

# Paths in Graphs

Where rather than just finding paths, we want shortest paths

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**Figure 4.3** Breadth-first search.

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procedure `bfs`( $G, s$ )

Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , directed or undirected; vertex  $s \in V$

Output: For all vertices  $u$  reachable from  $s$ , `dist`( $u$ ) is set to the distance from  $s$  to  $u$ .

for all  $u \in V$ :

`dist`( $u$ ) =  $\infty$

`dist`( $s$ ) = 0

$Q = [s]$  (queue containing just  $s$ )

while  $Q$  is not empty:

$u = \text{eject}(Q)$

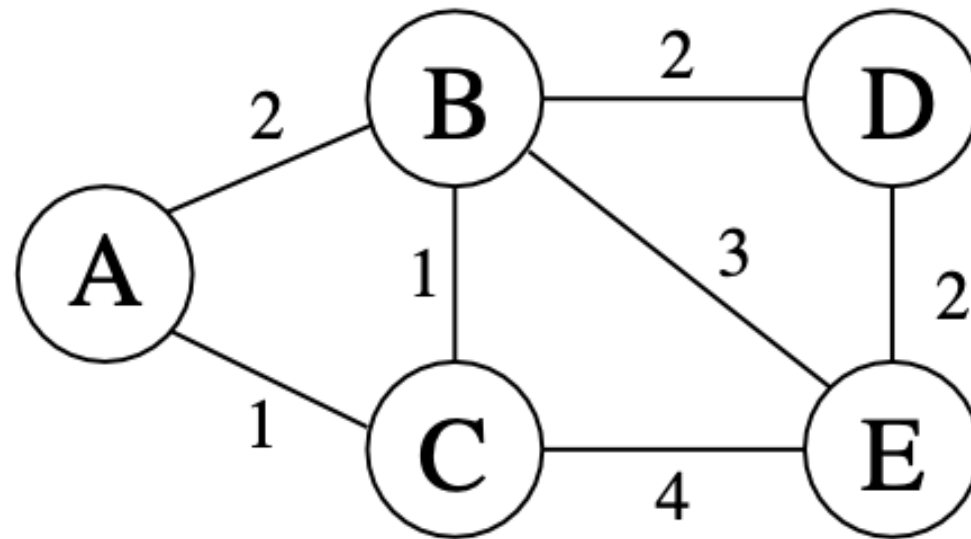
    for all edges  $(u, v) \in E$ :

        if `dist`( $v$ ) =  $\infty$ :

`inject`( $Q, v$ )

`dist`( $v$ ) = `dist`( $u$ ) + 1

**eject** removes from front of queue, **inject** adds to back of queue



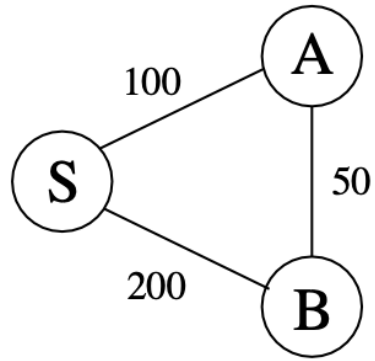
Can we use DFS on this? Why or why not?

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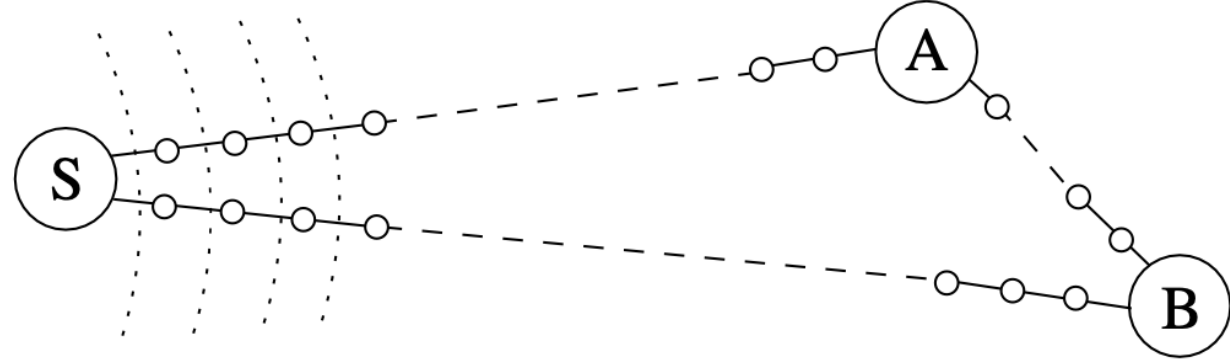
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$G$ :



