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- ▶ Model pairwise relationships (edges) between objects (nodes or vertices).
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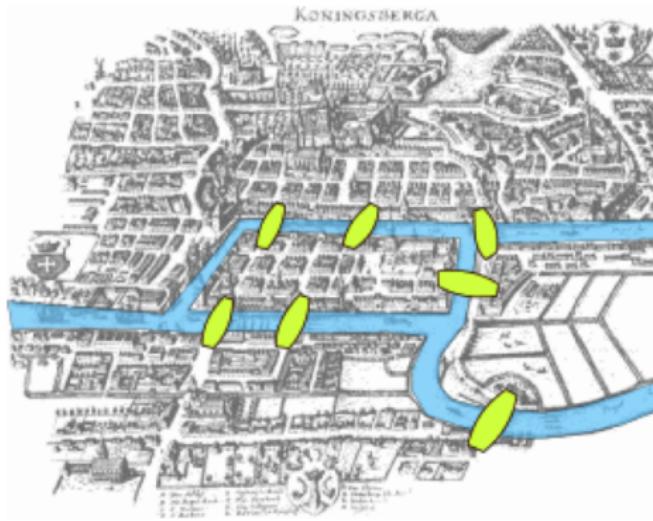
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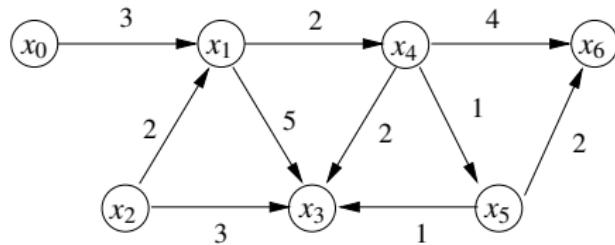
**SOLUTION** A set  $\{P_u, u \in V\}$ , where  $P_u$  is the shortest path in  $G$  from  $s$  to  $u$ .

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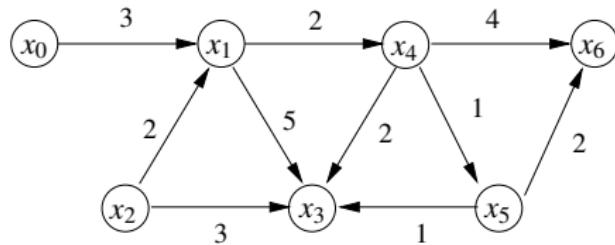
