



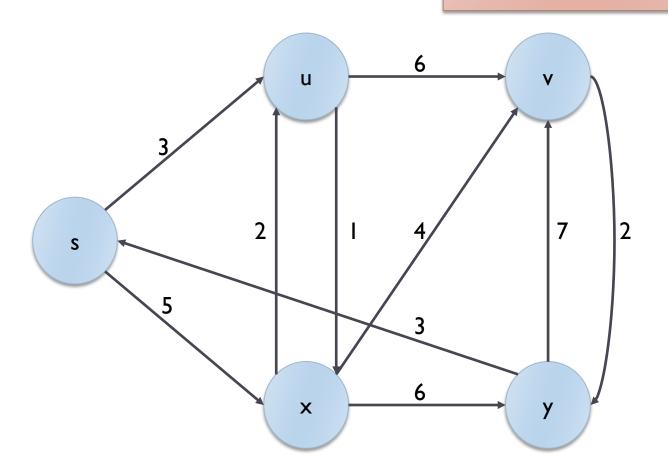
### Graphs: Finding shortest paths

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What is the shortest path between s and v?



#### Summary

- Definitions
- Floyd-Warshall algorithm
- Bellman-Ford-Moore algorithm
- Dijkstra algorithm



#### **Definitions**

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### Definition: weight of a path

- ▶ Consider a directed, weighted graph G=(V, E), with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 
  - This is the general case: undirected or un-weighted are automatically included
- The weight w(p) of a path p is the sum of the weights of the edges composing the path

$$w(p) = \sum_{(u,v)\in p} w(u,v)$$

### Definition: shortest path

- The shortest path between vertex *u* and vertex *v* is defined as the mininum-weight path between *u* and *v*, if the path exists.
- ▶ The weight of the shortest path is represented as  $\delta(u,v)$
- If v is not reachable from u, then (by definition)  $\delta(u,v)=\infty$

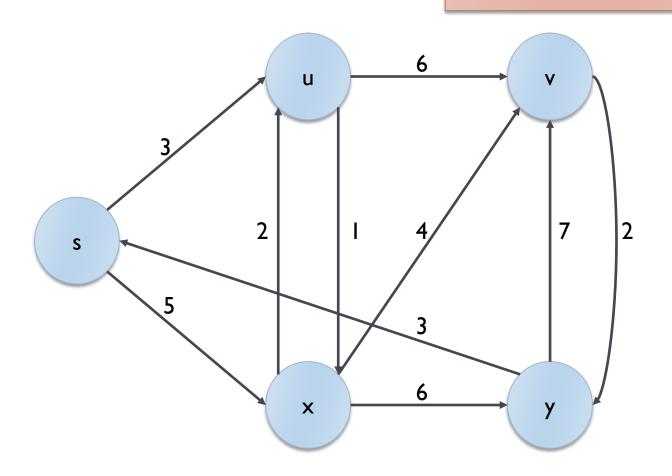
### Finding shortest paths

- Single-source shortest path (SS-SP)
  - Given *u* and *v*, find the shortest path between *u* and *v*
  - Given *u*, find the shortest path between *u* and any other vertex
- All-pairs shortest path (AP-SP)
  - Given a graph, find the shortest path between any pair of vertices

#### What to find?

- Depending on the problem, you might want:
  - ▶ The **value** of the shortest path weight
    - Just a real number
  - ▶ The **actual path** having such minimum weight
    - For simple graphs, a sequence of vertices.
    - For multigraphs, a sequence of edges

What is the shortest path between s and v?

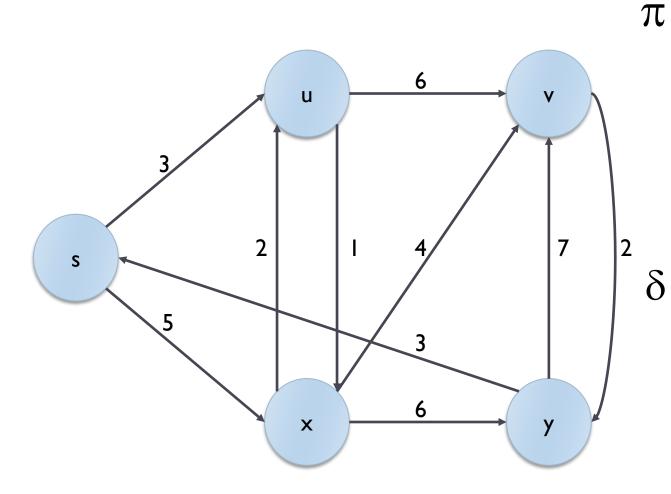


### Representing shortest paths

- To store all shortest paths from a single source u, we may add
  - For each vertex v, the **weight** of the shortest path  $\delta(u,v)$
  - For each vertex v, the "**preceding**" vertex  $\pi(v)$  that allows to reach v in the shortest path
    - For multigraphs, we need the preceding edge

#### Example:

- Source vertex: u
- For any vertex *v*:
  - b double v.weight;
  - > Vertex v.preceding ;



| Vertex | Previous |
|--------|----------|
| S      | NULL     |
| u      | S        |
| x      | u        |
| ٧      | ×        |
| у      | ٧        |

| Vertex | Weight |
|--------|--------|
| S      | 0      |
| u      | 3      |
| x      | 4      |
| ٧      | 8      |
| у      | 10     |

The "previous" vertex in an intermediate node of a minimum path does not depend on the final destination

