

# Graphs II - Shortest paths

Single Source Shortest Paths

All Sources Shortest Paths

some drawings and notes from prof. Tom Cormen

# Single Source SP

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- Context: directed graph  $G=(V,E,w)$ , weighted edges
- The shortest path (SP) between vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is the path that has minimum total weight

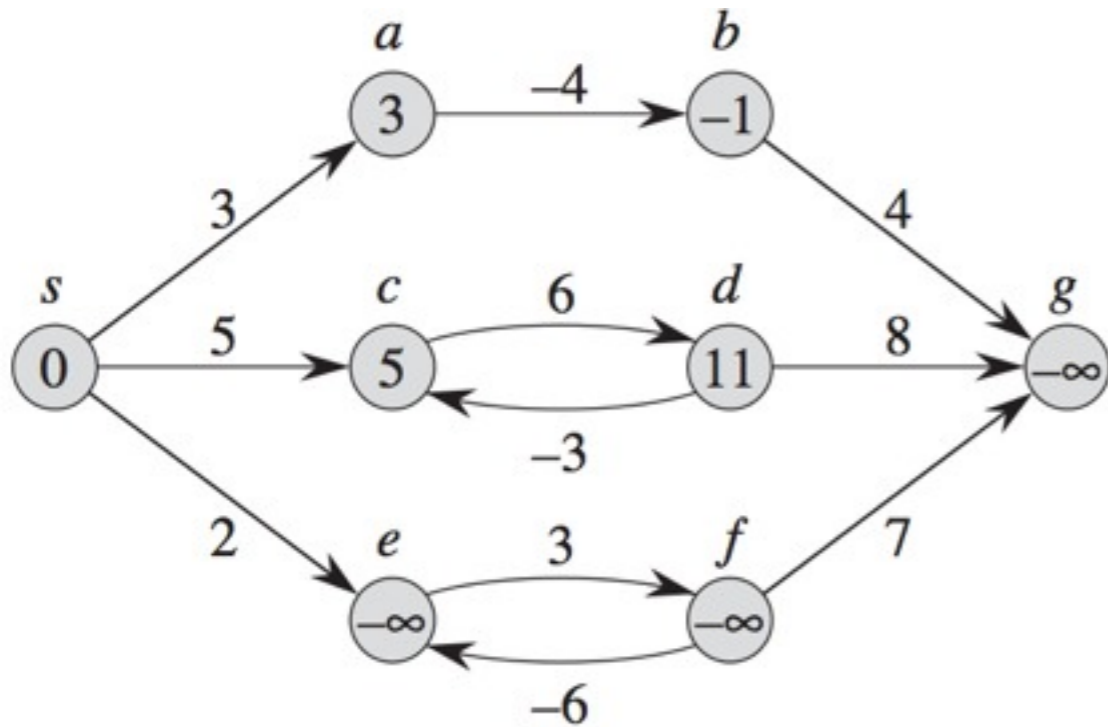
– total weight is obtained by summing up path's edges weights

$$\delta(u, v) = \begin{cases} \min\{w(p) : u \xrightarrow{p} v\} & \text{if there is a path from } u \text{ to } v \\ \infty & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

- Note: SP cannot contain cycles
  - positive cycles: a shortest path obtained by taking out the cycle
  - negative cycles: a shortest path obtained by iterating through the cycle few more times, minimum weight is  $-\infty$ .

# Negative edges and cycles

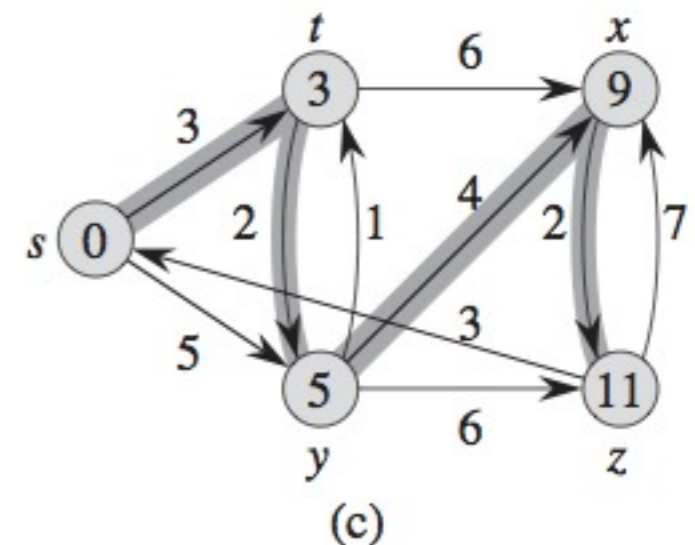
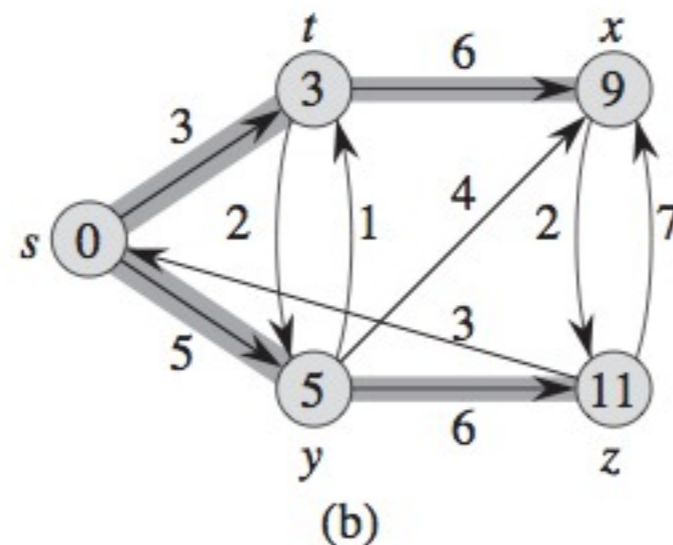
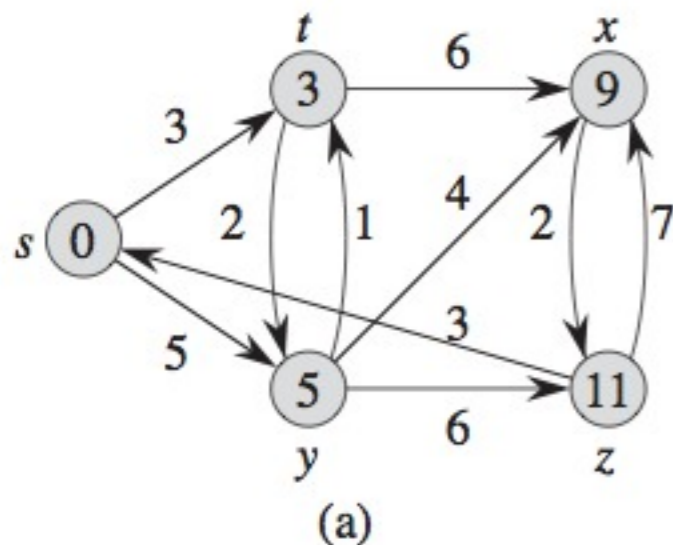
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- negative weights possible
- negative cycles make some shortest paths  $-\infty$

- Exercise: explain the following :
- $SP(s,a)=3$
- $SP(s,b)= -1$
- $SP(s,g)=3$
- $SP(s,e)=-\infty$

# Single Source SP

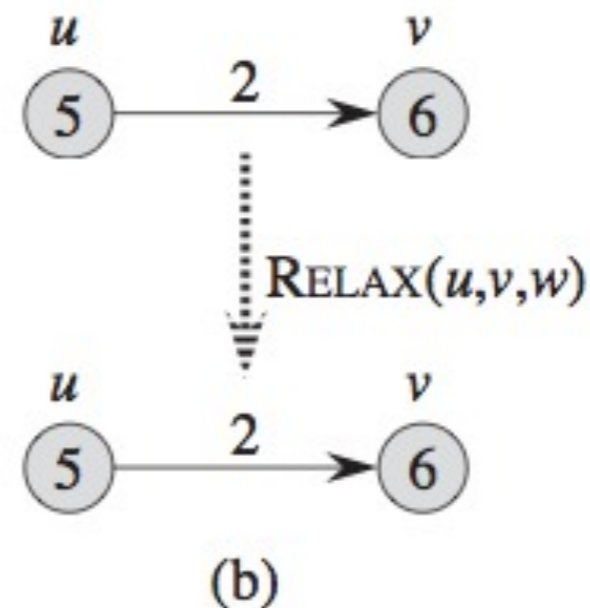
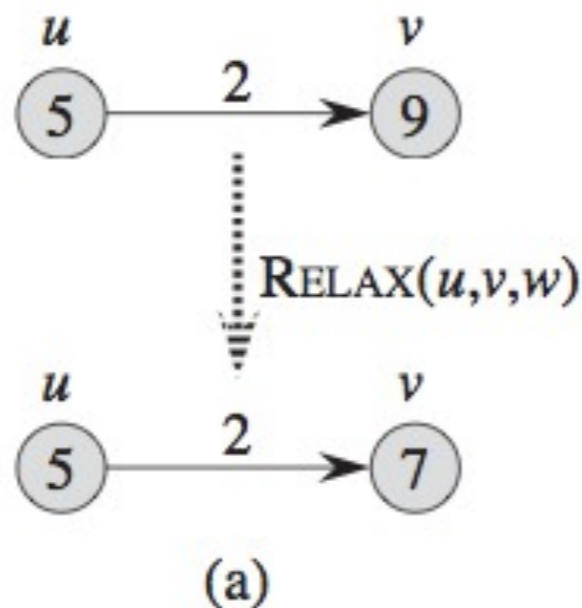


- Task: Given a source vertex  $s \in V$ , find the shortest path from  $s$  to all other vertices
  - will write inside each vertex  $v$  the shortest path estimate  $ESP(s,v)$  weight from the source
  - these estimates change as the algorithm progresses
  - highlight edges that give the SP-s
  - highlighted edges form a tree with source as root
    - tree not unique as (b) and (c) are both valid

# Relaxation

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- if current (estimate)  $ESP(s,u)$  is 5 and edge  $(u,v)$  has weight  $w(u,v)=2$ , we can reach  $v$  with a path of  $5+2=7$ 
  - if current estimate  $ESP(s,v)$  is more than 7, we “relax edge  $(u,v)$ ” by replacing the estimate  $ESP(s,v) = 7$ .
  - if not ( $ESP(s,v) \leq 7$ ), we do nothing



# Bellman Ford

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- source is the SP tree root
- BF algorithm progresses in "waves", similar to BFS
- takes a maximum of  $|V|-1$  waves to find SP
  - since there cannot be cycles

# Bellman-Ford SSSP algorithm

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- idea : relax all edges once (in any order) and we've got CORRECT all SP-s of one edge
  - relax again all edges (any order) and we obtained all SP-s of two edges
  - relax ... again, and get all SP-s of three edges
  - no SP can have more than  $|V|-1$  edges, so repeat the relax-all-edges step  $|V|-1$  times, to get all SP-s

## ▶ BELLMAN-FORD

▶ init all SP :  $SP(s, v) = \infty$  for all  $v$ ,  $SP(s, s) = 0$

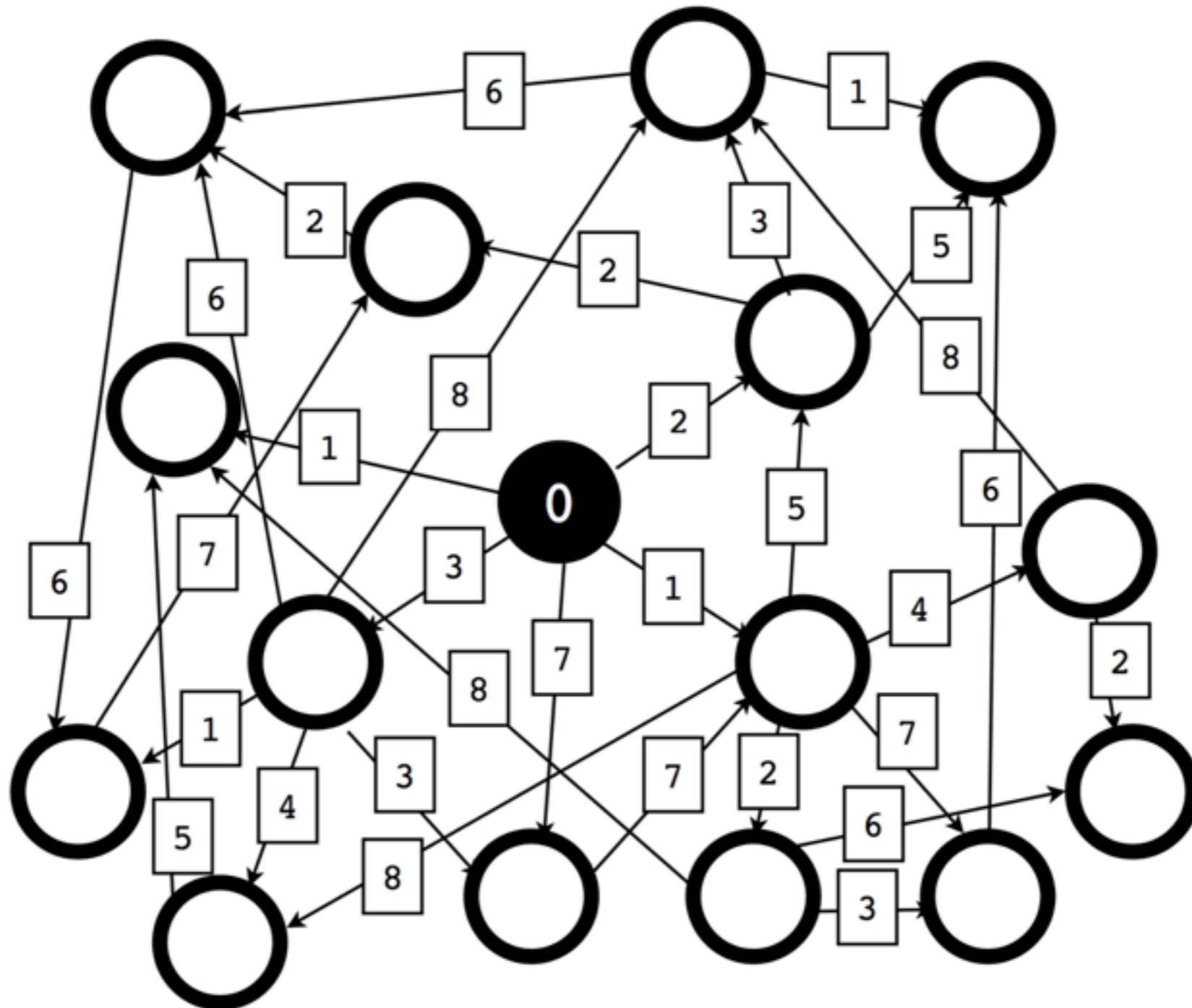
▶ for  $k=1: |V|-1$

▶ relax all edges

▶ check for negative cycles

# SSSP exercise

- Discover SP by hand (start from source)

