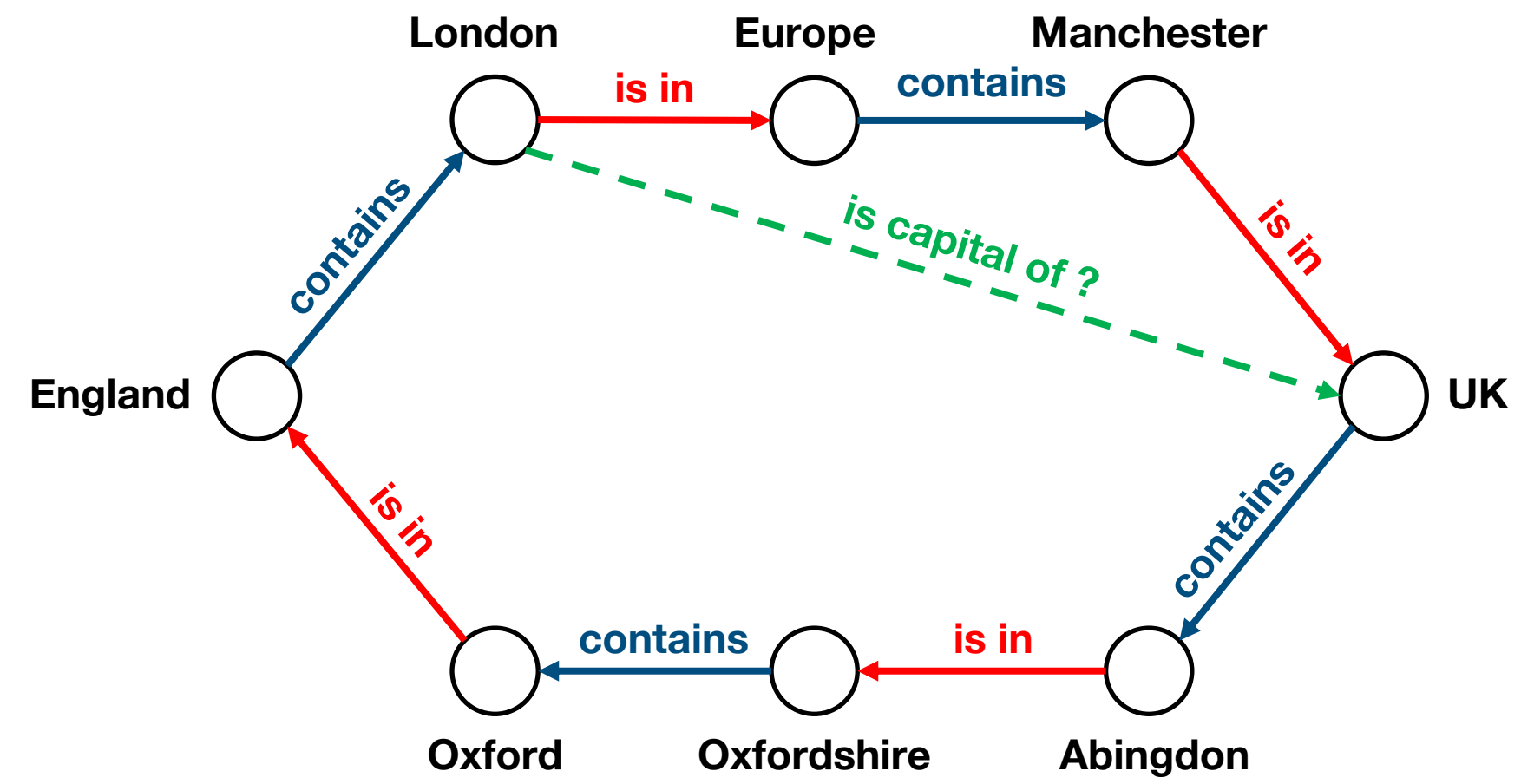


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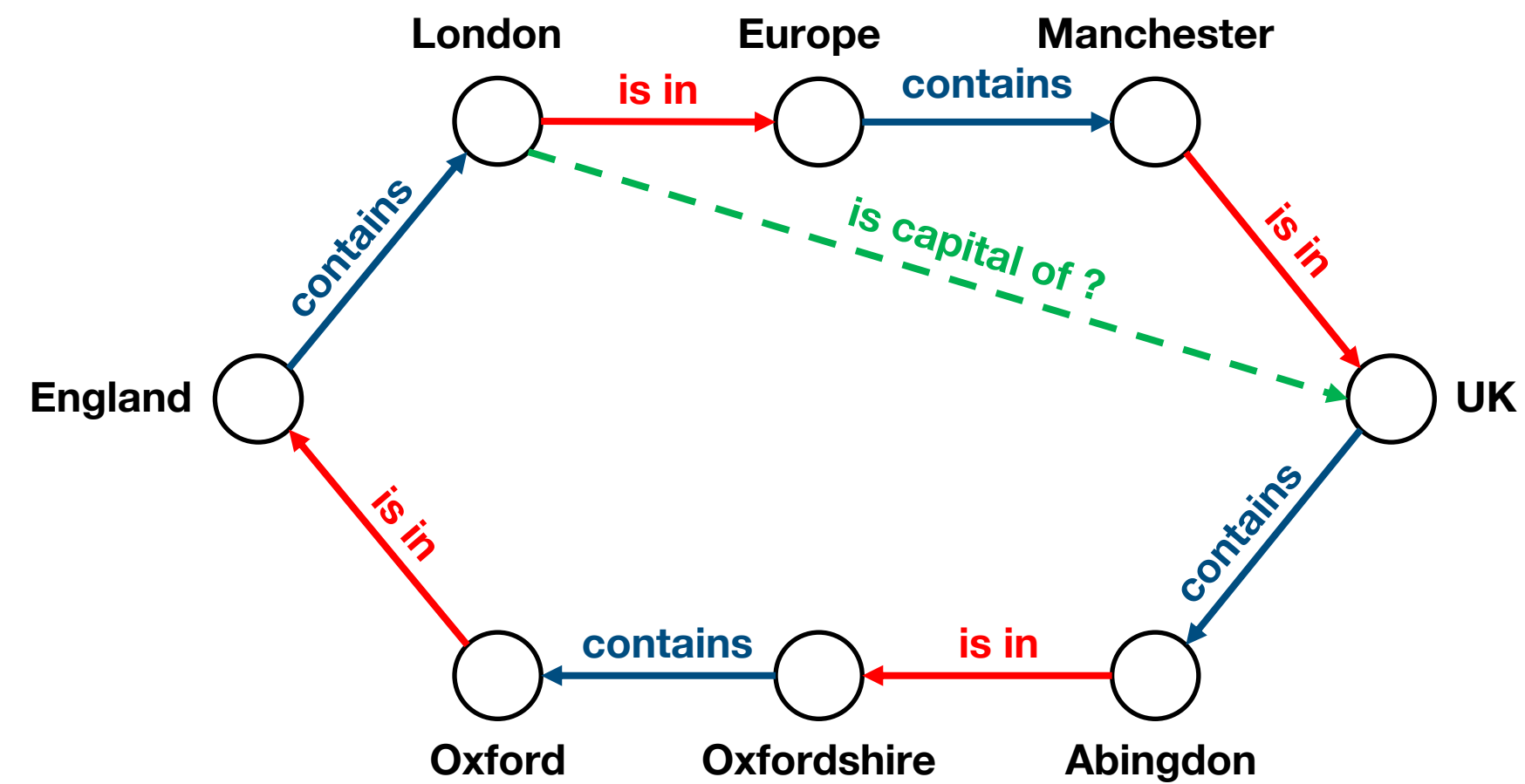
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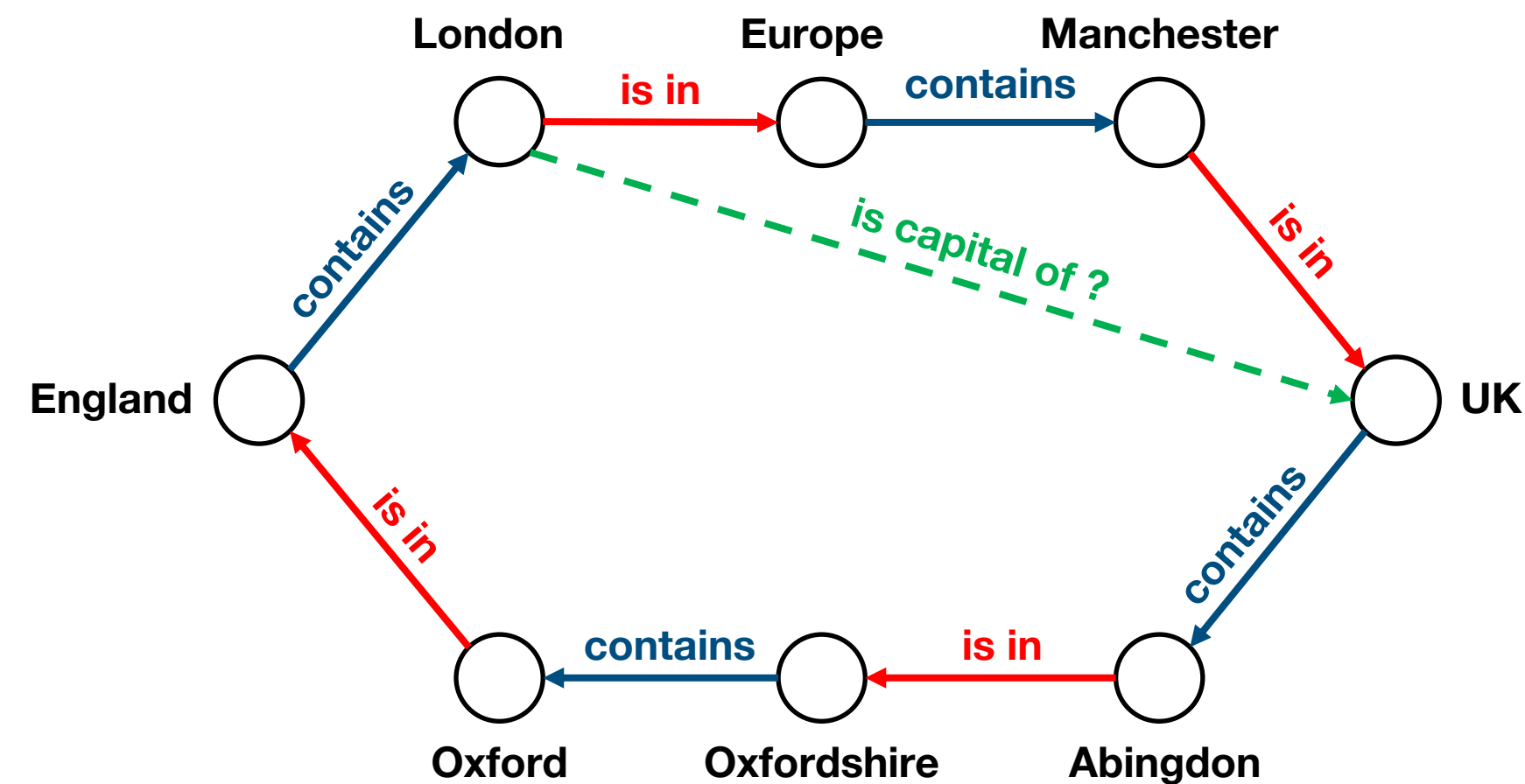


