

CS3640

Network Layer (4): Routing Algorithms

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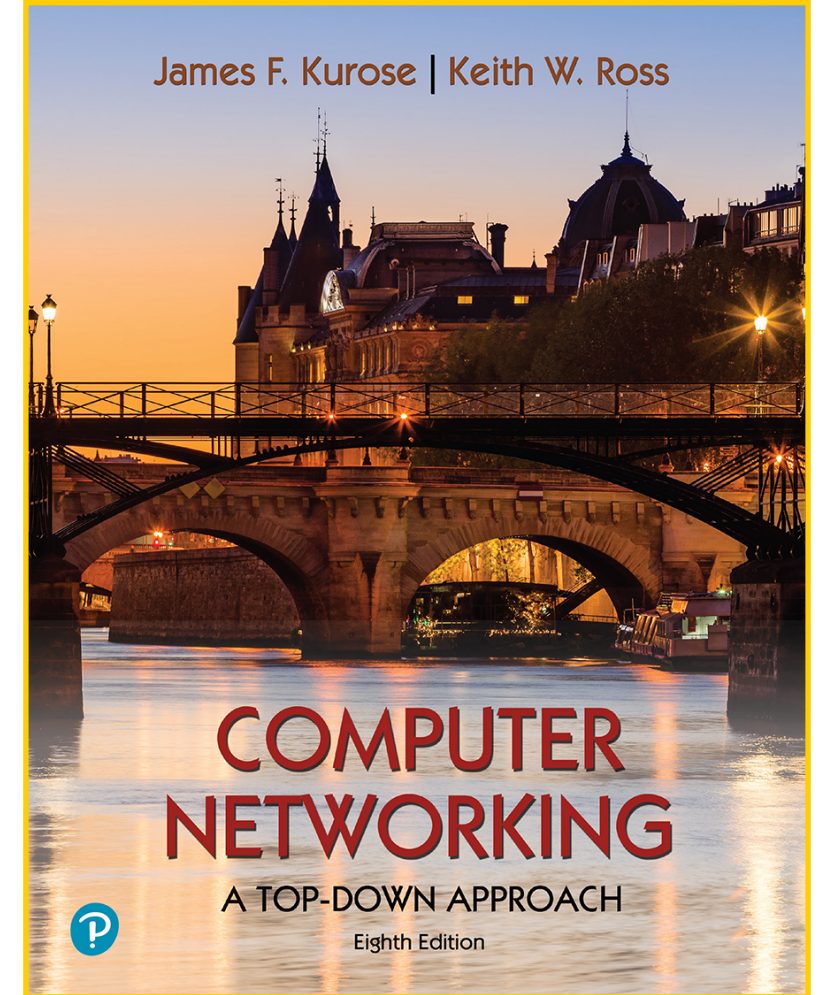
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Lecture goals

a technical deep-dive into two classes of routing algorithms used in the Internet

- *Link-State algorithm*
- *Distance Vector algorithm*

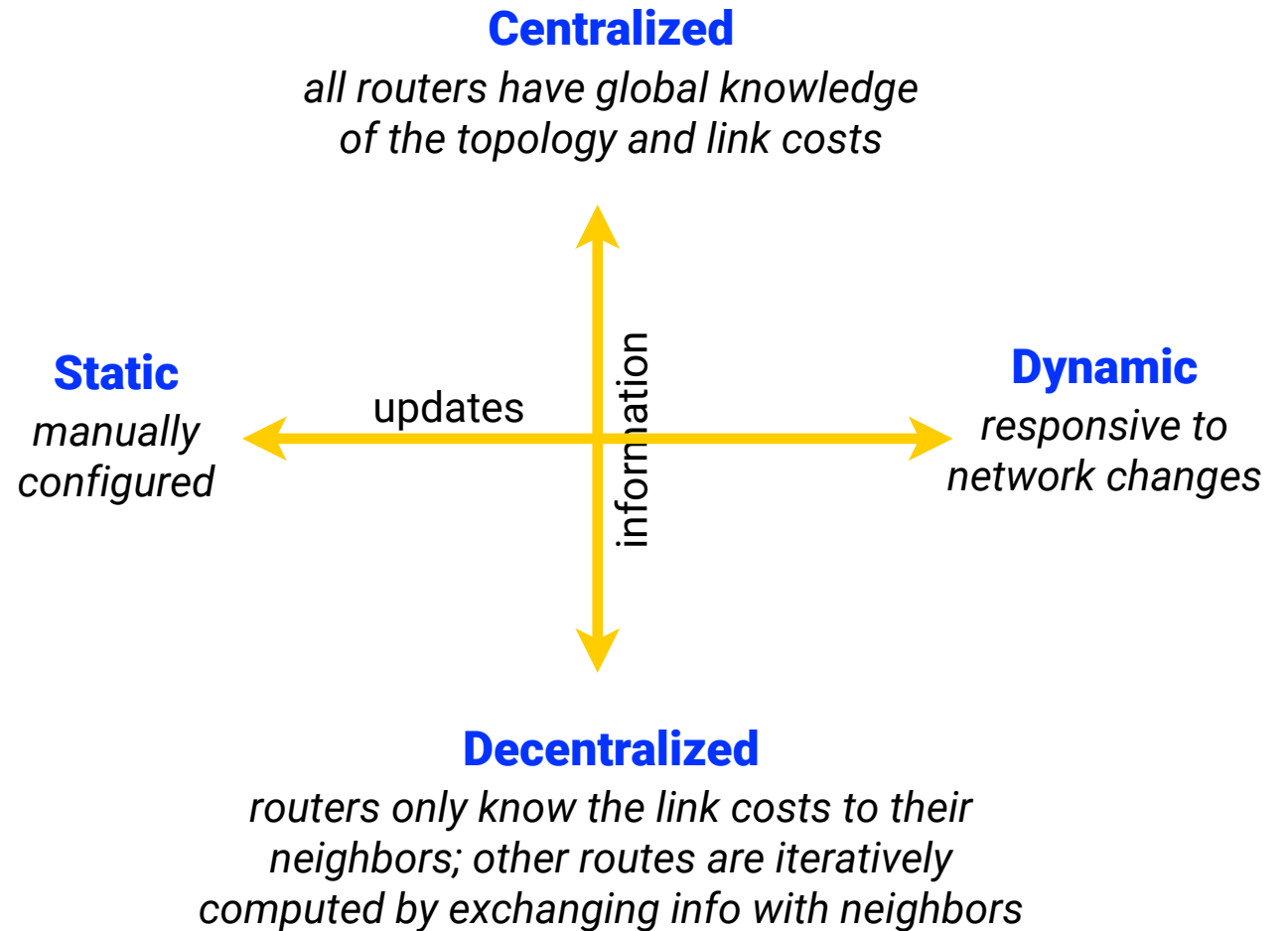


Chapters 5.1 - 5.2

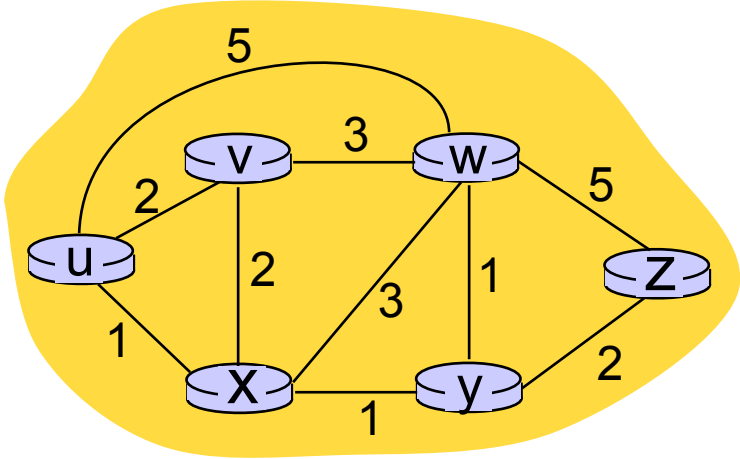
Routing Algorithms

Goal: determine “good” paths from sending hosts to receiving host, through network of routers

- **path:** sequence of routers packets traverse from given initial source host to final destination host
- **good:** least “cost”, “fastest”, “least congested”, and so on!



