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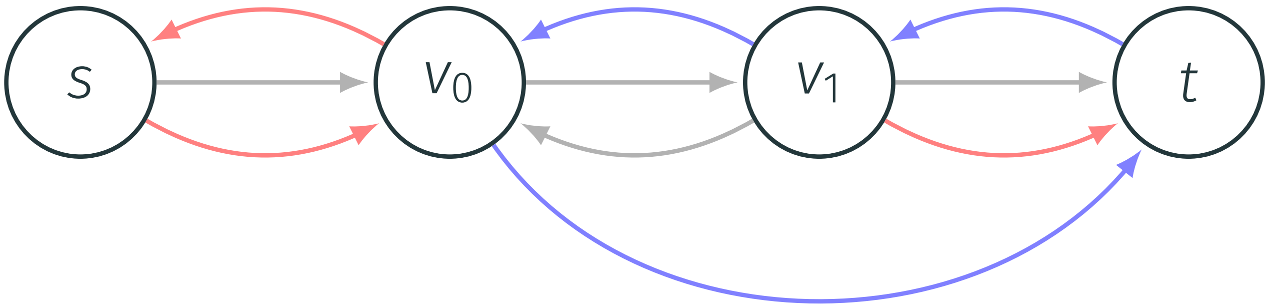

ECE-374-B: Lecture 17 - Bellman-Ford and Dynamic Programming on Graphs

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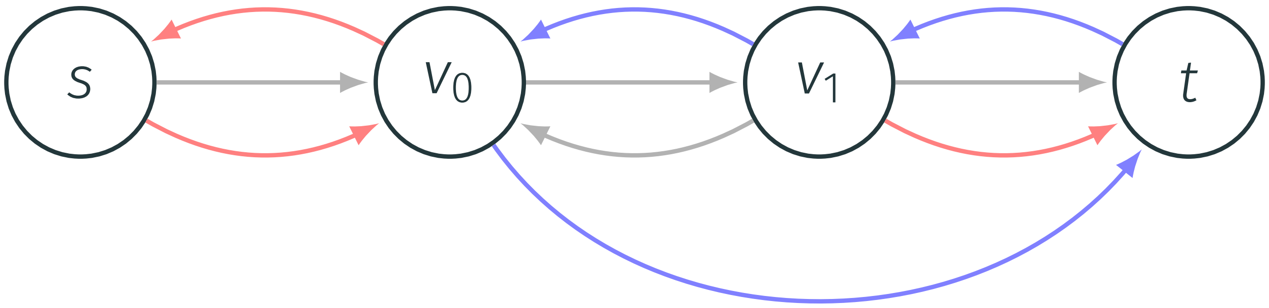

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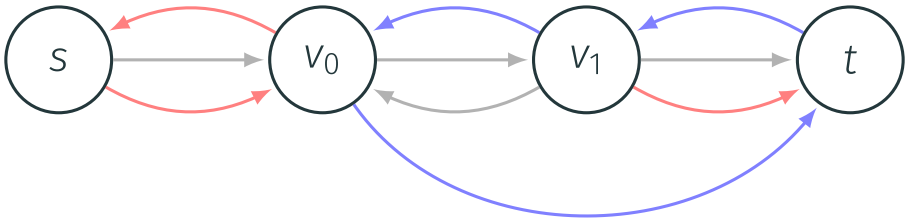

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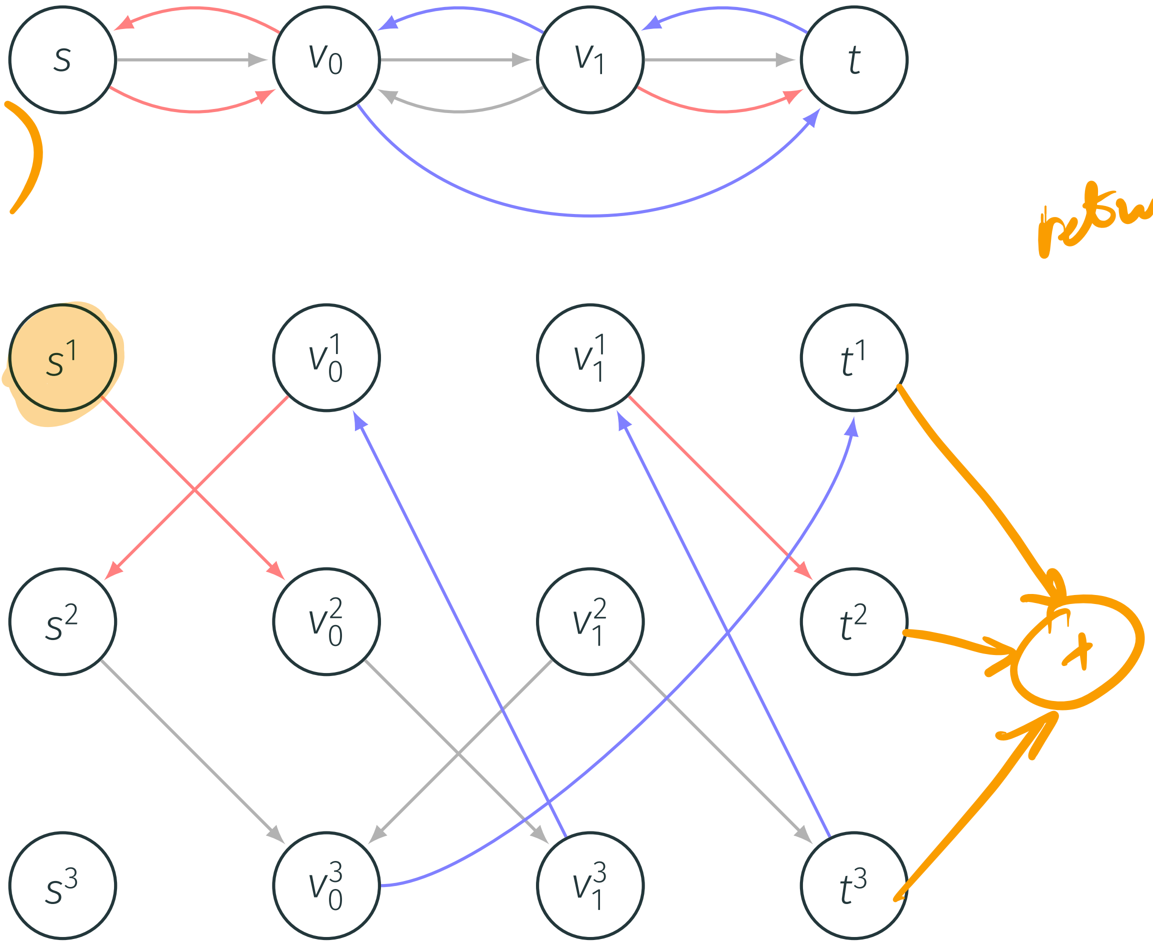
BFS(G, s')

return layer[t]



G'

layering

Shortest Paths with Negative Length Edges

Why Dijkstra’s algorithm fails with negative edges

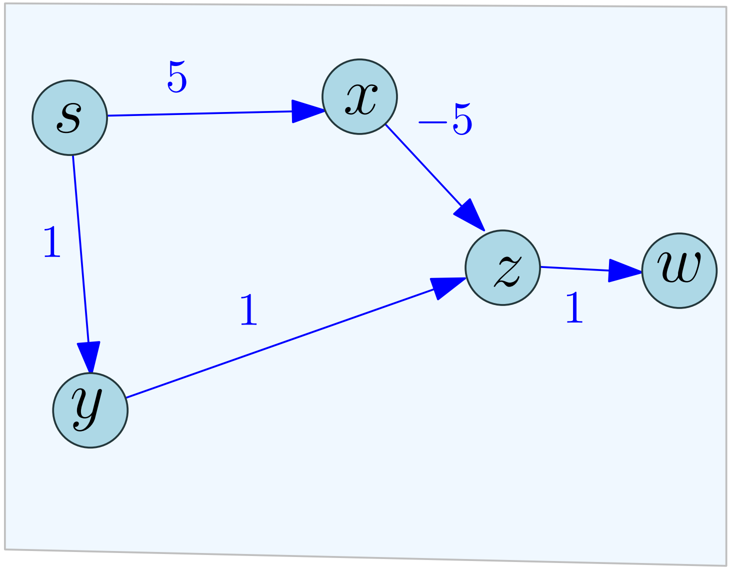
Single-Source Shortest Paths with Negative Edge Lengths

Single-Source Shortest Path Problems
Input: A directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with arbitrary (including negative) edge lengths.

For edge $e = (u, v)$, $\ell(e) = \ell(u, v)$ is its length.

- Given nodes s, t find shortest path from s to t.
- Given node s find shortest path from s to all other nodes.

What are the distances computed by Dijkstra's algorithm?



The distance as computed by Dijkstra algorithm starting from s:

1. $s = 0, x = 5, y = 1, z = 0$.
2. $s = 0, x = 1, y = 2, z = 5$.
3. $s = 0, x = 5, y = 1, z = 2$.
4. IDK.

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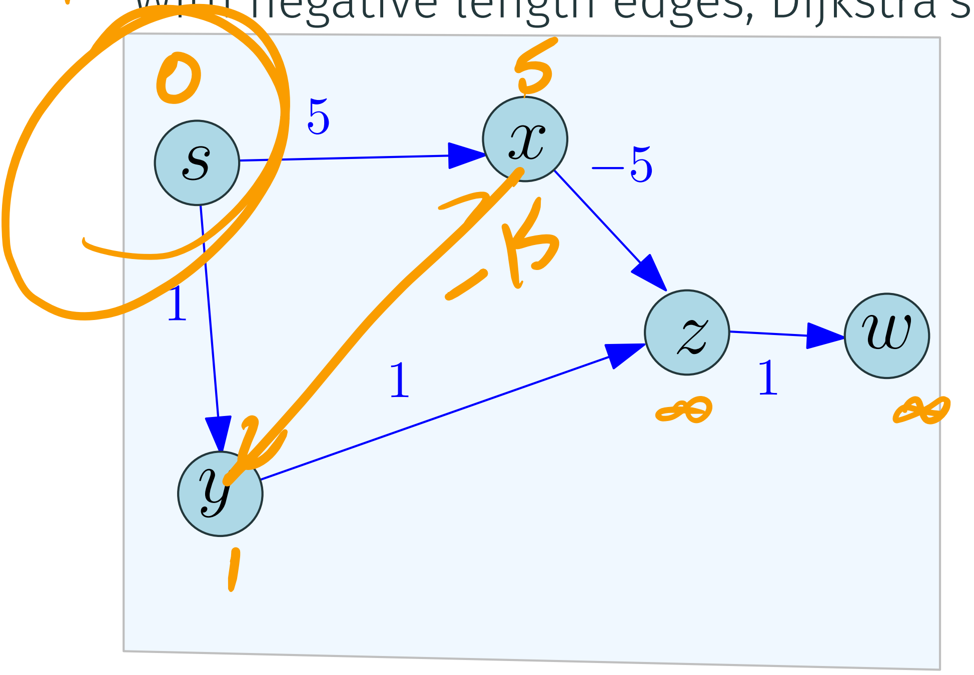

