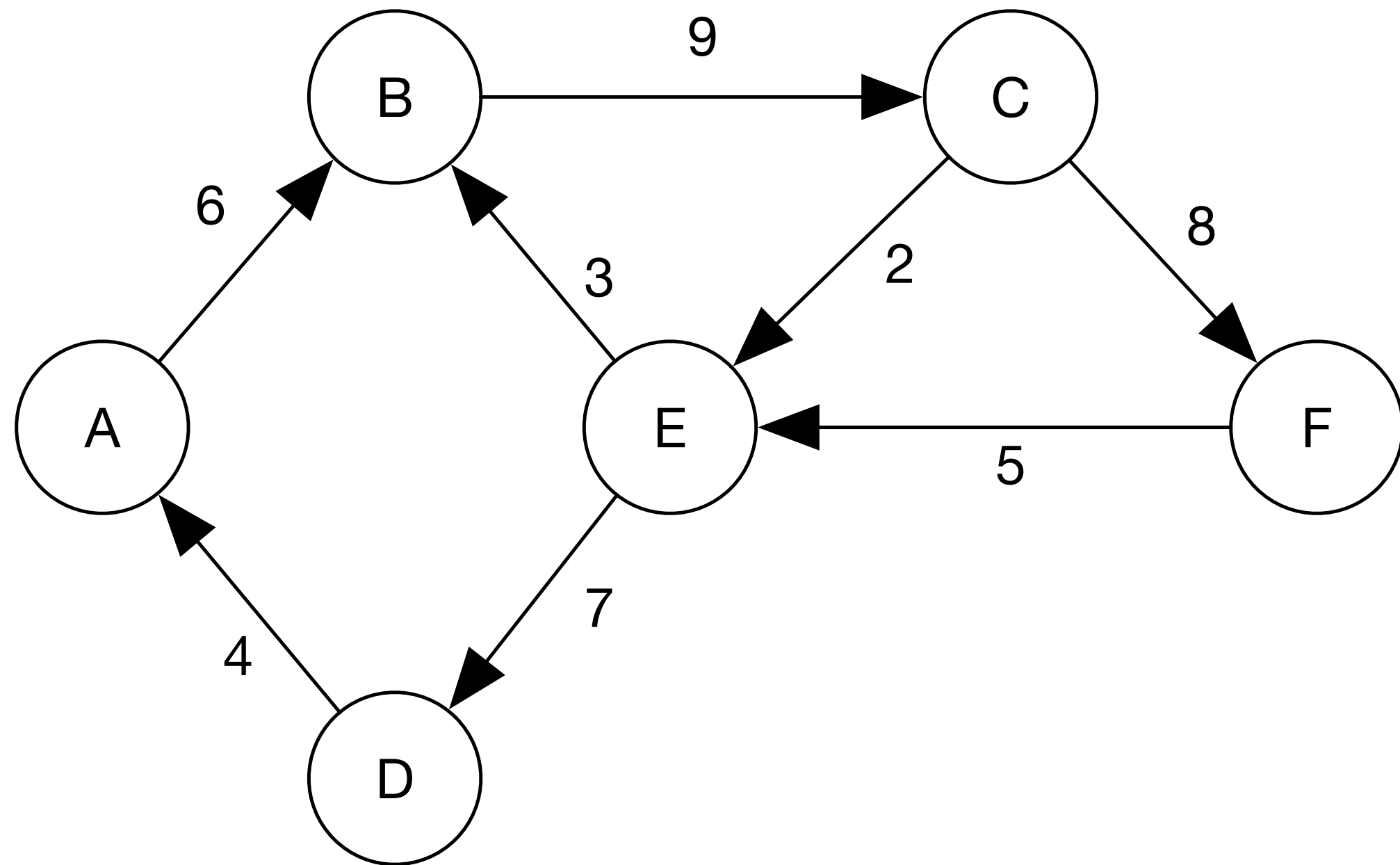
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Adjacency list

A	{B, 6}
B	
C	
D	
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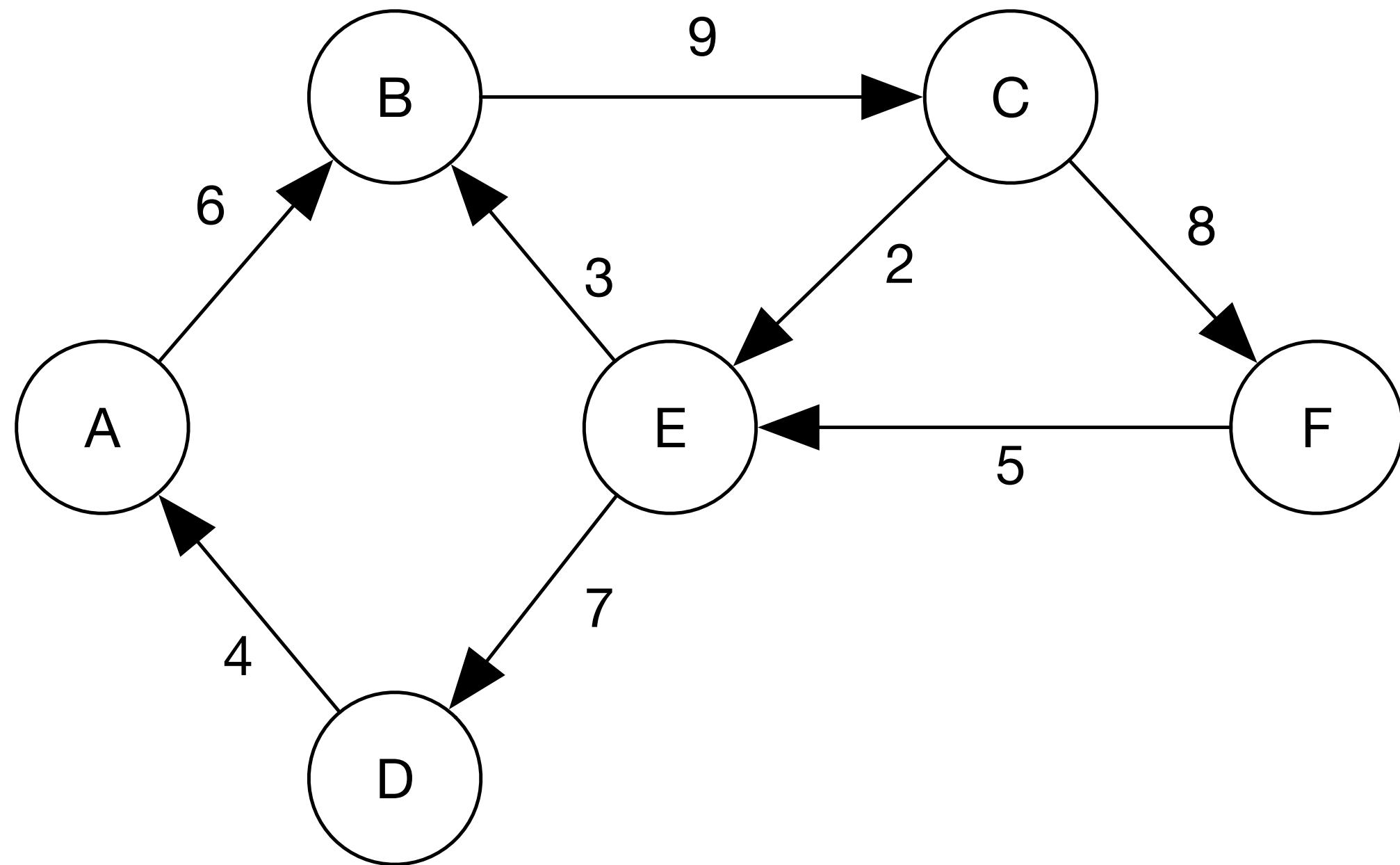
