

Lec13: Graph Algorithms III

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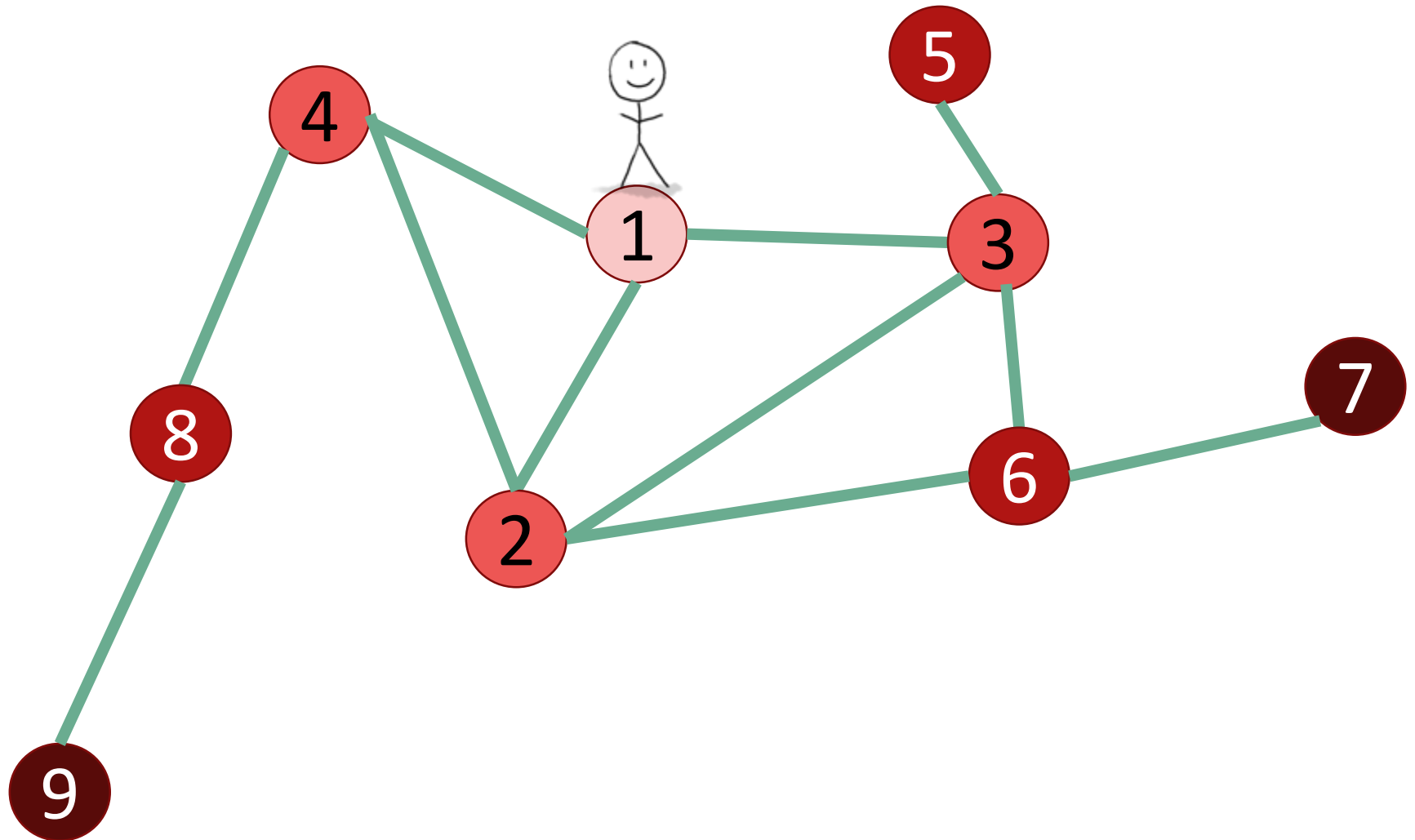
- Graph representation
- depth-first search (DFS)
- Plus, applications!
 - Topological sorting
 - Strongly Connected Components

| Outline

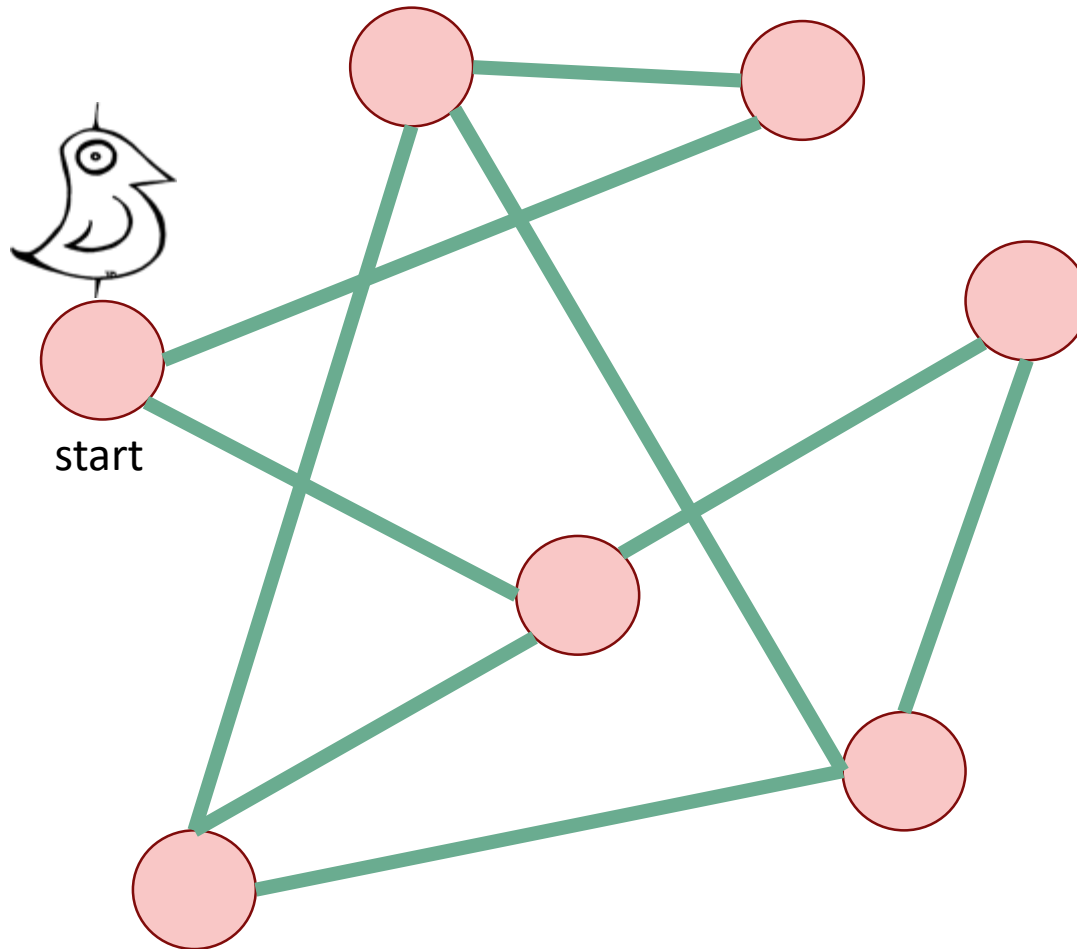
1. Graph Representations
 2. DFS (Depth First Search)
 - Topological Ordering
 - Strongly Connected Components
 3. **BFS (Breadth-First Search)**
 - **Dijkstra's Algorithm**
- *Reading: CLRS 22.1 – 22.4*

Breadth-First Search

How do we explore a graph?



Breadth-First Search



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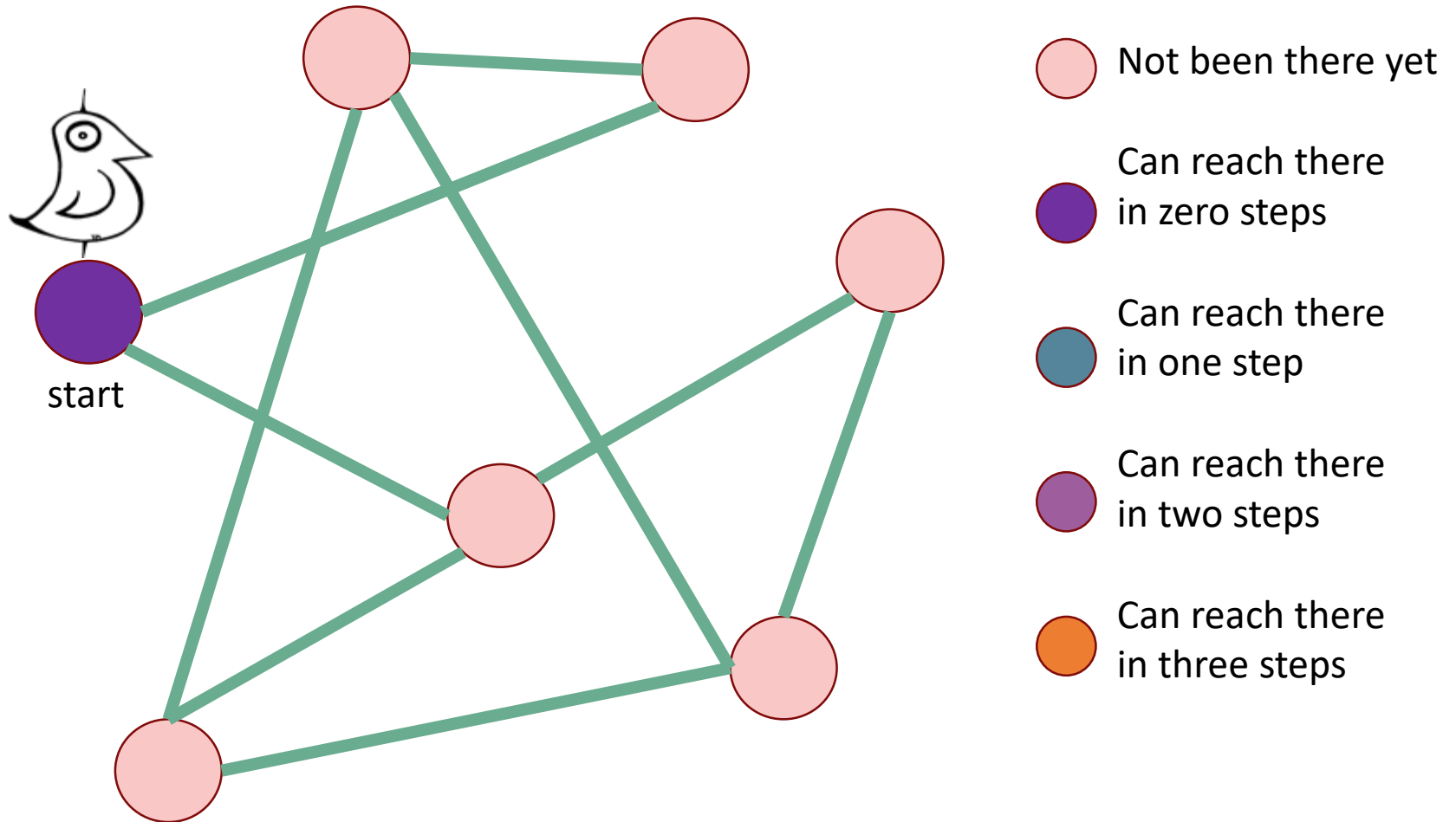
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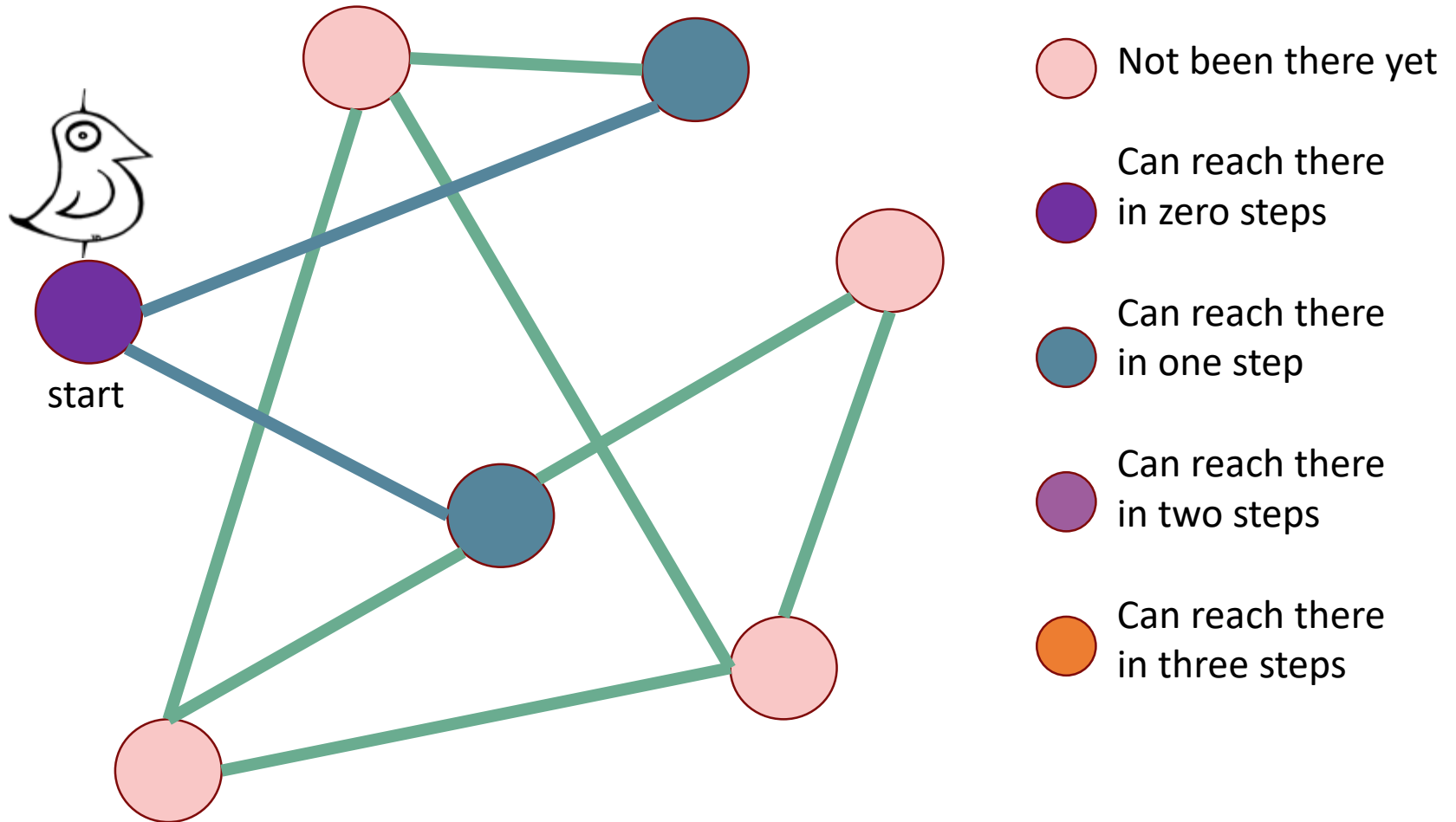
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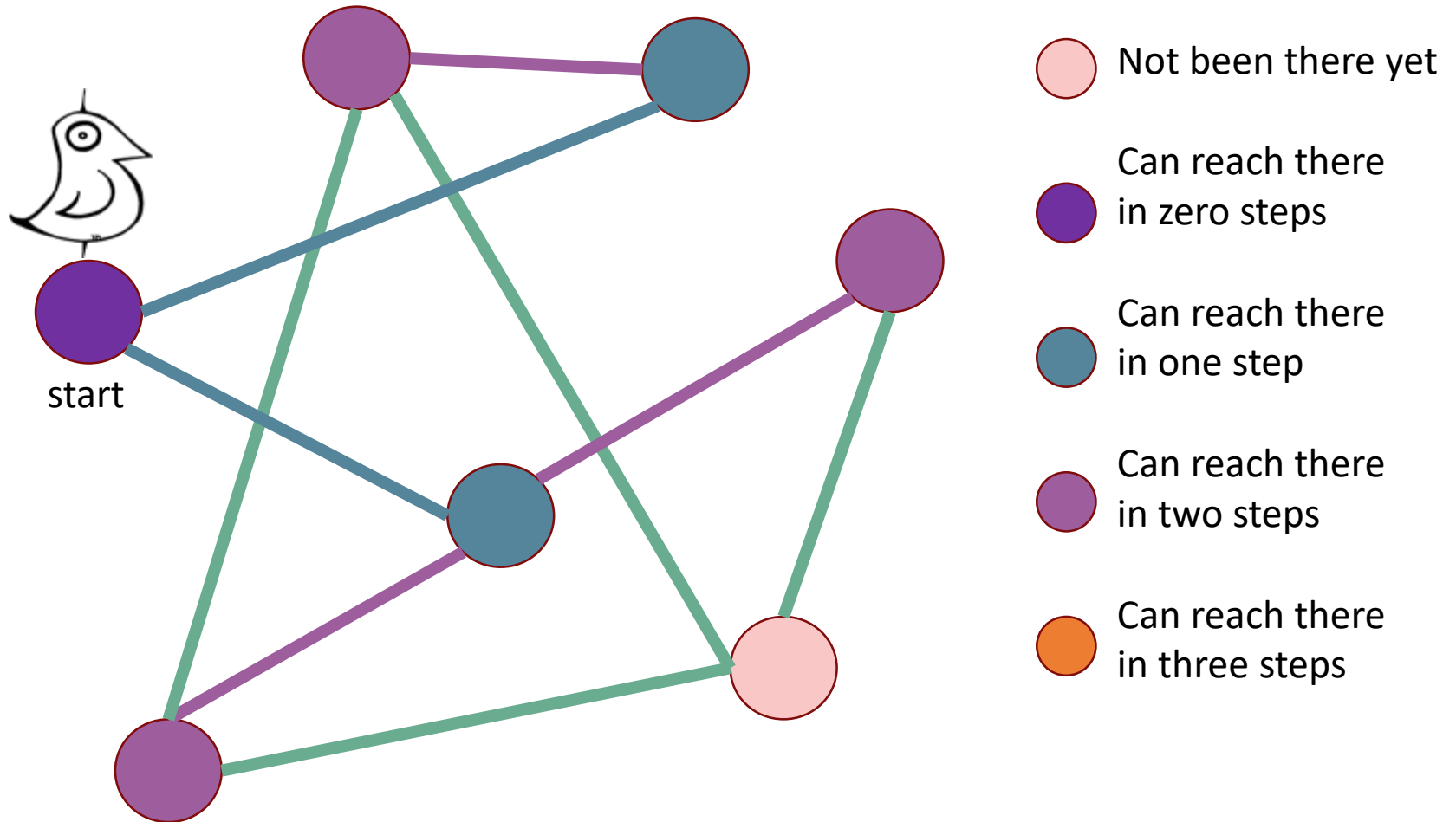
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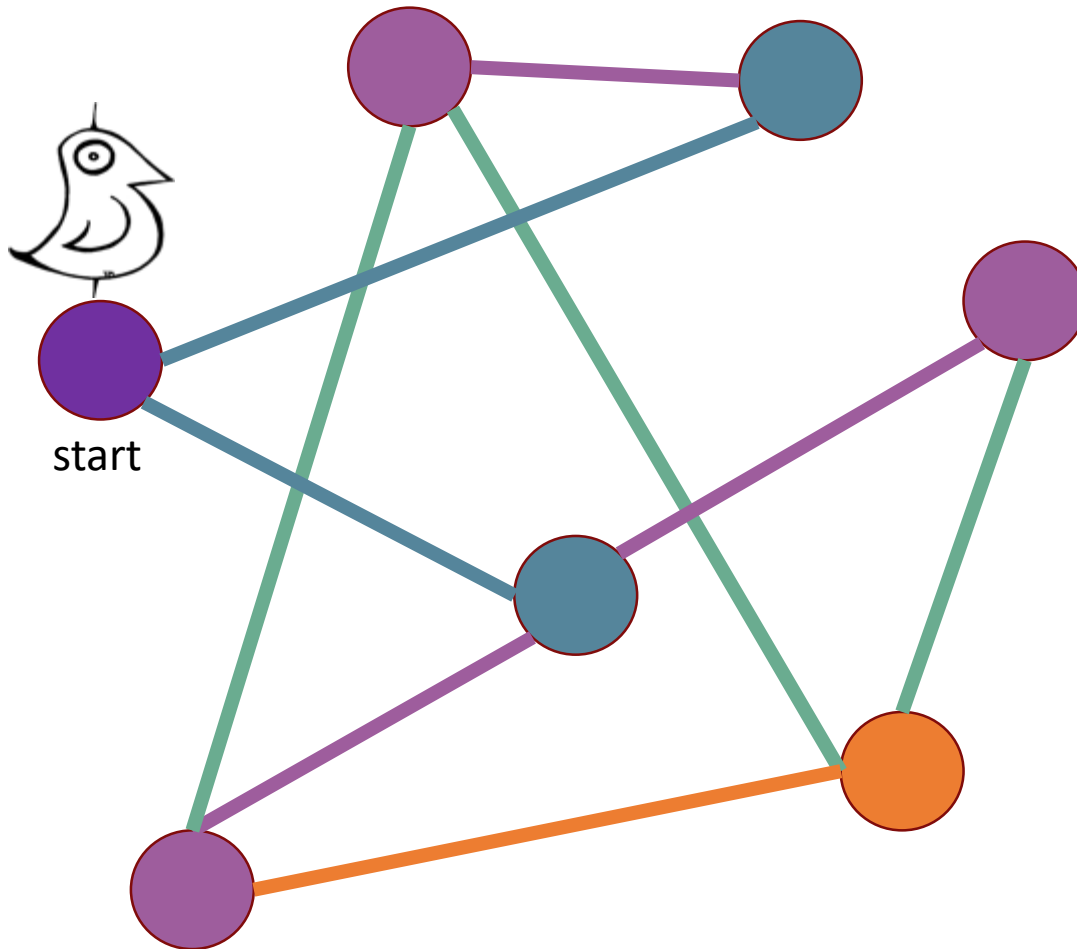