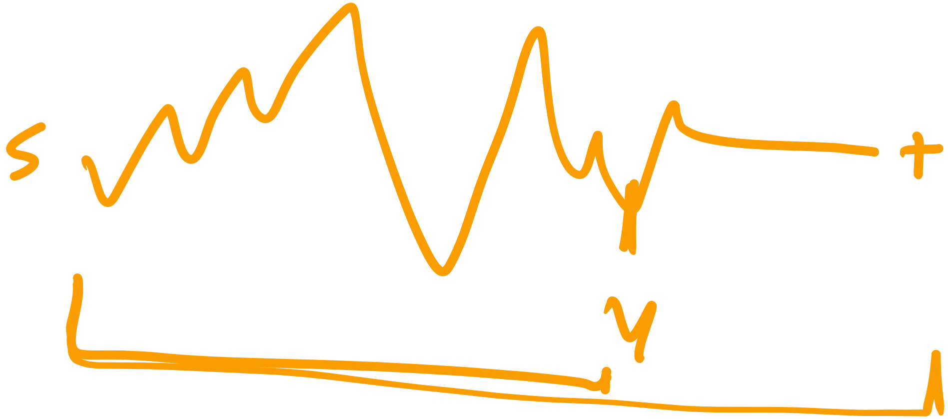

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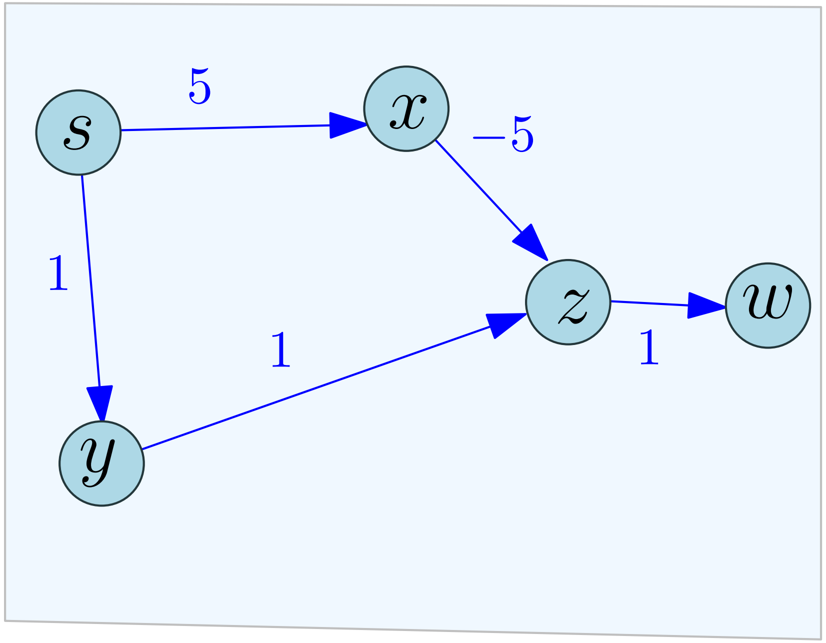

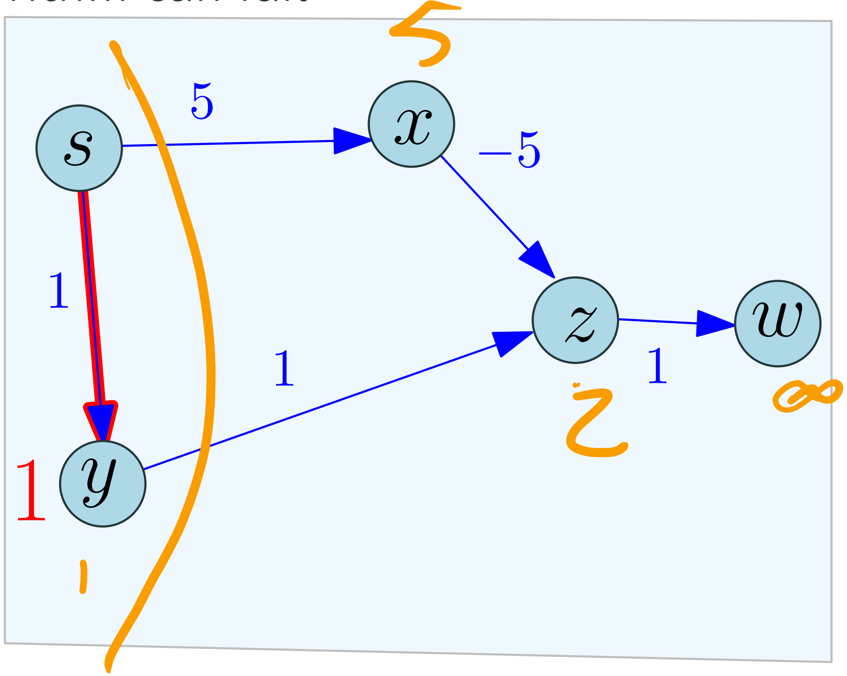

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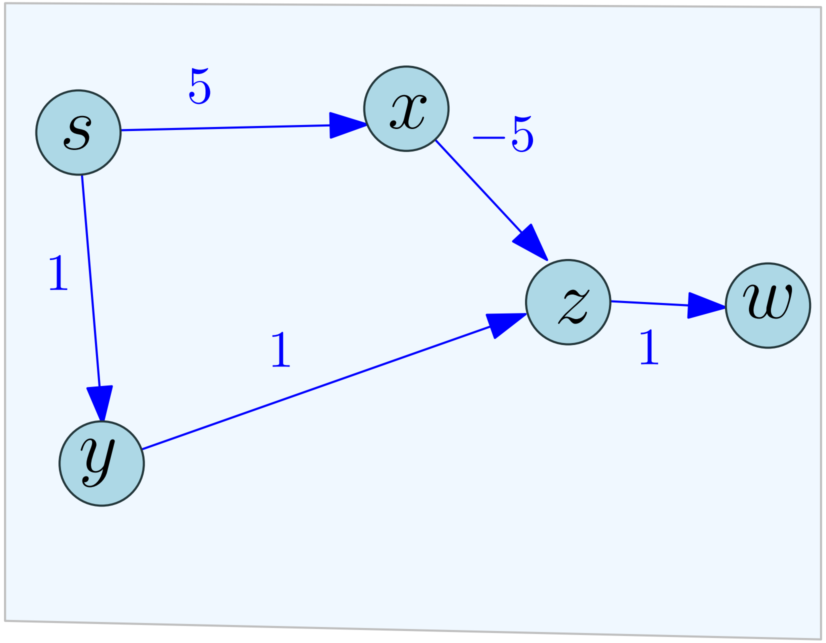

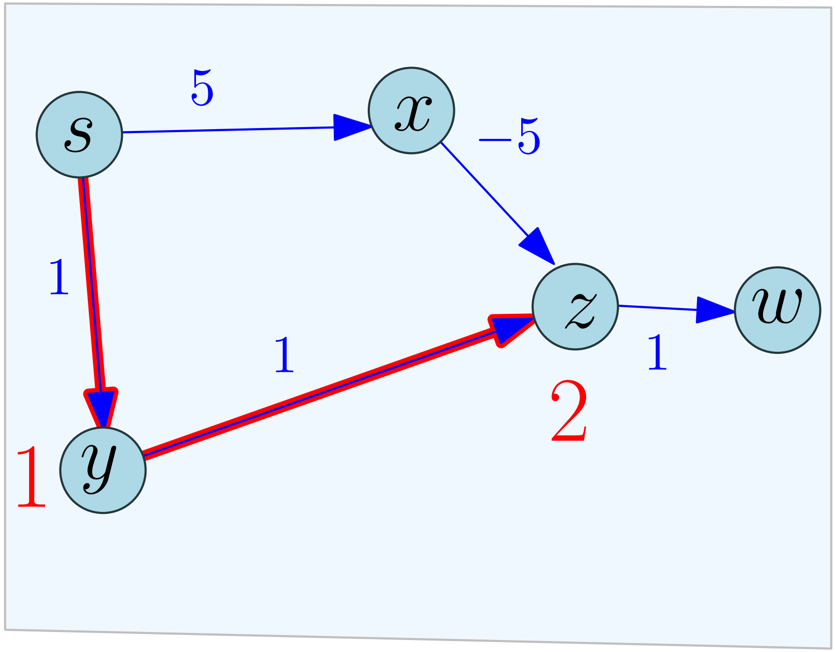

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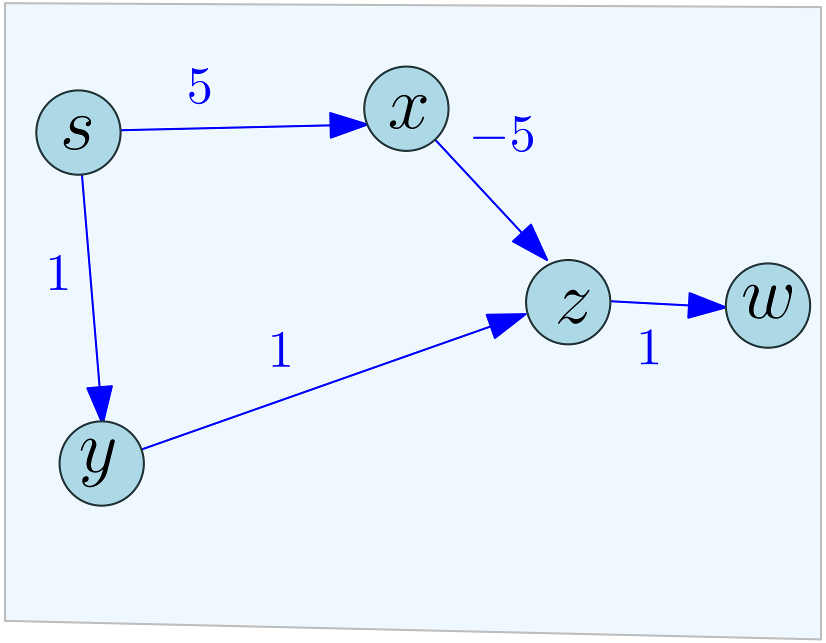

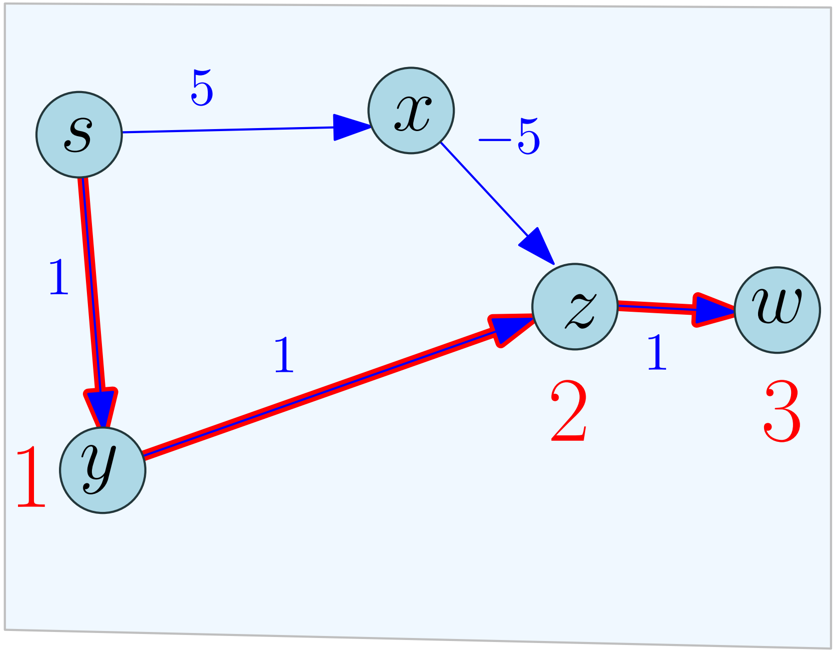

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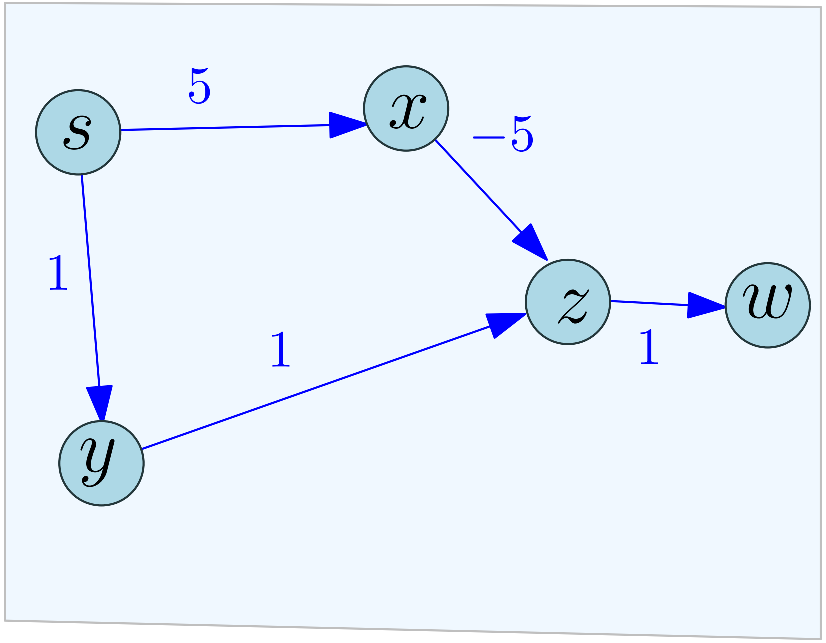

