

# Lecture 12

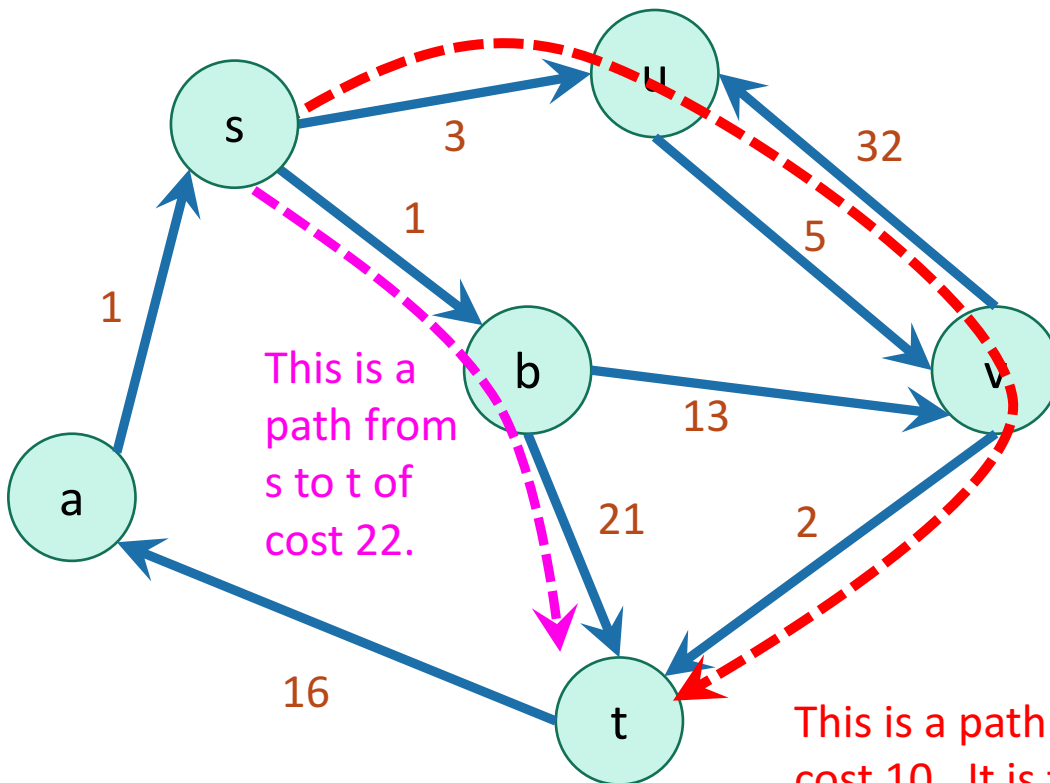
More Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall,  
and Dynamic Programming!

# Announcements

- HW5 due Friday
- Midterms have been graded!
  - Available on Gradescope.
  - Mean/Median: 66 (it was a hard test!)
  - Max: 97
  - Std. Dev: 14
- Please look at the solutions and come to office hours if you have questions about your midterm!

# Recall

- A weighted directed graph:

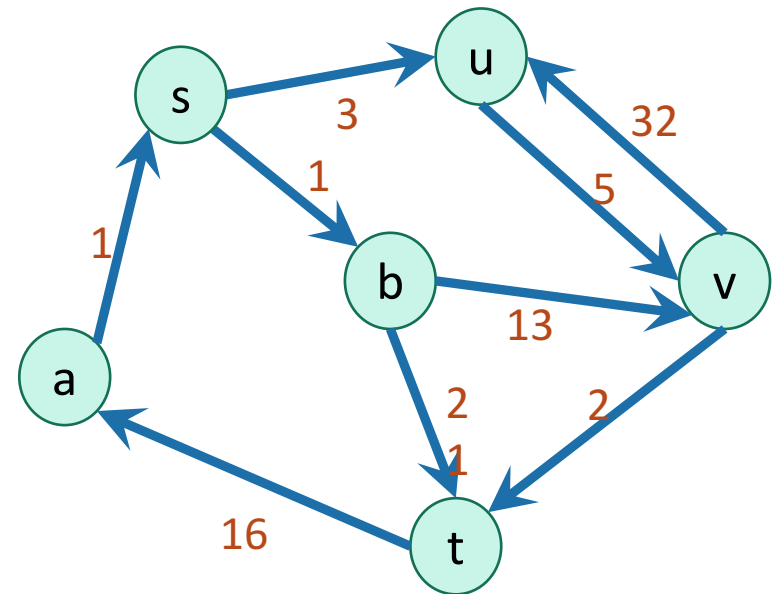


- **Weights** on edges represent **costs**.
- The **cost of a path** is the **sum of the weights** along that path.
- A **shortest path** from **s** to **t** is a directed path from s to t with the **smallest cost**.
- The **single-source shortest path** problem is to find the **shortest path** from s to v for all v in the graph.

# Last time

- Dijkstra's algorithm!
- Bellman-Ford algorithm!
  - Both solve **single-source shortest path** in **weighted graphs**.

We didn't quite finish with the Bellman-Ford algorithm so let's do that now.



# Bellman-Ford vs. Dijkstra

## Bellman-Ford( $G,s$ ):

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        - $d[v] \leftarrow \min( d[v] , d[u] + w(u,v) )$
- Instead of picking  $u$  cleverly,  
just update for all of the  $u$ 's.

## Dijkstra( $G,s$ ):

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

# For pedagogical reasons which we will see later today...

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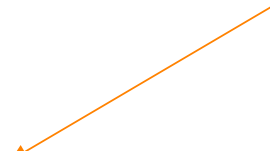
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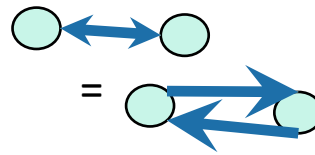
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The for loop over  $u$  gets  
picked up in this min.



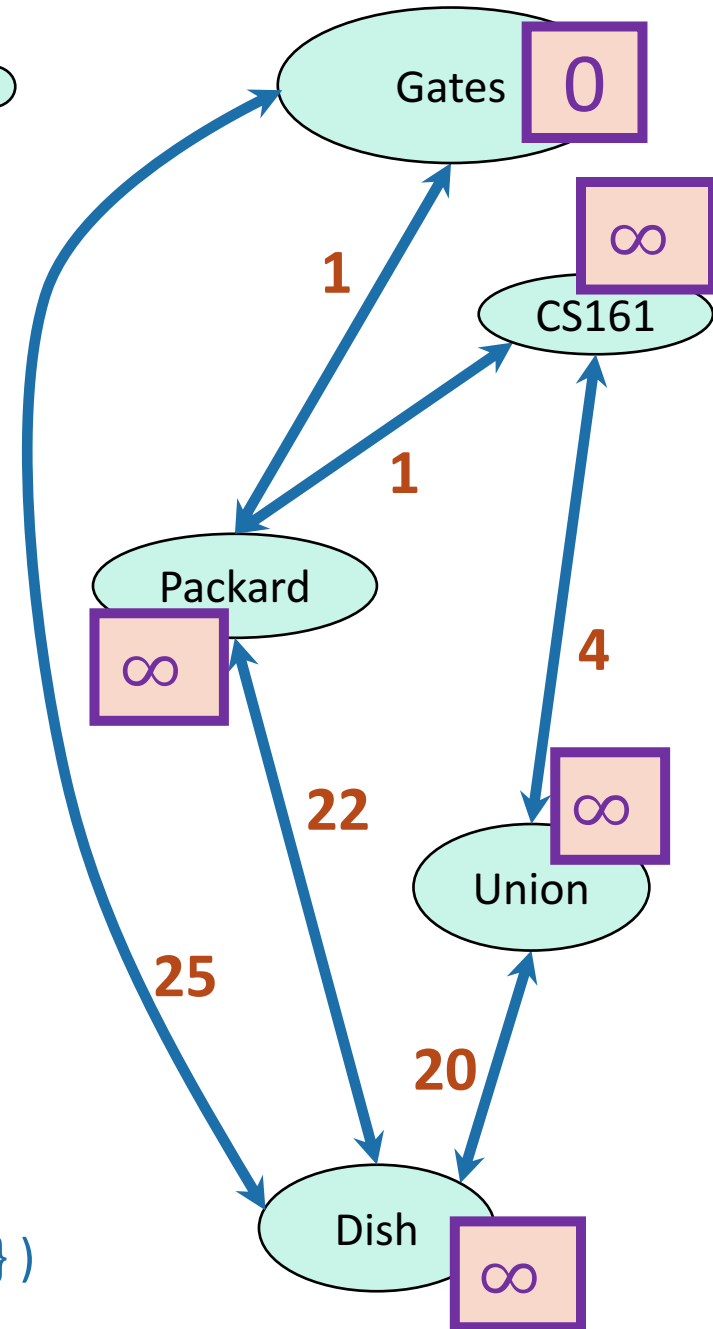
# Bellman-Ford



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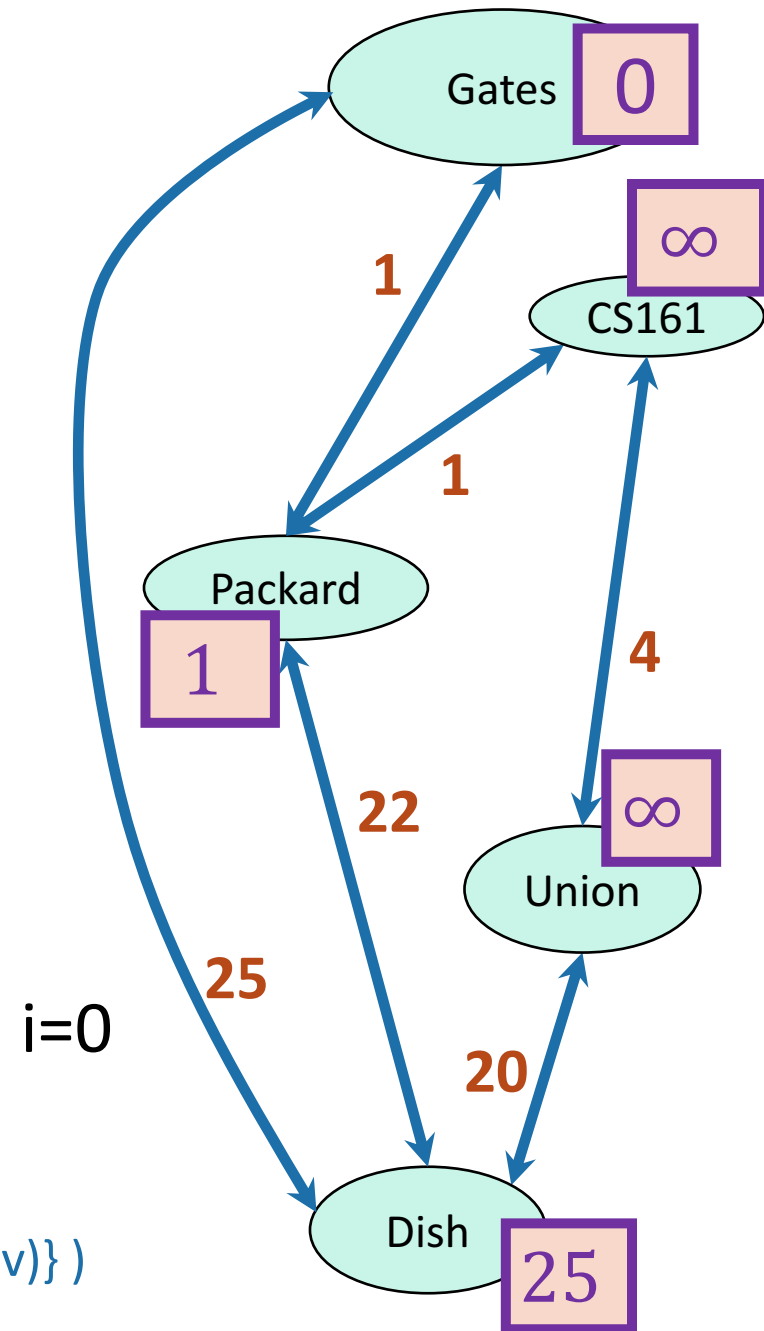