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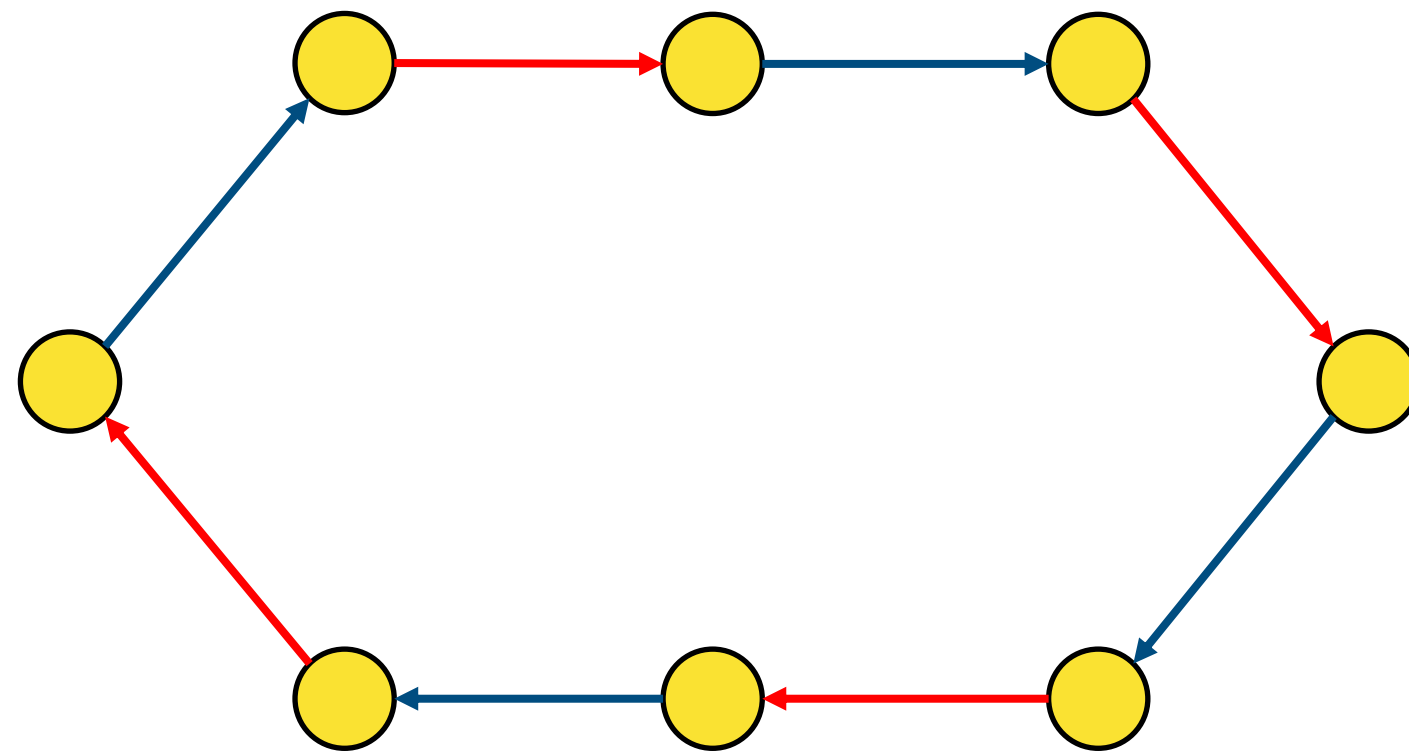
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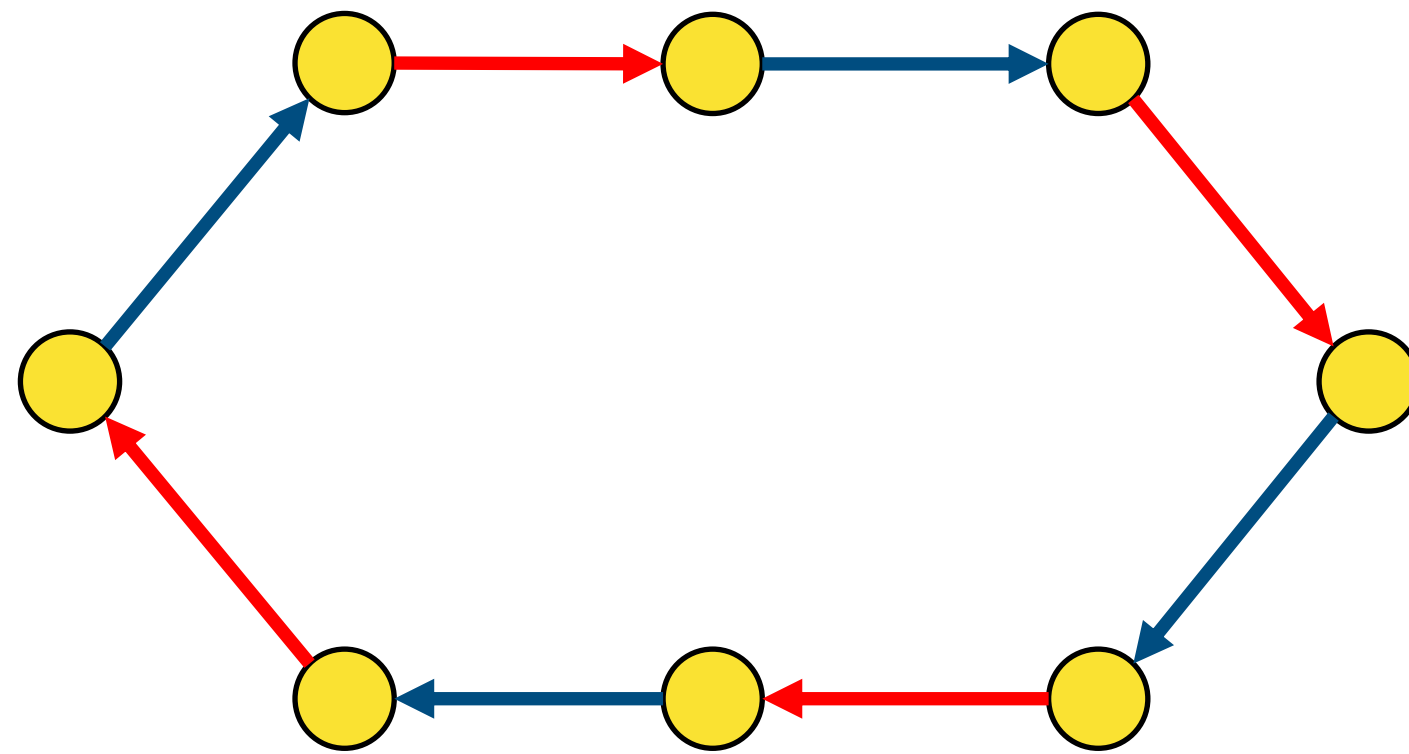
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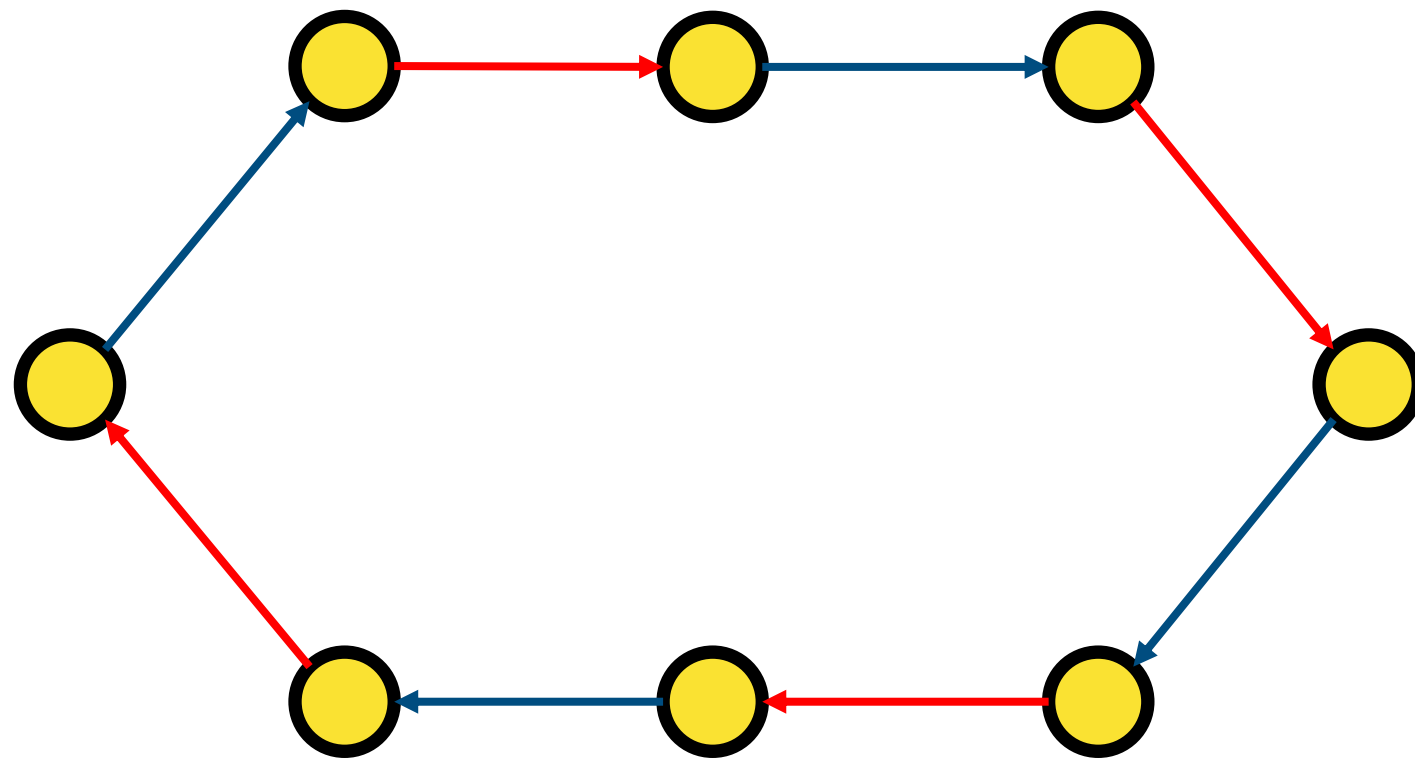
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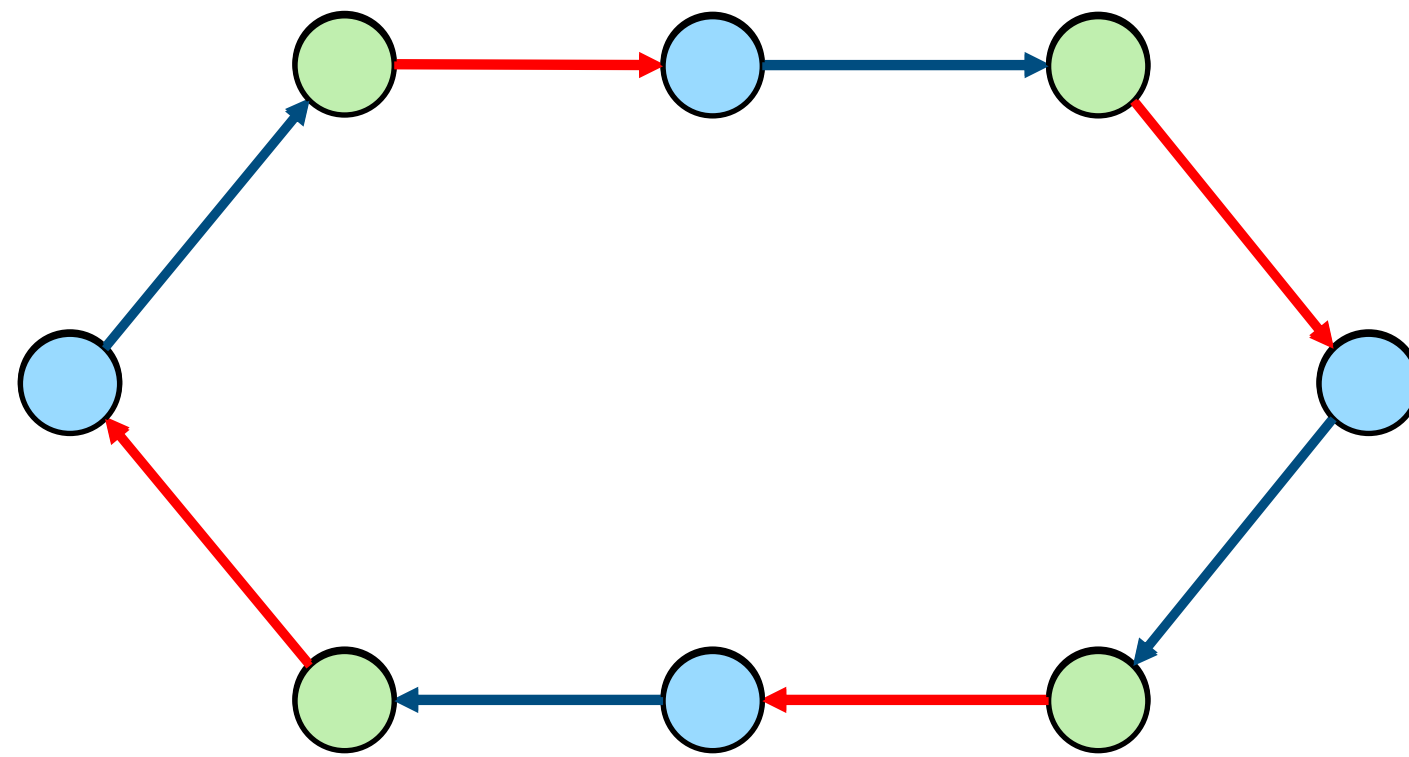
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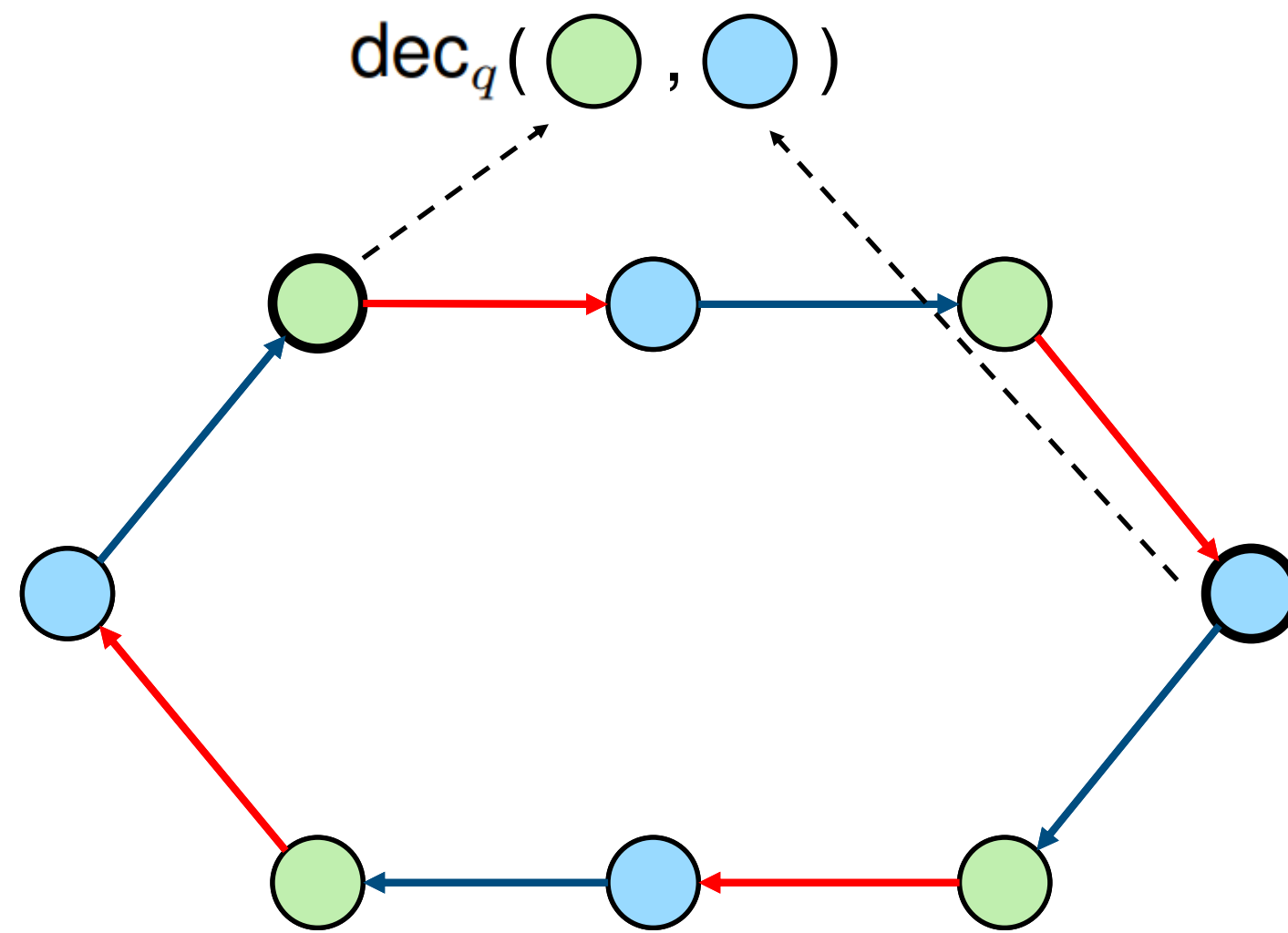
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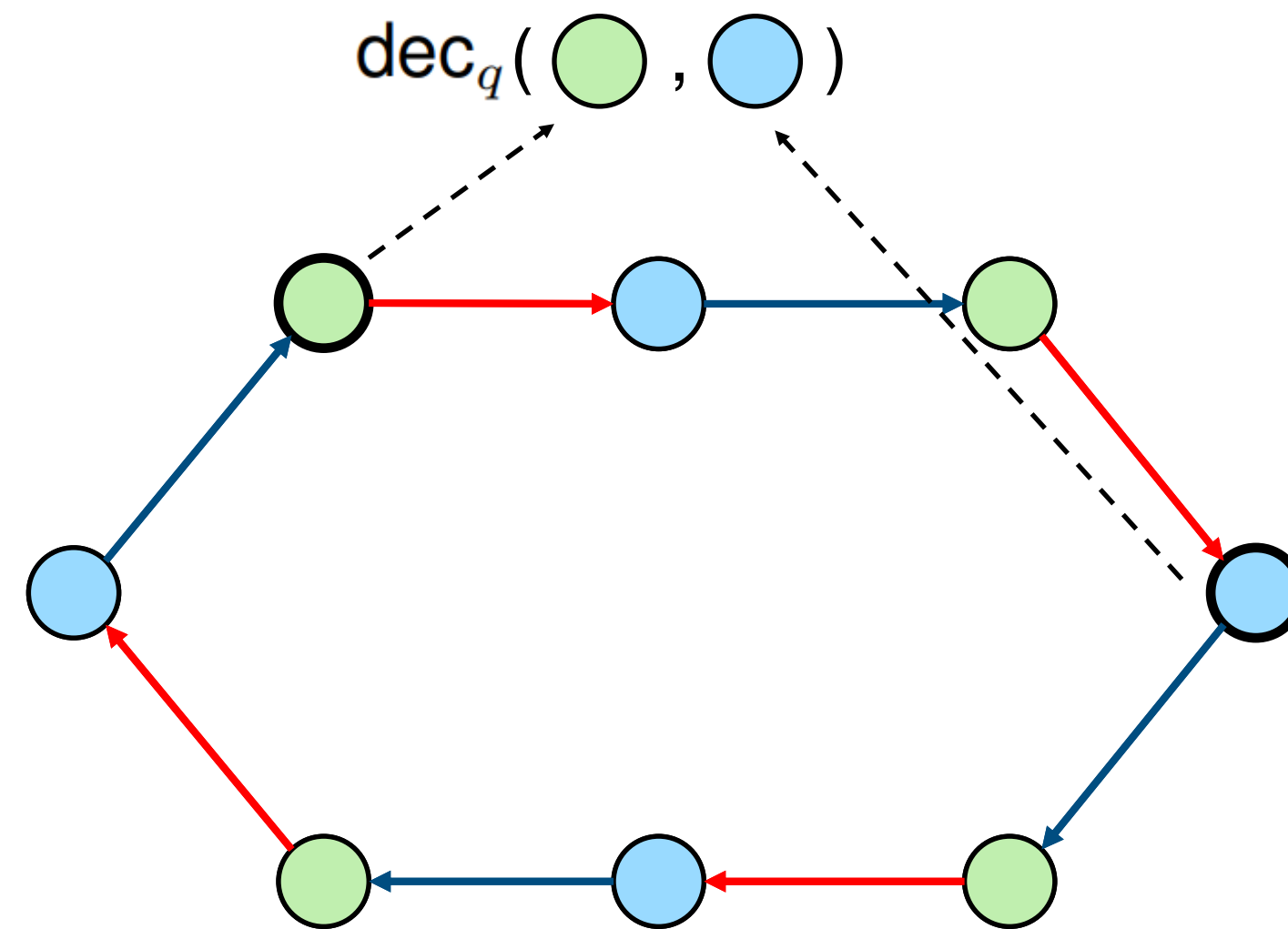


