## Lecture 3

C25 Optimization

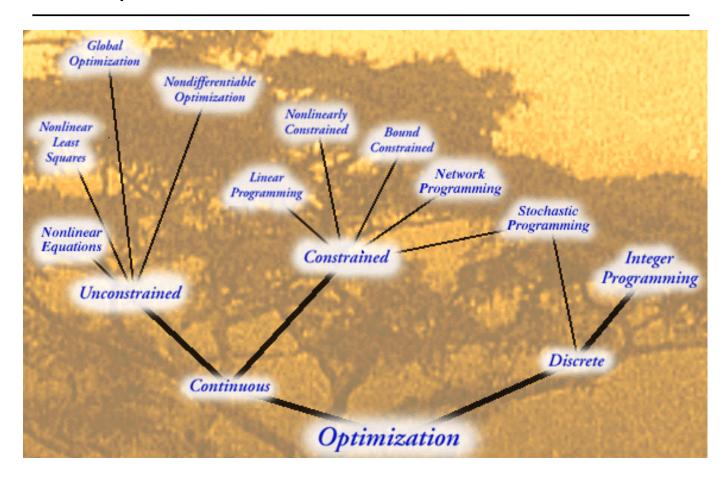
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### Dynamic Programming on graphs

- Terminology: chains, stars, trees, loops
- Application
- Message passing
- Shortest path Dijkstra's algorithm

### The Optimization Tree



Consider a cost function  $f(\mathbf{x}): \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  of the form

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$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i(x_i) + \sum_{i=2}^{n} \phi_i(x_{i-1}, x_i)$$

where x<sub>i</sub> can take one of h values

#### Complexity of minimization:

- exhaustive search O(h<sup>n</sup>)
- dynamic programming O(nh<sup>2</sup>)

Key idea: the optimization can be broken down into n sub-optimizations

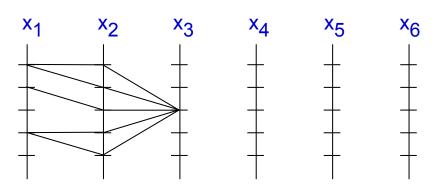
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Compute

$$S_2(x_2) = \min_{x_1} \{ m_2(x_2) + m_1(x_1) + \phi(x_1, x_2) \}$$
  
=  $m_2(x_2) + \min_{x_1} \{ m_1(x_1) + \phi(x_1, x_2) \}$ 

ullet Record the value of  $x_1$  for which  $S_2(x_2)$  is a minimum

To compute this minimum for all  $x_2$  involves  $O(h^2)$  operations



**Step 2**: For each value of  $x_3$  determine the best value of  $x_2$  and  $x_1$ 

Compute

$$S_3(x_3) = m_3(x_3) + \min_{x_2} \{S_2(x_2) + \phi(x_2, x_3)\}$$

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Again, to compute this minimum for all  $x_3$  involves  $O(h^2)$  operations Note  $S_k(x_k)$  encodes the lowest cost partial sum for all nodes up to kwhich have the value  $x_k$  at node k, i.e.

$$S_k(x_k) = \min_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}} \sum_{i=1}^k m_i(x_i) + \sum_{i=2}^k \phi(x_{i-1}, x_i)$$

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### Viterbi Algorithm

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Terminate

$$x_n^* = \arg\min_{x_n} S_n(x_n)$$

Backtrack

$$x_{i-1} = b_i(x_i)$$

#### Complexity O(nh<sup>2</sup>)

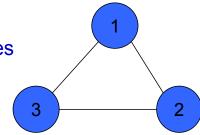
## Dynamic Programming on graphs

- **Graph** (*V*, *E*)
- Vertices  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$
- ullet Edges  $e_{ij}$  connect  $v_i$  to other vertices  $v_j$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{v_i \in V} m_i(v_i) + \sum_{e_{ij} \in E} \phi(v_i, v_j)$$

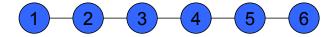
e.g.