#### Example:

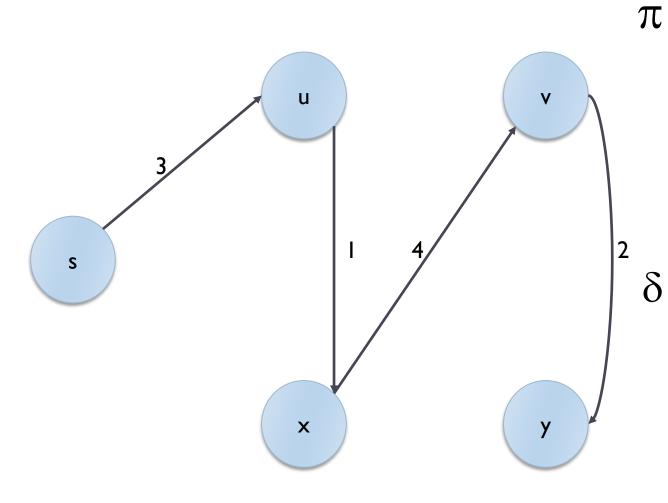
- Let  $p_1$  = shortest path between u and  $v_1$
- Let  $p_2$  = shortest path between u and  $v_2$
- ▶ Consider a vertex  $w \in p_1 \cap p_2$
- The value of  $\pi(w)$  may be chosen in a single way and still guarantee that both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are shortest

### Shortest path graph

- Consider a source node u
- Compute all shortest paths from u
- ▶ Consider the relation  $E\pi = \{ (v.preceding, v) \}$
- ► Eπ ⊂ E
- ▶  $\forall \pi = \{ v \in V : v \text{ reachable from } u \}$
- $G\pi = G(V\pi, E\pi)$  is a subgraph of G(V,E)
- $G\pi$ : the predecessor-subgraph

### Shortest path tree

- $G\pi$  is a tree (due to the Lemma) rooted in u
- In  $G\pi$ , the (unique) paths starting from u are always shortest paths
- $G\pi$  is not unique, but all possible  $G\pi$  are equivalent (same weight for every shortest path)



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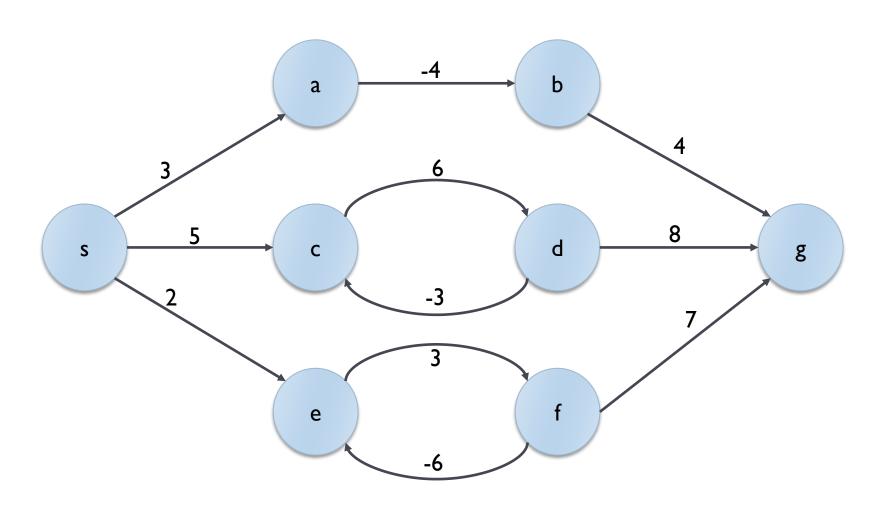
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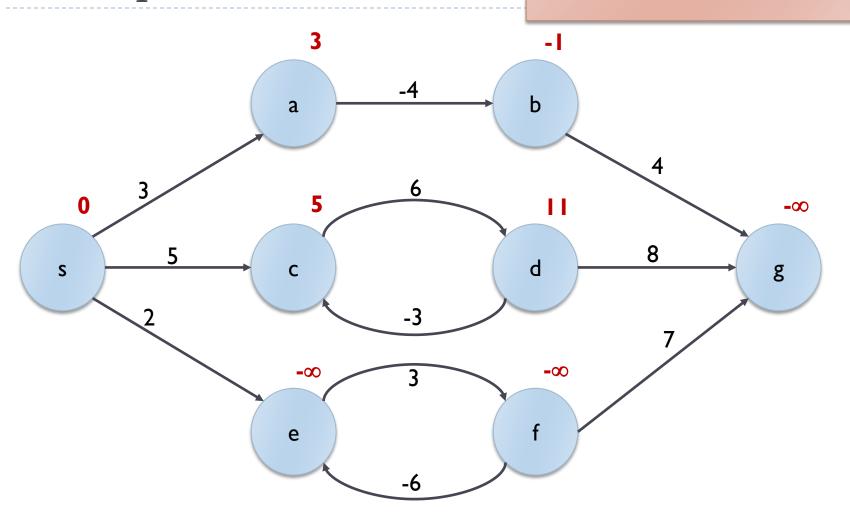
If G is an un-weighted graph, then the shortest paths may be computed just with a breadth-first visit

### Negative-weight cycles

- Minimum paths cannot be defined if there are negativeweight cycles in the graph
- In this case, the minimum path does not exist, because you may always decrease the path weight by going once more through the loop.
- ▶ Conventionally, in these case we say that the path weight is  $-\infty$ .



# Minimum-weight paths from source vertex s



- ▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph G=(V,E), with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- Let  $p=\langle v_1, v_2, ..., v_k \rangle$  a shortest path from vertex  $v_1$  to vertex  $v_k$ .
- For all i,j such that  $1 \le i \le j \le k$ , let  $p_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_{i+1}, ..., v_j \rangle$  be the sub-path of p, from vertex  $v_i$  to vertex  $v_j$ .
- ▶ Therefore,  $p_{ij}$  is a shortest path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .