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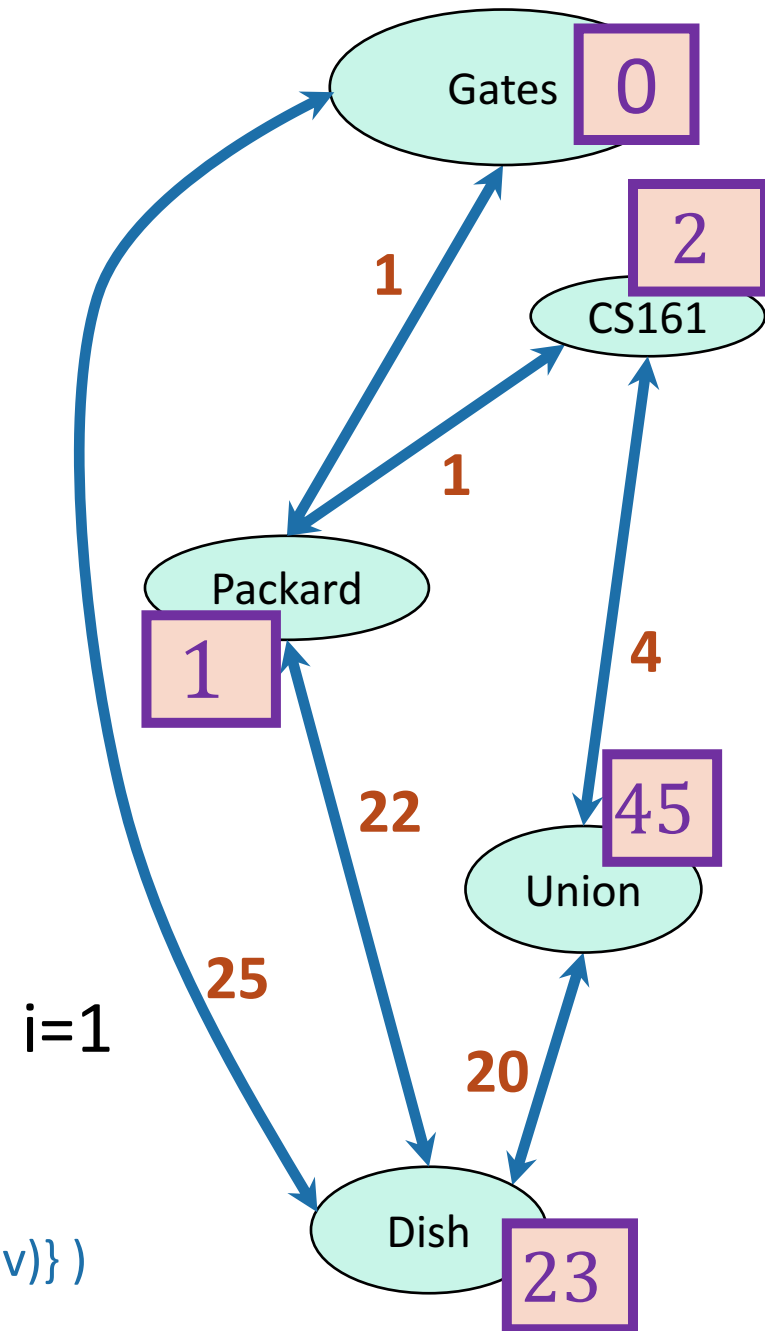


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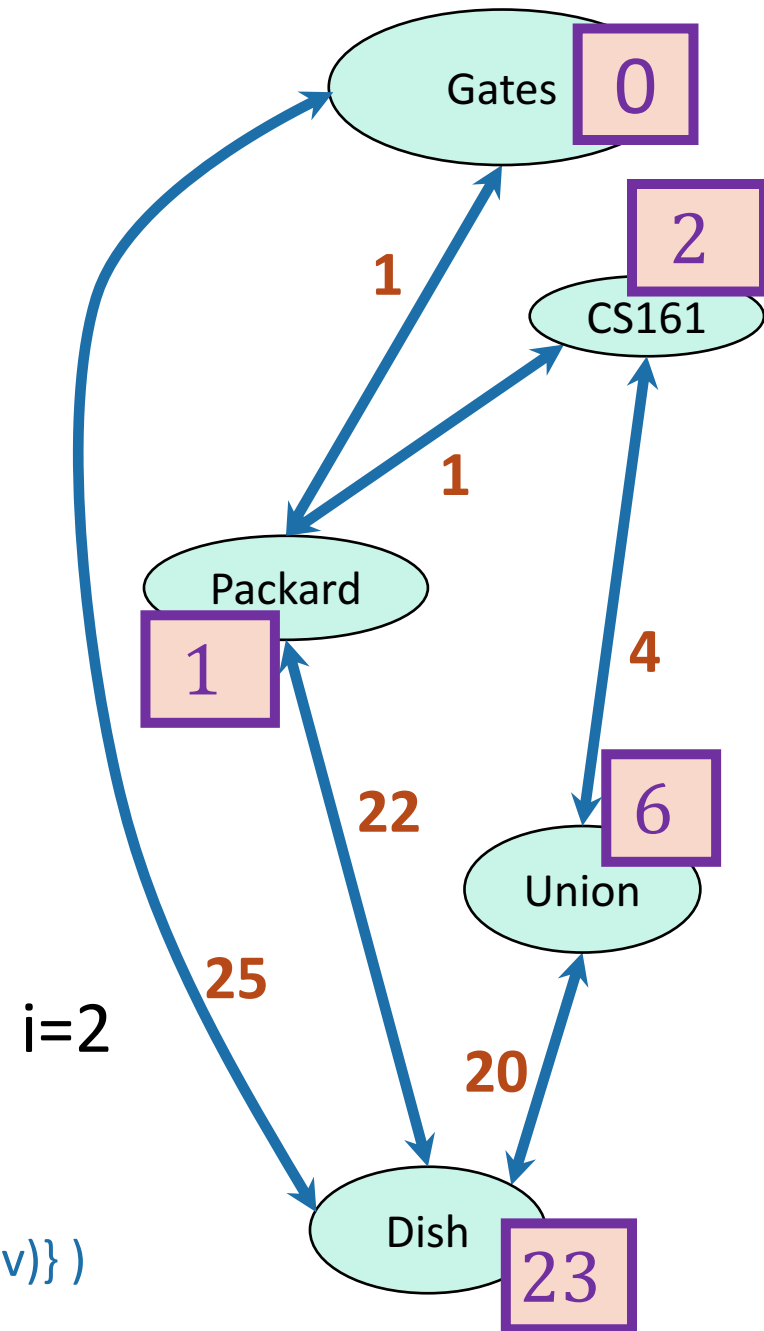


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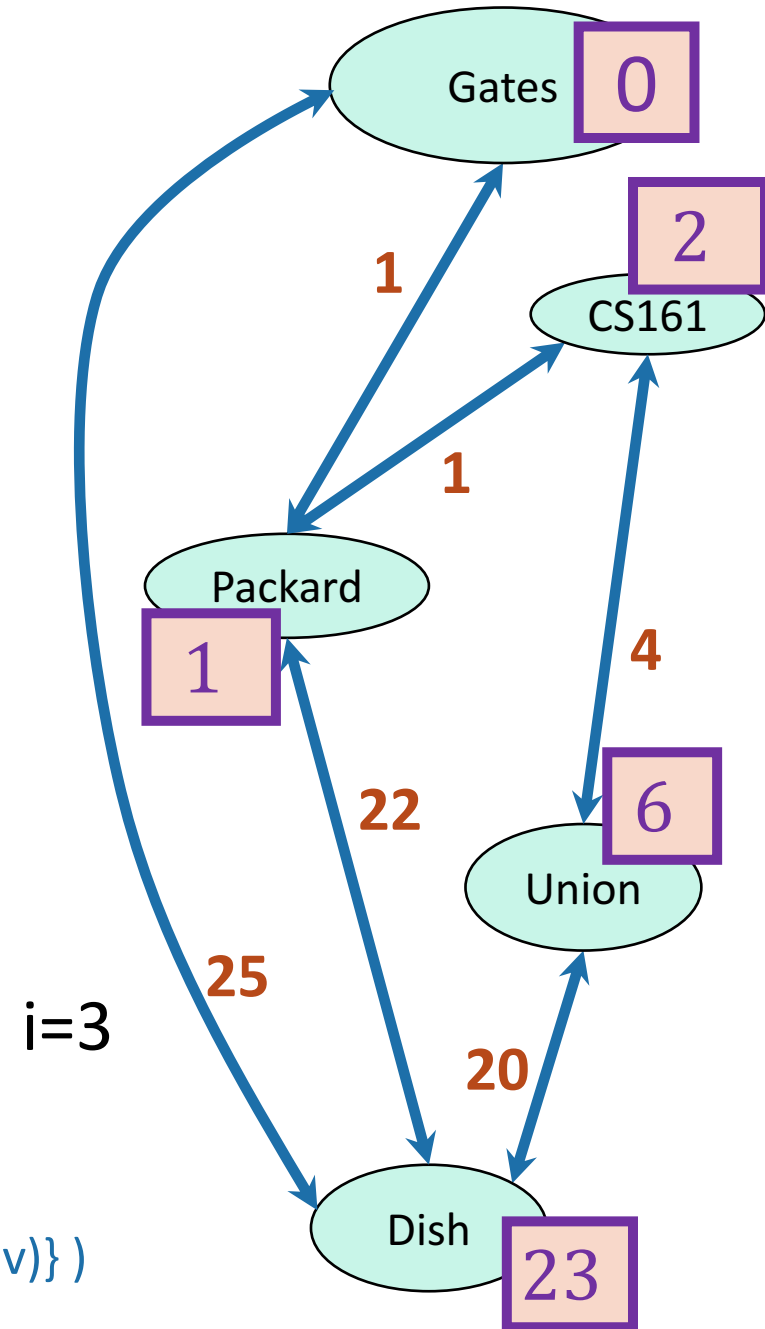


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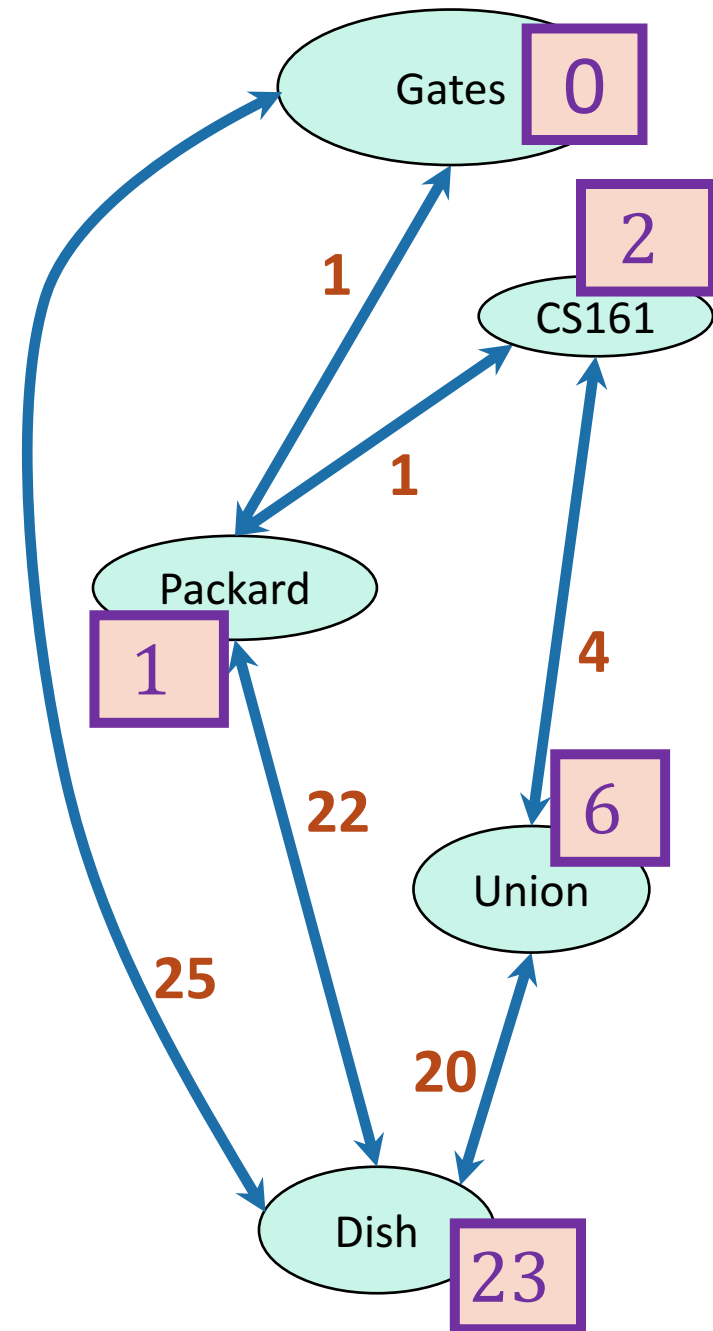
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# Interpretation of $d^{(i)}$

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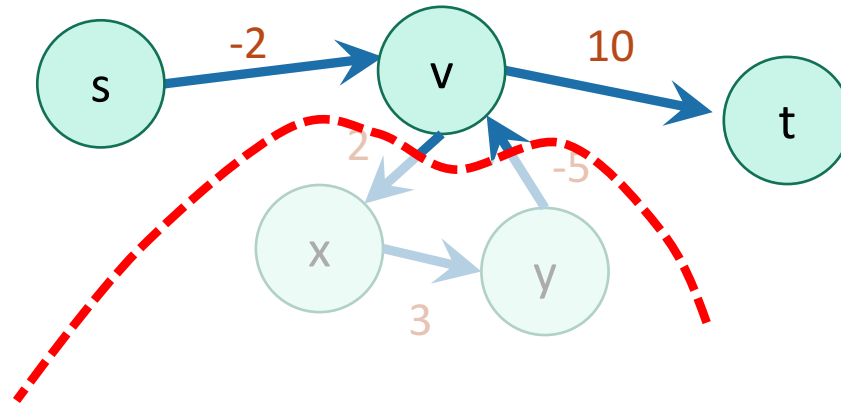
# Why does Bellman-Ford work?

