

COL 351 : ANALYSIS & DESIGN OF ALGORITHMS

## LECTURE 13

# GRAPH ALGORITHMS VI : DIJKSTRA's ALGORITHM

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Application of SCCs : Understanding the web graph

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**Selected Publications** [View]

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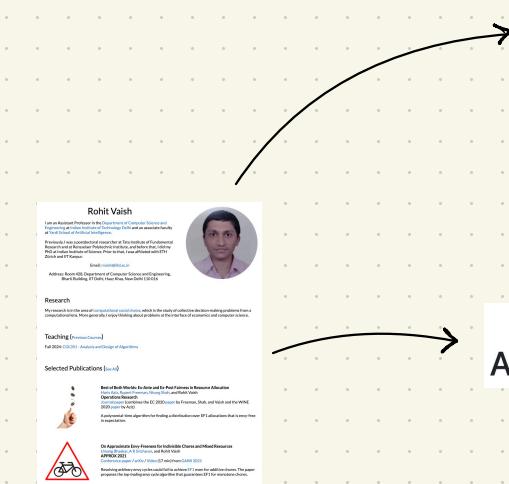
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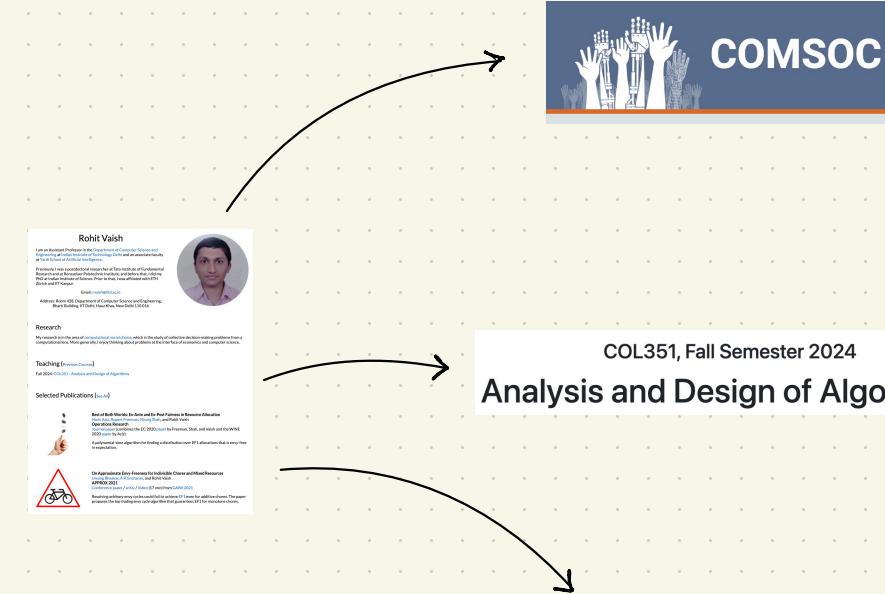
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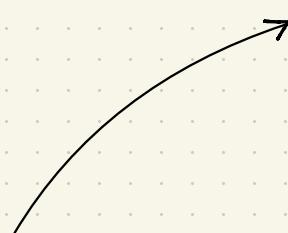
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A paper presented at the 2021 ACM SIGART conference.

 On Approximate Envy-Free Games for Individual Choice and Related Resource Allocation APPRX '21 [arXiv/2106.02405](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.02405.pdf) [View]

Received many very nice reviews in volume 1 (2023) of the journal of Economic Surveys. The paper presents a survey of envy-free games and related topics in the field of mechanism design.



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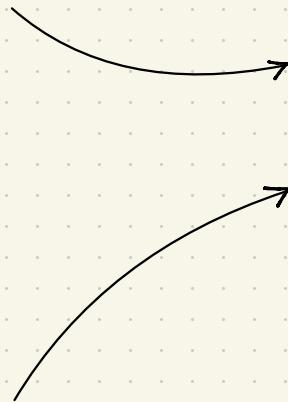


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What does the web graph look like?

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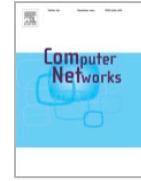
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## Computer Networks

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## Graph structure in the Web

Andrei Broder a, Ravi Kumar b , Farzin Maghoul a, Prabhakar Raghavan b,  
Sridhar Rajagopalan b, Raymie Stata c, Andrew Tomkins b, Janet Wiener c

Size : ~ 200 million vertices  
~ 1.5 billion edges

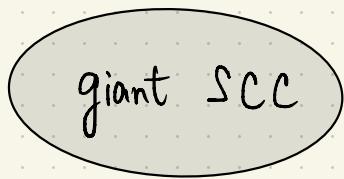
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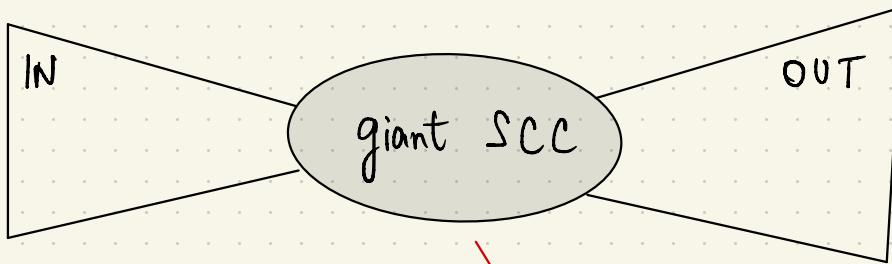
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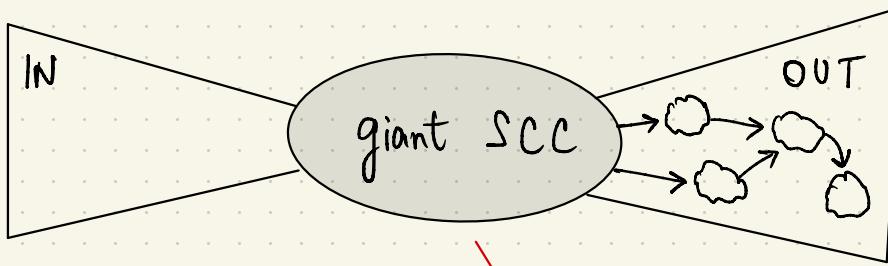
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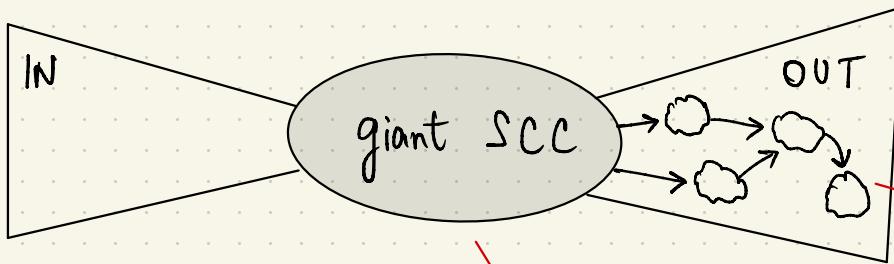
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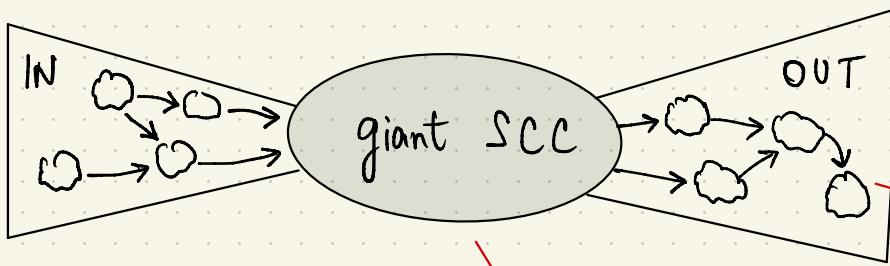
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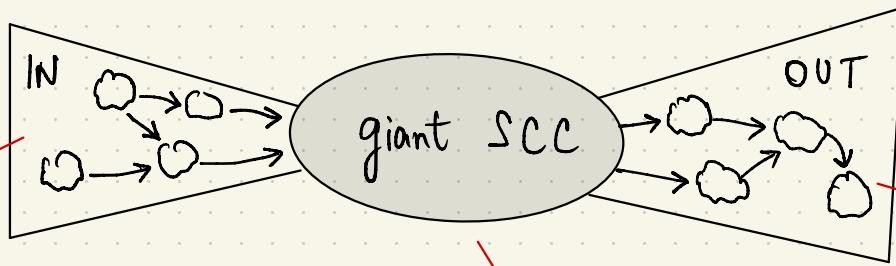
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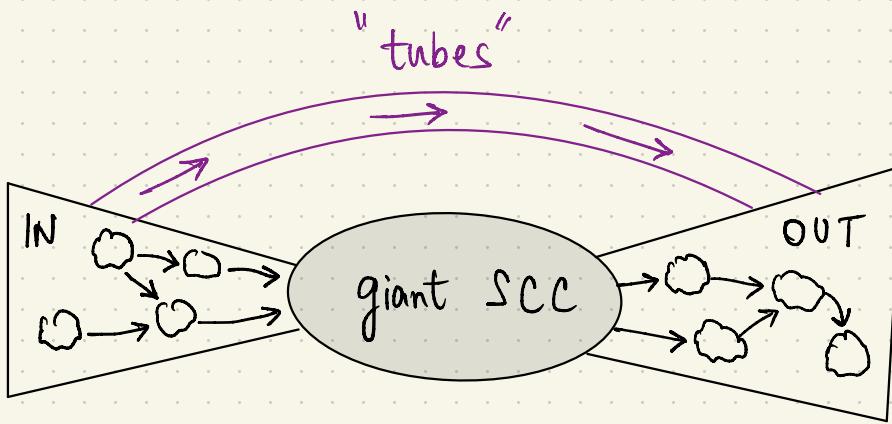