Representing Routing via Graph Abstraction



$C_{a,b}$: cost of *direct* link connecting a and b

e.g., $c_{w,z} = 5$, $c_{u,z} = \infty$

cost is defined by network operators: they could all be set to 1, or set to reflect a network metric such as bandwidth or congestion

Graph: $G = (N, E)$

N : set of routers = $\{ u, v, w, x, y, z \}$

E : set of links = $\{ (u,v), (u,x), (v,x), (v,w), (x,w), (x,y), (w,y), (w,z), (y,z) \}$

Dijkstra's Algorithm

(a link-state routing algorithm)

Dijkstra's Link-State Routing Algorithm

- **Centralized**: network topology, link costs known to *all* nodes (which is accomplished via a *link state broadcast* such that all nodes have same info)
- computes least cost paths from one node ("source") to all other nodes, which generates the *forwarding table* for that node
- **Iterative**: after k iterations, we know least cost path to k destinations

notation

- $C_{a,b}$: direct link cost from node a to b ; $= \infty$ if not direct neighbors
- $D(a)$: *current* estimate of cost of least-cost-path from source to destination a
- $p(a)$: predecessor node along path from source to a
- N' : set of nodes whose least-cost-path *definitively* known

1 Initialization:

2 $N' = \{u\}$

/* compute least cost path from u to all other nodes */

3 for all nodes a

4 if a adjacent to u

/* u initially knows direct-path-cost only to direct neighbors */

5 then $D(a) = c_{u,a}$

/* but may not be minimum cost! */

6 else $D(a) = \infty$

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8 Loop

9 find a not in N' such that $D(a)$ is a minimum

10 add a to N'

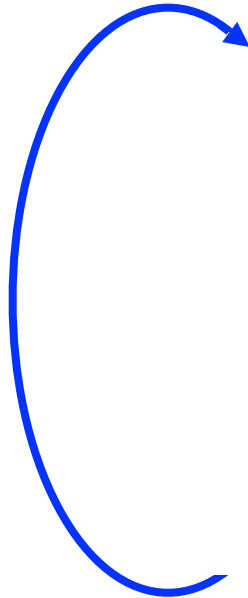
11 update $D(b)$ for all b adjacent to a and not in N' :

12 $D(b) = \min (D(b), D(a) + c_{a,b})$

13 /* new least-path-cost to b is either old least-cost-path to b or known

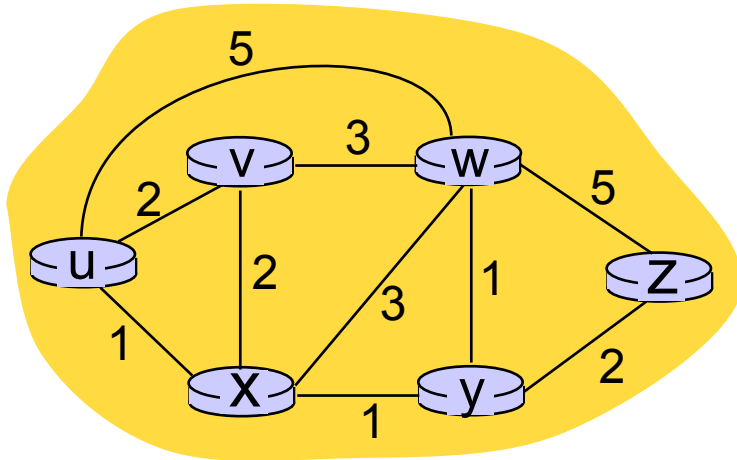
14 least-cost-path to a plus direct-cost from a to b */

15 until all nodes in N'



Dijkstra's algorithm: an example

		v	w	x	y	z
Step	N'	D(v),p(v)	D(w),p(w)	D(x),p(x)	D(y),p(y)	D(z),p(z)
0	u	2,u	5,u	1,u	∞	∞
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2						
3						
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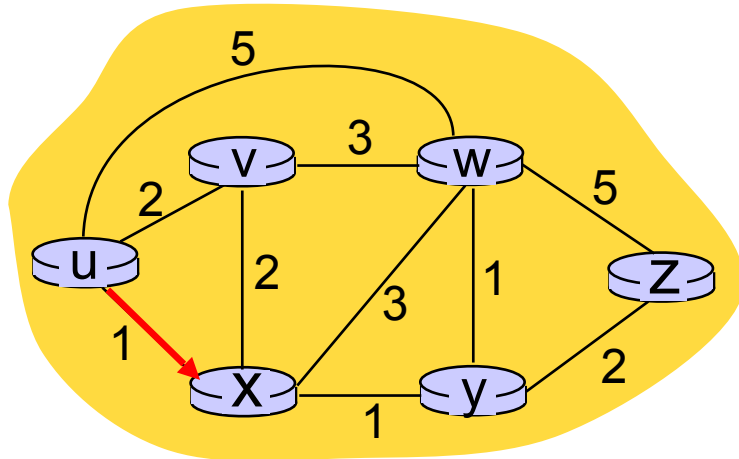


Initialization (step 0):

