

# Prim's Algorithm for MST

# Prim's Algorithm

- Prim's Algorithm also uses Greedy approach to find the MST.
- In Prim's Algorithm we grow the spanning tree from a starting vertex.
- Unlike an **edge** in Kruskal's, we add a **vertex** to the growing spanning tree.

# Algorithm

- Maintain two disjoint sets of vertices.
- One set contains vertices  $V1$  that are on the tree
- other set are vertices  $V2$  that are not yet inserted
- Examine vertices  $V2$  which connect to **vertices  $V1$  on the spanning tree.**
- **$V2$  are inserted into a Priority Queue.**
- Select the cheapest path from  $V2$  to vertex in  $V1$  and add it into the growing spanning tree.
- Do not include a vertex if it is going to create a cycle.

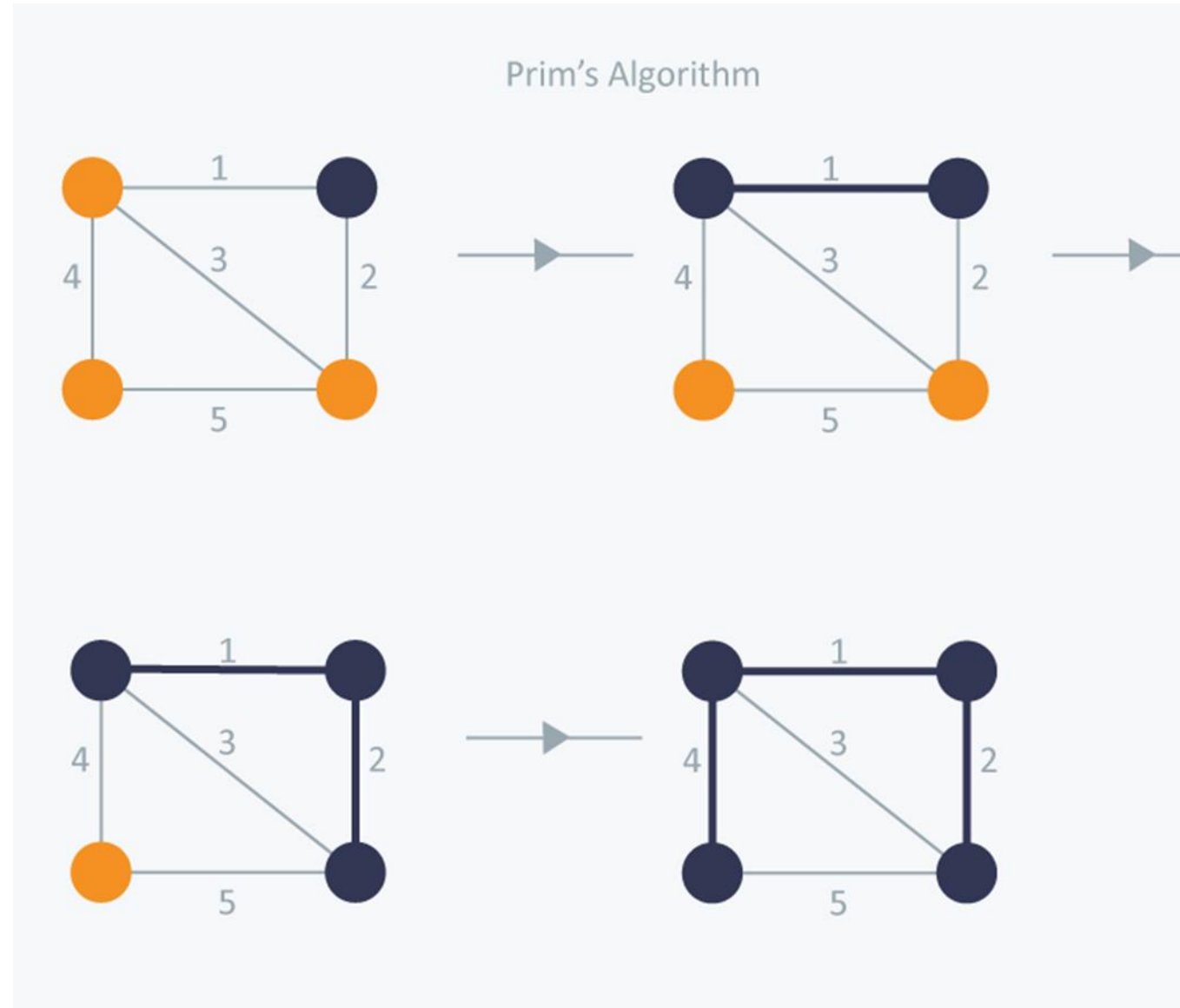
## Pseudo Code for Prim's Algorithm

$G$  : graph,  $Q$ : Priority Queue,  $w$ : weight function,  $r$ : root node

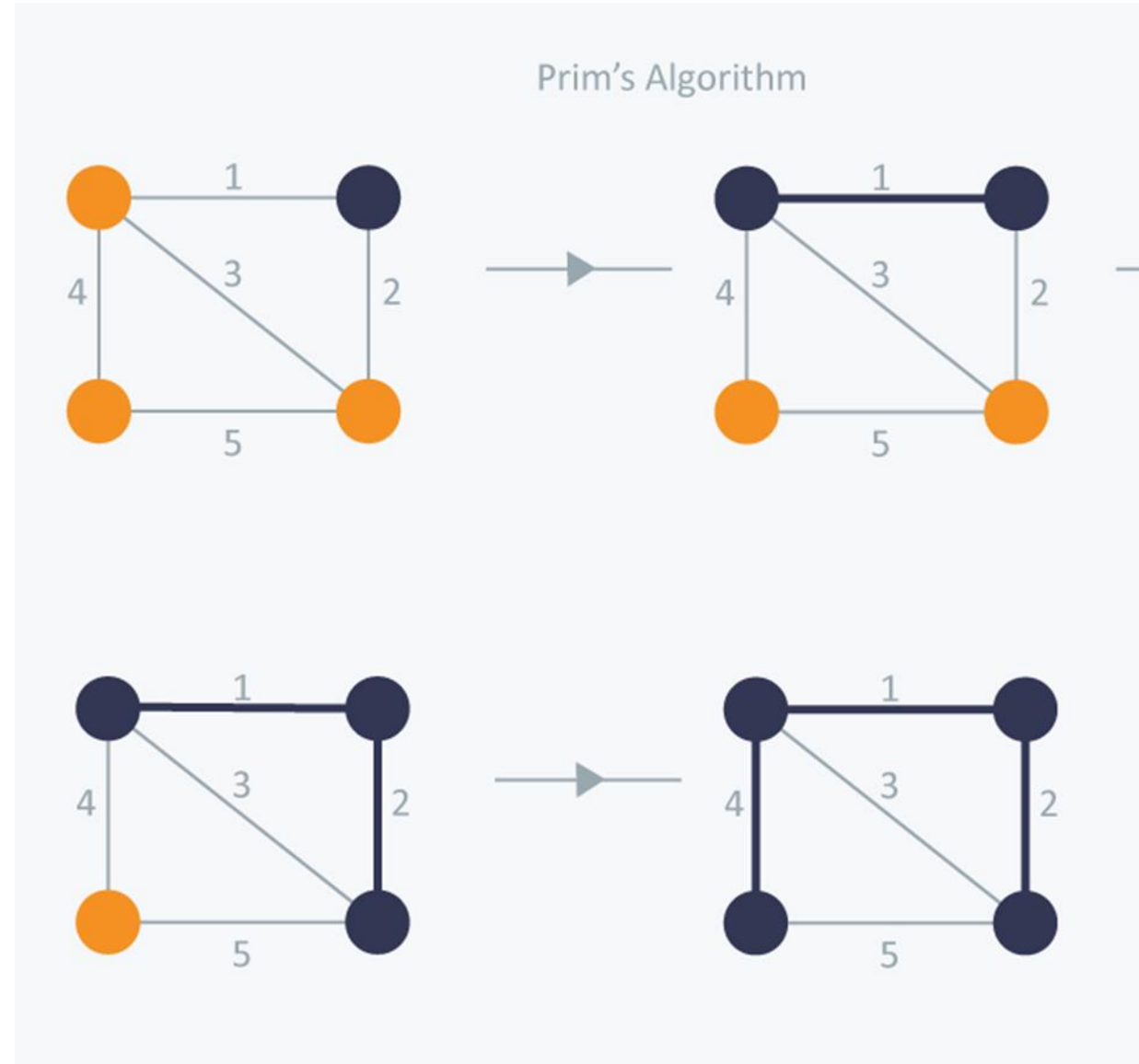
$Adj[u]$ : list containing neighbors of  $u$

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PRIM( $G, w, r$ ):  
    for each  $u$  in  $G$ :  
         $u.key = INF$   
         $u.p = NIL$   
     $r.key = 0$   
     $Q = G$   
    while  $Q$  is not empty:  
         $u = EXTRACT-MIN(Q)$   
        for each  $v$  in  $Adj[u]$ :  
            if  $v$  in  $Q$  and  $w(u, v) < v.key$ :  
                 $v.p = u$   
                 $v.key = w(u, v)$   
    return  $G$ 
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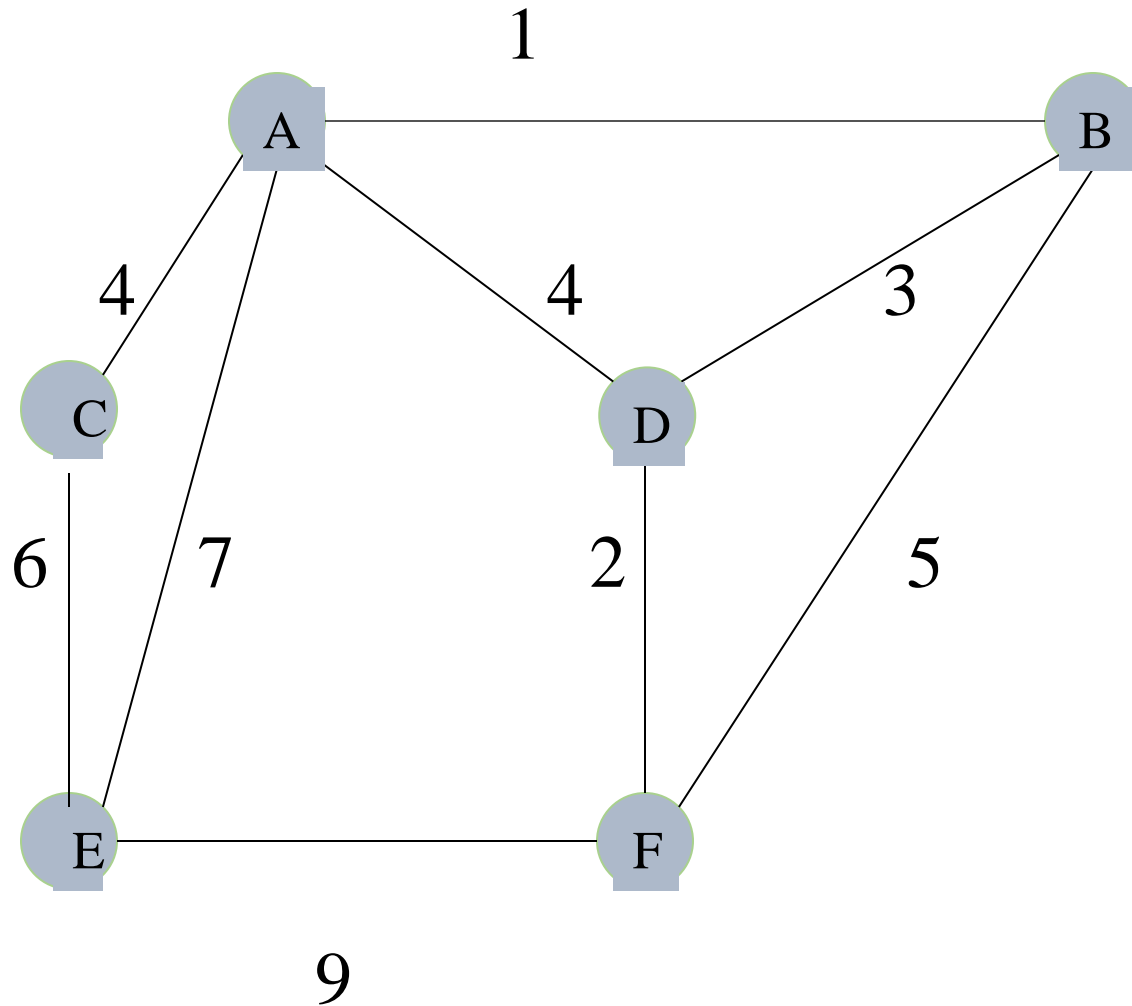
- Since all vertices have to be on the spanning tree, we arbitrarily choose a vertex. See left top graph.
- 2 vertices are connected to it, one with weight 1, one with weight 2.
- So we will simply choose the edge with weight 1.
- Now there are 2 vertices on MST.
- We have three options, edges with weight 2, 3 and 4 which connect to these 2 vertices.
- So, we will select the edge with weight 2 and mark the vertex.



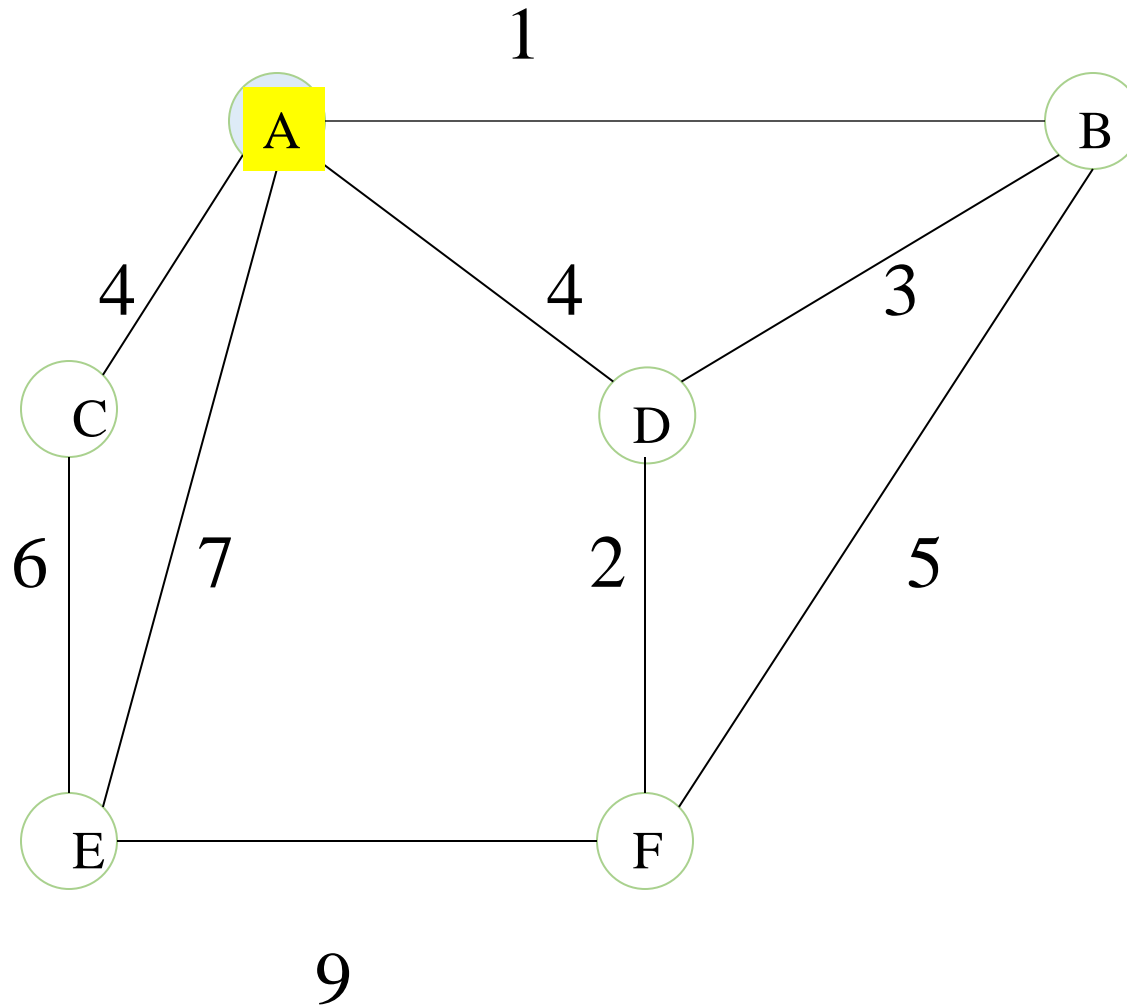
- Now the options are edges with weight 3, 4 and 5.
- But we can't choose edge with weight 3 as it is creating a cycle.
- So we will select the edge with weight 4.
- Edge with weight 5 is rejected.
- We end up with the minimum spanning tree of total cost 7 ( $= 1 + 2 + 4$ ).



Use Prim's algorithm to create MST for the following graph.



Put vertex A on spanning Tree



Node A is  
connected to  
B, C, D, E

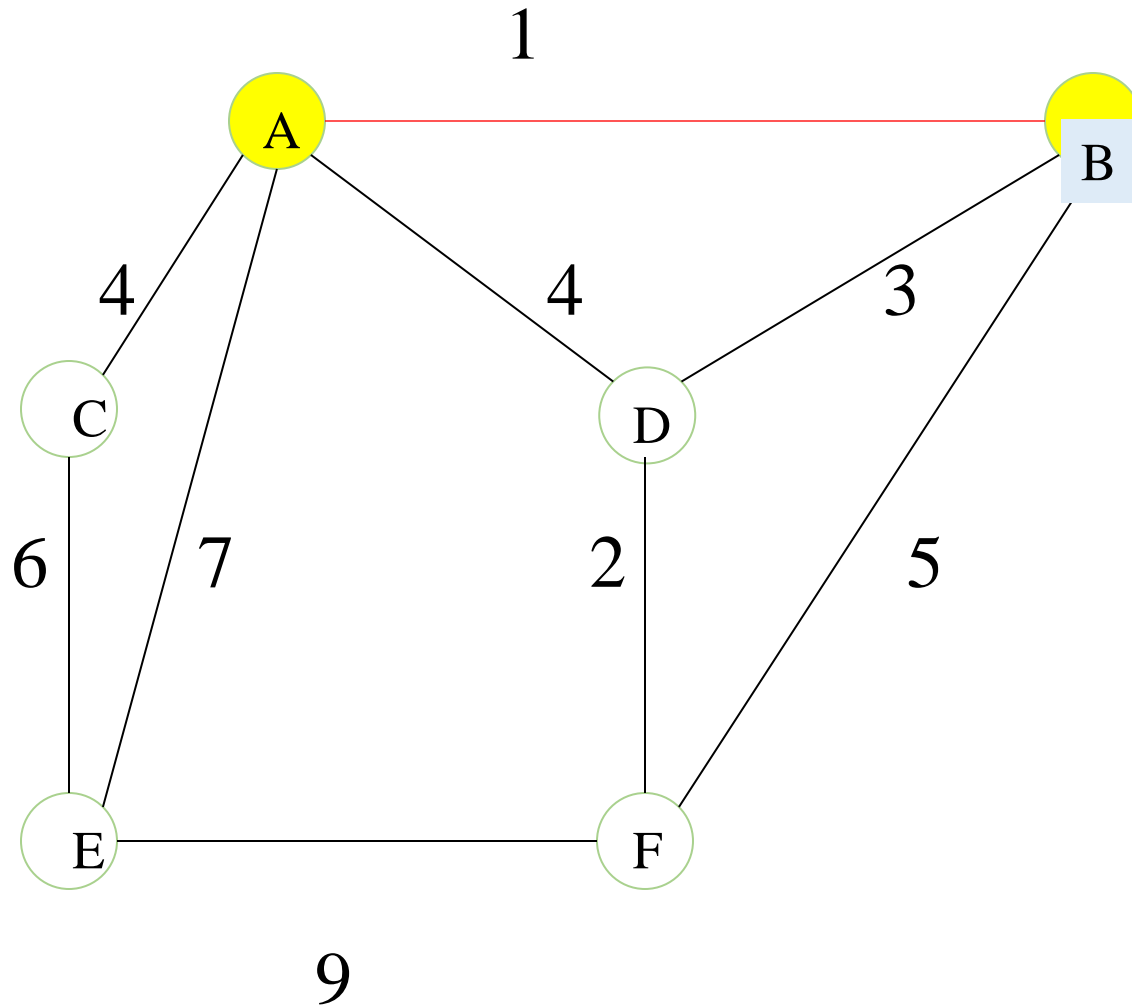
Given BA, CA,  
DA, EA.

