

# Algorithms for Programming Contests - Week 4

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# Graphs

A *weighted graph* is a tuple  $G = (V, E, c)$ , where

- $V$  is a non-empty set of *vertices*,
- $E$  is a set of edges,
- $c : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the weight function.

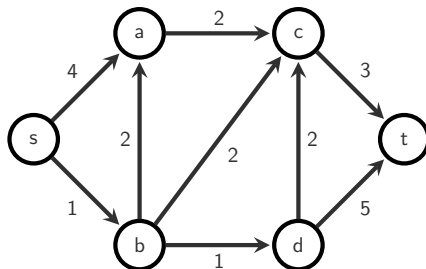
A *directed graph* is a graph with  $E \subseteq V \times V = \{(u, v) \mid u, v \in V\}$ .

An *undirected graph* is a graph with  $E \subseteq \{\{u, v\} \mid u, v \in V\}$ .

A *path* from  $v_1$  to  $v_n$  is a sequence  $p = v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$  such that  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$  for all  $i \in [1, n-1]$ , and  $v_i \neq v_j$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

The *length of a path* is the sum of its edge weights.

# Shortest Path Problem - Classification



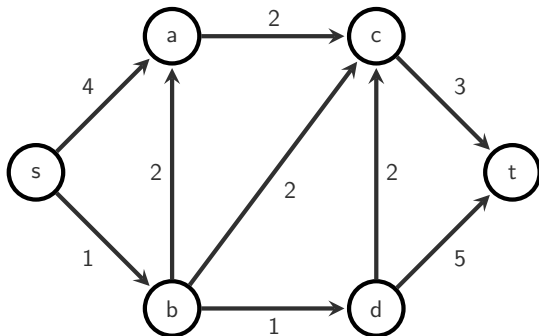
- **Single Pair Shortest Path (SPSP):**  
Find the shortest path between  $s$  and  $t$ .
- **Single Source Shortest Path (SSSP):**  
Find the shortest path between  $s$  and all the other nodes.
- **All Pairs Shortest Path (APSP):**  
Find the shortest path between any pair of nodes.

# Shortest Path Problem - Applications

- transportation
- networking and telecommunication
- six degrees of separation
- plant and facility layout
- ...

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

- Published by Edsger W. Dijkstra in 1959
- Dijkstra's Algorithm solves the SSSP.



Active vertex



Vertex in queue



Visited vertex



Active edge



Visited edge

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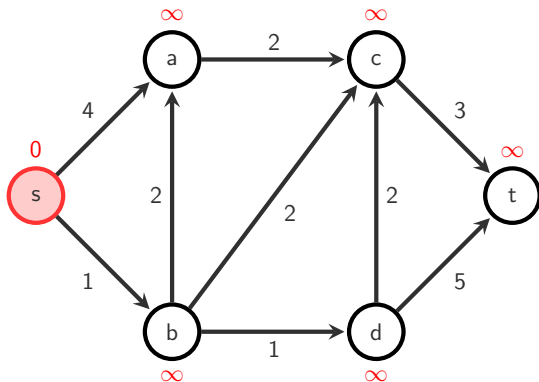
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Predecessor

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

Find the shortest path between  $s$  and  $t$ !