For all a : if a adjacent to u then $D(a) = c_{u,a}$

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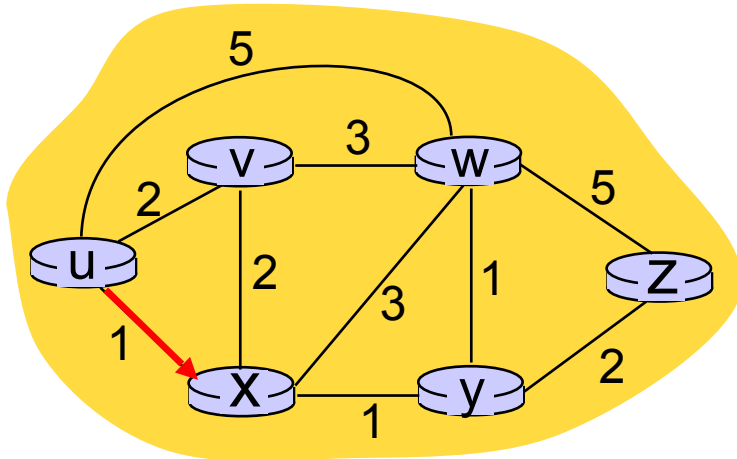
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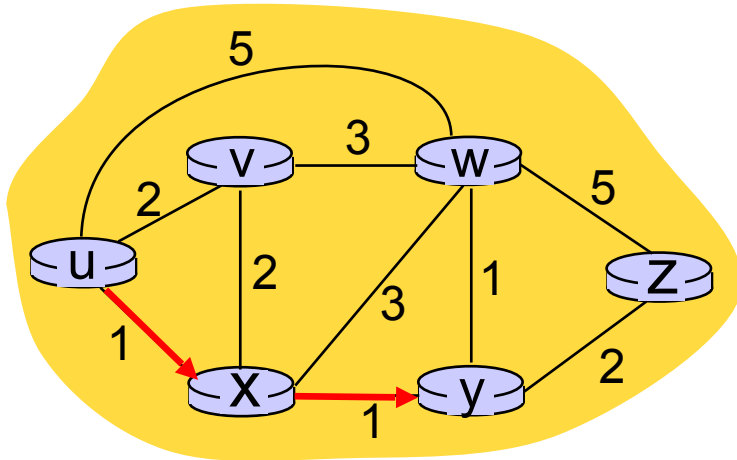
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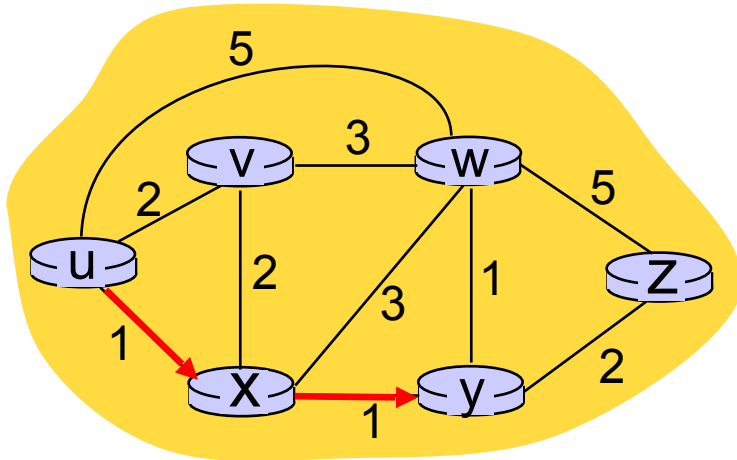
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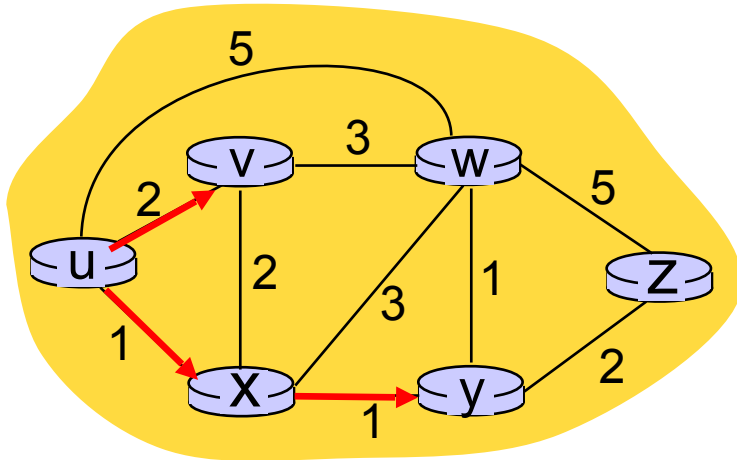
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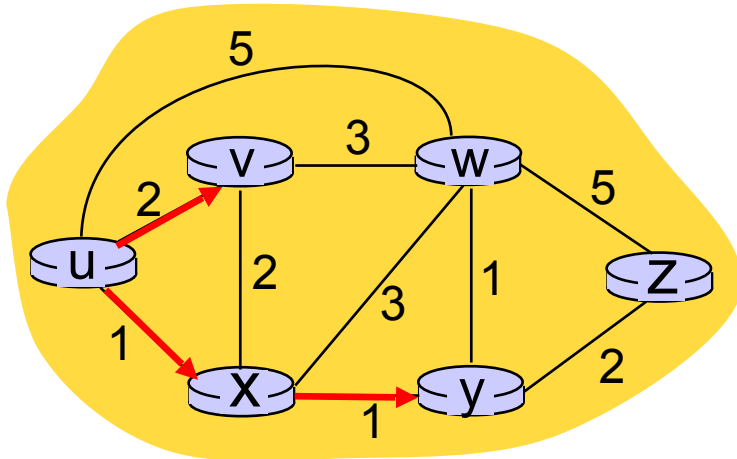
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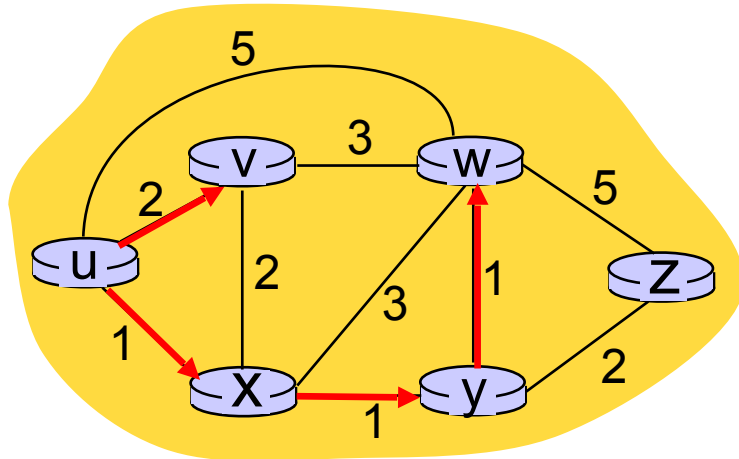
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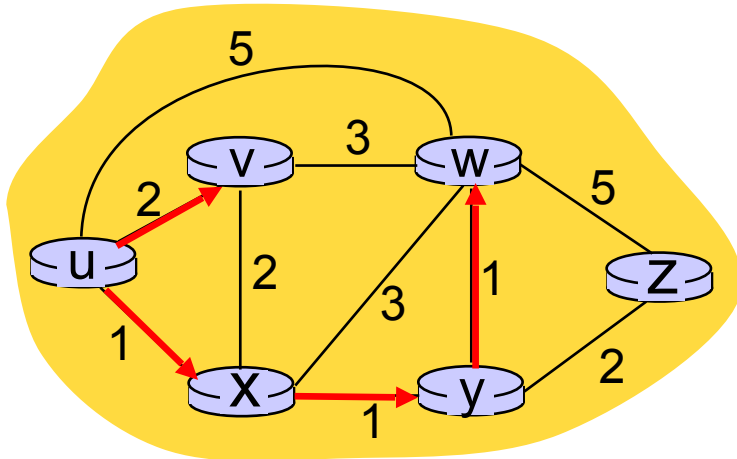
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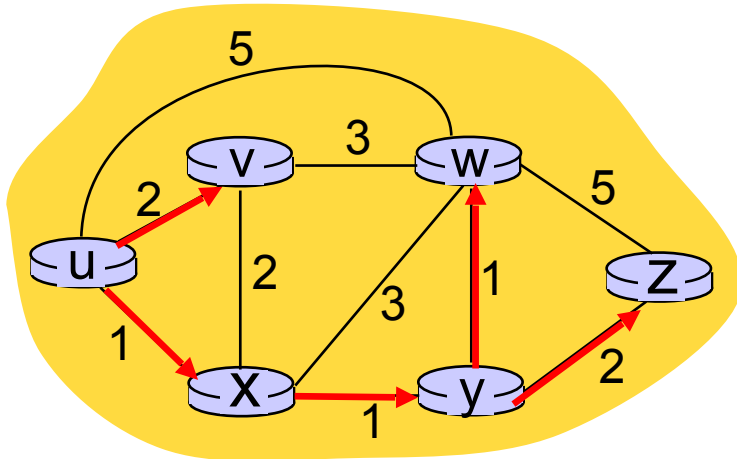
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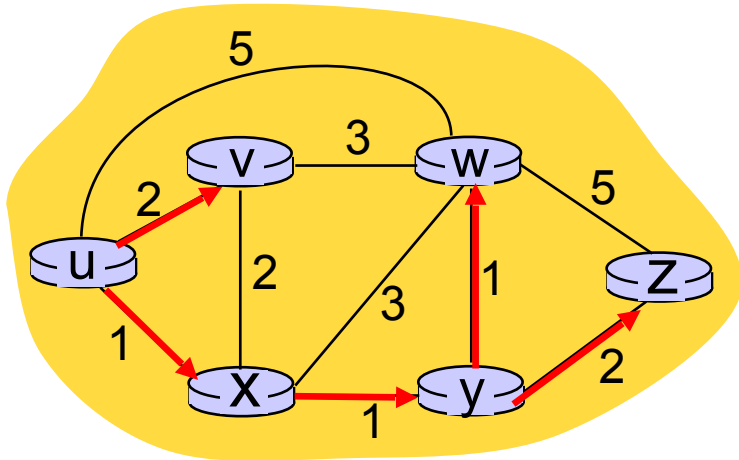
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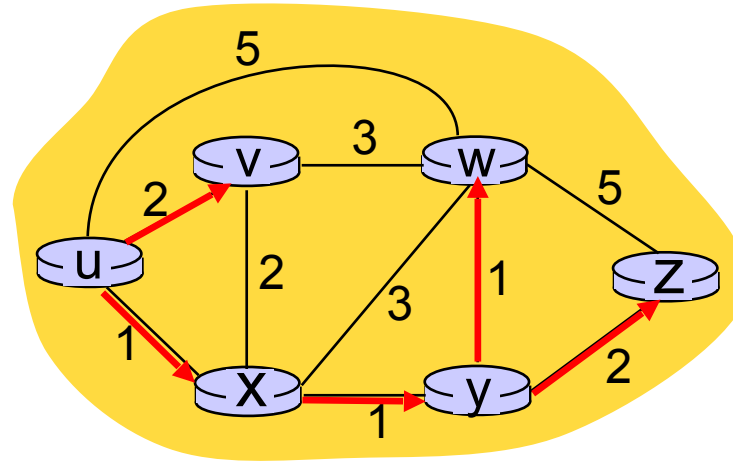


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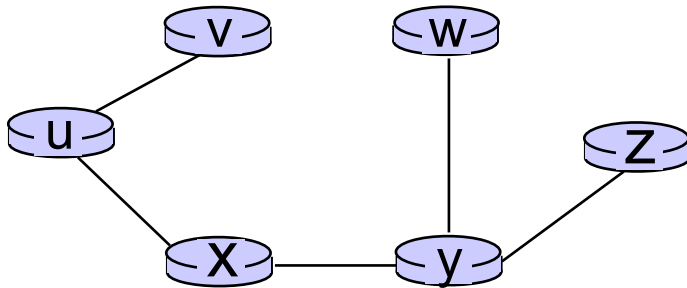
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Dijkstra's algorithm: an example



resulting least-cost-path tree from u:



resulting forwarding table in u:

destination	outgoing link
v	(u,v)
x	(u,x)
y	(u,x)
w	(u,x)
z	(u,x)

route from u to v directly

route from u to all other destinations via x

Comparing Dijkstra and Bellman-Ford Algorithms

	Dijkstra (LS)	Bellman-Ford (DV)
Algorithm structure	Centralized	
Speed of convergence	$O(N^2)$	
Application	Routing within autonomous systems	
Robustness	Route oscillations	

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

(a distance-vector routing algorithm)

