

Dynamic Programming I

Outline for Today

Dynamic Programming

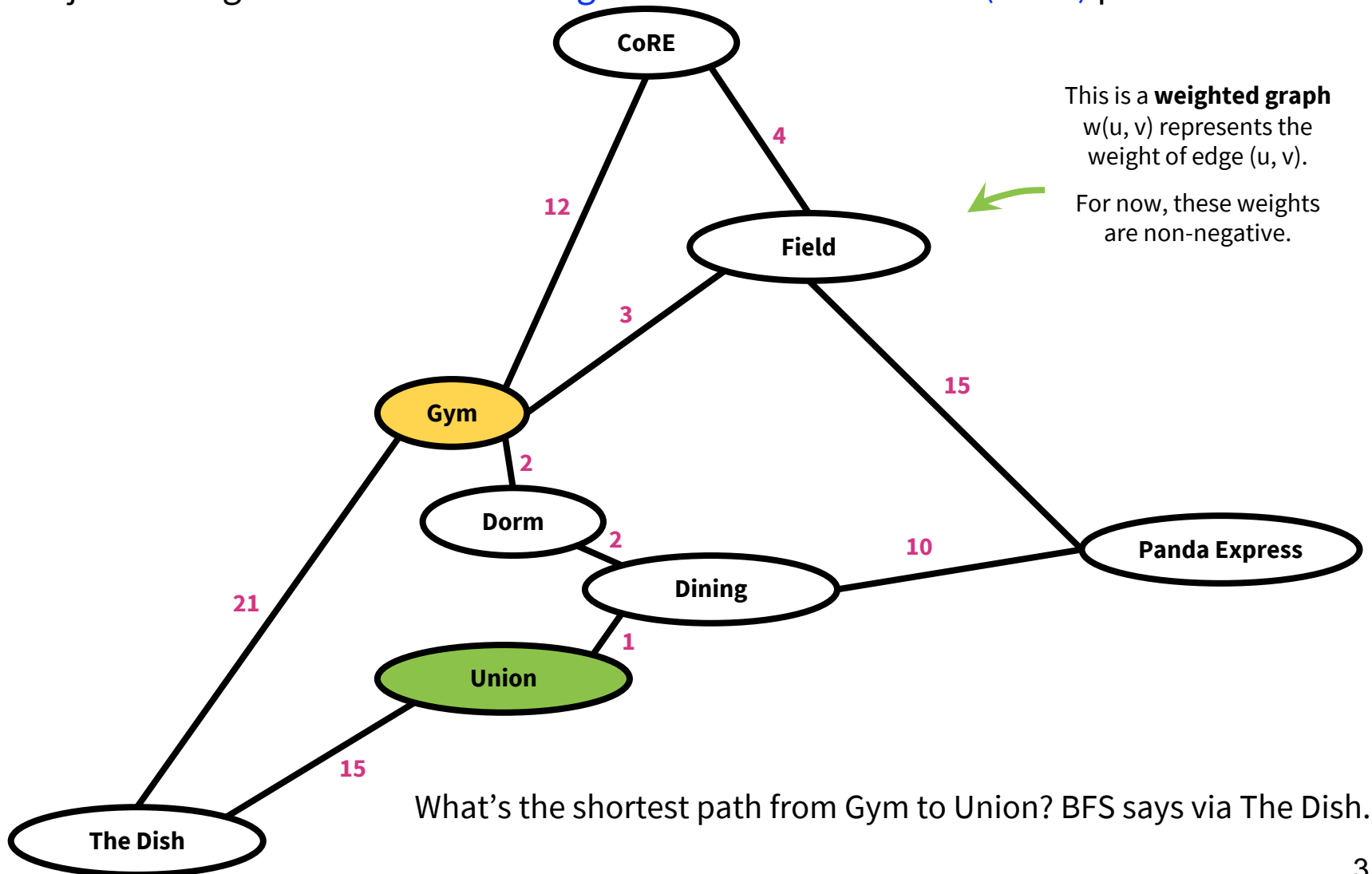
- DP graph algorithms

 - Bellman Ford

 - Floyd Warshall

Review: Dijkstra's Algorithm

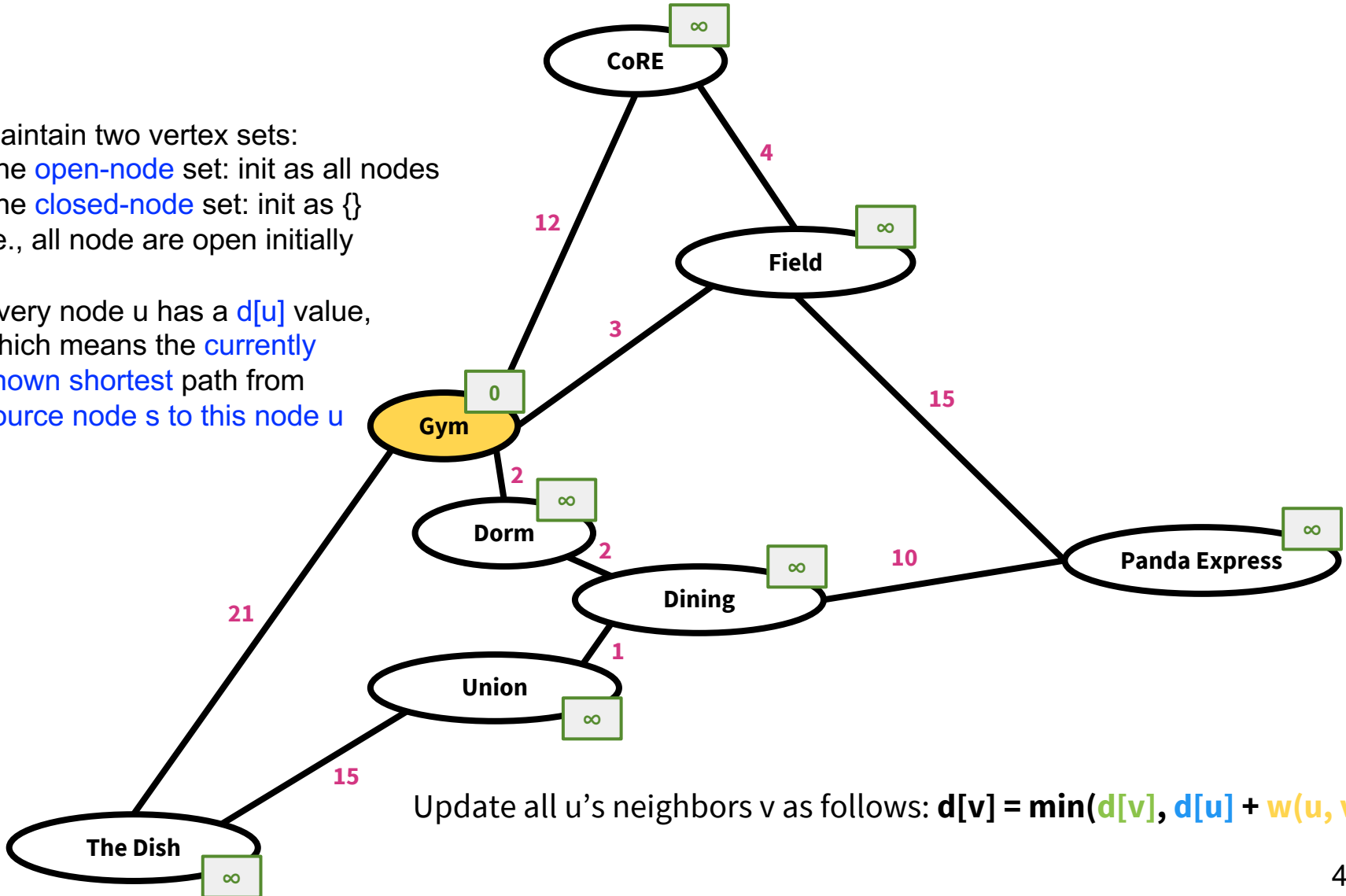
Dijkstra's Algorithm solves the [Single-Source Shortest Path \(SSSP\)](#) problem.



Dijkstra's Algorithm

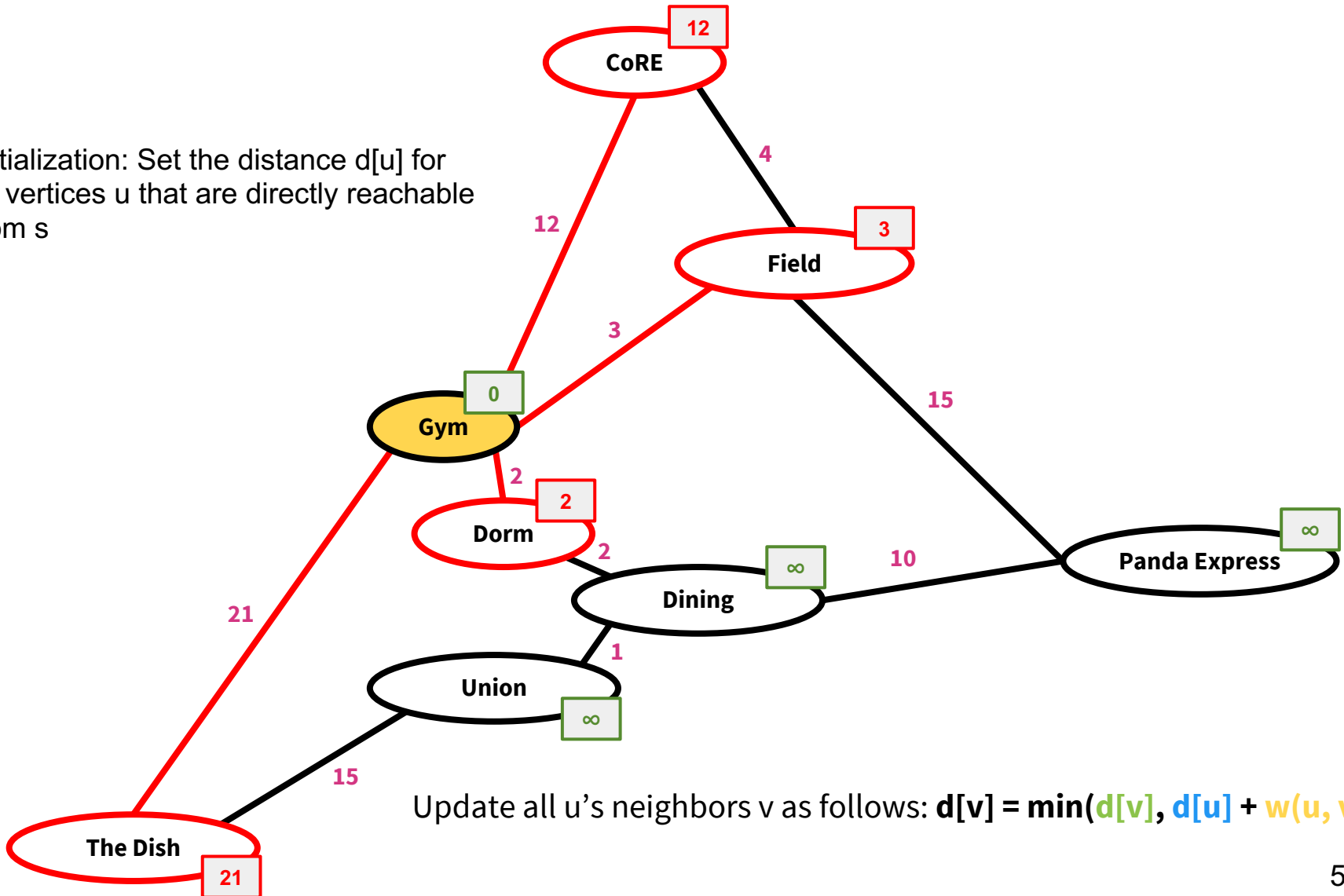
Maintain two vertex sets:
The **open-node** set: init as all nodes
The **closed-node** set: init as $\{\}$
i.e., all nodes are open initially

Every node u has a $d[u]$ value,
which means the **currently known shortest**
path from source node s to this node u

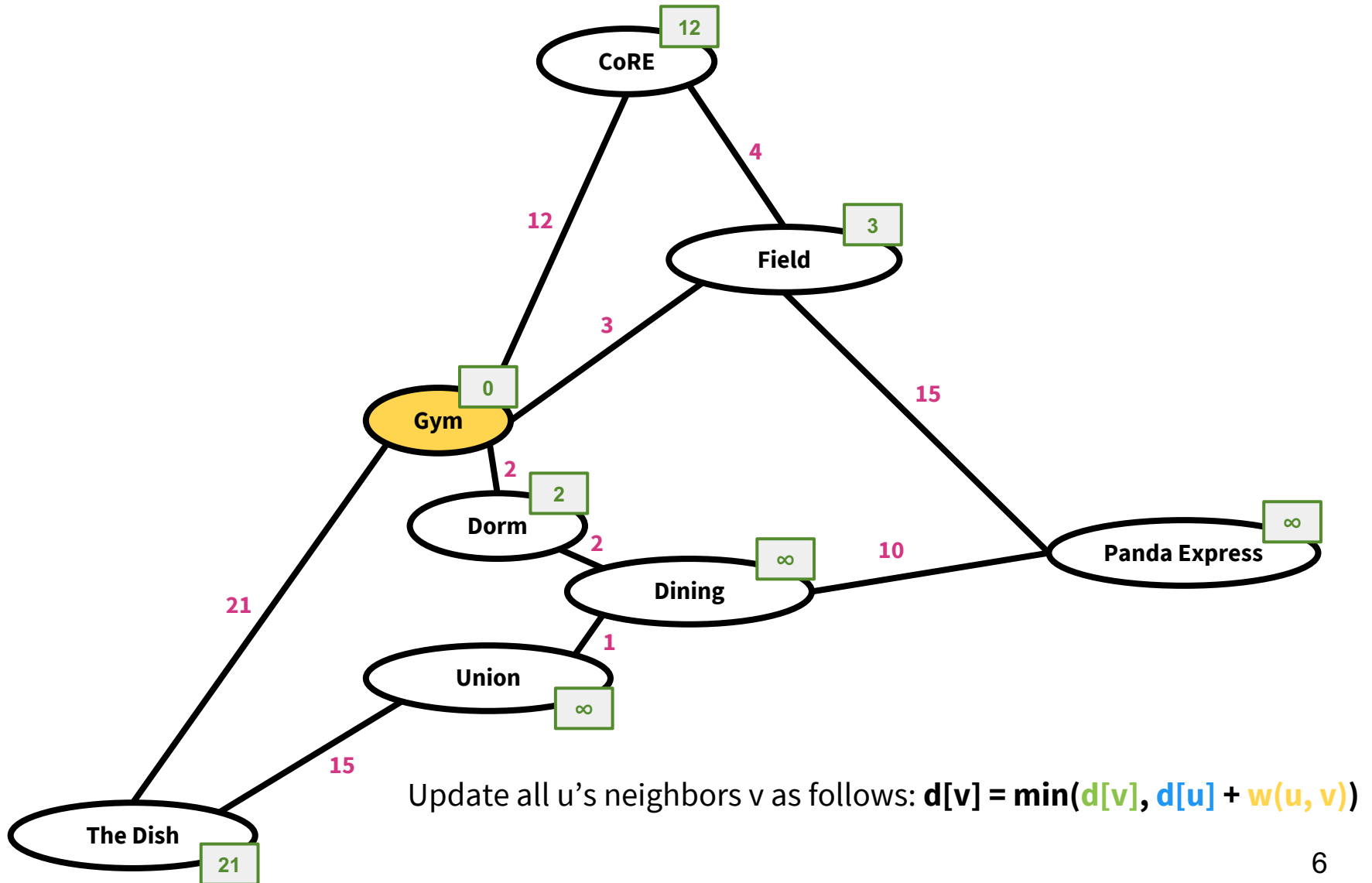


Dijkstra's Algorithm

Initialization: Set the distance $d[u]$ for all vertices u that are directly reachable from s

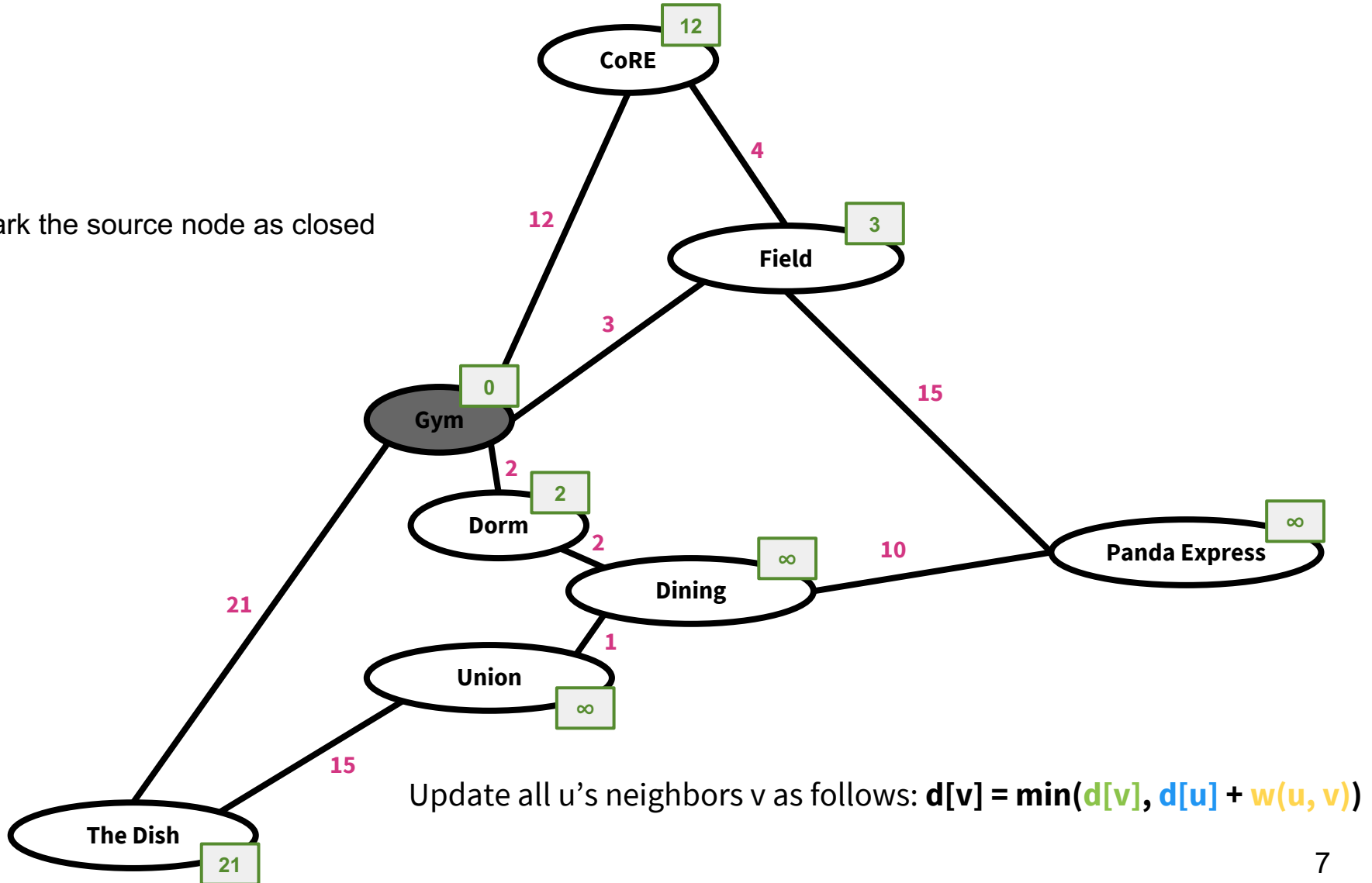


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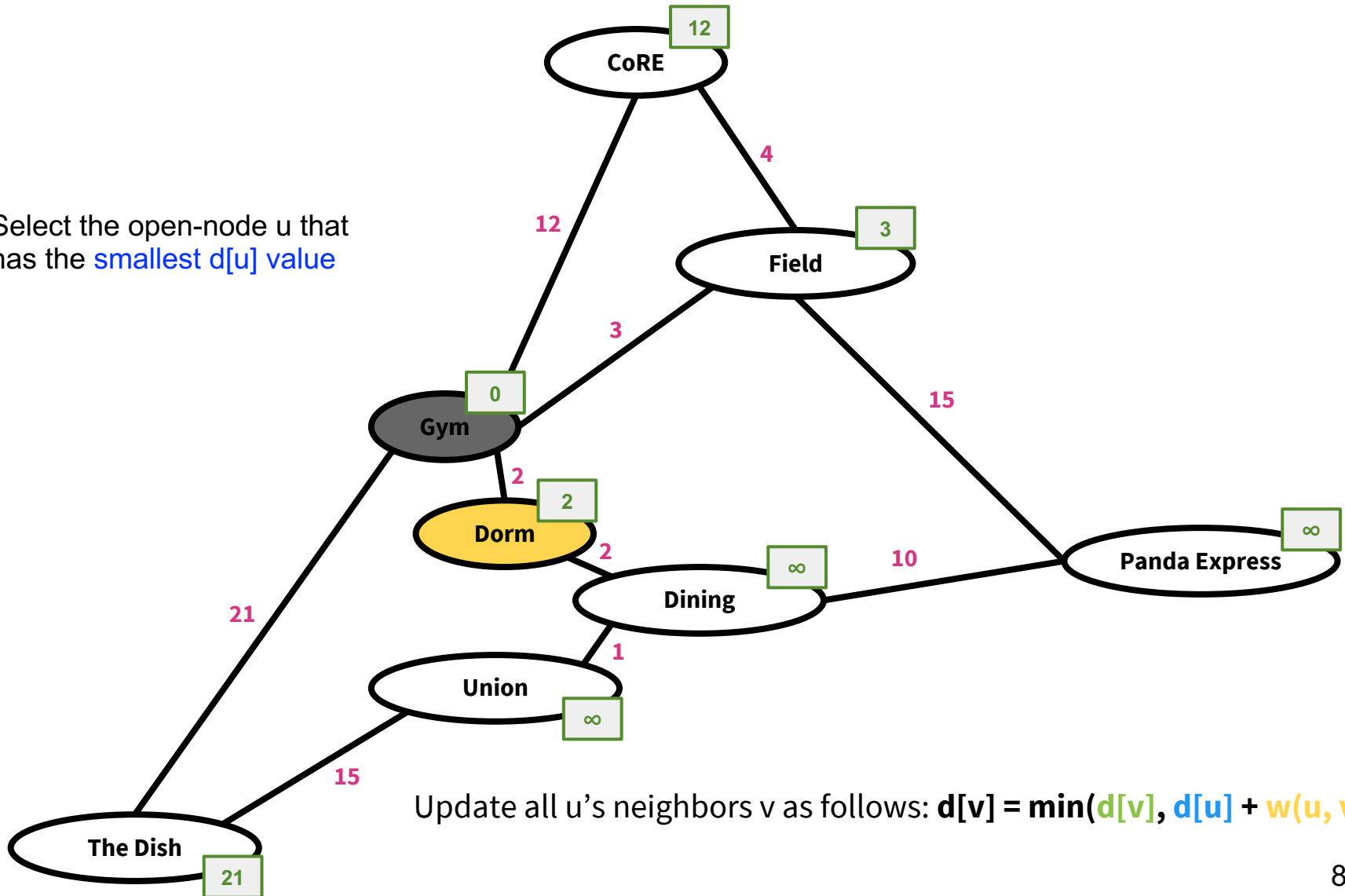
Dijkstra's Algorithm

