

# LEC007 Inventory Management II

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# Wagner-Whitin Model

## INPUT:

- Deterministic demand (non-stationary) over  $T$  periods  
 $(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_{T-1}, d_T)$
- No stockout is allowed
- Lead time  $L$  (setting  $L = 0$  WLOG)
- Fixed cost  $K > 0$  per order
- Purchase cost  $c$  per unit (setting  $c = 0$  WLOG) *without loss of generality*
- Inventory hold cost  $h > 0$  per unit per unit of time

## OUTPUT:

The optimal ordering strategy

# Mixed Integer Linear Program (MILP)

## Decision Variables

$q_t$  = the number of units ordered in period

$y_t$  = 1 if we order in period  $t$ , 0 otherwise

$x_t$  = the inventory level at the end of period, with  $x_0 \equiv 0$

套路① 写出 function, constraints  
② minimize/maximize

initially empty

Inventory-balance constraint

minimize  $\sum_{t=1}^T (Ky_t + hx_t)$  *fixed costs holding costs*  
subject to  $x_t = x_{t-1} + q_t - d_t \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$   
*linking constraint*  $q_t \leq My_t$  *M: huge number*  $\forall t = 1, \dots, T$   
*non-negative constraints*  $x_t \geq 0 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$   
 $q_t \geq 0 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$   
 $y_t \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T$

Linking constraint  
("a common trick")

flow balance constraints

structure of problem

- It is optimal to place orders only in time periods in which the inventory level is zero.

- This suggests that each order is of a size equal to the total demand in an integer number of subsequent periods, i.e., in period  $t$ , we either order  $d_t$ ,

or  $d_t + d_{t+1}$ ,

or  $d_t + d_{t+1} + d_{t+2}$ ,

and so on.

$d_1=100$   $d_2=50$   $d_3=10$   $d_4=5$

就是说最好一次性 order 多一点,  
把后面几次的也加进来

# Dynamic Programming recursive relation of value function

- Define  $\theta_t$  to be the optimal cost in periods  $[t, T]$  if we place optimal orders over  $[t, T]$ .

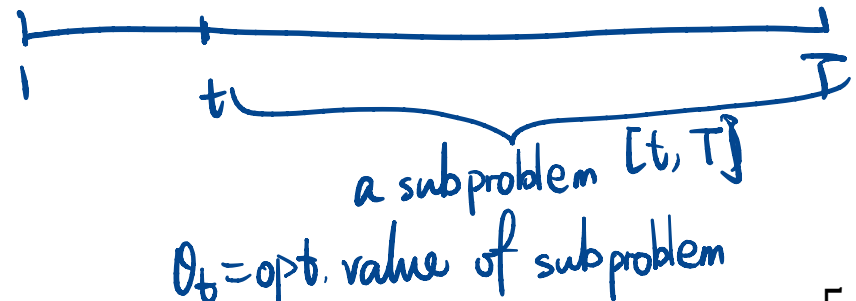
$$\theta_t = \min_{t < s \leq T+1} \left\{ \overbrace{K + h \sum_{i=t}^{s-1} (i-t)d_i}^{\text{holding cost}} + \overbrace{\theta_s}^{\text{smaller subproblem}} \right\}$$

*Handwritten notes below the equation:*  
 $d_t, d_{t+1}, d_{t+2}, \dots$

Cost of covering demands of periods  $t, t+1, \dots, s-1$

- Boundary condition: trivial problem

$$\theta_{T+1} \equiv 0$$



# Dynamic Programming

- Backward induction

$$\theta_t = \min_{t < s \leq T+1} \left\{ K + h \sum_{i=t}^{s-1} (i - t) d_i + \theta_s \right\}. \quad (3.39)$$

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**Algorithm 3.1** Wagner–Whitin algorithm

