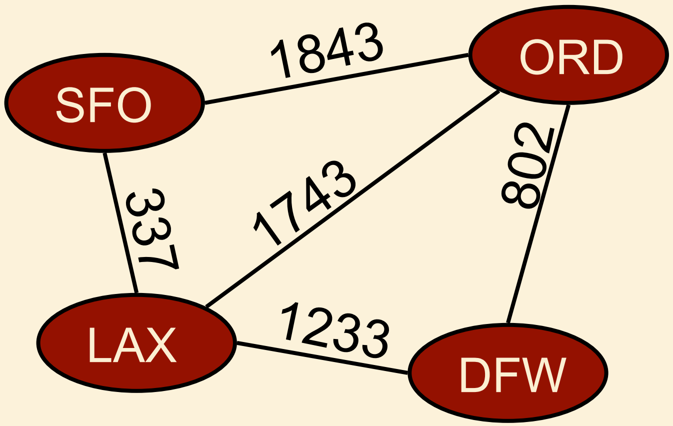
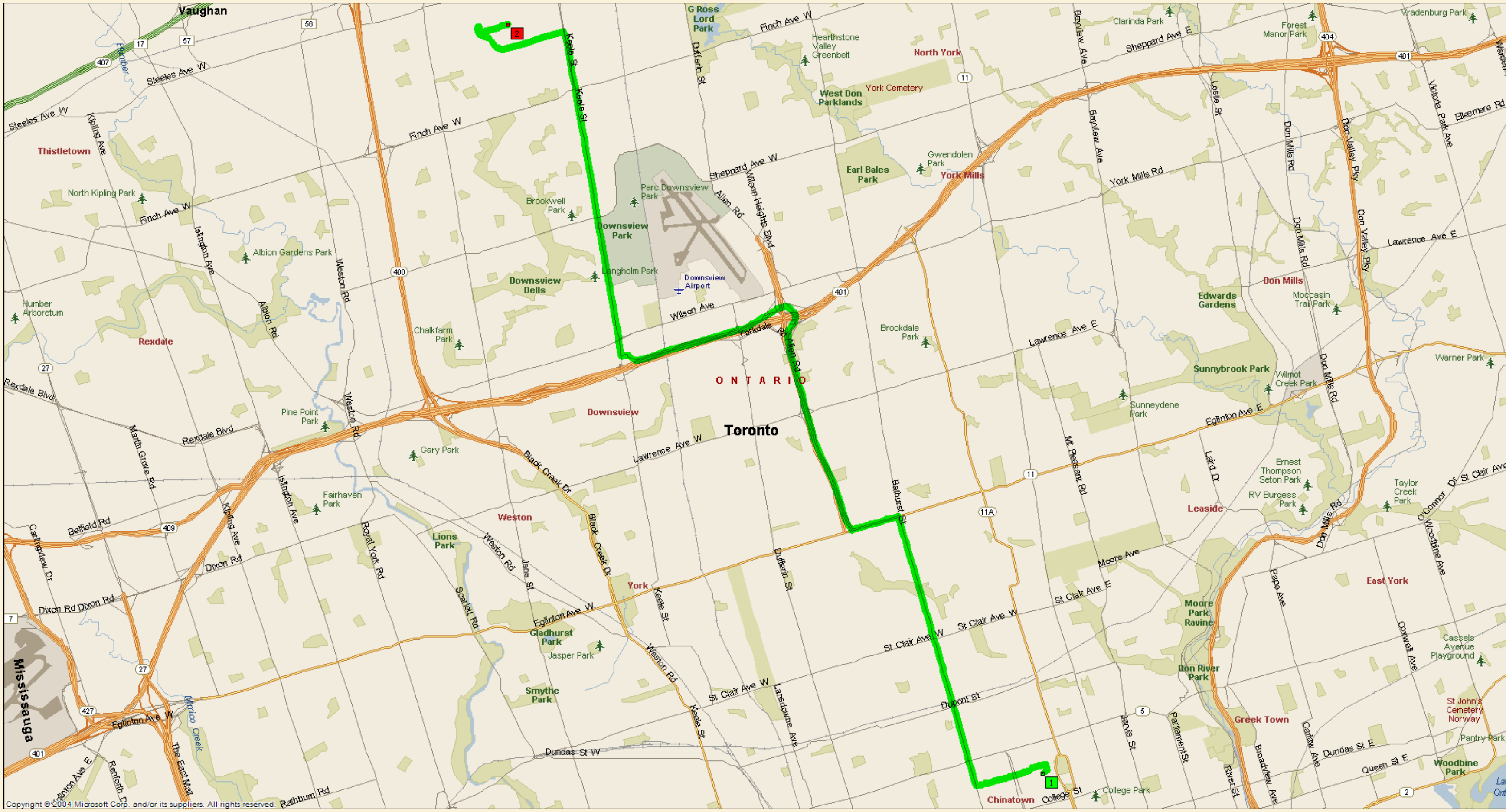
Graphs – Depth First Search



Graph Search Algorithms



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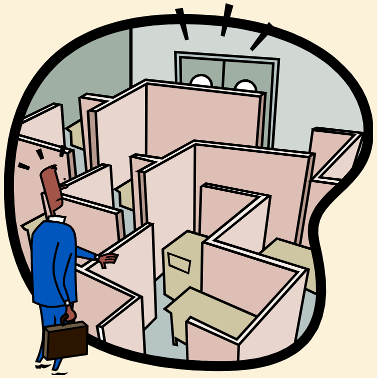
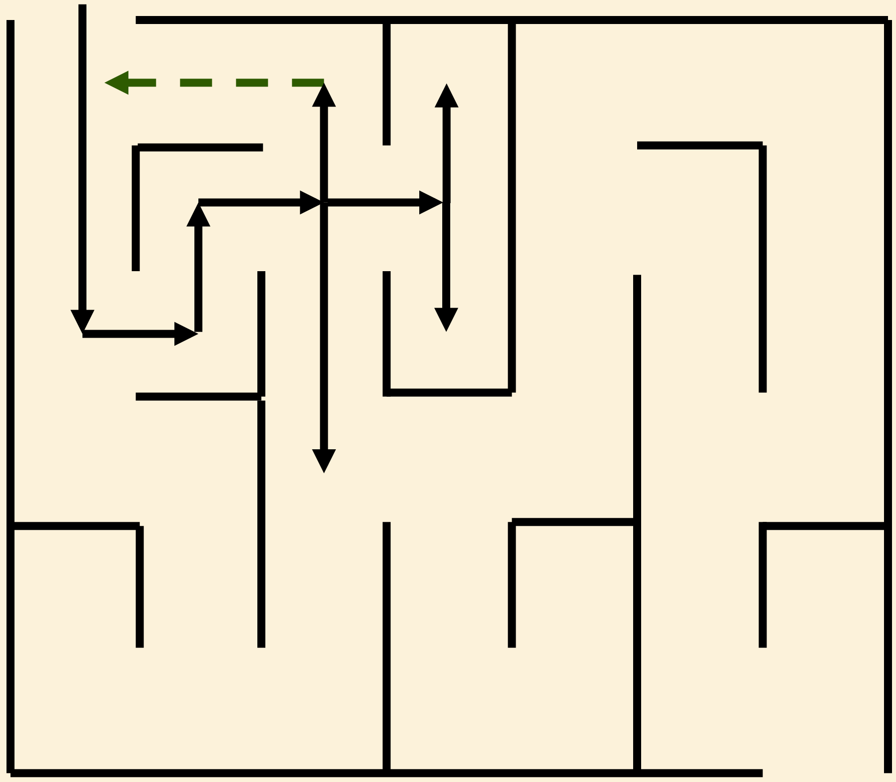
Depth First Search (DFS)

- Idea:
  - Continue searching “deeper” into the graph, until we get stuck.
  - If all the edges leaving v have been explored we “backtrack” to the vertex from which v was discovered.
  - Analogous to Euler tour for trees
- Used to help solve many graph problems, including
  - Nodes that are reachable from a specific node v
  - Detection of cycles
  - Extraction of strongly connected components
  - Topological sorts

Depth-First Search



- The DFS algorithm is similar to a classic strategy for exploring a maze
  - We mark each intersection, corner and dead end (vertex) visited
  - We mark each corridor (edge) traversed
  - We keep track of the path back to the entrance (start vertex) by means of a rope (recursion stack)

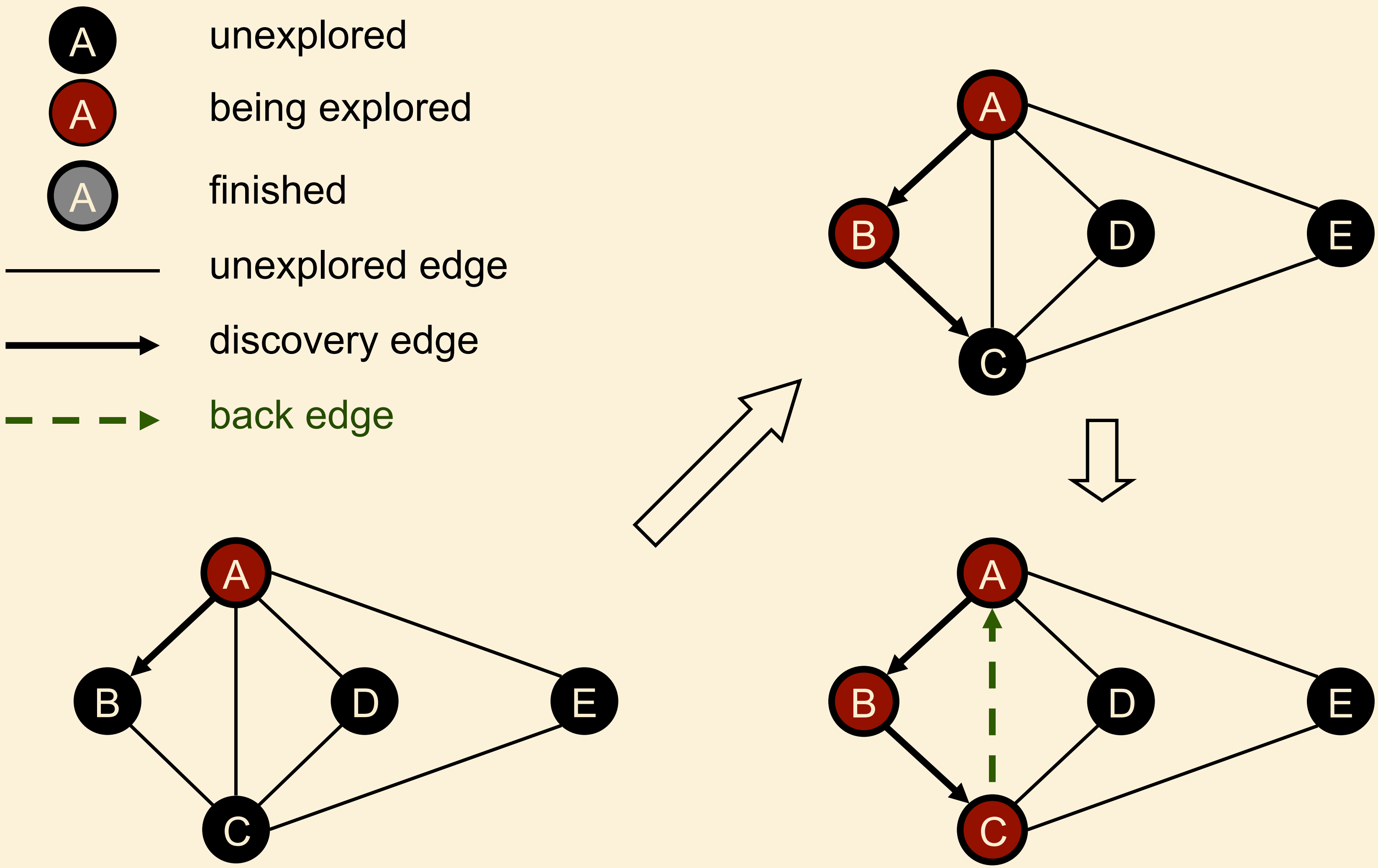


Depth-First Search

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$ (directed or undirected)

- Explore *every* edge, starting from different vertices if necessary.
- As soon as vertex discovered, explore from it.
- Keep track of progress by colouring vertices:
  - Black: undiscovered vertices
  - Red: discovered, but not finished (still exploring from it)
  - Gray: finished (Discovered everything reachable from it).

DFS Example on Undirected Graph



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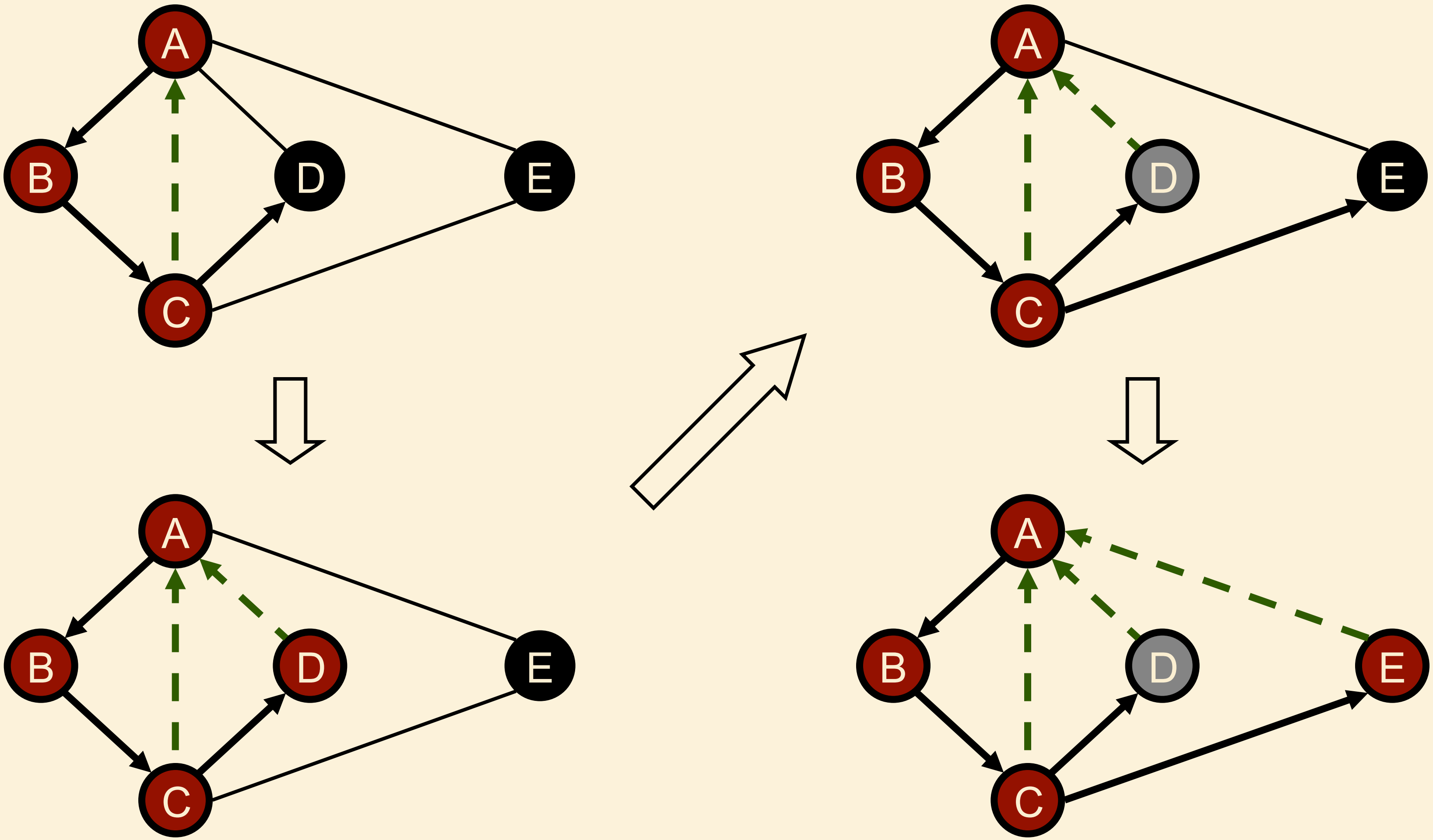

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Precondition: G is a graph

Postcondition: all vertices in G have been visited

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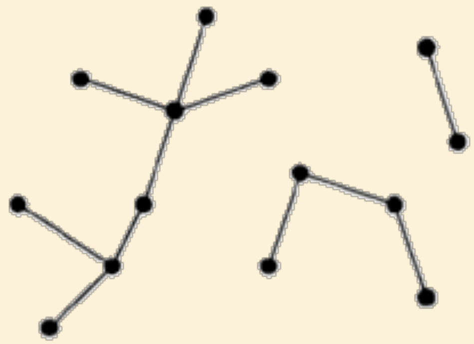


DFS Algorithm Pattern

DFS-Visit (u)

Precondition: vertex u is undiscovered

Postcondition: all vertices reachable from u have been processed

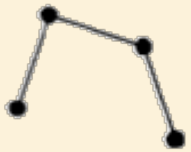
colour[u] $\leftarrow$ RED

for each $v \in$ Adj[u] //explore edge (u,v)

if color[v] = BLACK

DFS-Visit(v)

colour[u] $\leftarrow$ *GRAY*



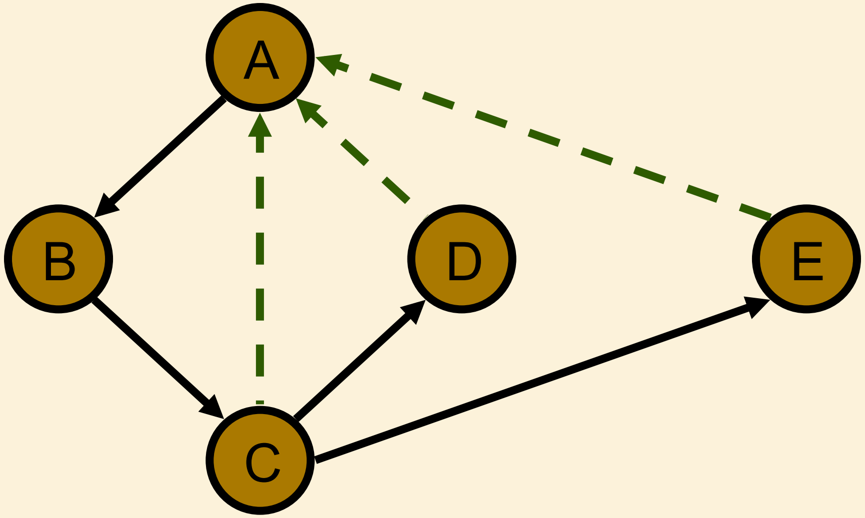
Properties of DFS

Property 1

DFS-Visit*(*u*)** visits all the vertices and edges in the connected component of ***u

Property 2

The discovery edges labeled by ***DFS-Visit*(*u*)** form a spanning tree of the connected component of ***u***



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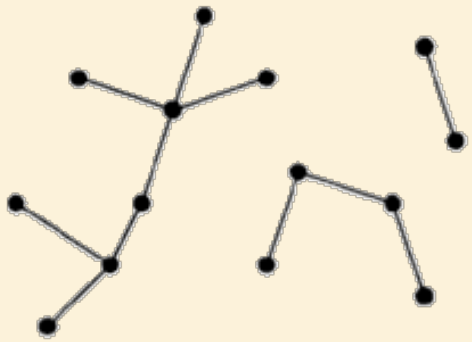

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DFS-Visit (*u*)

Precondition: vertex *u* is undiscovered

Postcondition: all vertices reachable from *u* have been processed

colour[*u*] $\leftarrow$ RED

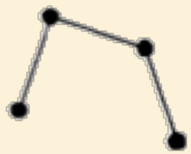
for each *v* $\in$ Adj[*u*] //explore edge (*u*,*v*)

    if color[*v*] = BLACK

        DFS-Visit(*v*)

colour[*u*] $\leftarrow$ *GRAY*

total work $= \sum_{v \in V} |Adj[v]| = \theta(E)$



Thus running time = $\theta(V + E)$

(assuming adjacency list structure)

Variants of Depth-First Search

- In addition to, or instead of labeling vertices with colours, they can be labeled with **discovery** and **finishing** times.
- 'Time' is an integer that is incremented whenever a vertex changes state
  - from **unexplored** to **discovered**
  - from **discovered** to **finished**
- These **discovery** and **finishing** times can then be used to solve other graph problems (e.g., computing strongly-connected components)

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$ (directed or undirected)

Output: 2 timestamps on each vertex:

$d[v] =$ discovery time.

$f[v] =$ finishing time.

$$1 \le d[v] < f[v] \le 2|V|$$

DFS Algorithm with Discovery and Finish Times

DFS(G)

Precondition: G is a graph

Postcondition: all vertices in G have been visited

for each vertex u $\in V[G]$

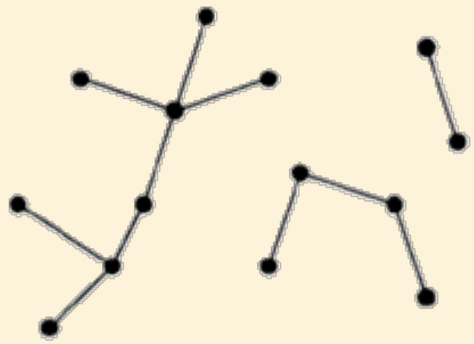
color[u] = BLACK //initialize vertex

time $\leftarrow$ 0

for each vertex u $\in V[G]$

if color[u] = BLACK //as yet unexplored

DFS-Visit(u)



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$d[u] \leftarrow \text{time}$

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DFS-Visit(v)

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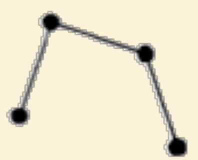

Other Variants of Depth-First Search

- The DFS Pattern can also be used to
  - Compute a forest of spanning trees (one for each call to DFS-visit) encoded in a predecessor list π[u]
  - Label edges in the graph according to their role in the search
    - **Discovery tree edges**, traversed to an undiscovered vertex
    - **Forward edges**, traversed to a descendent vertex on the current spanning tree
    - **Back edges**, traversed to an ancestor vertex on the current spanning tree
    - **Cross edges**, traversed to a vertex that has already been discovered, but is not an ancestor or a descendent

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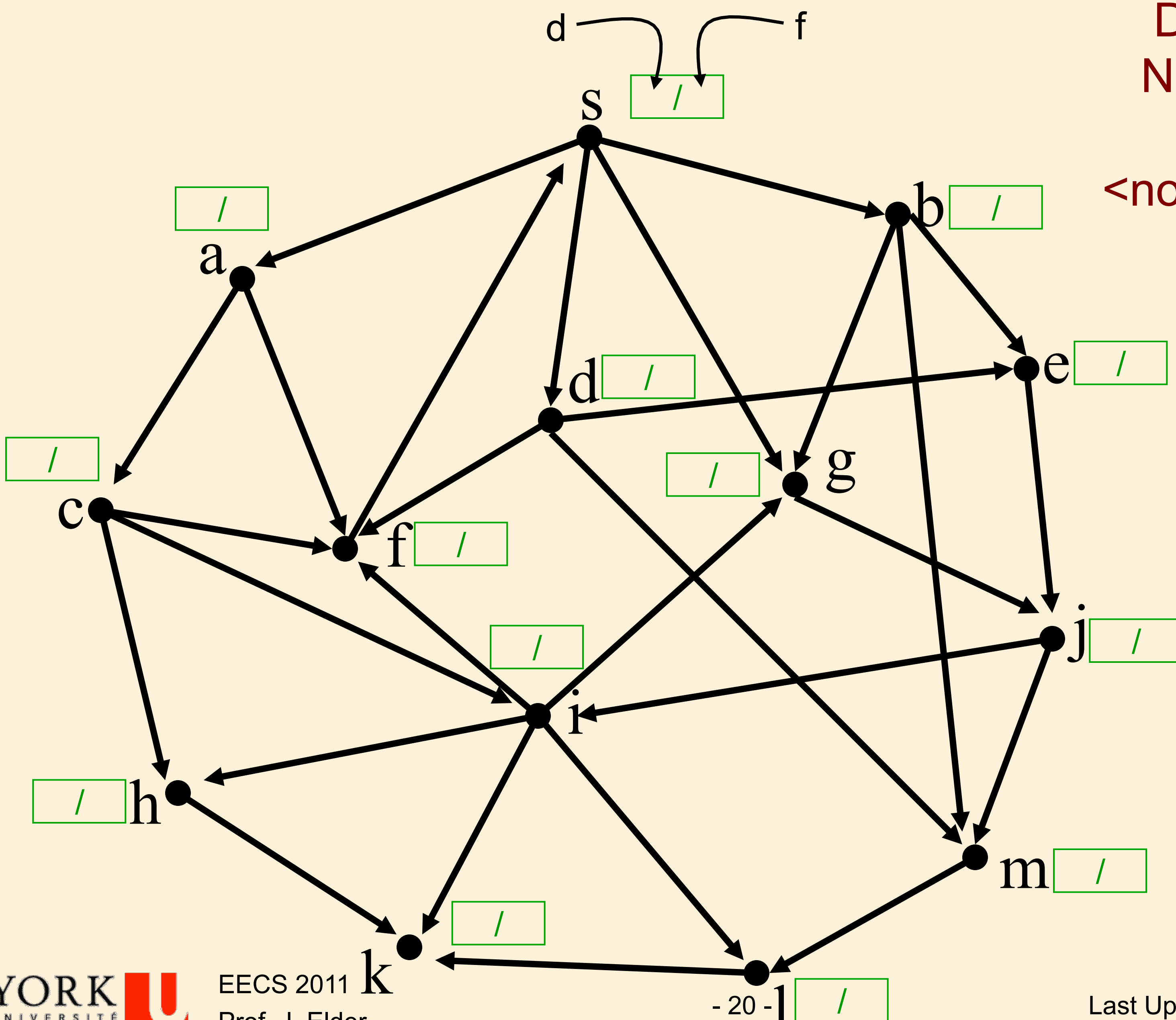
Note: Stack is Last-In First-Out (LIFO)



