

# Data Structures and Algorithms – COMS21103

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## Shortest Paths Revisited

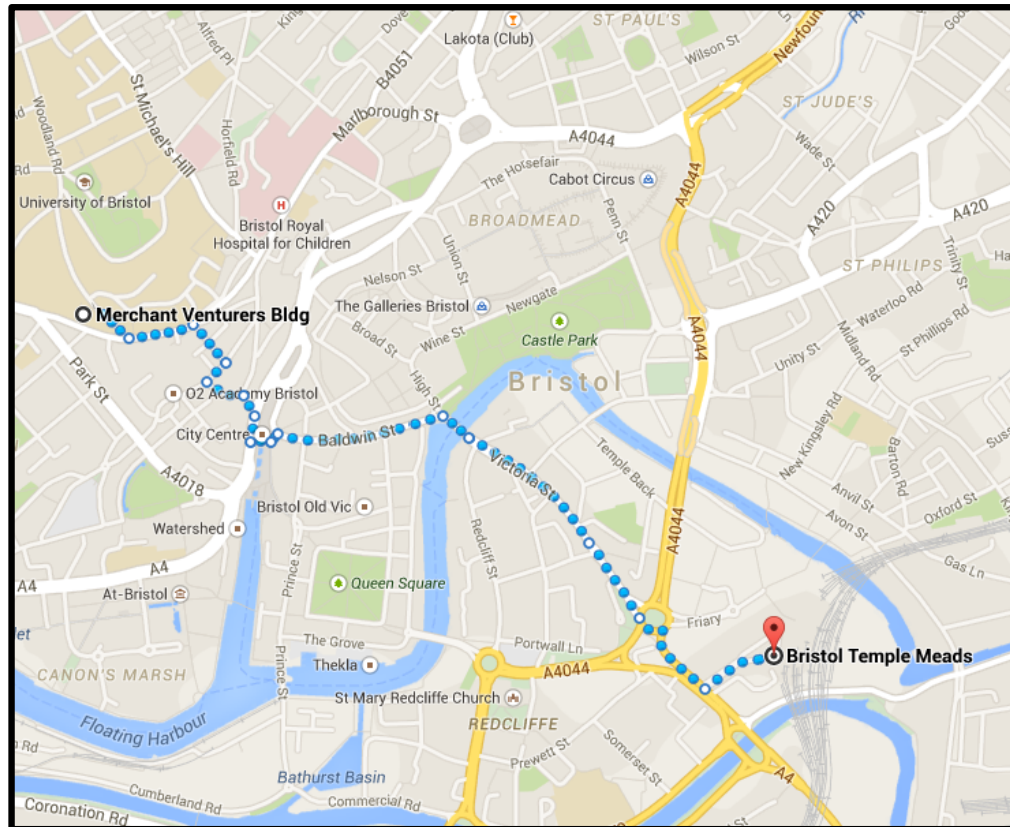
### Negative Weights and All-Pairs

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inspired by slides by Ashley Montanaro

In today's lectures we'll be revisiting the **shortest paths** problem  
in a weighted, directed graph...



*The shortest path from MVB to Temple Meads  
(according to Google Maps)*

In particular we'll be interested in algorithms which allow **negative edge weights**  
and algorithms which compute the shortest path between **all pairs** of vertices

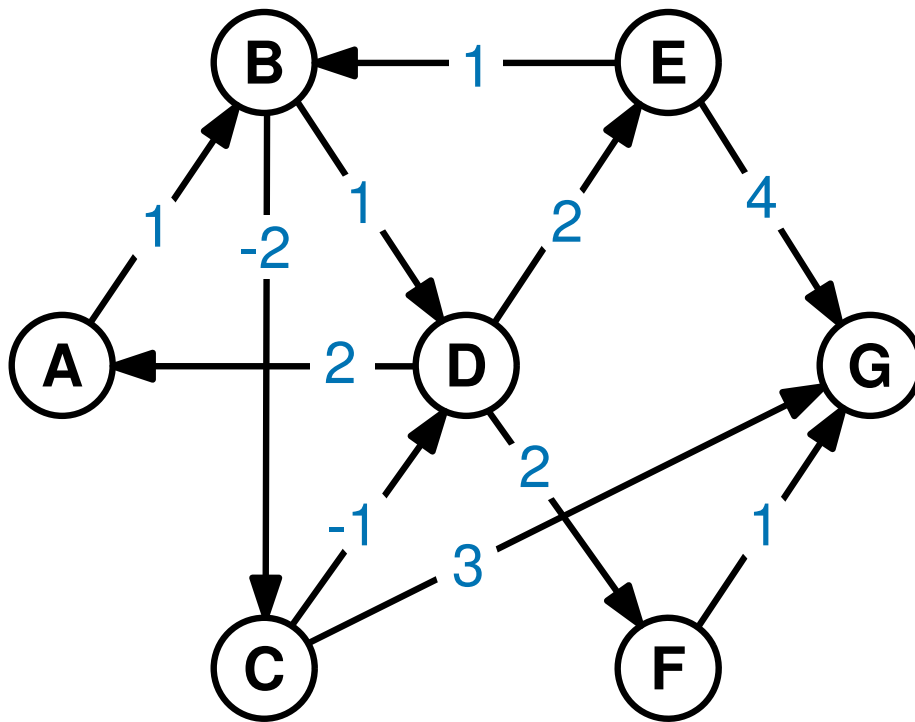
## **Part one**

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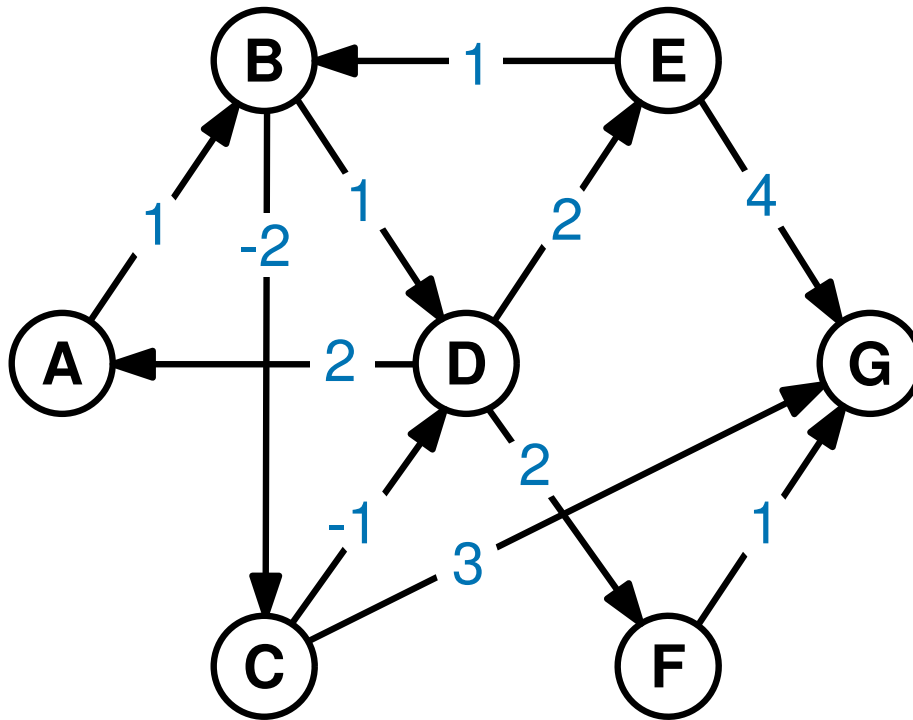
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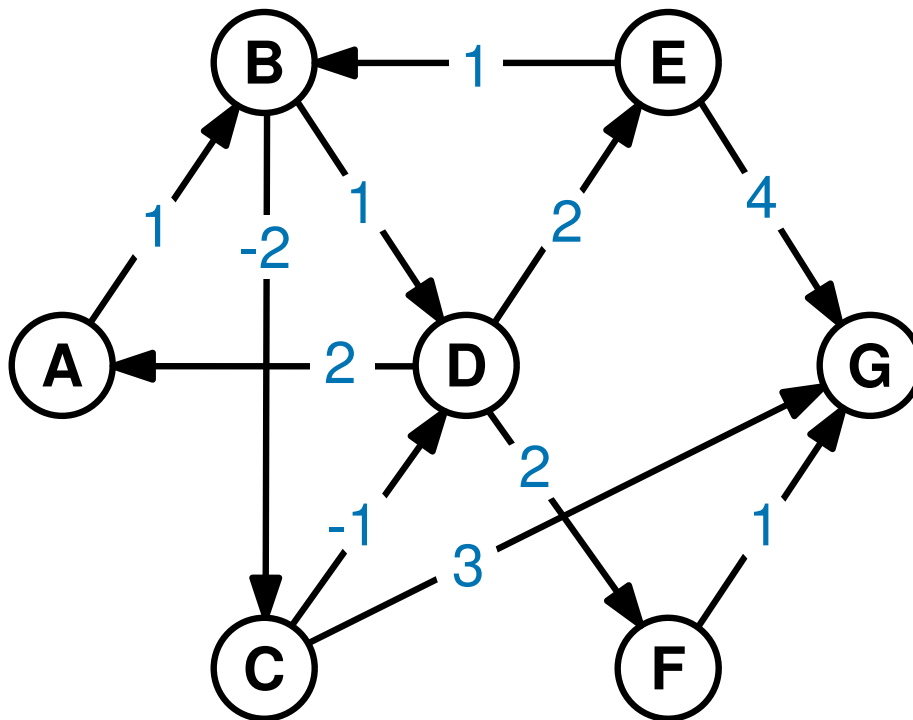


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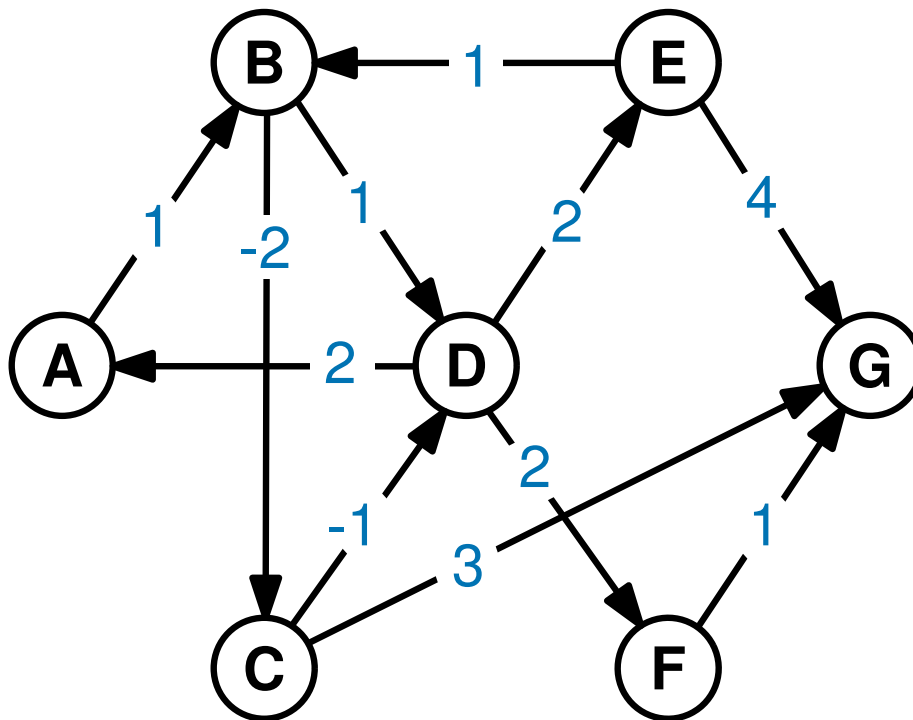
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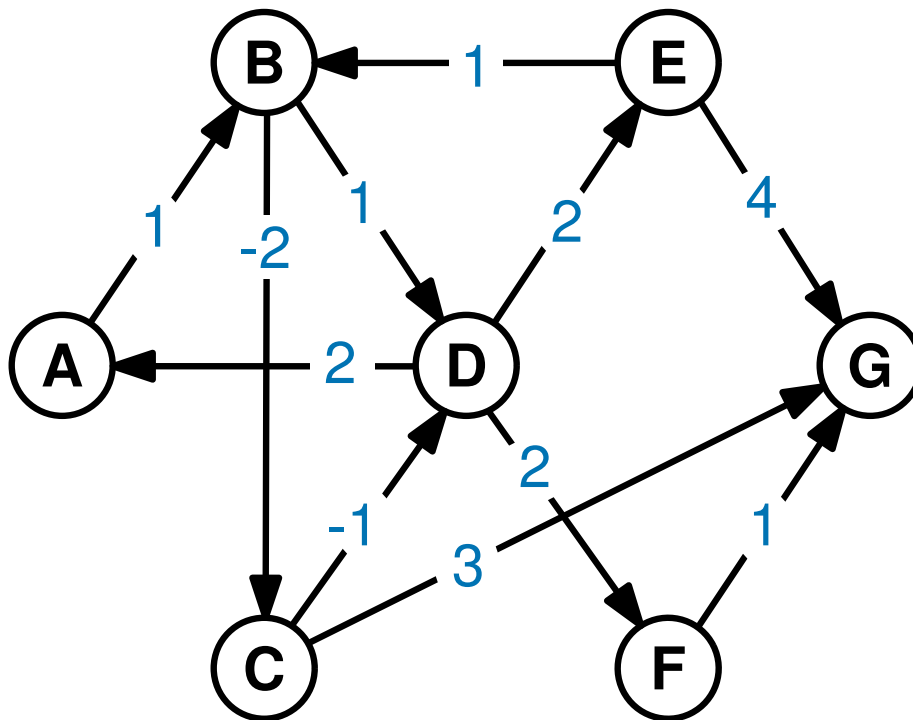
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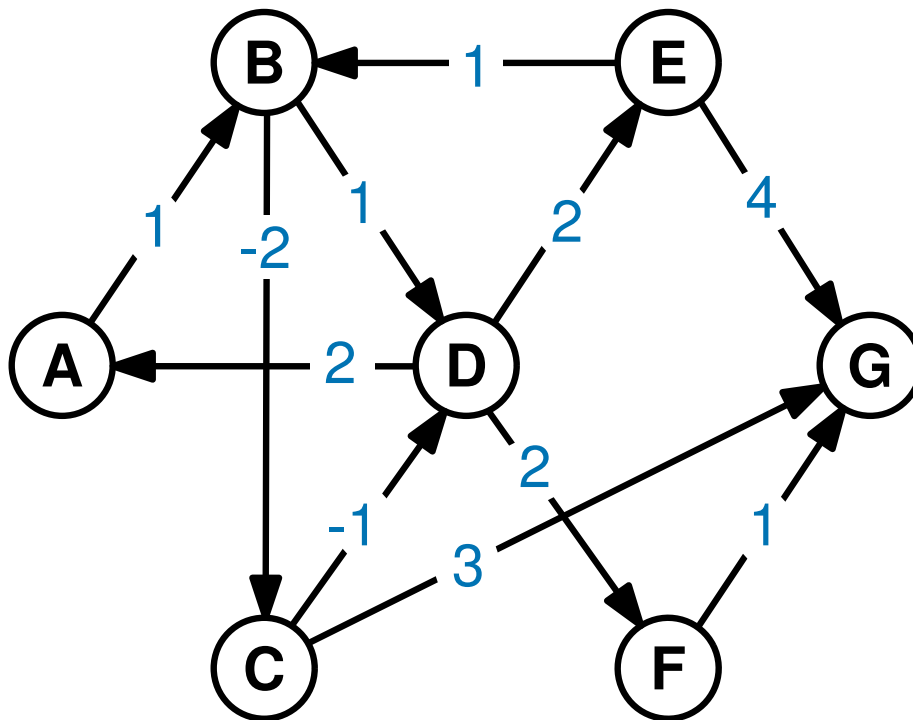
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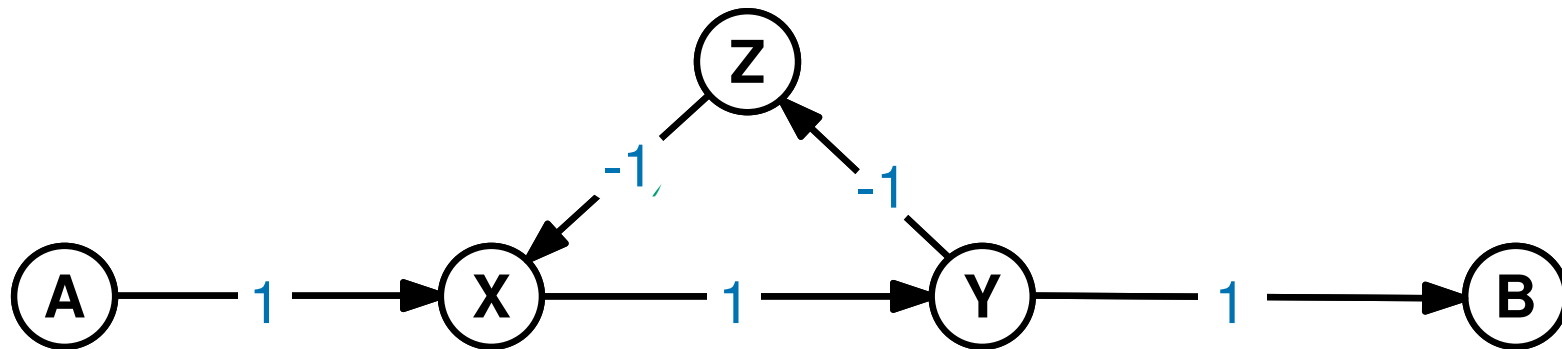
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Previously we saw that Dijkstra's algorithm (*implemented with a binary heap*) solves this problem in  $O((|V| + |E|) \log |V|)$  time when the edges have **non-negative weights**

$|V|$  is the number of vertices and  $|E|$  is the number of edges

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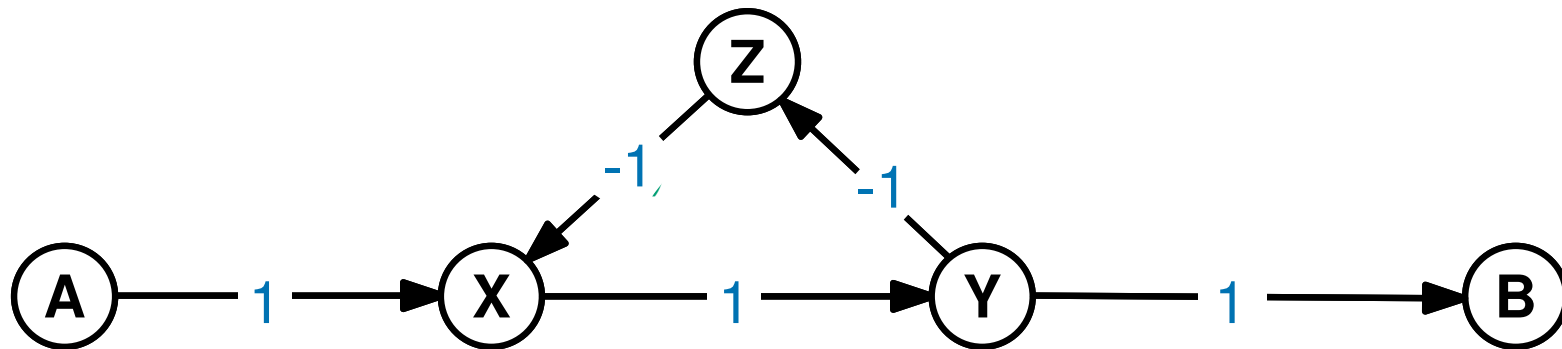
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that assumes there are no such cycles

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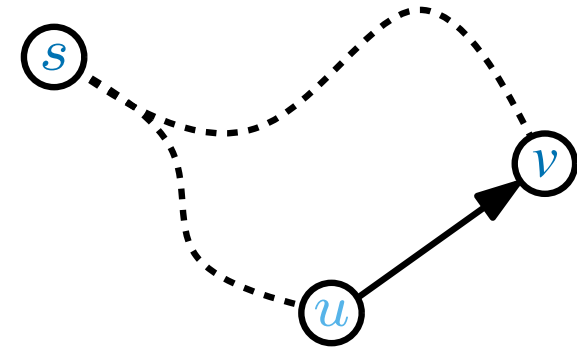
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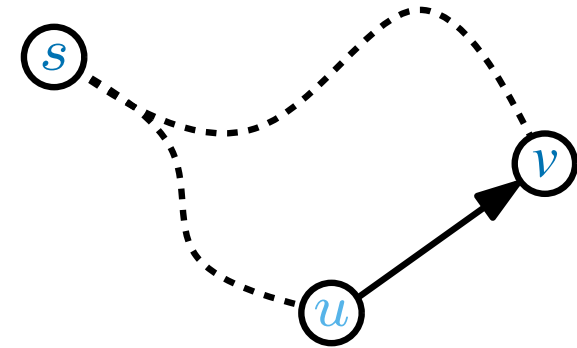
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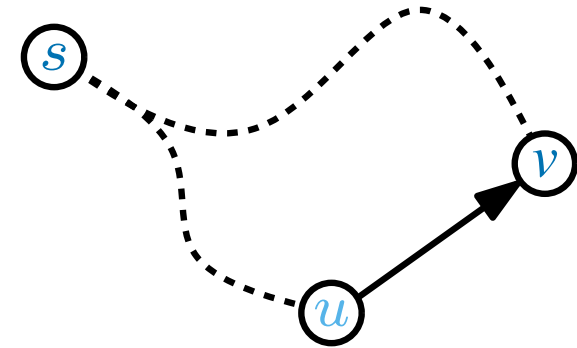
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**Claim** When the MOSTOFBELLMAN-FORD algorithm terminates,

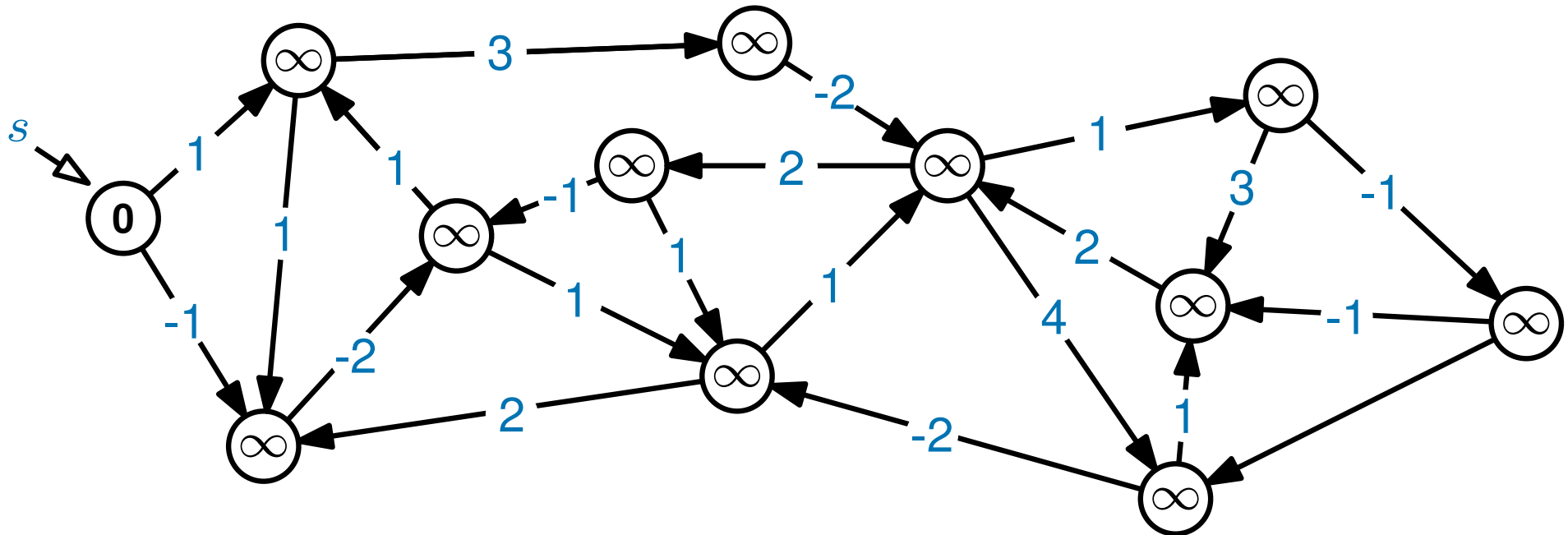
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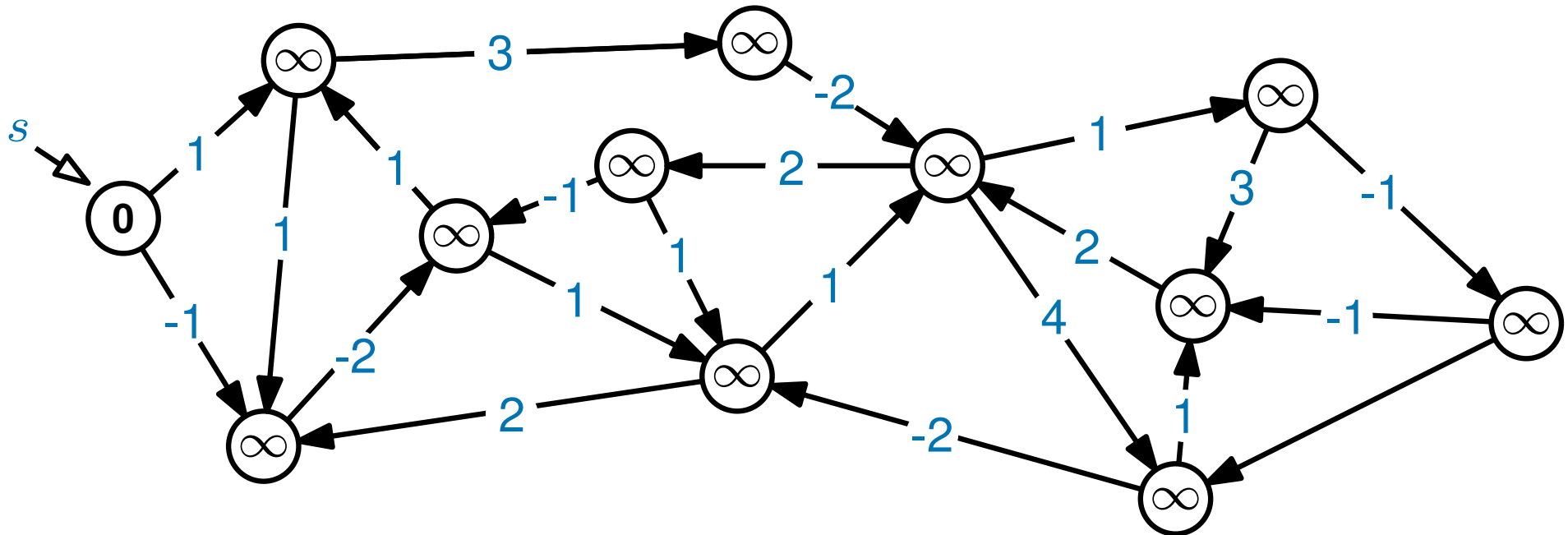
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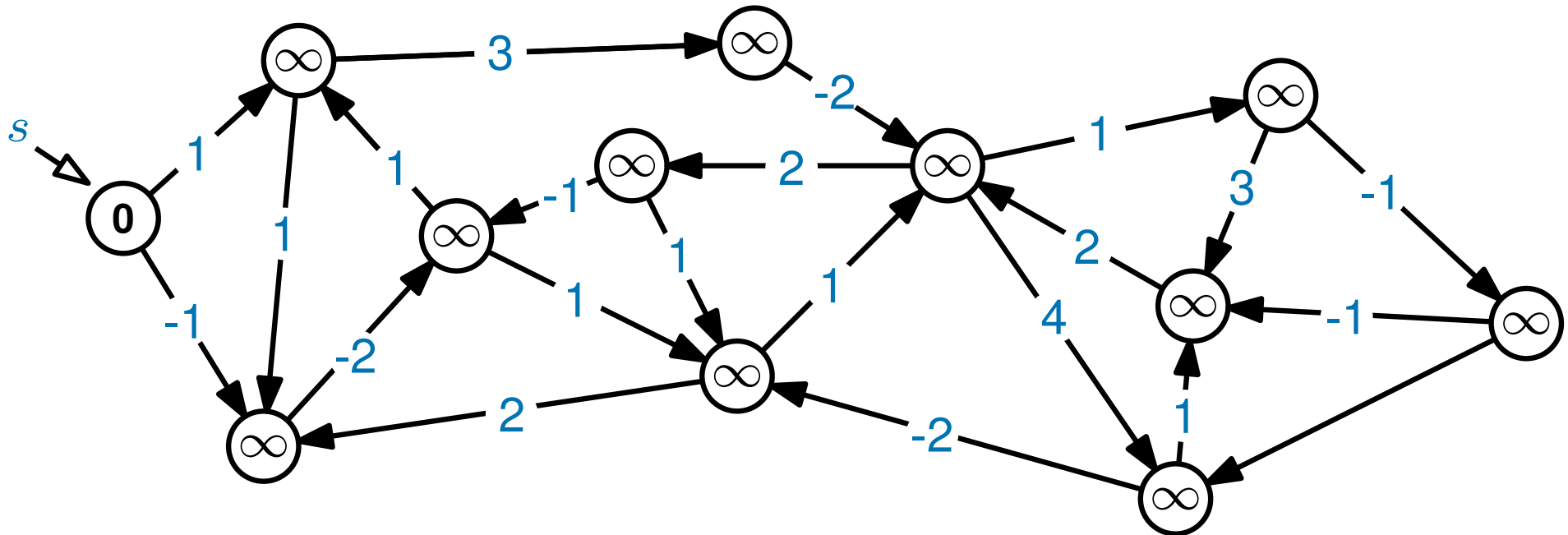
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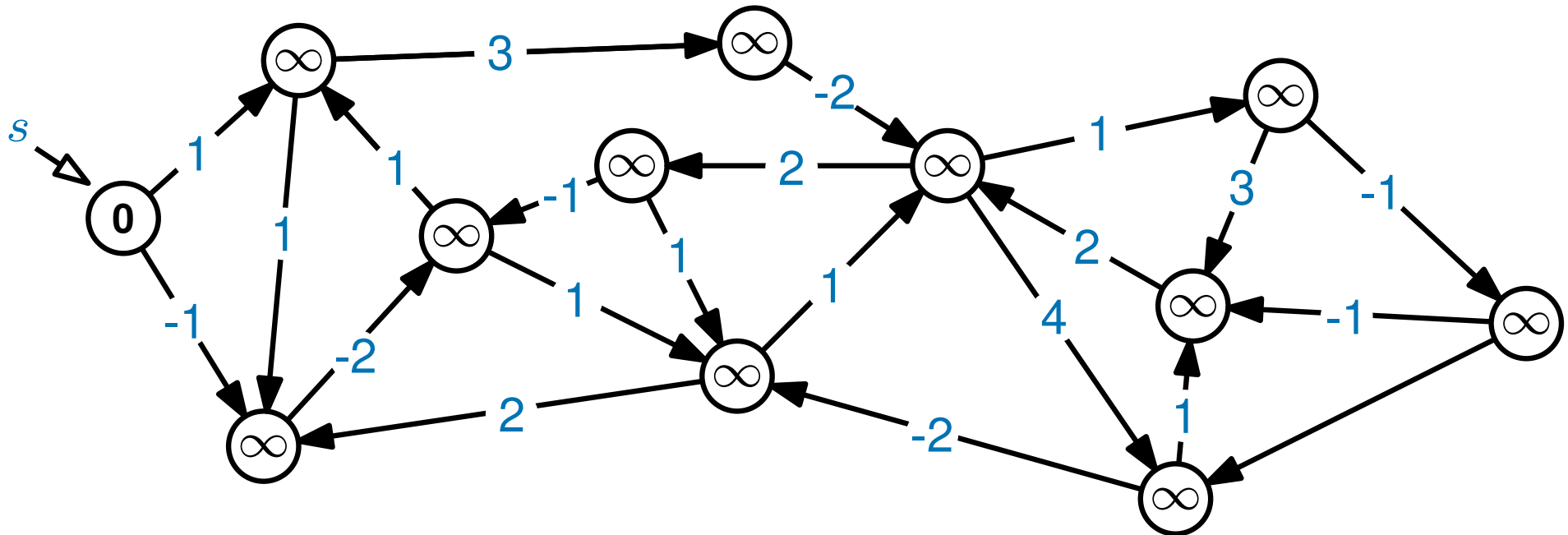
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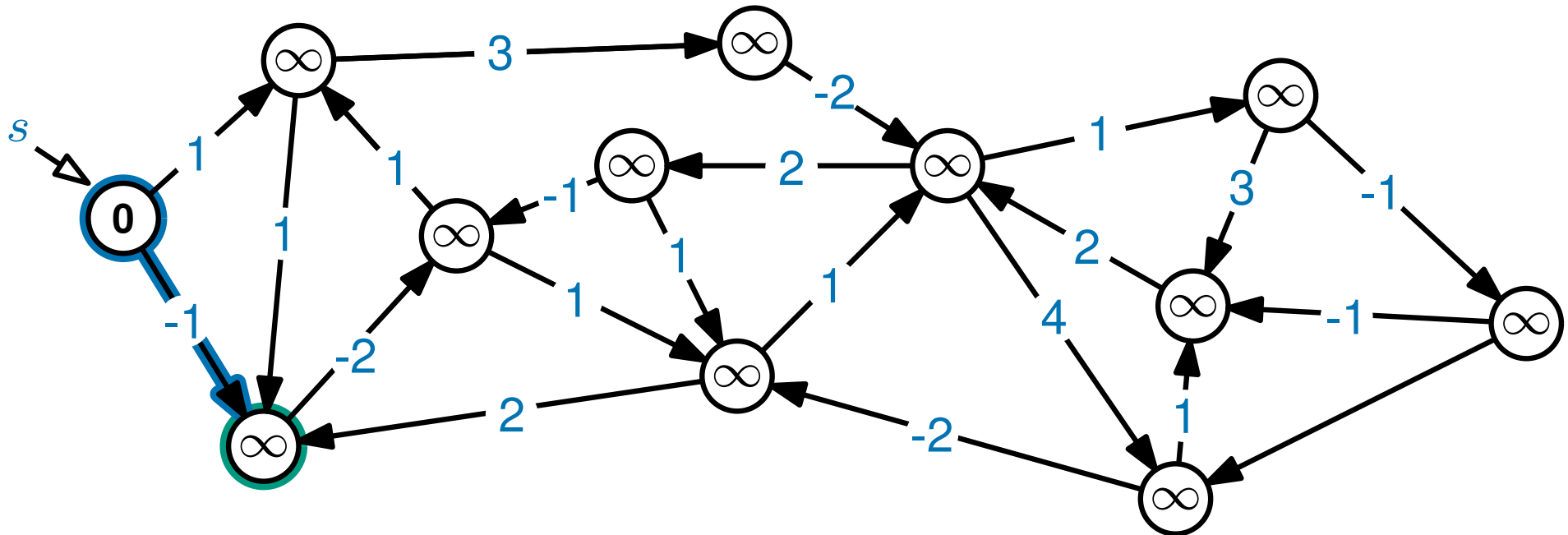
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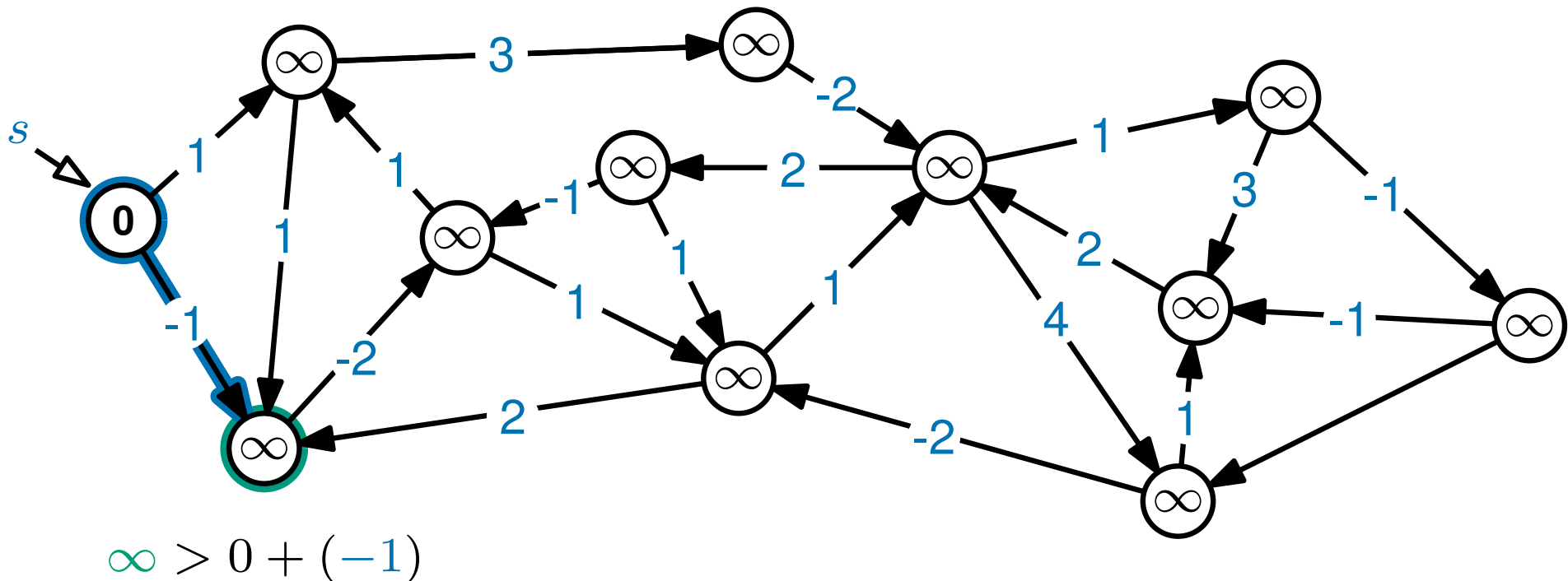
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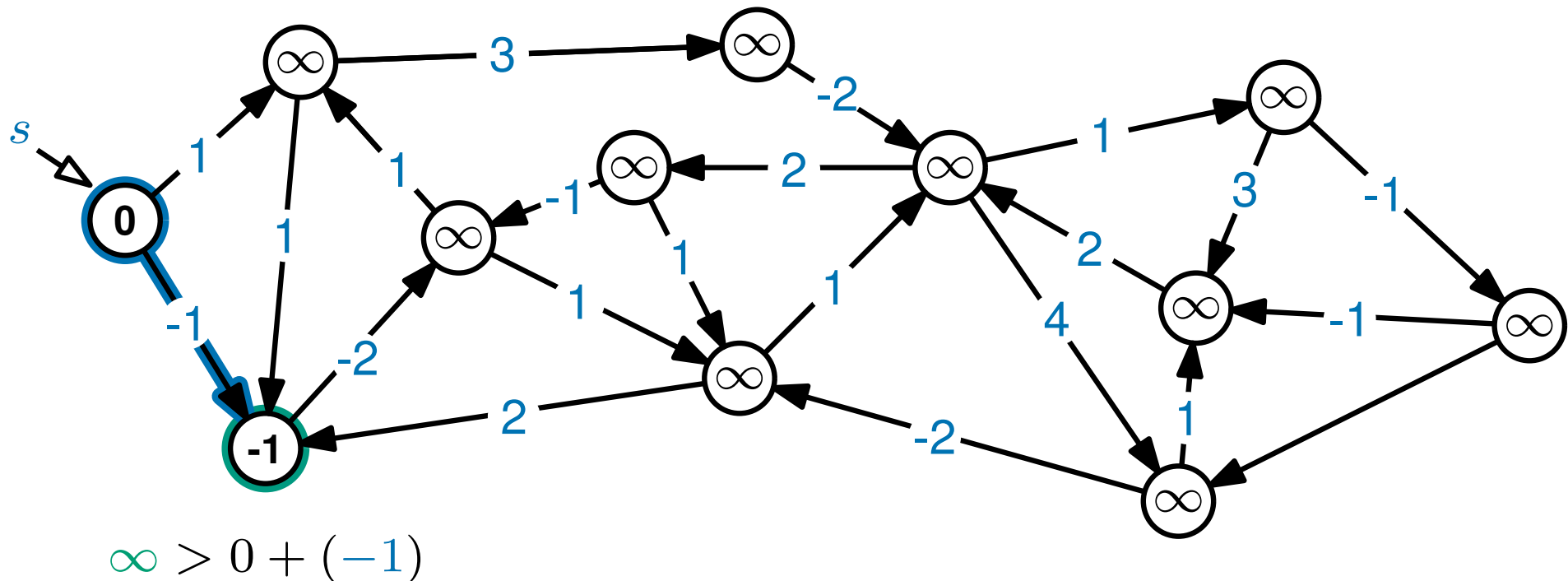
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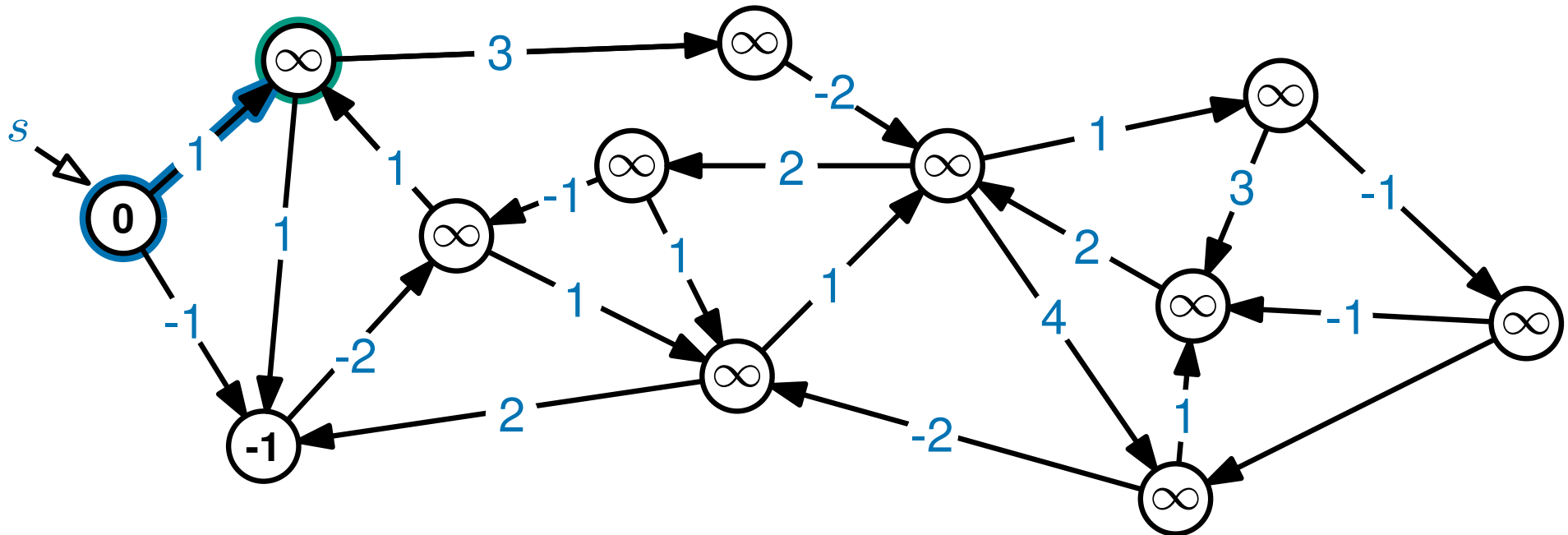
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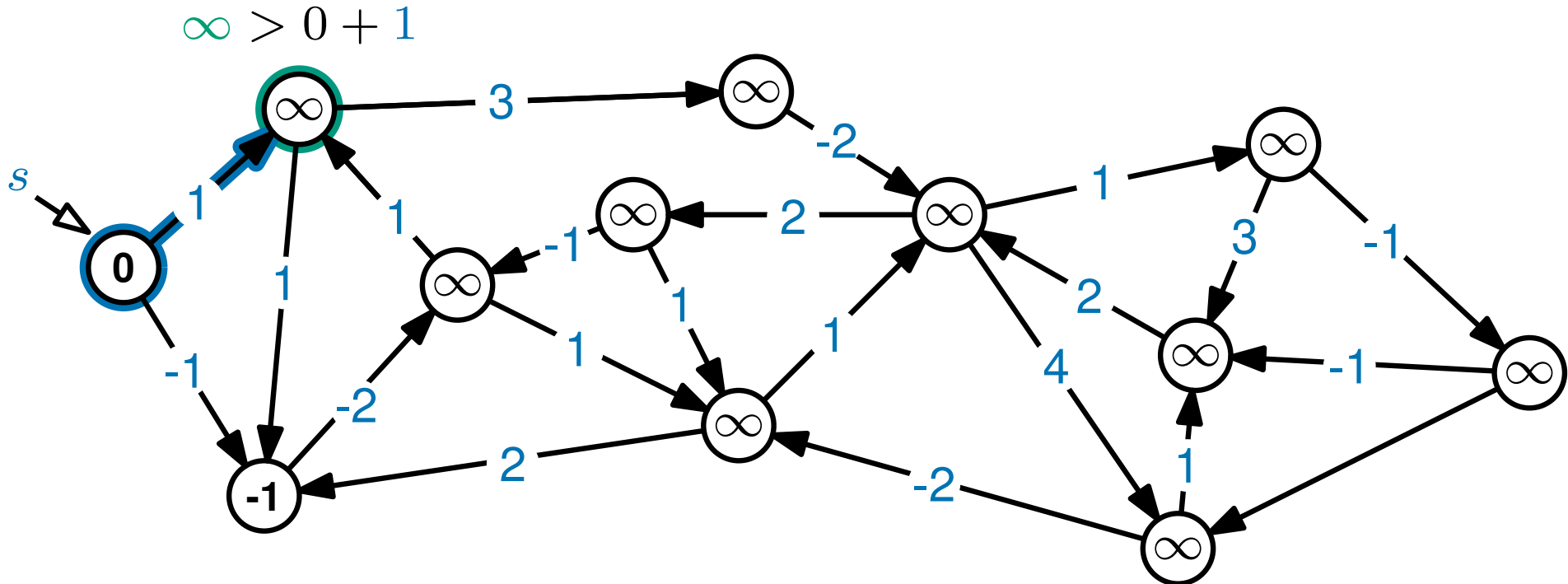
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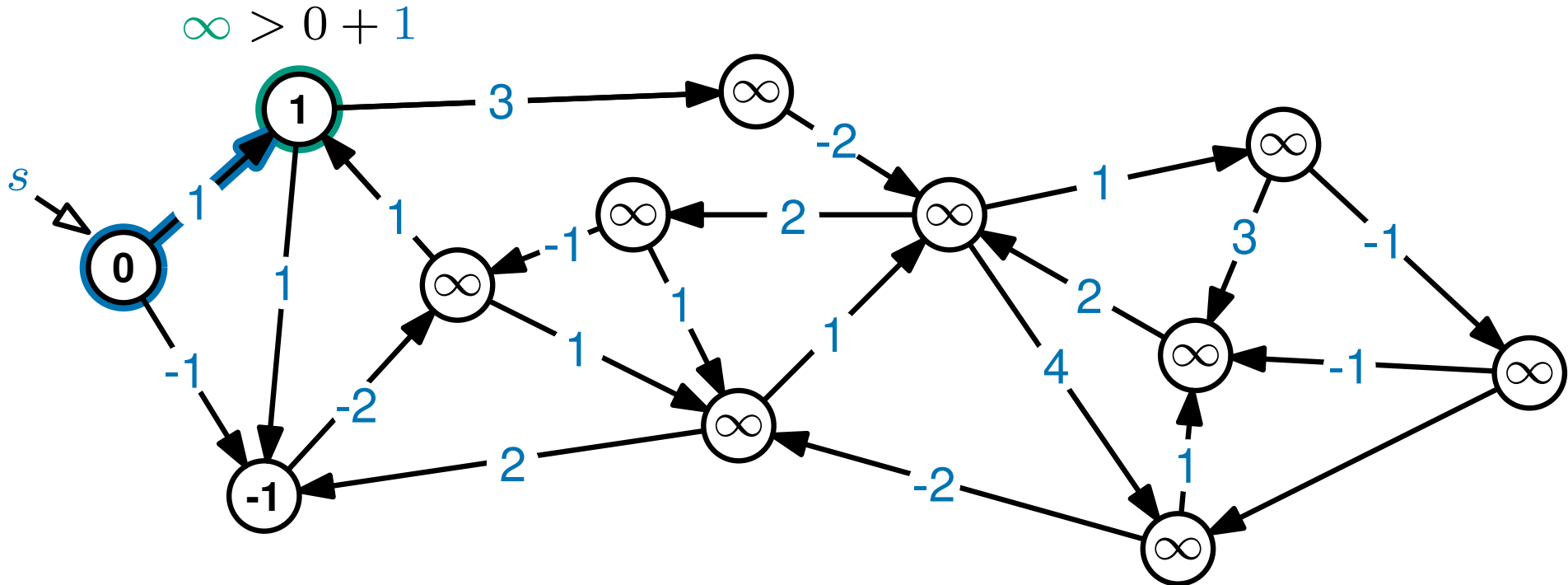
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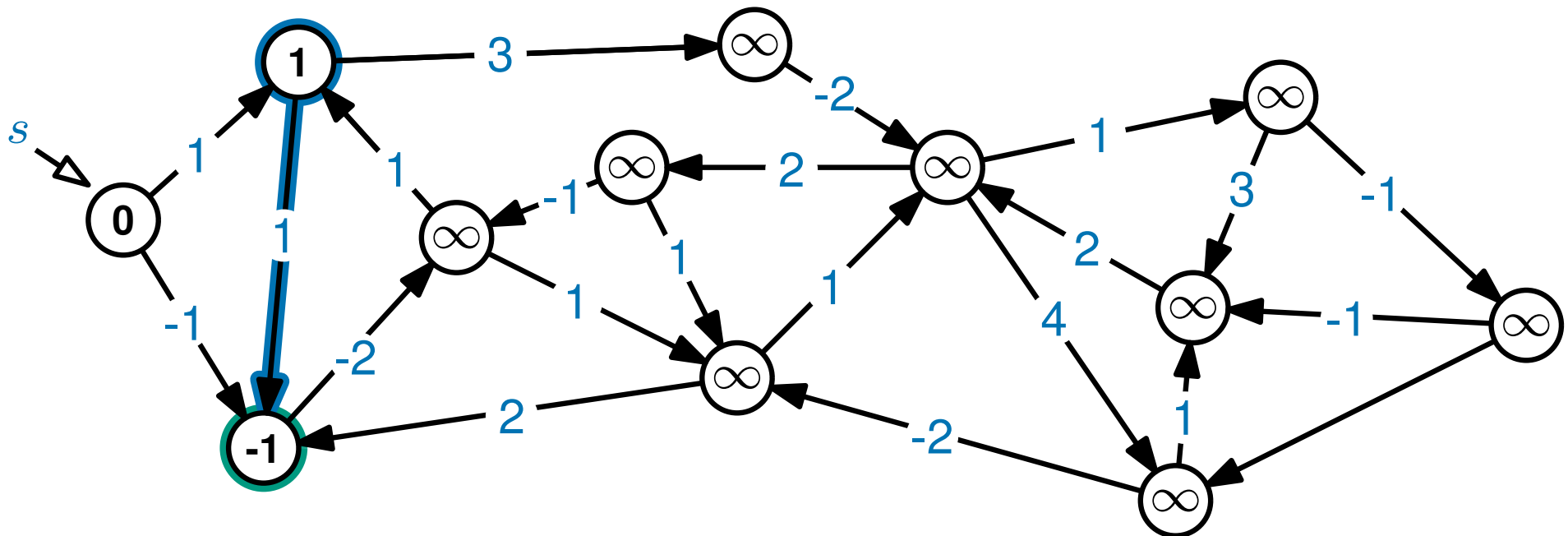
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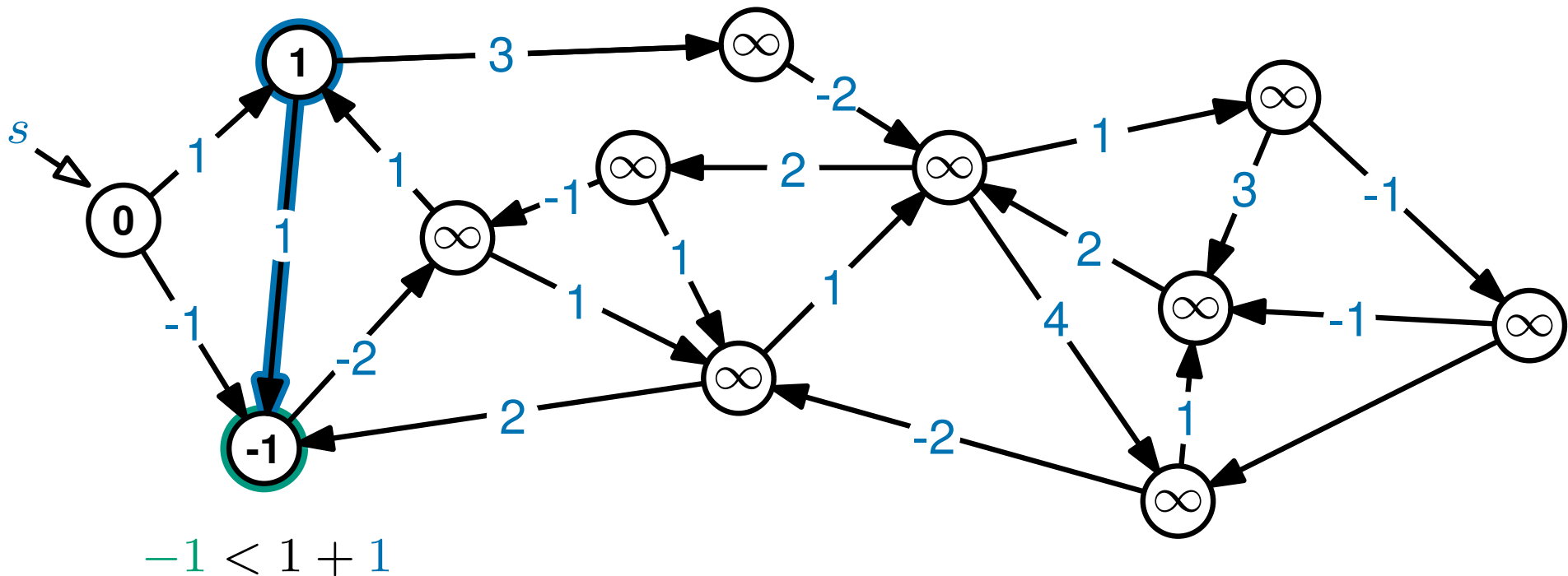
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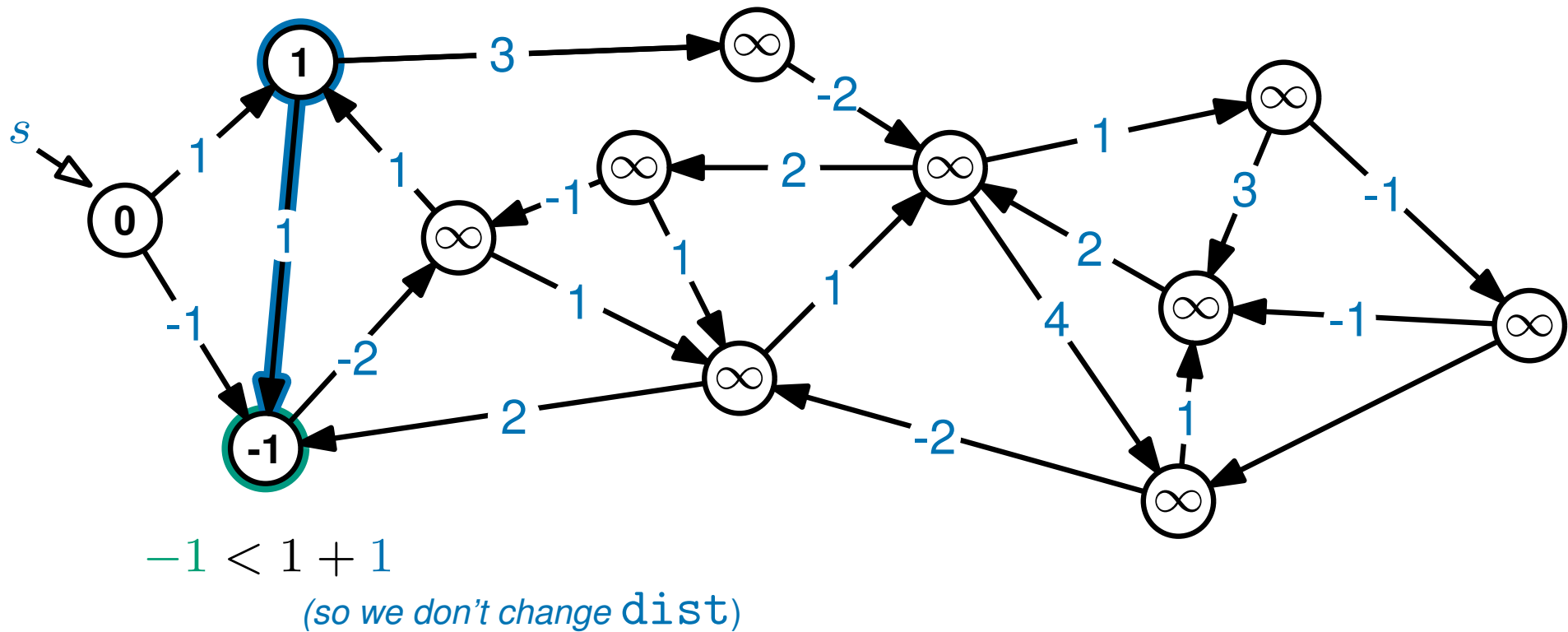
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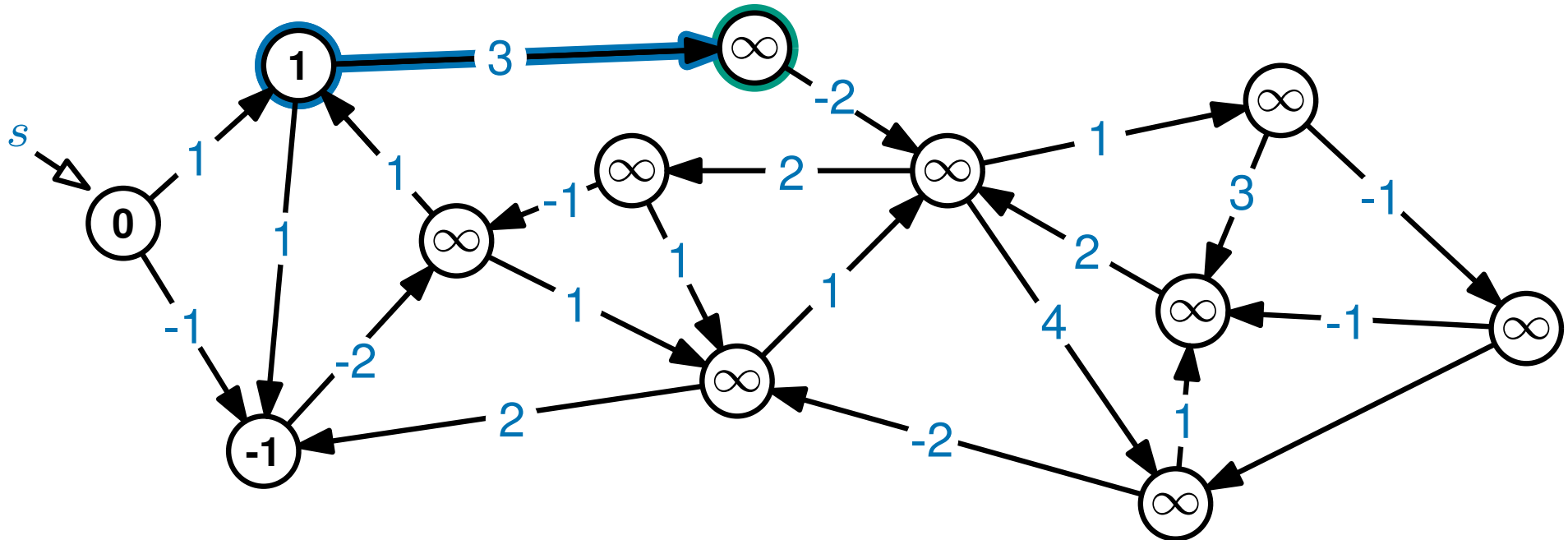
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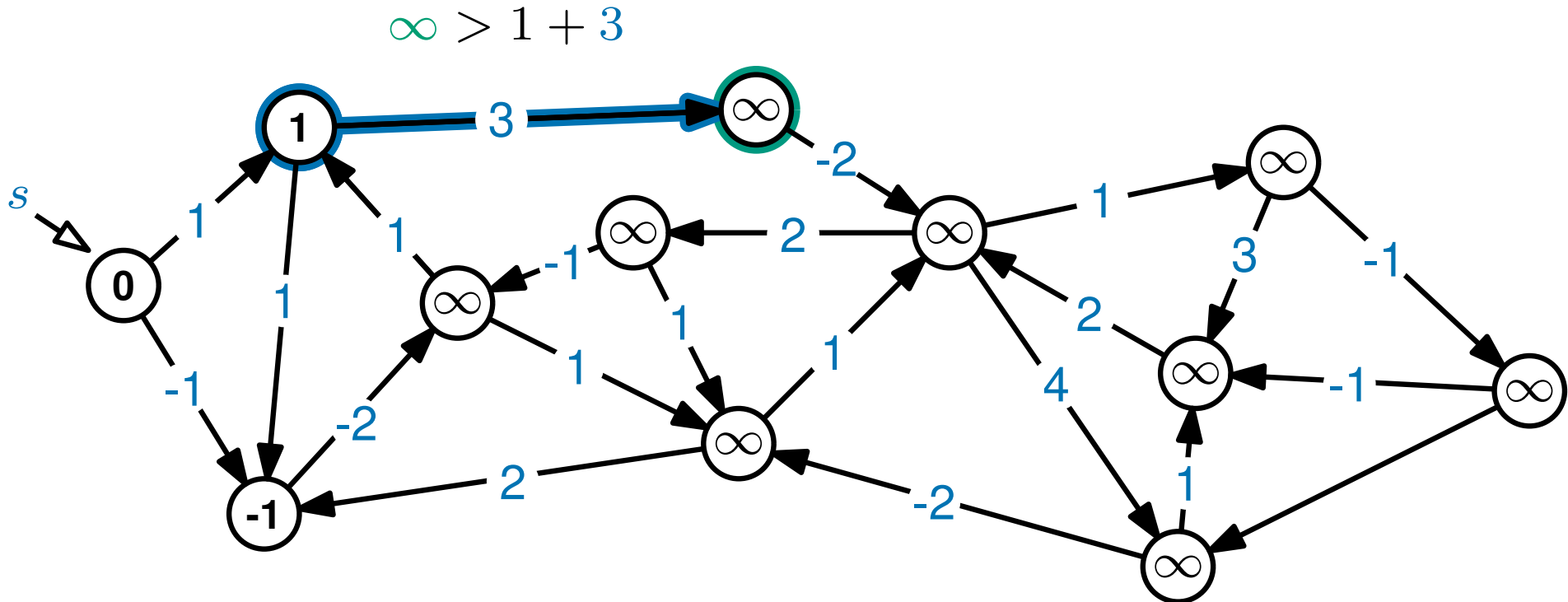
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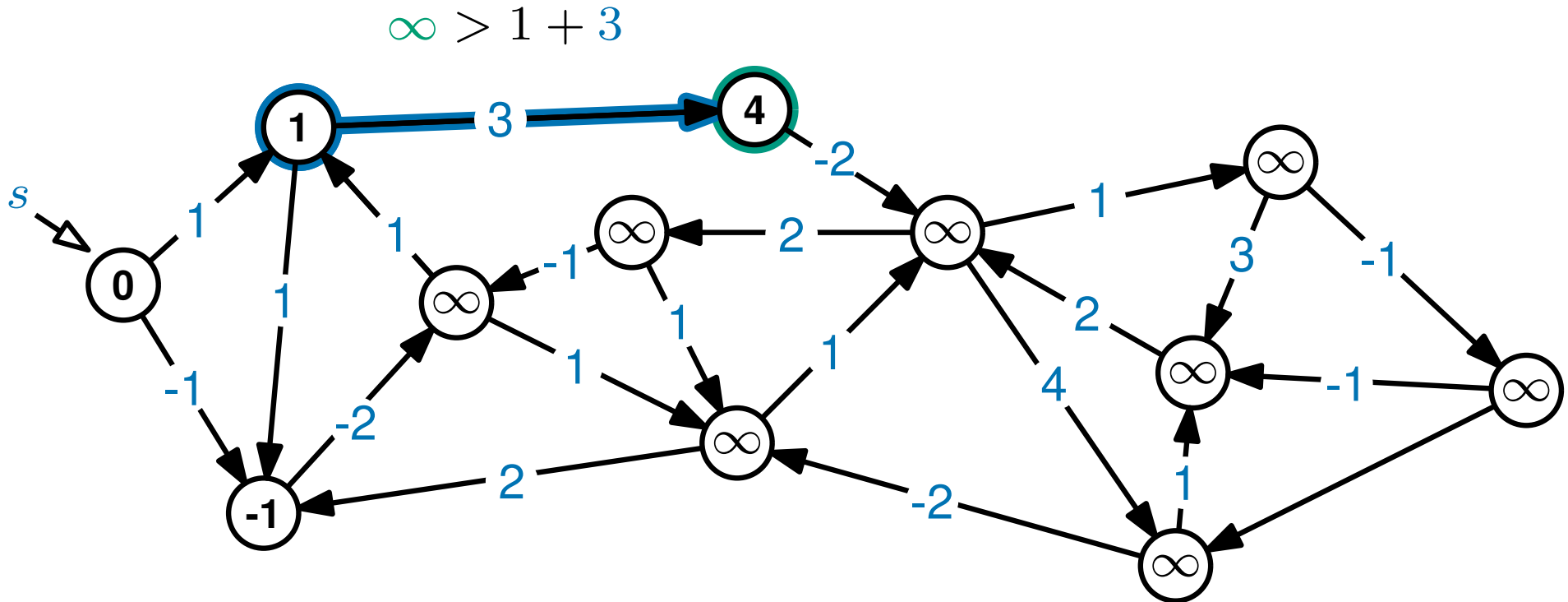
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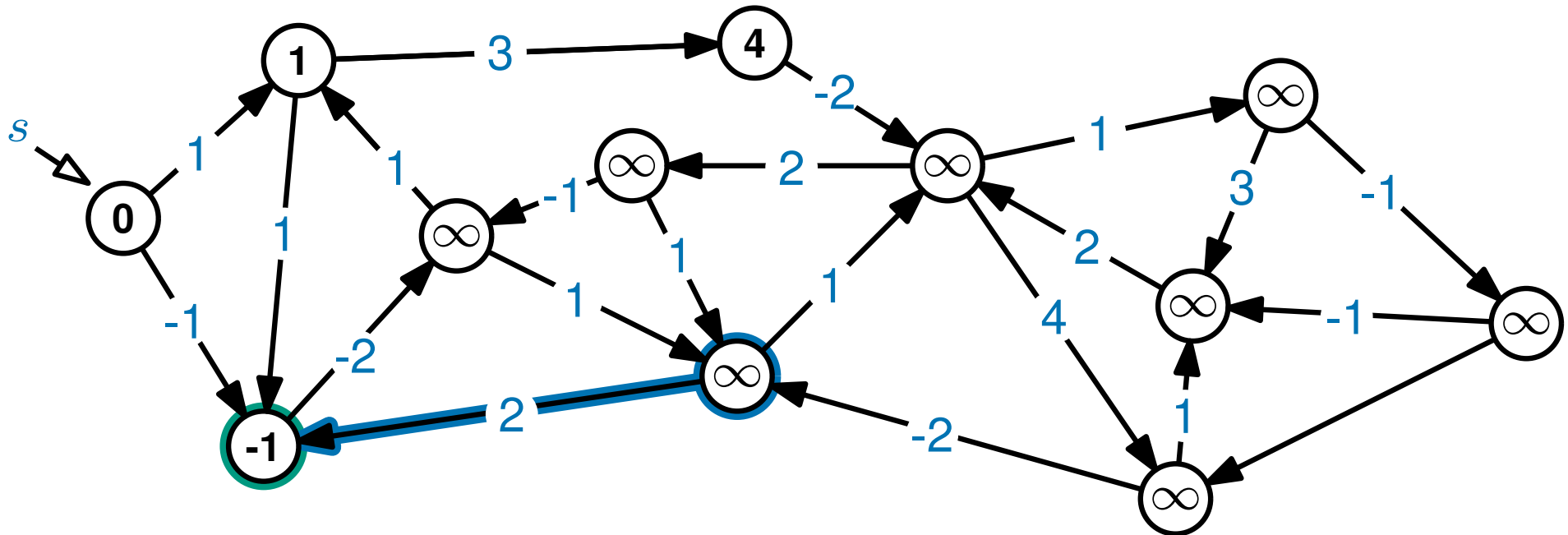


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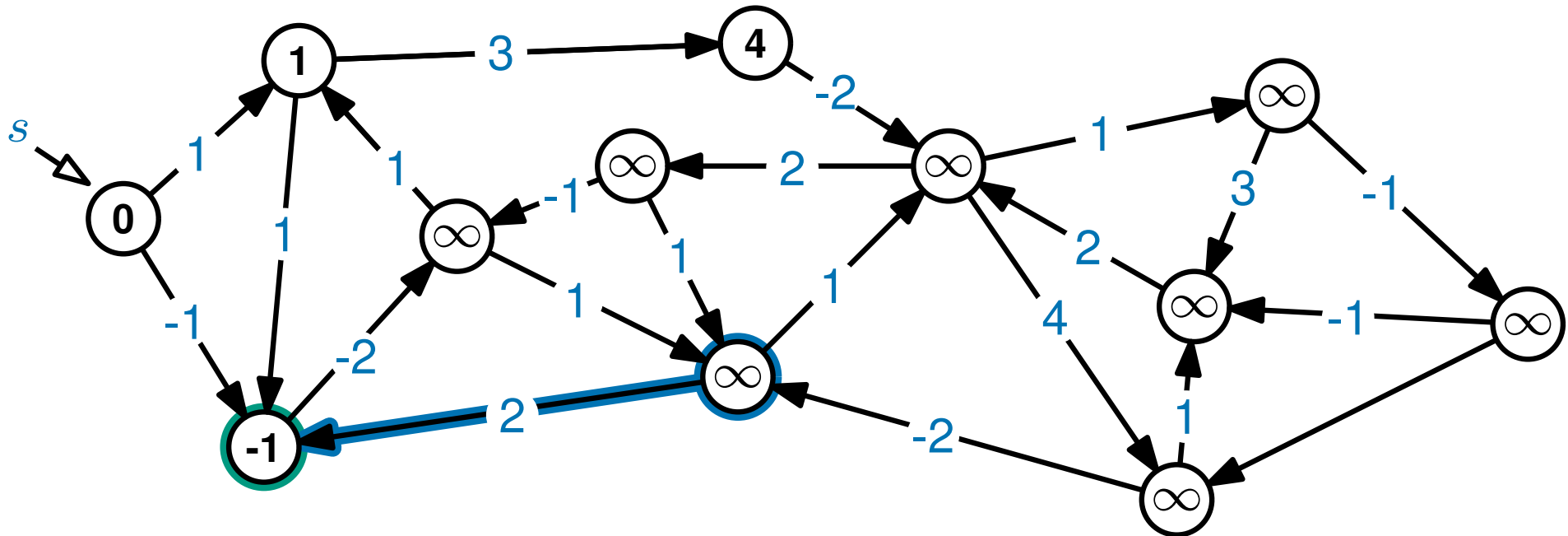
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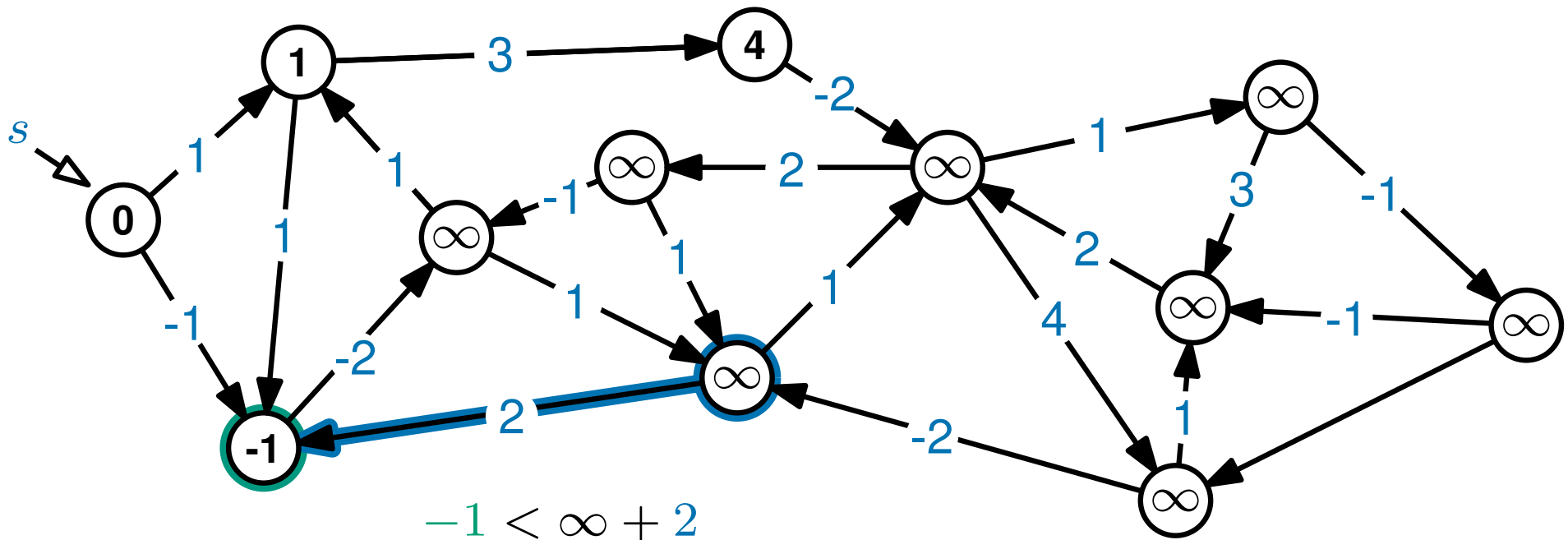
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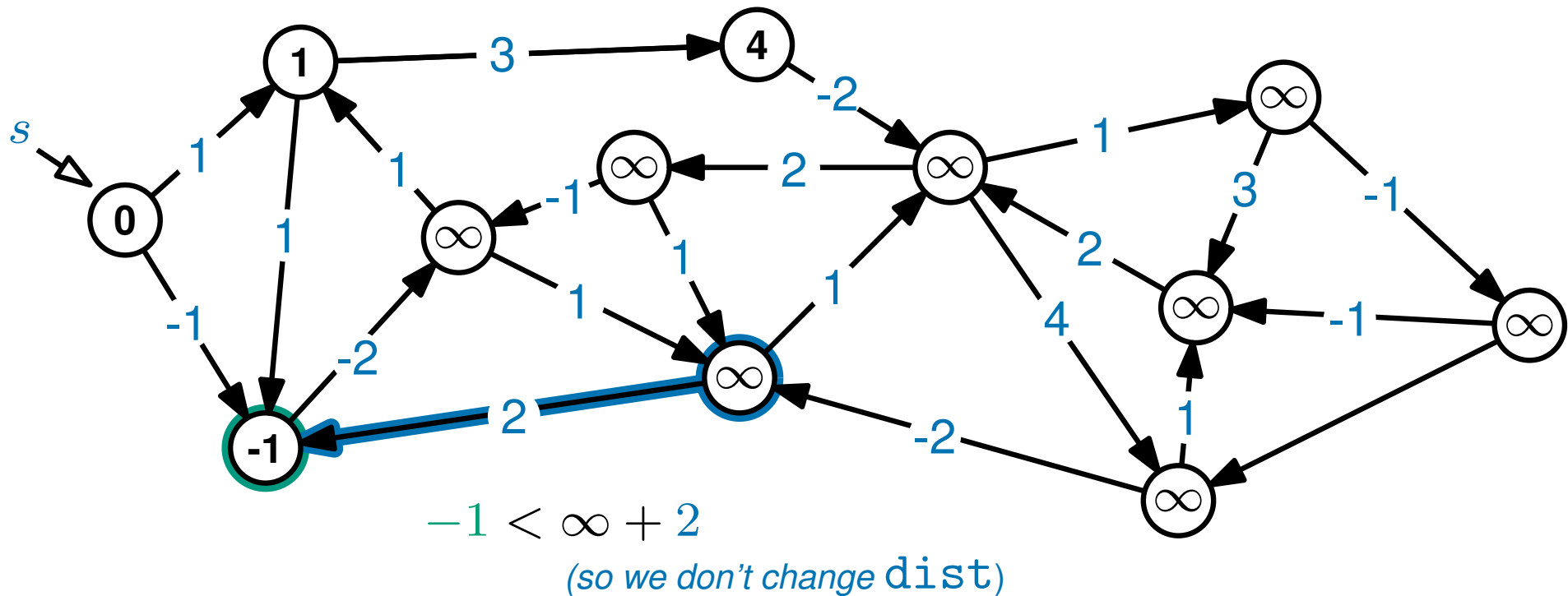
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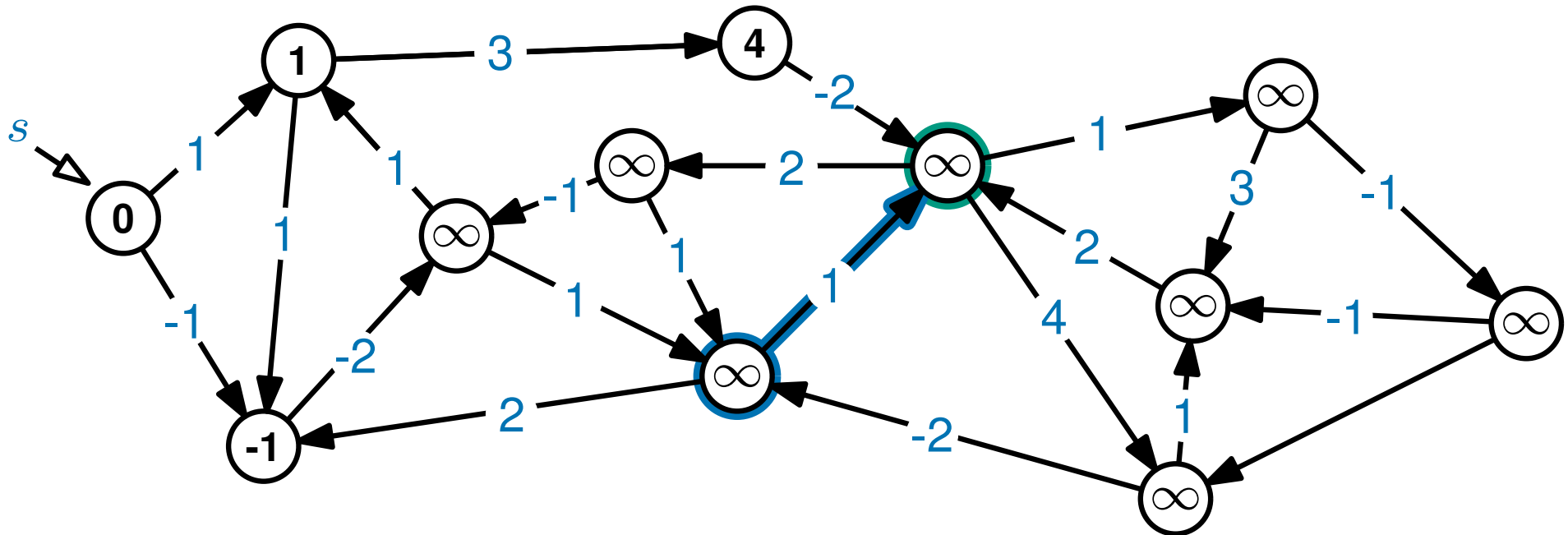
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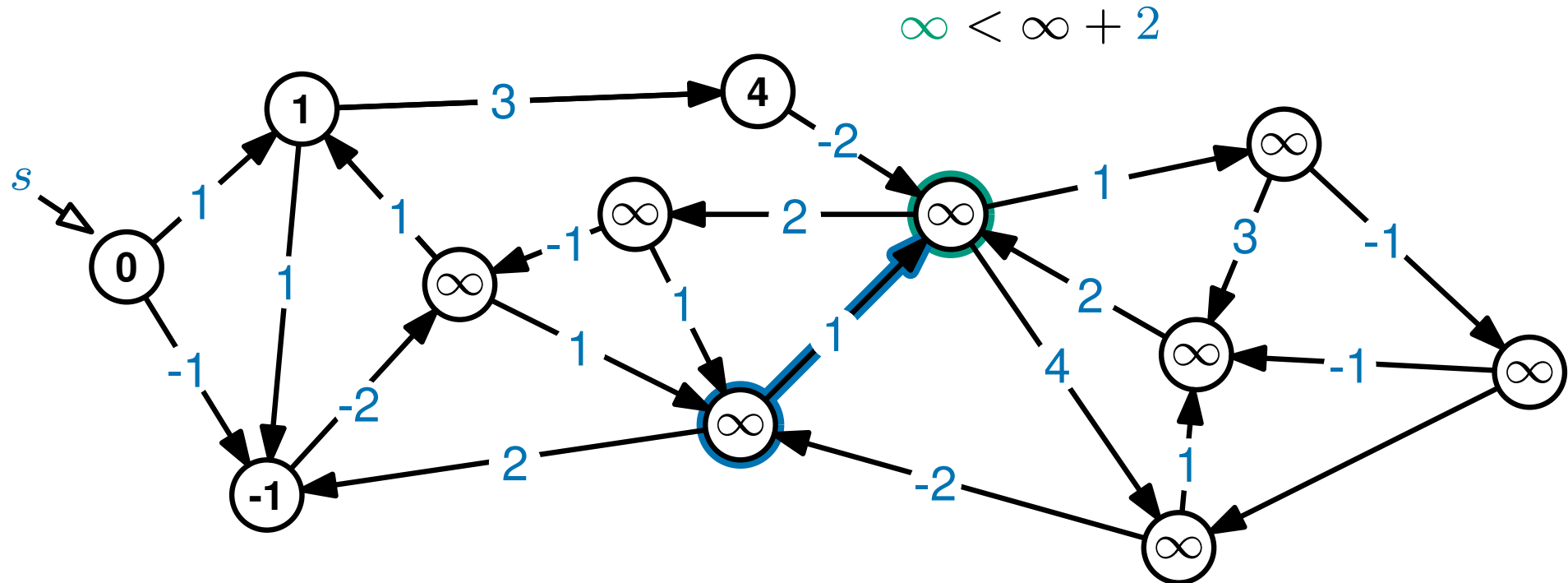
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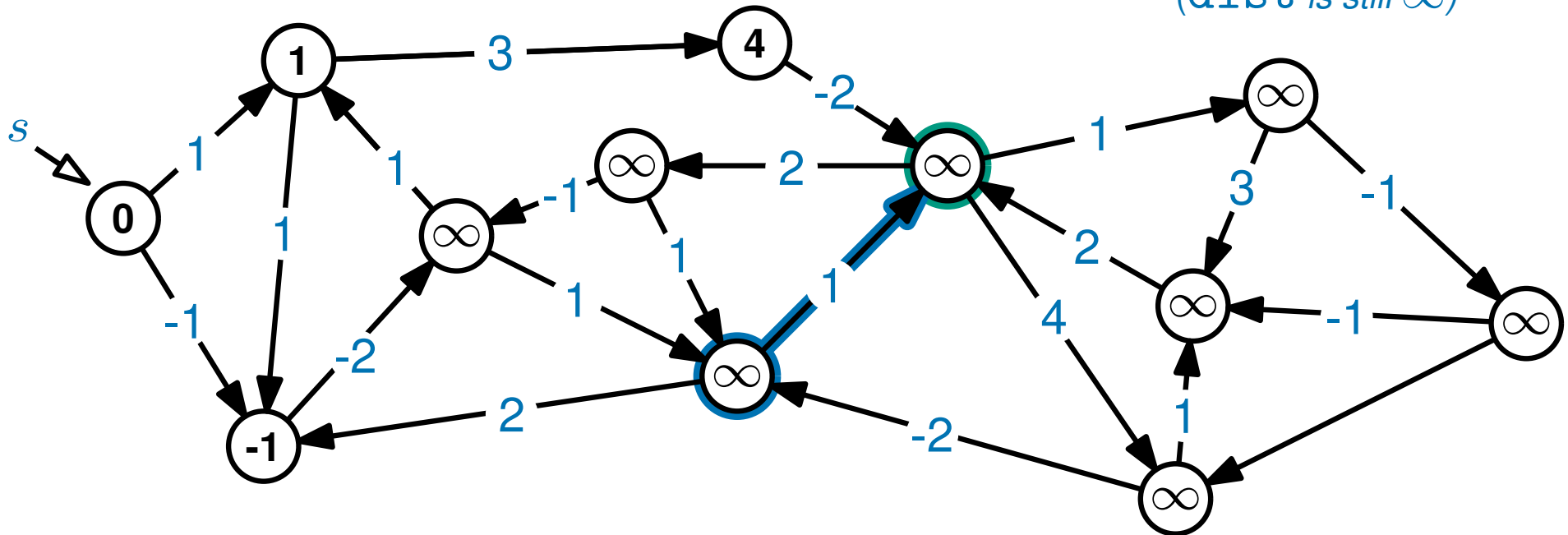
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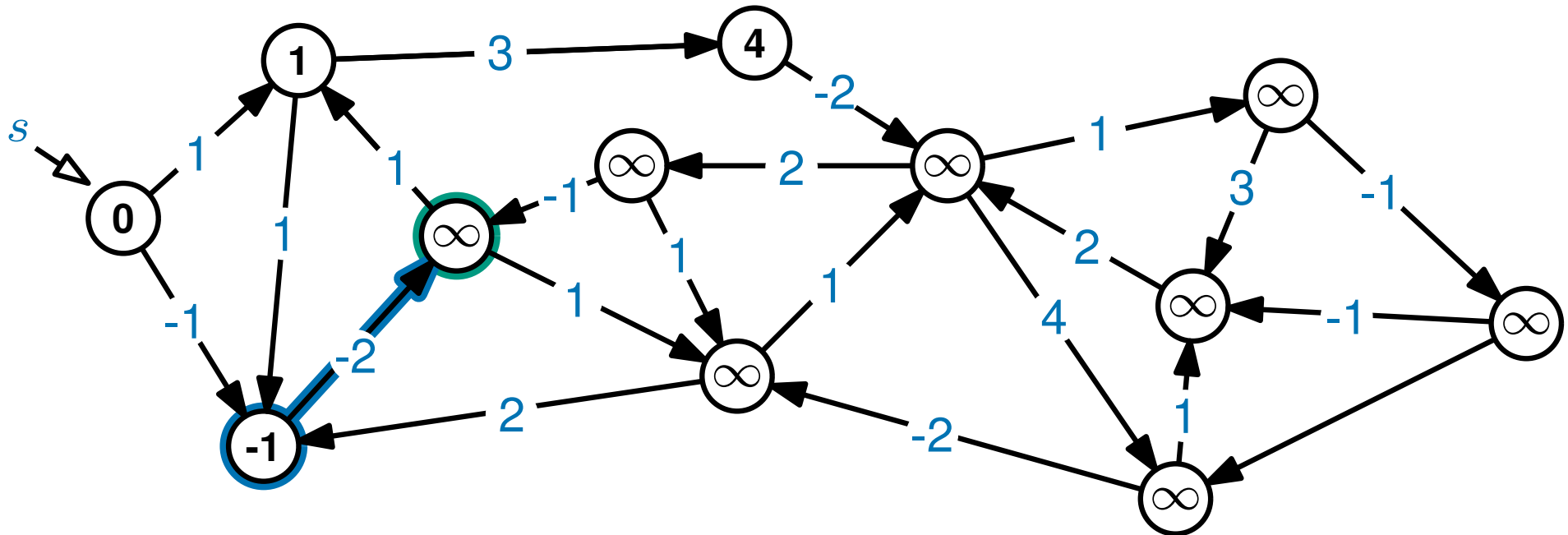
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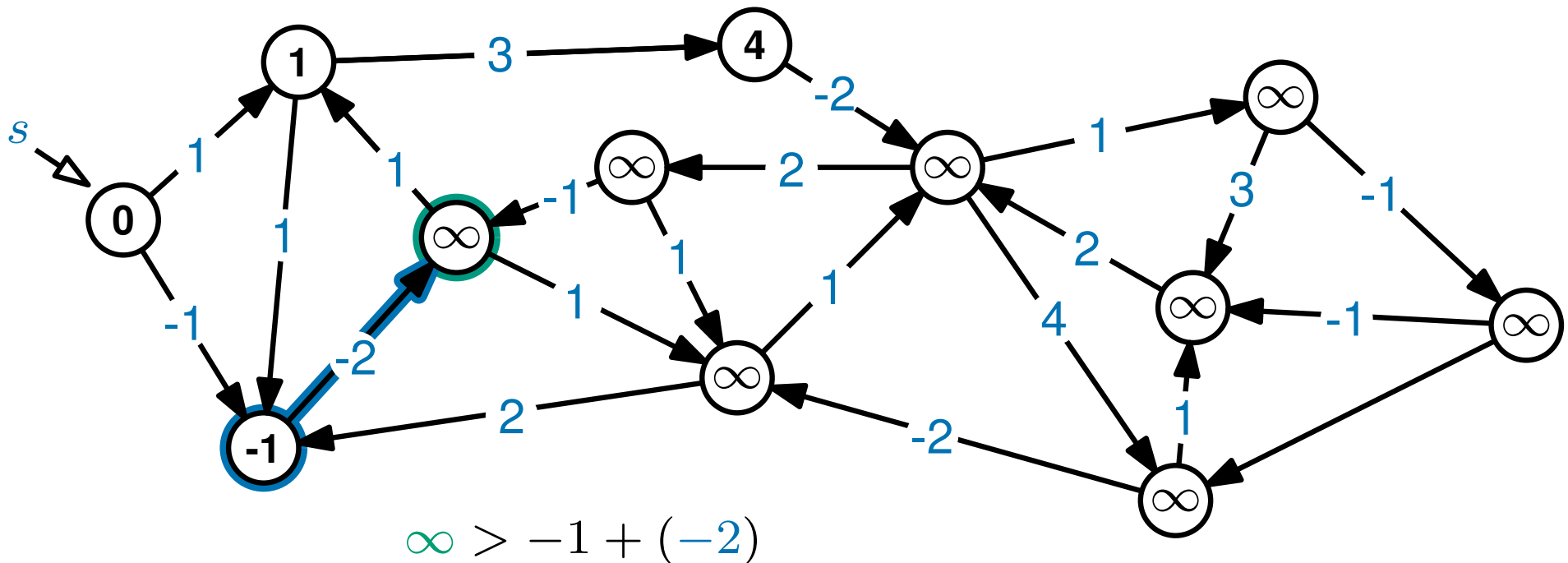
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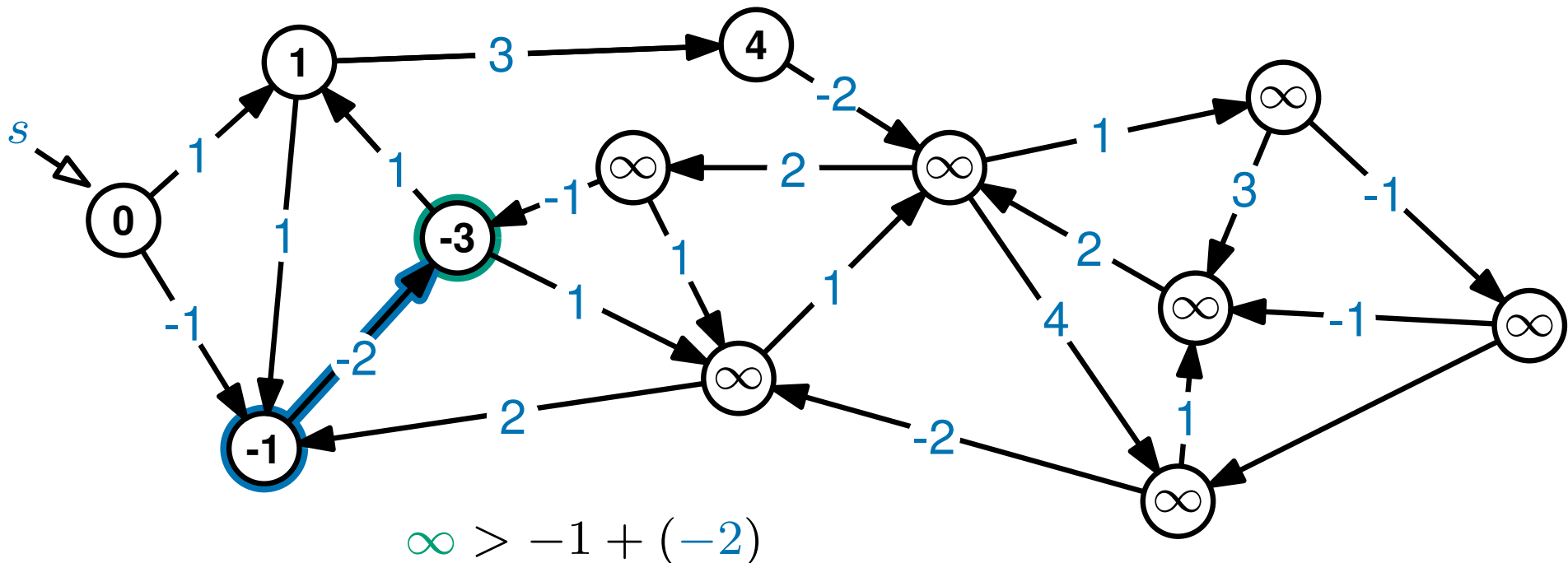
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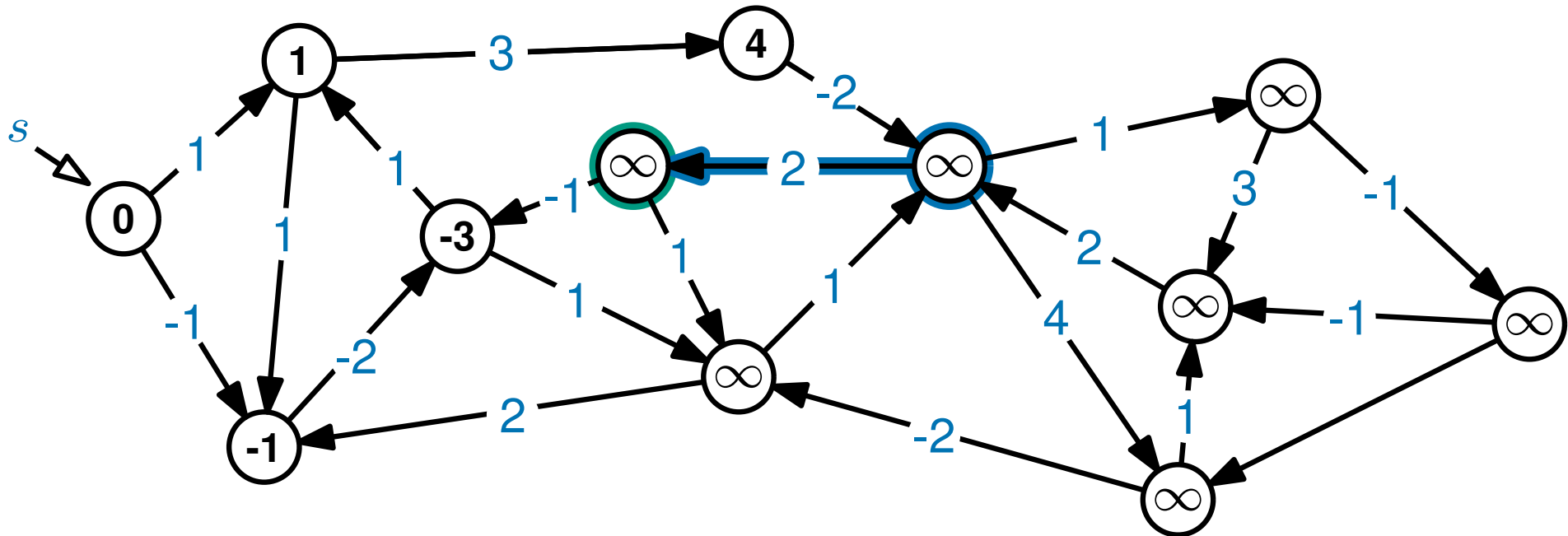
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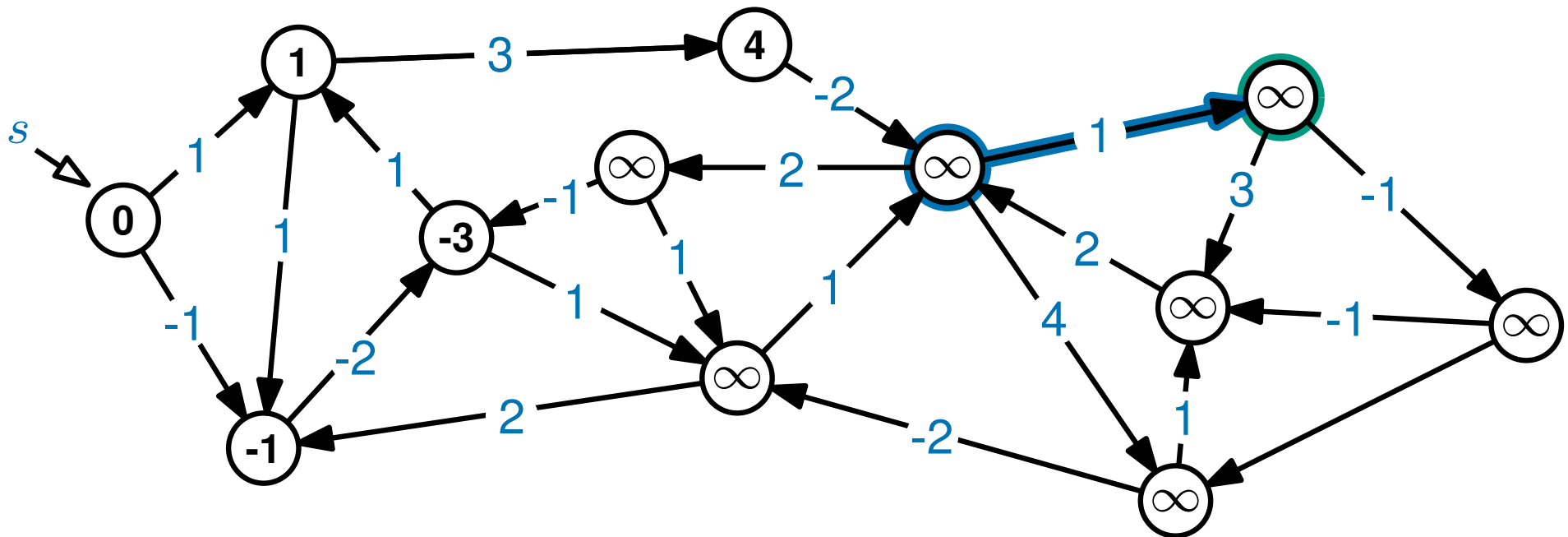
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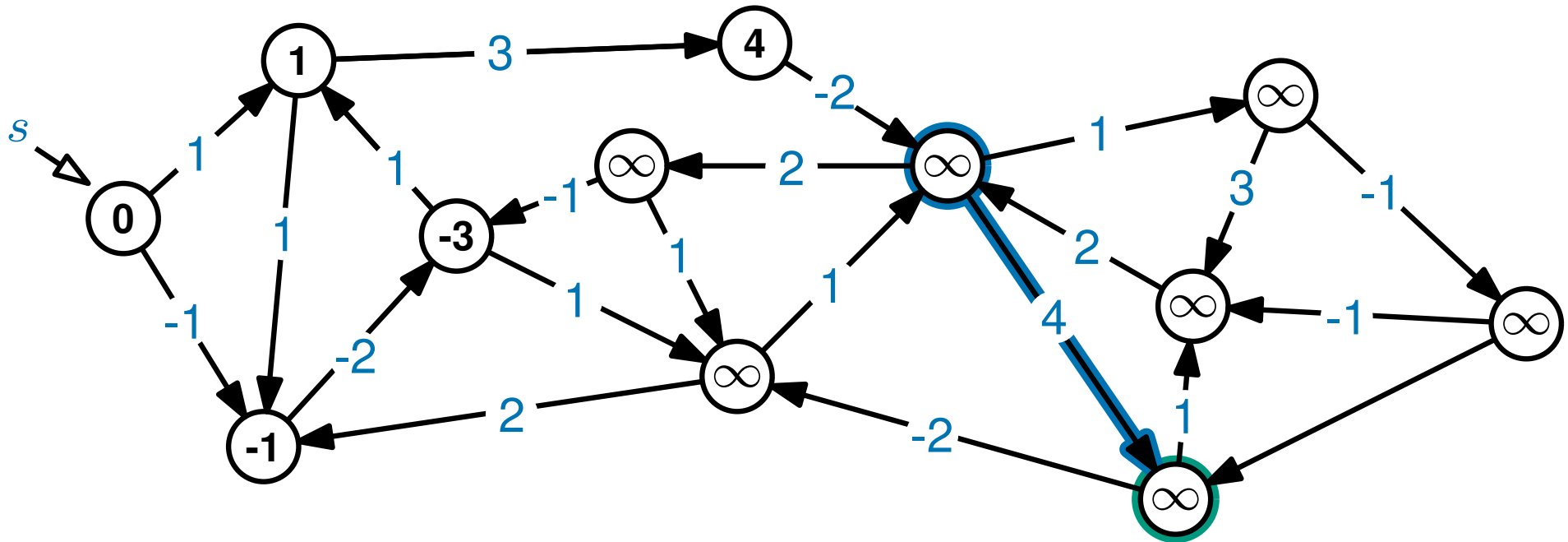
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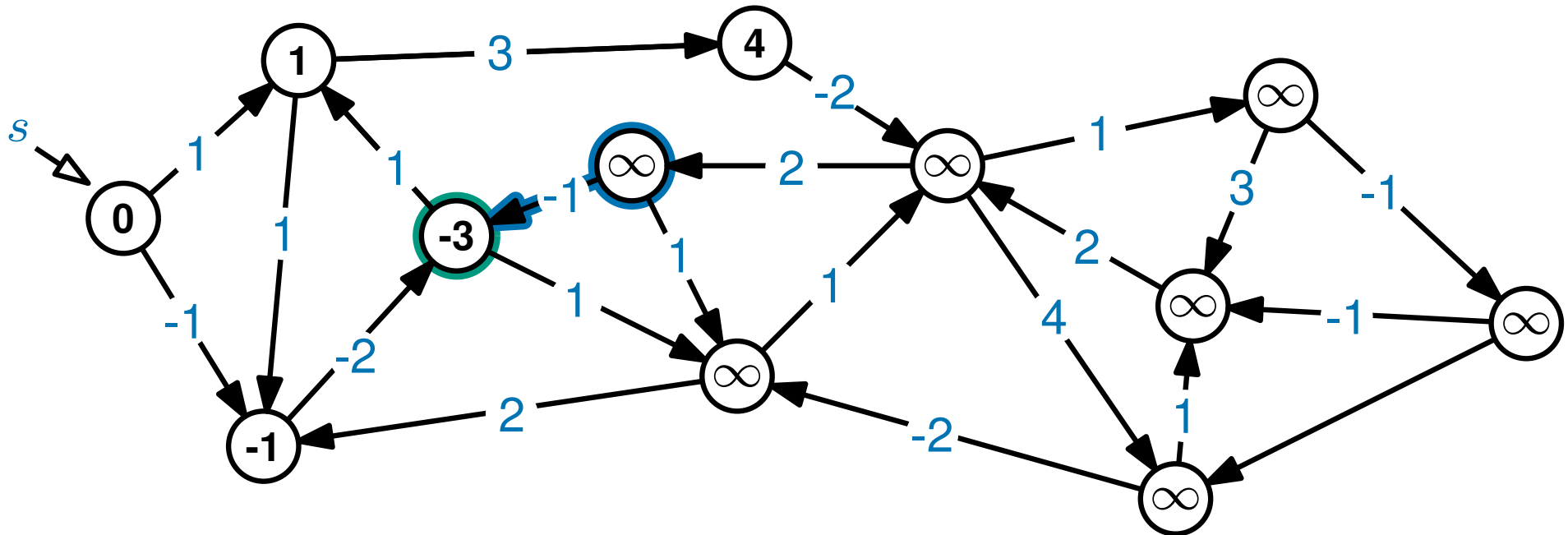
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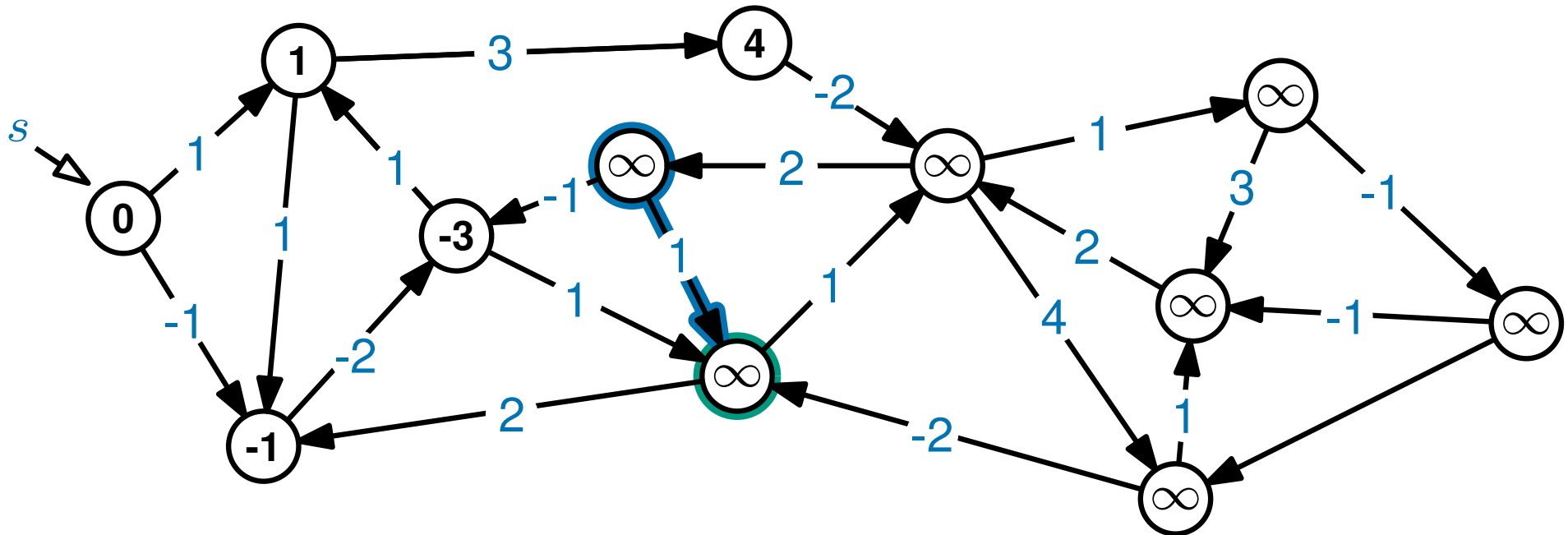
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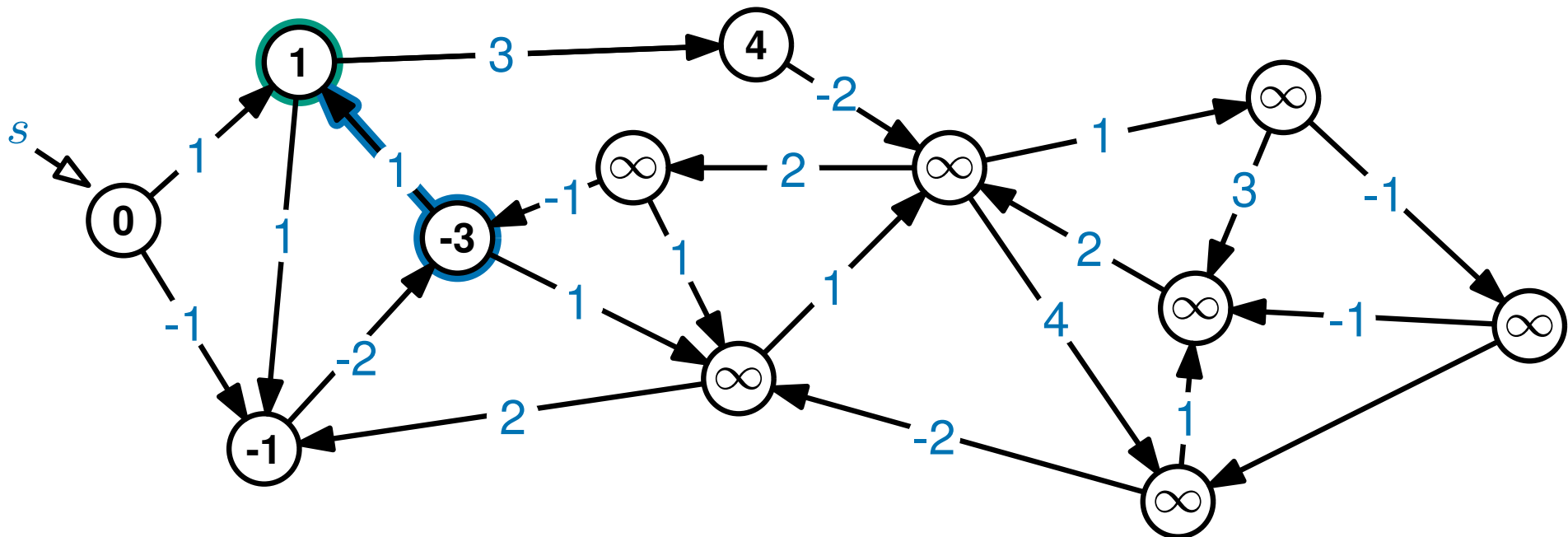
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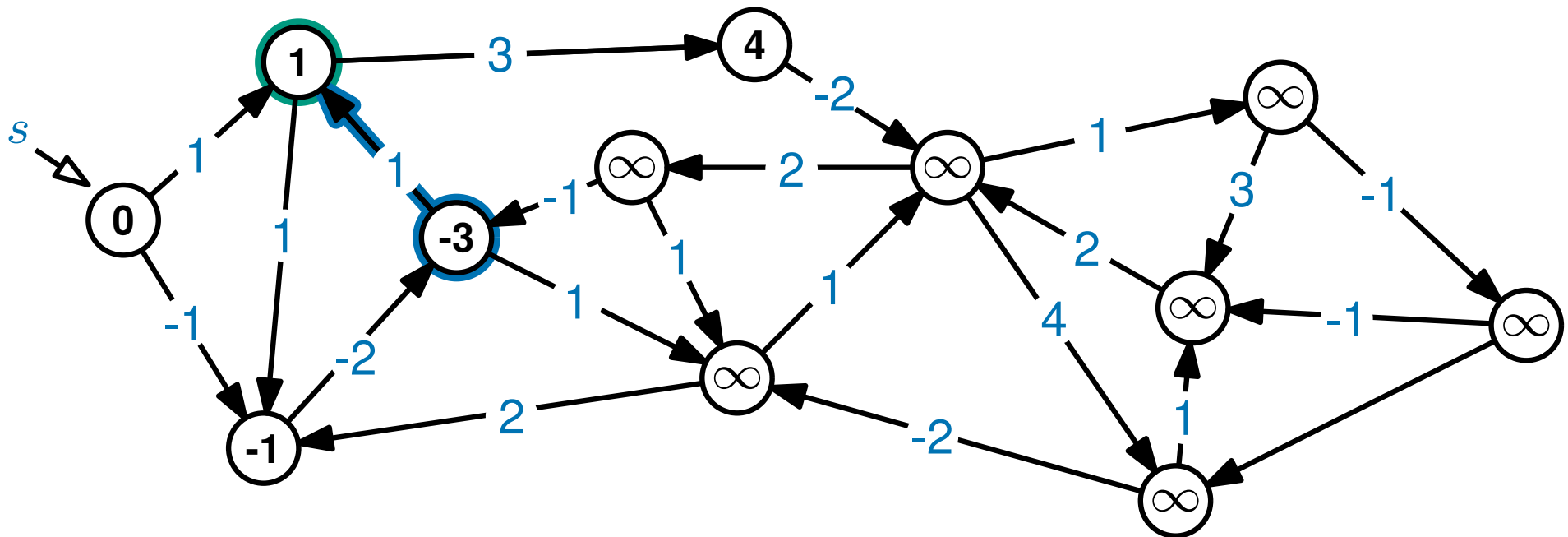