$G'$ :

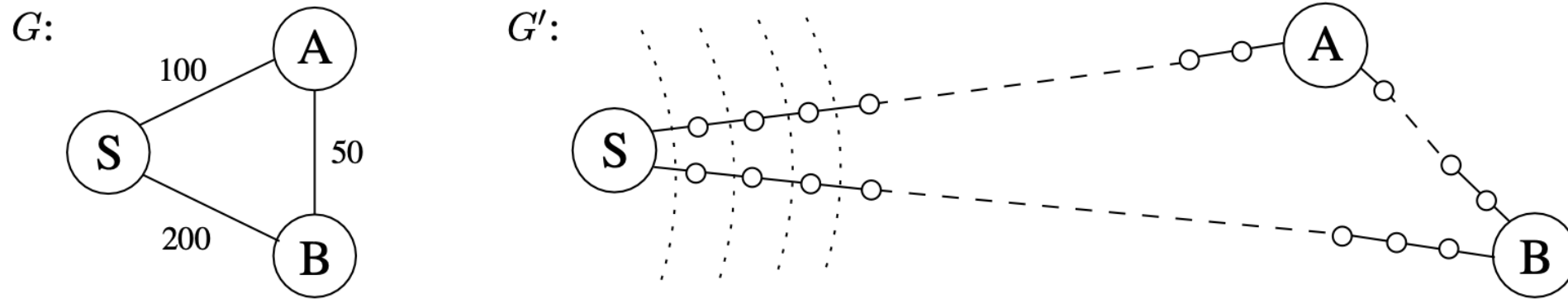


Alarm clocks?

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The following “alarm clock algorithm” faithfully simulates the execution of BFS on  $G'$ .

- Set an alarm clock for node  $s$  at time 0.
- Repeat until there are no more alarms:  
Say the next alarm goes off at time  $T$ , for node  $u$ . Then:
  - The distance from  $s$  to  $u$  is  $T$ .
  - For each neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  in  $G$ :
    - \* If there is no alarm yet for  $v$ , set one for time  $T + l(u, v)$ .
    - \* If  $v$ 's alarm is set for later than  $T + l(u, v)$ , then reset it to this earlier time.

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**Figure 4.8** Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm.

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**procedure** dijkstra( $G, l, s$ )

**Input:**     Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , directed or undirected;  
             positive edge lengths  $\{l_e : e \in E\}$ ; vertex  $s \in V$

**Output:**   For all vertices  $u$  reachable from  $s$ ,  $\text{dist}(u)$  is set  
             to the distance from  $s$  to  $u$ .

**for all**  $u \in V$ :  
     $\text{dist}(u) = \infty$   
     $\text{prev}(u) = \text{nil}$   
 $\text{dist}(s) = 0$

$H = \text{makequeue}(V)$     (using  $\text{dist}$ -values as keys)

