

## 6. DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING II

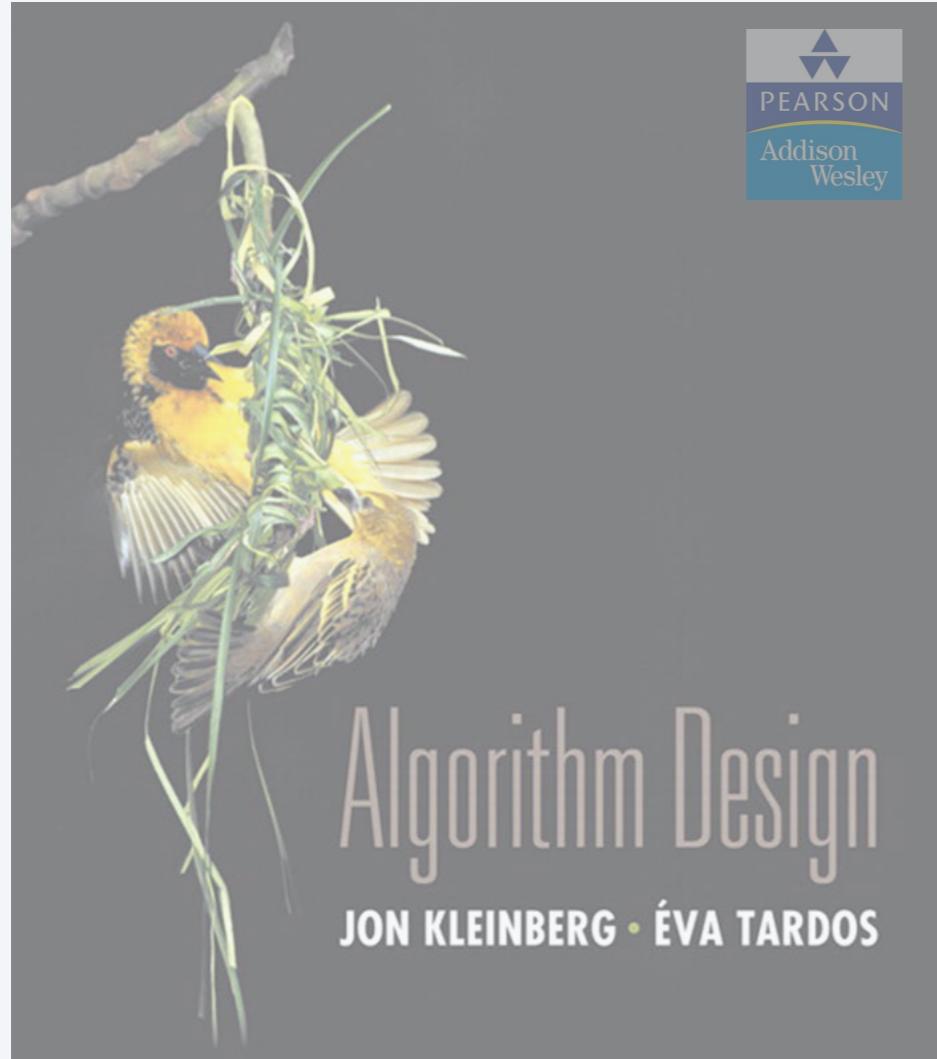
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SECTION 6.6

# String similarity

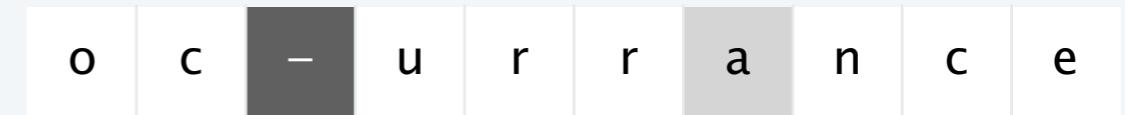
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Q. How similar are two strings?

Ex. *ocurrance* and *occurrence*.



6 mismatches, 1 gap



1 mismatch, 1 gap



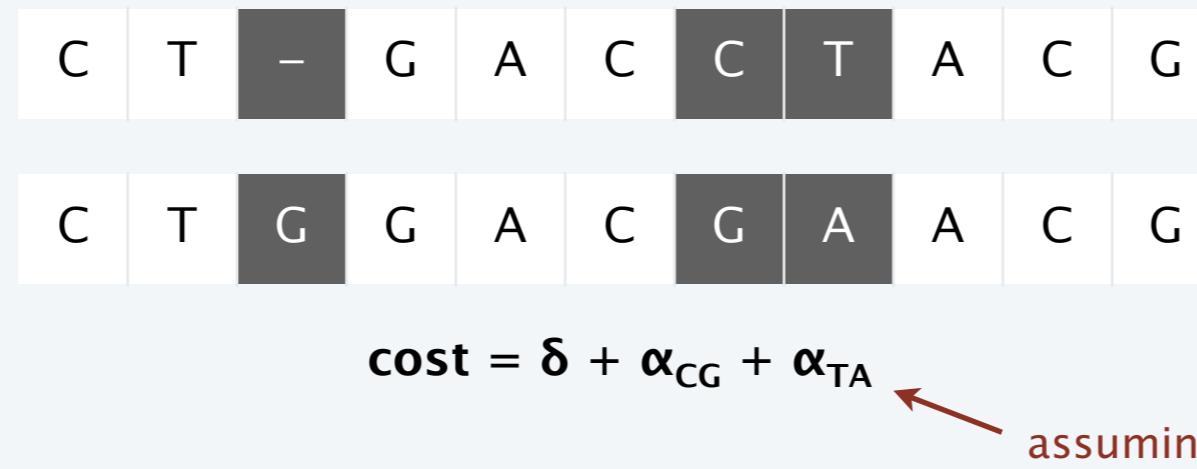
0 mismatches, 3 gaps

## Edit distance

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Edit distance. [Levenshtein 1966, Needleman–Wunsch 1970]

- Gap penalty  $\delta$ ; mismatch penalty  $\alpha_{pq}$ .
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.



Applications. Bioinformatics, spell correction, machine translation, speech recognition, information extraction, ...

Spokesperson confirms senior government adviser was found  
Spokesperson said the senior adviser was found

# BLOSUM matrix for proteins

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	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
A	7	-3	-3	-3	-1	-2	-2	0	-3	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	-1	2	0	-5	-4	-1
R	-3	9	-1	-3	-6	1	-1	-4	0	-5	-4	3	-3	-5	-3	-2	-2	-5	-4	-4
N	-3	-1	9	2	-5	0	-1	-1	1	-6	-6	0	-4	-6	-4	1	0	-7	-4	-5
D	-3	-3	2	10	-7	-1	2	-3	-2	-7	-7	-2	-6	-6	-3	-1	-2	-8	-6	-6
C	-1	-6	-5	-7	13	-5	-7	-6	-7	-2	-3	-6	-3	-4	-6	-2	-2	-5	-5	-2
Q	-2	1	0	-1	-5	9	3	-4	1	-5	-4	2	-1	-5	-3	-1	-1	-4	-3	-4
E	-2	-1	-1	2	-7	3	8	-4	0	-6	-6	1	-4	-6	-2	-1	-2	-6	-5	-4
G	0	-4	-1	-3	-6	-4	-4	9	-4	-7	-7	-3	-5	-6	-5	-1	-3	-6	-6	-6
H	-3	0	1	-2	-7	1	0	-4	12	-6	-5	-1	-4	-2	-4	-2	-3	-4	3	-5
I	-3	-5	-6	-7	-2	-5	-6	-7	-6	7	2	-5	2	-1	-5	-4	-2	-5	-3	4
L	-3	-4	-6	-7	-3	-4	-6	-7	-5	2	6	-4	3	0	-5	-4	-3	-4	-2	1
K	-1	3	0	-2	-6	2	1	-3	-1	-5	-4	8	-3	-5	-2	-1	-1	-6	-4	-4
M	-2	-3	-4	-6	-3	-1	-4	-5	-4	2	3	-3	9	0	-4	-3	-1	-3	-3	1
F	-4	-5	-6	-6	-4	-5	-6	-6	-2	-1	0	-5	0	10	-6	-4	-4	0	4	-2
P	-1	-3	-4	-3	-6	-3	-2	-5	-4	-5	-5	-2	-4	-6	12	-2	-3	-7	-6	-4
S	2	-2	1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-2	-4	-4	-1	-3	-4	-2	7	2	-6	-3	-3
T	0	-2	0	-2	-2	-1	-2	-3	-3	-2	-3	-1	-1	-4	-3	2	8	-5	-3	0
W	-5	-5	-7	-8	-5	-4	-6	-6	-4	-5	-4	-6	-3	0	-7	-6	-5	16	3	-5
Y	-4	-4	-4	-6	-5	-3	-5	-6	3	-3	-2	-4	-3	4	-6	-3	-3	3	11	-3
V	-1	-4	-5	-6	-2	-4	-4	-6	-5	4	1	-4	1	-2	-4	-3	0	-5	-3	7

# Dynamic programming: quiz 1

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What is edit distance between these two strings?

P A L E T T E

P A L A T E

Assume gap penalty = 2 and mismatch penalty = 1.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

# Sequence alignment

**Goal.** Given two strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$ , find a min-cost alignment.

**Def.** An **alignment**  $M$  is a set of ordered pairs  $x_i - y_j$  such that each character appears in at most one pair and no crossings.

$x_i - y_j$  and  $x_{i'} - y_{j'}$  cross if  $i < i'$ , but  $j > j'$

**Def.** The **cost** of an alignment  $M$  is:

$$\text{cost}(M) = \underbrace{\sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in M} \alpha_{x_i y_j}}_{\text{mismatch}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i : x_i \text{ unmatched}} \delta + \sum_{j : y_j \text{ unmatched}} \delta}_{\text{gap}}$$

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$	
C	T	A	C	C	-	G
$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$	$y_6$	
-	T	A	C	A	T	G

an alignment of CTACCG and TACATG

$$M = \{ x_2 - y_1, x_3 - y_2, x_4 - y_3, x_5 - y_4, x_6 - y_6 \}$$

## Sequence alignment: problem structure

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Def.  $OPT(i, j) = \min$  cost of aligning prefix strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

Goal.  $OPT(m, n)$ .

Case 1.  $OPT(i, j)$  matches  $x_i - y_j$ .

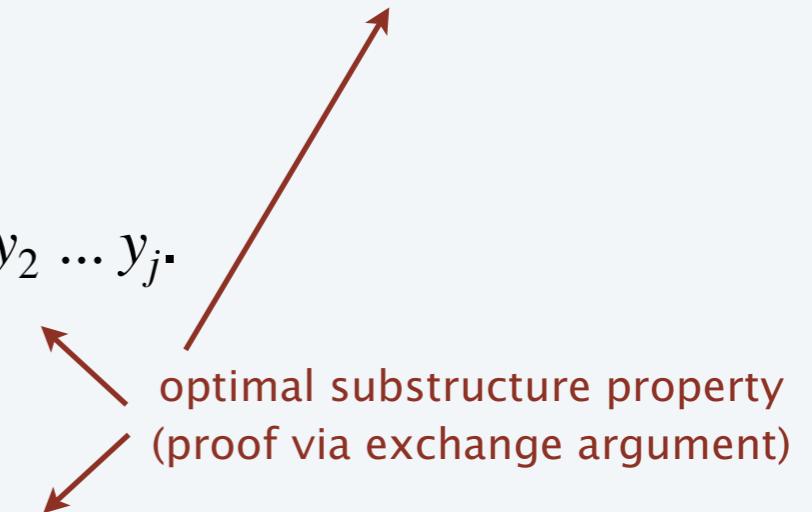
Pay mismatch for  $x_i - y_j$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .

Case 2a.  $OPT(i, j)$  leaves  $x_i$  unmatched.

Pay gap for  $x_i$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

Case 2b.  $OPT(i, j)$  leaves  $y_j$  unmatched.

Pay gap for  $y_j$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .



Bellman equation.

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Sequence alignment: bottom-up algorithm

SEQUENCE-ALIGNMENT( $m, n, x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n, \delta, \alpha$ )

FOR  $i = 0$  TO  $m$

$M[i, 0] \leftarrow i \delta.$

FOR  $j = 0$  TO  $n$

$M[0, j] \leftarrow j \delta.$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $m$

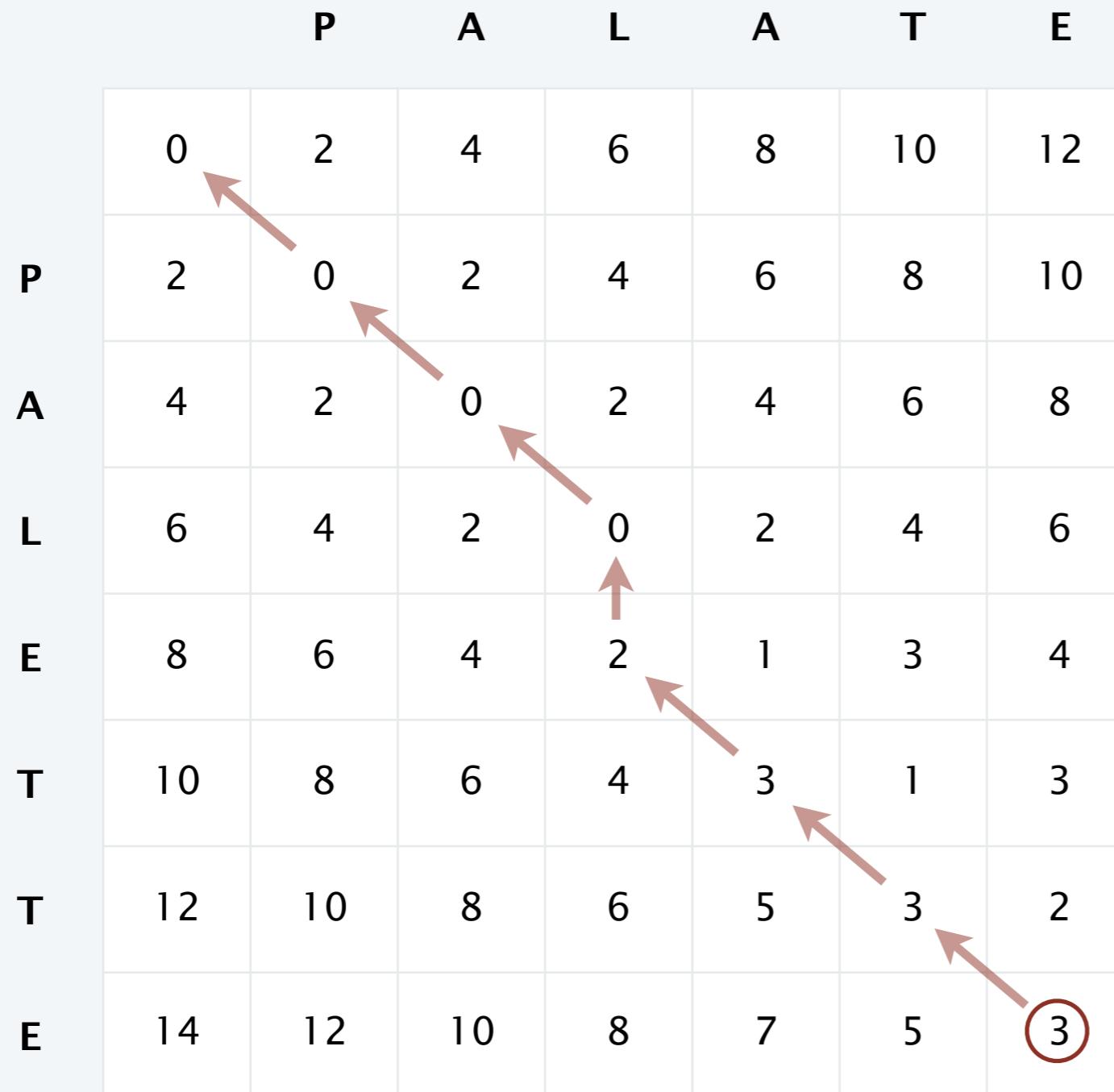
FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$

$$M[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{ \alpha_{x_i y_j} + M[i - 1, j - 1],$$
  
$$\delta + M[i - 1, j],$$
  
$$\delta + M[i, j - 1] \}.$$

already  
computed

RETURN  $M[m, n].$

# Sequence alignment: traceback



**1 mismatch, 1 gap**

## Sequence alignment: analysis

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**Theorem.** The DP algorithm computes the edit distance (and an optimal alignment) of two strings of lengths  $m$  and  $n$  in  $\Theta(mn)$  time and space.

Pf.

- Algorithm computes edit distance.
- Can trace back to extract optimal alignment itself. ▀

**Theorem.** [Backurs–Indyk 2015] If can compute edit distance of two strings of length  $n$  in  $O(n^{2-\varepsilon})$  time for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then can solve SAT with  $n$  variables and  $m$  clauses in  $\text{poly}(m) 2^{(1-\delta)n}$  time for some constant  $\delta > 0$ .

