

GRAPH DISTANCES: THEORY & COMPUTATION

Lecture VII for course in
Data Structures & Algorithms for AI

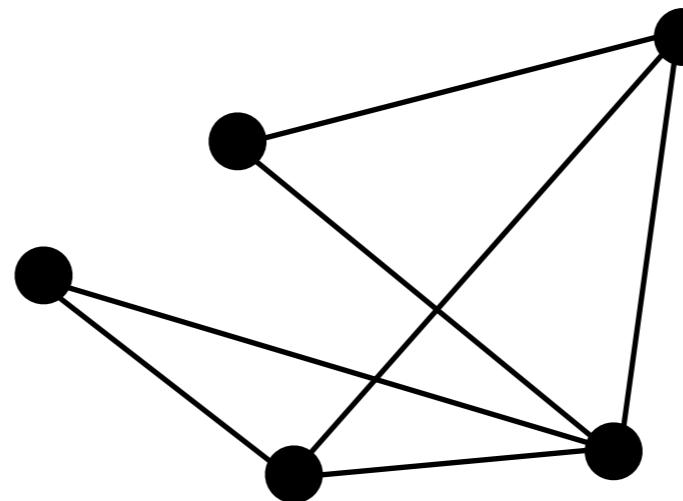
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Based on *Introduction to Algorithms*, Cormen et al. and material by Rafaella Mulas.

Homework (due with Assignment 3)

- The square of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is the graph $G^2 = (V, E^2)$ such that $(u, v) \in E^2$ if and only if G contains a walk with two edges between u and v .
Describe an efficient algorithm for computing G^2 from the adjacency matrix of G , and analyze the running time.
- Most graph algorithms that take an adjacency-matrix representation as input require $\Omega(V^2)$ time, but there are some exceptions. Show how to determine whether a directed graph contains a universal sink - a vertex with in-degree $|V| - 1$ and out-degree 0 in $O(V)$ time, given the adjacency matrix.

