

# THE GRAPH

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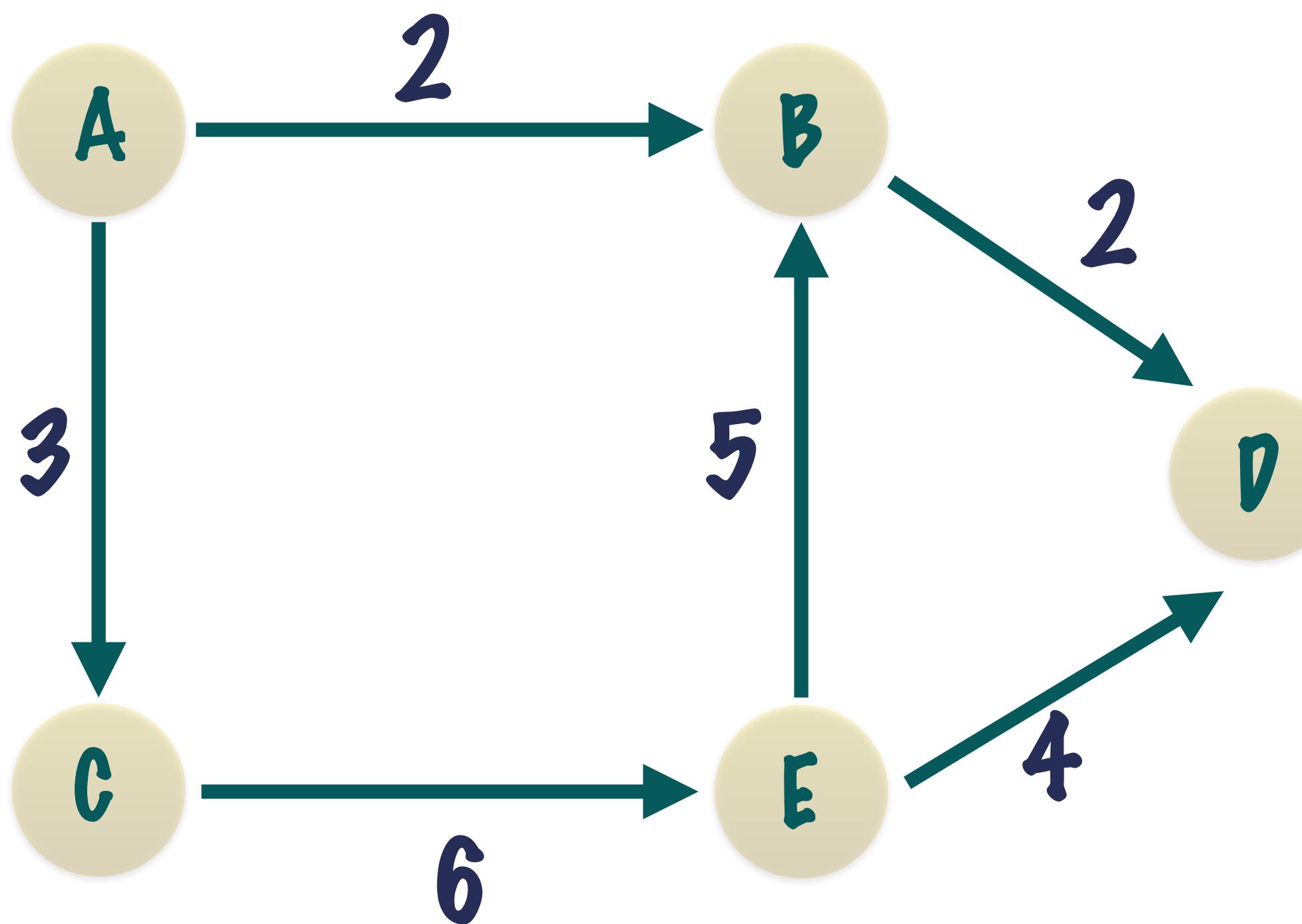
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THIS EDGE HAS A WEIGHT OF 2!

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THESE WEIGHTS CAN REPRESENT ANYTHING!

IF IT WERE A MAP, THESE WEIGHTS COULD REPRESENT TIME TAKEN OR DISTANCE OR TRAFFIC CONDITIONS BETWEEN ANY TWO POINTS!

# THE GRAPH SHORTEST PATH ALGORITHMS SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

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THE ALGORITHM HERE IS  
QUITE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE  
HAVE DISCUSSED BEFORE IN  
FINDING THE SHORTEST PATH  
IN AN UNWEIGHTED GRAPH

THERE ARE 3 MAJOR  
DIFFERENCES!

FINDING THE SHORTEST PATH IN  
A WEIGHTED GRAPH IS CALLED  
DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM!

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

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WE STILL USE THE DISTANCE TABLE TO STORE INFORMATION

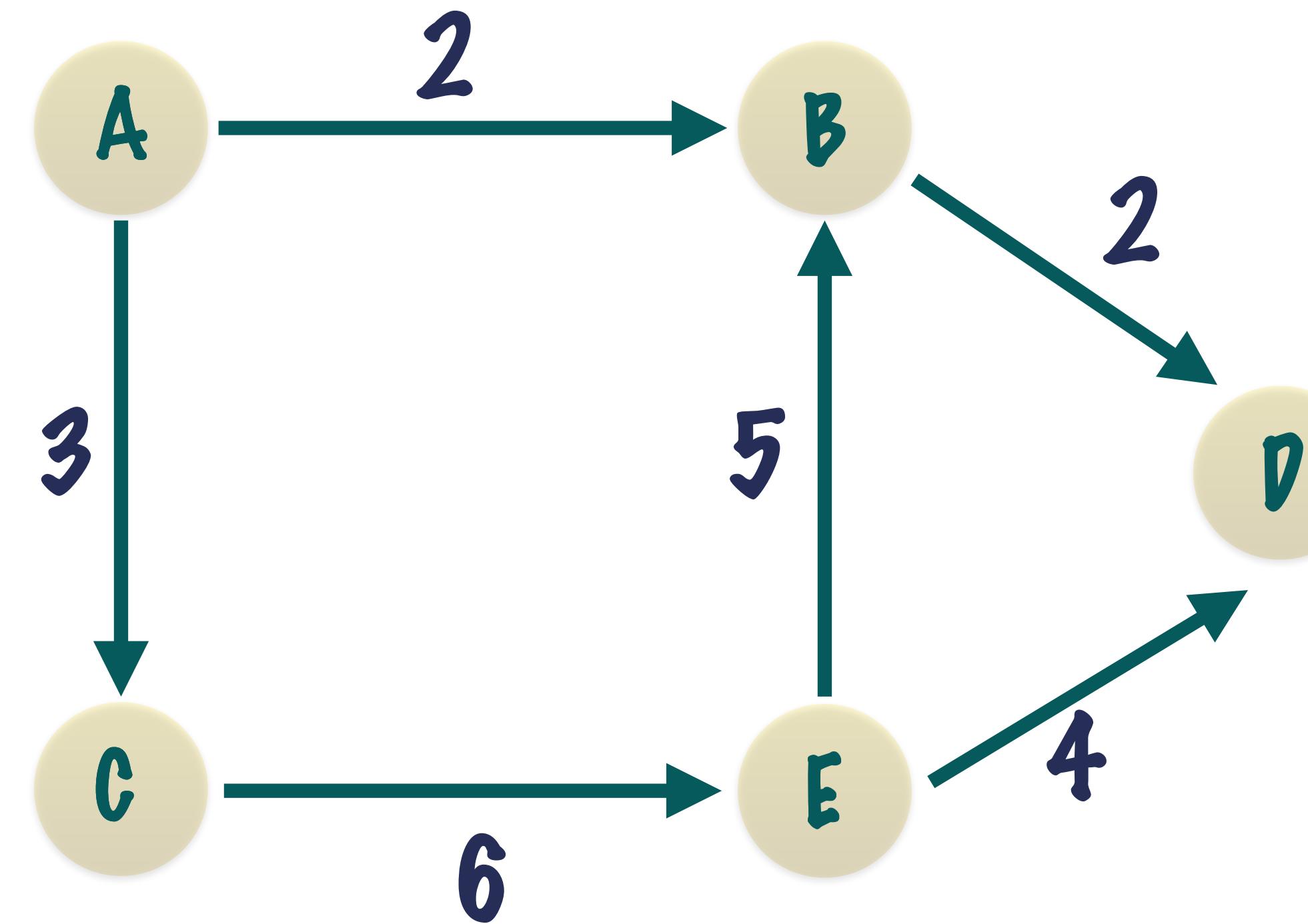
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NOW HAS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE  
**WEIGHT OF THE EDGES TRAVERSED**

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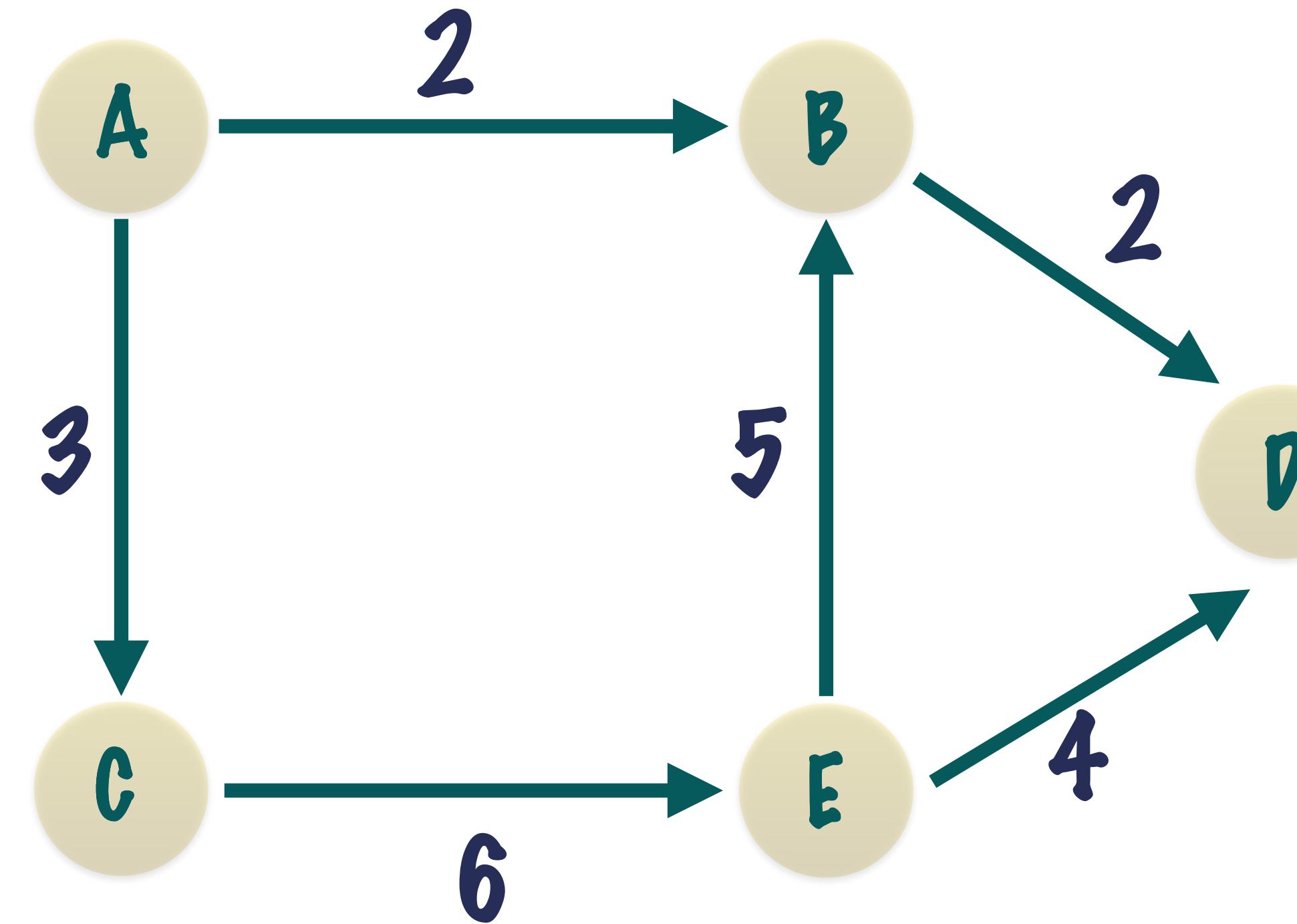
# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



DISTANCE FROM A TO B?