Bellman-Ford equation

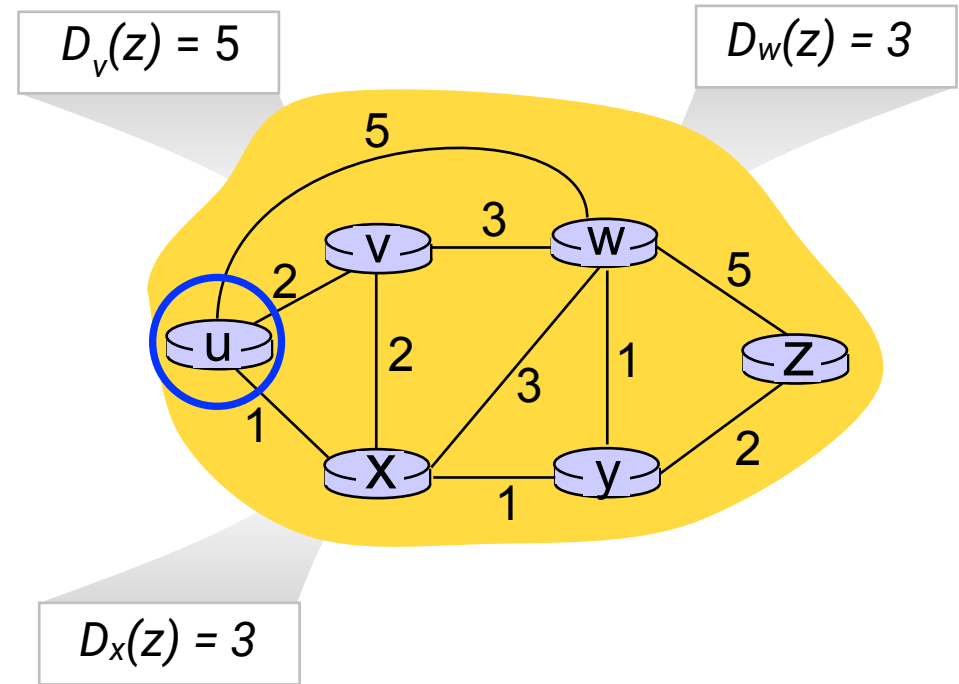
Let $D_u(y)$: cost of least-cost path from u to y .

$$\text{Then, } D_u(y) = \min_v \{c_{u,v} + D_v(y)\}$$

*min taken over all
neighbors of u*

*neighbor's
estimated least-
cost-path cost to y*

*direct cost of link
from u to v*



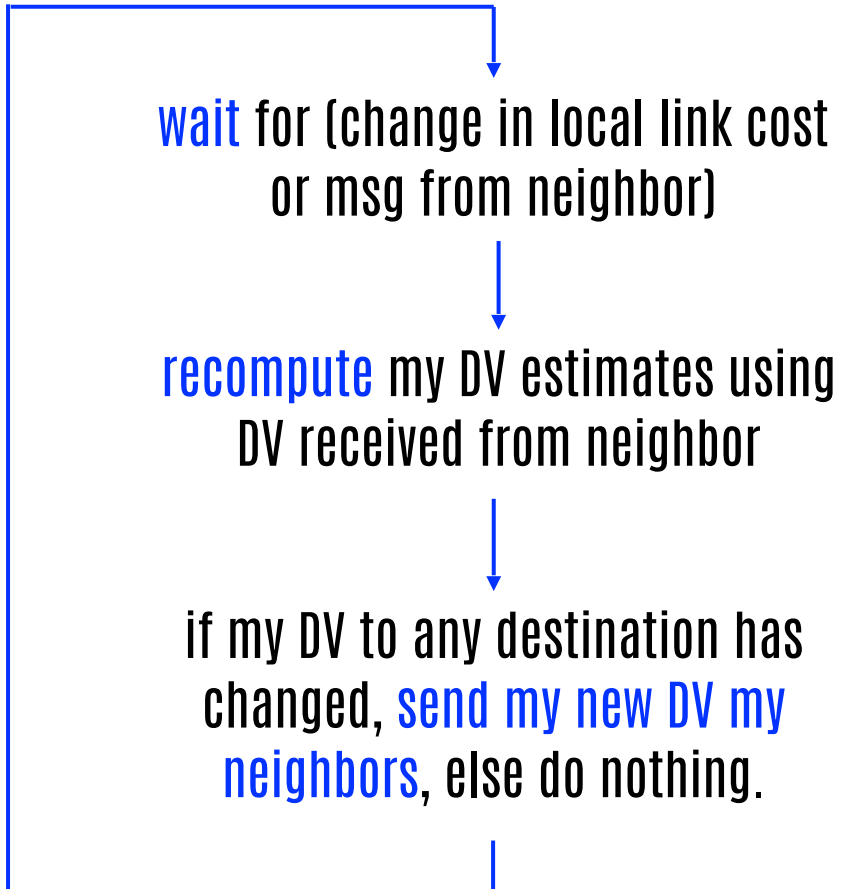
Suppose that u 's neighboring nodes (x, v , and w) know their cost for destination z :

Bellman-Ford equation says:

$$D_u(z) = \min \{ c_{u,v} + D_v(z), \quad c_{u,x} + D_x(z), \quad c_{u,w} + D_w(z) \} = \min \{ 2 + 5, \quad 1 + 3, \quad 5 + 3 \} = 4$$

Bellman-Ford Distance Vector Algorithm

Each node:



Key Characteristics

- **Distributed/Decentralized**: routers do not need global knowledge of network topology
- **Iterative**: routes are computed iteratively in response to link cost change or DV updates from neighbors
- **Asynchronous**: routers do not need to synchronize on their route computations, or DV announcements
- **Self-stopping**: neighbors communicate only if necessary, and stop when no notifications are received

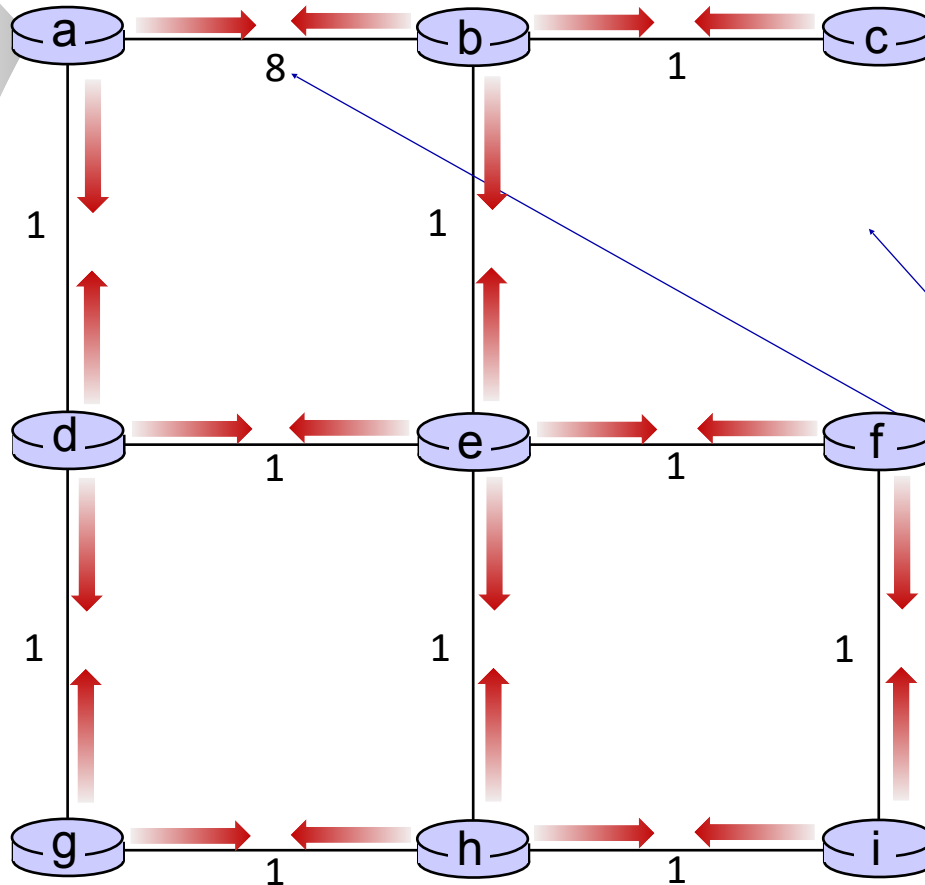
Bellman-Ford Algorithm: an example



t=0

- All nodes have distance estimates to nearest neighbors (only)
- All nodes send their local distance vector to their neighbors

DV in a:
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$D_a(b)=8$
$D_a(c)=\infty$
$D_a(d)=1$
$D_a(e)=\infty$
$D_a(f)=\infty$
$D_a(g)=\infty$
$D_a(h)=\infty$
$D_a(i)=\infty$



A few asymmetries:

- missing link
- larger cost

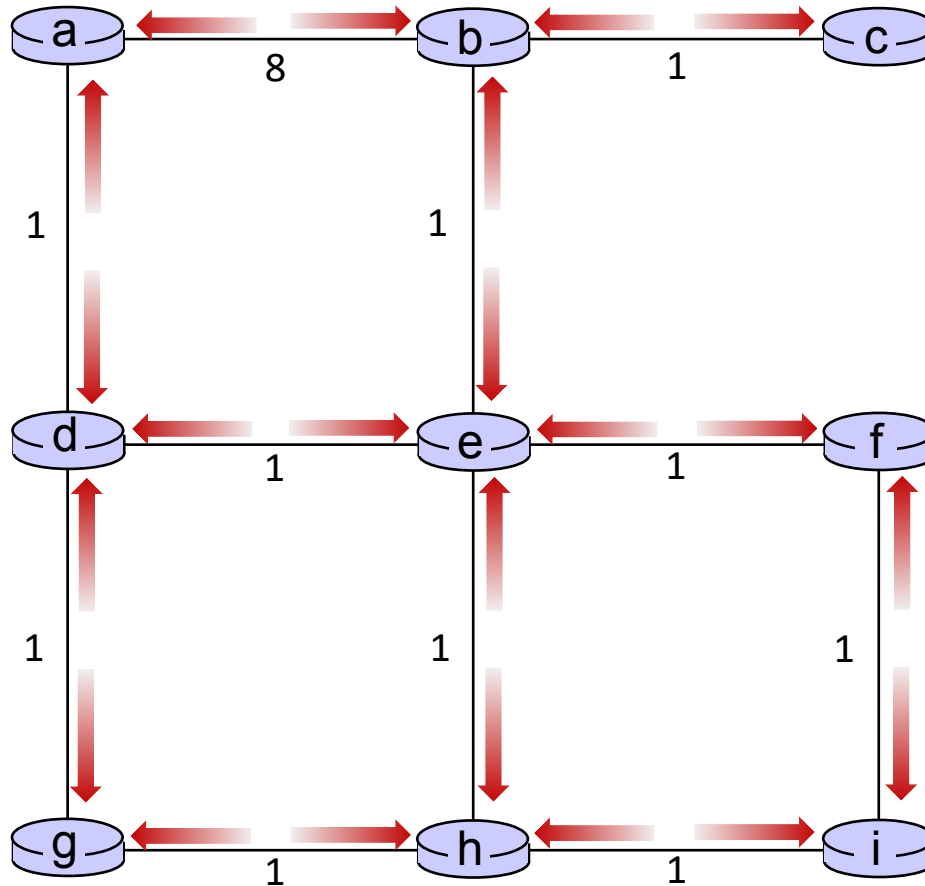
Bellman-Ford Algorithm: how iterations work



t=1

All nodes:

- receive distance vectors from neighbors
- compute their new local distance vector
- send their new local distance vector to neighbors



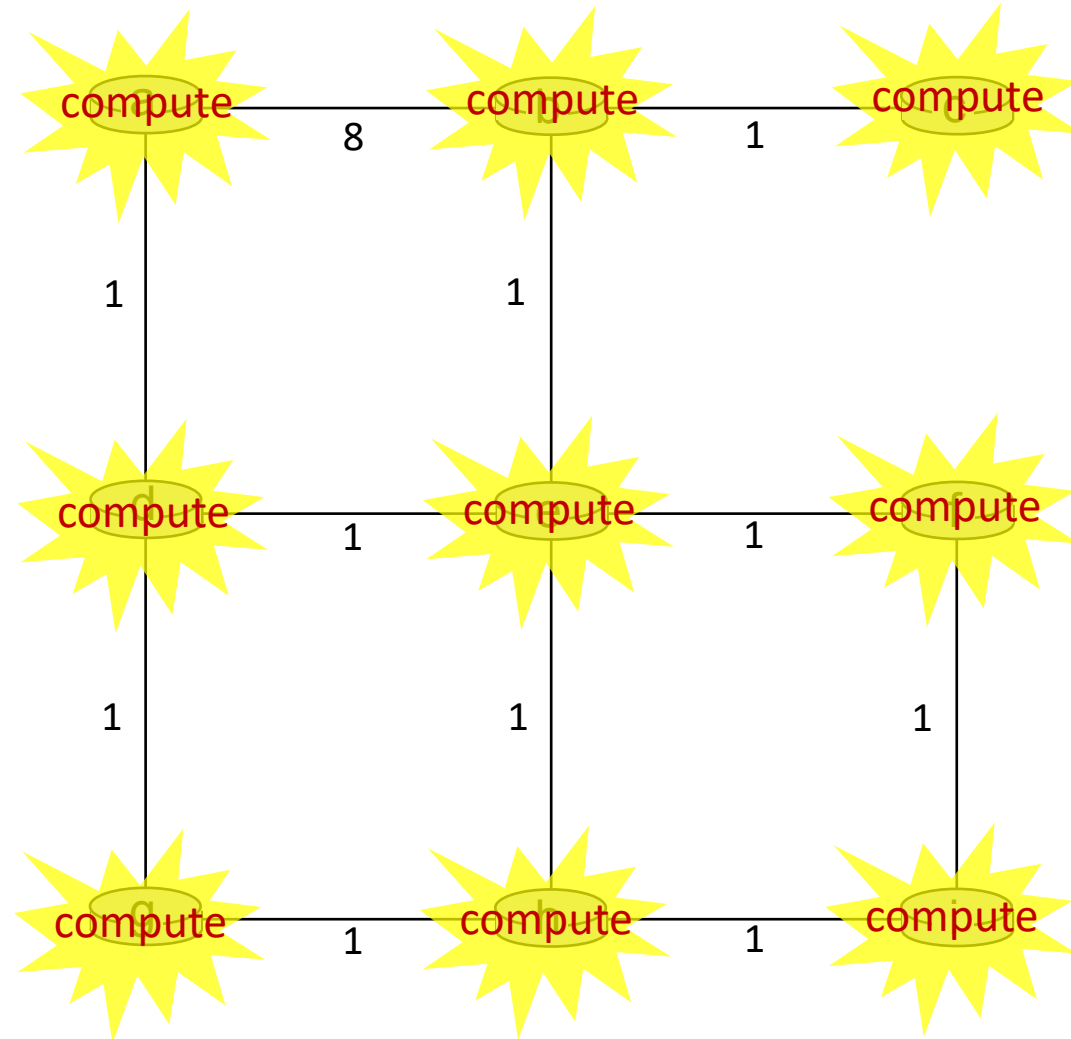
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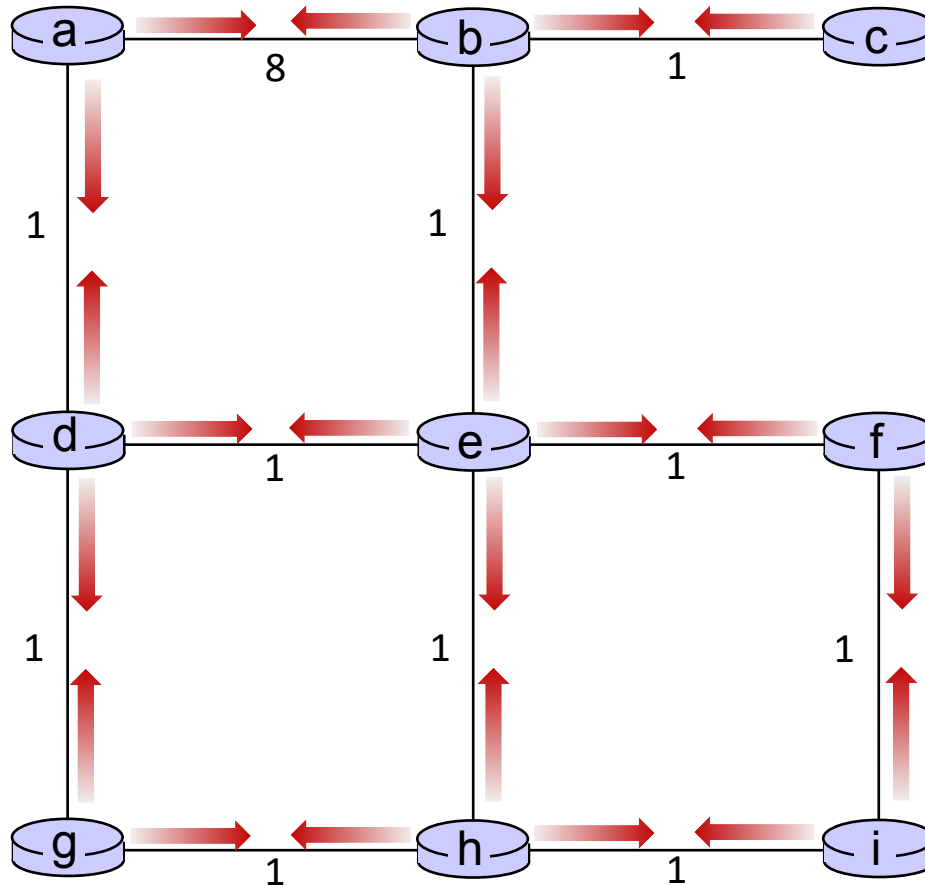
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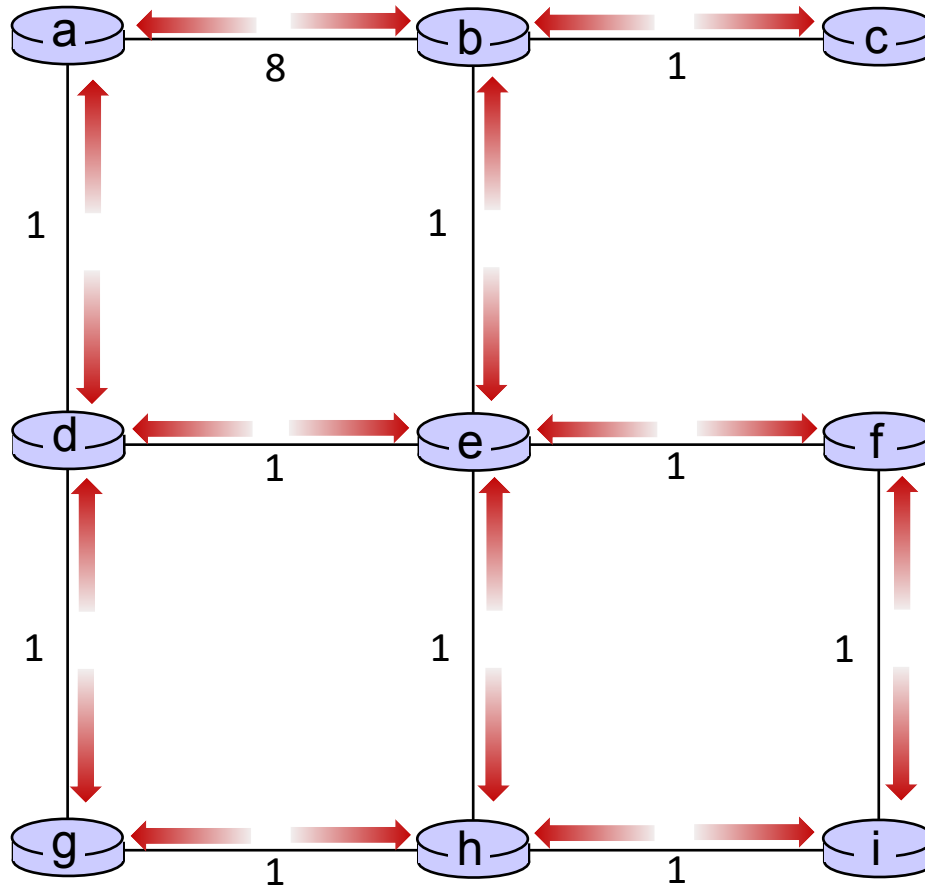
Bellman-Ford Algorithm: how iterations work



