

CS 170

Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems

Lecture 8: Paths in Graphs

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Announcements

HW4 and Disc 4 coming out today!

Changes to Office Hours:

- Removed some Tuesday office hours (low attendance)
- Instead increasing more office hours and TA presence on other days.

Where are annotated version of Lectures 6-7?

- My iPad didn't save them, it seems. Sorry ...
- Refer to the video and the blank slides to fill them in.
- It's a good exercise!

Annotation Test!

Last two lectures

Exploring graphs via Depth First Search (DFS)

Use cases of DFS:

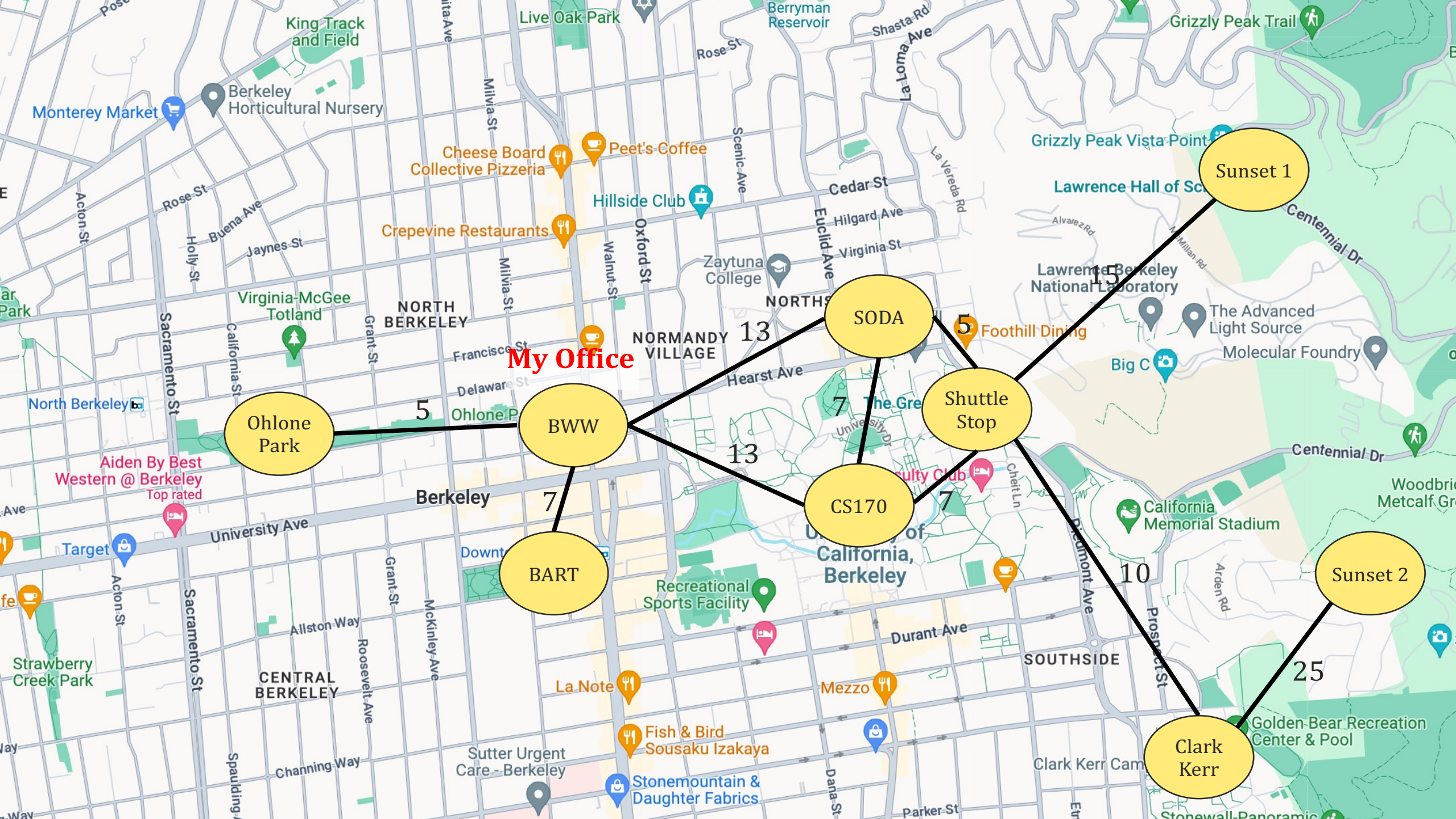
- Topological Sort
- Strongly connected component

Today

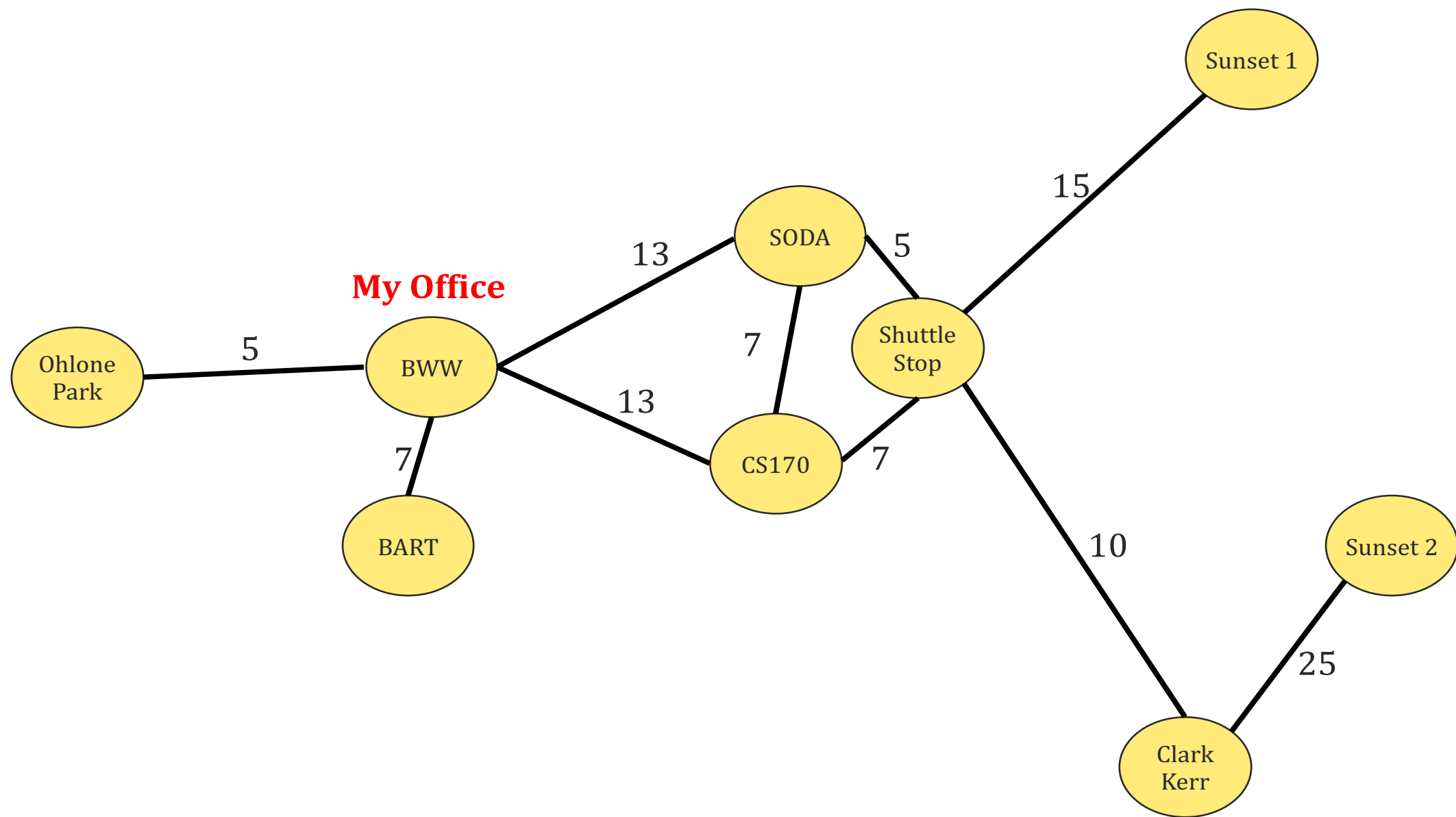
Another approach to exploring graphs!

Breadth-First Search and related algorithms.

Finding single-source shortest path.

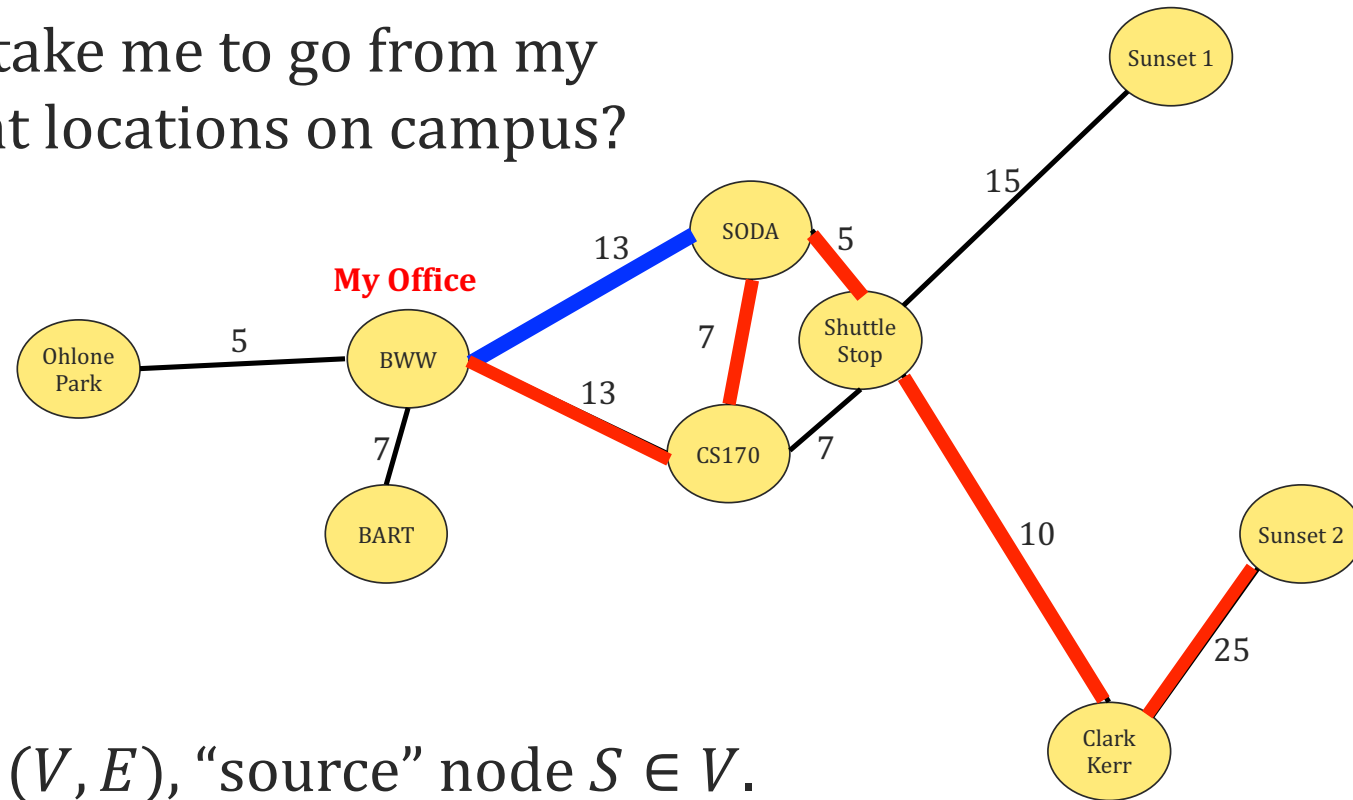


Just the graph



Single-Source Shortest Paths (SSSP)

How long does it take me to go from my office to important locations on campus?



Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$, “source” node $s \in V$.

Output: For all $u \in V$, $dist(s, u)$ = length of shortest path from s to u .

Why not DFS?

- DFS goes depth first. Might explore much farther nodes first.

Exploring for Shortest Path

Depth-First Search:

→ explore a maze with a **chalk** and a **string**.

Breadth-First Search:

→ explore a neighborhood from **bird's eye perspective**.

1. Explore direct neighbors

- everything at distance 1

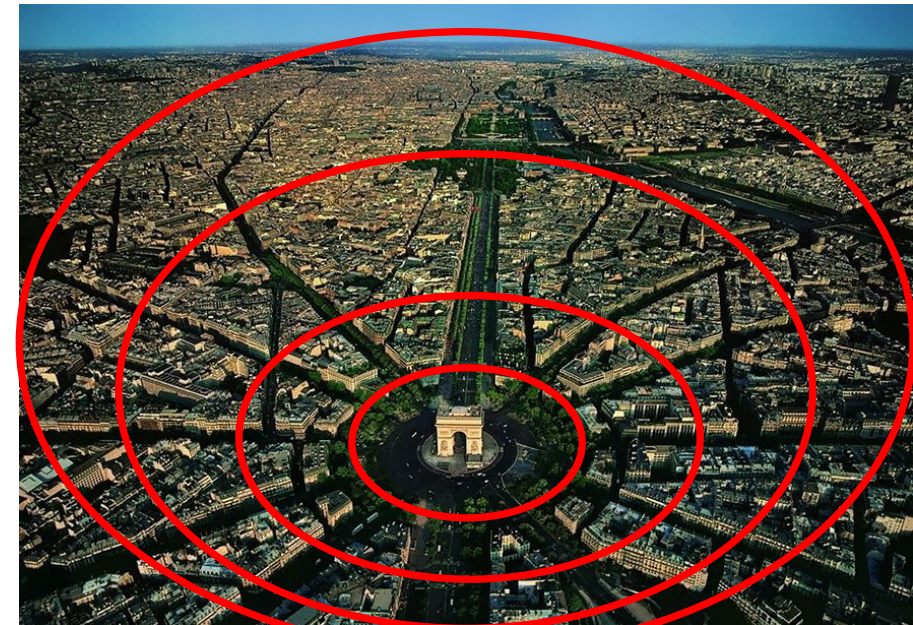
2. Explore (unseen) neighbors of neighbors.

- everything at distance 2

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- Everything at distance 3

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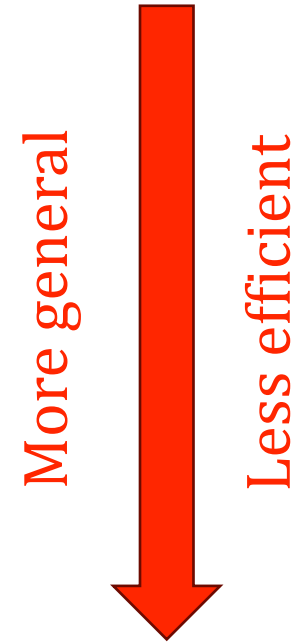
→ Breadth-First Search

Positive Weight: length function $\ell: E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$