Edit Distance Cannot Be Computed  
in Strongly Subquadratic Time  
(unless SETH is false)\*

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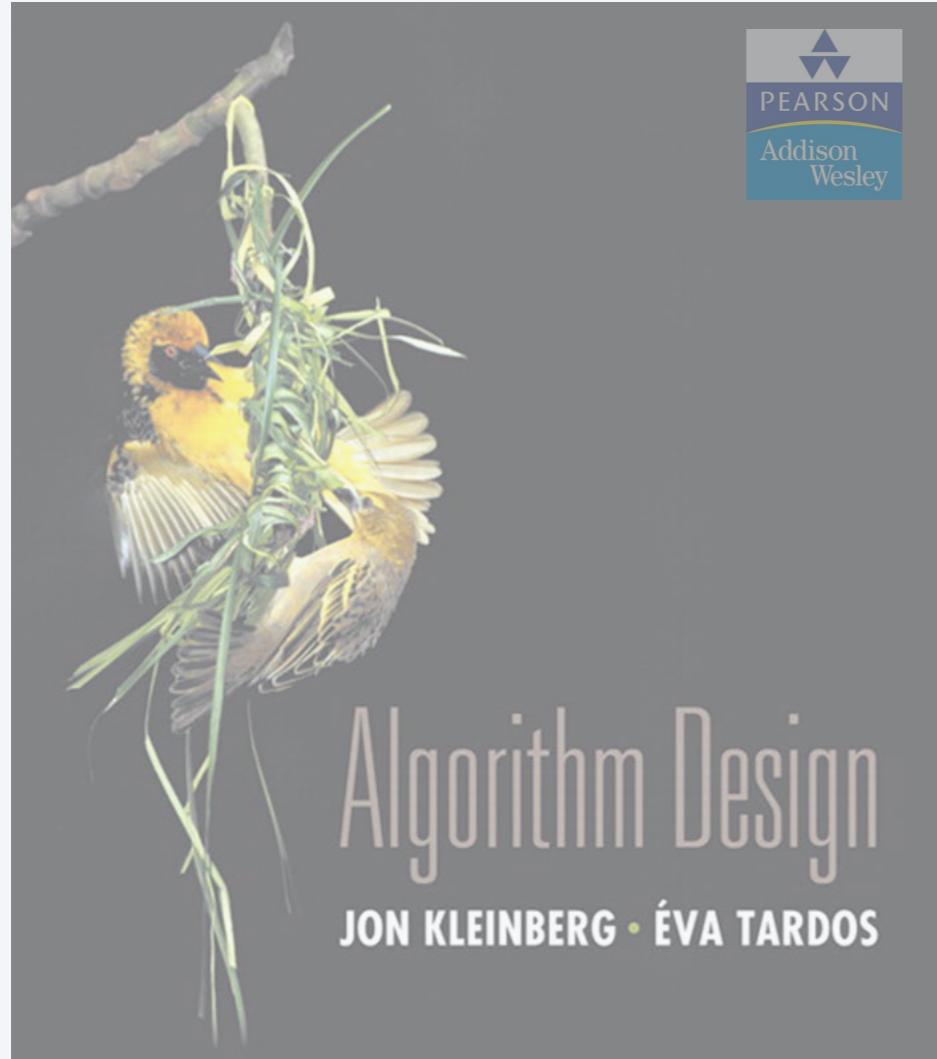
which would disprove SETH  
(strong exponential time hypothesis)



It is easy to modify the DP algorithm for edit distance to...

- A. Compute edit distance in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.
- B. Compute an optimal alignment in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.
- C. Both A and B.
- D. Neither A nor B.

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i - 1, j - 1) \\ \delta + OPT(i - 1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j - 1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## SECTION 6.7

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- ▶ ***Hirschberg's algorithm***
- ▶ *Bellman–Ford–Moore algorithm*

# Sequence alignment in linear space

**Theorem.** [Hirschberg] There exists an algorithm to find an optimal alignment in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.

- Clever combination of divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming.
- Inspired by idea of Savitch from complexity theory.

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## A Linear Space Algorithm for Computing Maximal Common Subsequences

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The problem of finding a longest common subsequence of two strings has been solved in quadratic time and space. An algorithm is presented which will solve this problem in quadratic time and in linear space.

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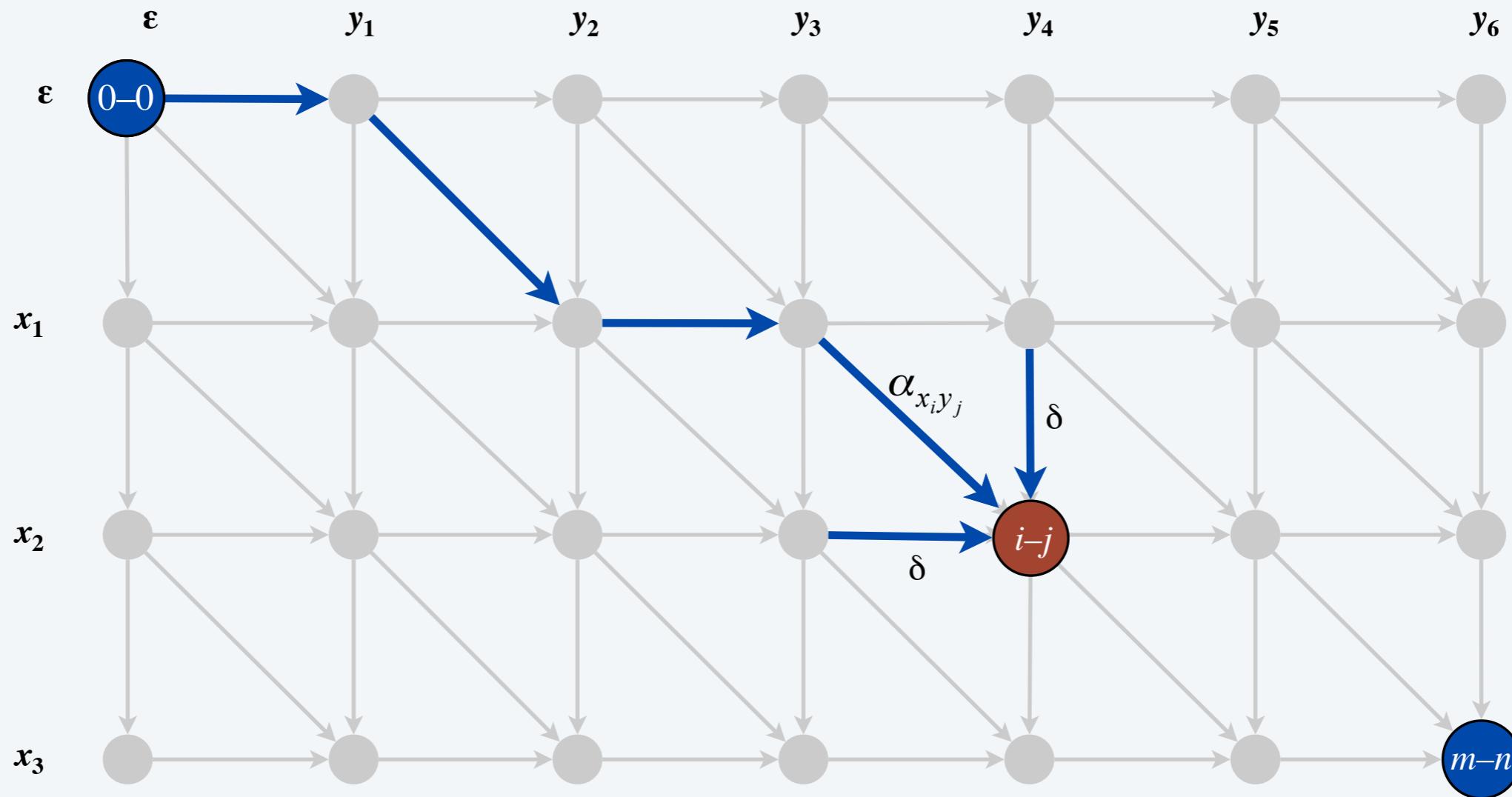


# Hirschberg's algorithm

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## Edit distance graph.

- Let  $f(i, j)$  denote length of shortest path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(i, j)$ .
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Pf of Lemma. [ by strong induction on  $i + j$  ]

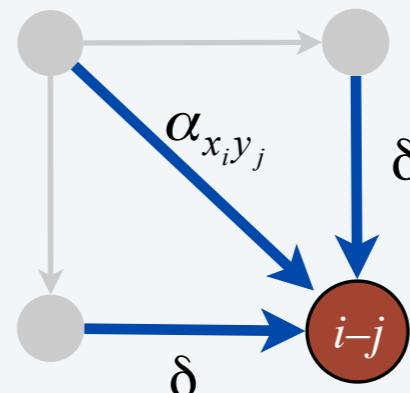
- Base case:  $f(0, 0) = OPT(0, 0) = 0$ .
- Inductive hypothesis: assume true for all  $(i', j')$  with  $i' + j' < i + j$ .
- Last edge on shortest path to  $(i, j)$  is from  $(i - 1, j - 1)$ ,  $(i - 1, j)$ , or  $(i, j - 1)$ .
- Thus,

$$f(i, j) = \min\{\alpha_{x_i y_j} + f(i - 1, j - 1), \delta + f(i - 1, j), \delta + f(i, j - 1)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \min\{\alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i - 1, j - 1), \delta + OPT(i - 1, j), \delta + OPT(i, j - 1)\} \\ &= OPT(i, j) \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

inductive hypothesis

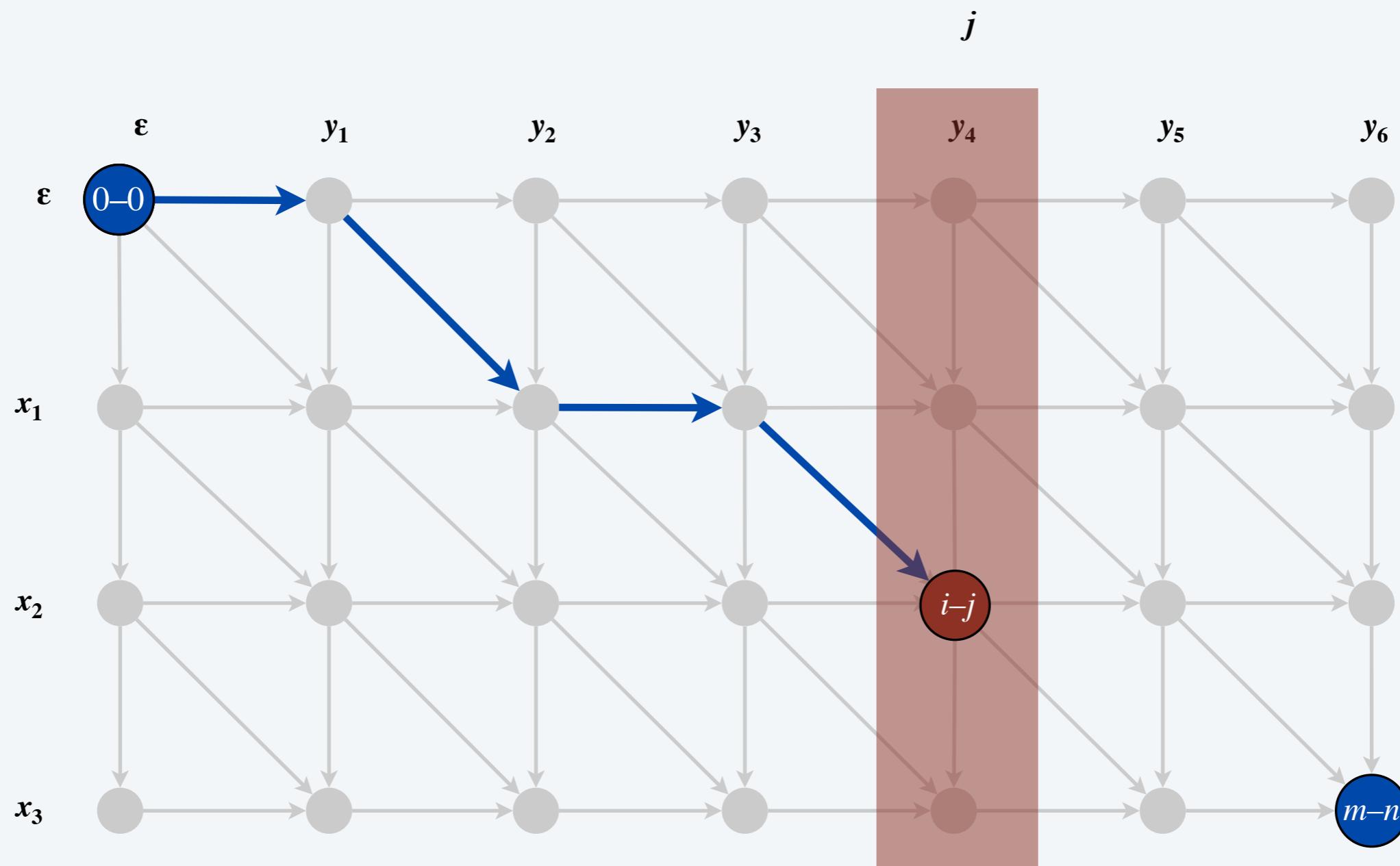
Bellman equation



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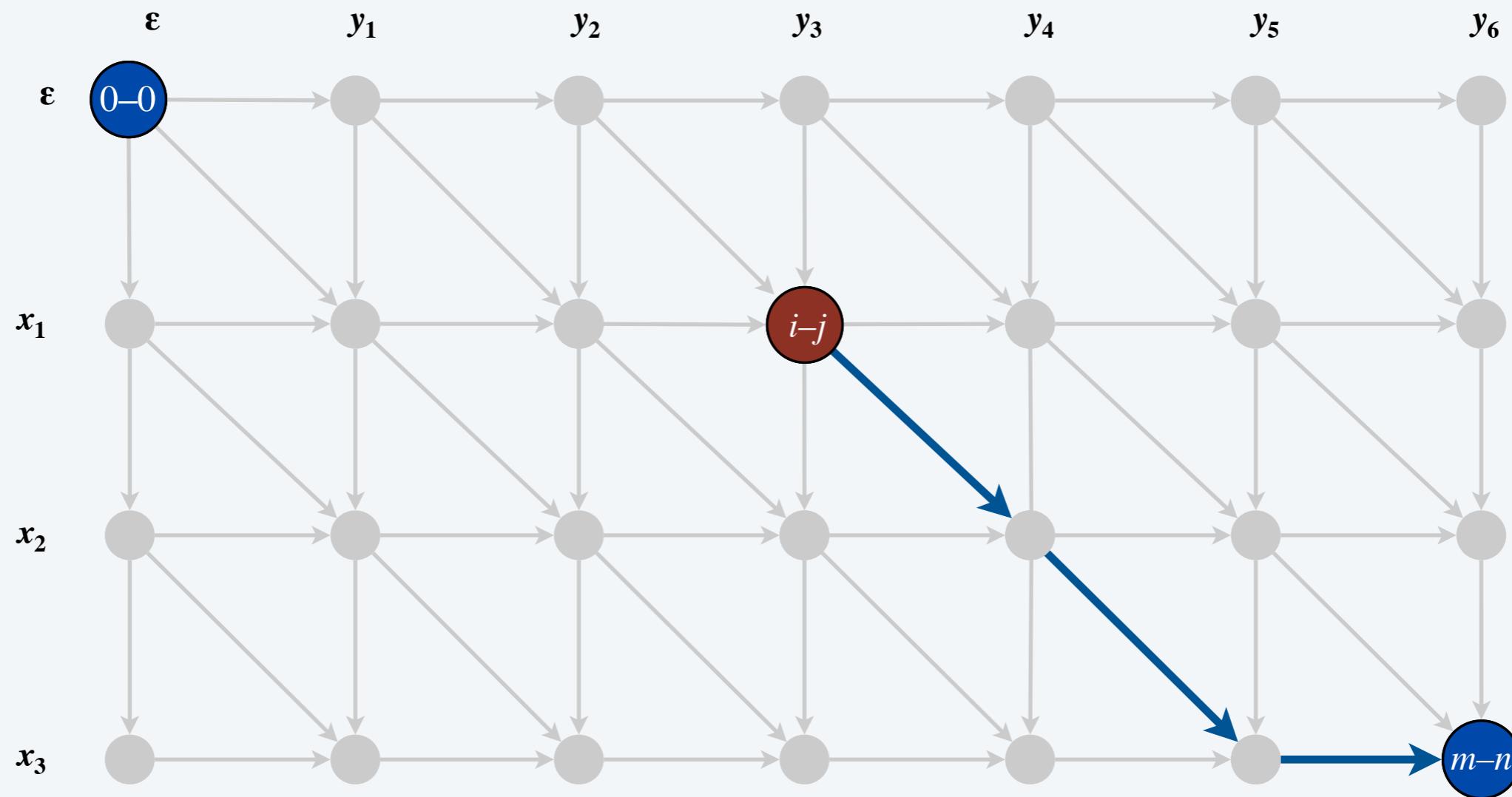


# Hirschberg's algorithm

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Edit distance graph.