BA is shortest

$\text{Min } d[B] = 1$

select B





Node A is connected to  
C and D.

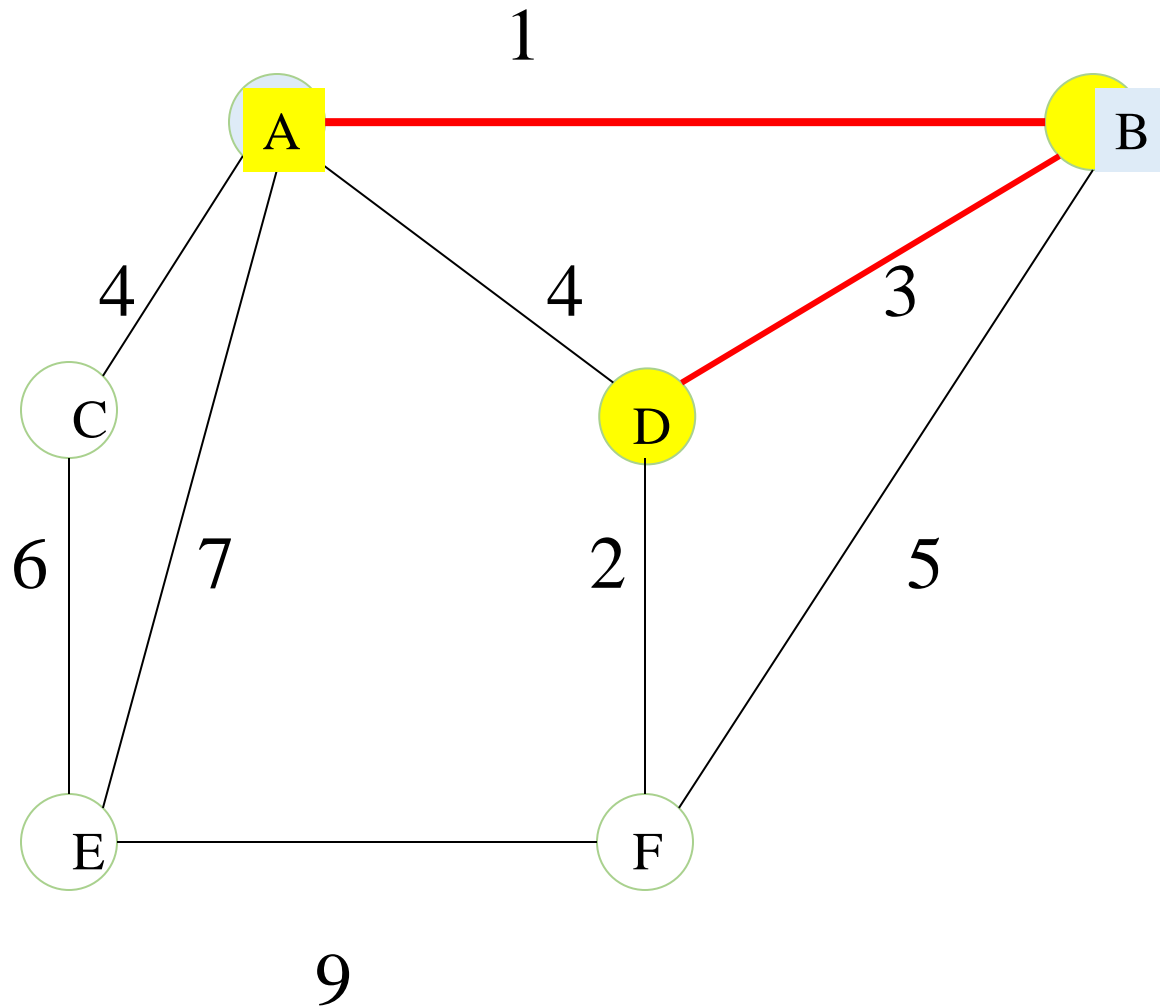
$$AC=AD= 4$$

Node B is connected to  
D and F

$$DB = 3$$

$$FB = 5$$

select D (closest to B)



F connected to D  
F connected to B

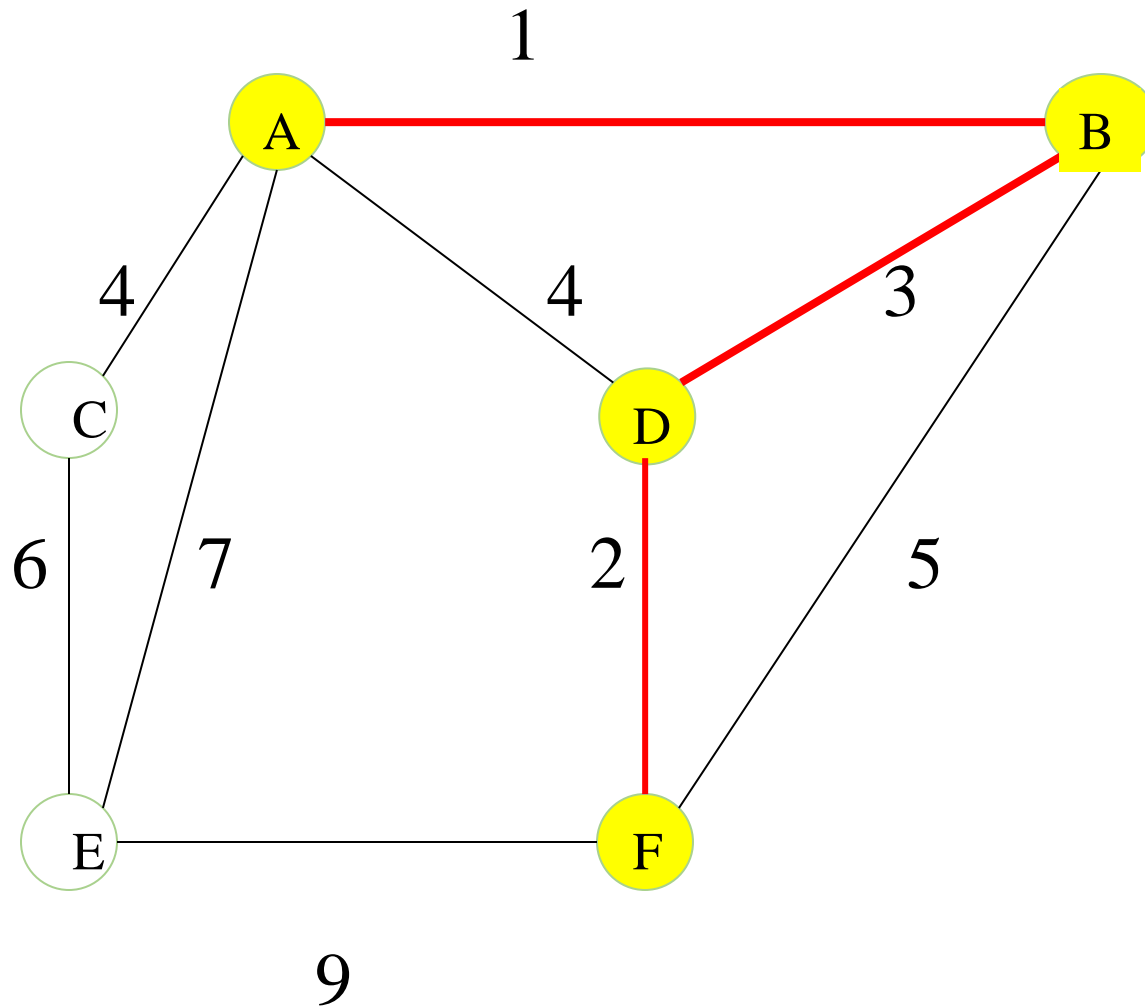
$$FD = 2$$

$$FB = 5$$

$$EA = 7$$

$$CA = 4$$

F is closest to D  
Select F



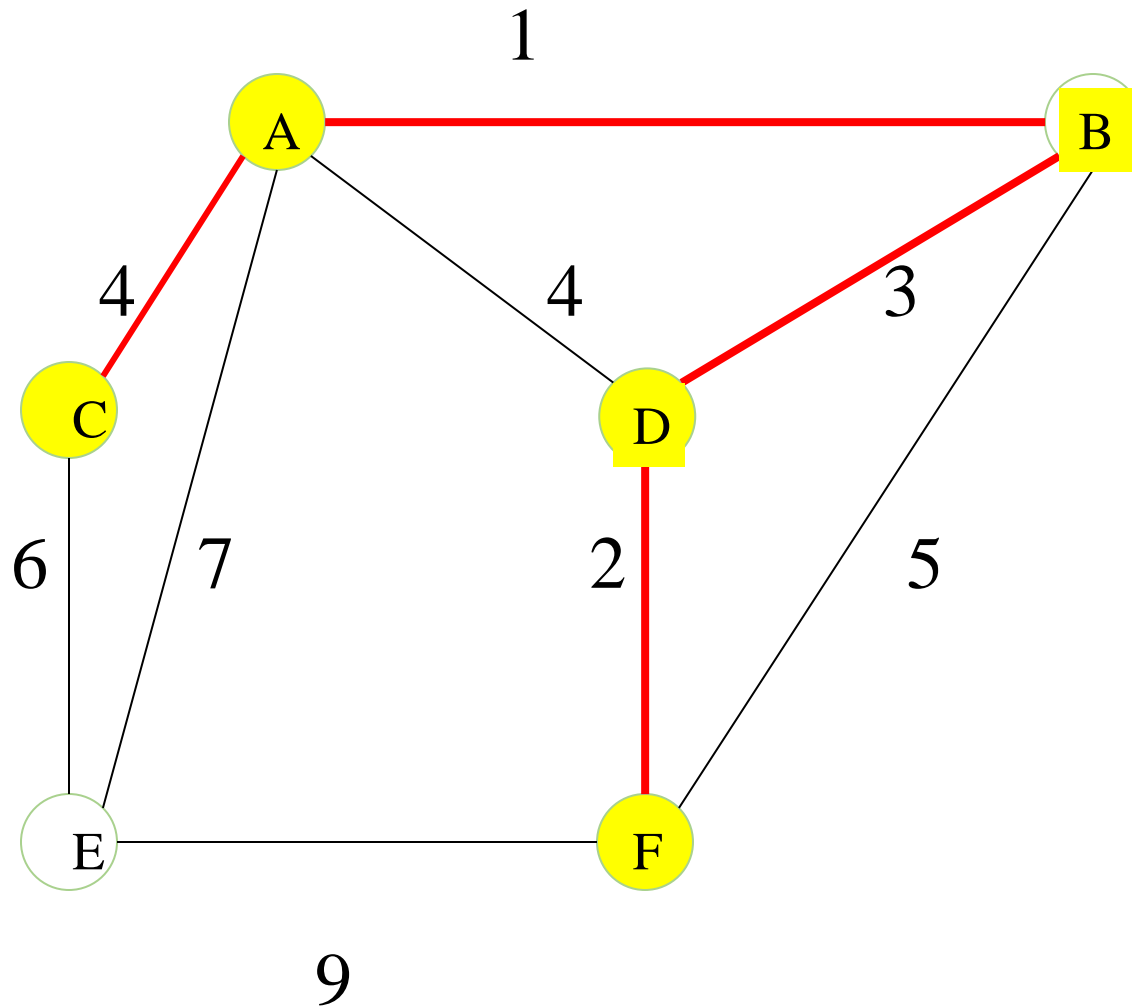
CA : 4

EA : 7

EF = 9

C is closest to  
node A of MST

Select C



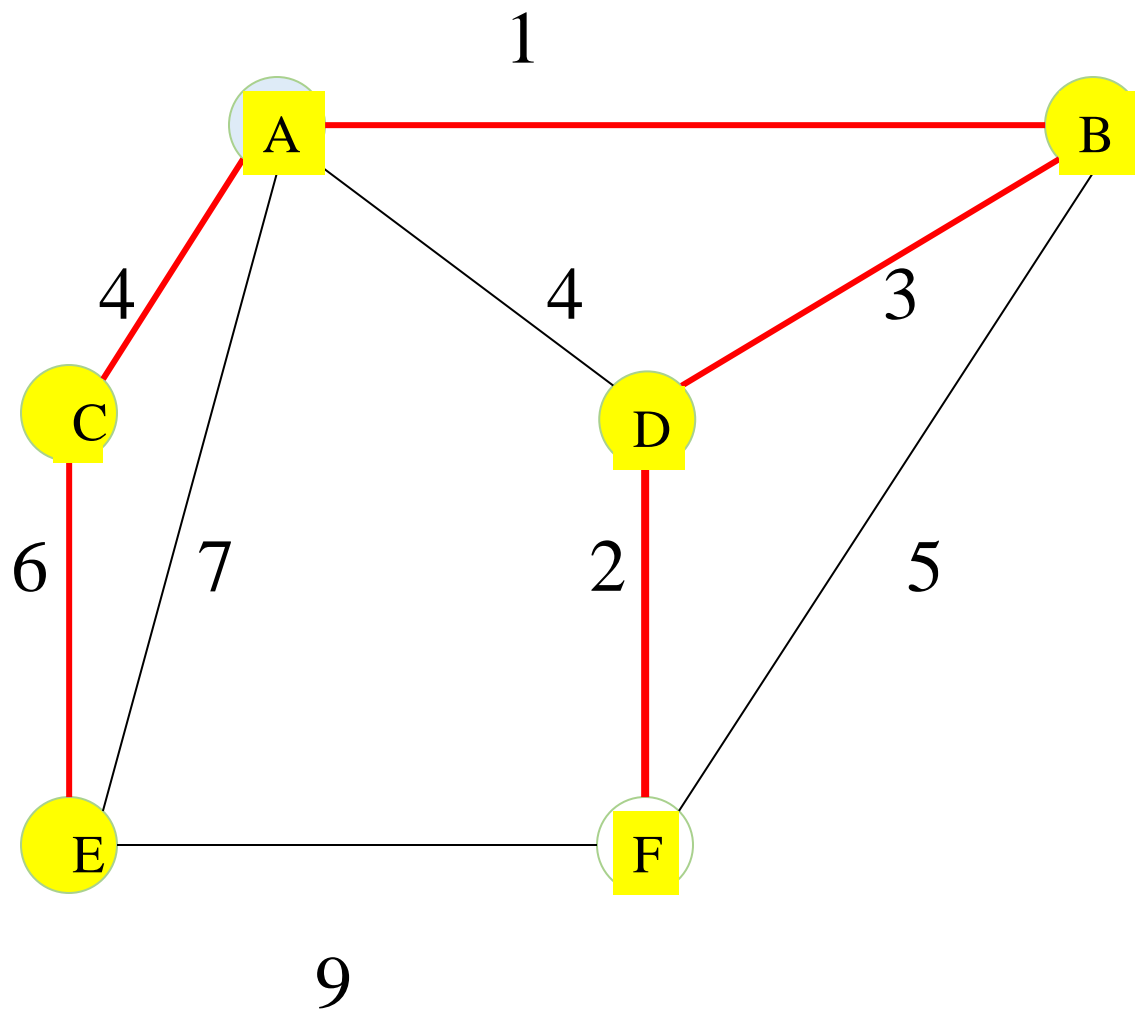
EA : 7

EC= 6

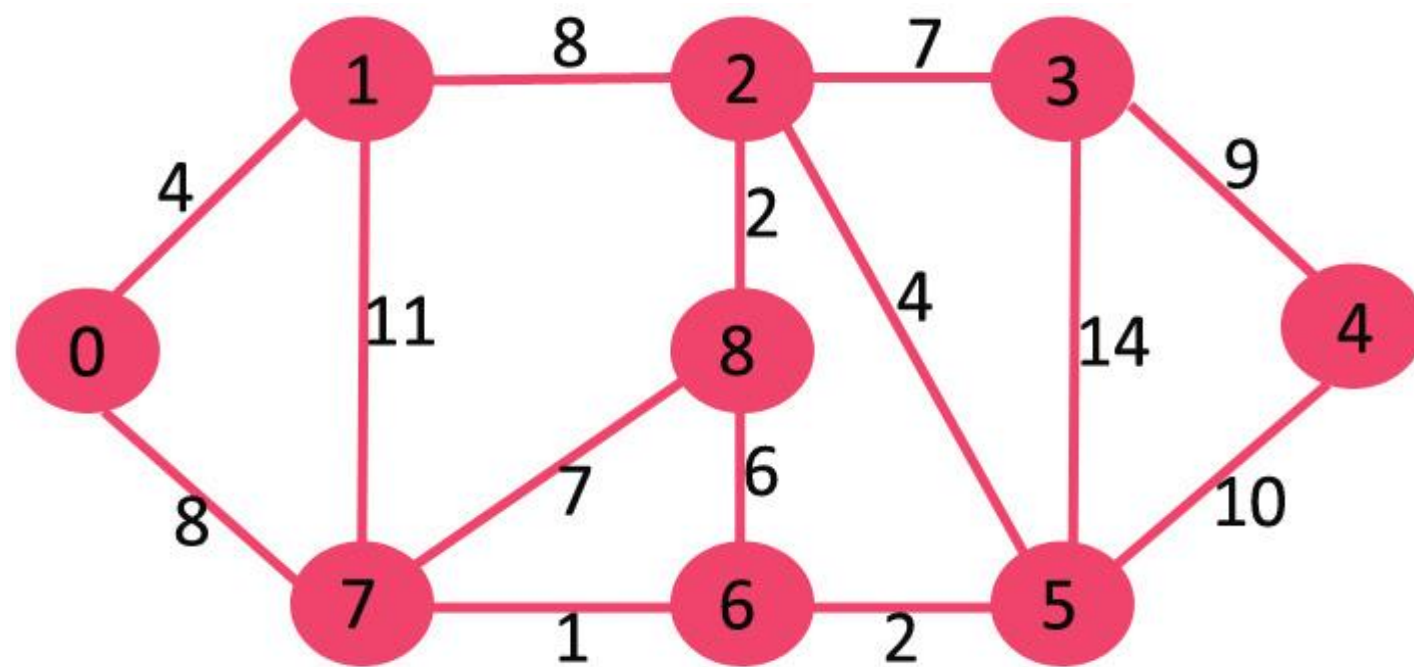
EF=9

E is closest to C  
of MST

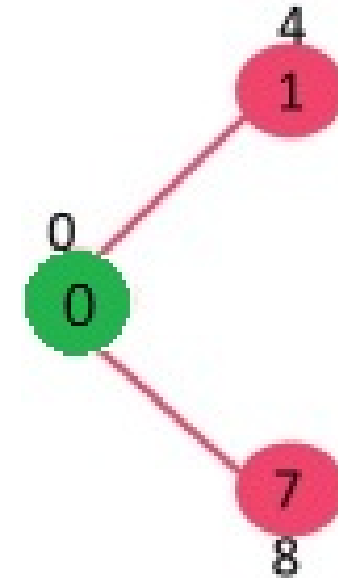
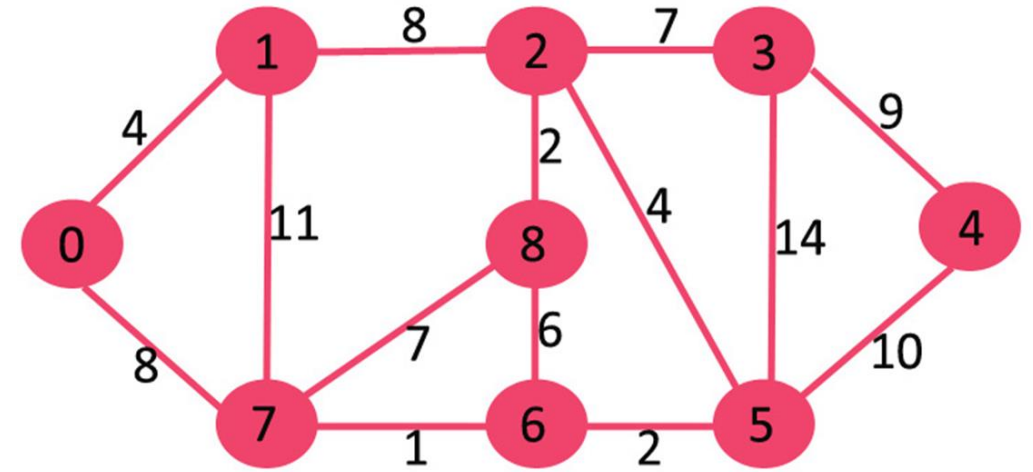
Select E