Mark the source node as closed



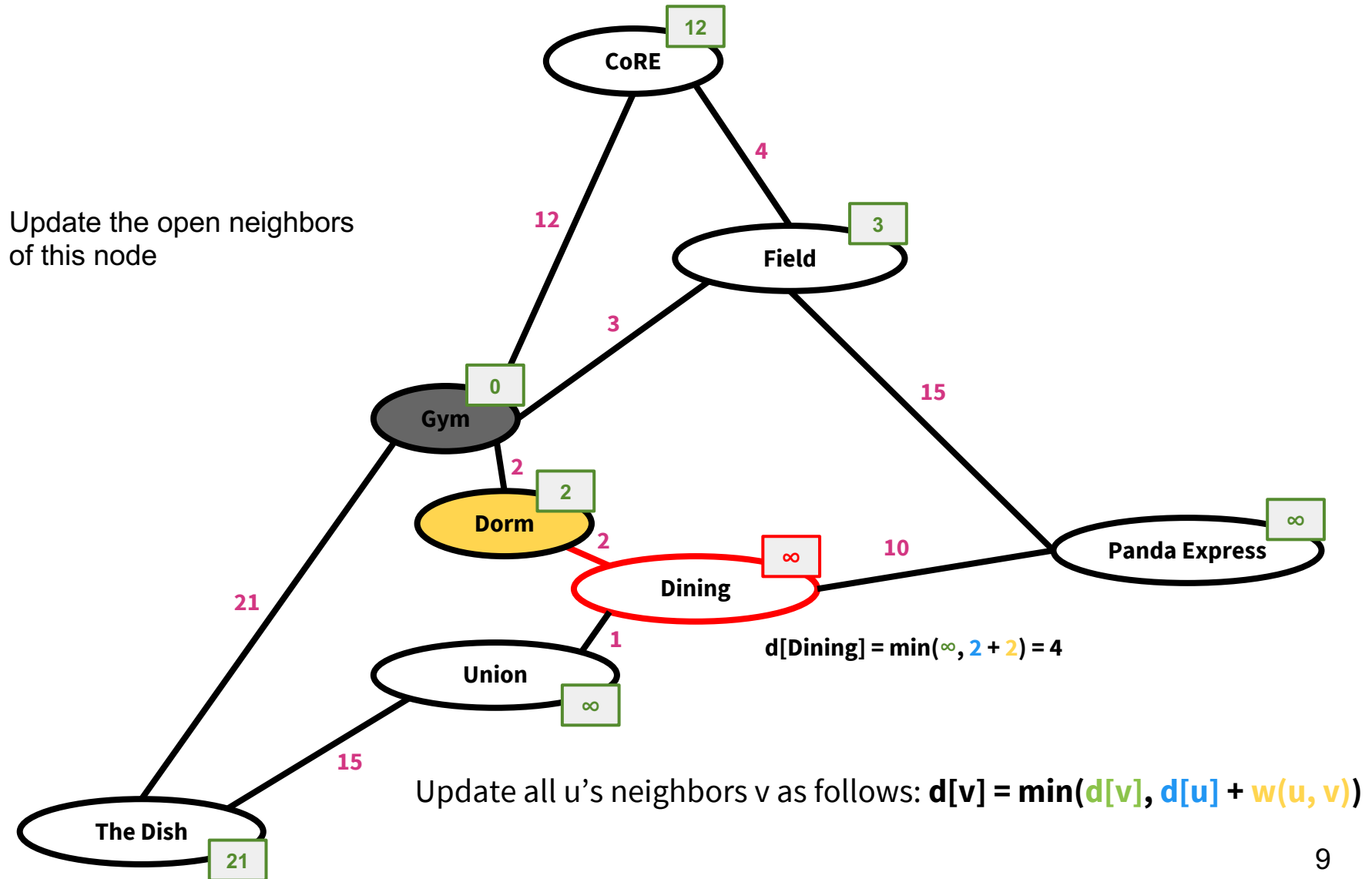
Dijkstra's Algorithm

Select the open-node u that has the **smallest $d[u]$** value

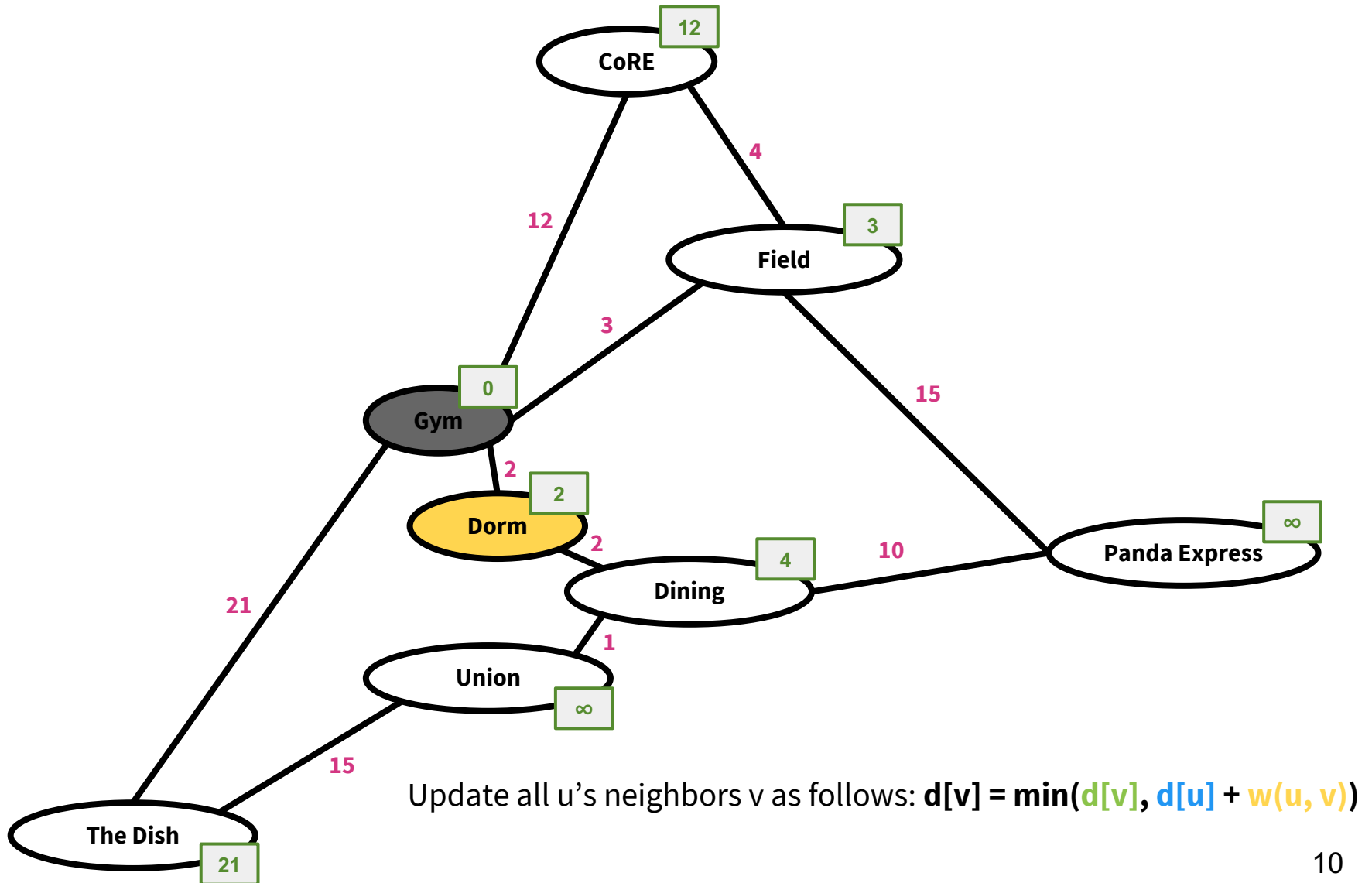


Update all u 's neighbors v as follows: $d[v] = \min(d[v], d[u] + w(u, v))$

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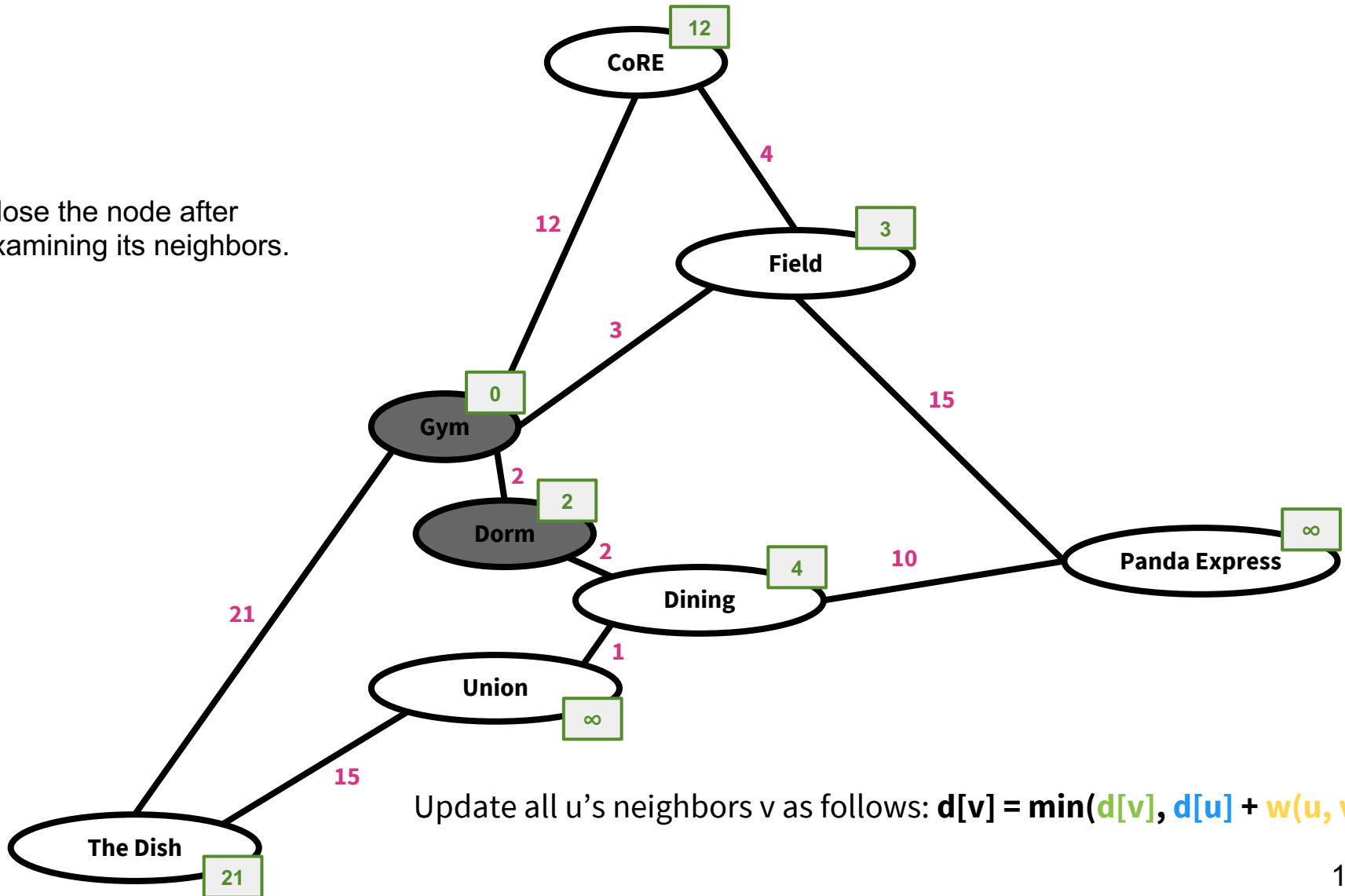


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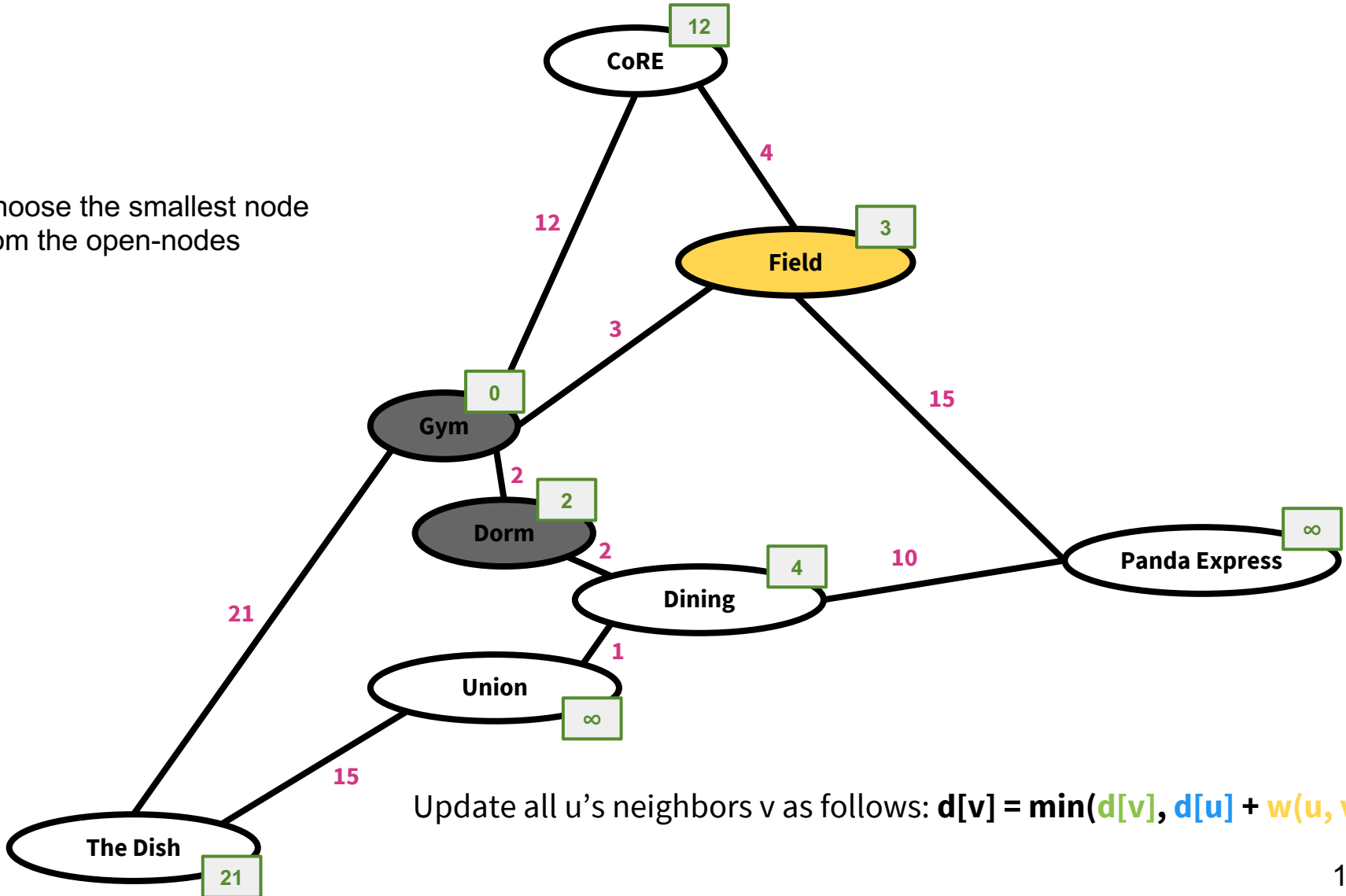
Dijkstra's Algorithm

Close the node after examining its neighbors.