→ Dijkstra's Algorithm

Arbitrary lengths: ℓ could be negative too

→ Bellman-Ford algorithm



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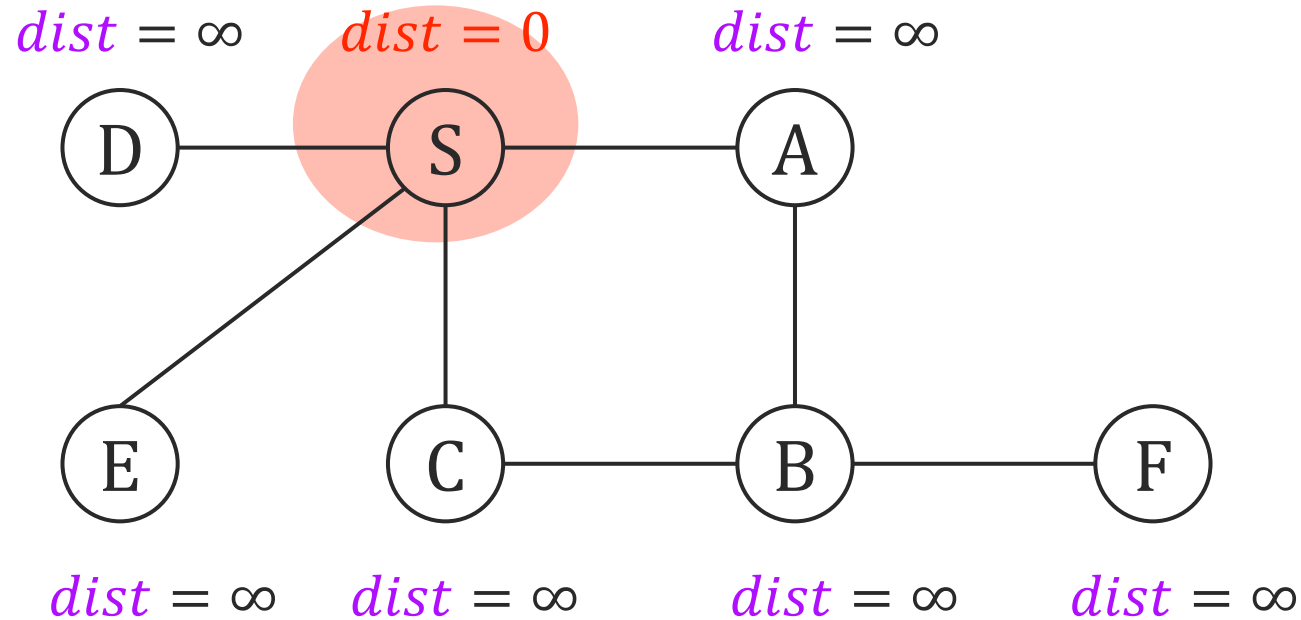
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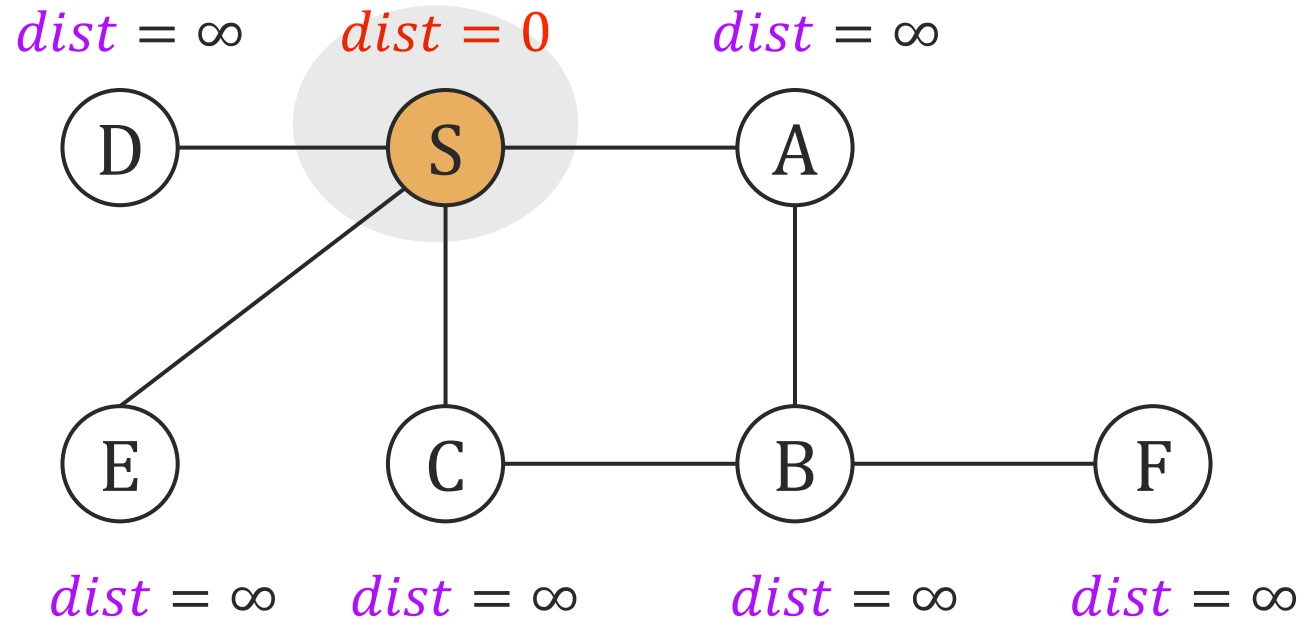
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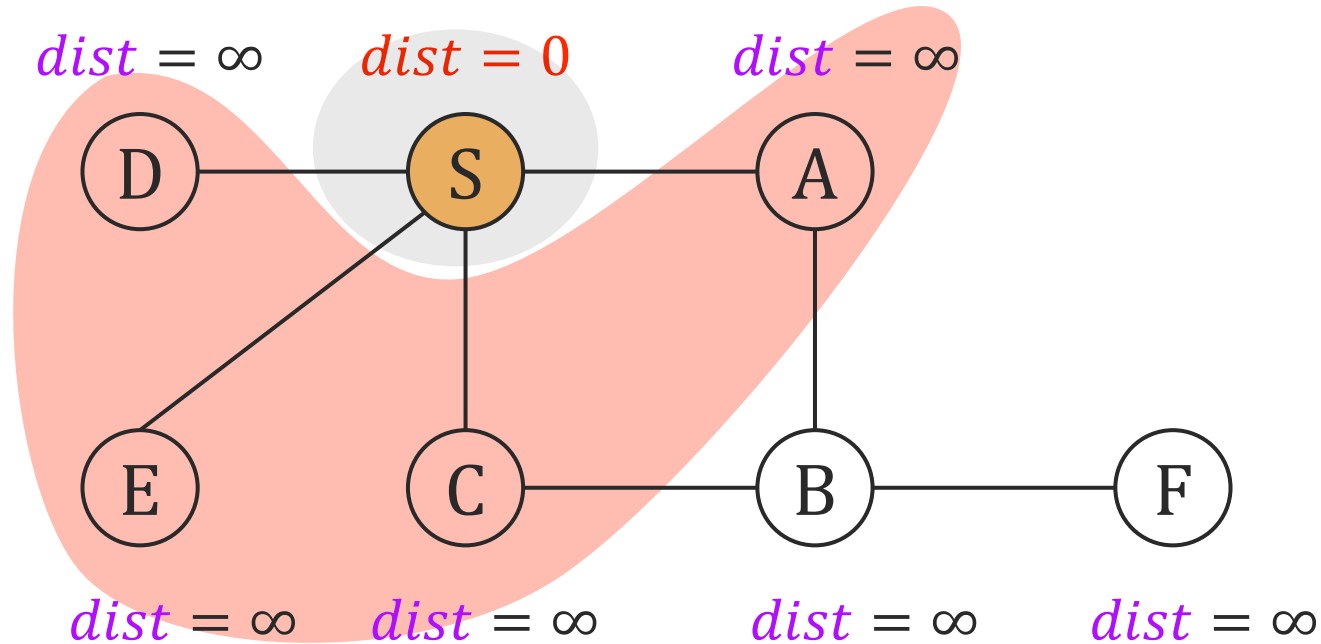
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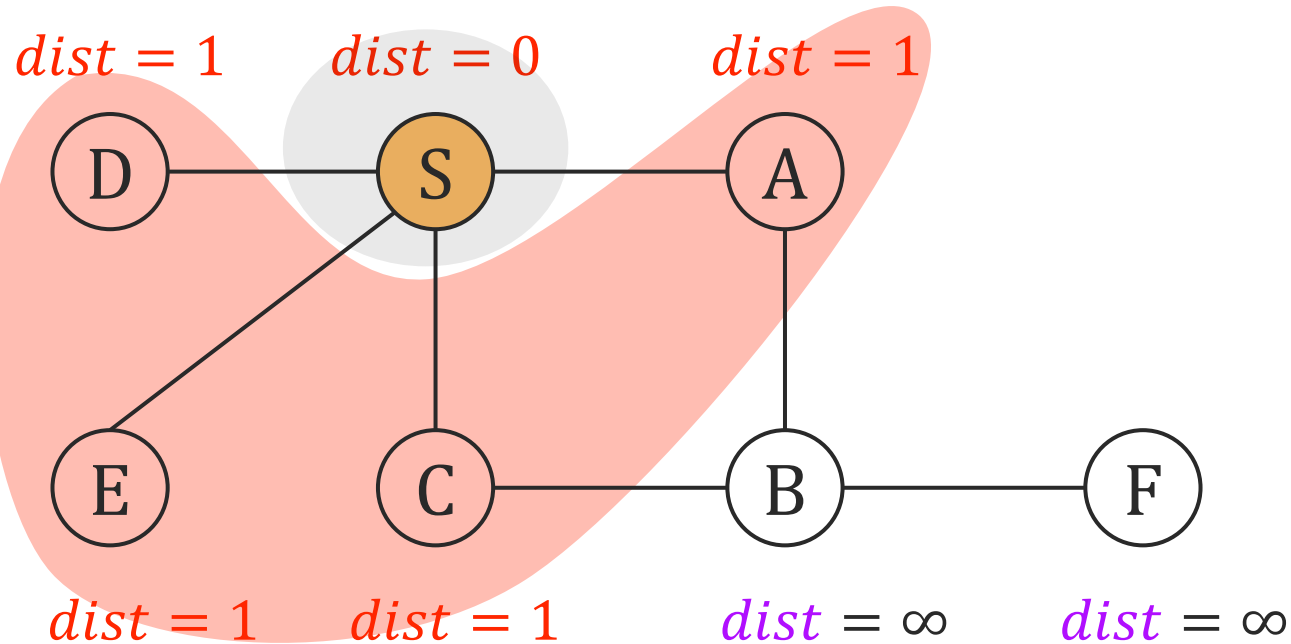
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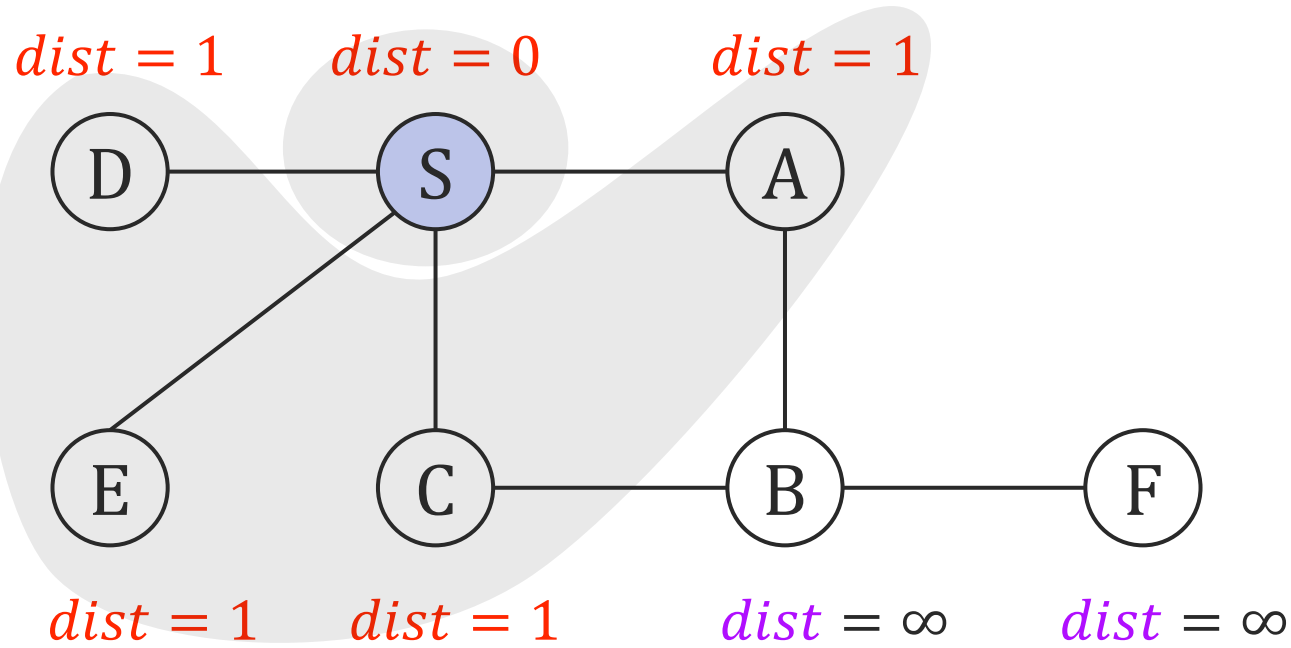
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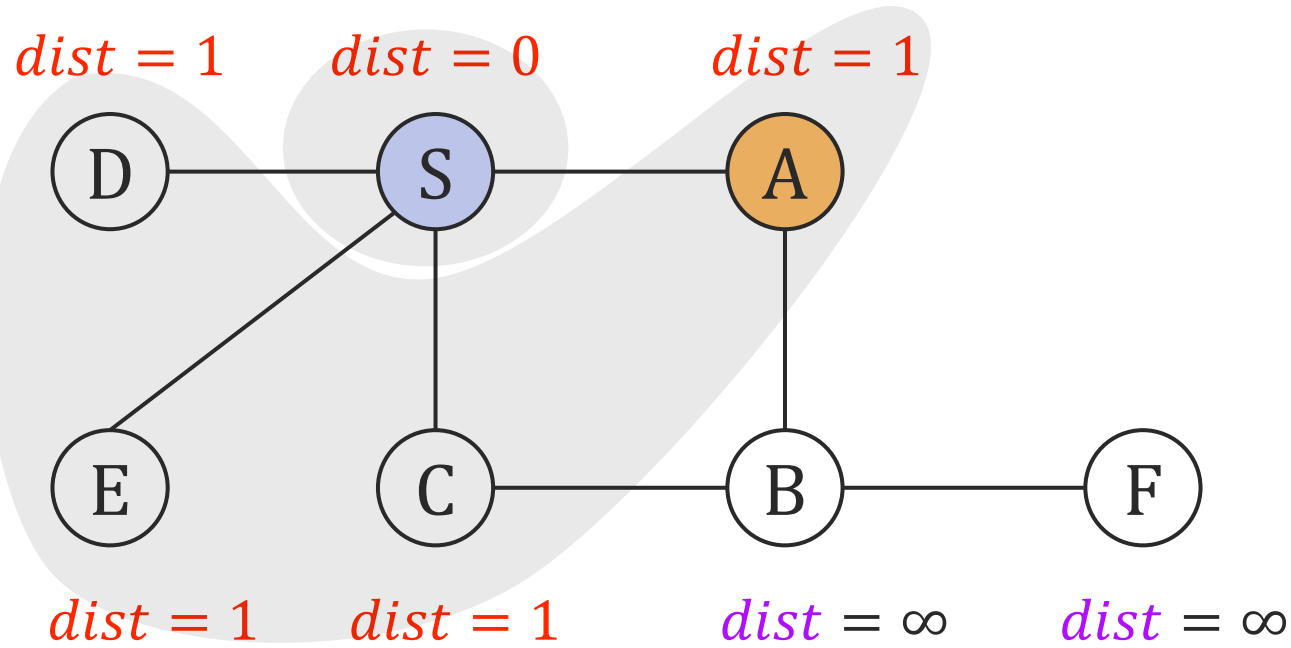
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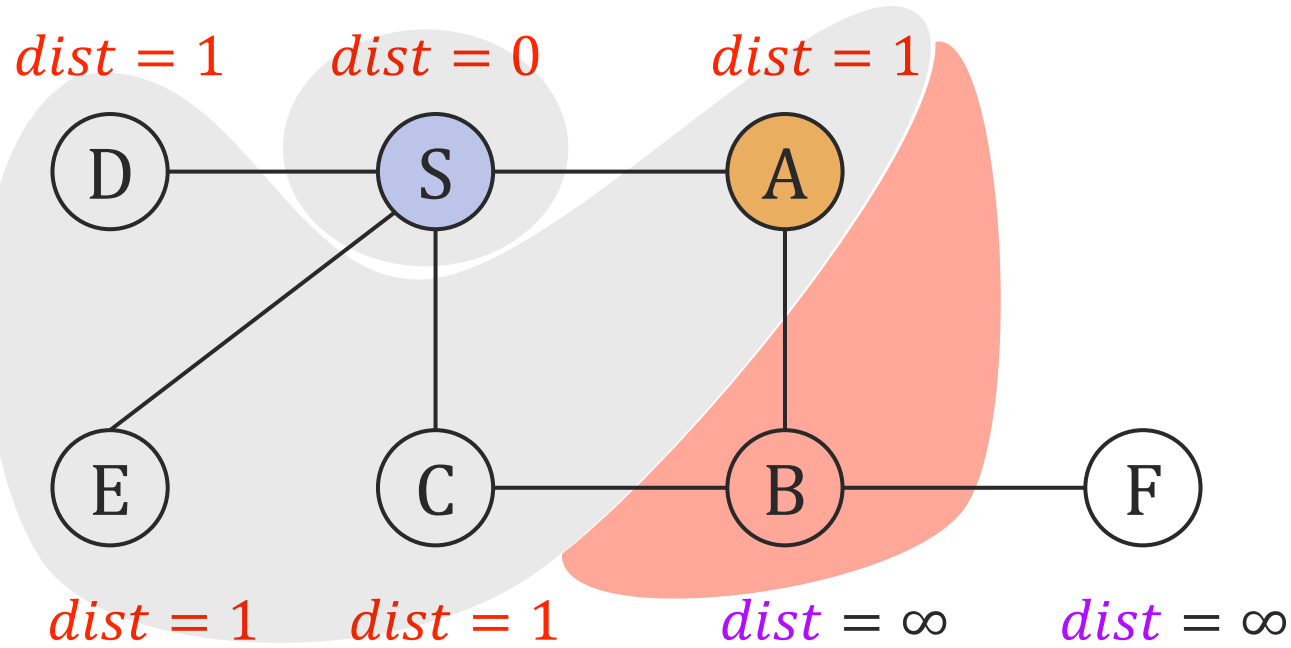
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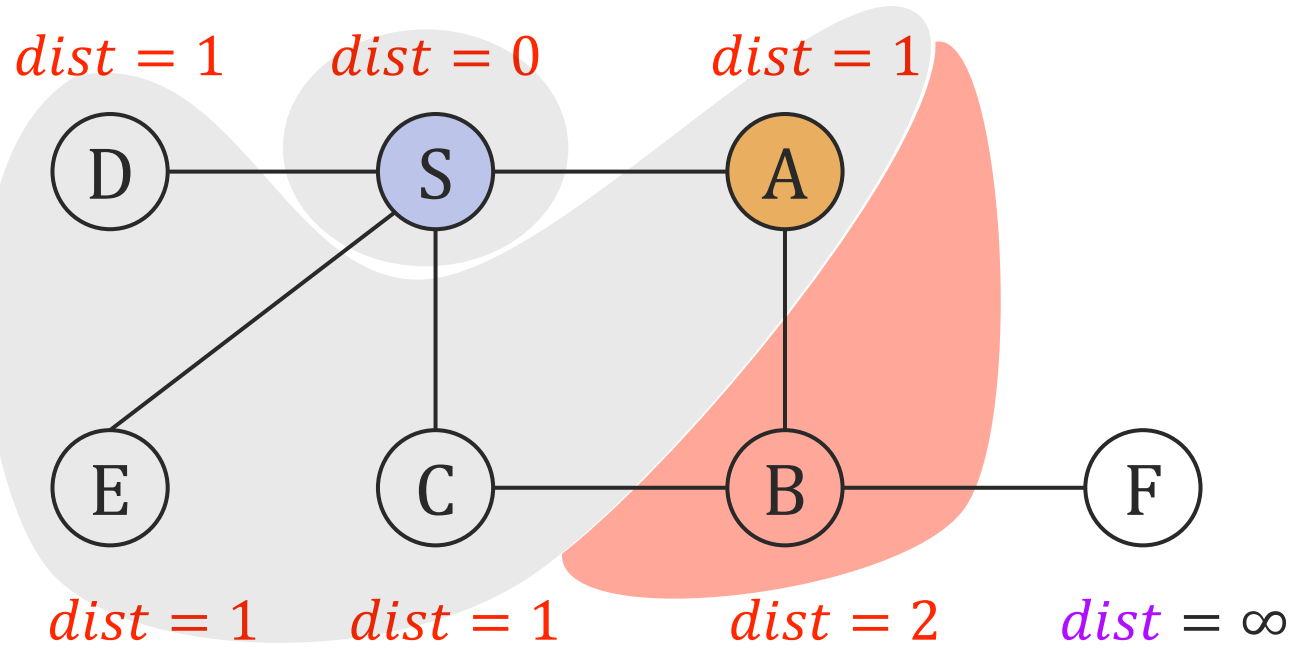
