

## Graph Algorithms (II)

- Single Source Shortest Path
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  - Bellman-Ford algorithm
- All-pairs shortest paths
  - Floyd-Warshall algorithm

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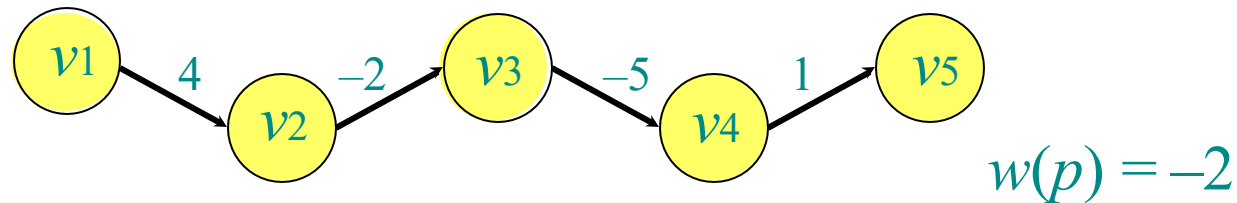
# Single source shortest paths

Consider a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge-weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

The **weight** of path  $p = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$  is defined to be

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1}).$$

**Example:**



A **shortest path** from  $u$  to  $v$  is a path of minimum weight from  $u$  to  $v$ .

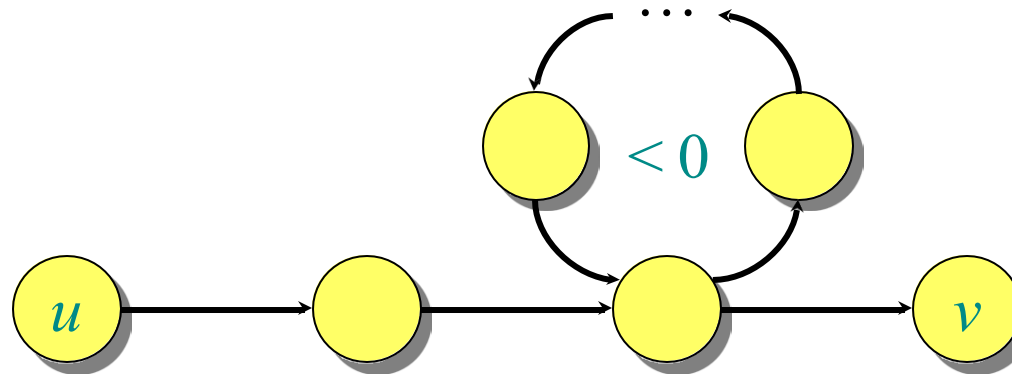
The **shortest-path weight** from  $u$  to  $v$  is defined as:

$$\delta(u, v) = \min\{w(p) : p \text{ is a path from } u \text{ to } v\}.$$

**Note:**  $\delta(u, v) = \infty$  if no path from  $u$  to  $v$  exists.

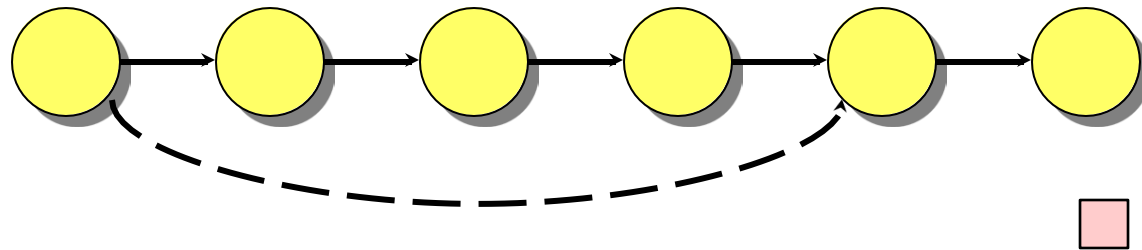
If a graph  $G$  contains a negative-weight cycle, then some shortest paths do not exist.

**Example:**



**Theorem.** A subpath of a shortest path is a shortest path.

*Proof.* Cut and paste:



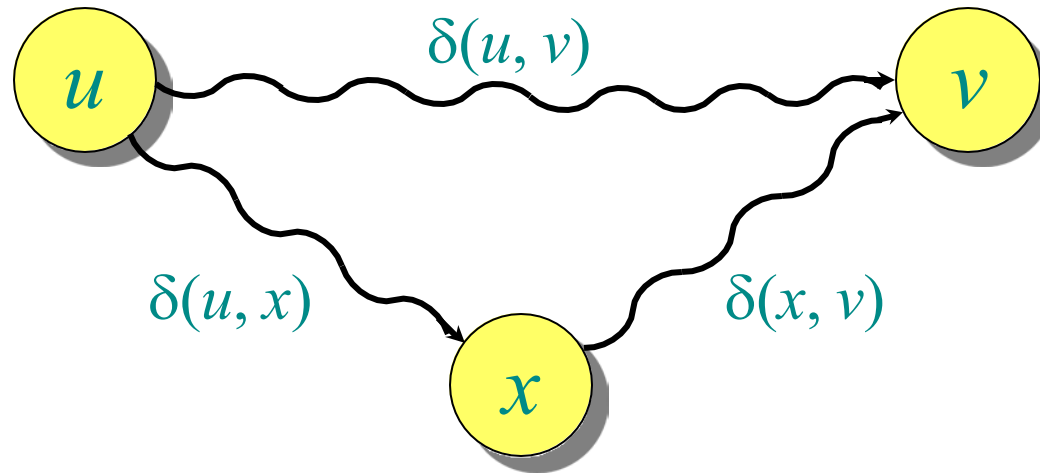
If  $v_j$  on optimal path from  $v_0$  to  $v_n$ :  $\delta(v_0, v_n) = \delta(v_0, v_j) + \delta(v_j, v_n)$ .

If the sub-path  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  is not optimal, then by finding a shorter path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$  we can strictly improve the original path.

**Theorem.** For all  $u, v, x \in V$ , we have

$$\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v).$$

*Proof.*



If  $u$  not on shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ :  $\delta(s, t) < \delta(s, u) + \delta(u, t)$ .

$u$  is on shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$  iff  $\delta(s, t) = \delta(s, u) + \delta(u, t)$ .

**Problem.** Assume that  $w(u, v) \geq 0$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$ . (Hence, all shortest-path weights must exist.) From a given source vertex  $s \in V$ , find the shortest-path weights  $\delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**IDEA:** Greedy.

1. Maintain a set  $S$  of vertices whose shortest-path distances from  $s$  are known.
2. At each step, add to  $S$  the vertex  $v \in V - S$  whose distance estimate from  $s$  is minimum.
3. Update the distance estimates of vertices adjacent to  $v$ .



$d[s] \leftarrow 0$

**for** each  $v \in V - \{s\}$

**do**  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$

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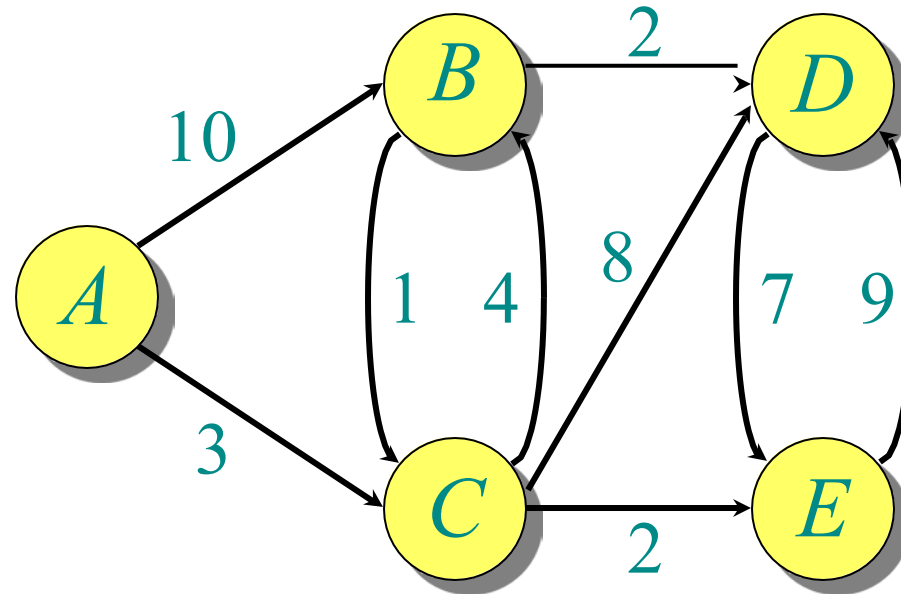
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↑ Implicit DECREASE-KEY

# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

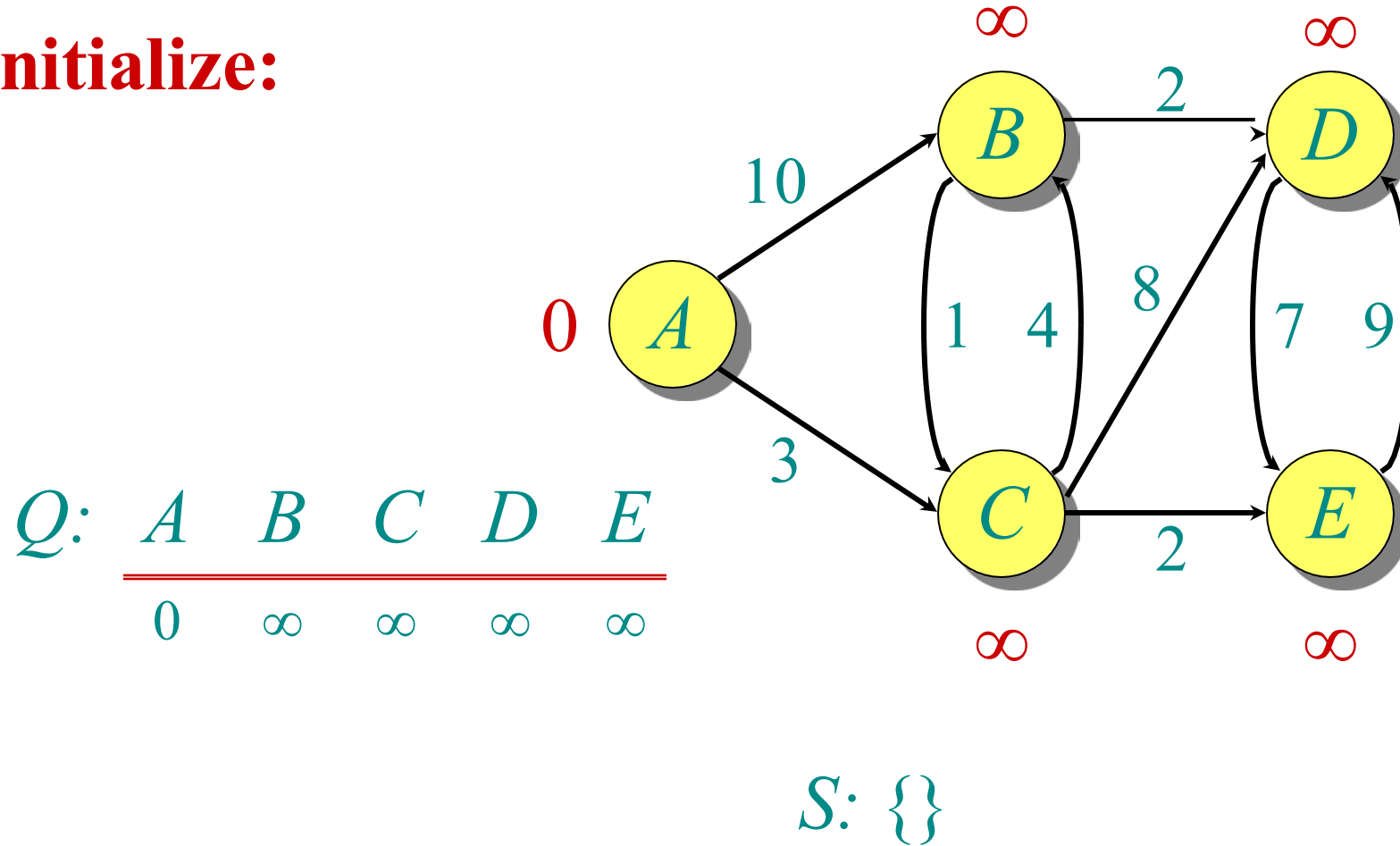
**Dijkstra can only handle graphs with nonnegative edge weights:**



**Try to think why?**

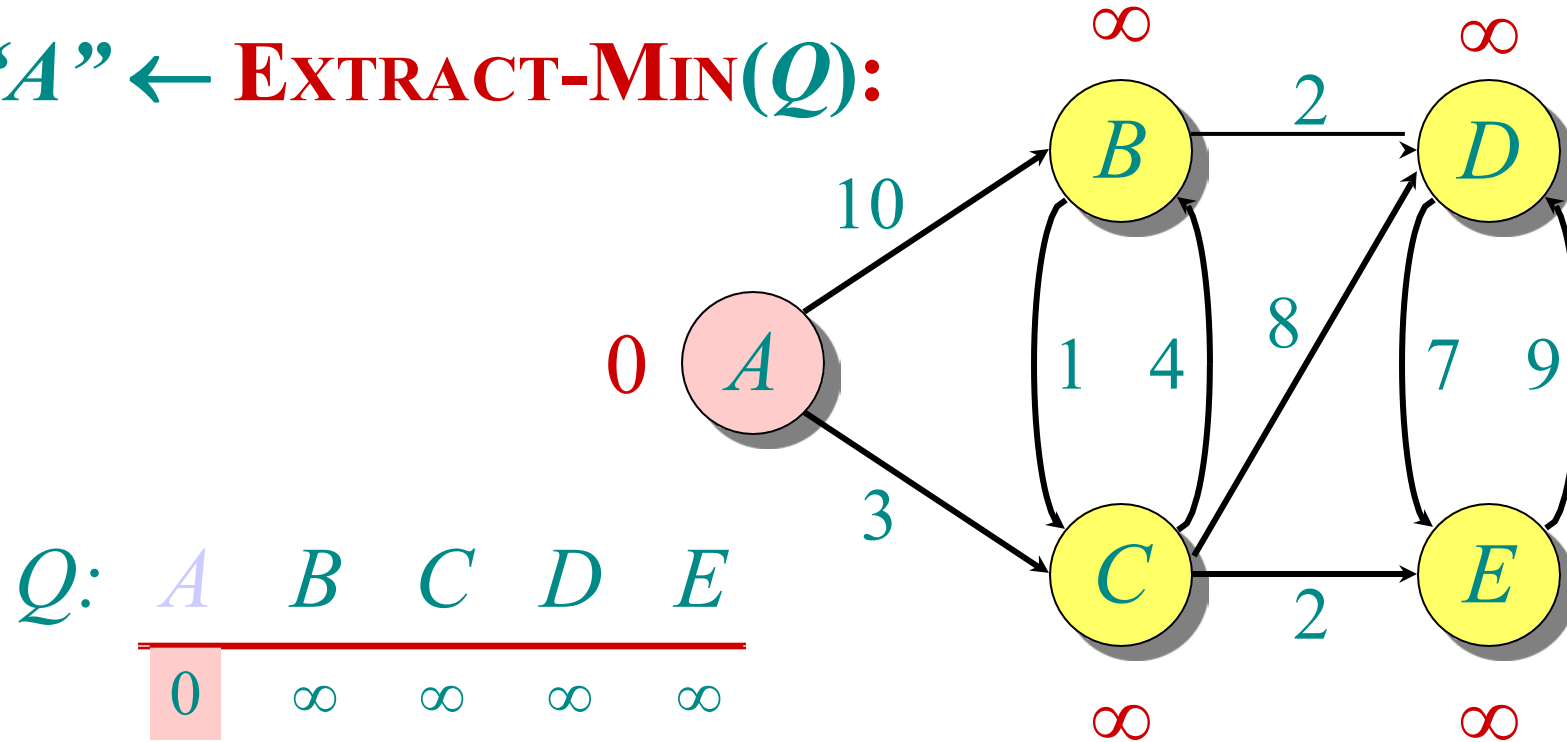
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**Initialize:**