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Breadth-First Search

- Set $L_i = []$ for $i=1, \dots, n$
- $L_0 = [w]$, where w is the start node
- Mark w as visited
- **For** $i = 0, \dots, n-1$:

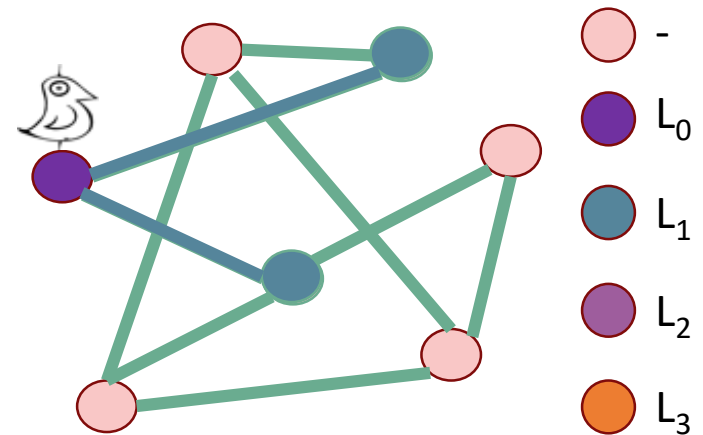
- **For** u in L_i :

- **For** each v which is a neighbor of u :
- **If** v isn't yet visited:
 - mark v as visited, and put it in L_{i+1}

Go through all the nodes in L_i and add their unvisited neighbors to L_{i+1}

- **Runtime?**

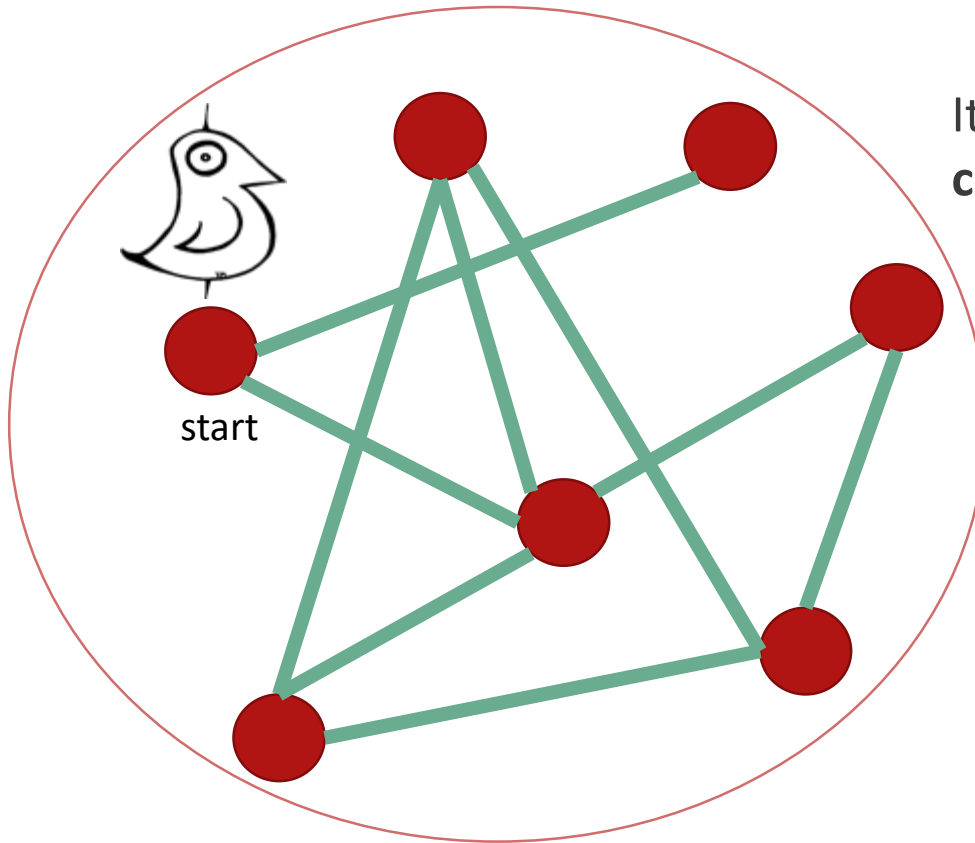
- Same argument as DFS: BFS running time is $O(n + m)$



L_i is the set of nodes we can reach in i steps from w

Breadth-First Search

- BFS also finds all the nodes reachable from the starting point

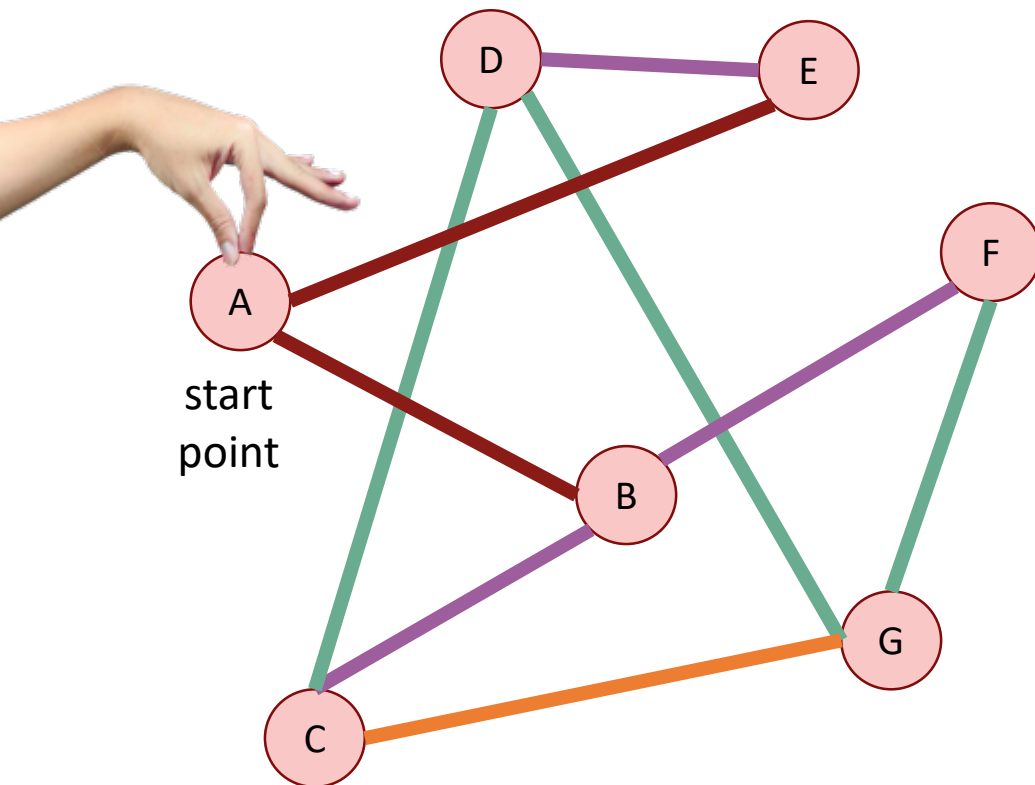


It is a good way to find all the **connected components**.

Like DFS, BFS also works fine on directed graphs.

Why is it called breadth-first?

- We are implicitly building a tree:



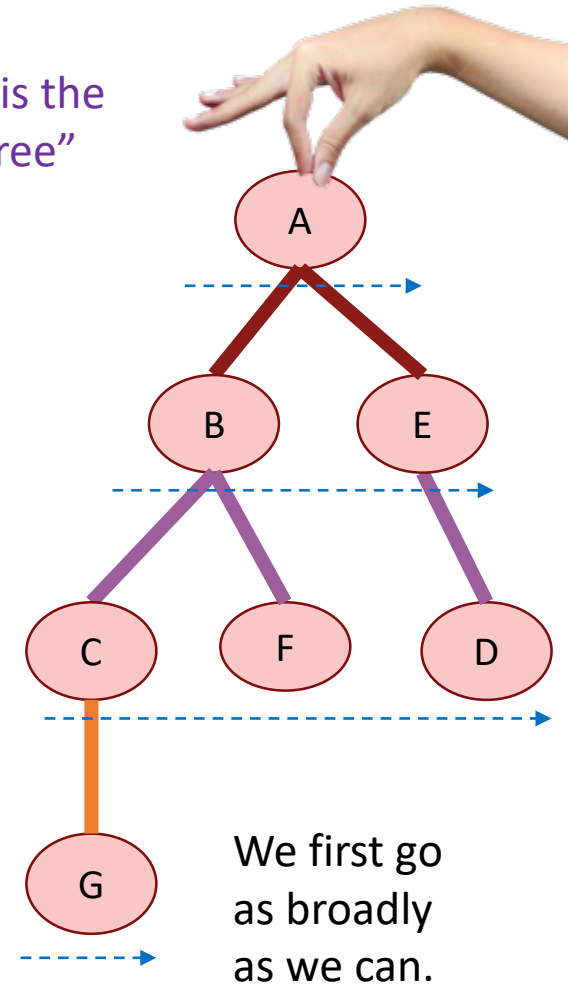
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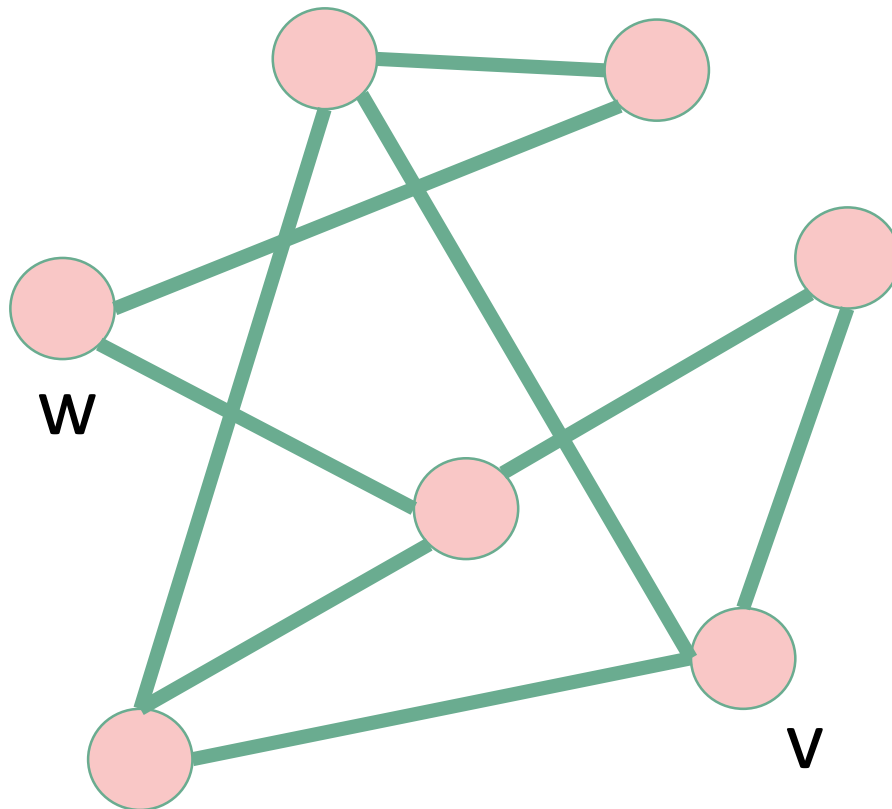
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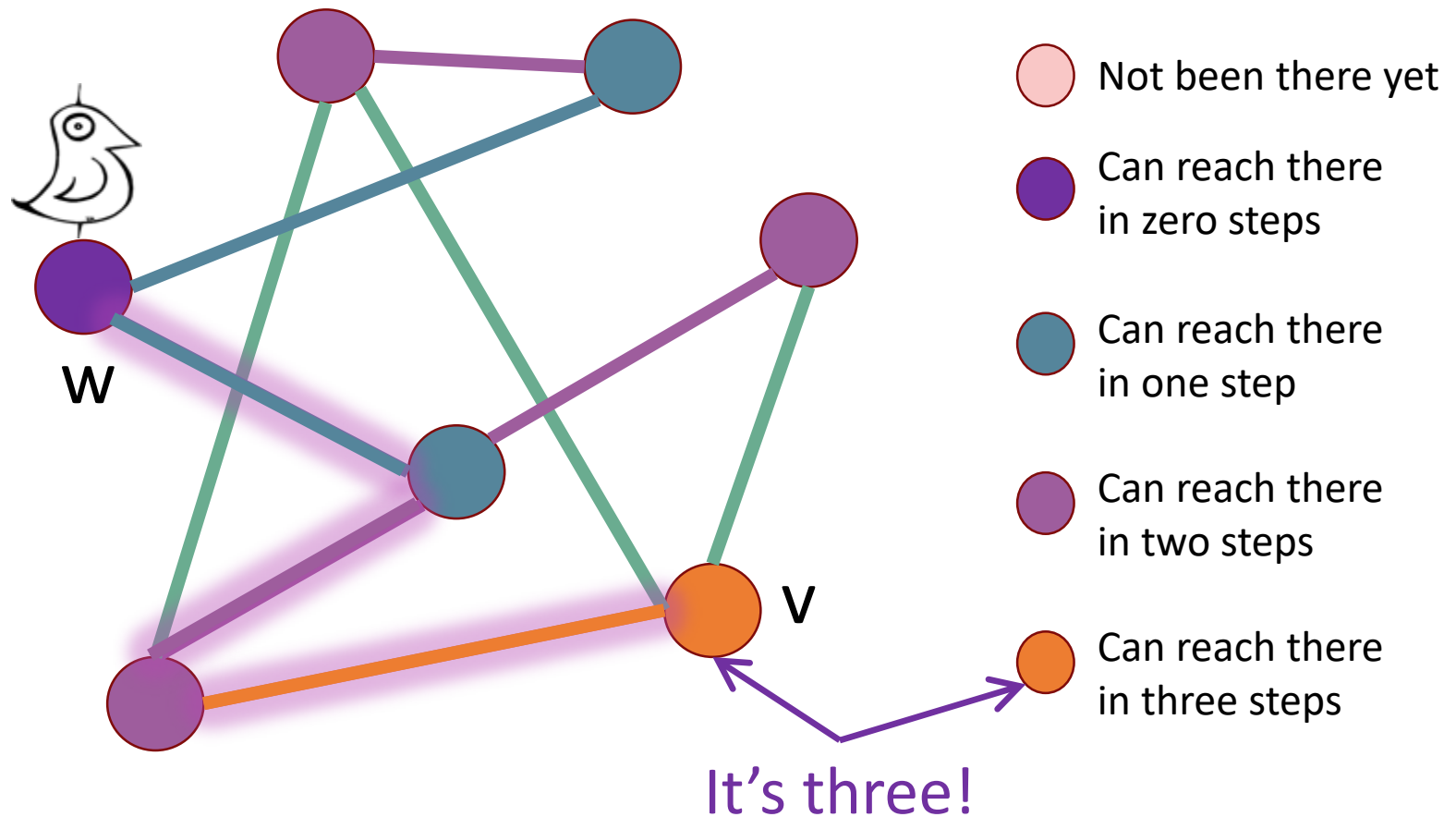
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The Shortest Path

