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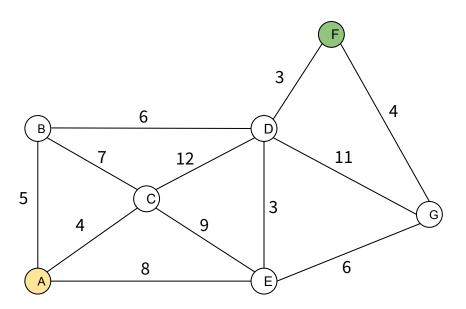
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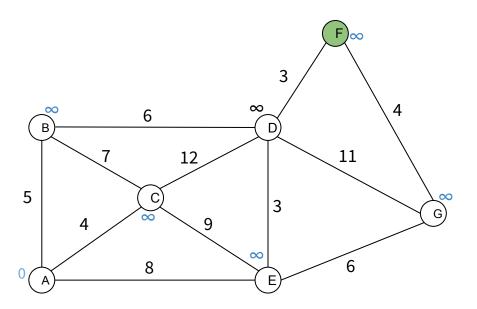
Input: a weighted graph, a source node and a goal node

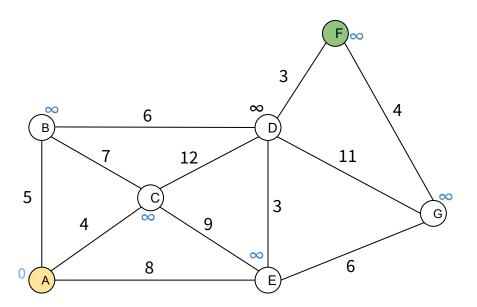
Output: The least cost path from the source to the goal

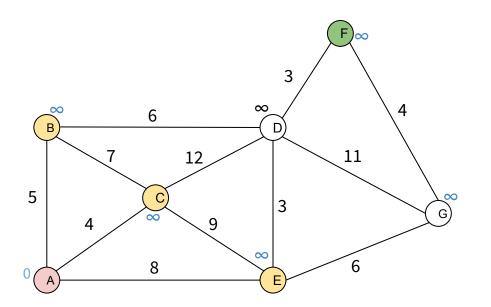
A greedy algorithm to solve shortest path problem

- 1. Assign 0 to source and infinity to all other nodes
- 2. Keep a set of visited nodes
- 3. For the current node consider all of its unvisited neighbors and calculate "distance to the current node" + " distance from current node to the neighbor". If it is better, update the value (relaxation step)
- 4. When we are done considering all neighbors of the current node, mark current node as visited
- 5. If the goal node is visited, we are done
- 6. Set the unvisited node marked with the smallest value as the next current node and repeat step 3