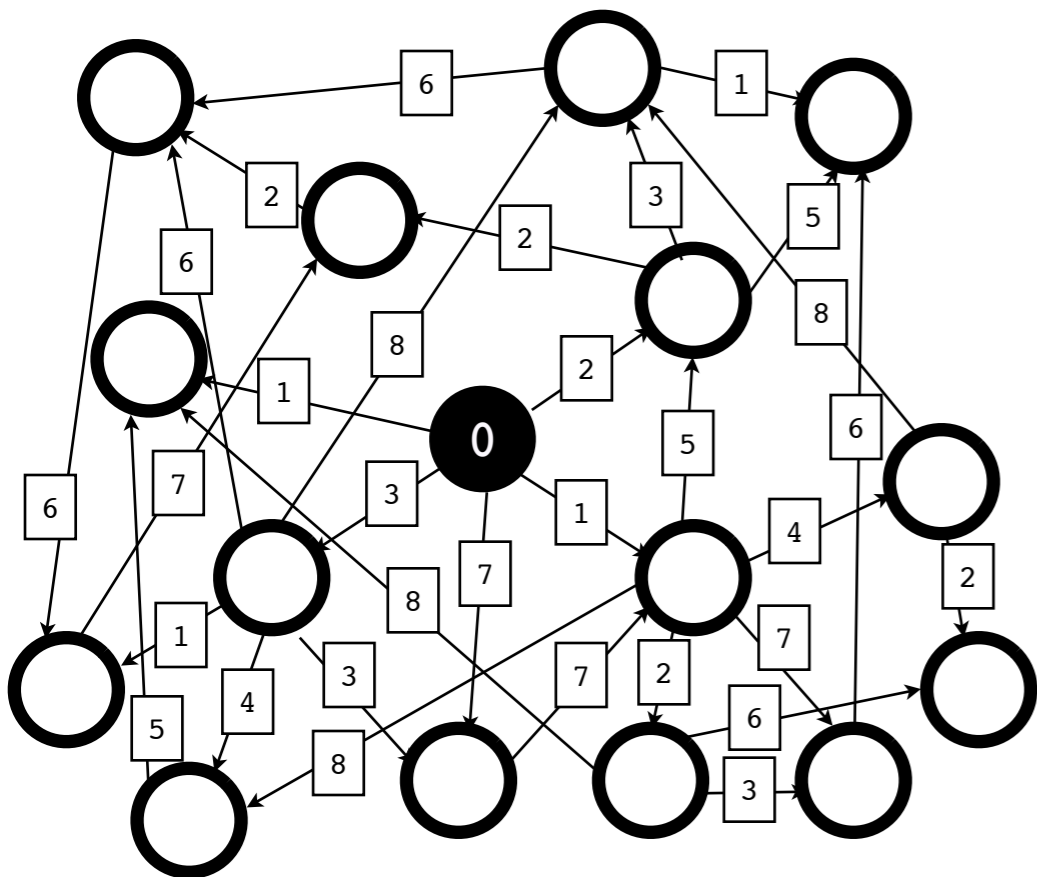




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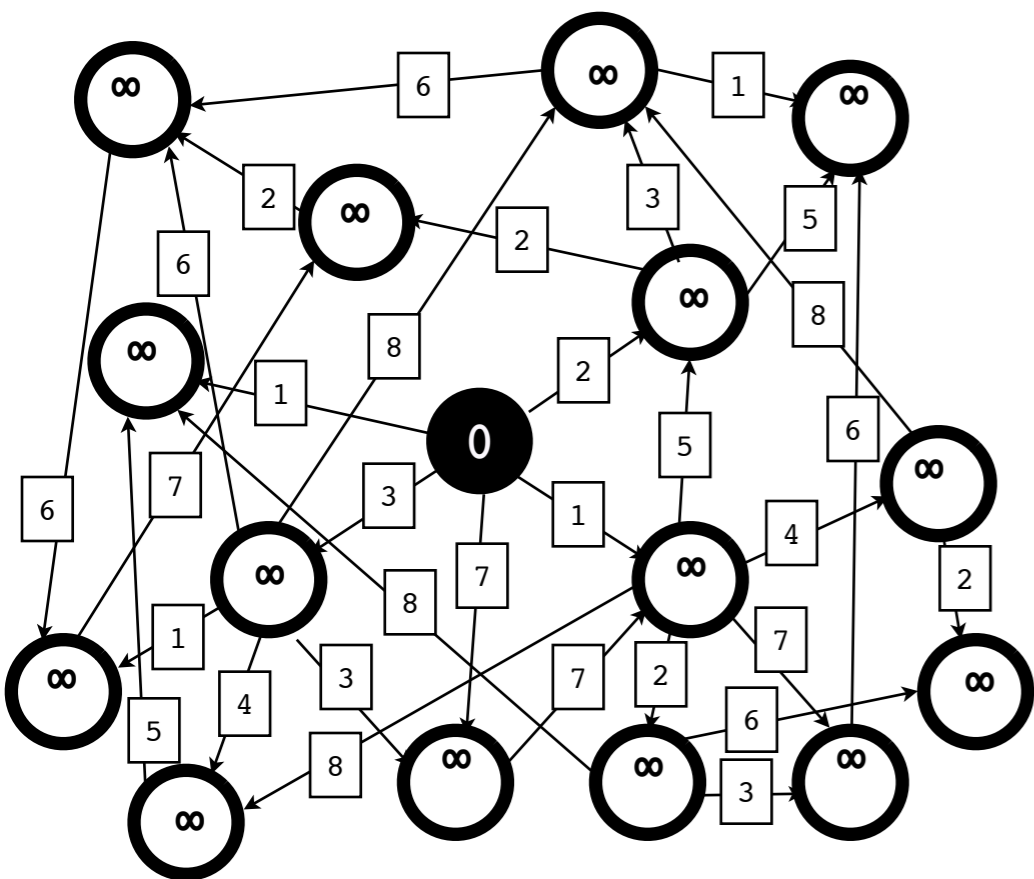
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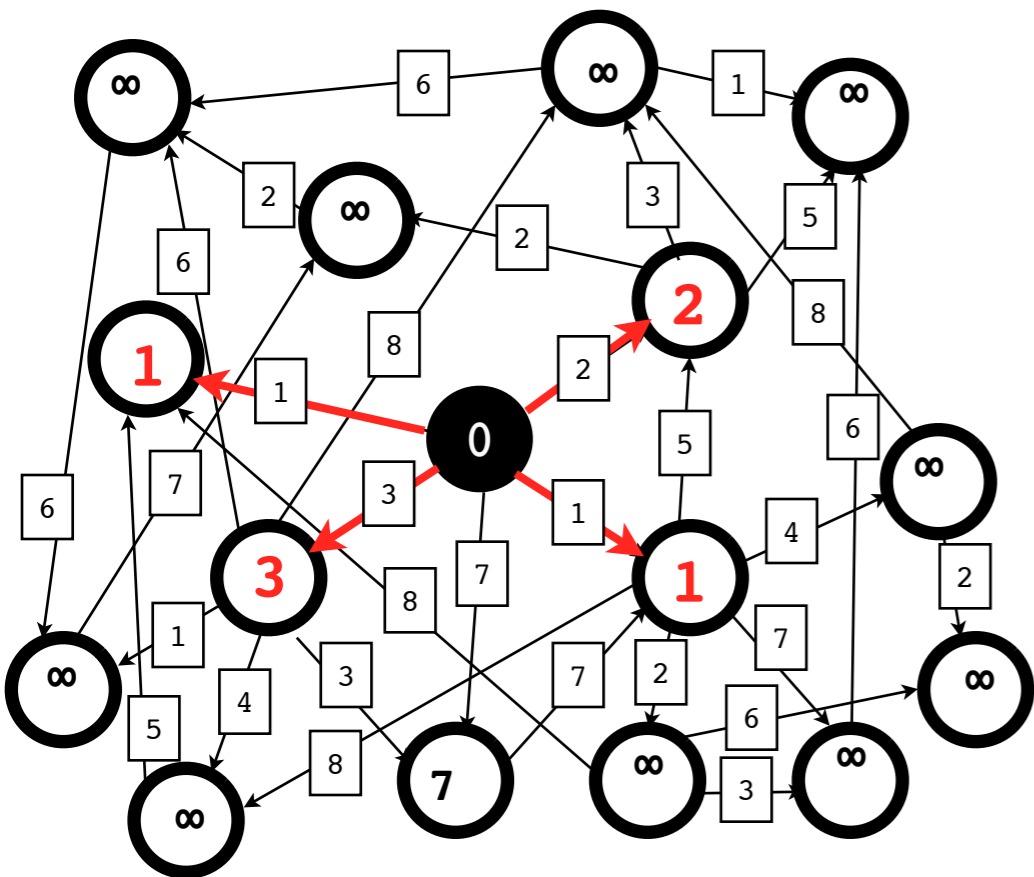
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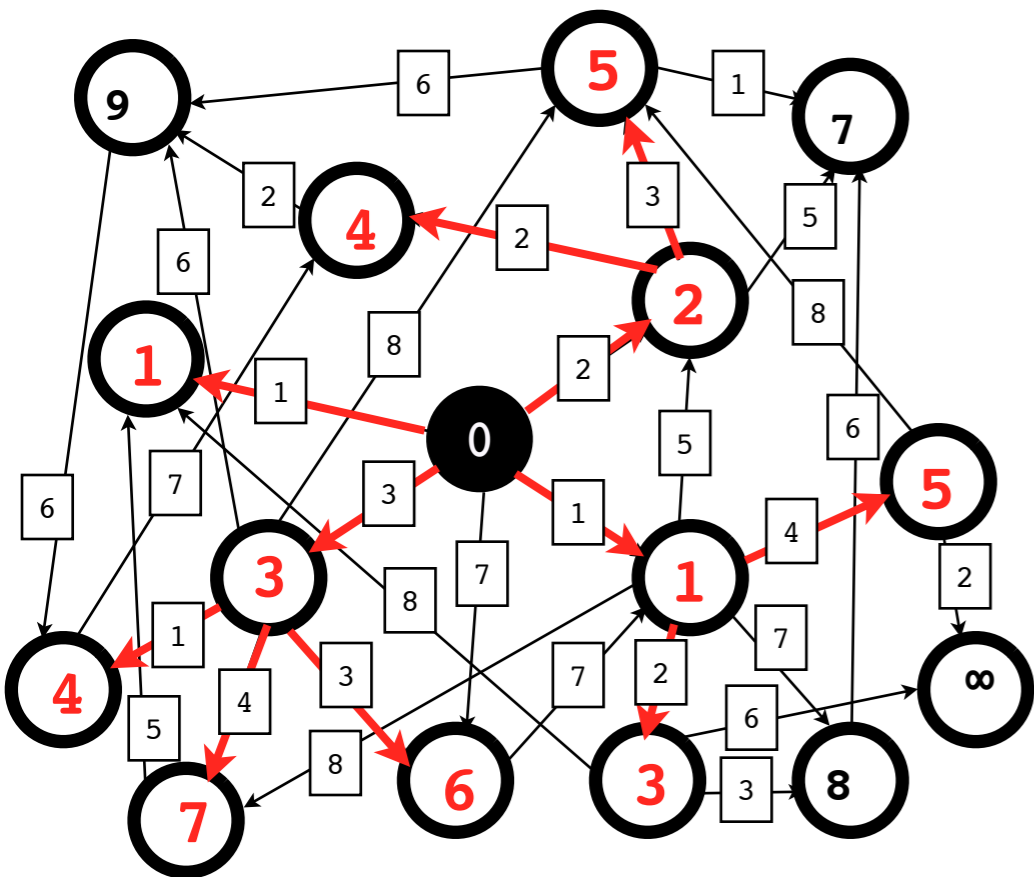
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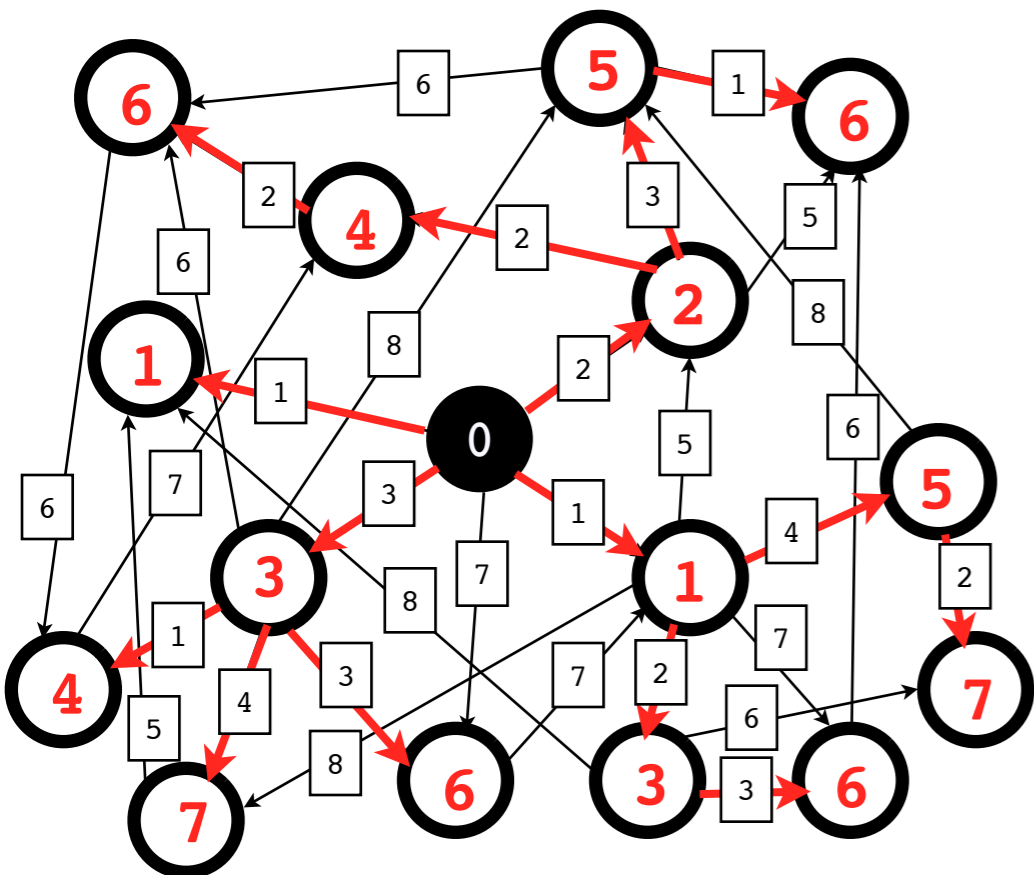
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- ... repeat

- how many times?