- To find the **distance** between w and all other vertices v
 - Do a **BFS** starting at w
 - For all v in L_i
 - The shortest path between w and v has **length i** . It is given by the path in the BFS tree.
 - If we never found v , the distance is infinite.

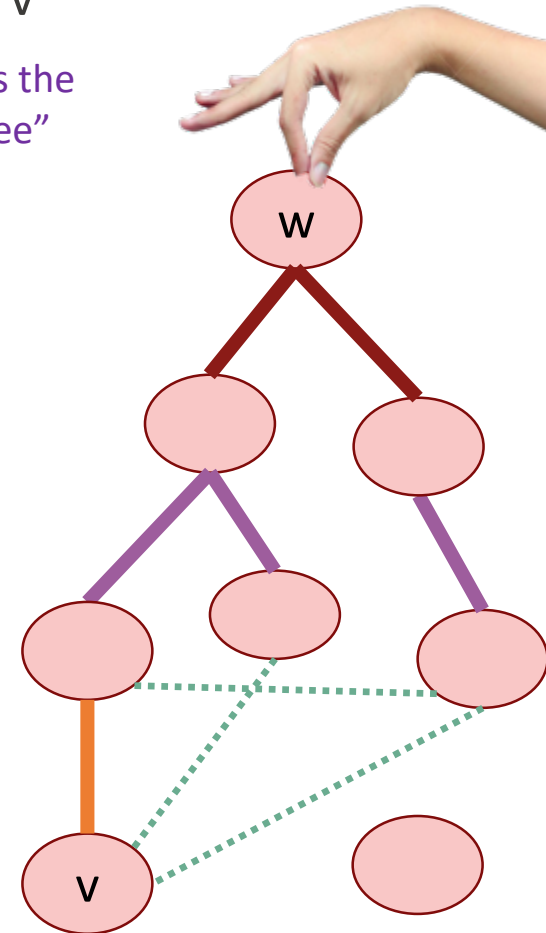
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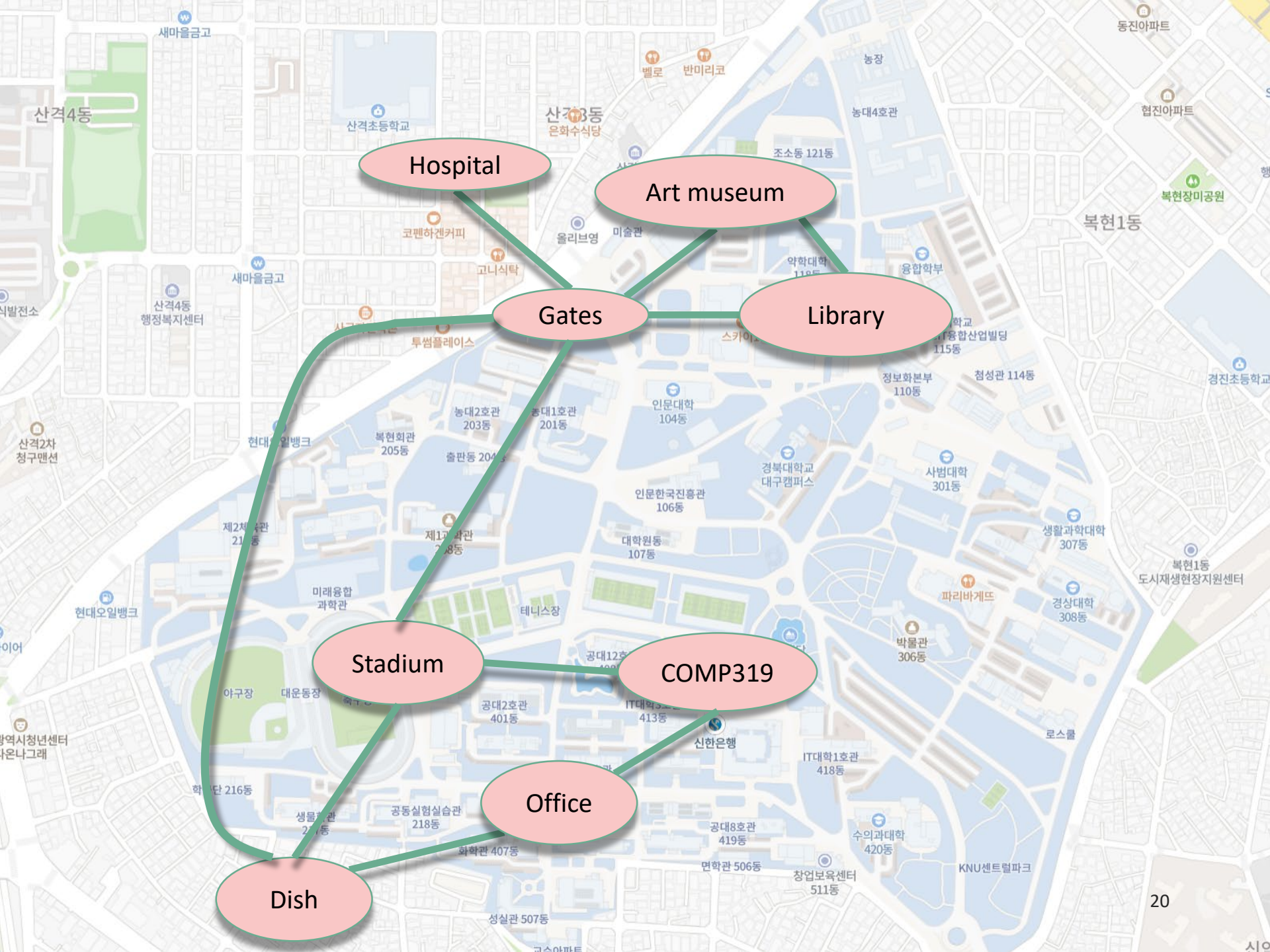
- The BFS tree is useful for computing distances between pairs of vertices.
- We can find the shortest path between u and v in time $O(n + m)$.

Dijkstra's Algorithm

What if the graphs are weighted?

- Finding distance on a weighted graph
 - All nonnegative weights: [Dijkstra](#)
 - If there are negative weights: [Bellman-Ford](#)





Hospital

Art museum

Library

Gates

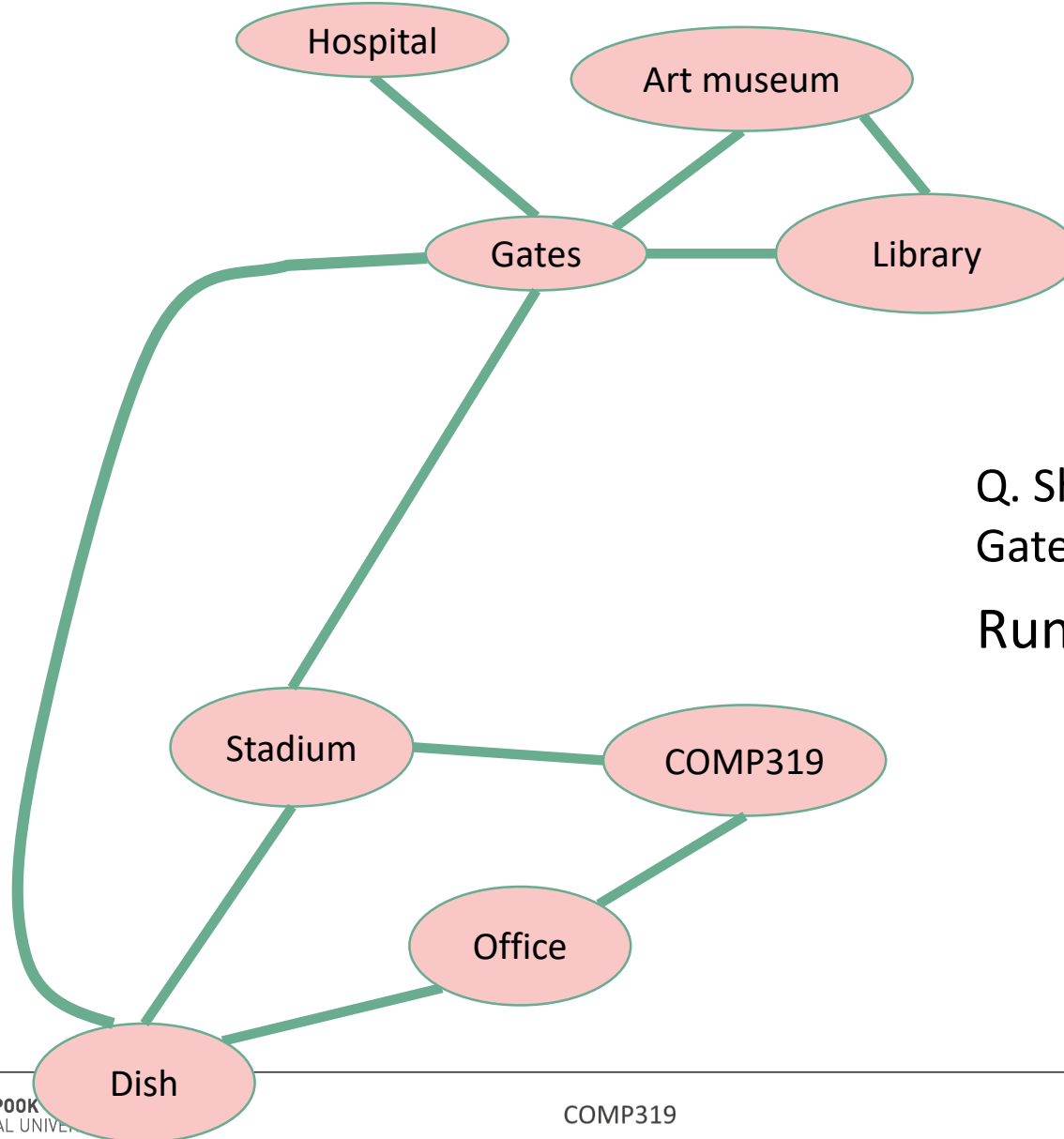
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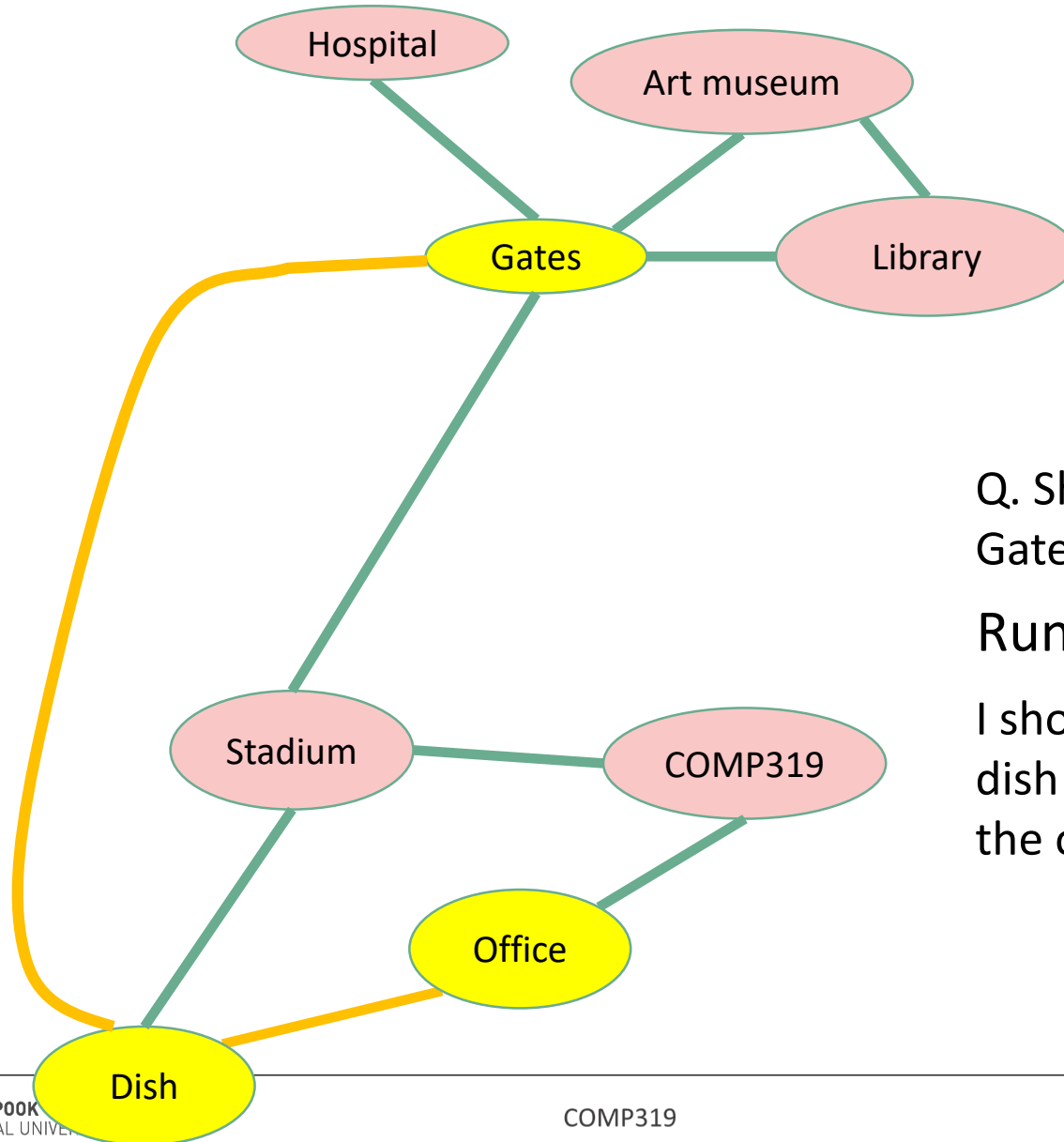
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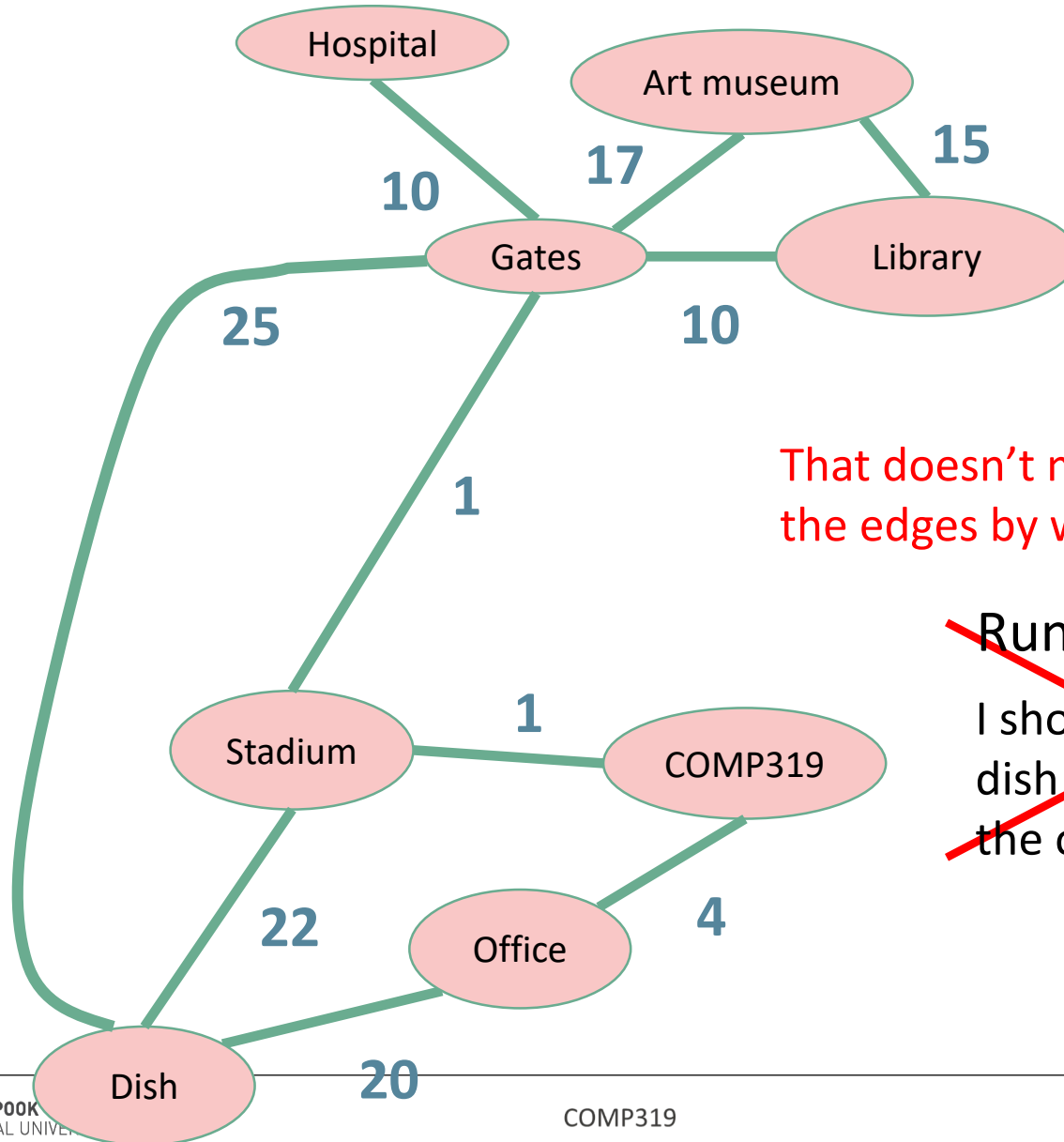