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1: $\theta_{T+1} \leftarrow 0$	▷ Initialization
2: <b>for</b> $t = T, \dots, 1$ <b>do</b>	▷ Main loop
3: $\theta_t \leftarrow$ right-hand side of (3.39)	▷ Minimization over $s$
4: $s(t) \leftarrow$ argmin in right-hand side of (3.39)	
5: <b>end for</b>	
6: <b>return</b> $\theta_t, s(t)$ for all $t = 1, \dots, T$	

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# Numerical Example

$K = 500, h = 2$  per period. The demands are 90, 120, 80, and 70.

$$\theta_5 = 0$$

$$\theta_4 = K + h(0 \cdot d_4) + \theta_5$$

不断找最好的

order 90+120 in 1

$$= 500 \quad [s(4) = 5]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \theta_3 &= \min \{K + h(0 \cdot d_3) + \theta_4, K + h(0 \cdot d_3 + 1 \cdot d_4) + \theta_5\} \\ &= \min \{1000, 640\} \\ &= 640 \quad [s(3) = 5] \end{aligned}$$

80+70 in 3

5

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= \min \{K + h(0 \cdot d_2) + \theta_3, K + h(0 \cdot d_2 + 1 \cdot d_3) + \theta_4, \\ &\quad K + h(0 \cdot d_2 + 1 \cdot d_3 + 2 \cdot d_4) + \theta_5\} \\ &= \min \{1140, 1160, 940\} \\ &= 940 \quad [s(2) = 5] \end{aligned}$$

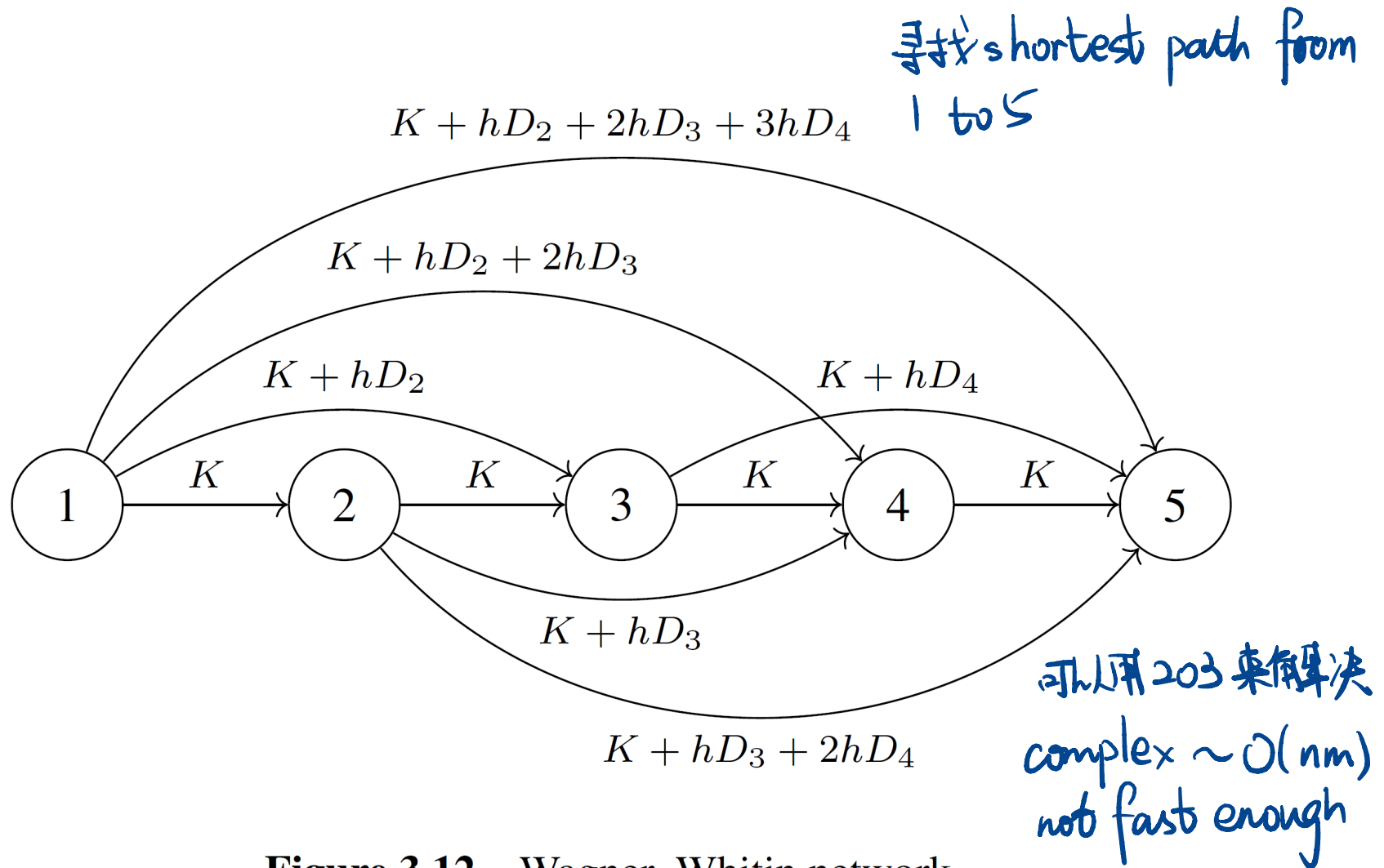
$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= \min \{K + h(0 \cdot d_1) + \theta_2, K + h(0 \cdot d_1 + 1 \cdot d_2) + \theta_3, \\ &\quad K + h(0 \cdot d_1 + 1 \cdot d_2 + 2 \cdot d_3) + \theta_4, \\ &\quad K + h(0 \cdot d_1 + 1 \cdot d_2 + 2 \cdot d_3 + 3 \cdot d_4) + \theta_5\} \\ &= \min \{1440, 1380, 1560, 1480\} \\ &= 1380 \quad [s(1) = 3] \end{aligned}$$