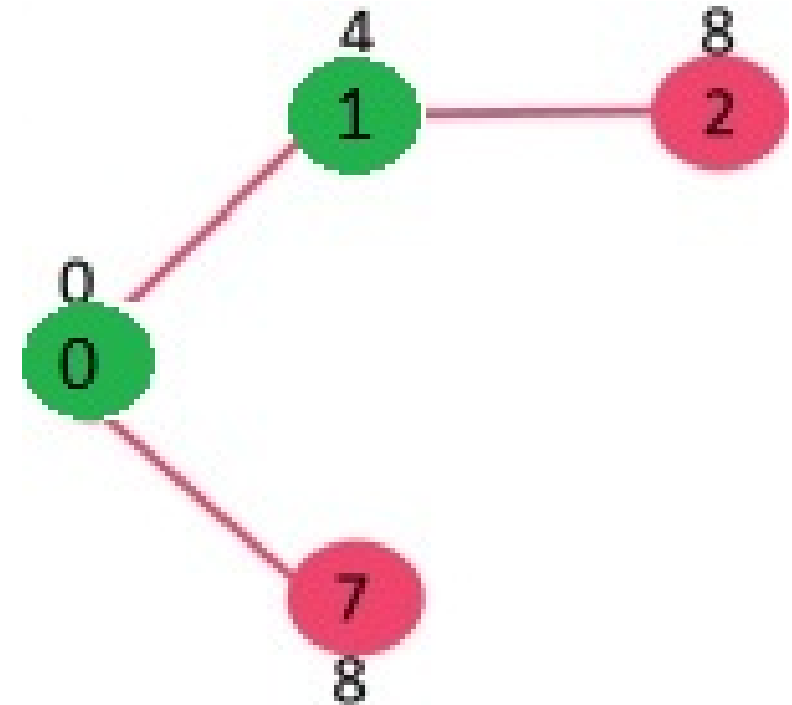
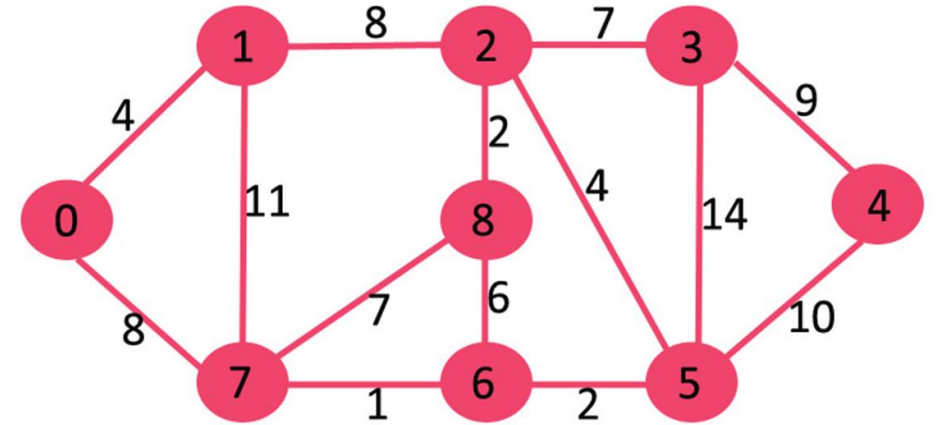
MST



- Adjacent nodes of 0 are 1 and 7

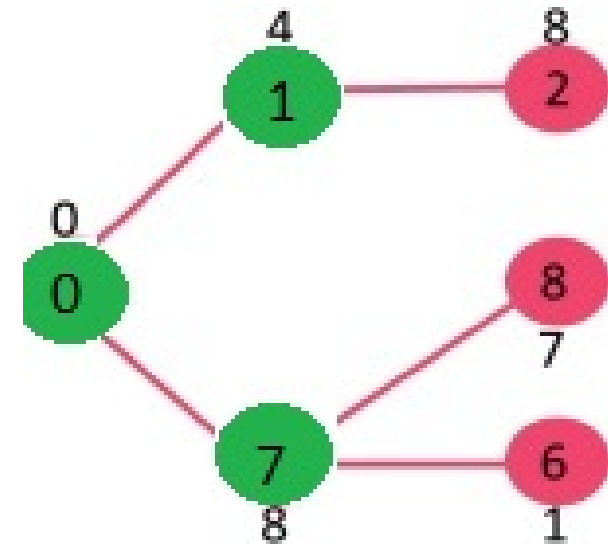
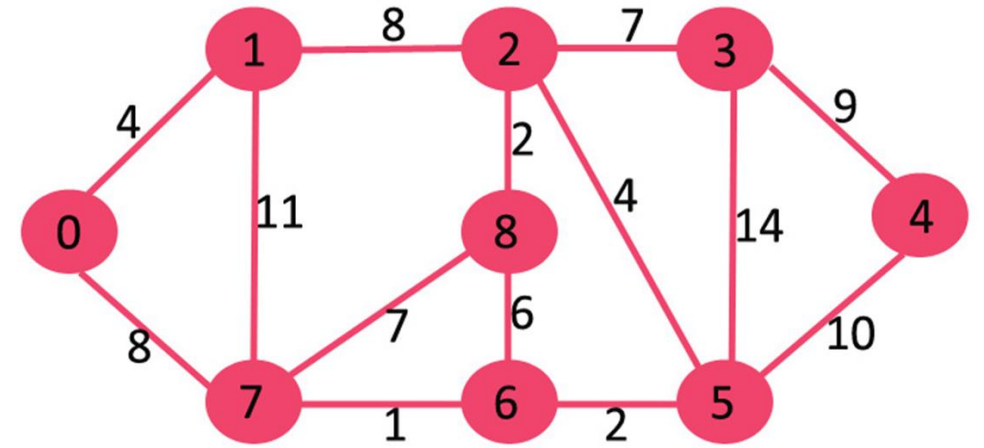


- 1 is selected as it is minimum.
- Then either 2 or 7 can be selected.

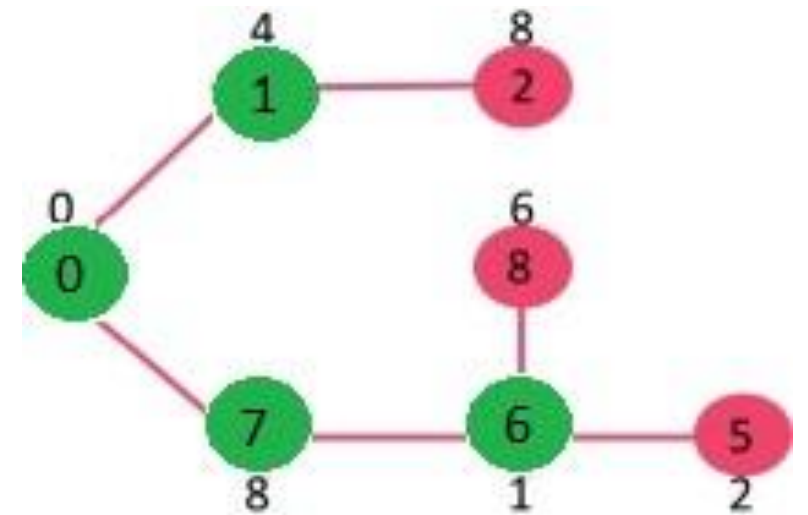
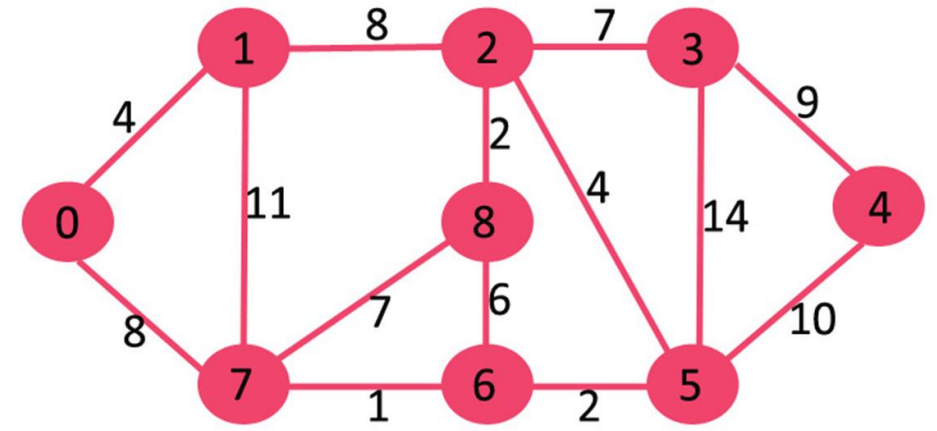




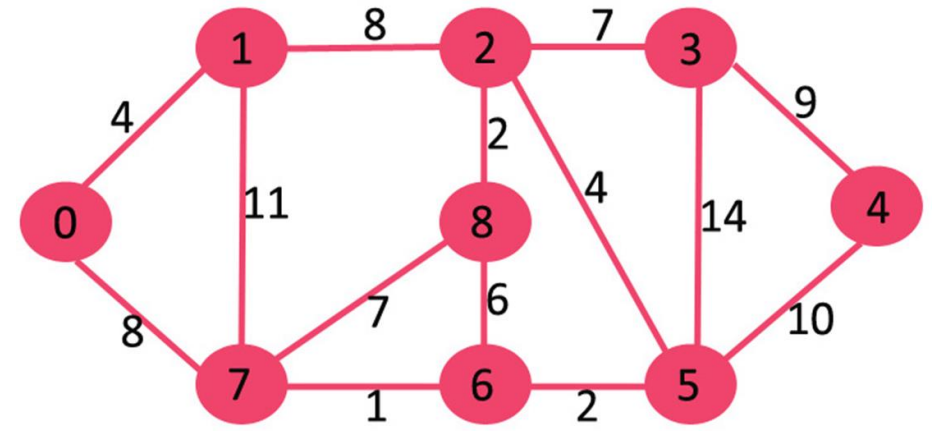
- We choose 7.
- Now we have choice between vertices 2,6 and 8



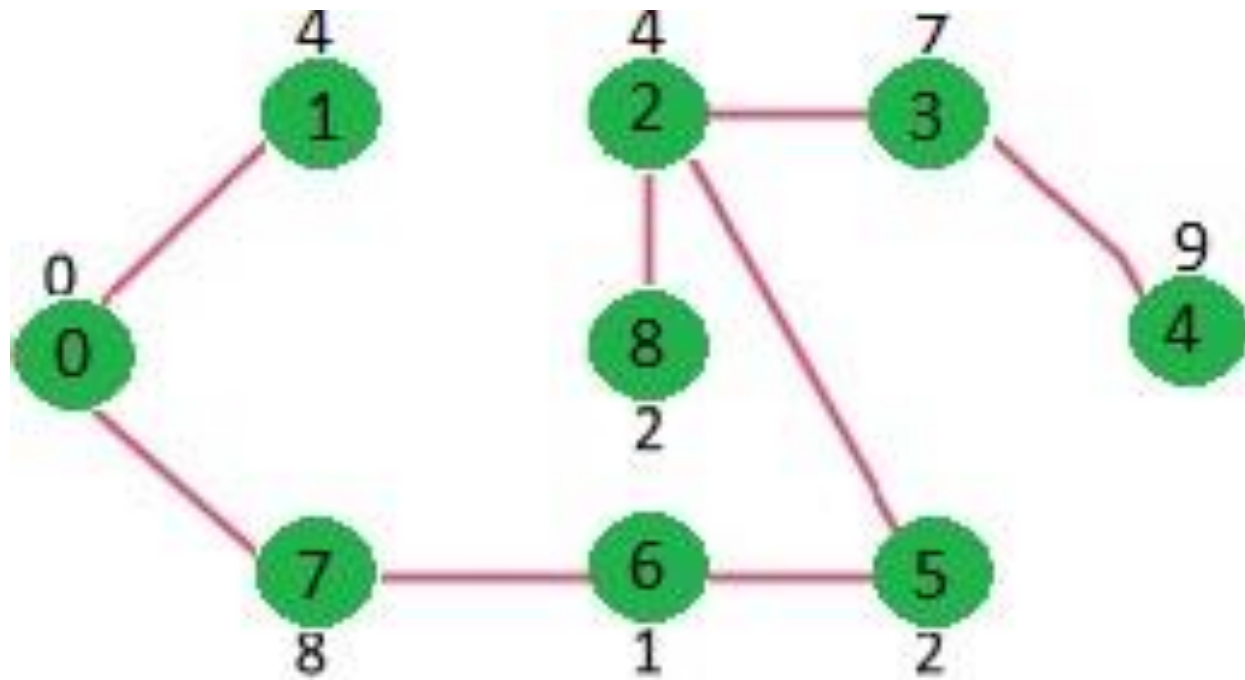
- 6 is picked up as it connects with minimum edge weight
- 5 and 8 are updated.
- 5 is picked, as it has min. edge weight.



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- 2 is put on tree, with edge to 5 chosen.
- next 8 connects to 2.
- followed by 3 and then 4.



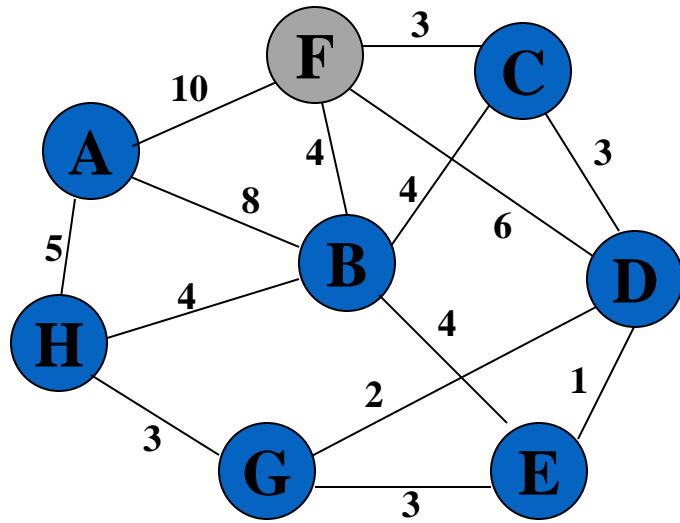
- Finally the MST.



# Time Complexity

- Heap tree operation takes  $\log V$ .
- If the input graph is represented using an adjacency list, then the time complexity of Prim's algorithm is  $O(E \log V)$  with the help of a binary heap.
- In this implementation, we are always considering the spanning tree to start from the root of the graph

- If some of the edge weights in a graph are same, there will be alternatives to choose from
- and it is possible that the MST will not be unique.



