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Lecture 11: Shortest Path

CSCI 3070U: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Learning Outcomes

- Single source shortest path problem:
 - Dijkstra
 - Bellman-Ford

Shortest-path Problem

- **Problem:** given a weighted directed graph G , find the minimum-weight path from a given source vertex s to another vertex v

- Weight of path $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ is:

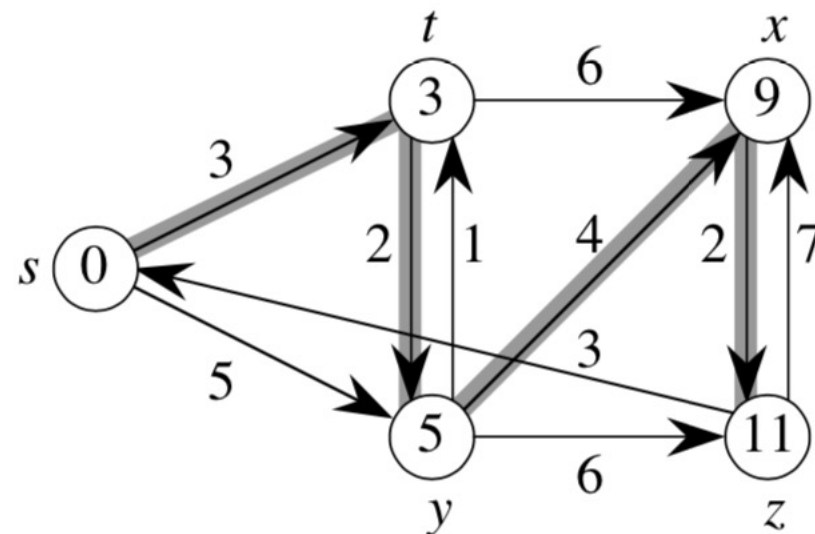
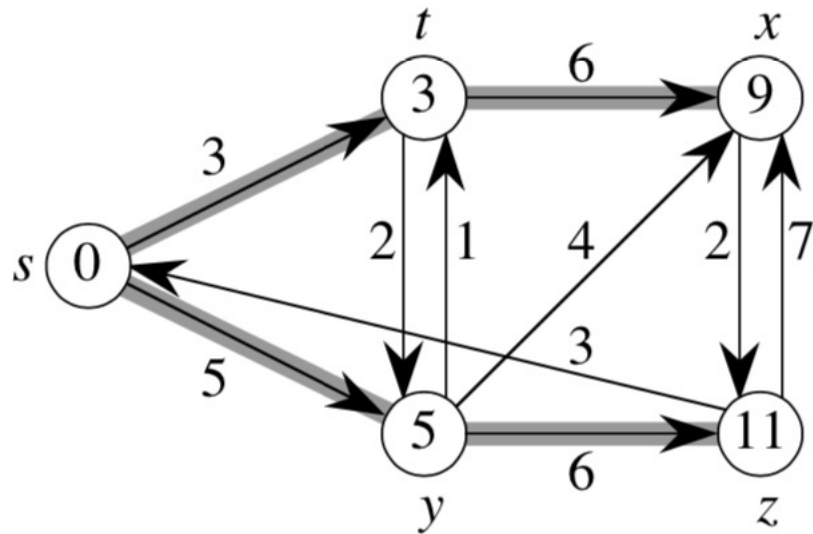
$$\sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

- Shortest-path weight u to v :

$$\delta(u, v) = \begin{cases} \min \{ w(p) : u \xrightarrow{p} v \} & \text{if there exists a path } u \rightsquigarrow v, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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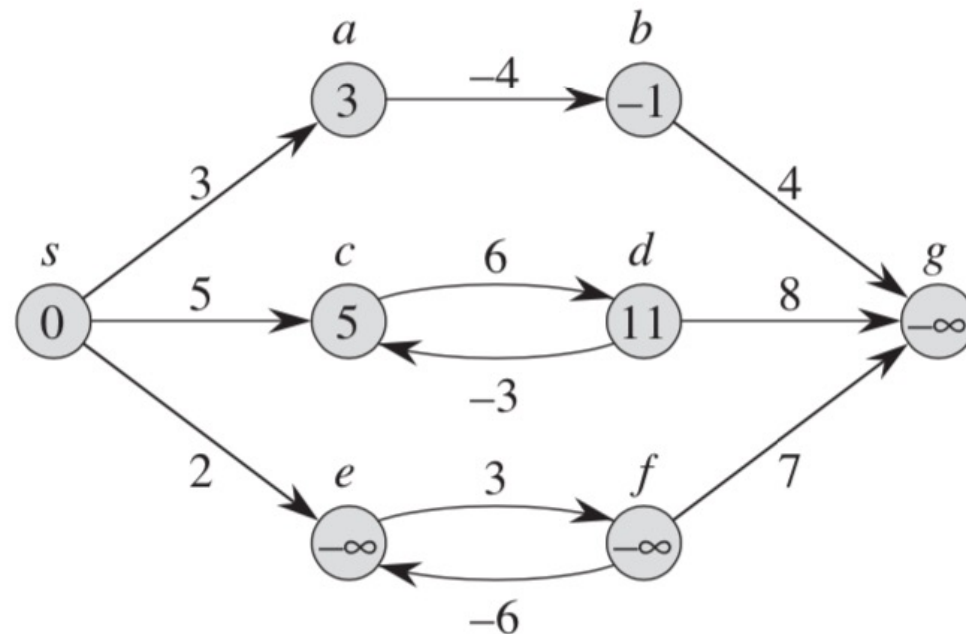


Shortest-path Problem

- Variants:
 - Single-source:
 - Find shortest paths from a given source vertex $s \in V$ to every vertex $v \in V$
 - Single-destination:
 - Find shortest paths to a given destination vertex.
 - Single-pair:
 - Find shortest path from u to v .
 - All-pairs:
 - Find shortest path from u to v for all $u, v \in V$. We'll see algorithms

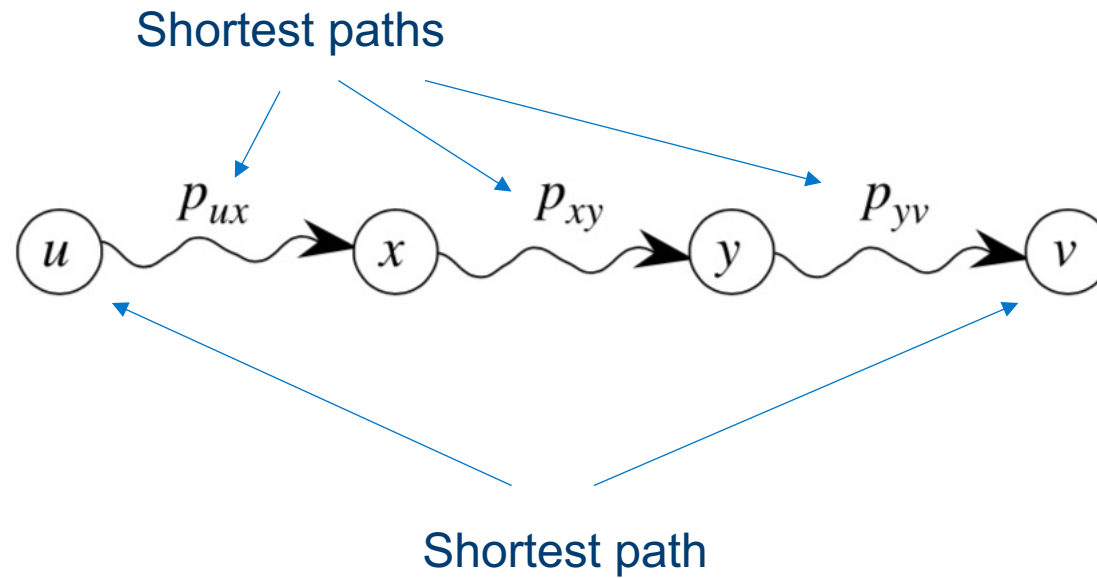
Negative-Weight Edges

- OK, as long as no negative-weight cycles are reachable from the source.
 - If we have a negative-weight cycle, we can just keep going around it, and get $w(s, v) = -\infty$ for all v on the cycle



Optimal Substructure

- Shortest path problem has optimal substructure
 - Any subpath of a shortest path is a shortest path.



Dijkstra's algorithm

- No negative-weight edges !
- Have two sets of vertices:
 - S : vertices whose final shortest-path weights are determined
 - Q : priority queue = $V - S$
- Looks a lot like Prim's algorithm, but computing $v.d$, and using shortest-path weights as keys.
- Dijkstra's algorithm can be viewed as **greedy**, since it always chooses the closest vertex in $V - S$ to add to S