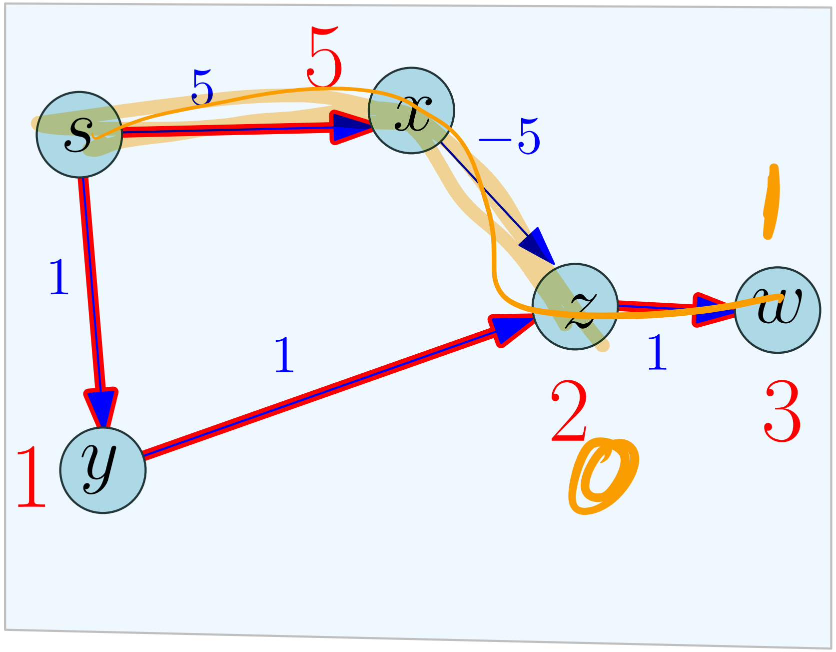

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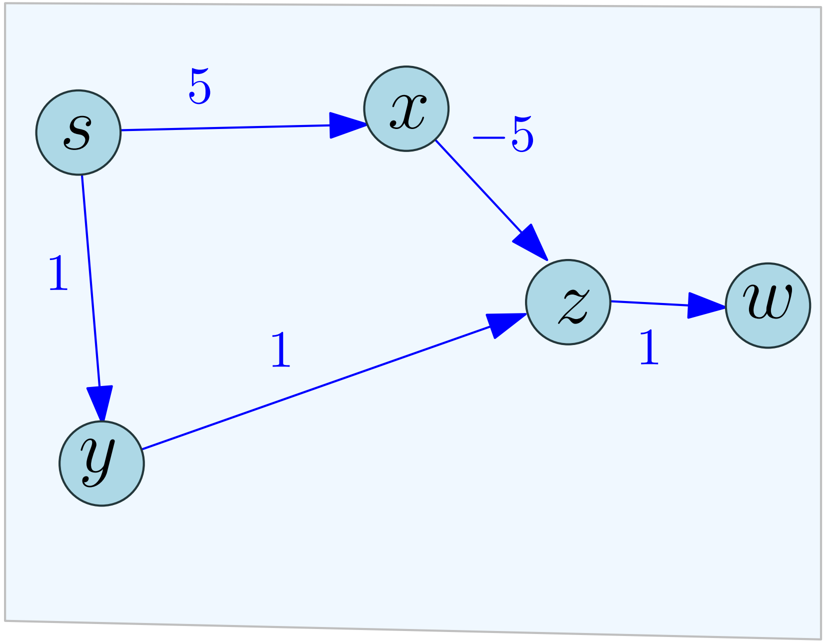

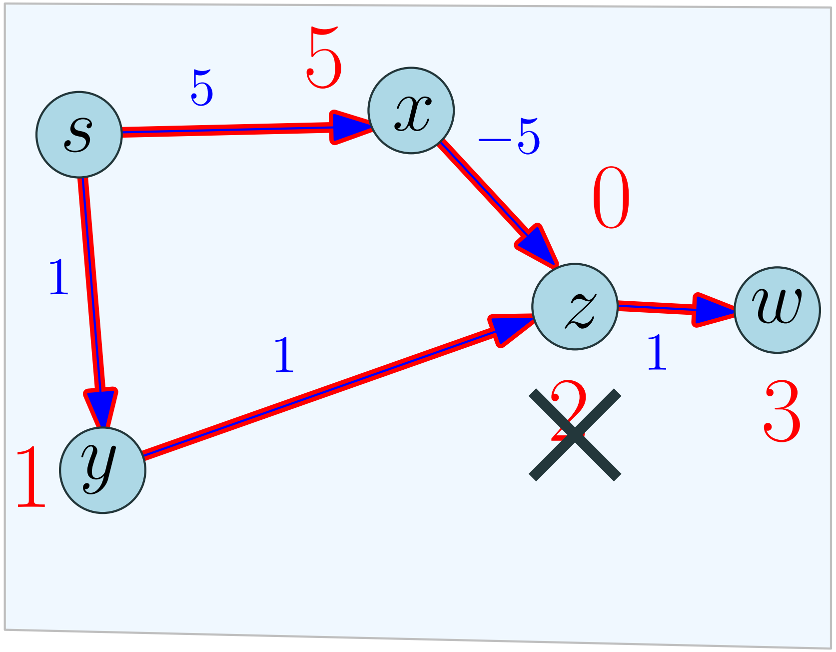

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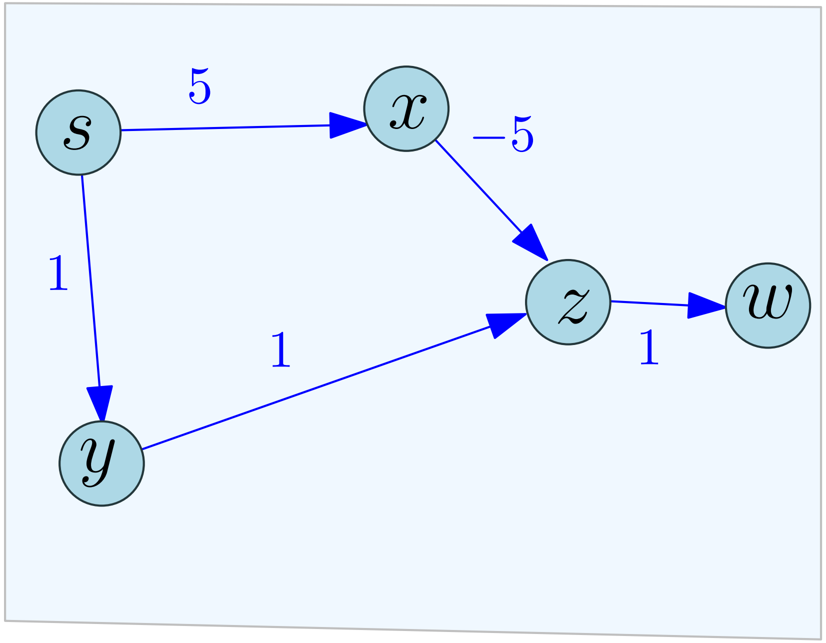

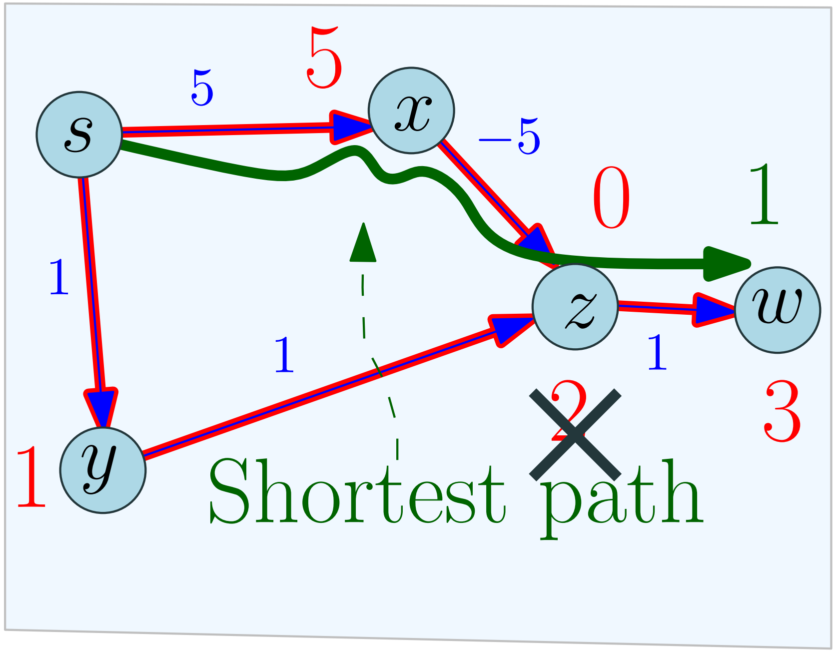

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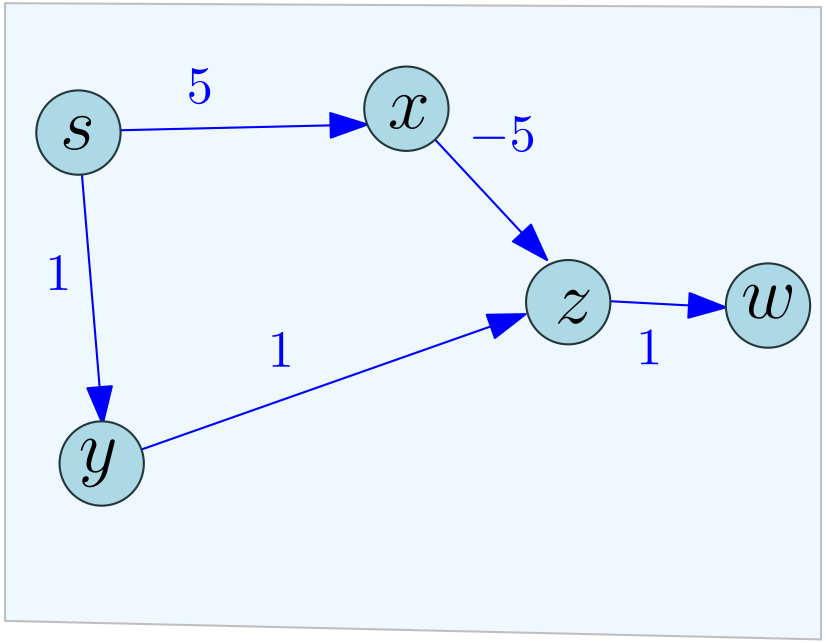