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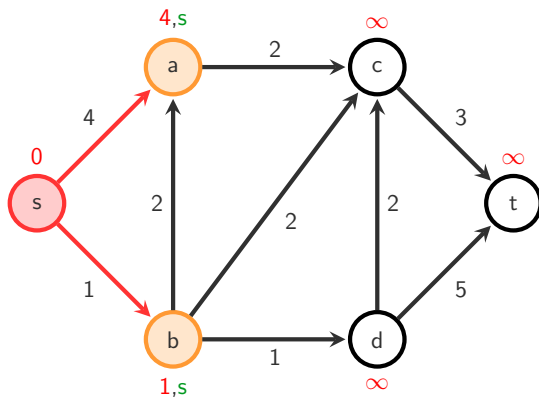
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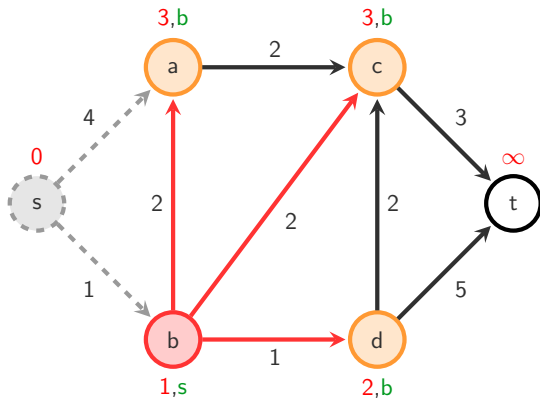
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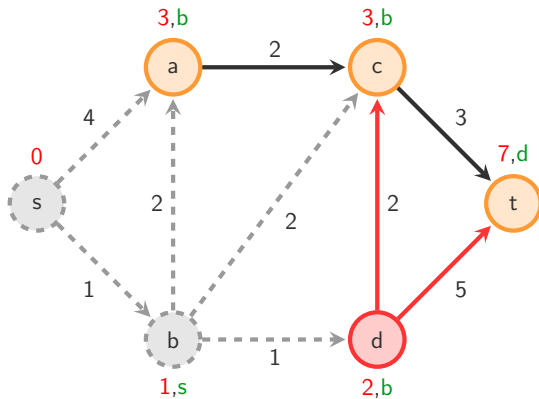
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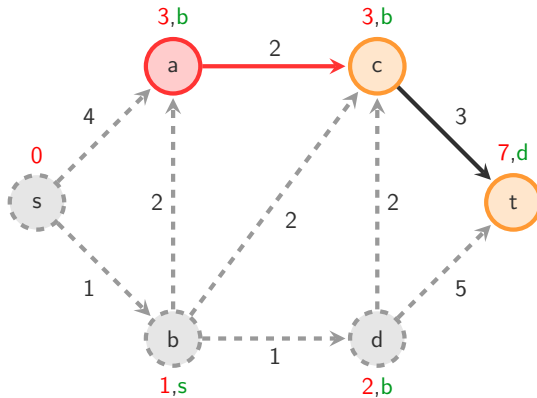
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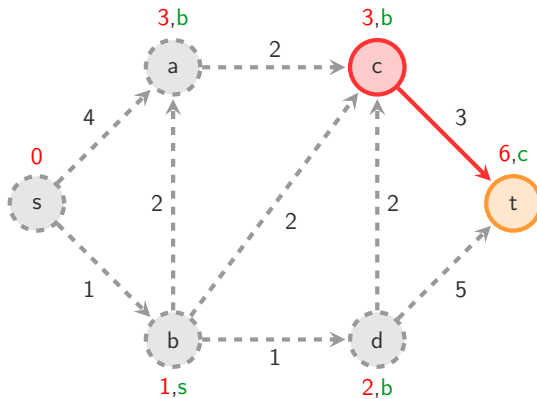
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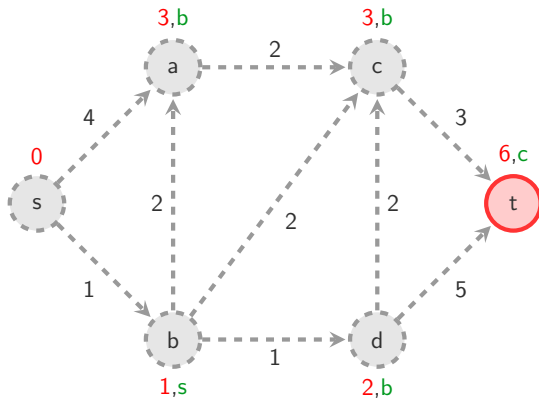
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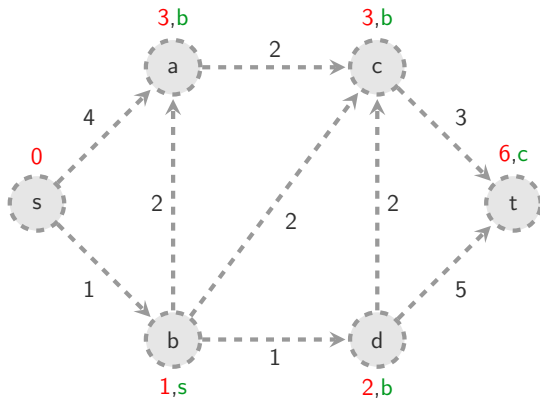
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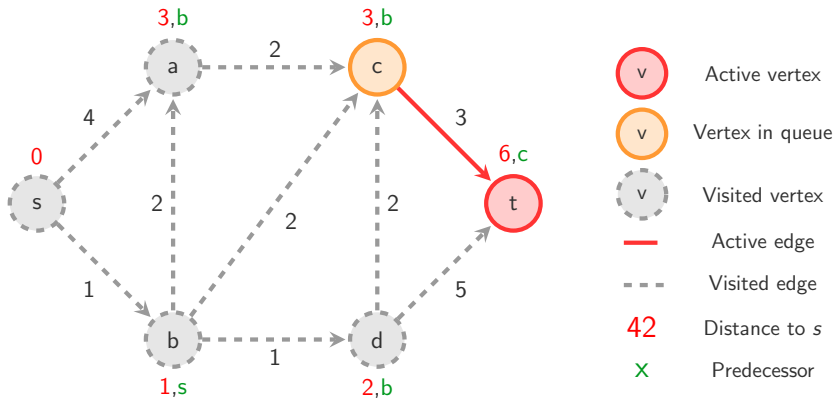
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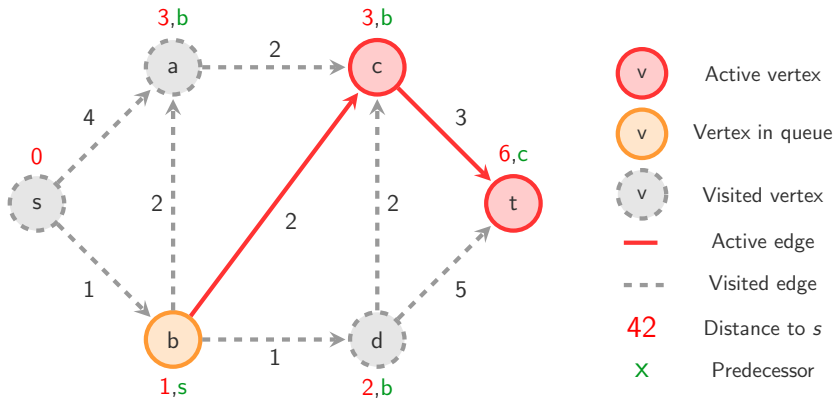
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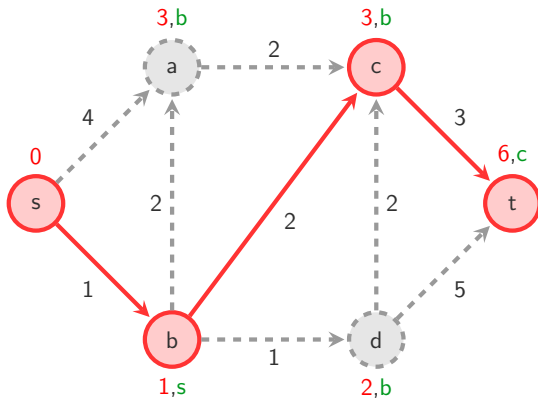
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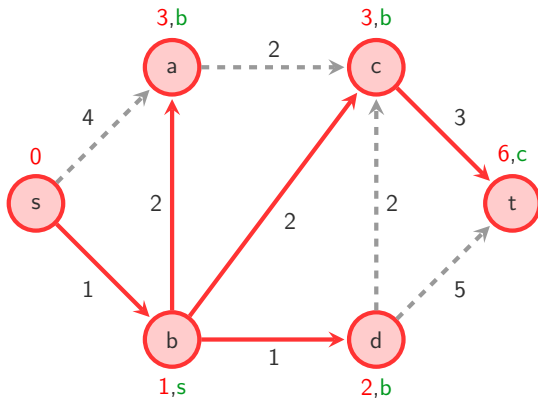
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**Algorithm 1** Dijkstra's Algorithm