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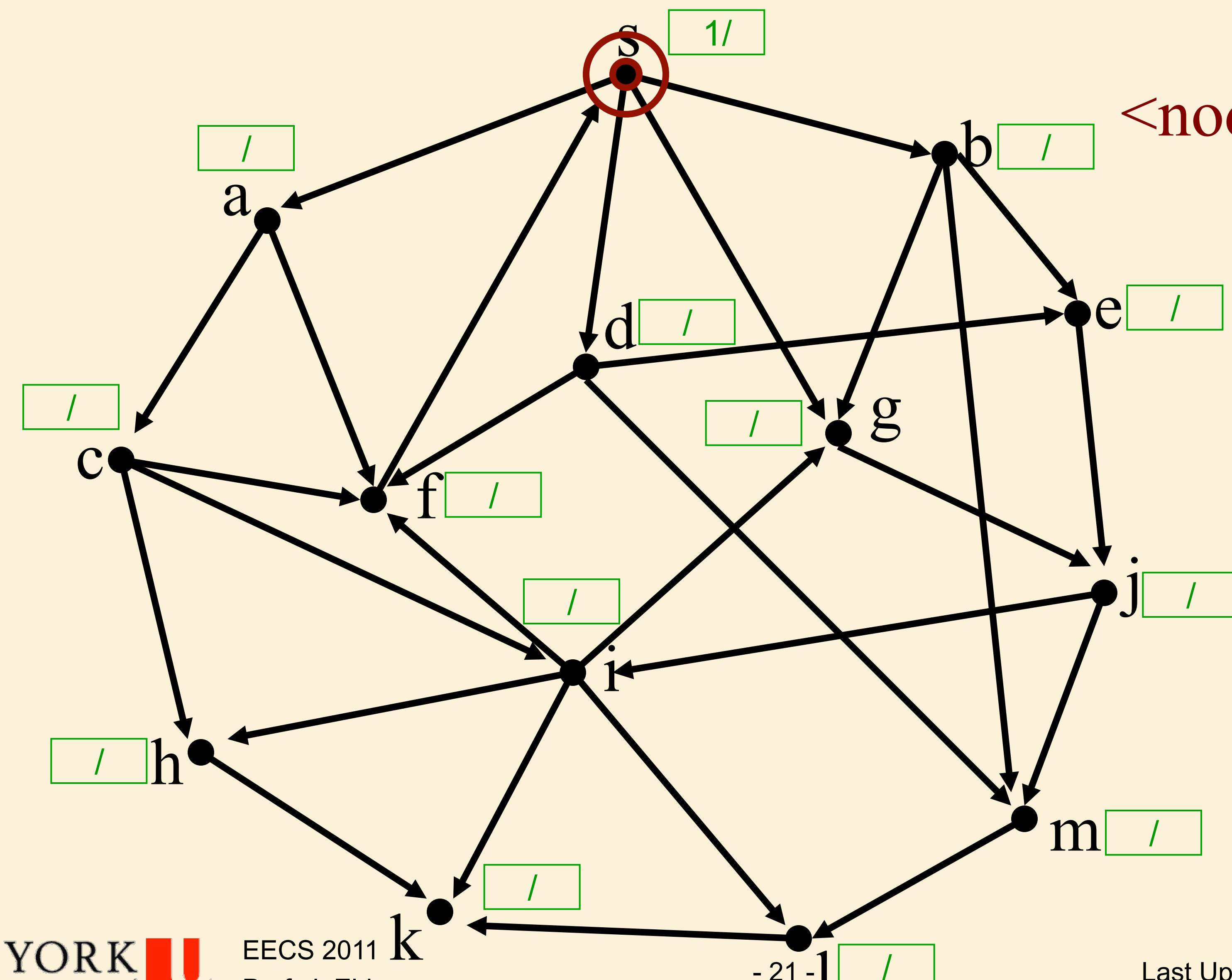

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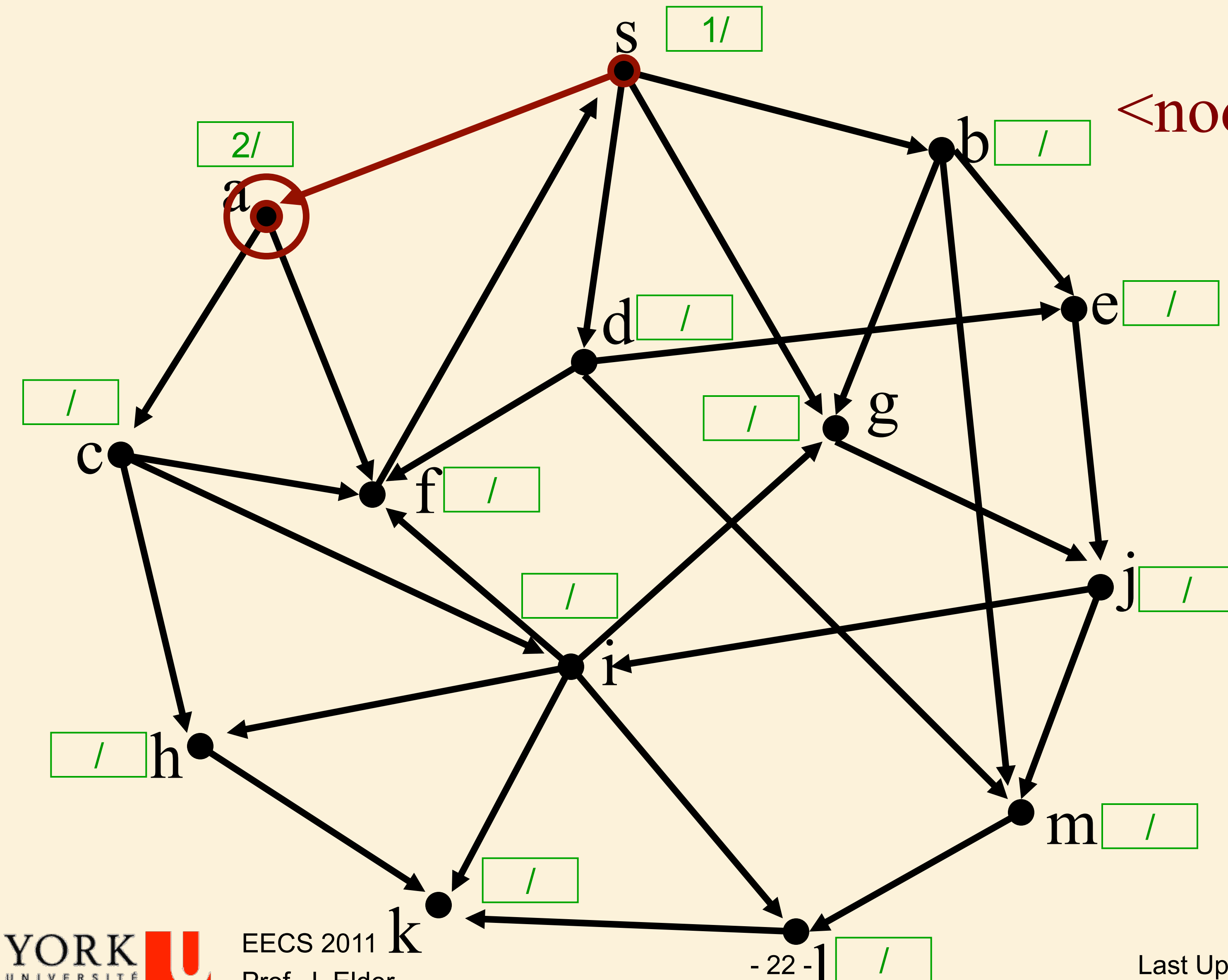

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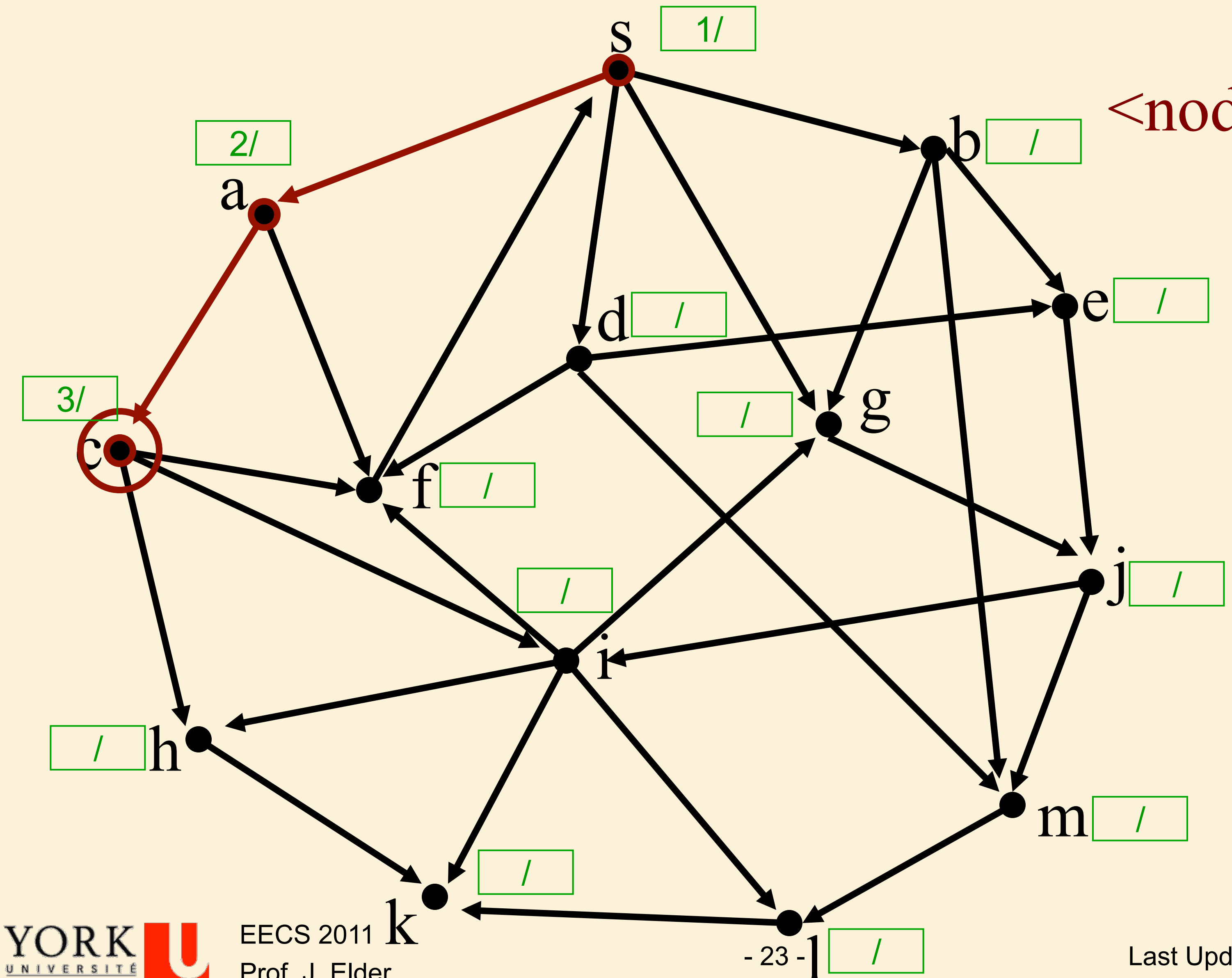

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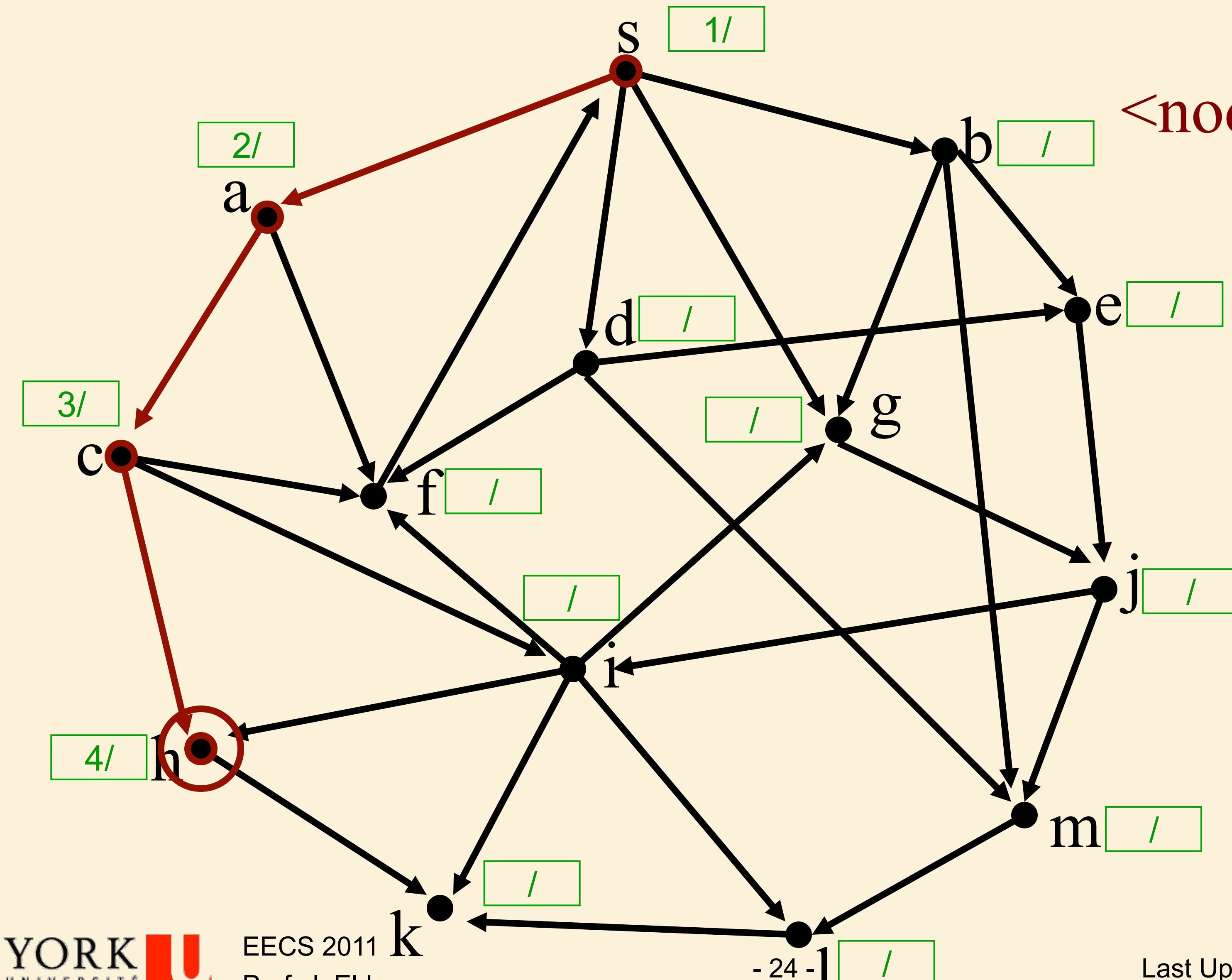

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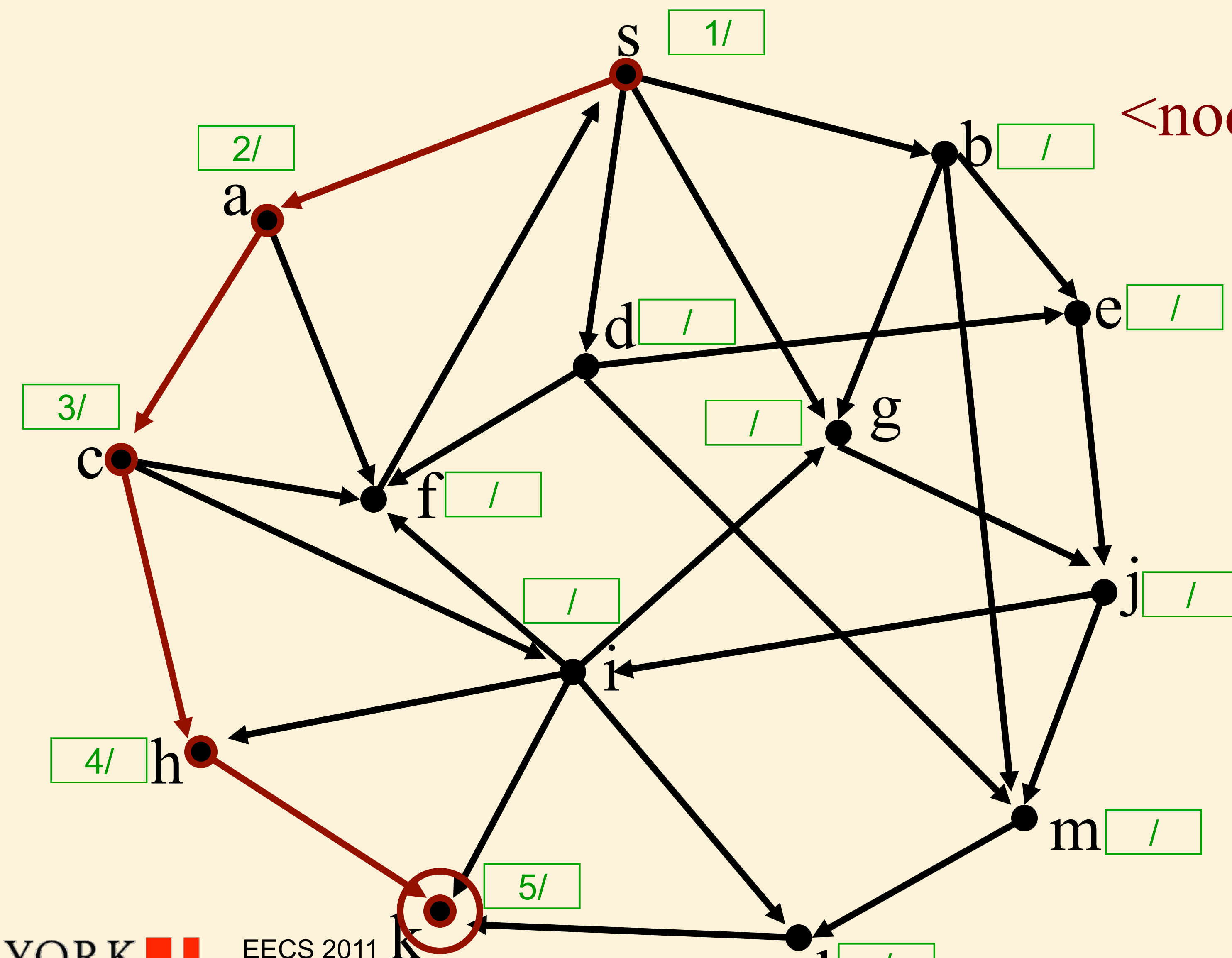

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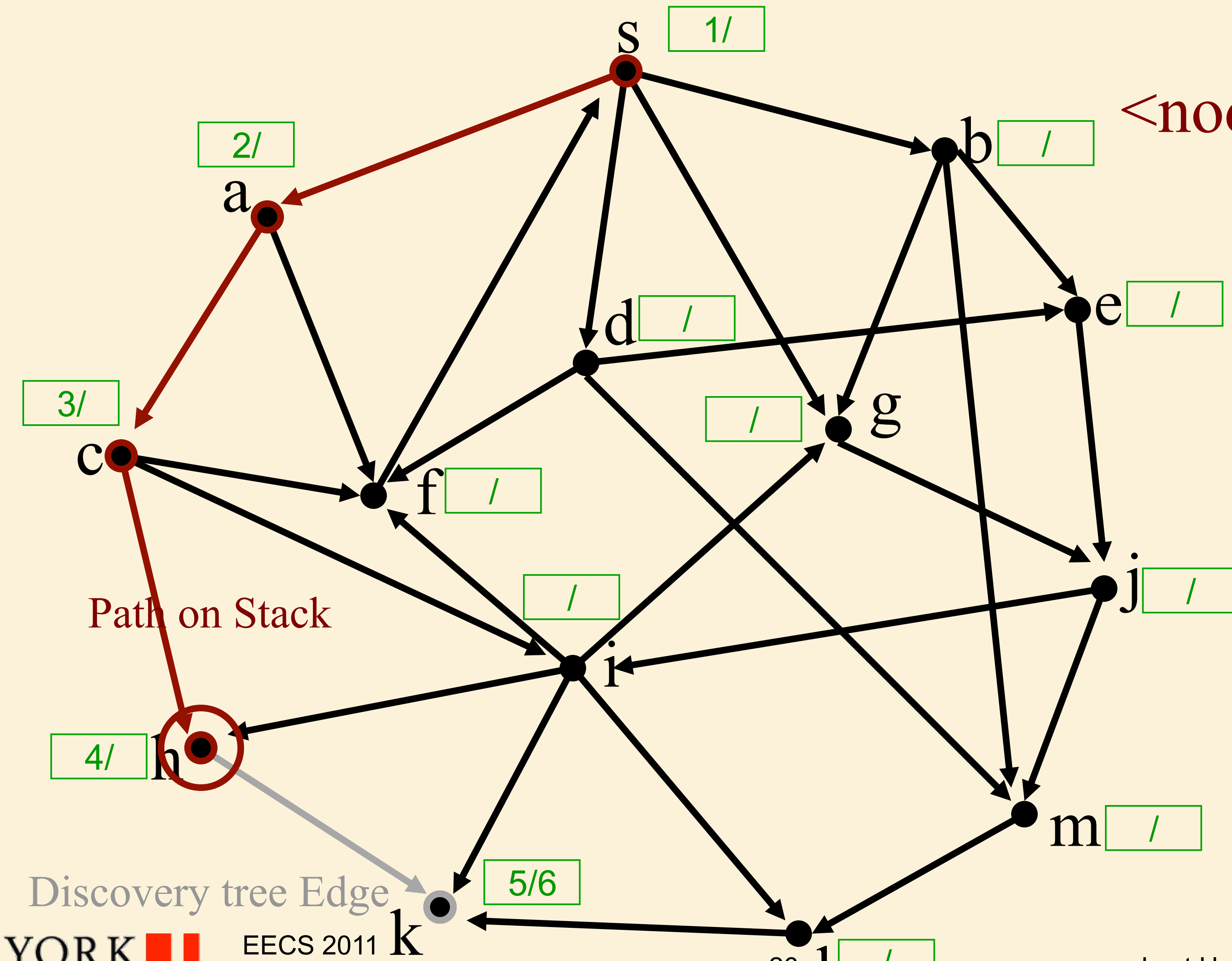

