

A hand is shown placing a blue L-shaped block onto a colorful geometric structure made of various blocks. The structure is composed of blocks in shades of blue, orange, yellow, purple, and pink. The background is a solid light blue, and the surface is a light-colored wooden table. Several other blocks are scattered on the table in the foreground, including a green L-shaped block, a blue L-shaped block, a red L-shaped block, and a yellow L-shaped block.

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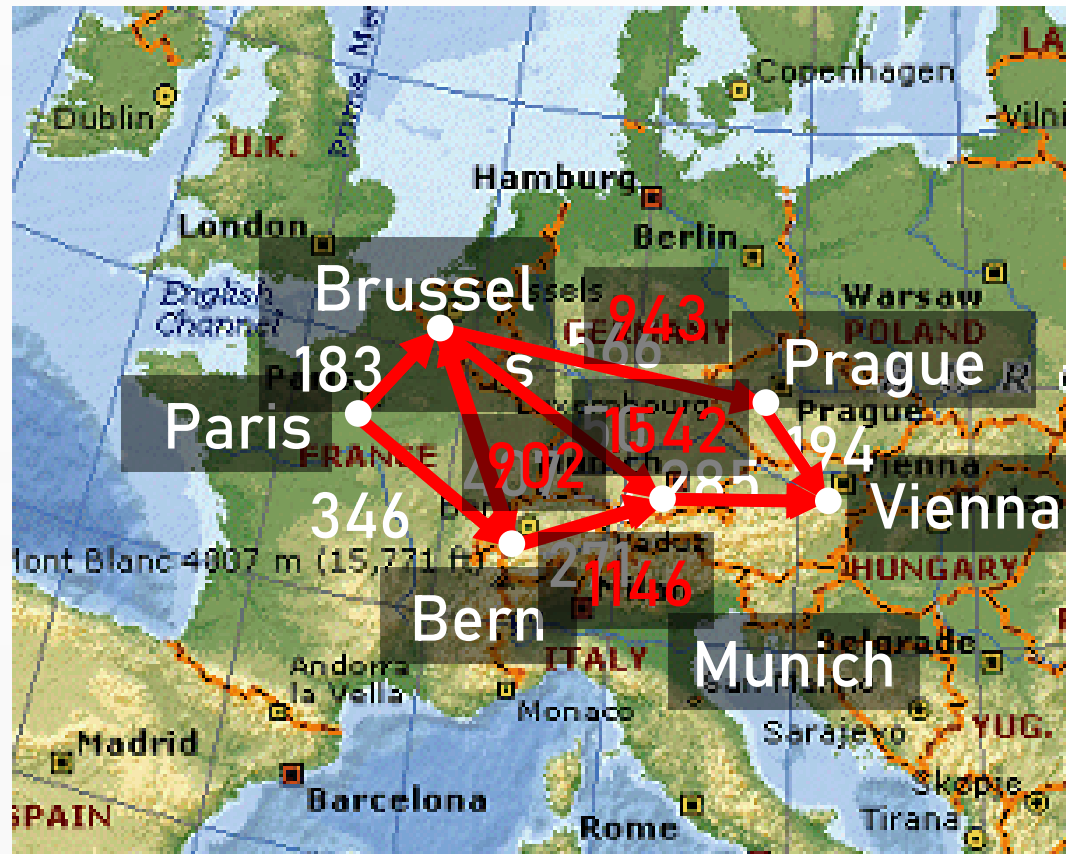
Lecture Outcomes



After this lecture, you will be able to

- understand what are Shortest-Path Problems.
- understand what is a Shortest-Path Algorithm.
- understand what is Dijkstra's Algorithm.

Shortest Path Problem



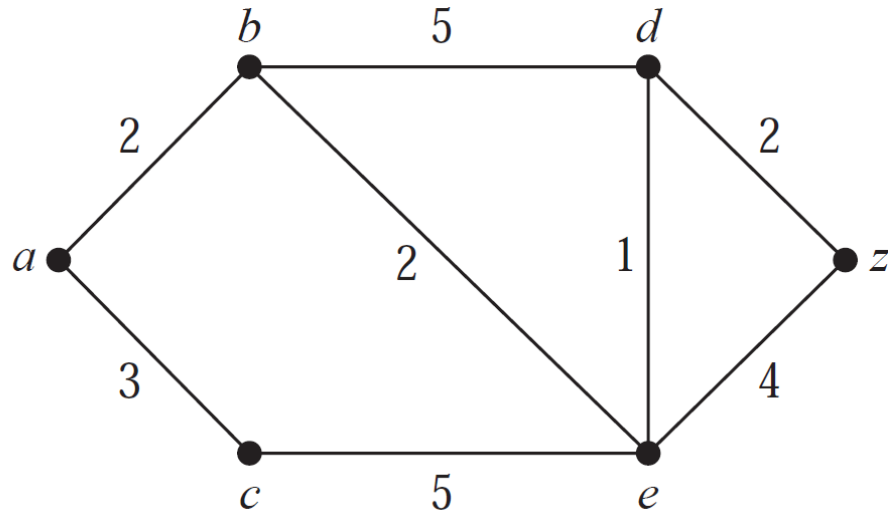
Shortest Path Problem

- Many problems can be modeled using graphs with weights assigned to their edges.
- As an illustration, consider how an airline system can be modeled. We set up the basic graph model by representing cities by vertices and flights by edges.