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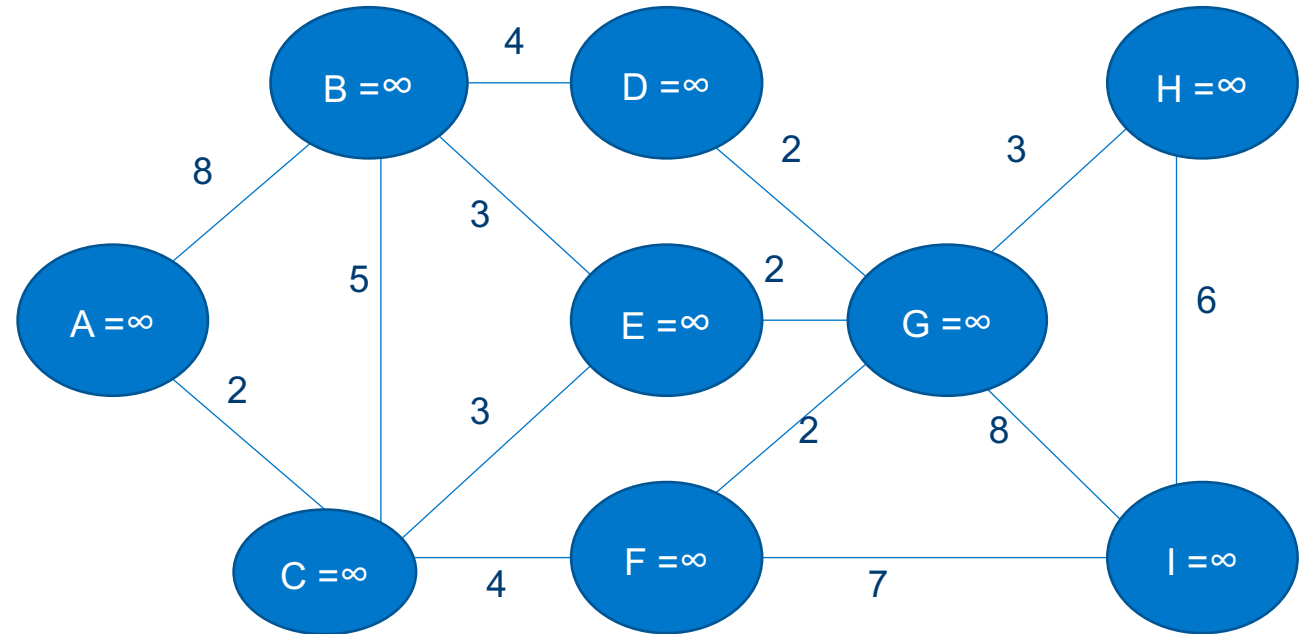
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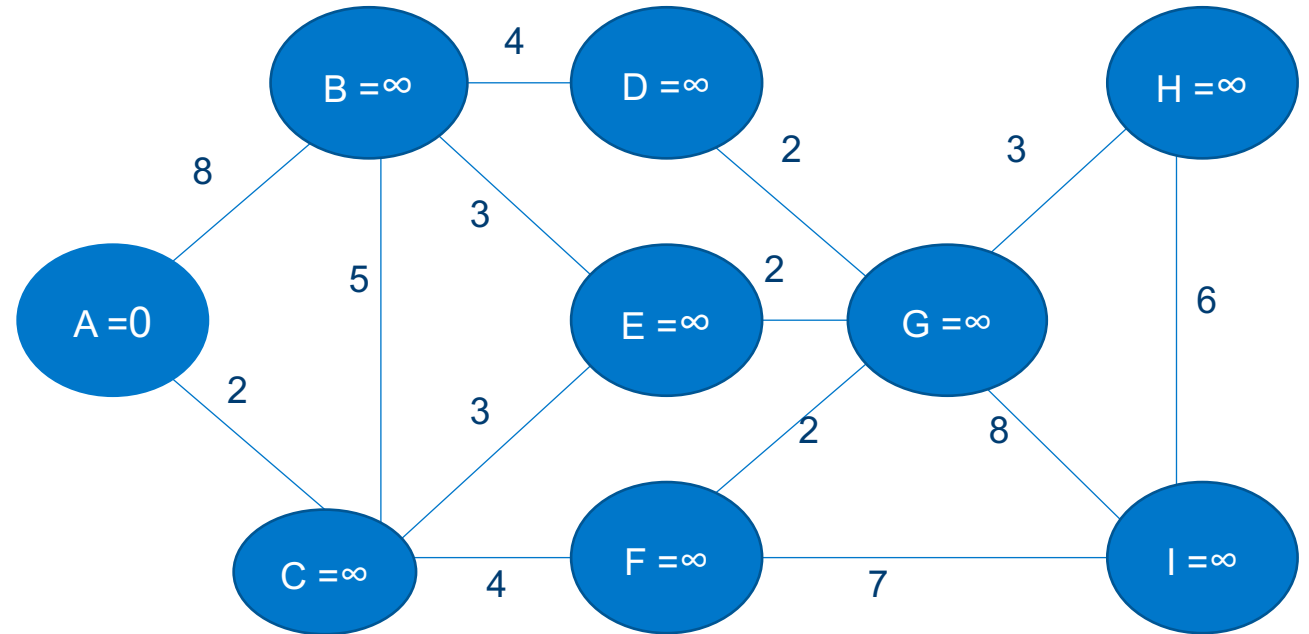
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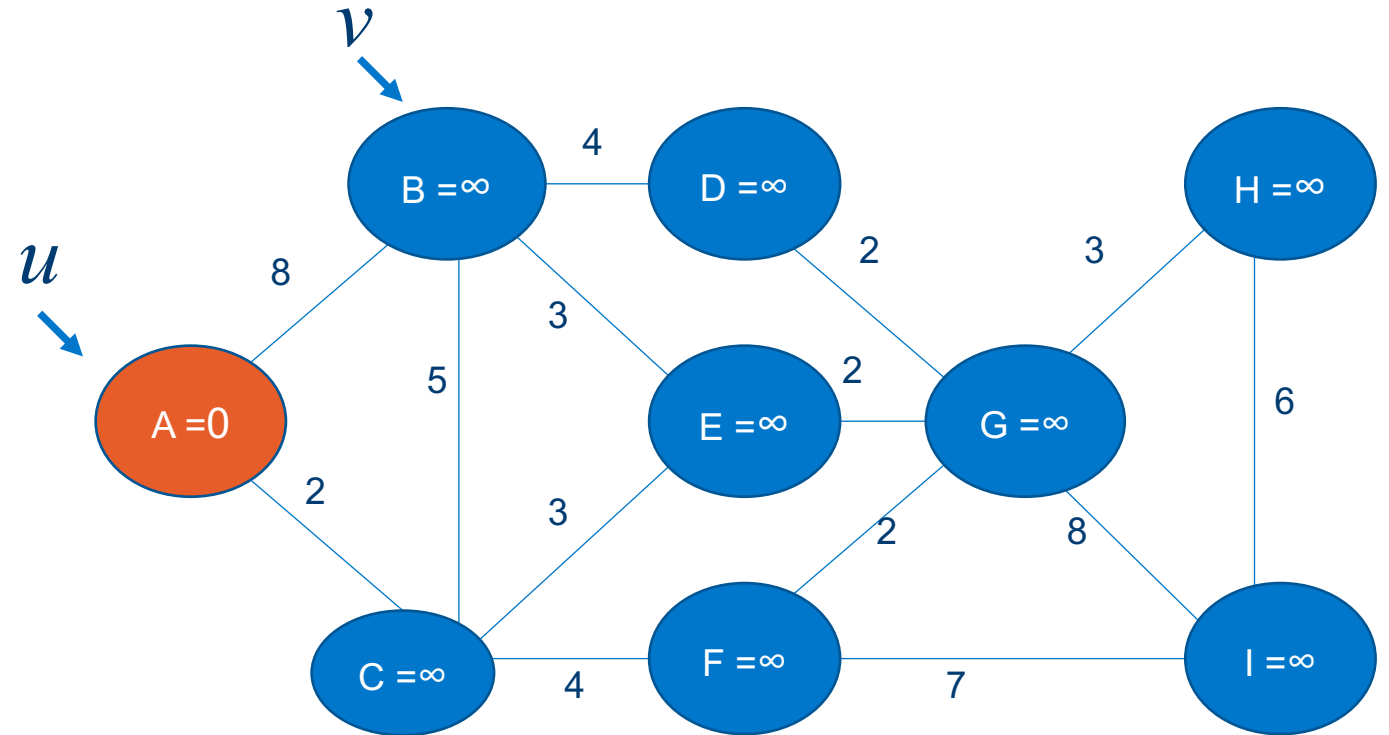
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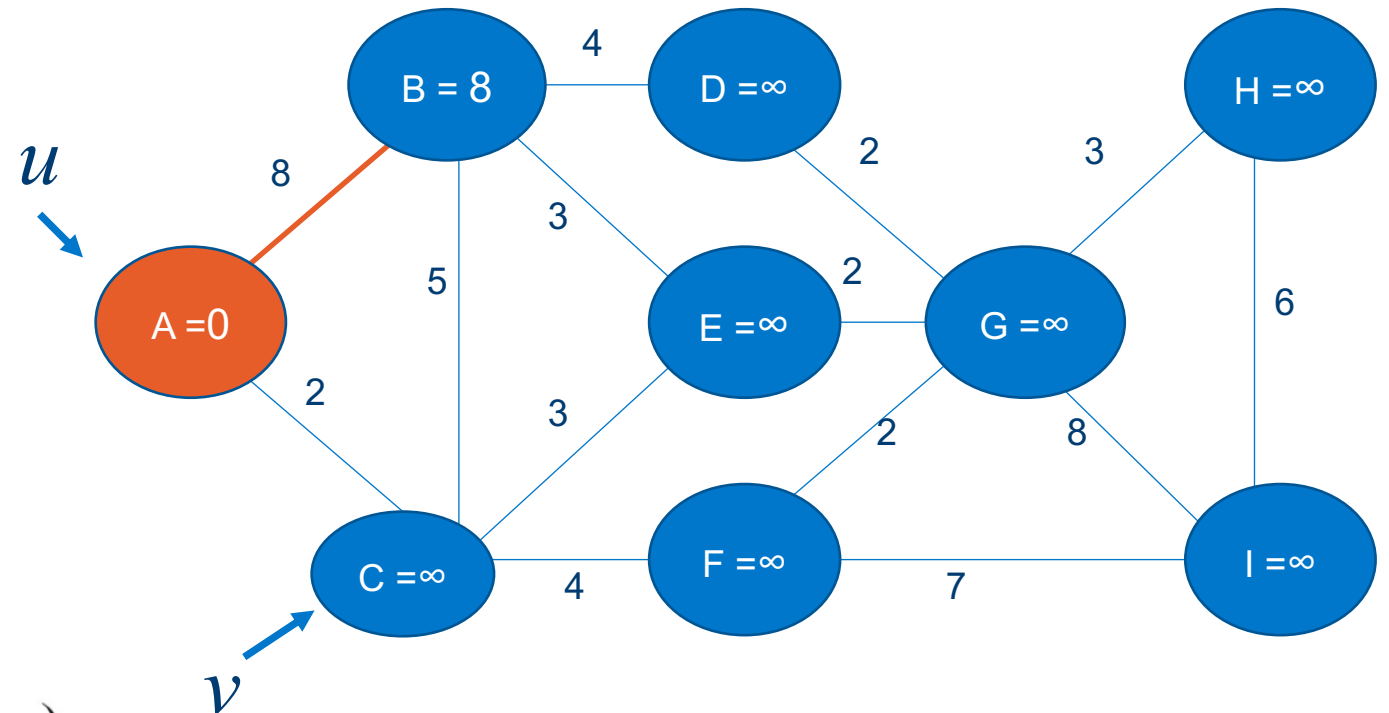
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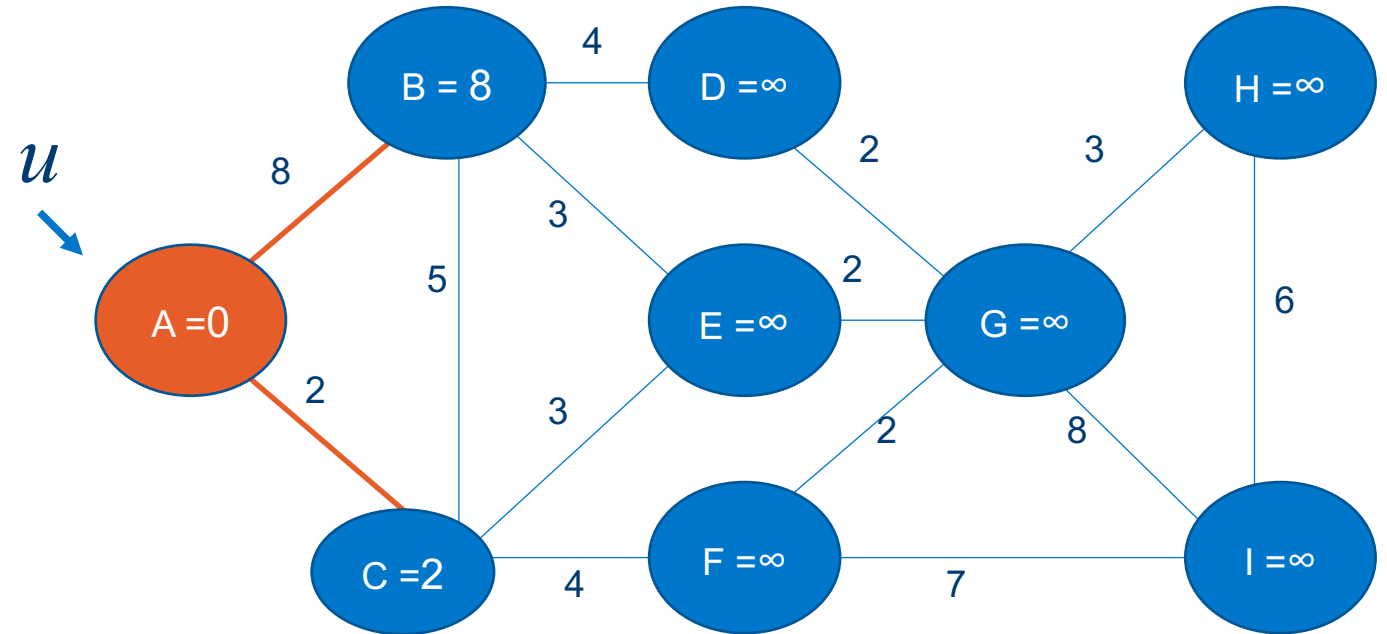