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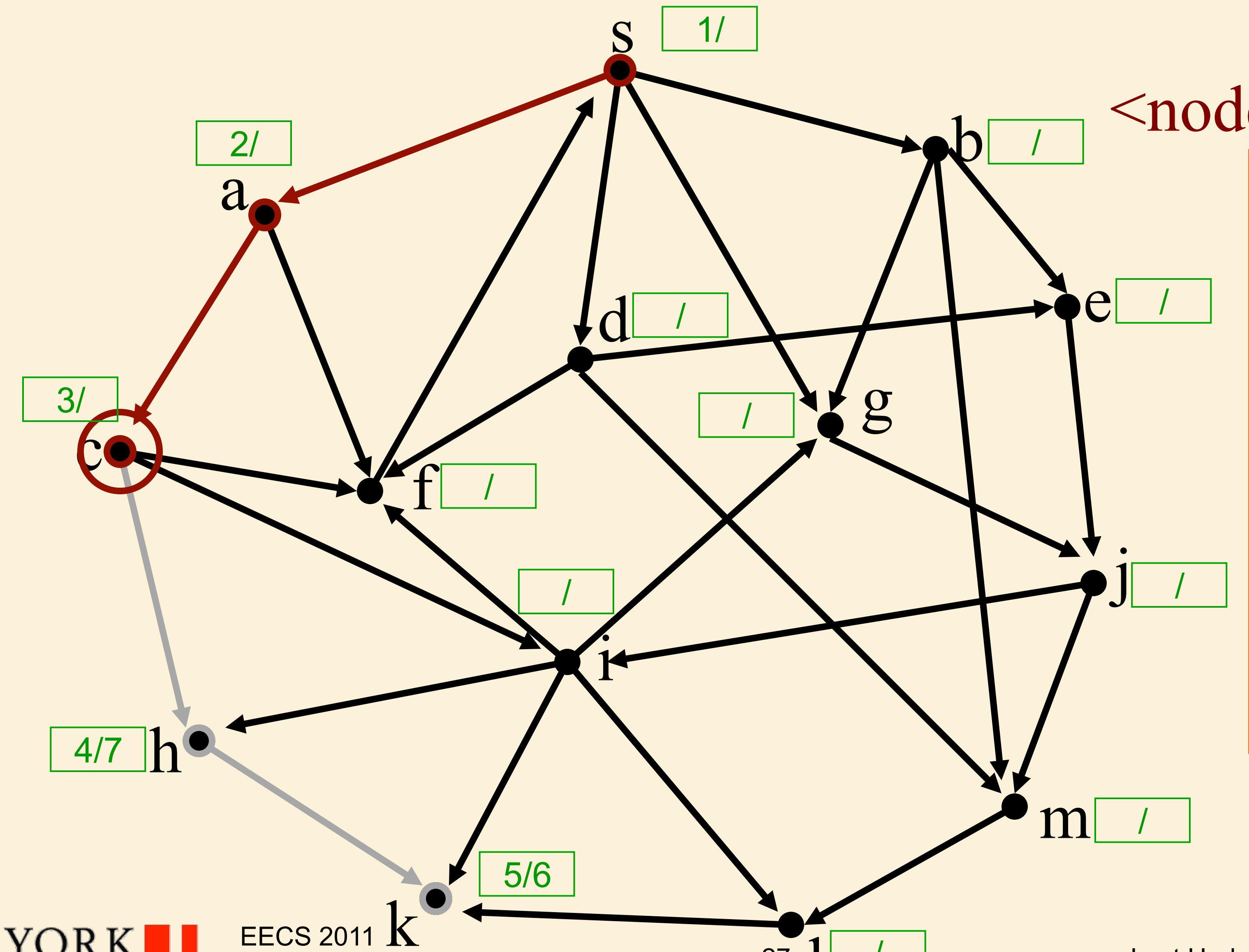

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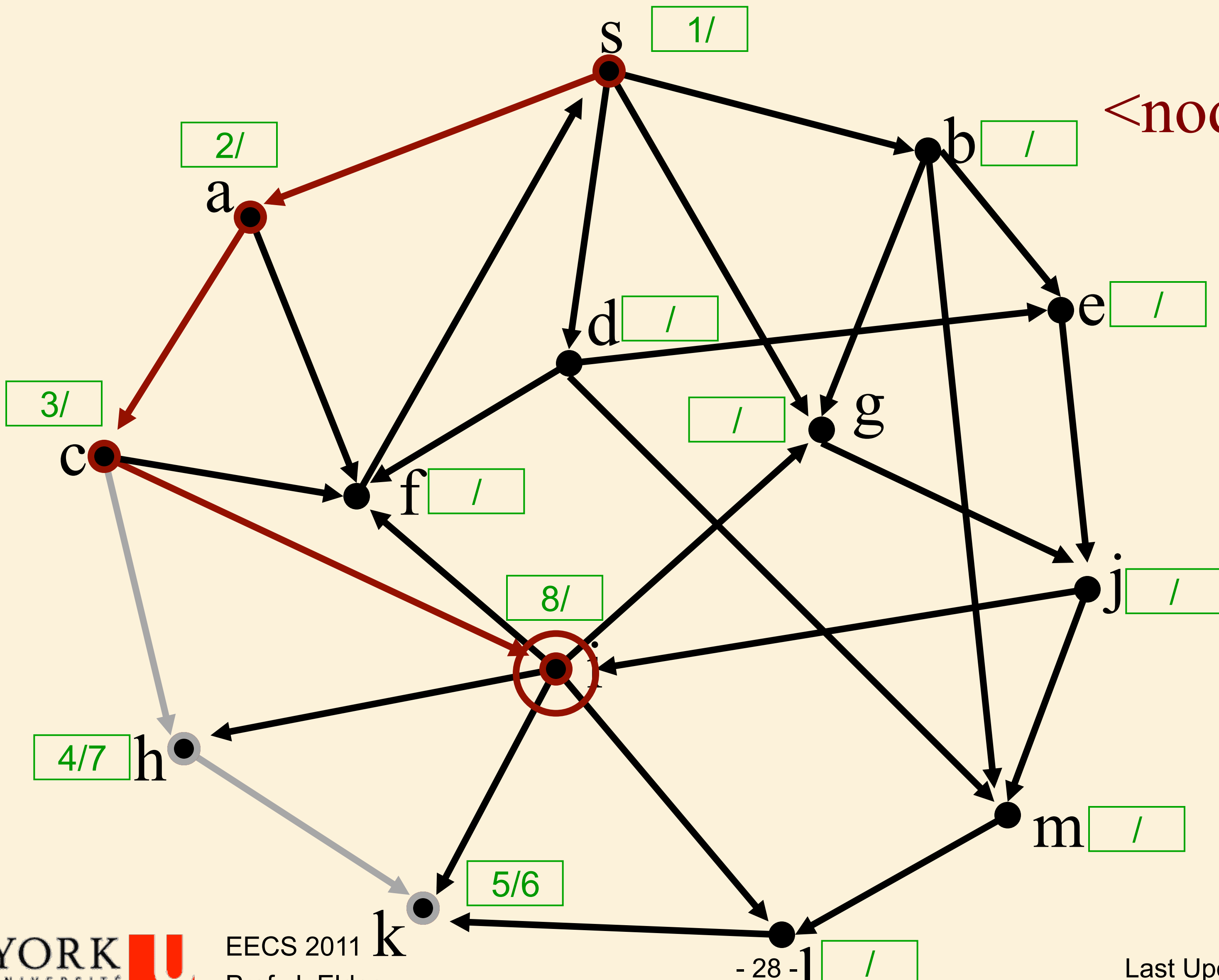

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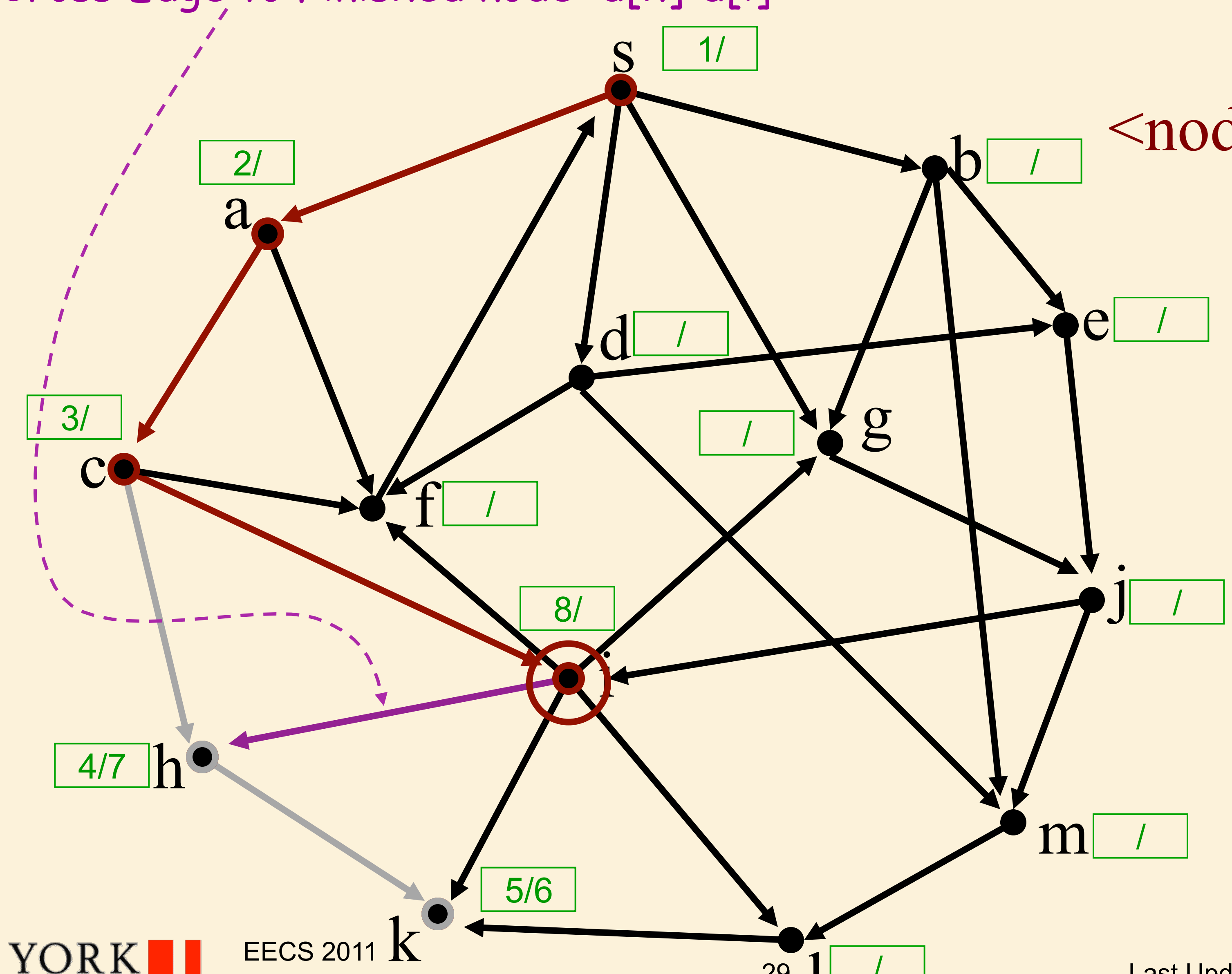
Cross Edge to Finished node: d[h]<d[i]



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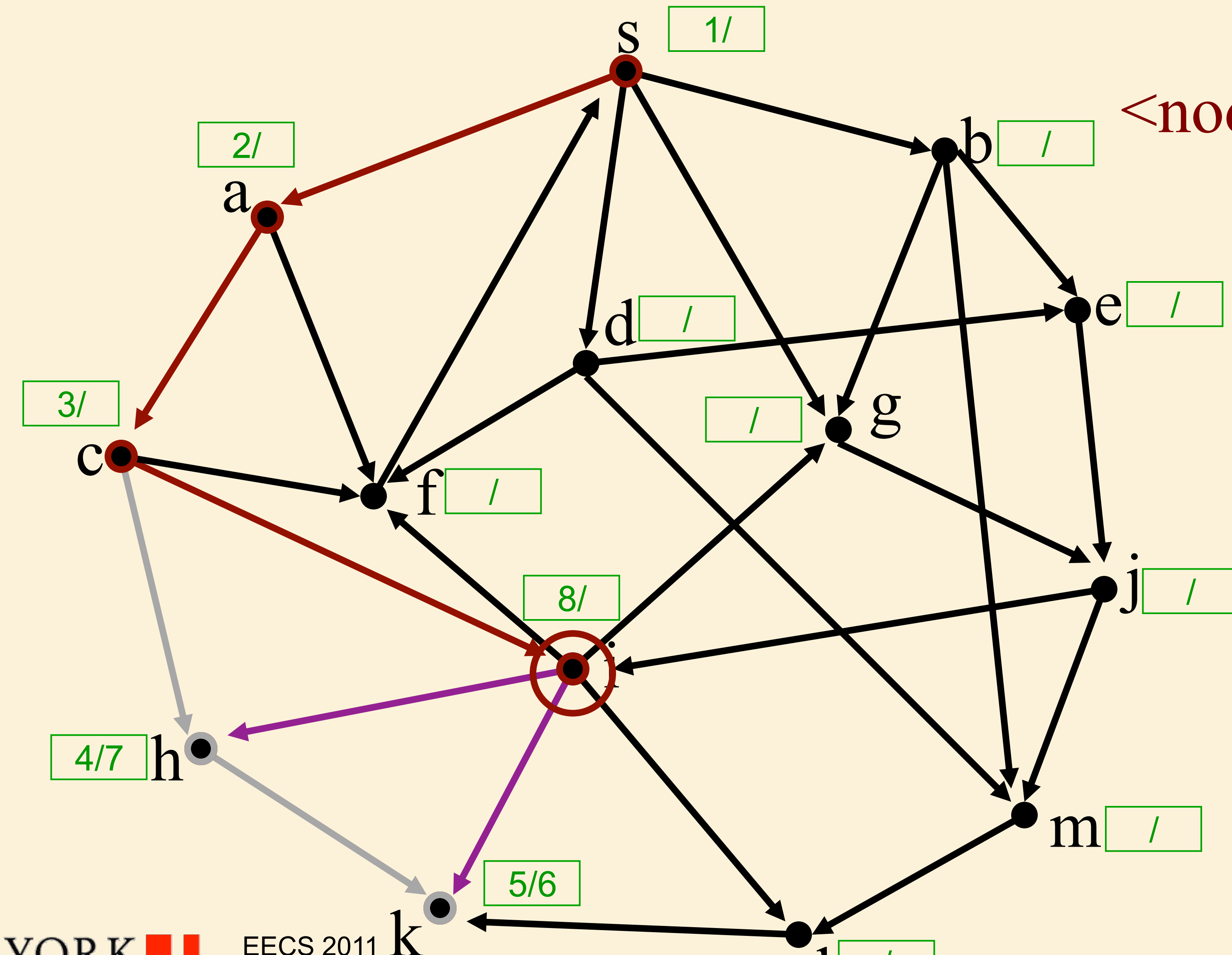

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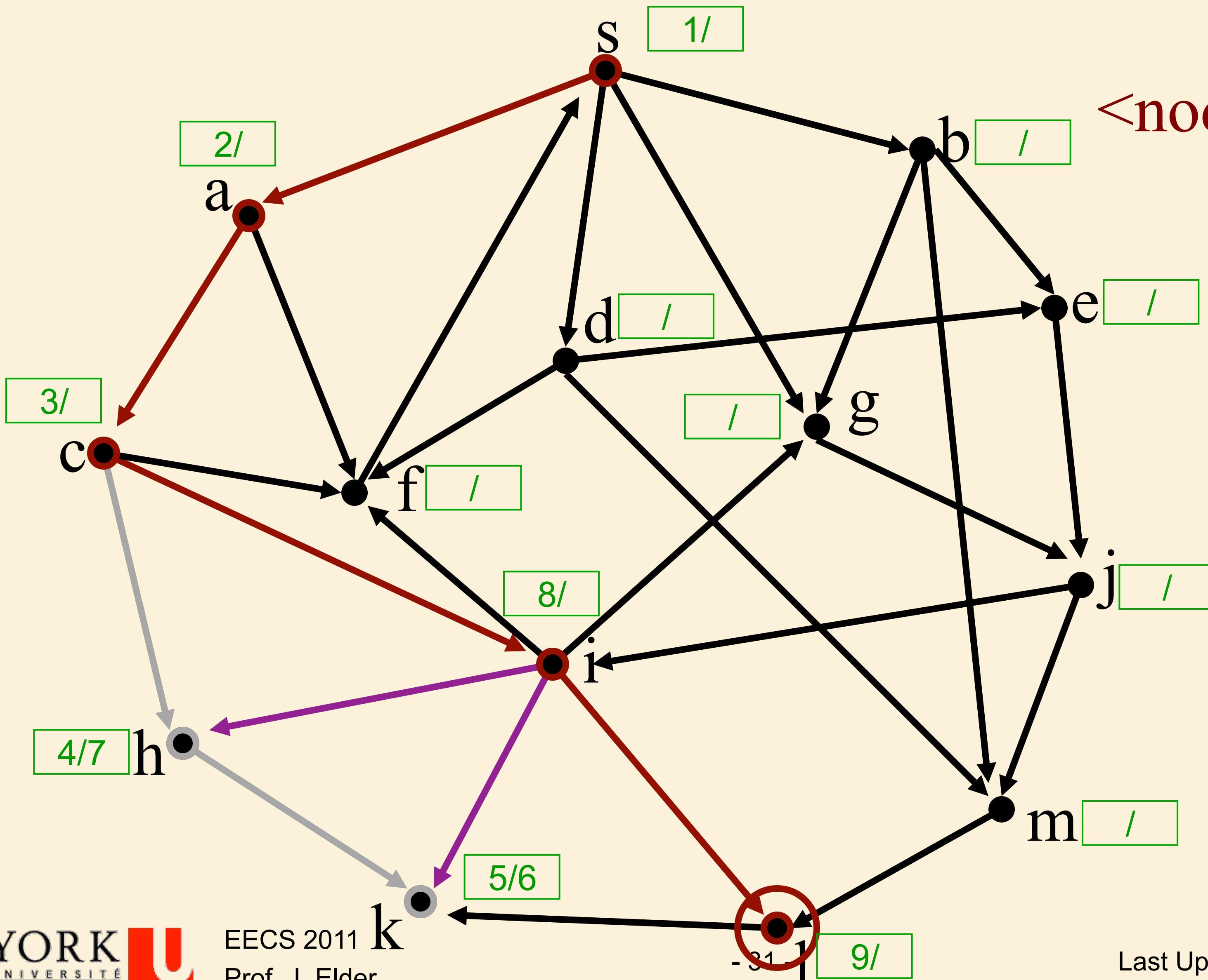

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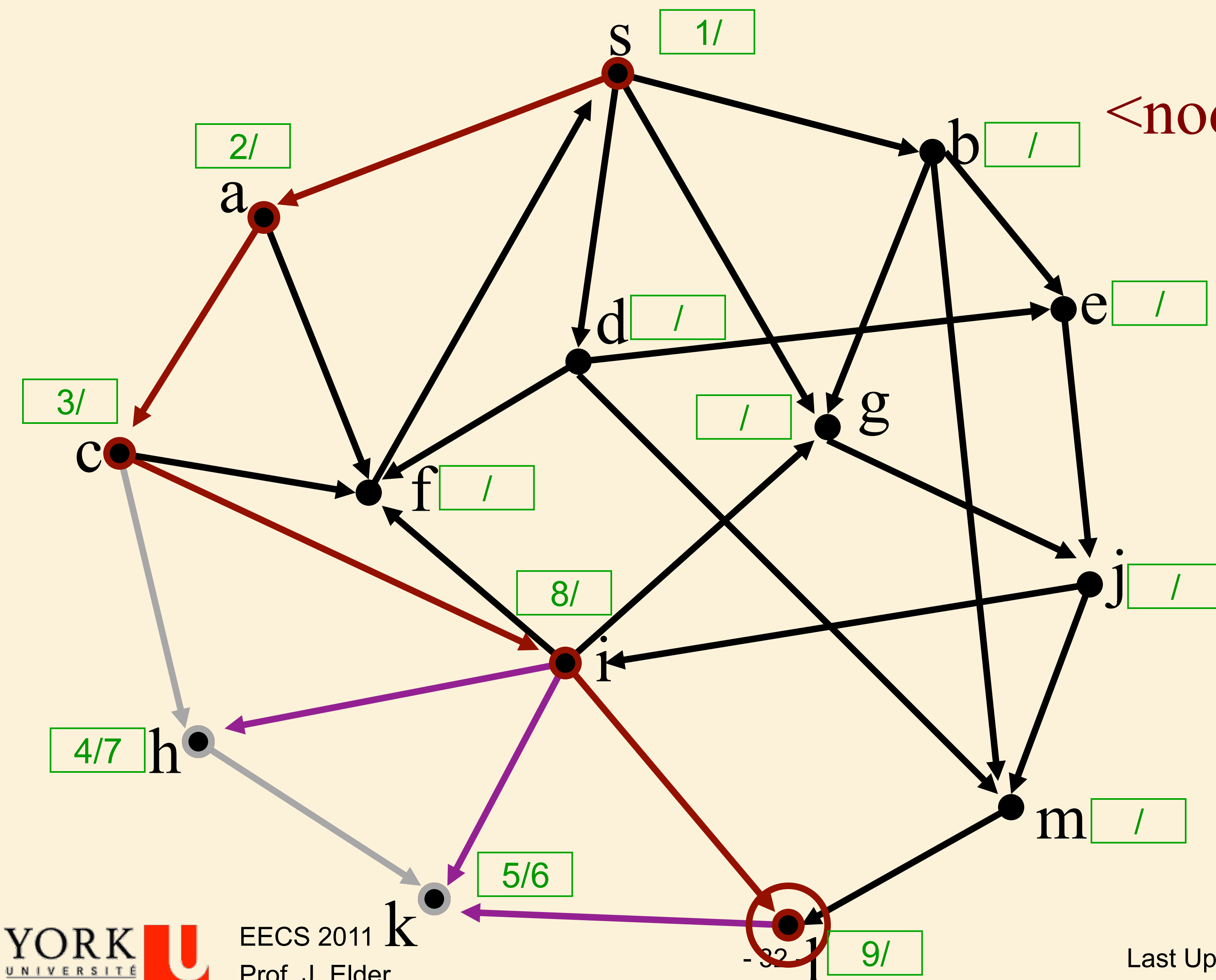

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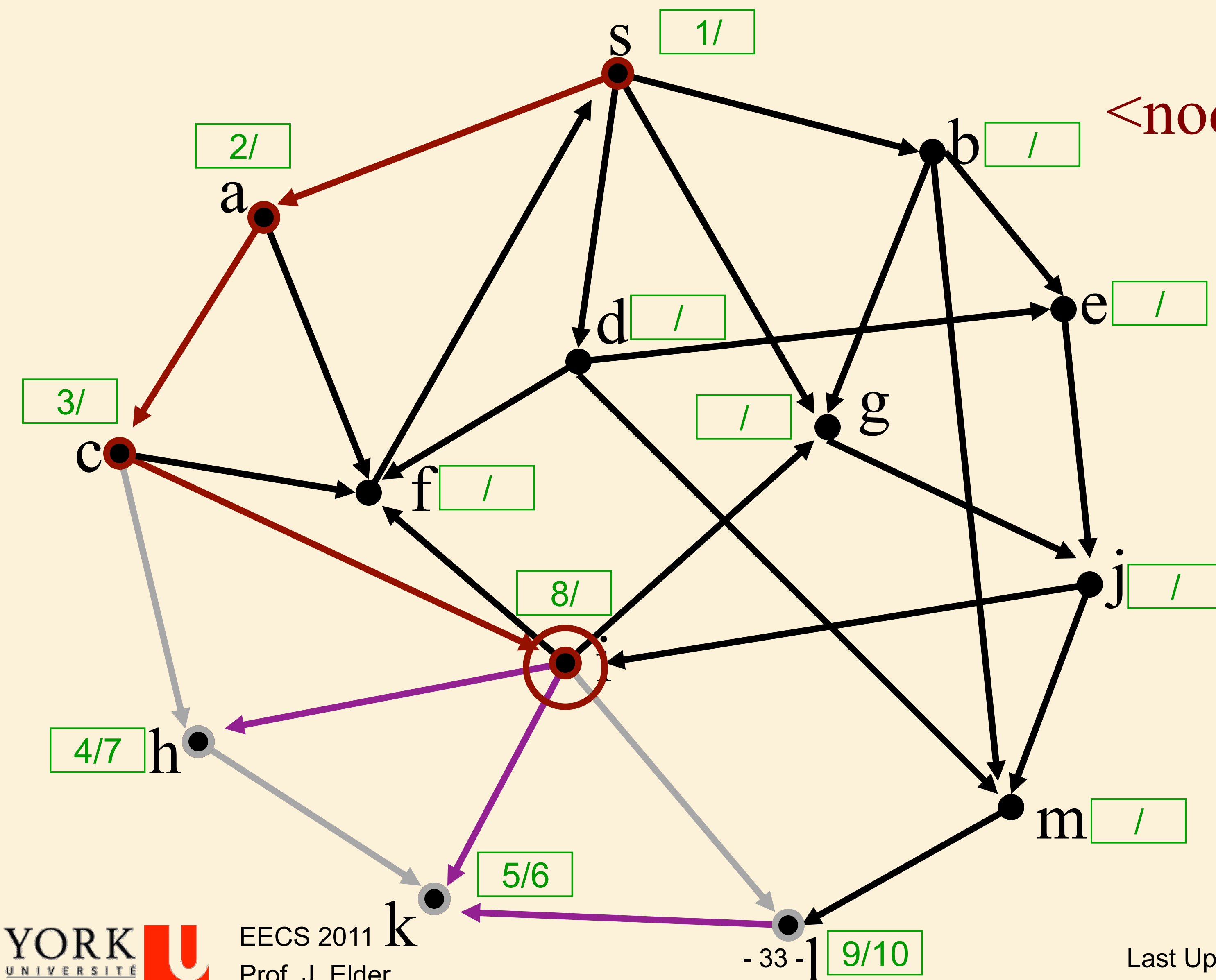