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That doesn't make sense if I label the edges by walking time.

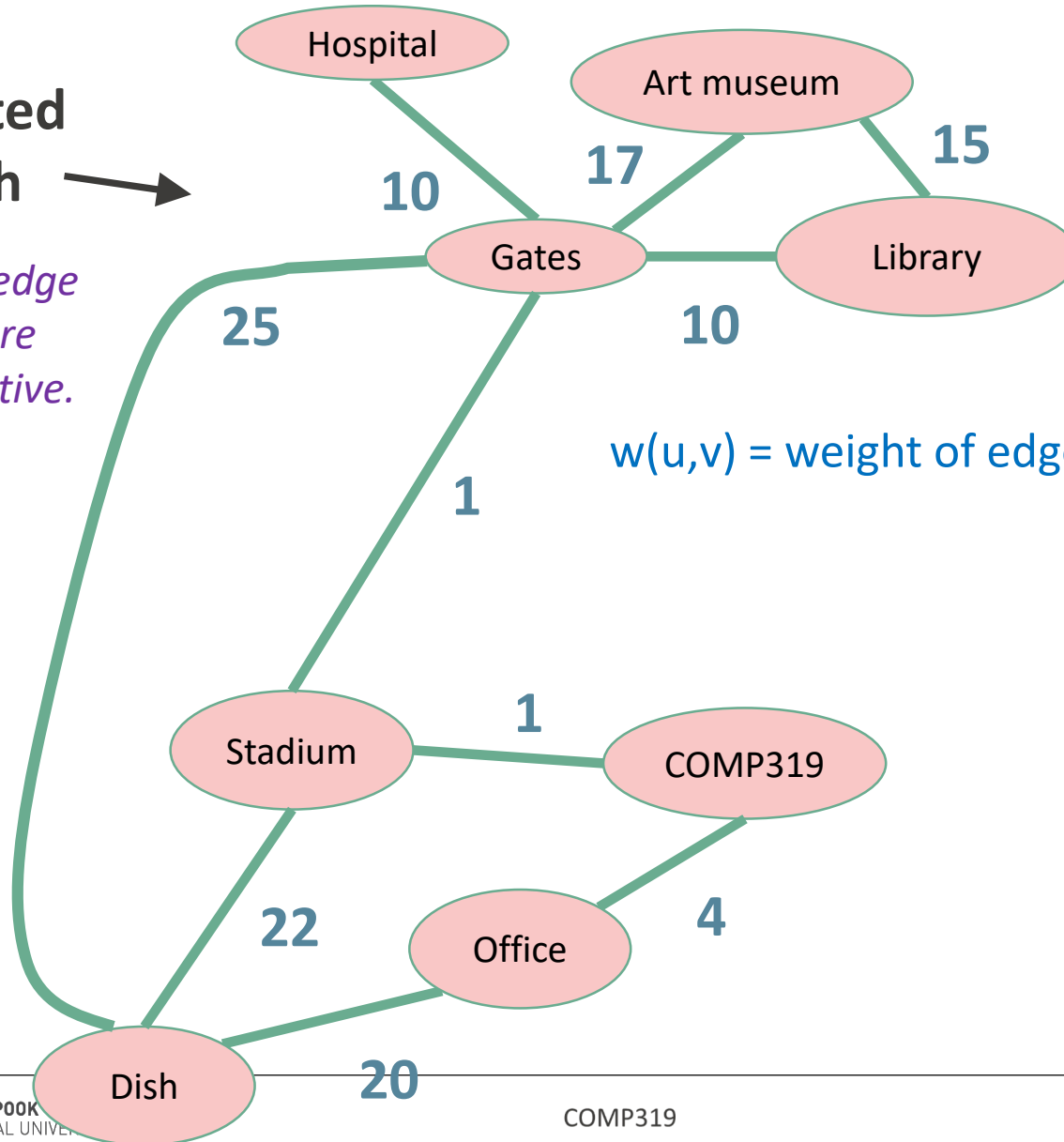
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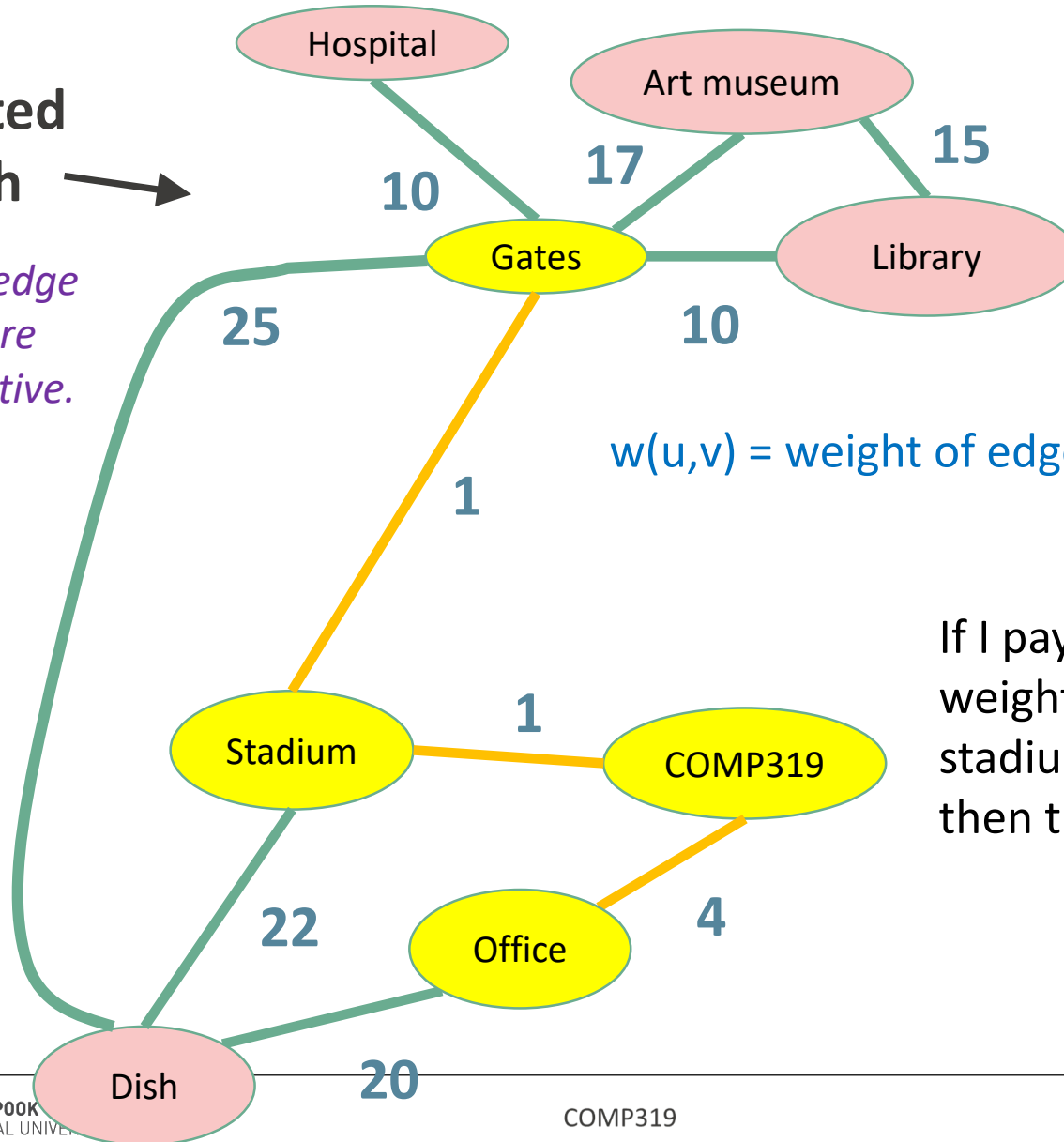


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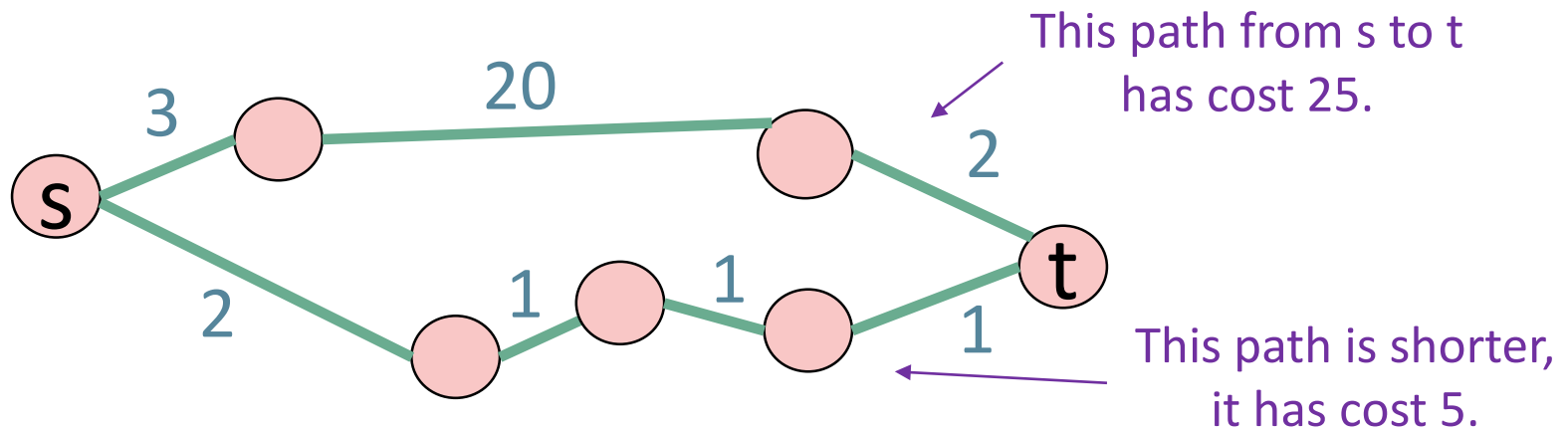


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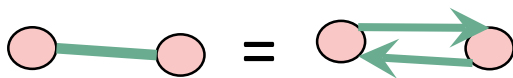
If I pay attention to the weights, I should go to stadium, then COMP319, then the Office.

Shortest path problem

- What is the **shortest path** between u and v in a weighted graph?
 - the **cost** of a path is the sum of the weights along that path.
 - The **shortest path** is the one with the minimum cost.



- The **distance** $d(u,v)$ between two vertices u and v is the cost of the shortest path between u and v .

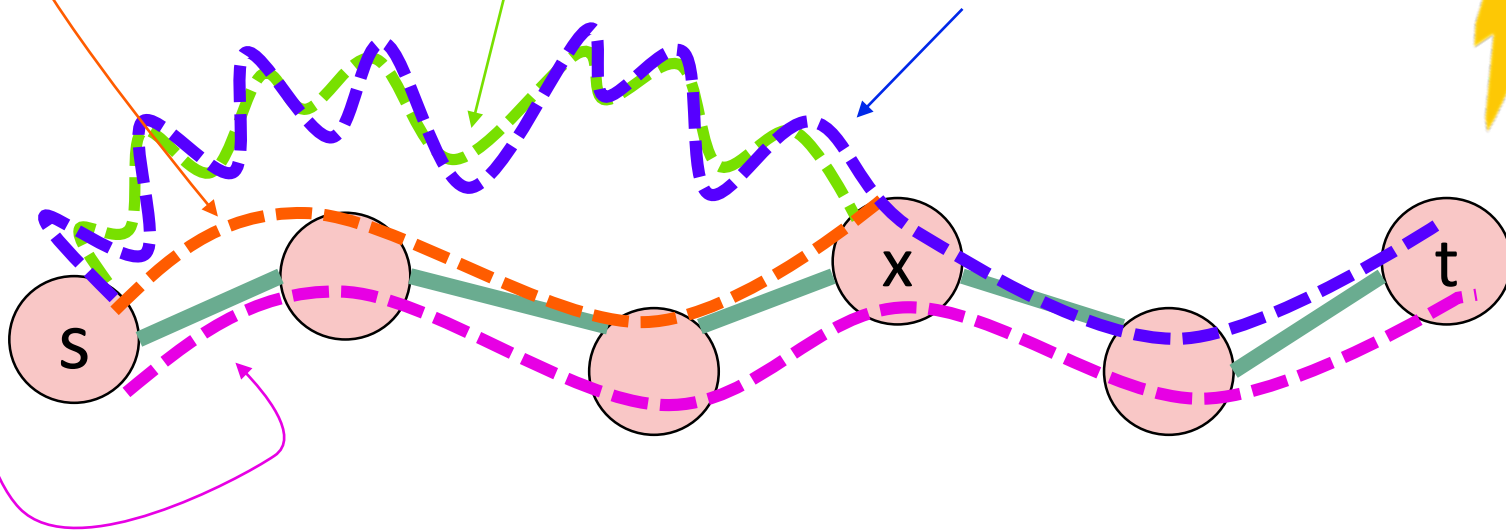


Note: For this lecture **all graphs are directed**, but to save on notation I'm just going to draw undirected edges.

Warm-up

- A sub-path of a shortest path is also a shortest path.

- Say **this** is a shortest path from s to t .
- Claim: **this** is a shortest path from s to x .
 - Suppose not, **this** one is a shorter path from s to x .
 - But then that gives an **even shorter path** from s to t !



Single-source shortest-path problem

- I want to know the shortest path from one vertex (Gates) to all other vertices.

Destination	Cost	To get there
Stadium	1	Gates-Stadium
COMP319	2	Gates-Stadium-COMP319
Hospital	10	Gates-Hospital
Art museum	17	Gates-Art museum
Office	6	Gates-Stadium-COMP319-Office
Library	10	Gates-Stadium
Dish	23	Gates-Stadium-Dish

Example

- I regularly have to solve “**what is the shortest path from home to [anywhere else]**” using Car, Bus, KTX, Flight, Taxi, Bike, Walking.
 - Edge weights have something to do with time, money, traffic, convenience.
- **Network routing**
 - I send information over the internet, from my computer to all over the world.
 - Each path has a cost which depends on link length, traffic, other costs, etc..