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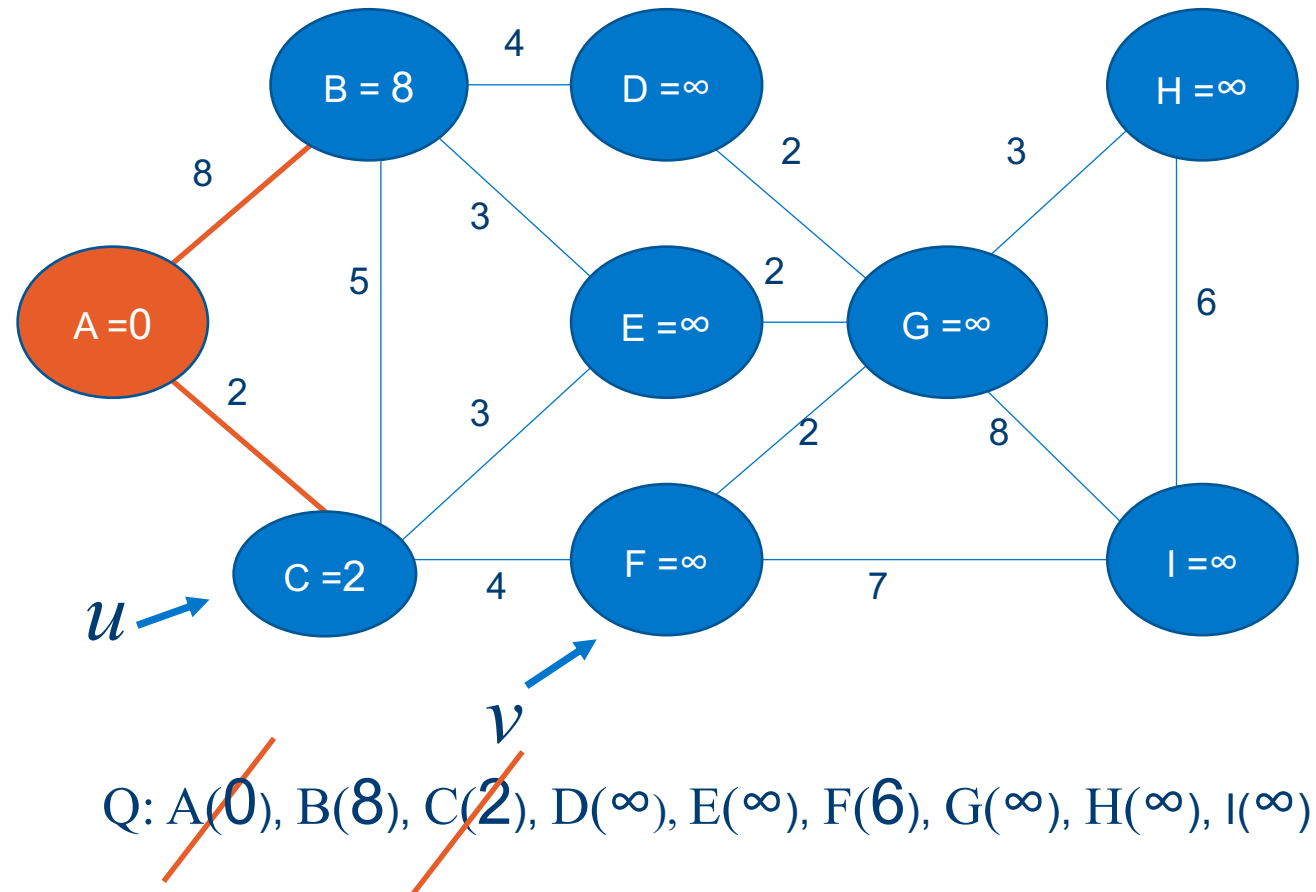
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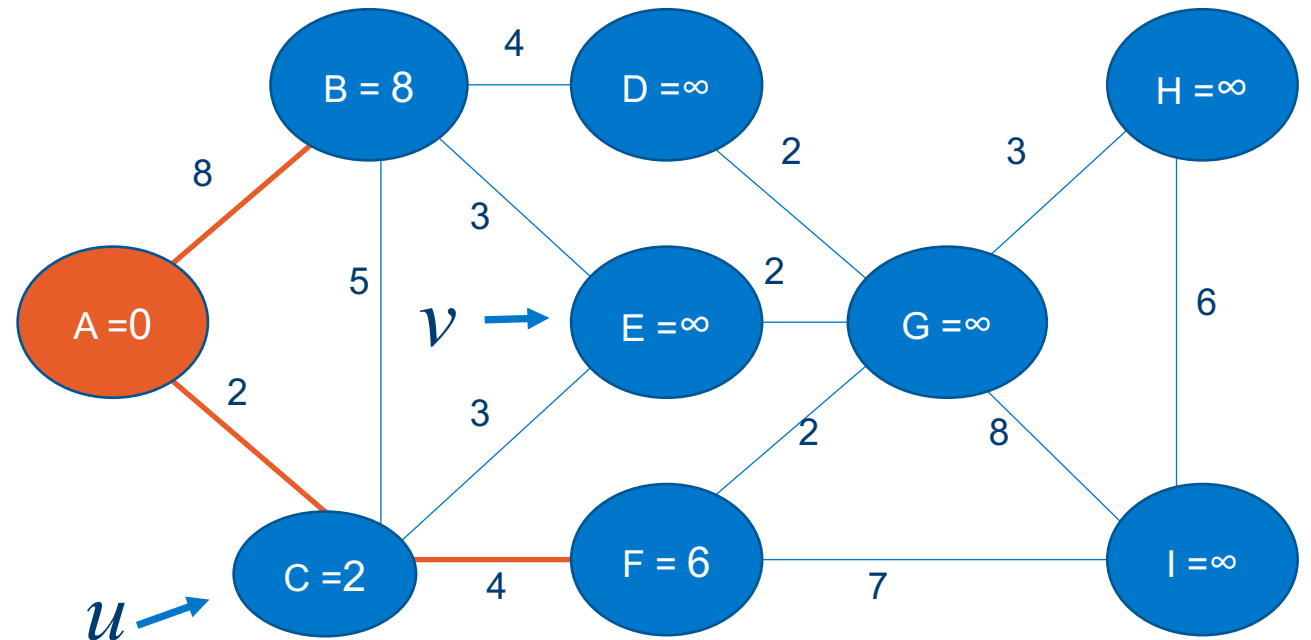
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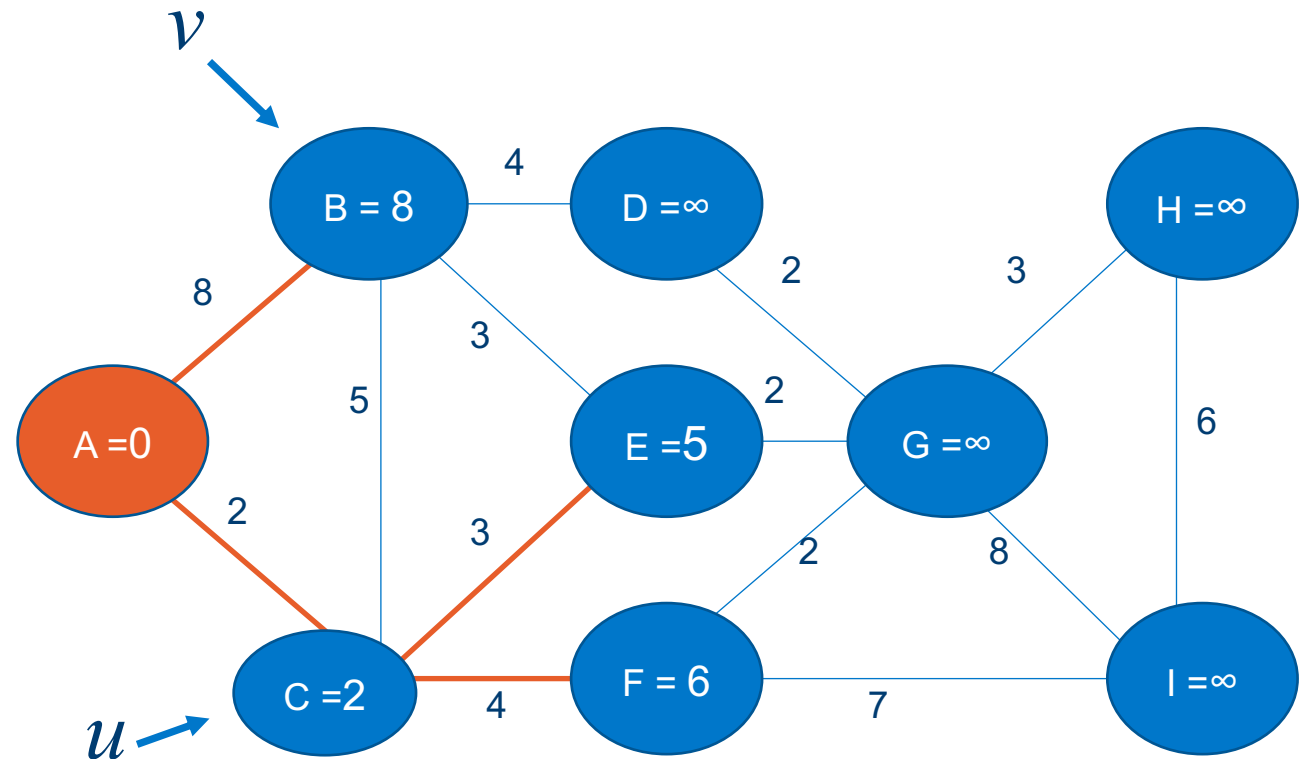
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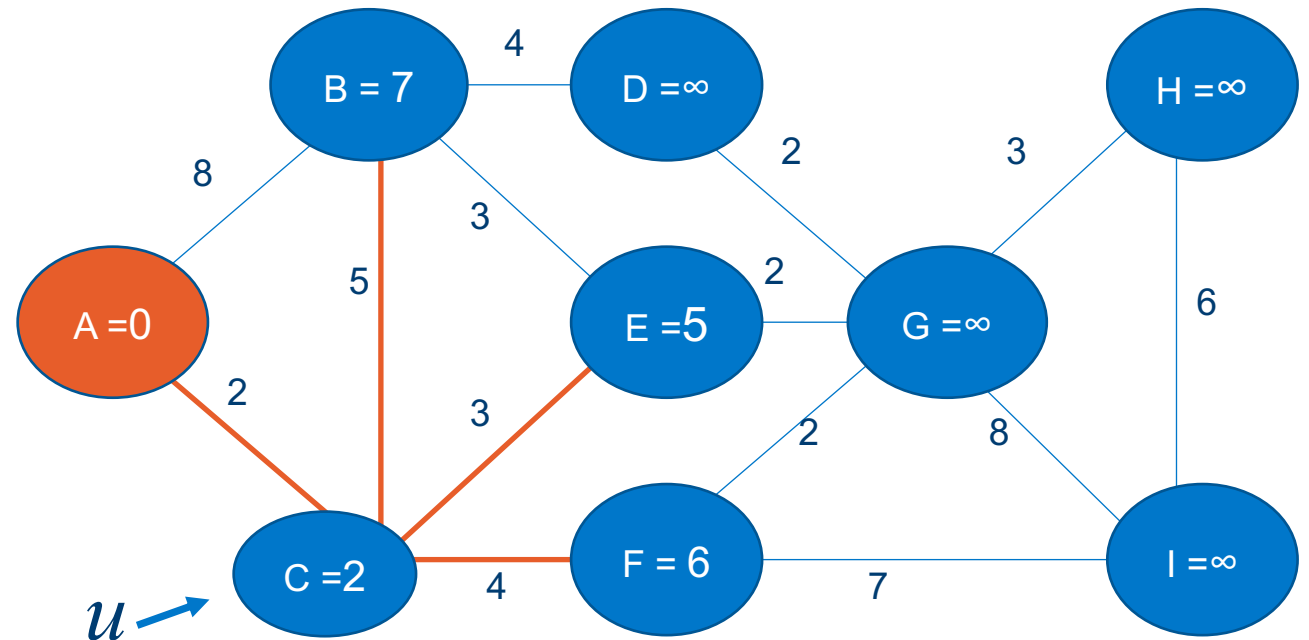