keep track \*

condition:  $90 - 120 - 80 - 70$  从这里思考  $80 + 70$   
 $\theta_3$ : sub problem over  $[3, 4]$  order  $< 80$



# If you think about this...



**Figure 3.12** Wagner–Whitin network.

# Shortest Path Problem

Input:

- Directed Graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $|V| = n, |E| = m$
- Each edge  $e \in E$  has non-negative length  $l_e \geq 0$
- Source vertex  $s$

Output:

For each  $v \in V$ , compute

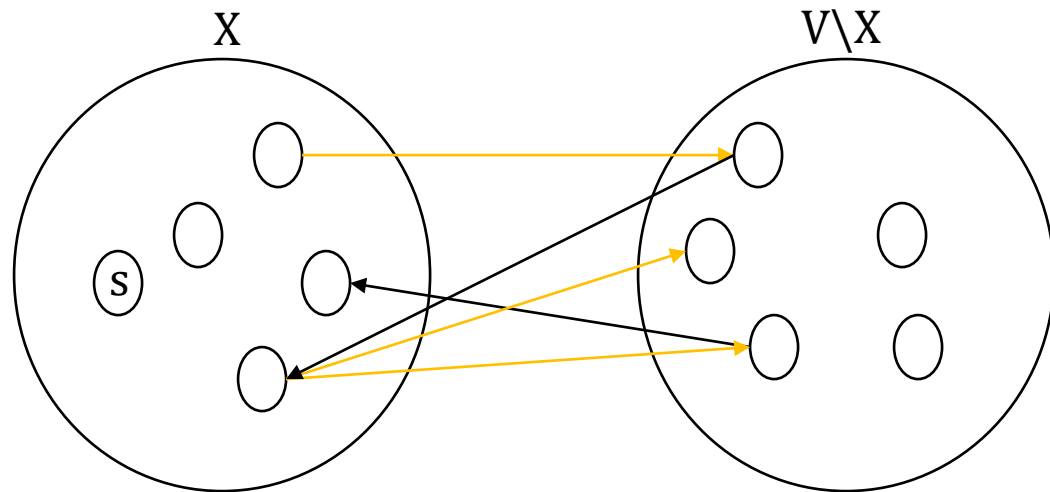
$L(v)$  = length of a shortest  $s$ - $v$  path in  $G$

Fastest algorithm is called **Dijkstra's Algorithm**

Caveat: length/weight/travel time  $l_e \geq 0$ !