t=2

All nodes:

- receive distance vectors from neighbors
- compute their new local distance vector
- send their new local distance vector to neighbors



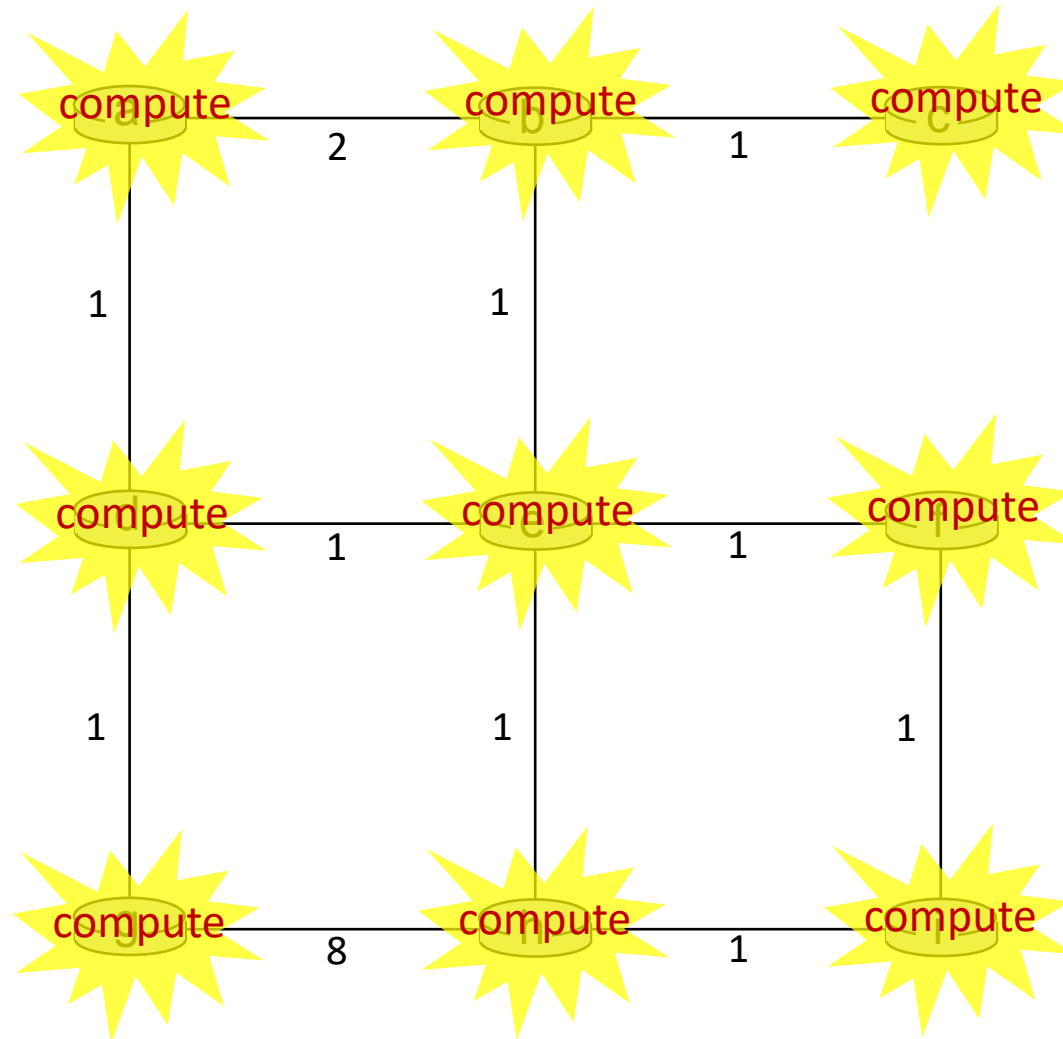
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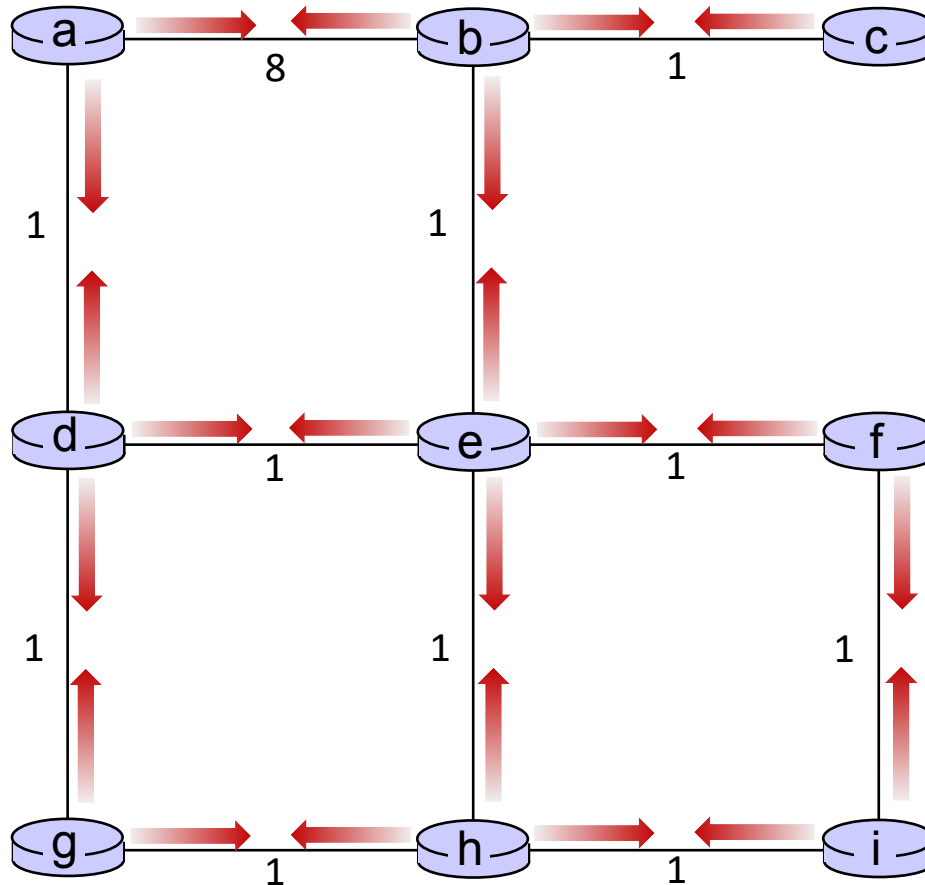
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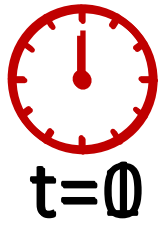
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Bellman-Ford Computations