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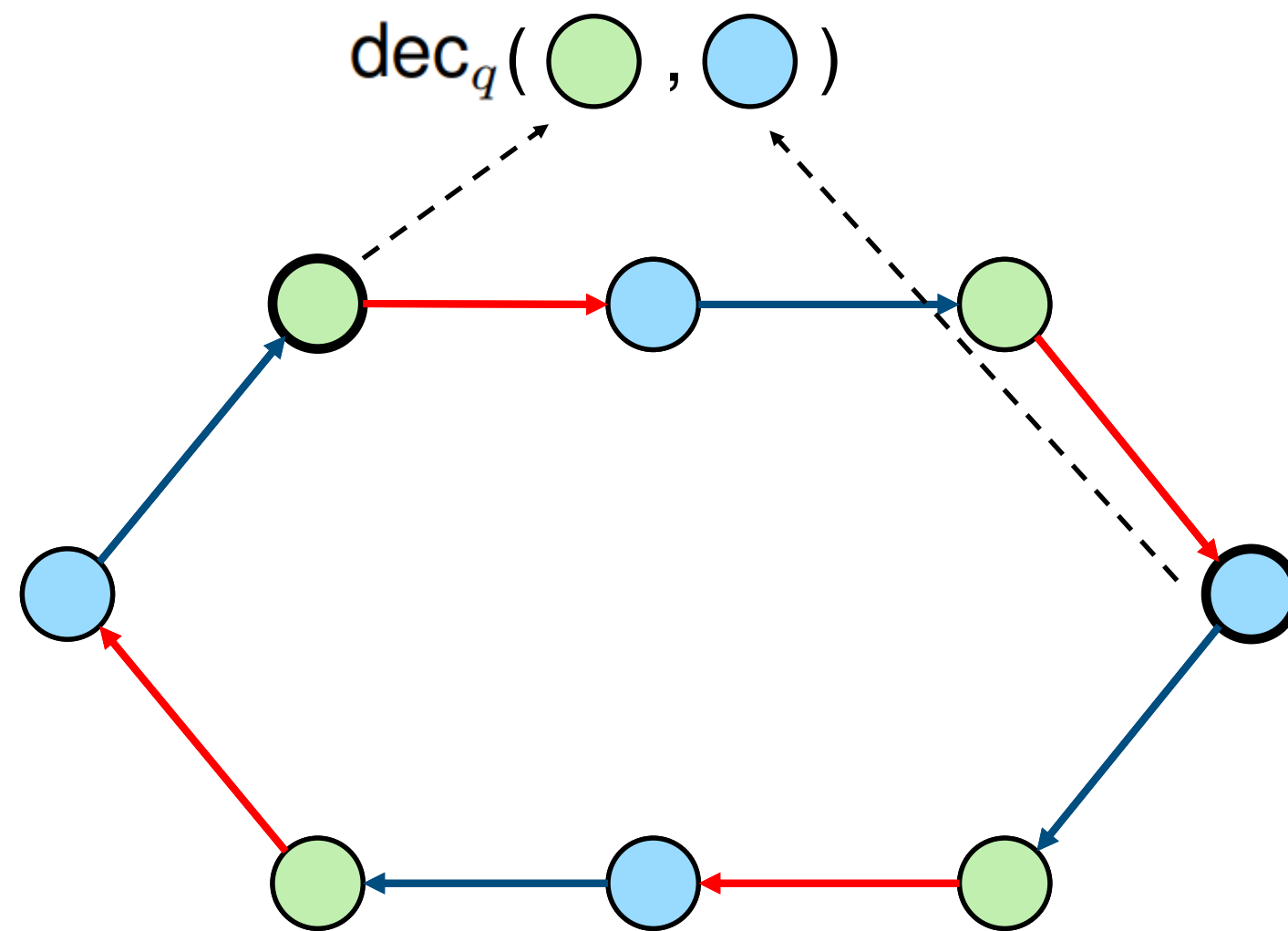


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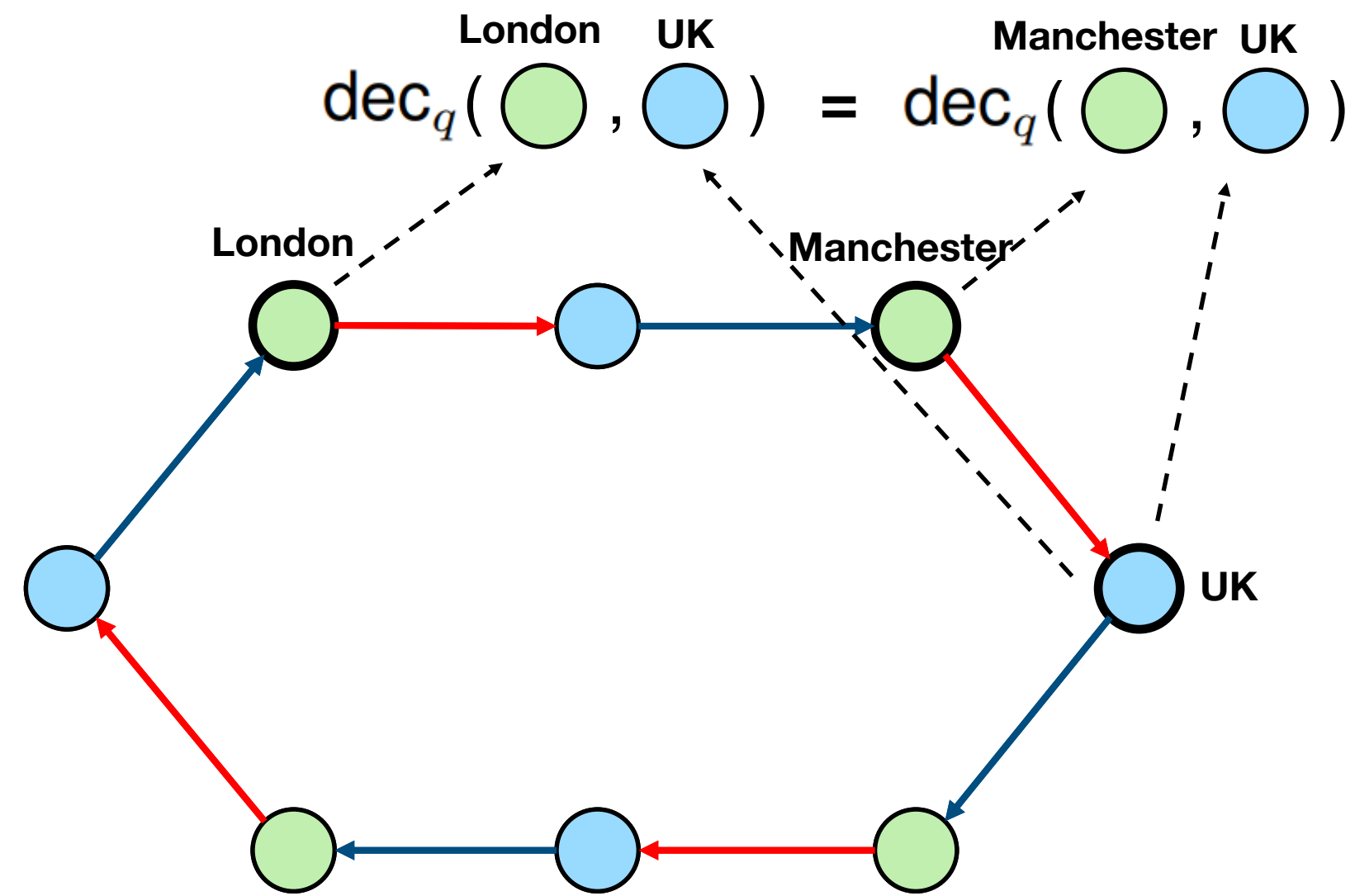