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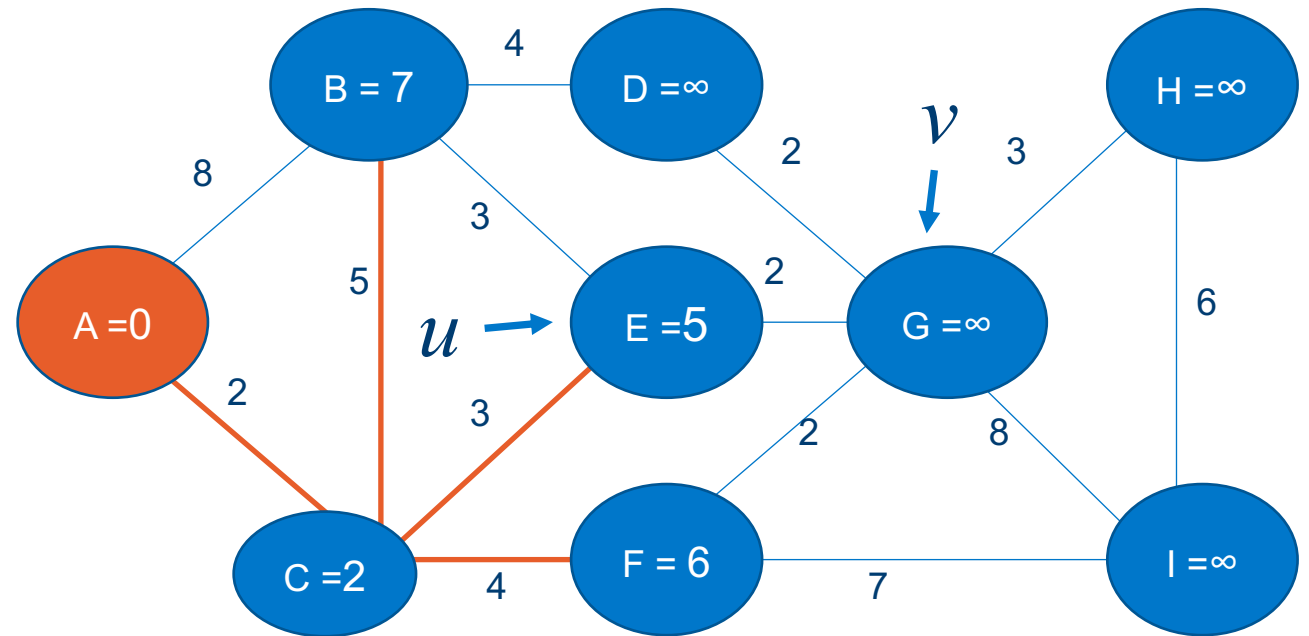
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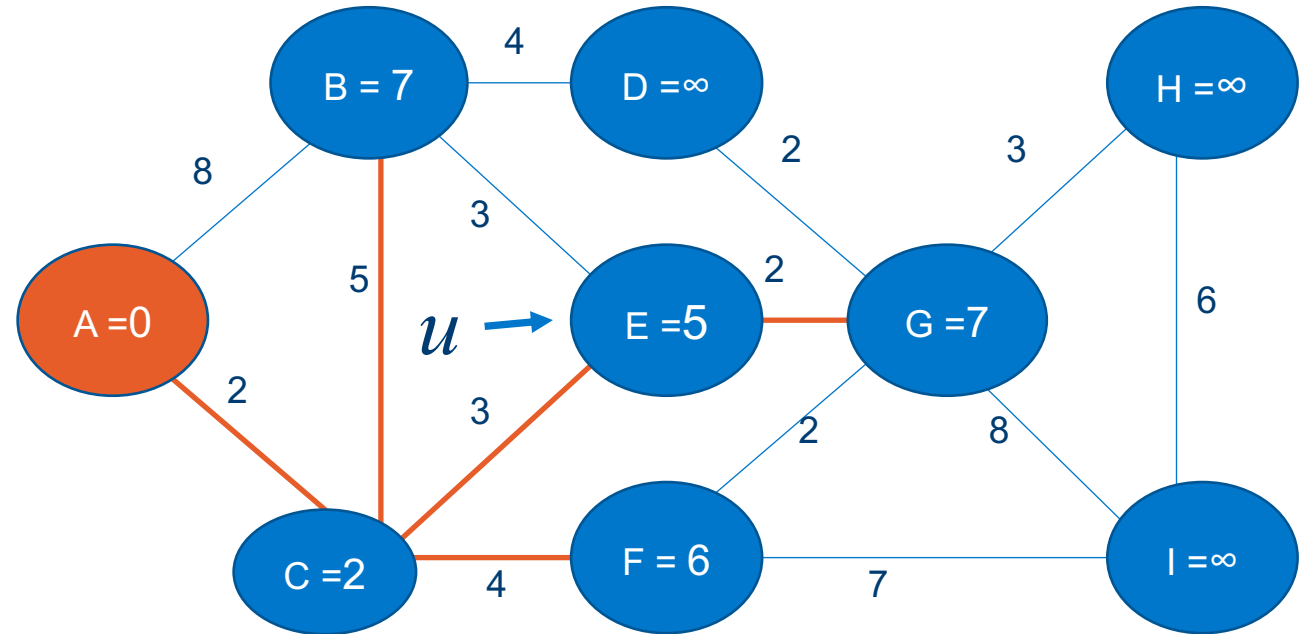
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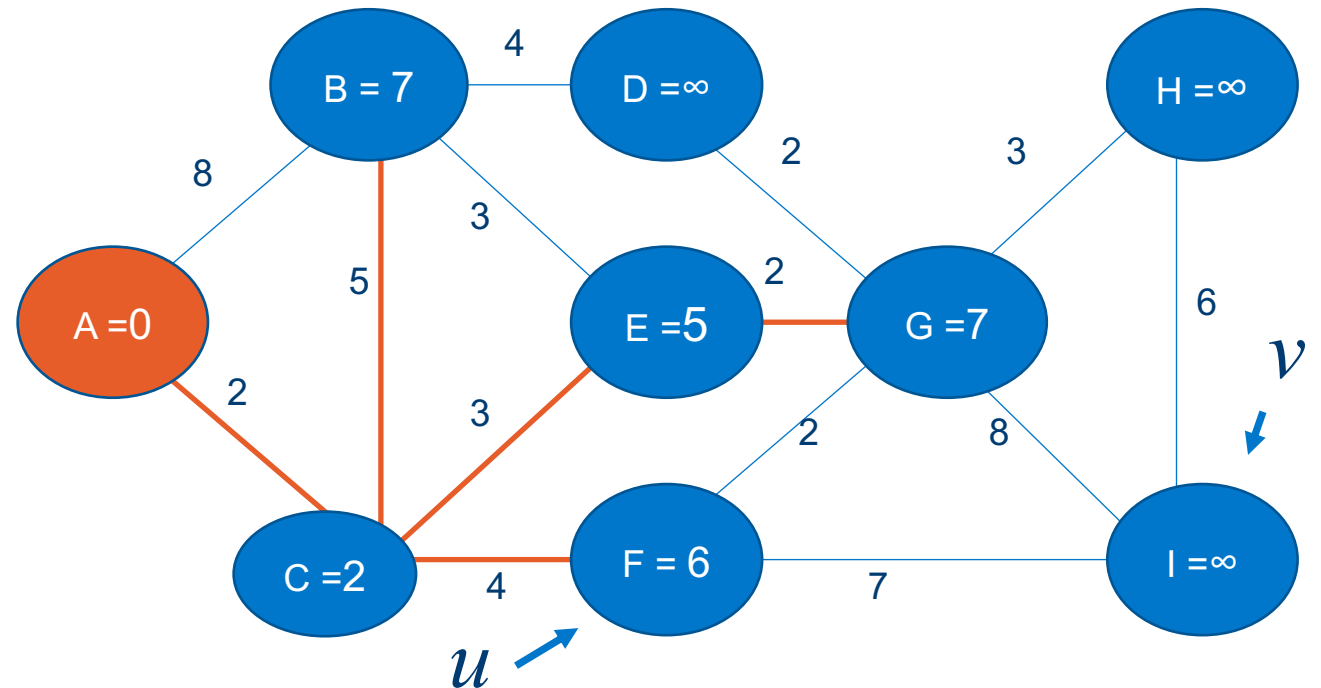
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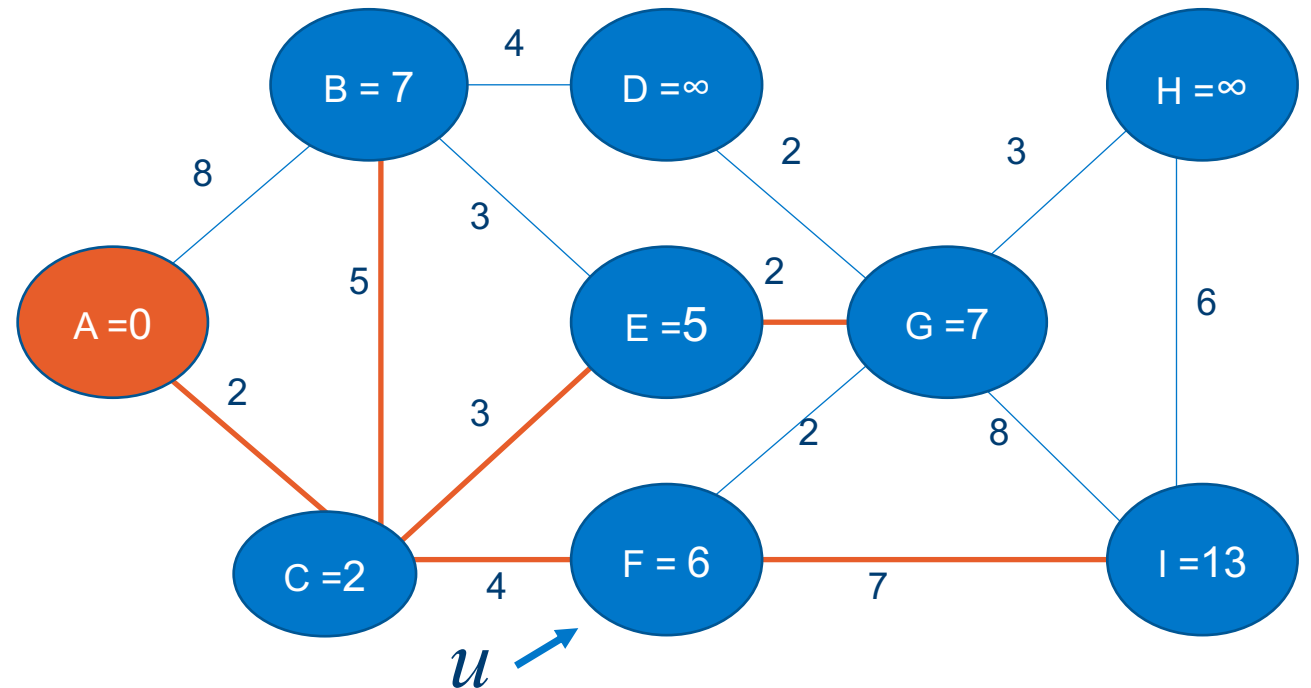
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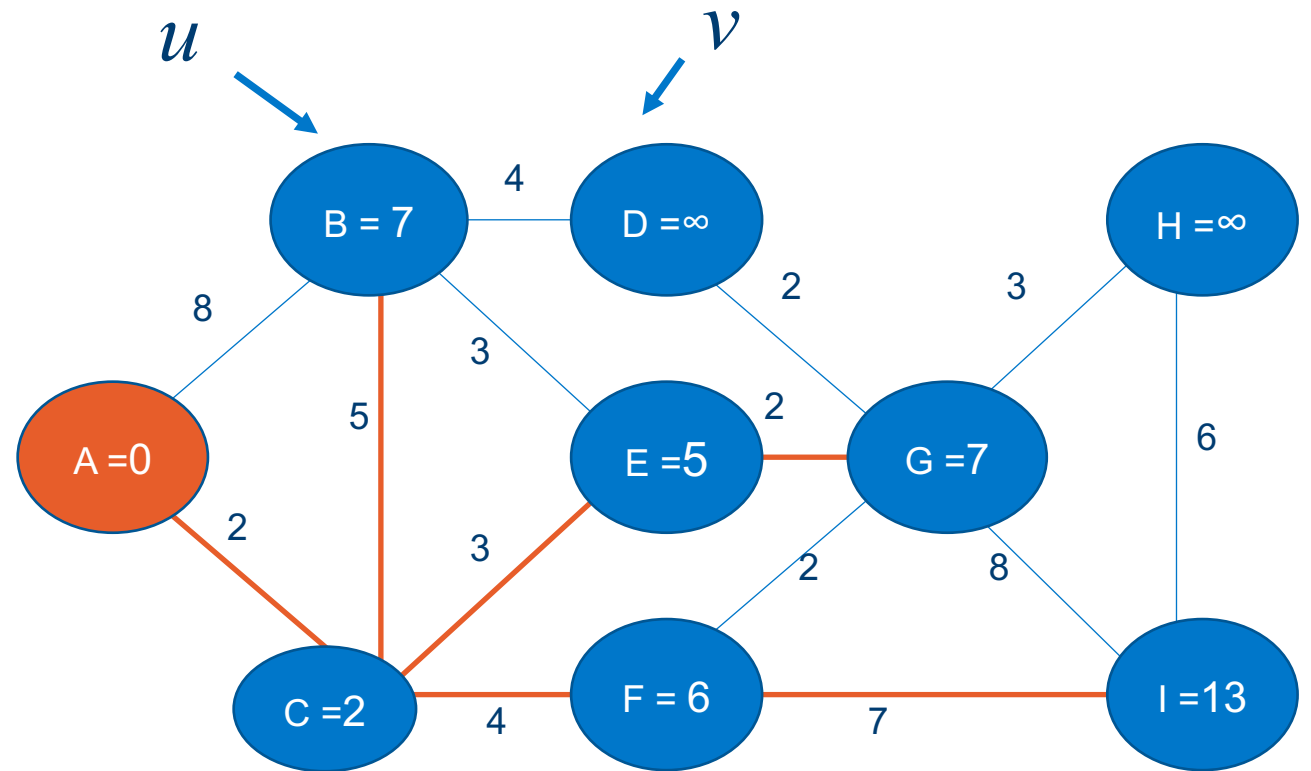
