

# CSC 226

## Algorithms and Data Structures: II

### Prims

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# Two basic properties for minimum spanning trees

- Cycle property
- Cut property

# Cycle property

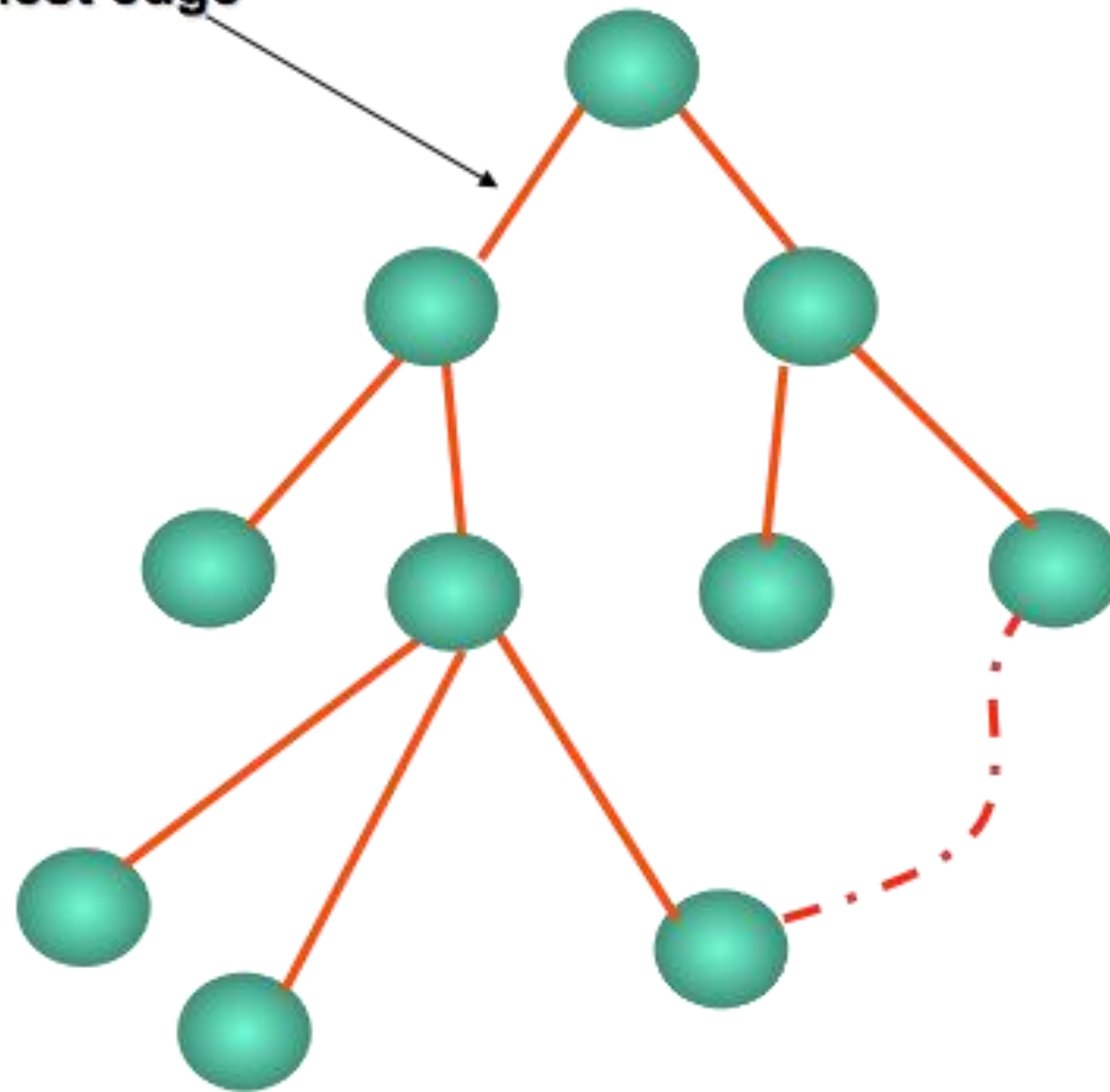
- Let  $C$  be any cycle in weighted graph  $G$  with distinct edge weights. Let  $e$  be the heaviest edge in the cycle.
- Then the minimum spanning tree for  $G$  does not contain  $e$ .

# Proof. (Cycle property)

- Assume that all edges in the graph are of distinct weight
- We proof by contradiction: the MST  $T$  for  $G$  does not contain edge  $e$
- Assume  $e$  does belong to MST  $T$ . Then deleting  $e$  from  $T$  disconnects  $T$  into two trees,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .
- Consider cycle  $C$ .  $C$  consists of some vertices that belong to  $T_1$  and the other vertices of  $C$  belong to  $T_2$ .
- There is an edge in  $C$ , say  $f$ , that connects a vertex from  $T_1$  to a vertex  $T_2$ .
- Merge  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  using  $f$  to spanning tree  $T^*$ . The new tree,  $T^*$ , is lighter than  $T$ . A contradiction.

# Cycle property

**Heaviest edge**



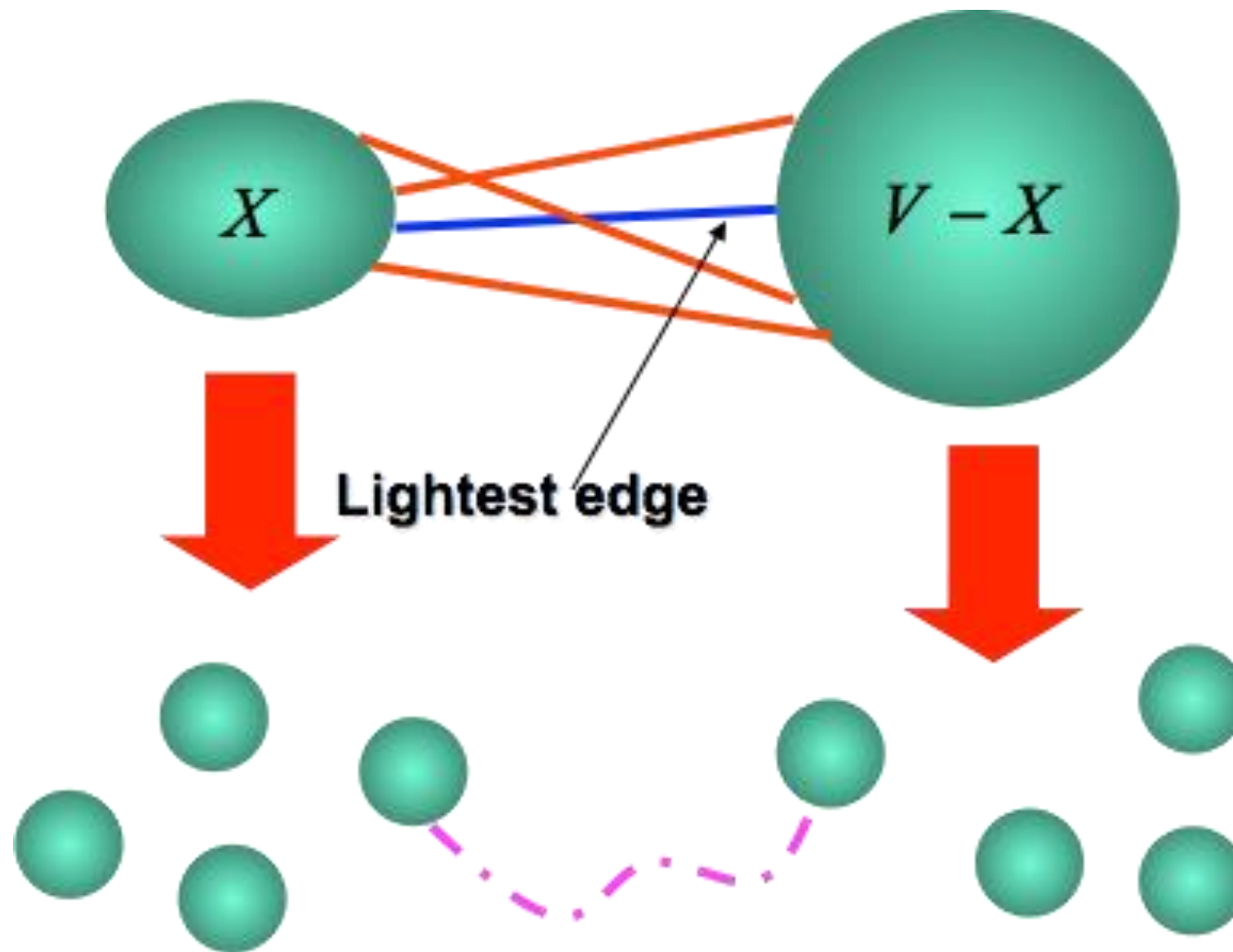
# Cut Property

- Let  $V'$  be any proper subset of vertices in weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$ , and let  $e$  be the lightest edge that has exactly one endpoint in  $V'$
- Then the minimum spanning tree  $T$  for  $G$  contains  $e$ .

# Proof (Cut property)

- Assume that all edges in the graph are of distinct weight
- We prove by contradiction: MST  $T$  for  $G$  contains edge  $e$
- Assume it does not
- Add  $e$  to  $T$  creating cycle  $C$
- Consider edge  $f$  in  $C$  that has exactly one endpoint in  $V'$
- Create spanning tree  $T^*$  by replacing  $e$  with  $f$ , but  $T^*$  is lighter than  $T$ . Contradiction.

# Cut Property





# Prim's Algorithm

## Correctness

- Initialize tree with single chosen vertex
- Grow tree by finding lightest edge not yet in tree and expanding the tree, and connect it to tree; repeat until all vertices are in the tree
- *Example of greedy algorithm*



Cut property

# Pseudocode: Prim's Algorithm

**Algorithm** Prim-Jarník-Dijkstra

**Input:** a weighted connected graph  $G = (V, E)$

**Output:** an MST  $T$  for  $G$

**Data structure:** array  $D$ ; Priority Queue  $PQ$ ; and tree  $T$

pick an arbitrary vertex  $v$  in  $G$ ;  $D[v] \leftarrow 0$

**for each** vertex  $u \neq v$  **do**  $D[u] \leftarrow +\infty$  **end**

$T \leftarrow \emptyset$

**for each** vertex  $u$  **do**  $PQ.insert(\{(u, \text{null}), D[u]\})$  **end** // including  $v$

// for each vertex  $u$ ,  $(u, \text{edge})$  is the element and  $D[u]$  is the key in  $PQ$