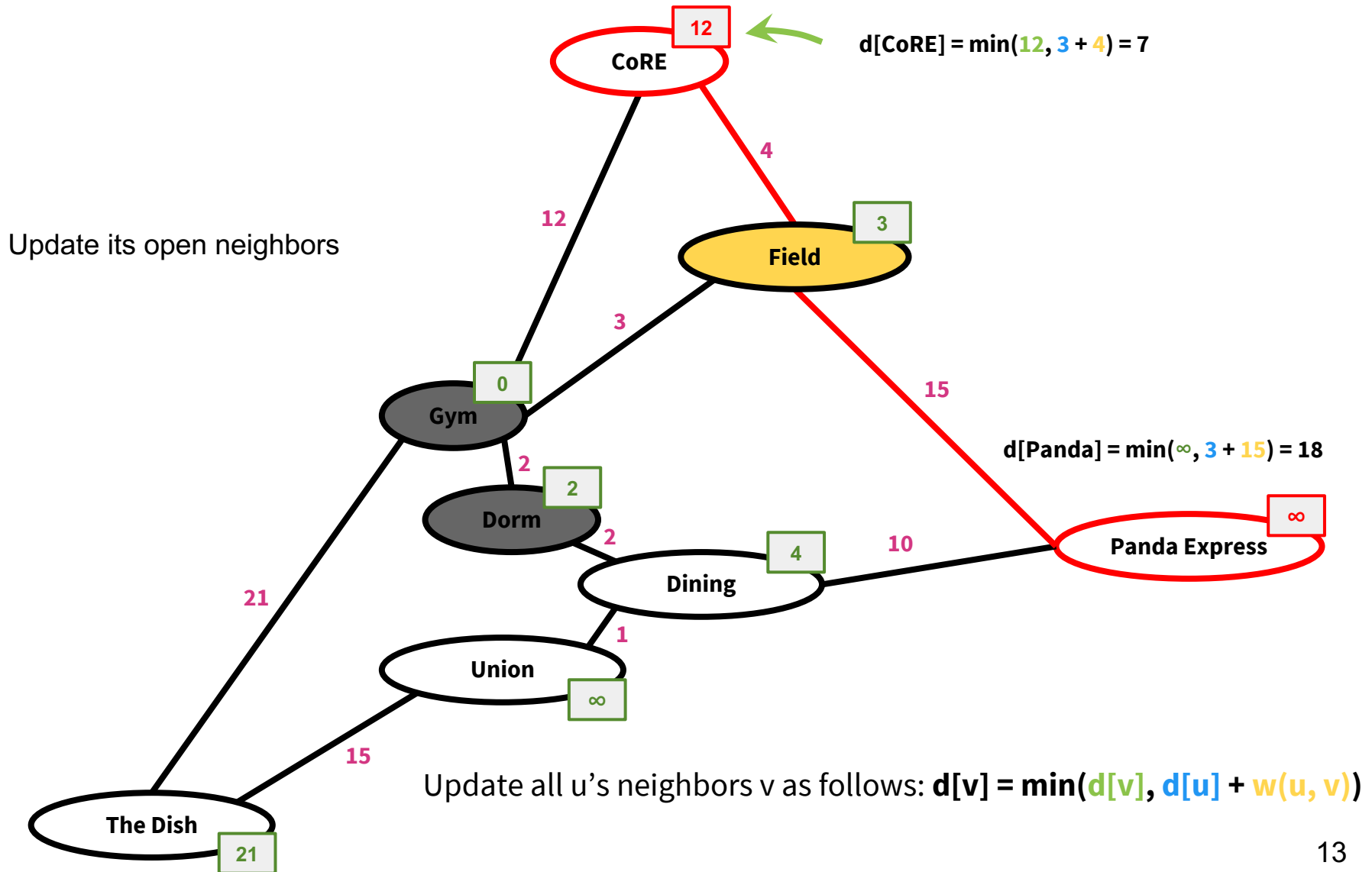


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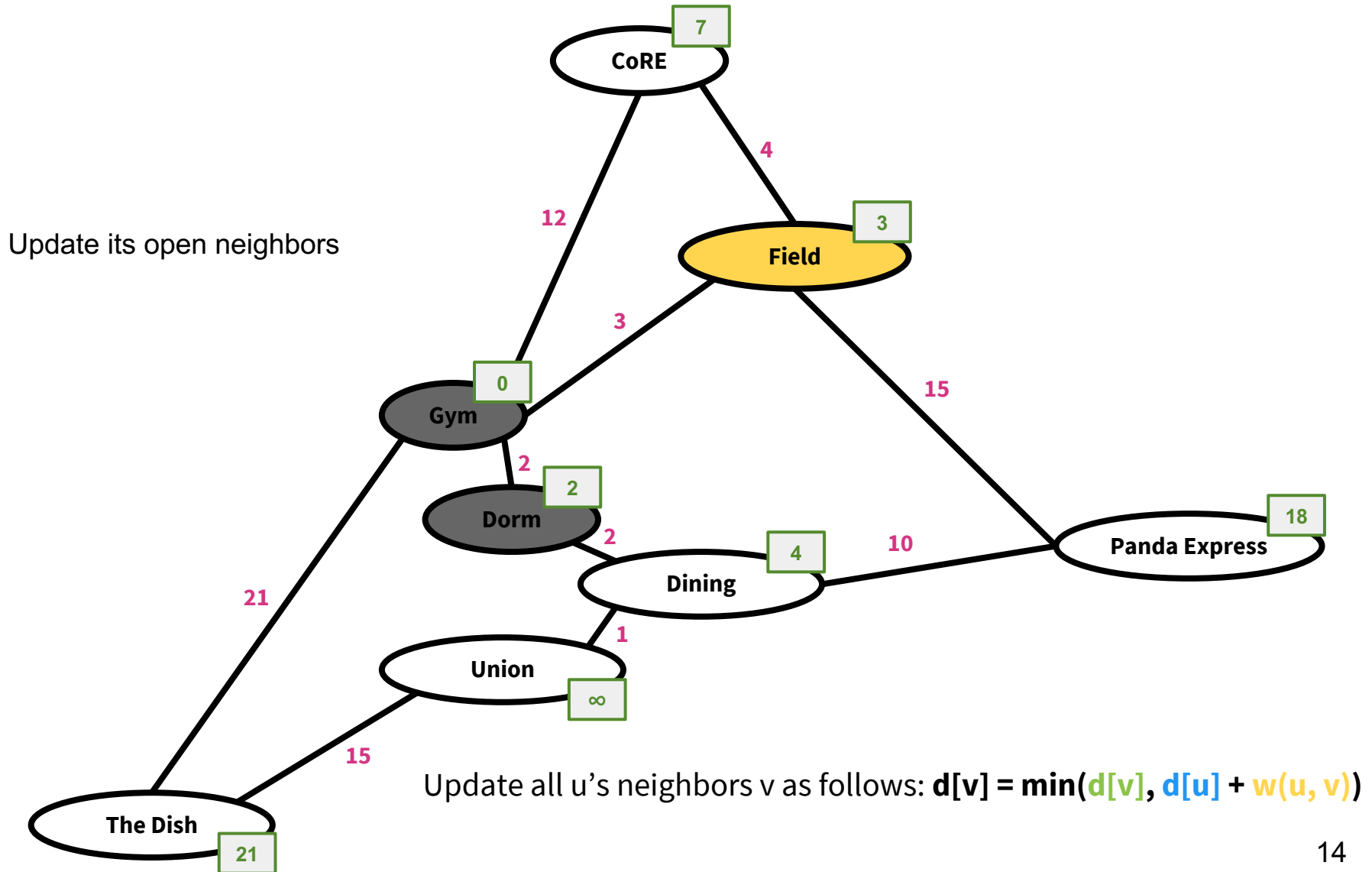
Choose the smallest node from the open-nodes



Dijkstra's Algorithm

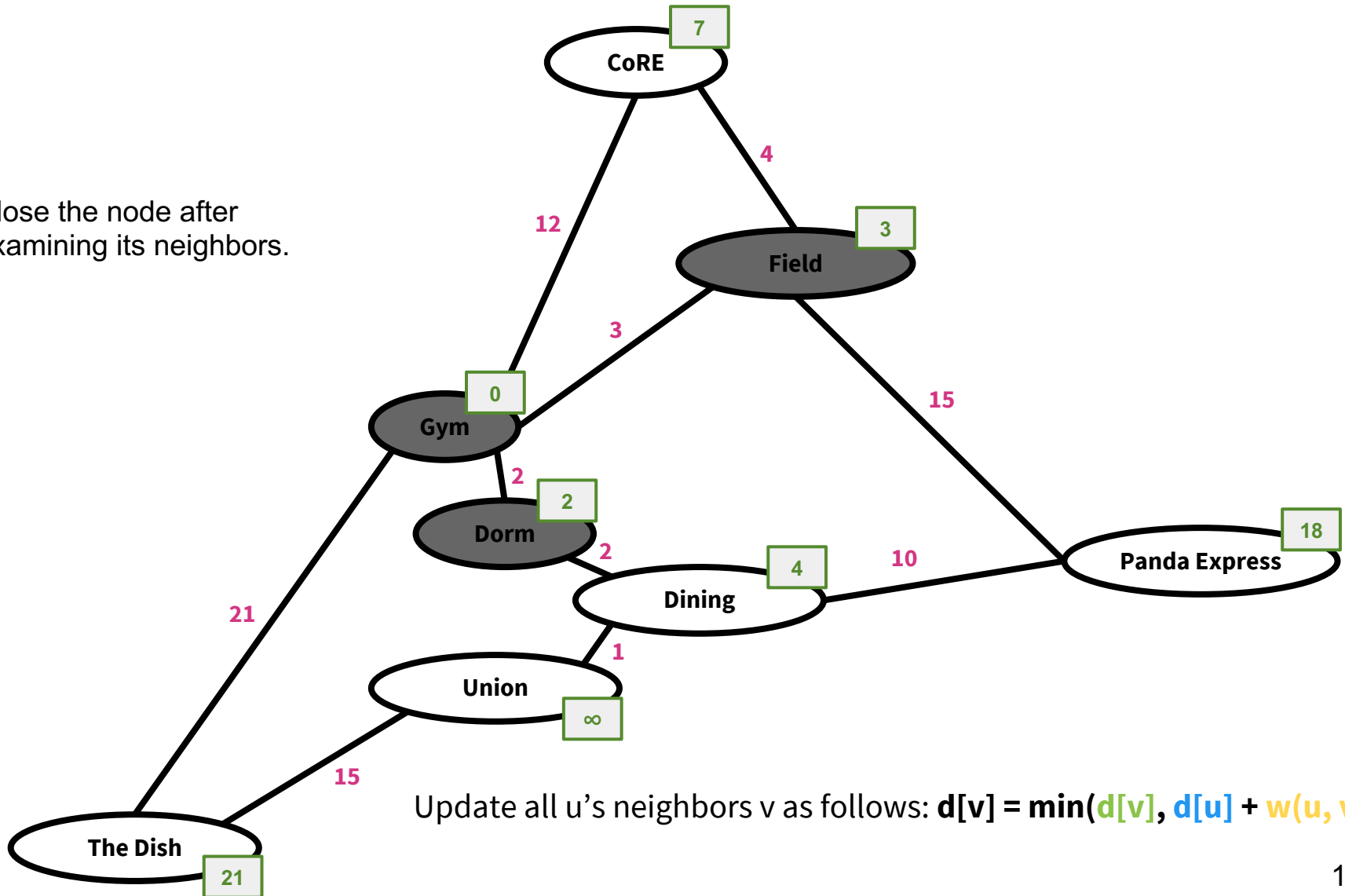


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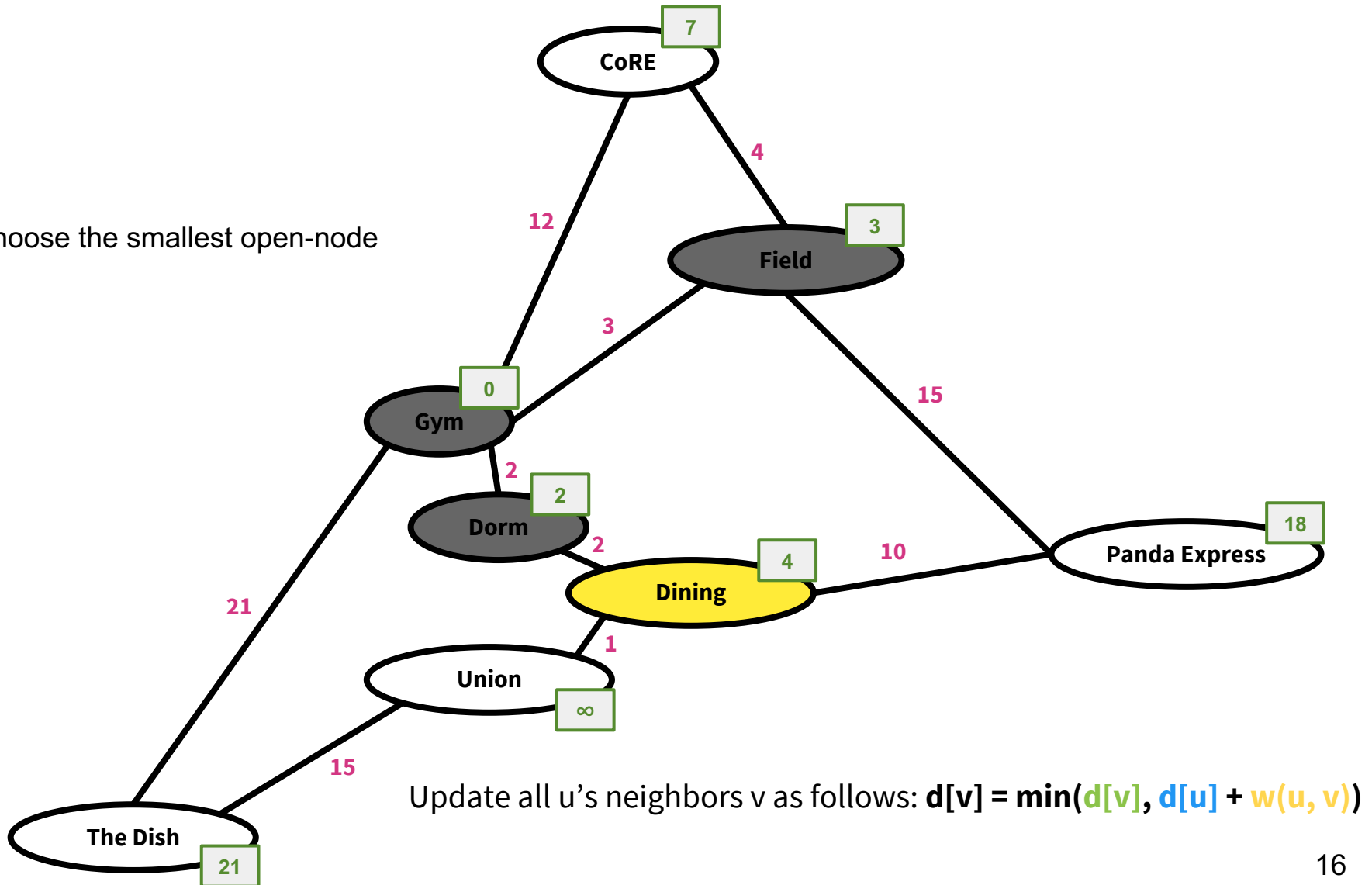
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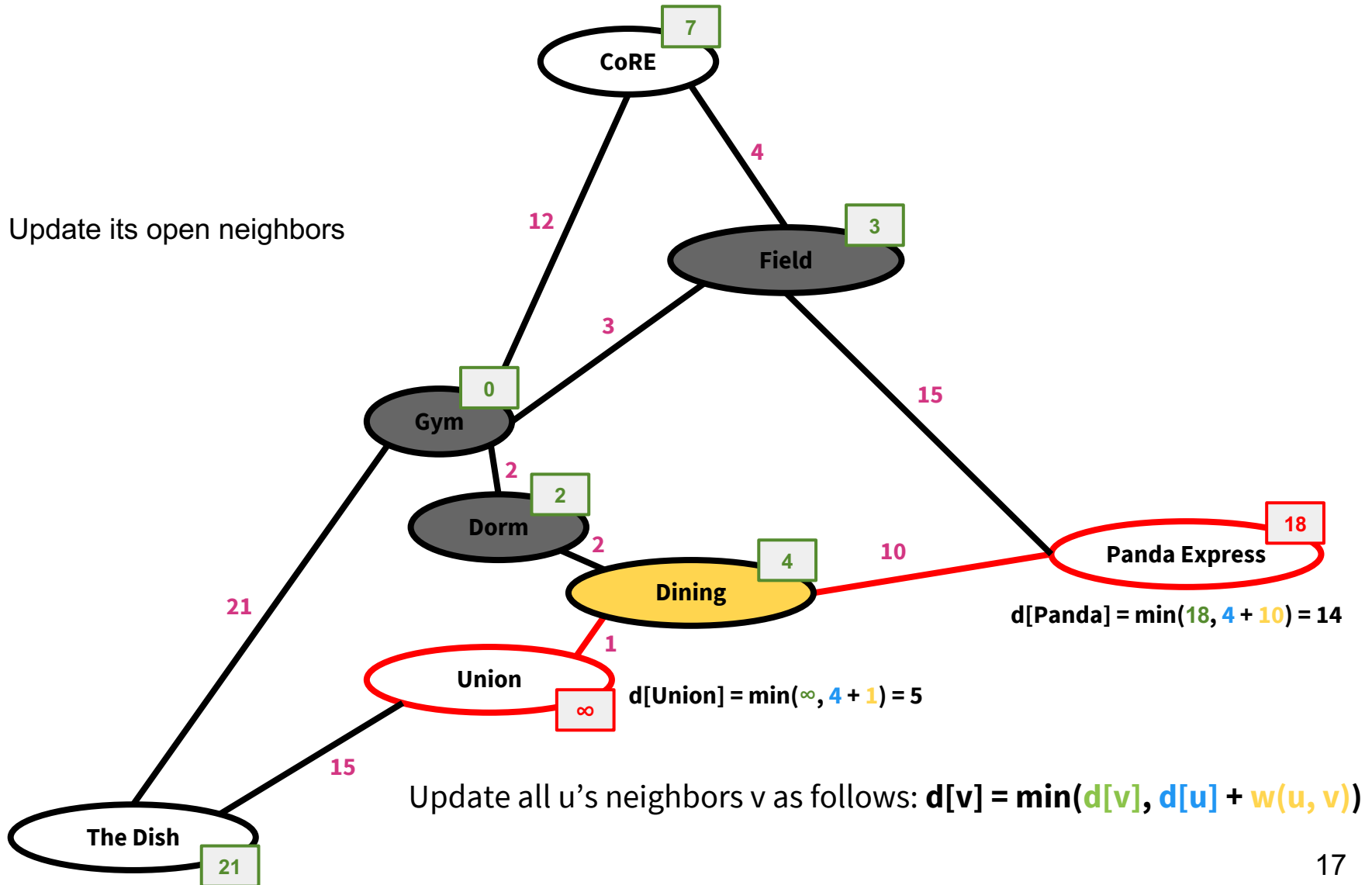