**while**  $H$  is not empty:

$u = \text{deletemin}(H)$

**for all** edges  $(u, v) \in E$ :

**if**  $\text{dist}(v) > \text{dist}(u) + l(u, v)$ :

$\text{dist}(v) = \text{dist}(u) + l(u, v)$

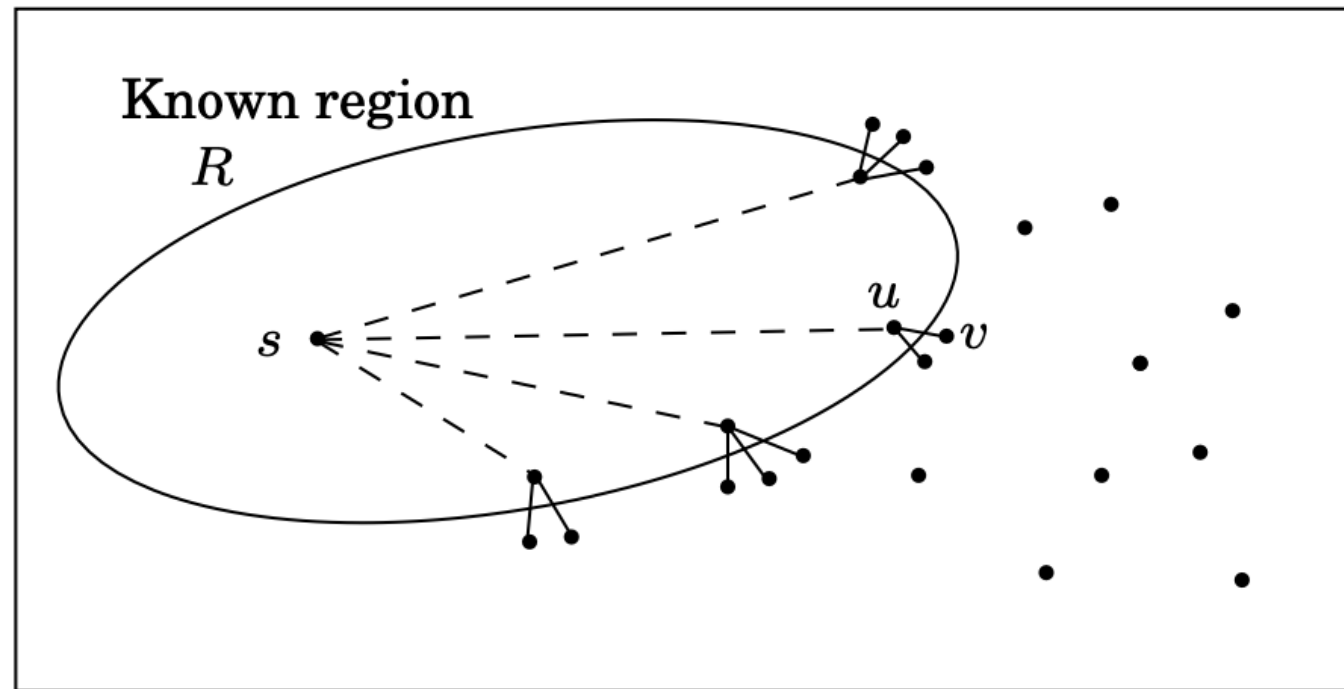
$\text{prev}(v) = u$

$\text{decreasekey}(H, v)$

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**Figure 4.10** Single-edge extensions of known shortest paths.

