

CSCI 335

# Software Design and Analysis

III

Graph Algorithms

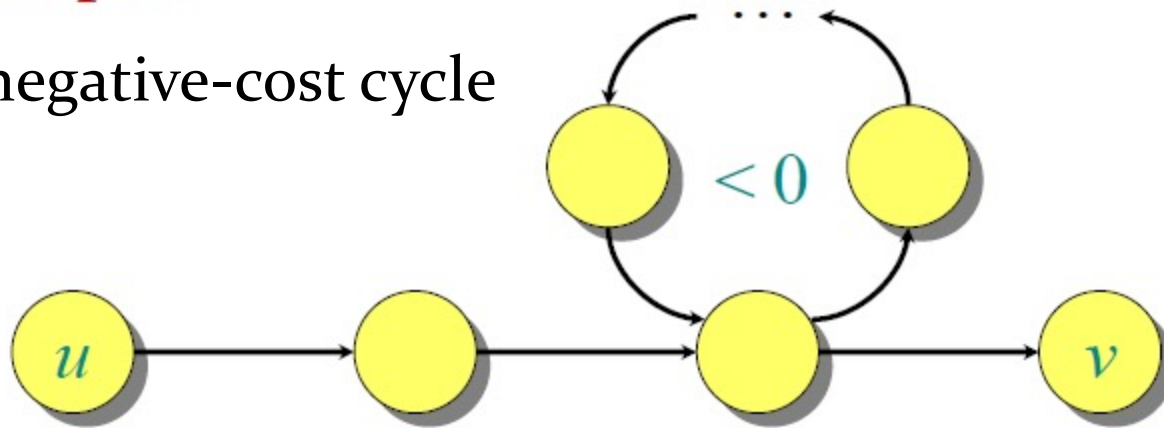
(Negative costs, Acyclic Graphs, Event-node graphs)

# Negative edge costs

- Dijkstra may not work
- If there are no negative-cost cycles solution exists, but is expensive:  $O(|V|^*|E|)$ .

## Example:

WITH negative-cost cycle



```
void Graph::WeightedNegative(Vertex s) {  
    Queue<Vertex> q;
```

```
    for each Vertex v  
        v.distance_ = kInfinity;
```

No KNOWN vertices  
Vertex can be enqueued/dequeued  
multiple times  
No priority queue

```
    s.distance_ = 0;  
    q.enqueue(s);
```

```
    while (!q.isEmpty()) {  
        Vertex v = q.dequeue();
```

```
        for each Vertex w adjacent to v  
            if (v.distance_ + cvw < w.distance_) {  
                w.distance_ = v.distance_ + cvw;  
                w.previous_ = v;  
                if (w is not already in q)  
                    q.enqueue(w);  
            }  
    }
```