- · 3 vertices, each can take one of h values
- 3 edges

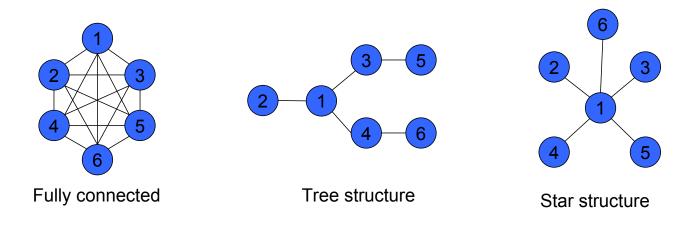


## **Dynamic Programming on graphs**

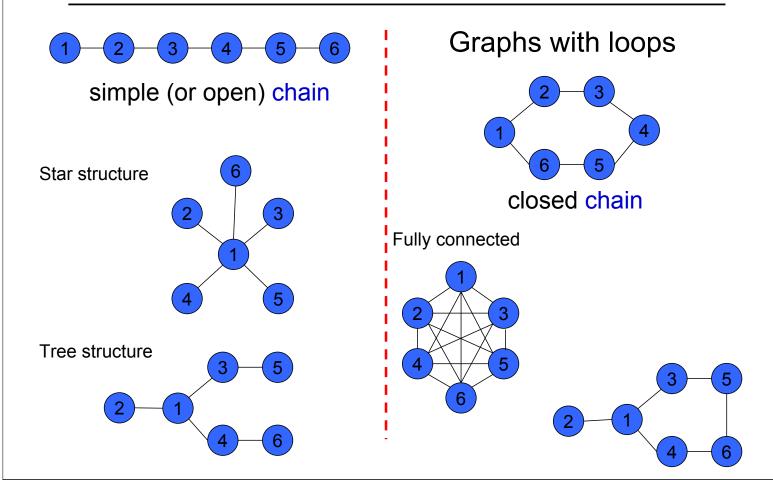
So far have considered chains



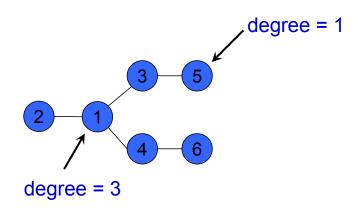
Can dynamic programming be applied to these configurations? (i.e. to reduce the optimization complexity from O(h<sup>n</sup>) to O(nh<sup>2</sup>))



## **Terminlogy**



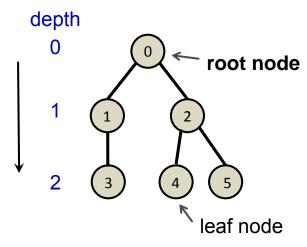
## **Terminlogy**



### degree (or valency) of a vertex

• is the number of edges incident to the vertex

## Terminlogy for trees



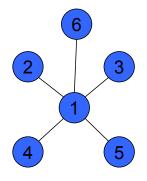
### depth of node

number of edges between node and root

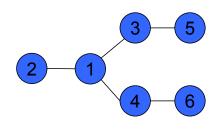
#### children of node i

are neighbouring vertices of depth d<sub>i</sub> + 1

### Dynamic programming on stars and trees

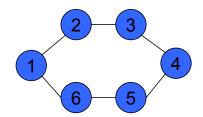


- for a value of the central node determine the best value of each of the other nodes in turn O(nh)
- repeat for all values of the central node O(h)
- final complexity O(nh<sup>2</sup>)