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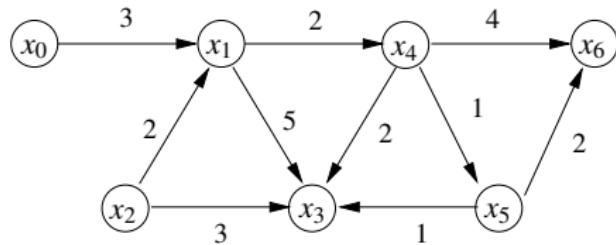
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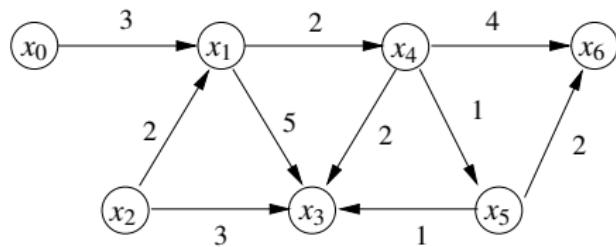
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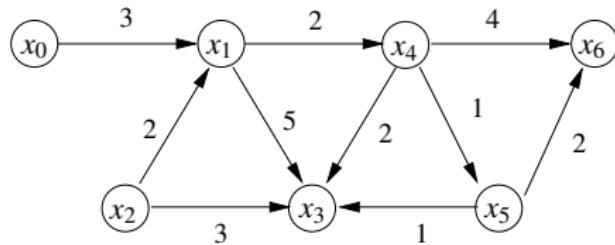
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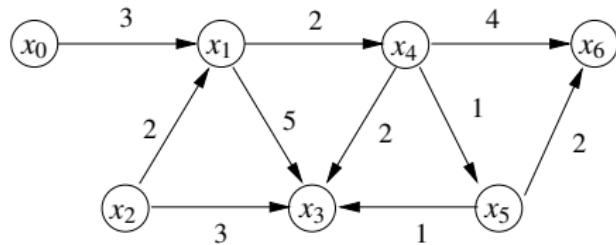
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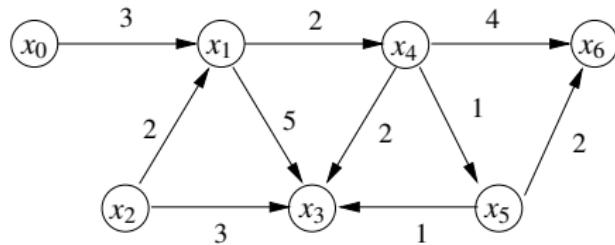
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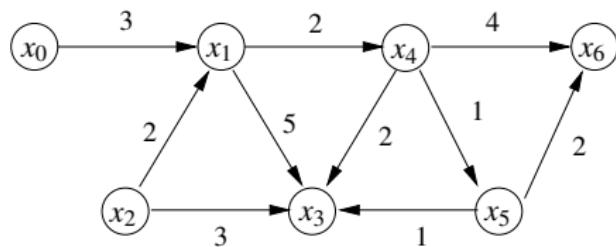
