

Graph Search



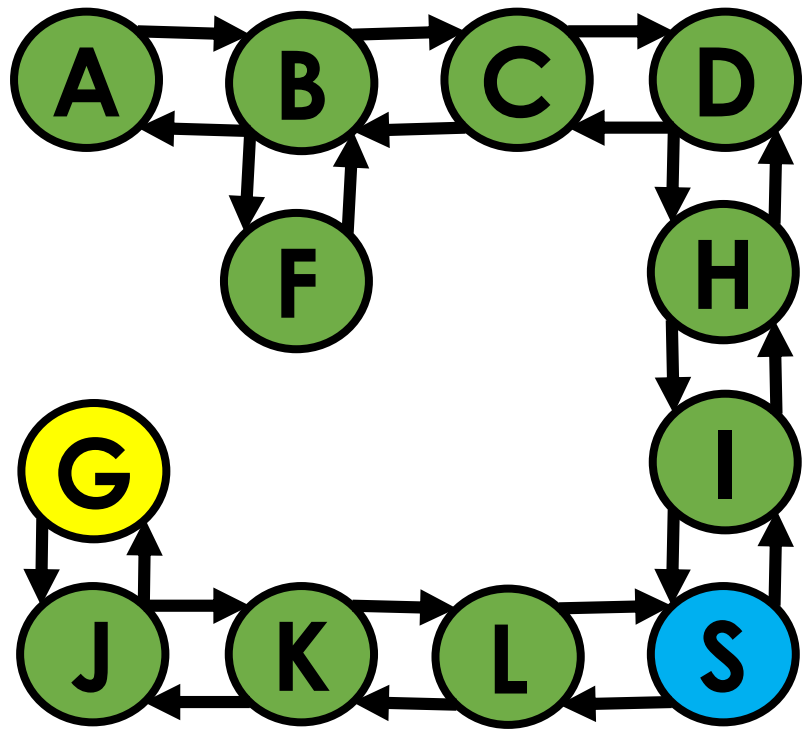
Dijkstra's Algorithm



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By the end of this video you will be able to...

- Apply Dijkstra's Algorithm to a weighted graph
- Write the code for Dijkstra
- Describe how ADT Priority Queue works
- Describe how Priority Queues are used in Dijkstra's Algorithm



Breadth-first Search (BFS)

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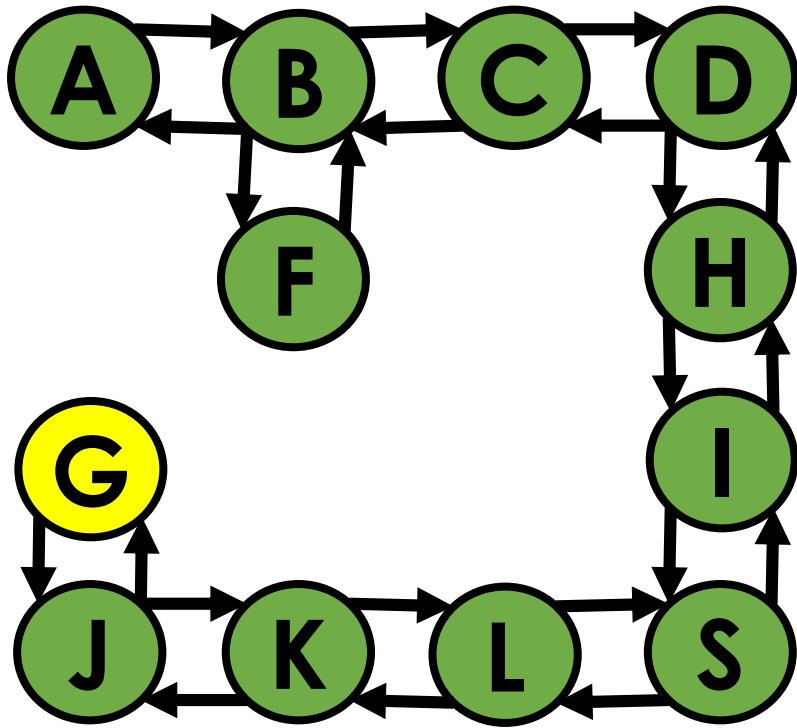
Queue: List where you add elements to one end and remove them from the other

enqueue → add an element

dequeue → remove an element



BFS: Algorithm



BFS(S, G):

Initialize: queue, visited HashSet and parent HashMap

Enqueue S onto the queue

while queue is not empty:

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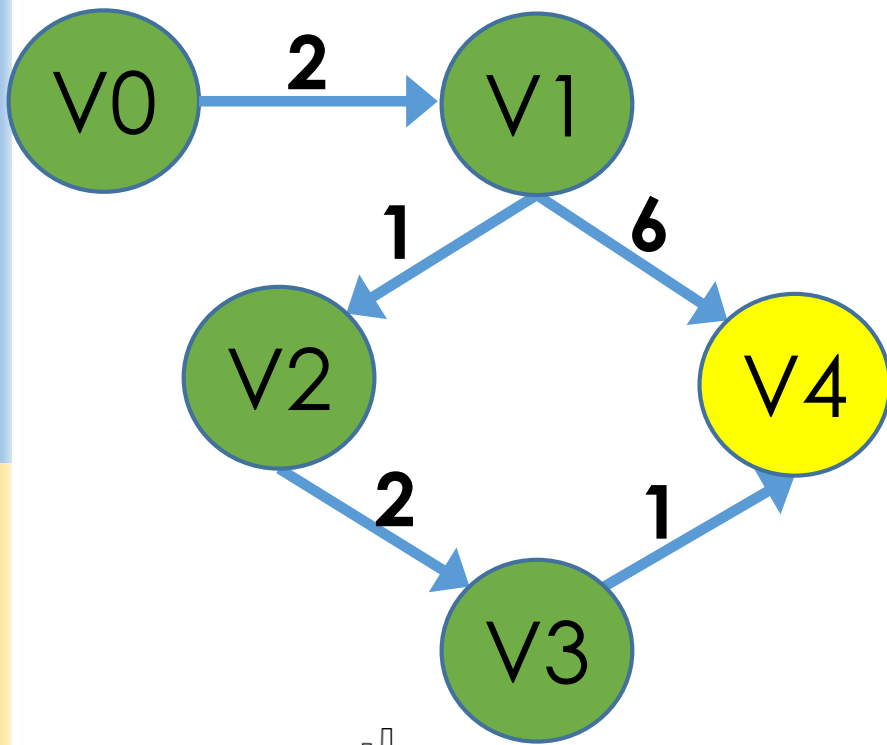
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curr:

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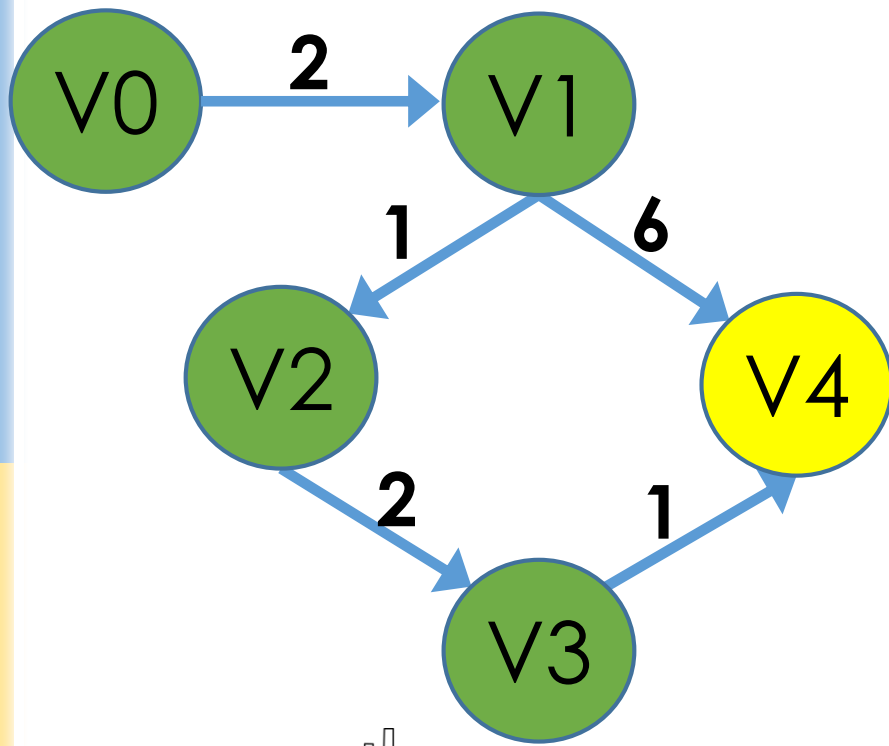
Priority Queue: List where you add an {element, priority} to one end and remove highest priority item from the other

enqueue → add an {element, priority}

dequeue → remove the highest priority element



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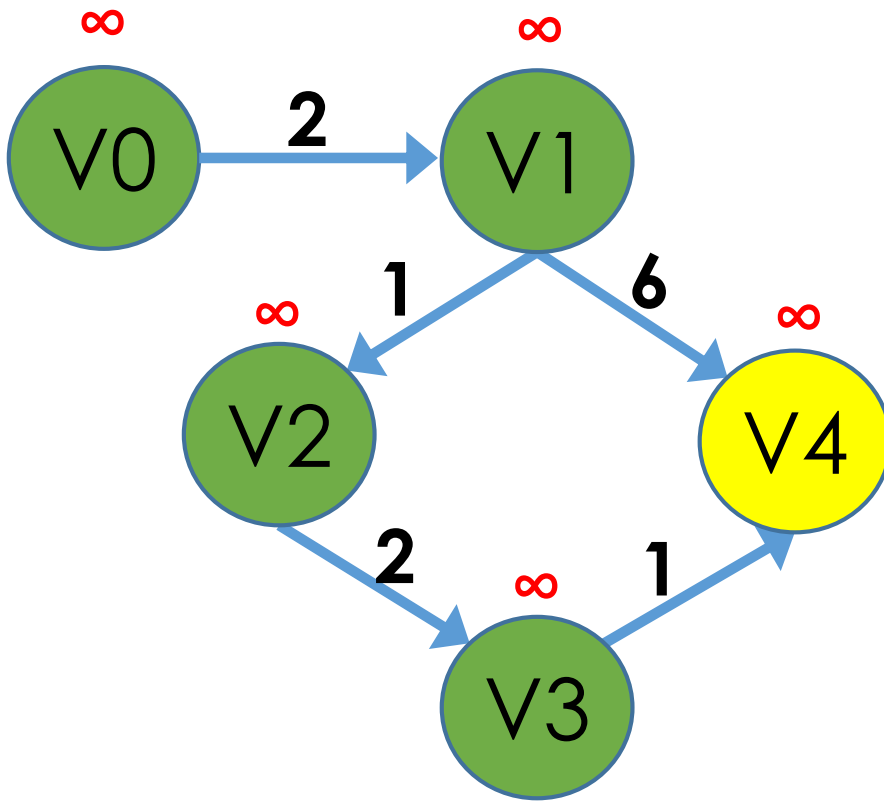
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Priority Queues are often implemented using "Heaps" and can prioritize low values (Min-Heap) or large values (Max-Heap).