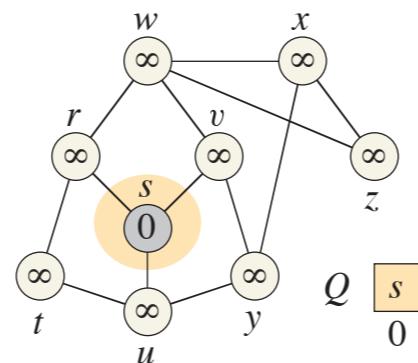
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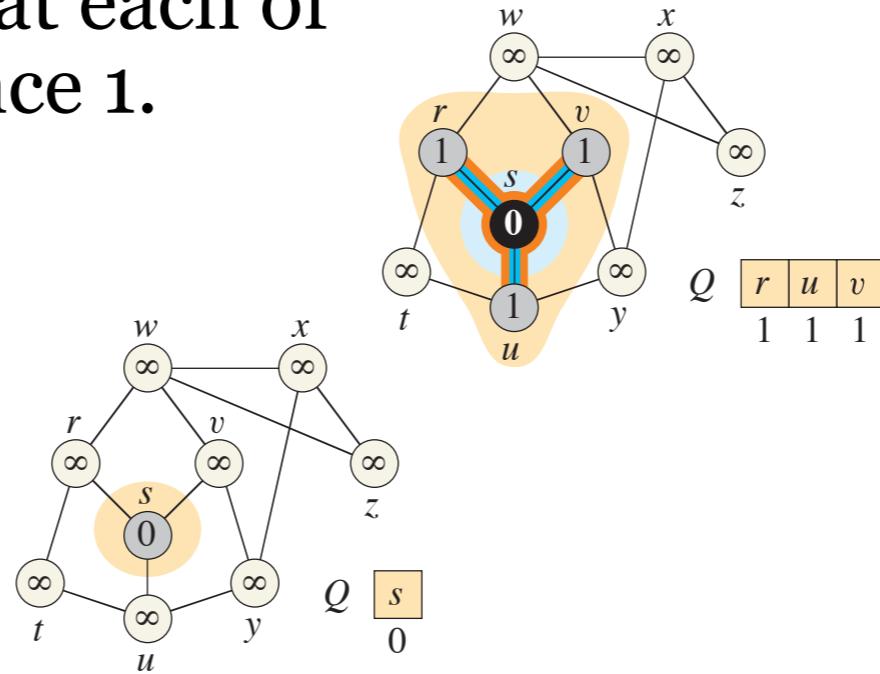
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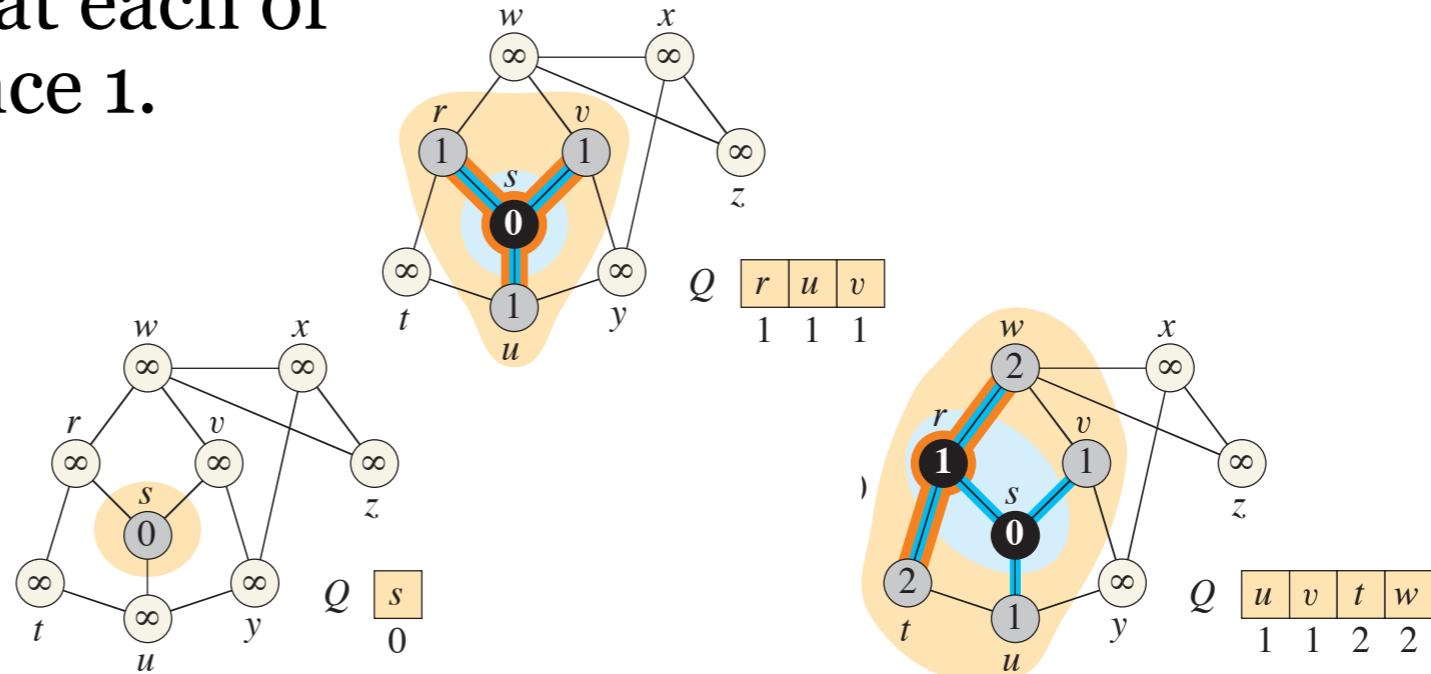