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

- Initialize  $X = \{s\}$ ,  $A[s] = 0$ ,  $B[s] = \emptyset$
- Main loop
  - While  $X \neq V$

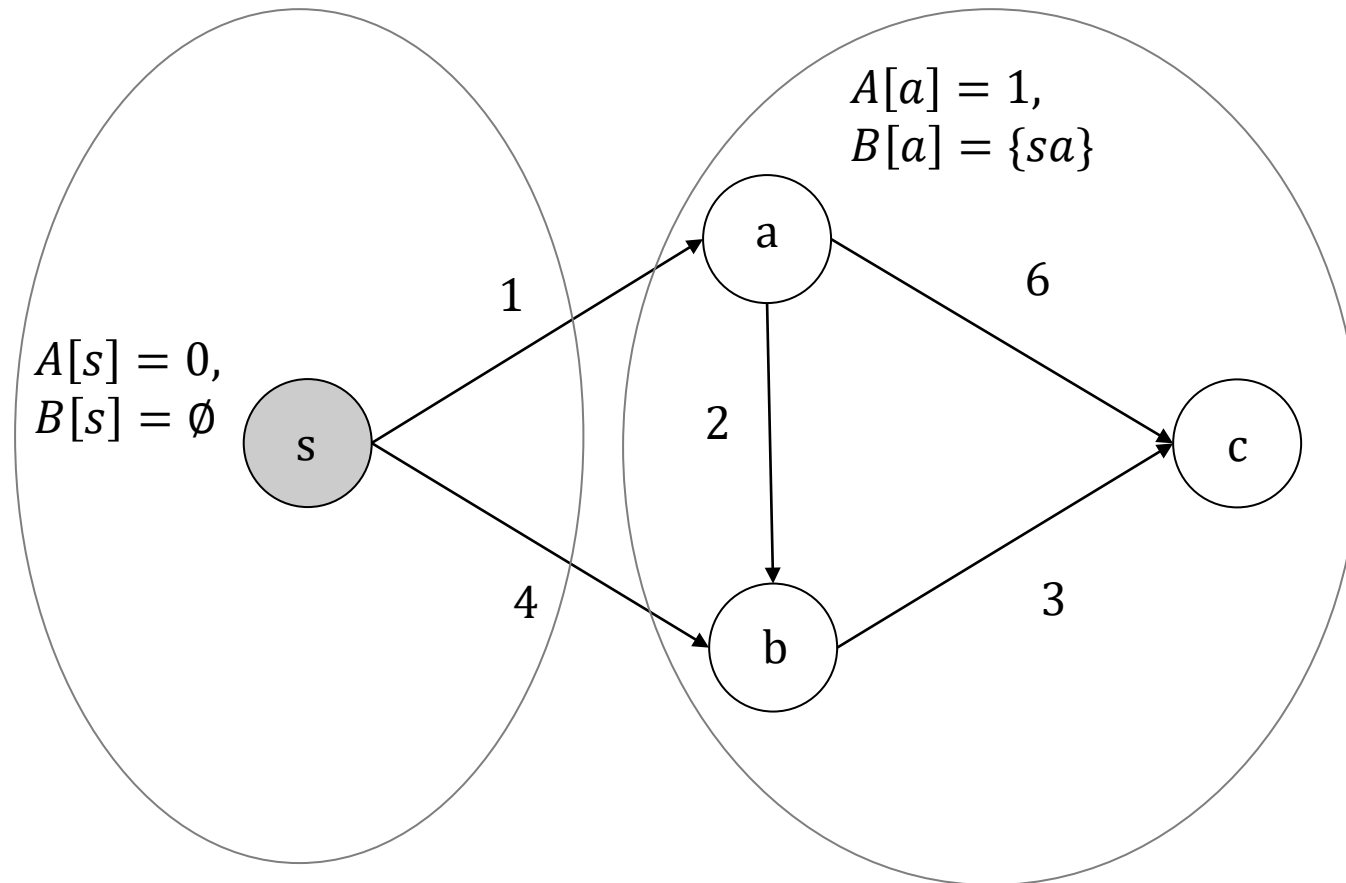


- ▶ Of all edges  $(v, w) \in E$  with  $v \in X$  and  $w \notin X$ , pick the one that minimizes  $A[v] + l_{vw}$  (Dijkstra's greedy criterion)
