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CSC3100 Data Structures
Lecture 23: Graph shortest path

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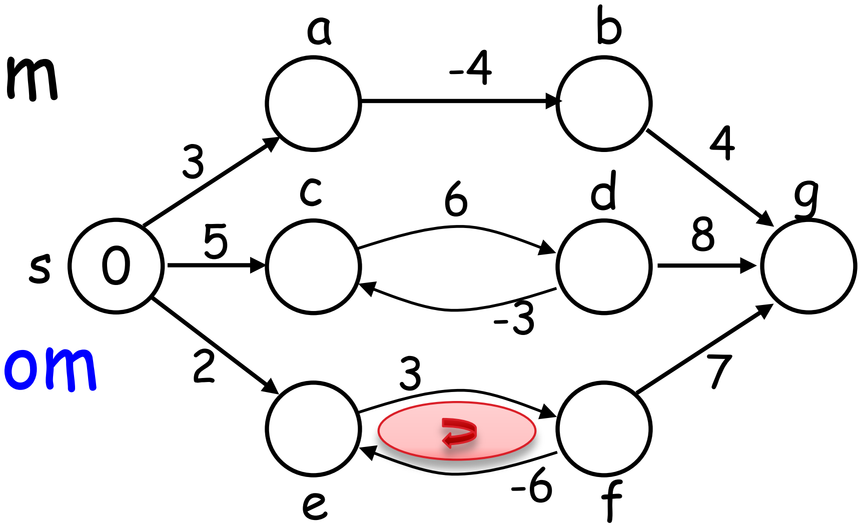
Outline

- Shortest path problem
  - Graphs with non-negative weights
    - Single-Source Shortest Path: Dijkstra's algorithm
  - All-Pair Shortest Path: Floyd's algorithm
  - Graphs with negative weights
    - Bellman-Ford algorithm

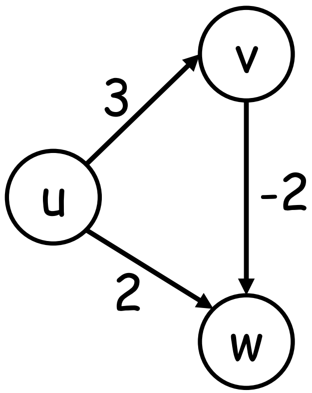
Negative-weight edges

- Negative-weight edges may form negative-weight cycles
- If such cycles are reachable from the source, then $\delta(s, v)$ is not properly defined!
  - Keep going around the cycle, and get $w(s, v) = -\infty$ for all v on the cycle



Is Dijkstra's algorithm still applicable for graphs with negative weights?

- Dijkstra's algorithm cannot handle a graph that has negative weights but no negative cycles



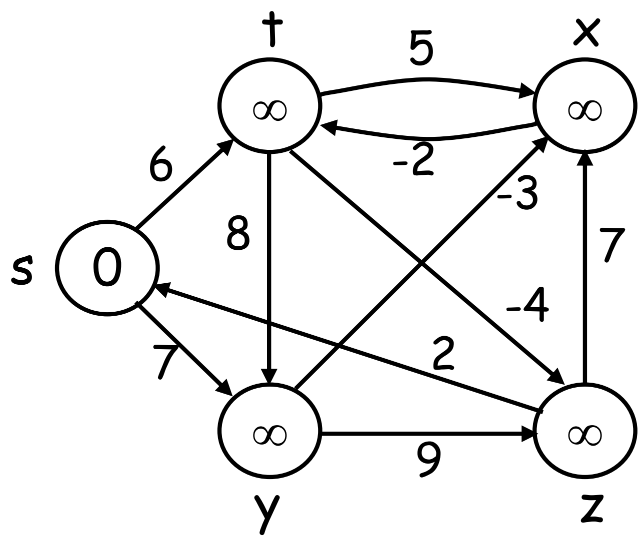
- How to handle a graph that has negative weights but no negative cycles?