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Adjacency list

A	{B, 6}
B	{C, 9}
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D	
E	
F	

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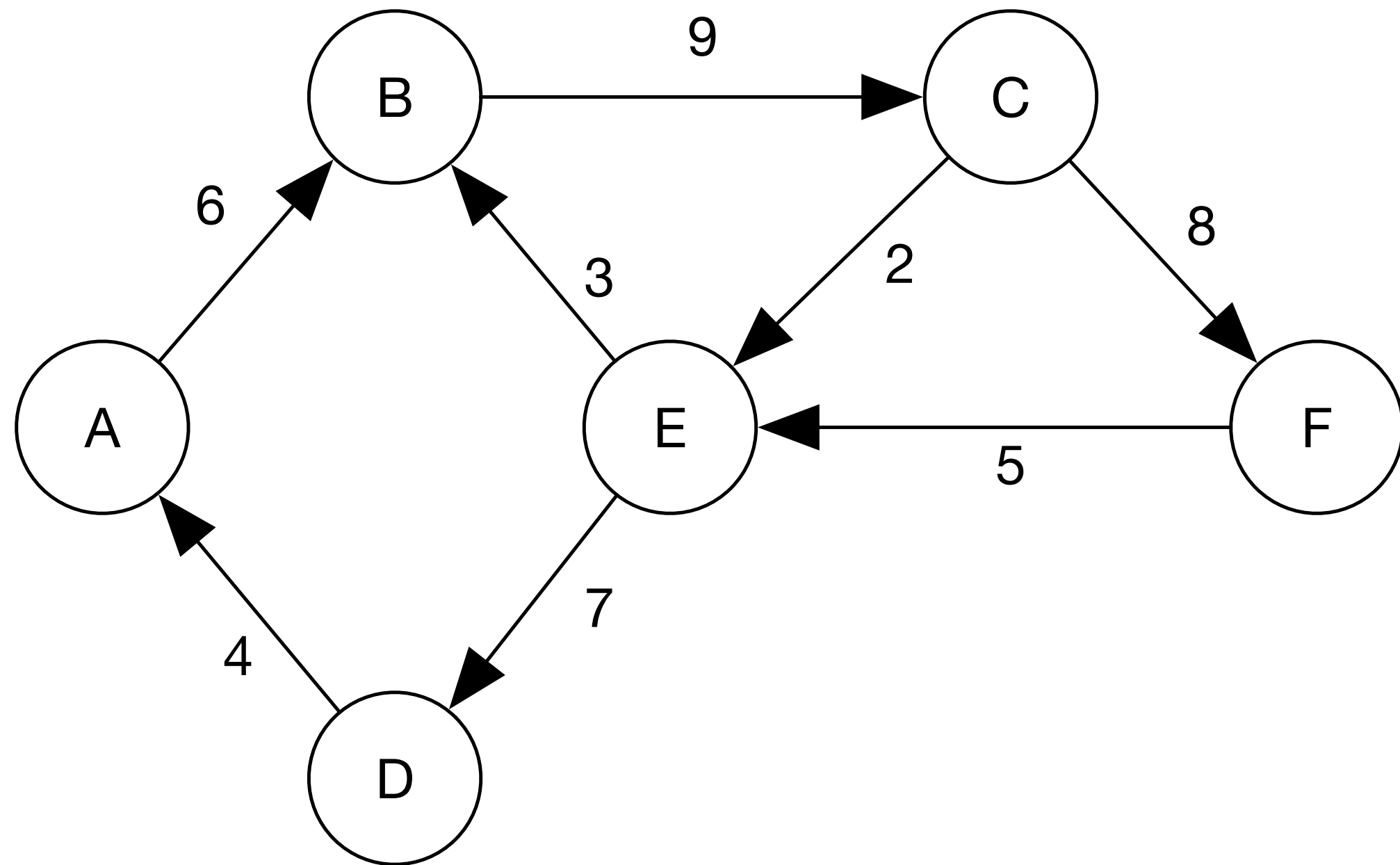


Adjacency list

A	{B, 6}
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C	{E, 2}, {F, 8}
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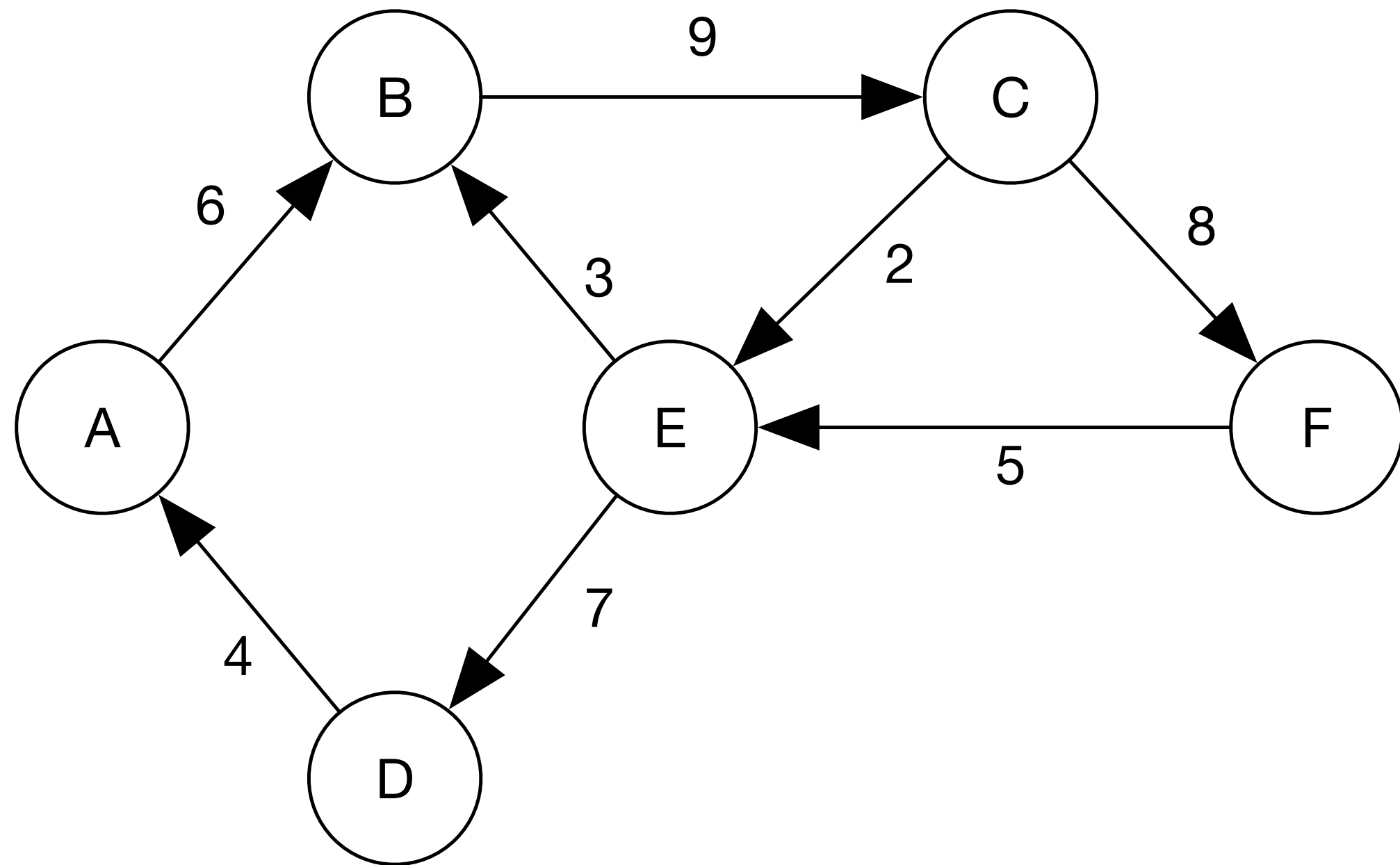