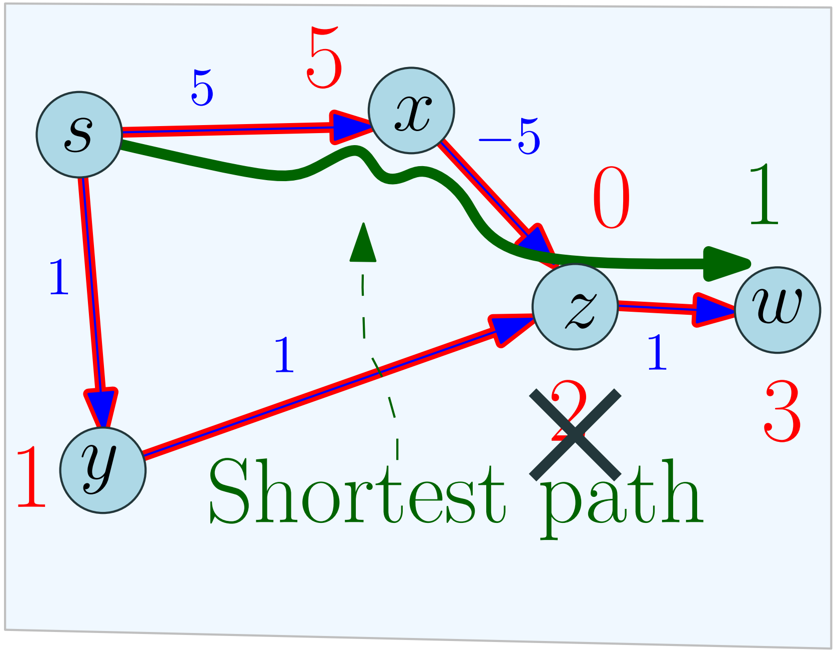

False assumption: Dijkstra's algorithm assumes that if $s \to v_0 \to v_1 \to v_2 \ldots \to v_k$ is a shortest path from s to v_k then $dist(s, v_i) \leq dist(s, v_{i+1})$ for $0 \leq i < k$. Holds true only for non-negative edge lengths.

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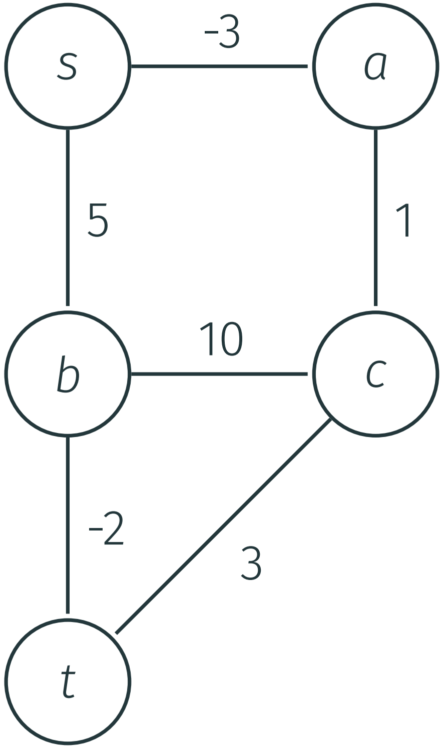
Cannot explore nodes in increasing order of distance! We need other strategies.

Why can’t we just re-normalize the edge lengths!?

Instinctual thought

Why can't we simply add a weight to each edge so that the shortest length is 0 (or positive).



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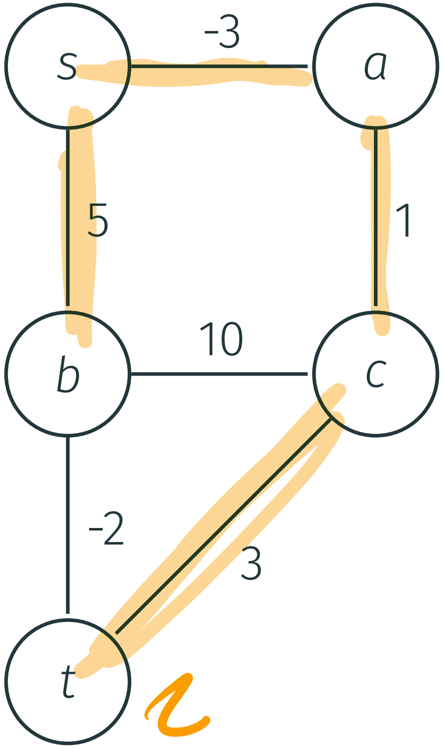

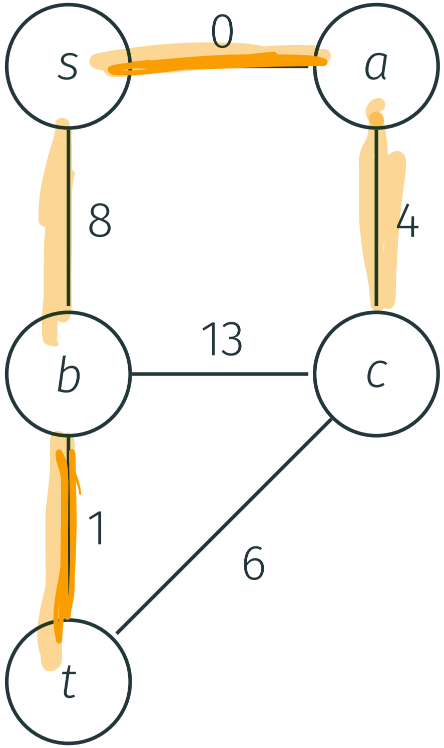

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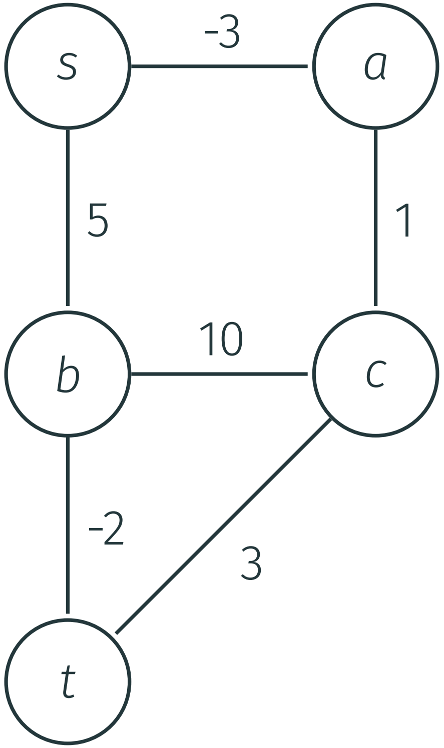

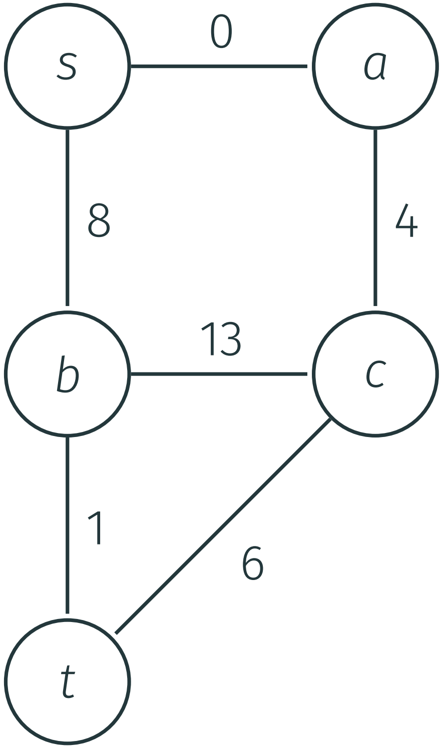

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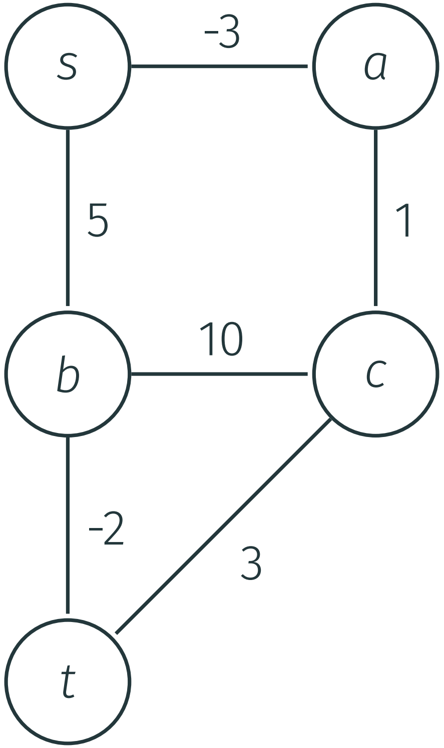

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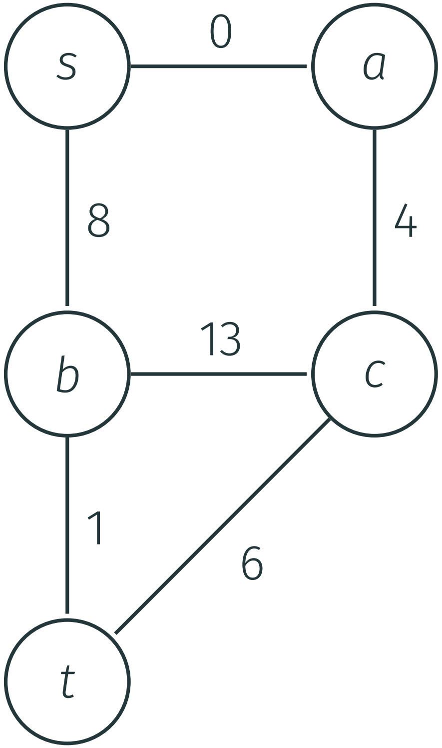

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But wait! Things get worse: Negative cycles

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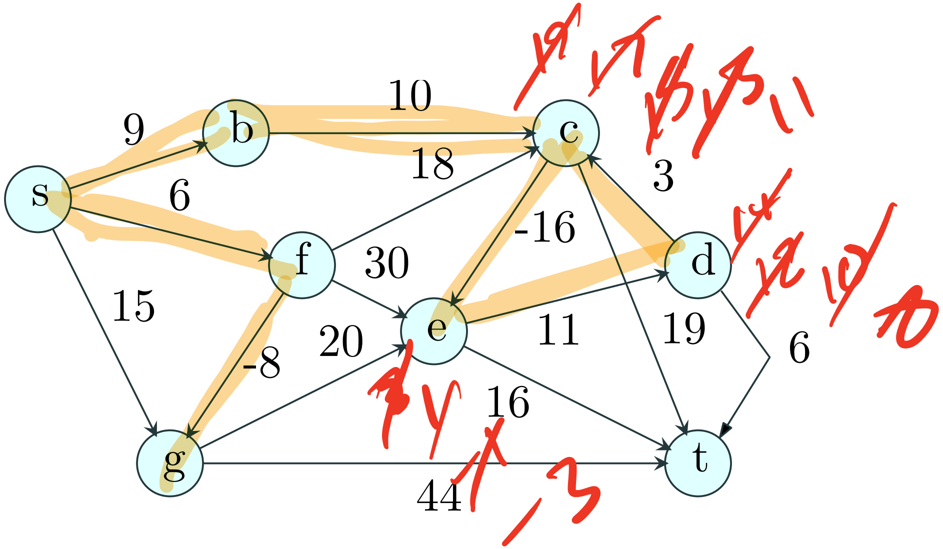