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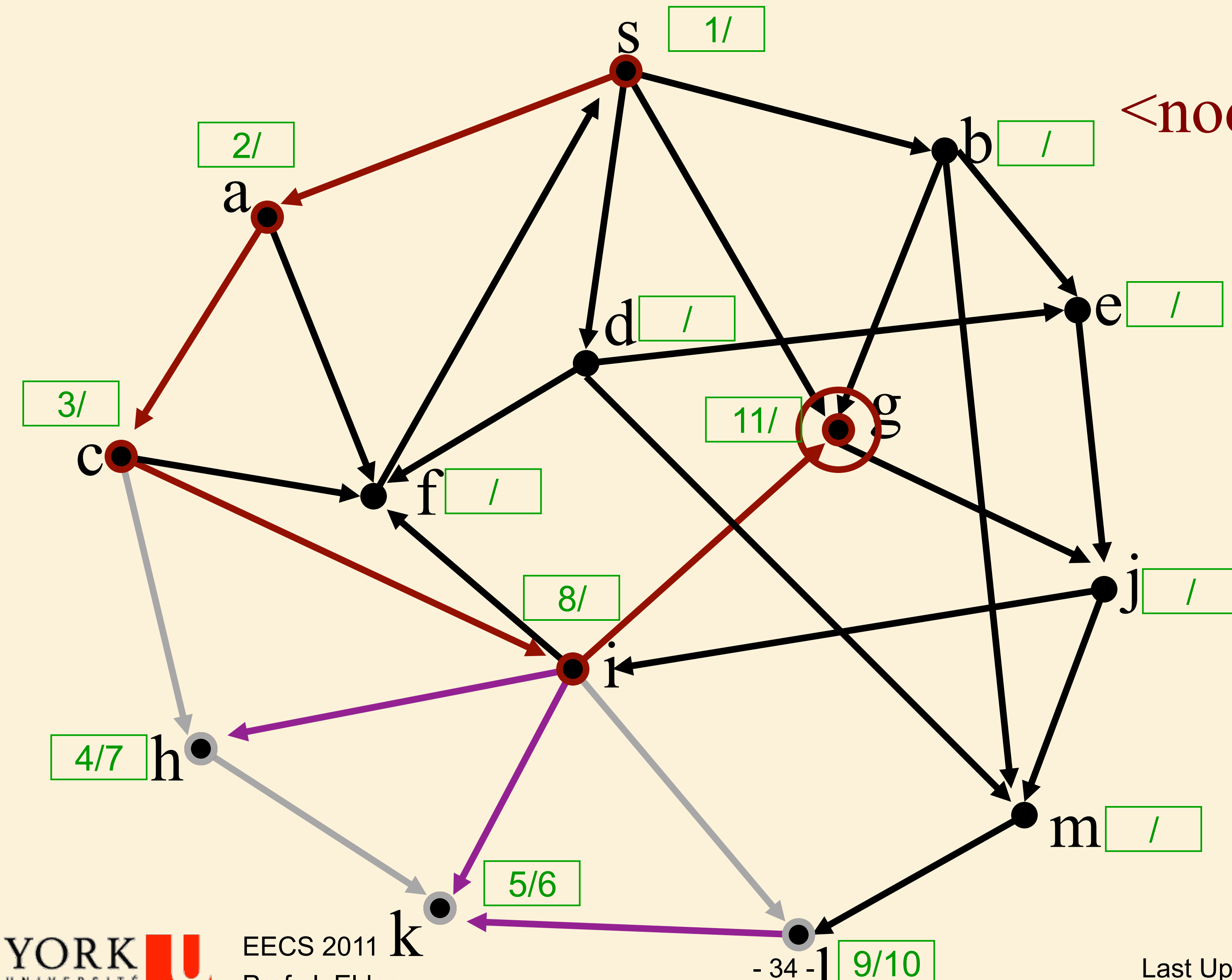

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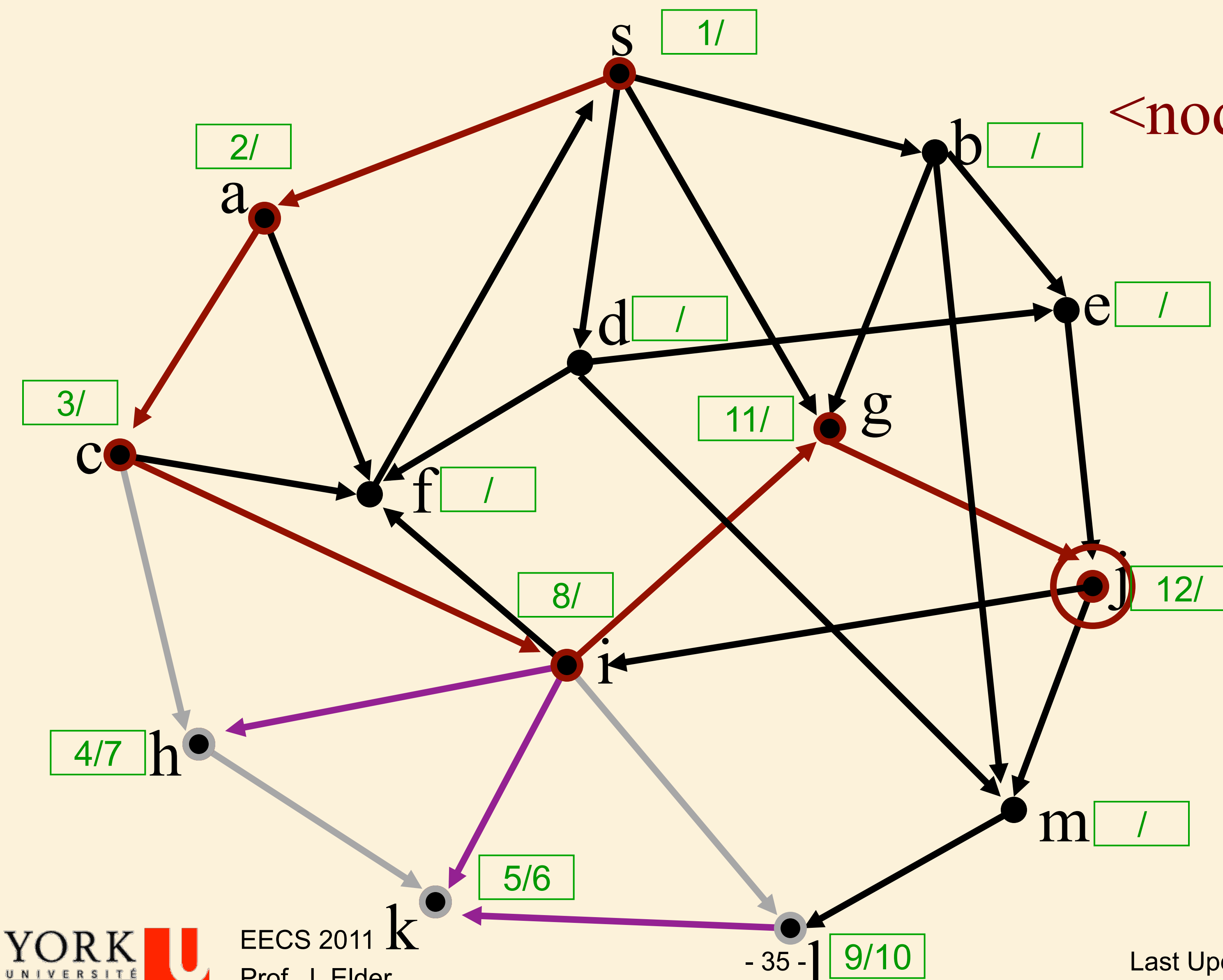

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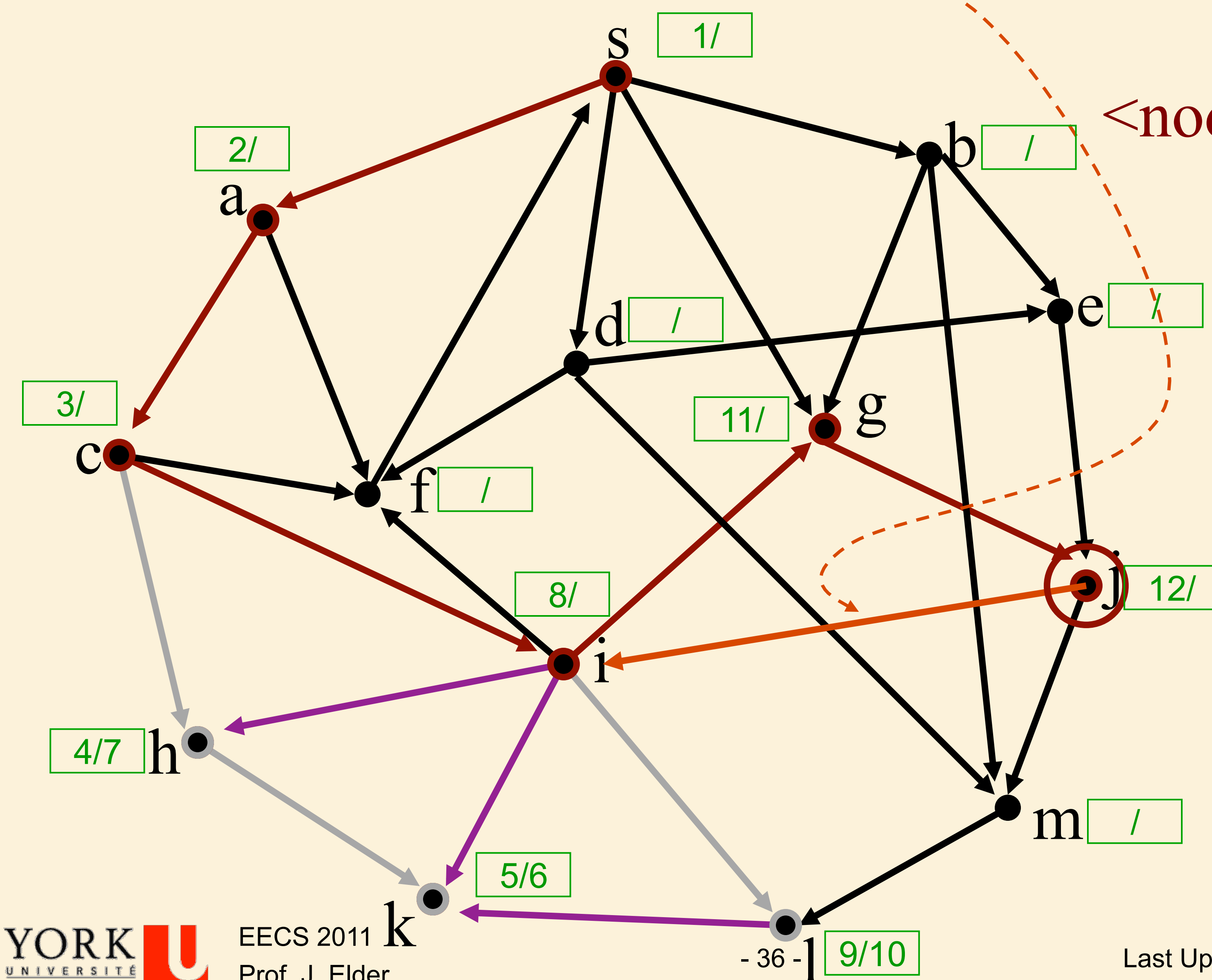
Back Edge to node on Stack:



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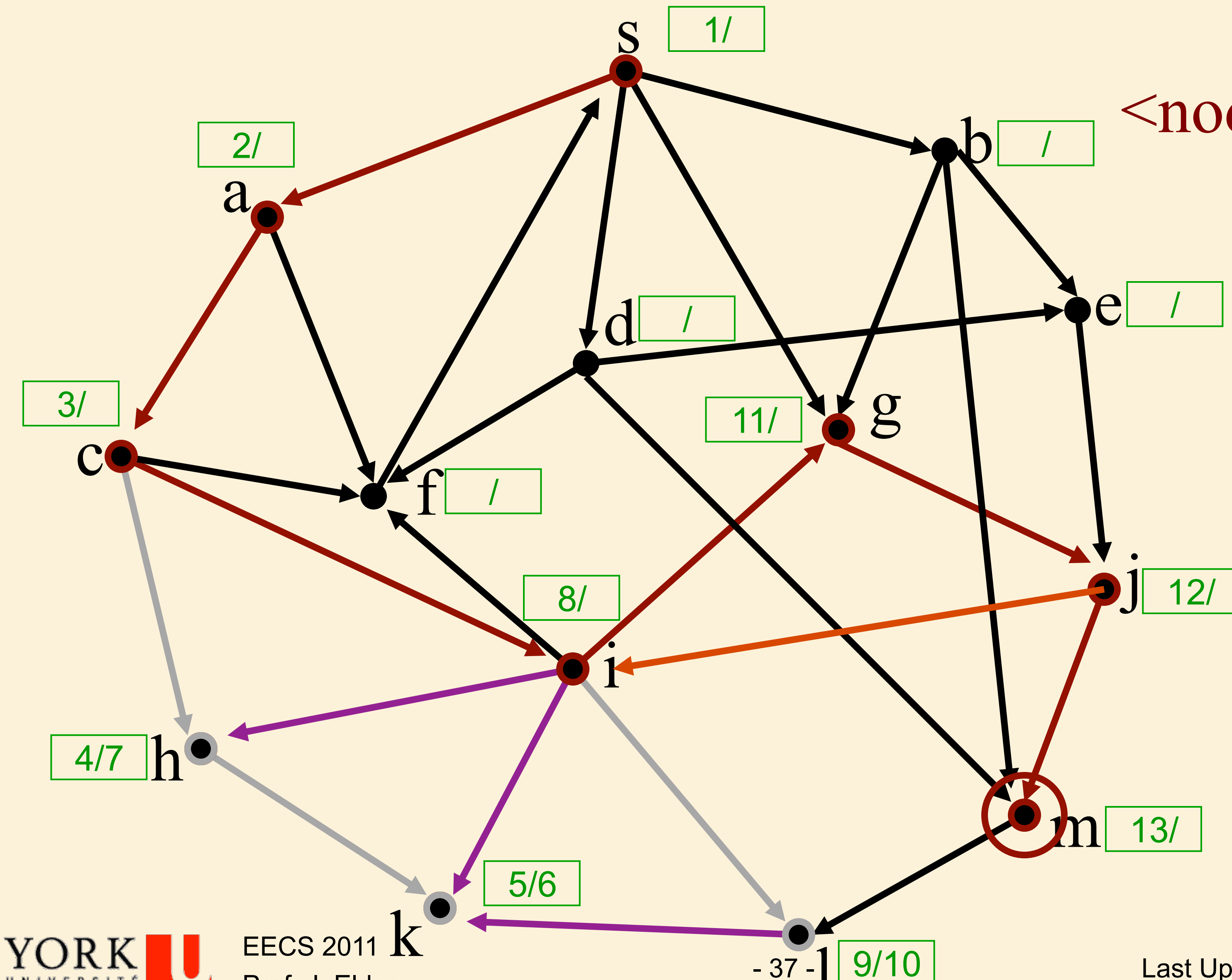

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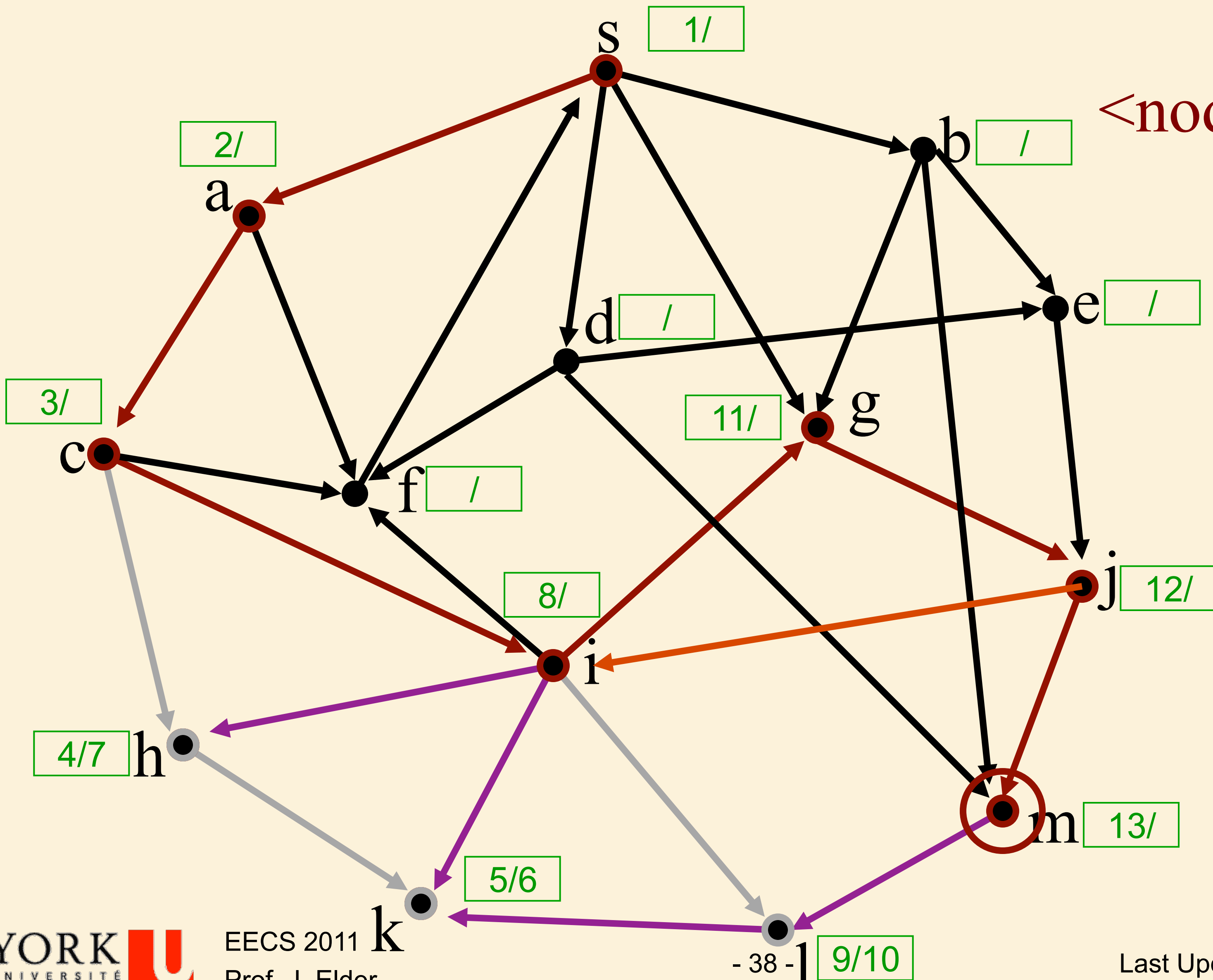

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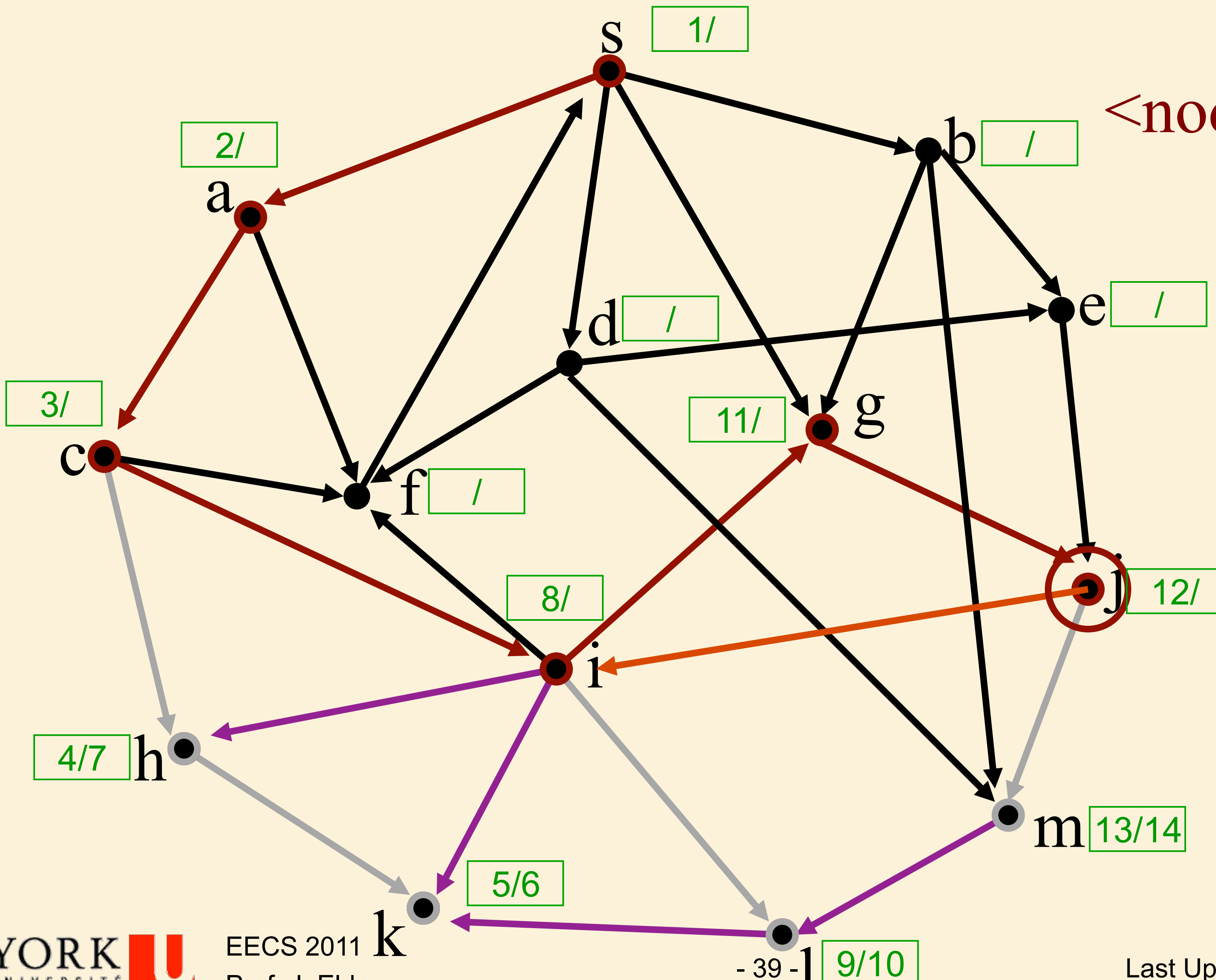