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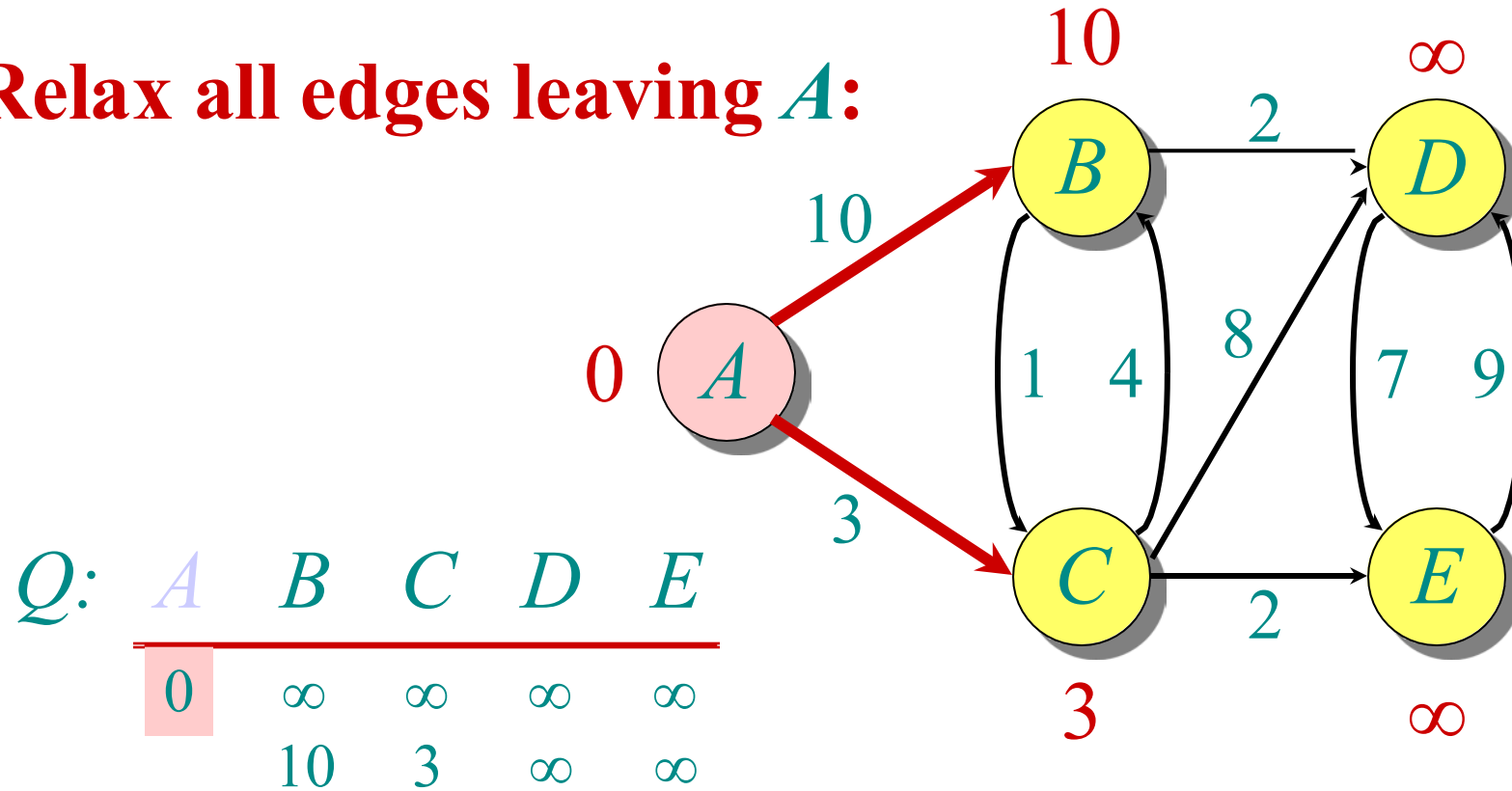
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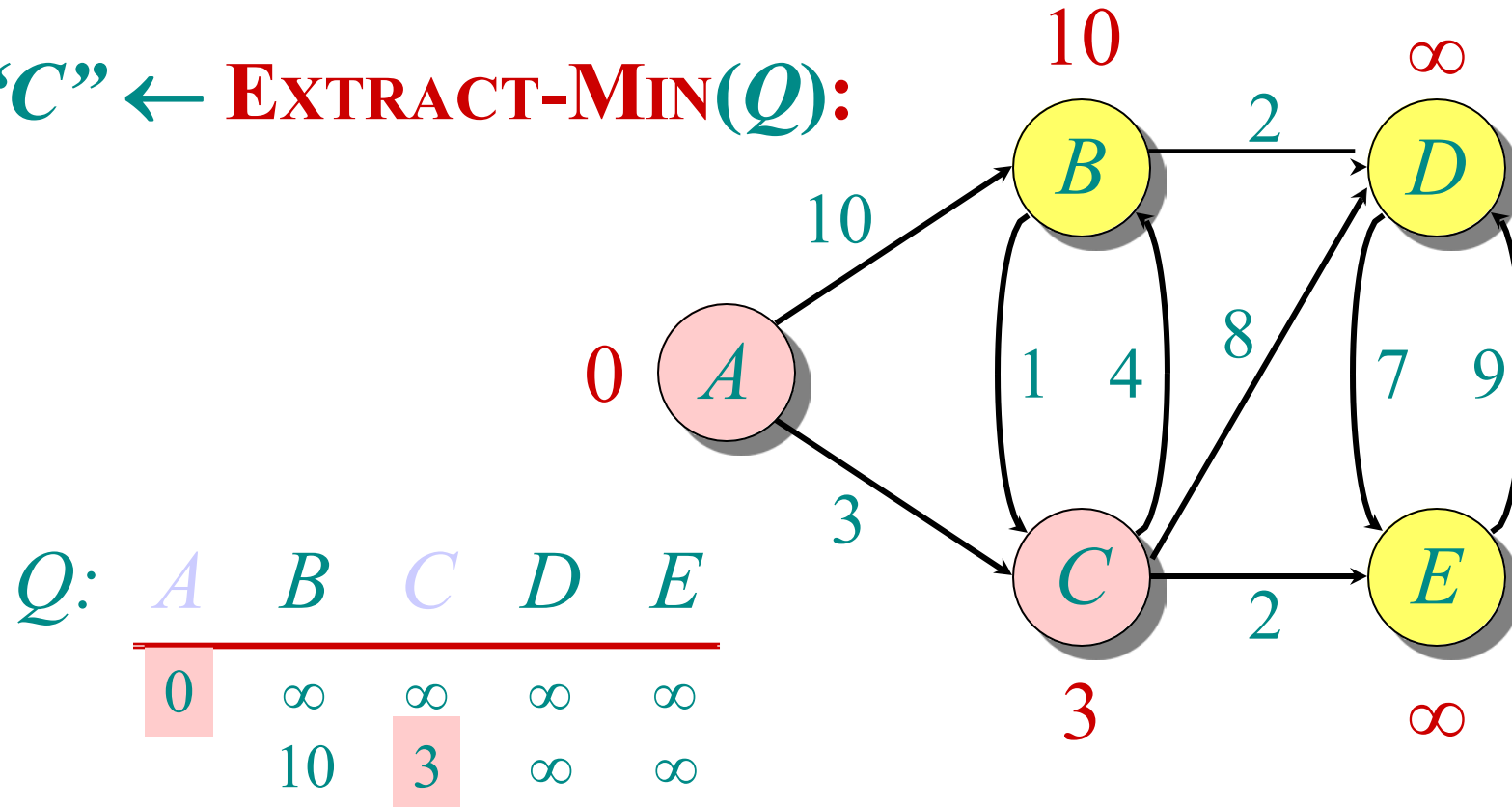
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# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

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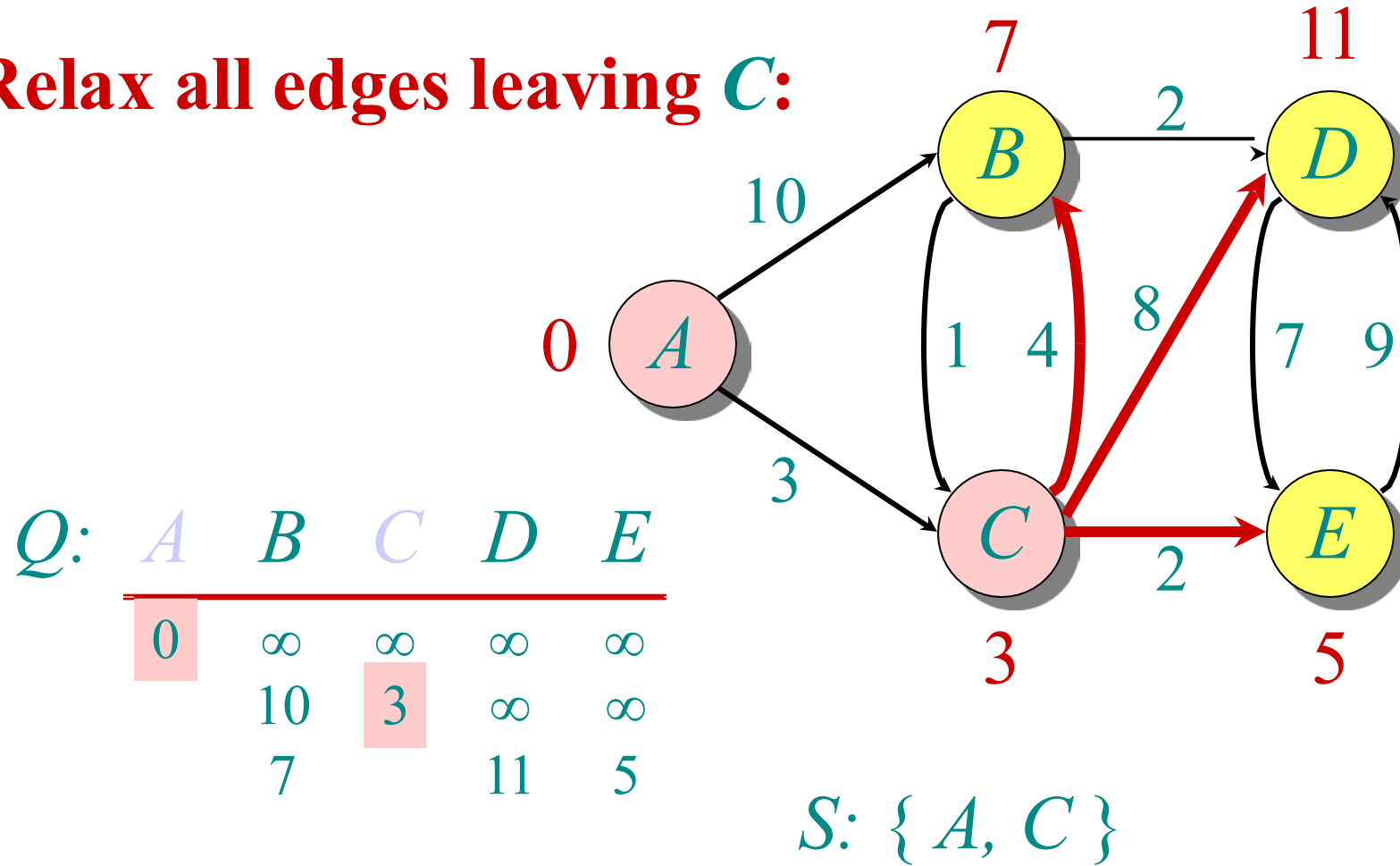


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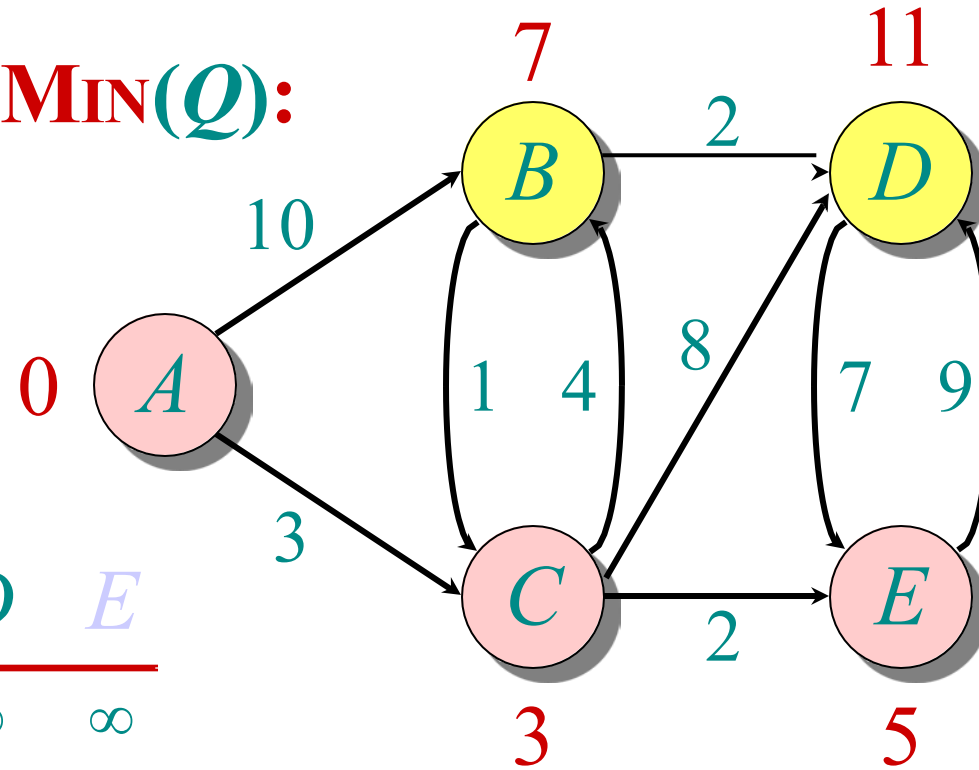
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**“E”** ← **EXTRACT-MIN(Q)**:



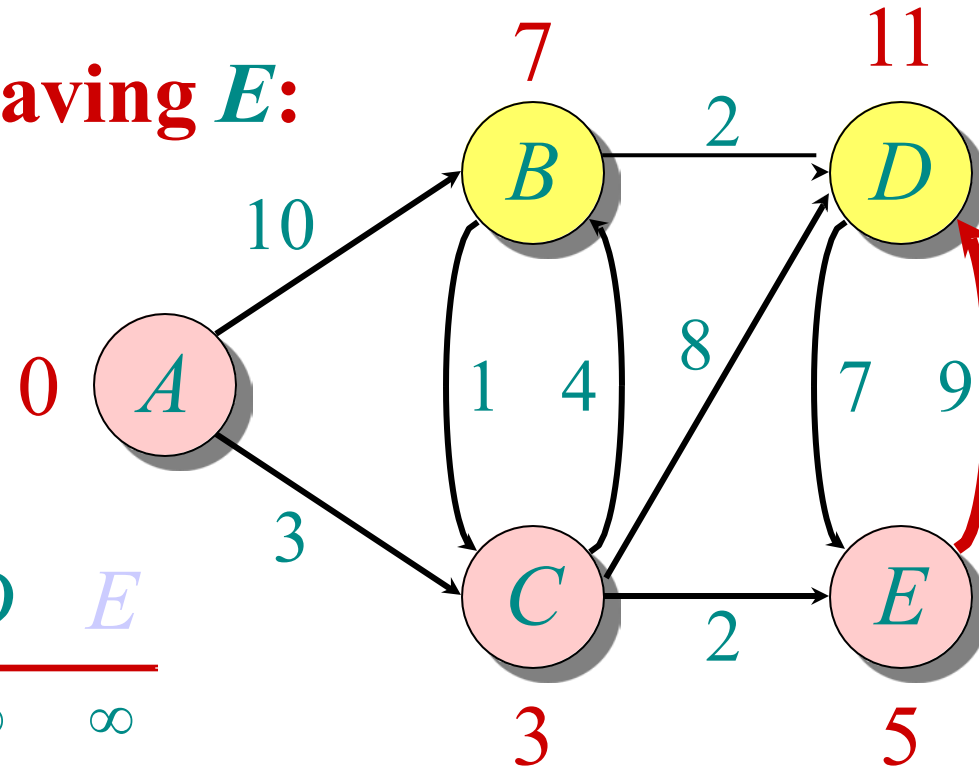
Q:

A	B	C	D	E
0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	$\infty$	$\infty$
	7		11	5

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Relax all edges leaving  $E$ :