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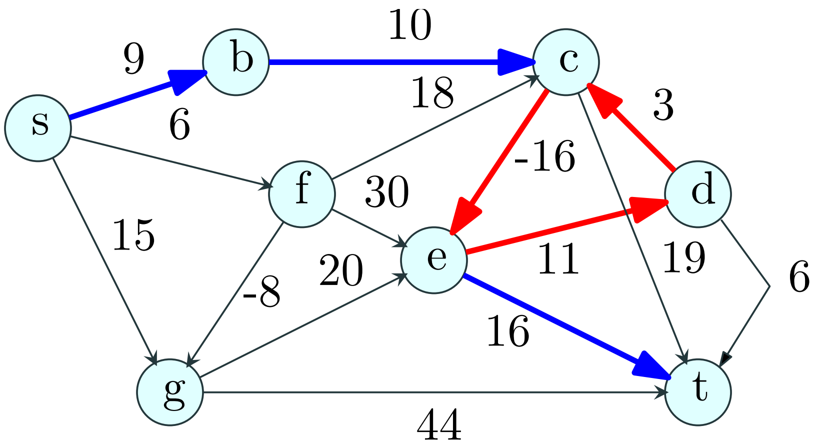

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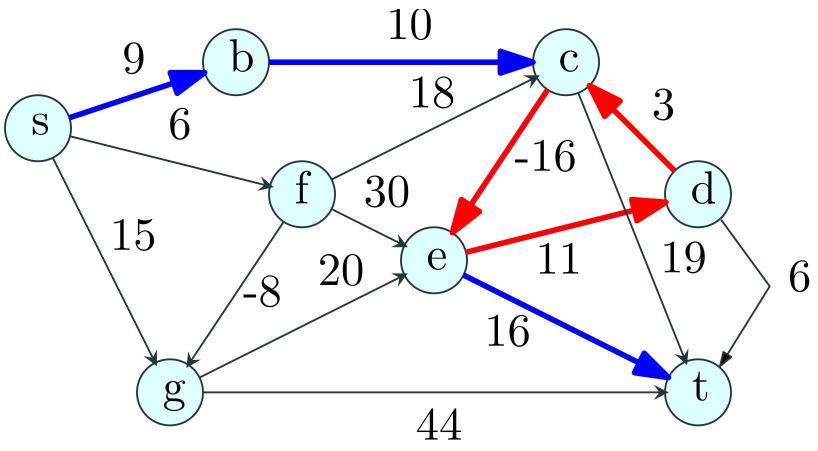

What is the shortest path distance between s and t?

Reminder: Paths have to be simple...

Shortest Paths and Negative Cycles

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Possible answers: Define shortest distance to be:

- ~~undefined, that is $-\infty$, OR~~
- the length of a shortest simple path from s to t.

→ Really hard

Really bad new about negative edges, and shortest path...

Lemma
If there is an efficient algorithm to find a shortest simple $s \to t$ path in a graph with negative edge lengths, then there is an efficient algorithm to find the longest simple $s \to t$ path in a graph with positive edge lengths.

Finding the $s \to t$ longest path is difficult. NP-Hard!

Restating problem of Shortest path with negative edges

Alternatively: Finding Shortest Walks

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$:

- A path is a sequence of distinct vertices $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k$ such that $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$ for $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$.
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Define $dist(u, v)$ to be the length of a shortest walk from u to v.

- If there is a walk from u to v that contains negative length cycle then $dist(u, v) = -\infty$
- Else there is a path with at most $n - 1$ edges whose length is equal to the length of a shortest walk and $dist(u, v)$ is finite

Helpful to think about walks

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Algorithmic Problems

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Questions:

- Given nodes s, t, either find a negative length cycle C that s can reach or find a shortest path from s to t.
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- Check if G has a negative length cycle or not.

Shortest Paths with Negative Edge Lengths - In Undirected Graphs

Note: With negative lengths, shortest path problems and negative cycle detection in undirected graphs cannot be reduced to directed graphs by bi-directing each undirected edge. Why?

Problem can be solved efficiently in undirected graphs but algorithms are different and significantly more involved than those for directed graphs. One need to compute T-joins in the relevant graph. Pretty painful stuff.

Bellman Ford Algorithm

Shortest path via number of hops

Shortest Paths and Recursion

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Sub-problem idea: paths of fewer hops/edges

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$$d(v, k) = \min \begin{cases} \min_{u \in V}(d(u, k-1) + \ell(u, v)). \\ d(v, k-1) \end{cases}$$

This is the case where adding an edge would result in a shorter path

Shortest path same as when using one fewer edge

v

k

Recurrence

Evaluation

Base case: $d(s, 0) = 0$ and $d(v, 0) = \infty$ for all $v \neq s$.

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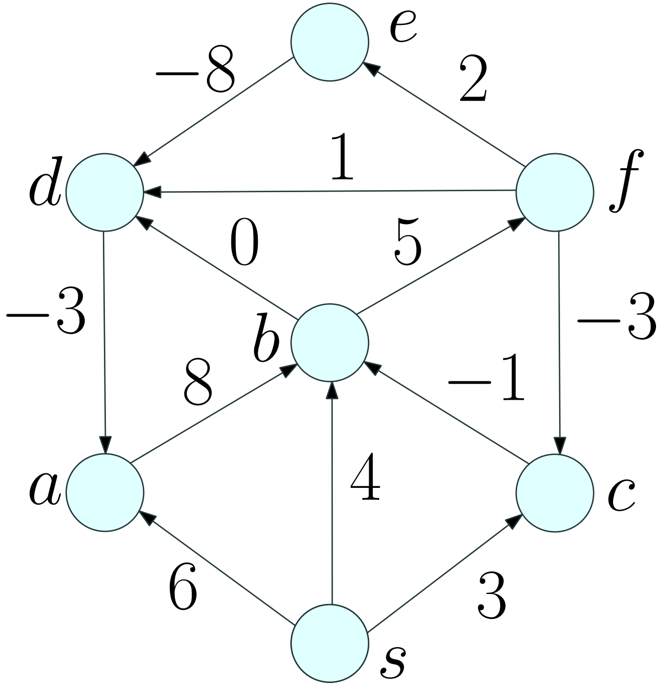

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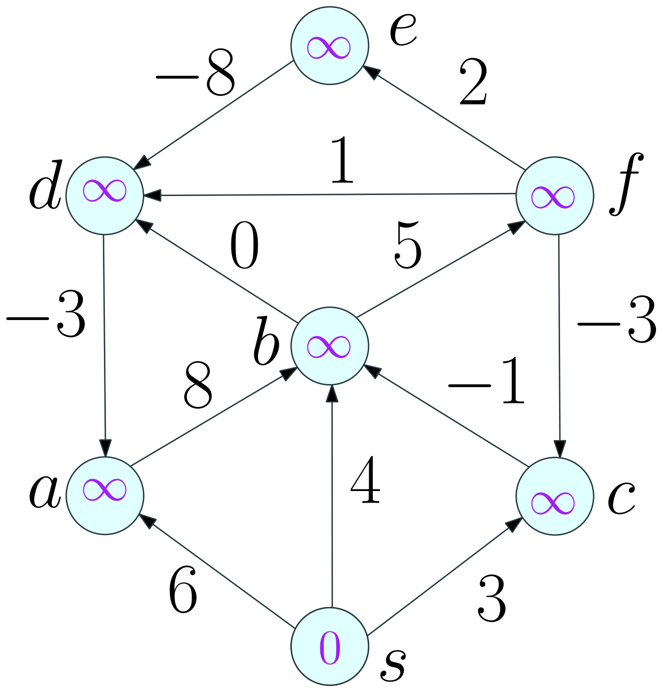

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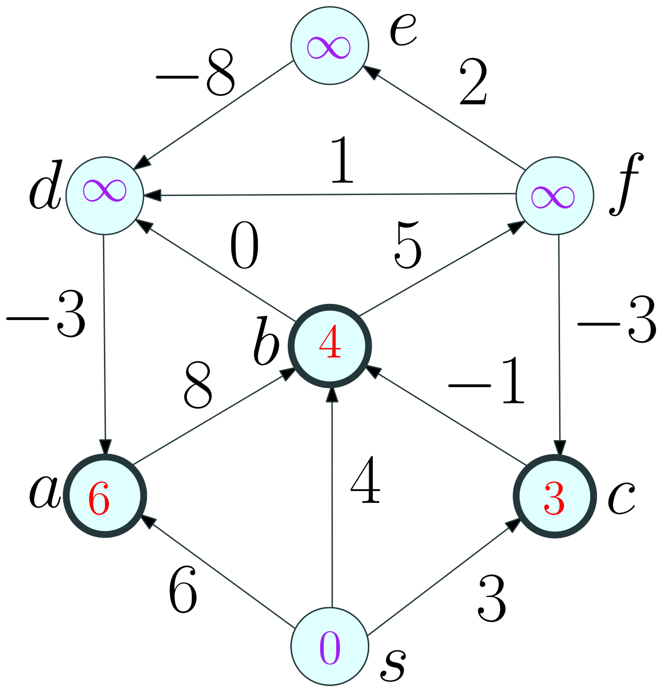

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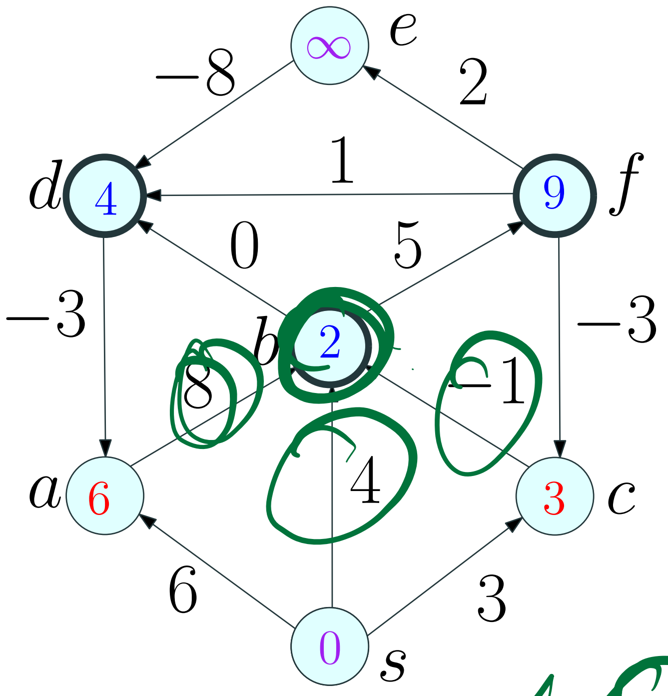

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min(4 or min(4, 8, 2))

0 + 4 =   3 + -1 = 2

6 + 8 =

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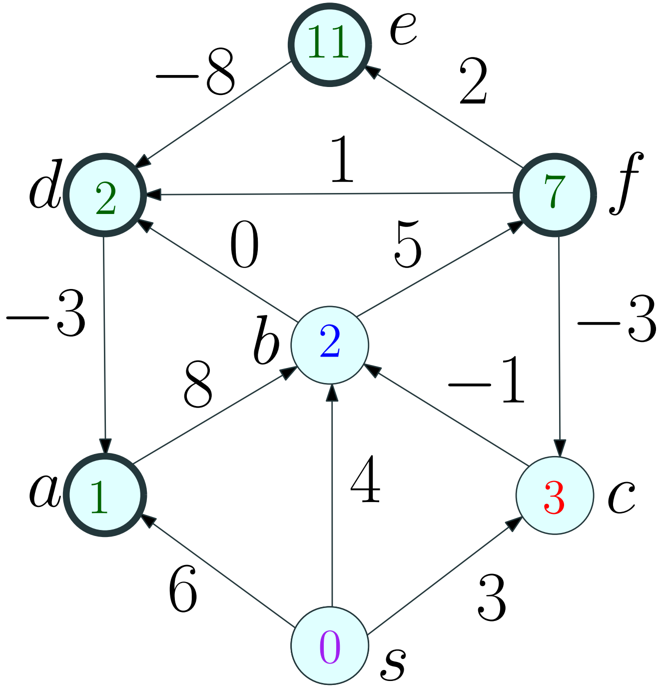