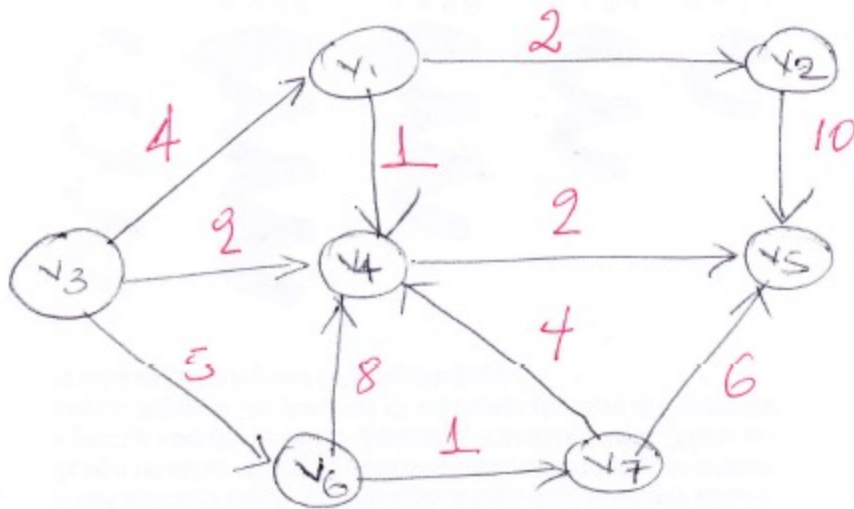
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    }  
}
```



# Acyclic graphs

- Improvement ?

# Acyclic graph: example



TOPOLOGICAL SORTING:

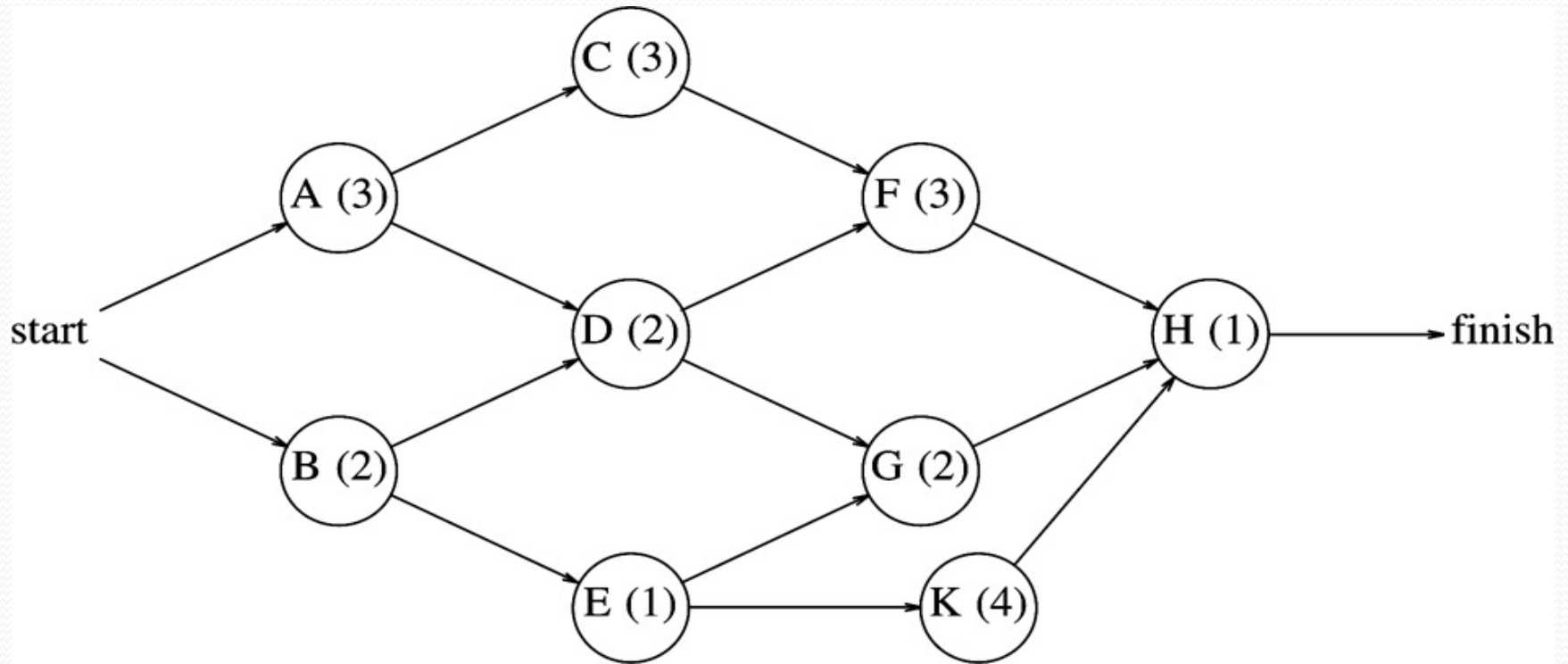
$v_3, v_1, v_6, v_2, v_7, v_4, v_5$



# Acyclic graphs

- Dijkstra can be improved by selecting nodes in topological order
- Algorithm in one pass: select nodes and update distances
  - => linear time  $O(|V|+|E|)$

# Activity-node graph



## Acyclic graph

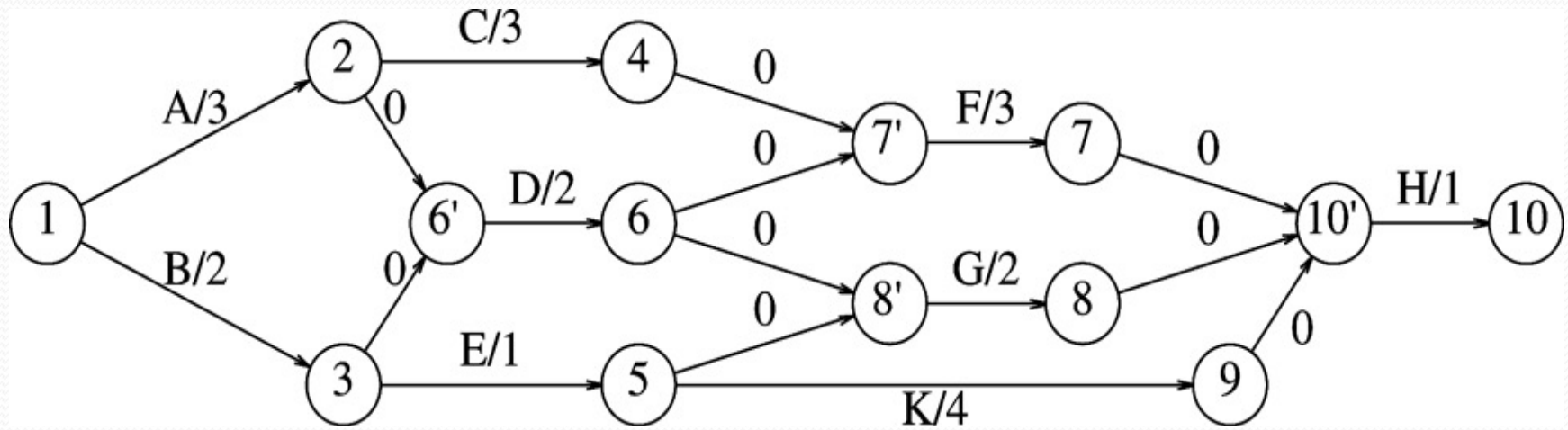