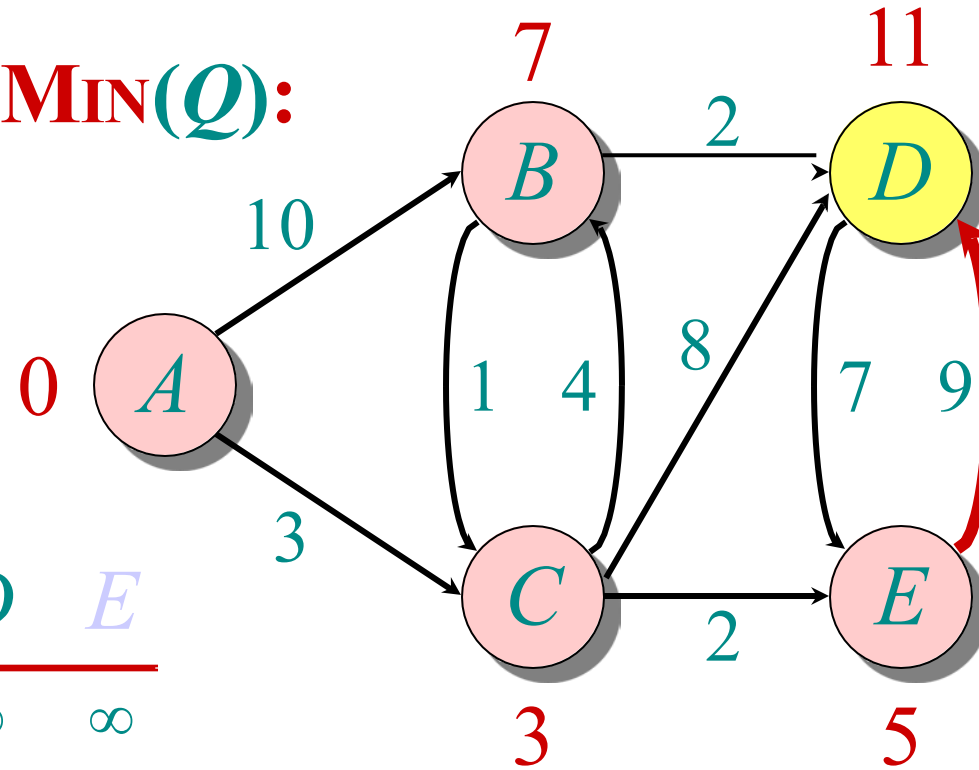
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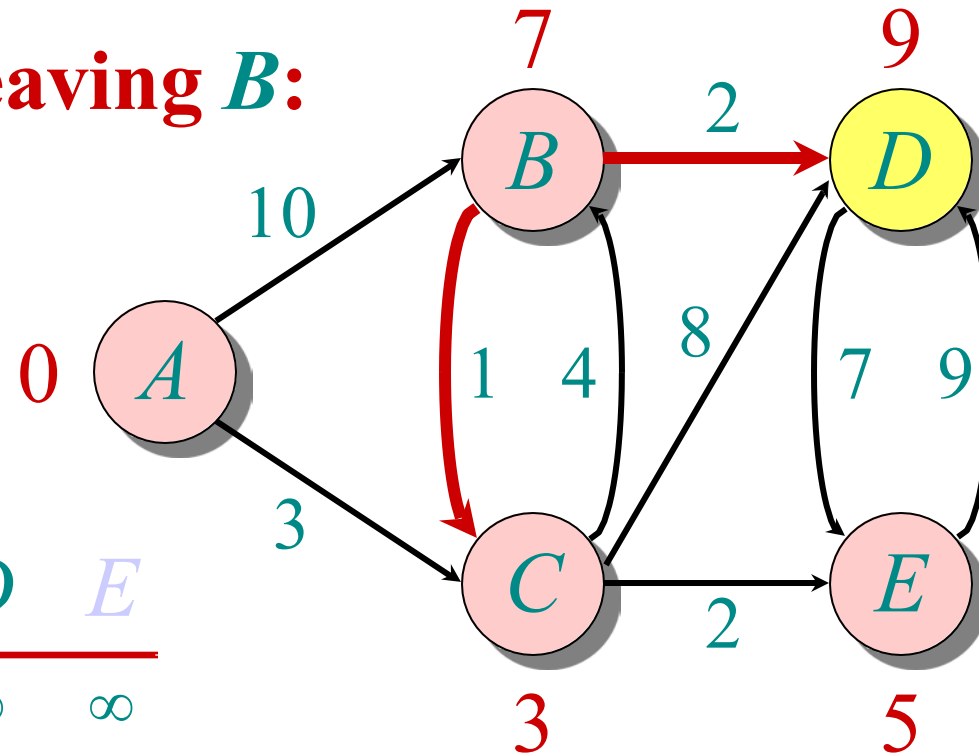
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Relax all edges leaving *B*:



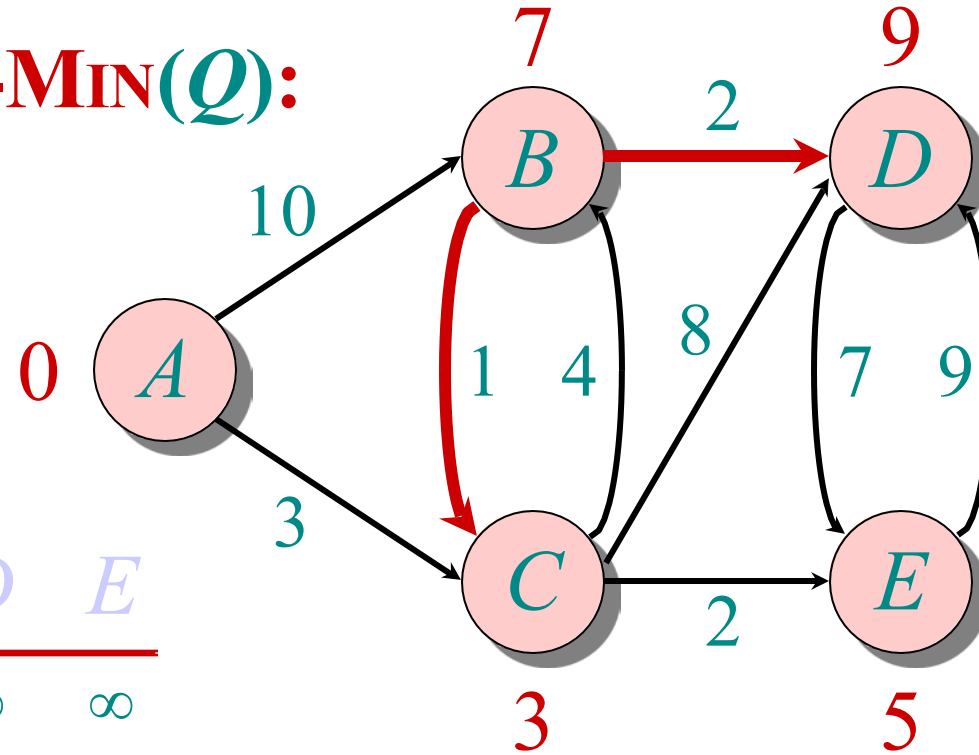
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0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
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			9	

*S*: { *A*, *C*, *E*, *B* }

# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“D” ← **EXTRACT-MIN(Q)**:



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S: { A, C, E, B, D }

**Lemma.** Initializing  $d[s] \leftarrow 0$  and  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$  for all  $v \in V - \{s\}$  establishes  $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , and this invariant is maintained over any sequence of relaxation steps.

*Proof.* Suppose not. Let  $v$  be the **first** vertex for which  $d[v] < \delta(s, v)$ , and let  $u$  be the vertex that caused  $d[v]$  to change:  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)$ . Then,

$d[v] < \delta(s, v)$	supposition
$\leq \delta(s, u) + \delta(u, v)$	triangle inequality
$\leq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$	sh. path $\leq$ specific path
$\leq d[u] + w(u, v)$	$v$ is first violation

Contradiction.

**Lemma.** Let  $u$  be  $v$ 's predecessor on a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ . Then, if  $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$  and edge  $(u, v)$  is relaxed, we have  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  after the relaxation.

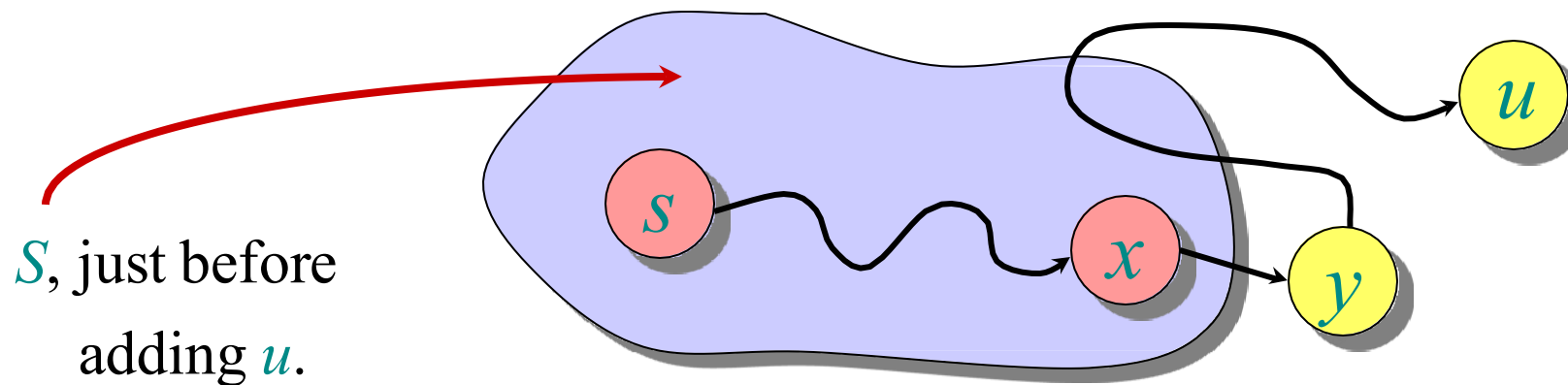
*Proof.*

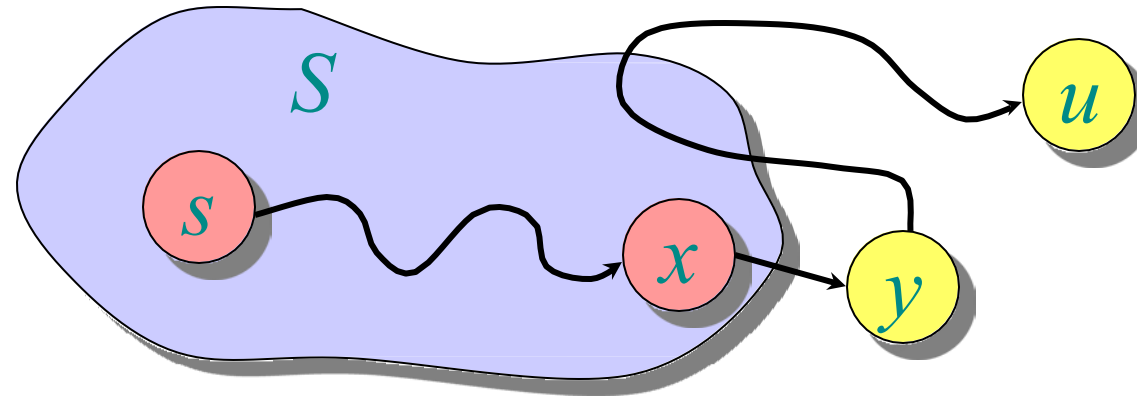
Observe that  $\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$ . Suppose that  $d[v] > \delta(s, v)$  before the relaxation. (Otherwise, we're done.) Then, the test  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  succeeds, because  $d[v] > \delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + w(u, v) = d[u] + w(u, v)$ , and the algorithm sets  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v) = \delta(s, v)$ . □



**Theorem.** Dijkstra's algorithm terminates with  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$  for every  $v \in V$  when  $v$  is added to  $S$ . Suppose  $u$  is the first vertex added to  $S$  for which  $d[u] > \delta(s, u)$ . Let  $y$  be the first vertex in  $V - S$  along a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ , and let  $x$  be its predecessor:





Since  $u$  is the first vertex violating the claimed invariant, we have  $d[x] = \delta(s, x)$ .

When  $x$  was added to  $S$ , the edge  $(x, y)$  was relaxed, which implies that  $d[y] = \delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u) < d[u]$ . But,  $d[u] \leq d[y]$  by our choice of  $u$ .

Contradiction. □

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$$\Theta(|V| \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + |E| \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}})$$

**Note:** Same formula as in the analysis of Prim's minimum spanning tree algorithm.

$$\text{Time} = \Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$$

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Fibonacci heap	$O(\lg V )$ amortized	$O(1)$ amortized	$O( E  +  V \lg V )$ worst case

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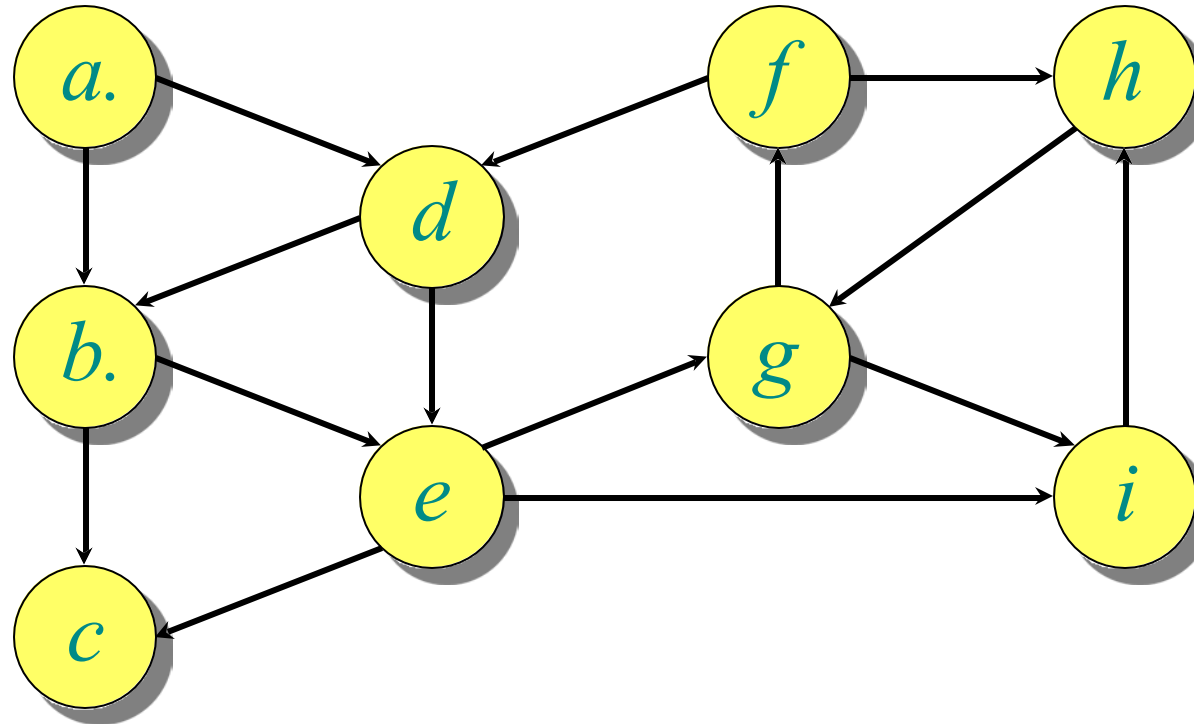
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## *Breadth-first search*

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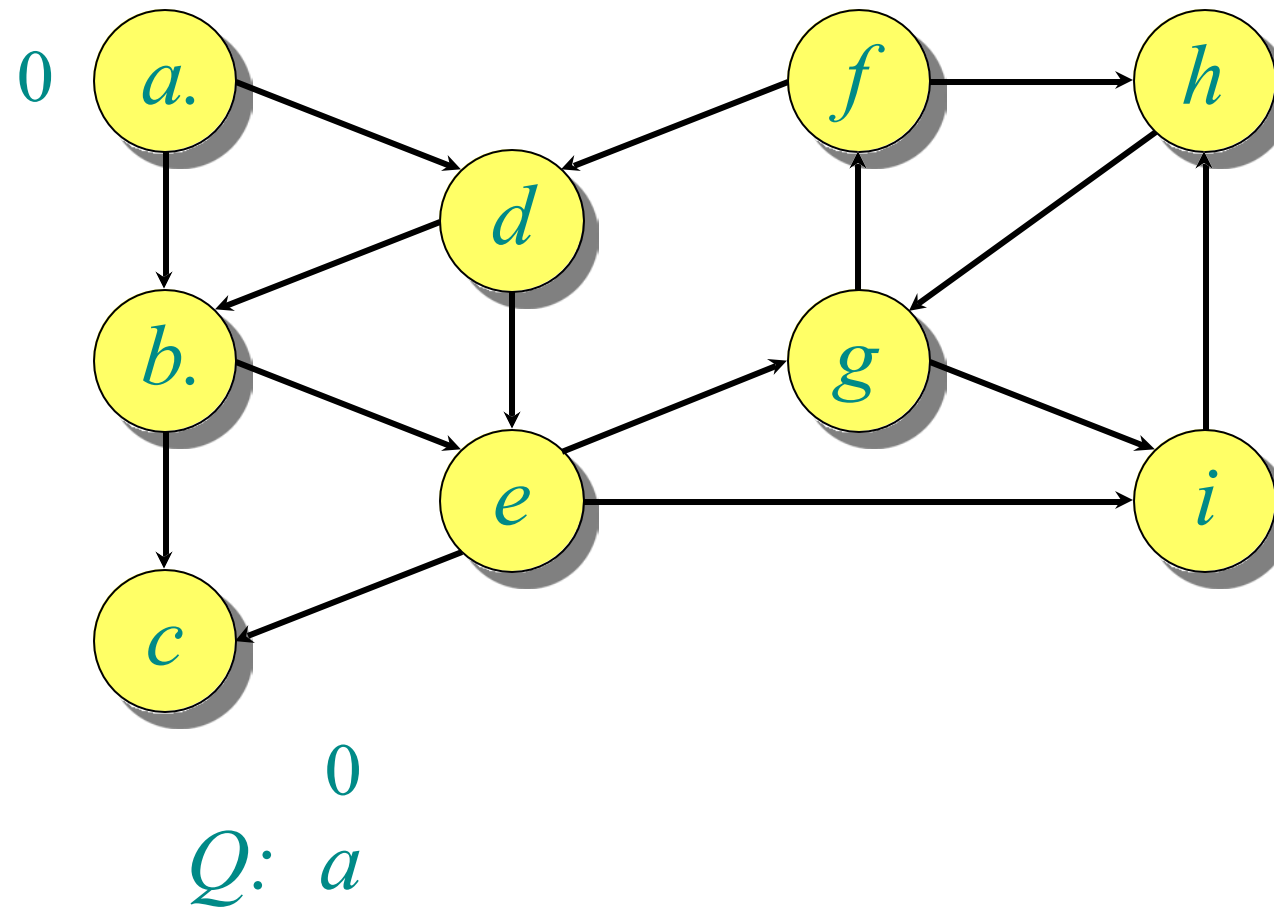
**Analysis:** Time =  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