Dijkstra: Algorithm



PQ:
curr:
visited:

Dijkstra(S, G):

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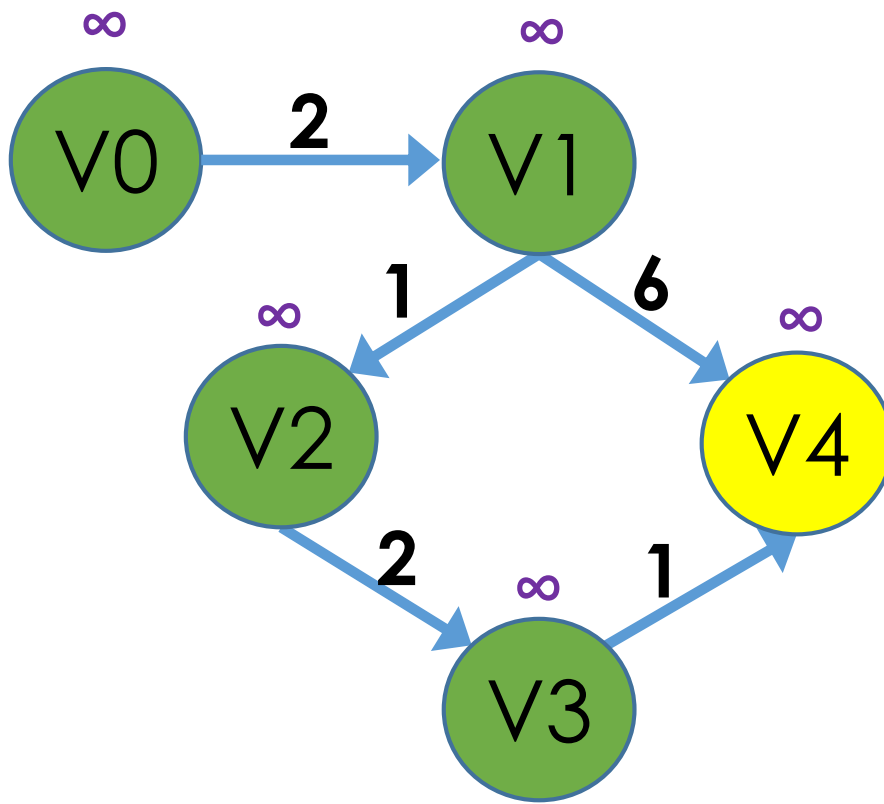
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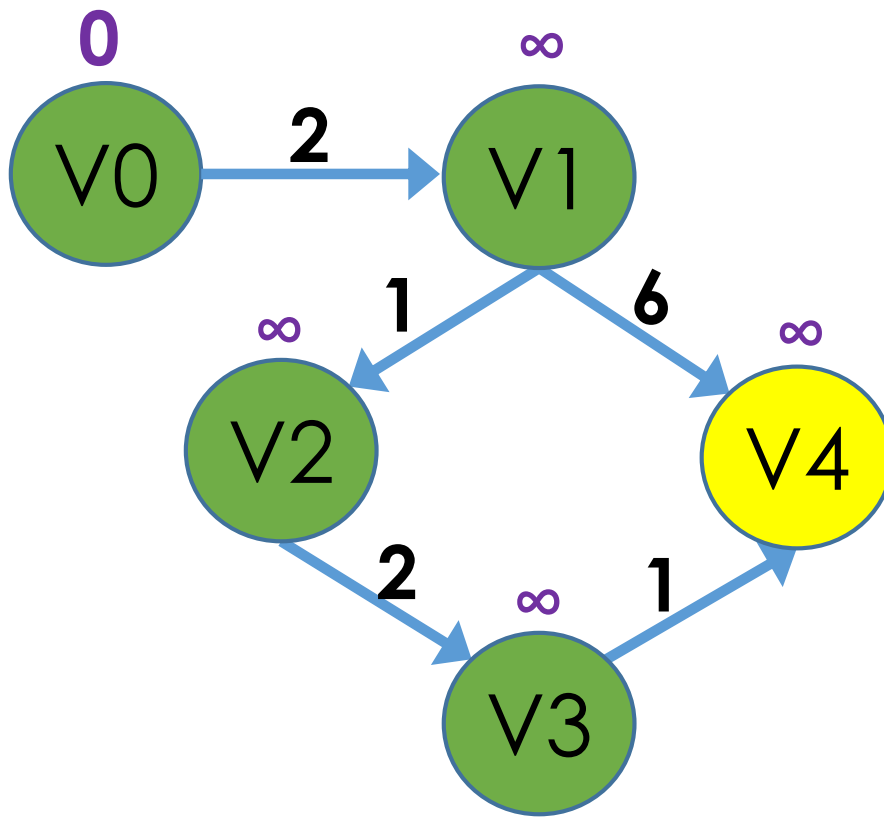
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PQ: $\{V0, 0\}$

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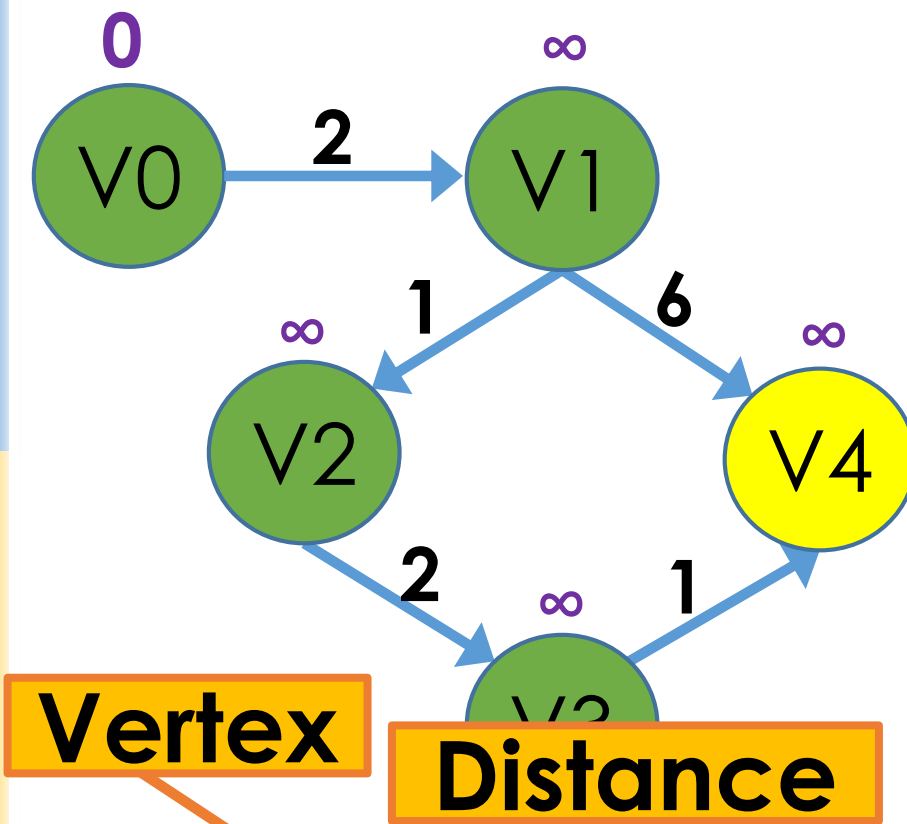
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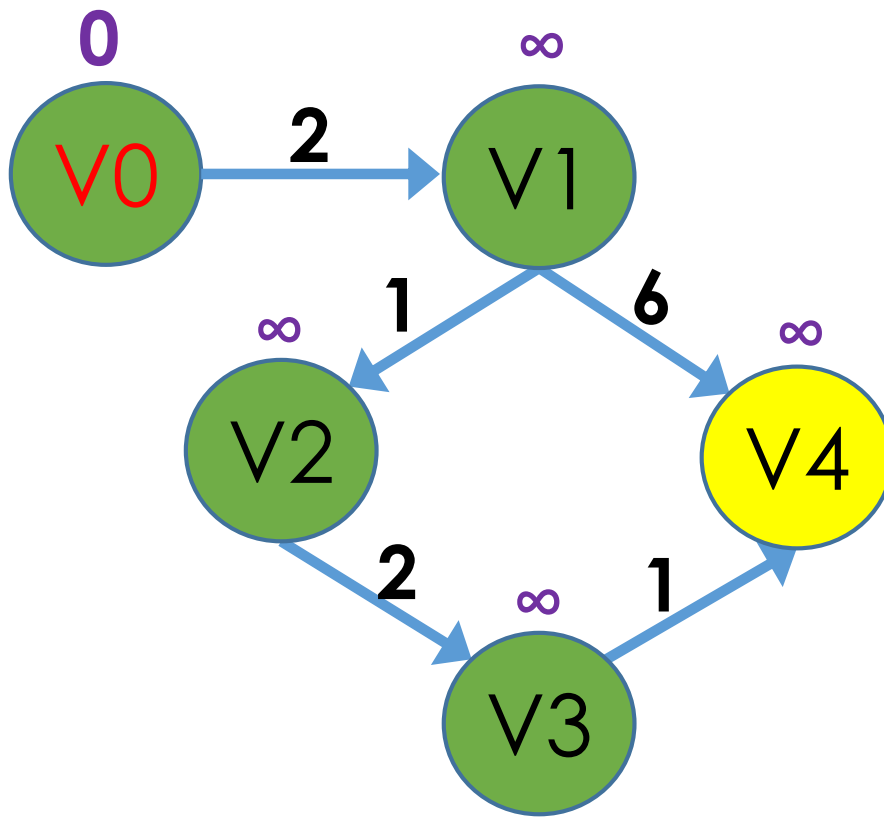
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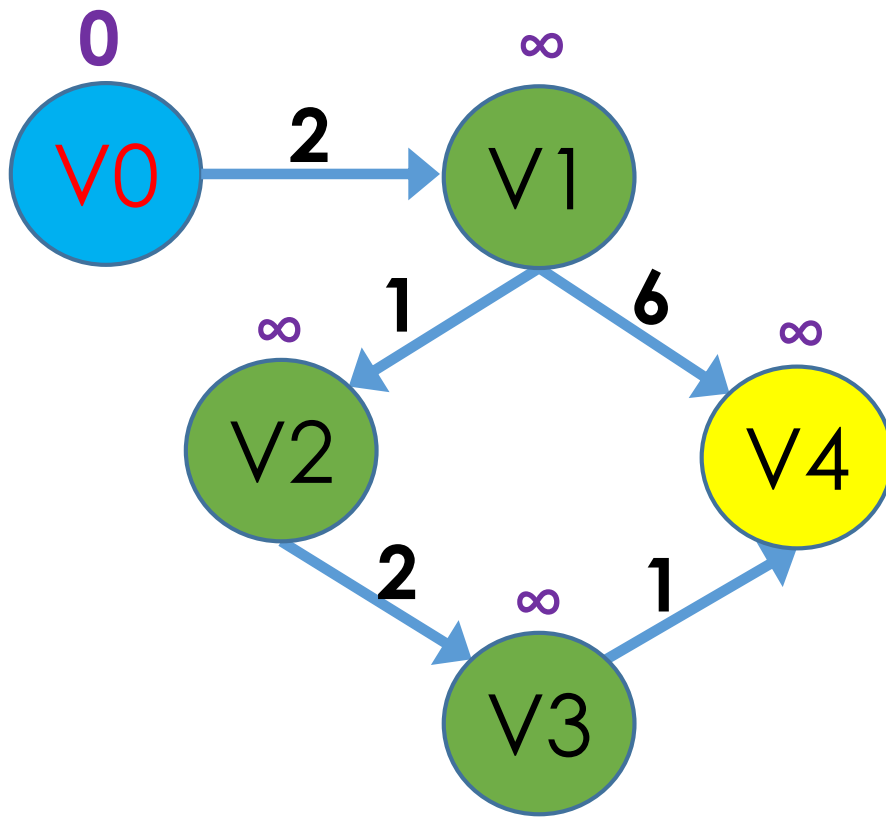