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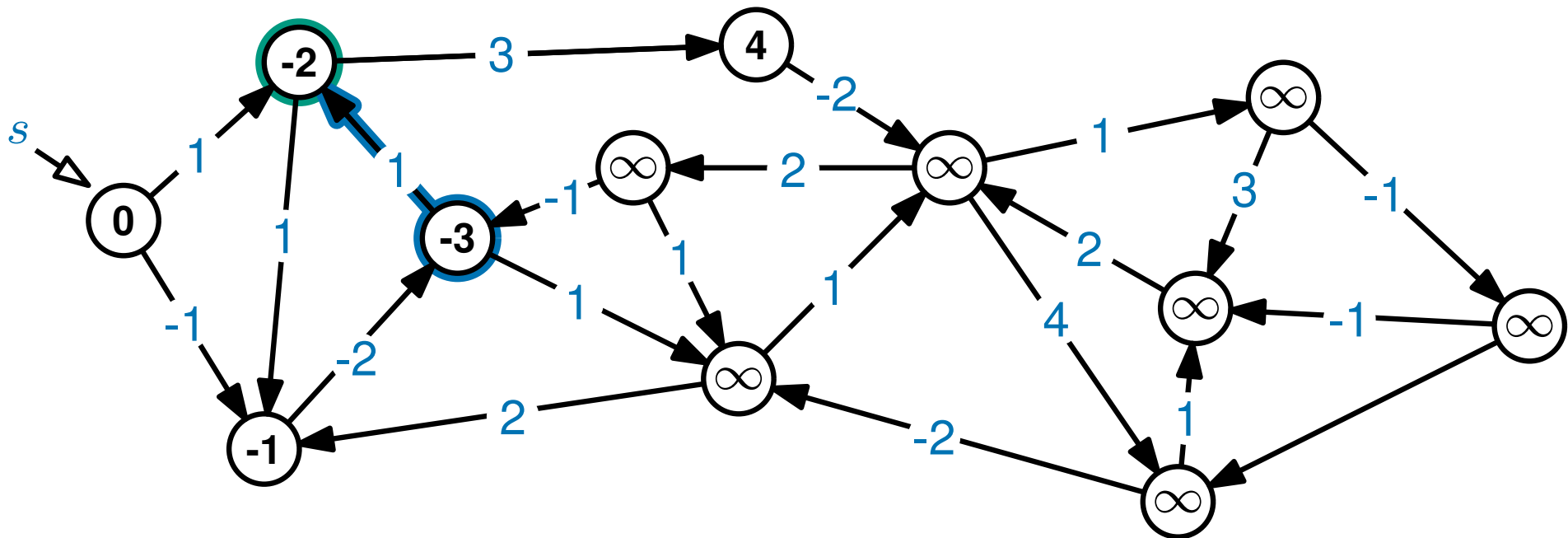
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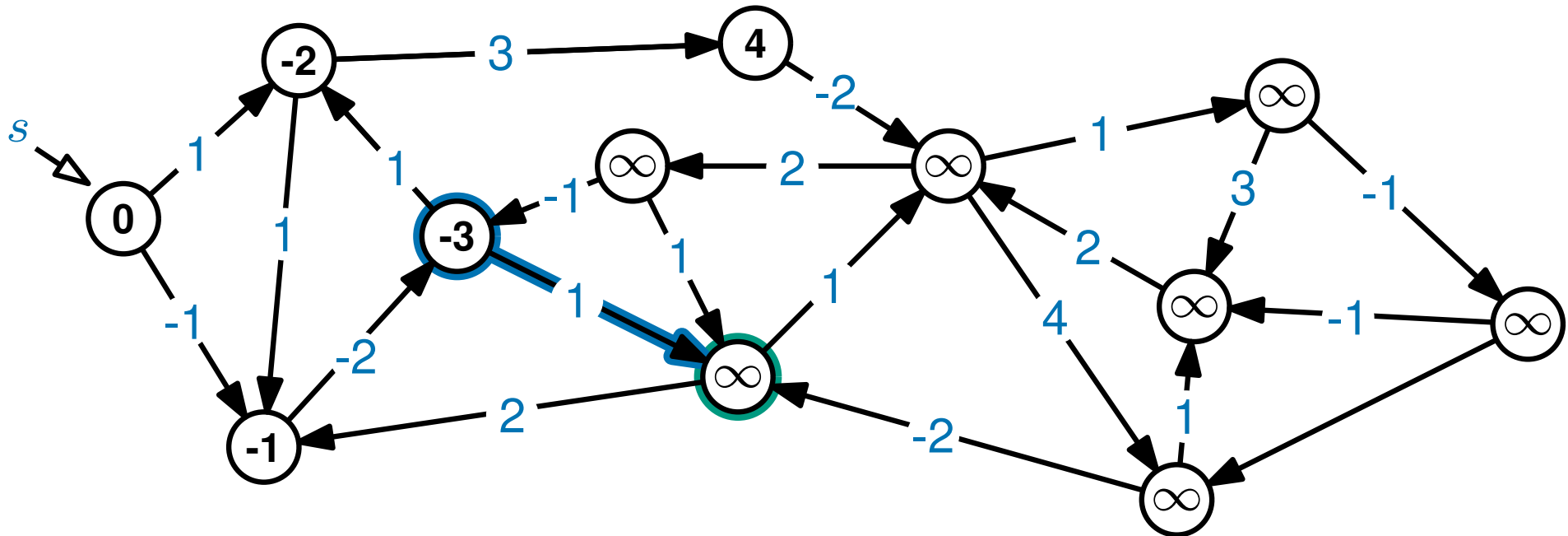
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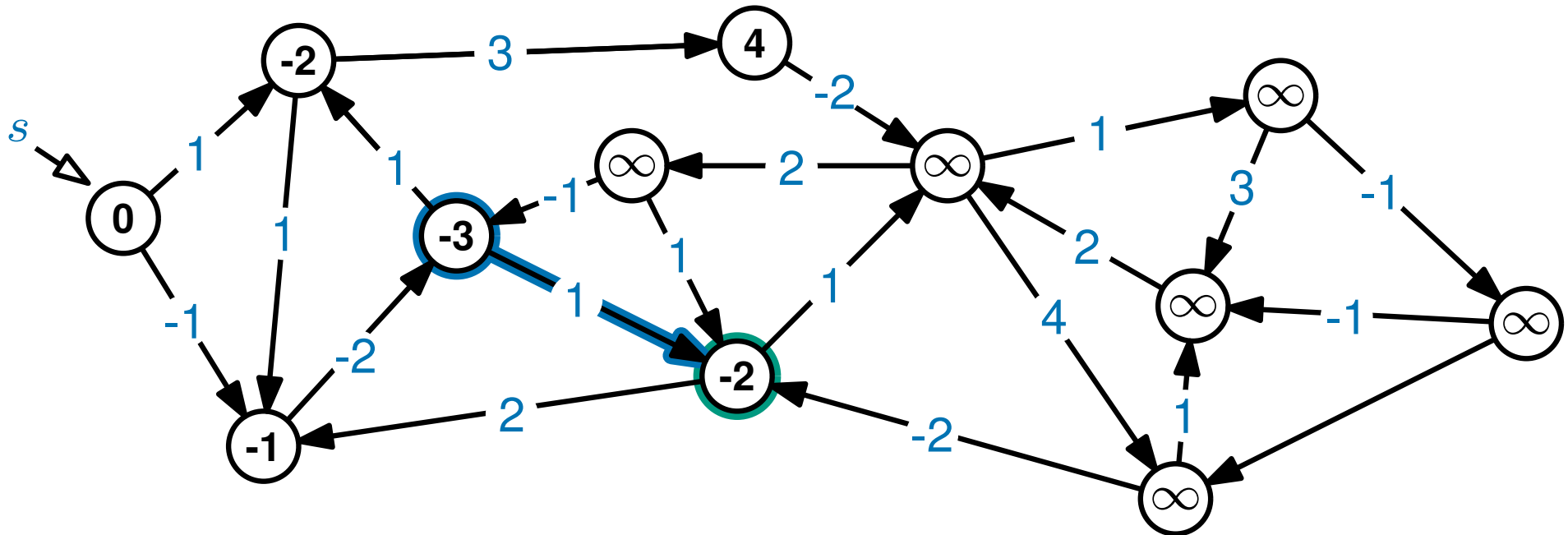
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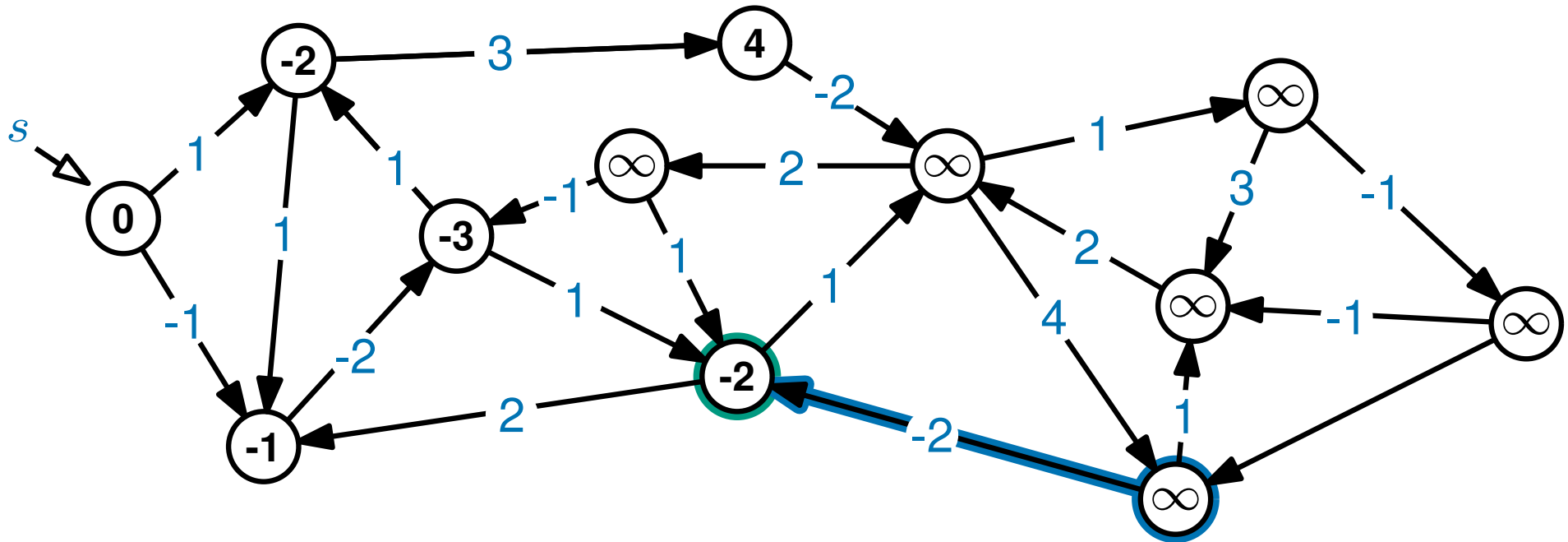
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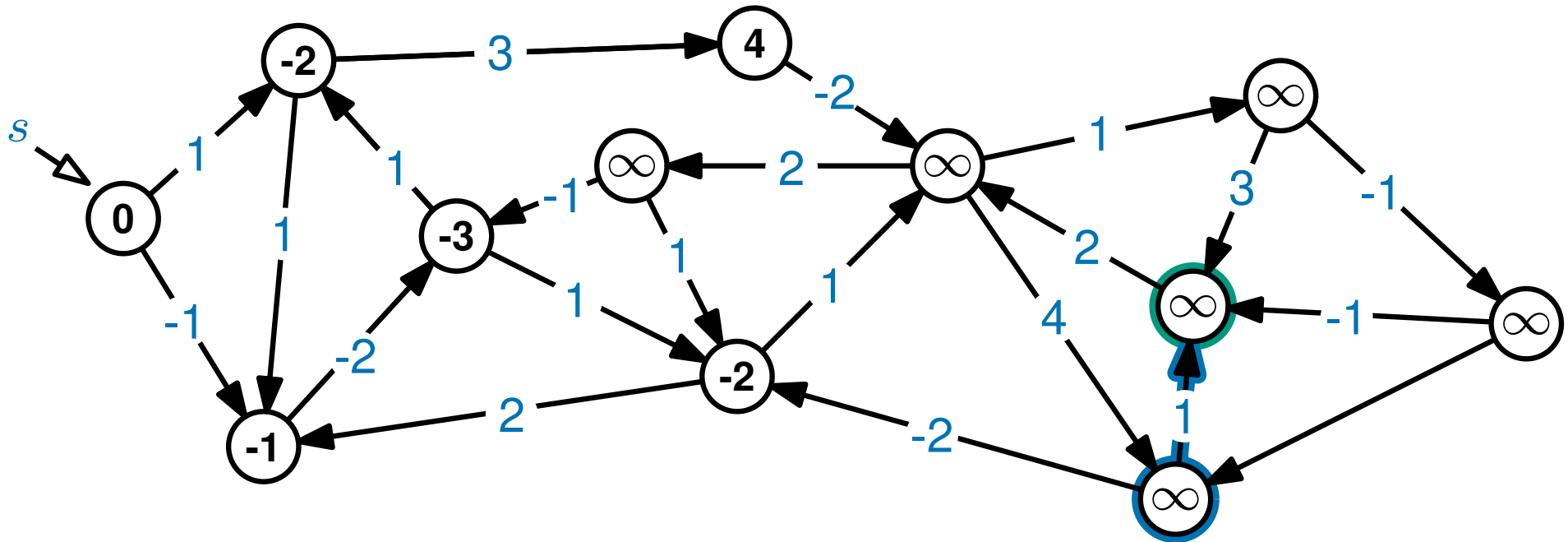
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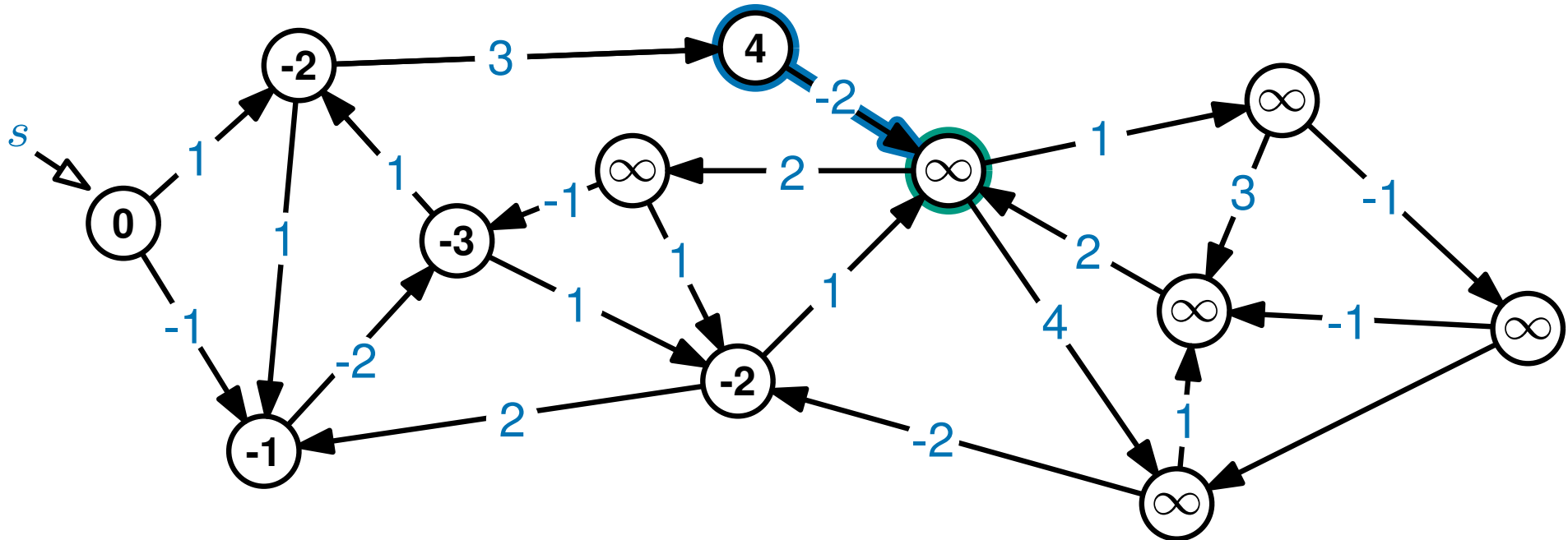
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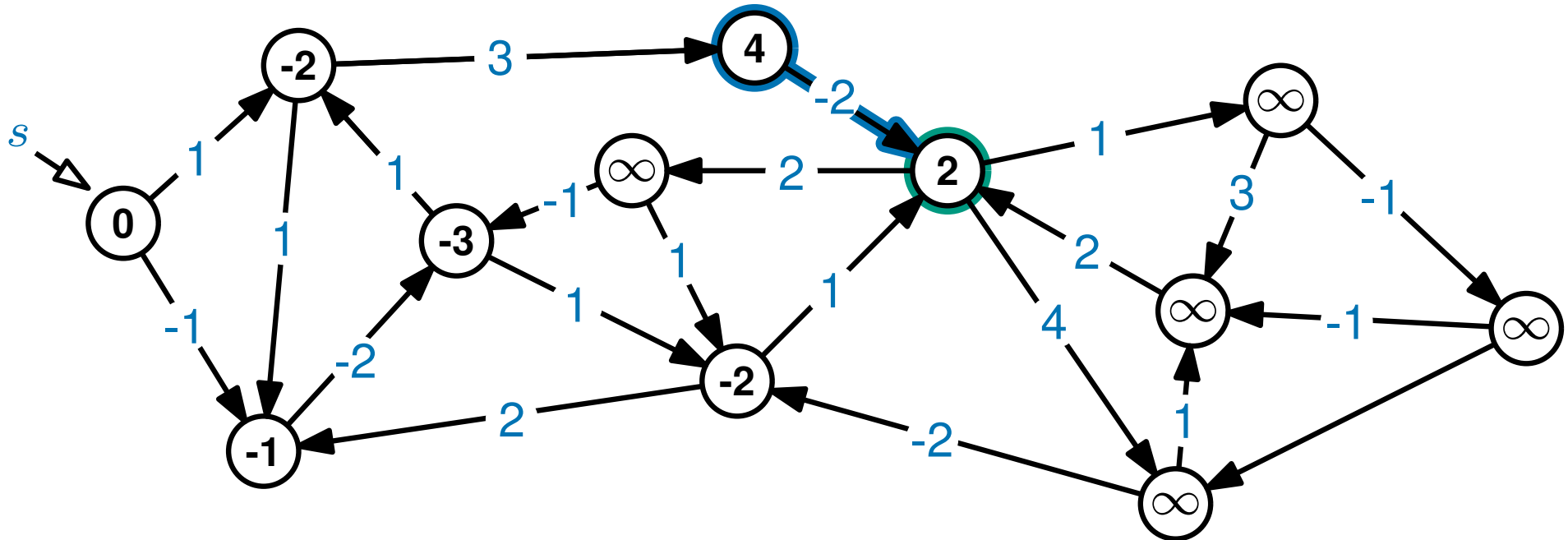
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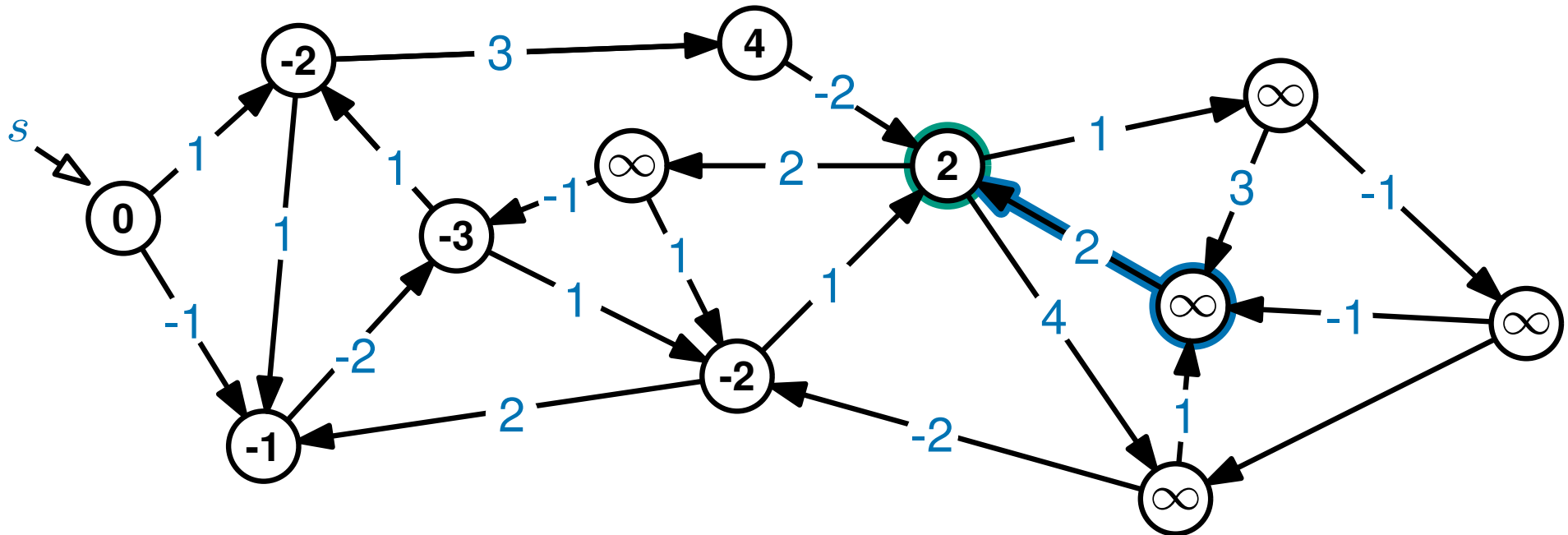
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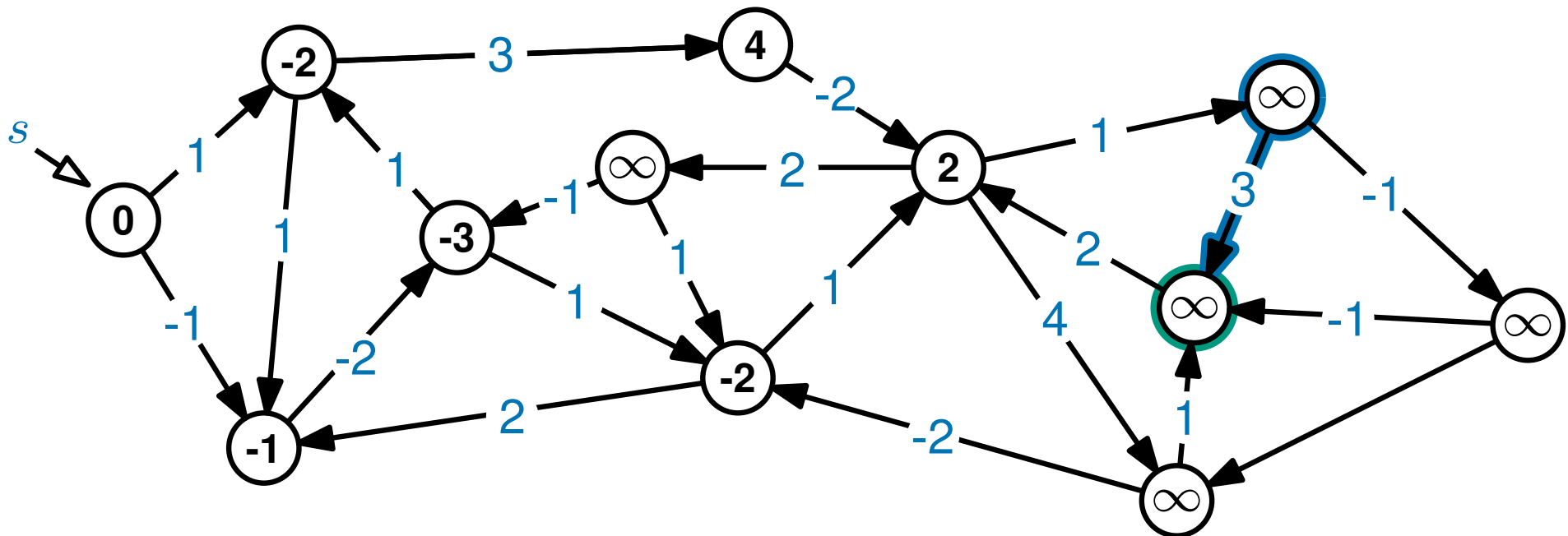
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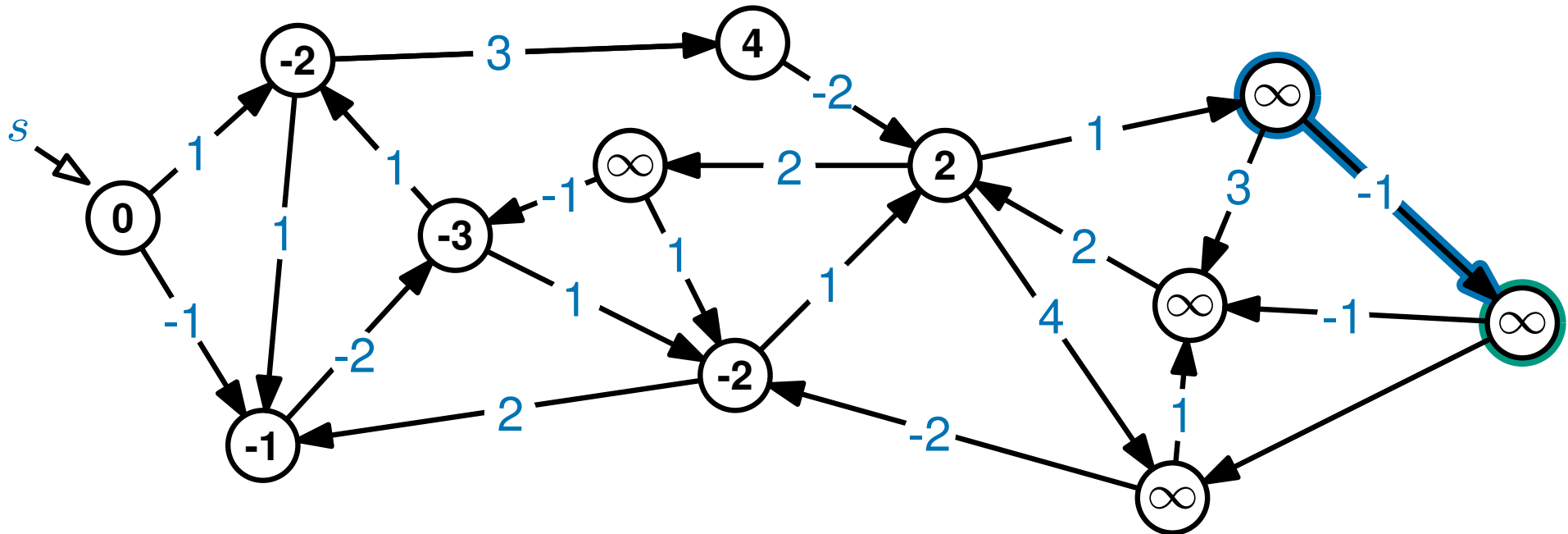
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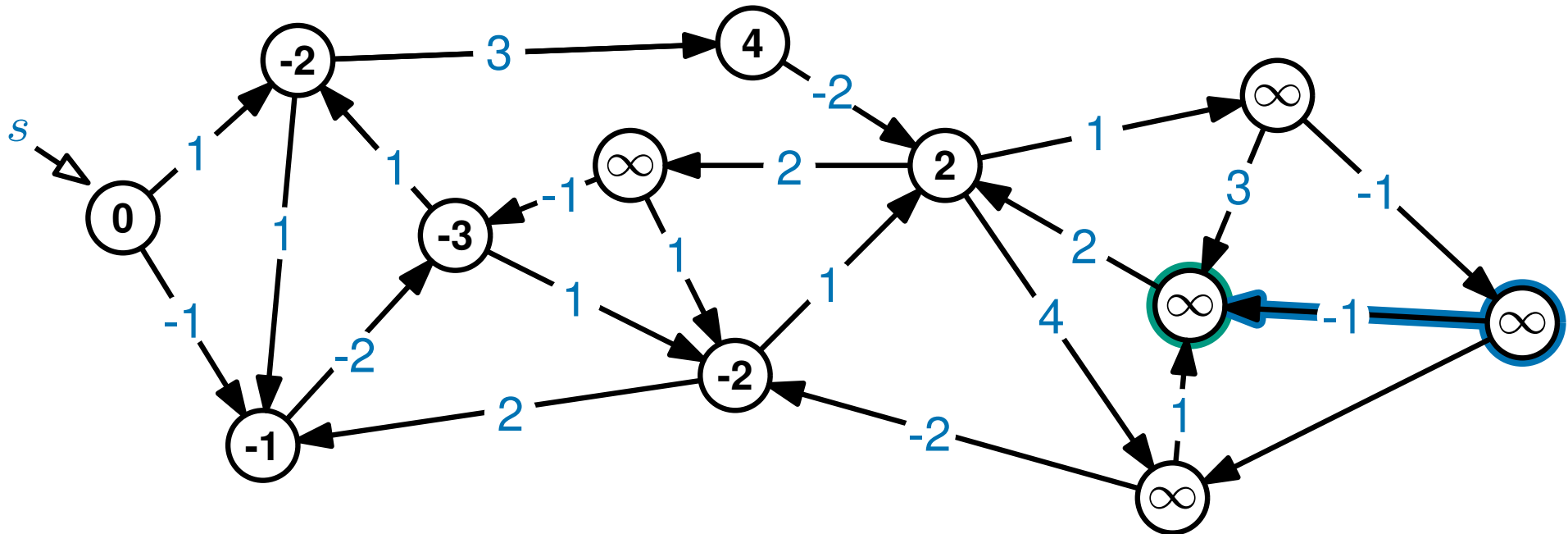
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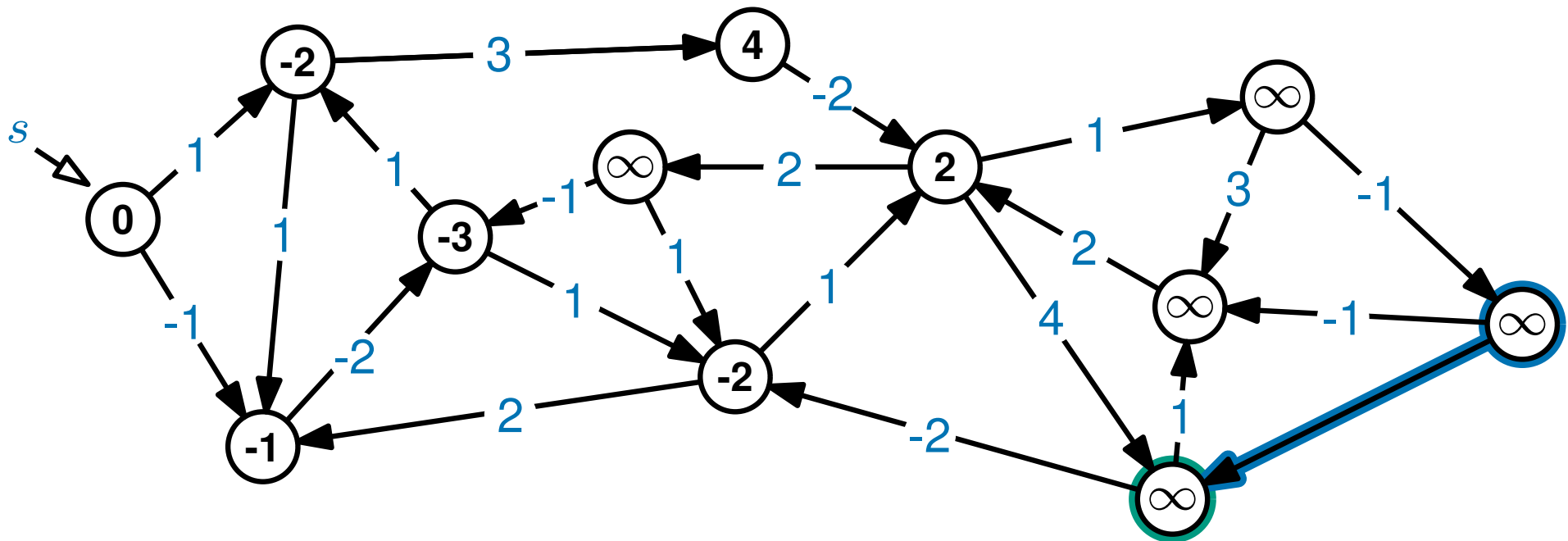
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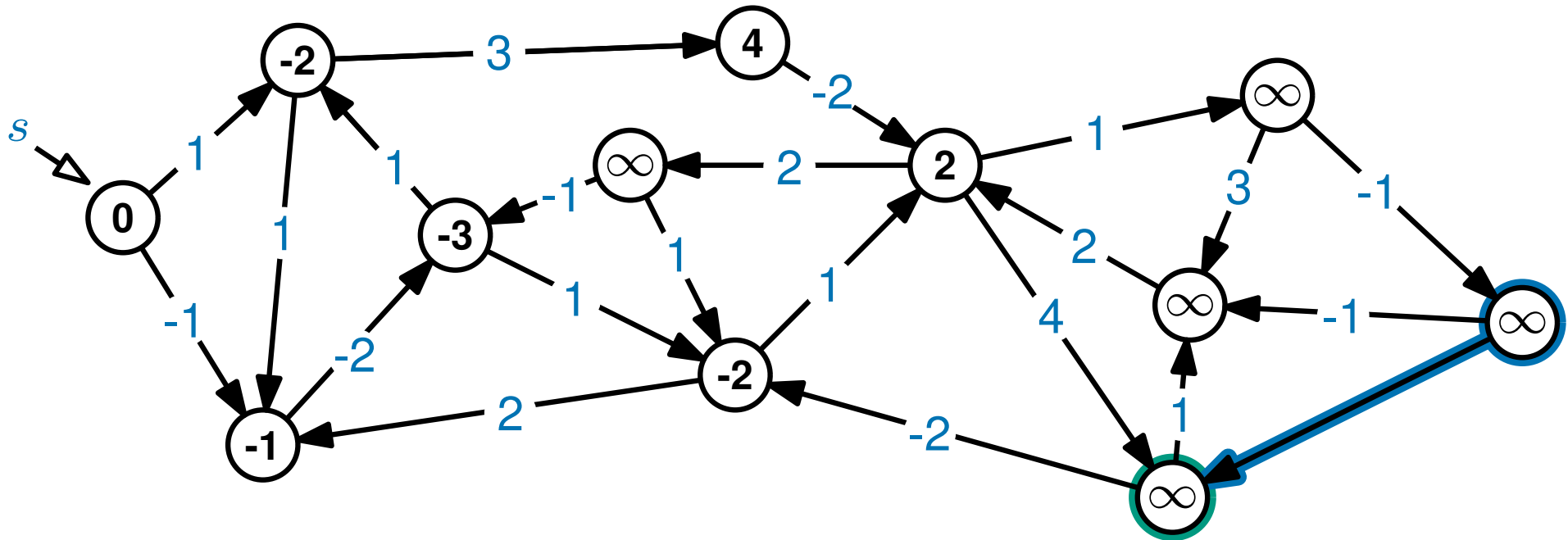
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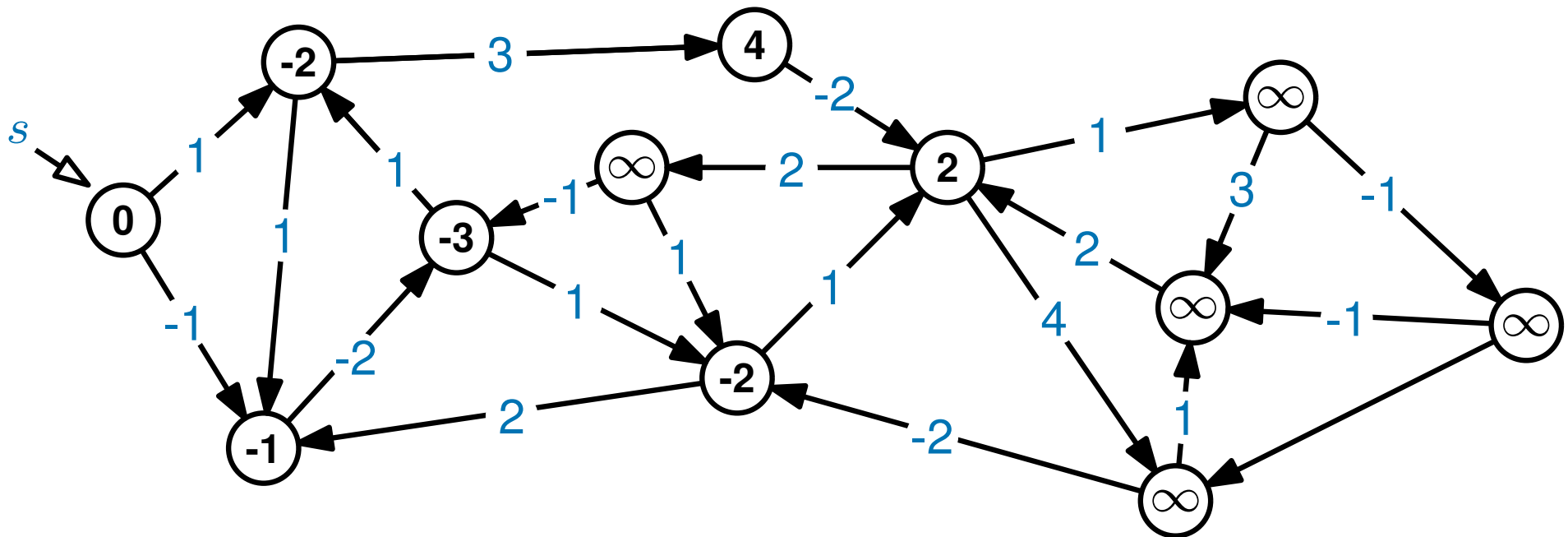
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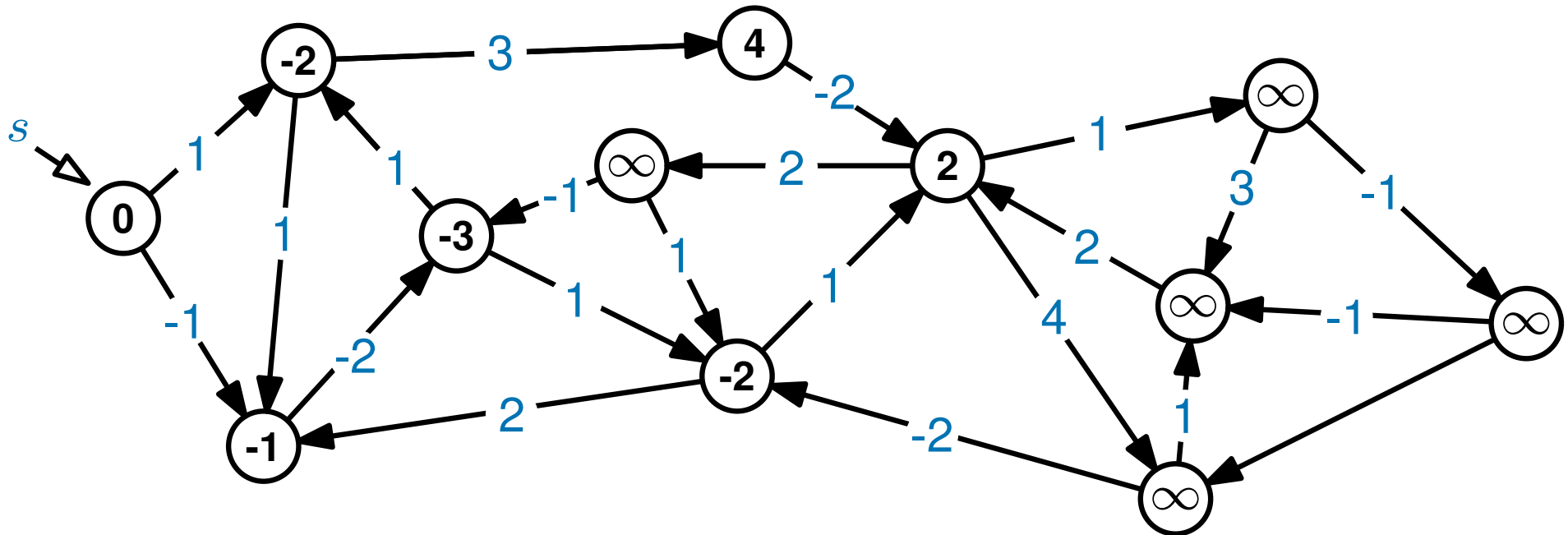
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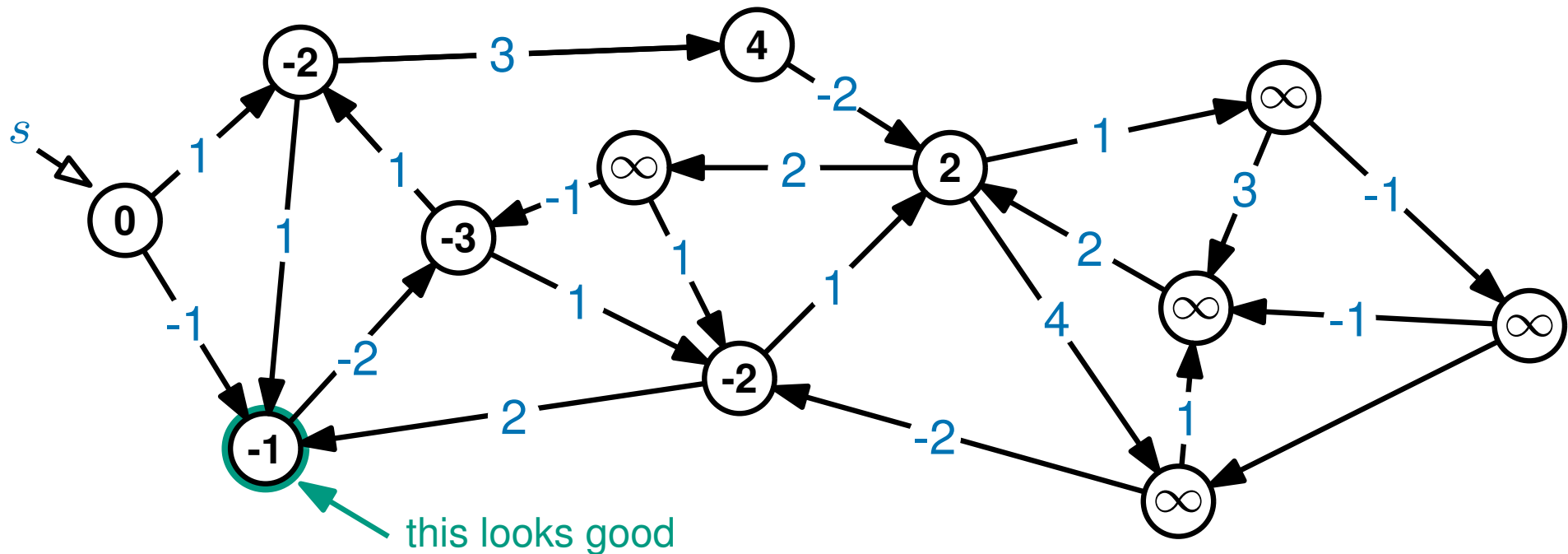
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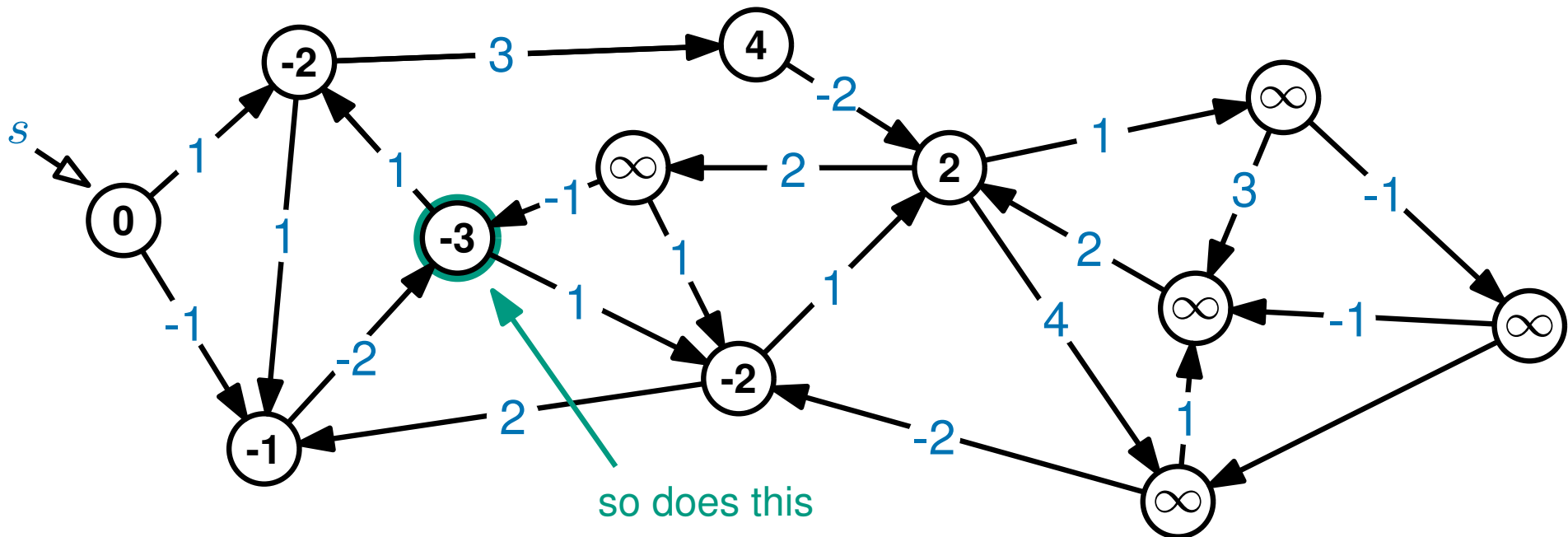
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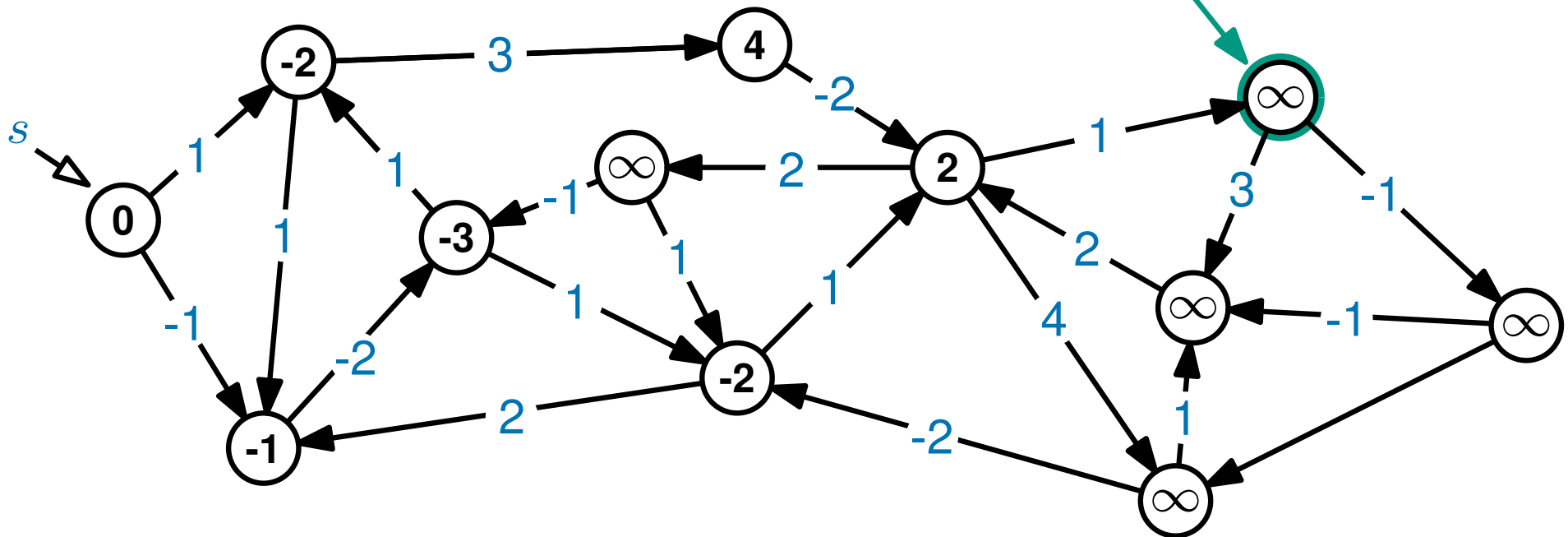
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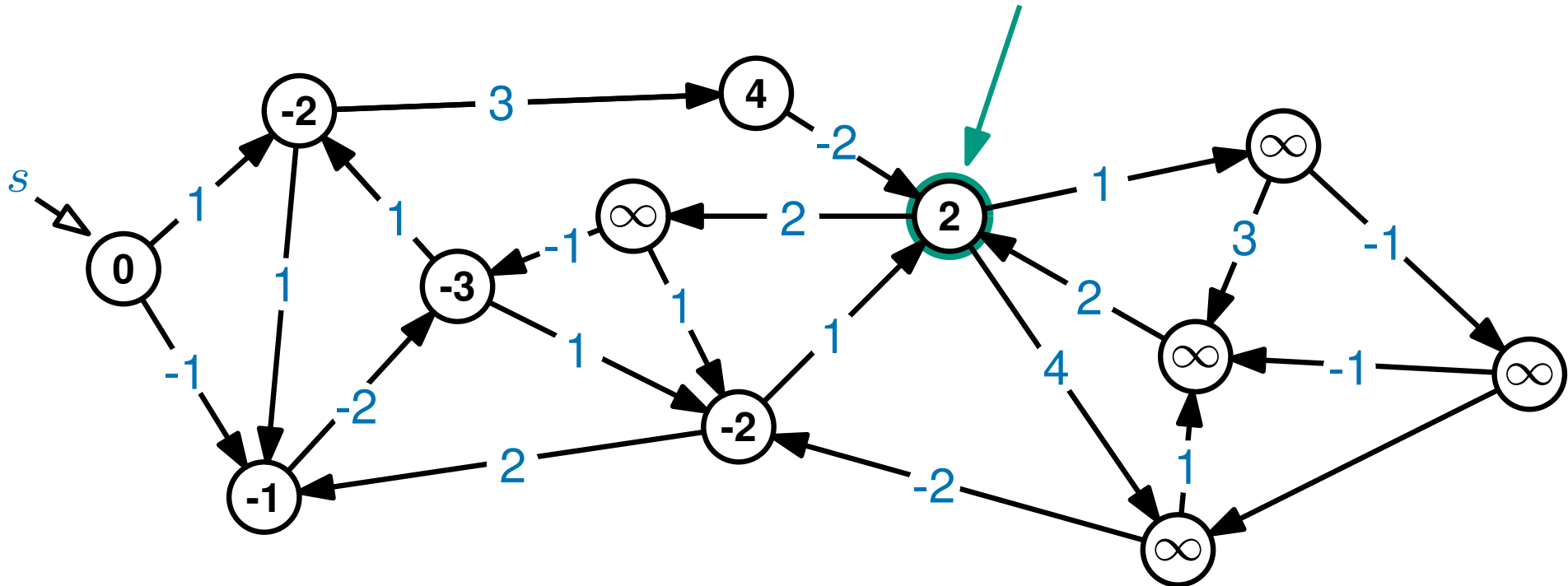
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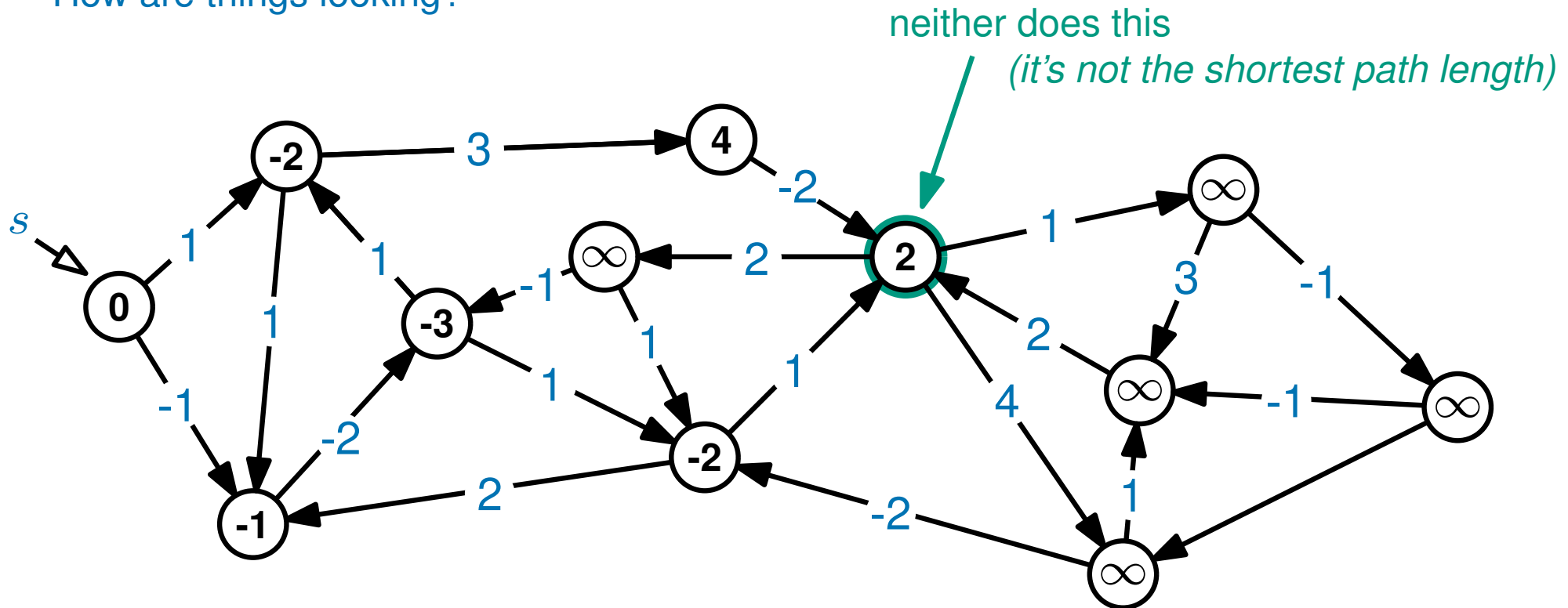
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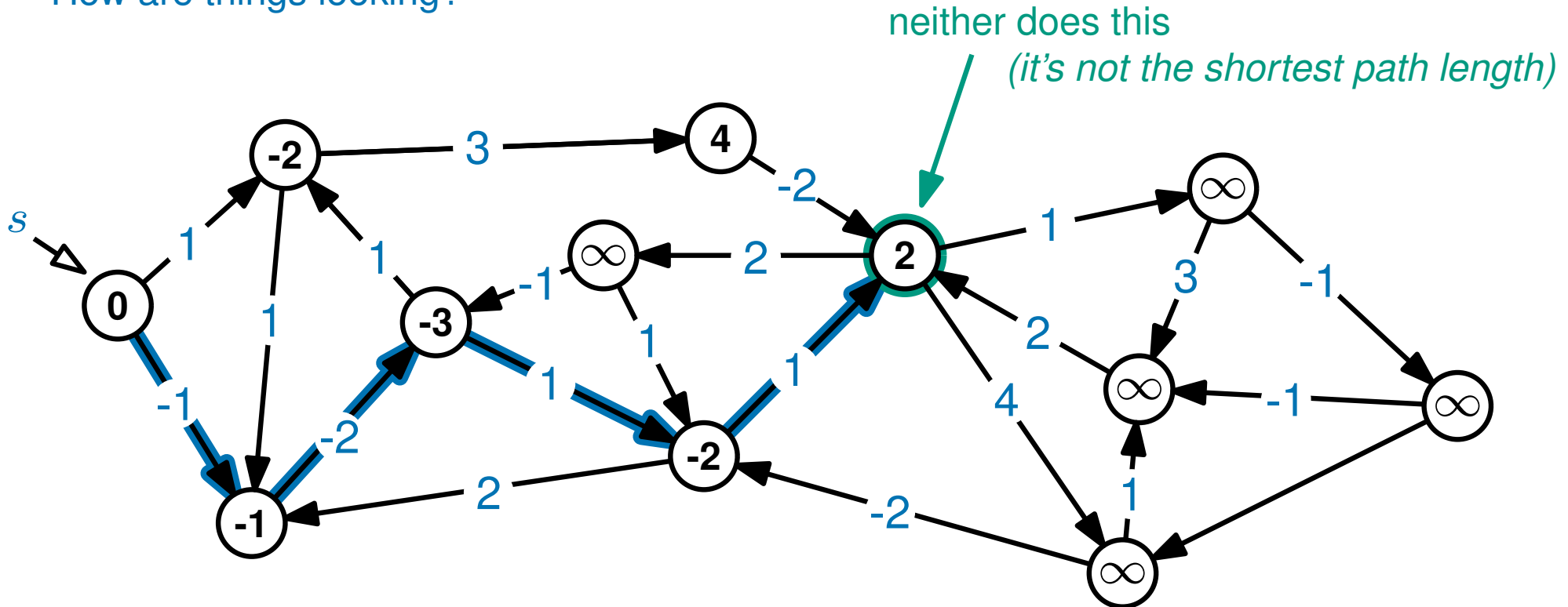
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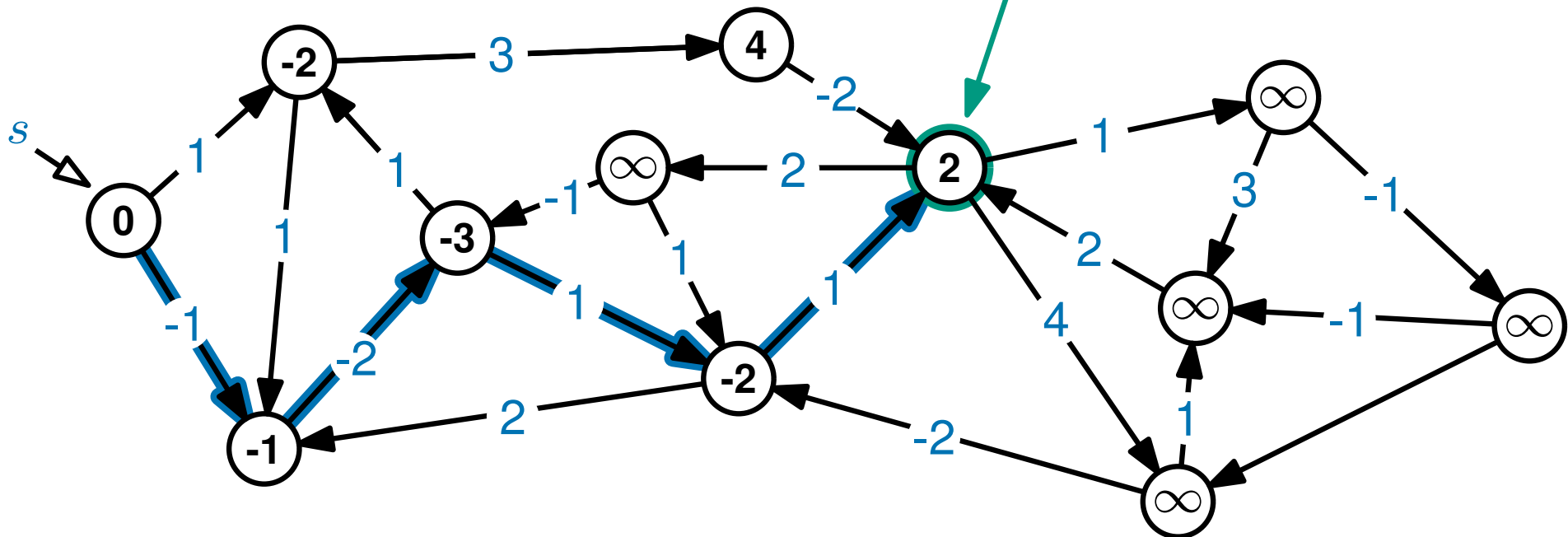
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neither does this  
 (it's not the shortest path length)



This path has length  $-1$

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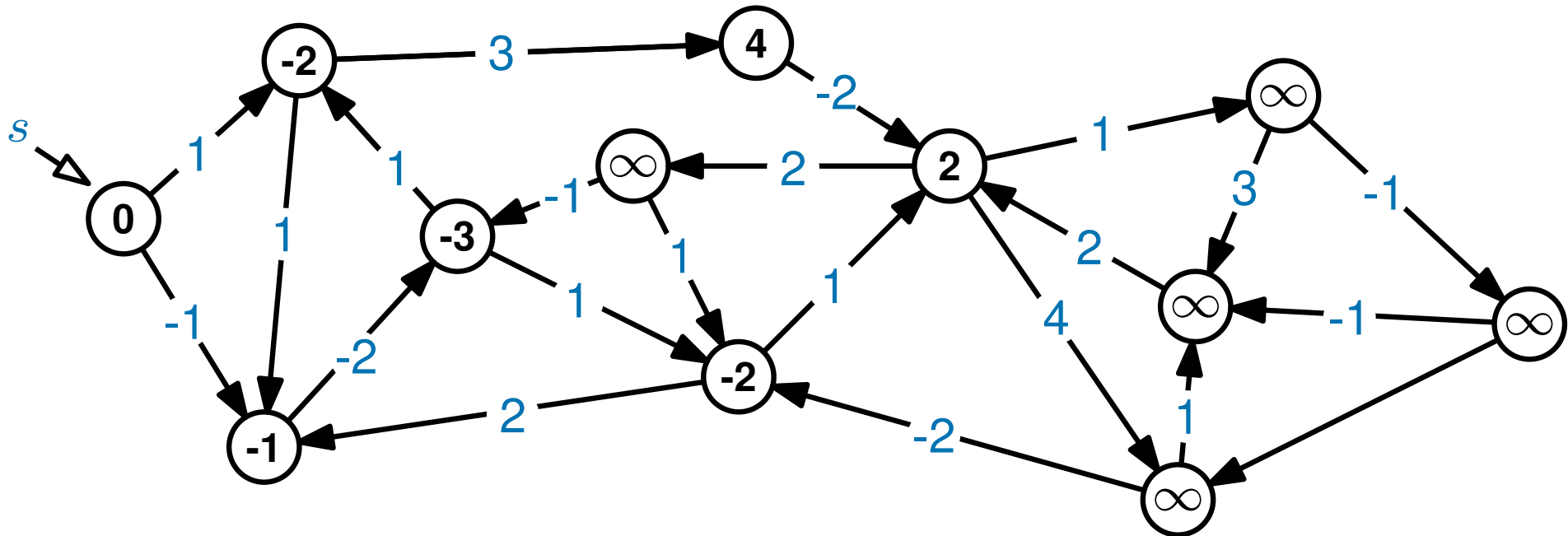
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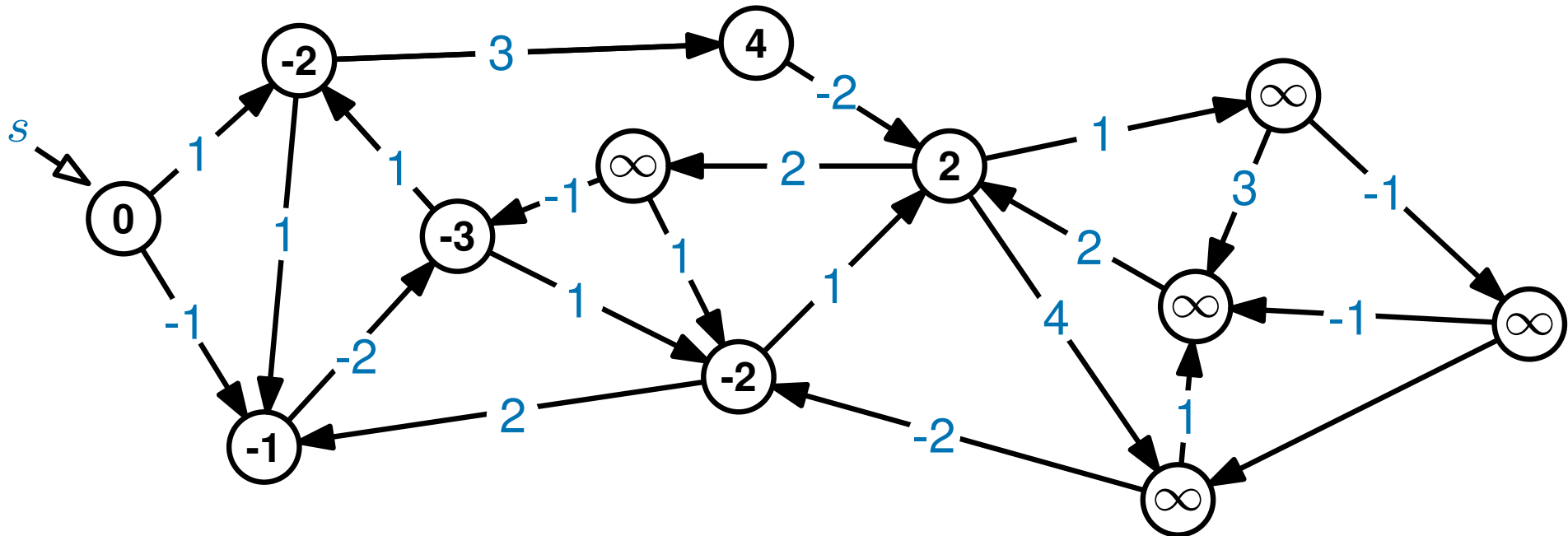


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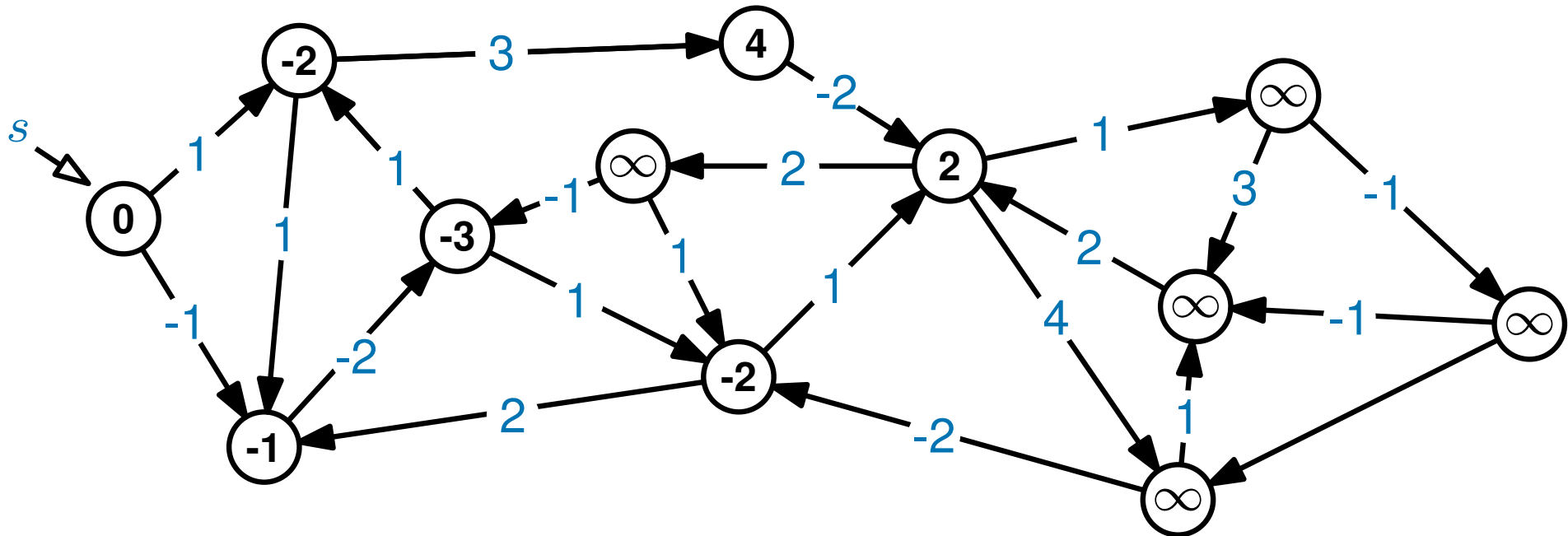
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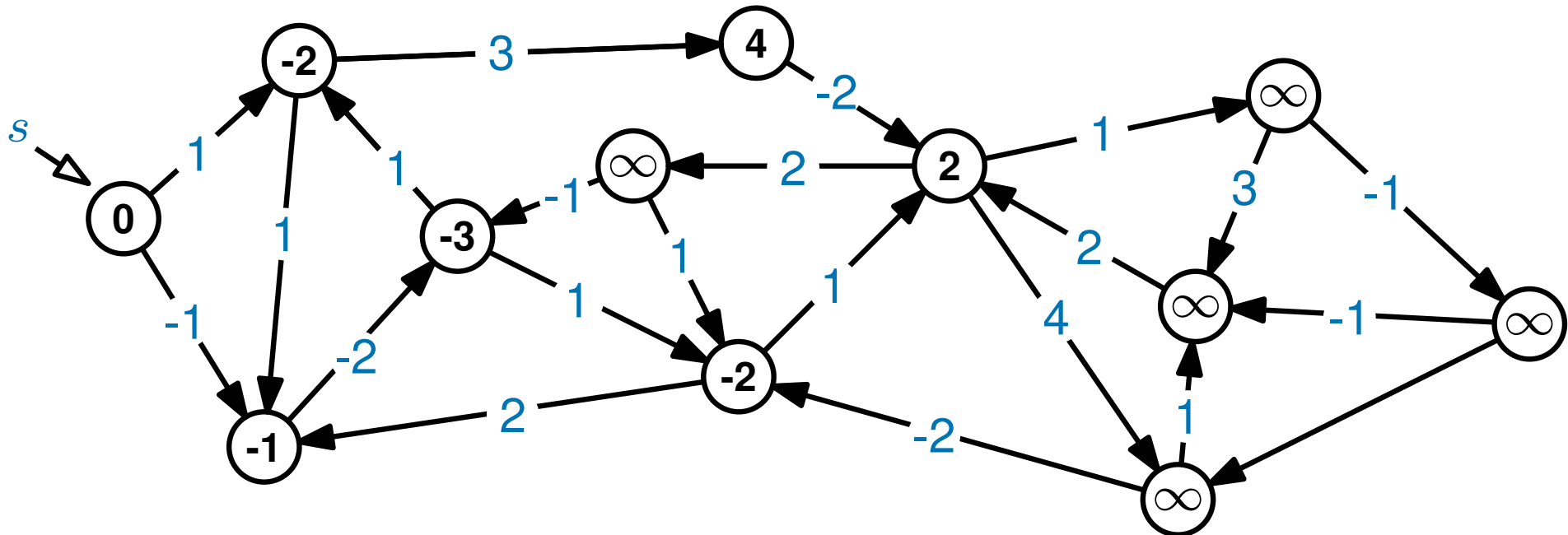
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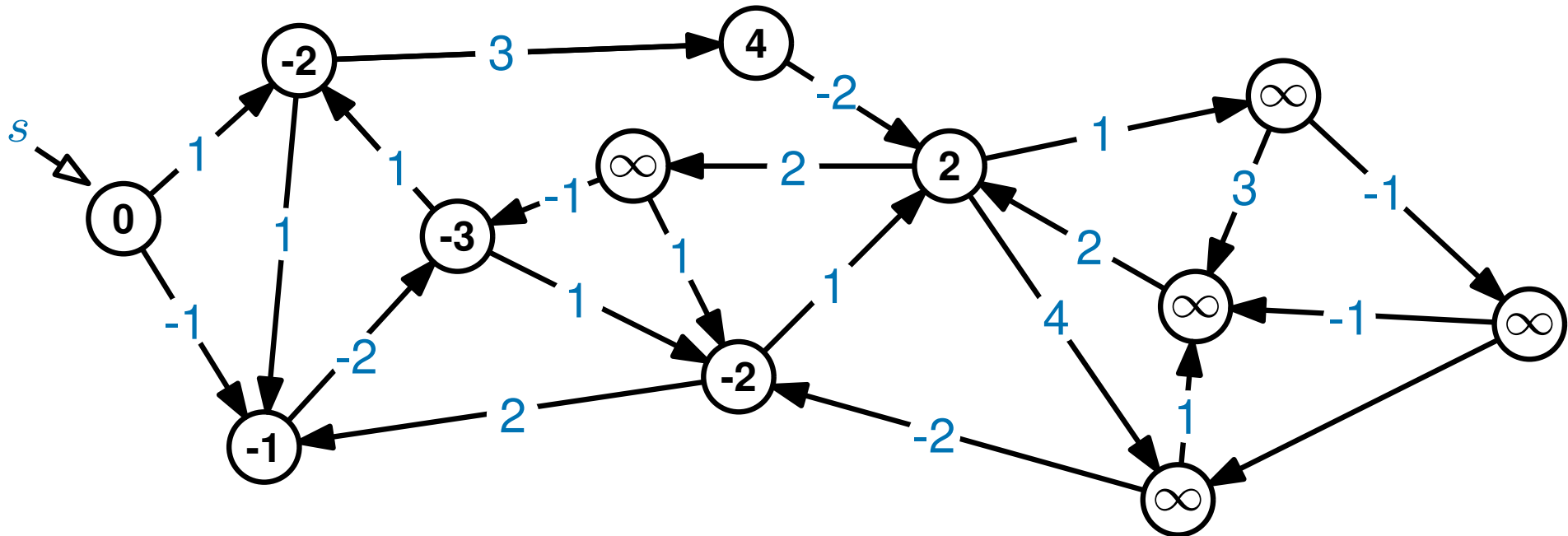
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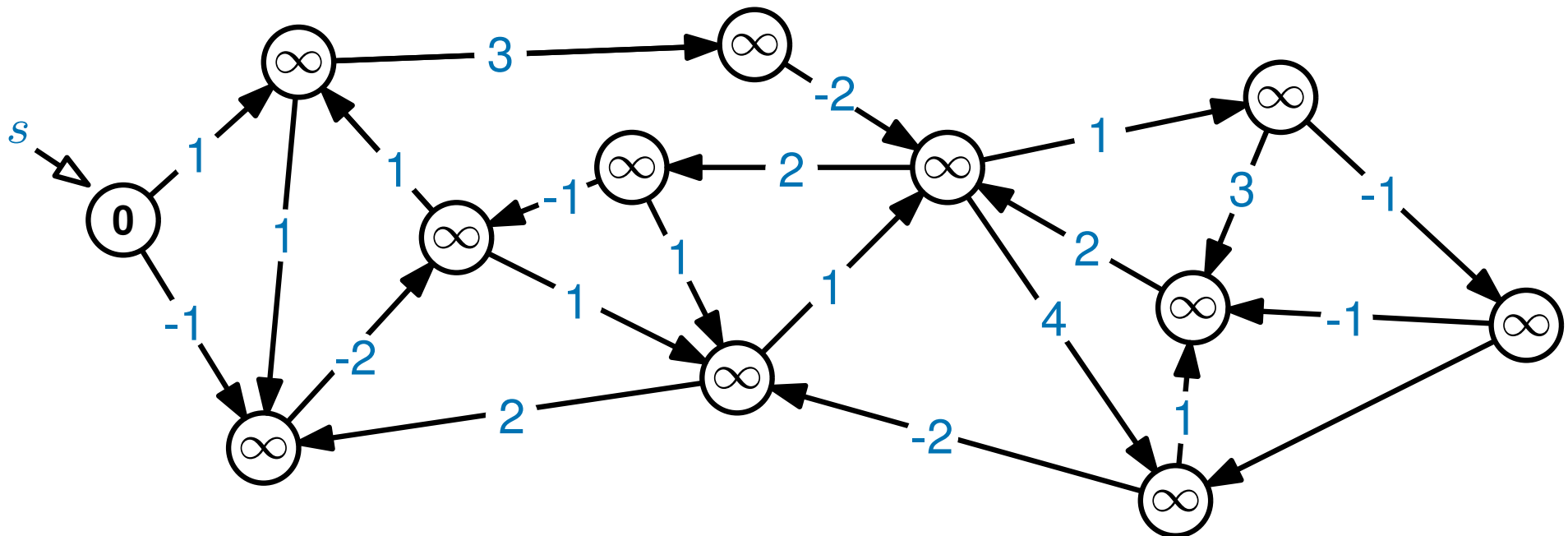
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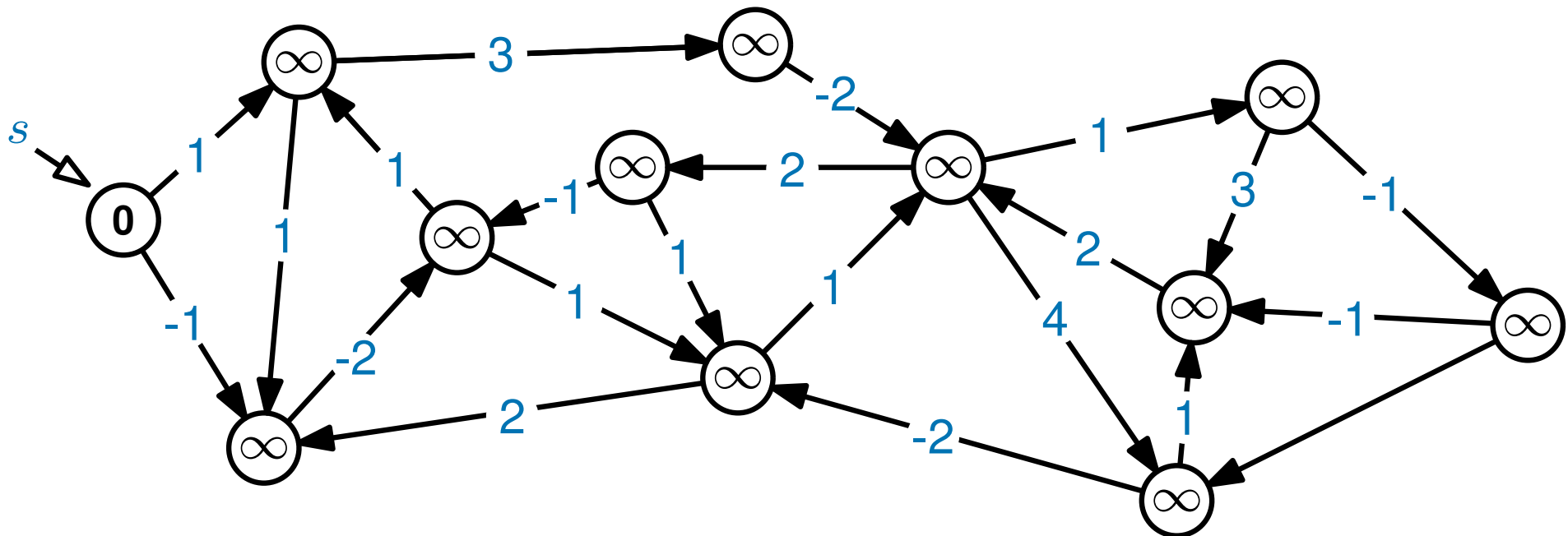
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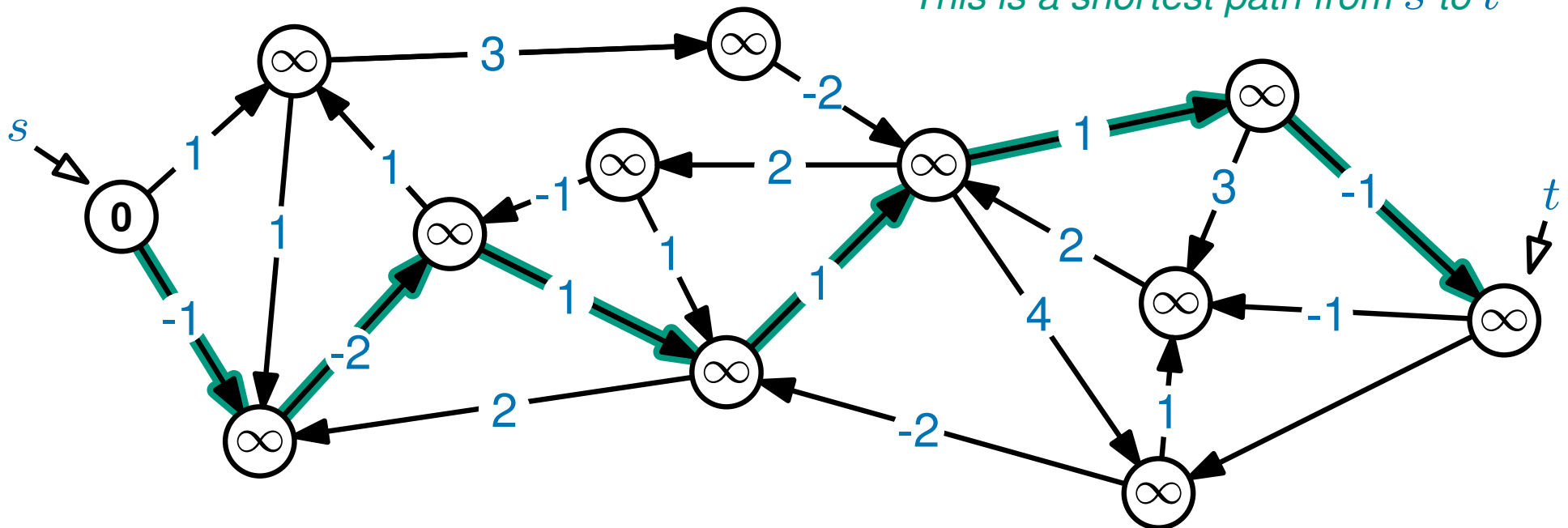
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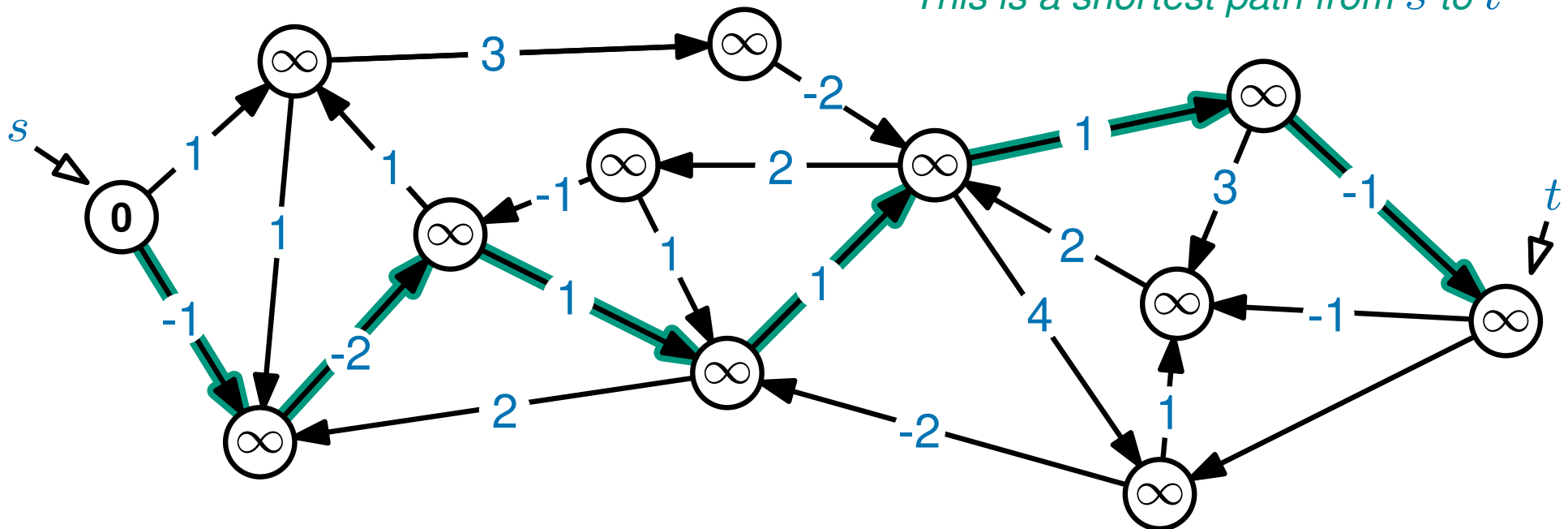
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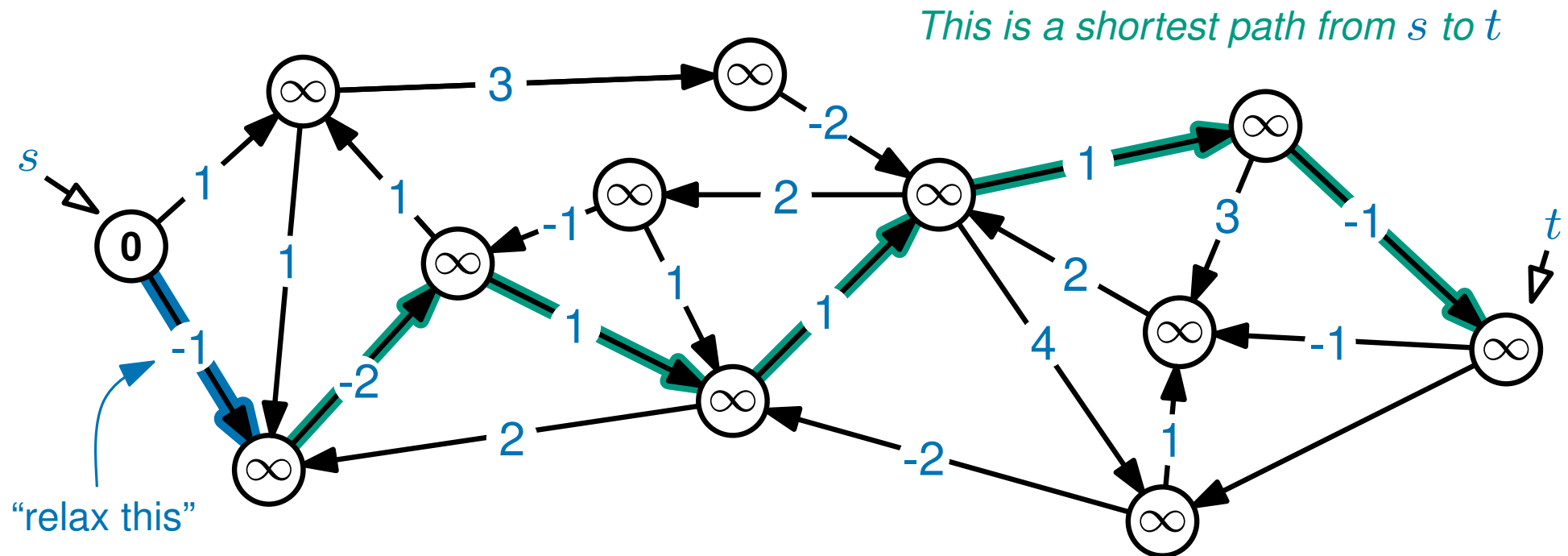