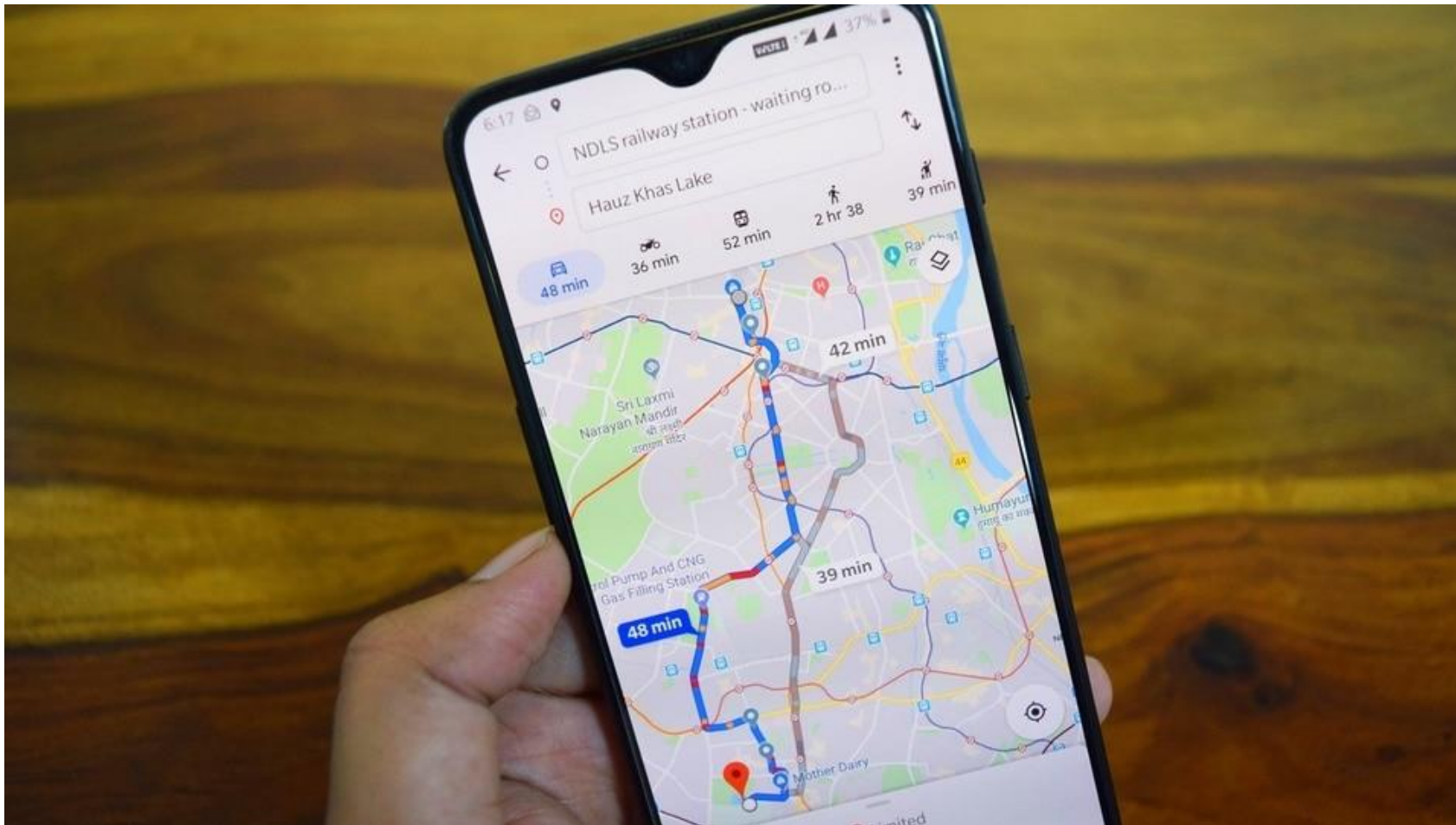
Consider an undirected, weight graph

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## Shortest Path Problem



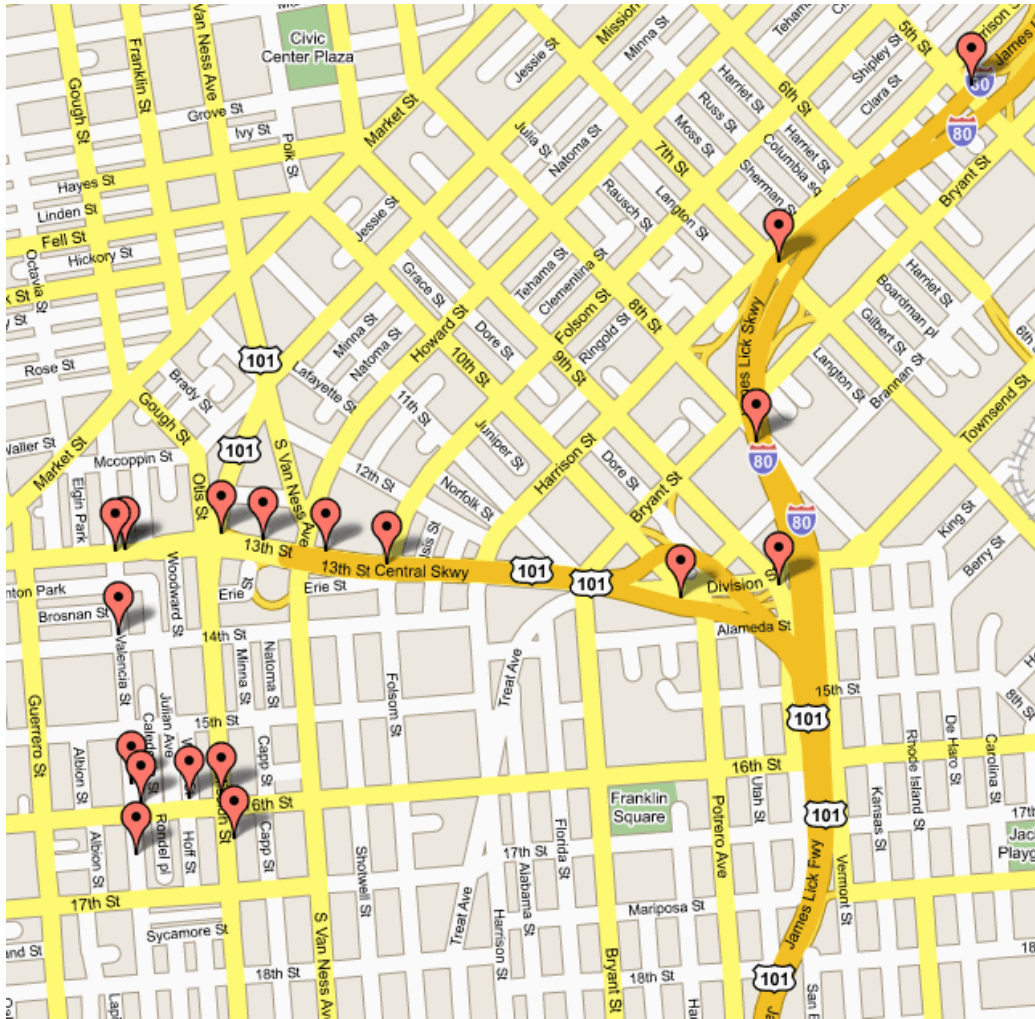
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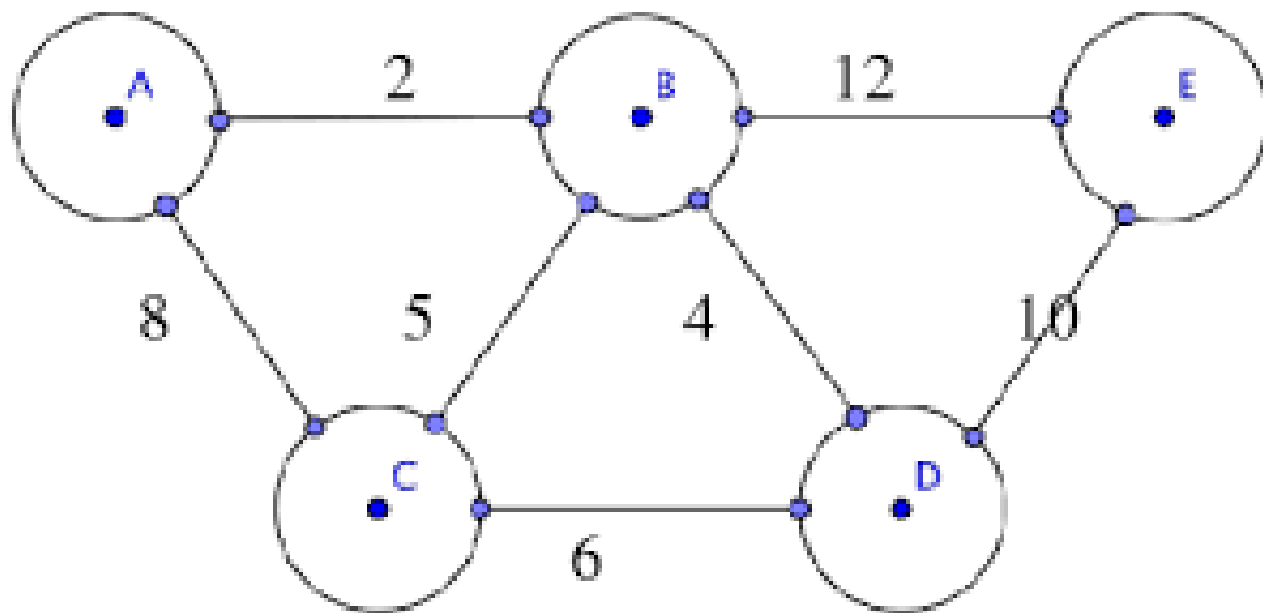


- weights between nodes are the estimated time required to travel a particular distance, by considering the live traffic situation.

# Applications

- Maps
- Routing Systems, Networks





# Route finding problem

- There may be number of paths between vertex A and vertex B.
- Distances between any two directly connected vertices is specified on the graph
- The problem is to trace the path from A to B whose cost (distance) is least compared to all other possible paths.

# Single-Source Shortest Path Problem

The problem of finding shortest paths from **a specified source vertex  $v$**  to all other vertices in the graph.

# Dijkstra's Algorithm for shortest path from single vertex

# Edsger Wybe Dijkstra

(1930-2002)



Dutch computer scientist,  
received the 1972 A. M. Turing Award, widely considered the  
most prestigious award in computer science.



# Dijkstra's algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm - is a solution to the single-source shortest path problem in graph theory.



## Input:

Weighted graph  $G=\{E,V\}$  and source vertex,

## Output:

Lengths of shortest paths (or the shortest paths themselves) from the source vertex to all other vertices



# Approach

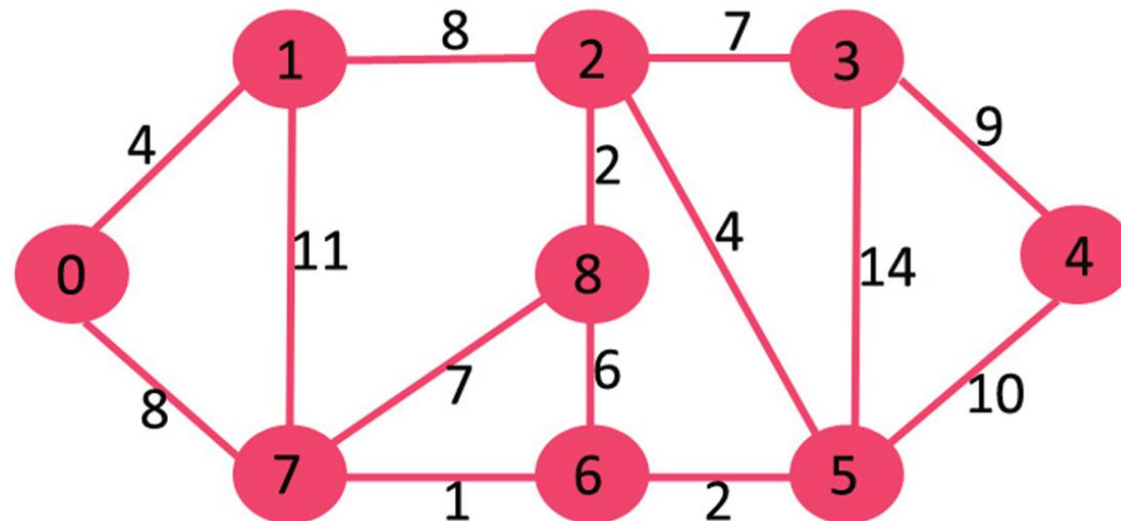
- The algorithm computes for each vertex  $u$ 
  - the distance to  $u$  *from the start vertex  $v$* ,
  - that is, the weight of a shortest path between  $v$  and  $u$ .
- the algorithm keeps track of the set of vertices for which the distance has been computed, called  $P[v]$

# How does it work?

- Every vertex has a label  $D$  associated with it.
- For any vertex  $u$ ,  $D[u]$  stores so far best distance between start vertex  $v$  and  $u$ .
- The algorithm examines *all paths from start  $v$  to vertex  $u$* .
- It will update a  $D[u]$  value when it finds a shorter path from  $v$  to  $u$ .
- When a vertex  $u$  is finally selected, its label  $D[u]$  stores ~~the actual~~ (final) ~~distance between the starting vertex  $v$  and vertex  $u$~~ .



- Just to illustrate the basic idea
- Let 0 be the source vertex in the same graph we had used earlier.
- Consider the path from vertex 0 to 8
- Suppose we have figured out a path  $0 - 7 - 8$  with cost 15
- We shall explore other longer paths as well
- like  $0 - 1 - 2 - 8$ . The cost of this path is  $4 + 8 + 2 = 14$
- We shall prefer this path over the earlier one.



- The algorithm uses the greedy strategy
- At each stage it tries to figure out the shortest possible path to reach a vertex
- Then uses this path to explore paths to other vertices.

# Dijkstra's shortest Path method

- Create a **null set SP** (shortest path tree set), to keep track of vertices for shortest-path tree
- Assign *distance value* to all vertices in the input graph.
  - Assign 0 as distance value for the source vertex.
  - Initialize all other distances to INFINITY.
- Keep track of vertices included in shortest-path tree, **by calculating minimum distances from the source** as newer paths are discovered.

- While set SP doesn't include all vertices
  - Pick a vertex  $u$  (not yet in SP) which has a minimum distance value.
  - Include  $u$  in set SP.
  - Update distance value of all adjacent vertices of  $u$ .
  - To update the values, iterate through all adjacent vertices.
  - For every adjacent vertex  $v$ , if
$$\text{distance to } u + \text{weight of edge } u-v < \text{the distance value of } v$$
, then update the distance value of  $v$ .

# Dijkstra's greedy strategy

Let current distance from source to  $v$  be  $d[v]$ .

Distance to  $u$  + new distance from  $u$  to  $v = d[u] + w(u,v)$

If  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  then a better path has been found.

Replace each  $d[v]$  by this new distance'

Also make a note that best path to  $v$  is through vertex  $u$ .

Suppose old  $d[v] = 18$ ,      for new  $u$ ,  $d[u] = 12$ ,  $w(u,v) = 3$

then since  $12+3 < 18$ ,

better  $d[v] = 15$



Pick up a vertex  $v$ . Let us say so far best distance is  $d[v]$ .

There will be some neighboring vertices

Consider a neighboring vertex  $u$ .

Minimum distance from source to  $u$  is known as  $\text{dist}[u]$

Let distance from  $u$  to  $v$  be  $w(u, v)$ .

for all  $v \in \text{neighbors}[u]$

do if  $\text{dist}[v] > \text{dist}[u] + w(u, v)$

(if new shortest path found)

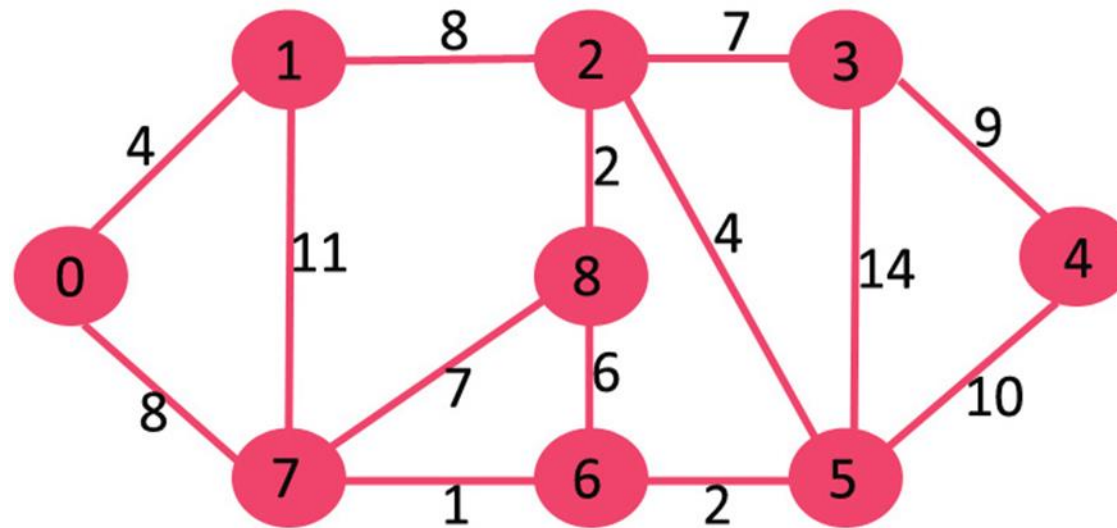
then  $d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v)$

$P[v] = u$

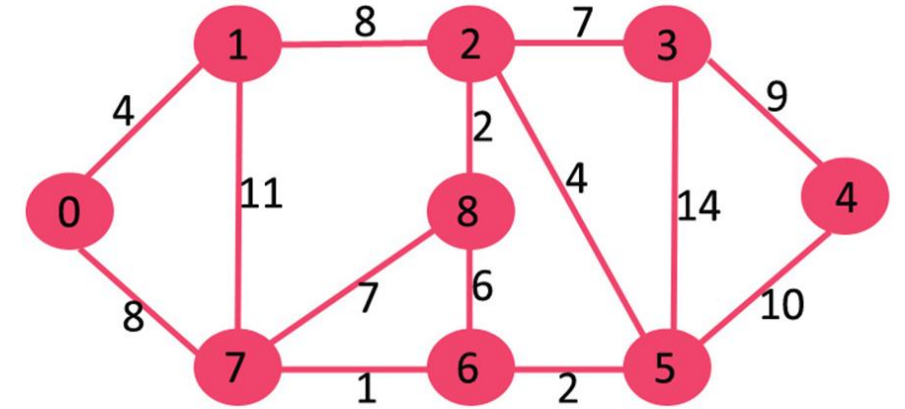
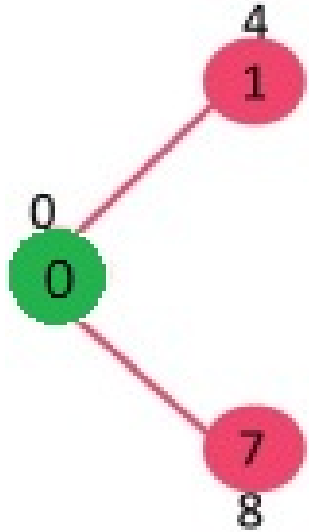
(set new value of shortest path)

return  $\text{dist}$

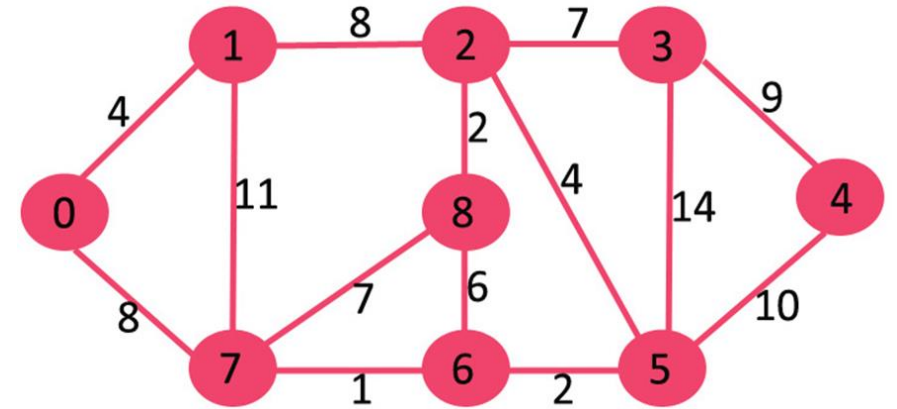
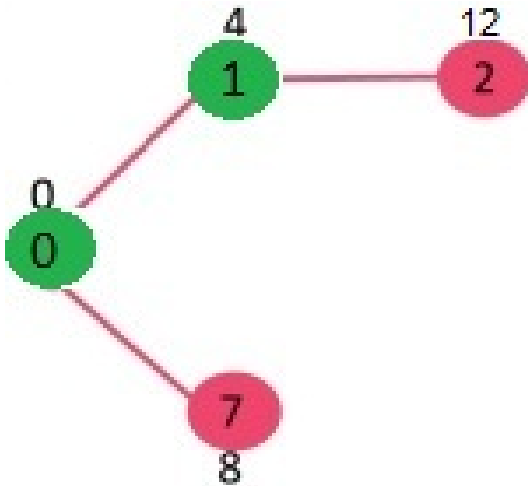
- Source vertex is '0'.
- Distance of source from source is zero, and all other distances are assumed to be infinity (unknown)
- SP is [ 0,  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$ , . . . . . ,  $\infty$ ]