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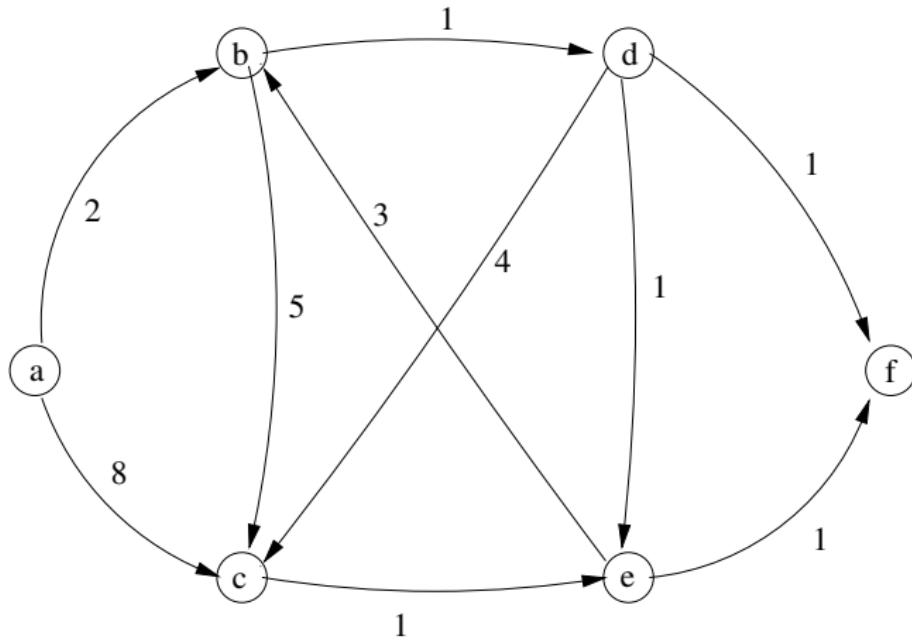
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- Exercise. Execute “by hand” Dijkstra algorithm on the following network with  $x = a$ , and on any positive length network of your choice



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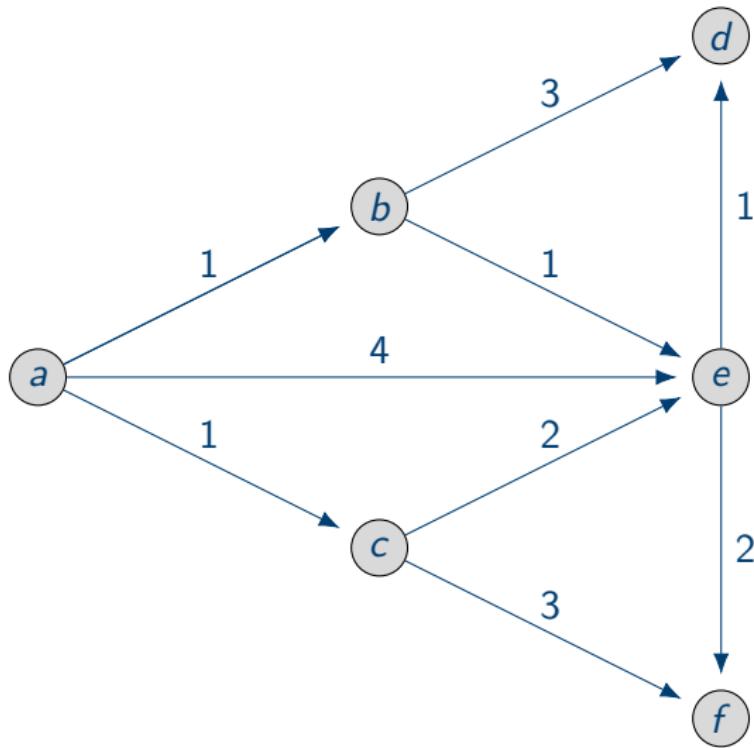
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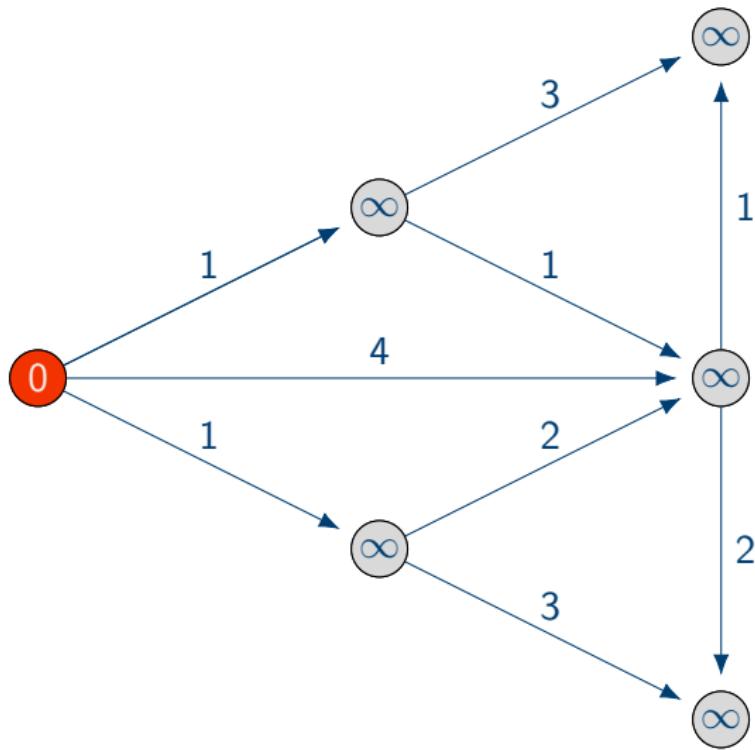