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- Essential mechanism (BF proof):
  - $SP(s,v) = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4]$
  - Relaxing  $a_1$ , then  $a_2$ , then  $a_3$ , then  $a_4$  – you can do them over any amount of time, but it has to be in the right order
    - $SP(s,v)$  discovered
  - for every  $SP=(\text{edges } a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$  there was a relaxation sequence of these edges, in this precise order:  $a_1$  in the first round,  $a_2$  in the second round, etc.
  - overall quite a few more relaxations than necessary, in order to enforce correctness in all possible cases
- Running time:  $|V|-1$  iterations for the outer loop
- inner loop: relax all edges  $O(E)$
- Total  $V * O(E) = O(VE)$

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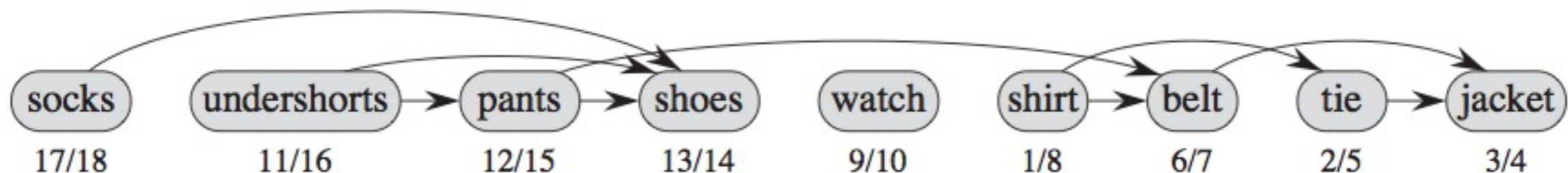
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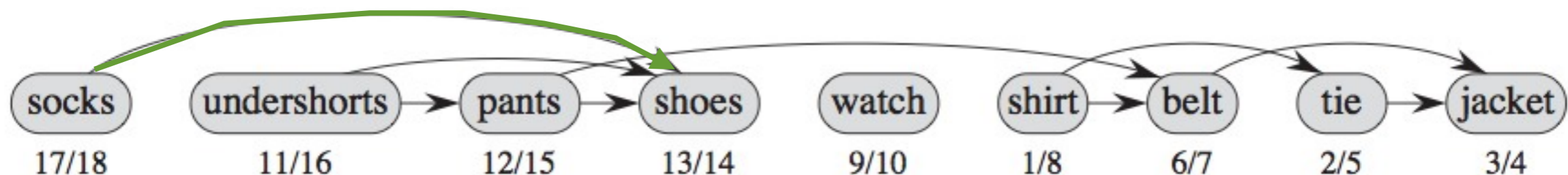
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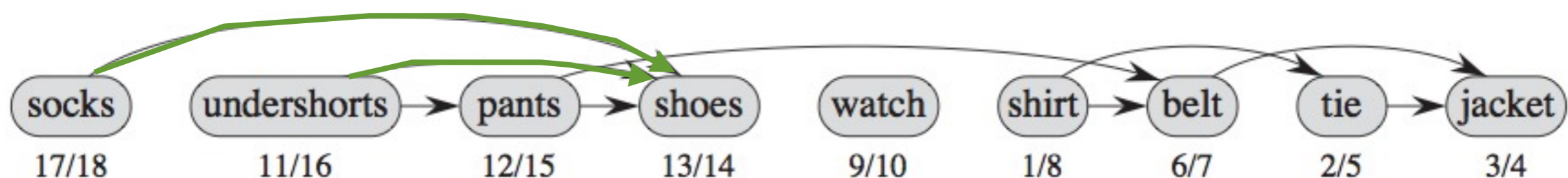
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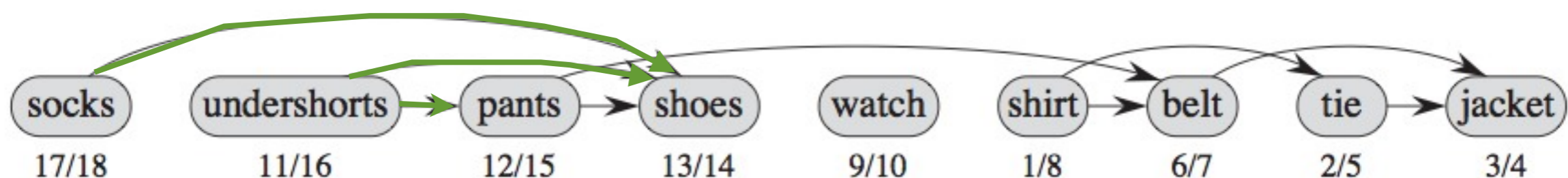
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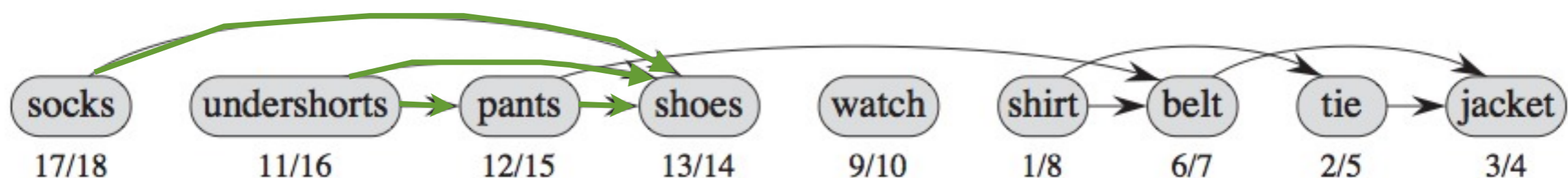
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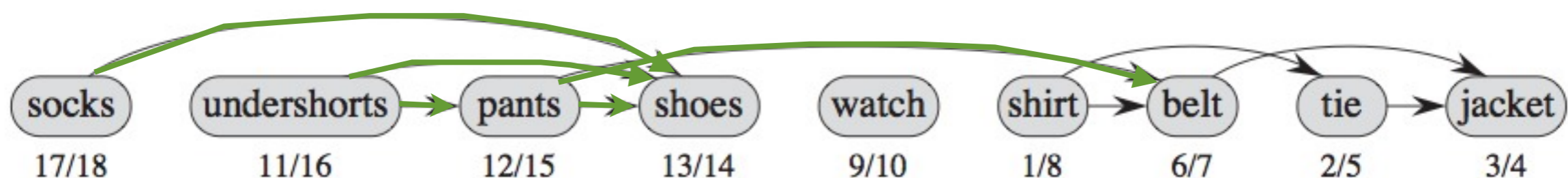
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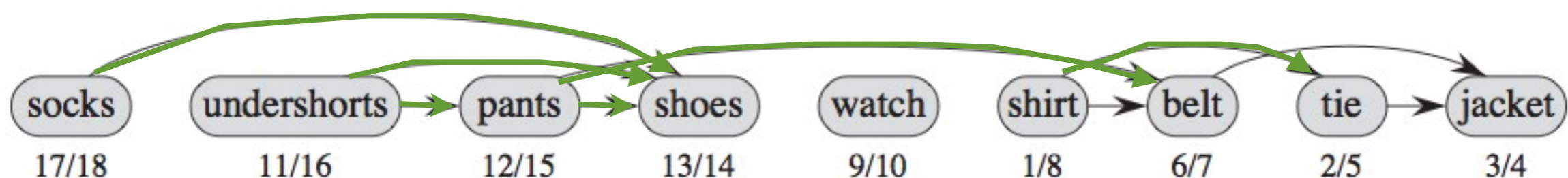
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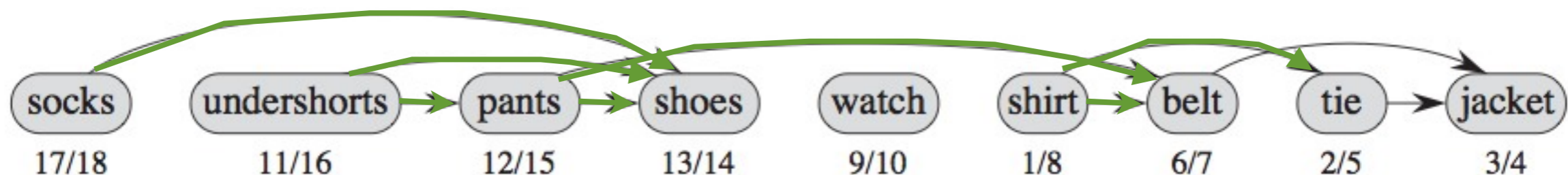
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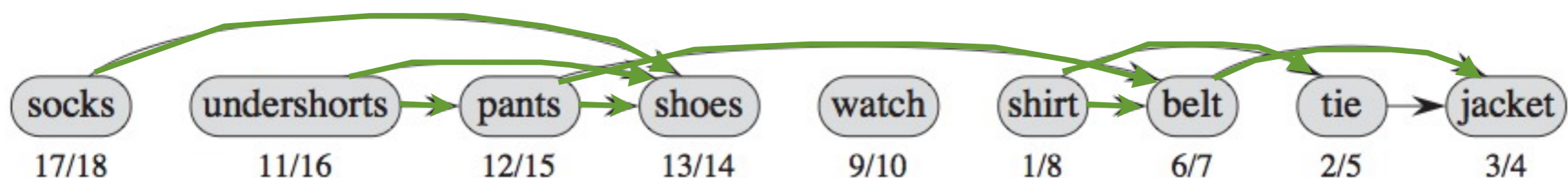
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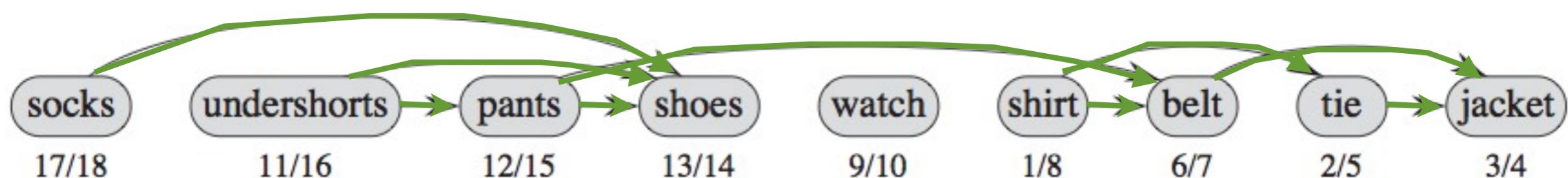
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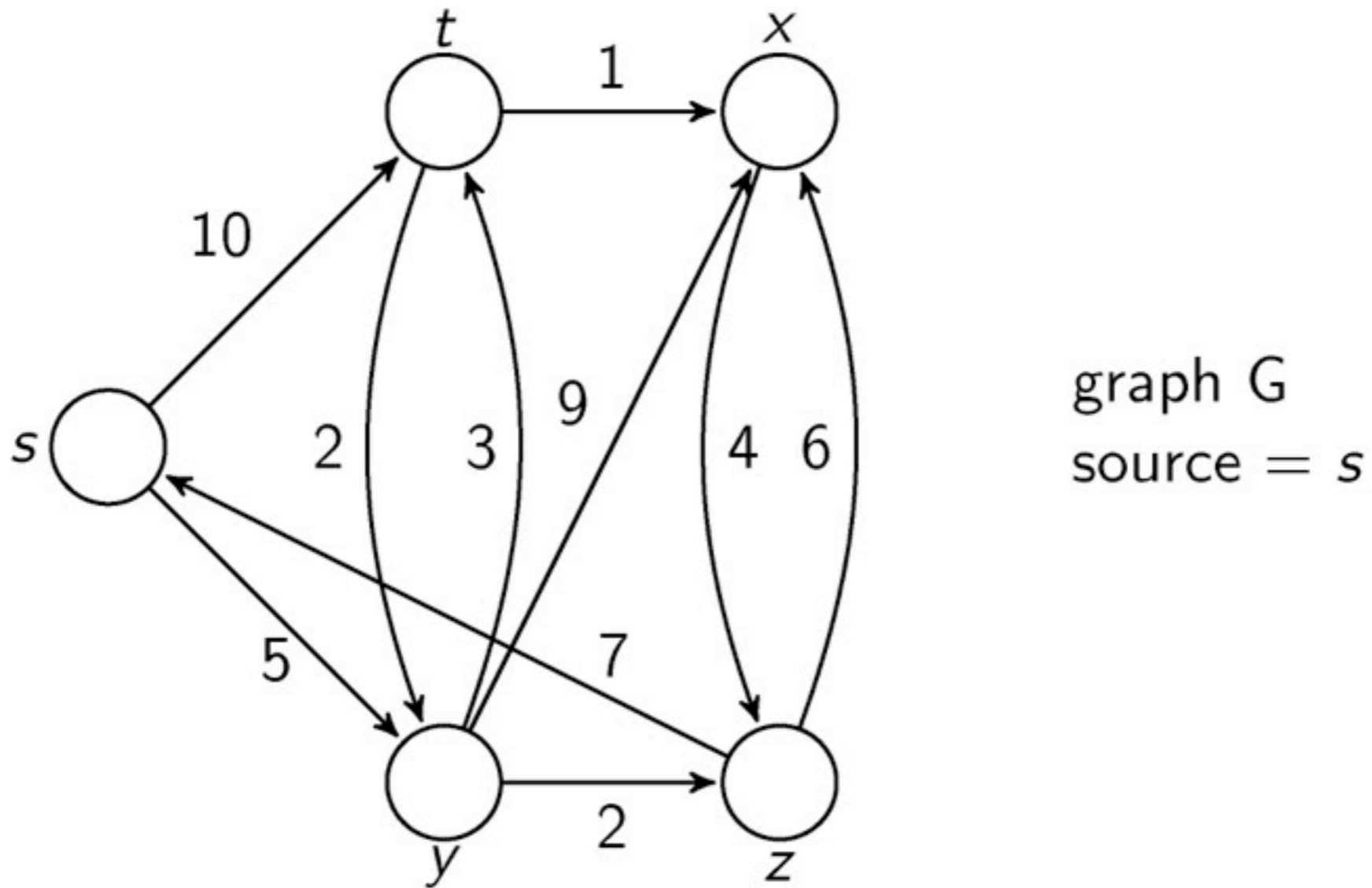




