

CS2040S

# Data Structures and Algorithms

Dijkstra

# Roadmap

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## Last time: Graph Basics

- What is a graph?
- Modeling problems as graphs.
- Graph representations (list vs. matrix)
- BFS/DFS

# Today

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## **Single Source** Shortest Paths (SSSP):

- On unweighted graphs
  - (Review) BFS
- On weighted graphs
  - (New) Dijkstra

# Wednesday

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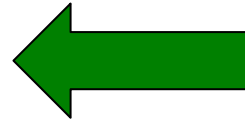
- On some special cases.
  - Bellman Ford

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# What is a graph?

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Graph  $G = \langle V, E \rangle$

- $V$  is a set of nodes
  - At least one:  $|V| > 0$ .
- $E$  is a set of edges:
  - $E \subseteq \{ (v,w) : (v \in V), (w \in V) \}$
  - $e = (v,w)$
  - For all  $e_1, e_2 \in E : e_1 \neq e_2$

# Recall: BFS Algorithm

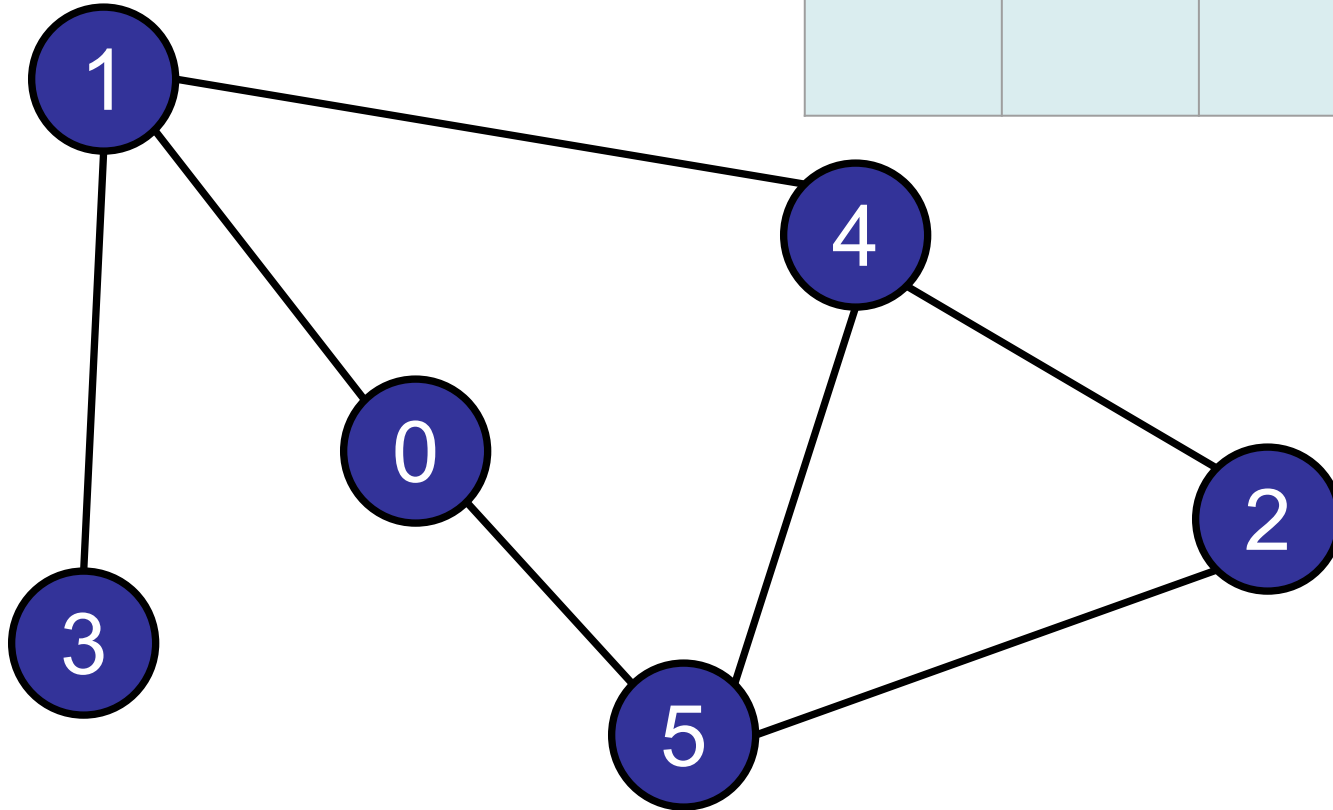
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## Pseudocode:

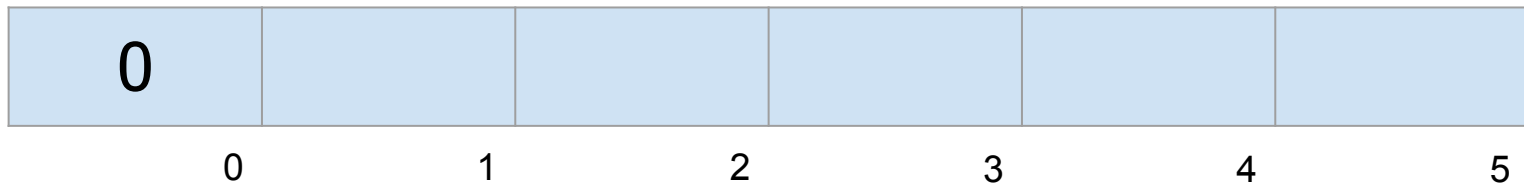
1. Set **queue** to contain only source node.
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  - b. Go through all neighbours of **node**
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  - d. Otherwise, mark them as visited, **enqueue** them as well.
  - e. (New step) Set **neighbour's** parent to be **node**
  - f. (New step) Set **neighbour's** distance to be **node's** distance + 1

# Recall: Breadth-First Search

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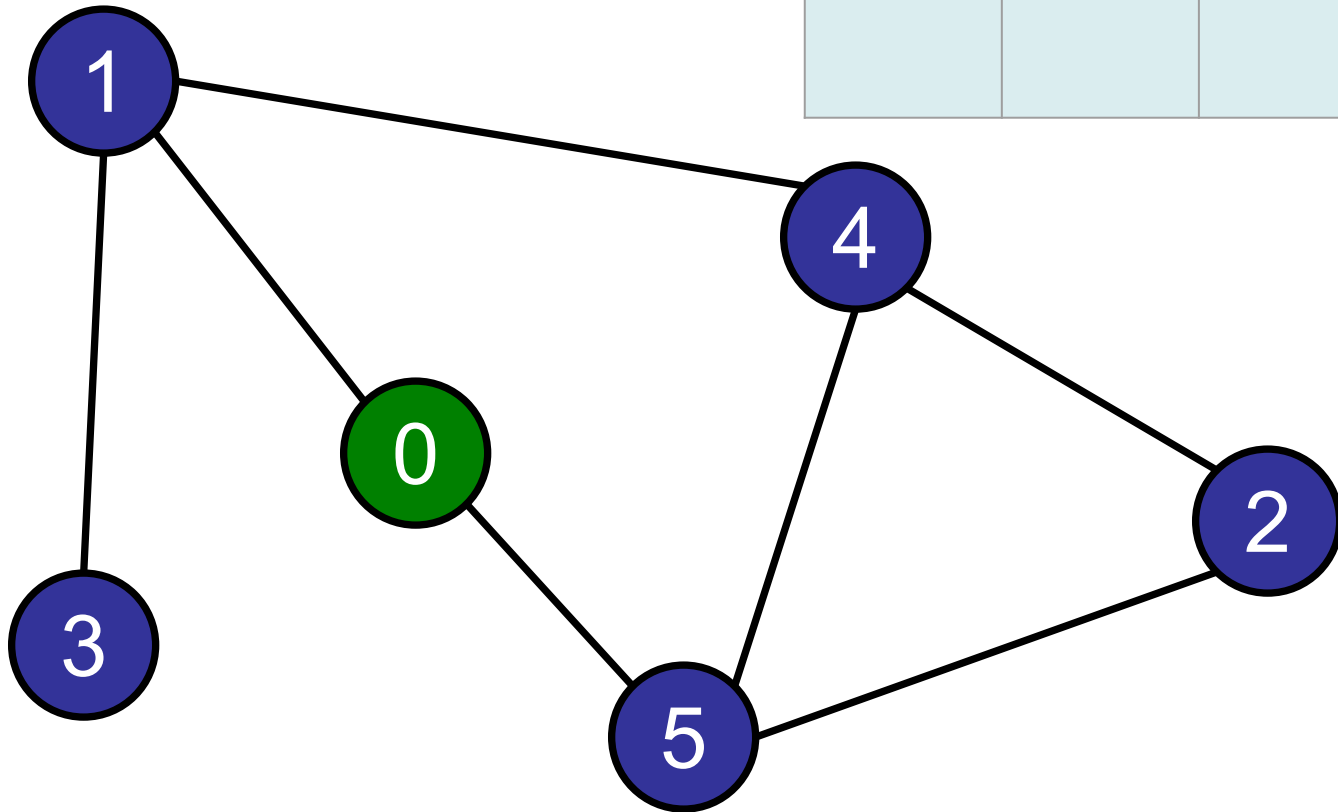
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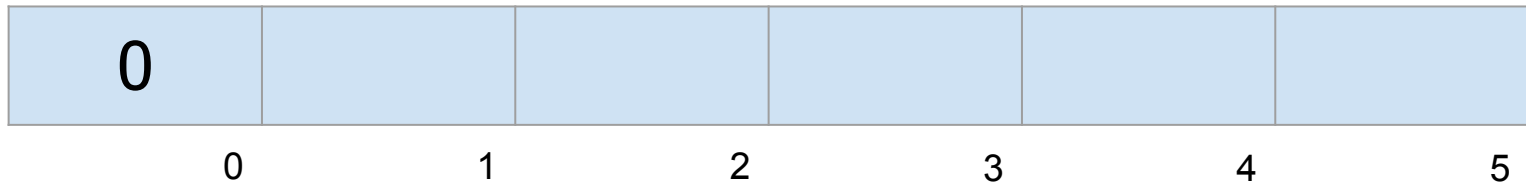


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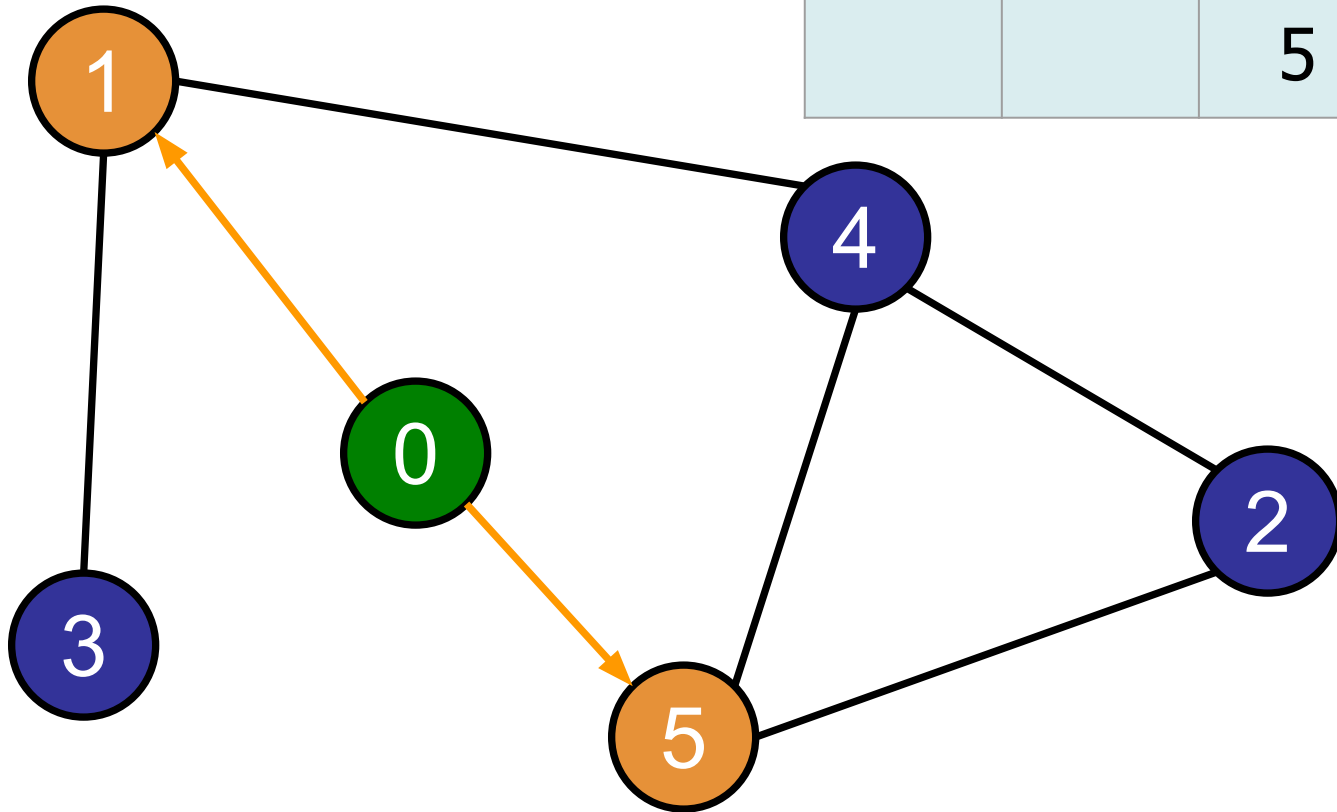
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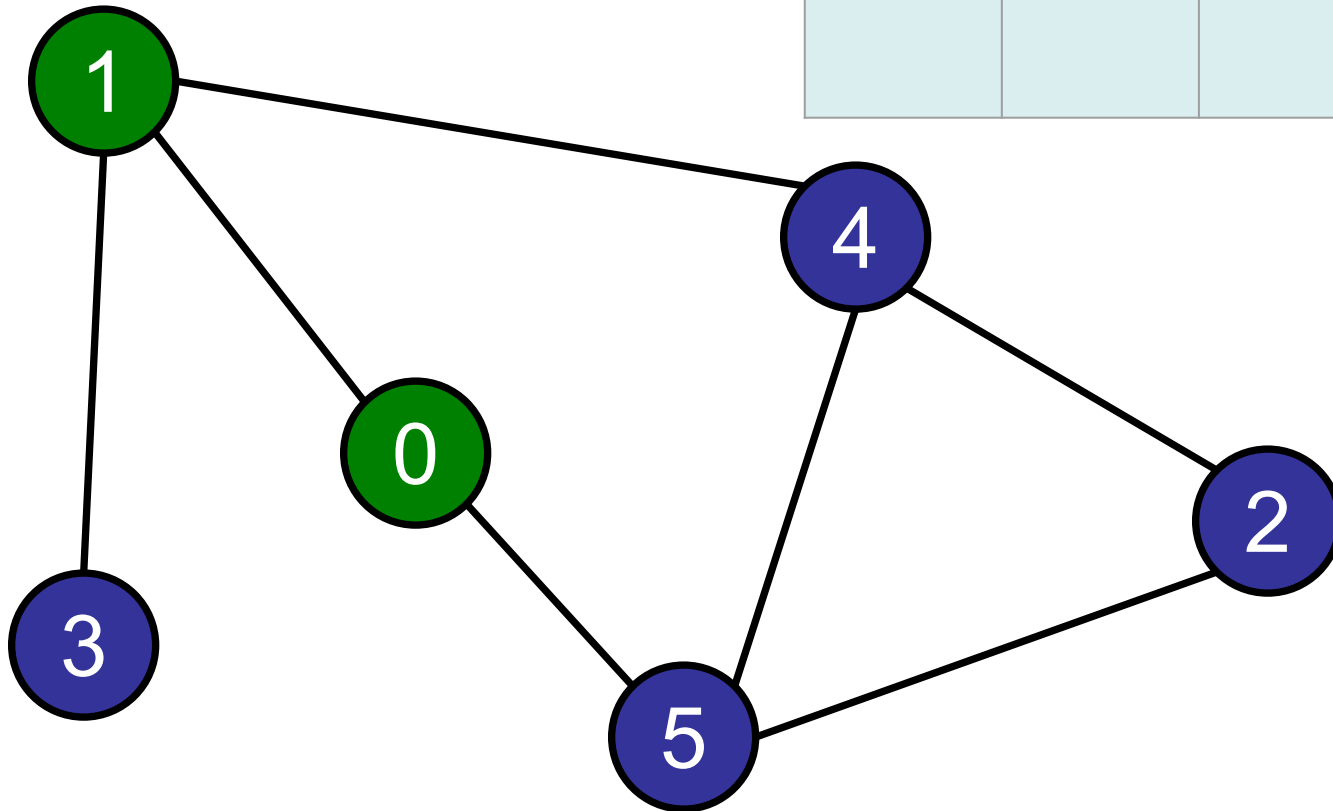


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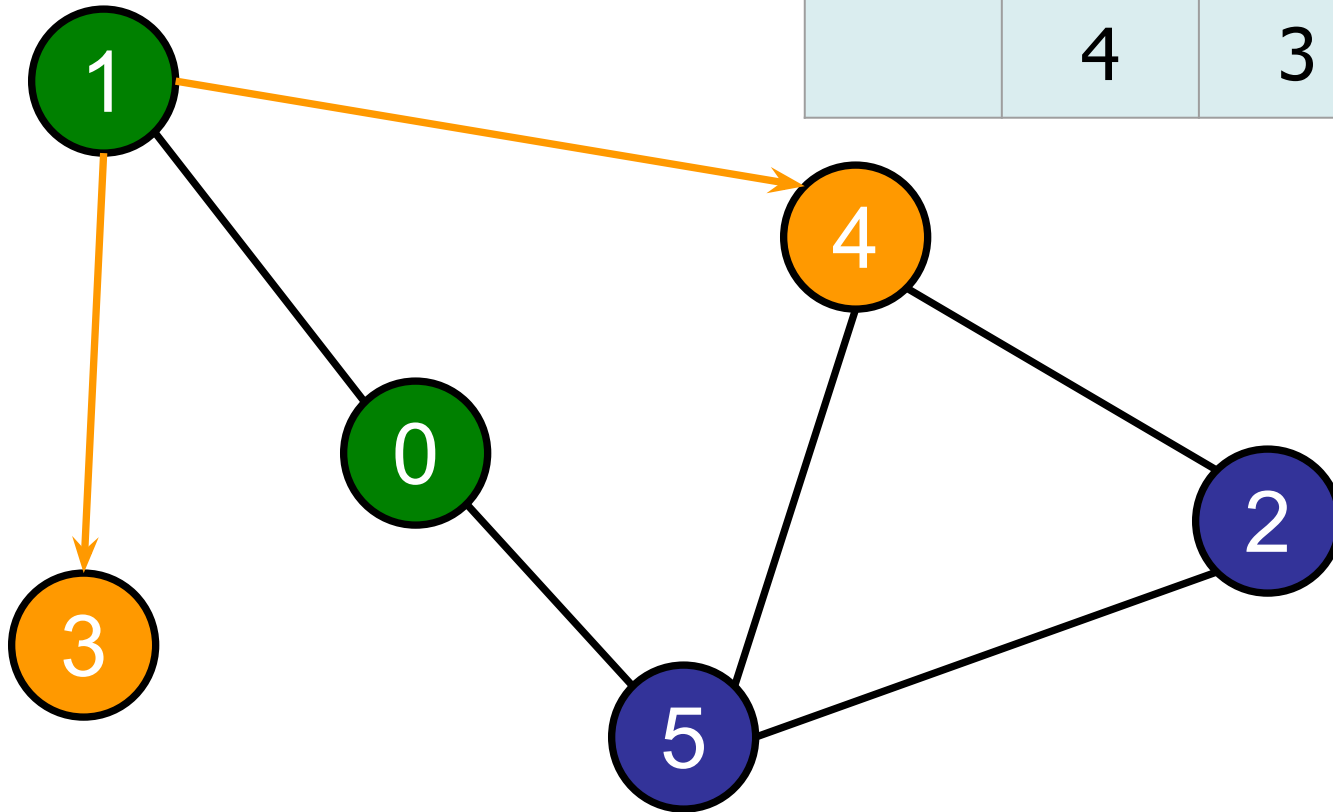
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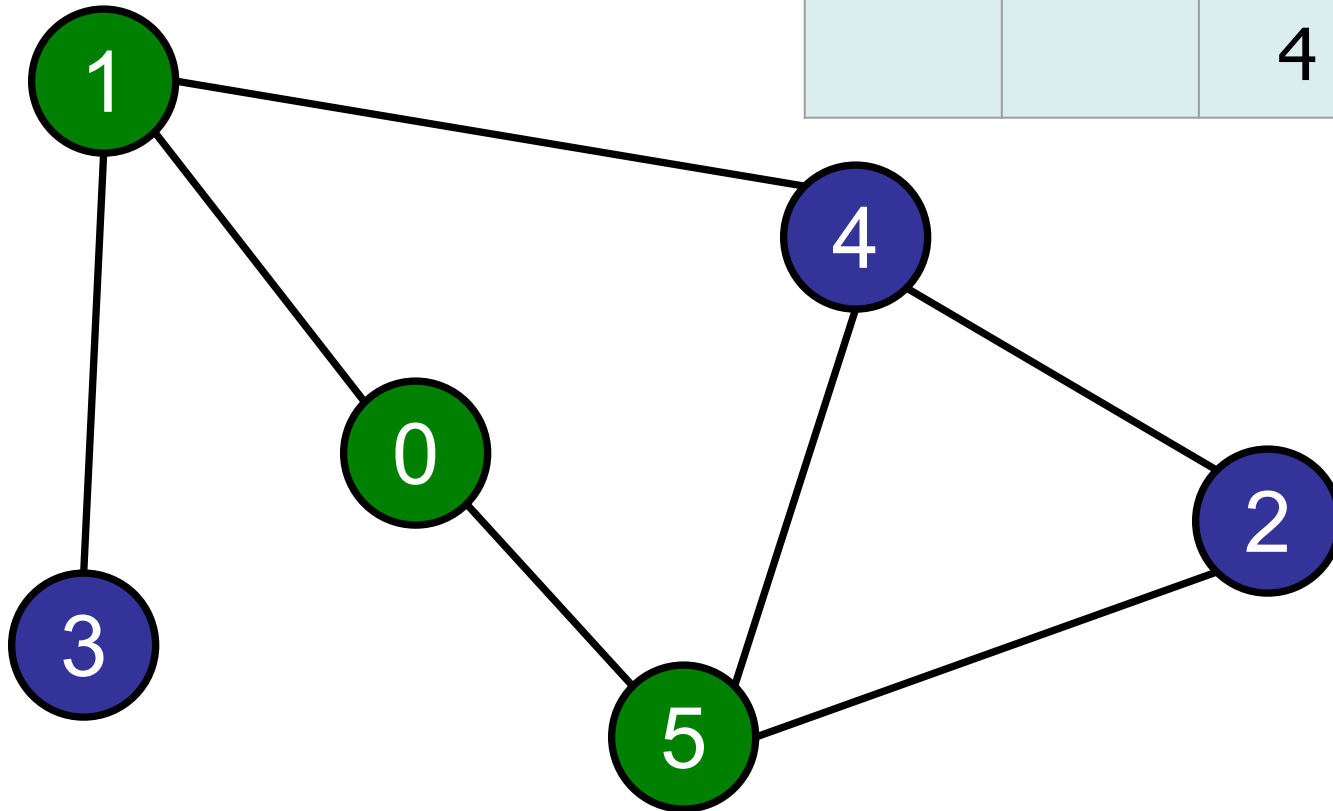
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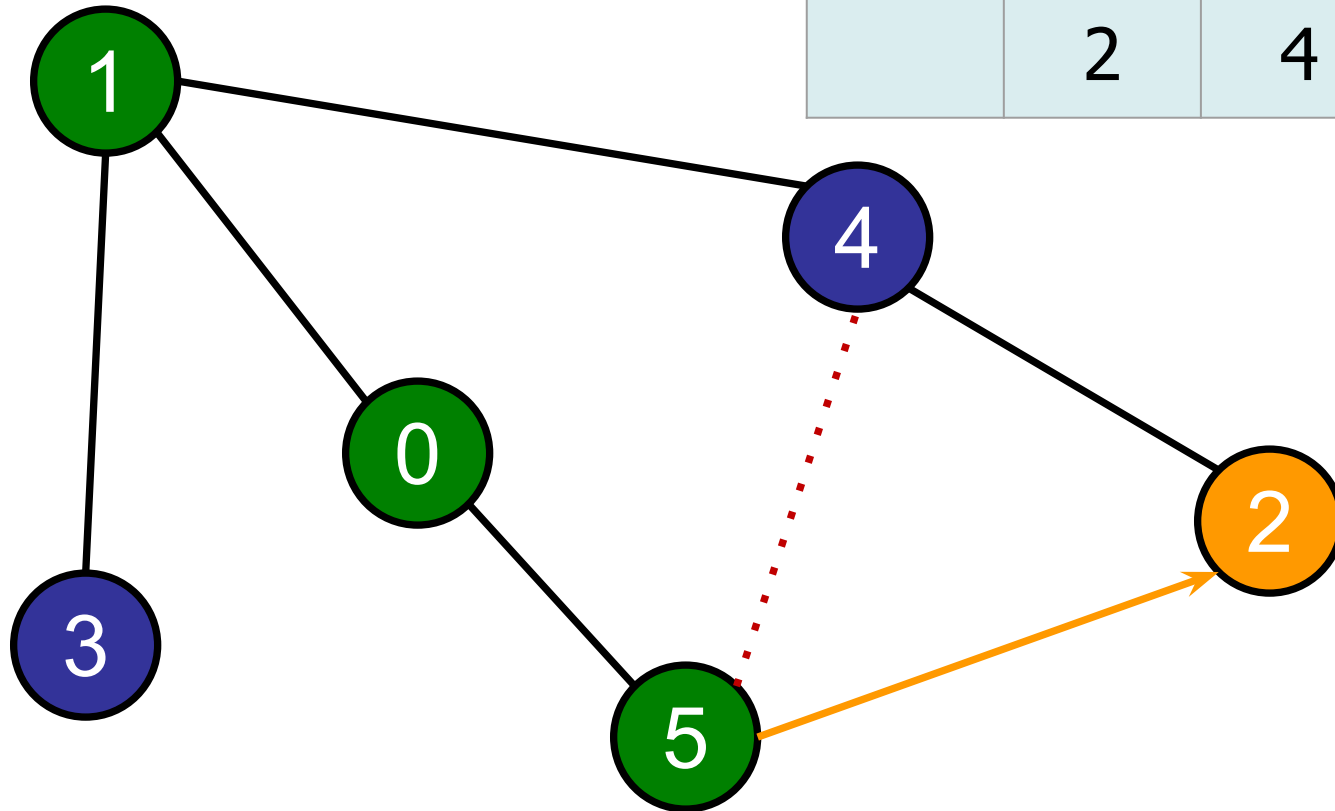
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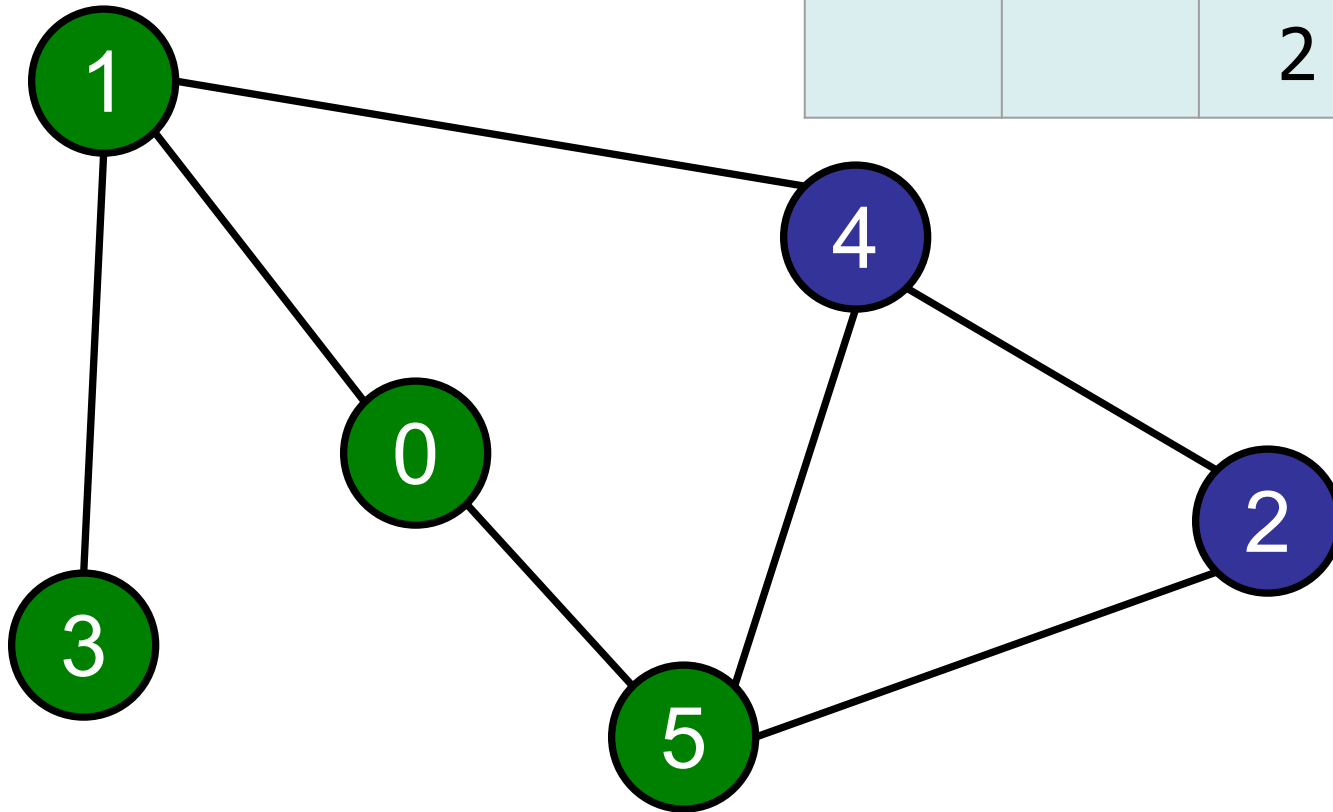
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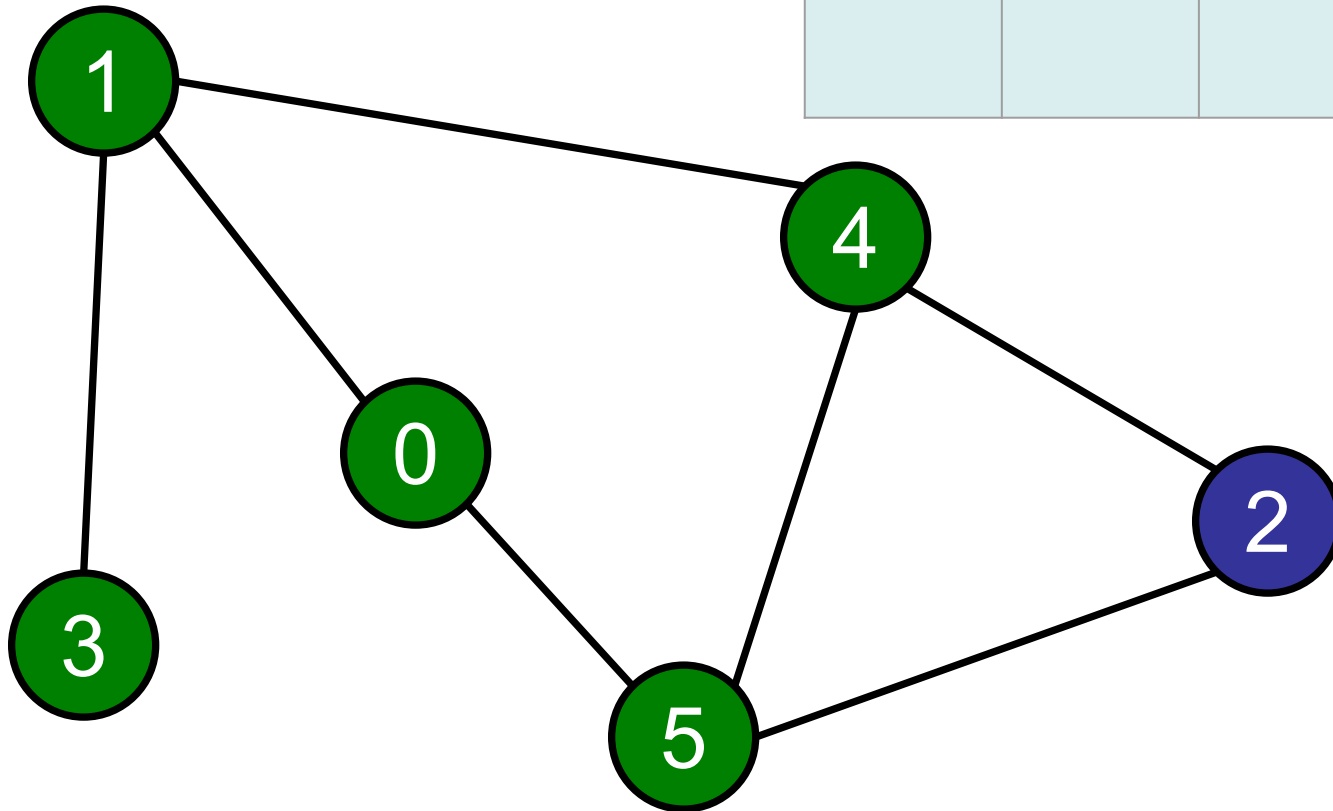
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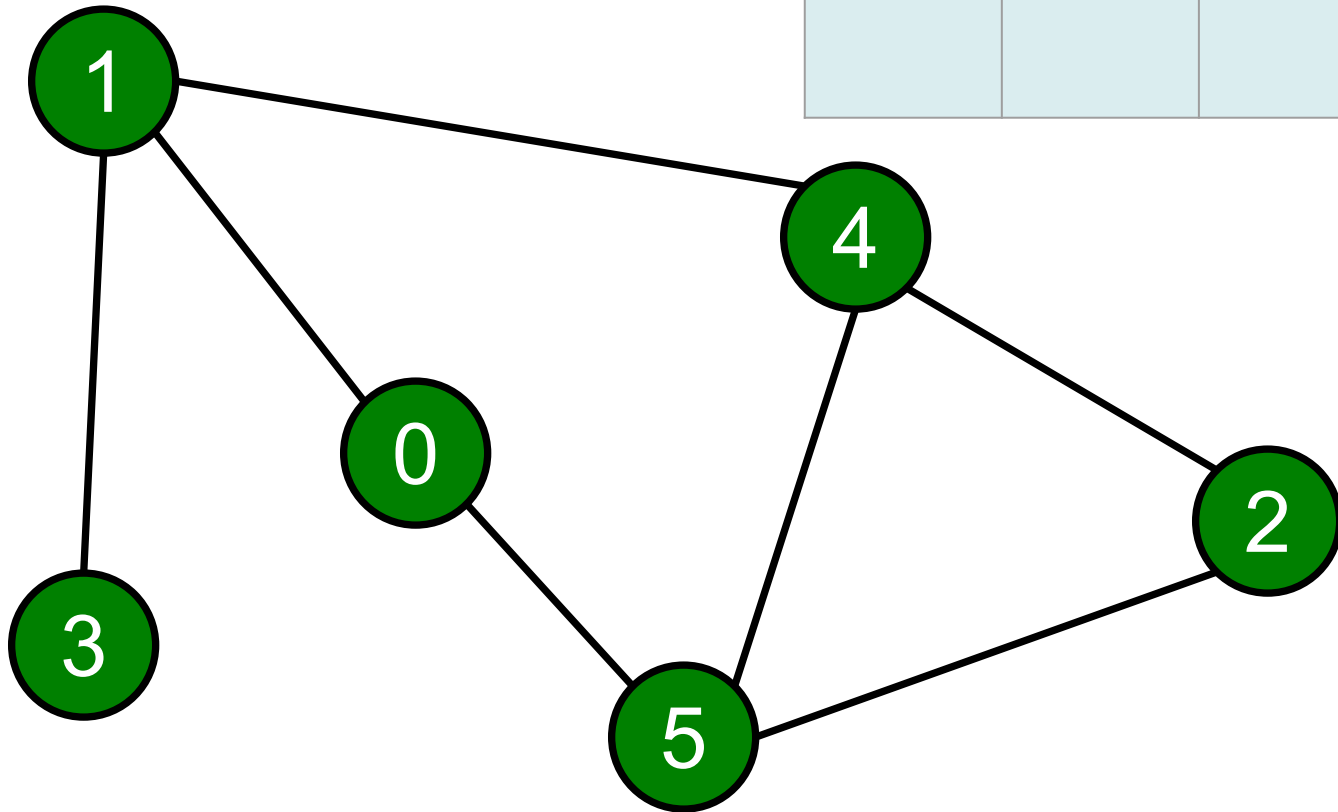
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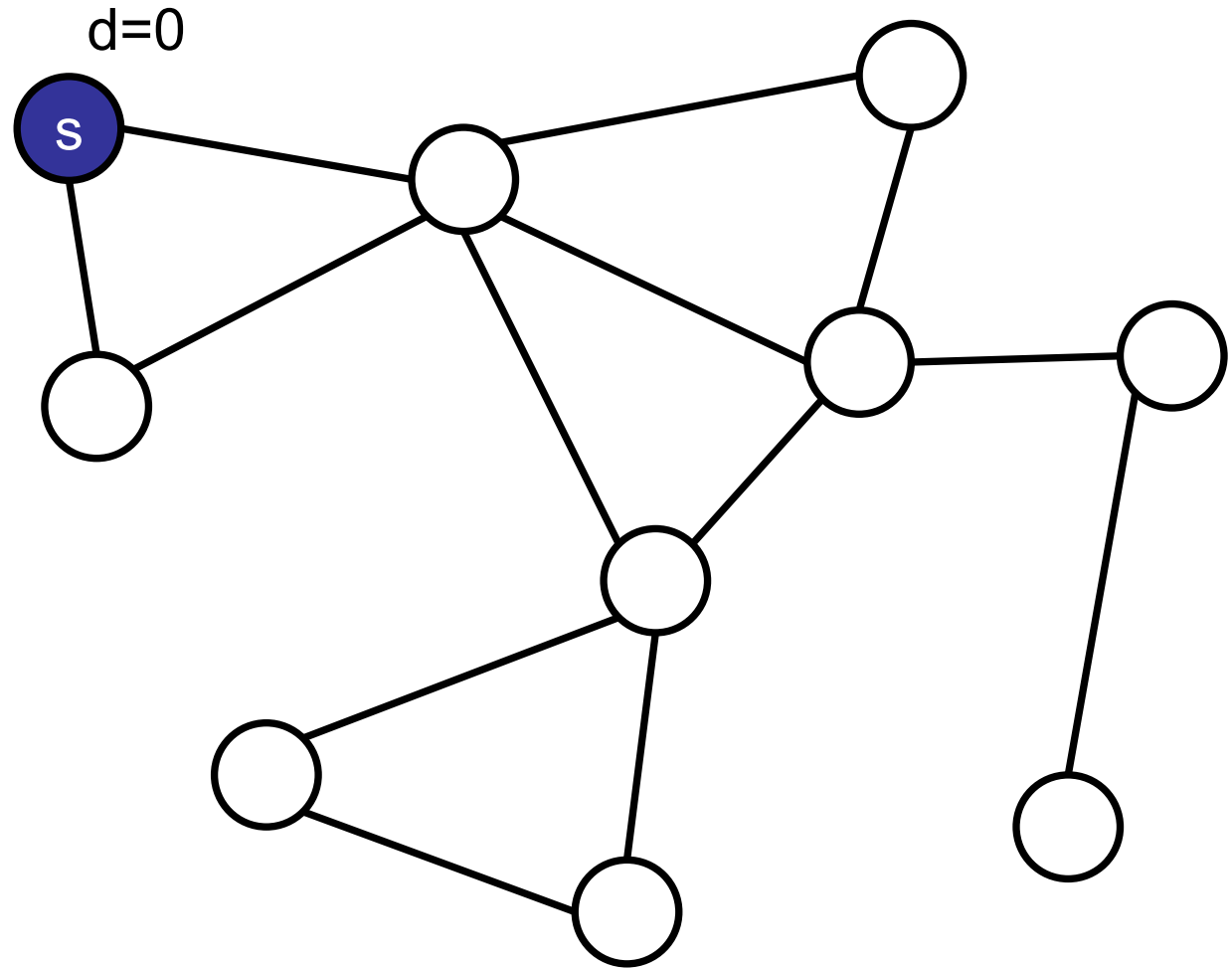