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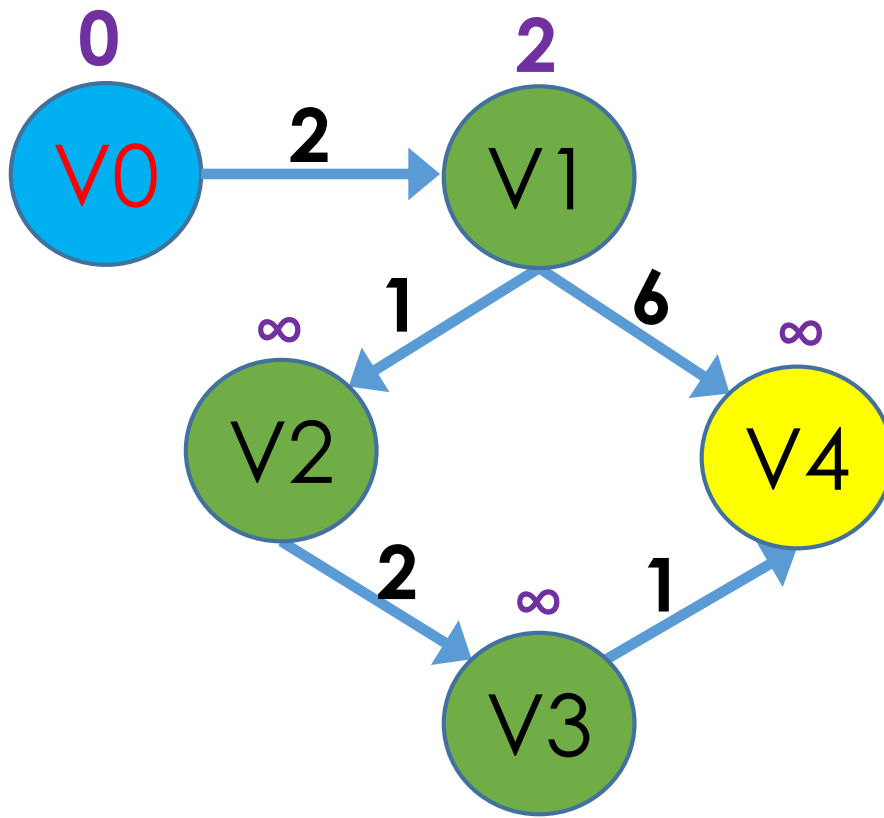
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PQ: $\{V1, 2\}$

curr: V0

visited: V0

Dijkstra: Algorithm

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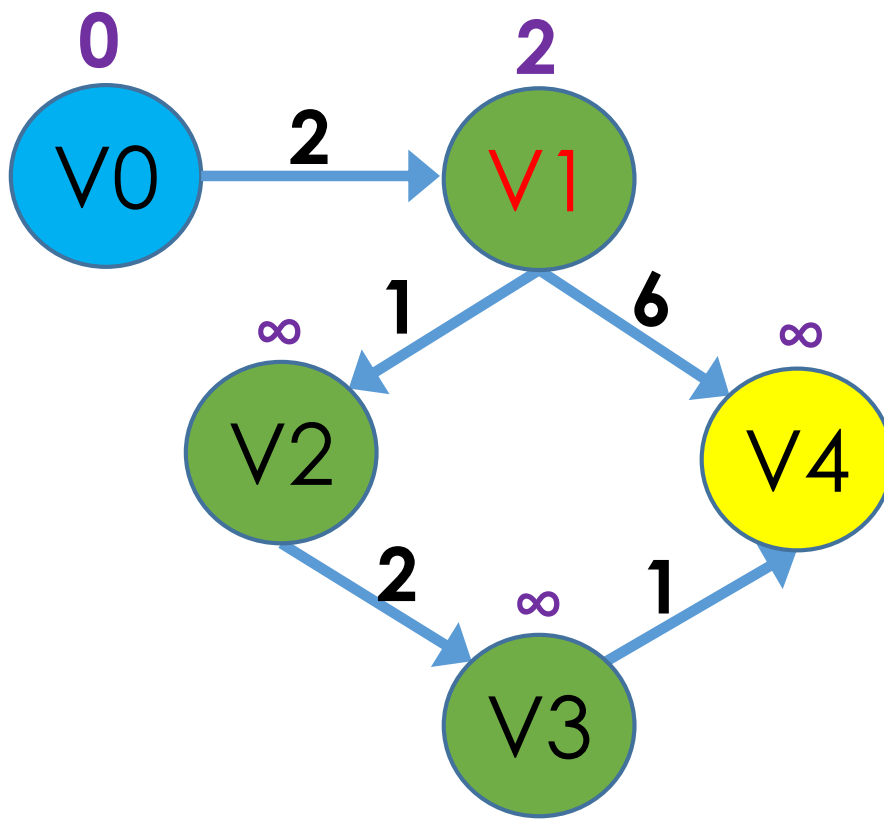
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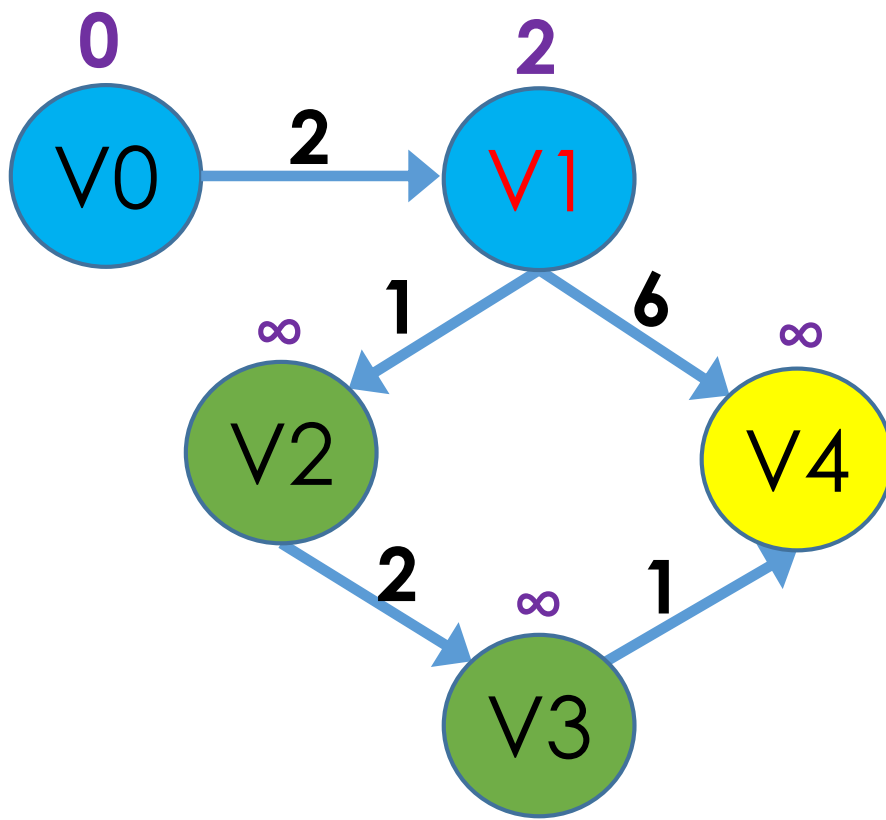