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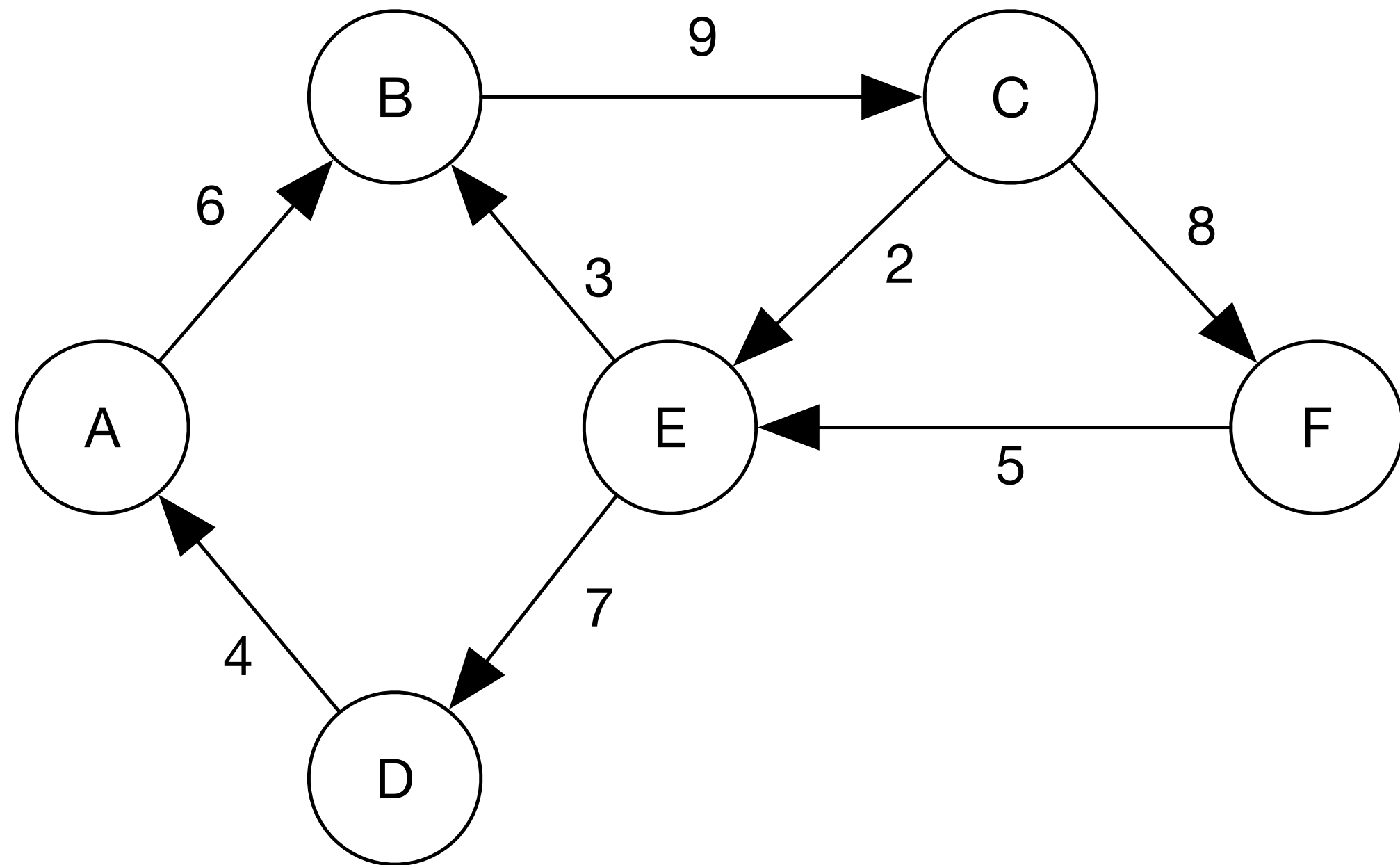
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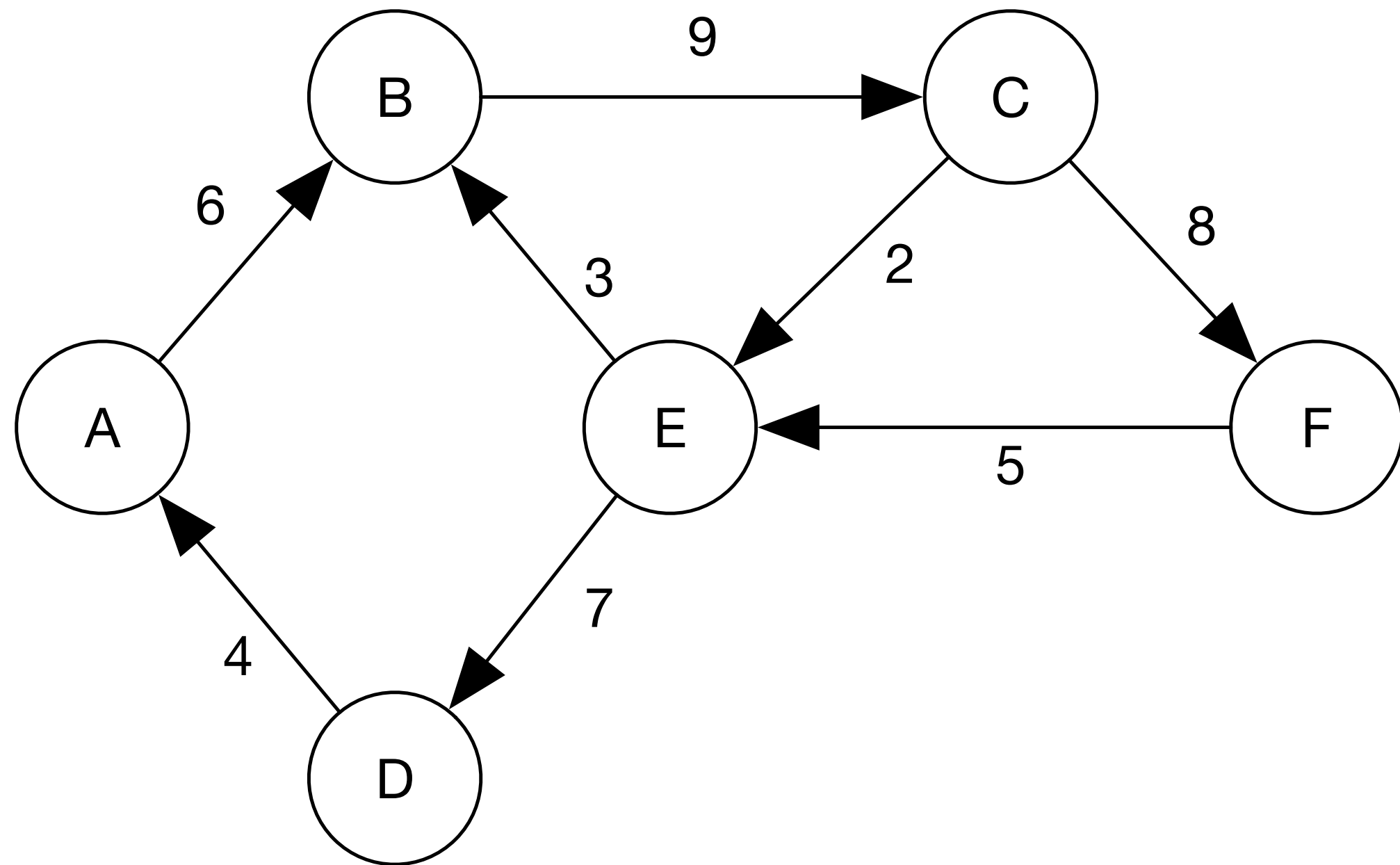