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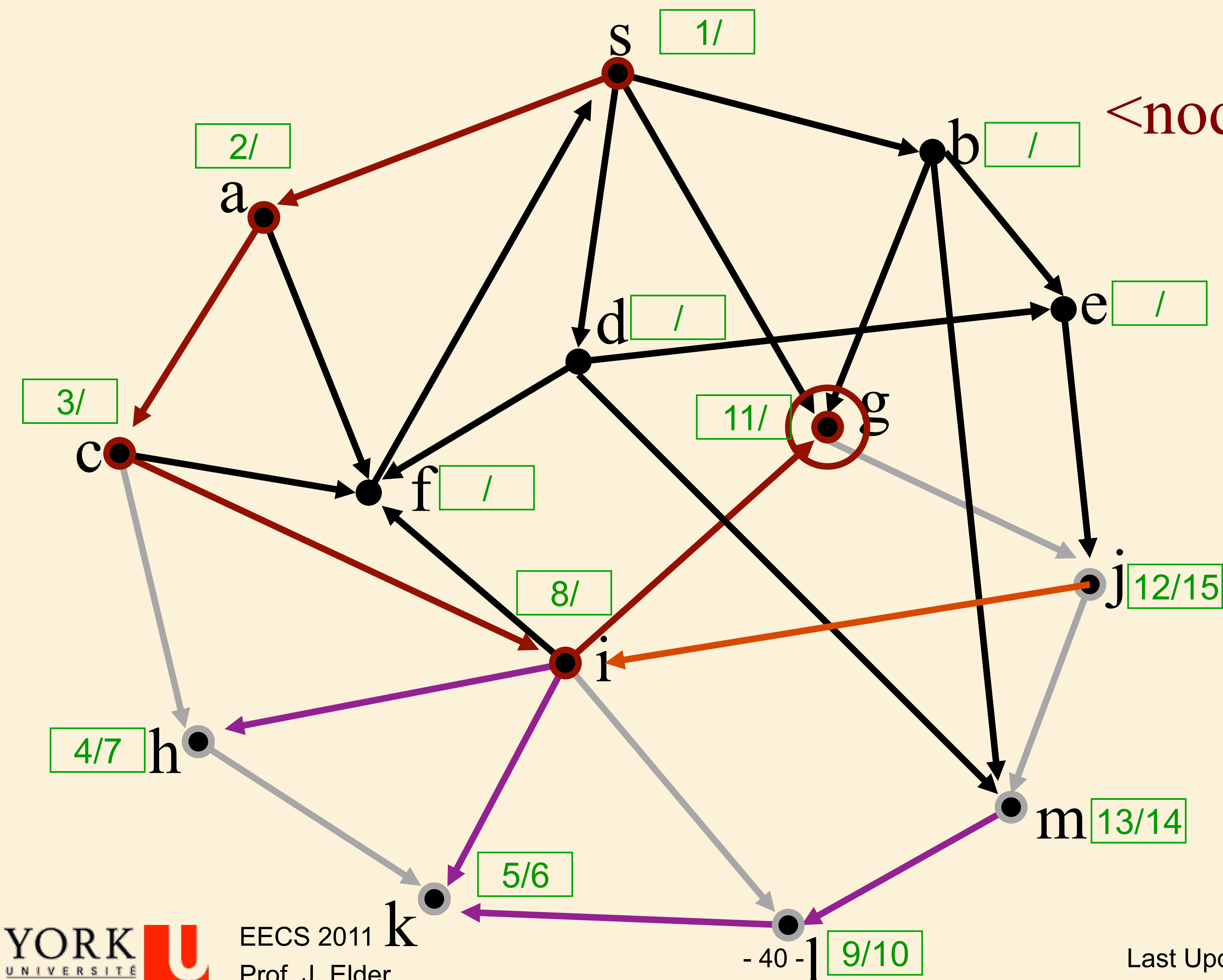

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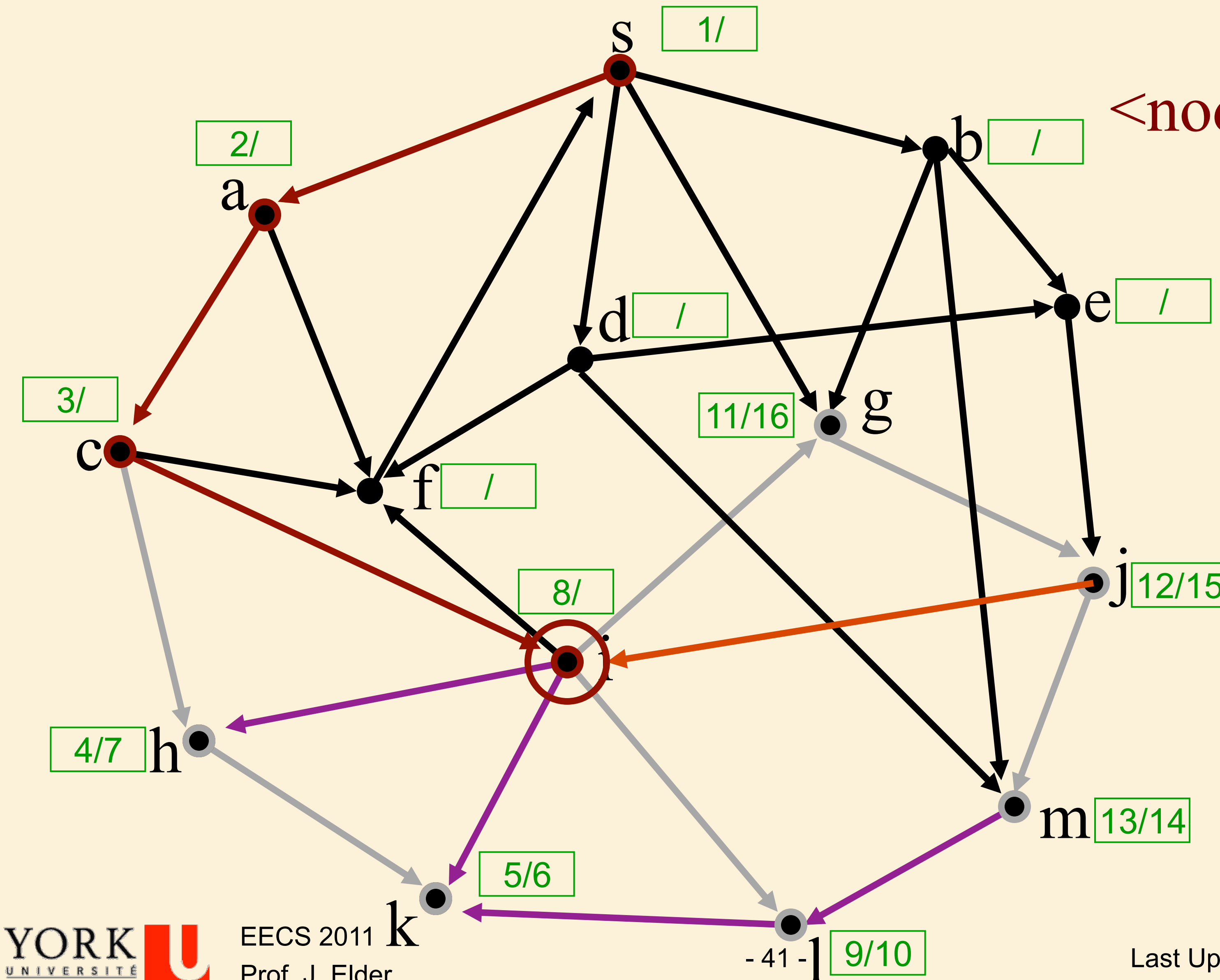

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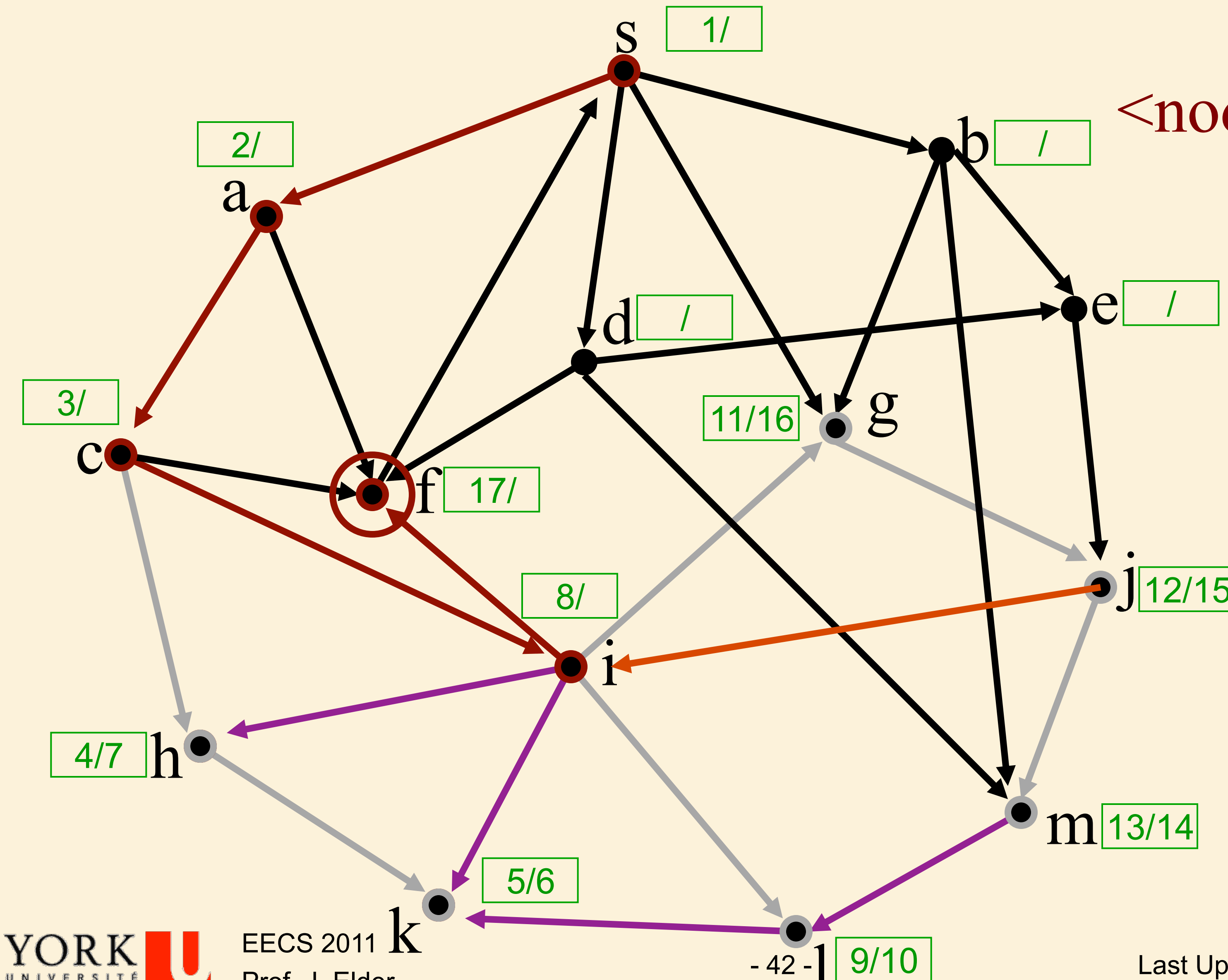

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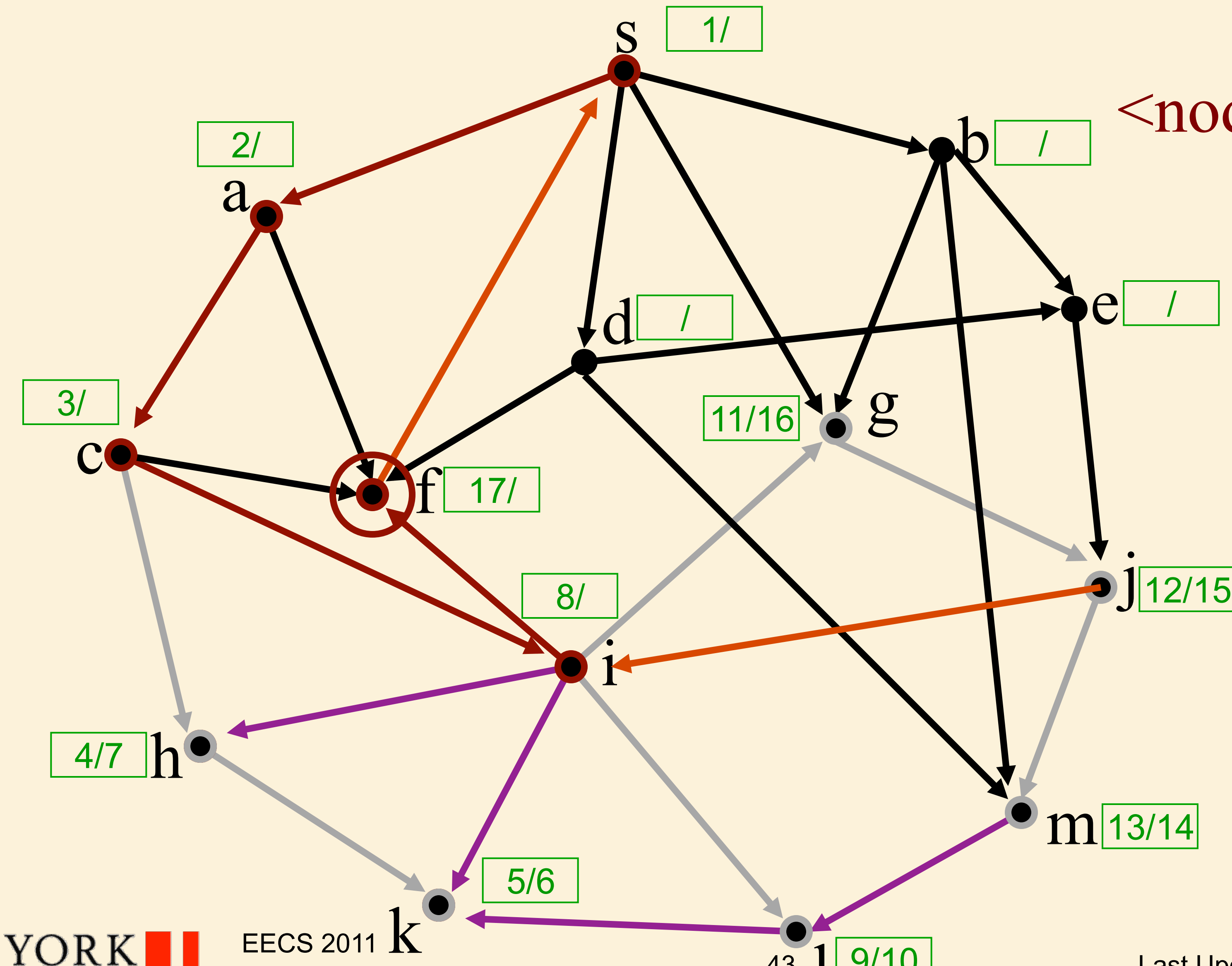

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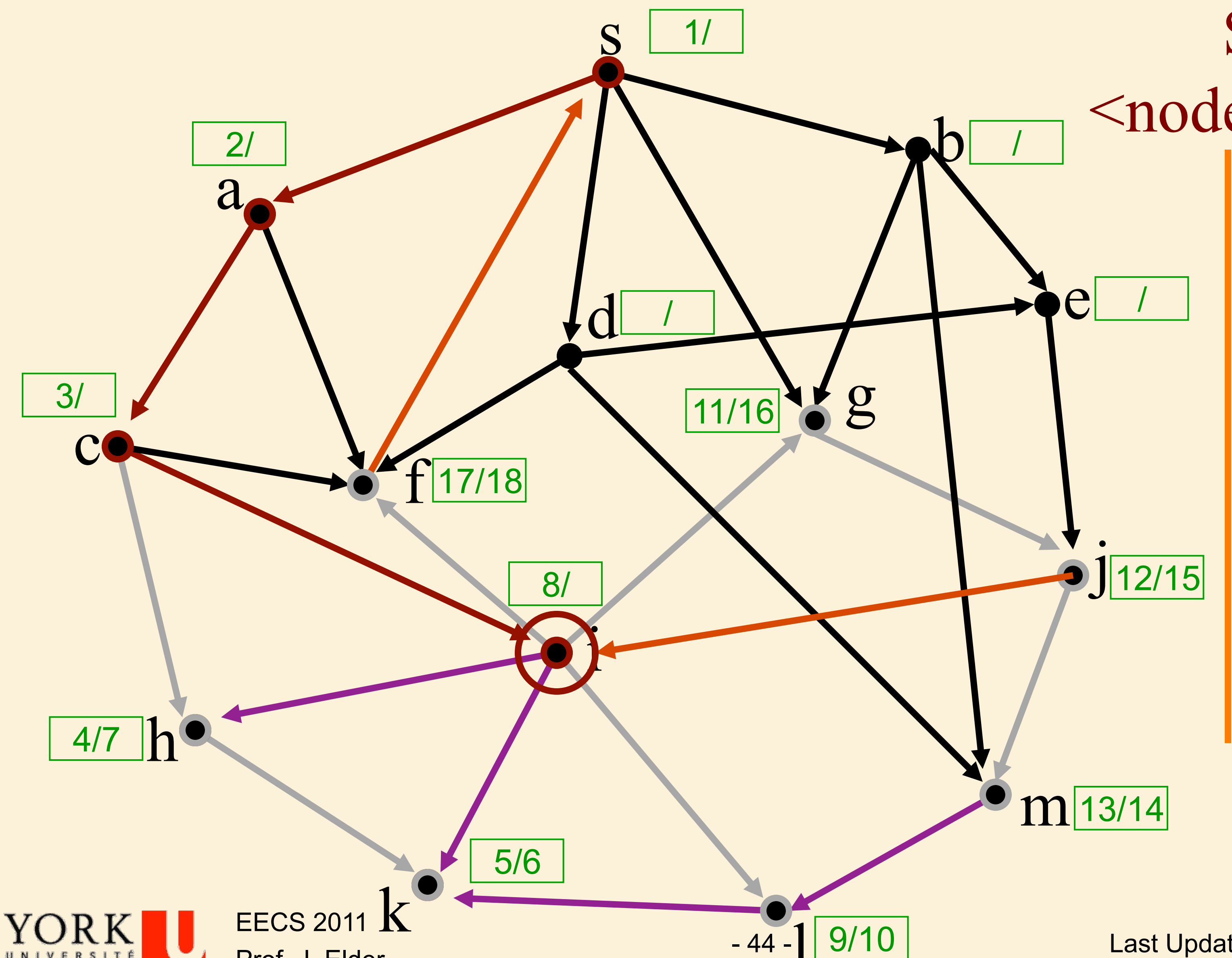

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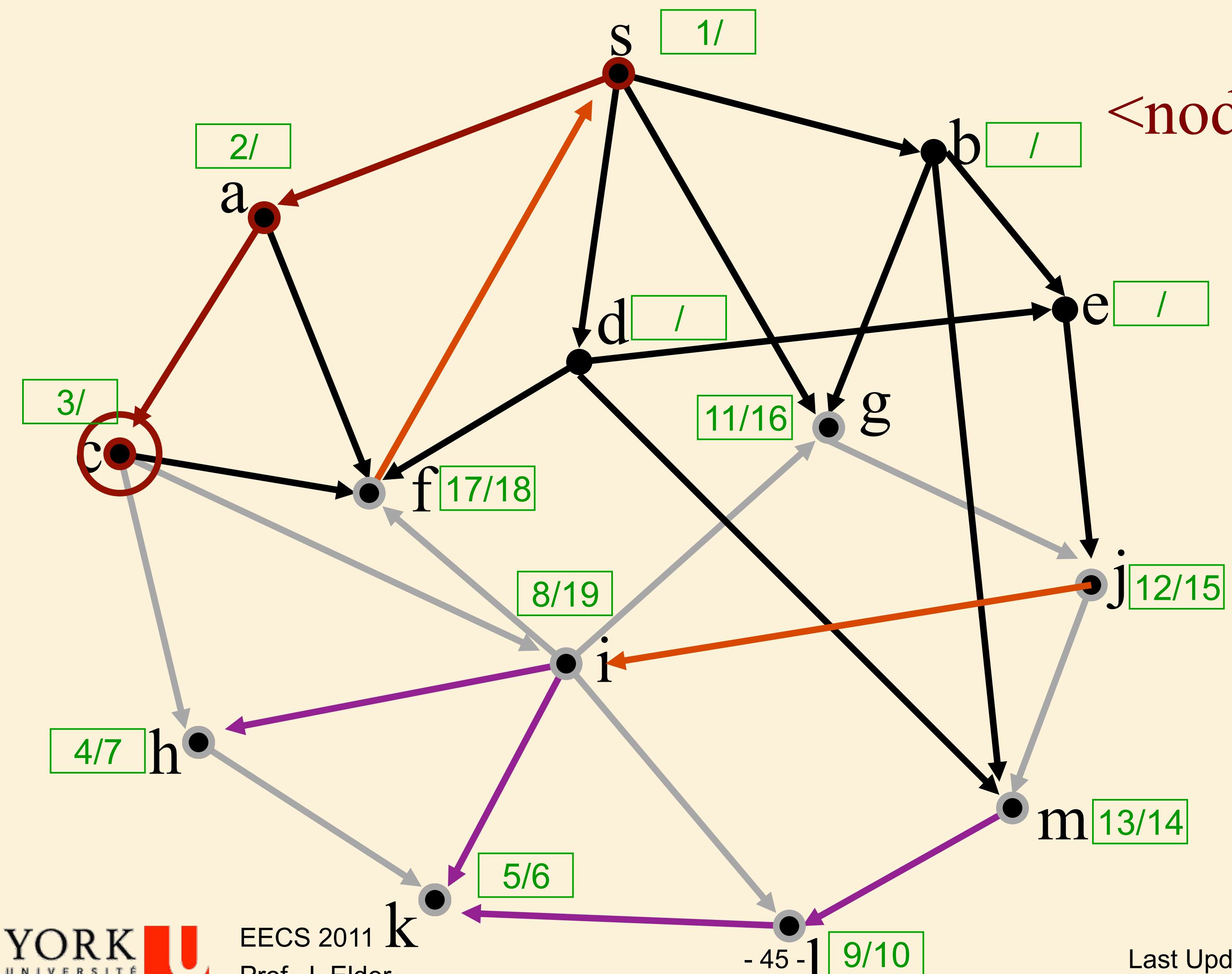

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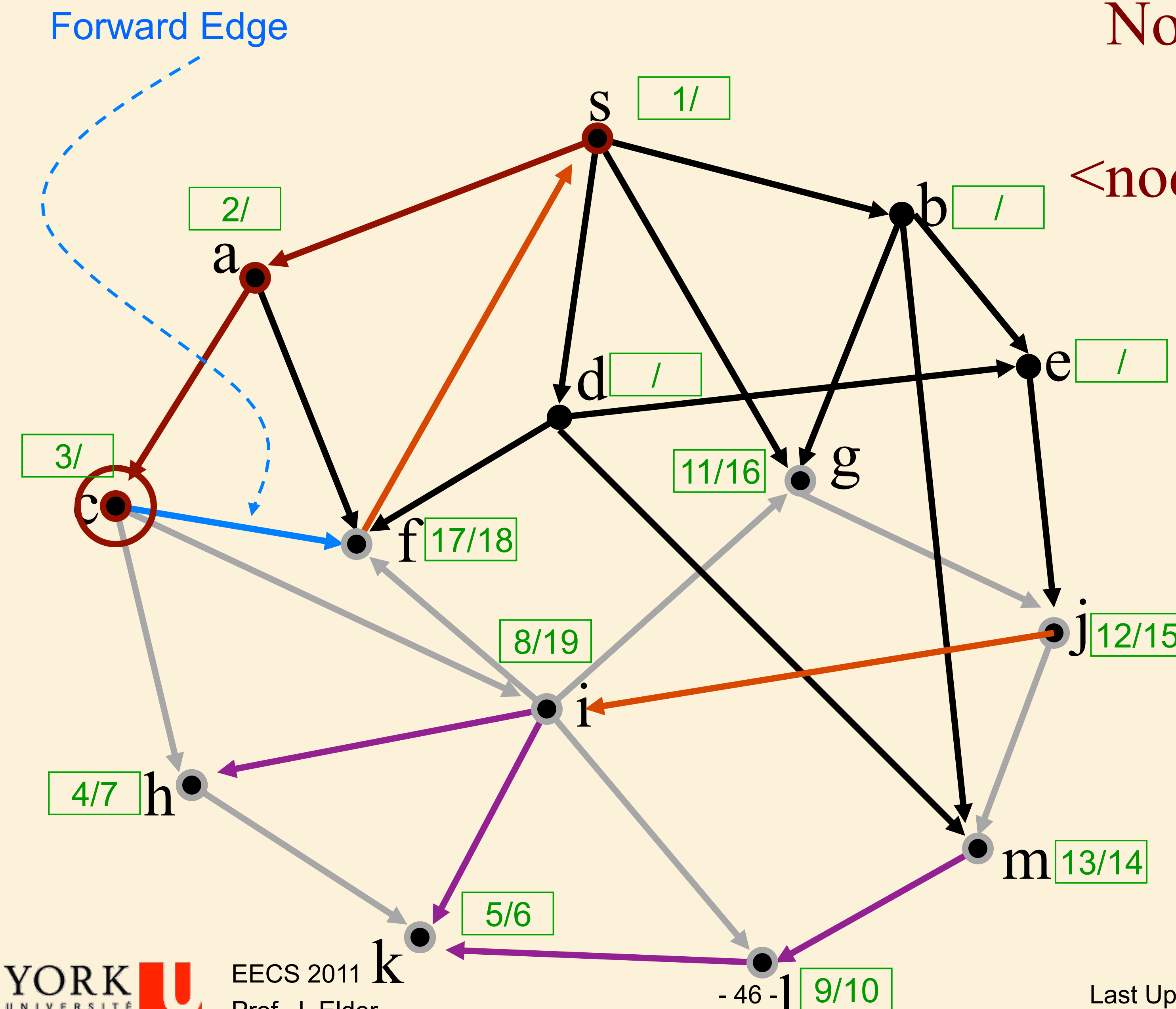