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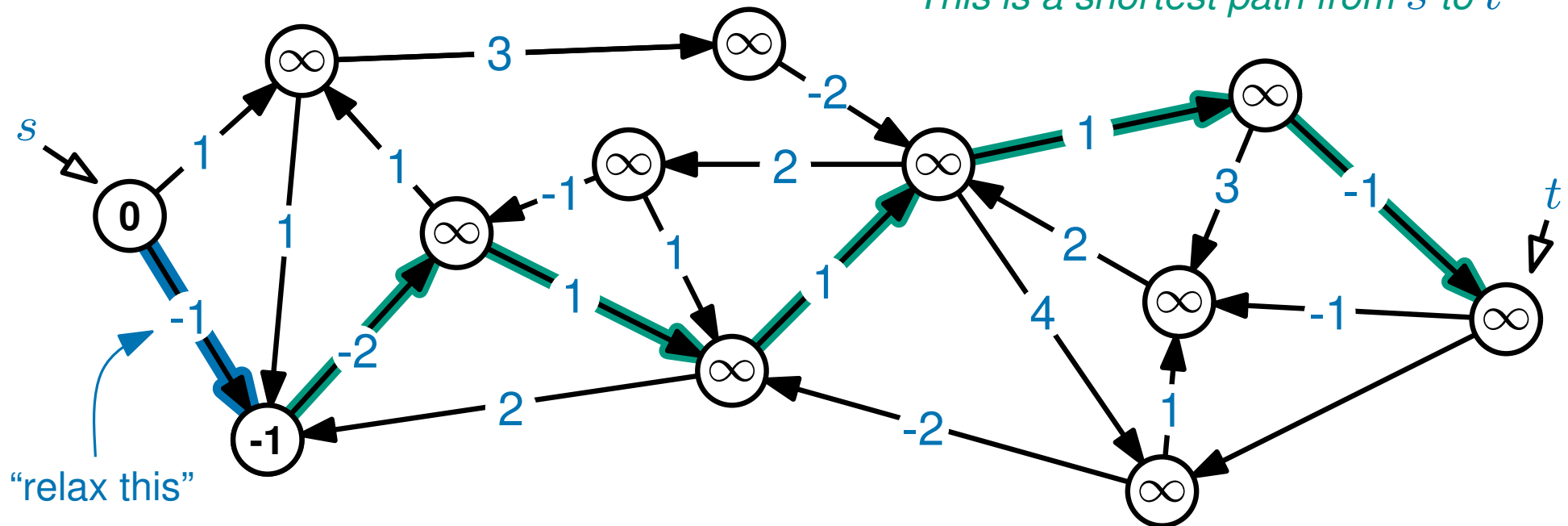
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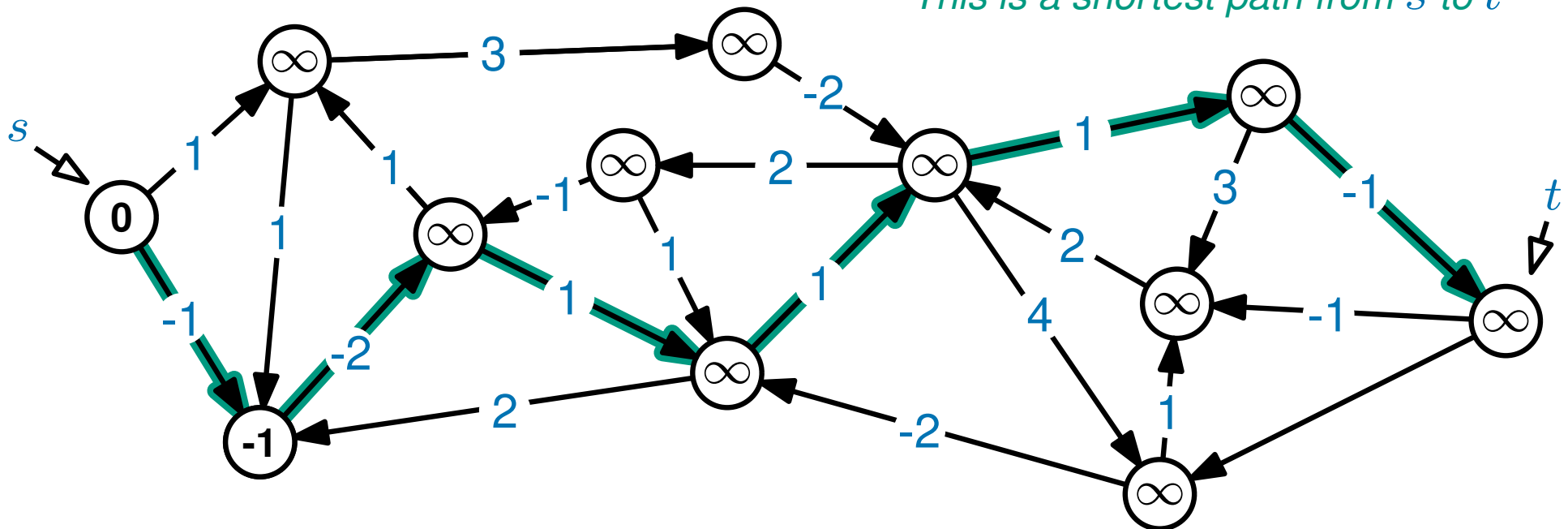
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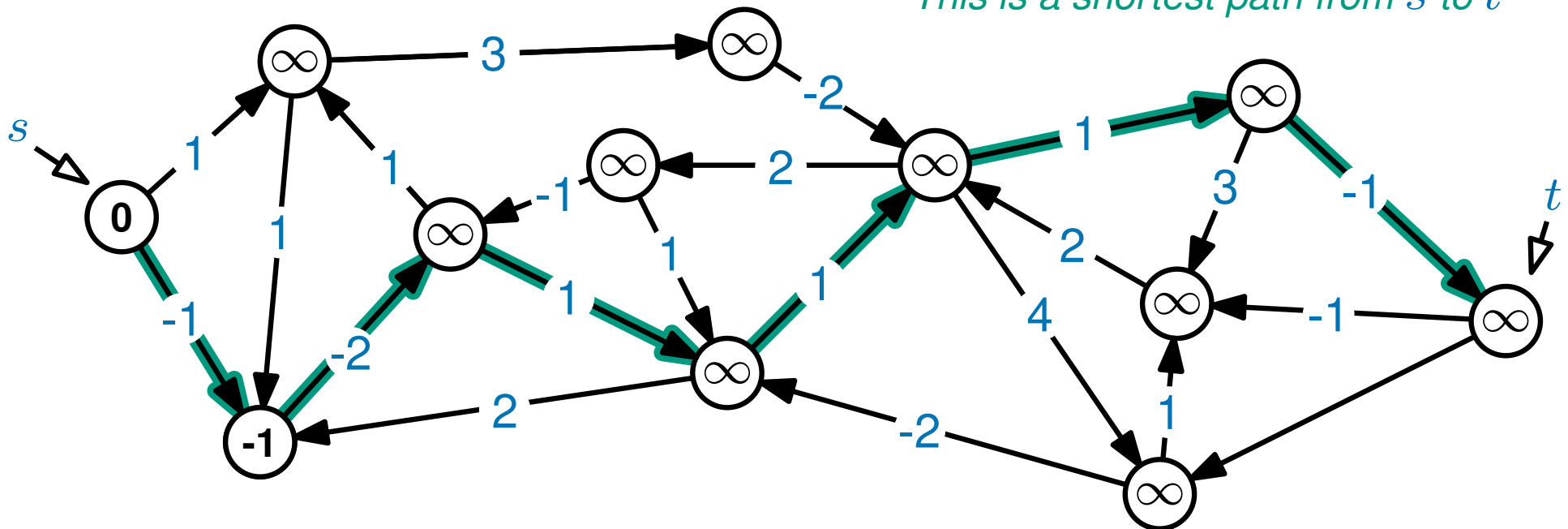
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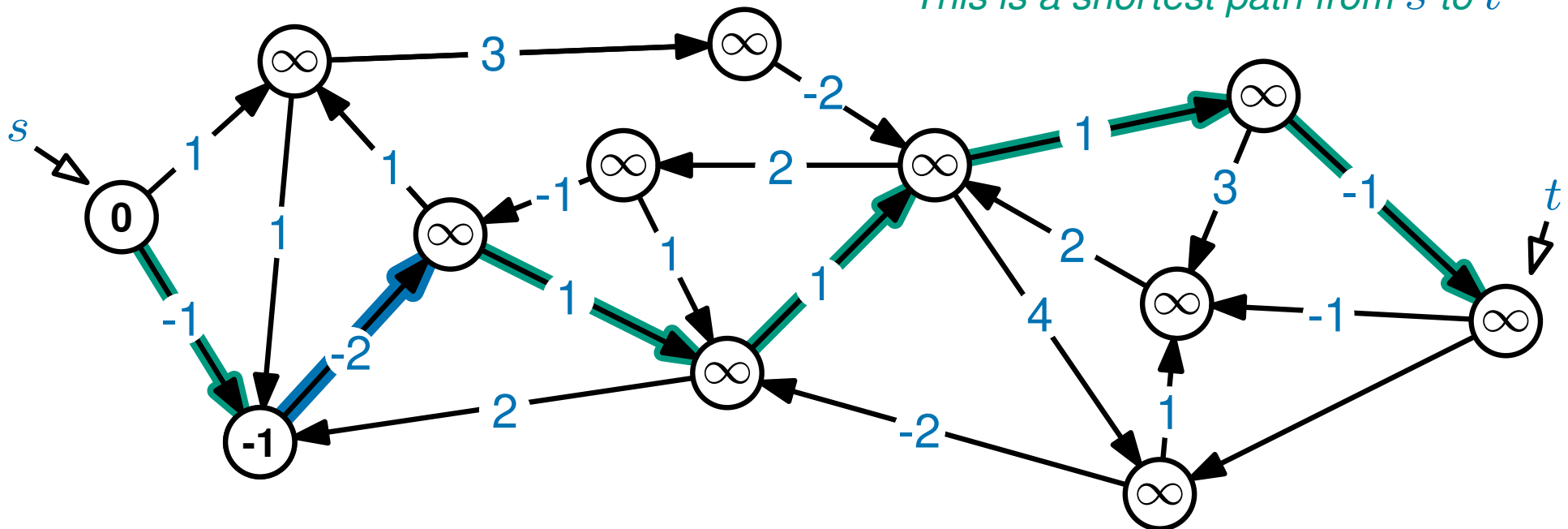
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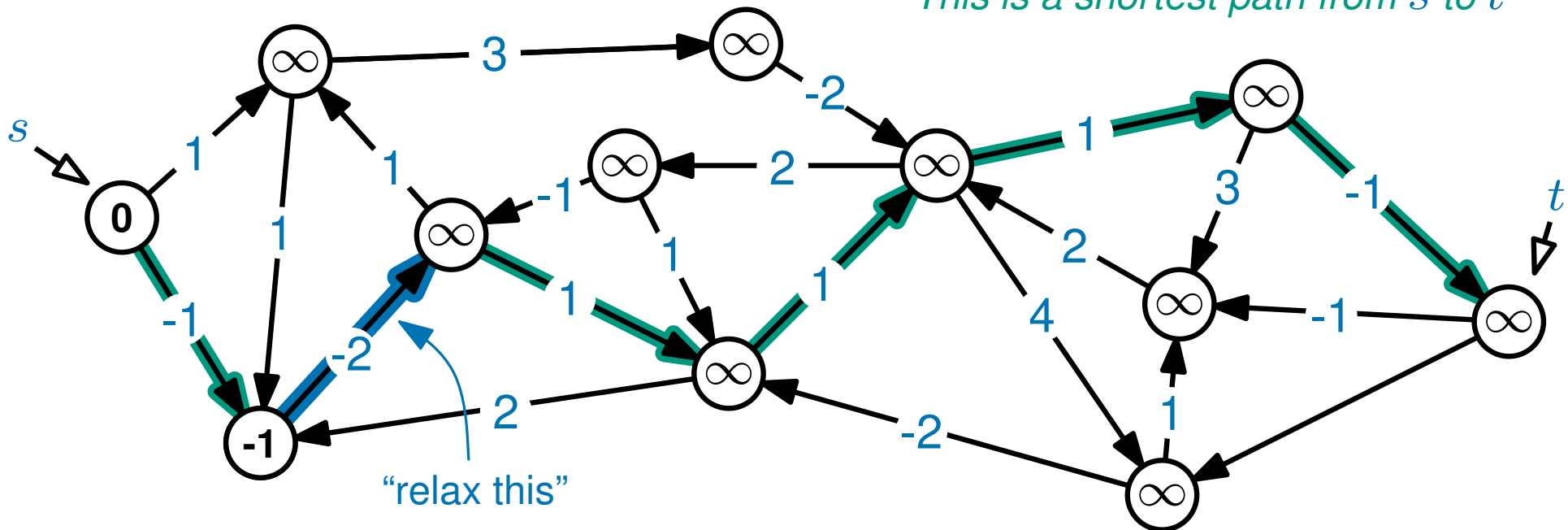
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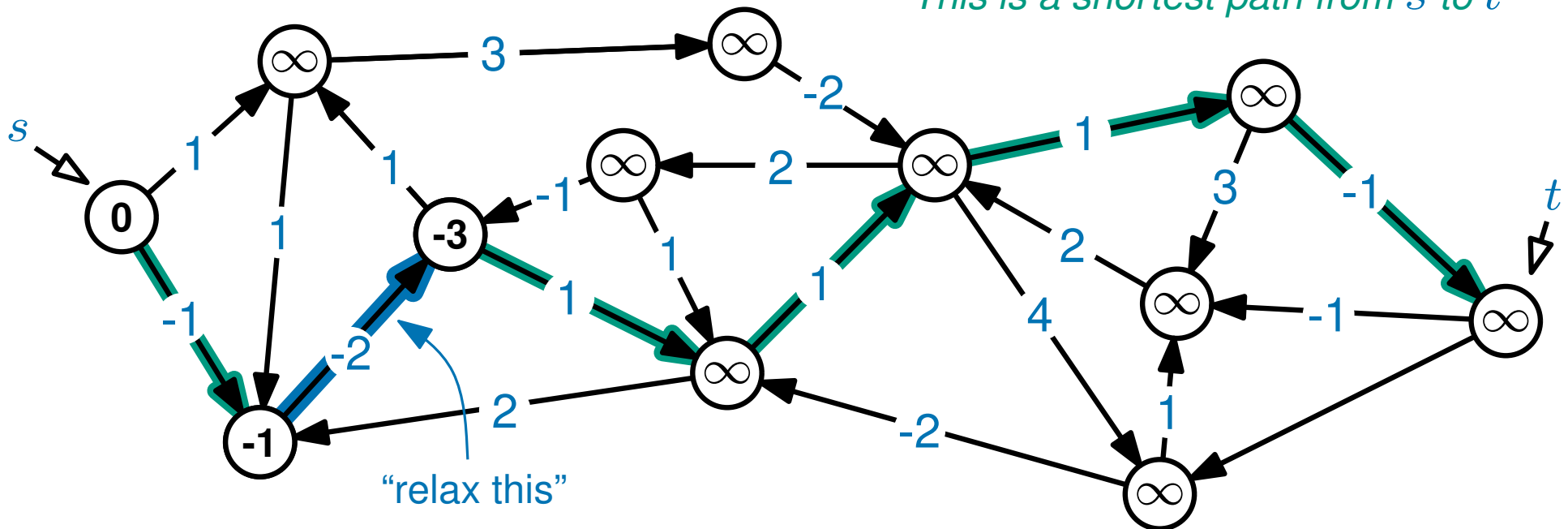
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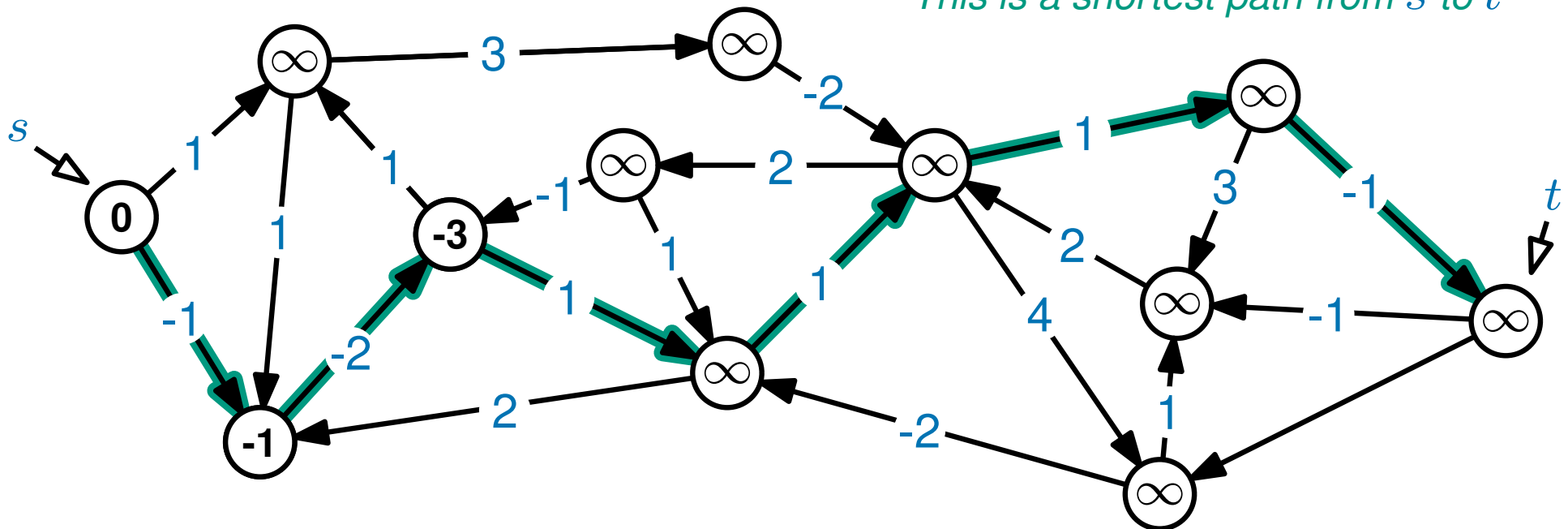
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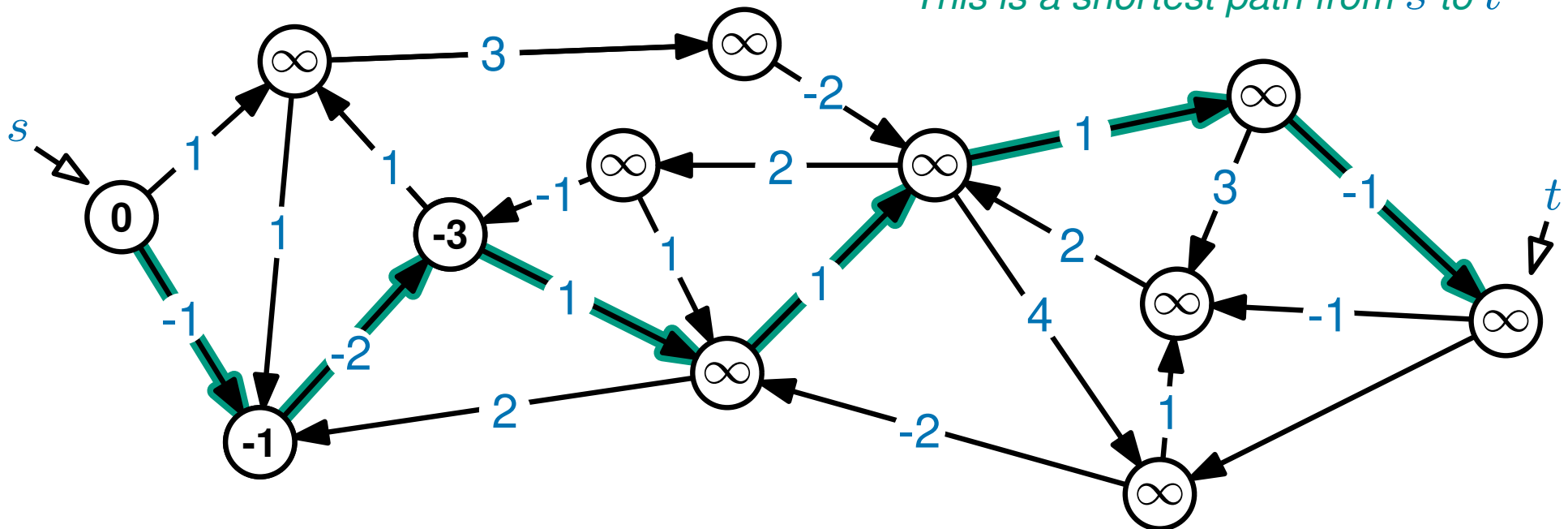
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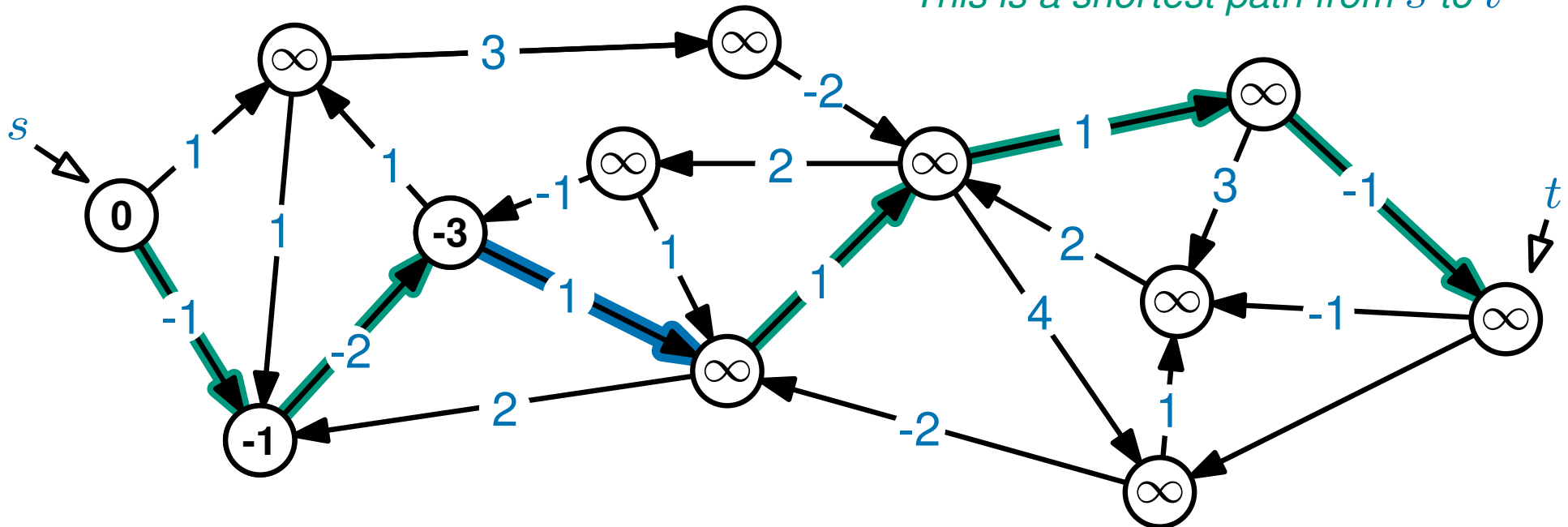
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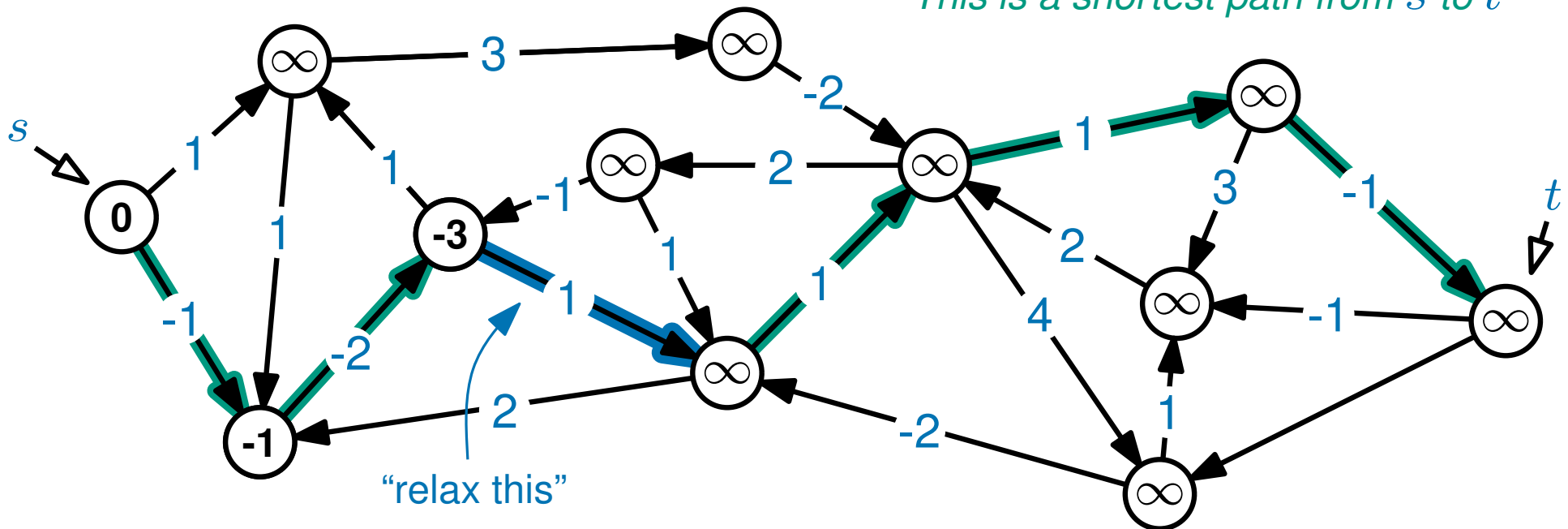
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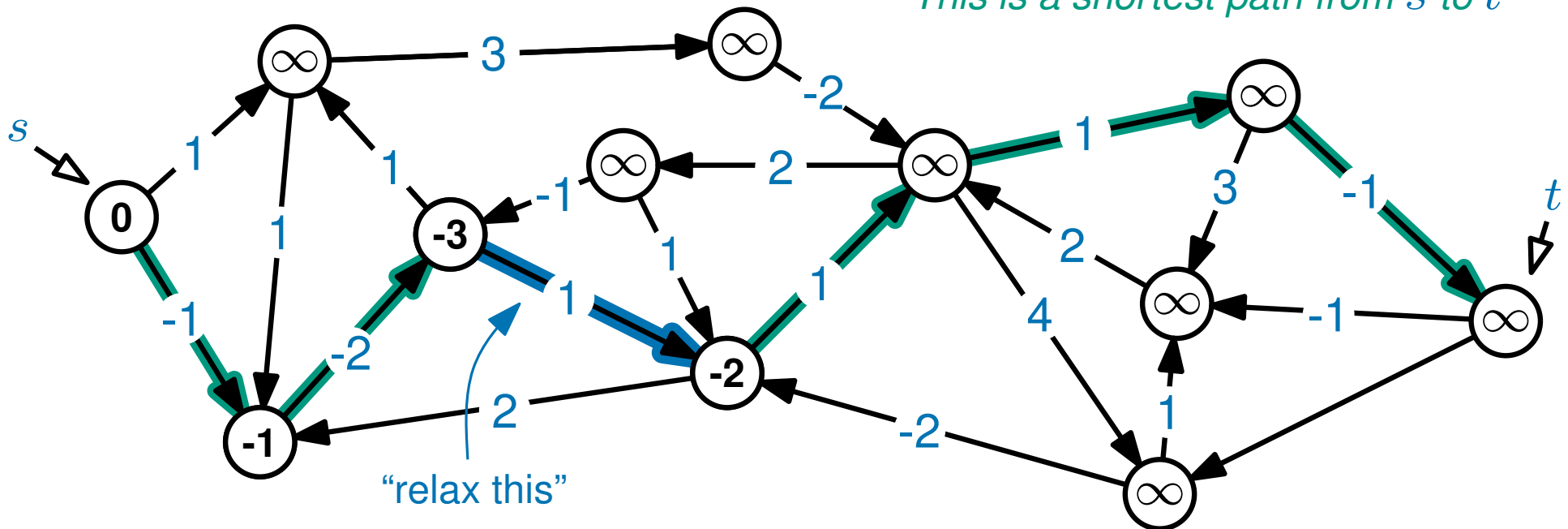
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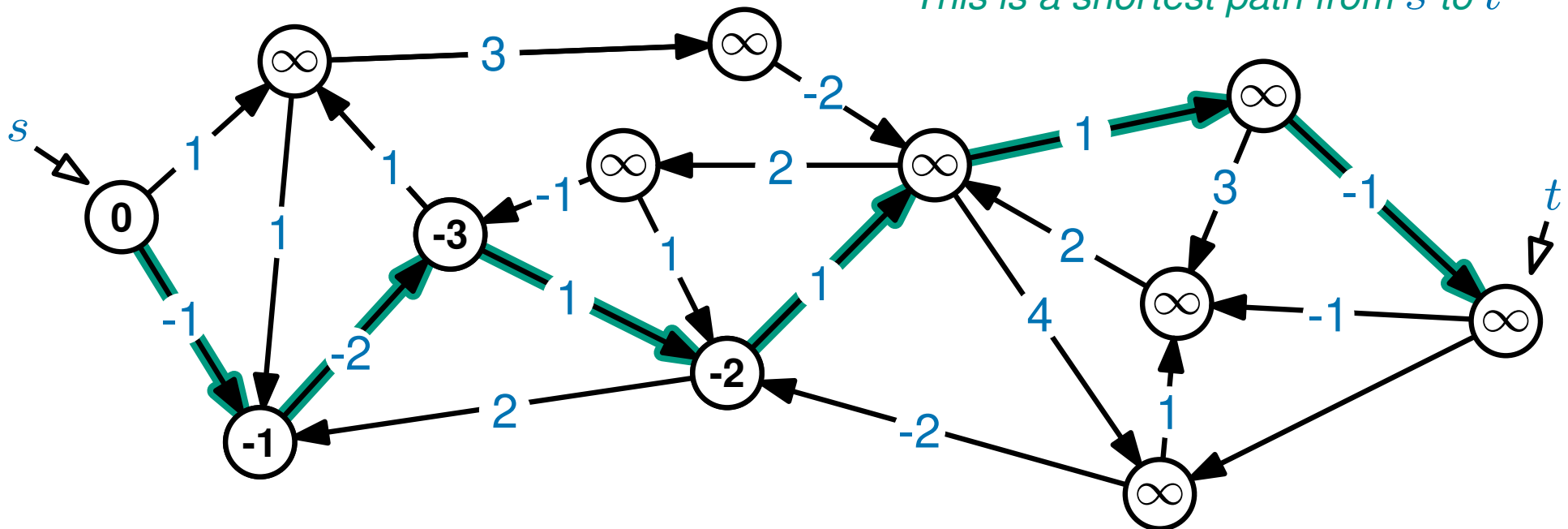
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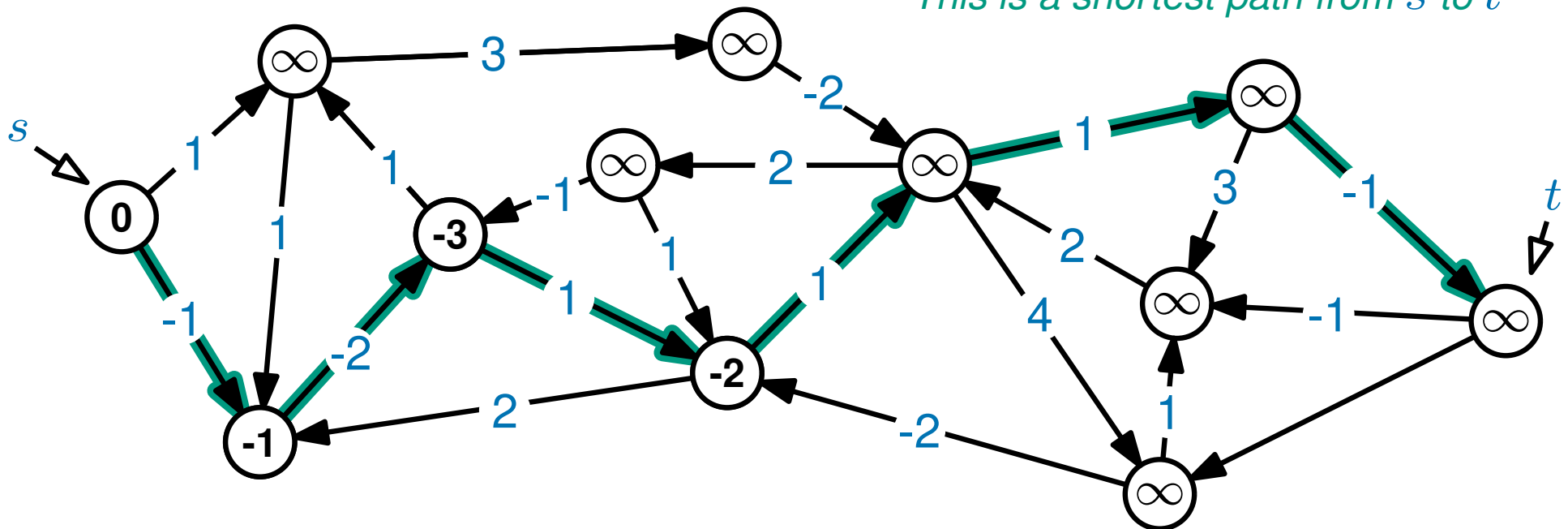
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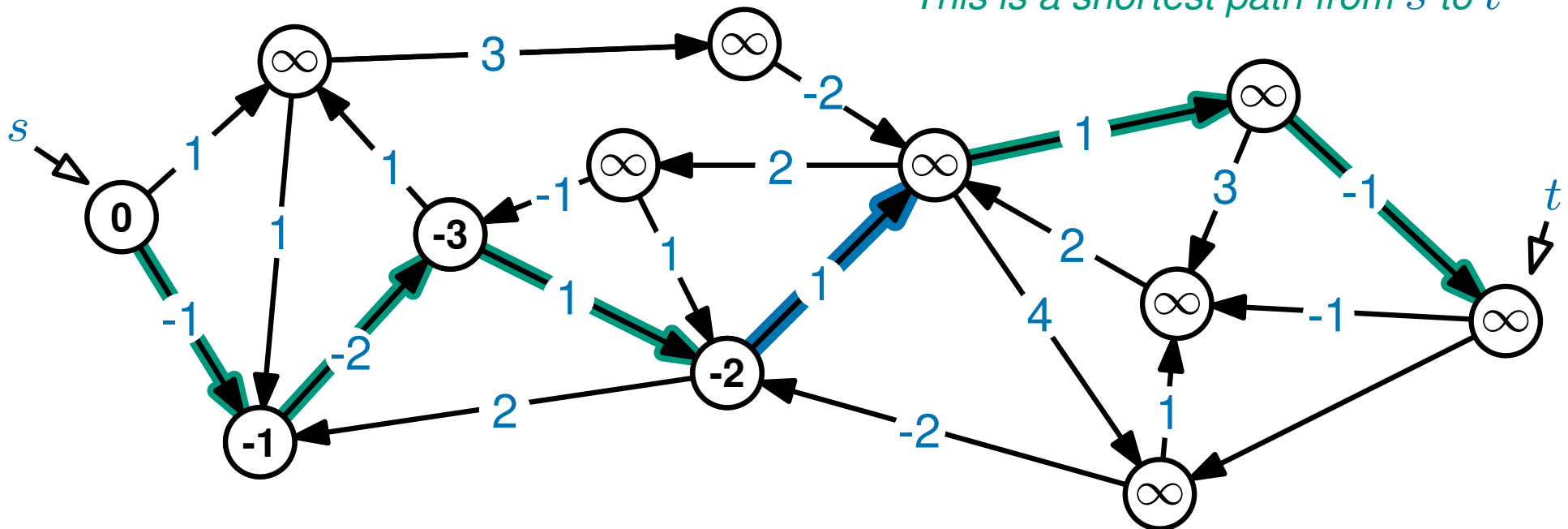
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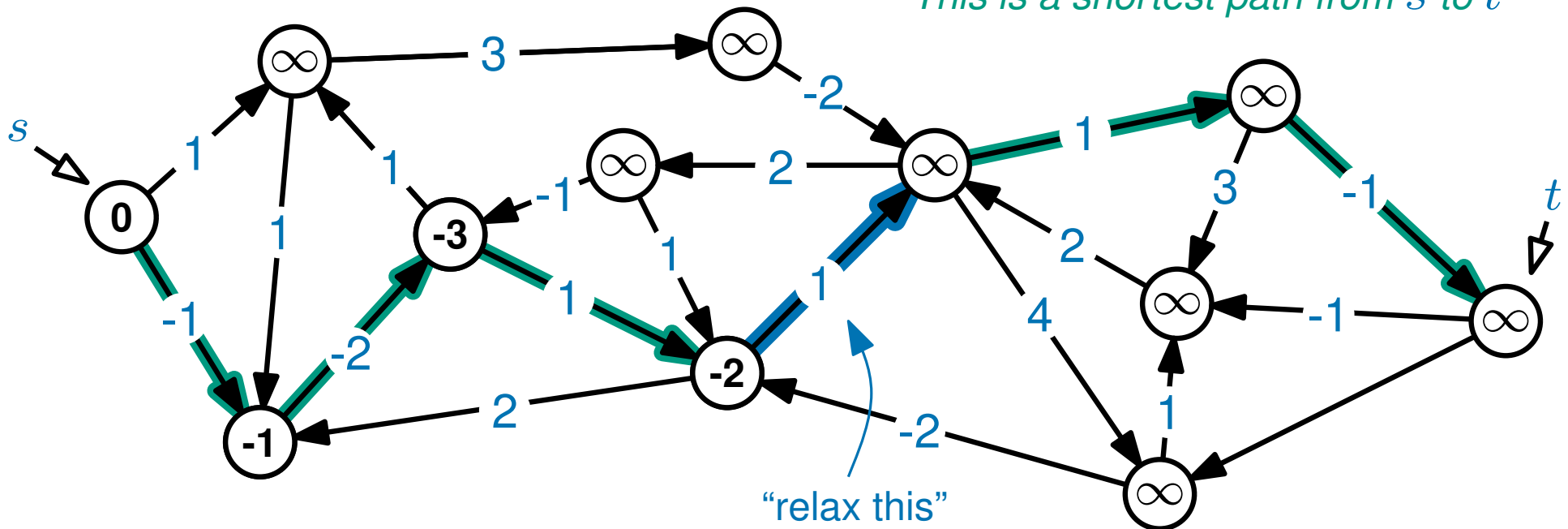
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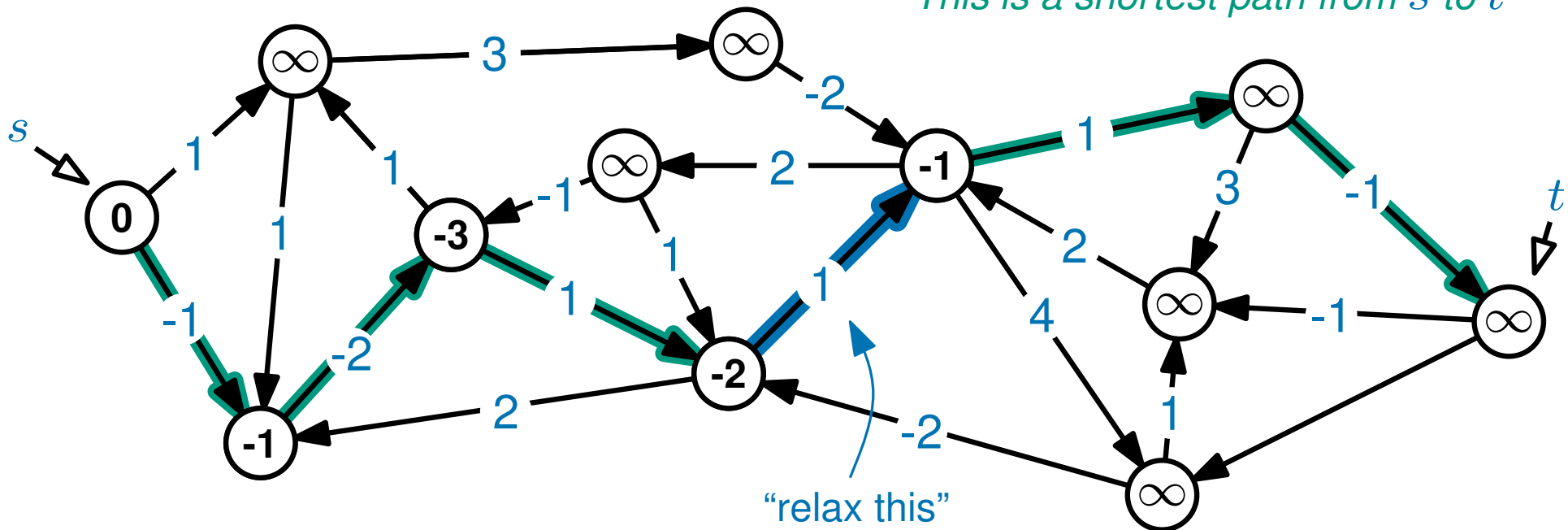
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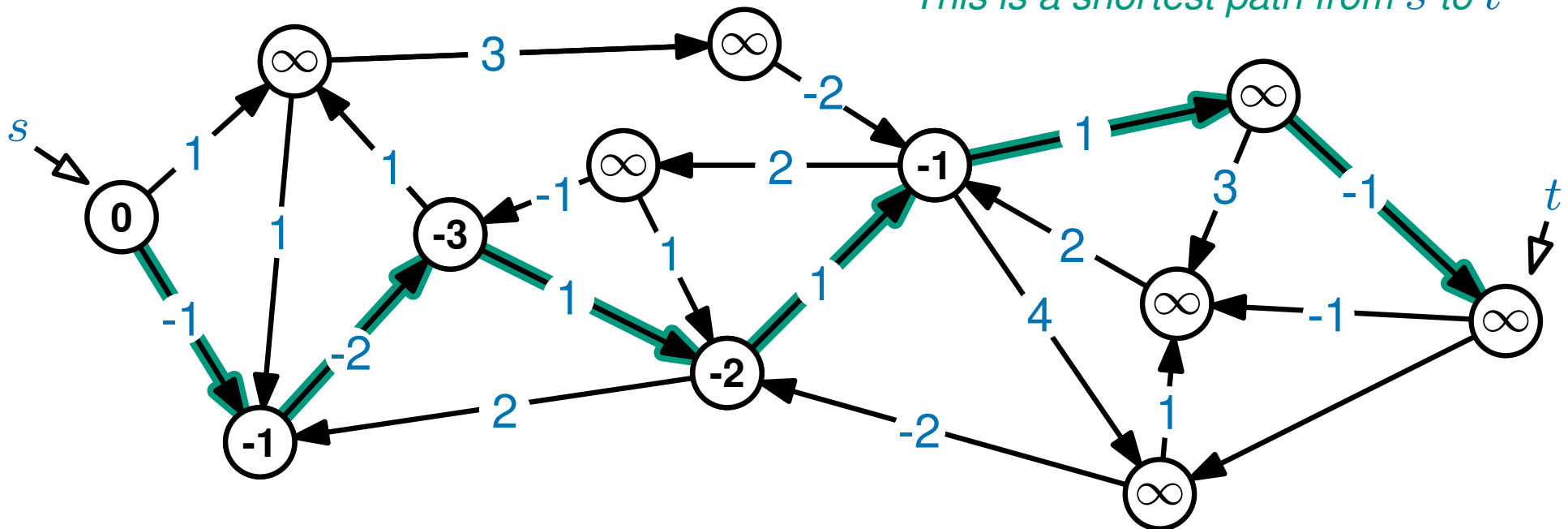
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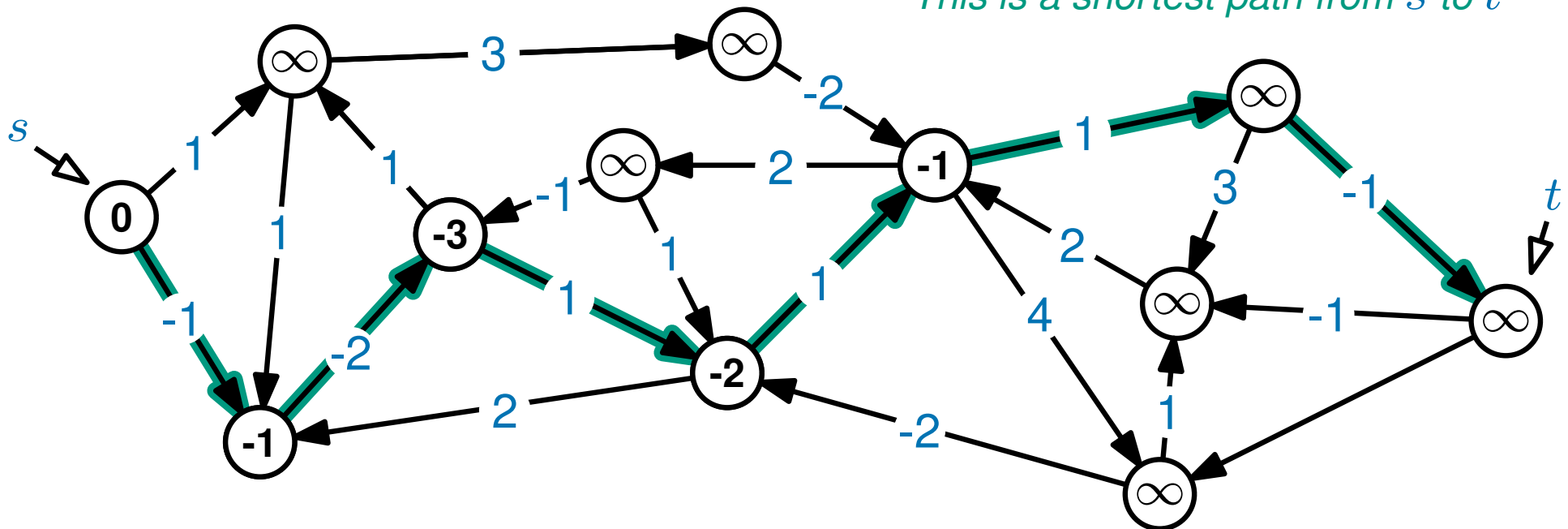
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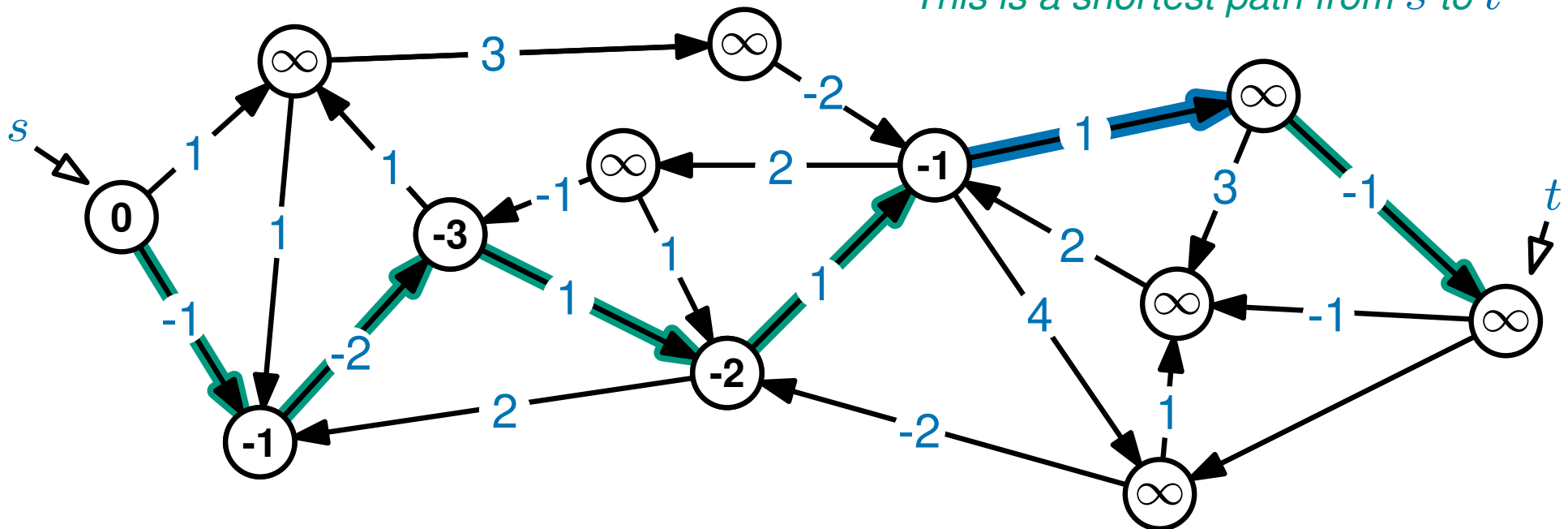
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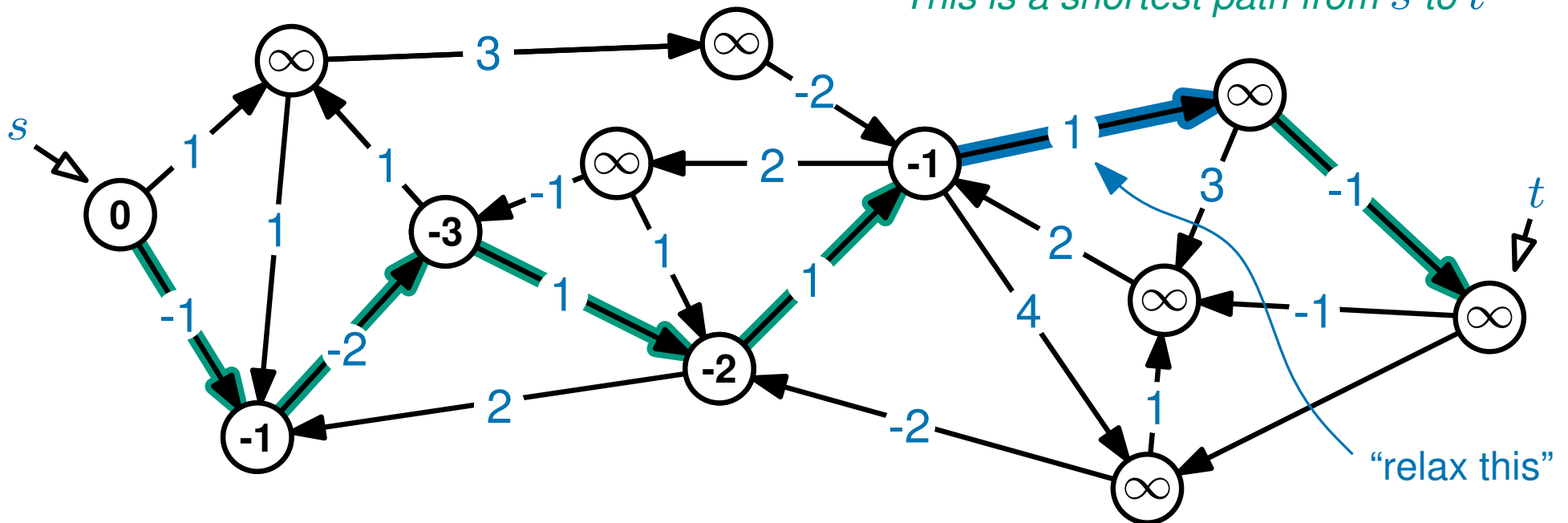
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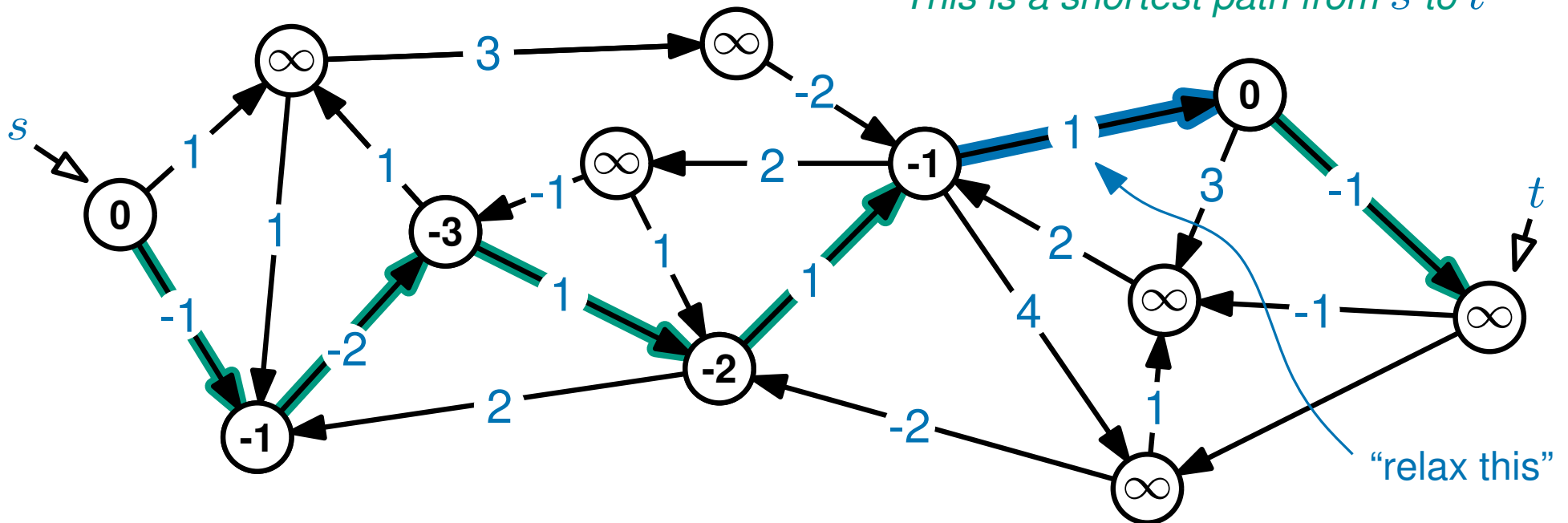
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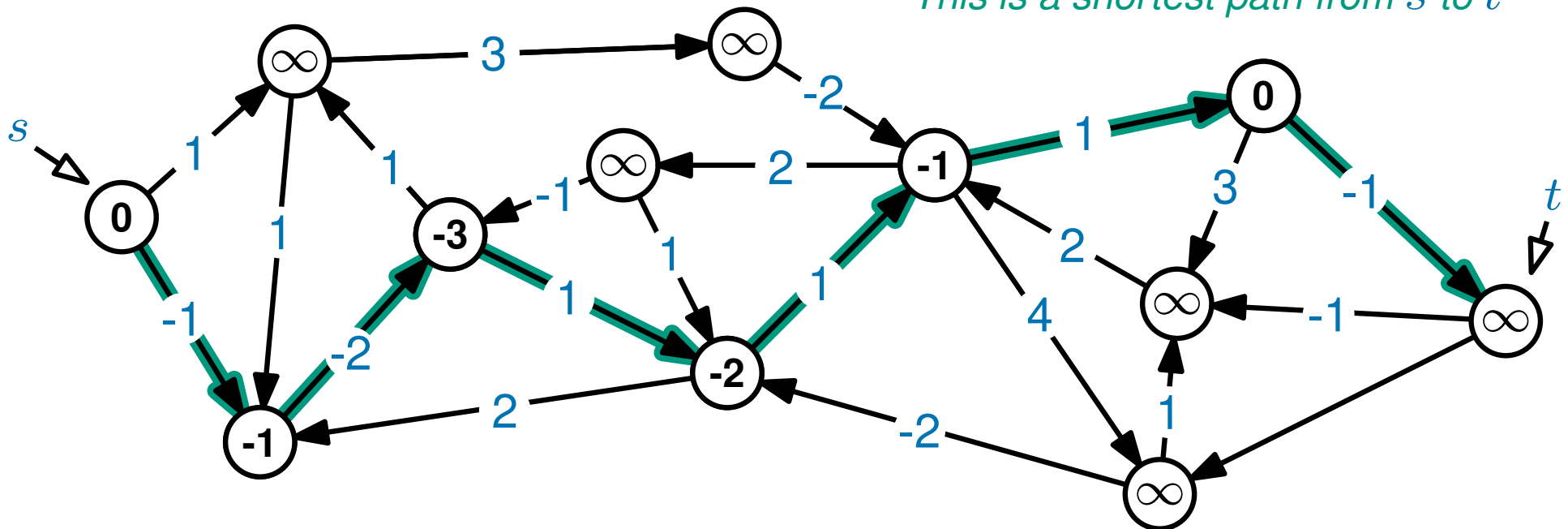
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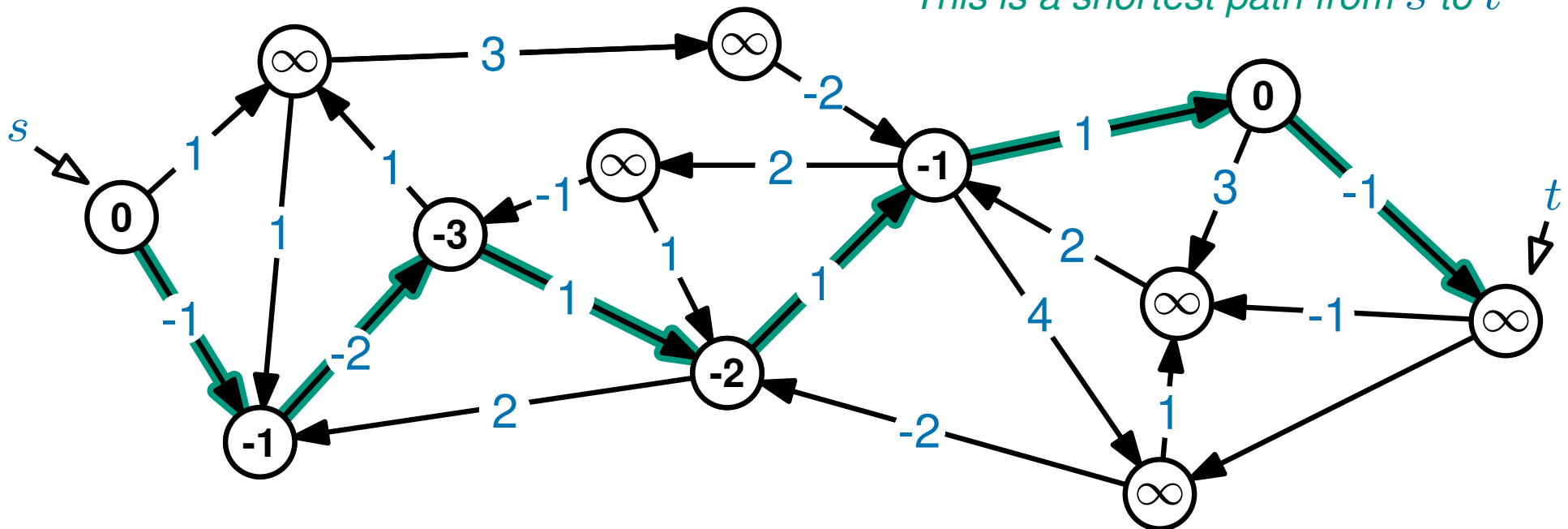
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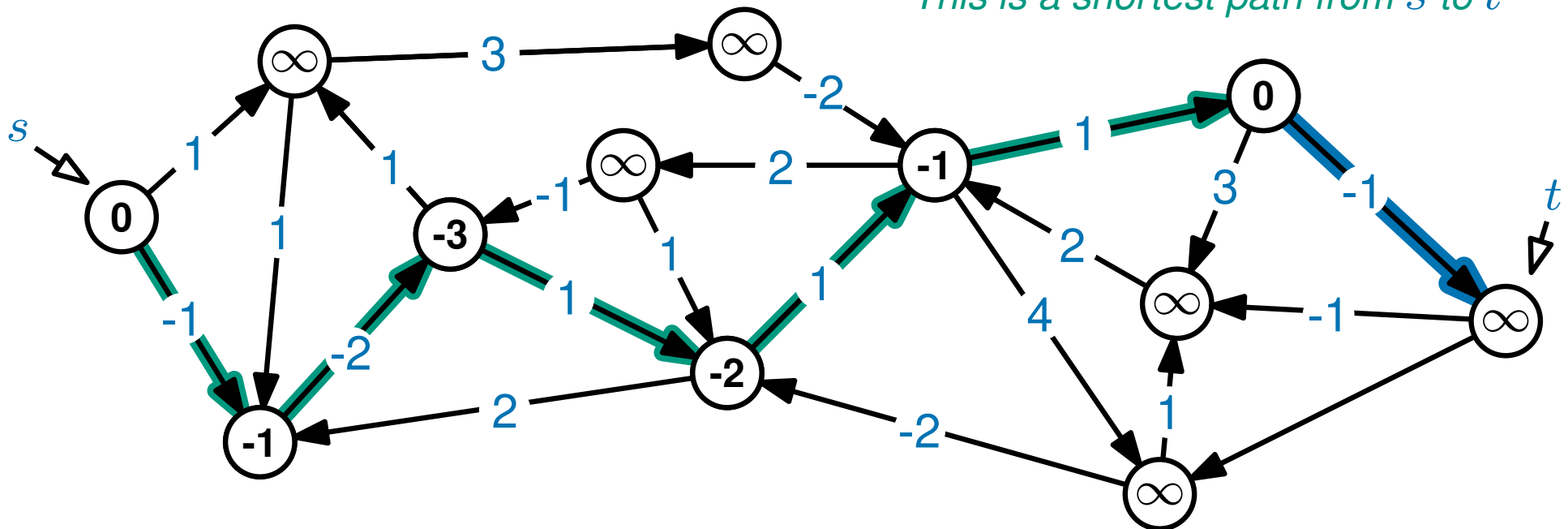
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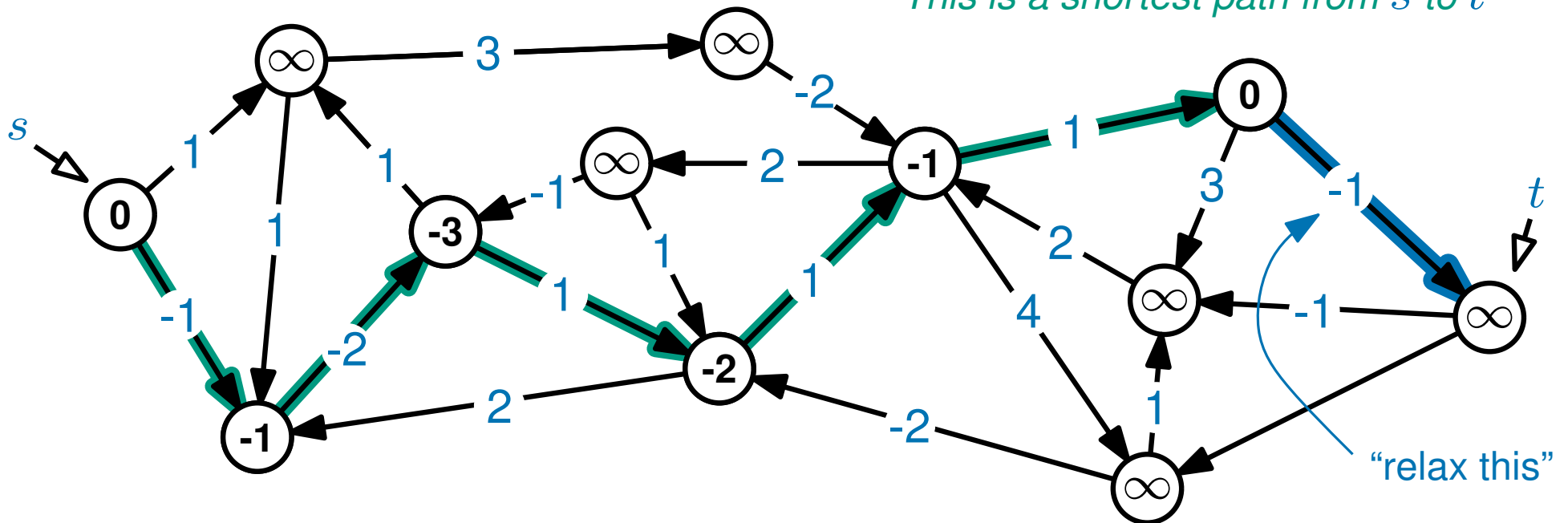
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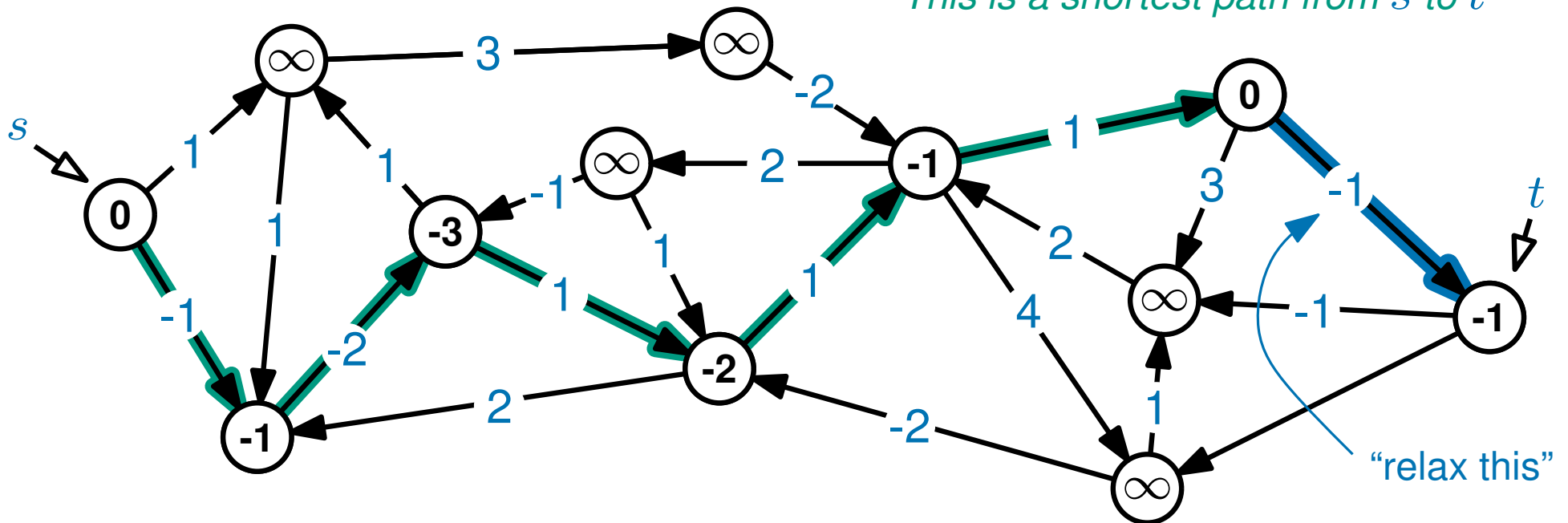
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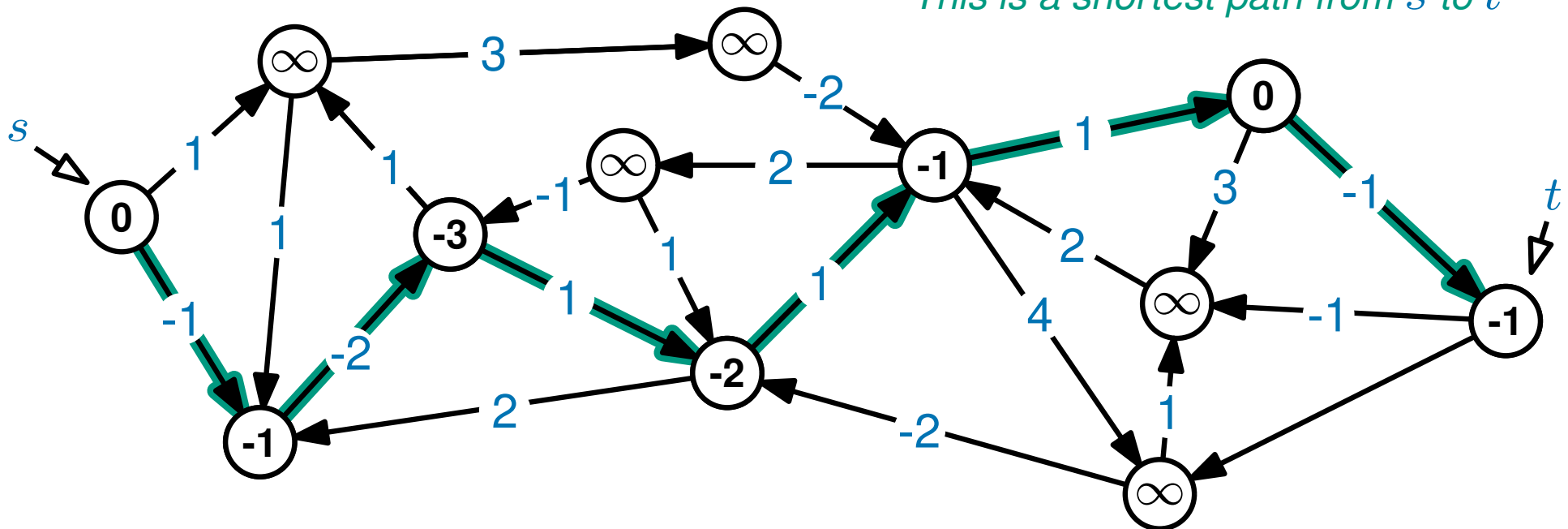
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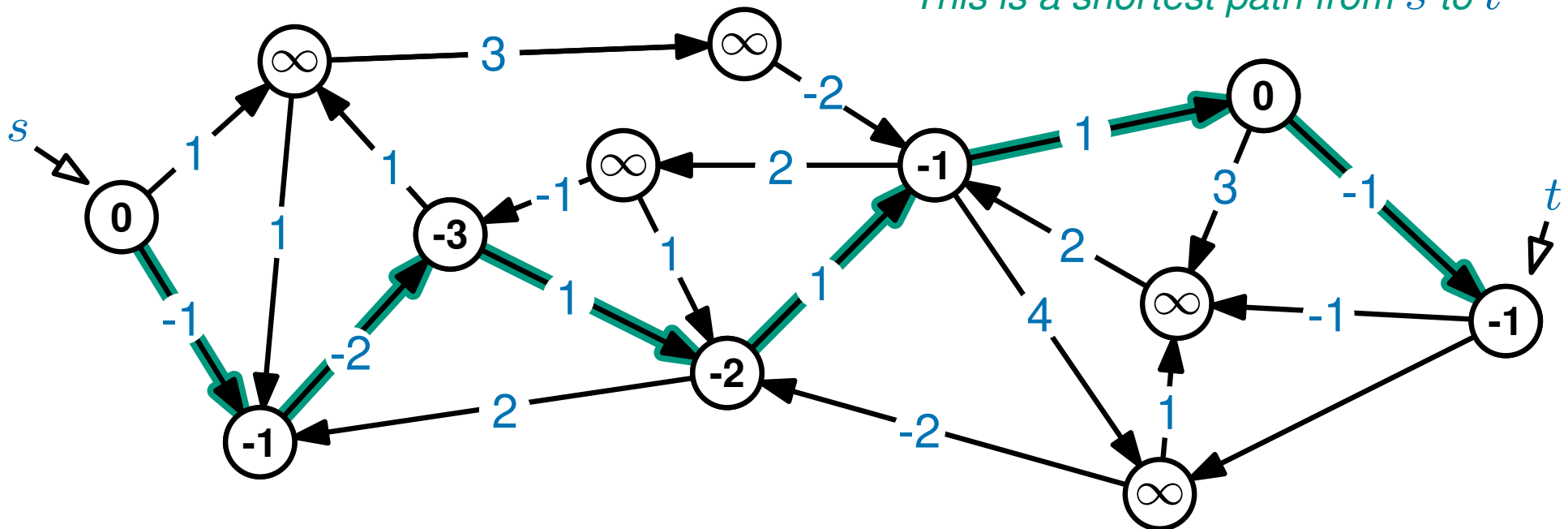
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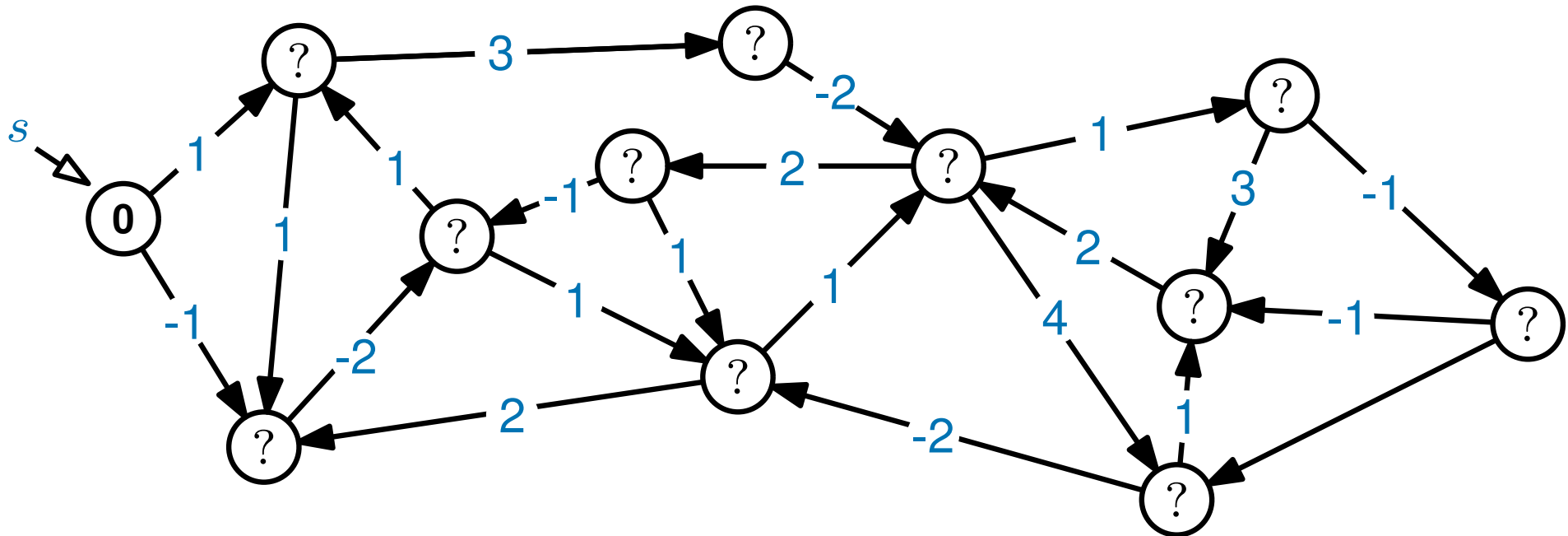
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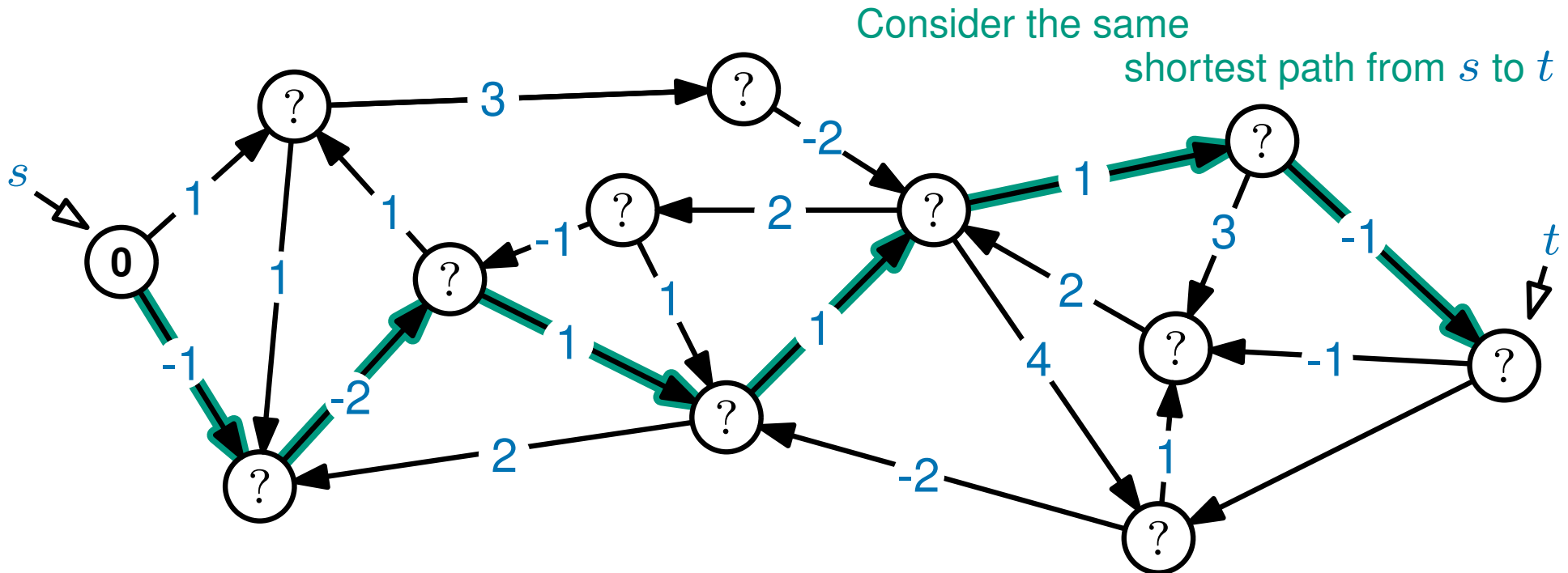
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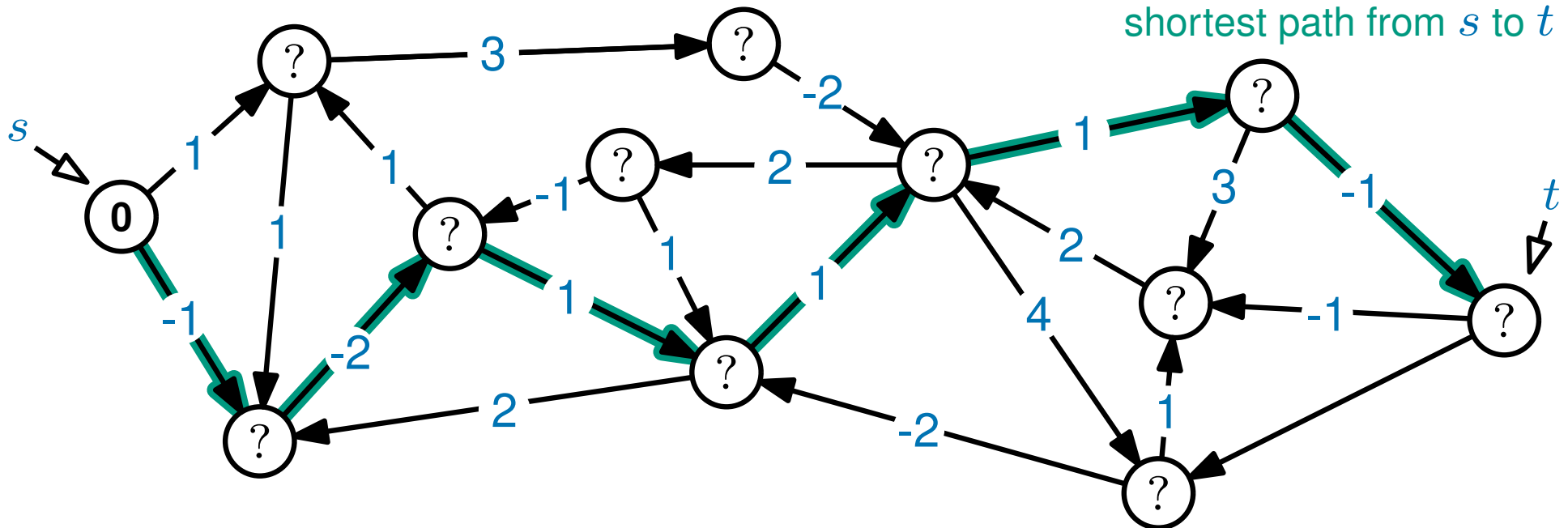


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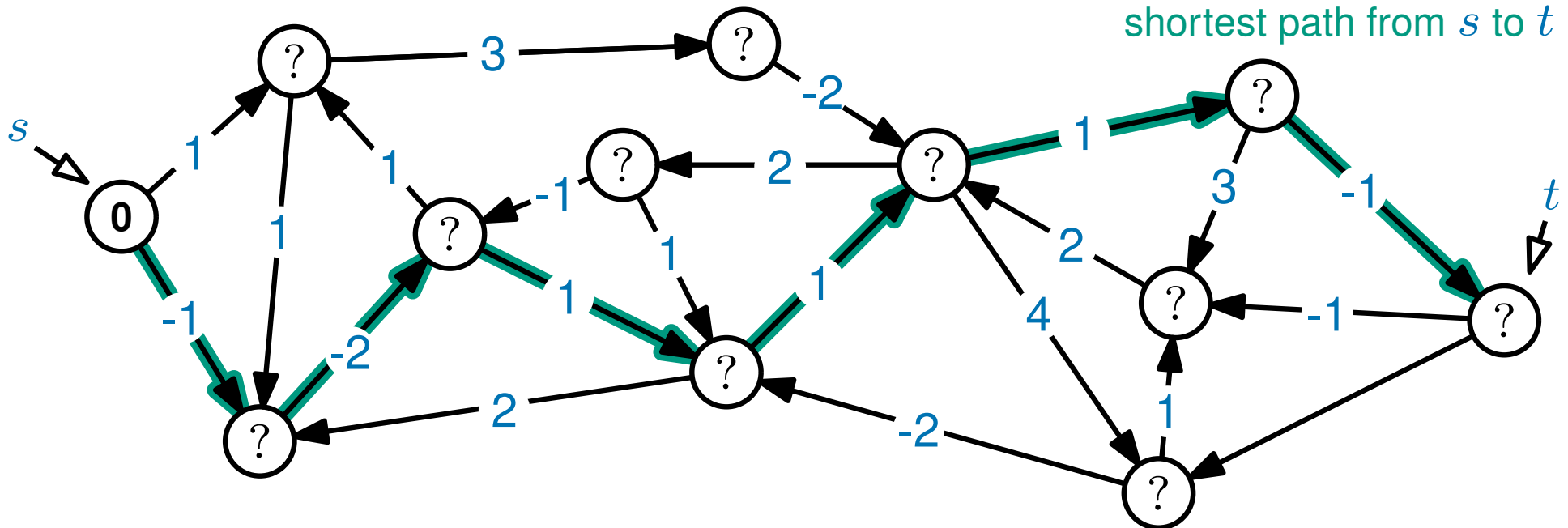
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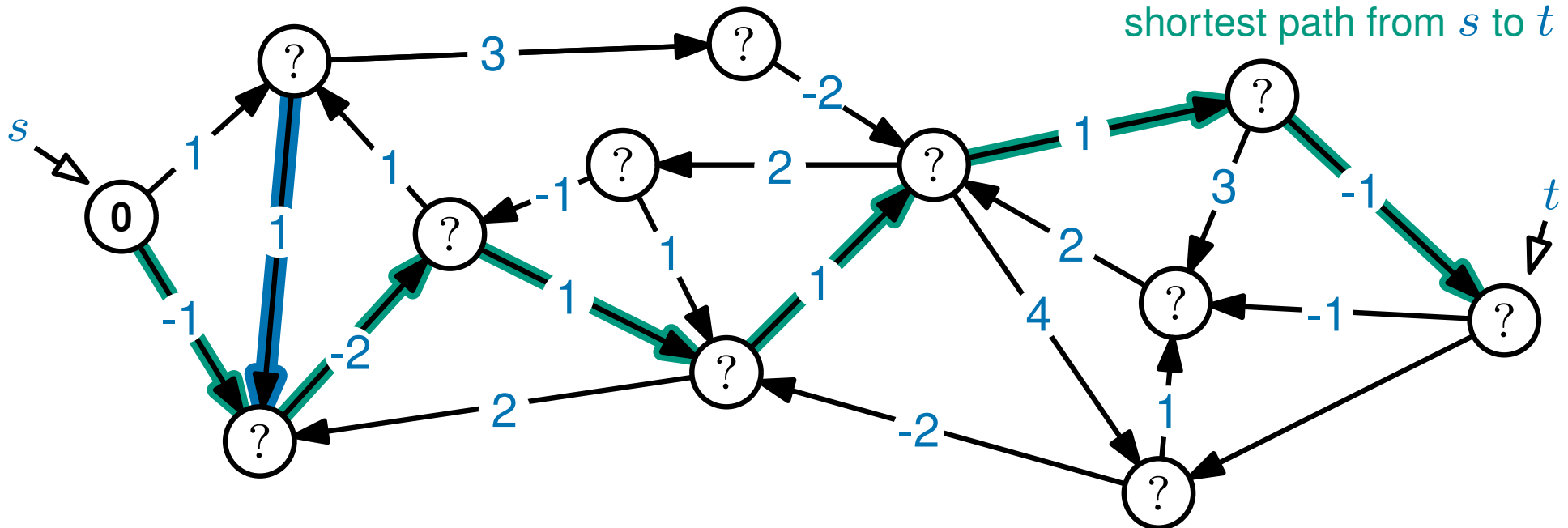
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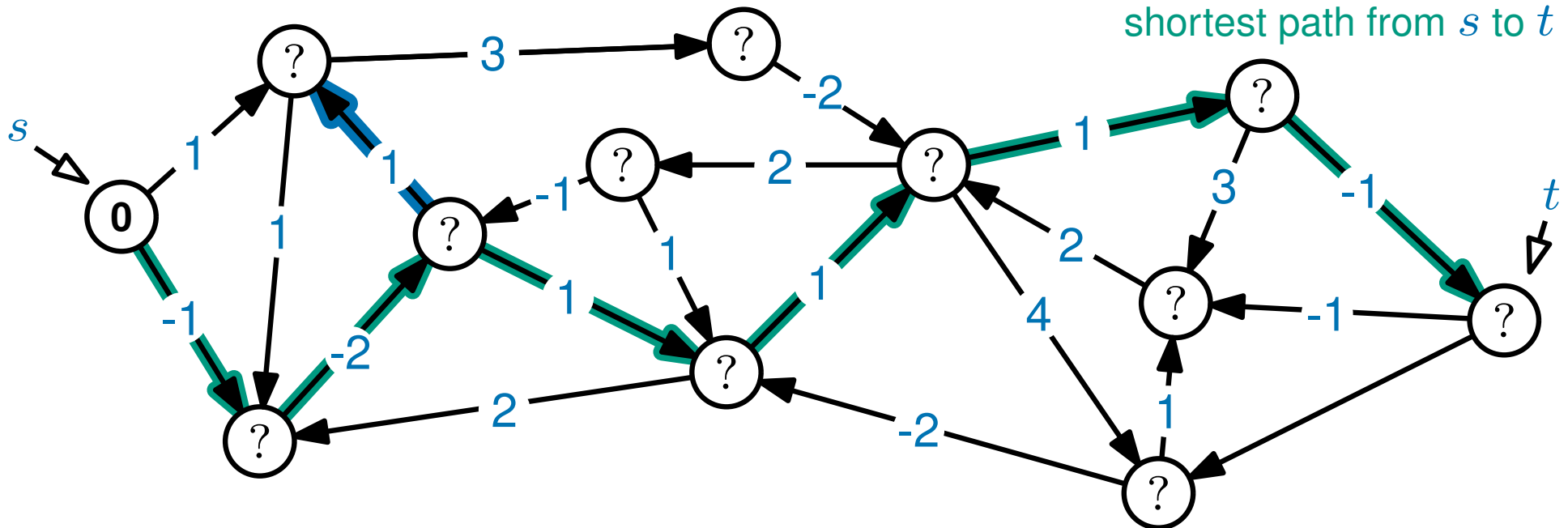
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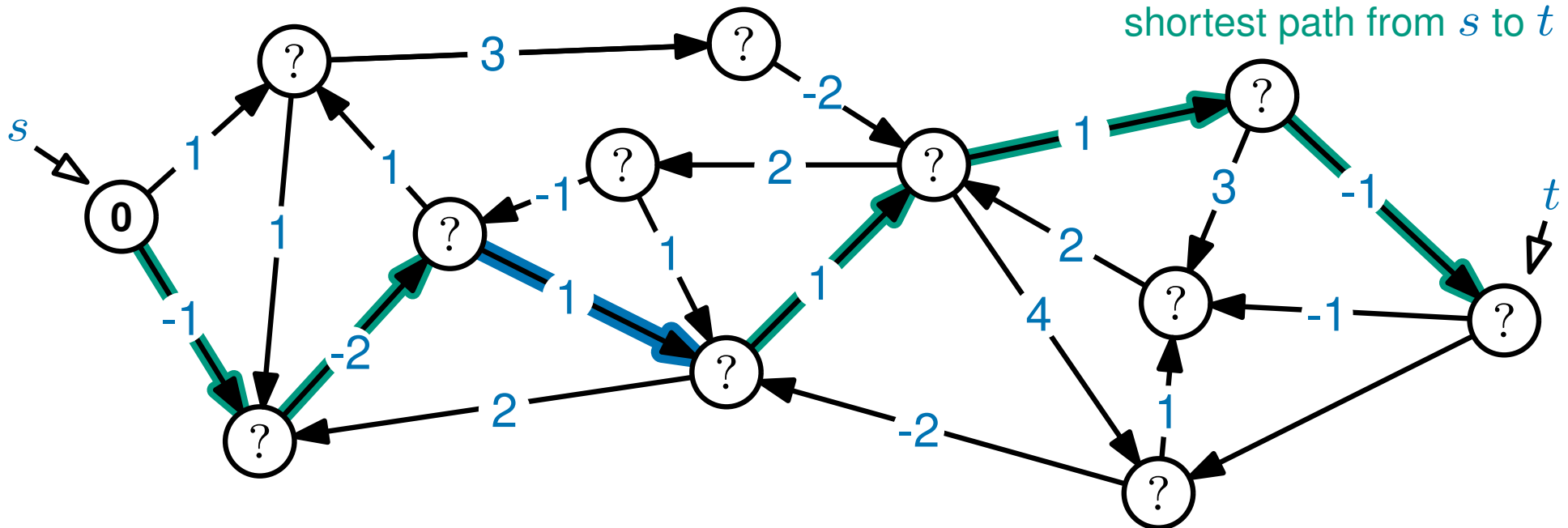
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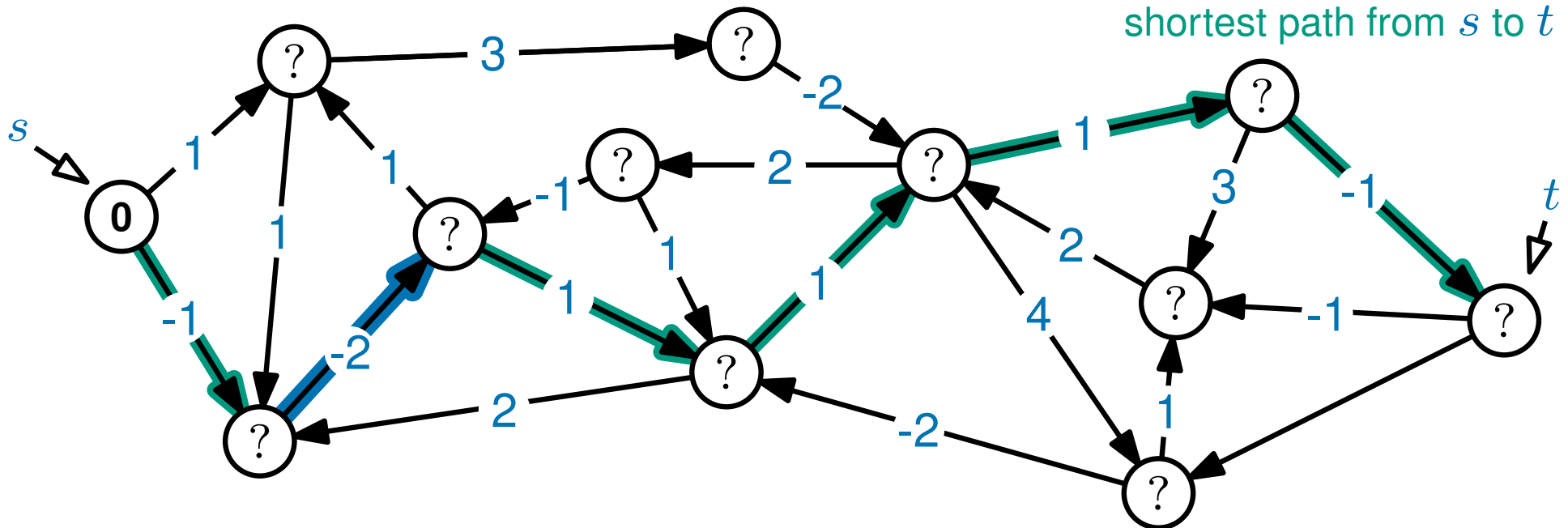
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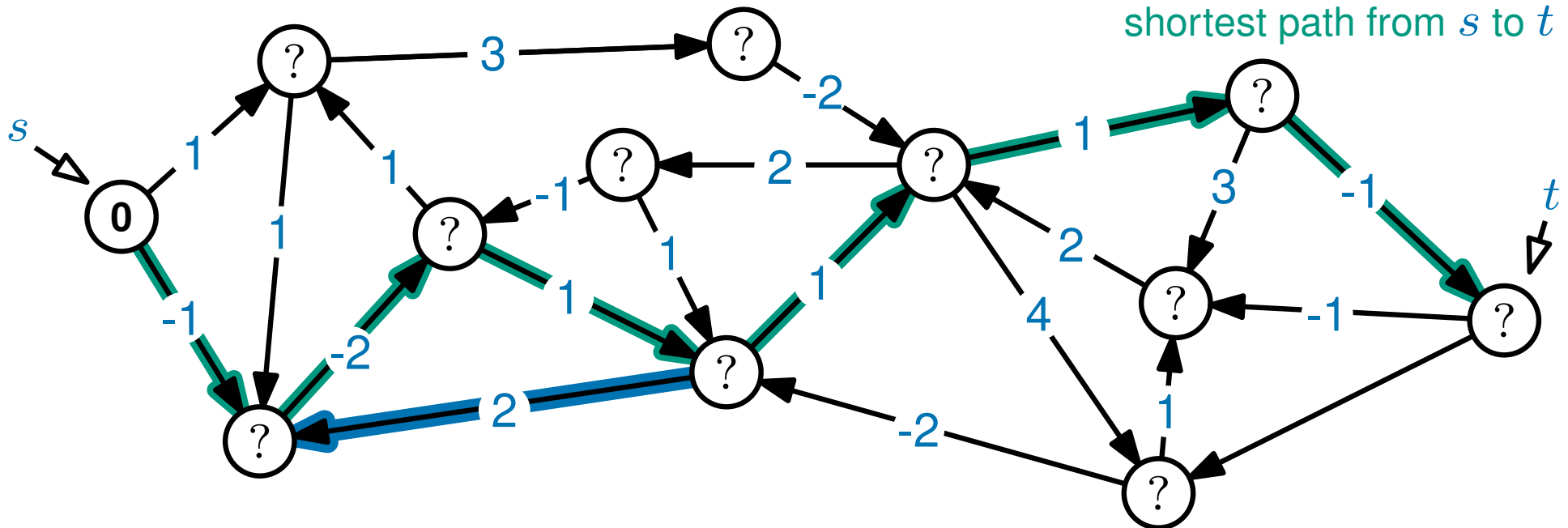
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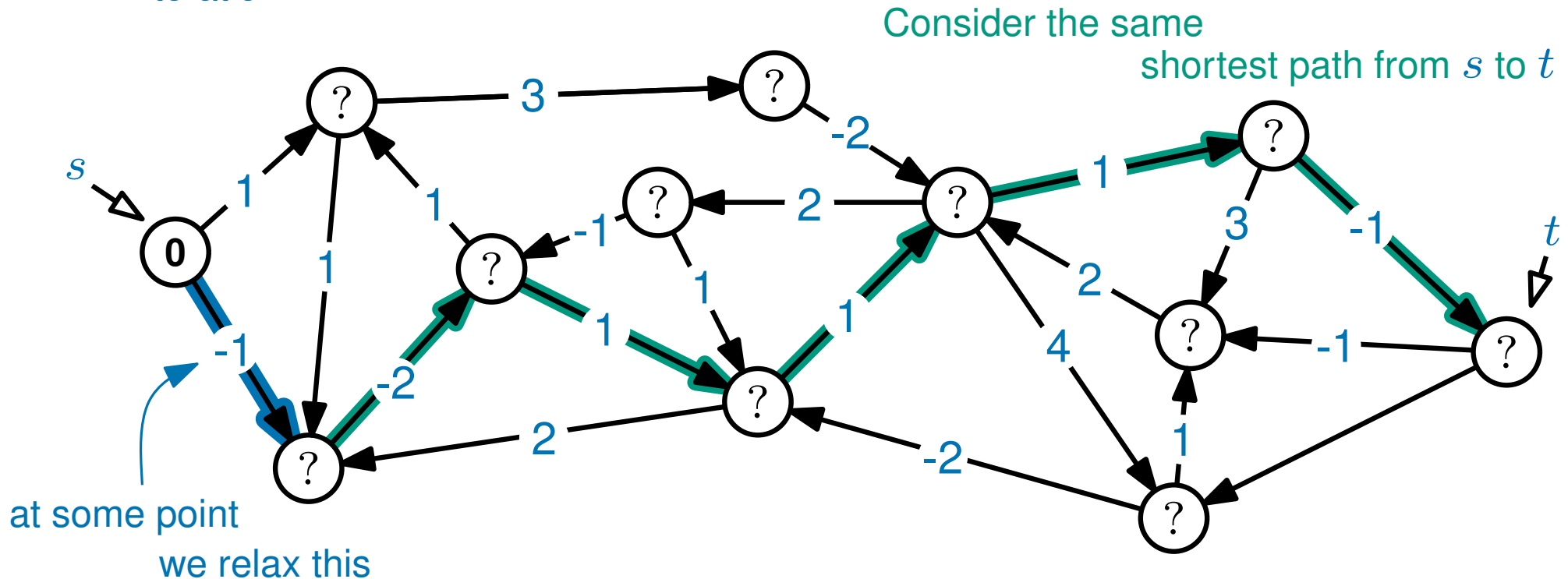
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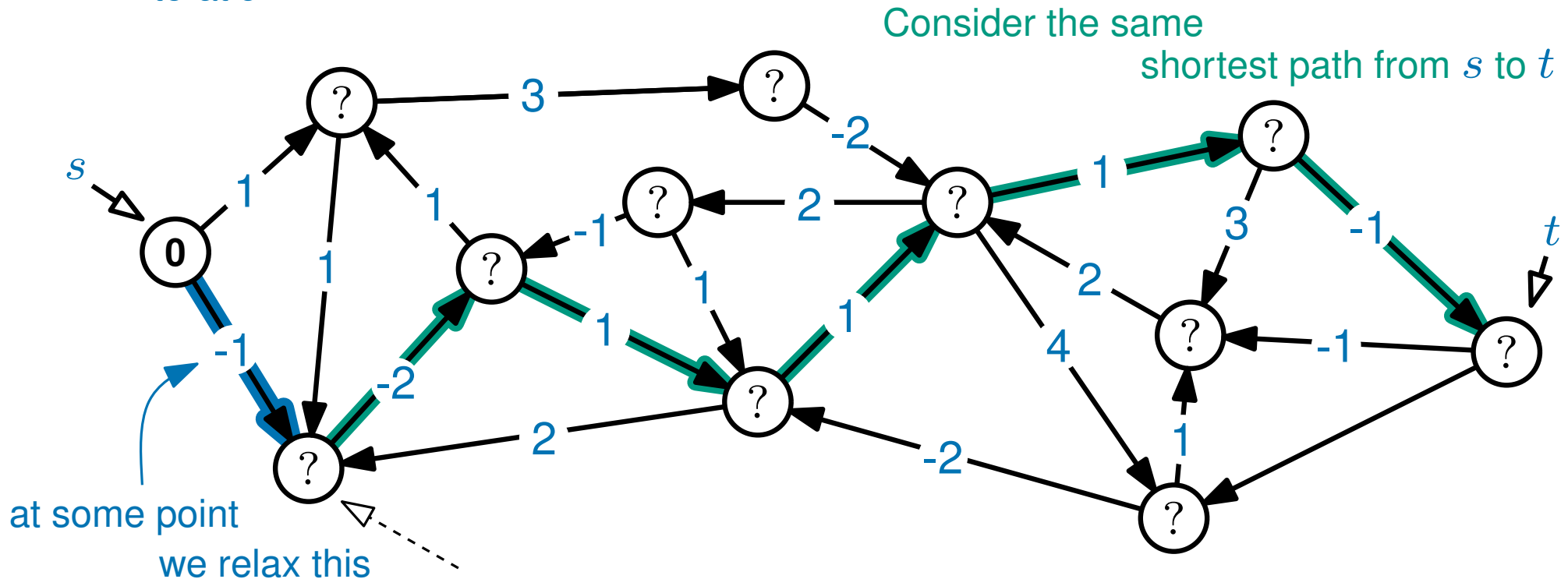
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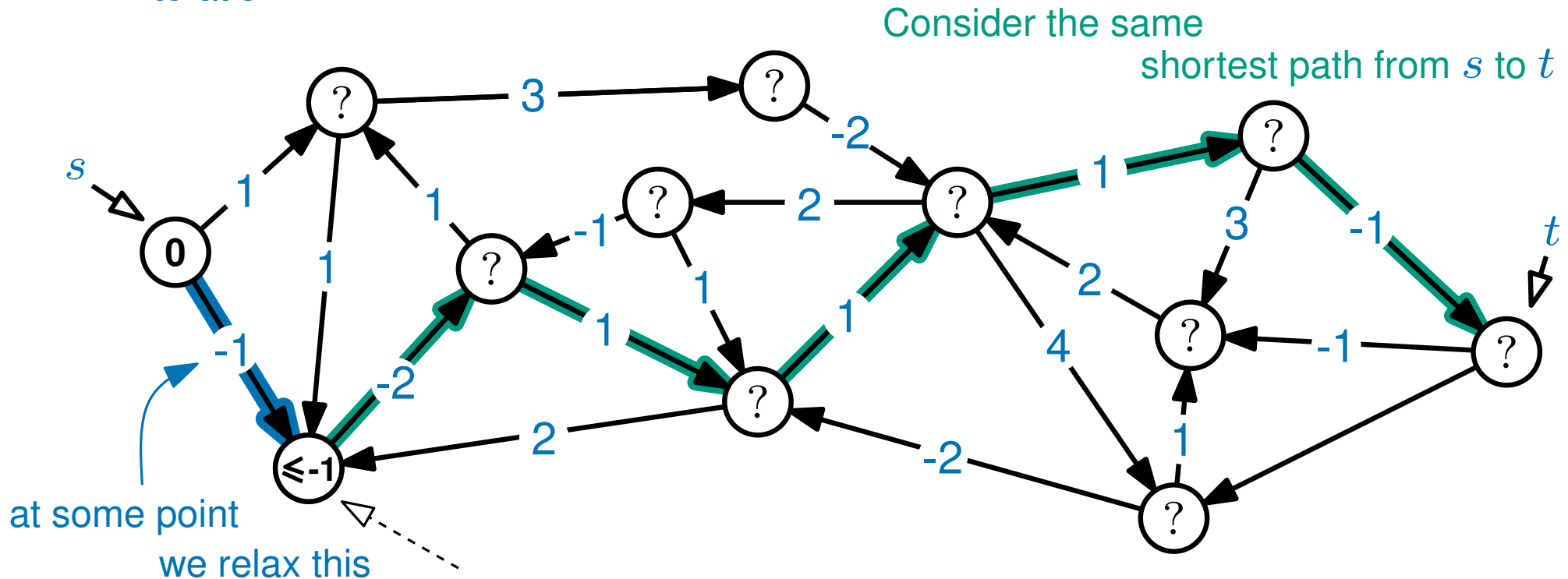


