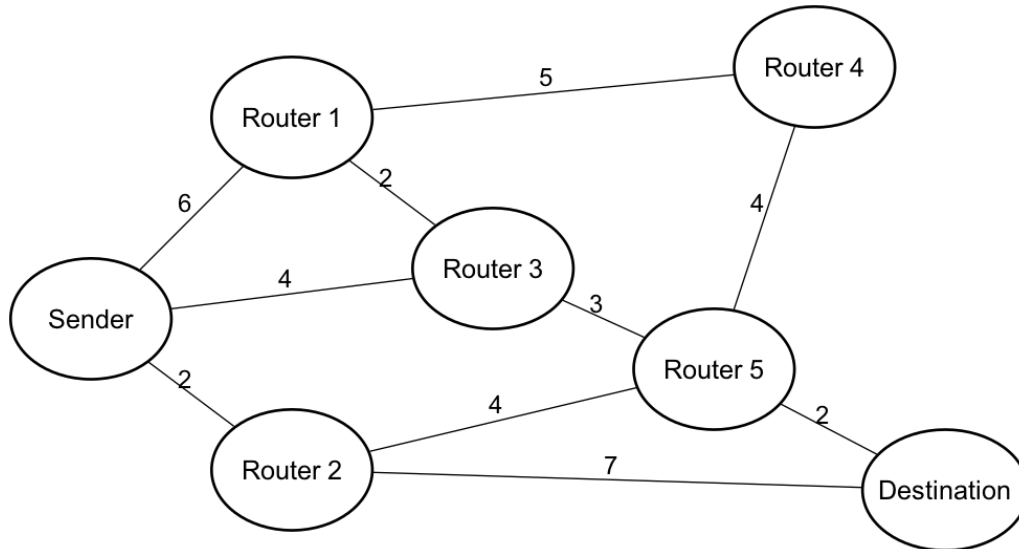


- 5 (a) Routers can use Dijkstra's or A* algorithm to find the most optimal paths for packets in **Packet Switched Networks**.

Calculate the shortest distance between the sender and each of the routers/destination in the diagram using Dijkstra's algorithm.

Show your working **and** write your answers in the table provided.



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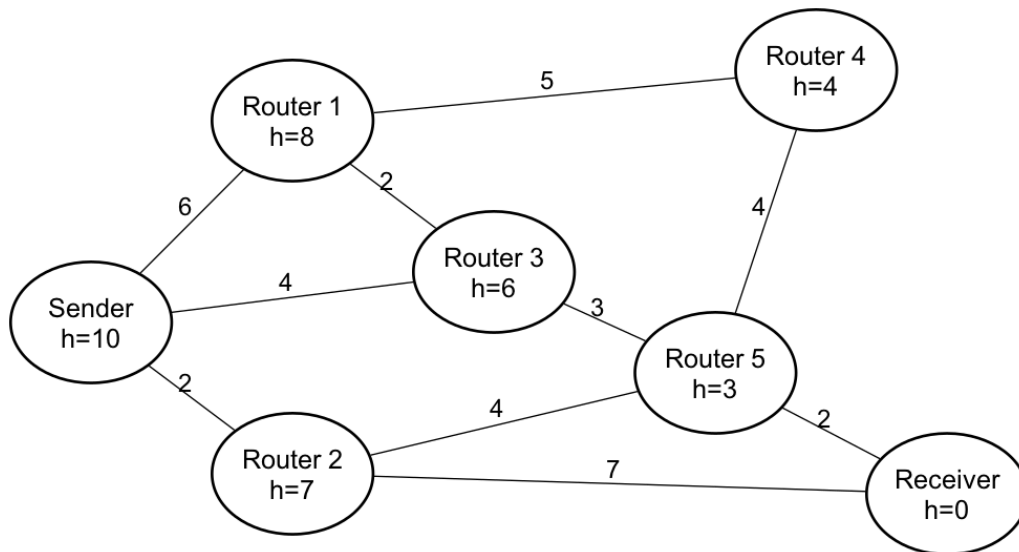
Answers

| Router 1 | Router 2 | Router 3 | Router 4 | Router 5 | Destination |
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- (b) Now, find the shortest path between the sender and the receiver in the diagram using A* algorithm.

Show your working in the table provided.



Working

| Node | Cost from Home Node (g) | Heuristic (h) | Total (f = g + h) |
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Answer

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