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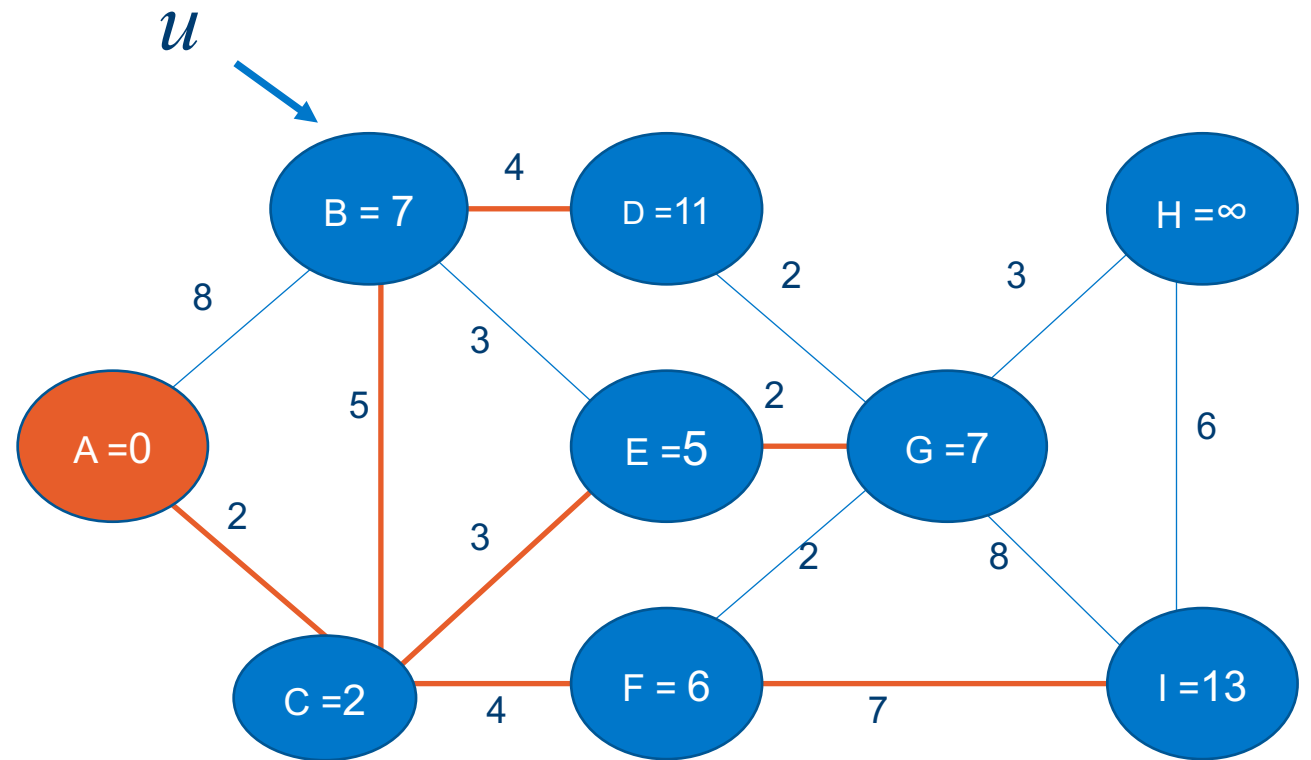
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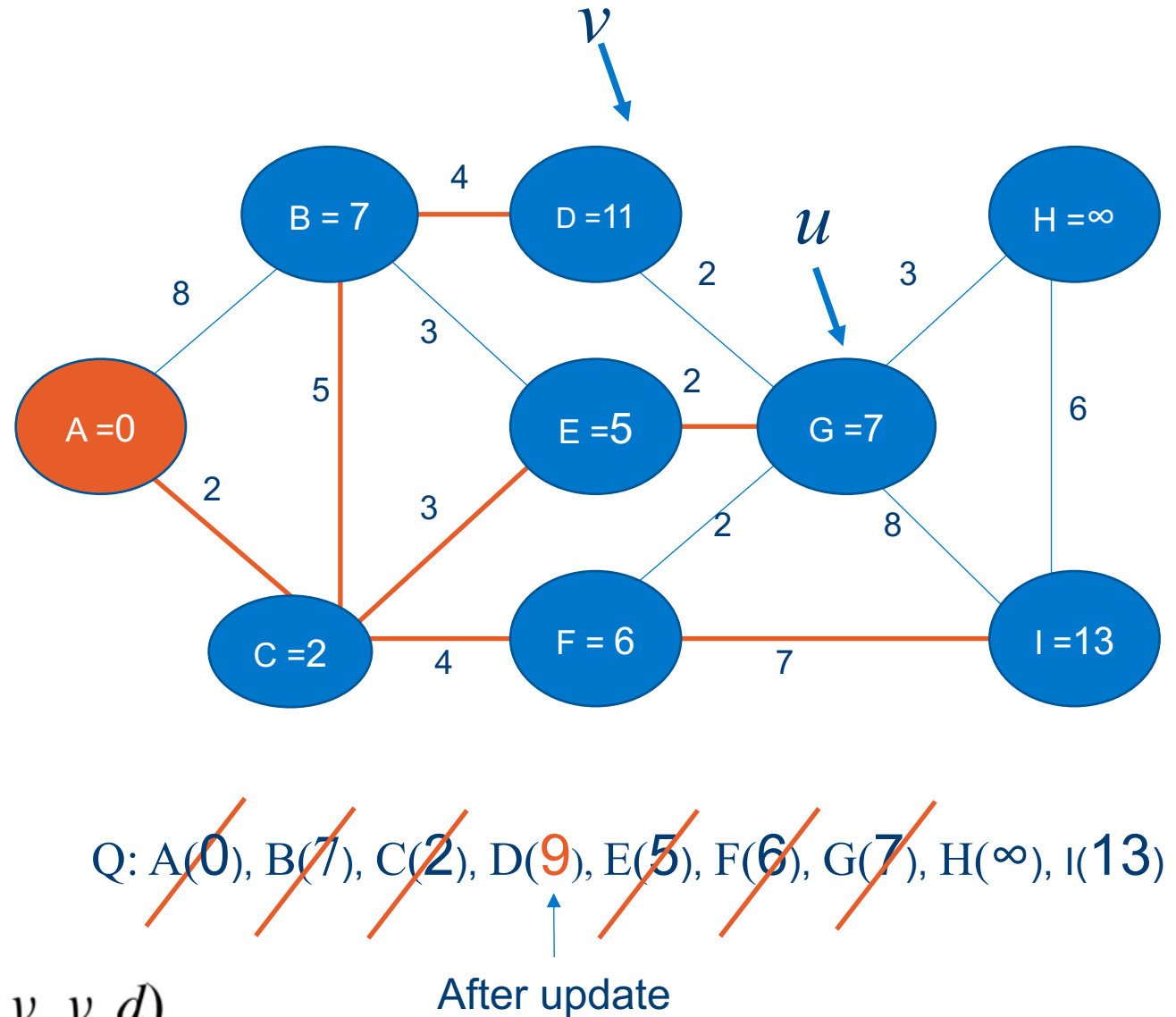
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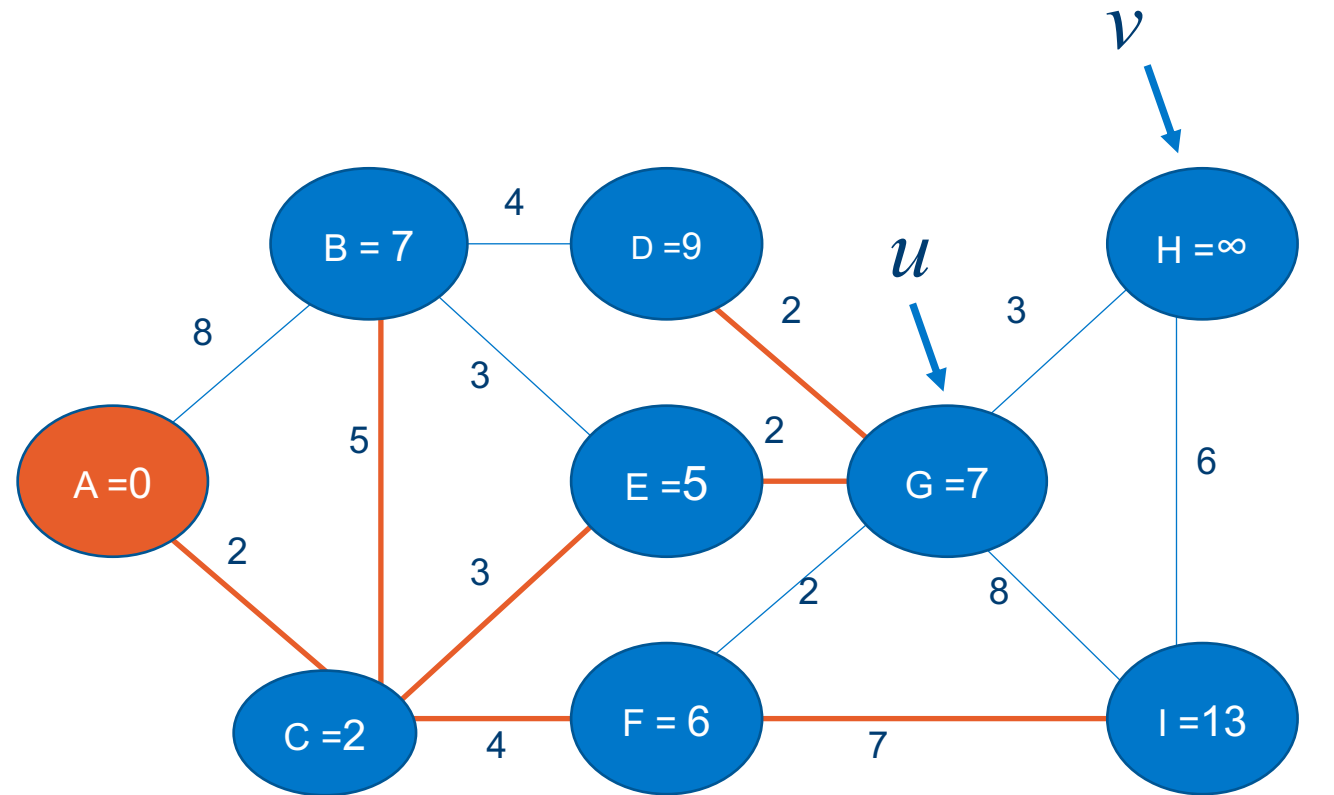
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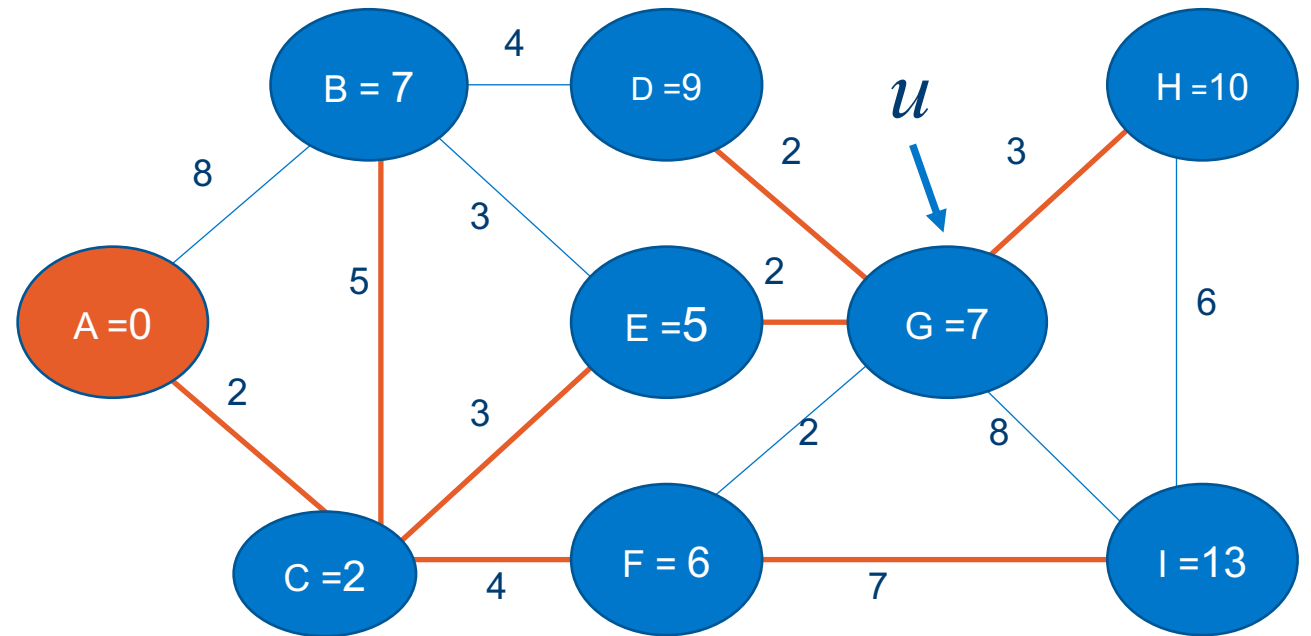