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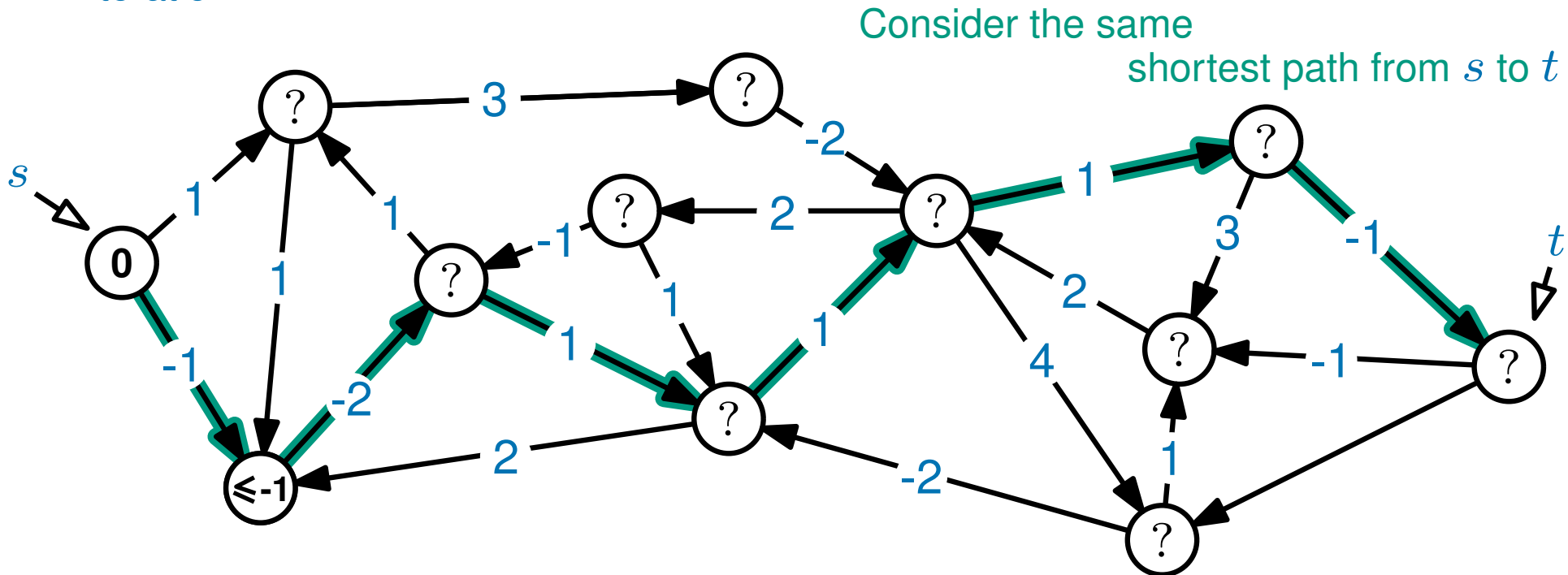
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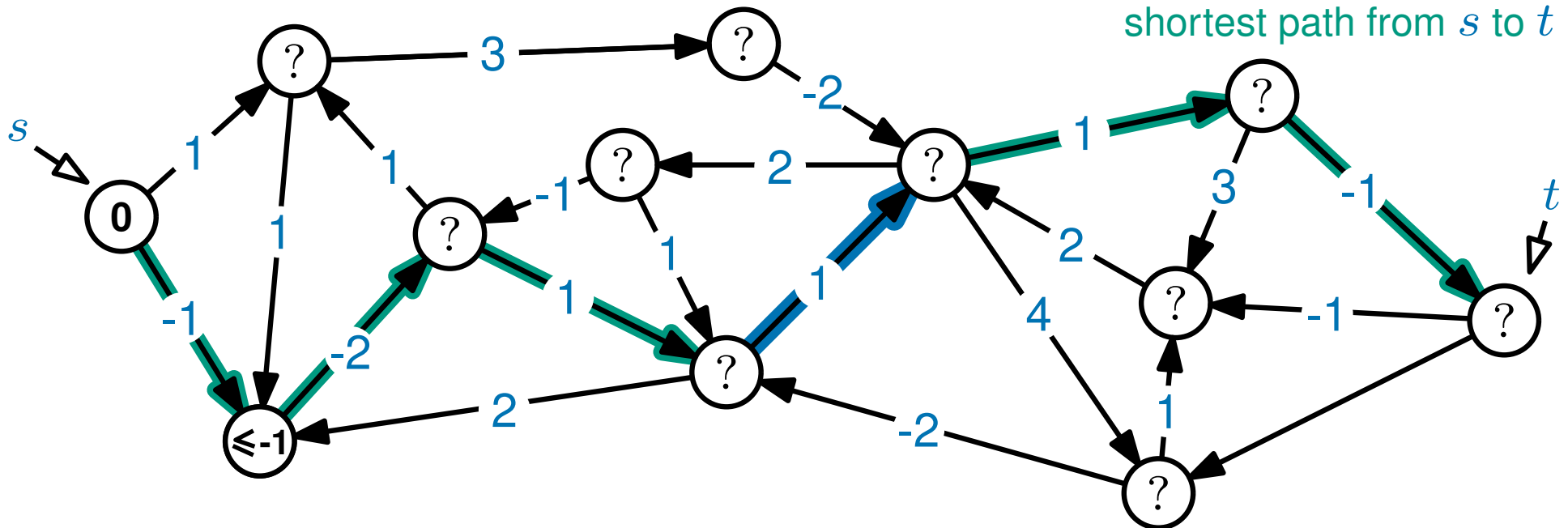
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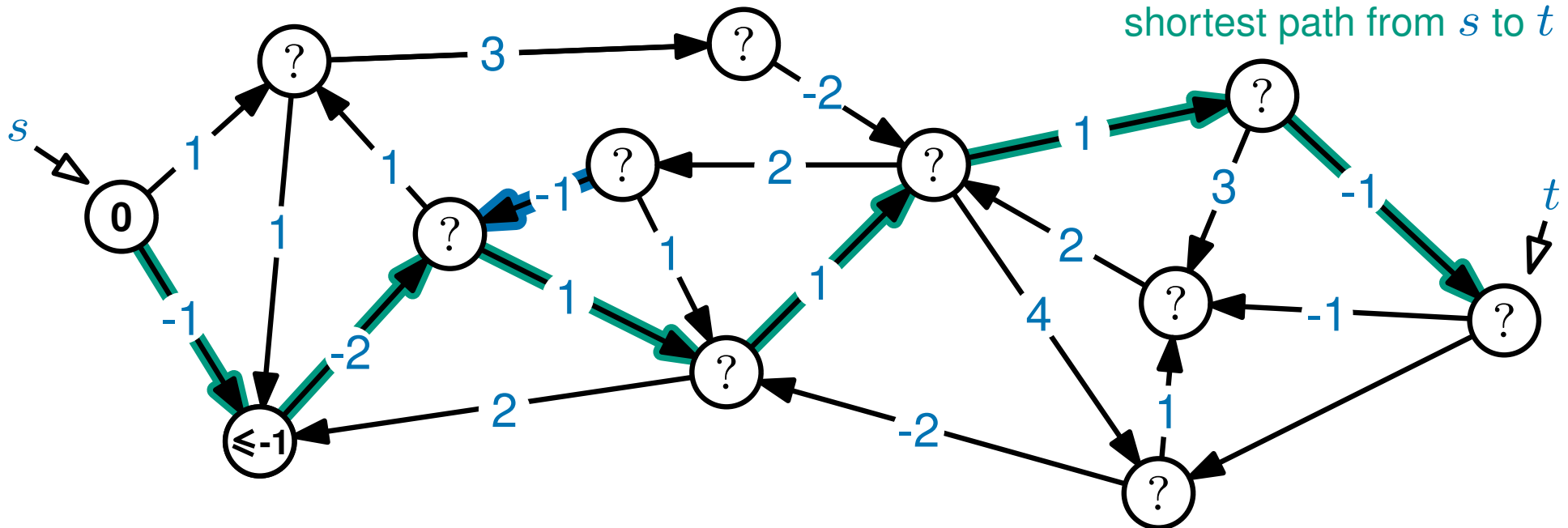
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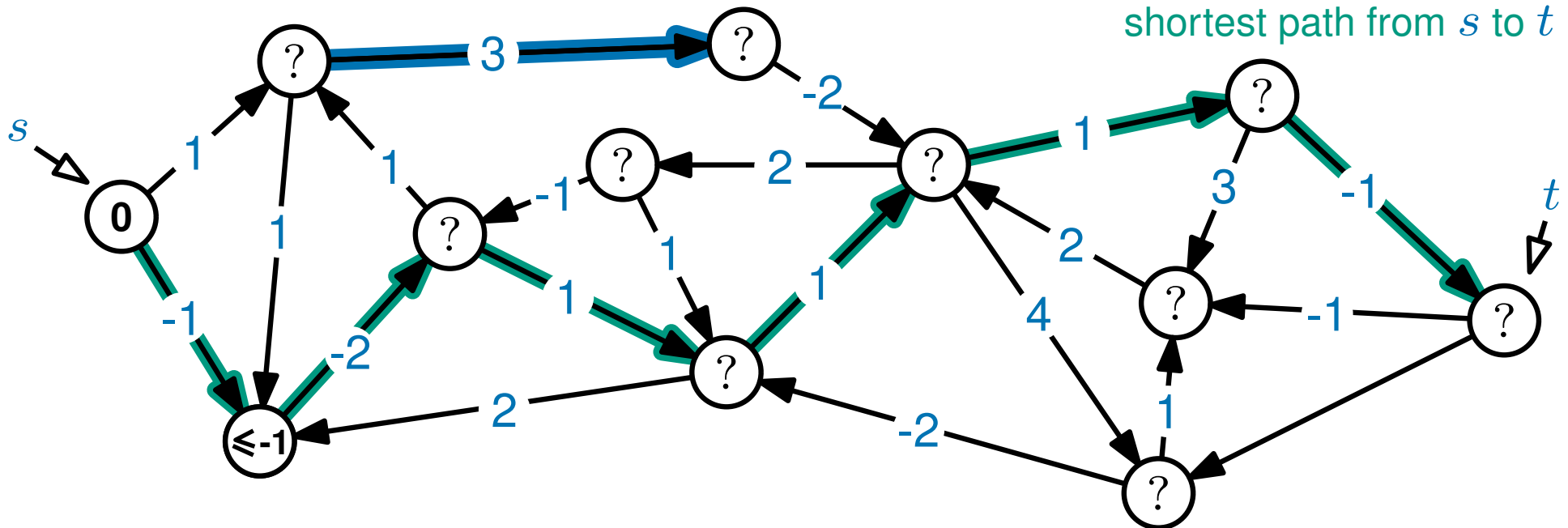
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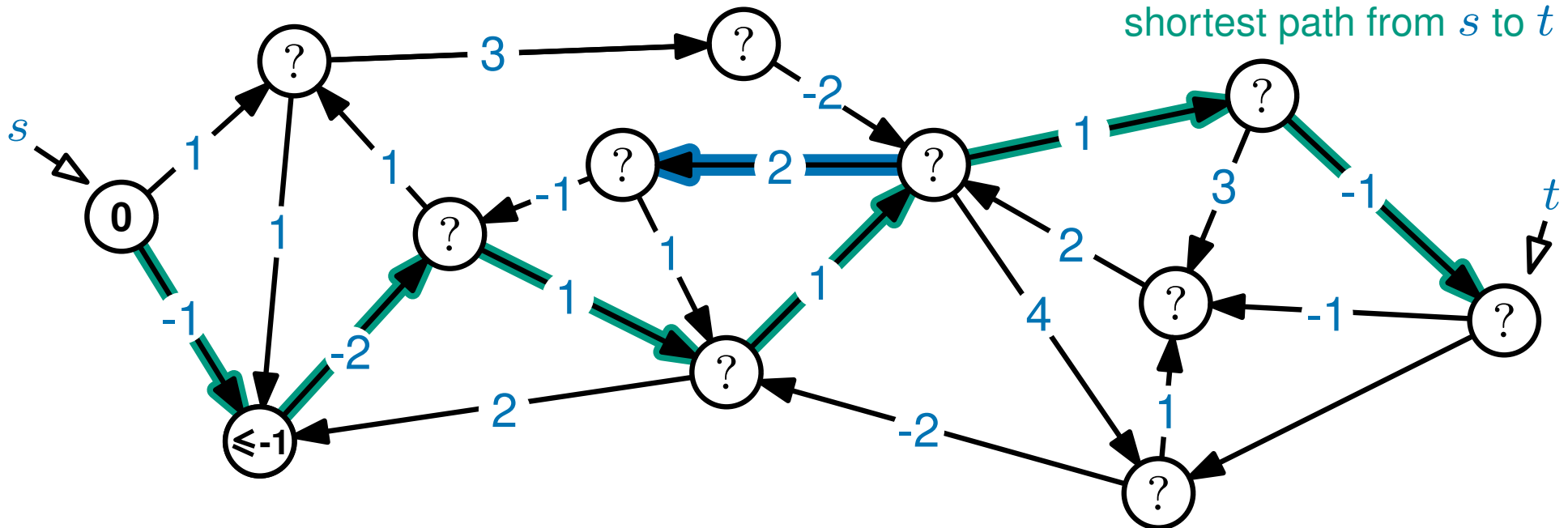
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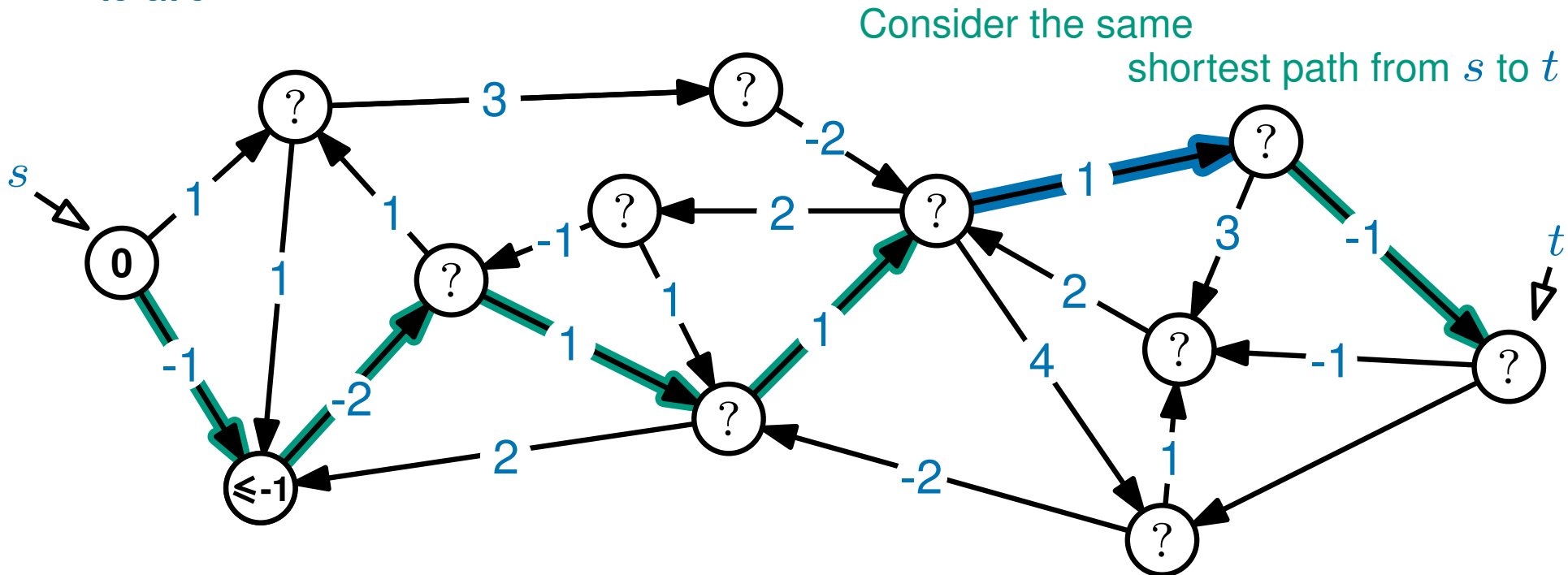
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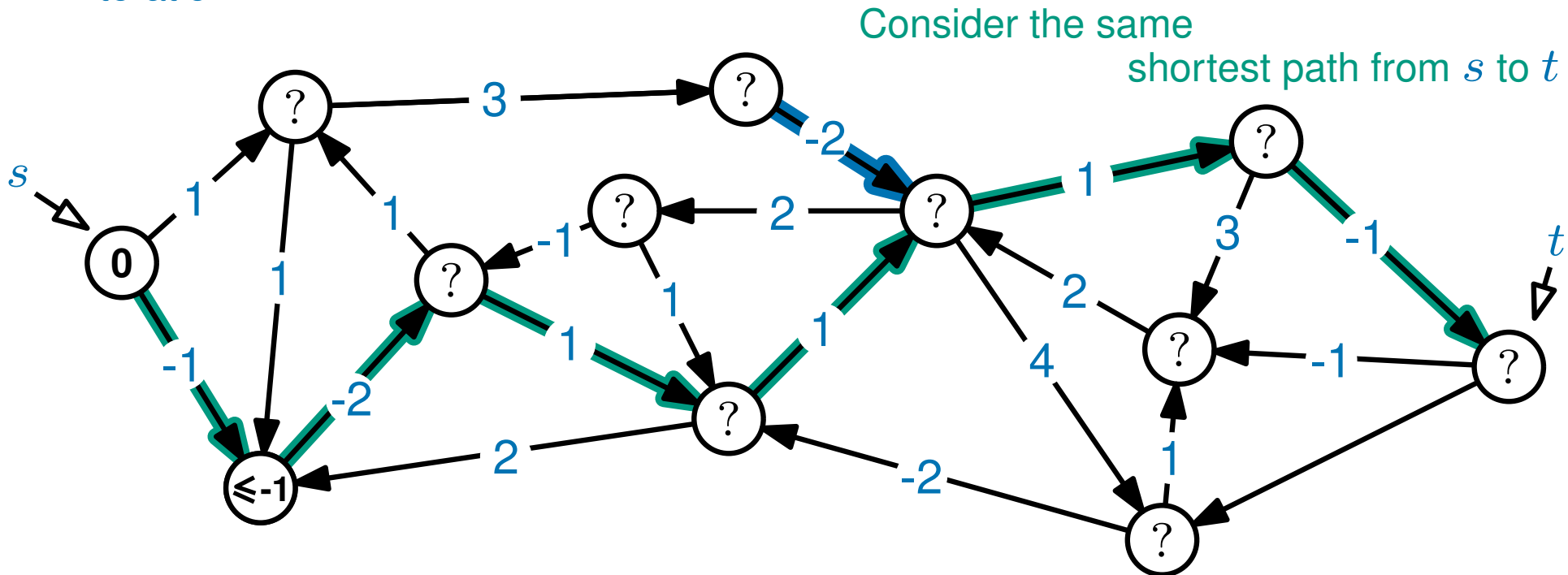


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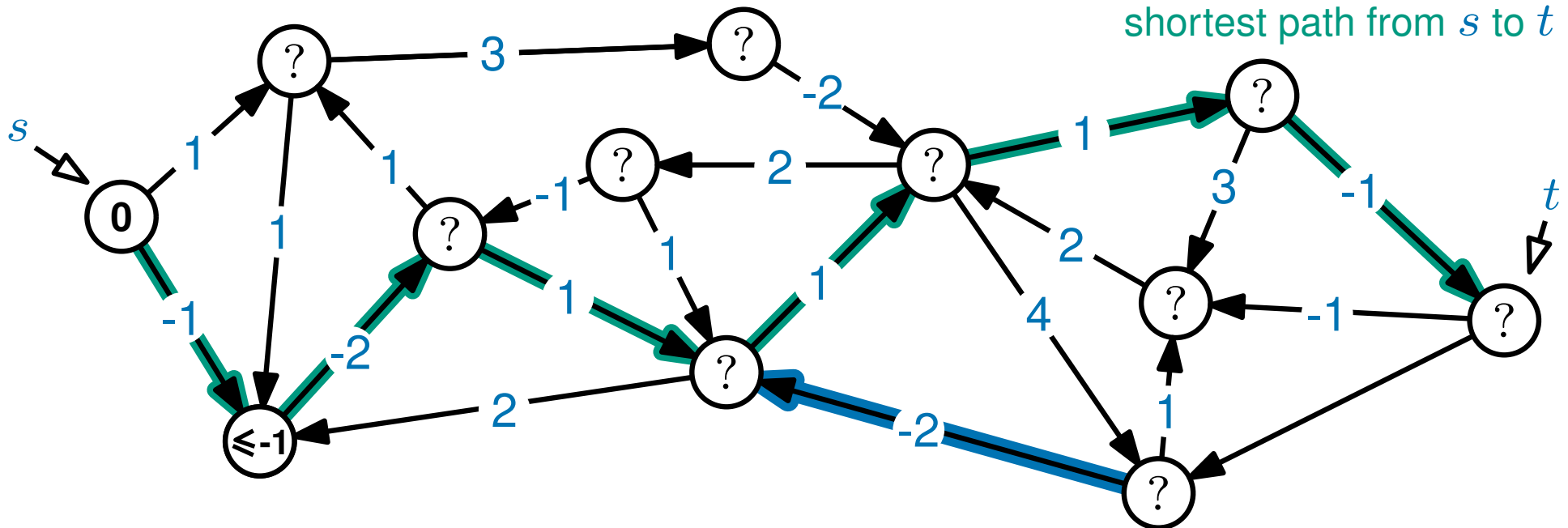
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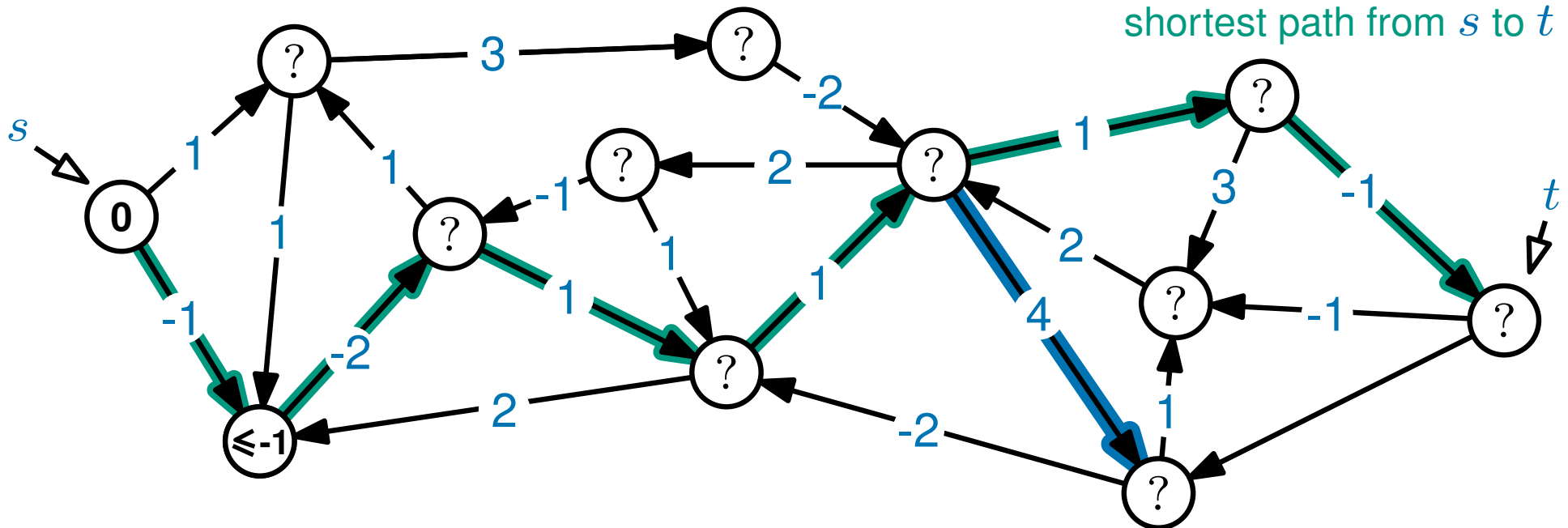
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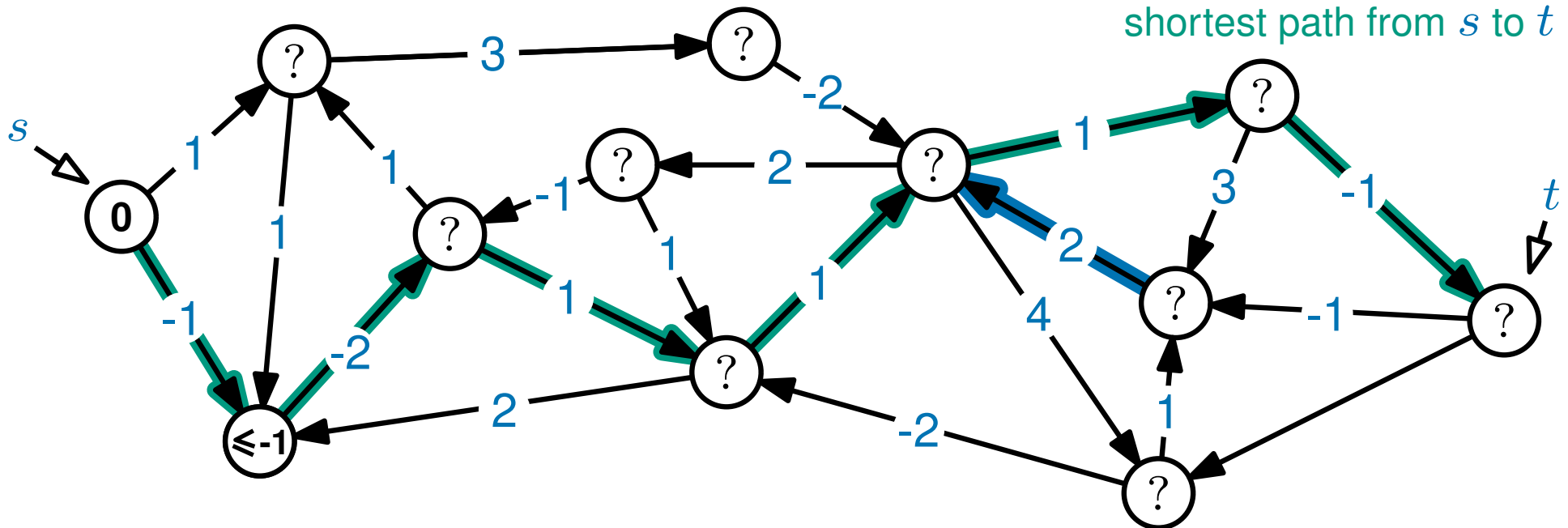
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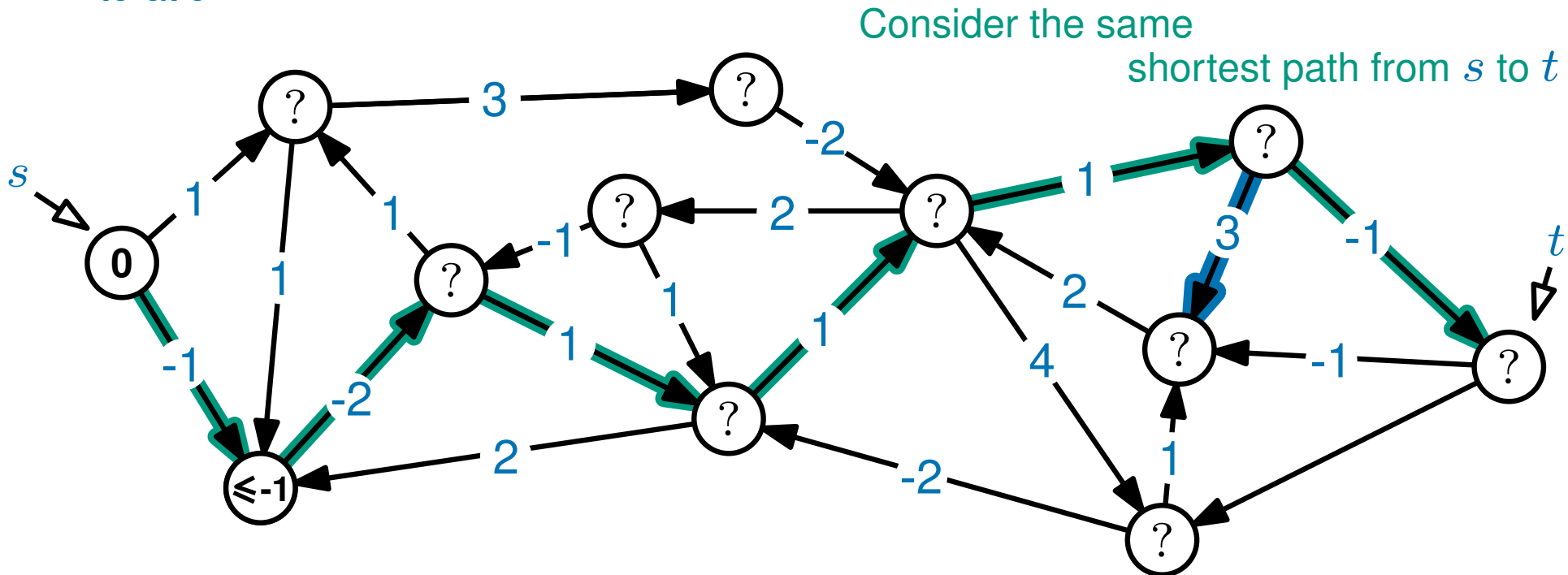
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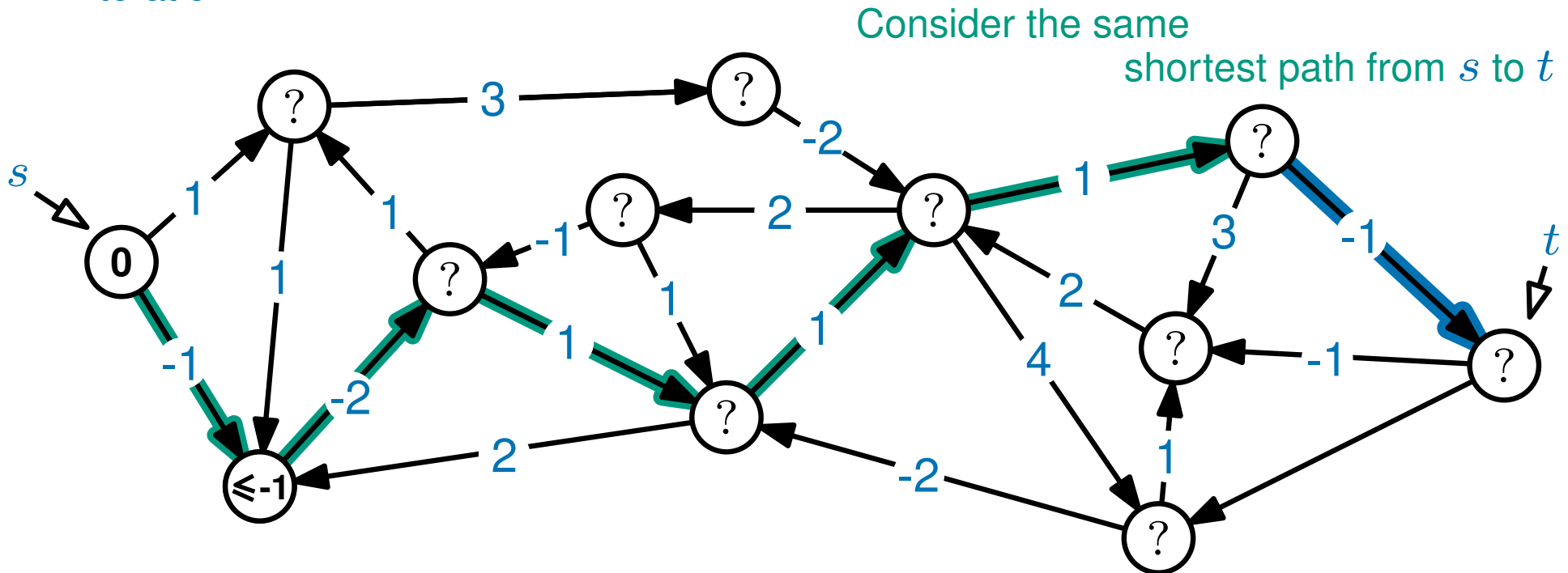
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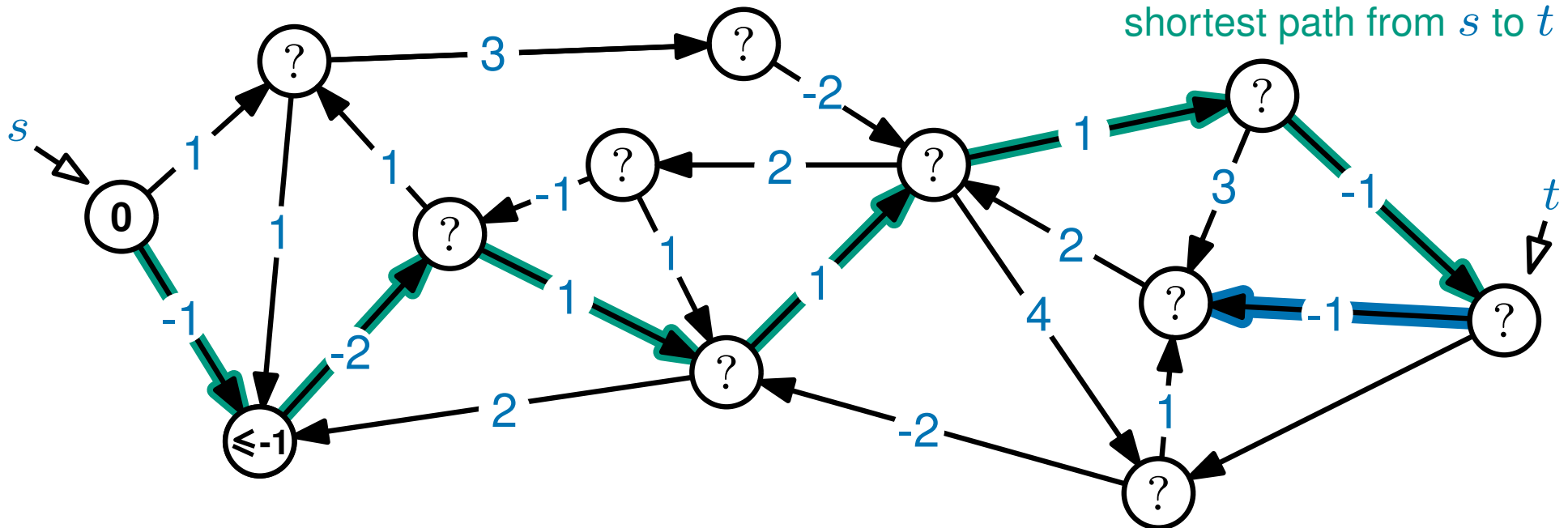
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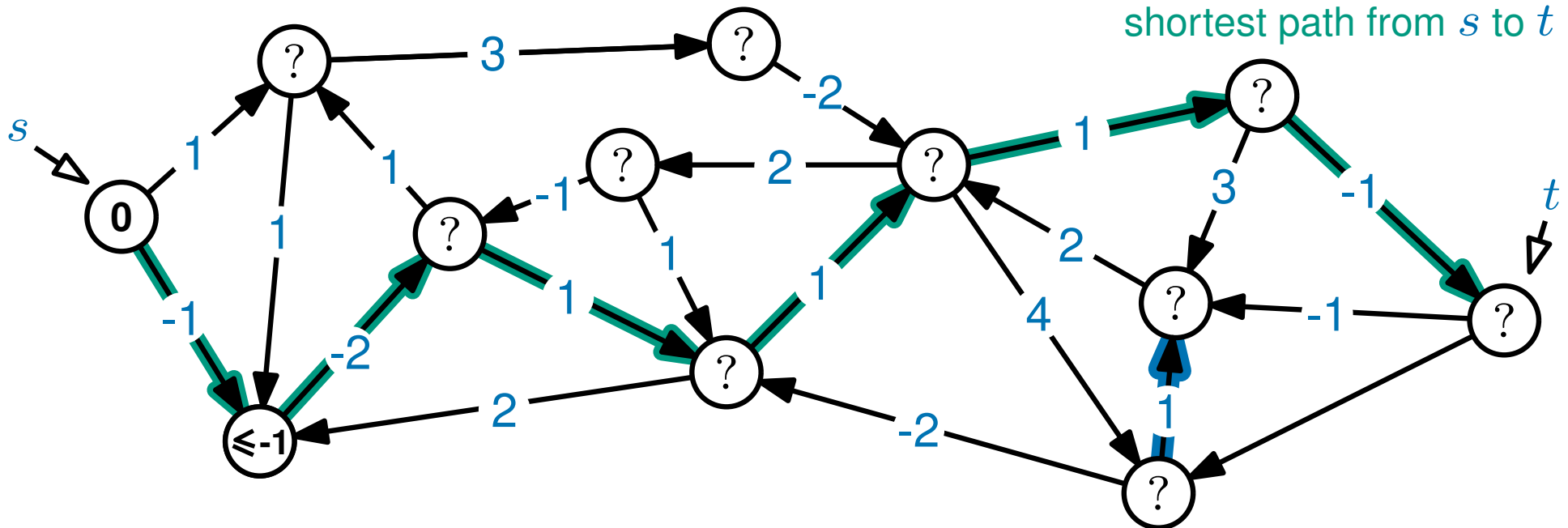


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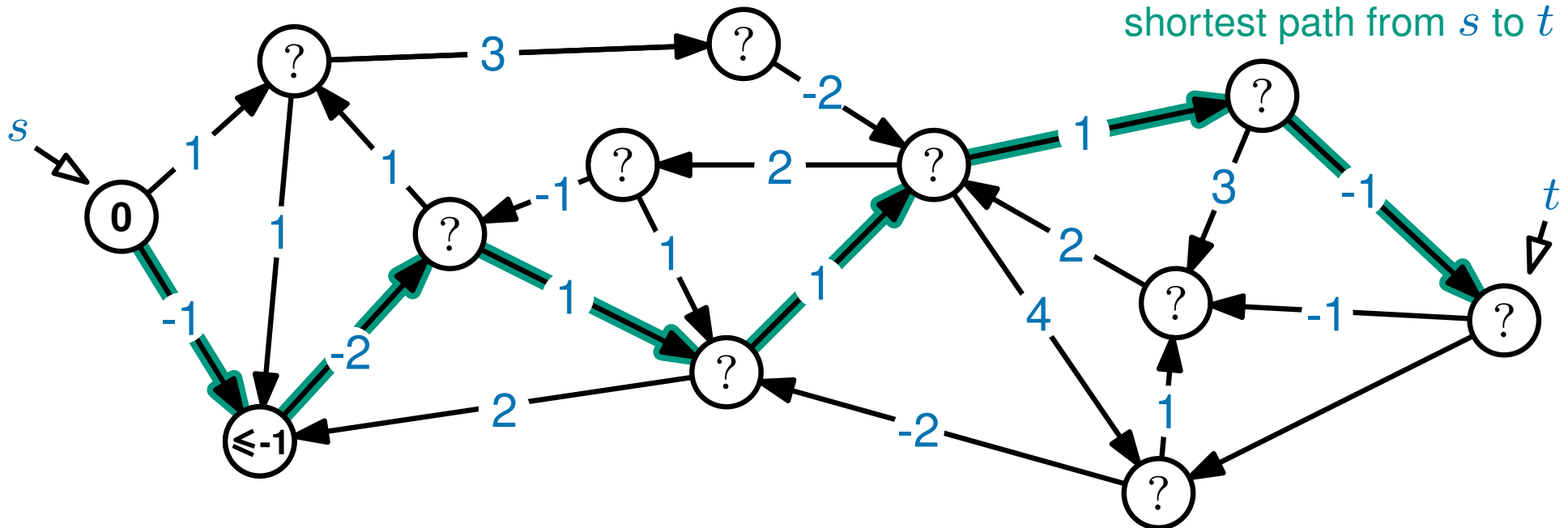
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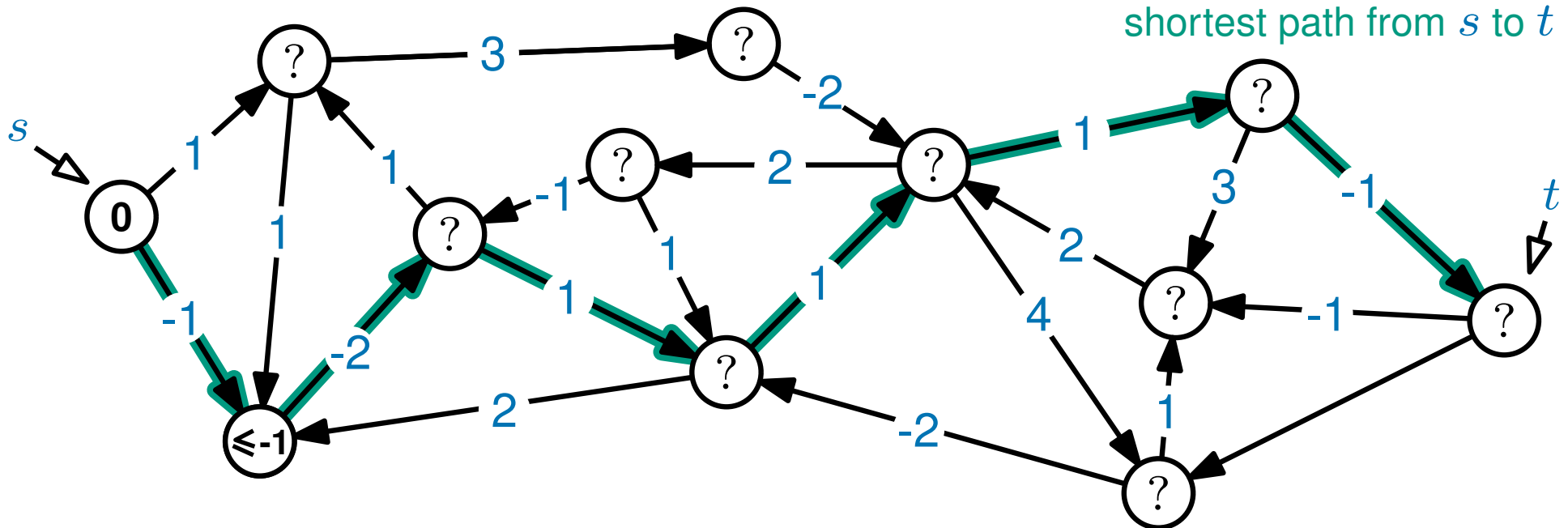
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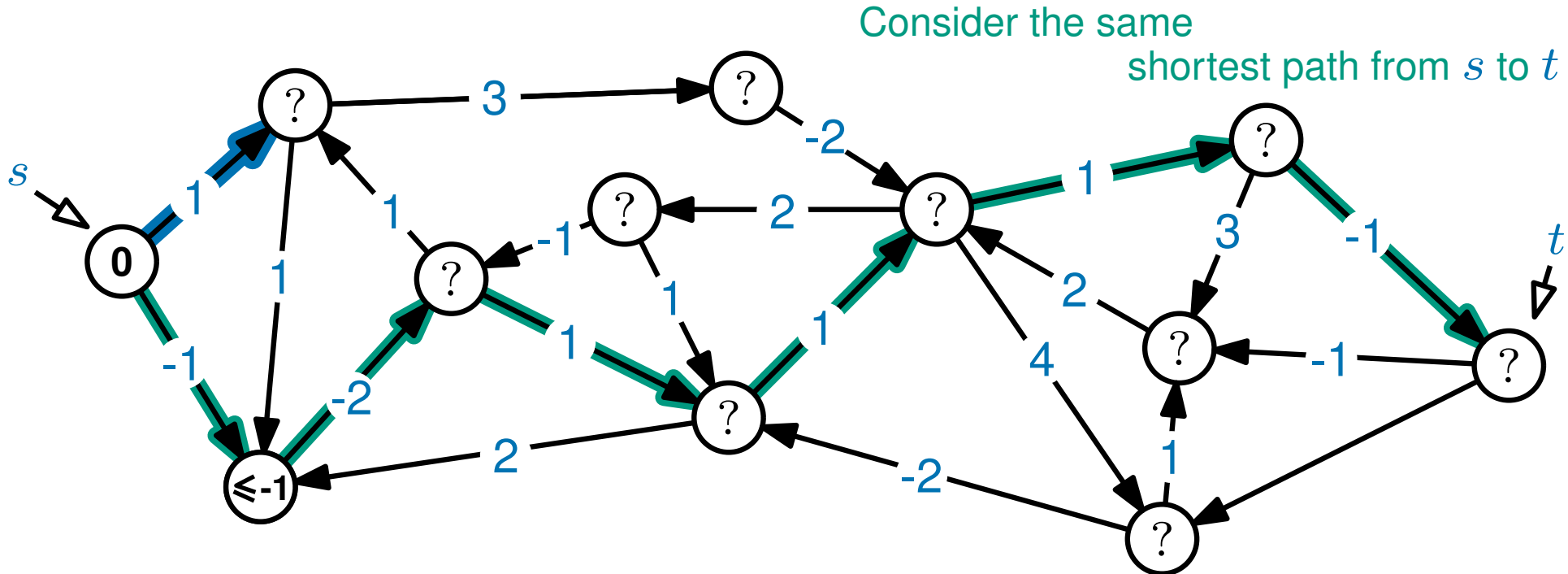
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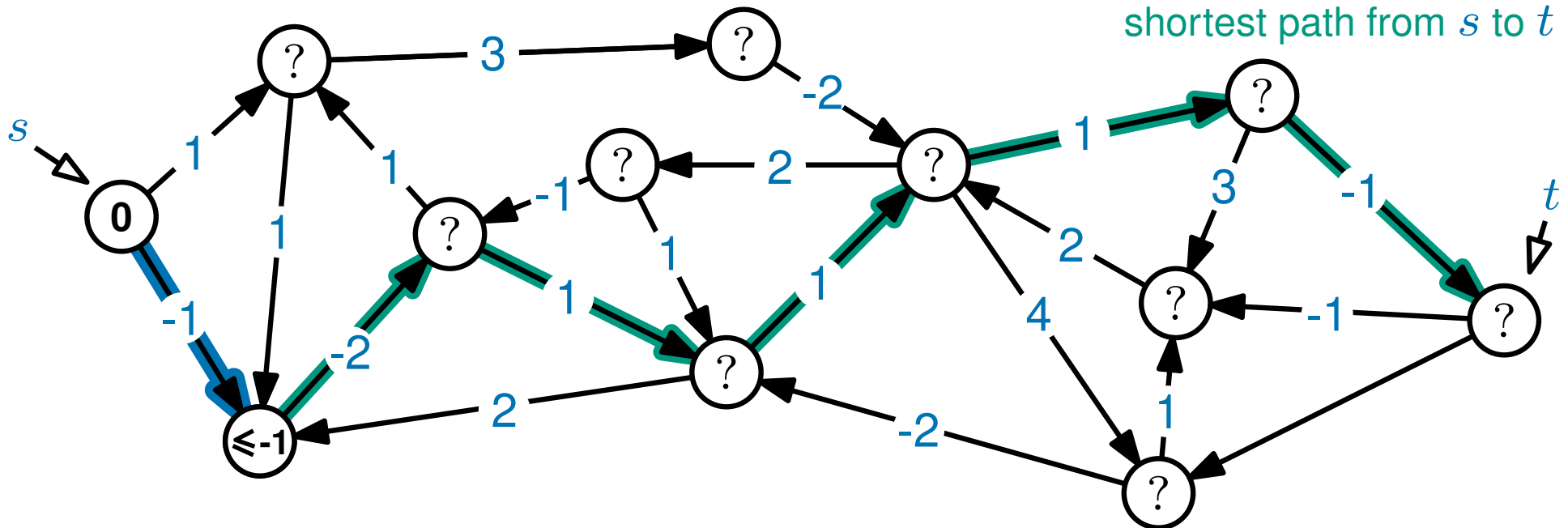
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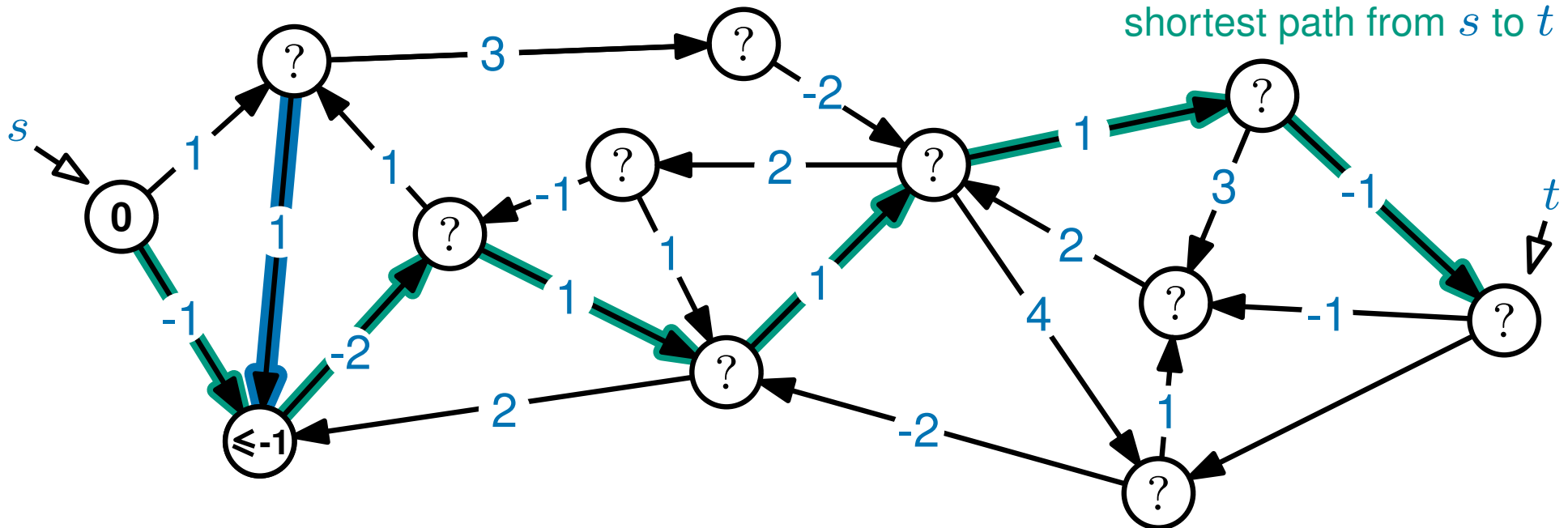
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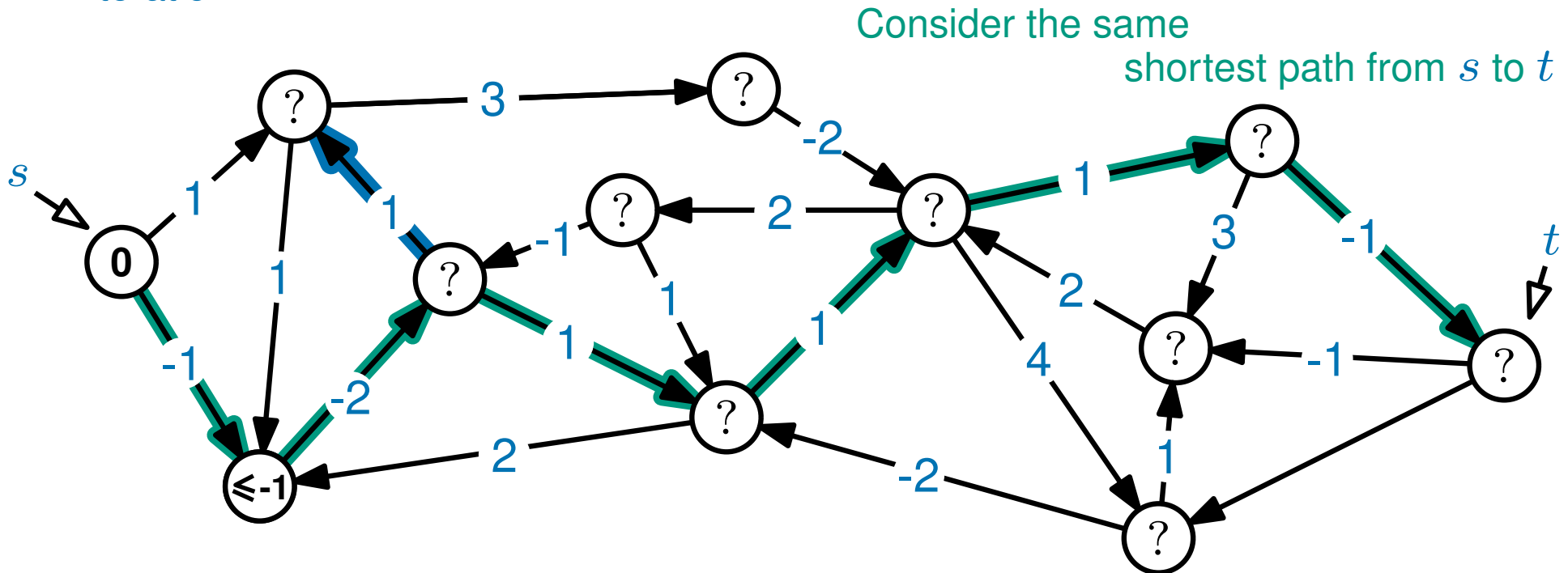
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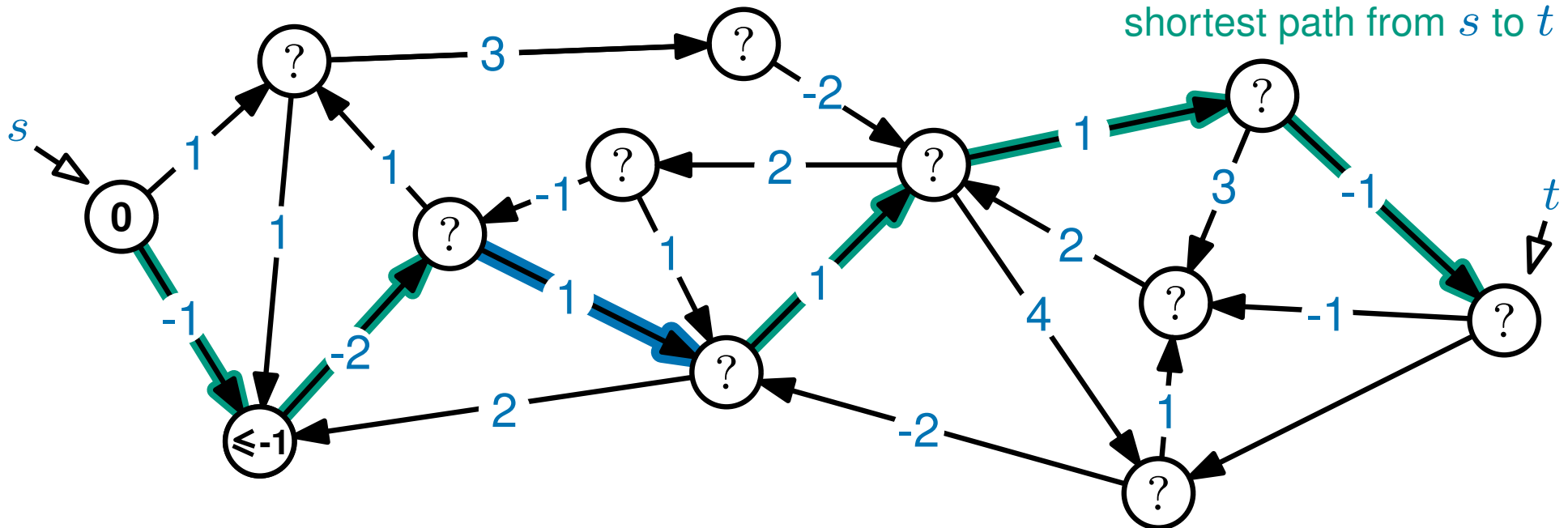
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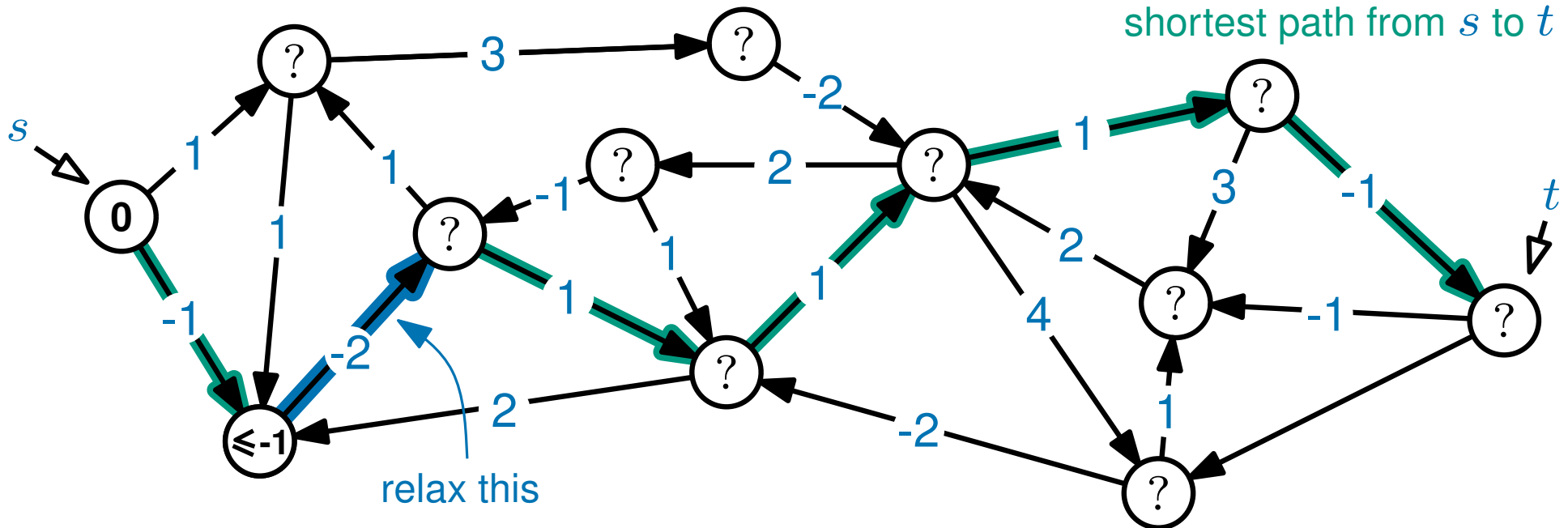
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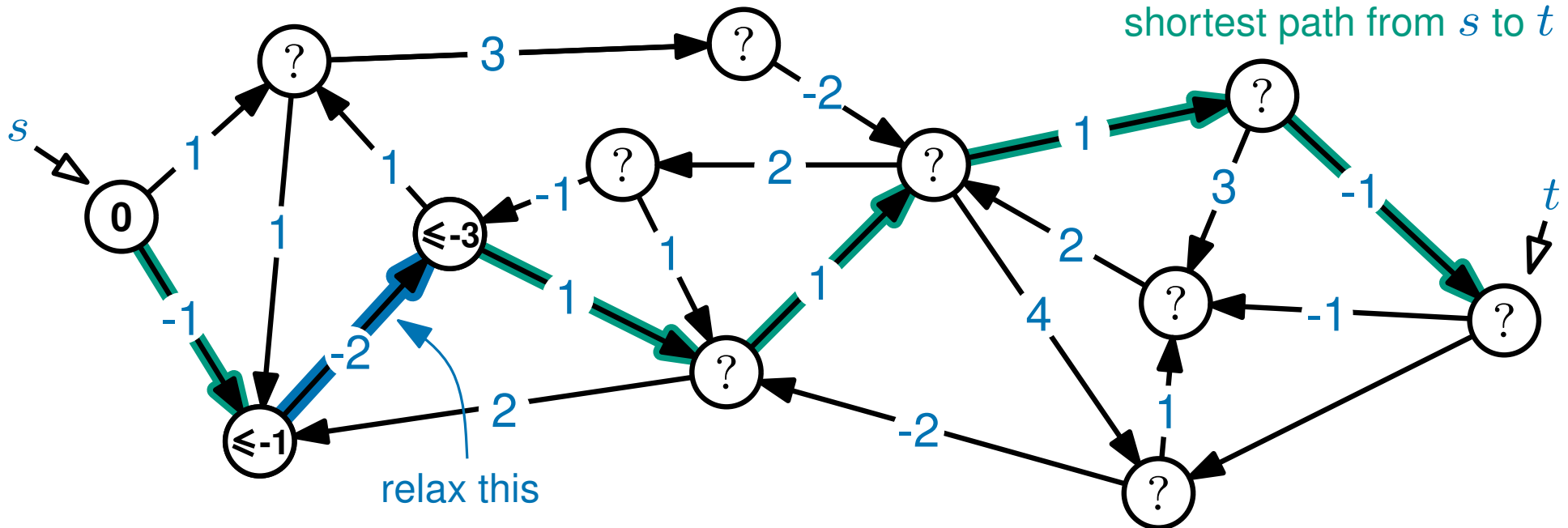
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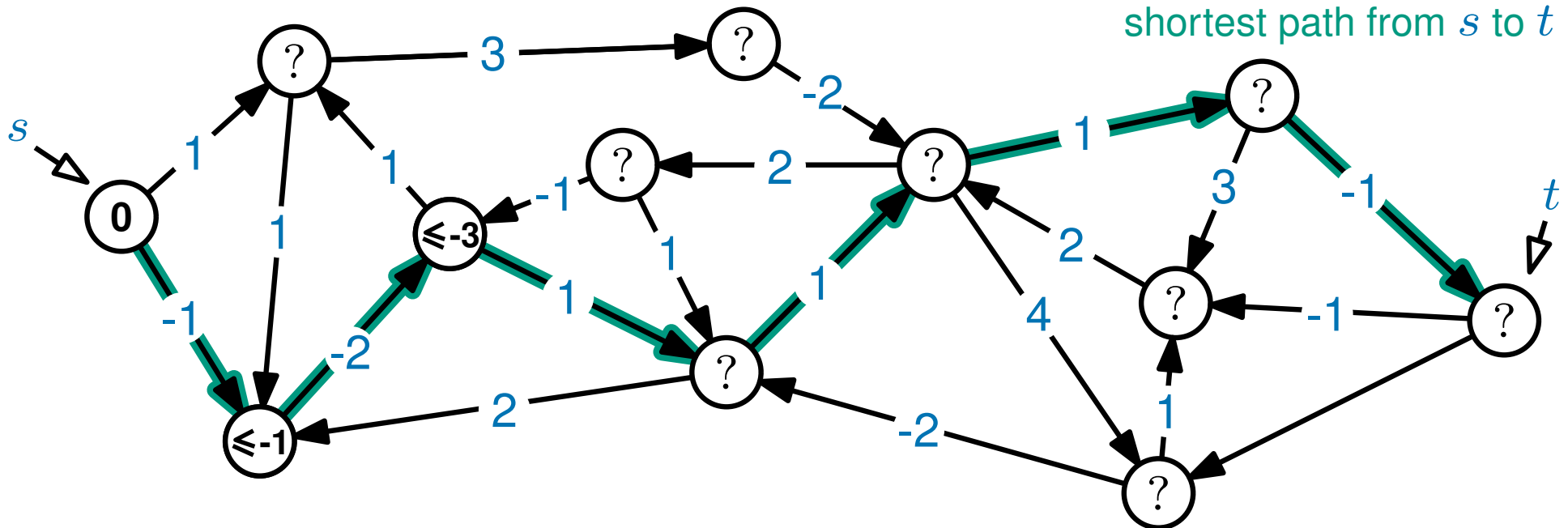
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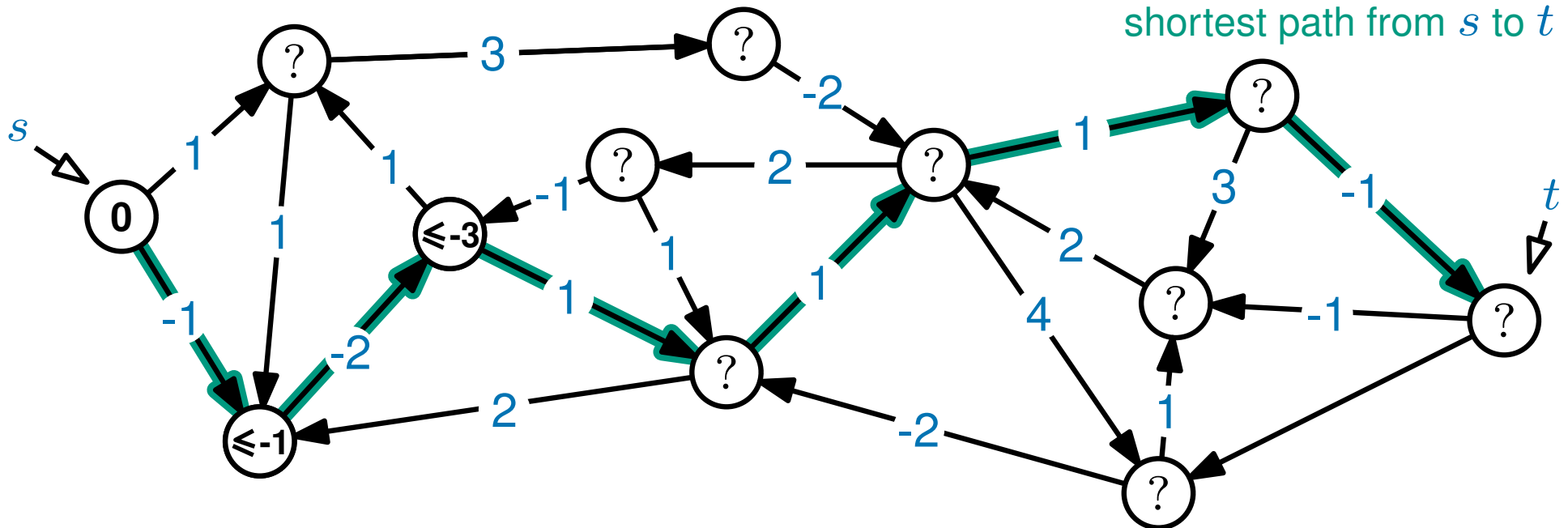
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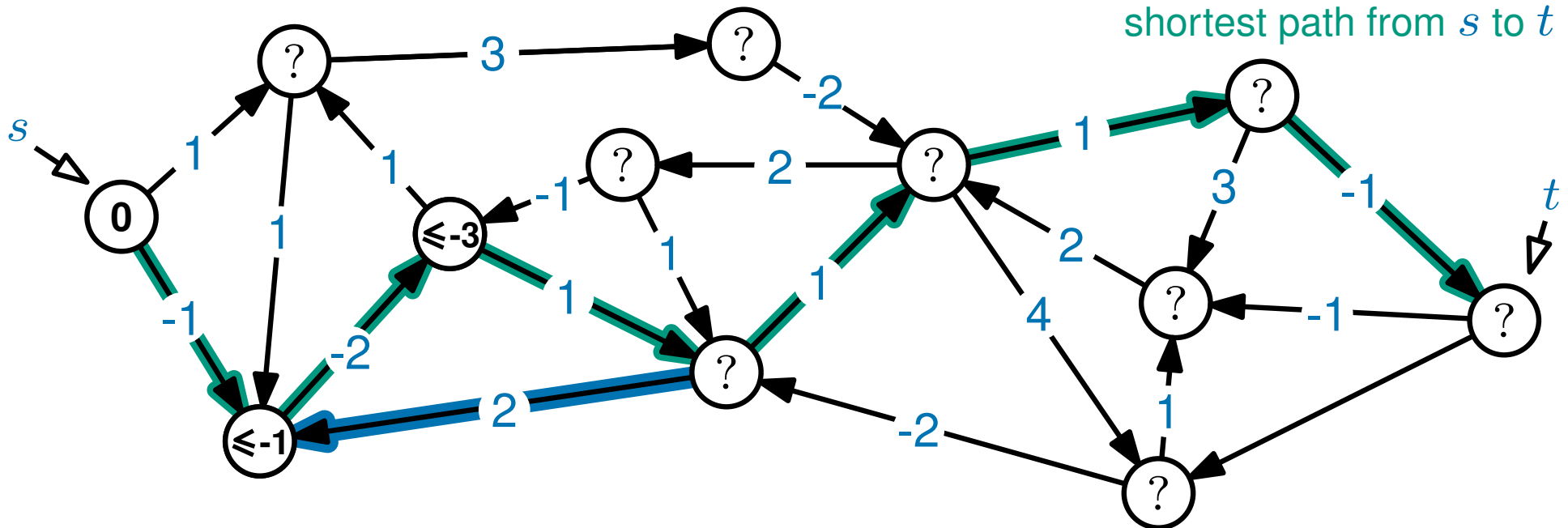
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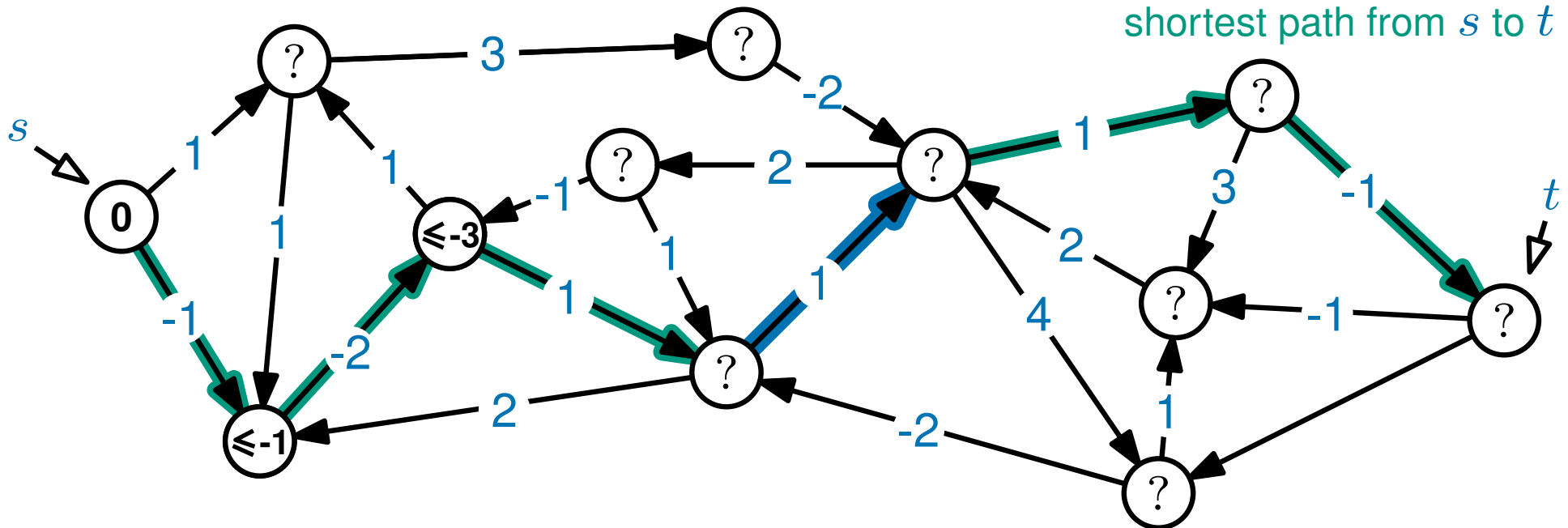
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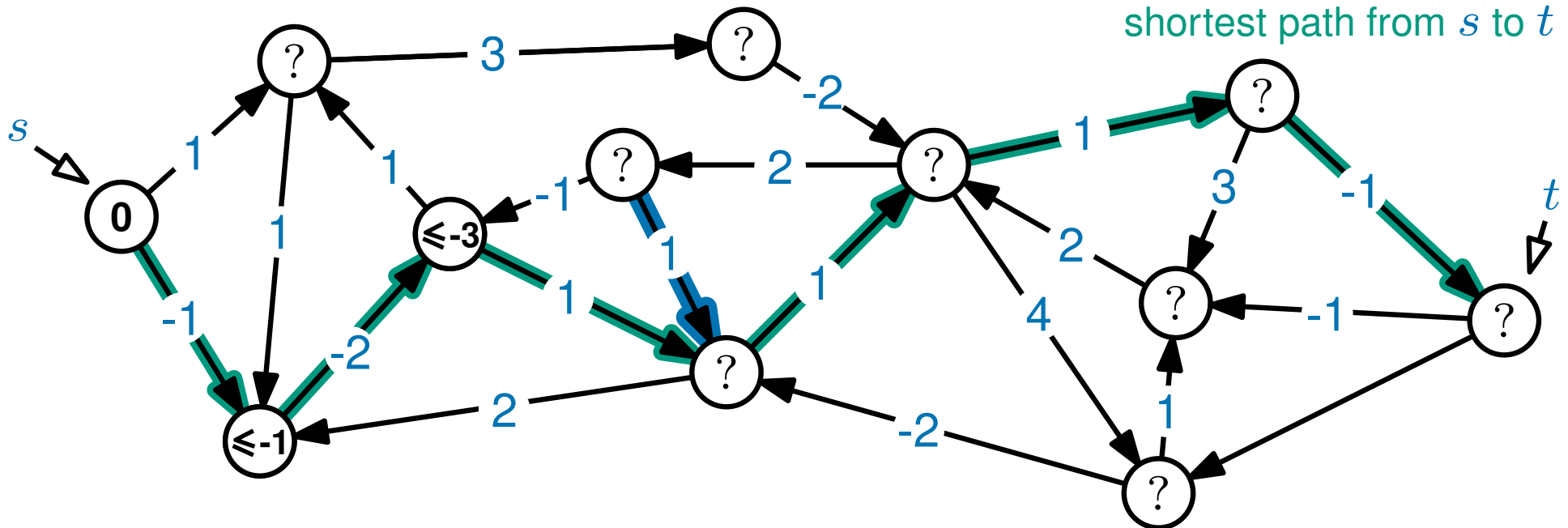
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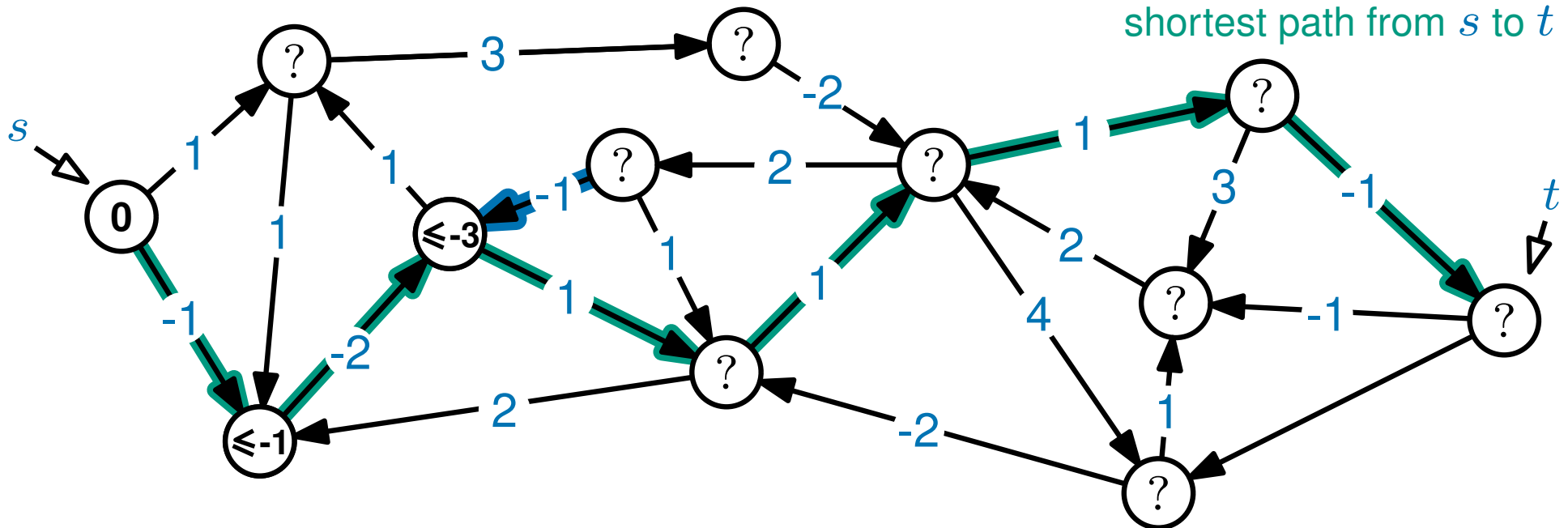
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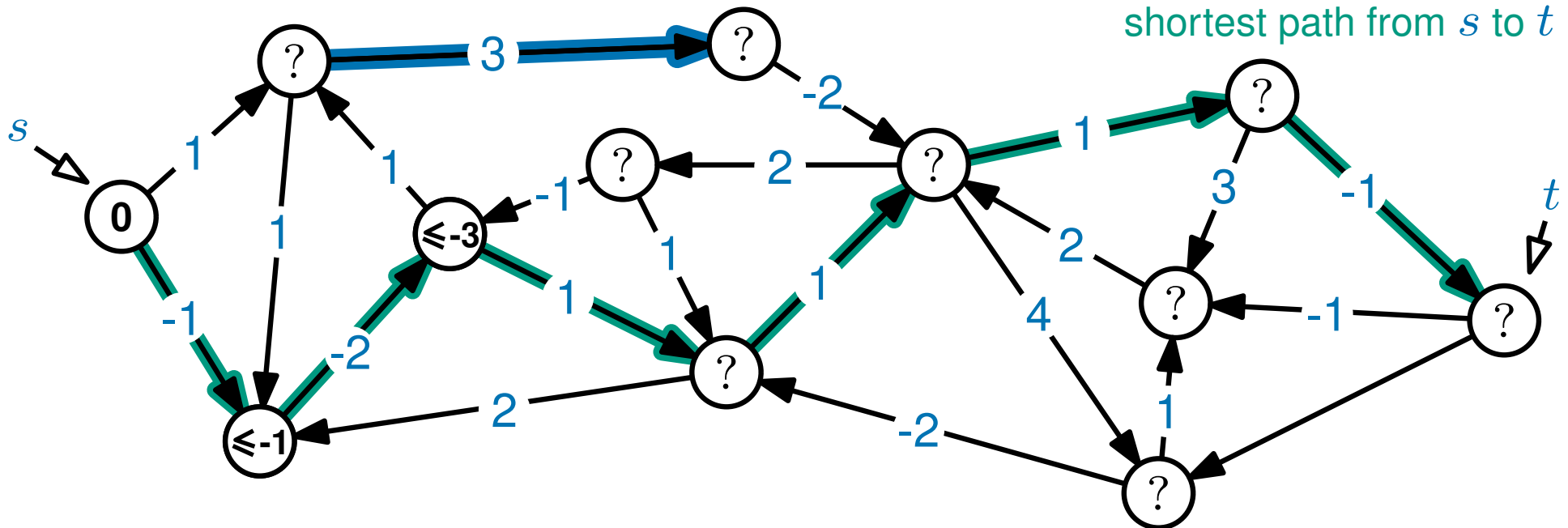
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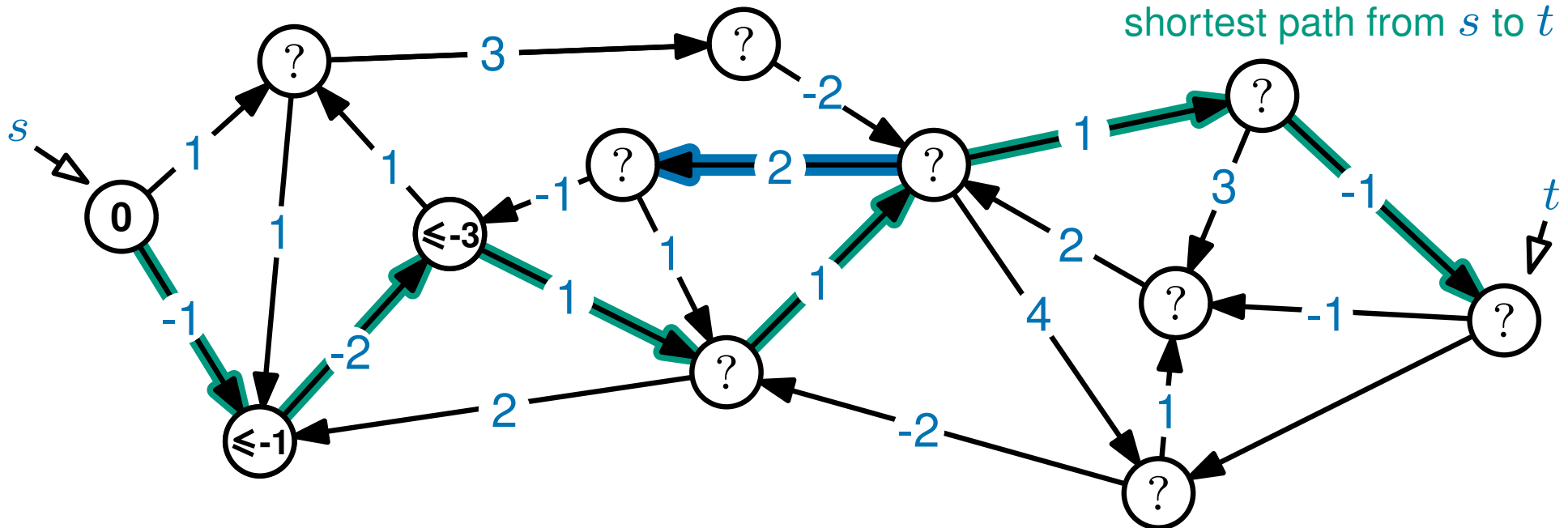
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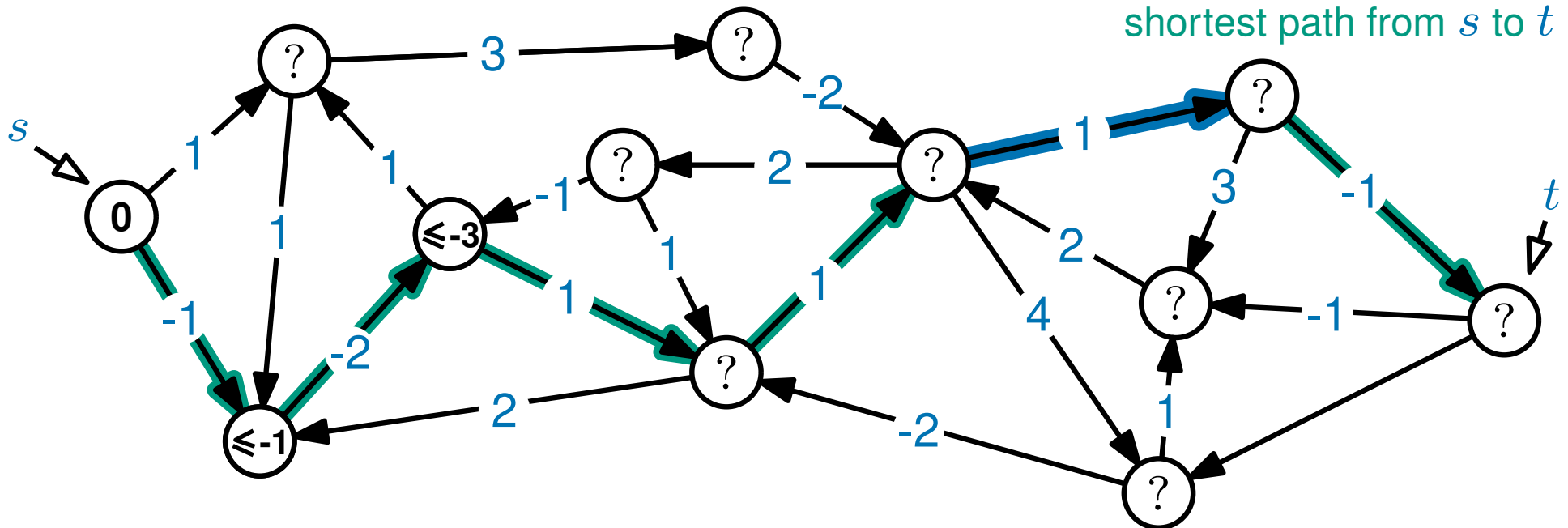
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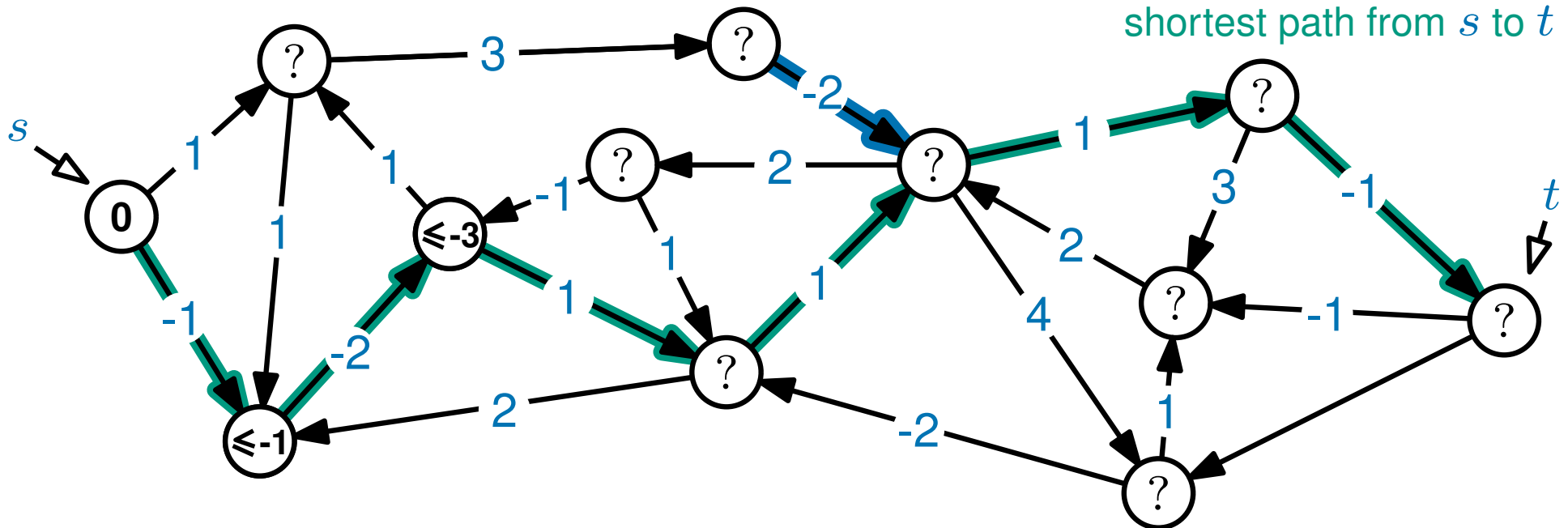
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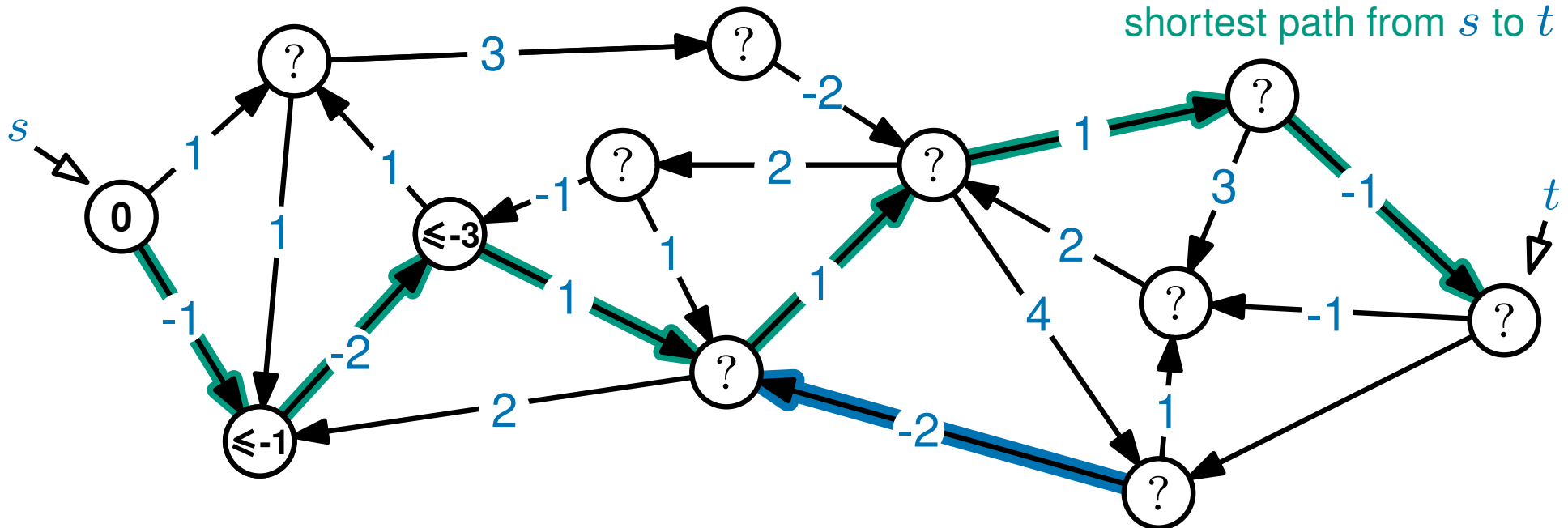
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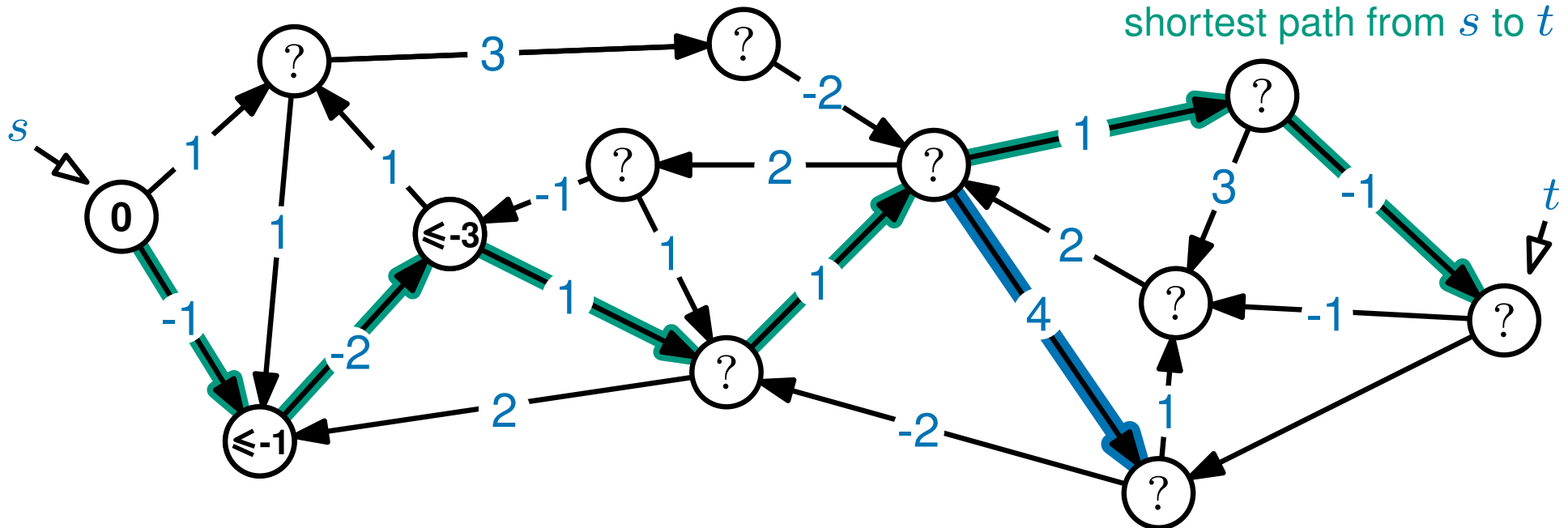
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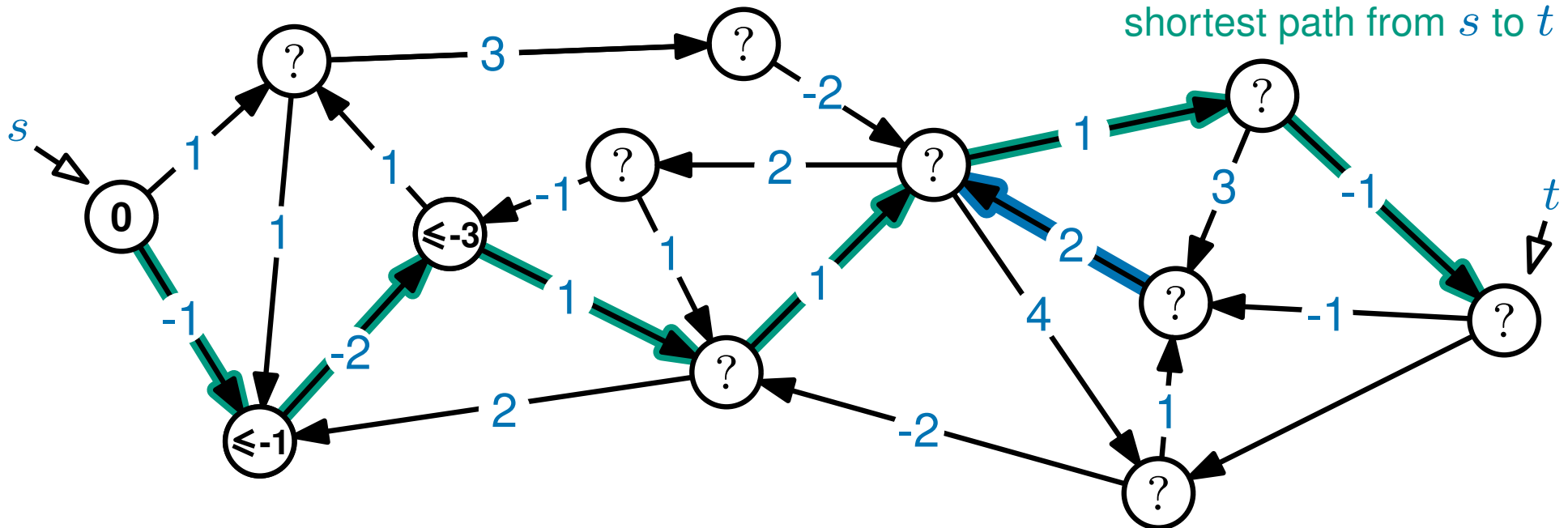
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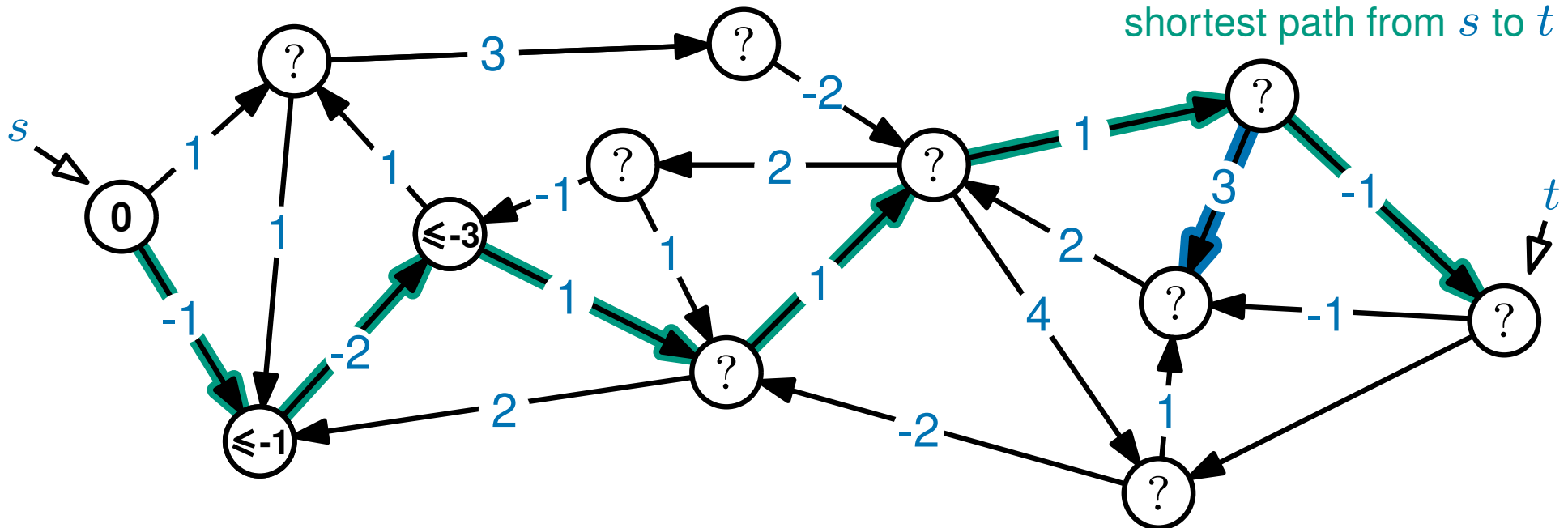
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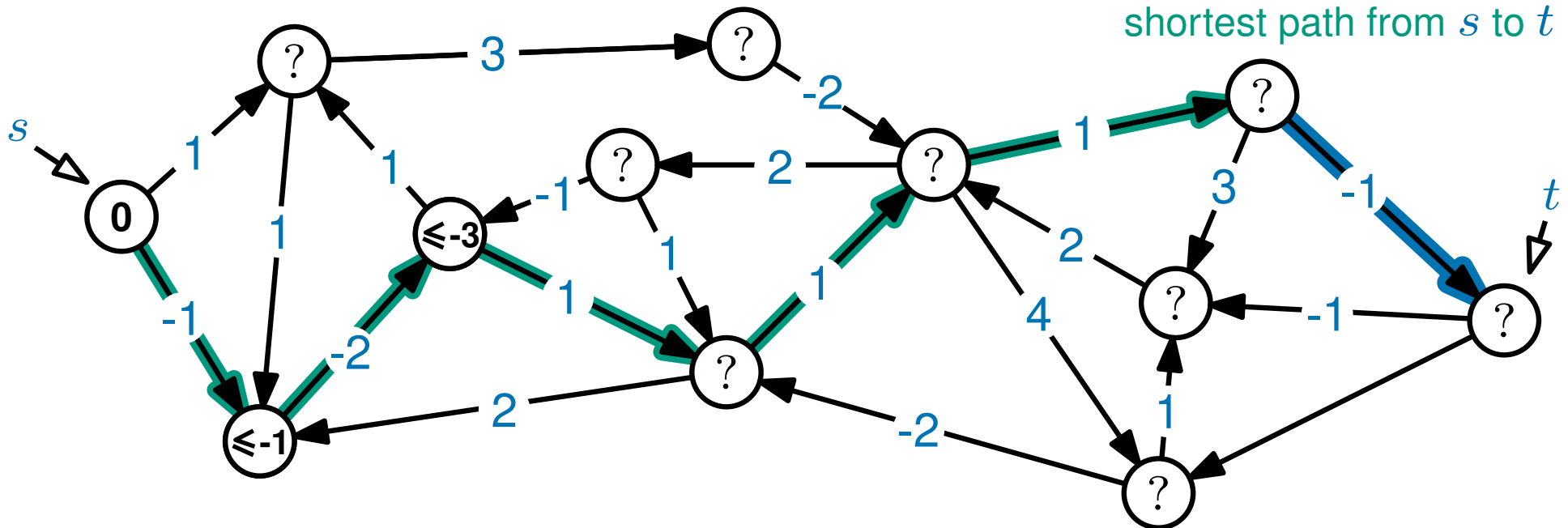
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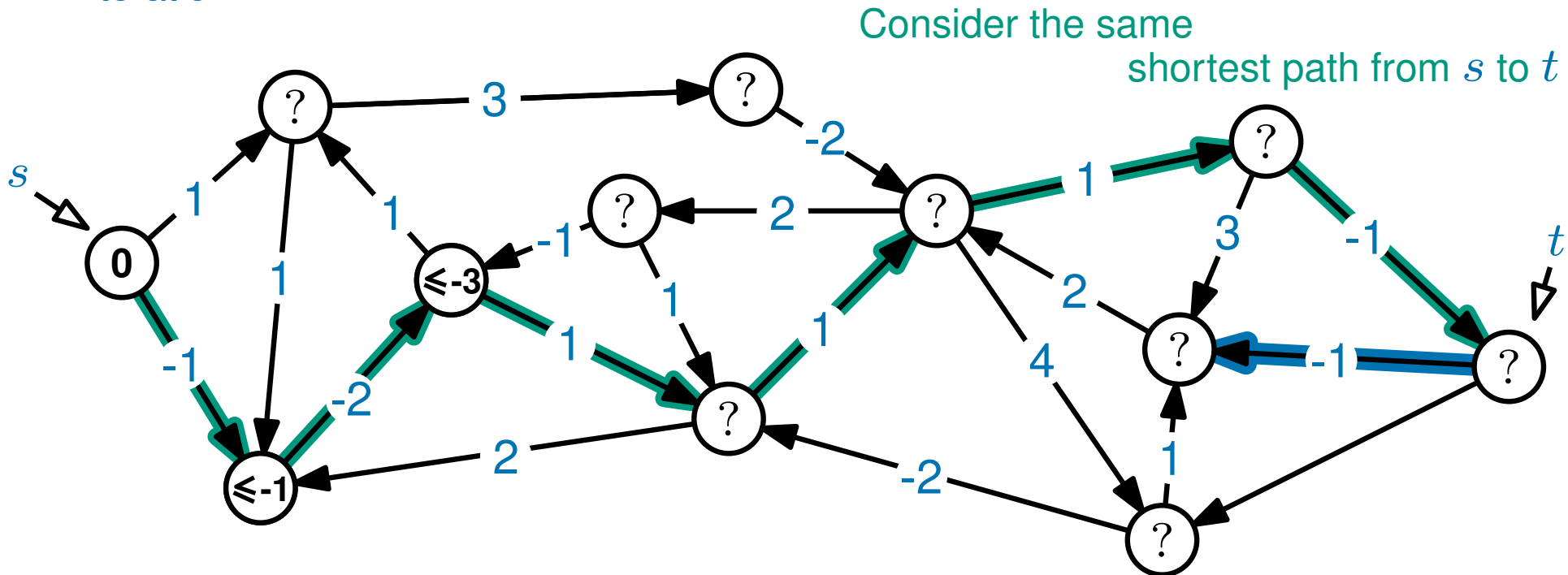
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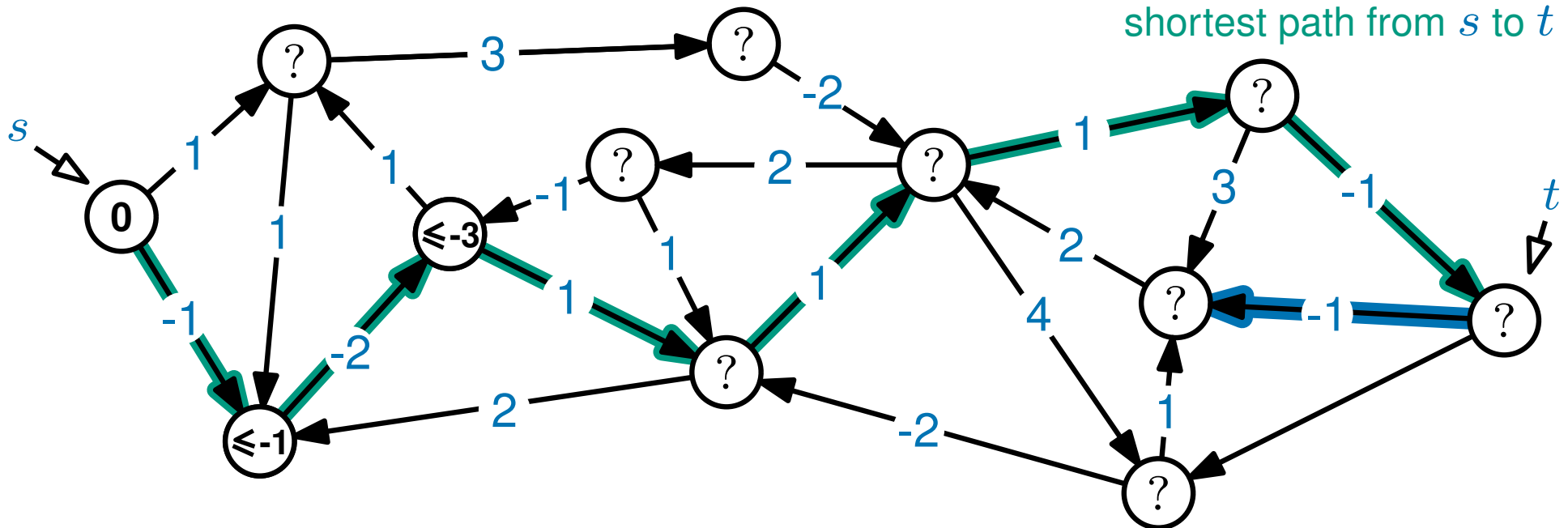
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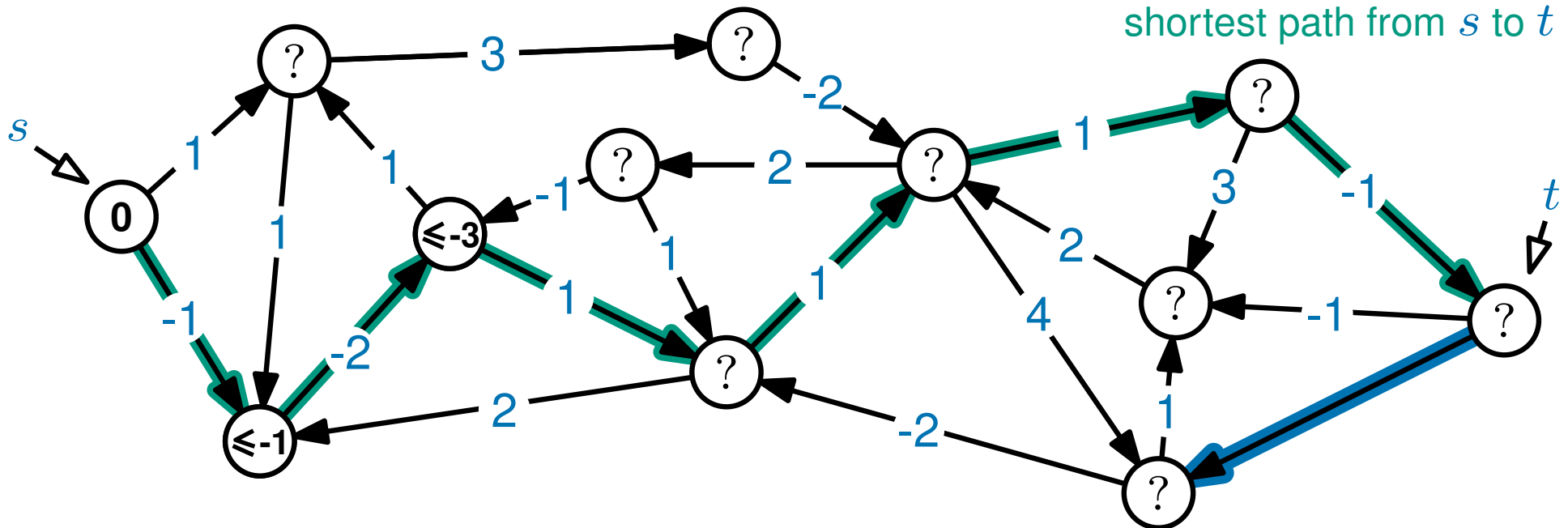
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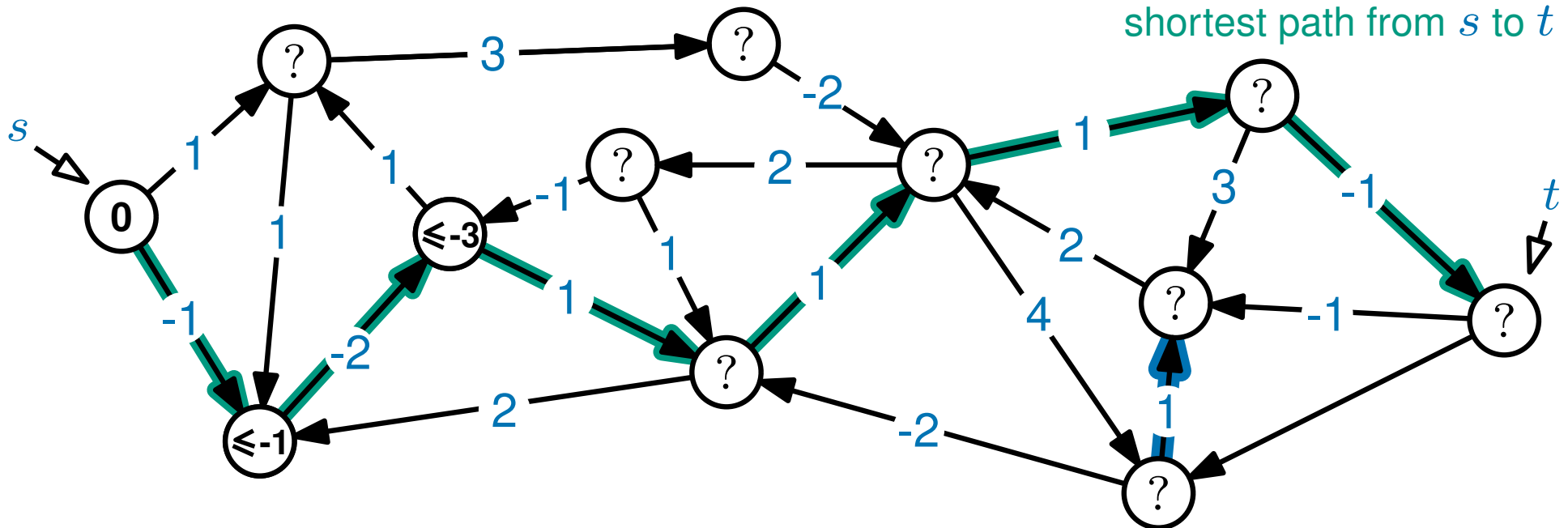
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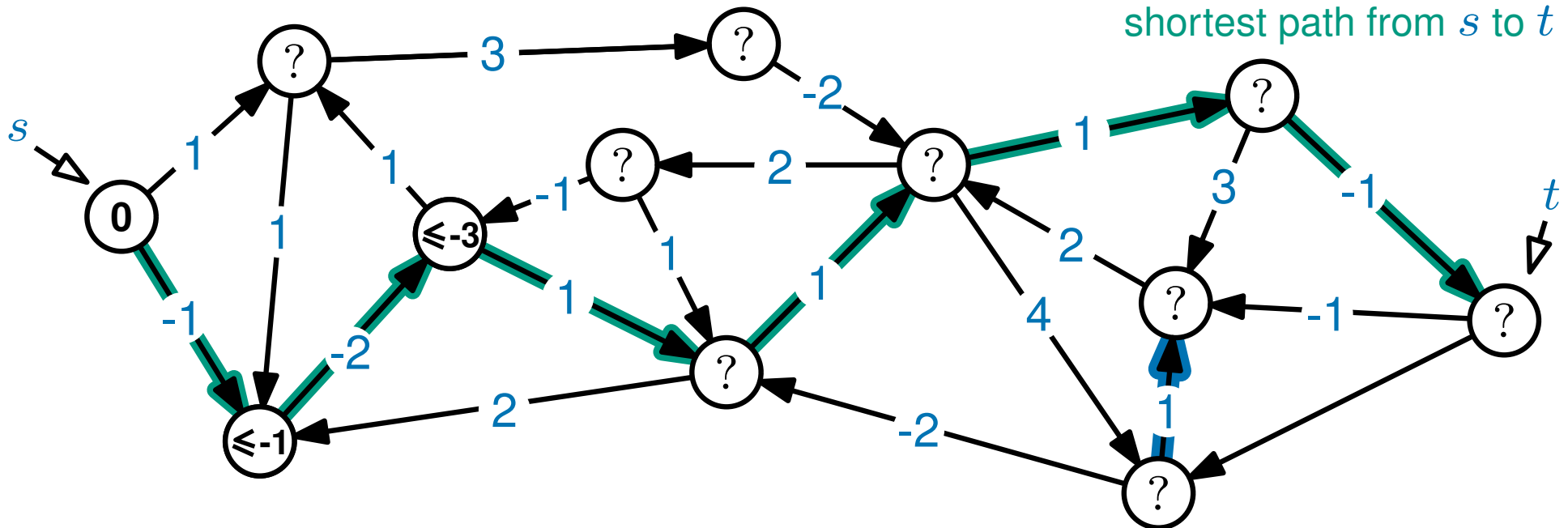
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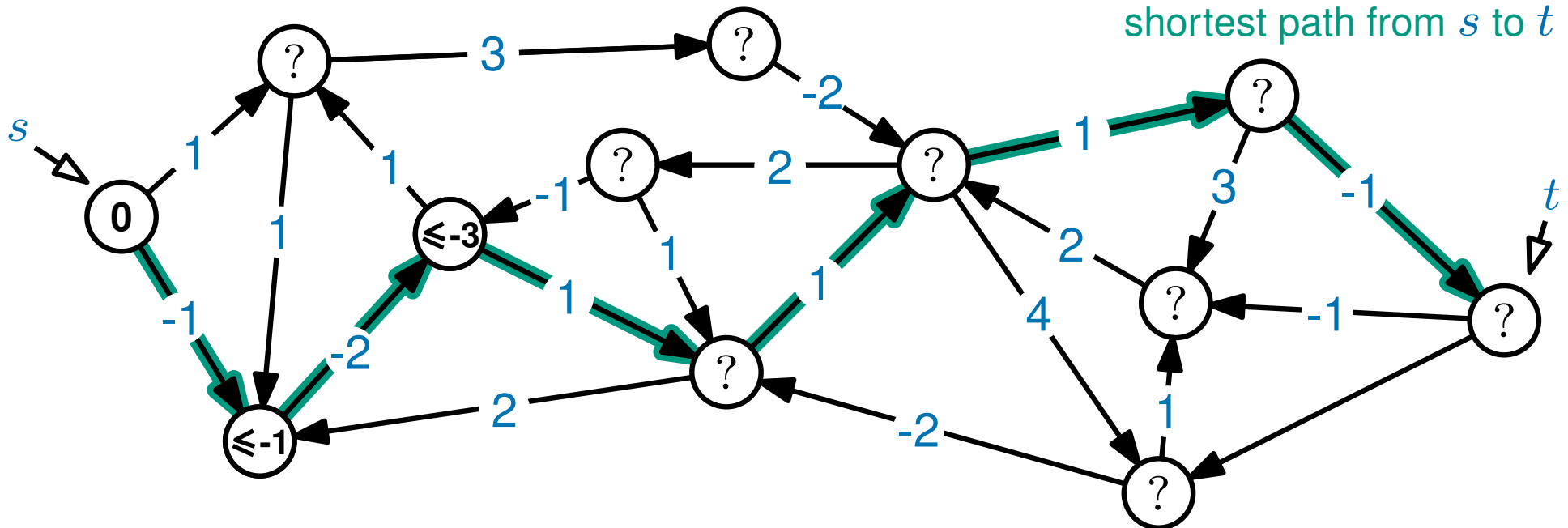
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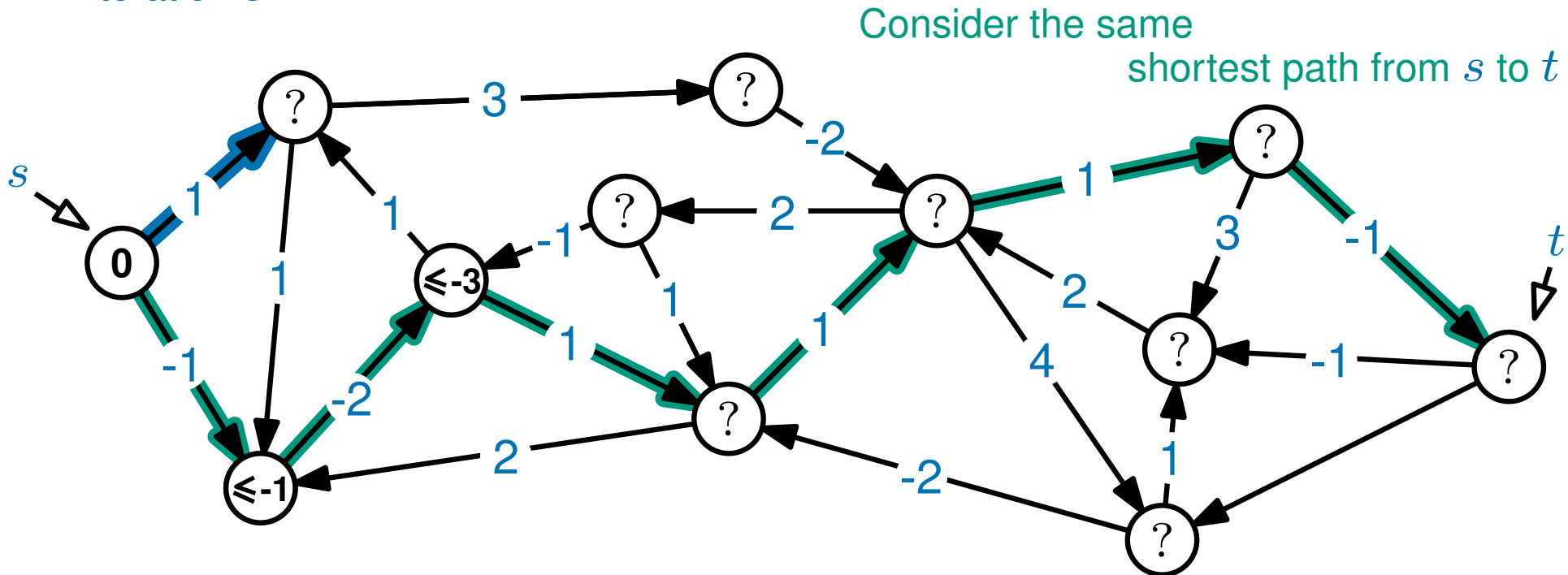
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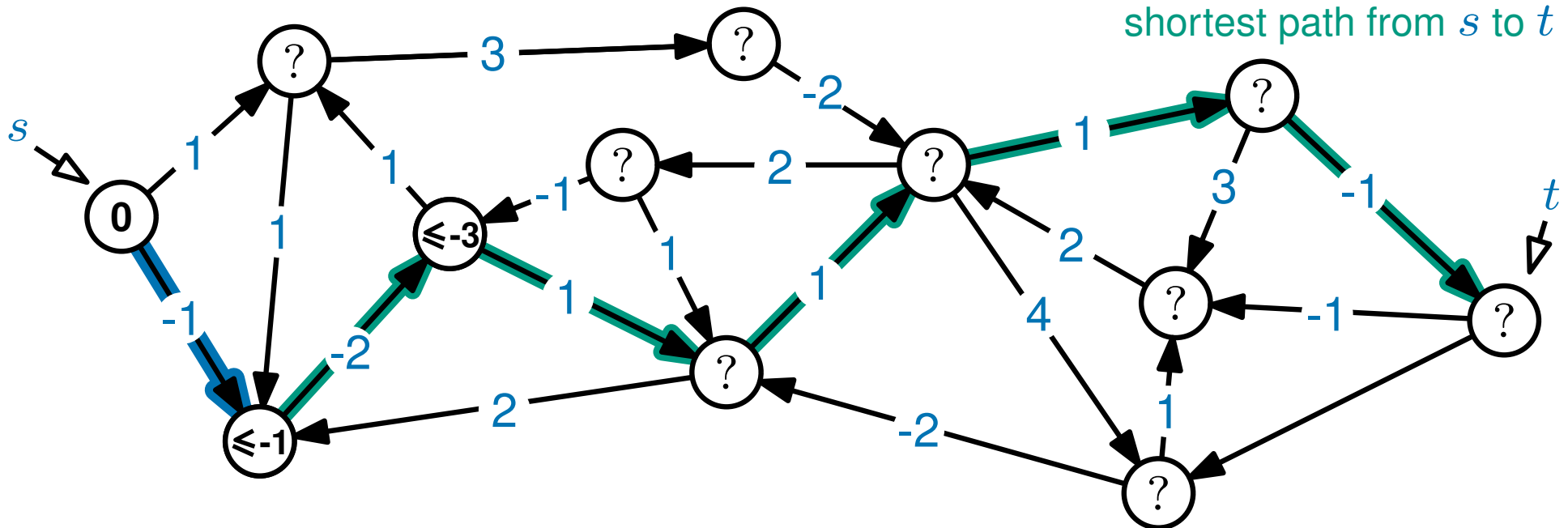