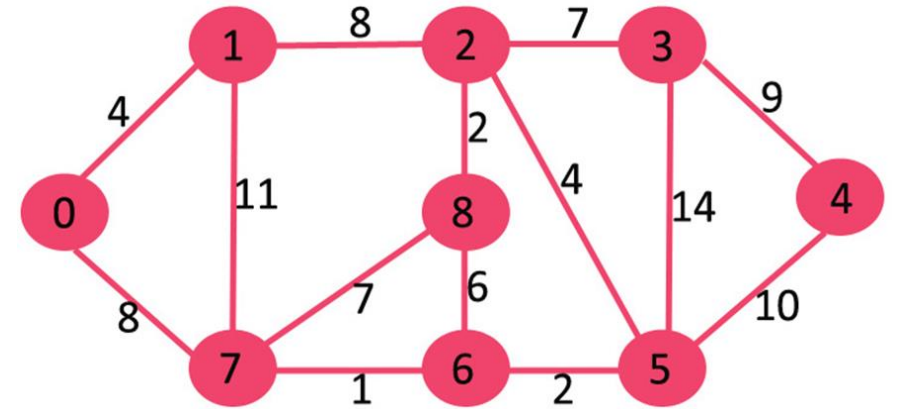
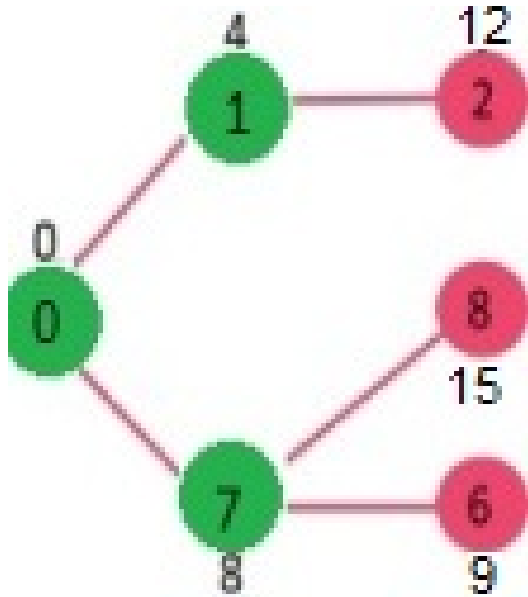
- sptSet shortest path set now becomes {0}.
- Adjacent vertices of 0 are 1 and 7.
- The distance values of 1 and 7 are updated as 4 and 8



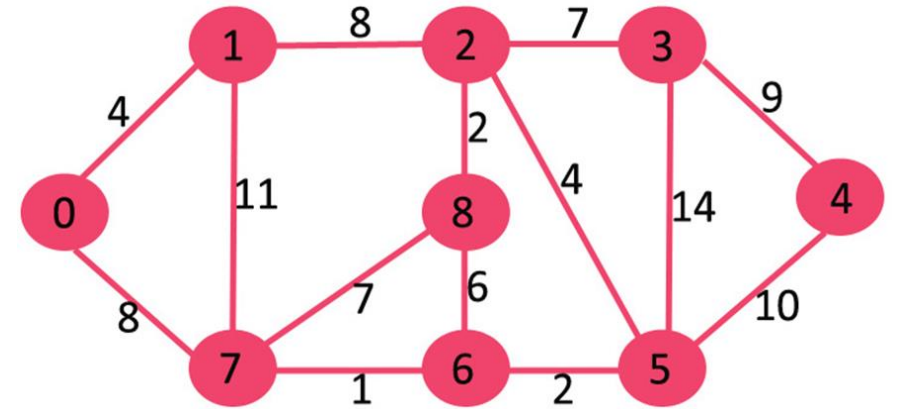
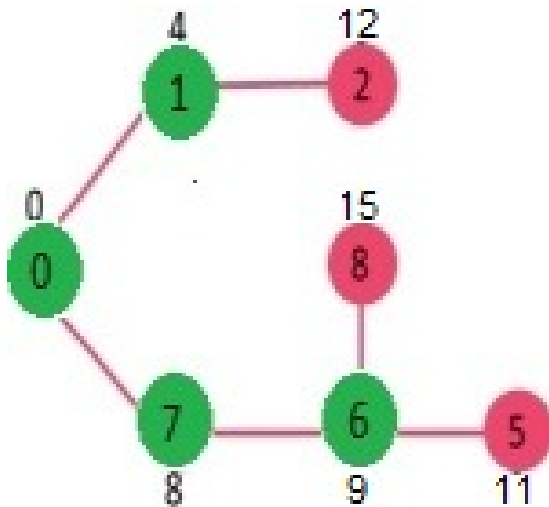
- Pick the vertex with minimum distance value and not already included in SPTree.
- vertex 1 is picked and added to sptSet.
- So sptSet now becomes {0, 1}.
- adjacent vertices of 1 are 7 and 2.
- Distance of vertex 7 stored as 8.
- Distance of vertex 2 stored as 12.



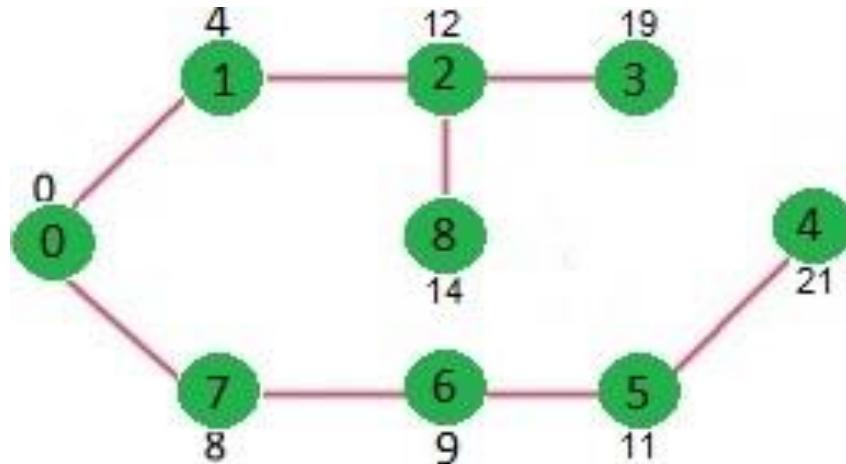
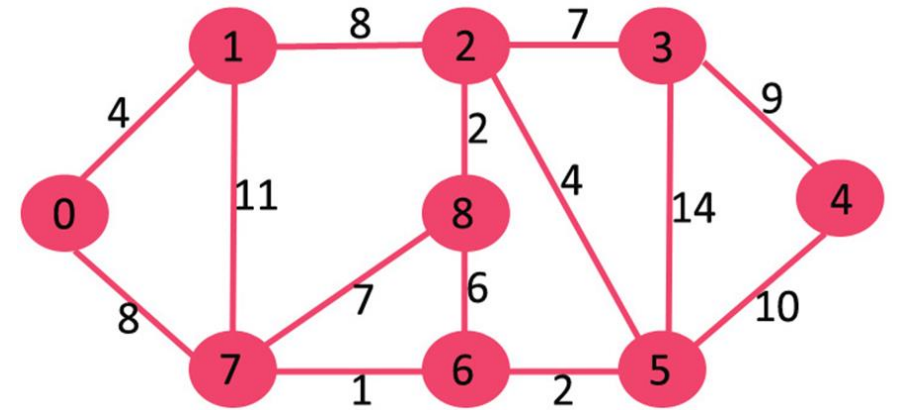
- Pick the vertex with minimum distance value and not already included in SPTtree.  
Vertex 7 is picked. So sptSet now becomes {0, 1, 7}.
- Update the distance values of adjacent vertices of 7.
- The distance value of vertex 6 is 9
- The distance value of vertex 8 is 15
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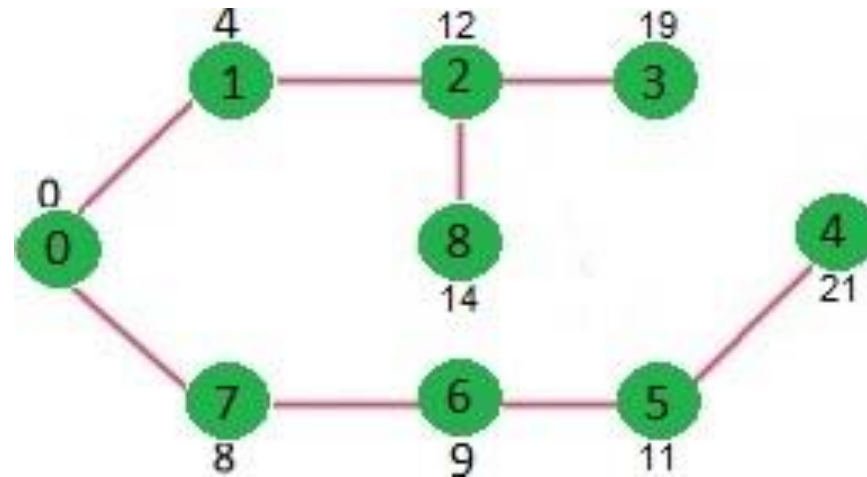
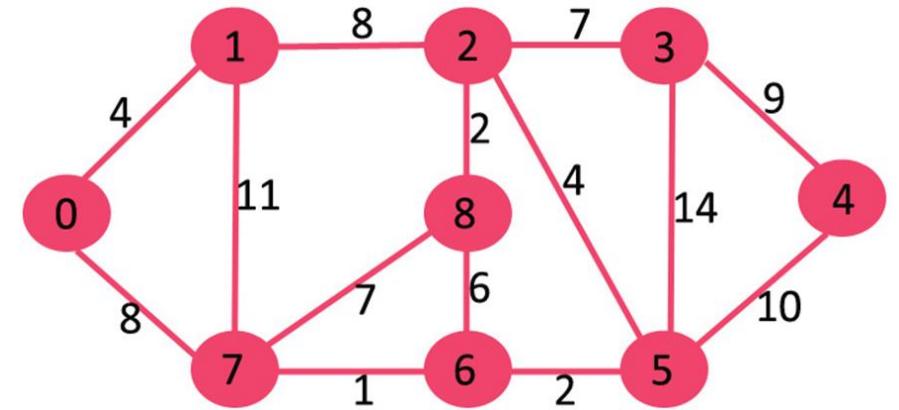
- Pick the vertex with minimum distance value and not already included in SPTtree. Vertex 6 is picked. So sptSet now becomes **{0, 1, 7, 6}**.
- Update the distance values of adjacent vertices of 6.
- The distance value of vertex 5 is 11
- The distance value of vertex 8 is 15
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- Pick the vertex with minimum distance value and not already included in SPTtree. Between 5, 8 and 11 ,Vertex 5 is picked. So sptSet now becomes **{0, 1, 7, 6, 5}**.
- Update the distance values of **adjacent vertices** of 5.
- *The distance value of vertex 2 using vertex 5 is  $11+4$*
- *but we already have value to 2 as 12,*
- *so we do not update that.*
- The distance value of vertex 3 is 25
- The distance value of vertex 4 is 21
- So we pick up vertex 2 in SPTree

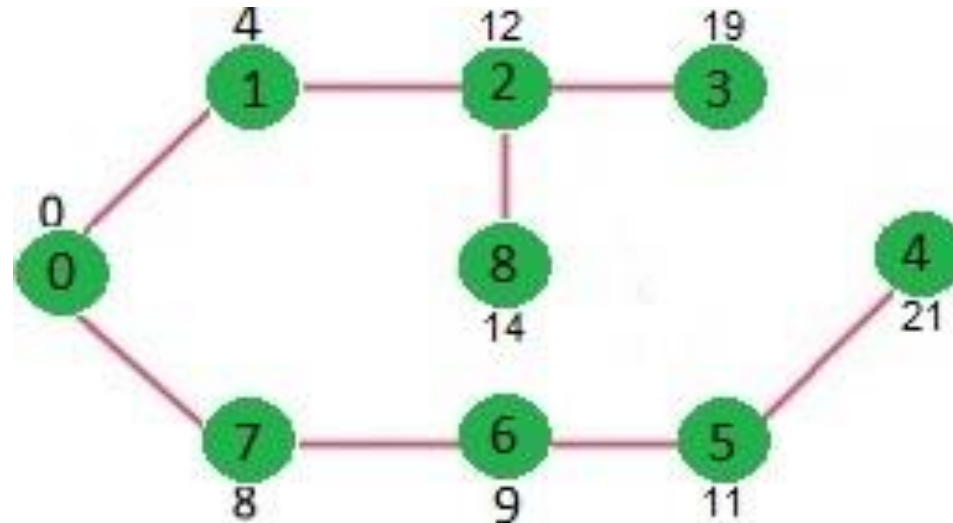
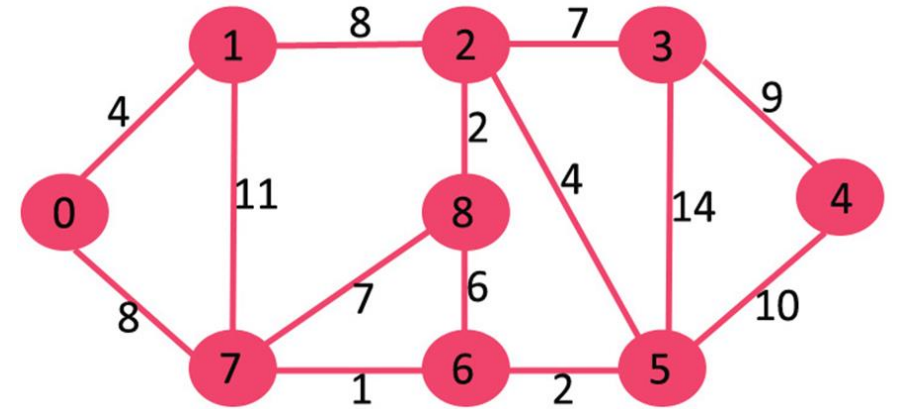


- Pick the vertex with minimum distance value and not already included in SPTtree. Between 2, 3 and 4 ,Vertex 2 is picked. So sptSet now becomes **{0, 1, 7, 6, 5, 2}**.
- Update the distance values of adjacent vertices of 2.
- The distance value of vertex 5 using 2 is 16
- But better value of 5 is old value 11
- **The distance value of vertex 3 is 19**
- The distance value of vertex 8 is 14
- So we pick up vertex 3 in SPTree



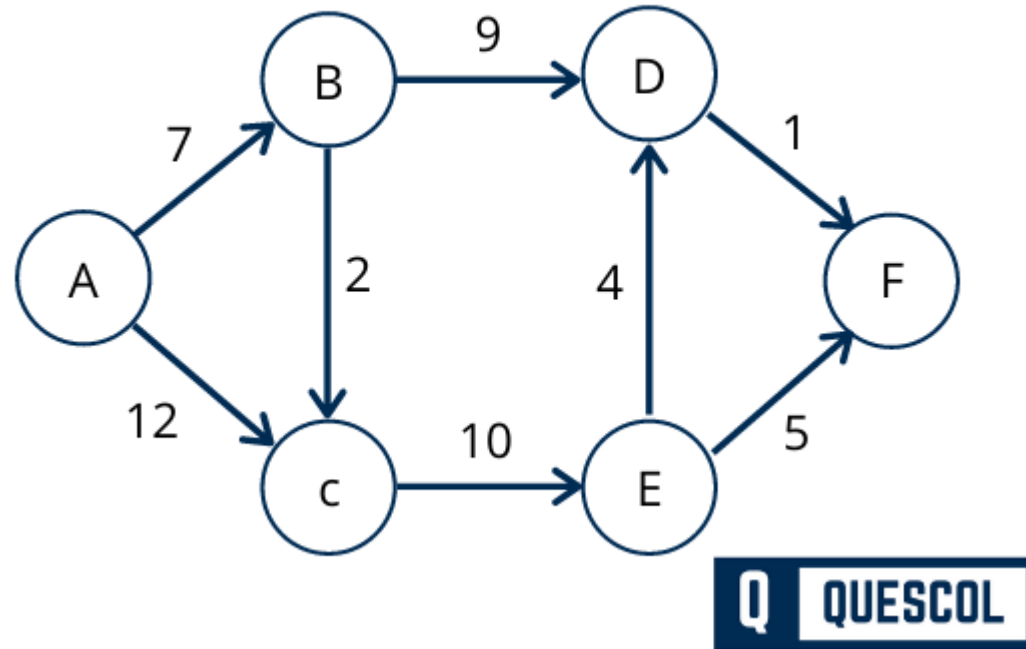


- Pick up remaining vertices, it is noticed that no more distances can be updated.
- The green graph shows
  - the shortest paths
  - and shortest distances to all vertices from vertex 0.
- **Time Complexity:**  $O(V^2)$



- The same example is illustrated very nicely in following link, the names of vertices are slightly different.
- <https://www.javatpoint.com/dijkstras-algorithm>
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# Dijkstra's method on a directed graph

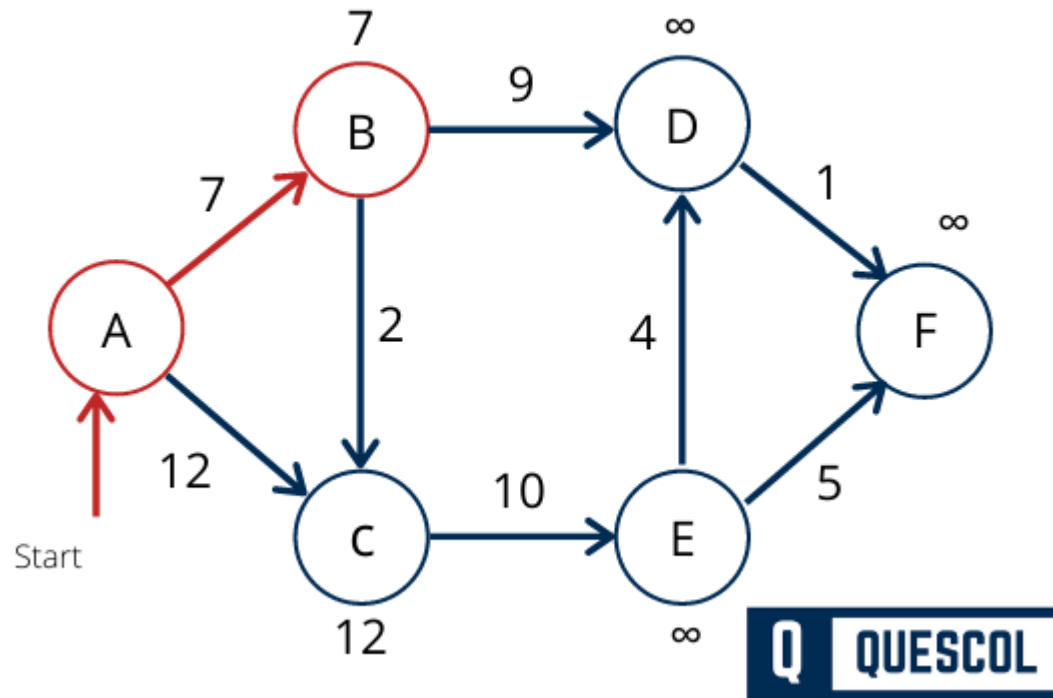


Let A be source vertex.