Shortest Path Problem

- Problems involving distances can be modeled by assigning distances between cities to the edges.
- Problems involving flight time can be modeled by assigning flight times to edges.
- Problems involving fares can be modeled by assigning fares to the edges.

Dijkstra's Algorithm



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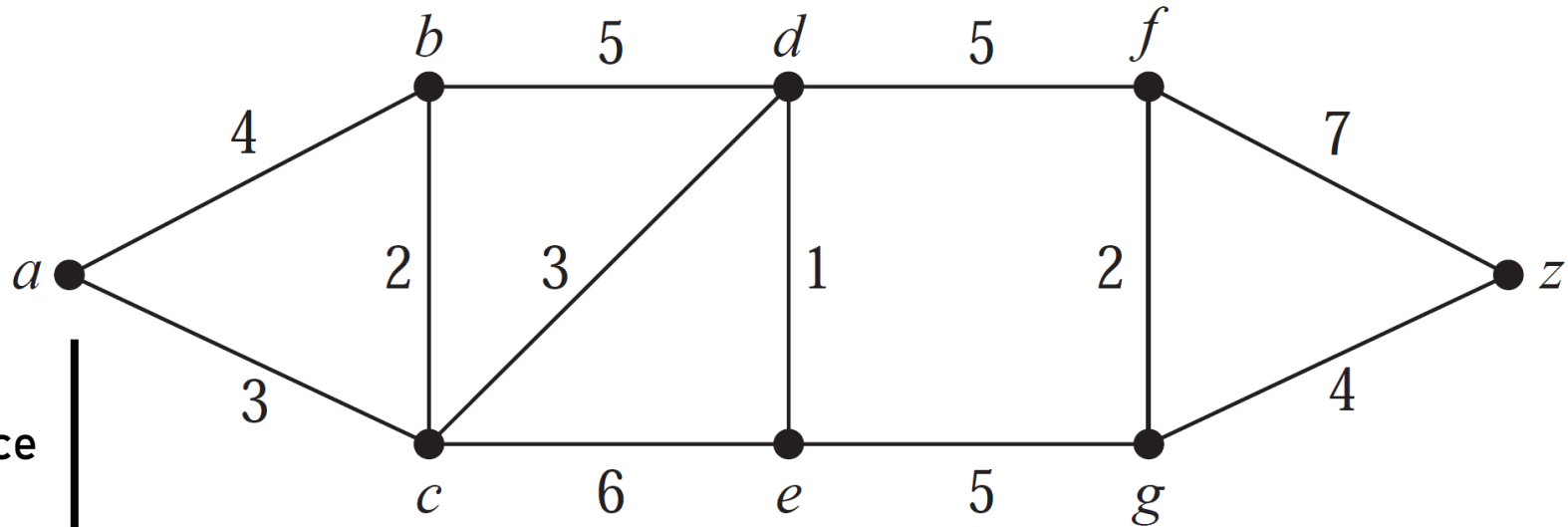
Path

a b c d e z

a	---	2(a)	3(a)	∞	∞	∞
a,b	---	---	3(a)	7(a, b)	4(a, b)	∞
a,b,c	---	---	----	7(a,b)	4(a, b)	∞
a,b,c,e	---	---	----	5(a,b,e)	----	8(a,b,e)
a,b,c,e,d	---	---	----	-----	----	7(a,b,e,d)