**while not**  $PQ.empty()$  **do**

$(u, e) \leftarrow PQ.deleteMin()$

    add vertex  $u$  and edge  $e$  to  $T$

**for each** vertex  $z$  adjacent to  $u$  such that  $z$  is in  $PQ$  **do**

**if**  $\text{weight}(u, z) < D[z]$  **then**

$D[z] \leftarrow \text{weight}(u, z)$

            in  $PQ$ , change element and key of  $z$  to  $\{z, (u, z), D[z]\}$

            update  $PQ$

**end**

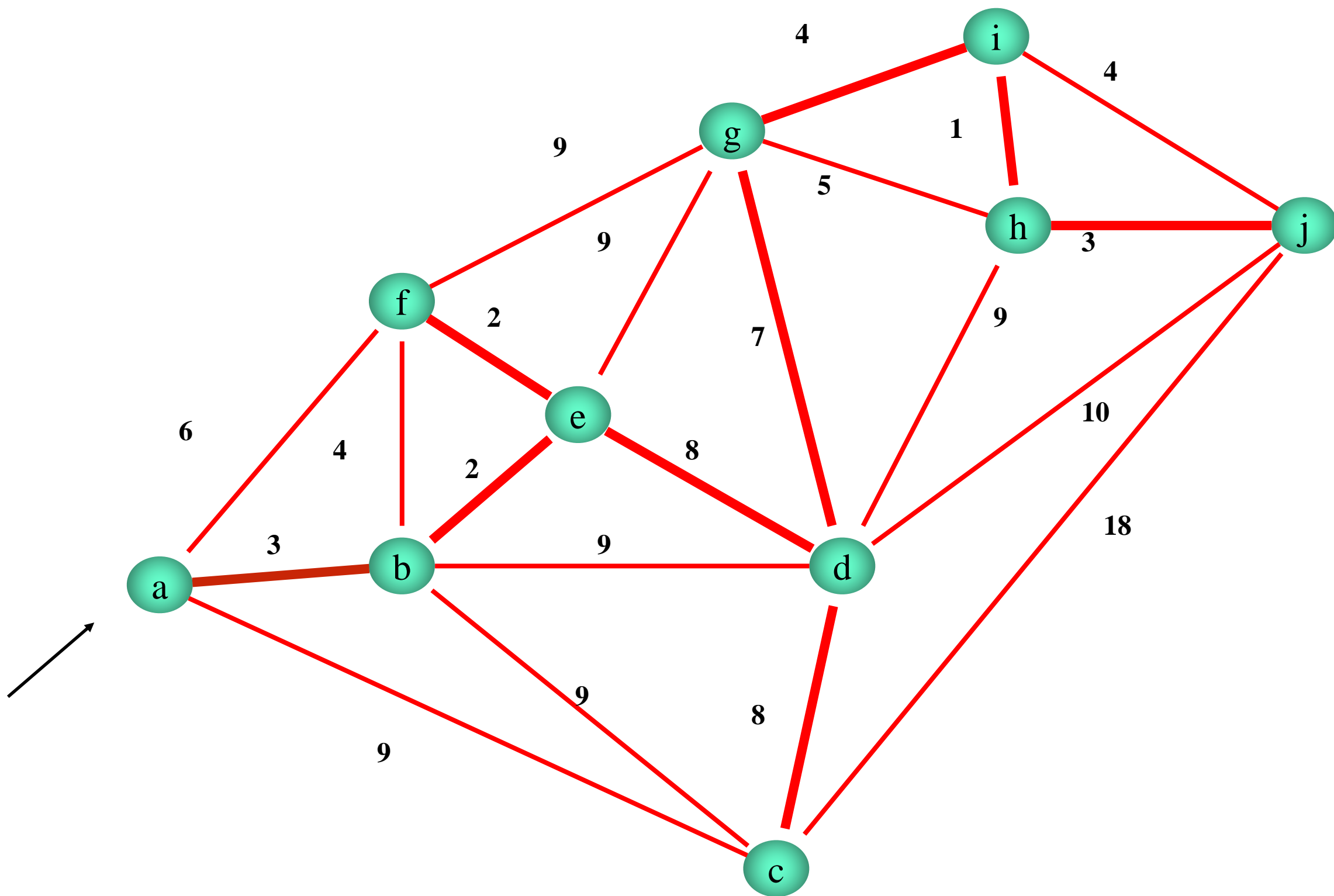
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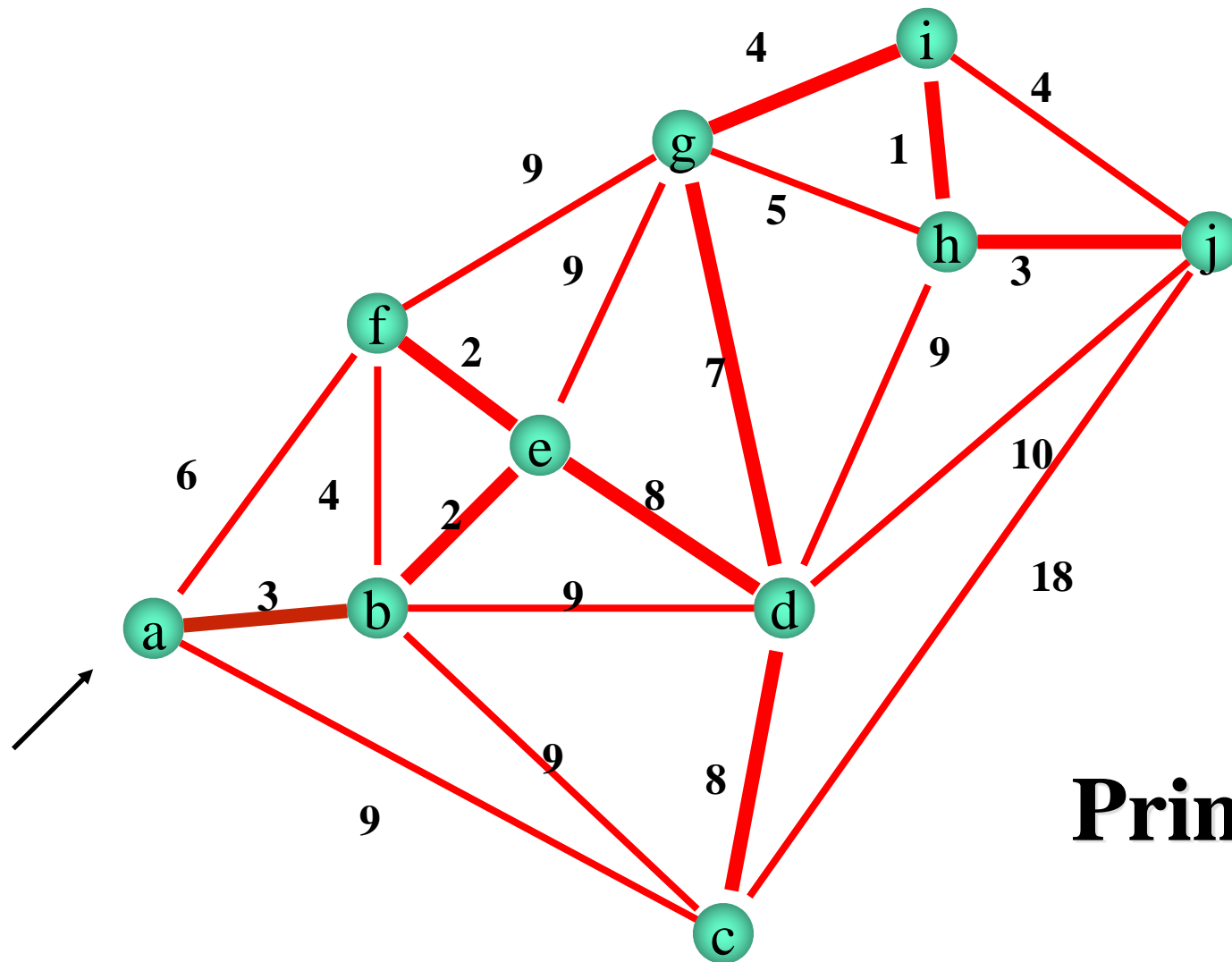
**end**