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

# Aside: simple paths

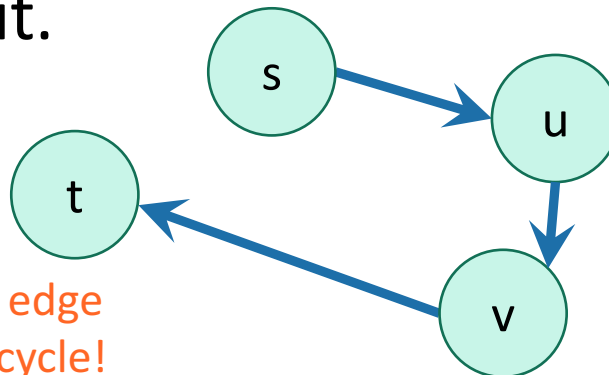
Assume there is no negative cycle.

- Then not only are there shortest paths, but actually there's always a **simple** shortest path.



This cycle isn't helping.  
Just get rid of it.

- A **simple path** in a graph with  $n$  vertices has at most  $n-1$  edges in it.



Can't add another edge  
without making a cycle!

"Simple" means  
that the path has  
no cycles in it.



# Why does it work?

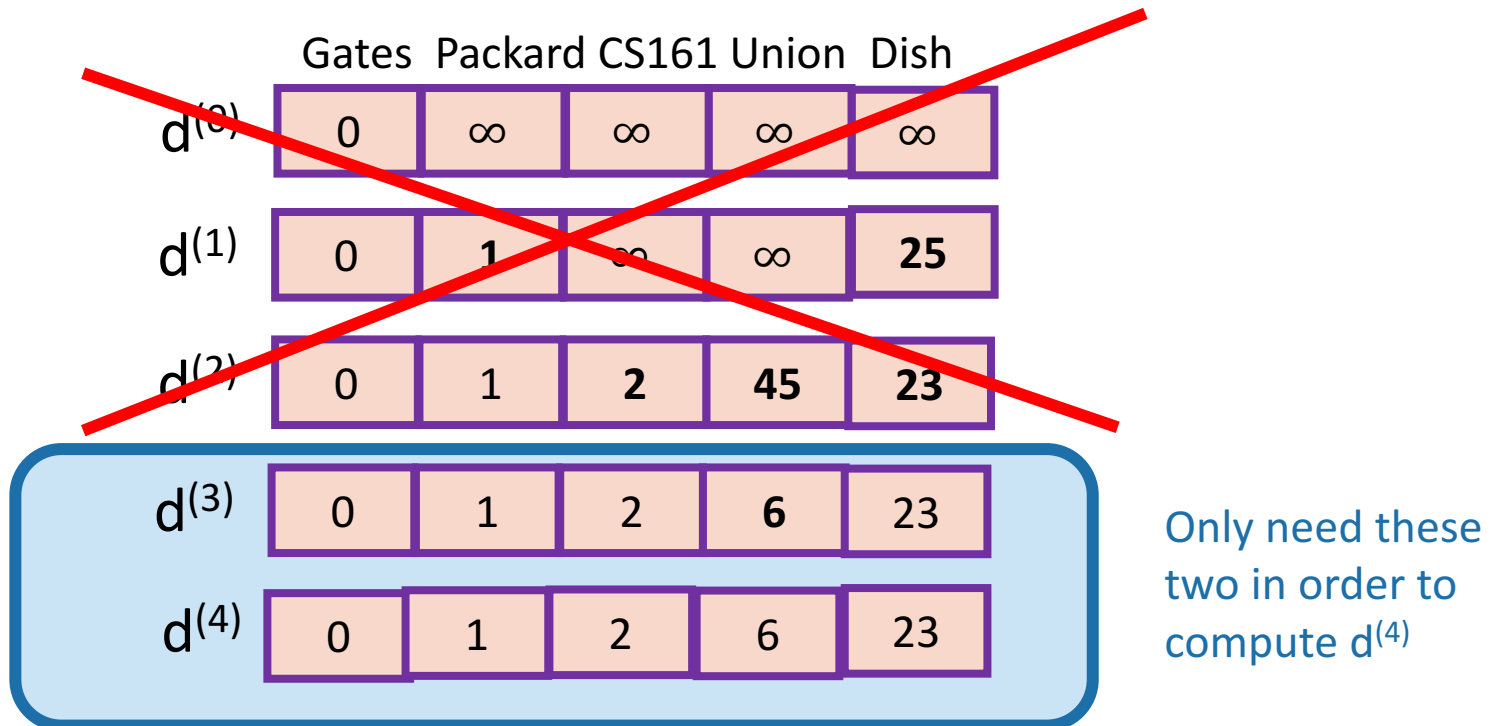
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- Conclusion(s):
  - $d^{(n-1)}[v]$  is equal to the cost of the shortest path between  $s$  and  $v$  **with at most  $n-1$  edges**.
  - **If there are no negative cycles**,  $d^{(n-1)}[v]$  is equal to the cost of the shortest path.

Notice that negative edge **weights** are fine.  
Just not negative cycles.



# Note on implementation

- Don't actually keep all  $n$  arrays around.
- Just keep two at a time: “last round” and “this round”



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Only need these two in order to compute  $d^{(4)}$

# This seems much slower than Dijkstra

- And it is:

Running time  $O(mn)$

- However, it's also more flexible in a few ways.
  - Can handle negative edges
  - If we keep on doing these iterations, then changes in the network will propagate through.

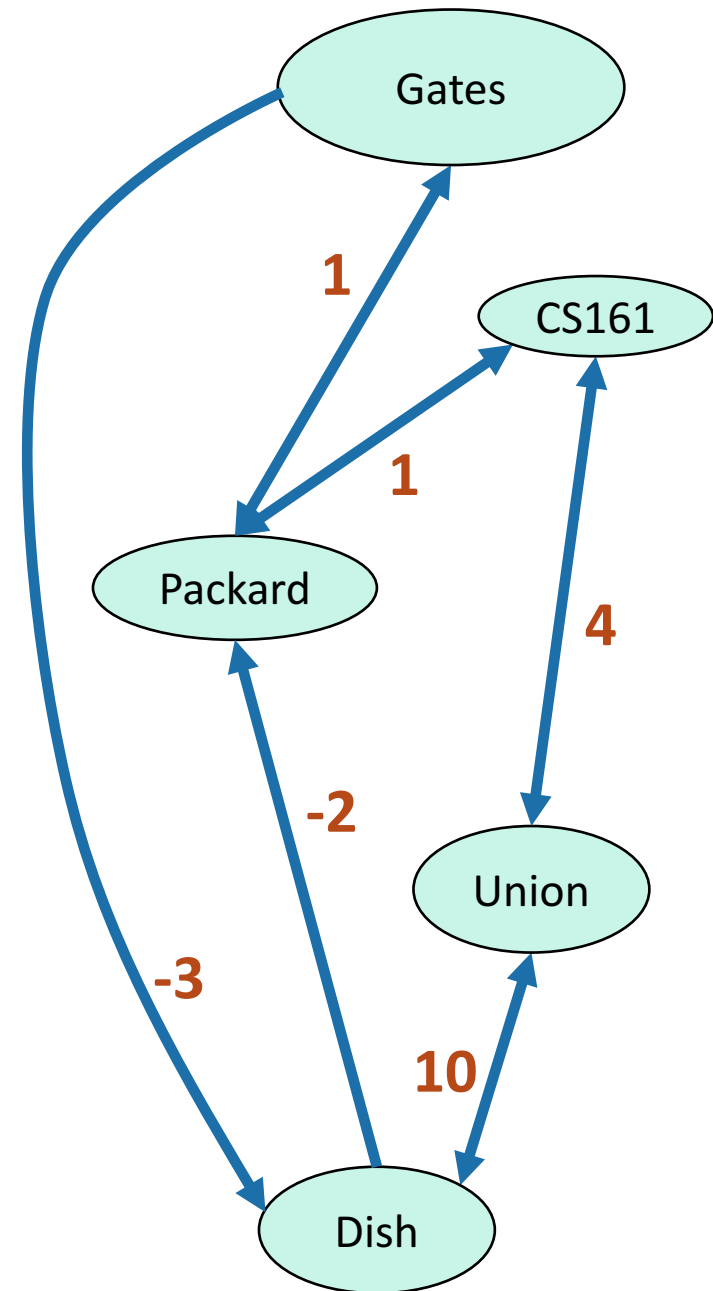
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# Negative cycles

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$d^{(2)}$	0	-5	2	7	-3
$d^{(3)}$	-4	-5	-4	6	-3
$d^{(4)}$	-4	-5	-4	6	-7

**This is not looking good!**

- For  $i=0, \dots, n-2$ :
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# Negative edge weights

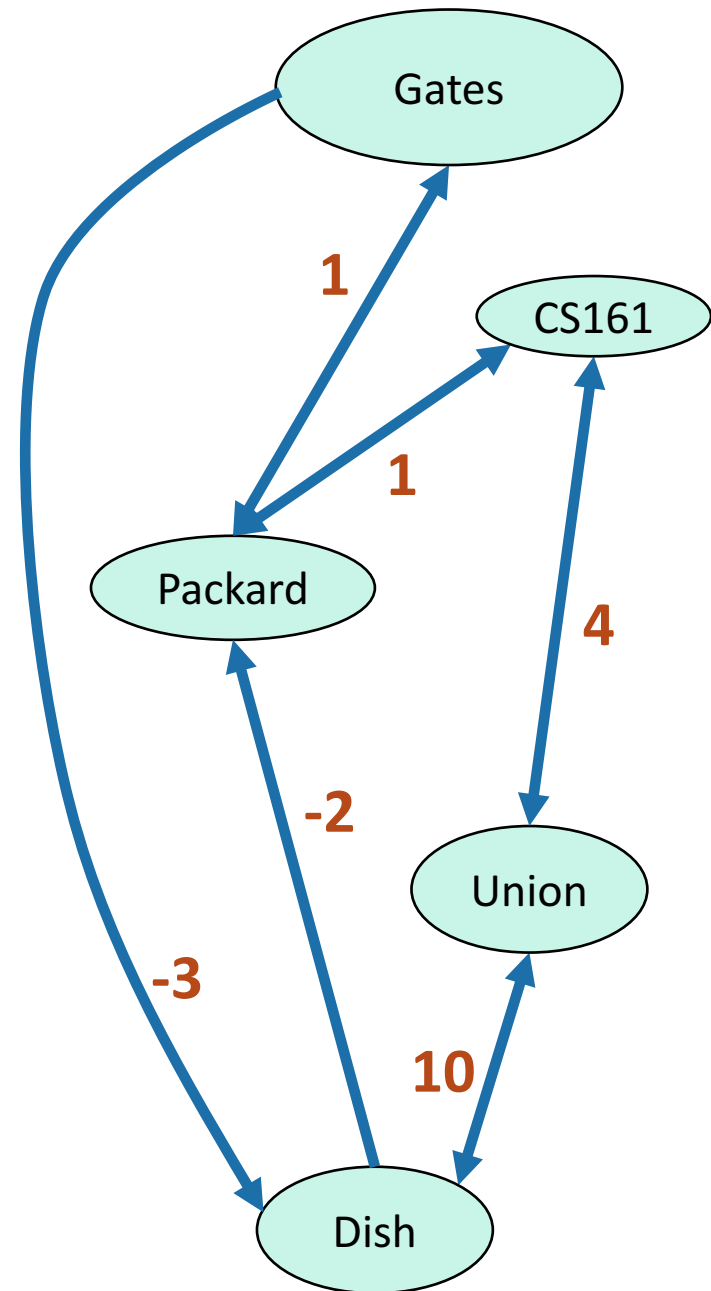
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But **we can tell** that it's not looking good:

$d^{(5)}$	-4	-9	-4	3	-7
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**Some stuff changed!**

- For  $i=0, \dots, n-2$ :
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# Negative cycles in Bellman-Ford

- If there are no negative cycles:
  - Everything works as it should, and stabilizes.
- If there are negative cycles:
  - Not everything works as it should...
    - Note: 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.