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**Input:** Graph  $G = (V, E, c)$ **procedure** DIJKSTRA( $G, src$ )    **for** each vertex  $v \in V$  **do**         $dist[v] \leftarrow \infty$ ,  $prev[v] \leftarrow null$     **end for**     $dist[src] \leftarrow 0$      $PQ \leftarrow$  PriorityQueue over  $V$     **for** each vertex  $v \in V$  **do**         $PQ.insert(v, dist[v])$     **end for**    **while**  $PQ$  is not empty **do**         $v \leftarrow PQ.deleteMin()$         **for** each neighbor  $w$  of  $v$  **do**            **if**  $dist[v] + c(v, w) < dist[w]$  **then**                 $dist[w] \leftarrow dist[v] + c(v, w)$                  $PQ.decreaseKey(w, dist[w])$                  $prev[w] \leftarrow v$             **end if**        **end for**    **end while**    **end procedure**

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# Analysis of Dijkstra's Algorithm

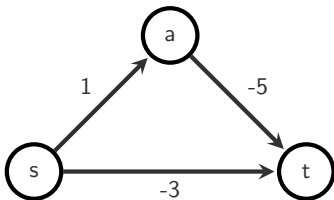
## Running time

- With Fibonacci heap as priority queue:
- $|V|$  insert operations:  $\mathcal{O}(|V|)$
- $|E|$  decreaseKey operations:  $\mathcal{O}(|E|)$
- $|V|$  deleteMin operations:  $\mathcal{O}(|V| \log |V|)$
- In total:  $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$

Note, that the running time is the same as for Prim's Algorithm.

# Limitations of Dijkstra's Algorithm

Dijkstra's Algorithm may not work for graphs with negative edge weights!



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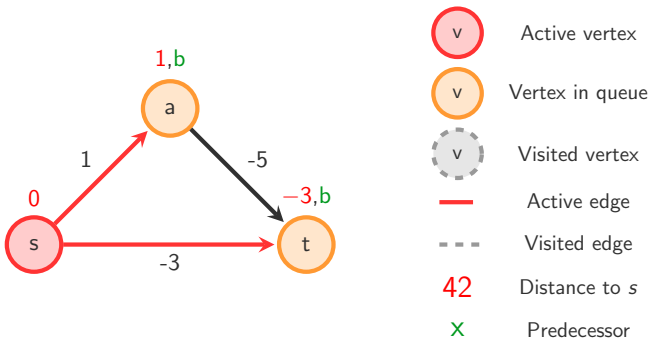
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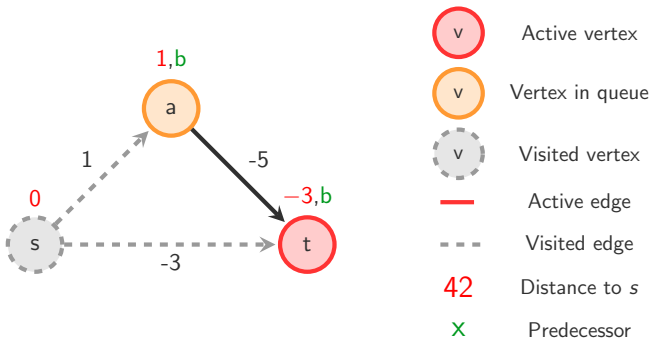
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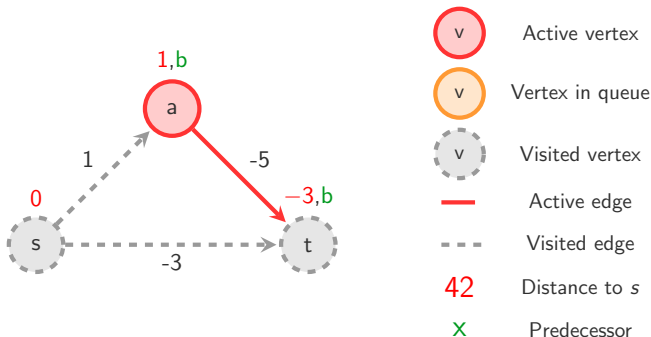
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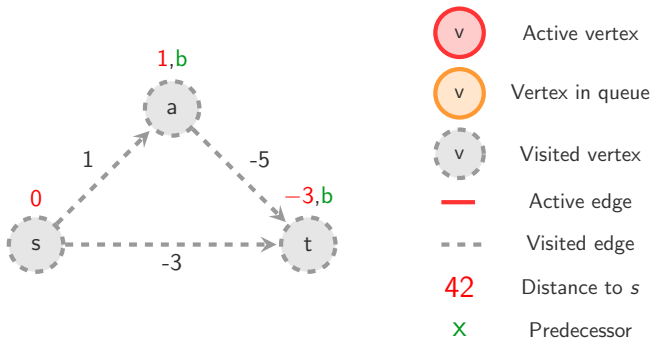
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Vertex  $t$  is not updated because it was already visited.

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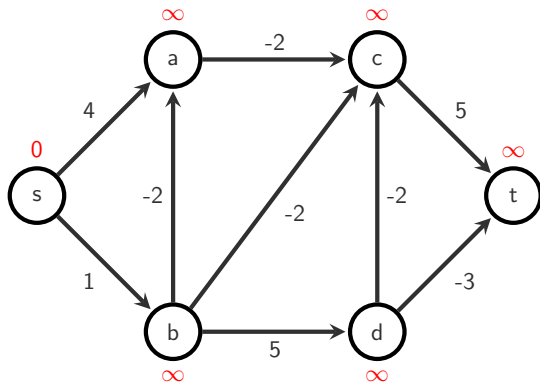


# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Published by Richard Bellman and Lester Ford in 1958 and 1956 respectively.
- Solves SSSP even if the graph has negative edge weights.
- Idea: Start with shortest paths of length 1 and then successively construct all shortest paths of length 2, 3,  $\dots$ ,  $|V| - 1$ .

# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

$$Q = (s)$$



Active vertex



Vertex in queue



Active edge

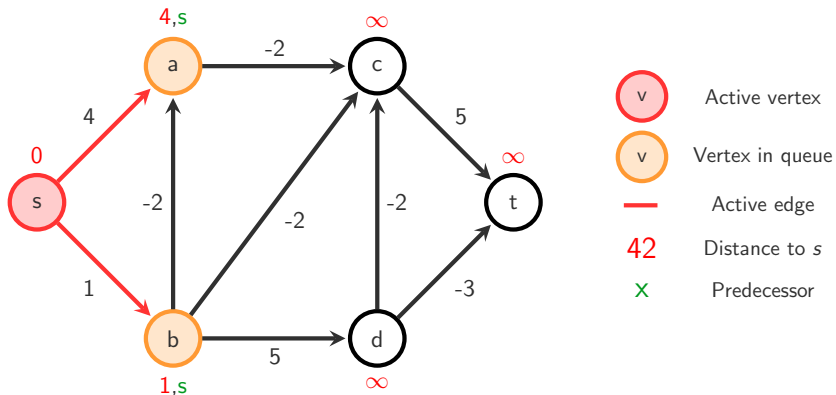
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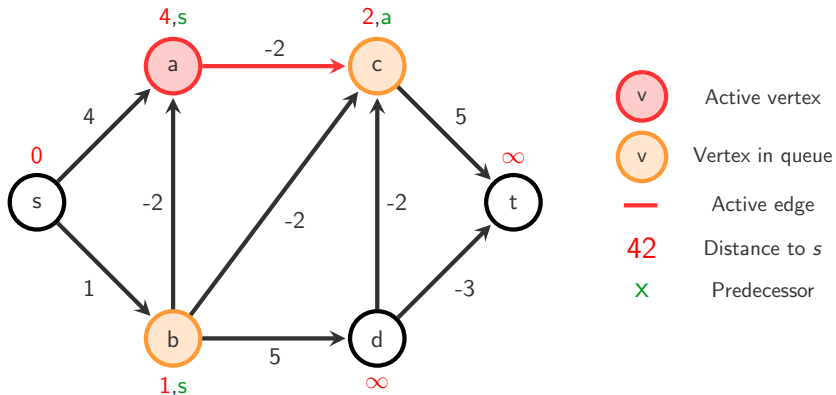
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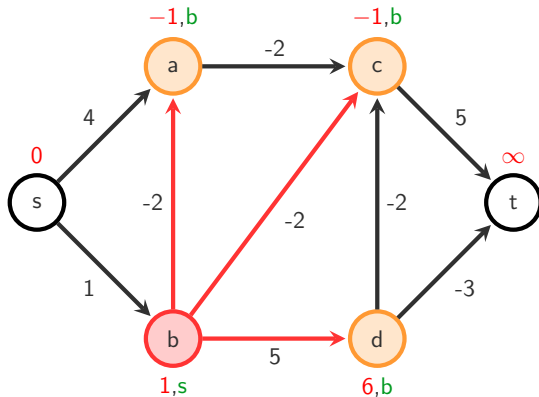
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$$Q = (b, c)$$


# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

$$Q = (c, a, d)$$



Active vertex



Vertex in queue



Active edge

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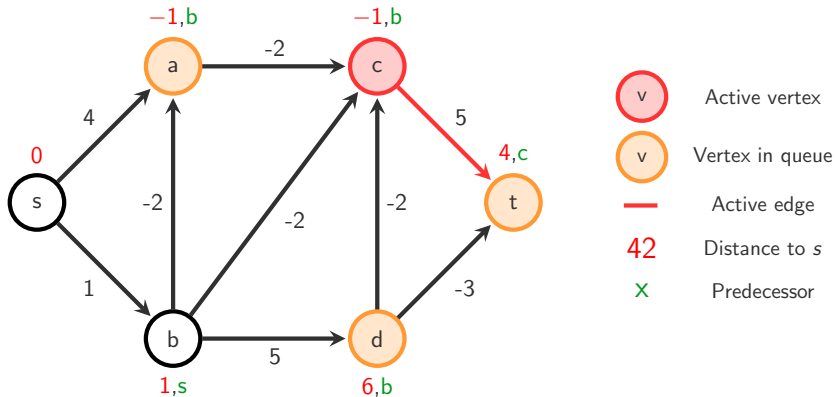
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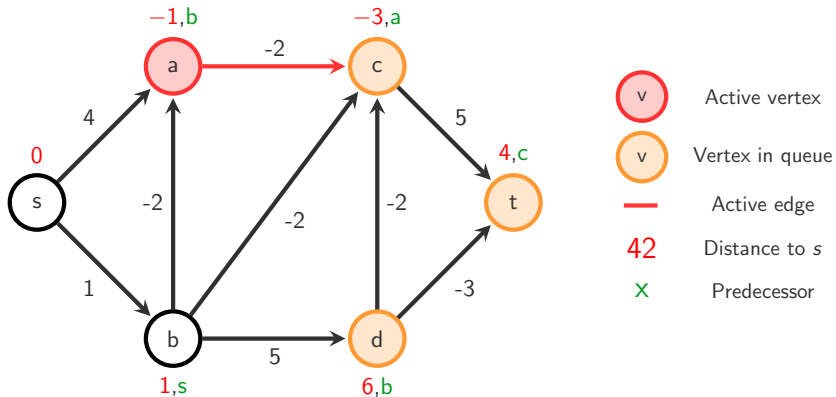
# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

$$Q = (a, d, t)$$



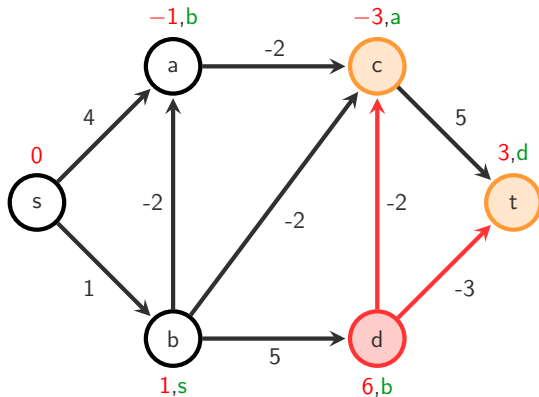
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$$Q = (t, c)$$