Bellman-Ford algorithm

- Single-source shortest path problem
  - Computes $\delta(s, v)$ and $p[v]$ for all $v \in V$
- Allows negative edge weights - can detect negative cycles
  - Returns TRUE if no negative-weight cycles are reachable from the source s
  - Returns FALSE otherwise $\Rightarrow$ no solution exists

Bellman-Ford algorithm (cont'd)

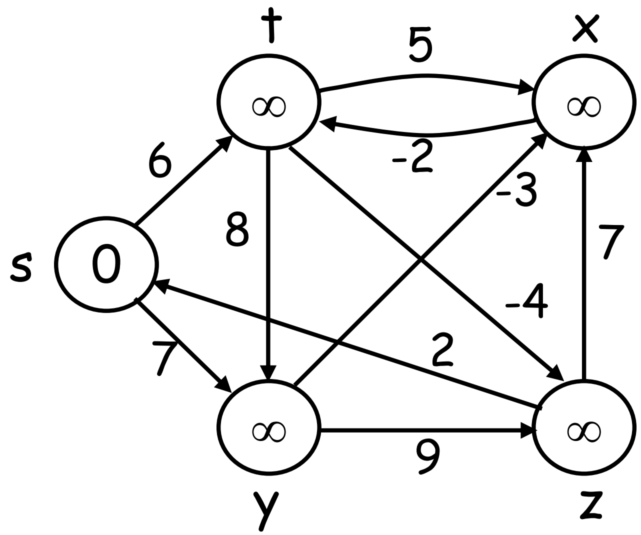
- Idea:
  - Each edge is relaxed |V| – 1 times by making |V| -1 passes over the whole edge set
  - Any path will contain at most |V| - 1 edges



For each edge (u, v), do relaxation:
If d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)
$\Rightarrow$ d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)

Edge order: (t, x), (t, y), (t, z), (x, t), (y, x), (y, z), (z, x), (z, s), (s, t), (s, y)

Bellman-Ford(V, E, w, s)



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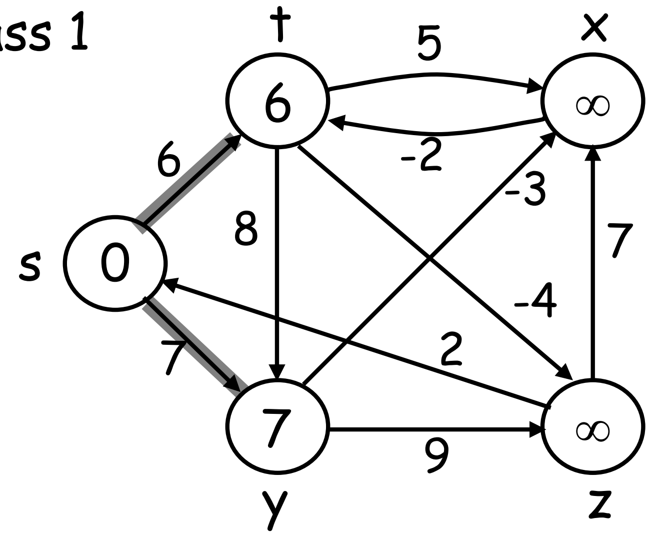
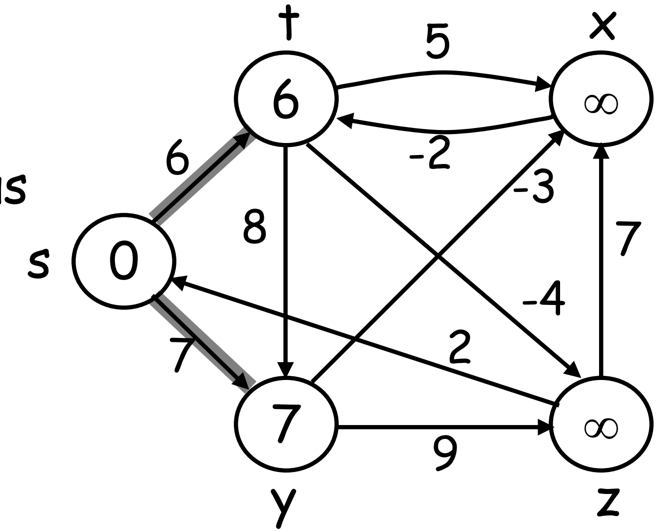