- ▶ Call the minimizing edge  $(v^*, w^*)$  and add vertex  $w^*$  to  $X$
- ▶ Set  $A[w^*] = A[v^*] + l_{v^*w^*}$
- ▶ Set  $B[w^*] = B[v^*] \cup (v^*, w^*)$

# An Example

$A[v] + l_{vw}$  (Dijkstra's greedy criterion)

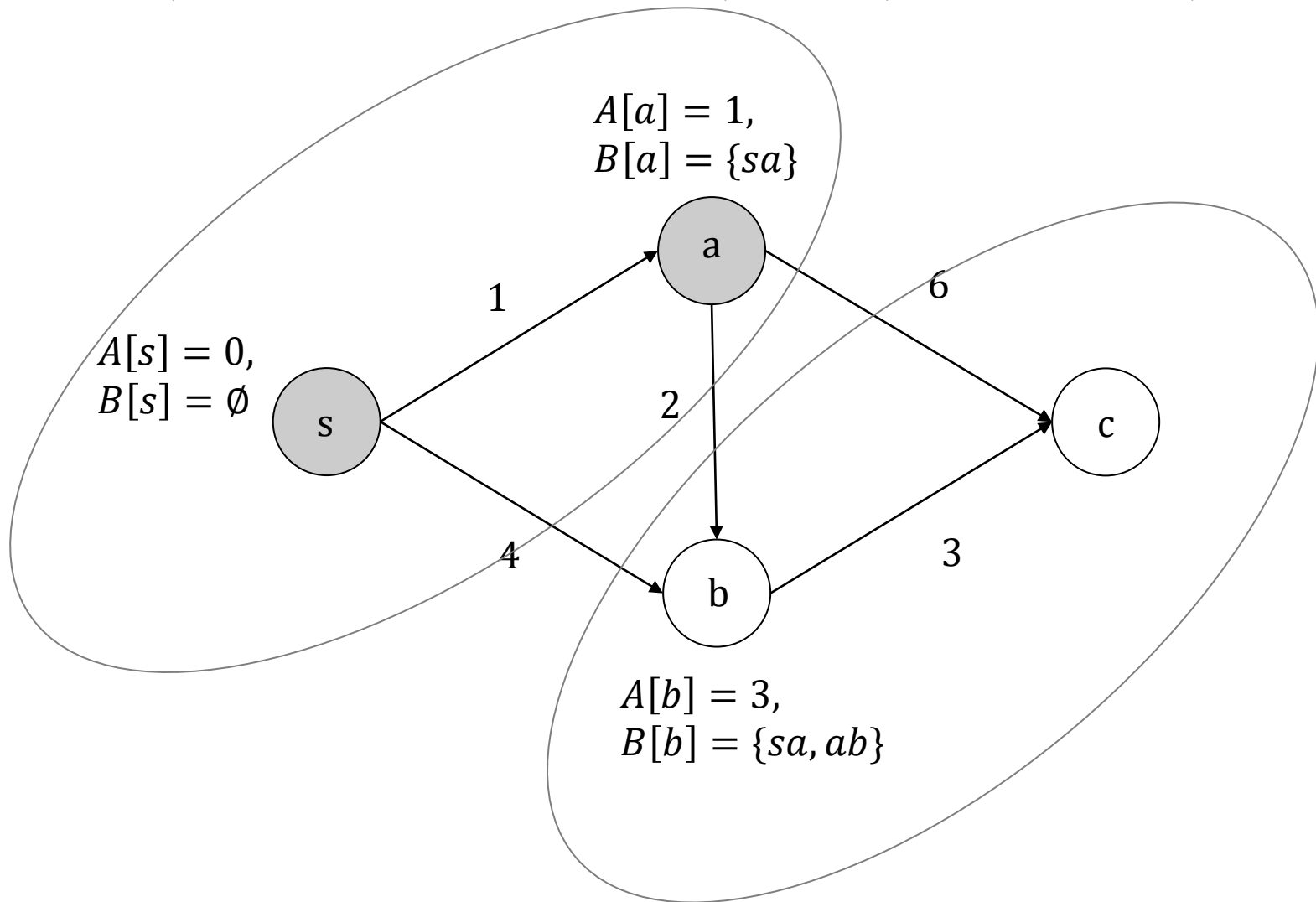
$$\min (A[s] + l_{sa}, A[s] + l_{sb}) = \min (0 + 1, 0 + 4) = 1$$