PQ: $\{\cancel{V1}, 2\}$

curr: V1

visited: V0

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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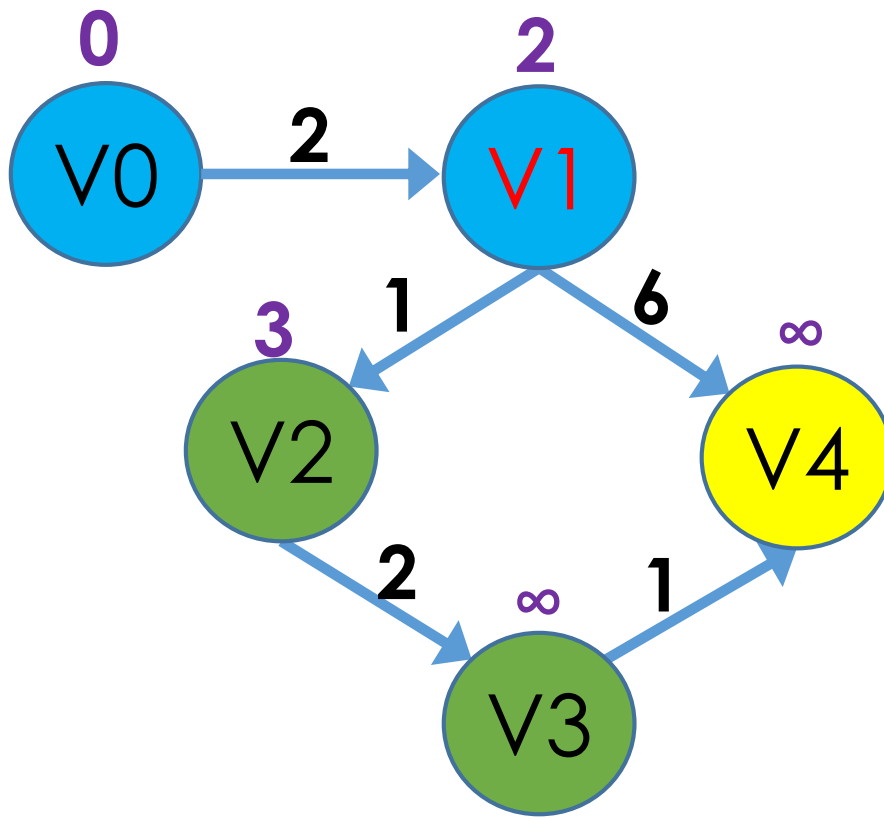
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PQ:

curr: V1

visited: V0, V1

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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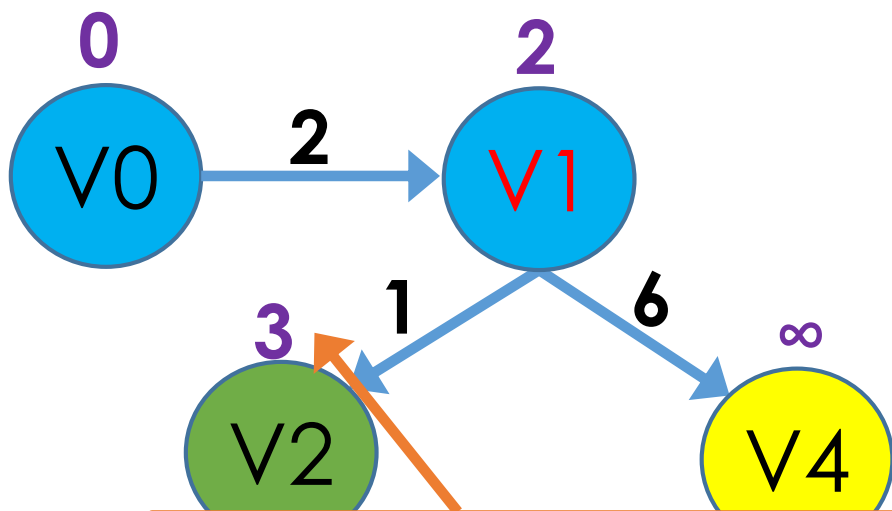
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PQ:

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visited: V0, V1

Dijkstra: Algorithm



**Distance to V1 (2)
+ V1 to V2 (1) = 3**

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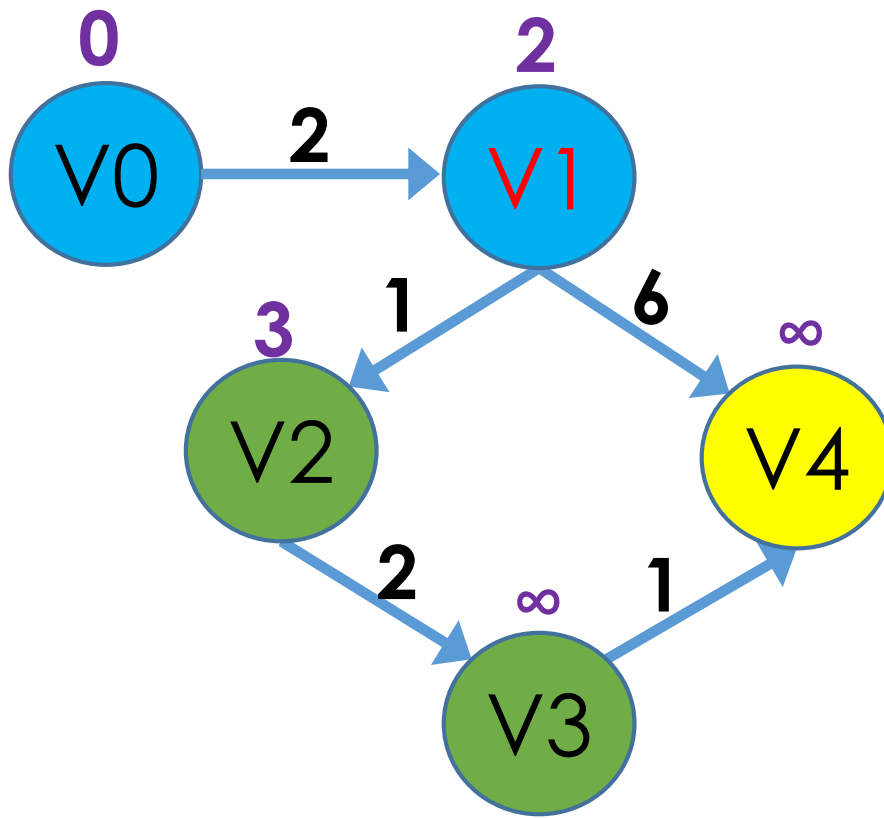
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PQ: {V2, 3}

curr: V1

visited: V0, V1

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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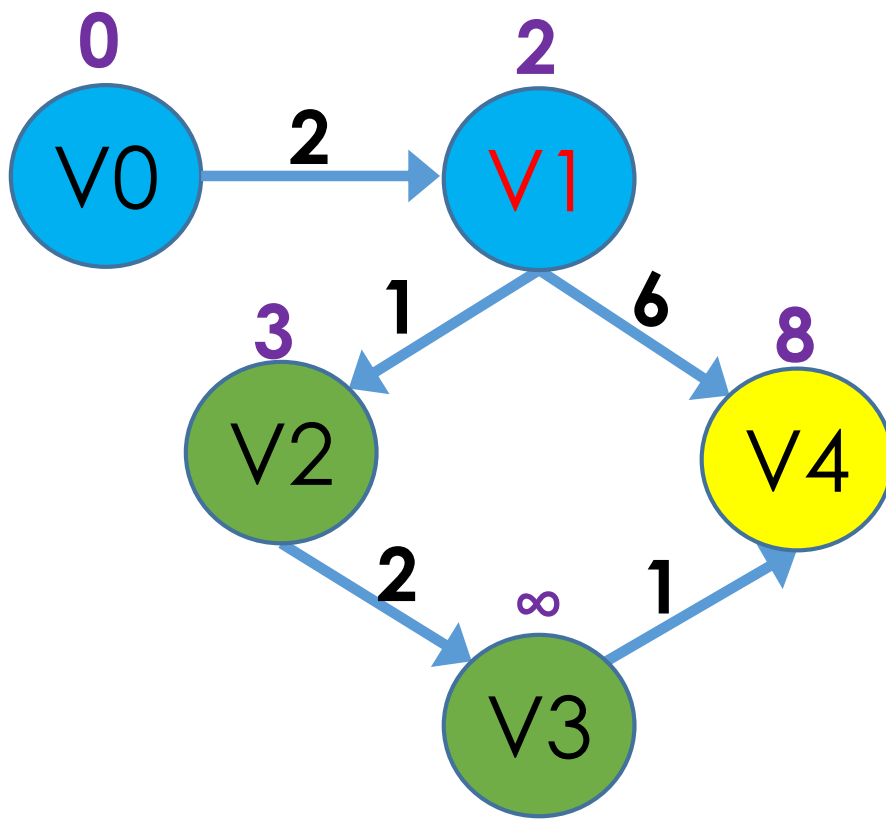
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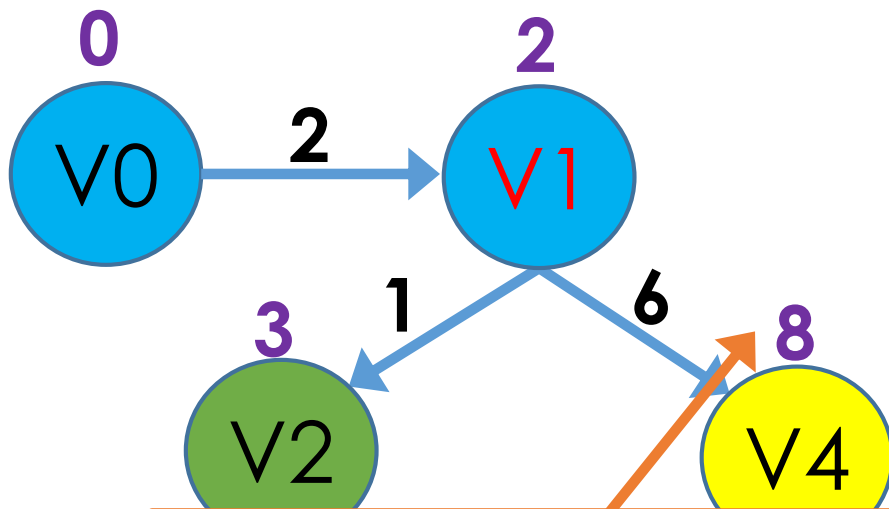
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visited: V0, V1