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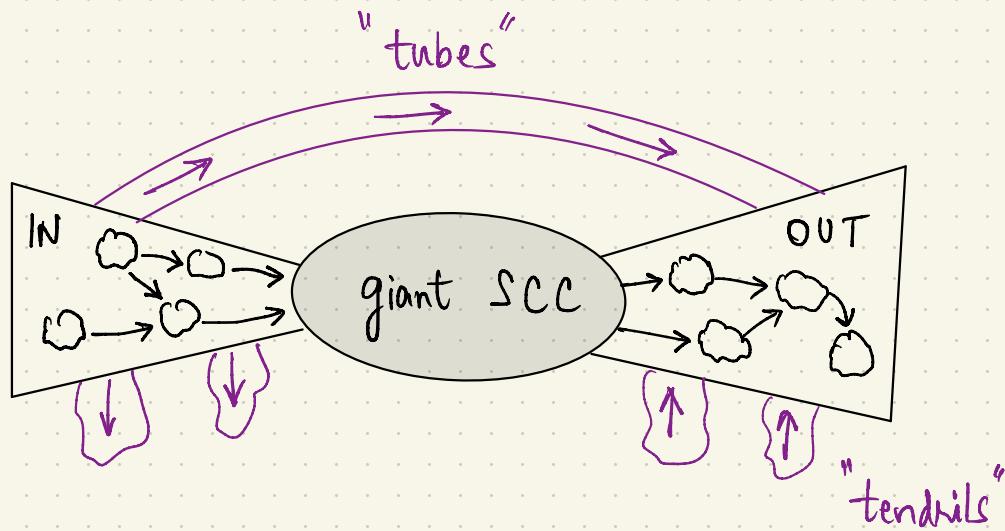
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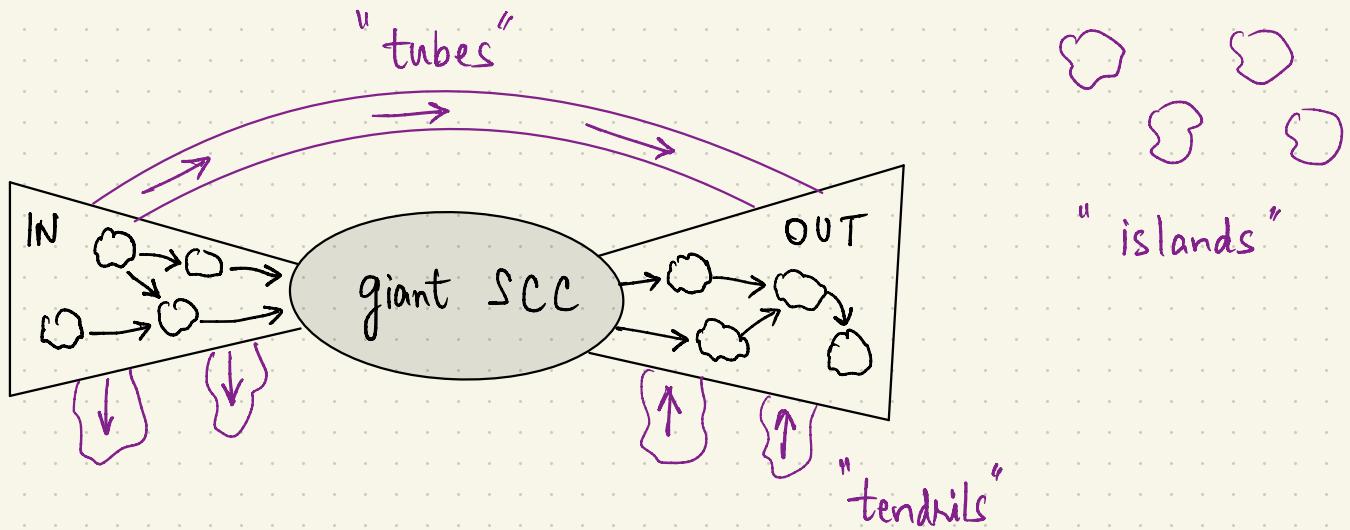
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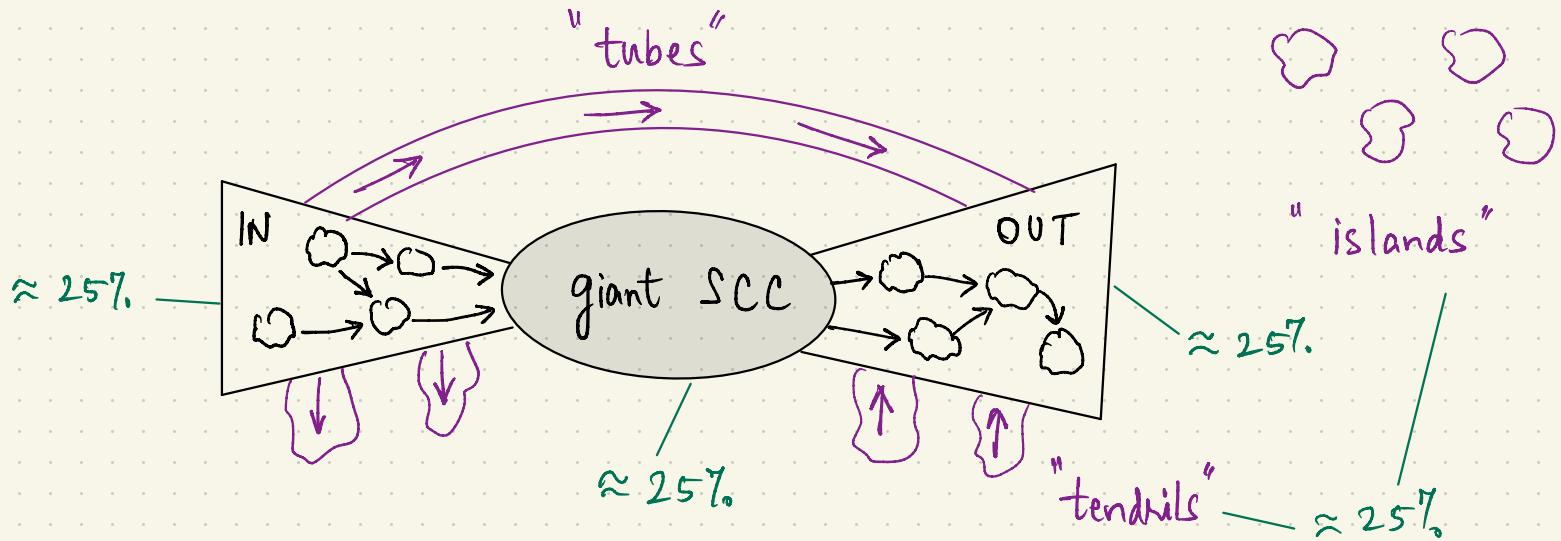
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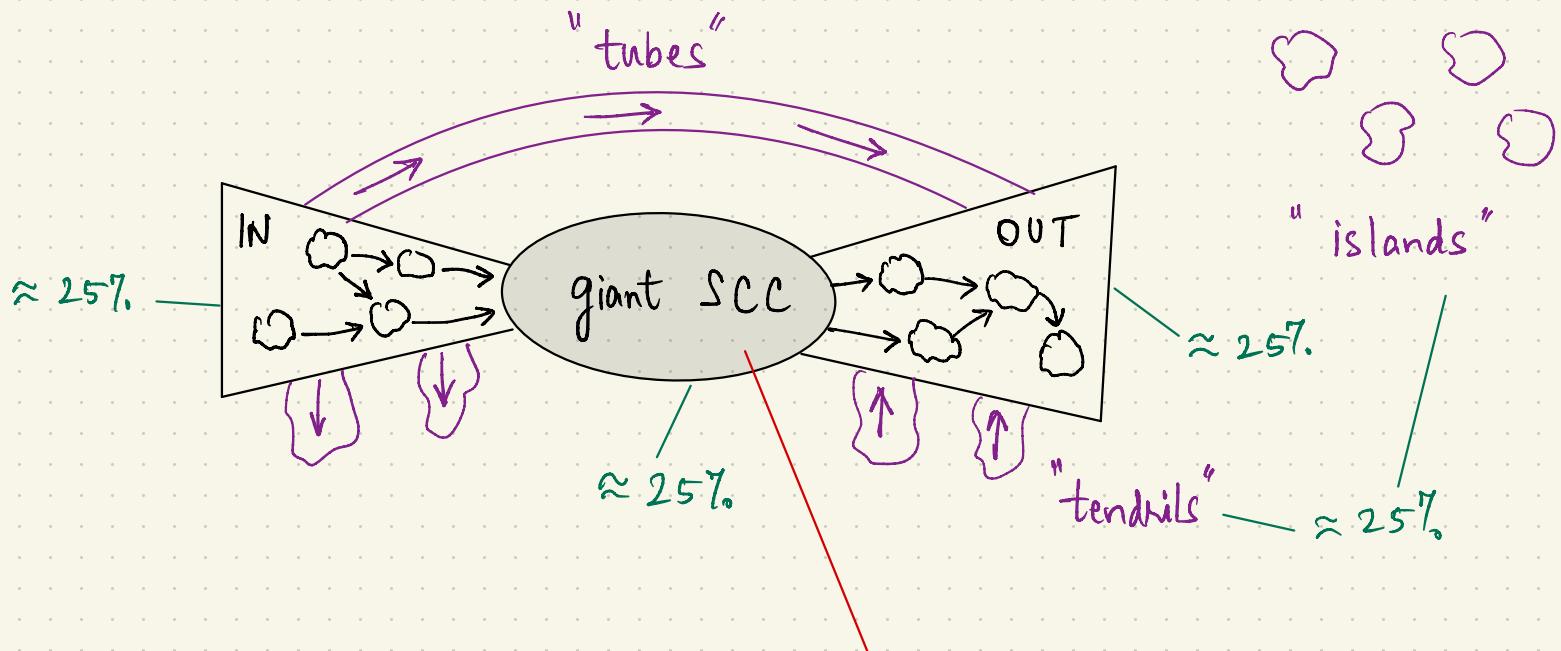
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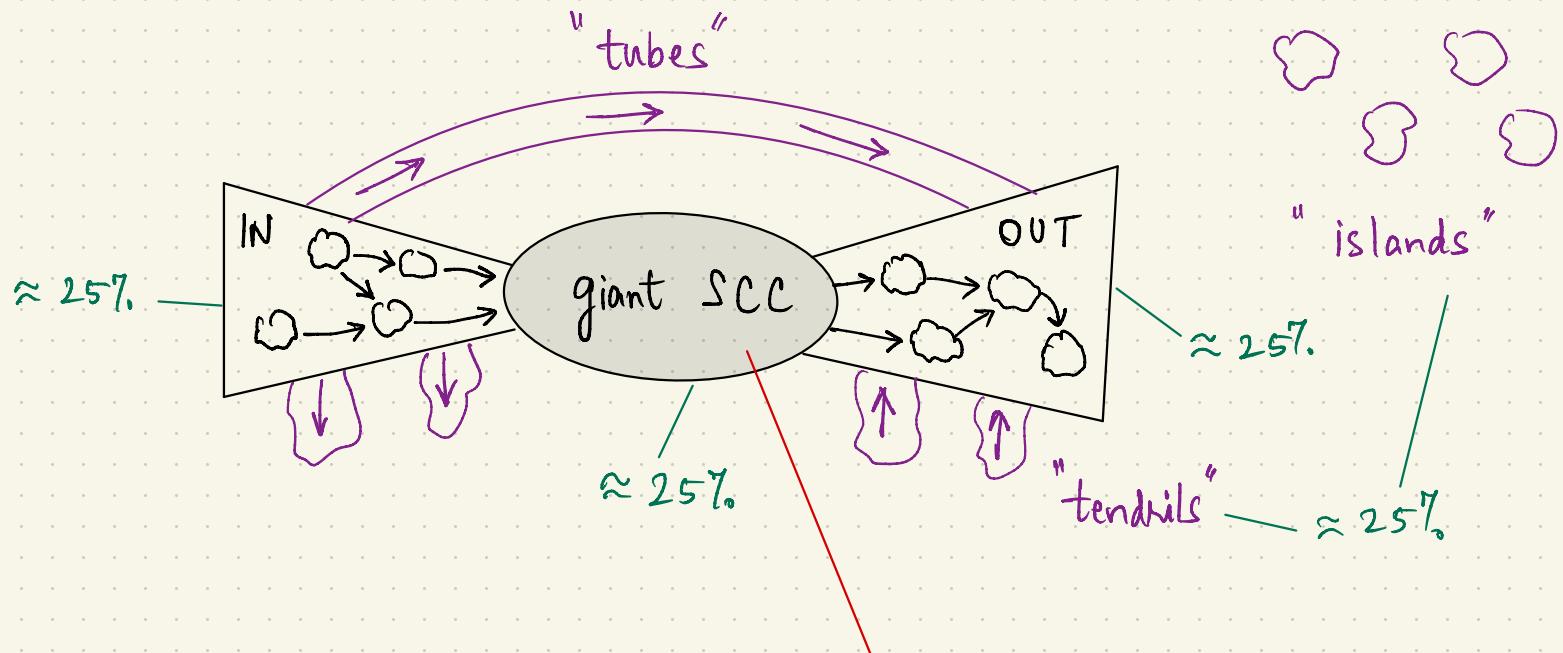