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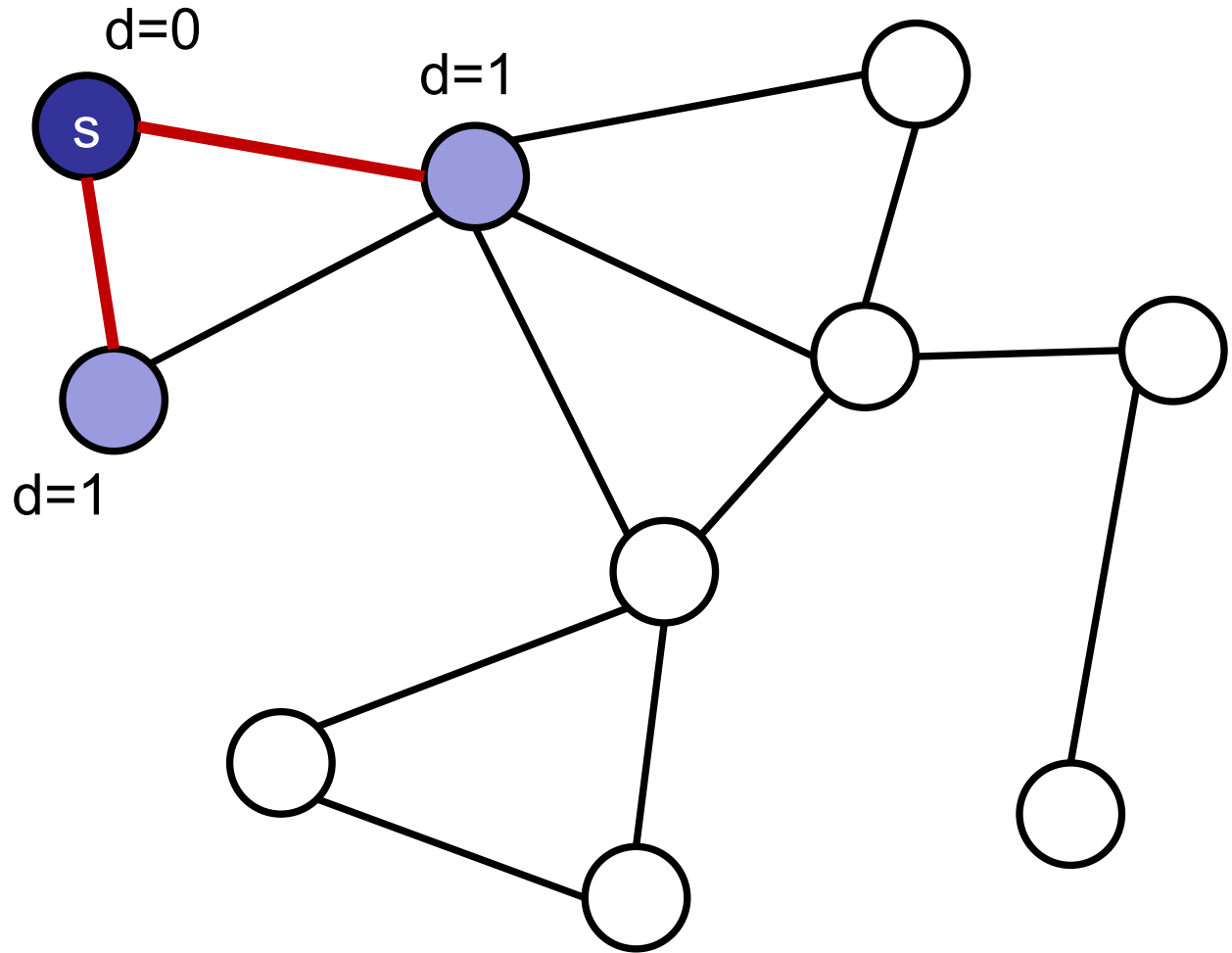
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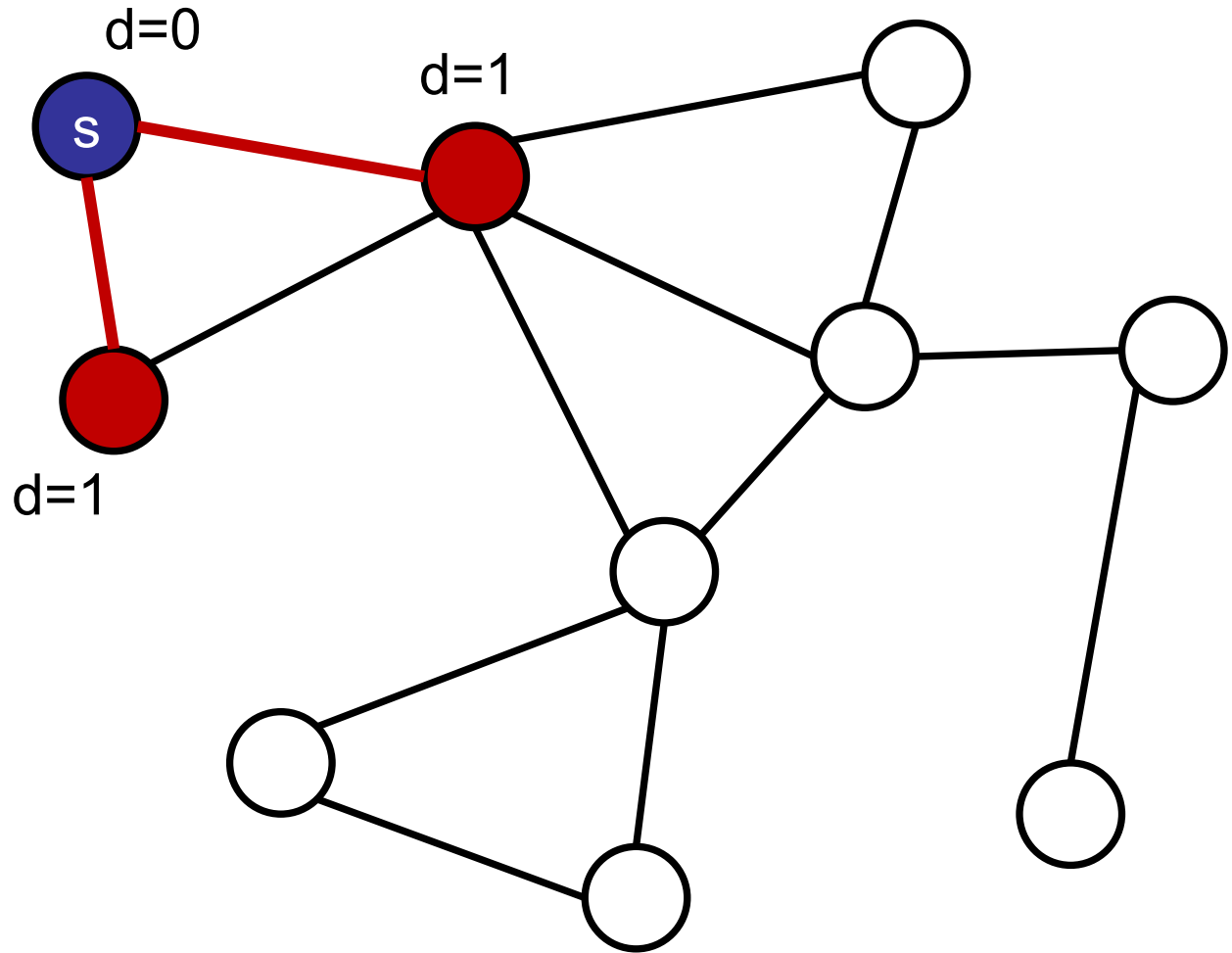
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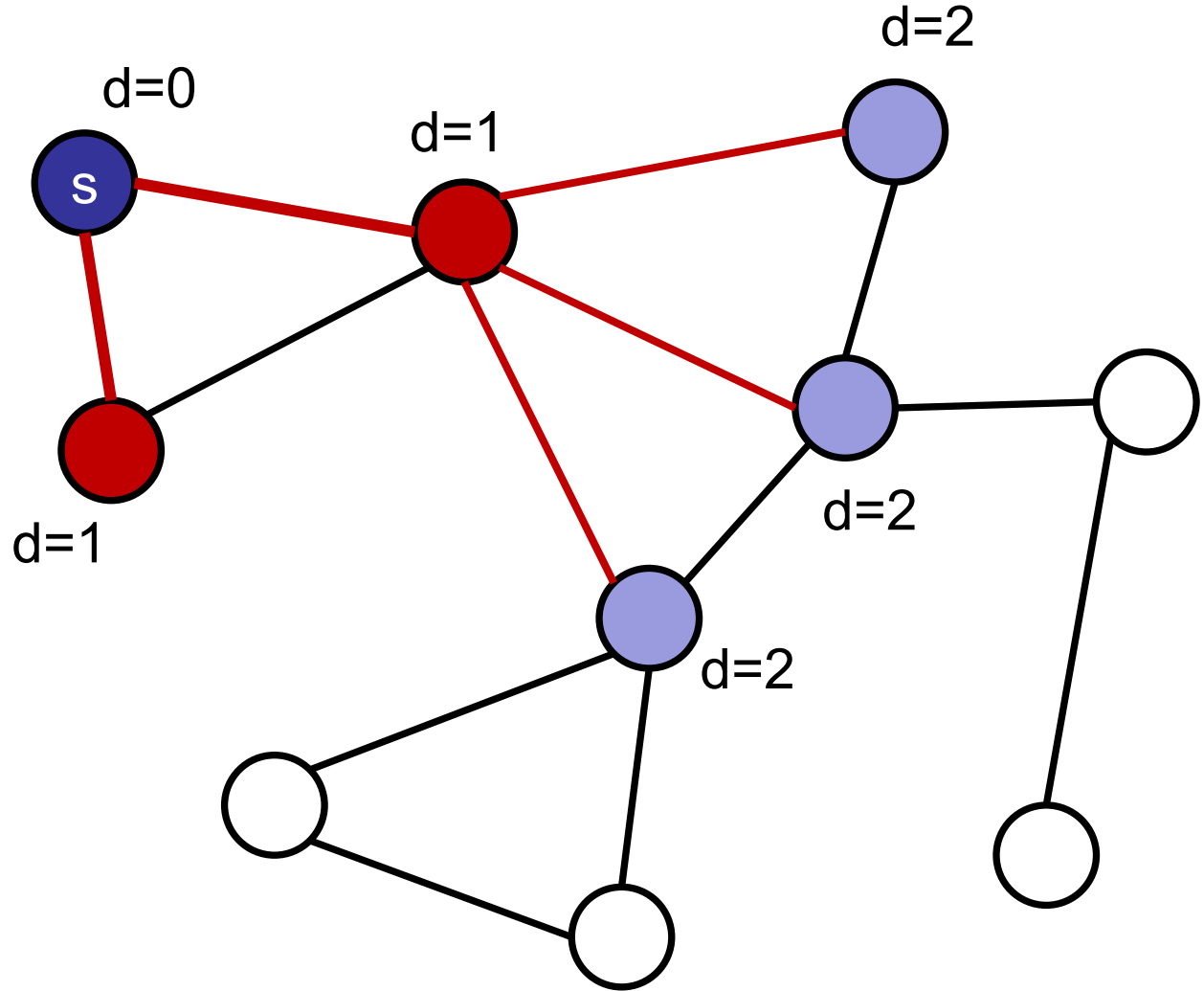
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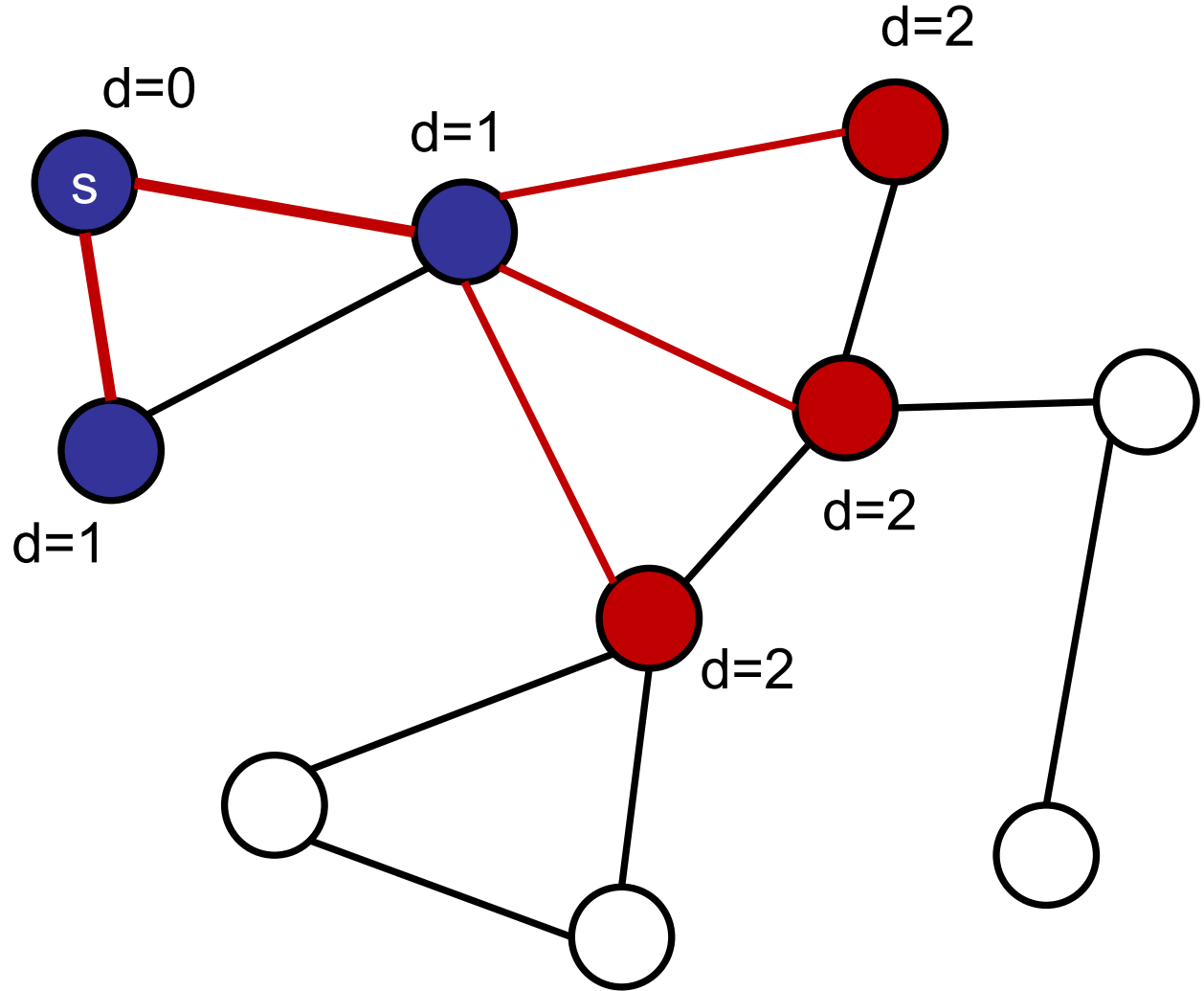
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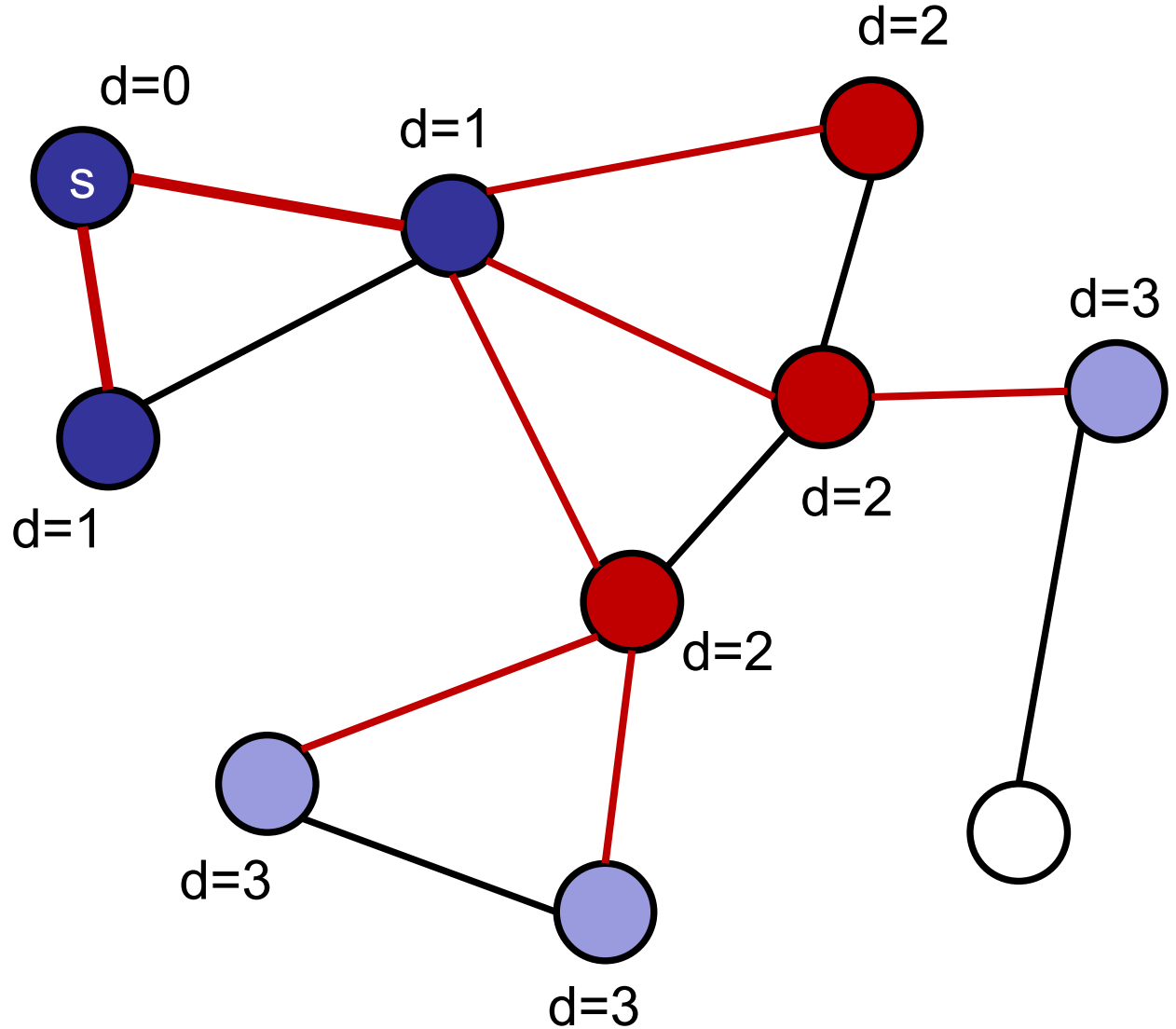
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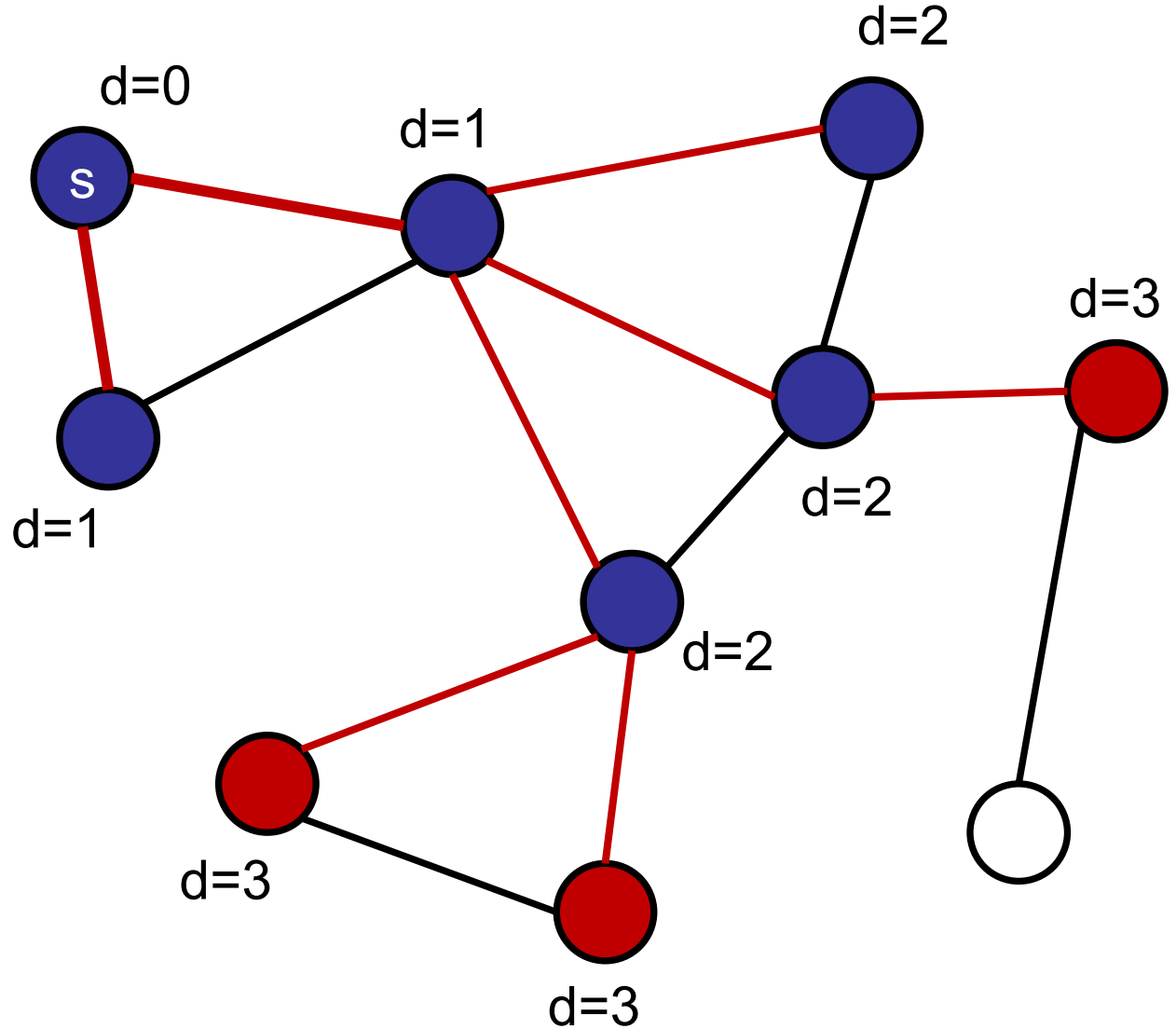
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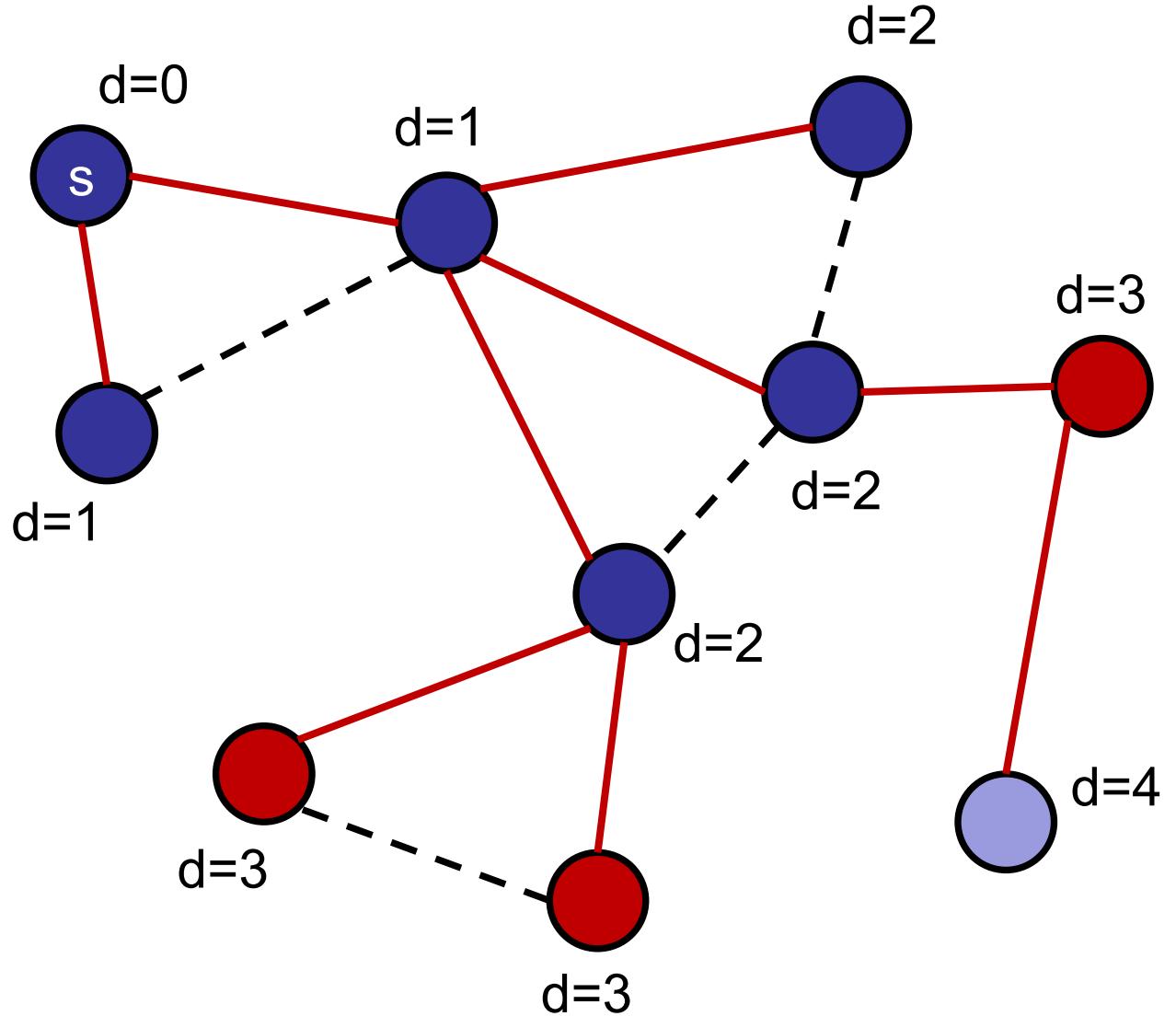






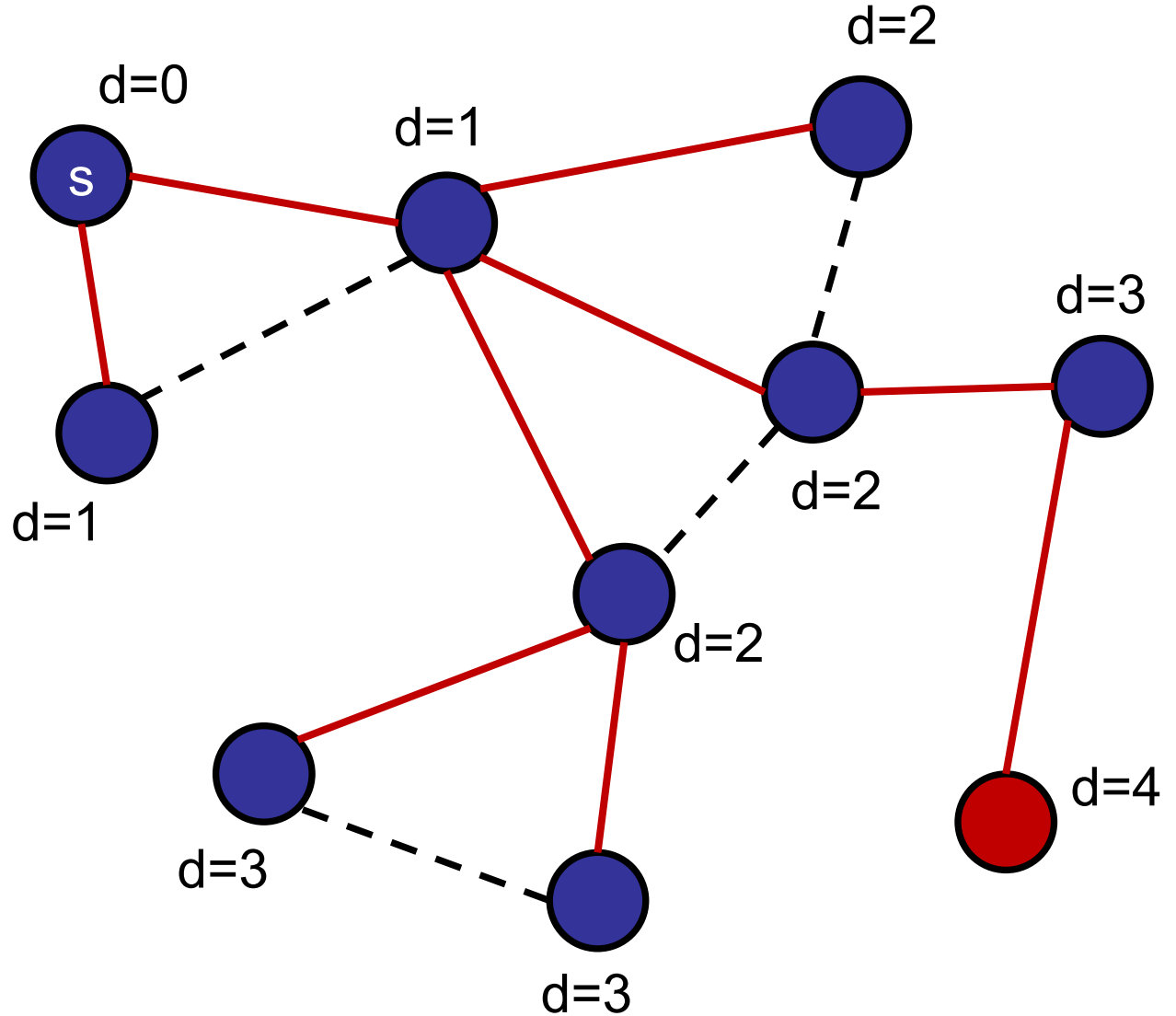
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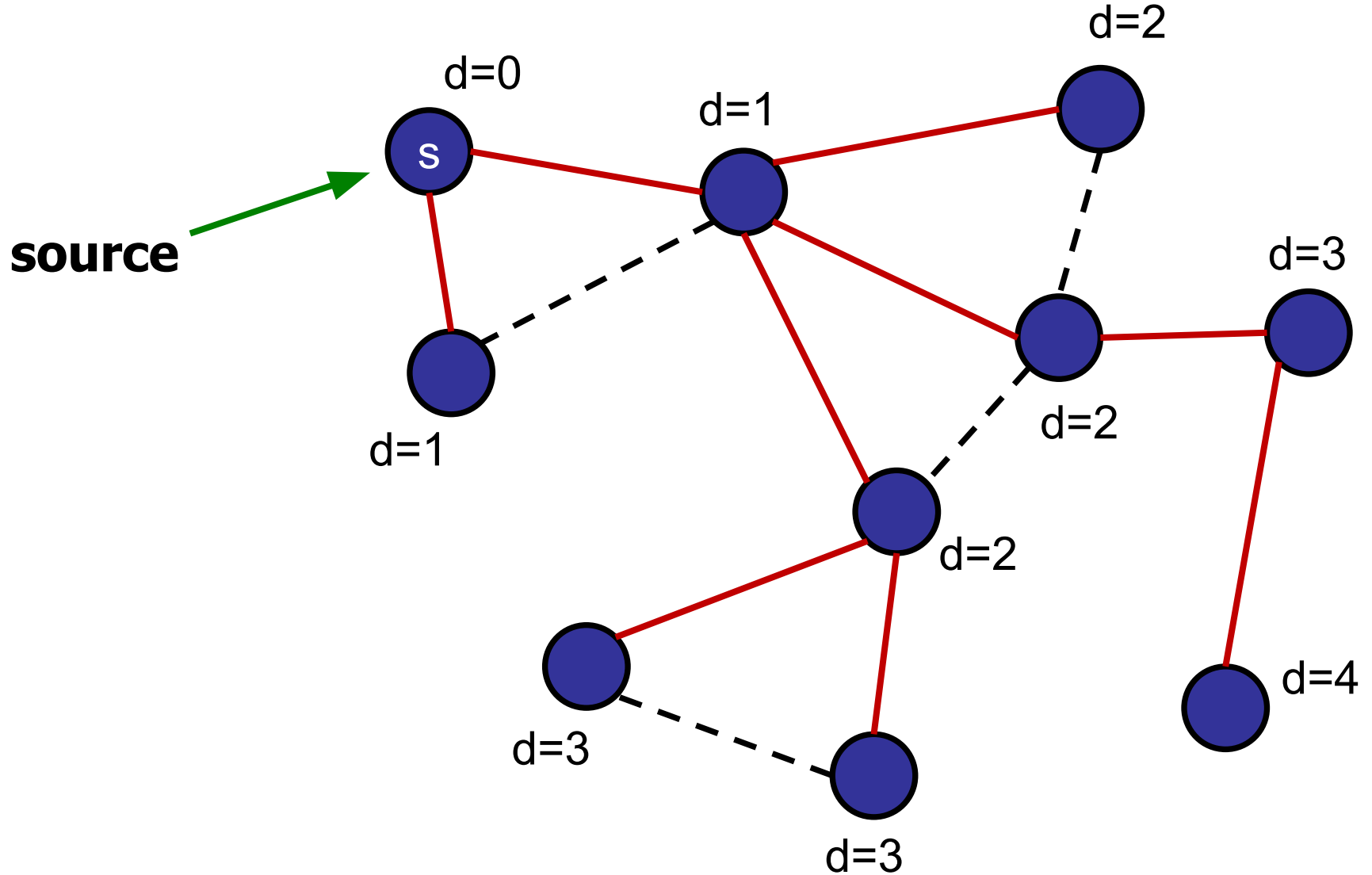
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# Basic Recursive DFS:

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DFS(current\_node, visited)

1. Mark current\_node as visited.
2. Go through all neighbours of current\_node.
  - a. If neighbour is already visited. Skip it.
  - b. Otherwise, DFS(neighbour, visited)

# Basic Iterative DFS:

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Pseudocode:

1. Set **stack** to contain only source node.
2. **while stack is not empty**.
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  - b. If **node has been visited**, return.
  - c. Otherwise, mark **node** as visited.
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  - e. Push **neighbour** onto **stack**.

# Basic Iterative DFS????

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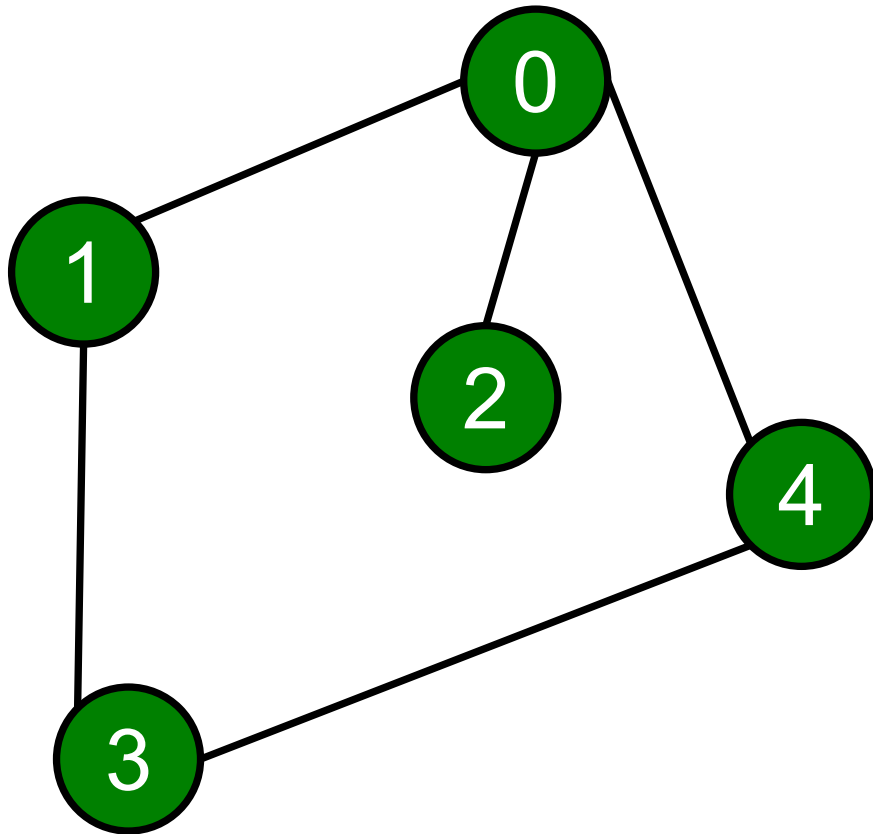
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Notice that this differs very slightly from the previous pseudocode.

# Try it after lecture:

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Try out all 3 variants of DFS on this graph after the lecture, which 2 out of 3 agree in terms of the ordering they are marked as visited?



Assume neighbour IDs are stored in increasing order.

# Common Mistake

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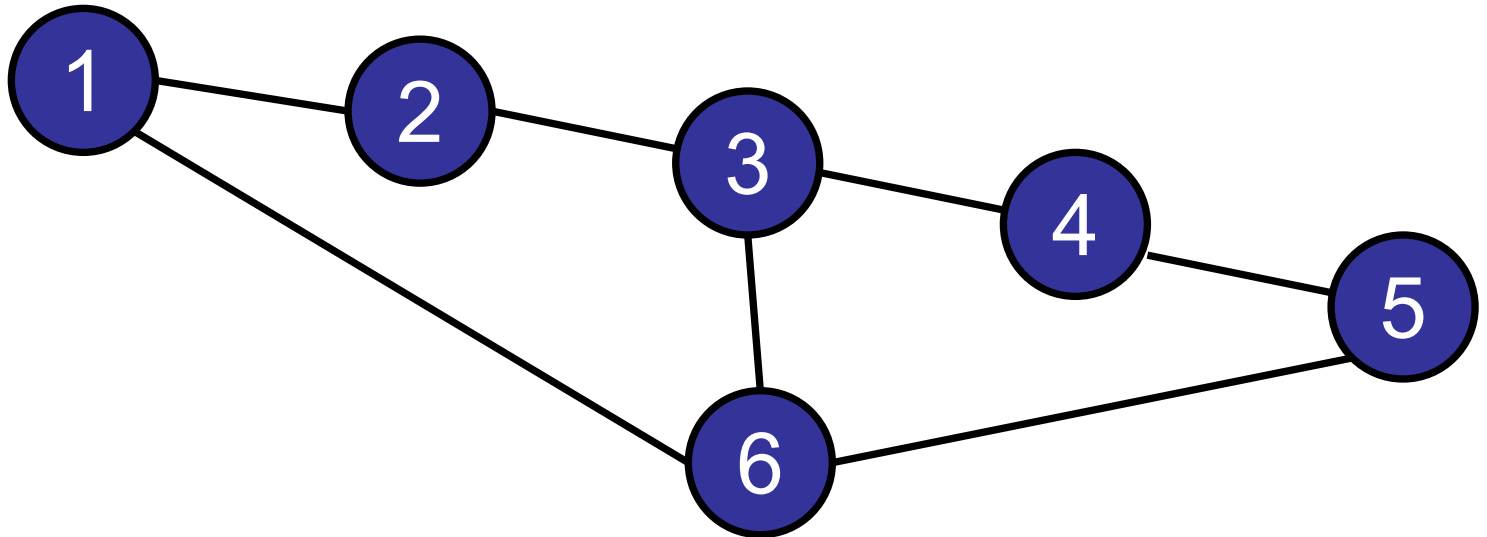


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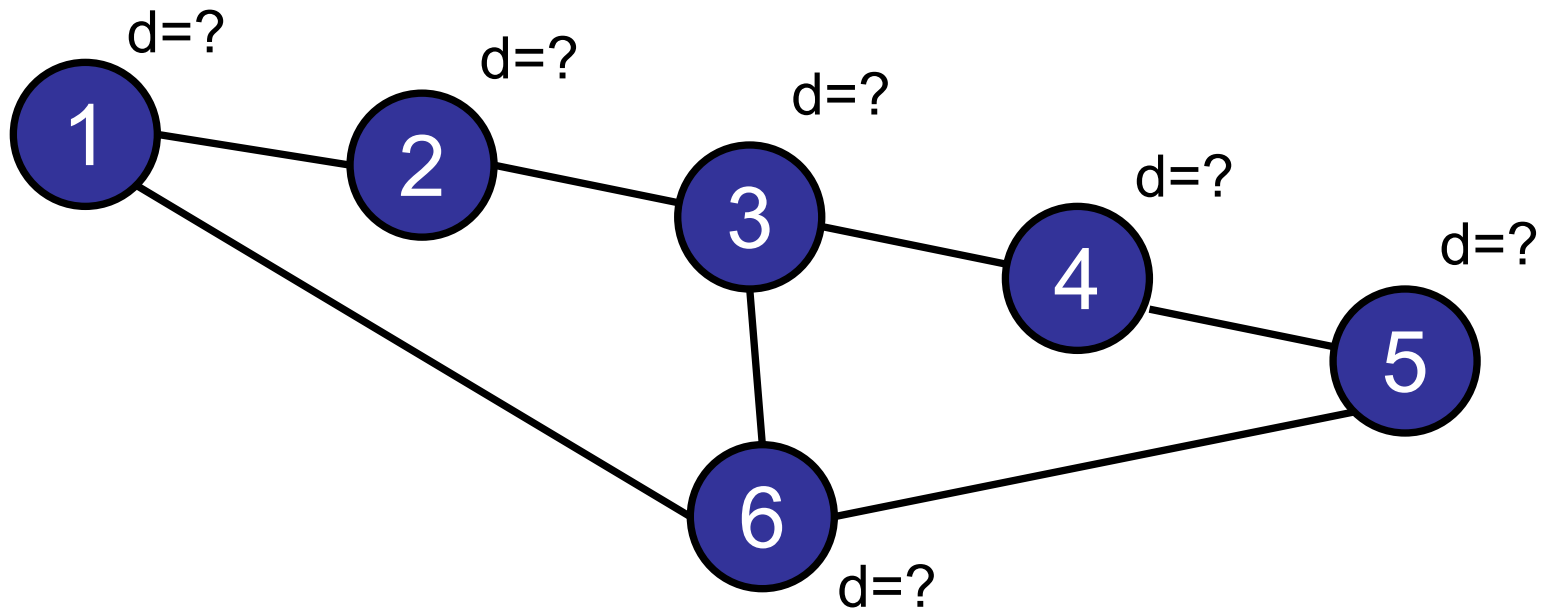


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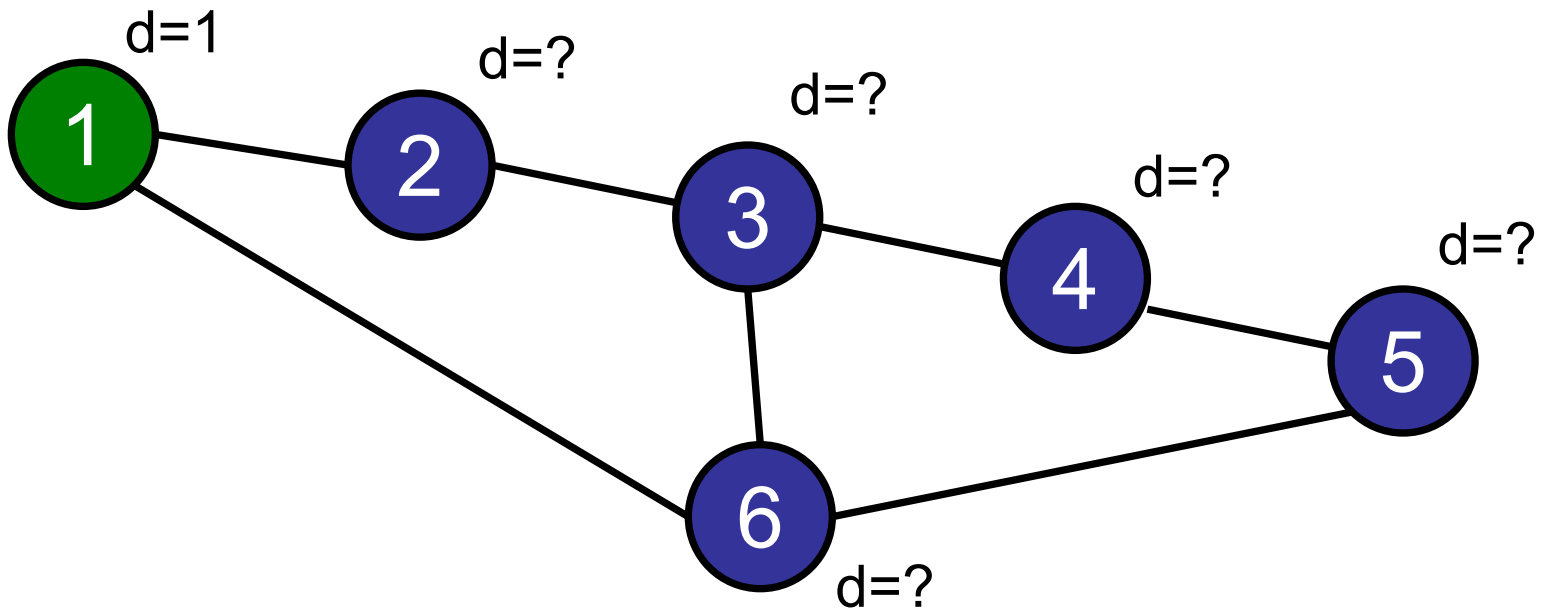


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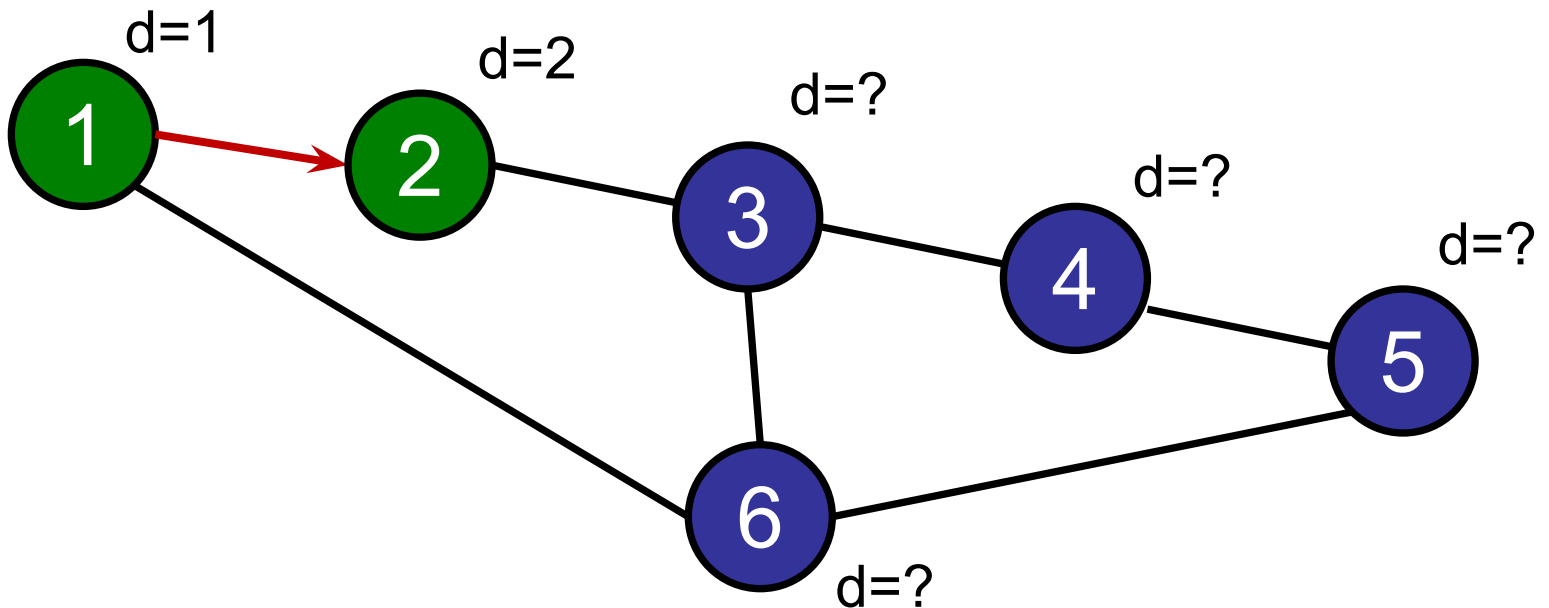


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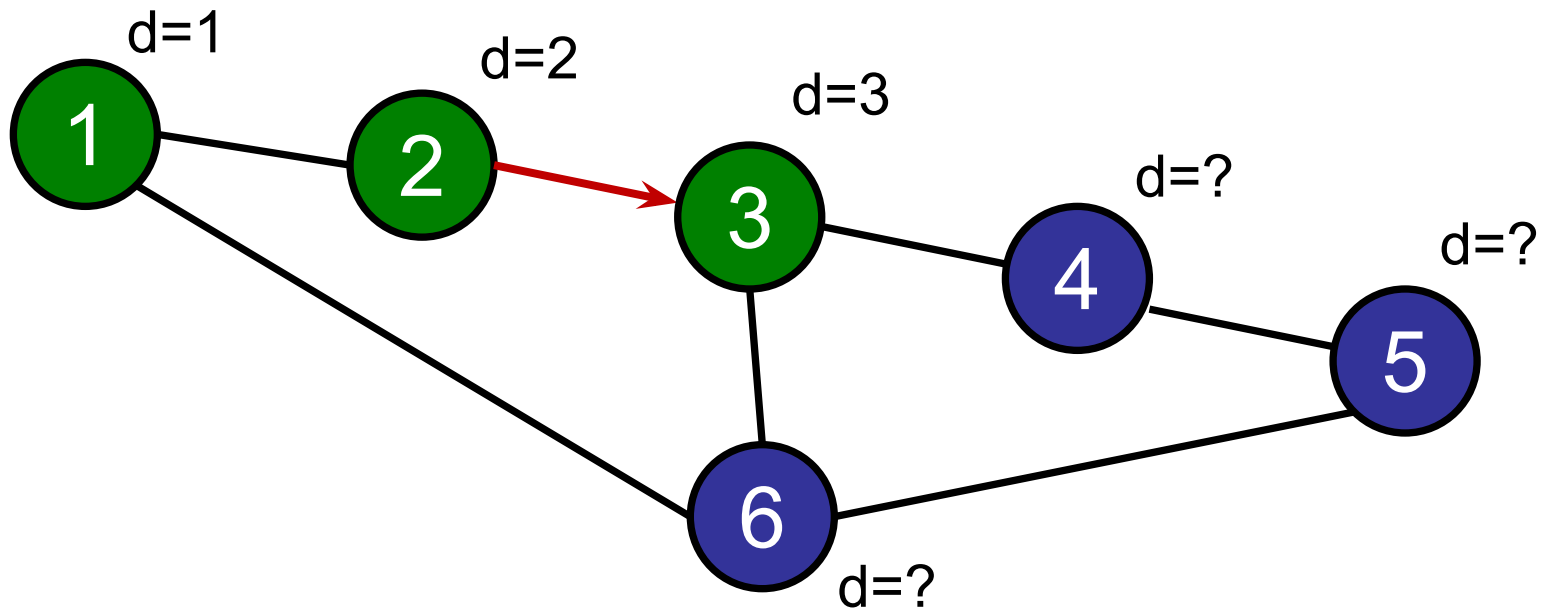


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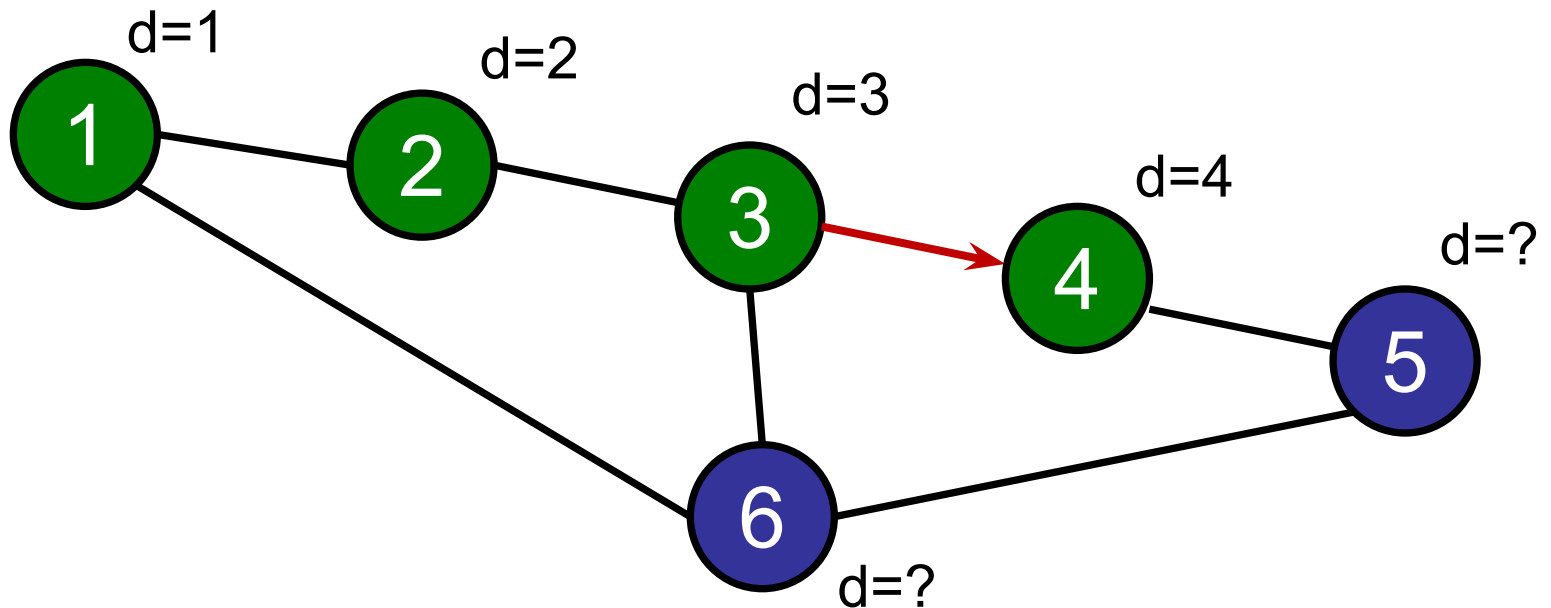


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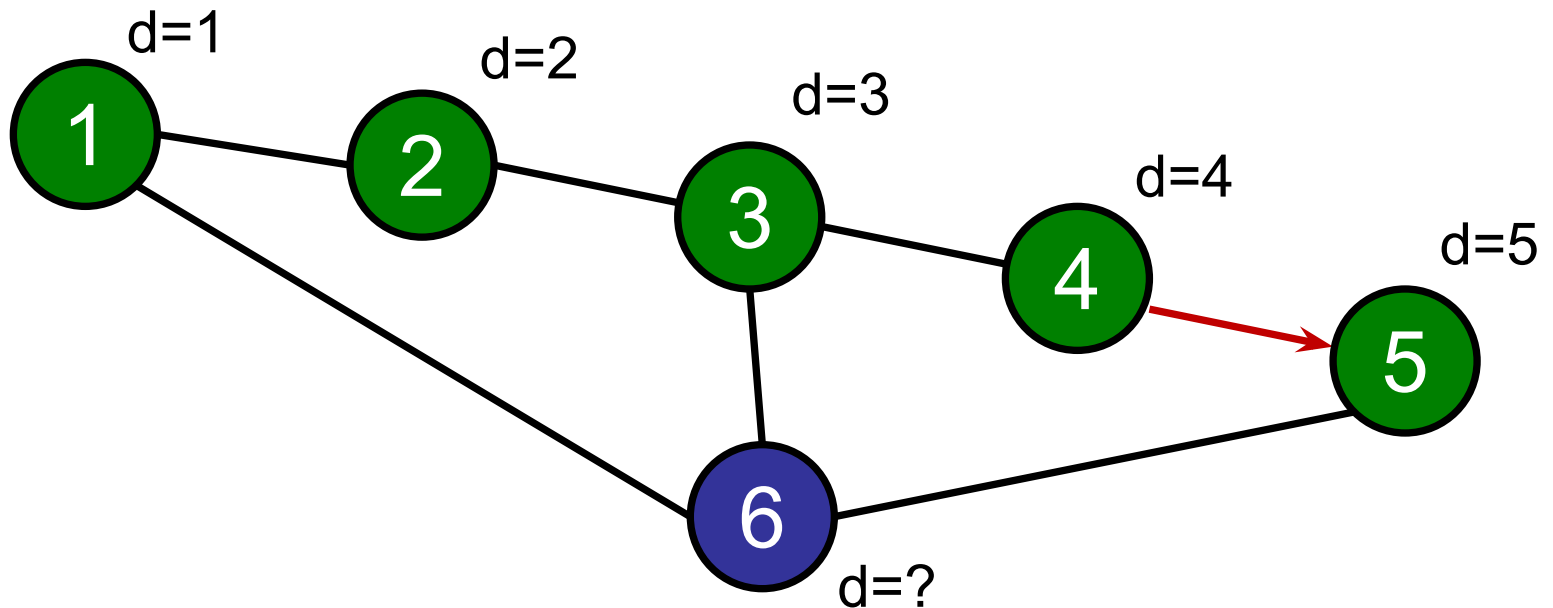


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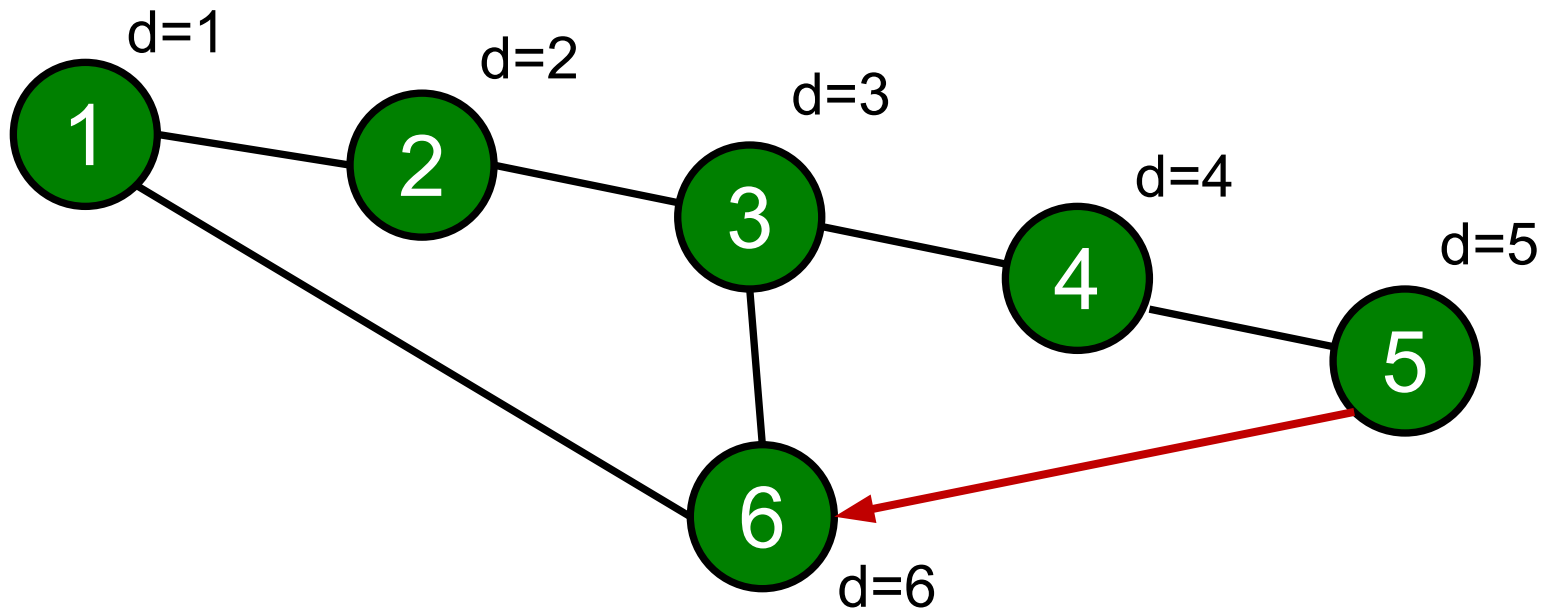


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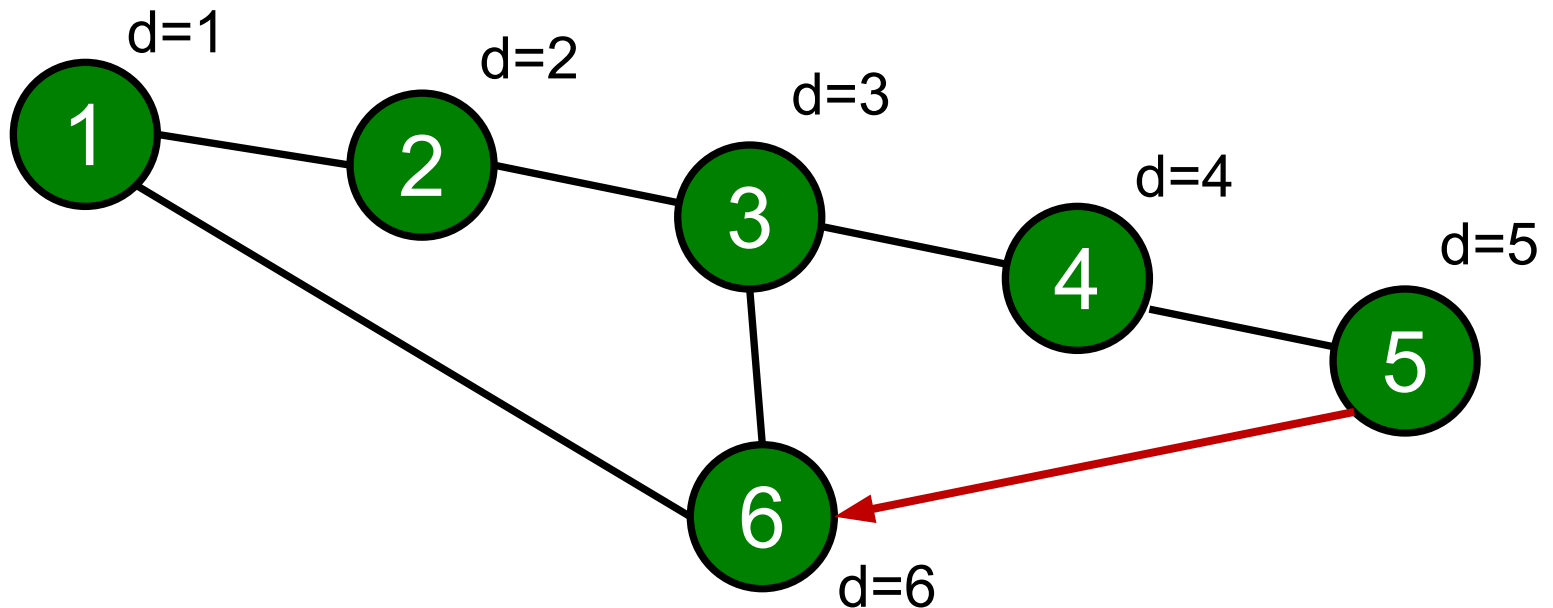


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Except the distance for nodes 3, 4, 5, 6 aren't correct!