Dijkstra: Algorithm



**Distance to V1 (2)
+ V1 to V4 (6) = 8**

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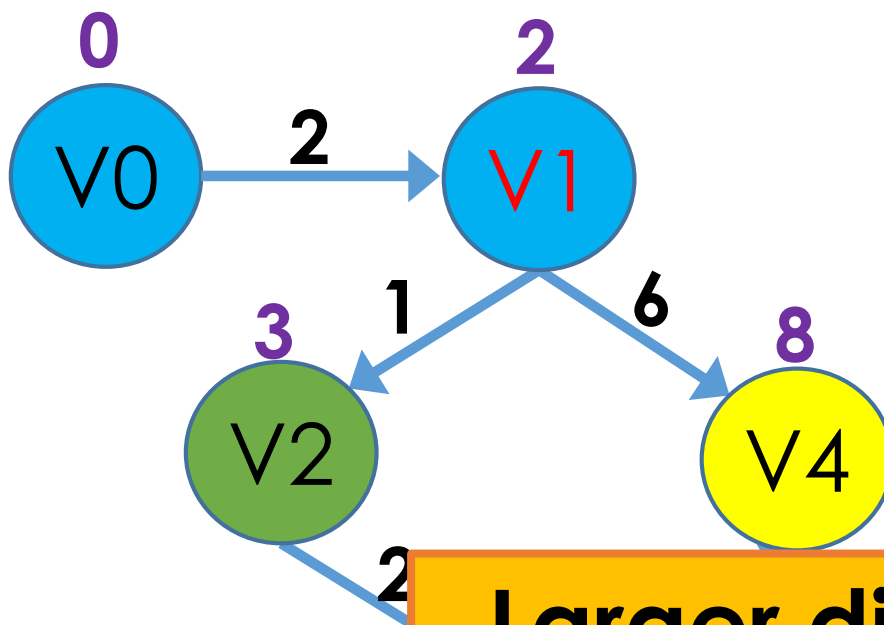
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PQ: {V2, 3}, {V4, 8}

curr: V1

visited: V0, V1

Dijkstra: Algorithm



**Larger distances
are lower priority**

PQ: {V2, 3}, {V4, 8}
curr: V1
visited: V0, V1

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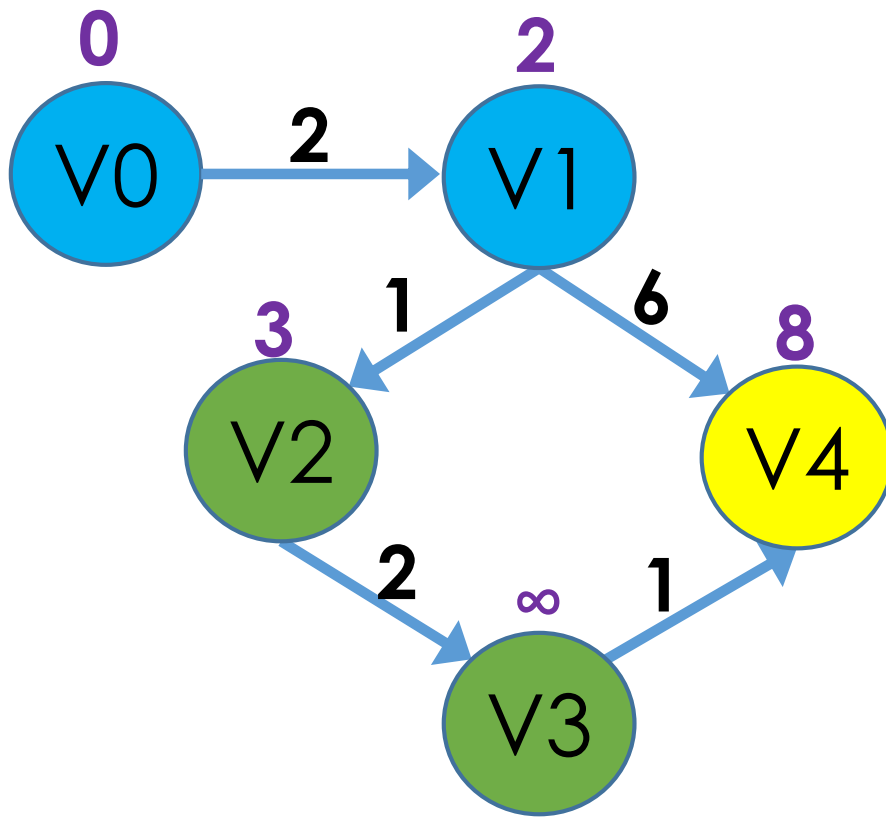
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Dijkstra: Algorithm



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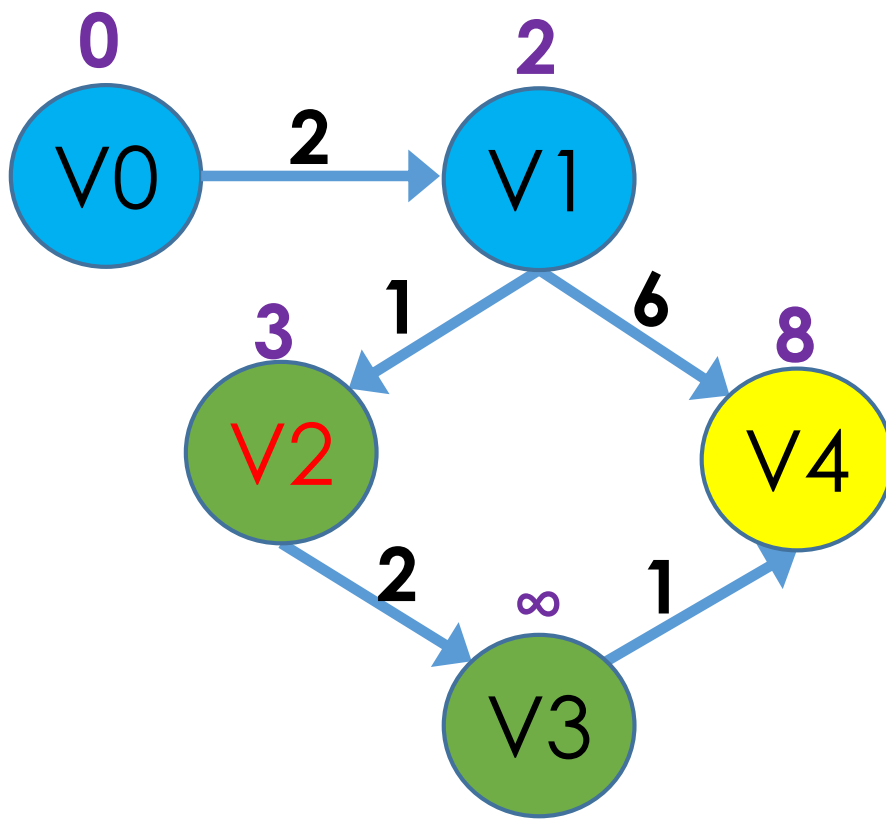
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visited: V0, V1