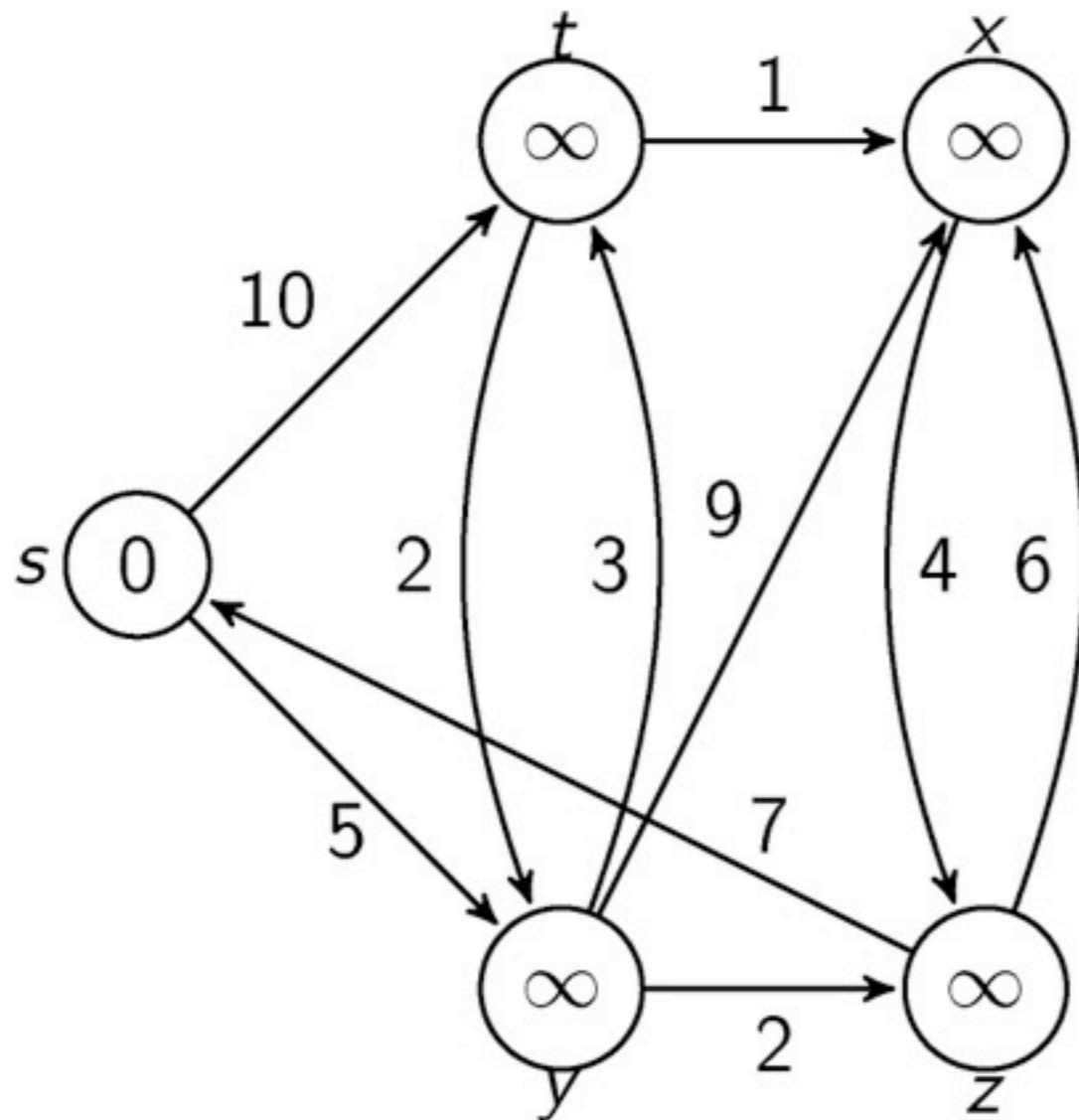
# Dijkstra SSSP algorithm

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- No negative weight edges allowed
- instead of relaxing all edges (like Bellman Ford), keep track of a current "closest" vertex to the SP tree
  - "closest" = minimum  $ESP(s,v)$  of nodes not already part of SP tree
  - add the current-closest to the partial SP tree,  $v$
  - relax the outgoing edges of  $v$  (all edges  $v \rightarrow x$ )
- repeat
- similar to Prim's algorithm (conceptually)



We want to find the shortest path from s to every node

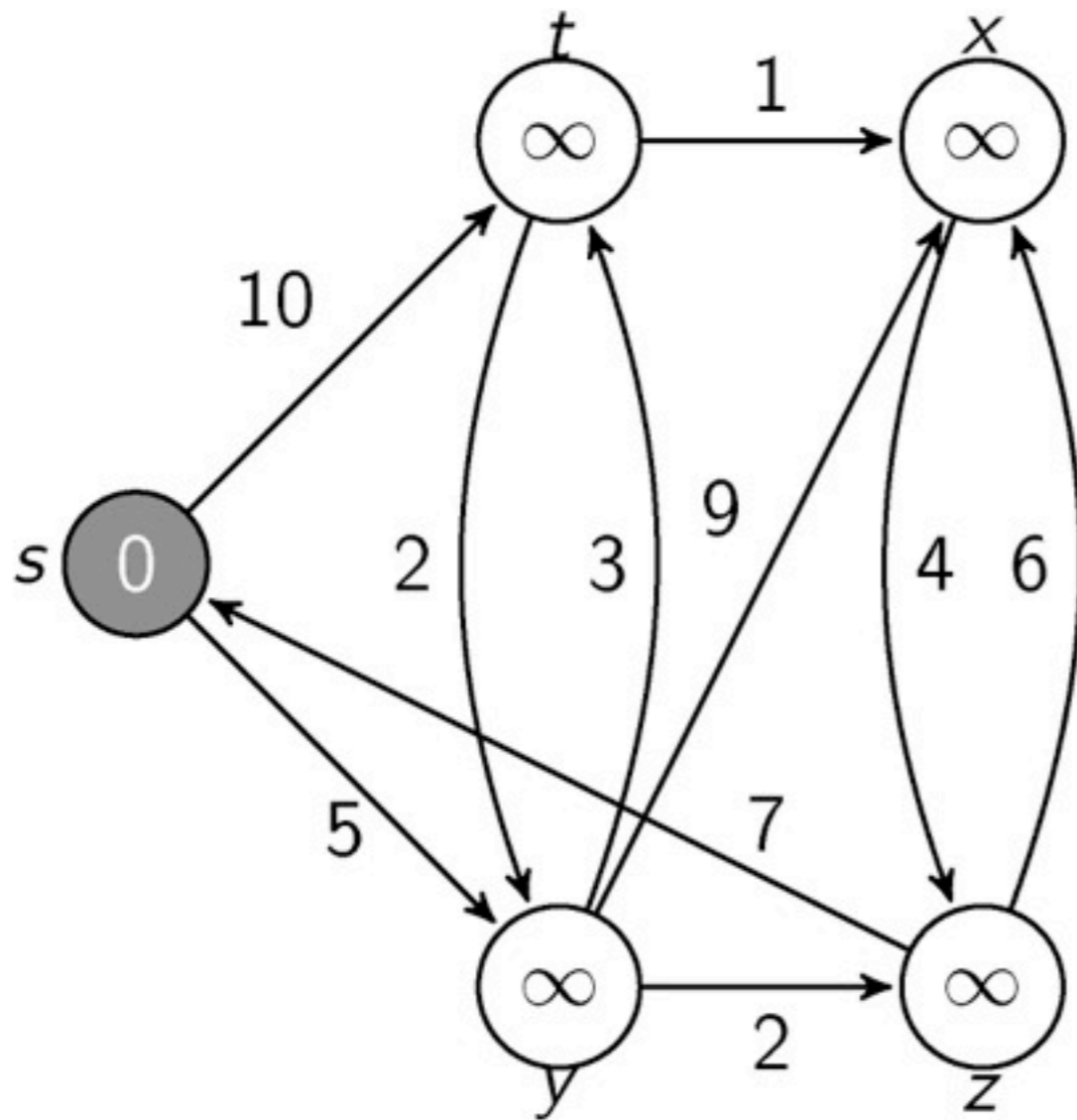


INITIALIZE -SINGLE  
-SOURCE( $G, s$ )

$S = \phi$

$Q = G.V$

After initialization, we have  $v.\pi = NIL$  for all  $v \in V$ ,  $s.d = 0$ , and  $v.d = \infty$  for  $v \in V - \{s\}$