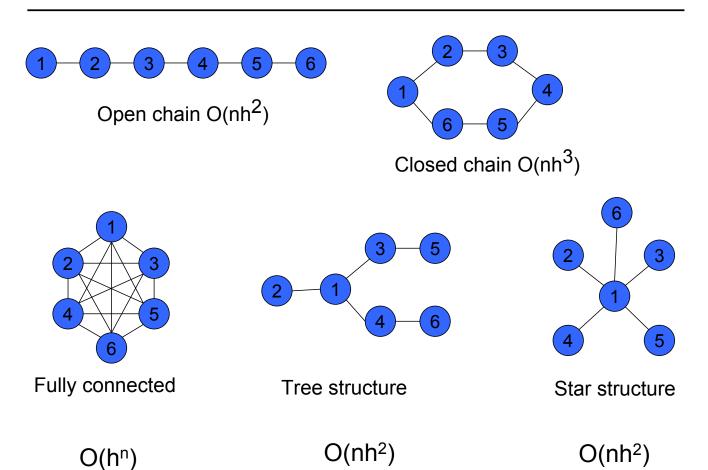
- order the nodes by their depth from the root, where d is max depth
- start with nodes at depth d-1, and compute best value for all (child) nodes at depth d, O(h<sup>2</sup>)
- decrease depth and repeat, O(n)
- final complexity O(nh<sup>2</sup>)

### Dynamic programming on graphs with loops

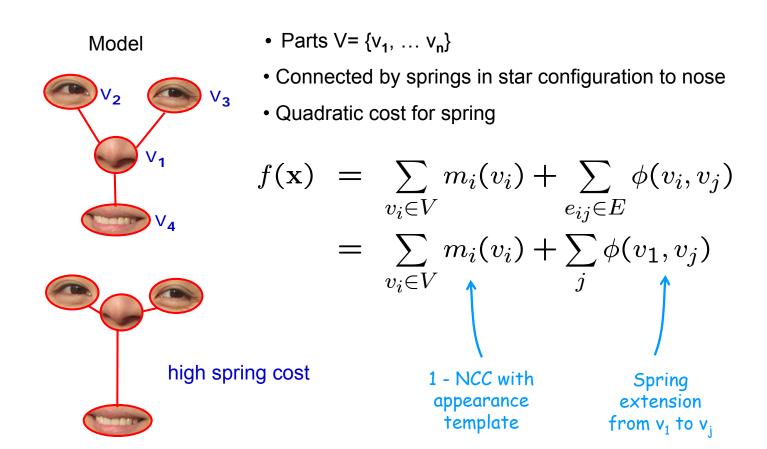


- · select one node and choose its value
- for the other nodes, the graph is then equivalent to an open chain and can be optimized with  $O(nh^2)$  complexity
- repeat for all values of the selected node and choose lowest overall cost from these
- final complexity O(nh<sup>3</sup>)

### Summary of different graph structures



## Application: facial feature detection in images

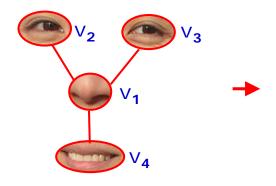


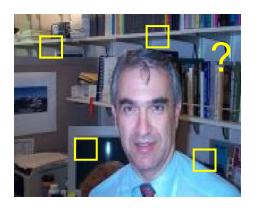
### Fitting the model to an image

Find the configuration with the lowest energy

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{v_i \in V} m_i(v_i) + \sum_j \phi_{1,j}(v_1, v_j)$$

Model



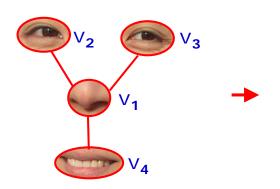


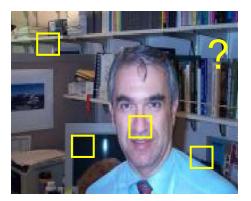
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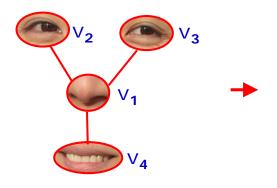
 $h = 10^6 n = 4$ 

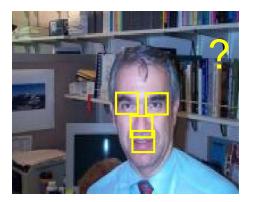
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$$O(h^n)$$
 vs  $O(nh^2)$ 