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End of Lecture

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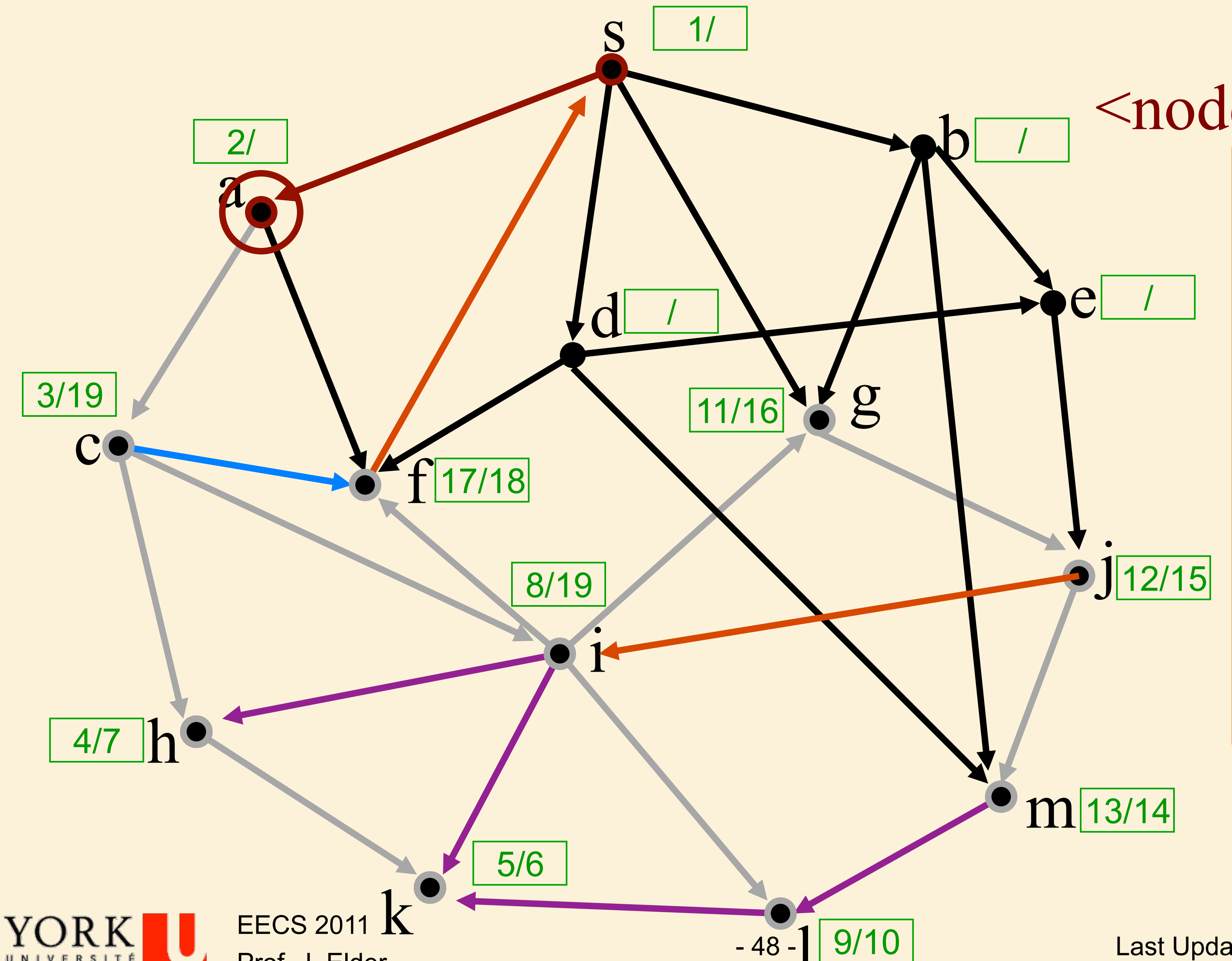

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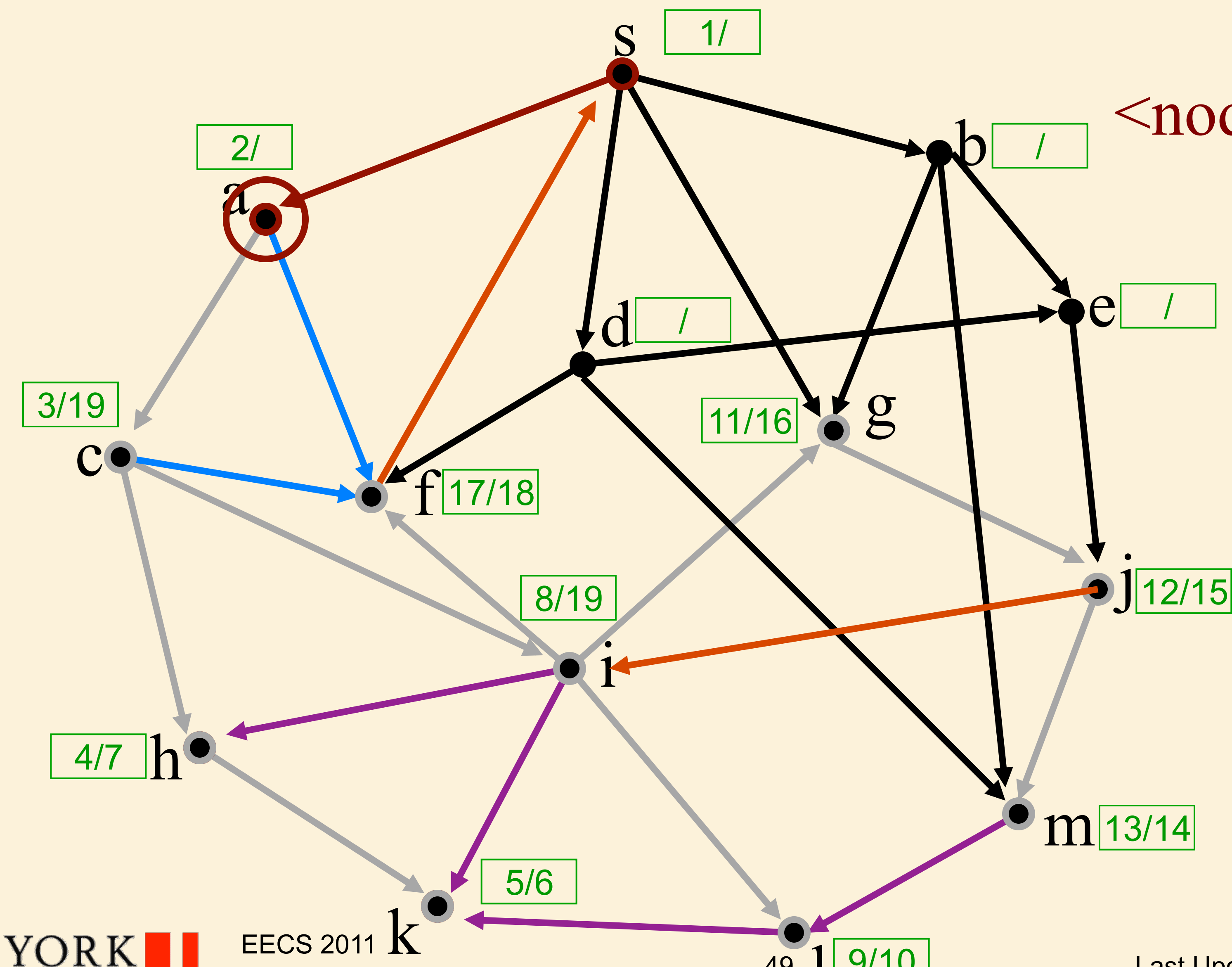

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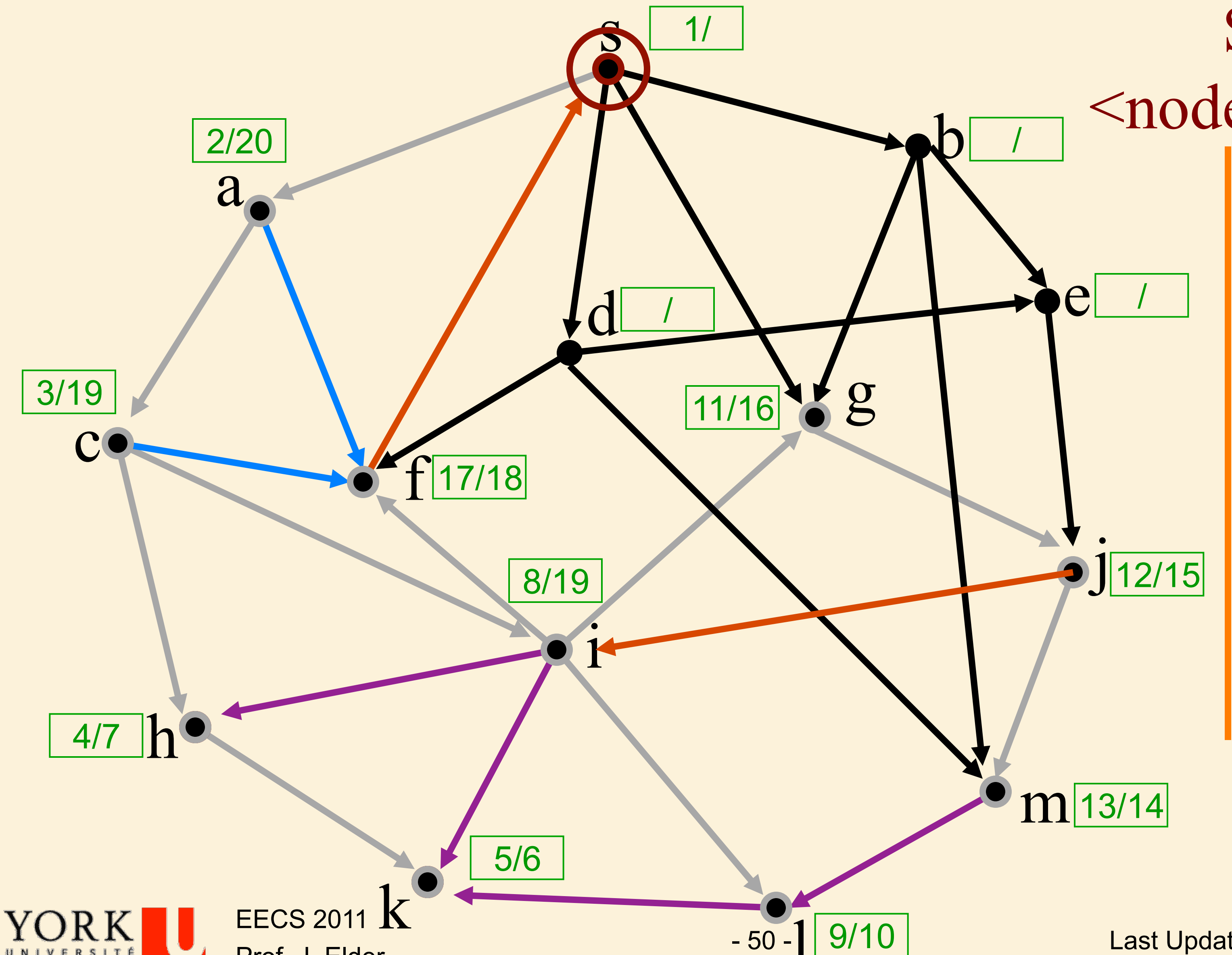

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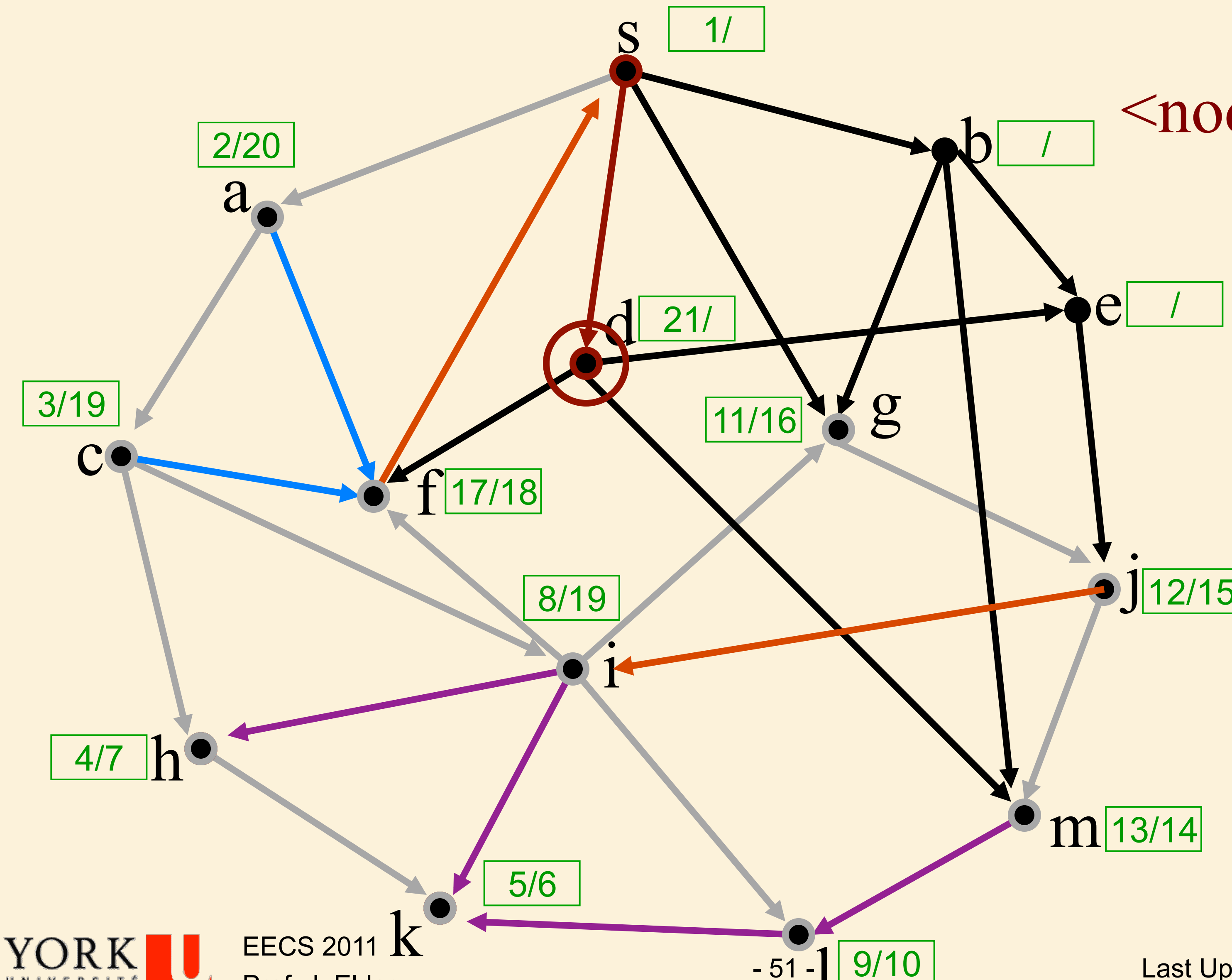

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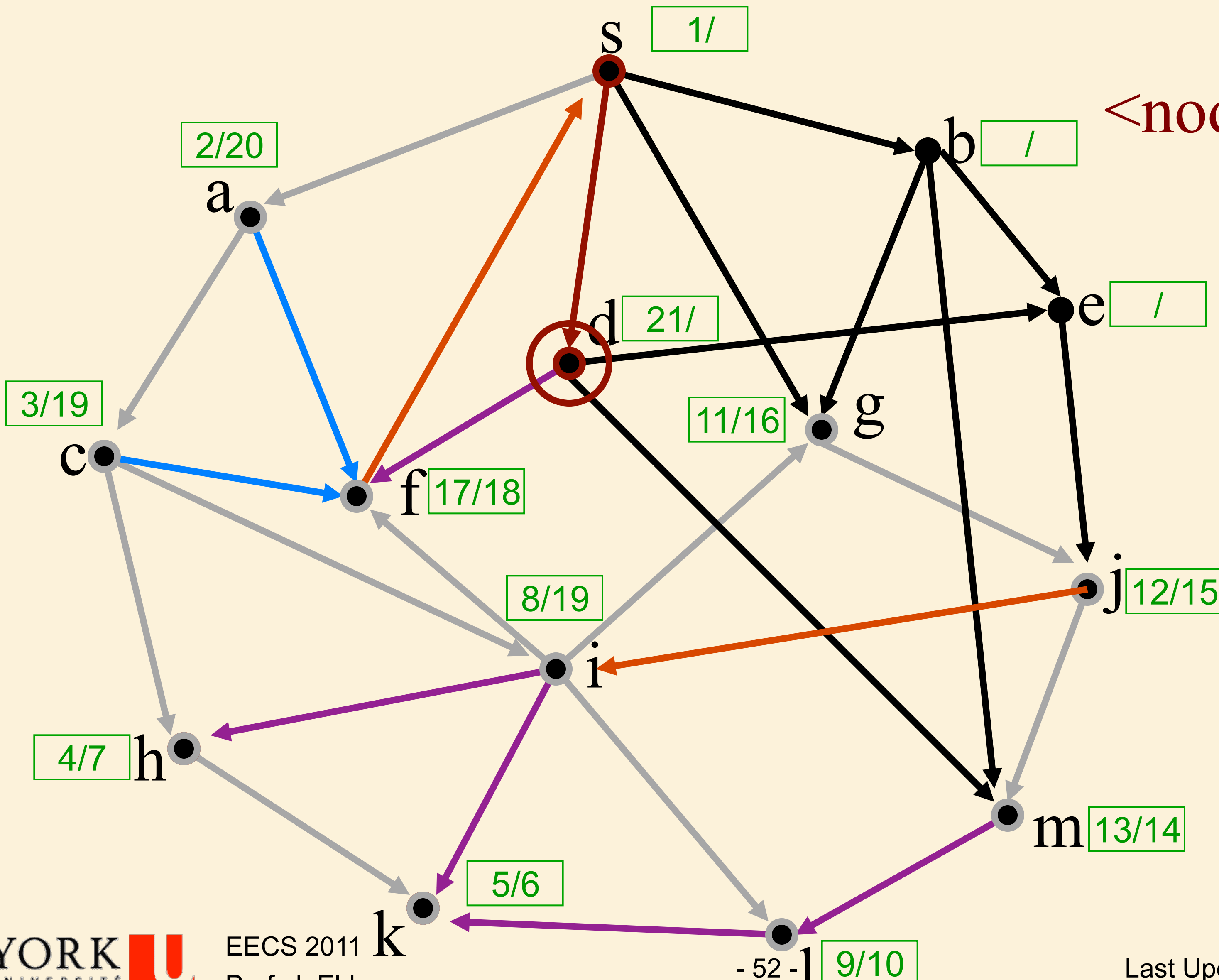

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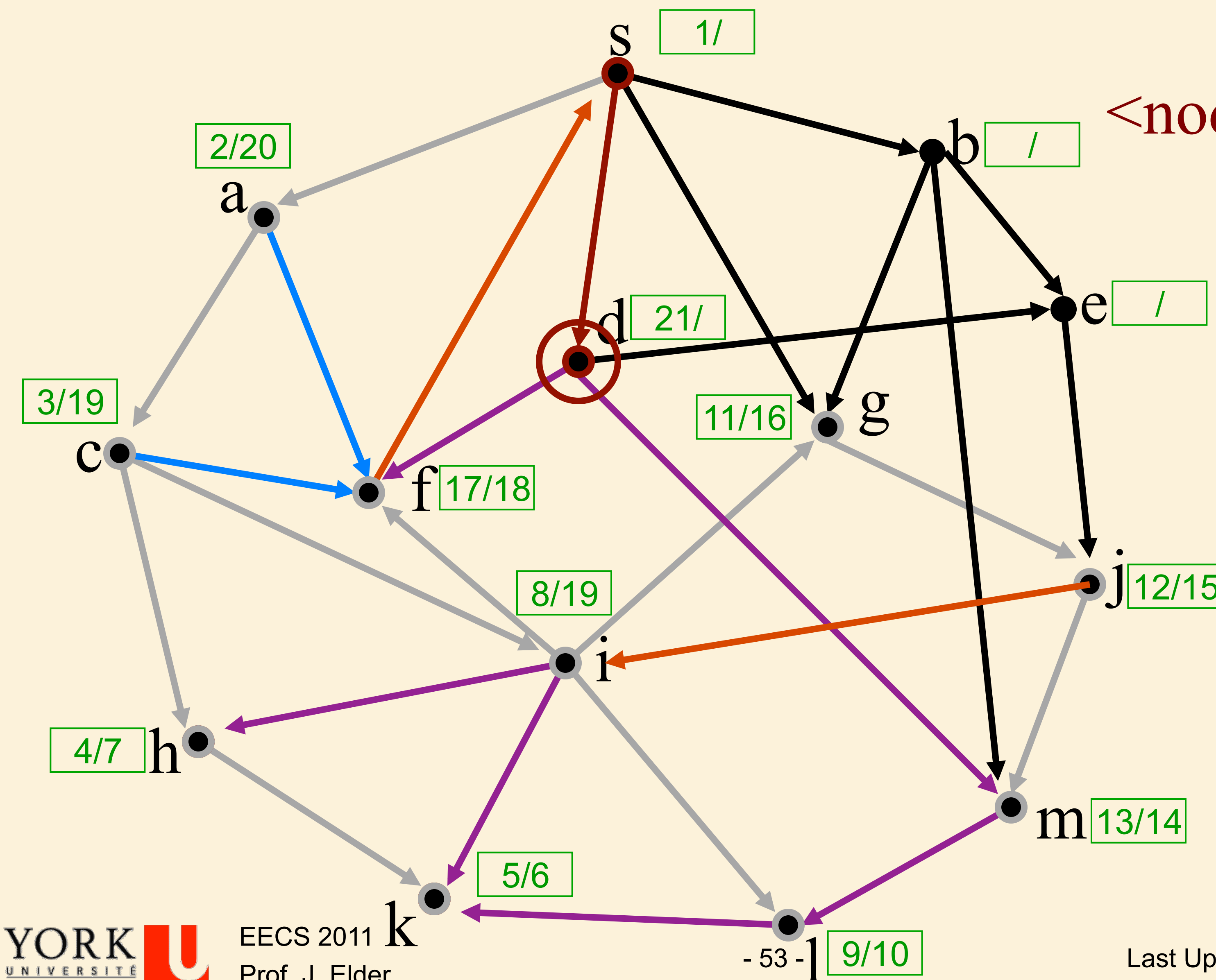