# An Example

$A[v] + l_{vw}$  (Dijkstra's greedy criterion)

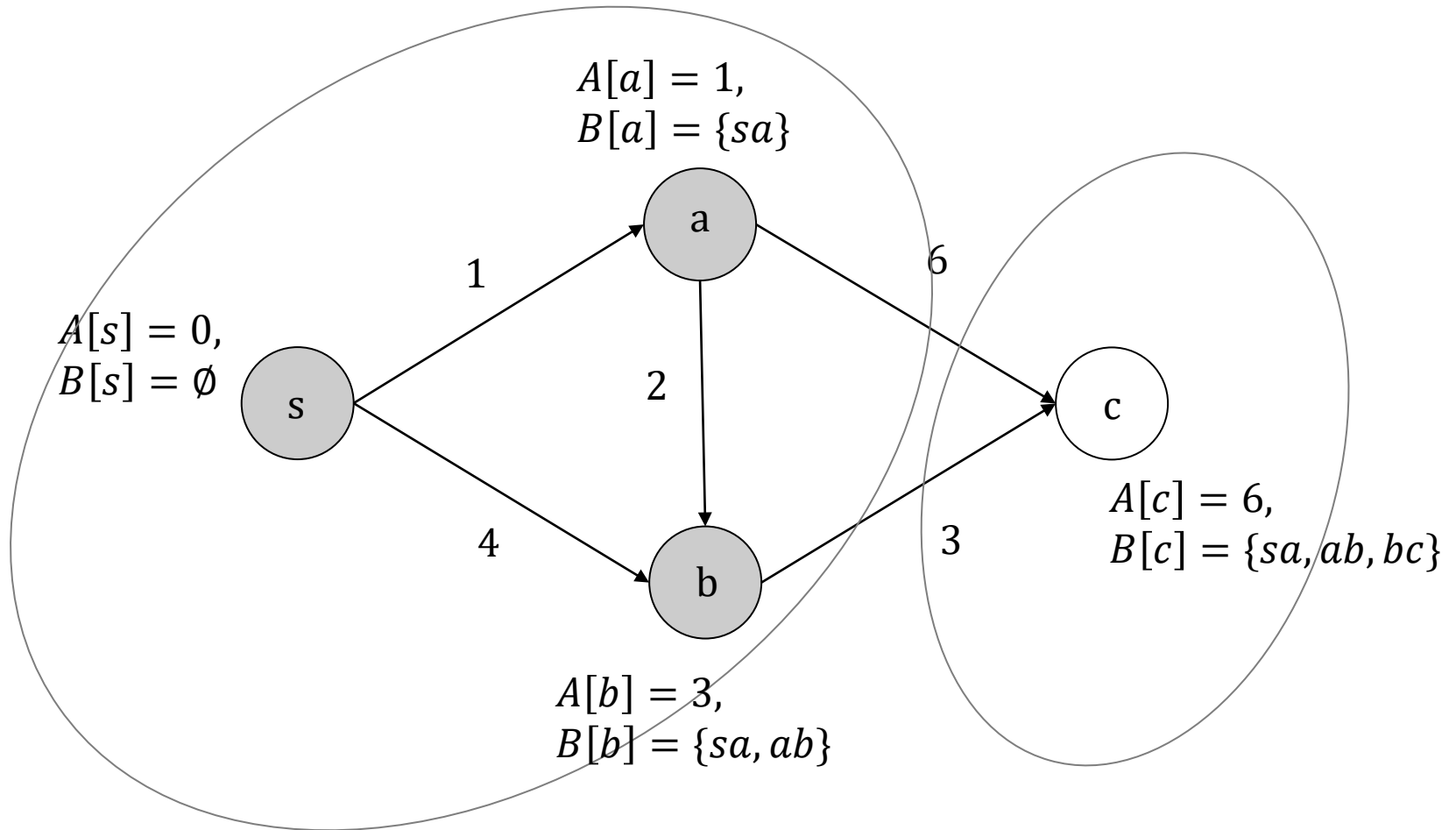
$$\min (A[s] + l_{sb}, A[a] + l_{ab}, A[a] + l_{ac}) = \min (0 + 4, 1 + 2, 1 + 6) = 3$$