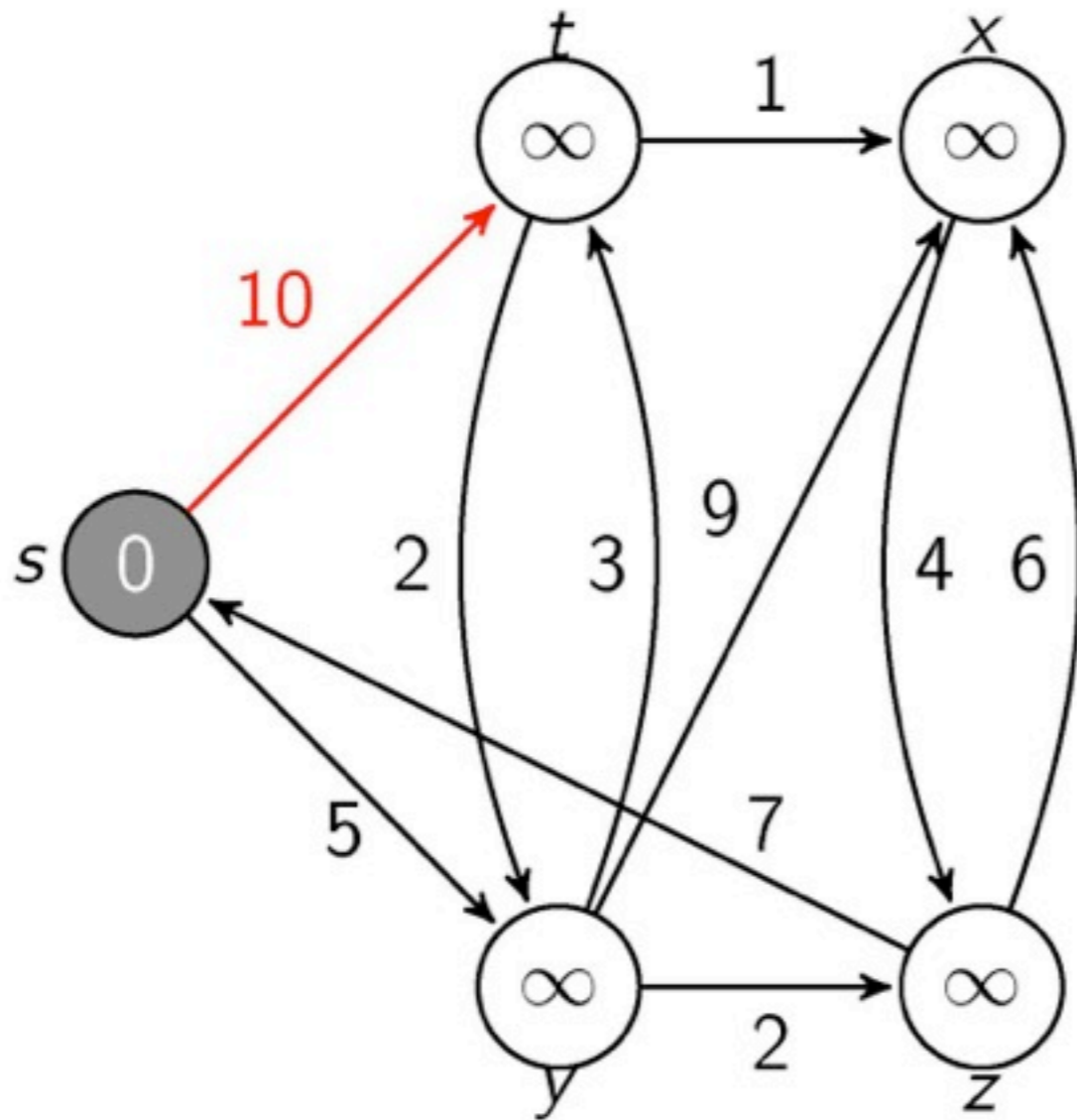


$s = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

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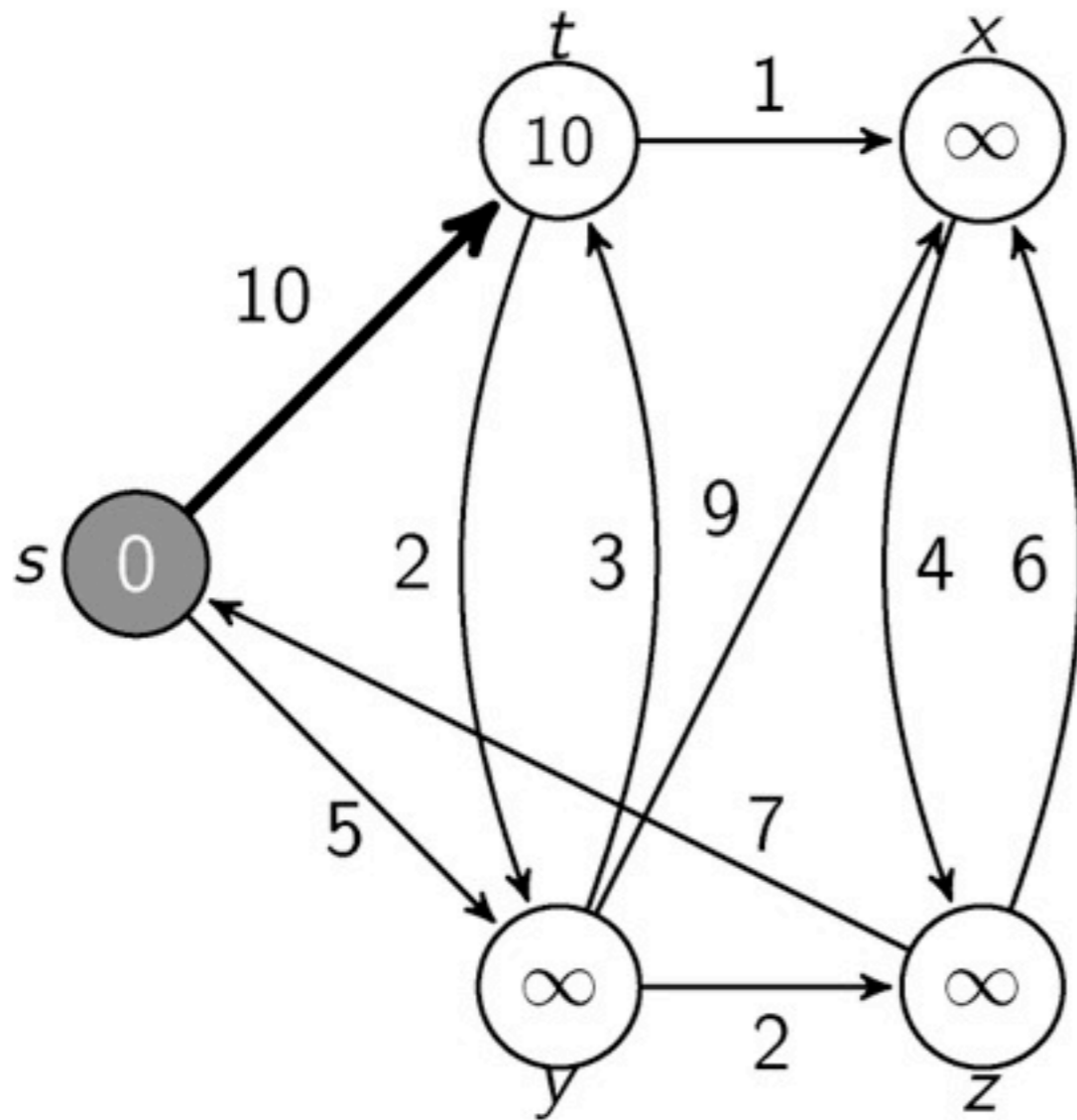


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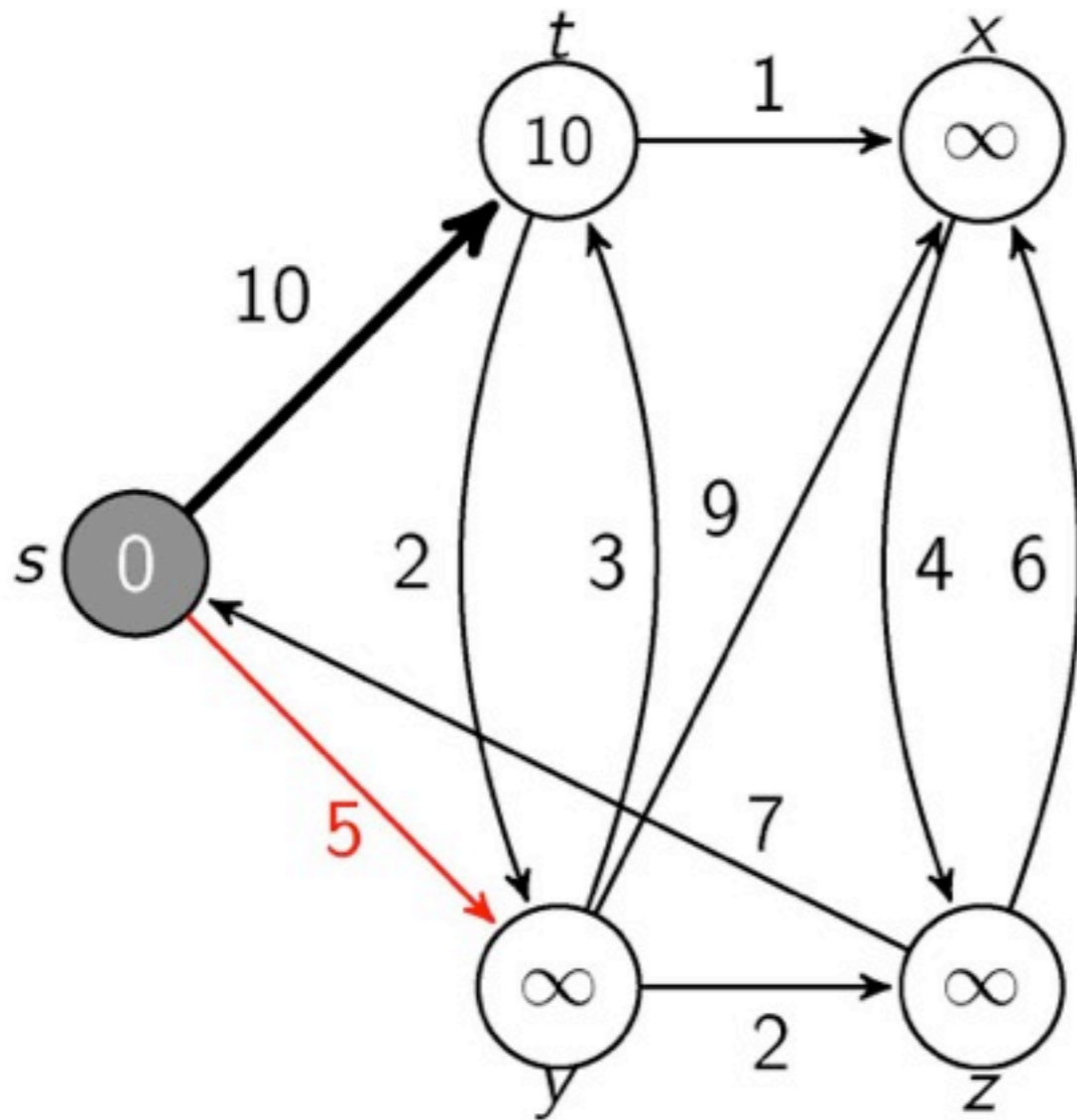


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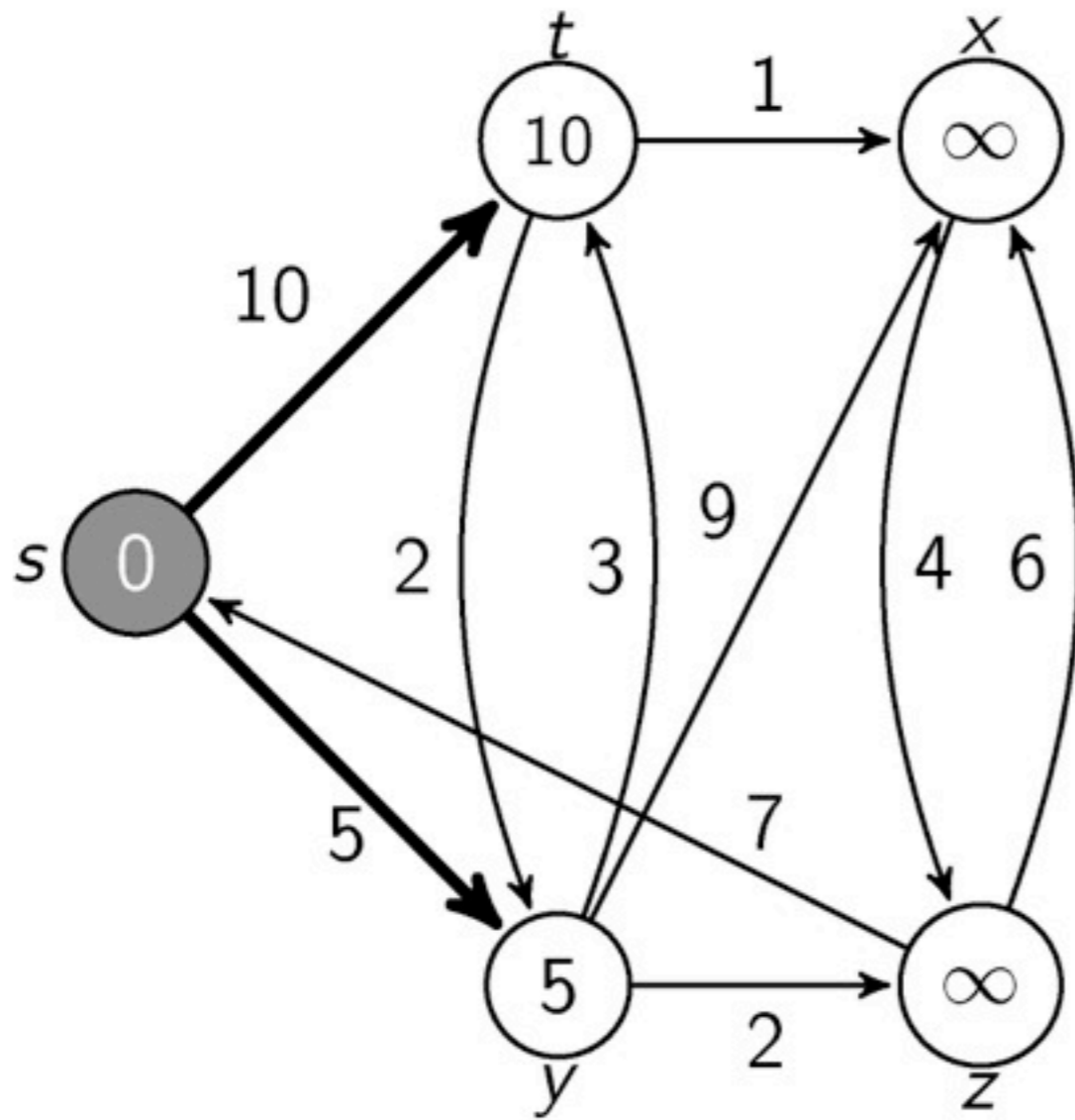
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Update  $t.d = 10$  and  $t.\pi = s$