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Active edge

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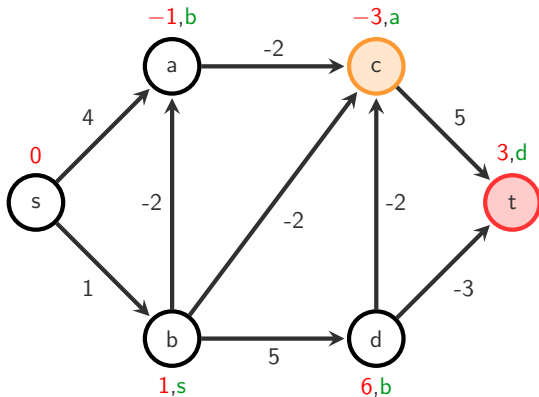
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# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

$$Q = (c)$$



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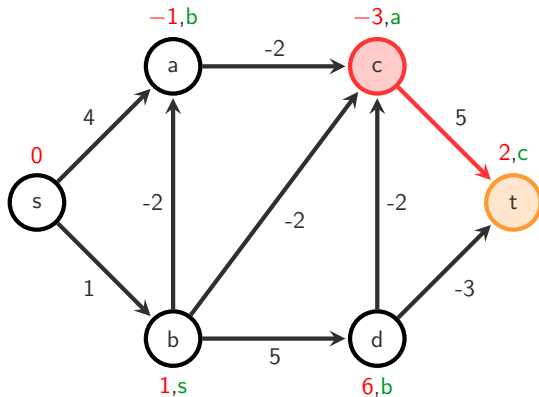
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Active vertex



Vertex in queue



Active edge

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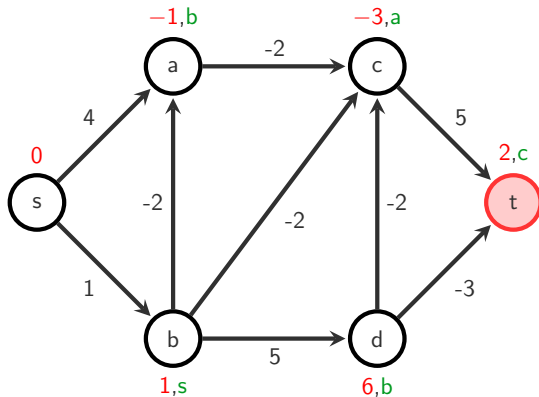
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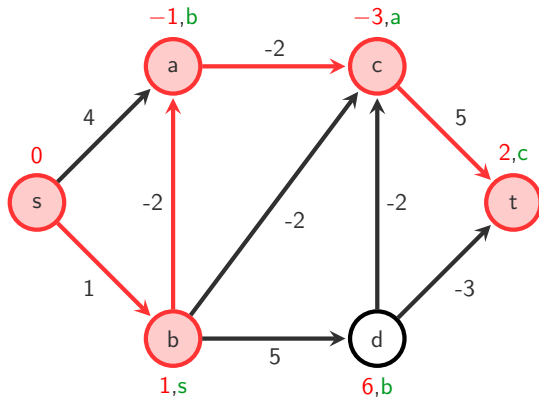
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**Algorithm 2** Bellman-Ford Algorithm (no negative cycles)

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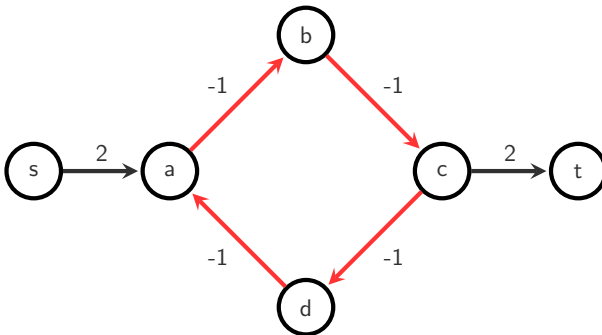
**Input:** Graph  $G = (V, E, c)$  with no negative cycles

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procedure BELLMAN-FORD( $G, src$ )  
    for each vertex  $v \in V$  do  
         $dist[v] \leftarrow \infty, prev[v] \leftarrow null$   
    end for  
     $dist[src] \leftarrow 0$   
     $Q \leftarrow \text{FIFO-Queue}$   
     $Q.insert(src)$   
    while  $Q$  is not empty do  
         $v \leftarrow Q.pop()$   
        for each neighbor  $w$  of  $v$  do  
            if  $dist[v] + c(v, w) < dist[w]$  then  
                 $dist[w] \leftarrow dist[v] + c(v, w)$   
                 $prev[w] \leftarrow v$   
                if  $w$  not in  $Q$  then  
                     $Q.push(w)$   
                end if  
            end if  
        end for  
    end while  
end procedure
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# Negative Cycles

- If there are negative cycles in the graph, the distance between  $s$  and  $t$  can become arbitrarily short.
- Detection of negative cycles becomes necessary.



# Negative Cycle Detection

- Idea: Process FIFO-Queue in phases.
- One phase = processing all nodes currently in the queue.
- After phase  $i$ , all shortest paths of length  $i$  were detected.
- Longest shortest path contains at most  $n - 1$  edges if there is no negative cycle.
- If there are nodes left in the queue after phase  $n$ , then there is a negative cycle.
- Cycle can be constructed by recursively visiting the predecessors of a node that is left in the queue after phase  $n$ .

## └ SSSP

## └ Bellman-Ford Algorithm

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**Algorithm 3** Bellman-Ford Algorithm (negative cycle detection)

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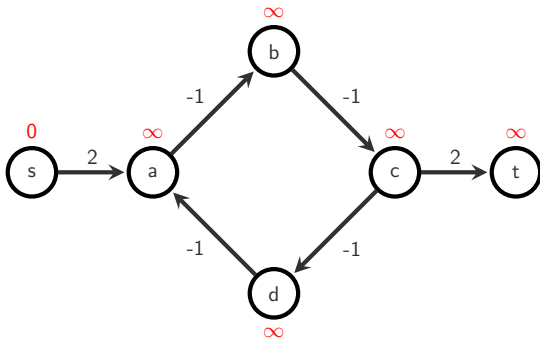
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# Bellman-Ford Algorithm with Negative Cycles