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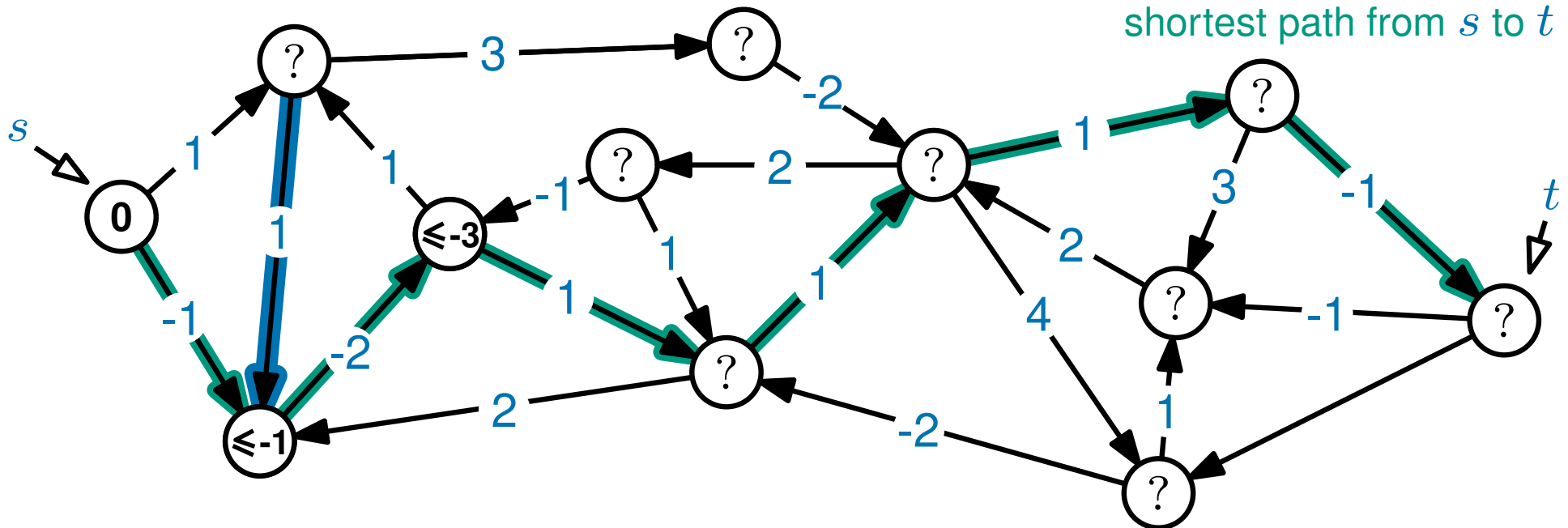
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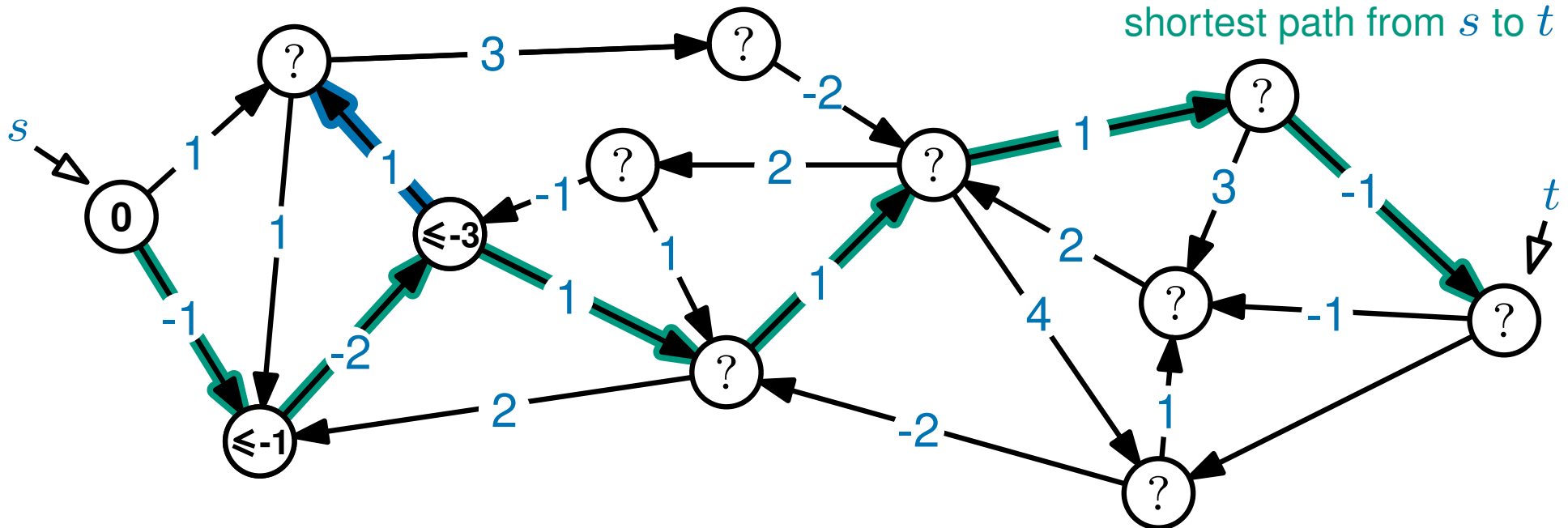
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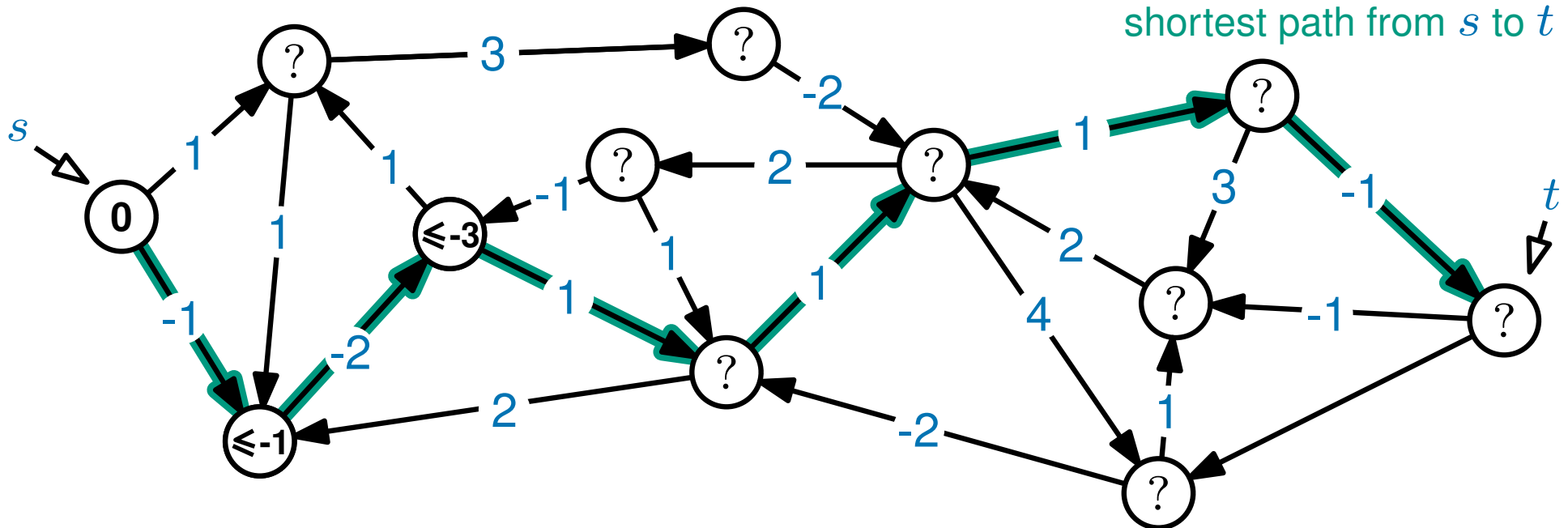
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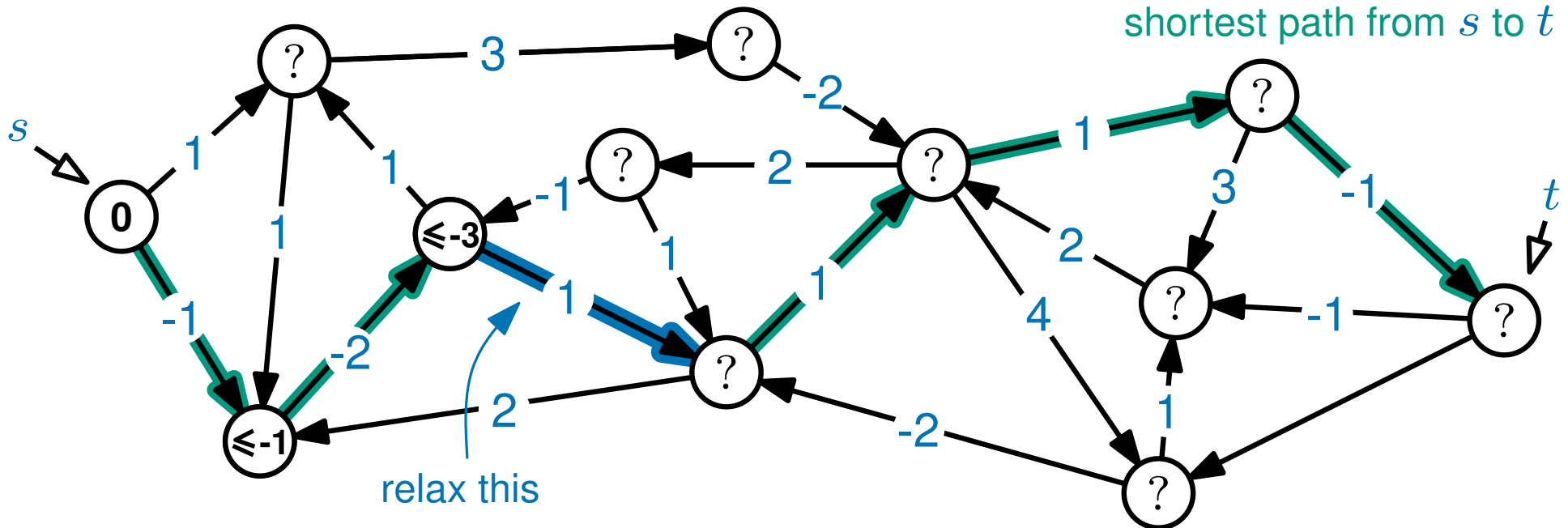
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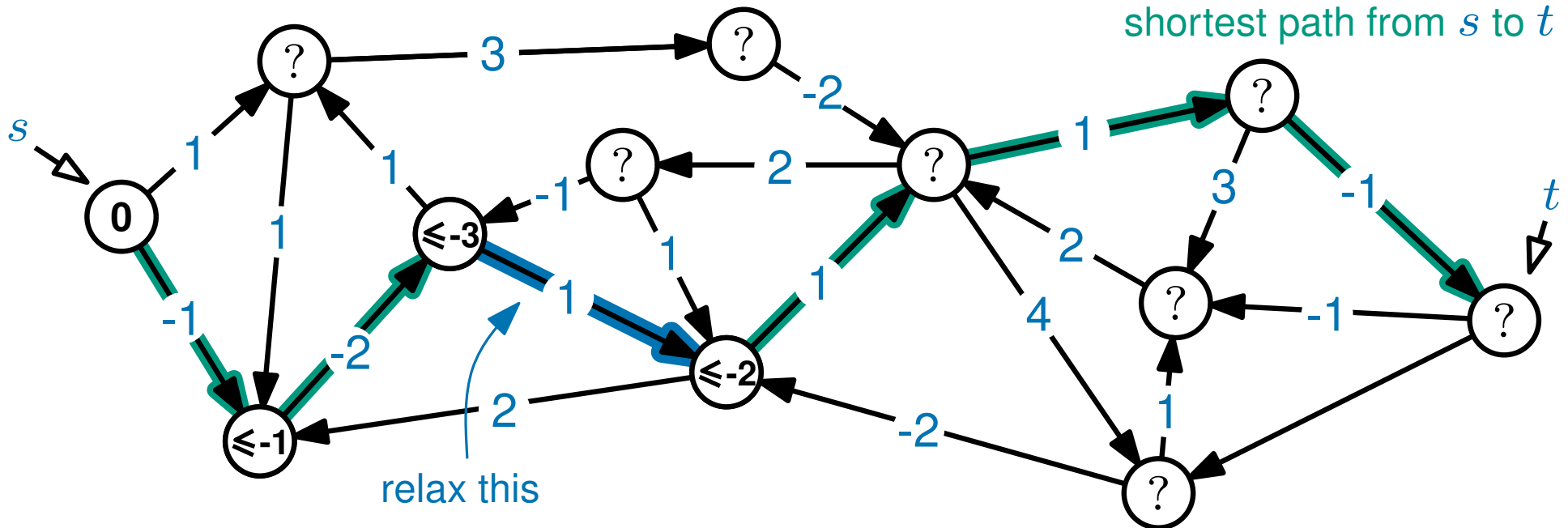
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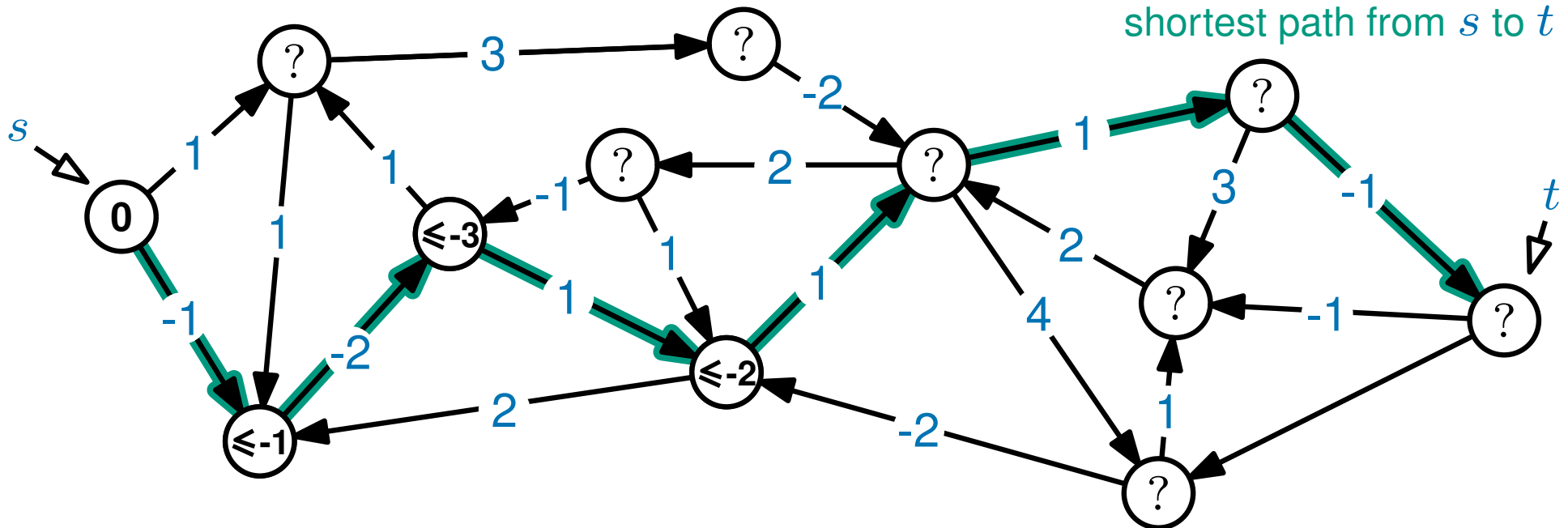
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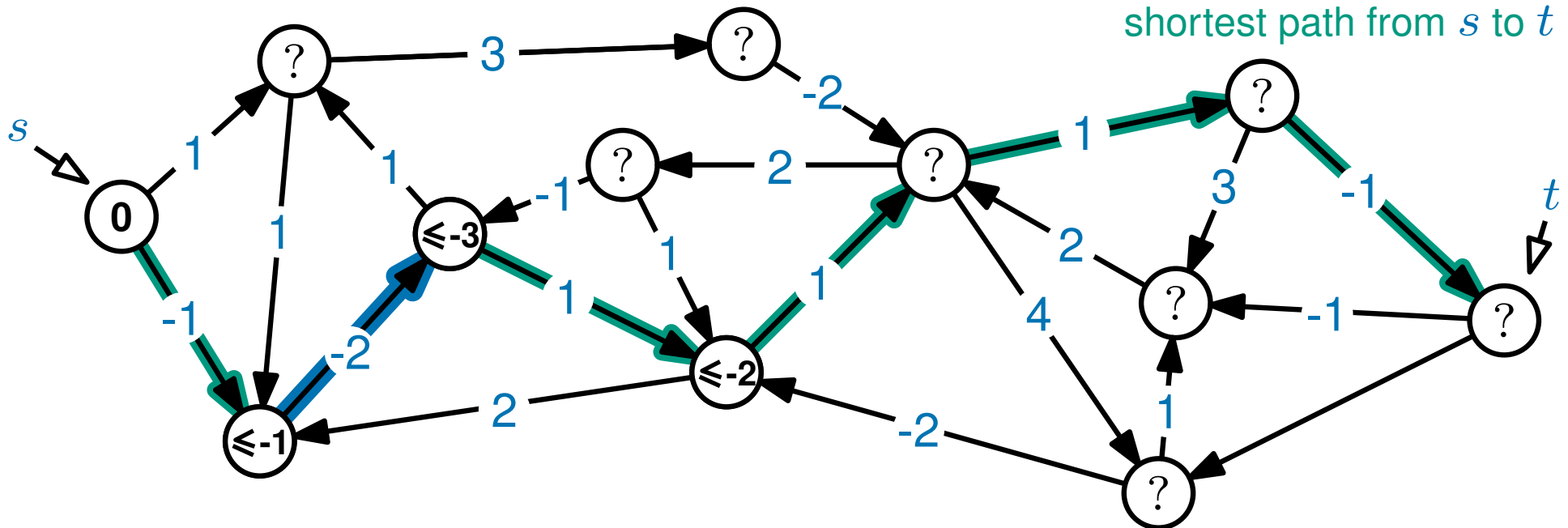
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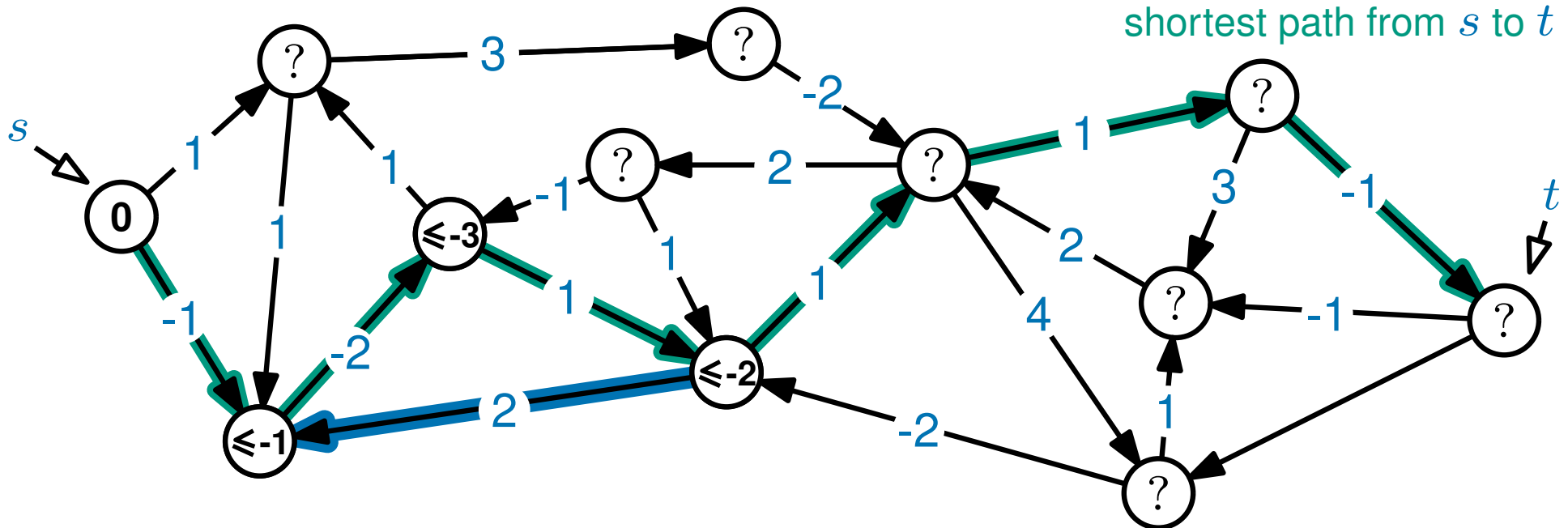
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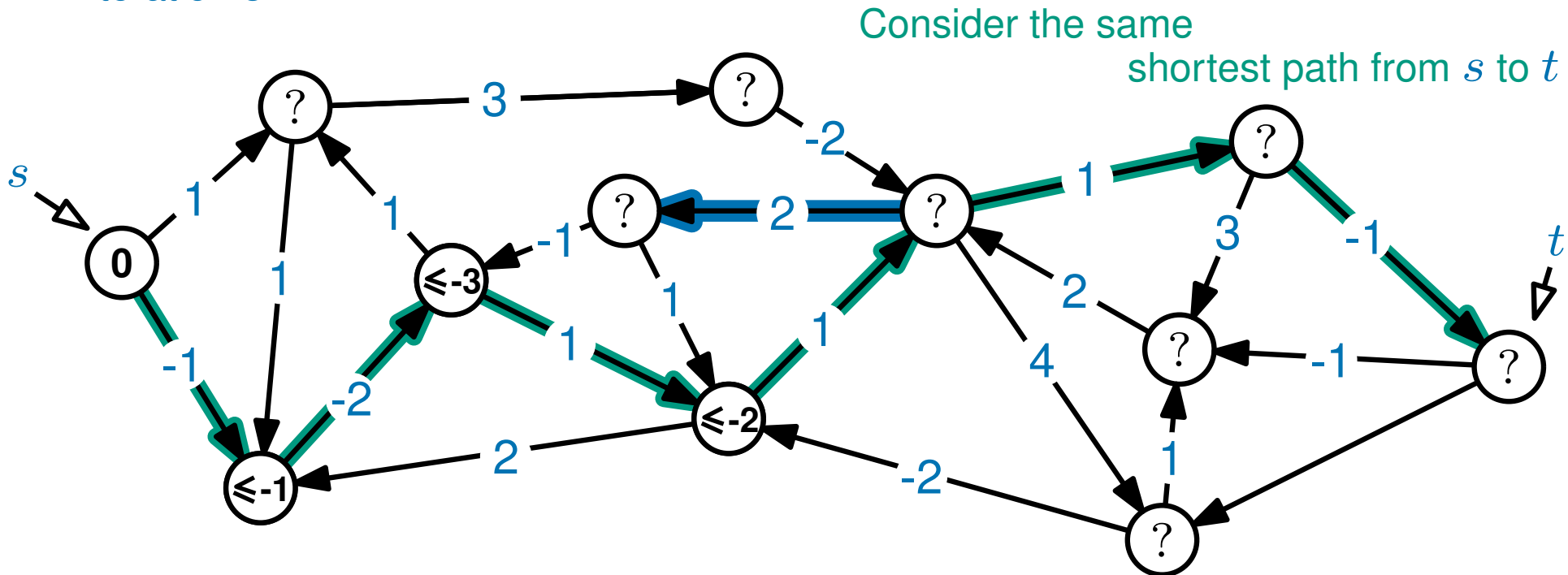
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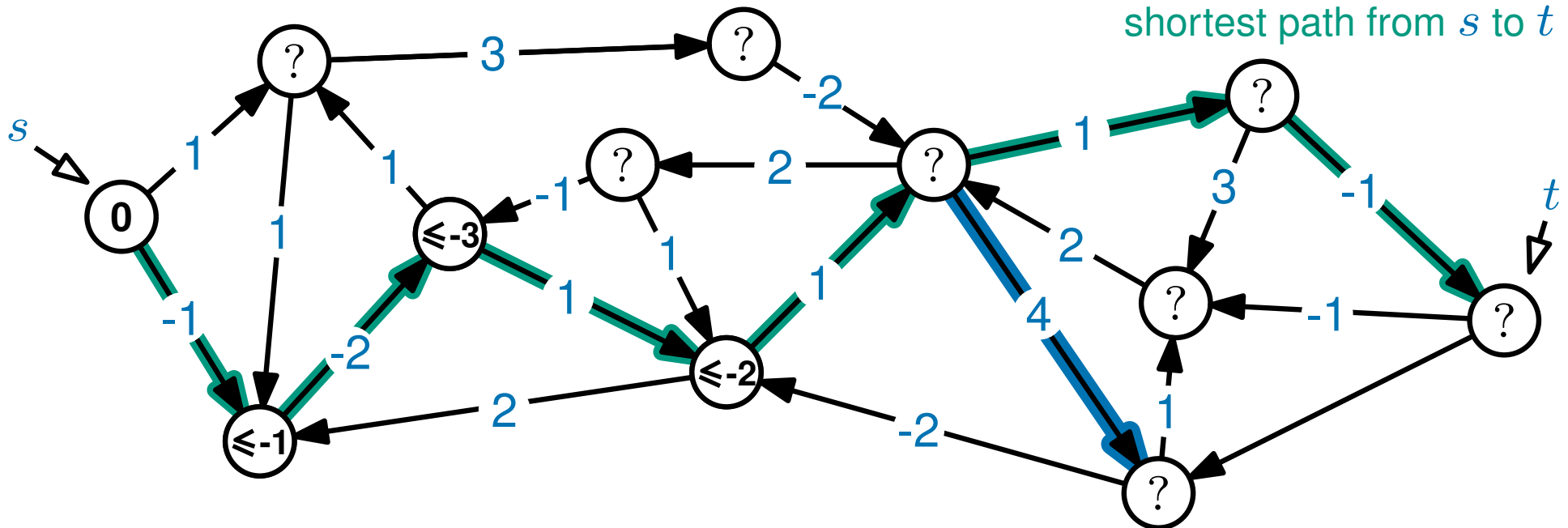
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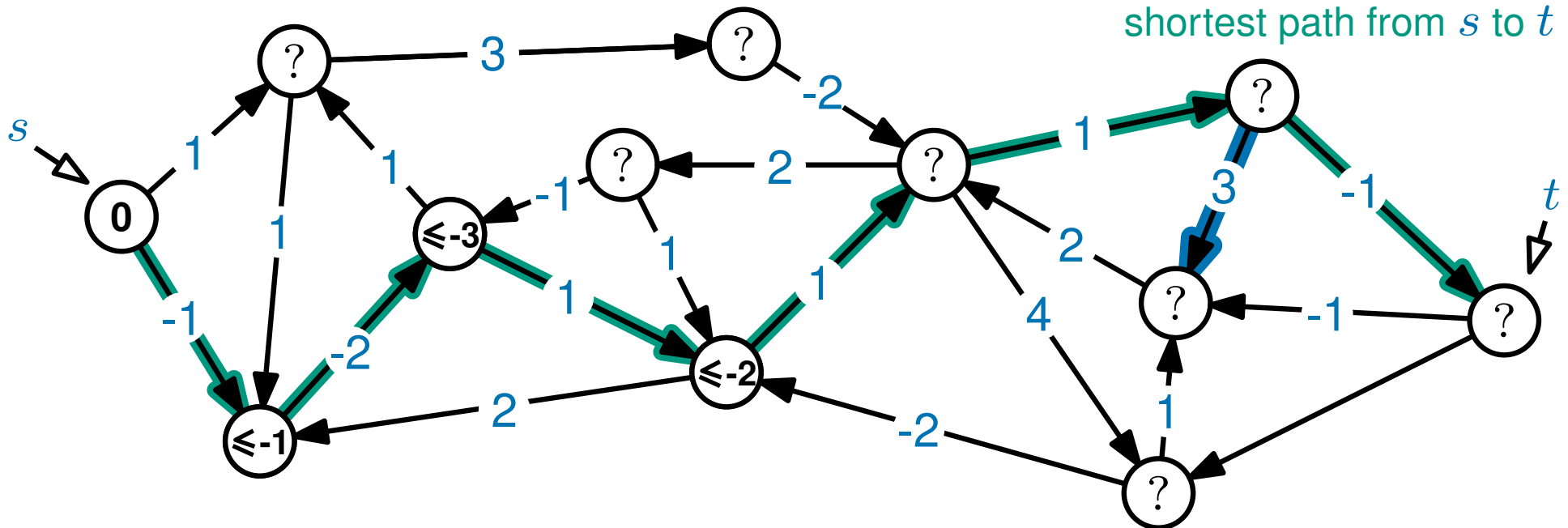
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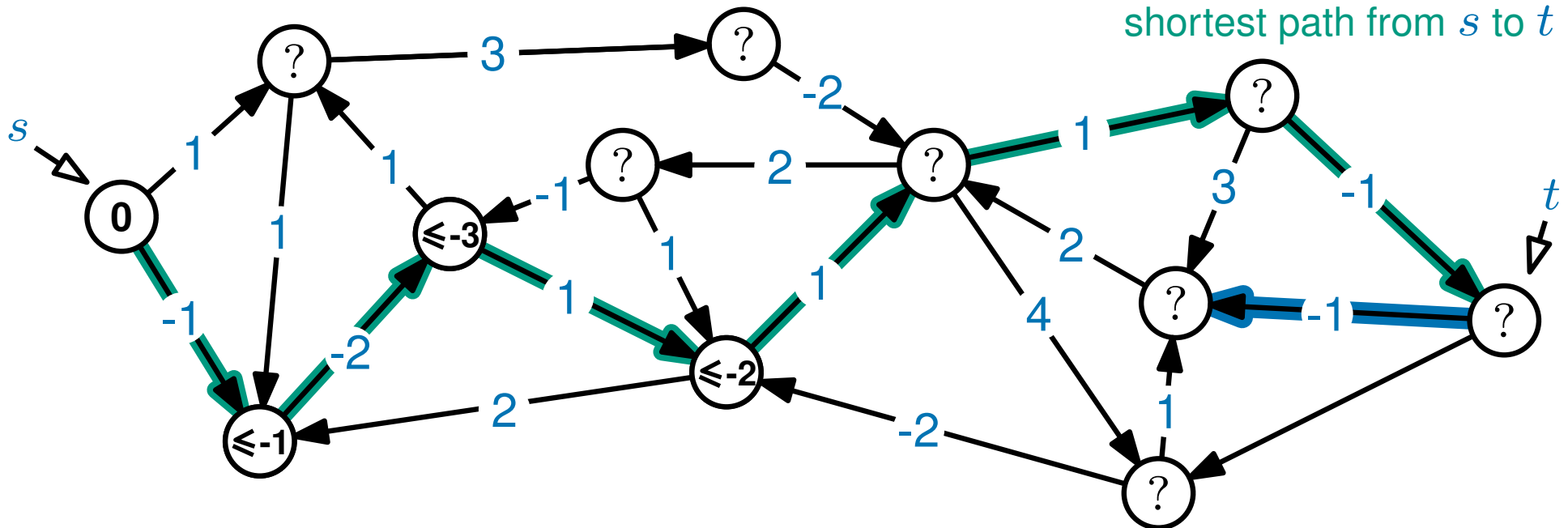
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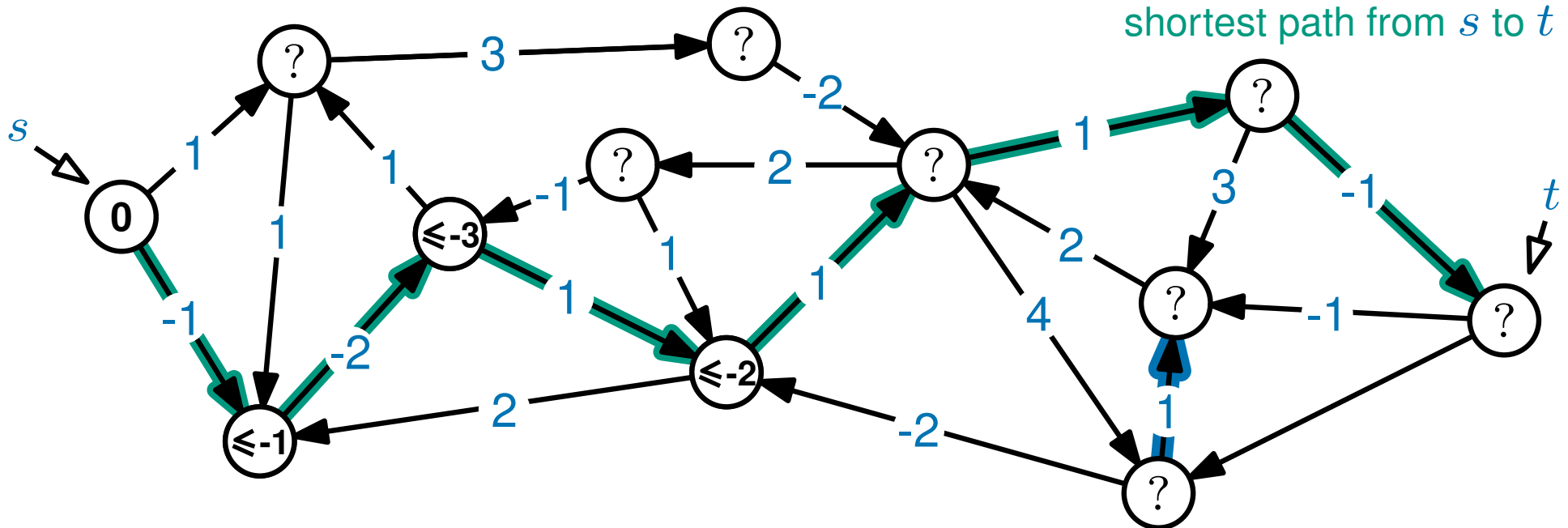
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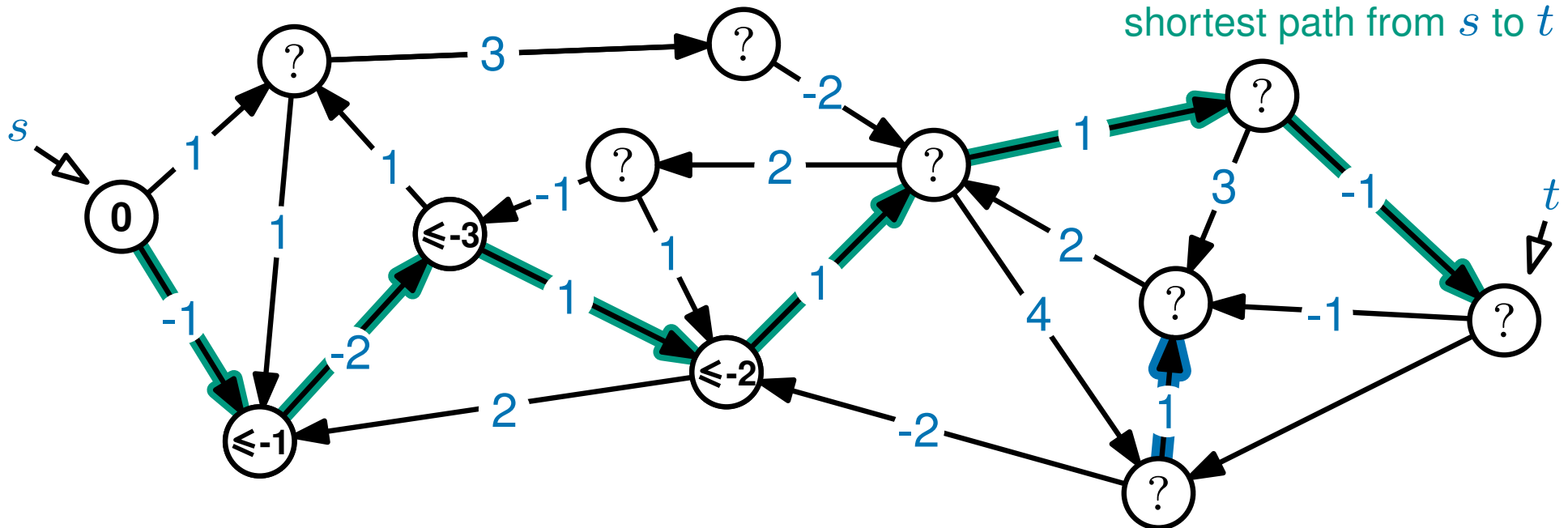
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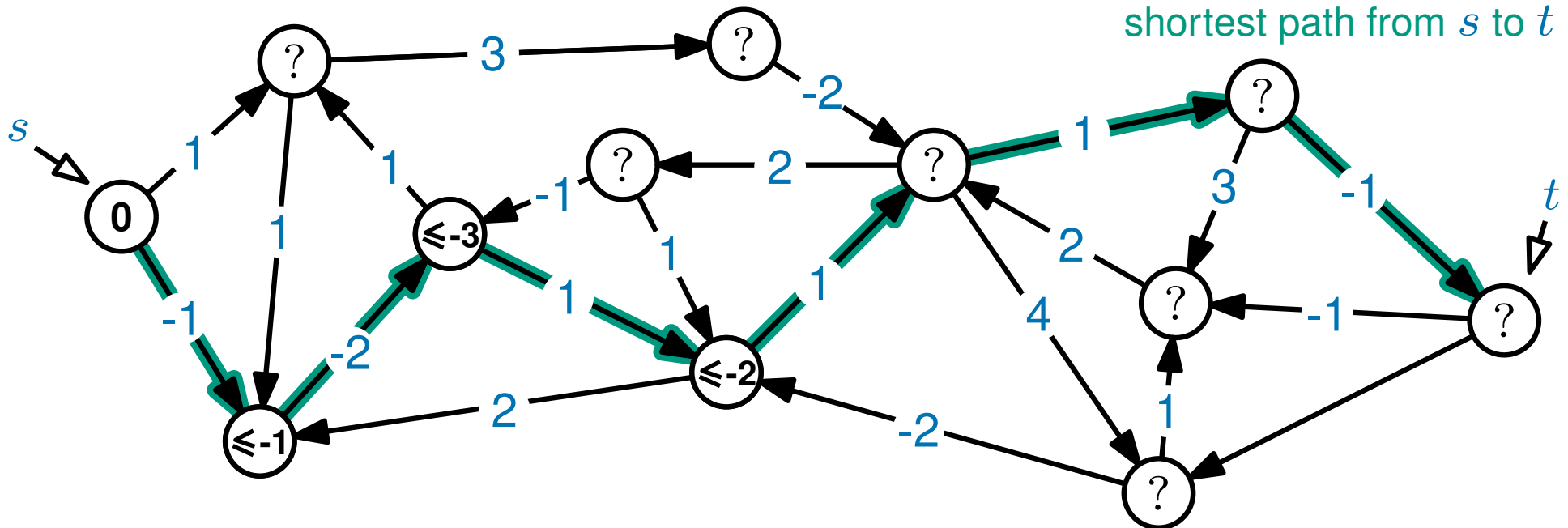
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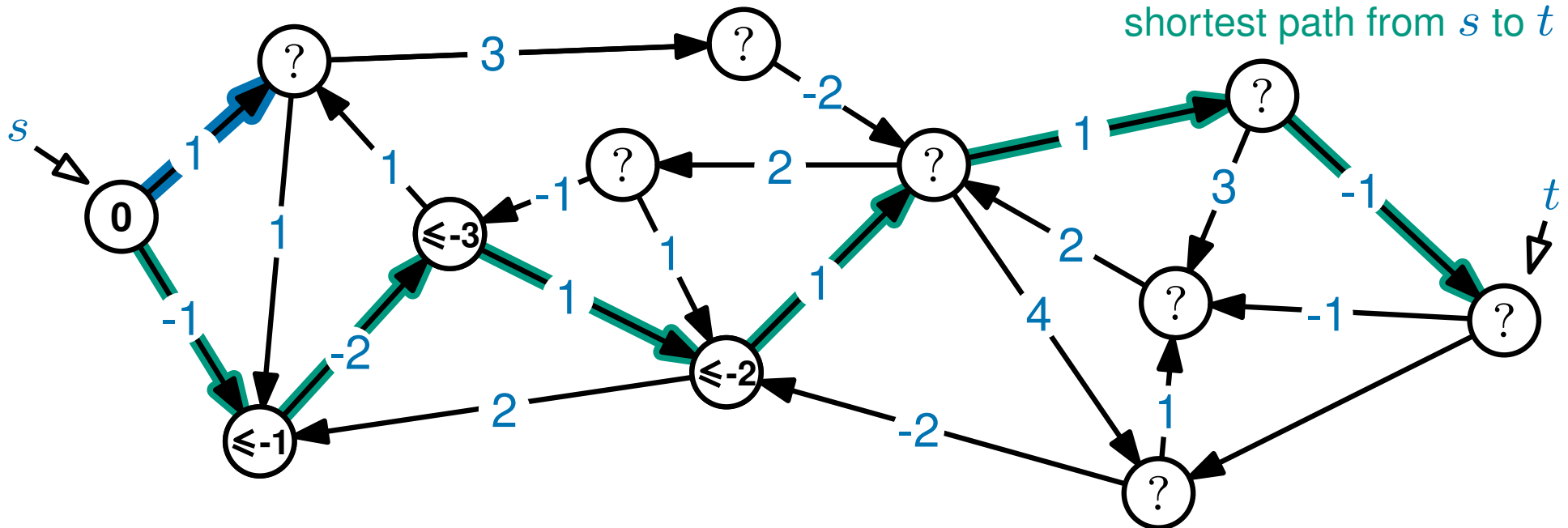
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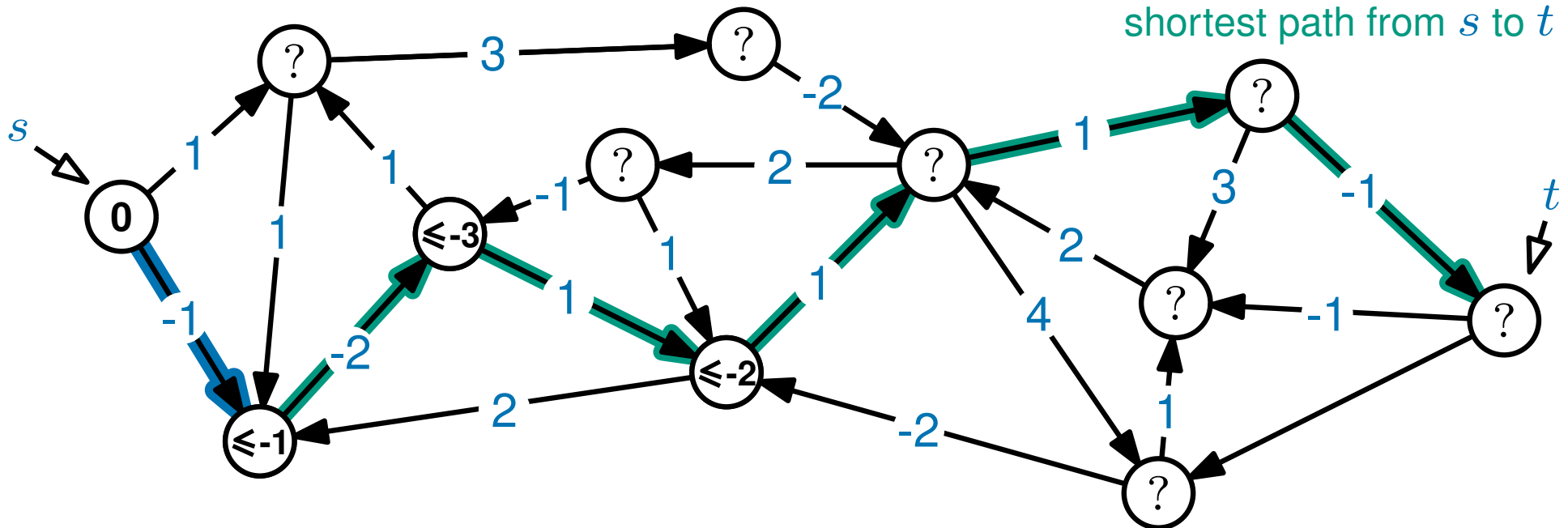
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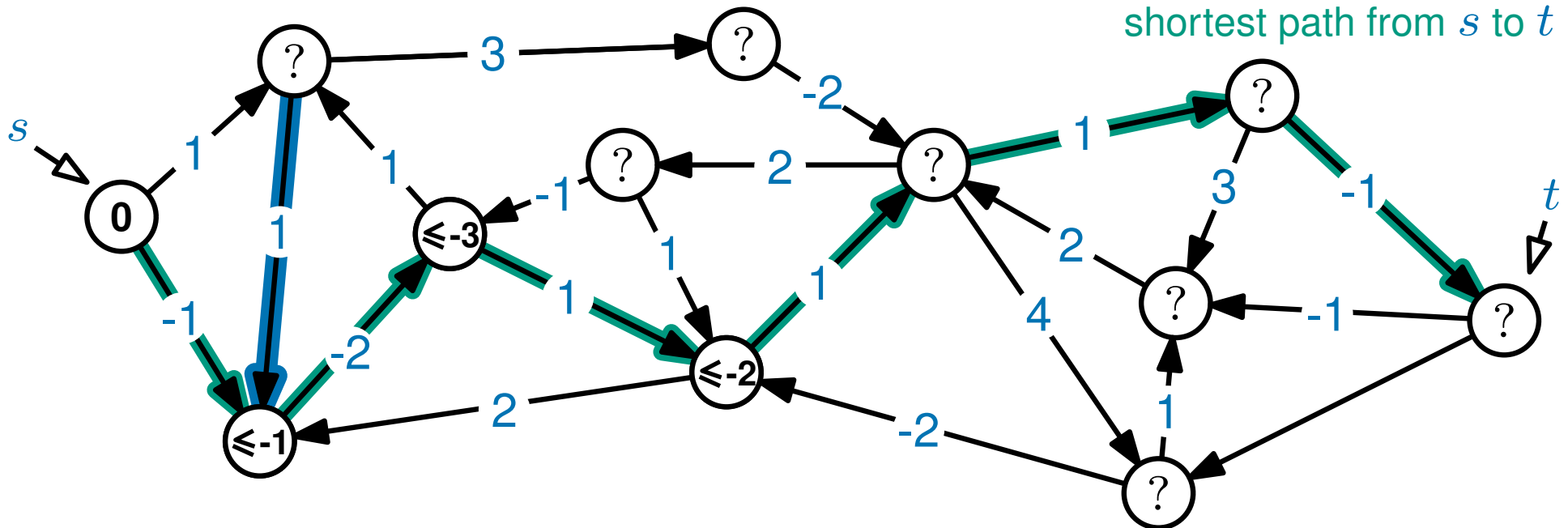
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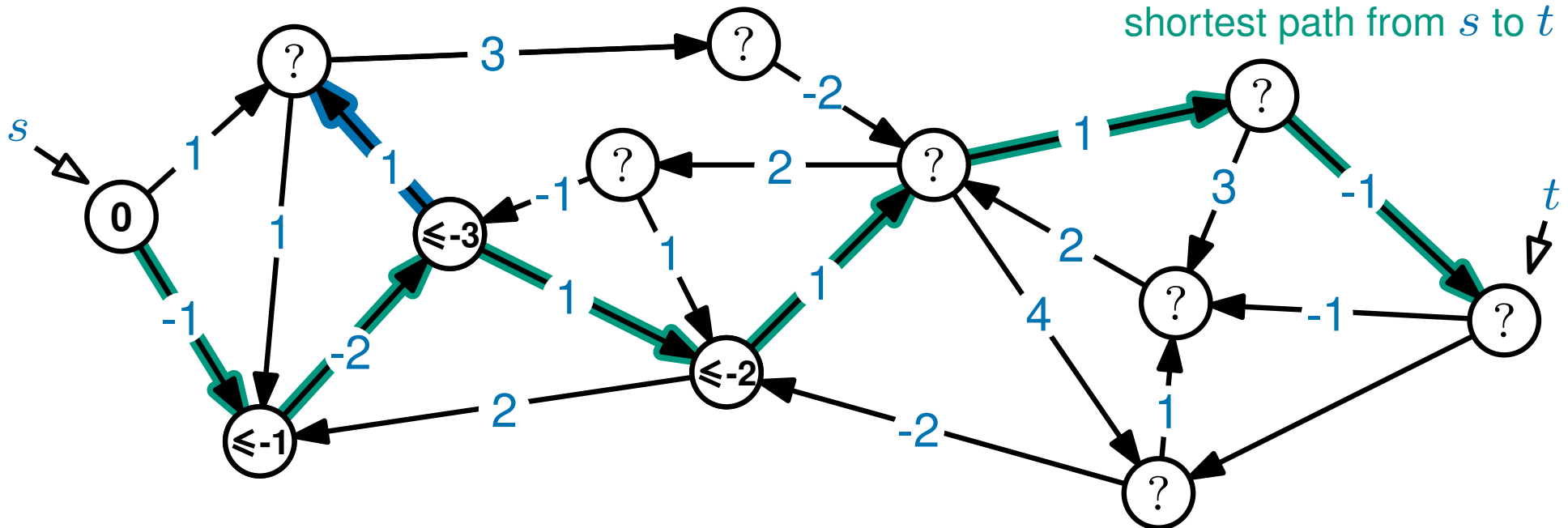
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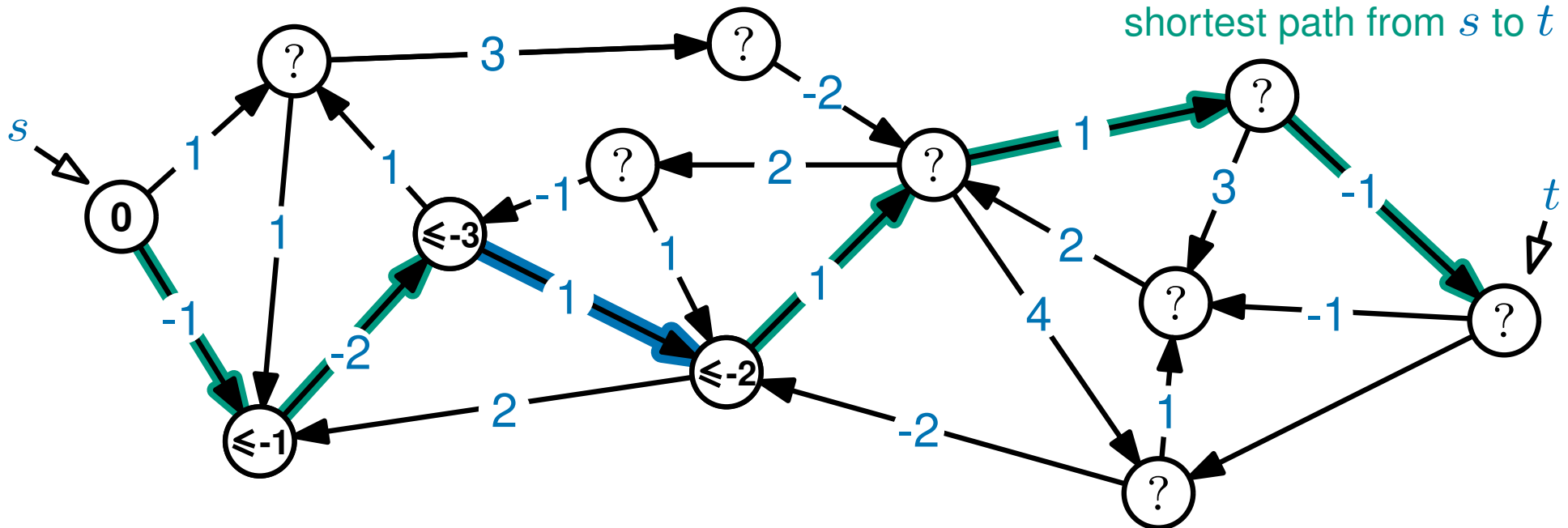
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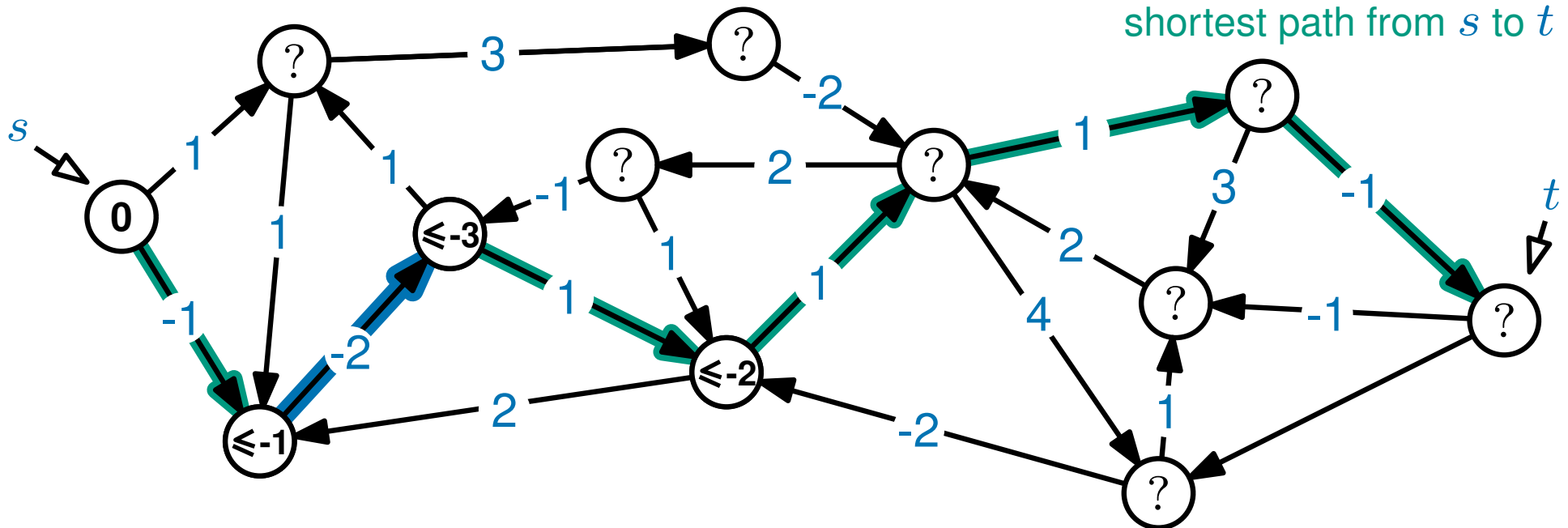
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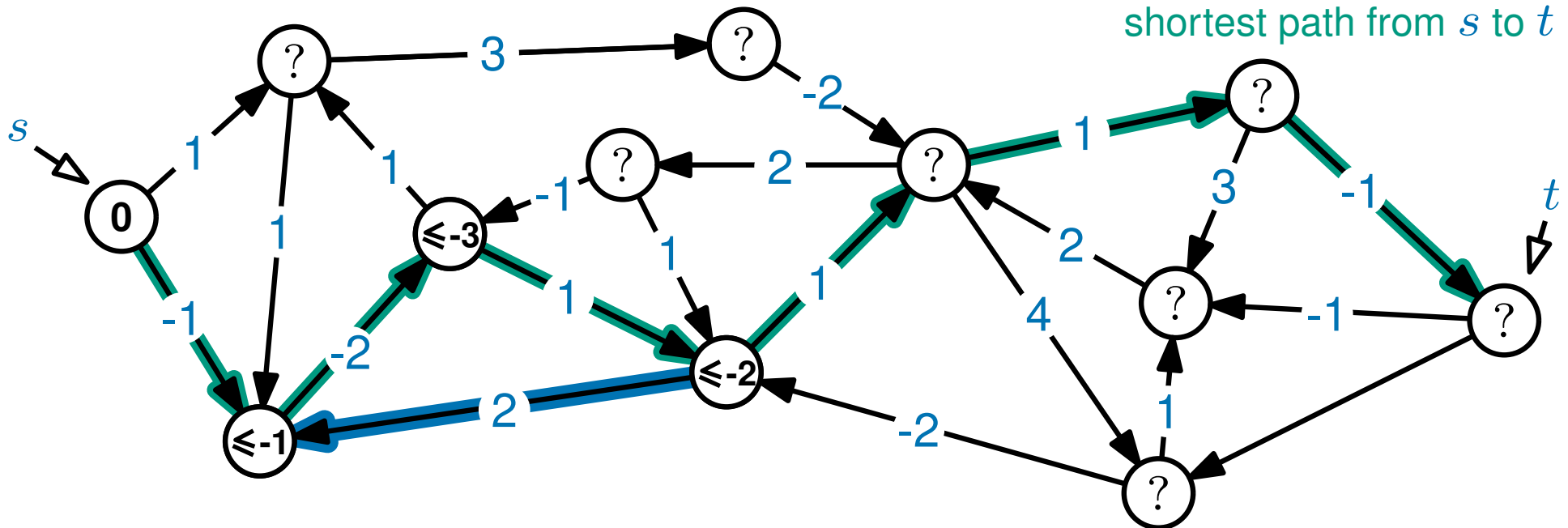
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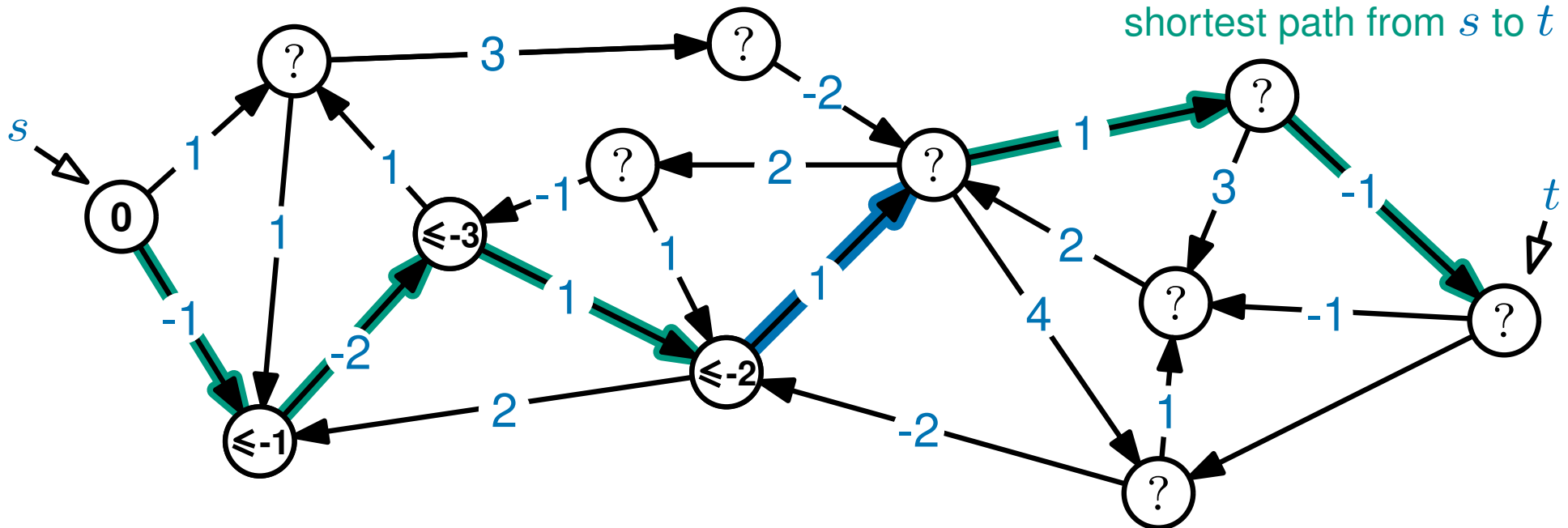
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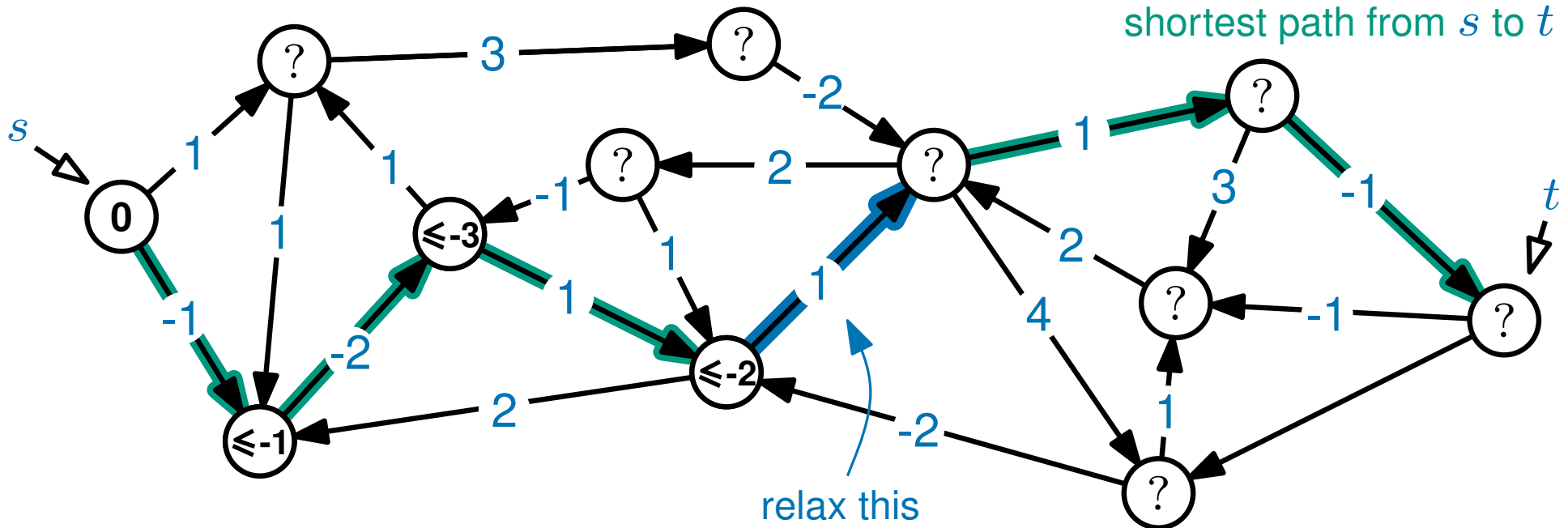
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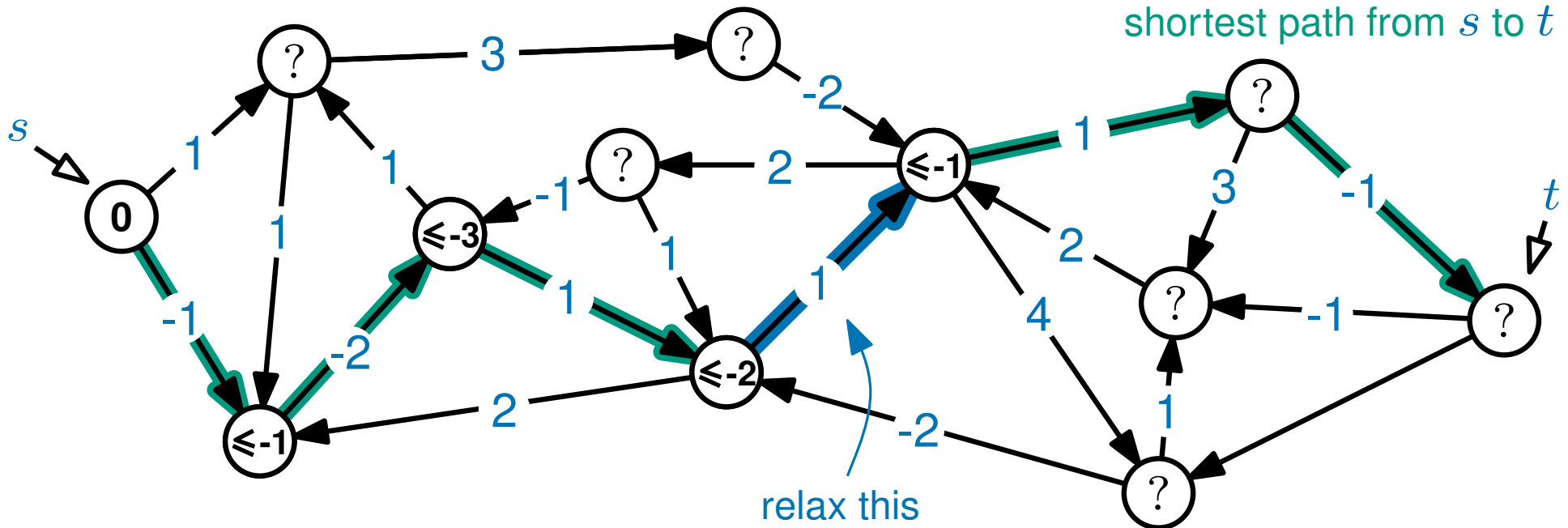
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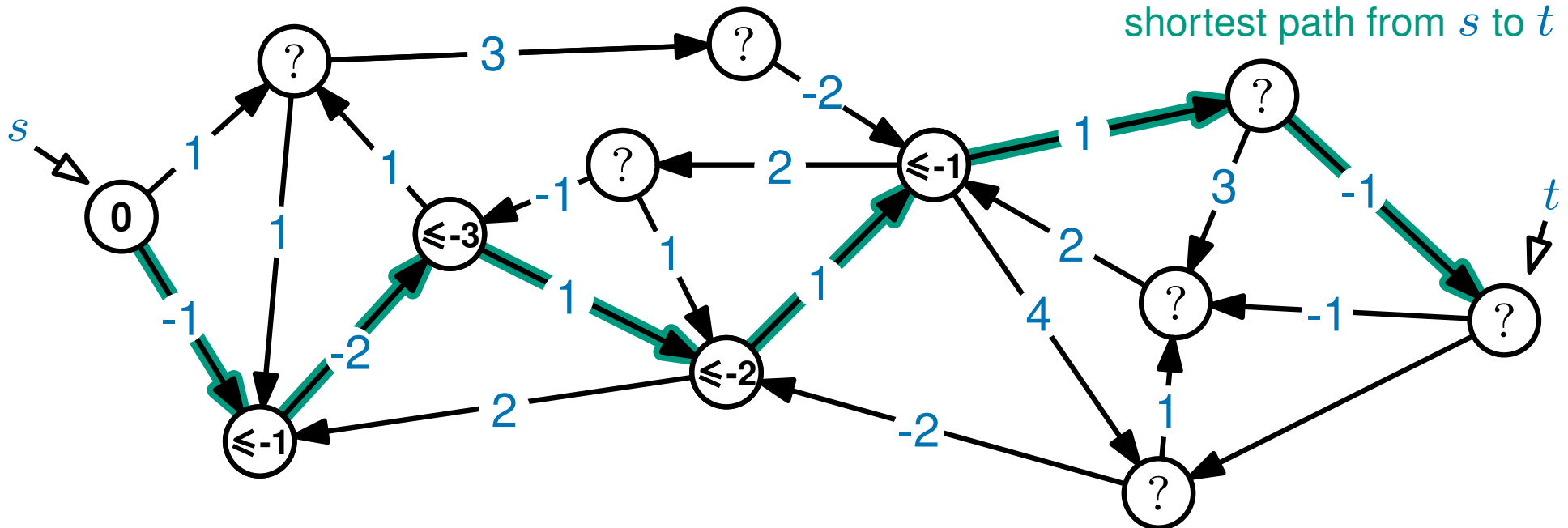
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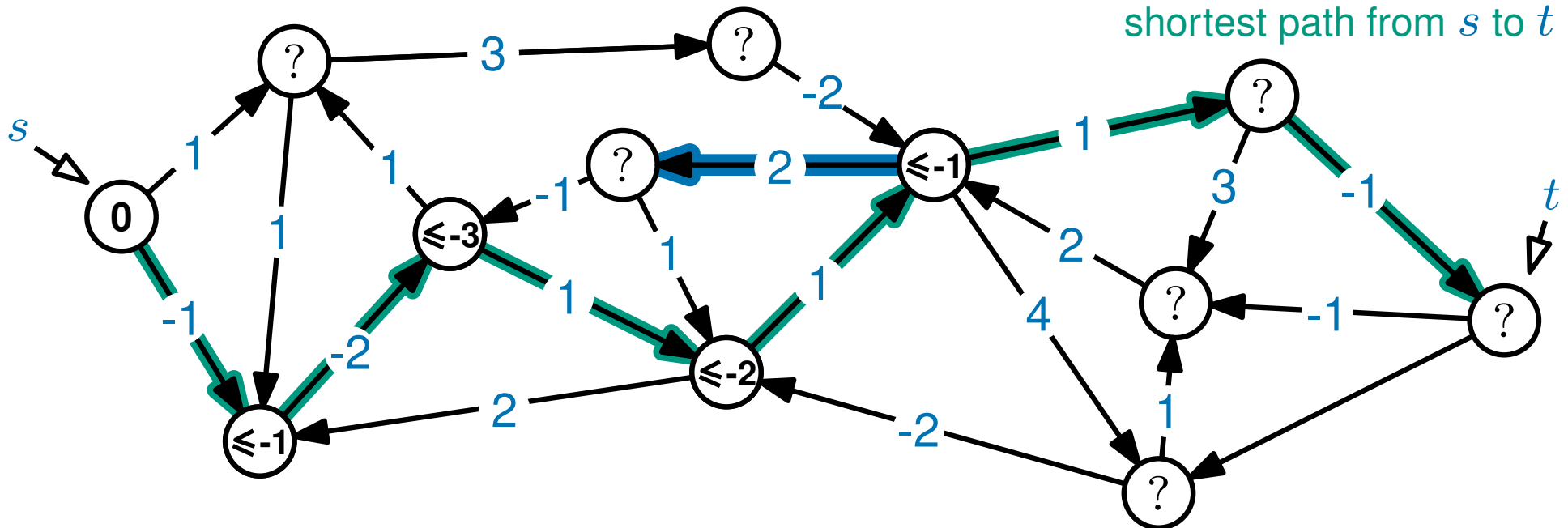
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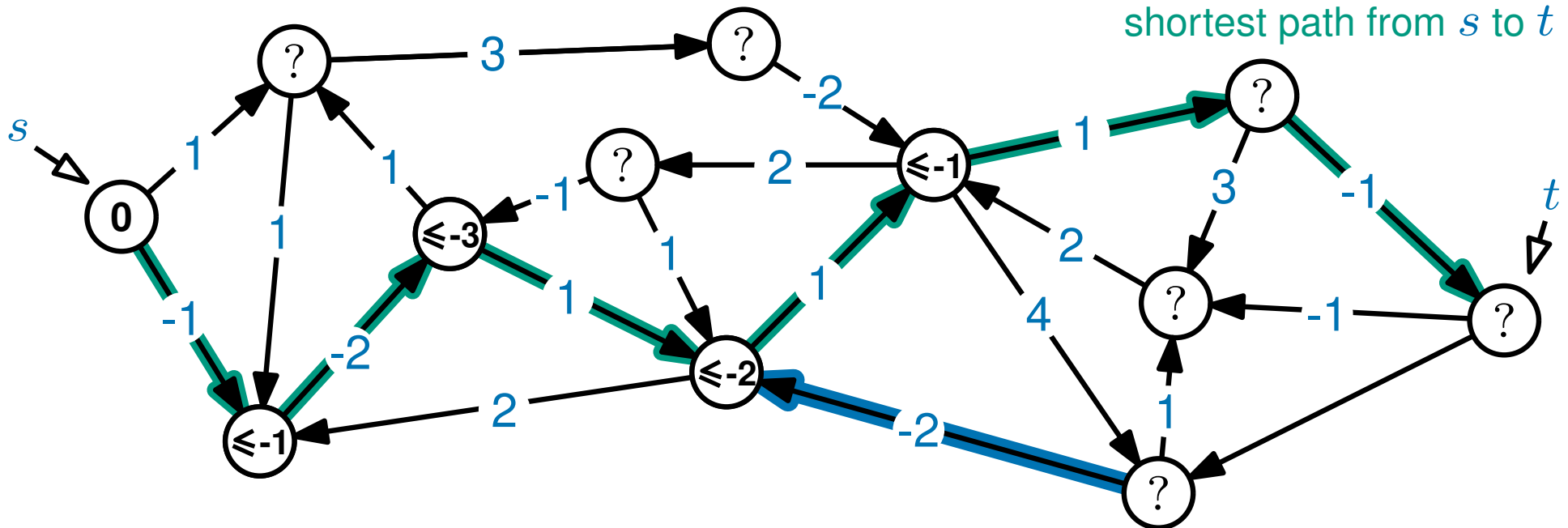
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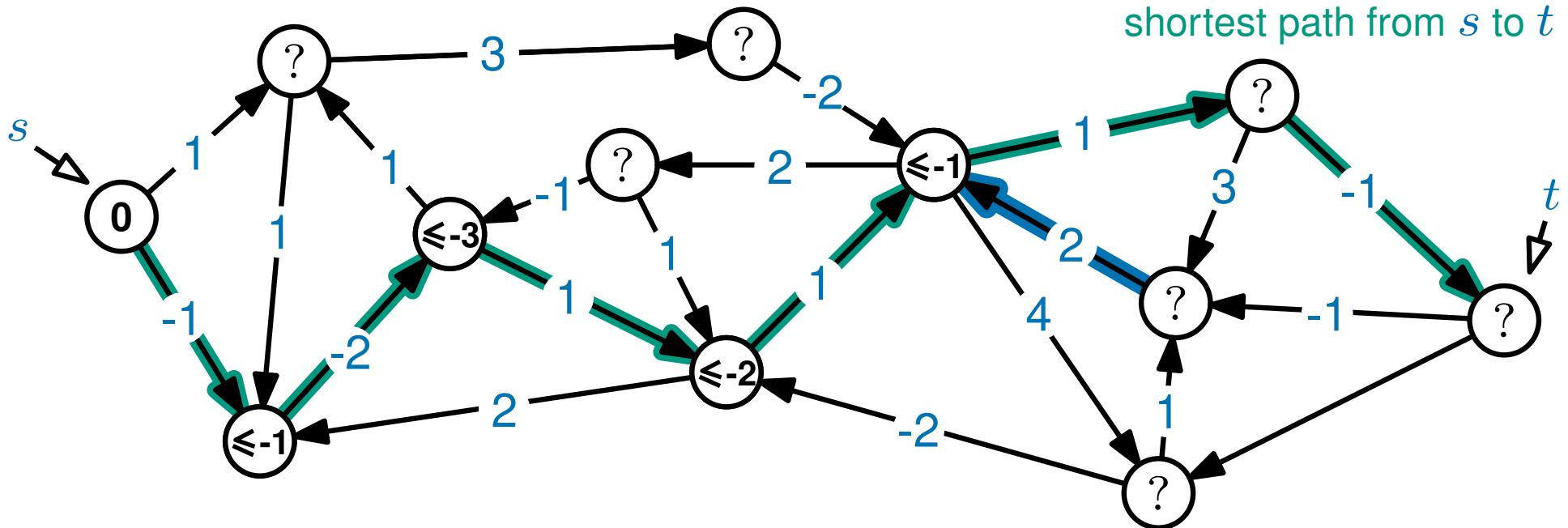
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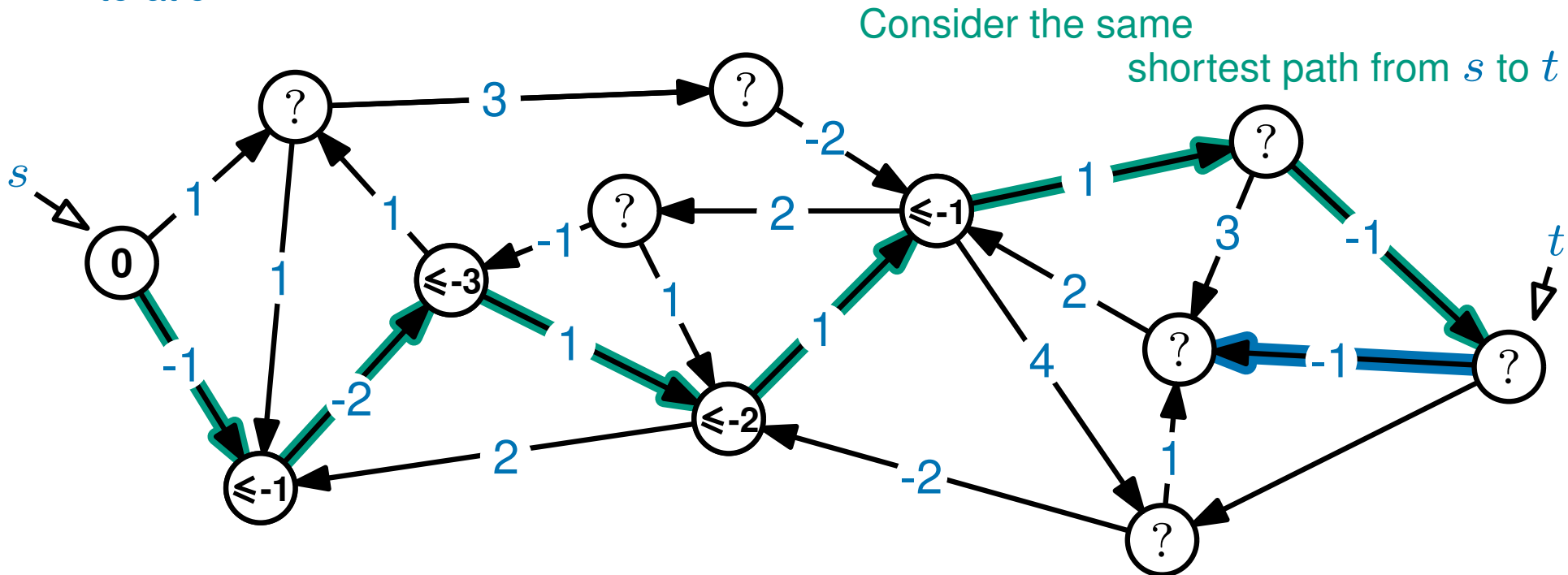
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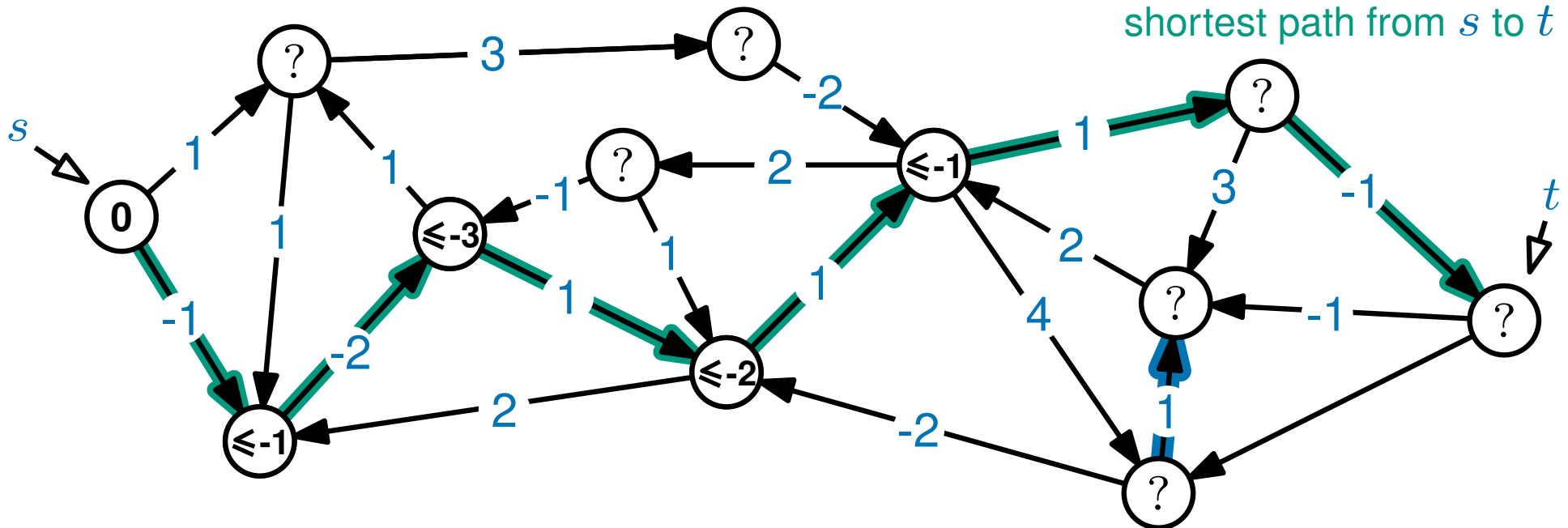
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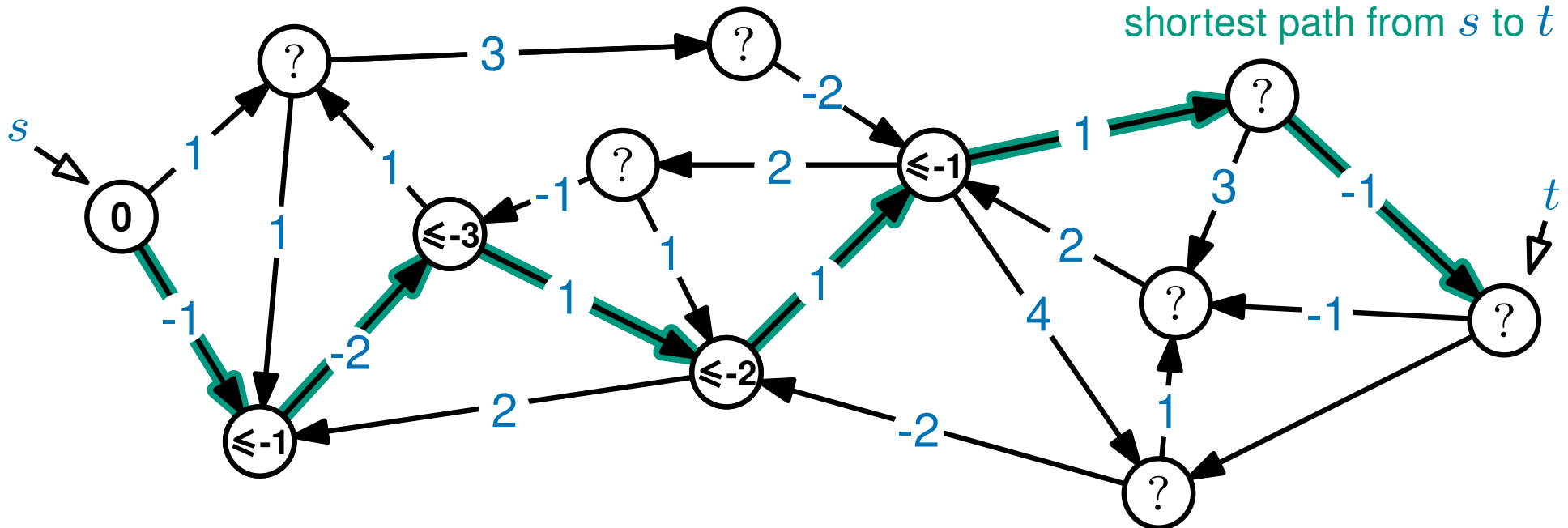
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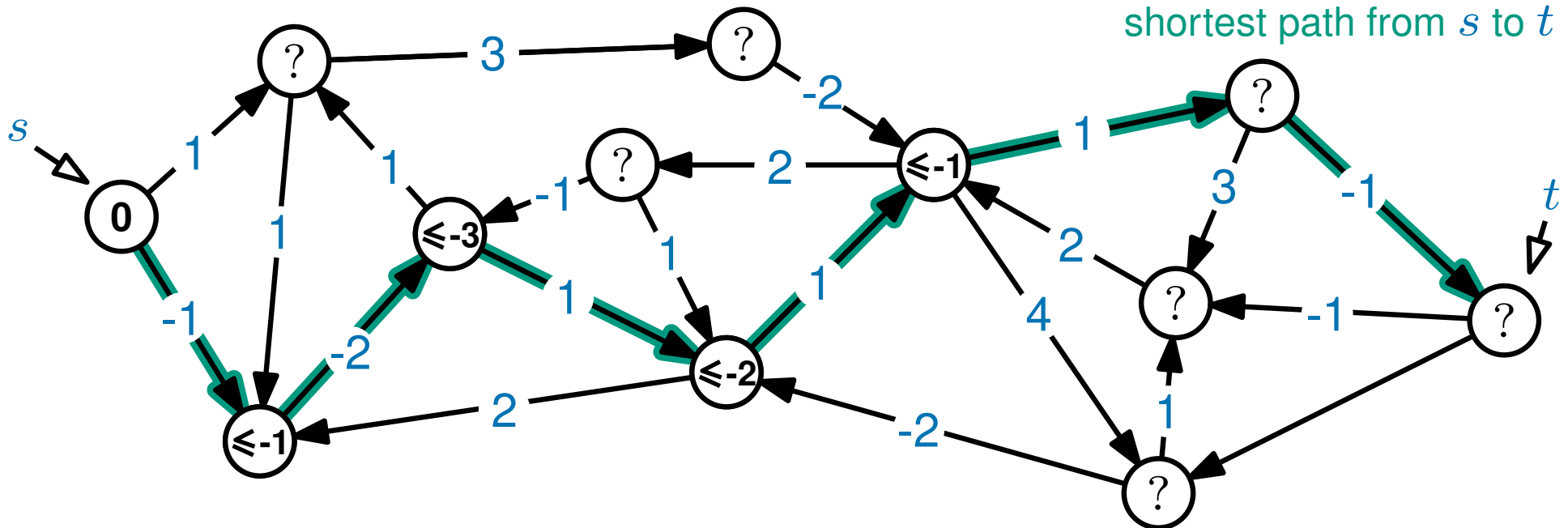
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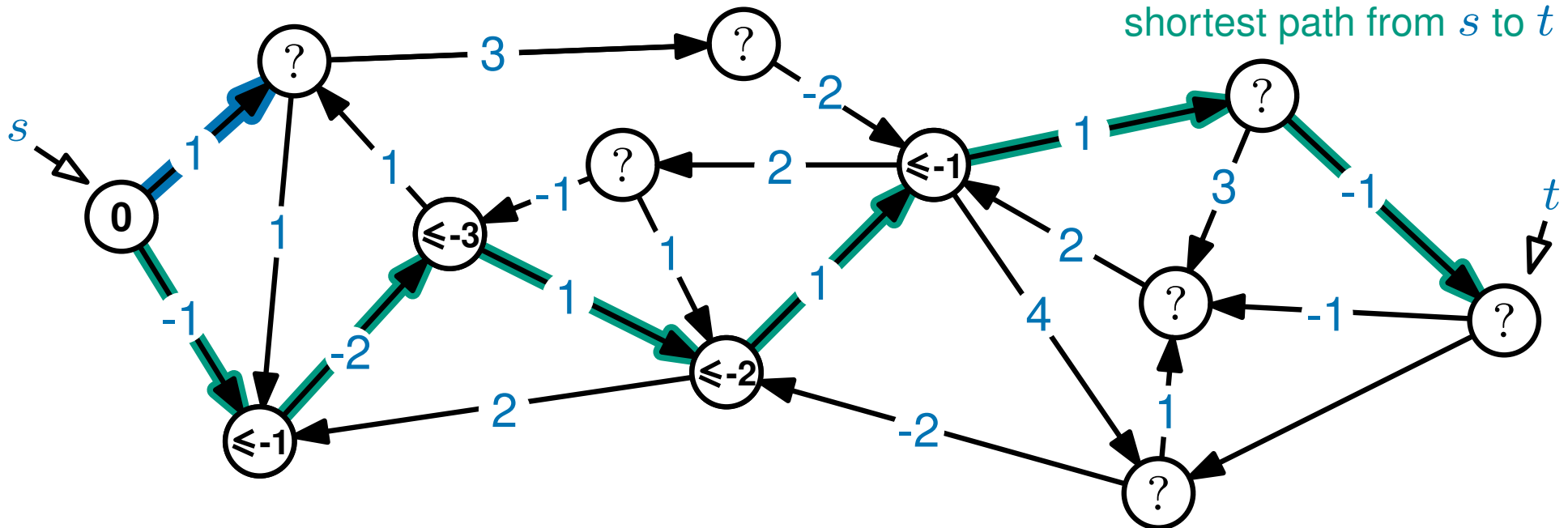
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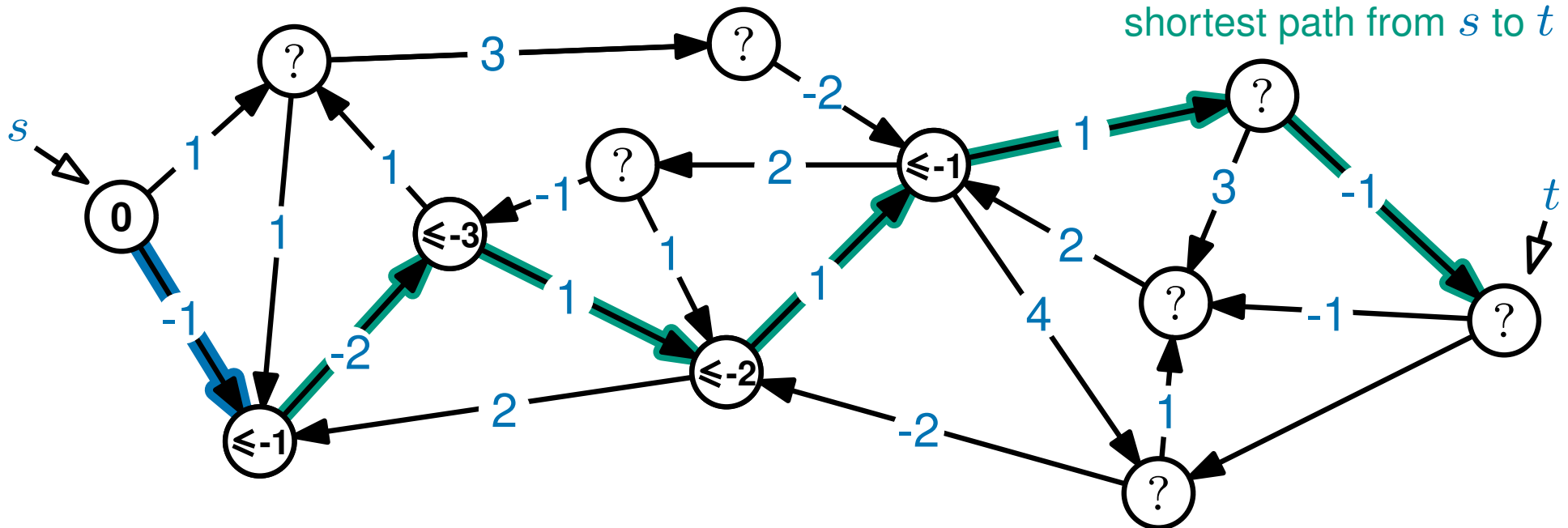
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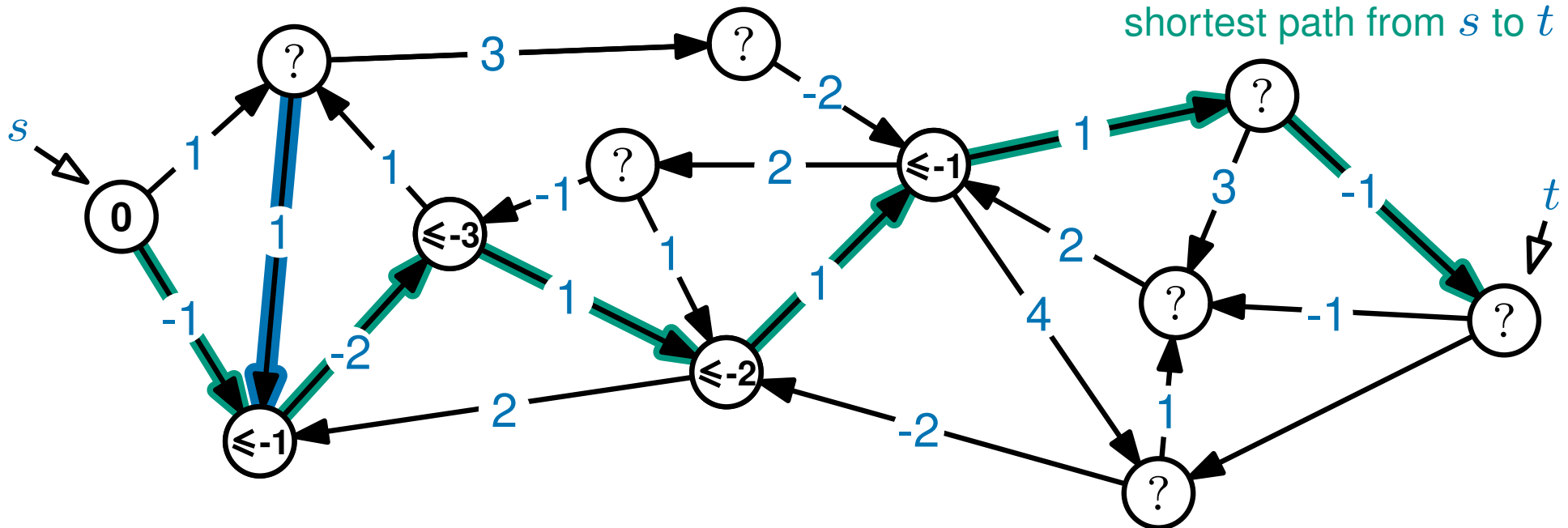
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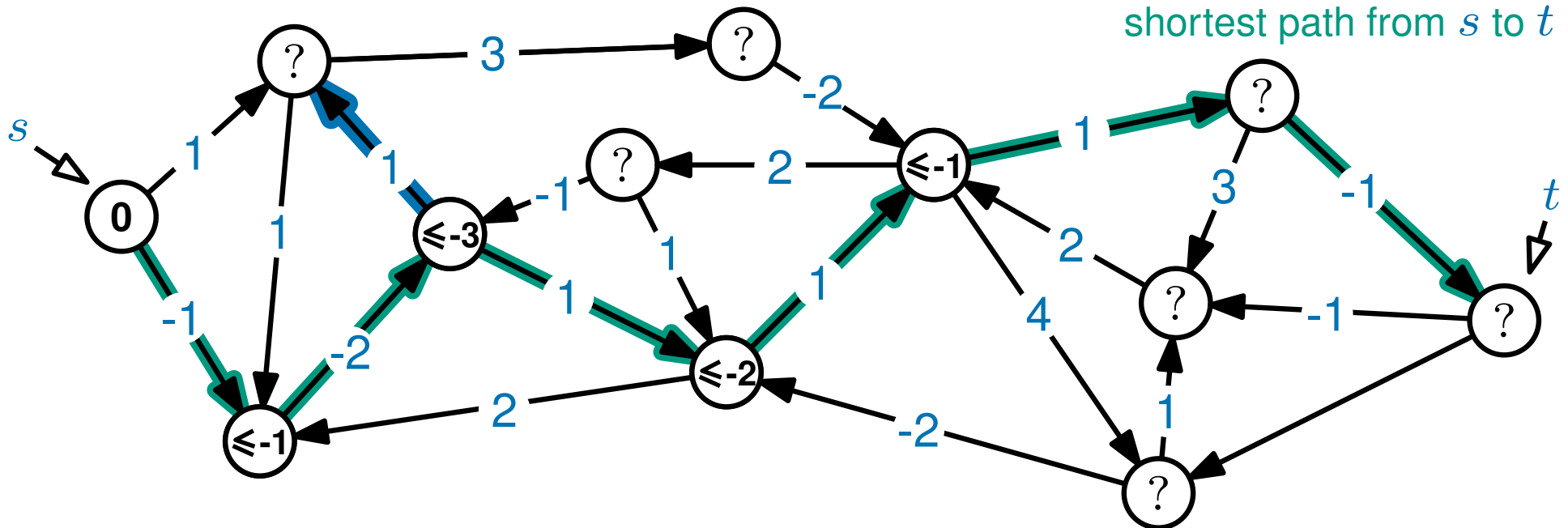
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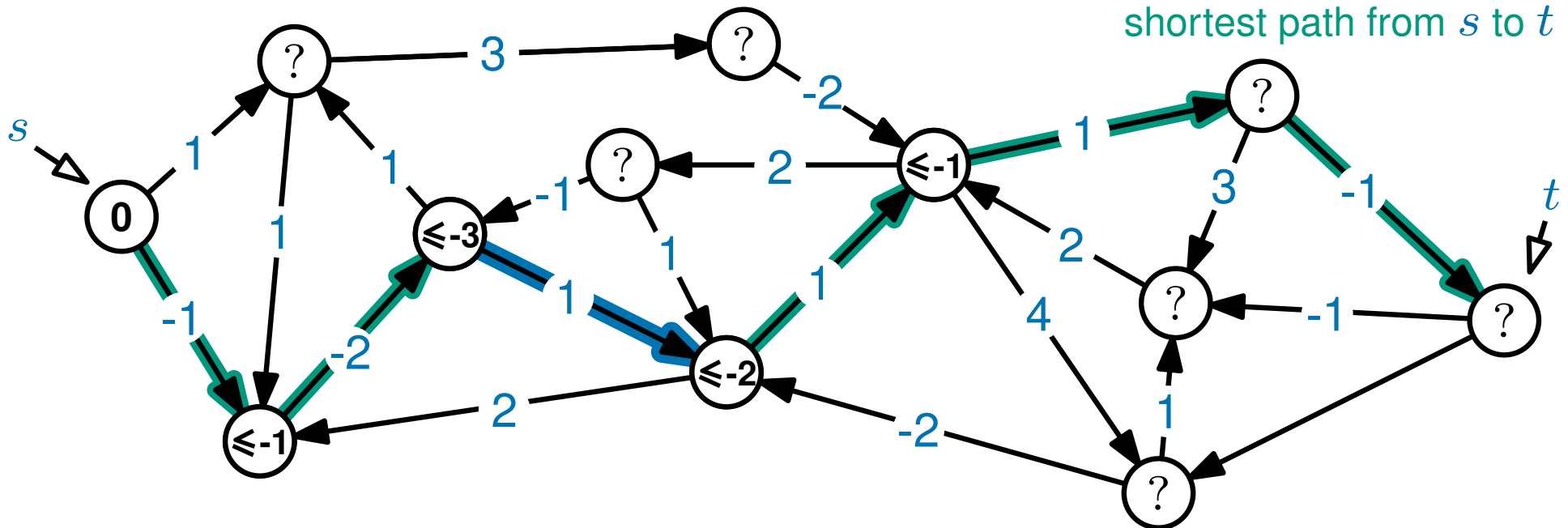
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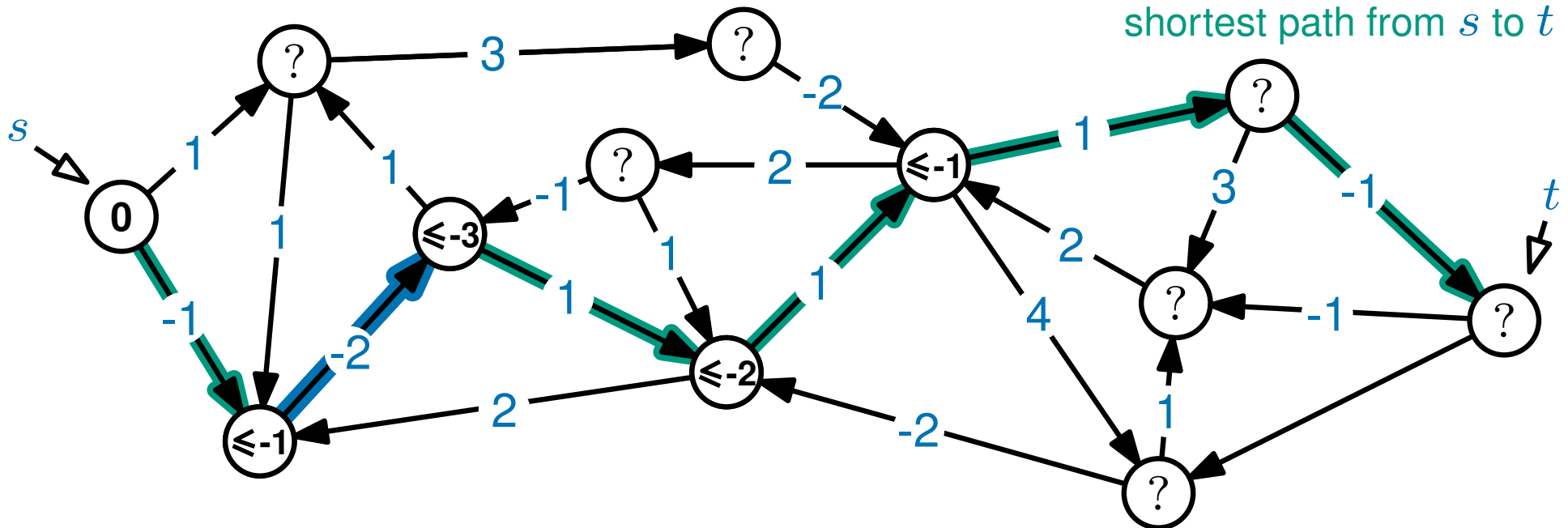
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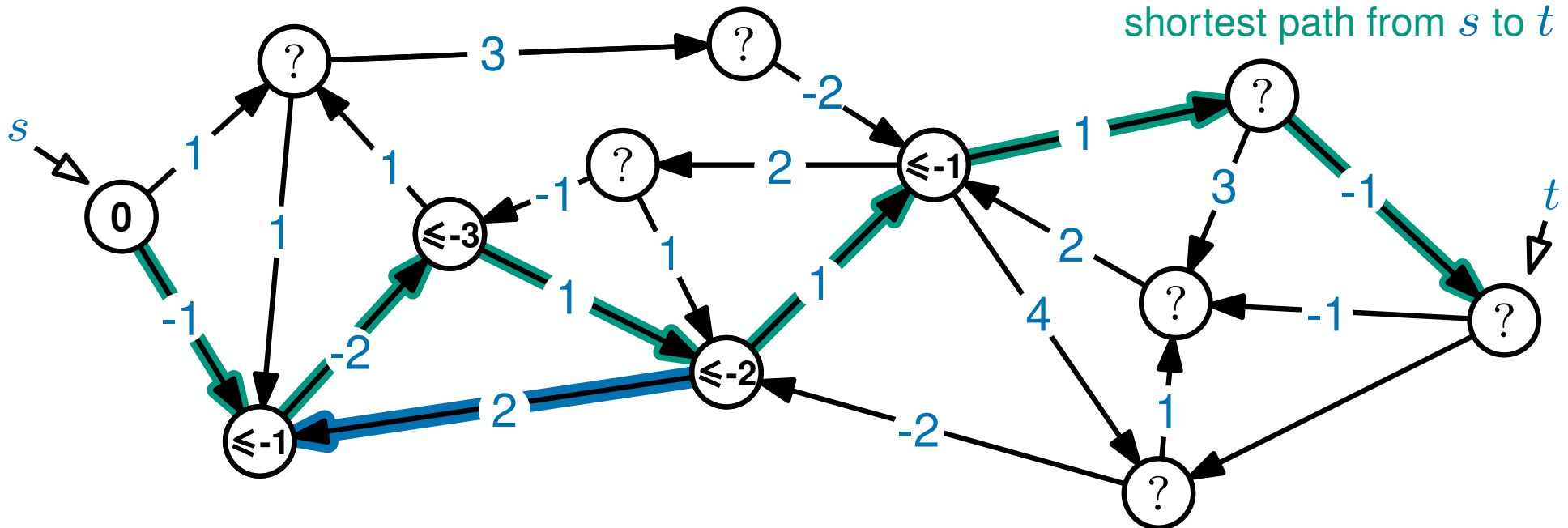
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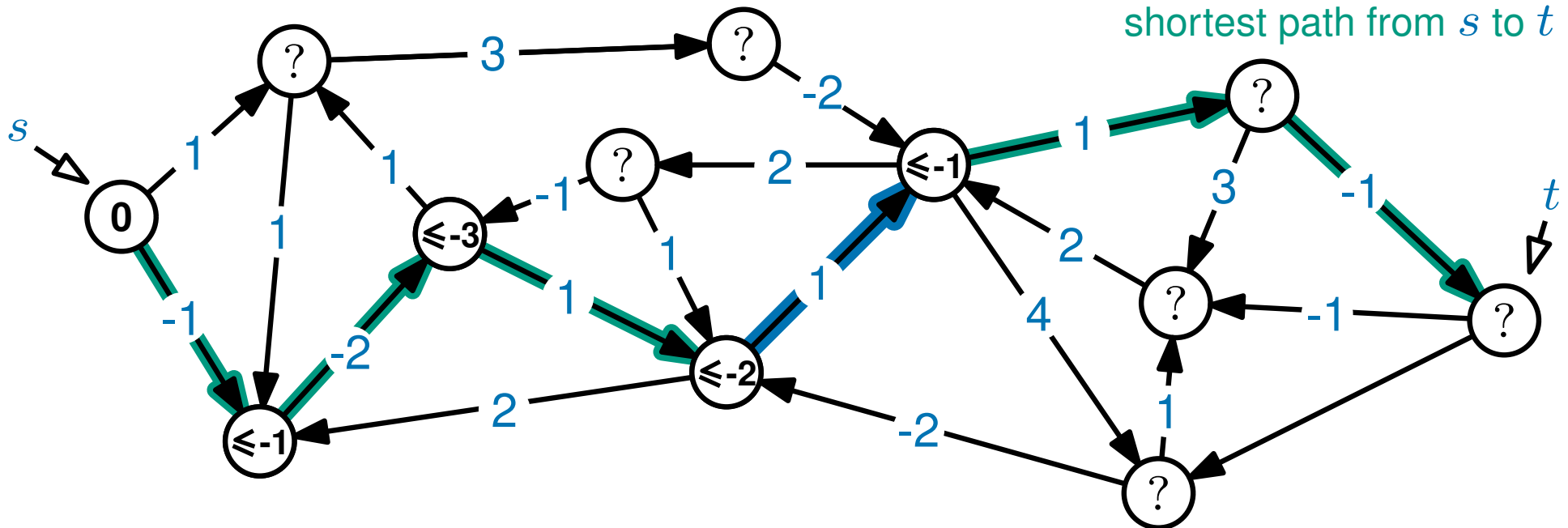
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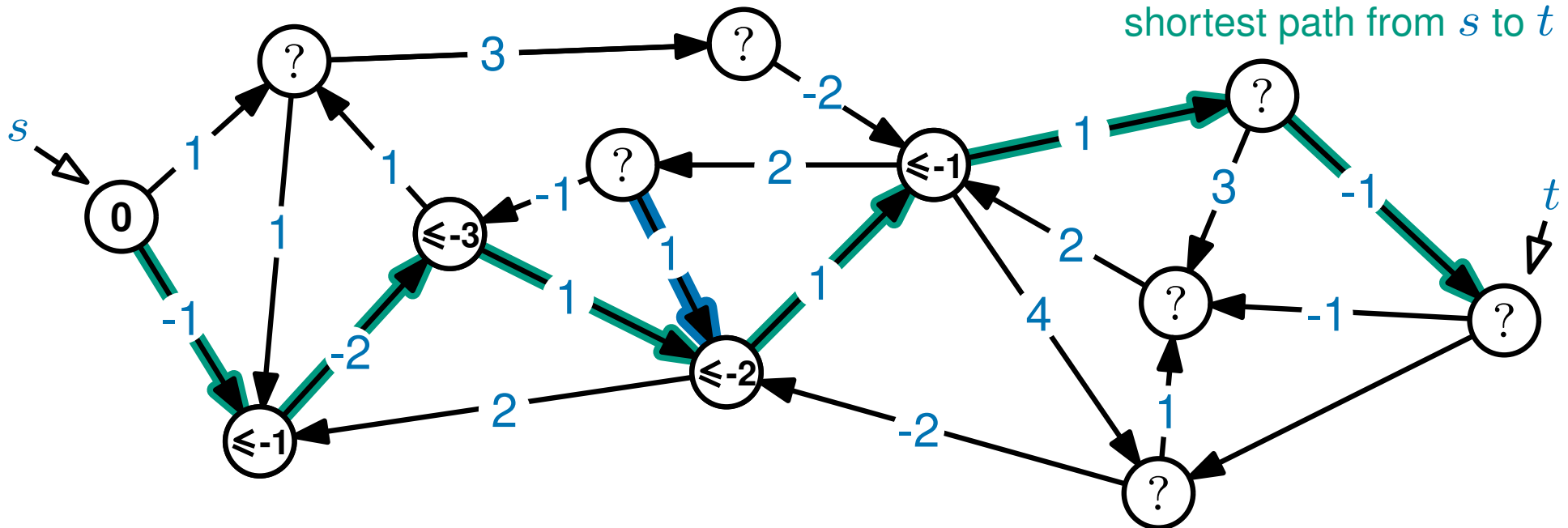
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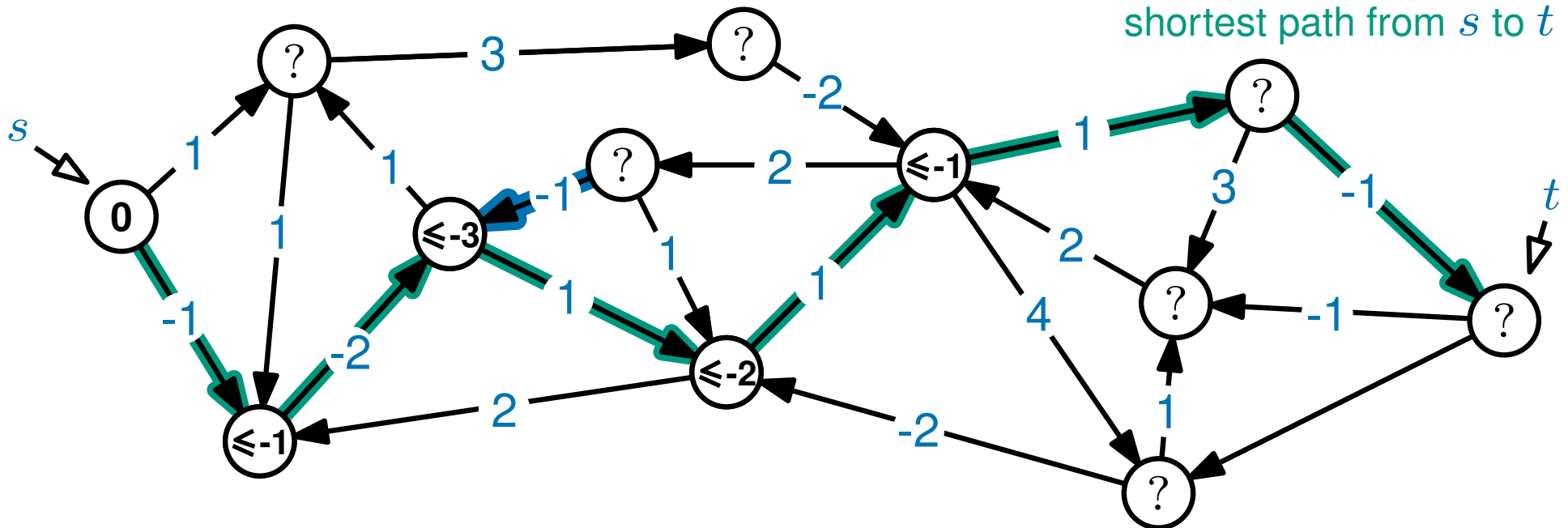
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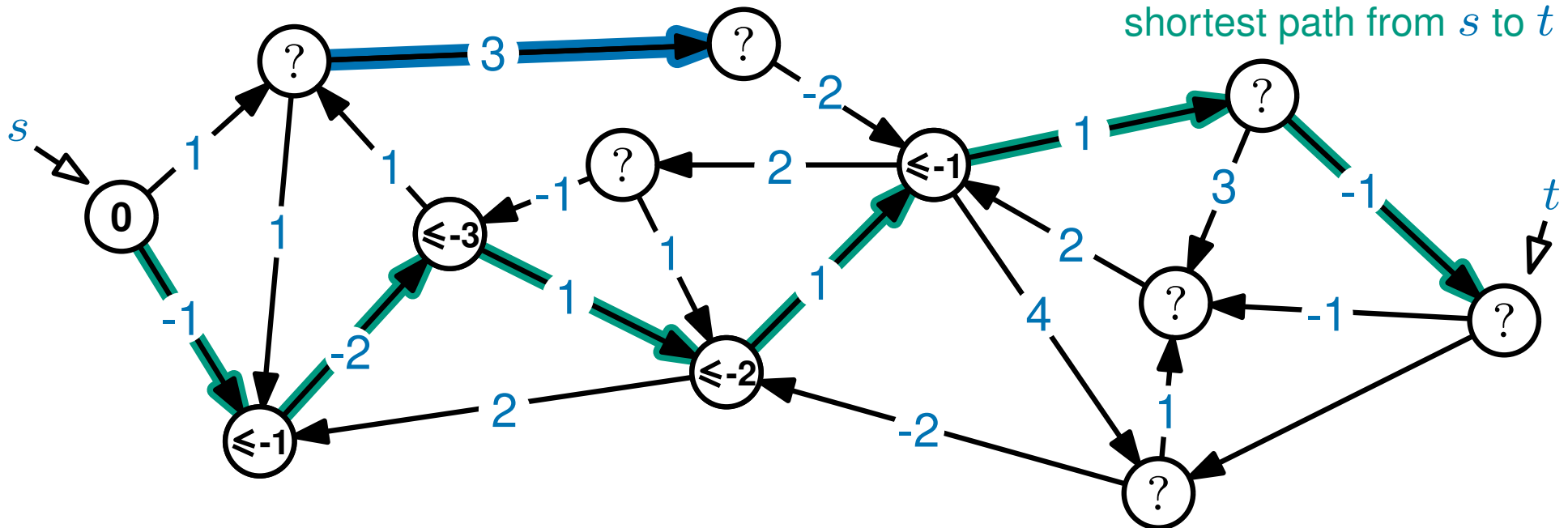
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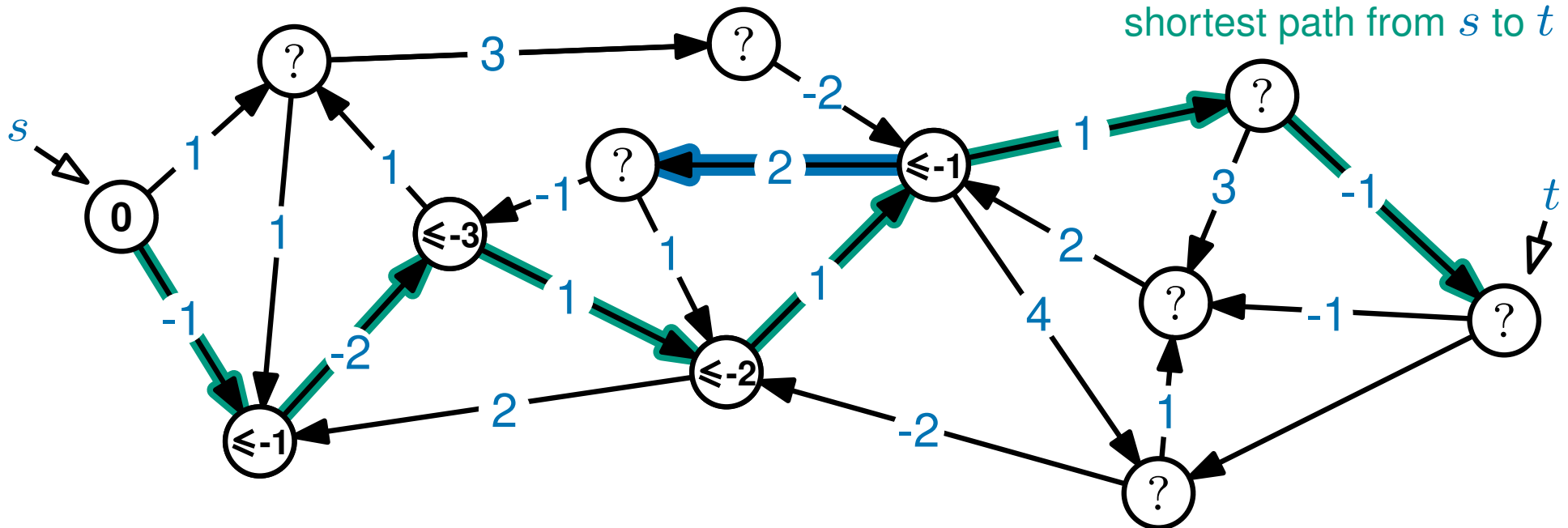
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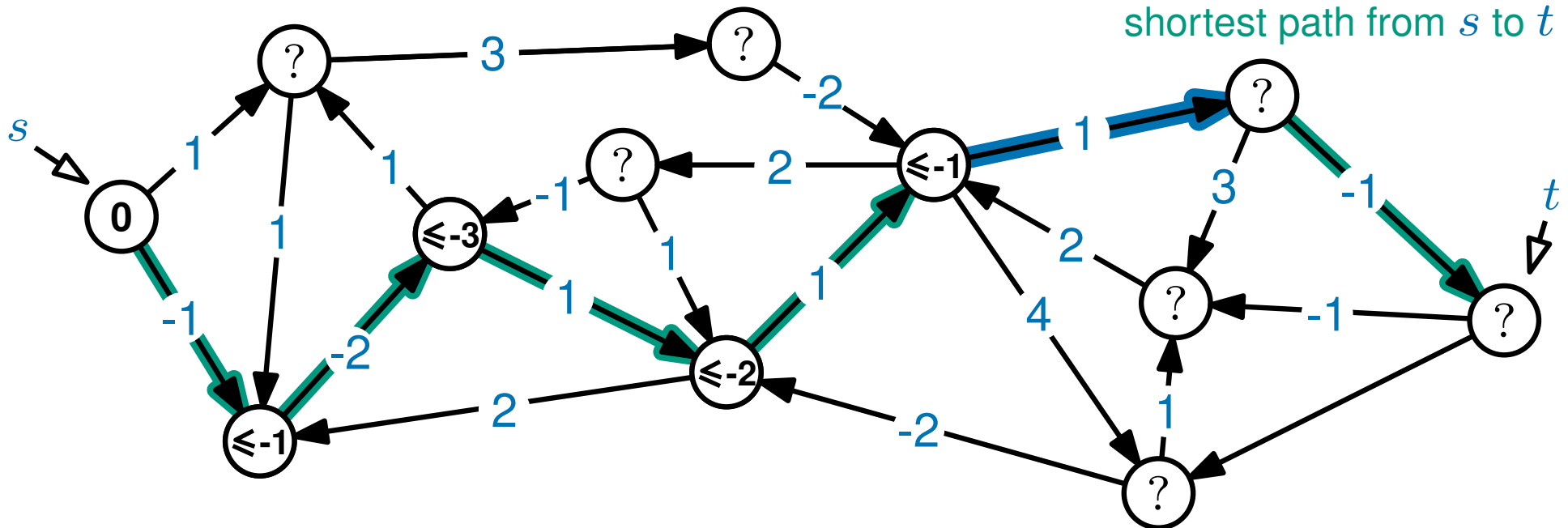
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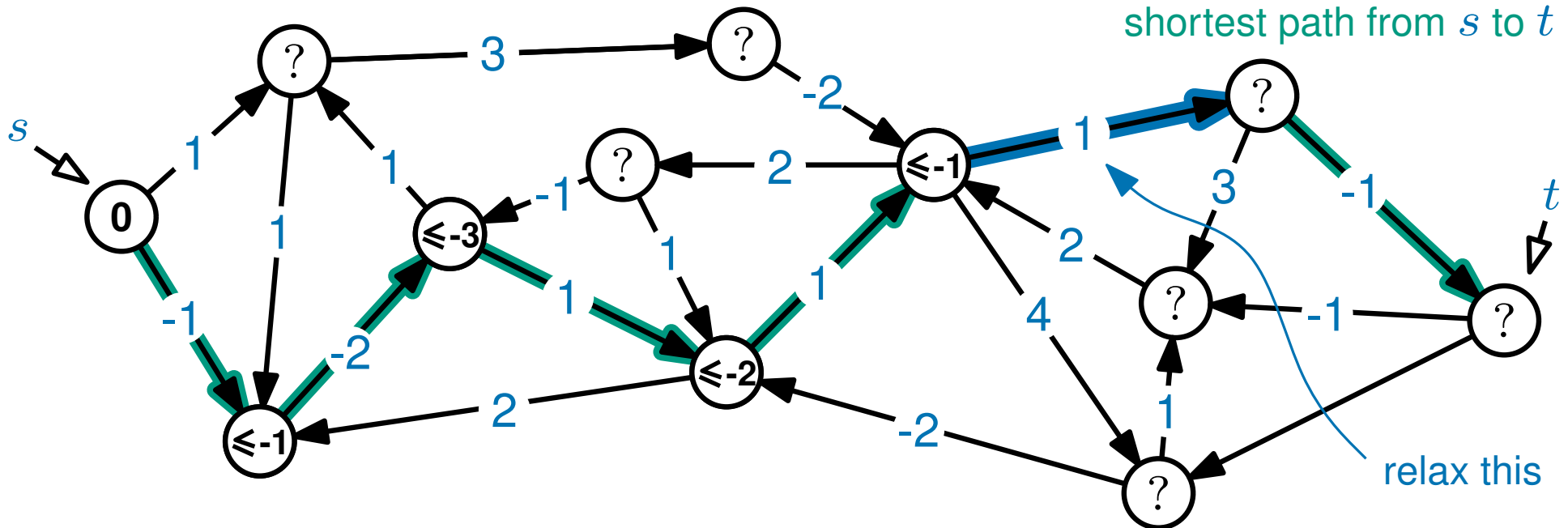
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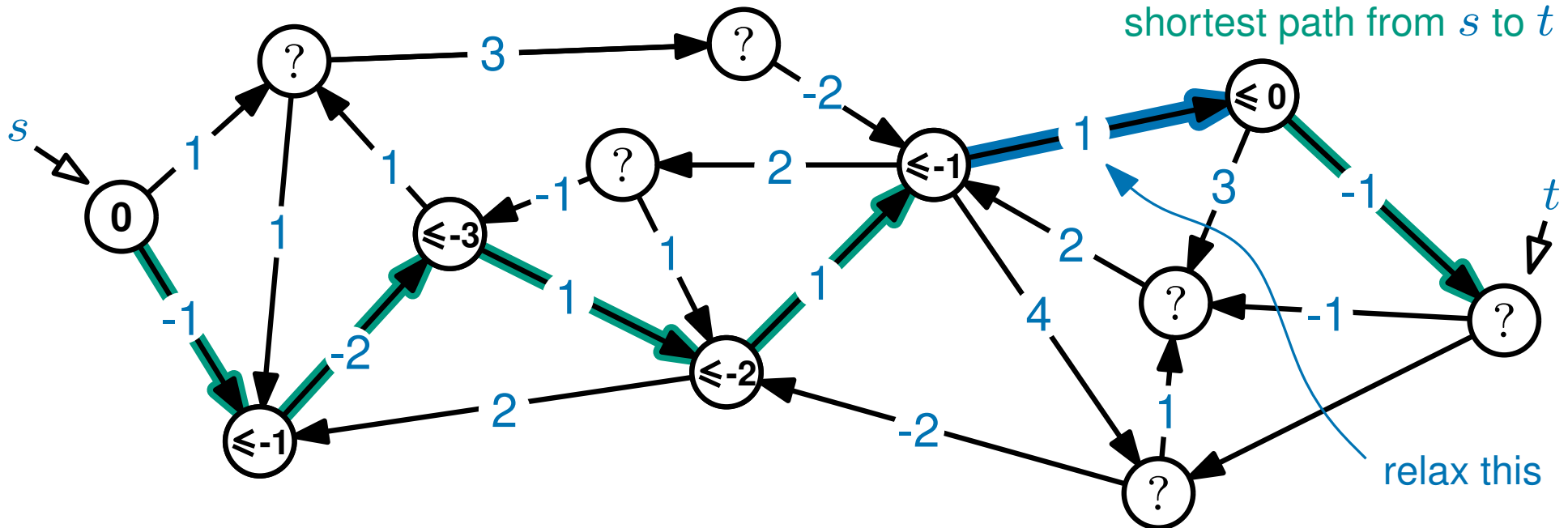
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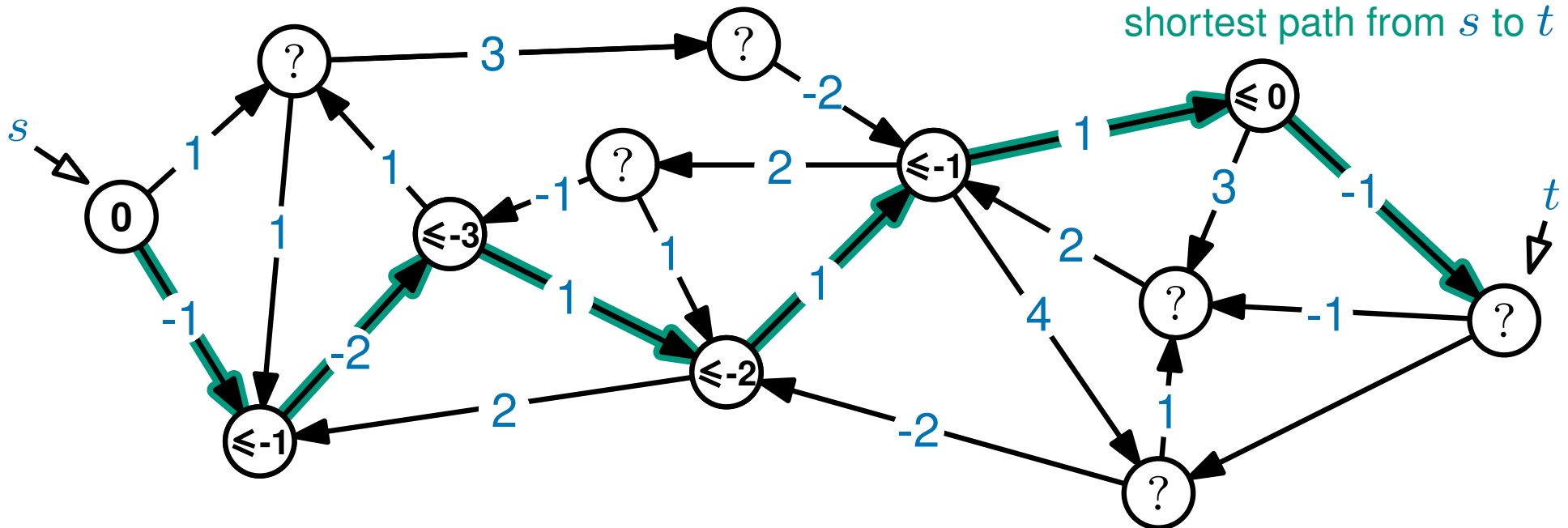
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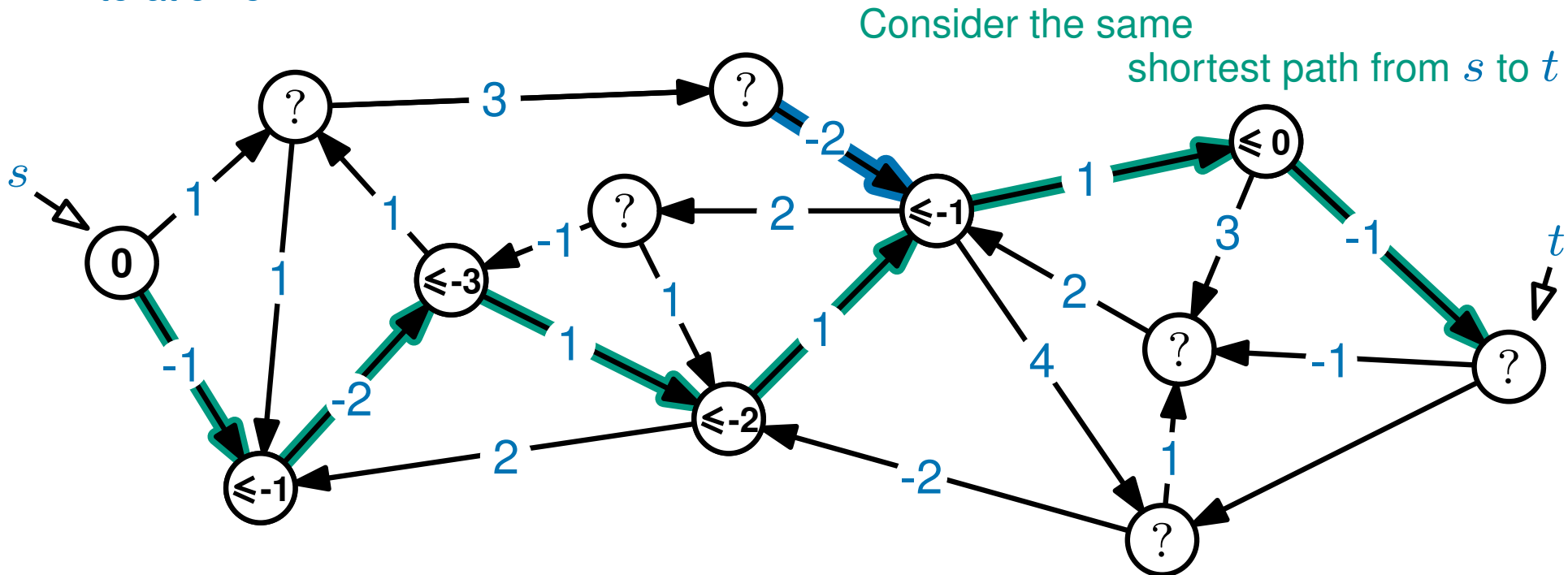
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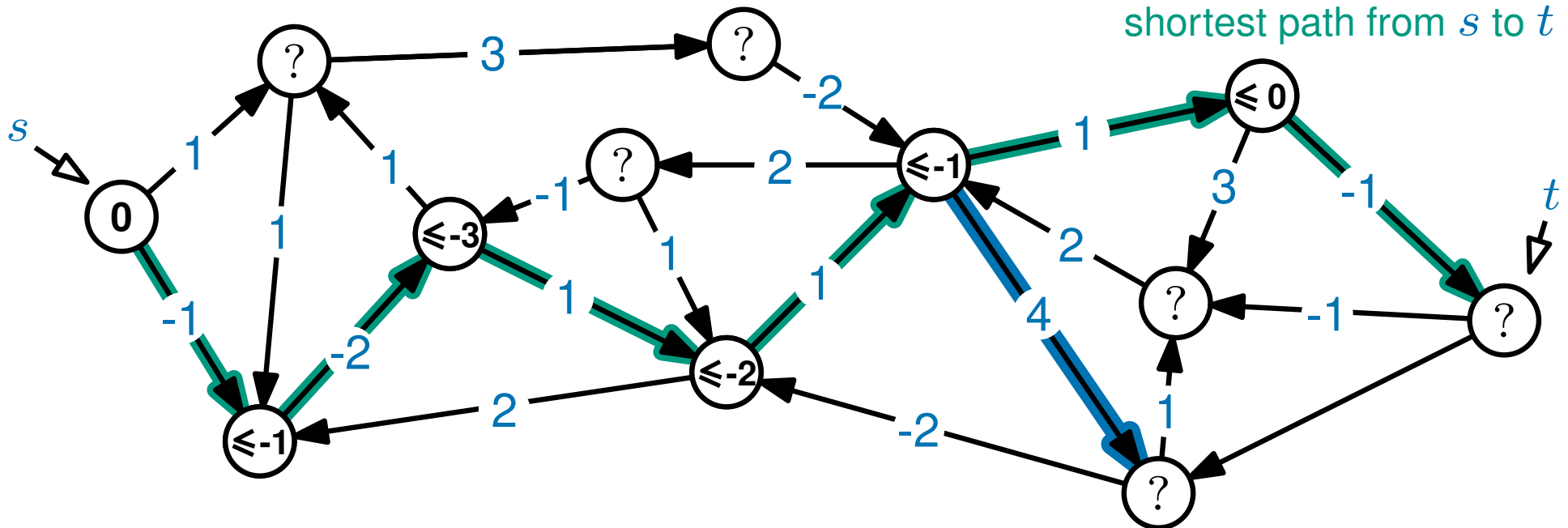
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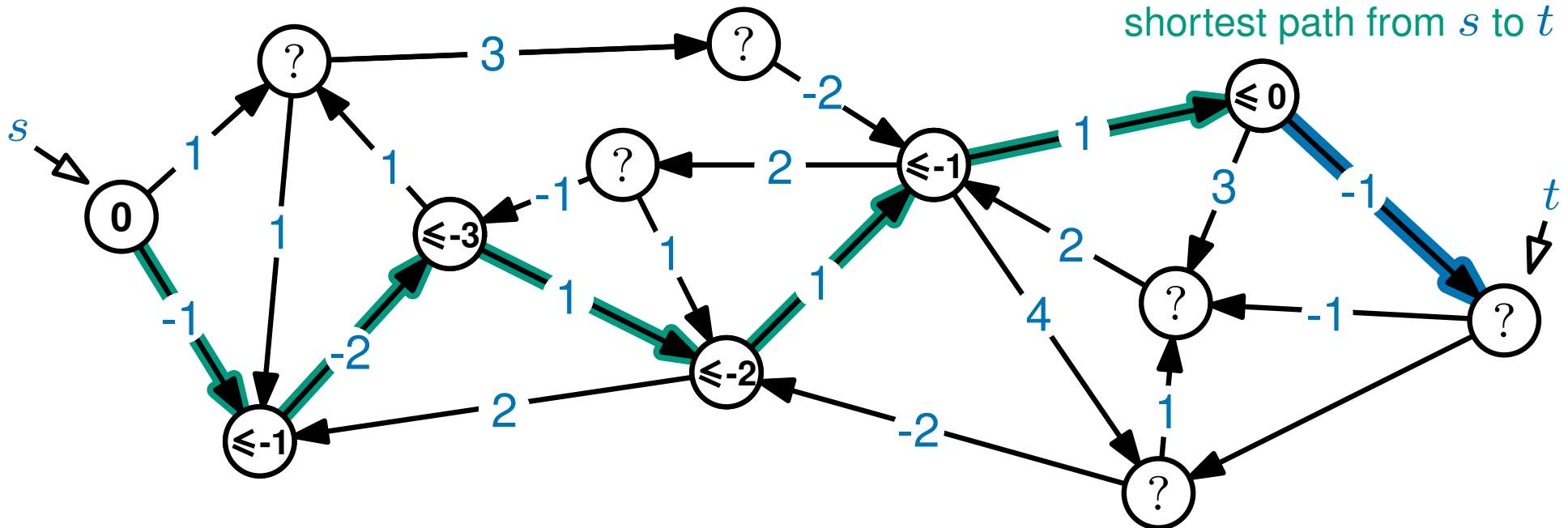
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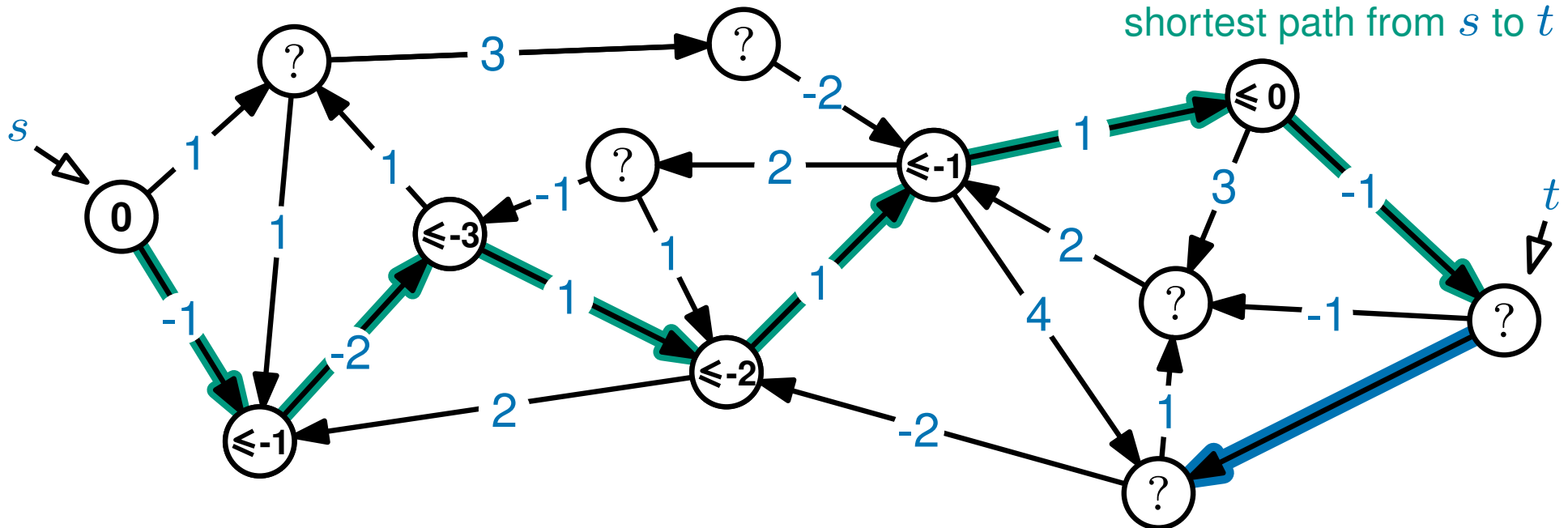
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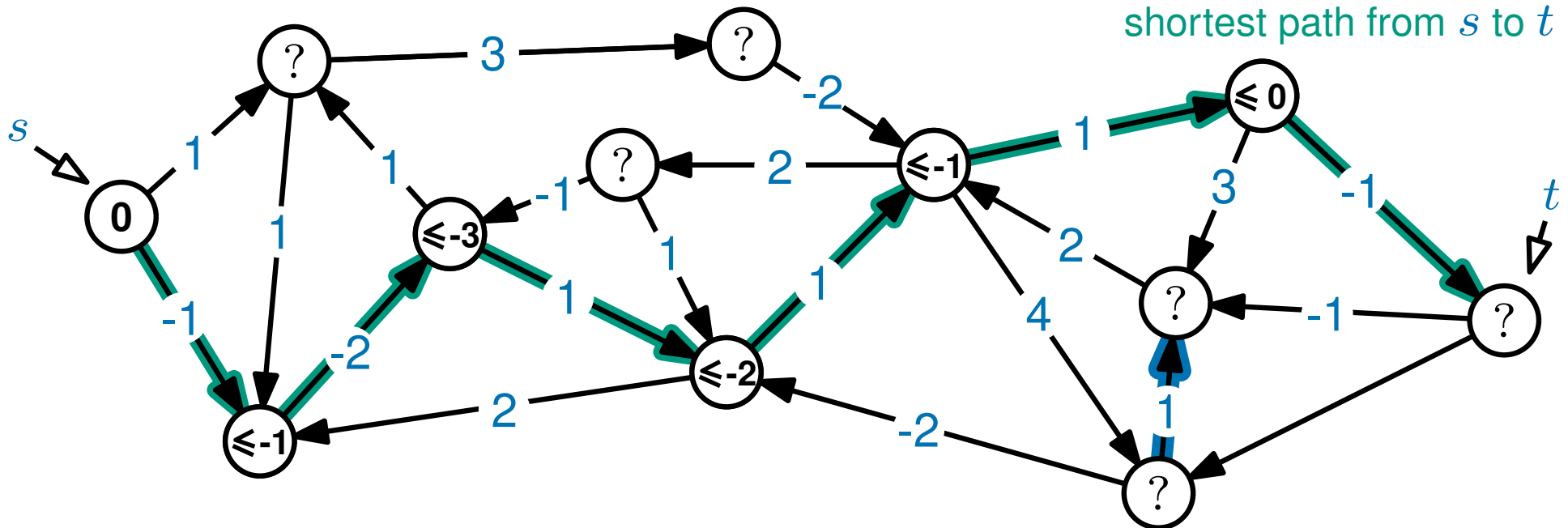
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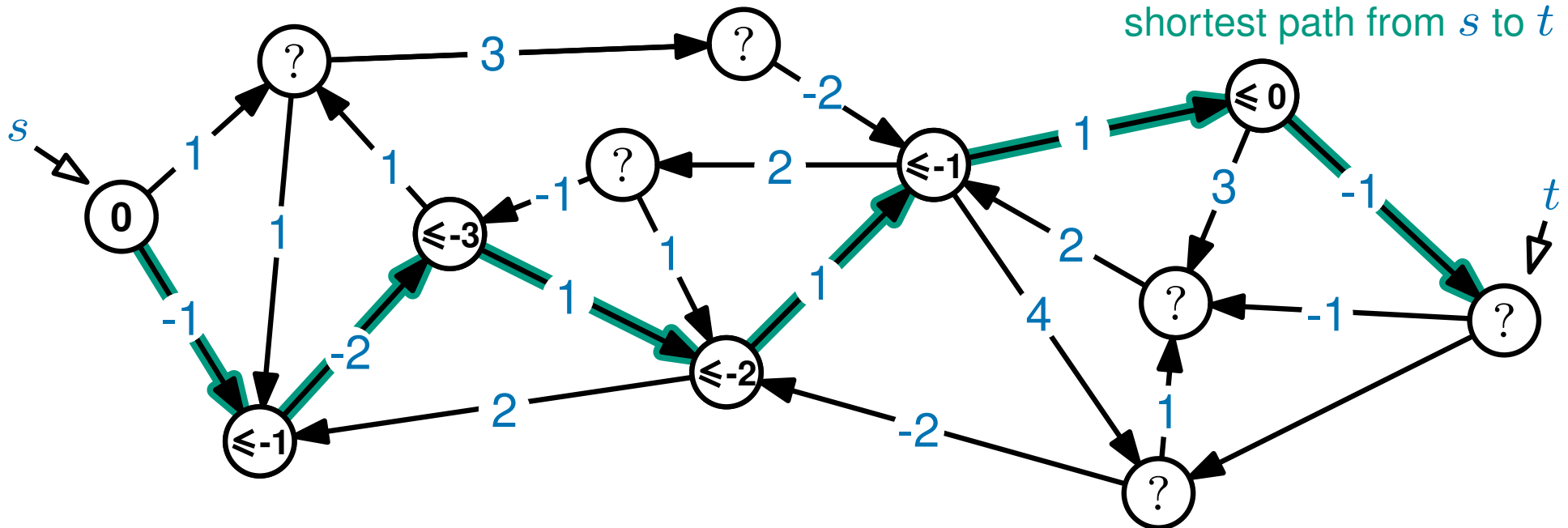
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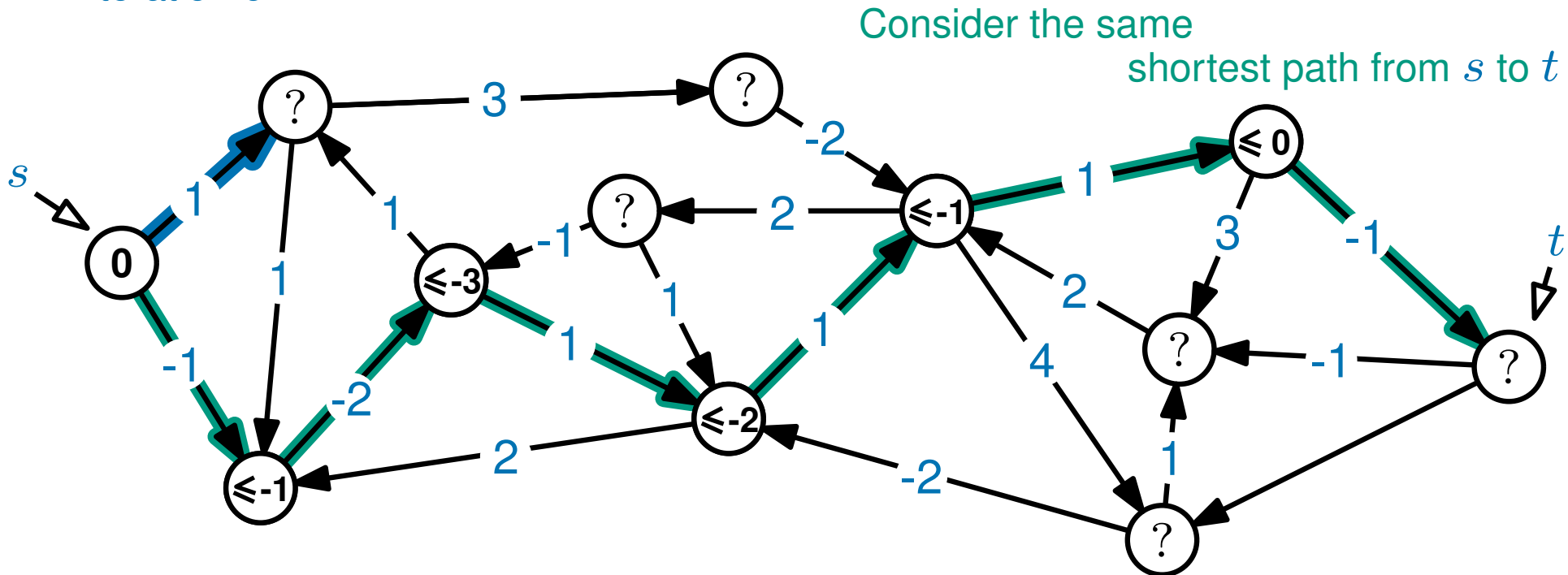