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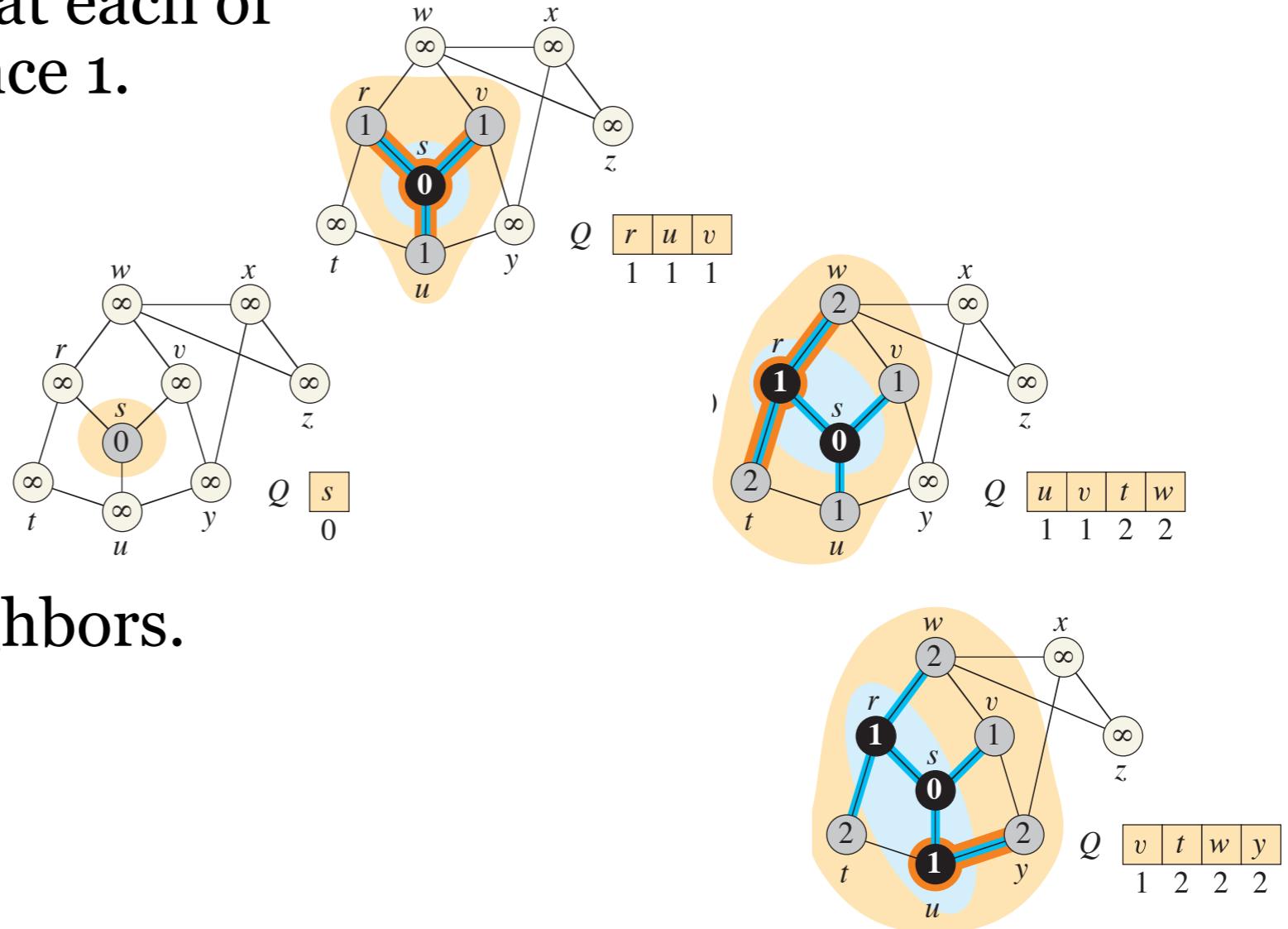
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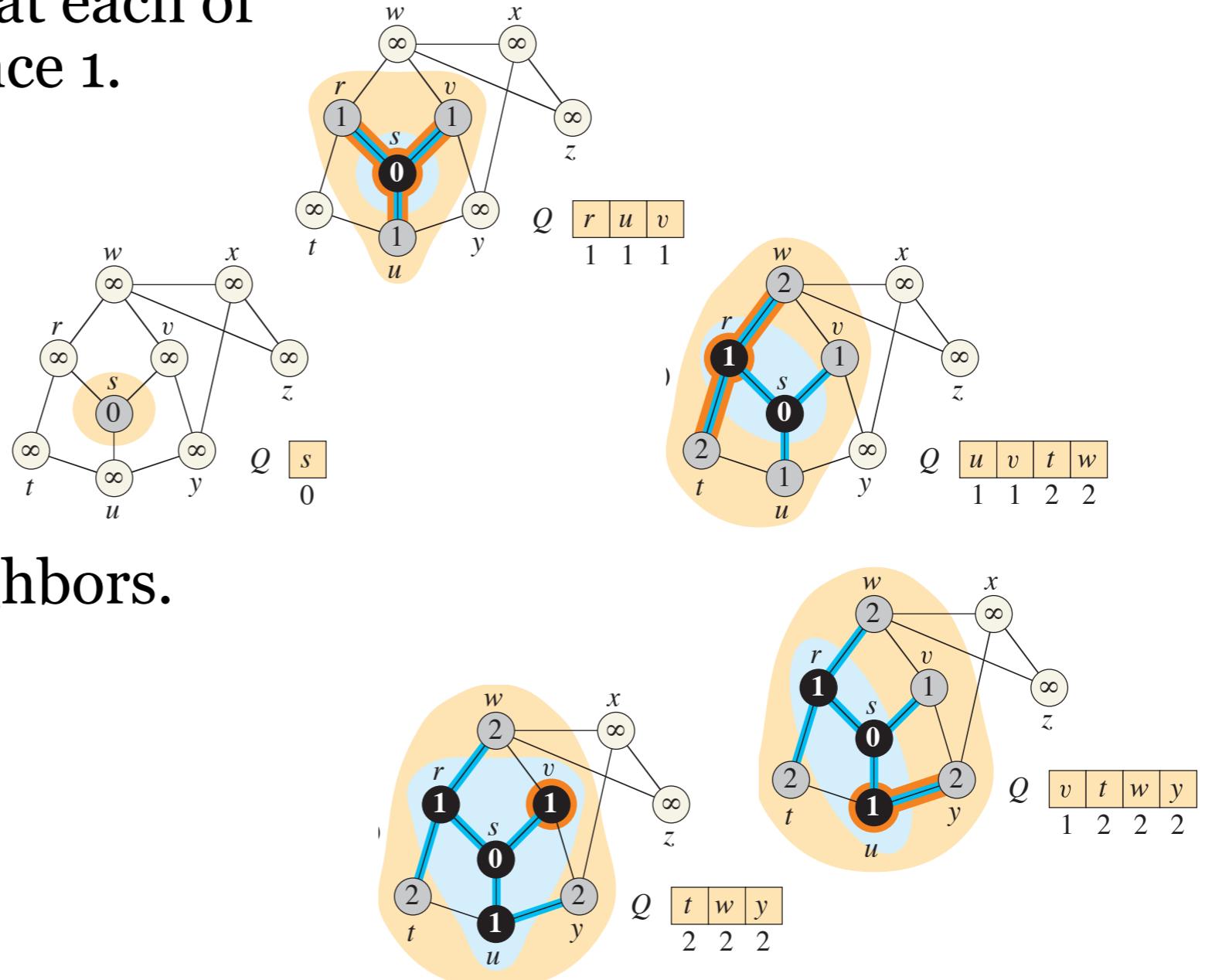
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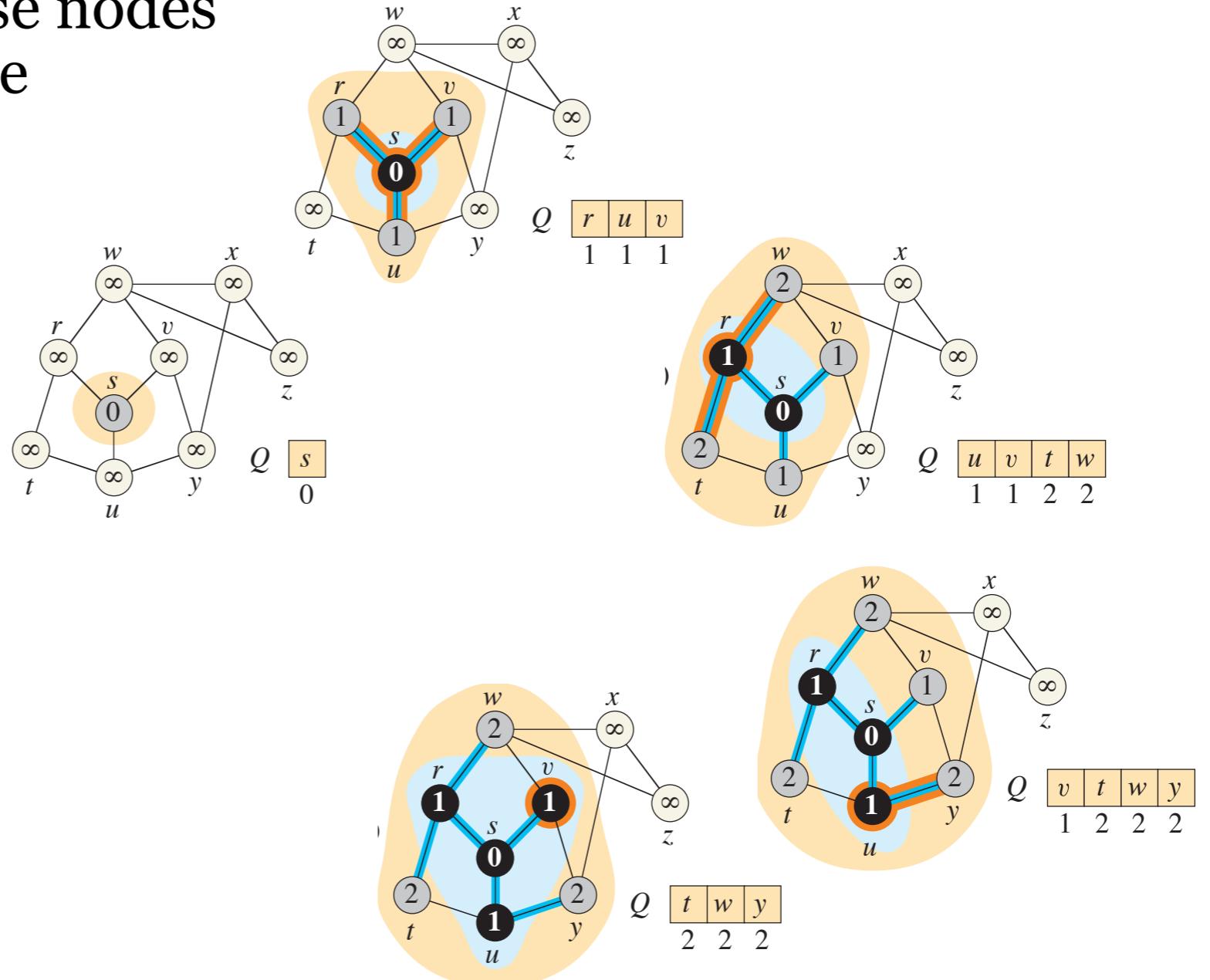