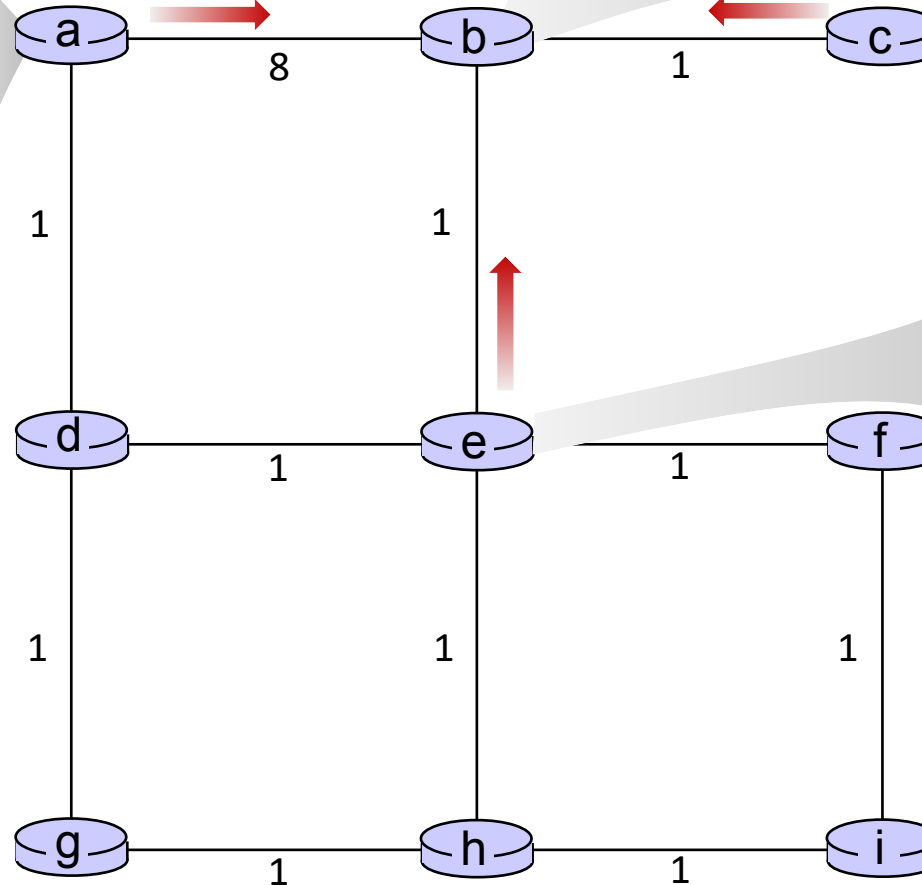


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DV in b:	
$D_b(a) = 8$	$D_b(f) = \infty$
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DV in c:
$D_c(a)=\infty$
$D_c(b)=1$
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DV in e:
$D_e(a)=\infty$
$D_e(b)=1$
$D_e(c)=\infty$
$D_e(d)=1$
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$D_e(i)=\infty$

Bellman-Ford Computations



t=1

- b receives DVs from a, c, e, computes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_b(a) &= \min\{c_{b,a} + D_a(a), c_{b,c} + D_c(a), c_{b,e} + D_e(a)\} = \min\{8, \infty, \infty\} = 8 \\
 D_b(c) &= \min\{c_{b,a} + D_a(c), c_{b,c} + D_c(c), c_{b,e} + D_e(c)\} = \min\{\infty, 1, \infty\} = 1 \\
 D_b(d) &= \min\{c_{b,a} + D_a(d), c_{b,c} + D_c(d), c_{b,e} + D_e(d)\} = \min\{9, 2, \infty\} = 2 \\
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a

8

b compute

1

c

e

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DV in c:
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$D_c(b) = 1$
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DV in e:
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New DV in b

DV in b:	
$D_b(a) = 8$	$D_b(f) = 2$
$D_b(c) = 1$	$D_b(g) = \infty$
$D_b(d) = 2$	$D_b(h) = 2$
$D_b(e) = 1$	$D_b(i) = \infty$

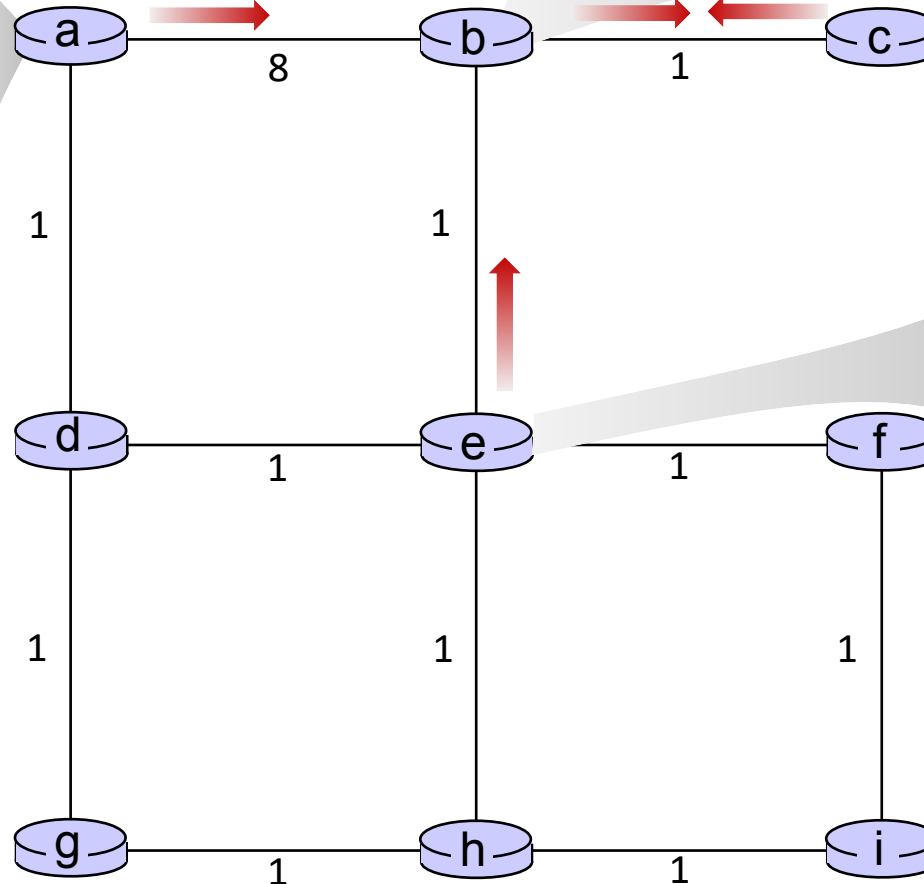
Bellman-Ford Computations



$t=1$

- c receives DVs from b

DV in a:
$D_a(a)=0$
$D_a(b)=8$
$D_a(c)=\infty$
$D_a(d)=1$
$D_a(e)=\infty$
$D_a(f)=\infty$
$D_a(g)=\infty$
$D_a(h)=\infty$
$D_a(i)=\infty$



DV in b:	
$D_b(a) = 8$	$D_b(f) = \infty$
$D_b(c) = 1$	$D_b(g) = \infty$
$D_b(d) = \infty$	$D_b(h) = \infty$
$D_b(e) = 1$	$D_b(i) = \infty$

DV in c:
$D_c(a)=\infty$
$D_c(b)=1$
$D_c(c)=0$
$D_c(d)=\infty$
$D_c(e)=\infty$
$D_c(f)=\infty$
$D_c(g)=\infty$
$D_c(h)=\infty$
$D_c(i)=\infty$

DV in e:
$D_e(a)=\infty$
$D_e(b)=1$
$D_e(c)=\infty$
$D_e(d)=1$
$D_e(e)=0$
$D_e(f)=1$
$D_e(g)=\infty$
$D_e(h)=1$
$D_e(i)=\infty$

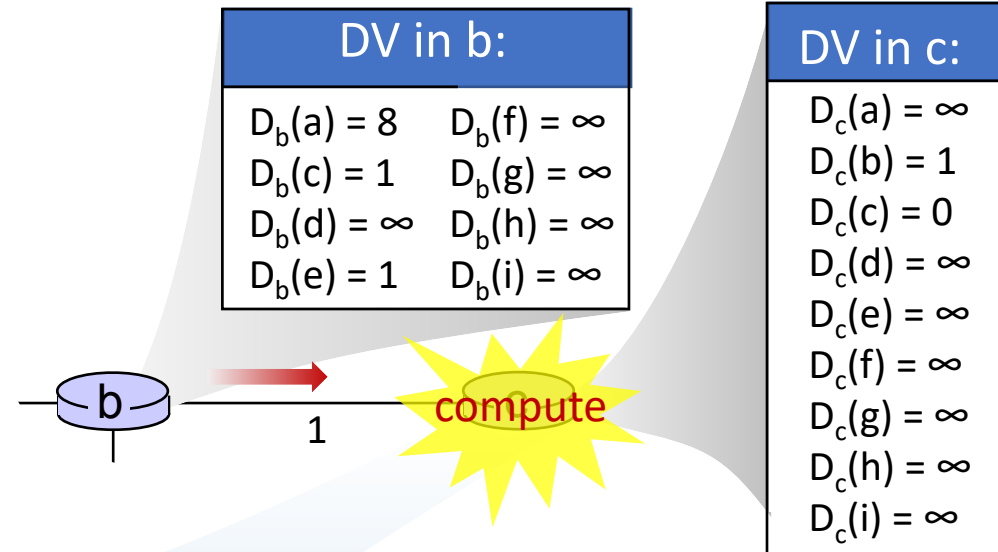
Bellman-Ford Computations



t=1

- c receives DVs from b computes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_c(a) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(a)\} = 1 + 8 = 9 \\
 D_c(b) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(b)\} = 1 + 0 = 1 \\
 D_c(d) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(d)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\
 D_c(e) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(e)\} = 1 + 1 = 2 \\
 D_c(f) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(f)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\
 D_c(g) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(g)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\
 D_c(h) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(h)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty \\
 D_c(i) &= \min\{c_{c,b} + D_b(i)\} = 1 + \infty = \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

