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By using a **Heap** data structure, priority queue can be implemented so that:

- $\text{Min}(Q)$ takes $O(1)$ time.
- All other three operations take $O(\log n)$ time (n is the number of items in Q .)

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Initialize(G, s)

- 1 **for** each $u \in V$ **do**
- 2 $d[u] = \infty$; $\pi[u] = \text{NIL}$;
- 3 $d[s] = 0$

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Relax($u, v, w(*)$)

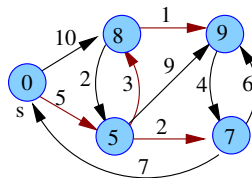
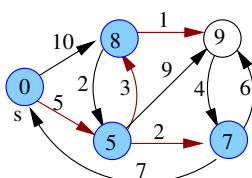
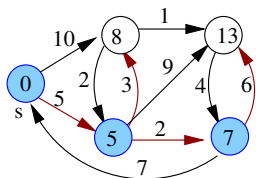
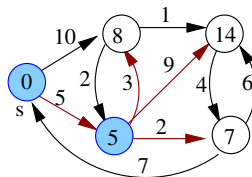
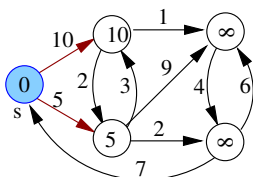
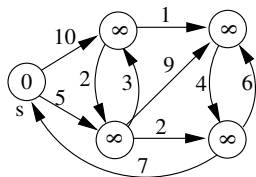
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- 1 **Initialize**(G, s)
- 2 $S \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 3 $Q \leftarrow V$
- 4 **while** $Q \neq \emptyset$ **do**
- 5 $u \leftarrow \text{Extract-Min}(Q)$
- 6 $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$
- 7 **for each** $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ **do**
- 8 **Relax**($u, v, w(*)$)
- 9 **end for**
- 10 **end while**

Dijkstra's Algorithm: Example



vertices in S



π value



d value

Dijkstra's Algorithm: Analysis

- **Initialize:** $\Theta(n)$
- **Relax** This is actually the **decrease-key** operation of the priority queue, which takes $O(\log n)$ time.
- Line 1: $\Theta(n)$
- Line 2: Initialize an empty set takes $O(1)$ time.
- Line 3: Insert n items into Q , $\Theta(n \log n)$ time.
- Line 4: While loop (not counting the time for the for loop, lines 7-9):
 - The loop iterates n times. (Q has n items in it initially. Each iteration removes one item from Q . Nothing is added into it. The loop stops when Q is empty.)
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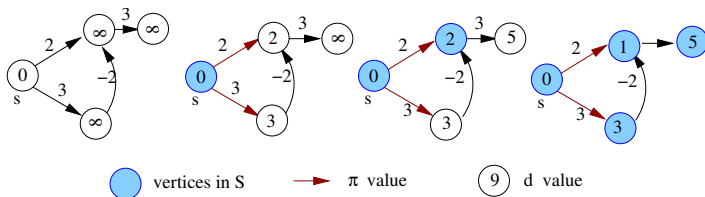
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Since this term ($O(m \log n)$) dominates all other terms, the whole algorithm takes $O(m \log n)$ time.

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Proof (continued):

Induction step: Assume $d[v_{i-1}] = \delta(s, v_{i-1})$, and we examine the relaxation of the edge $v_{i-1} \rightarrow v_i$. Because P is the shortest $s \rightarrow v_i$ path, after the relaxation of the edge $v_{i-1} \rightarrow v_i$, we will have $d[v_i] = \delta(s, v_i)$. Again, because relaxation never increases $d[*]$ value, $d[v_i] = \delta(s, v_i)$ remains valid afterward.

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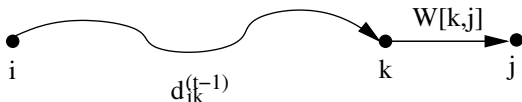
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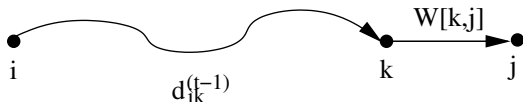
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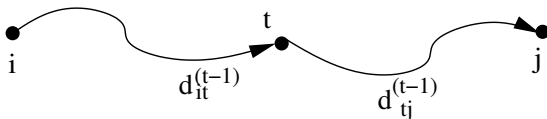
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