Edge order: (t, x), (t, y), (t, z), (x, t), (y, x), (y, z), (z, x), (z, s), (s, t), (s, y)

Example

Pass 1 (from previous slide)



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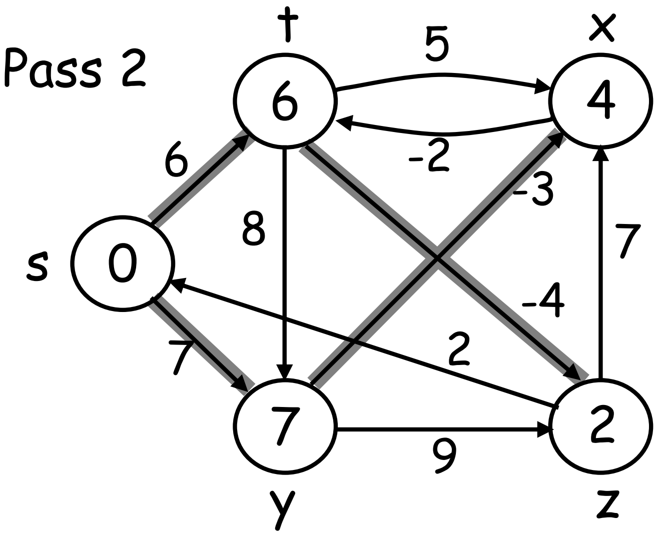

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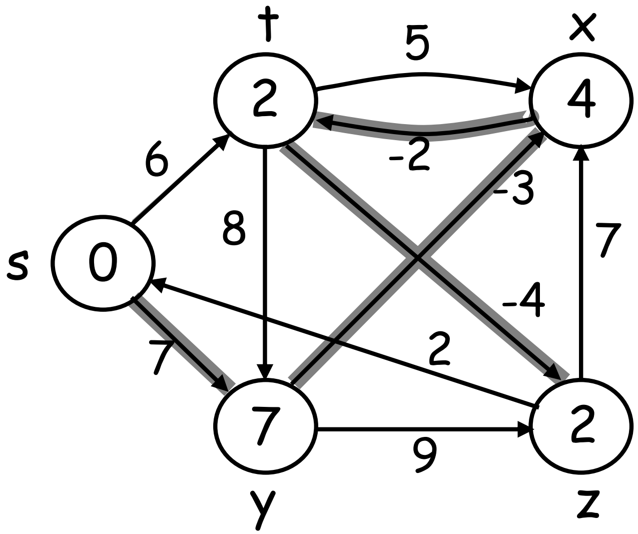

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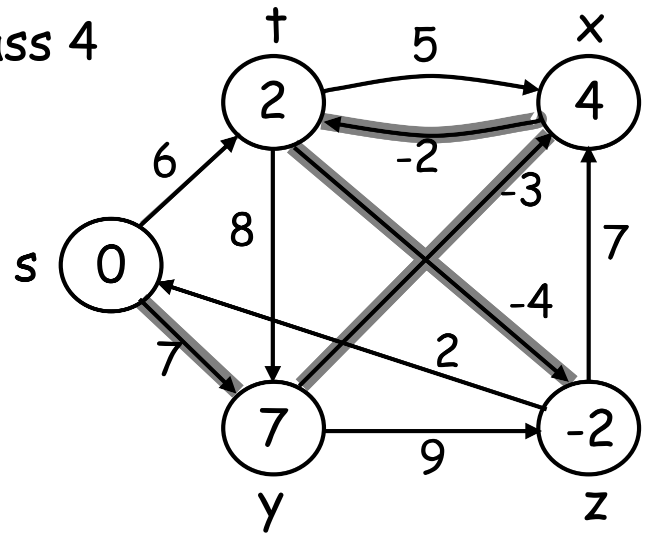
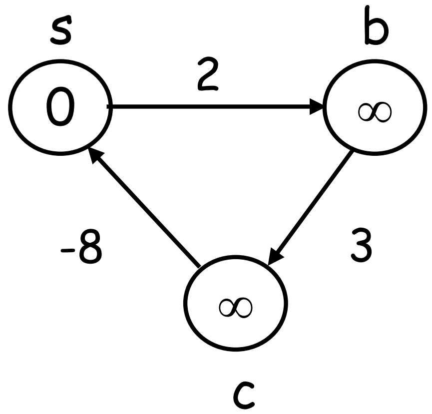