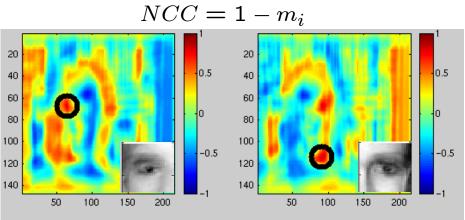
### Appearance templates and springs

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{v_i \in V} m_i(v_i) + \sum_j \phi(v_1, v_j)$$

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, y_1, \dots, x_4, y_4)^{\top}$$

Each  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$  ranges over h (x,y) positions in the image

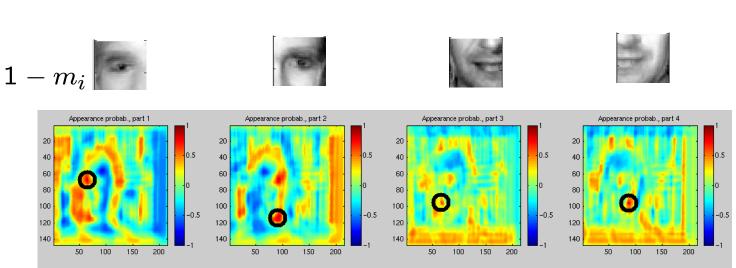




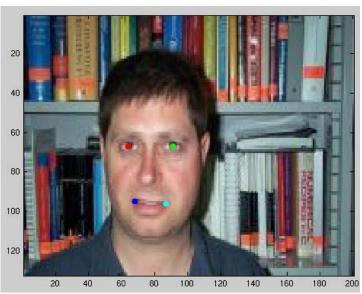
Requires pair wise terms for correct detection

#### Example





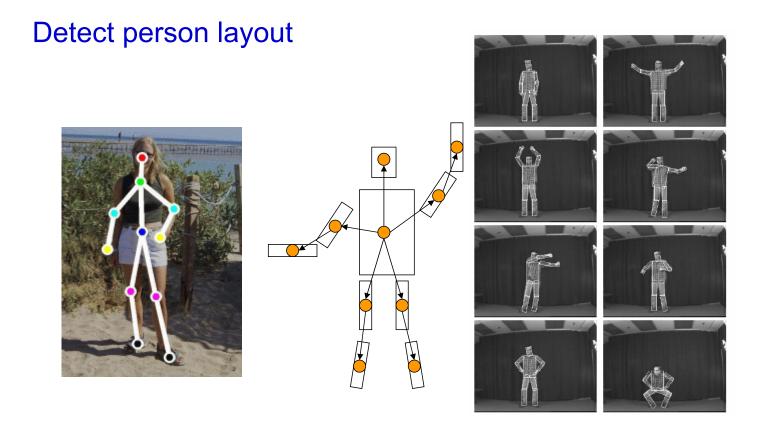




# Example

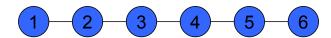


## Application of trees – computer vision example



# Message Passing

### Example: counting people in a queue



How to count the number of people in a queue?

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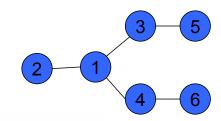
ask them all to shout out their names and count these

#### Method 2:

- person at either end sends "1" to their neighbour
- if a person receives a number from their neighbour, add one, and pass total to neighbour on other side
- when anyone receives a message from both sides, they can compute the length of the queue by adding both messages and one (for themselves)

### Counting vertices on a tree

How would the algorithm have to be modified to count vertices on a tree?



- Count your number of neighbours, N.
- Keep count of the number of messages you have received from your neighbours, m, and of the values v<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>, ..., v<sub>N</sub> of each of those messages. Let V be the running total of the messages you have received.
- 3. If the number of messages you have received, m, is equal to N-1, then identify the neighbour who has not sent you a message and tell them the number V+1.
- 4. If the number of messages you have received is equal to N, then:
  - (a) the number V + 1 is the required total.
  - (b) for each neighbour n {
    say to neighbour n the number  $V + 1 v_n$ .