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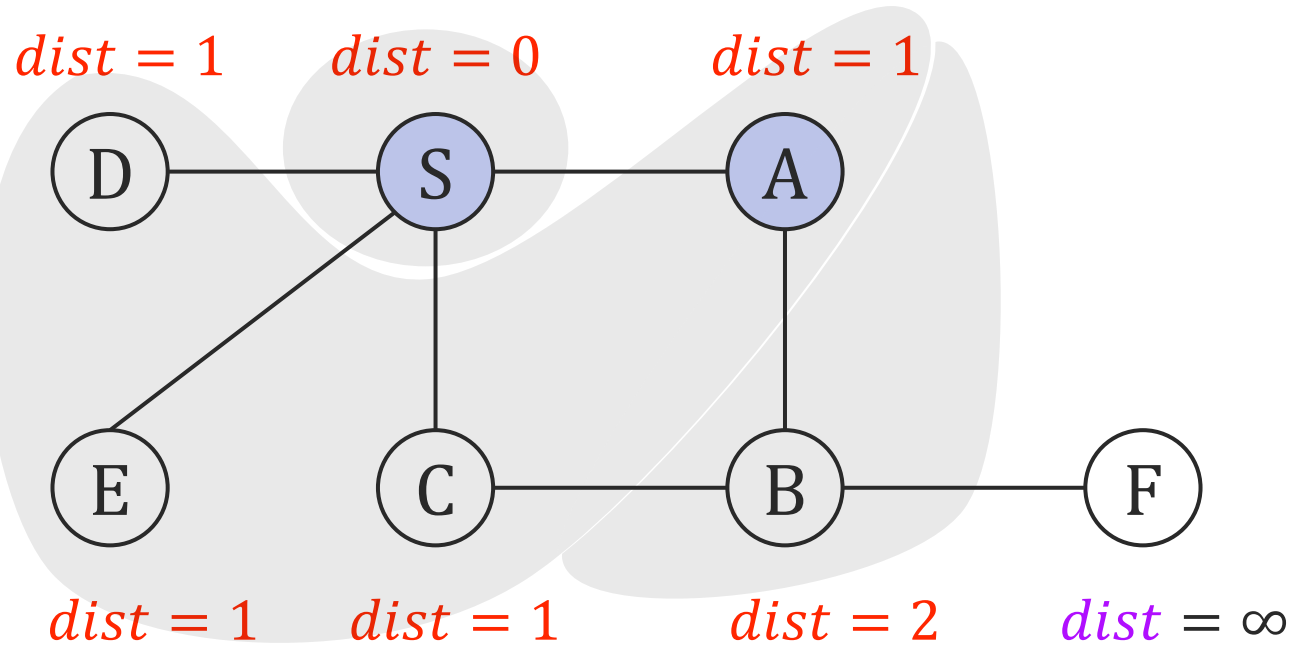
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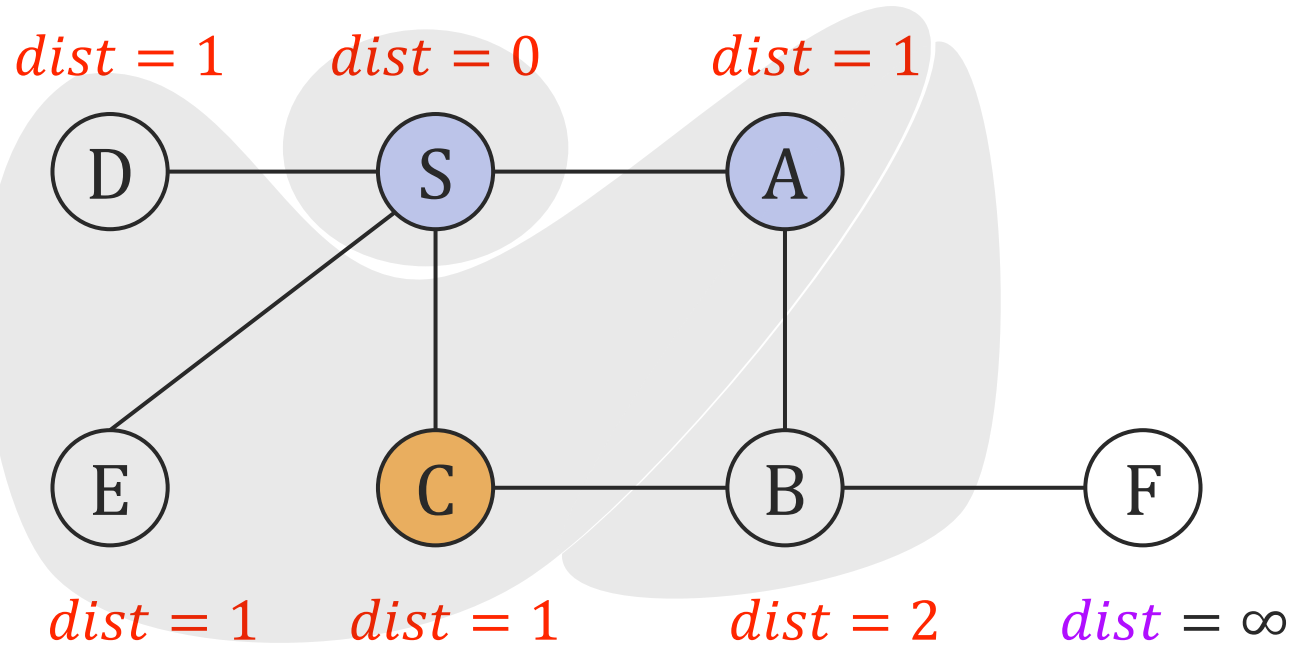
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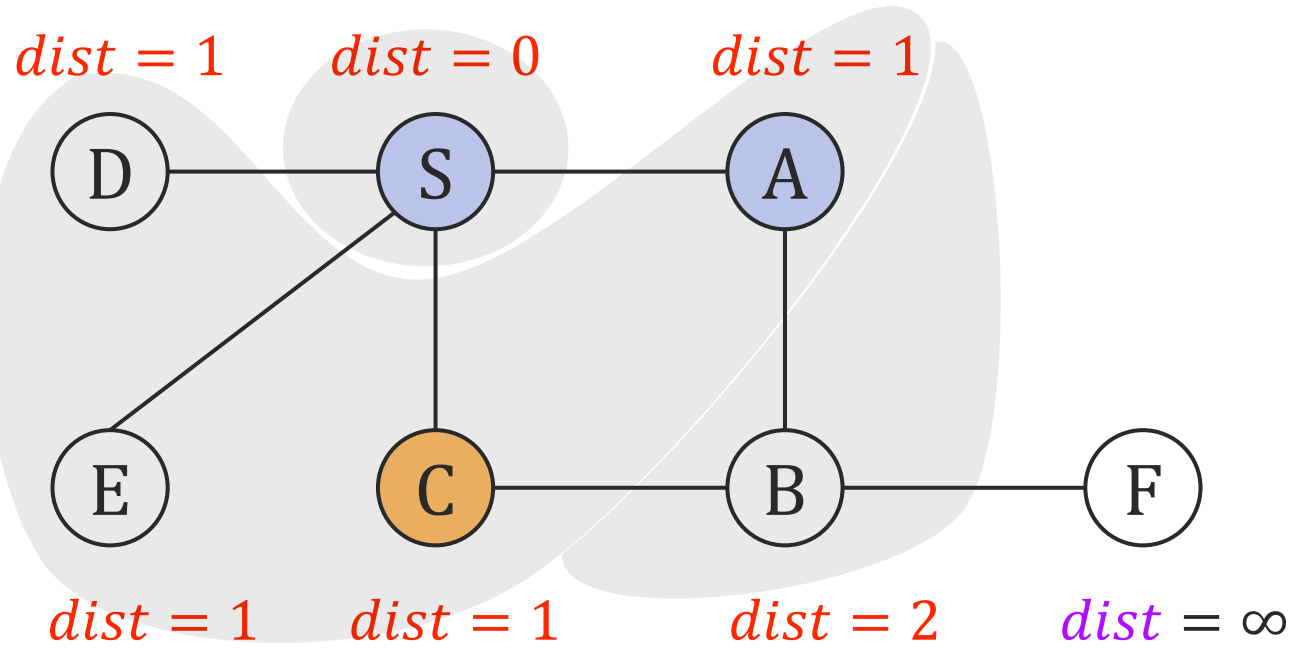
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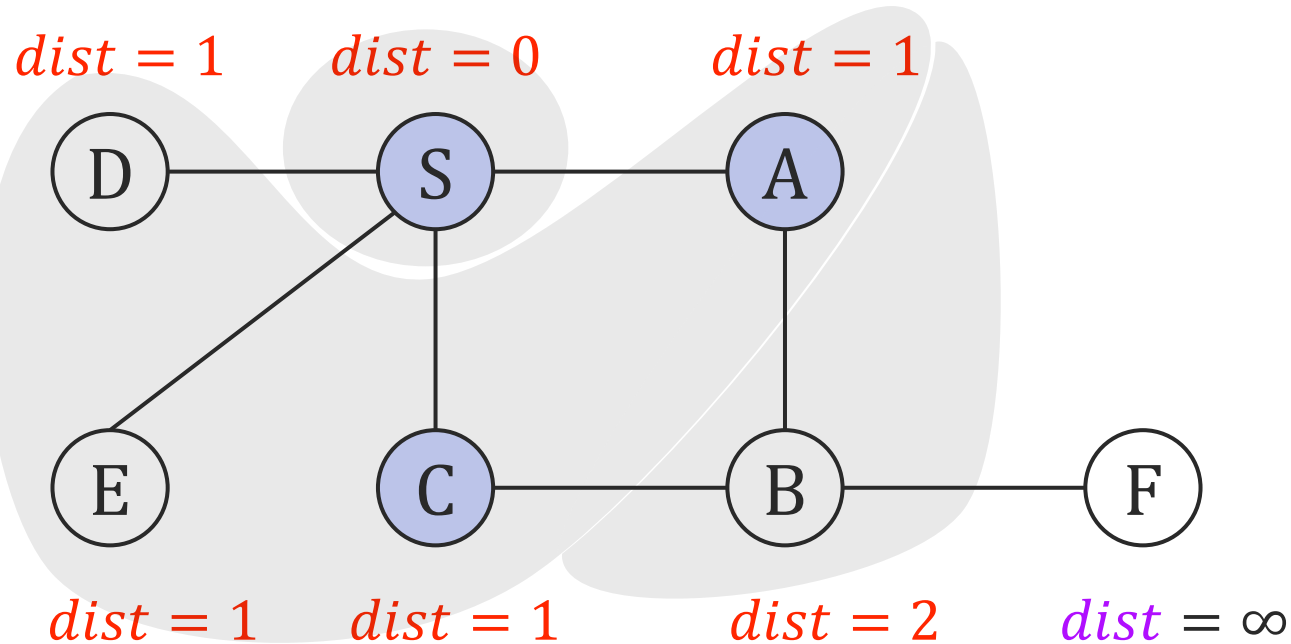
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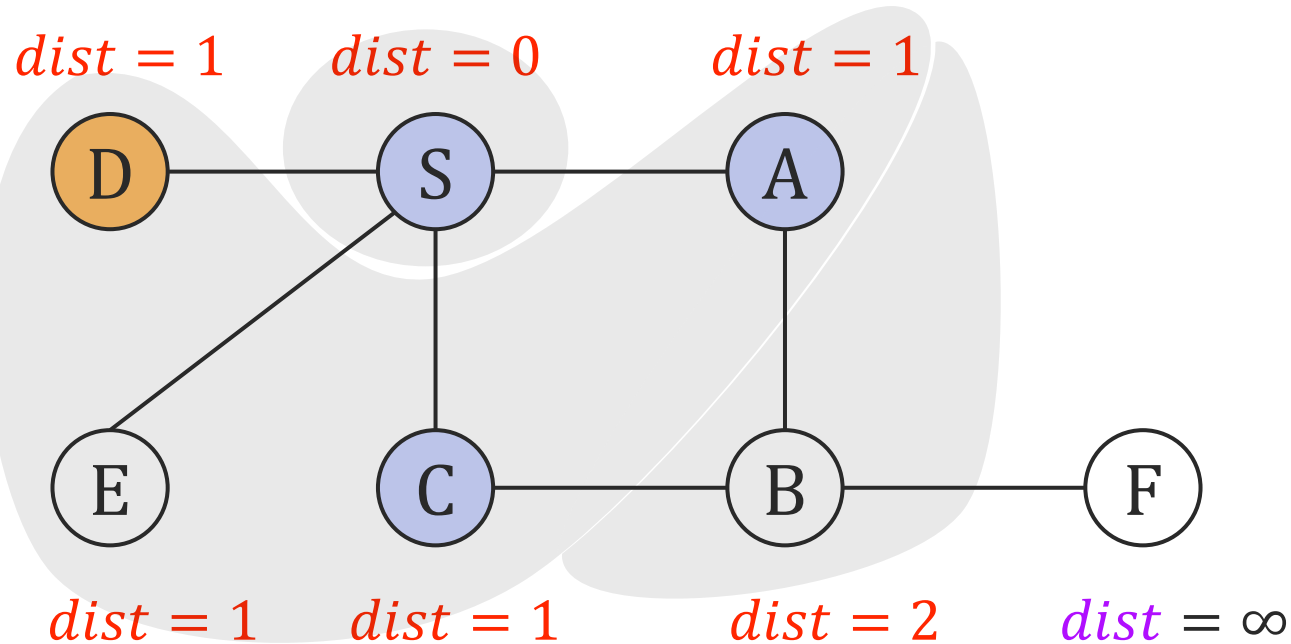
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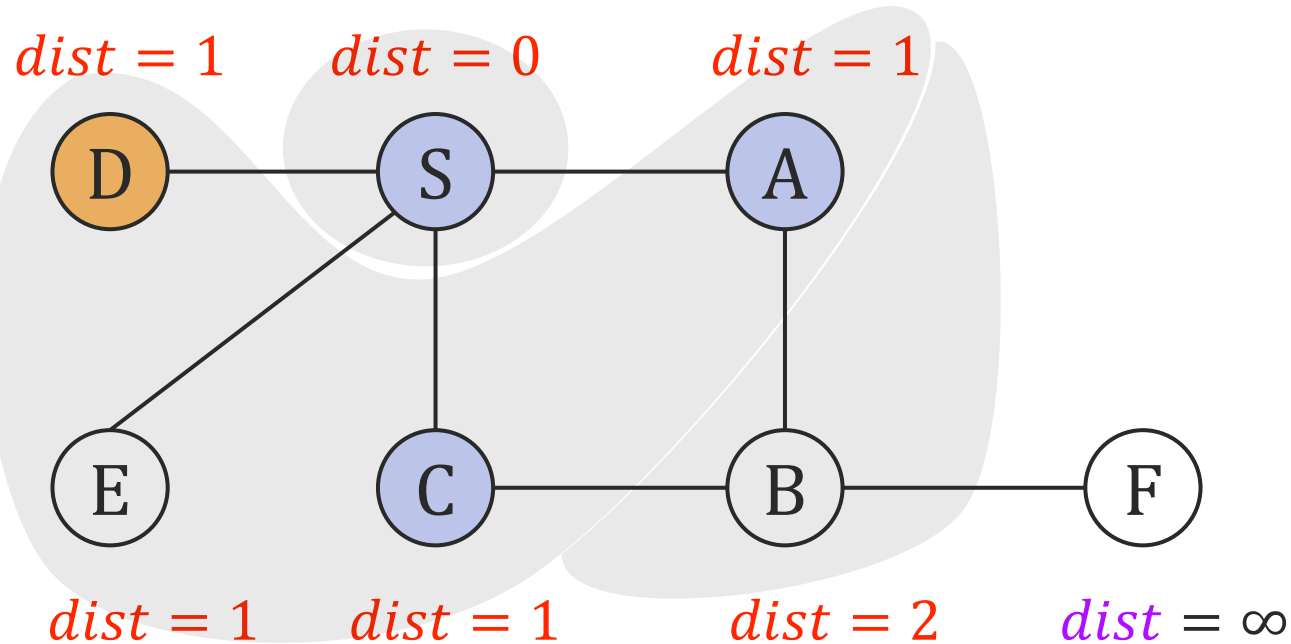
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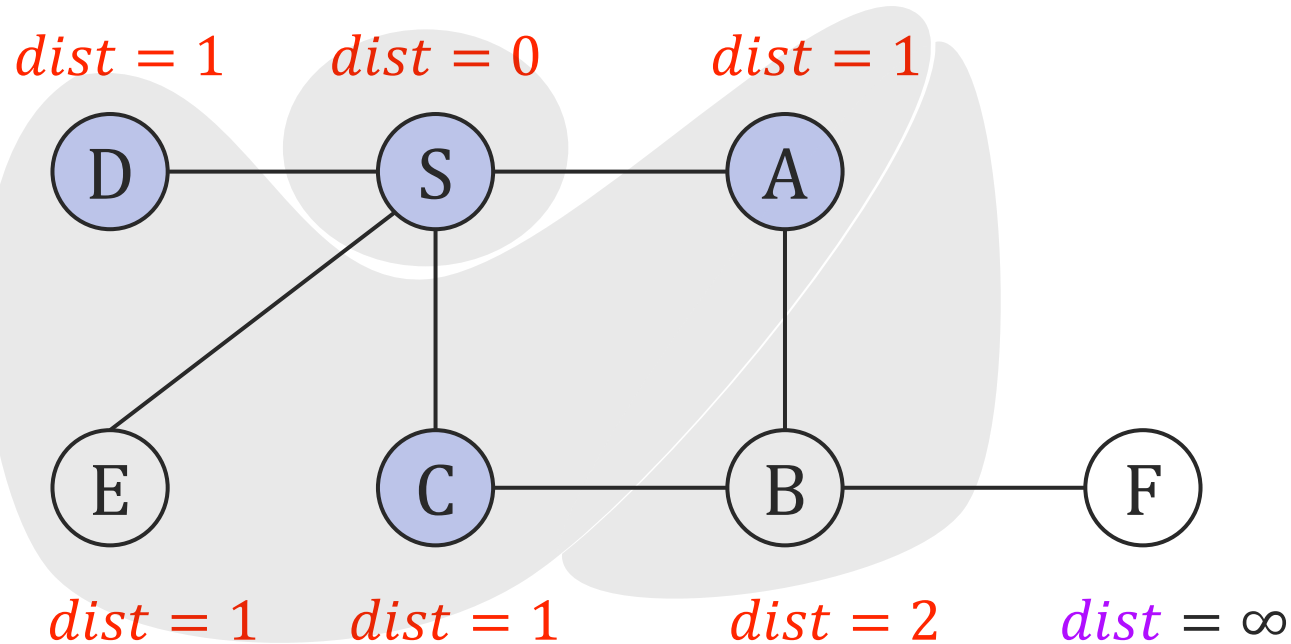
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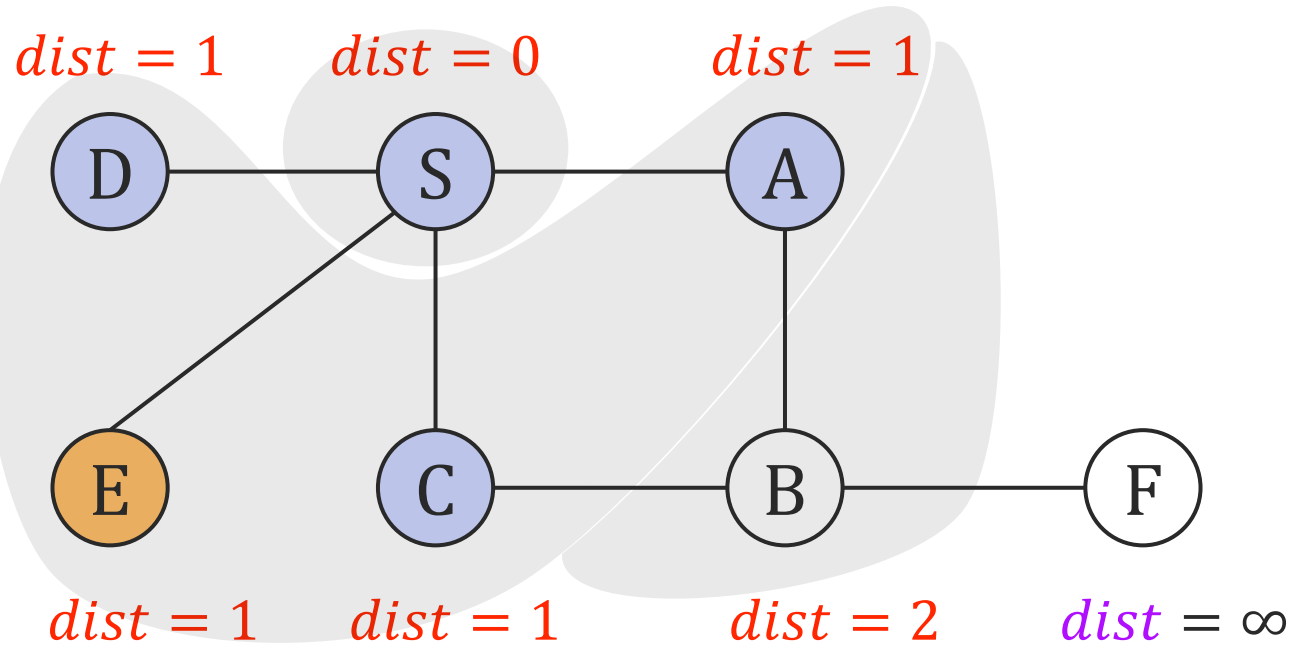
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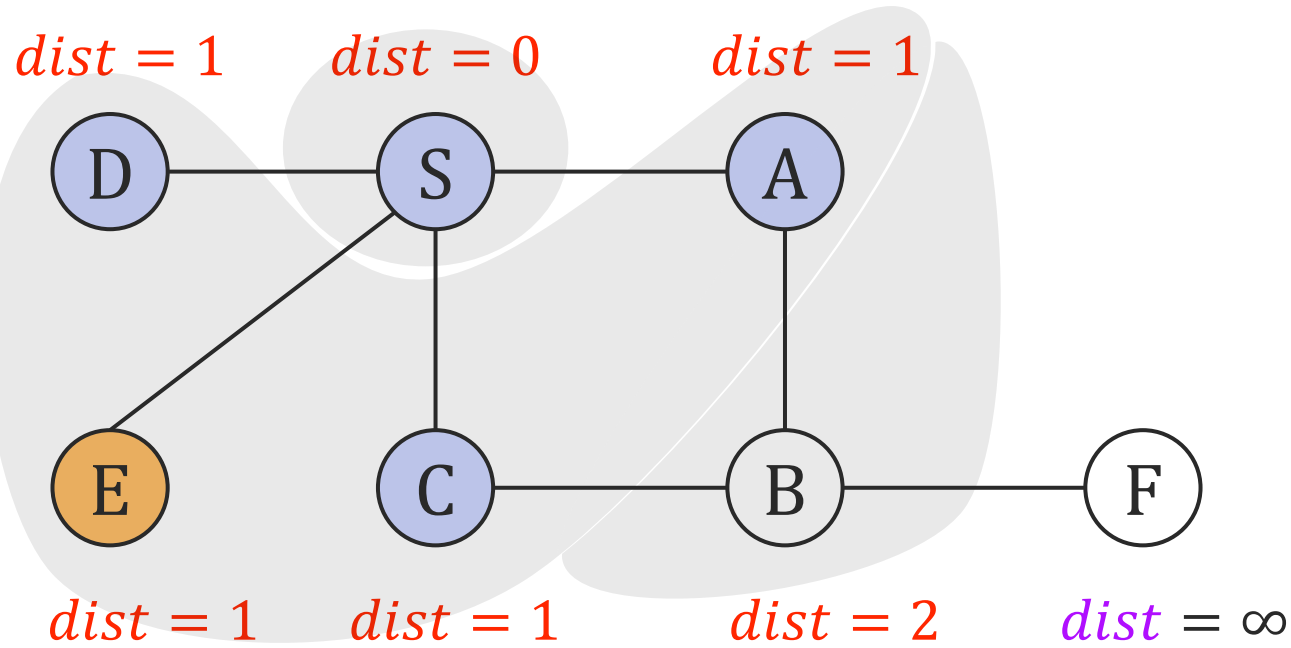