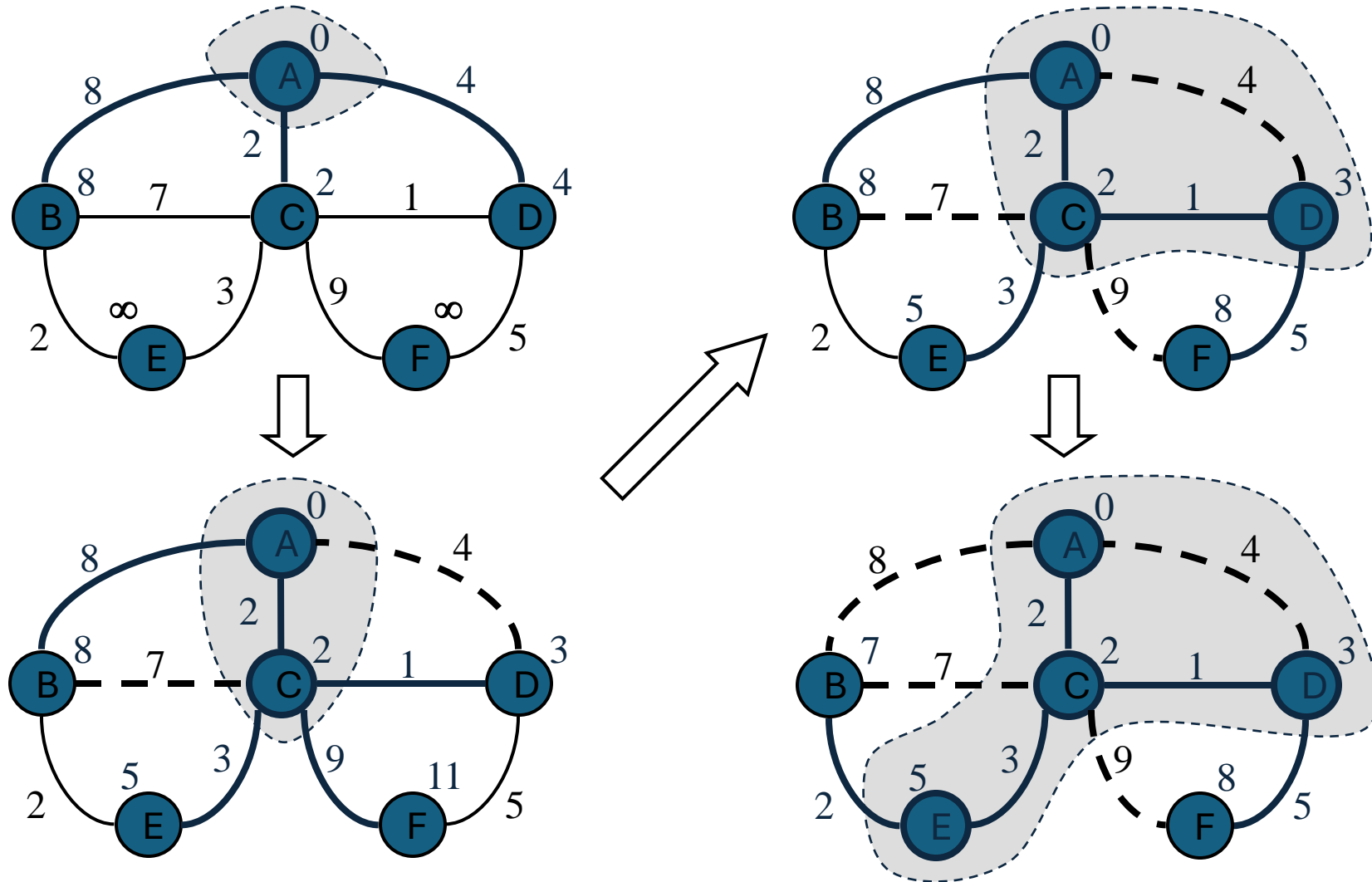
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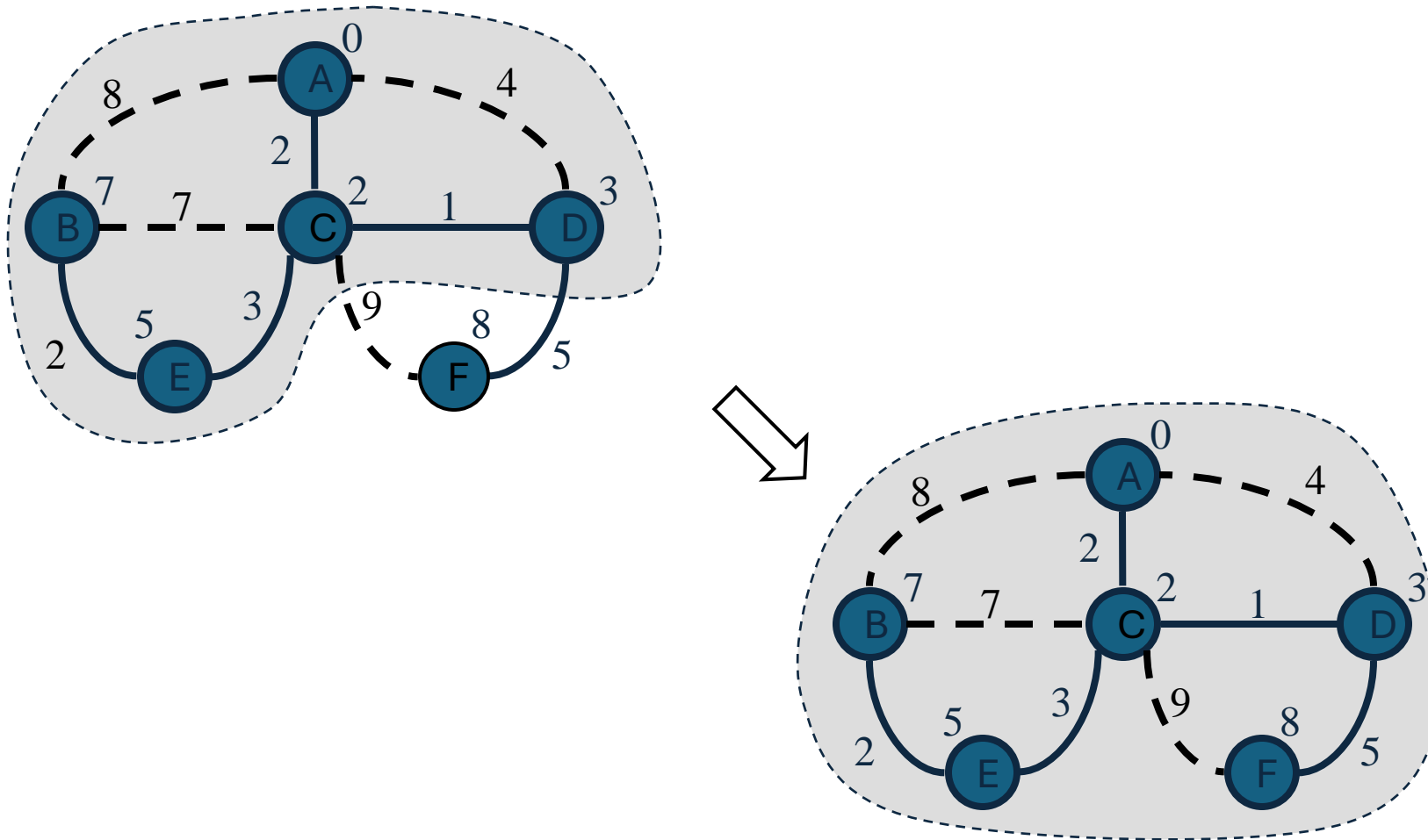
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Initialize  $\text{dist}(s)$  to 0, other  $\text{dist}(\cdot)$  values to  $\infty$   
 $R = \{ \}$  (the ''known region'')  
while  $R \neq V$ :  
    Pick the node  $v \notin R$  with smallest  $\text{dist}(\cdot)$   
    Add  $v$  to  $R$   
    for all edges  $(v, z) \in E$ :  
        if  $\text{dist}(z) > \text{dist}(v) + l(v, z)$ :  
             $\text{dist}(z) = \text{dist}(v) + l(v, z)$ 
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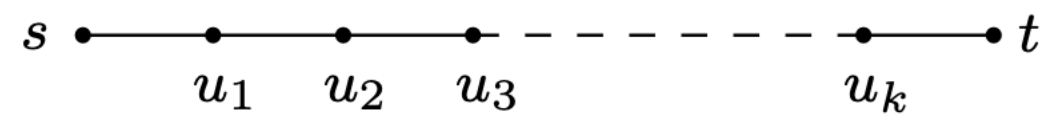