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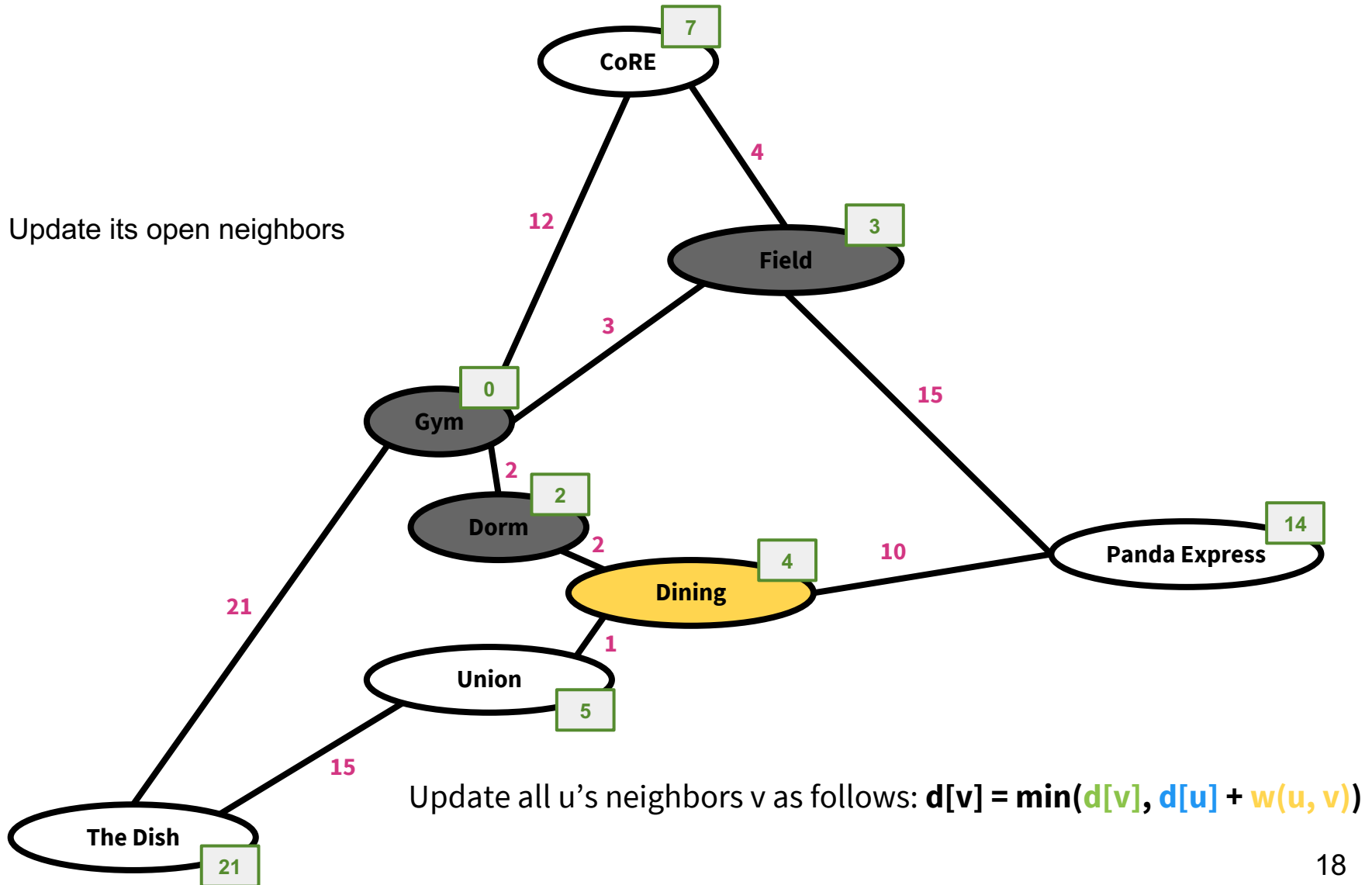
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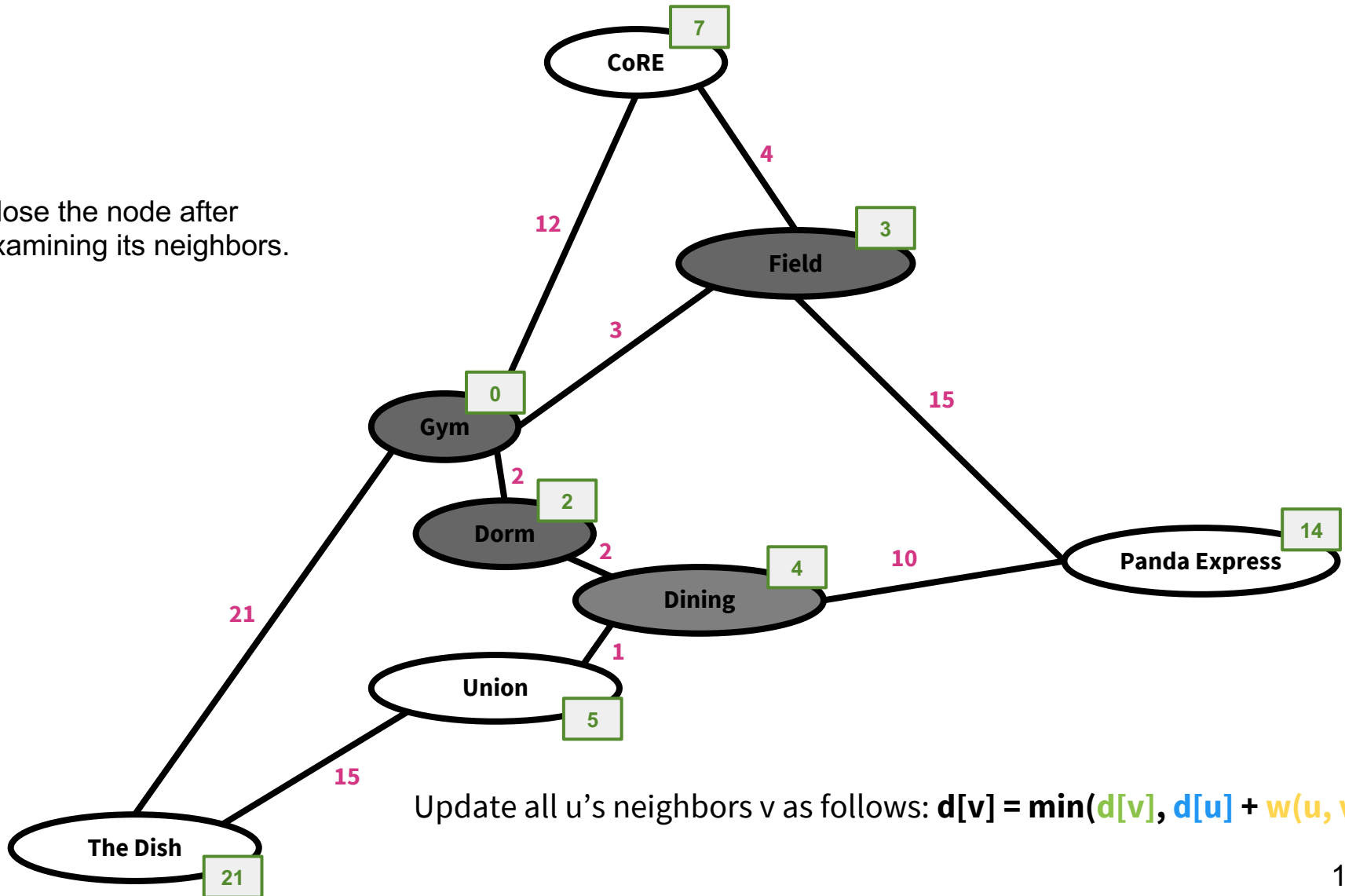


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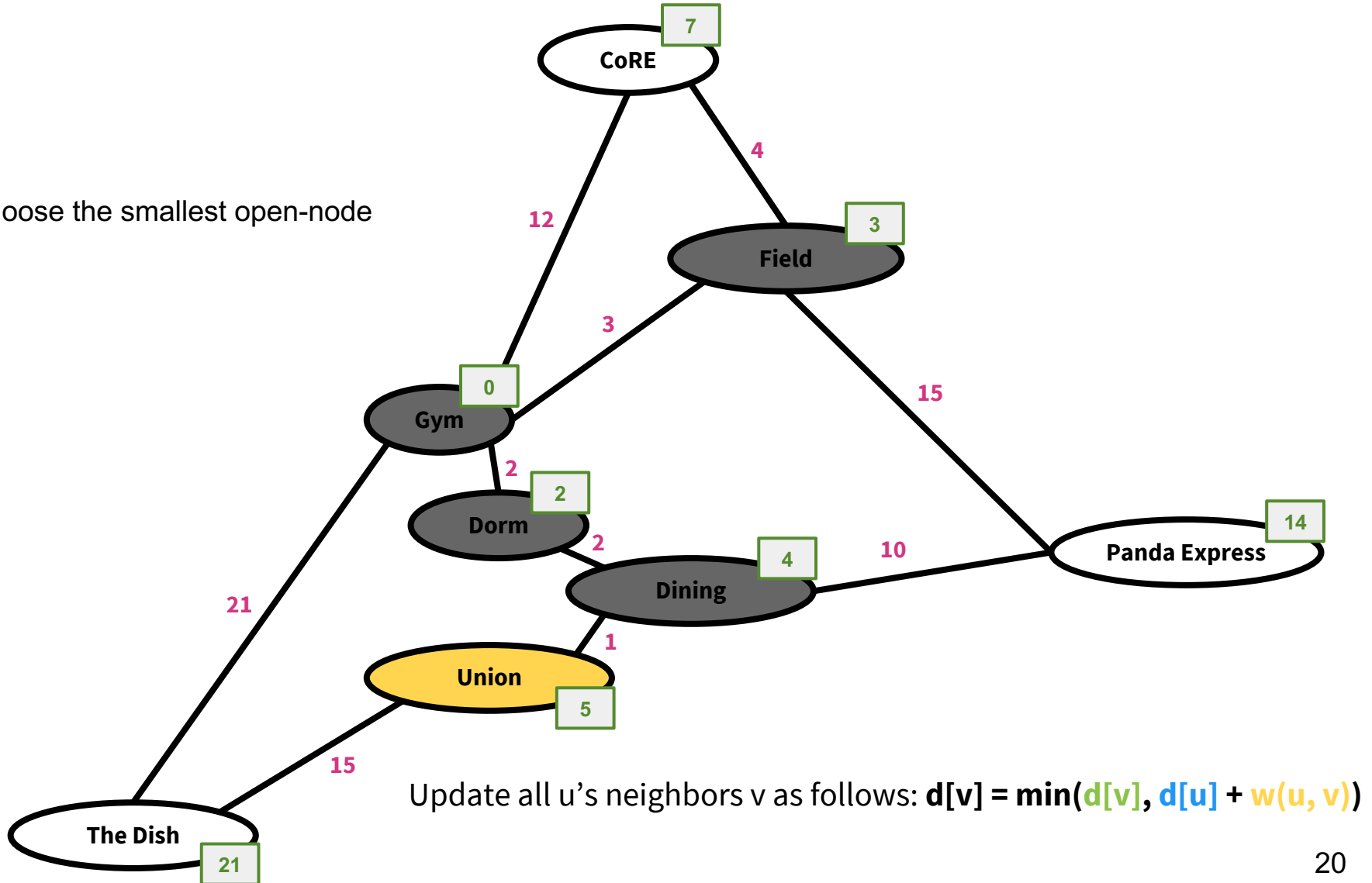
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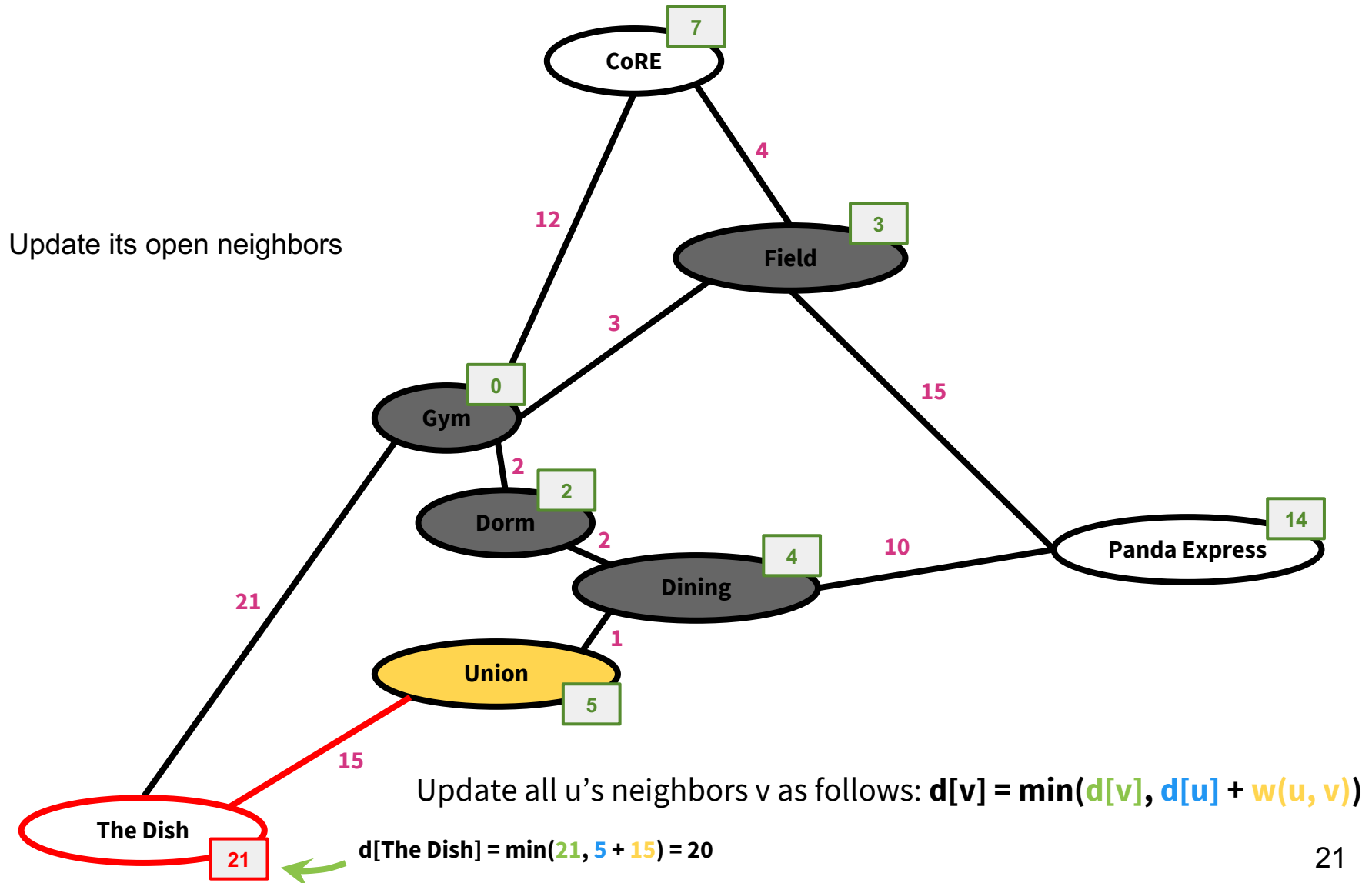


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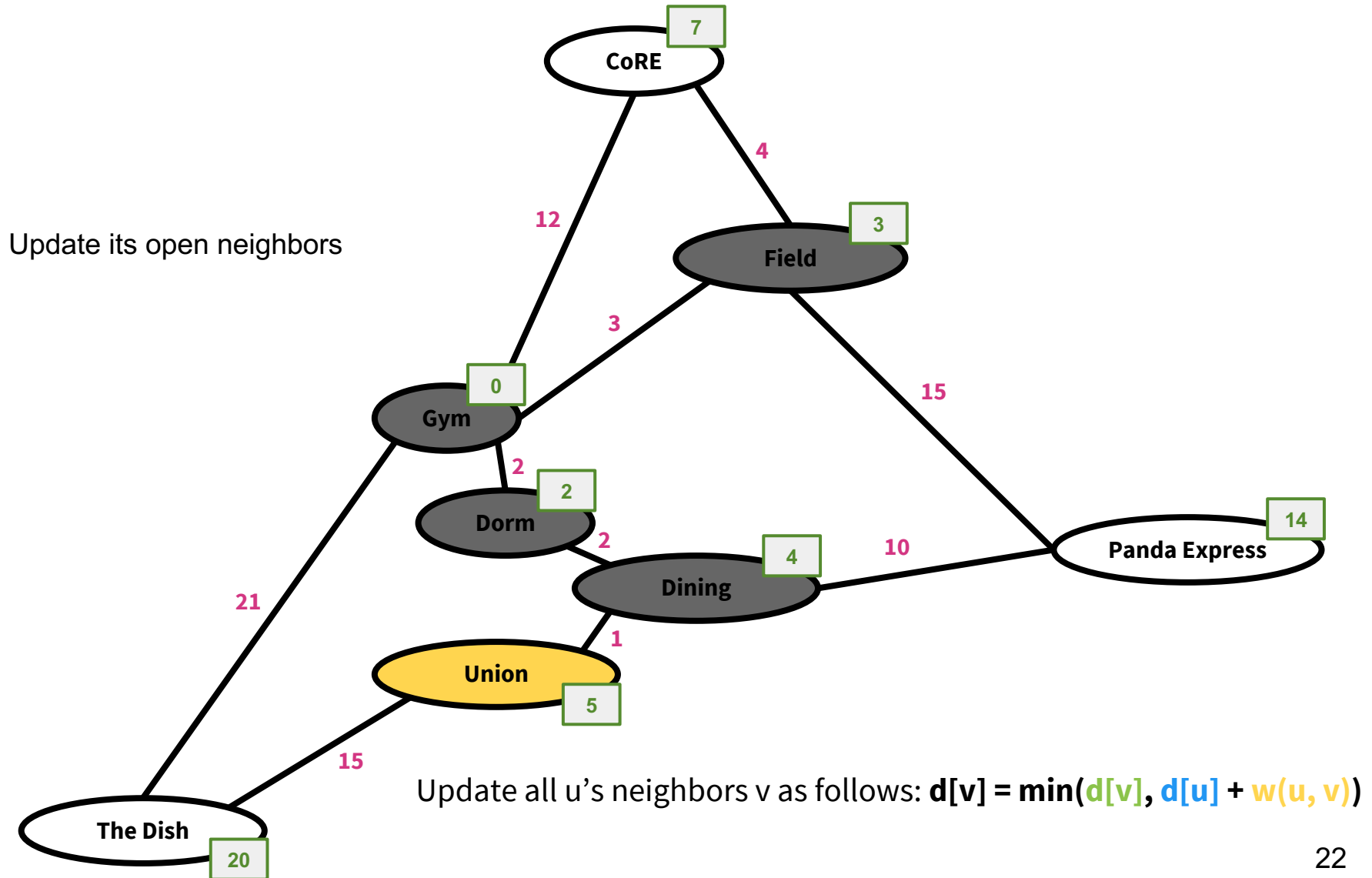
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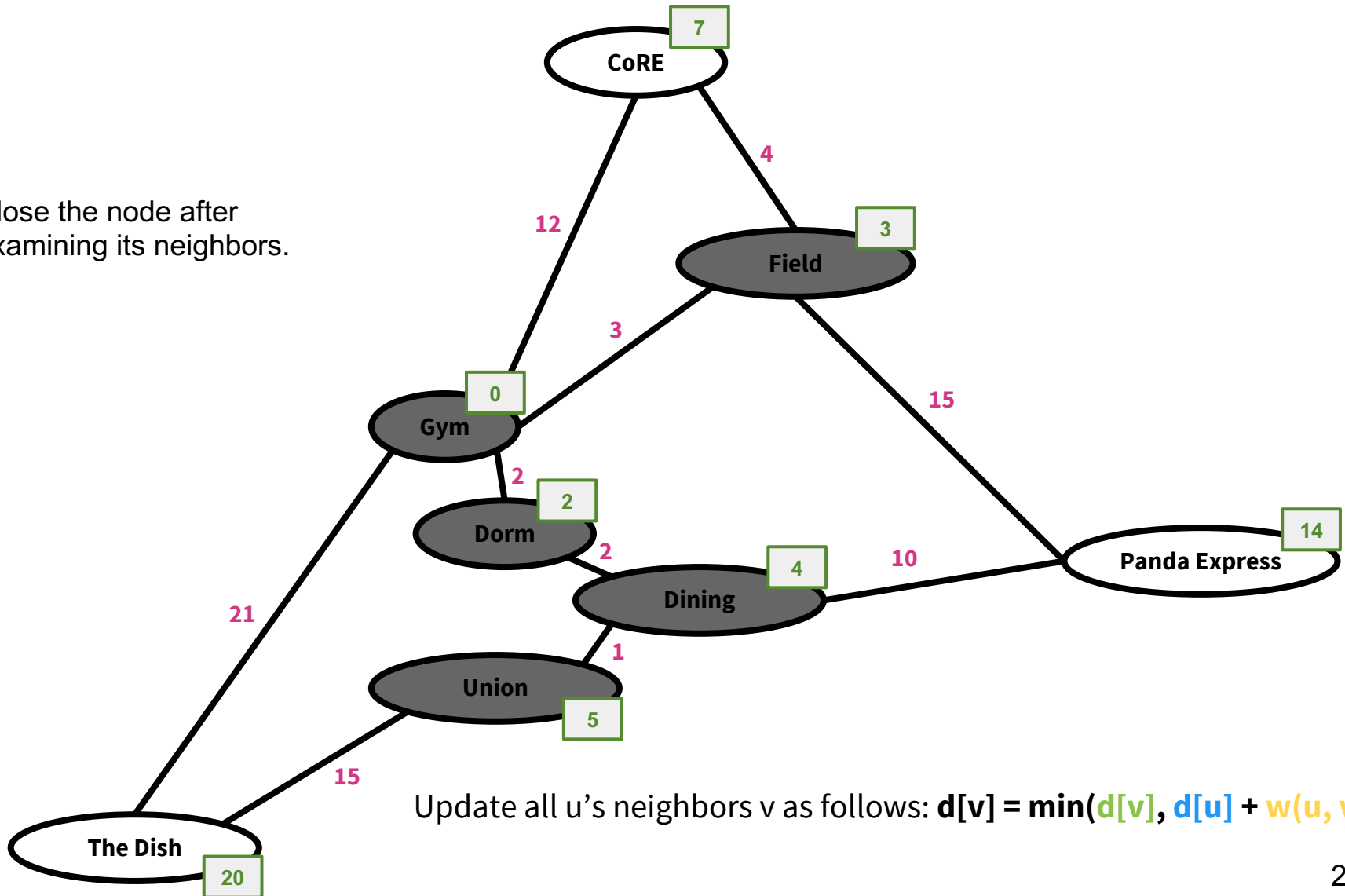


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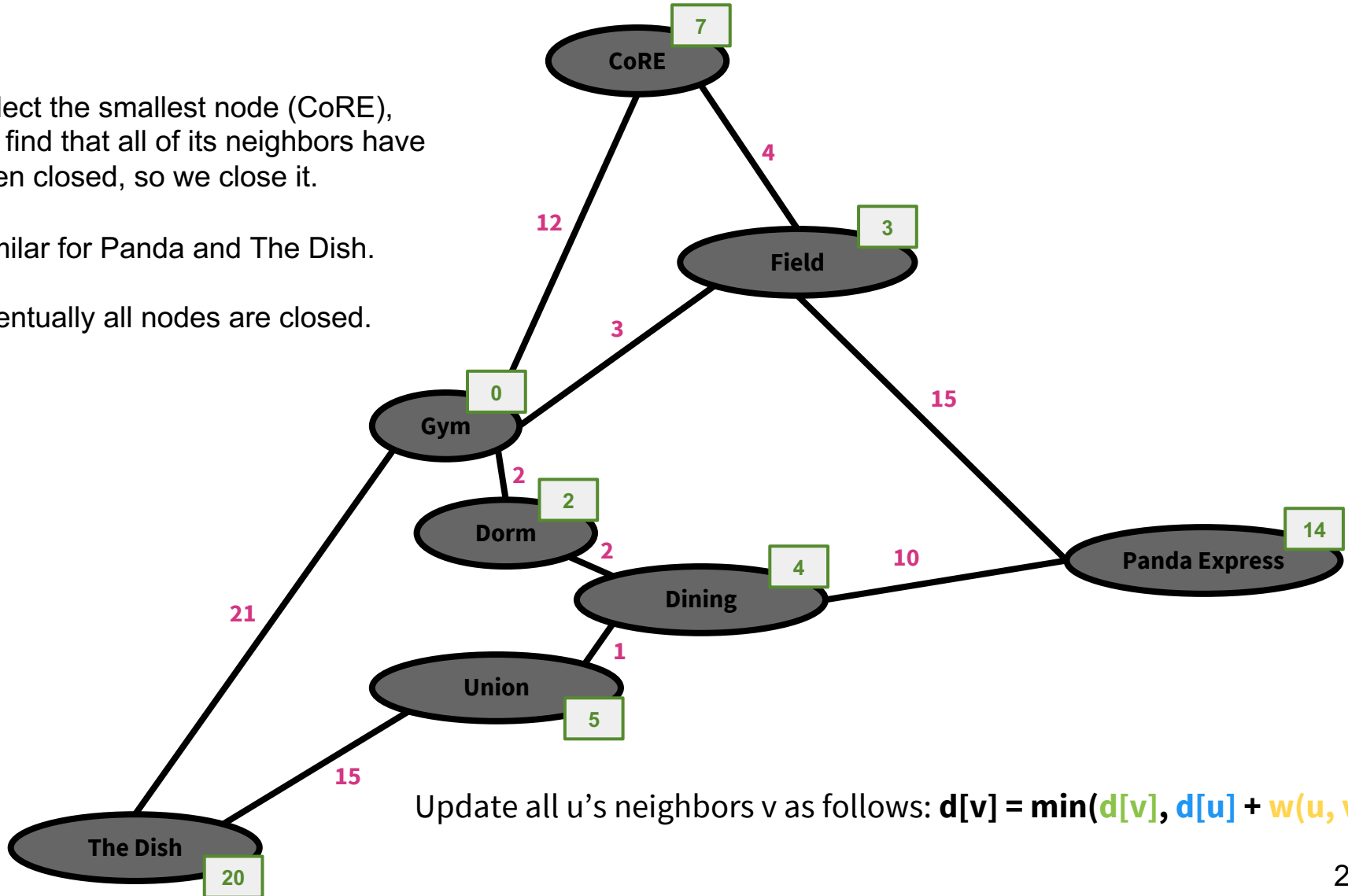


Dijkstra's Algorithm

Select the smallest node (CoRE),
we find that all of its neighbors have
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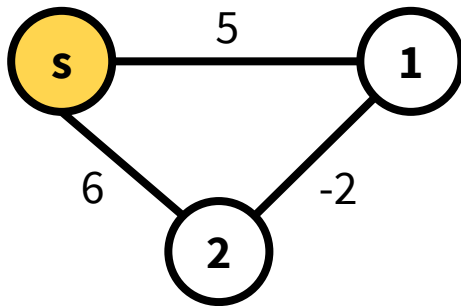
Similar for Panda and The Dish.