# Bellman-Ford algorithm

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

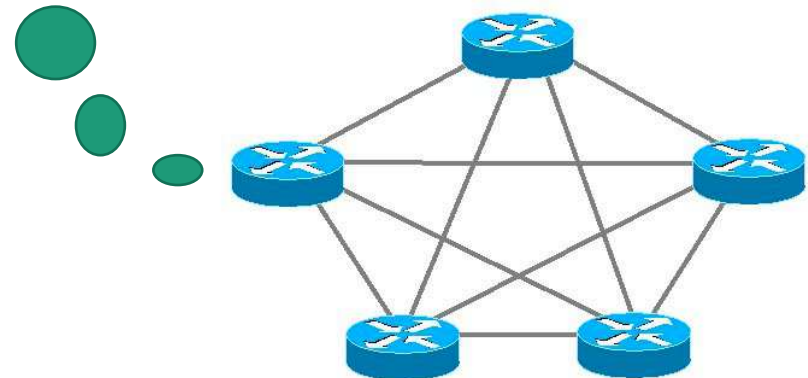
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- **If**  $d^{(n-1)} \neq d^{(n)}$  :
  - **Return** **NEGATIVE CYCLE** ☹️
- **Otherwise**,  $\text{dist}(s,v) = d^{(n-1)}[v]$

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

# 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.
  - Aka, for an edge  $(u,v)$ :
  - $d^{(i+1)}[v] \leftarrow \min( d^{(i)}[v] , d^{(i)}[u] + w(u,v) )$
- 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



# Recap: shortest paths

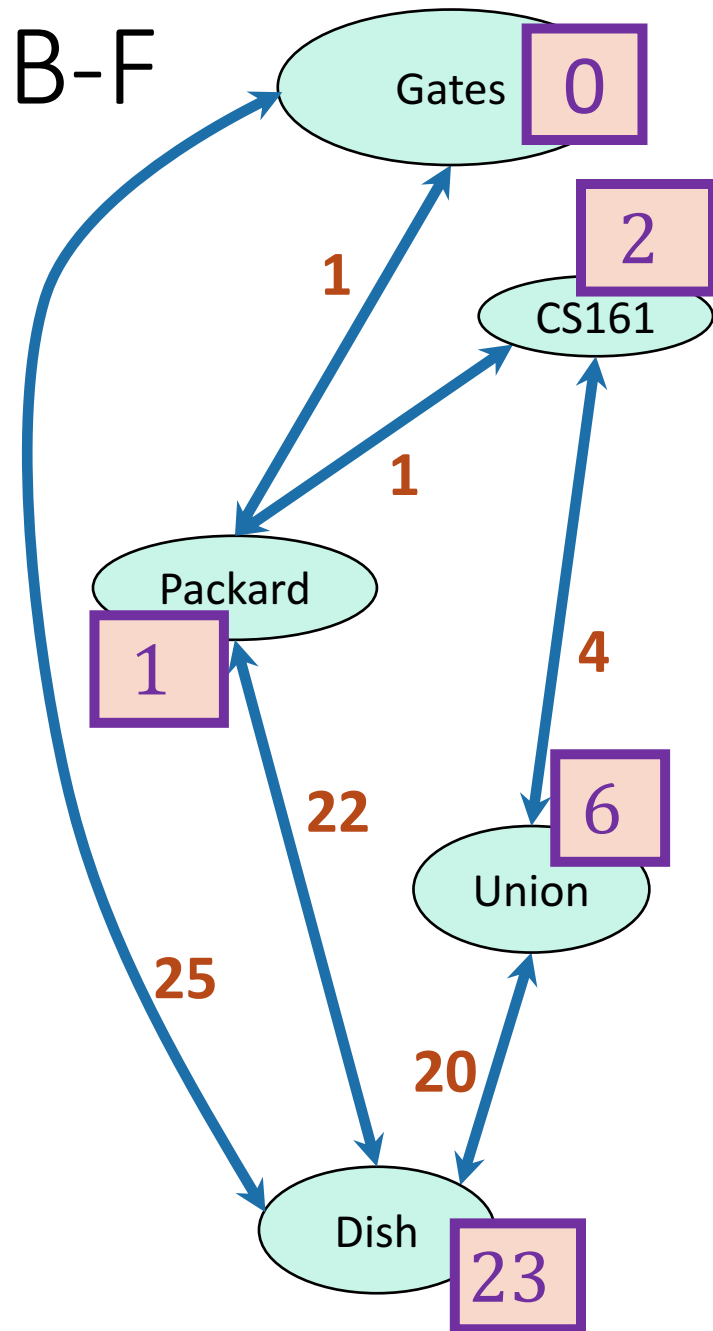
- BFS:
  - (+)  $O(n+m)$
  - (-) only unweighted graphs
- Dijkstra's algorithm:
  - (+) weighted graphs
  - (+)  $O(n\log(n) + m)$  if you implement it right.
  - (-) no negative edge weights
  - (-) very "centralized" (need to keep track of all the vertices to know which to update).
- The Bellman-Ford algorithm:
  - (+) weighted graphs, even with negative weights
  - (+) can be done in a distributed fashion, every vertex using only information from its neighbors.
  - (-)  $O(nm)$



# Important thing about B-F for the rest of this lecture

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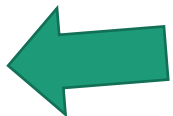
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Bellman-Ford is an example of...

***Dynamic Programming!***

Today:

- Example of Dynamic programming: 
  - Fibonacci numbers.
  - (And Bellman-Ford)
- What is dynamic programming, exactly?
  - And why is it called “dynamic programming”?
- Another example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm
  - An “all-pairs” shortest path algorithm

# Pre-Lecture exercise:

## How not to compute Fibonacci Numbers

- Definition:

- $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$ , with  $F(0) = F(1) = 1$ .
- The first several are:

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144,...

- Question:

- Given  $n$ , what is  $F(n)$ ?

# Candidate algorithm

See CLRS Problem 4-4 for a walkthrough of how fast the Fibonacci numbers grow!

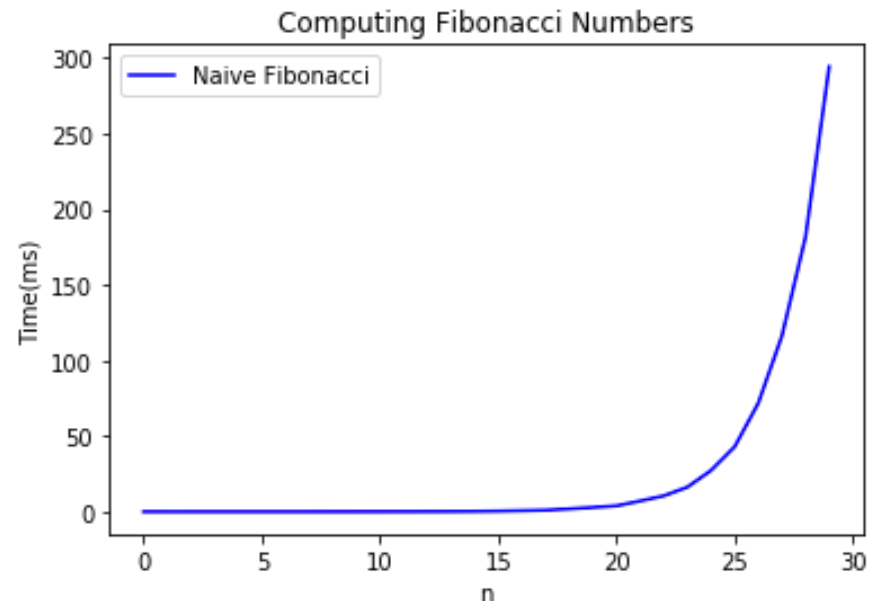


```
def Fibonacci(n):  
    if n == 0 or n == 1:  
        return 1  
    return Fibonacci(n-1) + Fibonacci(n-2)
```

(Seems to work, according to the IPython notebook...)

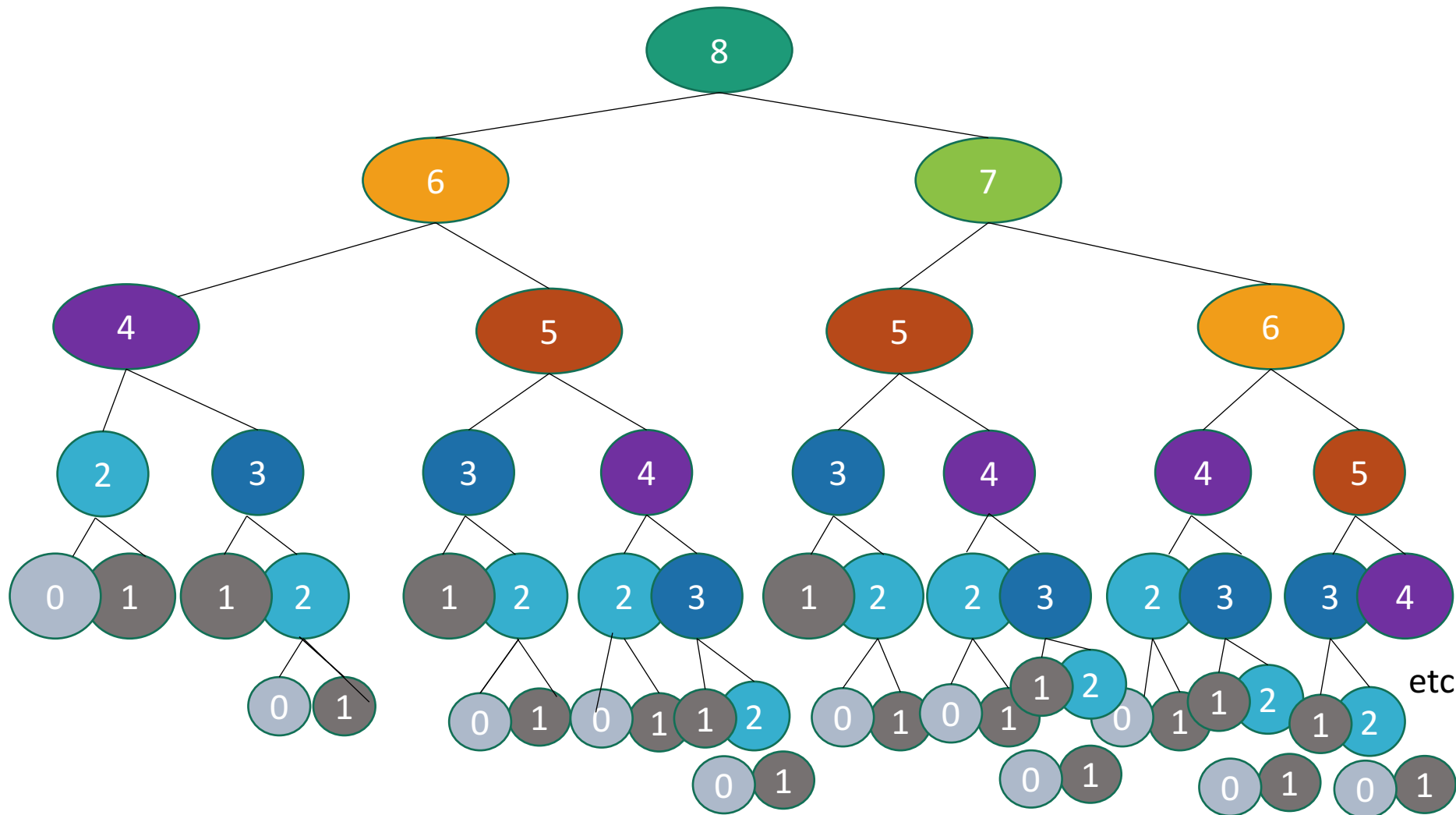
## Running time?

