XML and Databases
Tutorial session 3: SAX parsing
Binary tree encoding

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Read an XML Document, count the number of elements.

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import org.w3c.dom.*;
import java.util.*;
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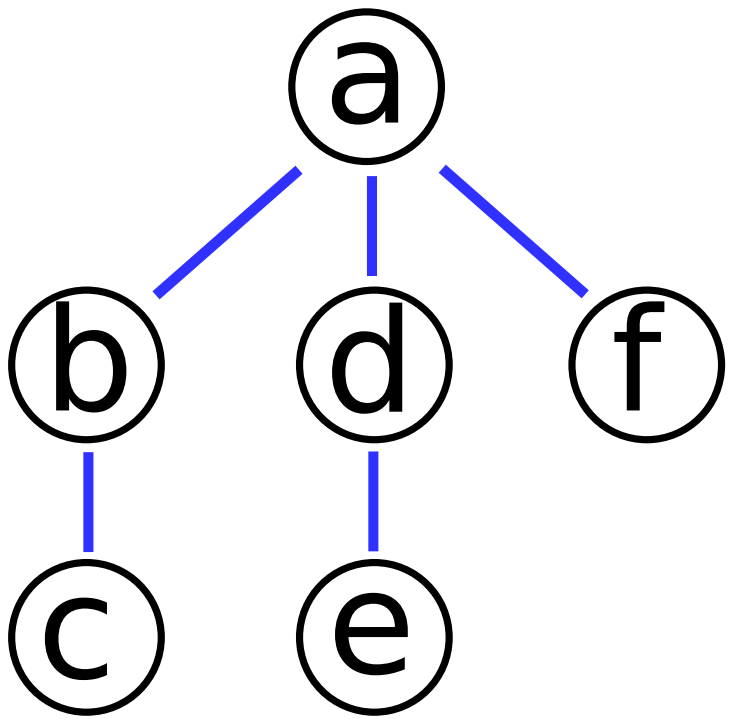

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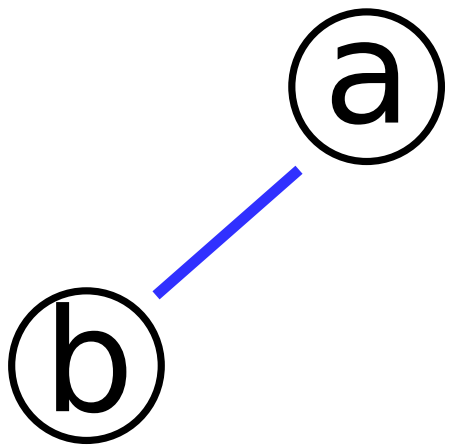

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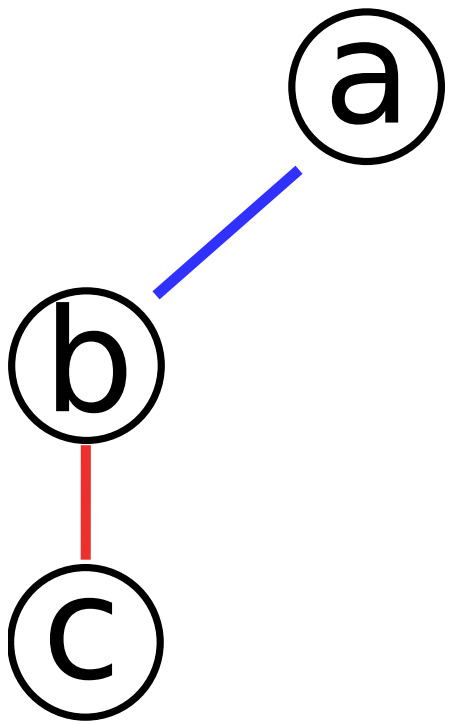

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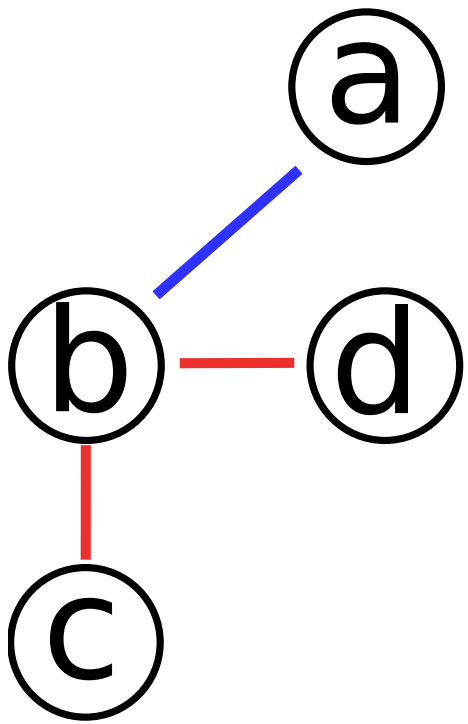