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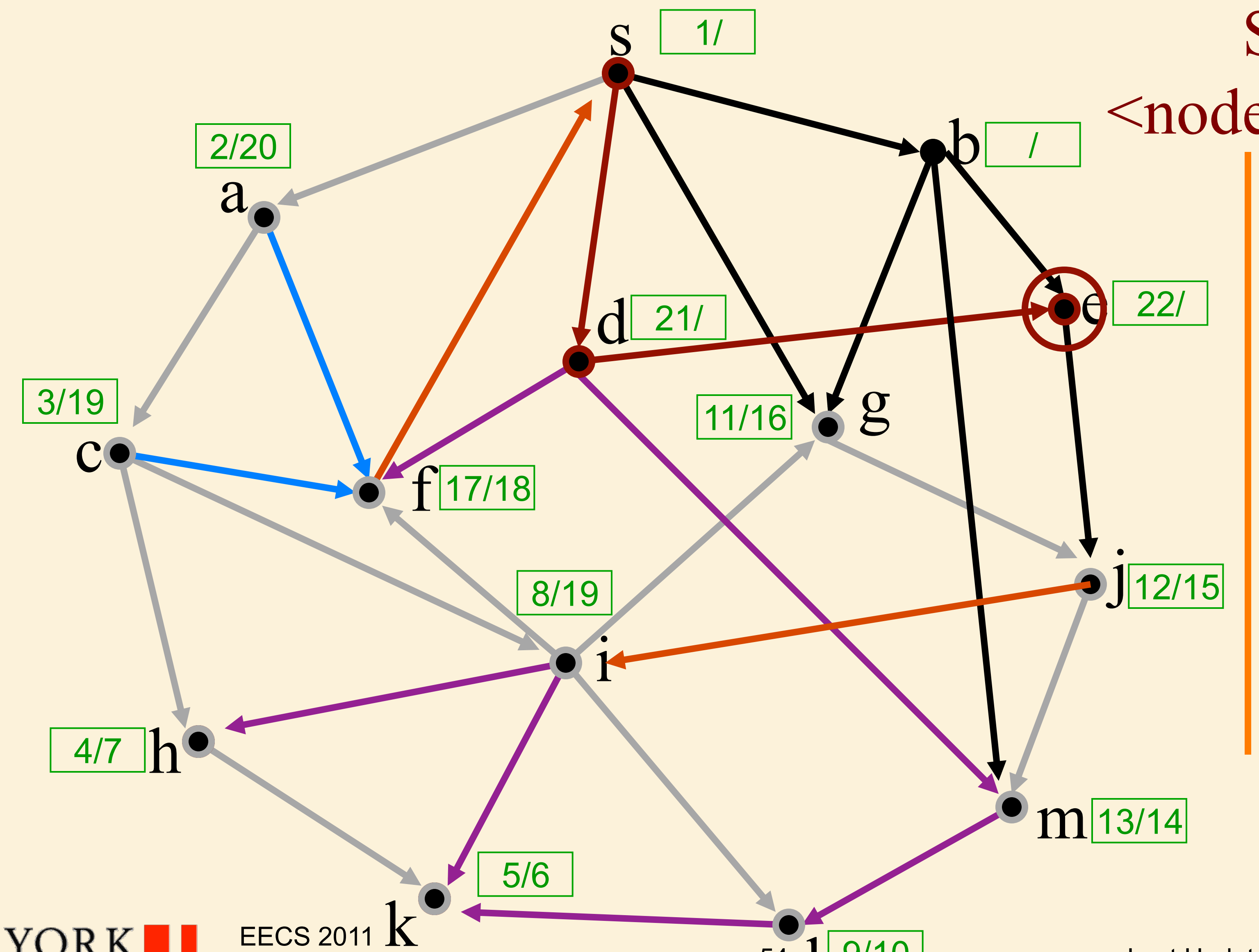

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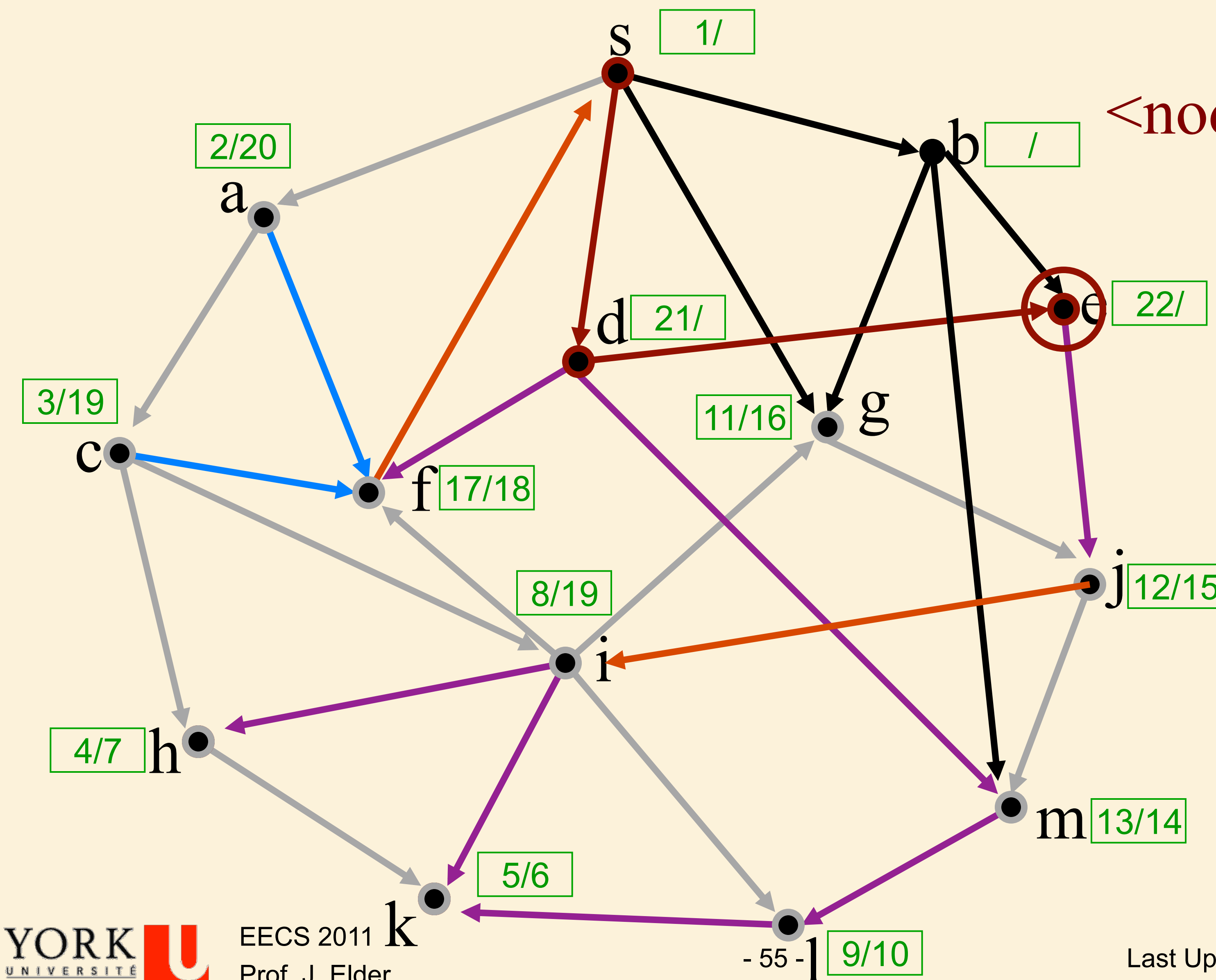

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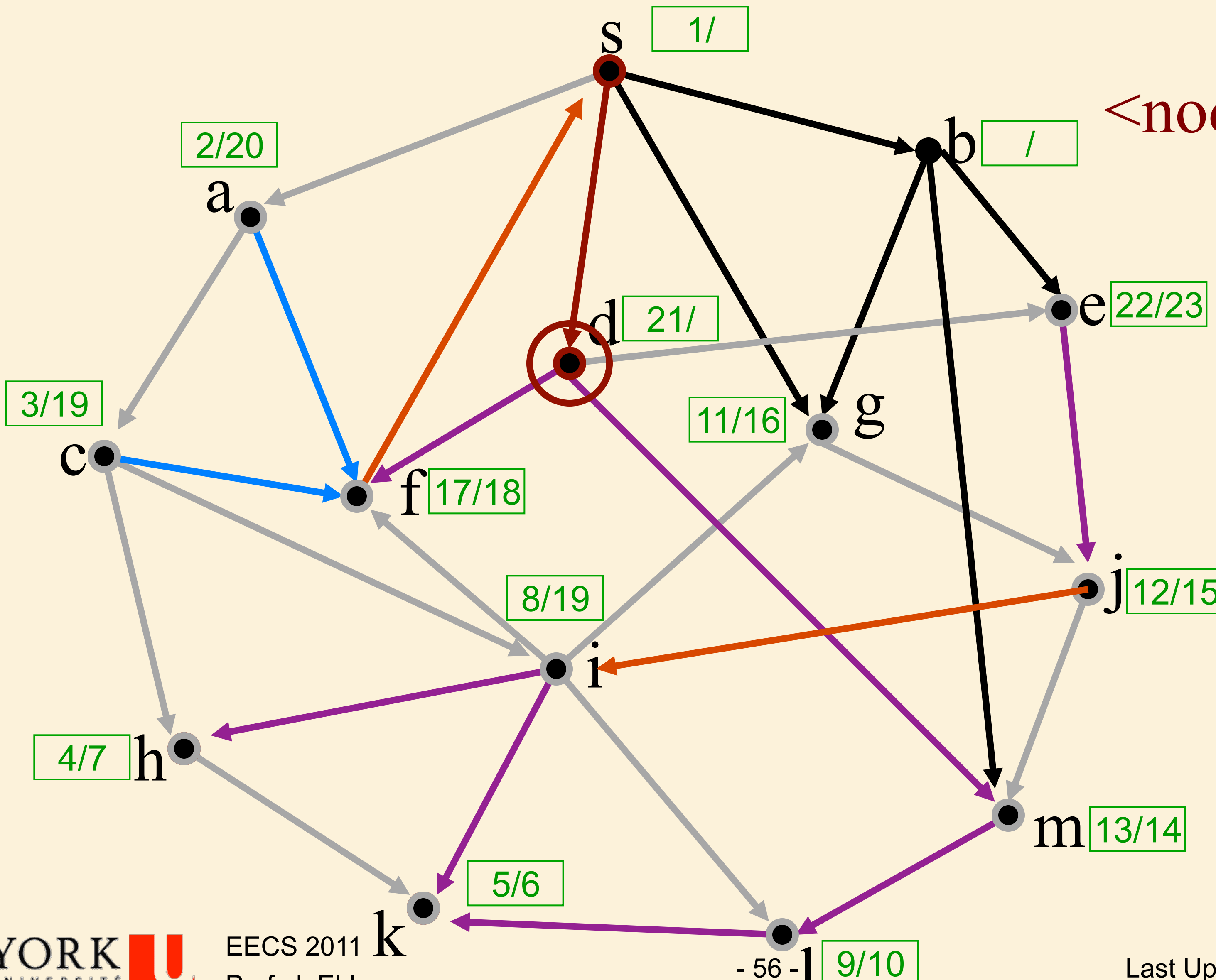

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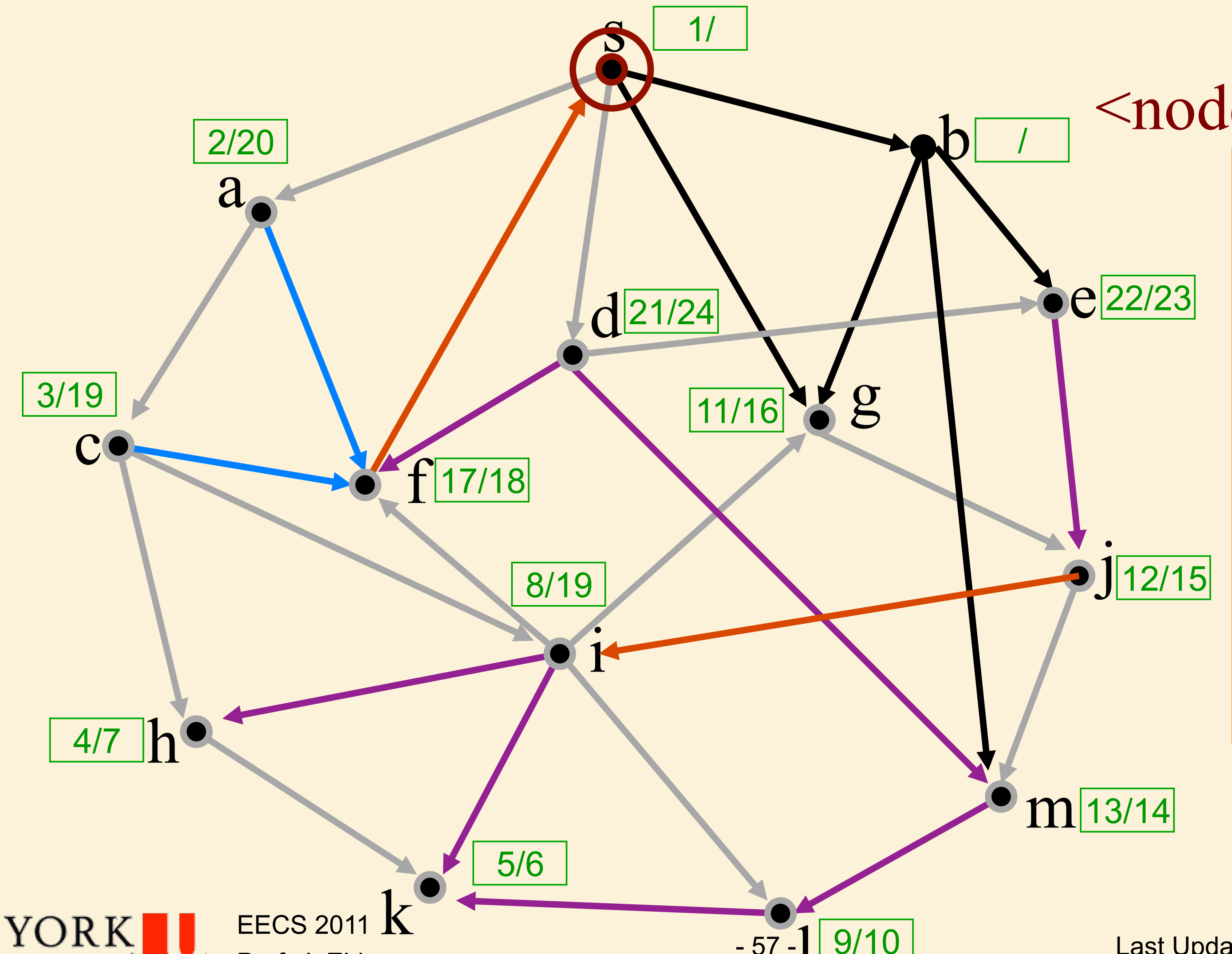

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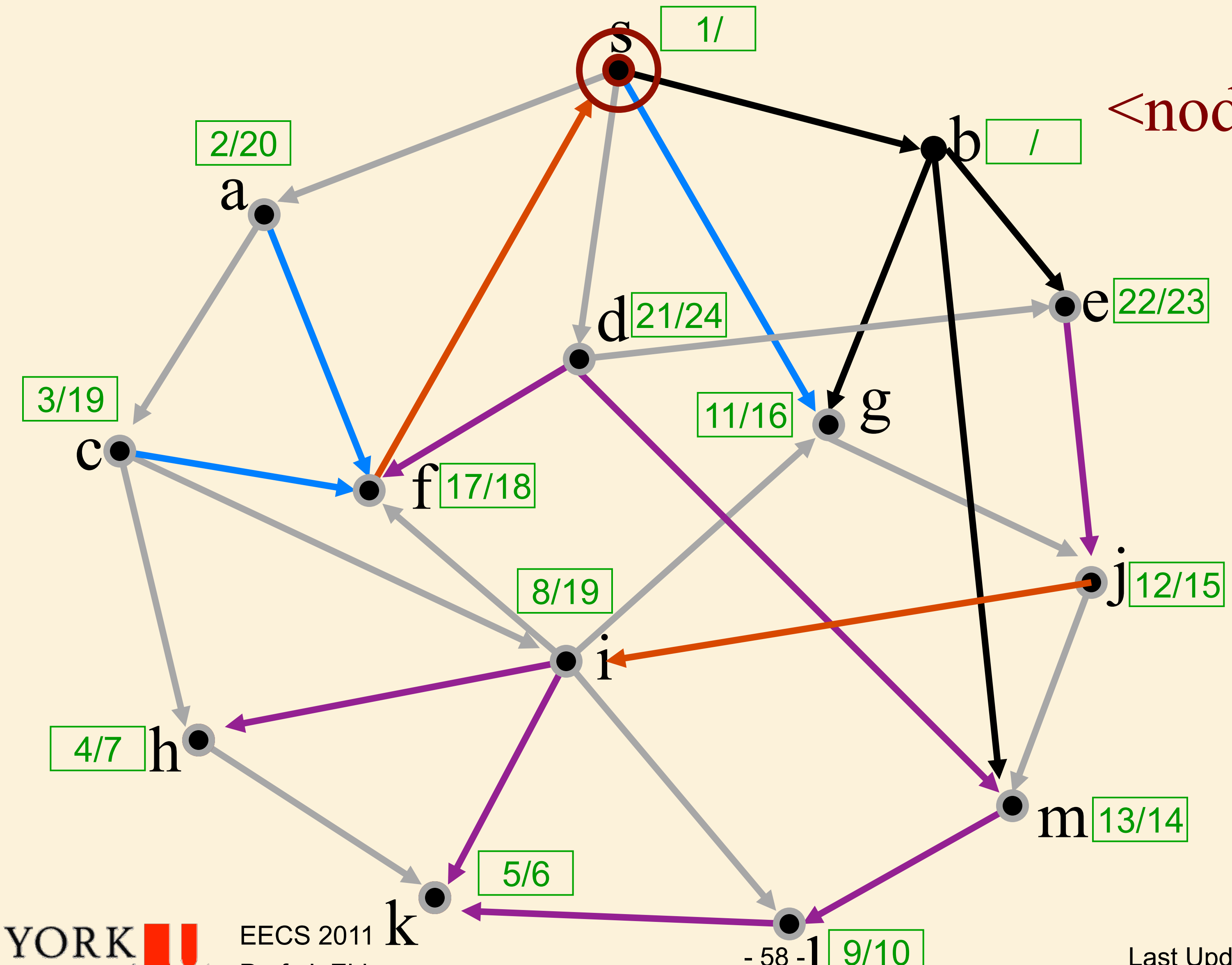

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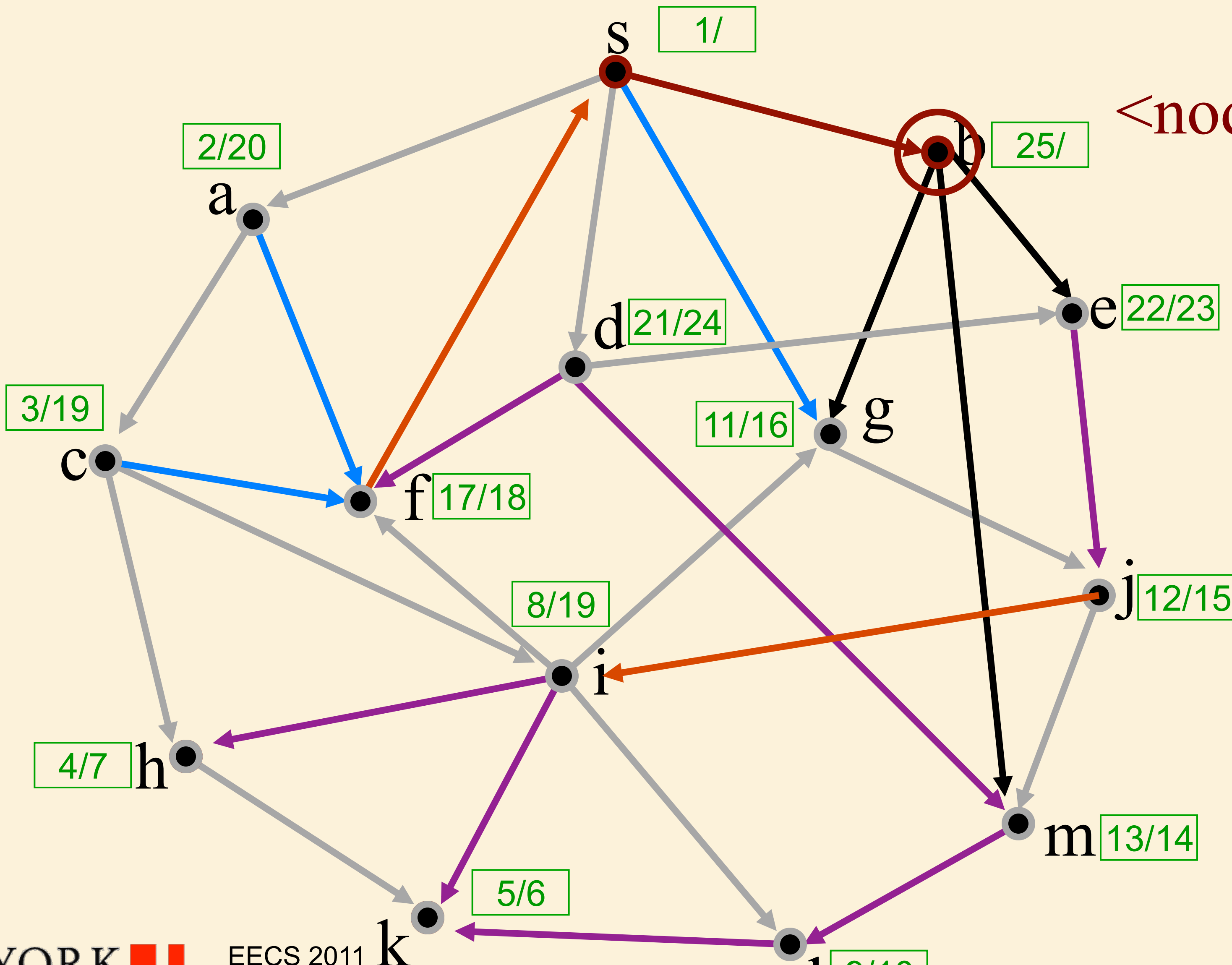

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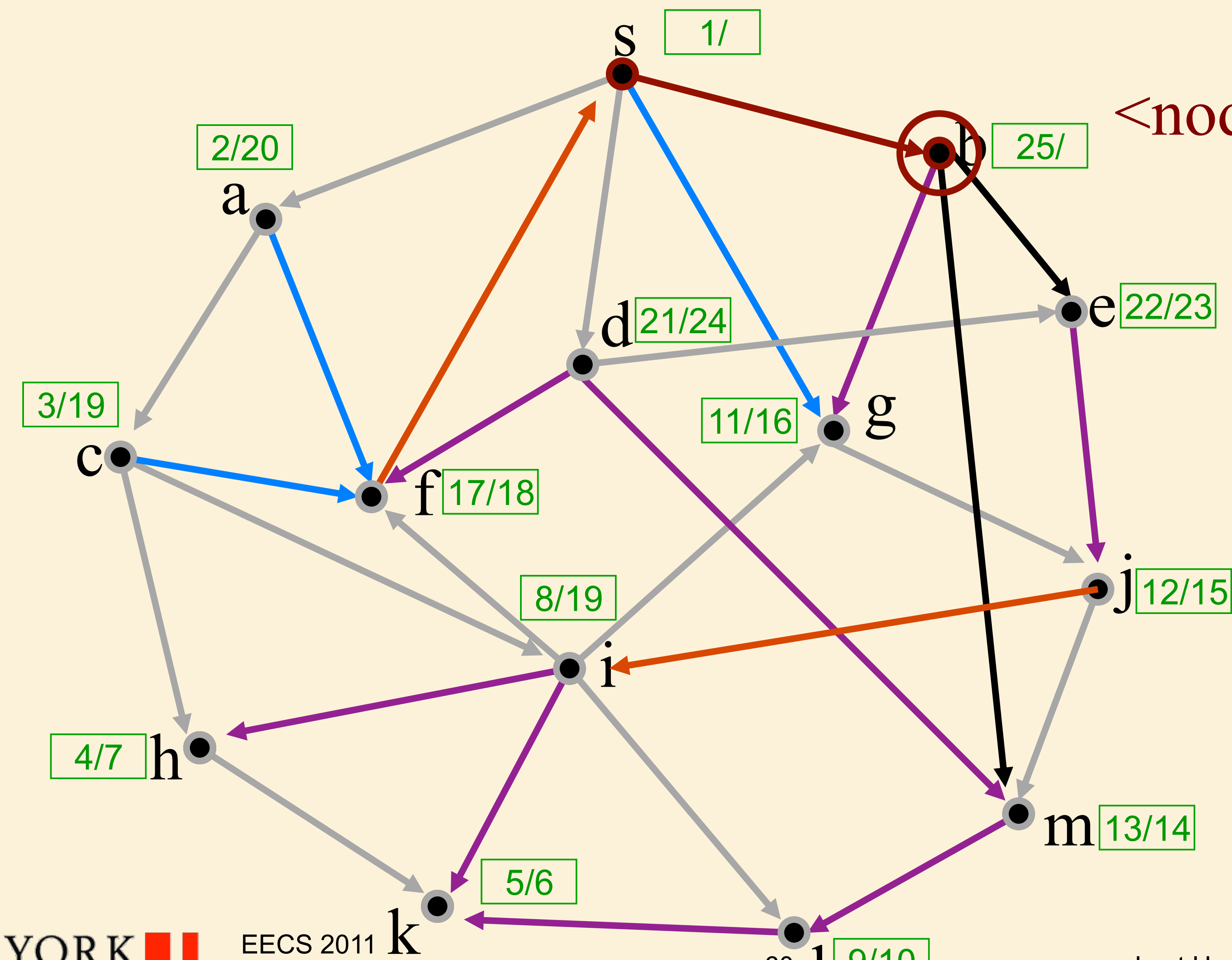