# Example



# Example (cont.)





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**Figure 4.13** The Bellman-Ford algorithm for single-source shortest paths in general graphs.

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**procedure** `shortest-paths`( $G, l, s$ )

**Input:**     Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ ;  
              edge lengths  $\{l_e : e \in E\}$  with no negative cycles;  
              vertex  $s \in V$

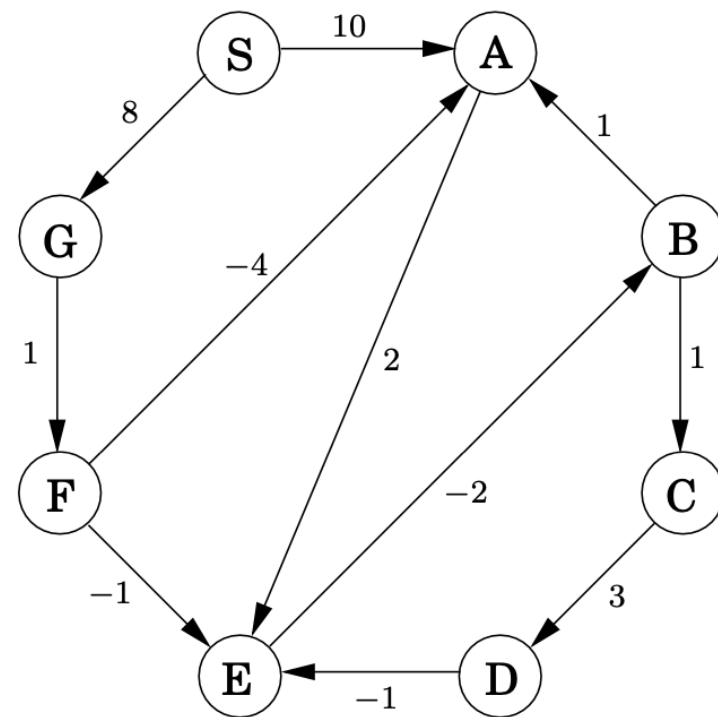
**Output:**   For all vertices  $u$  reachable from  $s$ ,  $\text{dist}(u)$  is set  
              to the distance from  $s$  to  $u$ .

**for all**  $u \in V$ :  
     $\text{dist}(u) = \infty$   
     $\text{prev}(u) = \text{nil}$

$\text{dist}(s) = 0$   
**repeat**  $|V| - 1$  **times**:  
    **for all**  $e \in E$ :  
         $\text{update}(e)$

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**Figure 4.14** The Bellman-Ford algorithm illustrated on a sample graph.



	Iteration							
Node	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	$\infty$	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
B	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	10	6	5	5	5
C	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	11	7	6	6
D	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	14	10	9
E	$\infty$	$\infty$	12	8	7	7	7	7
F	$\infty$	$\infty$	9	9	9	9	9	9
G	$\infty$	8	8	8	8	8	8	8