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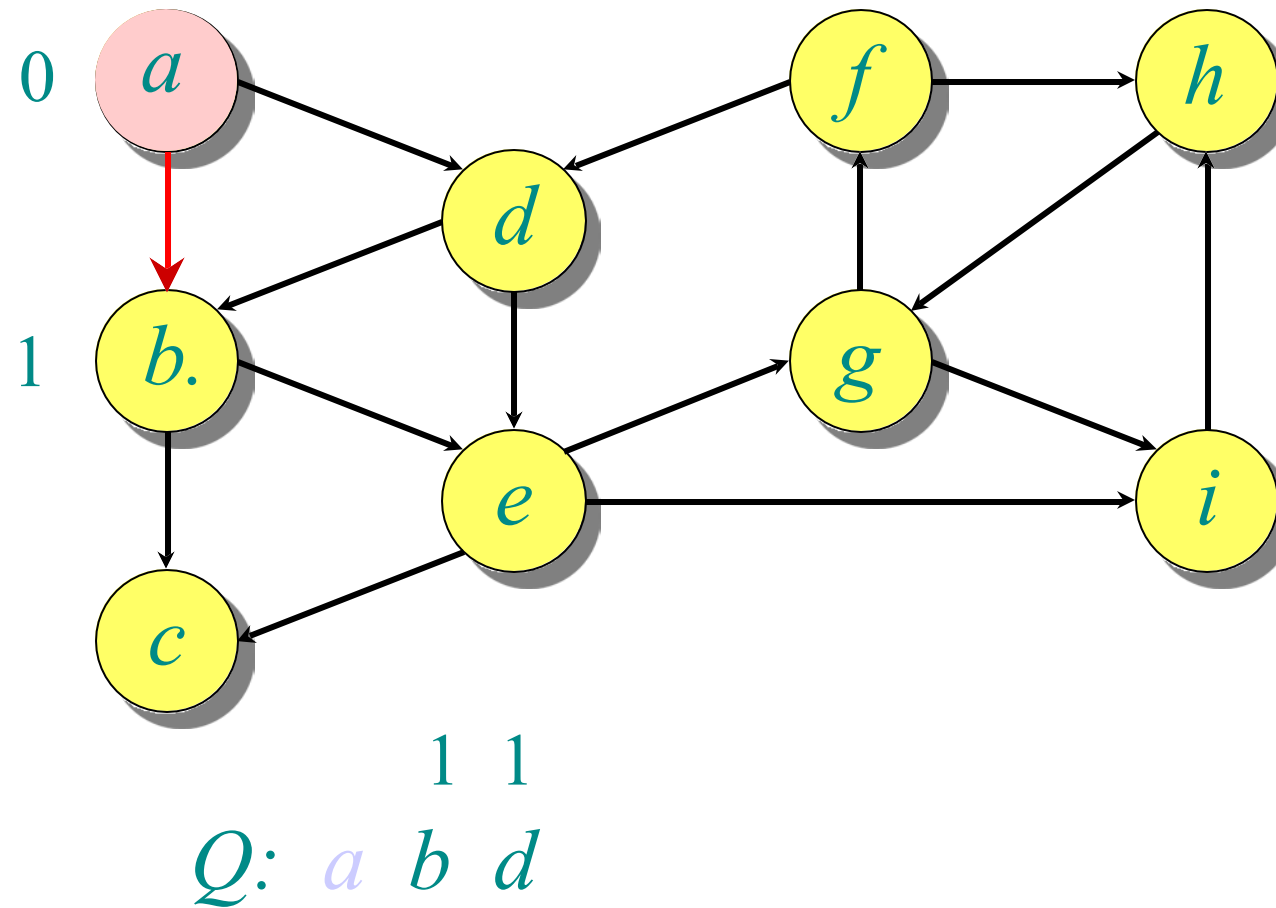


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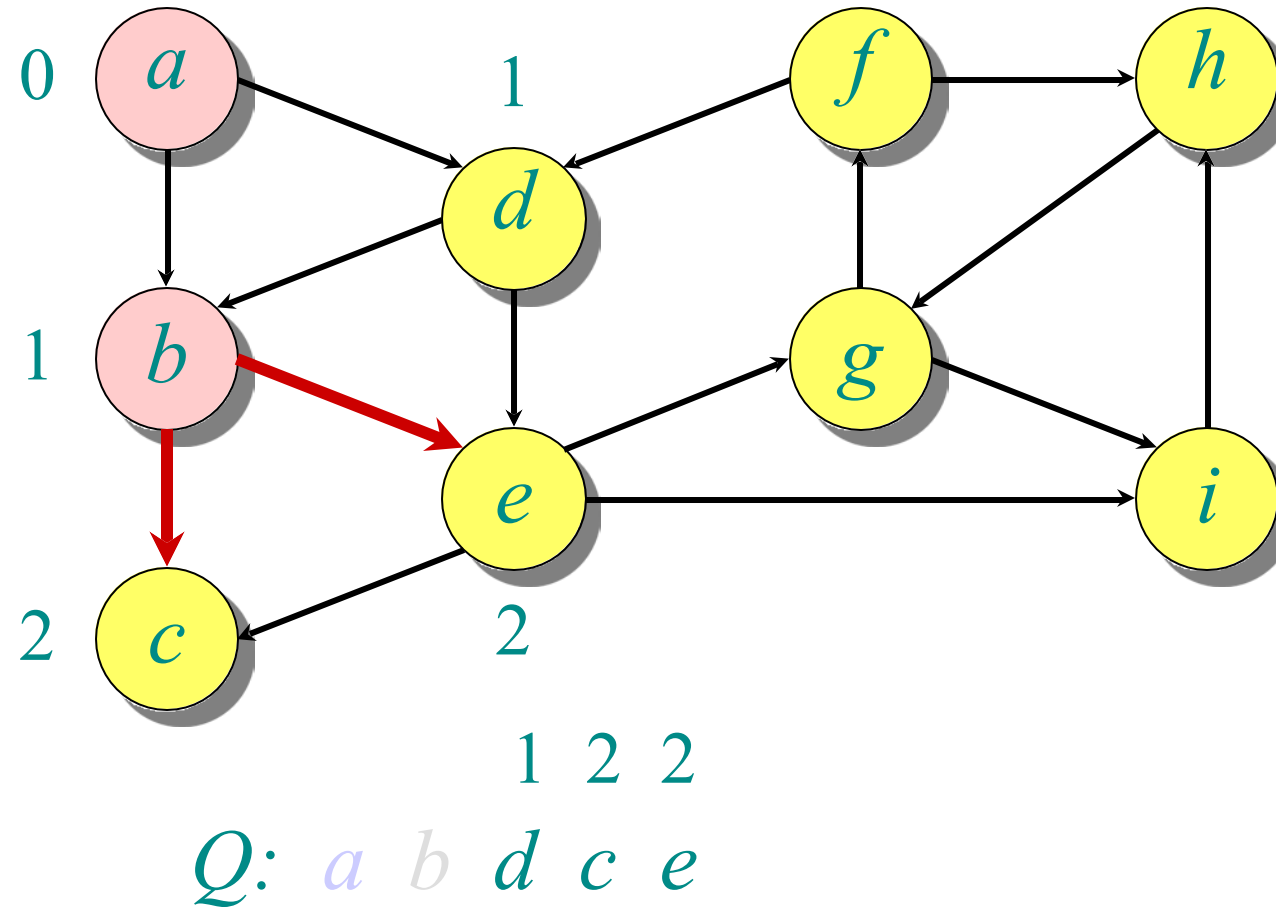
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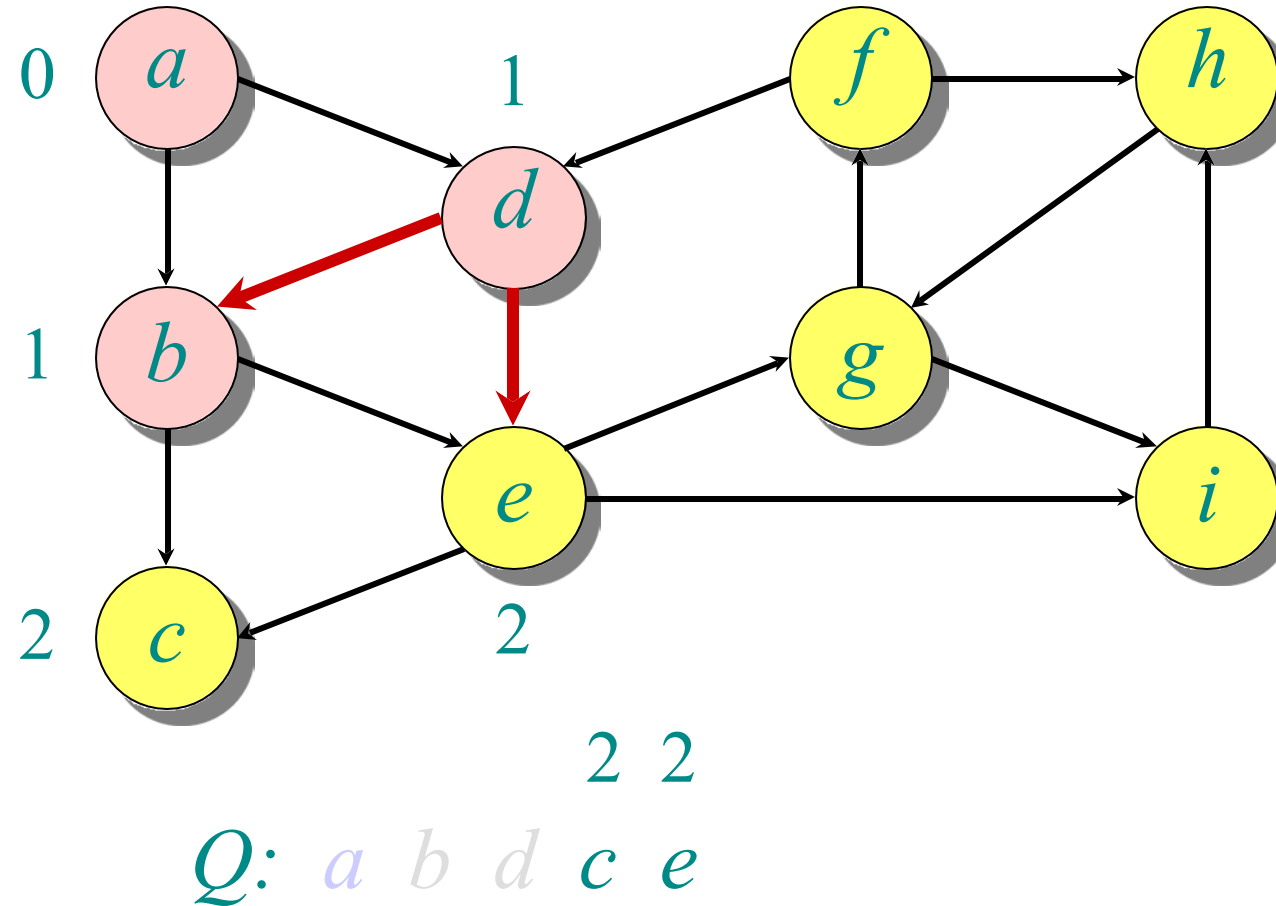
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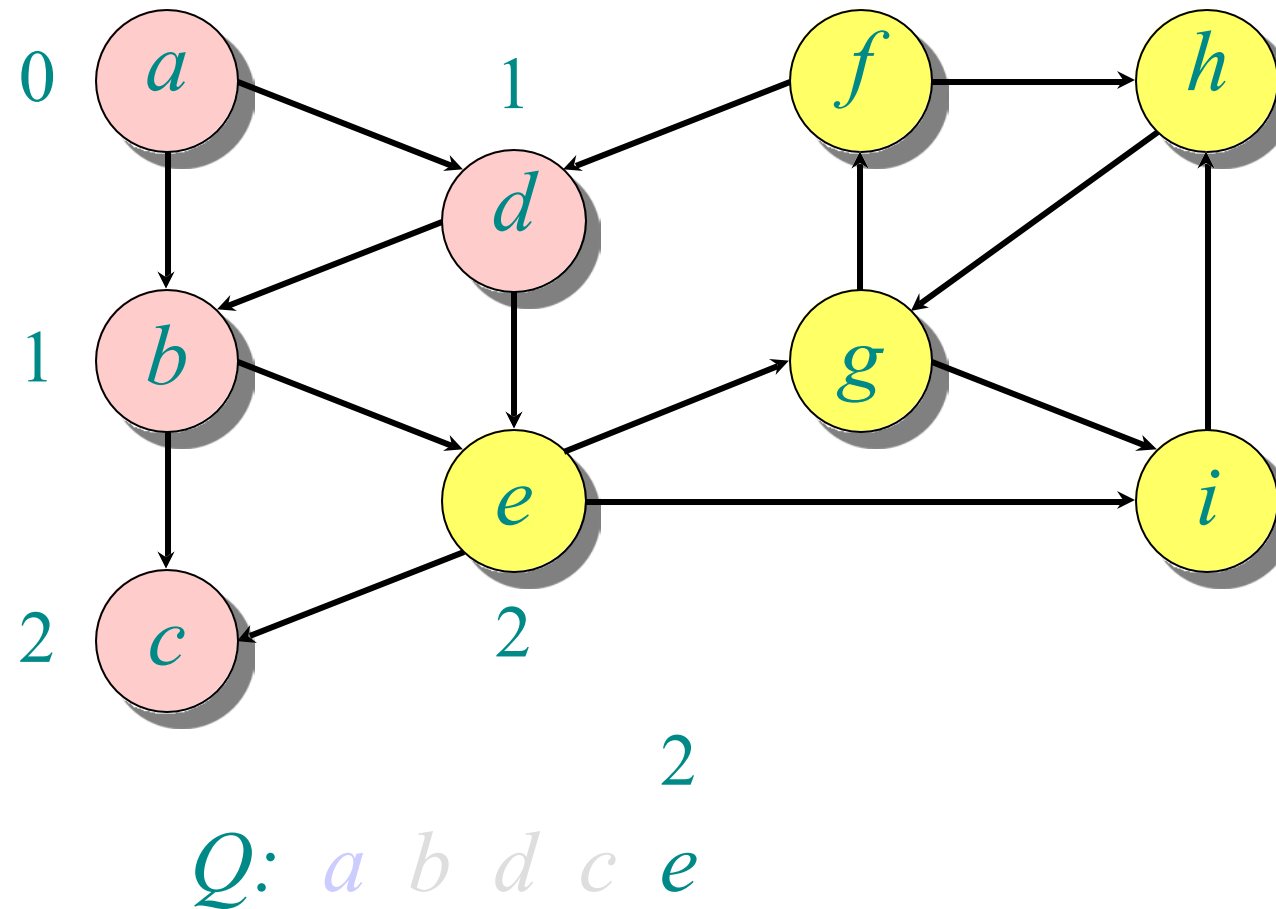