# TL;DL (From last week up to now)

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BFS:

- Great for SSSP on unweighted graphs (can be directed)

DFS:

- Toposorting, SCC finding, cycle detection, bridge finding, articulation point finding on directed graphs.

Both:

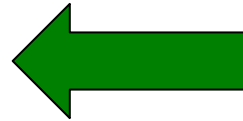
- Counting connected components.

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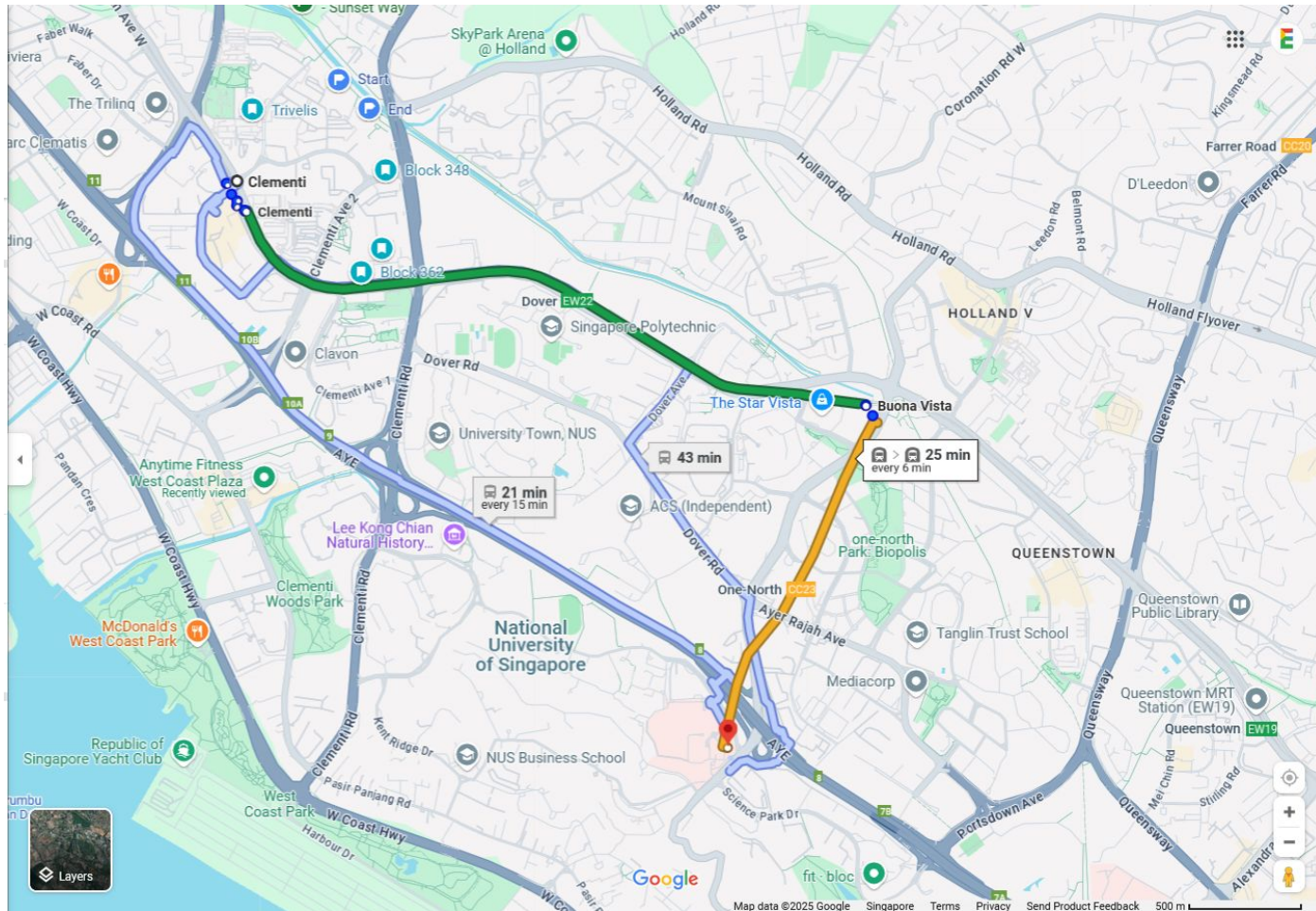
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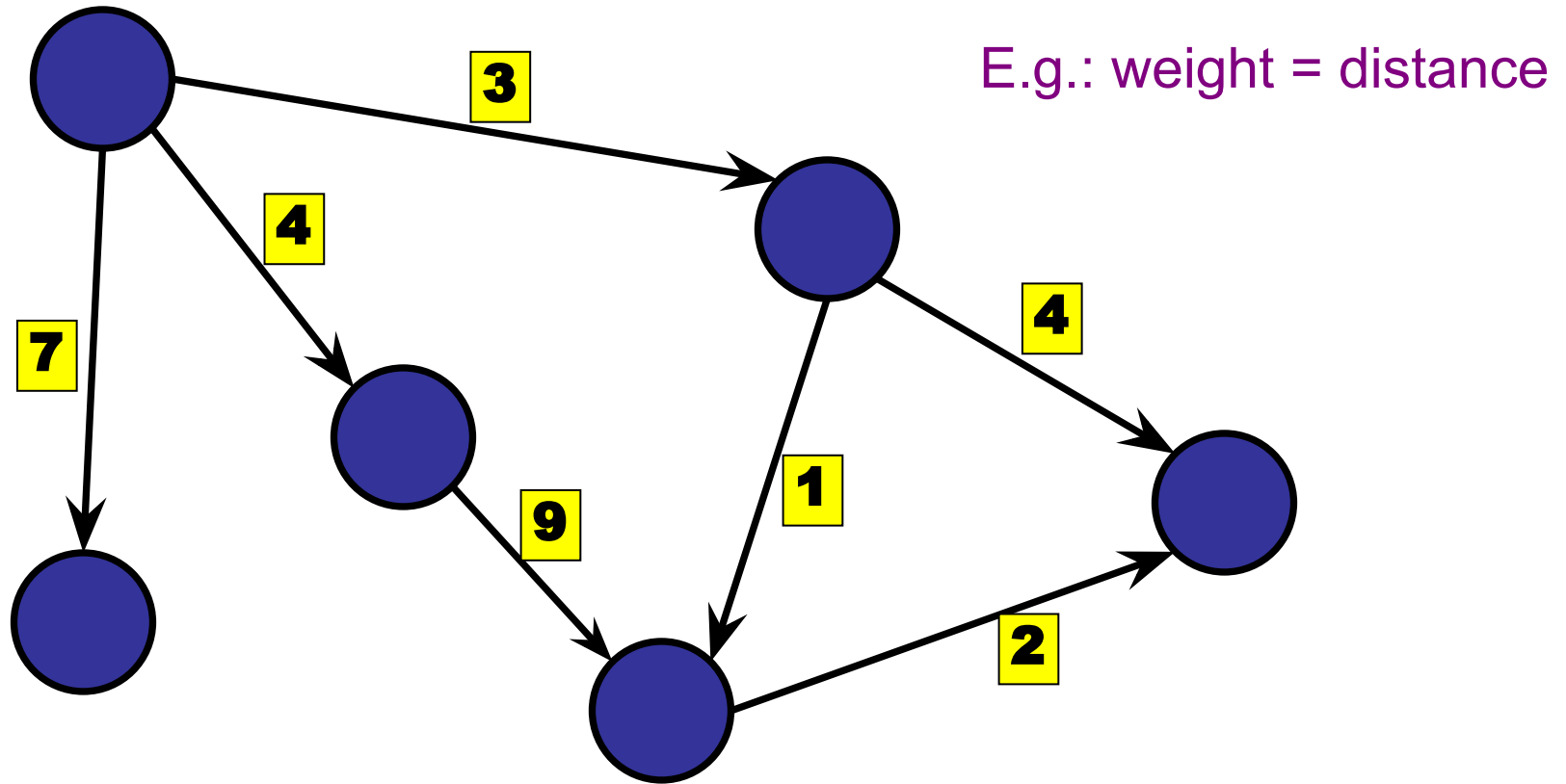
How does Google know?

E.g. the time between different bus stops/  
train stations is not the same.

# Weighted Graphs

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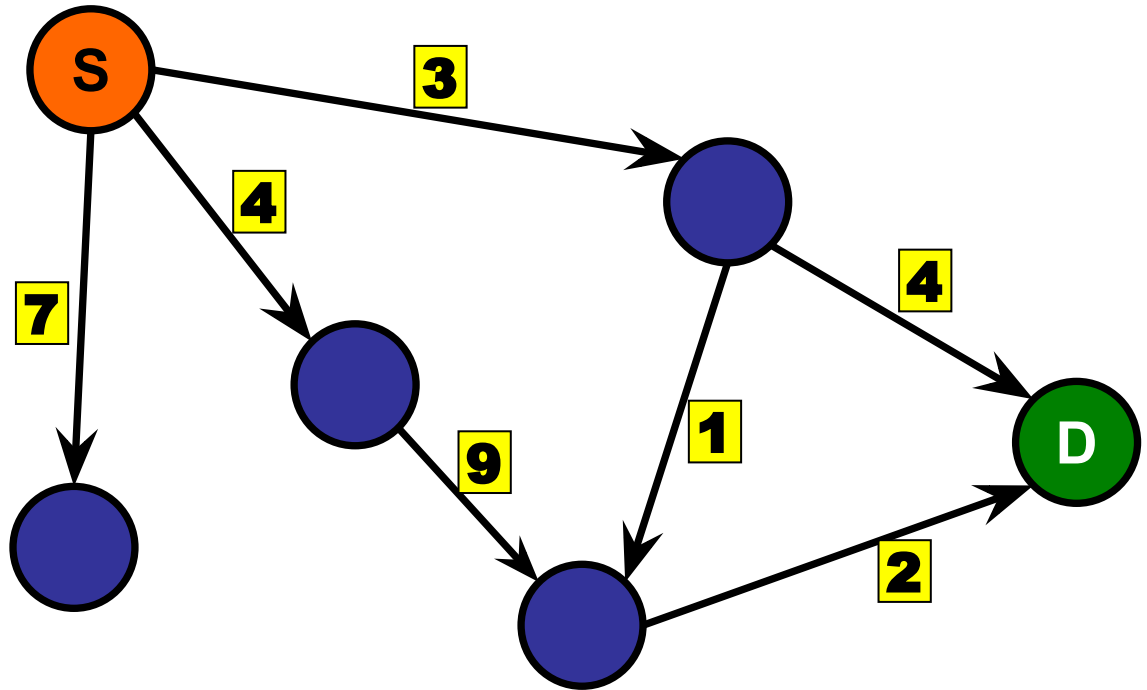
## Edge weights:



Adjacency list: stores weights with edge in neighbour list

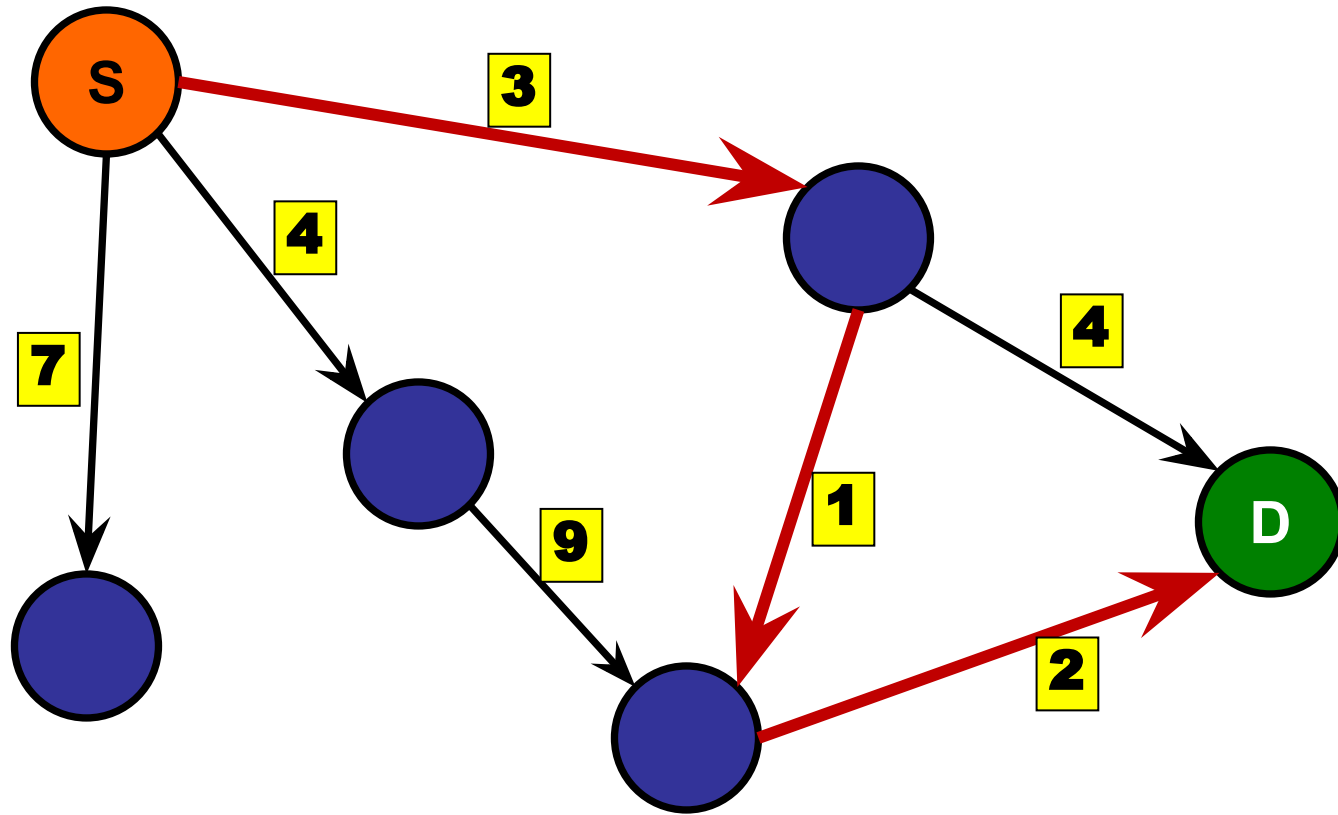
What is the shortest distance from S to D?

1. 2
2. 4
- ✓ 3. 6
4. 7
5. 9
6. Infinite



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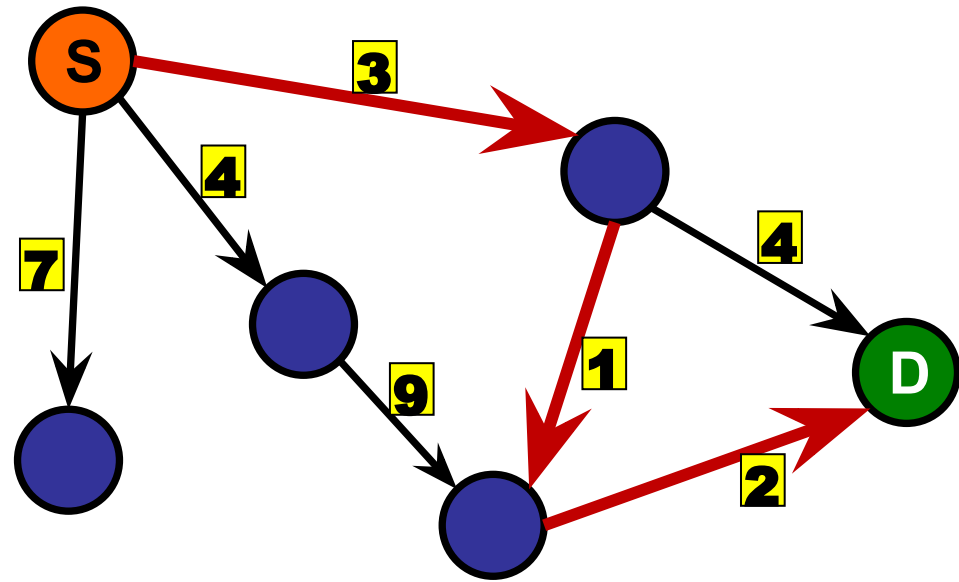


# Shortest Paths

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## Questions:

- How far is it from S to D?
- What is the shortest path from S to D?
- Find the shortest path from S to every node.
- Find the shortest path between every pair of nodes.

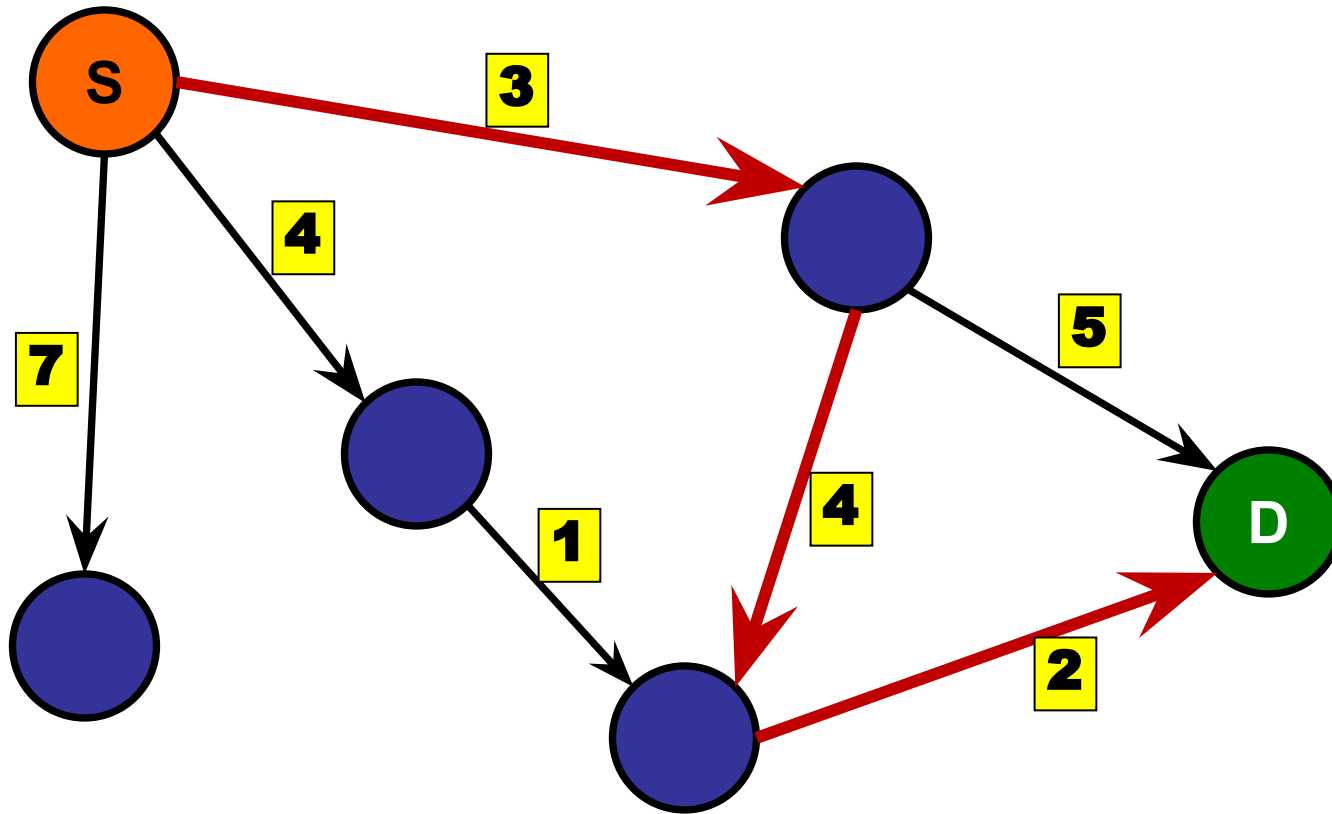




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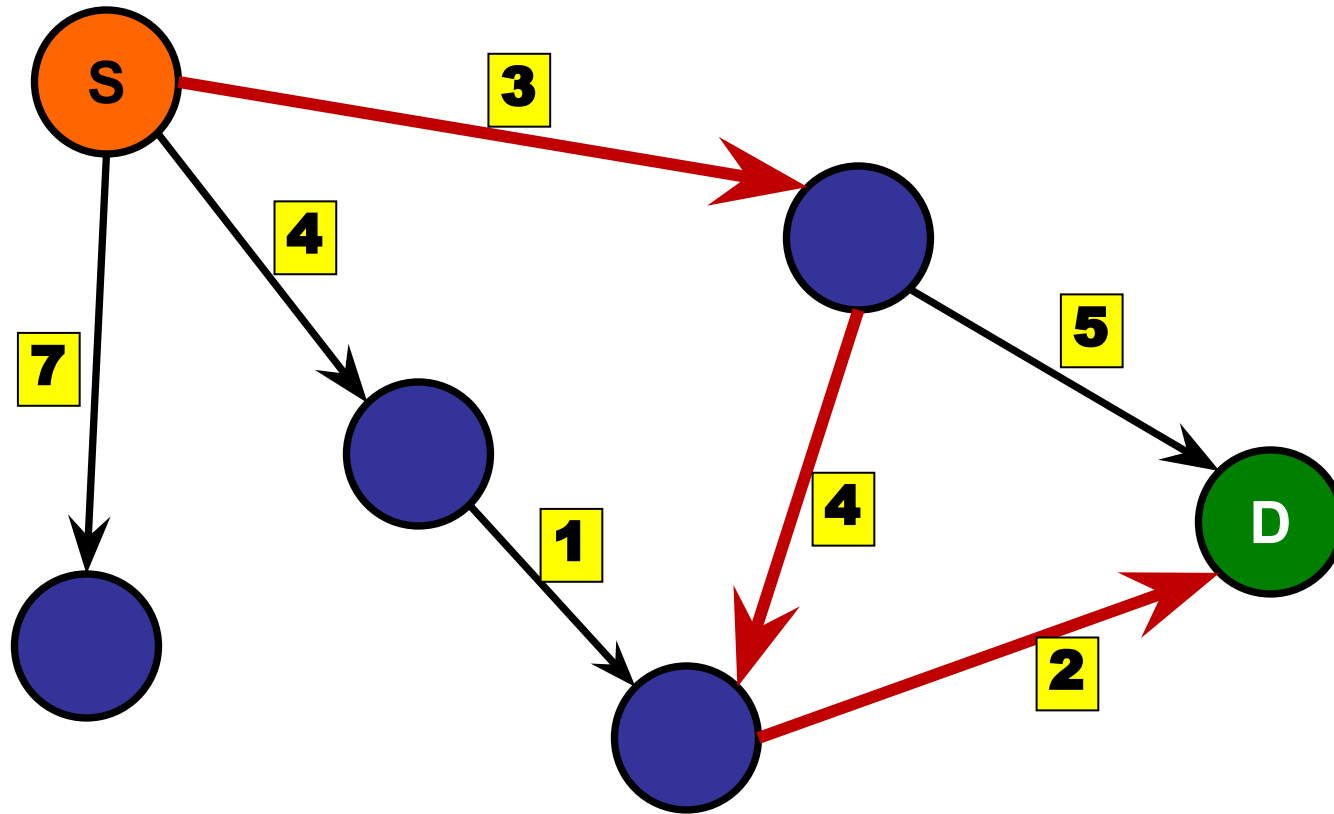
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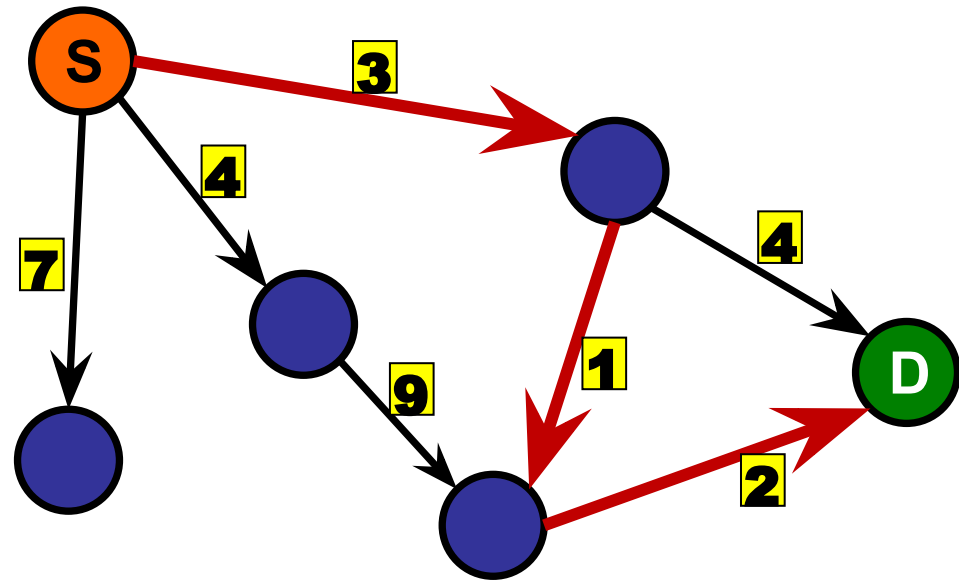
BFS finds minimum number of **HOPS** not minimum **DISTANCE**.

# Shortest Paths

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Assume:

- Simple, directed graph.
- Edge weights are non-negative.
  - Otherwise, there will be issues



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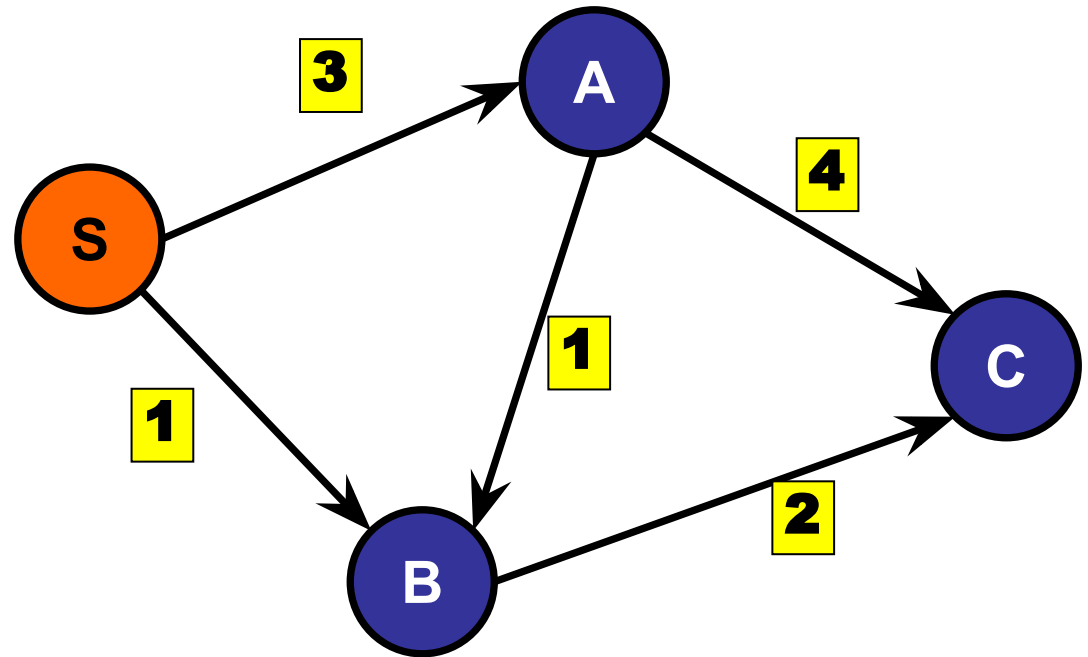
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Key idea: triangle inequality

$$\delta(S, C) \leq \delta(S, A) + \delta(A, C)$$

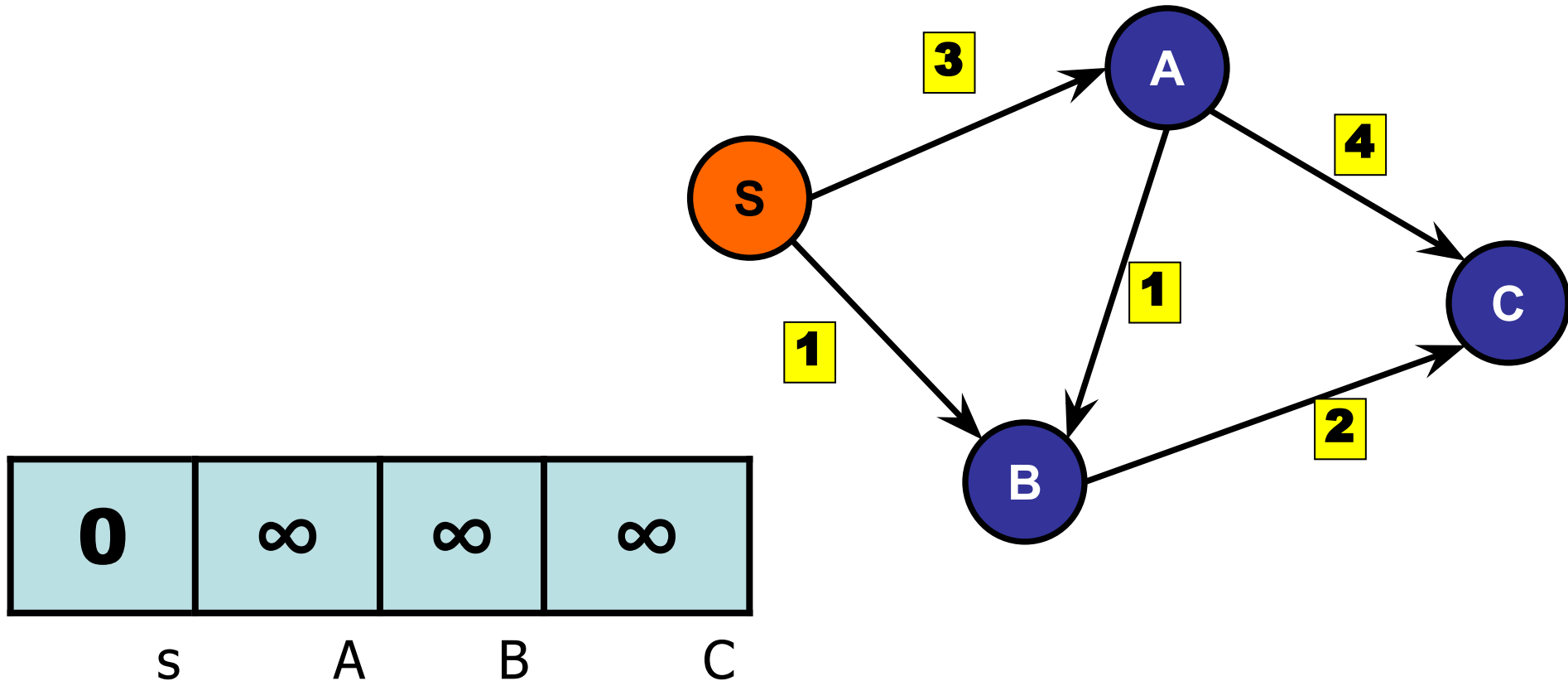
(Side Quiz: Does this also hold if our edge weights are negative?)

Find out on Wednesday!



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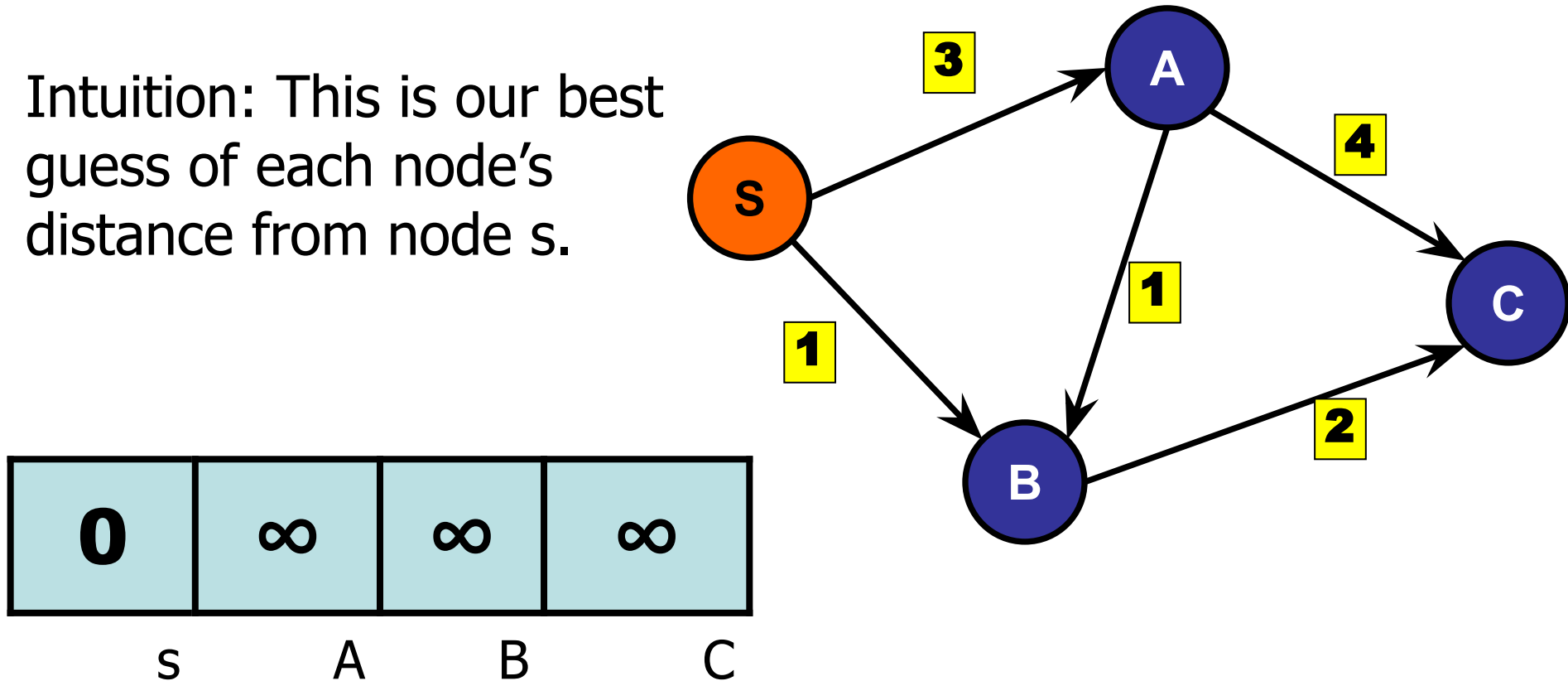
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Intuition: This is our best guess of each node's distance from node s.

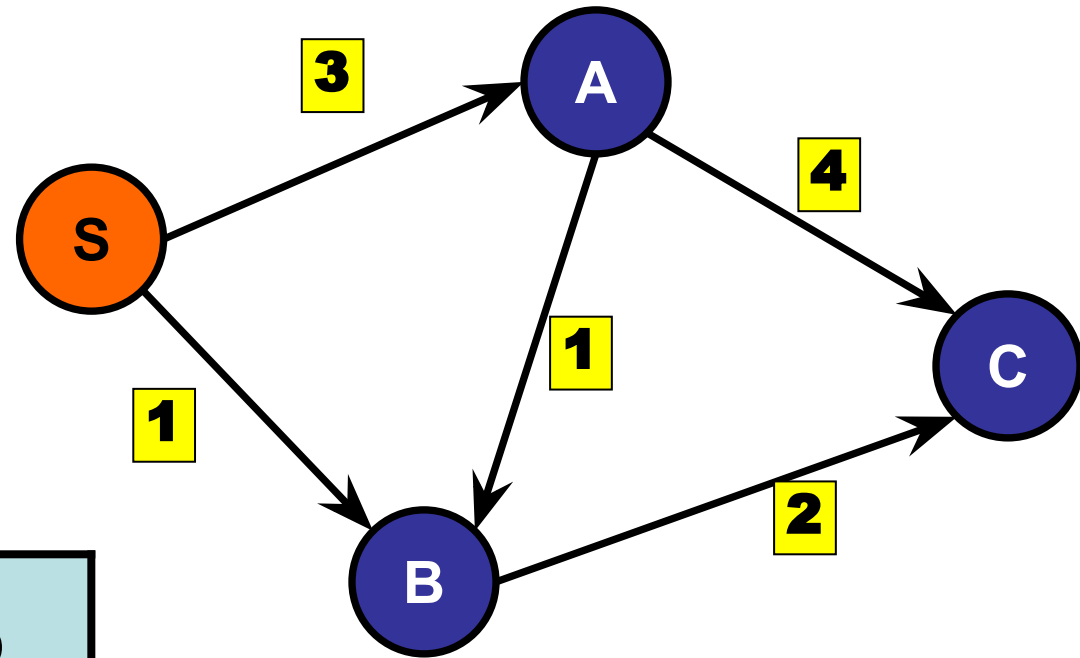


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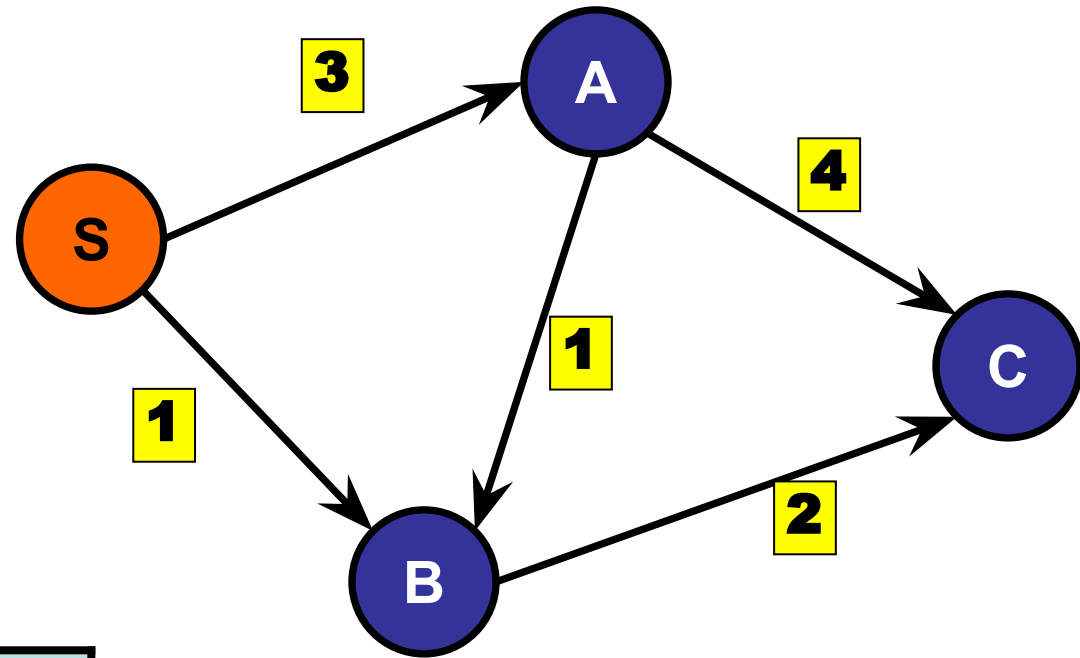
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Because initially we only know that node **s** has distance 0.

Everything else is unknown.