- Let  $g(i, j)$  denote length of shortest path from  $(i, j)$  to  $(m, n)$ .

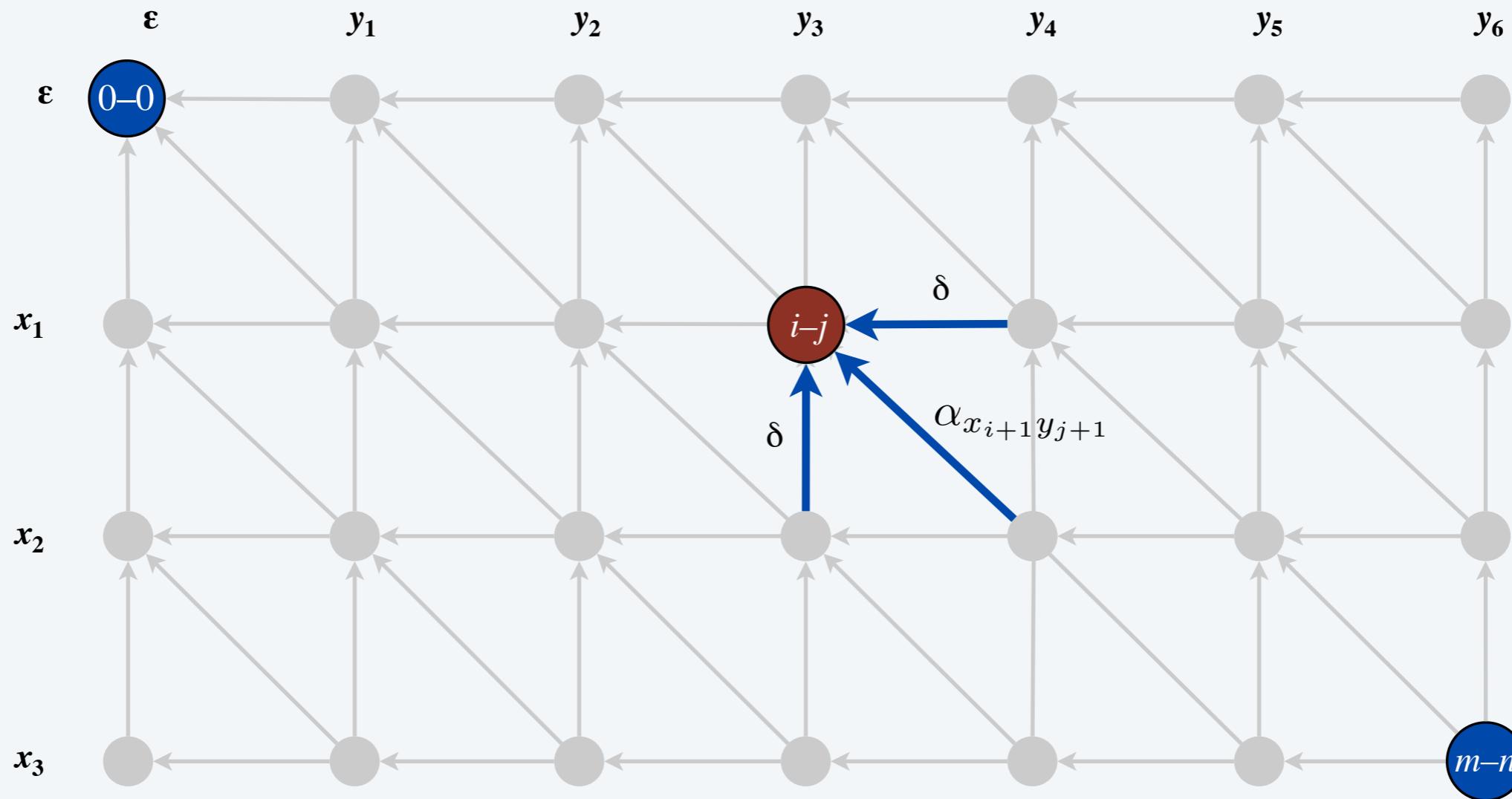


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## Edit distance graph.

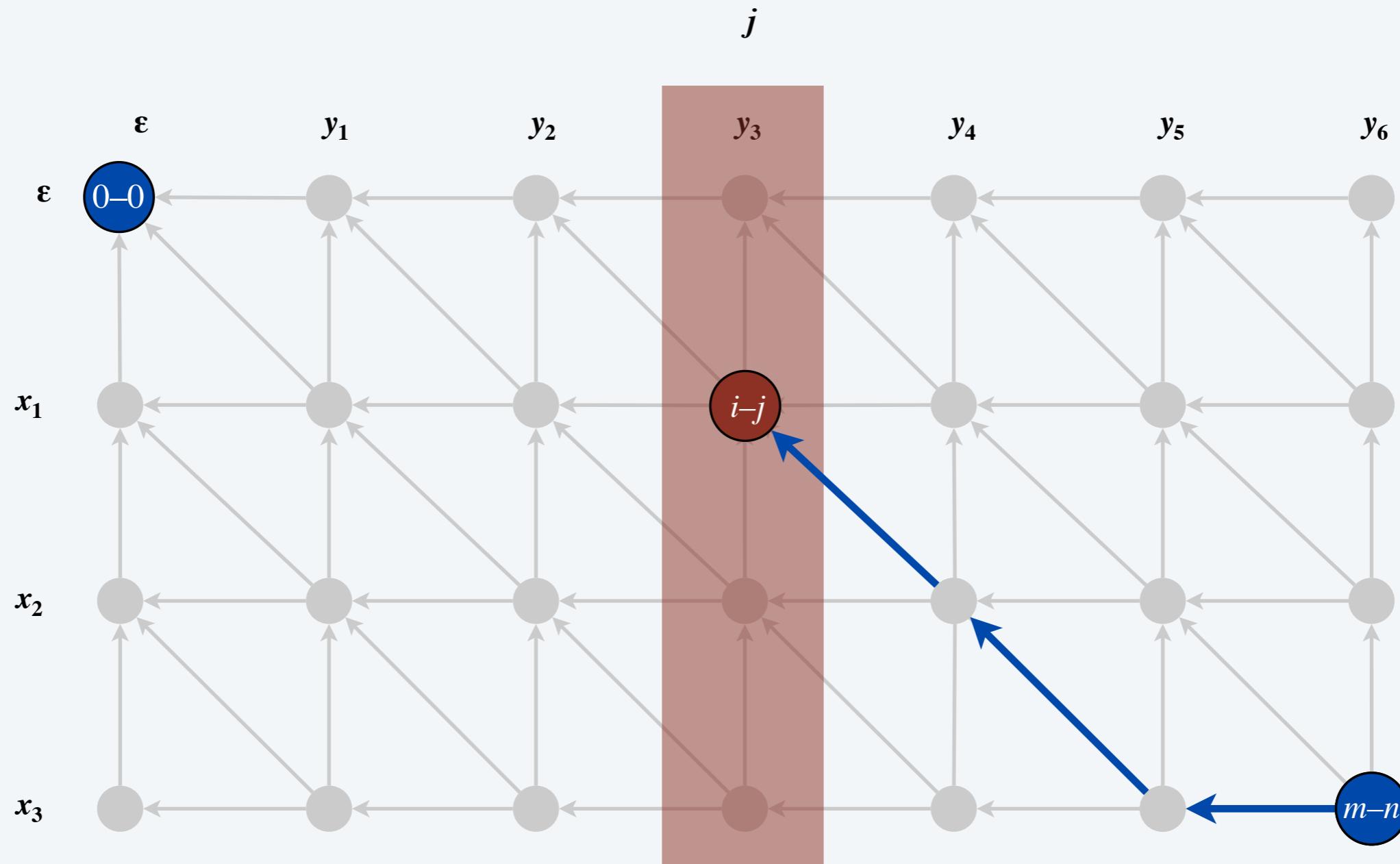
- Let  $g(i, j)$  denote length of shortest path from  $(i, j)$  to  $(m, n)$ .
- Can compute  $g(i, j)$  by reversing the edge orientations and inverting the roles of  $(0, 0)$  and  $(m, n)$ .



# Hirschberg's algorithm

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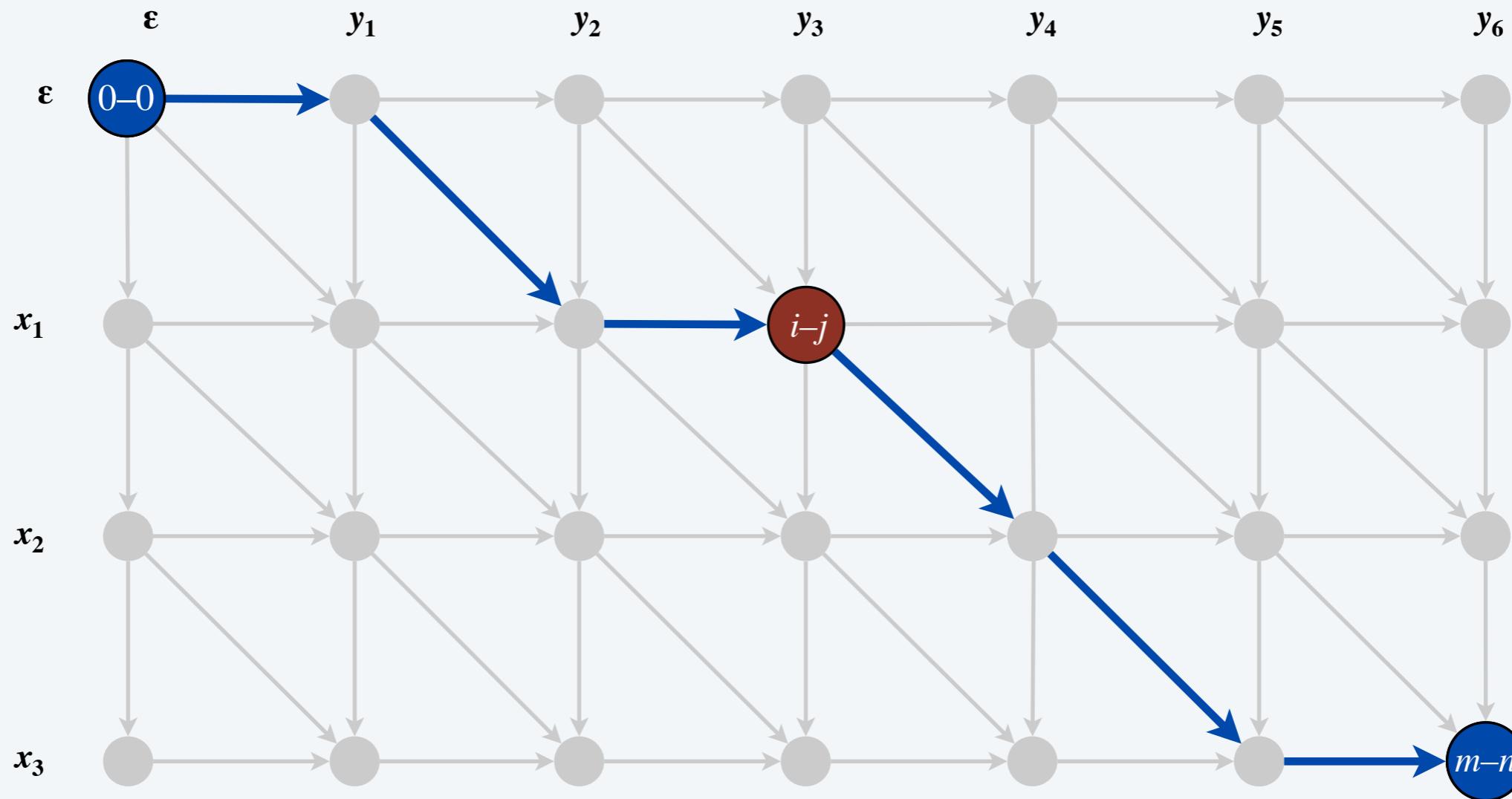
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- Can compute  $g(\cdot, j)$  for any  $j$  in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.



# Hirschberg's algorithm

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Observation 1. The length of a shortest path that uses  $(i, j)$  is  $f(i, j) + g(i, j)$ .

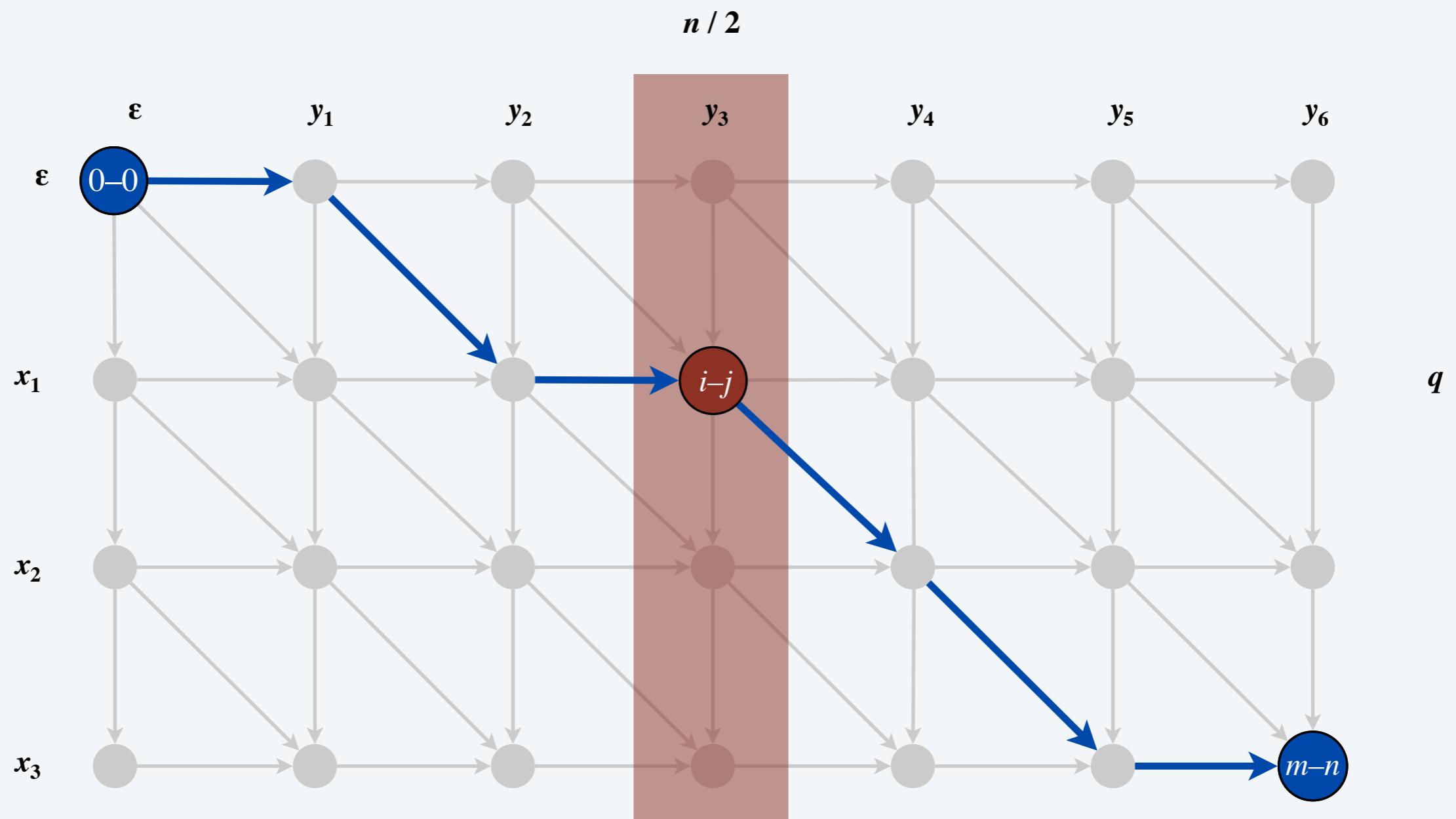


# Hirschberg's algorithm

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**Observation 2.** let  $q$  be an index that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$ .