- $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$
- $T(n) \geq T(n-1) + T(n-2)$  for  $n \geq 2$
- So  $T(n)$  grows *at least* as fast as the Fibonacci numbers themselves...
- Fun fact, that's like  $\phi^n$  where  $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  is the golden ratio.
- aka, **EXPONENTIALLY QUICKLY** 😞

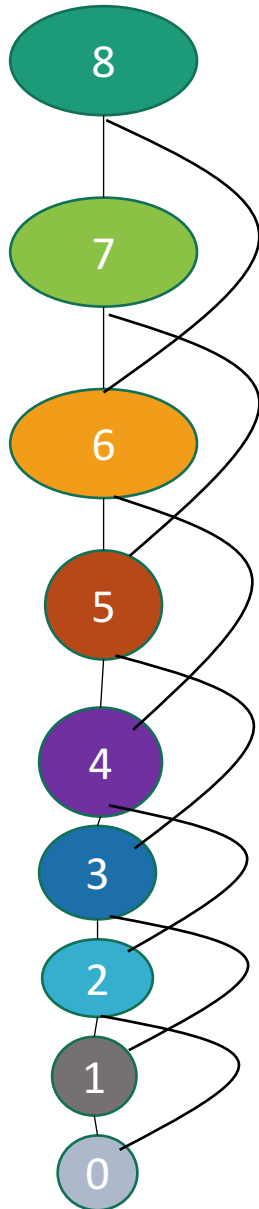


What's going on?  
Consider  $\text{Fib}(8)$

**That's a lot of  
repeated  
computation!**

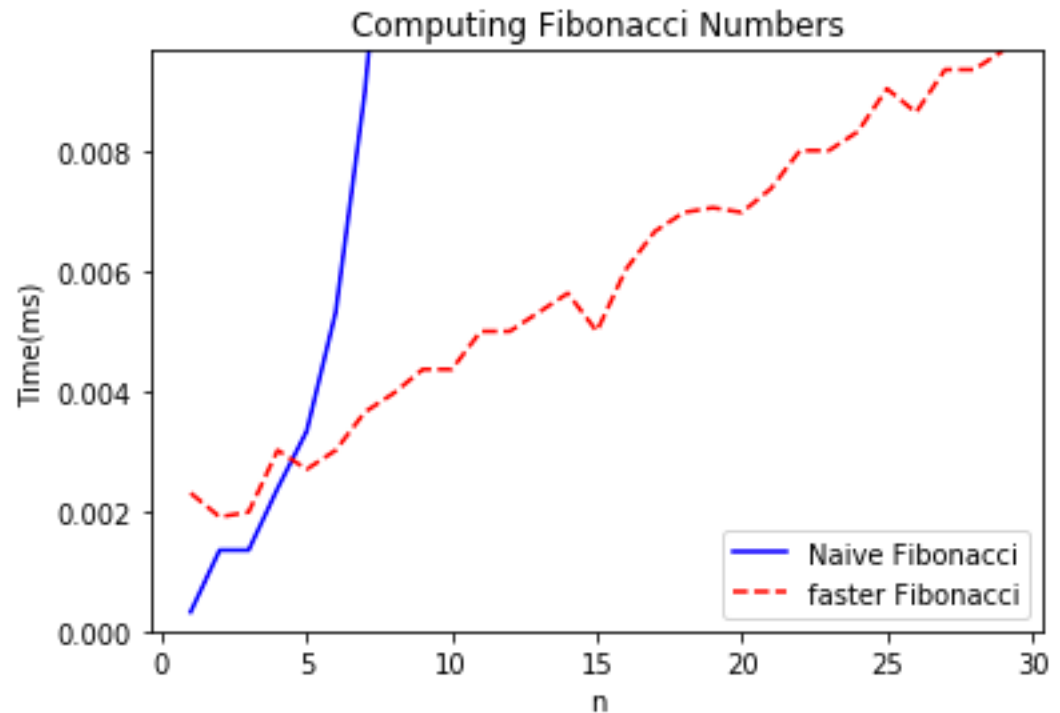


# Maybe this would be better:



```
def fasterFibonacci(n):  
    • F = [1, 1, None, None, ..., None ]  
        • \\ F has length n  
    • for i = 2, ..., n:  
        • F[i] = F[i-1] + F[i-2]  
    • return F[n]
```

Much better running time!



This was an example of...

***Dynamic  
programming!***

# What is *dynamic programming*?

- It is an algorithm design paradigm
  - like divide-and-conquer is an algorithm design paradigm.
- Usually it is for solving **optimization problems**
  - eg, *shortest* path
  - (Fibonacci numbers aren't an optimization problem, but they are a good example...)



# Elements of dynamic programming

## 1. Optimal sub-structure:

- Big problems break up into sub-problems.
  - Fibonacci:  $F(i)$  for  $i \leq n$
  - Bellman-Ford: Shortest paths with at most  $i$  edges for  $i \leq n$
- The solution to a problem can be expressed in terms of solutions to smaller sub-problems.
  - Fibonacci:

$$F(i+1) = F(i) + F(i-1)$$

- Bellman-Ford:

$$d^{(i+1)}[v] \leftarrow \min\{d^{(i)}[v], \min_u \{d^{(i)}[u] + \text{weight}(u,v)\}\}$$

Shortest path with at most  $i$  edges from  $s$  to  $v$

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## 2. Overlapping sub-problems:

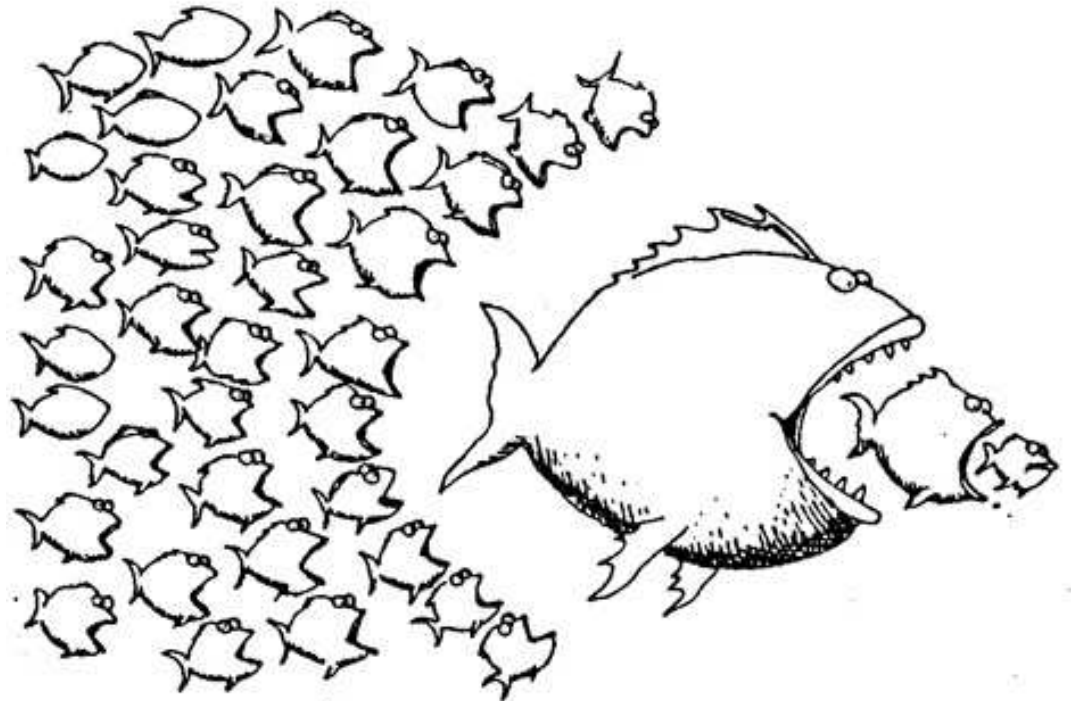
- The sub-problems overlap a lot.
  - Fibonacci:
    - Lots of different  $F[j]$  will use  $F[i]$ .
  - Bellman-Ford:
    - Lots of different entries of  $d^{(i+1)}$  will use  $d^{(i)}[v]$ .
- This means that we can save time by solving a sub-problem just once and storing the answer.

# Elements of dynamic programming

- Optimal substructure.
  - Optimal solutions to sub-problems are sub-solutions to the optimal solution of the original problem.
- Overlapping subproblems.
  - The subproblems show up again and again
- Using these properties, we can design a **dynamic programming** algorithm:
  - Keep a table of solutions to the smaller problems.
  - Use the solutions in the table to solve bigger problems.
  - At the end we can use information we collected along the way to find the solution to the whole thing.

# Two ways to think about and/or implement DP algorithms

- Top down
- Bottom up



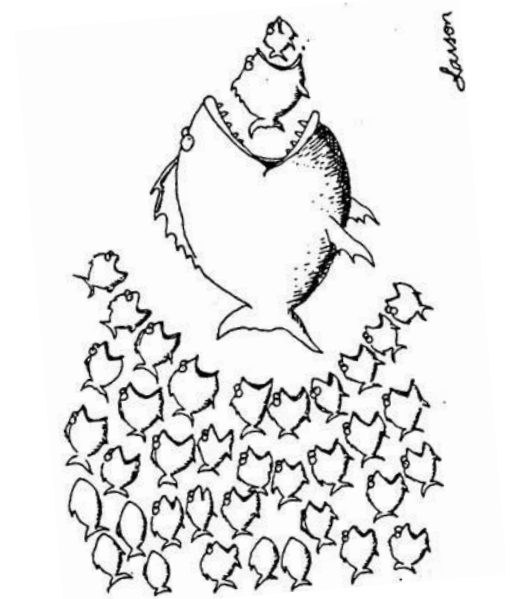
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# Bottom up approach

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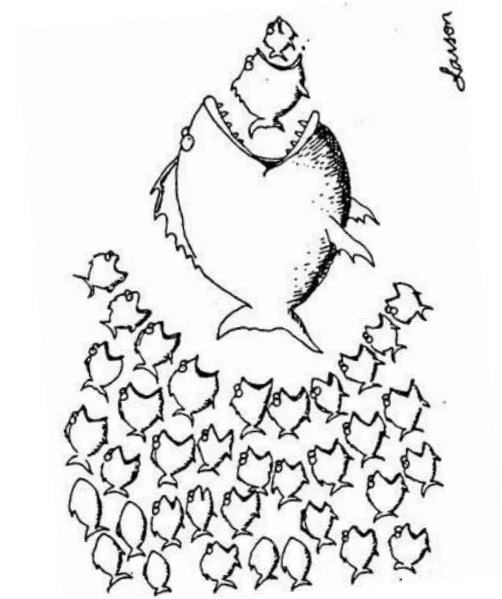
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  - fill in  $F[0], F[1]$
- Then bigger problems
  - fill in  $F[2]$
- ...
- Then bigger problems
  - fill in  $F[n-1]$
- Then finally solve the real problem.
  - fill in  $F[n]$



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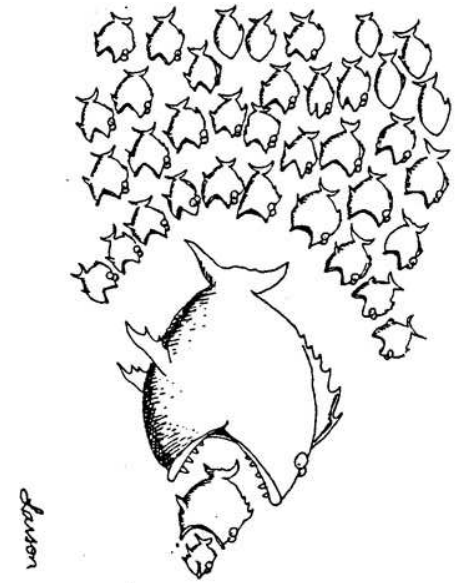
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# Top down approach

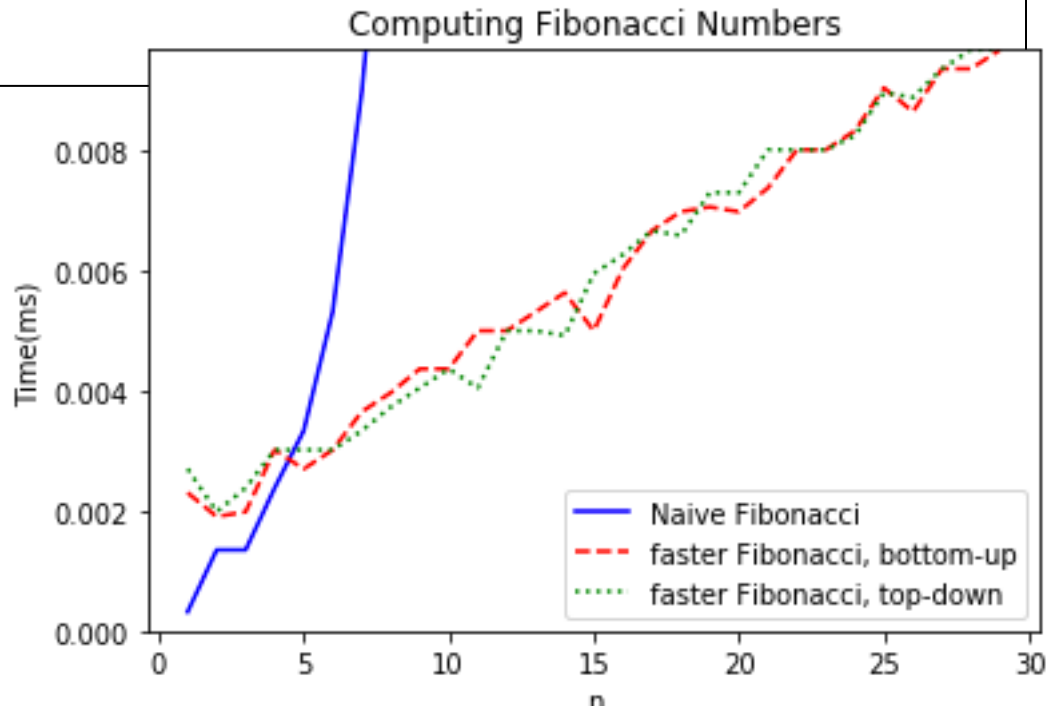
- Think of it like a recursive algorithm.
- To solve the big problem:
  - Recurse to solve smaller problems
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    - etc..
- The difference from divide and conquer:
  - **Memo-ization**
  - Keep track of what small problems you've already solved to prevent re-solving the same problem twice.