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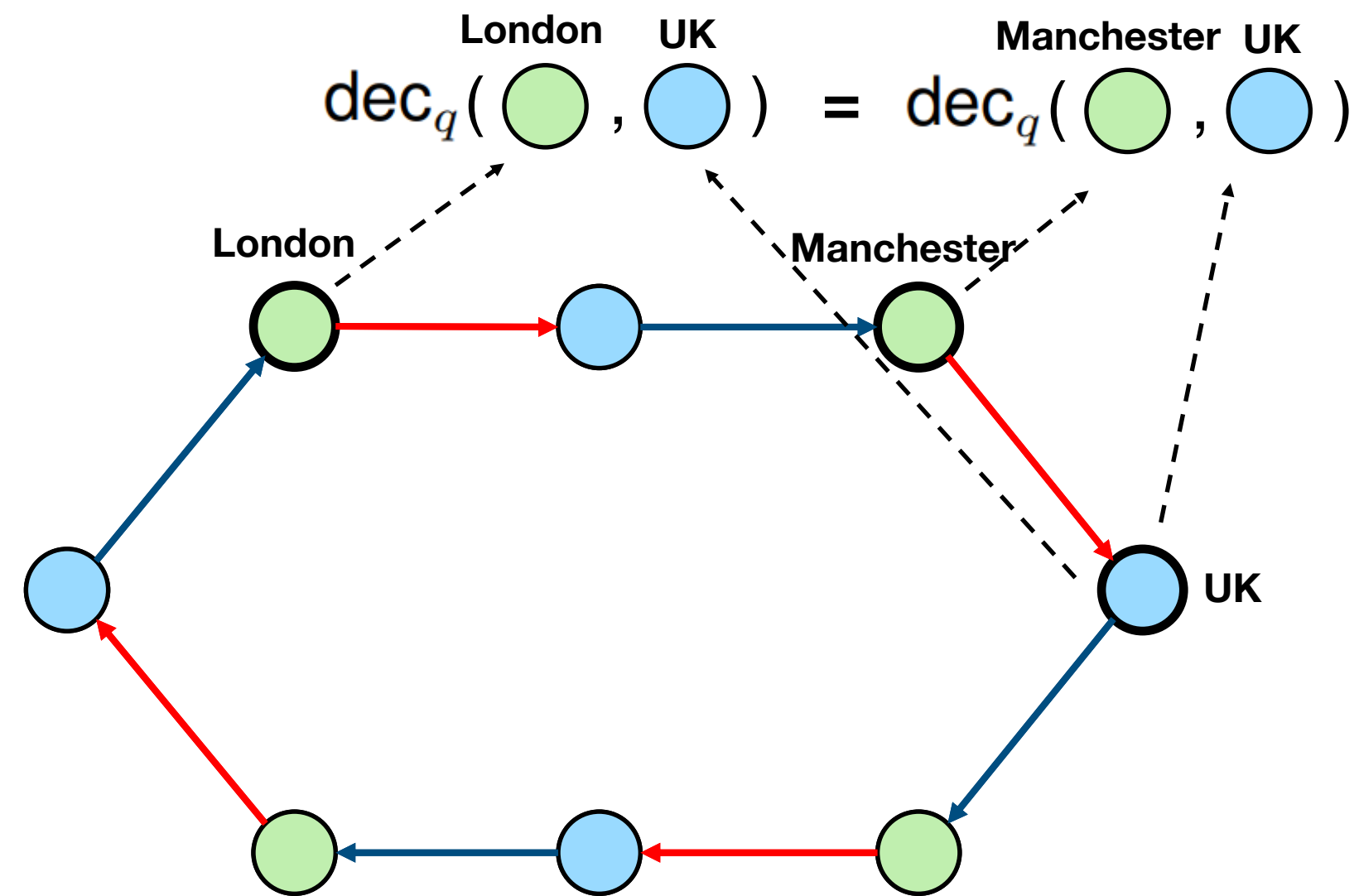


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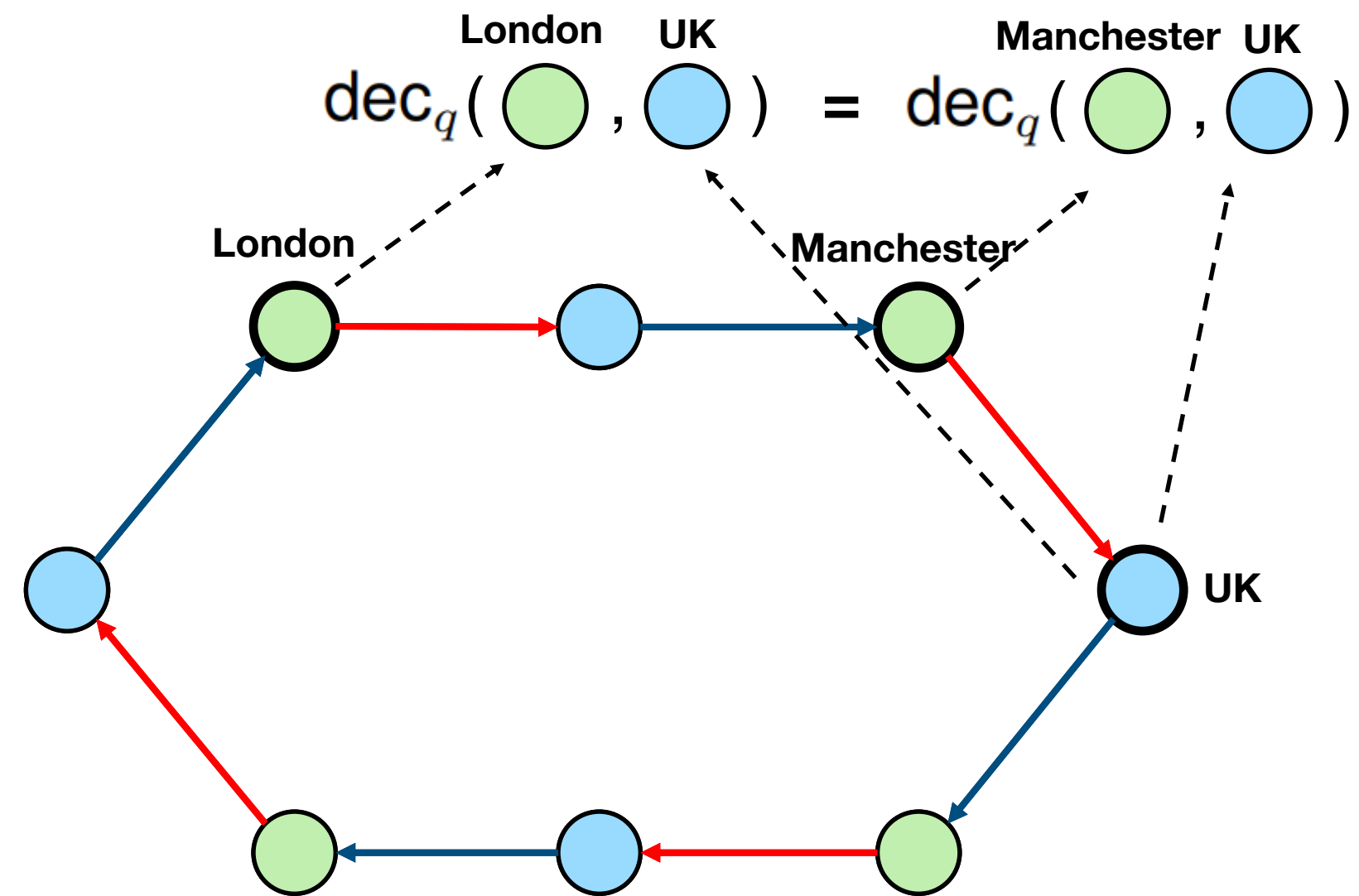