A -> B      2

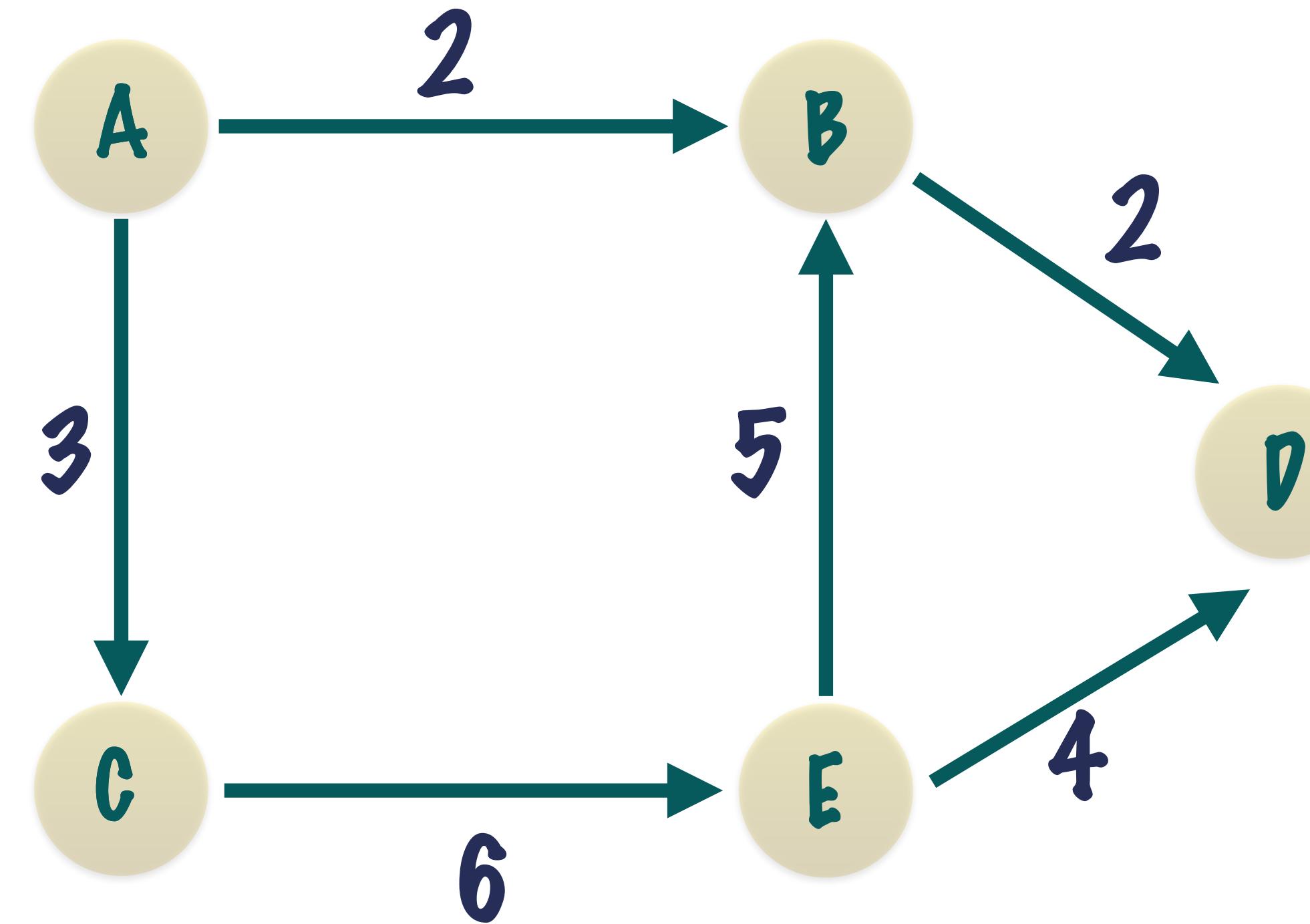
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DISTANCE FROM A TO D?

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$        $2 + 2 = 4$

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



DISTANCE FROM A TO D -  
DIFFERENT ROUTE?

$A \rightarrow C \rightarrow E \rightarrow D$

$$3 + 6 + 4 = 13$$

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EACH VERTEX HAS NEIGHBOURS

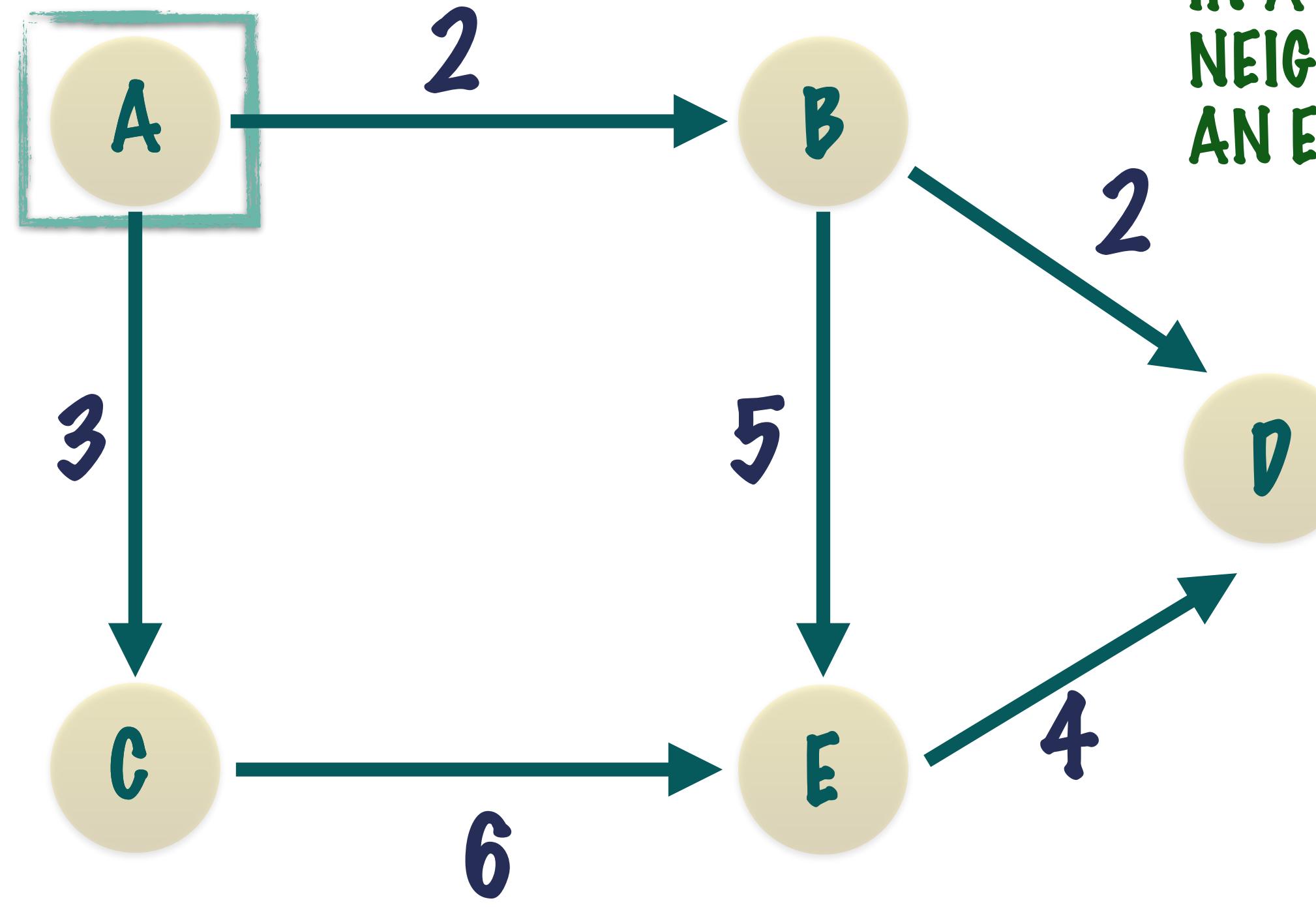
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IN A WEIGHTED GRAPH - VISIT THE  
NEIGHBOUR WHICH IS CONNECTED  
BY AN EDGE WITH THE **LOWEST  
WEIGHT**

USE A **PRIORITY QUEUE** TO IMPLEMENT THIS

TO GET THE NEXT VERTEX IN  
THE PATH POP THE ELEMENT  
WITH THE **LOWEST WEIGHT!**

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



IN A WEIGHTED GRAPH - VISIT THE NEIGHBOUR WHICH IS CONNECTED BY AN EDGE WITH THE **LOWEST WEIGHT**

$2 < 3$

SOURCE: A DESTINATION: D

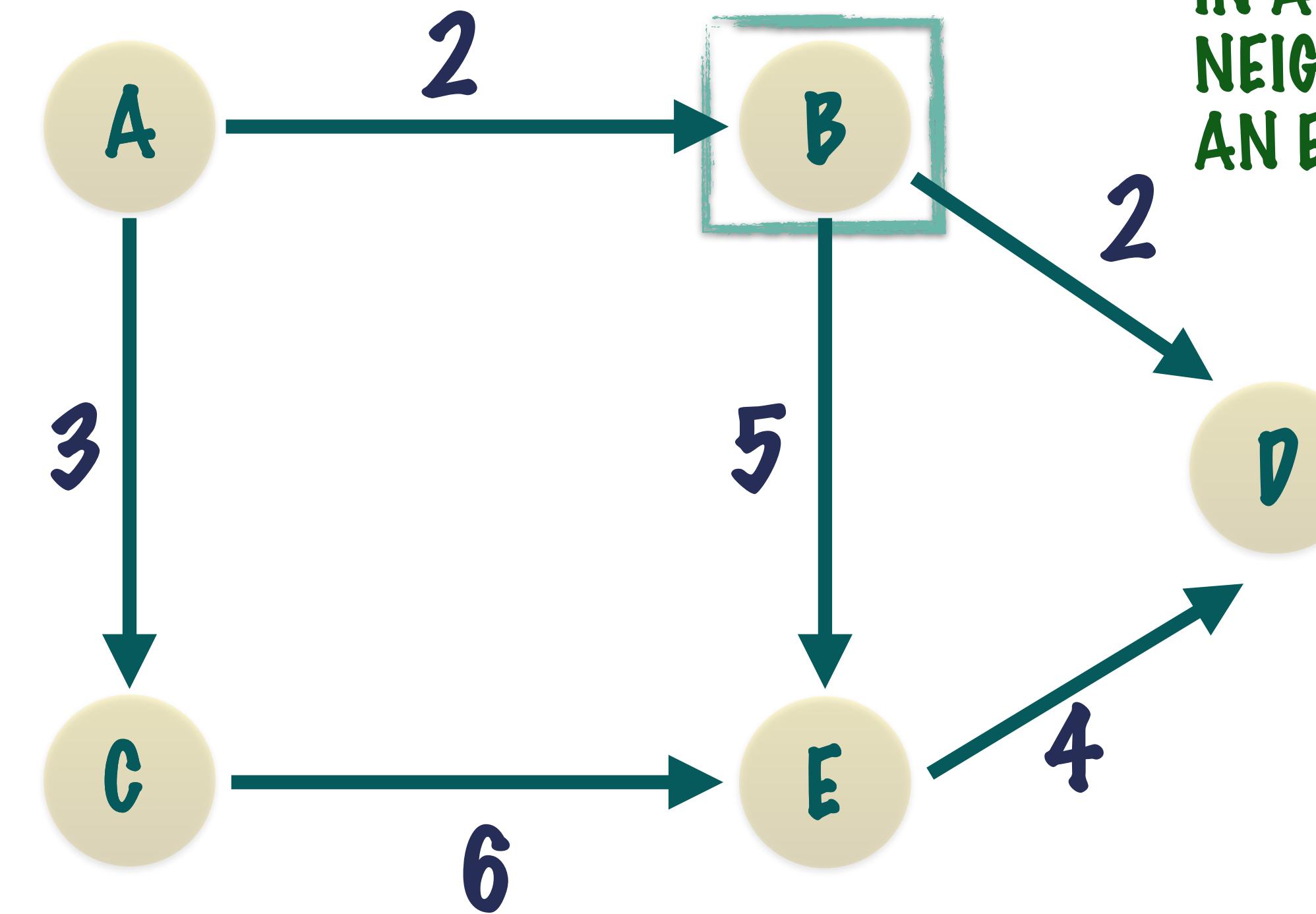
START AT NODE A

THE NEXT NODE IS?