Shortest Path from a to z = abedz, Length=7

Dijkstra's Algorithm



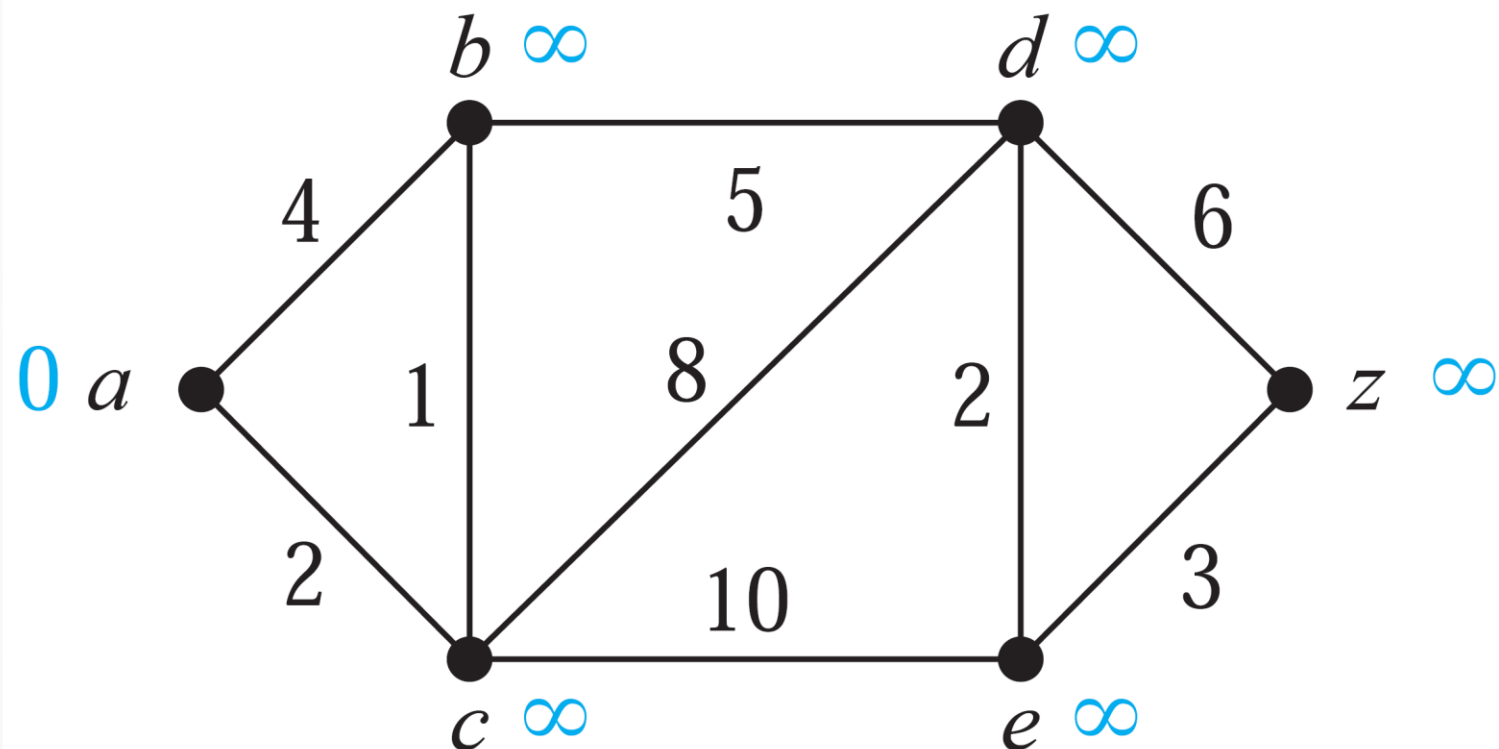
Source

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	z
a	0	4(a)	3(a)	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
a,c	--	4(a)	---	6(a,c)	9(a,c)	∞	∞	∞
a,c,b	--	---	---	6(a,c)	9(a,c)	∞	∞	∞
a,c,b,d	--	---	---	---	7(a,c,d)	11(a,c,d)	∞	∞
a,c,b,d,e	--	---	---	---	---	11(a,c,d)	12(a,c,d,e)	∞
a,c,b,d,e,f	--	---	---	---	---	---	12(a,c,d,e)	18(acdf)
a,c,b,d,e,f,g	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	16(acdeg)

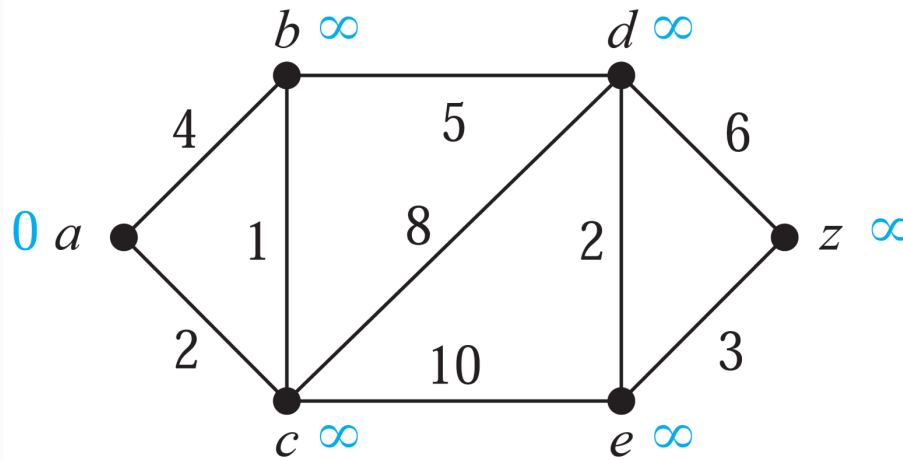
Shortest Path from a to z = acdegz, Length=16

Dijkstra's Algorithm

Find the length of a shortest path between a and z in the given weighted graph.



Dijkstra's Algorithm



Source						Path
	a	b	c	d	e	z
a	---	4(a)	2(a)	∞	∞	∞
a,c	---	3(a,c)	----	10(a,c)	12(a,c)	∞
a,c,b	---	----	----	8(a,c,b)	12(a,c)	∞
a,c,b,d	---	----	----	-----	10(a,c,b,d)	14(a,c,b,d)
a,c,b,d,e	---	----	----	-----	-----	13(a,c,b,d,e)

Shortest Path from a to z = a,c,b,d,e, Length=13

That's all for now...