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Complexity O(nh<sup>2</sup>)

## Message passing for Dynamic Programming

- nodes send messages to their neighbours
- messages are vectors of dimension h
- notation:  $m_{p\rightarrow q}^{t}$  is message sent from p to q at time t

 $m_{p\to q}^t(v_i)$ , i.e. the ith component of the vector, is low if vertex p "believes" that i is a good (low cost) solution for vertex q

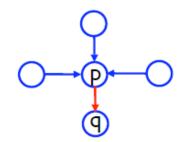
also known as Belief Propagation

## Viterbi Algorithm using Message Passing

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{v_p \in V} \psi_p(v_p) + \sum_{e_{pq} \in E} \phi(v_p, v_q)$$

#### Algorithm

- ullet Initialize  $m_{p
  ightarrow q}^t(v_q)=0$
- Repeat for each vertex



$$m_{p \to q}^{t}(v_q) = \min_{v_p} \{ \psi_p(v_p) + \phi(v_p, v_q) + \sum_{s \in \mathcal{N}(p) \setminus q} m_{s \to p}^{t-1}(v_p) \}$$

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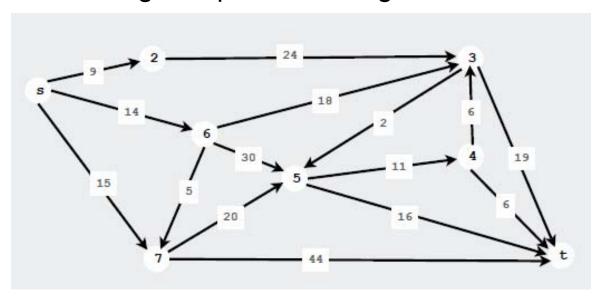
# **Shortest Path Algorithms**

### The Shortest Path Problem

Given: a weighted directed graph, with a single source s

Goal: Find the shortest path from s to t

Length of path =  $\Sigma$  Length of arcs



## **Application**



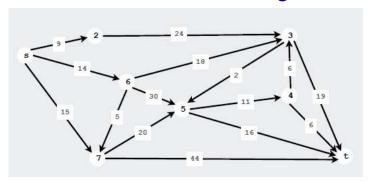
Minimize number of stops (lengths = 1)

Minimize amount of time (positive lengths)

## Dijkstra's Algorithm (1959)

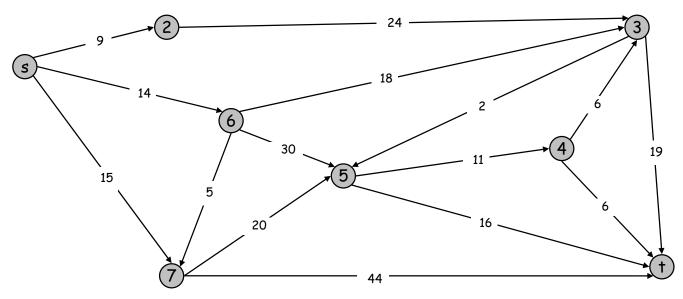
Given: a directed graph with non-negative edge costs, Find: the shortest path from s to every other vertex

- pick the unvisited vertex with the lowest distance to s
- calculate the distance through it to each unvisited neighbour, and update the neighbour's distance if smaller
- mark vertex as visited once all neighbours explored