C OR B?

B

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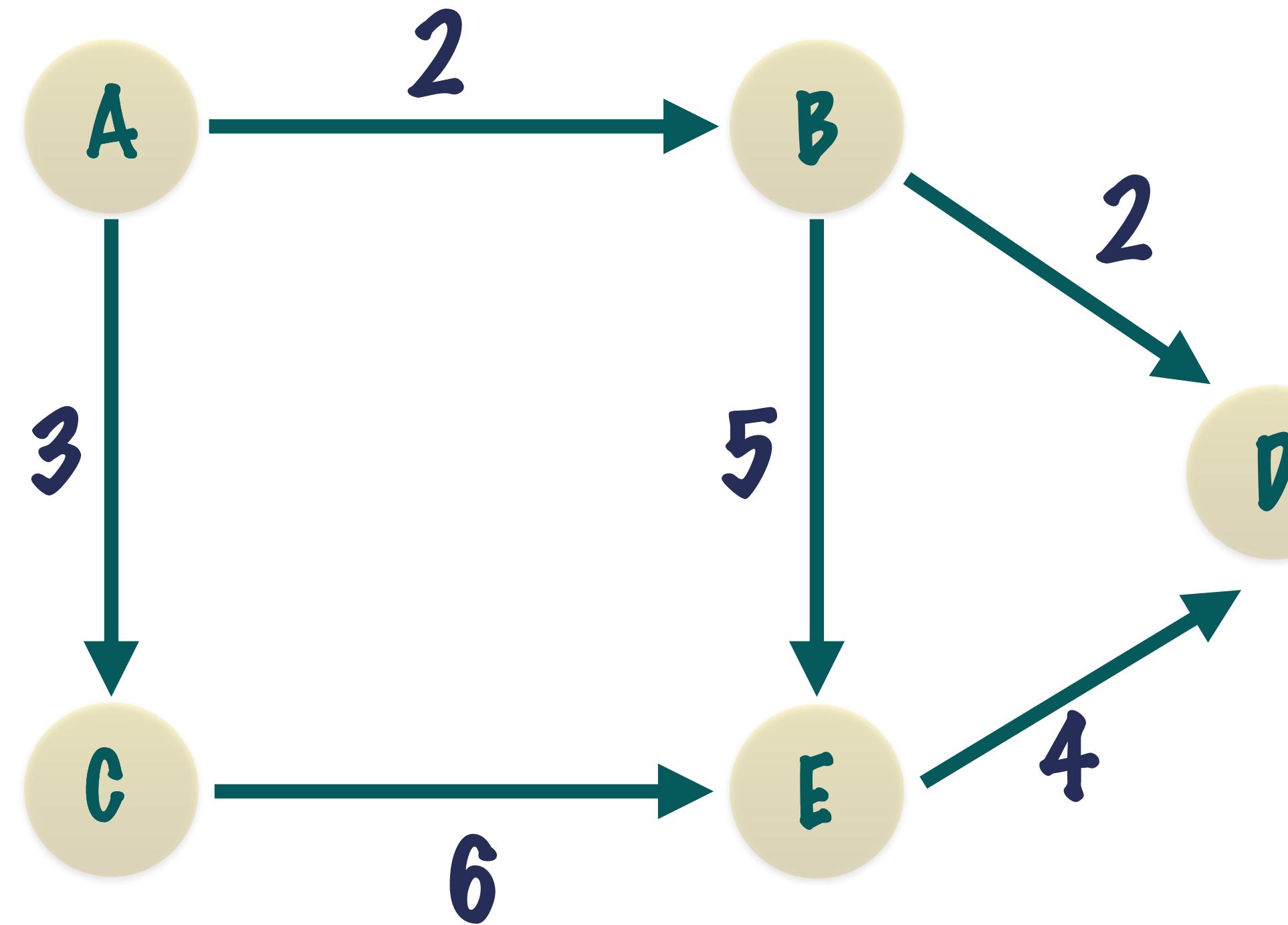
$2 < 5$

SOURCE: A DESTINATION: D  
NOW AT NODE B  
THE NEXT NODE IS?

E OR D?

D

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



IN A WEIGHTED GRAPH - VISIT THE NEIGHBOUR WHICH IS CONNECTED BY AN EDGE WITH THE LOWEST WEIGHT

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ERR... WHAT IS A GREEDY ALGORITHM?

A GREEDY ALGORITHM BUILDS UP A  
SOLUTION STEP BY STEP

A EVERY STEP IT ONLY OPTIMIZES  
FOR THAT PARTICULAR STEP - IT  
DOES NOT LOOK AT THE OVERALL  
PROBLEM

IT ONLY CONSIDERS THE MOST  
OBVIOUS BENEFIT OF CHOOSING THE  
BEST POSSIBLE NEXT STEP

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GREEDY ALGORITHMS OFTEN FAIL TO  
FIND THE BEST SOLUTION

THEY DO NOT OPERATE ON ALL THE  
DATA SO THEY MAY NOT SEE THE BIG  
PICTURE

GREEDY ALGORITHMS ARE USED FOR  
OPTIMIZATION PROBLEMS

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MANY ALGORITHMS HAVE GREEDY  
SOLUTIONS

GREEDY SOLUTIONS ARE ESPECIALLY  
USEFUL TO FIND APPROXIMATE  
SOLUTIONS TO VERY HARD PROBLEMS  
WHICH ARE CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE TO  
SOLVE (TECHNICAL TERM NP HARD)

E.G. THE TRAVELING SALESMAN PROBLEM

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

THERE ARE 3 MAJOR DIFFERENCES!

3

IT'S POSSIBLE TO VISIT A VERTEX MORE THAN ONCE!

WE CHECK WHETHER NEW DISTANCE (VIA THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE) IS SMALLER THAN OLD DISTANCE

NEW DISTANCE = DISTANCE [VERTEX] + WEIGHT OF EDGE [VERTEX, NEIGHBOUR]

IF NEW DISTANCE < ORIGINAL DISTANCE [NEIGHBOUR]

UPDATE THE DISTANCE TABLE

PUT THE VERTEX IN QUEUE (ONCE AGAIN)!