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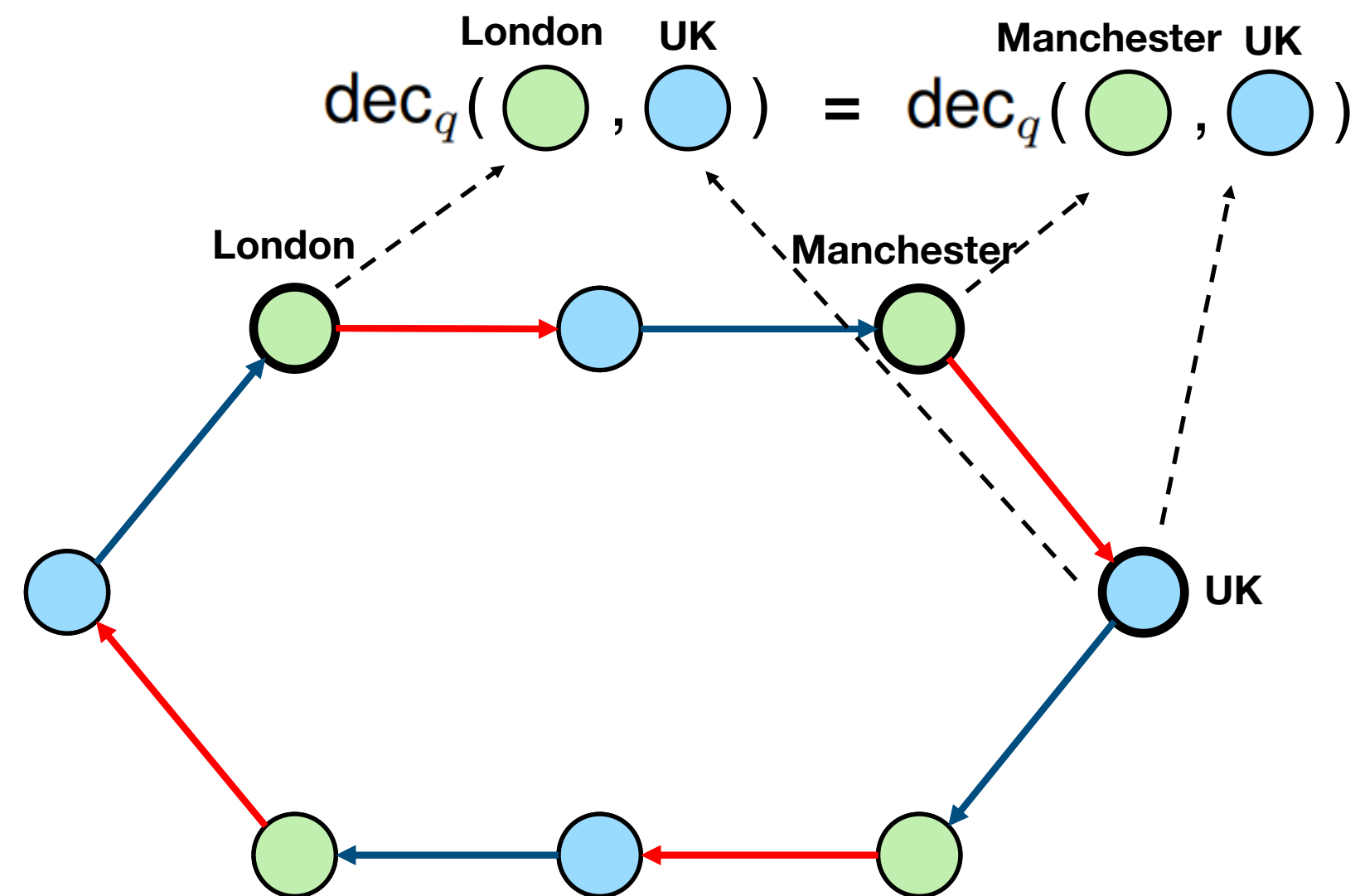
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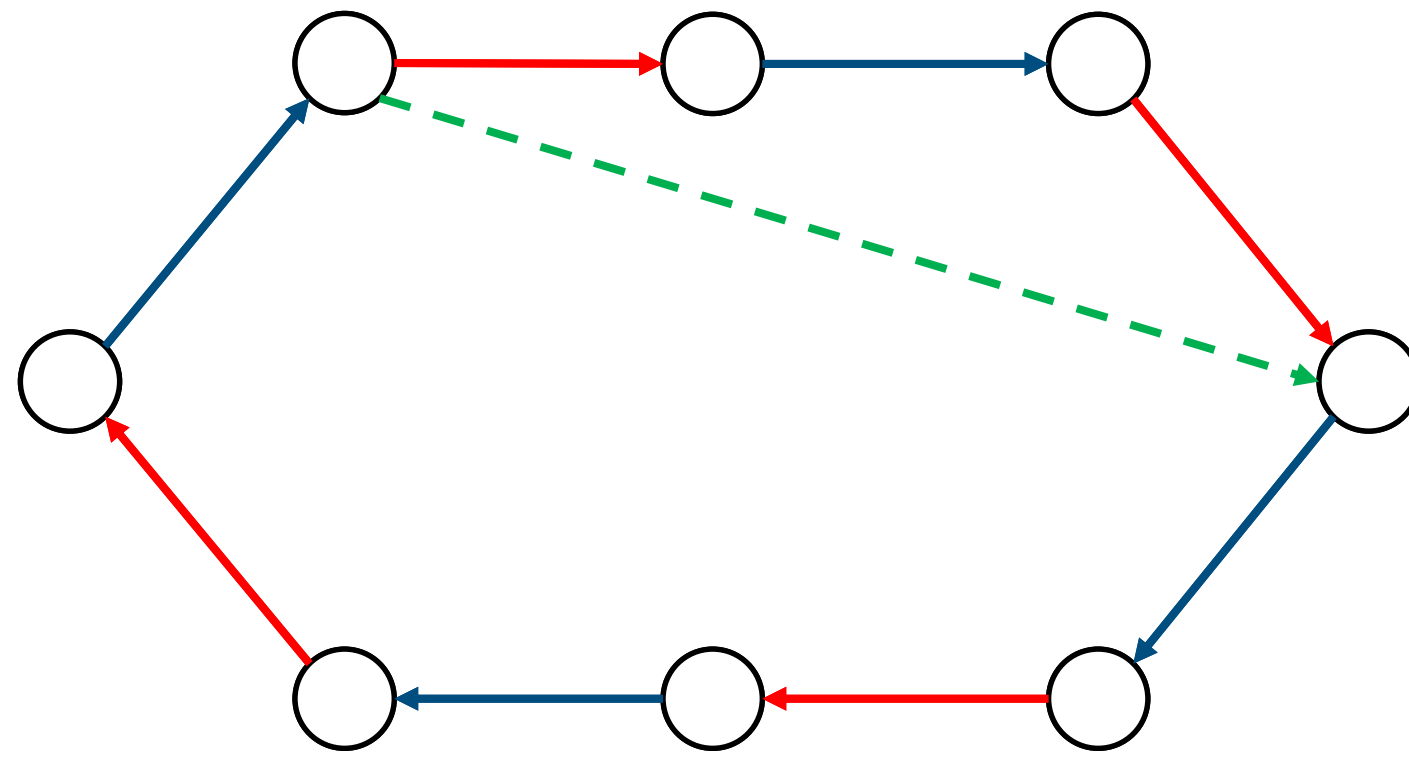
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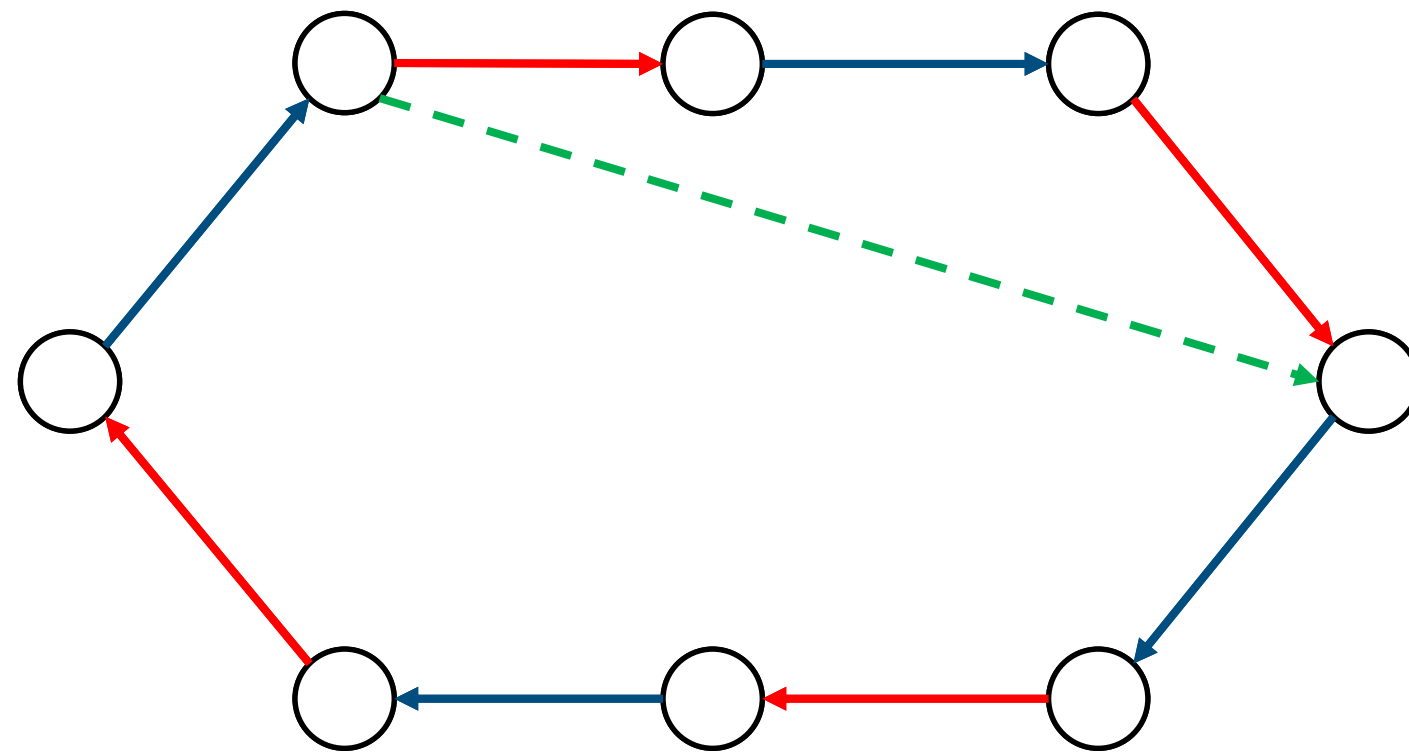


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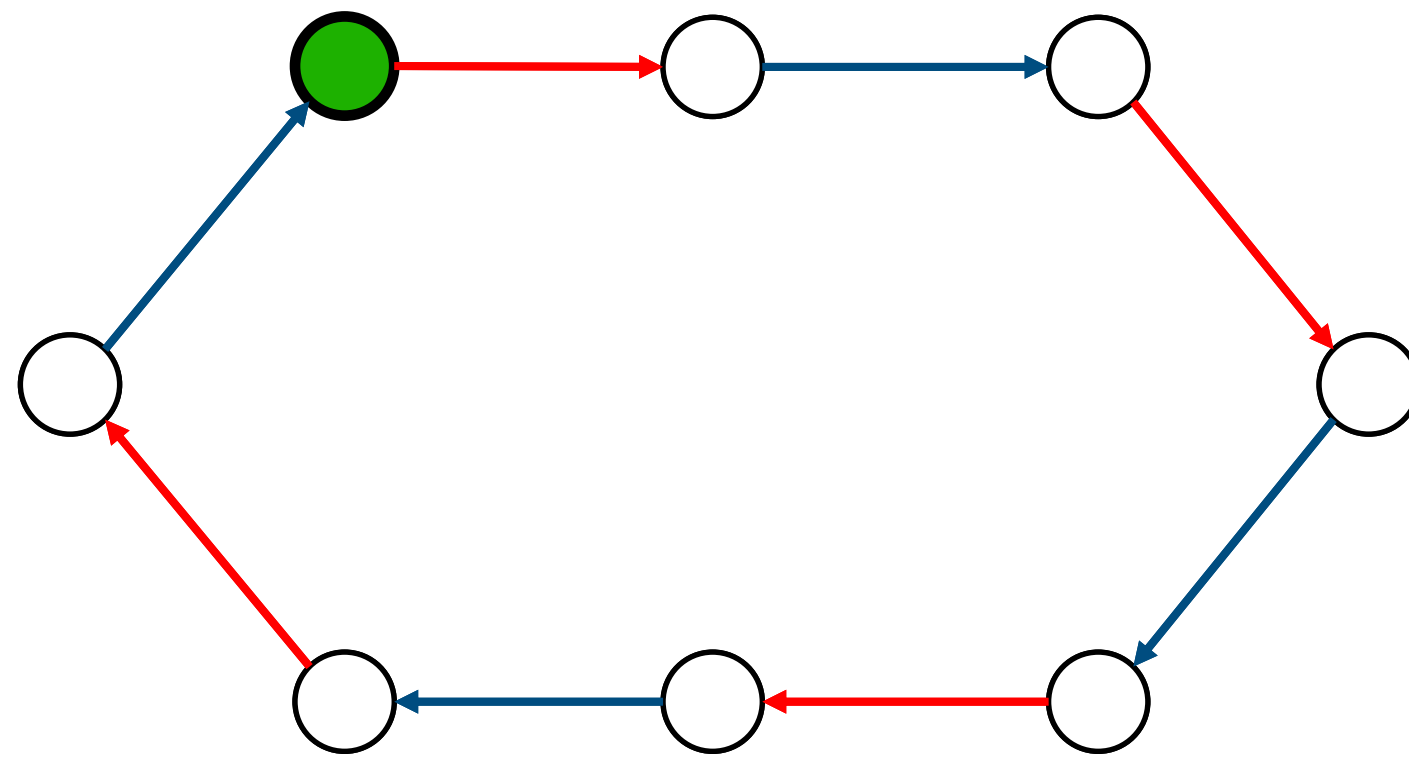


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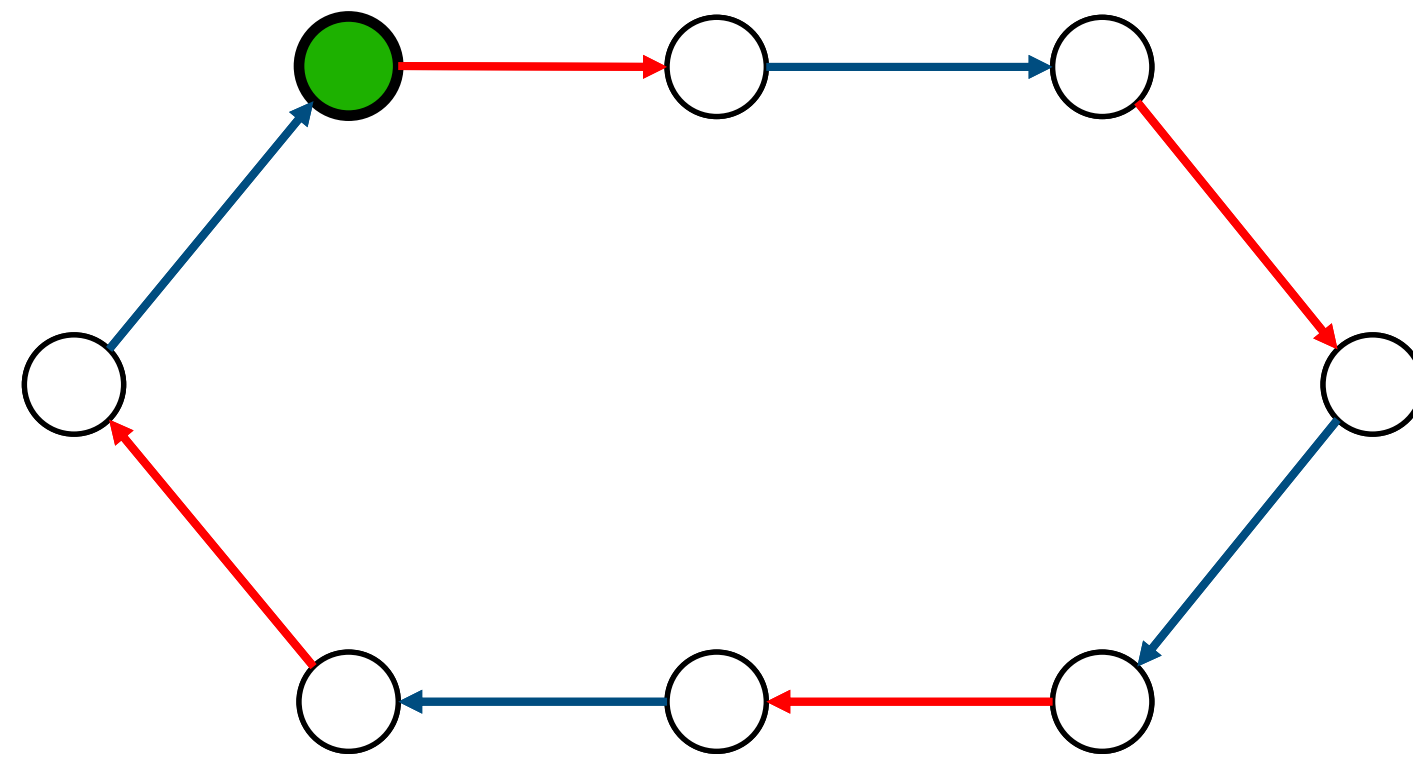