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$\approx 56$  million vertices  
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Dijkstra's ALGORITHM

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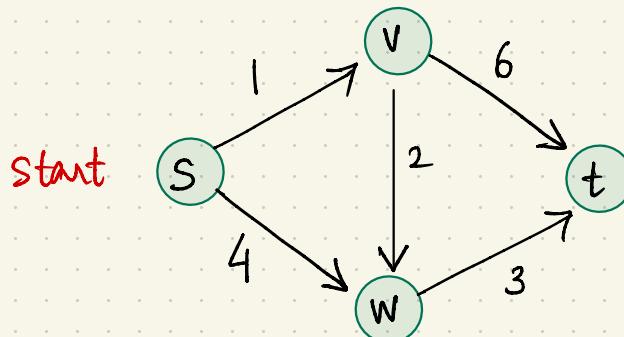
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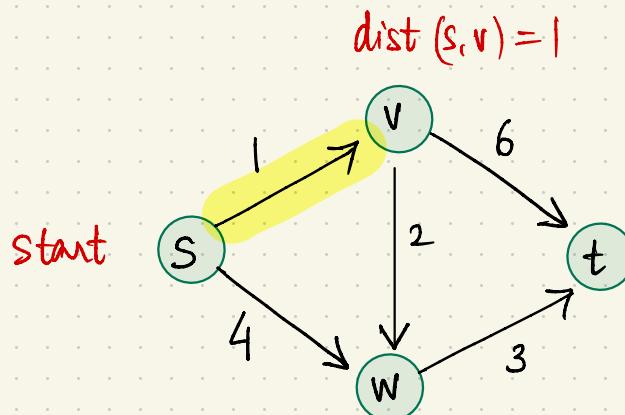
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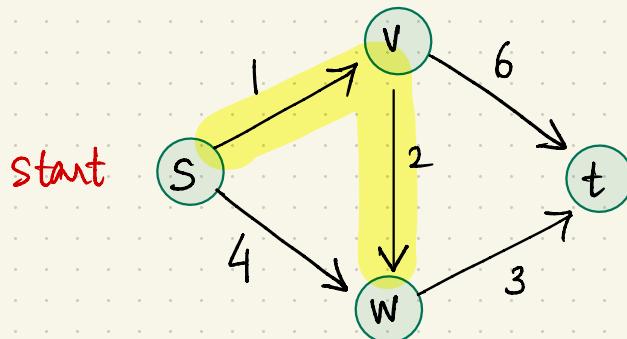
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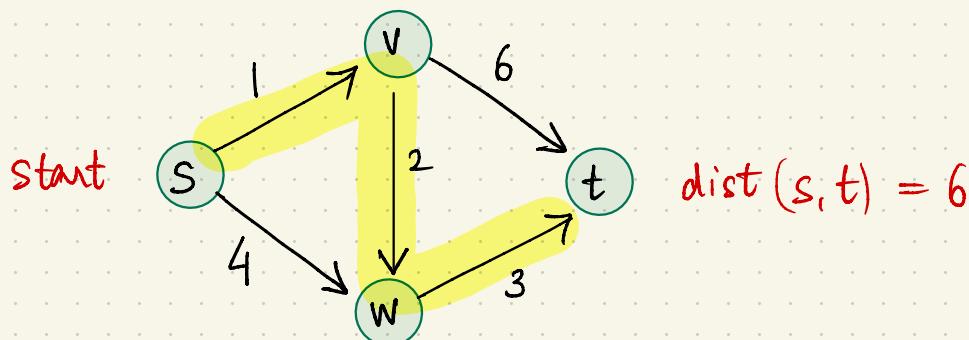


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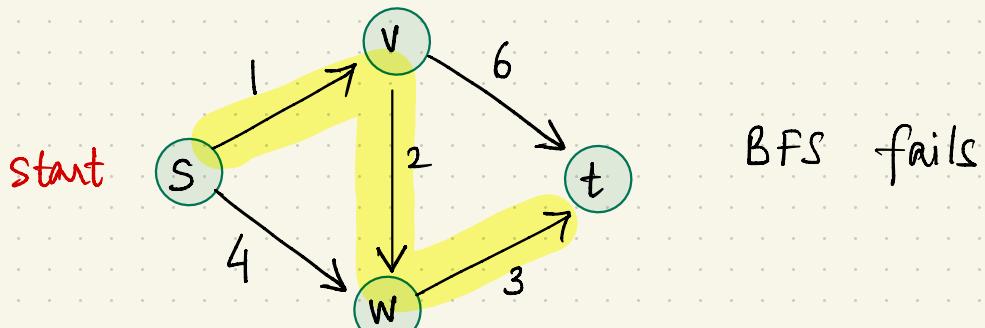
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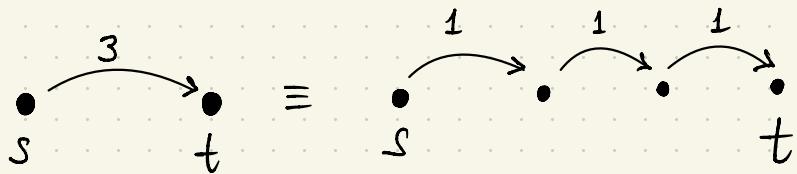


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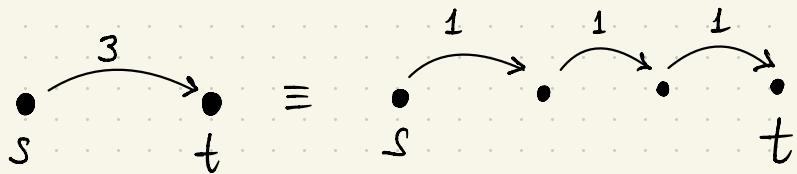
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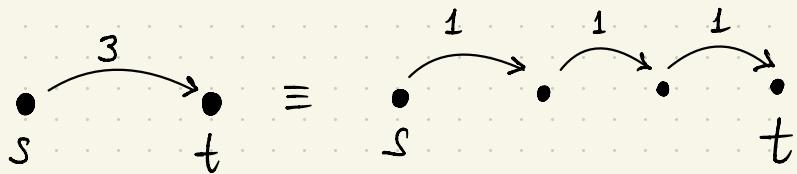


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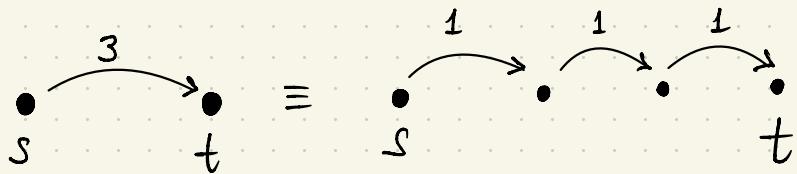
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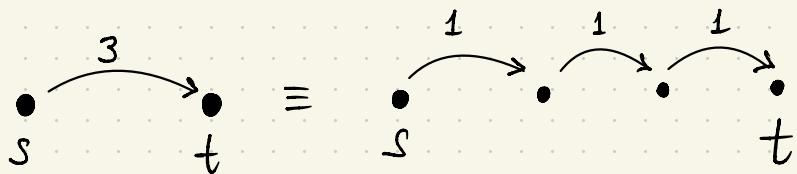
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Solution : Dijkstra's algorithm

