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# String edit

- In computational biology, need to measure similarity between two gene sequences.
- In natural language processing, need to automatically make corrections of optical character recognition (OCR) errors.
- Spell checkers software to identifying spelling mistakes.
- The objective is to find matches for short strings in many longer texts.
- Given two strings  
$$X = x_1x_2 \dots x_n, \quad Y = y_1y_2 \dots y_m$$
  
transform  $X$  into  $Y$  using a series of edit operation

- The basic edit operations and costs are defined
  1. Insert e.g.  $abc \rightarrow abbc$   
cost associated is 1.
  2. Delete e.g.  $abc \rightarrow ac$   
cost associated is 1
  3. Change (mutate), e.g.  $abc \rightarrow aec$   
cost associated is 2.
- Example: How similar is  $X=a, a, b, a, b$  to  $Y=b, a, b, b$  ?
- Need to find a series of operations with smallest cost between two strings.
- What is the minimum-cost edit sequence in general ?

- Example: Transform  $X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n = a, a, b, a, b$   
into  $Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m = b, a, b, b$
- Solution 1: Delete each  $x_i$  and Insert each  $y_j$

~~a~~, ~~a~~, ~~b~~, ~~a~~, ~~b~~   b   a   b   b

Total cost is 9

- Solution 2: Delete  $x_1, x_2$  and Insert  $y_4$

~~a~~, ~~a~~, b, a, b, b

Total cost of 3

- We use dynamic programming to find the optimal decision sequences



# String edit – Decision sequence

- $\varepsilon = \text{DICCICDDI}$ , is an optimal sequence of decisions for any arbitrary string
- It can be decomposed into an optimal first decision  $f = D(\text{delete})$  followed by a sequence of optimal decisions  $\varepsilon' = \text{ICCICDDI}$
- Let the resulting string of applying  $f$  to  $X$  be  $X'$
- $\varepsilon'$  is a minimum-cost edit sequence that transforms  $X'$  into  $Y$
- Thus the principle of optimality applies. *An optimal sequence of decisions has the property that whatever the initial state and decision are, the remaining decisions must produce an optimal decision sequence with regard to the state resulting from the first decision.*

- A dynamic programming solution is obtained as follows:
- Define  $cost(i, j)$  as the minimum-cost edit sequence for transforming  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_j$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m$ .
  - $cost(n, m)$  is the cost of an optimal edit sequence
  - $cost(0, 0) = 0$ , since the two sequences are empty
  - Delete sequences:  
 $j = 0, i > 0, cost(i, 0) = cost(i-1, 0) + D(x_i)$
  - Insert sequences:  
 $i = 0, j > 0, cost(0, j) = cost(0, j-1) + I(y_j)$

- If  $j > 0$ ,  $i > 0$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  can be transformed to  $y_1, \dots, y_j$  in the following three ways:
  1. Transform  $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_j$  using a minimum cost edit and then delete  $x_i$ :  

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \text{cost}(i-1, j) + D(x_i)$$
  2. Transform  $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_{j-1}$  using minimum cost edit and then change  $x_i$  to  $y_j$ :  

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \text{cost}(i-1, j-1) + C(x_i, y_j)$$
  3. Transform  $x_1, \dots, x_i$  to  $y_1, \dots, y_{j-1}$  using a minimum cost edit and then insert  $y_j$ :  

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \text{cost}(i, j-1) + I(y_j)$$

$$\text{➤ } \text{cost}(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j = 0 \\ \text{cost}(i - 1, 0) + D(x_i) & \text{if } i > 0, j = 0 \\ \text{cost}(0, j - 1) + I(y_j) & \text{if } j > 0, i = 0 \\ \text{cost}'(i, j) & \text{if } j > 0, i > 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\text{cost}'(i, j) = \min\{\text{cost}(i - 1, j) + D(x_i), \text{cost}(i, j - 1) + I(y_j), \text{cost}(i - 1, j - 1) + C(y_j)\}$

- We have to calculate  $\text{cost}(i, j)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m$ , filled by a dynamic programming matrix table of  $(n+1)$  rows and  $(m+1)$  columns.
- The zeroth row/ column can be firstly filled since they corresponds to a series of insertions/deletions.
- The whole algorithm takes  $O(mn)$  time.