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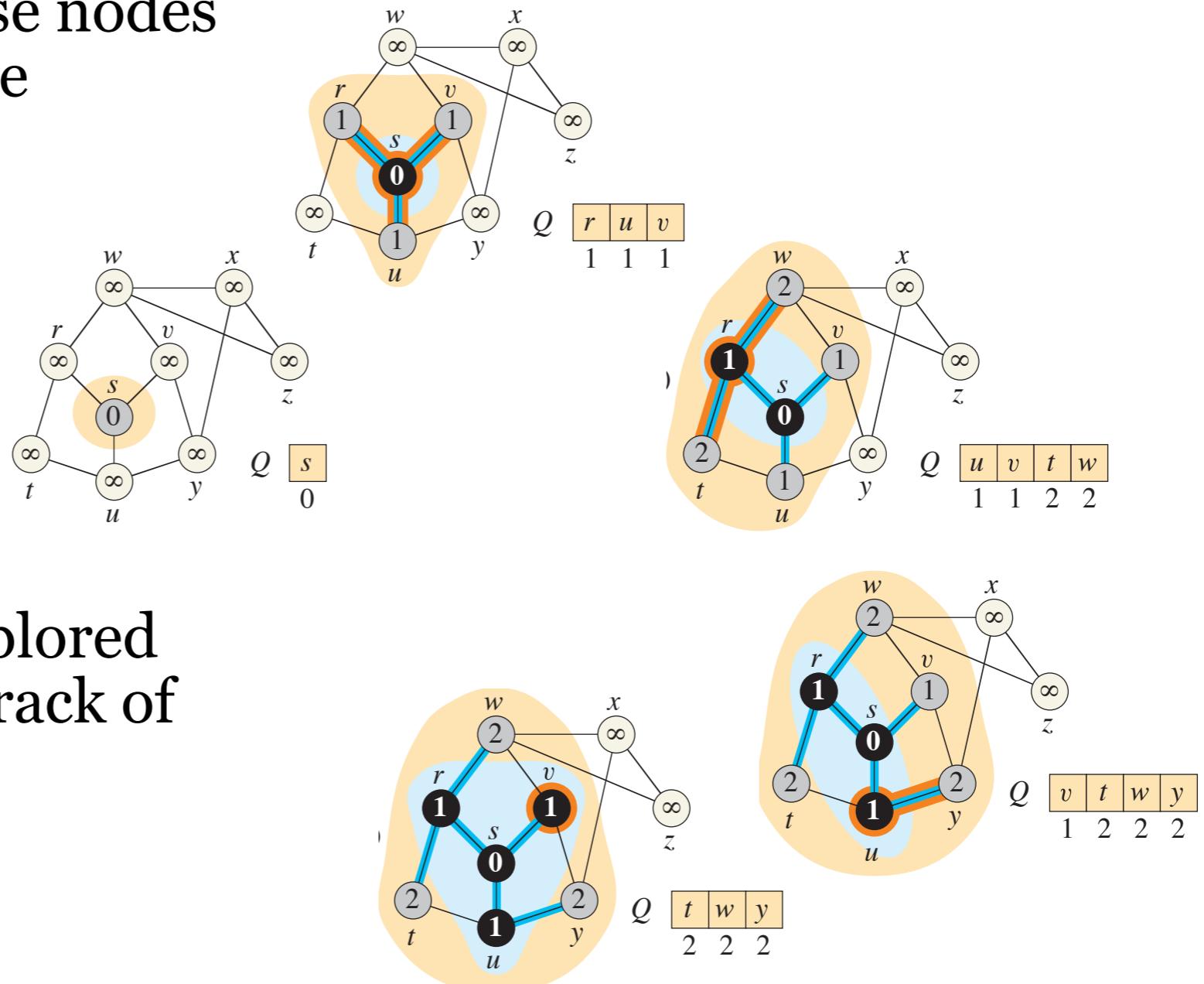
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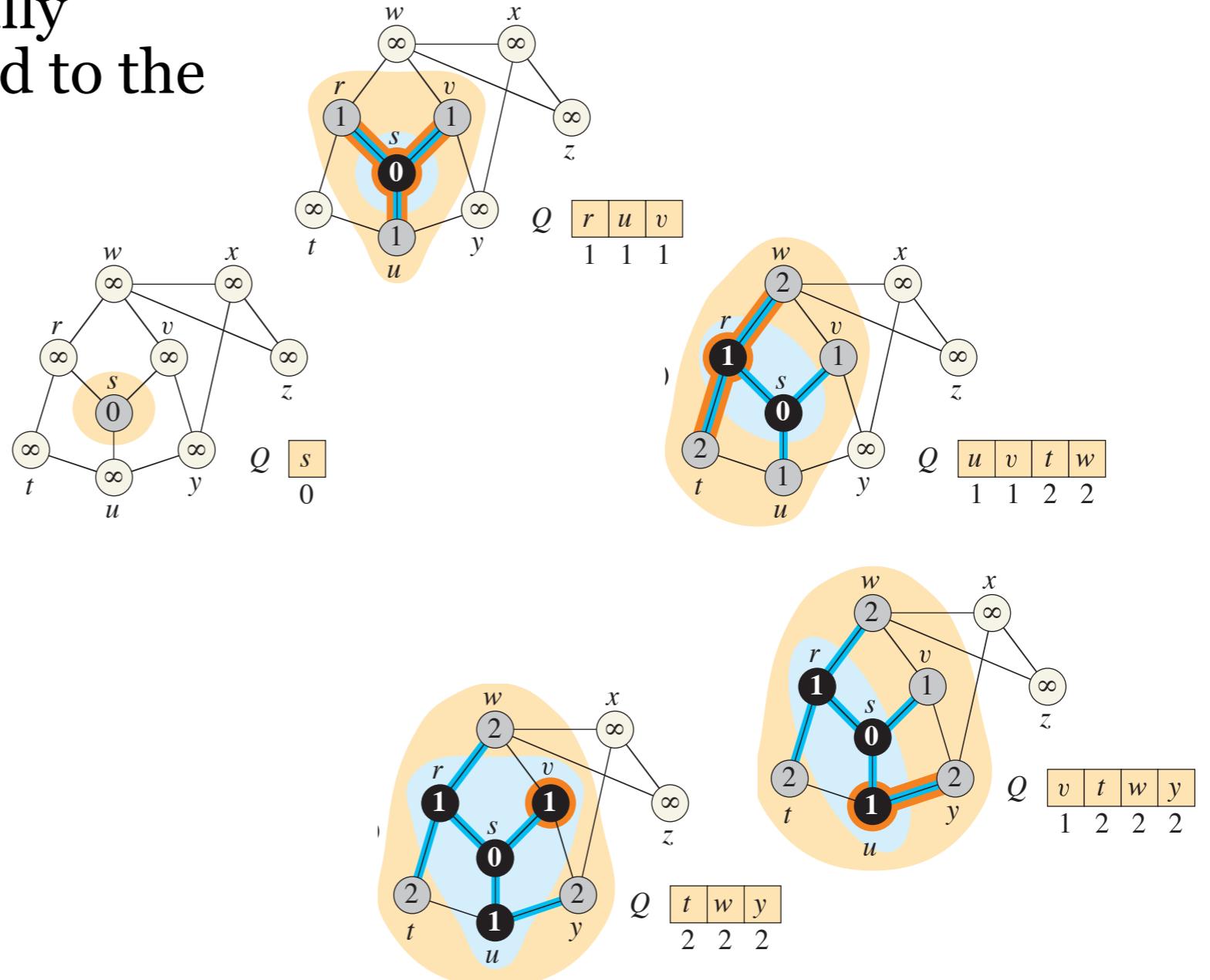
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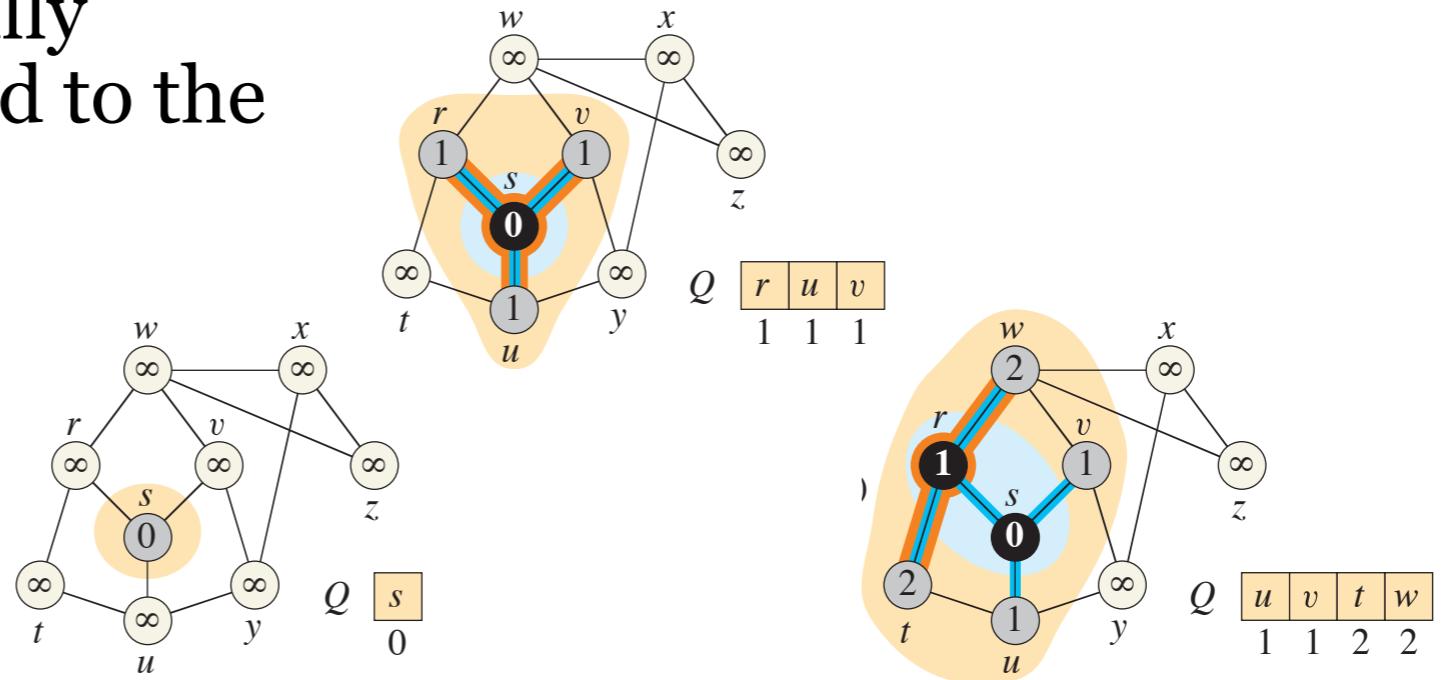