Hospital

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Back to this example

Stadium

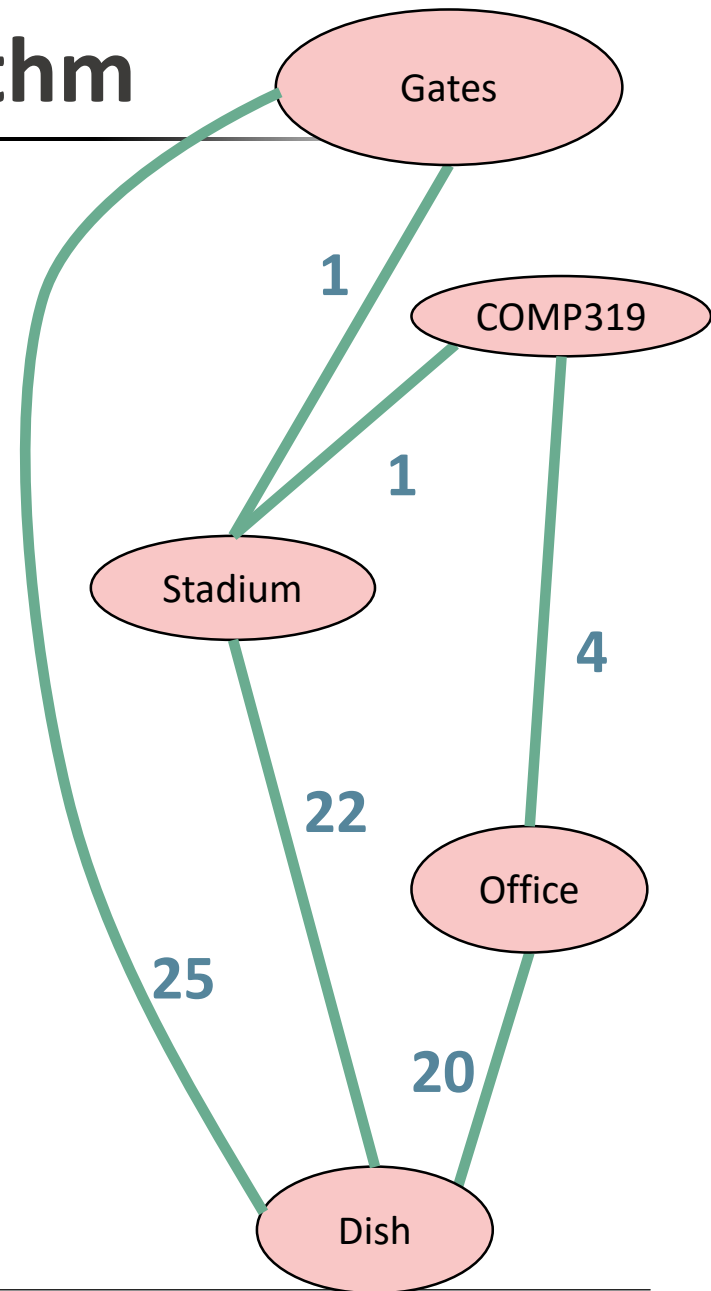
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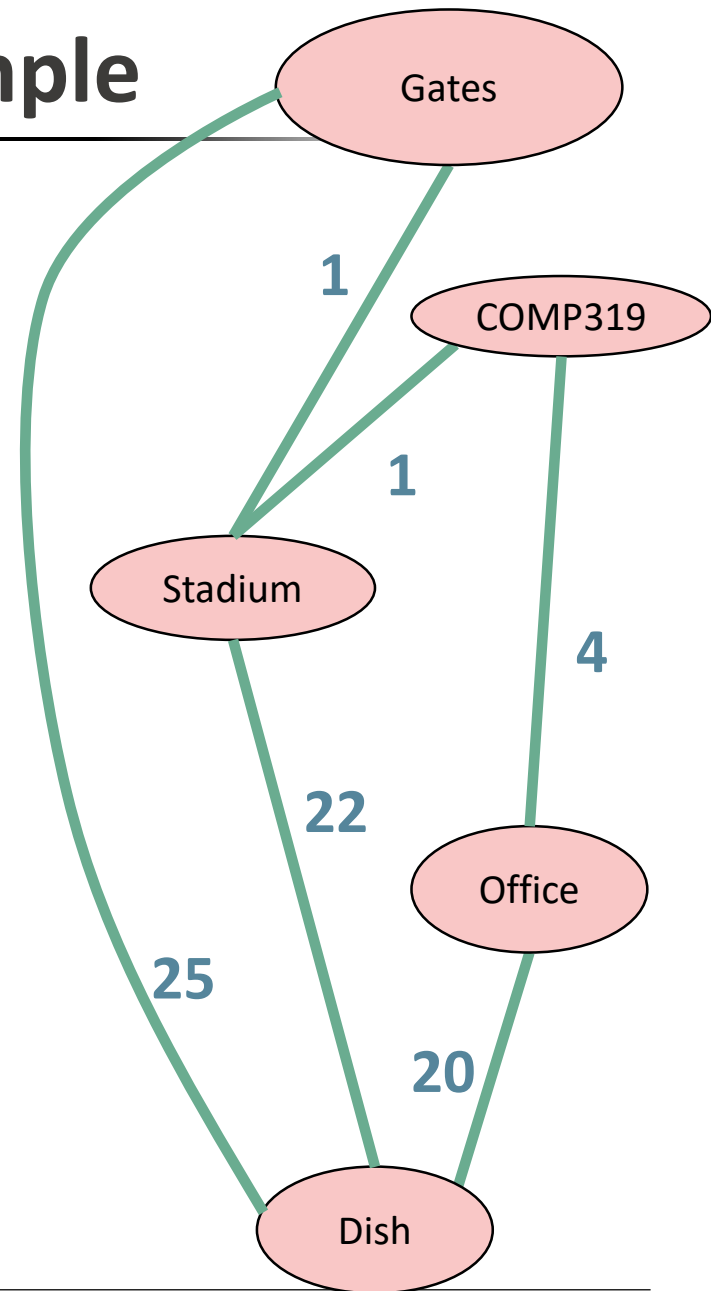
Dijkstra's algorithm

- Finds shortest paths from Gates to everywhere else.
- Dijkstra is used in practice
 - e.g., OSPF (Open Shortest Path First), a routing protocol for IP networks, uses Dijkstra.