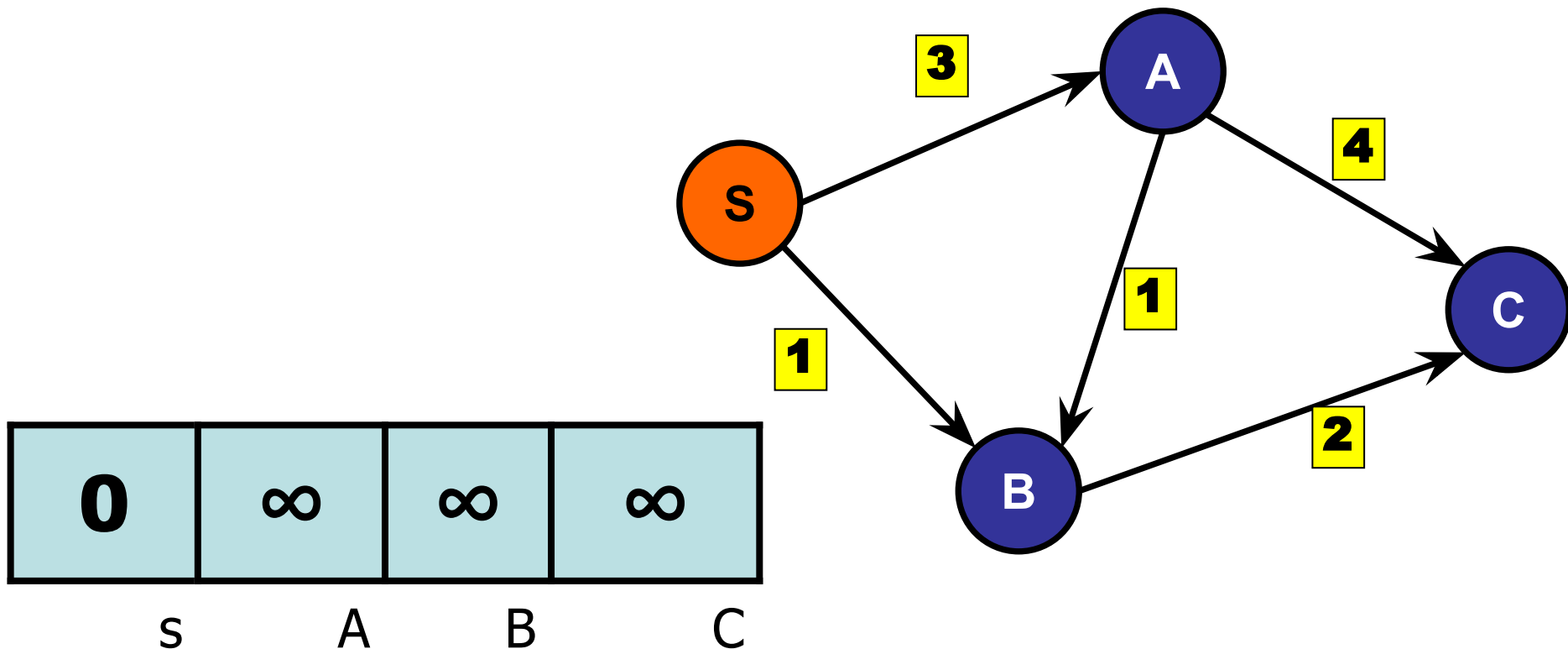
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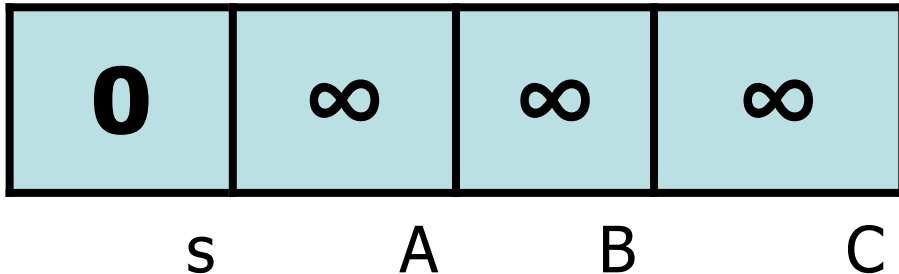
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void relax(int u, int v) {  
    if (dist[v] > dist[u] + weight(u,v))  
        dist[v] = dist[u] + weight(u,v) ;  
}
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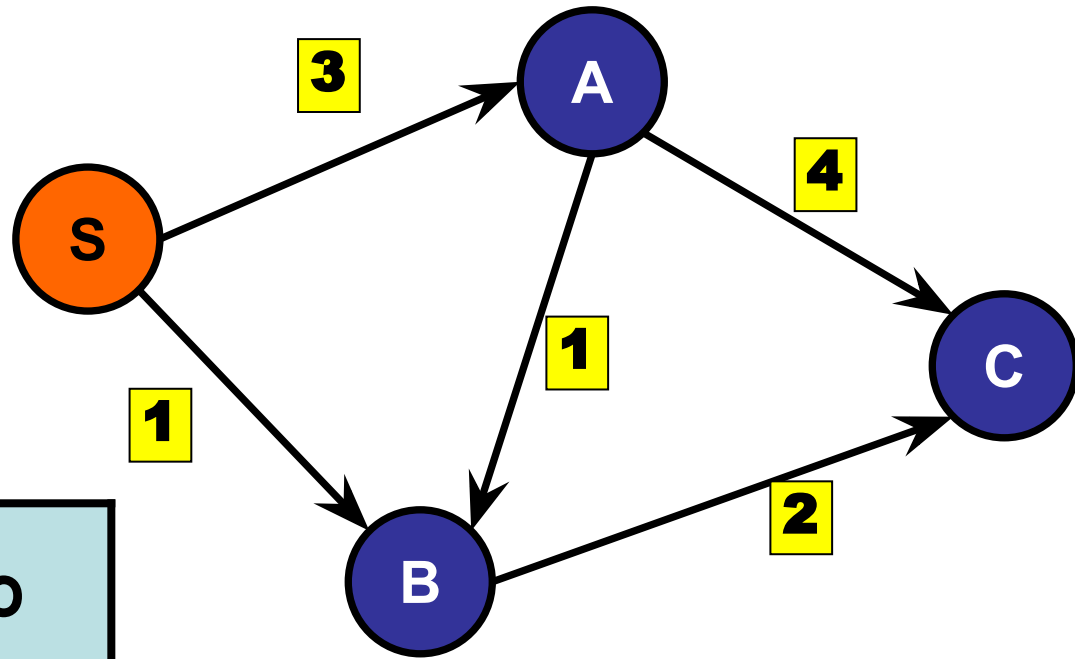
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Intuition:

We want to repeatedly refine our estimates until they're all correct.

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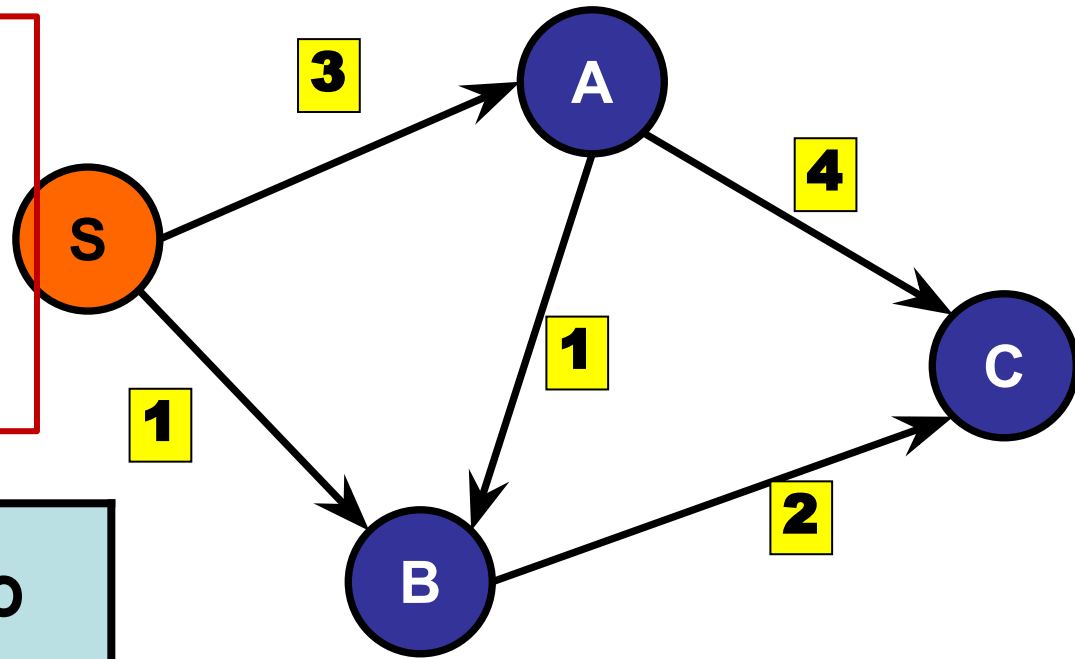
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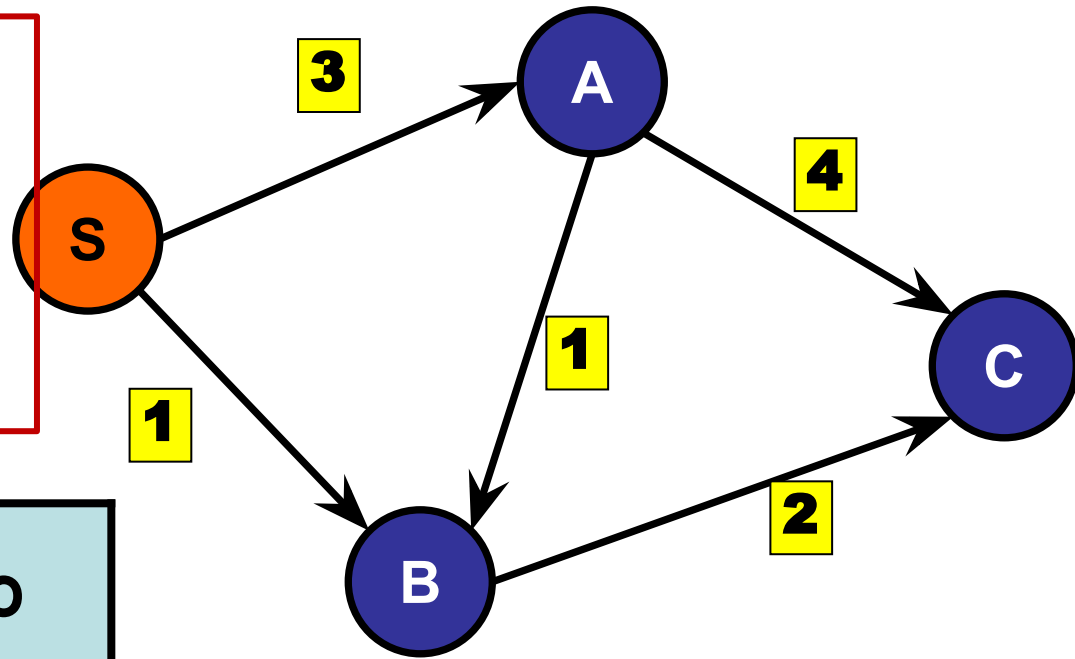
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# The Dijkstra Strategy:

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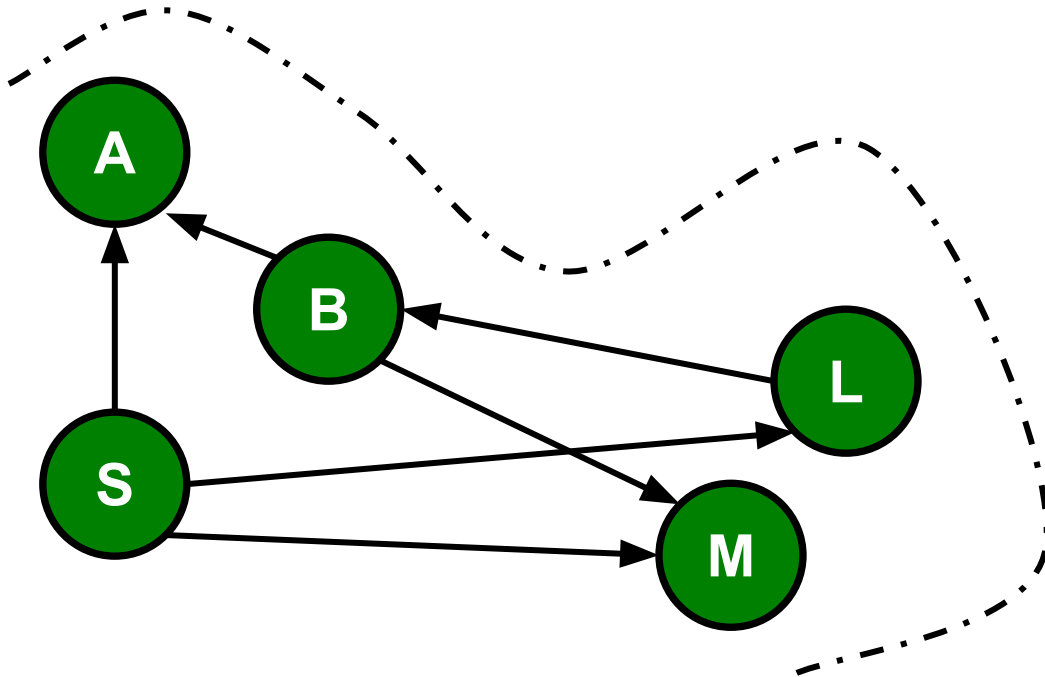
There are a few ways to see Dijkstra's algorithm:

1. Maintaining a “**frontier**” and always visiting the **node** that is **closest** to the **frontier**.  
If we do this, we know what the distance of **node** is from the **source node**.
2. We are basically doing a kind of *BFS*, from the **source node**, except a different kind of traversal due to the **edge weights**.

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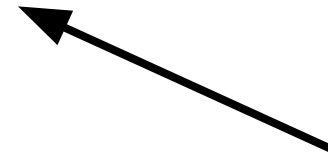
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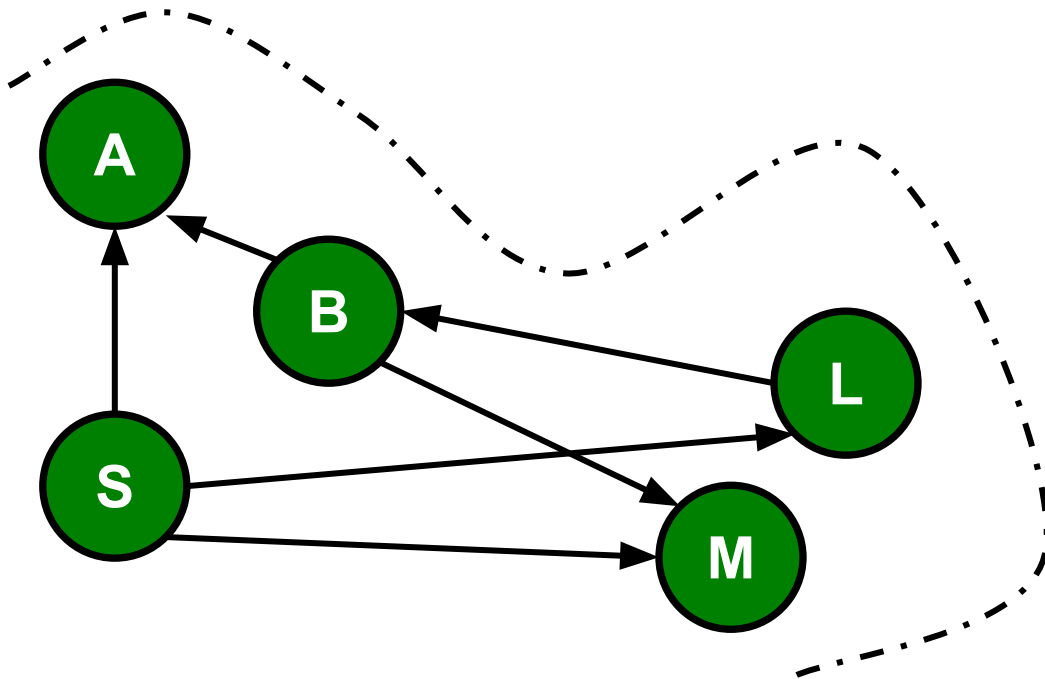
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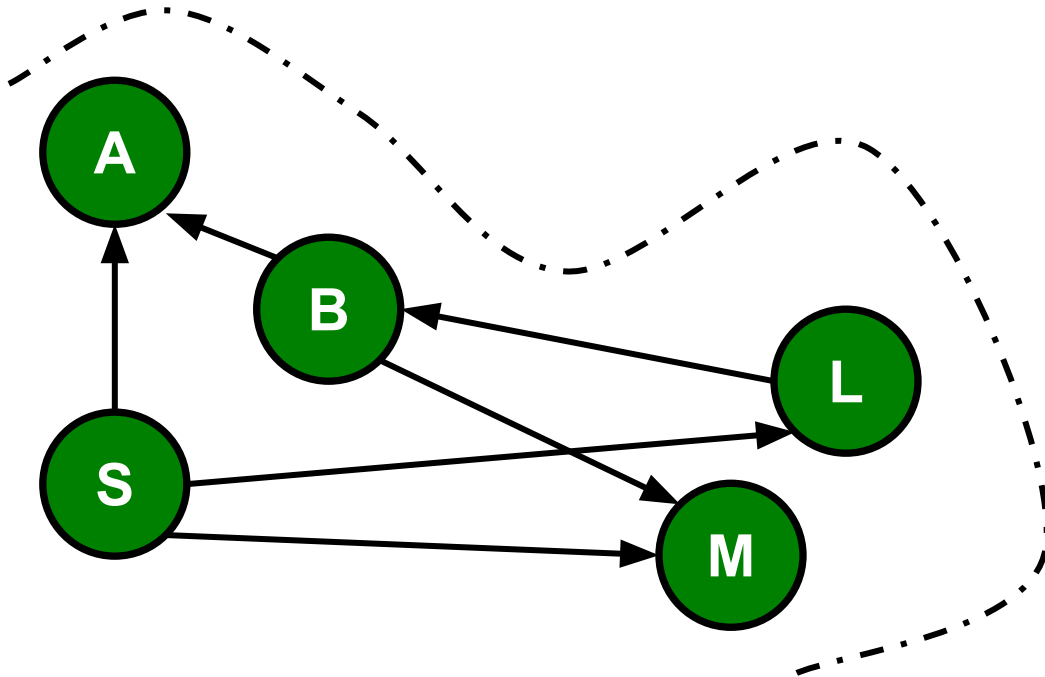




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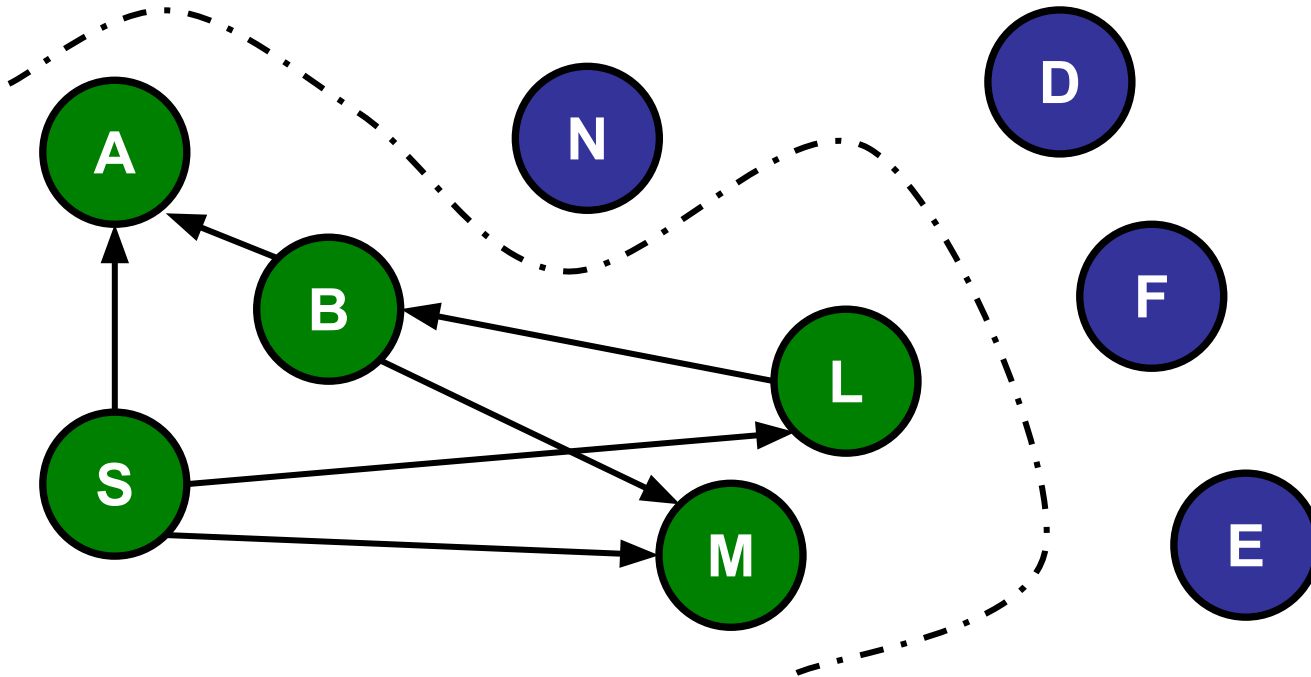
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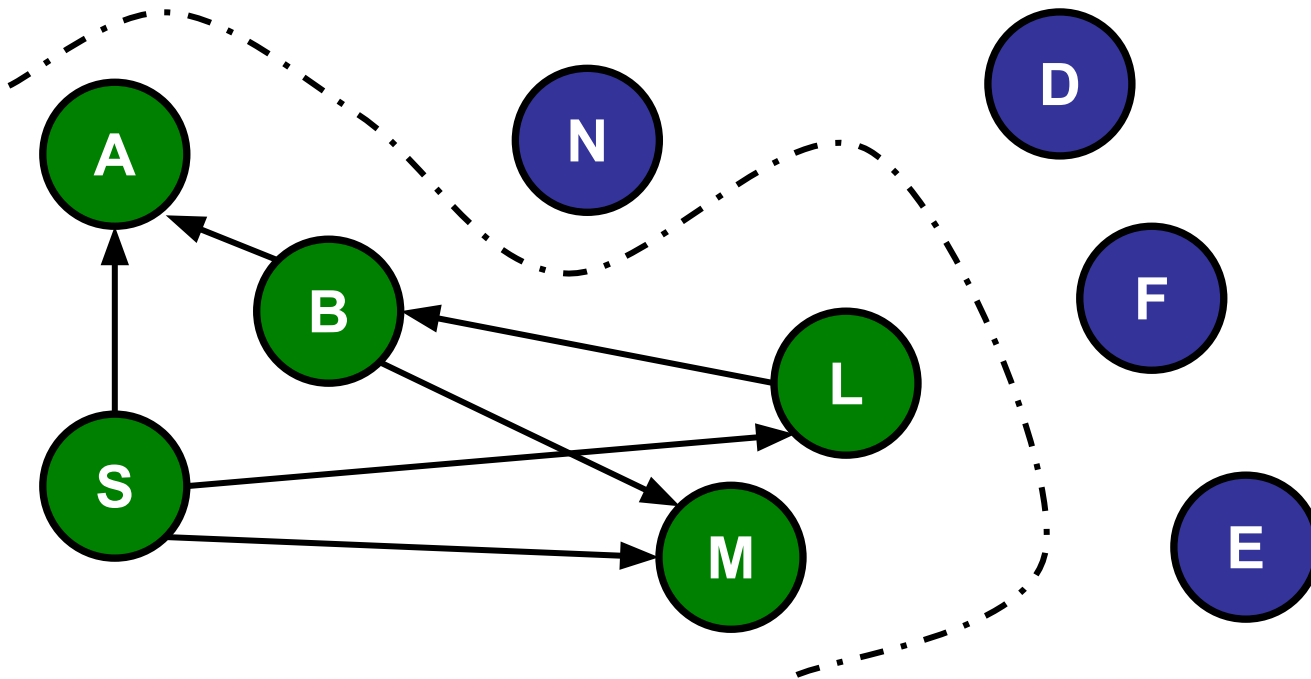


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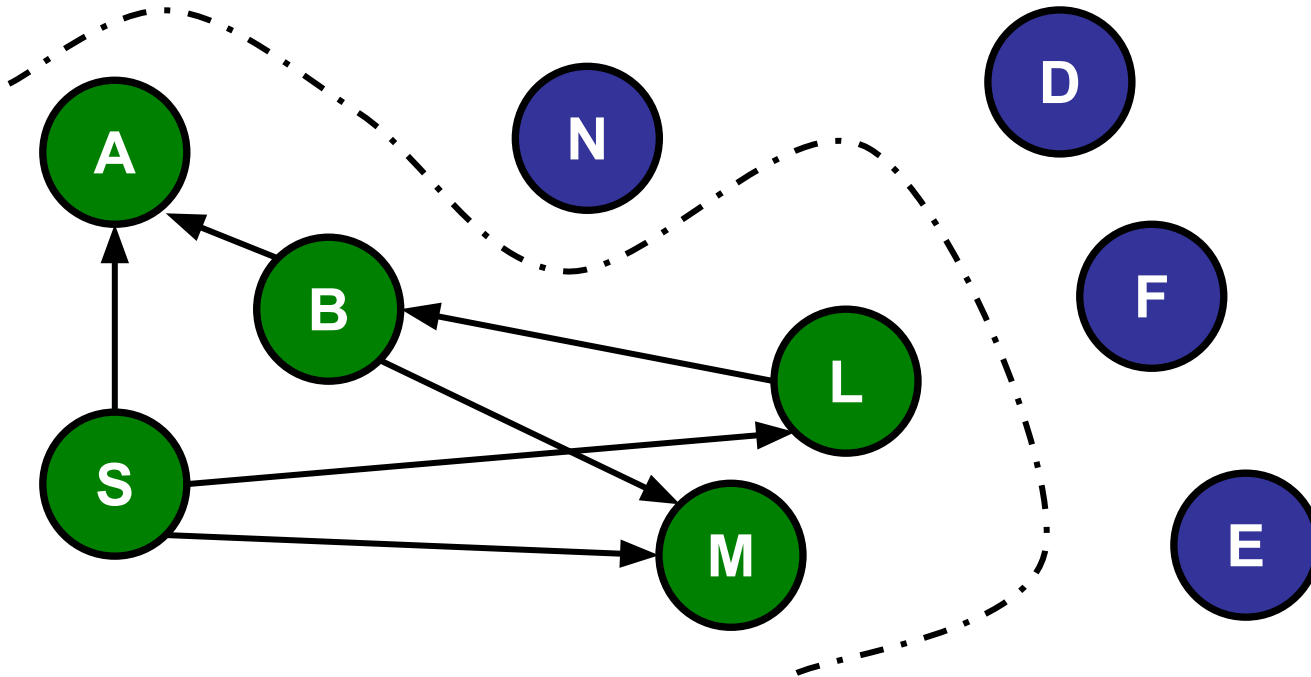
Their **distance estimates** might not be correct yet.



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I.e. smallest distance estimate.

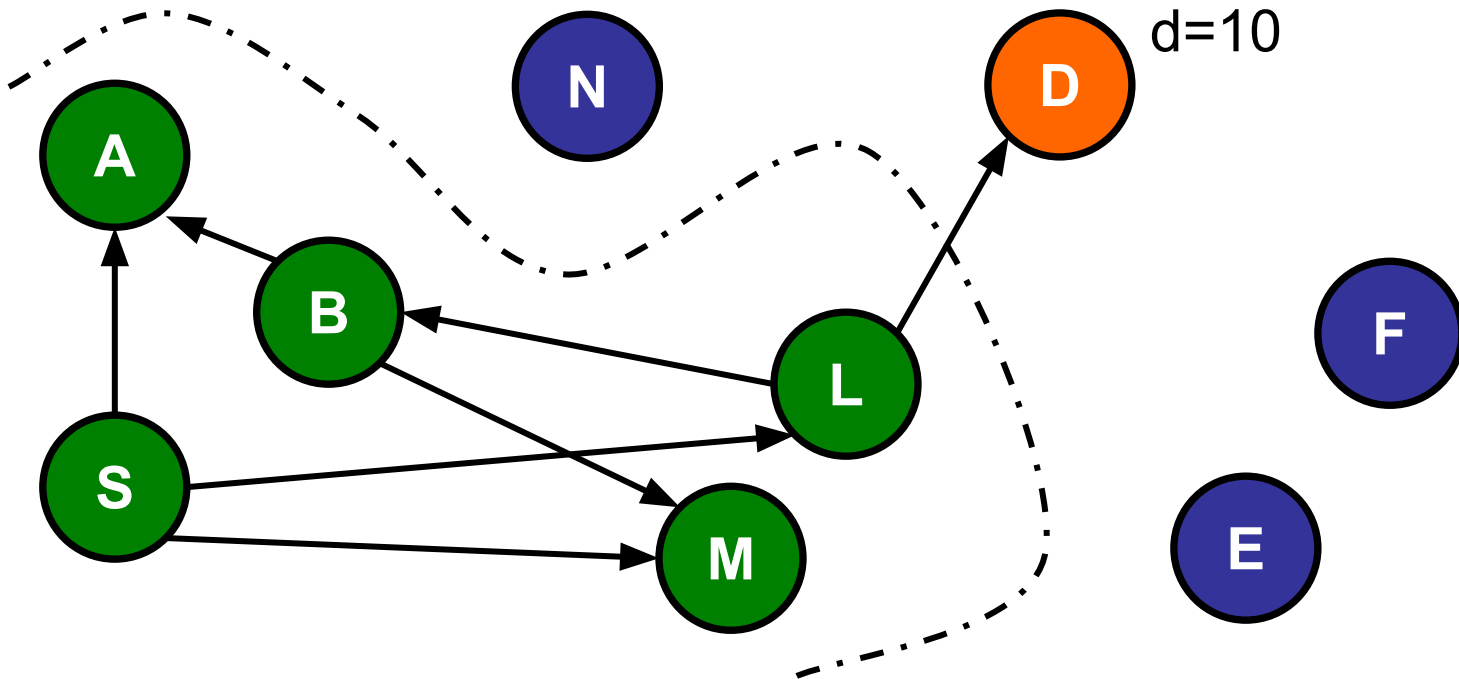


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Let's say we knew the **node** with the smallest **distance estimate**.

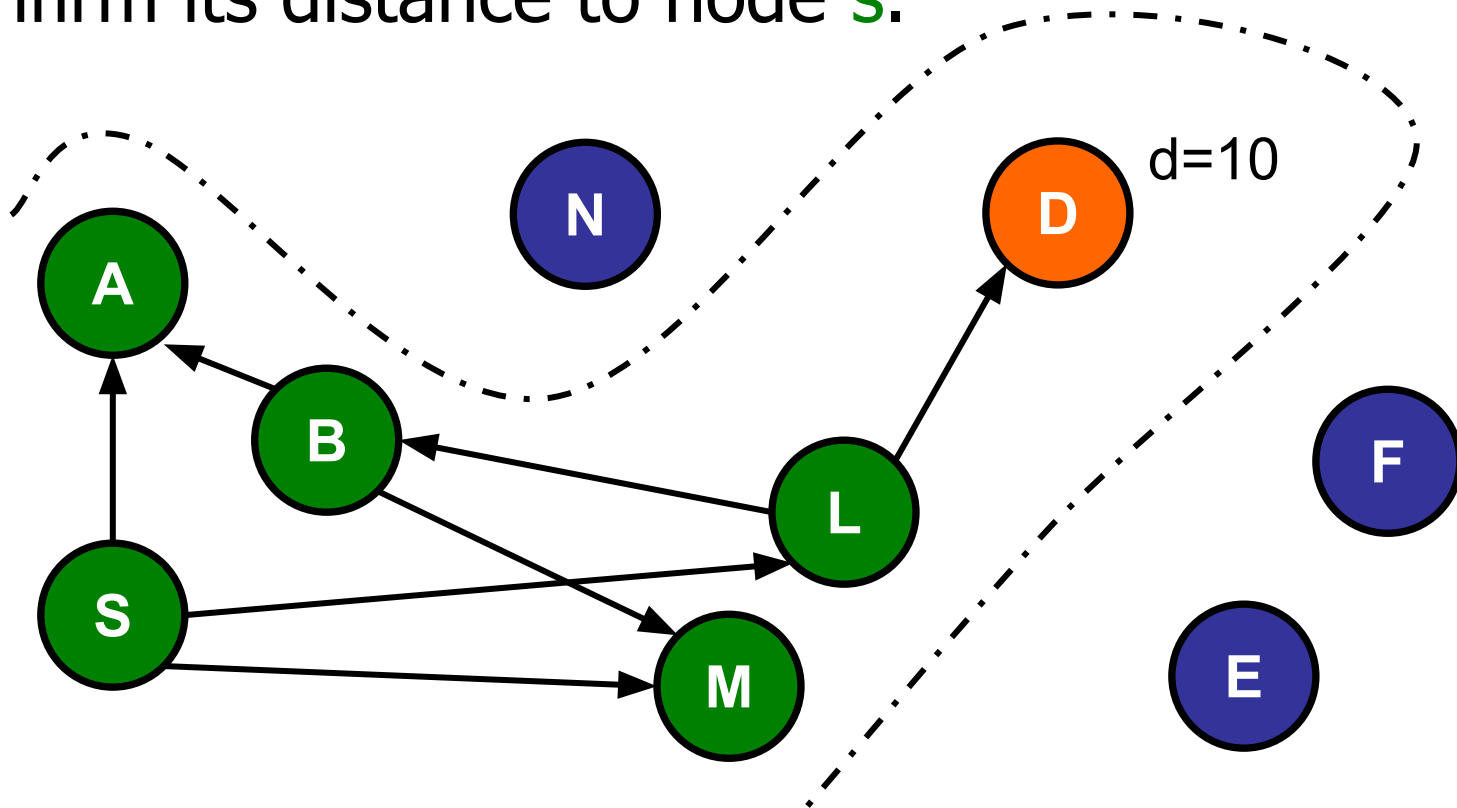


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To grow our **frontier**: we want to pick the next **node** outside of the **frontier** that is **closest** to **s**.

Move the **node** behind the **frontier**.

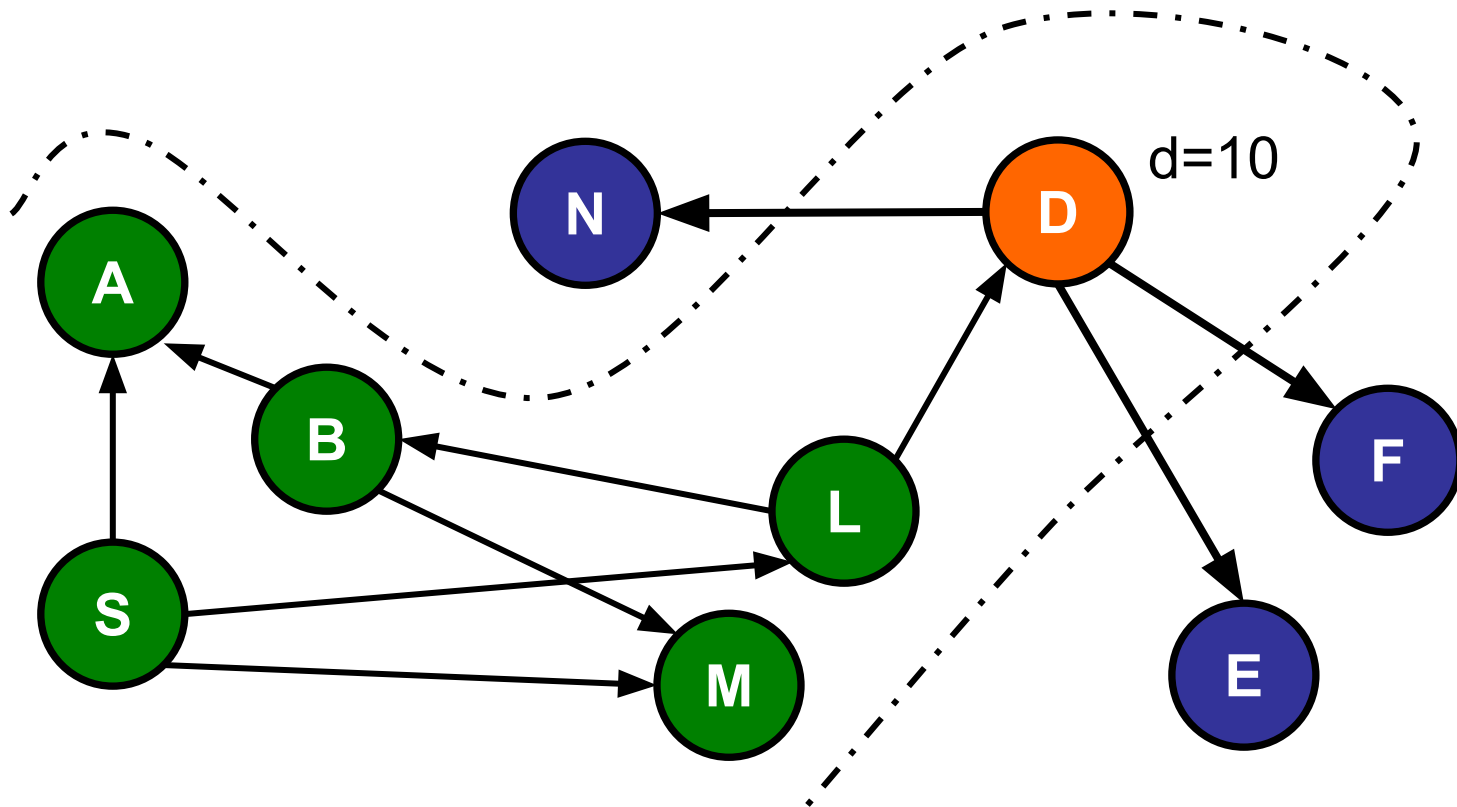
Confirm its distance to node **s**.



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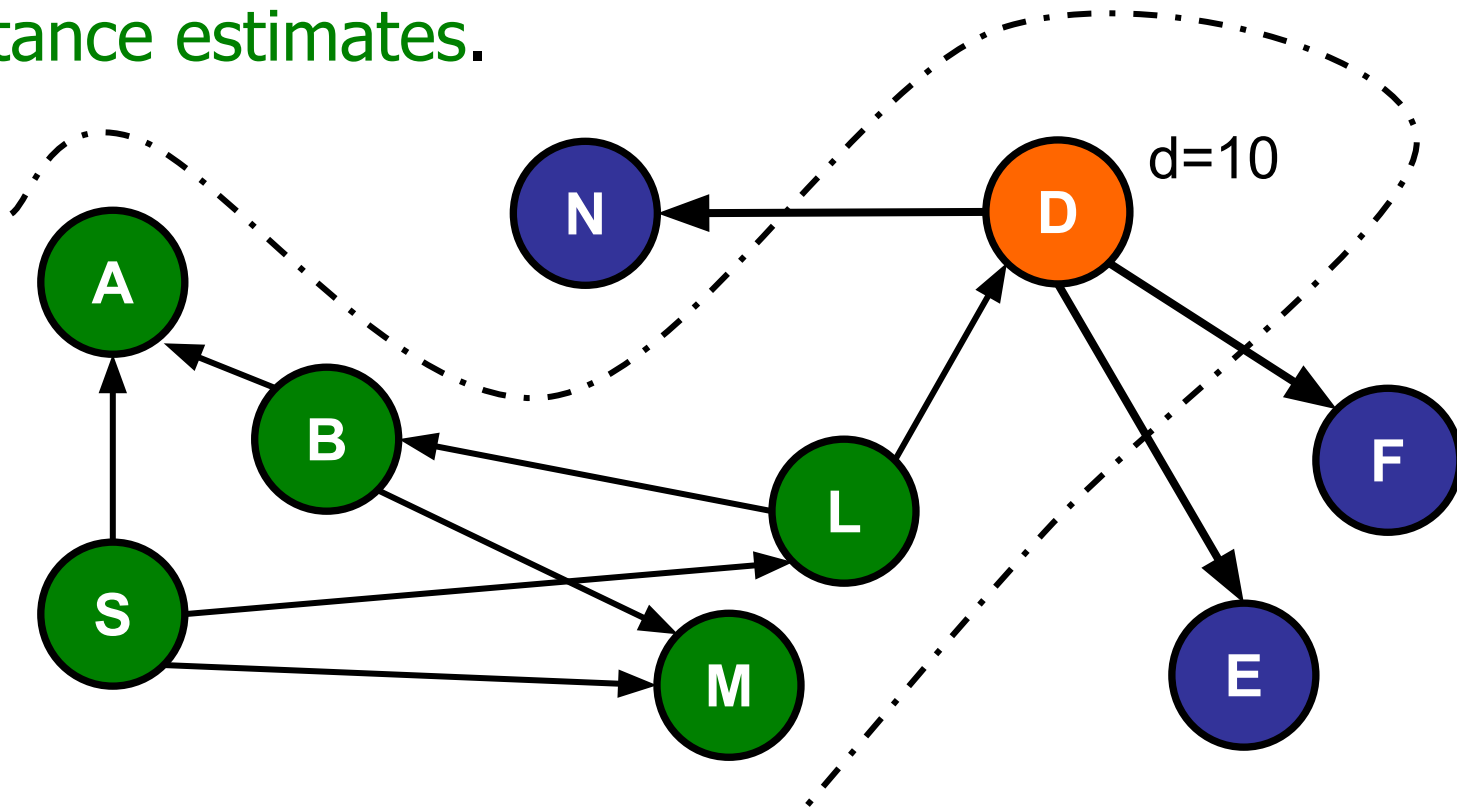
How do the estimates of the **neighbours** change?



# Intuition 1: Closest to Frontier

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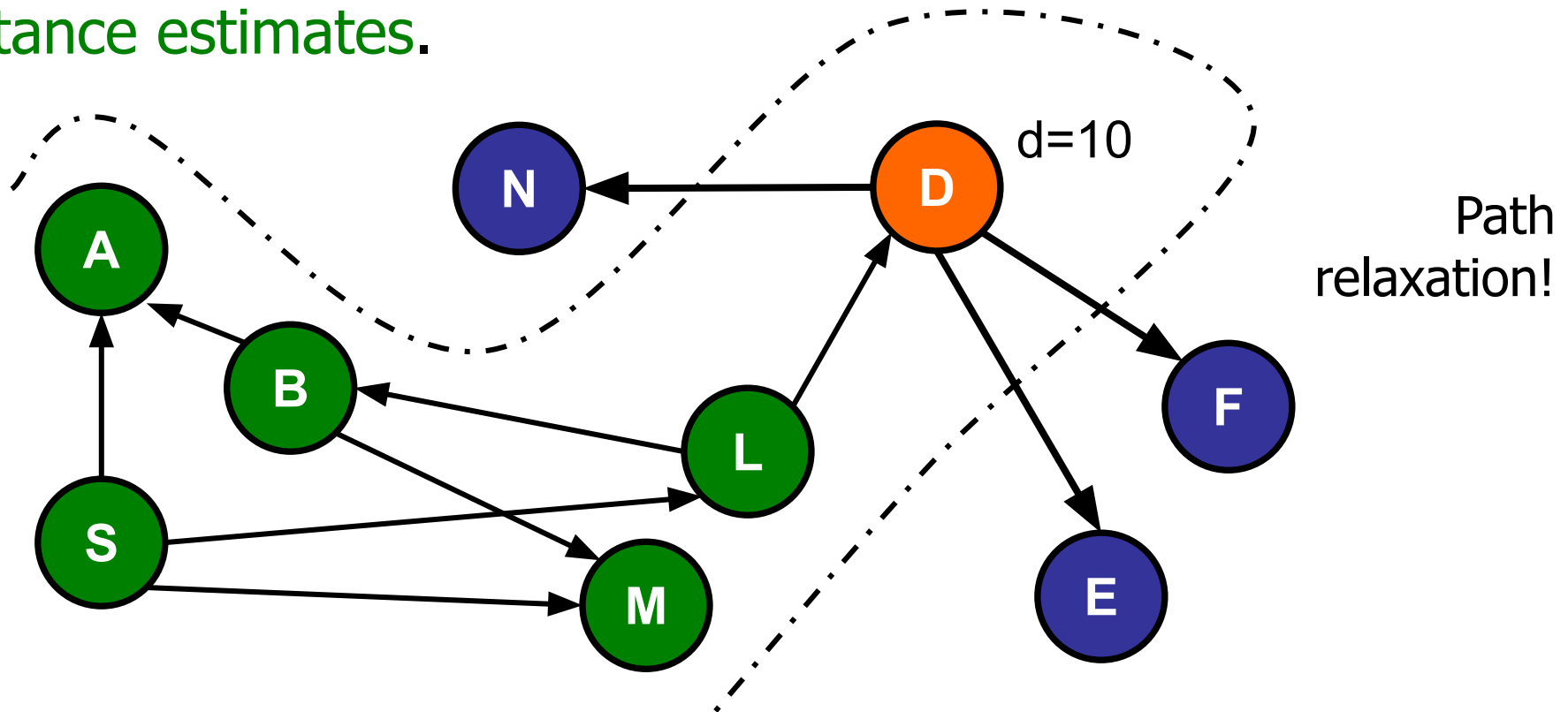




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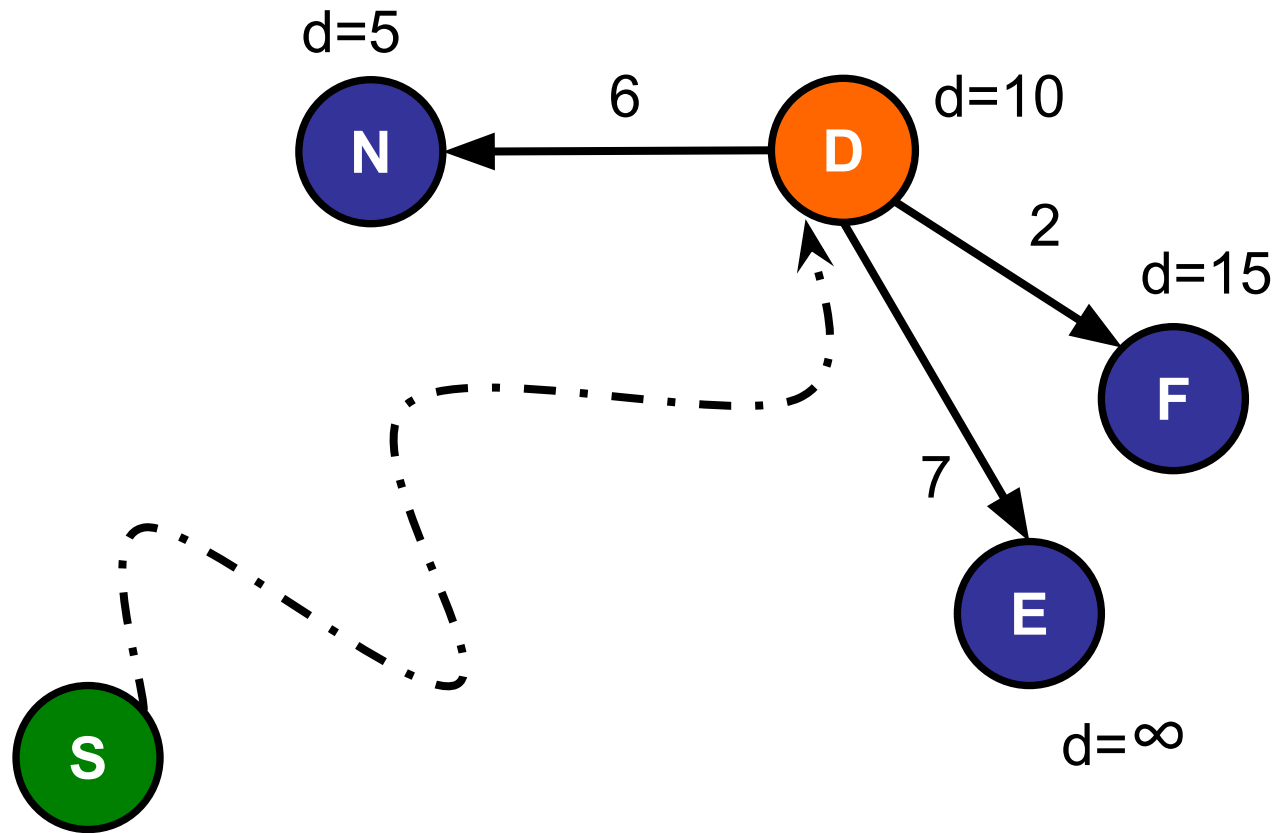
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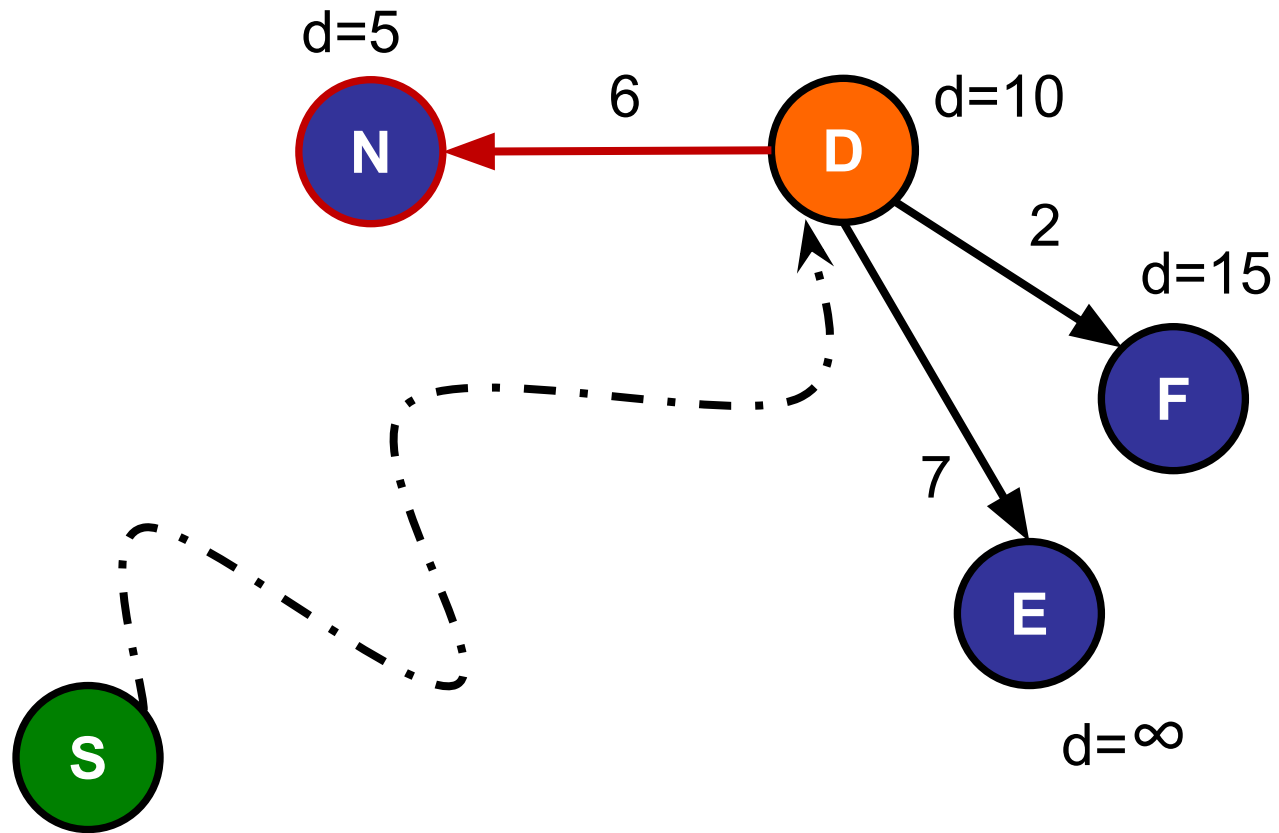
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Run through all neighbours, relax all neighbours.