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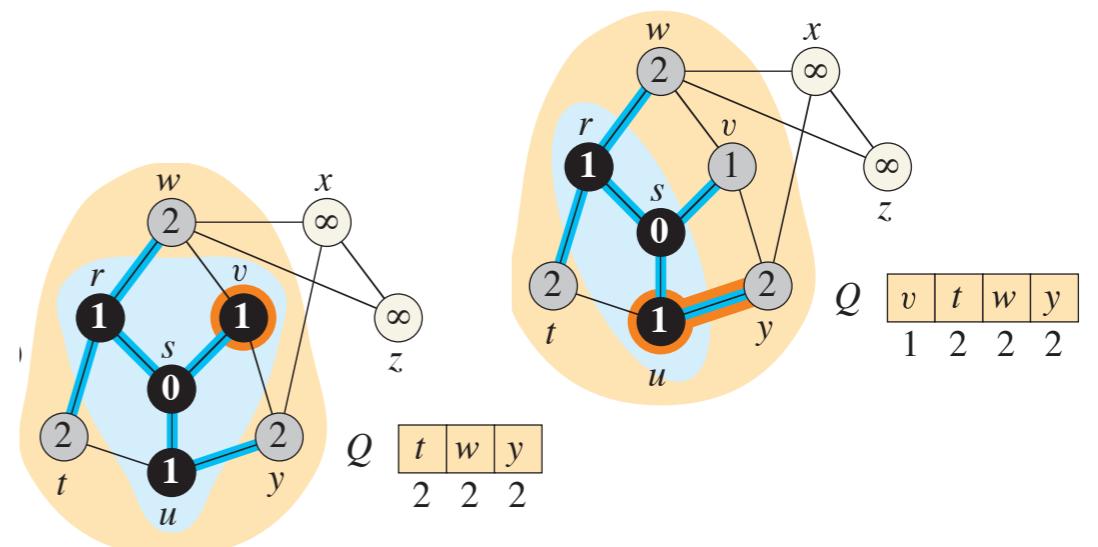
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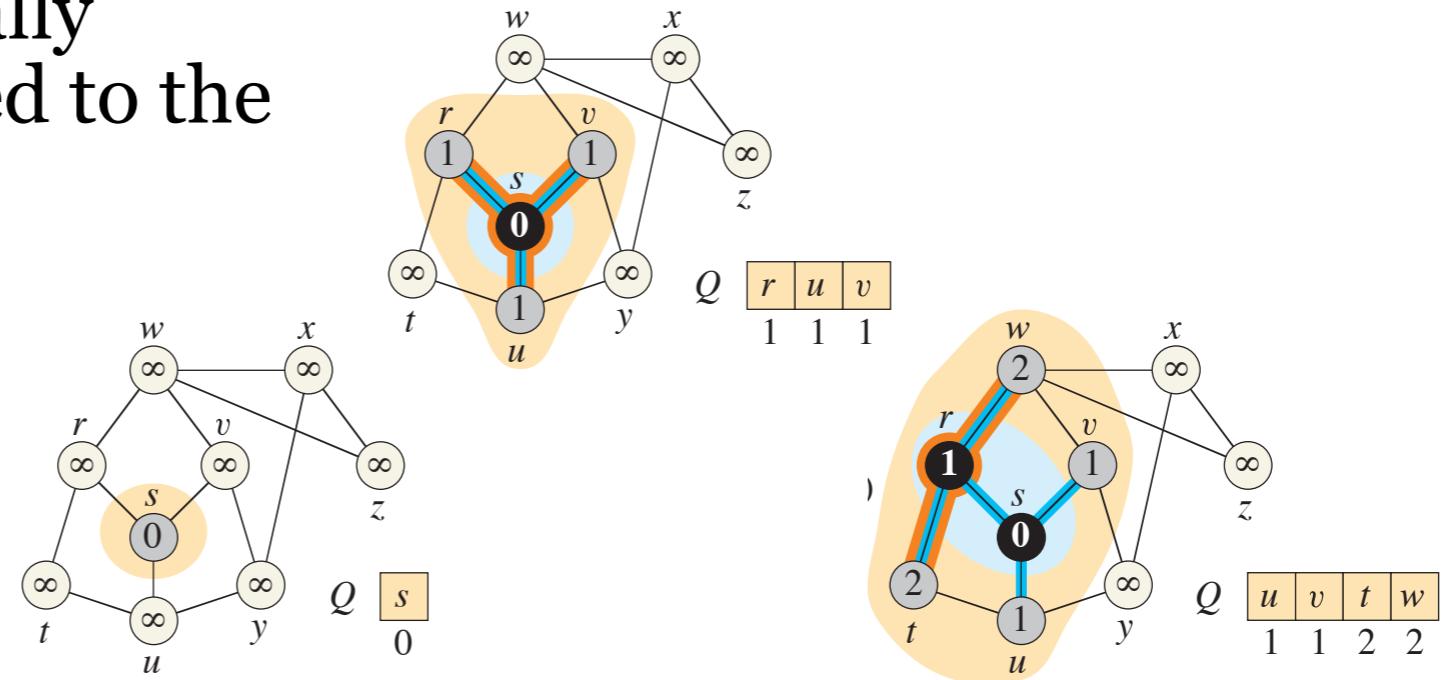
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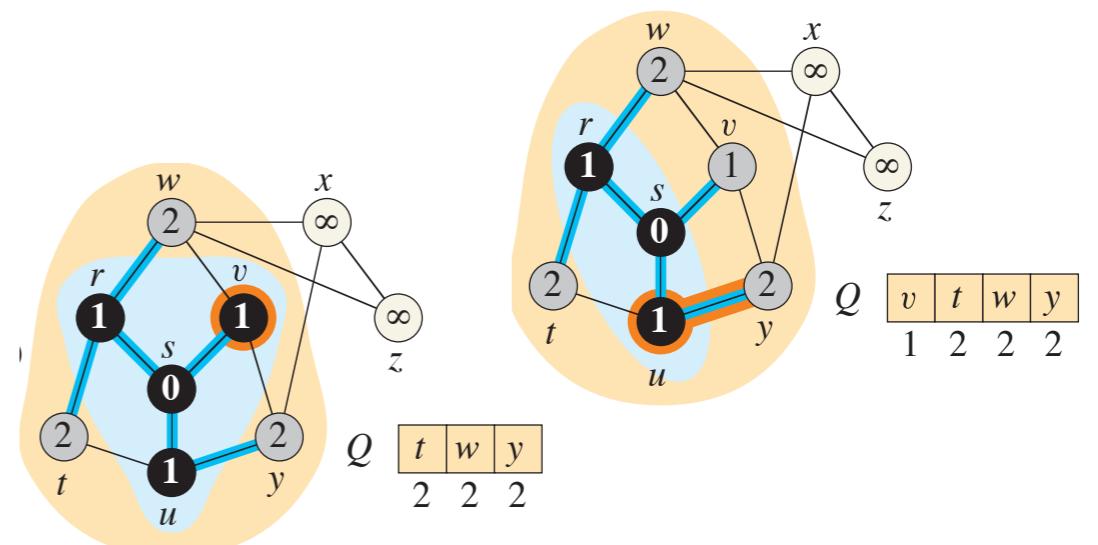
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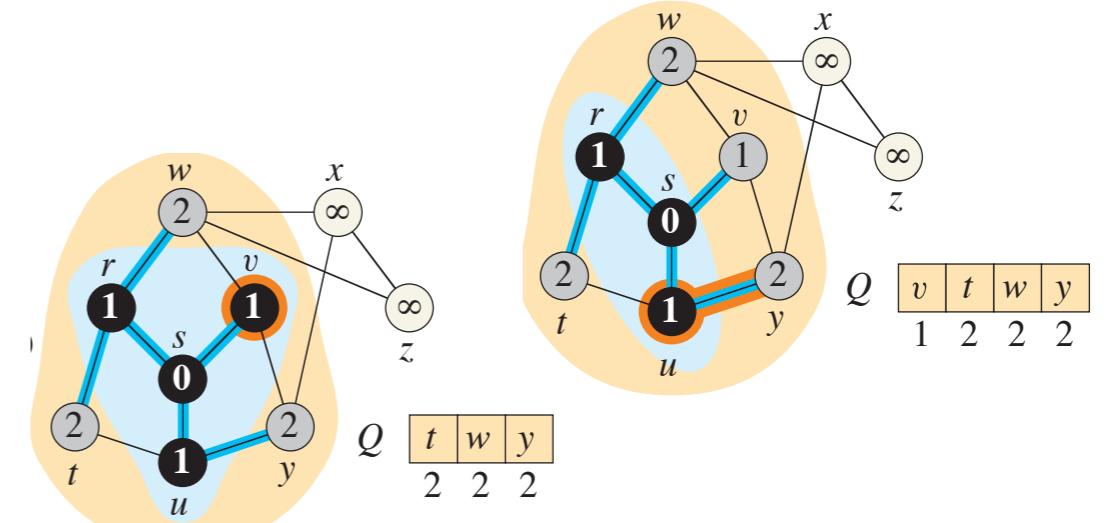