Dijkstra by example

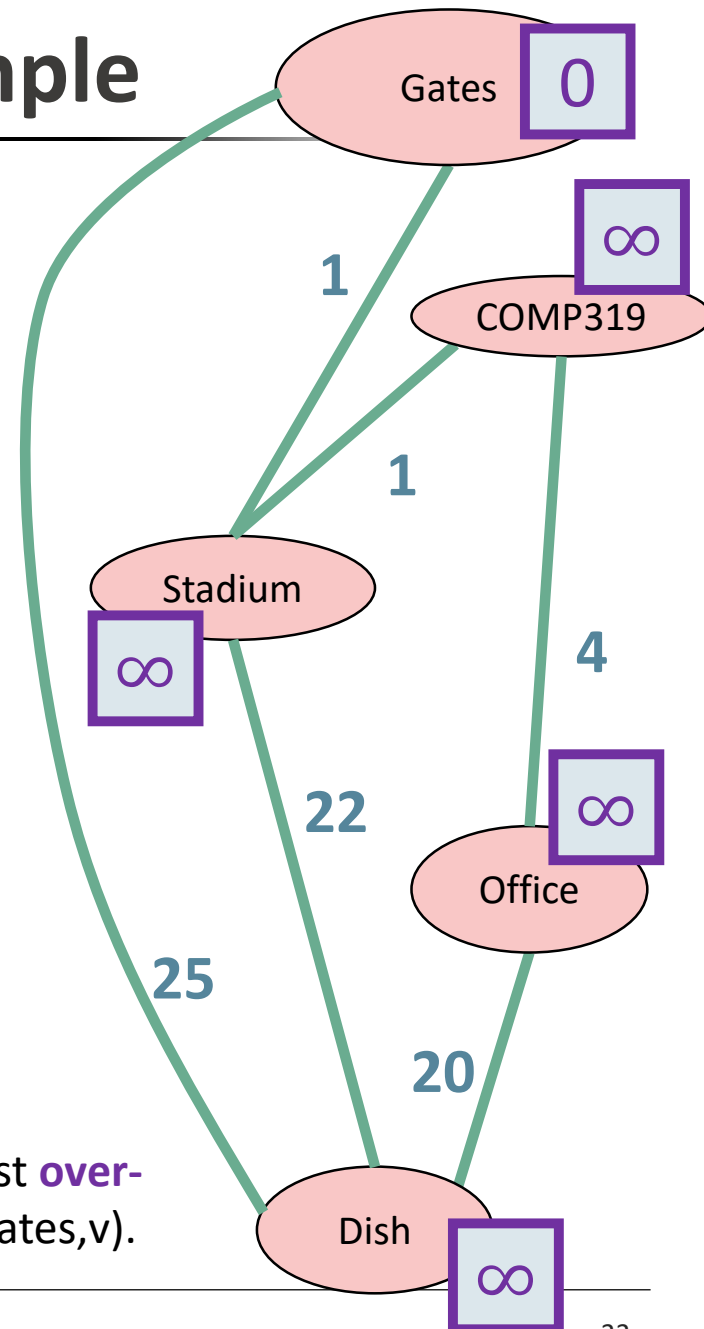
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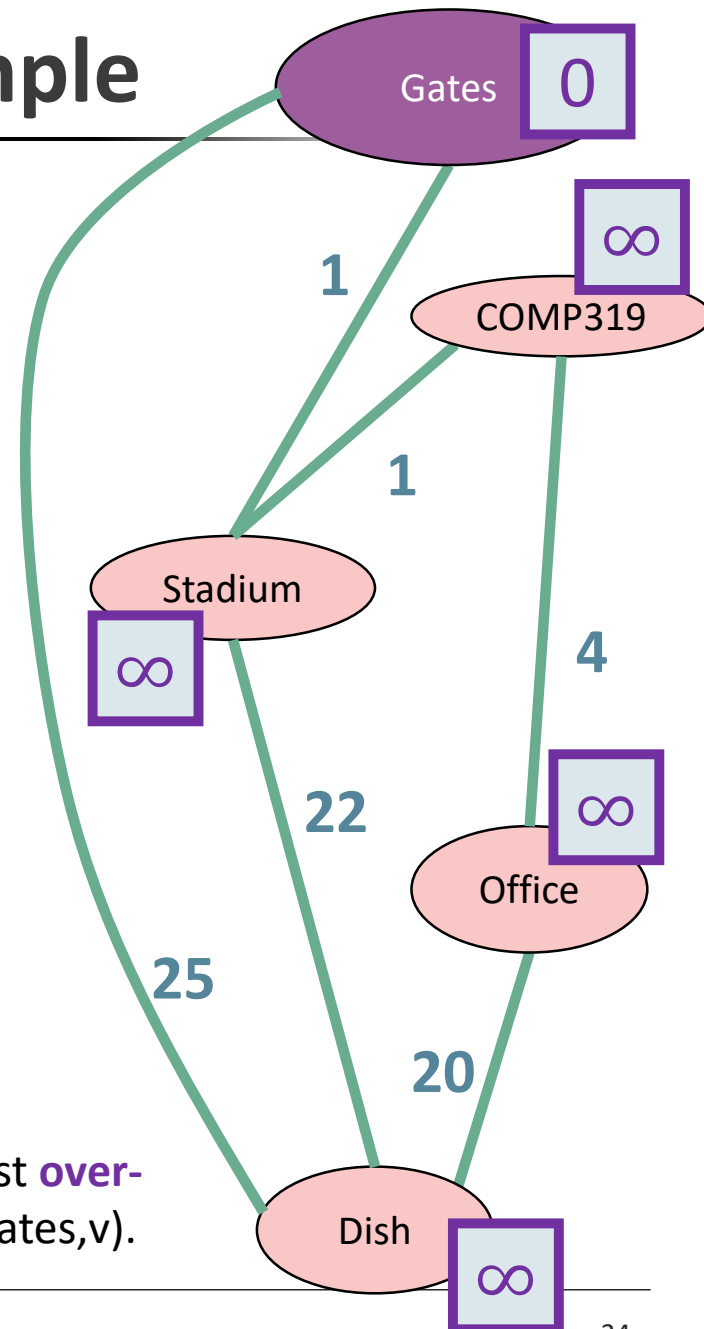
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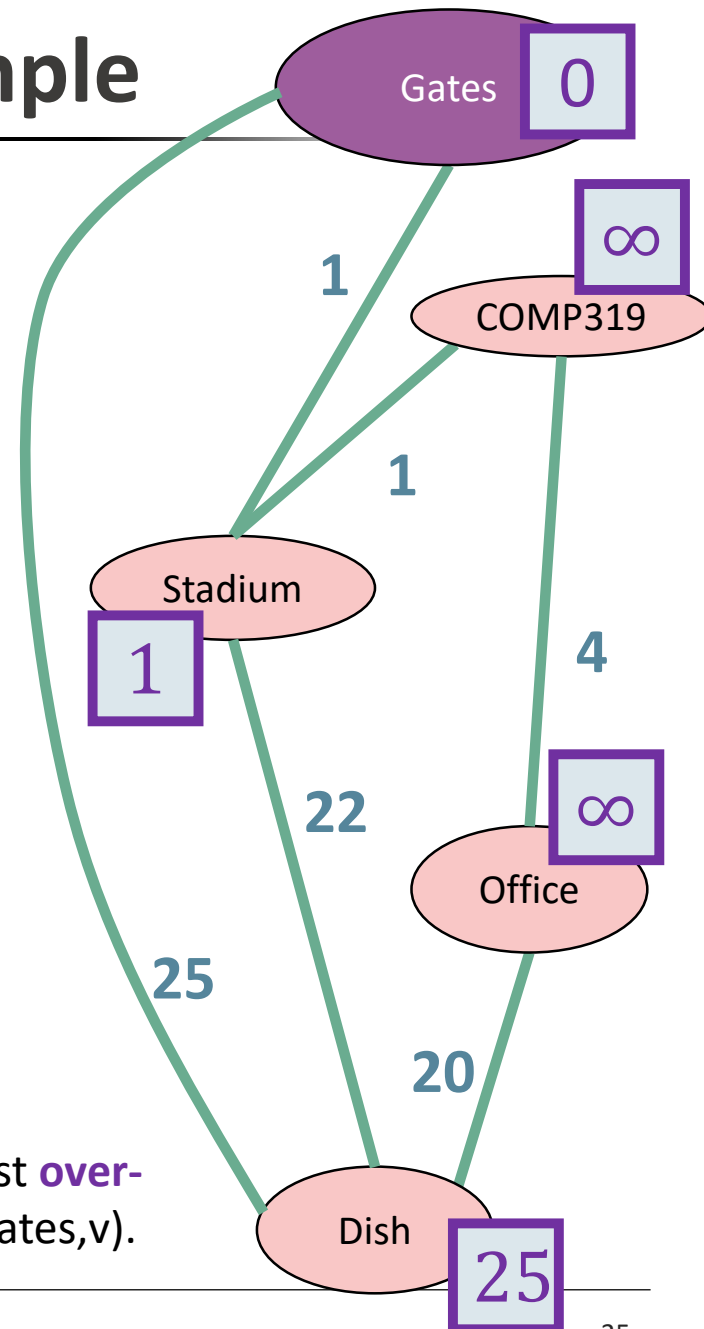
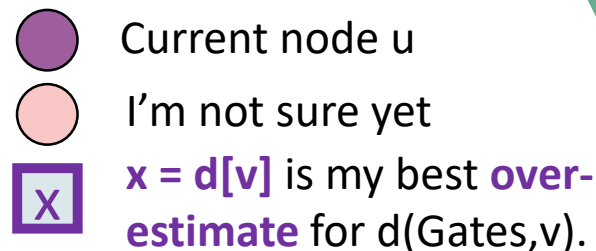
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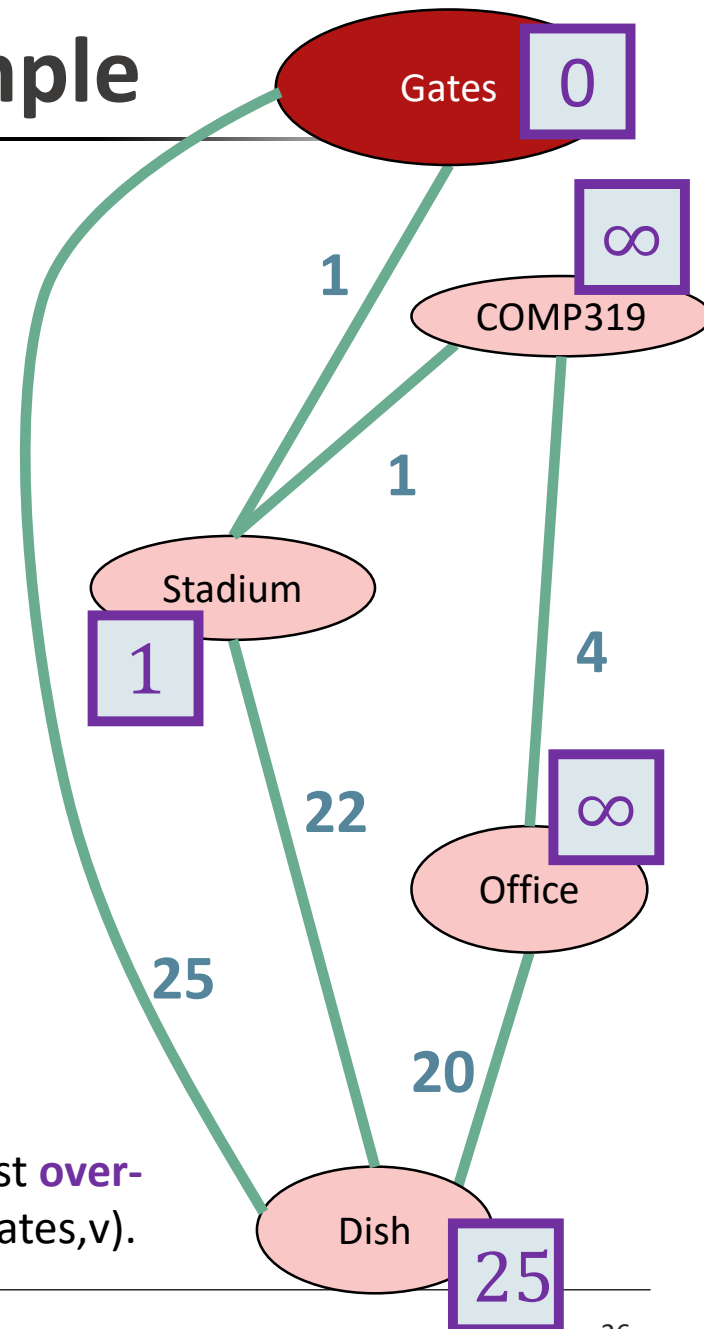
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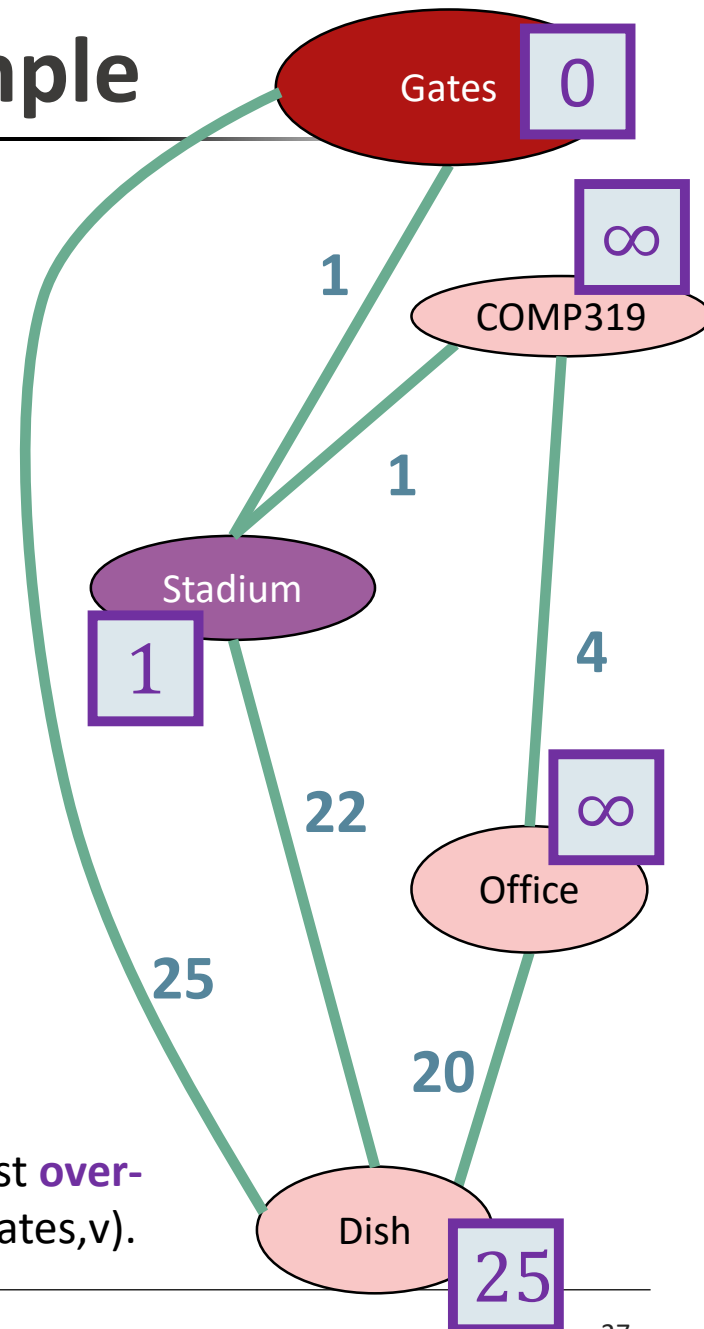
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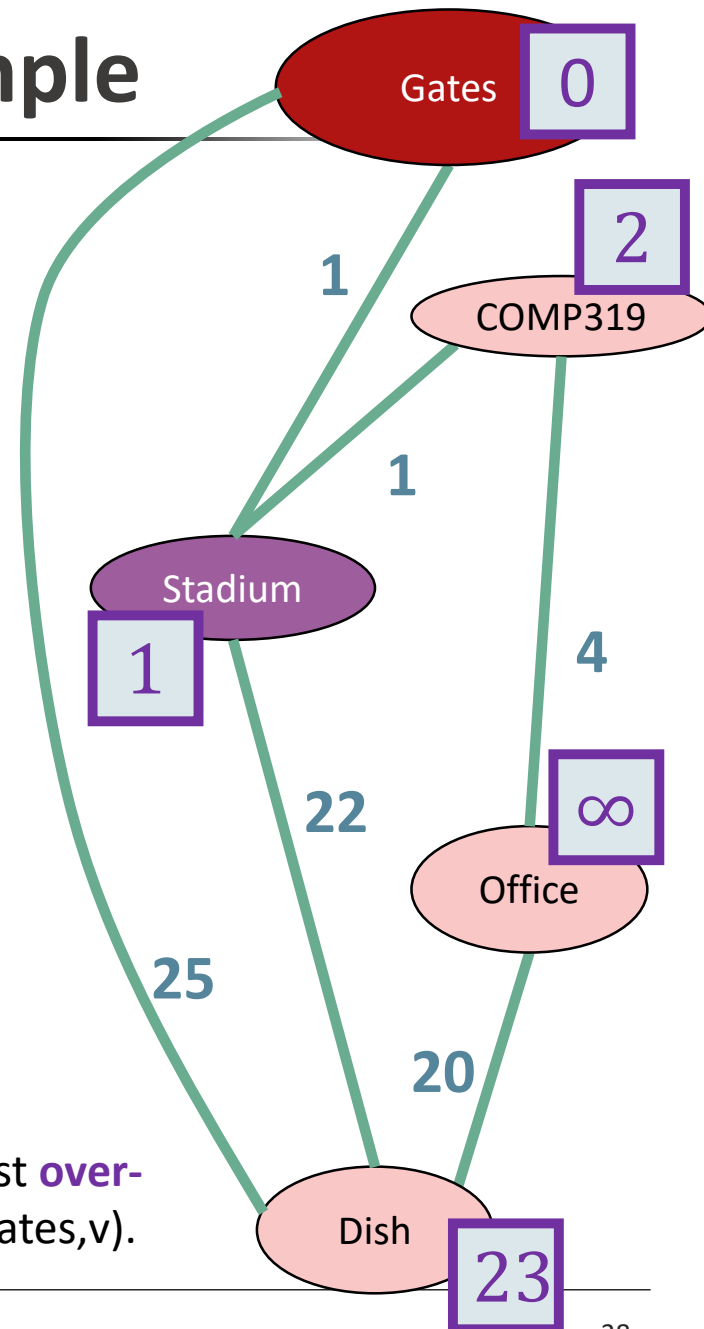
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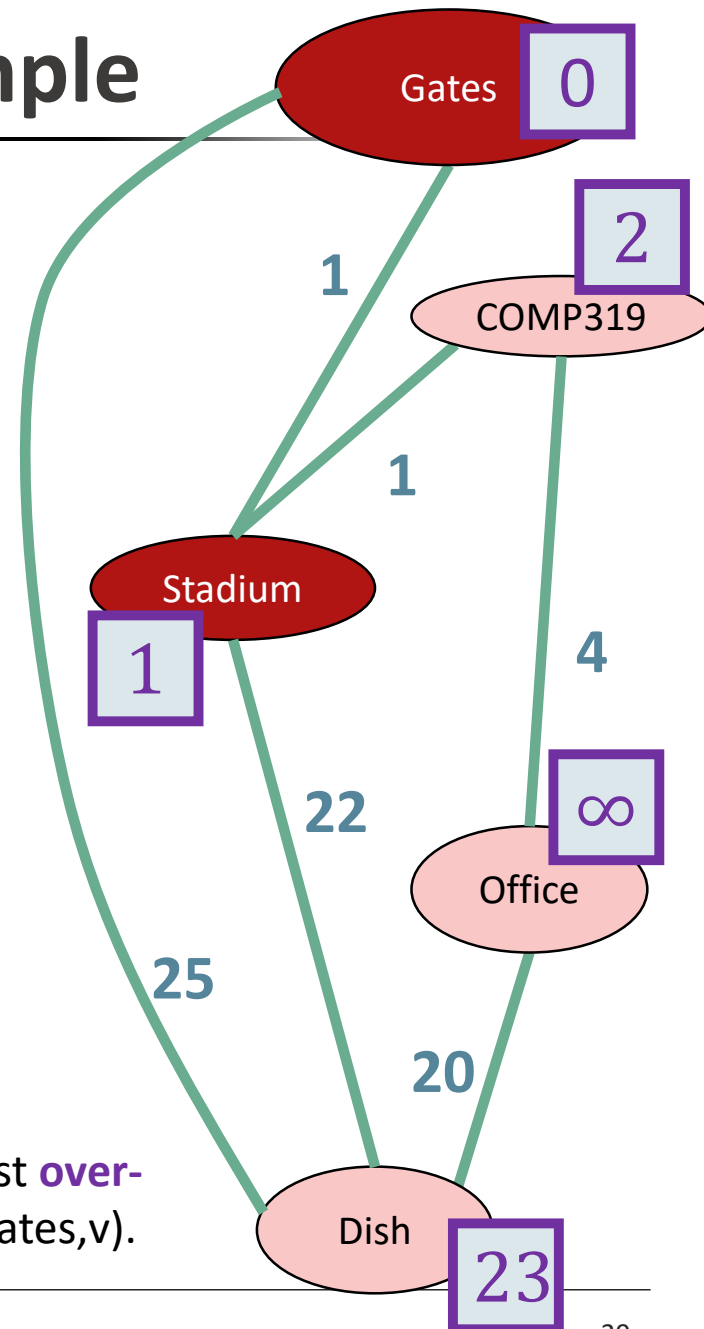
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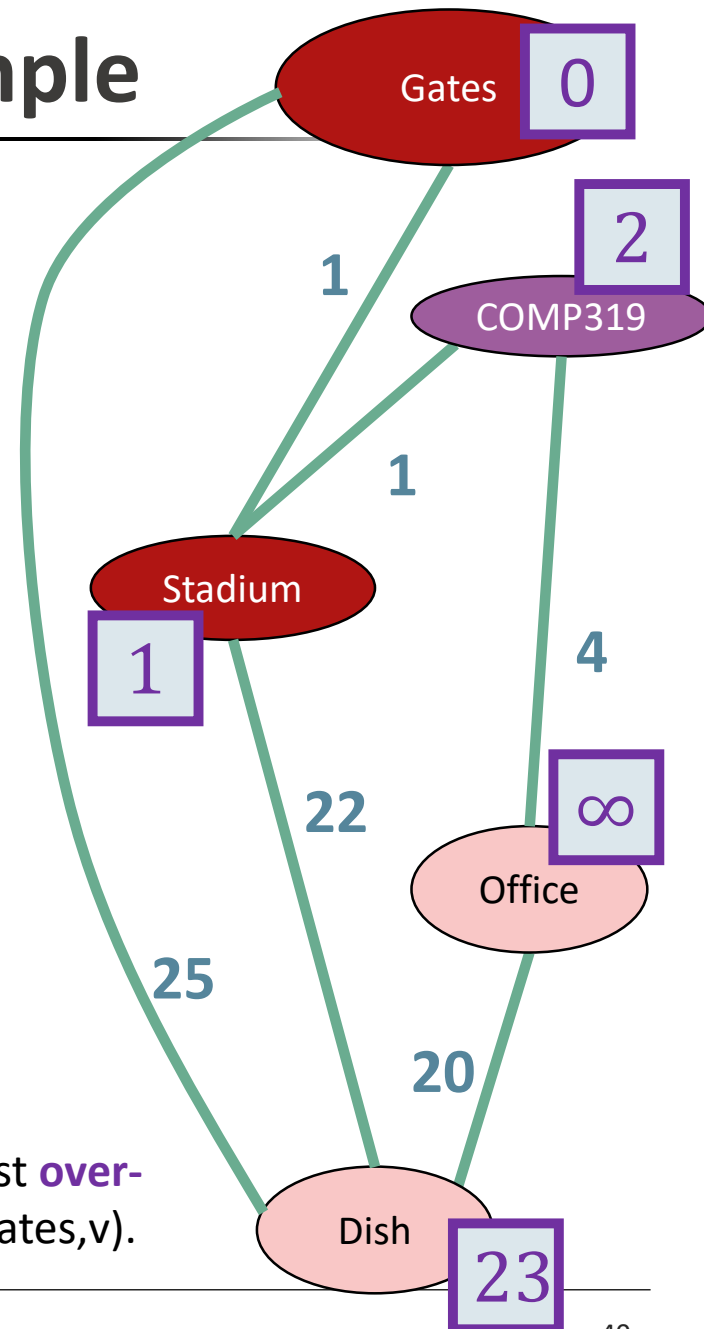
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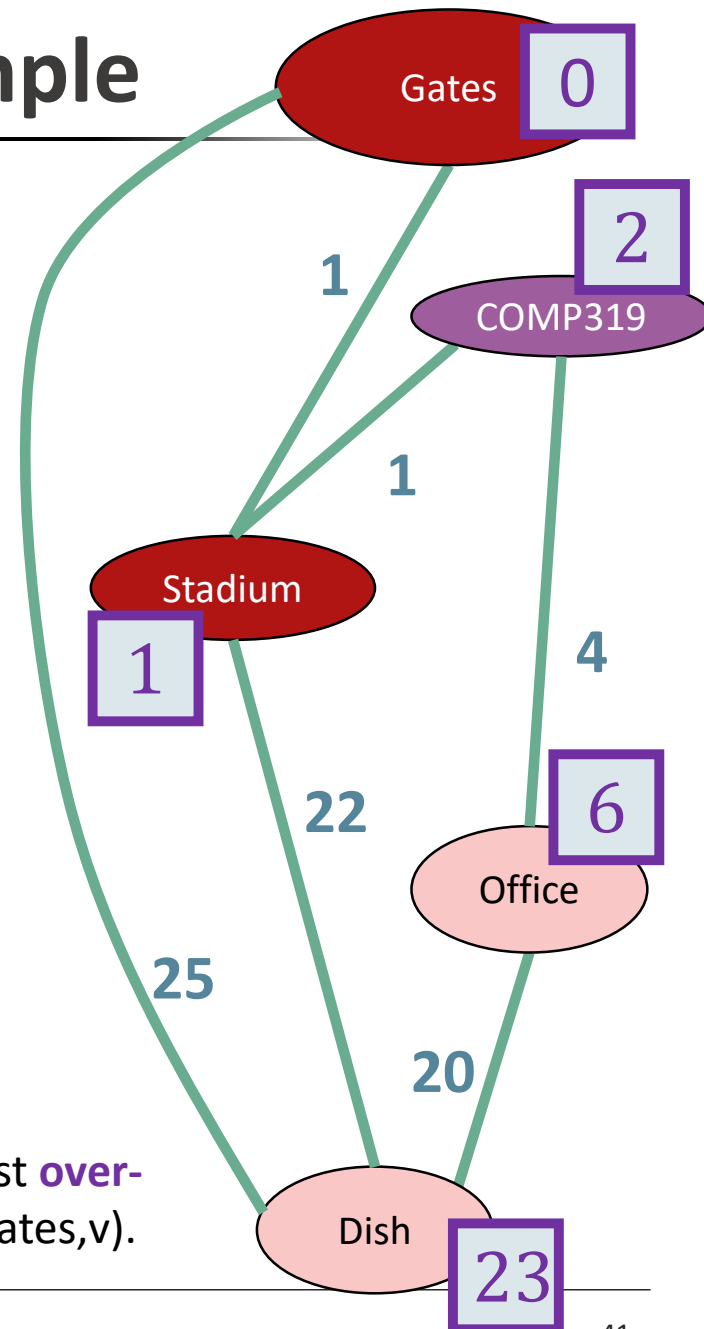
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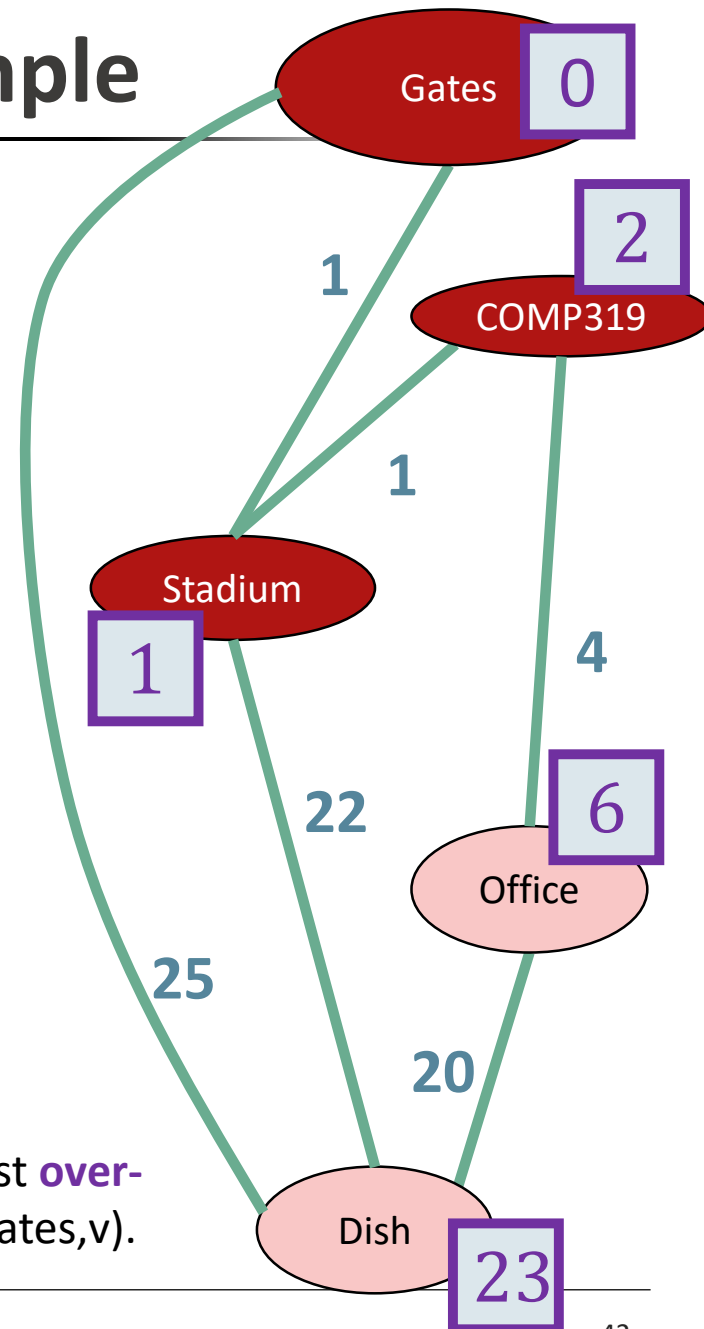
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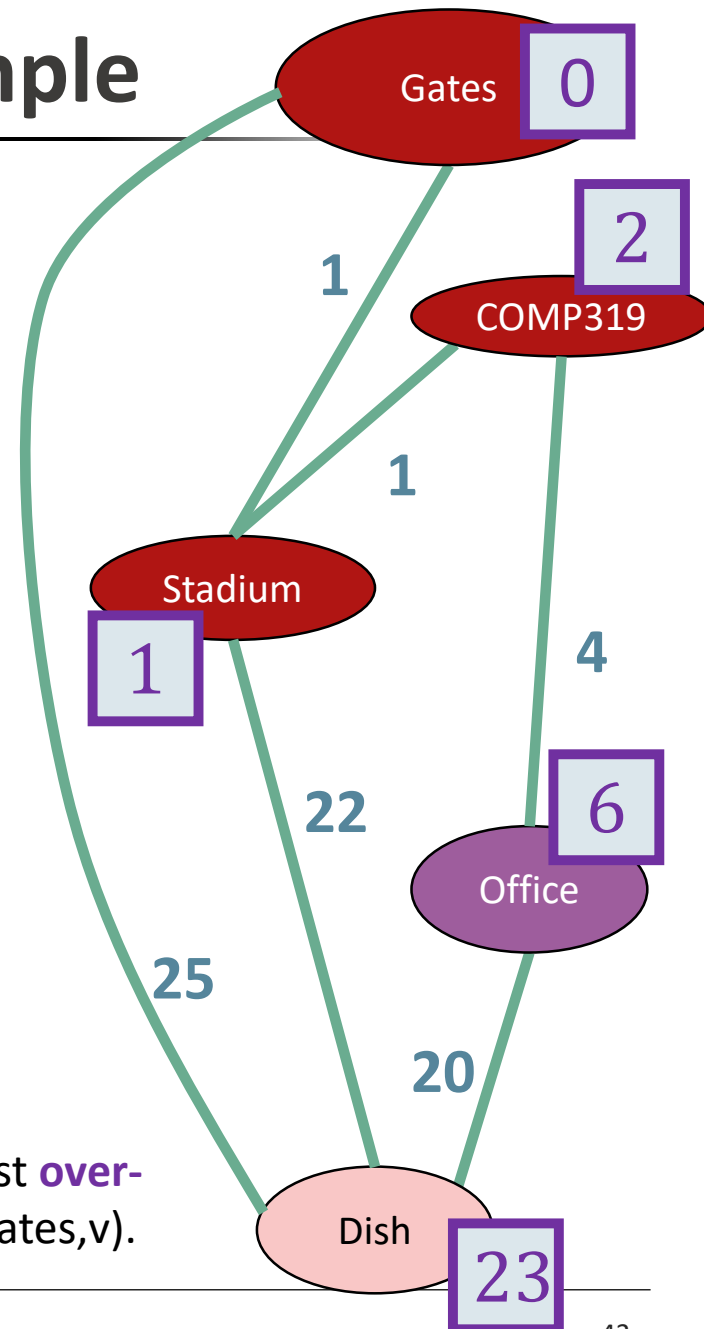
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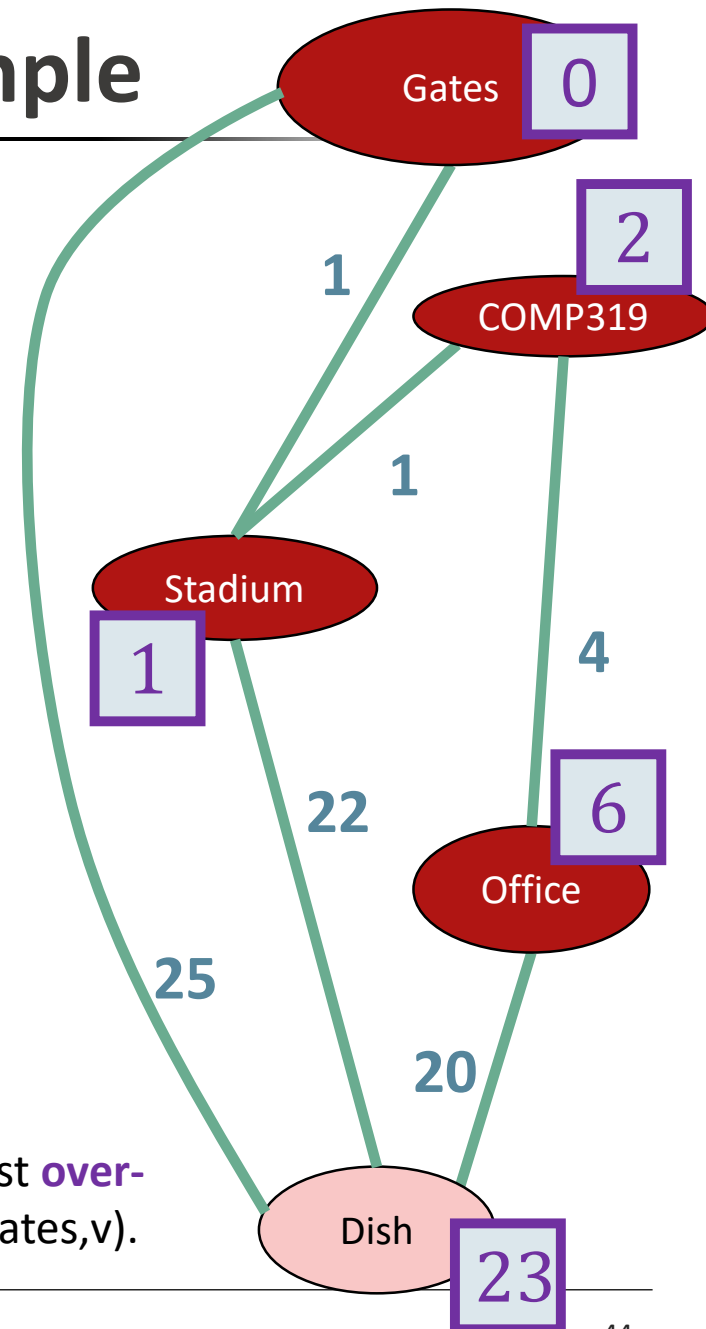
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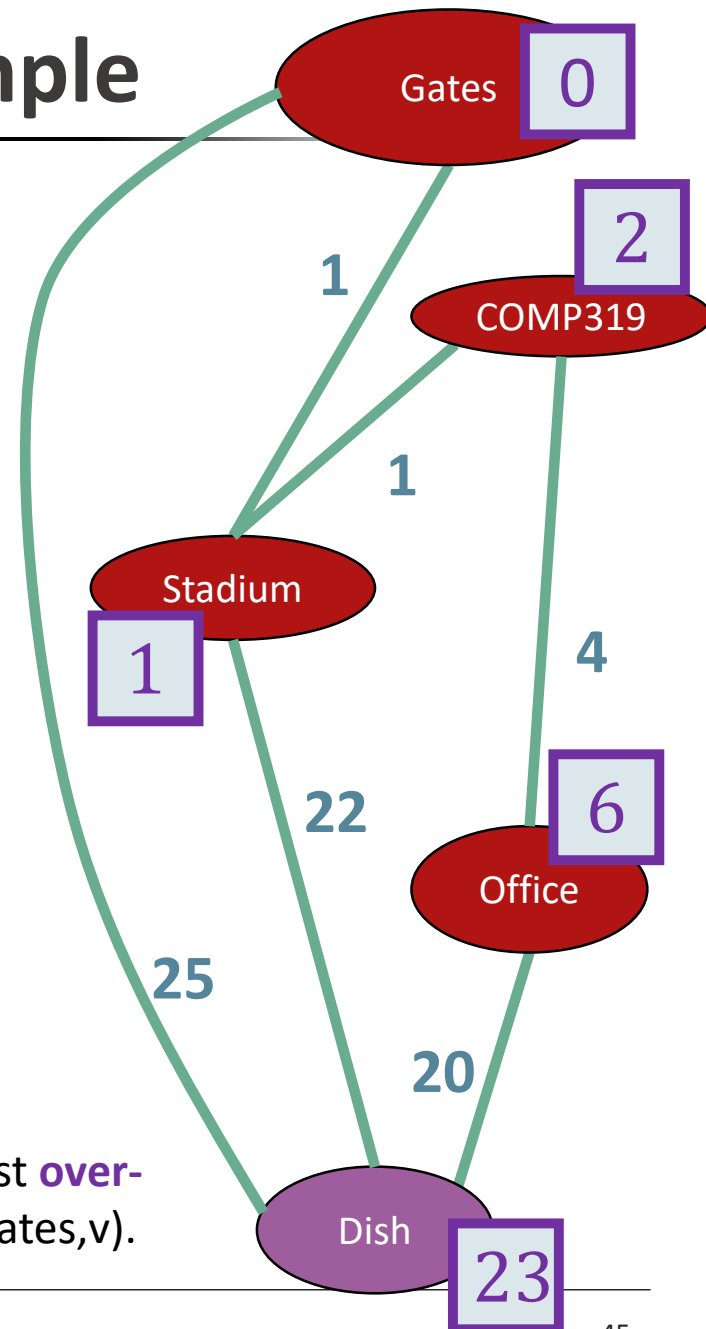
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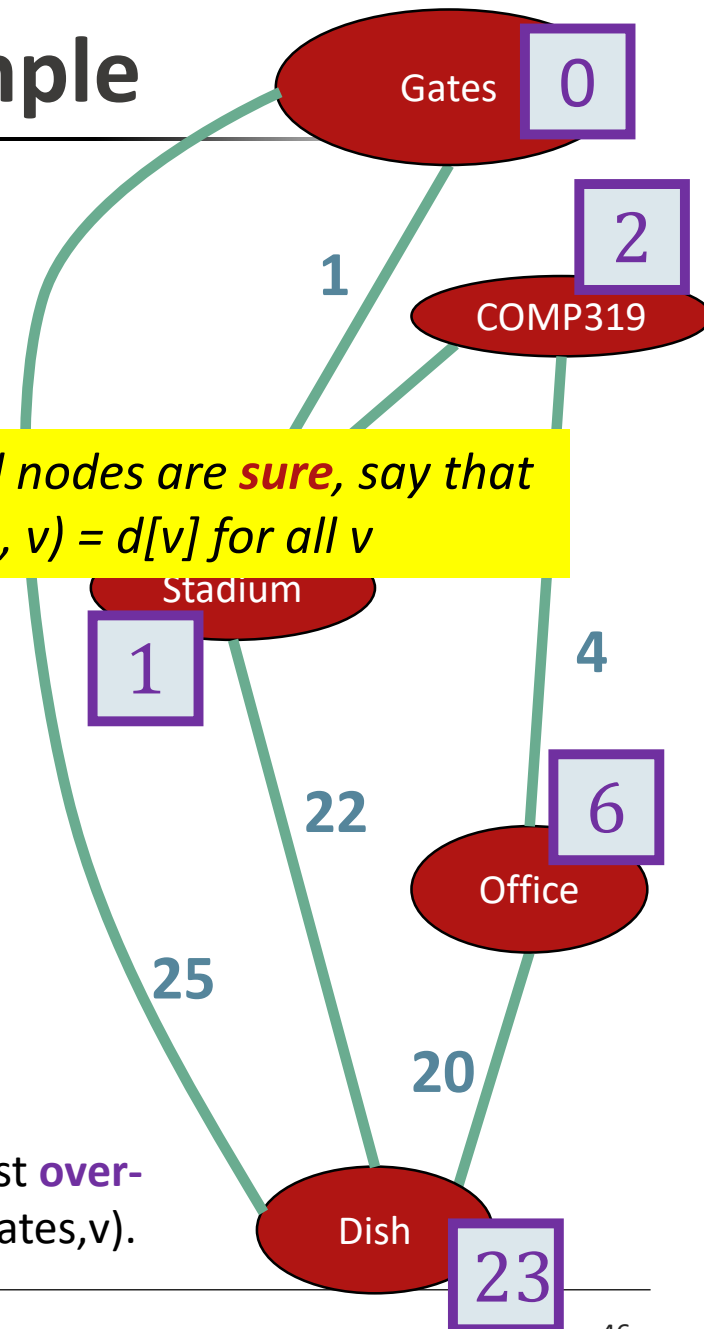