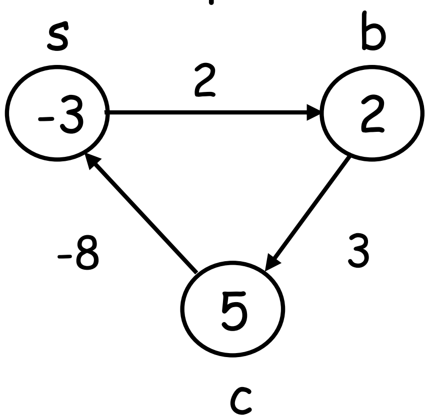
Edge order: (t, x), (t, y), (t, z), (x, t), (y, x), (y, z), (z, x), (z, s), (s, t), (s, y)

Detecting negative cycles (perform extra test after |V|-1 iterations)

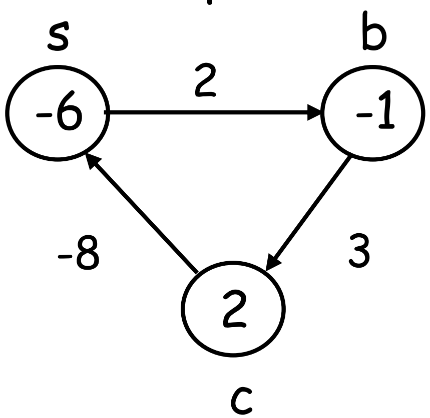
- for each edge $(u, v) \in E$
- do if $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$
- then return FALSE
- return TRUE



1st pass



2nd pass



(s, b), (b, c), (c, s)

Look at edge (s, b):

$d[b] = -1$
$d[s] + w(s, b) = -4$

$\Rightarrow d[b] > d[s] + w(s, b)$

Bellman-Ford(V, E, w, s)

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INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE(V, s)          ← Θ(|V|)
for i ← 1 to |V| - 1                    ← O(|V|)  } O(|V||E|)
   do for each edge (u, v) ∈ E          ← O(|E|)  }
         do RELAX(u, v, w)
for each edge (u, v) ∈ E                ← O(|E|)
   do if d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)
         then return FALSE
 return TRUE
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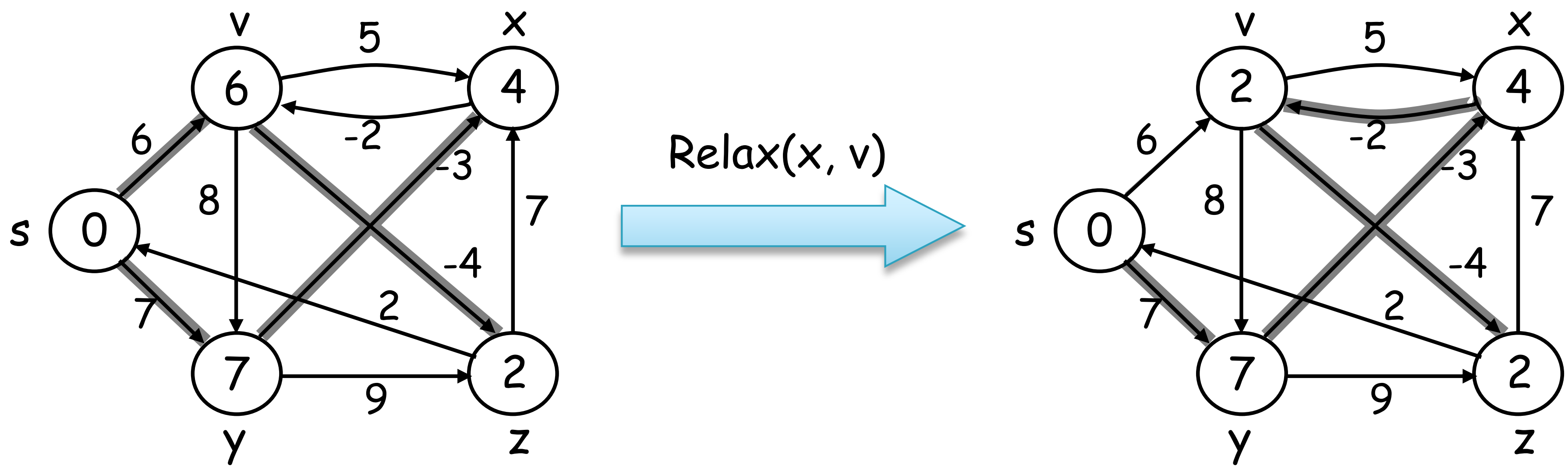
Running time: $O(|V||E|)$