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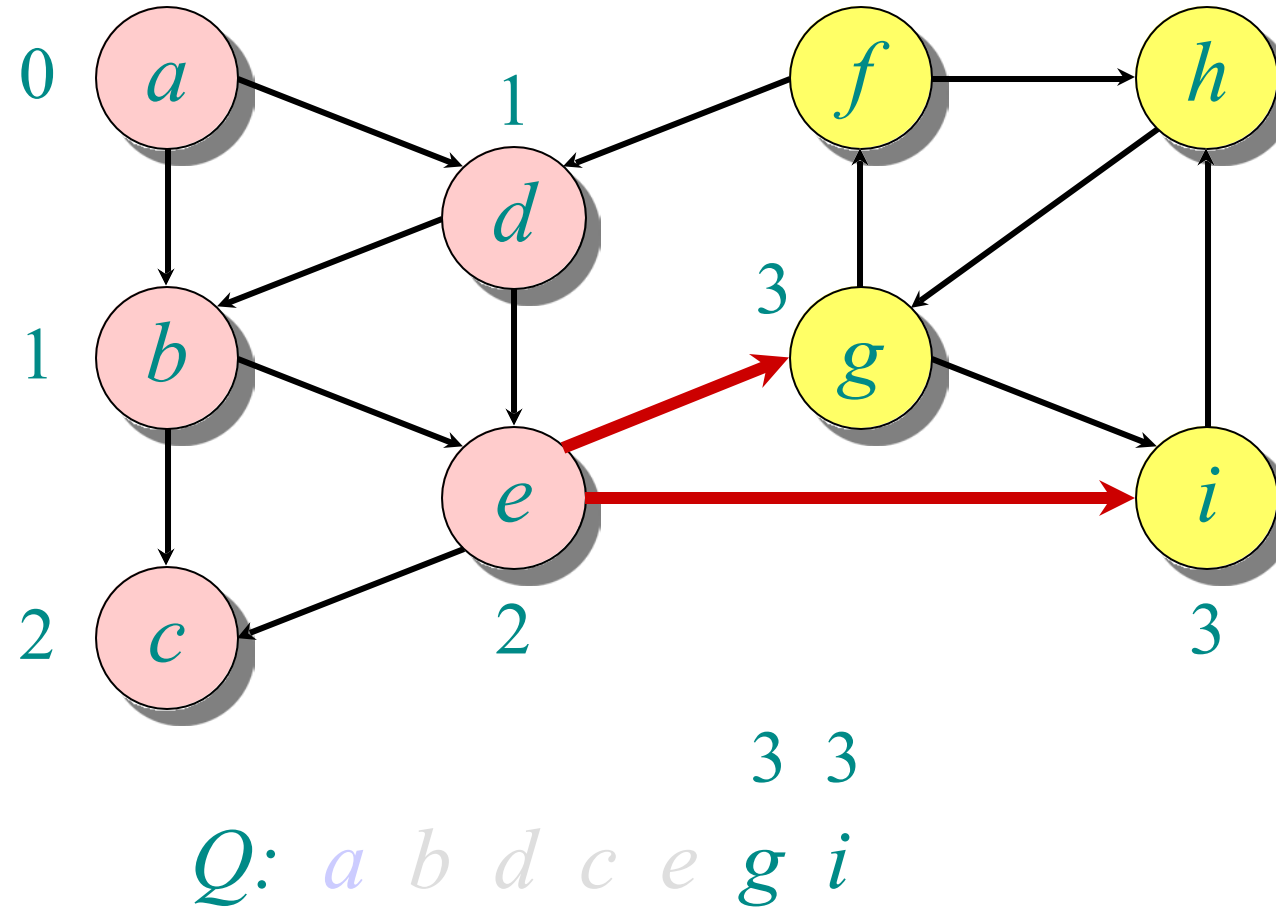




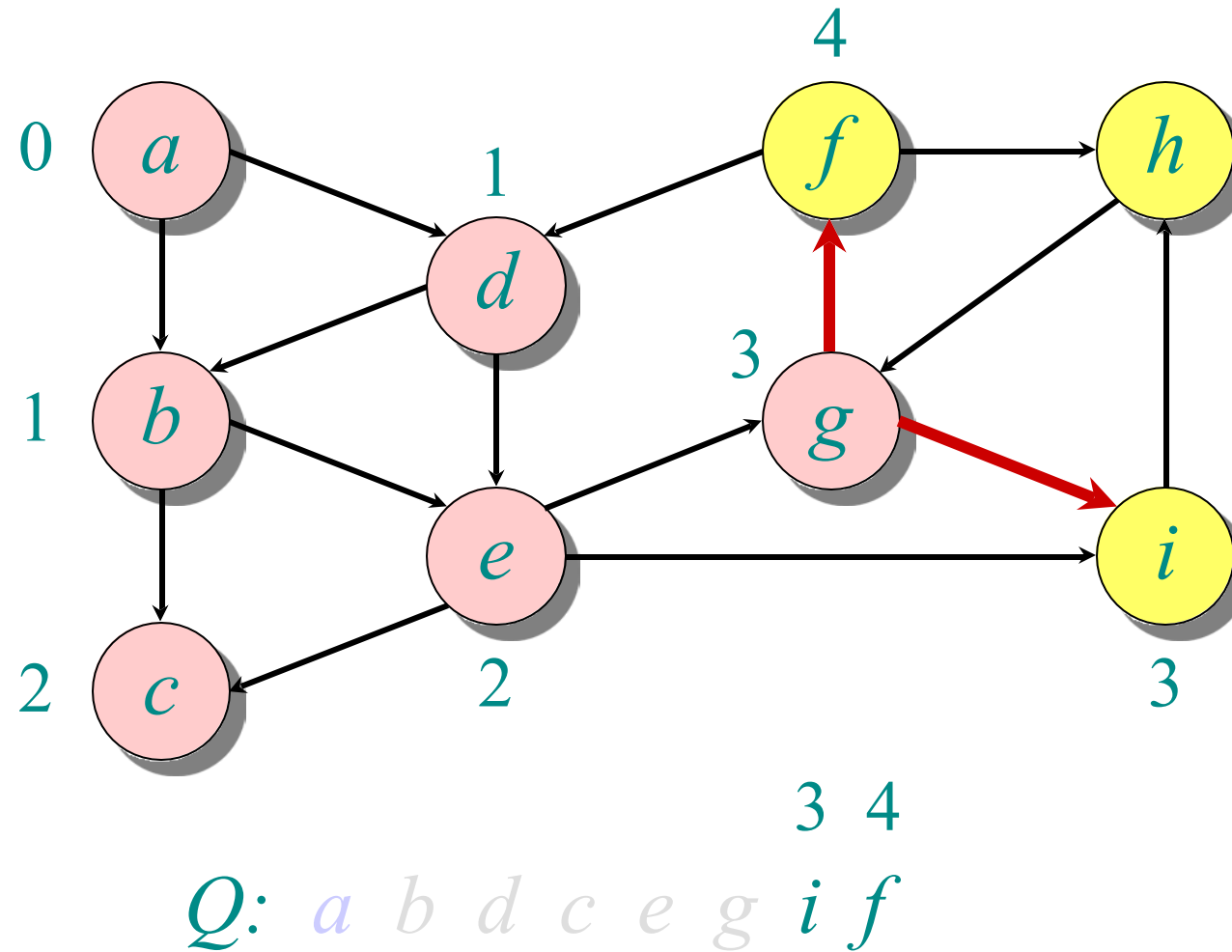
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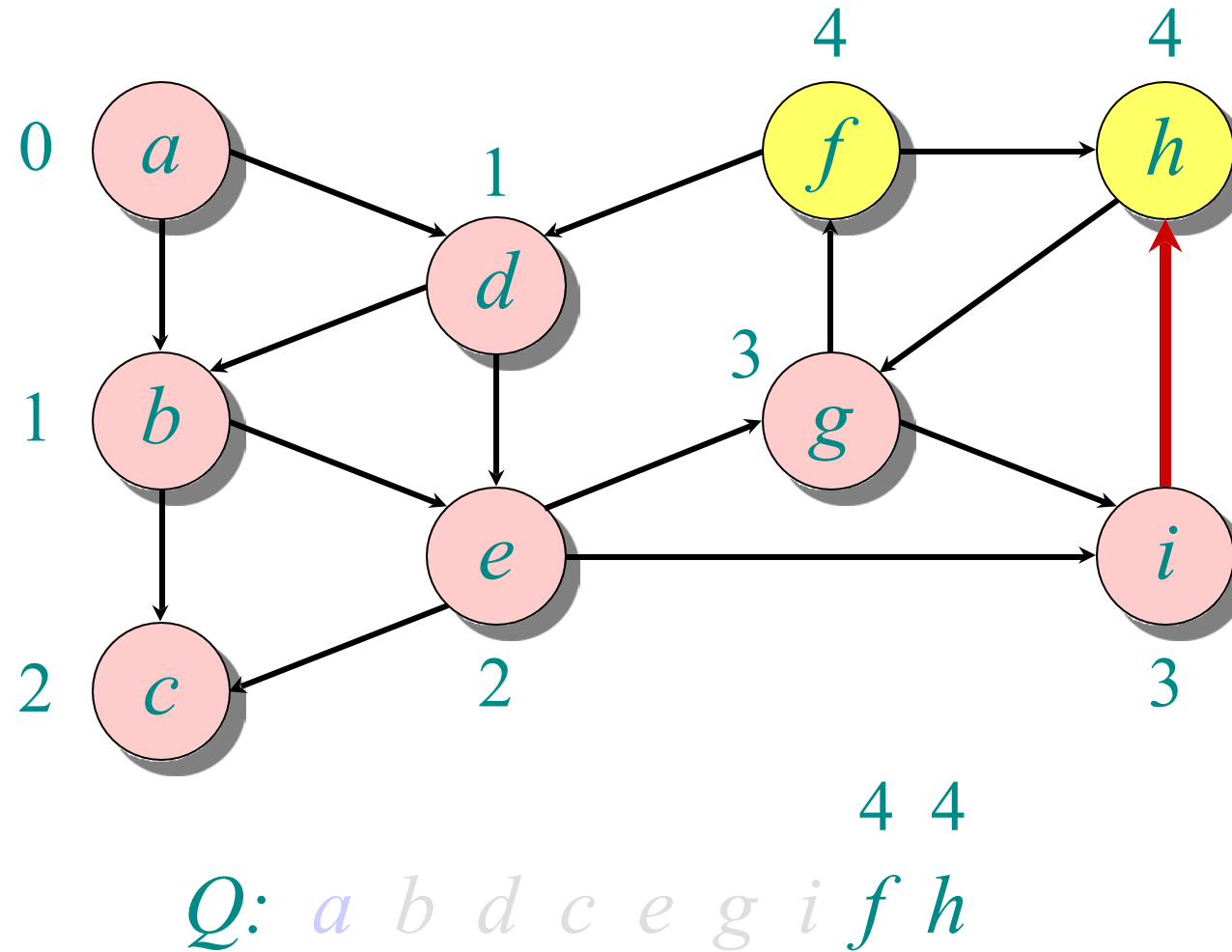
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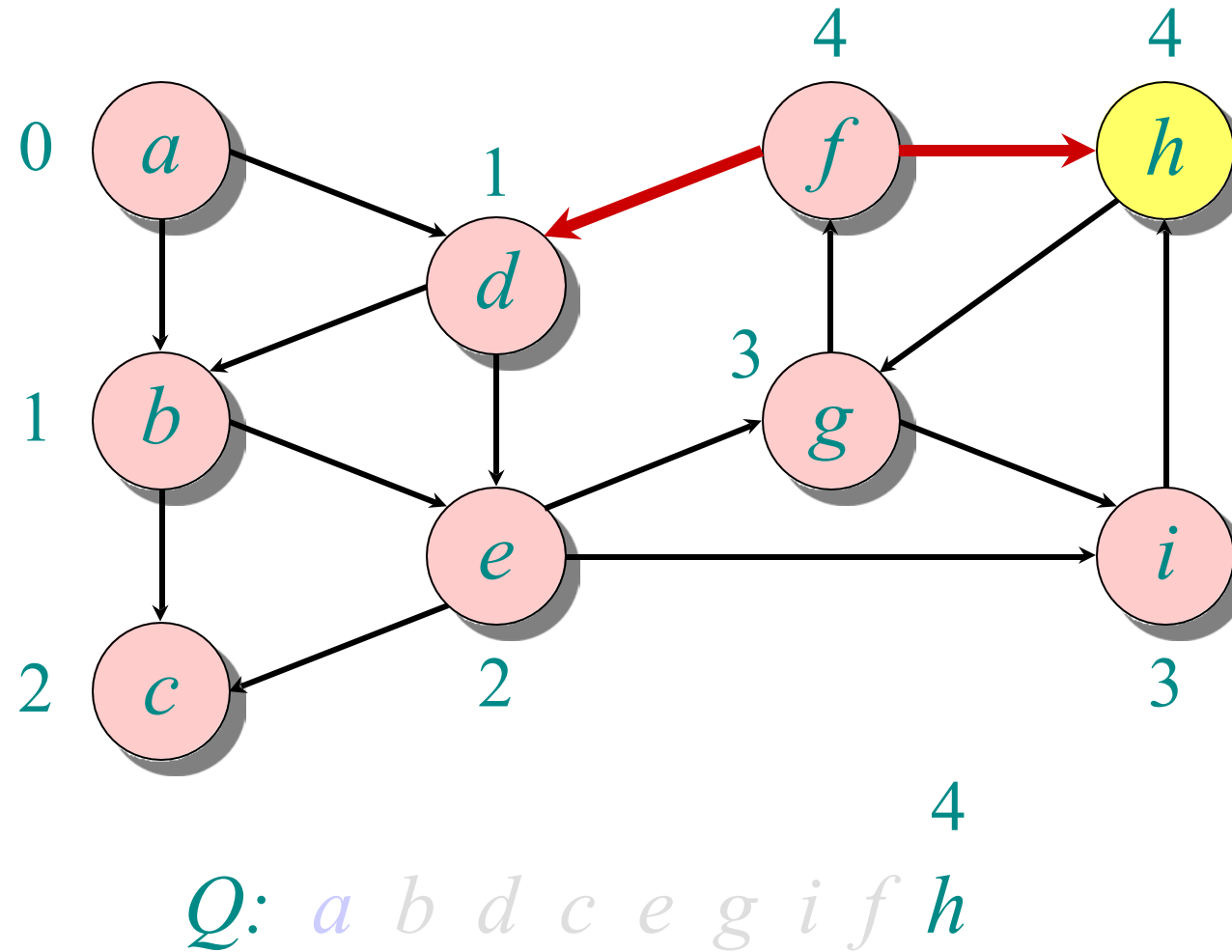
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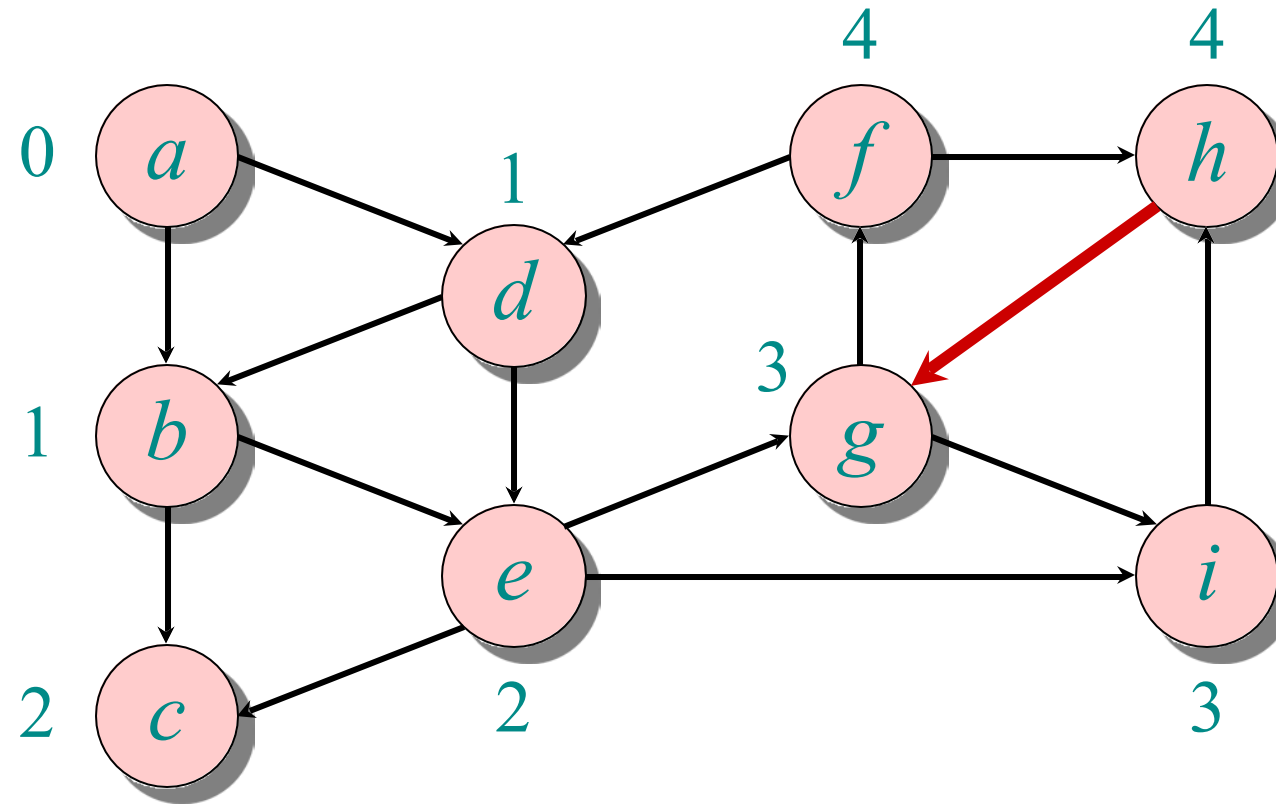
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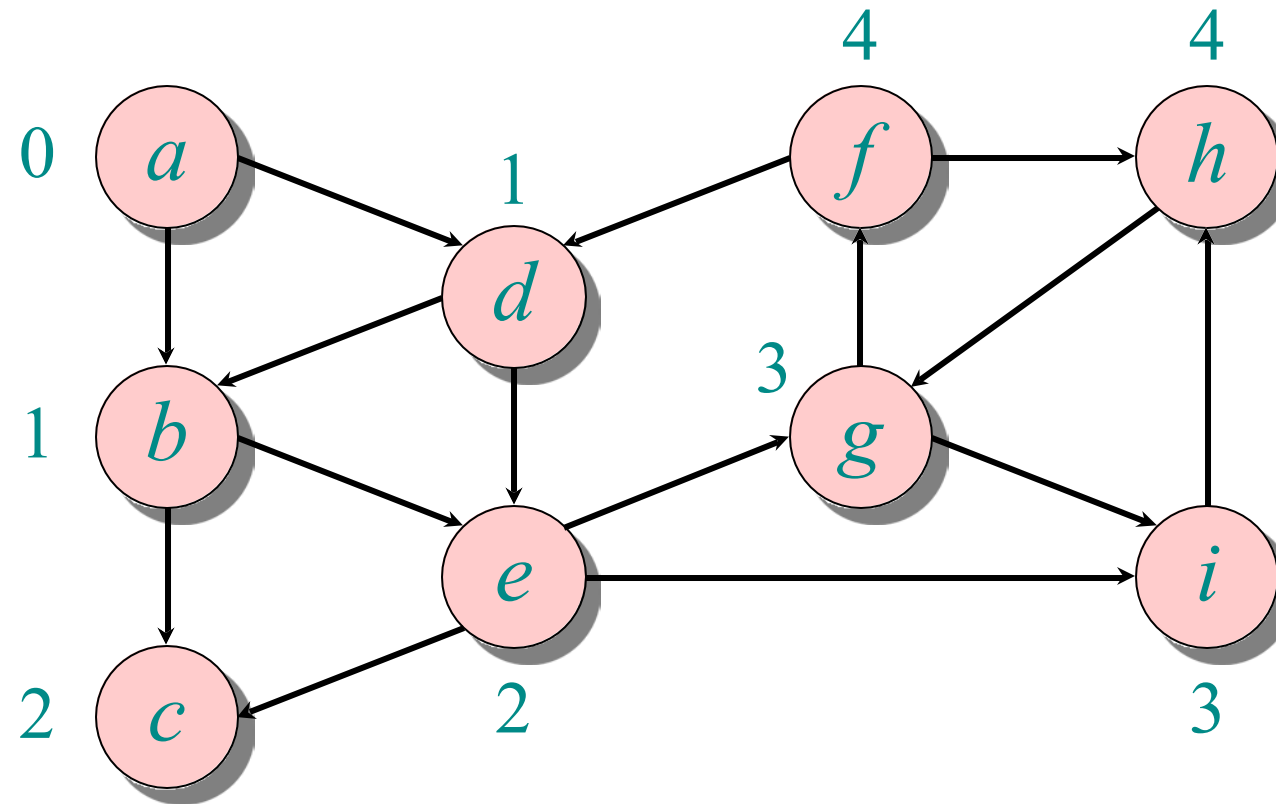