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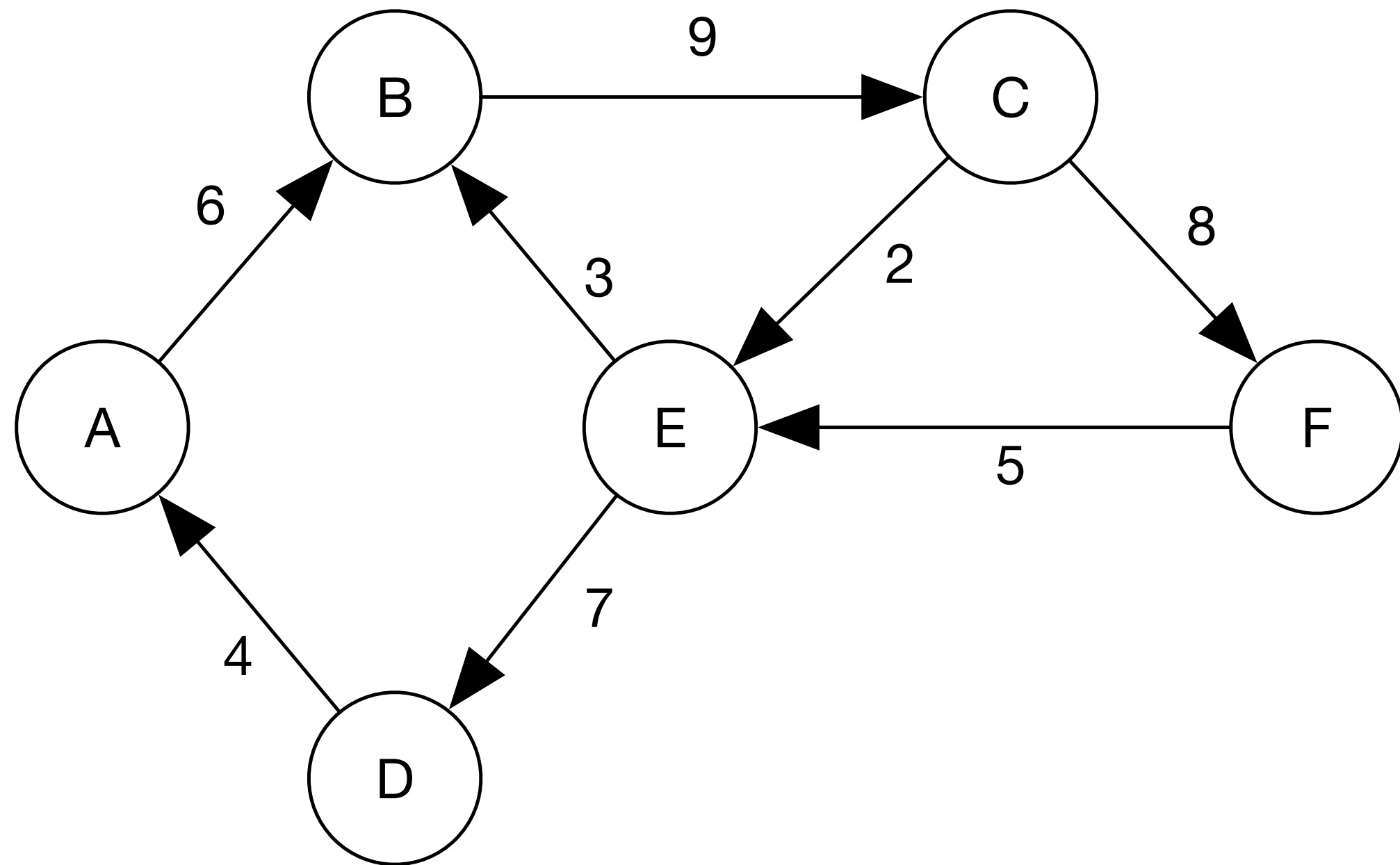


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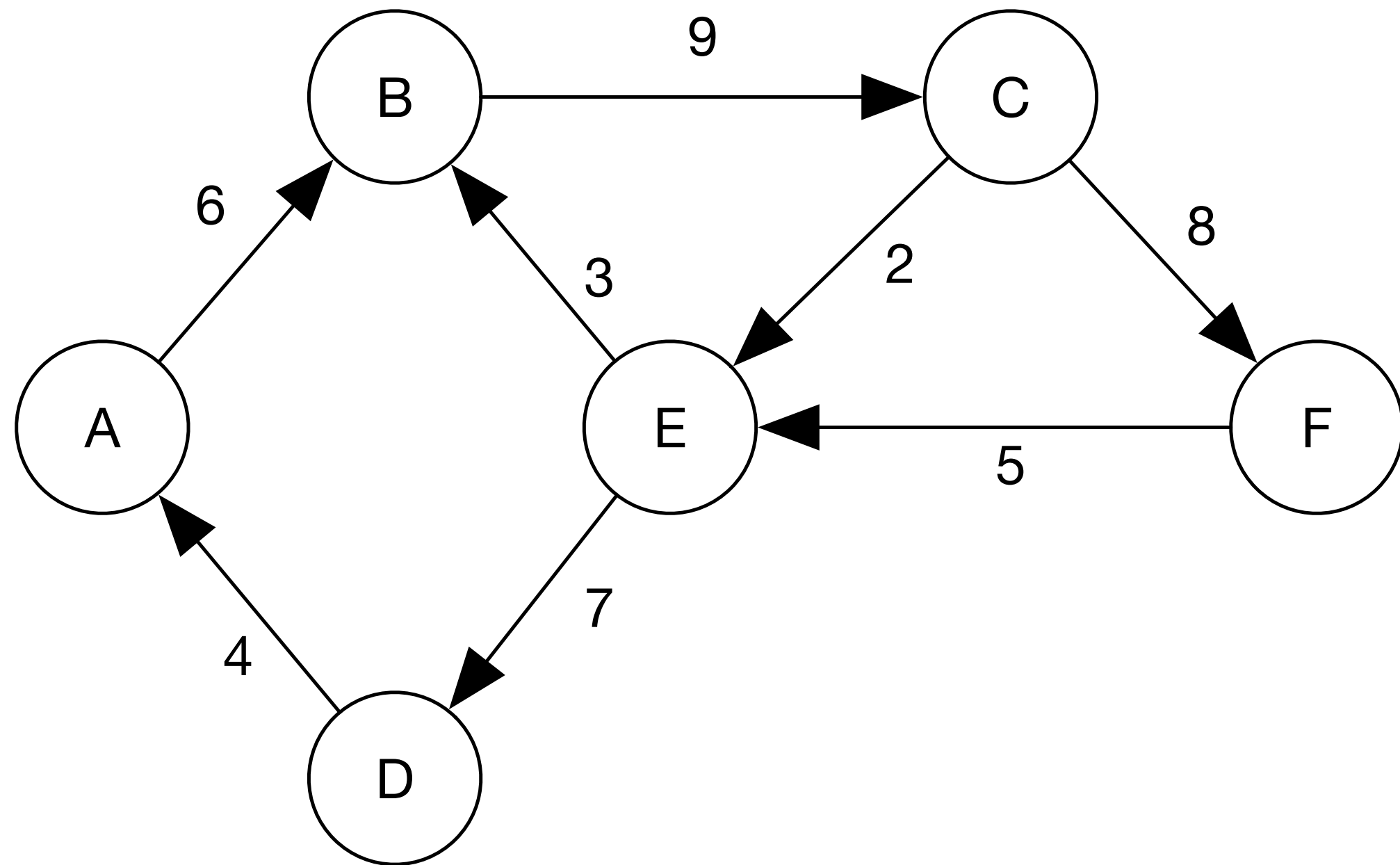