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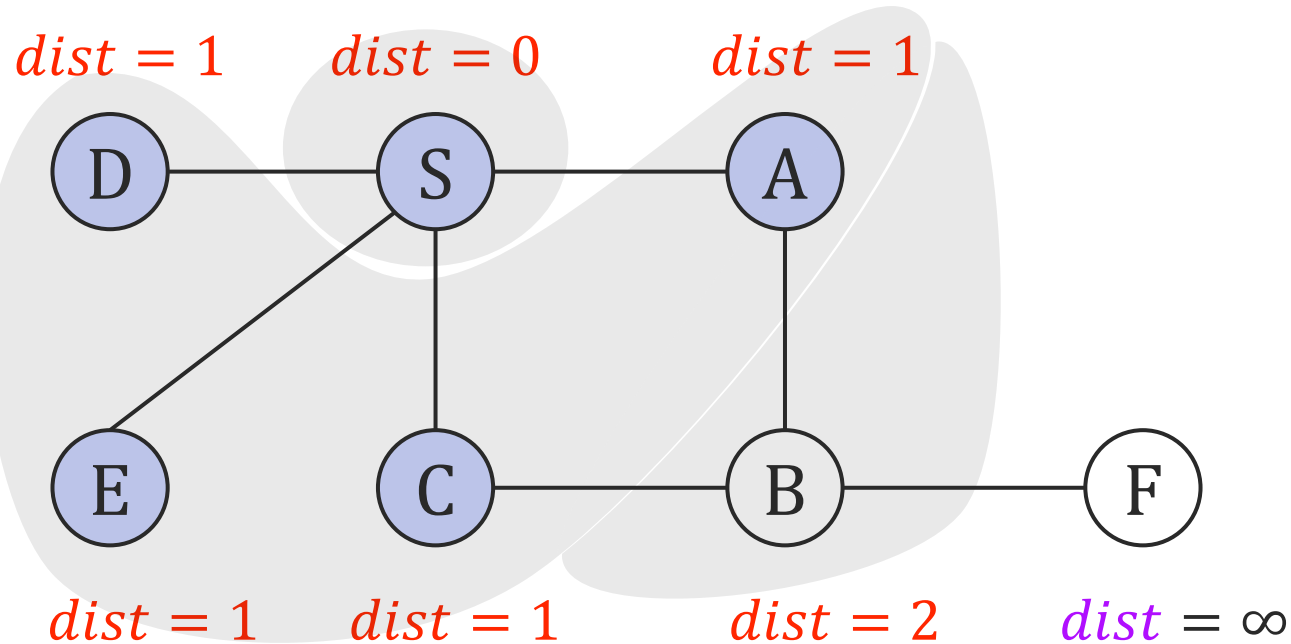
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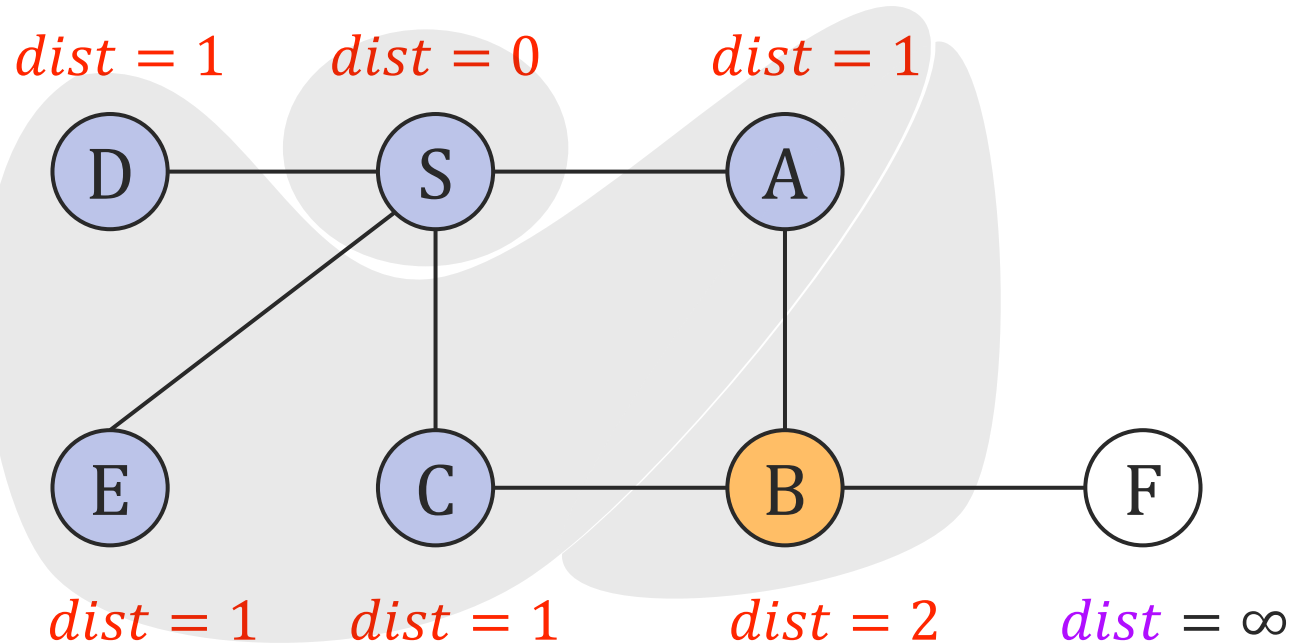
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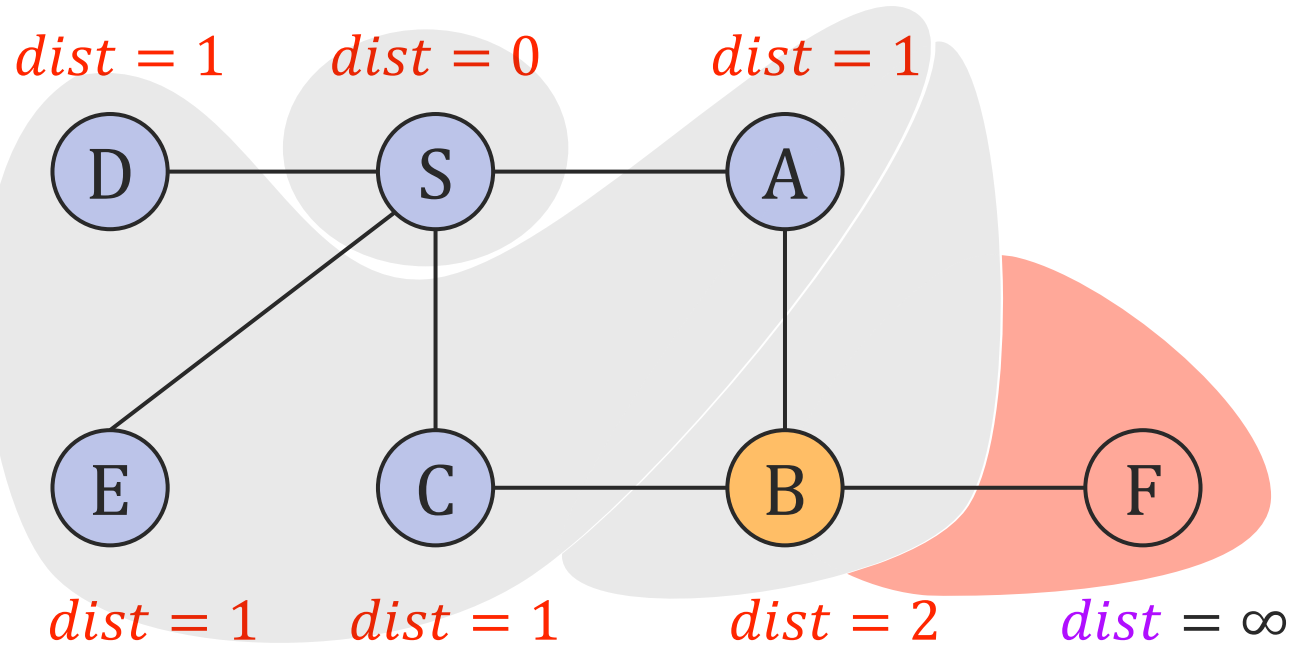
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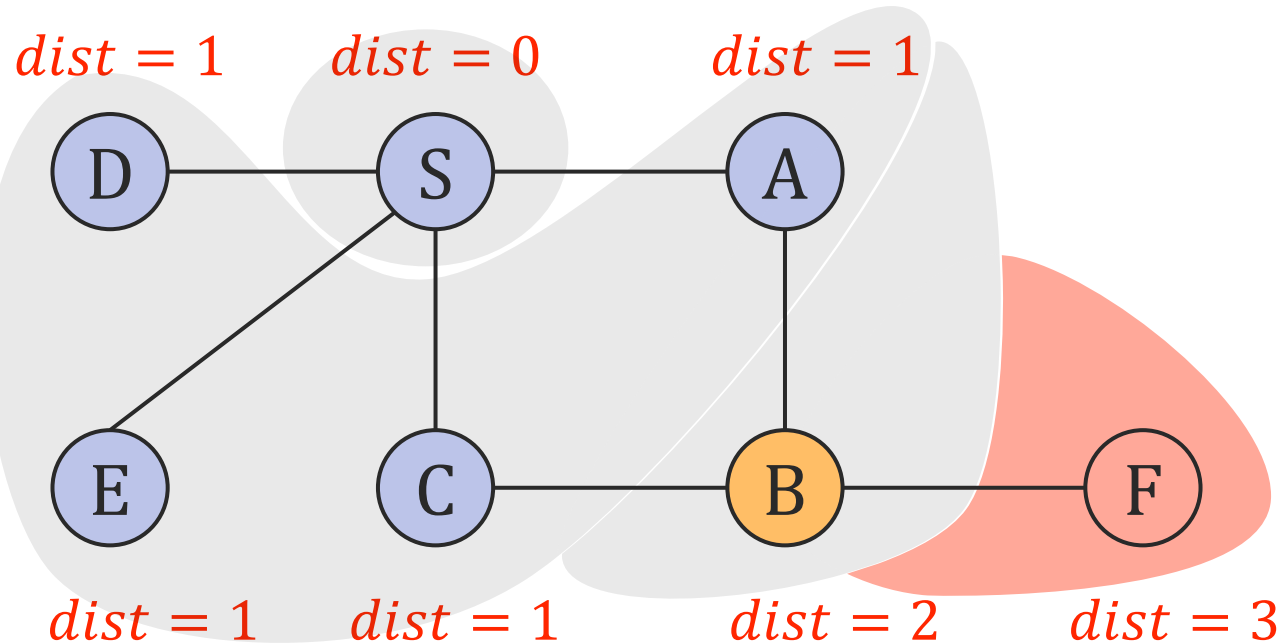
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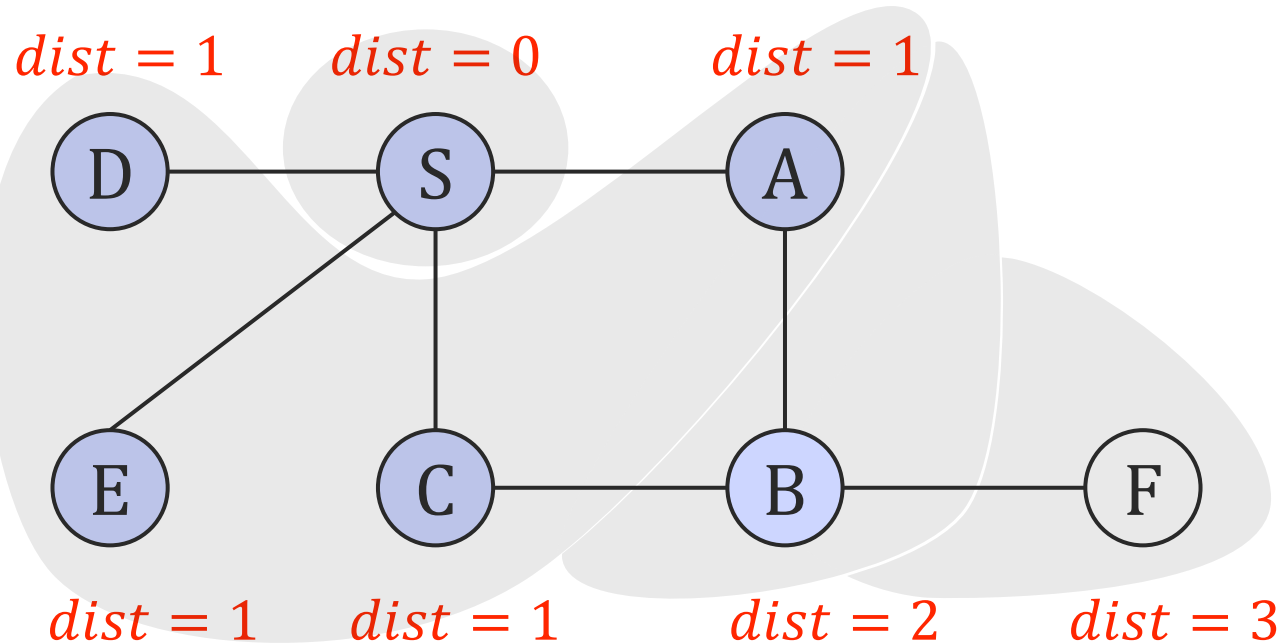
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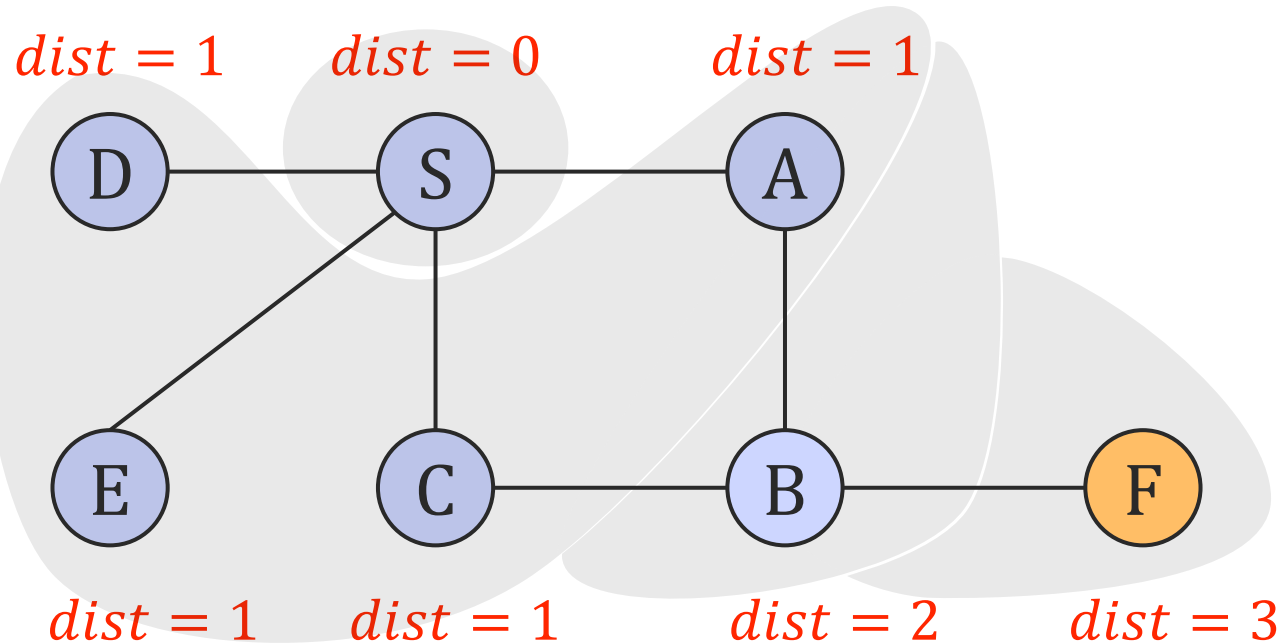
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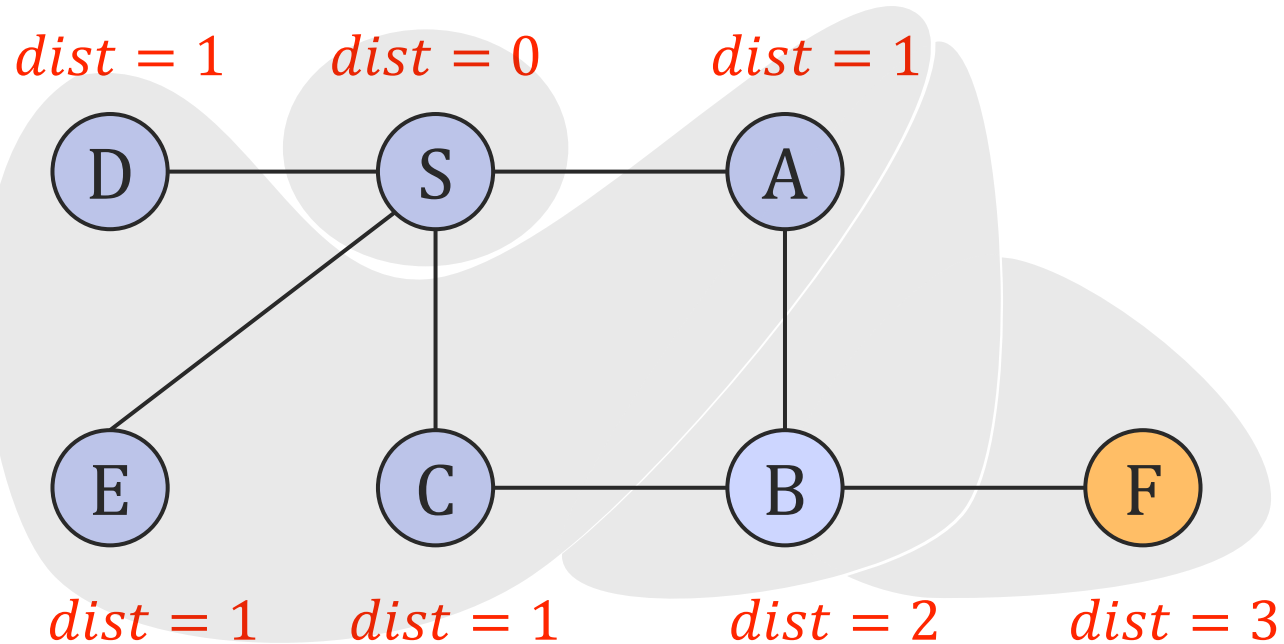
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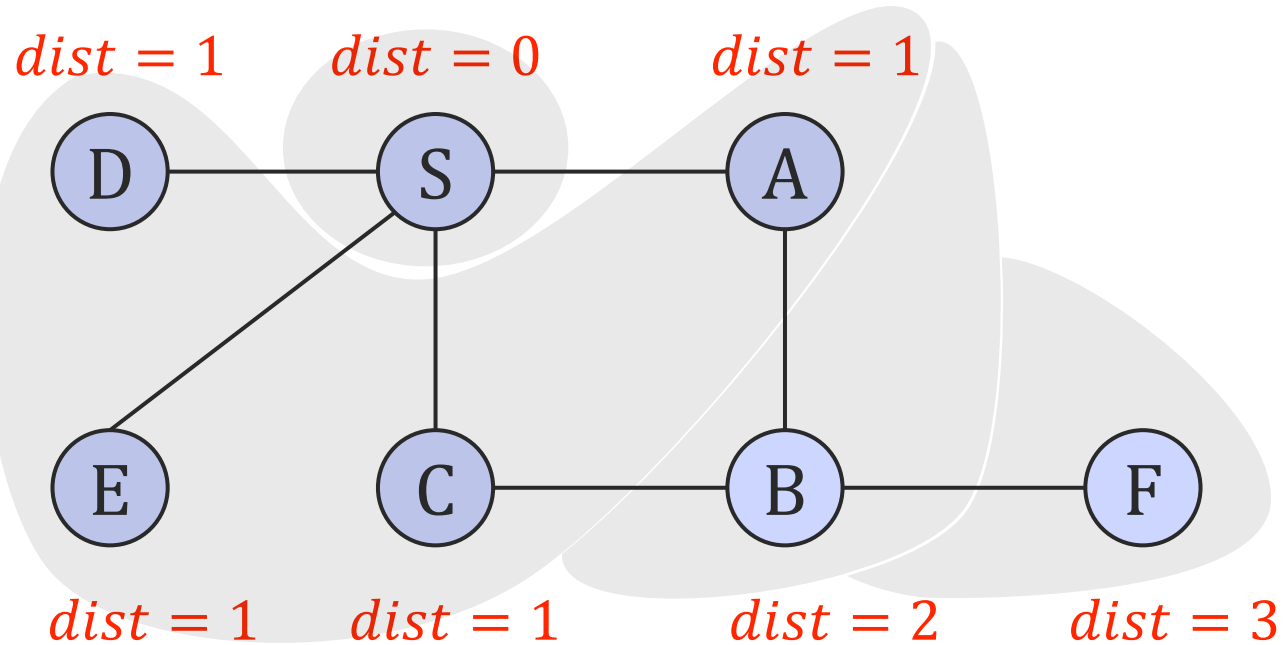
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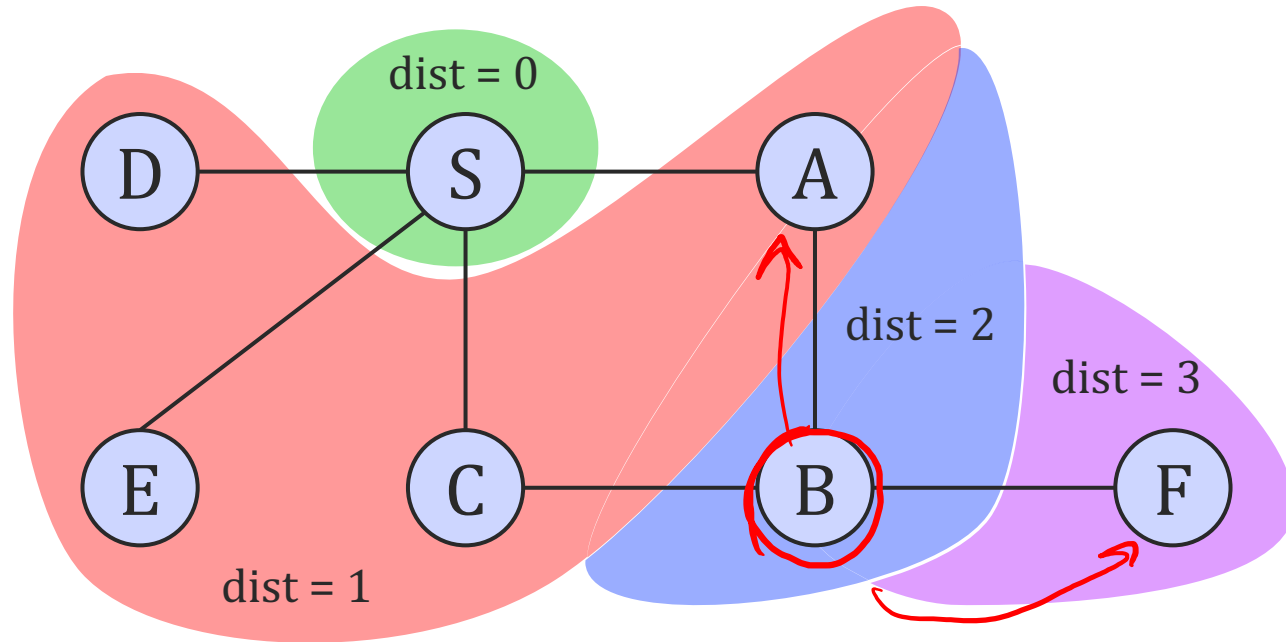
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Runtime of BFS