# An Example

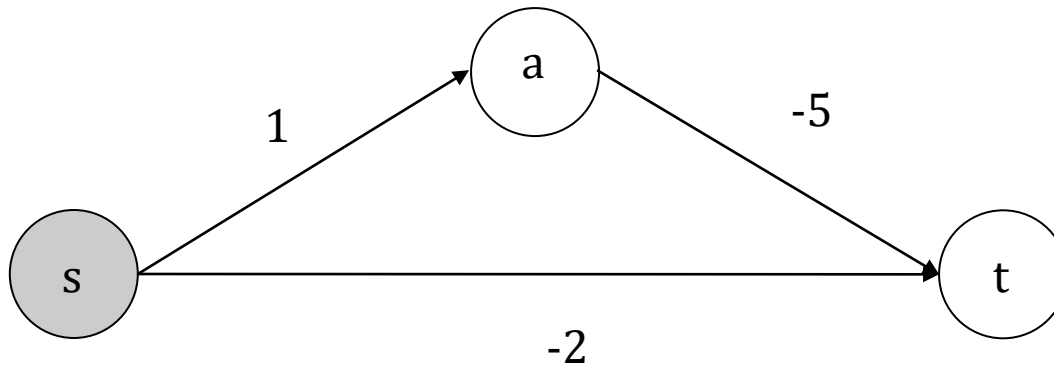
$A[v] + l_{vw}$  (Dijkstra's greedy criterion)