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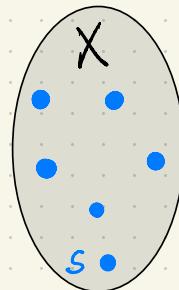
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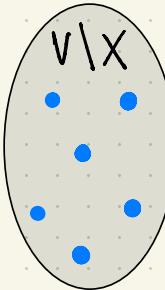
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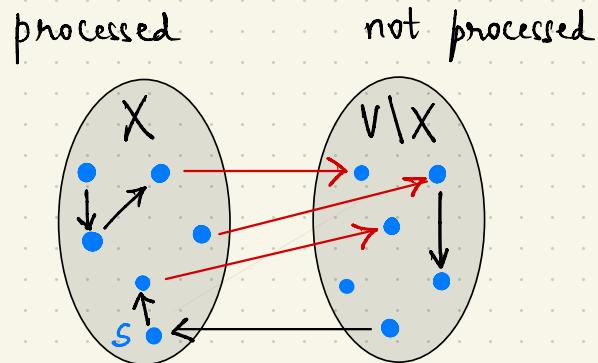
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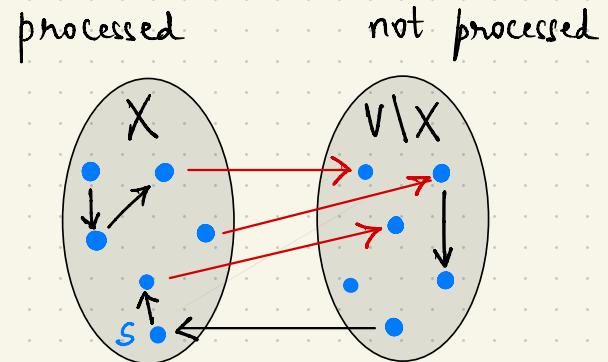
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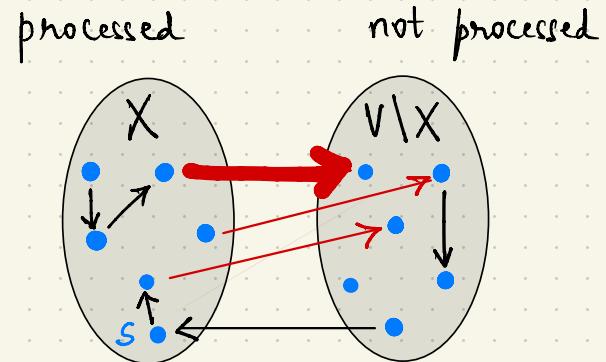
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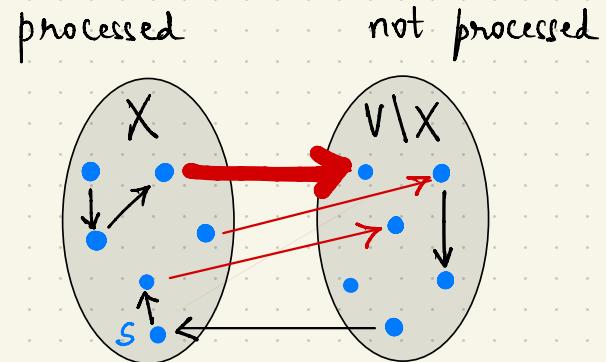
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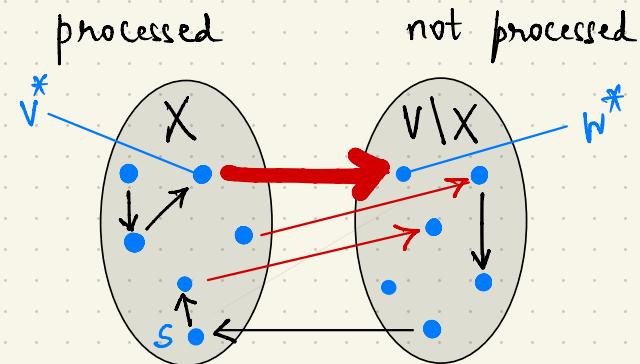
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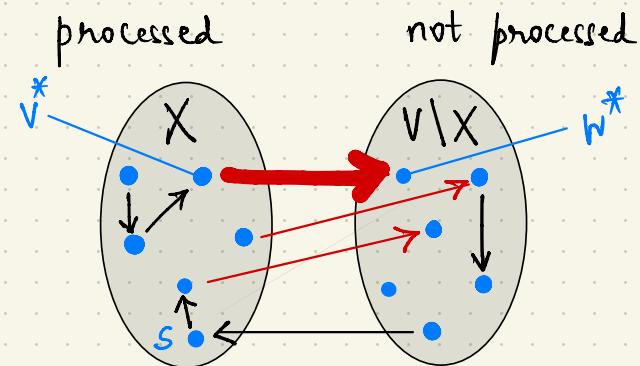
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$$X := \{s\}$$

vertices processed so far

$$A[s] = 0$$

computed shortest-path distances

$$B[s] = \emptyset$$

computed shortest paths

// main loop

while  $X \neq V$  need to grow  $X$

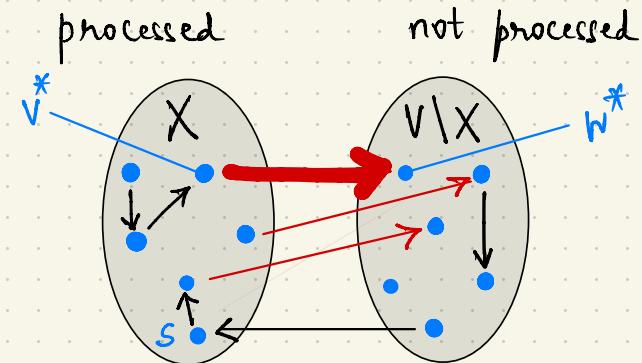
among all edges  $(v, w) \in E$  with  $v \in X$  and  $w \notin X$ , pick one that minimizes

$$A[v] + l_{vw} \quad \text{Dijkstra score}$$

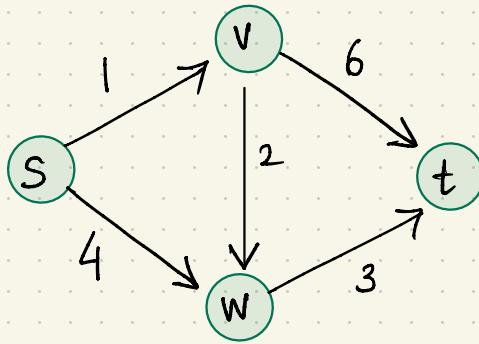
Call it  $(v^*, w^*)$ .

Add  $w^*$  to  $X$ .

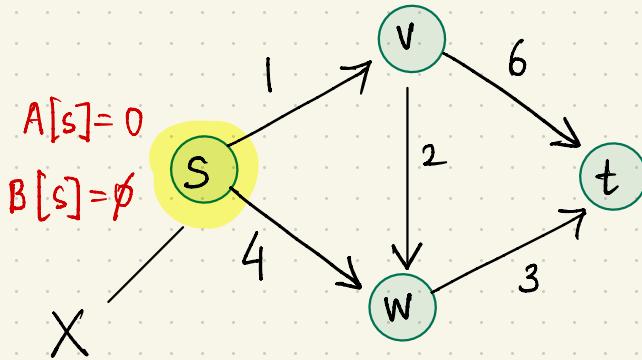
Set  $A[w^*] := A[v^*] + l_{v^*w^*}$  and  $B[w^*] := B[v^*] \cup (v^*, w^*)$



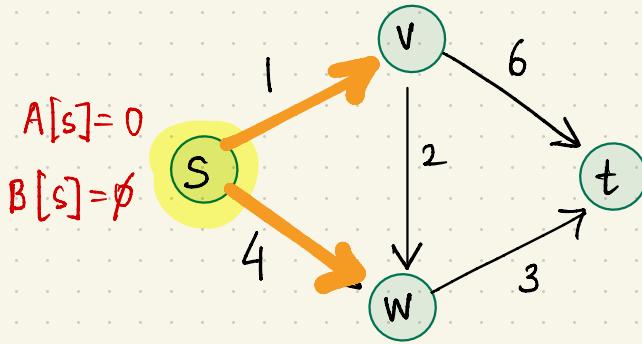
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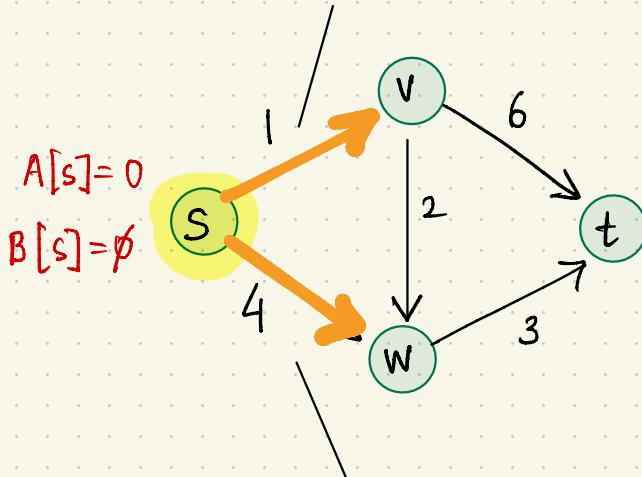