**return**  $T$

$D$  :distance vector,  
maintains reachable  
vertices

$PQ$  :a priority queue for  
the edges according to  
values in  $D$

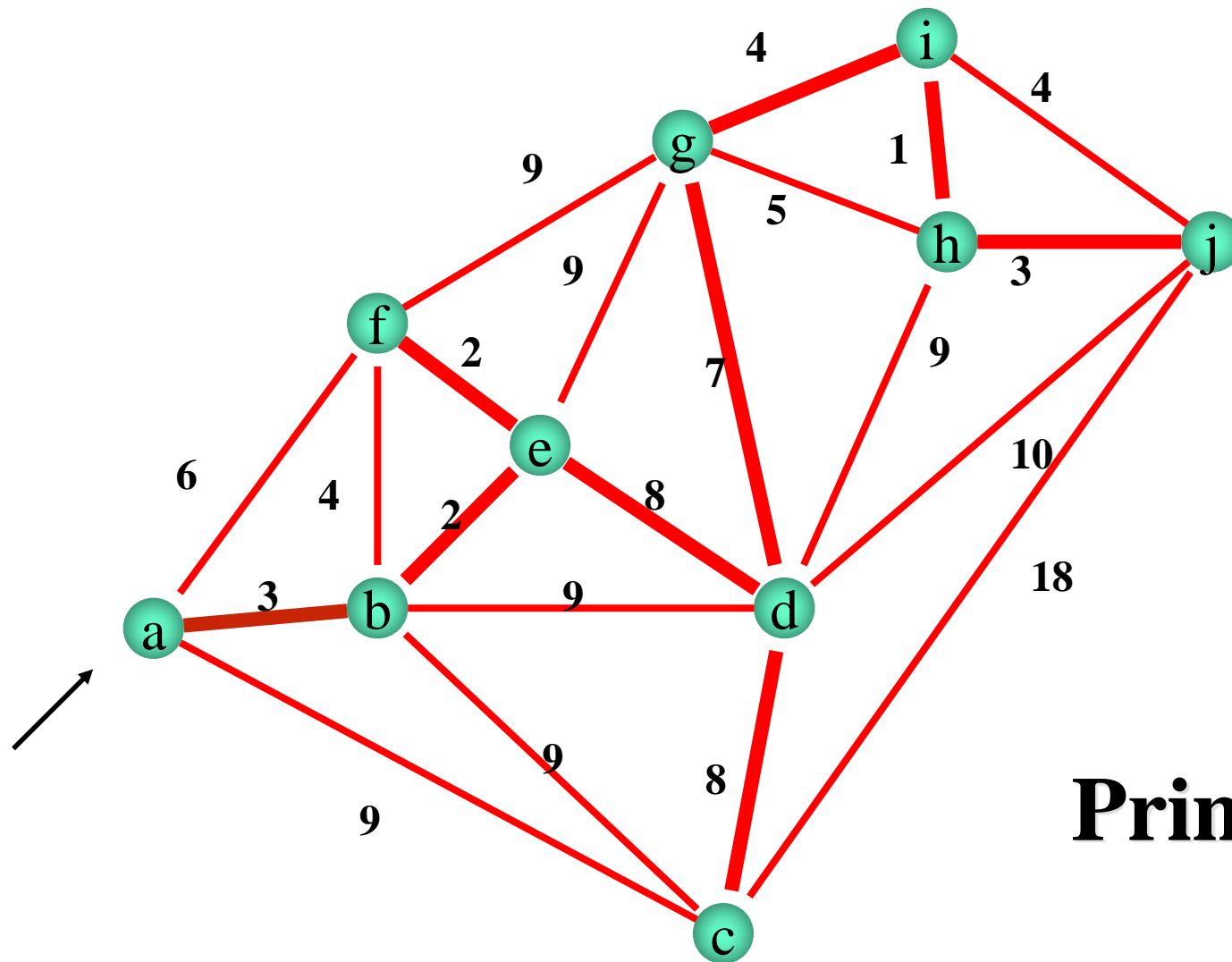




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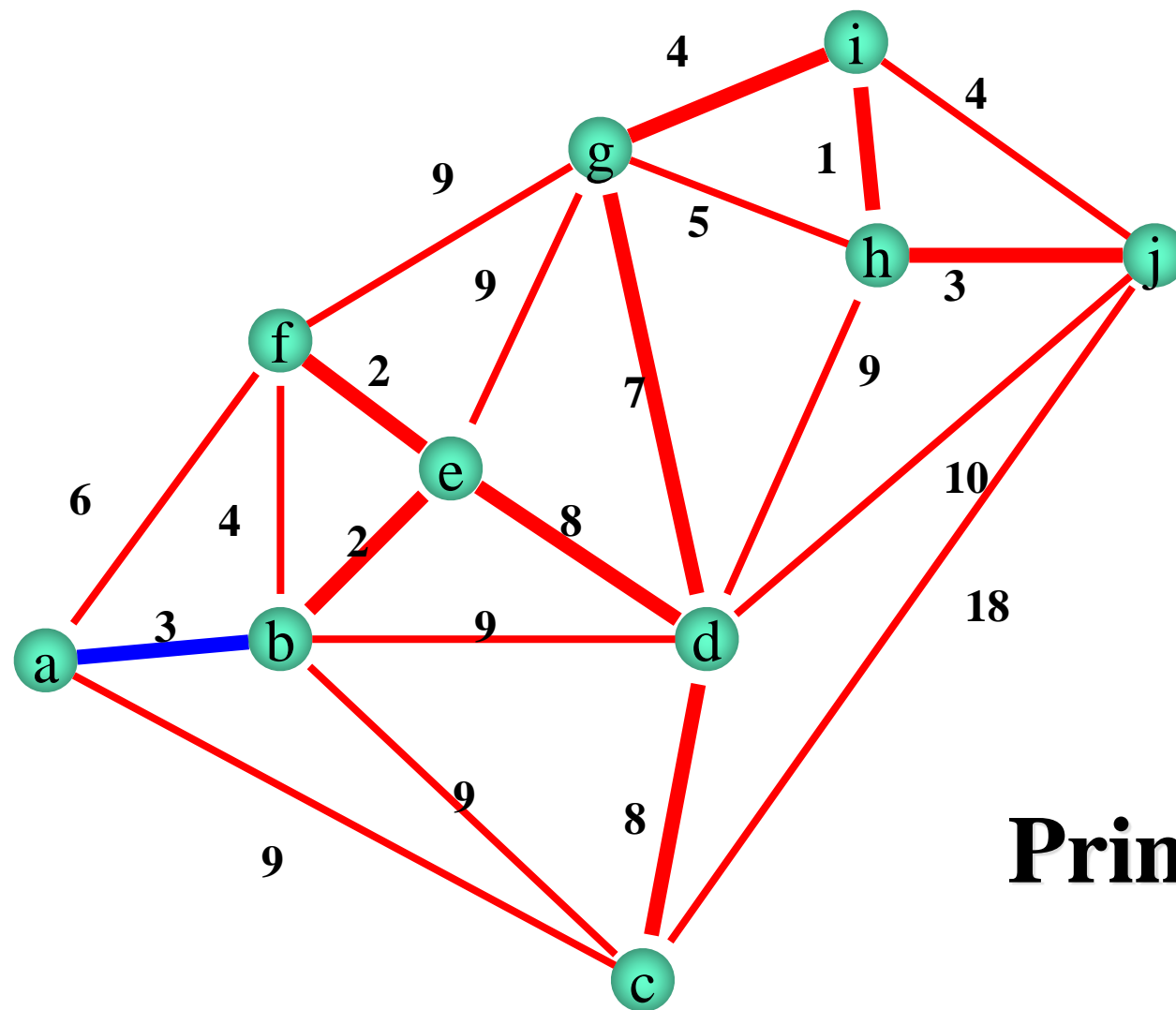
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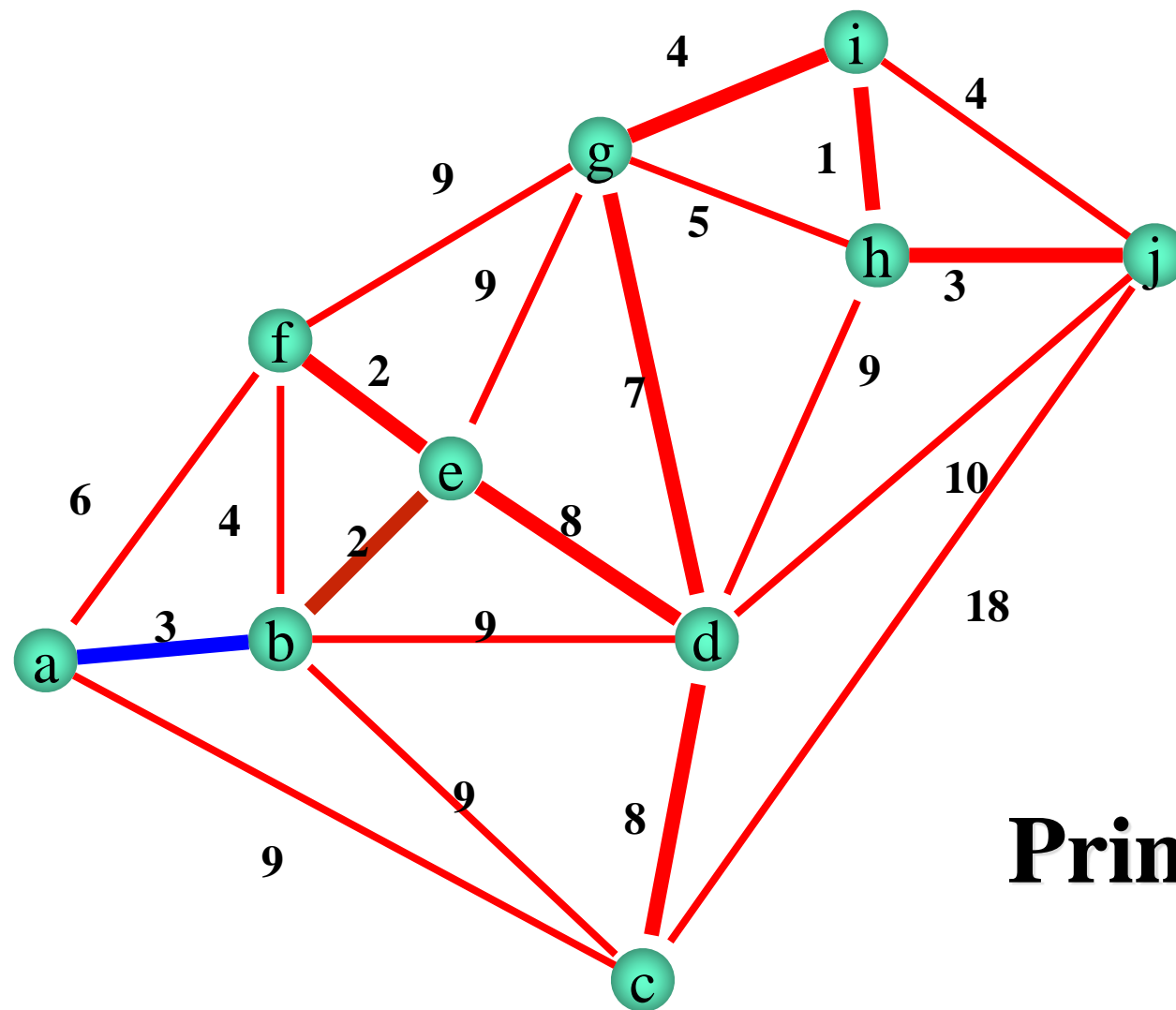
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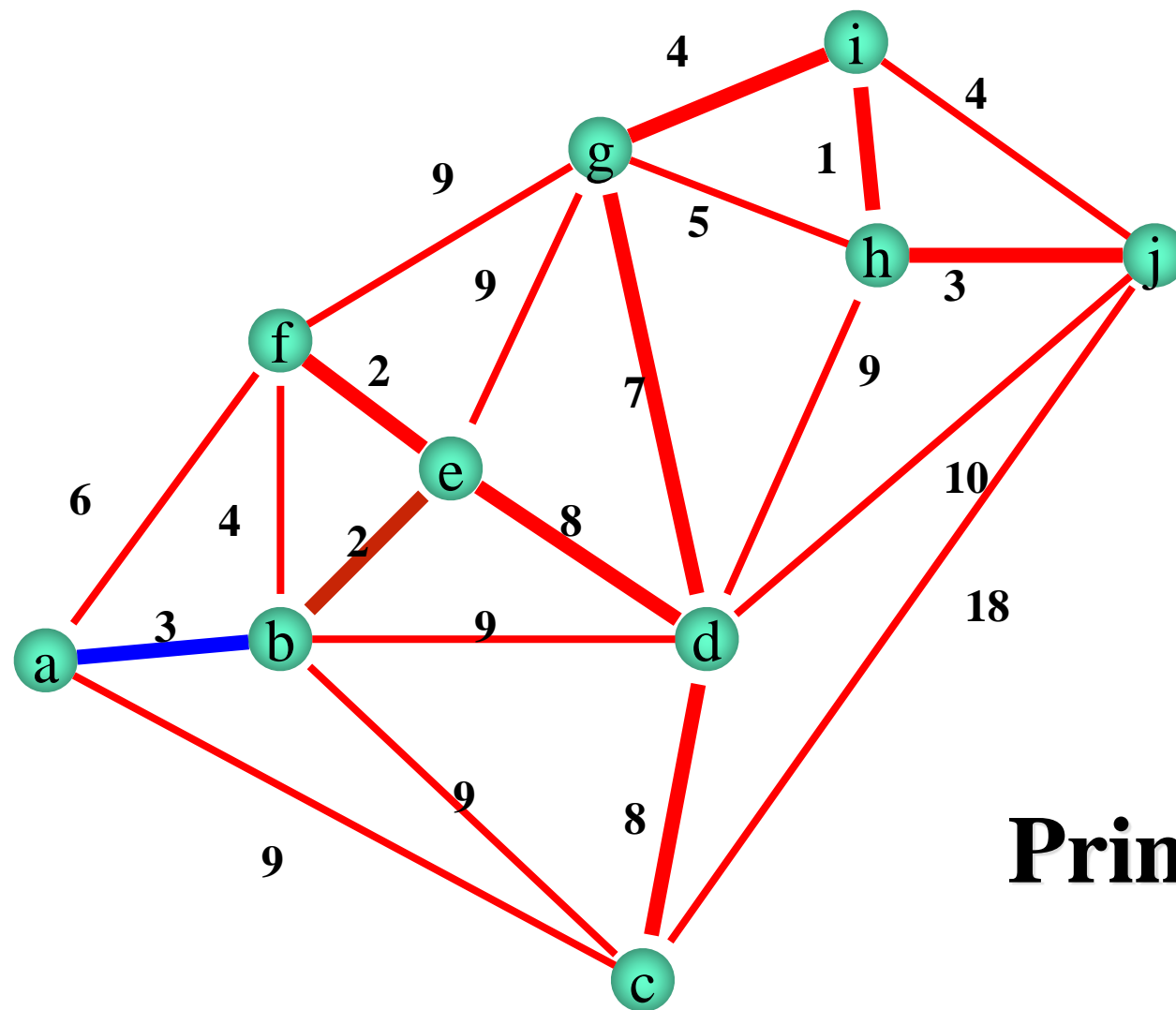
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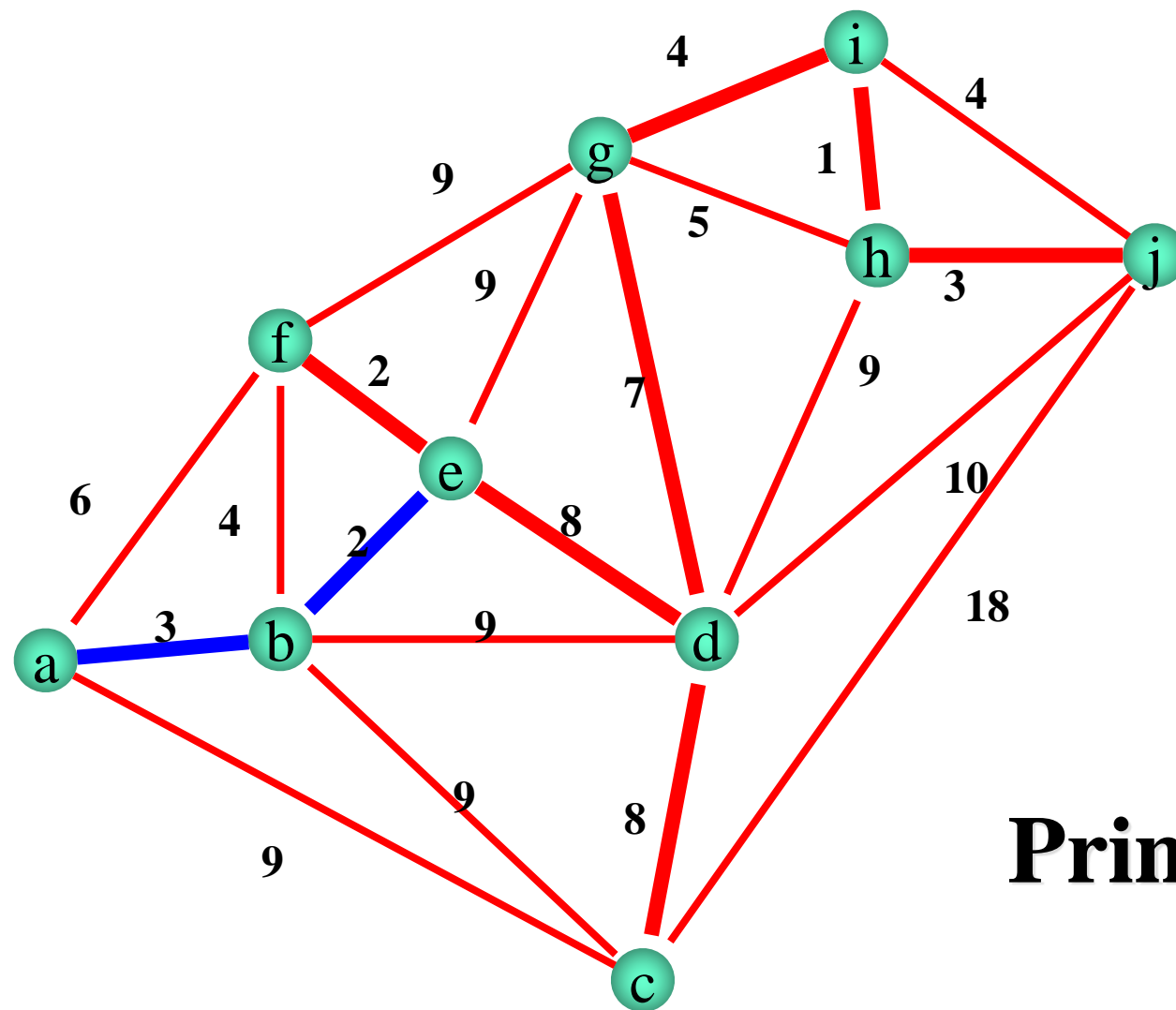


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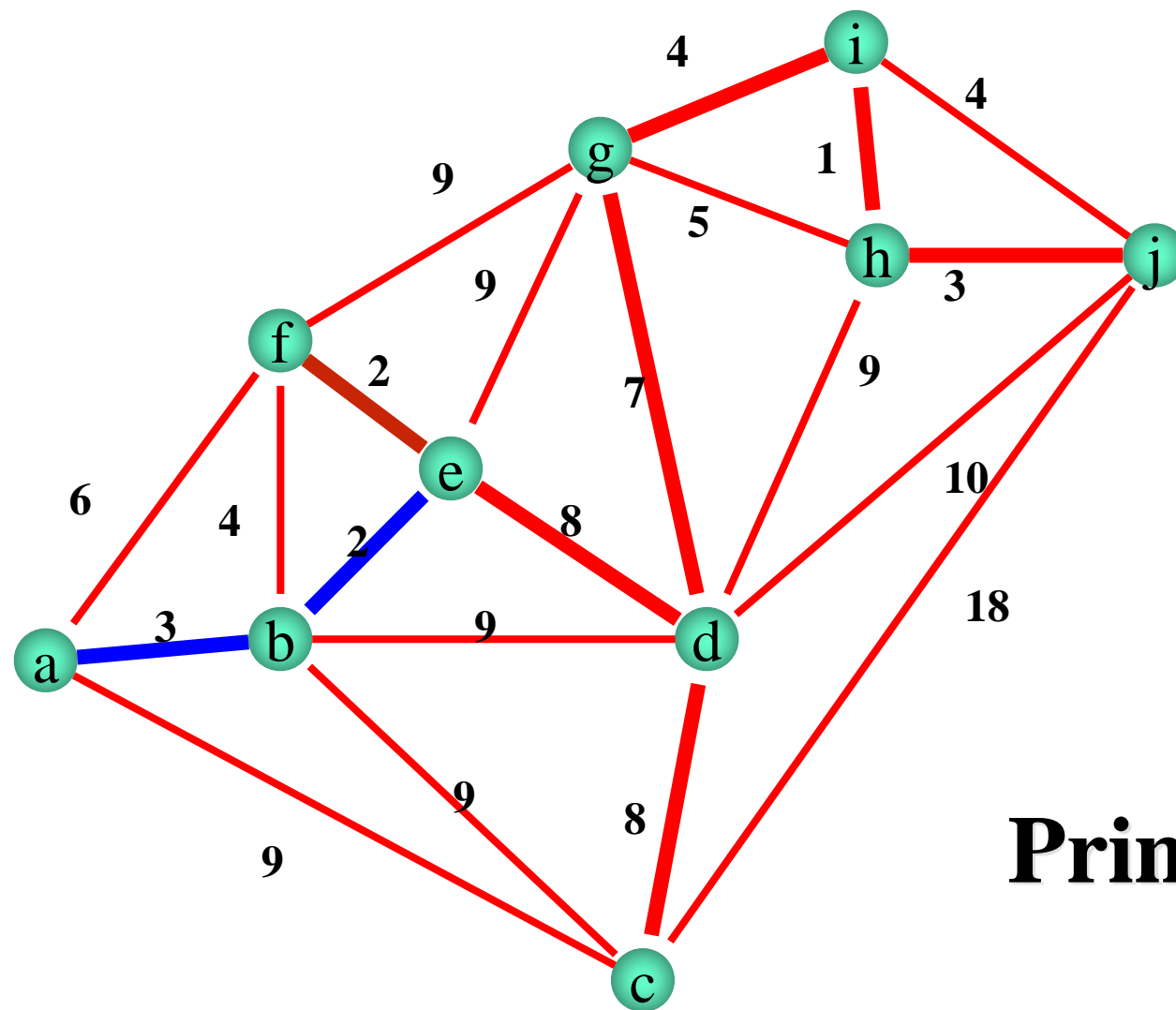