## Initialization



Active vertex



Vertex in queue



Active edge

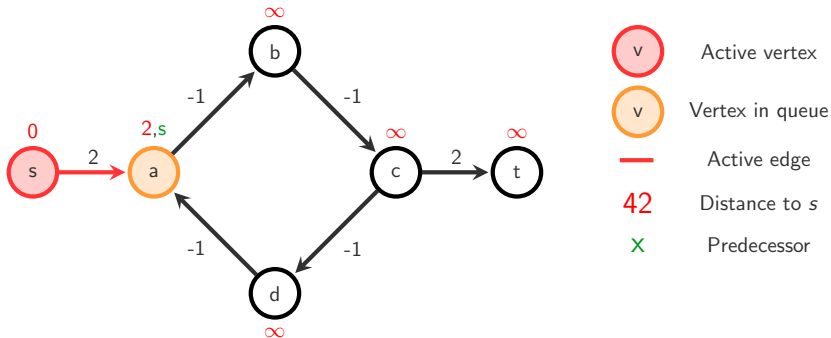
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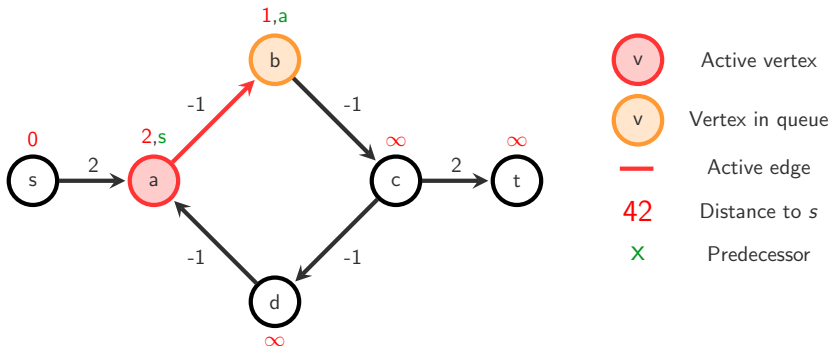
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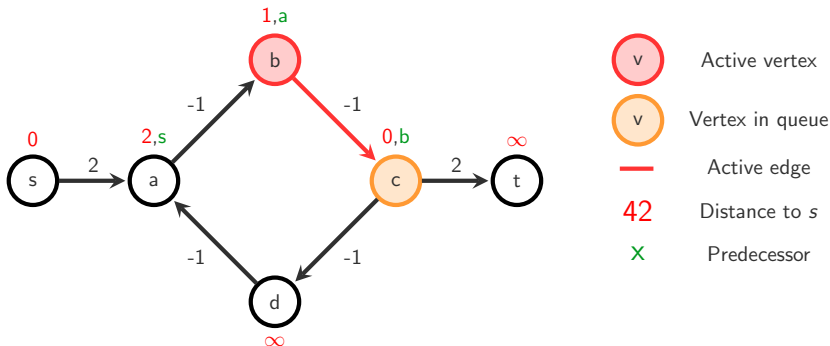
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Phase 2:  $Q = (a) \longrightarrow Q' = (b)$



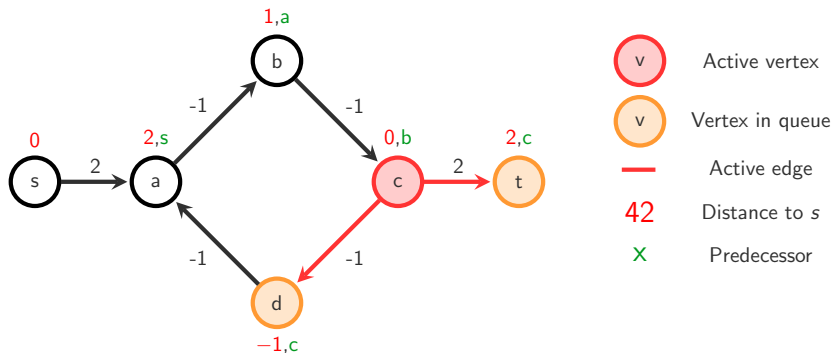
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Phase 3:  $Q = (b) \longrightarrow Q' = (c)$



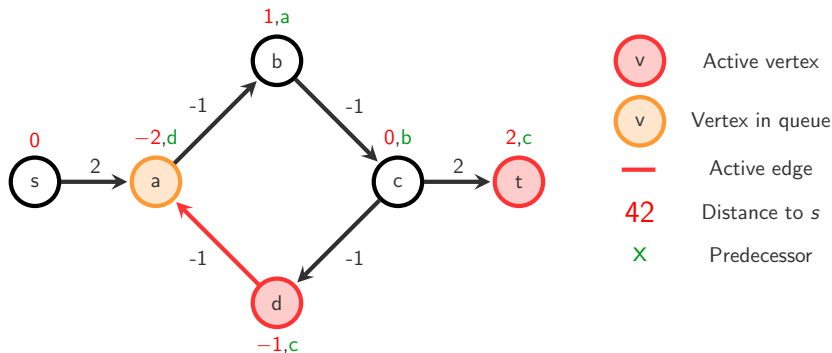
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Phase 4:  $Q = (c) \longrightarrow Q' = (d, t)$



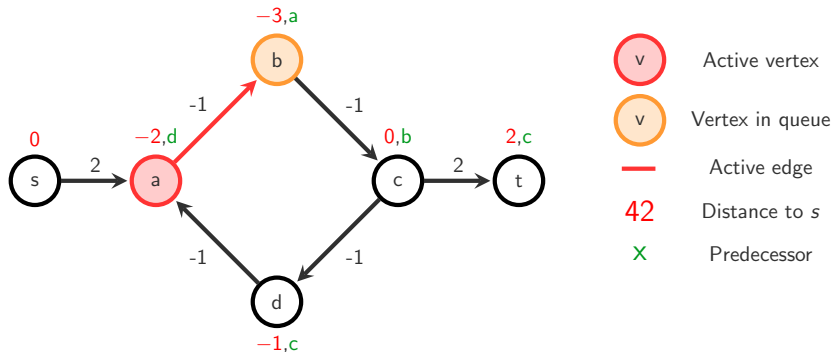
# Bellman-Ford Algorithm with Negative Cycles