We want to find shortest paths to all vertices starting from A.

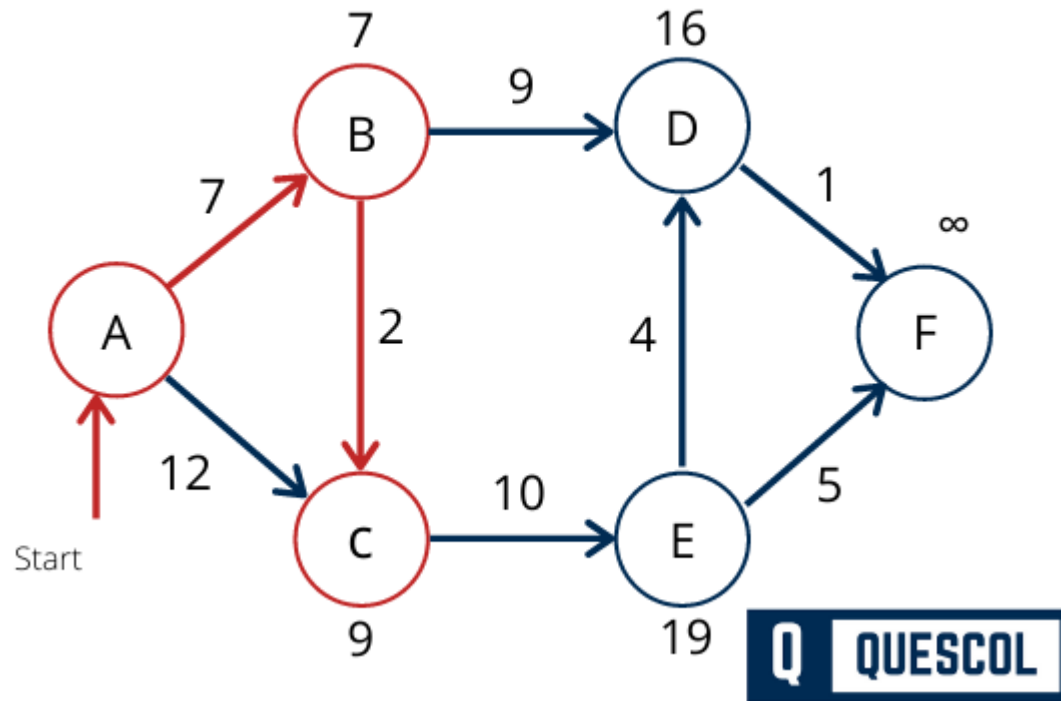
Set all distances to infinity.

	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	F	$\infty$	
C	F	$\infty$	
D	F	$\infty$	
E	F	$\infty$	
F	F	$\infty$	
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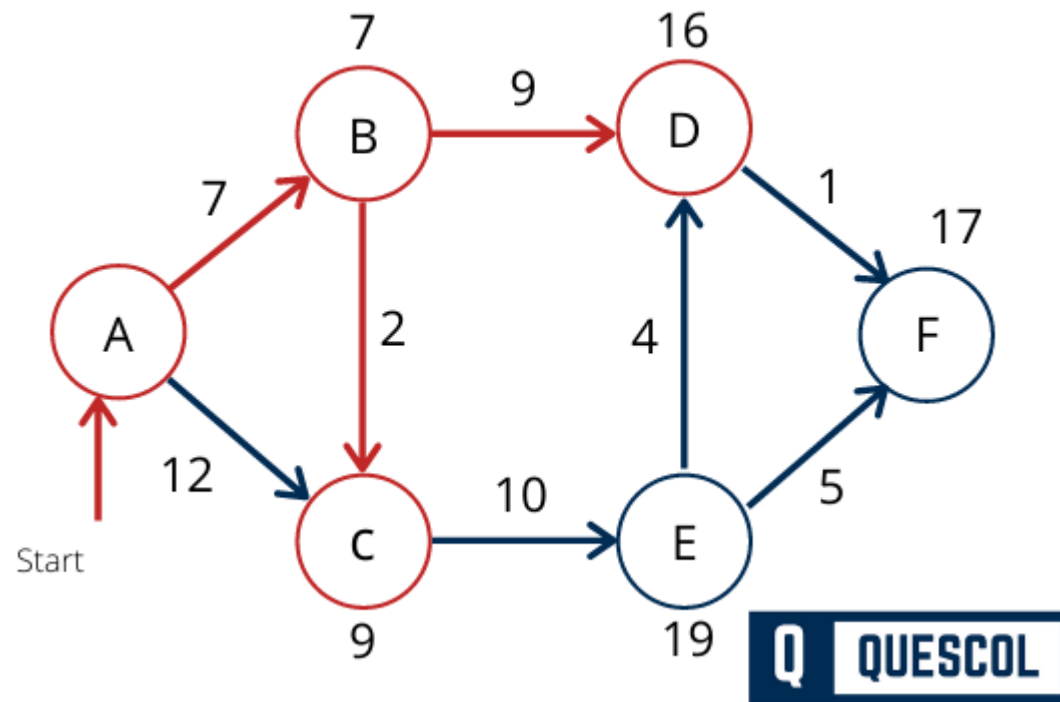
Path AB is 7, AC is 12...

	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	12	
D	F	$\infty$	
E	F	$\infty$	
F	F	$\infty$	
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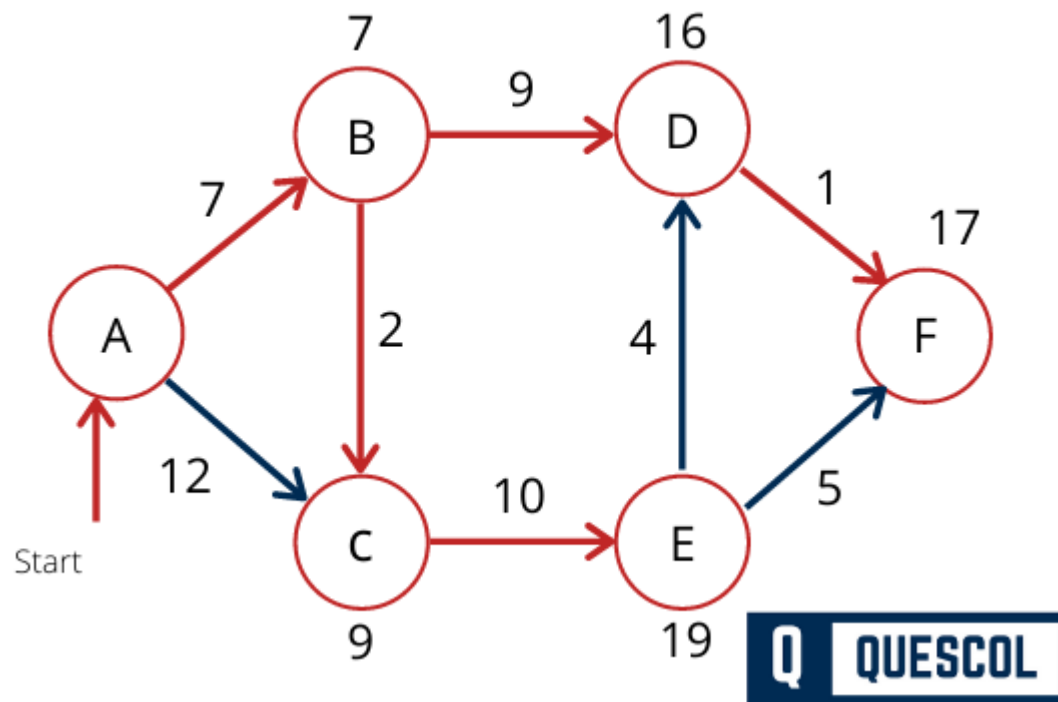
	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	9	B
D	F	$\infty$	
E	F	$\infty$	
F	F	$\infty$	
			—

Path AC is 12, path ABC is 9, so we select ABC...



	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	9	B
D	T	16	B
E	F	$\infty$	
F	F	$\infty$	
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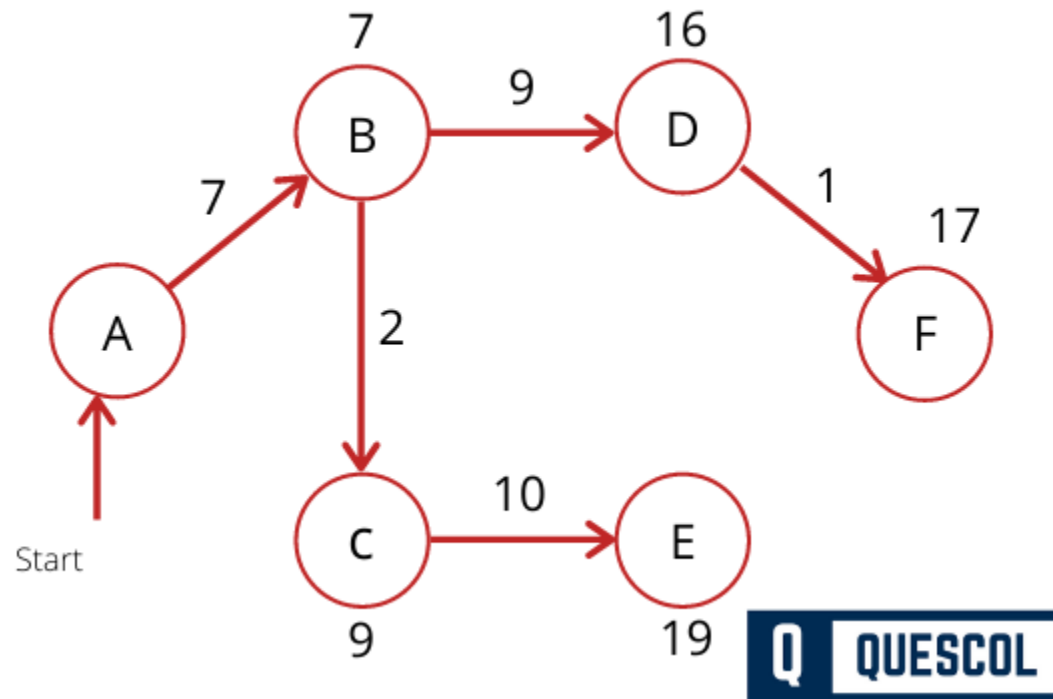
ABCE is 19, ABD is 16, so now we select BD...



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A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	9	B
D	T	16	B
E	T	19	C
F	T	17	D
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Having reached D, only one path to F, also only single path to E...

# Shortest Path Tree

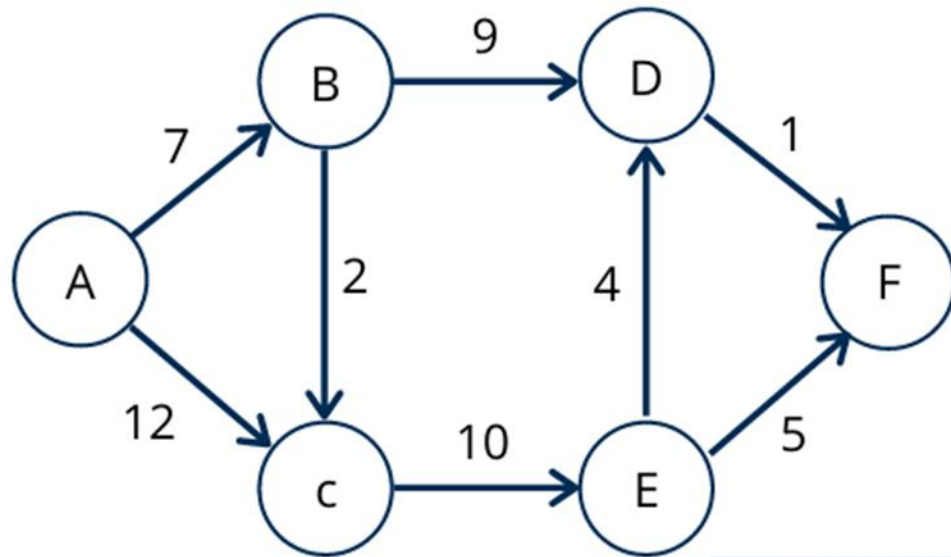


	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	9	B
D	T	16	B
E	T	19	C
F	T	17	D
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All shortest paths are shown here  
 Paths can be traced from adjoining table...



# Single table solution

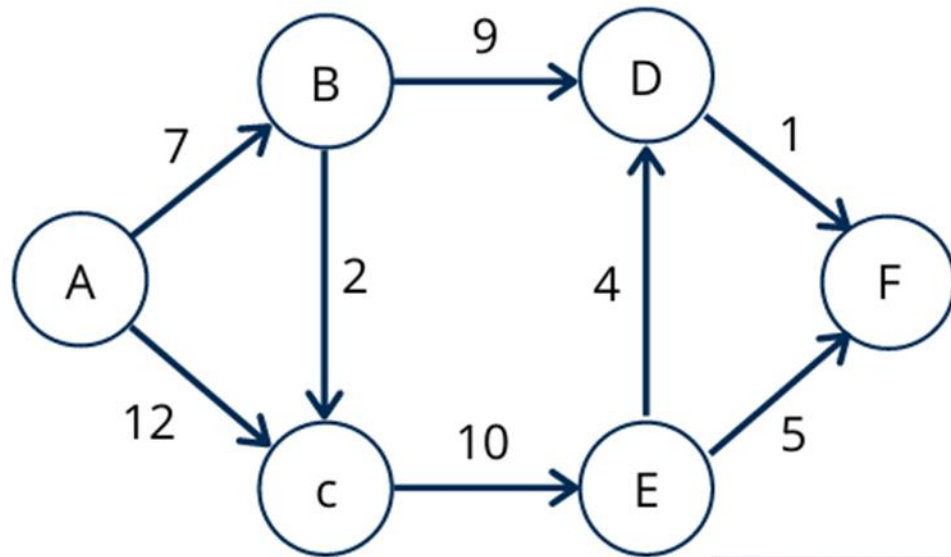


- A 0
- B  $\infty$
- C  $\infty$
- D  $\infty$
- E  $\infty$
- F  $\infty$

**Q** QUESCOL

- START WITH A

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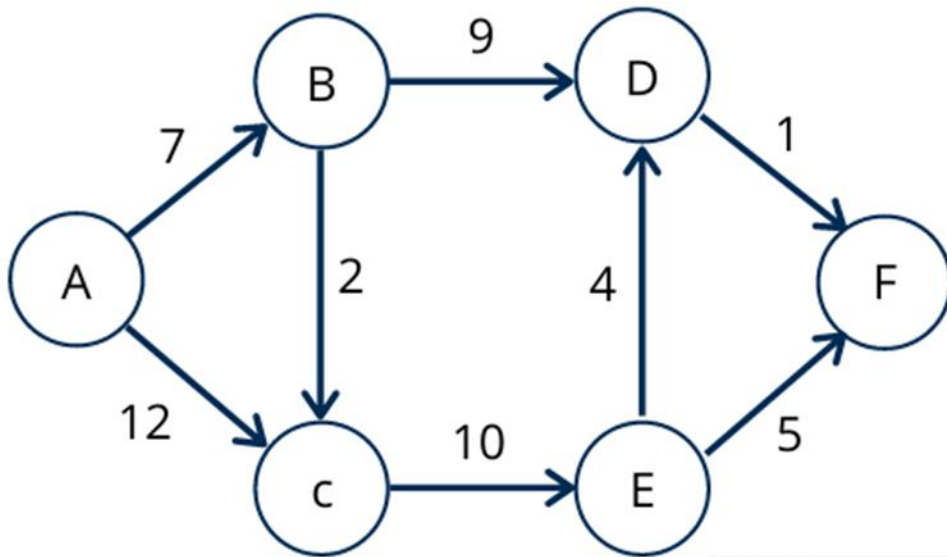


- A 0
- B  $\infty$  7
- C  $\infty$  12
- D  $\infty$
- E  $\infty$
- F  $\infty$

**Q** QUESCOL

- Select B

# Single table solution

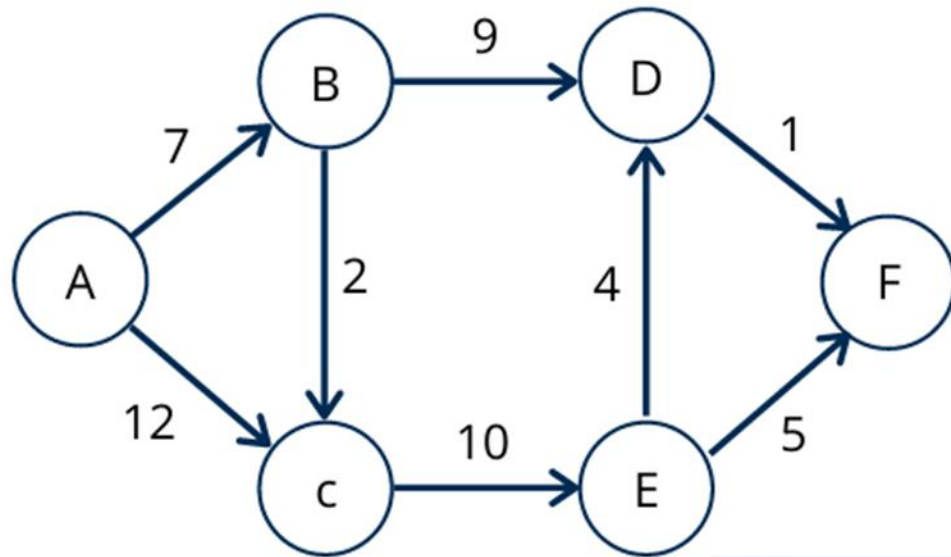


- A 0 A B
- B  $\infty$  7
- C  $\infty$  12 9
- D  $\infty$  16
- E  $\infty$
- F  $\infty$