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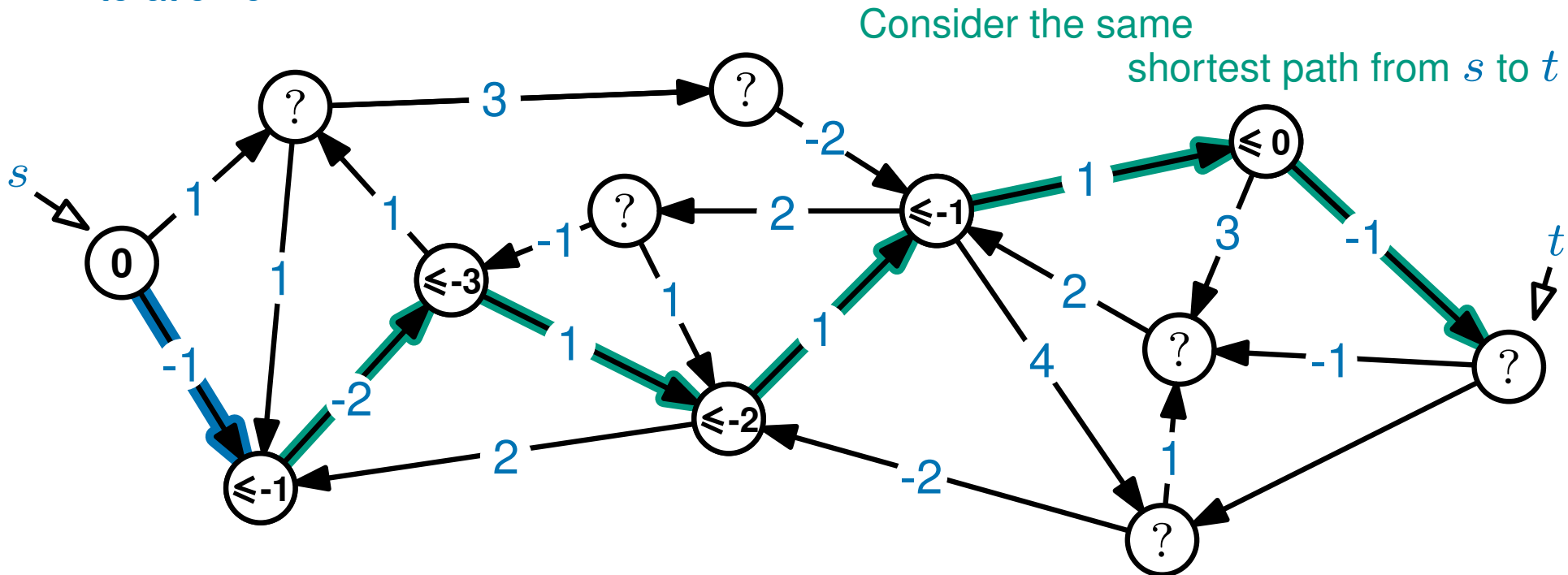
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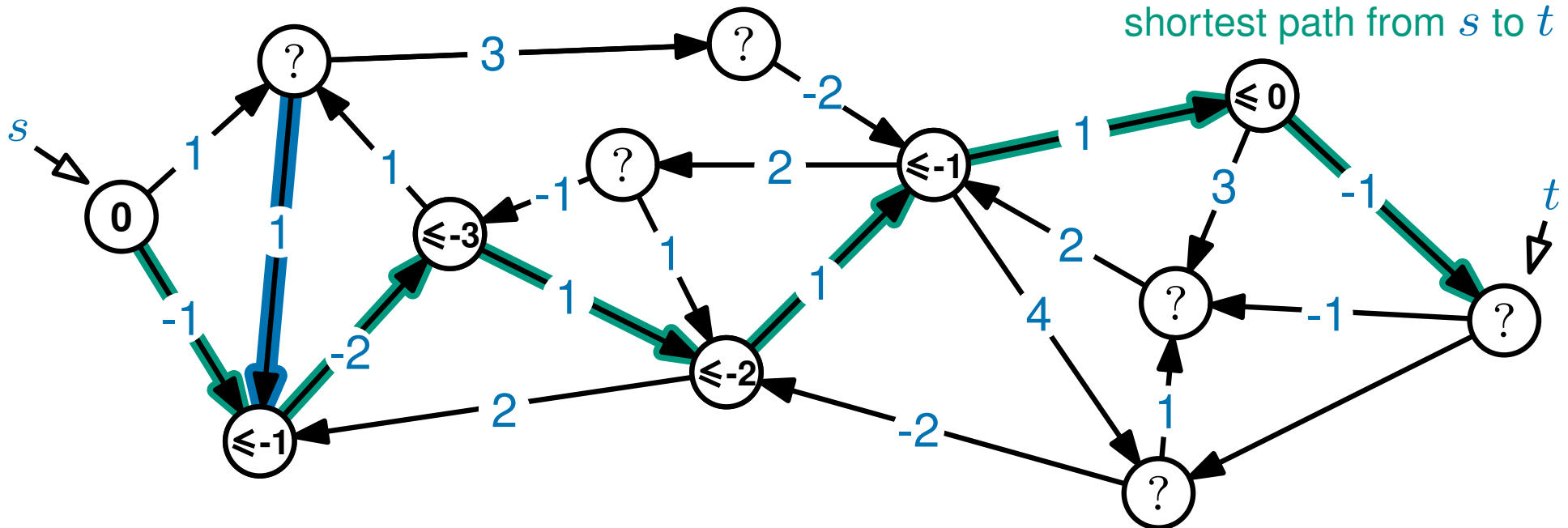
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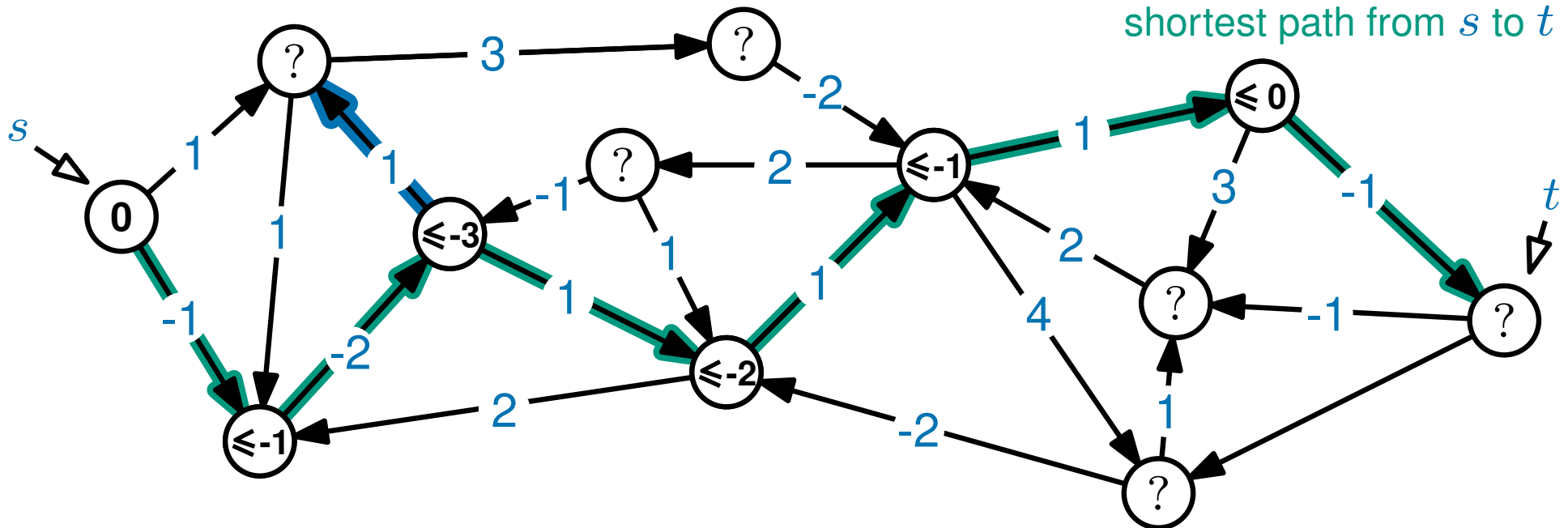
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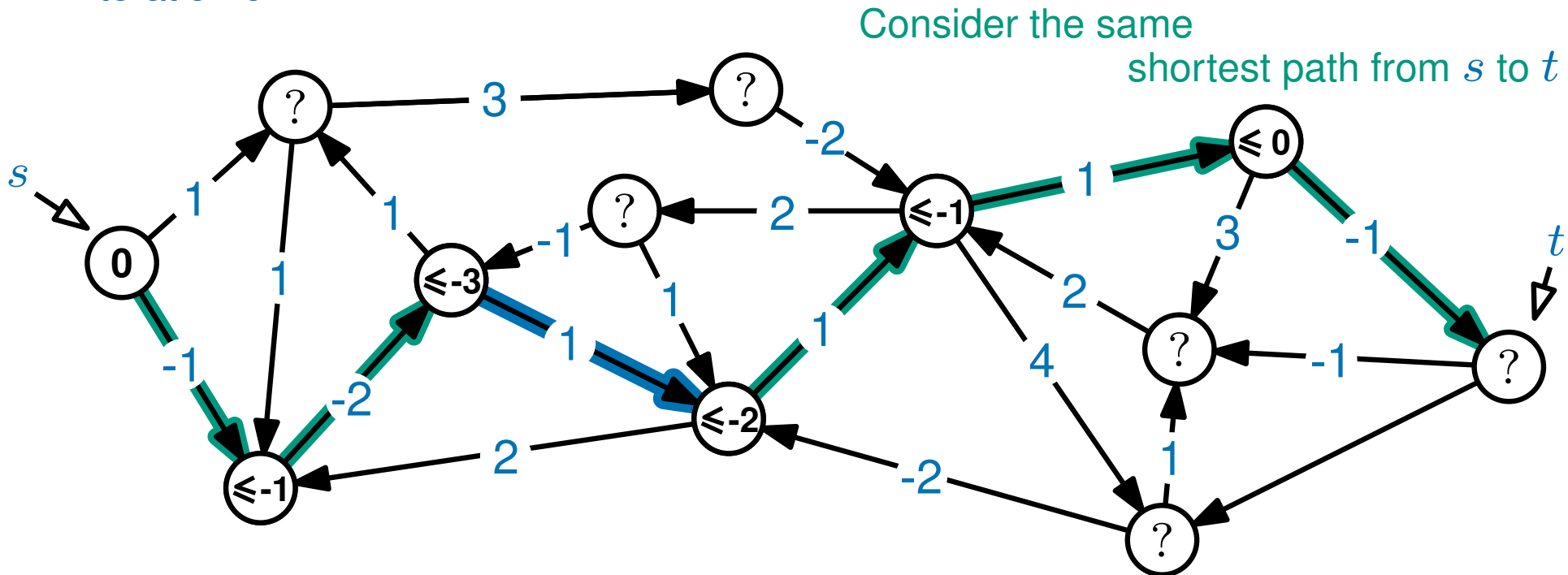
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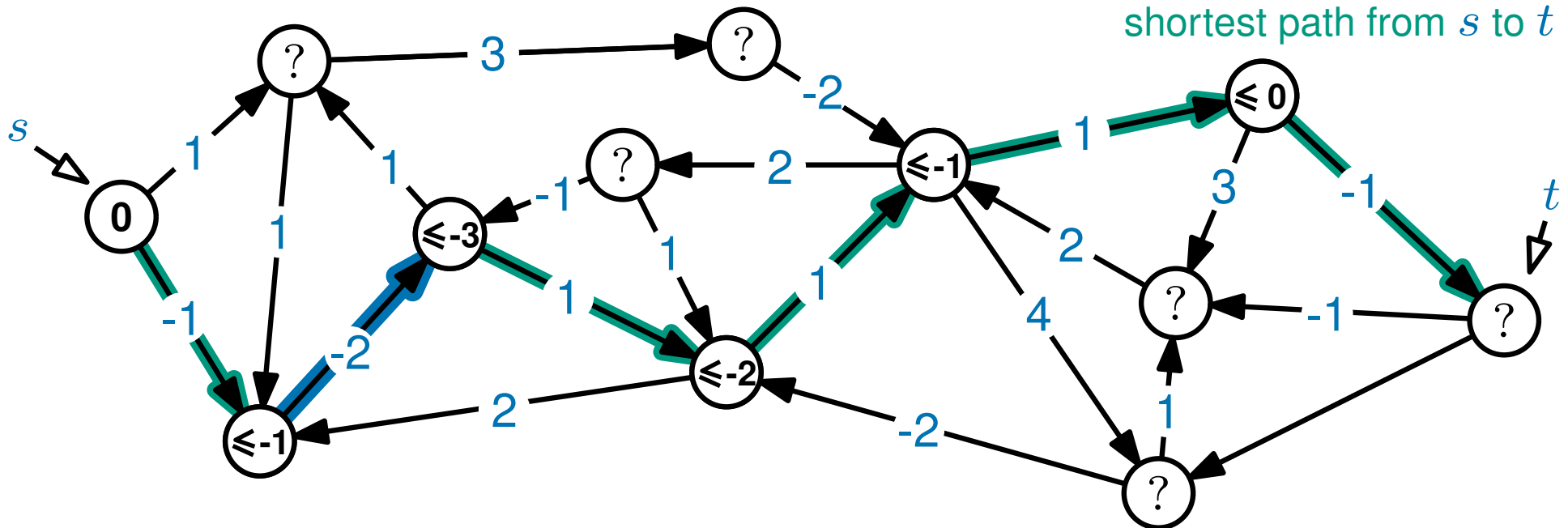
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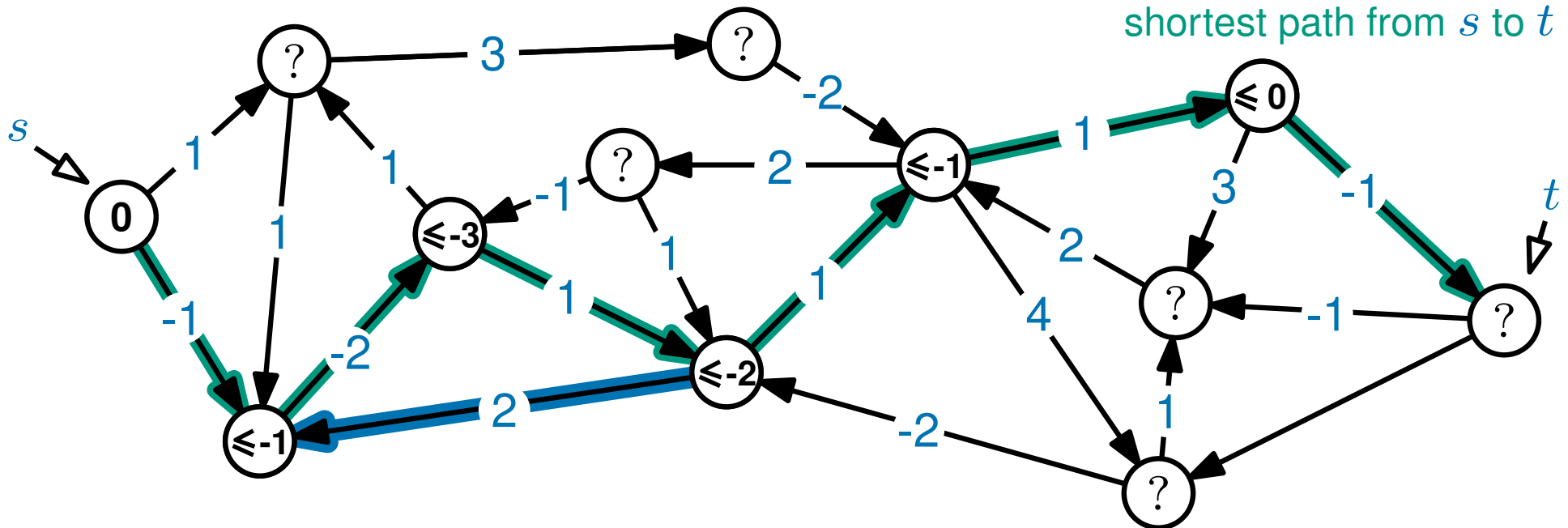
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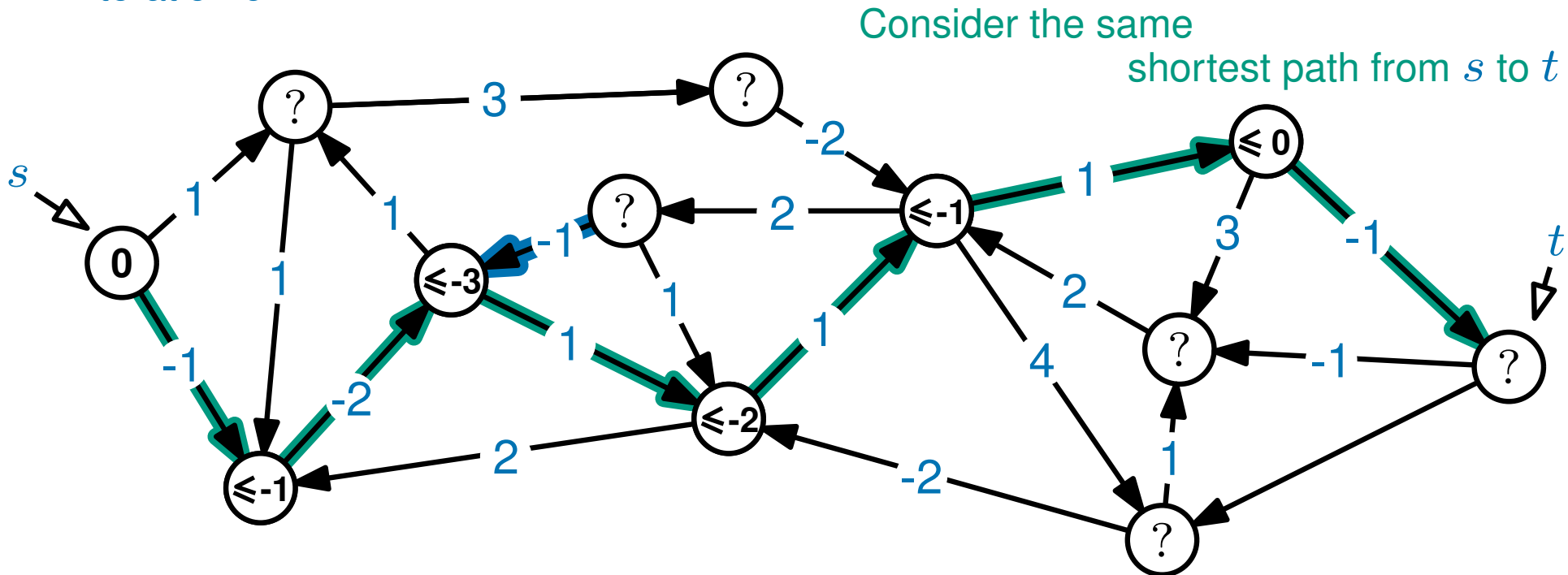
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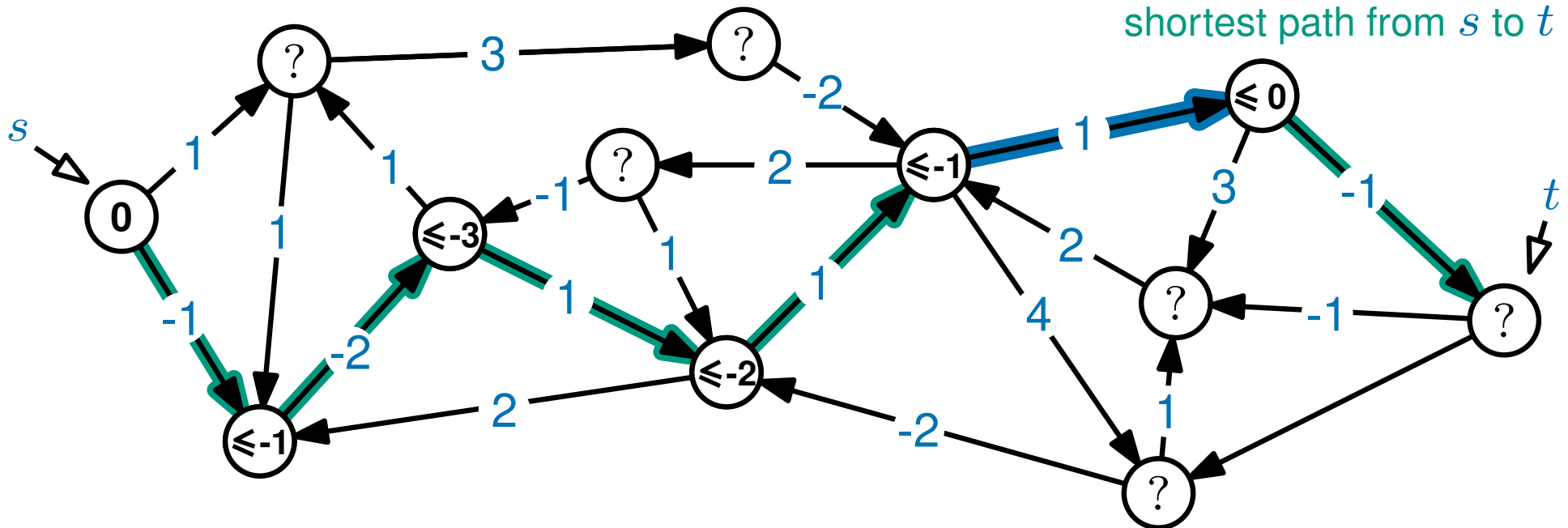
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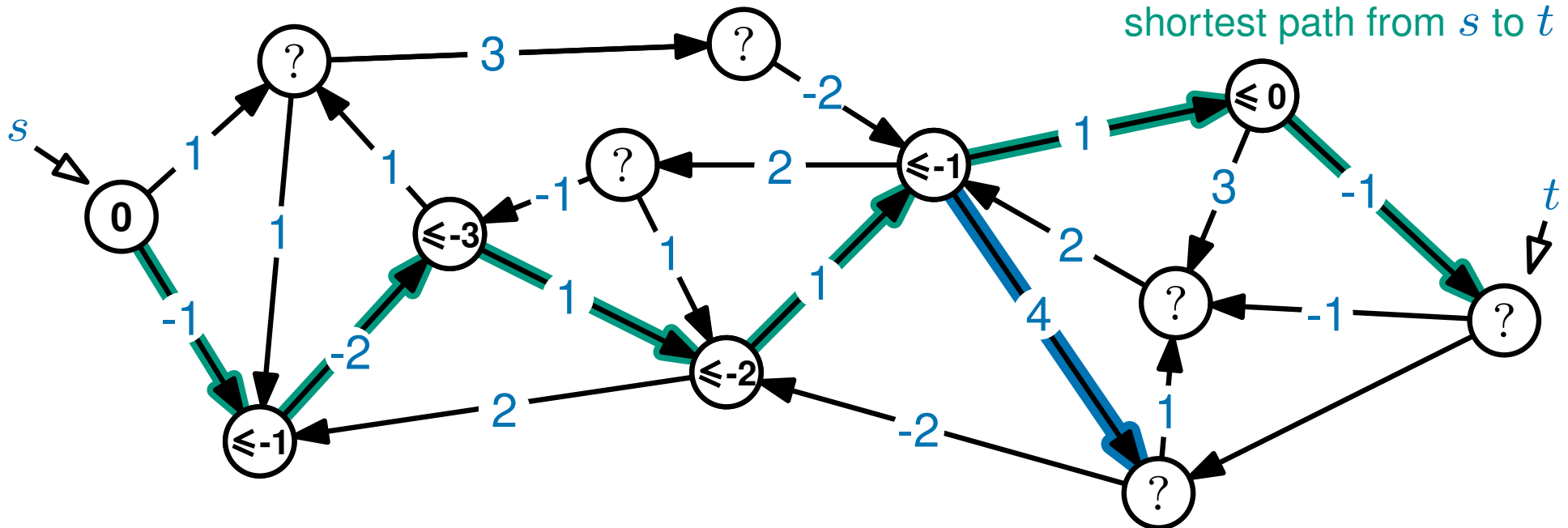
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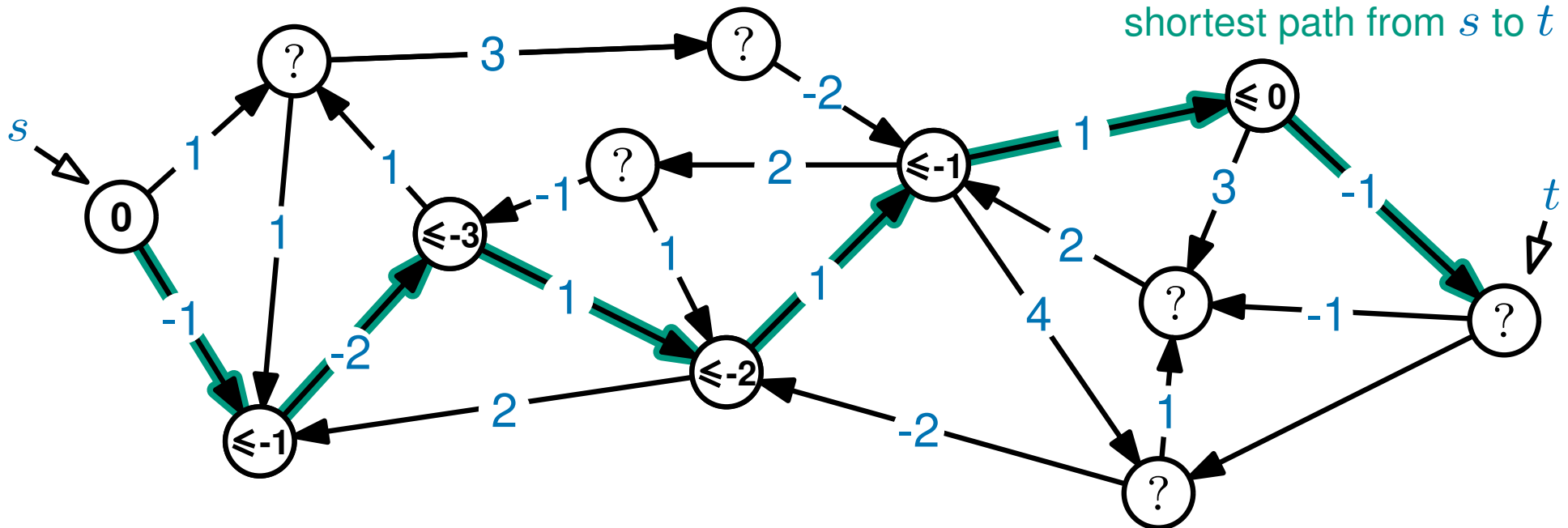
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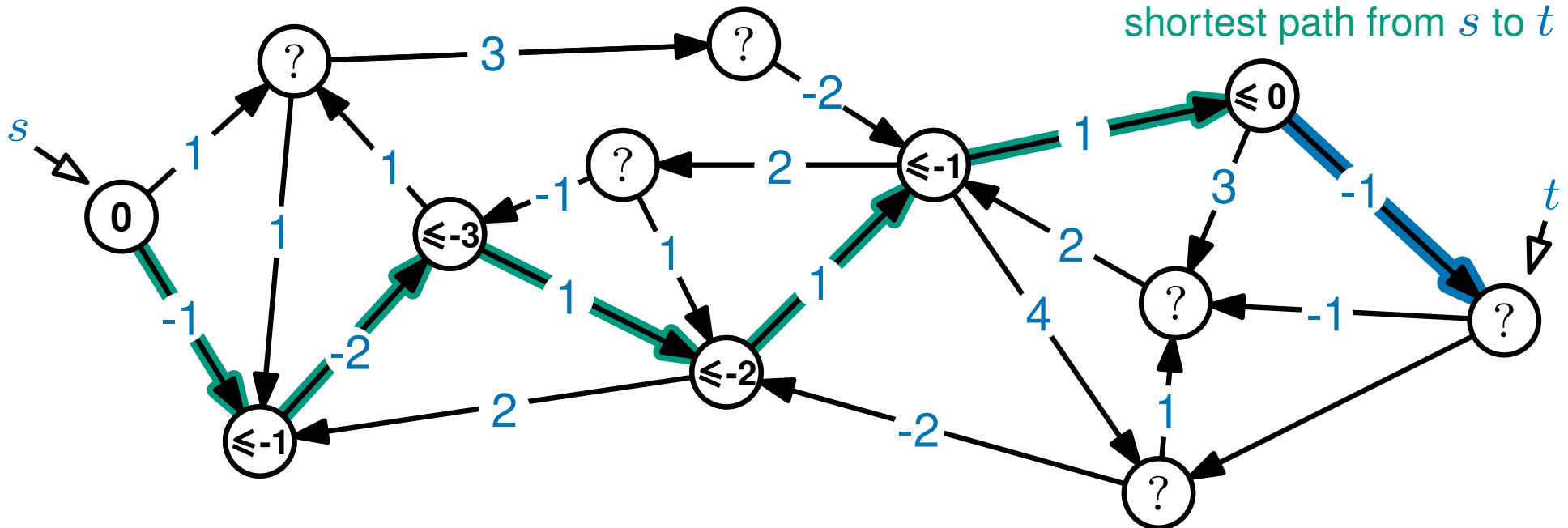
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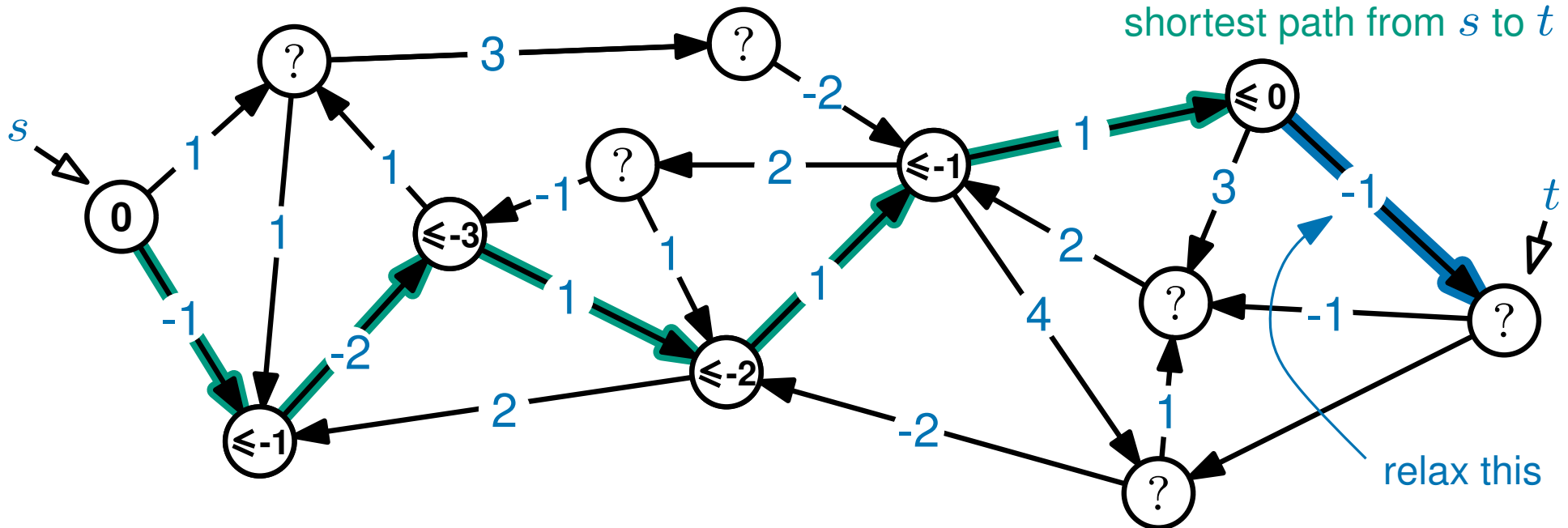
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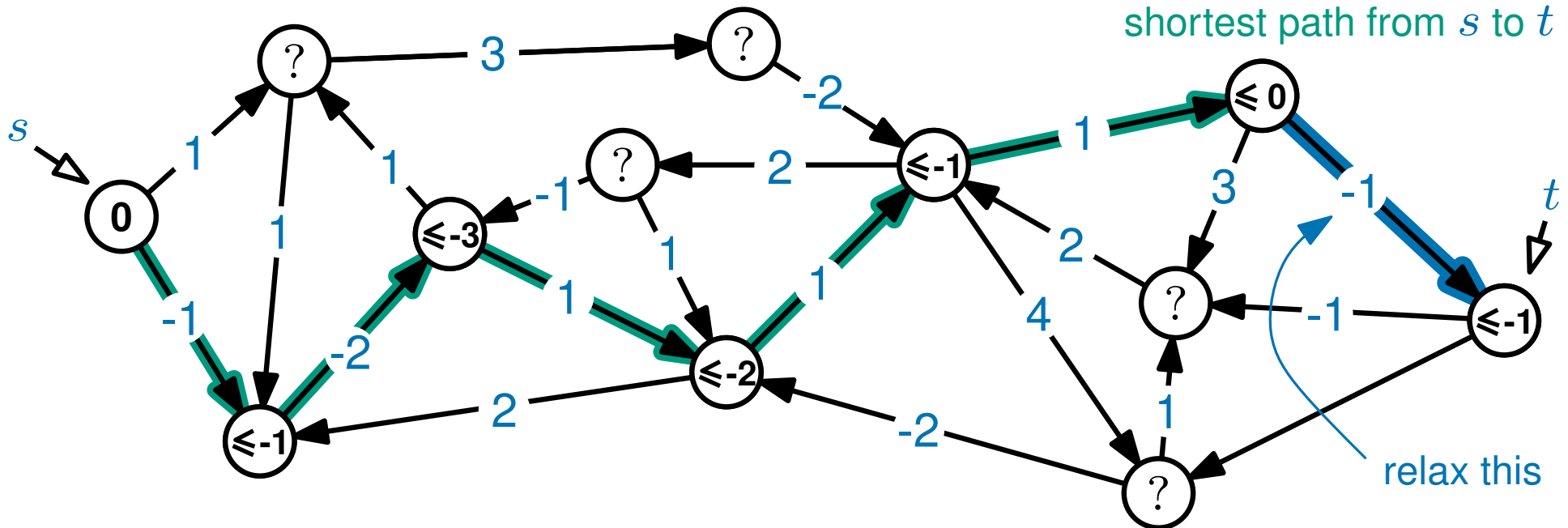
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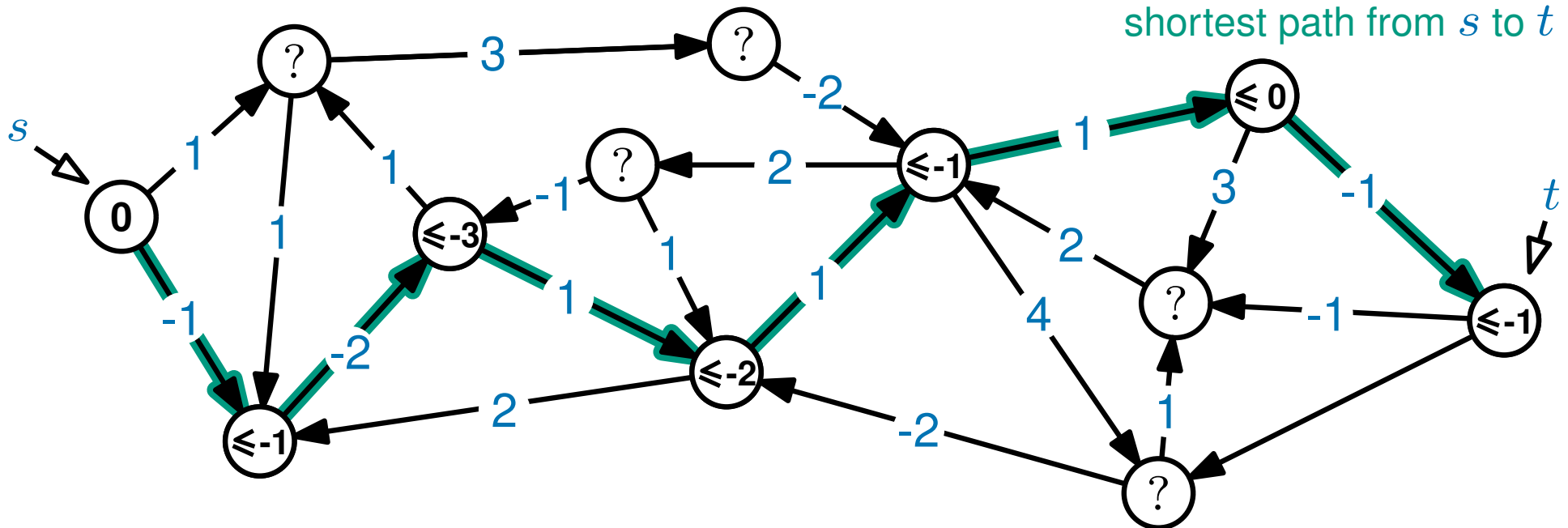
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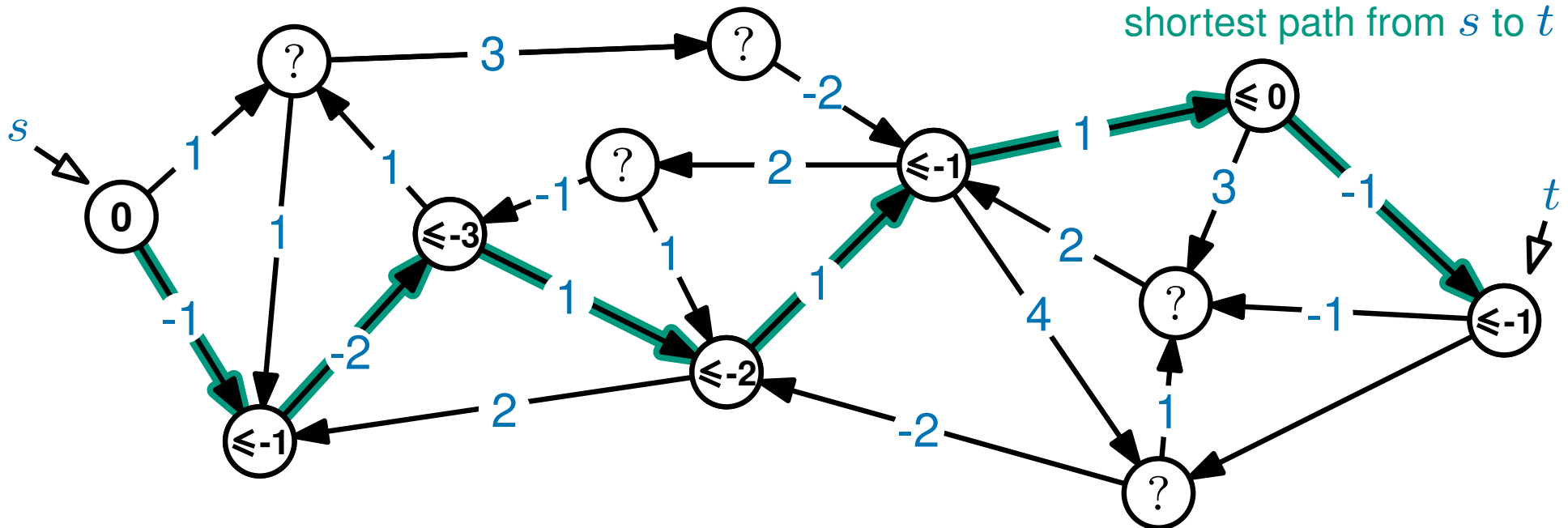
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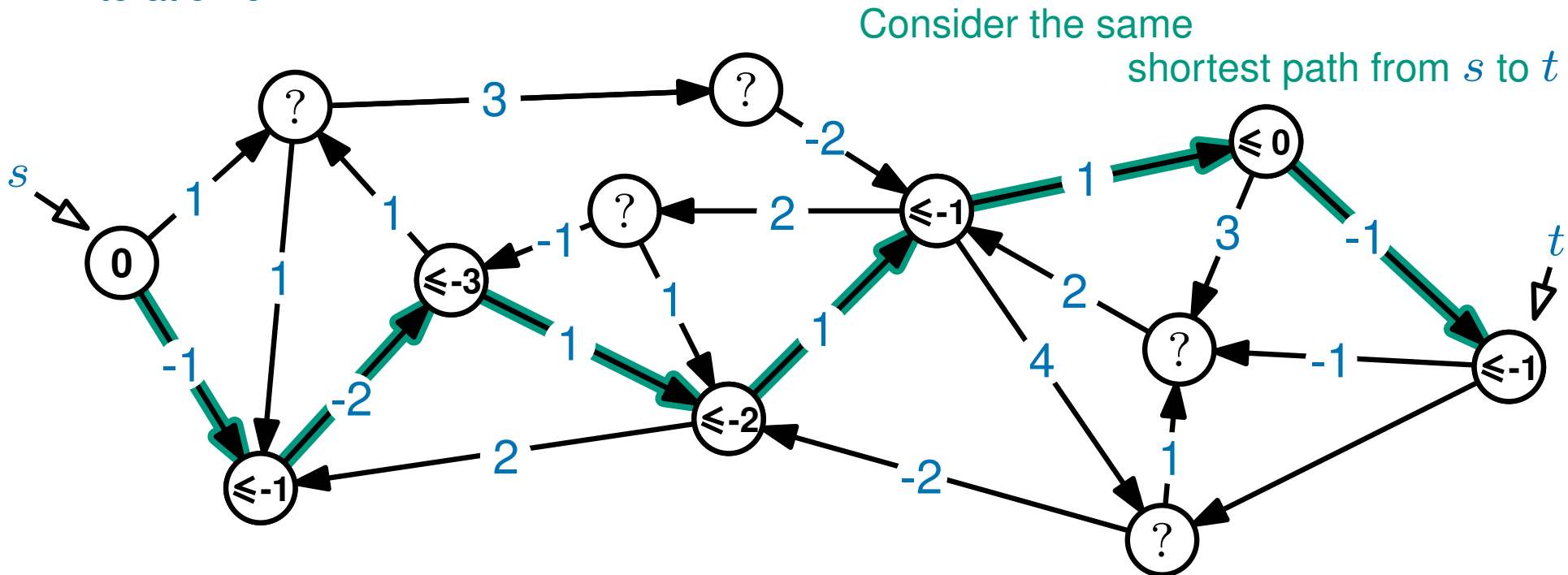