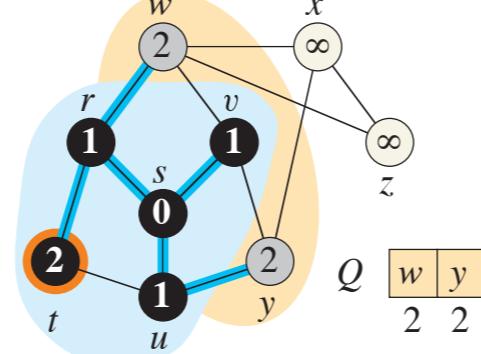
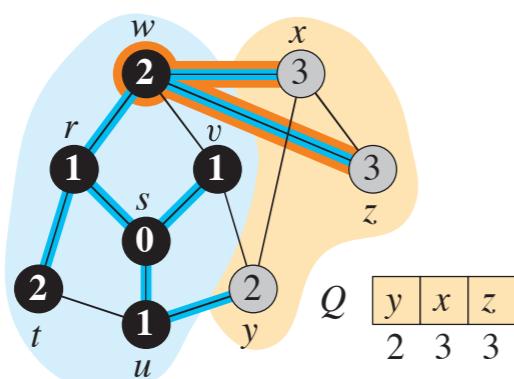
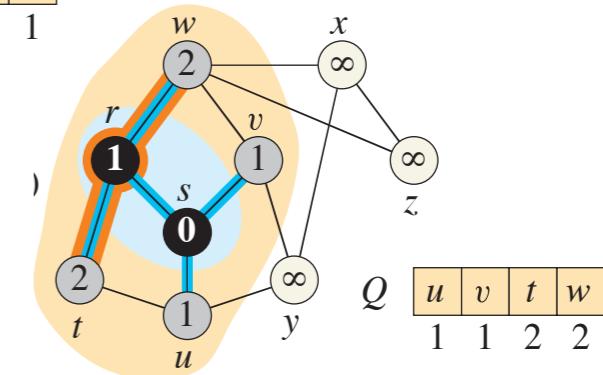
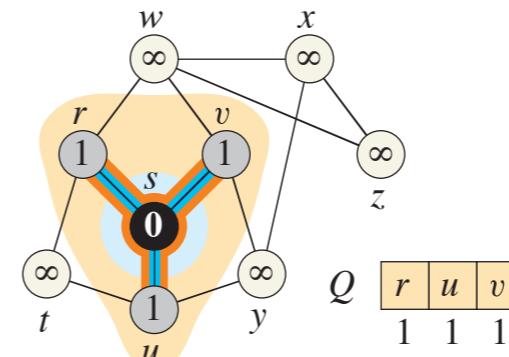
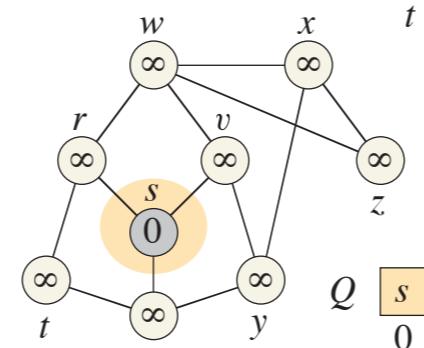
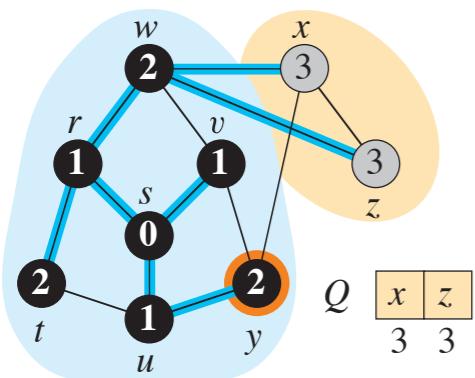