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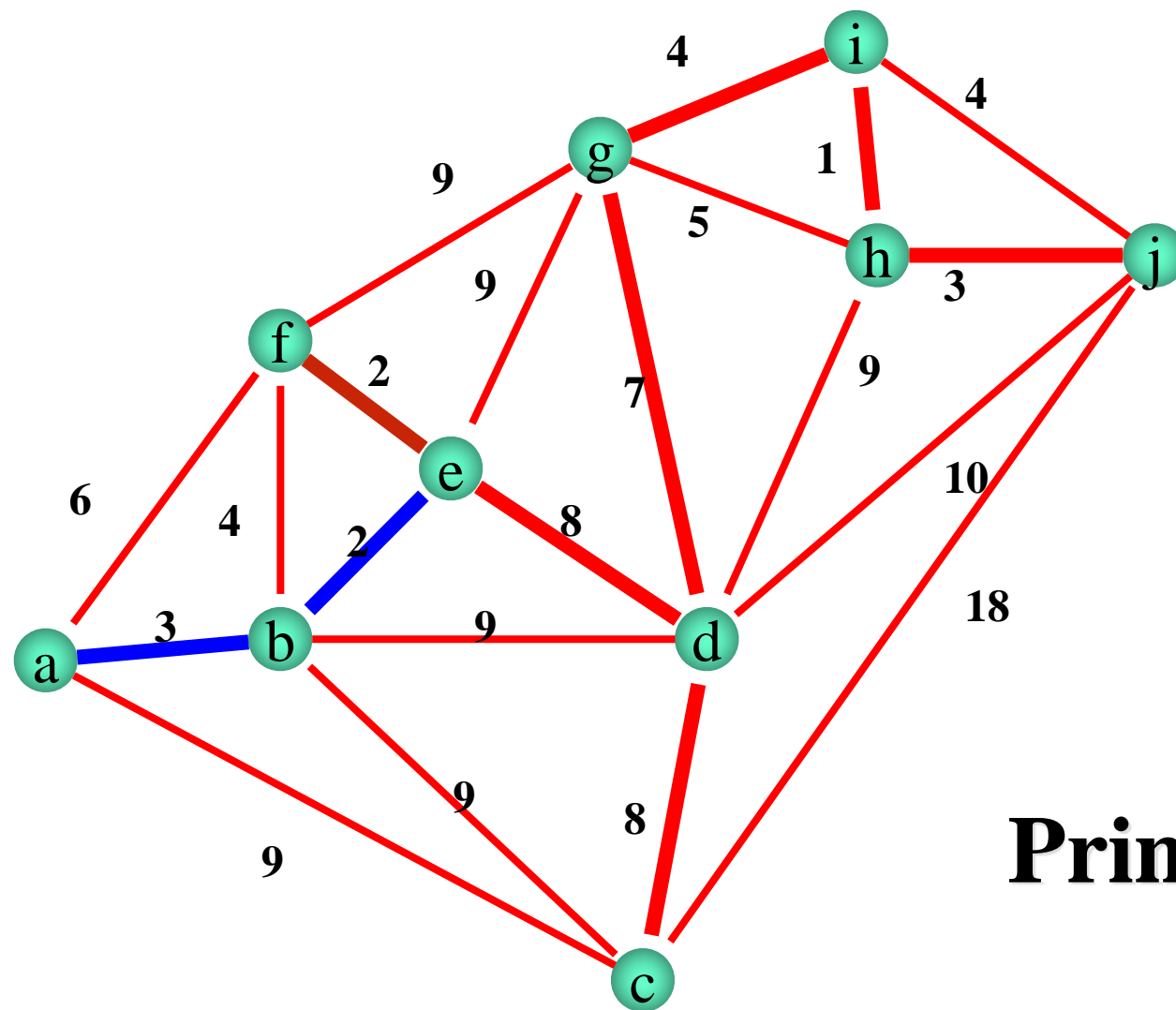
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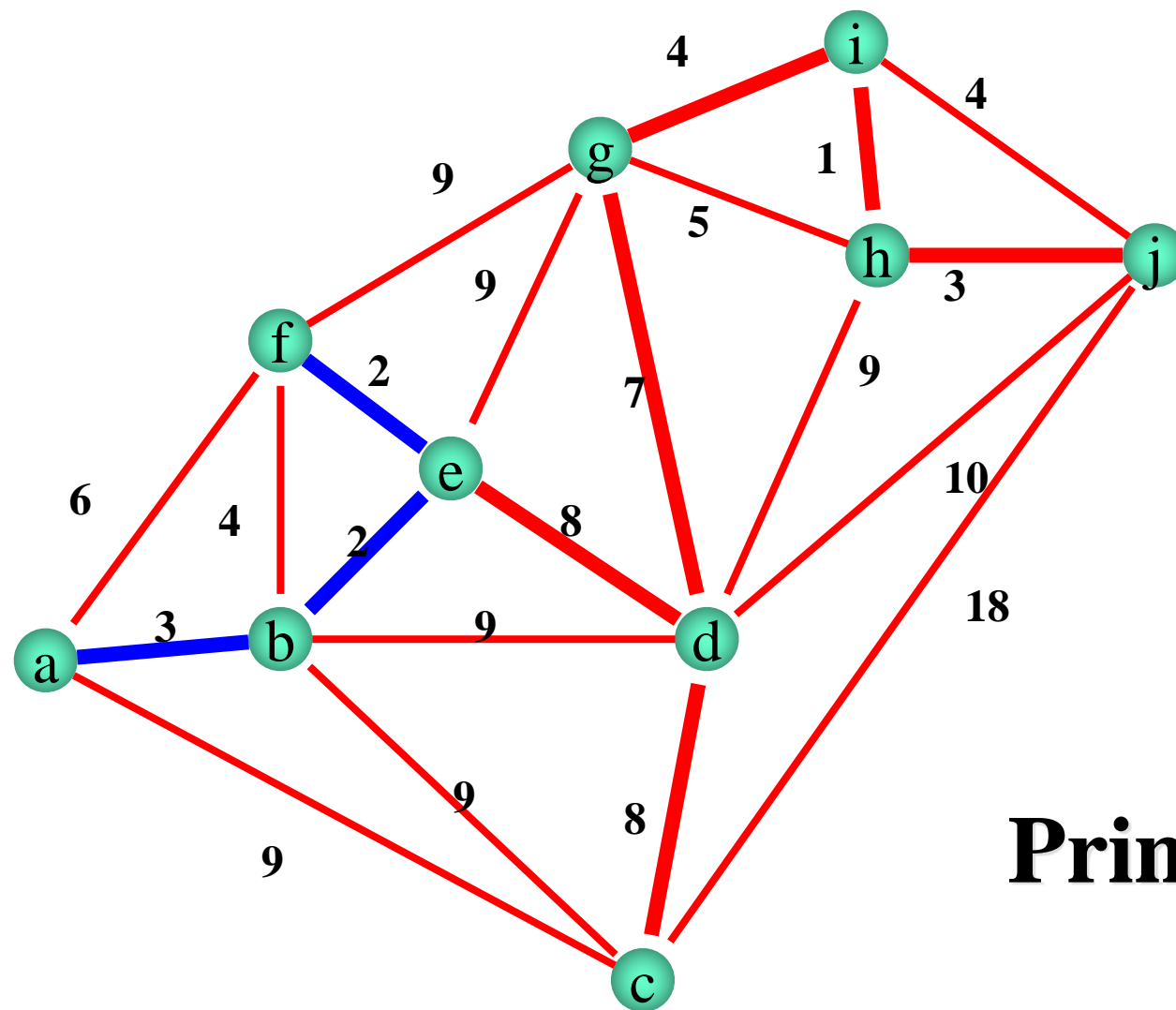
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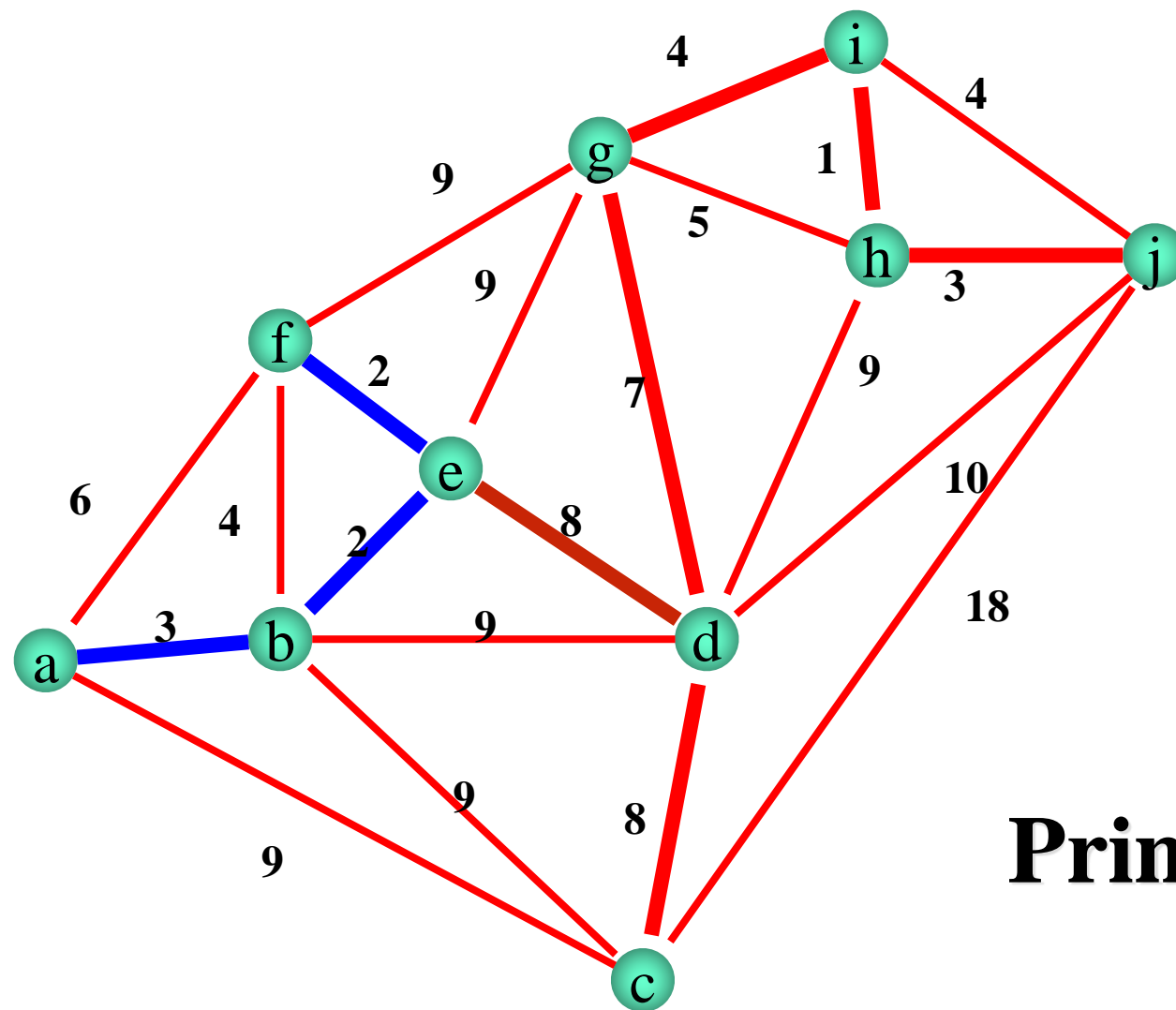
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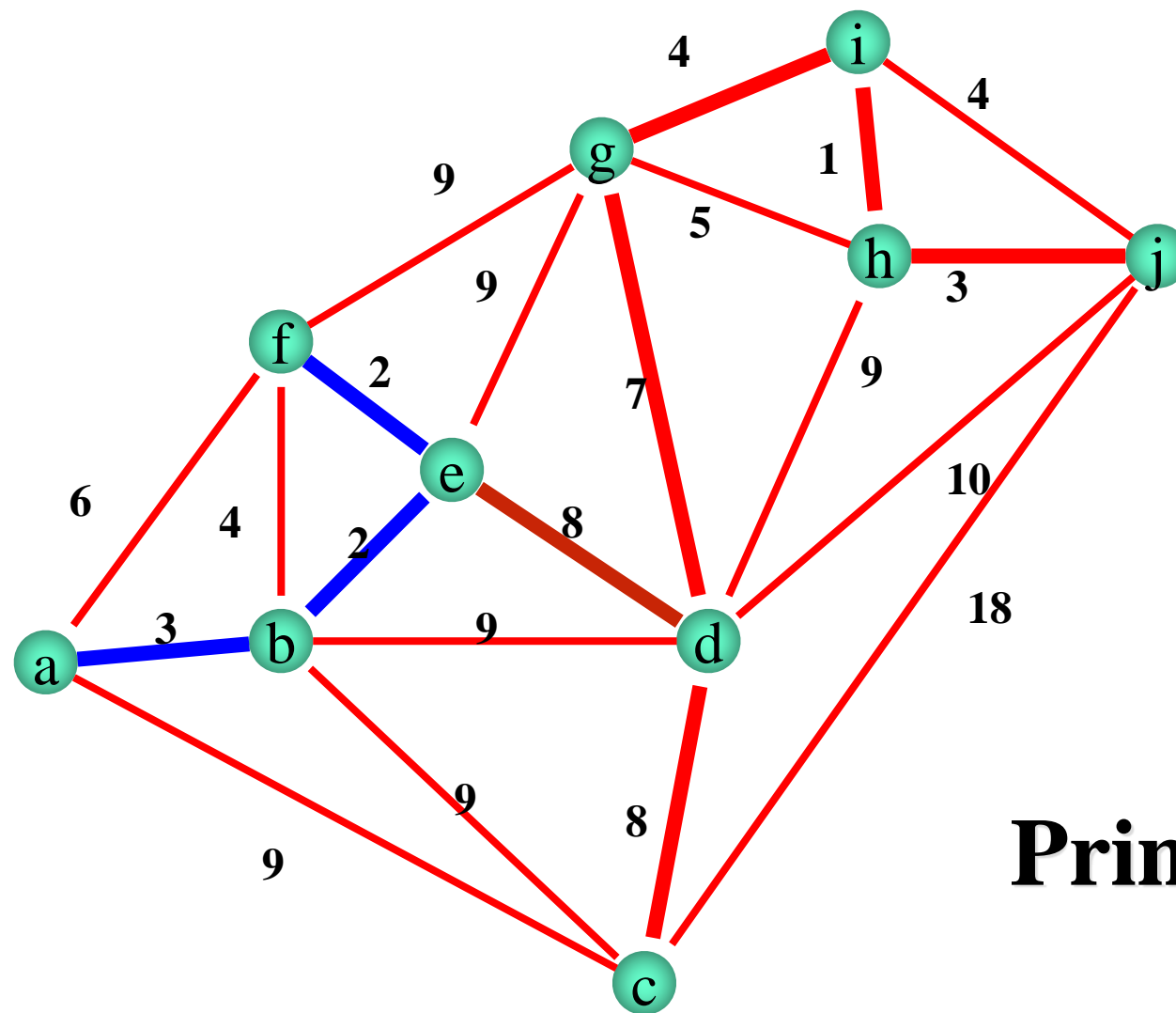
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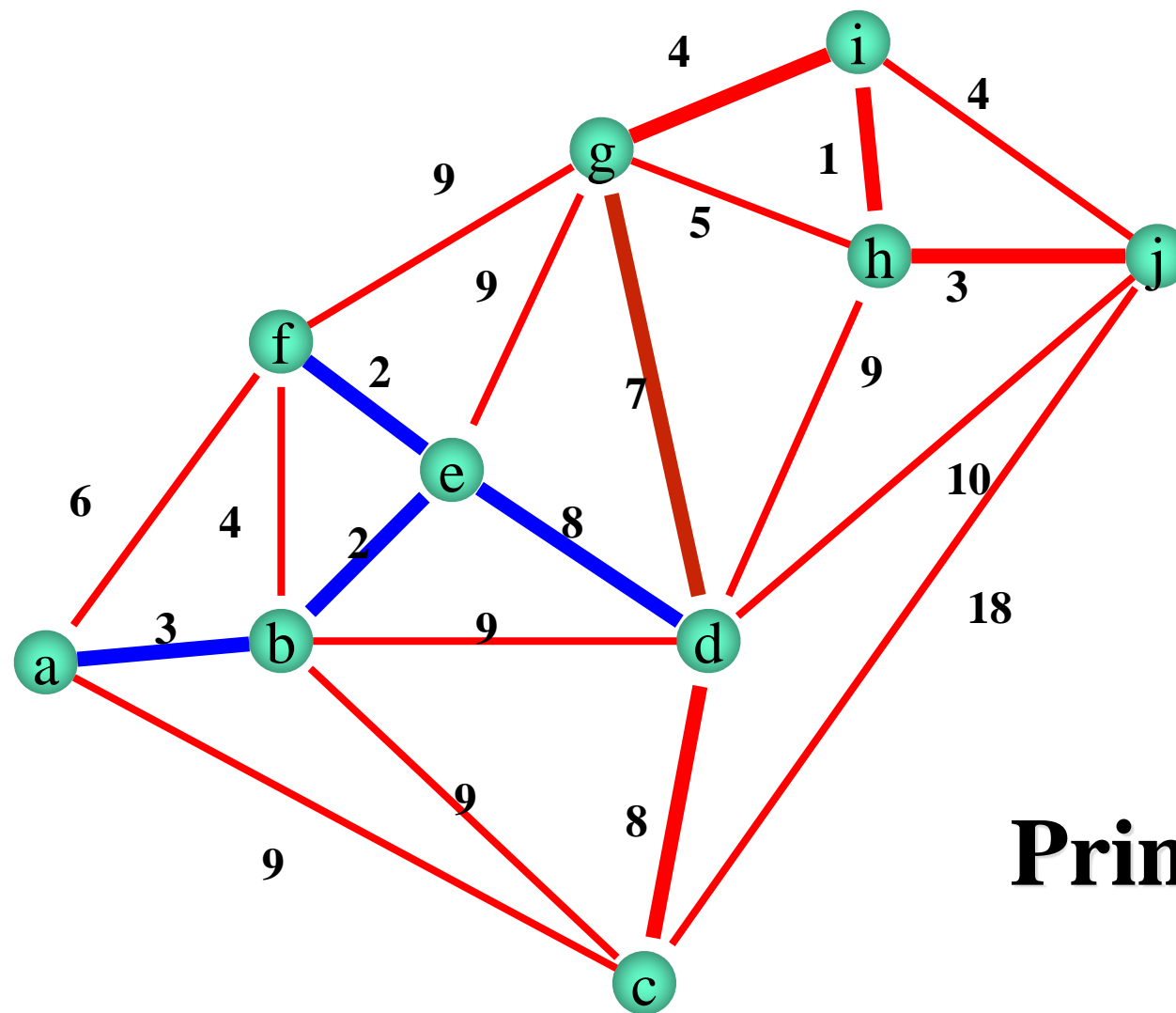
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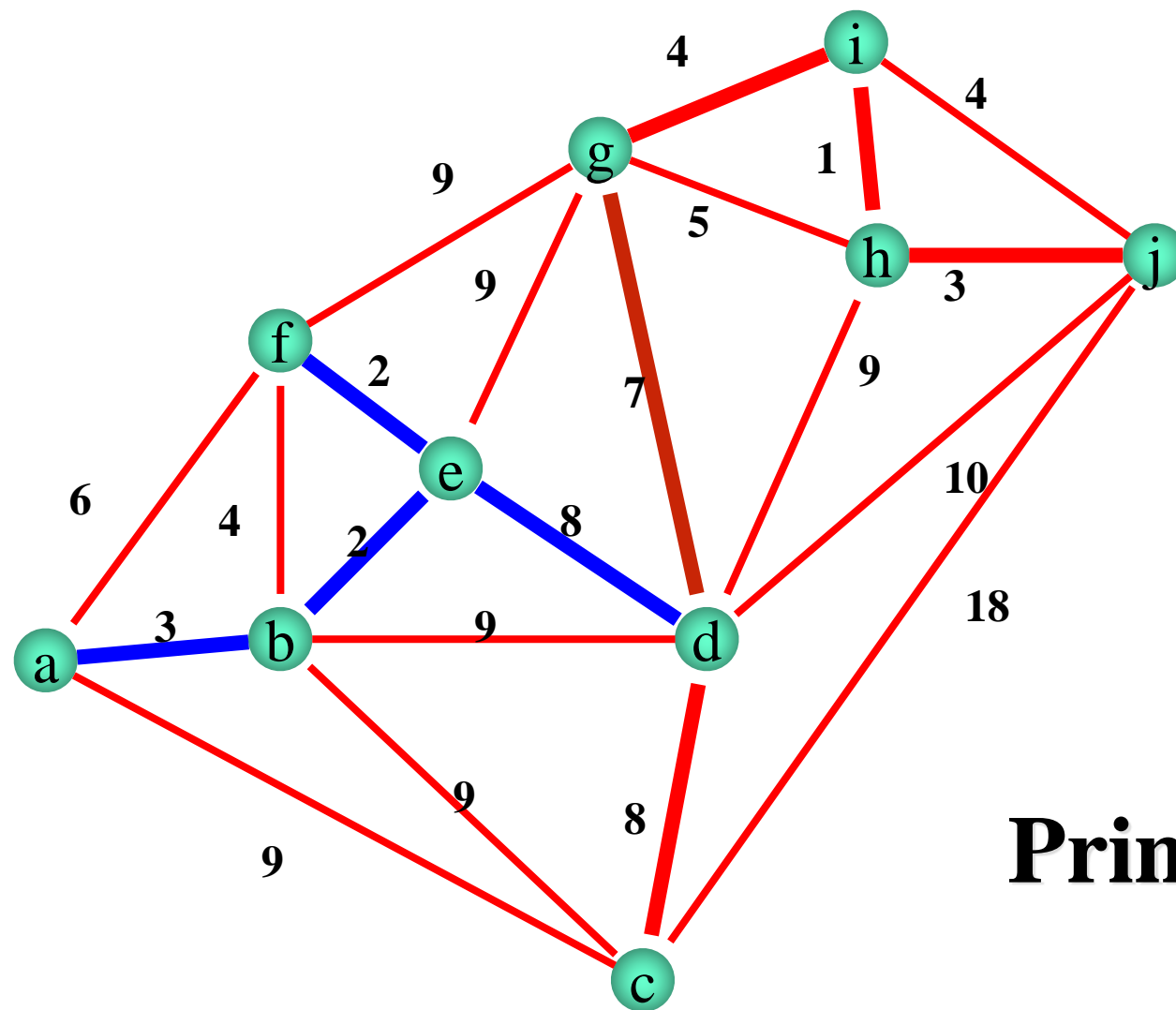