Eventually all nodes are closed.

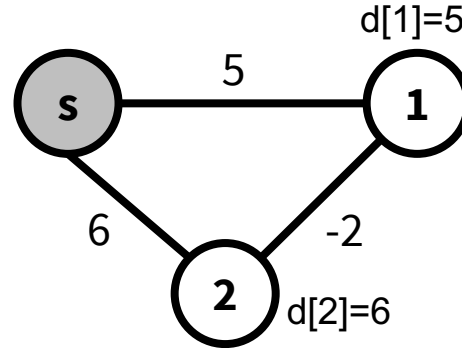


Problem of Dijkstra's Algorithm

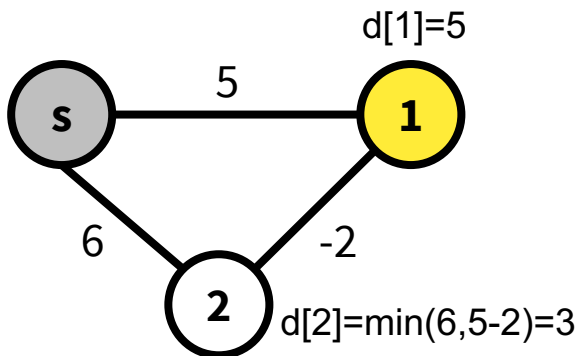
Can not handle negative edge weights properly.



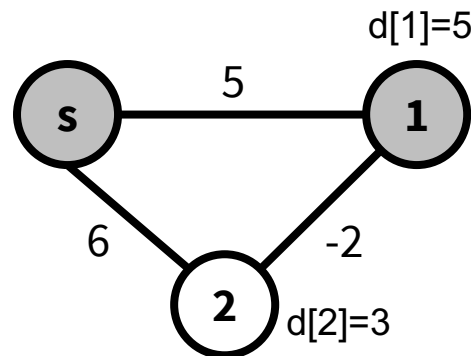
0. Original graph



1. Initialization



3. Select the smallest open node and update its open neighbors



4. Close the node, however, the shortest path from s to 1 is through 2, and the distance is 4 not 5.

Once a node is closed, its distance to source will never be updated anymore.

Bellman-Ford

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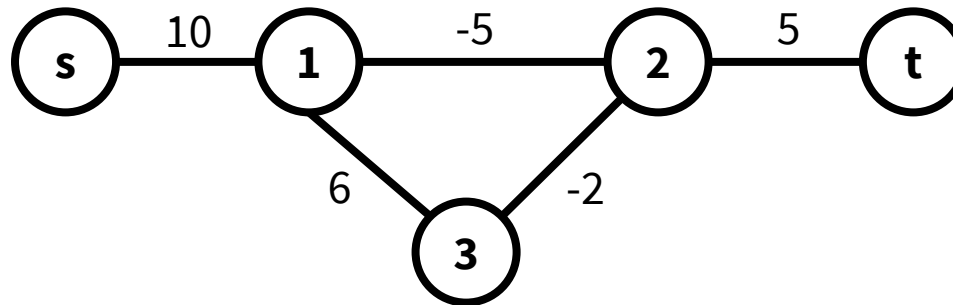
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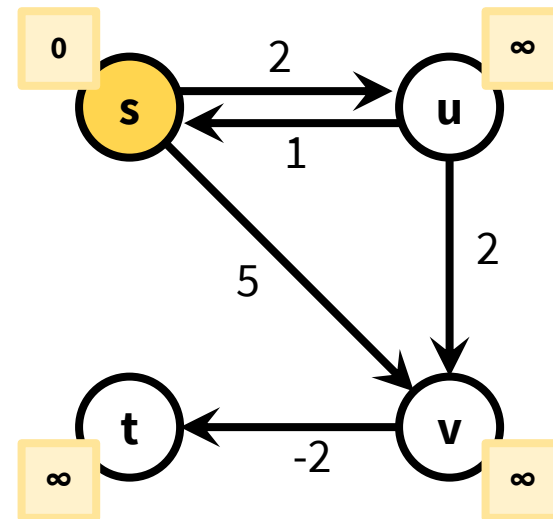
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3. Why $k = 0, 1, \dots, |V|-1$? Because the longest # of steps to reach another node in a graph of $|V|$ nodes is $|V|-1$.

We know $k = 0$, i.e. shortest paths to each vertex with at most 0 edges in it.

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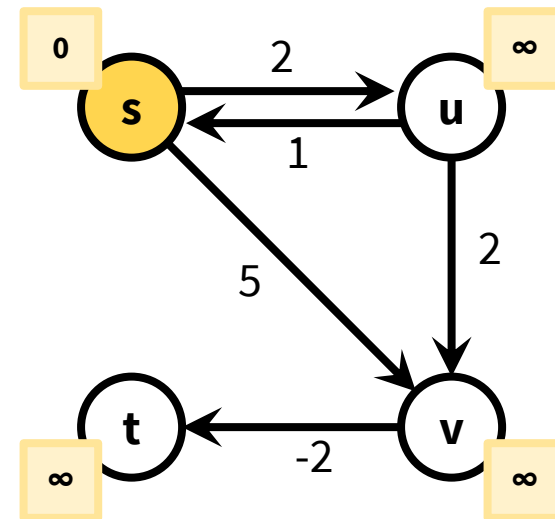
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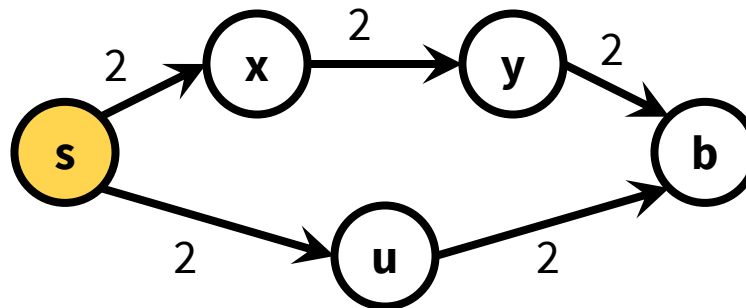


Bellman-Ford Algorithm

How do we use $d^{(k-1)}$ to fill in $d^{(k)}[b]$?

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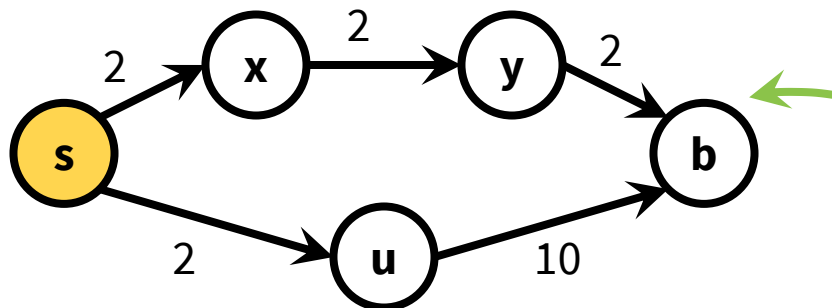
Case 1: the shortest path from s to b with at most k edges actually has at most $k - 1$ edges.



Suppose $k = 3$.

$d^{(k)}[b] = d^{(k-1)}[b]$, i.e. $d^{(3)}[b] = d^{(2)}[b]$, which means that the shortest path of at most $k - 1$ edges is at least as short as any path of at most k edges.

Case 2: the shortest path from s to b with at most k edges really has k edges.



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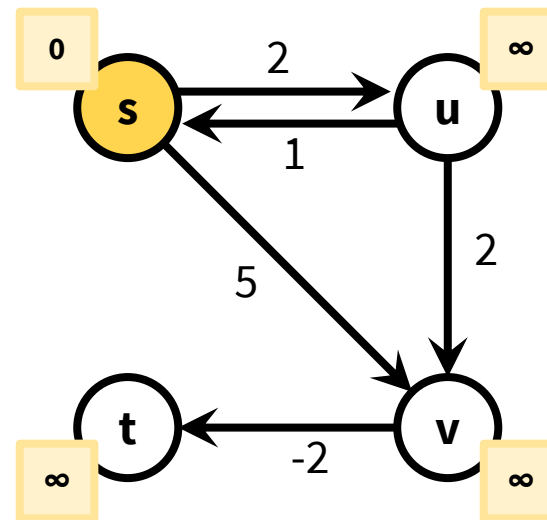
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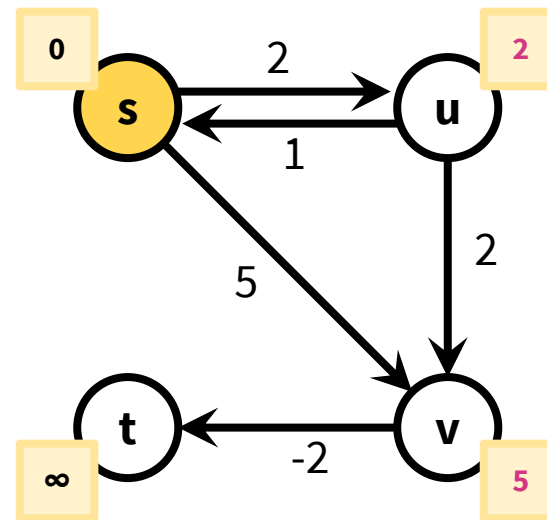
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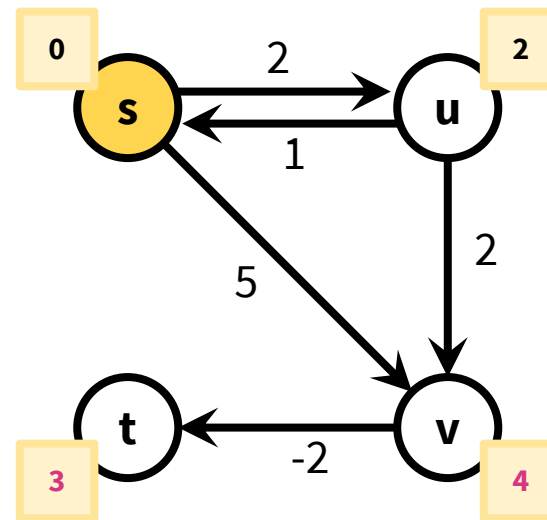
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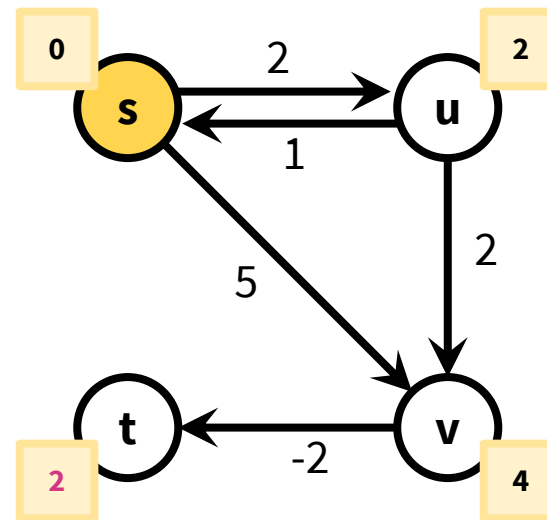
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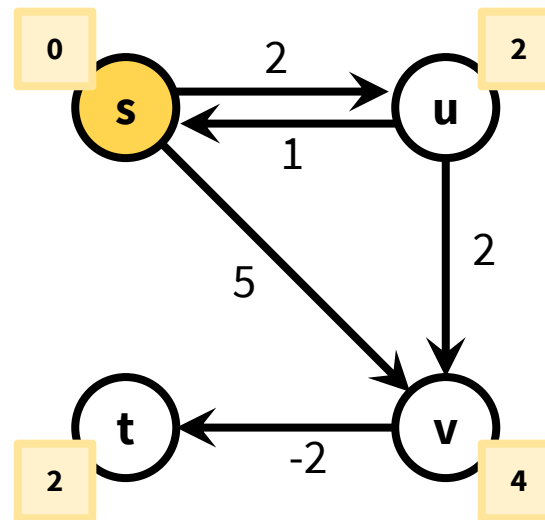


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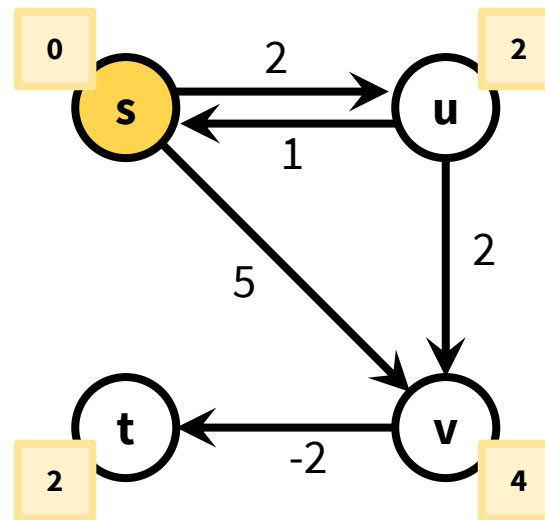
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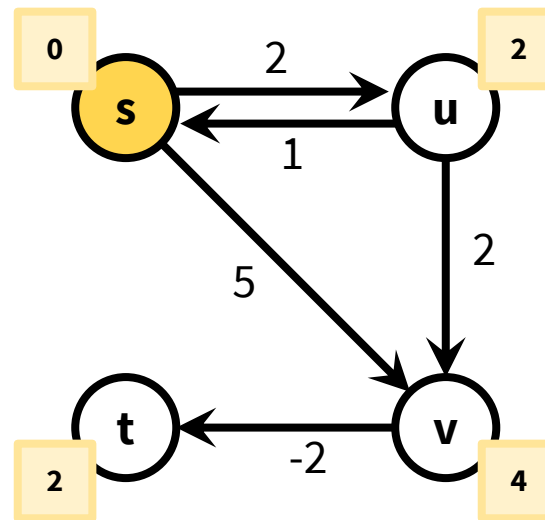
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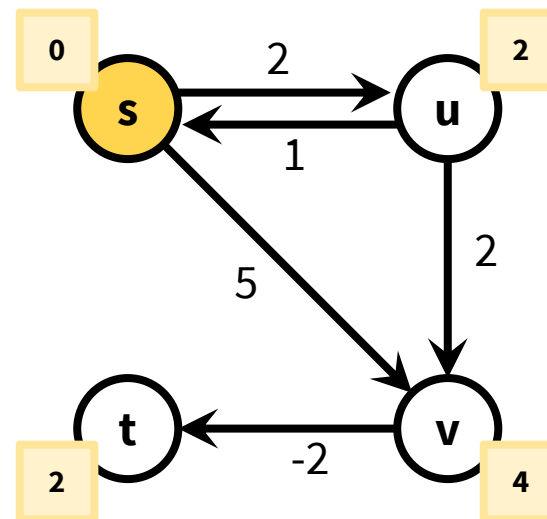
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The shortest path from s to t with any number of edges is $\min\{\infty, 3, 2\} = \mathbf{2}$ and the path has 3 edges ($s-u-v-t$).
 Actually this value will always be the value at the right-bottom corner, because it's **at most** $|V|-1$ edges, which includes cases that has fewer than $|V|-1$ edges.