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## Key idea:

The FIFO  $Q$  in breadth-first search mimics the priority queue  $Q$  in Dijkstra.

- **Invariant:**  $v$  comes after  $u$  in  $Q$  implies that  $d[v] = d[u]$  or  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ .



# Bellman-Ford algorithm

- (-) Slower than Dijkstra's algorithm
- (+) Can handle negative edge weights.
  - Can be useful if you want to say that some edges are actively good to take, rather than costly.
  - Can be useful as a building block in other algorithms.

## Basic idea:

Instead of picking the  $u$  with the smallest  $d[u]$  to update, just update all of the  $u$ 's simultaneously.

## Bellman-Ford(G,s):

- $d[v] = \infty$  for all  $v$  in  $V$
- $d[s] = 0$
- **For**  $i=0, \dots, |V|-1$ :
  - **For**  $u$  in  $V$ :
    - **For**  $v$  in  $u$ .neighbors:
      - $d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u,v))$

Instead of picking  $u$  cleverly,  
just update for all of the  $u$ 's.

Compare to Dijkstra:

- **While** there are **not-sure** nodes:
  - Pick the **not-sure** node  $u$  with the smallest estimate  $d[u]$ .
  - **For**  $v$  in  $u$ .neighbors:
    - $d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u,v))$
  - Mark  $u$  as **sure**.

- We are actually going to change this to be less smart.
- Keep n arrays:  $d^{(0)}, d^{(1)}, \dots, d^{(n-1)}$

## Bellman-Ford\*(G,s):

- $d^{(i)}[v] = \infty$  for all  $v$  in  $V$ , for all  $i=0, \dots, |V|-1$
- $d^{(0)}[s] = 0$
- **For**  $i=0, \dots, |V|-2$ :
  - **For**  $u$  in  $V$ :
    - **For**  $v$  in  $u$ .neighbors:
      - $d^{(i+1)}[v] \leftarrow \min(d^{(i)}[v], d^{(i+1)}[v], d^{(i)}[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u,v))$
- Then  $\text{dist}(s,v) = d^{(n-1)}[v]$

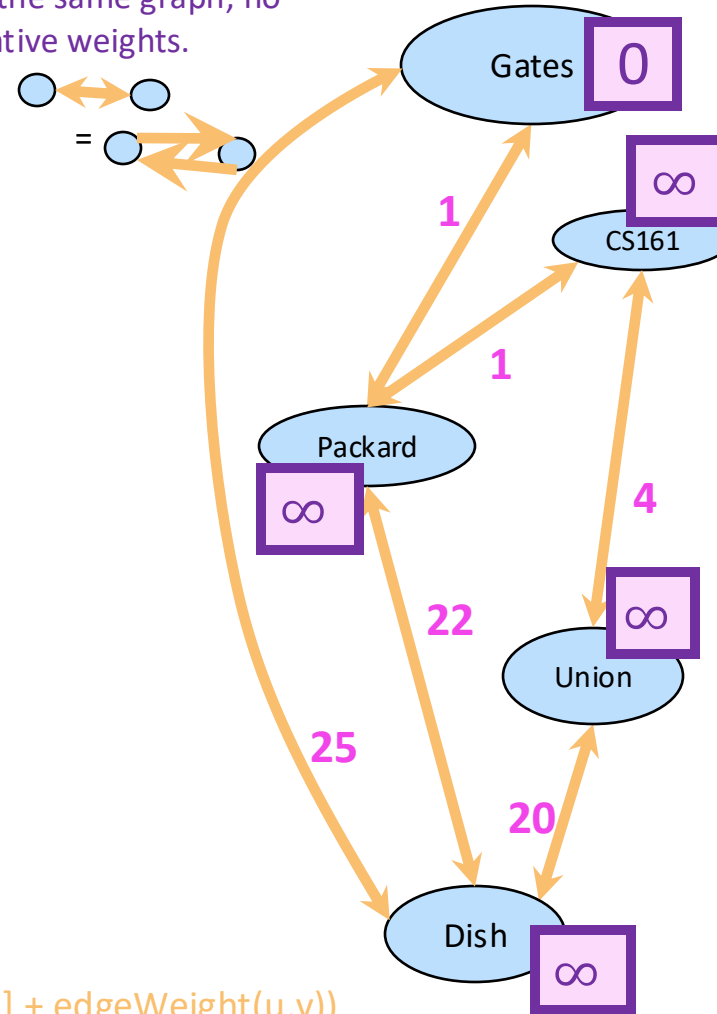
Slightly different than the original Bellman-Ford algorithm, but the analysis is basically the same.

How far is a node from Gates?

	Gates	Packard	CS161	Union	Dish
$d^{(0)}$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$d^{(1)}$					
$d^{(2)}$					
$d^{(3)}$					
$d^{(4)}$					

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Start with the same graph, no negative weights.

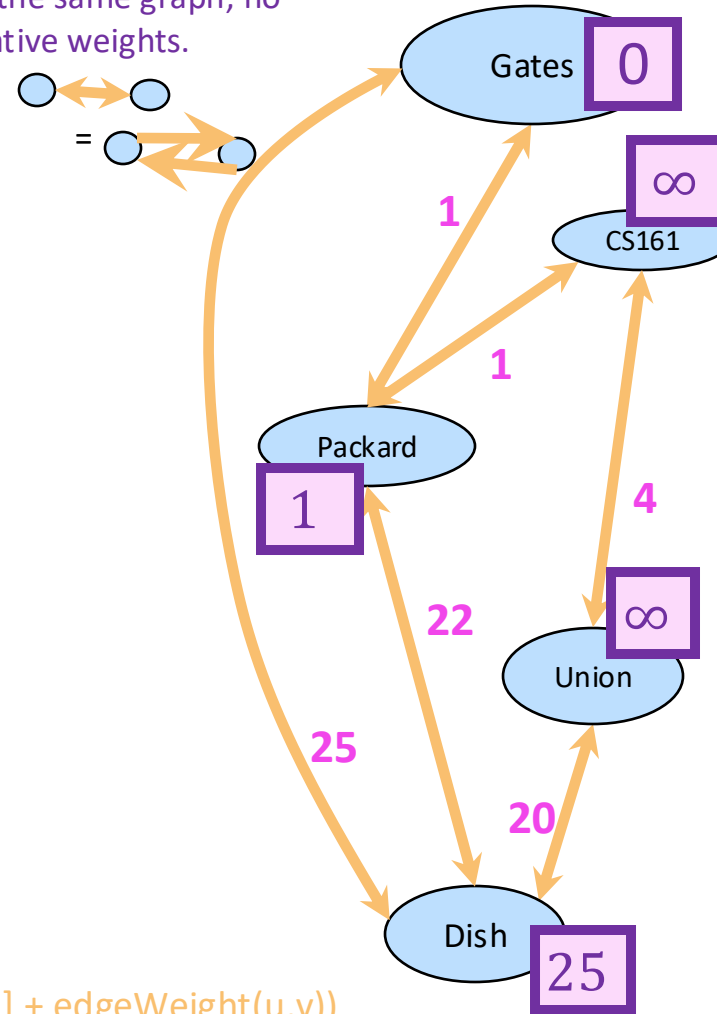


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$d^{(1)}$	0	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	25
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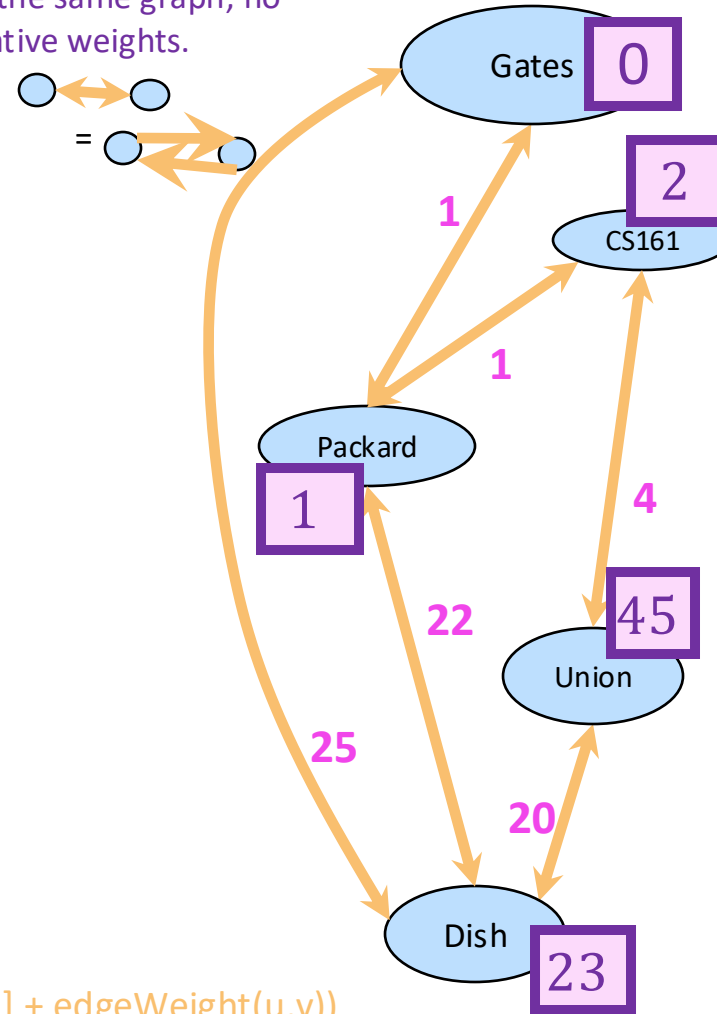


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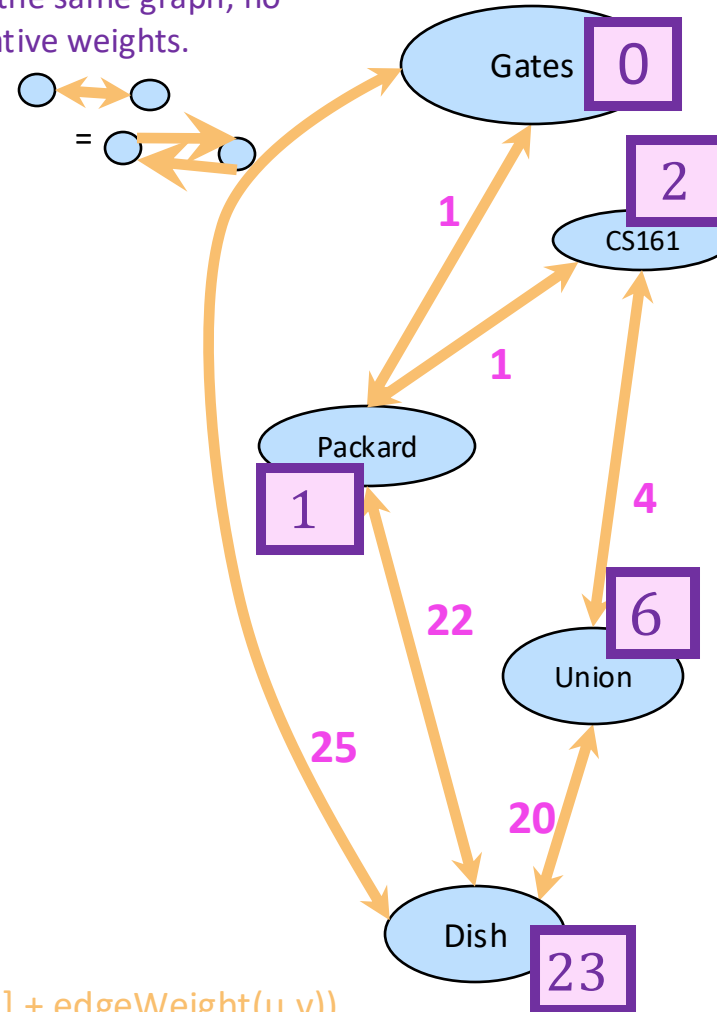


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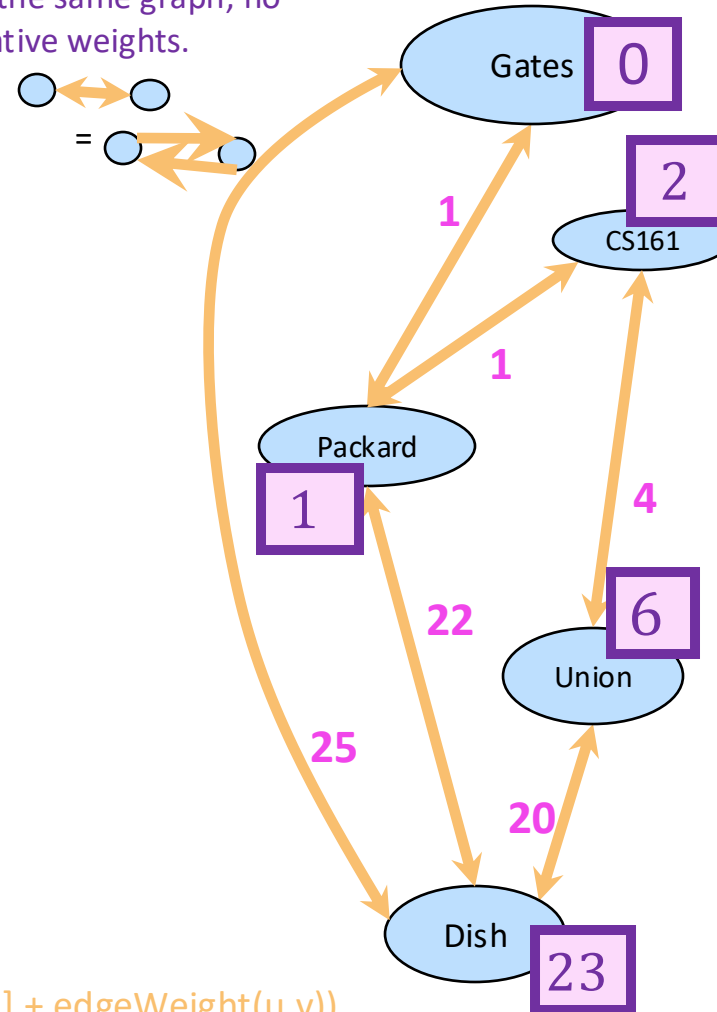
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- Does it work?

- Yes

- Idea to the right.

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- Is it fast?

- Not really...

A **simple path** is a path with no cycles.



**Inductive Hypothesis:**

$d^{(i)}[v]$  is equal to the cost of the shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  **with at most  $i$  edges**.