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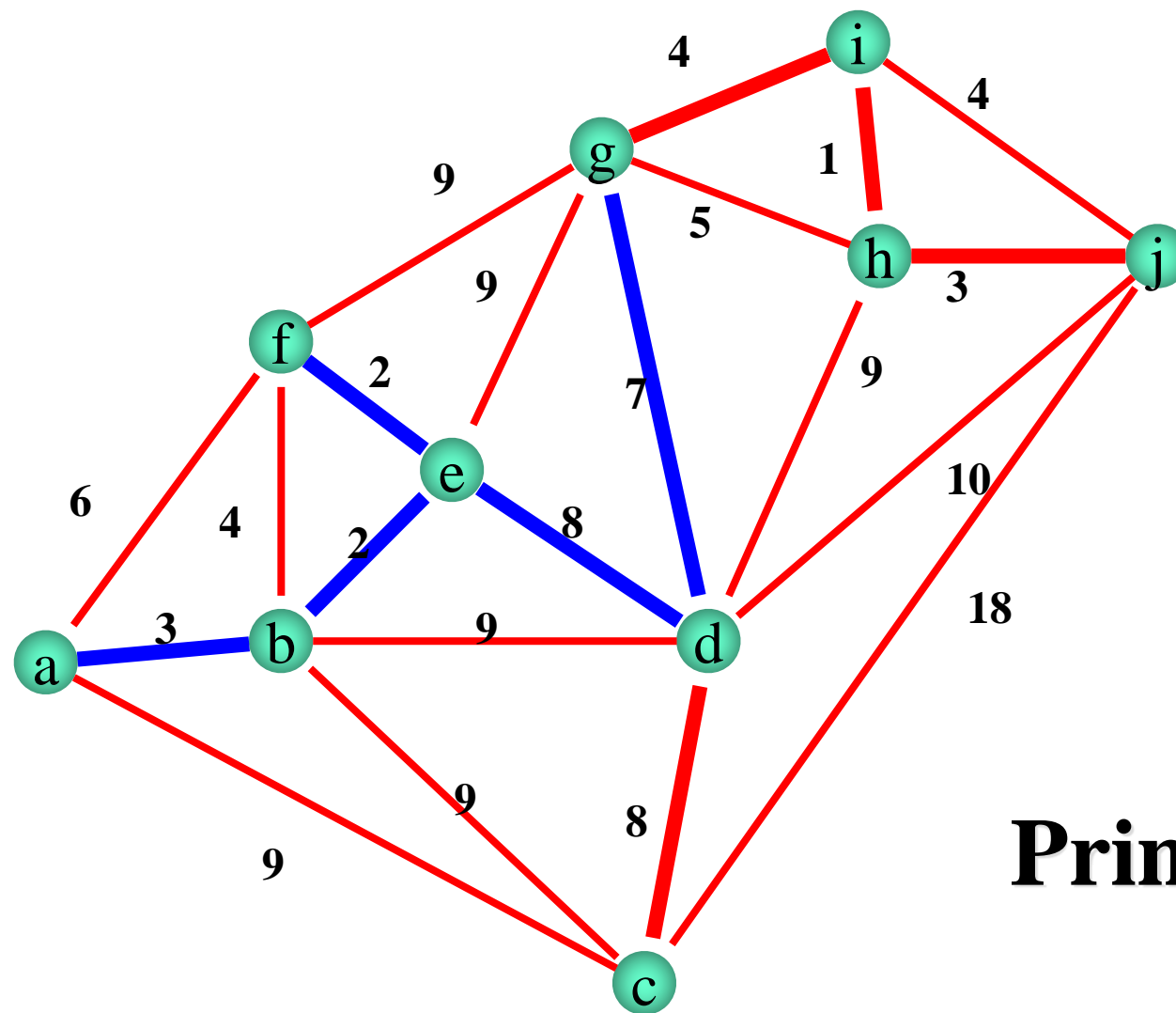