**Q** QUESCOL

- Select C

# Single table solution

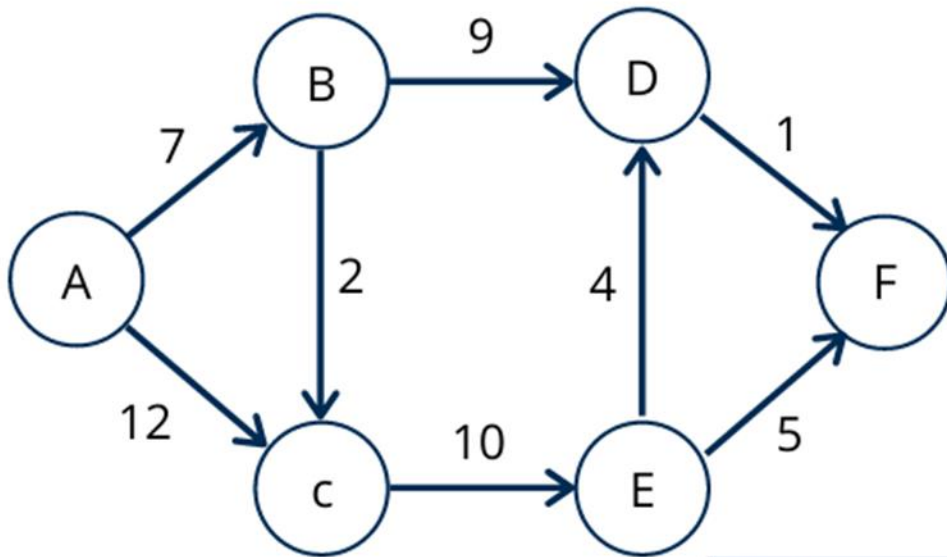


**Q** QUESCOL

- A 0 A B C
- B  $\infty$  7
- C  $\infty$  12 9
- D  $\infty$  16
- E  $\infty$  19
- F  $\infty$

- Select D

# Single table solution

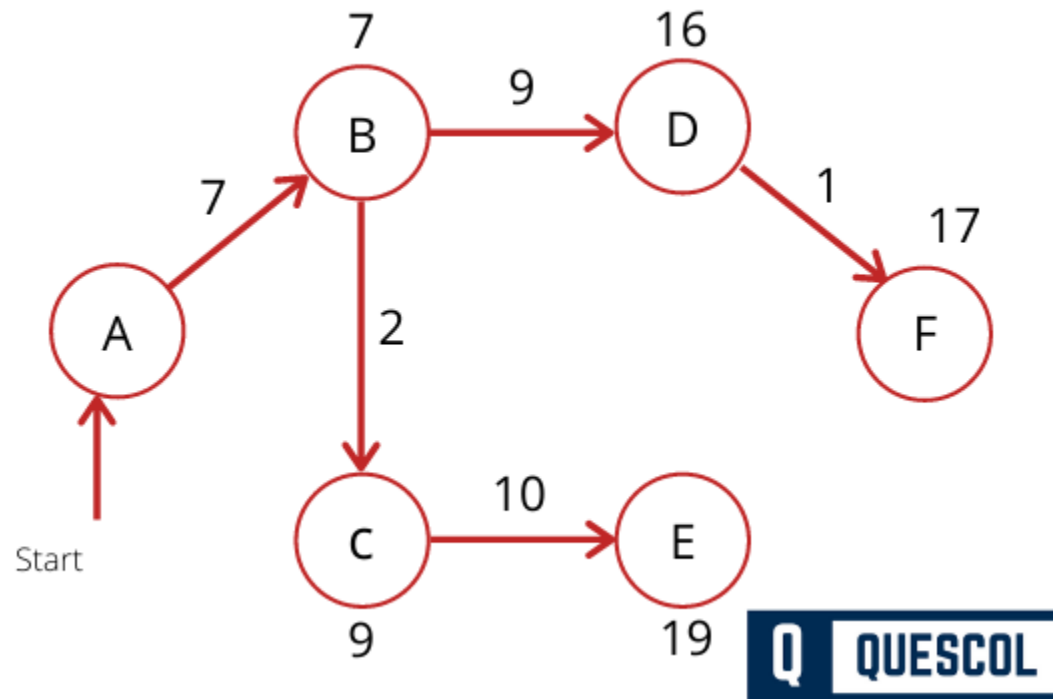


**Q** QUESCOL

- A 0 A B C D
- B  $\infty$  7
- C  $\infty$  12 9
- D  $\infty$  16
- E  $\infty$  19
- F  $\infty$  17

- Select D

# Shortest Path Tree

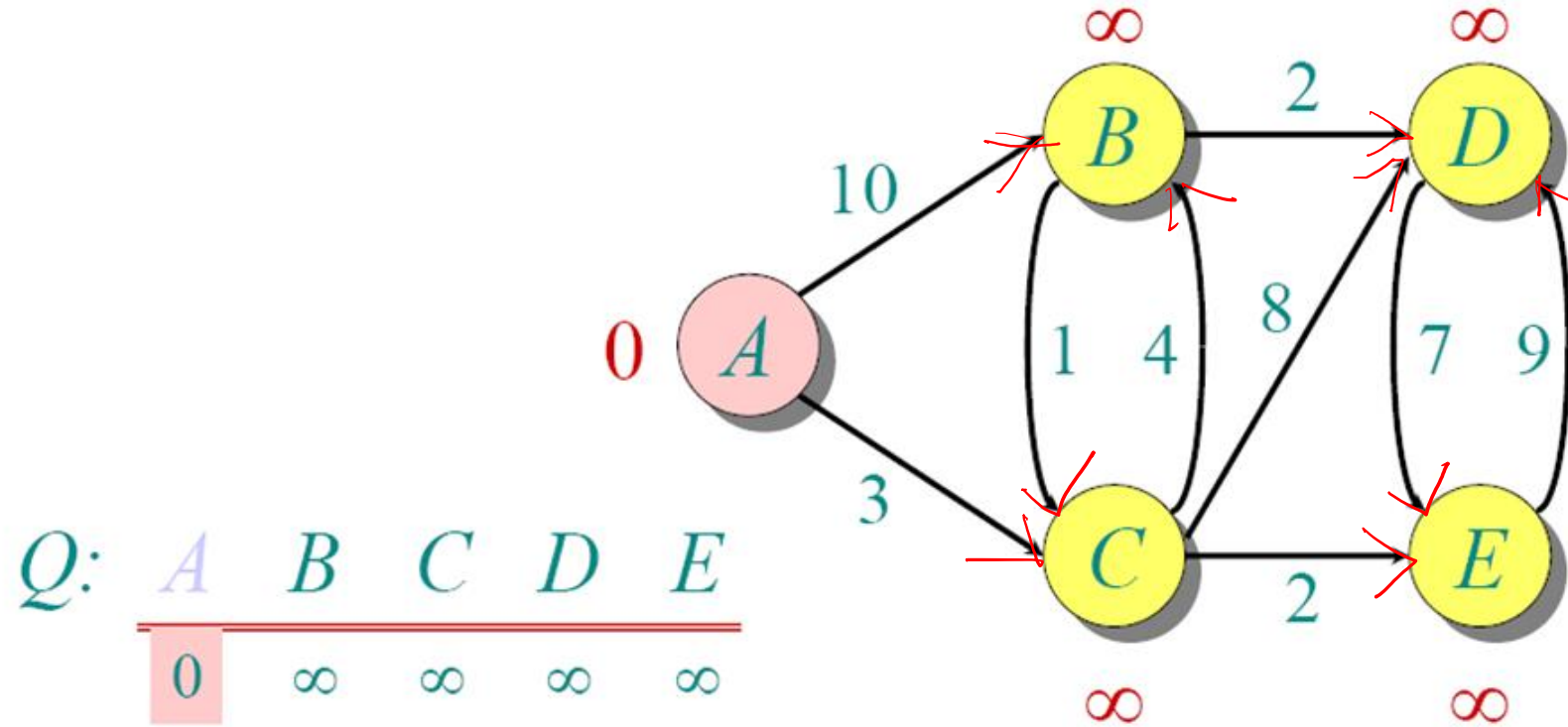


	$K$	$d_v$	$p_v$
A	T	0	
B	T	7	A
C	T	9	B
D	T	16	B
E	T	19	C
F	T	17	D
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All shortest paths are shown here  
 Paths can be traced from adjoining table...