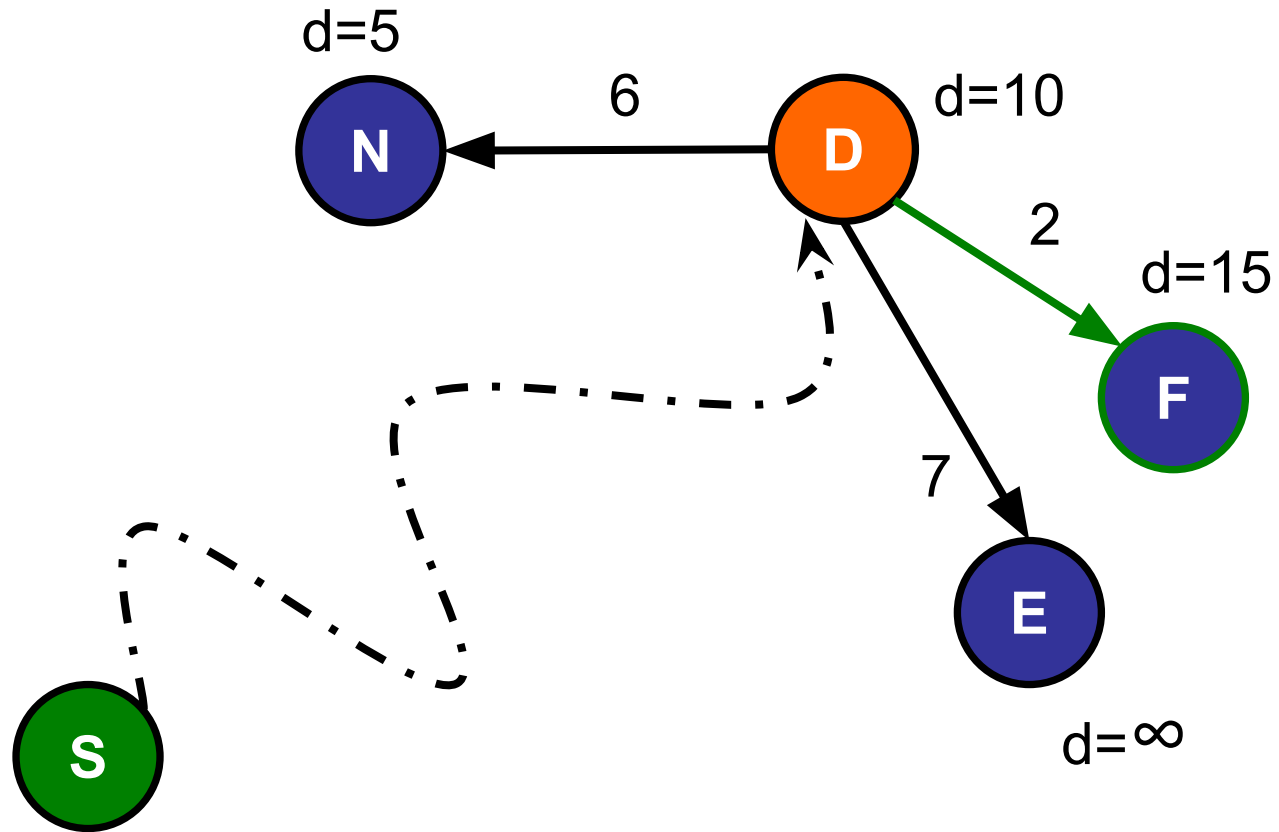
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$10 + 6 > 5$ . No change.



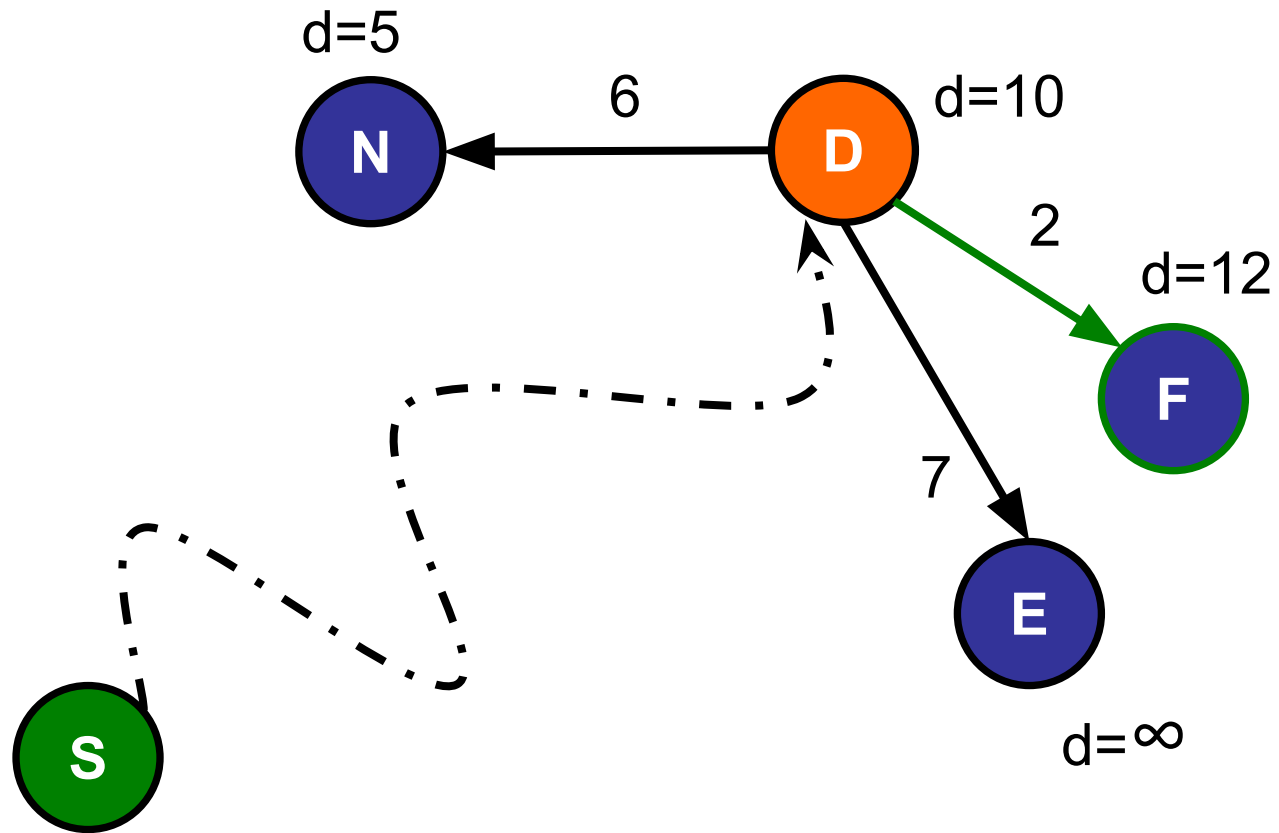
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$10 + 2 < 15$ . Path relaxation!



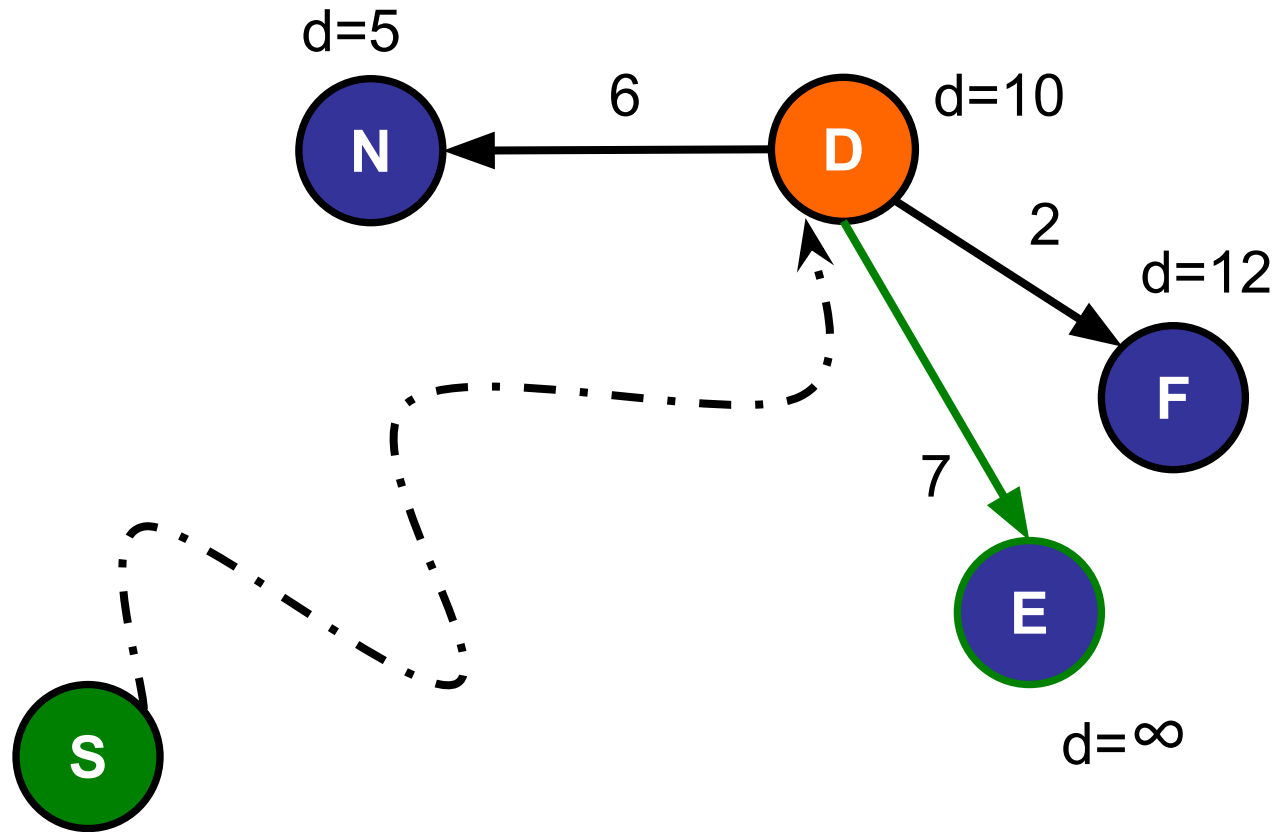
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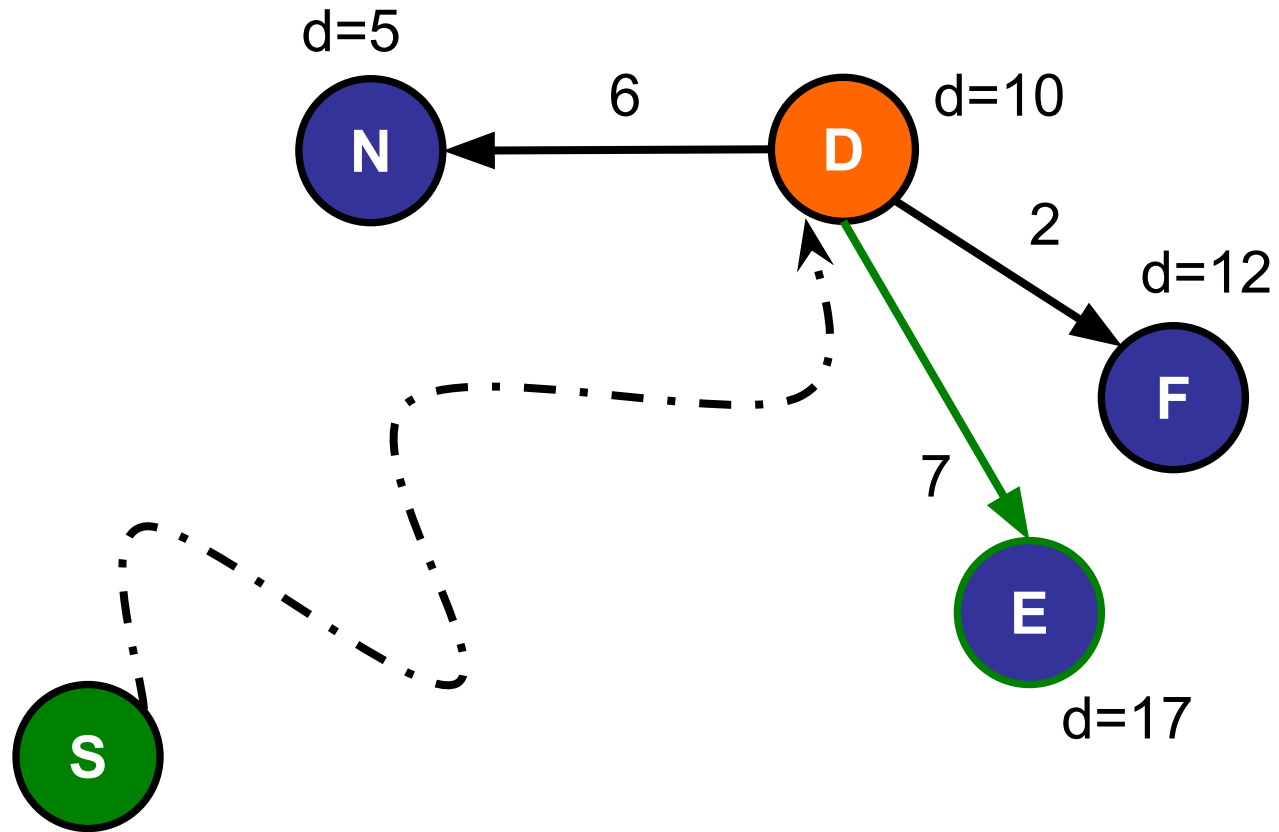
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$10 + 7 < \infty$ . Path relaxation!



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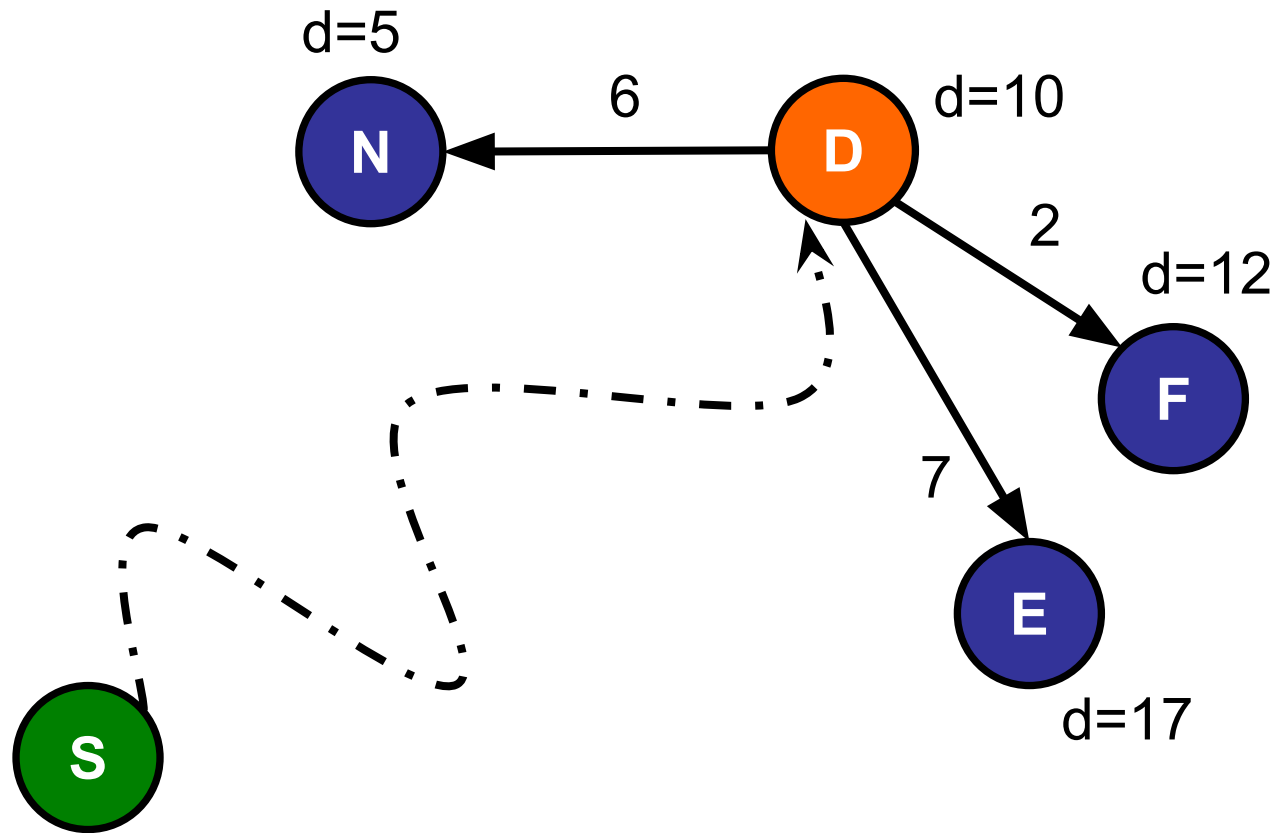
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Done relaxing paths to all neighbours.

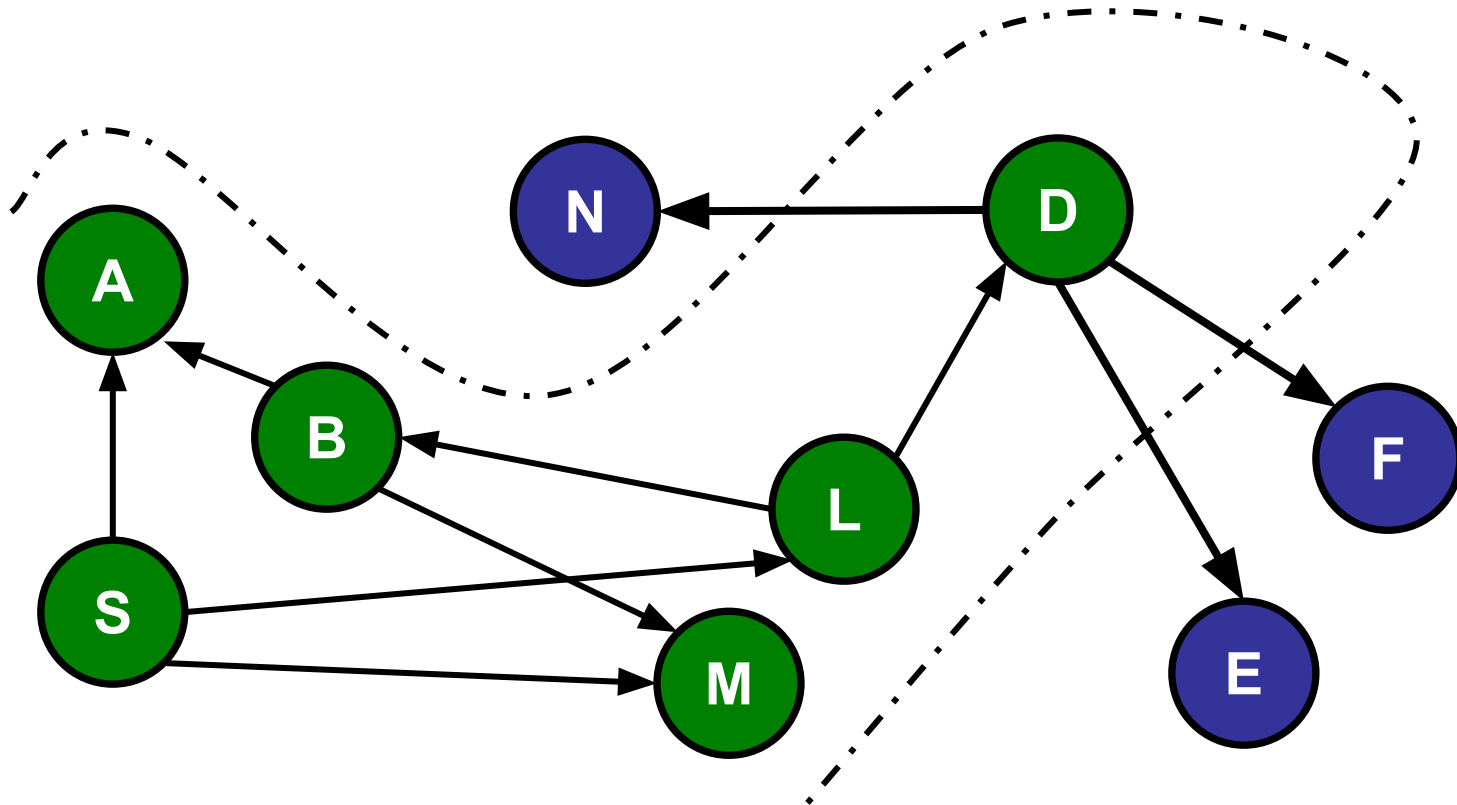




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To grow our **frontier**: we want to pick the next **node** outside of the **frontier** that is **closest** to **s**.

After relaxing path to all **neighbours**, try to add another **neighbour** behind **frontier** again. Until all nodes are added.



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Pseudocode: (Set up)

1. Create priority queue  $pq$  where the **priority** is based on our **distance estimate**.
2. Insert all  $n$  nodes, all with priority  $\infty$ .
3. Decrease the **priority** of **source node** to  $0$ .
4. Create array  $dist$  where all values are  $\infty$ .

If we also want to know the exact paths themselves, as usual make a parent pointer array like before (c.f. the BFS idea from last week).

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**dist** stores the finalised distances.

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**pq** is a min priority queue



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## Pseudocode: (Loop)

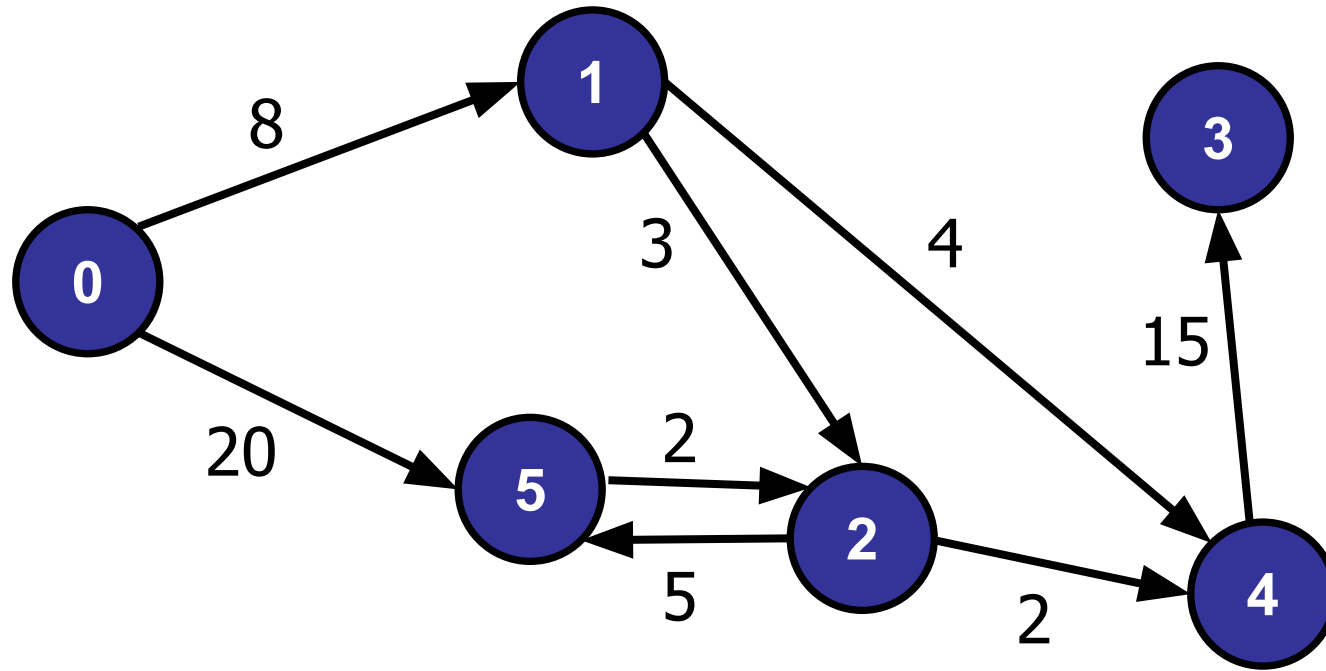
while **pq is not empty**:

1. Extract minimum out of **pq**, call it **curr\_node**.
2. **dist[curr\_node]** = extracted minimum distance.
3. For all neighbours **neigh\_node** of **curr\_node**:
  - a. If **pq does not contain neigh\_node**: Skip!
  - b. If **dist[curr\_node] + w(curr\_node, neigh\_node)**  
    < **priority** of **neigh\_node**:

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    pq.decreasePriority(  
        neigh_node,  
        dist[curr_node] + w(curr_node, neigh_node)  
    )
```

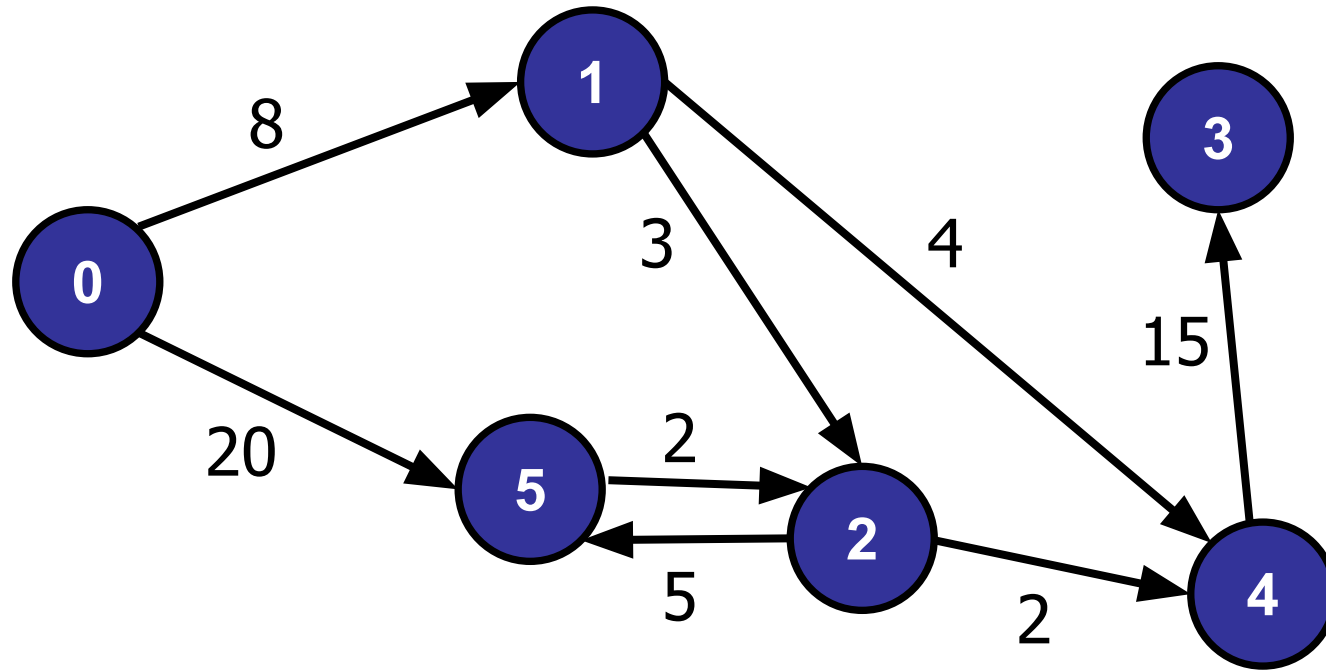
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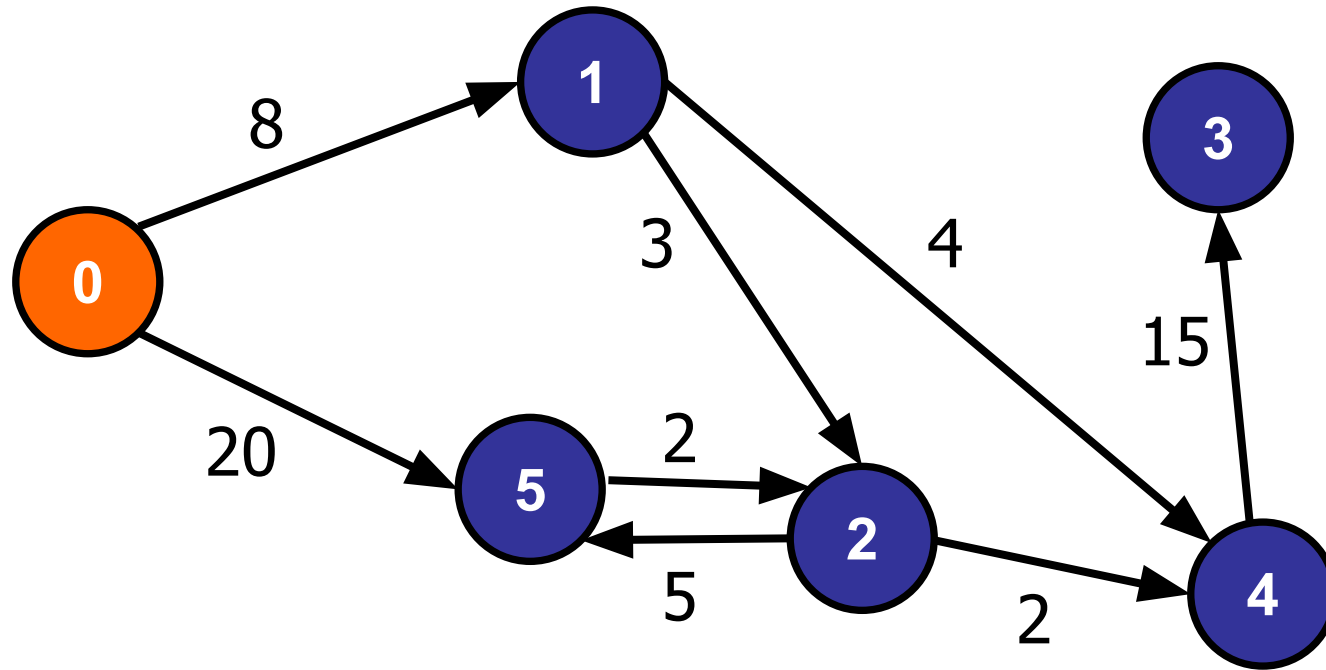
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distance estimates:

0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
0	1	2	3	4	5

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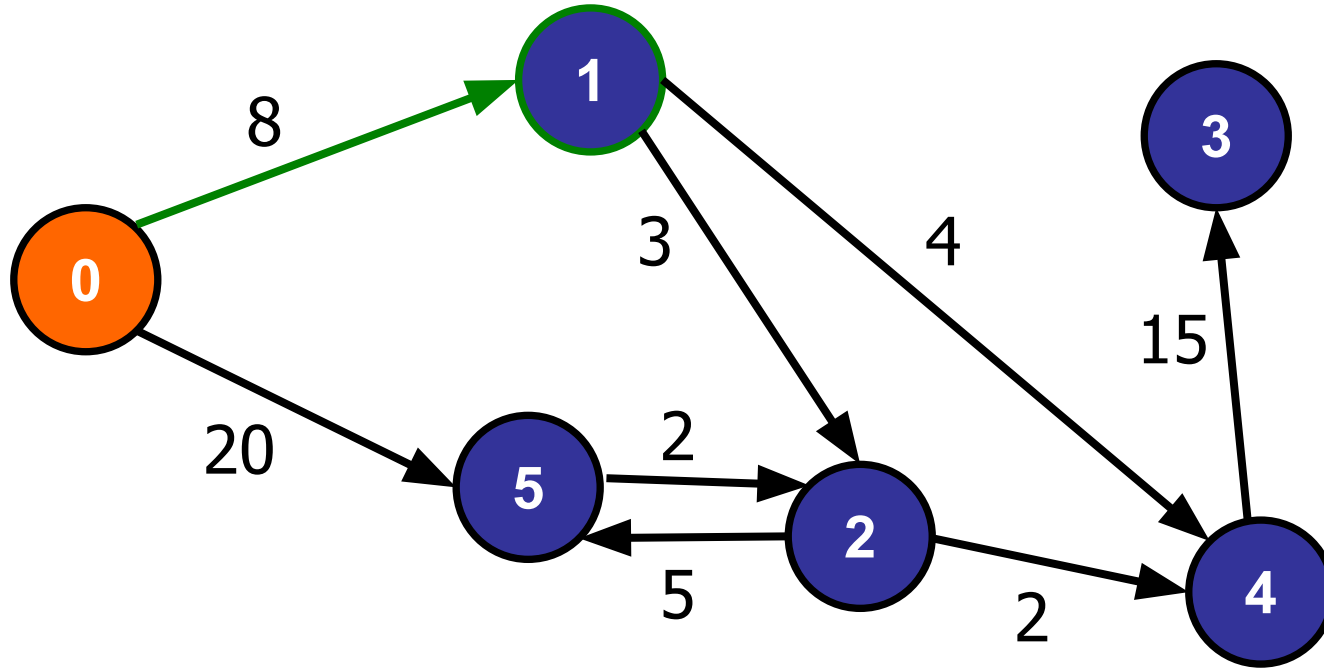


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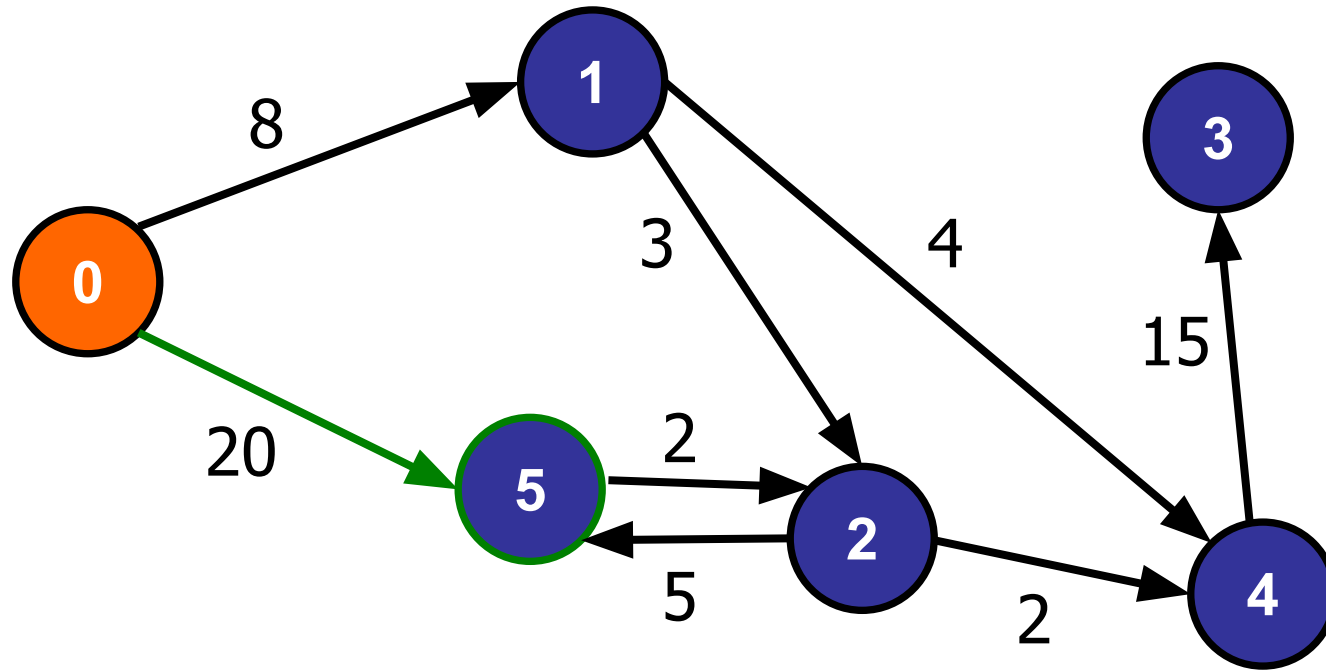
0	8	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
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$$0 + 8 < \infty$$

Decrease prio for node 1!

New priority: 8

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distance estimates:

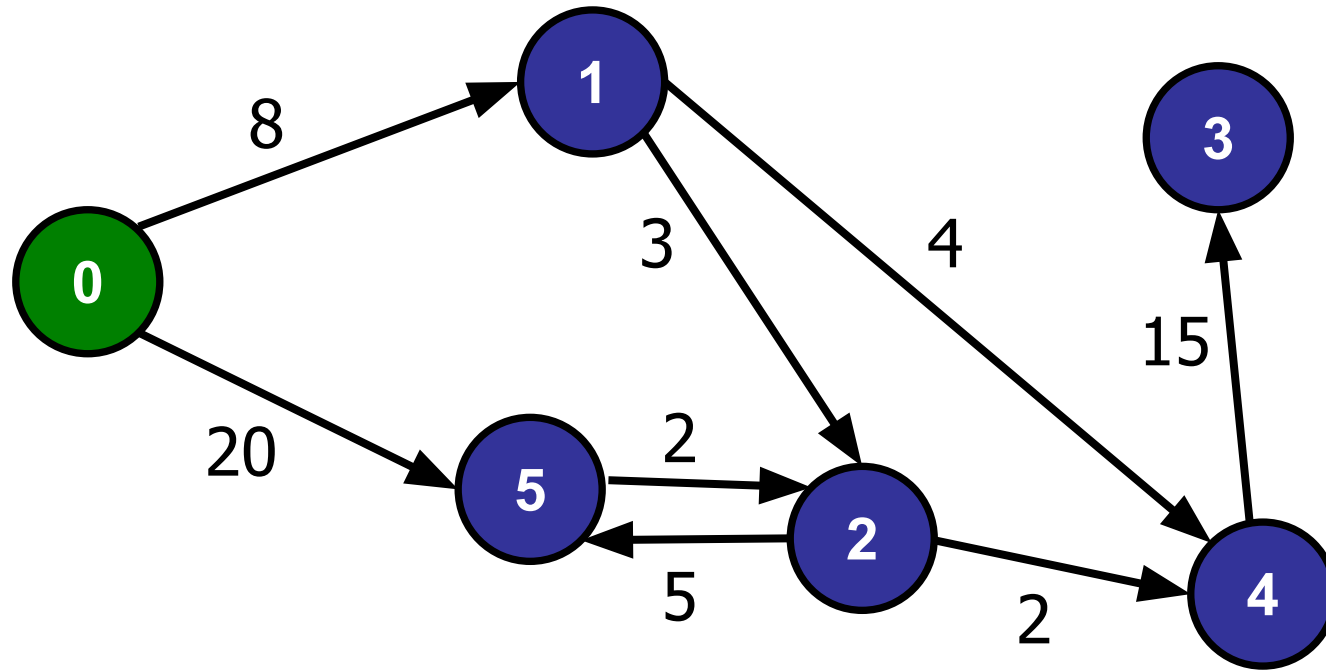
0	8	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	20
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$$0 + 20 < \infty$$

Decrease prio for node 5!

New priority: 20

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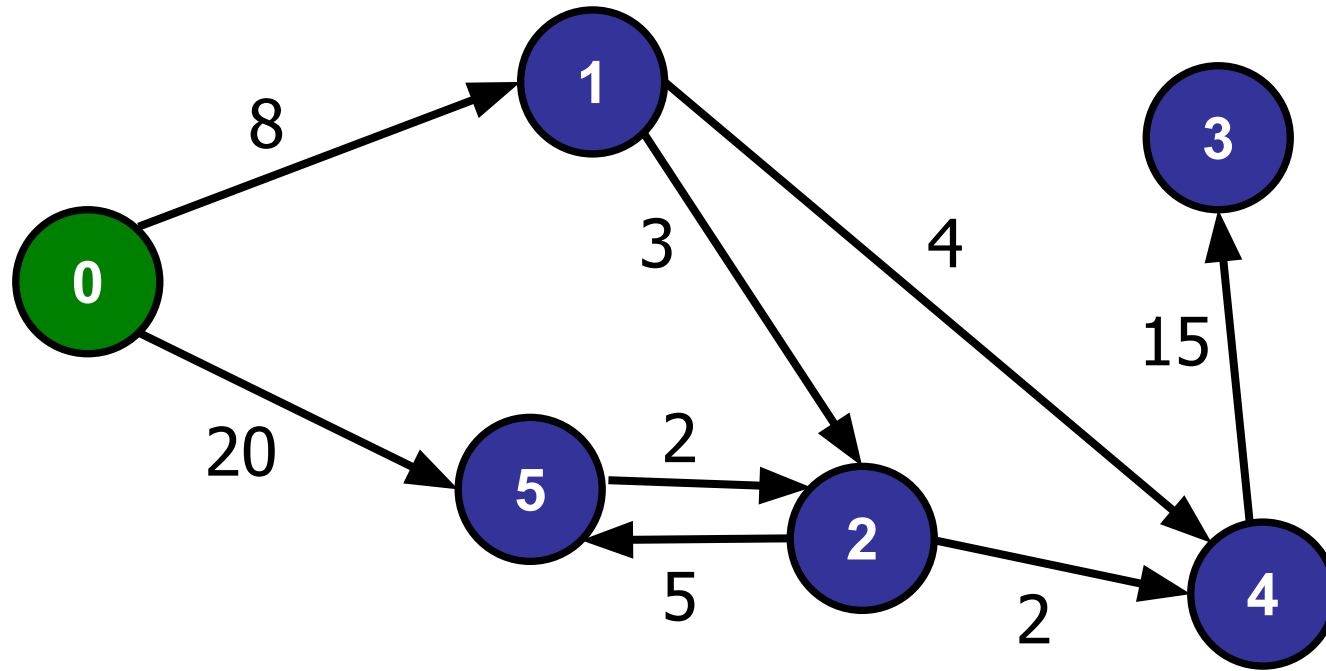


Done with node 0.

distance estimates:

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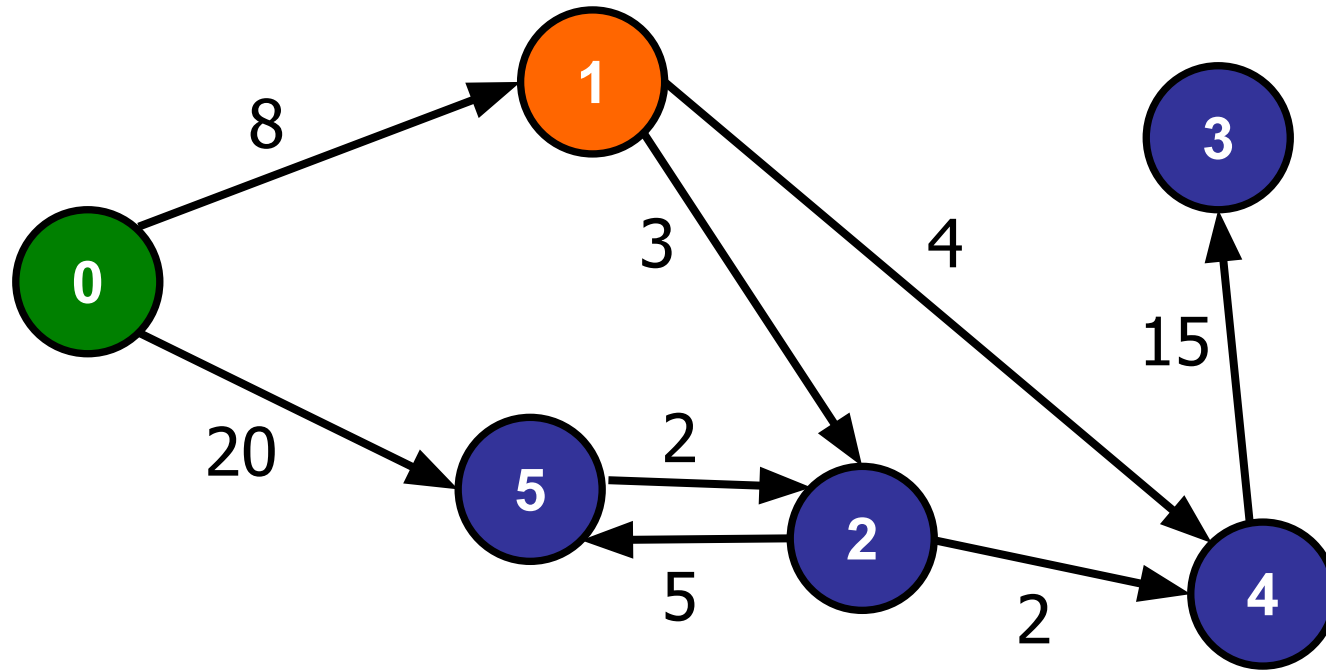
Next smallest node: 1

distance estimates:

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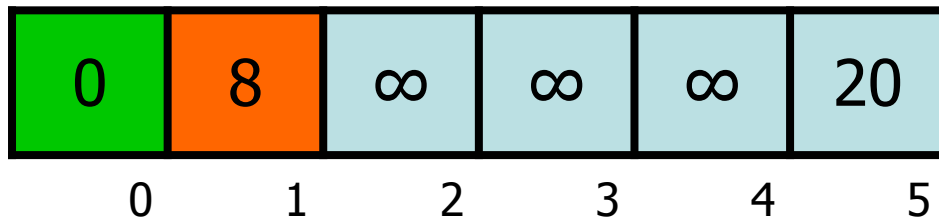
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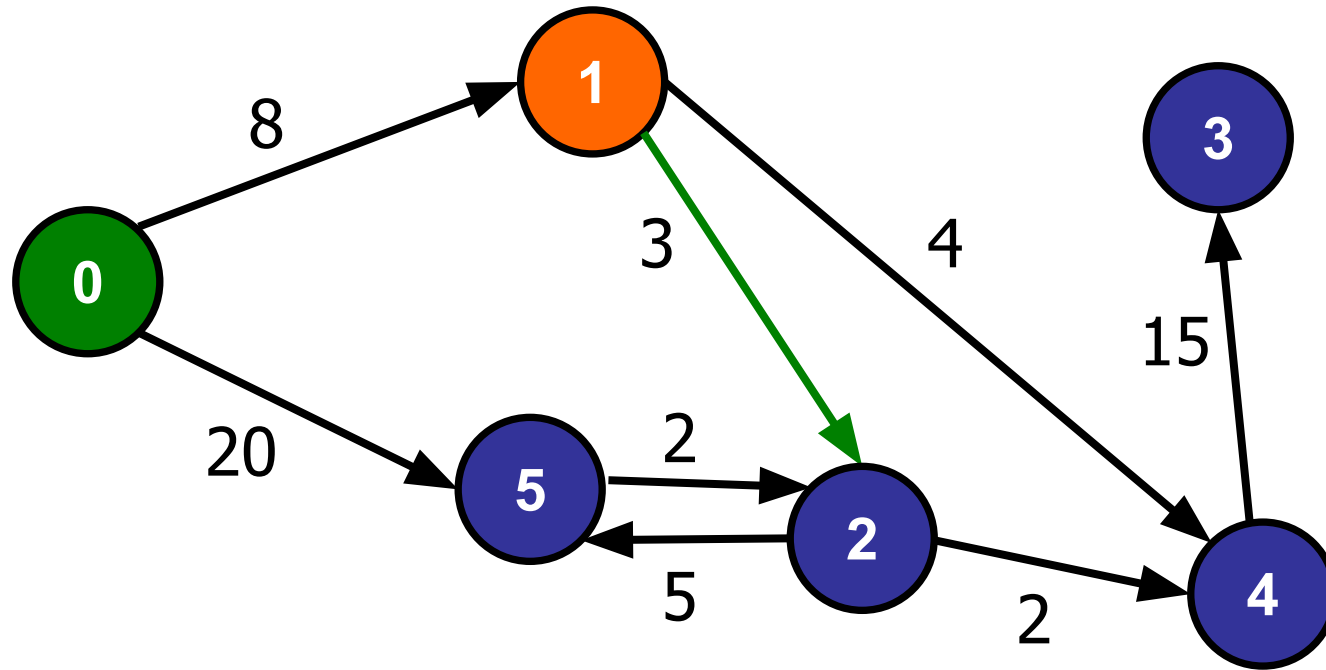


Relax all neighbours.

distance estimates:

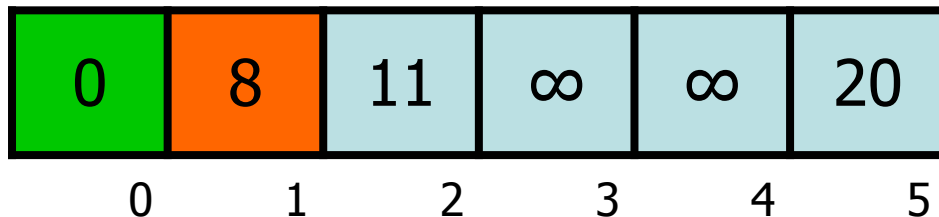


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$$8 + 3 < \infty$$

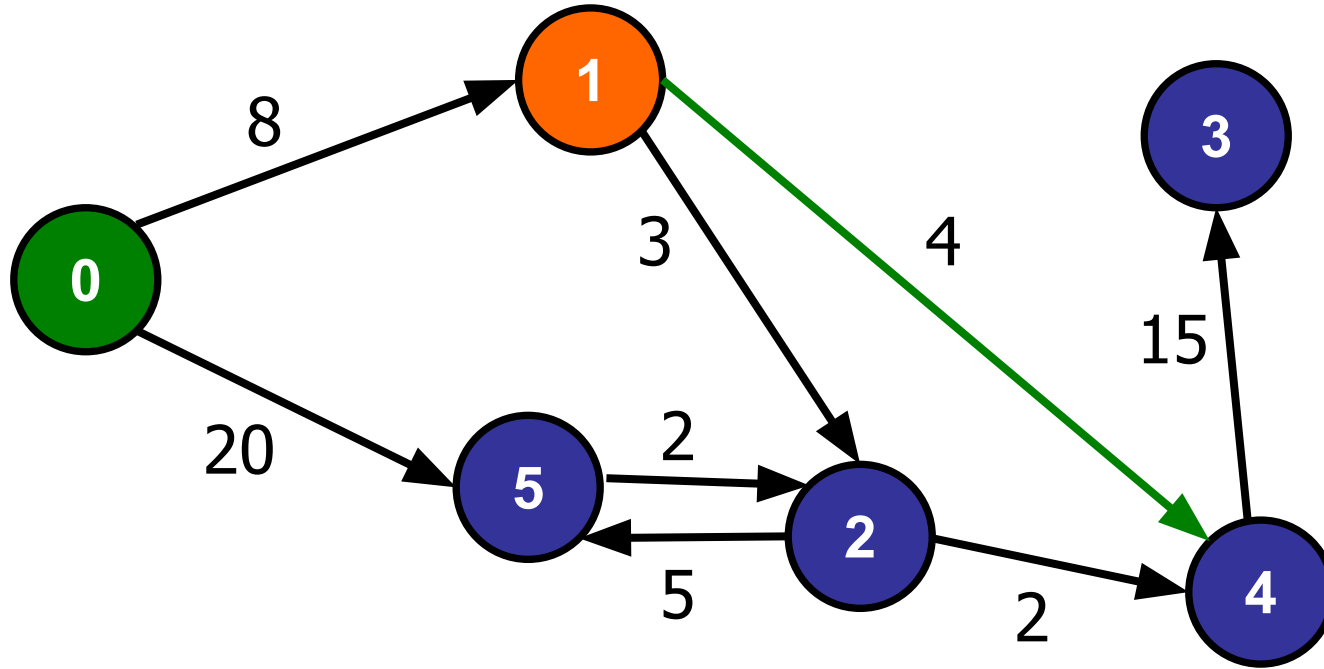
distance estimates:



Decrease prio for node 2!

New priority: 11

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$$8 + 4 < \infty$$

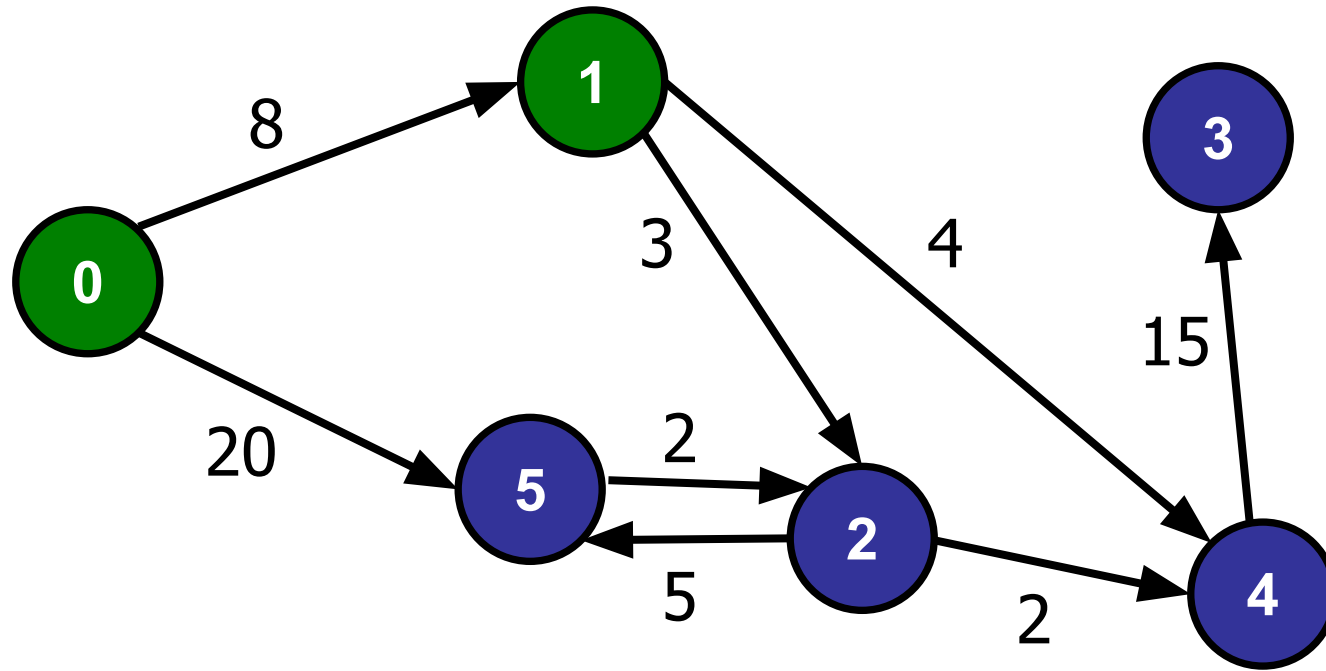
distance estimates:

0	8	11	$\infty$	12	20
0	1	2	3	4	5

Decrease prio for node 4!

New priority: 12

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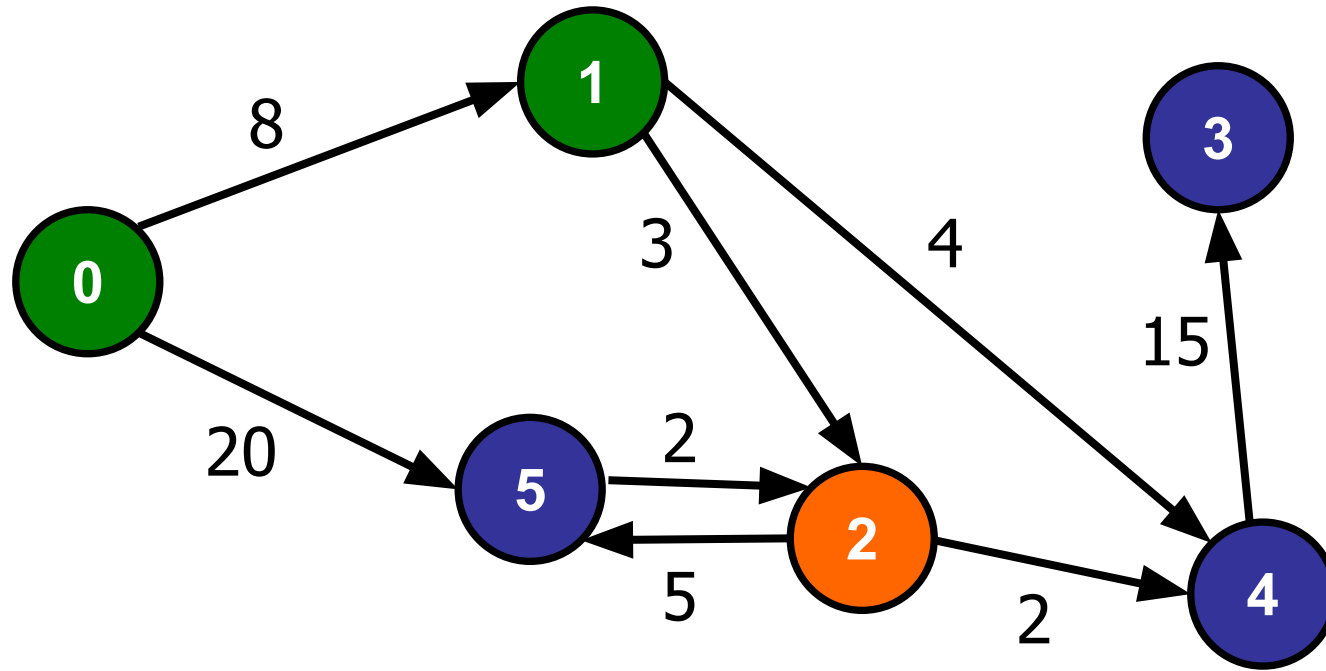
Done with node 1.

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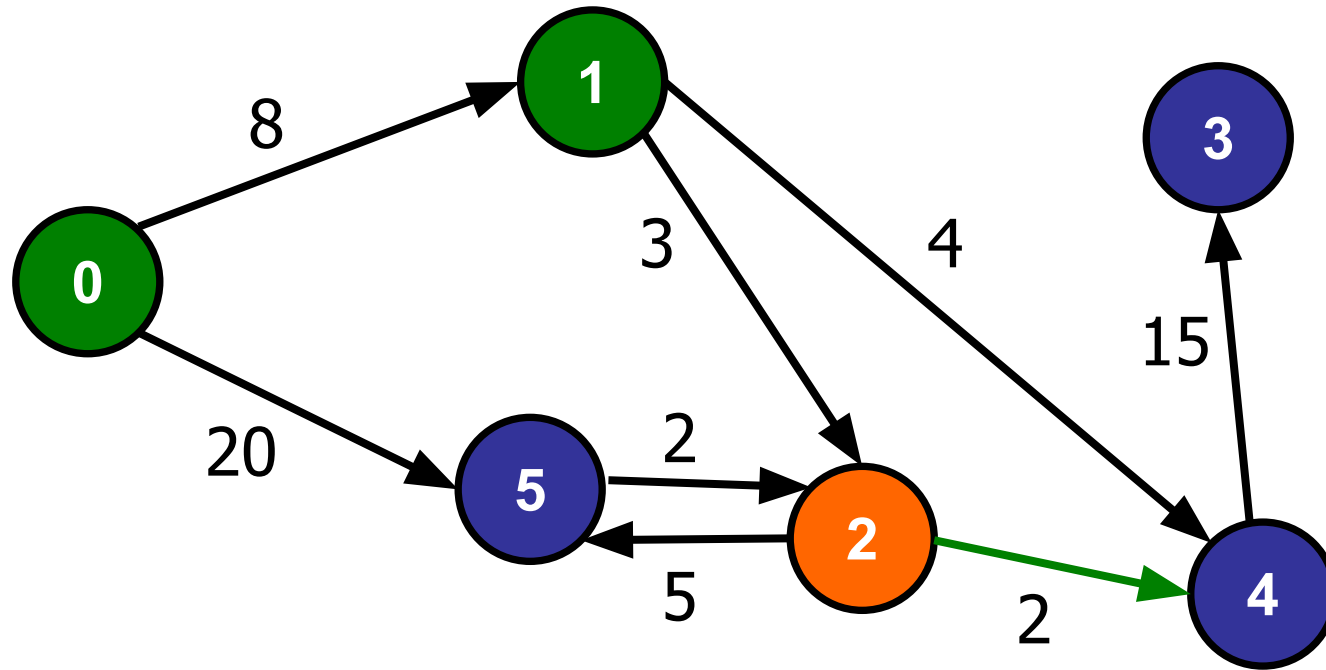


Next smallest node: 2

distance estimates:

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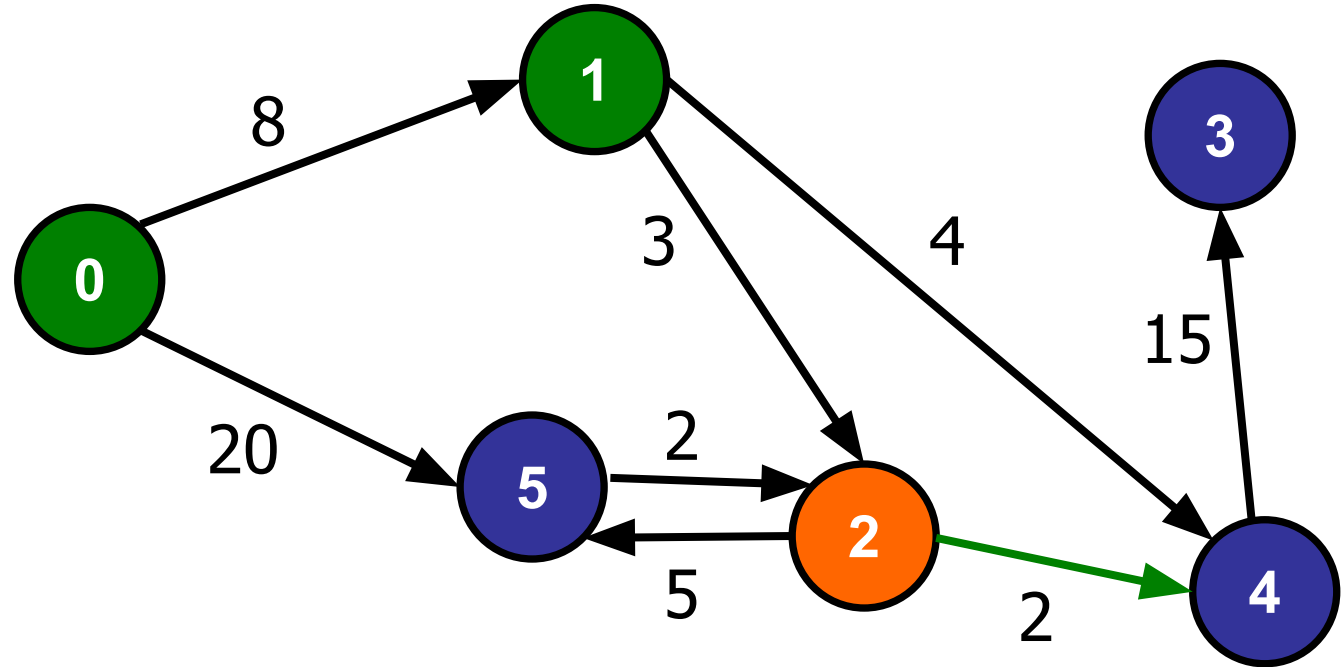


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What should the distance estimate for node 4 be?

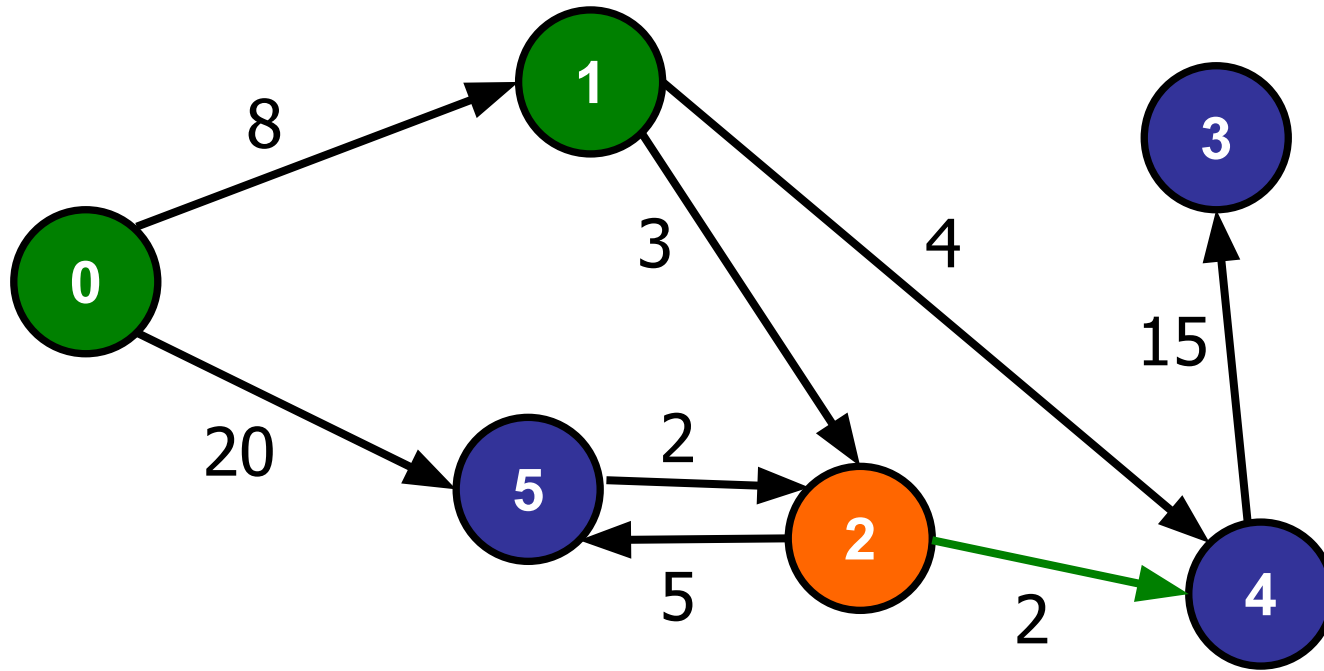


1. 13
- ★ 2. 12
3. 24
4.  $\infty$
5. I'm too relaxed to know

distance estimates:

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$$11 + 2 > 12$$

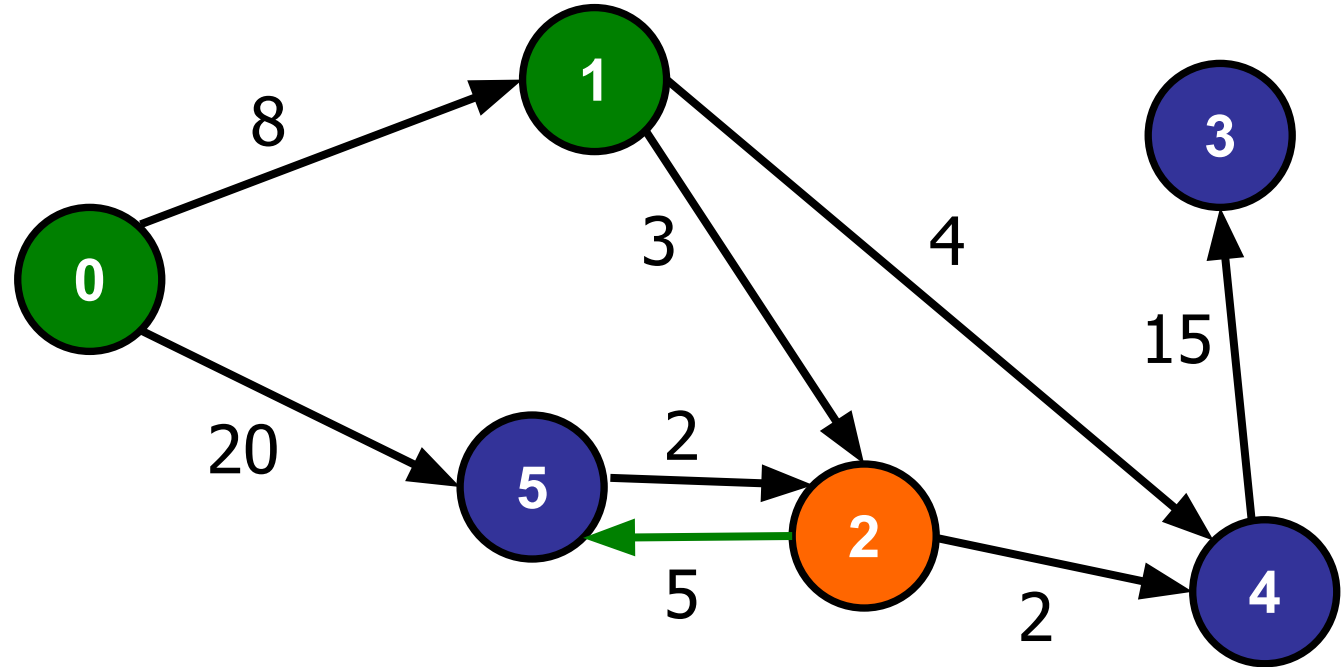
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Don't update distance estimate for node 4.

What should the distance estimate for node 5 be?

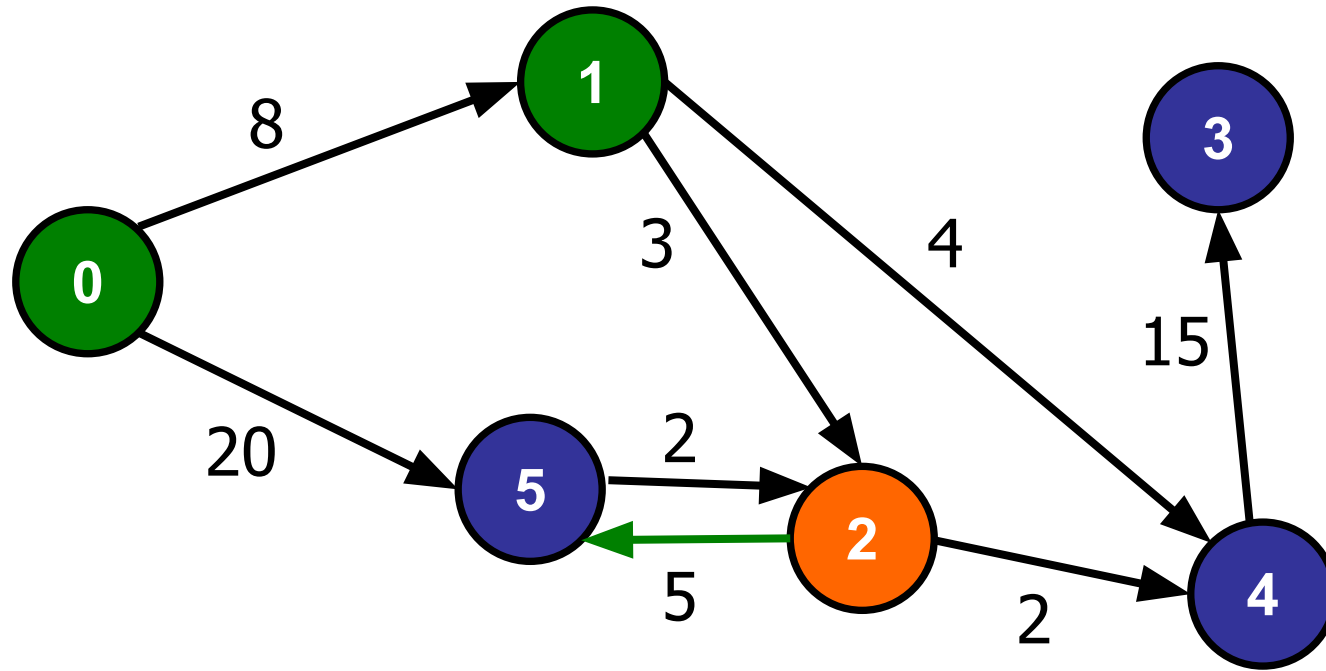
- ★ 16
- 2. 20
- 3.  $\infty$



distance estimates:

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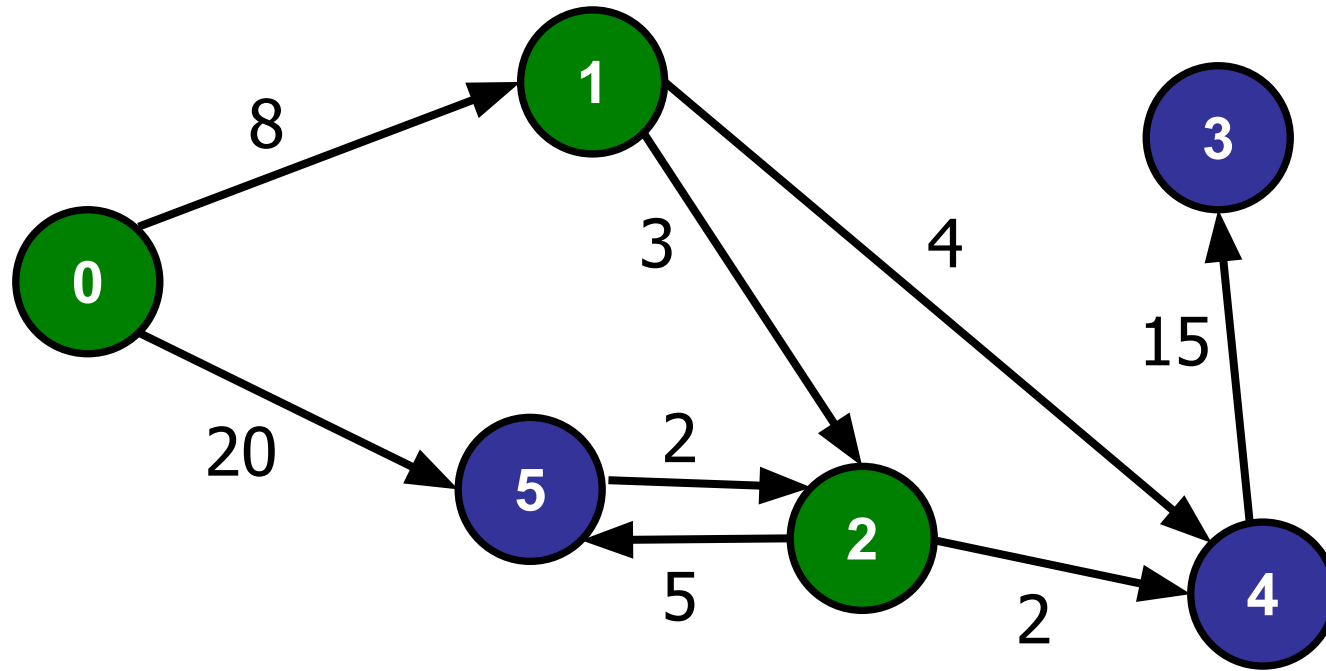
$$11 + 5 < 20$$

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Reduce distance estimate  
for node 5 from 20 to 16

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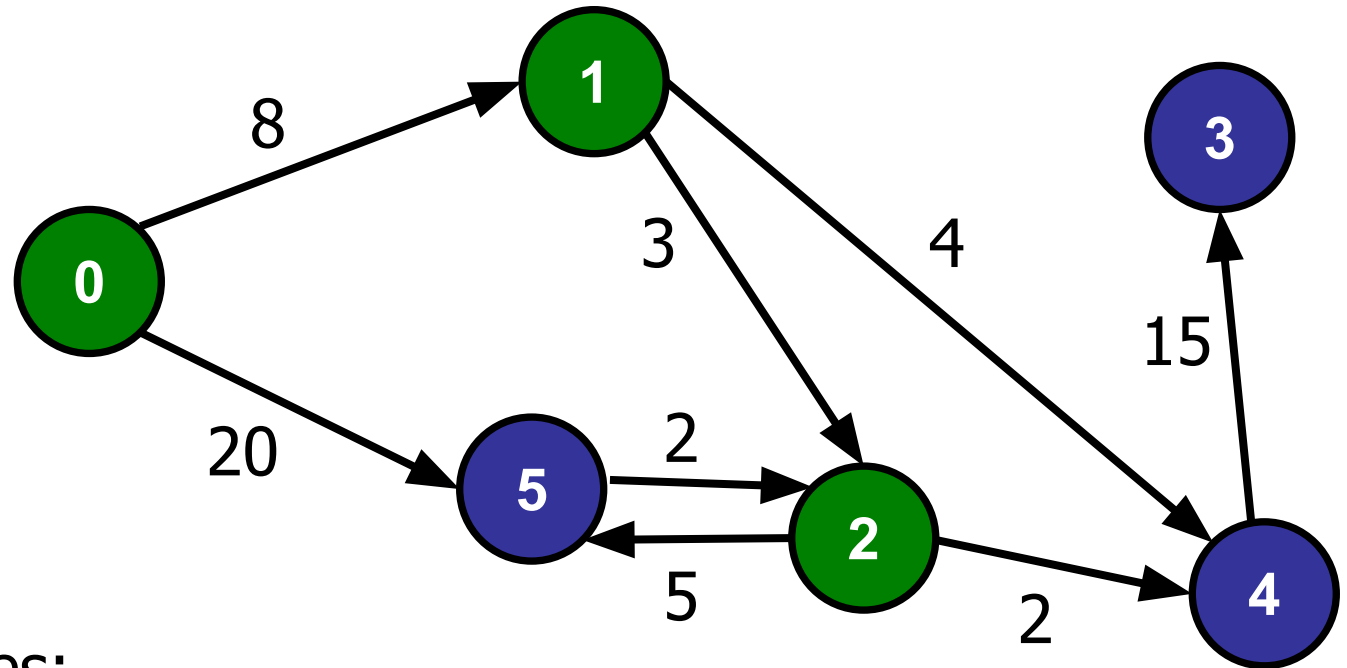
Done with node 2.

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# Which node do we consider next?

1. Node 1
2. Node 2
3. Node 3
- ★ Node 4
5. Node 5

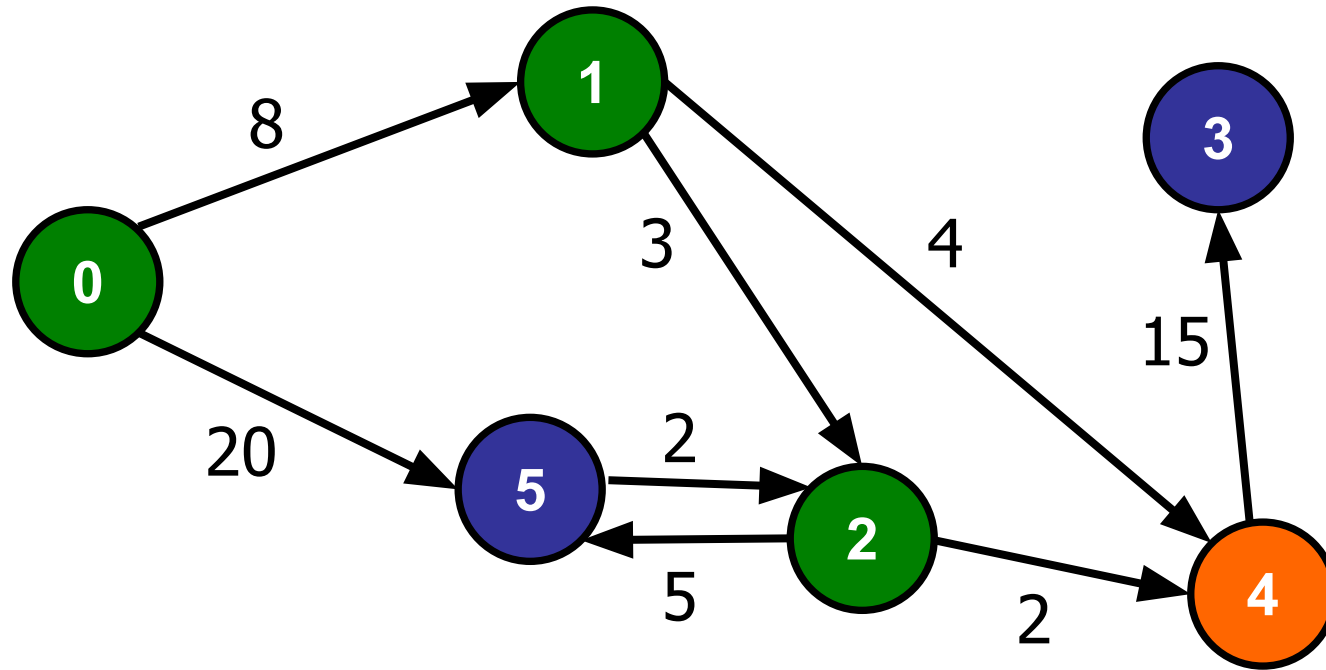


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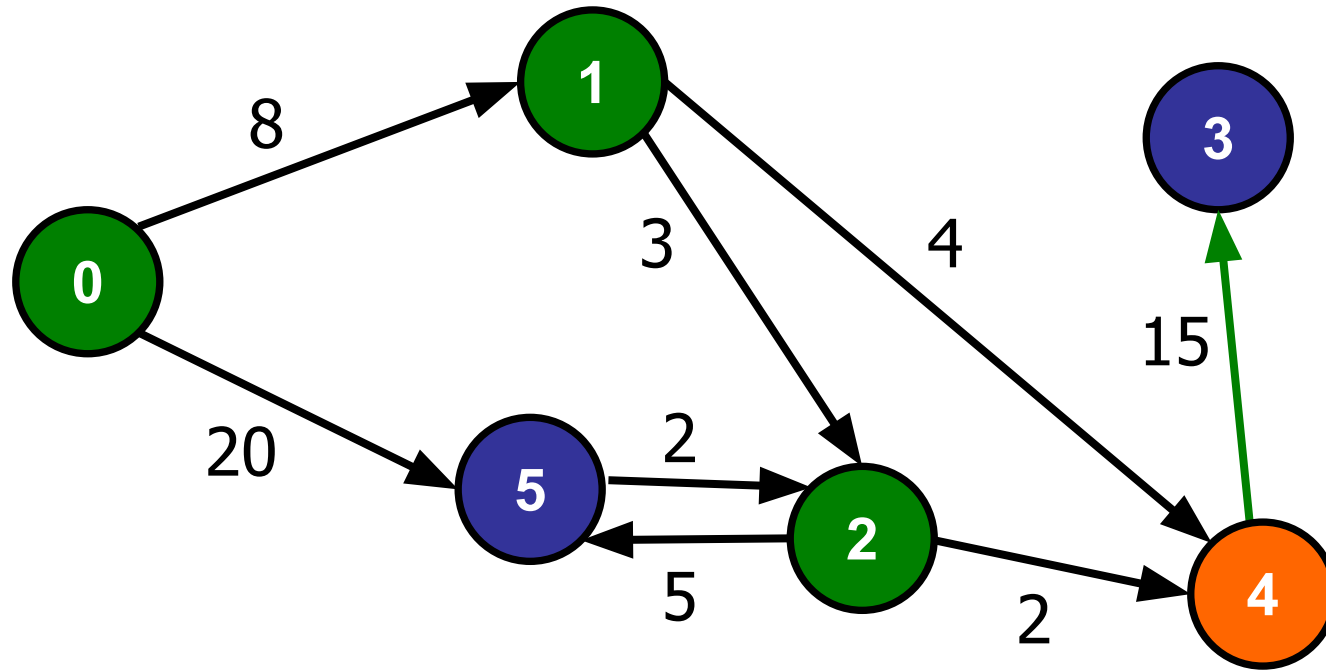


Node 4 is next!

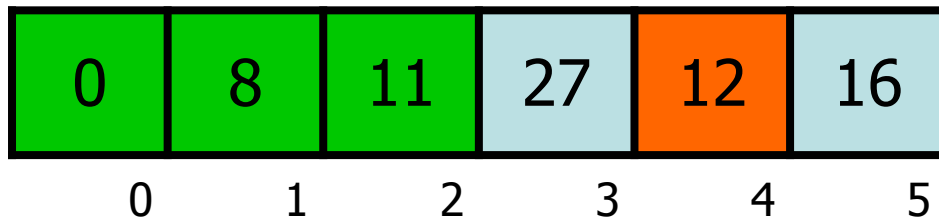
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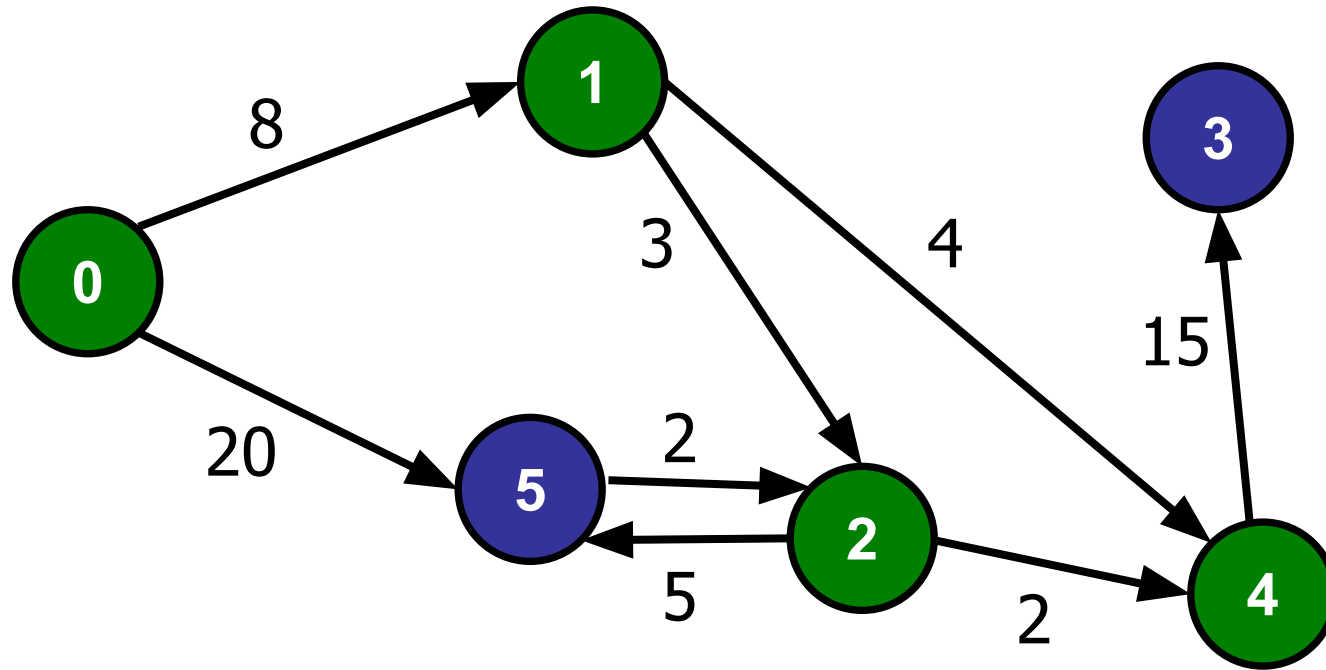
distance estimates:



$$12 + 15 < \infty$$

Update distance estimate of  
node 3 to: 27

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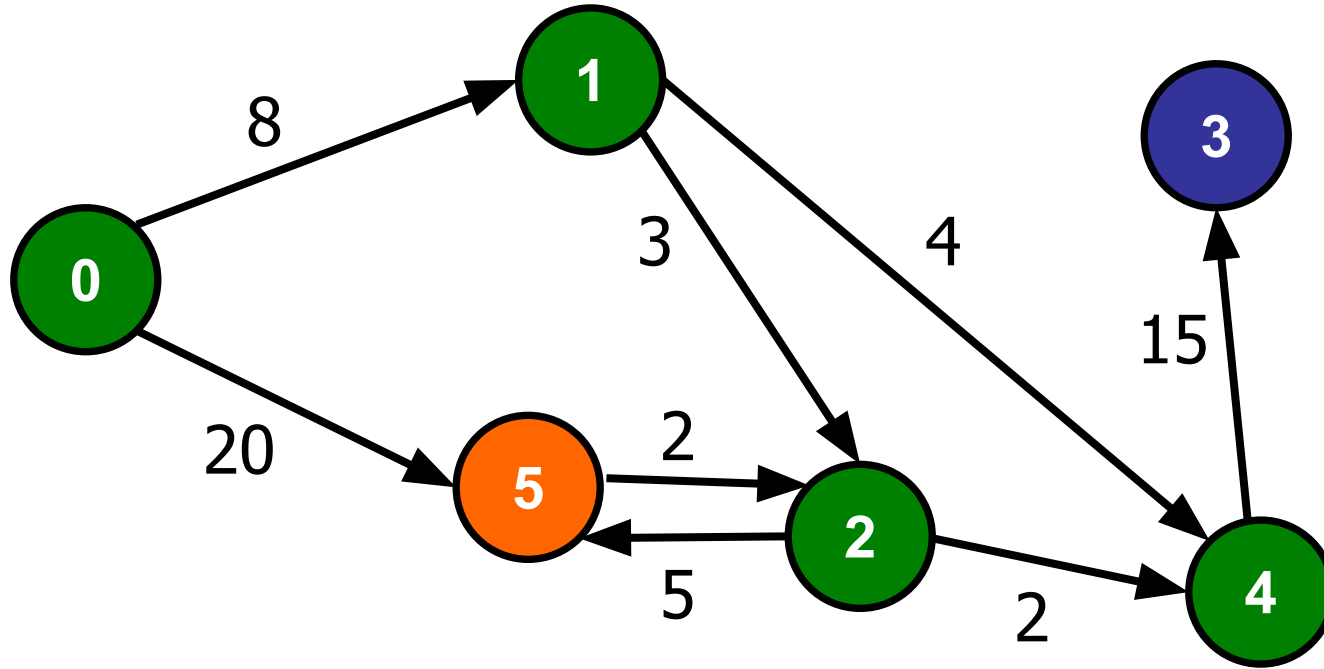


Done with node 4.

distance estimates:

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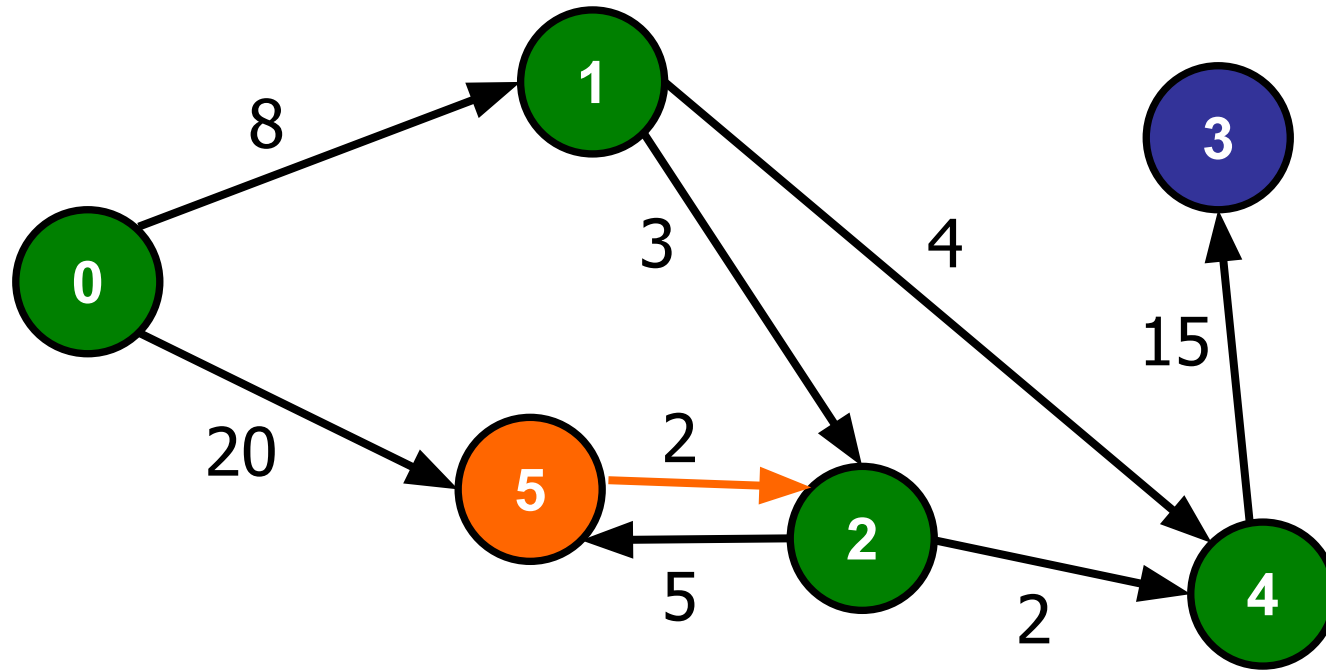


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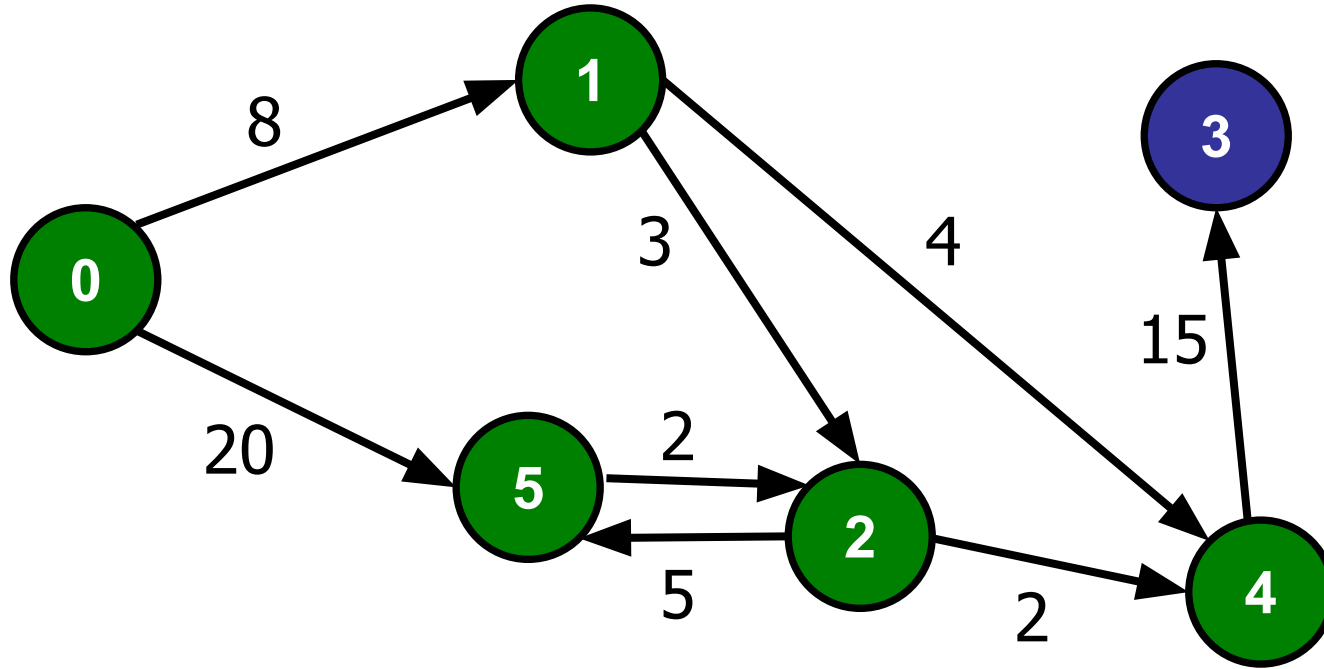


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Node 5's neighbour node 2 is not in the pq. Skip it!

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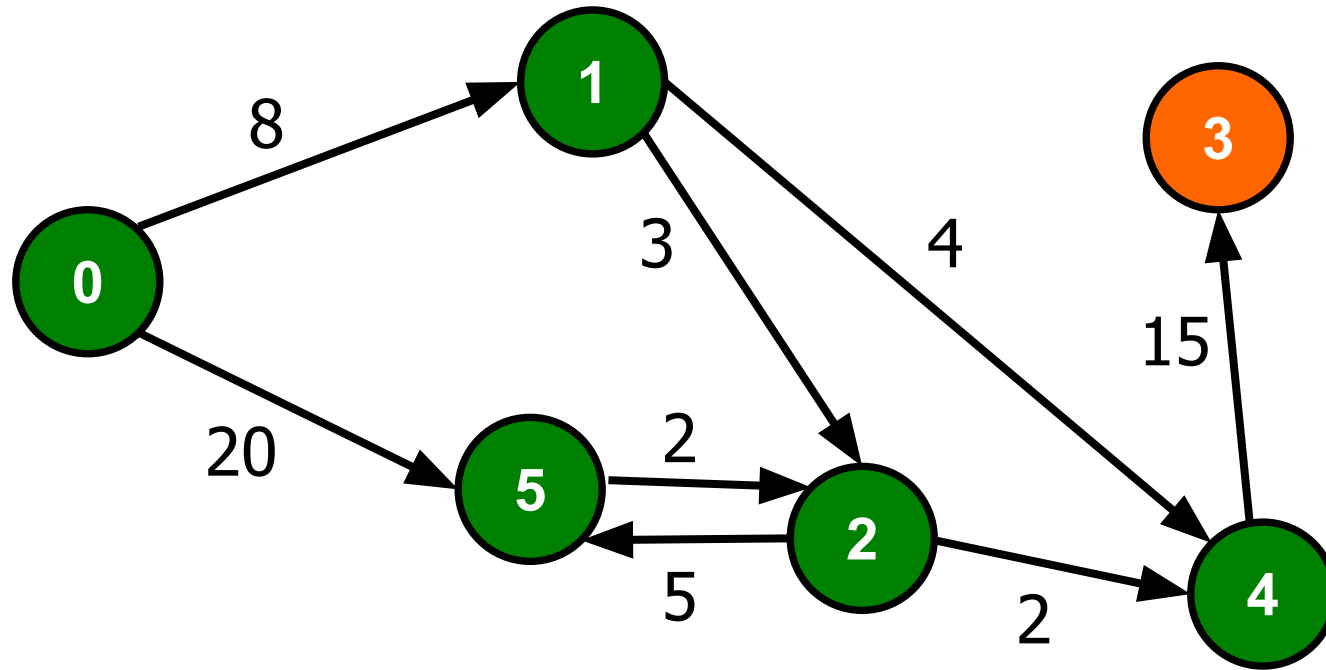


Node 5 is done.

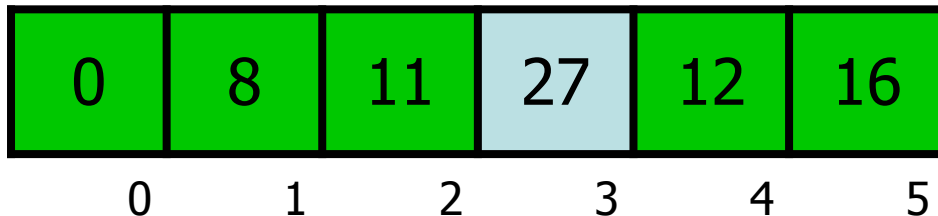
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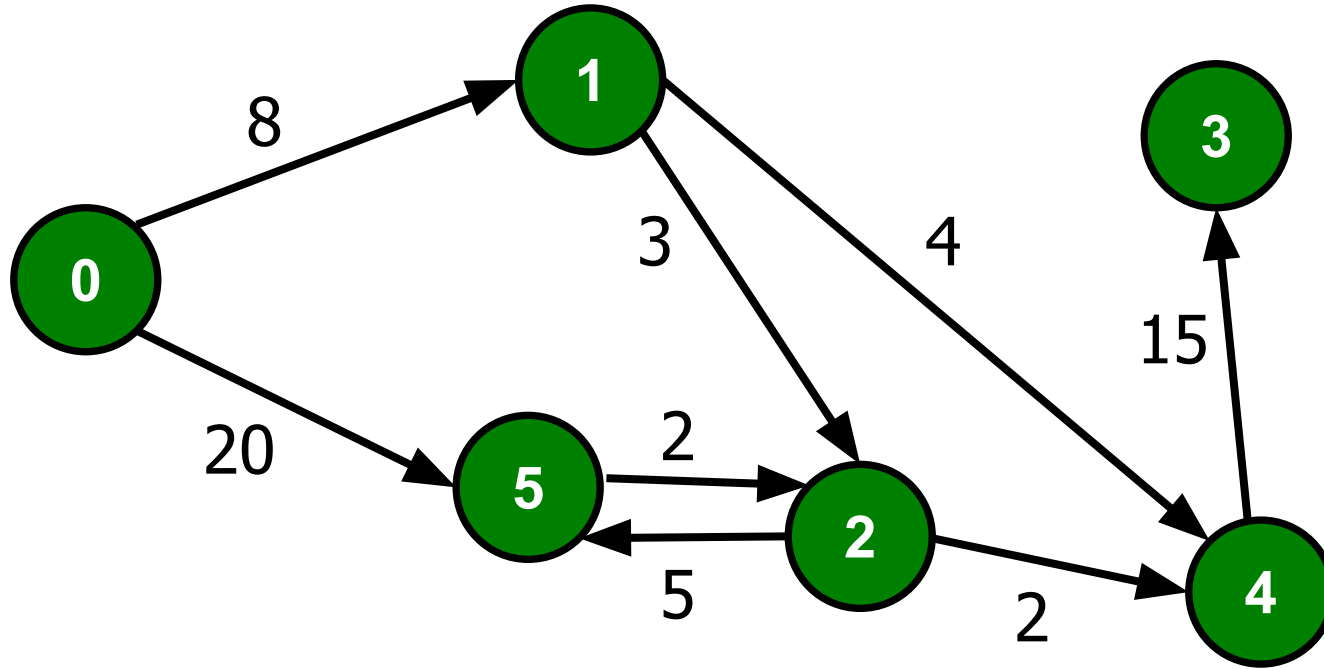