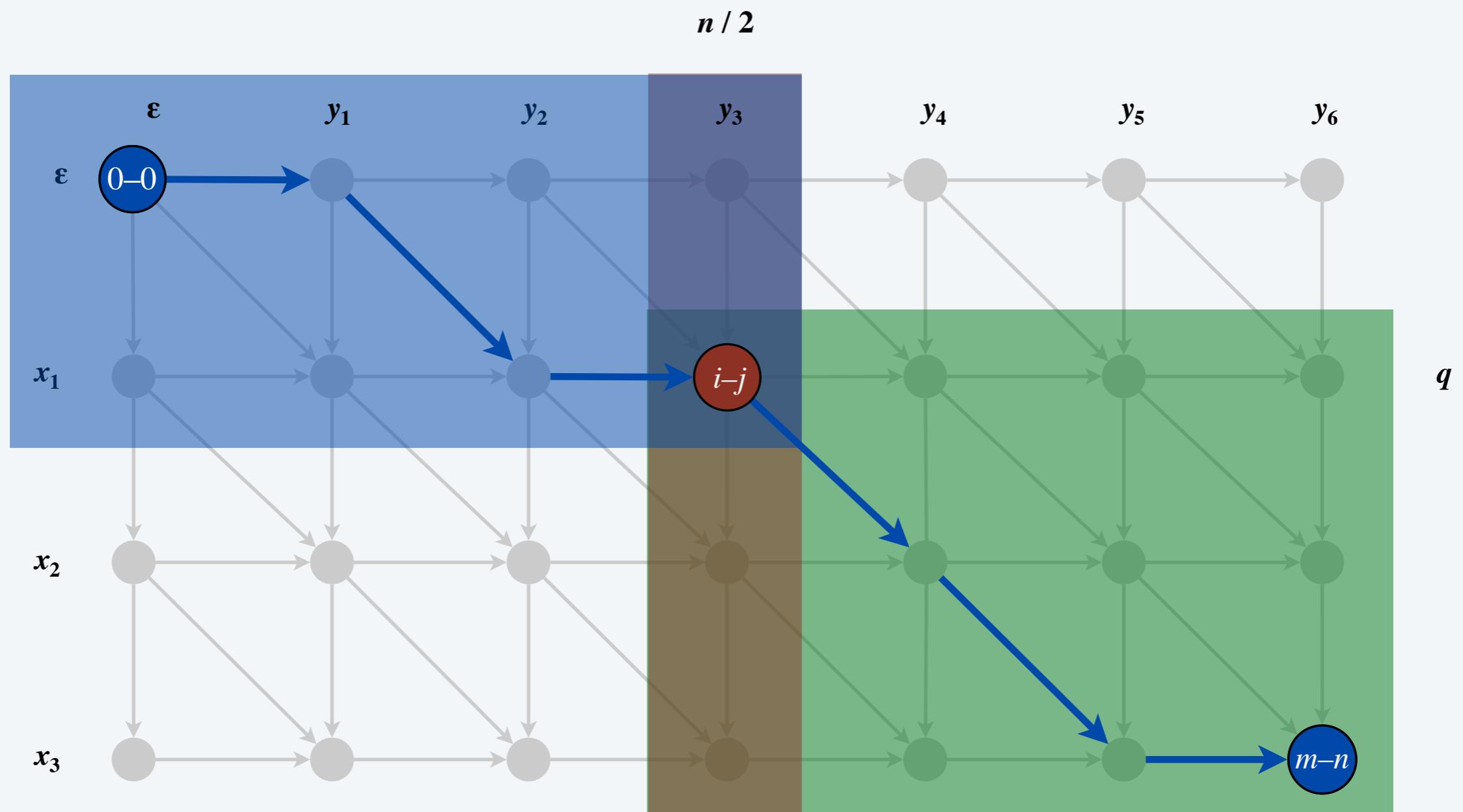
Then, there exists a shortest path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(m, n)$  that uses  $(q, n/2)$ .



# Hirschberg's algorithm

**Divide.** Find index  $q$  that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$ ; save node  $i-j$  as part of solution.

**Conquer.** Recursively compute optimal alignment in each piece.



## Hirschberg's algorithm: space analysis

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**Theorem.** Hirschberg's algorithm uses  $\Theta(m + n)$  space.

Pf.

- Each recursive call uses  $\Theta(m)$  space to compute  $f(\cdot, n/2)$  and  $g(\cdot, n/2)$ .
- Only  $\Theta(1)$  space needs to be maintained per recursive call.
- Number of recursive calls  $\leq n$ . ▀



What is the worst-case running time of Hirschberg's algorithm?

- A.  $O(mn)$
- B.  $O(mn \log m)$
- C.  $O(mn \log n)$
- D.  $O(mn \log m \log n)$

## Hirschberg's algorithm: running time analysis warmup

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**Theorem.** Let  $T(m, n) = \max$  running time of Hirschberg's algorithm on strings of lengths at most  $m$  and  $n$ . Then,  $T(m, n) = O(m n \log n)$ .

Pf.

- $T(m, n)$  is monotone nondecreasing in both  $m$  and  $n$ .
- $T(m, n) \leq 2 T(m, n/2) + O(m n)$   
 $\Rightarrow T(m, n) = O(m n \log n)$ .

**Remark.** Analysis is not tight because two subproblems are of size  $(q, n/2)$  and  $(m - q, n/2)$ . Next, we prove  $T(m, n) = O(m n)$ .

## Hirschberg's algorithm: running time analysis

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**Theorem.** Let  $T(m, n) = \max$  running time of Hirschberg's algorithm on strings of lengths at most  $m$  and  $n$ . Then,  $T(m, n) = O(mn)$ .

**Pf.** [ by strong induction on  $m + n$  ]

- $O(mn)$  time to compute  $f(\cdot, n/2)$  and  $g(\cdot, n/2)$  and find index  $q$ .
- $T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2)$  time for two recursive calls.
- Choose constant  $c$  so that:  
$$T(m, 2) \leq cm$$
$$T(2, n) \leq cn$$
$$T(m, n) \leq cmn + T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2)$$
- Claim.  $T(m, n) \leq 2cmn$ .
- Base cases:  $m = 2$  and  $n = 2$ .
- Inductive hypothesis:  $T(m, n) \leq 2cmn$  for all  $(m', n')$  with  $m' + n' < m + n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(m, n) &\leq T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2) + cmn \\ &\leq 2cq n/2 + 2c(m - q)n/2 + cmn \\ &= cq n + cmn - cq n + cmn \\ &= 2cmn \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

inductive hypothesis

# LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE



**Problem.** Given two strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$ , find a common subsequence that is as long as possible.

**Alternative viewpoint.** Delete some characters from  $x$ ; delete some character from  $y$ ; a common subsequence if it results in the same string.

**Ex.**  $\text{LCS}(\text{GGCAACCACG}, \text{ACGGCGGATACG}) = \text{GGCAACG}$ .

**Applications.** Unix diff, git, bioinformatics.

# LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE



Solution 1. Dynamic programming.

Def.  $OPT(i, j)$  = length of LCS of prefix strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

Goal.  $OPT(m, n)$ .

Case 1.  $x_i = y_j$ .

- 1 + length of LCS of  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .  
  
optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

Case 2.  $x_i \neq y_j$ .

- Delete  $x_i$ : length of LCS of  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .
- Delete  $y_j$ : length of LCS of  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .

Bellman equation.

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ 1 + OPT(i - 1, j - 1) & \text{if } x_i = y_j \\ \max \{OPT(i - 1, j), OPT(i, j - 1)\} & \text{if } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

# LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE



**Solution 2.** Reduce to finding a min-cost alignment of  $x$  and  $y$  with

- Gap penalty  $\delta = 1$
- Mismatch penalty  $\alpha_{pq} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p = q \\ \infty & \text{if } p \neq q \end{cases}$
- Edit distance = # gaps = number of characters deleted from  $x$  and  $y$ .
- Length of LCS =  $(m + n - \text{edit distance}) / 2$ .

**Analysis.**  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.

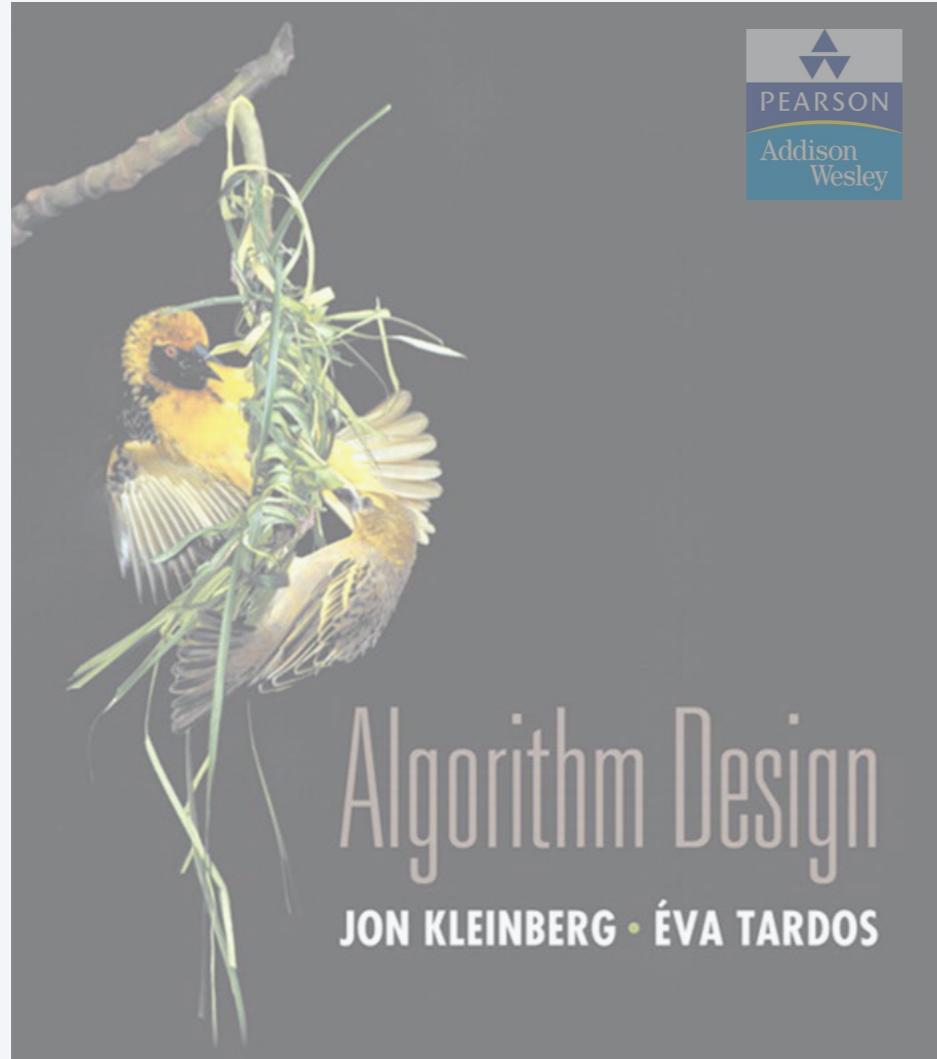
**Lower bound.** No  $O(n^{2-\varepsilon})$  algorithm unless SETH is false.

## Tight Hardness Results for LCS and other Sequence Similarity Measures

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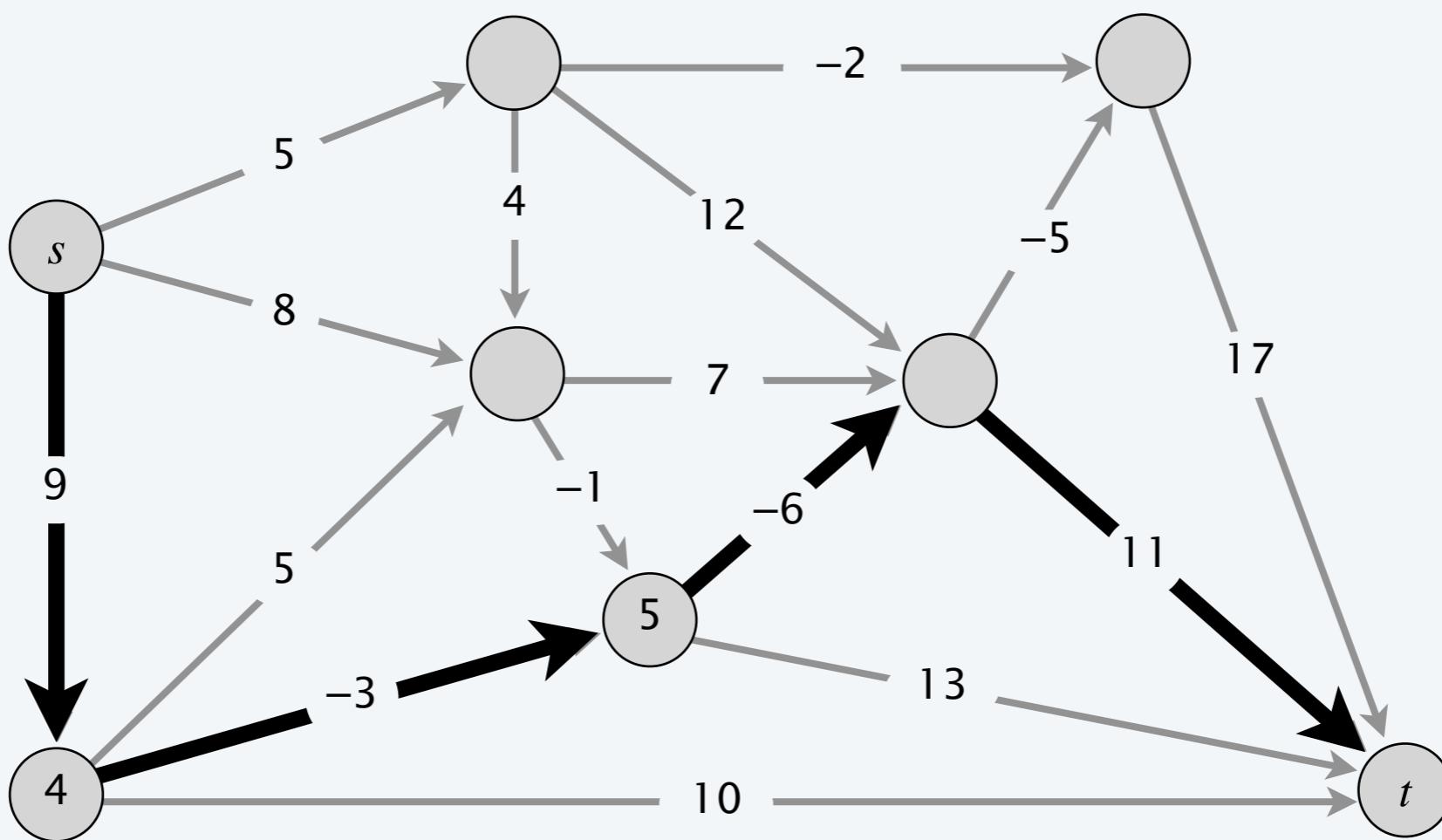
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# Shortest paths with negative weights

**Shortest-path problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , with arbitrary edge lengths  $\ell_{vw}$ , find shortest path from source node  $s$  to destination node  $t$ .

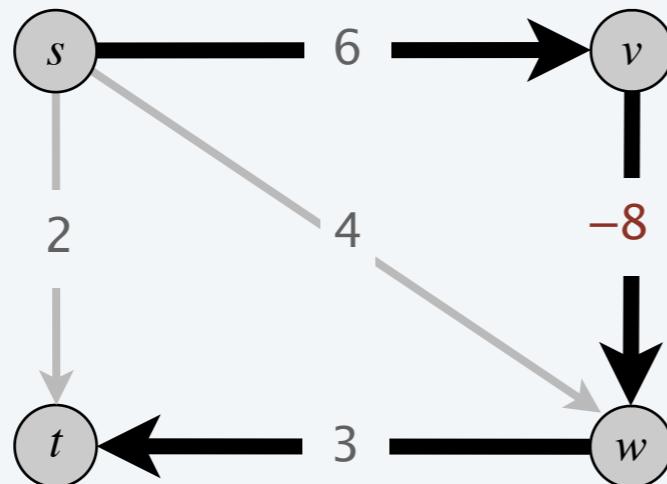
assume there exists a path  
from every node to  $t$



$$\text{length of shortest } s \rightsquigarrow t \text{ path} = 9 - 3 - 6 + 11 = 11$$

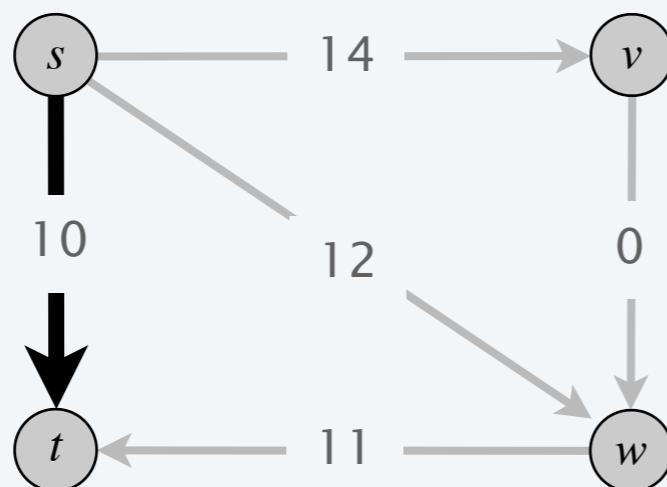
## Shortest paths with negative weights: failed attempts

Dijkstra. May not produce shortest paths when edge lengths are negative.