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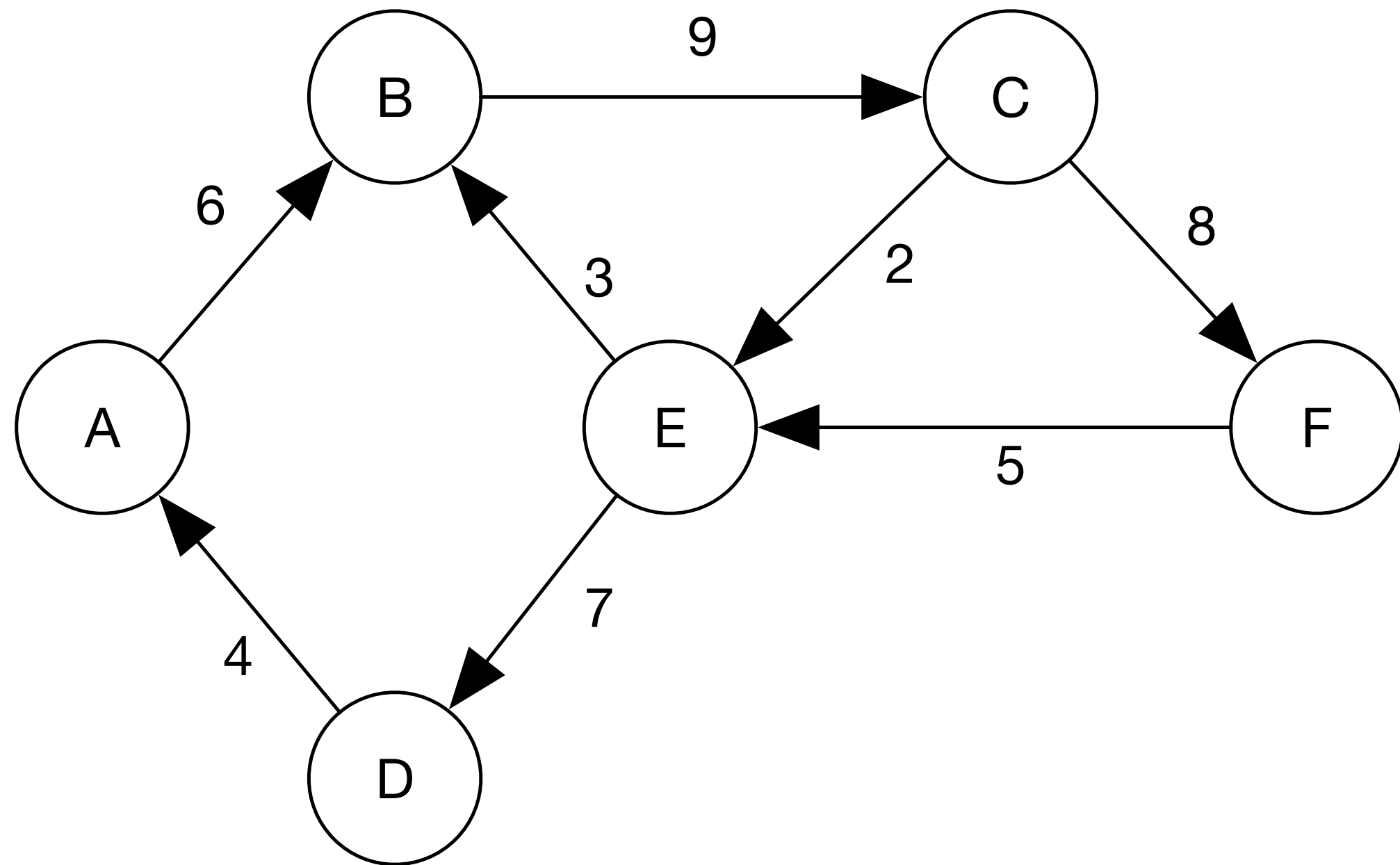


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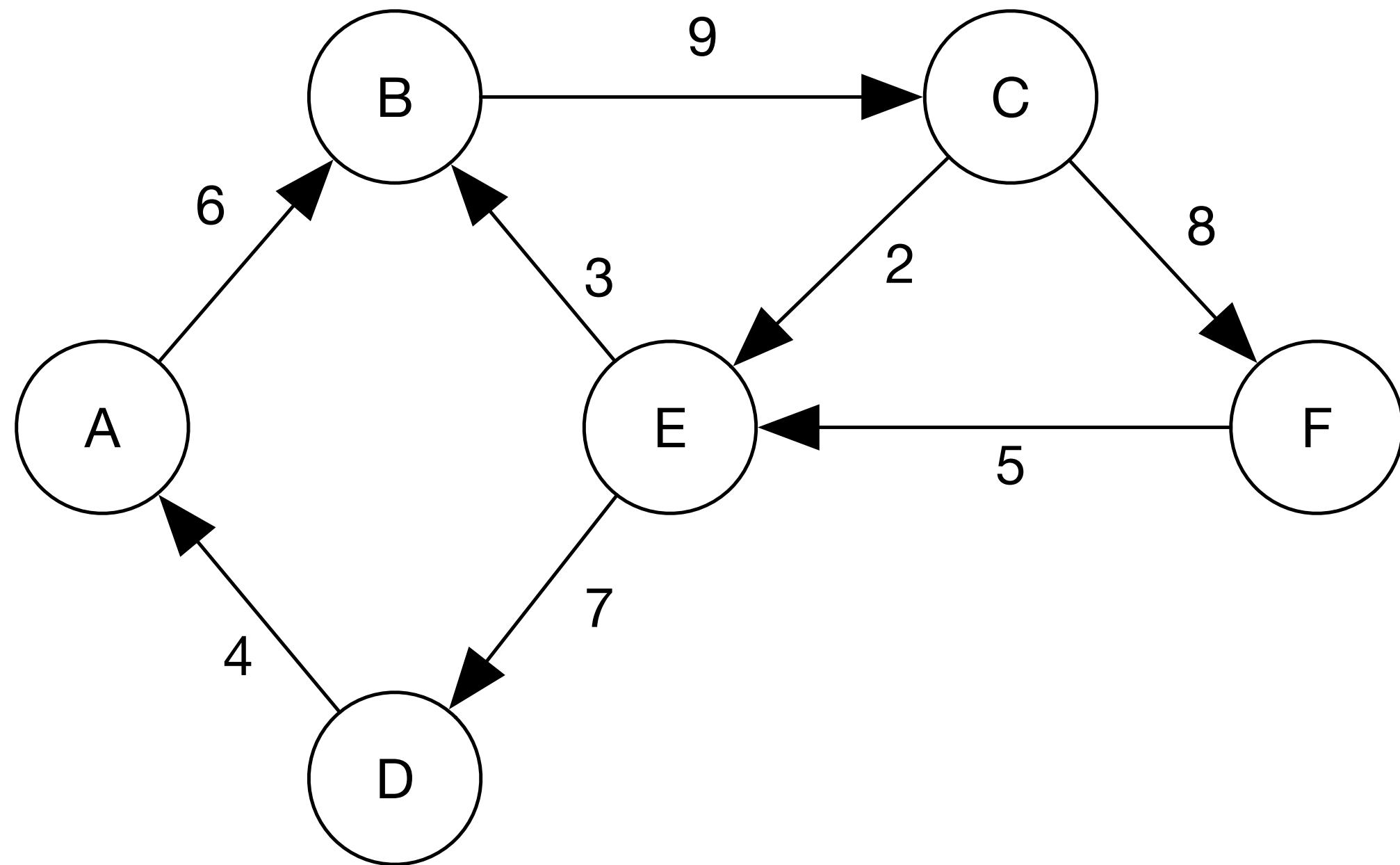


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