# Example of top-down Fibonacci

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  - **if** `F[n] != None:`
    - **return** `F[n]`
  - **else:**
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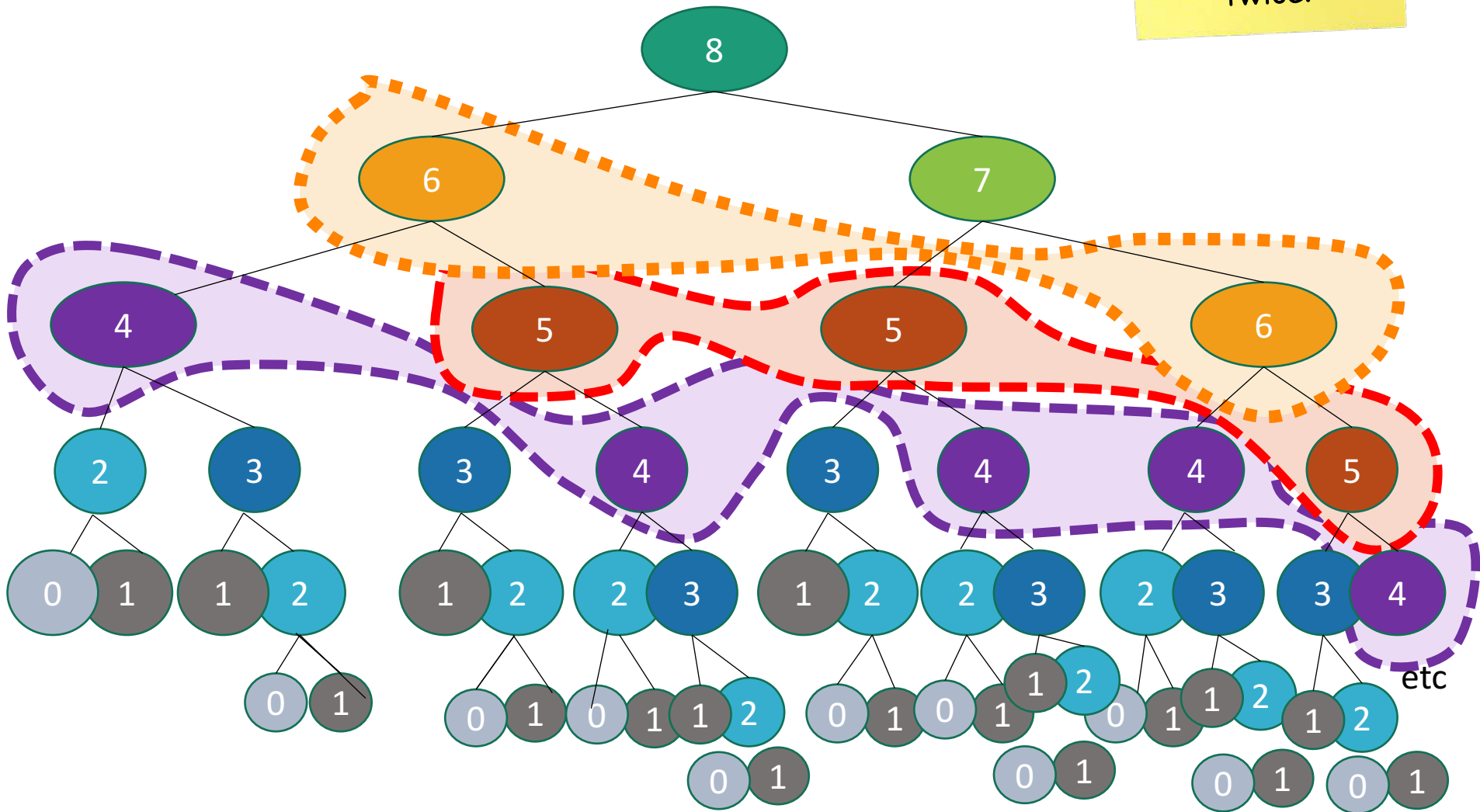
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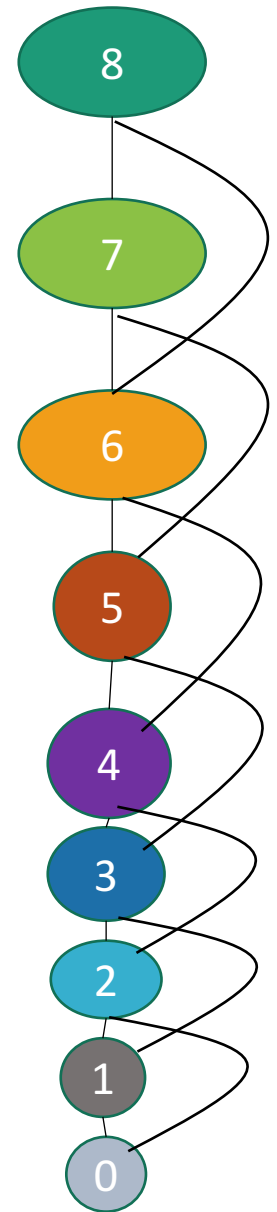
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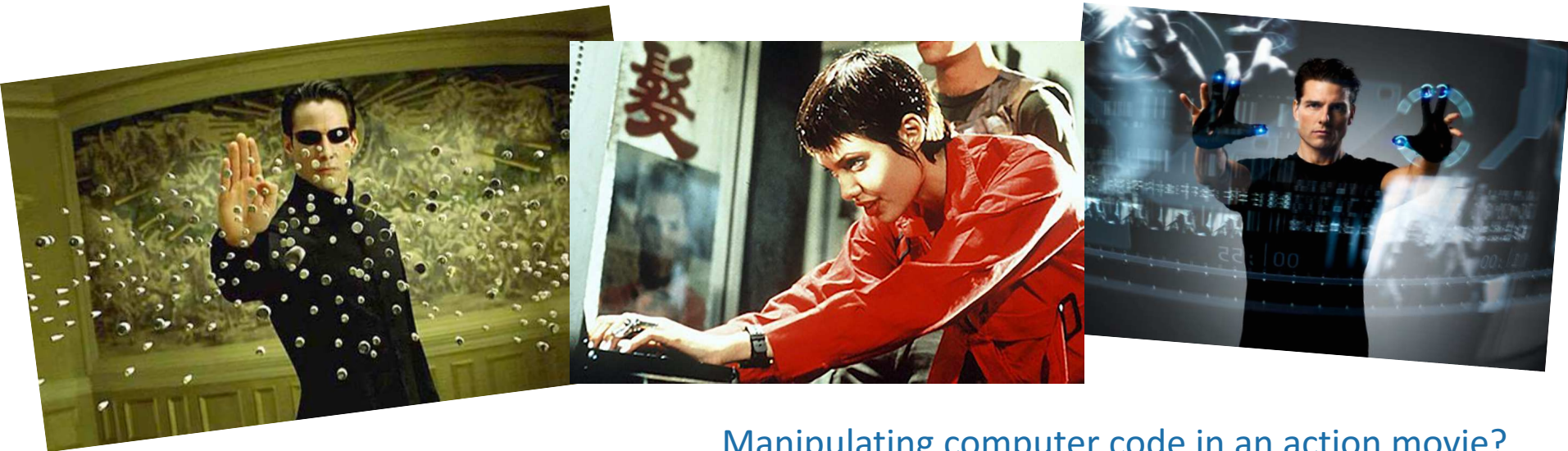
- ***Dynamic programming:***

- Paradigm in algorithm design.
- Uses **optimal substructure**
- Uses **overlapping subproblems**
- Can be implemented **bottom-up** or **top-down**.
- It's a fancy name for a pretty common-sense idea:



# Why “*dynamic programming*” ?

- **Programming** refers to finding the optimal “program.”
  - as in, a shortest route is a *plan* aka a *program*.
- **Dynamic** refers to the fact that it’s multi-stage.
- But also it’s just a fancy-sounding name.



Manipulating computer code in an action movie?

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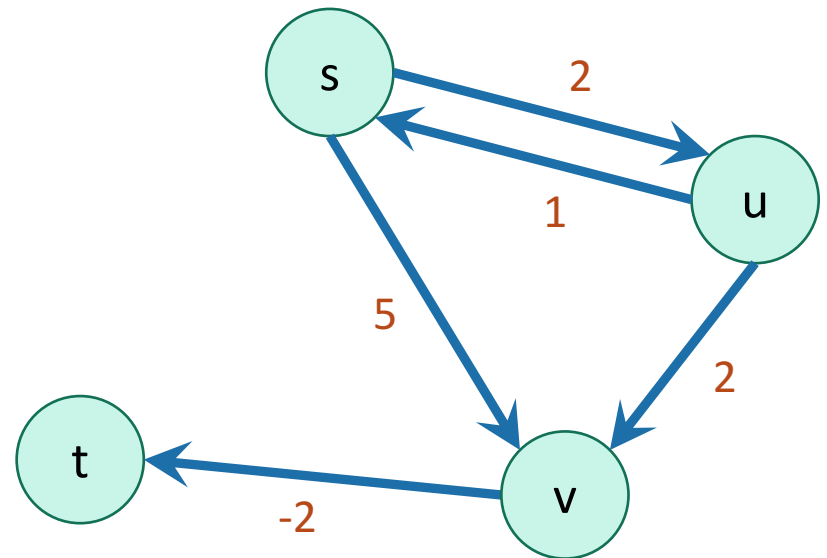
- Richard Bellman invented the name in the 1950's.
- At the time, he was working for the RAND Corporation, which was basically working for the Air Force, and government projects needed flashy names to get funded.
- From Bellman's autobiography:
  - “It's impossible to use the word, dynamic, in the pejorative sense...I thought dynamic programming was a good name. It was something not even a Congressman could object to.”

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	s	u	v	t	
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	u	1	0	2	0
	v	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	-2
	t	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0



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- Naïve solution (if we want to handle negative edge weights):
  - For all  $s$  in  $G$ :
    - Run Bellman-Ford on  $G$  starting at  $s$ .
  - Time  $O(n \cdot nm) = O(n^2m)$ ,
    - may be as bad as  $n^4$  if  $m=n^2$

Can we do better?