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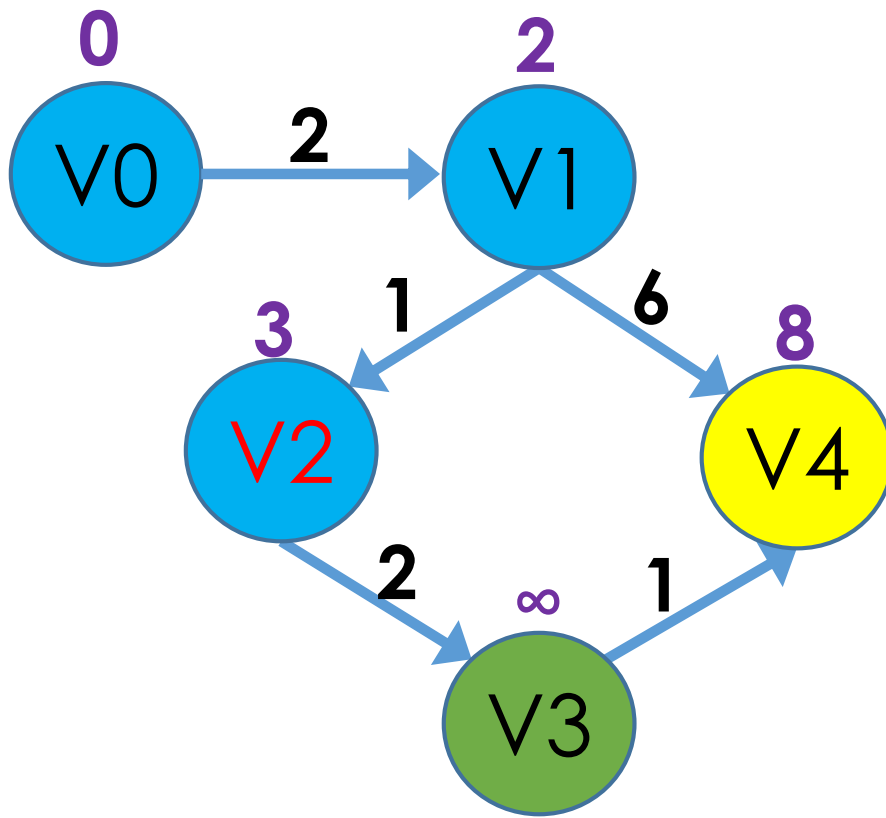
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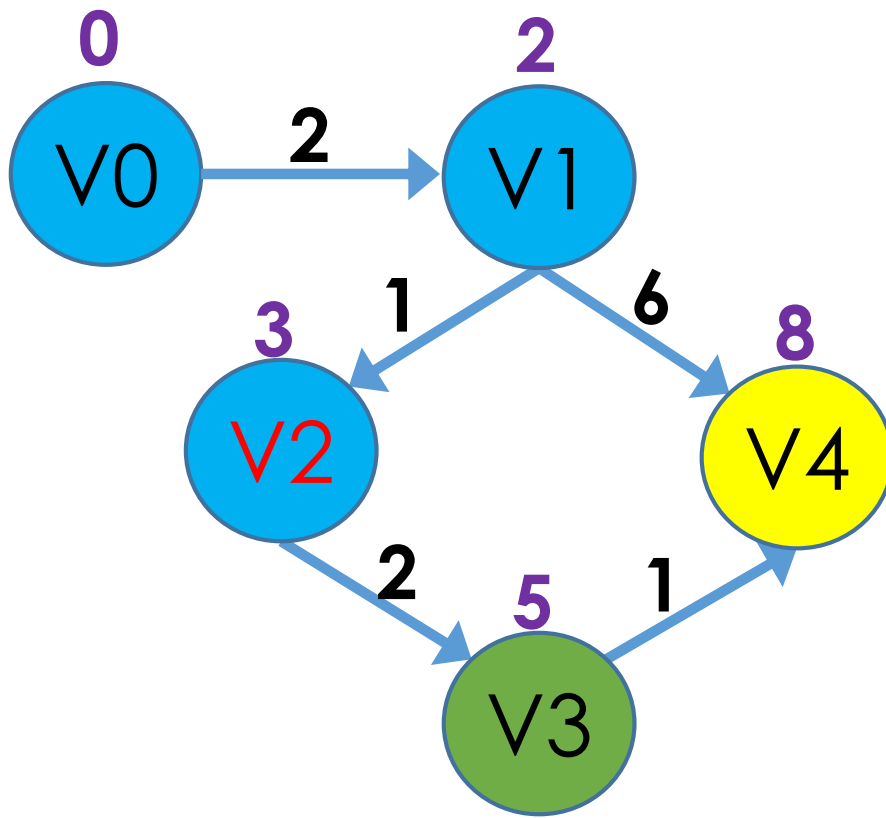
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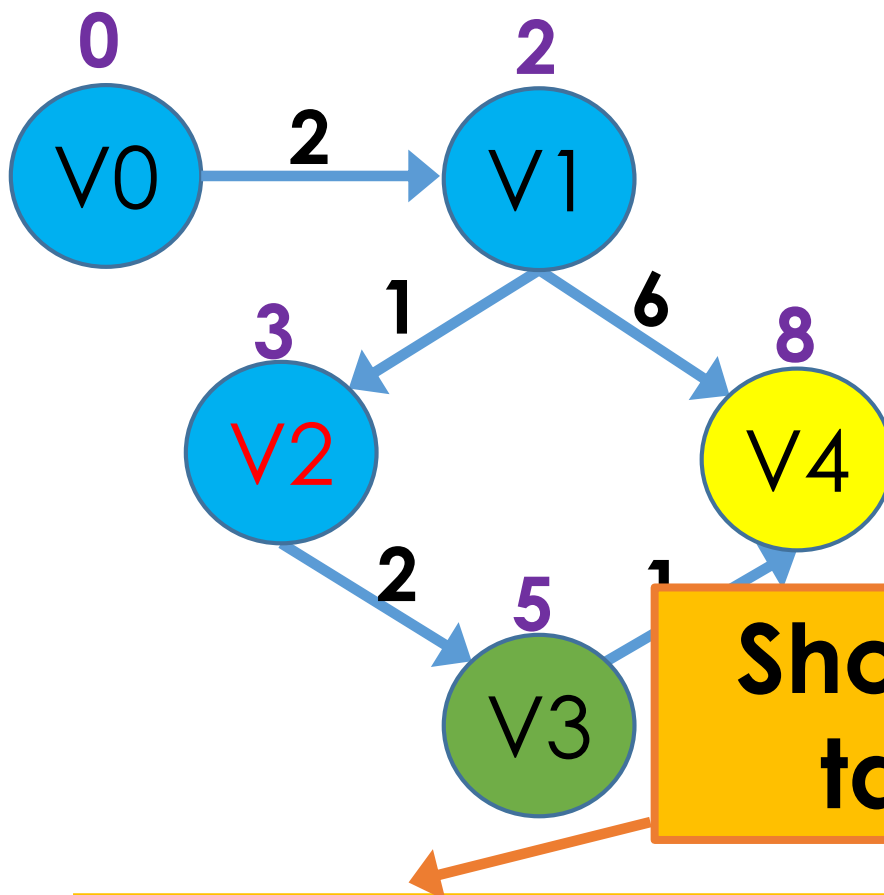
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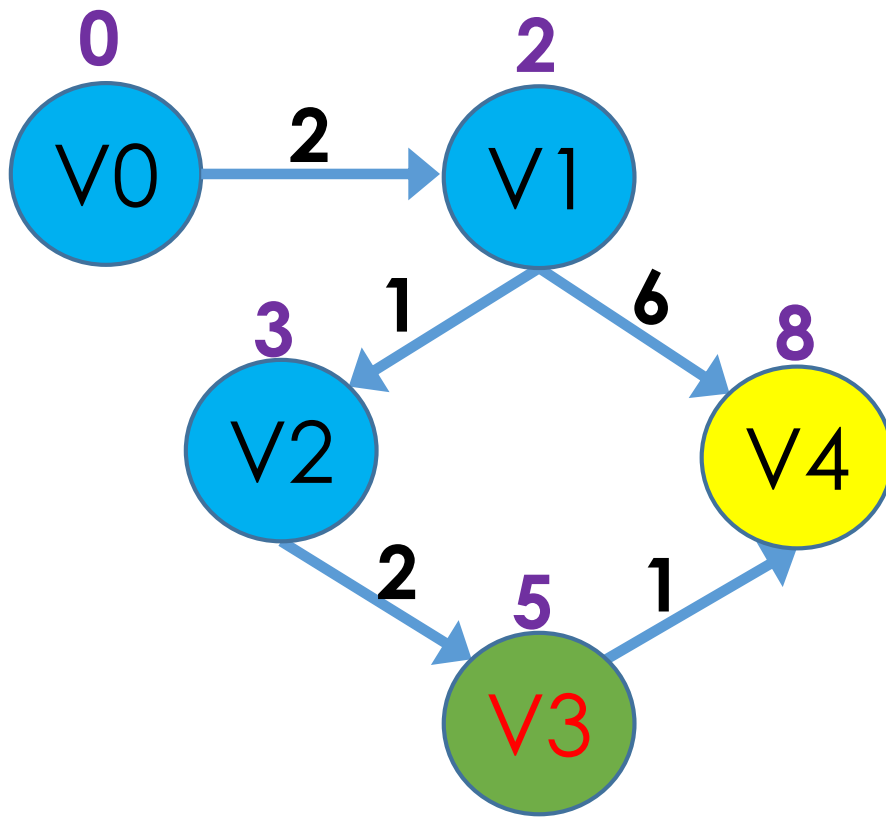
**Shorter Distance
takes Priority**

PQ: $\{V3, 5\}, \{V4, 8\}$

curr: V2

visited: V0, V1, V2

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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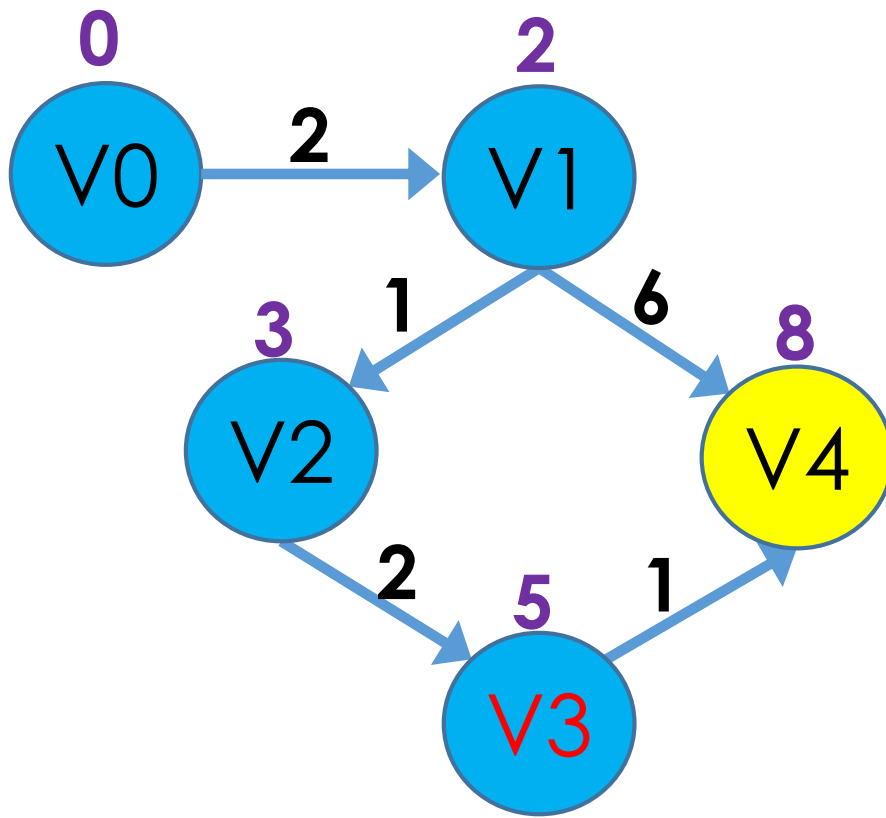
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PQ: ~~$\{V3, 5\}$~~ , $\{V4, 8\}$

curr: V3

visited: V0, V1, V2

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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PQ: $\{V4, 8\}$

curr: V3

visited: V0, V1, V2, V3

Dijkstra: Algorithm

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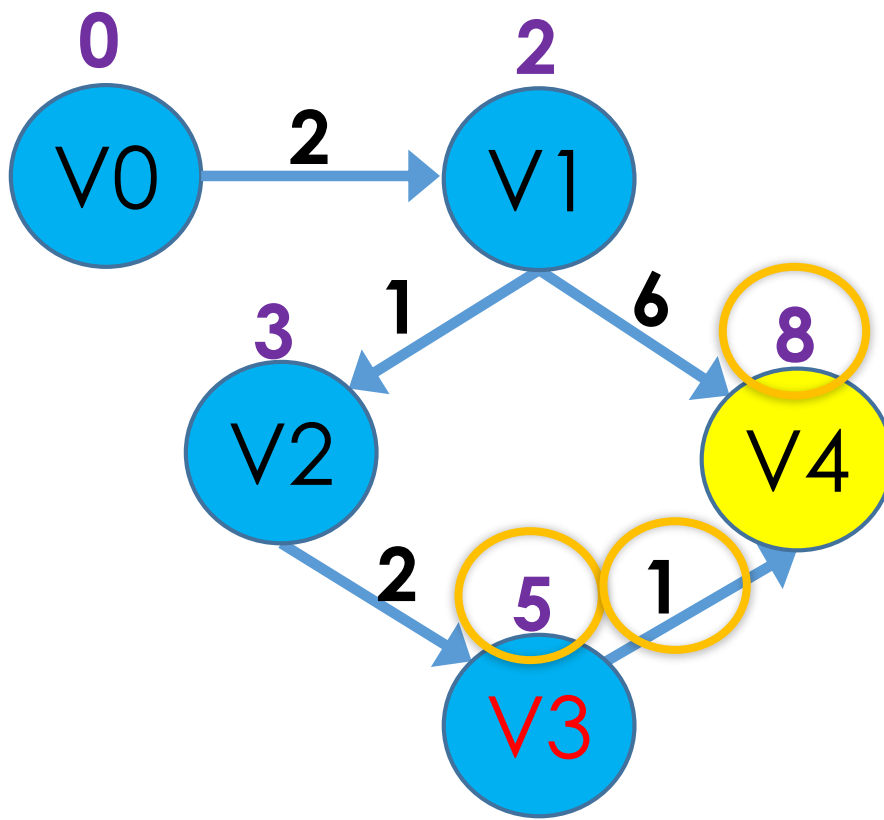
5+1 is shorter than 8!