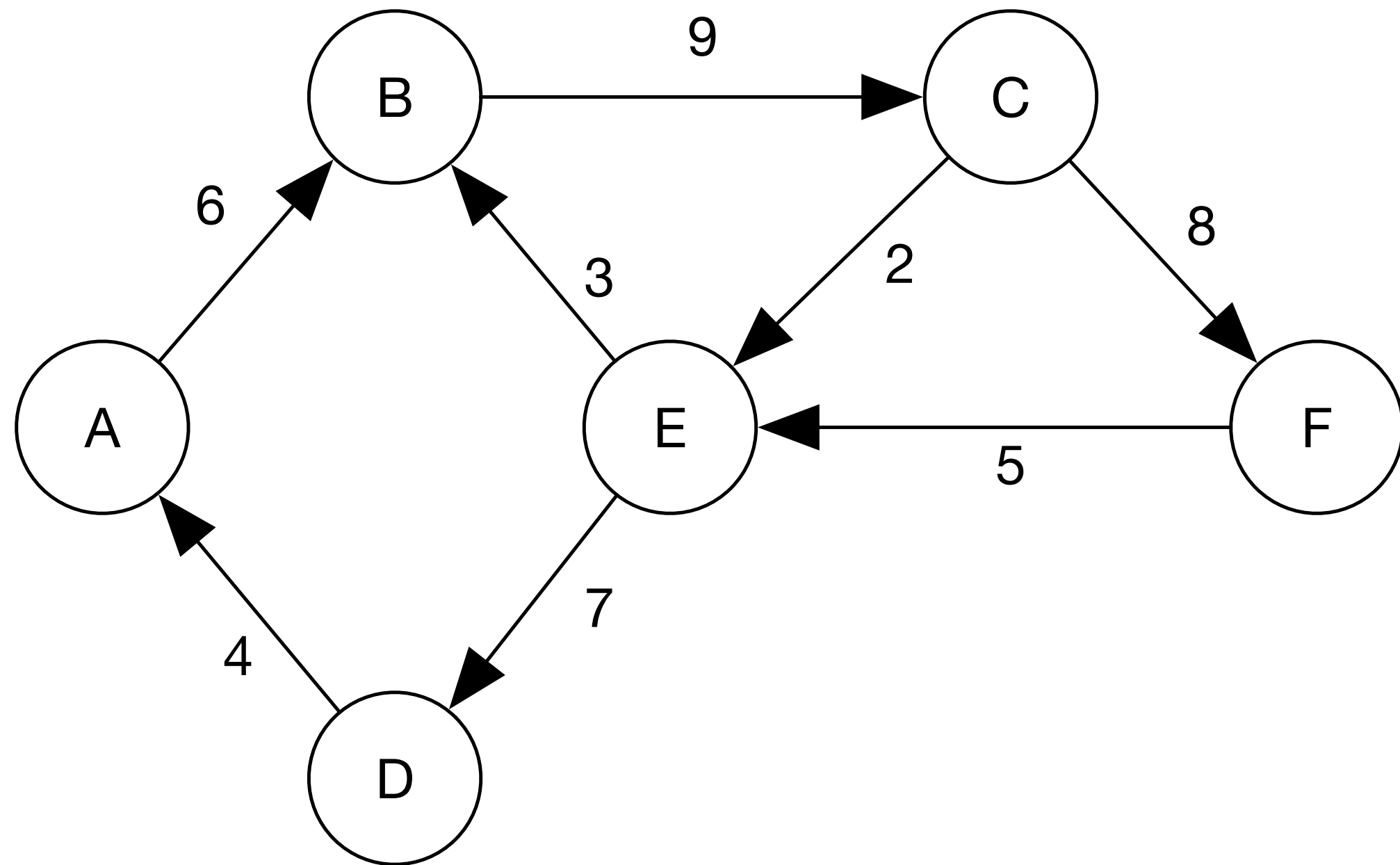
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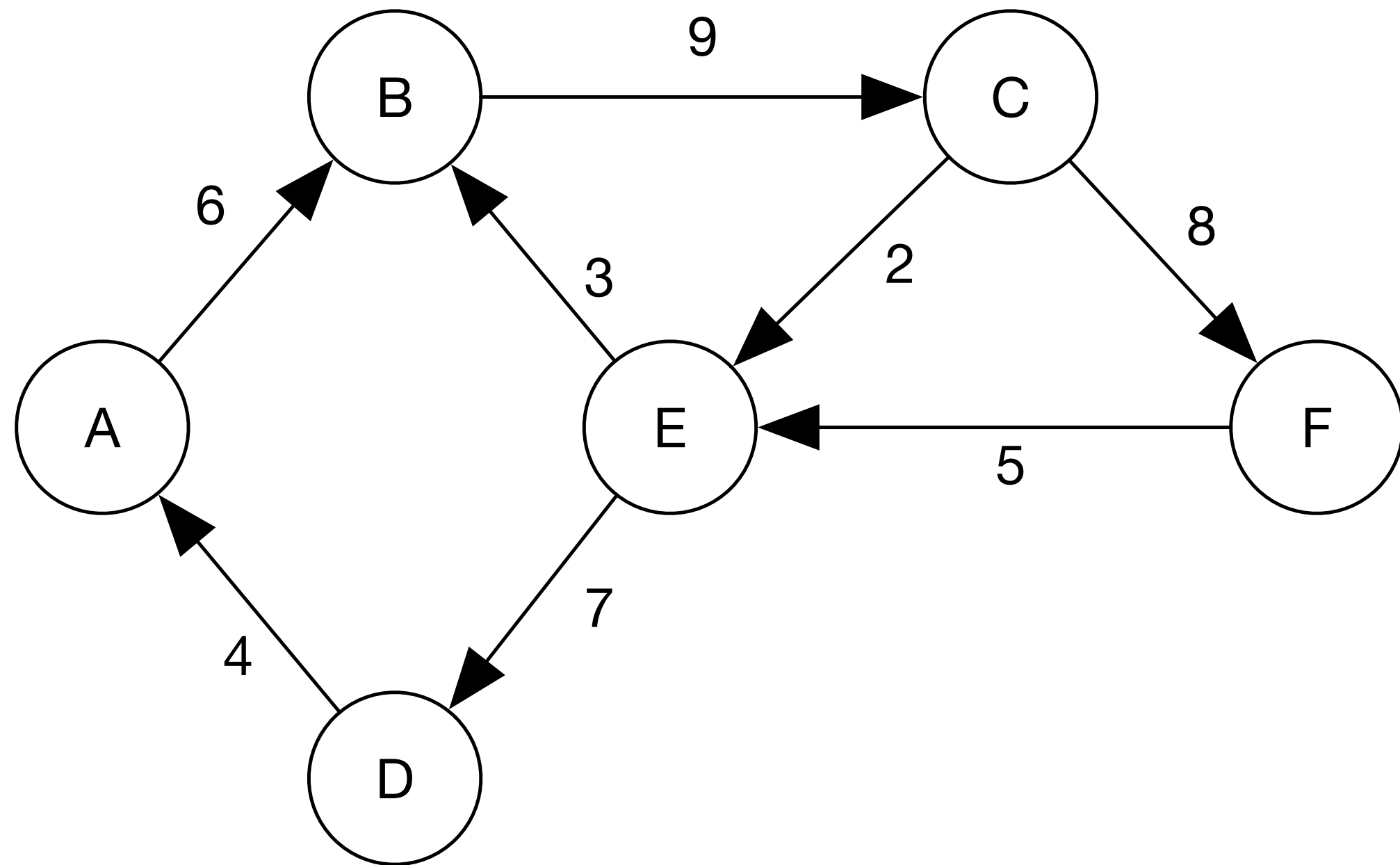


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