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- ▶ Can modify algorithm to compute the shortest paths themselves: record the predecessor  $u$  that minimizes  $d'(v)$ .

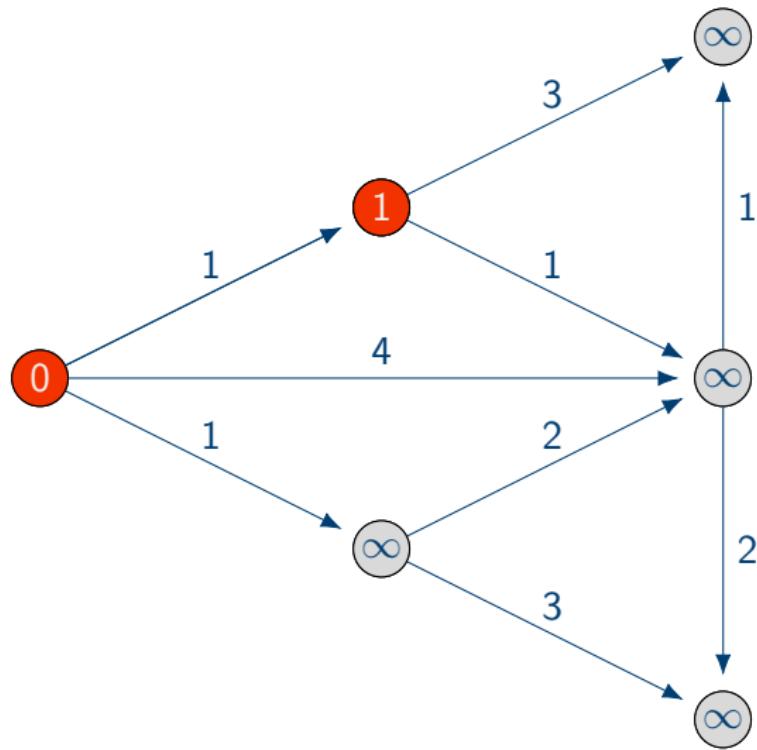
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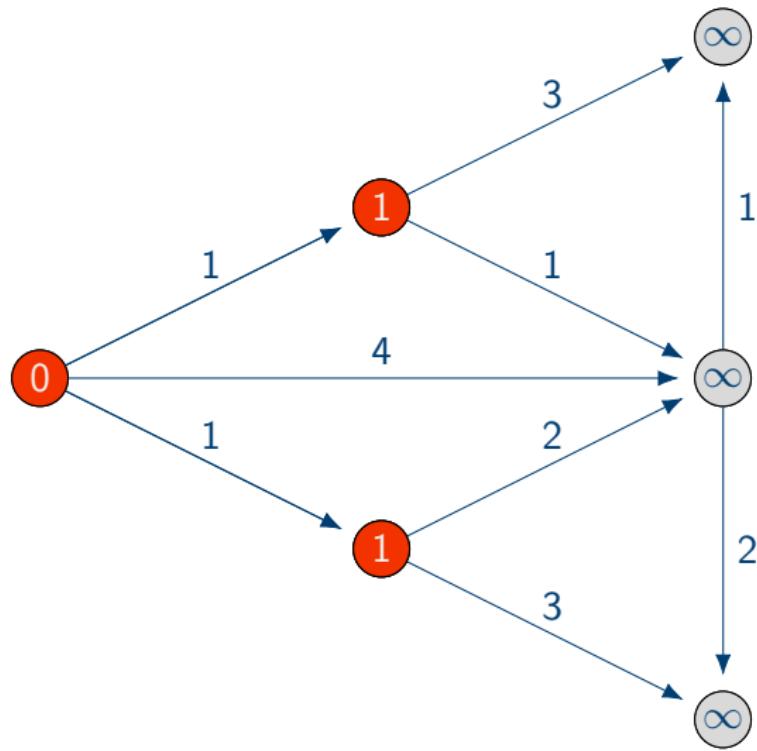
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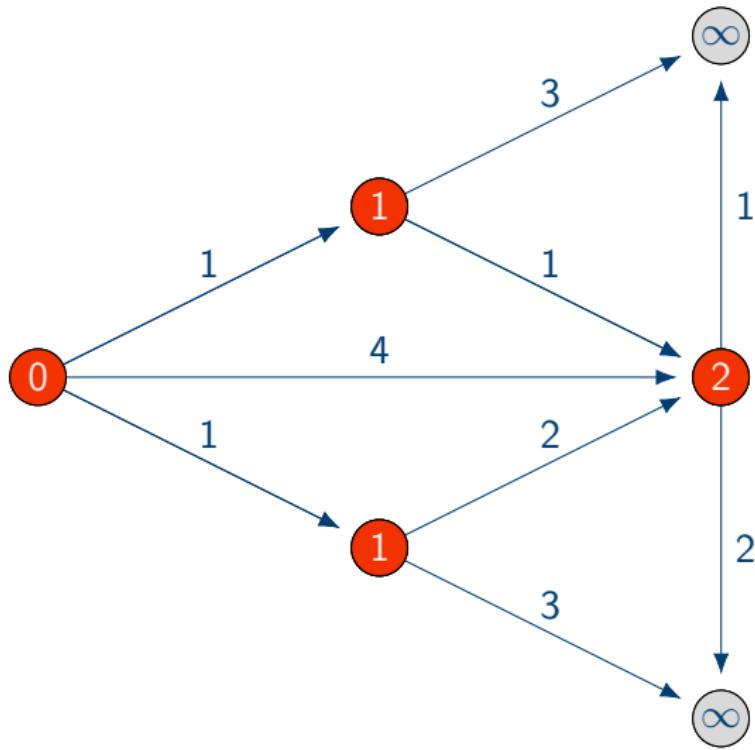
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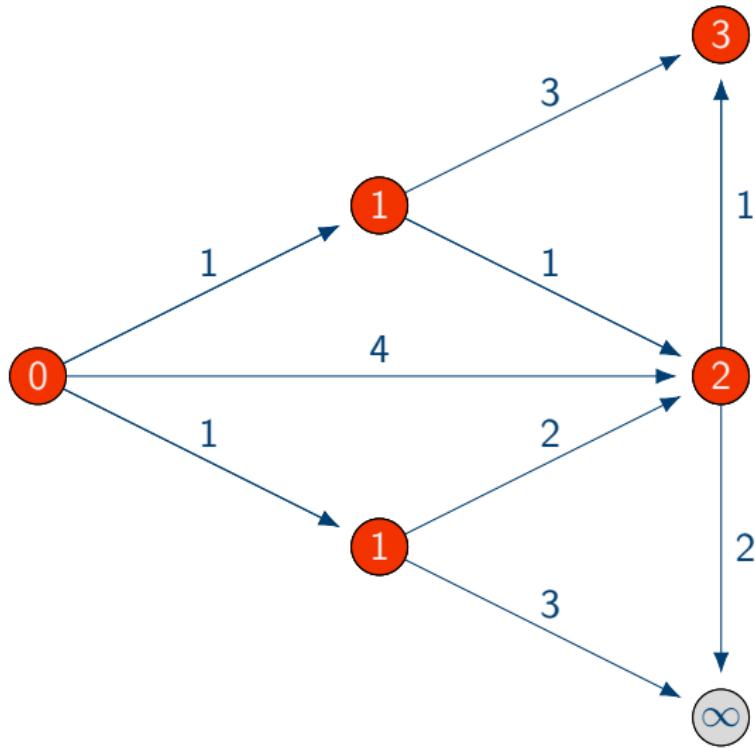
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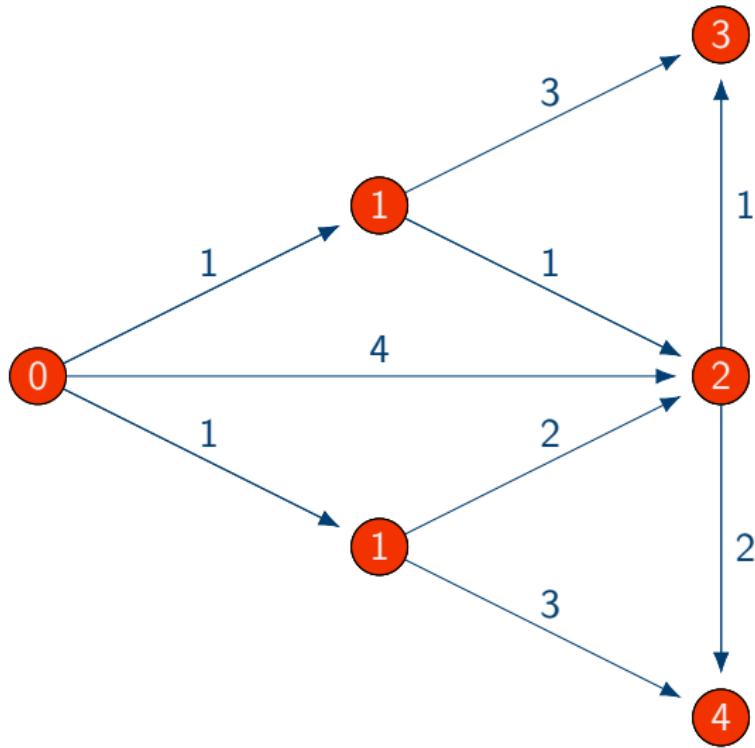