Key points of Bellman-Ford

- If there is no negative cycle, after |V|-1 iterations, d values will not be updated or can't be lower any more, and d values store the measure of the shortest path
  - Why? How to prove its correctness?

Shortest path properties

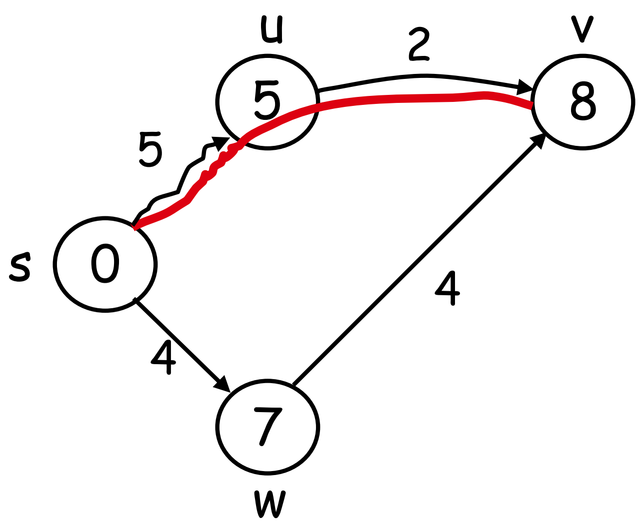
- **Upper-bound property**
  - We always have d[v] ≥ δ (s, v) for all v
  - The estimate never goes up – relaxation only lowers the estimate



Shortest path properties

- **Convergence property**

  If $s \leadsto u \rightarrow v$ is a shortest path, and if $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$ at any time prior to relaxing edge (u, v), then $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$ at all times after relaxing (u, v)



- If $d[v] > \delta(s, v) \Rightarrow$ after relaxation:

  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)$

  $d[v] = 5 + 2 = 7$

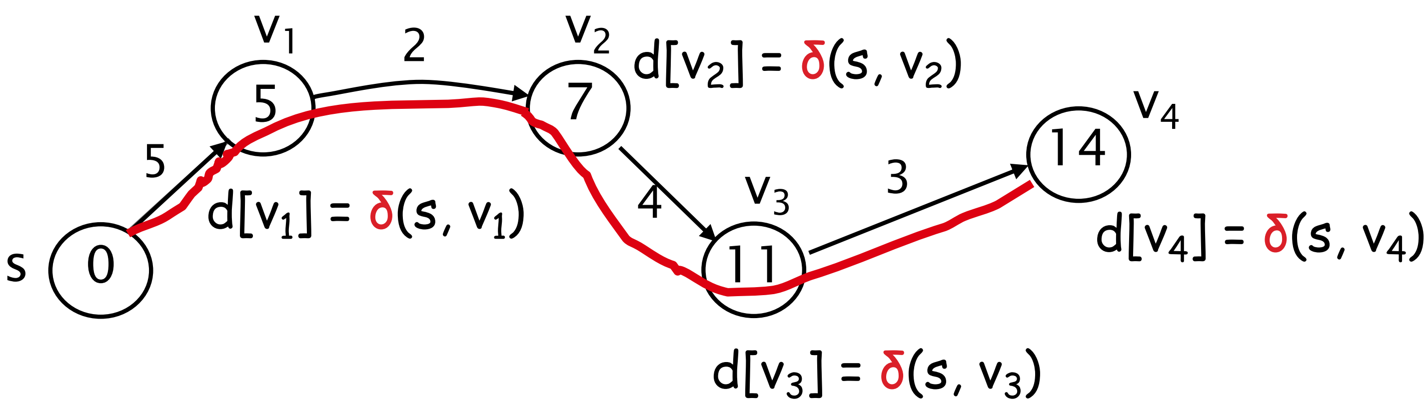
- Otherwise, the value remains unchanged, because it must have been the shortest path value