## Example: Transform

$$X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n = a, a, b, a, b$$

into

$$Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m = b, a, b, b$$

- We first create dynamic programming matrix and fill boundaries (zeroth row and columns)

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j = 0 \\ \text{cost}(i - 1, 0) + D(x_i) & \text{if } i > 0, j = 0 \\ \text{cost}(0, j - 1) + I(y_j) & \text{if } j > 0, i = 0 \end{cases}$$

		Y				
X			<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
		<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
	<i>a</i>	<i>1</i>				
	<i>a</i>	<i>2</i>				
	<i>b</i>	<i>3</i>				
	<i>a</i>	<i>4</i>				
	<i>b</i>	<i>5</i>				

➤ Calculate row entries one by one

➤  $cost(1,1) = \min\{cost(0,1) + D(x_1), cost(1,0) + I(y_1), cost(0,0) + C(x_1, y_1)\}$   
 $= \min\{2, 2, 2\} = 2$

➤  $cost(1,2) = \min\{cost(0,2) + D(x_1), cost(1,1) + I(y_2), cost(0,1) + C(x_1, y_2)\}$   
 $= \min\{3, 3, 1\} = 1$

➤ The rest of entries are computed similarly

Y

		<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>a</i>	<i>2</i>				
<i>b</i>	<i>3</i>				
<i>a</i>	<i>4</i>				
<i>b</i>	<i>5</i>				

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- $cost(5,4) = 3$  is what we are looking for.
- The minimum edit sequence can be obtained by backward trace from  $cost(n, m)$ .
- This back-ward trace is enabled by recording which of the three options for  $i > 0, j > 0$  yielded the minimum cost for each  $i$  and  $j$ .
- Backtrack from bottom right to top left following min cost path:  
delete  $x_1$ , delete  $x_2$ , insert  $y_4$

Y

		<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
	0	1	2	3	4
<i>a</i>	1	2	1	2	3
<i>a</i>	2	3	2	3	4
<i>b</i>	3	2	3	2	4
<i>a</i>	4	3	2	3	4
<i>b</i>	5	4	3	2	3

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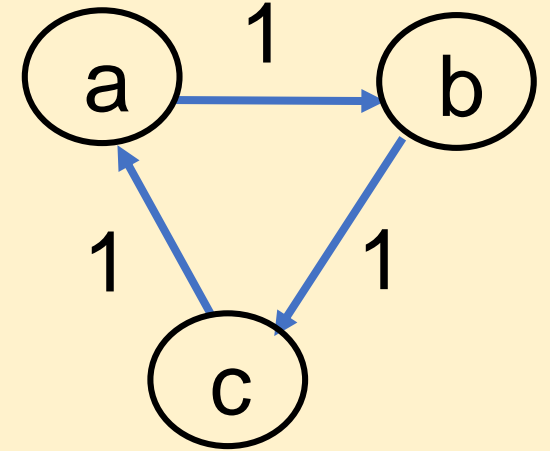
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# Floyd's All-Pairs Shortest Path

- Given a weighted connected graph  $G(V, E)$
- Find the distances (shortest paths) from each vertex to all other vertices.
- Solution can be represented as a distance matrix  $D$ , where  $D(i, j)$  is the length of shortest path from vertex  $i$  to  $j$

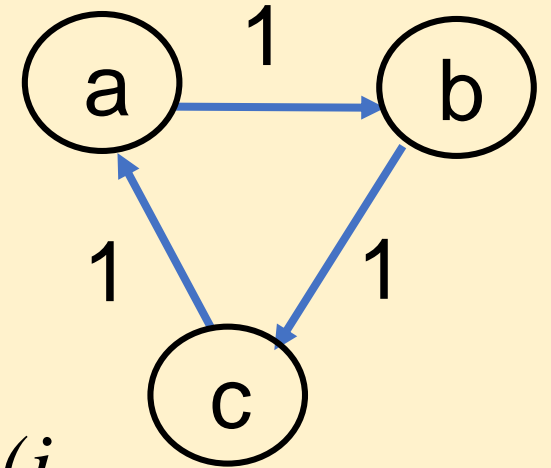
What is the difference between  $W$  and  $D$ ?