Phase 5:  $Q = (d, t) \longrightarrow Q' = (a)$



# Bellman-Ford Algorithm with Negative Cycles

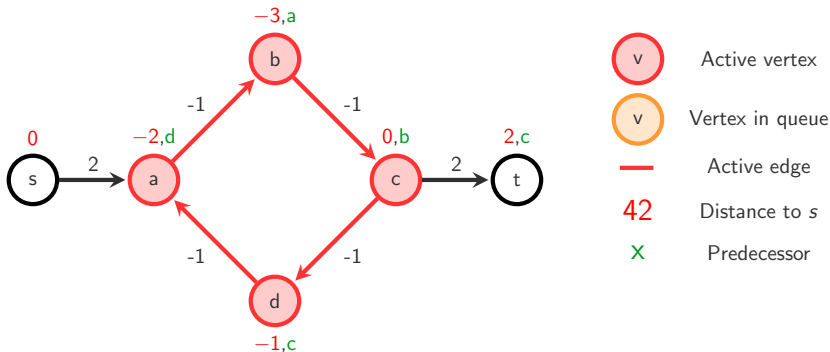
Phase 6:  $Q = (a) \rightarrow Q' = (b)$



# Bellman-Ford Algorithm with Negative Cycles

After phase 6 =  $|V|$ :  $Q = (b)$

The queue is not empty  $\rightarrow$  negative cycle  $\rightarrow$  predecessor backtracking





# Analysis of Bellman-Ford Algorithm

## Running time

- At most  $\mathcal{O}(|V|)$  phases.
- One phase takes at most  $\mathcal{O}(|V| + |E|)$  operations.  
Pop all  $|V|$  nodes, consider all  $|E|$  edges, push all  $|V|$  nodes.
- In total:  $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$

# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

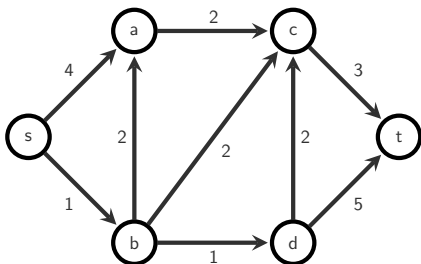
How to solve APSP?

- **Naive approach:** Executing Dijkstra algorithm  $|V|$  times
  - Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(|V||E| + |V|^2 \log |V|)$
  - Can neither handle negative edge weights nor negative cycles.
- **Floyd-Warshall Algorithm:**
  - Runtime  $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$
  - Can handle negative edge weights.
  - Negative cycle detection possible.
  - Easy to code.

⇒ Apply the naive approach if the graph is sparse!

# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

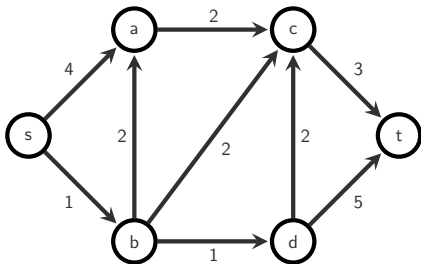
- Represent graph in distance matrix.
- Idea: successively add vertices as intermediate nodes for shortest paths.



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# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- When considering a vertex  $k$  as intermediate node, there are two possibilities:
  - Shortest path between  $i$  and  $j$  does not go over  $k$ .
  - Shortest path between  $i$  and  $j$  uses  $k$  as intermediate node.
- Update:  $\text{dist}[i][j] = \min\{\text{dist}[i][j], \text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j]\}$



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**Algorithm 4** Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

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**Input:** Graph  $G = (V, E, c)$ **procedure** FLOYD-WARSHALL( $G$ )     $\text{dist}[][] \leftarrow$  array of size  $|V| \times |V|$  initialized to  $\infty$     **for** each vertex  $v \in V$  **do**         $\text{dist}[v][v] \leftarrow 0$     **end for**    **for** each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  **do**         $\text{dist}[u][v] \leftarrow c(u, w)$     **end for**    **for** each vertex  $k \in V$  **do**        **for** each vertex  $i \in V$  **do**            **for** each vertex  $j \in V$  **do**                **if**  $\text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j] < \text{dist}[i][j]$  **then**                     $\text{dist}[i][j] \leftarrow \text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j]$                 **end if**            **end for**        **end for**    **end for****end procedure**

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# Analysis of Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

## Running time

- Consider each of the  $\mathcal{O}(|V|)$  vertices as intermediate node.
- Check if the shortest path between all  $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2)$  vertex pairs becomes shorter by passing over intermediate node.
- In total:  $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$

# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- Order of loops matter:  $k \rightarrow i \rightarrow j$
- Negative cycles exists  $\Leftrightarrow$  negative entries on diagonal of matrix.
- Shortest path tree can be reconstructed by bookkeeping the update steps in another  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix.
- Floyd-Warshall algorithm is an example of Dynamic Programming (discussed later in class).
- Other application: computation of transitive closure.

# Longest Path Problem

- **Longest Path Problem:** Find a simple path of maximum length between two nodes in a graph.
- NP-hard for general graphs.
- Polynomial time algorithms exist for directed acyclic graphs.
- Application in DAGs: Finding critical paths in scheduling problems.

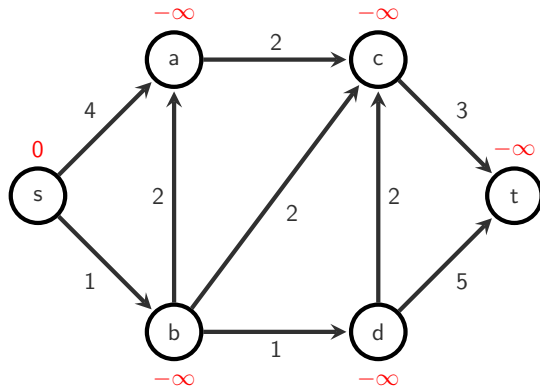


# Longest Path Problem

- Approach 1:
  - Negate all edge weights in given DAG.
  - The shortest path in the modified graph is the longest path in the original graph.
  - Use Bellman-Ford to compute shortest path.
  - Complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$
- Approach 2:
  - Compute topological ordering of nodes in DAG.
  - Process nodes in topological order.
  - For each node  $v$  in the DAG check whether the distance to any of its successors can be increased by passing over  $v$ .
  - Complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(|V| + |E|)$