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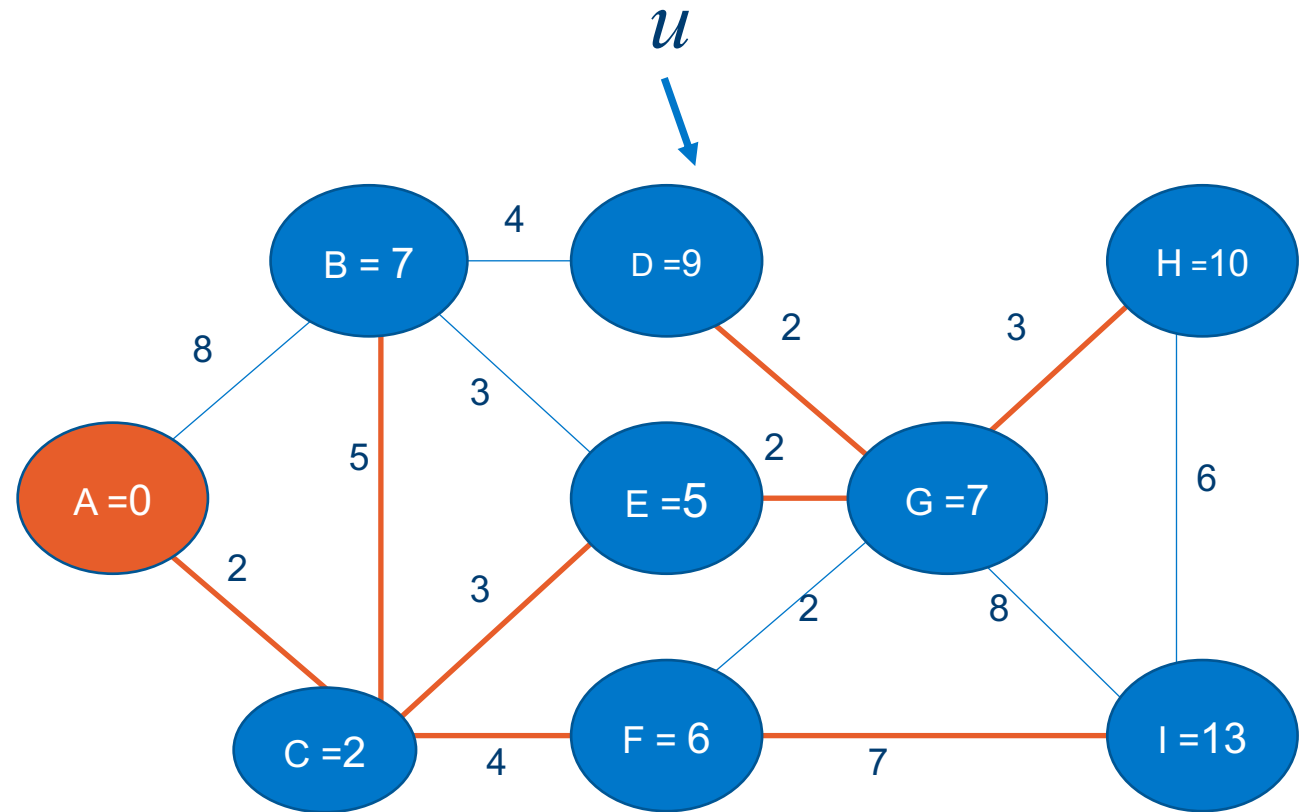
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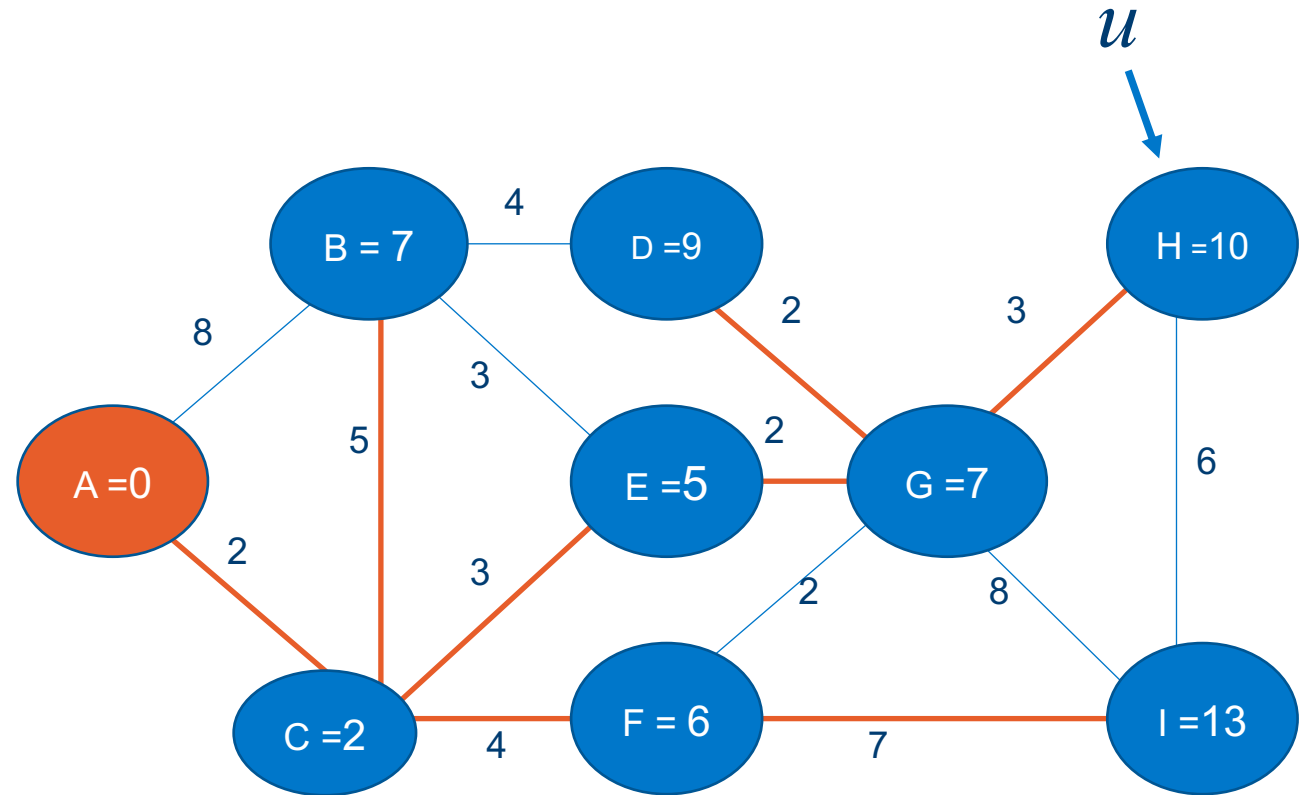
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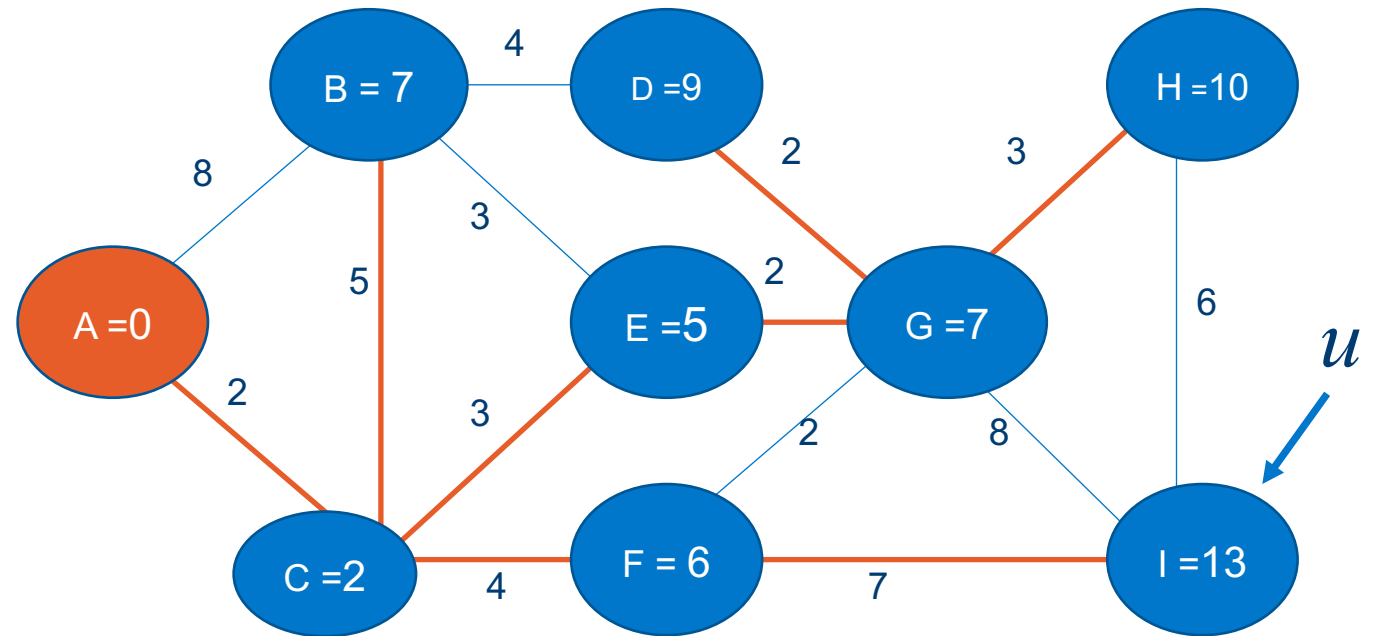
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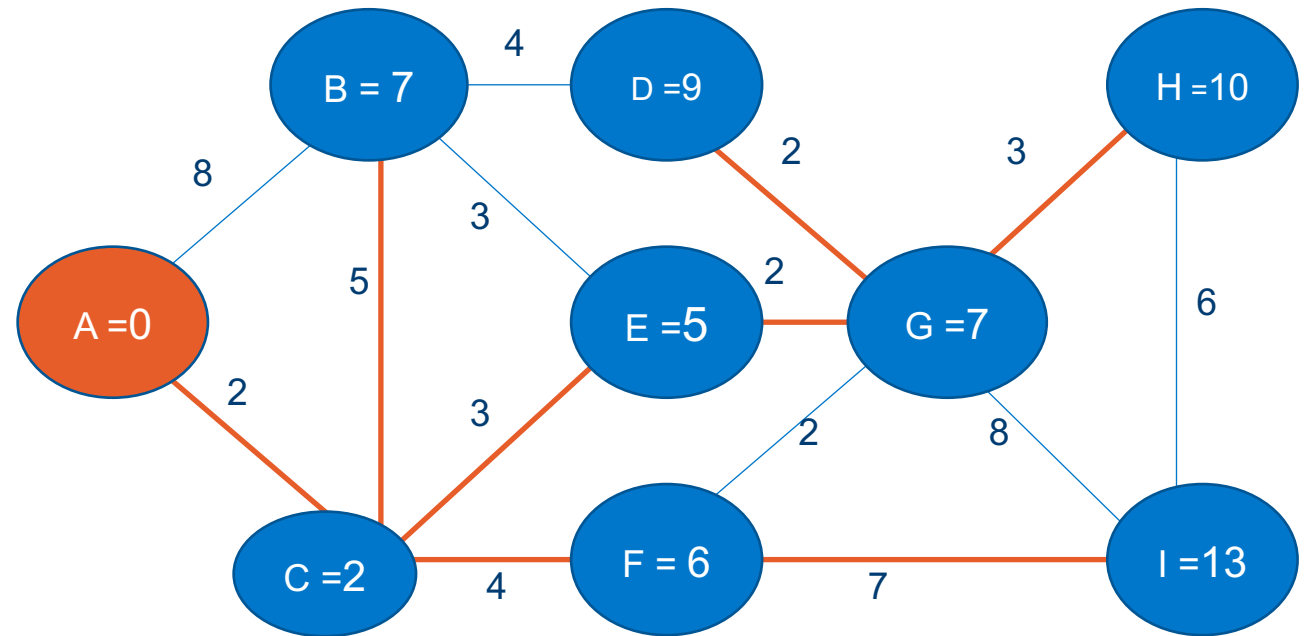
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- You can draw a tree whose root is A