$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

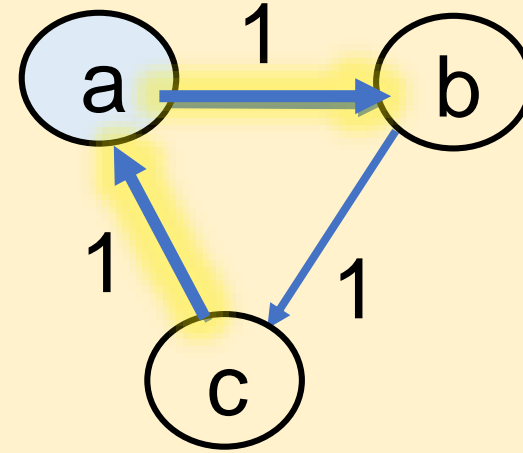
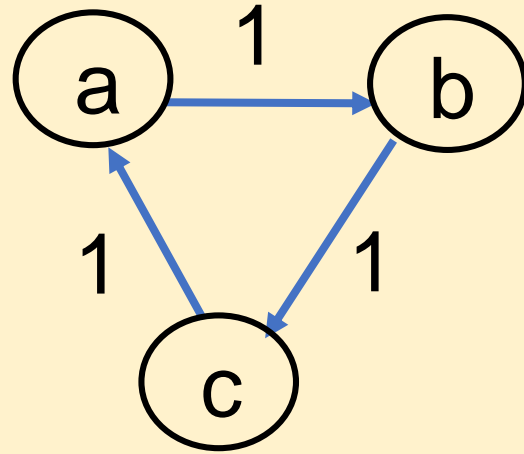
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- There are three intermediate vertices **a**, **b**, **c**
- Denote the allowed number of intermediate vertex for any path as  $k$ .
- Increase  $k$  from zero to  $n$   
(allowing **a**, **b**, **c** one at a time)
- We may regard the construction of a shortest ( $i$ ,  $j$ ) path as first requiring a decision as which is the shortest path for  $k$  intermediate vertices.
- We need to find two shortest paths, one from  $i$  to  $k$  other from  $k$  to  $j$ , to see if this is shorter than before.



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## Example

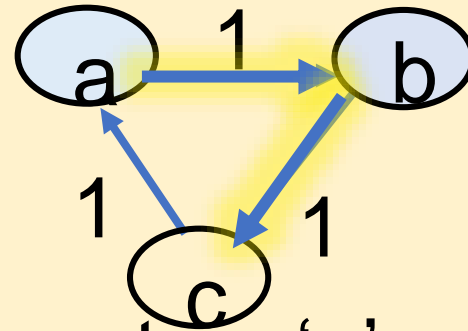


- Compute the distance matrix ' $D$ ' through a series of  $n$ -by- $n$  matrices  $D^0, D^1, D^2, \dots, D^n$

$$D^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- With an intermediate vertex 'a', i.e. opens a new path via 'a'  
 $D^1(c, b) = \min (D^0(c, b), D^0(c, a) + D^0(a, b)) = 2$

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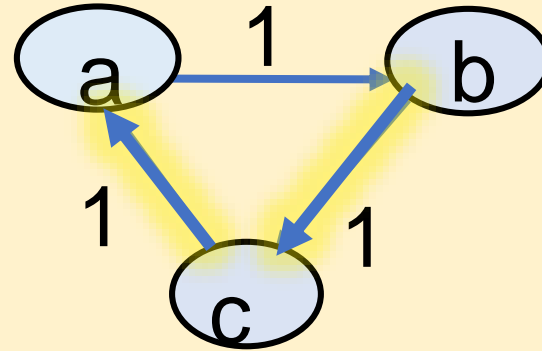


$$D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \infty & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- With two intermediate vertex 'a' and 'b', i.e. opens a new path via 'b'

$$D^2(a, c) = \min (D^1(a, c), D^1(a, b) + D^1(b, c)) = 2$$

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$$D^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$D^3(b, a) = \min (D^2(b, a), D^2(b, c) + D^2(c, a)) = 2$$