enqueue and *dequeue* called only once per node
→ $O(1)$ per node.

For every node u , check its neighbors once
→ $O(\deg(u))$ per node.

$$\sum_{u \in V} O(1 + \deg(u)) = O(n + m)$$

Just like DFS. Is this a coincidence?

- Nope!
- DFS is exactly BFS, if *queue* were to be replaced with a *stack*



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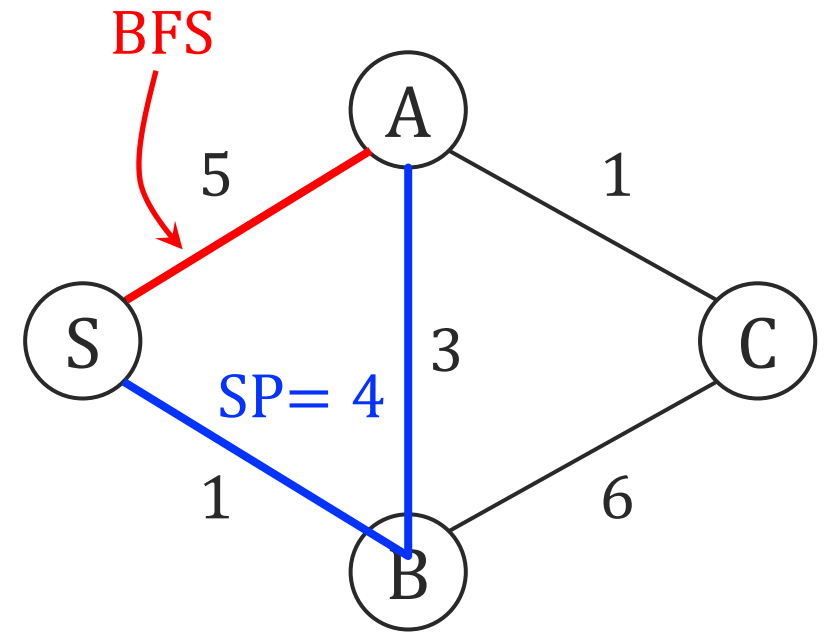
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Weighted Graphs

Ignoring the weights and playing BFS is an issue

If P is the shortest $S \rightarrow V$ path, for any $w \in V$ on path P , the shortest $S \rightarrow w$ path is also on P .



Useful fact

Any sub-path of a shortest path is also a shortest path.

Assume P is the shortest path from S to V .



Proof by

Contradiction: Assume

that shortest $S \rightarrow w$ path isn't P , it's Q :
 $d_Q(S, w) < d_P(S, w)$

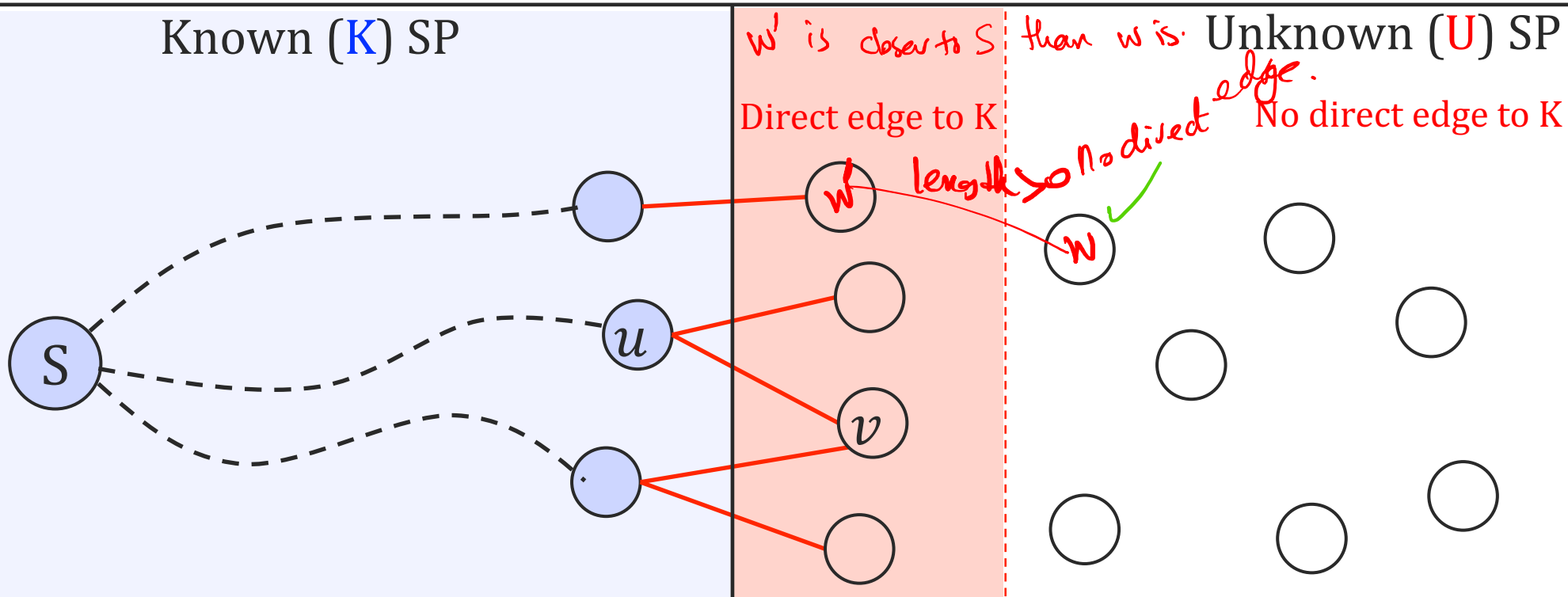
then blue path even shorter $S \rightarrow V$ path:

$$d_Q(S, w) + d_P(w, V) < d_P(S, w) + d_P(w, V) \leq d_P(S, V)$$

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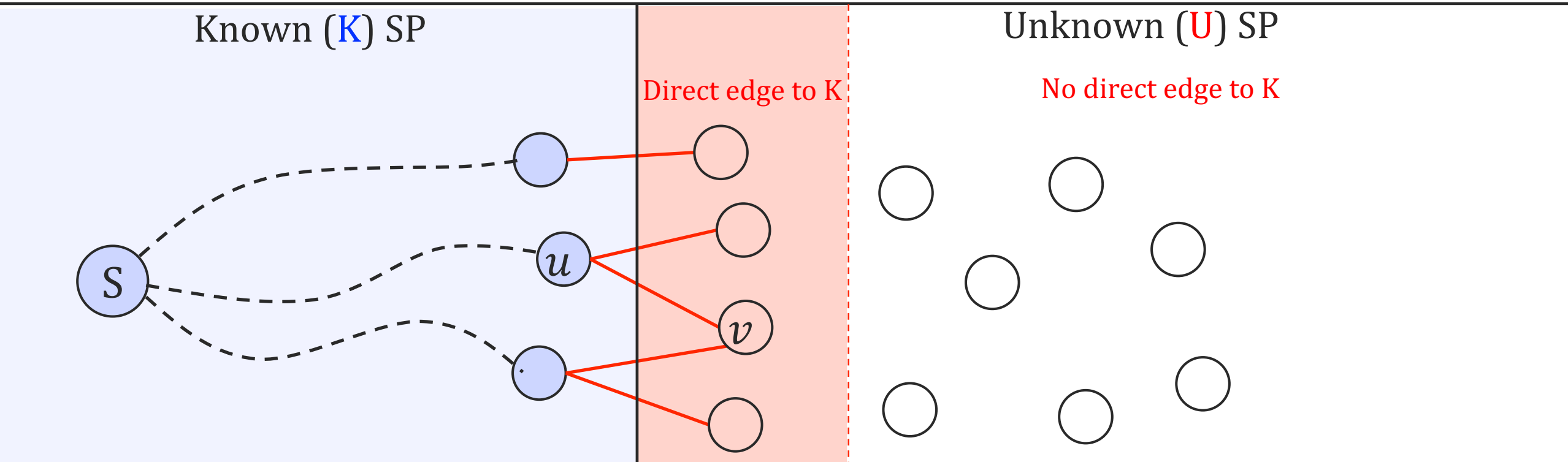


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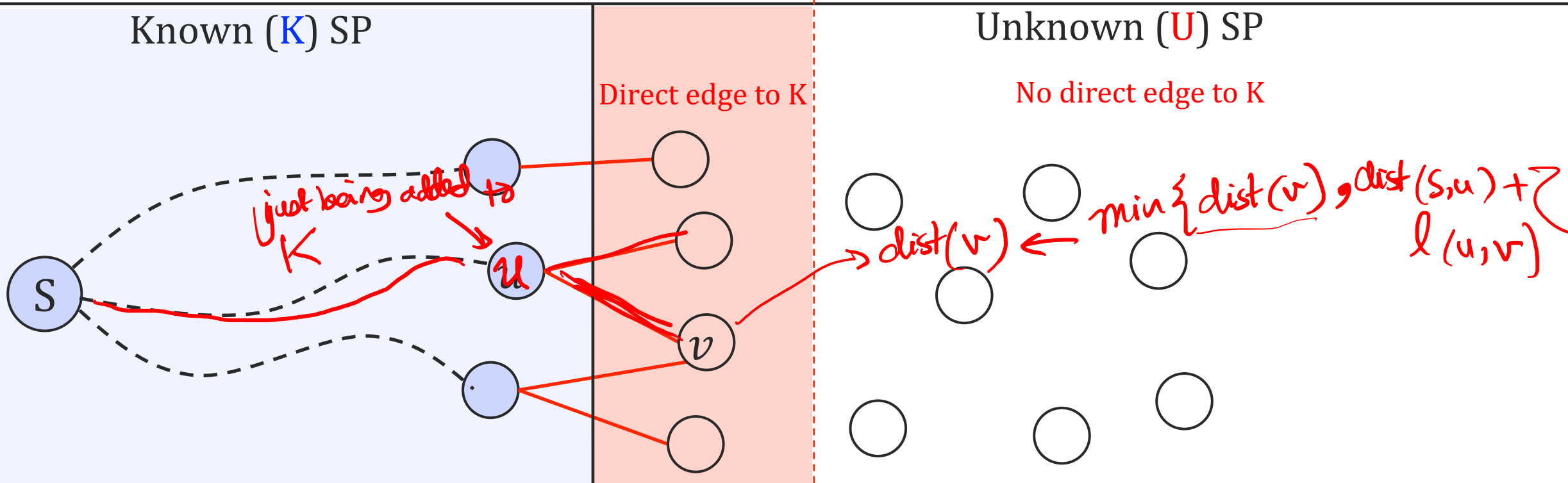
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Don't recompute all of these distances at every round.