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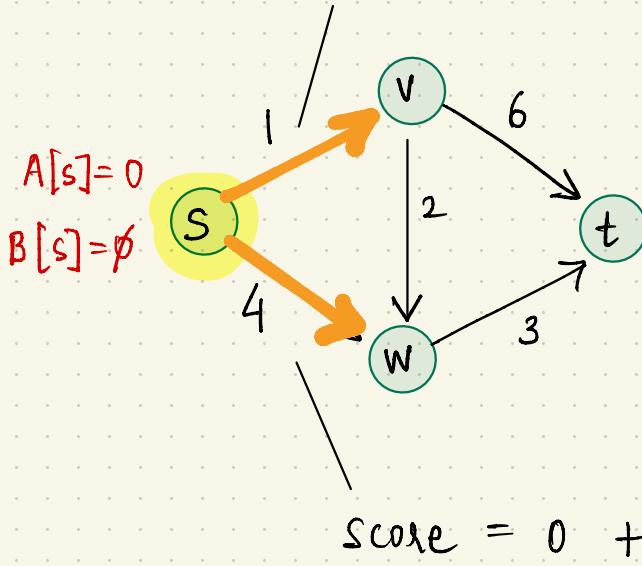


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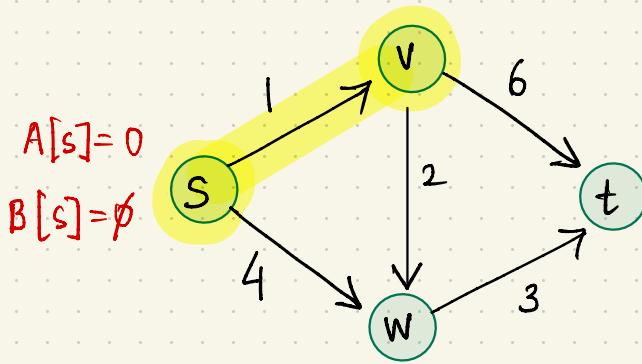
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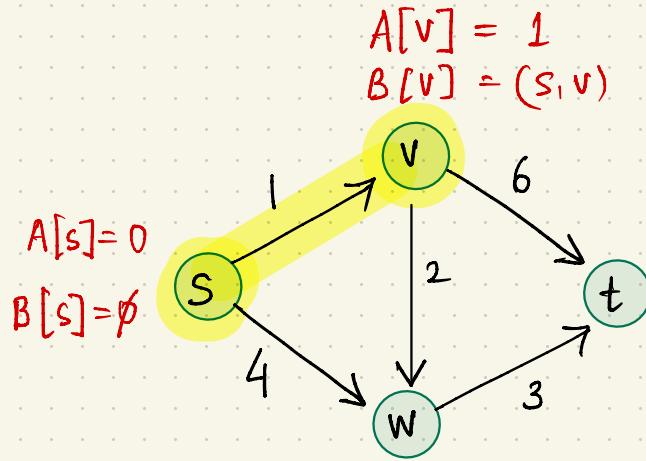
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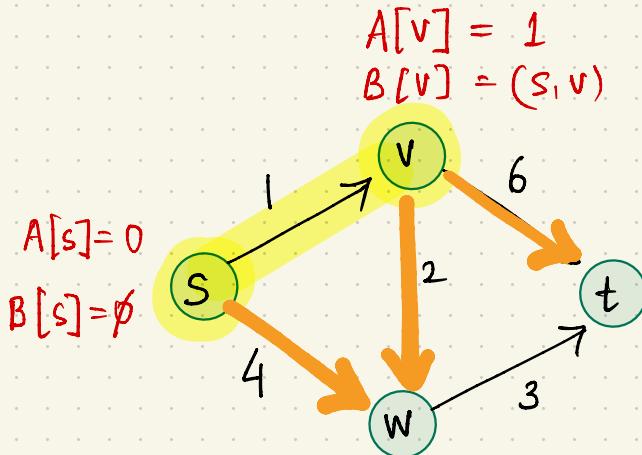
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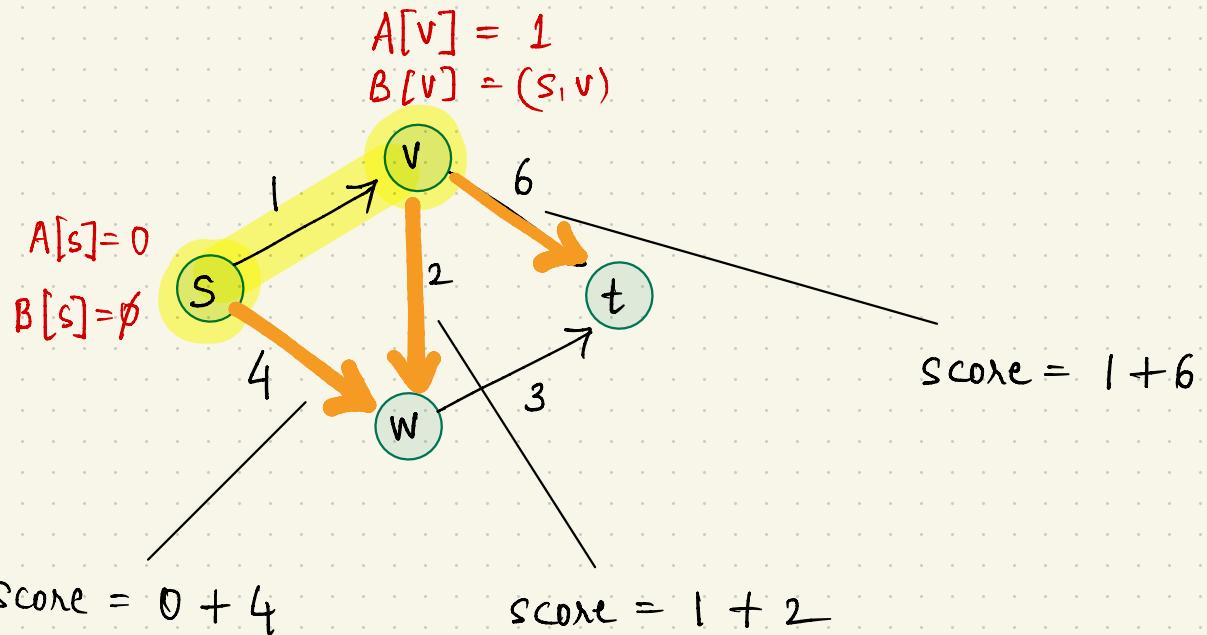
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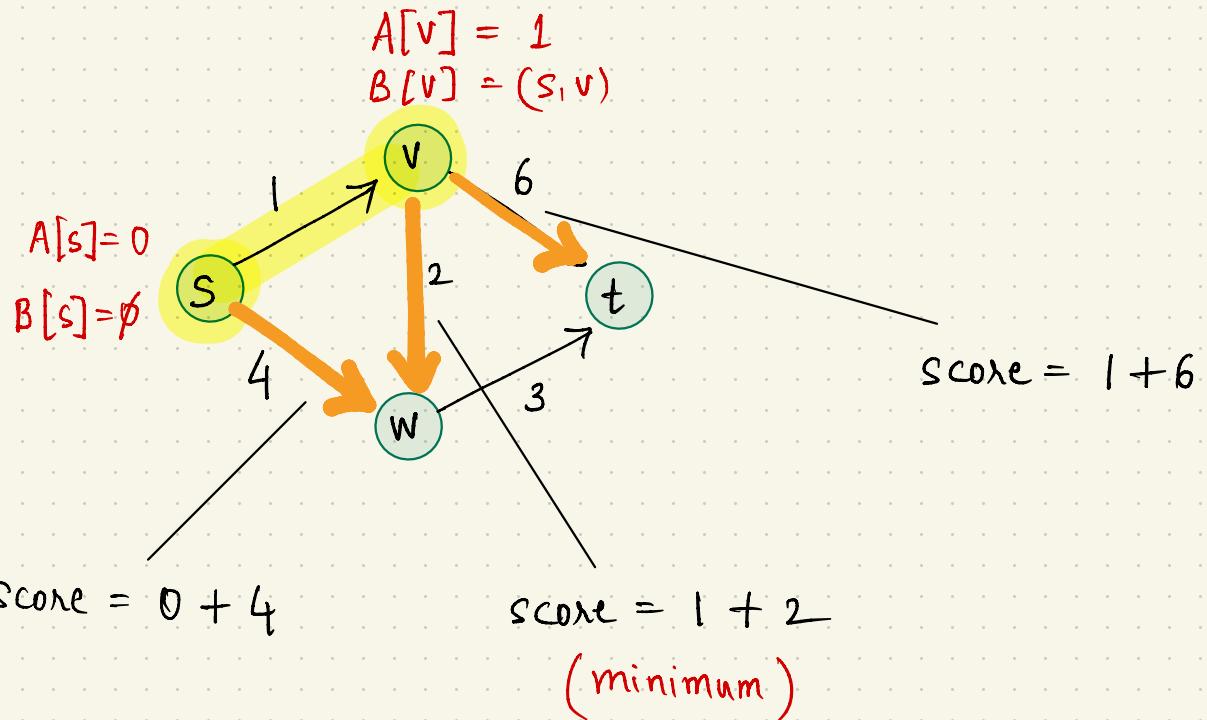
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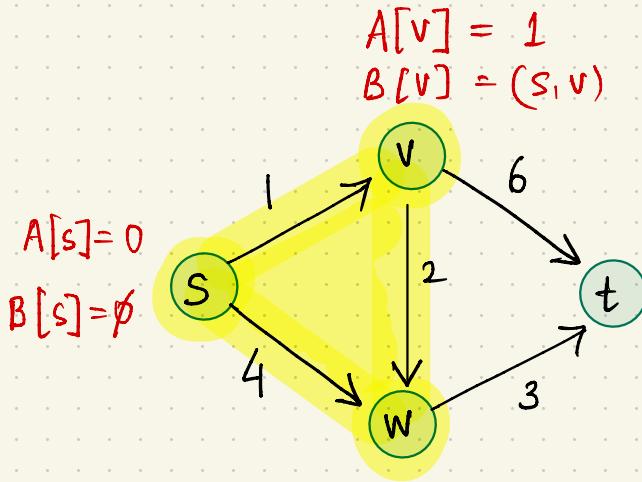
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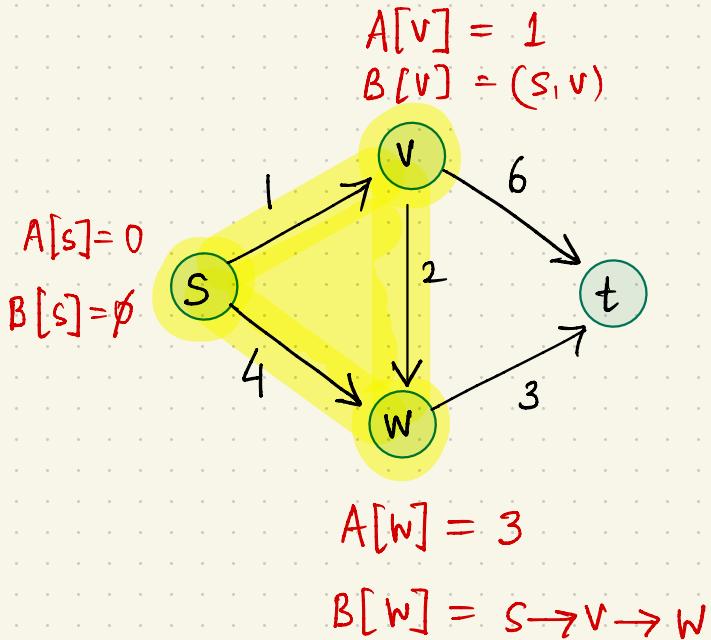
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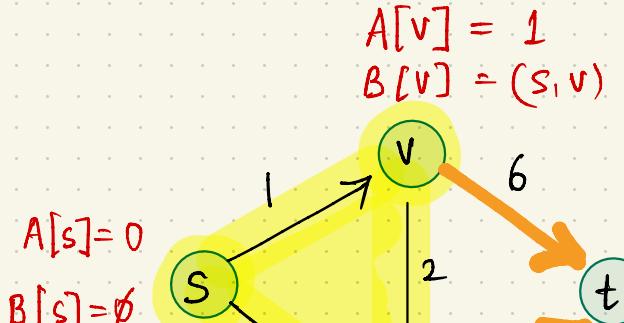
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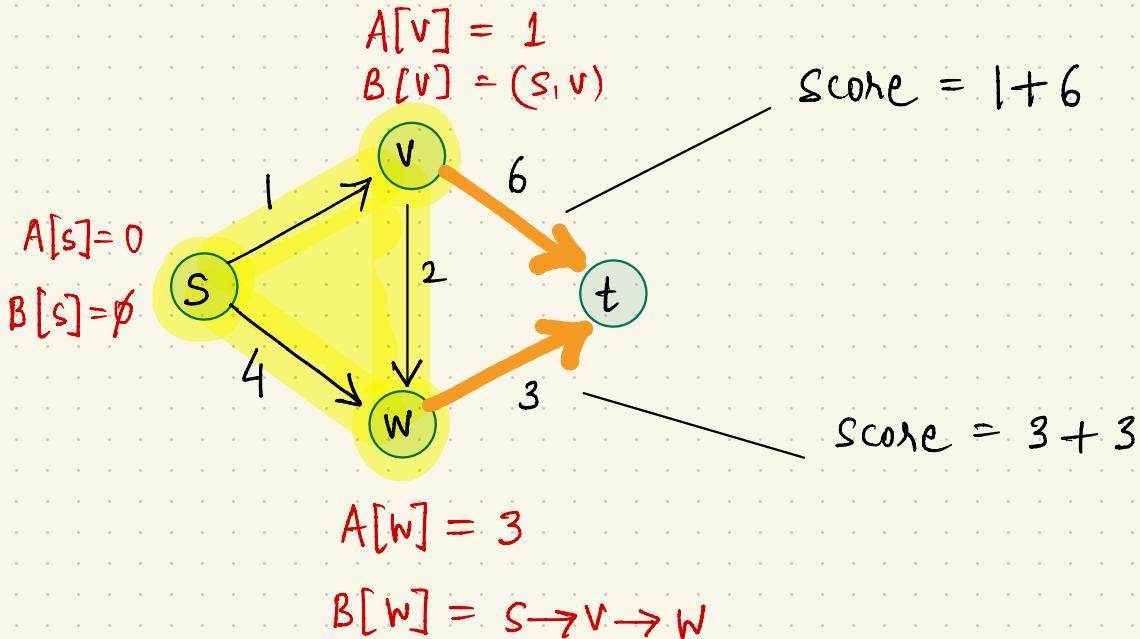