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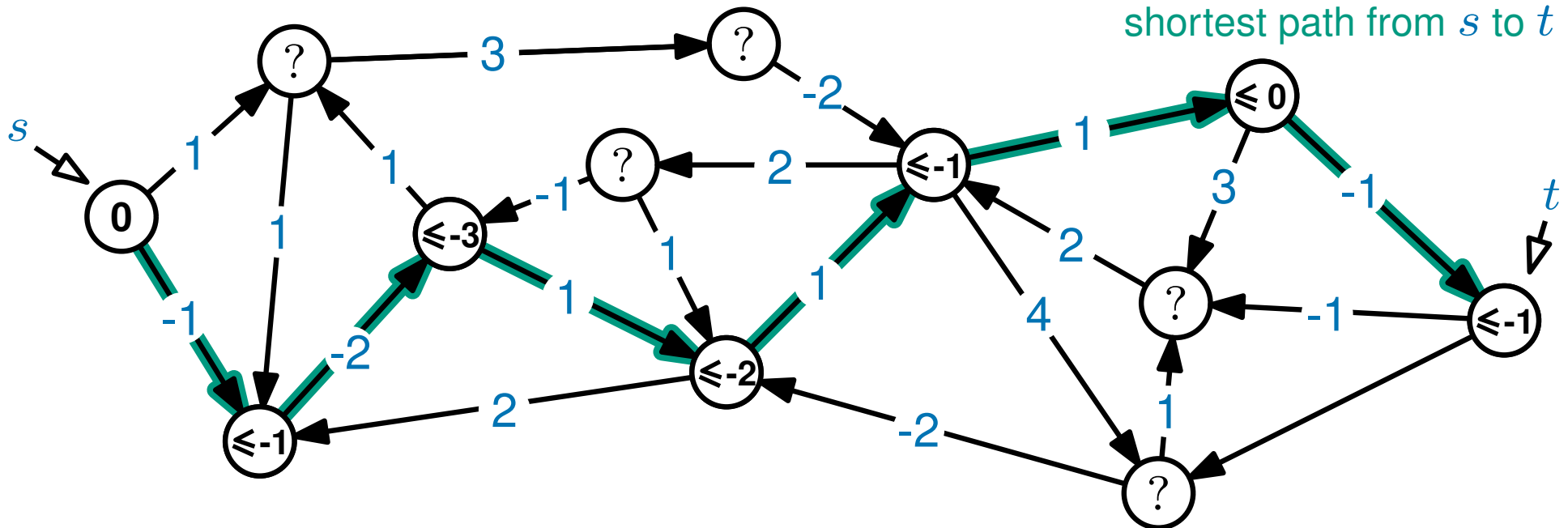
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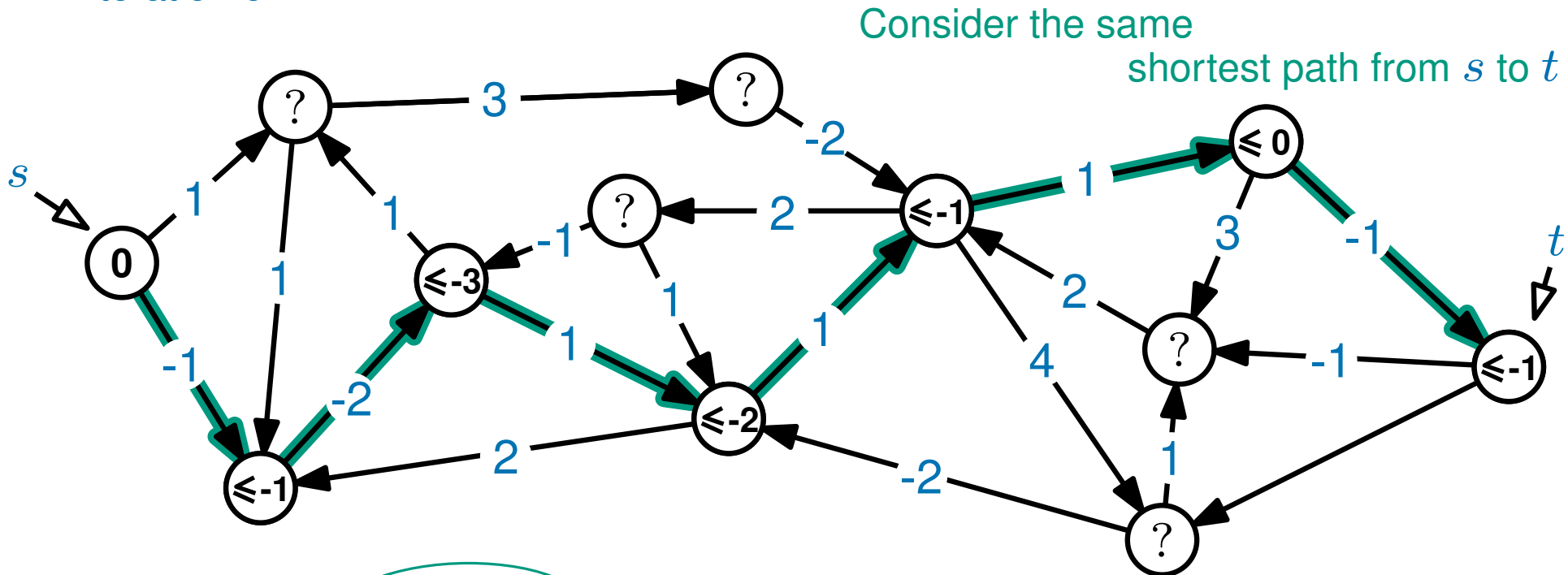
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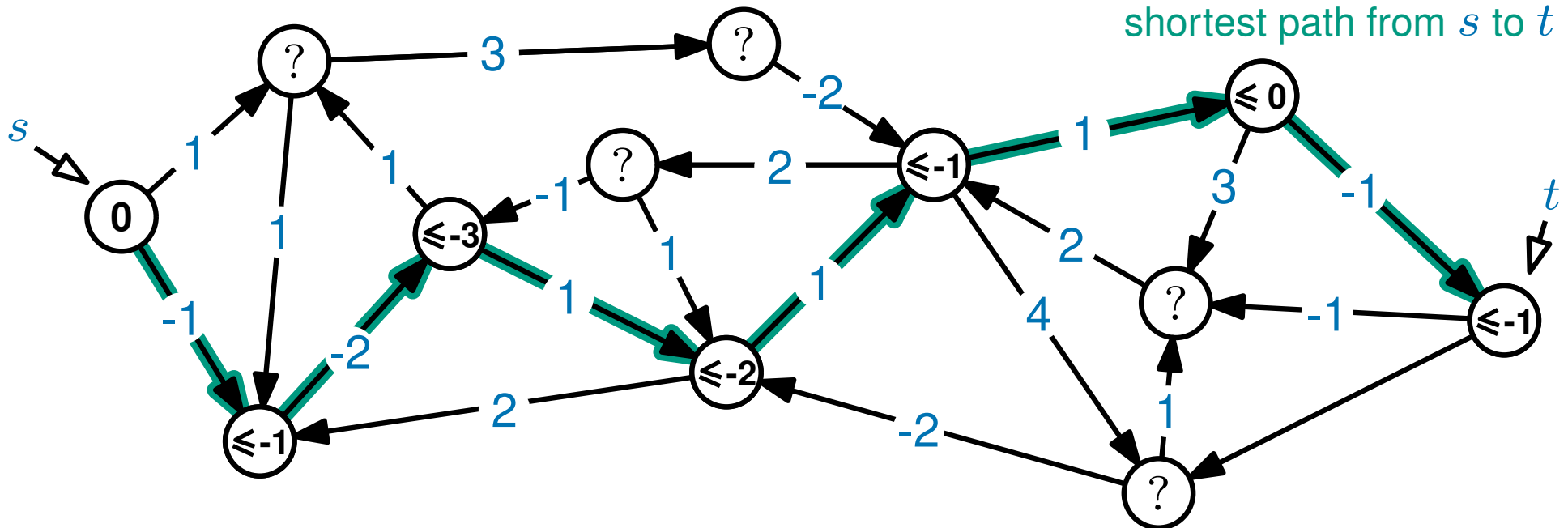
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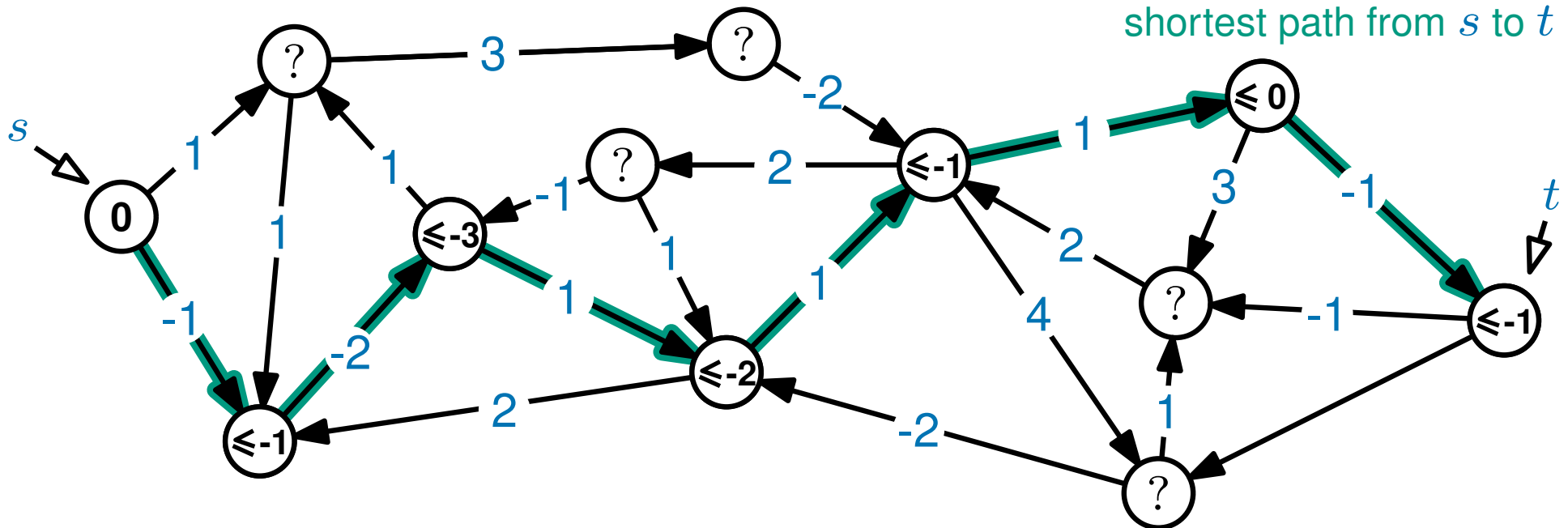
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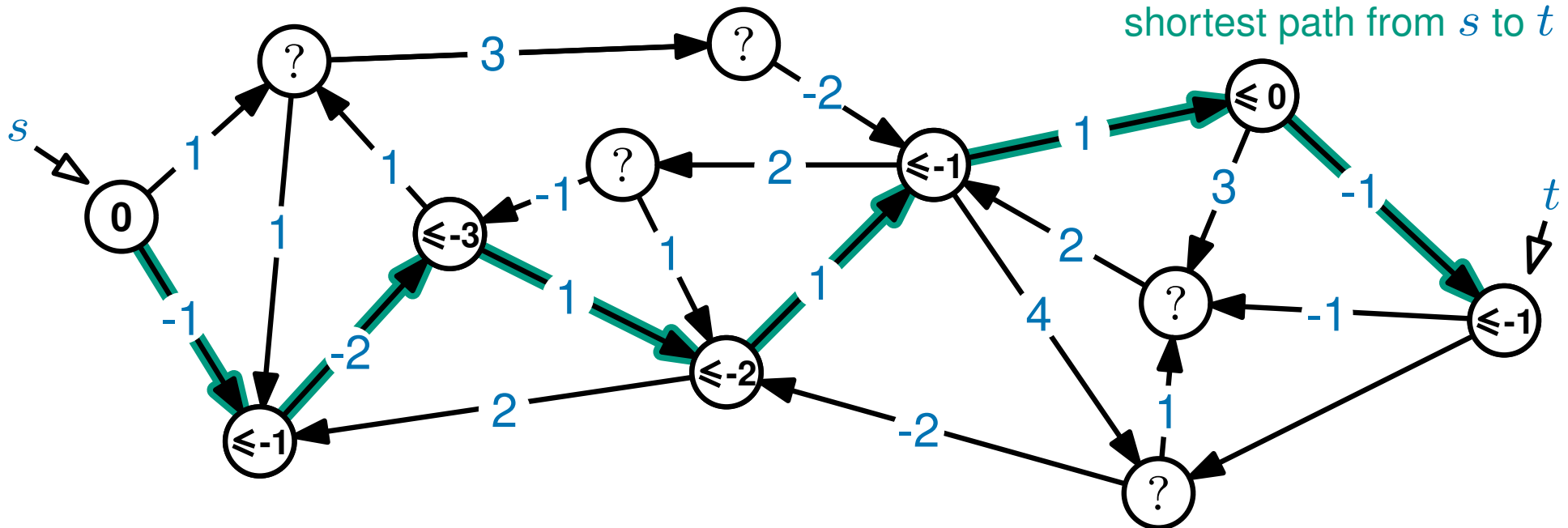
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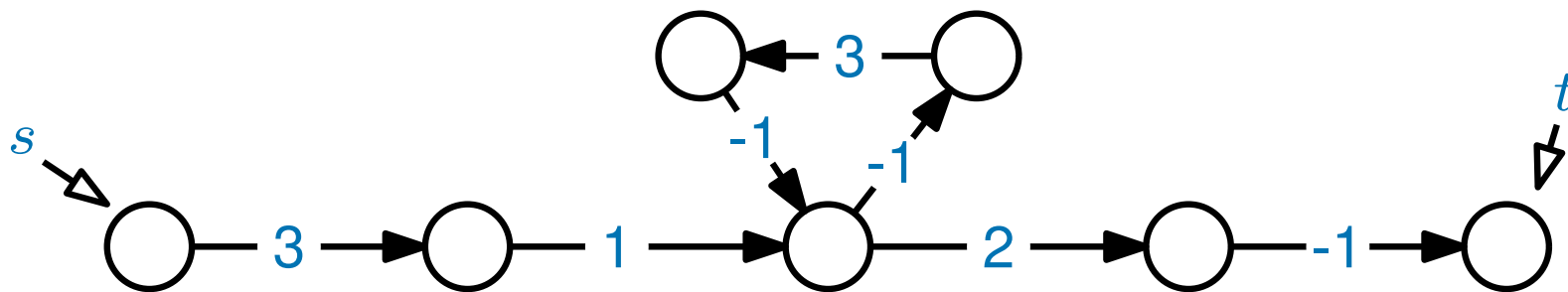
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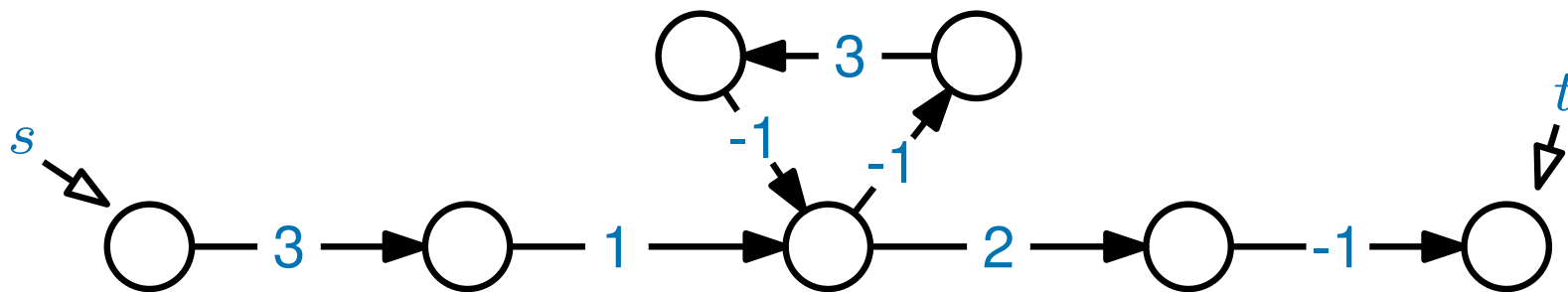
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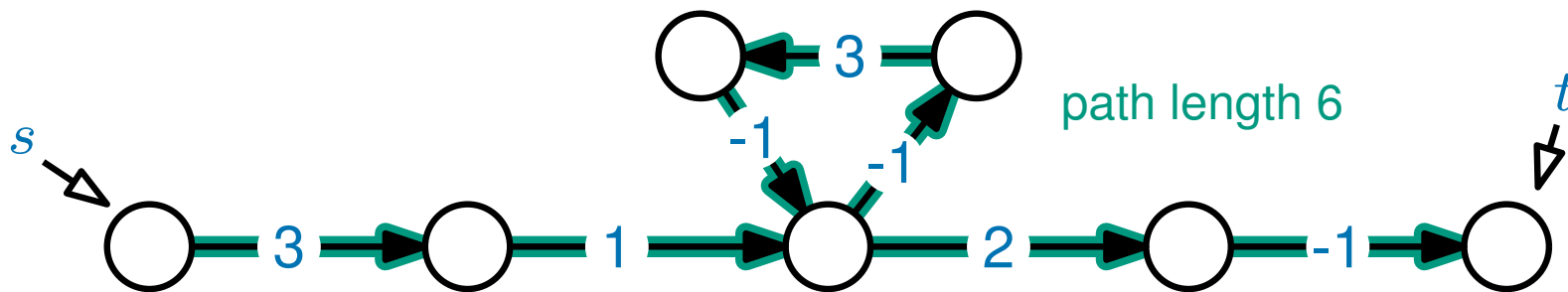


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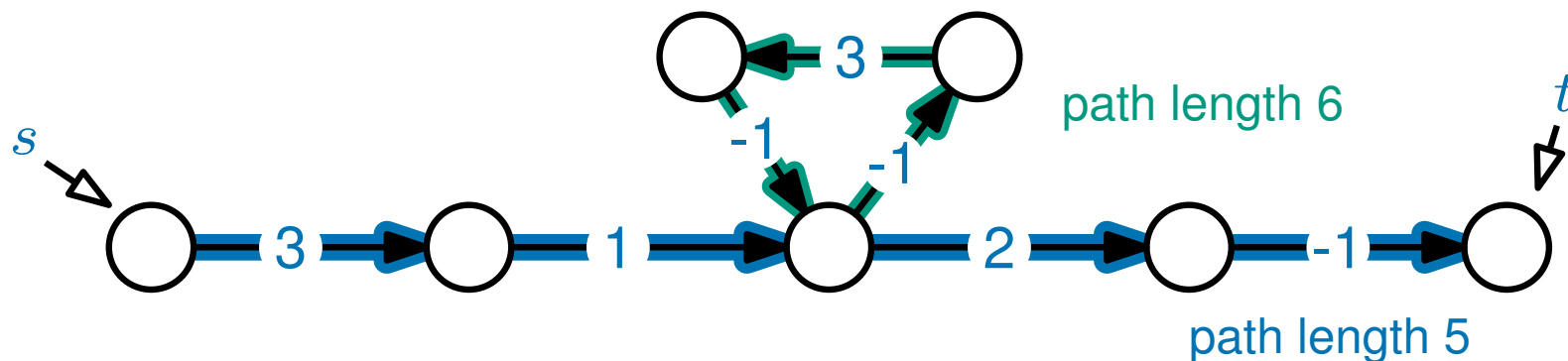
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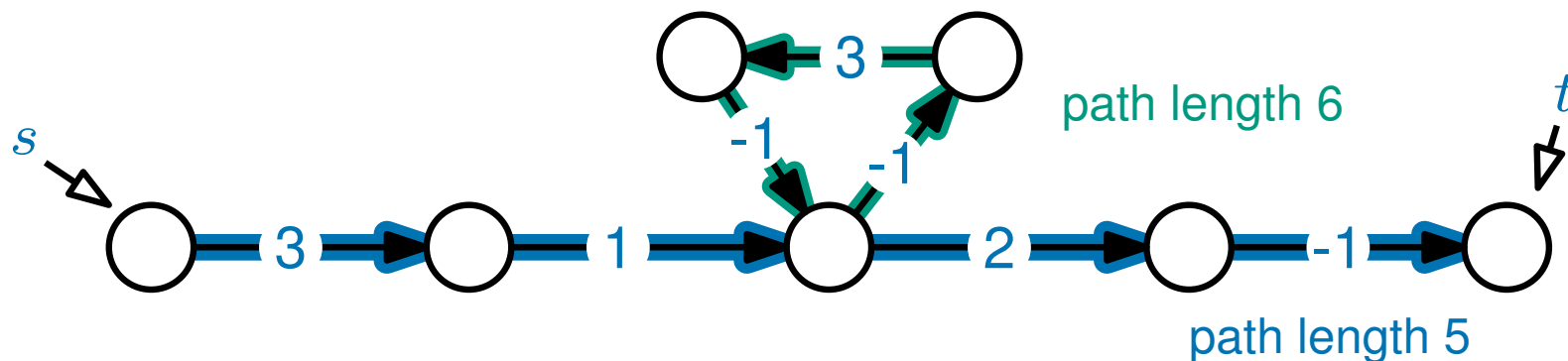
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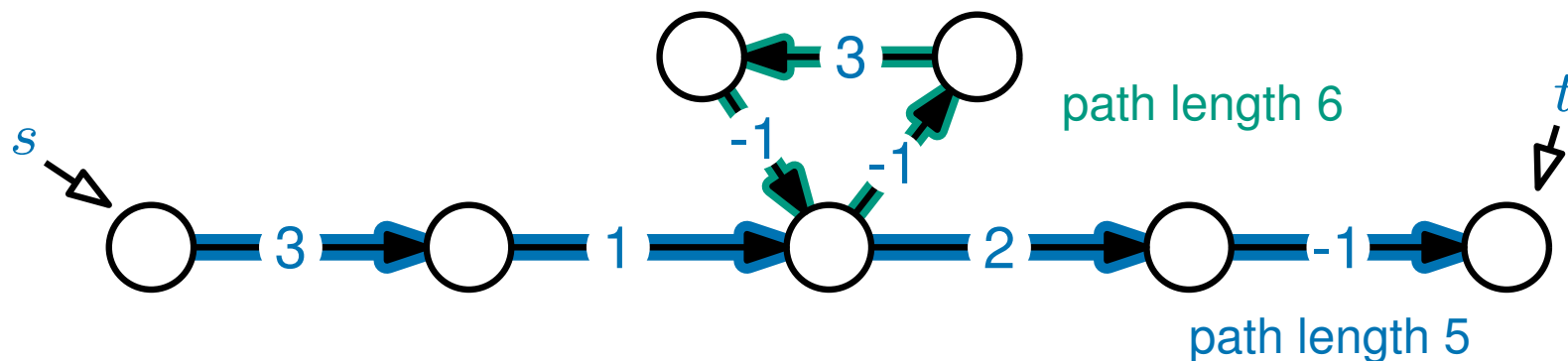
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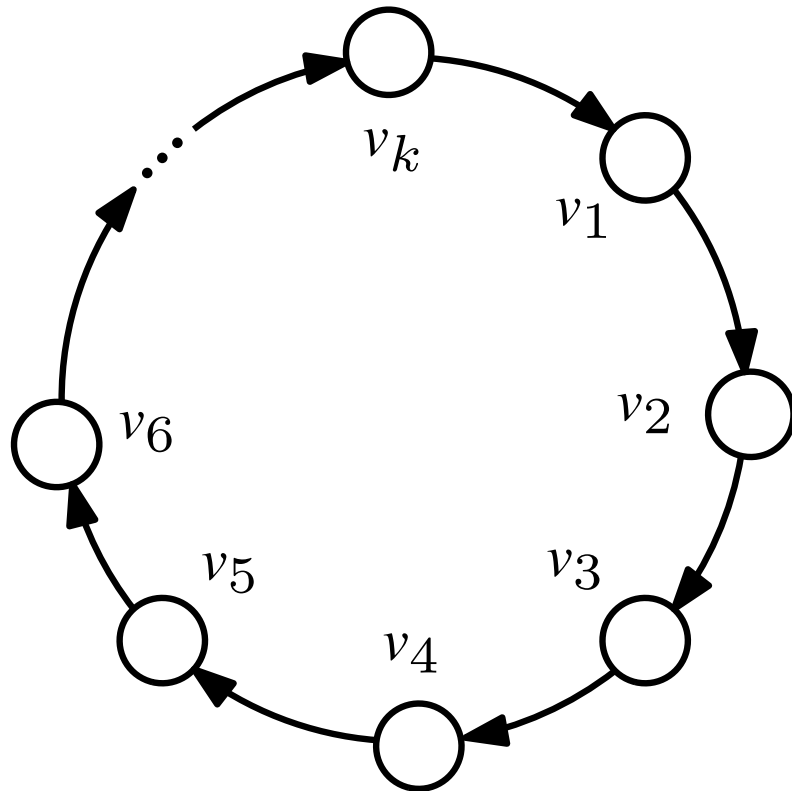
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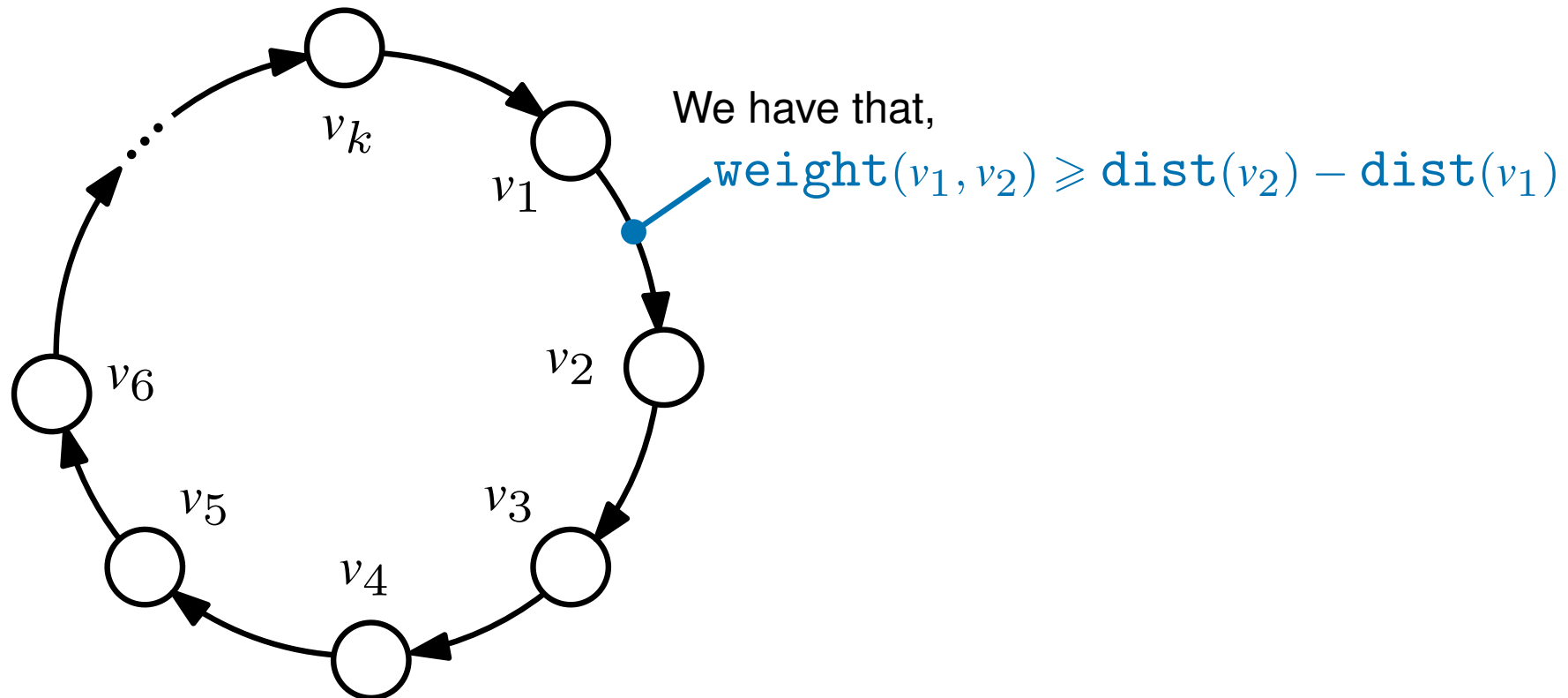
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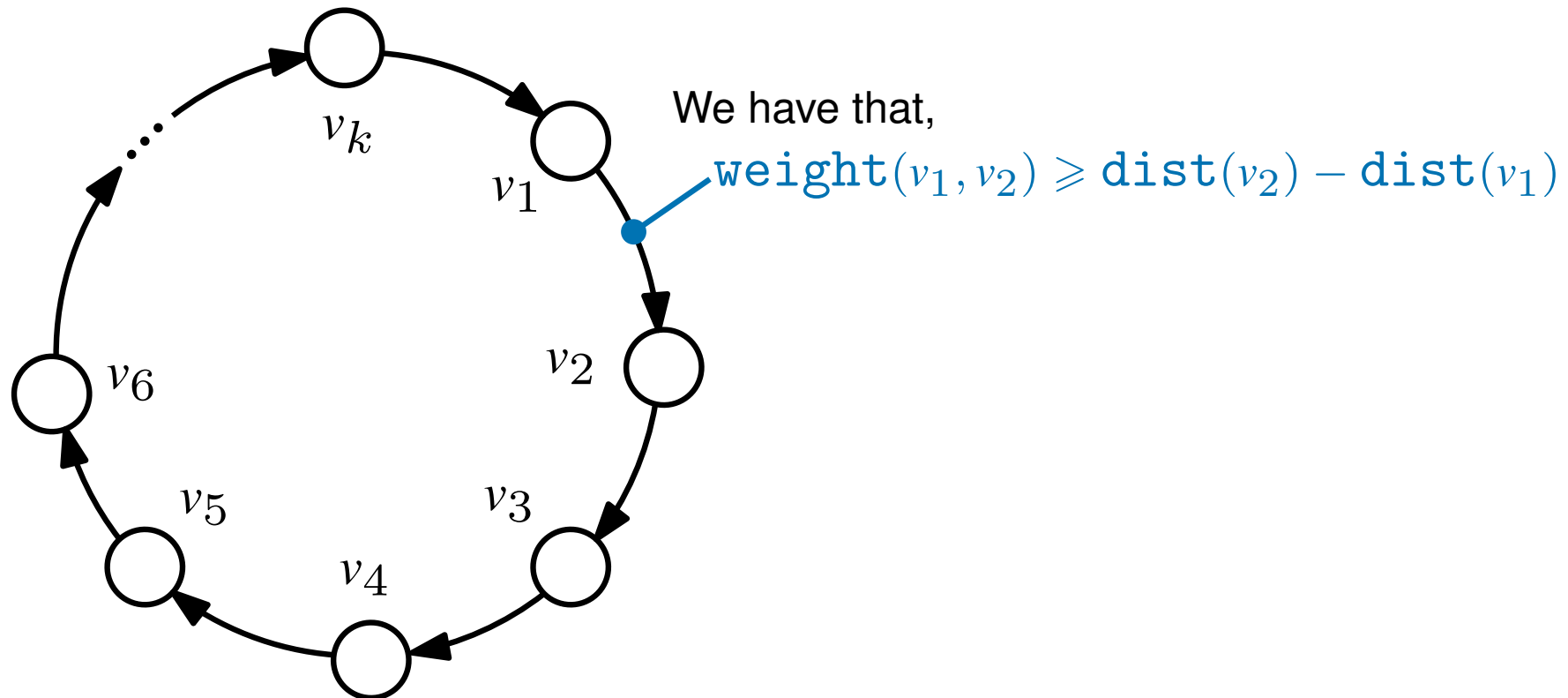
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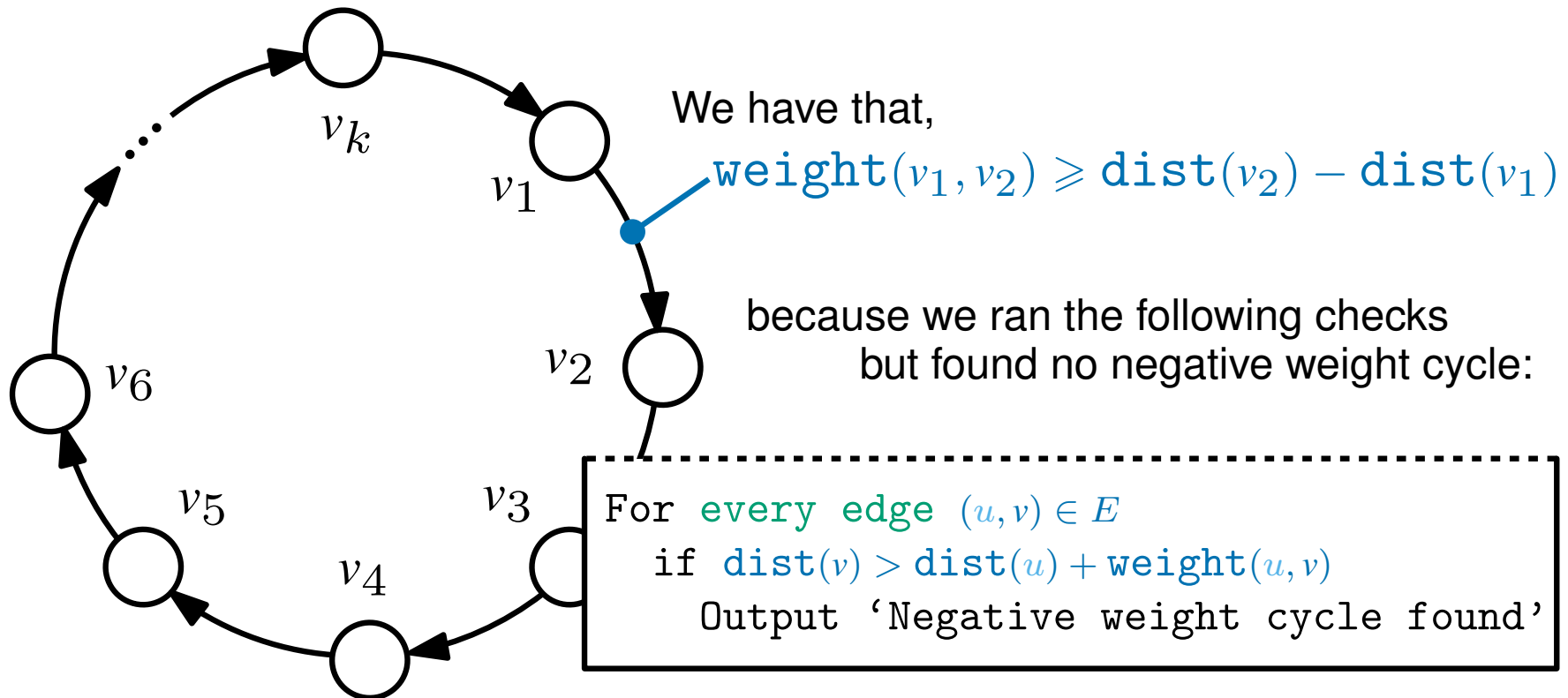
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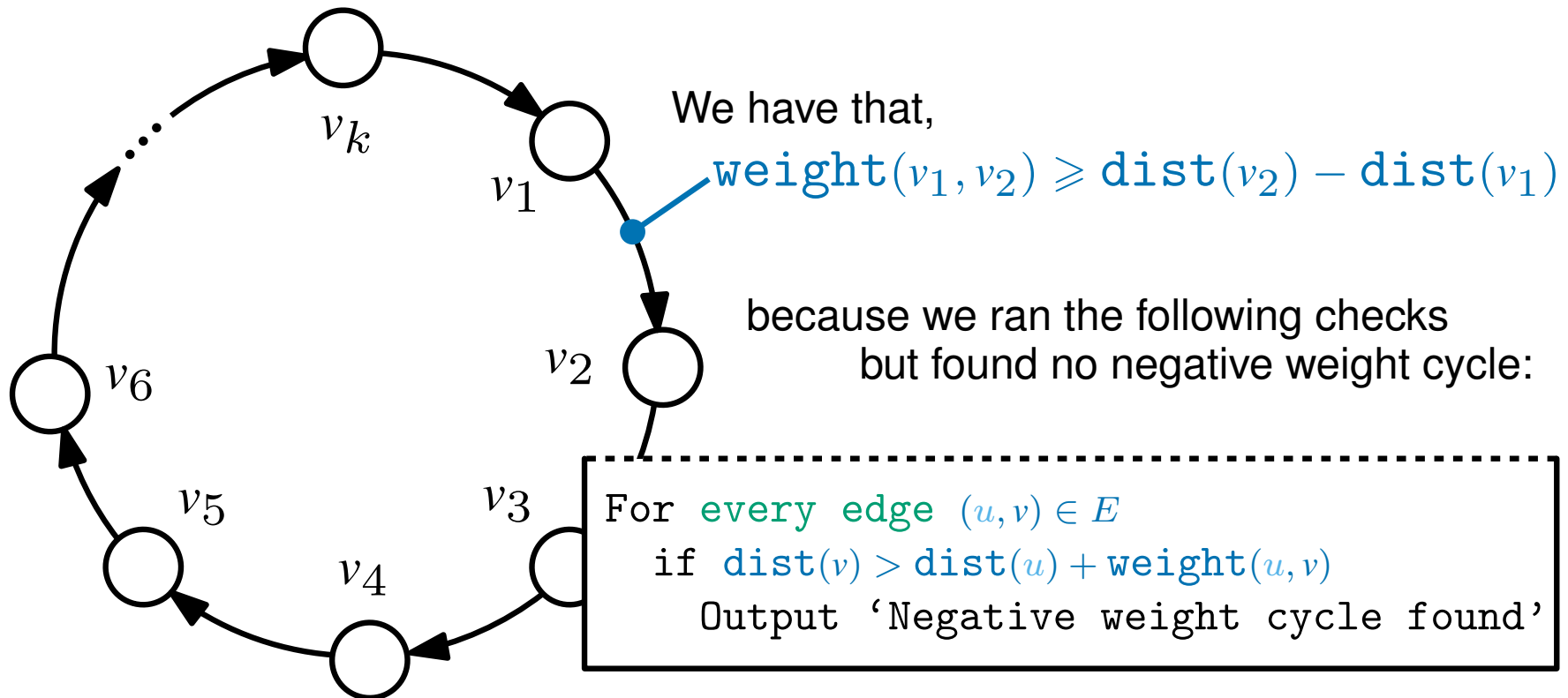
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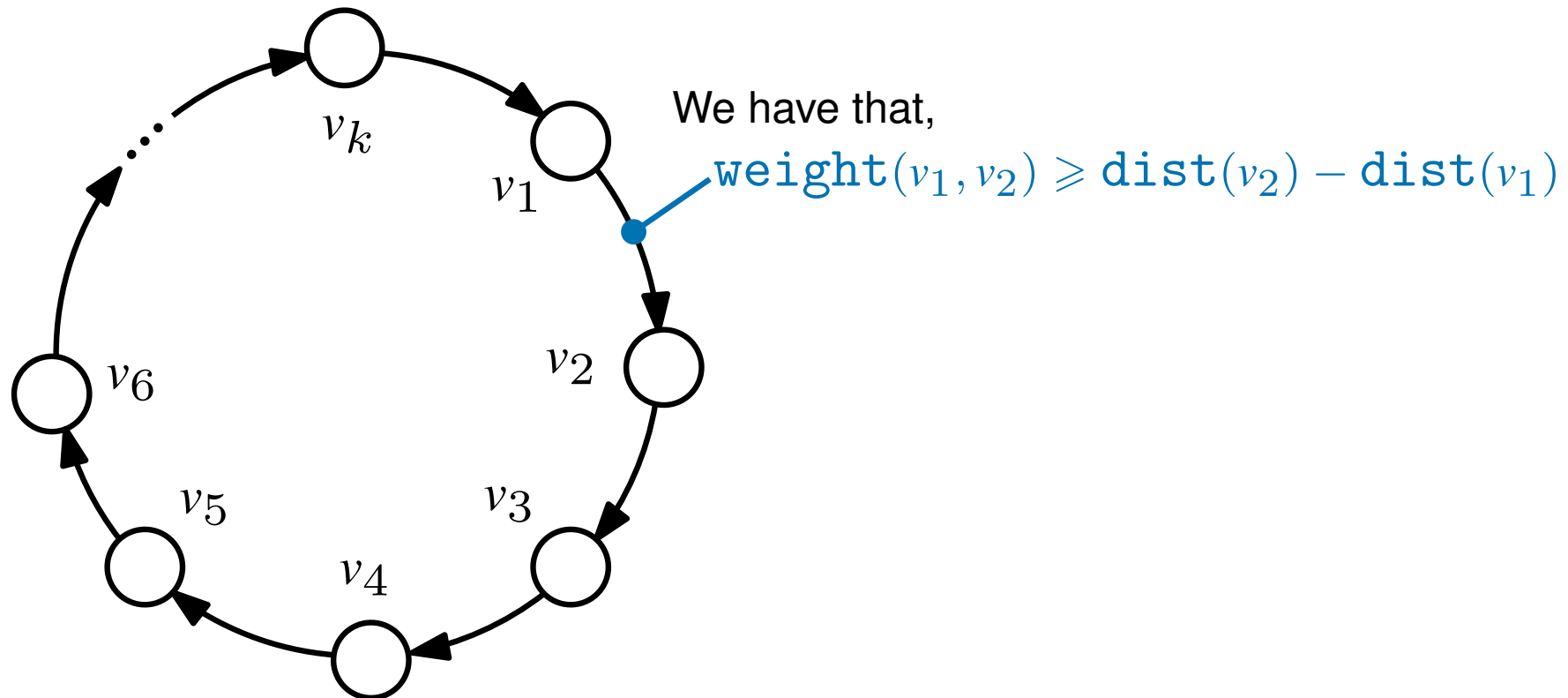
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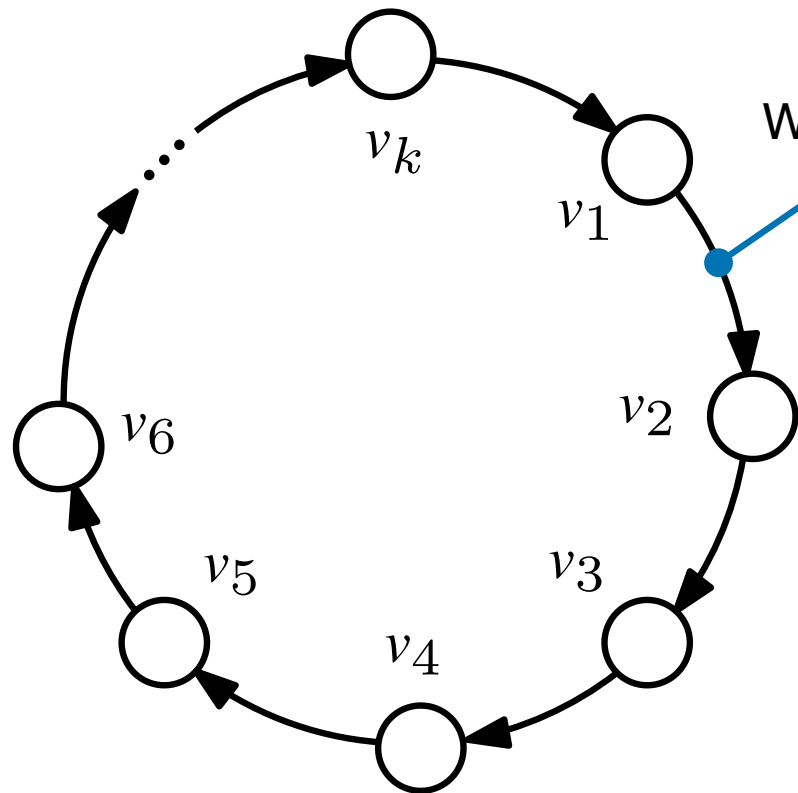
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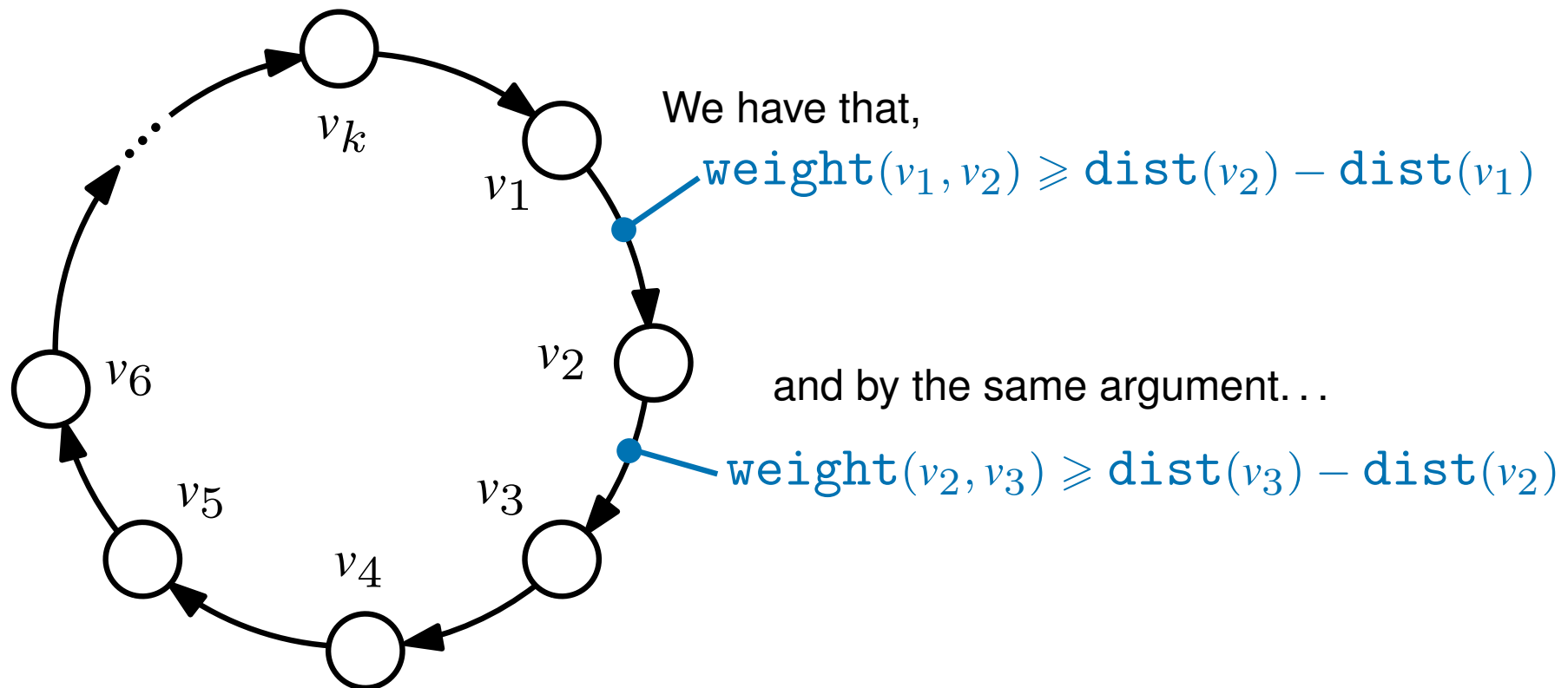
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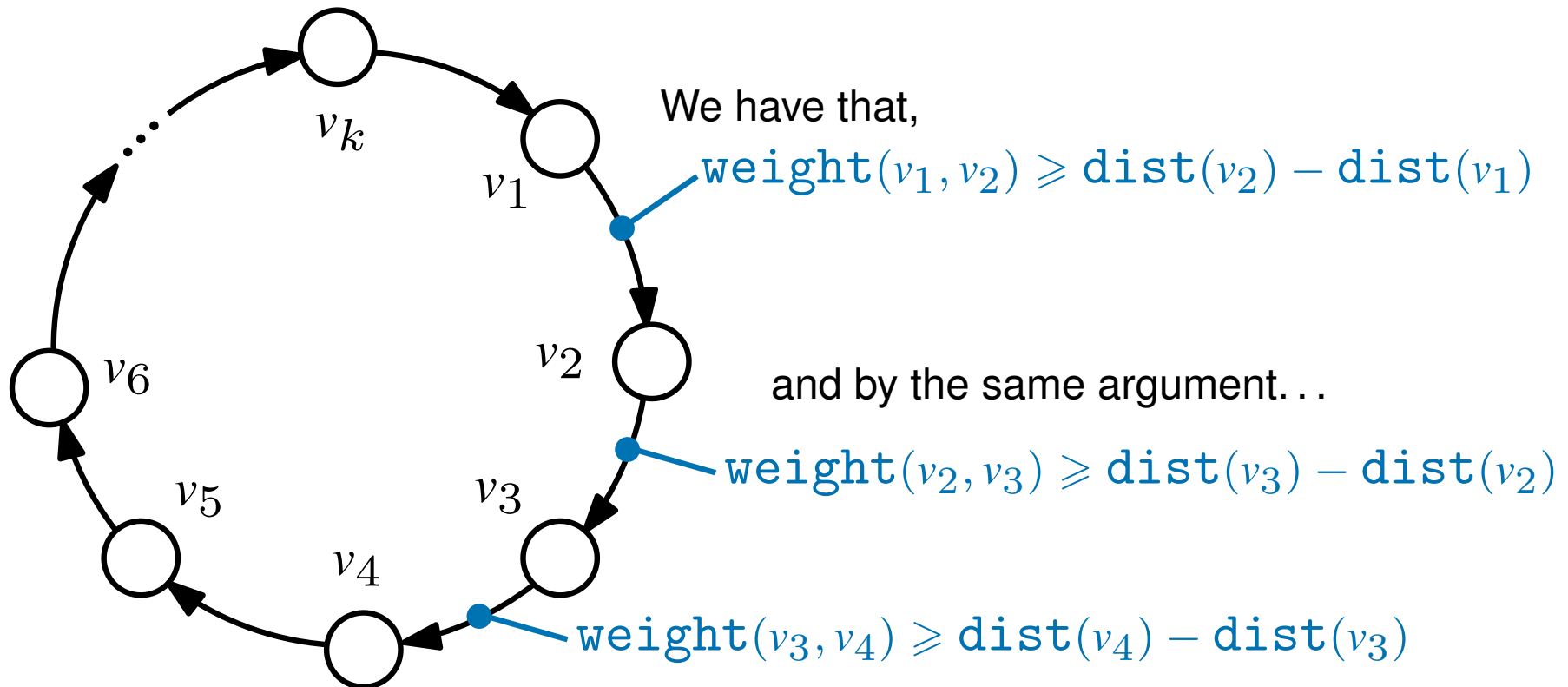
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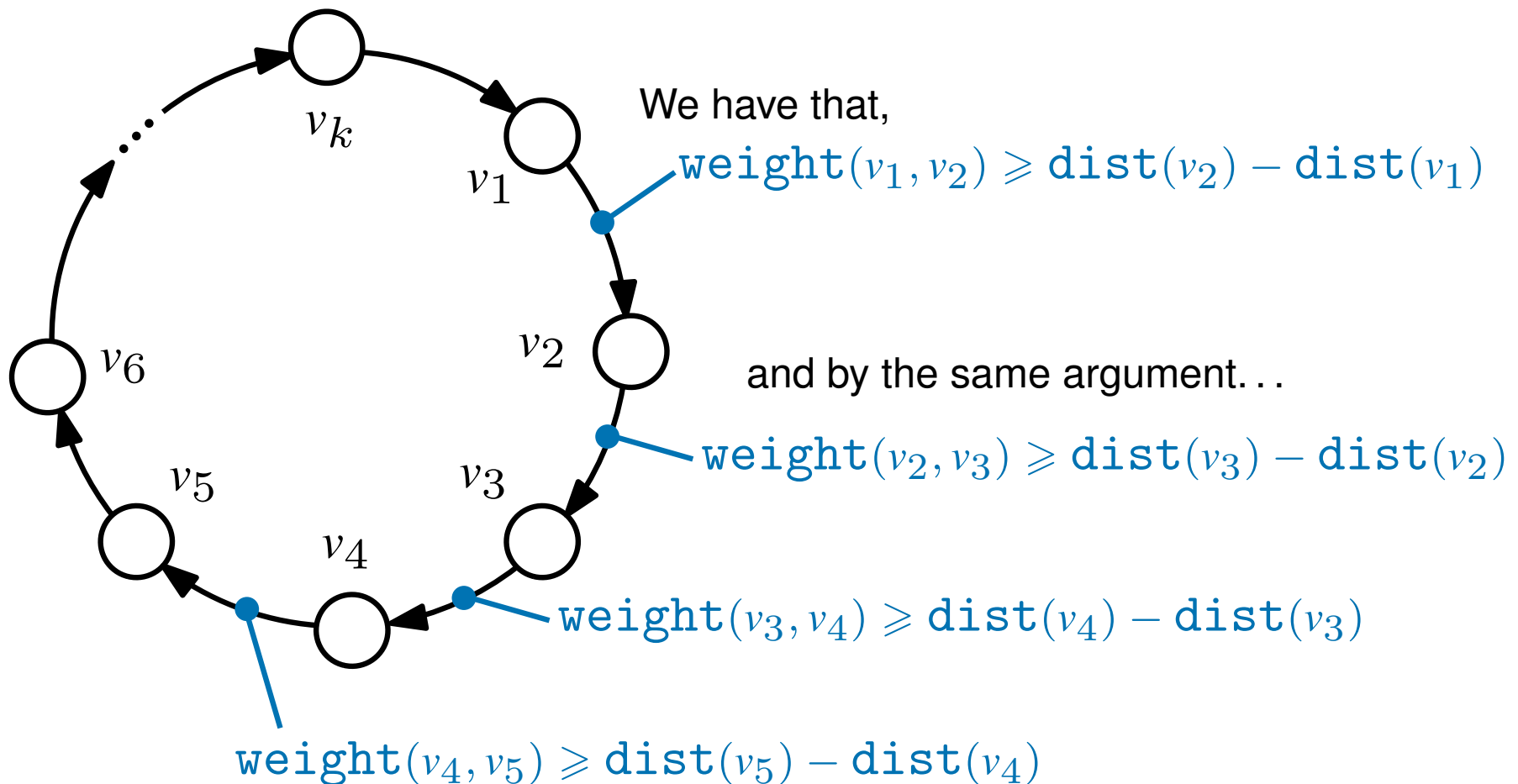
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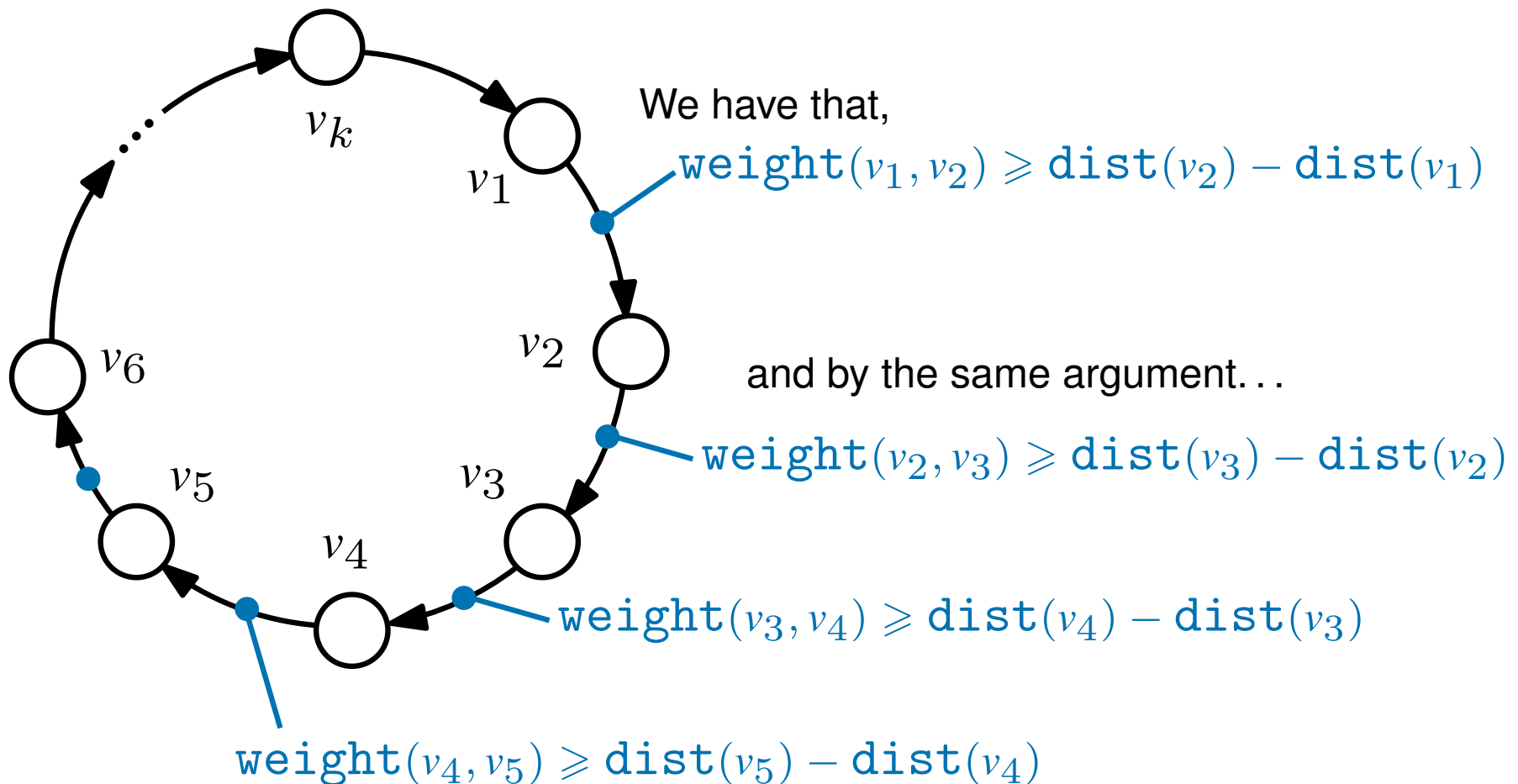
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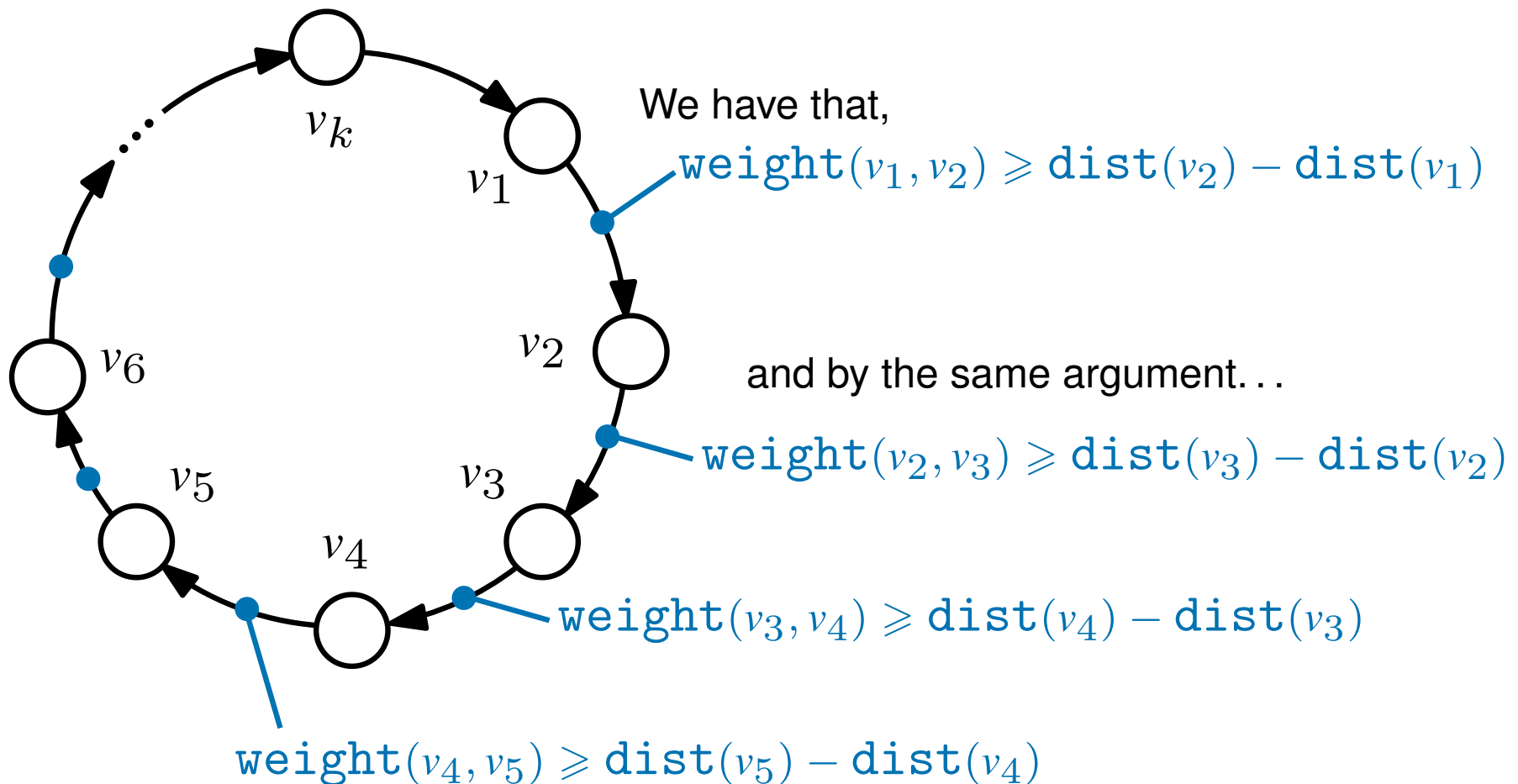
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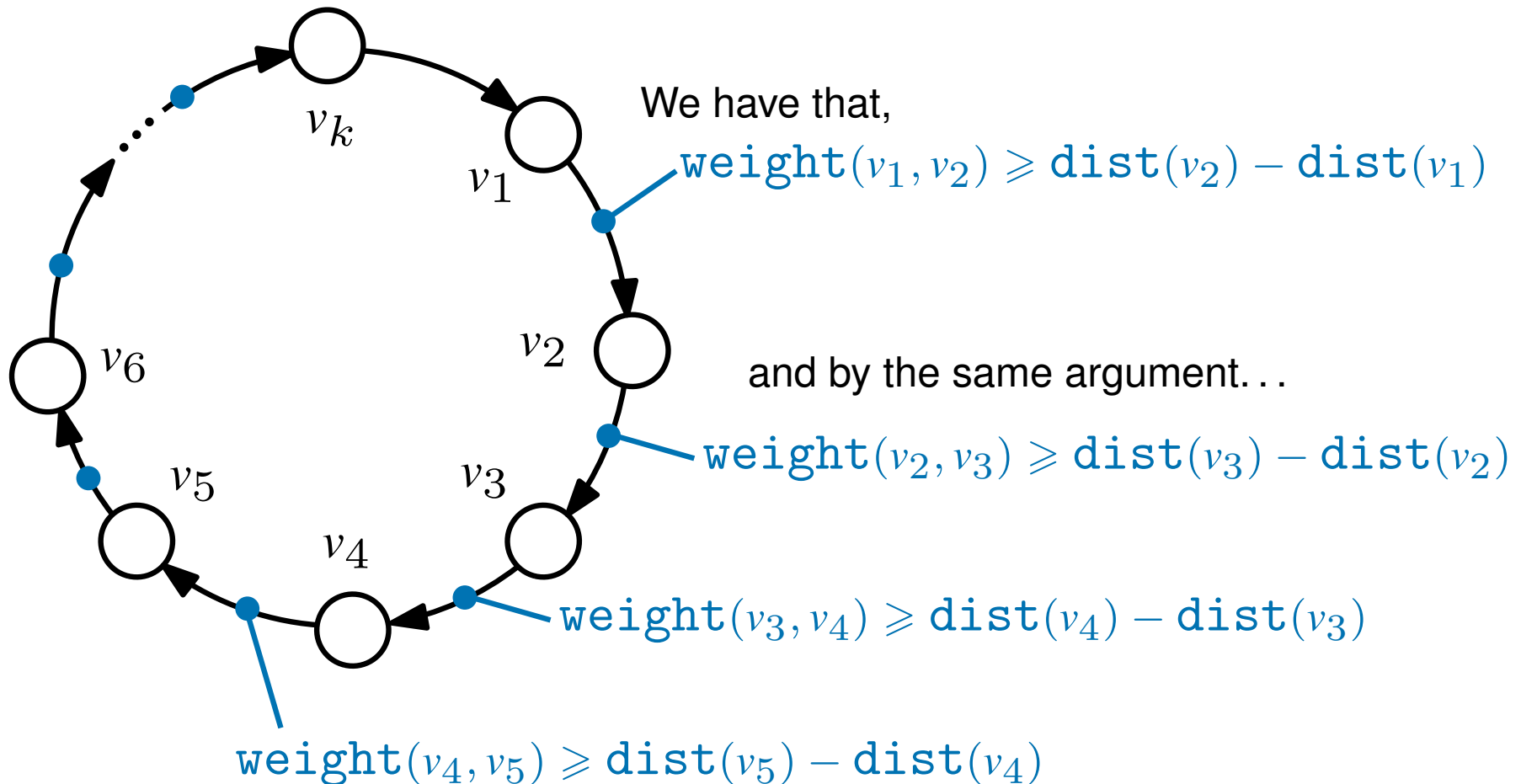
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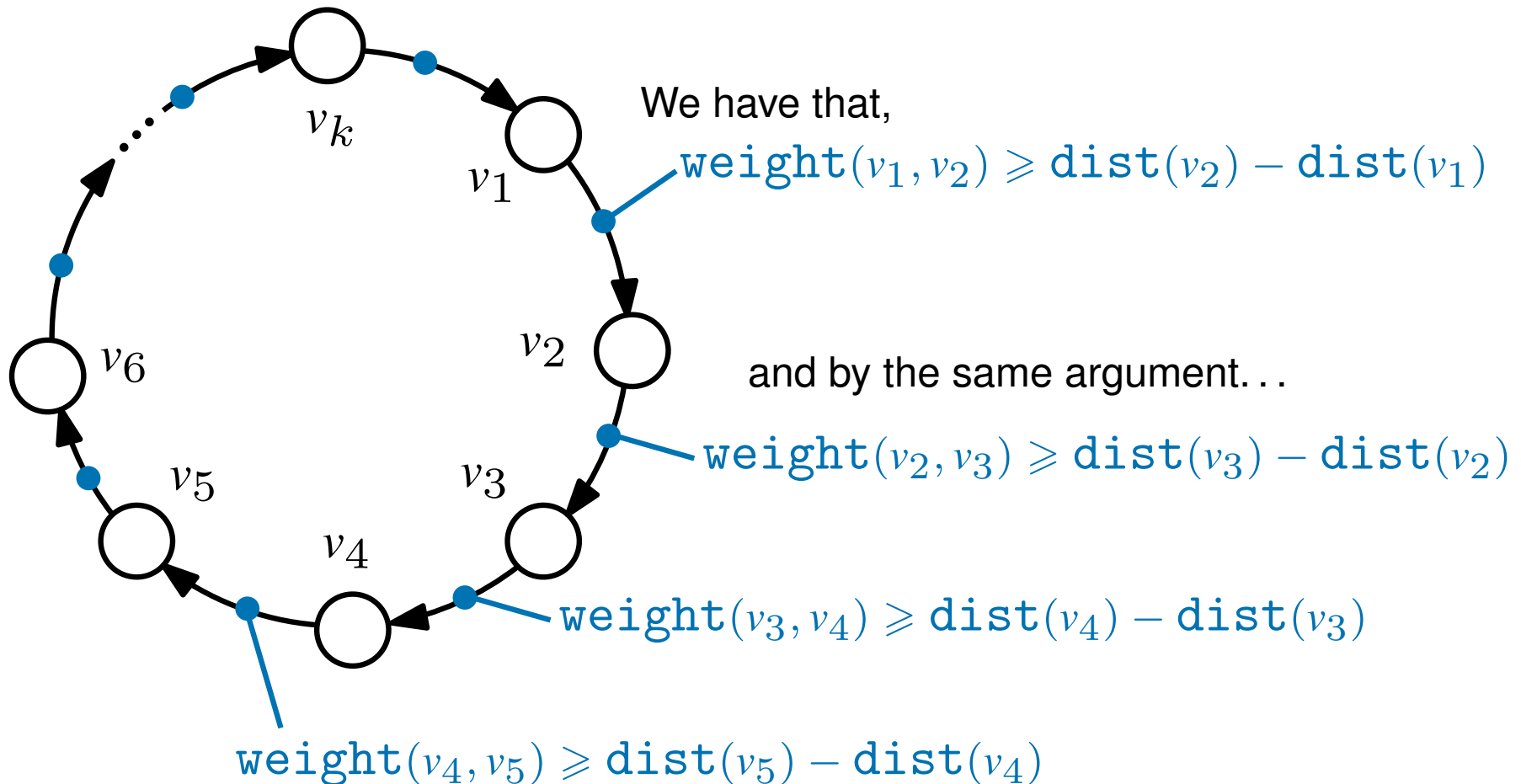
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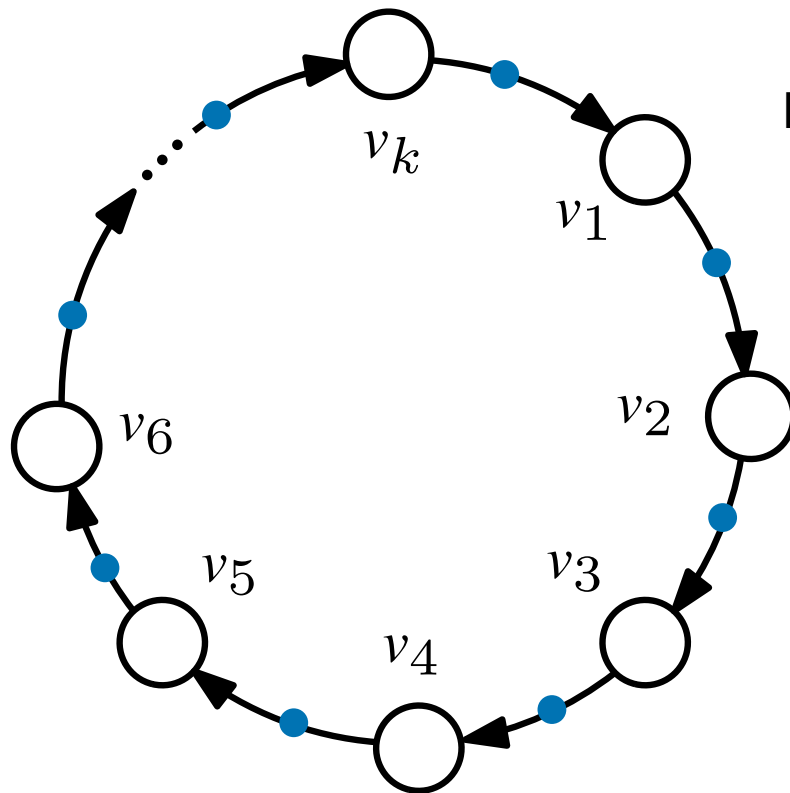
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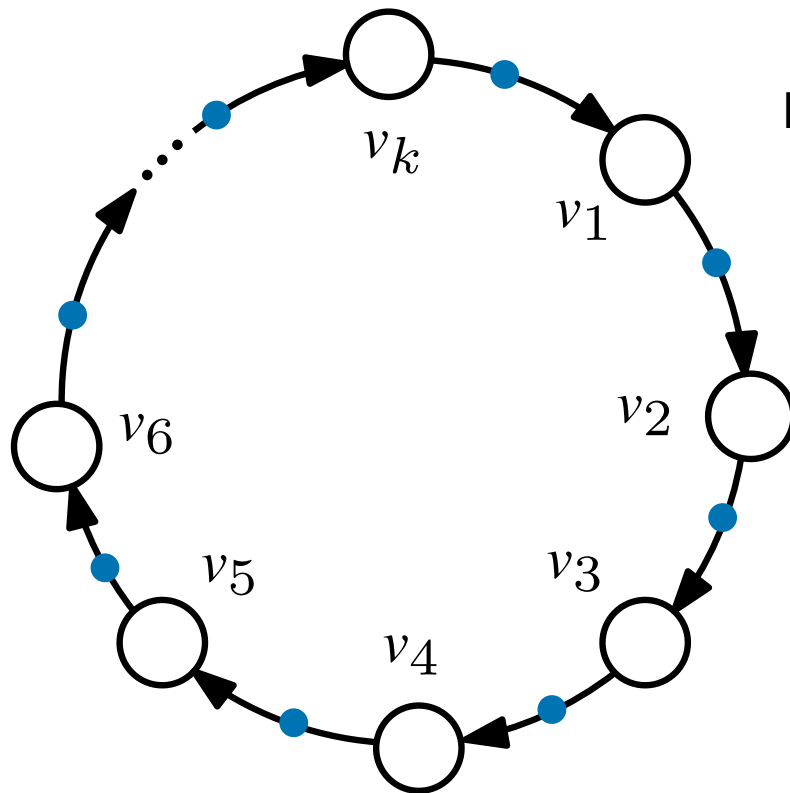
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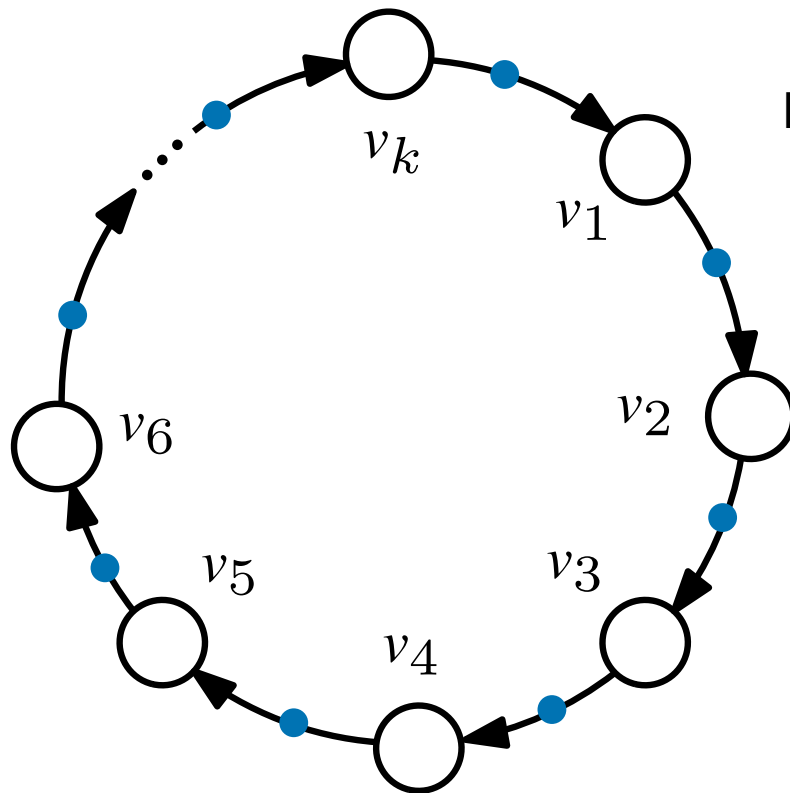
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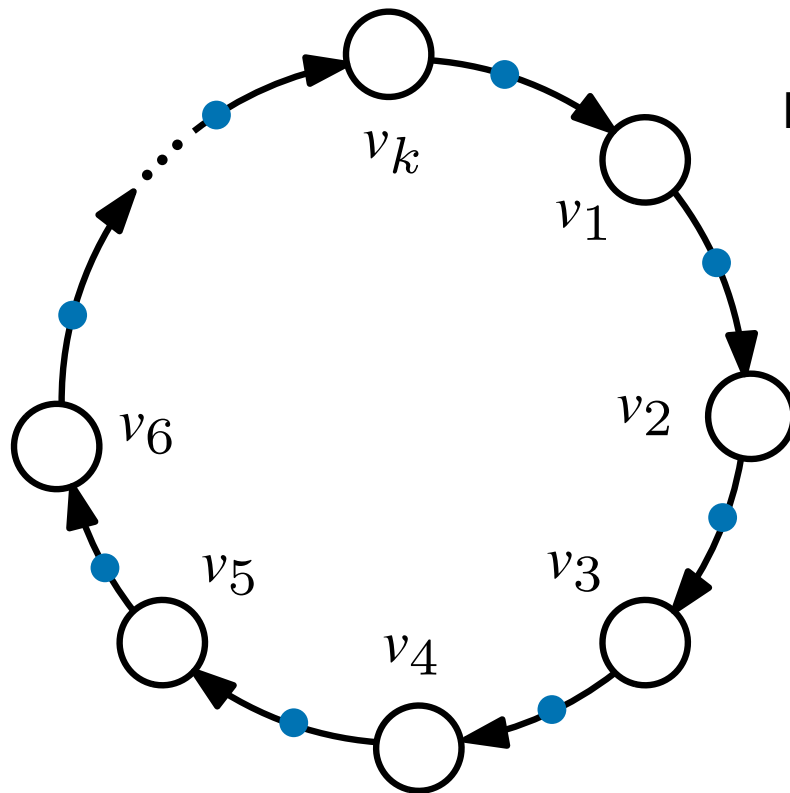
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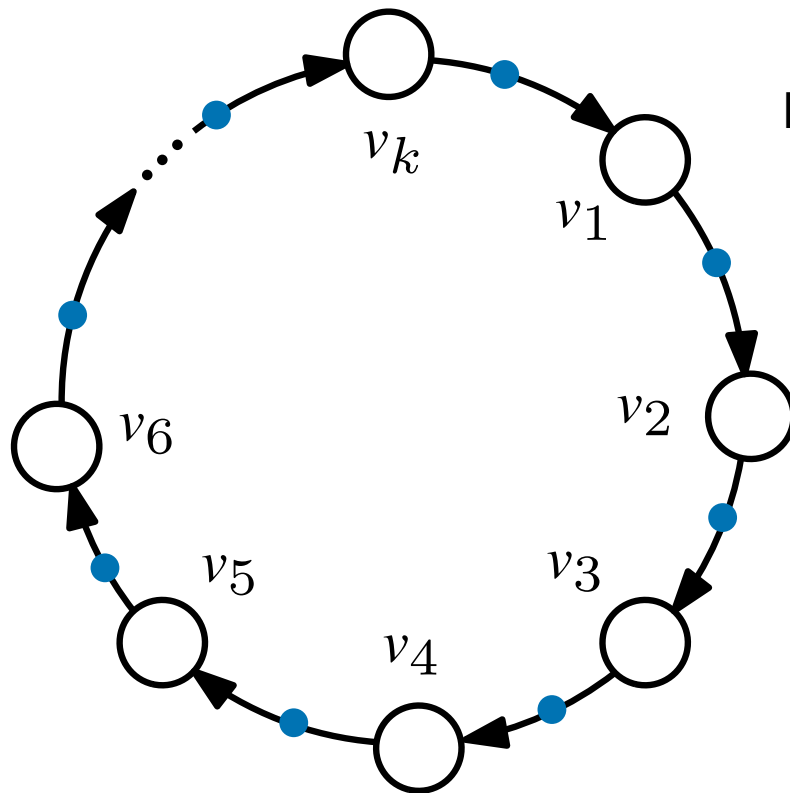
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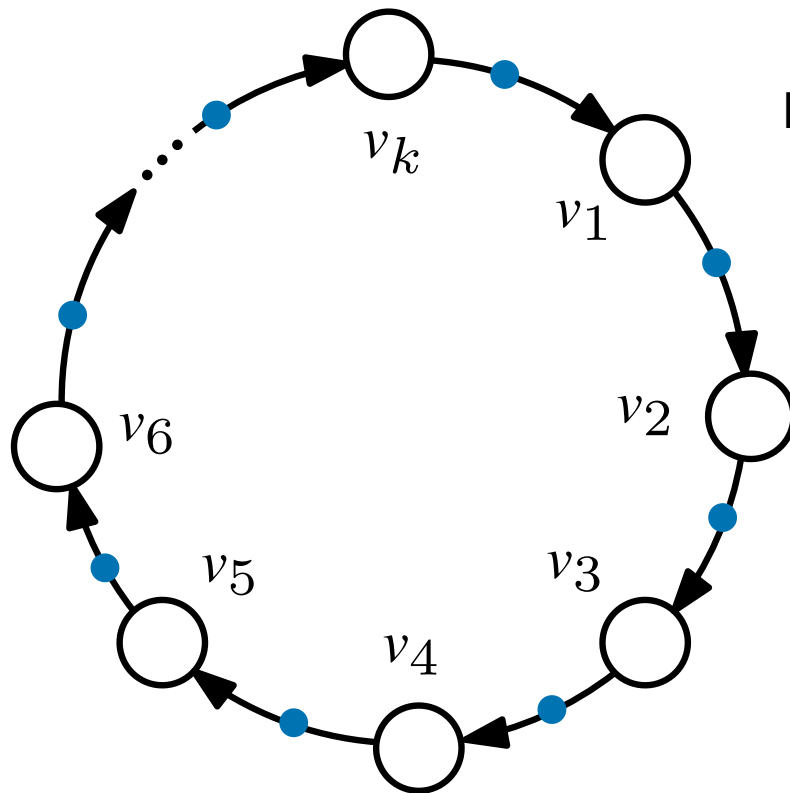
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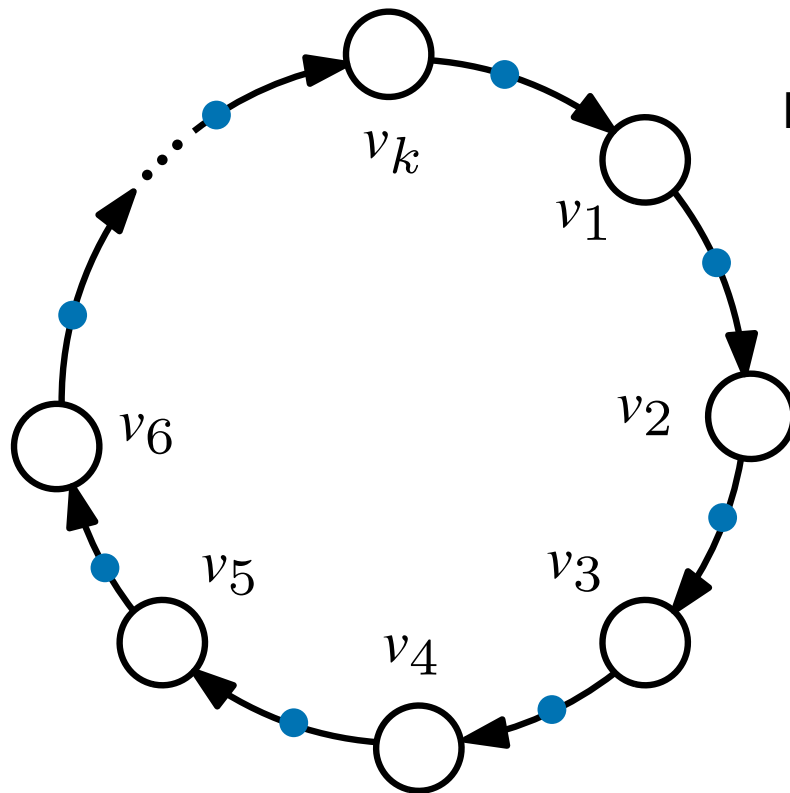
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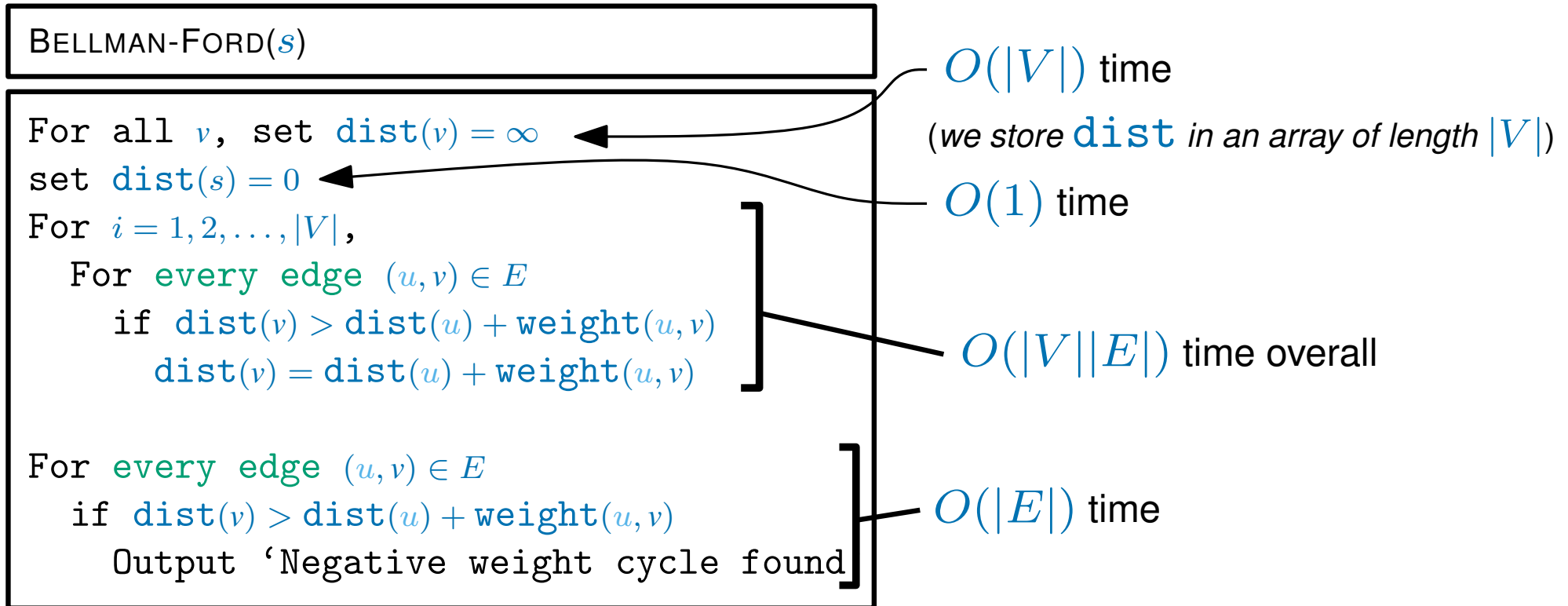
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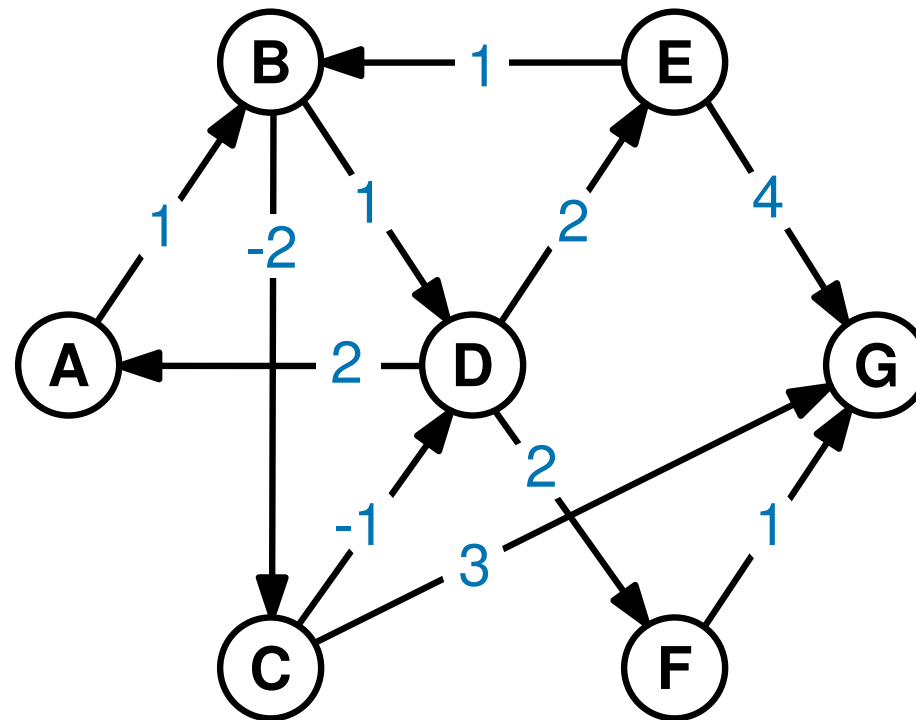
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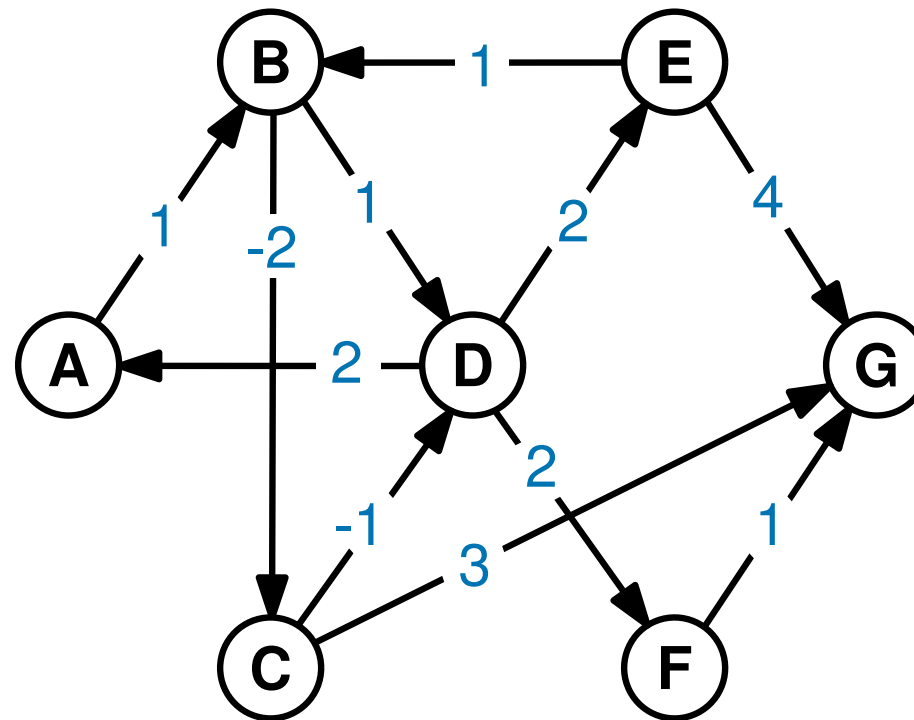
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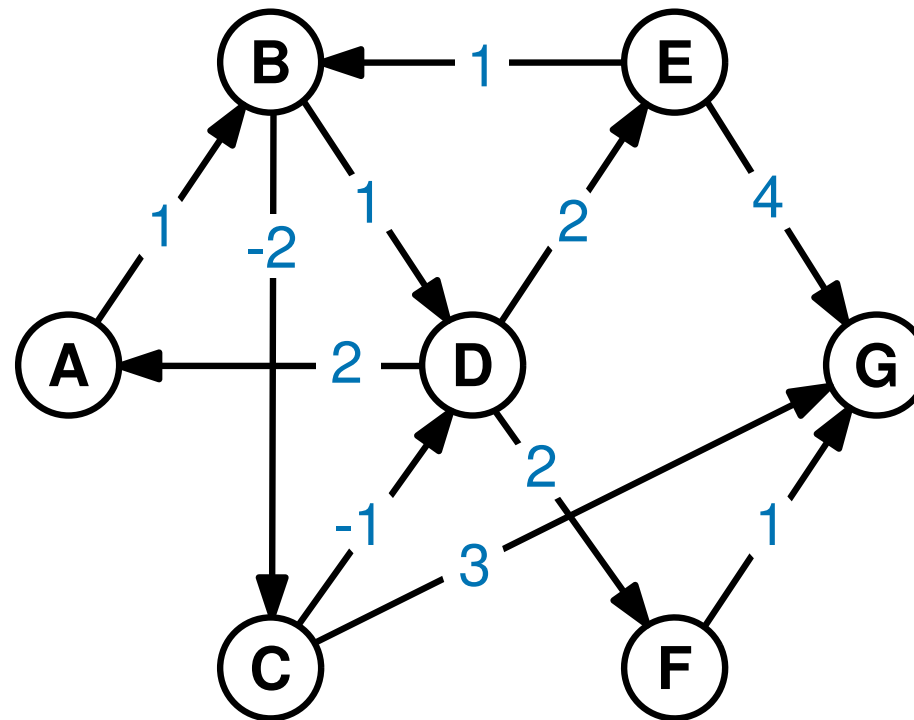