### Corollary

- Let p be a shortest path from s to v
- Consider the vertex u, such that (u,v) is the last edge in the shortest path
- We may decompose p (from s to v) into:
  - A sub-path from s to u
  - ightharpoonup The final edge (u,v)
- Therefore

 $\delta(s,v) = \delta(s,u) + w(u,v)$ 

If we arbitrarily chose the vertex u', then for all edges  $(u',v) \in E$  we may say that

 $\delta(s,v) \leq \delta(s,u') + w(u',v)$ 

#### Relaxation

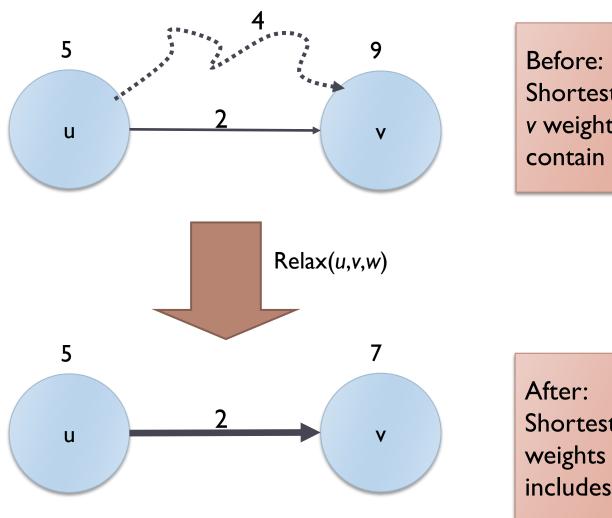
- Most shortest-path algorithms are based on the relaxation technique
- It consists of
  - Vector d[u] represents  $\delta(s,u)$
  - Neeping track of an updated estimate d[u] of the shortest path towards each node u
  - Relaxing (i.e., updating) d[v] (and therefore the predecessor  $\pi[v]$ ) whenever we discover that node v is more conveniently reached by traversing edge (u,v)

#### Initial state

- Initialize-Single-Source(G(V,E), s)
  - for all vertices  $v \in V$
  - 2. **do** 
    - $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$
    - 2.  $\pi[v] \leftarrow NIL$
  - 3.  $d[s] \leftarrow 0$

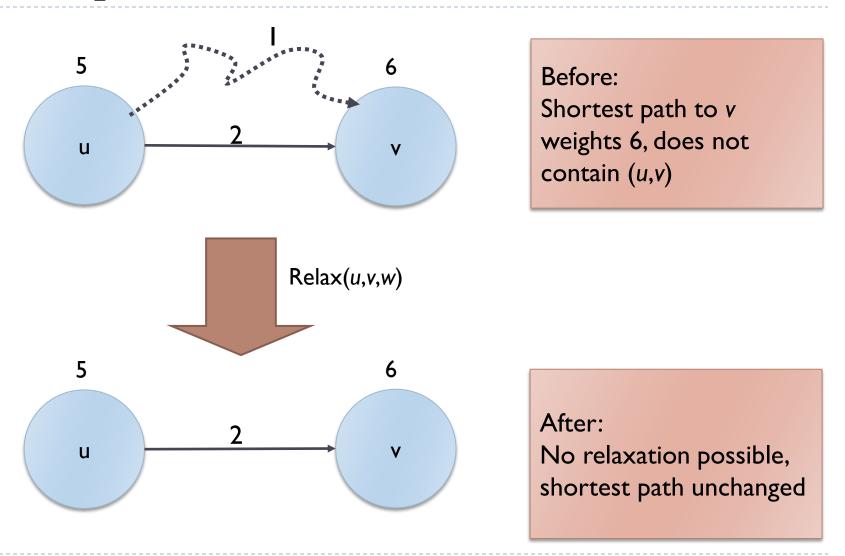
#### Relaxation

- We consider an edge (u,v) with weight w
- ▶ Relax(*u*, *v*, *w*)
  - i. if d[v] > d[u] + w(u,v)
  - 2. then
    - $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u,v)$
    - 2.  $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$



Shortest known path to v weights 9, does not contain (u,v)

Shortest path to v weights 7, the path includes (u,v)



- ▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph G=(V, E), with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- Let (u,v) be an edge in G.
- $\blacktriangleright$  After relaxation of (u,v) we may write that:
  - $\rightarrow$  d[v] $\leq$ d[u]+w(u,v)

▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph G=(V, E), with weight function w:  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and source vertex  $s \in V$ . Assume that G has no negative-weight cycles reachable from s.

#### Therefore

- After calling Initialize-Single-Source(G,s), the predecessor subgraph  $G\pi$  is a rooted tree, with s as the root.
- Any relaxation we may apply to the graph does not invalidate this property.

- Given the previous definitions.
- Apply any possible sequence of relaxation operations
- ▶ Therefore, for each vertex *v* 
  - ▶  $d[v] \ge \delta(s,v)$
- Additionally, if  $d[v] = \delta(s,v)$ , then the value of d[v] will not change anymore due to relaxation operations.