Dijkstra selects the vertices in the order  $s, t, w, v$   
But shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$  is  $s \rightarrow v \rightarrow w \rightarrow t$ .

Reweighting. Adding a constant to every edge length does not necessarily make Dijkstra's algorithm produce shortest paths.

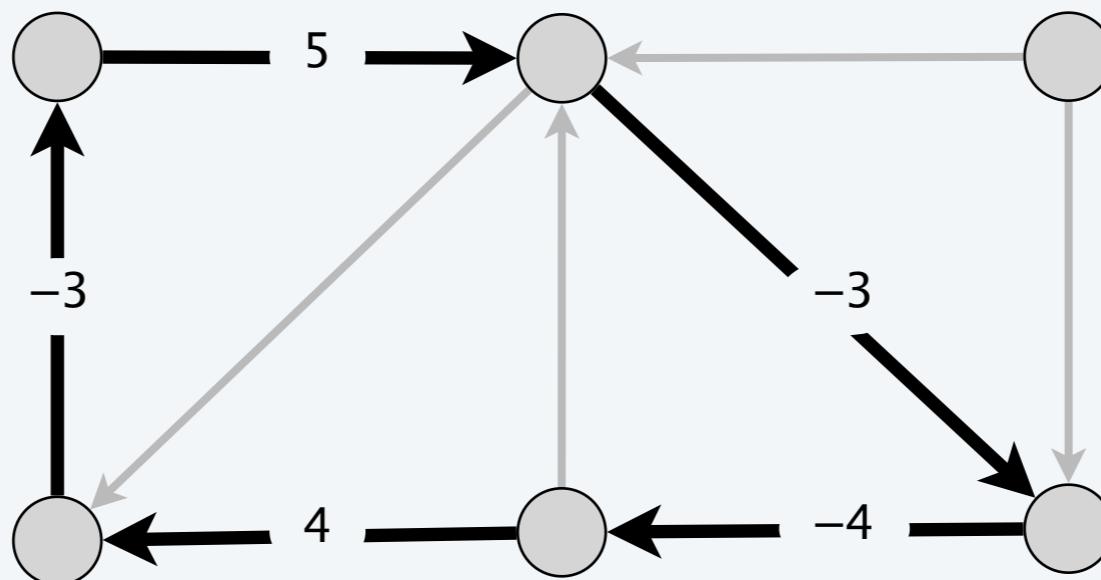


Adding 8 to each edge weight changes the shortest path from  $s \rightarrow v \rightarrow w \rightarrow t$  to  $s \rightarrow t$ .

## Negative cycles

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Def. A **negative cycle** is a directed cycle for which the sum of its edge lengths is negative.



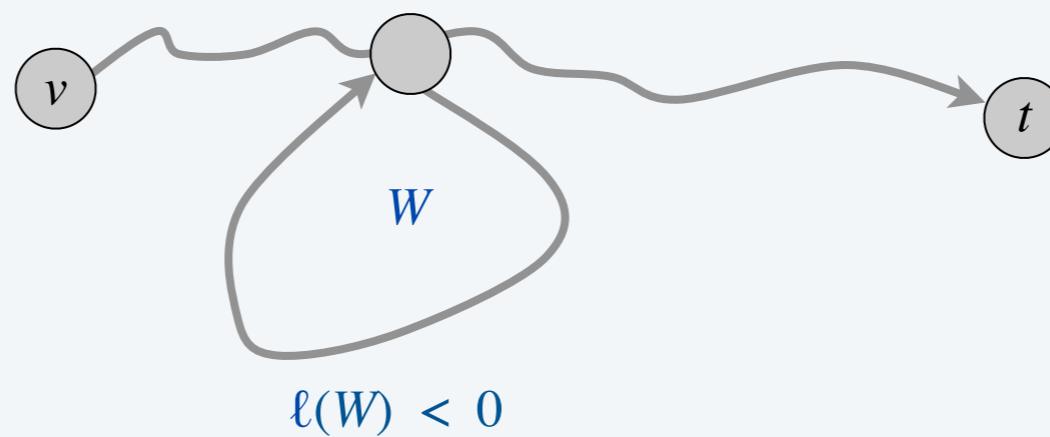
a **negative cycle**  $W$ :  $\ell(W) = \sum_{e \in W} \ell_e < 0$

## Shortest paths and negative cycles

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**Lemma 1.** If some  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path contains a negative cycle, then there does not exist a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path.

**Pf.** If there exists such a cycle  $W$ , then can build a  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path of arbitrarily negative length by detouring around  $W$  as many times as desired. ▀



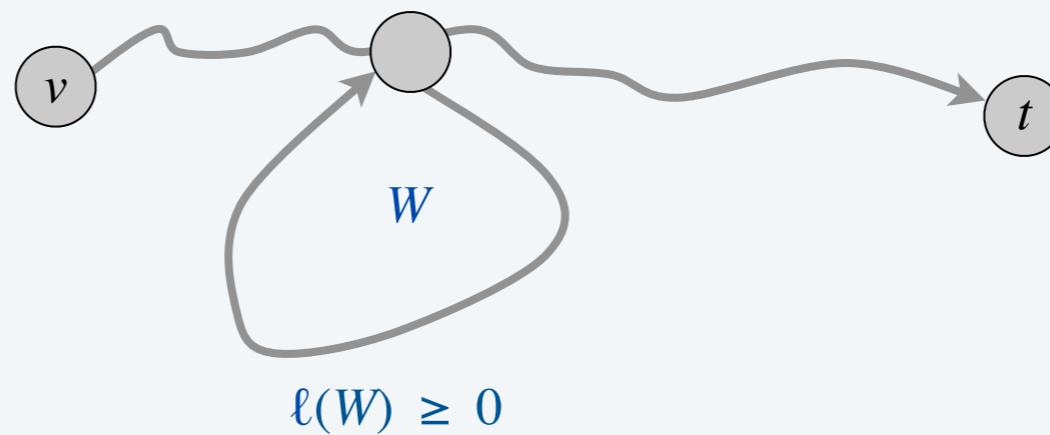
## Shortest paths and negative cycles

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**Lemma 2.** If  $G$  has no negative cycles, then there exists a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that is simple (and has  $\leq n - 1$  edges).

Pf.

- Among all shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  paths, consider one that uses the fewest edges.
- If that path  $P$  contains a directed cycle  $W$ , can remove the portion of  $P$  corresponding to  $W$  without increasing its length. ▀

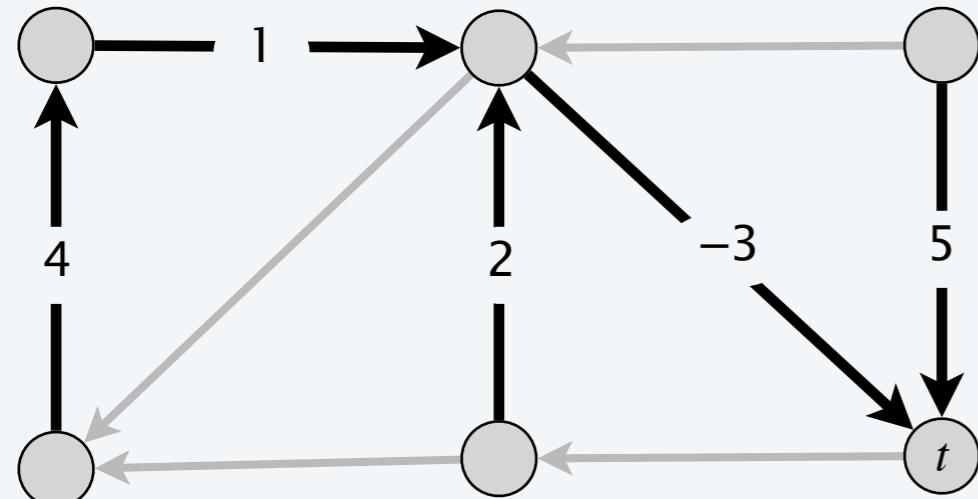


# Shortest-paths and negative-cycle problems

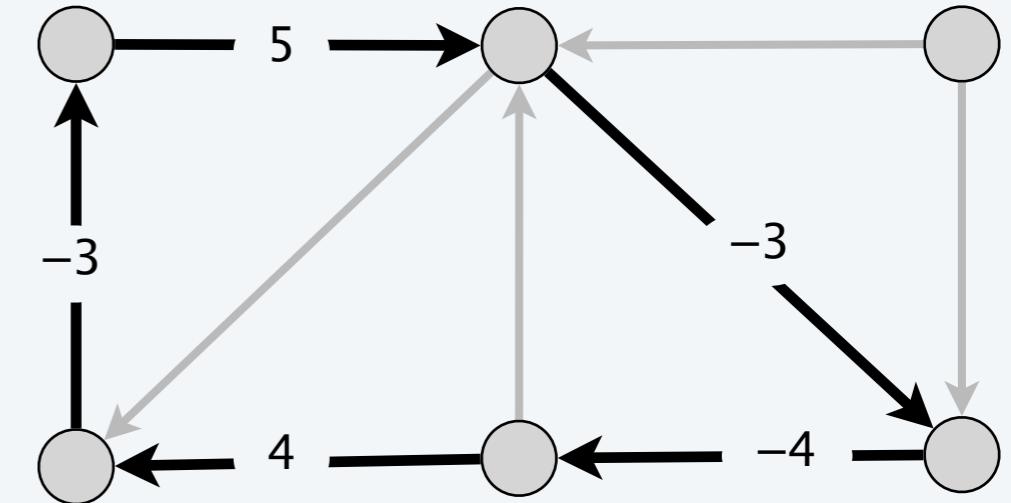
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**Single-destination shortest-paths problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge lengths  $\ell_{vw}$  (but no negative cycles) and a distinguished node  $t$ , find a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path for every node  $v$ .

**Negative-cycle problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge lengths  $\ell_{vw}$ , find a negative cycle (if one exists).



shortest-paths tree



negative cycle



Which subproblems to find shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  paths for every node  $v$ ?

- A.  $OPT(i, v) =$  length of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that uses **exactly**  $i$  edges.
- B.  $OPT(i, v) =$  length of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that uses **at most**  $i$  edges.
- C. Neither A nor B.

# Shortest paths with negative weights: dynamic programming

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Def.  $OPT(i, v)$  = length of shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that uses  $\leq i$  edges.

Goal.  $OPT(n - 1, v)$  for each  $v$ .

by Lemma 2, if no negative cycles,  
there exists a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that is simple

Case 1. Shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path uses  $\leq i - 1$  edges.

- $OPT(i, v) = OPT(i - 1, v)$ .

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

Case 2. Shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path uses exactly  $i$  edges.

- if  $(v, w)$  is first edge in shortest such  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path, incur a cost of  $\ell_{vw}$ .
- Then, select best  $w \rightsquigarrow t$  path using  $\leq i - 1$  edges.

Bellman equation.

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v = t \\ \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v \neq t \\ \min \left\{ OPT(i - 1, v), \min_{(v,w) \in E} \{ OPT(i - 1, w) + \ell_{vw} \} \right\} & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Shortest paths with negative weights: implementation

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**SHORTEST-PATHS**( $V, E, \ell, t$ )

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FOREACH node  $v \in V$ :

$$M[0, v] \leftarrow \infty.$$

$$M[0, t] \leftarrow 0.$$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

FOREACH node  $v \in V$ :

$$M[i, v] \leftarrow M[i - 1, v].$$

FOREACH edge  $(v, w) \in E$ :

$$M[i, v] \leftarrow \min \{ M[i, v], M[i - 1, w] + \ell_{vw} \}.$$

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## Shortest paths with negative weights: implementation

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**Theorem 1.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with no negative cycles, the DP algorithm computes the length of a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path for every node  $v$  in  $\Theta(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(n^2)$  space.

Pf.

- Table requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  space.
- Each iteration  $i$  takes  $\Theta(m)$  time since we examine each edge once. ▀

### Finding the shortest paths.

- Approach 1: Maintain  $\text{successor}[i, v]$  that points to next node on a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path using  $\leq i$  edges.
- Approach 2: Compute optimal lengths  $M[i, v]$  and consider only edges with  $M[i, v] = M[i - 1, w] + \ell_{vw}$ . Any directed path in this subgraph is a shortest path.



It is easy to modify the DP algorithm for shortest paths to...

- A. Compute lengths of shortest paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.
- B. Compute shortest paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.
- C. Both A and B.
- D. Neither A nor B.

## Shortest paths with negative weights: practical improvements

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**Space optimization.** Maintain two 1D arrays (instead of 2D array).

- $d[v]$  = length of a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path that we have found so far.
- $\text{successor}[v]$  = next node on a  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path.

**Performance optimization.** If  $d[w]$  was not updated in iteration  $i - 1$ , then no reason to consider edges entering  $w$  in iteration  $i$ .

# Bellman–Ford–Moore: efficient implementation

**BELLMAN–FORD–MOORE**( $V, E, c, t$ )

FOREACH node  $v \in V$ :

$d[v] \leftarrow \infty.$

$successor[v] \leftarrow null.$

$d[t] \leftarrow 0.$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

FOREACH node  $w \in V$ :

IF ( $d[w]$  was updated in previous pass)

FOREACH edge  $(v, w) \in E$ :

IF ( $d[v] > d[w] + \ell_{vw}$ )

$d[v] \leftarrow d[w] + \ell_{vw}.$

$successor[v] \leftarrow w.$

pass  $i$   
 $O(m)$  time

IF (no  $d[\cdot]$  value changed in pass  $i$ ) STOP.



Which properties must hold after pass  $i$  of Bellman–Ford–Moore?

- A.  $d[v] = \text{length of a shortest } v \rightsquigarrow t \text{ path using } \leq i \text{ edges.}$
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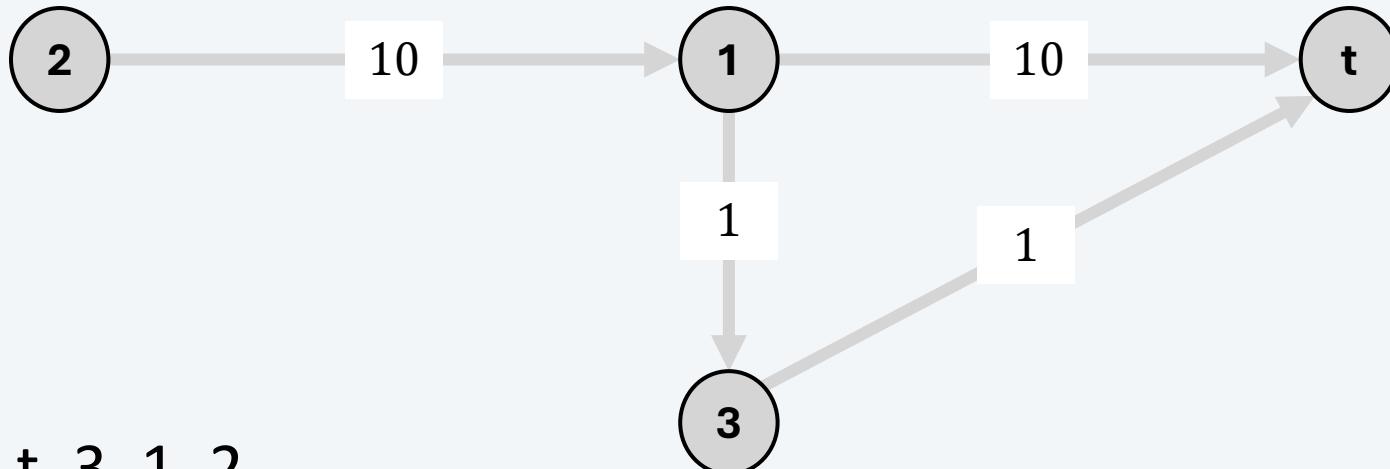
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The value of  $d[v]$  at the end of pass  $i$  may be smaller than the shortest path from  $v$  to  $t$  that uses at most  $i$  edges.