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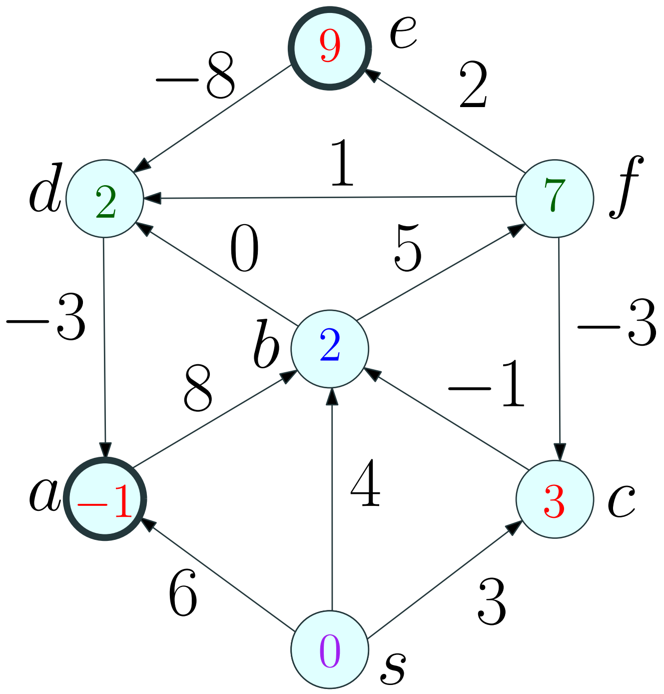

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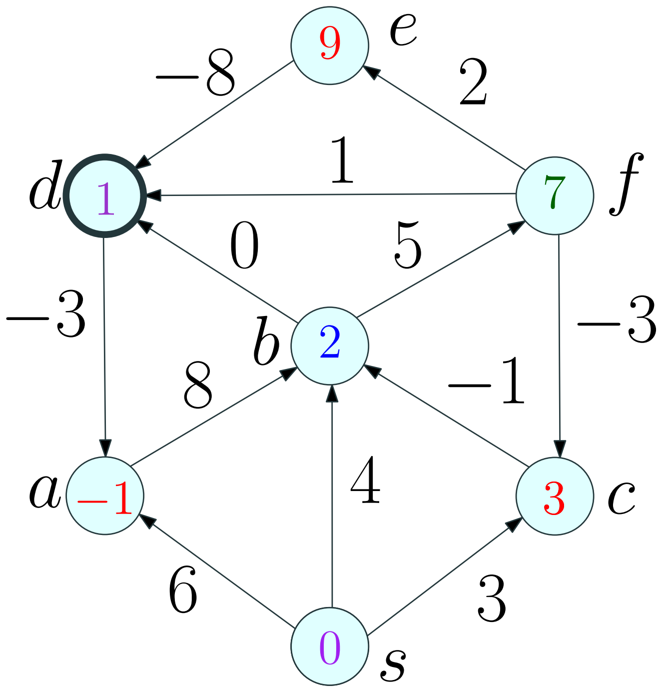

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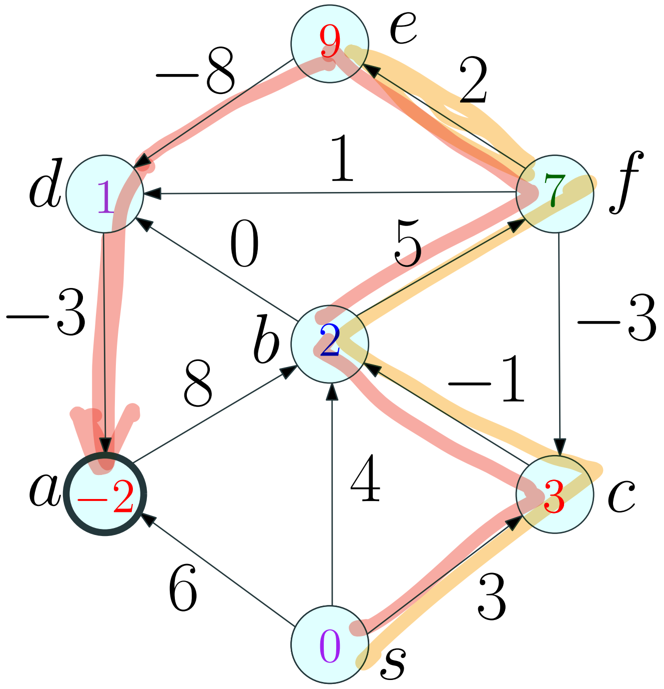

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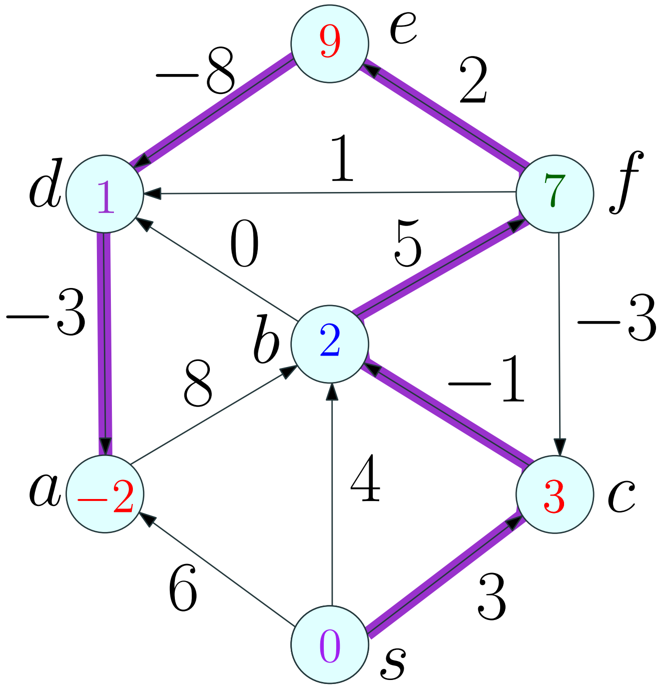

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relaxing the edges

Running time: $O(mn)$ Space: $O(m+n)$ Do we need the in(V) list?

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d(s) ← 0

for k = 1 to n − 1 do
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                d(v) = min{d(v), d(u) + ℓ(u, v)}

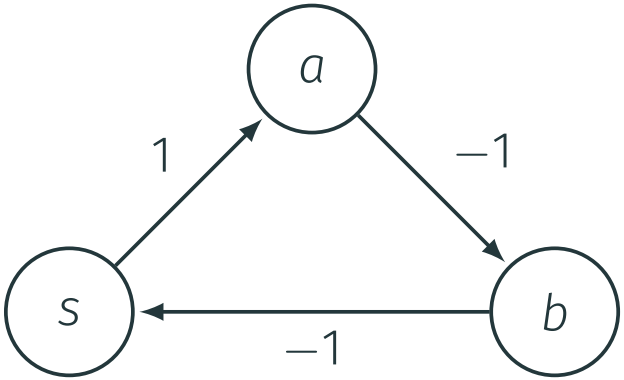
for each v ∈ V do
                dist(s, v) ← d(v)
```

Running time: $O(mn)$ Space: $O(n)$

Bellman-Ford: Detecting negative cycles

Negative cycles

What happens if we run this on a graph with negative cycles?



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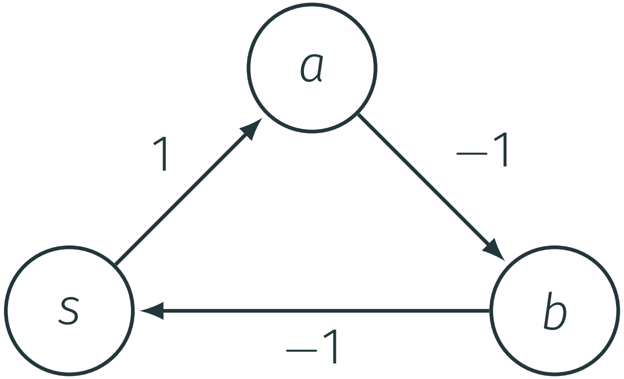

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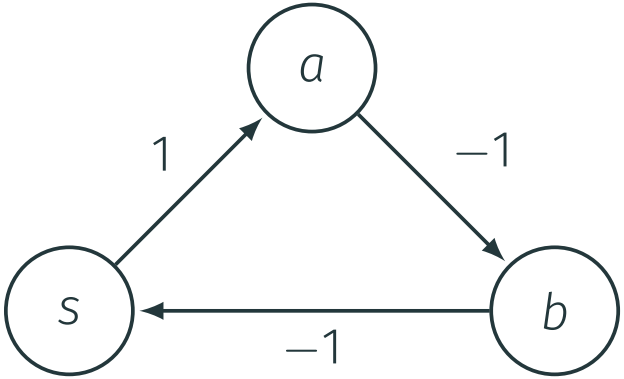

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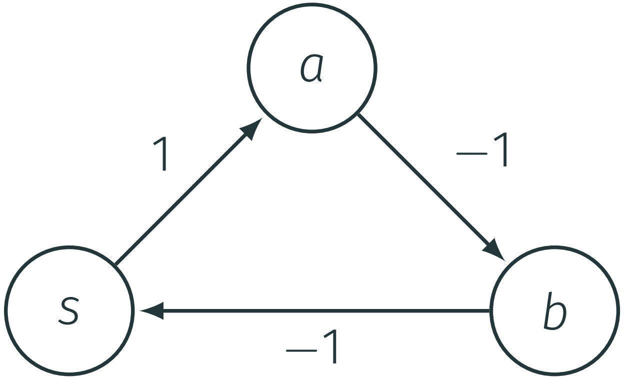

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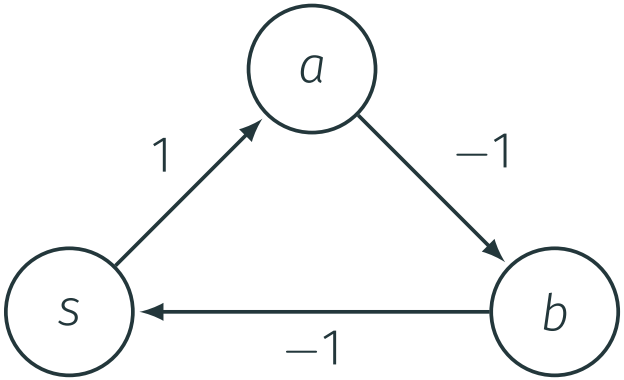

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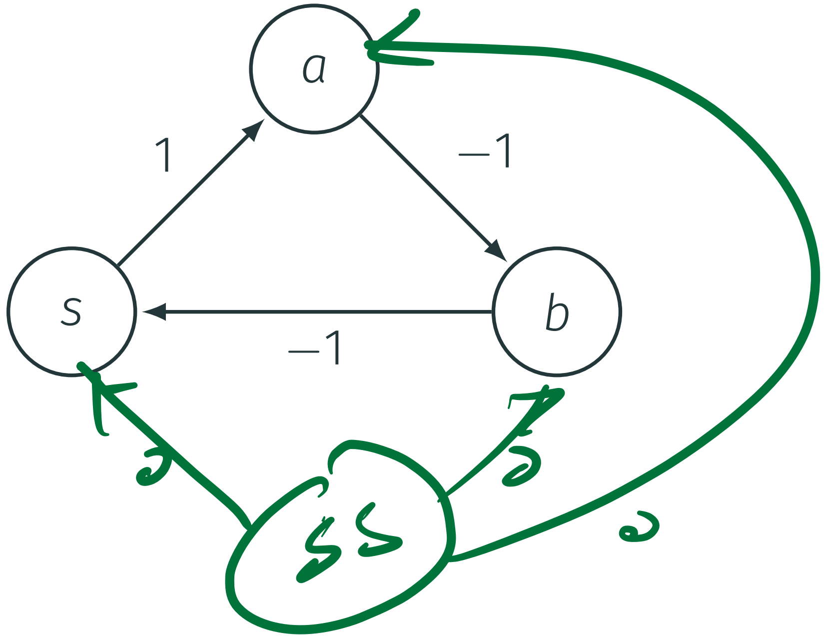

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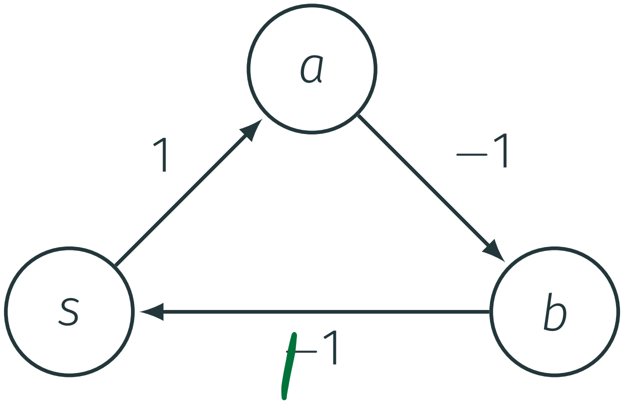

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Negative cycles can not hide

Lemma restated
If G does not has a negative length cycle reachable from $s \implies \forall v$:
$d(v, n) = d(v, n-1)$.

Also, $d(v, n-1)$ is the length of the shortest path between s and v.

Put together are the following:

Lemma
G has a negative length cycle reachable from $s \iff$ there is some node v such that $d(v, n) < d(v, n-1)$.

Bellman-Ford: Negative Cycle Detection - final version