distance estimates:



Last element of the pq:  
node 3.

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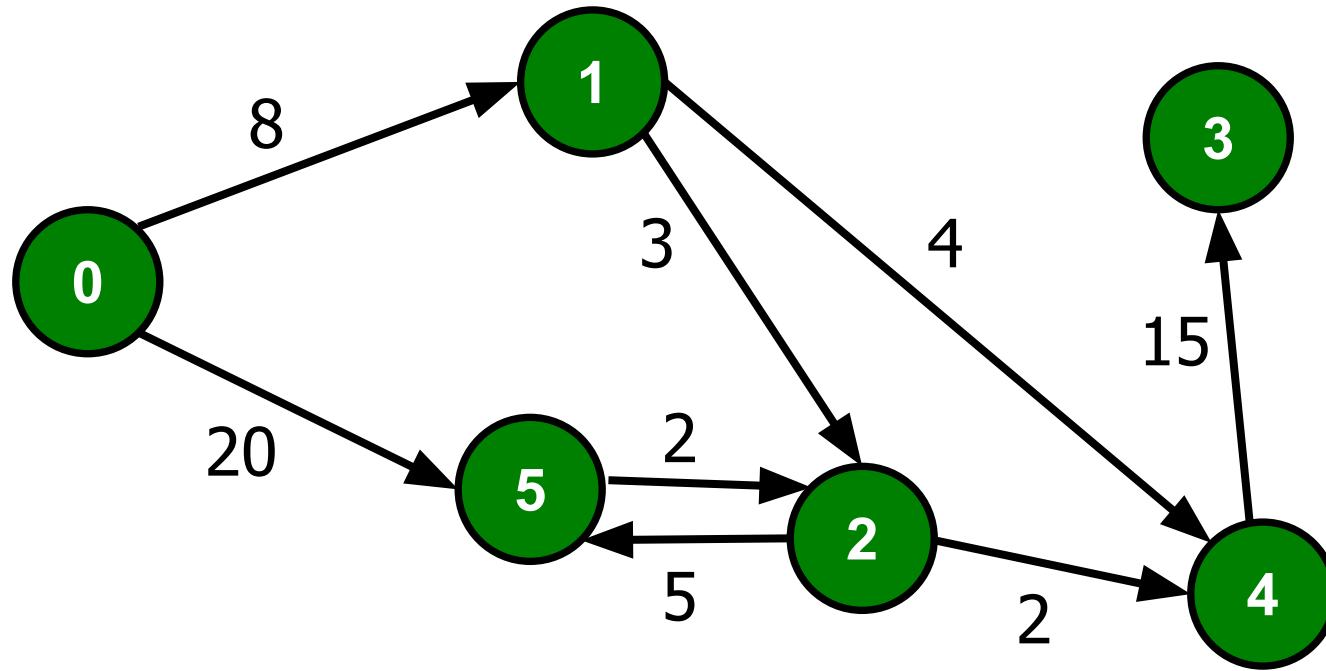
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Node 3 has no neighbours.  
So it's done!



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Shortest distances found!

distance estimates:

0	8	11	27	12	16
0	1	2	3	4	5

# Intuition 1: Closest to Frontier

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Notice: The moment we pick out the node from the pq, the distance estimate is correct. Why?



(Sorry, I'm old so my memes are outdated)

# Proof by Contradiction:

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Assume our algorithm was **wrong**.

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Consider the order in which the nodes are picked by the algorithm to have their **distance estimates** finalised.

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Let **estimate(s, t)** be our distance estimate for node **t**

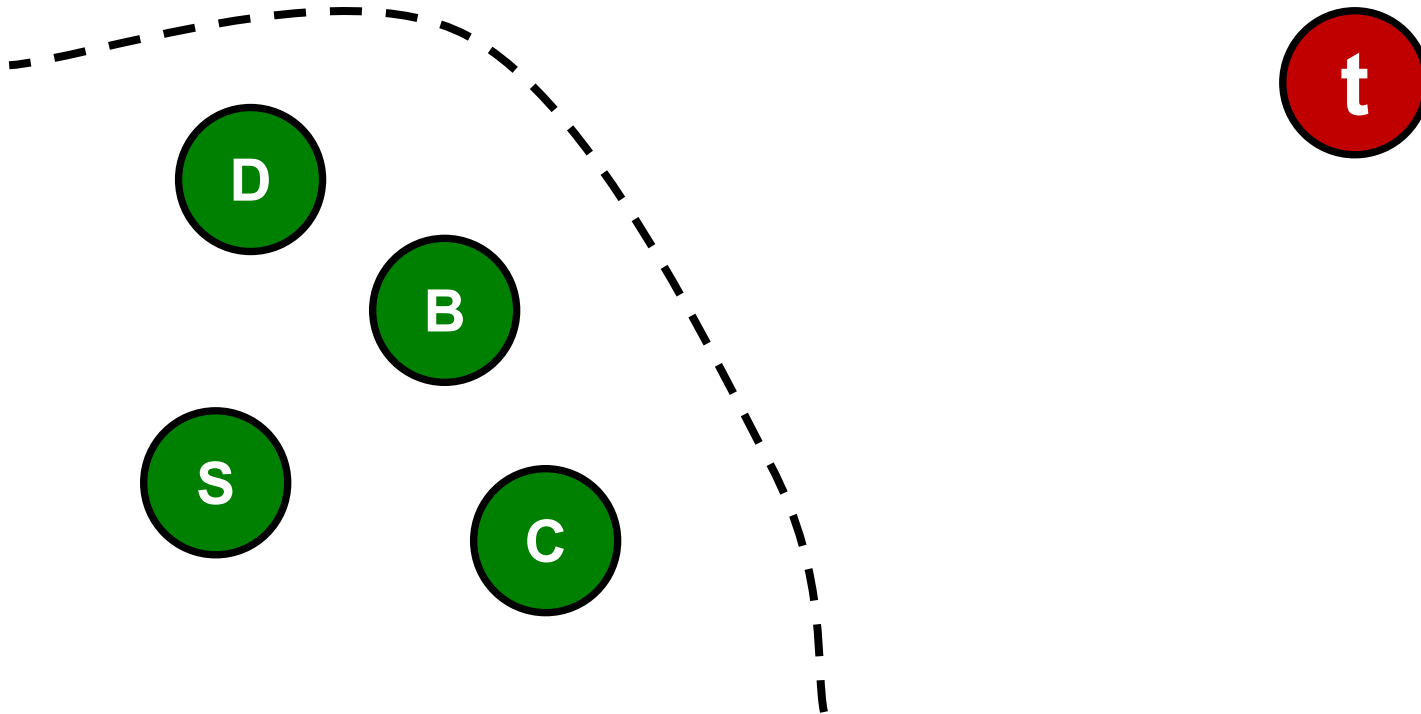
And **dist(s, t)** be the actual shortest distance

Going to show that: **estimate(s, t) = dist(s, t)**

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All nodes picked before **t** is such that their final distance estimate = actual shortest distance.

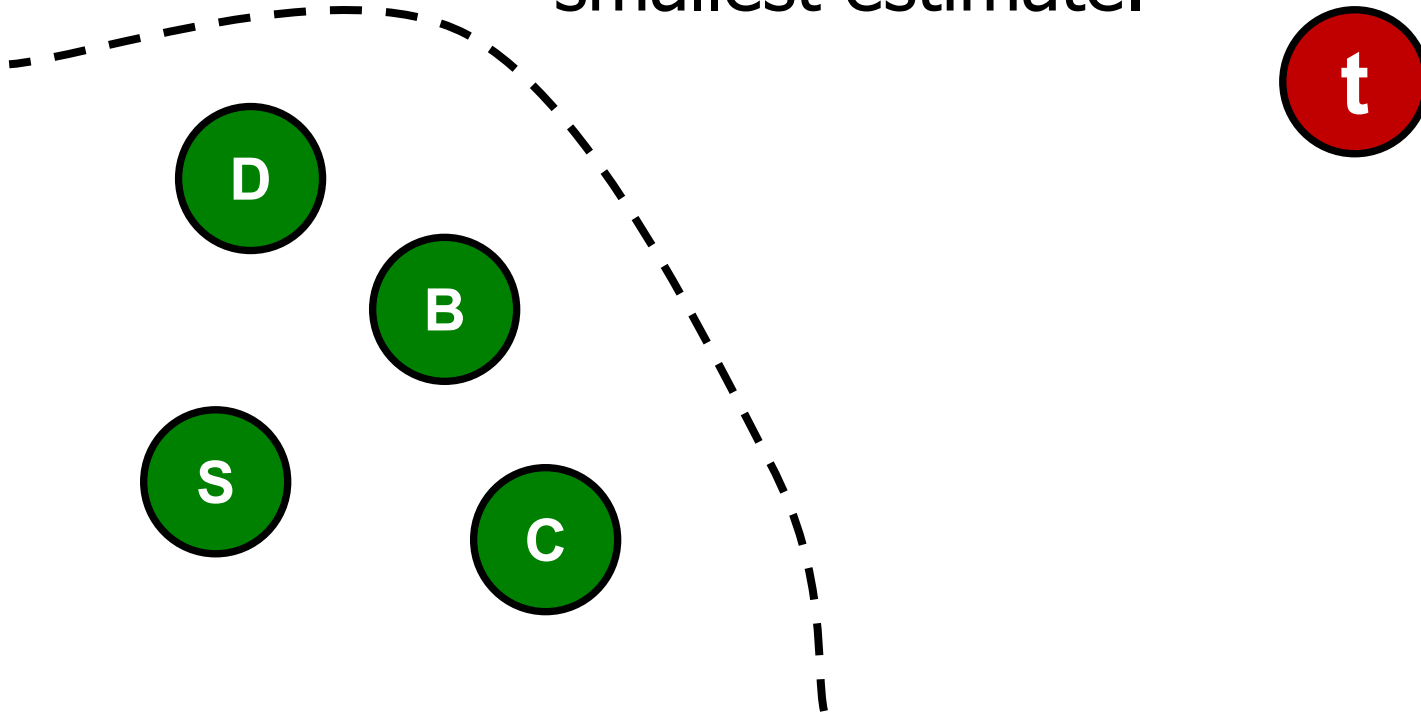


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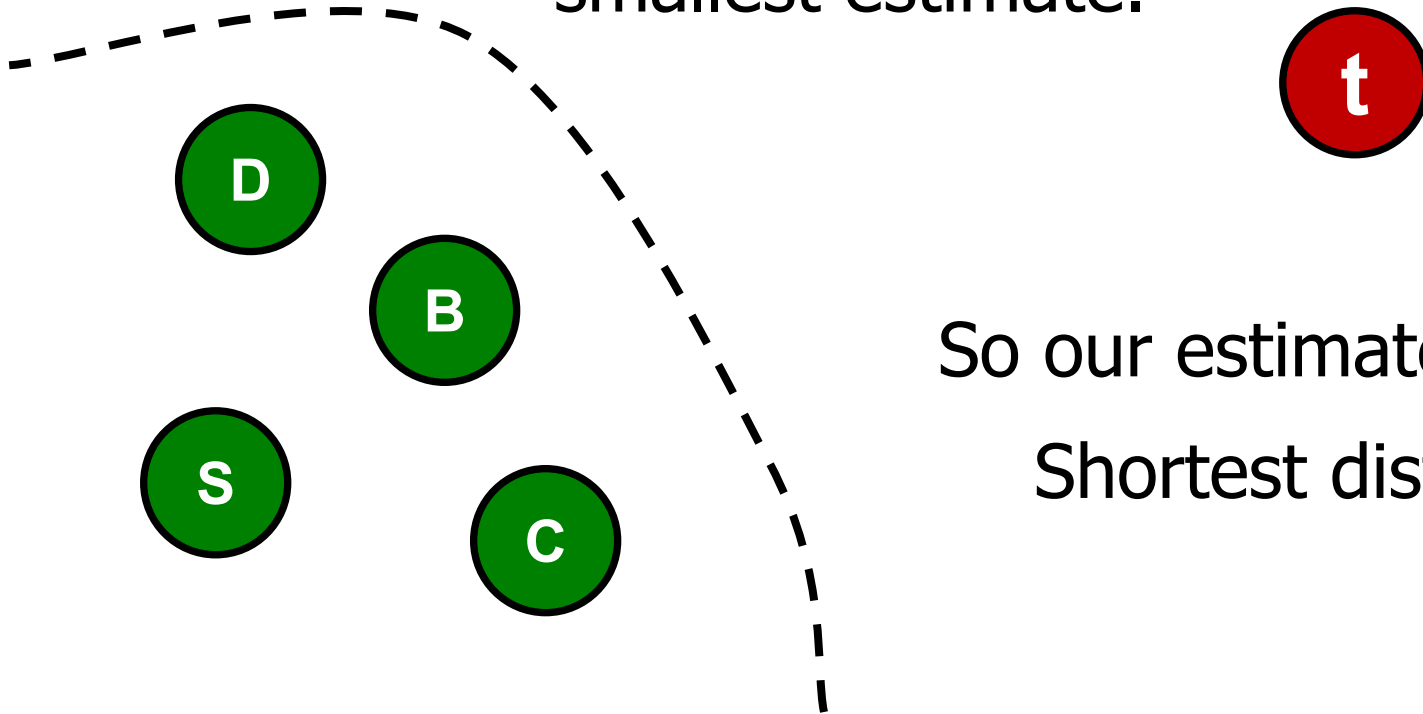


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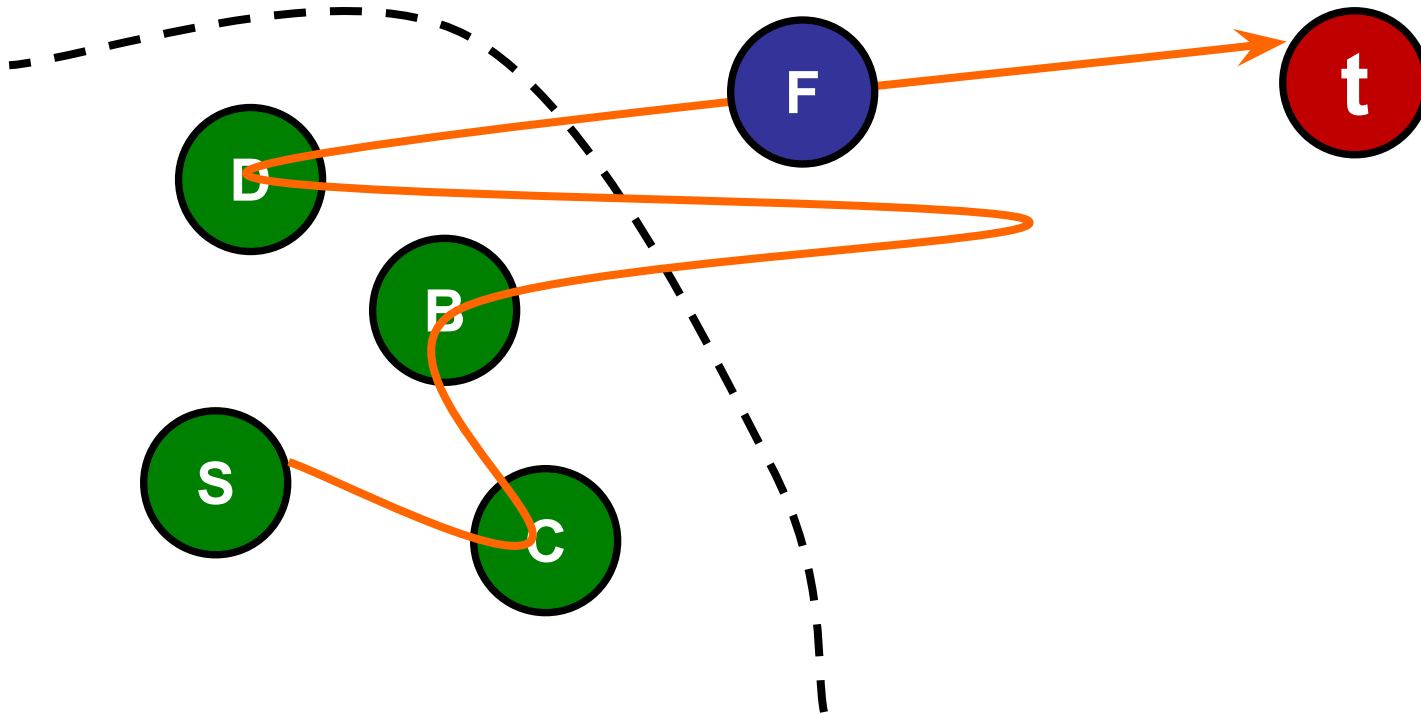


So our estimate for **t** >  
Shortest distance to **t**

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Consider the **actual shortest path** from **s** to **t**.

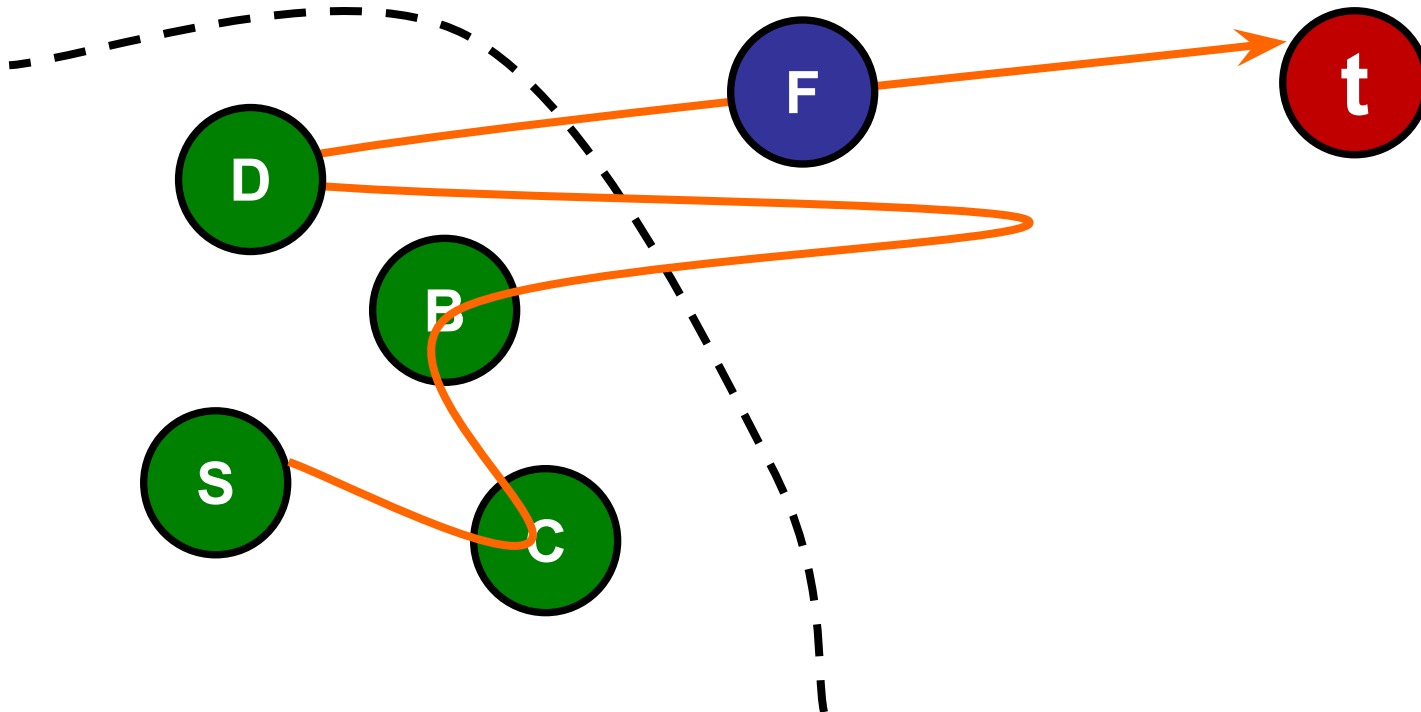


# Proof by Contradiction:

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Consider the **actual shortest path** from **s** to **t**.

Just before we added **t** into the frontier, let node **F** be the first node past the frontier, and let node **D** be just before **F**.



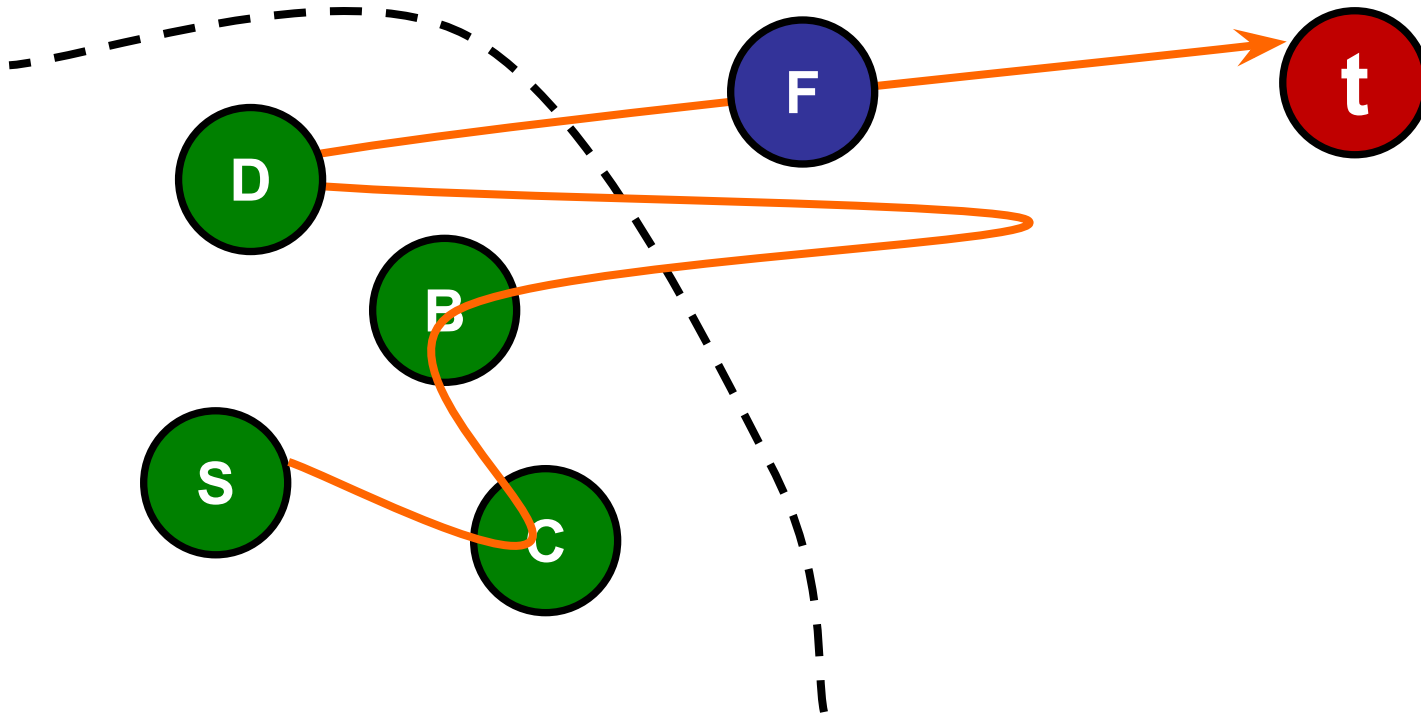
# Proof by Contradiction:

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We know:

1.  $\text{dist}(s, \mathbf{D}) = \text{estimate}(s, \mathbf{D})$

Inside frontier



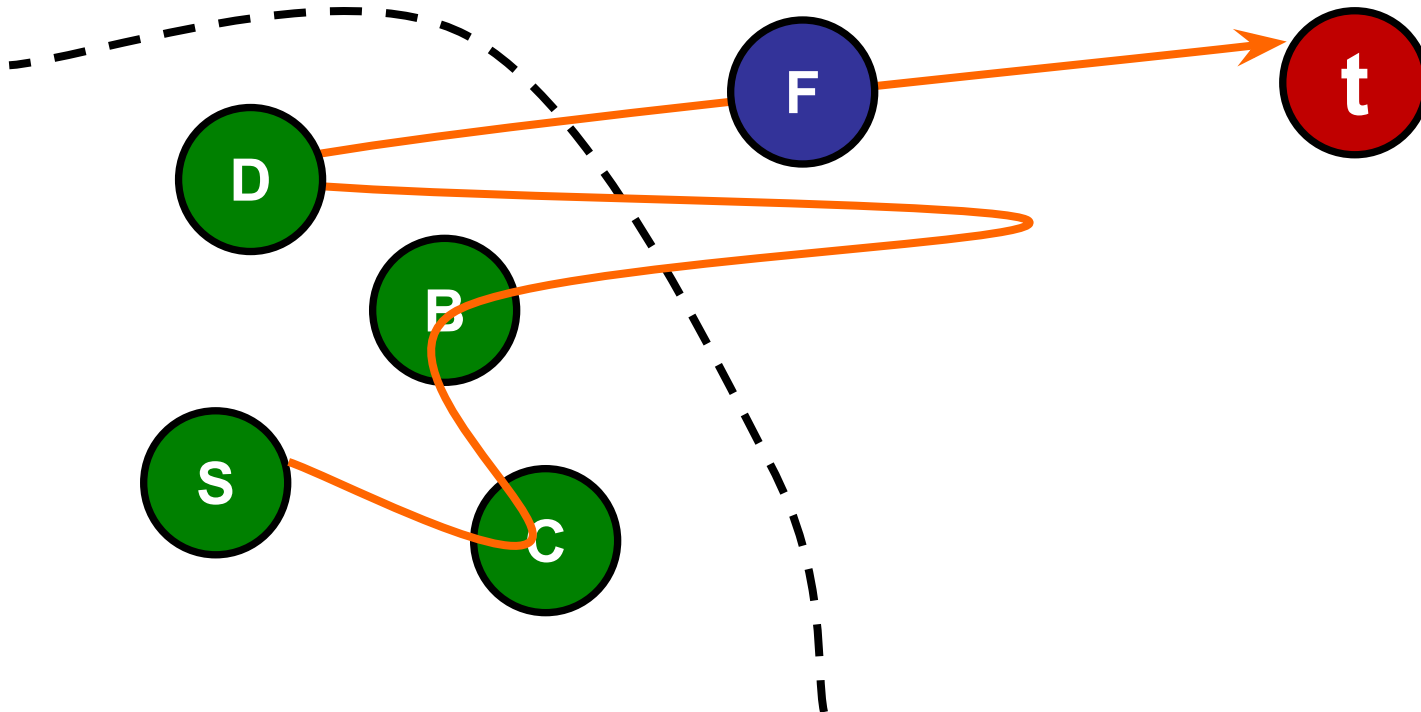
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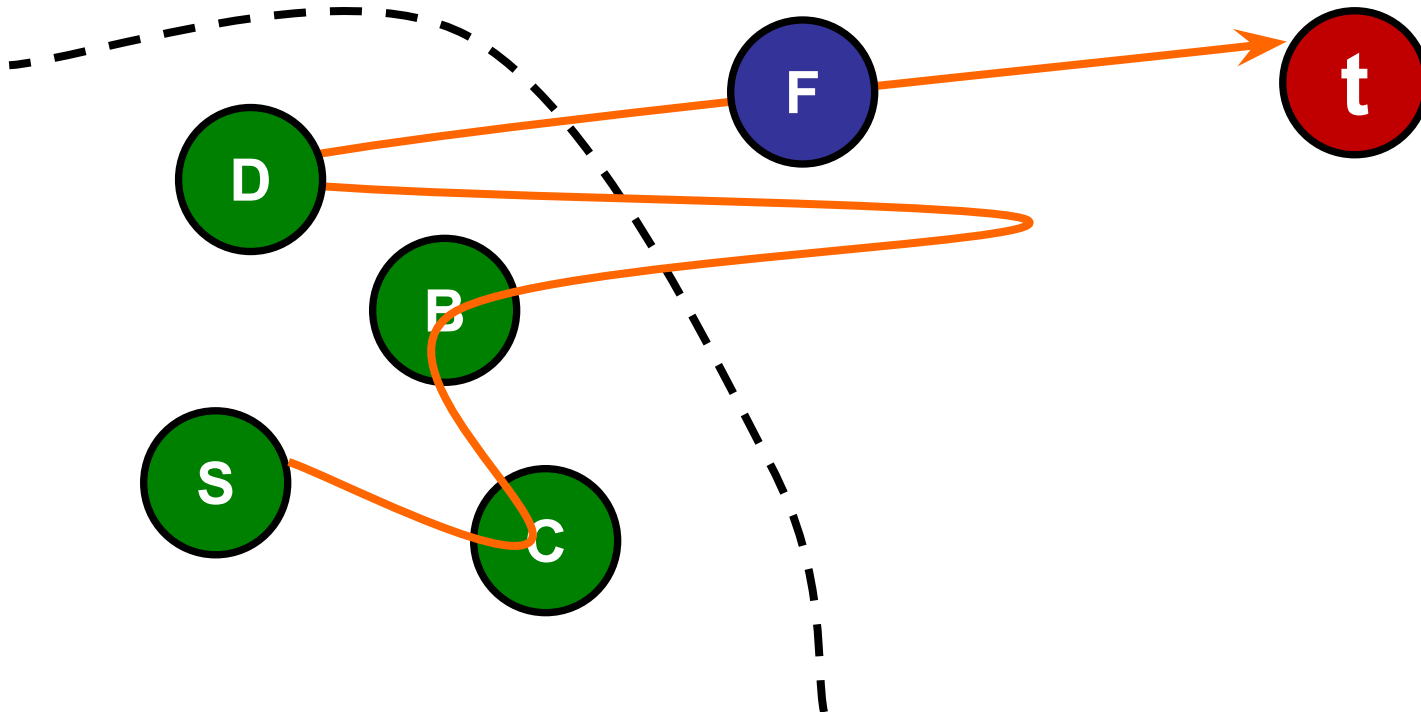


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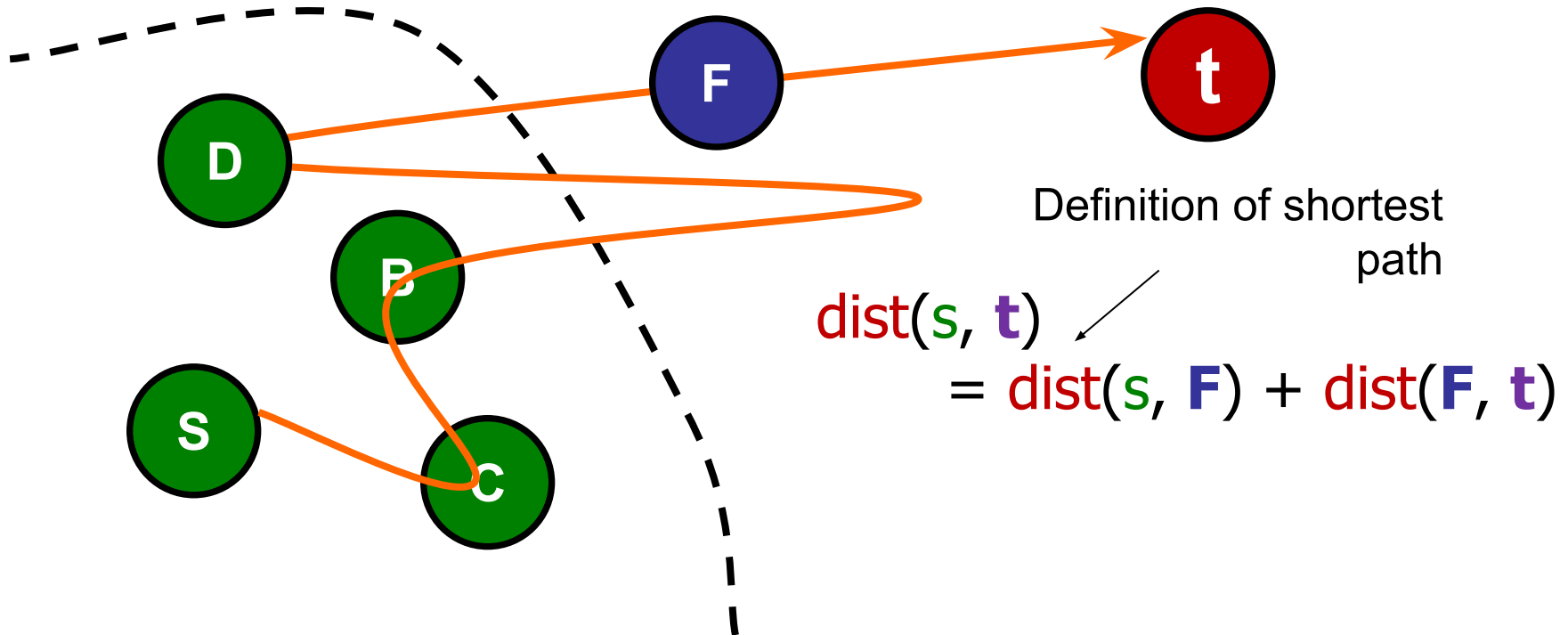
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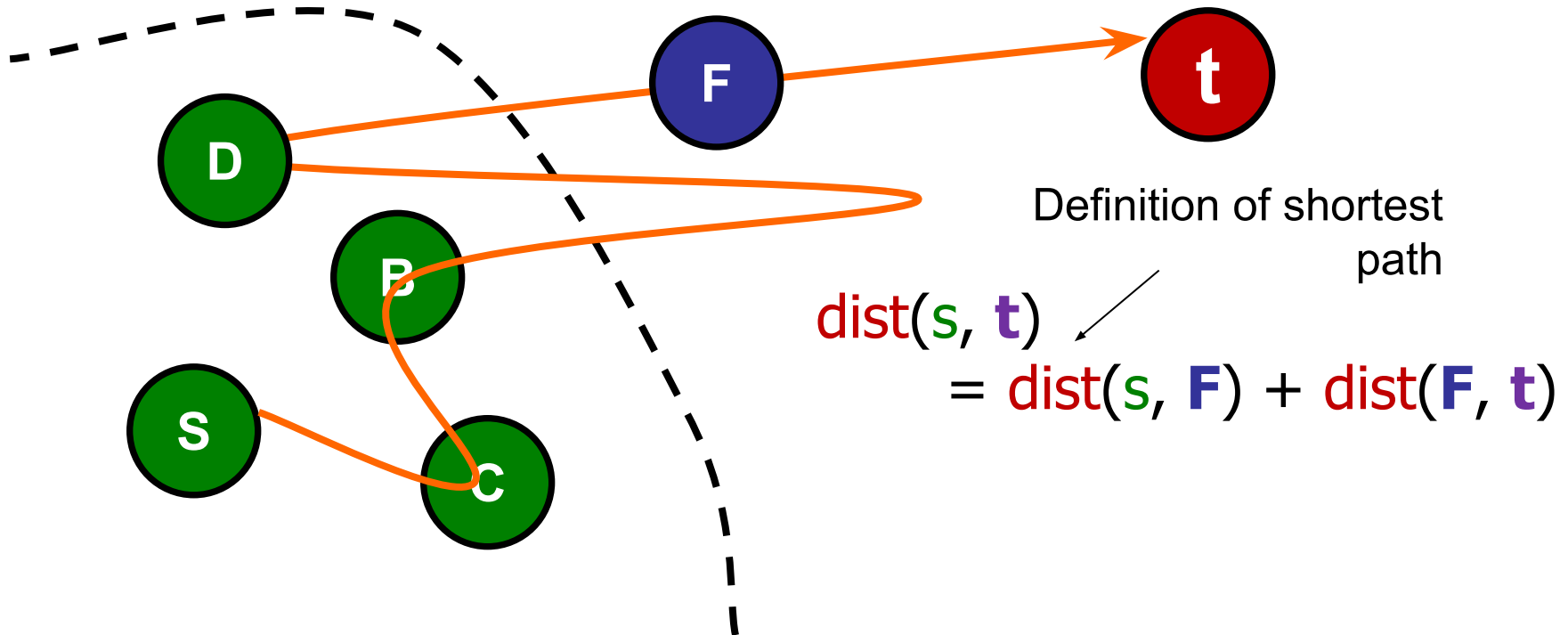
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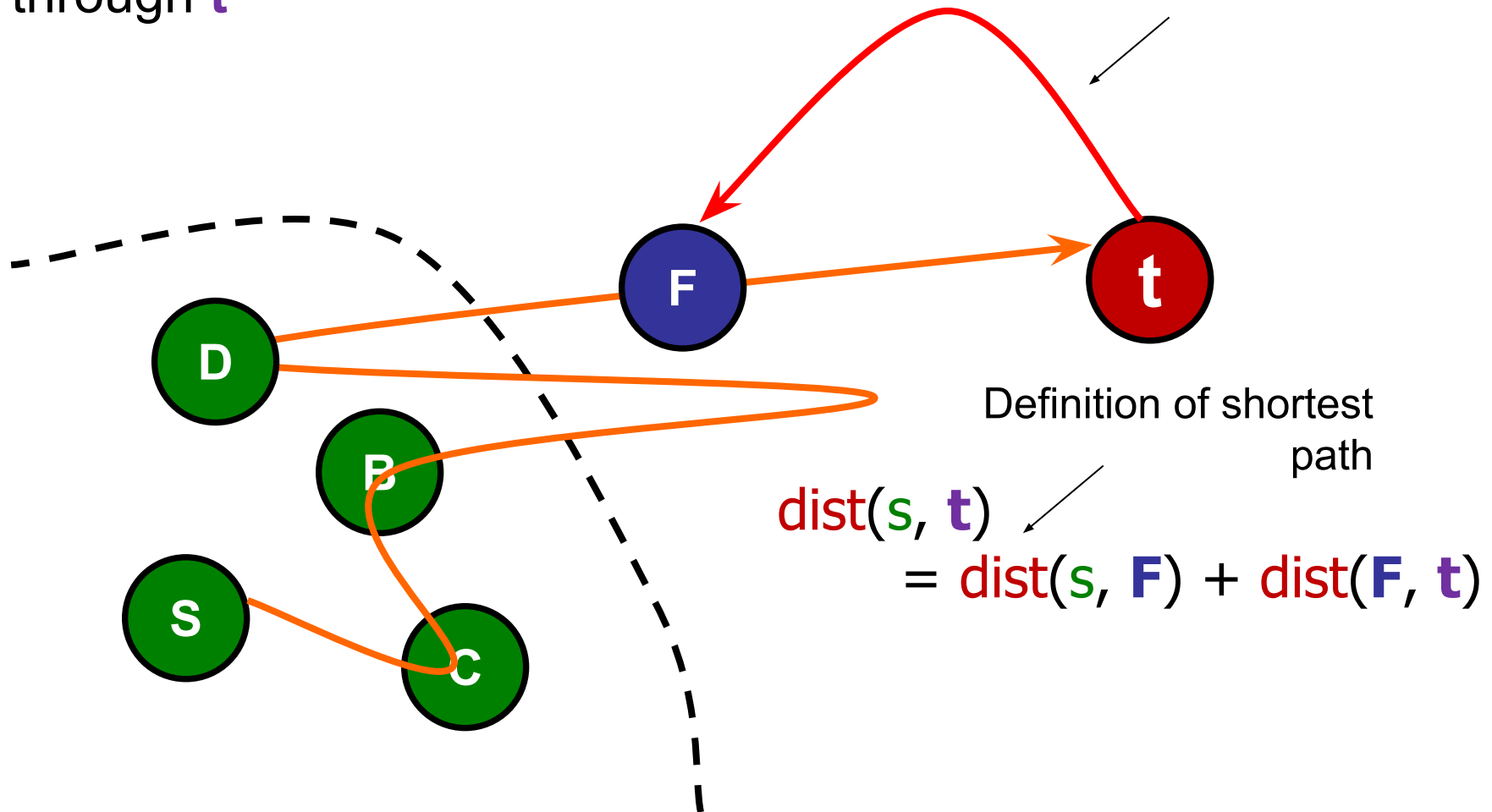


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non-negative



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Which means it's correct!

# Analysis: Dijkstra

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Pseudocode: (Set up)

1. Create priority queue  $pq$  where the **priority** is based on our **distance estimate**.
2. Insert all  $n$  nodes, all with priority  $\infty$ .  
(or heapify)
3. Decrease the **priority** of **source node** to  $0$ .
4. Create array  $dist$  where all values are  $\infty$ .

Total cost of setup:

$O(V)$  where since both things are size  $V$ .

# Analysis: Dijkstra

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while **pq is not empty**:

1. Extract minimum out of **pq**, call it **curr\_node**.
2. **dist[curr\_node]** = extracted minimum distance.
3. For all neighbours **neigh\_node** of **curr\_node**:
  - a. If **pq does not contain neigh\_node**: Skip!
  - b. If **dist[curr\_node] + w(curr\_node, neigh\_node)**  
    < **priority** of **neigh\_node**:

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    pq.decreasePriority(  
        neigh_node,  
        dist[curr_node] + w(curr_node, neigh_node)  
    )
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Each **pq** operation costs  $O(\log(V))$  if using **binary heap**. Can be even faster with a better heap.

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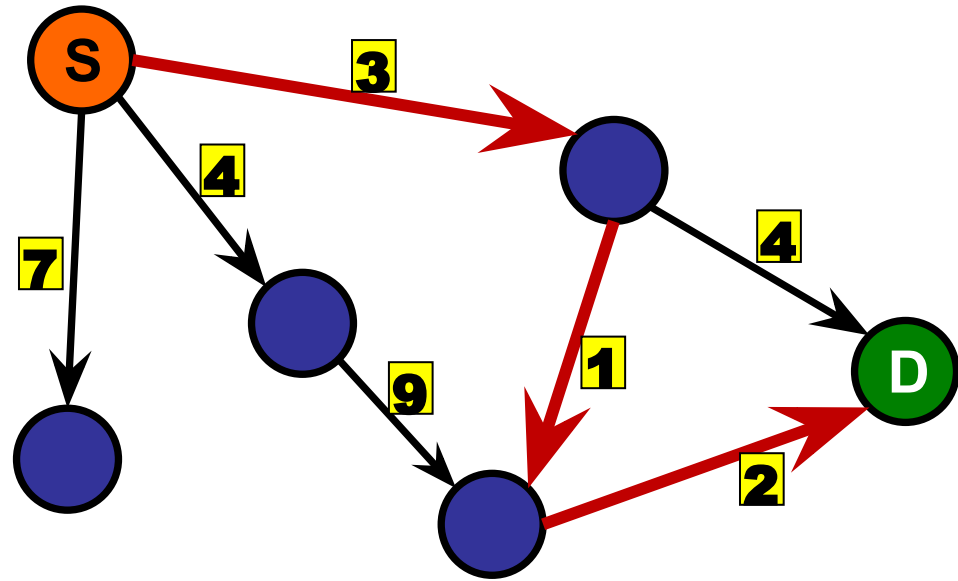

$$O(E \log(V))$$

# Negative Weights?

Assume:

- Simple, directed graph.
- Edge weights are non-negative.
  - Otherwise, there will be issues

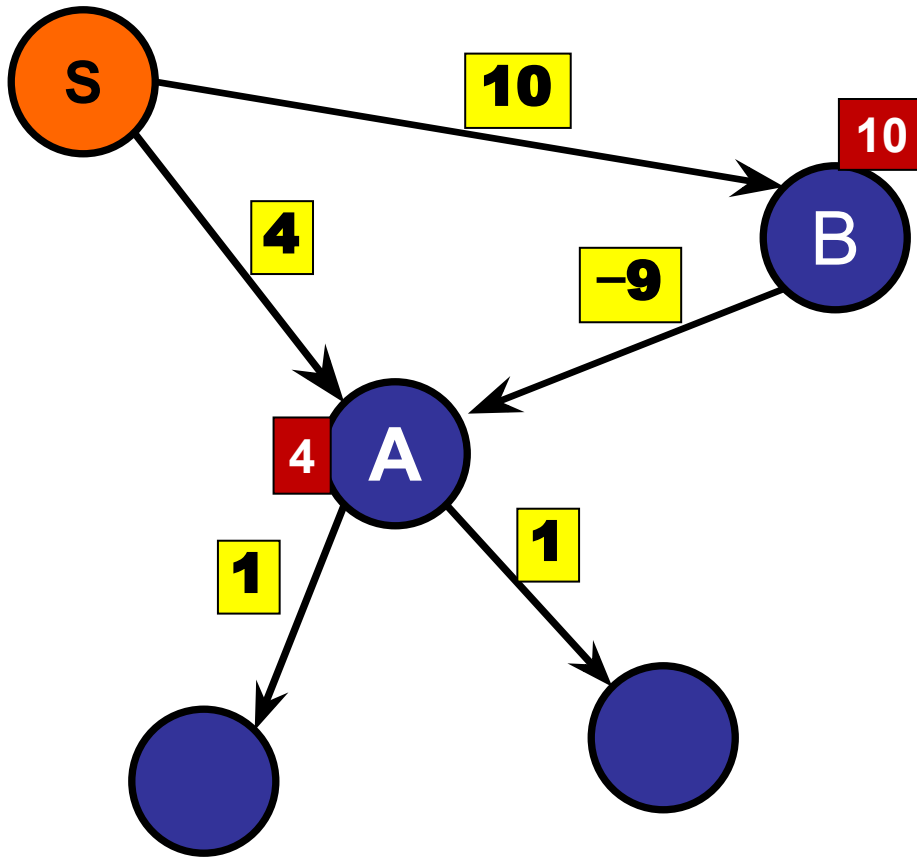
Why?



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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Edges with negative weights?