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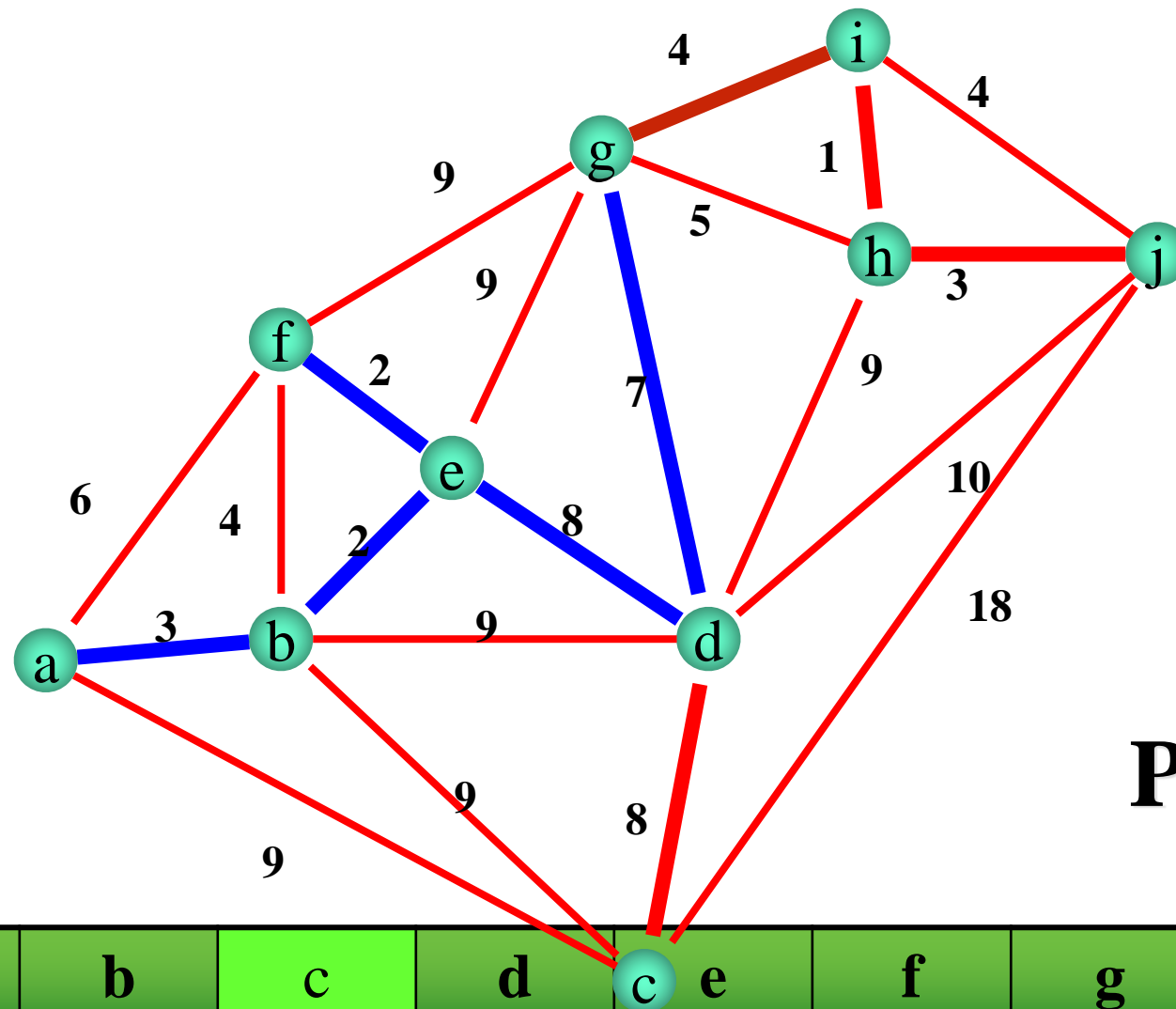
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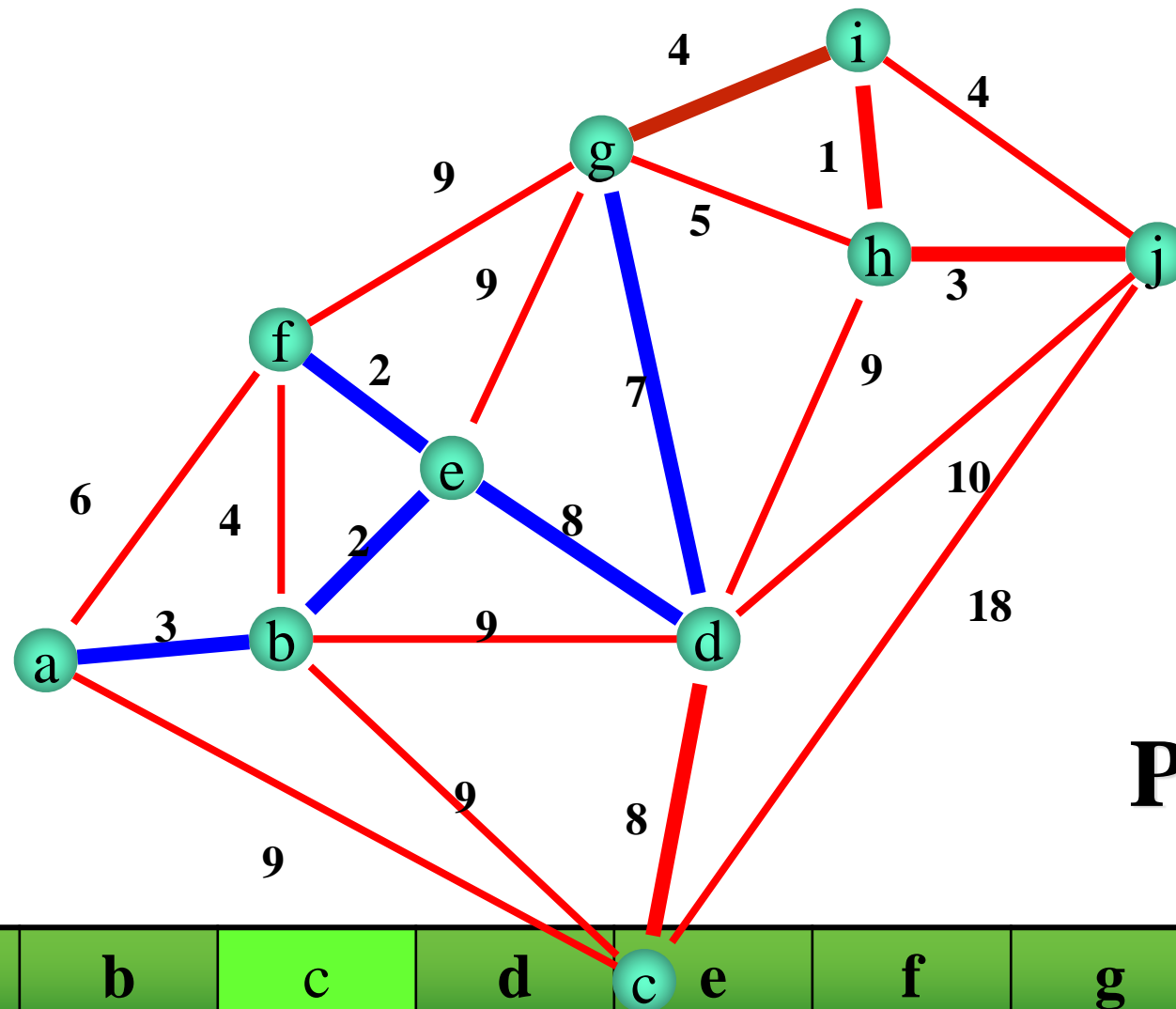
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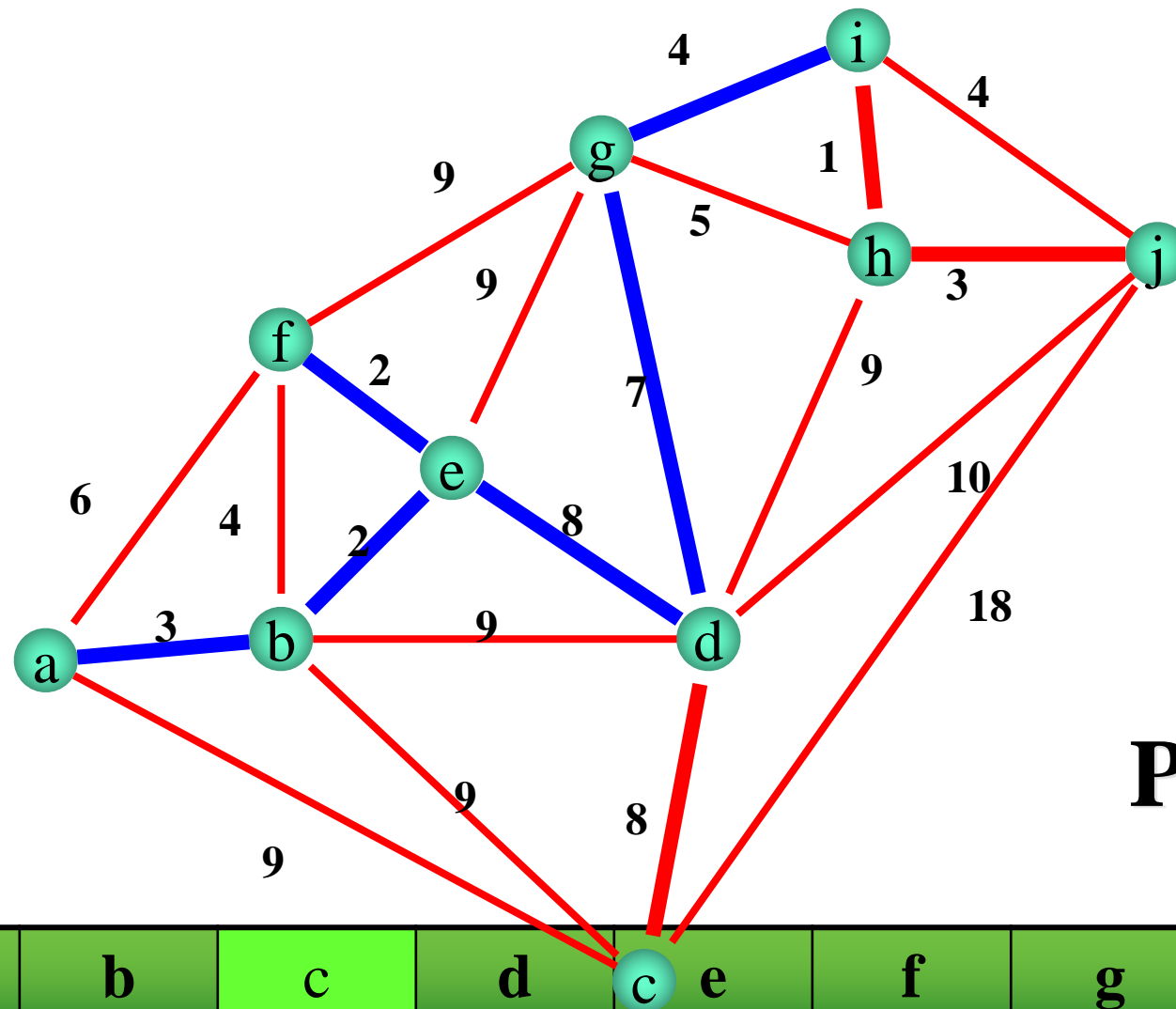
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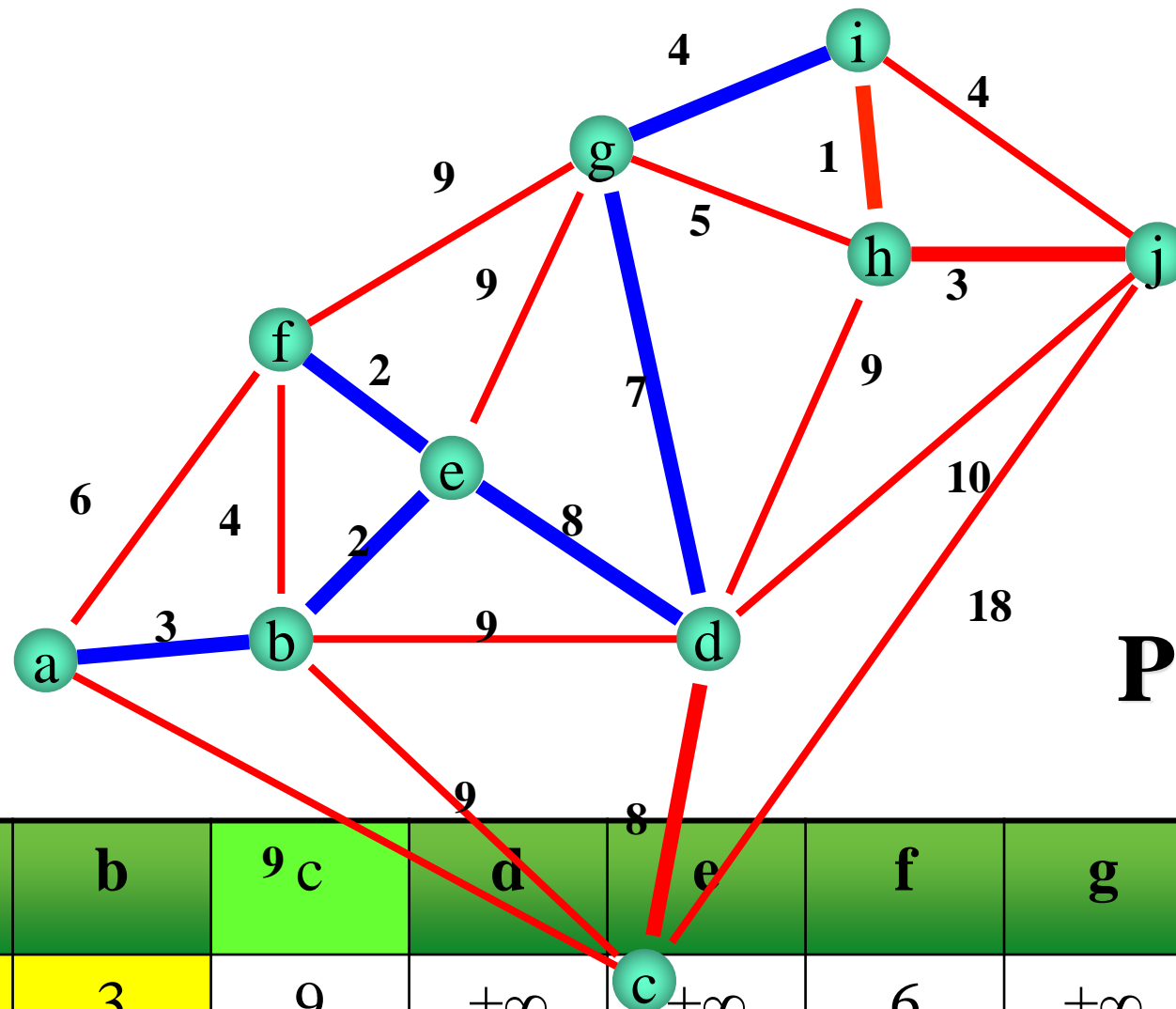
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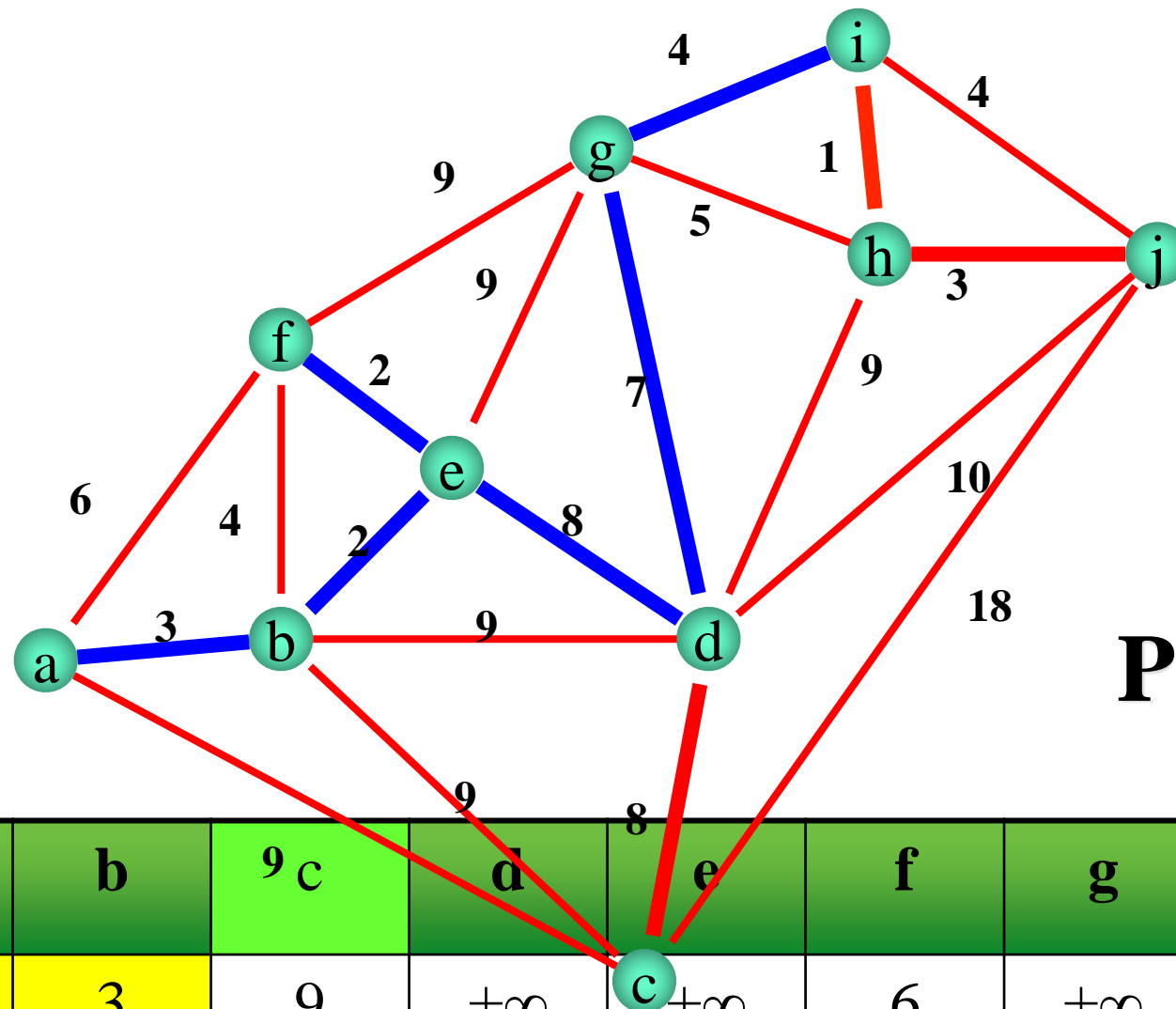
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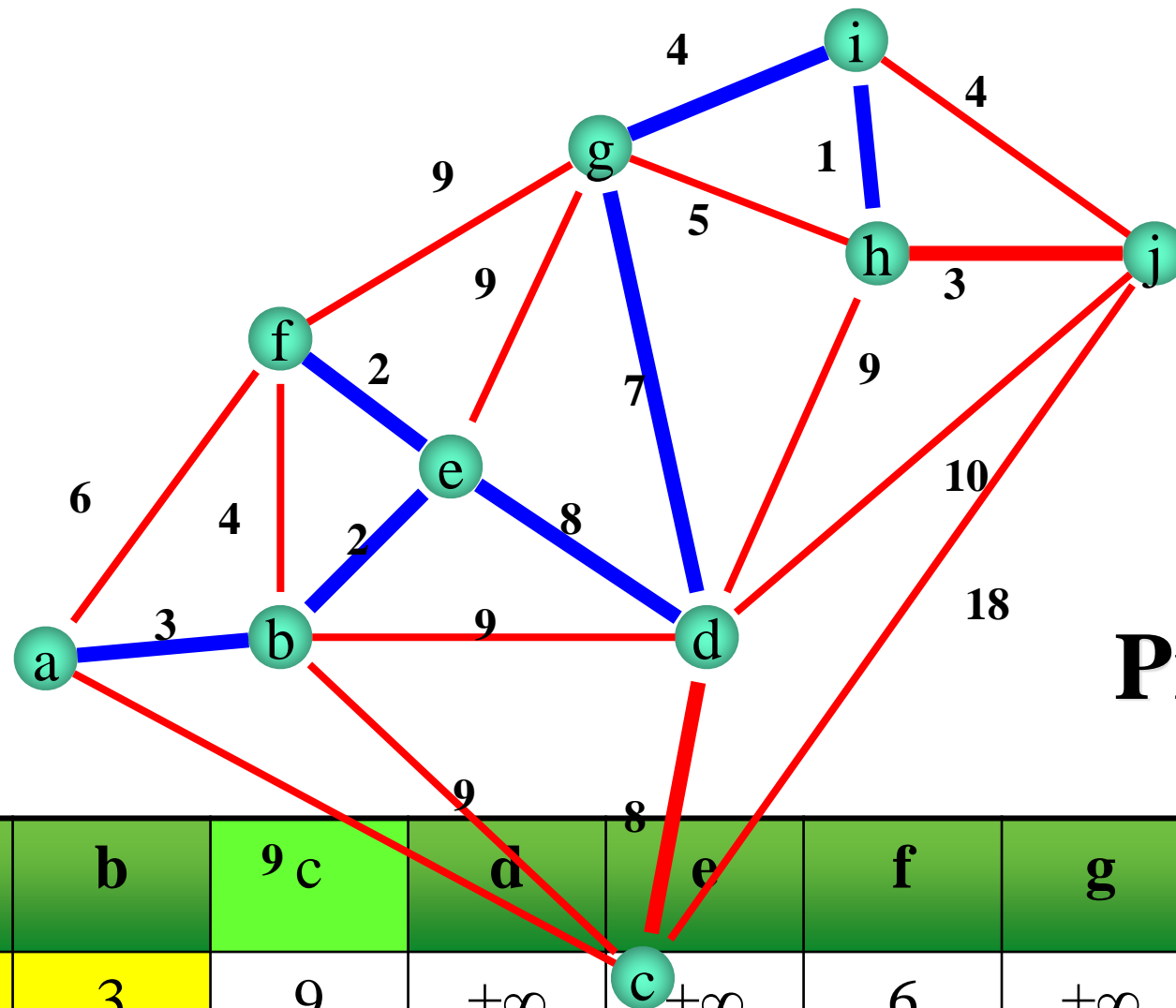