Bellman-Ford Algorithm

```
algorithm bellman_ford(G):  
   $d^{(k)} = []$  for  $k = 0$  to  $|V| - 1$   This is a simplification to make the  
   $d^{(0)}[v] = \infty$  for all  $v \neq s$  pseudocode nice. In reality, we'd  
   $d^{(0)}[s] = 0$  only keep two of them at a time.  
  for  $k = 1$  to  $|V| - 1$ :  
    for  $b$  in  $V$ :  
       $d^{(k)}[b] = \min\{d^{(k-1)}[b], \min_a\{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a,b)\} \}$   
  return  $d^{(|V|-1)}$ 
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 Minimum over all a
such that $(a, b) \in E$.

Case 1 Case 2

Runtime: $O(|V| |E|)$

 Slower than Dijkstra's
 $O(|E| + |V| \log(|V|))$

Bellman-Ford Proof of Correctness

BF Proof of Correctness

We need to prove our main argument.

$d^{(|V|-1)}[b]$ is the cost of the shortest path from s to b with at most $|V|-1$ edges.

BF Proof of Correctness

Lemma: $d^{(|V|-1)}[b]$ is the cost of the shortest path from s to b with at most $|V|-1$ edges.

Proof: We proceed by induction on k , the number of iterations completed by the algorithm.

For our base case, at the start of iteration $k = 1$, the shortest path from s to s with 0 edges has cost 0. The path from s to all vertices $v \neq s$ contains at least 1 edge; there doesn't exist a path from s to v with 0 edges, and this path costs ∞ . Therefore, $d^{(0)}$ is correct.

For our inductive step, assume that at the start of iteration k , $d^{(k-1)}[b]$ is the cost of the shortest path from s to b with at most $k - 1$ edges. We consider two cases:

Case 1: $d^{(k-1)}[b] < \min_a \{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a, b)\}$. This corresponds to the case in which the shortest path contains fewer than k edges. Then our algorithm correctly sets $d^{(k)}[b] = d^{(k-1)}[b]$.

Case 2: $d^{(k-1)}[b] \geq \min_a \{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a, b)\}$. This corresponds to the case in which the shortest path contains exactly k edges. Then our algorithm correctly sets $d^{(k)}[b] = \min_a \{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a, b)\}$, which minimizes the sum of the shortest path with at most $k-1$ edges to an in-neighbor of b and the weight from a to b .

At the start of iteration $k = |V|$, the algorithm terminates and $d^{(|V|-1)}$ is correct.

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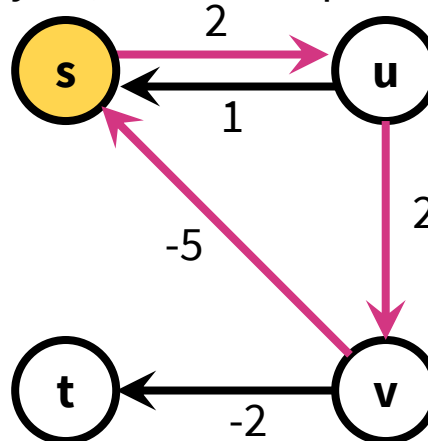
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Why can we stop by the end of iteration $|V|-1$

We still need to prove that this argument implies `bellman_ford` is correct
i.e. $d^{(|V|-1)}[a] = \text{distance}(s, a)$.

To show this, we'll prove that **the shortest path with at most $|V|-1$ edges is the shortest path with any number of edges** (if a shortest path exists).

If the graph has a negative cycle, a shortest path might not exist!

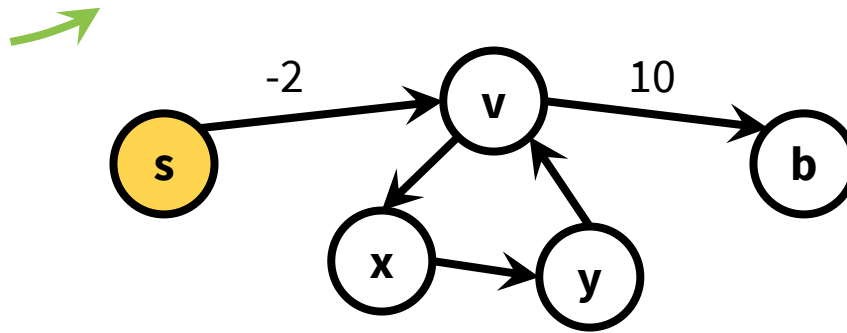


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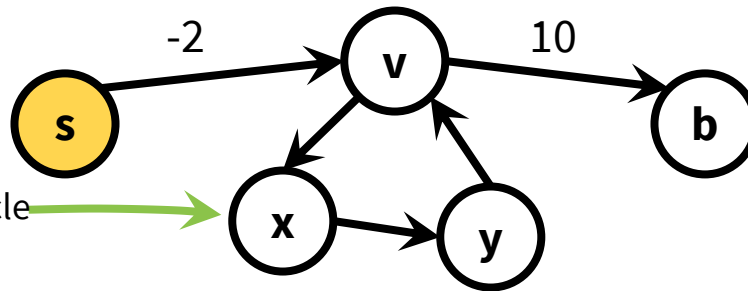
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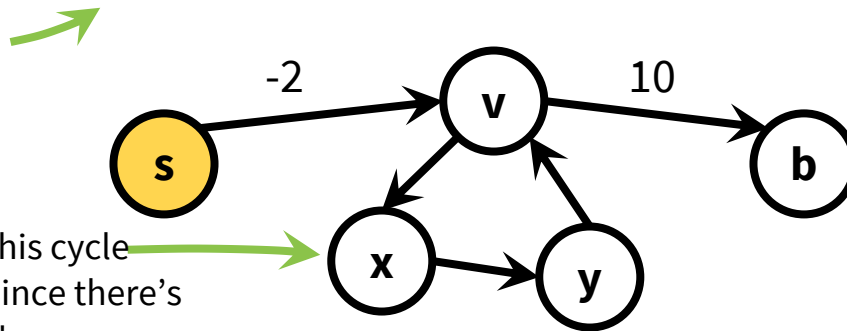


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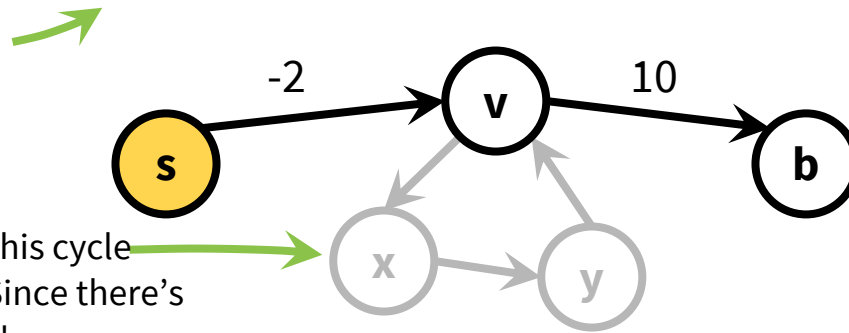
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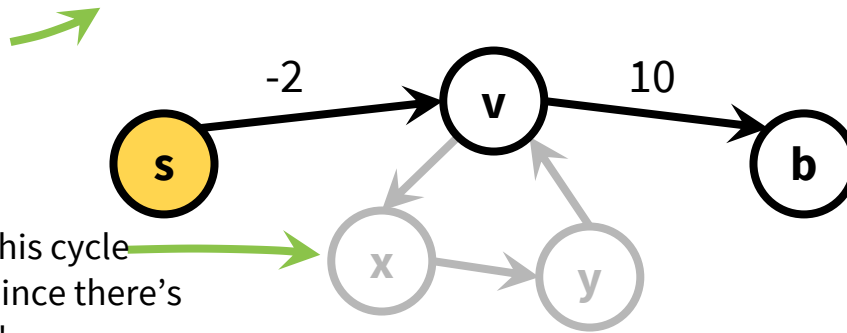
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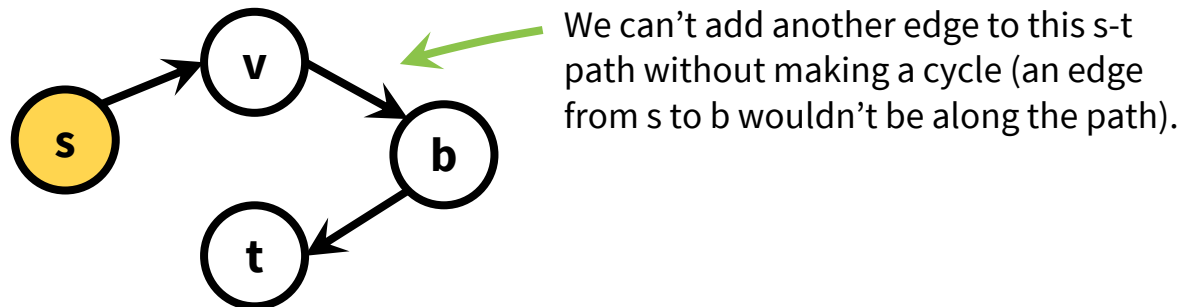
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There's always a simple shortest path.

A simple path
has no cycles.



A simple path in a graph with $|V|$ vertices has at most $|V|-1$ edges in it.



BF Proof of Correctness

Theorem: `bellman_ford` is correct as long as the graph has no negative cycles.

Proof:

By our lemma, $d^{(|V|-1)}[b]$ contains the cost of the shortest path from s to b with at most $|V|-1$ edges. If there are no negative cycles, then the shortest path must be simple, and all simple paths have at most $|V|-1$ edges. Therefore, the value the algorithm returns, $d^{(|V|-1)}[b]$, is also the cost of the shortest path from s to b with any number of edges.

shortest path \rightarrow simple \rightarrow at most $|V|-1$ edges
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} $d^{(|V|-1)}[b]$ must be the shortest path

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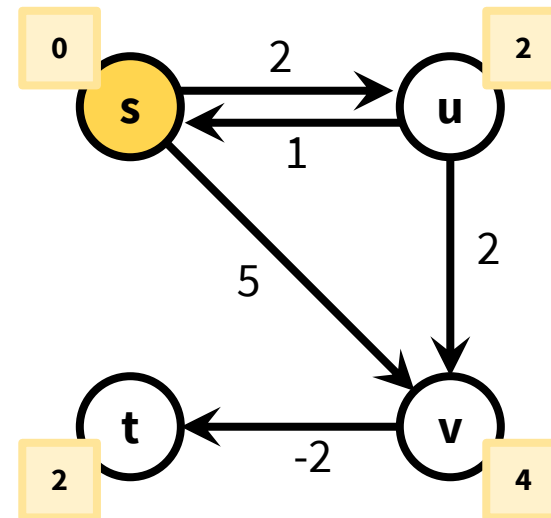
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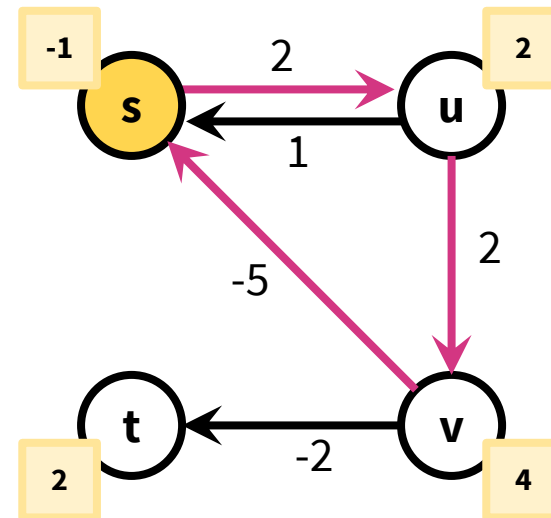
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Bellman-Ford Algorithm

Bellman-Ford gets used in practice.

e.g. Updating Routing Information in computer networks uses it. Each router keeps a table of shortest distances to every other router. Periodically, we do a Bellman-Ford to update the distance information.

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming

Bellman-Ford is an example of **dynamic programming**!

Dynamic programming is an algorithm design paradigm.

Often it's used to solve [optimization problems](#) e.g. **shortest** path.

Dynamic Programming

Elements of dynamic programming

Large problems break up into small problems.

e.g. shortest path with at most k edges.

Optimal substructure the optimal solution of a problem can be expressed in terms of optimal solutions of **smaller sub-problems**.

e.g. $d^{(k)}[b] = \min\{d^{(k-1)}[b], \min_a\{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a,b)\}\}$

Overlapping sub-problems the **sub-problems overlap a lot**.

e.g. Lots of different entries of $d^{(k)}$ ask for $d^{(k-1)}[a]$.

This means we're saving time by solving a sub-problem once and caching the answer.
Answer of the sub-problems can **be reused for multiple times**.

Dynamic Programming

Comparing Dynamic Programming and Divide-and-Conquer

DP can be seen as a special case of D-n-C

Divide-and-Conquer solves the problem “[batch-by-batch](#)” (e.g., usually half-by-half)

Dynamic Programming solves the problem “[step-by-step](#)”

The reason is that some problem are too difficult that we can not reduce the problem size very efficiently as in D-n-C (e.g., half-to-half), we have to begin from very small problem sizes first (e.g., shortest path with 0 steps in the BF algorithm) and increase the problem size by a small increment at each time (e.g., using shortest paths of at most $k-1$ steps to calculate shortest paths of at most k steps, by increase one step at each time).

Dynamic Programming

Two approaches for DP: bottom-up and top-down.

Bottom-up iterates through problems by size and solves the small problems first (Bellman-Ford solves $d^{(0)}$ then $d^{(1)}$ then $d^{(2)}$, etc.)

Top-down recurses to solve smaller problems, which recurse to solve even smaller problems.

How is this different than divide and conquer? **Memoization**, which *keeps track of the small problems you've already solved* to prevent resolving the same problem more than once.

Divide-and-conquer usually solve a sub-problem for once and use it also for only once. E.g., the merge-sort algorithm.

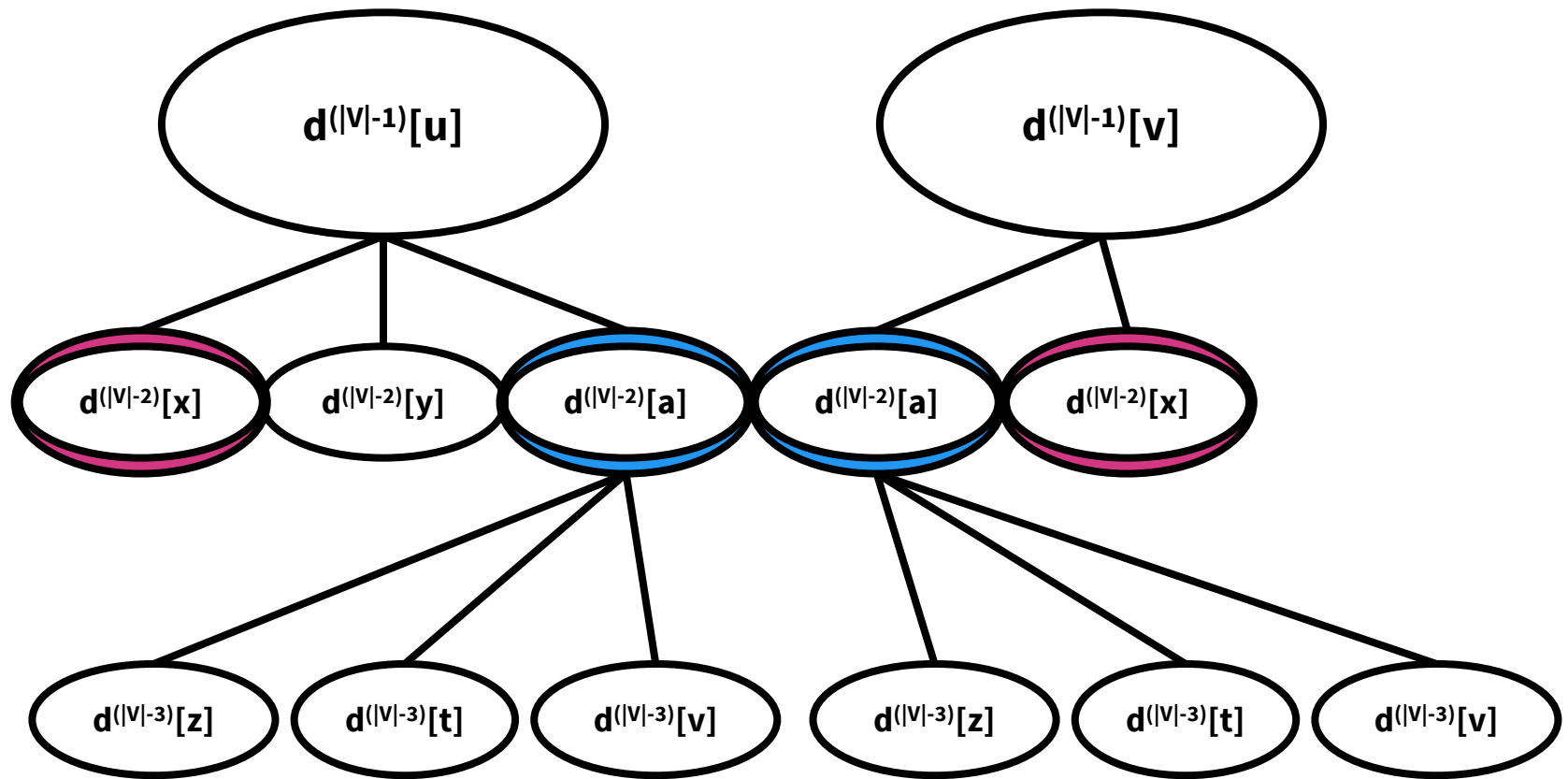
Dynamic programming solve a sub-problem for once and use it for multiple times. E.g., Bellman-Ford algorithm.

Top-Down BF Algorithm

```
algorithm recursive_bellman_ford(G):  
     $d^{(k)} = [\text{None}] * |V|$  for  $k = 0$  to  $|V|-1$   
     $d^{(0)}[v] = \infty$  for all  $v \neq s$   
     $d^{(0)}[s] = 0$   
    for  $b$  in  $V$ :  
        recursive_bf_helper(G, b,  $|V|-1$ )  
  
algorithm recursive_bf_helper(G, b, k):  
     $A = \{a \text{ such that } (a, b) \in E\} \cup \{b\}$   
    for  $a$  in  $A$ :  
        if  $d^{(k-1)}[a]$  is None:  
             $d^{(k-1)}[a] = \text{recursive\_bf\_helper}(G, a, k-1)$   
    return  $\min\{d^{(k-1)}[b], \min_a\{d^{(k-1)}[a] + w(a, b)\}\}$ 
```

Runtime: $O(|V| |E|)$

Visualization of Top-Down



$d(|V|-2)[x]$ and $d(|V|-2)[a]$ are reused by $d(|V|-1)[v]$ after they have been calculated for $d(|V|-1)[u]$
Similar in the second layer

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

(Advanced Topic)

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

Another example of a graph DP algorithm!

The algorithm solves the all-pairs shortest path (**APSP**) problem.

A simple solution

```
for s in V:  
    run bellman_ford starting at s
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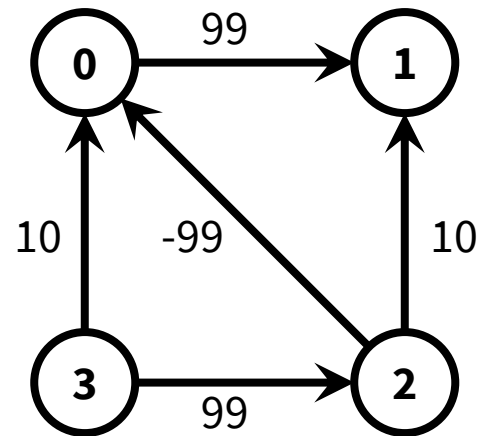
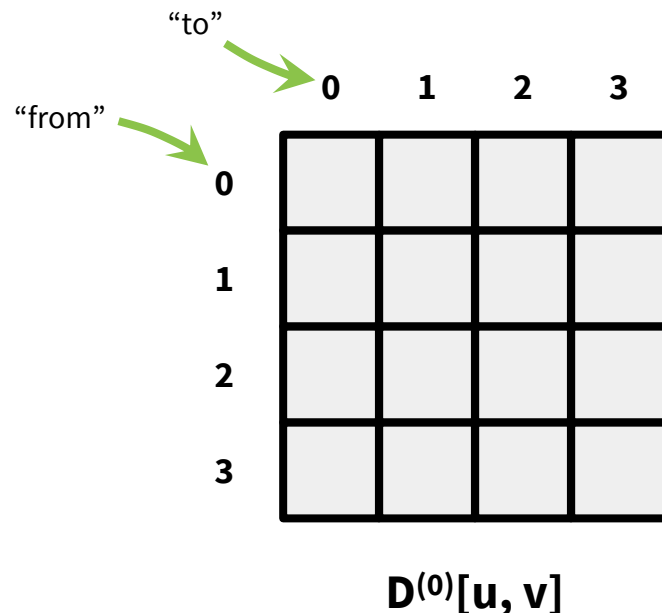
Runtime $O(|V|^2|E|)$

Can we do better?

Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

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$D^{(k)}[u, v]$ is the cost of the shortest path from u to v , such that all of the internal vertices on the path are in the set of vertices $\{0, \dots, k-1\}$.



Basic idea: we iterate for $|V|+1$ times, at iteration k ($k=0,1,\dots,|V|$), any path between any pair of nodes are only allowed to path through the first k nodes $\{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$.

After the last iteration $k=|V|$, any path are allowed to path through the nodes $\{0,1,\dots,|V|-1\}$, which are all the nodes, so the final results should be the correct answer.

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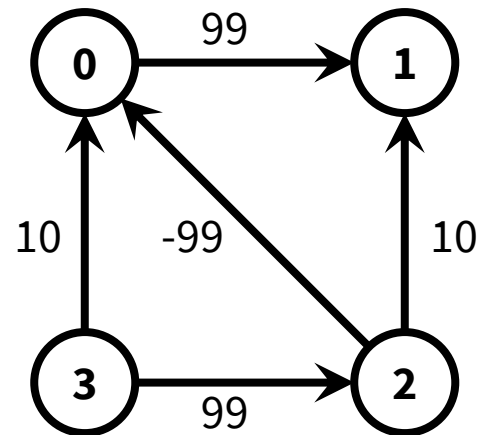
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	0	1	2	3
0	0			
1				
2				
3				

$D^{(0)}[u, v]$

This is the cost of the shortest path from 0 to 0, such that all of the internal vertices on the path are in the set of vertices $\{0, \dots, -1\}$ i.e. the cost of the shortest path from 0 to 0 that passes through no other vertices.