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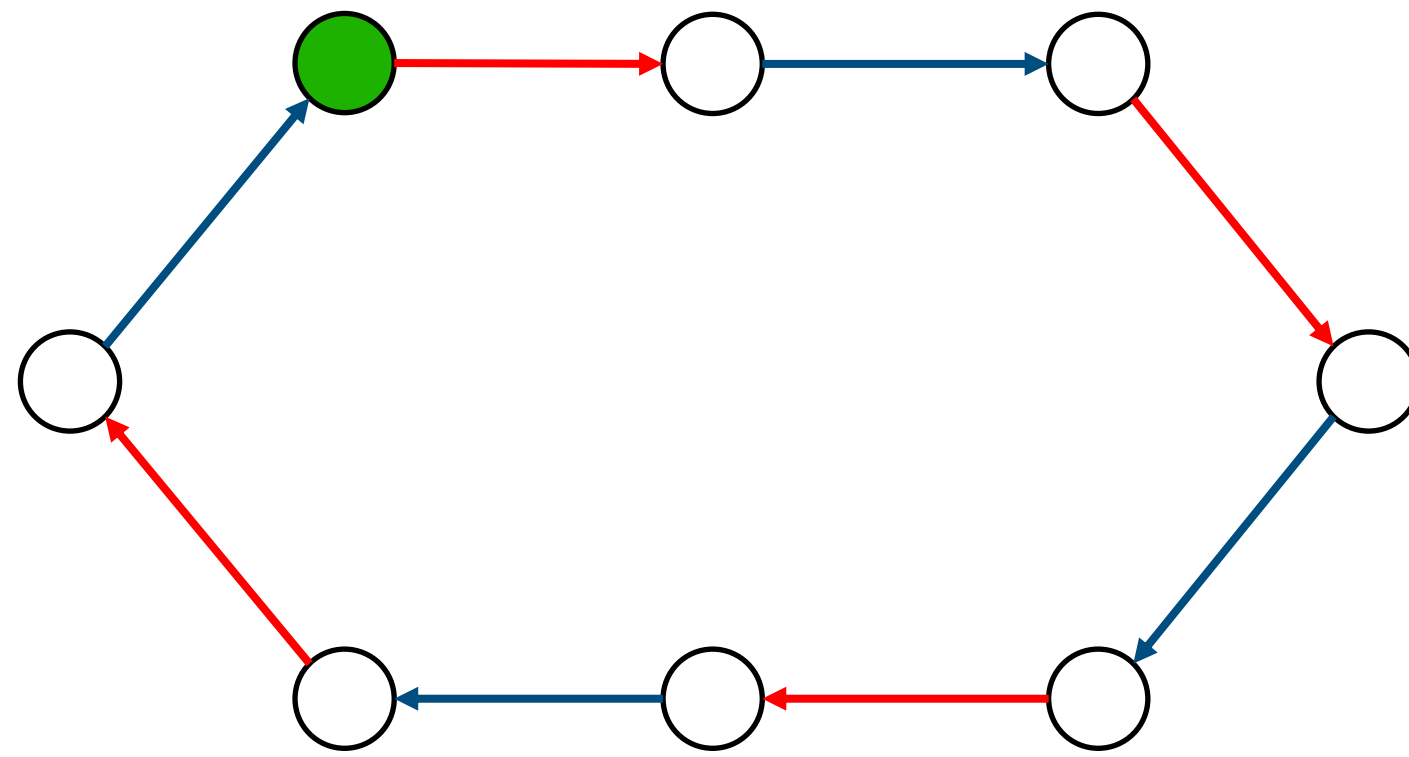


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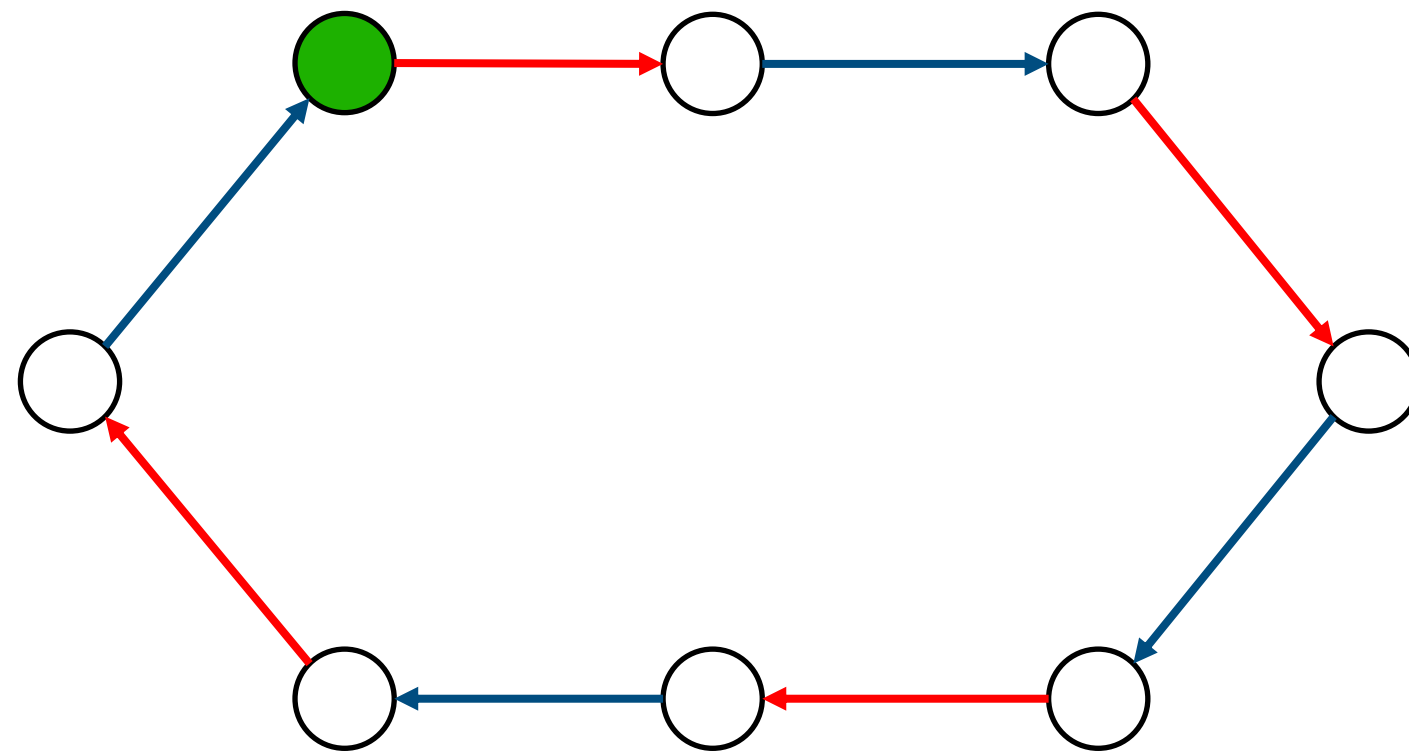


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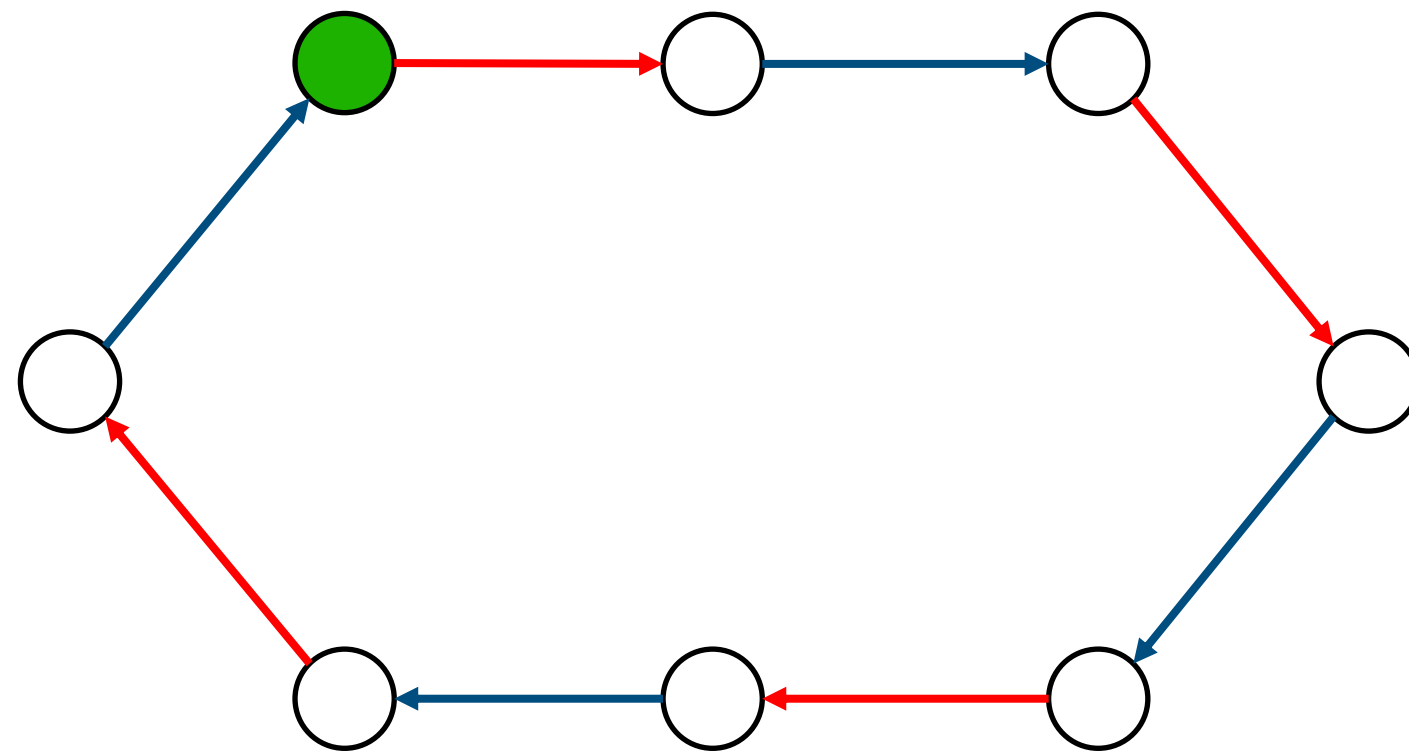