# Optimal substructure

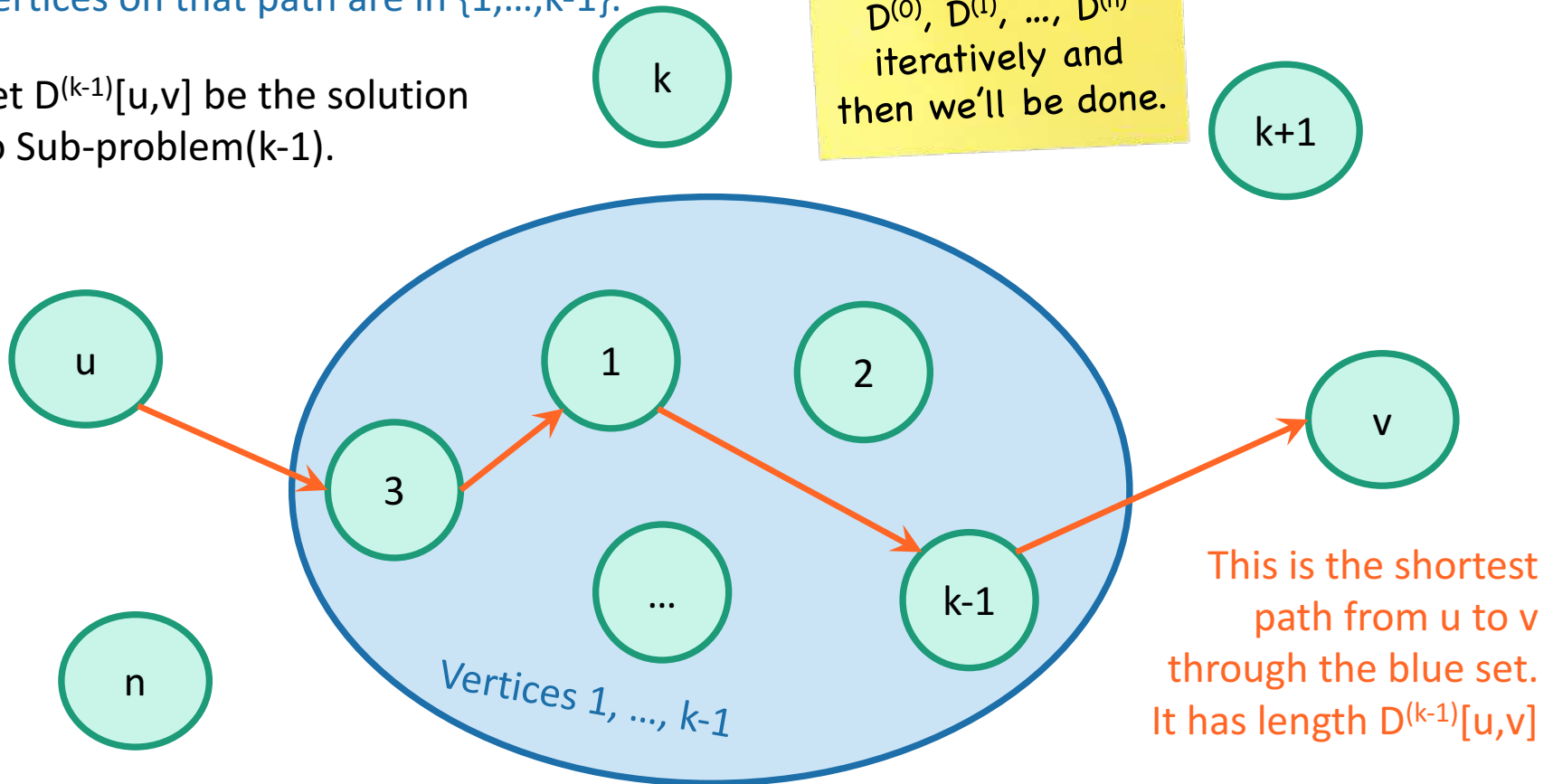
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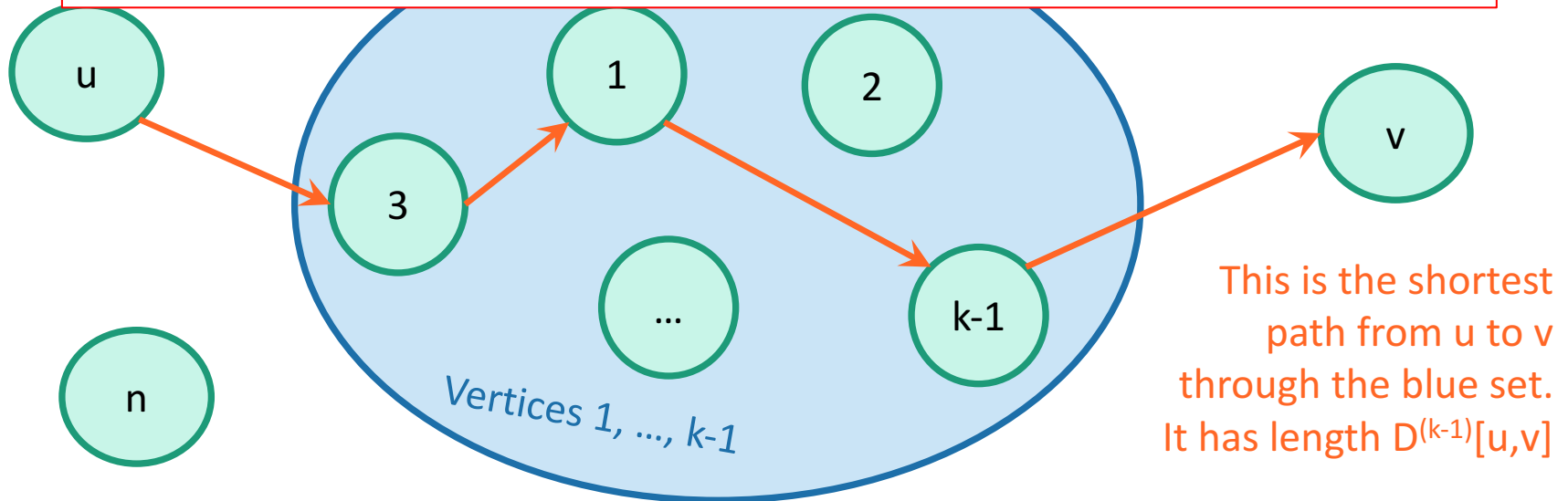
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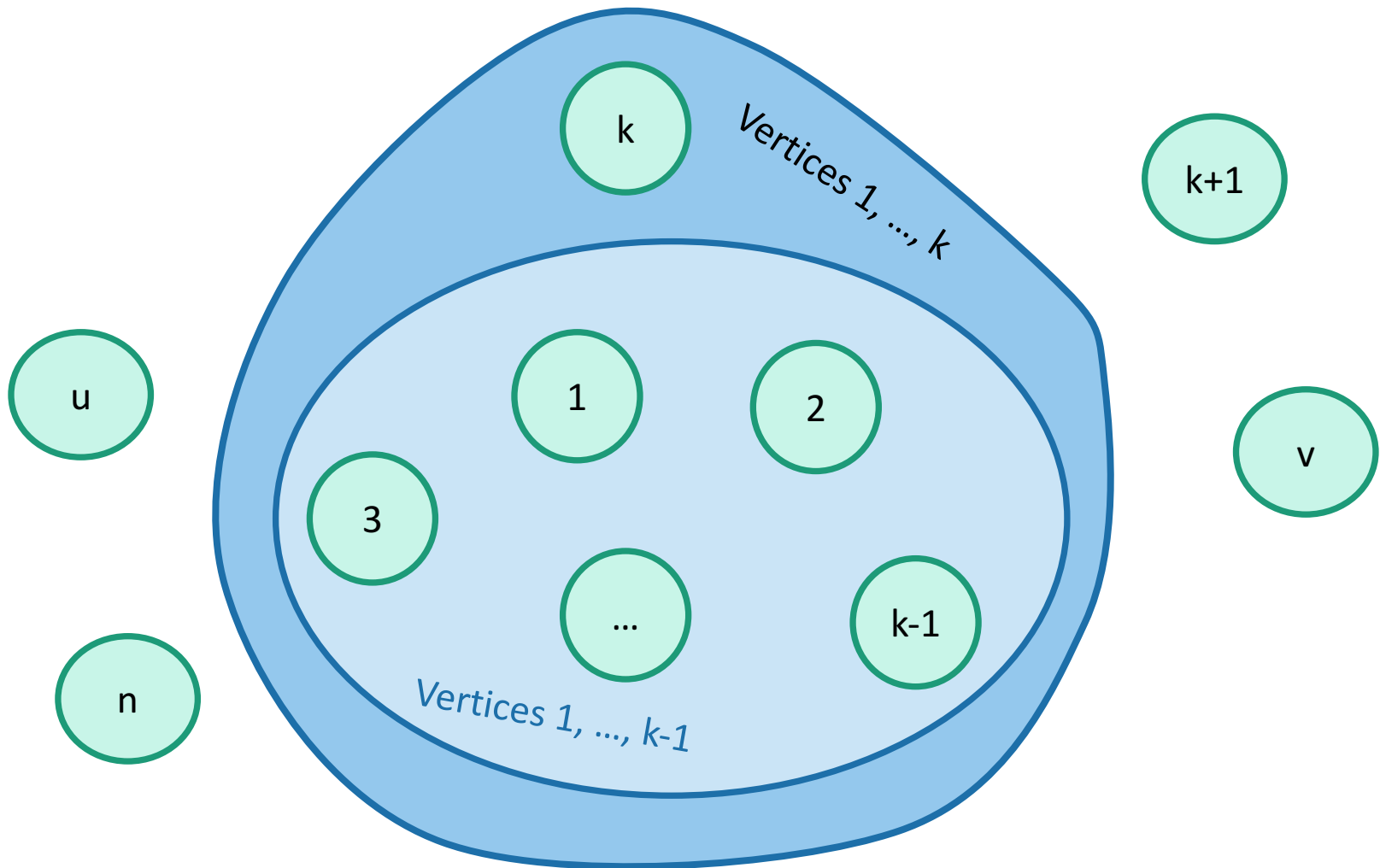
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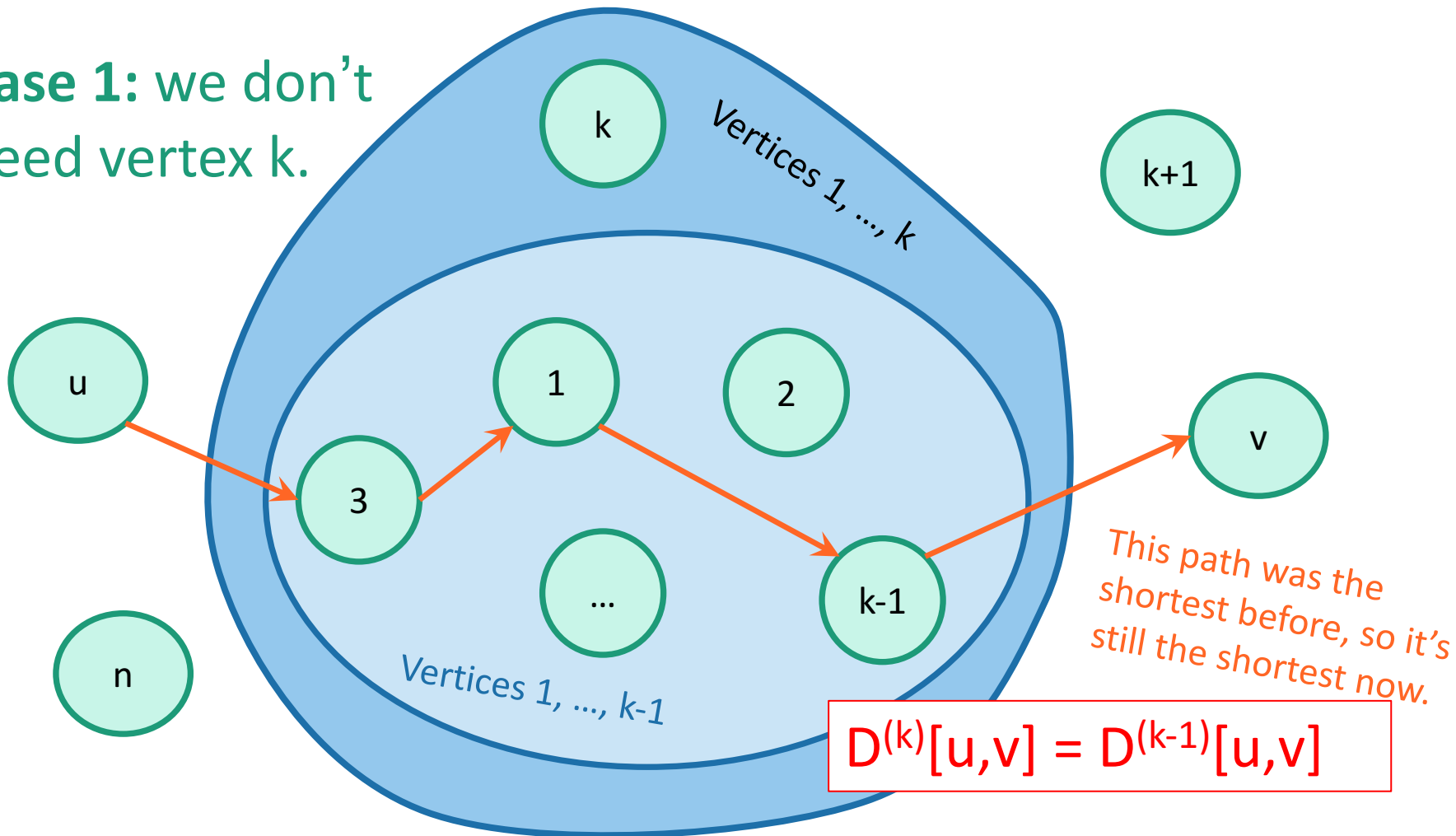
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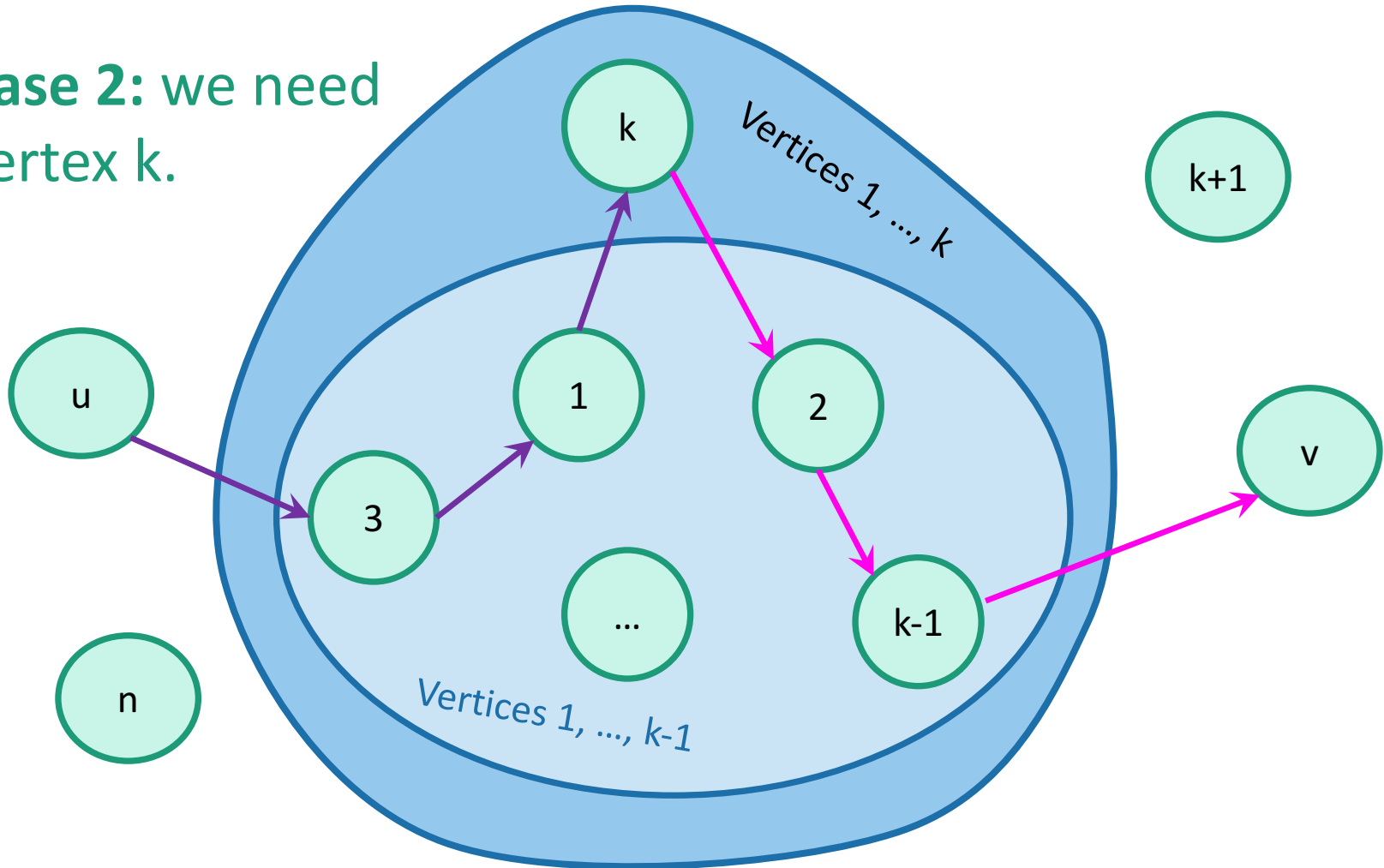
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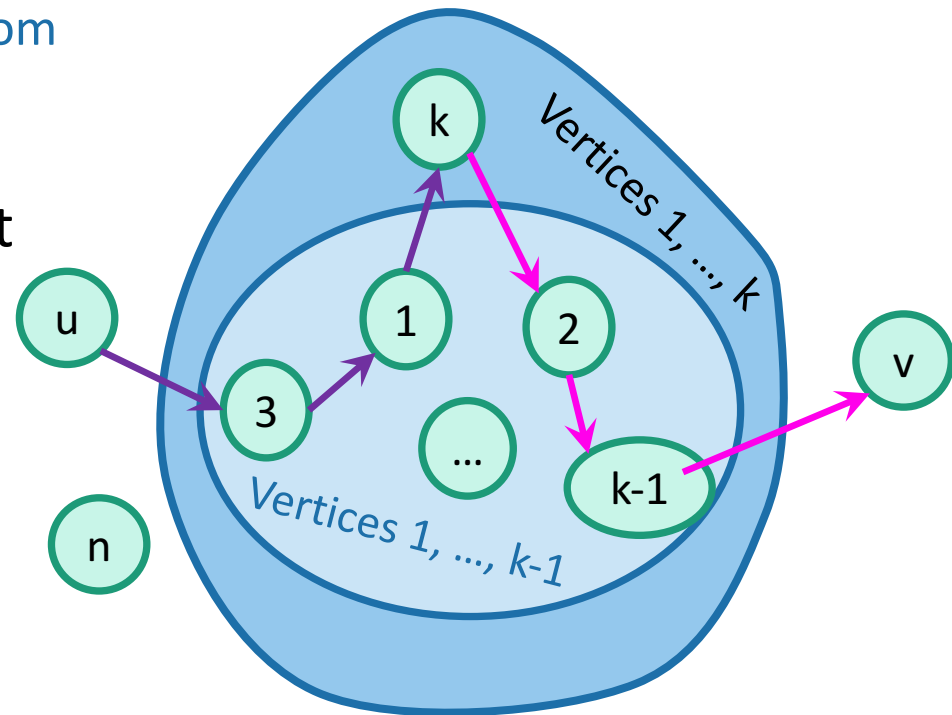
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# Case 2 continued