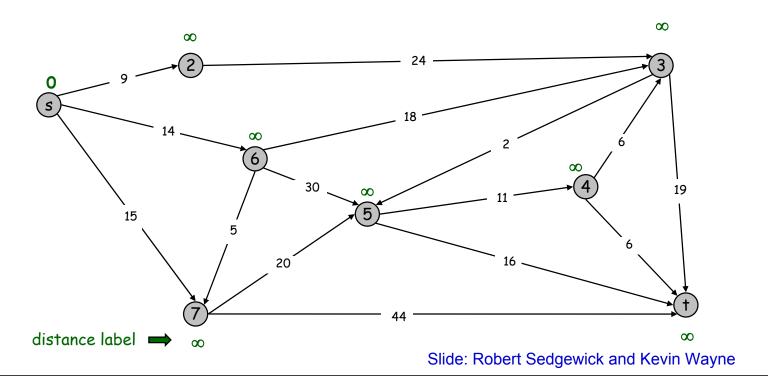


## Example: Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

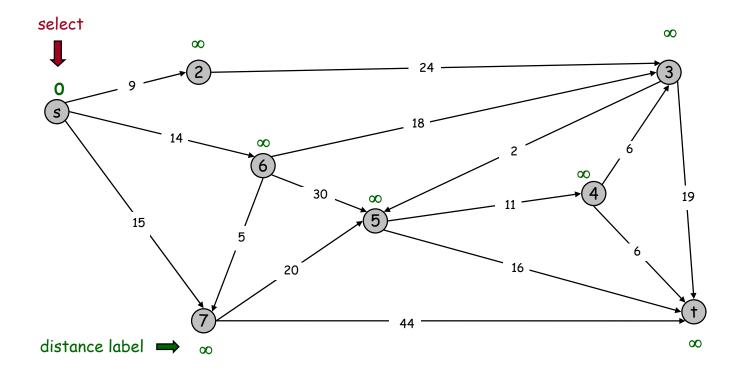
Find shortest path from s to t.



Slide: Robert Sedgewick and Kevin Wayne



### Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm



compute distance through vertex to each unvisited neighbour, and update with min if smaller

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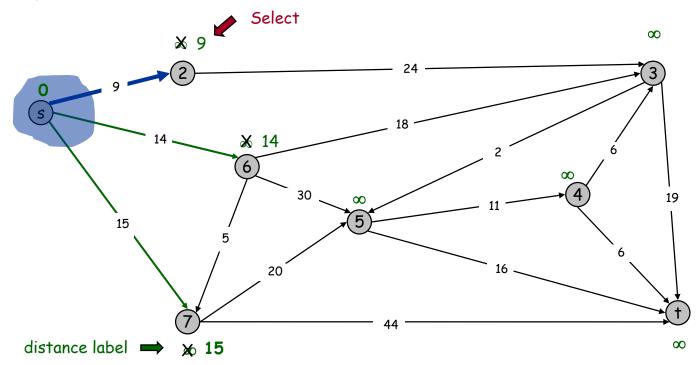
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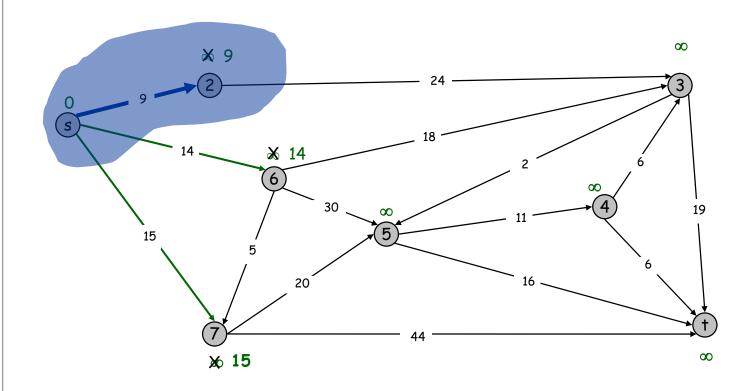
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distance label

### Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

pick the unvisited vertex with the lowest distance to s





### Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

compute distance through vertex to each unvisited neighbour, and update with min if smaller