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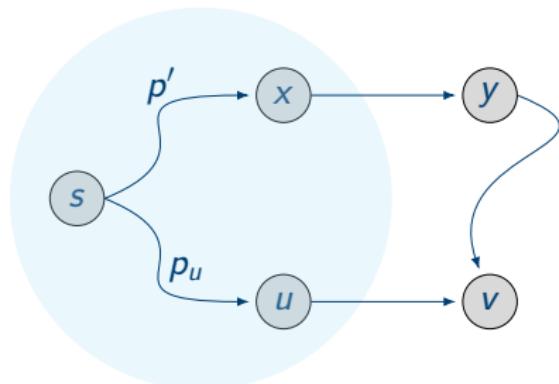


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The alternate  $s - v$  path  $P$  through  $x$  and  $y$  already too long by the time it had left the set  $S$

# Comments about Dijkstra's Algorithm

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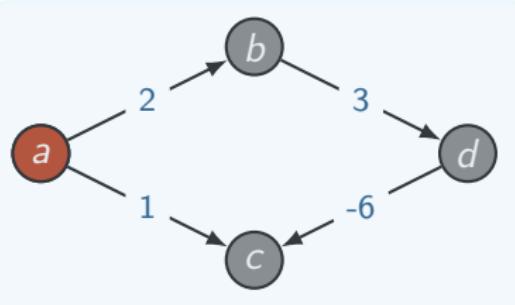
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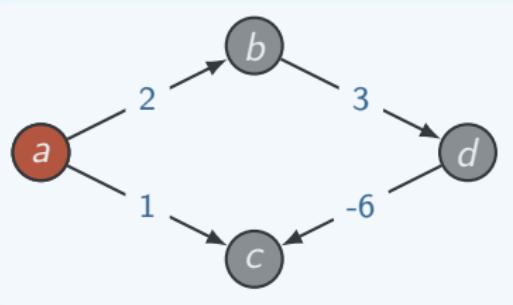
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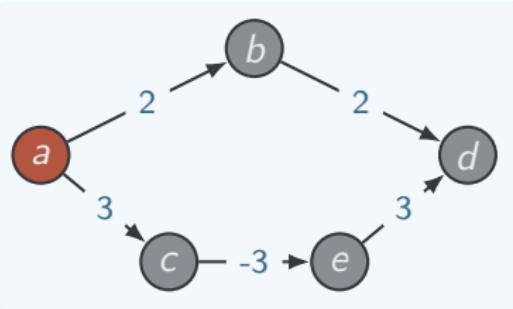