RELAXATION

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

SOURCE: A DESTINATION: E

LET'S SAY WE HAVE ONE  
PATH TO E = A->C->E

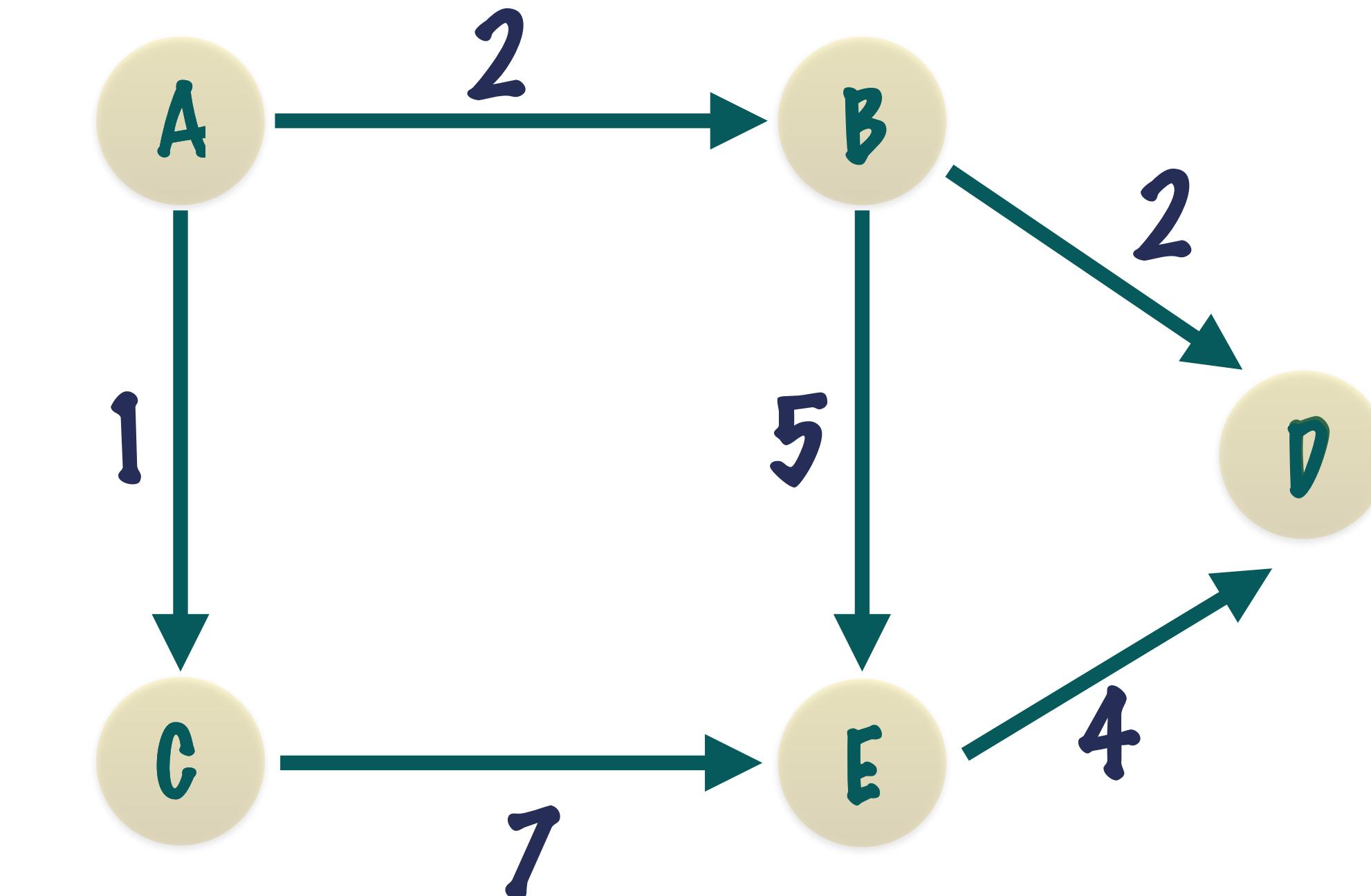
CURRENT DISTANCE OF E =

$$1 + 7 = 8$$

LET'S SAY WE GET TO E  
AGAIN= A->B->E

NEW DISTANCE OF E =  
 $2 + 5 = 7$

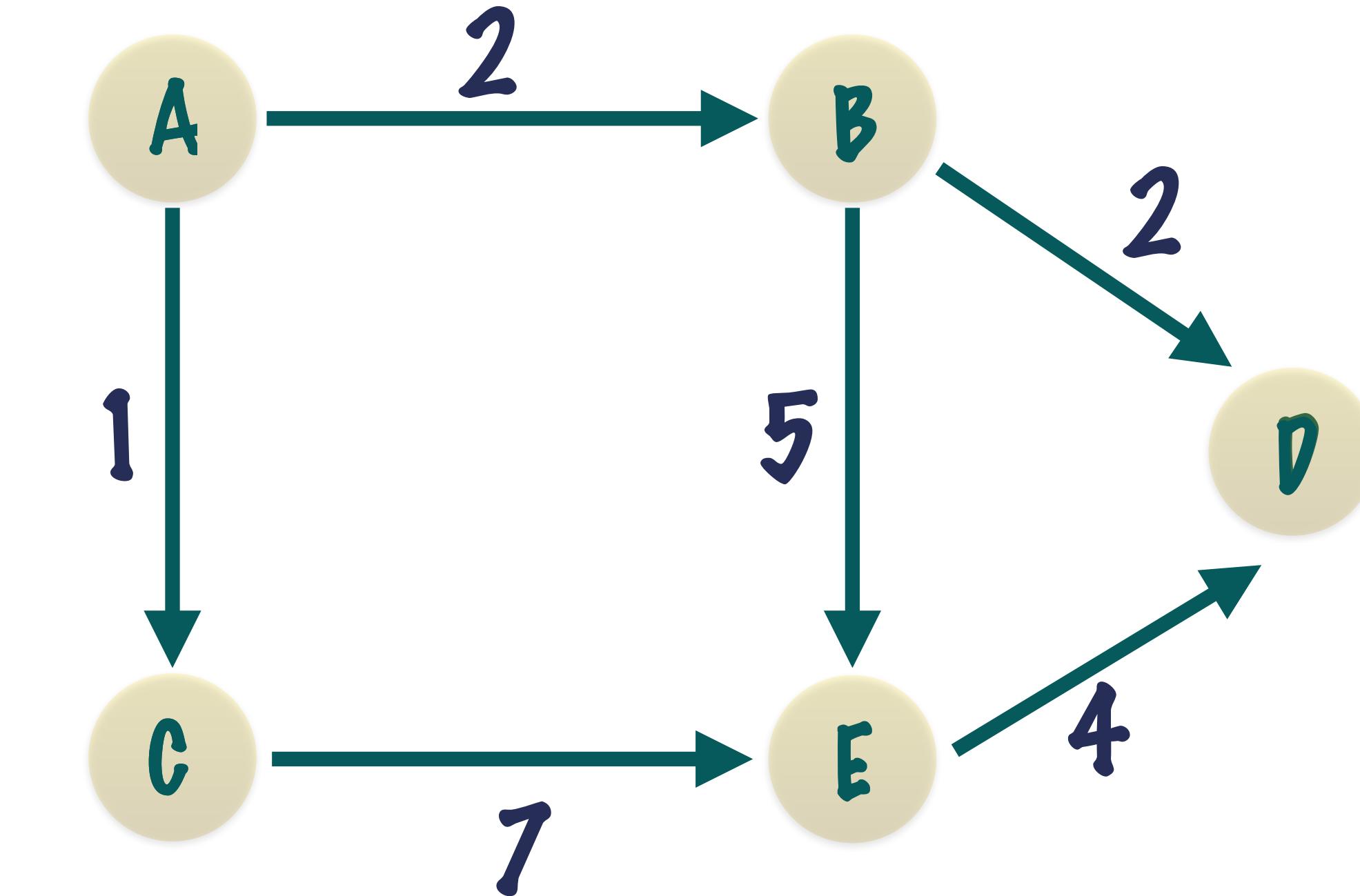
$$7 < 8$$



REWRITE THE DISTANCE AND PATH TO E

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

REWRITE THE  
DISTANCE AND  
PATH TO E



THIS PROCESS IS CALLED RELAXATION!

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

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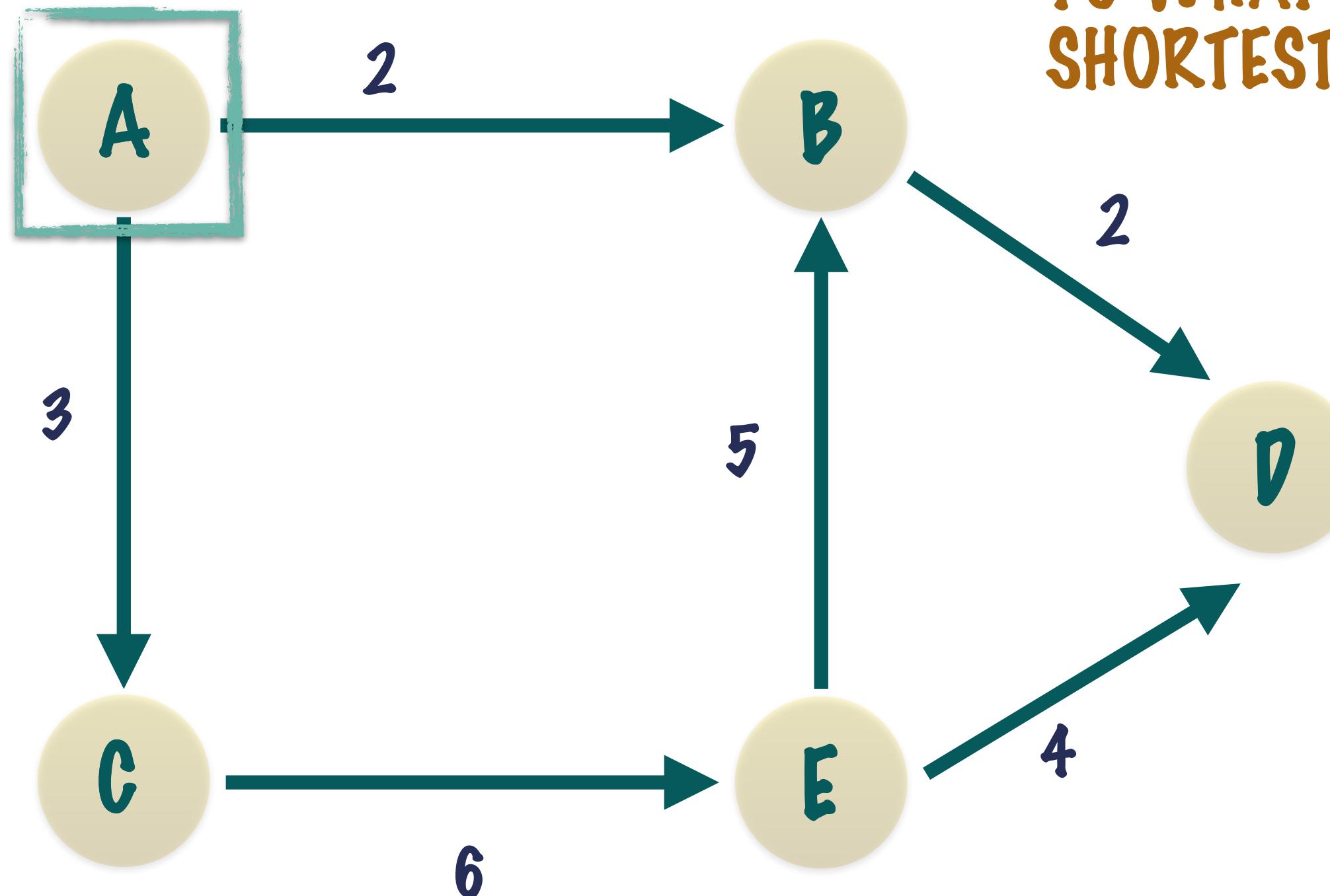
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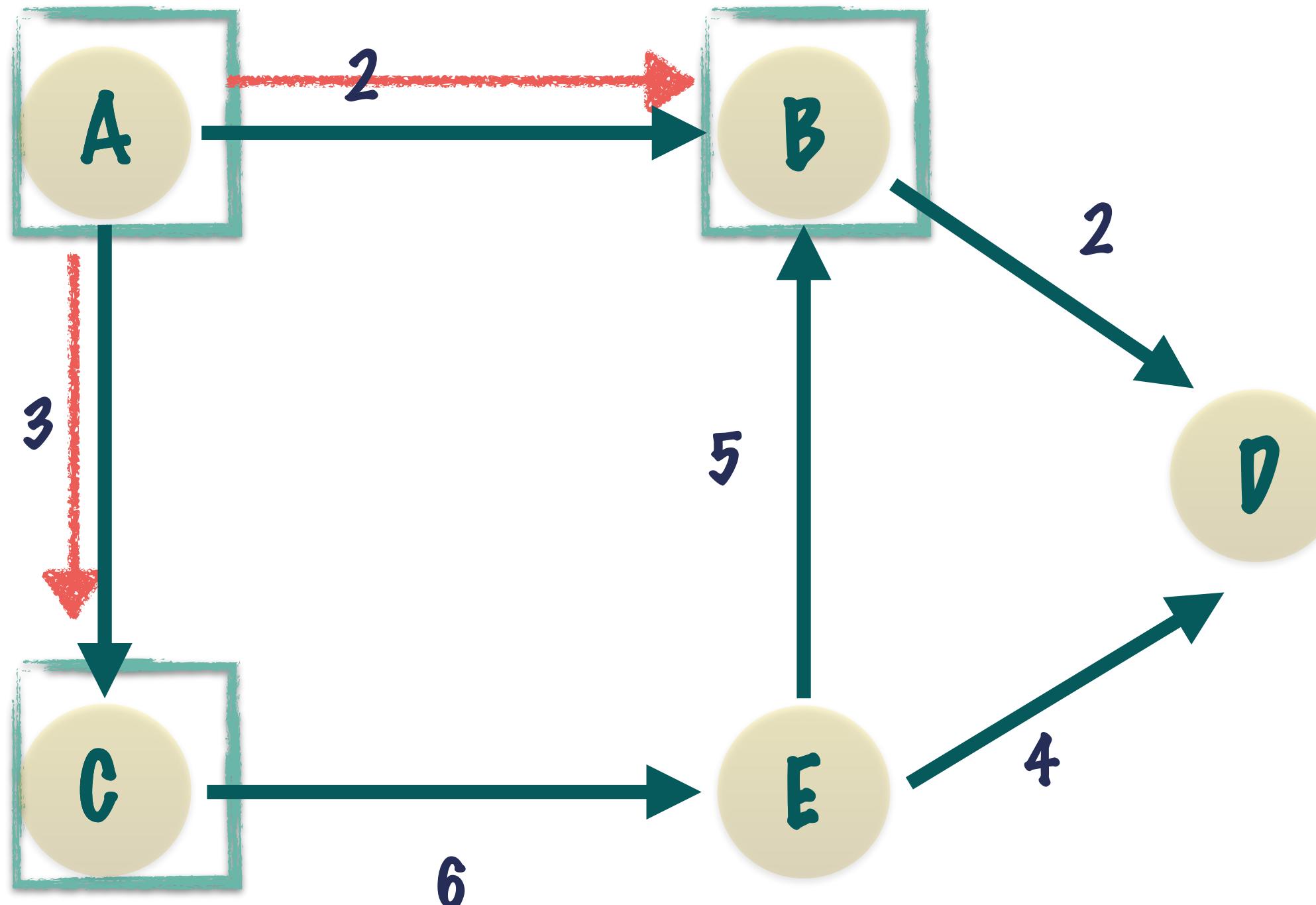
WE INITIALISE OUR DISTANCE TABLE AS FOLLOWS

THE ALGORITHM HERE IS QUITE SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED BEFORE IN SHORTEST PATH IN UNWEIGHTED GRAPH

LET 'A' BE THE SOURCE VERTEX!

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	INF	
C	INF	
D	INF	
E	INF	

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

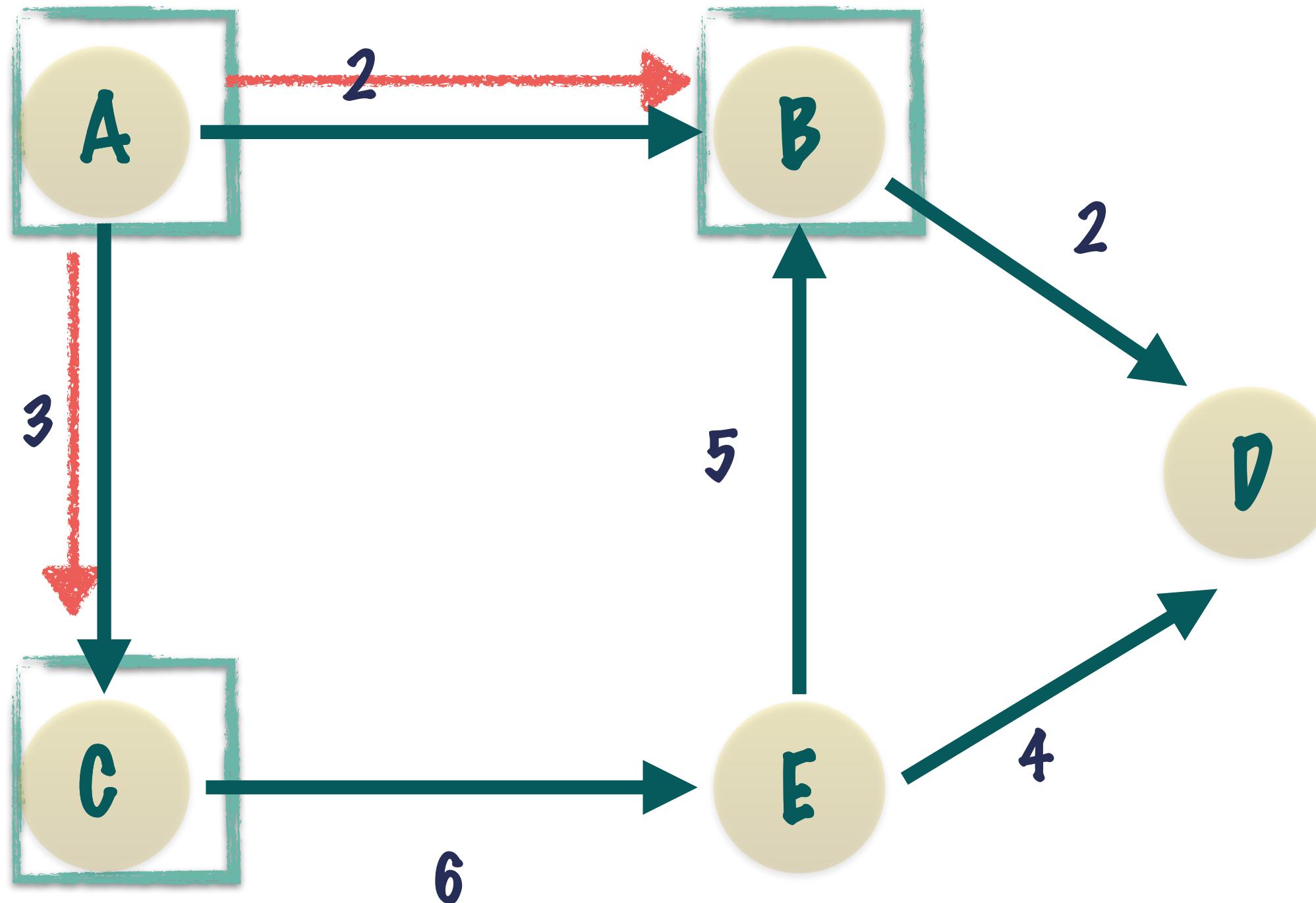


LET 'A' BE THE SOURCE VERTEX!