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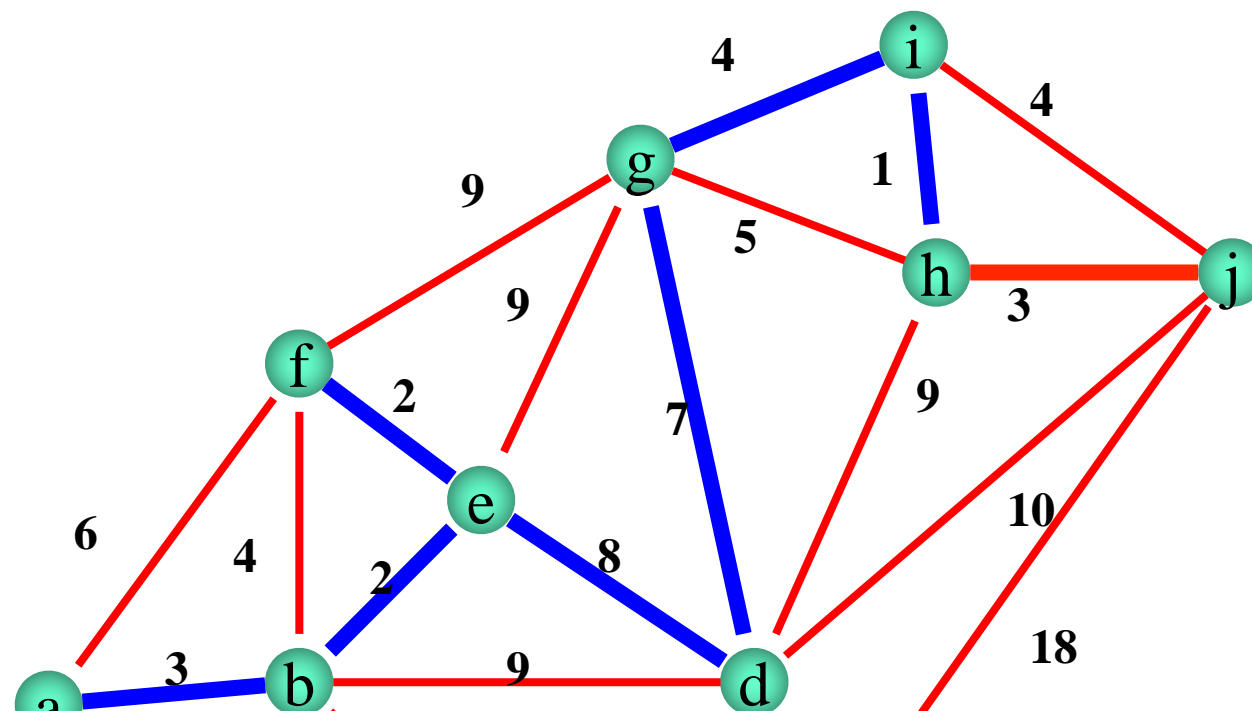
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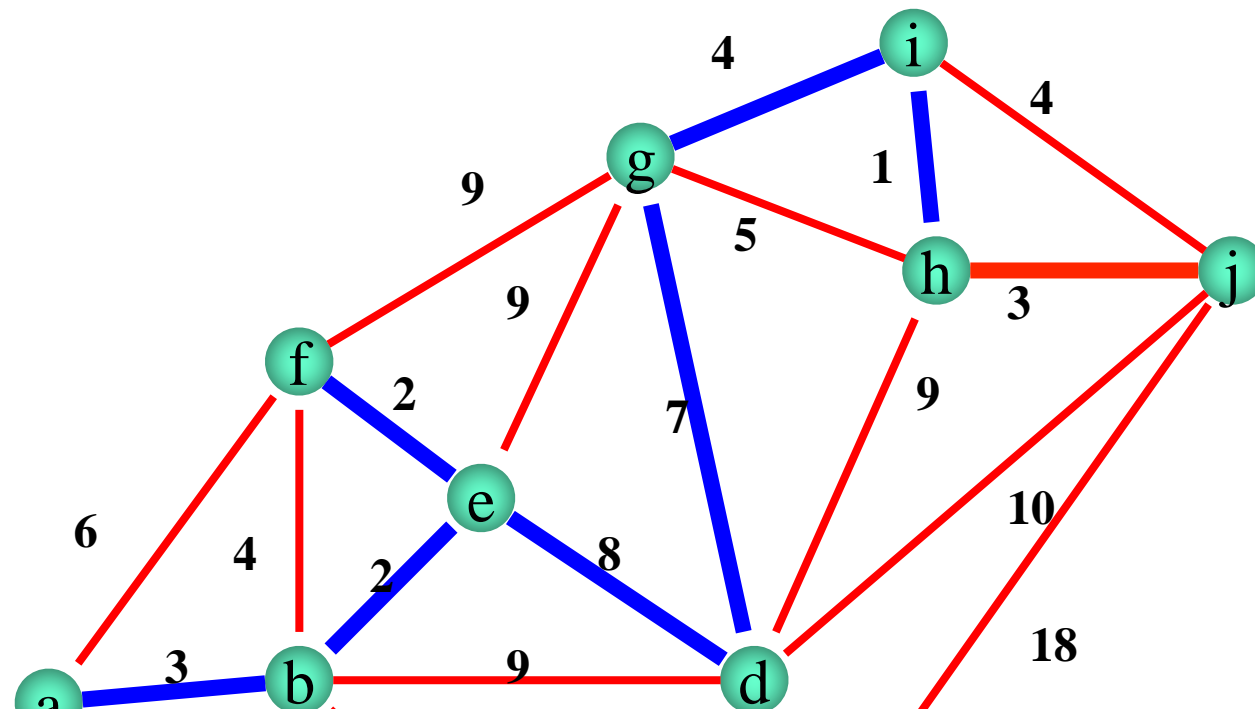
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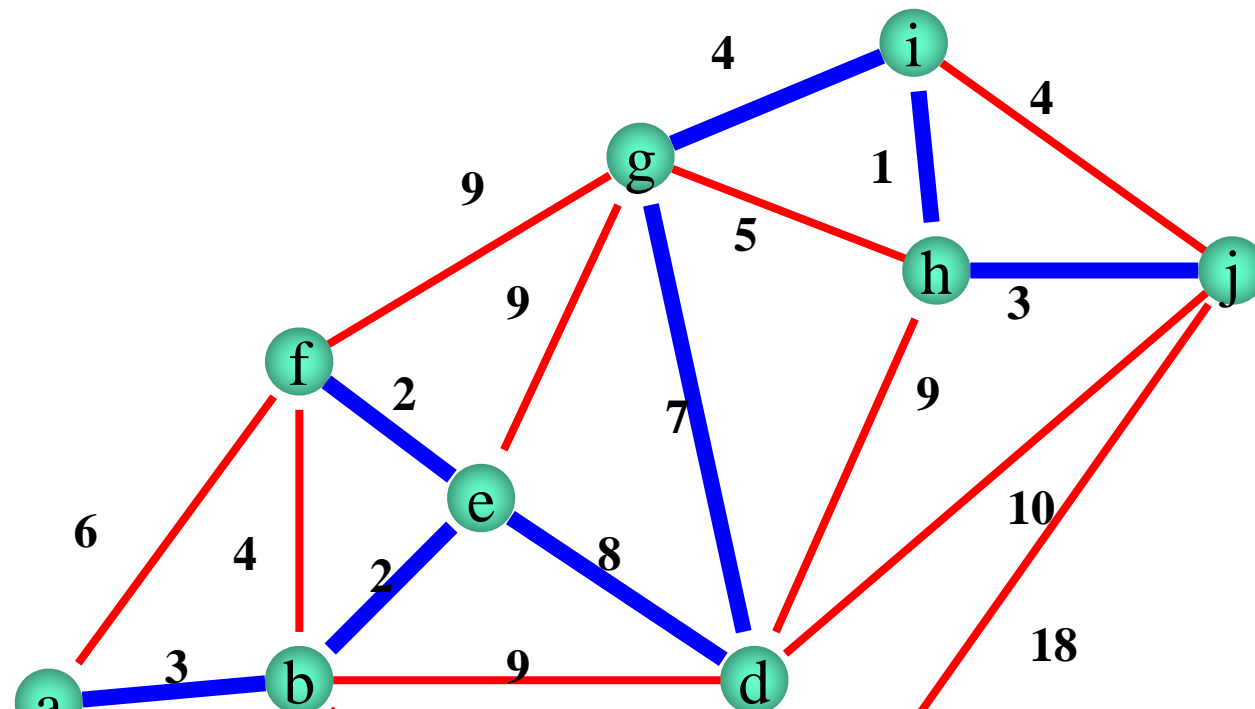
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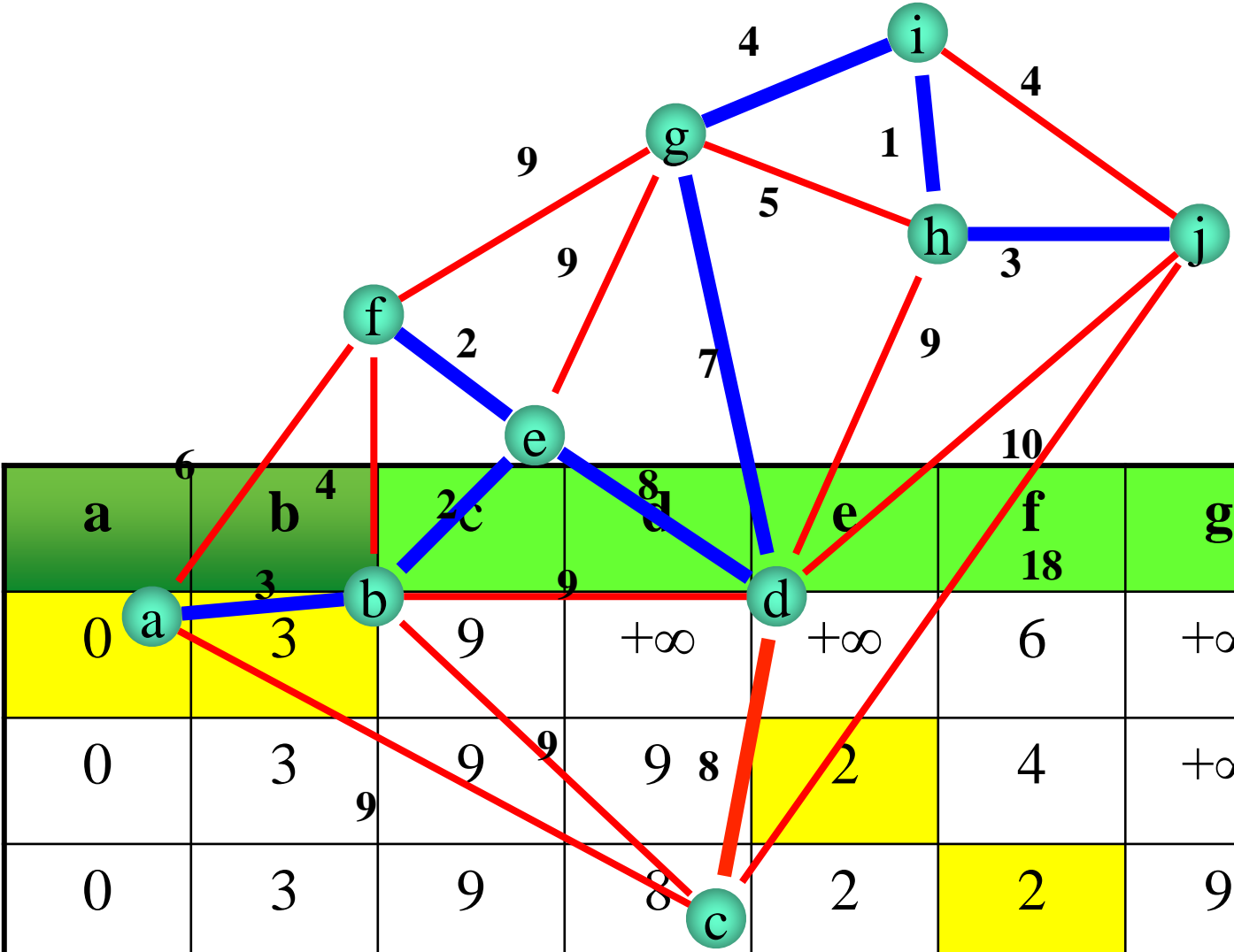
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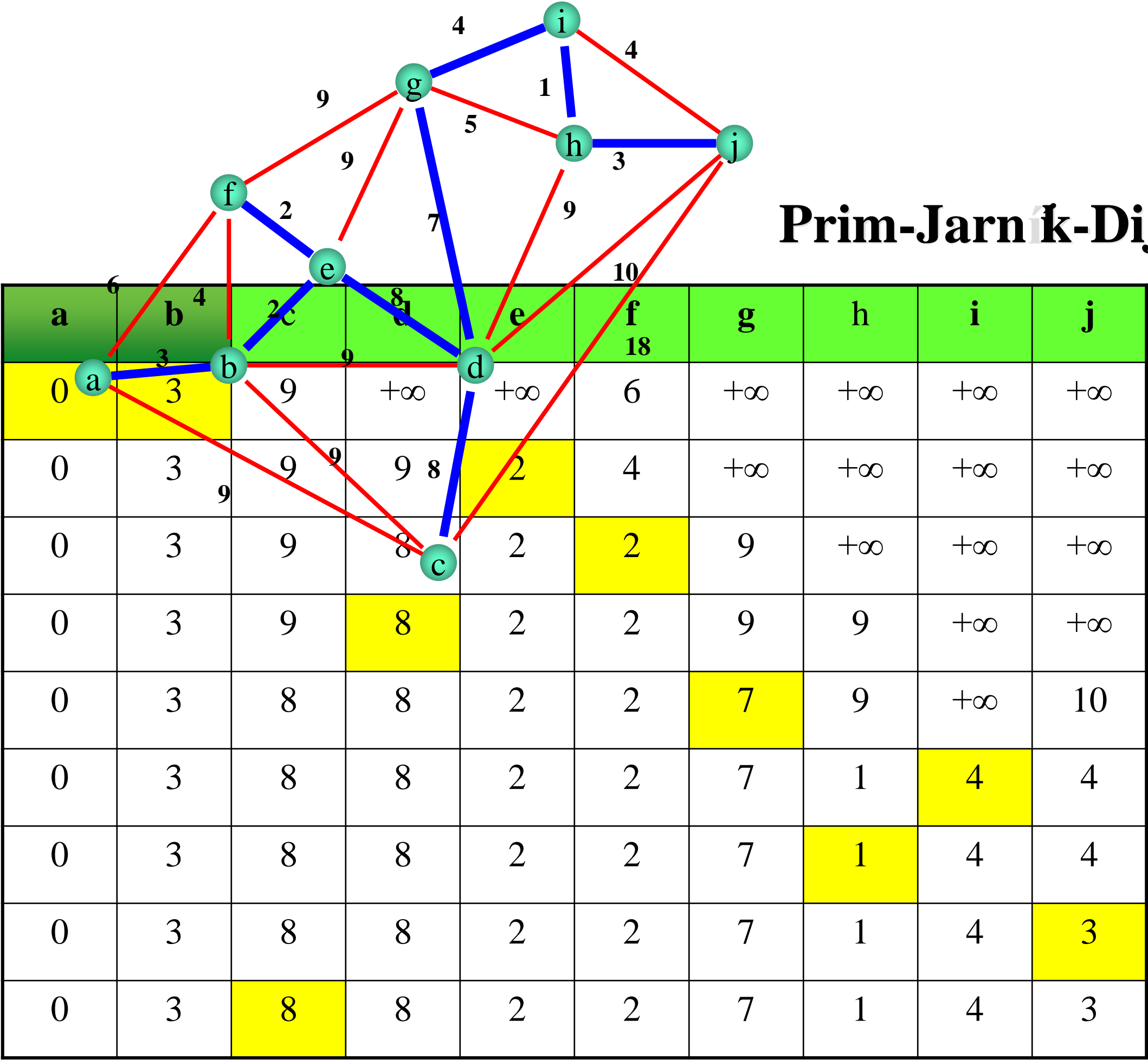
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$T \leftarrow \emptyset$