- *Input: Weighted graph  $W$  of size  $n$*
- *Output: Distance matrix of all pair shortest paths*
- *Copy weight matrix  $W$  to  $D$*
- *Elements of each matrix  $D^k$  can be computed from its immediate predecessor  $D^{k-1}$  by recurrence*

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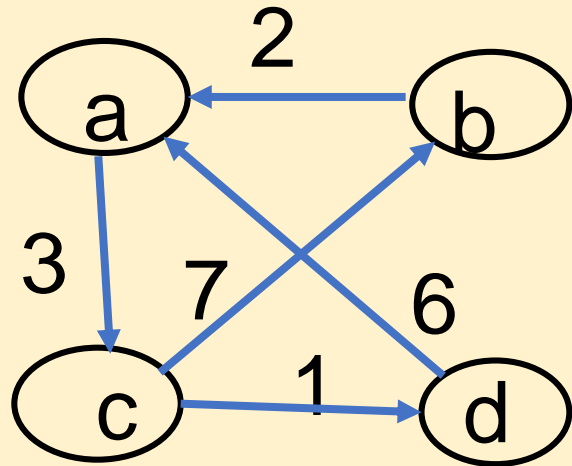
Algorithm Floyd(Weighted Graph  $W$ ) {
    for( $i = 1, i \leq n, i++$ )
        for( $j = 1, j \leq n, j++$ )
             $D[i, j] = W[i, j]$ ;
    for( $k = 1, k \leq n, k++$ )
        for( $i = 1, i \leq n, i++$ )
            for( $j = 1; j \leq n; j++$ )
                 $D[i, j] = \min(D[i, j], D[i, k] + D[k, j])$ 
}

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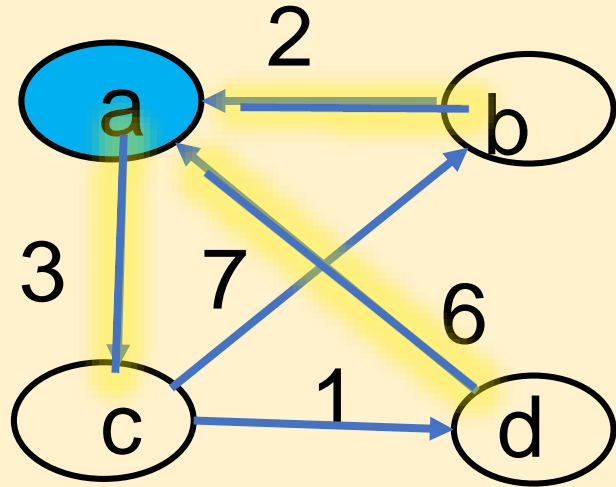
$$\bullet \quad d_{i,j}^0 = W_{i,j}^0, \quad d_{i,j}^k = \min \{d_{i,j}^{k-1}, d_{i,k}^{k-1} + d_{k,j}^{k-1}\},$$