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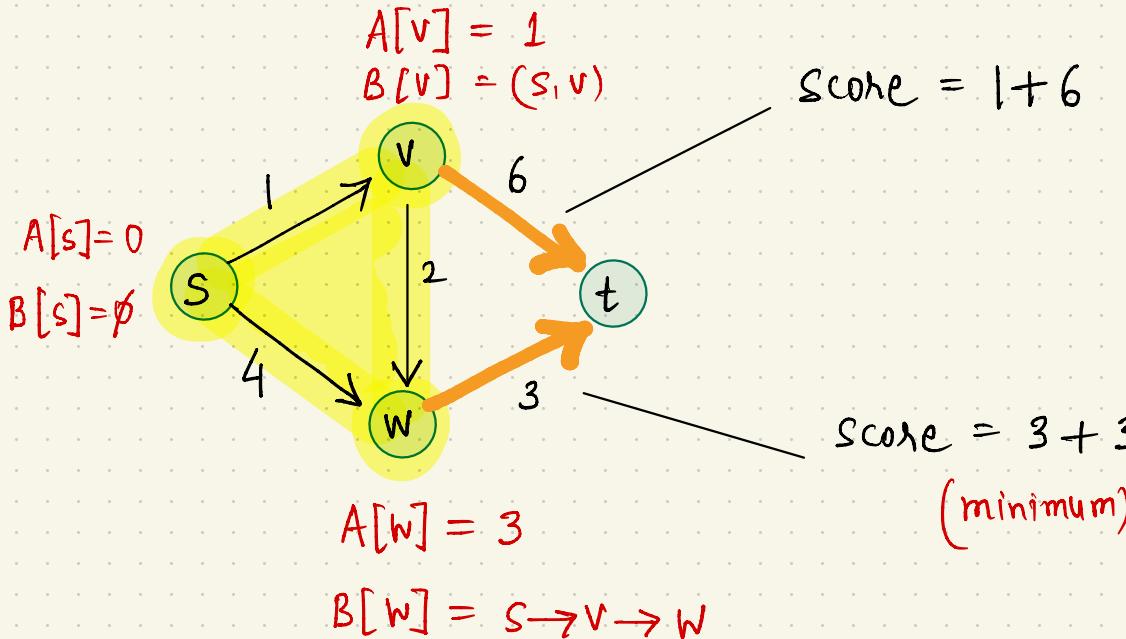
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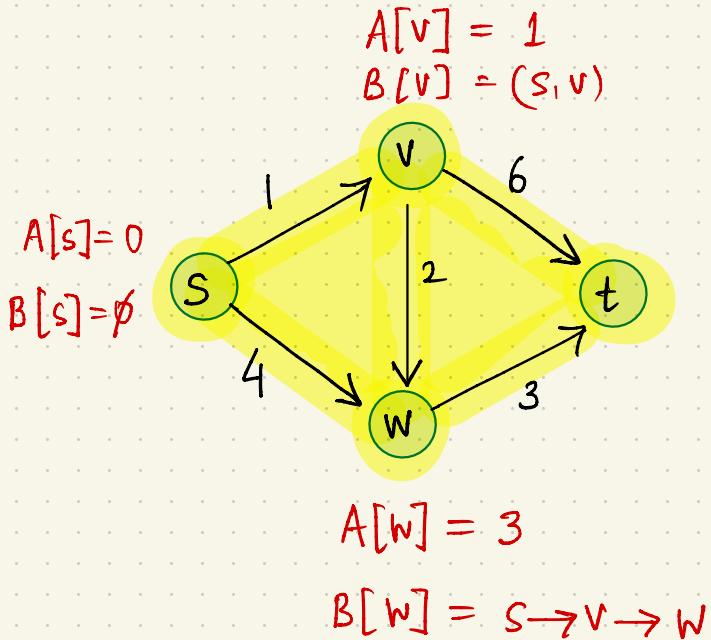
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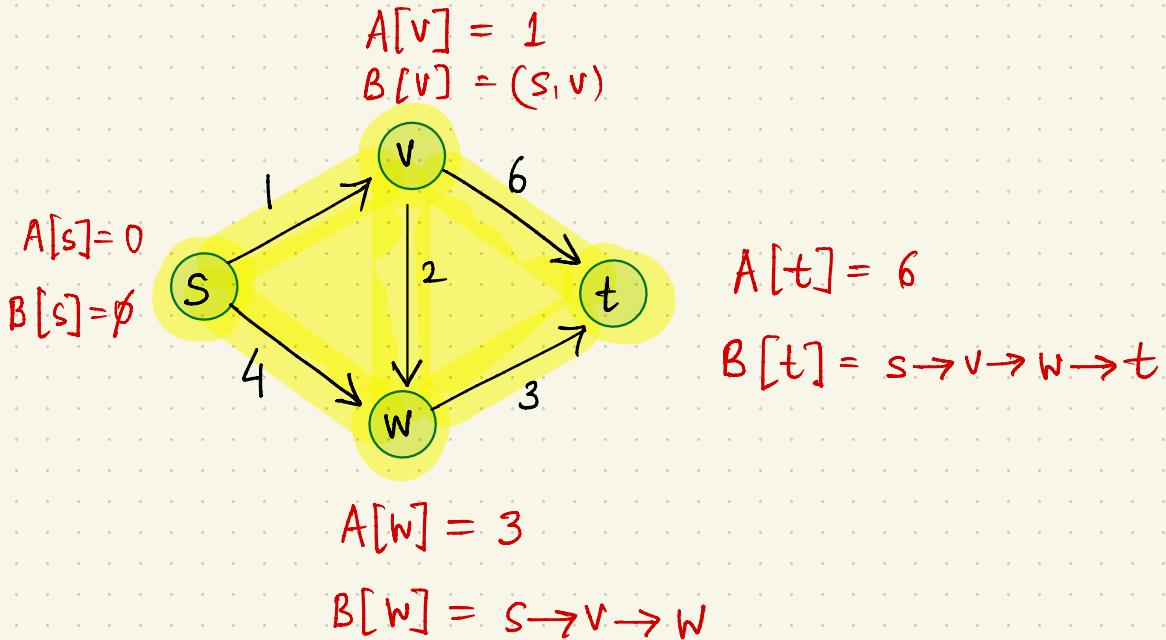
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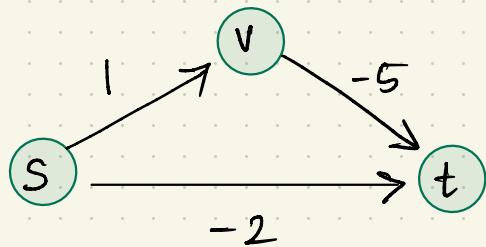