- 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:  $\longrightarrow$
- This path is the shortest path from  $u$  to  $k$  through  $\{1, \dots, k-1\}$ .
  - sub-paths of shortest paths are shortest paths
- Same for this path.

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- Optimal substructure:
  - We can solve the big problem using 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:

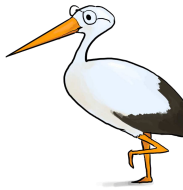
If there are **no negative cycles** in a weighted directed graph  $G$ , then the Floyd-Warshall algorithm, running on  $G$ , returns a matrix  $D^{(n)}$  so that:

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

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

- Better than running BF  $n$  times!
- Not really better than running Dijkstra  $n$  times.
  - But it's simpler to implement and handles negative weights.

Work out the details of the proof! (Or see Lecture Notes for a few more details).



- 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?

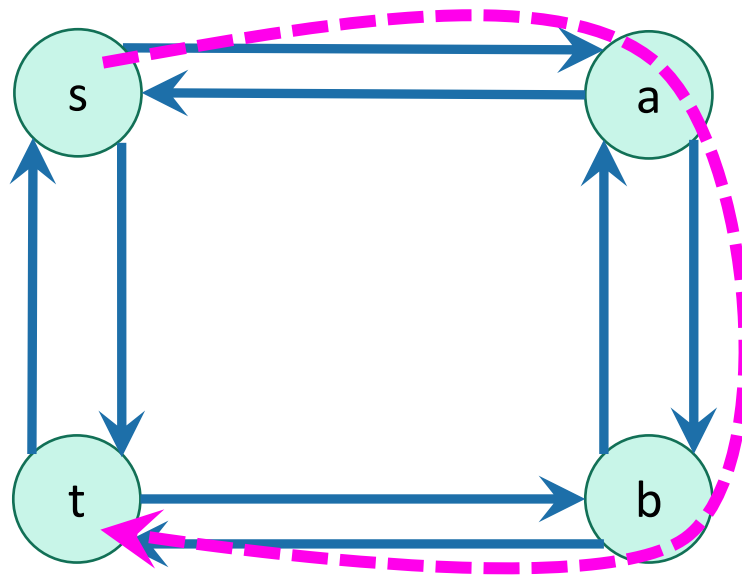
- Just like Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall can detect negative cycles:
  - Negative cycle  $\Leftrightarrow \exists v$  s.t. there is a path from  $v$  to  $v$  that goes through all  $n$  vertices that has cost  $< 0$ .
  - Negative cycle  $\Leftrightarrow \exists v$  s.t.  $D^{(n)}[v,v] < 0$ .
- Algorithm:
  - Run Floyd-Warshall as before.
  - If there is some  $v$  so that  $D^{(n)}[v,v] < 0$ :
    - **return negative cycle.**

# What have we learned?

- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm is another example of *dynamic programming*.
- It computes All Pairs Shortest Paths in a directed weighted graph in time  $O(n^3)$ .

# Another Example of DP?

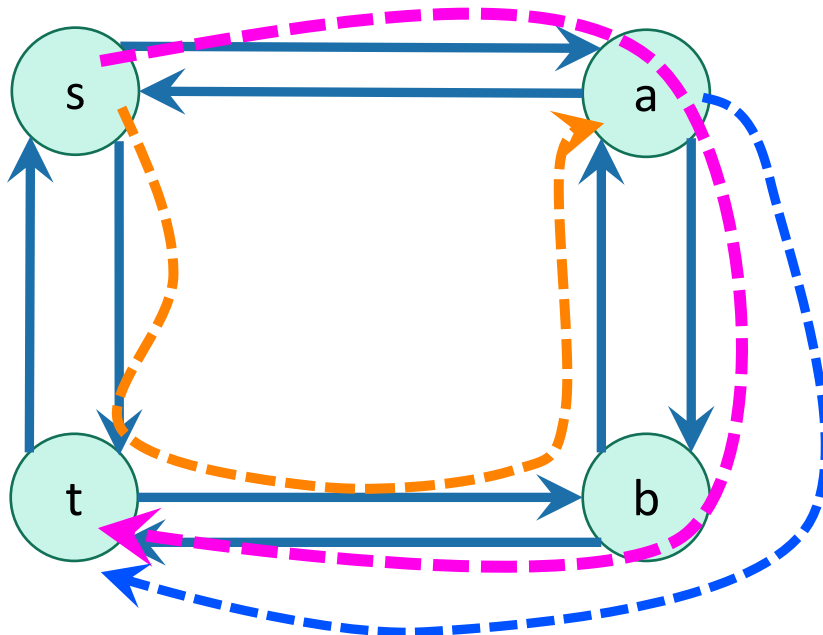
- Longest simple path (say all edge weights are 1):



What is the longest simple path from s to t?

# This is an optimization problem...

- Can we use Dynamic Programming?
- Optimal Substructure?
  - Longest path from  $s$  to  $t$  = longest path from  $s$  to  $a$   
+ longest path from  $a$  to  $t$ ?

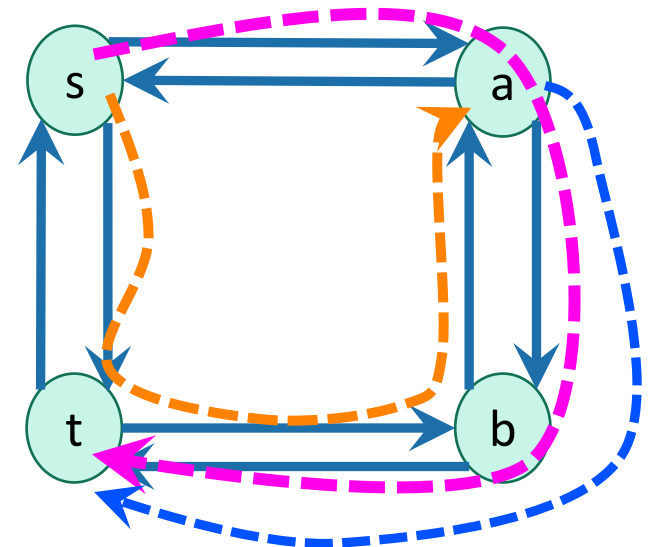


**NOPE!**

# This doesn't give optimal sub-structure

Optimal solutions to subproblems don't give us an optimal solution to the big problem. (At least if we try to do it this way).

- The subproblems we came up with aren't independent:
  - Once we've chosen the **longest path from a to t**
    - which uses b,
  - our **longest path from s to a** shouldn't be allowed to use b
    - since b was already used.
- Actually, the longest simple path problem is NP-complete.
  - We don't know of any polynomial-time algorithms for it, DP or otherwise!



# Recap

- Two more shortest-path algorithms:
  - Bellman-Ford for single-source shortest path
  - Floyd-Warshall for all-pairs shortest path
- ***Dynamic programming!***
  - This is a fancy name for:
    - Break up an optimization problem into smaller problems
      - The optimal solutions to the sub-problems should be sub-solutions to the original problem.
    - Build the optimal solution iteratively by filling in a table of sub-solutions.
      - Take advantage of overlapping sub-problems!

# Next time

- More examples of *dynamic programming*!

We will stop bullets with our  
action-packed coding skills,  
and also maybe find longest  
common subsequences.



## Before next time

- Pre-lecture exercise: finding optimal substructure