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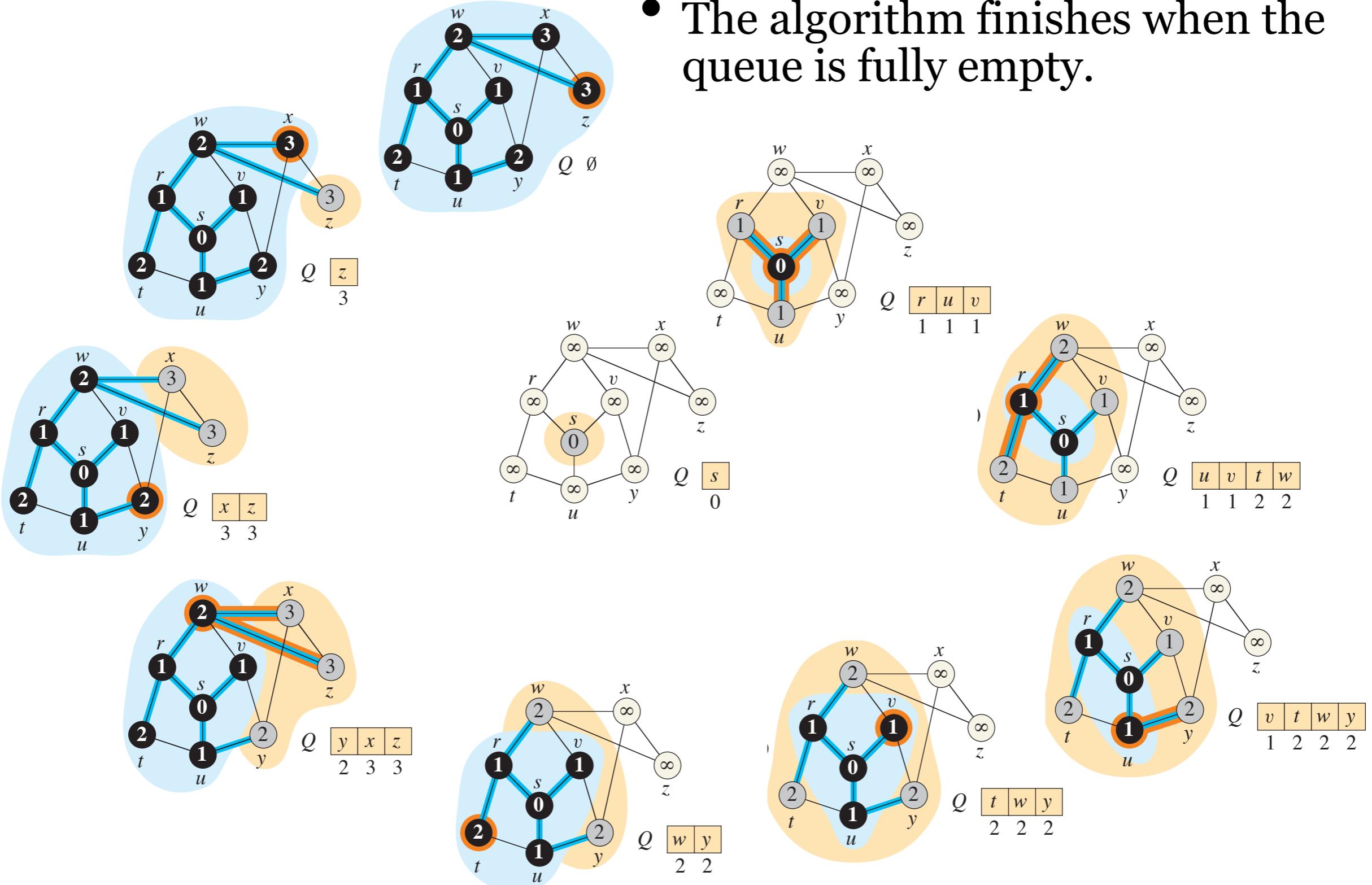
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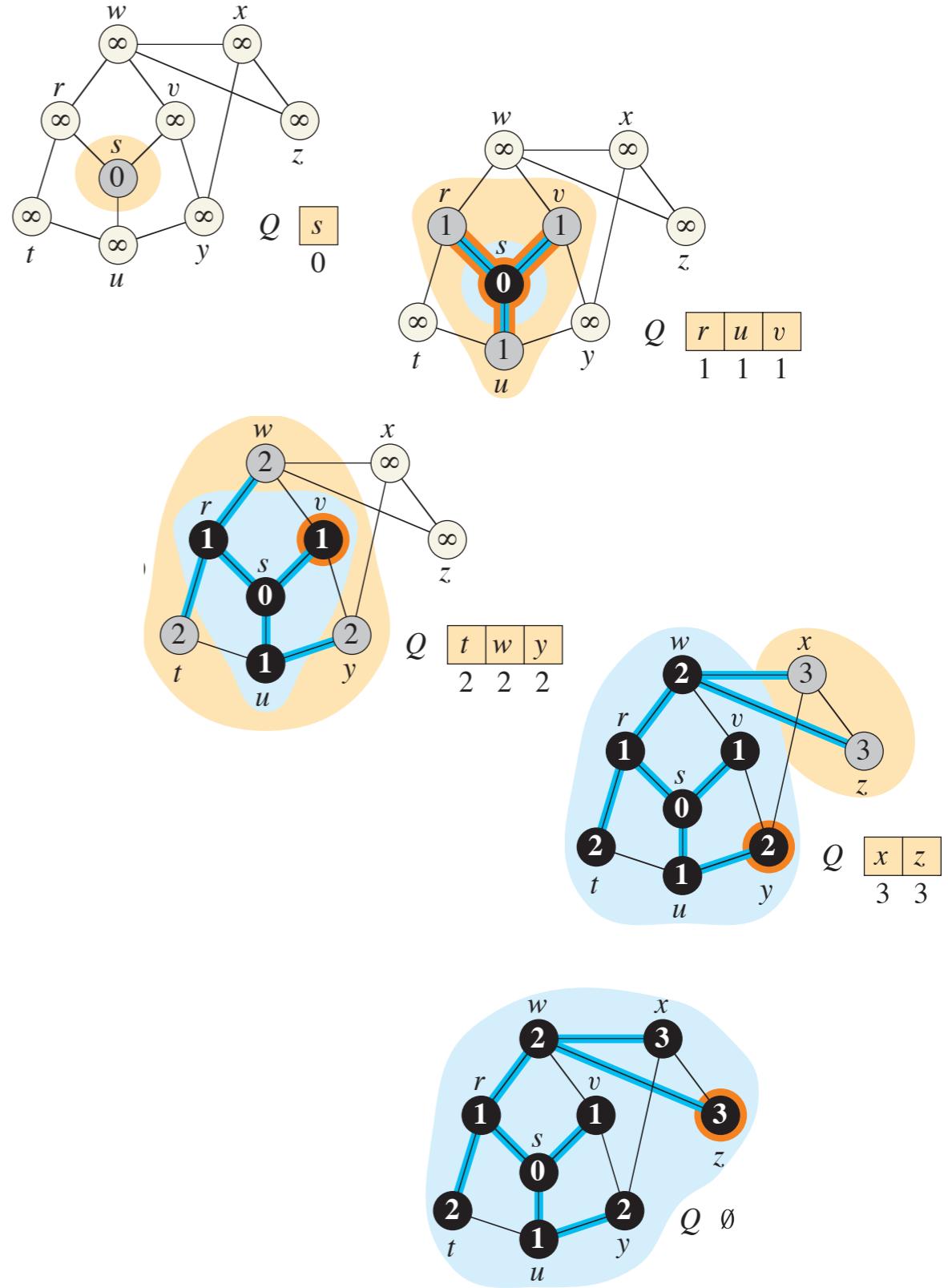
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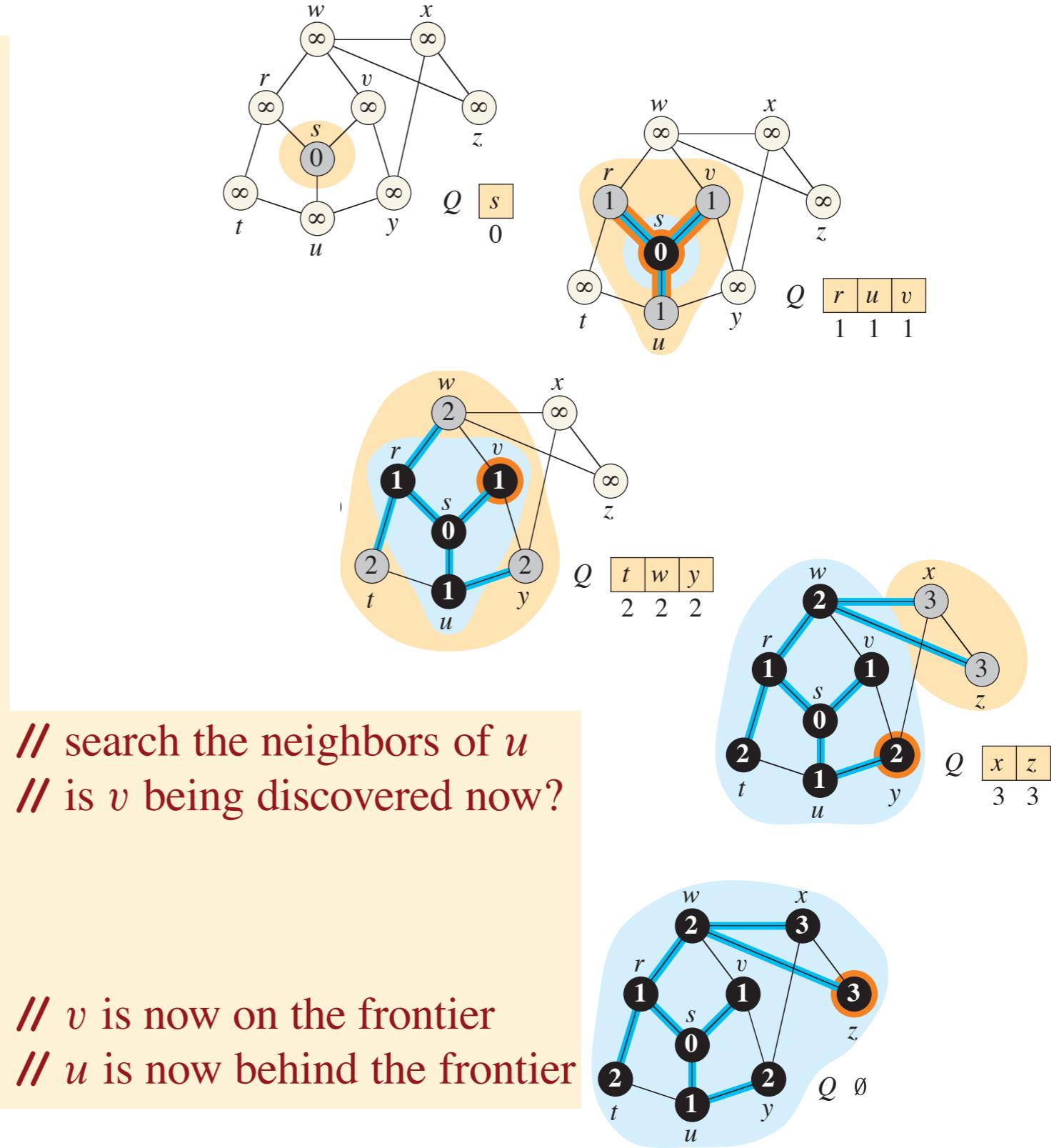
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- **Maintenance:**