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After all nodes are **sure**, say that $d(\text{Gates}, v) = d[v]$ for all v



Dijkstra's algorithm

- Dijkstra(G, s):

- Set all vertices to **not-sure**
- $d[v] = \infty$ for all v in V
- $d[s] = 0$
- **While** there are **not-sure** nodes:
 - Pick the **not-sure** node u with the smallest estimate $d[u]$
 - **For** v in u .neighbors:
 - $d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u, v))$
 - Mark u as **sure**
- Now $d(s, v) = d[v]$

- As usual, we want to check:
 - Does it work?
 - Is it fast?

Several useful properties

- **Corollary 1.** If there is no path from s to v , then we have:

$$d[v] = d(s, v) = \infty$$

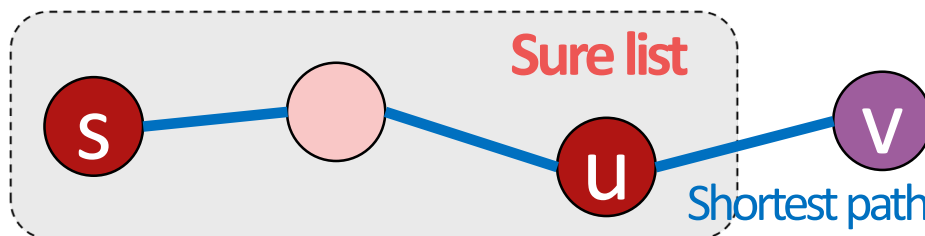
- **Lemma 1.** We always have $d[v] \geq d(s, v)$ for all v .

$$d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u,v))$$

Whatever path we had in mind before The shortest path to u , and then the edge from u to v .

$$d[v] = \text{length of the path we have in mind} \geq \text{length of shortest path} = d(s, v)$$

- **Lemma 2.** If $s \rightarrow u \rightarrow v$ is a shortest path in G for some u, v in V , and if $d[u] = d(s, u)$ at any time prior to update $w(u, v)$,



Then,
 $d[v] = d(s, u) + w(u, v) = d(s, v)$
at all time afterward.

