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Learning target: Recognise how graphs model problems and how suitable graphs are constructed.

A graph model should explain what each vertex and edge represents and which features of the situation are ignored. An algorithm must then operate on that representation. A breadth-first search grows a distance-layered set, while a spanning tree retains connectedness with no redundant cycle.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Five rooms A,B,C,D,E have corridors AB,AC,BD,CD,DE. Model the rooms and corridors. Find the smallest number of corridors needed to travel from A to E, and list a shortest route.

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