*successor[2] = null*  
 $d[2] = \infty$

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Consider order:  $t, 3, 1, 2$

Initialization

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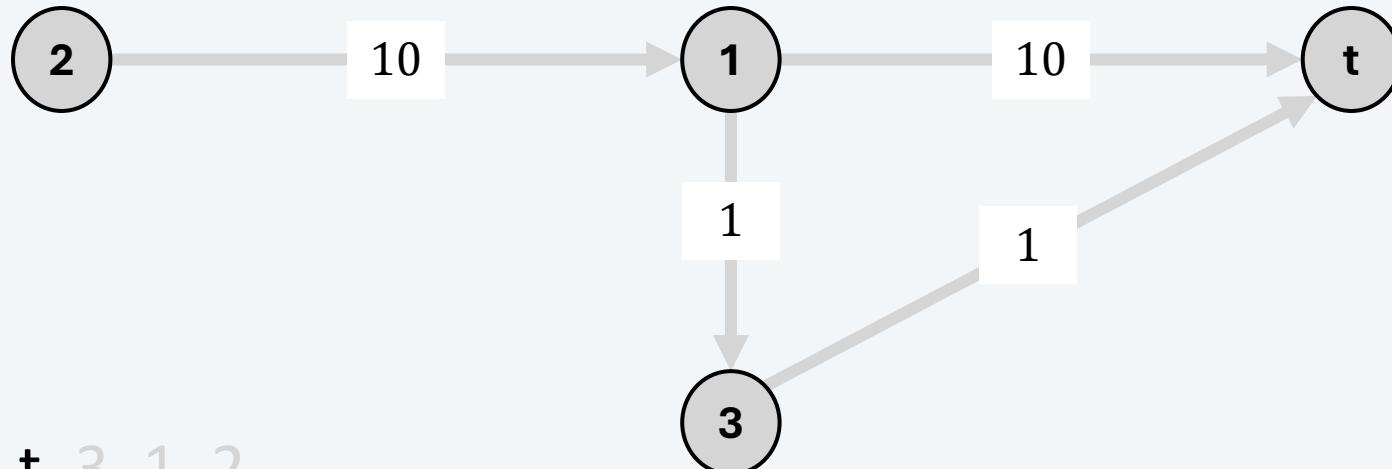
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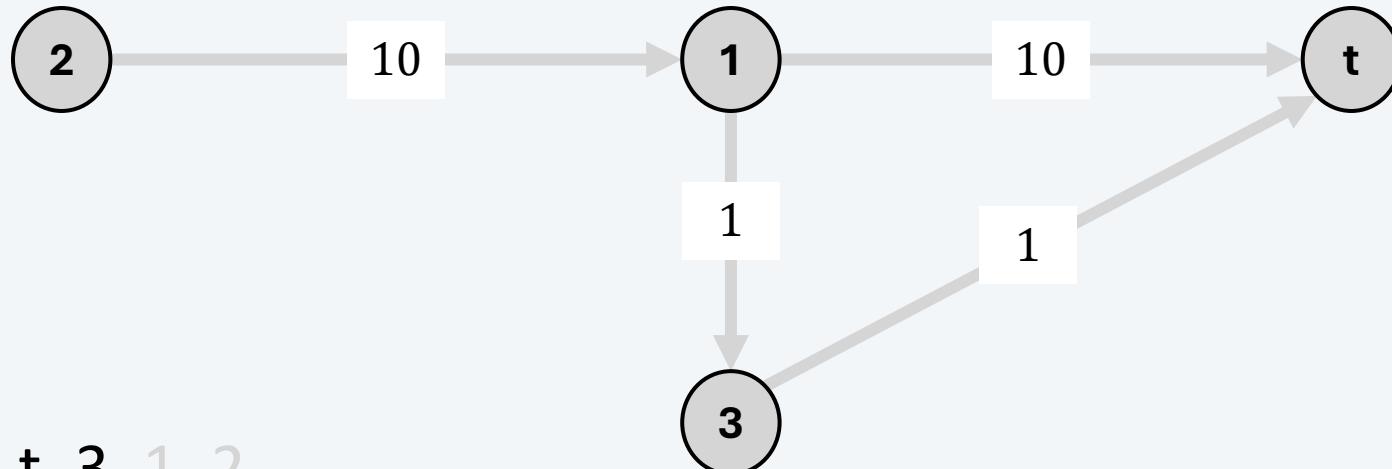
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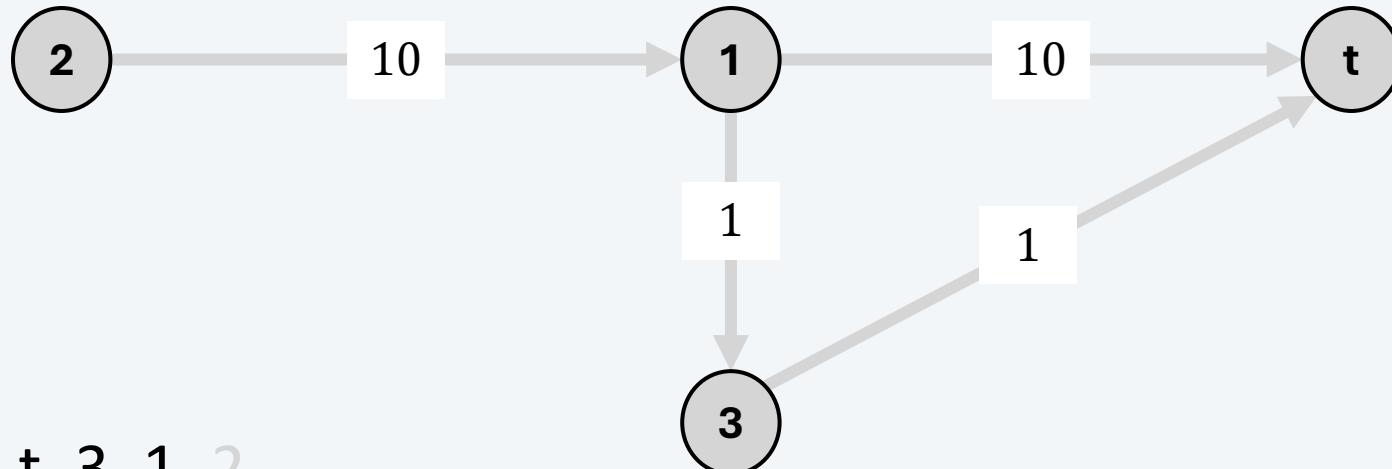
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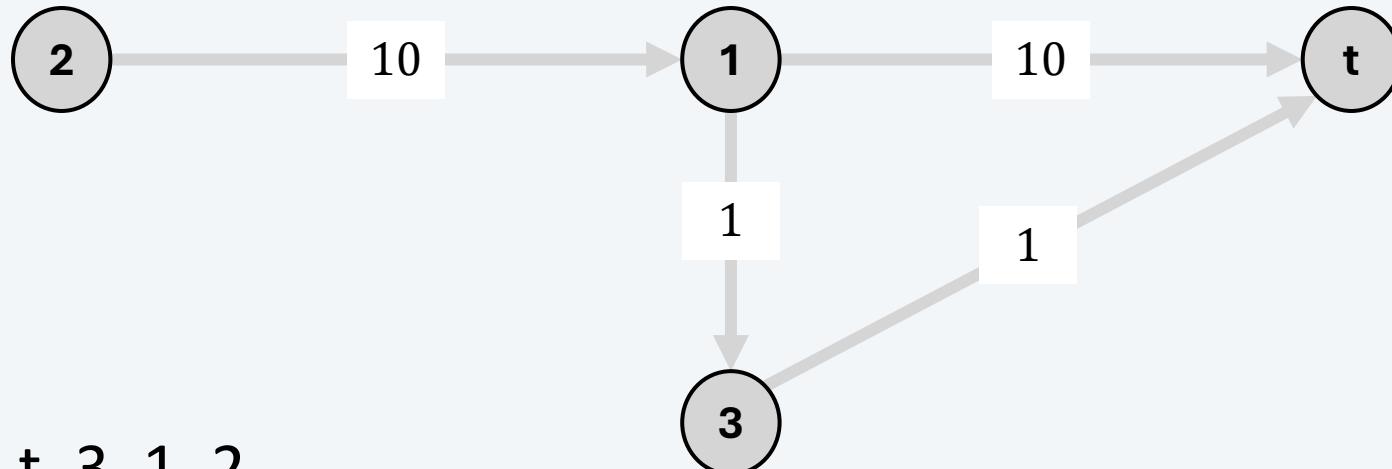
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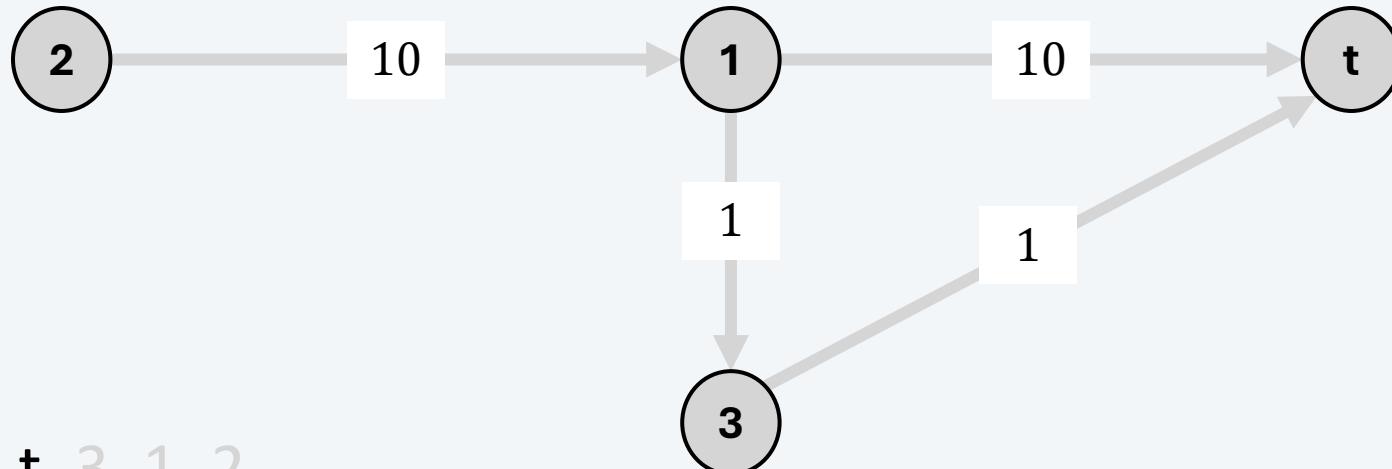
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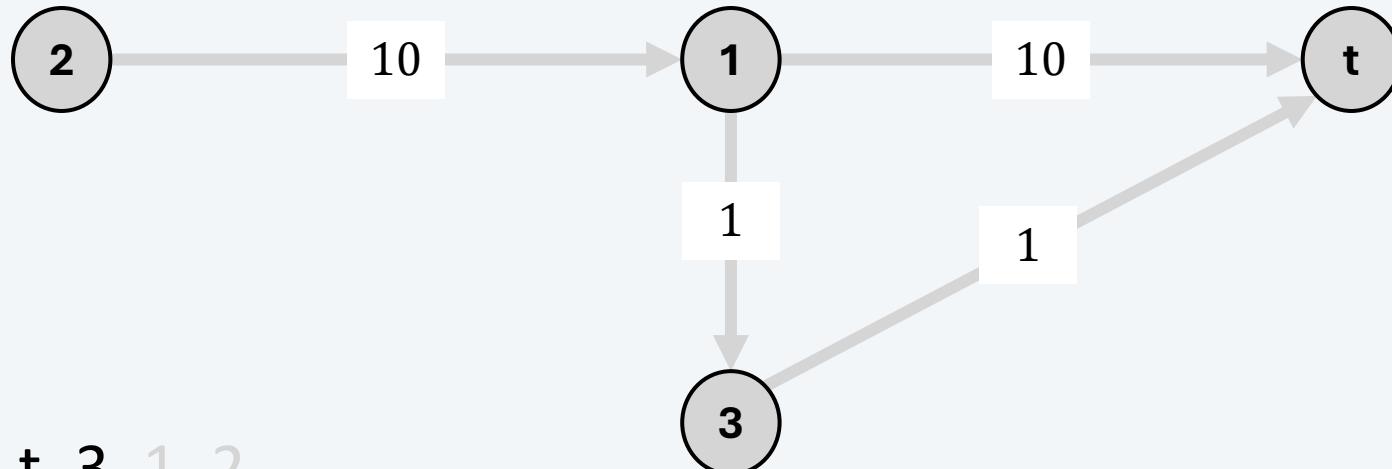
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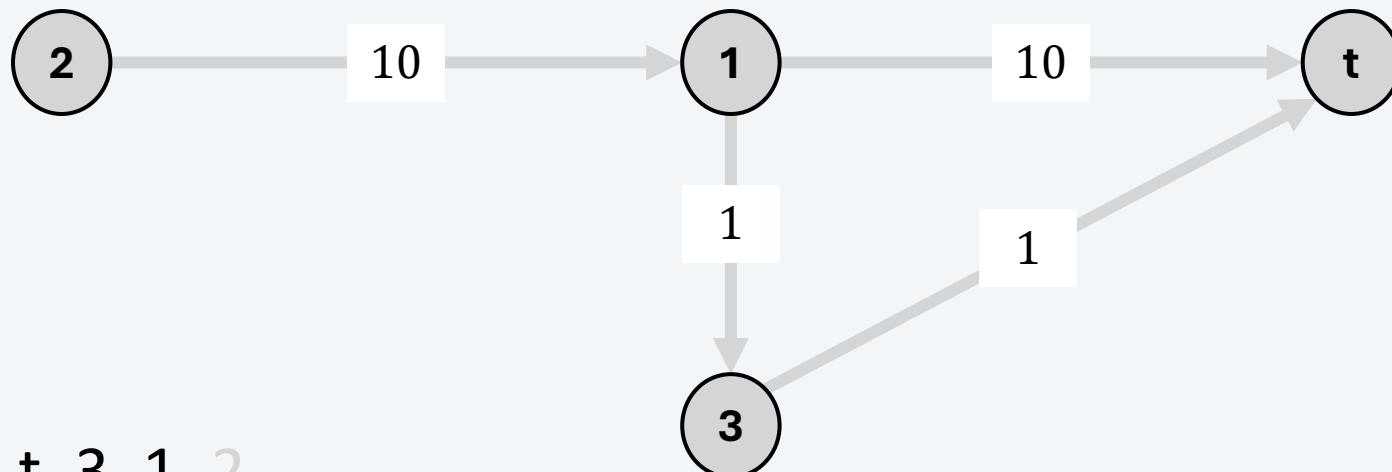
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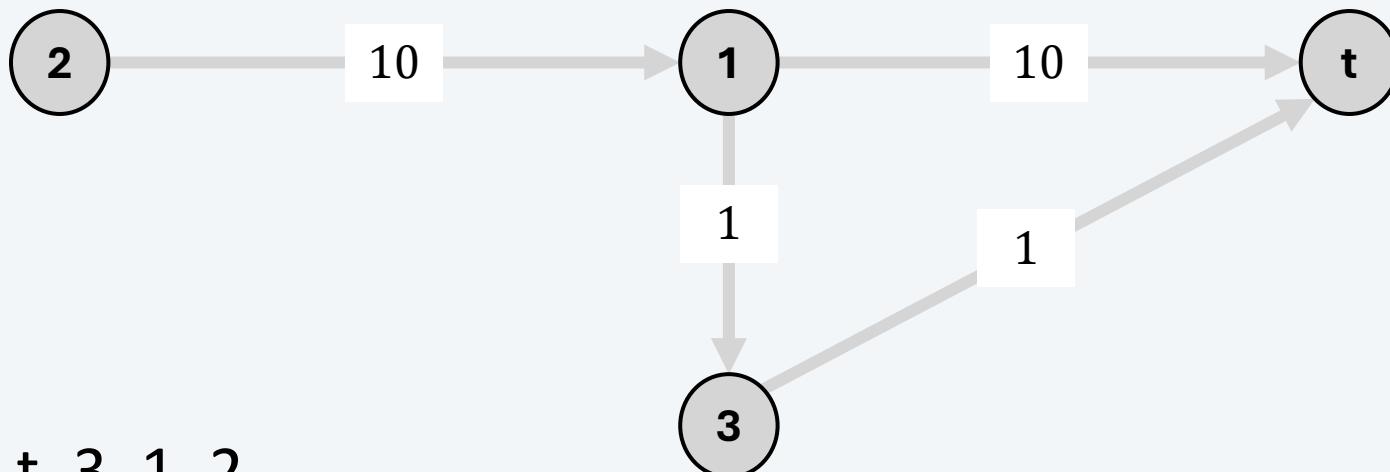
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End of pass 2

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$d[2] = 12 = \text{length of shortest path with 3 edges!}$

## Bellman–Ford–Moore: analysis

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**Lemma 3.** For each node  $v$ :  $d[v]$  is the length of some  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path.

**Lemma 4.** For each node  $v$ :  $d[v]$  is monotone non-increasing.

**Lemma 5.** After pass  $i$ ,  $d[v] \leq$  length of a shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path using  $\leq i$  edges.

**Pf.** [ by induction on  $i$  ]

- Base case:  $i = 0$ .
- Assume true after pass  $i$ .
- Let  $P$  be any  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path with  $\leq i + 1$  edges.
- Let  $(v, w)$  be first edge in  $P$  and let  $P'$  be subpath from  $w$  to  $t$ .
- By inductive hypothesis, at the end of pass  $i$ ,  $d[w] \leq \ell(P')$  because  $P'$  is a  $w \rightsquigarrow t$  path with  $\leq i$  edges.
- After considering edge  $(v, w)$  in pass  $i + 1$ :

↑  
and by Lemma 4,  
 $d[w]$  does not increase

$$\begin{aligned} d[v] &\leq \ell_{vw} + d[w] \\ &\leq \ell_{vw} + \ell(P') \\ &= \ell(P) \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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## Bellman–Ford–Moore: analysis

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**Theorem 2.** Assuming no negative cycles, Bellman–Ford–Moore computes the lengths of the shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(n)$  extra space.