UPDATE THE DISTANCE TABLE WITH THE DISTANCE TO B AND C FROM A

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	INF	
E	INF	

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



PUT B AND C ALONG WITH THEIR DISTANCE IN THE PRIORITY QUEUE!

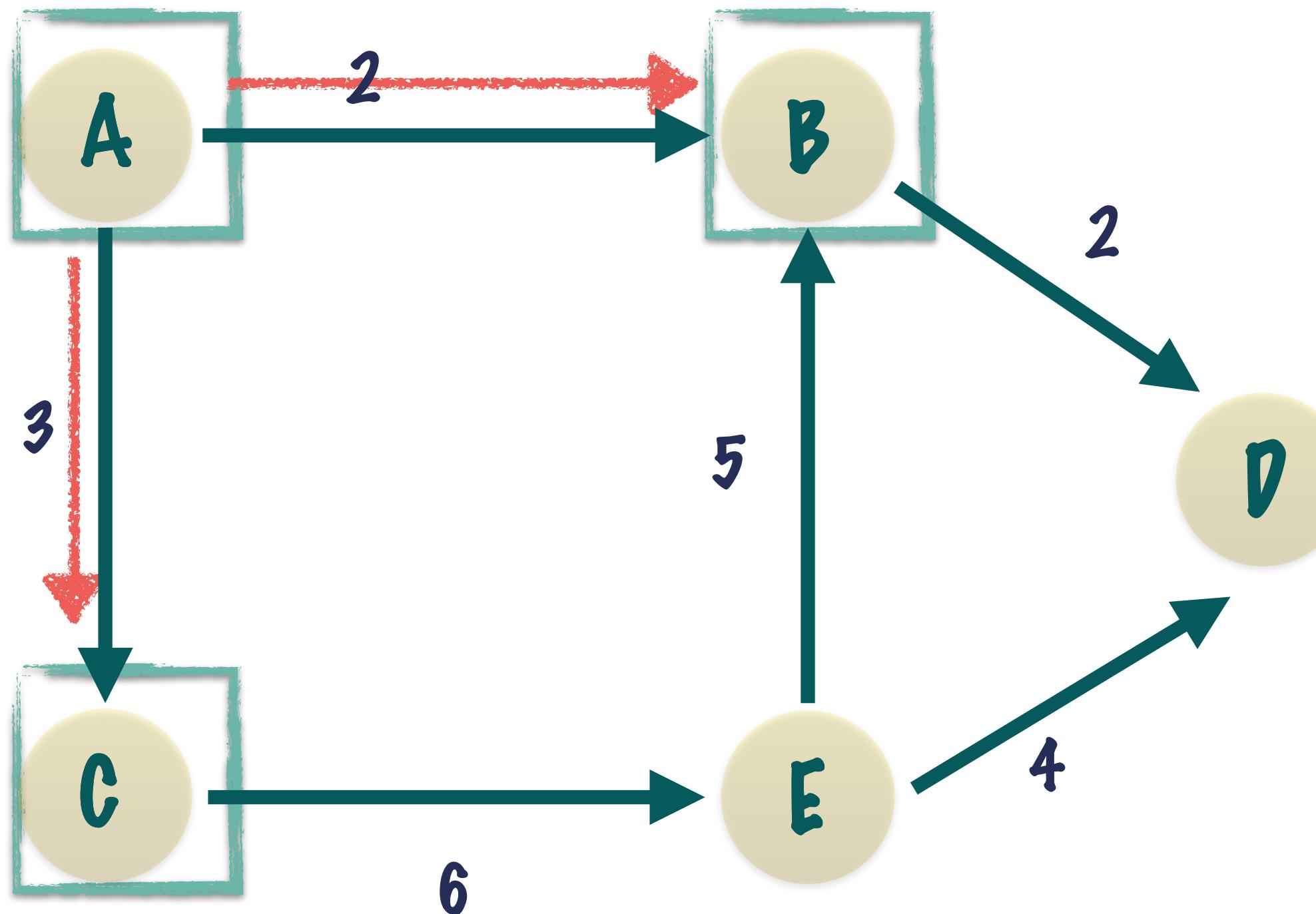
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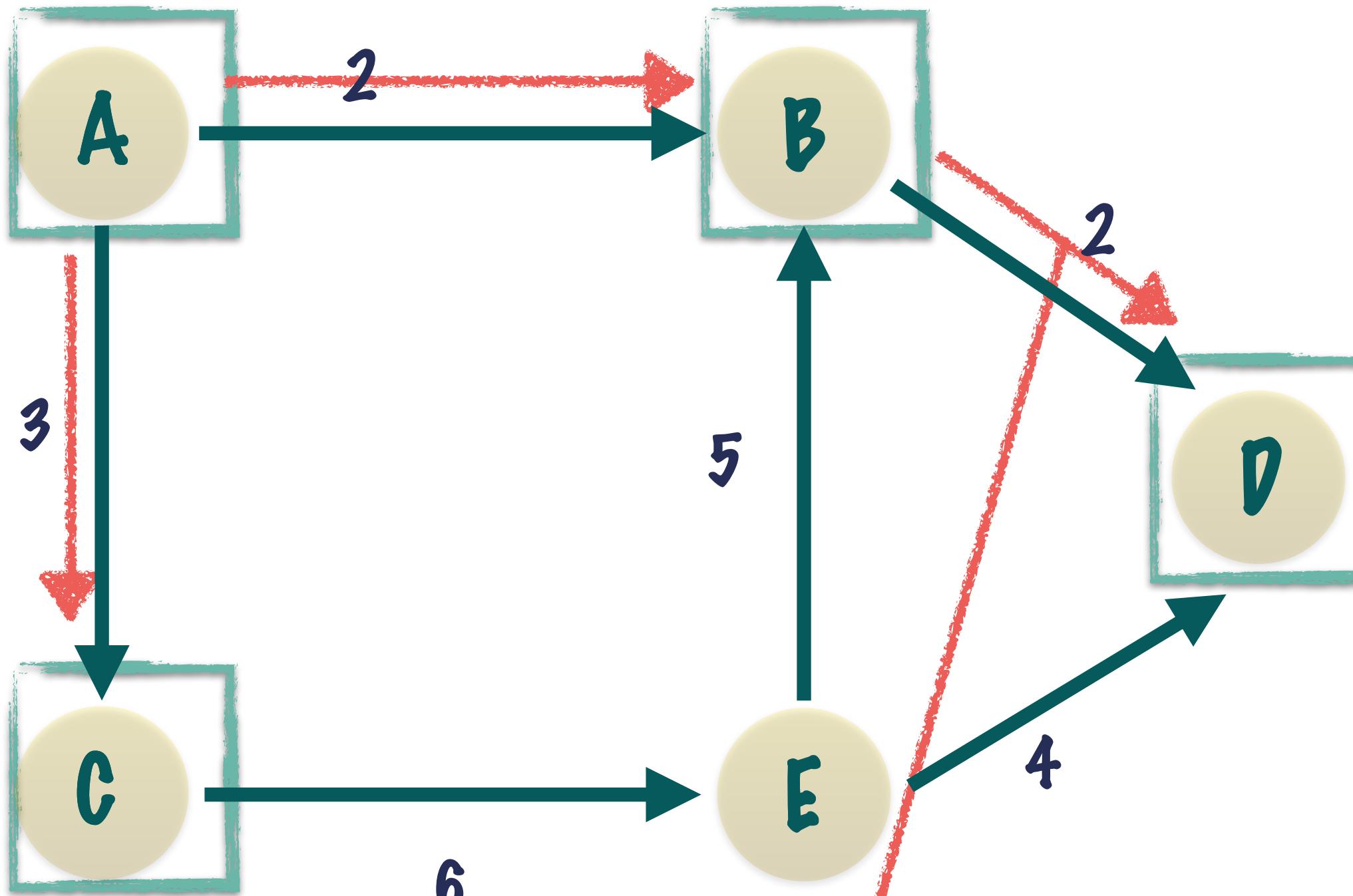


PROCESS B FROM THE  
PRIORITY QUEUE AS IT  
HAS THE SHORTER  
DISTANCE

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	INF	
E	INF	

B	2
C	3

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



DISTANCE [D] =  
DISTANCE [B] + WEIGHT OF EDGE VERTEX[B, D]

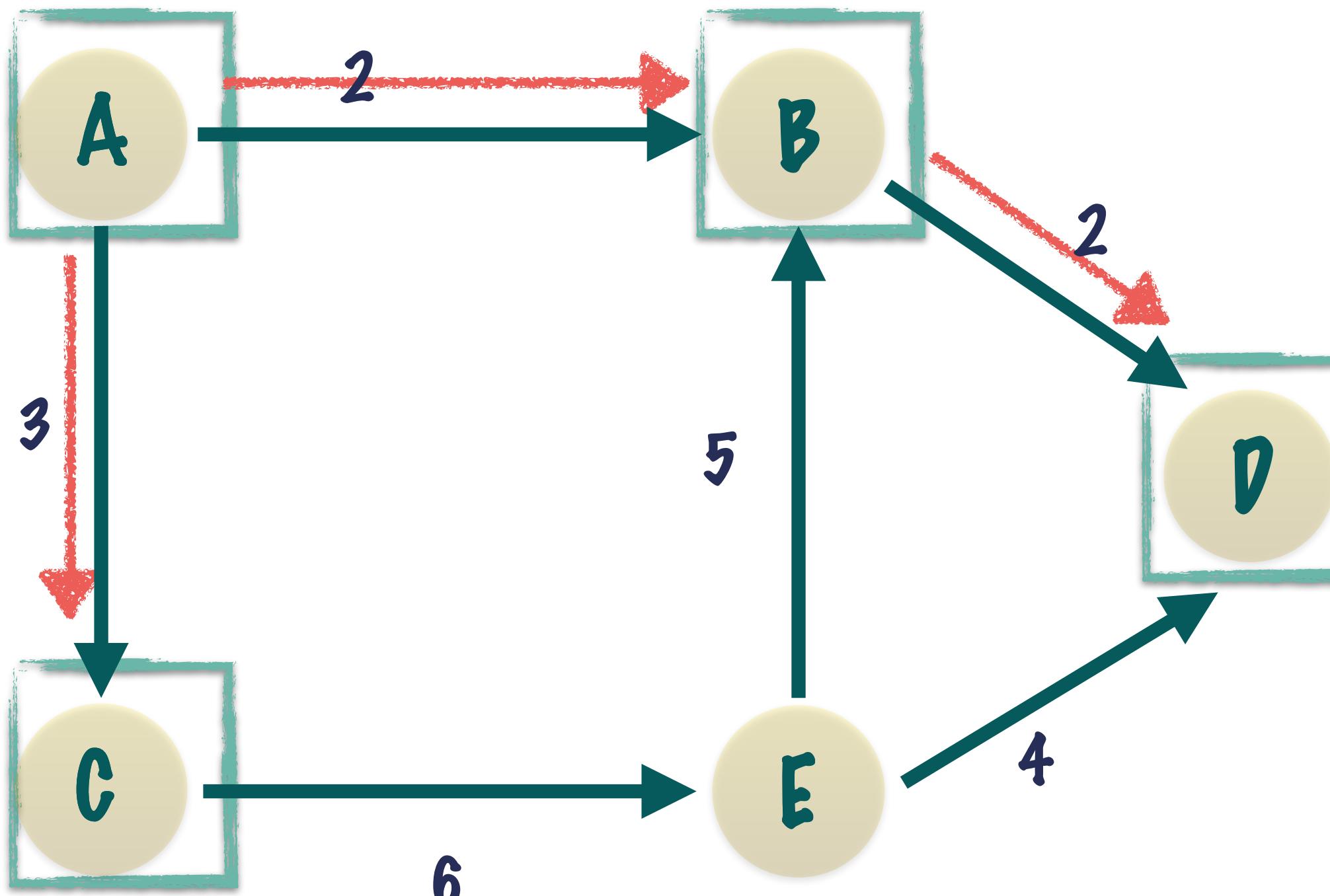
$$\text{DISTANCE } [D] = 2 + 2 = 4$$

NEIGHBOURS OF B!