**for each** vertex  $u$  **do**  $PQ.insert(\{(u, (null), D[u])\})$  **end** // including  $v$

// for each vertex  $u$ ,  $(u, edge)$  is the element and  $D[u]$  is the key in  $PQ$

**while not**  $PQ.empty()$  **do**

$(u, e) \leftarrow PQ.deleteMin()$

    add vertex  $u$  and edge  $e$  to  $T$

**for each** vertex  $z$  adjacent to  $u$  such that  $z$  is in  $PQ$  **do**

**if**  $weight((u, z)) < D[z]$  **then**

$D[z] \leftarrow weight((u, z))$

            in  $PQ$ , change element and key of  $z$  to  $\{z, (u, z), D[z]\}$

            update  $PQ$

**end**

**end**

**end**

**return**  $T$

$D$ : distance vector,  
maintains reachable  
vertices

$PQ$ : priority queue  
(heap) for the edges,  
according to their  
values in  $D$

# Prim-Jarník Time Complexity

**Theorem.** The Prim-Jarník algorithm constructs a minimum spanning tree for a connected weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges in  $O(m \log(n))$  time.



# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation

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```
public class PrimMST {  
    private Edge[] edgeTo;           // shortest edge from tree to vertex  
    private double[] distTo;         // distTo[w] = edgeTo[w].weight()  
    private boolean[] marked;        // true if v in mst  
    private IndexMinPQ<Edge> pq;     // eligible crossing edges  
  
    public PrimMST(WeightedGraph G) {  
        edgeTo = new Edge[G.V()];  
        distTo = new double[G.V()];  
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];  
        for(int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)  
            distTo[v] = Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY;  
        pq = new IndexMinPQ<Double>(G.V());  
        distTo[0] = 0.0;              ← assume G is connected  
        pq.insert(0, 0.0);  
        while(!pq.isEmpty())  
            visit(G, pq.delMin());    ← repeatedly delete the  
                                     min weight edge e = v-w from PQ  
    }  
}
```

# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation

```
private void visit(WeightedGraph G, int v) {  
    marked[v] = true;                                     ← add v to T  
    for (Edge e : G.adj(v)) {                             ← for each edge e = v-w, add to  
        int w = e.other(v);                                PQ if w not already in T  
        if (marked[w]) continue;  
        if (e.weight() < distTo[w]) {  
            edgeTo[w] = e;                                  ← add edge e to tree  
            distTo[w] = e.weight();  
            if (pq.contains(w)) pq.changeKey(w, distTo[w]); ← Update distance to w or  
            else pq.insert(w, distTo[w]);                  Insert distance to w  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
public Iterable<Edge> edges() {                             ← Create the mst  
    Queue<Edge> mst = new Queue<Edge>();  
    for (int v = 0; v < edgeTo.length; v++)  
        Edge e = edgeTo[v];  
        if (e != null) {  
            mst.enqueue(e);  
        }  
    }  
    return mst; }  
}
```