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Time Complexity

$\Theta(E \log V)$



Involves an implicit DECREASE-KEY operation on the min-heap,
which a binary min-heap supports in $O(\log V)$

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Allows negative-weight edges
- Returns **TRUE** if no negative-weight cycles reachable from s , **FALSE** otherwise
- Main Idea:
 - Scan all edges $|V|-1$ times and update the shortest paths accordingly.
 - It should converge after $|V|-1$, if not there is negative-weight cycle(s)

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

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for each $v \in G.V$

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for $i = 1$ to $|G.V| - 1$

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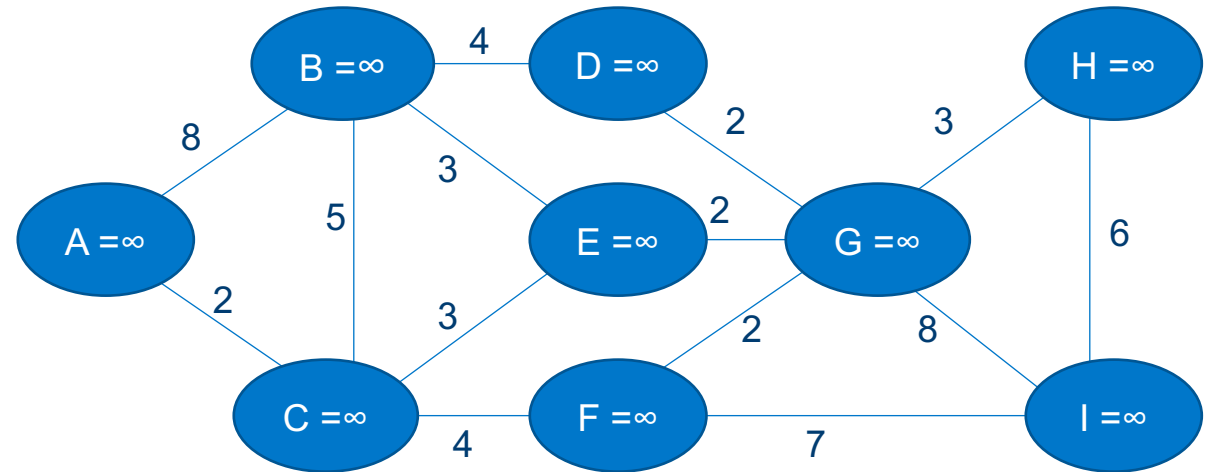
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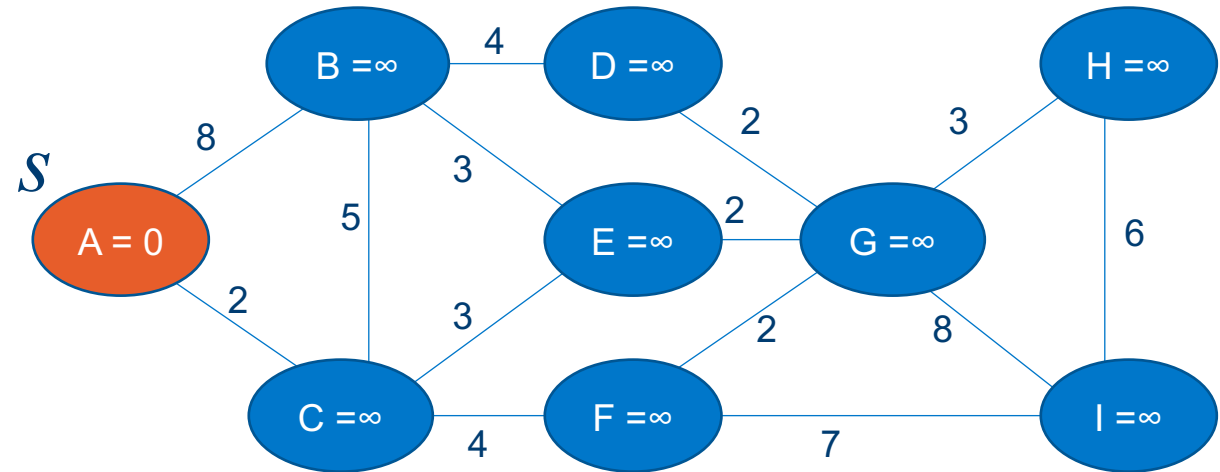
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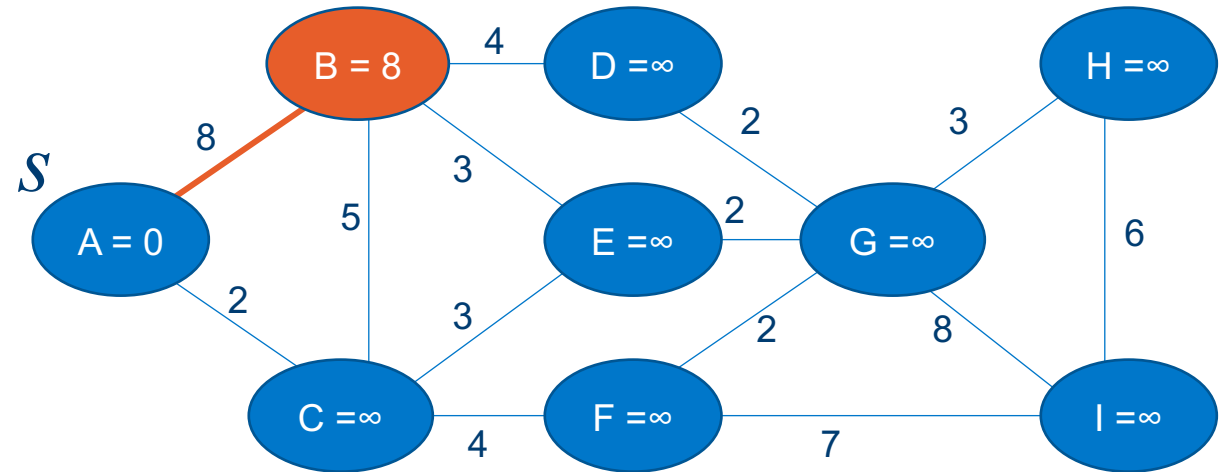
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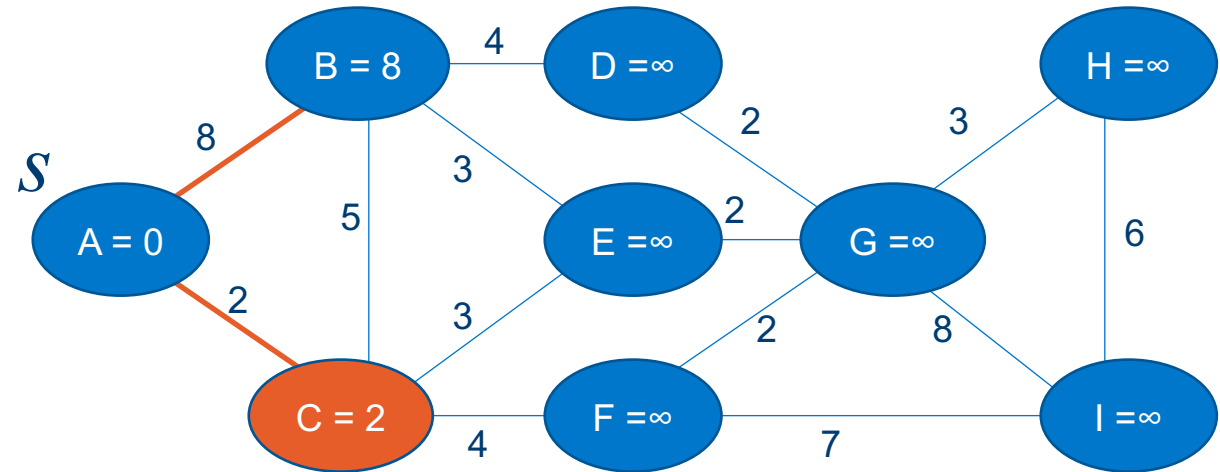
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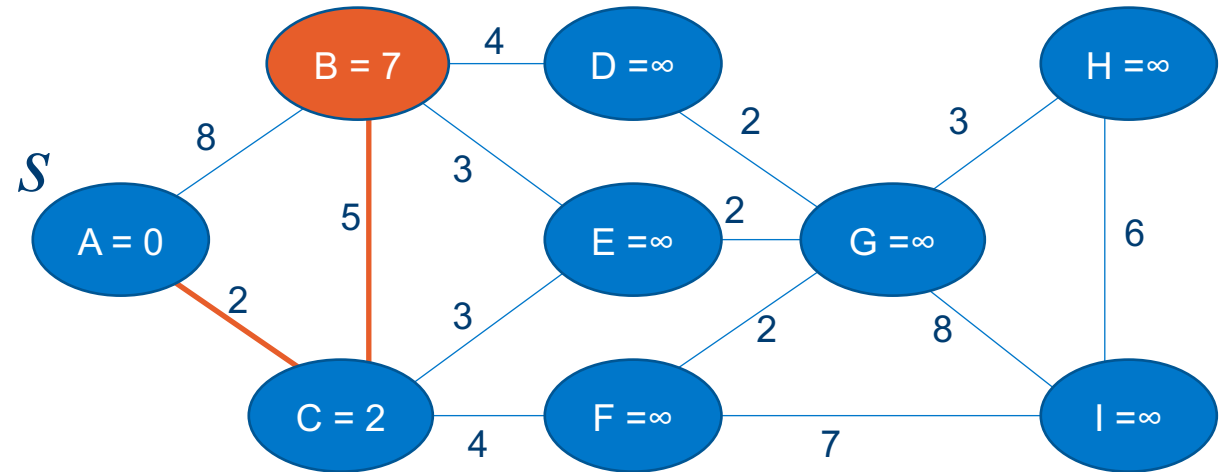
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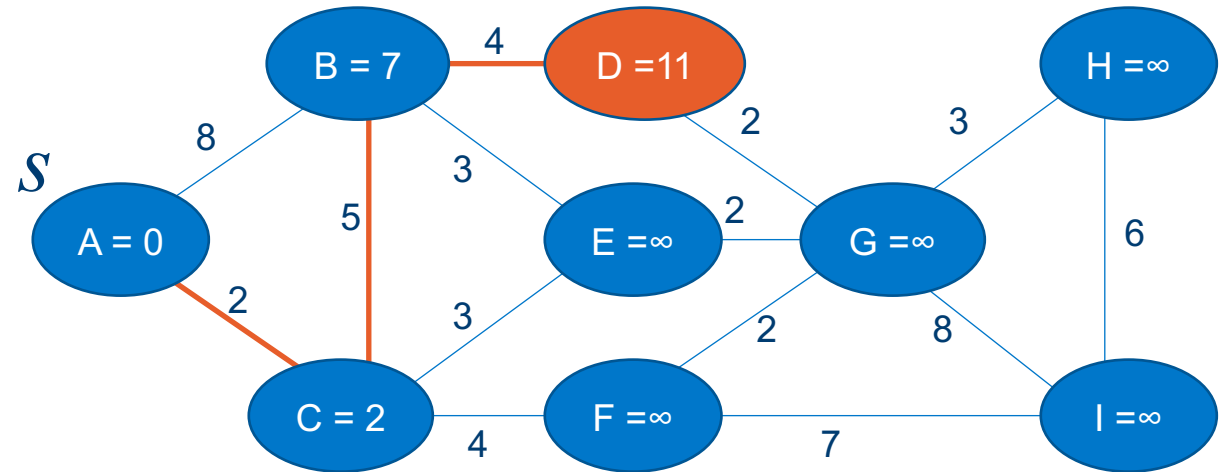