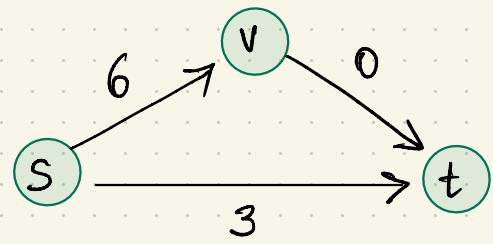
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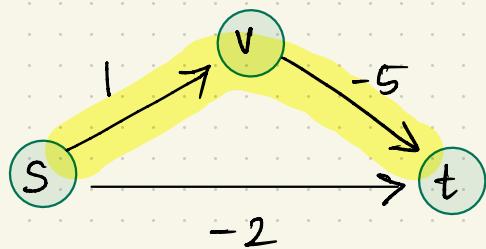


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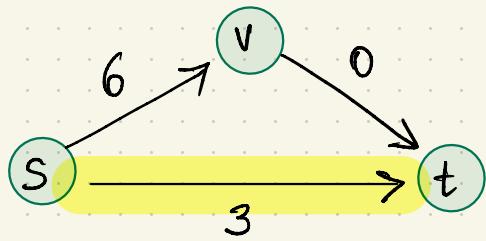




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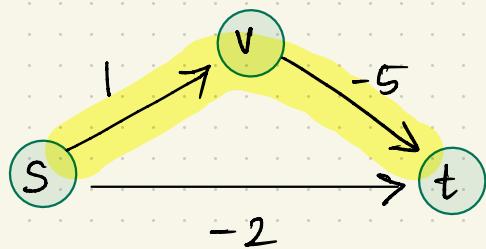
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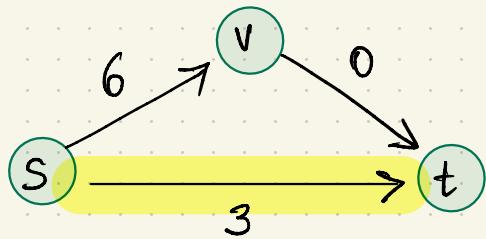
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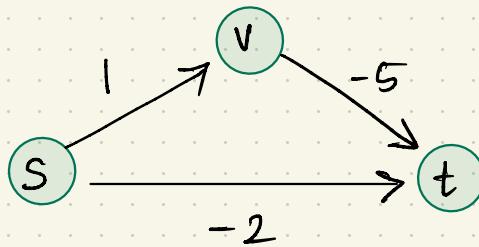


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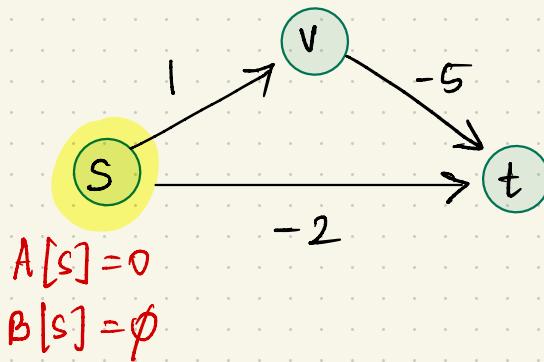


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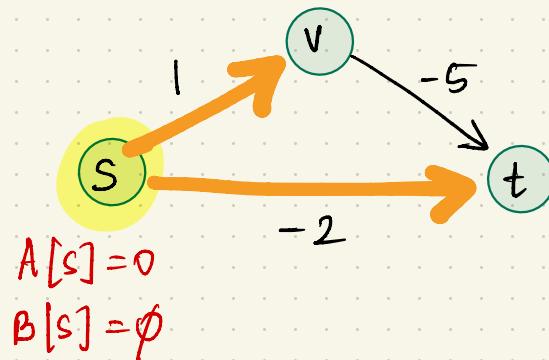


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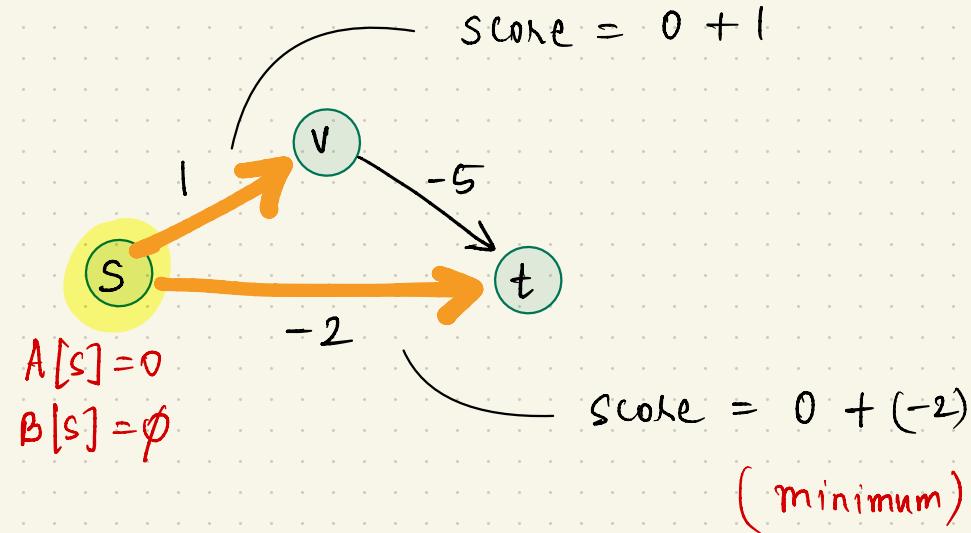


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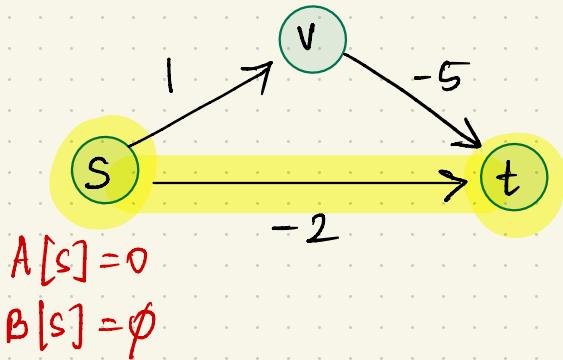


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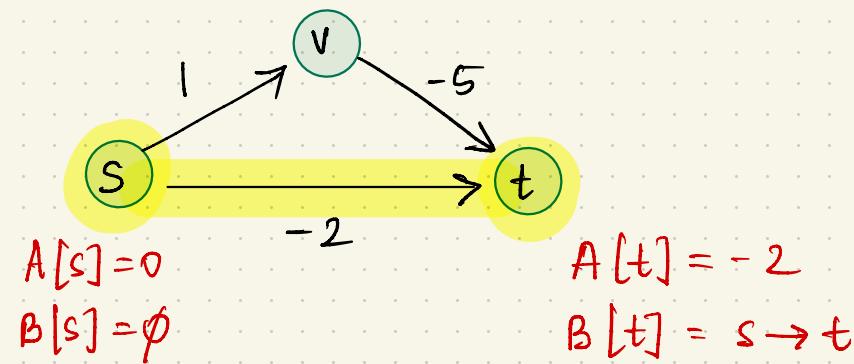


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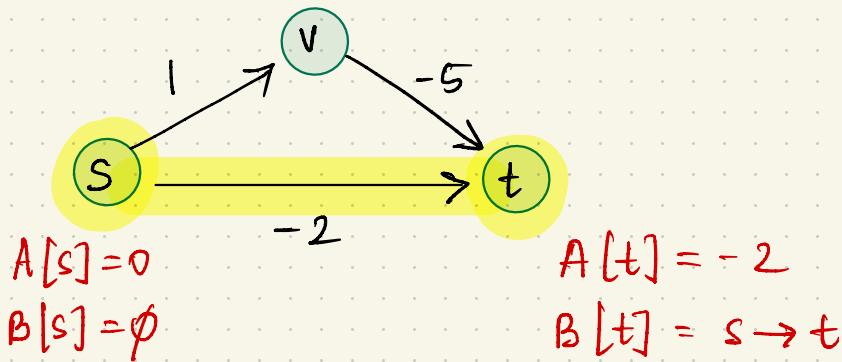


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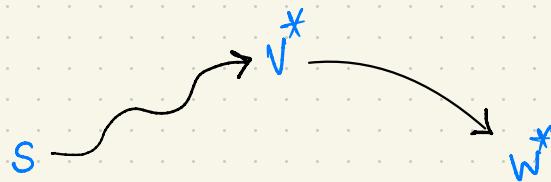
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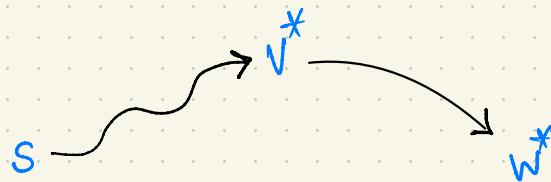