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decrease

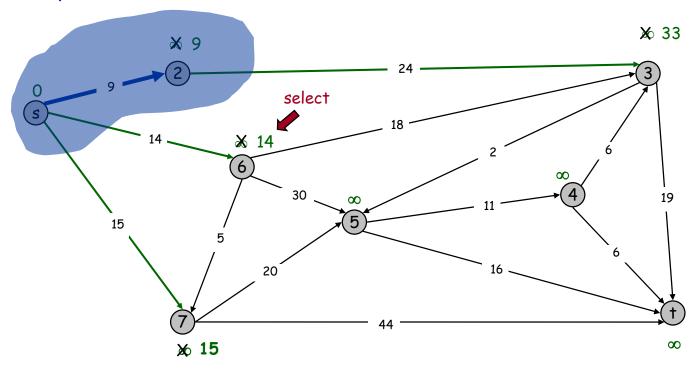
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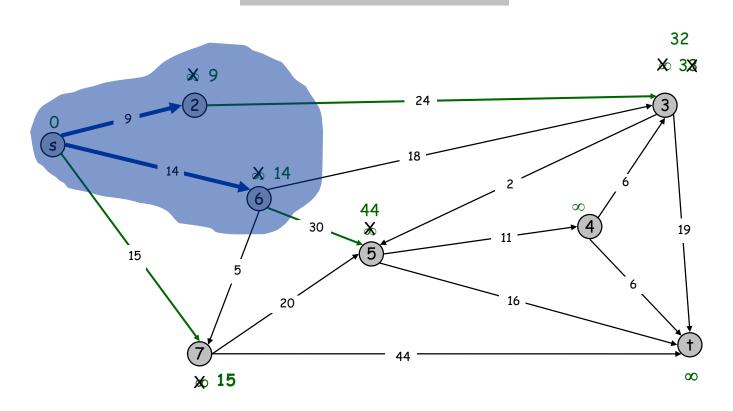
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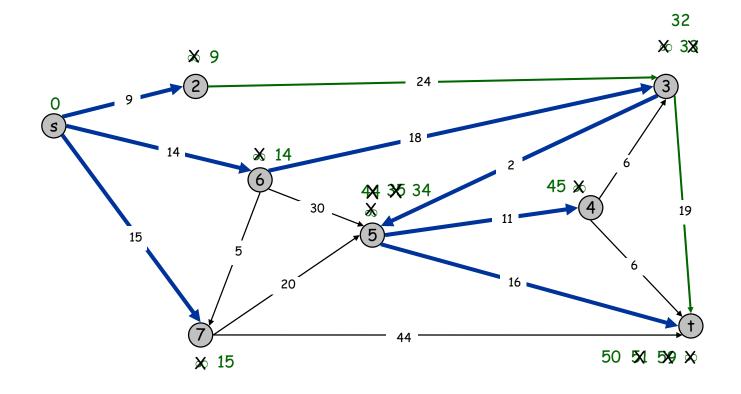
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### Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm



#### Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm - solution



## Applications of shortest path algorithms:

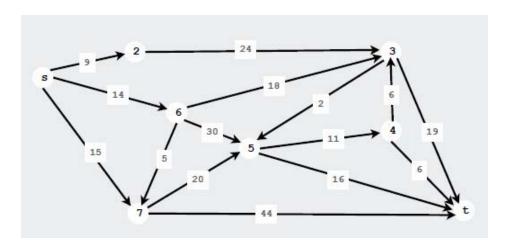
- plotting routes on Google maps
- robot path planning
- urban traffic planning (e.g. through congestion/road works)
- routing of communications messages
- and many more ...

## Shortest path using linear programming

Given: a weighted directed graph, with a single source s

Distance from s to v: length of the shortest part from s to v

Goal: Find distance (and shortest path) to every vertex



### More ...

#### Applications:

- Snakes in computer vision: dynamic programming on a closed or open chain
- Detecting human limb layout in images: dynamic programming on trees
- David Mackay's book for message passing
- More on web page:
  - http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~az/lectures/opt