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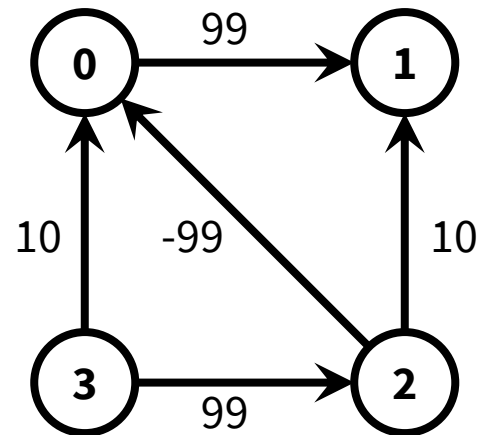
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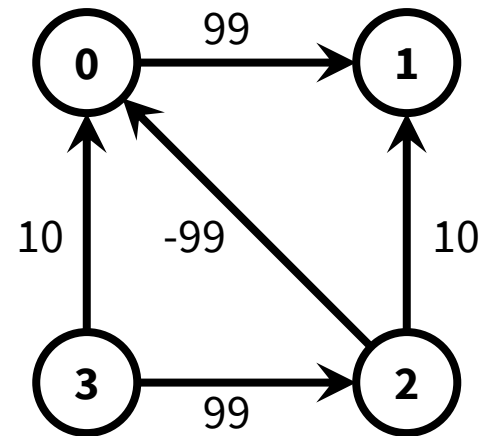
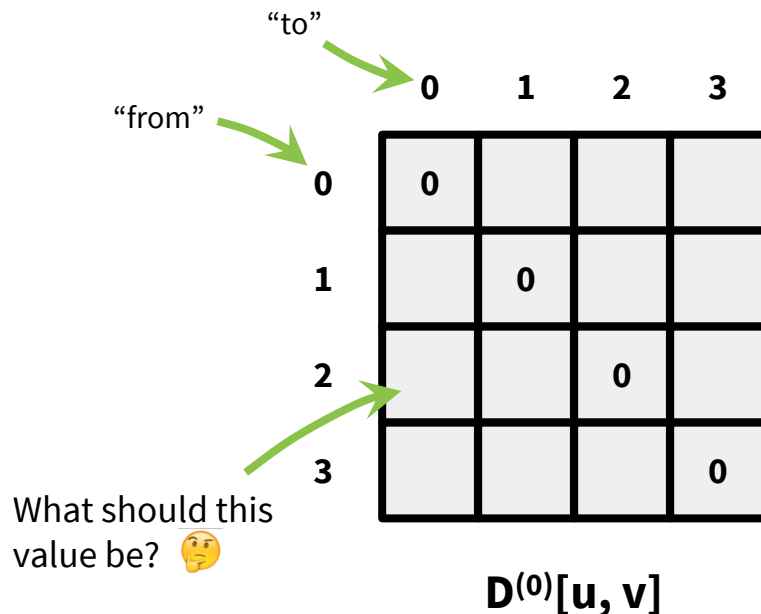
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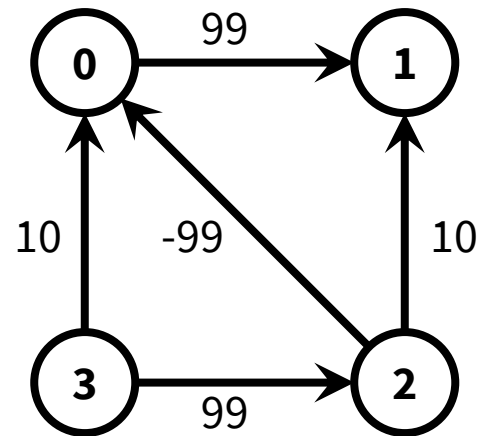
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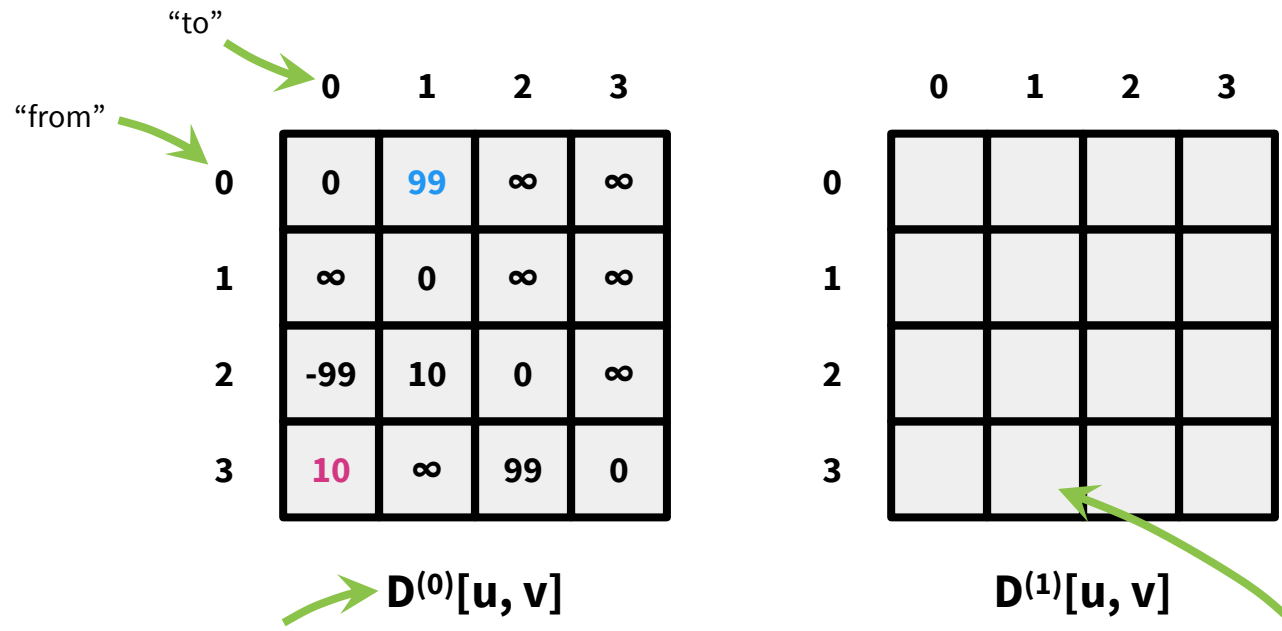
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What should this value be? 🤔 -99, since the shortest path from 2 to 0, passing through no other vertices has weight -99.

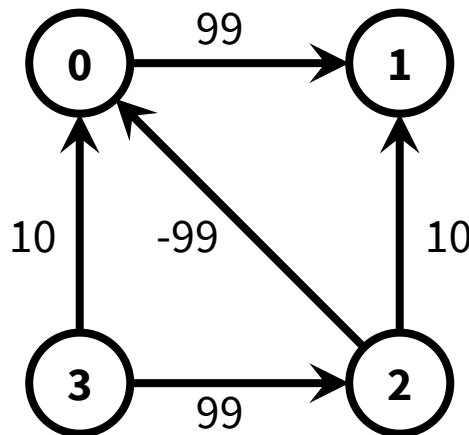
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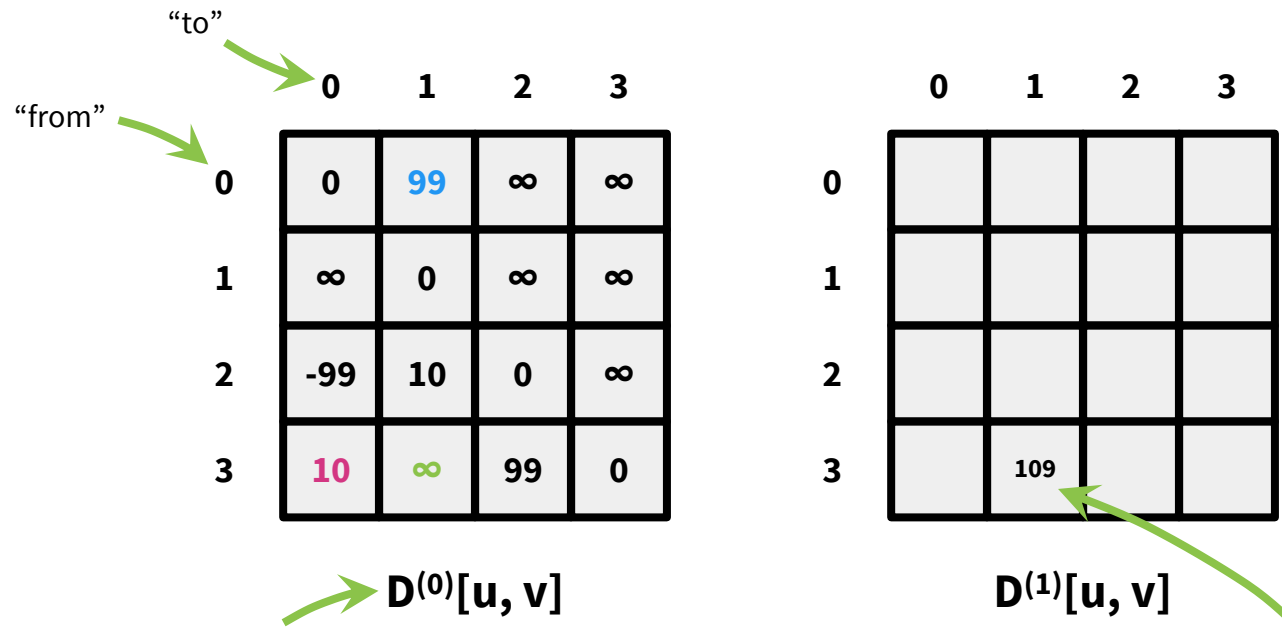


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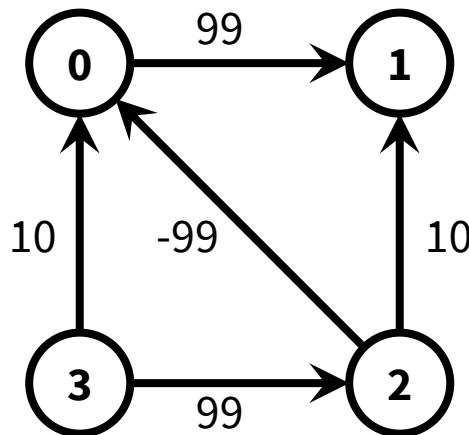


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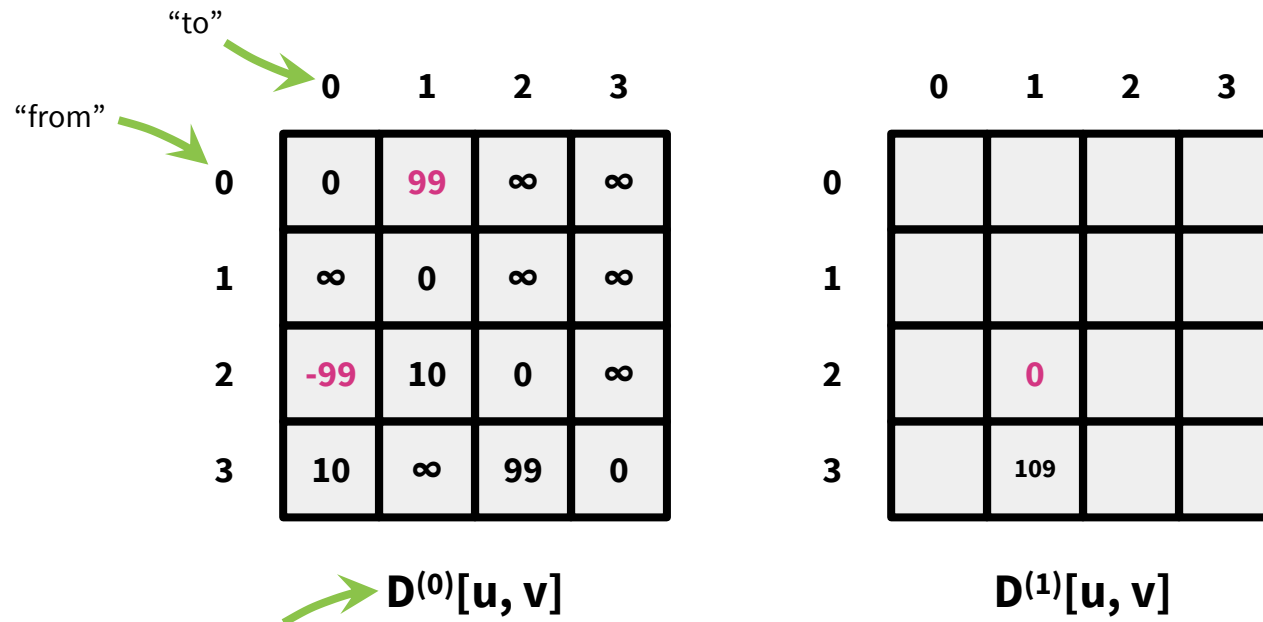


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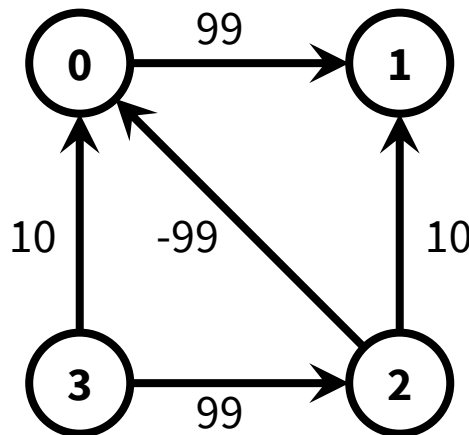


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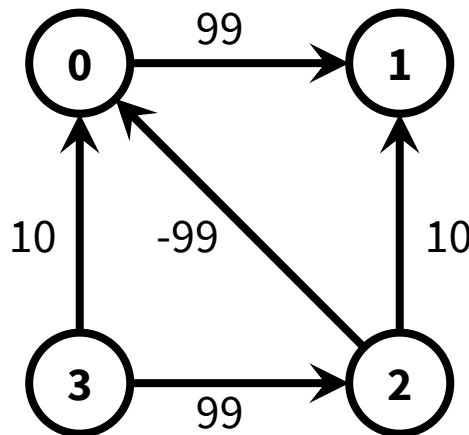
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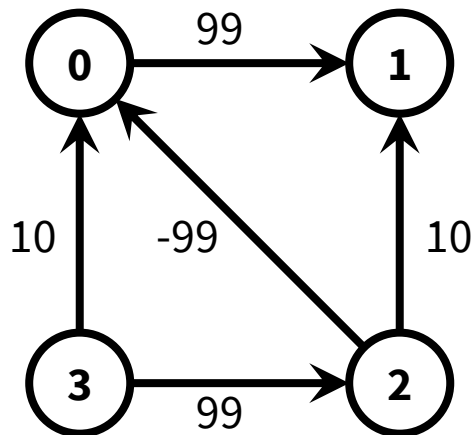
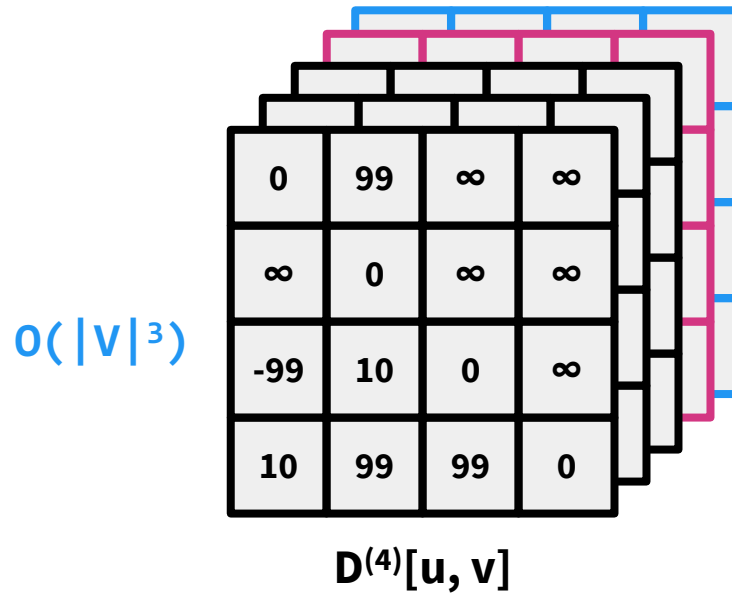
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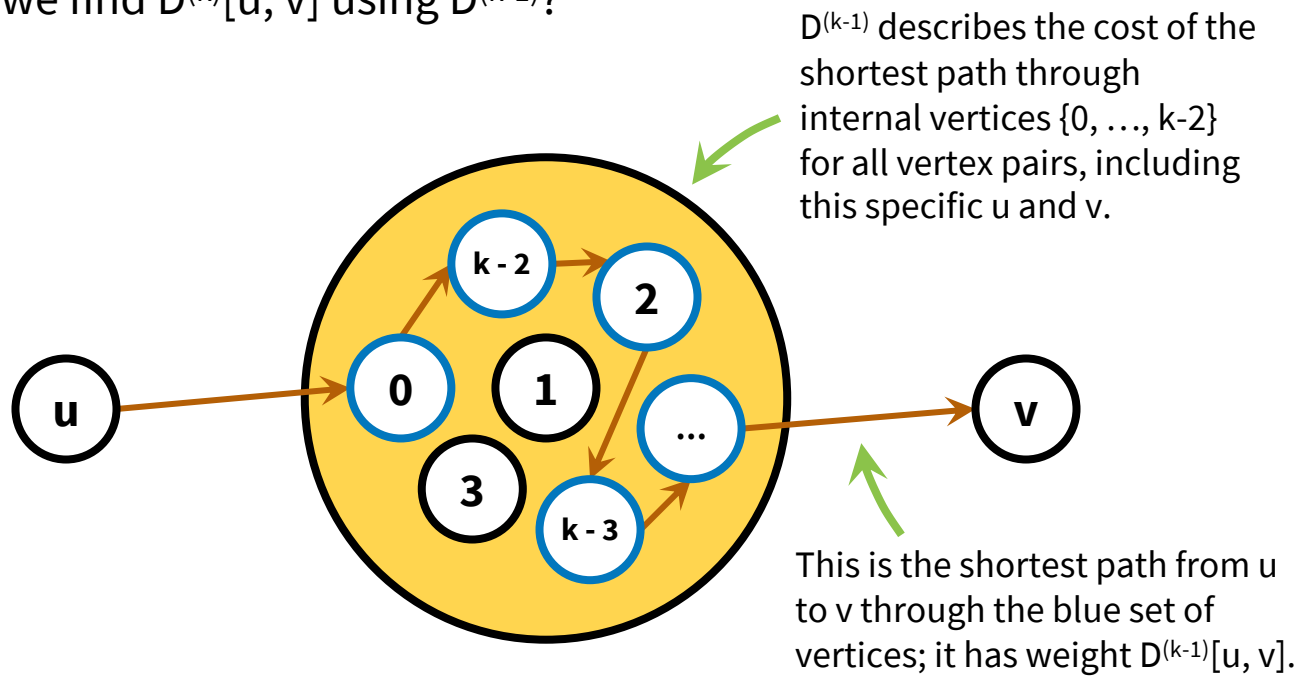


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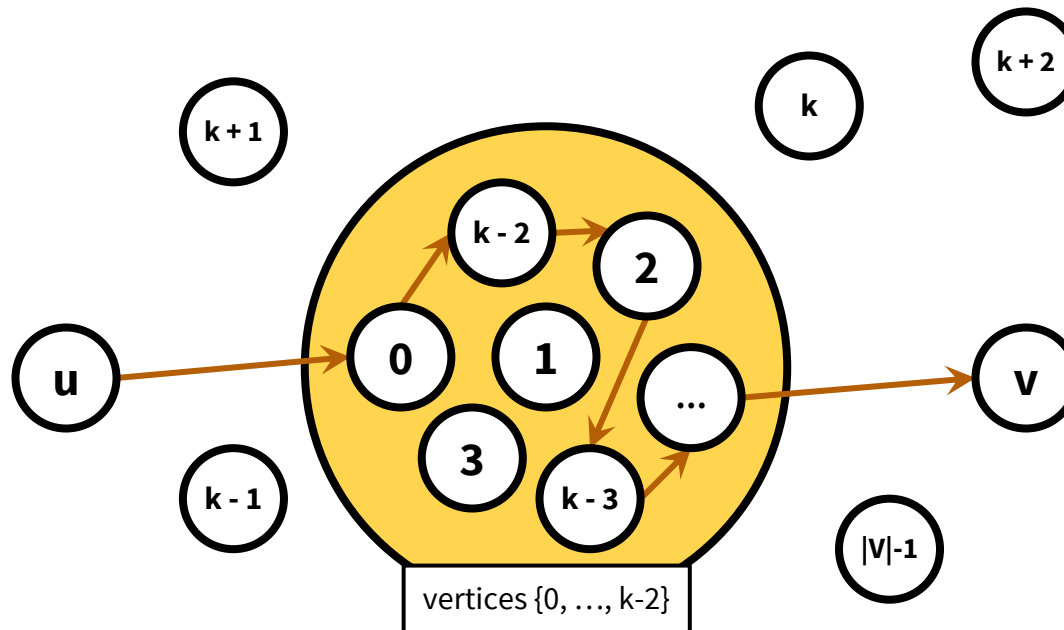