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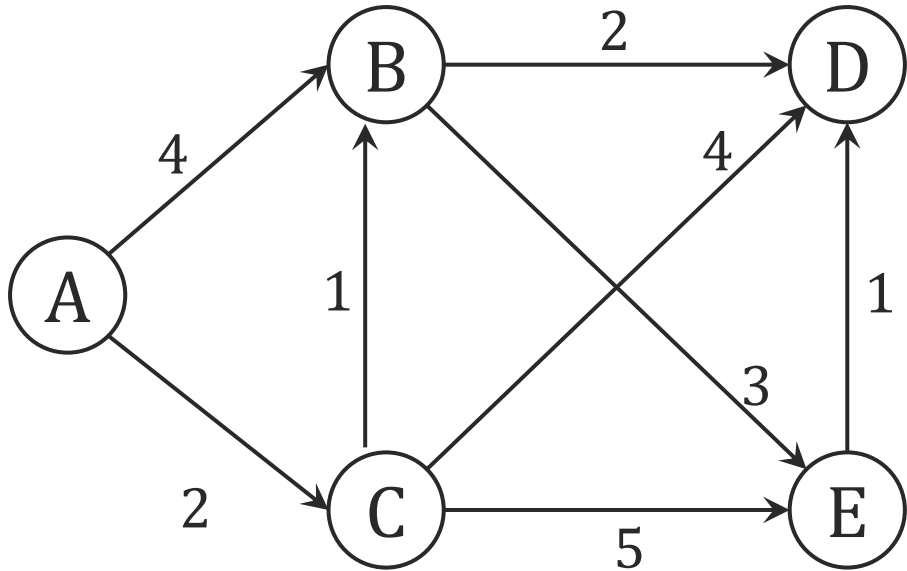
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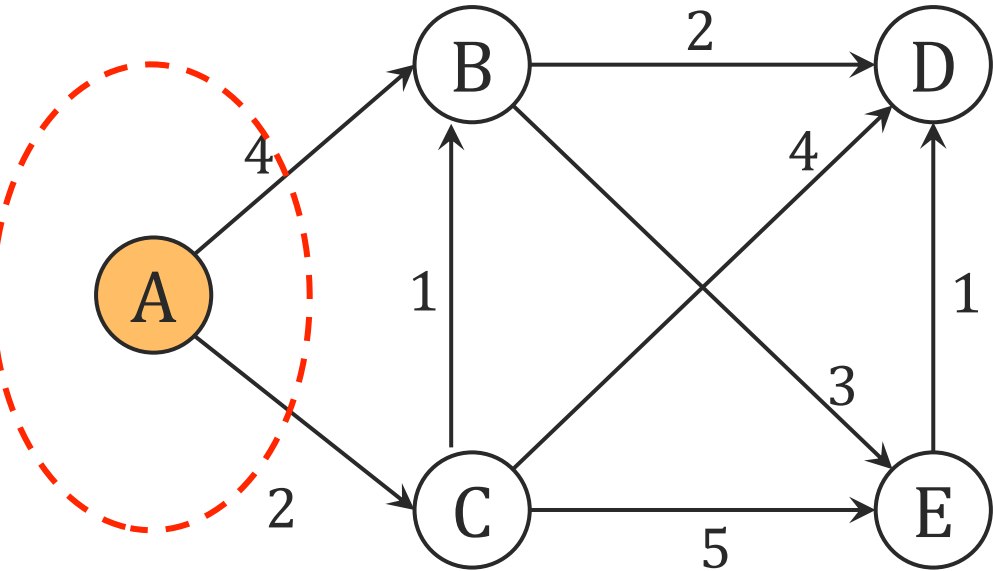
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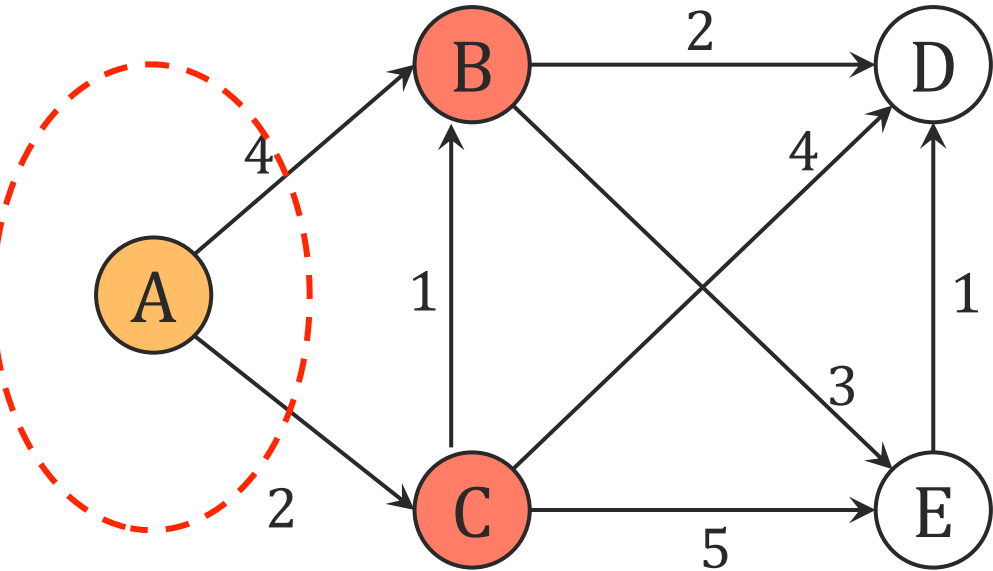
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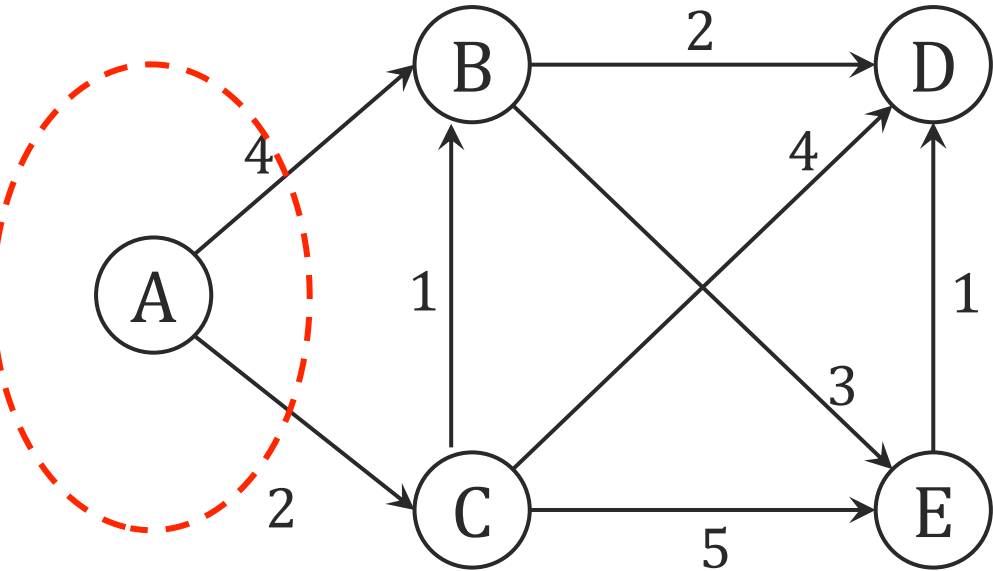
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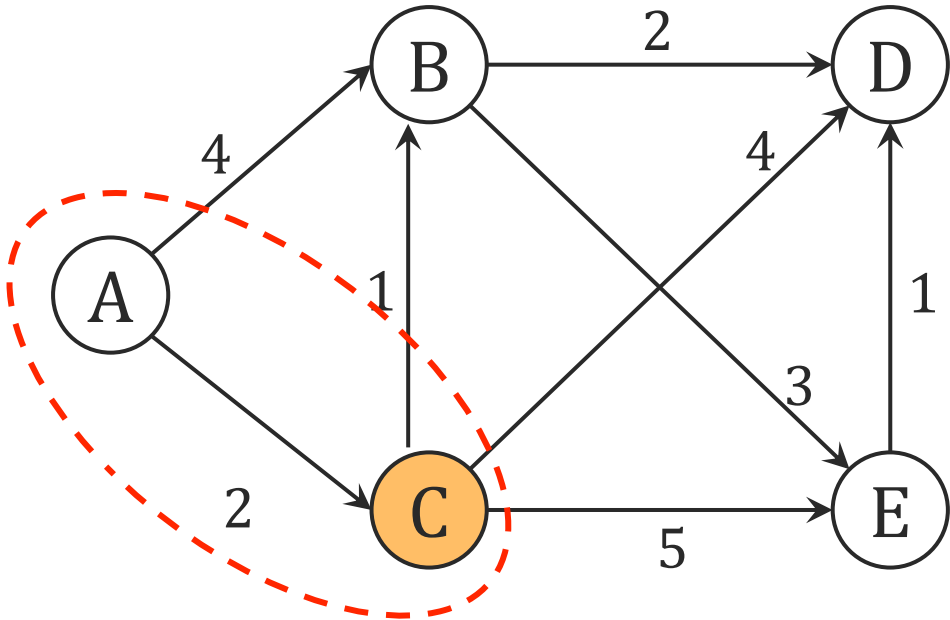
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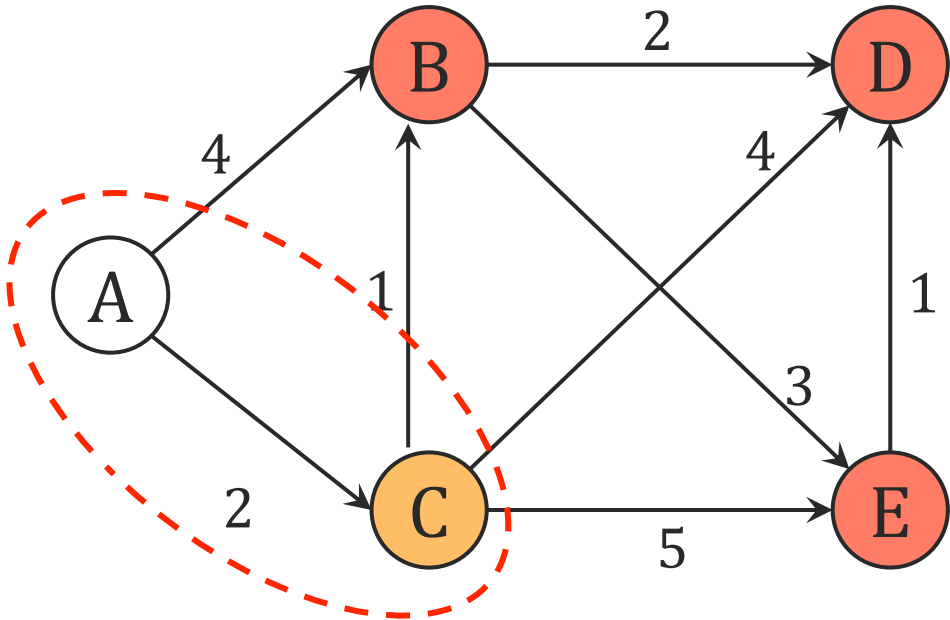
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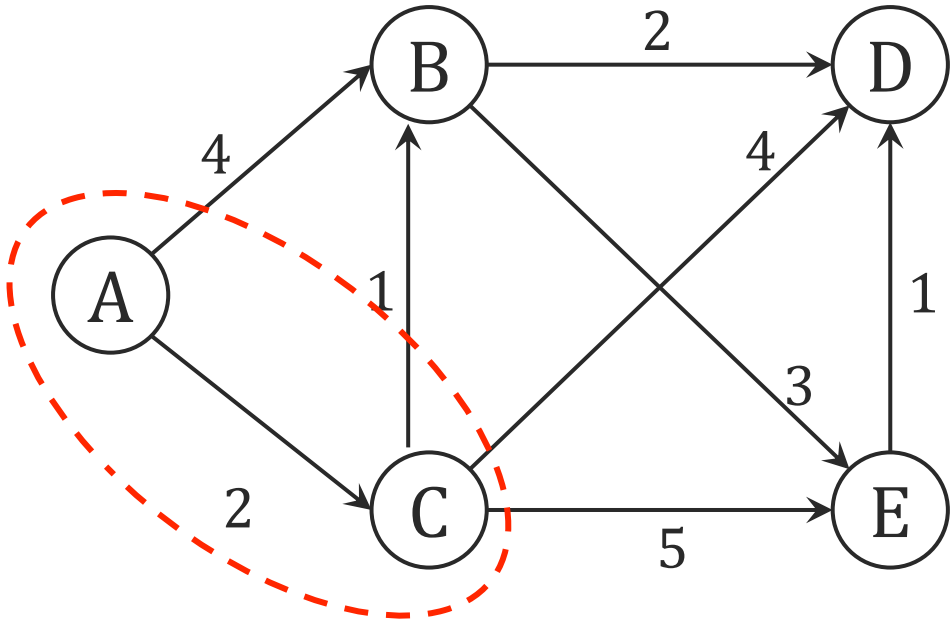
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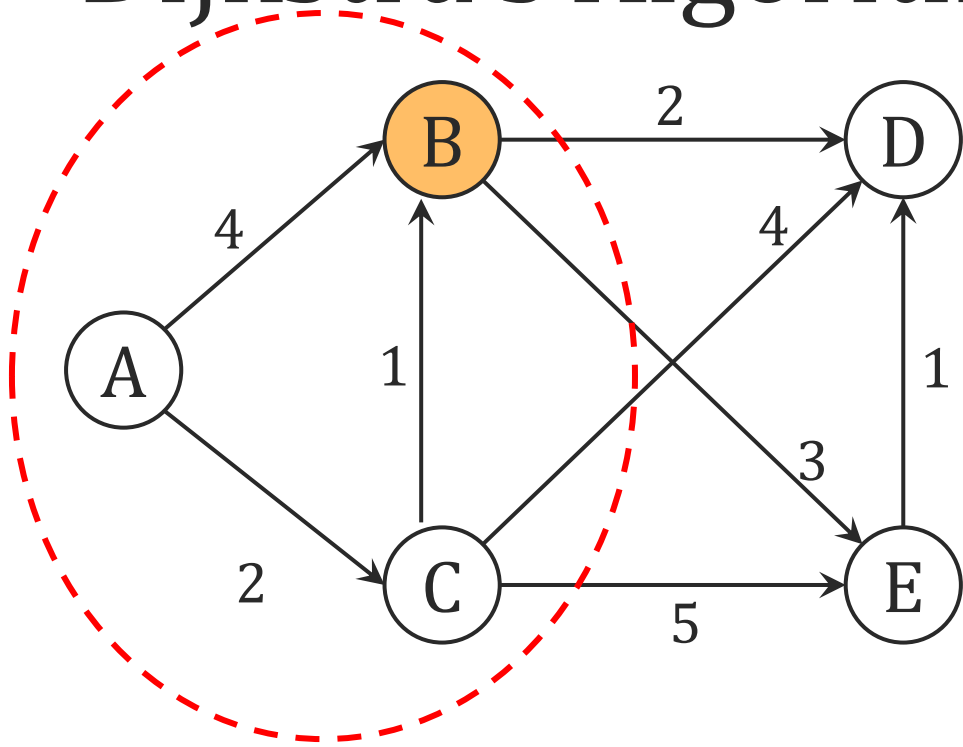
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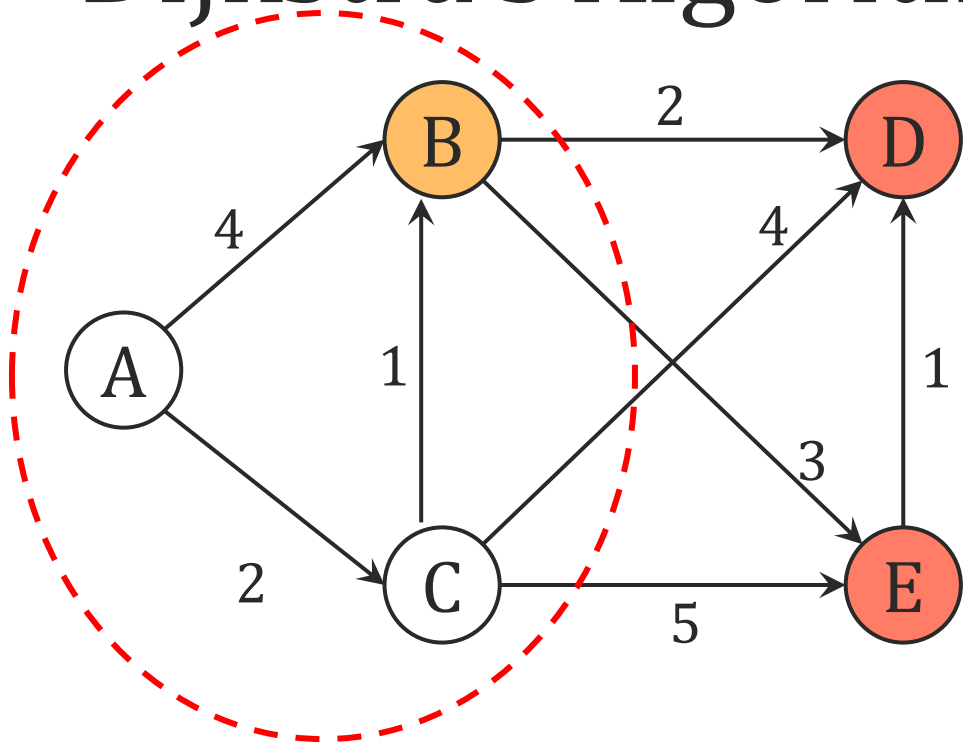
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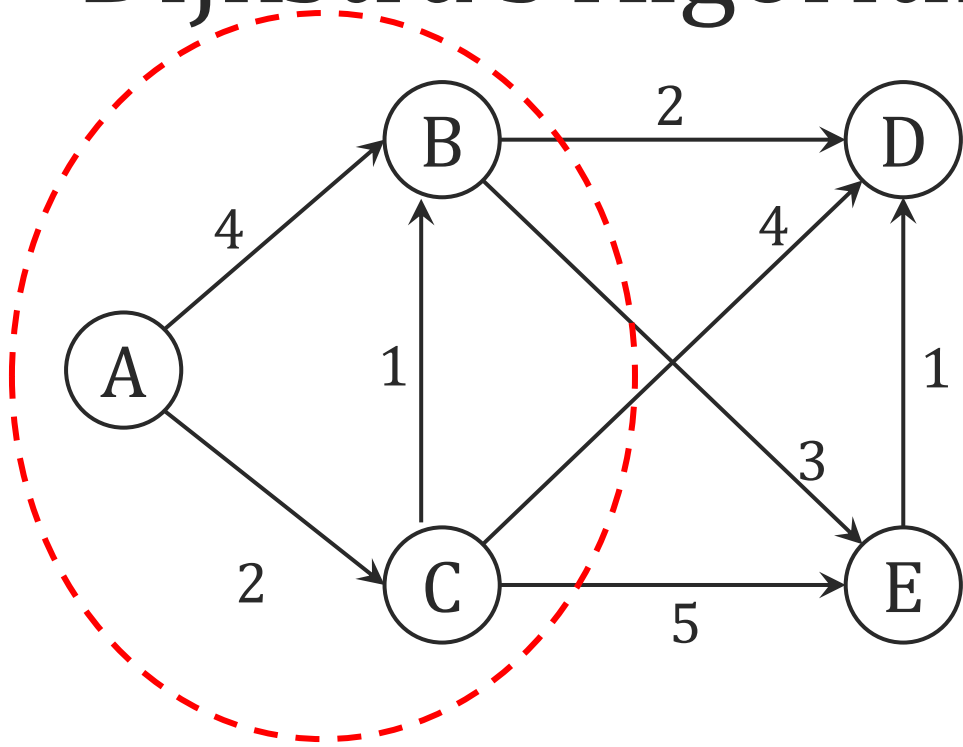
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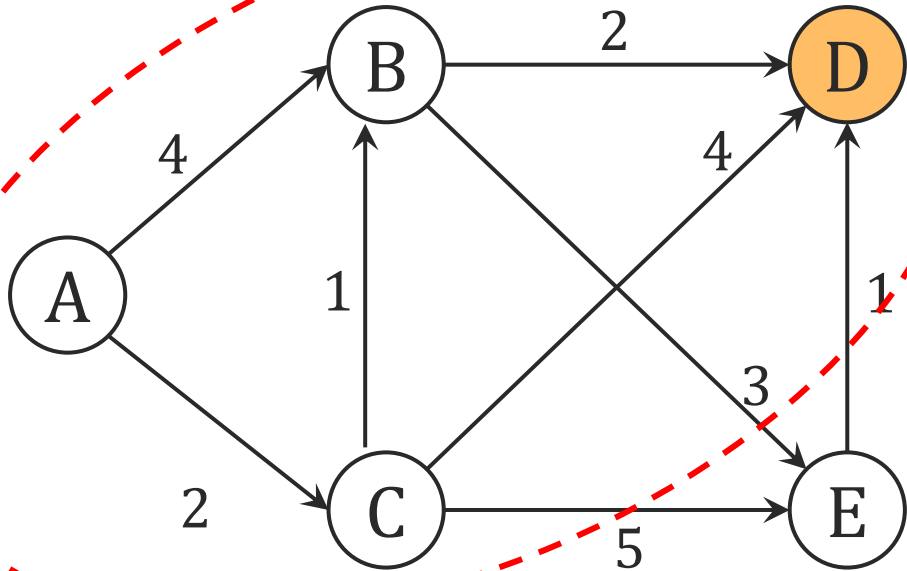
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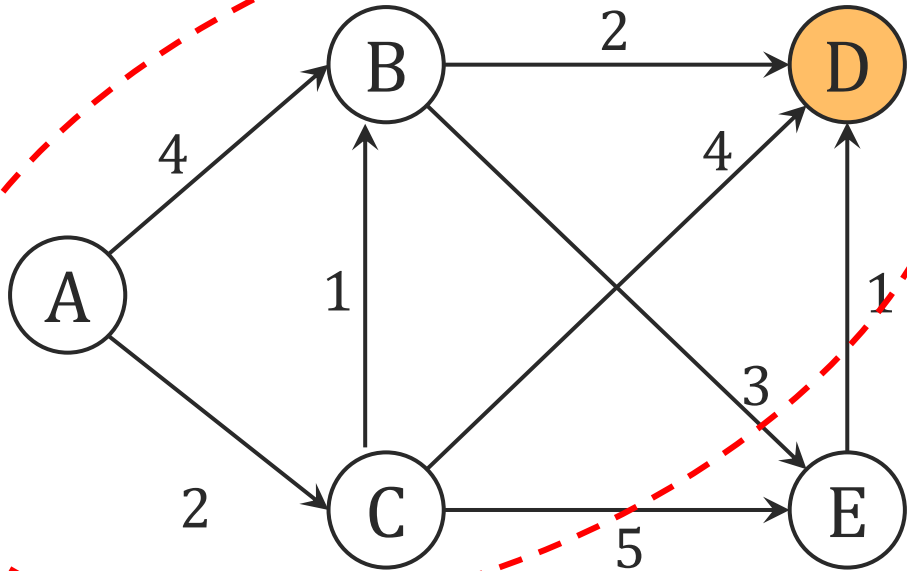
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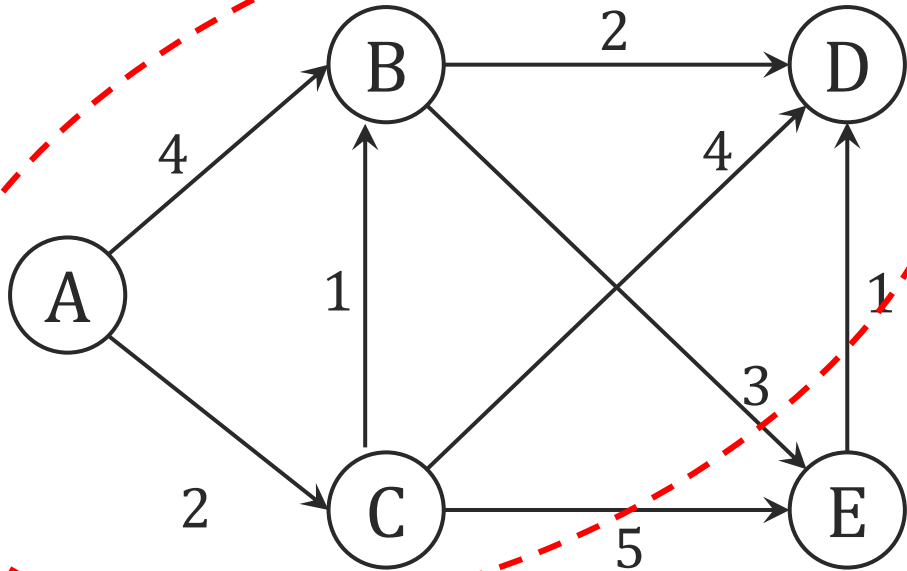
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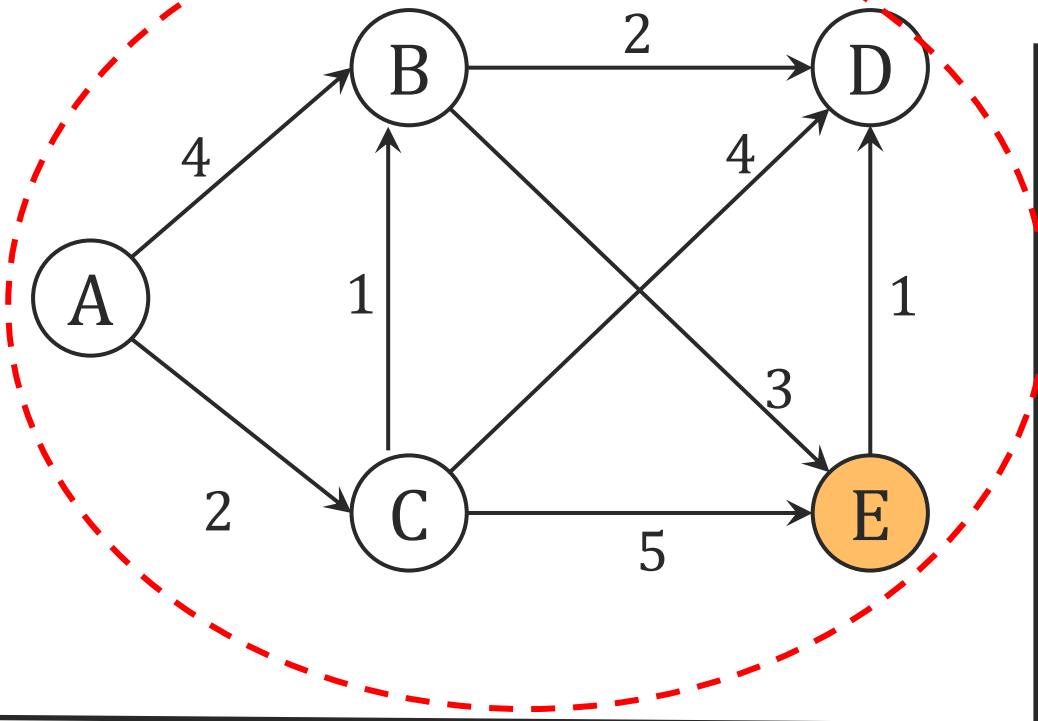
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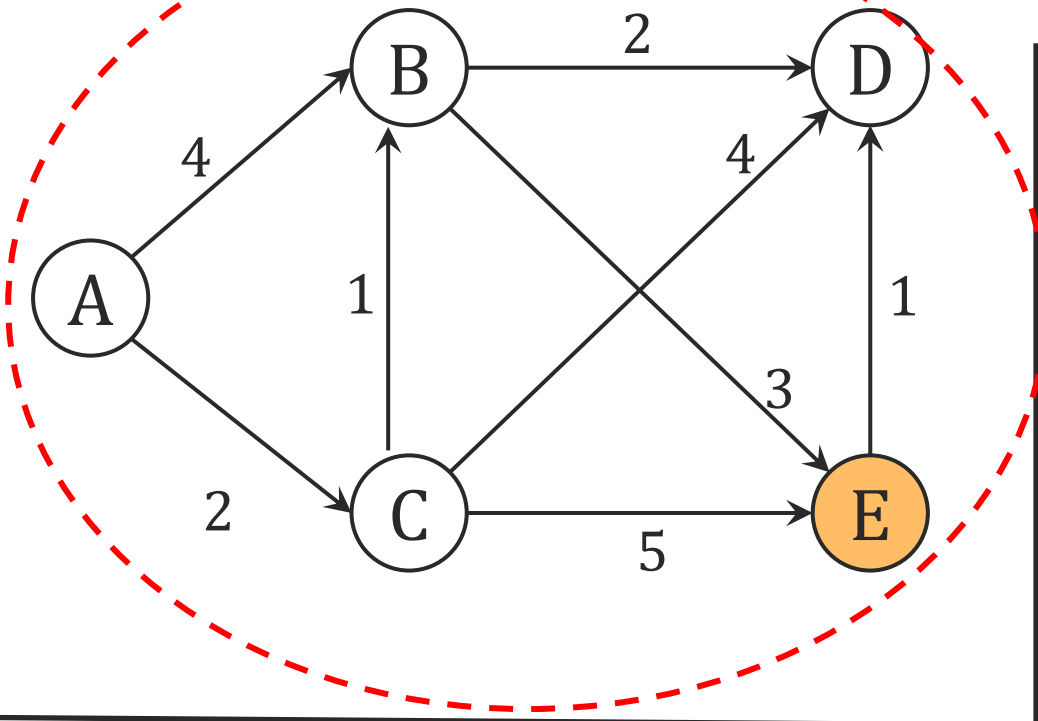
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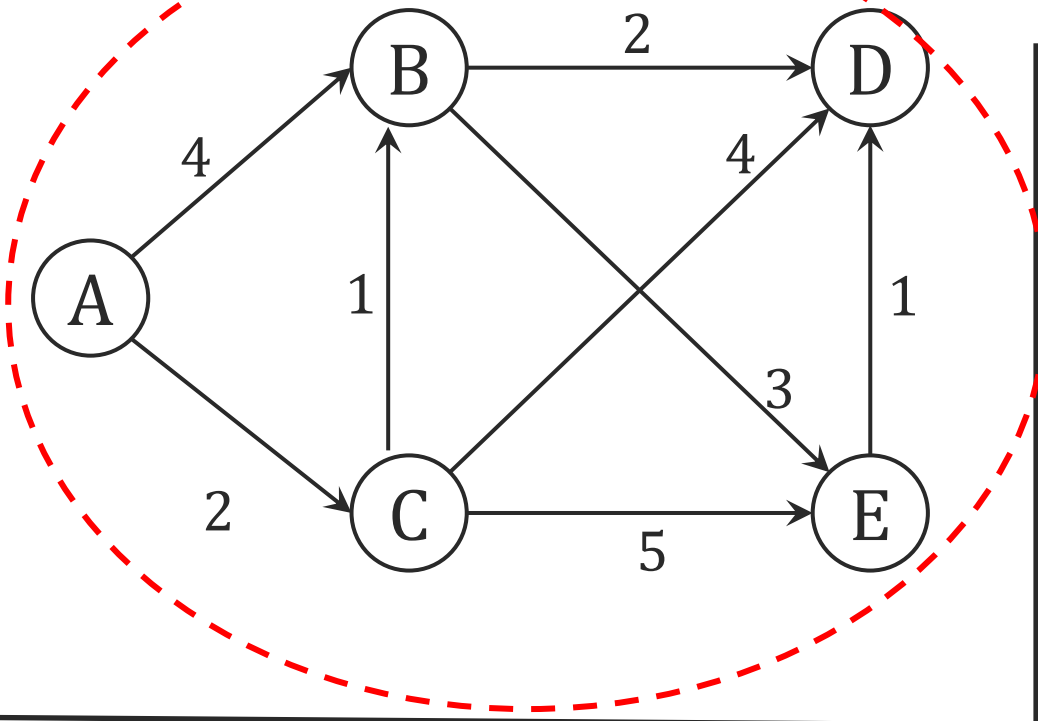
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What is the shortest path?