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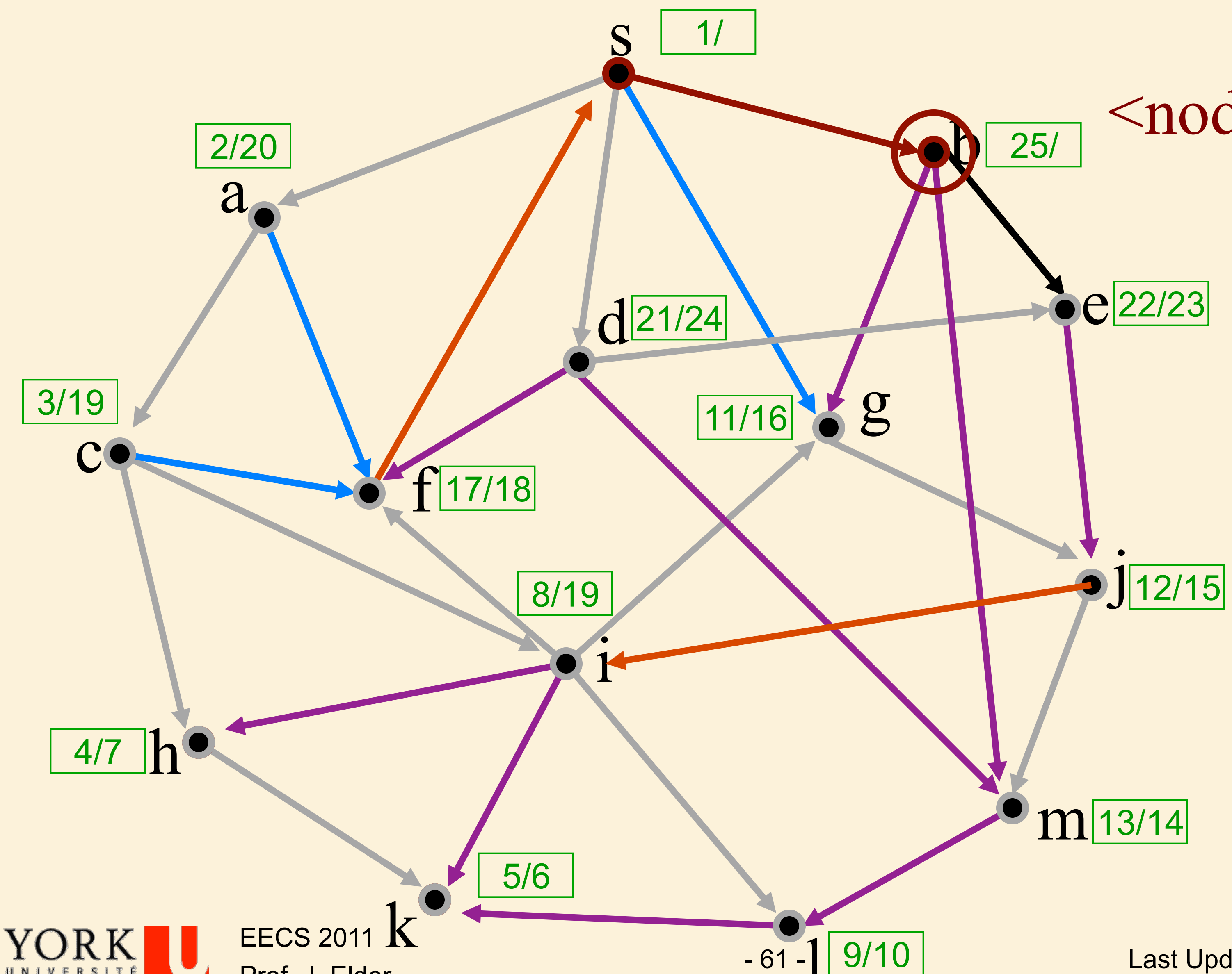

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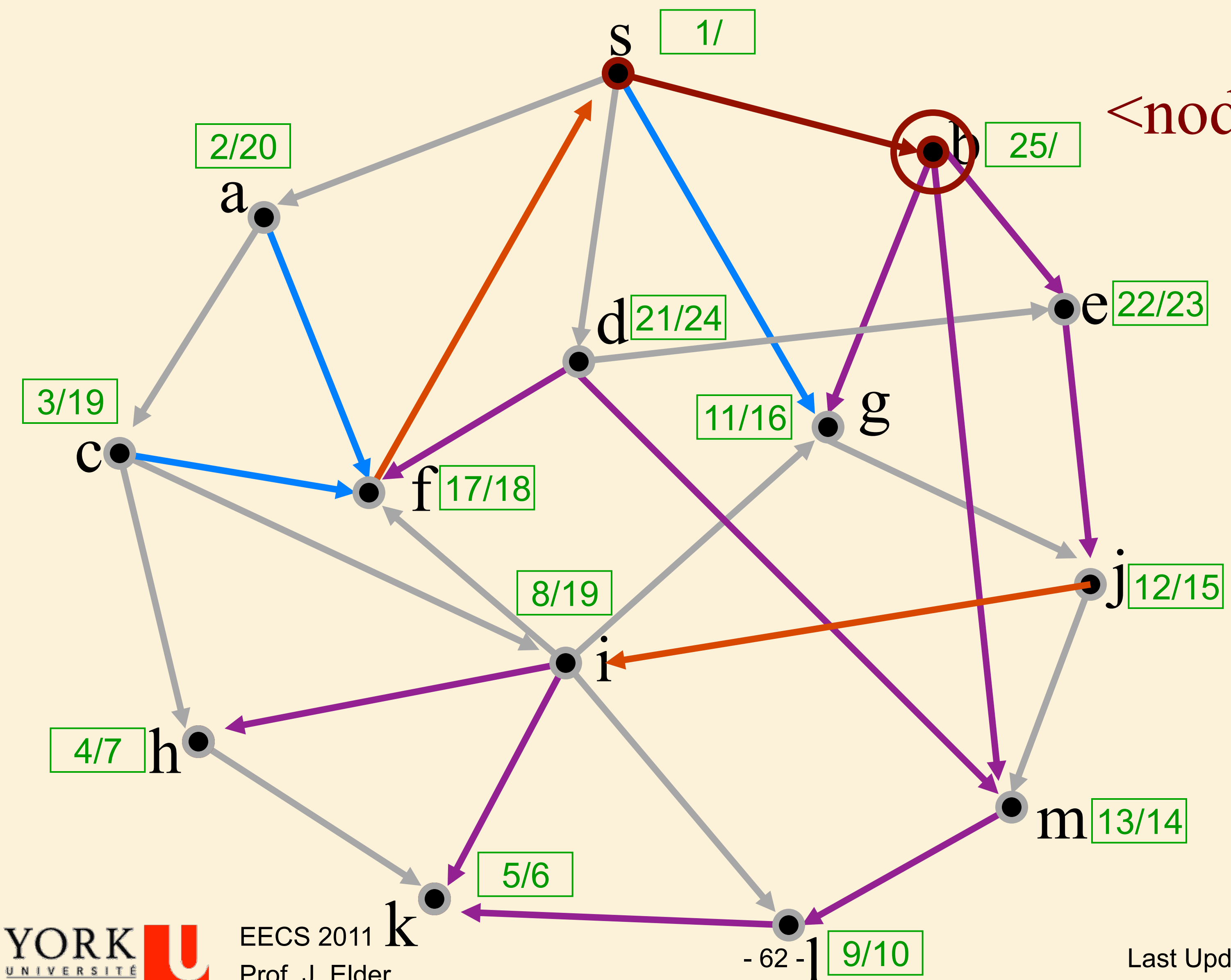

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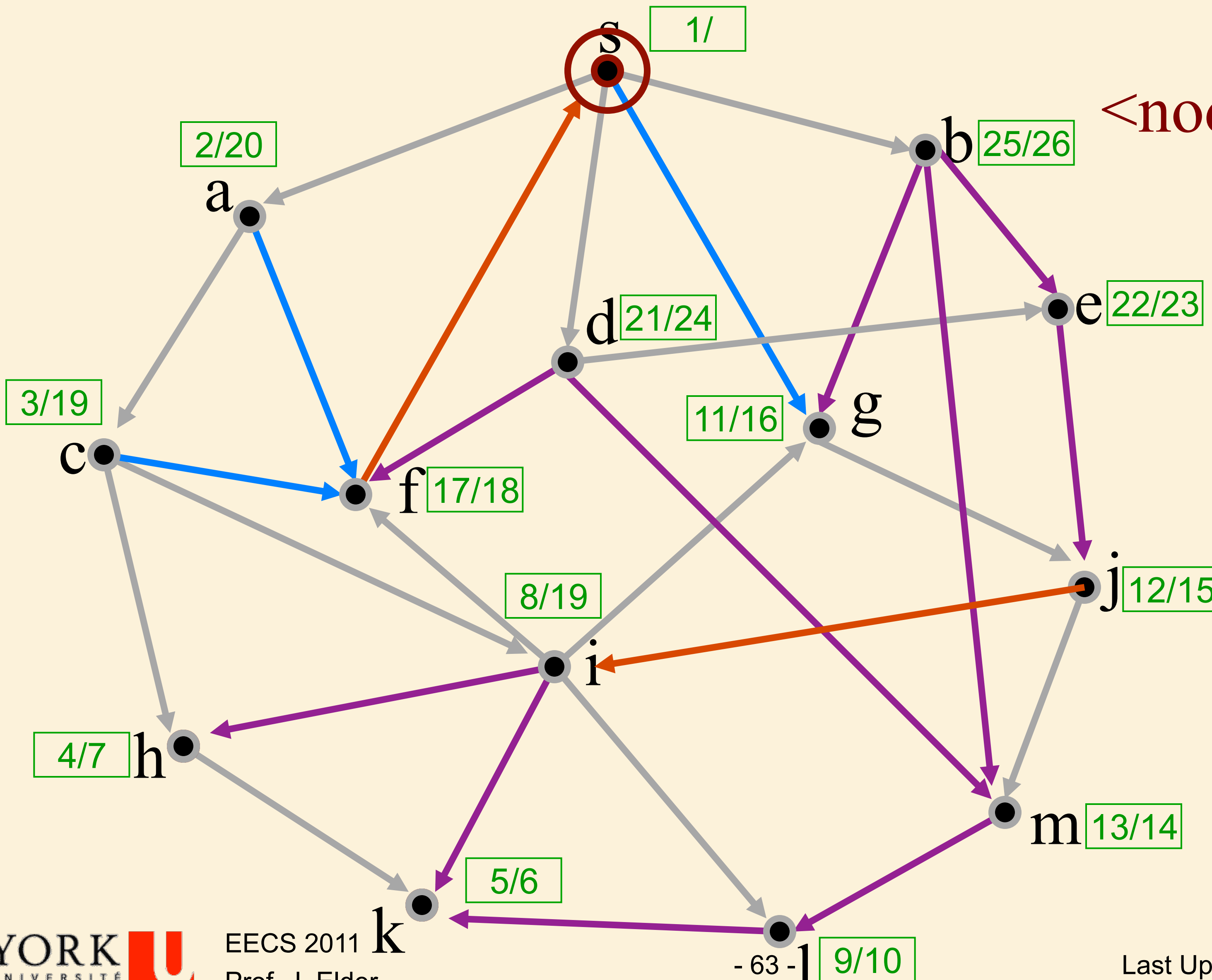

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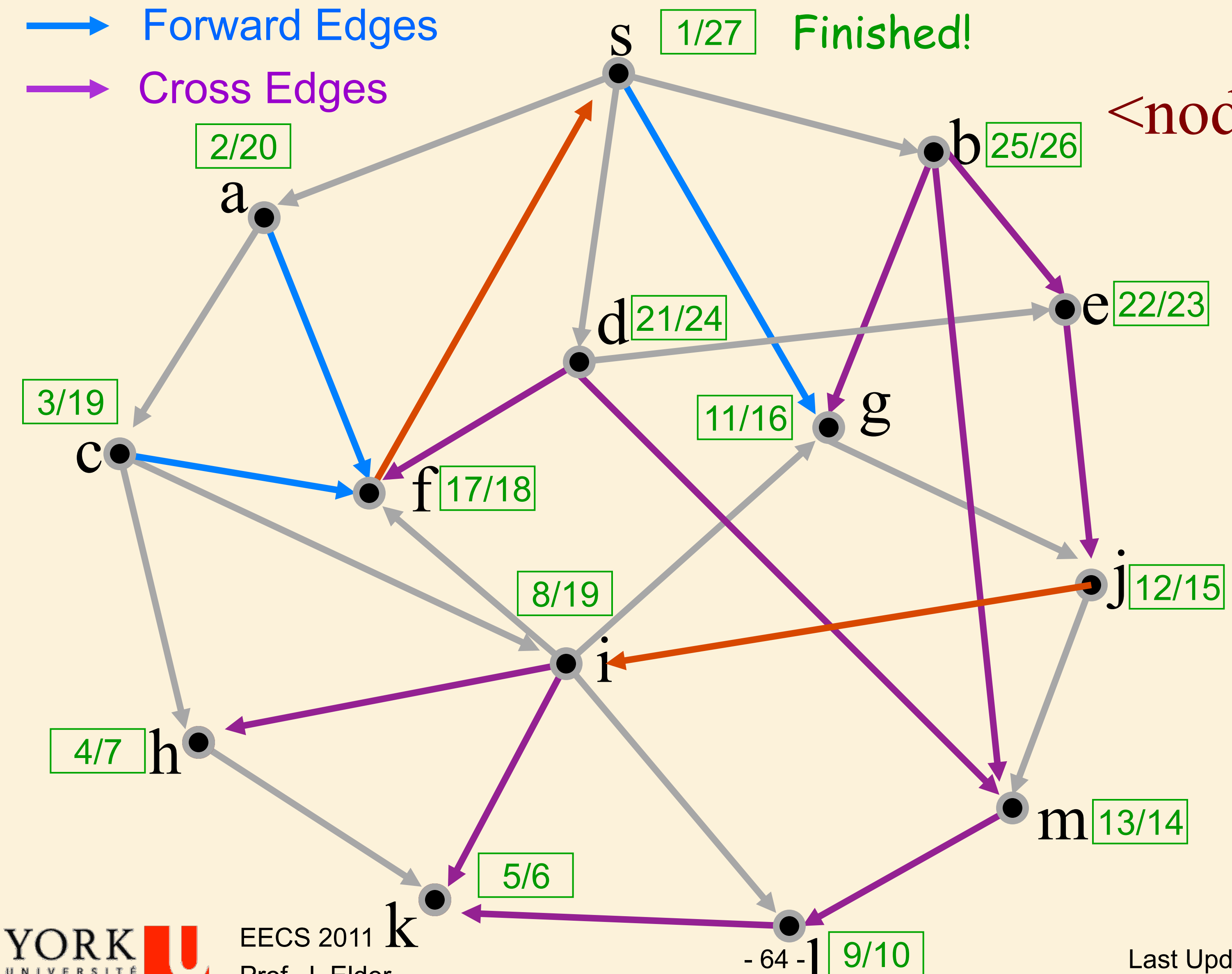

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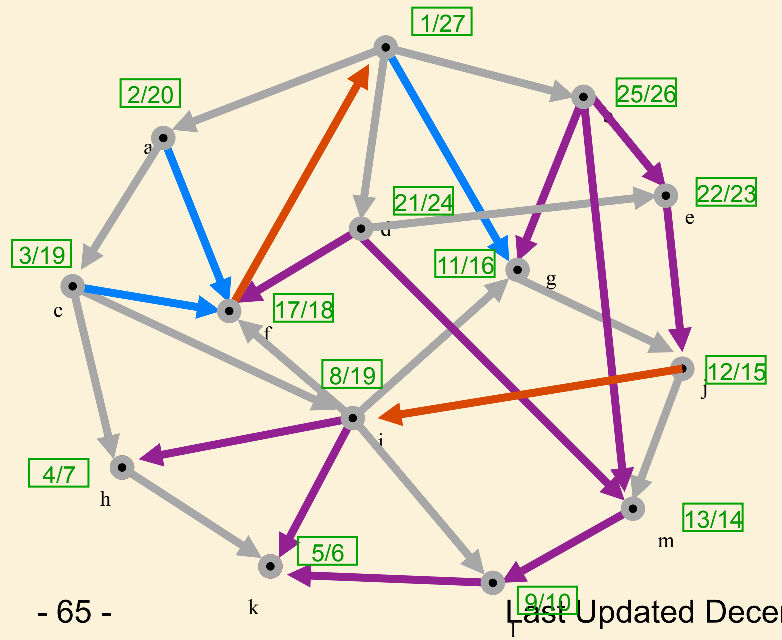
Classification of Edges in DFS

1. ***Tree edges*** are edges in the depth-first forest G_π. Edge (u, v) is a tree edge if v was first discovered by exploring edge (u, v).
2. ***Back edges*** are those edges (u, v) connecting a vertex u to an ancestor v in a depth-first tree.
3. ***Forward edges*** are non-tree edges (u, v) connecting a vertex u to a descendant v in a depth-first tree.
4. ***Cross edges*** are all other edges. They can go between vertices in the same depth-first tree, as long as one vertex is not an ancestor of the other.



Classification of Edges in DFS

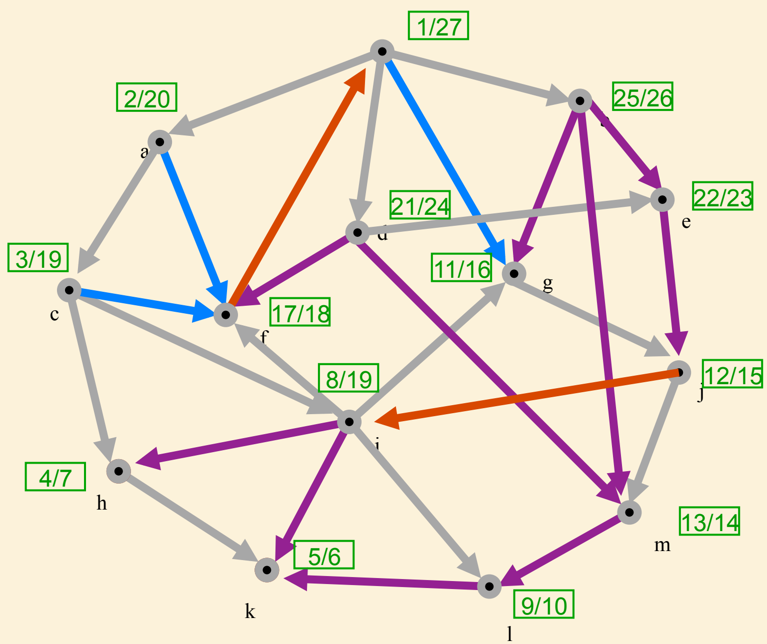
1. ***Tree edges***: Edge (*u*, *v*) is a **tree edge** if *v* was **black** when (*u*, *v*) traversed.

2. ***Back edges:*** (*u*, *v*) is a **back edge** if v was **red** when *(u, v)* traversed.

3. ***Forward edges***: *(u, v)* is a **forward edge** if v was **gray** when *(u, v)* traversed and *d[v] > d[u].*

4. ***Cross edges*** *(u,v)* is a **cross edge** if v was **gray** when *(u, v)* traversed and *d[v] < d[u].*

Classifying edges can help to identify properties of the graph, e.g., a graph is acyclic iff DFS yields no back edges.

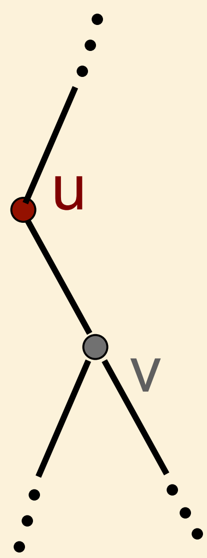


DFS on Undirected Graphs

- In a depth-first search of an ***undirected*** graph, every edge is either a **tree edge** or a **back edge**.
- **Why?**

DFS on Undirected Graphs

- **Suppose that (u,v)** is a **forward edge** or a **cross edge** in a DFS of an undirected graph.
- **(u,v)** is a **forward edge** or a **cross edge** when **v** is already **Finished (grey)** when accessed from **u**.
- This means that all vertices reachable from **v** have been explored.
- Since we are currently handling **u**, **u** must be **red**.
- Clearly **v** is reachable from **u**.
- Since the graph is undirected, **u** must also be reachable from **v**.
- Thus **u** must already have been Finished: **u** must be **grey**.
- **Contradiction!**



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DFS Algorithm Pattern

DFS-Visit (u)

Precondition: vertex u is undiscovered

Postcondition: all vertices reachable from u have been processed

colour[u] $\leftarrow$ RED

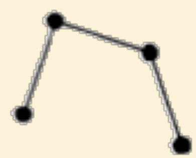
for each $v \in$ Adj[u] //explore edge (u,v)

if color[v] = BLACK

DFS-Visit(v)

$colour[u] \leftarrow GRAY$

total work $= \sum_{v \in V} |Adj[v]| = \theta(E)$



Thus running time = $\theta(V + E)$

(assuming adjacency list structure)

DFS Application 1: Path Finding

- The DFS pattern can be used to find a path between two given vertices u and z, if one exists
- We use a stack to keep track of the current path
- If the destination vertex z is encountered, we return the path as the contents of the stack

```
DFS-Path (u,z,stack)
Precondition: u and z are vertices in a graph, stack contains current path
Postcondition: returns true if path from u to z exists, stack contains path
        colour[u] ← RED
        push u onto stack
        if u = z
                return TRUE
        for each v ∈ Adj[u] //explore edge (u,v)
                if color[v] = BLACK
                        if DFS-Path(v,z,stack)
                                return TRUE
        colour[u] ← GRAY
        pop u from stack
        return FALSE
```

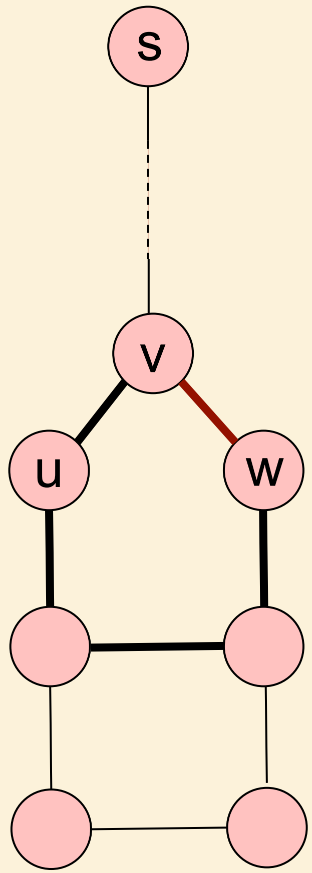
DFS Application 2: Cycle Finding

- The DFS pattern can be used to determine whether a graph is acyclic.
- If a back edge is encountered, we return true.

```
DFS-Cycle (u)
Precondition: u is a vertex in a graph G
Postcondition: returns true if there is a cycle reachable from u.
        colour[u] ← RED
        for each v ∈ Adj[u] //explore edge (u,v)
                if color[v] = RED //back edge
                        return true
                else if color[v] = BLACK
                        if DFS-Cycle(v)
                                return true
        colour[u] ← GRAY
        return false
```

Why must DFS on a graph with a cycle generate a back edge?

- Suppose that vertex *s* is in a connected component *S* that contains a cycle *C*.
- Since all vertices in *S* are reachable from *s*, they will all be visited by a DFS from *s*.
- Let *v* be the first vertex in *C* reached by a DFS from *s*.
- There are two vertices *u* and *w* adjacent to *v* on the cycle *C*.
- wlog, suppose *u* is explored first.
- Since *w* is reachable from *u*, *w* will eventually be discovered.
- When exploring *w*'s adjacency list, the back-edge *(w, v)* will be discovered.



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