**Conclusion:**

$d^{(|V|-1)}[v]$  is equal to the cost of the shortest simple path between  $s$  and  $v$ . **(Since all simple paths have at most  $|V| - 1$  edges).**

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- **Base case:**

- After iteration 0...

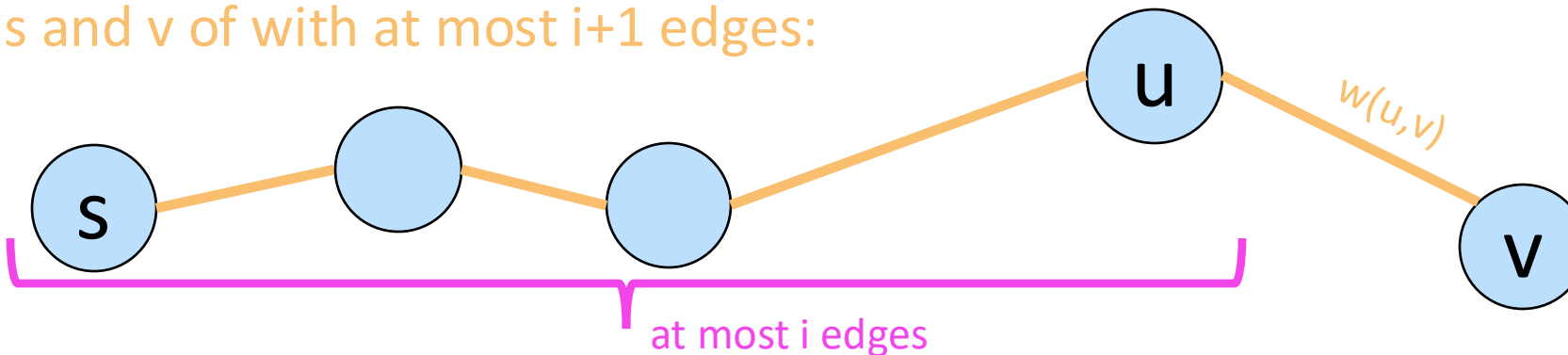


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## Inductive step

- Suppose the inductive hypothesis holds for  $i$ .
- We want to establish it for  $i+1$ .

Say this is the shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  of with at most  $i+1$  edges:



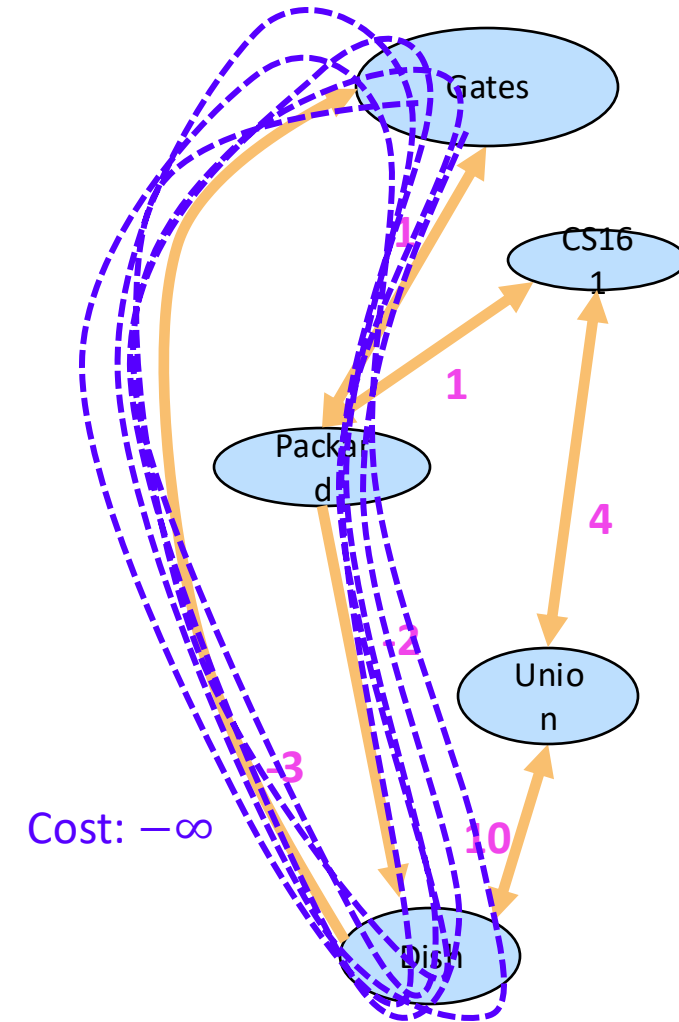
**Hypothesis:** After iteration  $i$ , for each  $v$ ,  $d^{(i)}[v]$  is equal to the cost of the shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  with at most  $i$  edges.

- By induction,  $d^{(i)}[u]$  is the cost of a shortest path between  $s$  and  $u$  of  $i$  edges.
- By setup,  $d^{(i)}[u] + w(u,v)$  is the cost of a shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  of  $i+1$  edges.
- In the  $i+1$ 'st iteration, we ensure  $d^{(i+1)}[v] \leq d^{(i)}[u] + w(u,v)$ .
- So  $d^{(i+1)}[v] \leq$  cost of shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  with  $i+1$  edges.
- But  $d^{(i+1)}[v] =$  cost of a particular path of at most  $i+1$  edges  $\geq$  cost of shortest path.
- So  $d[v] =$  cost of shortest path with at most  $i+1$  edges.

- Running time:  $O(|V||E|)$  running time
  - For each of  $|V|$  steps we update  $m$  edges
  - Slower than Dijkstra
- However, it's also more flexible in a few ways.
  - Can handle negative edges
  - If we constantly do these iterations, any changes in the network will eventually propagate through.

# Negative edge weights?

- What is the shortest path from Gates to the Union?
- Shortest paths aren't defined if there are negative cycles!
- B-F works with negative edge weights...as long as there are not negative cycles.
  - A negative cycle is a path with the same start and end vertex whose cost is negative.
- However, B-F can **detect** negative cycles.



# How Bellman-Ford deals with negative cycles

- If there are no negative cycles:
  - Everything works as it should.
  - The algorithm stabilizes after  $|V|-1$  rounds.
  - Note: Negative *edges* are okay!!
- If there are negative cycles:
  - Not everything works as it should...
    - it couldn't possibly work, since shortest paths aren't well-defined if there are negative cycles.
  - The  $d[v]$  values will keep changing.
- Solution:
  - Go one round more and see if things change.
    - If so, return NEGATIVE CYCLE ☹️

- The Bellman-Ford algorithm:
  - Finds shortest paths in weighted graphs with negative edge weights
  - runs in time  $O(|V||E|)$  on a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.
- If there are no negative cycles in  $G$ :
  - the BF algorithm terminates with  $d^{(|V|-1)}[v] = d(s,v)$ .
- If there are negative cycles in  $G$ :
  - the BF algorithm returns negative cycle.

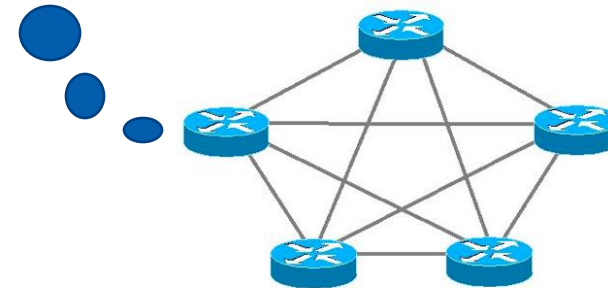


# Bellman-Ford is also used in practice.

- eg, Routing Information Protocol (RIP) uses something like Bellman-Ford.
  - Older protocol, not used as much anymore.

- Each router keeps a **table** of distances to every other router.
- Periodically we do a Bellman-Ford update.
- This means that if there are changes in the network, this will propagate. (maybe slowly...)

Destination	Cost to get there	Send to whom?
172.16.1.0	34	172.16.1.1
10.20.40.1	10	192.168.1.2
10.155.120.1	9	10.13.50.0



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## IDEA:

- Run Bellman-Ford once from each vertex.

## Bellman-Ford\*(G,s):

- $d^{(0)}[v] = \infty$  for all  $v$  in  $V$
- $d^{(0)}[s] = 0$
- **For**  $i=0, \dots, n-1$ :
  - **For**  $v$  in  $V$ :
    - $d^{(i+1)}[v] \leftarrow \min( d^{(i)}[v] , \min_{u \text{ in } v.\text{inNeighbors}} \{d^{(i)}[u] + w(u,v)\} )$
- If  $d^{(n-1)} \neq d^{(n)}$  :
  - **Return** NEGATIVE CYCLE ☹️
- Otherwise,  $\text{dist}(s,v) = d^{(n-1)}[v]$

Bellman-Ford is also an example of...

***Dynamic Programming!***

**Running time:  $O(mn)$**

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- Time =  $O(V^2E)$ .
- Dense graph ( $\Theta(n^2)$  edges)  $\Rightarrow \Theta(n^4)$  time in the worst case.

*Good first try! Can we use DP to solve it?*

# Optimal substructure

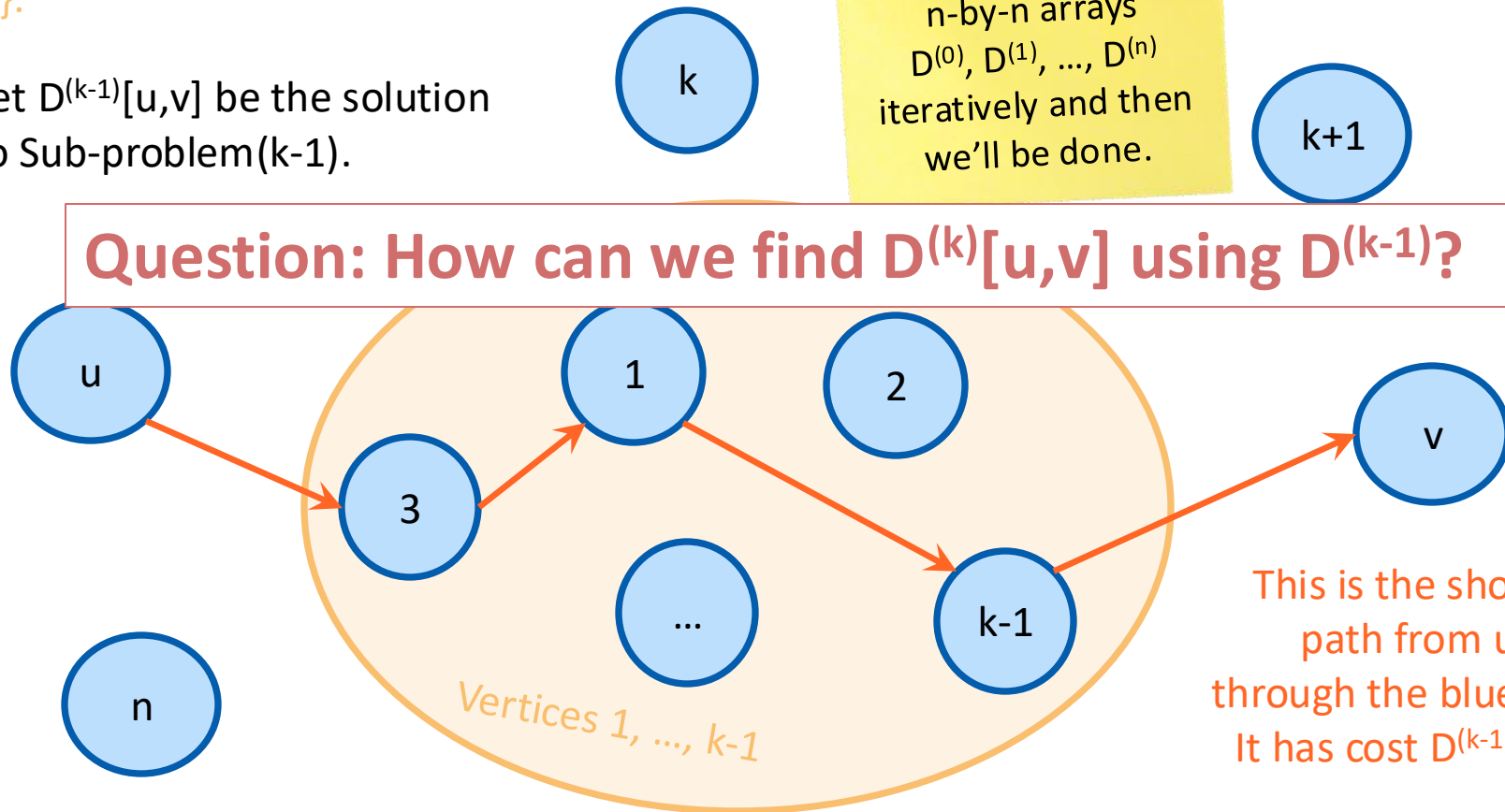
## Sub-problem(k-1):

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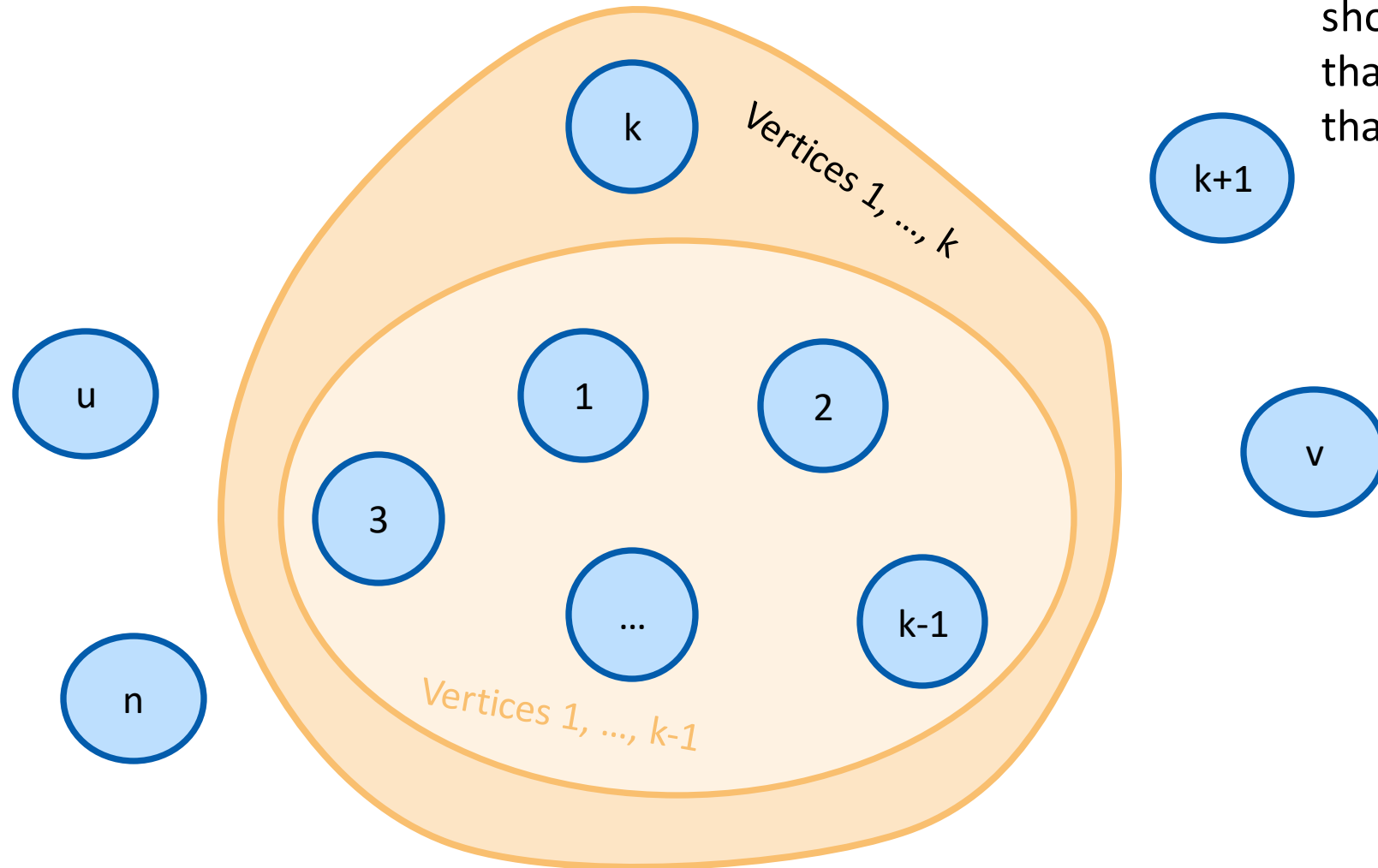
Let  $D^{(k-1)}[u, v]$  be the solution to Sub-problem(k-1).

Our DP algorithm will fill in the  $n$ -by- $n$  arrays  $D^{(0)}, D^{(1)}, \dots, D^{(n)}$  iteratively and then we'll be done.

Label the vertices  $1, 2, \dots, n$   
(We omit some edges in the picture below – meant to be a cartoon, not an example).