// If we get here then there's no path

visited set:

parent map

PQ



PQ: $\{V4, 8\}$

curr: V3

visited: V0, V1, V2, V3

Dijkstra: Algorithm

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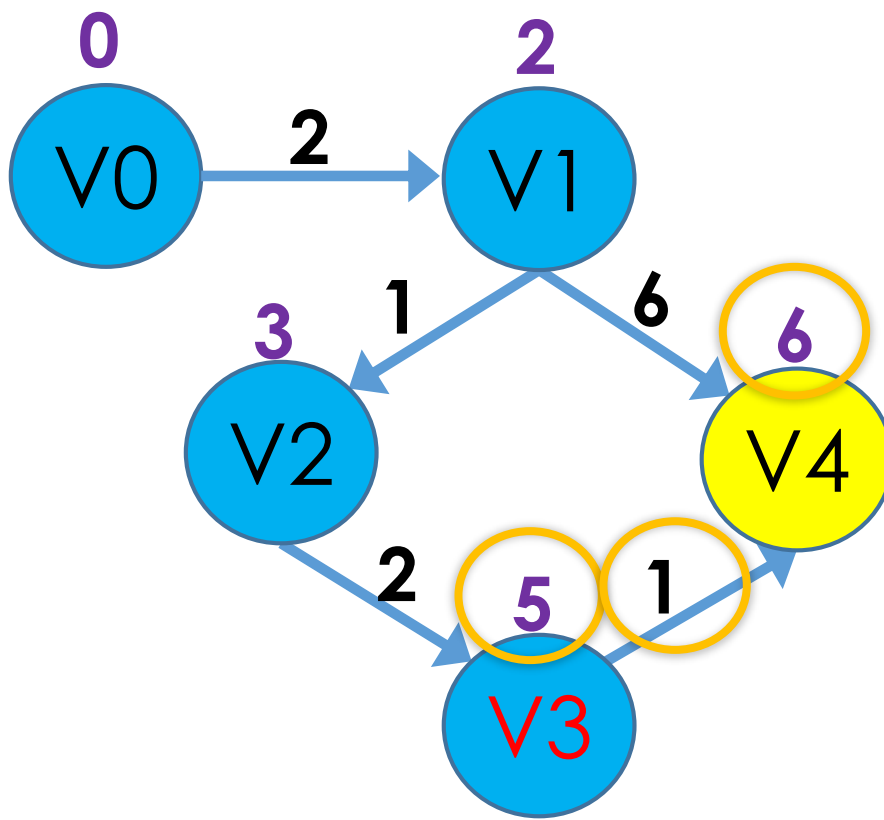
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visited: V0, V1, V2, V3

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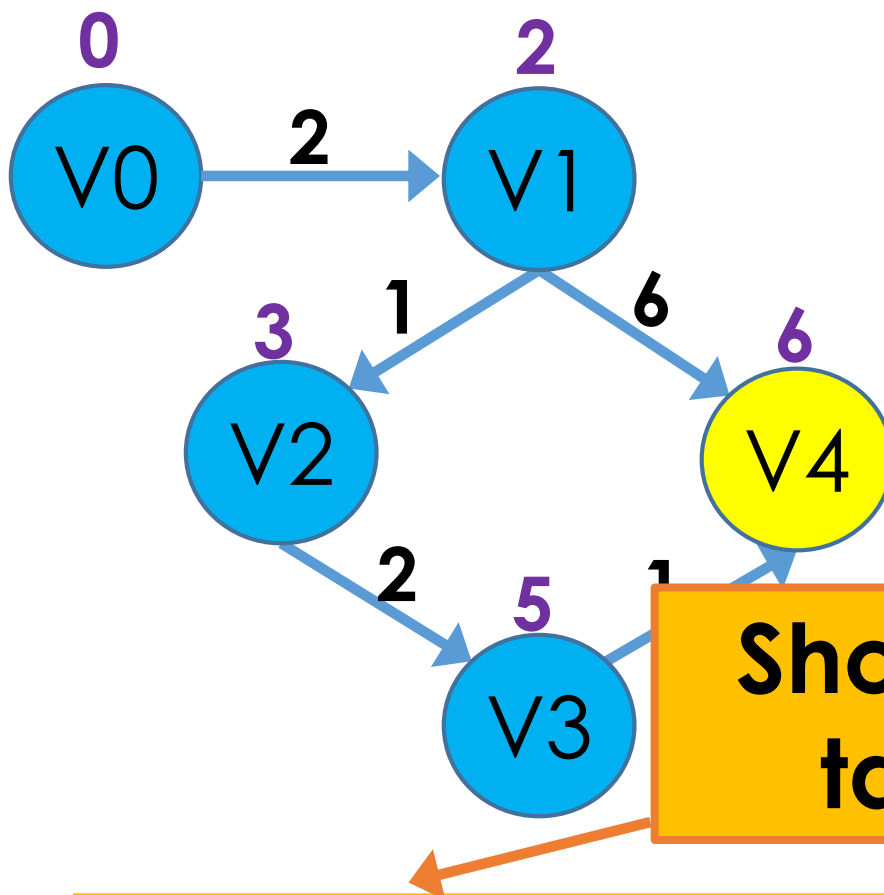
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**Shorter Distance
takes Priority**

PQ: $\{V4, 6\}, \{V4, 8\}$

curr: V3

visited: V0, V1, V2, V3

Dijkstra: Algorithm

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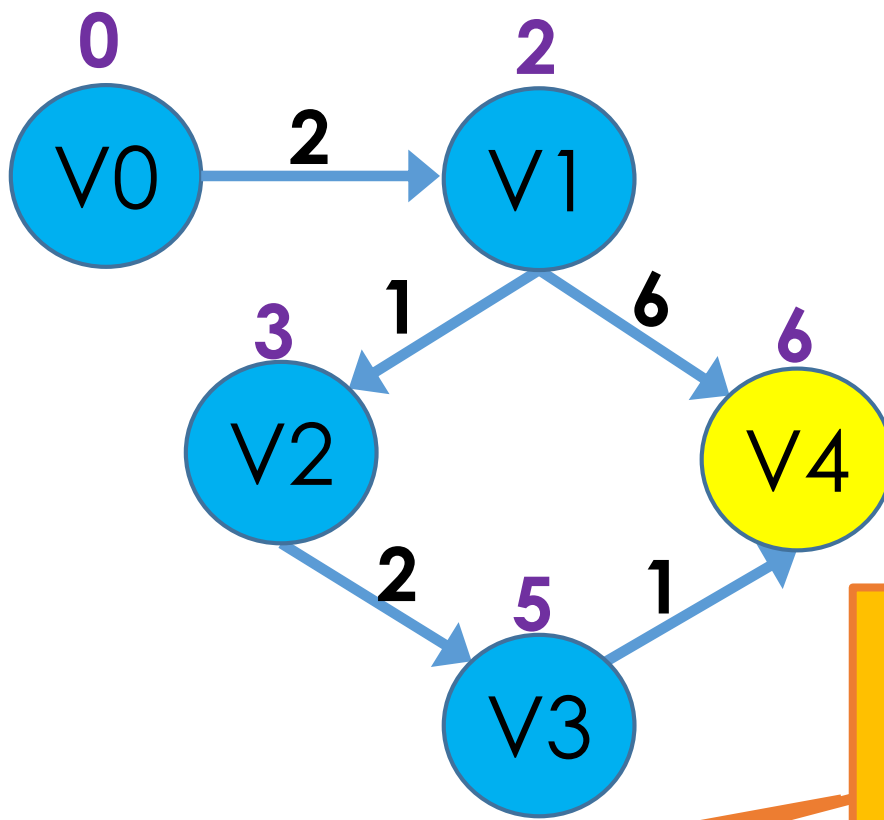
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 If curr == G return parent map



Two entries for V4 in the queue? That's okay!

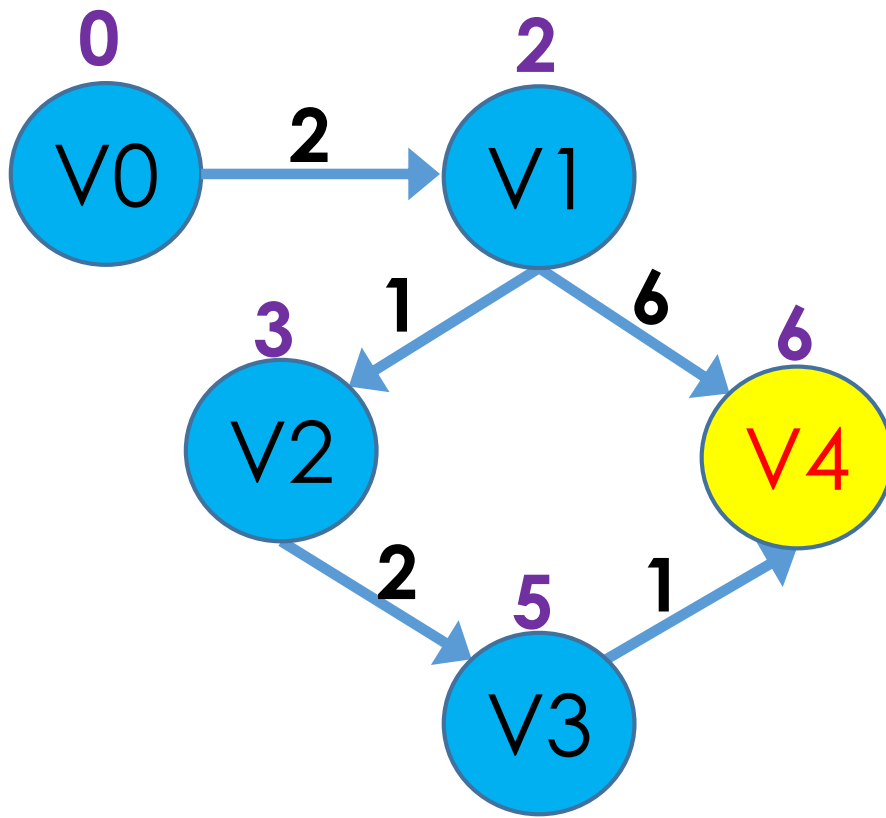
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visited: V0, V1, V2, V3