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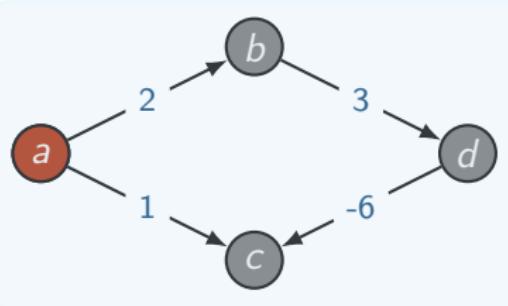


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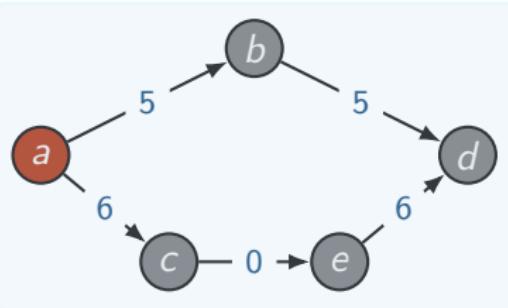


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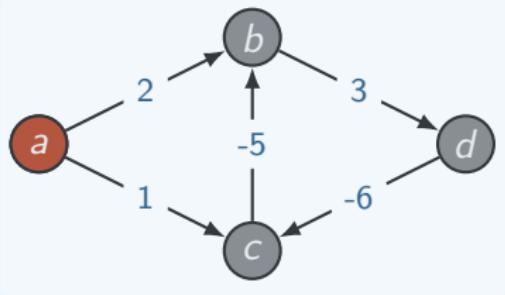


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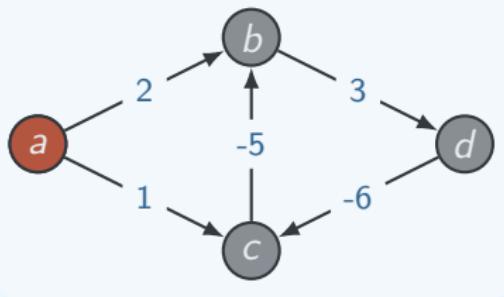
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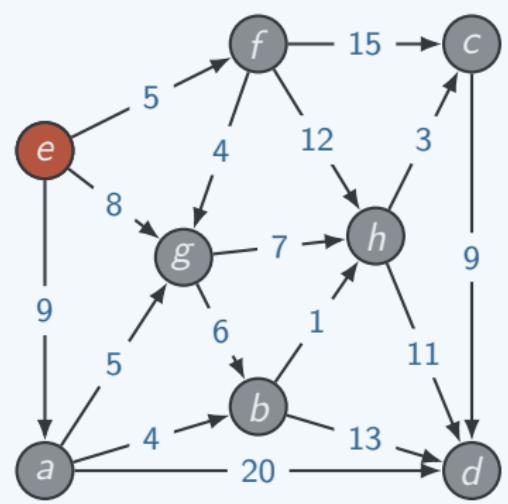
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