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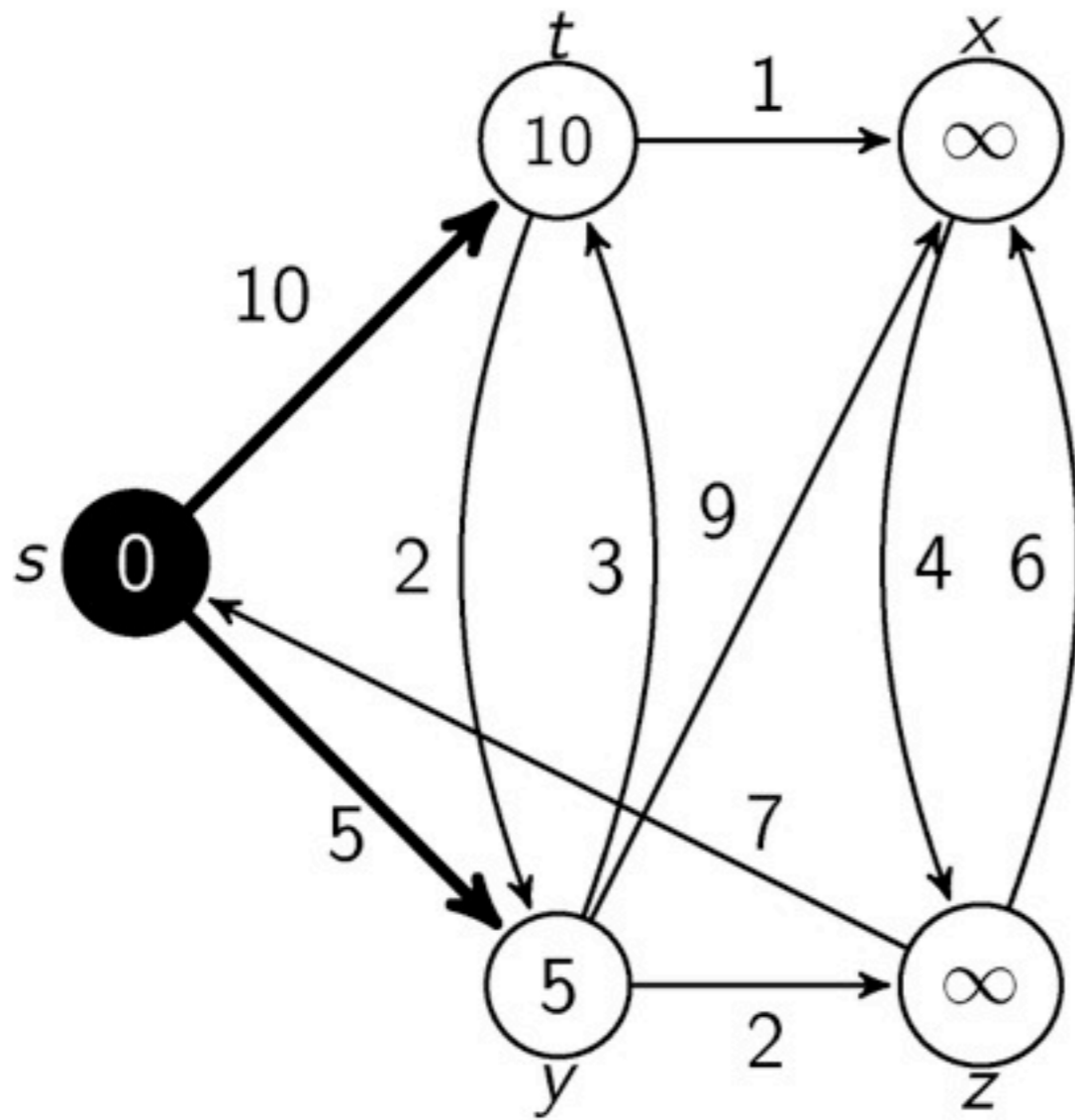
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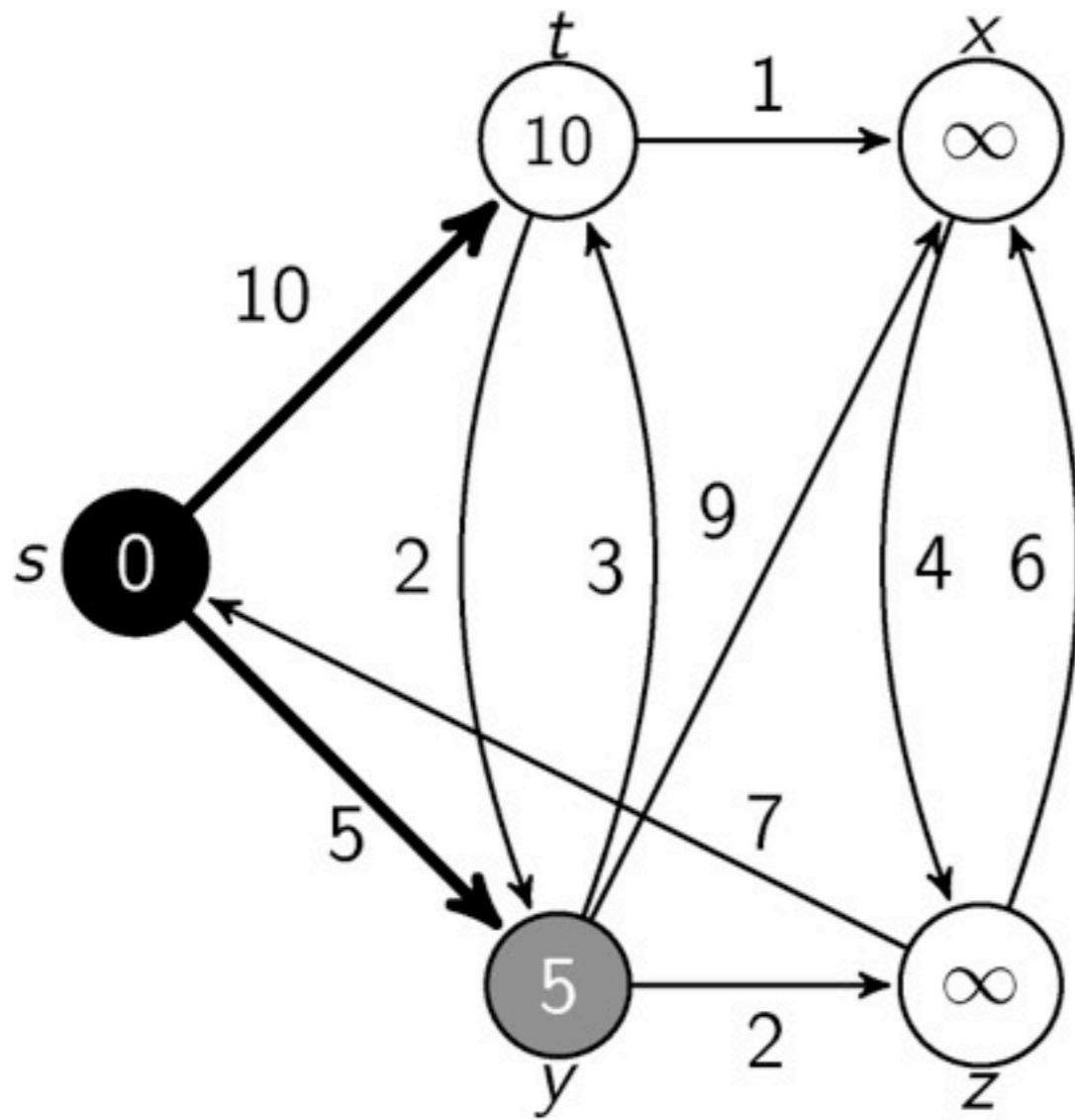




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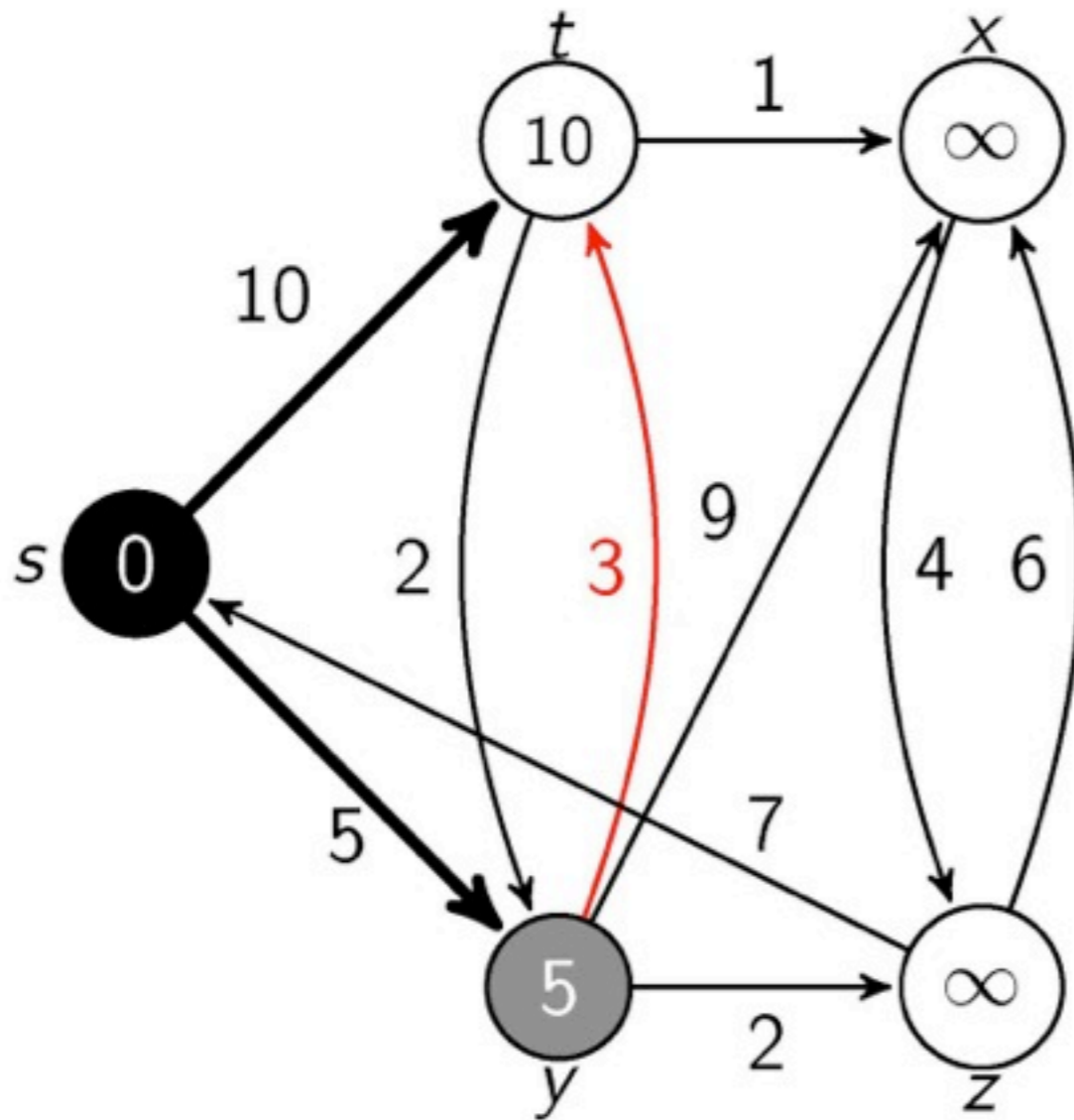
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All edges leaving  $s$  have been tested



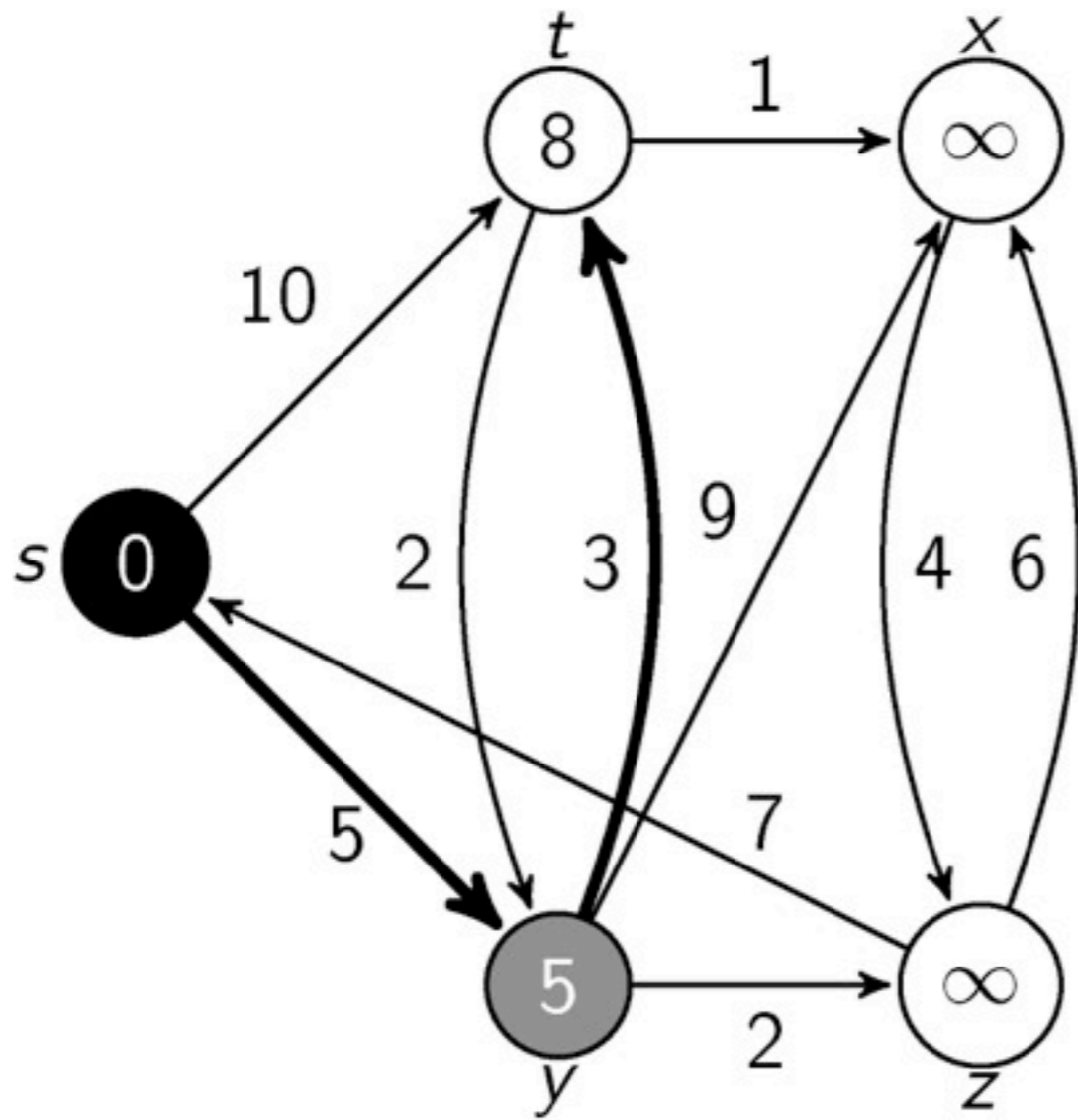
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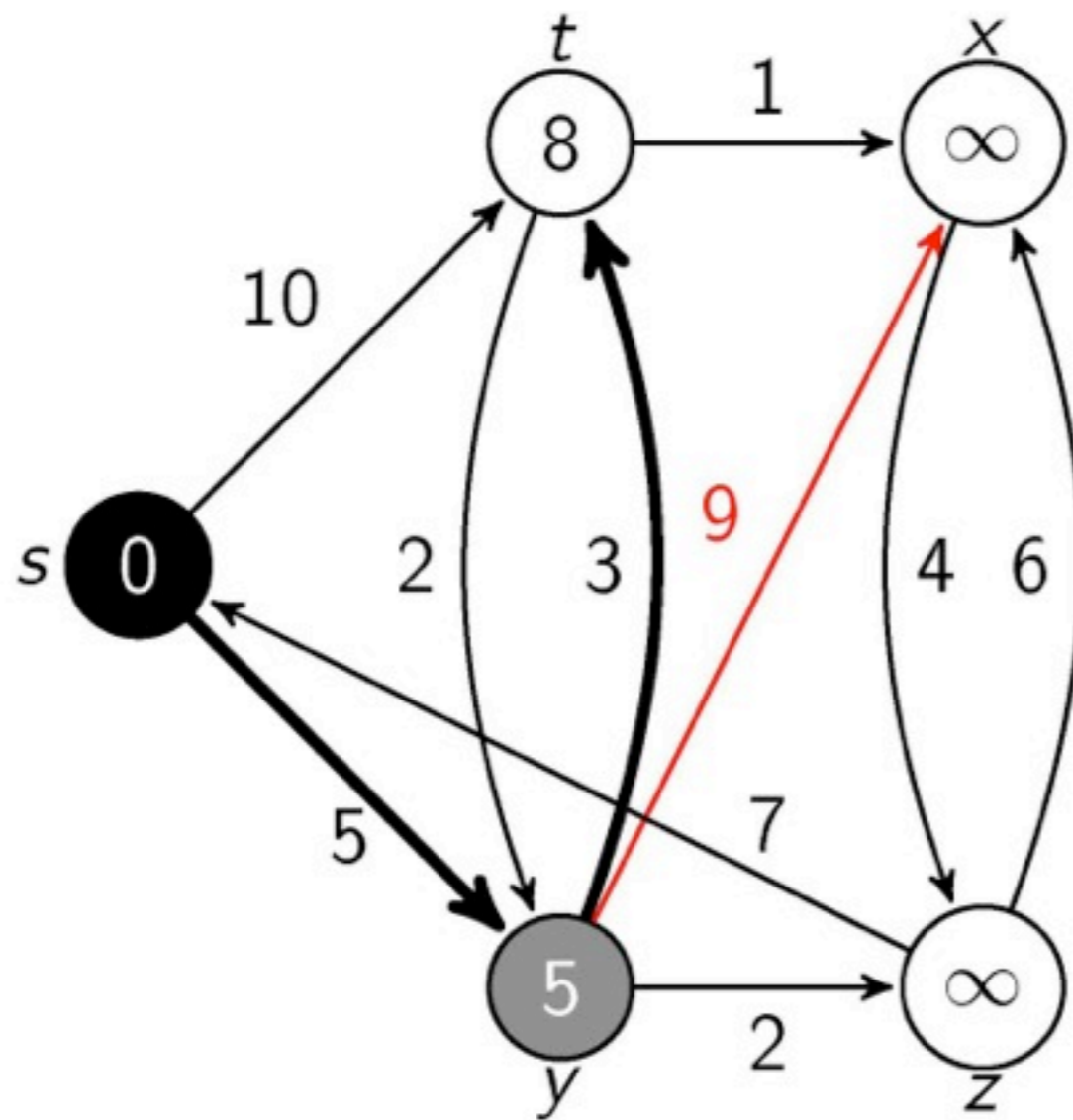
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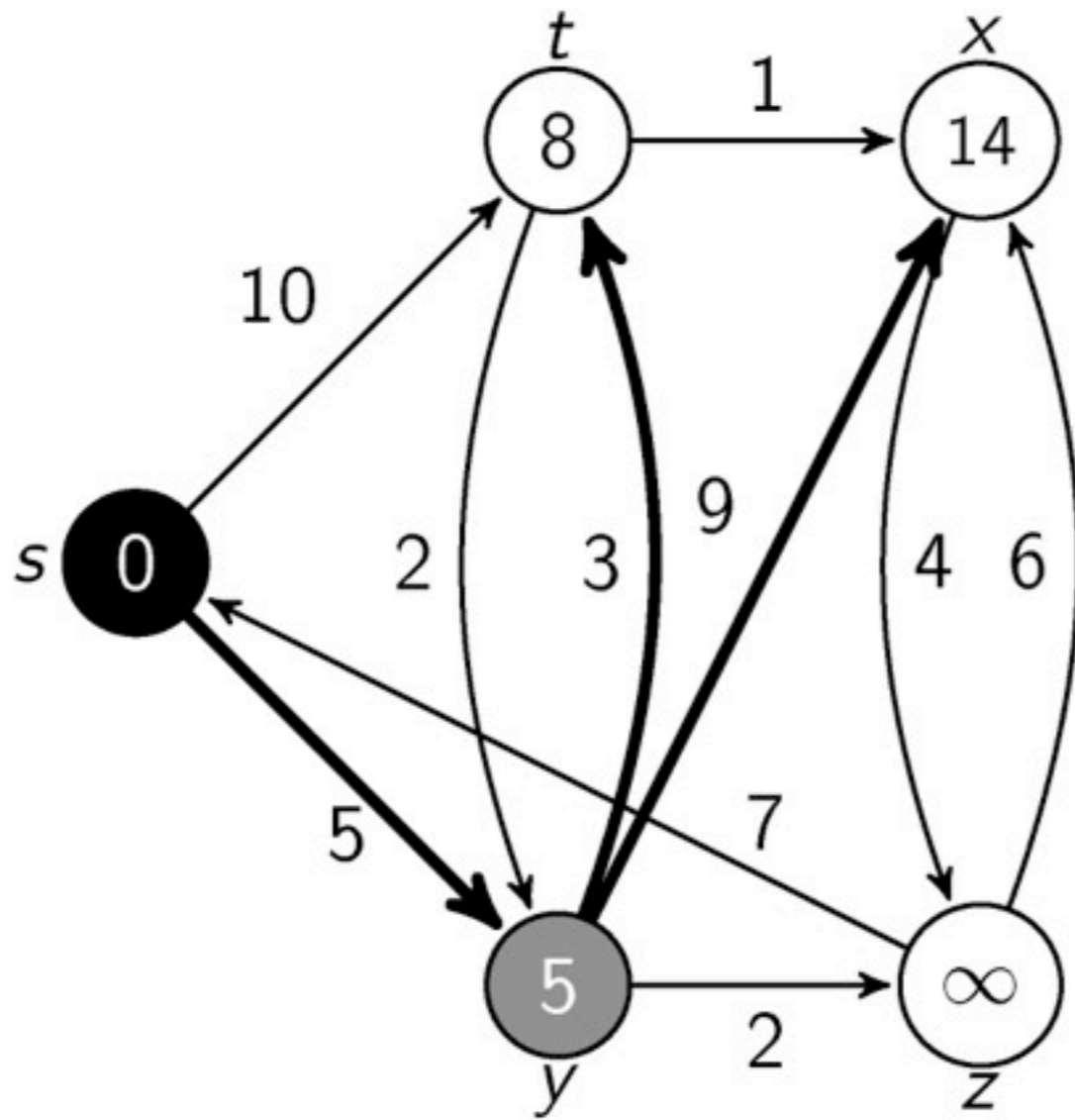
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Update  $t.d = 8$  and  $t.\pi = y$