#### Shortest path algorithms

- Various algorithms
- Differ according to one-source or all-sources requirement
- Adopt repeated relaxation operations
- Vary in the order of relaxation operations they perform
- May be applicable (or not) to graph with negative edges (but no negative cycles)

## Implementations

#### Package org.jgrapht.alg.shortestpath

| Class Summary                                       |   |
|---|---|
| Class   | Description   |
| AllDirectedPaths <v,e></v,e>                        | $\label{eq:continuous} A \ \ \ \ \ Dijkstra-like \ algorithm \ to \ find \ all \ paths \ between \ two \ sets \ of \ nodes \ in \ a \ directed \ graph, \ with \ options \ to \ search \ only \ simple \ paths \ and \ to \ limit \ the \ path \ length.$ |
| ALTAdmissibleHeuristic <v,e></v,e>                  | An admissible heuristic for the A* algorithm using a set of landmarks and the triangle inequality.  |
| AStarShortestPath <v,e></v,e>                       | A* shortest path.   |
| BellmanFordShortestPath <v,e></v,e>                 | The Bellman-Ford algorithm.   |
| BhandariKDisjointShortestPaths <v,e></v,e>          | An implementation of Bhandari algorithm for finding $K$ edge- $\emph{disjoint}$ shortest paths.   |
| BidirectionalDijkstraShortestPath <v,e></v,e>       | A bidirectional version of Dijkstra's algorithm.  |
| DijkstraShortestPath <v,e></v,e>                    | An implementation of Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm using a Fibonacci heap.   |
| FloydWarshallShortestPaths <v,e></v,e>              | The Floyd-Warshall algorithm.   |
| GraphMeasurer <v,e></v,e>                           | Algorithm class which computes a number of distance related metrics.  |
| JohnsonShortestPaths <v,e></v,e>                    | Johnson's all pairs shortest paths algorithm.   |
| KShortestSimplePaths <v,e></v,e>                    | The algorithm determines the $k$ shortest simple paths in increasing order of weight.   |
| ListMultiObjectiveSingleSourcePathsImpl <v,e></v,e> | lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:  |
| ListSingleSourcePathsImpl <v,e></v,e>               | $ An implementation of \textbf{ShortestPathAlgorithm.SingleSourcePaths} \ which stores one path per vertex. \\$   |
| MartinShortestPath <v,e></v,e>                      | Martin's algorithm for the multi-objective shortest paths problem.  |
| SuurballeKDisjointShortestPaths <v,e></v,e>         | An implementation of Suurballe algorithm for finding K edge- $disjoint$ shortest paths.   |
| TreeMeasurer <v,e></v,e>                            | Algorithm class which computes a number of distance related metrics for trees.  |
| TreeSingleSourcePathsImpl <v,e></v,e>               | $An implementation of \textbf{ShortestPathAlgorithm.SingleSourcePaths} \ which \ uses \ linear \ space.$  |

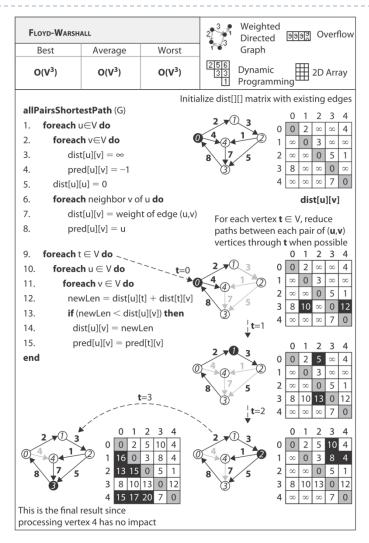


## Floyd-Warshall algorithm

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### Floyd-Warshall algorithm

- Computes the all-source shortest path (AP-SP)
- dist[i][j] is an n-by-n matrix that contains the length of a shortest path from vi to vj.
- if dist[u][v] is ∞, there is no path from u to v
- pred[s][j] is used to reconstruct an actual shortest path: stores the predecessor vertex for reaching vj starting from source vs

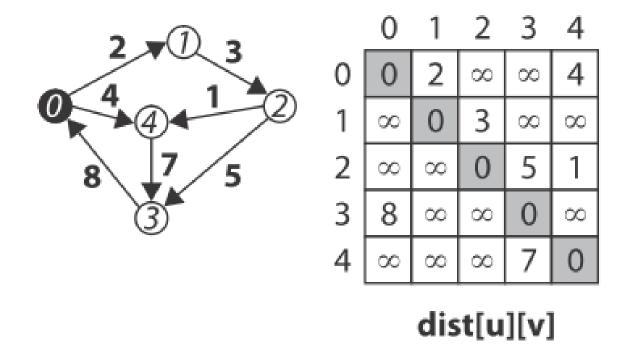


#### Floyd-Warshall: initialization

#### allPairsShortestPath (G)

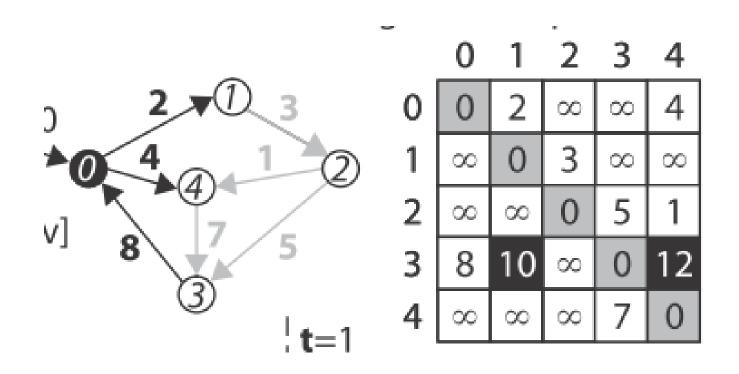
- foreach u∈V do
- foreach v∈V do
- 3.  $\operatorname{dist}[u][v] = \infty$
- 4. pred[u][v] = -1
- 5. dist[u][u] = 0
- 6. **foreach** neighbor v of u **do**
- 7. dist[u][v] = weight of edge (u,v)
- 8. pred[u][v] = u