# Longest Path in DAG

Topological order: s, b, a, d, c, t



Active vertex



Visited vertex



Active edge



Visited edge

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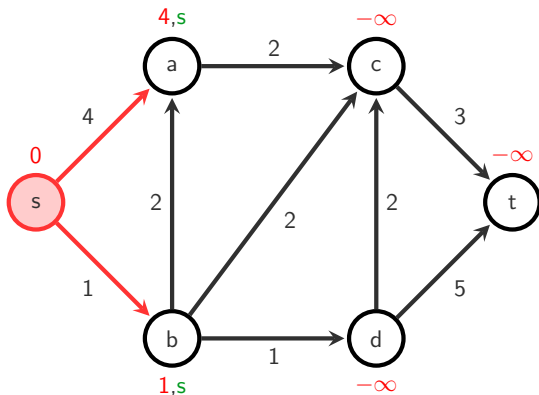
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Predecessor

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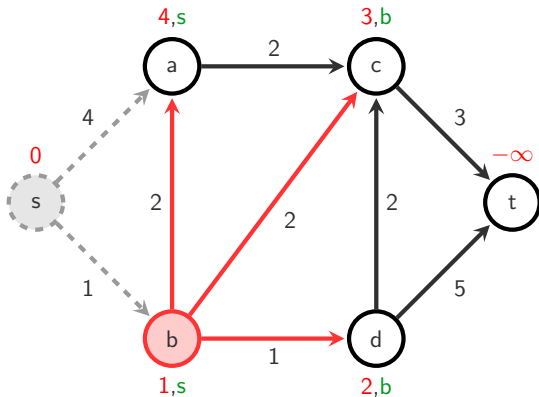
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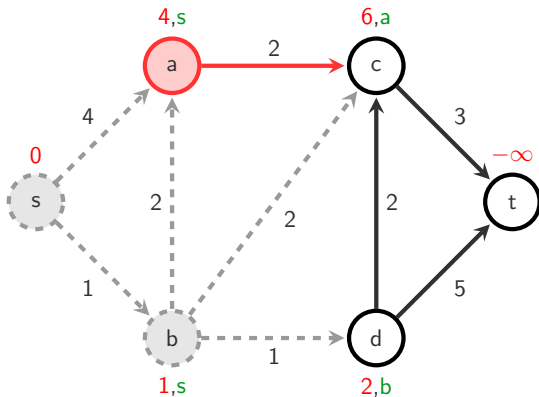
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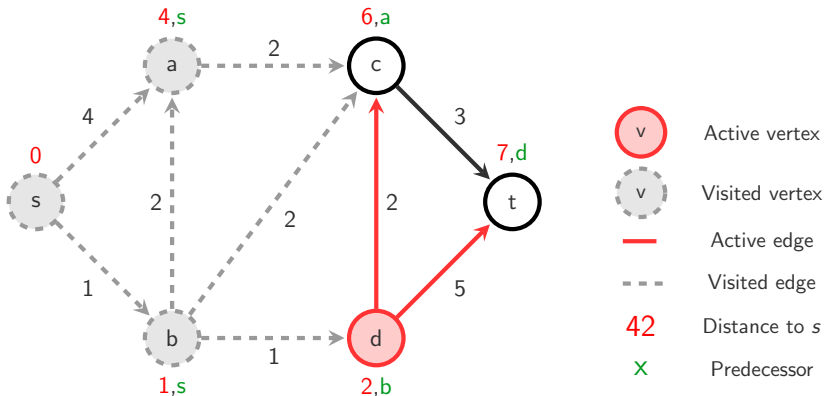
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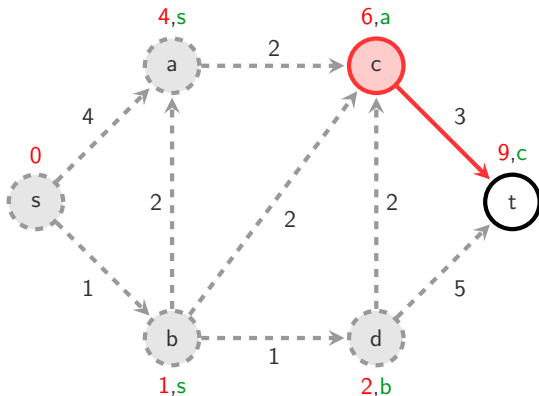
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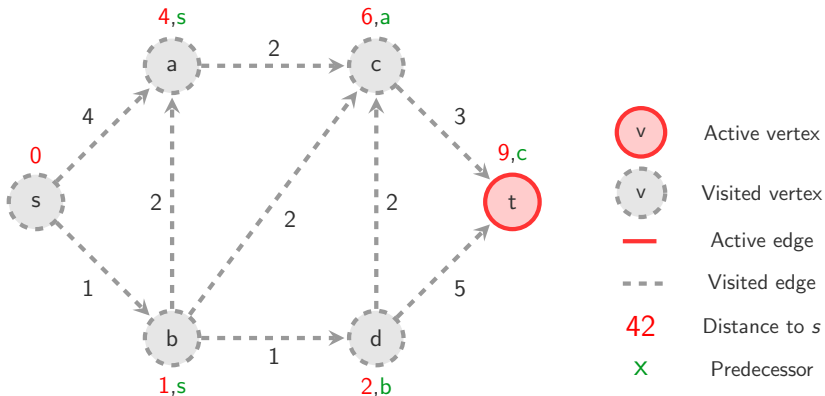
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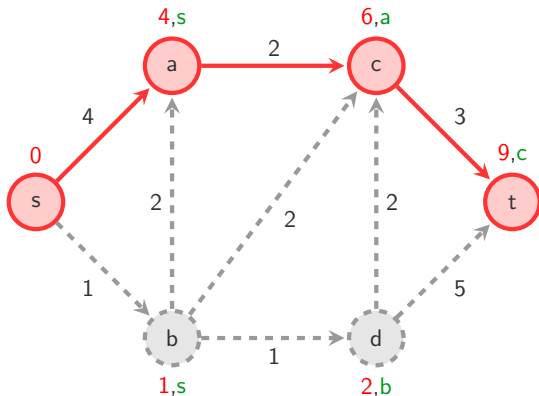
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