

# NETWORKS AND COMPLEXITY

## Solution 2-2

*This is an example solution from the forthcoming book Networks and Complexity.*

*Find more exercises at <https://github.com/NC-Book/NCB>*

### Ex 2.2: Through the mines? [2]

After leaving Rivendell and finding the Caradhras pass blocked, Frodo has to decide for an alternative route. Find the shortest pass from Rivendell to the Orodruin in a network that is described by the distance matrix

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \emptyset & 6 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 49 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ 6 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 6 & \emptyset & 48 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 18 & 24 & \emptyset & \emptyset & 1 & 7 & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 17 & \emptyset & \emptyset & 19 & 30 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & 7 & \emptyset & 18 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & 40 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 19 & 4 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ 49 & 48 & 24 & \emptyset & \emptyset & 19 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 20 & \emptyset & 4 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 30 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & 1 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 6 & 5 & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & 6 & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 7 & \emptyset & 7 & 8 \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 7 & 9 & \emptyset & 5 \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & \emptyset & 8 & 4 & \emptyset \end{pmatrix}.$$

where the nodes are 1: Hobbiton, 2: Bree, 3: Osgiliath, 4: Rivendell, 5: Weathertop, 6: Lorien, 7: Isengard, 8: Moria, 9: Erebor, 10: Cirith Ungol, 11: Morannon, 12: Orodruin, 13: Barad-Dur.

### Solution

Using Dijkstra's algorithm leads to the table

HOB	BRE	OSG	RIV	WEA	LOR	ISE	MRA	ERE	CIR	MRN	ORO	BAR
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$		18	$\infty$	$\infty$	20	30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$\infty$	24	$\infty$			$\infty$	$\infty$	20	30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$\infty$	24	$\infty$			24	$\infty$		30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
30		$\infty$			24	72		30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
30		42				43		30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
30		42				43		30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
		42				43		30	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
		42				43			$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
						43			43	48	$\infty$	$\infty$
									43	48	$\infty$	$\infty$
										48	50	$\infty$
											50	54

We can now quickly find the route. In reverse order:

Orodruin, Cirith Ungol, Osgiliath, Lorien, Moria, Rivendell

which is indeed the path Frodo takes.