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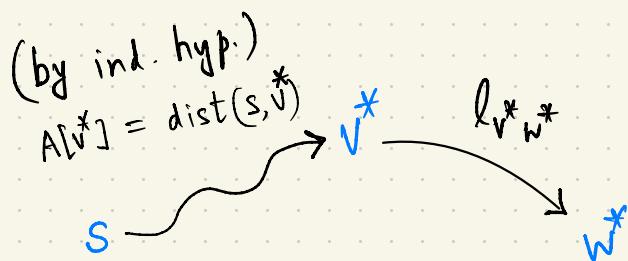


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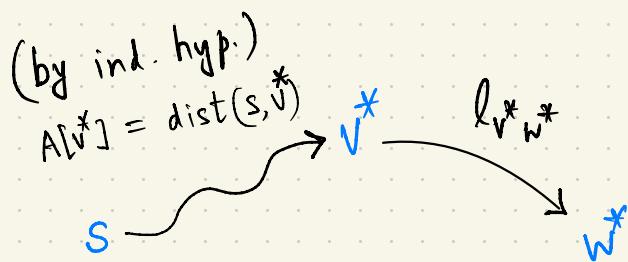


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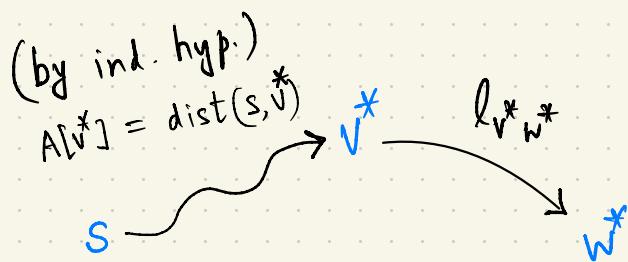
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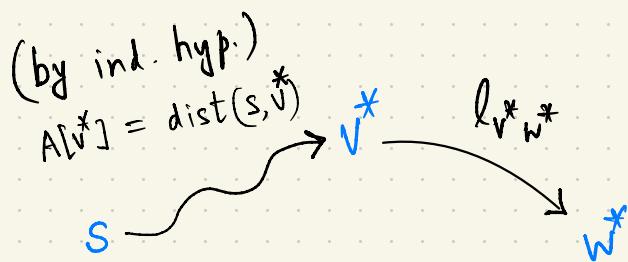
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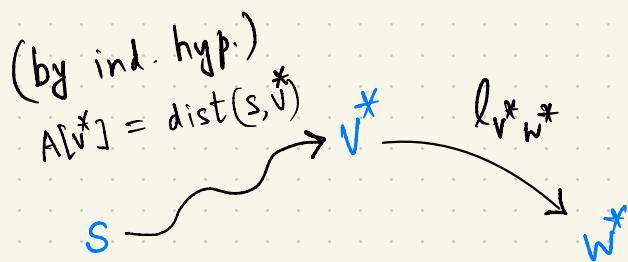


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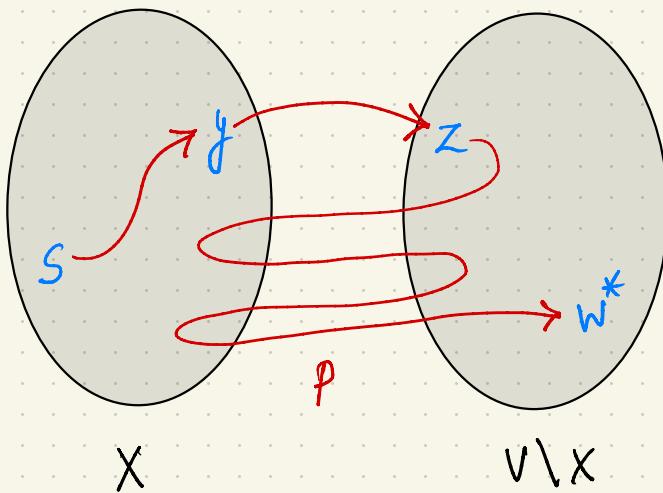
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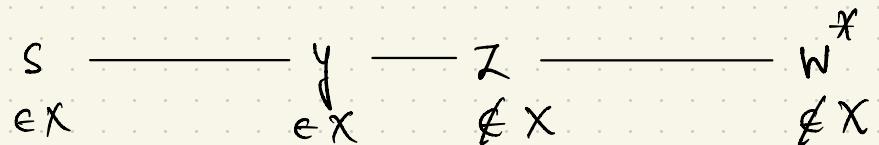


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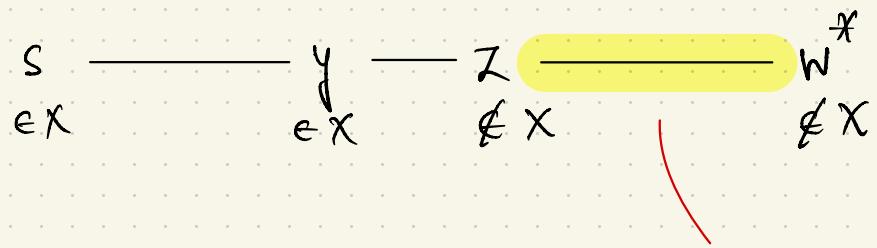


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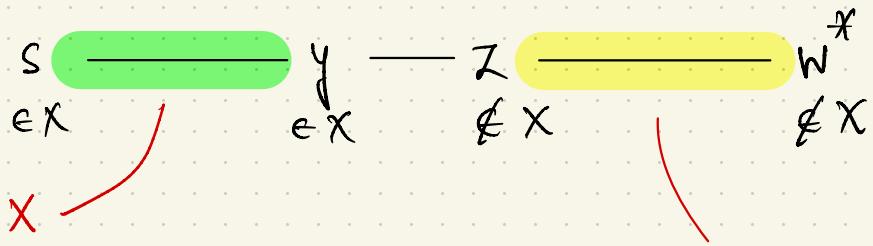
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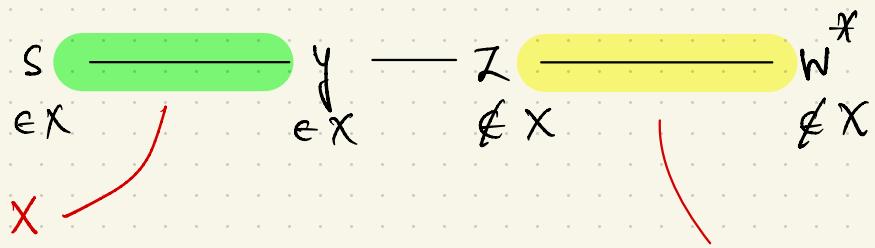
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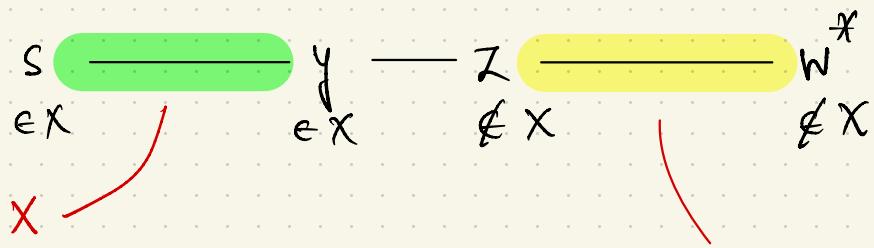
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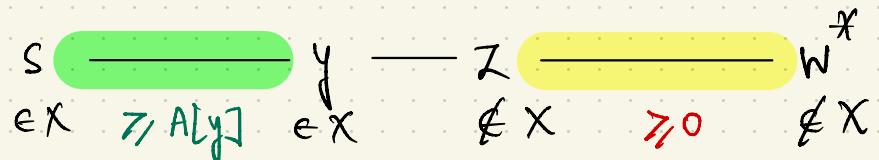
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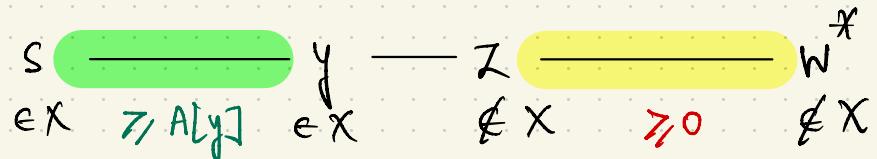


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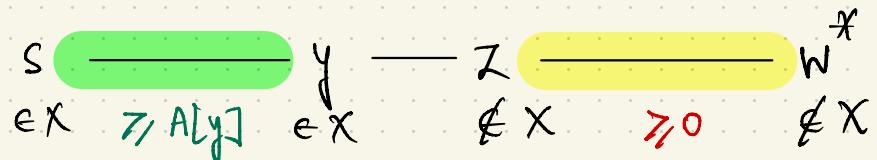
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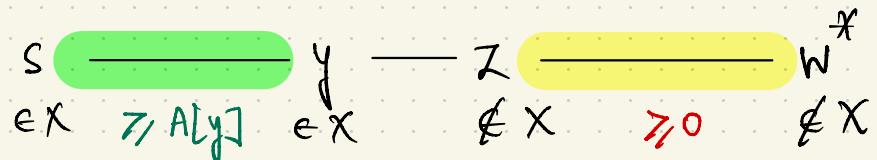
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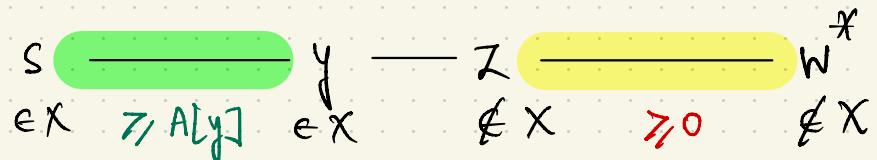
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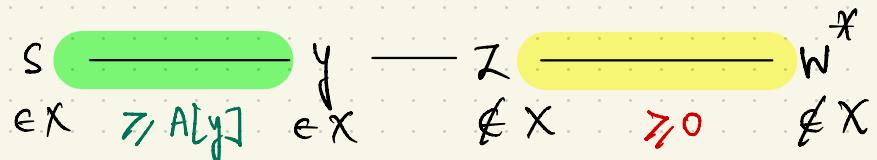
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(See "Additional Reading")