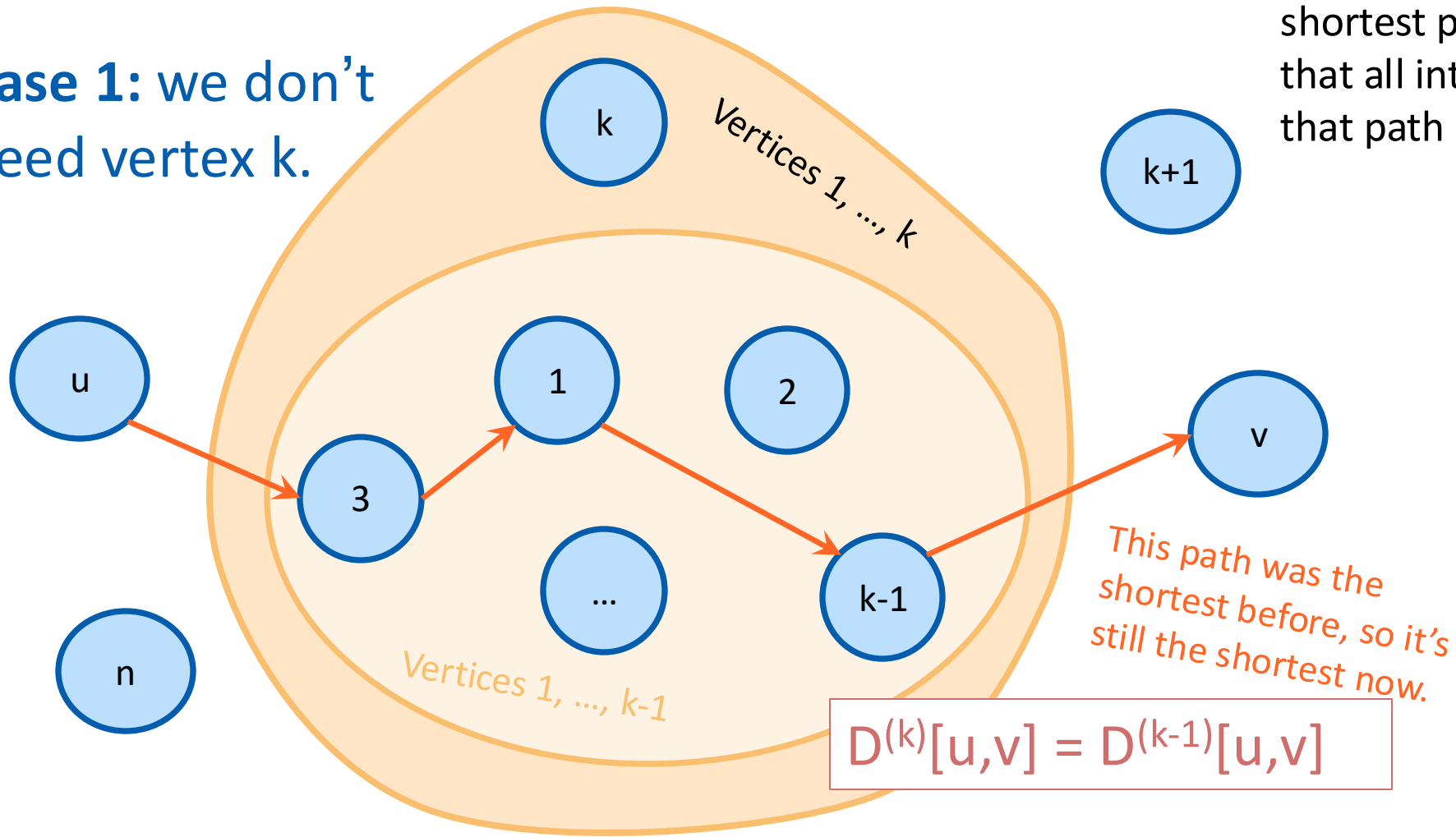
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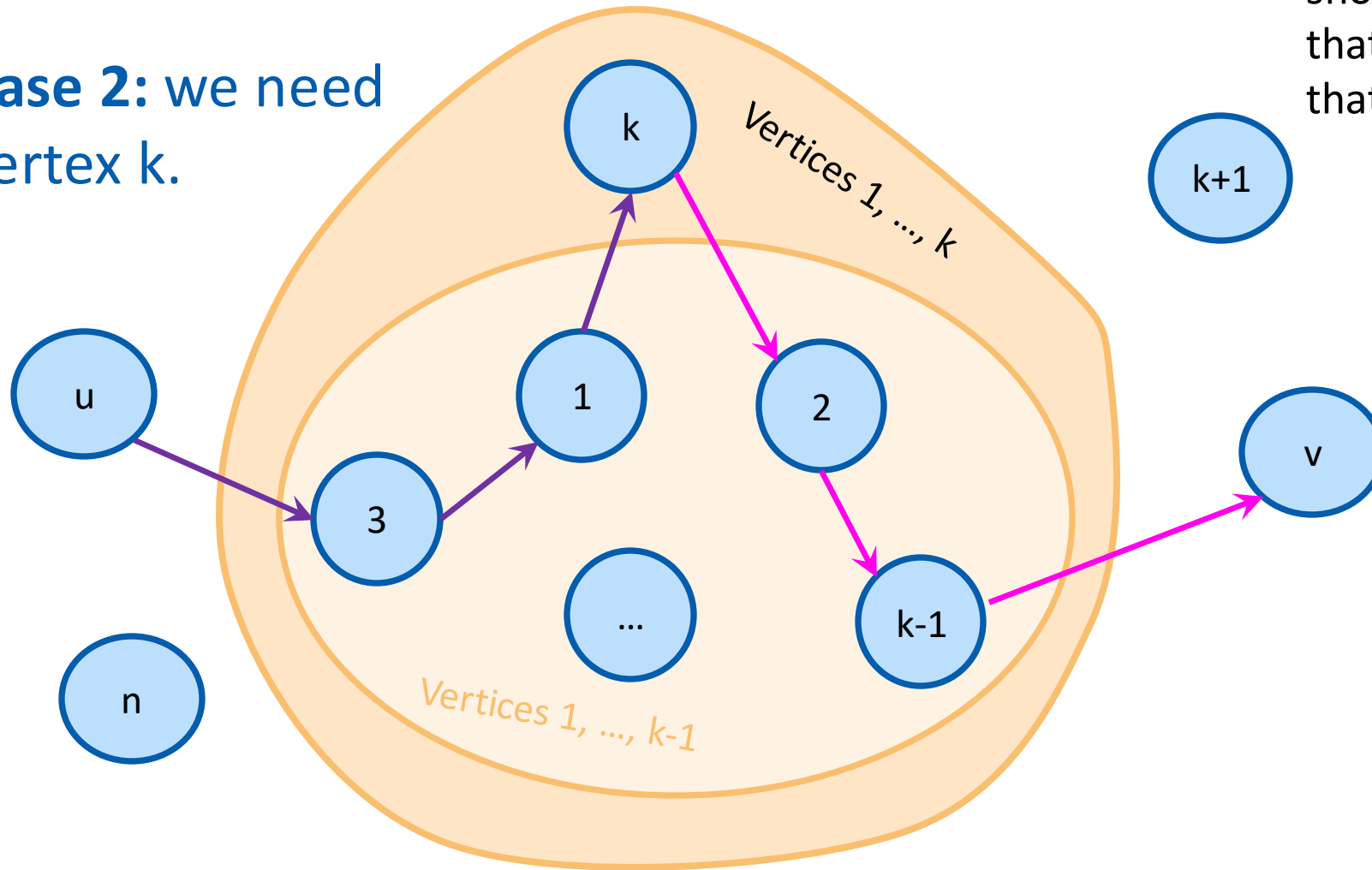


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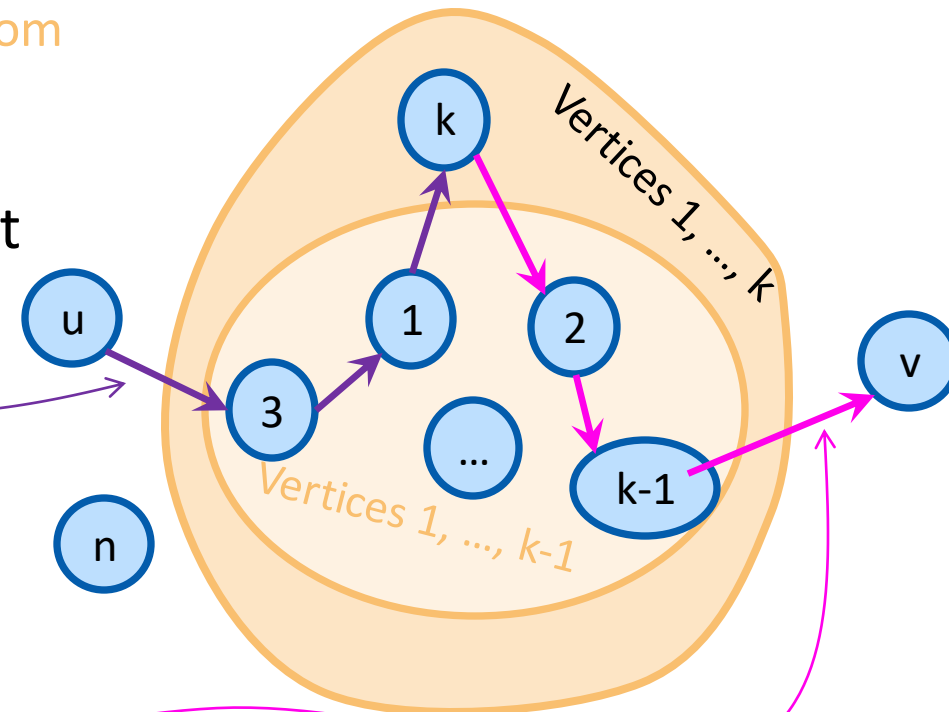
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- Suppose there are **no negative cycles**.
  - Then WLOG the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  through  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  is **simple**.
- If **that path** passes through  $k$ , it must look like this: 
- **This path** is the shortest path from  $u$  to  $k$  through  $\{1, \dots, k-1\}$ .
  - sub-paths of shortest paths are shortest paths
- Similarly for **this path**.

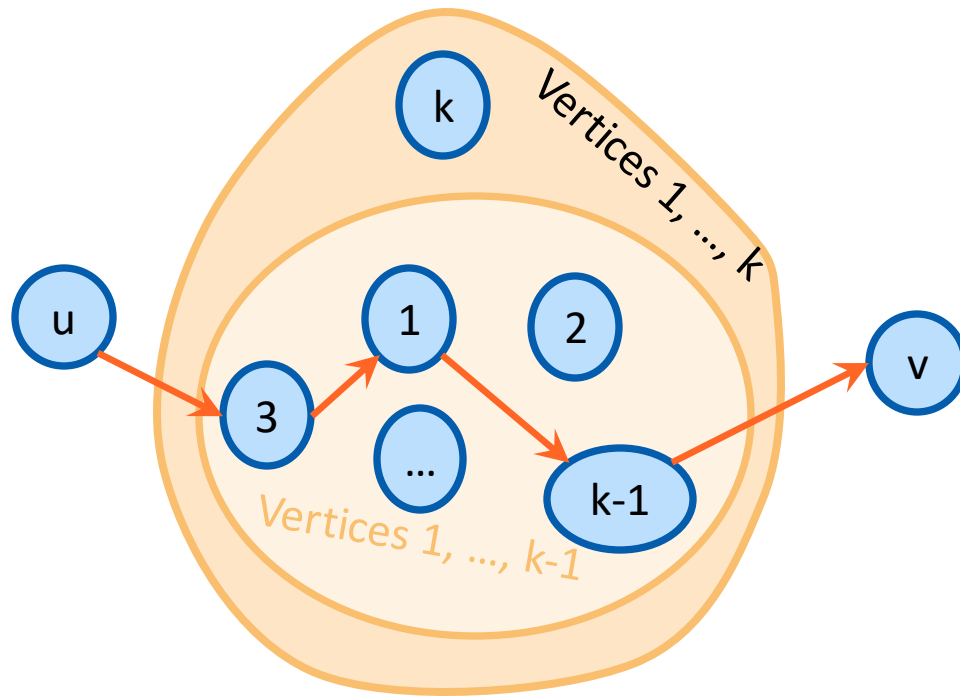
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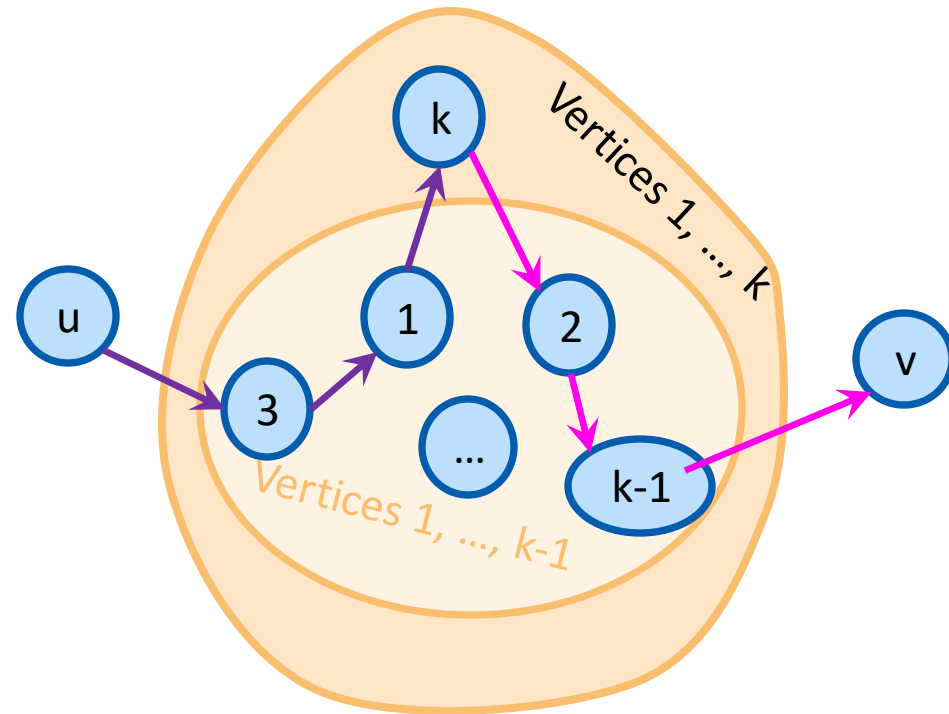
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- Optimal substructure:
  - We can solve the big problem using solutions to smaller problems.
- Overlapping sub-problems:
  - $D^{(k-1)}[k,v]$  can be used to help compute  $D^{(k)}[u,v]$  for lots of different  $u$ 's.

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- Using our *Dynamic programming* paradigm, this immediately gives us an algorithm!



# Floyd-Warshall algorithm

- Initialize n-by-n arrays  $D^{(k)}$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$

- $D^{(k)}[u,u] = 0$  for all  $u$ , for all  $k$

- $D^{(k)}[u,v] = \infty$  for all  $u \neq v$ , for all  $k$

- $D^{(0)}[u,v] = \text{weight}(u,v)$  for all  $(u,v)$  in  $E$ .

The base case checks out:  
the only path through zero  
other vertices are edges  
directly from  $u$  to  $v$ .

- **For**  $k = 1, \dots, n$ :

- **For** pairs  $u,v$  in  $V^2$ :

- $D^{(k)}[u,v] = \min\{ D^{(k-1)}[u,v], D^{(k-1)}[u,k] + D^{(k-1)}[k,v] \}$

- **Return**  $D^{(n)}$

This is a bottom-up *Dynamic programming* algorithm.

# We've basically just shown

- Theorem:

If there are **no negative cycles** in a weighted directed graph  $G$ , then the Floyd-Warshall algorithm, running on  $G$ , returns a matrix  $D^{(n)}$  so that:

$$D^{(n)}[u,v] = \text{distance between } u \text{ and } v \text{ in } G.$$

- Running time:  $O(n^3)$

- Better than running Bellman-Ford  $n$  times!

Work out the  
details of a proof!



- Storage:

- Need to store **two**  $n$ -by- $n$  arrays, and the original graph.

As with Bellman-Ford, we don't really need to store all  $n$  of the  $D^{(k)}$ .

# What if there *are* negative cycles?

- Just like Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall can detect negative cycles:
  - “Negative cycle” means that there’s some  $v$  so that there is a path from  $v$  to  $v$  that has cost  $< 0$ .
  - Aka,  $D^{(n)}[v,v] < 0$ .
- Algorithm:
  - Run Floyd-Warshall as before.
  - If there is some  $v$  so that  $D^{(n)}[v,v] < 0$ :
    - **return** negative cycle.



## Single-source shortest paths

- Nonnegative edge weights
  - ★ Dijkstra's algorithm:  $O(|E| + |V| \lg|V|)$
- General
  - ★ Bellman-Ford algorithm:  $O(|V||E|)$

## All-pairs shortest paths

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- General
  - ★ Floyd-Warshall algorithms:  $\Theta(|V|^3)$ .