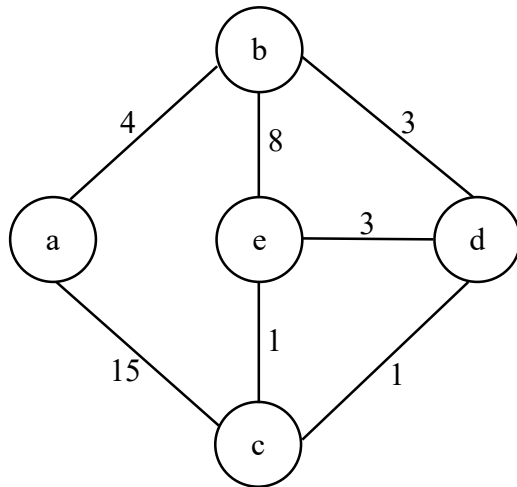


A counterexample for Alice's claim would be a graph  $G$  like following:



In this graph, BFS with  $a$  as source yields  $\pi[c] = a$ , while the path  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow e \rightarrow c$  is a shorter path.

BFS with  $b$  as source yields  $\pi[e] = b$ , while the path  $b \rightarrow d \rightarrow e$  is a shorter path.

BFS with  $e$  as source yields  $\pi[b] = e$ , while the path  $e \rightarrow d \rightarrow b$  is a shorter path.

BFS with  $c$  as source yields  $\pi[a] = c$ , while the path  $c \rightarrow e \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$  is a shorter path.

BFS with  $d$  as source yields  $\pi[e] = d$ , while the path  $d \rightarrow c \rightarrow e$  is a shorter path.

Since BFS with any vertex as source could not produce the right result based on Alice's claim, this would be a counterexample to disprove her claim.