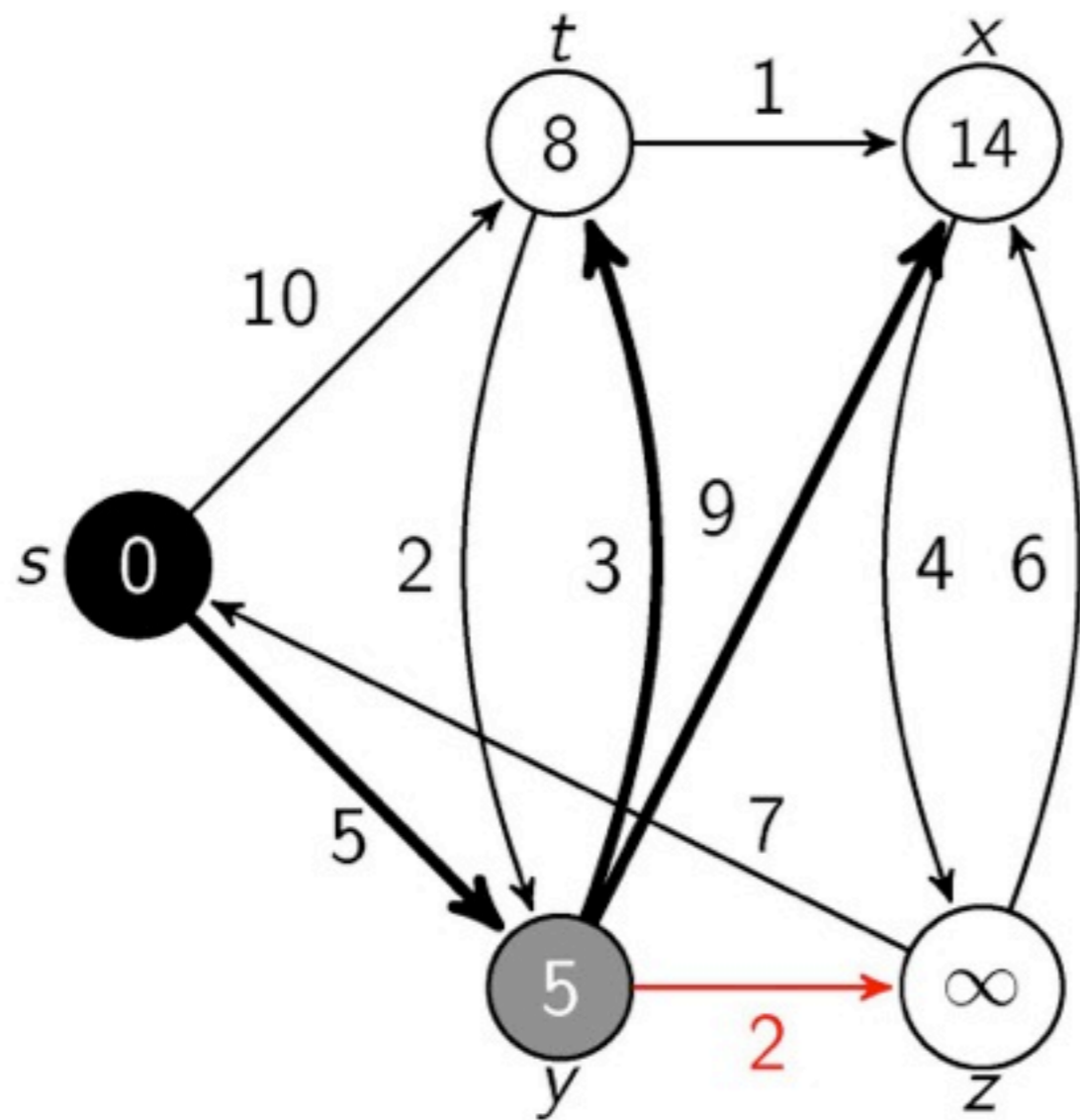
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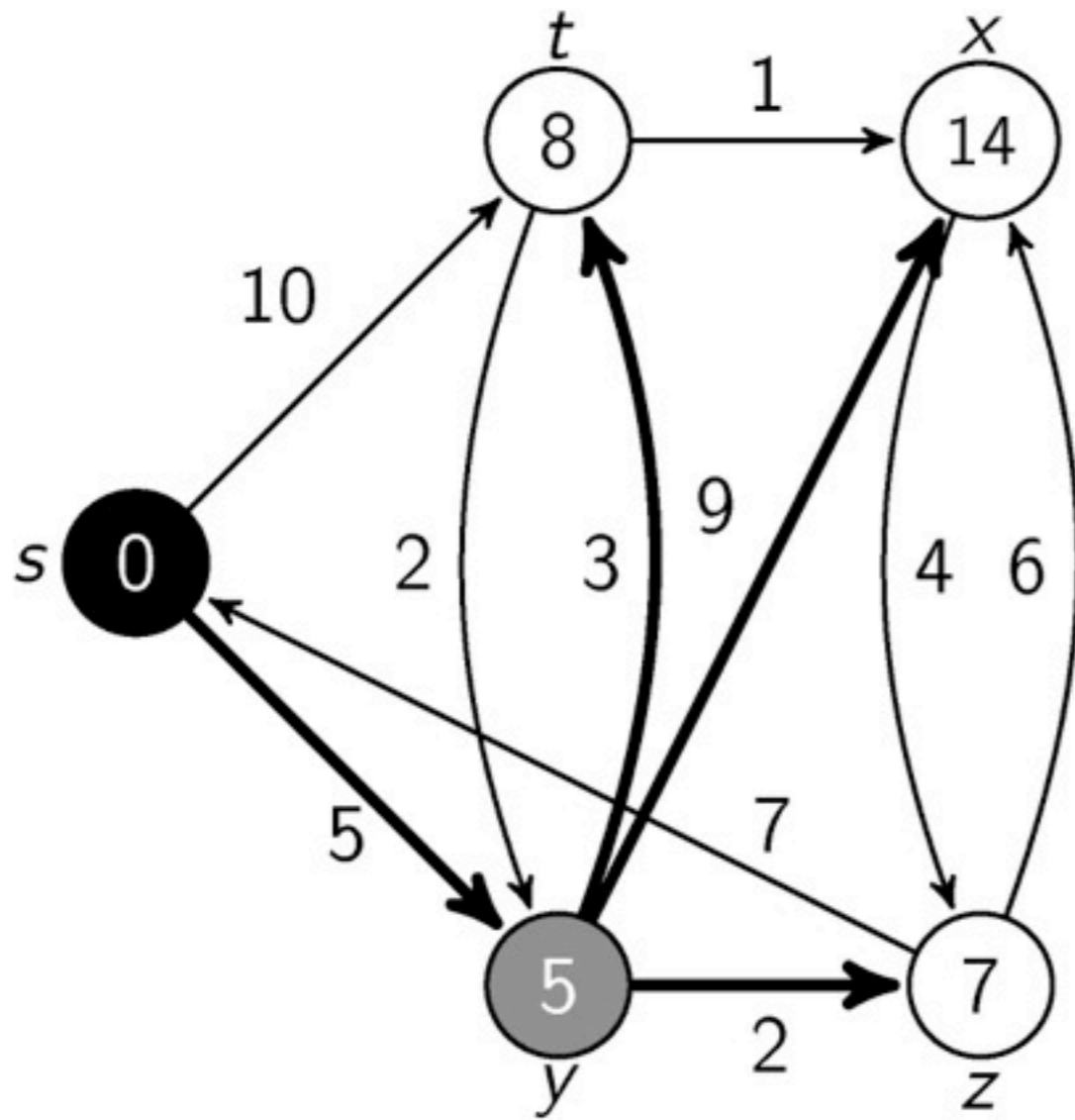