Nodes are tasks with their duration

In the above graph: D can start only after A and B are done, etc.

Can model construction projects etc.



# Event-node graph



Edges: Task / Duration  
Acyclic graph



# Earliest-completion time

- Earliest-completion time of project = ?

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- Earliest-completion time of project = length of longest path from start to finish
- Be aware of positive-cost cycles
- Acyclic graphs do not pose such a problem



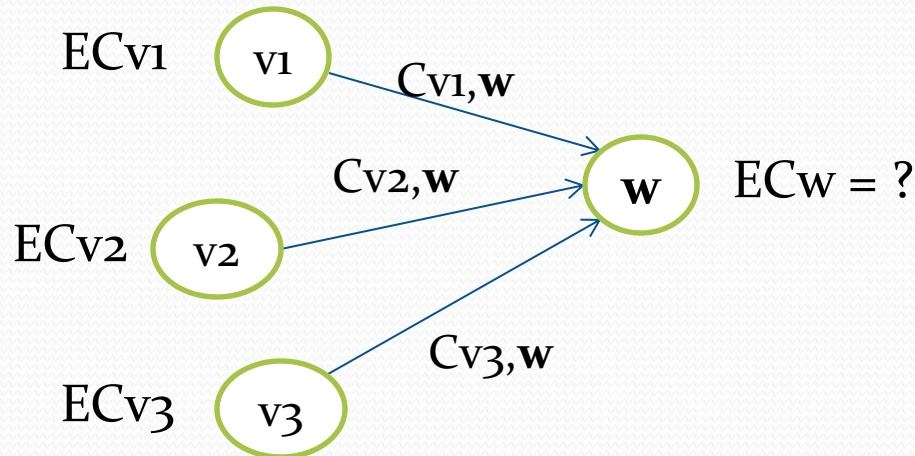
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$EC_i$  : earliest completion time of node  $i$

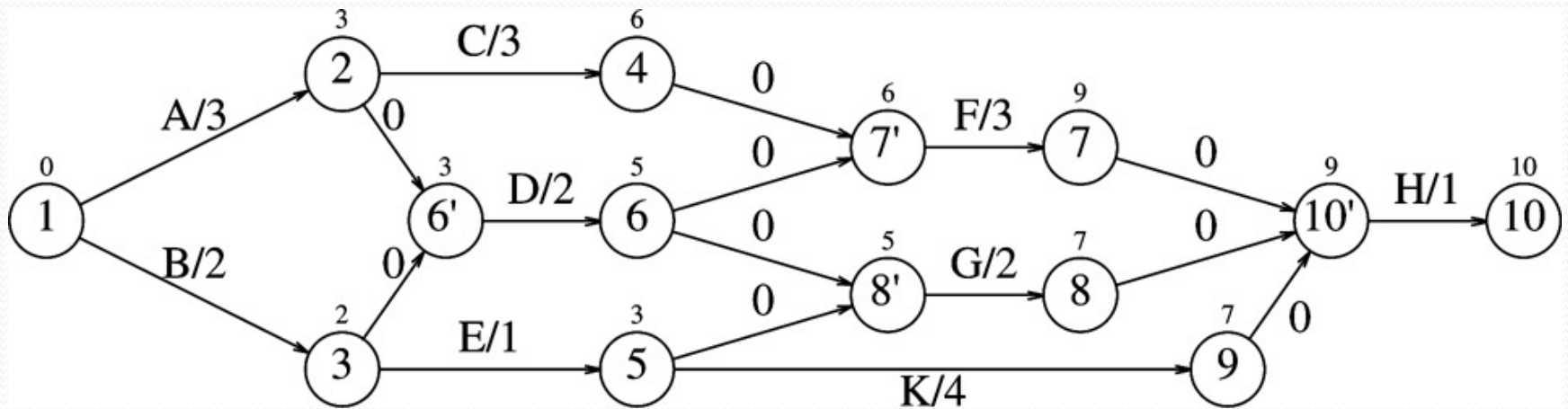
Then

$$EC_1 = 0$$

$$EC_w = \max(EC_v + c_{v,w}) \text{ over all } (v,w) \text{ in } E$$



# Earliest completion time



Algorithm for acyclic graphs provides solution in linear time.

How?



# Critical paths

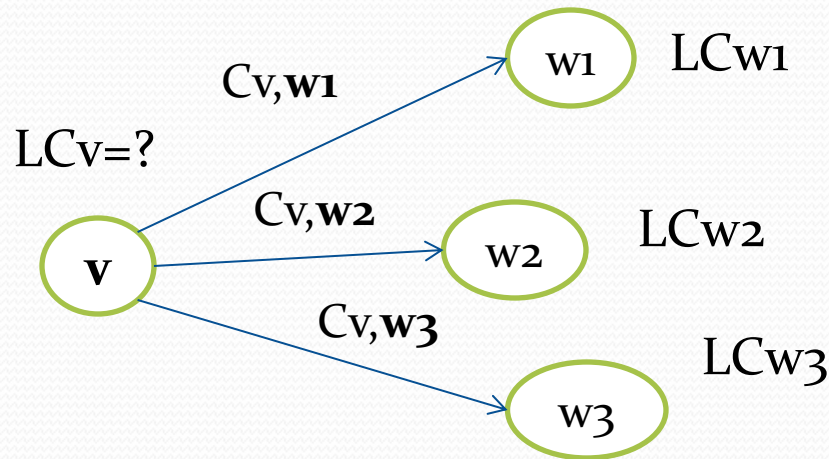
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- Go from finish to start:

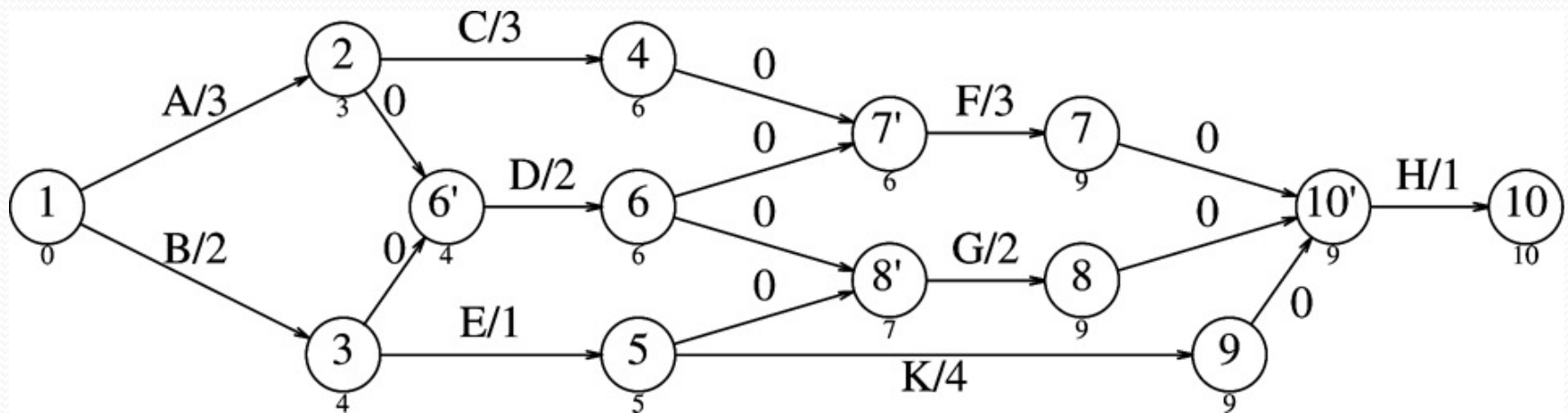
$$LC_n = EC_n \text{ (last node)}$$

$$LC_v = \min( LC_w - c_{v,w} ) \text{ over all } (v,w) \text{ in } E$$






# Latest completion times



# Critical paths

- Slack time of each edge: how much activity can be delayed without affecting completion time

$$\text{Slack}_{(v,w)} = LC_w - EC_v - c_{v,w}$$


- Critical path:** Path from start->finish with zero-slack edges

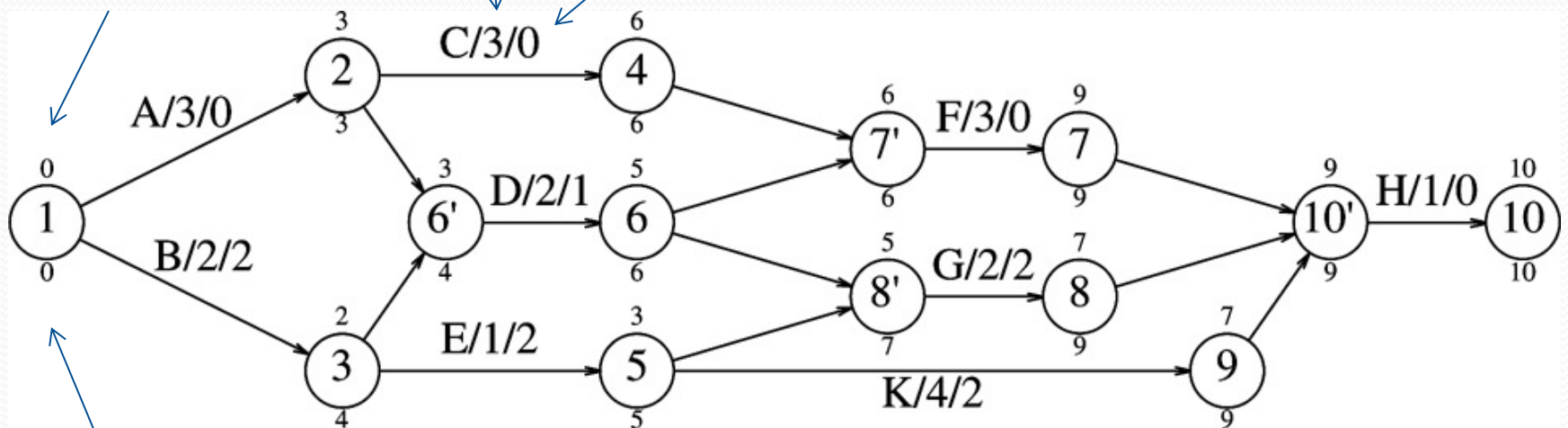


# All

Duration

Slack

Earliest



Latest