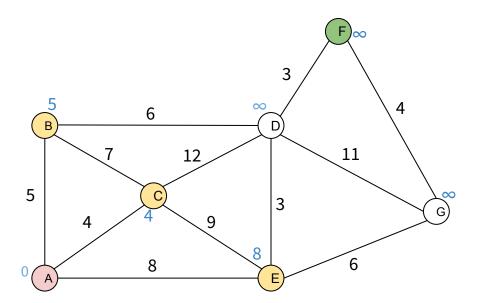




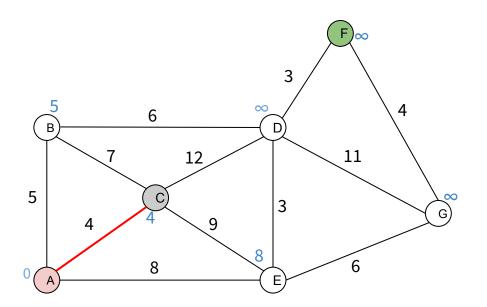




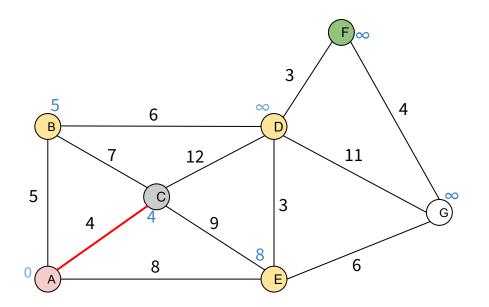
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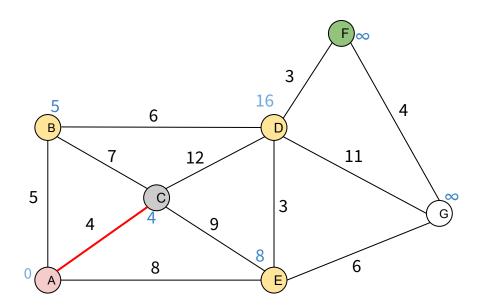
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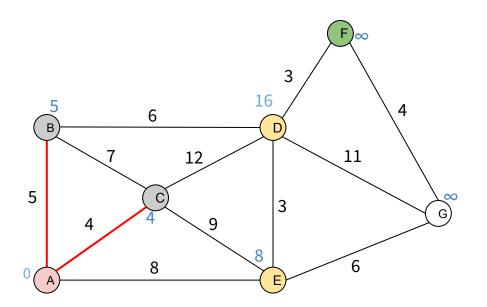
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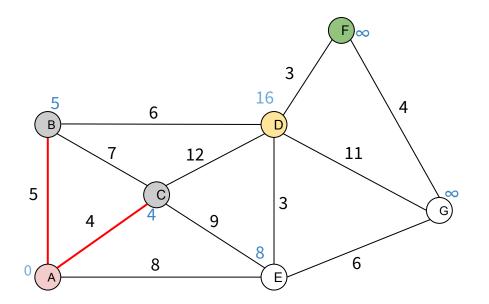
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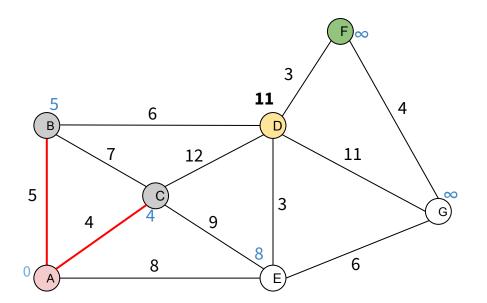
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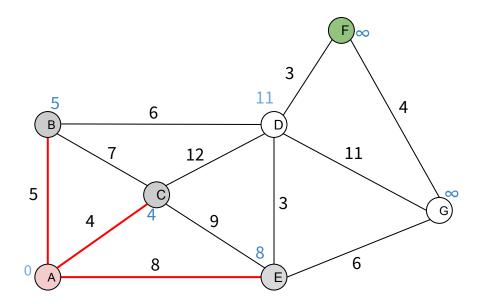
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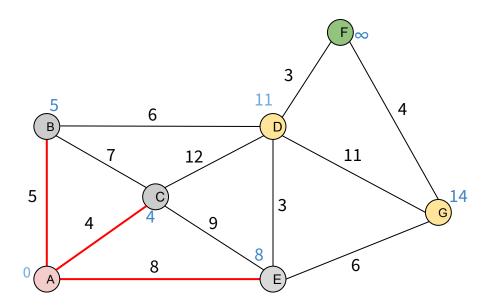
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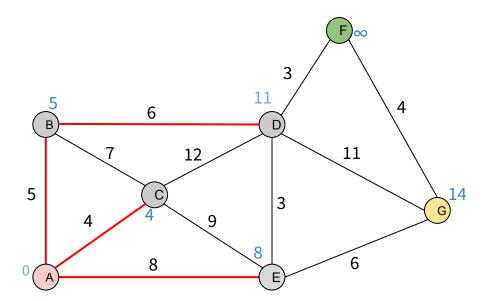
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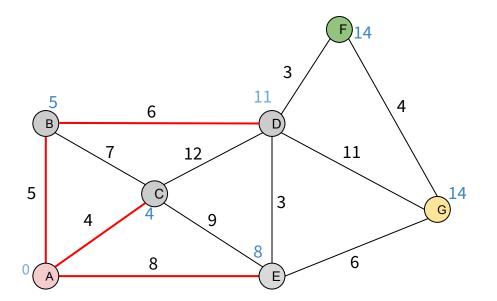
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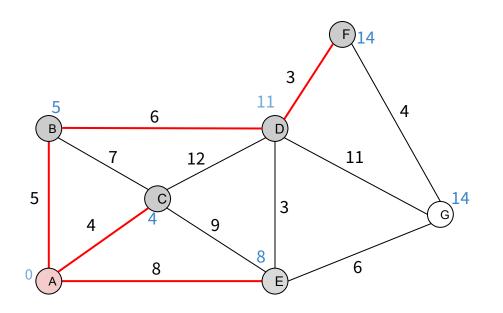
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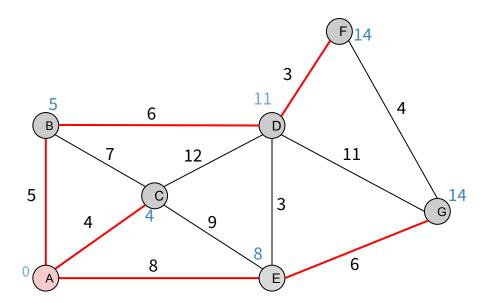
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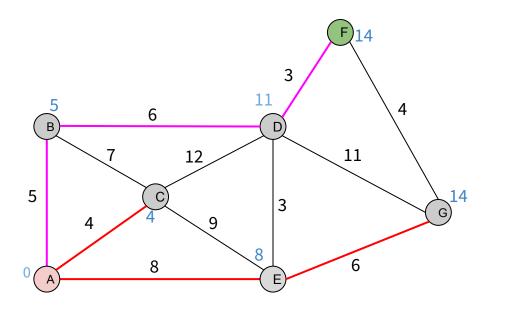
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We just found the shortest path from the source to the goal (F) since F is visited now.

But, let's visit all vertices in the graph

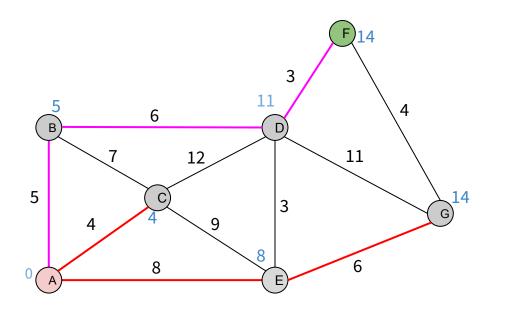


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Time Complexity?

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for all u \in V:
     dist(u) = infinity
     prev(u) = NULL
dist(s) = 0
H= makeheap(V)(using dist values as key)
While H is not empty:
     u= deletmin(H)
     for all edges (u,v) \subseteq E:
           if dist(v) > dist(u) + l(u, v):
                 dist(v) = dist(u) + l(u, v)
                 prev(v) = u
                 decreasekey(H,v)
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Time Complexity: O((IEI +IVI) log v)