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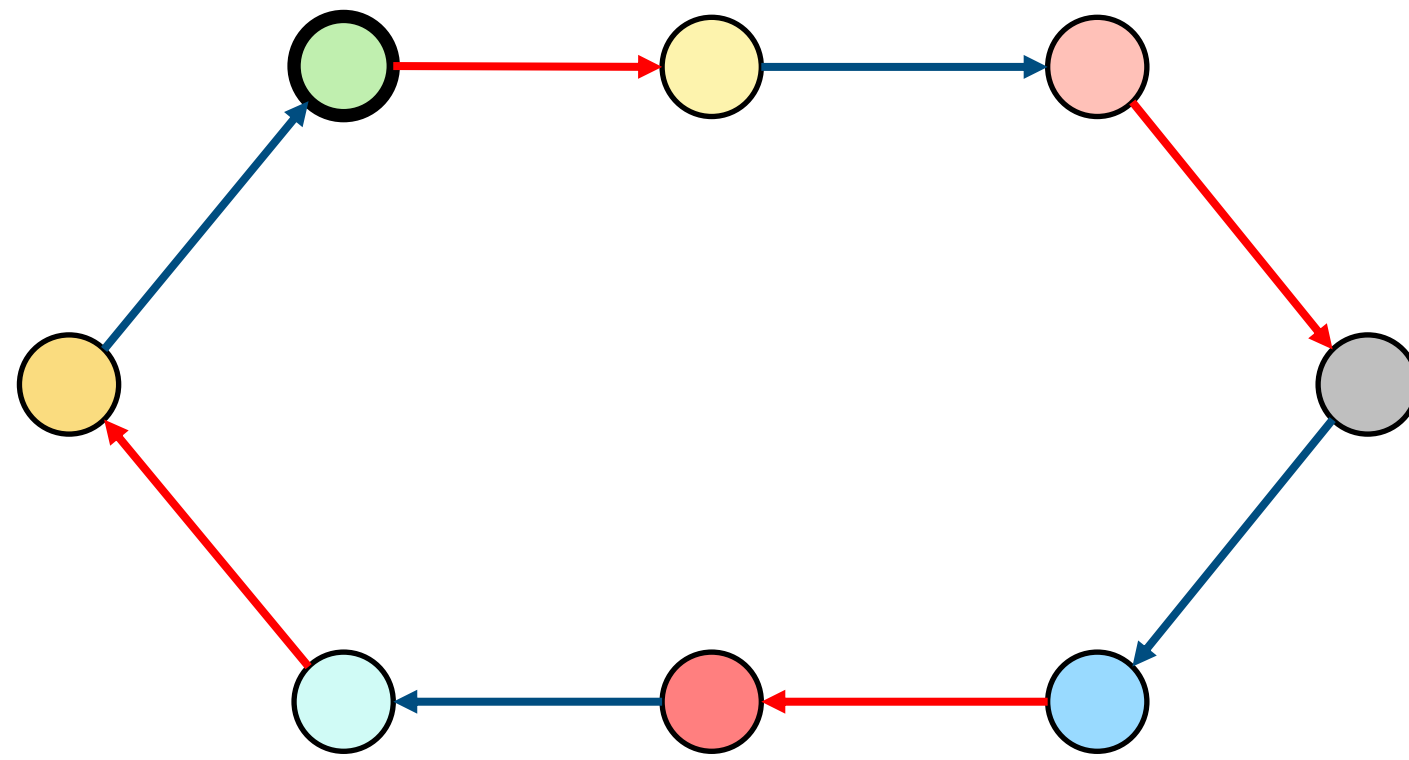
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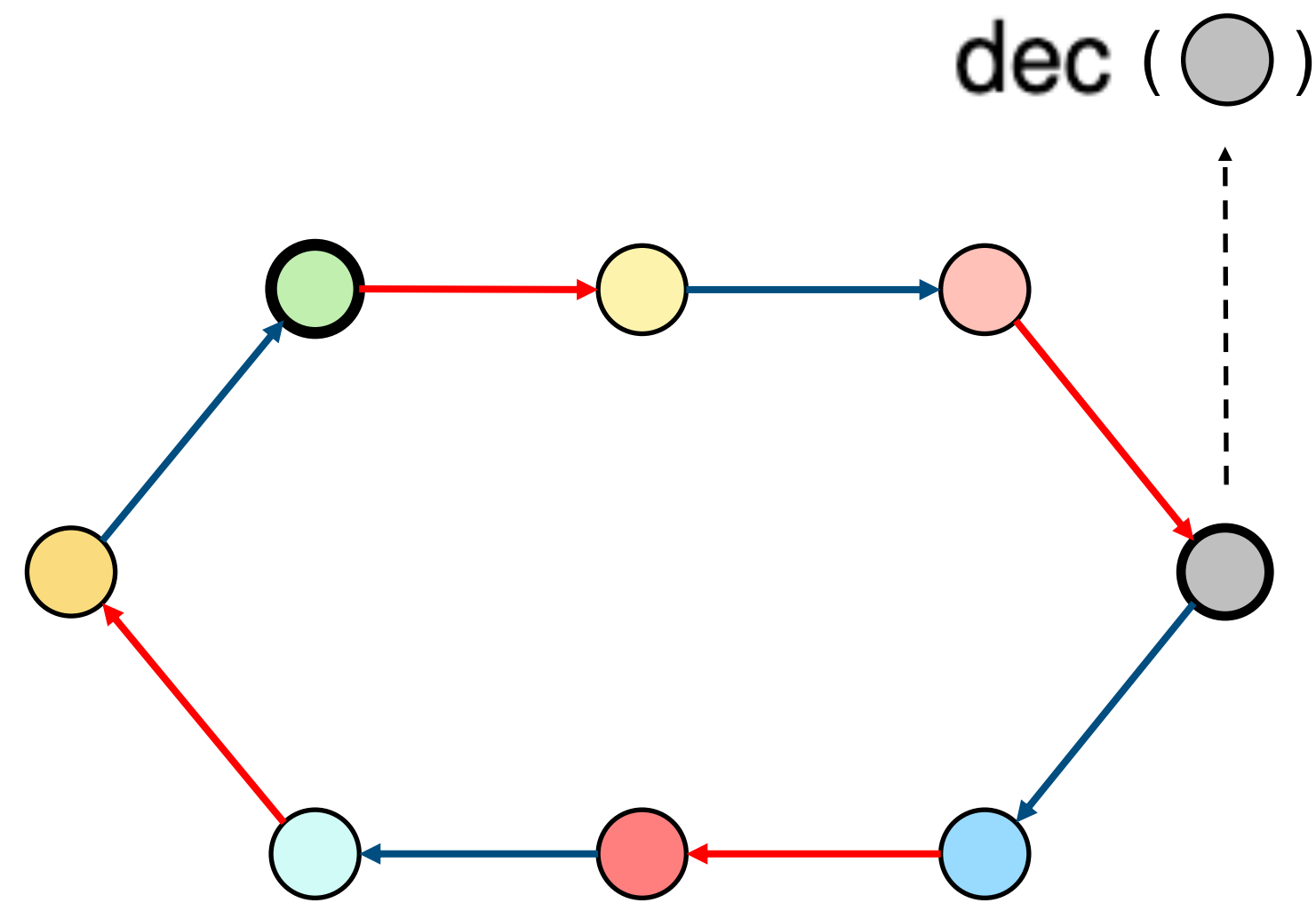
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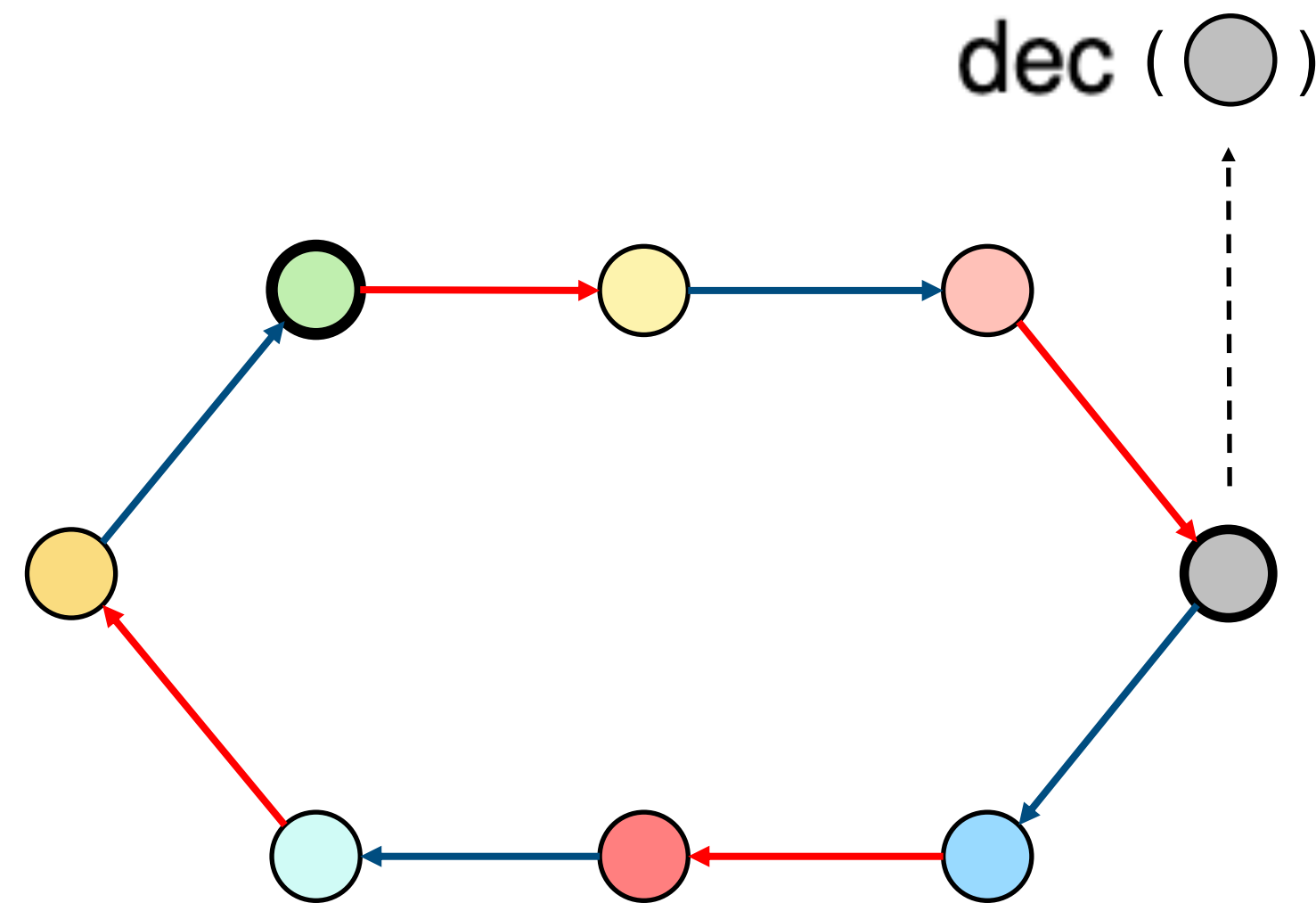
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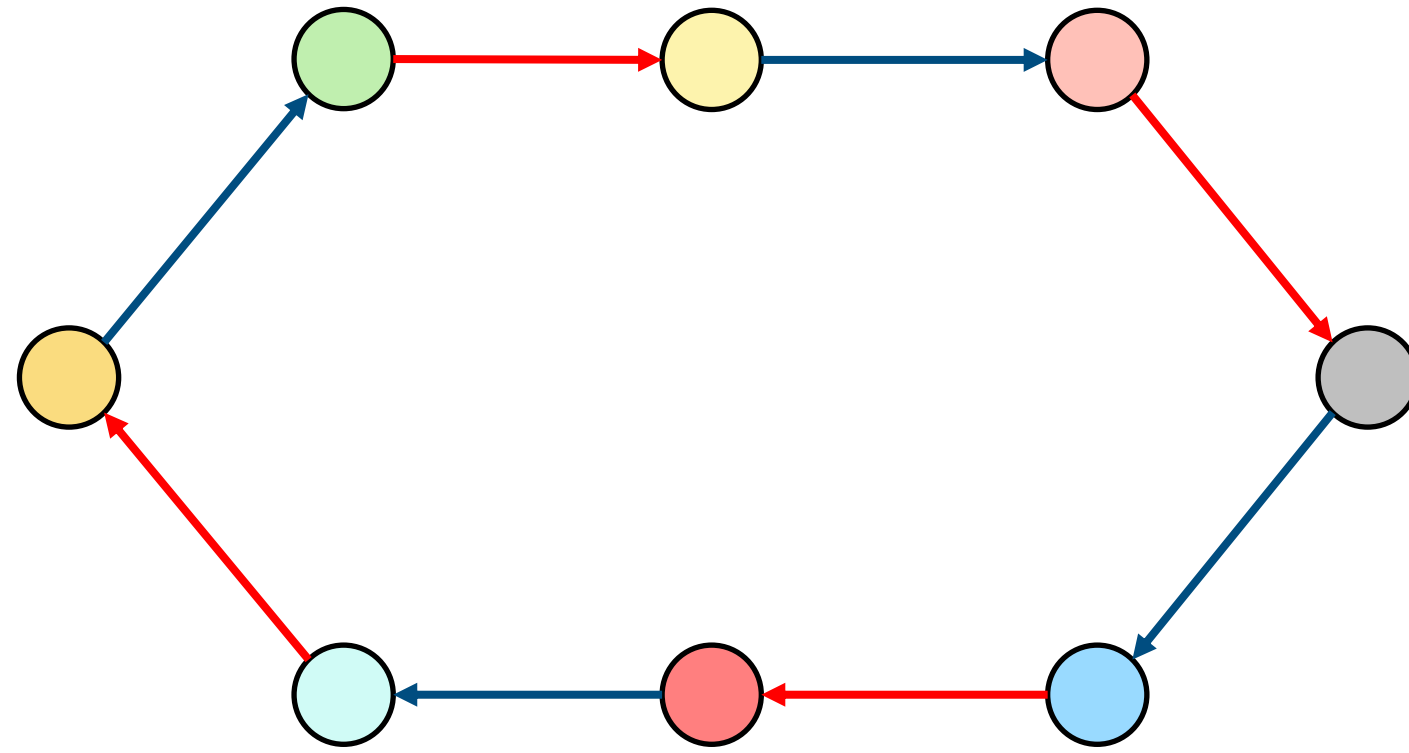