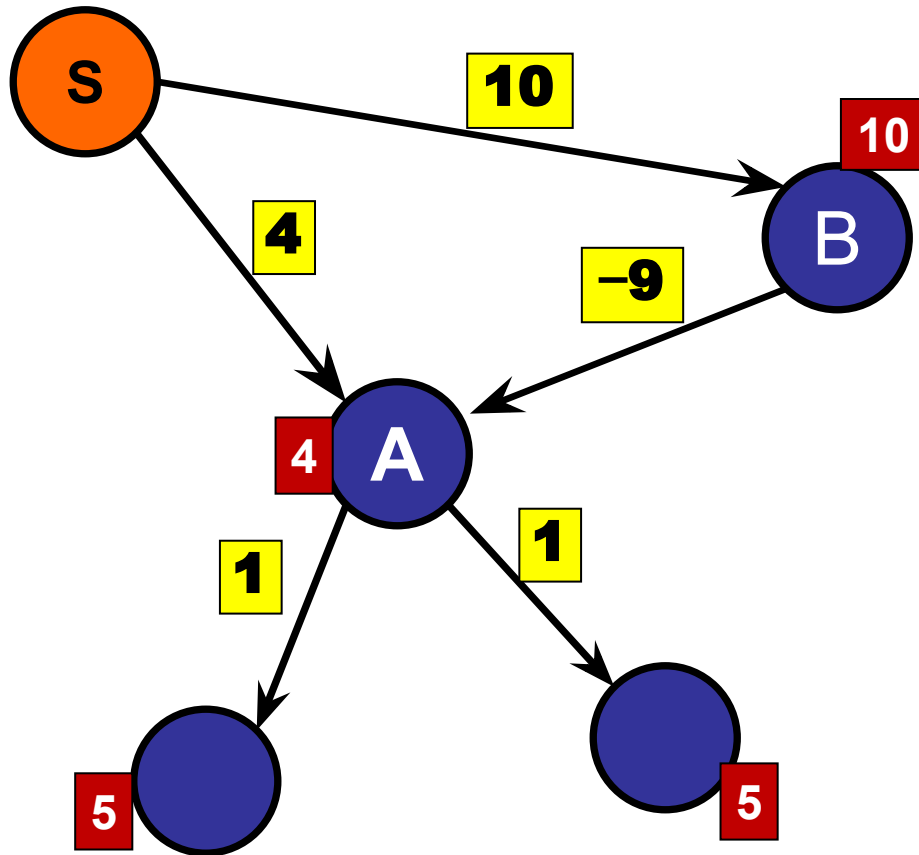




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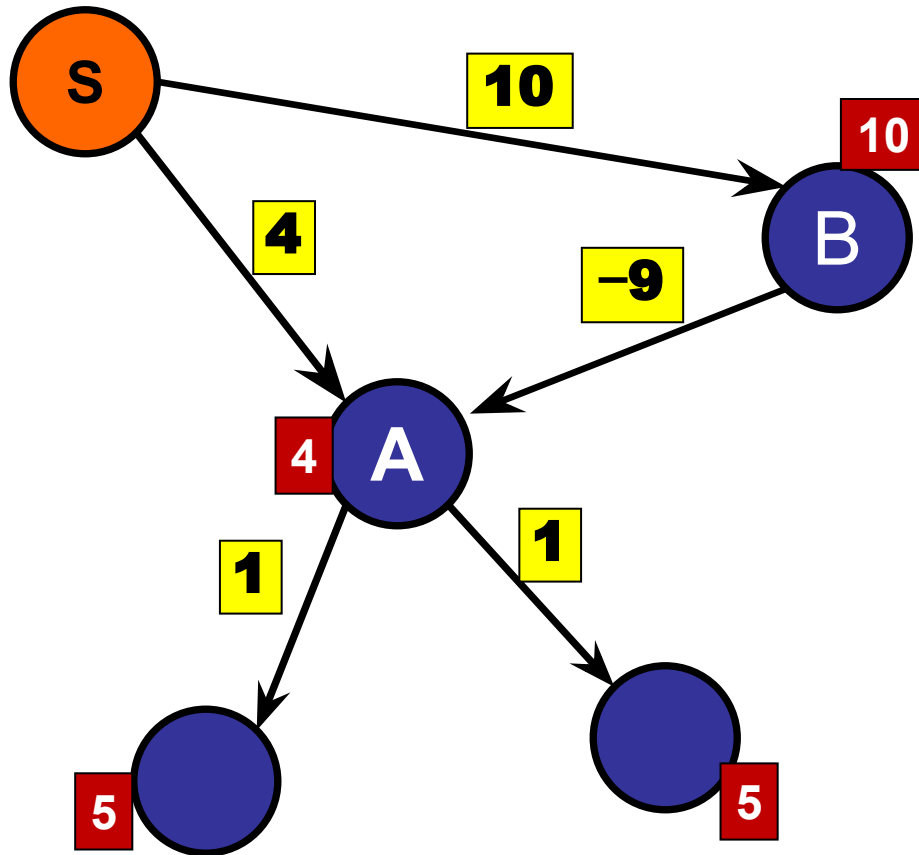


Step 1:     Remove A.  
              Relax A.  
              Mark A done.

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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Edges with negative weights?



Step 1: Remove A.  
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Step 4: Remove B.  
Relax B.  
Mark B done.

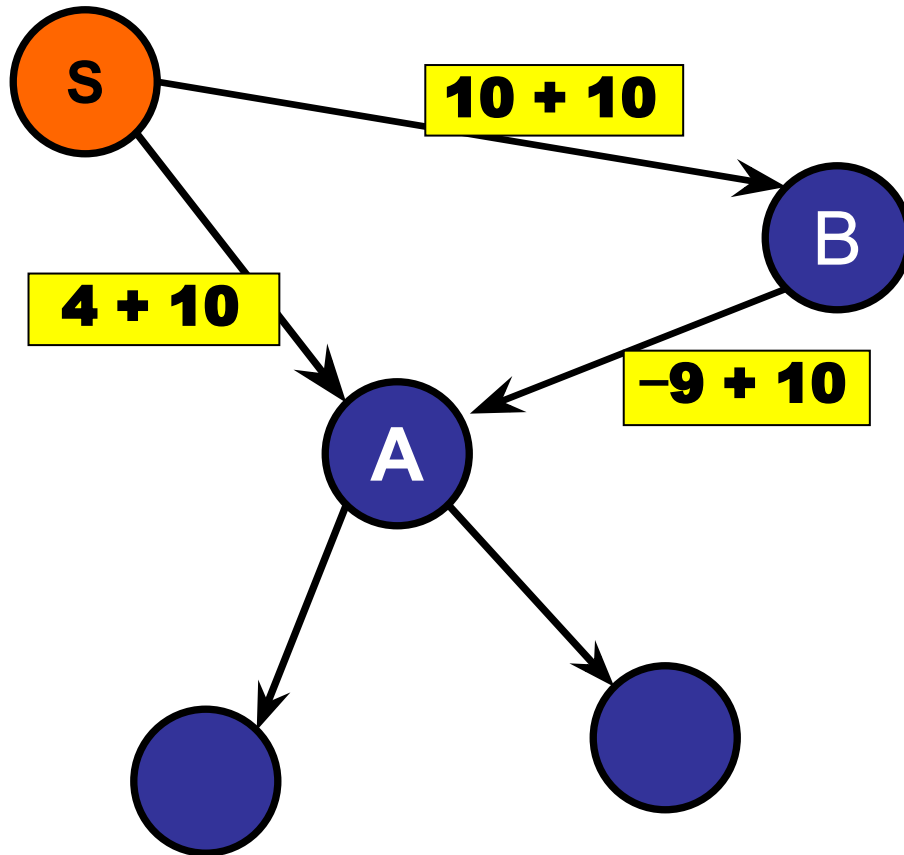
Oops: We need to  
update A.

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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Can we reweight?

e.g.:  $\text{weight} += 10$



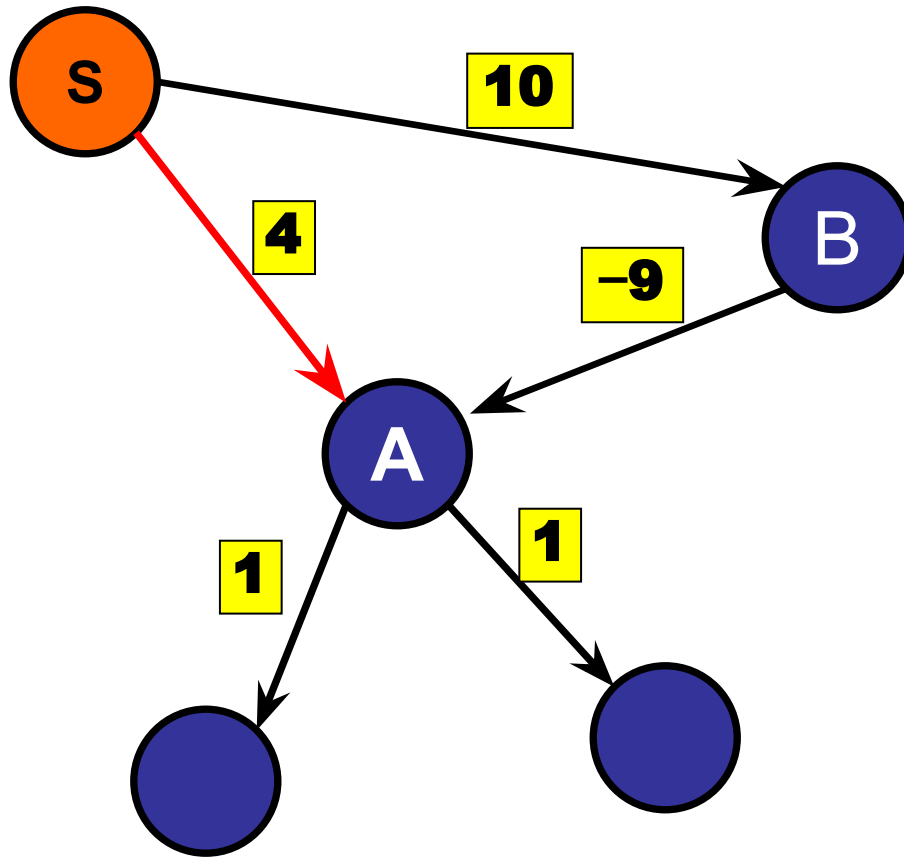
# Can we reweight the graph?

1. Yes.
2. Only if there are no negative weight cycles.
- ✓ 3. No.

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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Can we reweight?



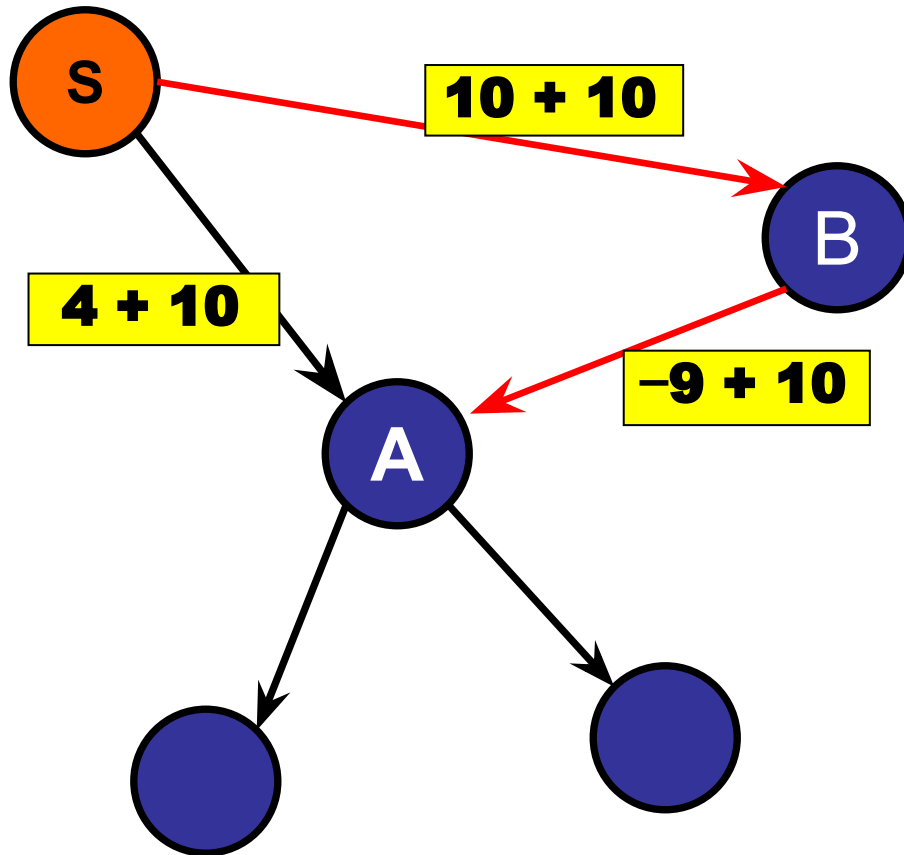
Path S-B-A: 1

Path S-A: 4

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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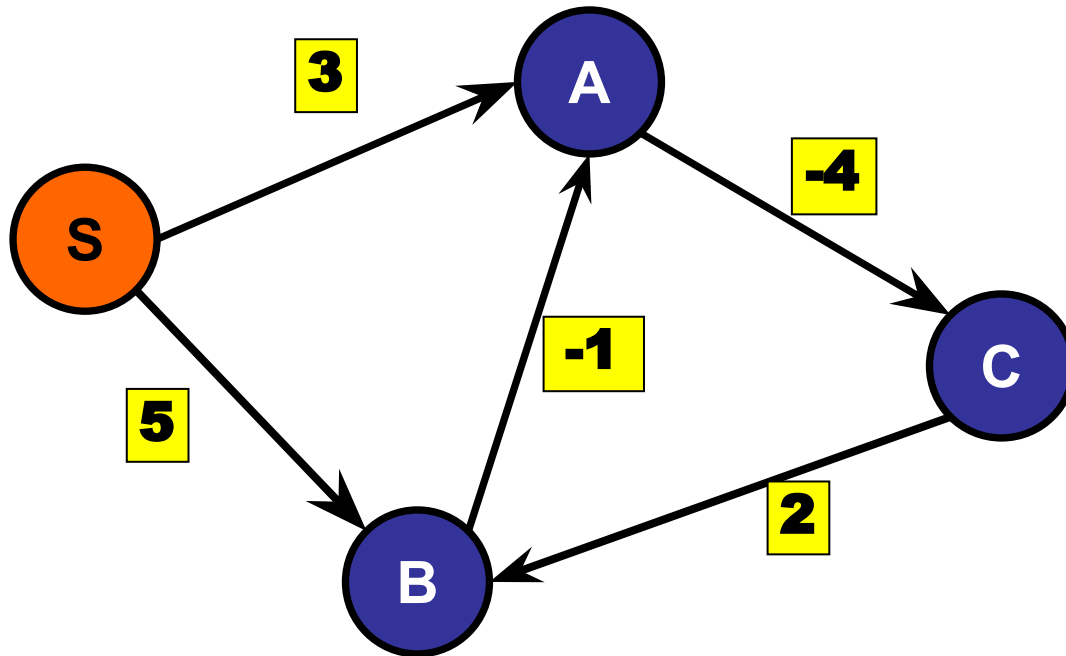
Path S-B-A: 21

Path S-A: 14

# Negative Cycles:

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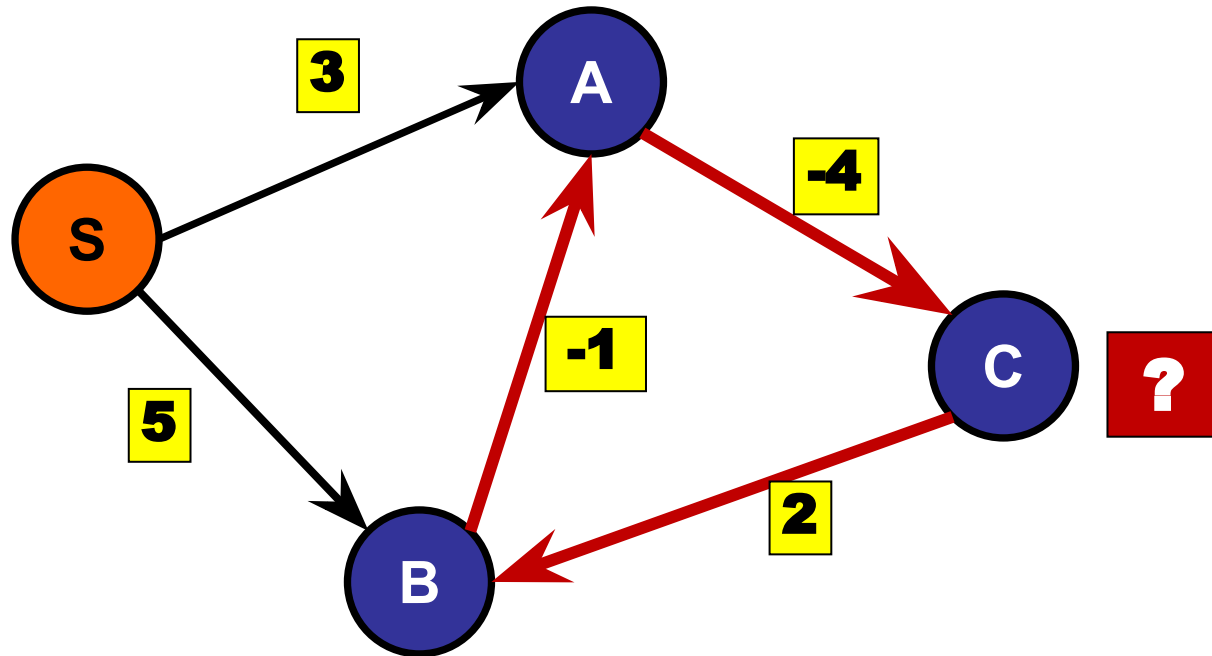
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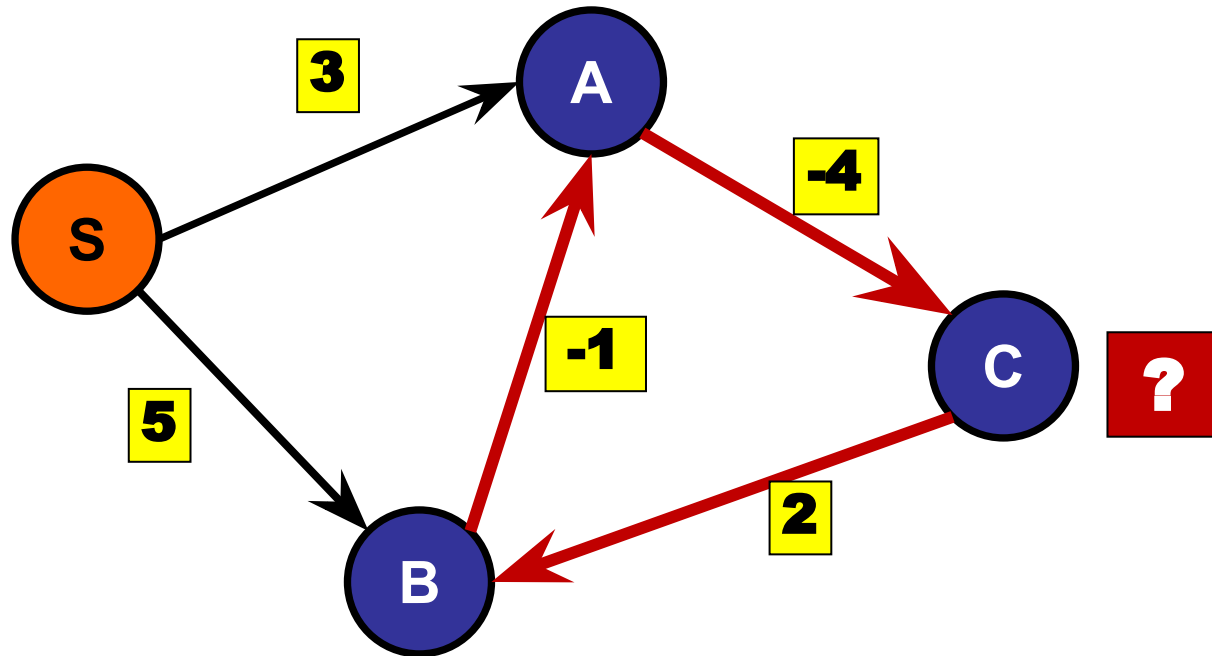
$d(S, C)$  is infinitely negative!



# Negative Cycles:

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Wednesday: Handling negative edges without negative cycles.



# Dijkstra Comparison

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## Same algorithm:

- Maintain a set of explored vertices.
  - Add vertices to the explored set by following edges that go from a vertex in the explored set to a vertex outside the explored set.
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- **BFS:** Take edge from vertex that was discovered **least** recently.
  - **DFS:** Take edge from vertex that was discovered **most** recently.
  - **Dijkstra's:** Take edge from vertex that is **closest** to source.

# Dijkstra Comparison

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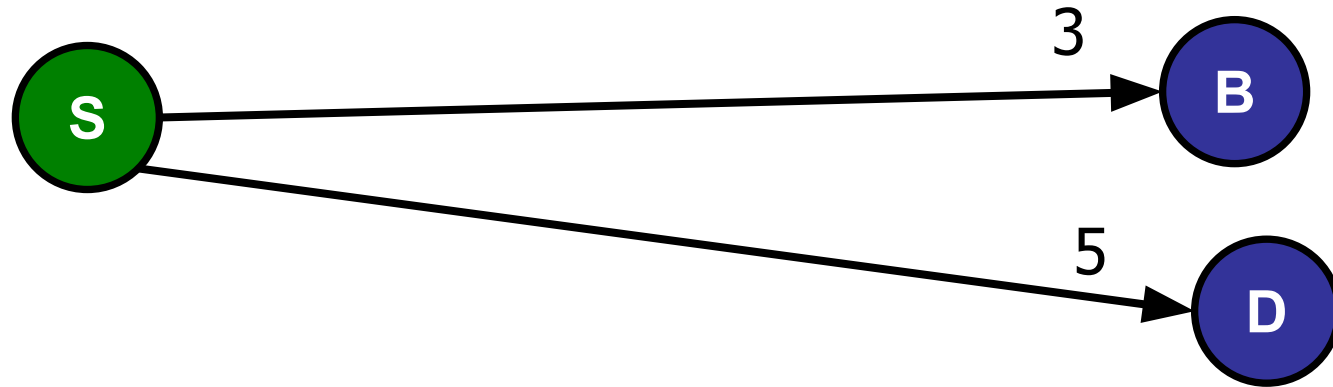
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- BFS: Use queue.
  - DFS: Use stack.
  - Dijkstra's: Use priority queue.

# Intuition 2: A special kind of BFS

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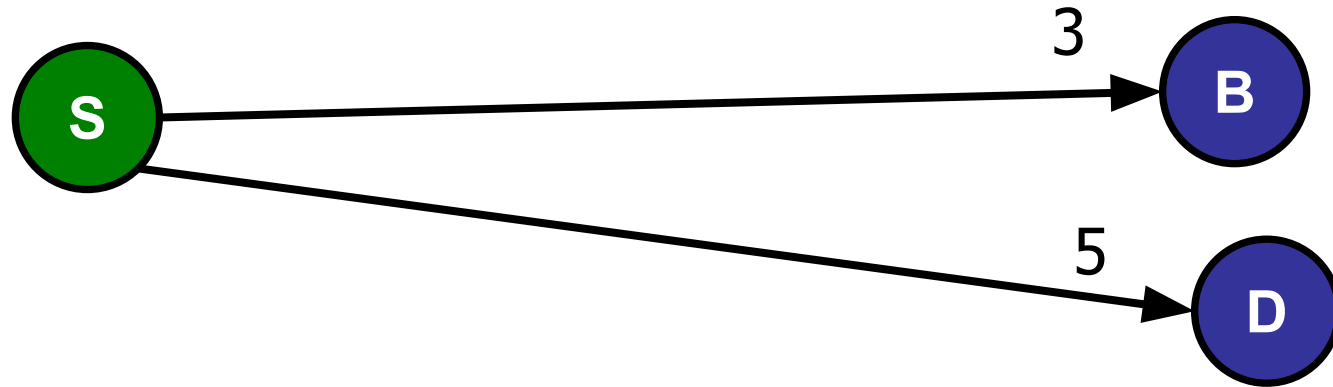
Another intuitive way to think about it:



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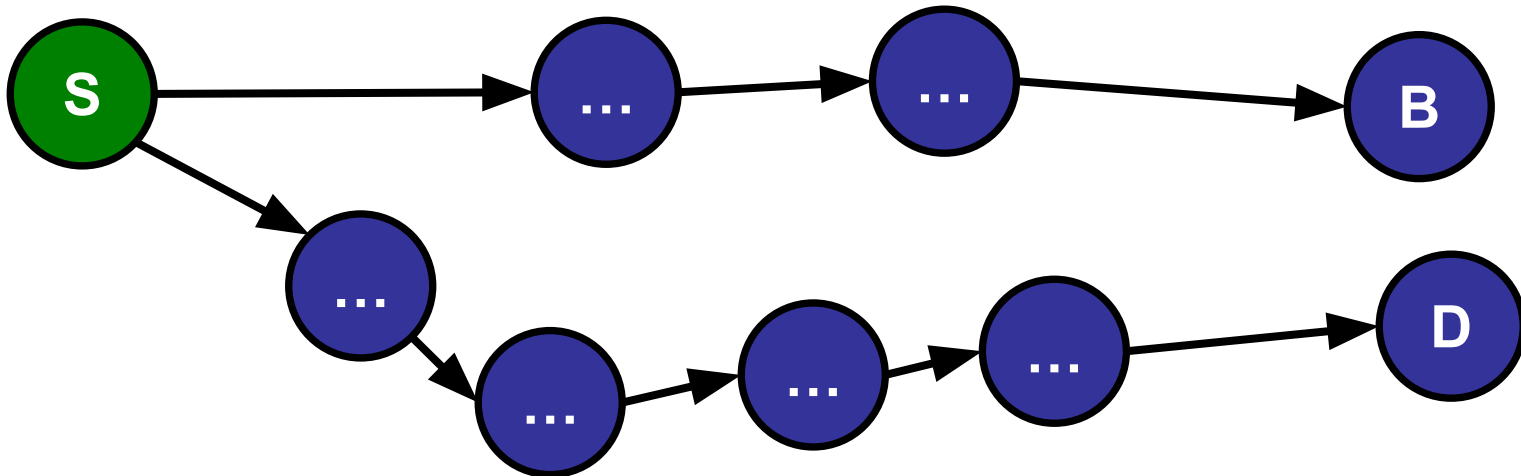
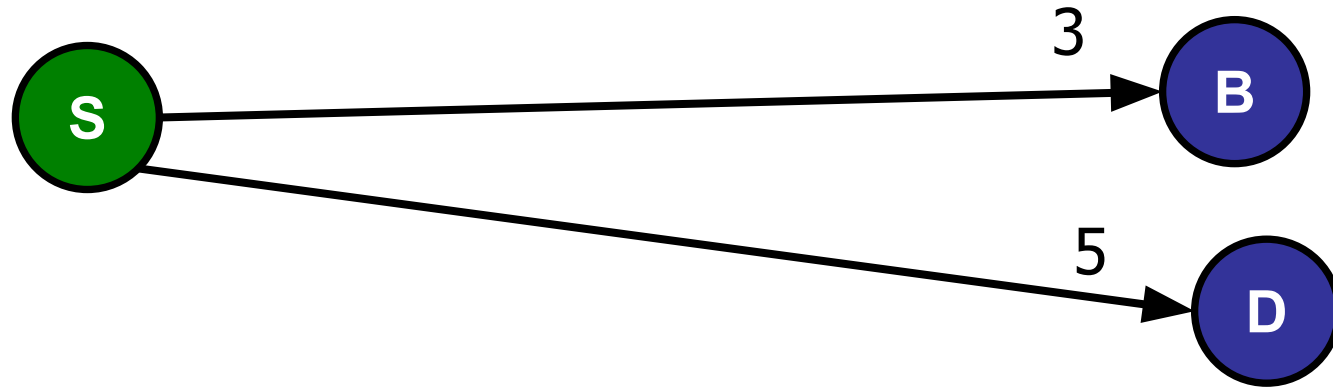
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Given a weighted graph:



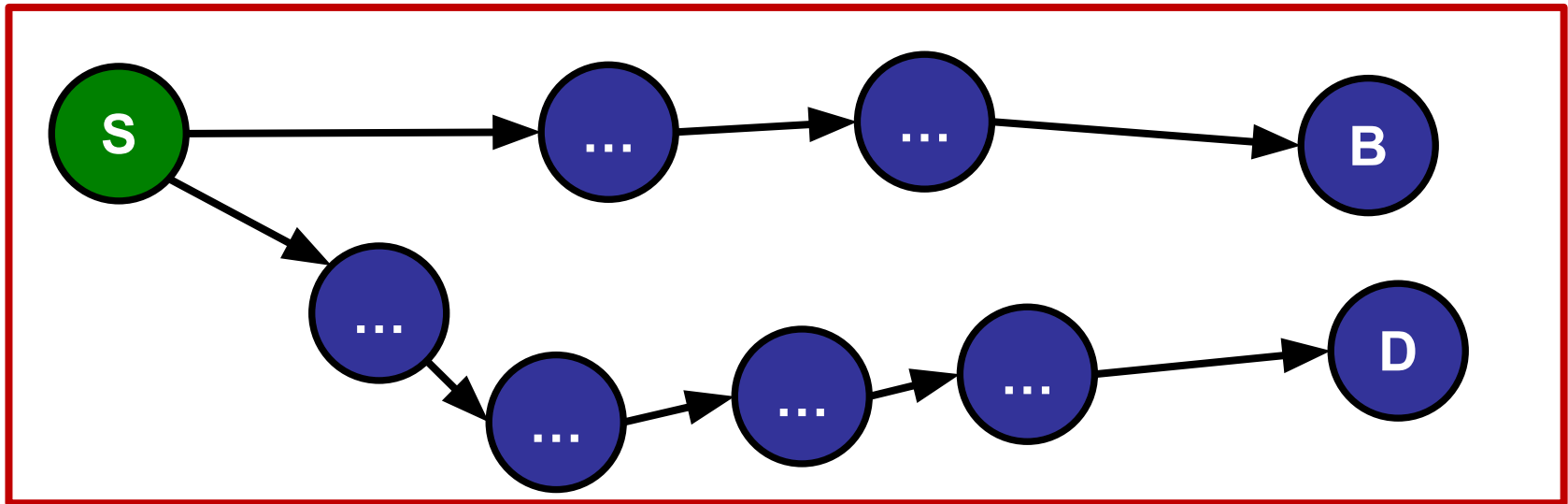
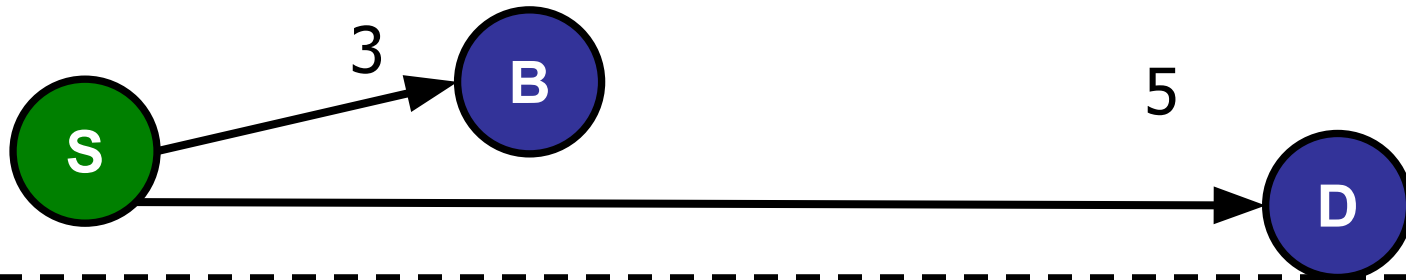
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If replaced an edge of weight  $c$  with  $c - 1$  nodes:



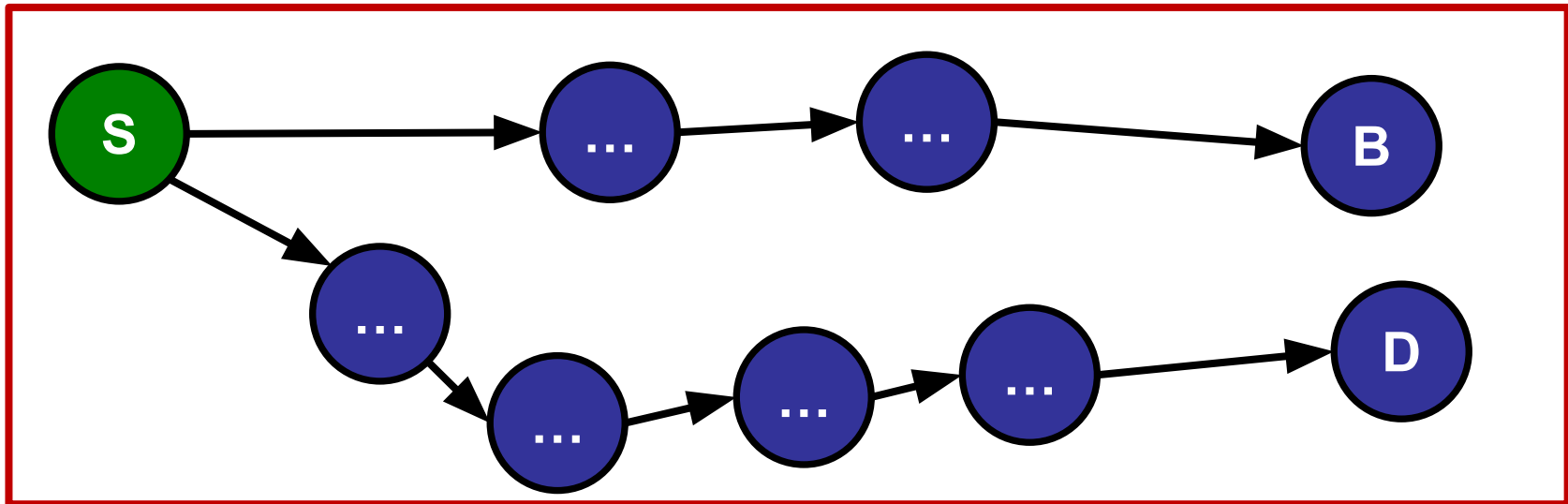
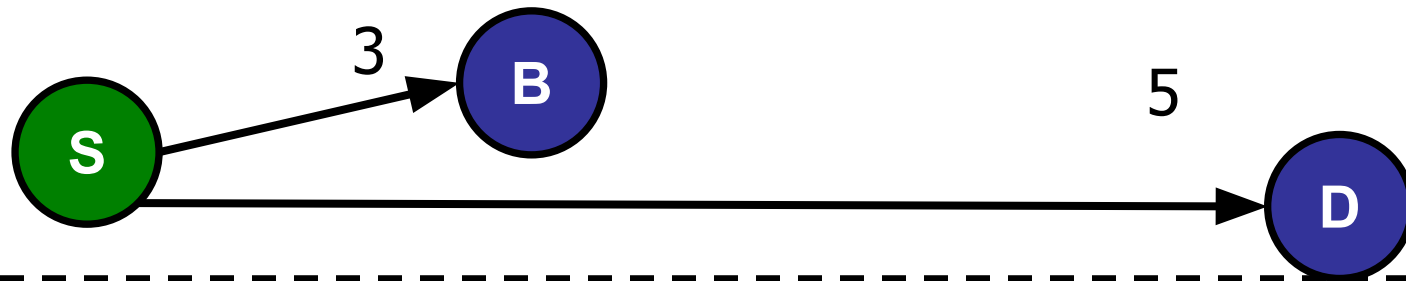
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And ran BFS on the replaced graph, it also gives us SSSP.  
But this is insanely inefficient, because now the number of nodes is a function of the weights.



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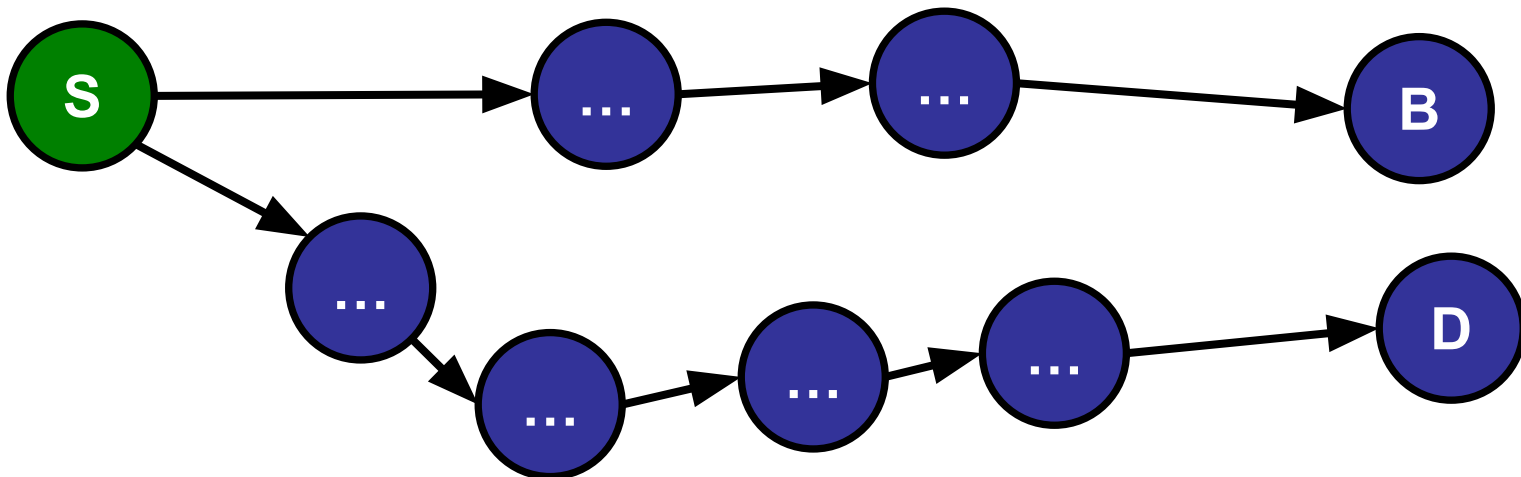
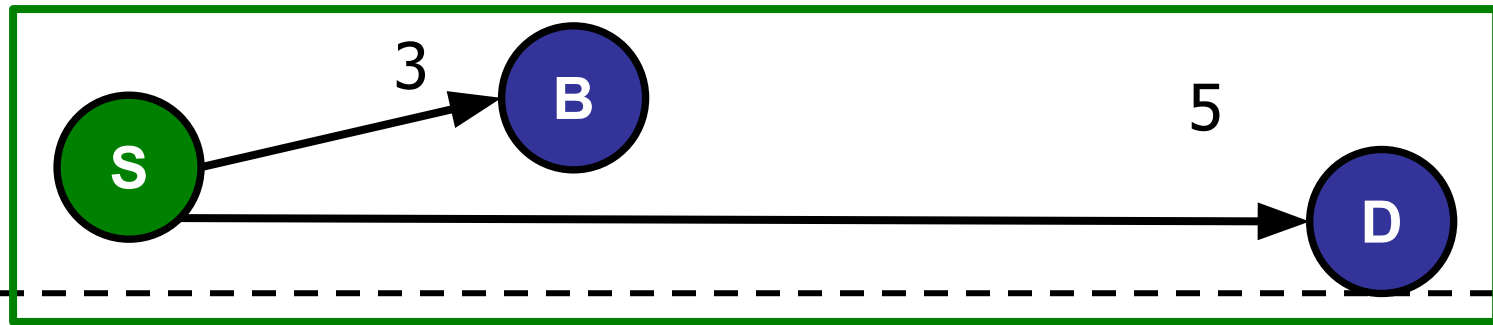
What BFS is doing: stepping on each node, one at time using a queue.





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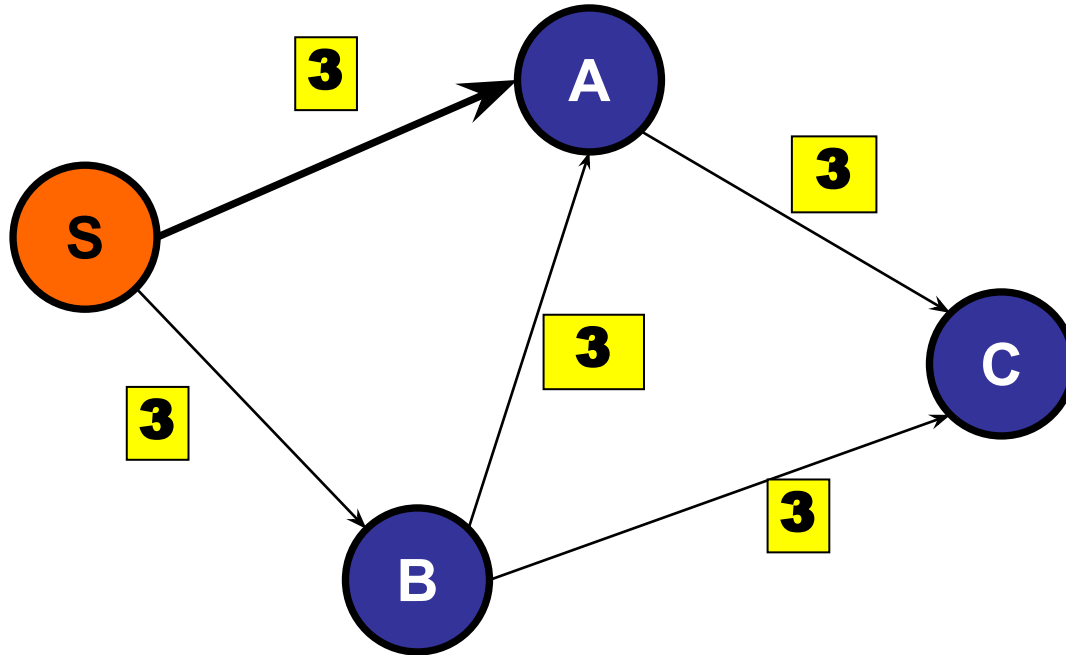
What Dijkstra is doing: Using a PQ to quickly figure out “if we BFS first do we reach **B** or **D**?”



# The other direction:

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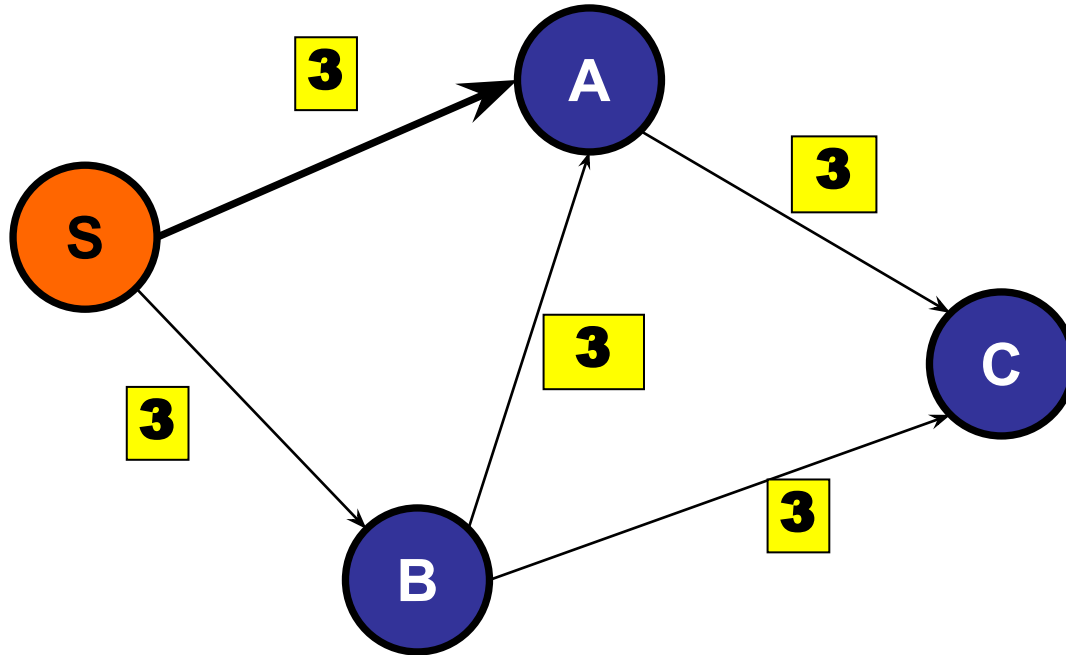
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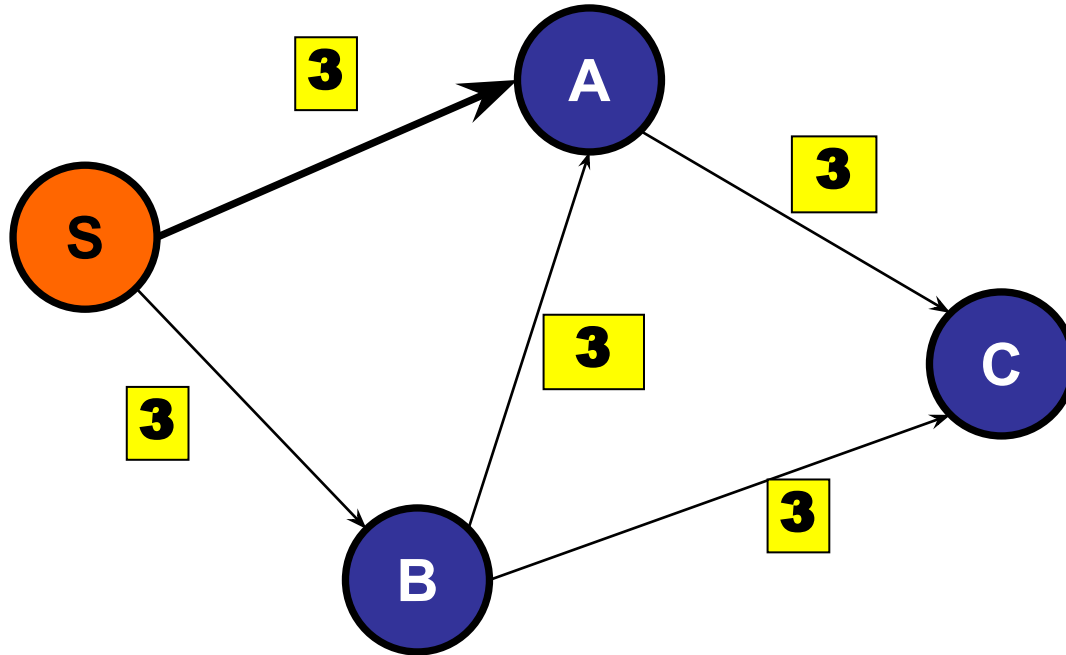


Use regular Breadth-First Search.

# The other direction:

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Special case: all edges have the same weight.



Whatever the output is from BFS, multiply by the weight.

# Today

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## **Single Source** Shortest Paths (SSSP):

- On unweighted graphs
  - (Review) BFS
- On weighted graphs
  - (New) Dijkstra

# Wednesday

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## **Single Source** Shortest Paths (SSSP):

- On some special cases.
  - Bellman Ford