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	4	B
E	INF	

C 3

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



NOW NEXT PUT D IN PRIORITY  
QUEUE

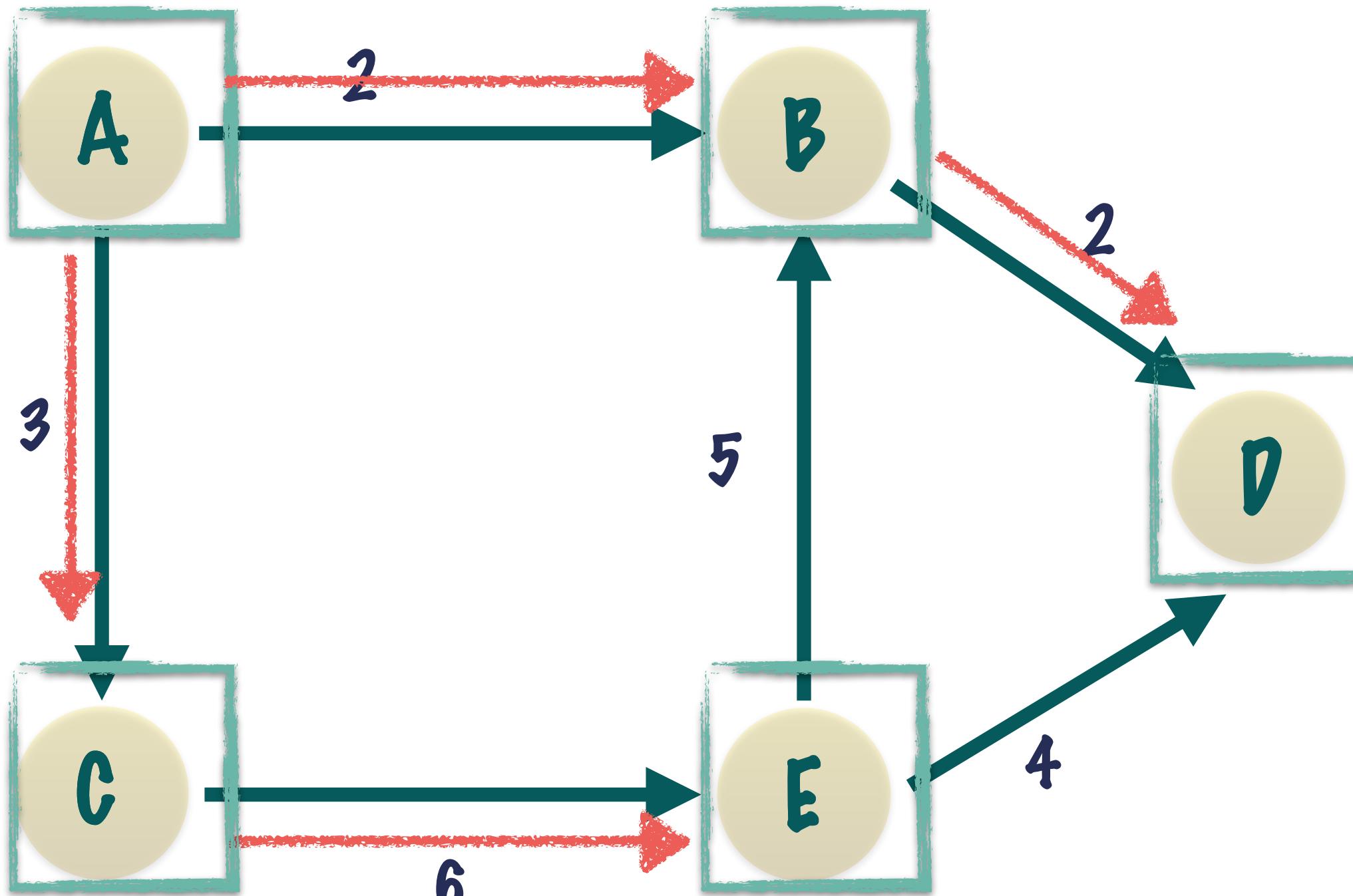
PROCESS C - IT HAS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	4	B
E	INF	

C	3
D	4

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

D 4



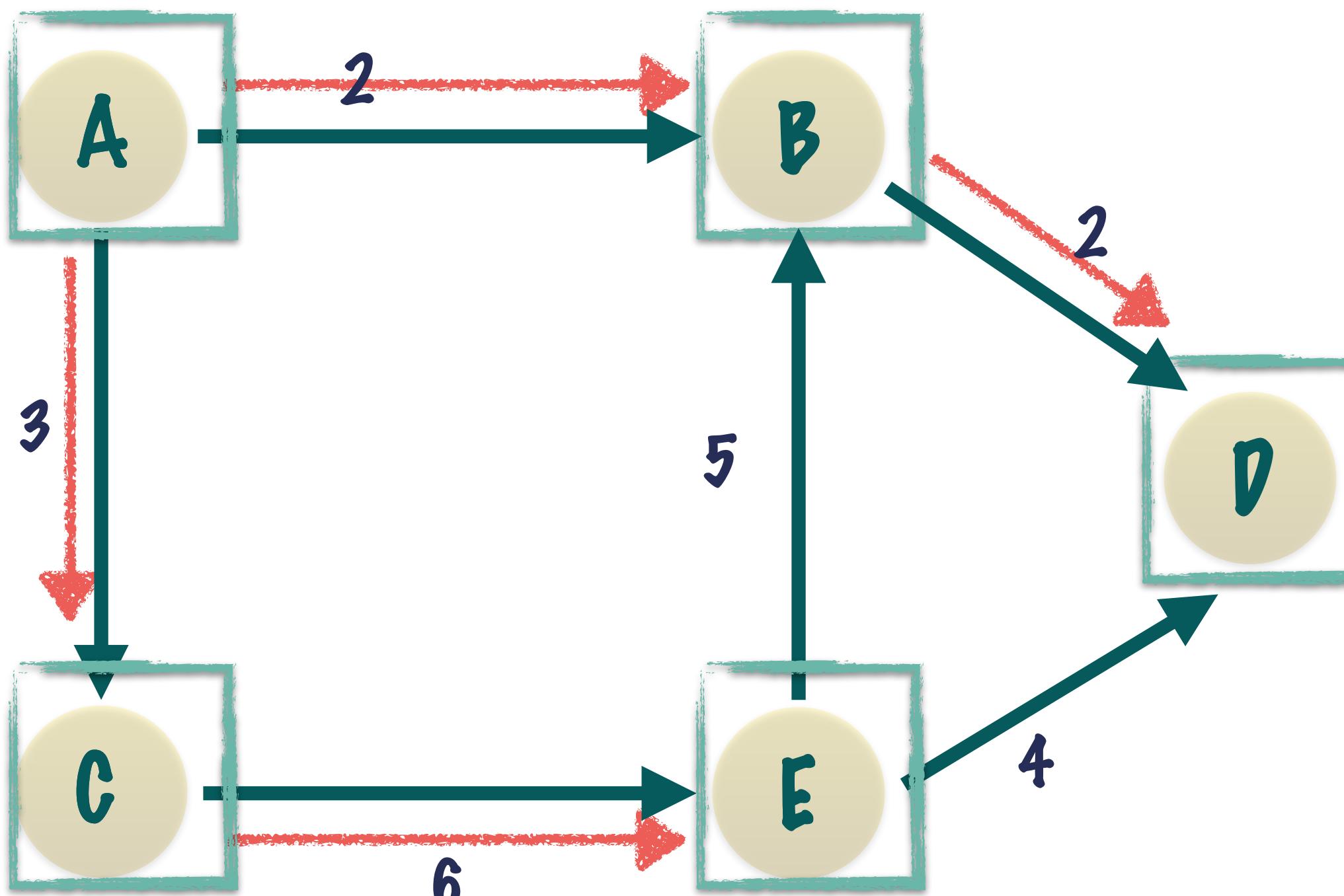
$$\text{DISTANCE}[E] = \text{DISTANCE}[C] + \text{WEIGHT OF EDGE VERTEX[C, E]}$$

$$\text{DISTANCE}[E] = 3 + 6 = 9$$

CONSIDER NEIGHBOURS OF C!

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	4	B
E	9	C

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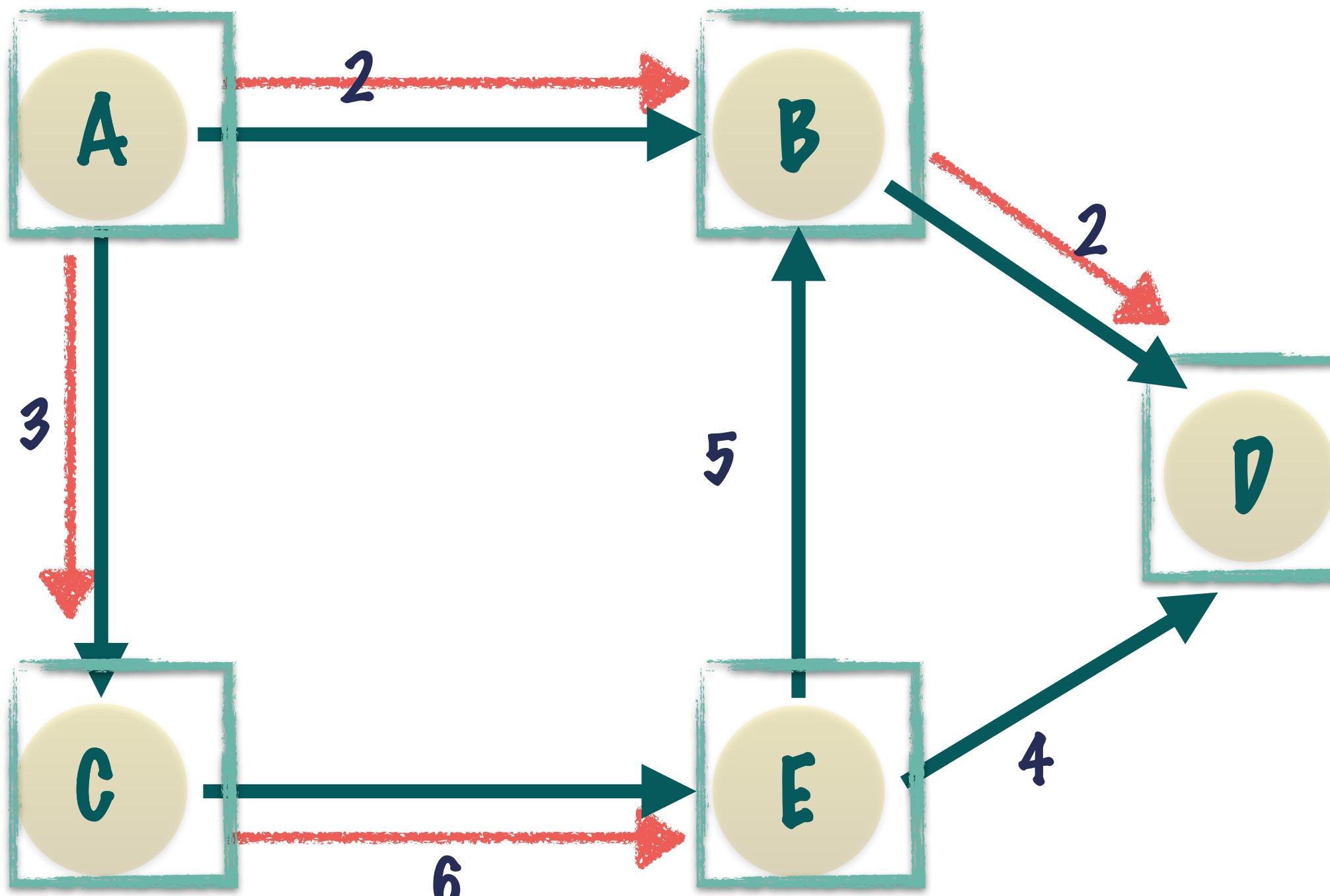
NOW NEXT PUT E IN PRIORITY QUEUE