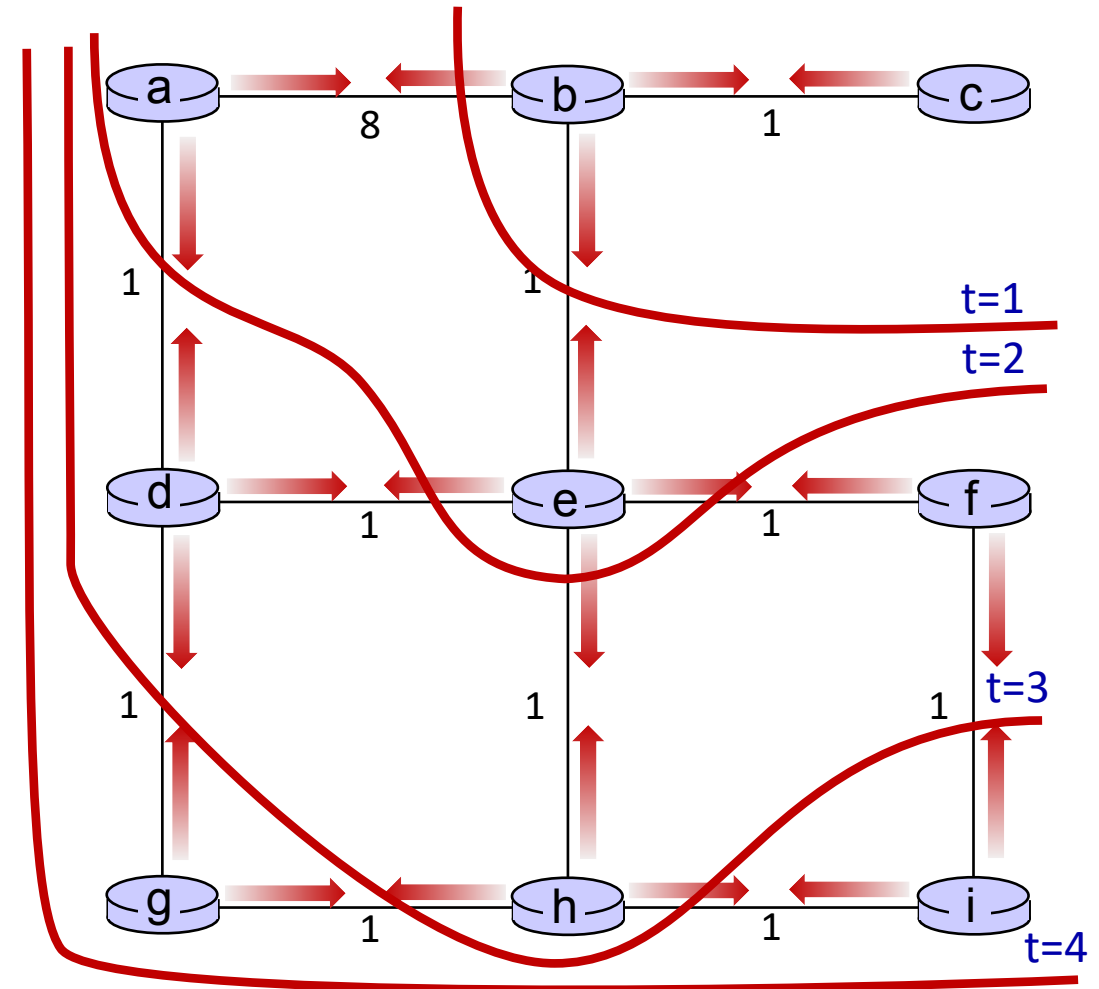
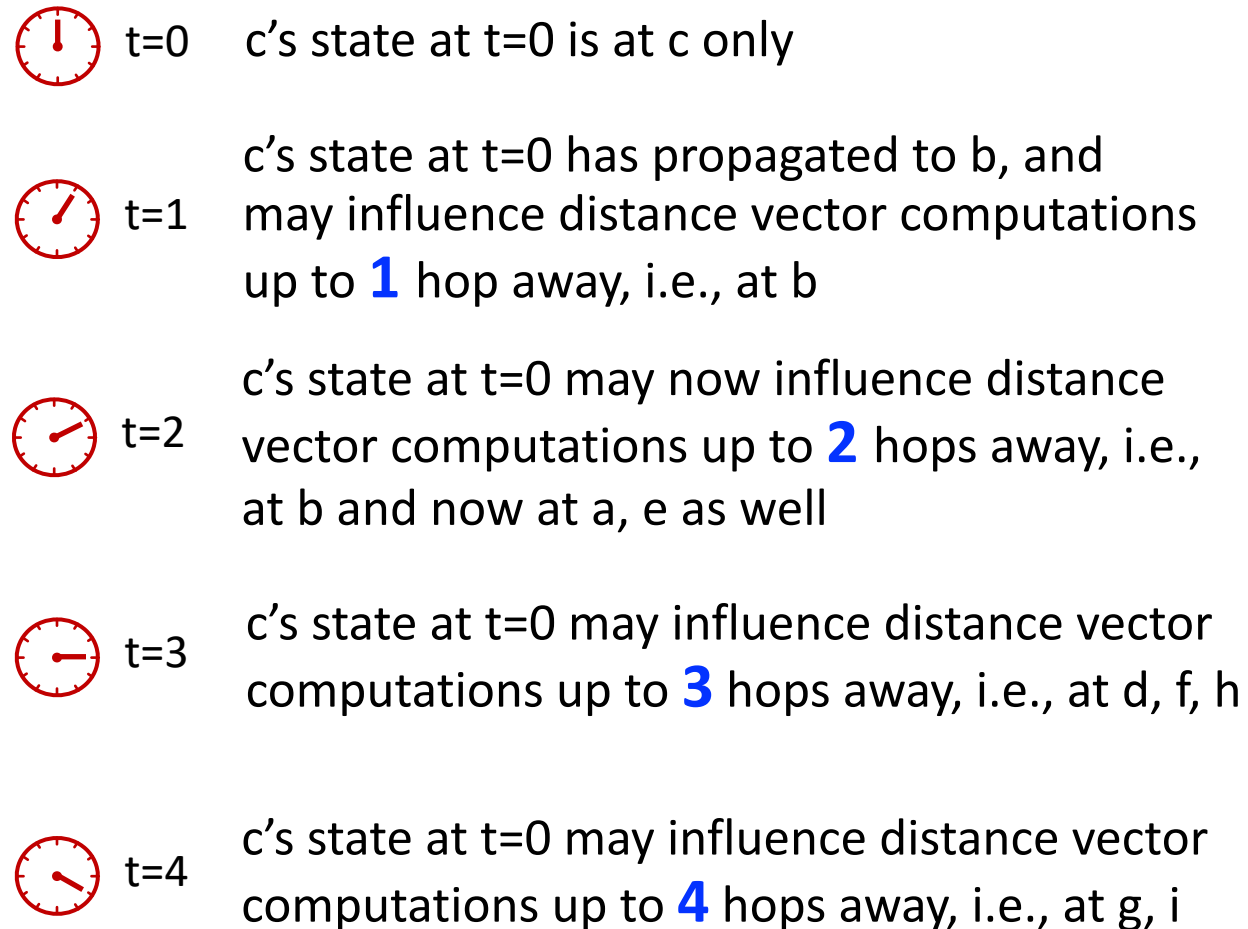


New DV in c

DV in c:	
$D_c(a)$	∞ 9
$D_c(b)$	1
$D_c(c)$	0
$D_c(d)$	∞
$D_c(e)$	∞ 2
$D_c(f)$	∞
$D_c(g)$	∞
$D_c(h)$	∞
$D_c(i)$	∞

Bellman-Ford: Iterative Information Propagation

Iterative communication, computation steps diffuses information through network:



Comparing Dijkstra and Bellman-Ford Algorithms

	Dijkstra (LS)	Bellman-Ford (DV)
Algorithm structure	Centralized	Decentralized
Speed of convergence	$O(N^2)$	slower than Dijkstra; $O(N \cdot E)$ in worst
Application	Routing within autonomous systems	Routing across autonomous systems
Robustness	Route oscillations	Routing loops; Count-to-infinity

Exercise for you: read about these three routing problems from the textbook

Spot Quiz (ICON)