Assume the hypothesis still holds for all vertices.

Notice some vertices have now been colored gray, and their $.d$ attribute has been modified.

Notice a **while** iteration will only modify the $.d$ attribute of white vertices.

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Proving after a **while** iteration, it still holds that

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- **Termination:**

After finishing the **while** loop, it holds that

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Proving the loop invariant.

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- To prove the correctness of BFS, for any graph G and source vertex x , we need to show
$$v.d = d(s, v)$$
for any vertex v .
- We have shown, at any point of the algorithm, it holds that:
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- Now let us prove a more precise property regarding the $.d$ attribute.

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- We claim another loop invariant: at any point of the algorithm, if the queue, Q , contains vertices (v_1, \dots, v_r) ordered such that v_1 is the head, it holds that:

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Queue contains only s , so statement holds.

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During a **while** iteration, one vertex will be DEQUEUED and others will be ENQUEUED.

Let us show DEQUEUEING maintains the loop invariant.

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If the queue is empty before ENQUEUEING, the loop invariant automatically holds after the ENQUEUE operation, since the queue has a single vertex.

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Assume the queue were not initially empty.

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After finishing the **while** loop, the loop invariant holds as the queue is empty.

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$$v.d = d(s, v)$$
for any vertex v .
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Contradicting our hypothesis.

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