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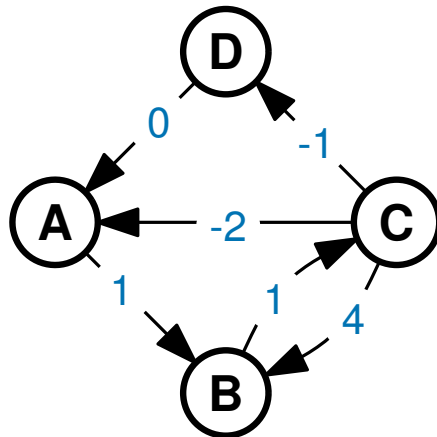
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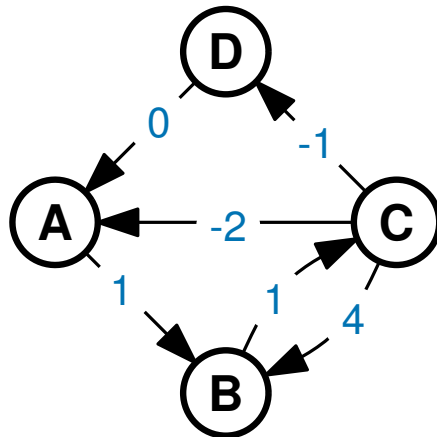


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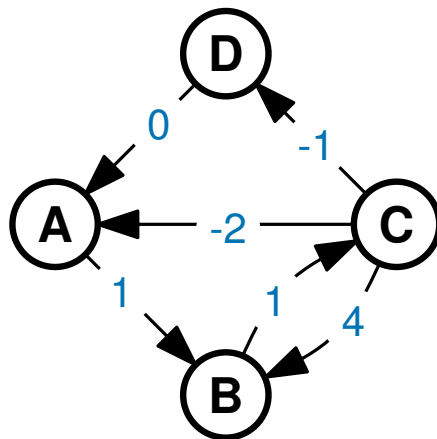
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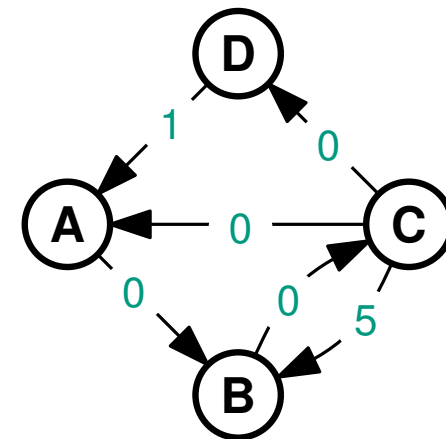
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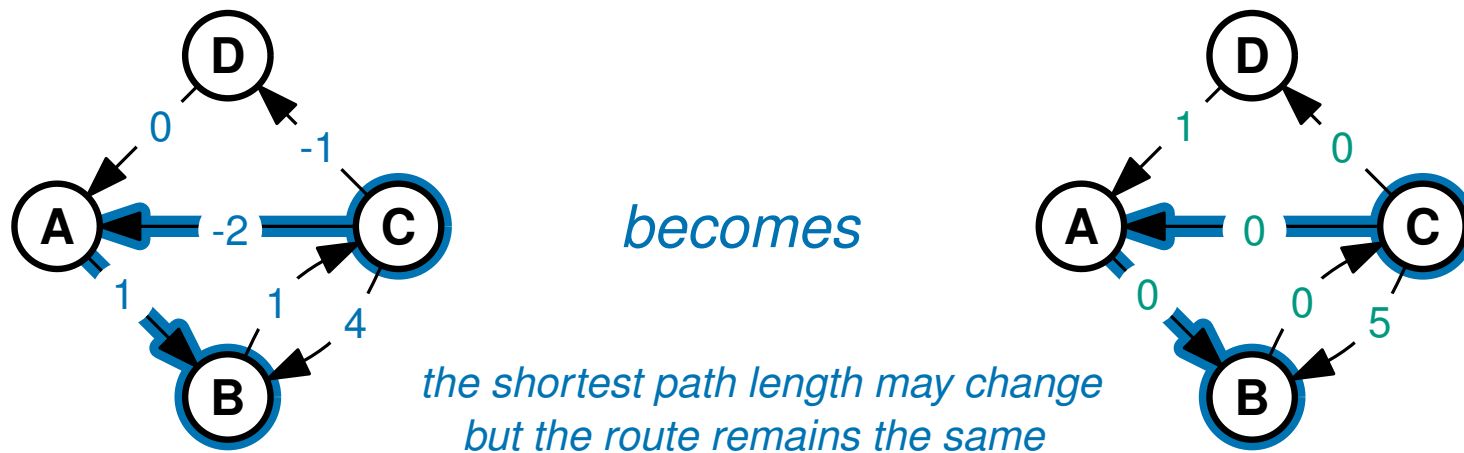
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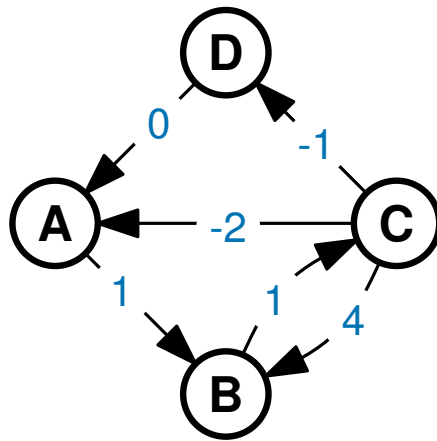
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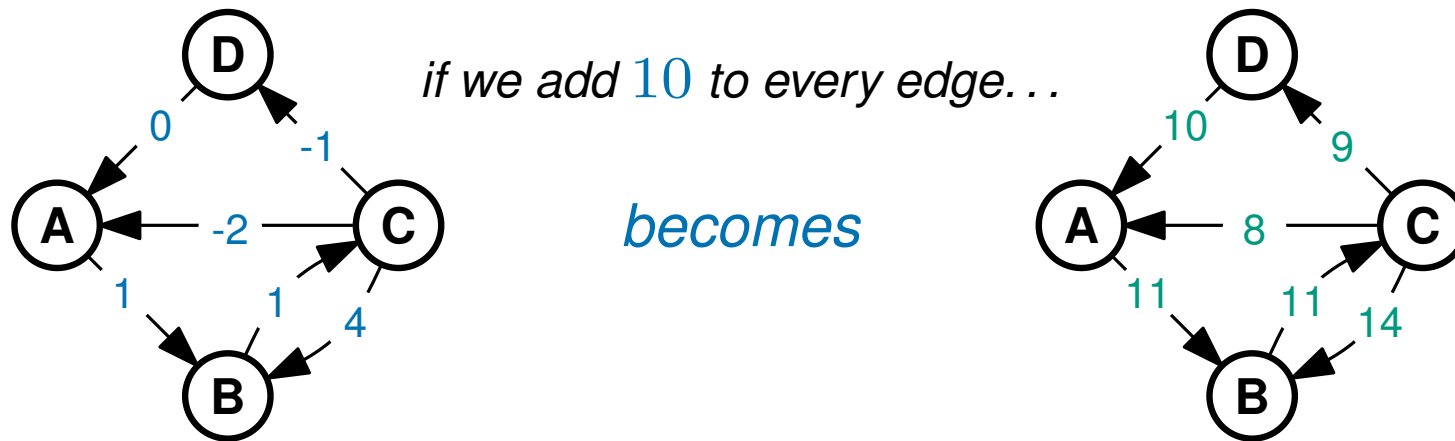
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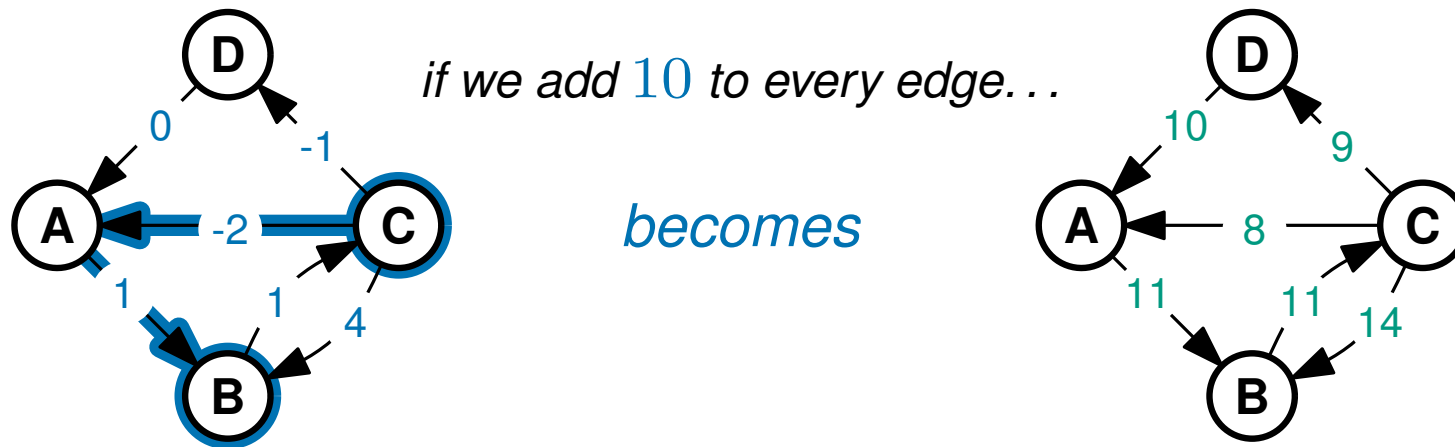
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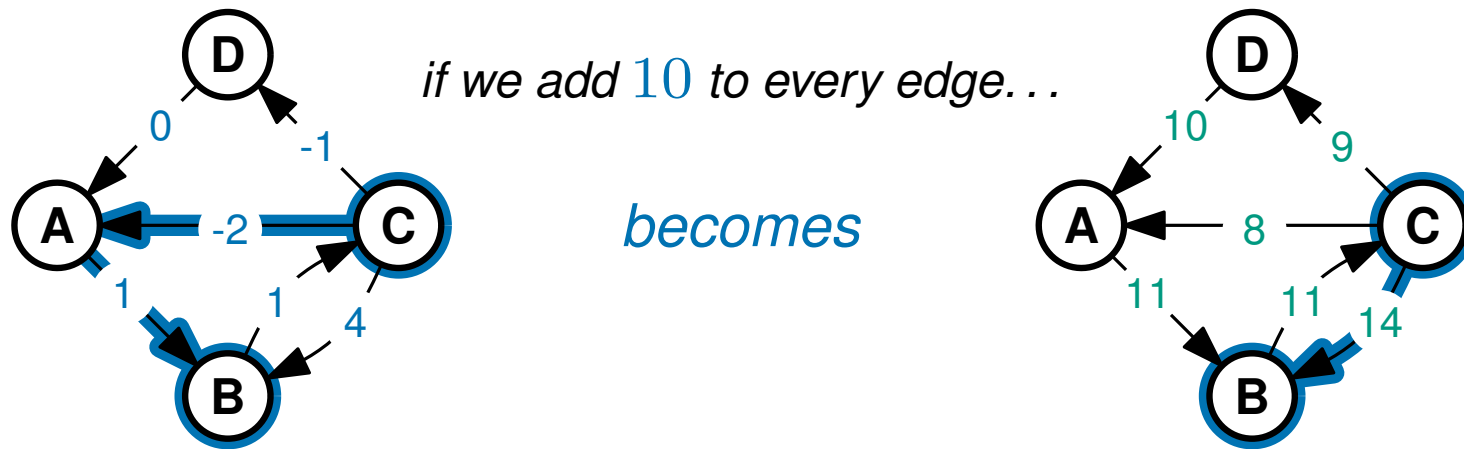
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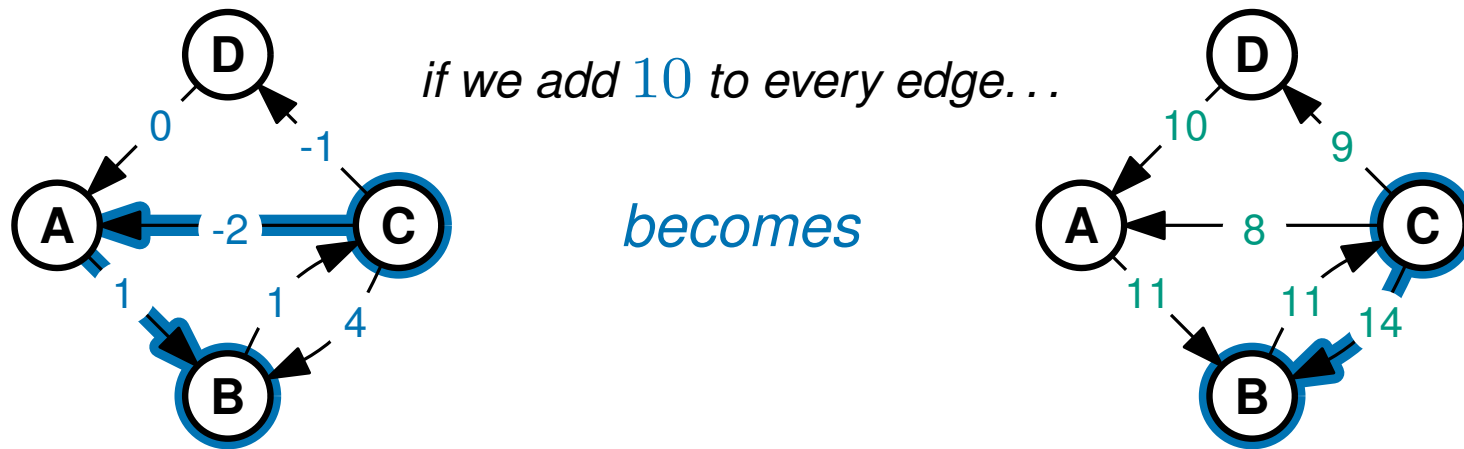


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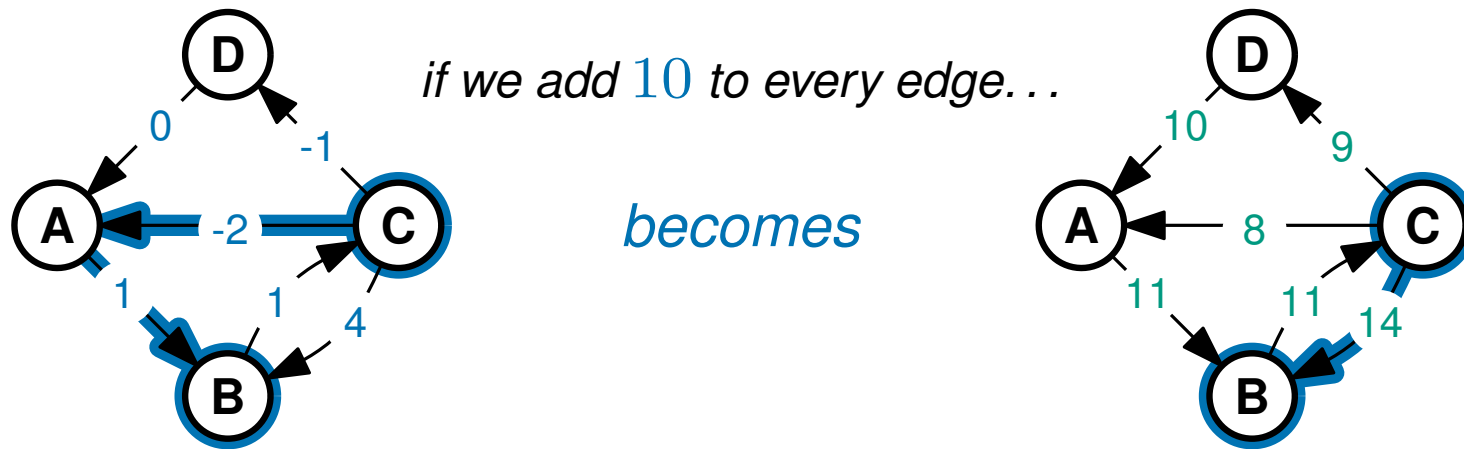
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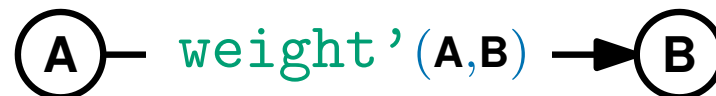
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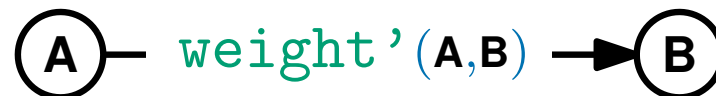
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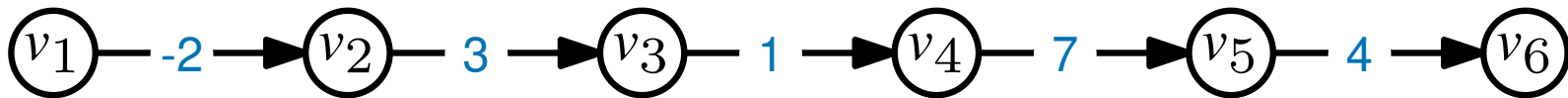
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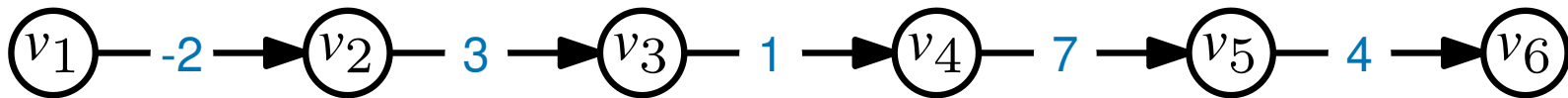




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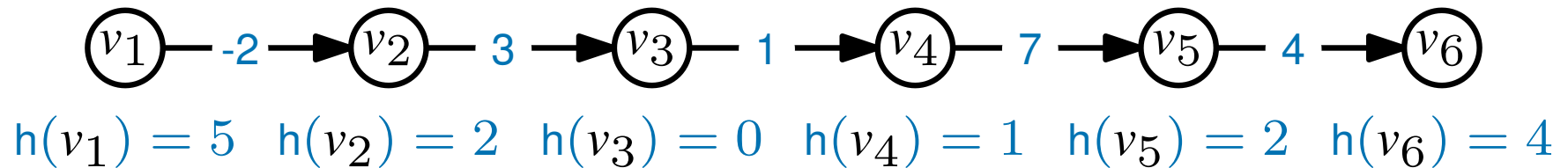


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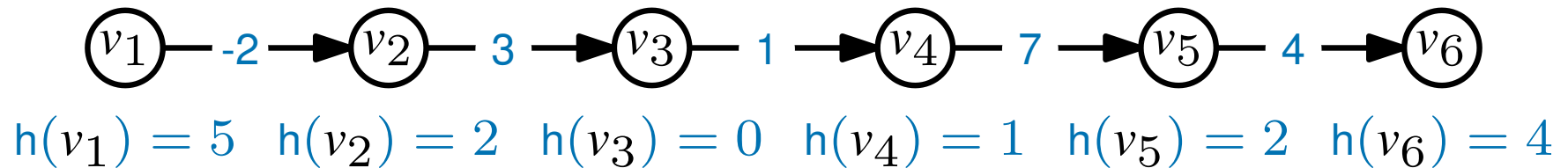


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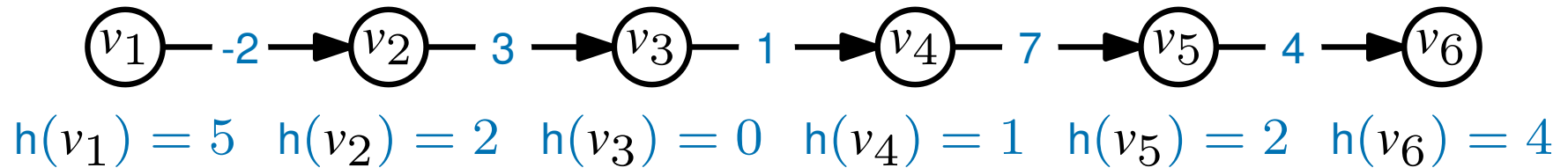
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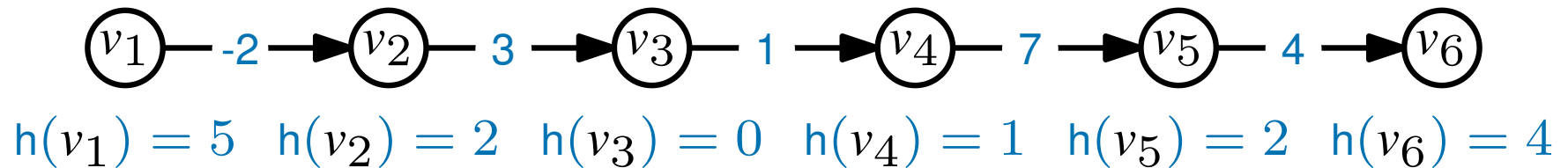
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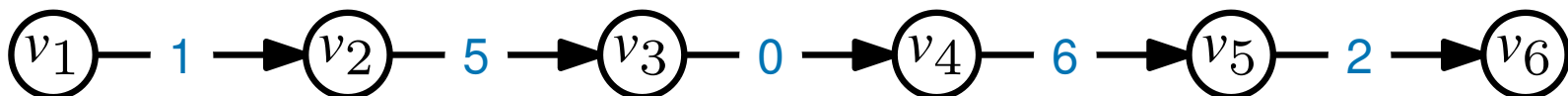
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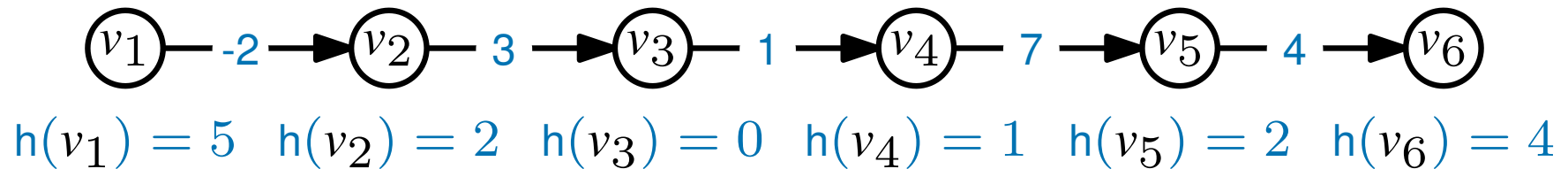
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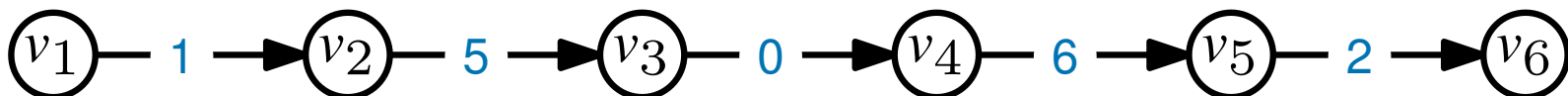
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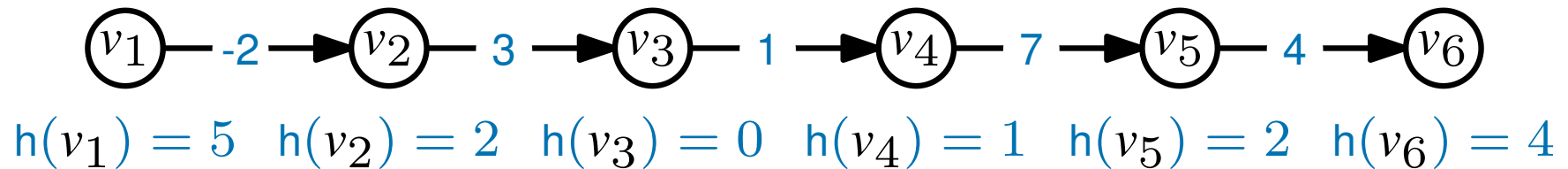


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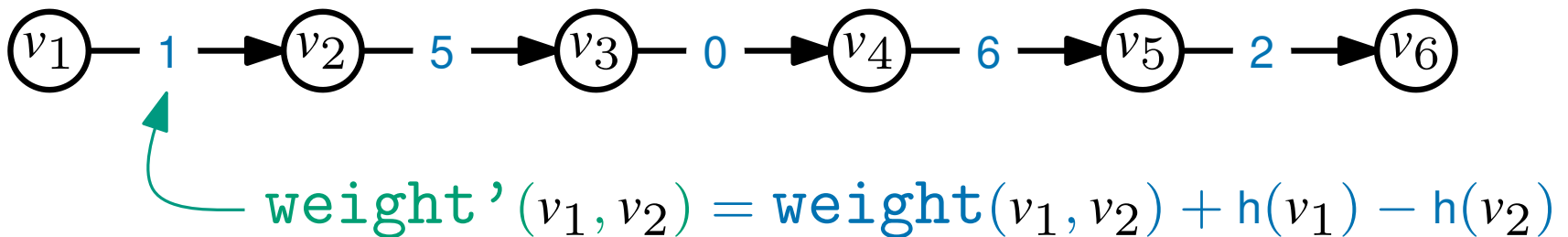
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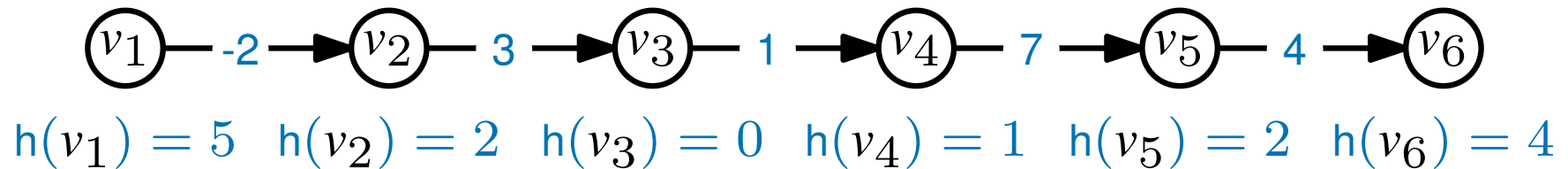


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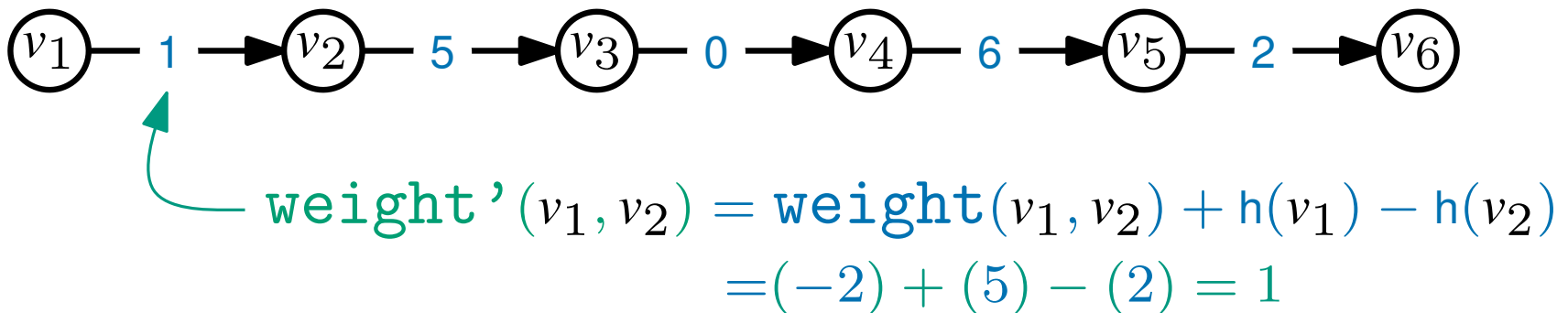
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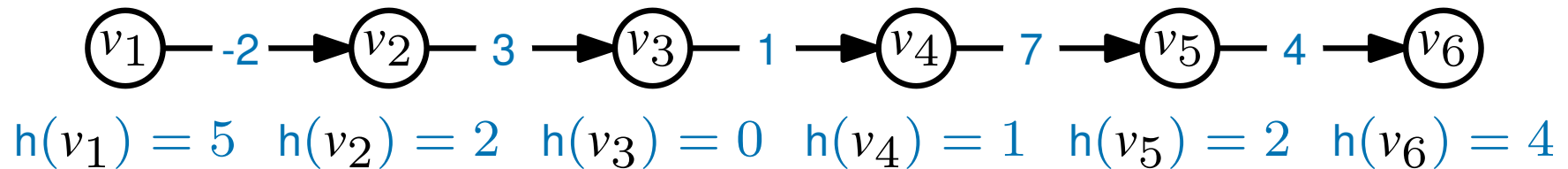
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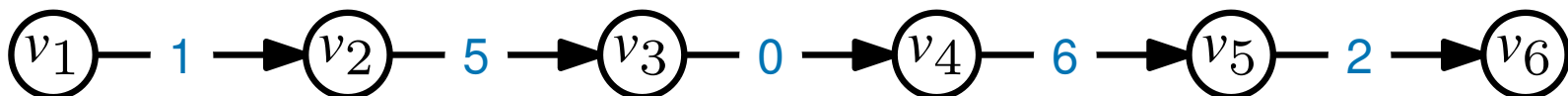
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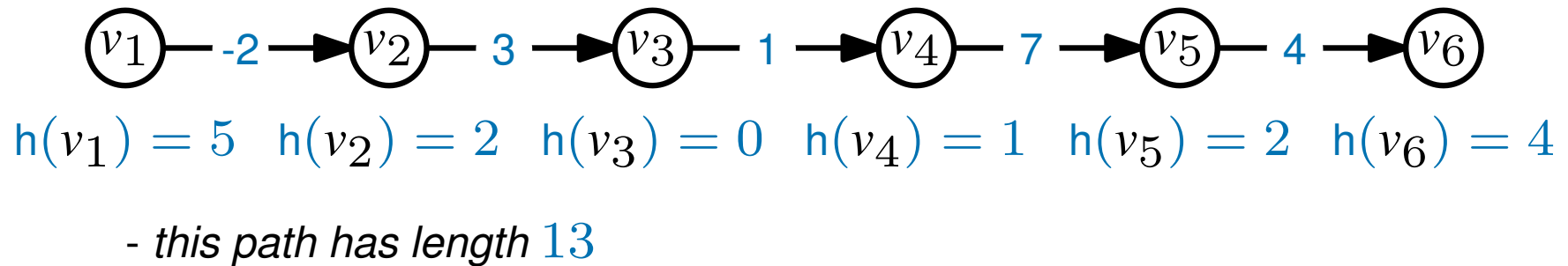


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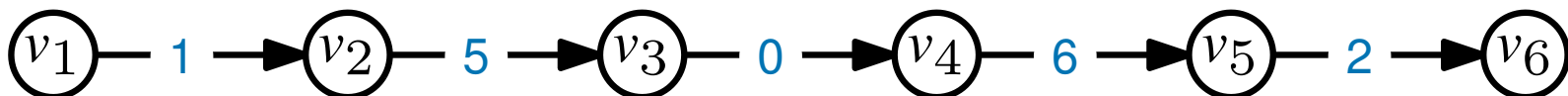
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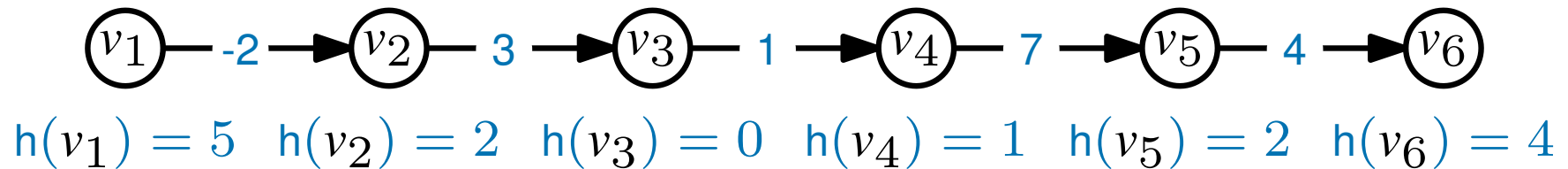


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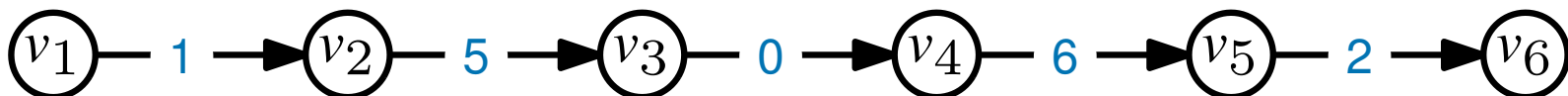
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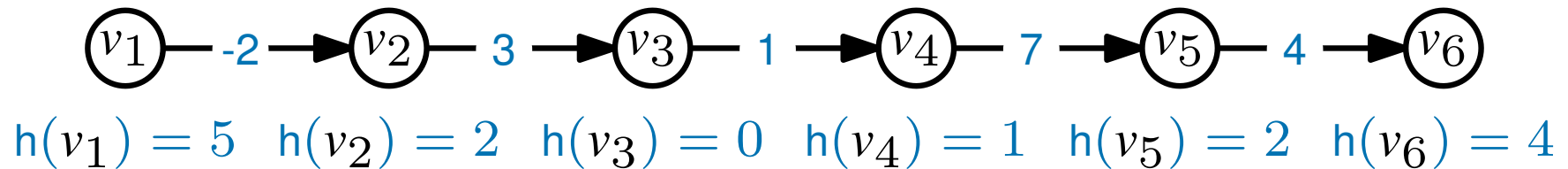
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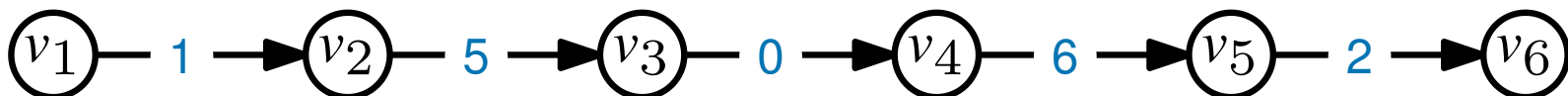
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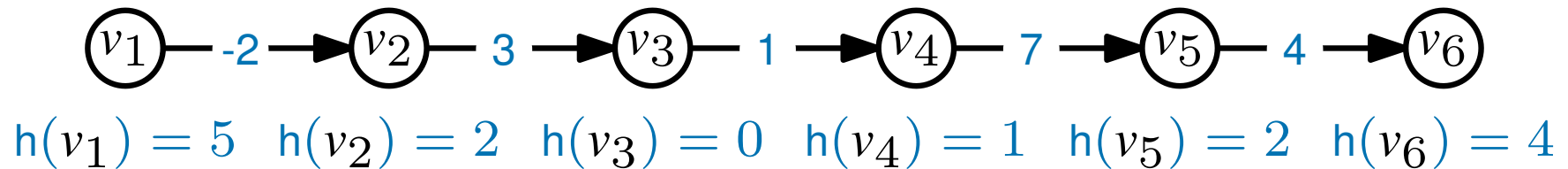
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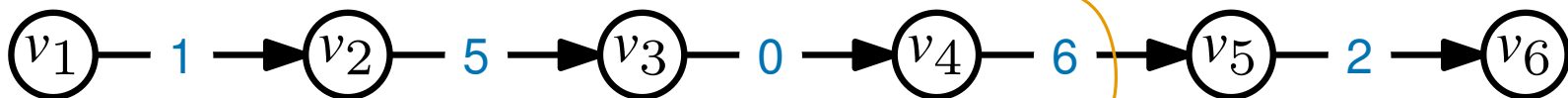
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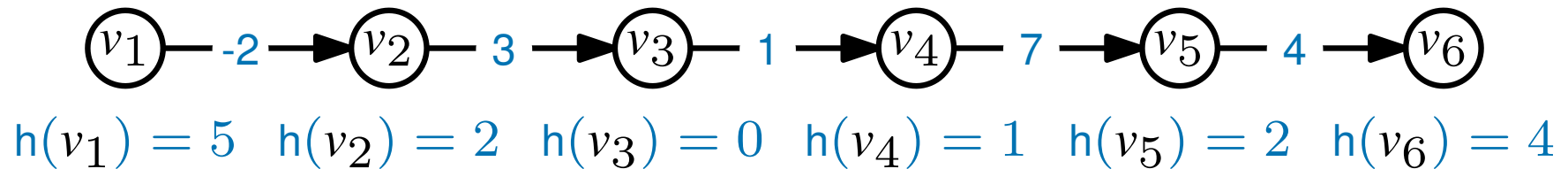
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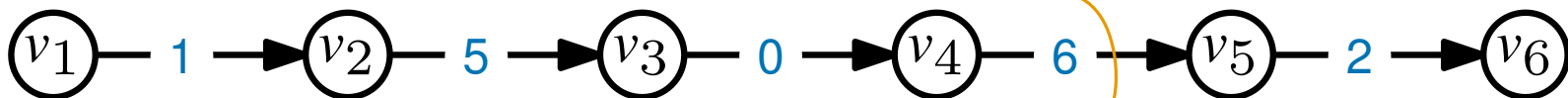
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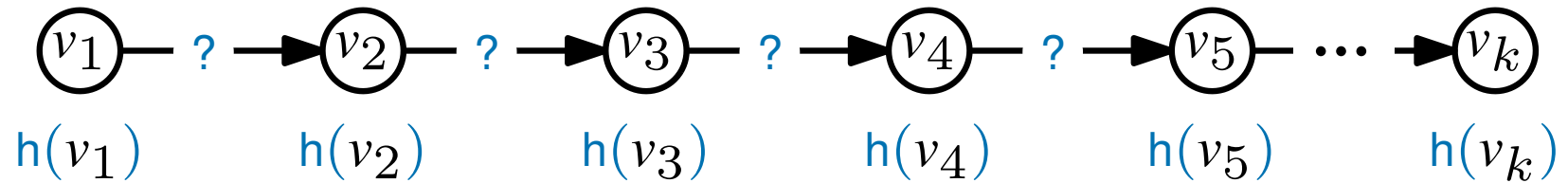
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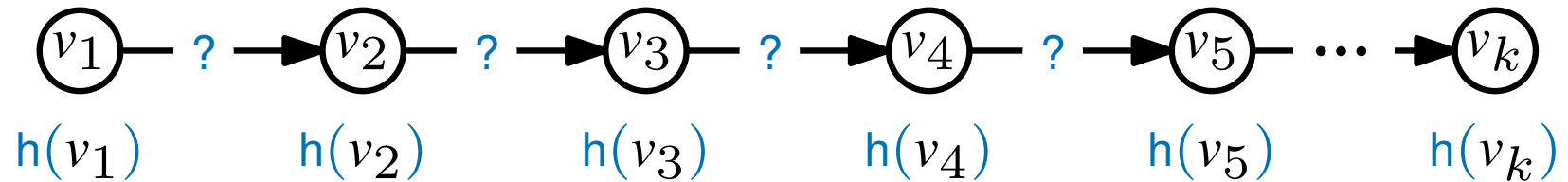
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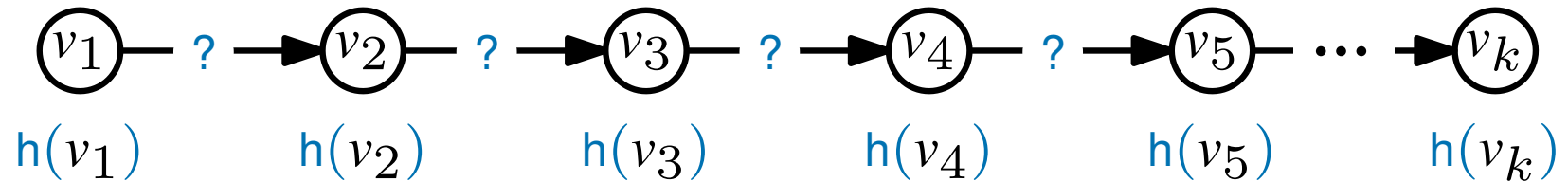


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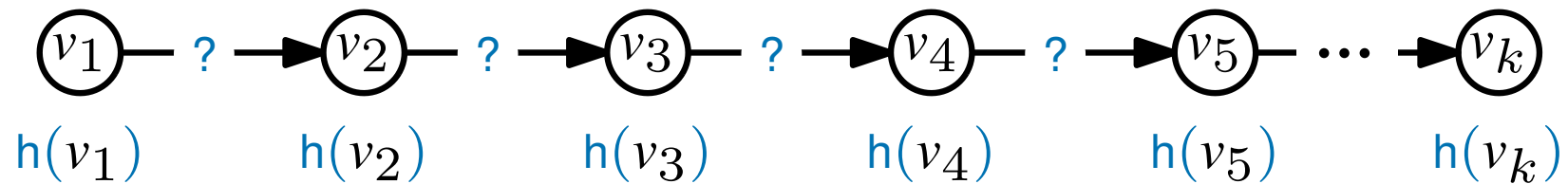
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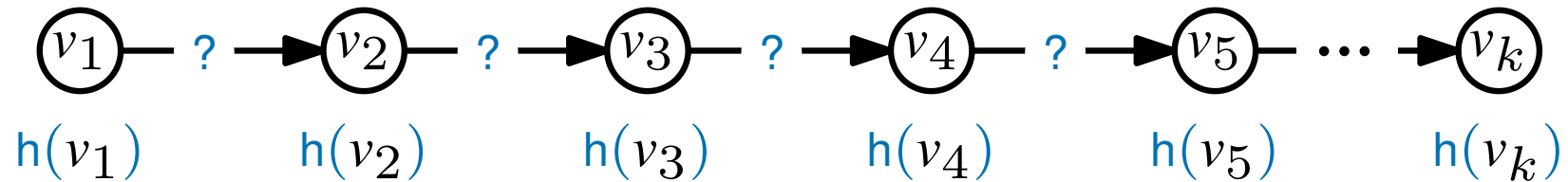
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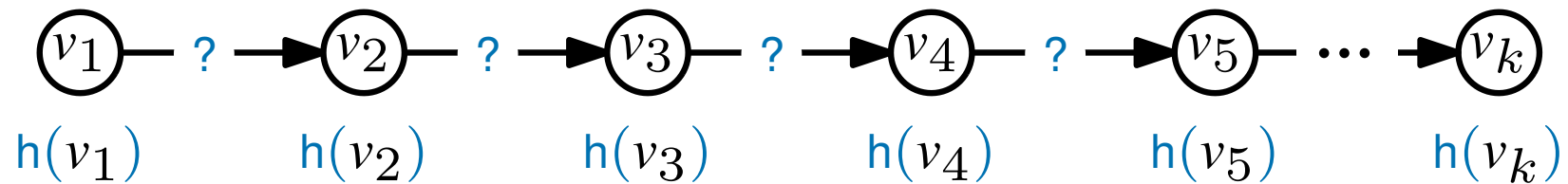
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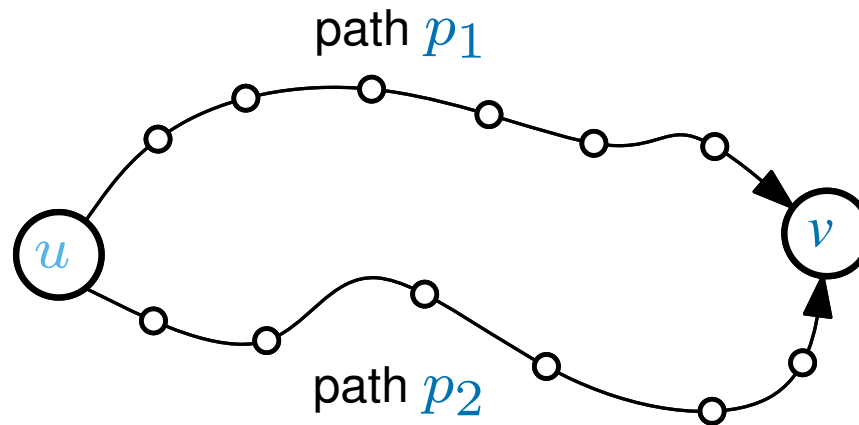
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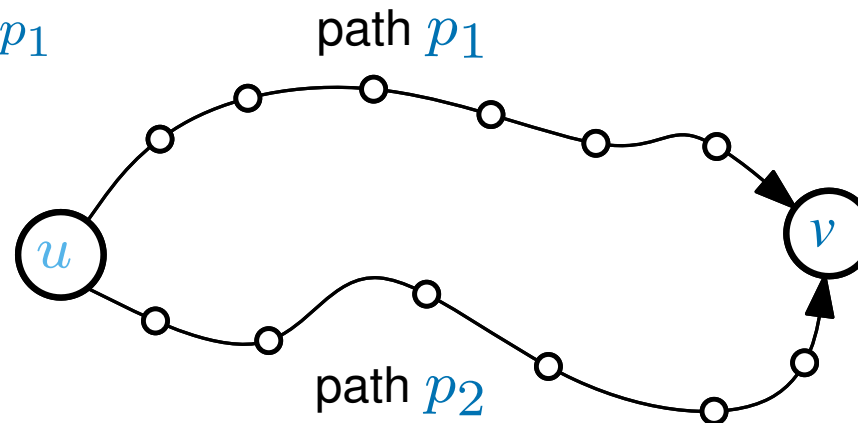
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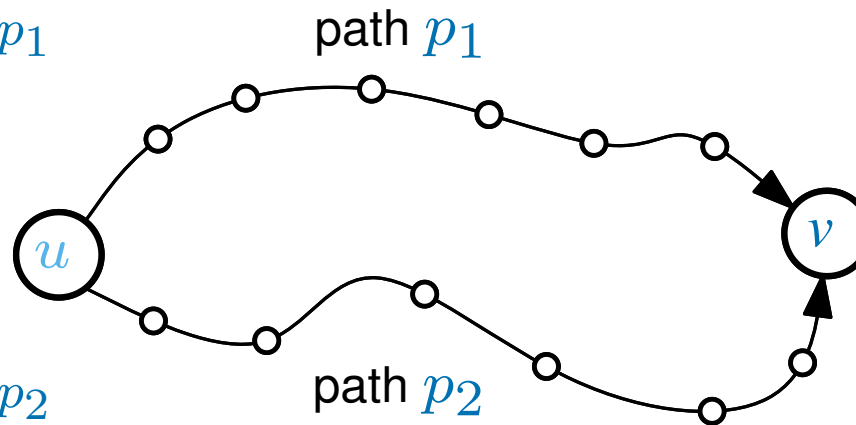
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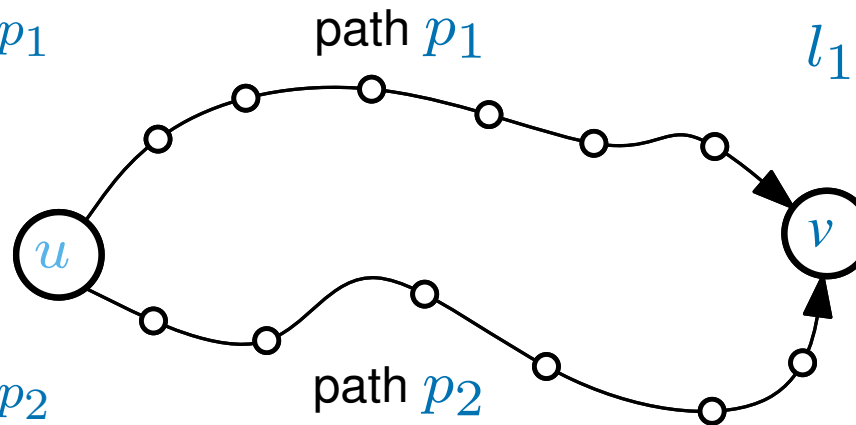
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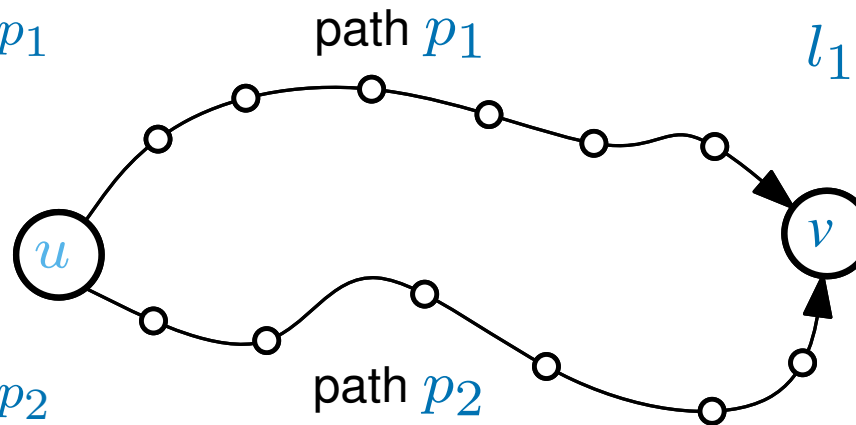
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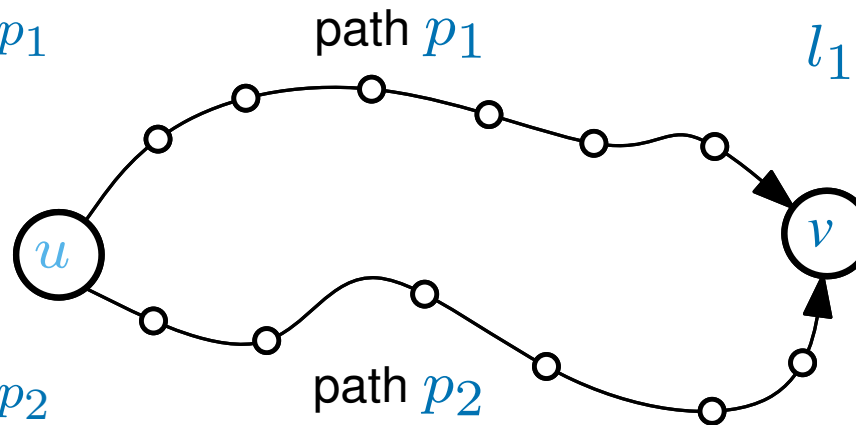
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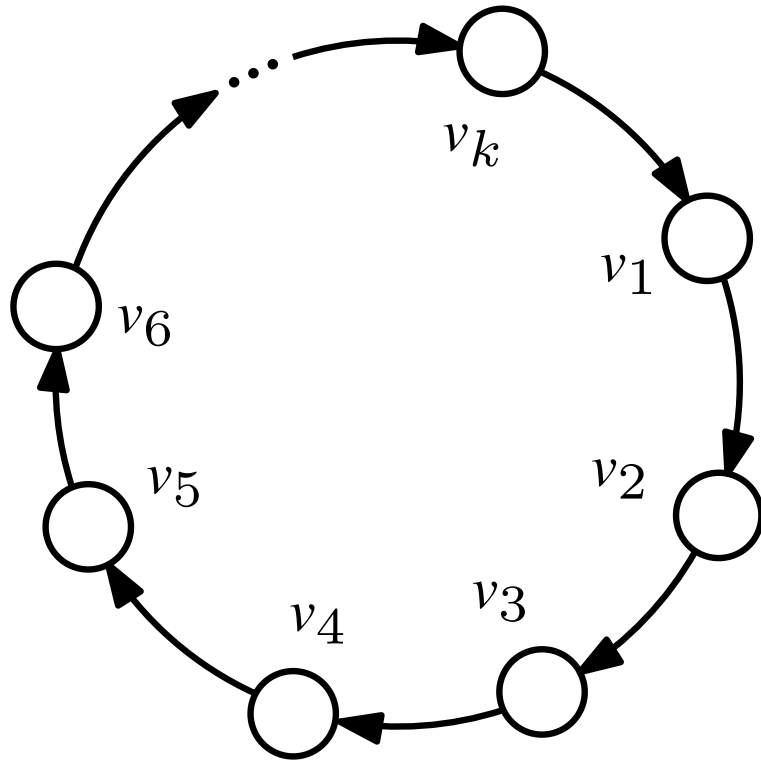
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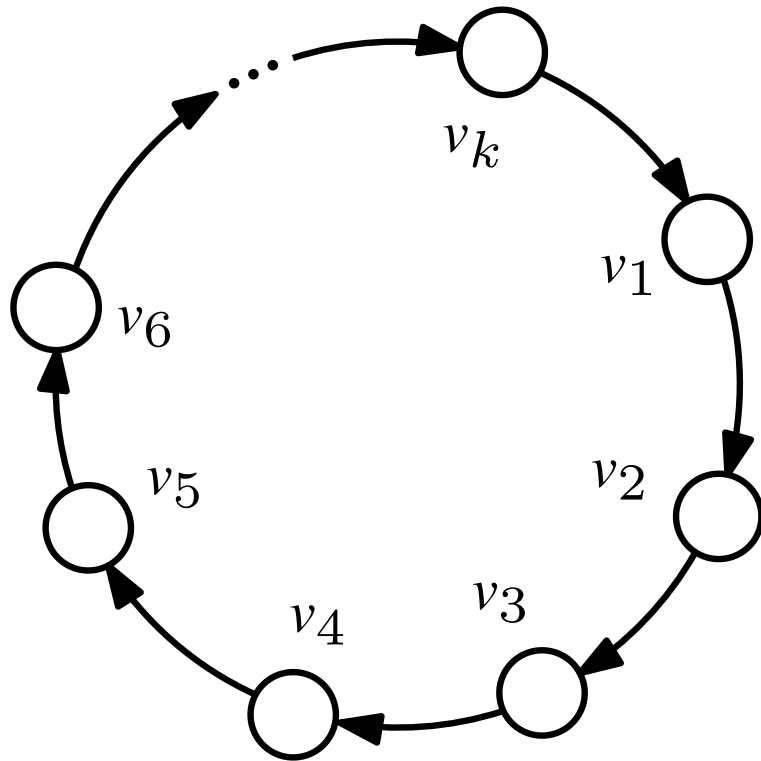
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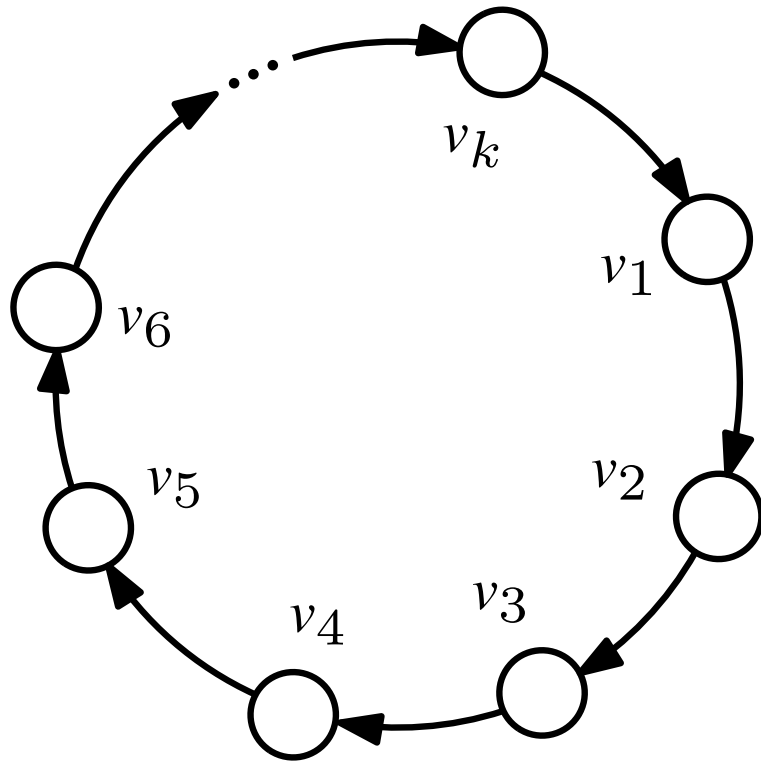
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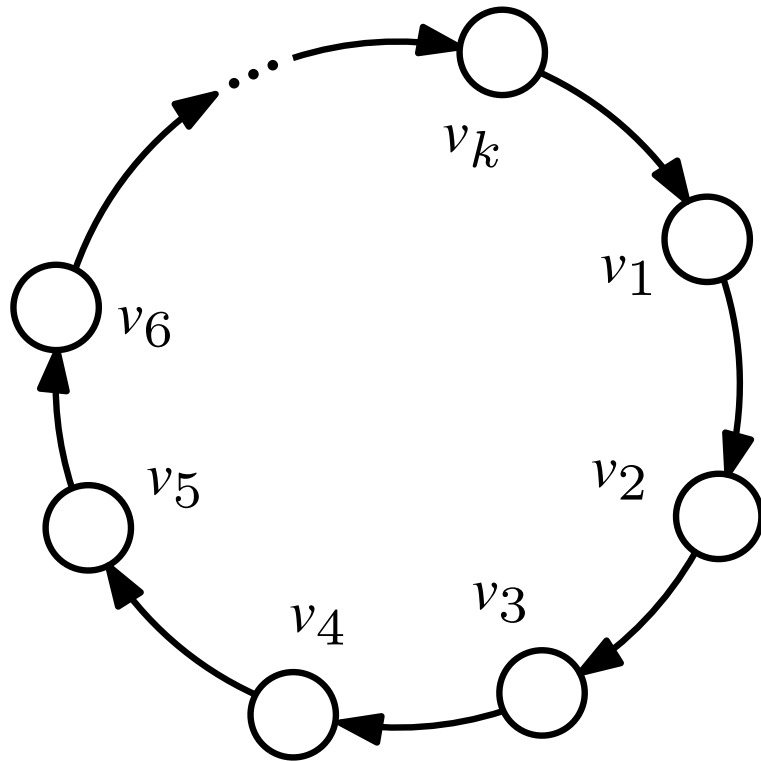
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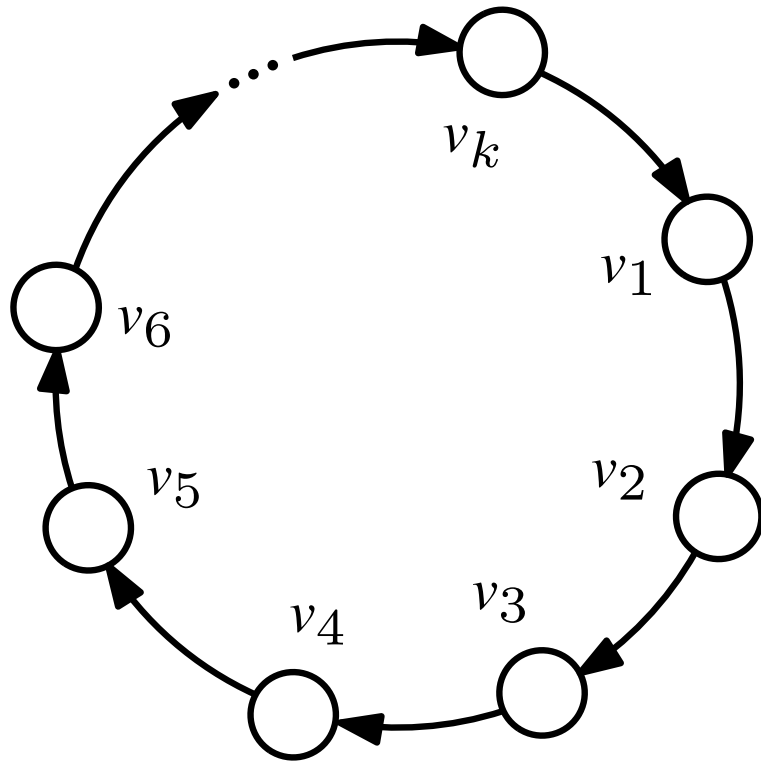
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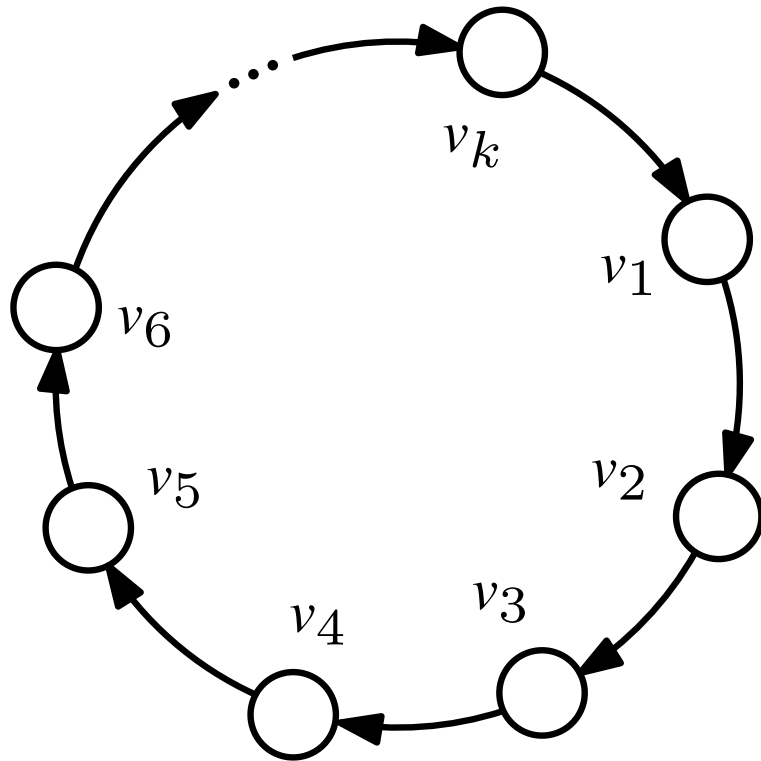
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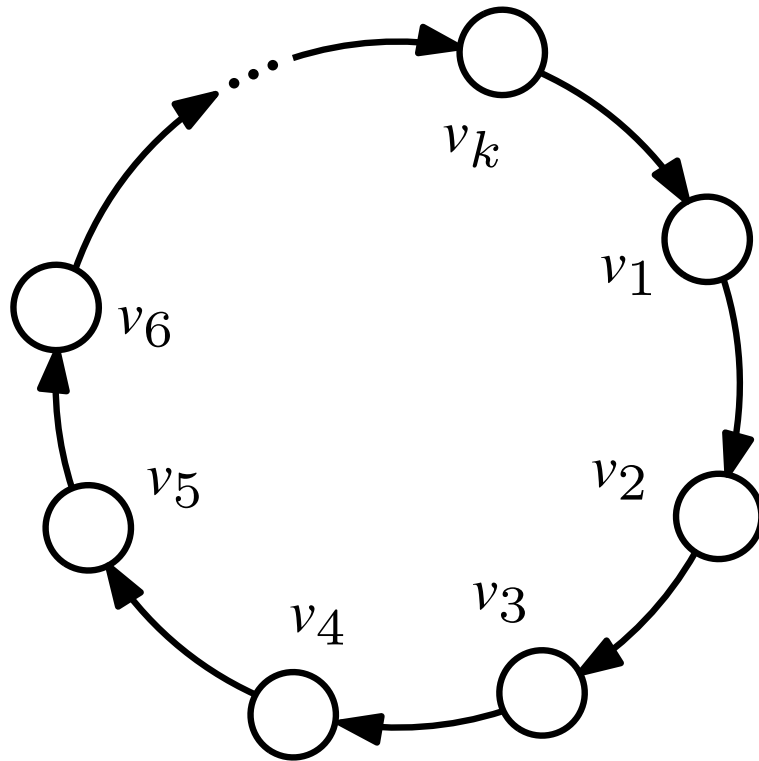
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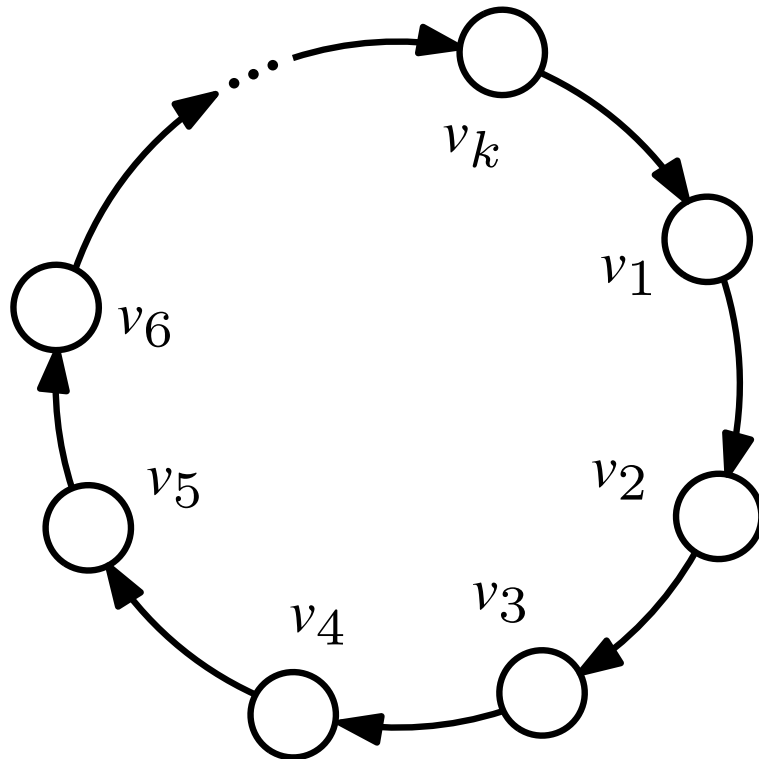
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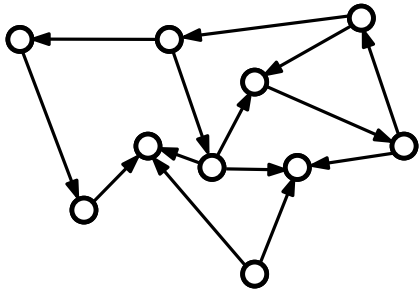
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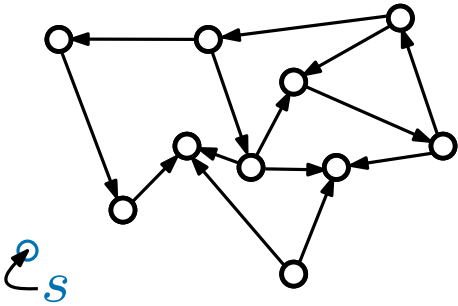
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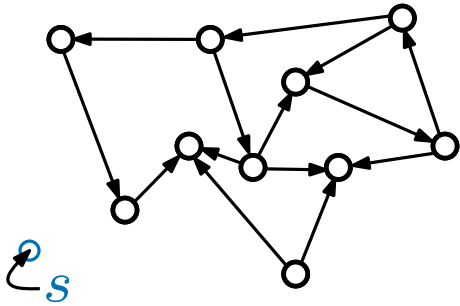
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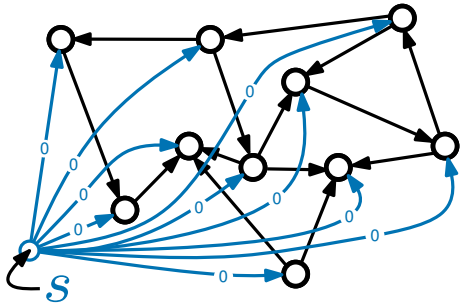
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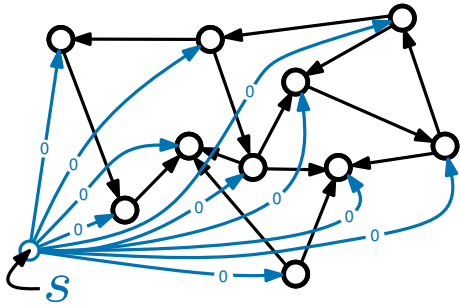
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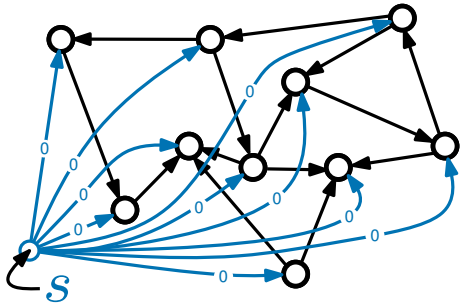
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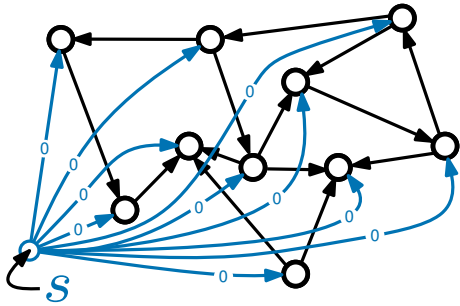
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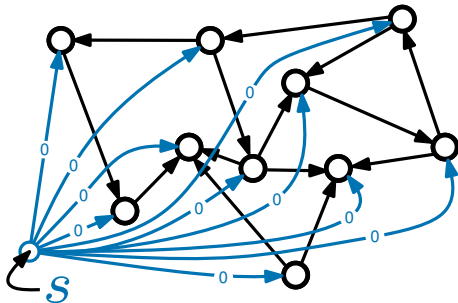
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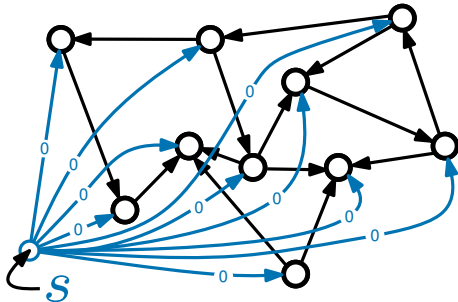
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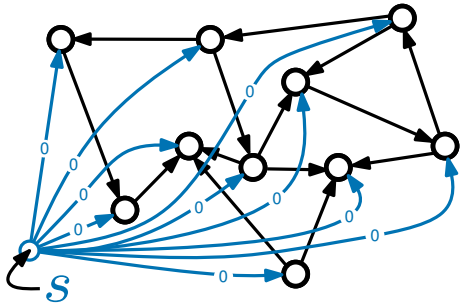
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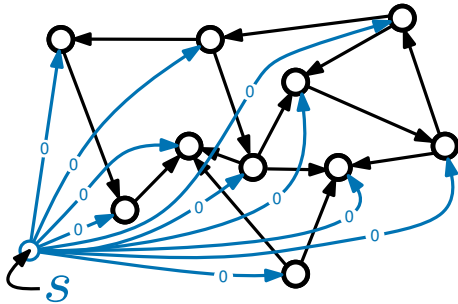
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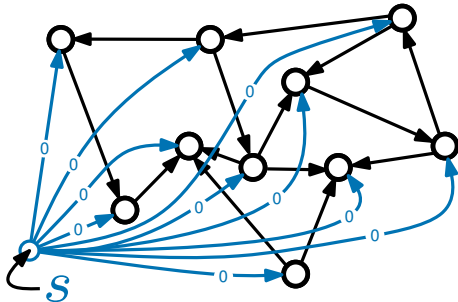
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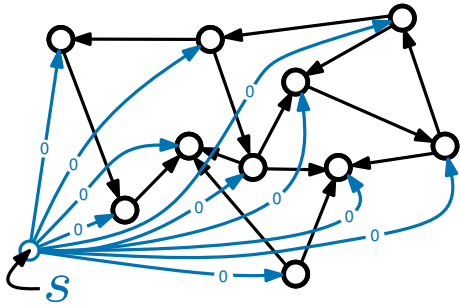
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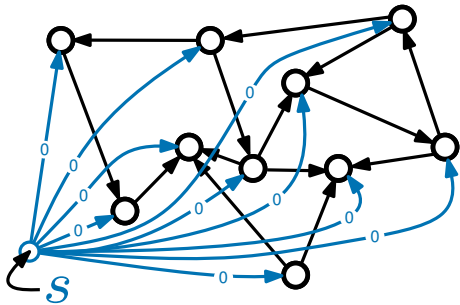
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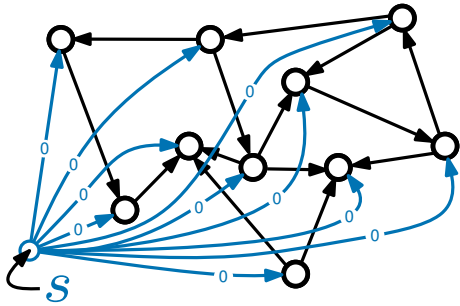
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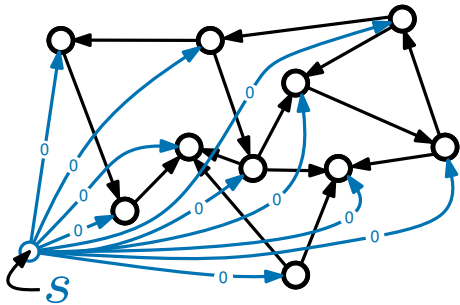
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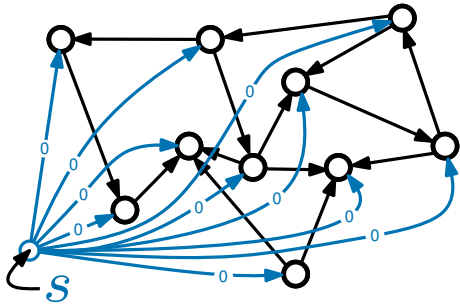
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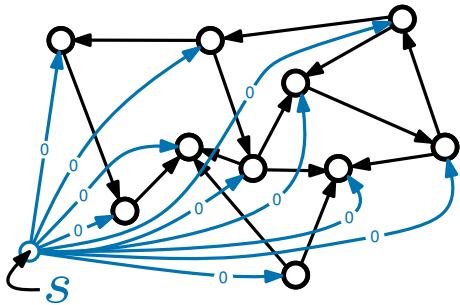
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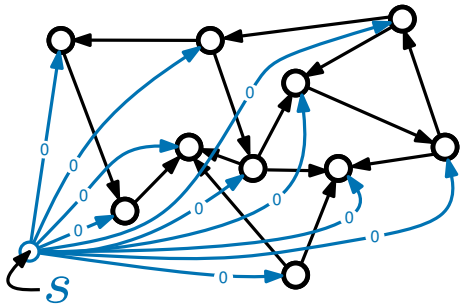
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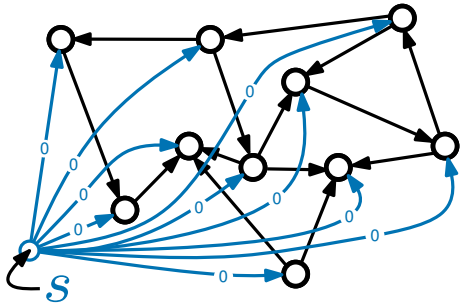
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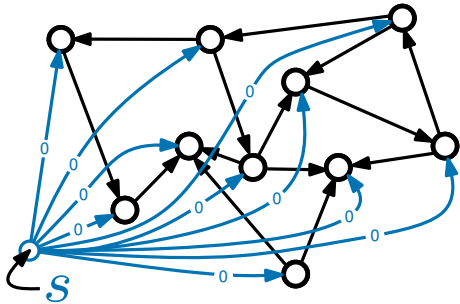
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So the overall time complexity is  $O(|V||E| \log |V|)$

see next slide

*This is the complexity for (strongly) connected graphs (actually any graph without isolated vertices)...*

where every pair of vertices is connected

In such graphs we have that  $|E| > |V|/2$  so  $O(|V|^2) = O(|V||E|)$

For unconnected graphs there is a (non-examinable and fiddly) fix...

# Johnson's algorithm on graphs with $|E| < |V|/2$

This slide contains non-examinable material and was added post-lecture.



It covers the corner case that Johnson's algorithm is run on a graph with  $|E| < |V|/2$ .

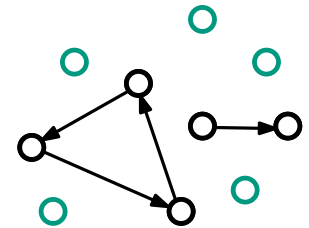
**The simple answer:** In this case, the algorithm (as discussed) takes  $O(|V|^2 + |V||E| \log |V|)$  time

We can't "hide" the  $O(|V|^2)$  term because  $|V|$  could be much much larger than  $|E|$

**A more convoluted answer:** With a simple preprocessing step, we can improve the time complexity to  $O(|V|^2 + |V||E| \log |V|)$  for this case

## Sketch Proof

We define a vertex to be *isolated* if it contains no incoming and no outgoing edges.  
(in the diagram the  are isolated and the  are not)



Add a new step to the start of Johnson's algorithm,

**Step 0:** Delete every isolated vertex  $\leftarrow O(|V| + |E|)$  time

In the new graph  $|E'| = |E|$ ,  $|V'| \leq |V|$  and  $|E'| \geq |V'|/2$  each remaining vertex is at one end of at least one edge

Therefore the modified algorithm takes

$$O(|V| + |E| + |V'||E'| \log |V'|) = O(|V||E| \log |V|) \text{ time}$$

Notice that the isolated vertices have distance  $\infty$  to everywhere so deleting them doesn't change anything

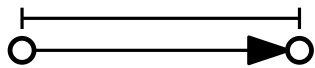
# JOHNSON's algorithm summary

The overall approach taken by JOHNSON's algorithm  
is to *reweight* the edges in the graph  
(using new weights picked using BELLMAN-FORD)

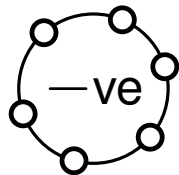
The key properties of the reweighted graph are:



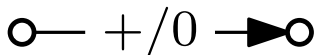
**Lemma** Any path is a shortest path in the original graph  
if and only if it is a shortest path in the reweighted graph



**Fact** The length of a shortest path in the original graph  
can be calculated from its length in the reweighted graph



**Fact** A cycle has negative weight in the original graph  
if and only if it has negative weight in the reweighted graph



**Fact** If there are no negative weight cycles in the original graph,  
all of the edges in the reweighted graph have non-negative weights

After reweighting, all-pairs shortest paths are calculated  
using DIJKSTRAS algorithm, once with each vertex  $v$  as the source

Overall this takes  $O(|V||E| \log |V|)$  time

# Shortest paths algorithms: the summary

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