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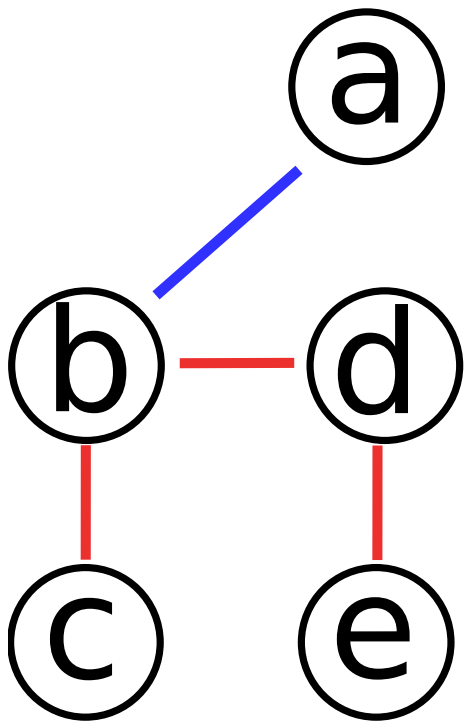

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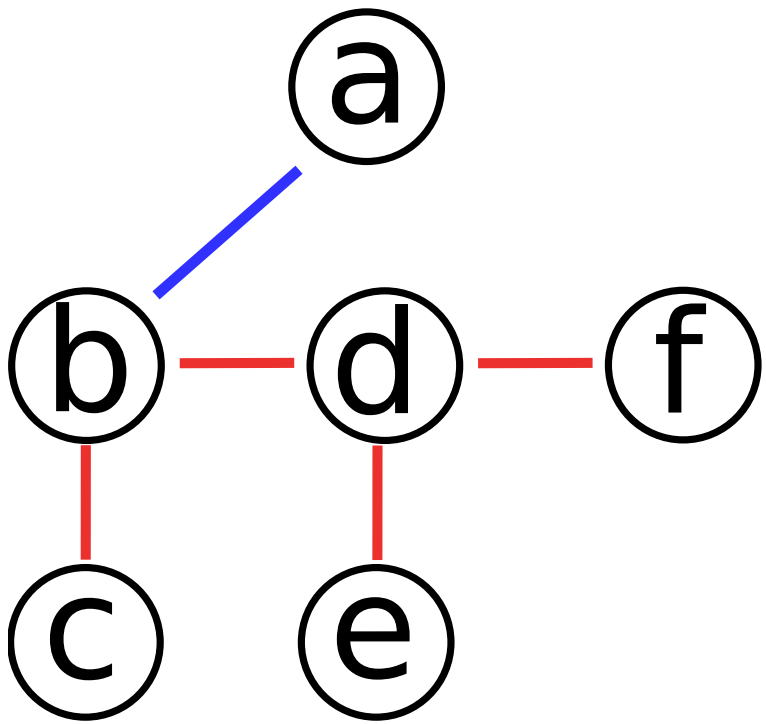

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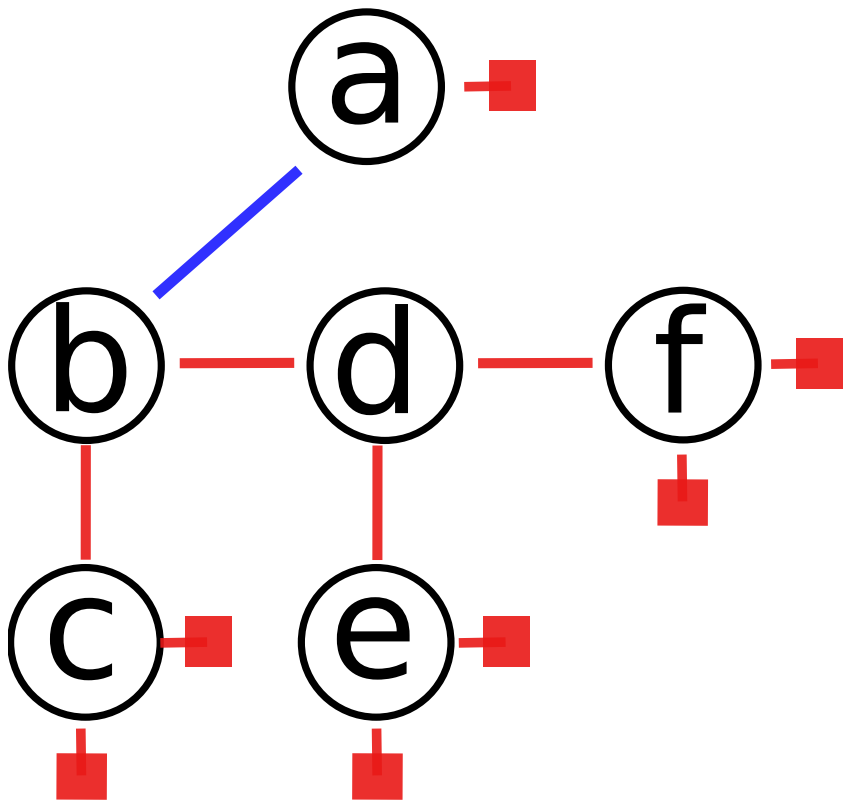

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