Pf. Lemma 2 + Lemma 5. ■

  
shortest path exists and  
has at most  $n-1$  edges

  
after  $i$  passes,  
 $d[v] \leq$  length of shortest path  
that uses  $\leq i$  edges

**Remark.** Bellman–Ford–Moore is typically faster in practice.

- Edge  $(v, w)$  considered in pass  $i + 1$  only if  $d[w]$  updated in pass  $i$ .
- If shortest path has  $k$  edges, then algorithm finds it after  $\leq k$  passes.



**Assuming no negative cycles, which properties must hold throughout Bellman–Ford–Moore?**

- A. Following  $\text{successor}[v]$  pointers gives a directed  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path.
- B. If following  $\text{successor}[v]$  pointers gives a directed  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path, then the length of that  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  path is  $d[v]$ .
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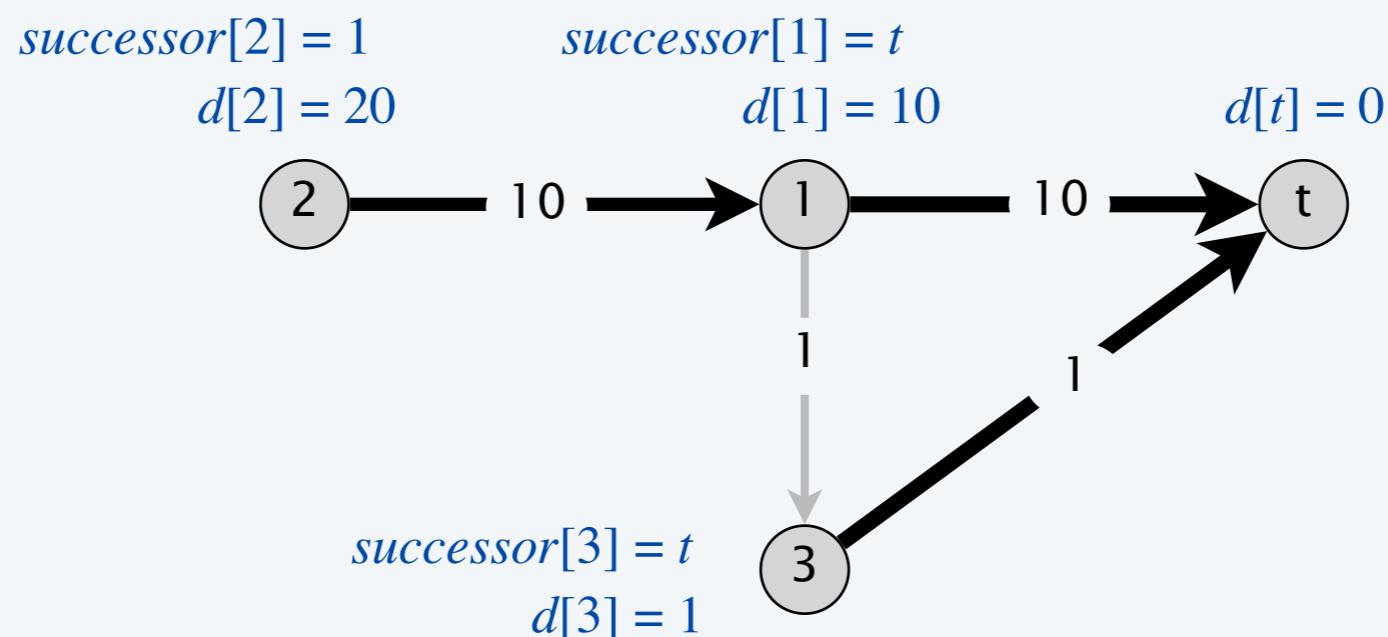
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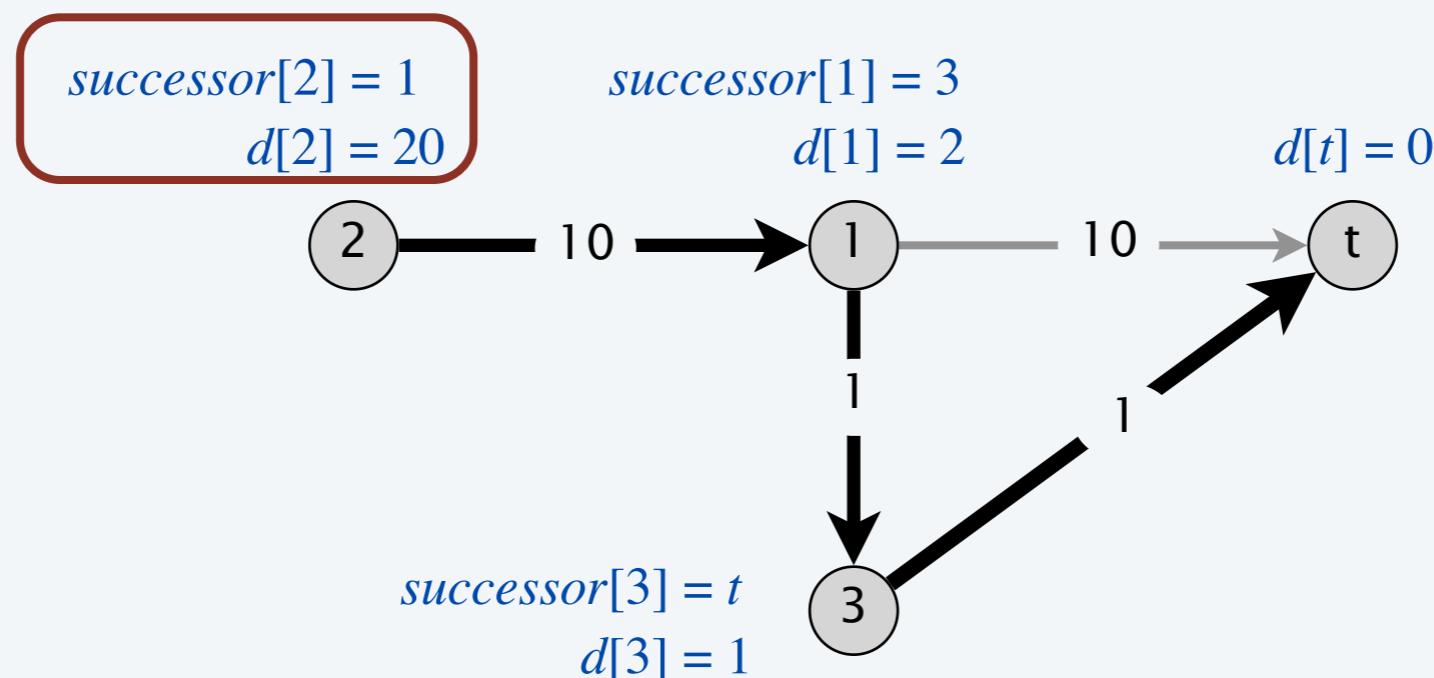
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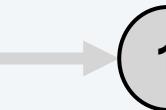
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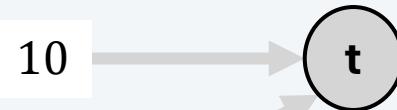
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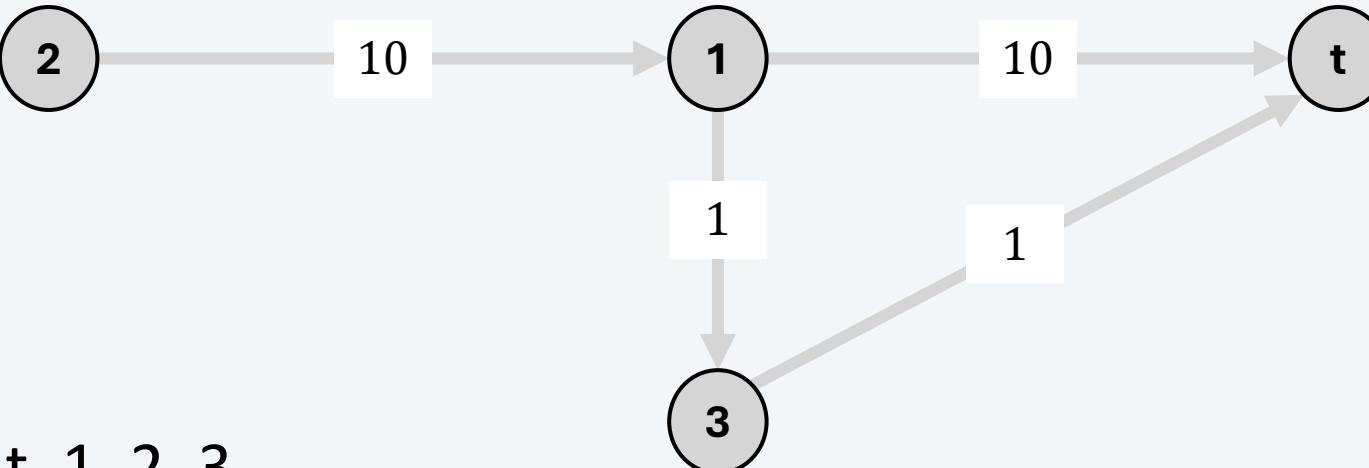


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Consider order: t, 1, 2, 3

Initialization

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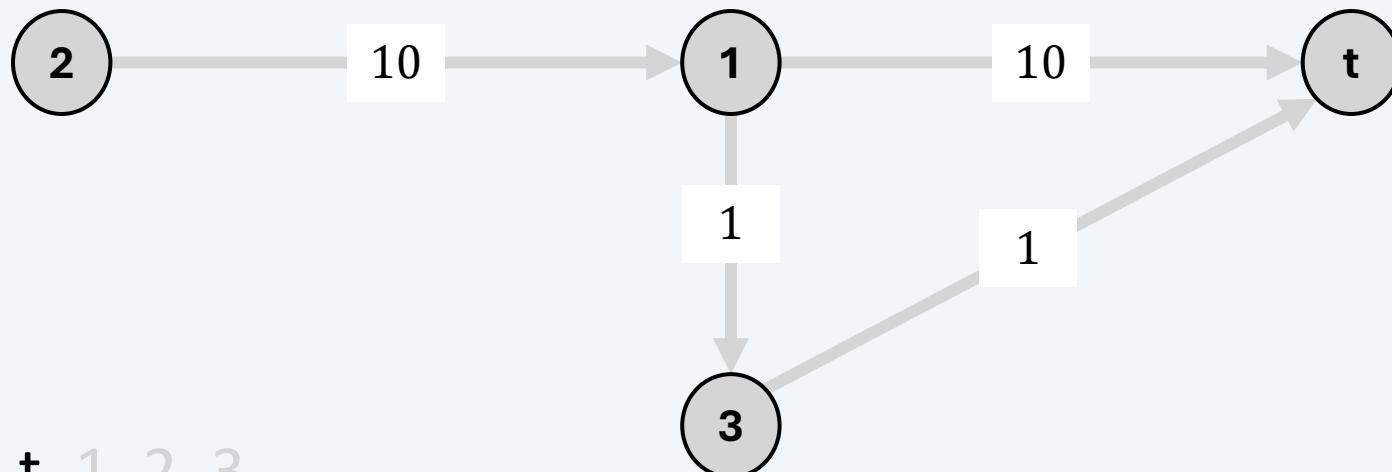
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Consider order:  $t, 1, 2, 3$

Pass 1

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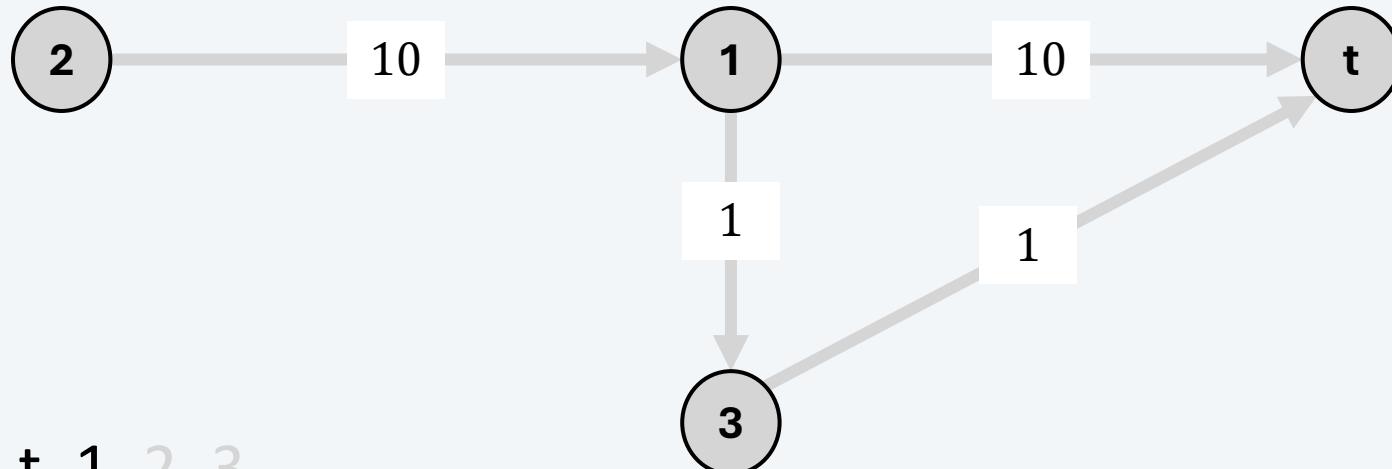
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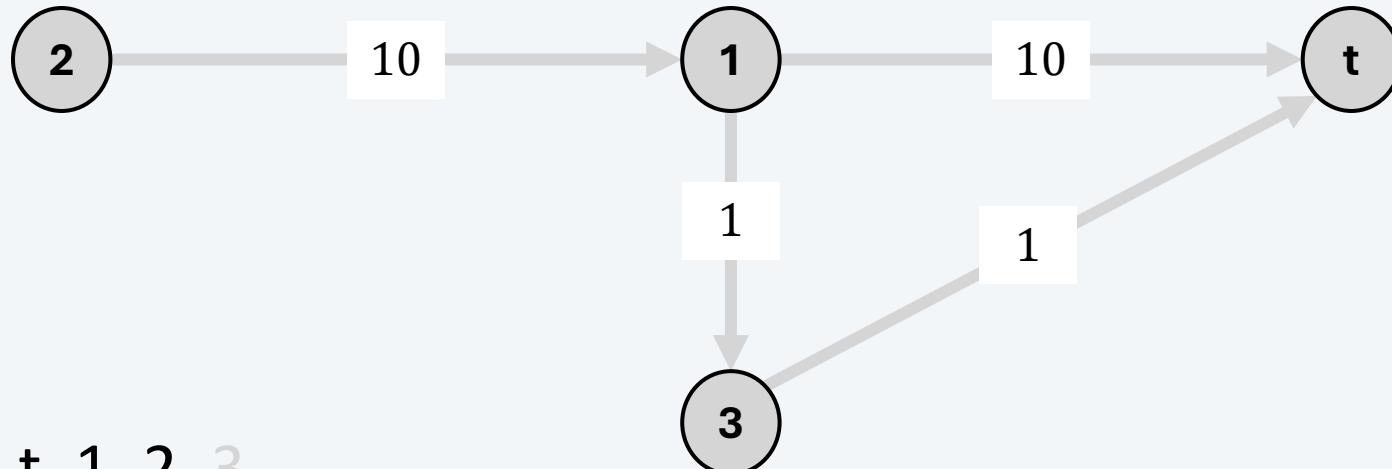
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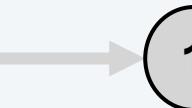
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End of pass 1

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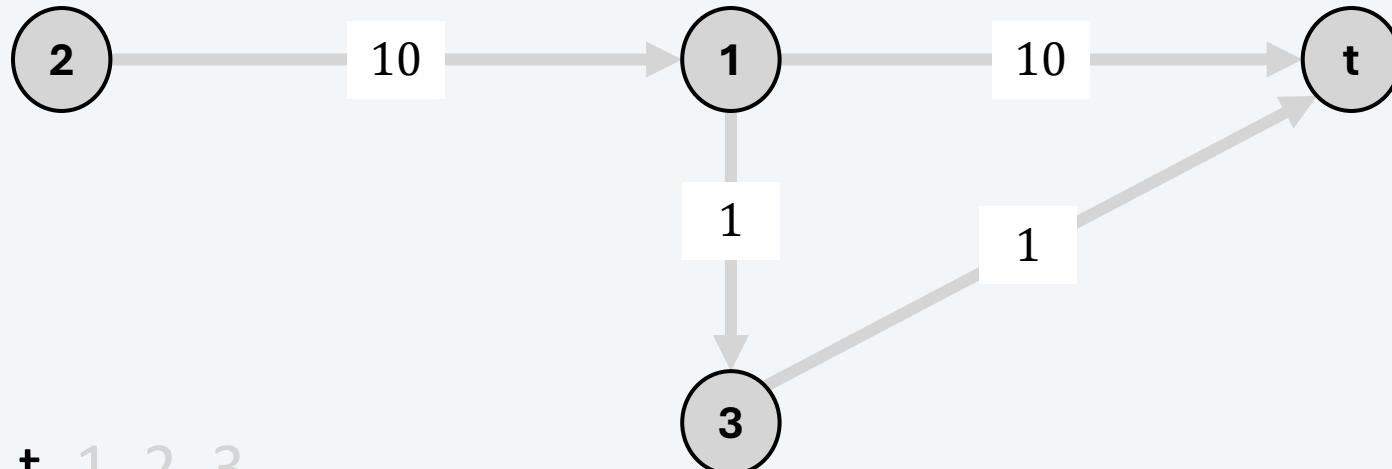
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Pass 2