Why does this work?

- **Theorem:**
 - Suppose we run Dijkstra on $G = (V, E)$, starting from s .
 - At the end of the algorithm, the estimate $d[v]$ is equal to the shortest-path weight $d(s, v)$ for all v .
- **Proof.** We use the following loop invariant:

At the start of each iteration of the **while** loop, $d[v] = d(s, v)$ for all v in **the sure list**.

- **Initialization:** Initially, there is no v in **the sure list**, so the invariant is trivially true.

Proof cont'd – Maintenance

- Suppose that we are about to add u to **the sure list**.
- That is, we picked u in the first line here:

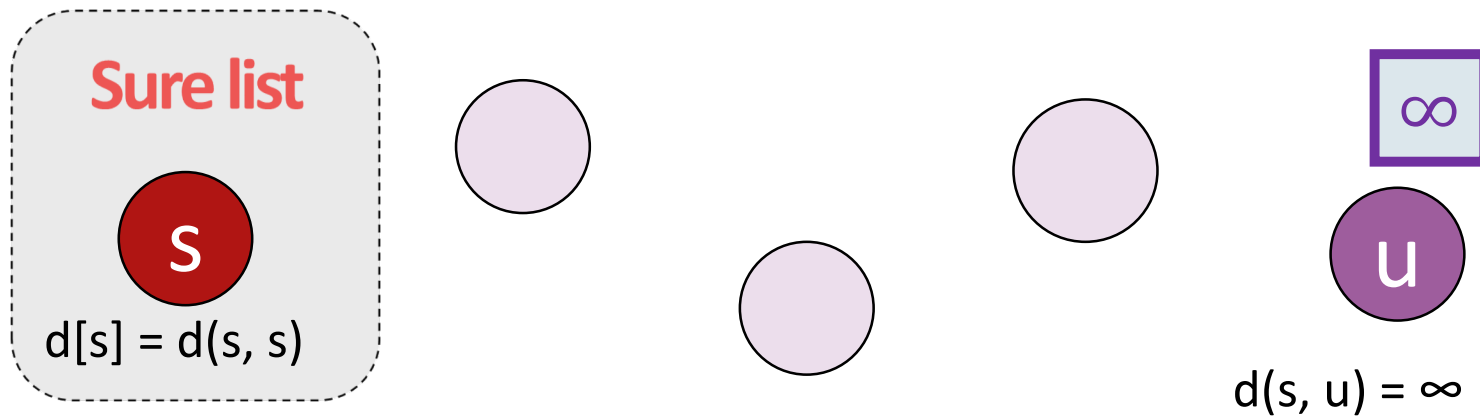
Recall:

- Pick the **not-sure** node u with the smallest estimate $d[u]$
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- Repeat

- Also suppose u is the first vertex that marked sure with $d[u] \neq d(s, u)$
 - (This is the way of contradiction.)

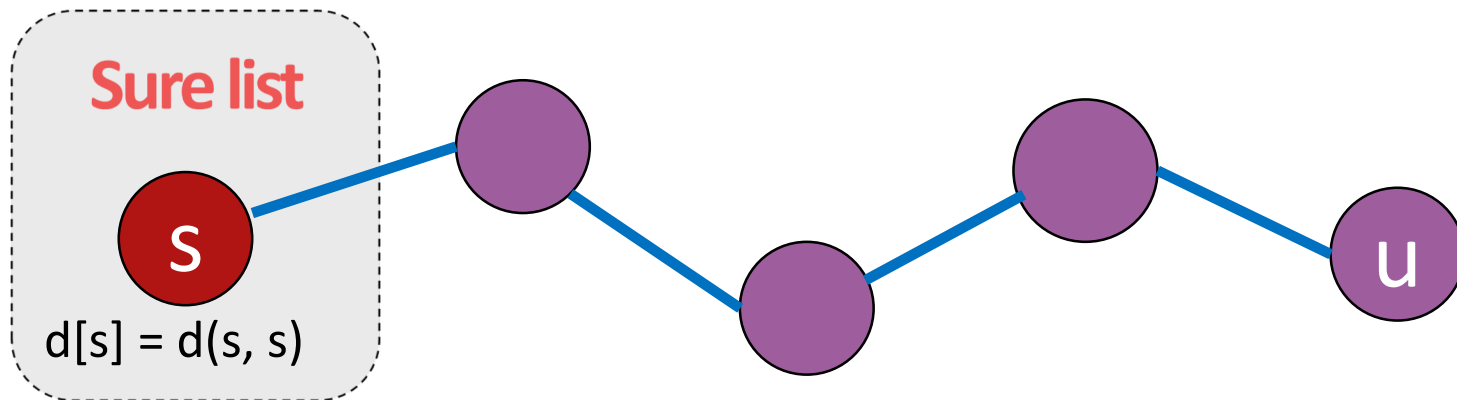
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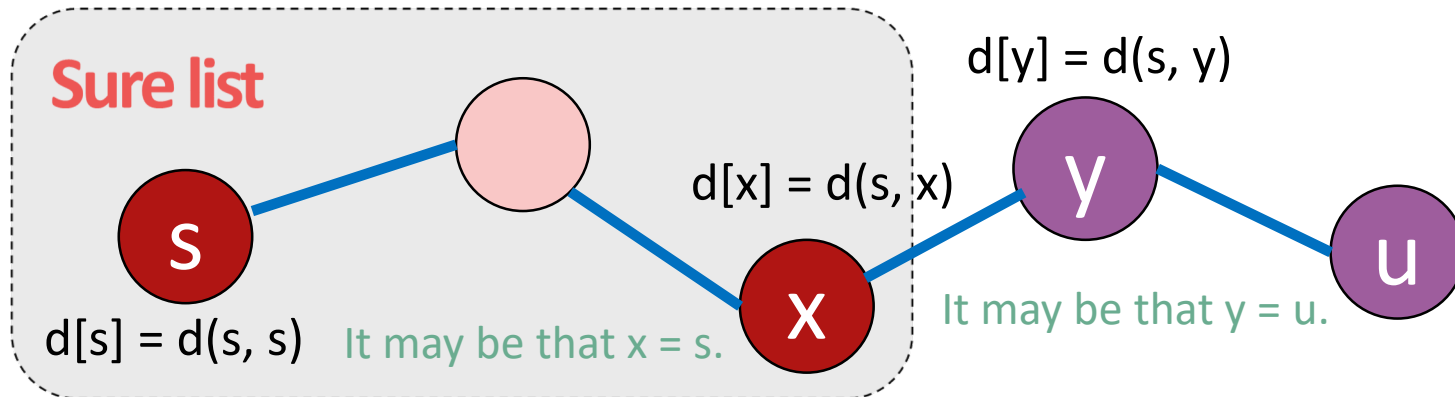


Consider this the shortest path p .

Proof cont'd – Maintenance

- let x , and y :
 - y be the first vertex along p such that y is in **the not-sure list**.
 - x be y 's predecessor along p .
- Then,
 - $d[x] = d(s, x)$. (By the hypothesis)
 - Also, $d[y] = d(s, y)$. (By the Lemma 2)

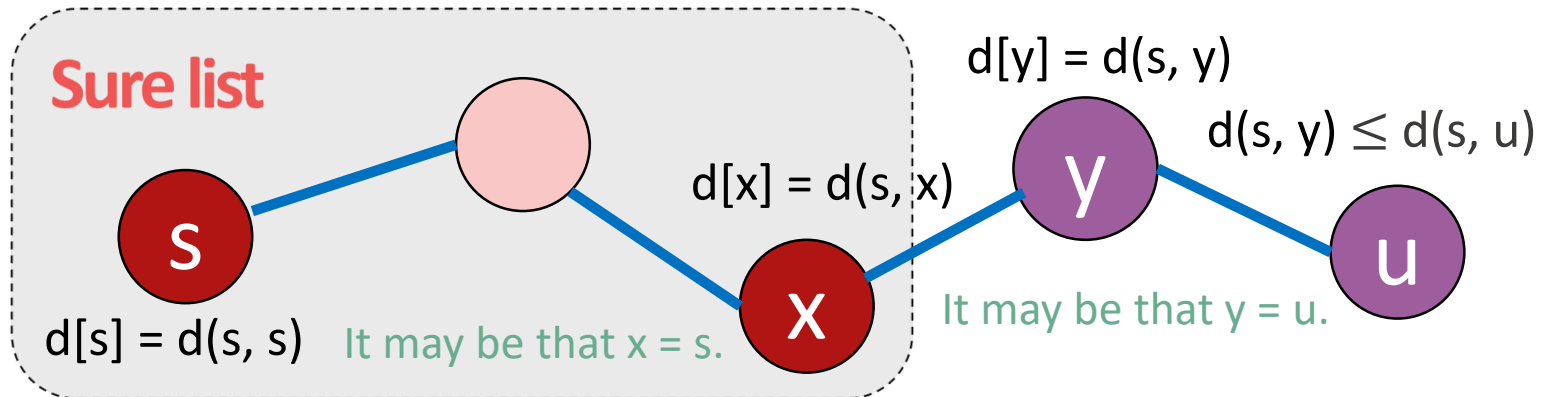
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Consider this the shortest path p .

Proof cont'd – Maintenance

- Then, $d[y] = d(s, y) \leq d(s, u) \leq d[u]$
(by Lemma 1)
 - But because both y , and u were in **the not-sure list**, when u was chosen, we have $d[u] \leq d[y]$.
 - Consequently, everything is equal. Thus $d[u] = d(s, u)$. **CONTRADICTION!!**
- We conclude that $d[u] = d(s, u)$ when u is added to **the sure list**.



Consider this the shortest path p .

Proof cont'd – Termination

- **Termination:**

- At termination, **the not-sure list** = \emptyset which, along with our earlier invariant implies that **the sure list** is equal to V .
- Thus, $d[u] = d(s, u)$ for all u in V .

As usual

- Does it work?
 - Yes.
- **Is it fast?**

Running time?

- Dijkstra(G, s):

- Set all vertices to **not-sure**
- $d[v] = \infty$ for all v in V
- $d[s] = 0$
- **While** there are **not-sure** nodes:
 - Pick the **not-sure** node u with the smallest estimate $d[u]$
 - **For** v in u .neighbors:
 - $d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u, v))$
 - Mark u as **sure**
- Now $d(s, v) = d[v]$

- Operate n iterations (one per vertex)

- **How long does one iteration take?**

- Depends on how you implement it..

We need a data structure that:

- find u with minimum $d[u]$
 - `findMin()`
- update (decrease) $d[v]$
 - `updateKey(v, d)`
- remove that u
 - `removeMin(u)`

Just the inner loop:

- Pick the **not-sure** node u with the smallest estimate **$d[u]$**
- Update all u 's neighbors v :
 - $d[v] \leftarrow \min(d[v], d[u] + \text{edgeWeight}(u,v))$
- Mark u as **sure**

Total running time is big-oh of:

$$\sum_{u \in V} \left(T(\text{findMin}) + \left(\sum_{v \in u.\text{neighbors}} T(\text{updateKey}) \right) + T(\text{removeMin}) \right)$$

$$= n (T(\text{findMin}) + m T(\text{updateKey}) + T(\text{removeMin}))$$

If we use an array

- $T(\text{findMin}) = O(n)$
- $T(\text{removeMin}) = O(n)$
- $T(\text{updateKey}) = O(1)$
- Running time of Dijkstra
 - = $O(n(T(\text{findMin}) + T(\text{removeMin}))) + m T(\text{updateKey})$
 - = $O(n^2) + O(m)$
 - = $O(n^2)$

If we use a red-black tree

- $T(\text{findMin}) = O(\log(n))$
- $T(\text{removeMin}) = O(\log(n))$
- $T(\text{updateKey}) = O(\log(n))$
- Running time of Dijkstra
 - $= O(n(T(\text{findMin}) + T(\text{removeMin}))) + m T(\text{updateKey})$
 - $= O(n \log(n)) + O(m \log(n))$
 - $= O((n + m) \log(n))$

Better than an array if the graph is sparse!
aka if m is much smaller than n^2

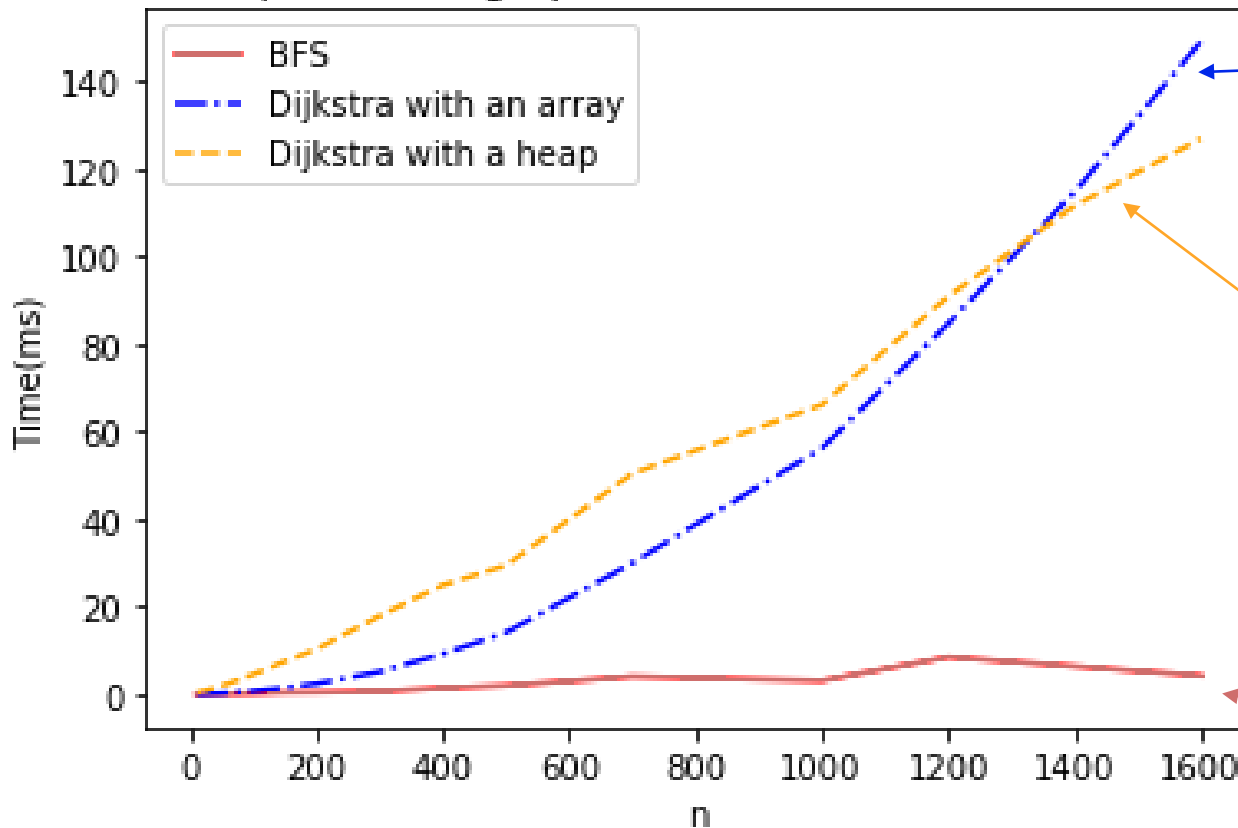
Is a hash table a good idea here?

- **Not really:**
 - `Search(v)` is fast (in expectation)
 - But `findMin()` will still take time $O(n)$ without more structure.

$O(n(T(\text{findMin}) + T(\text{removeMin})) + m T(\text{updateKey}))$

In practice

Shortest paths on a graph with n vertices and about $5n$ edges



Dijkstra using a Python list to keep track of vertices has quadratic runtime.

Dijkstra using a heap looks a bit more linear

BFS is really fast by comparison! But it doesn't work on weighted graphs.

Dijkstra Drawbacks

- Needs **non-negative edge weights**.
- If the weights change, we need to re-run the whole thing.
 - In OSPF, a vertex broadcasts any changes to the network, and then every vertex re-runs Dijkstra's algorithm from scratch.

What have we learned?

- Dijkstra's algorithm finds shortest paths in weighted graphs with non-negative edge weights.
- Along the way, it constructs a nice tree.
 - We could post this tree in Gates!
 - Then people would know how to get places quickly.

An aerial night photograph of a city. In the center, a large, modern building with a prominent dome and many windows is illuminated. To the left, a tall, slender water tower stands out against the dark sky. In the foreground, a winding road with light trails from cars leads towards the building. A small lake or pond is visible in the lower-left corner, with some lights reflecting on its surface. The background shows a dense urban area with various buildings and distant mountains under a dark sky. The overall scene is a mix of natural and urban elements, captured in a high-contrast, black and white style with some color highlights from city lights.

Any Question?