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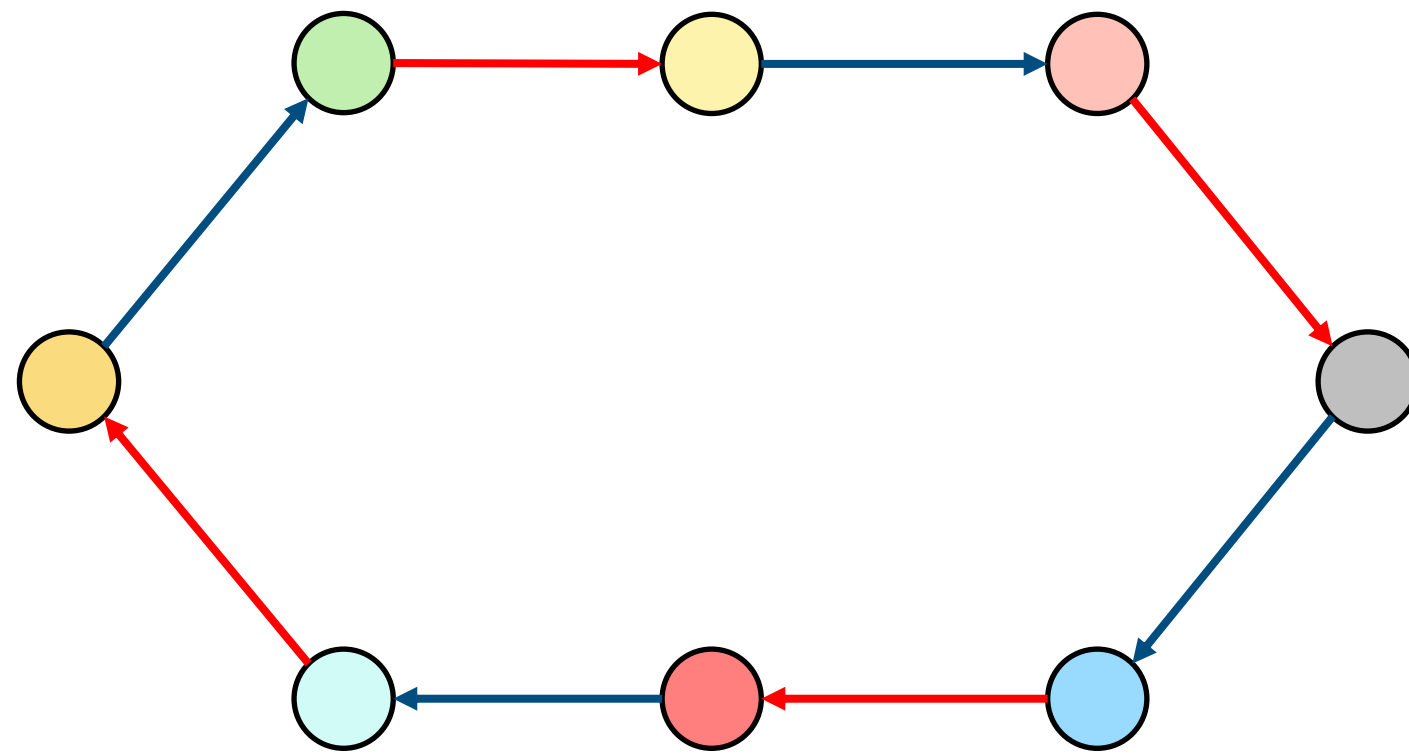
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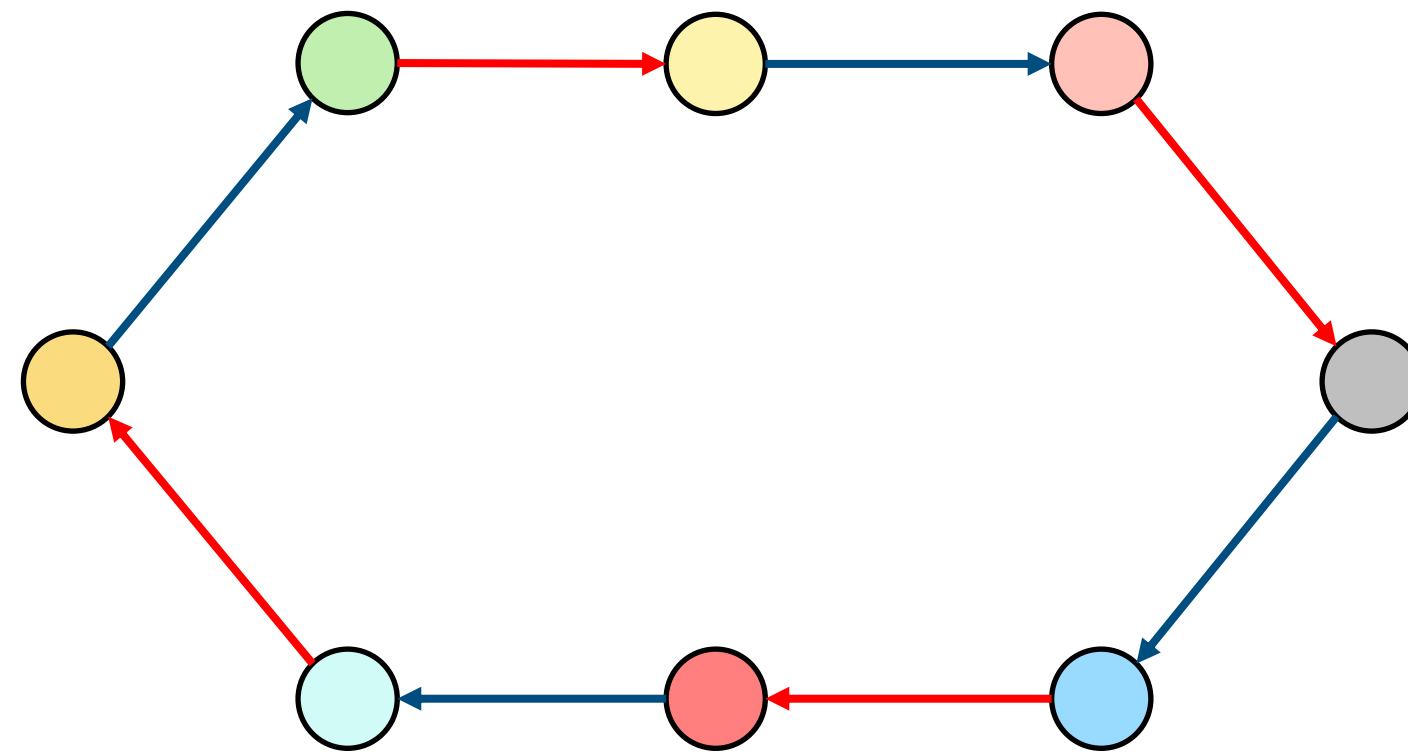
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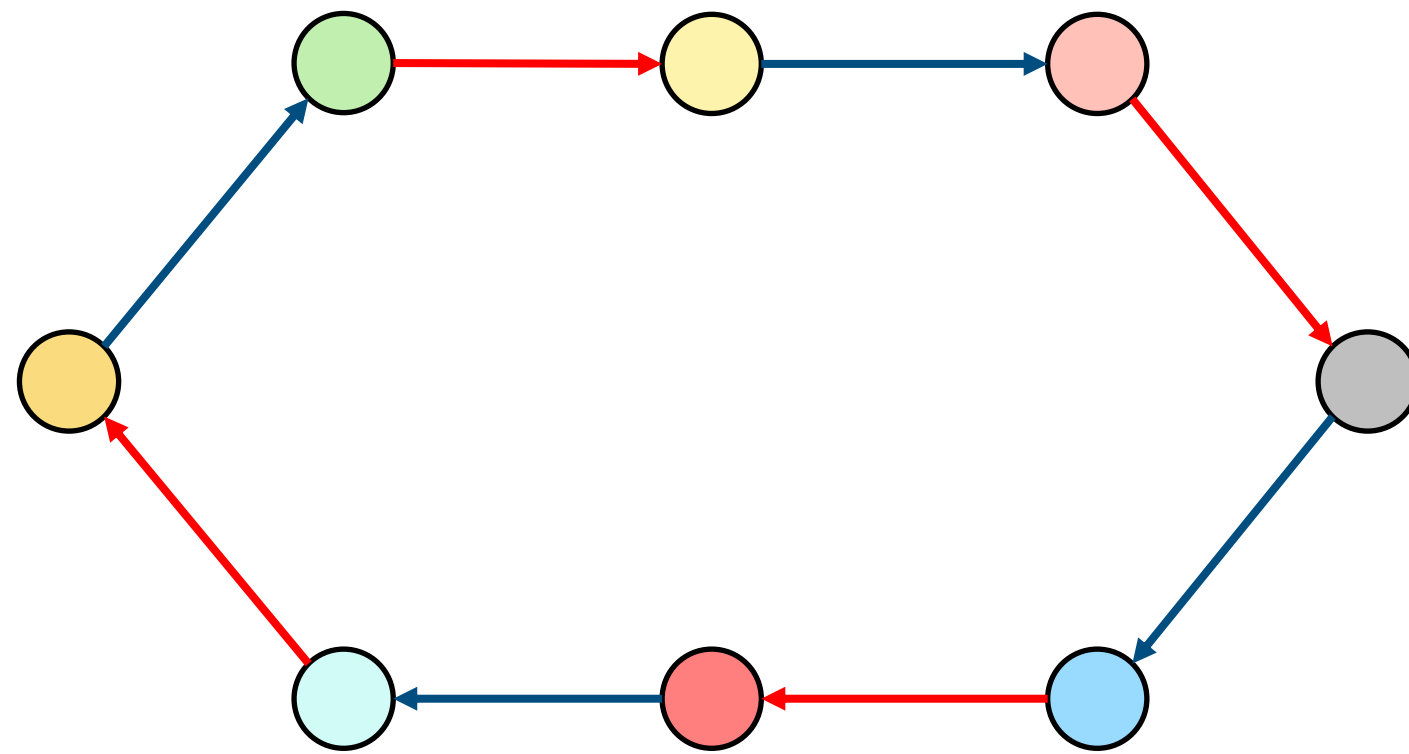
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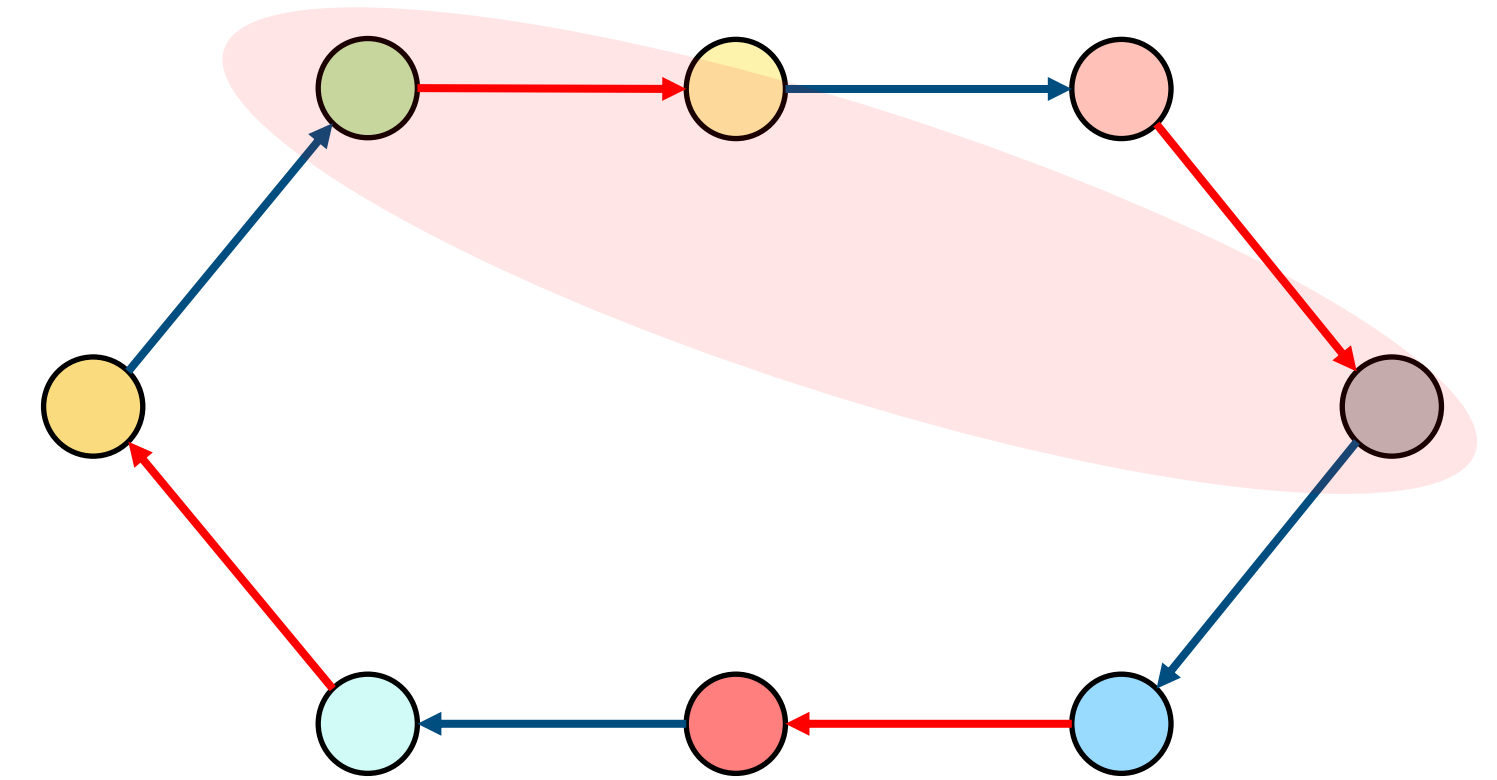
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Summary and Outlook

Pairwise representation: C-MPNNs encodes pairwise node representations conditioned on source node.

Expressiveness results: C-MPNNs can match the expressive power of relational asymmetric local 2-WL, and logical characterizations.

Experimental validation: Experimental analysis is carried out to verify the impact of model choices to validate our theoretical findings.



Thank you!

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