The **dist** data structure is keeping track of the distances.

But what about the actual path from s to all nodes?

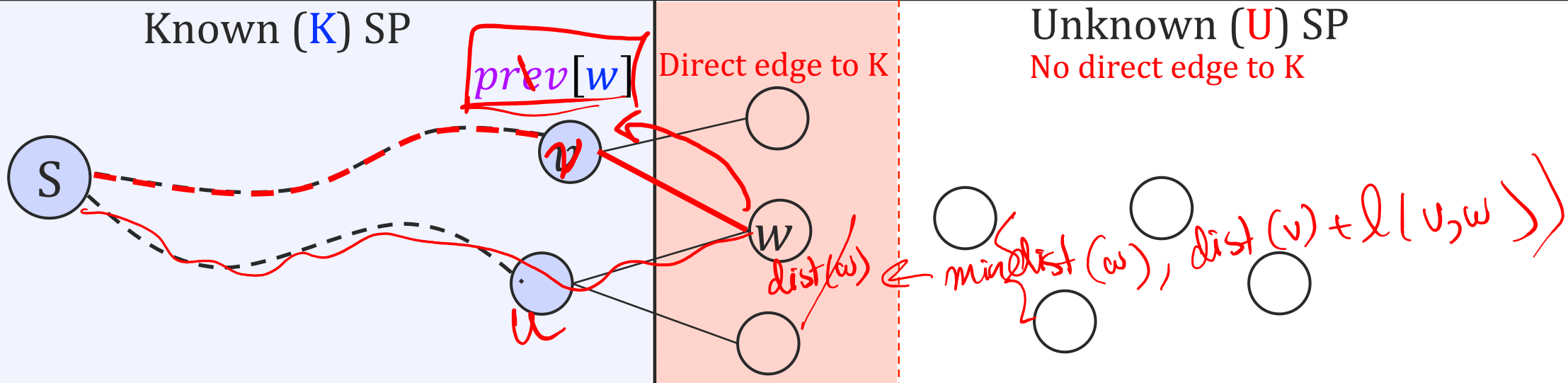
Update(v, w) routine:

“If” condition, finds a shorter path, S to v to w .

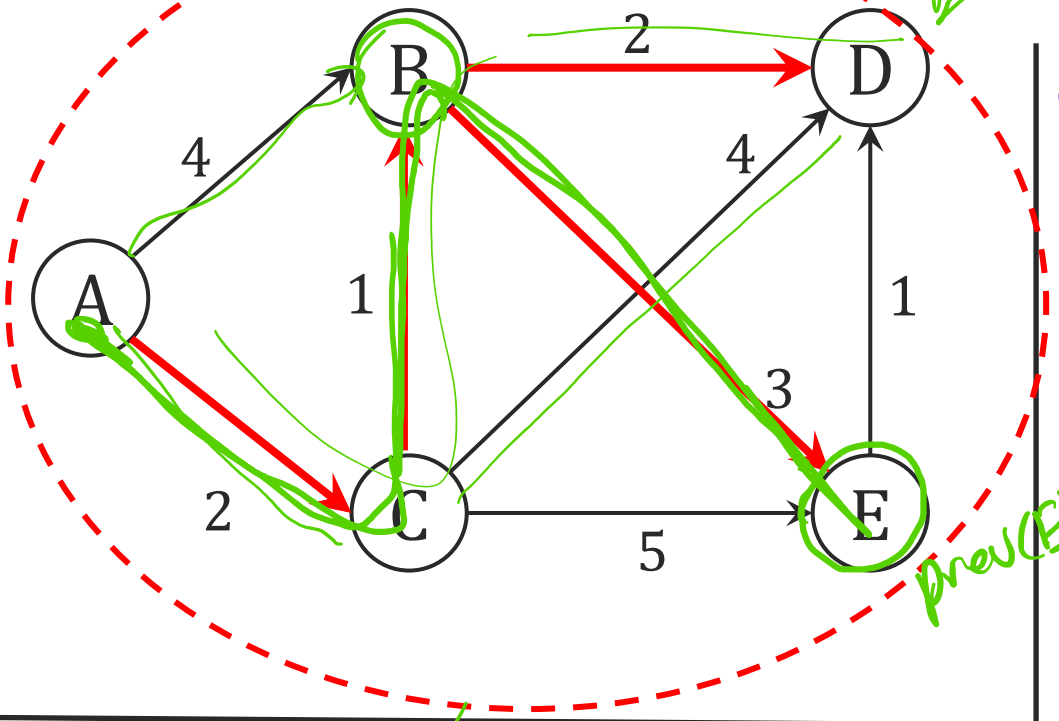
Keep track of the incoming edge, in **prev** $[w]$.

Update(v, w)

If $\text{dist}[w] > \text{dist}[v] + \ell(v, w)$
 $\longrightarrow \text{dist}[w] = \text{dist}[v] + \ell(v, w)$
 $\text{prev}[w] = v$



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$prev(D)=A$
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$dijkstra(G, s)$

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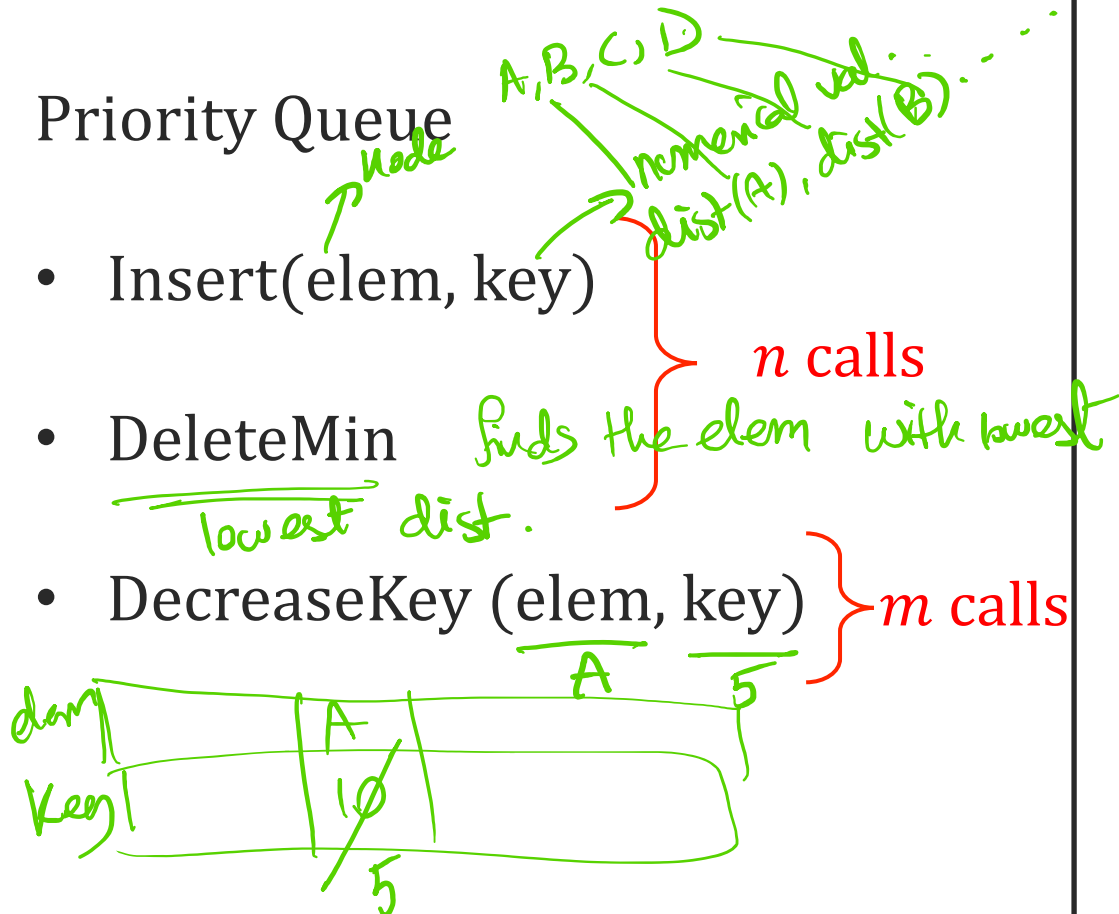
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Runtime of Dijkstra

Depends on the data structure used for keeping track of U 's distances.

Priority Queue

- Insert(elem, key)
- DeleteMin *finds the elem with lowest dist.*
- DecreaseKey (elem, key)



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Priority Queues and Dijkstra

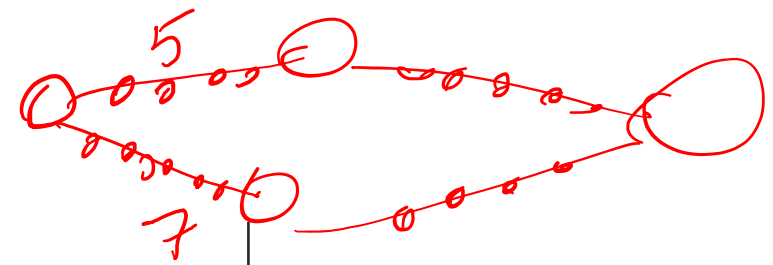
$O(n) \times (\text{Insert} + \text{Delete})$
 $+ m \times \text{DecreaseKey}$

Implementation	ⁿ Insert	DeleteMin	DecreaseKey	Dijkstra's Runtime
Array	$O(1)$ ✓	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	<u>$O(n^2 + m) = O(n^2)$</u>

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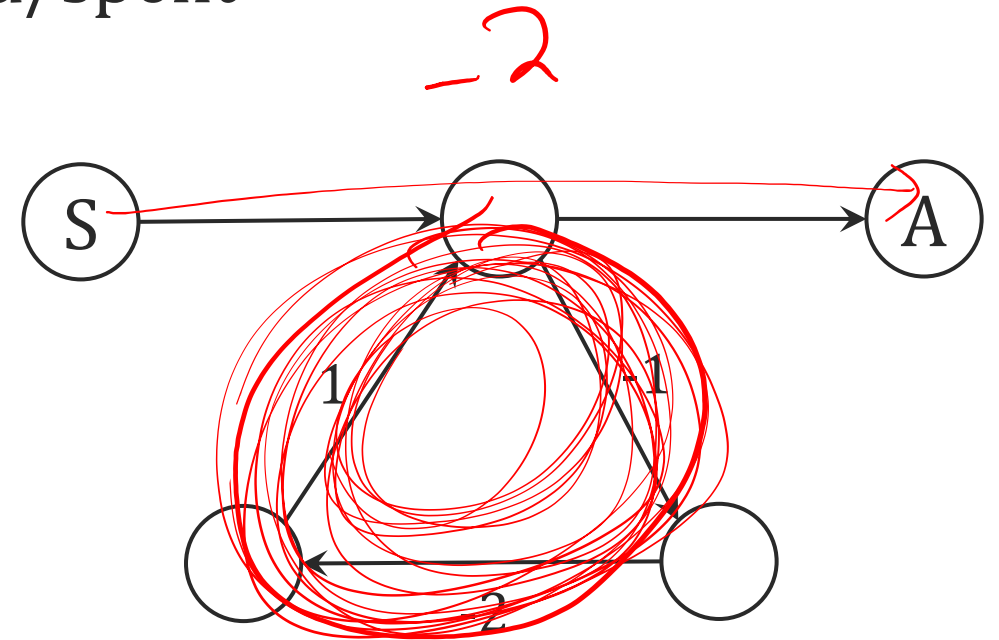
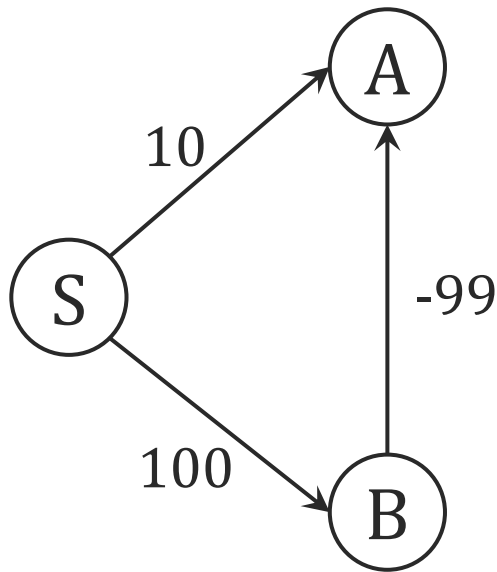
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Fibonacci heap	$O(1)$	$O(\log(n))$	$O(1)$	$O(n \log(n) + m)$

Best known Dijkstra's runtime (2004): $O(n \log \log(n) + m)$

Negative Weights

Sometimes there are negative weights on graphs:

- Instead of total cost, recording cost saved/spent



SSSP is well-defined if no cycle has ~~negative~~ **negative length**.

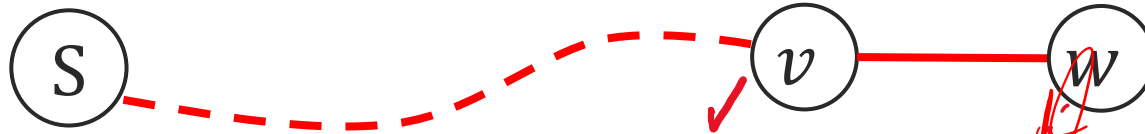
Reviewing the Update Method

1. Update is “safe”: $\text{dist}[w]$ is an overestimate on the true SP length $d(s, w)$

→ At all times, $\text{dist}[w] \geq d(s, w)$ for all $w \in V$.

So $S-v$ SP is also ^{on} the same path.

2. Suppose the shortest $S - w$ path is the following and that $\text{dist}[v] = d(s, v)$.



→ Then, $\text{update}(v, w)$ will result in $\text{dist}[w] = d(s, w)$.

B/c
 $\min \{ \text{dist}(w), \text{dist}(v) + \underbrace{\ell(v, w)}_{\text{true SP}} \}$
so $= d(s, w)$

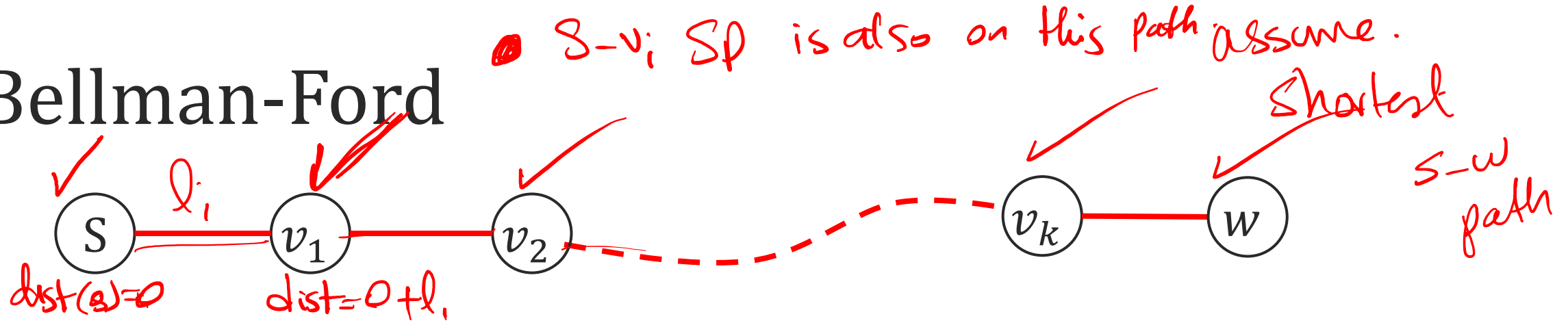
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and
by ① $\text{dist}(w) \geq d(s, w)$
originally.

Bellman-Ford



The following sequence, computes every node's distance from S correctly.

$update(s, v_1) \dots update(v_1, v_2) \dots update(v_2, v_3) \dots \dots update(v_k, w)$

This sequence is a subsequence of iterating over all edges and updating each one, and repeating this $n - 1$ times.

Bellman-Ford(G, s)

For $i=1, \dots, n-1$

For all $(u, v) \in E$

$update(u, v)$

Runtime of Bellman-Ford:

- $O(nm)$ updates
- Each update is $O(1)$.
- Best SSSP runtime for arbitrary edge weights.

Wrap up

BFS versus DFS!

BFS, Dijkstra, Bellman-Ford

- All good for single-source shortest path problem.
- Dijkstra handles positive weights, but less efficient than BFS
- Bellman-Ford can handle negative weights, but less efficient than Dijkstra

Next time

- Greedy Algorithms