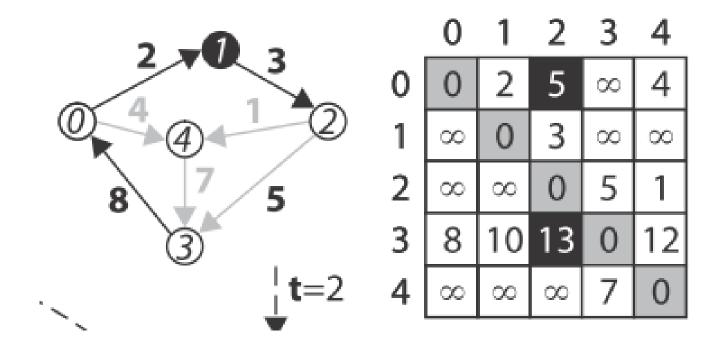
### Example, after initialization

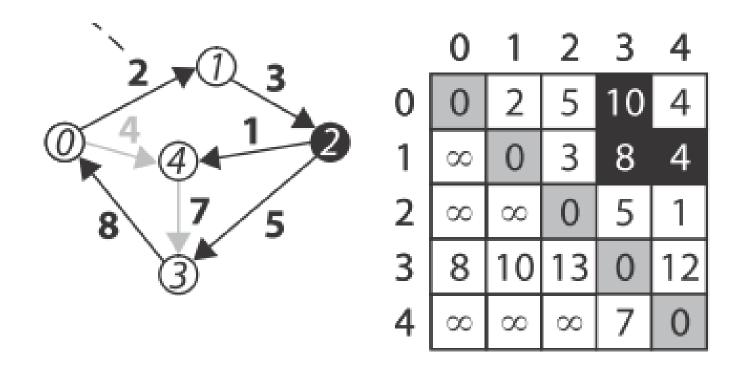


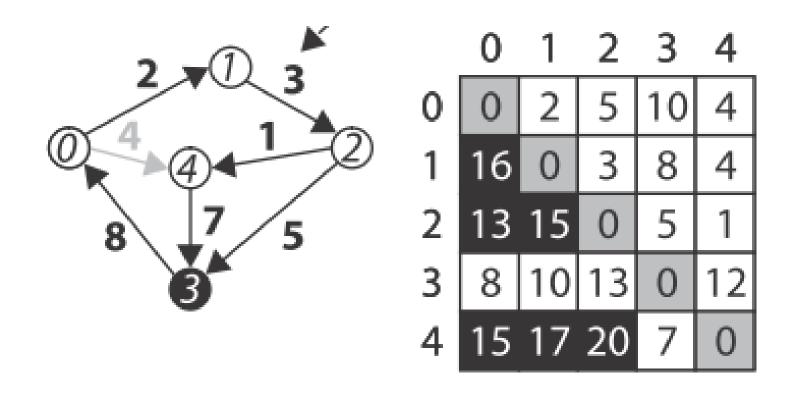
## Floyd-Warshall: relaxation

```
\textbf{for each } t \in V \textbf{ do } \llcorner_{\scriptscriptstyle \diagdown}
         foreach u \in V do
10.
             foreach v \in V do
11.
12.
              newLen = dist[u][t] + dist[t][v]
13.
              if (newLen < dist[u][v]) then
14.
                dist[u][v] = newLen
                pred[u][v] = pred[t][v]
15.
```









# Complexity

- The Floyd-Warshall is basically executing 3 nested loops, each iterating over all vertices in the graph
- Complexity: O(V³)

#### Implementation





# Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

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## Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

- Solution to the single-source shortest path (SS-SP) problem in graph theory
- Based on relaxation (for every vertex, relax all possible edges)
- Does not work in presence of negative cycles
  - but it is able to detect the problem
- ► O(V·E)

# Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

```
dist[s] \leftarrow o
                       (distance to source vertex is zero)
for all v \in V - \{s\}
    do dist[v] \leftarrow \infty (set all other distances to infinity)
for i \leftarrow o to |V|
    for all (u, v) \in E
        do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v) (if new shortest path found)
              then d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v) (set new value of shortest path)
                        (if desired, add traceback code)
for all (u, v) \in E (sanity check)
        do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v)
              then PANIC!
```



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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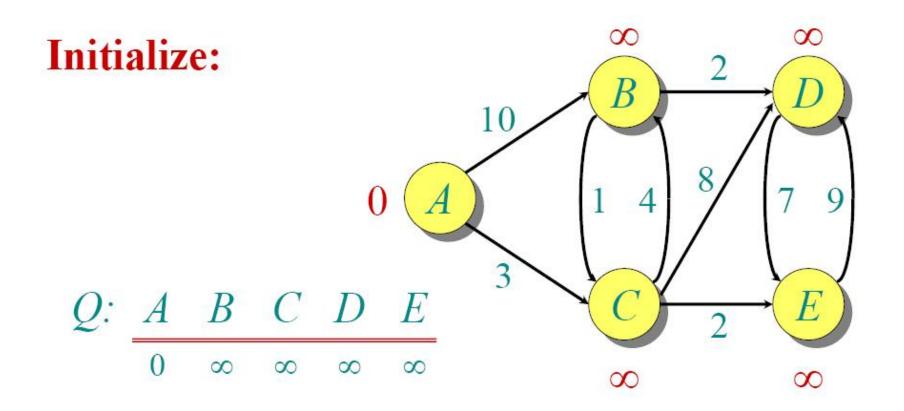
# Dijkstra's algorithm

- Solution to the single-source shortest path (SS-SP) problem in graph theory
- Works on both directed and undirected graphs
- All edges must have nonnegative weights
  - the algorithm would miserably fail
- Greedy
  - ... but guarantees the optimum!