Shortest path properties

- **Path relaxation property**

  Let $p=\langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k\rangle$ be a shortest path from $s = v_0$ to v_k

  If we relax, in order, $(v_0, v_1), (v_1, v_2), \ldots, (v_{k-1}, v_k)$, even intermixed with other relaxations, then $d[v_k] = \delta(s, v_k)$



Correctness of Bellman-Ford algorithm

- **Theorem:** Show that $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$, for every v, after $|V| -1$ passes

- <u>Case 1:</u> G does not contain negative cycles which are reachable from s

  - Assume that the shortest path from s to v is
    $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k \rangle$, where $s = v_0$ and $v = v_k$, $k \le |V|-1$

  - Use mathematical induction on the number of passes i to show that:

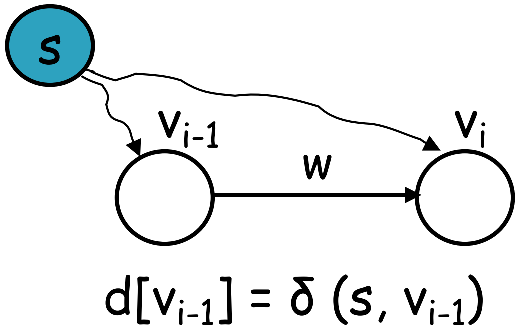
$$d[v_i] = \delta(s, v_i)\ ,\ i=0,1,\ldots,k$$

Correctness of Bellman-Ford algorithm

Base case: $i=0$, $d[v_0] = \delta(s, v_0) = \delta(s, s) = 0$

Inductive hypothesis: $d[v_{i-1}] = \delta(s, v_{i-1})$

Inductive step: $d[v_i] = \delta(s, v_i)$



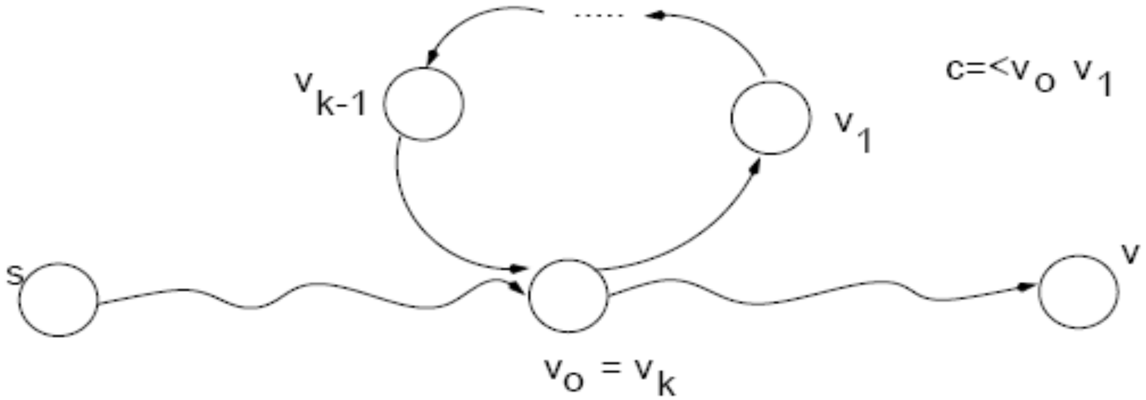
After relaxing (v_{i-1}, v_i) (convergence property) :
$d[v_i] \le d[v_{i-1}] + w = \delta(s, v_{i-1}) + w = \delta(s, v_i)$