Dijkstra: Algorithm



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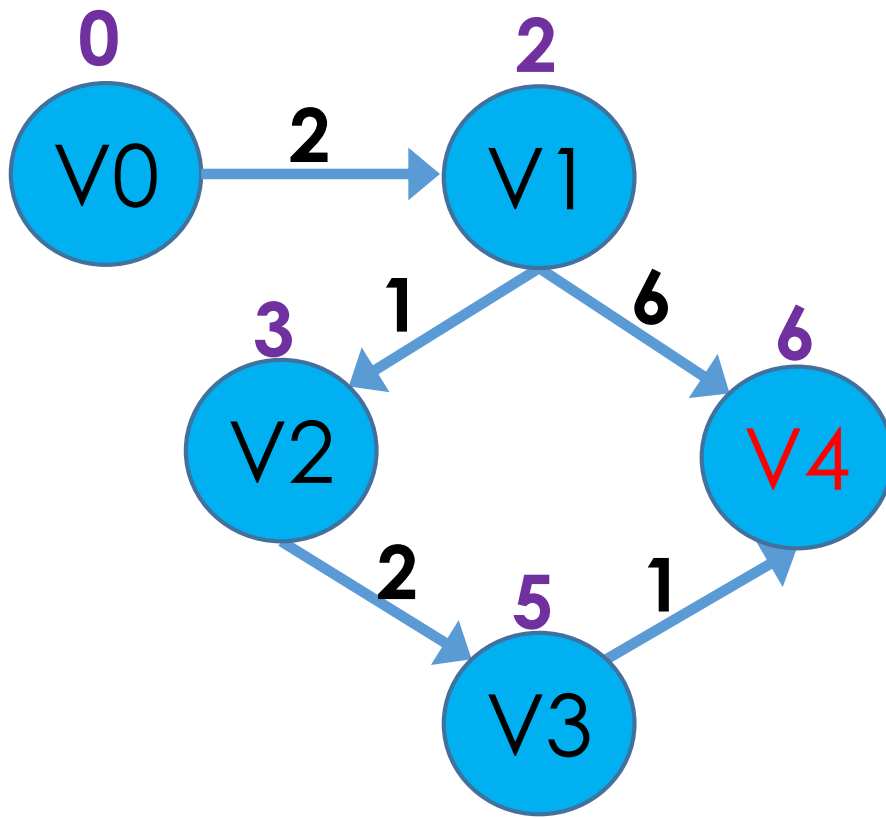
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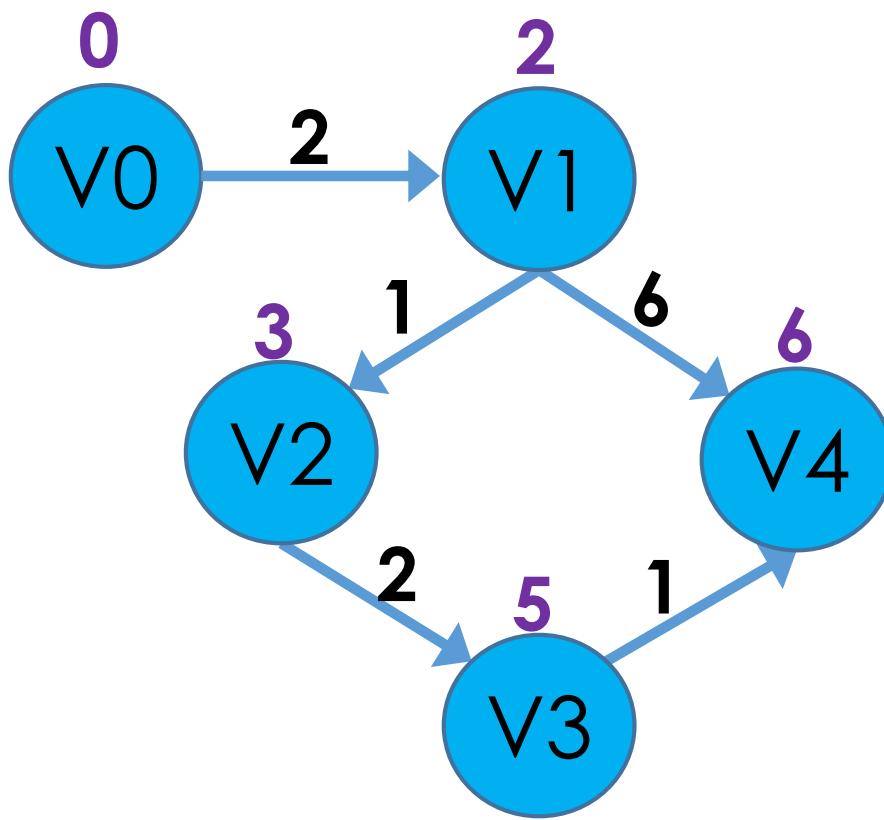
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Done!

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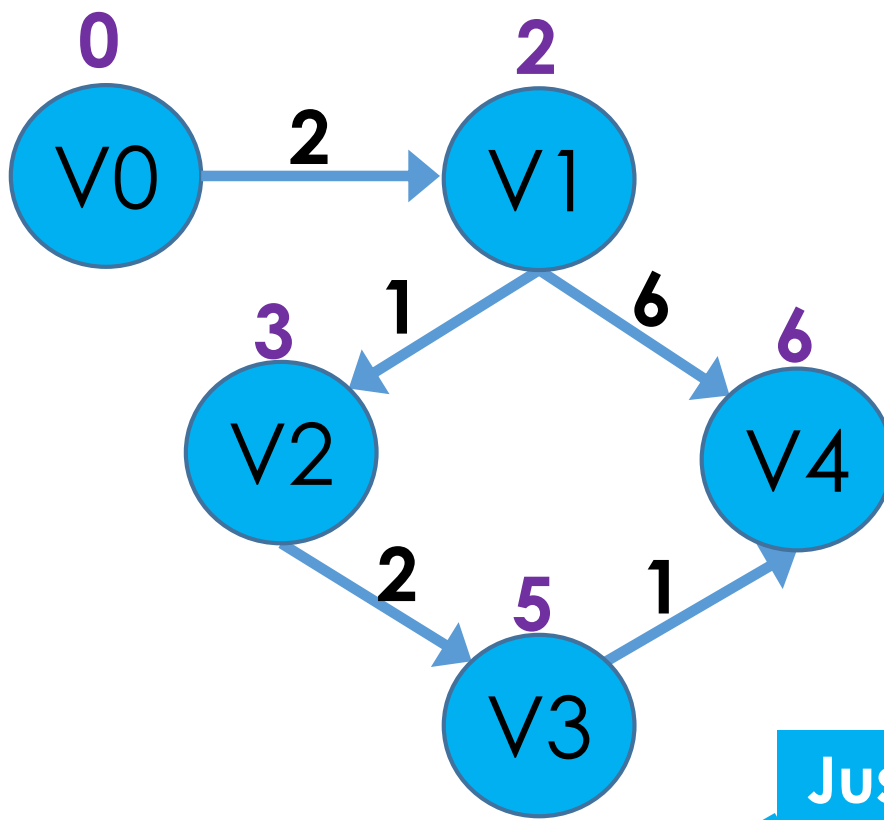
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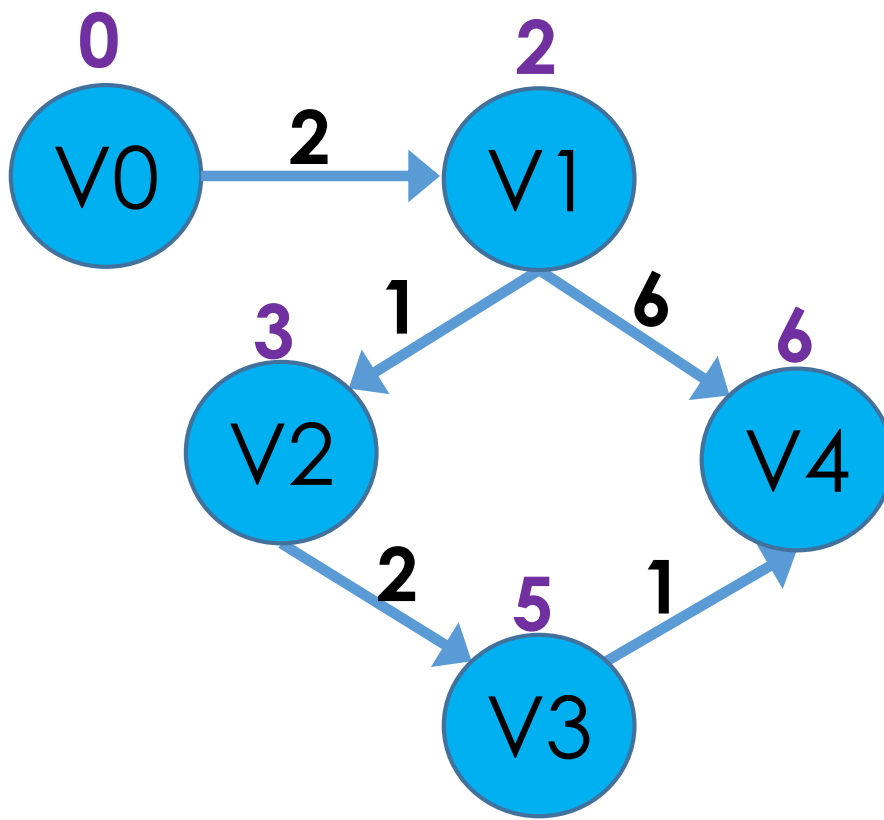
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I encourage you to think through how to maintain the "parent" HashMap on your own!

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