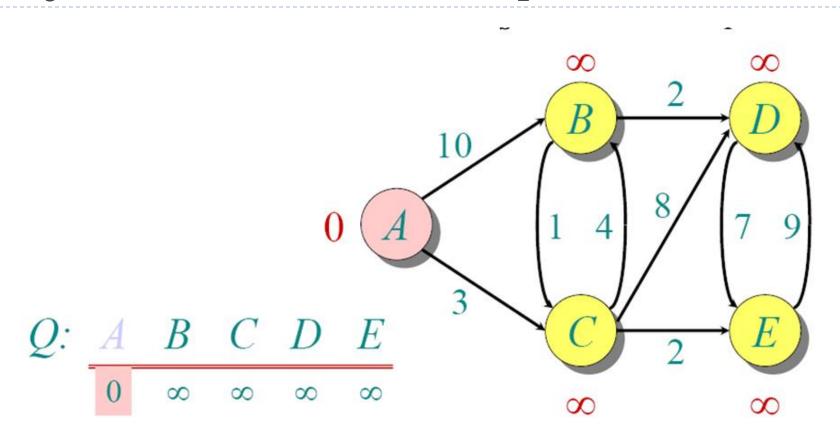


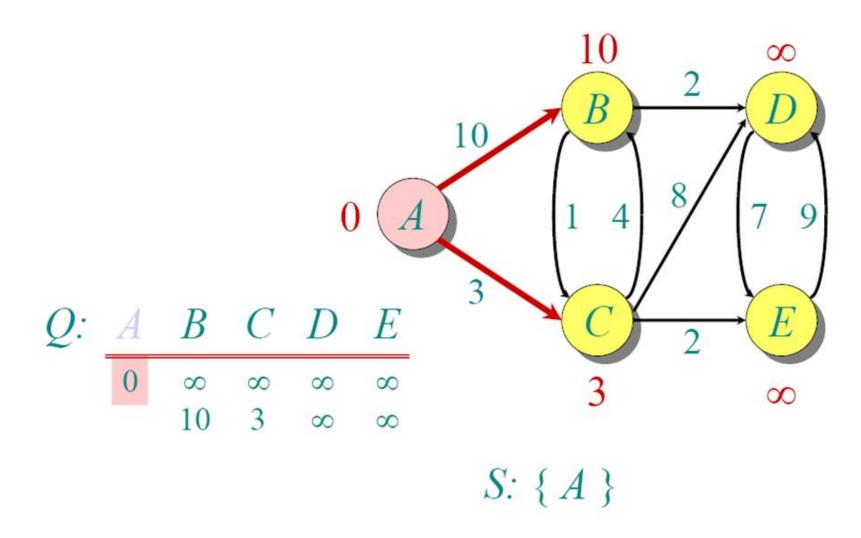
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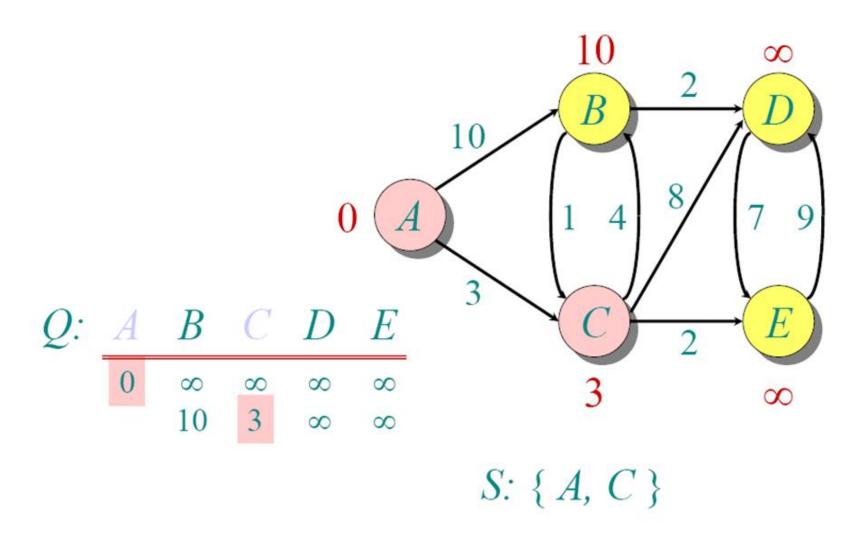
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dist[s] \leftarrow o
                       (distance to source vertex is zero)
for all v \in V - \{s\}
    do dist[v] \leftarrow \infty (set all other distances to infinity)
                    (S, the set of visited vertices is initially empty)
S←Ø
                       (Q, the queue initially contains all vertices)
O←V
                       (while the queue is not empty)
while Q ≠Ø
do u \leftarrow mindistance(Q,dist) (select e \in Q with the min. distance)
                                   (add u to list of visited vertices)
   S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}
   for all v \in neighbors[u]
        do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v) (if new shortest path found)
              then d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v) (set new value of shortest path)
                       (if desired, add traceback code)
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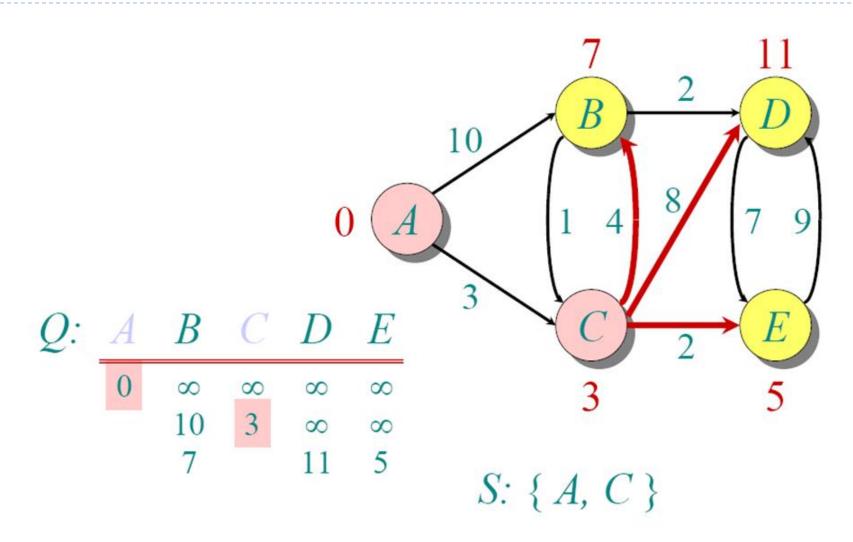