$$\min (A[a] + l_{ac}, A[b] + l_{bc}) = \min (1 + 6, 3 + 3) = 6$$



# Non-Example

- Dijkstra is incorrect on this G



- Use dynamic programming in this case

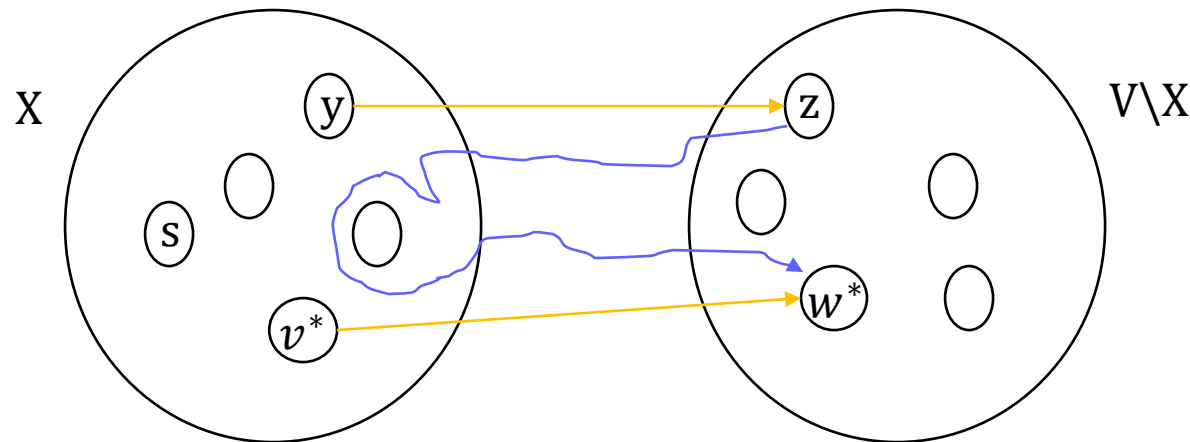
# Proof of Correctness

**Claim:**  $A[v] = L[v]$  where  $A$  is the output of Dijkstra and  $L$  is true shortest distance

Proof: By induction, base case  $A[s] = L[s] = 0$  is true.

Inductive Hypothesis (I.H.): all previous iterations are correct, i.e.,

$\forall v \in X, A[v] = L[v]$  and  $B[v]$  gives the shortest path



In the current iteration, Dijkstra have chosen  $v^*w^*$ , we have  $A[w^*] = A[v^*] + l_{v^*w^*}$

Now let  $P$  be any  $s \rightarrow w^*$  path and it must “cross the frontier”



Length of  $P \geq L(y) + l_{yz} + 0 = A(y) + l_{yz} + 0$ , note that  $L(y) = A(y)$  by I.H.

Also, by Dijkstra's greedy criterion,

Our length  $= A[v^*] + l_{v^*w^*} \leq A(y) + l_{yz} \leq \text{Length of } P$





# General Graph Search *priority queue*

- Let  $q$  be an abstract queue object
  - $\text{add}(\text{node})$ , which adds a node into  $q$
  - $\text{popFirst}()$ , which pops the first node from  $q$
- General graph search *BFS*
  - While  $q$  is not empty:
    - ▶  $v \leftarrow q.\text{popFirst}()$
    - ▶ For all neighbors  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $u \notin q$ :
      - $\text{add}(u)$

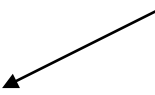
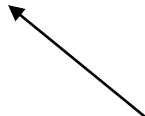
# General Graph Search

- General graph search

While  $q$  is not empty:

- ▶  $v \leftarrow q.popFirst()$
  - ▶ For all neighbors  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $u \notin q$ :
    - $add(u)$
- If  $q$  is a standard LIFO stack, then DFS 
- If  $q$  is a standard FIFO queue, then BFS 
- If  $q$  is a priority queue, then Dijkstra
- If  $q$  is a priority queue with a heuristic, then  $A^*$

# Priority Queue Implementation

- $A[s] \leftarrow 0$ , and  $A[v] \leftarrow \infty$  for all  $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$
- $q.add(s)$
- While  $q$  is not empty:
  - ▶  $v \leftarrow q.popFirst()$   Extract min-q
  - ▶ For all neighbors  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $A[v] + l_{vu} \leq A[u]$ 
    - $A[u] \leftarrow A[v] + l_{vu}$
    - $q.update(u, A[u])$   Decrease-key( $q$ )

Runtime: If using binary minheap,  $O((|E| + |V|)\log |V|)$   
If using Fibonacci minheap,  $O(|E| + |V|\log |V|)$

# Summary

- Wagner-Whitin model
- Dynamic Programming
- Shortest Path (Dijkstra's Algorithm)
- Next Up: Stochastic Inventory Model