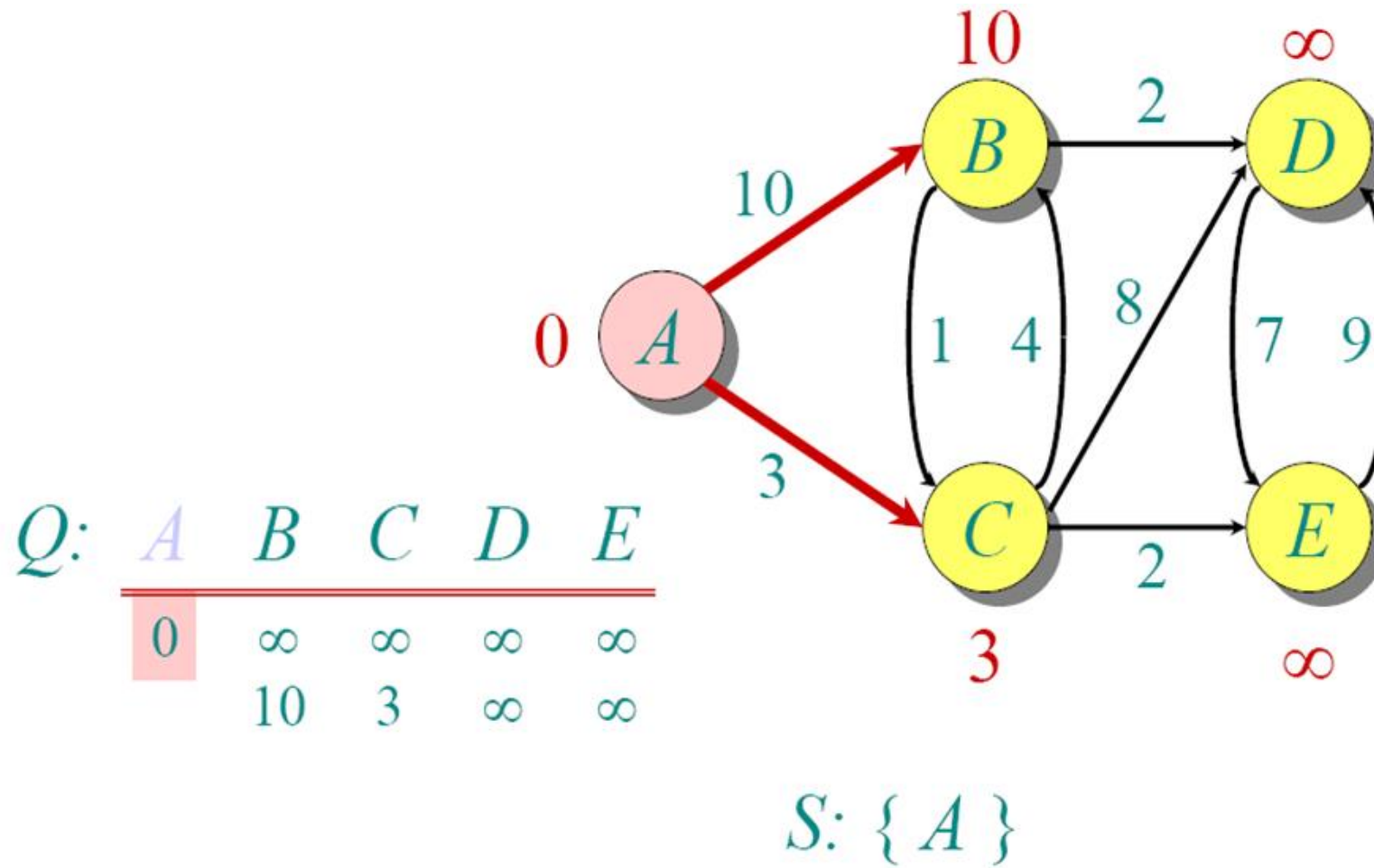
# Example 3

# Node A specified

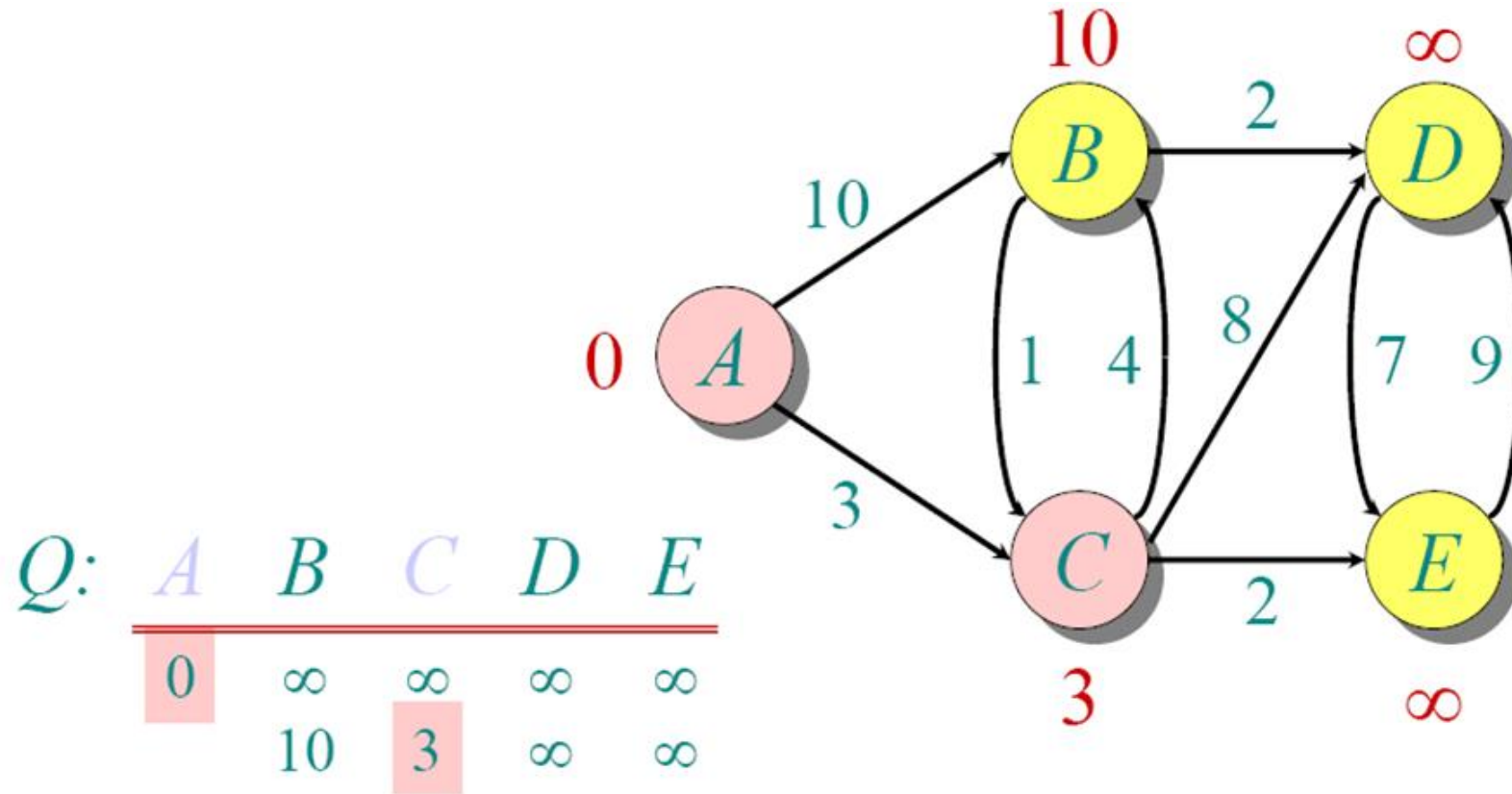




Direct distance B is 10, C is 3

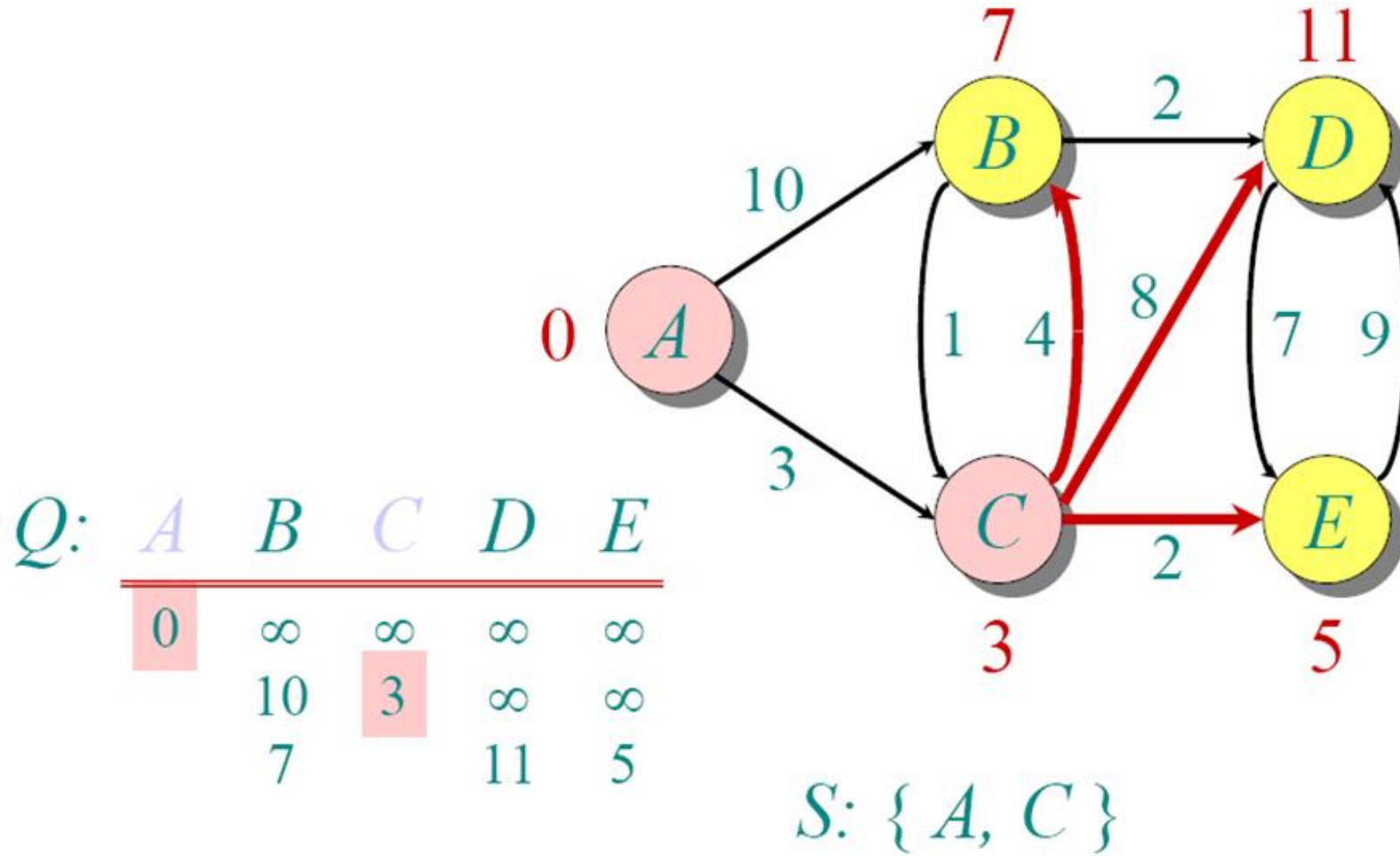


C chosen

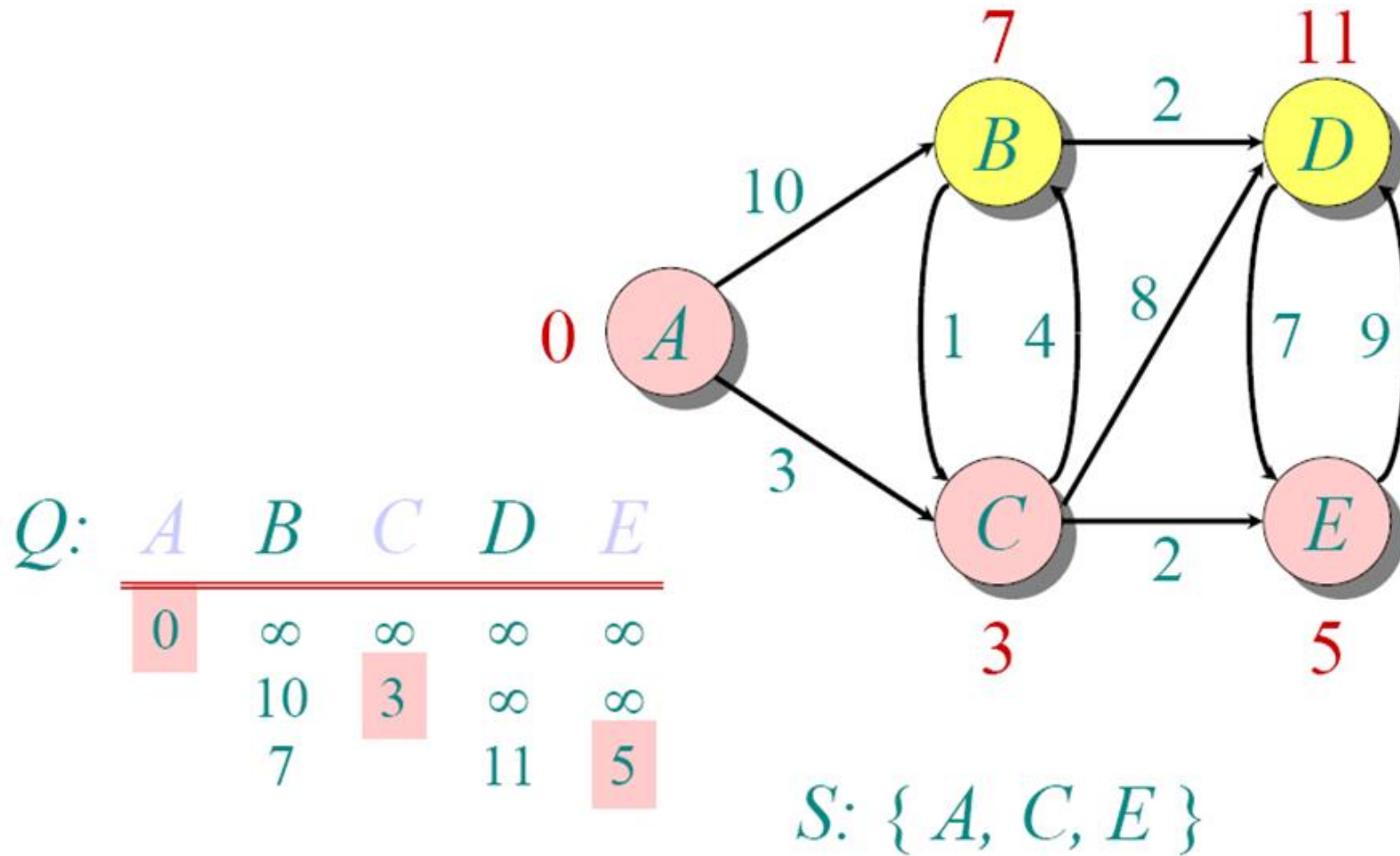


S: { A, C }

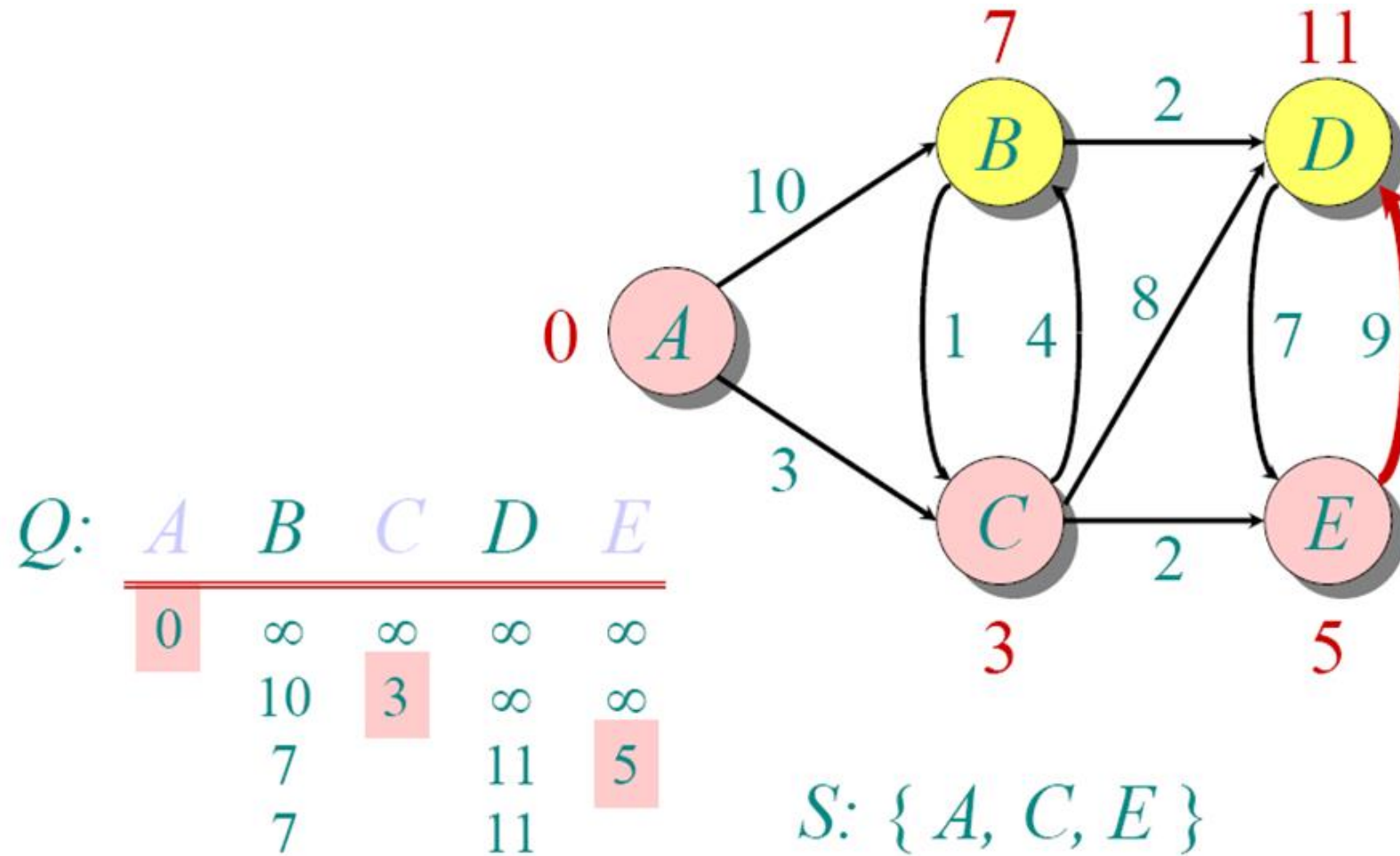
Through C, D is 3+8, and E is 3+2



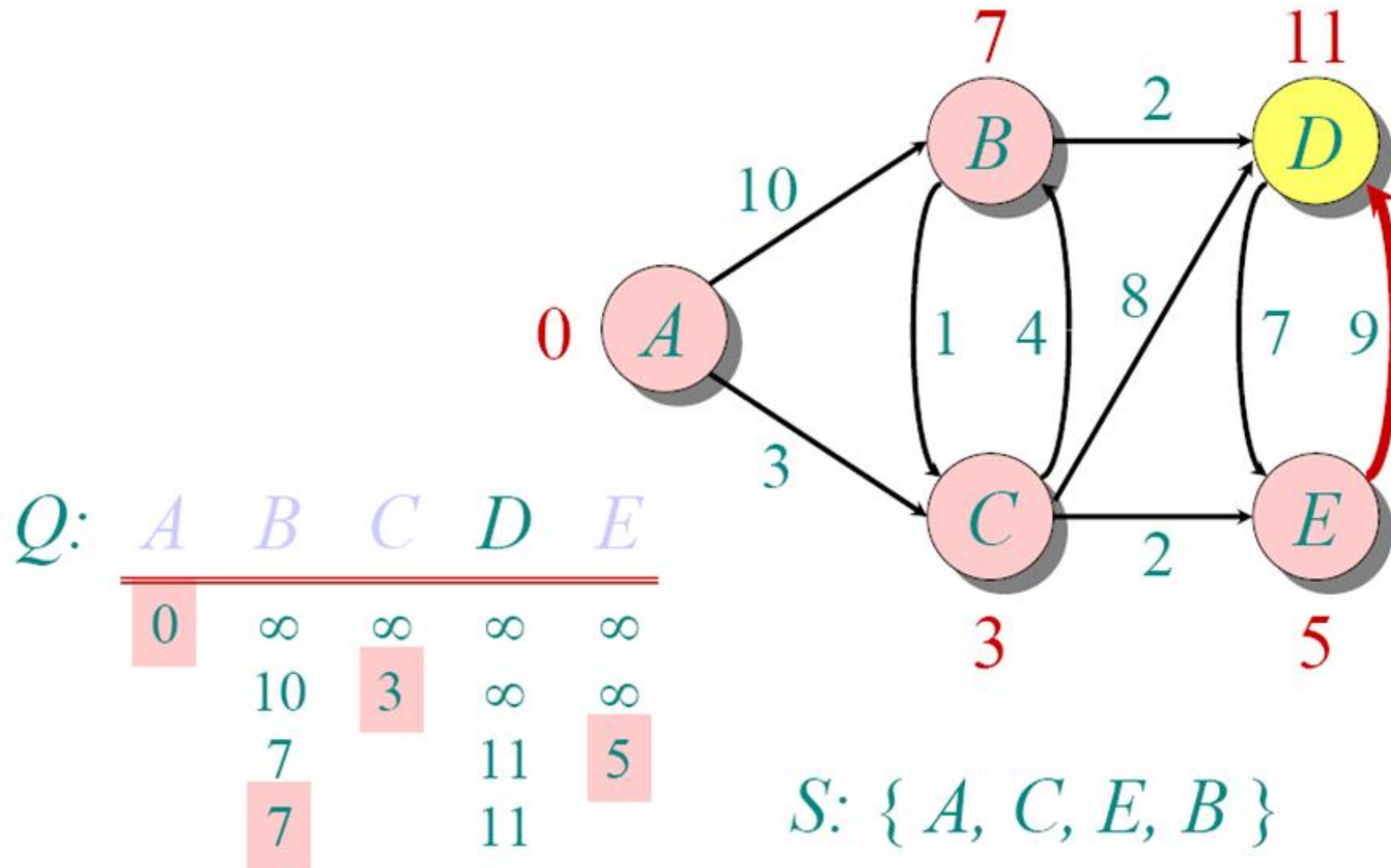
Choose E as it is smallest dist.



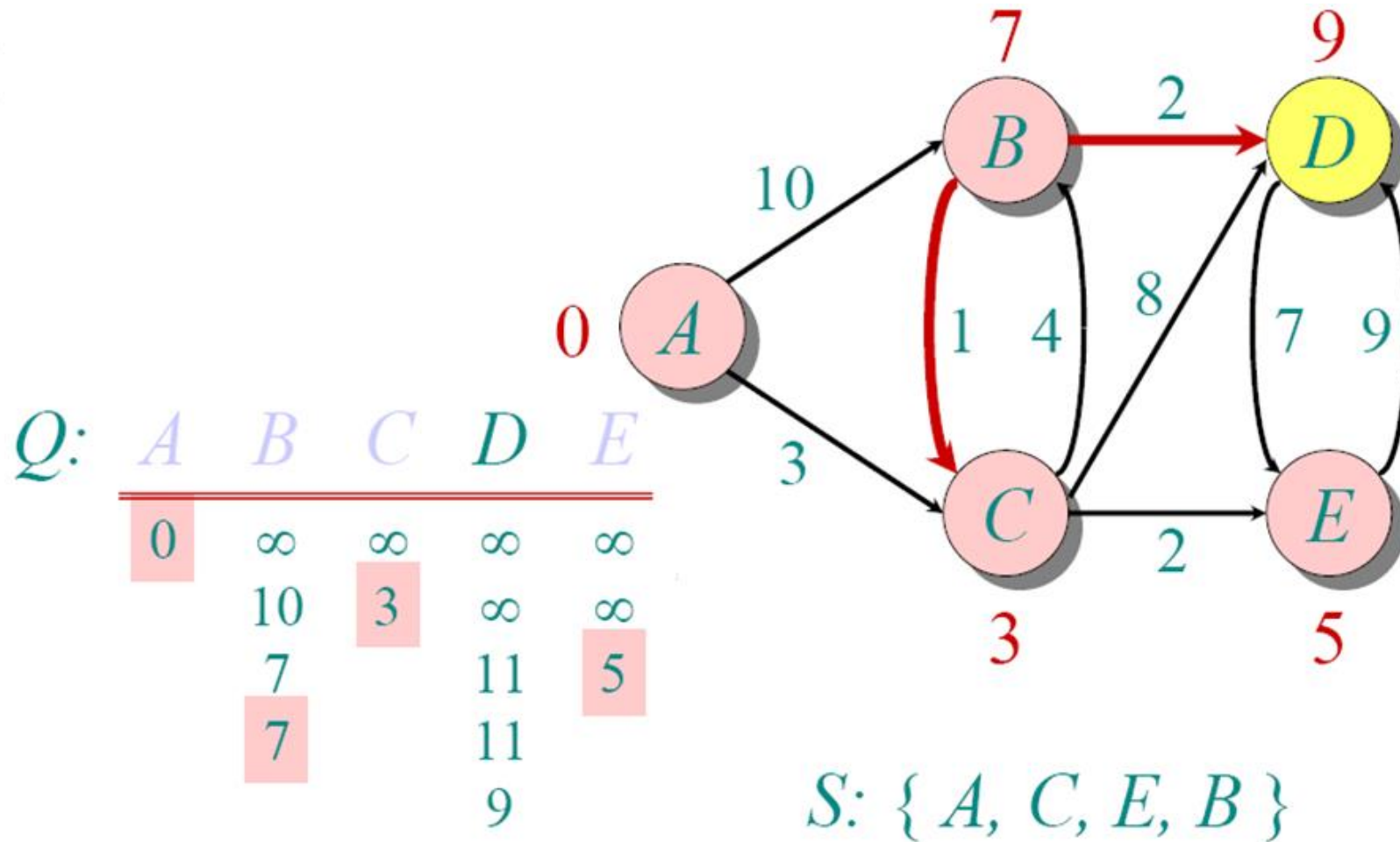
# No new updating



between B and D, B chosen

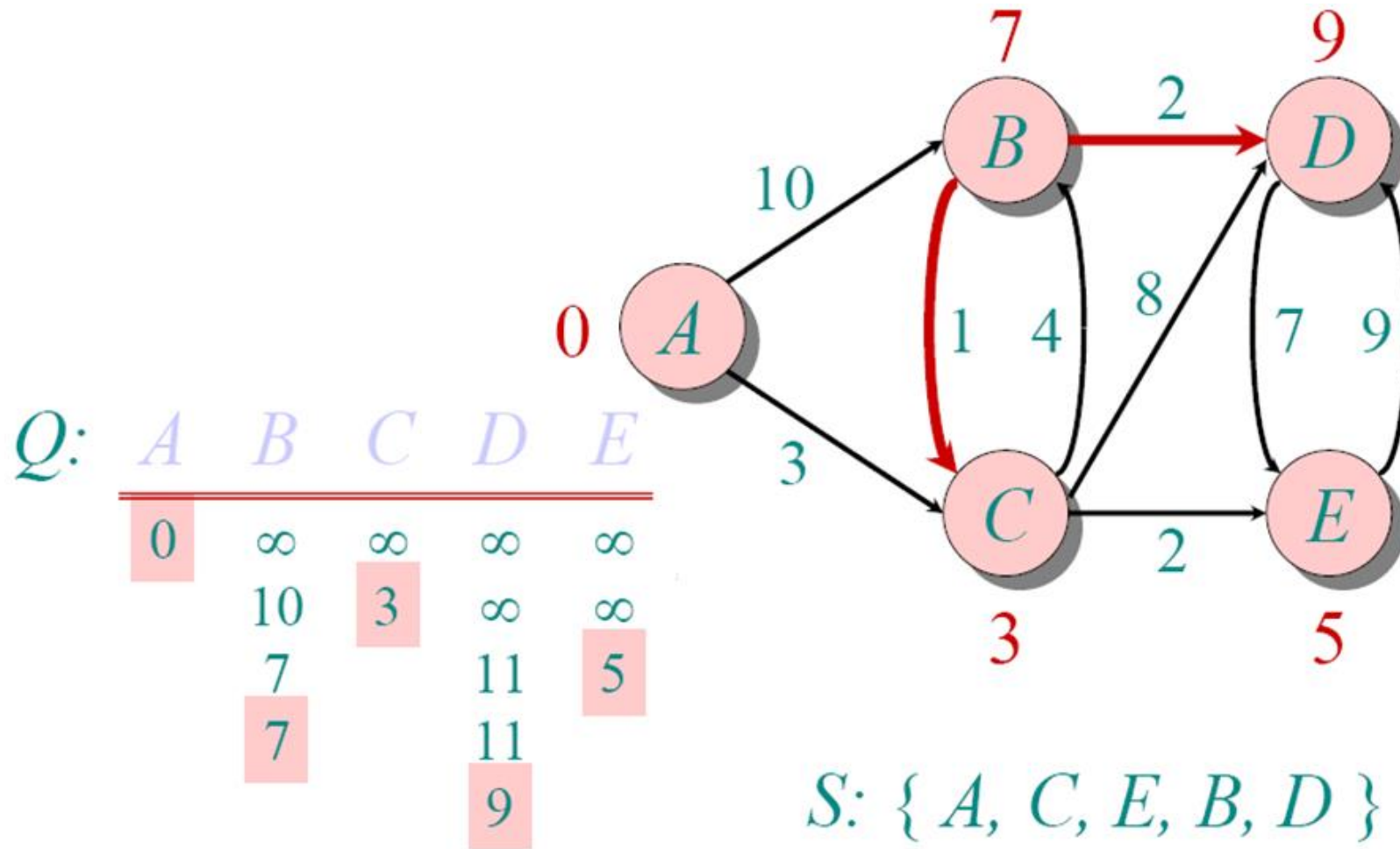


By choosing B, distance to D is 9





# Shortest distance to all nodes computed





# Single Table Solution

- |   | A        | C        | E  | B  | D |
|---|----------|----------|----|----|---|
| A | 0        | 0        | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| B | $\infty$ | 10       | 7  | 7  | 7 |
| C | $\infty$ | 3        | 3  | 3  | 3 |
| D | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | 11 | 11 | 9 |
| E | $\infty$ | $\infty$ | 5  | 5  | 5 |