PROCESS D - IT HAS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE

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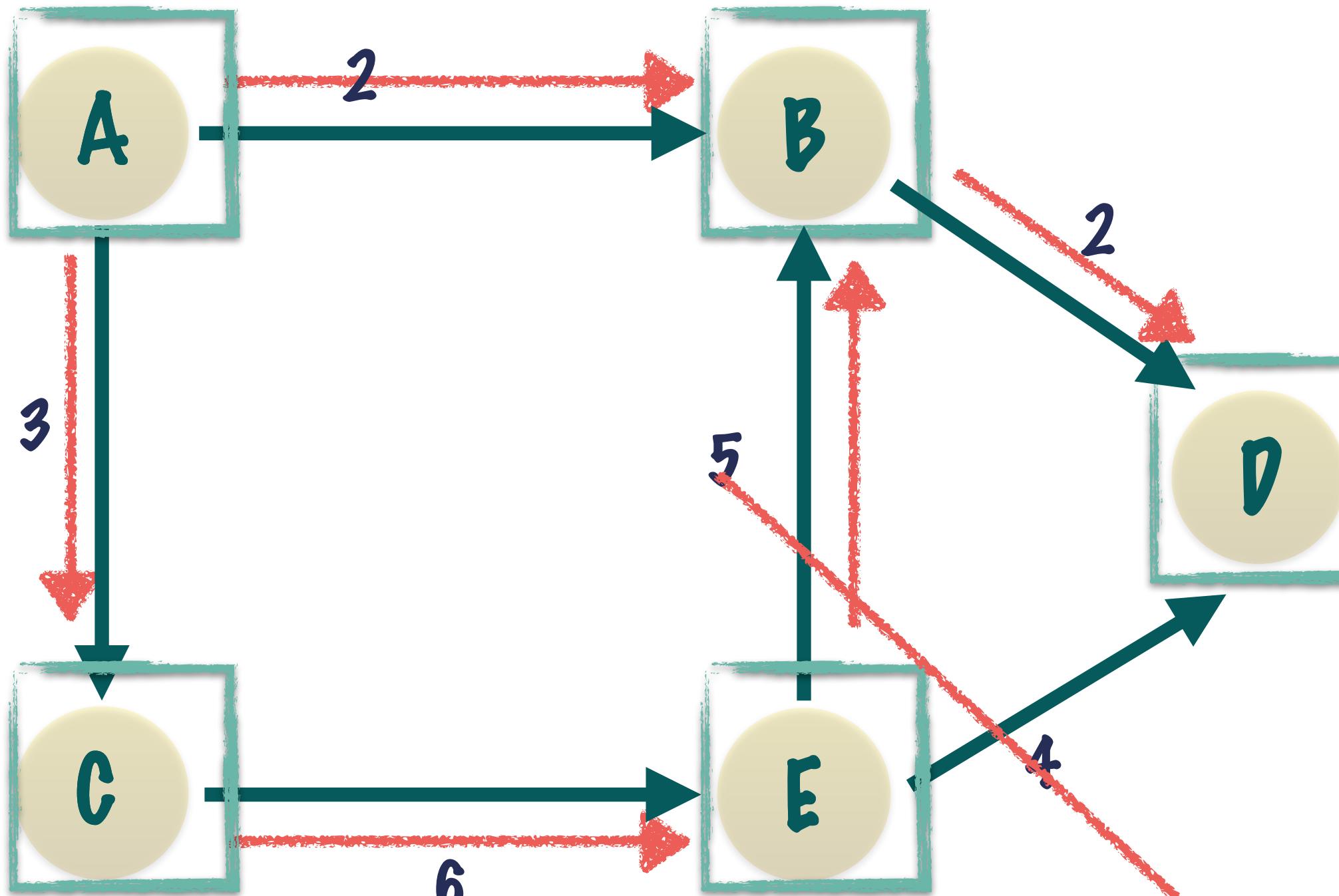


D HAS NO NEIGHBOURS

VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	4	B
E	9	C

PROCESS E - IT HAS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



CONSIDER NEIGHBOURS OF E

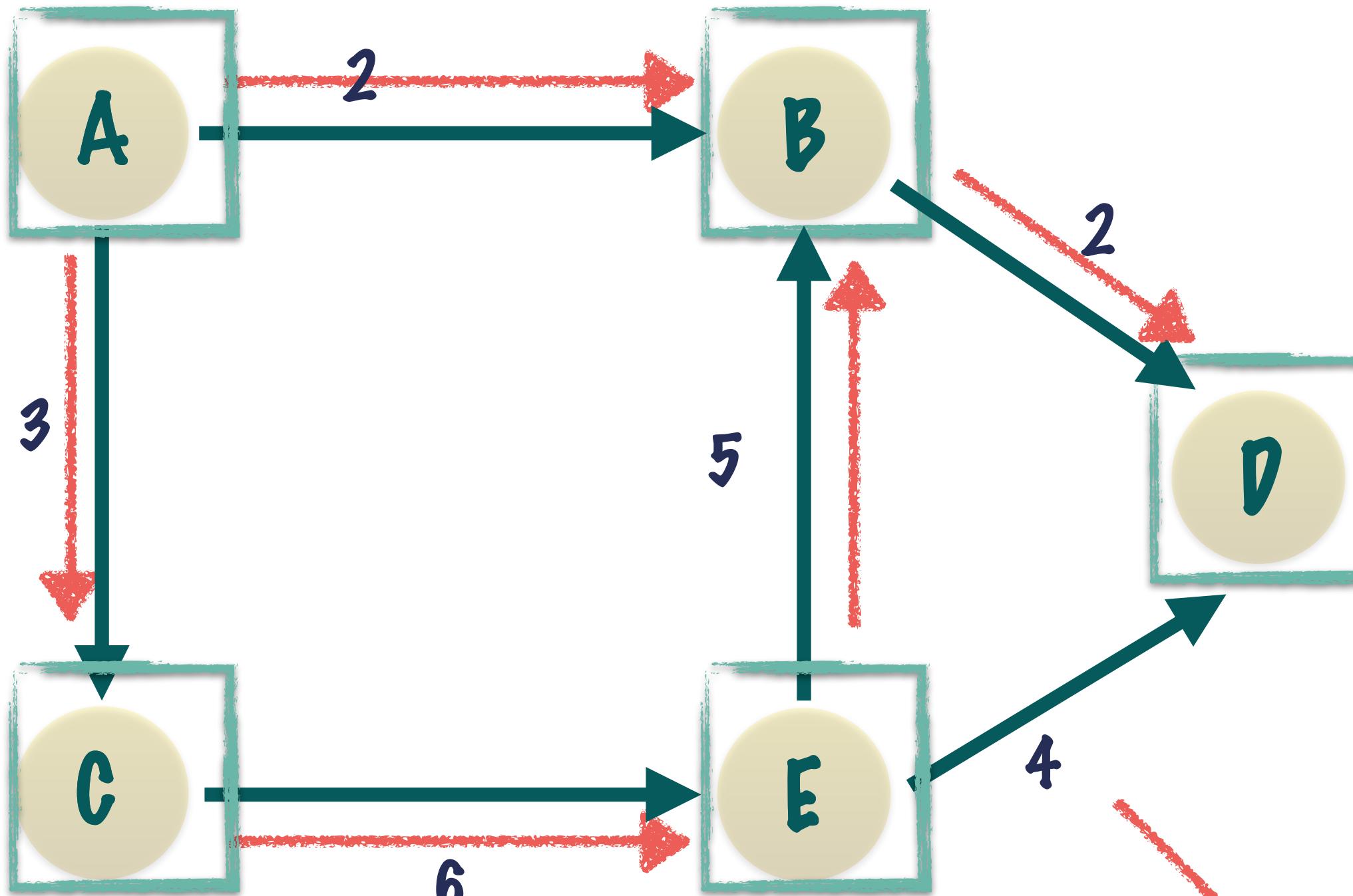
VERTEX	DISTANCE	LAST VERTEX
A	0	A
B	2	A
C	3	A
D	4	B
E	9	C

CONSIDER B FIRST

~~DISTANCE [B] < DISTANCE [E] + WEIGHT OF EDGE VERTEX[E, B]~~

$$2 < 9 + 5$$

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



CONSIDER NEIGHBOURS OF E

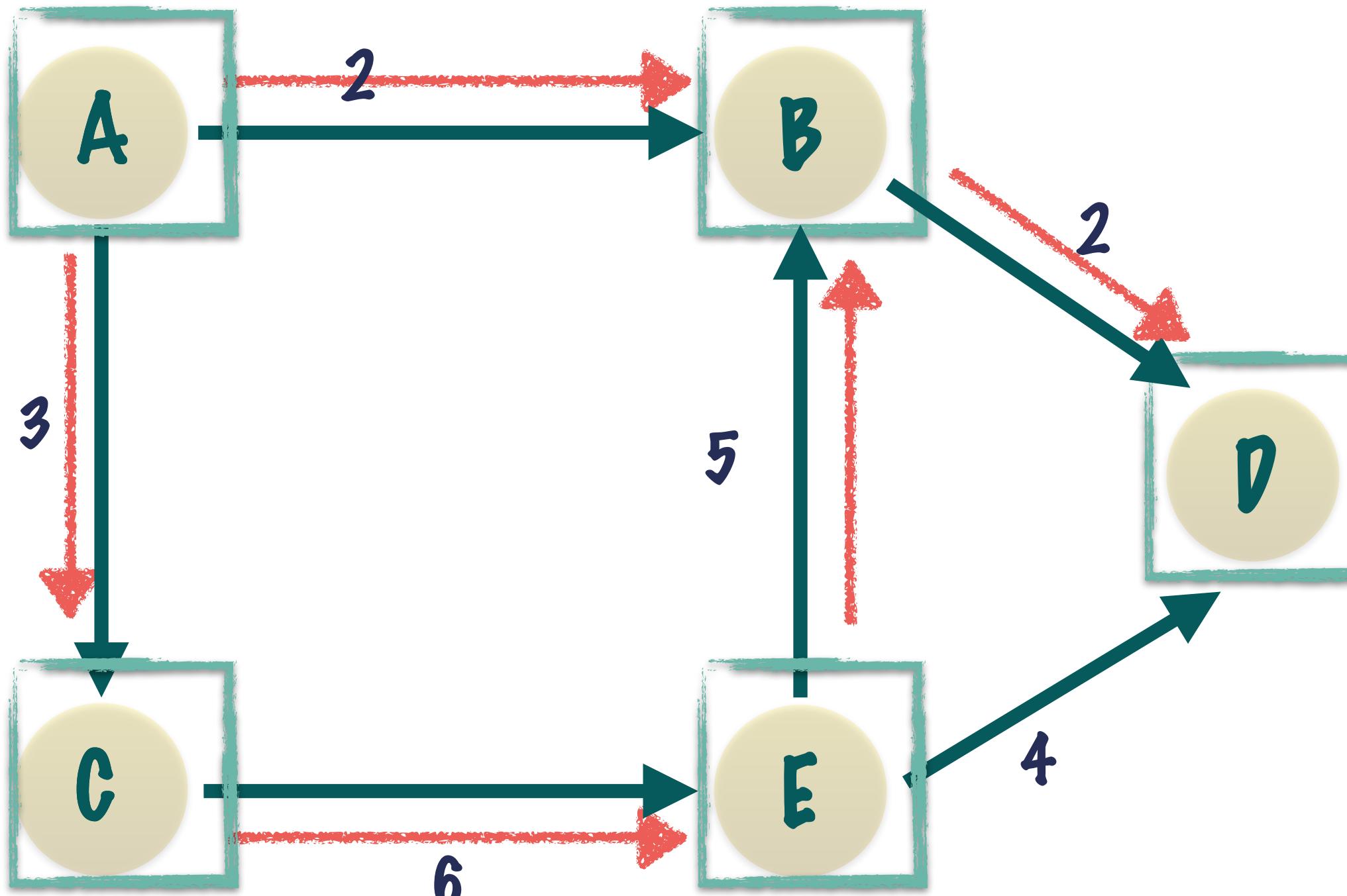
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CONSIDER D NEXT