```
for each u ∈ V do
    d(u) ← ∞
d(s) ← 0

for k = 1 to n − 1 do
    for each v ∈ V do
        for each edge (u, v) ∈ in(v) do
            d(v) = min{d(v), d(u) + ℓ(u, v)}
(* One more iteration to check if distances change *)
for each v ∈ V do
    for each edge (u, v) ∈ in(v) do
        if (d(v) > d(u) + ℓ(u, v))
            Output ``Negative Cycle''

for each v ∈ V do
    dist(s, v) ← d(v)
```

Variants on Bellman-Ford

Finding the Paths and a Shortest Path Tree

How do we find a shortest path tree in addition to distances?

- For each v the $d(v)$ can only get smaller as algorithm proceeds.
- If $d(v)$ becomes smaller it is because we found a vertex u such that $d(v) > d(u) + \ell(u, v)$ and we update $d(v) = d(u) + \ell(u, v)$. That is, we found a shorter path to v through u.
- For each v have a $prev(v)$ pointer and update it to point to u if v finds a shorter path via u.
- At end of algorithm $prev(v)$ pointers give a shortest path tree oriented towards the source s.

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- Bellman-Ford checks whether there is a negative cycle C that is reachable from a specific vertex s. There may negative cycles not reachable from s.
- Run Bellman-Ford $|V|$ times, once from each node u?

Negative Cycle Detection

- Add a new node s' and connect it to all nodes of G with zero length edges. Bellman-Ford from s' will fill find a negative length cycle if there is one.
- Negative cycle detection can be done with one Bellman-Ford invocation.

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Simplification of algorithms for DAGs

- No cycles and hence no negative length cycles! Hence can find shortest paths even for negative length edges
- Can order nodes using topological sort

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Observation:

- shortest path from s to v_i cannot use any node from $v_{i+1}, \ldots, v_n$
- can find shortest paths in topological sort order.

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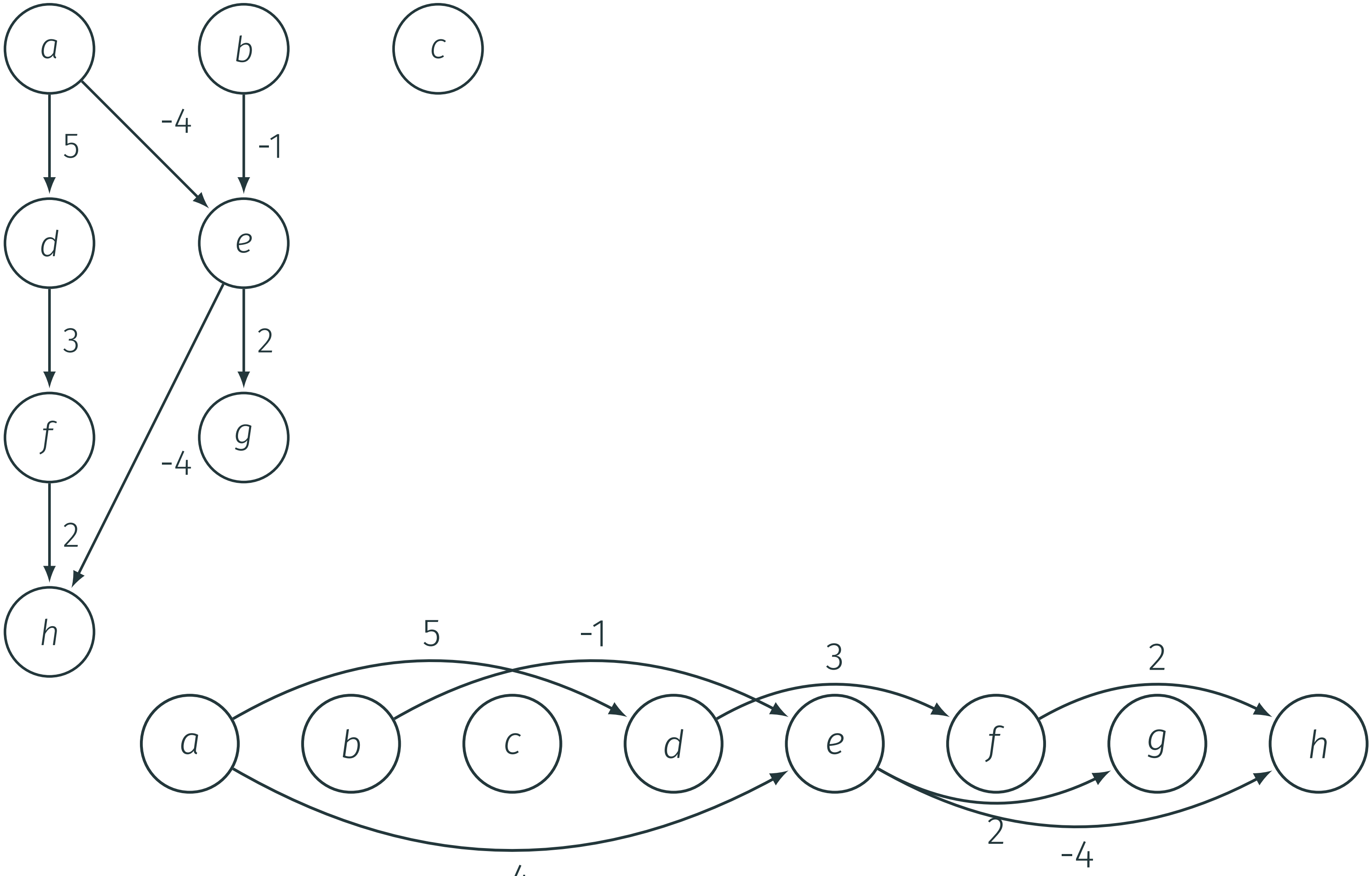

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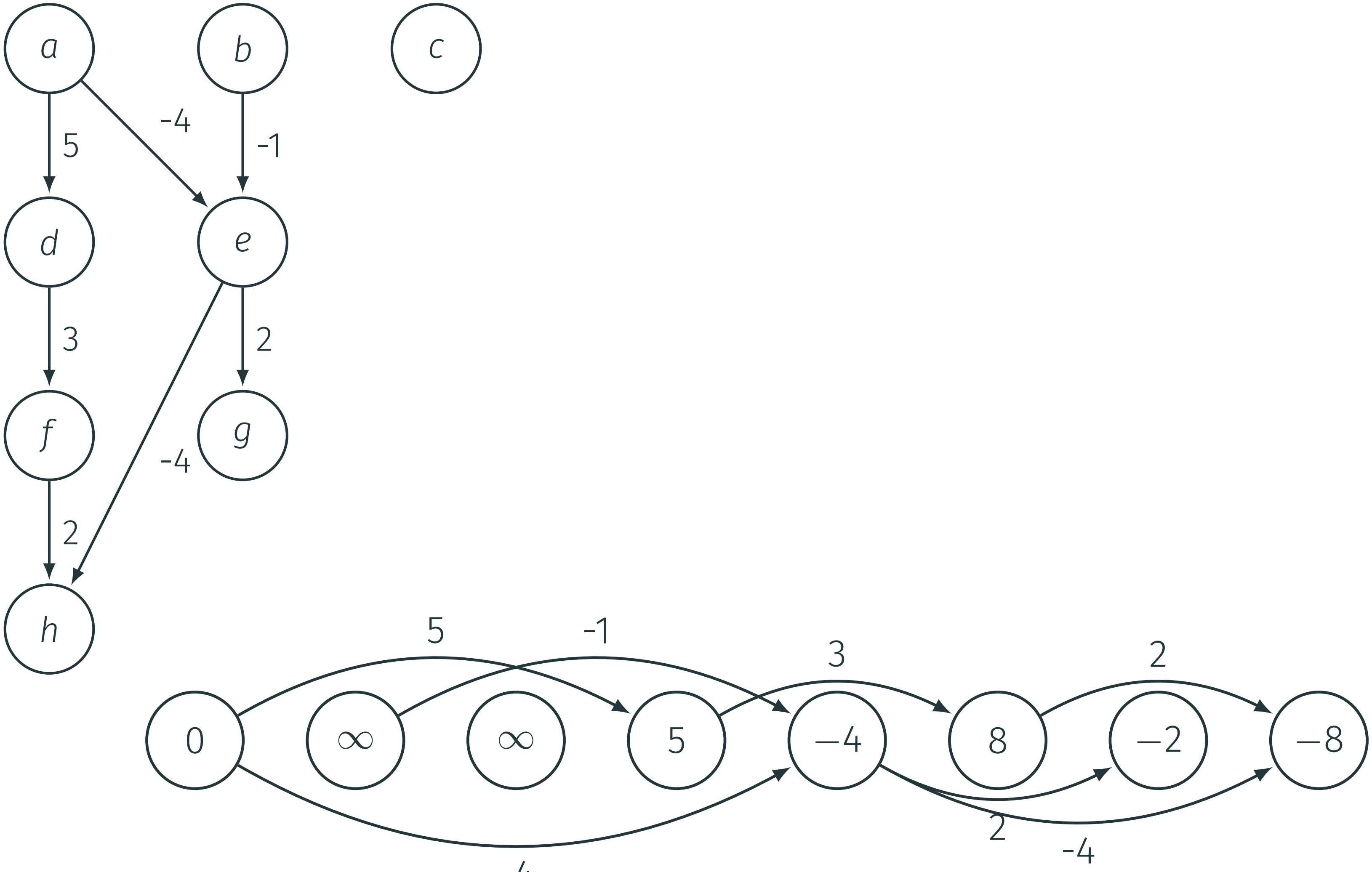

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```
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        d(s, v_i) = ∞
d(s, s) = 0

for i = 1 to n − 1 do
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            d(s, v_j) = min{d(s, v_j), d(s, v_i) + ℓ(v_i, v_j)}

return d(s, ·) values computed
```

Correctness: induction on i and observation in previous slide.

Running time: $O(m + n)$ time algorithm! Works for negative edge lengths and hence can find longest paths in a DAG.

All Pairs Shortest Paths

Shortest Path Problems

Input A (undirected or directed) graph $G = (V, E)$ with edge lengths (or costs). For edge $e = (u, v)$, $\ell(e) = \ell(u, v)$ is its length.

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- Find shortest paths for <u>all</u> pairs of nodes.

