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**Shortest Paths:** For each of the following statements decide whether it is true of false. If it is true, give a short proof. If it is false give a counterexample.

Suppose we are given a directed graph G = (V, E) and we assume all edge weights are positive and distinct. Let P be a shortest path from node s to node t with a weight of  $w_P$ .

- a) Suppose the weight of each edge is increased by a constant, that is, the new edge weights are  $w'_e = w_e + c$ , for all  $e \in E$ , where c is some positive constant. True or false, P must still be the shortest path from node s to node t in the graph with the new weights?
- **b)** Now, suppose the weight of each edge is doubled, that is, the new edge weights are  $w'_e = 2w_e$ , for all  $e \in E$ . True or false, P must still be the shortest path from node s to node t in the graph with the new weights?
- c) Finally, suppose the weight of each edge is squared, that is, the new edge weights are  $w'_e = w_e^2$ , for all  $e \in E$ . True or false, P must still be the shortest path from node s to node t in the graph with the new weights?