From the upper bound property: $d[v_i] \ge \delta(s, v_i)$

Therefore, $d[v_i] = \delta(s, v_i)$

Correctness of Bellman-Ford algorithm

- <u>Case 2:</u> G contains a negative cycle which is reachable from s



c=<v_0 v_1 ... v_k> is a negative cycle

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} w(v_{i-1}, v_i) < 0$$

Proof by Contradiction: suppose the algorithm returns a solution

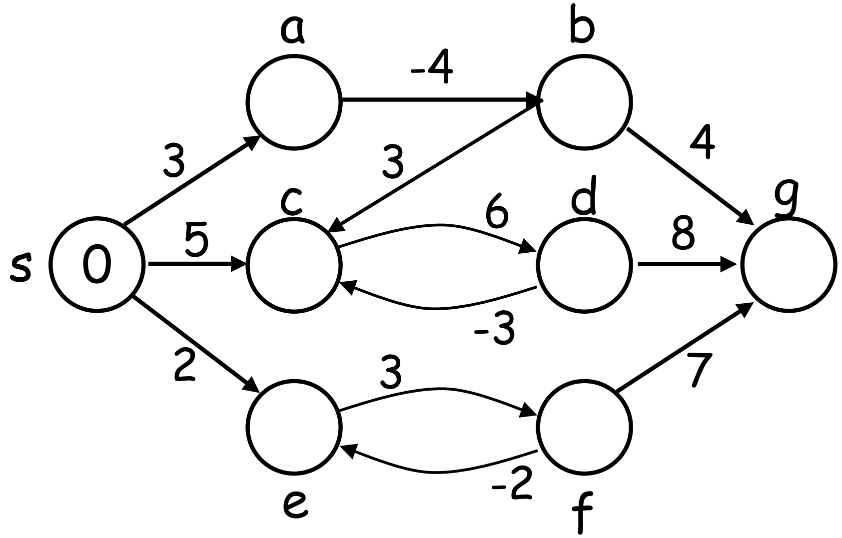
After relaxing (v_{i-1}, v_i): $dist[v_i] \le dist[v_{i-1}] + w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$

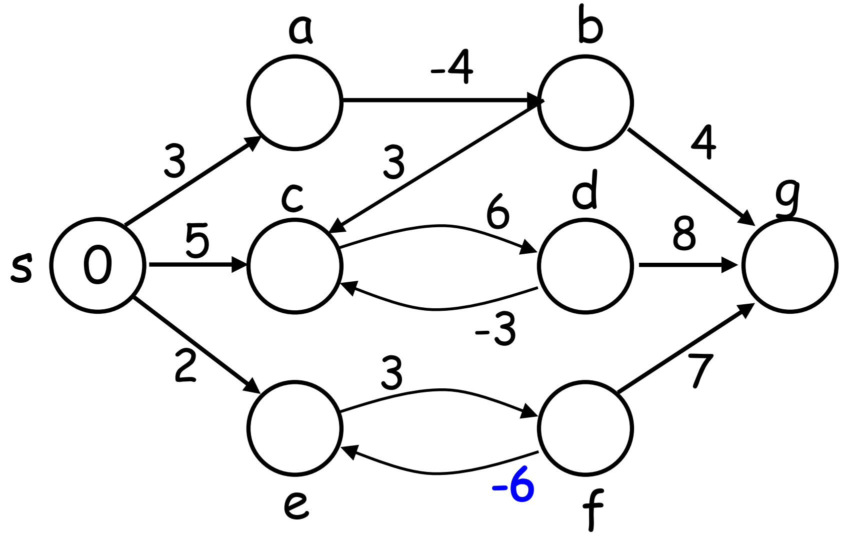
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{k} dist[v_i] \le \sum_{i=1}^{k} dist[v_{i-1}] + \sum_{i=1}^{k} w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{k} w(v_{i-1}, v_i) \ge 0 \ (\sum_{i=1}^{k} dist[v_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{k} dist[v_{i-1}])$$

Contradiction!

Exercise 1





Recommended reading

- Reading this week
  - Textbook Chapters 24-25
- Next lecture
  - Some data structures in Java JDK