~~DISTANCE [D] < DISTANCE [E] + WEIGHT OF EDGE VERTEX[E, D]~~

$$4 < 9 + 4$$

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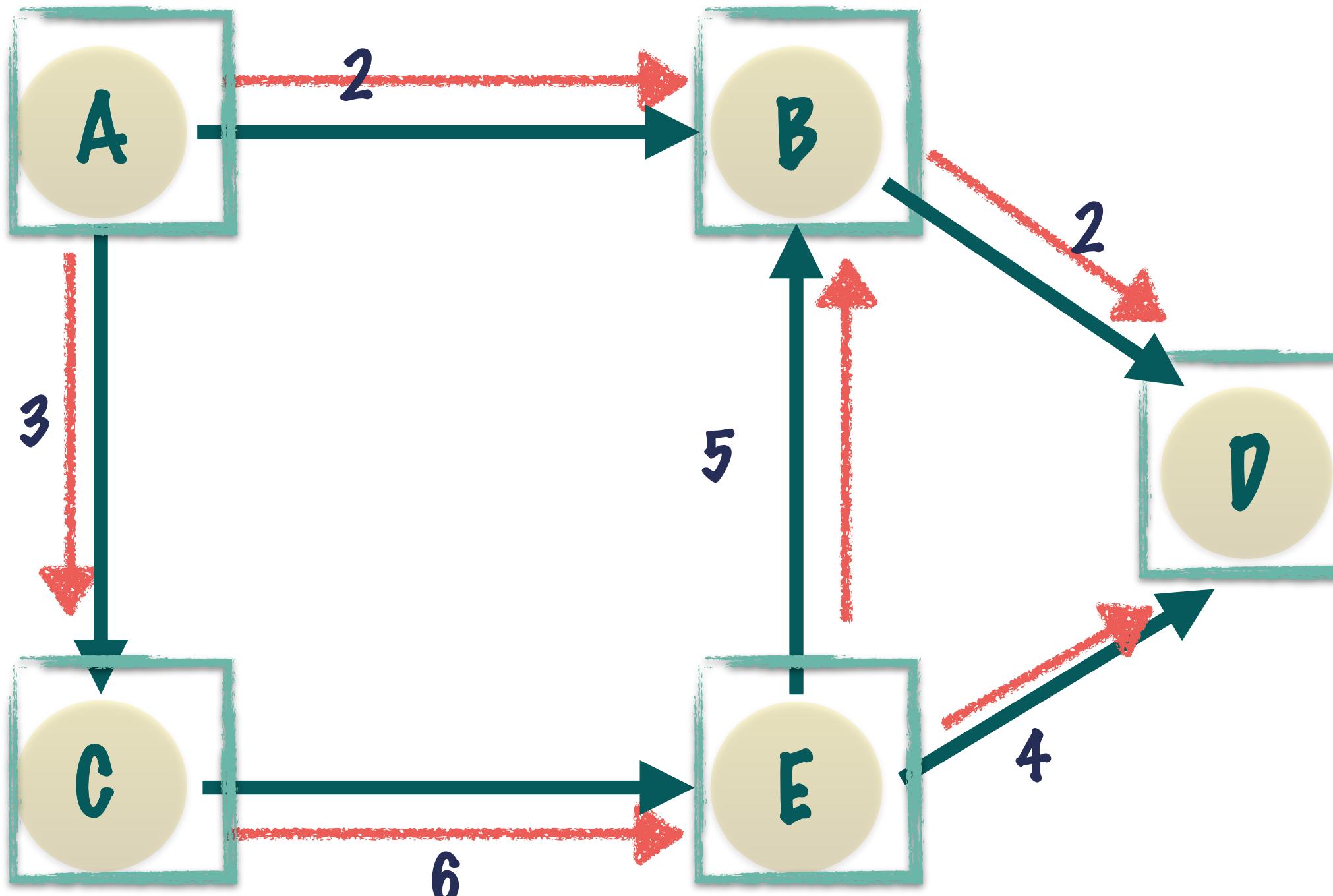


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WE ARE VISITING THE VERTICES AGAIN LOOKING FOR A SMALLER PATH FROM OTHER ROUTES!

THE PATHS ARE NOT SHORTER TO EITHER B OR D SO THE DISTANCE TABLE REMAINS THE SAME

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH



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WE USE THE STACK AS BEFORE TO BACKTRACK THE PATH FROM THE DESTINATION VERTEX TO THE SOURCE VERTEX

# SHORTEST PATH IN WEIGHTED GRAPH

THE ALGORITHM'S EFFICIENCY DEPENDS ON HOW PRIORITY QUEUE IS IMPLEMENTED. IT'S TWO OPERATIONS - UPDATING THE QUEUE AND POPPING OUT FROM THE QUEUE DETERMINES THE RUNNING TIME!

RUNNING TIME IS :  $O(E \log V)$   
[IF BINARY HEAPS ARE USED FOR PRIORITY QUEUE]

RUNNING TIME IS :  $O(E + V^2)$   
[IF ARRAY IS USED FOR PRIORITY QUEUE]

# DISTANCE TABLE DATA STRUCTURE

```
/*
 * A class which holds the distance information of any vertex.
 * The distance specified is the distance from the source node
 * and the last vertex is the last vertex just before the current
 * one while traversing from the source node.
 */
public static class DistanceInfo {

    private int distance;
    private int lastVertex;

    public DistanceInfo() {
        // The initial distance to all nodes is assumed
        // infinite.
        distance = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        lastVertex = -1;
    }

    public int getDistance() {
        return distance;
    }

    public int getLastVertex() {
        return lastVertex;
    }

    public void setDistance(int distance) {
        this.distance = distance;
    }

    public void setLastVertex(int lastVertex) {
        this.lastVertex = lastVertex;
    }
}
```

- FOR EVERY VERTEX STORE
1. THE DISTANCE TO THE VERTEX FROM THE SOURCE
  2. THE LAST VERTEX IN THE PATH FROM THE SOURCE

NOTE THAT WE SET THE INITIAL DISTANCE OF ALL THE NODES TO INFINITE, AS WE FIND OUR PATH TO THESE NODES WE'LL UPDATE IT WITH THE RIGHT DISTANCE

# VERTEX INFO - TRACK THE CURRENT DISTANCE FOR EVERY VERTEX

```
/**  
 * A simple class which holds the vertex id and the weight of  
 * the edge that leads to that vertex from its neighbour  
 */  
public static class VertexInfo {  
  
    private int vertexId;  
    private int distance;  
  
    public VertexInfo(int vertexId, int distance) {  
        this.vertexId = vertexId;  
        this.distance = distance;  
    }  
  
    public int getVertexId() {  
        return vertexId;  
    }  
  
    public int getDistance() {  
        return distance;  
    }  
}
```

TRACK EVERY VERTEX ID  
AND IT'S DISTANCE FROM  
THE SOURCE

GETTERS FOR THE INFORMATION  
IN THE VERTEX INFO

# BUILD THE DISTANCE TABLE - SETUP

```
public static Map<Integer, DistanceInfo> buildDistanceTable(Graph graph, int source) {  
    Map<Integer, DistanceInfo> distanceTable = new HashMap<>();  
    PriorityQueue<VertexInfo> queue = new PriorityQueue<>(new Comparator<VertexInfo>() {  
        @Override  
        public int compare(VertexInfo v1, VertexInfo v2) {  
            return ((Integer) v1.getDistance()).compareTo(v2.getDistance());  
        }  
    });  
    Map<Integer, VertexInfo> vertexInfoMap = new HashMap<>();  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < graph.getNumVertices(); j++) {  
        distanceTable.put(j, new DistanceInfo());  
    }  
  
    distanceTable.get(source).setDistance(0);  
    distanceTable.get(source).setLastVertex(source);  
  
    VertexInfo sourceVertexInfo = new VertexInfo(source, 0);  
    queue.add(sourceVertexInfo);  
    vertexInfoMap.put(source, sourceVertexInfo);
```

SET UP A PRIORITY QUEUE WHICH RETURNS NODES IN THE ORDER OF THE SHORTEST DISTANCE FROM THE SOURCE - "THE GREEDY SOLUTION"

ADD A DISTANCE TABLE ENTRY FOR EACH NODE IN THE GRAPH

ADD THE SOURCE TO THE PRIORITY QUEUE AND SET UP A MAPPING TO THE VERTEX INFO FOR EVERY VERTEX IN THE QUEUE

# BUILD THE DISTANCE TABLE - PROCESS

```
while (!queue.isEmpty()) {  
    VertexInfo vertexInfo = queue.poll();  
    int currentVertex = vertexInfo.getVertexId();  
  
    for (Integer neighbour : graph.getAdjacentVertices(currentVertex)) {  
        // Get the new distance, account for the weighted edge.  
        int distance = distanceTable.get(currentVertex).getDistance()  
            + graph.getWeightedEdge(currentVertex, neighbour);  
  
        // If we find a new shortest path to the neighbour update  
        // the distance and the last vertex.  
        if (distanceTable.get(neighbour).getDistance() > distance) {  
            distanceTable.get(neighbour).setDistance(distance);  
            distanceTable.get(neighbour).setLastVertex(currentVertex);  
  
            // We've found a new short path to the neighbour so remove  
            // the old node from the priority queue.  
            VertexInfo neighbourVertexInfo = vertexInfoMap.get(neighbour);  
            if (neighbourVertexInfo != null) {  
                queue.remove(neighbourVertexInfo);  
            }  
  
            // Add the neighbour back with a new updated distance.  
            neighbourVertexInfo = new VertexInfo(neighbour, distance);  
            queue.add(neighbourVertexInfo);  
            vertexInfoMap.put(neighbour, neighbourVertexInfo);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

ADD THE UPDATED NEIGHBOR INFORMATION TO THE QUEUE SO WE CAN GET THE NEXT CLOSEST NODE

ACCESS THE PRIORITY QUEUE TO FIND THE CLOSEST VERTEX - FOLLOWING THE GREEDY ALGORITHM

THE DISTANCE TO THE ADJACENT VERTEX IS NOW THE DISTANCE OF THE CURRENT VERTEX + WEIGHT OF THE EDGE

IF THE NEW PATH TO THE NEIGHBOR IS SHORTER UPDATE THE CURRENT DISTANCE AND LAST VERTEX TO THE NEIGHBOR

REMOVE THE OUTDATED VERTEX PATH INFORMATION FROM THE QUEUE - WE HAVE A NEW SHORTER ROUTE

# SHORTEST PATH

```
public static void shortestPath(Graph graph, Integer source, Integer destination) {  
    Map<Integer, DistanceInfo> distanceTable = buildDistanceTable(graph, source);  
  
    Stack<Integer> stack = new Stack<>();  
    stack.push(destination);  
  
    int previousVertex = distanceTable.get(destination).getLastVertex();  
    while (previousVertex != -1 && previousVertex != source) {  
        stack.push(previousVertex);  
        previousVertex = distanceTable.get(previousVertex).getLastVertex();  
    }  
  
    if (previousVertex == -1) {  
        System.out.println("There is no path from node: " + source  
                           + " to node: " + destination);  
    }  
    else {  
        System.out.print("Smallest Path is " + source);  
        while (!stack.isEmpty()) {  
            System.out.print(" -> " + stack.pop());  
        }  
        System.out.println(" Dijkstra DONE!");  
    }  
}
```

BUILD THE DISTANCE TABLE FOR THE ENTIRE GRAPH

BACKTRACK USING A STACK,  
START FROM THE DESTINATION NODE

BACKTRACK BY GETTING THE LAST VERTEX OF EVERY NODE AND ADDING IT TO THE STACK

IF NO VALID LAST VERTEX WAS FOUND IN THE DISTANCE TABLE,  
THERE WAS NO PATH FROM SOURCE TO DESTINATION