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SSSP: Single-Source Shortest Paths

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Dijkstra's algorithm for non-negative edge lengths. Running time: $O((m + n)\log n)$ with heaps and $O(m + n \log n)$ with advanced priority queues.

Bellman-Ford algorithm for arbitrary edge lengths. Running time: $O(nm)$.

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Can we do better?

All Pairs Shortest Paths: A recursive solution

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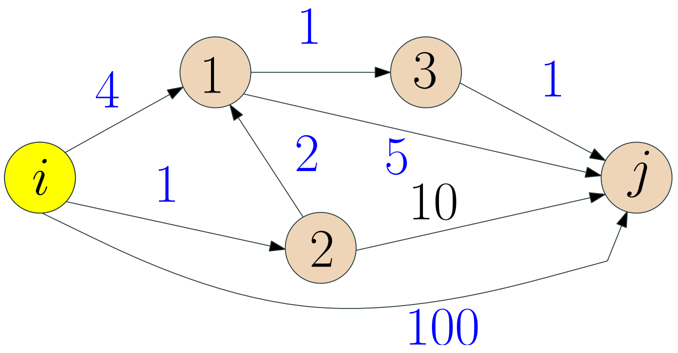

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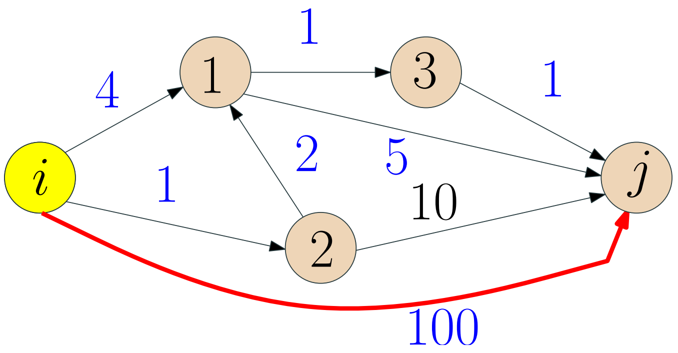

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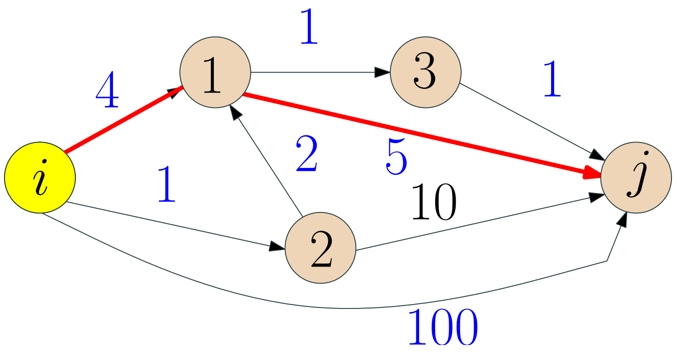

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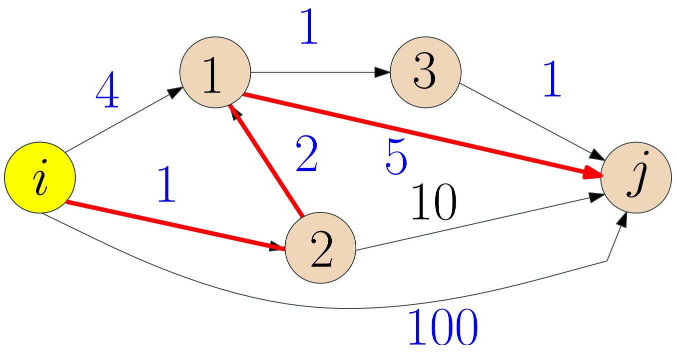

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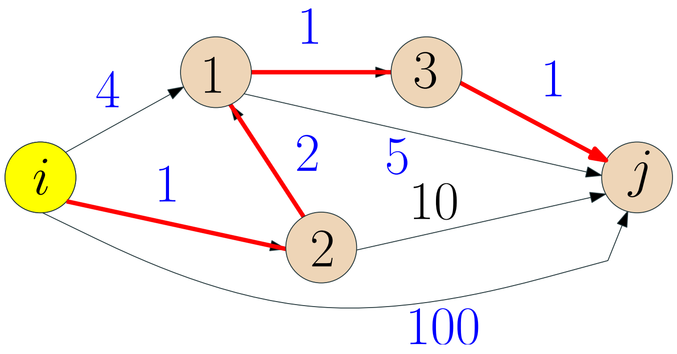

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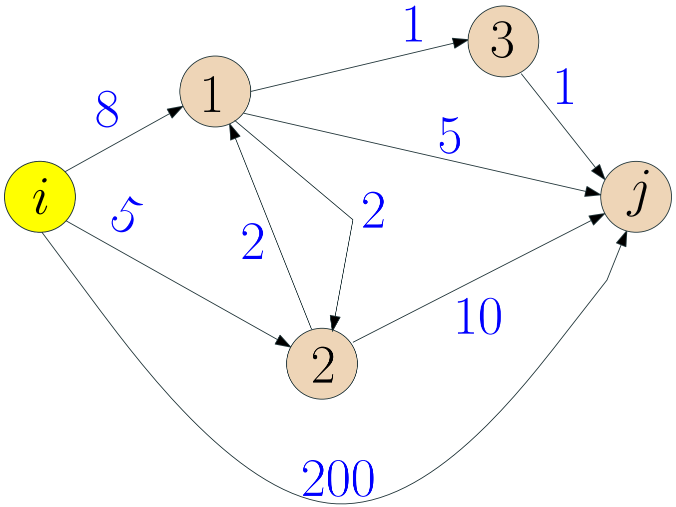
For the following graph, dist(i, j, 2) is...



1. 9
2. 10
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4. 12
5. 15

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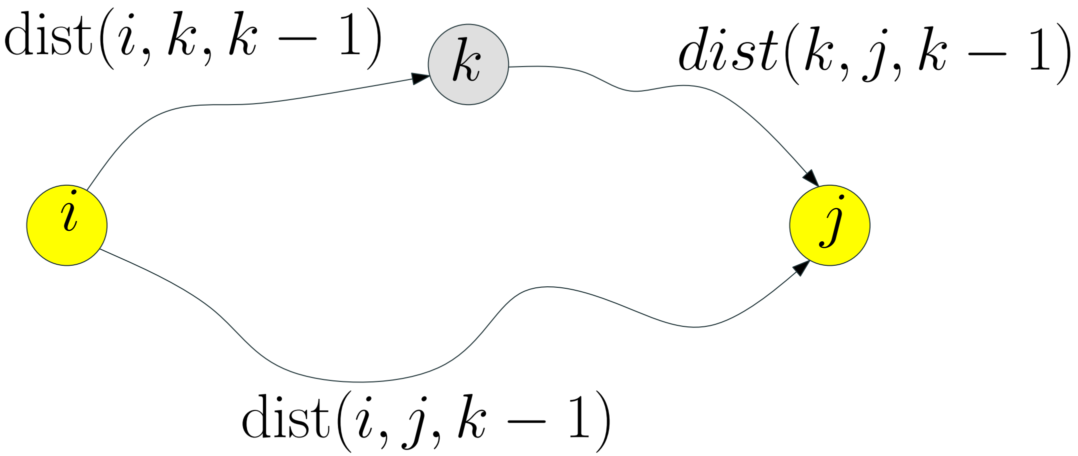

$$dist(i,j,k) = \min \begin{cases} dist(i,j,k-1) \\ dist(i,k,k-1) + dist(k,j,k-1) \end{cases}$$

Base case: $dist(i,j,0) = \ell(i,j)$ if $(i,j) \in E$, otherwise ∞

Correctness: If $i \to j$ shortest walk goes through k then k occurs only once on the

All-Pairs: Recursion on index of intermediate nodes

If i can reach k and k can reach j and $dist(k, k, k-1) < 0$ then G has a negative length cycle containing k and $dist(i, j, k) = -\infty$.

Recursion below is valid only if $dist(k, k, k-1) \geq 0$. We can detect this during the algorithm or wait till the end.

$$dist(i, j, k) = \min \begin{cases} dist(i, j, k-1) \\ dist(i, k, k-1) + dist(k, j, k-1) \end{cases}$$

Floyd-Warshall algorithm

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm - for All-Pairs Shortest Paths

$$d(i,j,k) = \min \begin{cases} d(i,j,k-1) \\ d(i,k,k-1) + d(k,j,k-1) \end{cases}$$

for $i = 1$ `to` n **do**
    for $j = 1$ `to` n **do**
        $d(i,j,0) = \ell(i,j)$
(* $\ell(i,j) = \infty$ `if` $(i,j) \notin E$, 0 `if` $i = j$ *)

for $k = 1$ `to` n **do**
    for $i = 1$ `to` n **do**
        for $j = 1$ `to` n **do**

$$d(i,j,k) = \min \begin{cases} d(i,j,k-1), \\ d(i,k,k-1) + d(k,j,k-1) \end{cases}$$

for $i = 1$ `to` n **do**
    if $(dist(i,i,n) < 0)$ **then**
        `Output` $\exists$ `negative cycle in` G

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```
for i = 1 to n do
    for j = 1 to n do
        d(i,j,0) = ℓ(i,j)
 (* ℓ(i,j) = ∞ if (i,j) ∉ E, 0 if i = j *)

for k = 1 to n do
    for i = 1 to n do
        for j = 1 to n do
            d(i,j,k) = min { d(i,j,k−1),
                             d(i,k,k−1) + d(k,j,k−1)
for i = 1 to n do
    if (dist(i,i,n) < 0) then
        Output ∃ negative cycle in G
```

Running Time:

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for $i = 1$ to n do
    if ($dist(i,i,n) < 0$) then
        Output $\exists$ negative cycle in G

Running Time: $\Theta(n^3)$. Space: $\Theta(n^3)$.

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- Create a $n \times n$ array Next that stores the next vertex on shortest path for each pair of vertices
- With array Next, for any pair of given vertices i, j can compute a shortest path in $O(n)$ time.

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm - Finding the Paths

```
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    for j = 1 to n do
        d(i, j, 0) = ℓ(i, j)
(* ℓ(i, j) = ∞ if (i, j) not edge, 0 if i = j *)
        Next(i, j) = −1
for k = 1 to n do
    for i = 1 to n do
        for j = 1 to n do
            if (d(i, j, k − 1) > d(i, k, k − 1) + d(k, j, k − 1)) then
                d(i, j, k) = d(i, k, k − 1) + d(k, j, k − 1)
                Next(i, j) = k
for i = 1 to n do
    if (d(i, i, n) < 0) then
        Output that there is a negative length cycle in G
```

Exercise: Given *Next* array and any two vertices i, j describe an $O(n)$ algorithm to find a i-j shortest path.

Summary of shortest path algorithms

Summary of results on shortest paths

Single source		
No negative edges	Dijkstra	$O(n \log n + m)$
Edge lengths can be negative	Bellman Ford	$O(nm)$

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No negative edges	n * Dijkstra	$O\left(n^2 \log n + nm\right)$
No negative cycles	n * Bellman Ford	$O\left(n^2 m\right) = O\left(n^4\right)$
No negative cycles	Johnson's [1]	$O\left(nm + n^2 \log n\right)$
No negative cycles	Floyd-Warshall	$O\left(n^3\right)$
Unweighted	Matrix multiplication [2]	$O(n^{2.38}), O(n^{2.58})$

Summary of results on shortest paths

(1): The algorithm for the case that there are no negative cycles, and doing all shortest paths, works by computing a potential function using Bellman-Ford and then doing Dijkstra. It is mentioned for the sake of completeness, but it outside the scope of the class.

(2): `https://resources.mpi-inf.mpg.de/departments/d1/teaching/ss12/AdvancedGraphAlgorithms/Slides14.pdf`

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