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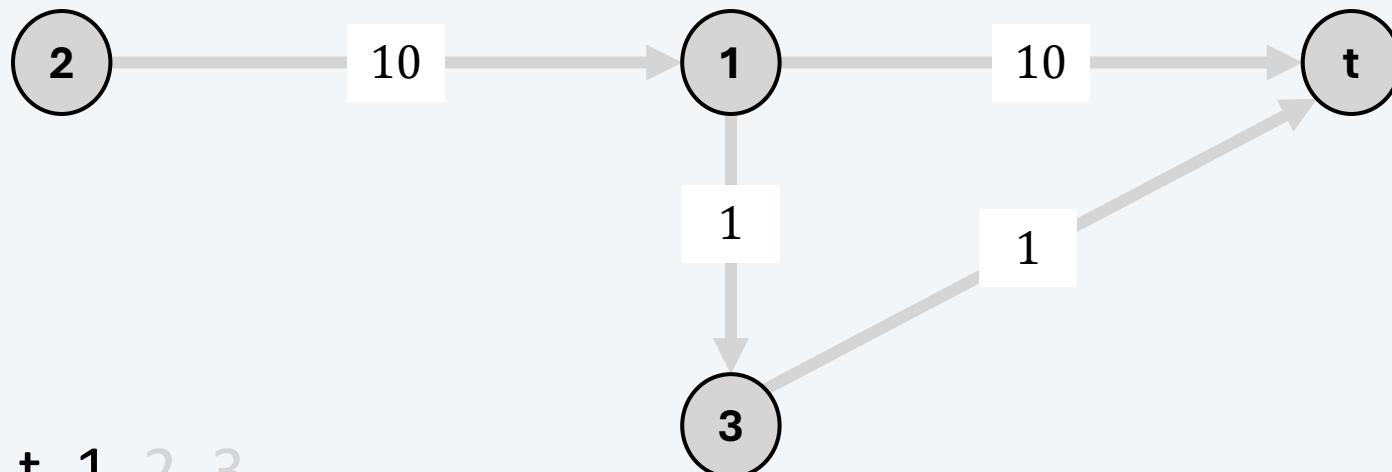
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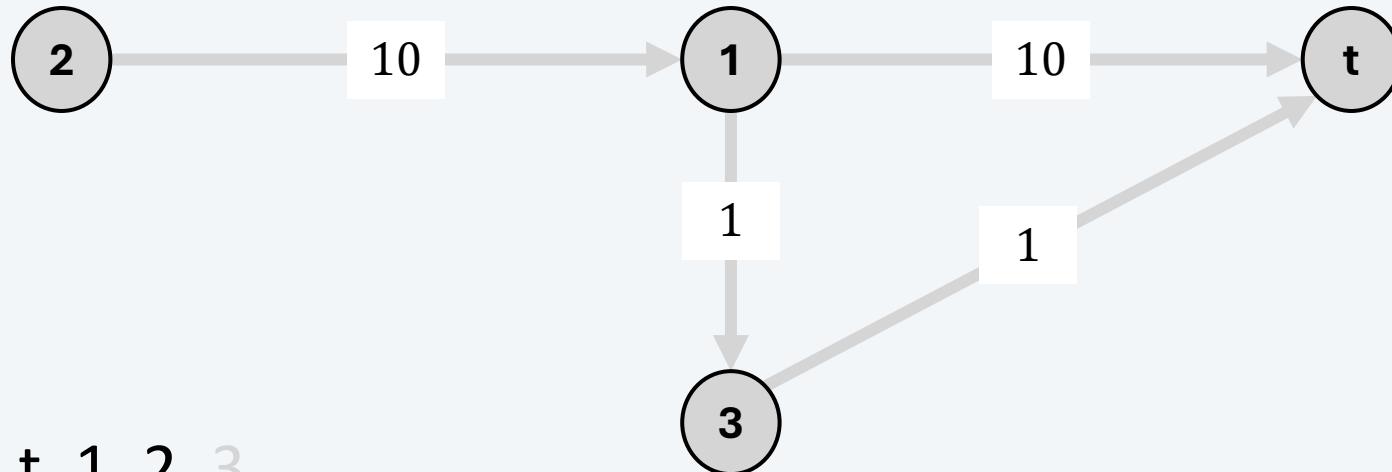
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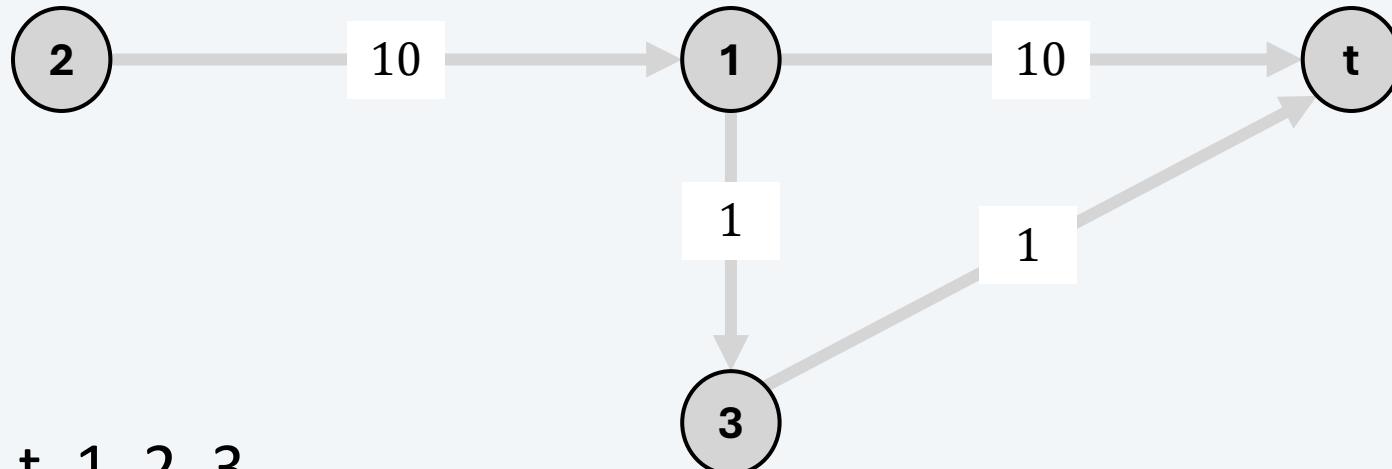
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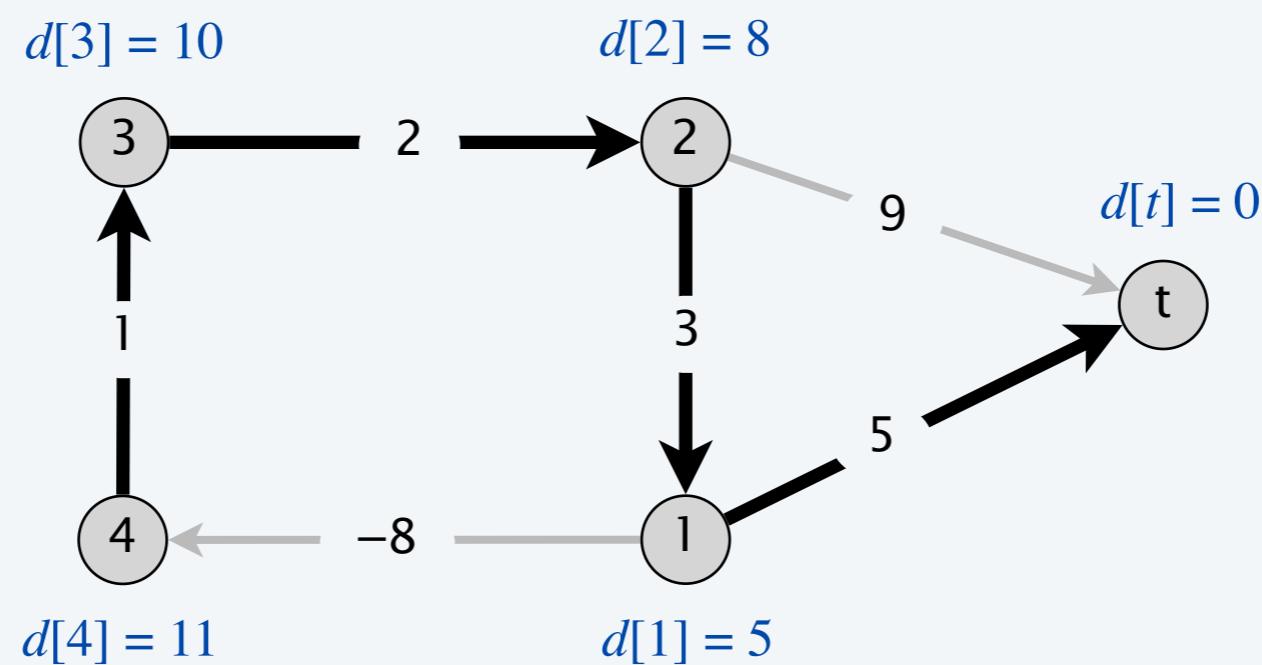
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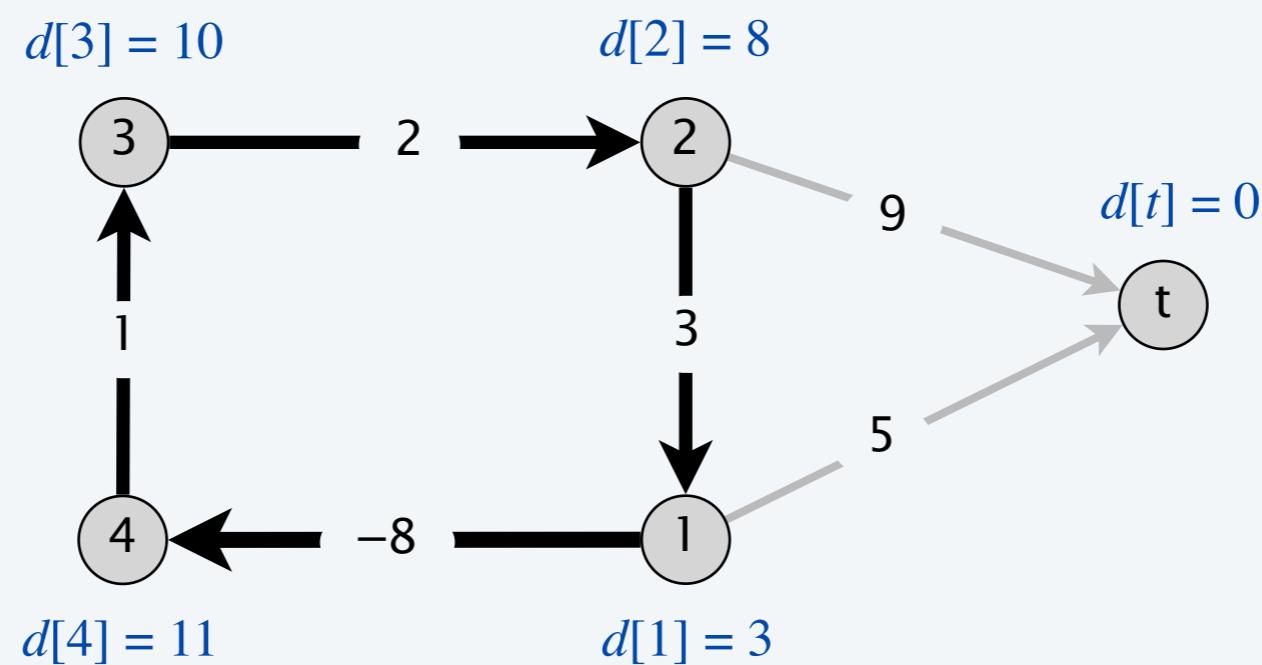
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## Bellman–Ford–Moore: finding the shortest paths

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**Lemma 6.** Any directed cycle  $W$  in the successor graph is a negative cycle.

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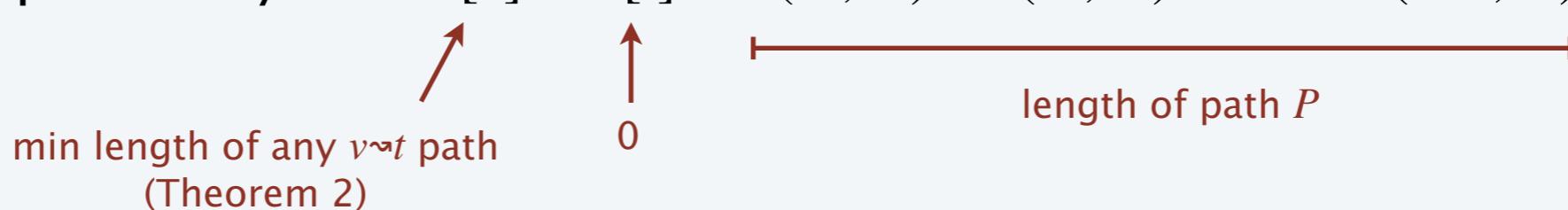
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(LHS and RHS are equal when  $\text{successor}[v]$  is set;  $d[w]$  can only decrease;  
 $d[v]$  decreases only when  $\text{successor}[v]$  is reset)
  - Let  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow v_1$  be the sequence of nodes in a directed cycle  $W$ .
  - Assume that  $(v_k, v_1)$  is the last edge in  $W$  added to the successor graph.
  - Just prior to that:  
$$\begin{aligned} d[v_1] &\geq d[v_2] + \ell(v_1, v_2) \\ d[v_2] &\geq d[v_3] + \ell(v_2, v_3) \\ &\vdots && \vdots \\ d[v_{k-1}] &\geq d[v_k] + \ell(v_{k-1}, v_k) \\ d[v_k] &> d[v_1] + \ell(v_k, v_1) \end{aligned}$$
← holds with strict inequality  
since we are updating  $d[v_k]$
  - Adding inequalities yields  $\ell(v_1, v_2) + \ell(v_2, v_3) + \dots + \ell(v_{k-1}, v_k) + \ell(v_k, v_1) < 0$ . ▀
- W is a negative cycle

## Bellman–Ford–Moore: finding the shortest paths

**Theorem 3.** Assuming no negative cycles, Bellman–Ford–Moore finds shortest  $v \rightsquigarrow t$  paths for every node  $v$  in  $O(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(n)$  extra space.

Pf.

- The successor graph cannot have a directed cycle. [Lemma 6]
- Thus, following the successor pointers from  $v$  yields a directed path to  $t$ .
- Let  $v = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k = t$  be the nodes along this path  $P$ .
- Upon termination, if  $\text{successor}[v] = w$ , we must have  $d[v] = d[w] + \ell_{vw}$ .  
(LHS and RHS are equal when  $\text{successor}[v]$  is set;  $d[\cdot]$  did not change)
- Thus,  
$$\begin{aligned} d[v_1] &= d[v_2] + \ell(v_1, v_2) \\ d[v_2] &= d[v_3] + \ell(v_2, v_3) \\ &\vdots && \vdots \\ d[v_{k-1}] &= d[v_k] + \ell(v_{k-1}, v_k) \end{aligned}$$
since algorithm terminated
- Adding equations yields  $d[v] = d[t] + \ell(v_1, v_2) + \ell(v_2, v_3) + \dots + \ell(v_{k-1}, v_k)$ . ▀



# Single-source shortest paths with negative weights

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year	worst case	discovered by
1955	$O(n^4)$	Shimbel
1956	$O(m n^2 W)$	Ford
1958	$O(m n)$	Bellman, Moore
1983	$O(n^{3/4} m \log W)$	Gabow
1989	$O(m n^{1/2} \log(nW))$	Gabow–Tarjan
1993	$O(m n^{1/2} \log W)$	Goldberg
2005	$O(n^{2.38} W)$	Sankowski, Yuster–Zwick
2016	$\tilde{O}(n^{10/7} \log W)$	Cohen–Mądry–Sankowski–Vladu
20xx	???	

single-source shortest paths with weights between  $-W$  and  $W$