**Example:** Find all pair shortest paths for the graph below



$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

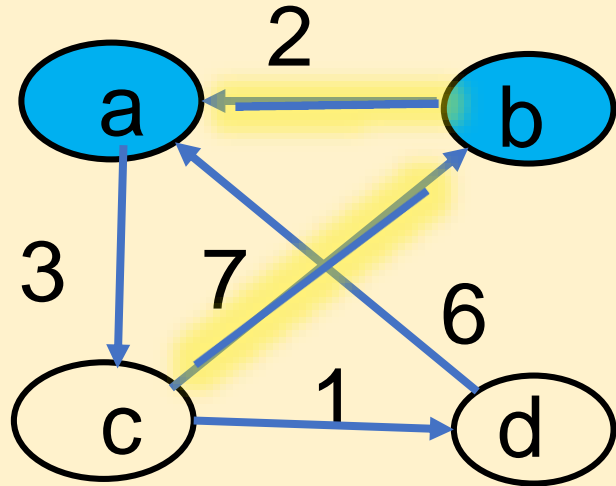
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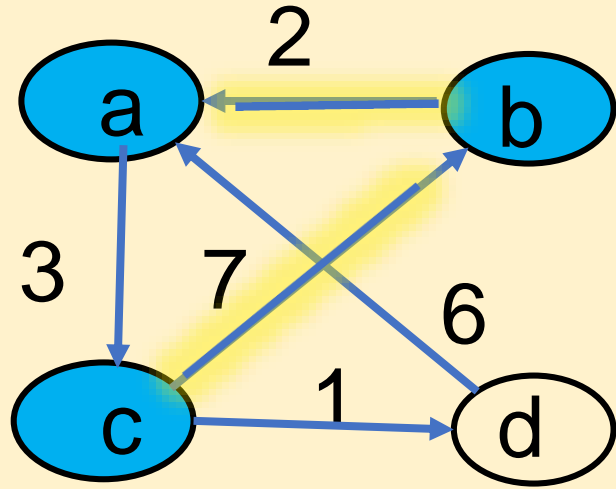
$$D^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & \min(2 + 3, \infty) & \infty \\ \infty & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & \min(6 + 3, \infty) & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ \infty & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$D^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ \infty & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introduction of an intermediate vertex **b** gives one detours

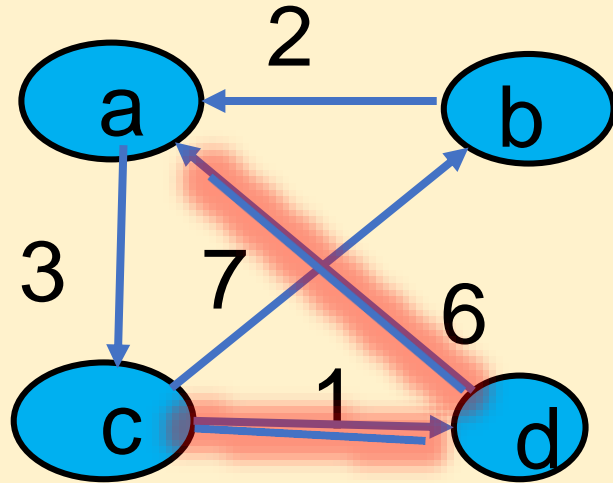
$$D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ \min(7 + 2, \infty) & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 9 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \infty & 3 & \infty \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 9 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introduction of an intermediate vertex **c** gives two detours

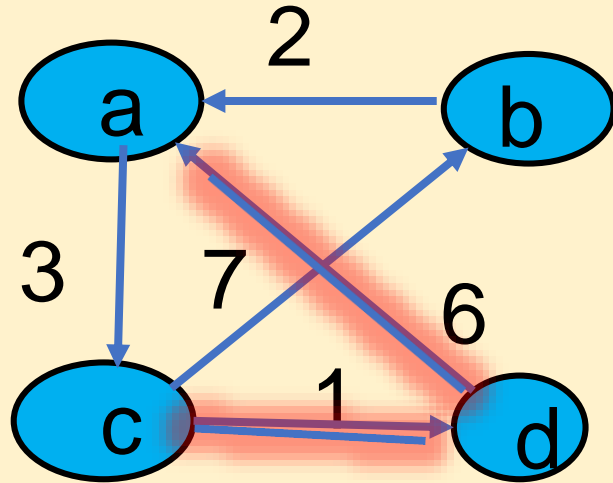
$$D^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \min(3 + 7, \infty) & 3 & \min(3 + 1, \infty) \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 9 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 9 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$D^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 9 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introduction of an intermediate vertex **d** gives new detour

$$D^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ \min(1 + 6, 9) & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 7 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$D^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \infty \\ 7 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \infty & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Introduction of an intermediate vertex ***a and c*** give two detours

$$D^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & \min(2 + 3 + 1, \infty) \\ 7 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & \min(6 + 3 + 7, \infty) & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 7 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 16 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$