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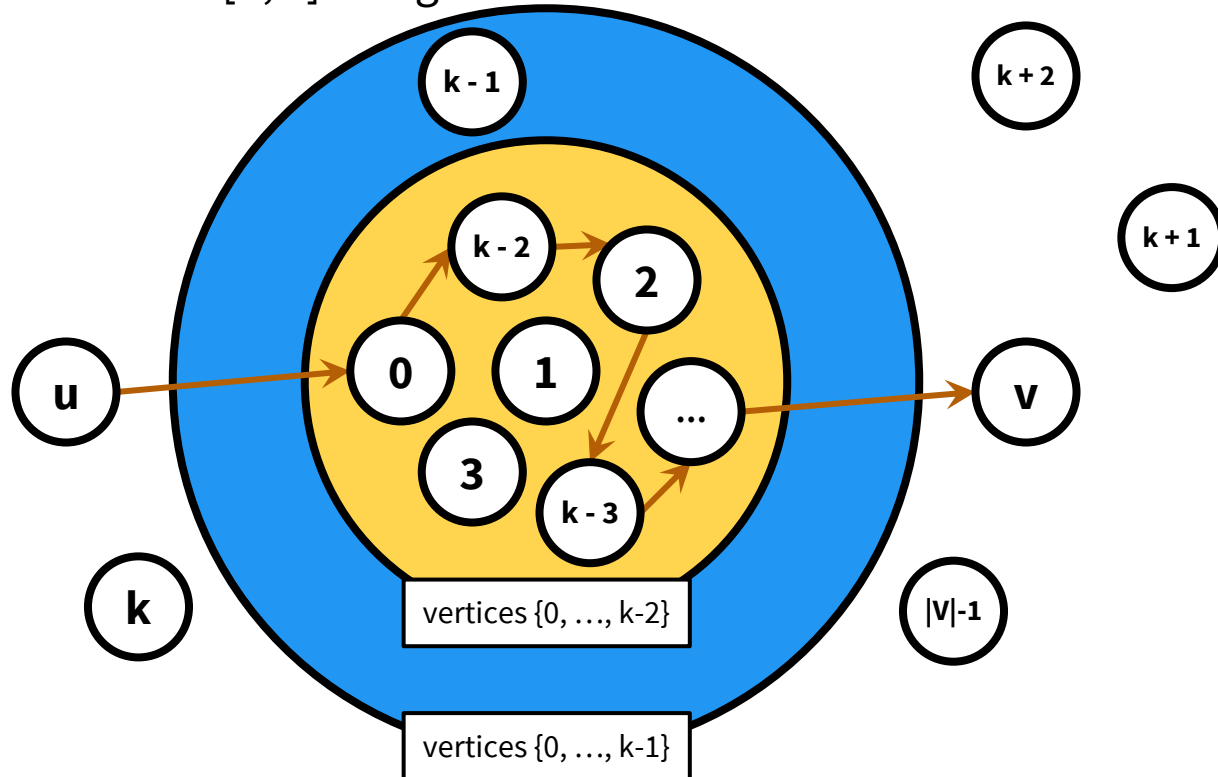


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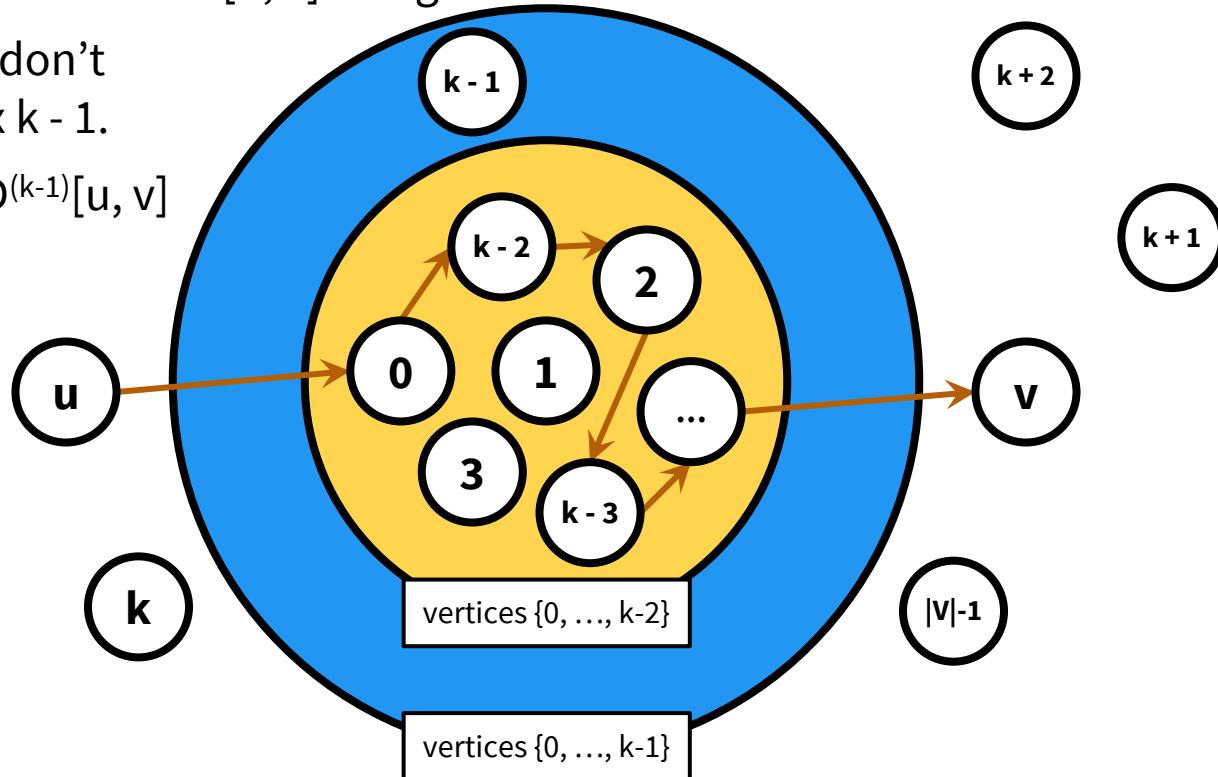
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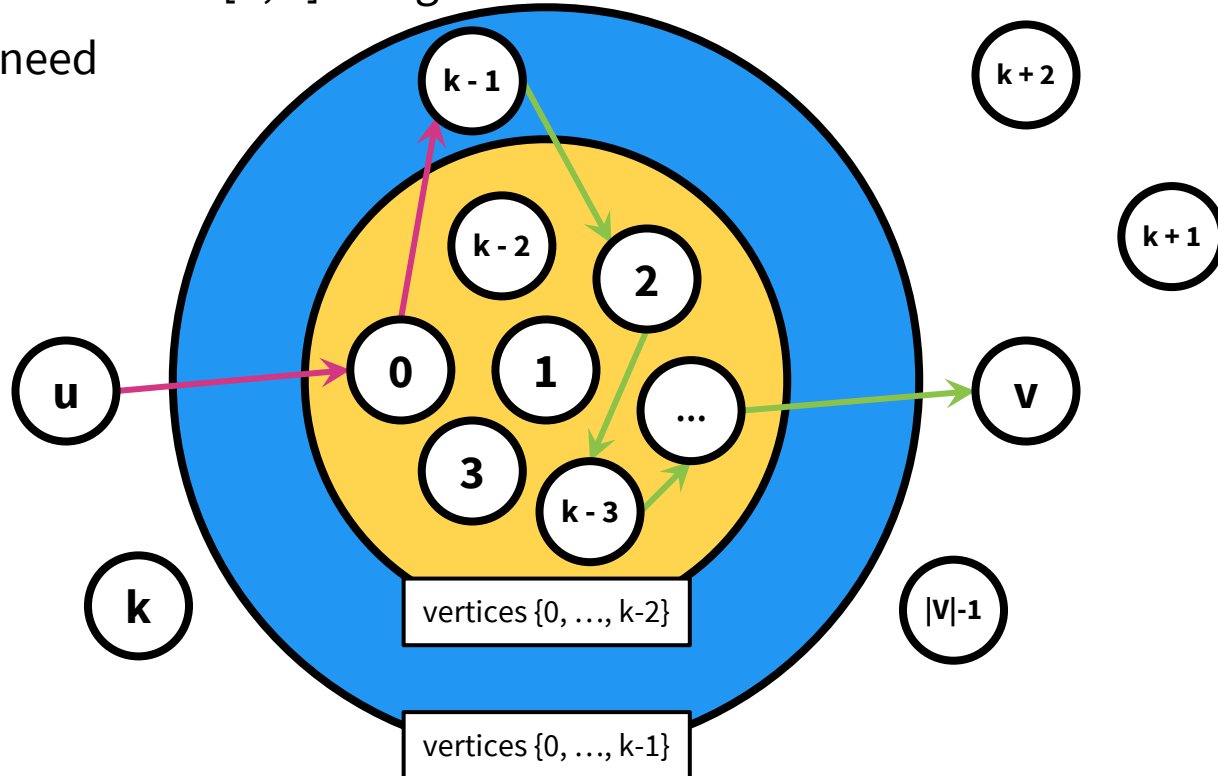
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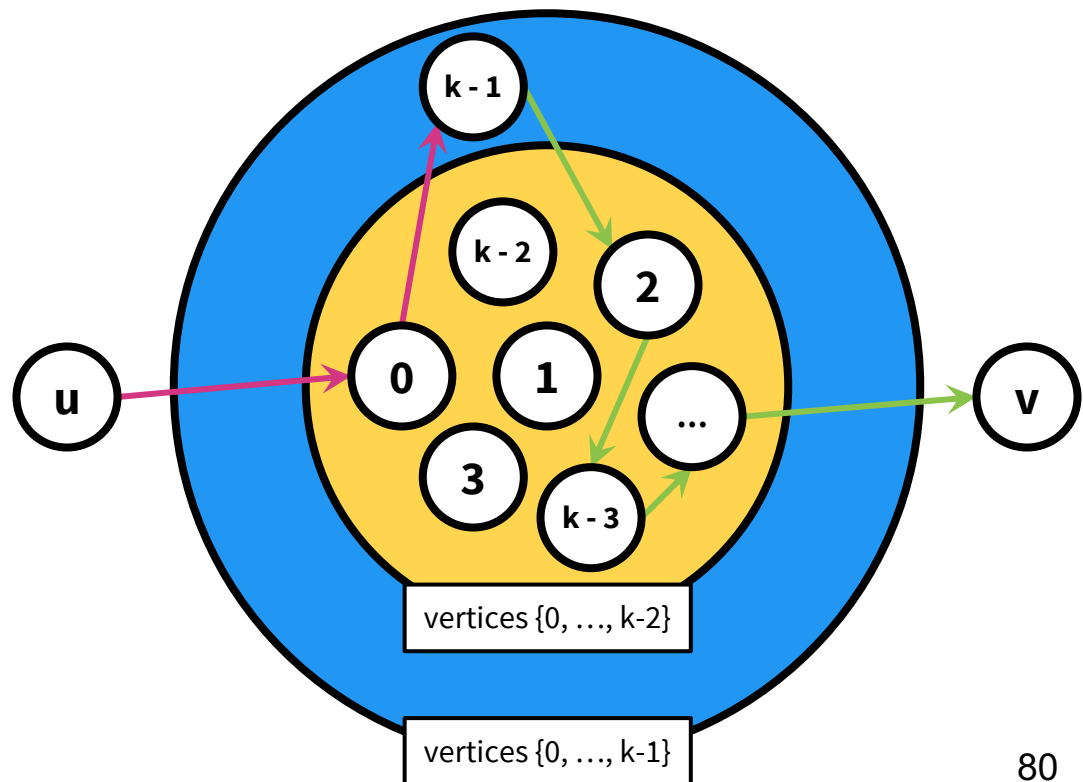
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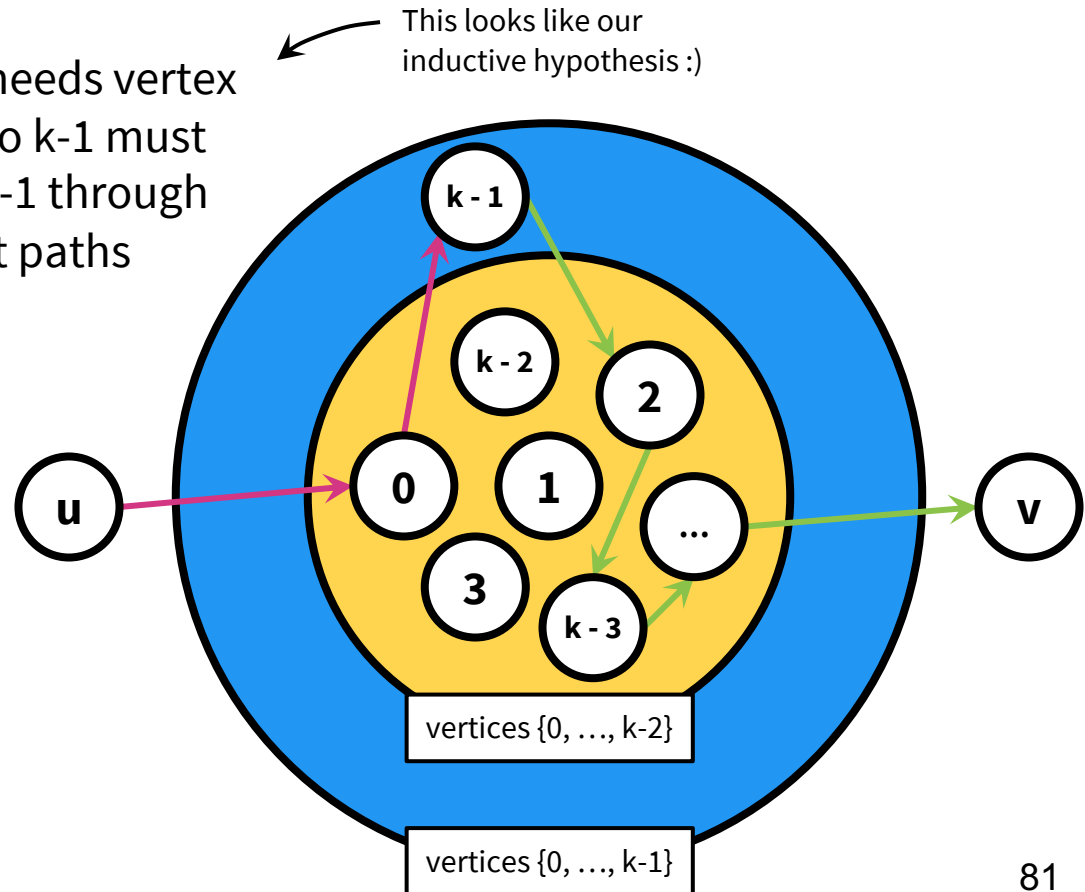


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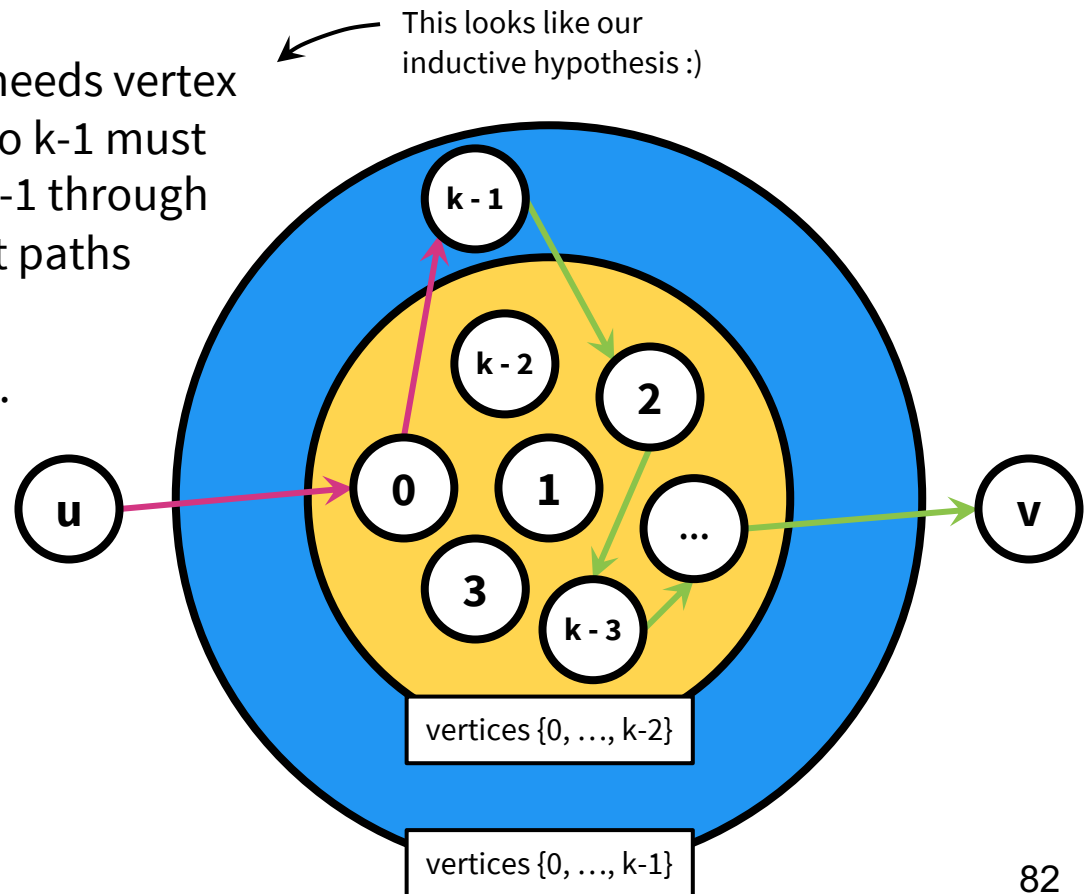
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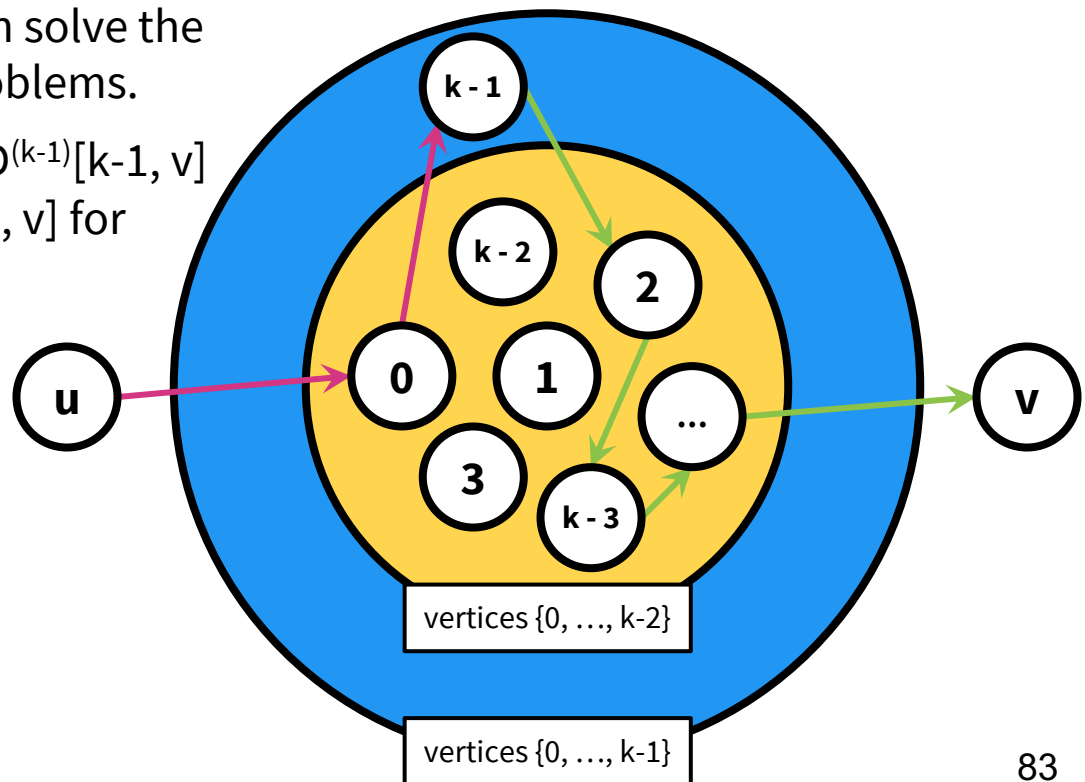
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Case 1

Case 2

Optimal substructure We can solve the big problem using smaller problems.

Overlapping sub-problems $D^{(k-1)}[k-1, v]$ can be used to compute $D^{(k)}[u, v]$ for lots of different u 's.



Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

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