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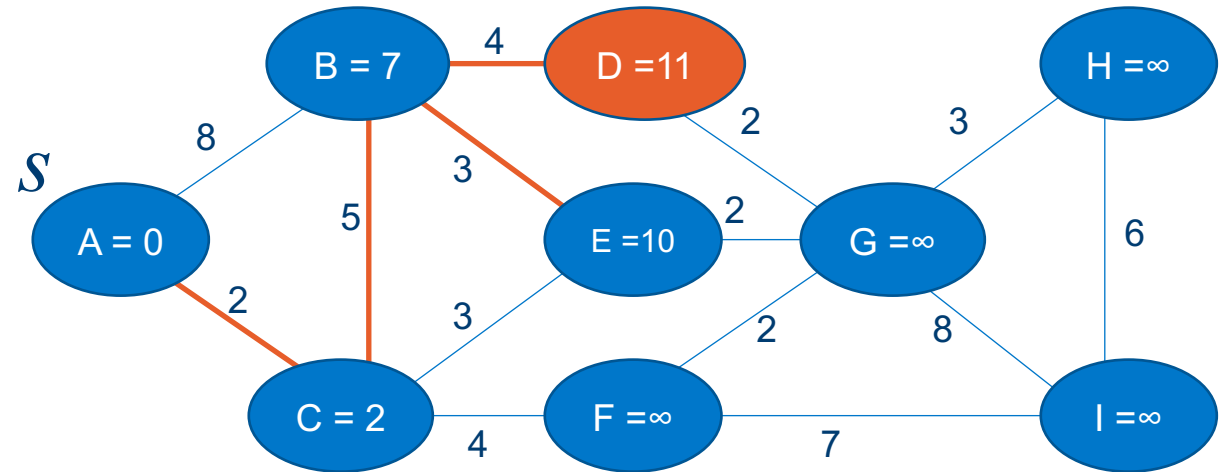
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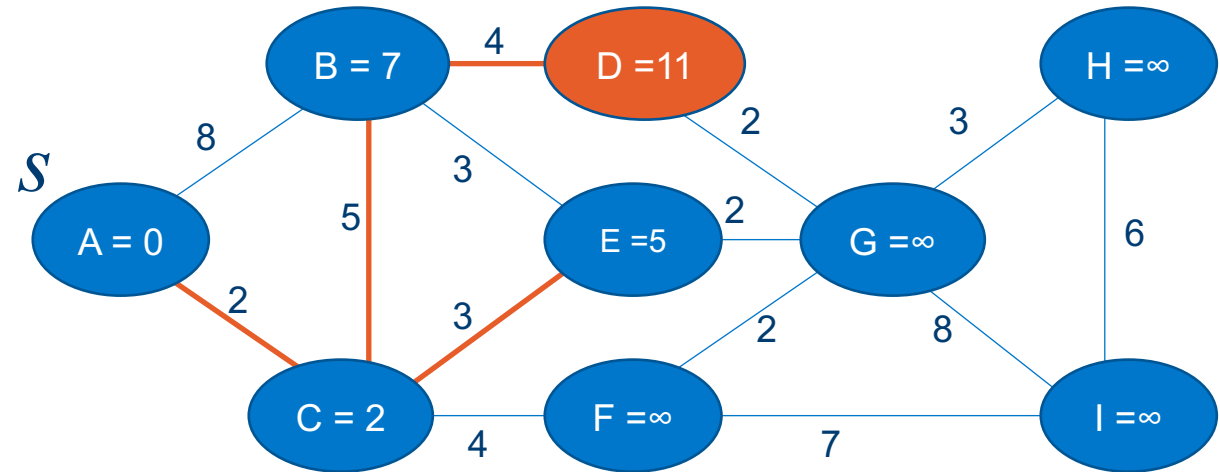
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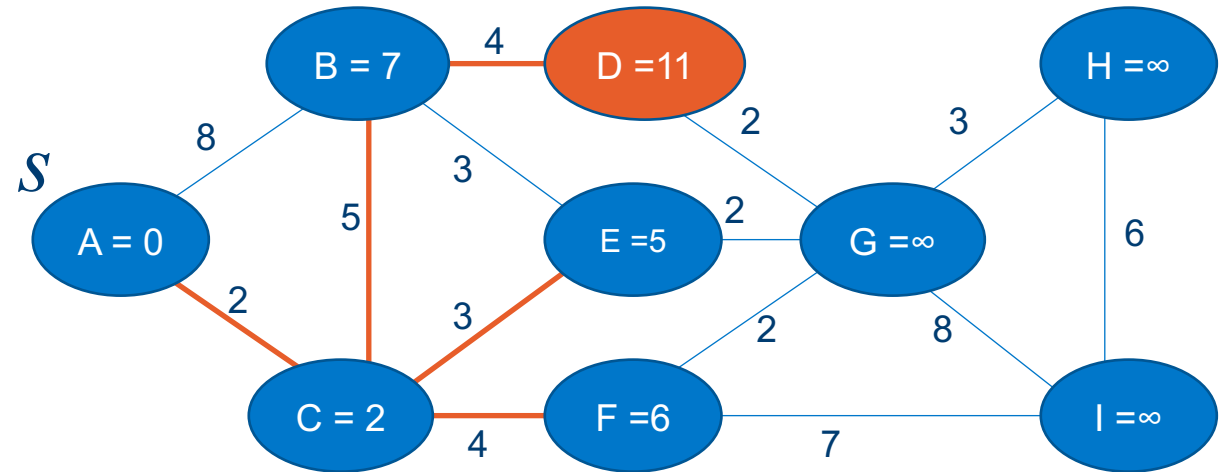
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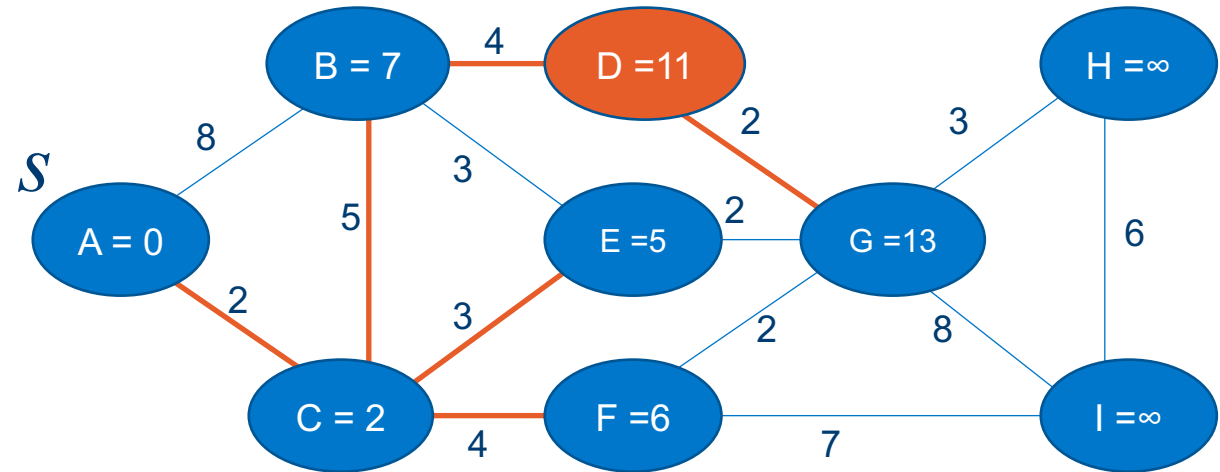
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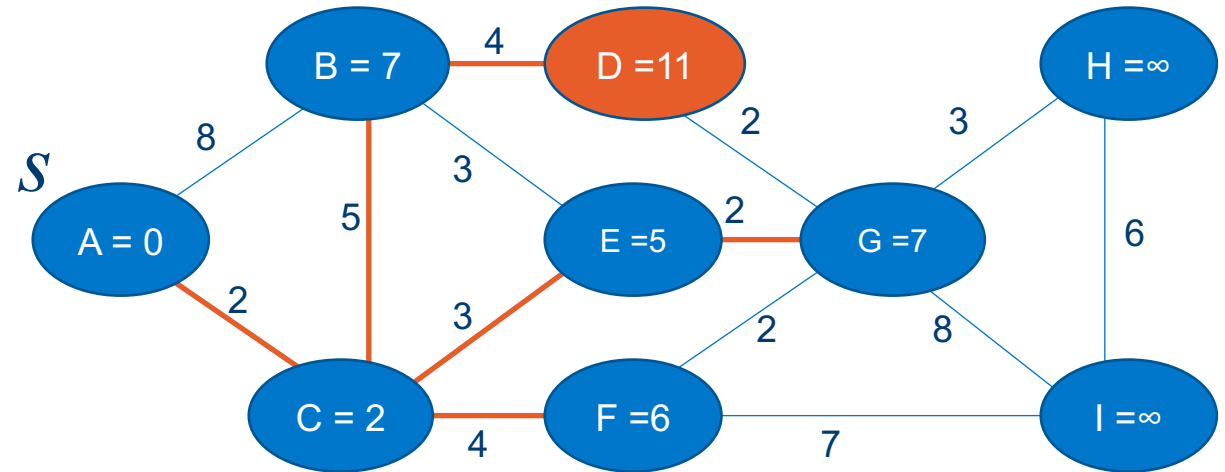
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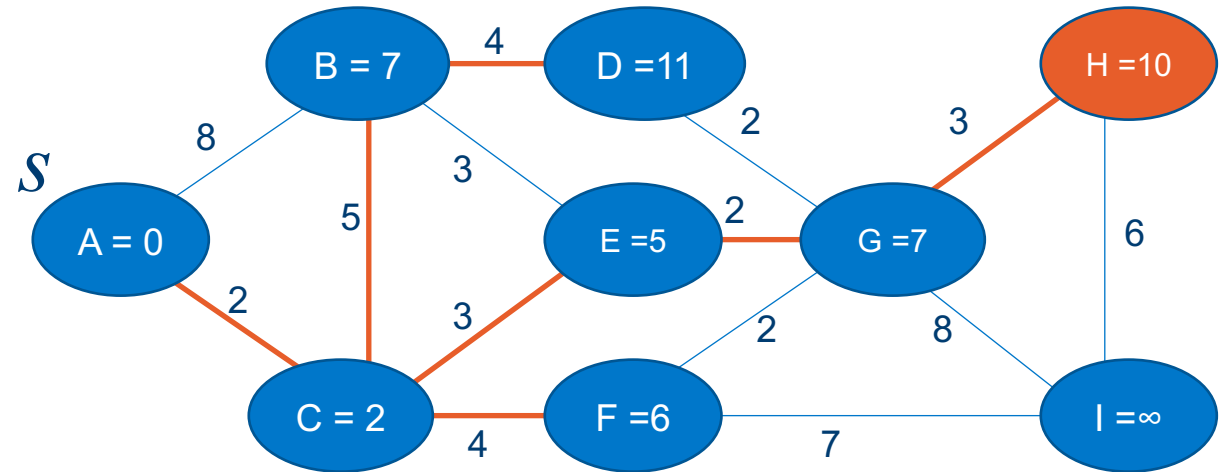
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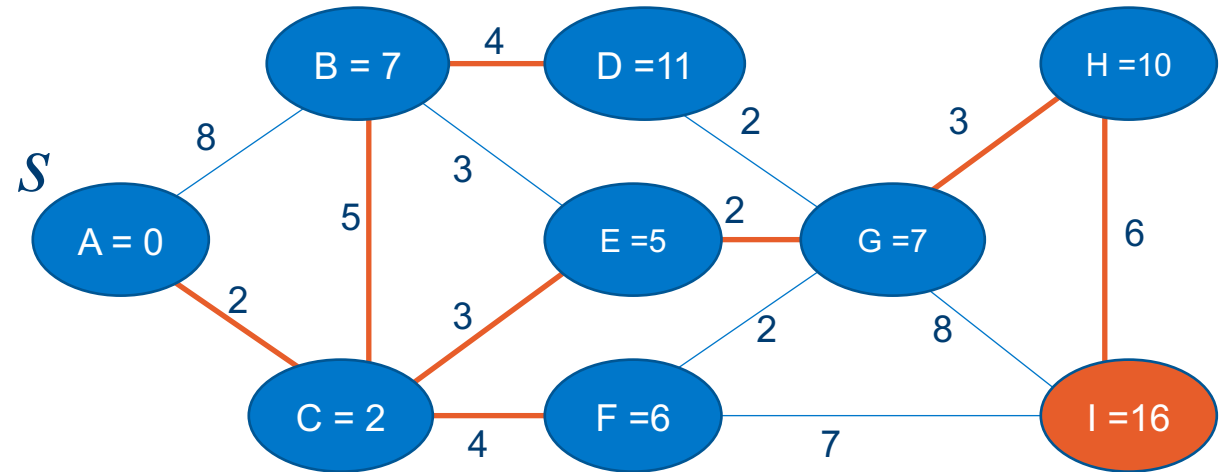
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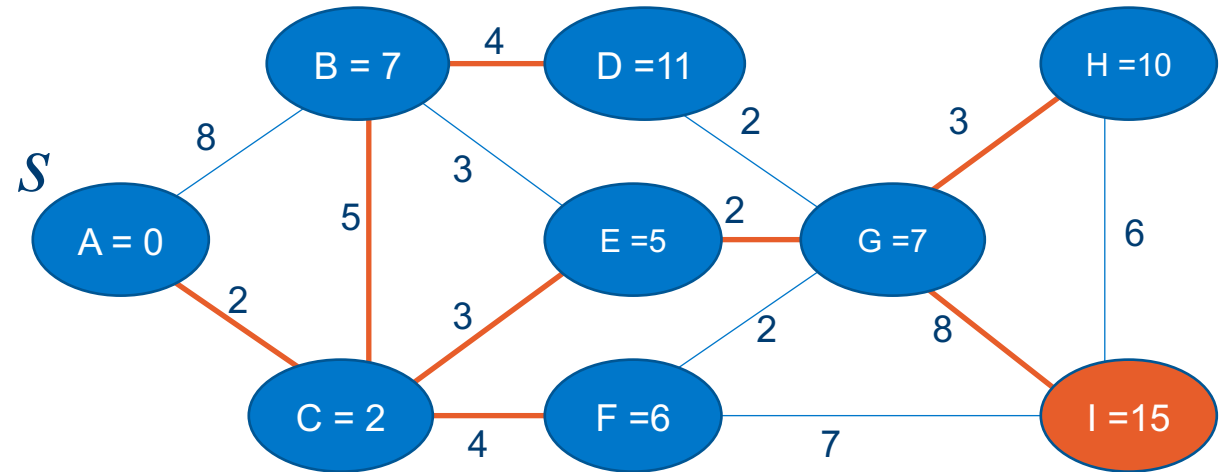
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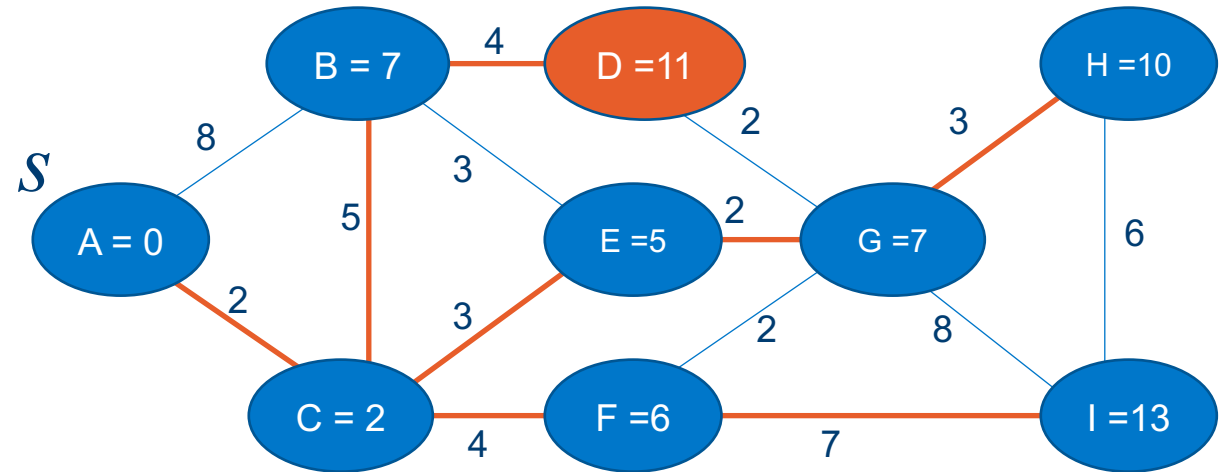
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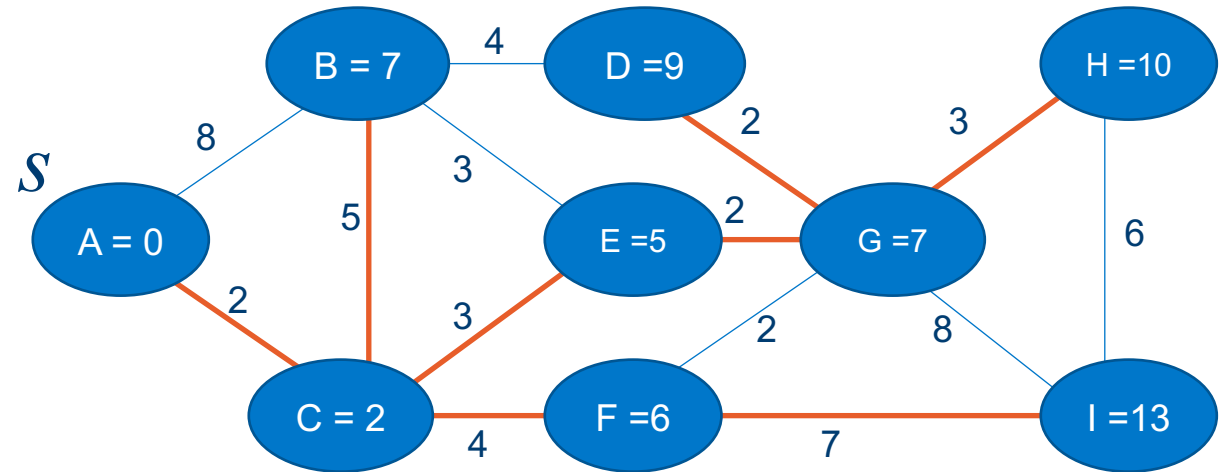
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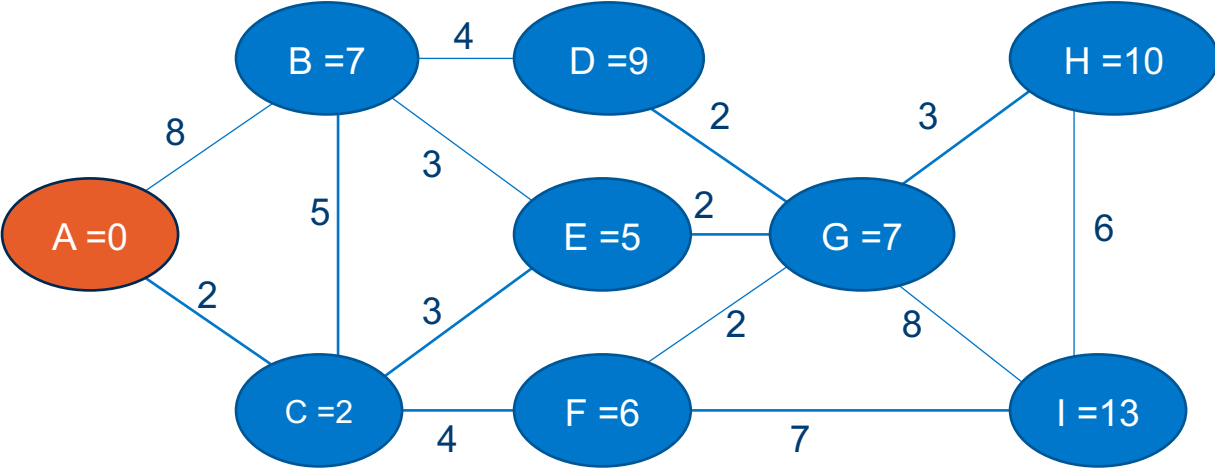
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I	13	A,C,F,I

Wrap-up

- In this week we learned algorithms for finding the shortest paths between a source and other vertices:
 - Dijkstra
 - Bellman-Ford