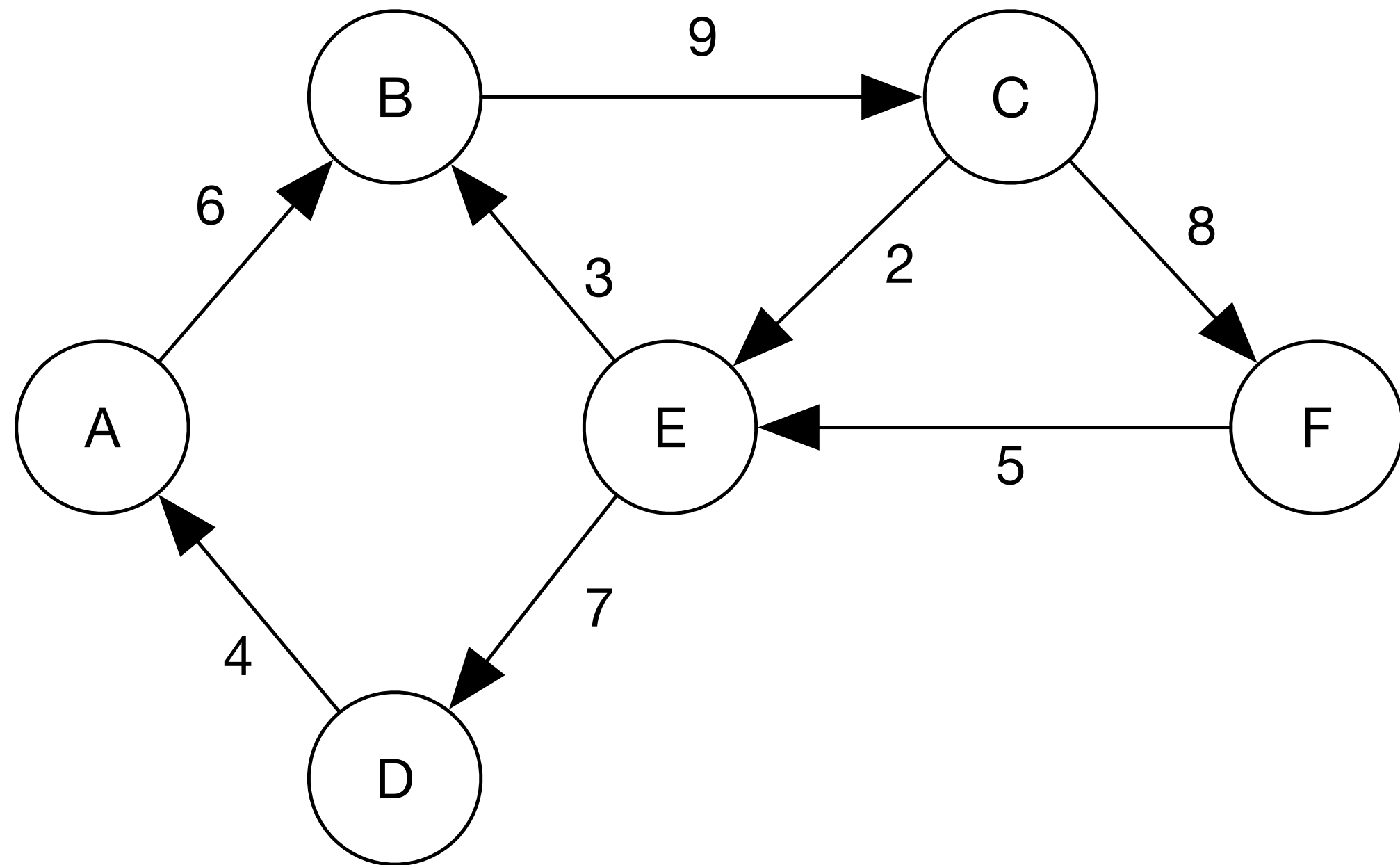


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Add vertex	$O(1)$	$O( V ^2)$
Add edge	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Adjacency query	$O( V )$	$O(1)$