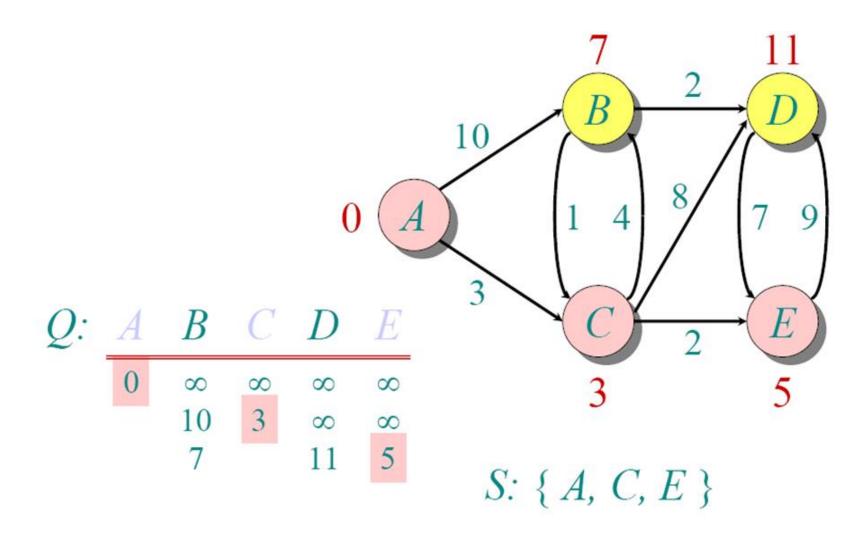


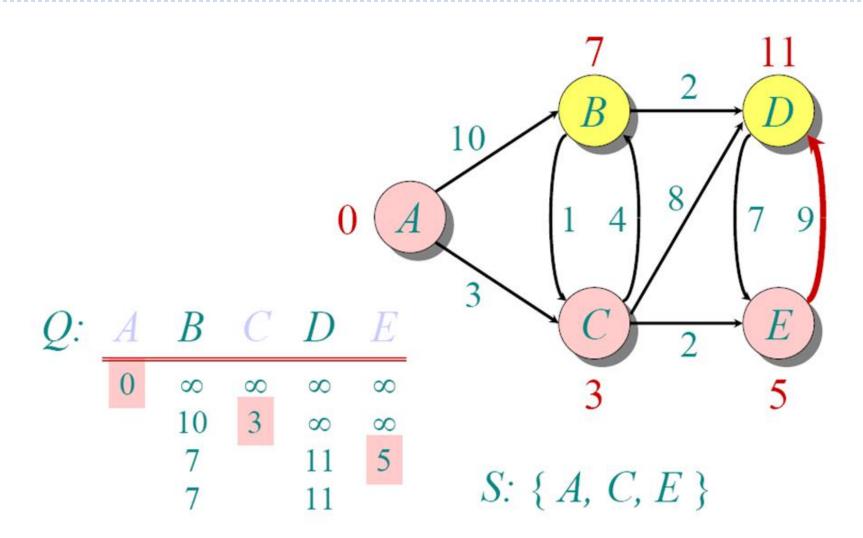


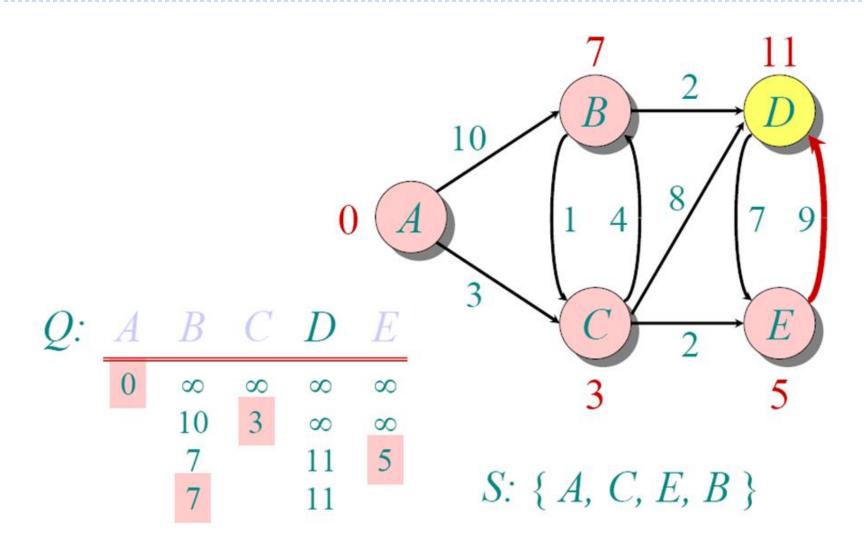


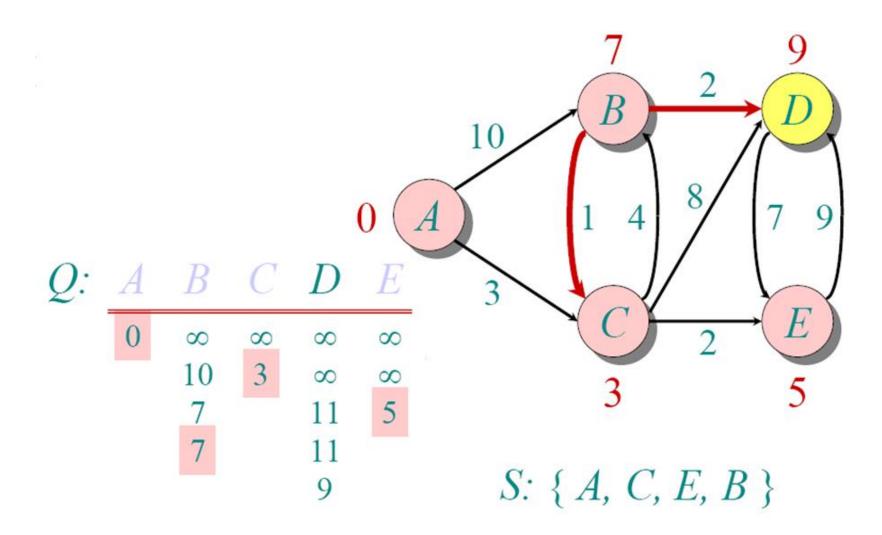


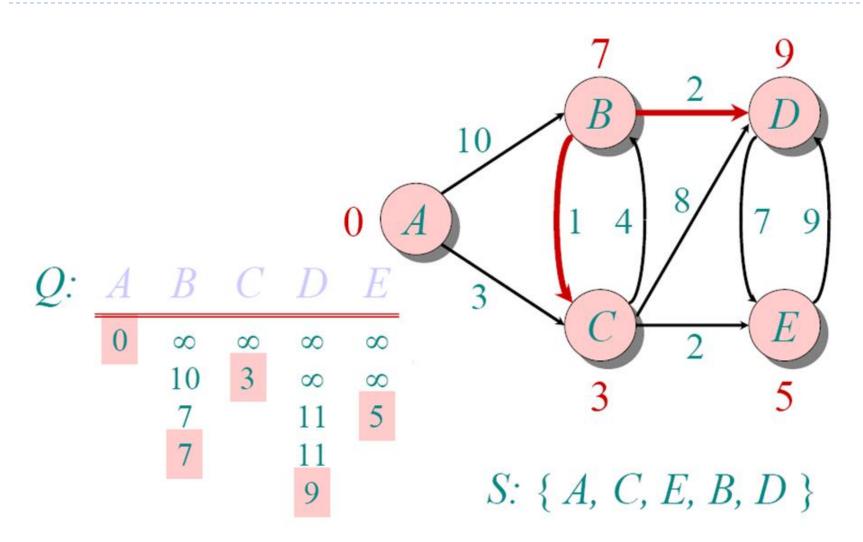












# Dijkstra efficiency

▶ The simplest implementation is:

$$O(E + V^2)$$

▶ But it can be implemented more efficently:

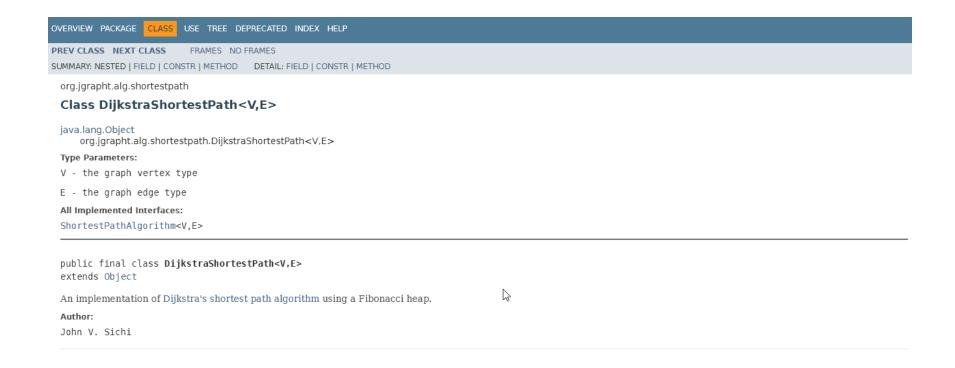
$$O(E + V \cdot \log V)$$



Floyd-Warshall: O(V3)

Bellman-Ford-Moore : O(V·E)

#### Implementation



# Shortest Paths wrap-up

| Algorithm             | Problem | Efficiency                        | Limitation         |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Floyd-Warshall        | AP      | $O(V^3)$                          | No negative cycles |
| Bellman-Ford          | SS      | $O(V \cdot E)$                    | No negative cycles |
| Repeated Bellman-Ford | AP      | $O(V^2 \cdot E)$                  | No negative cycles |
| Dijkstra              | SS      | $O(E + V \cdot \log V)$           | No negative edges  |
| Repeated Dijkstra     | AP      | $O(V \cdot E + V^2 \cdot \log V)$ | No negative edges  |
|                       |         |                                   |                    |
| Breadth-First visit   | SS      | O(V+E)                            | Unweighted graph   |







```
public class FloydWarshallShortestPaths<V,E>
public class BellmanFordShortestPath<V,E>
public class DijkstraShortestPath<V,E>
```

```
// APSP
List<GraphPath<V,E>> getShortestPaths(V v)
GraphPath<V,E> getShortestPath(V a, V b)

// SSSP
GraphPath<V,E> getPath()
```

#### Resources

- Algorithms in a Nutshell, G. Heineman, G. Pollice, S. Selkow, O'Reilly, ISBN 978-0-596-51624-6, Chapter 6 <a href="http://shop.oreilly.com/product/9780596516246.do">http://shop.oreilly.com/product/9780596516246.do</a>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floyd%E2%80%93Warshall\_al gorithm

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