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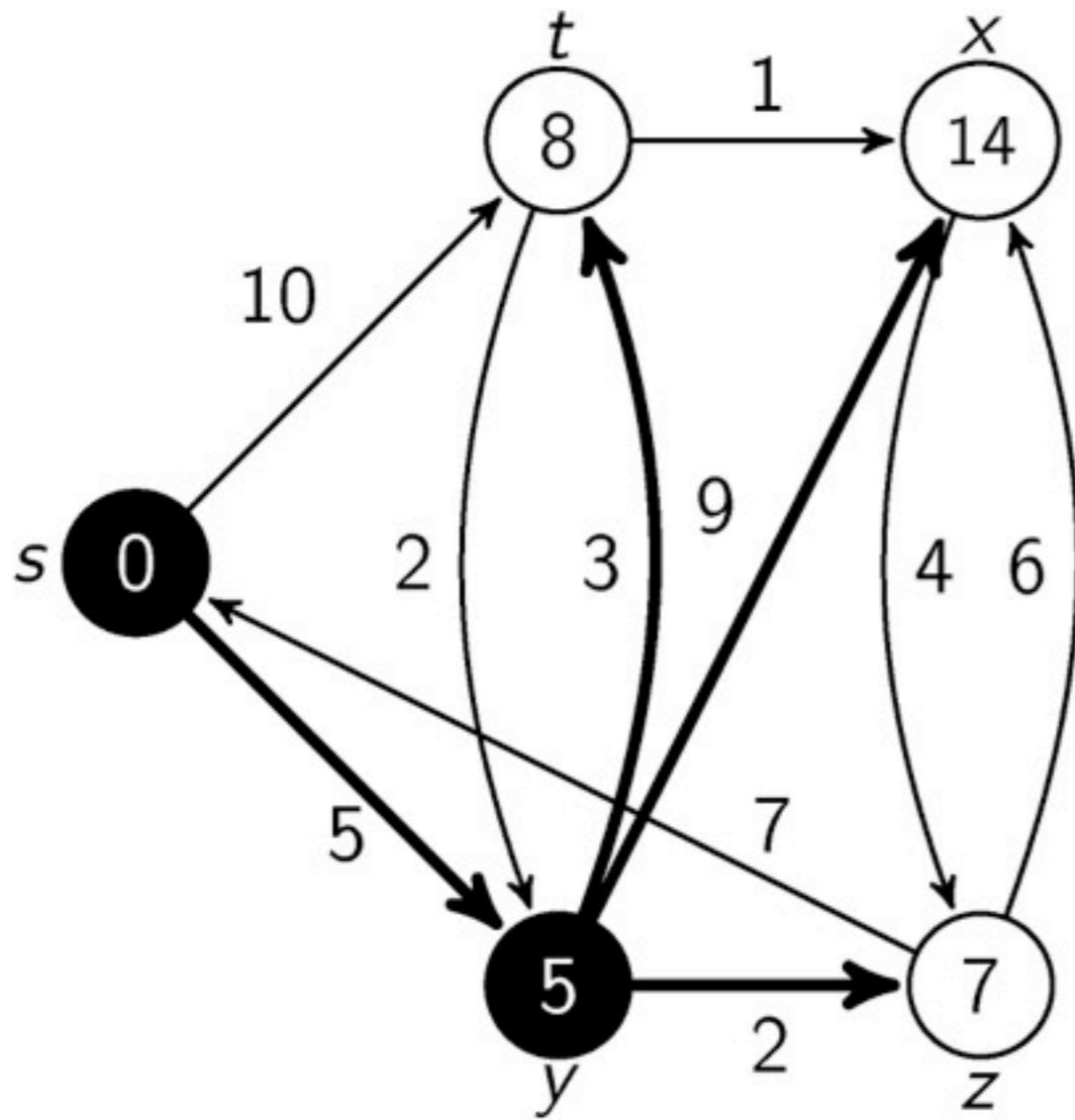
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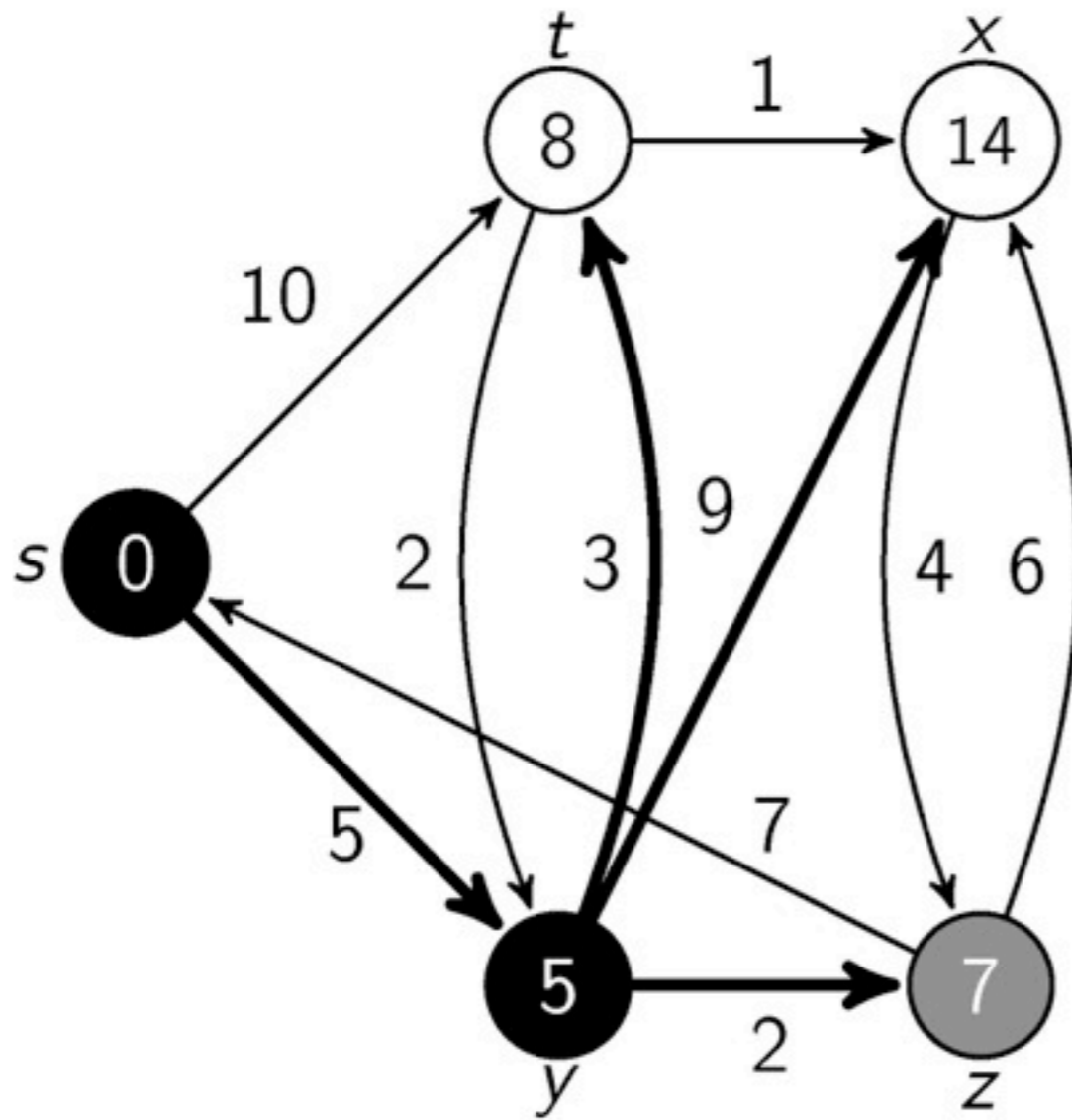




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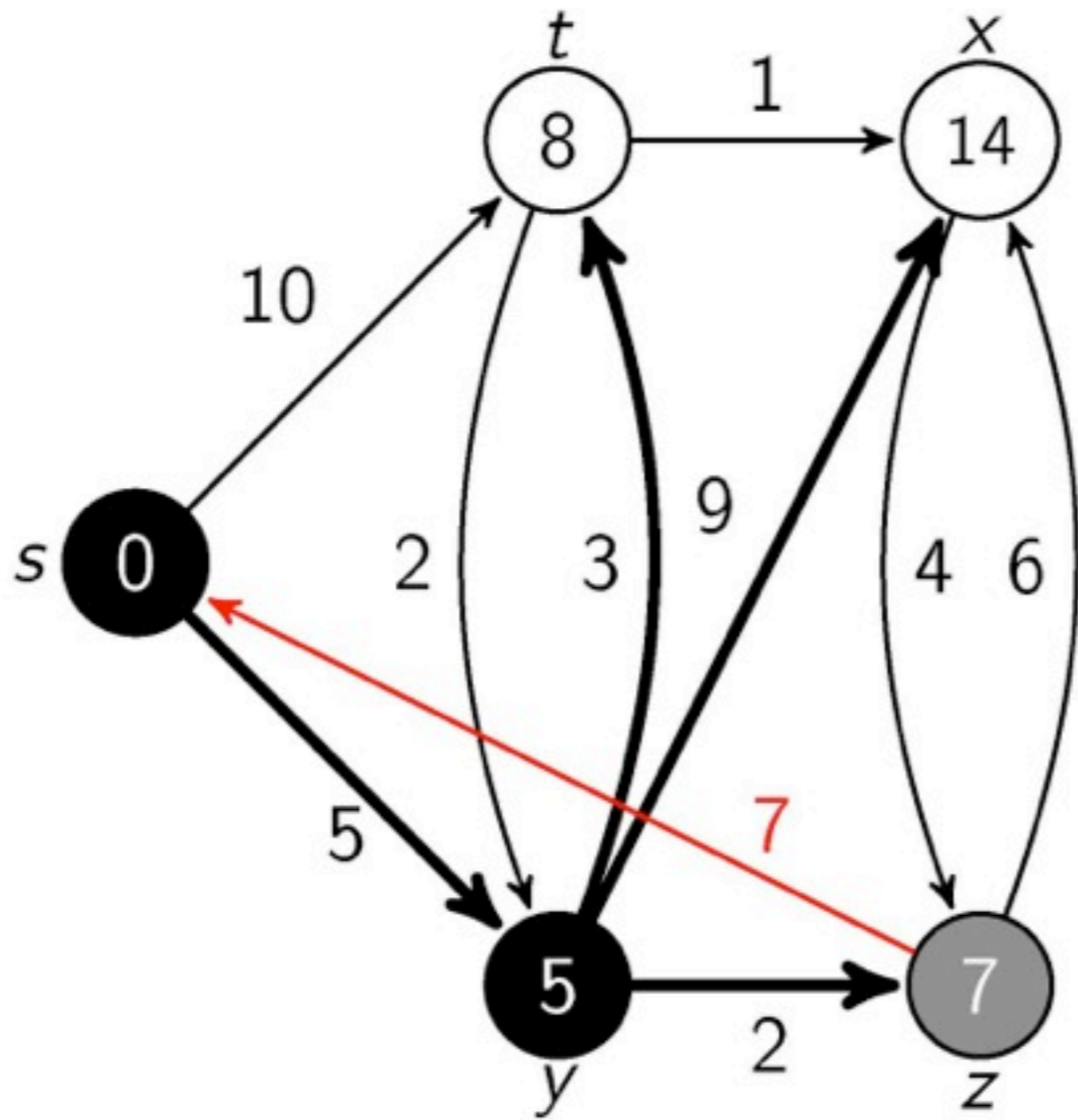
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All edges leaving  $y$  have been tested



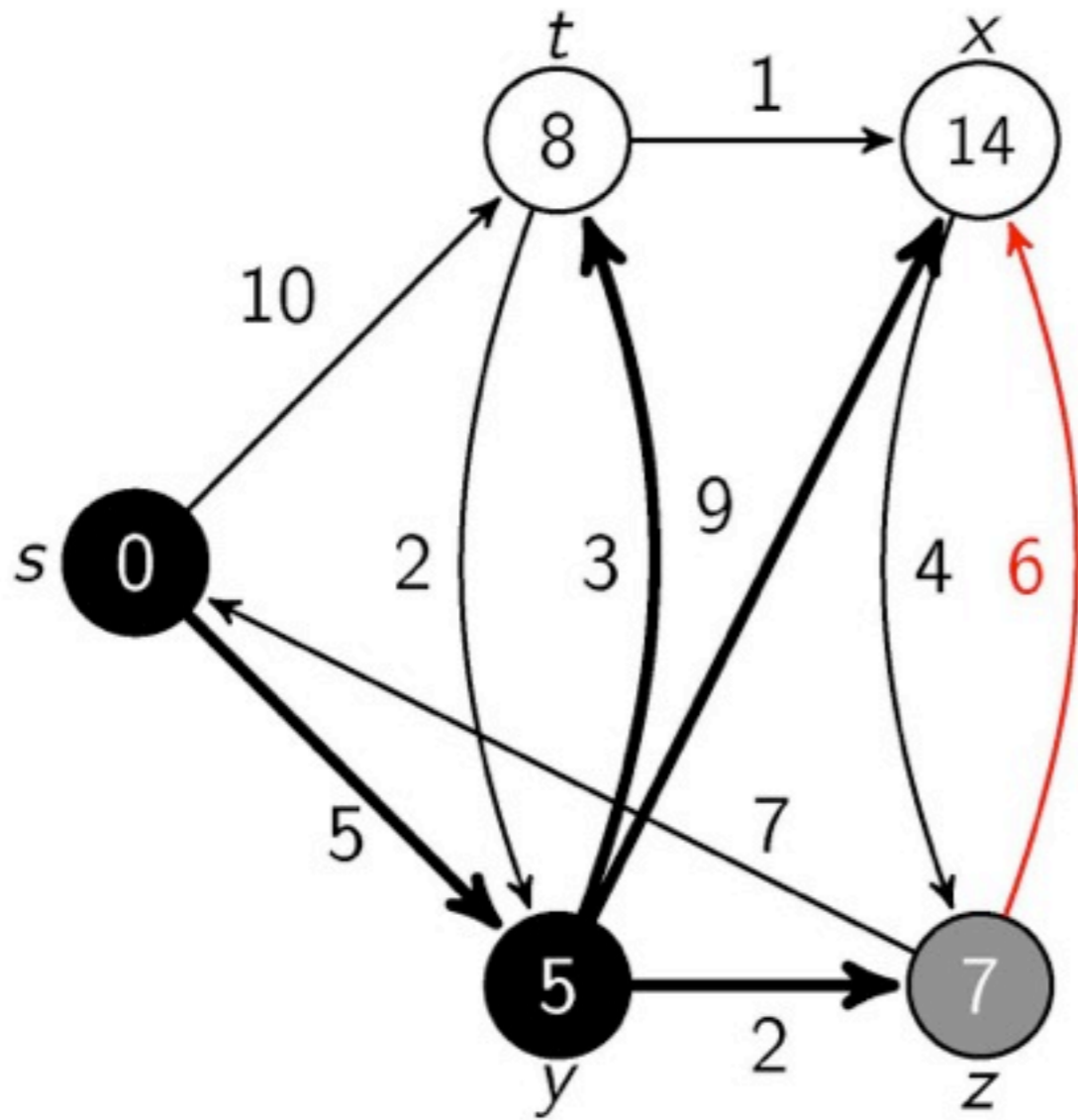
$z = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$   
 $S = \{s, y, z\}$   
 $Q = \{t, x\}$

We are at node  $z$



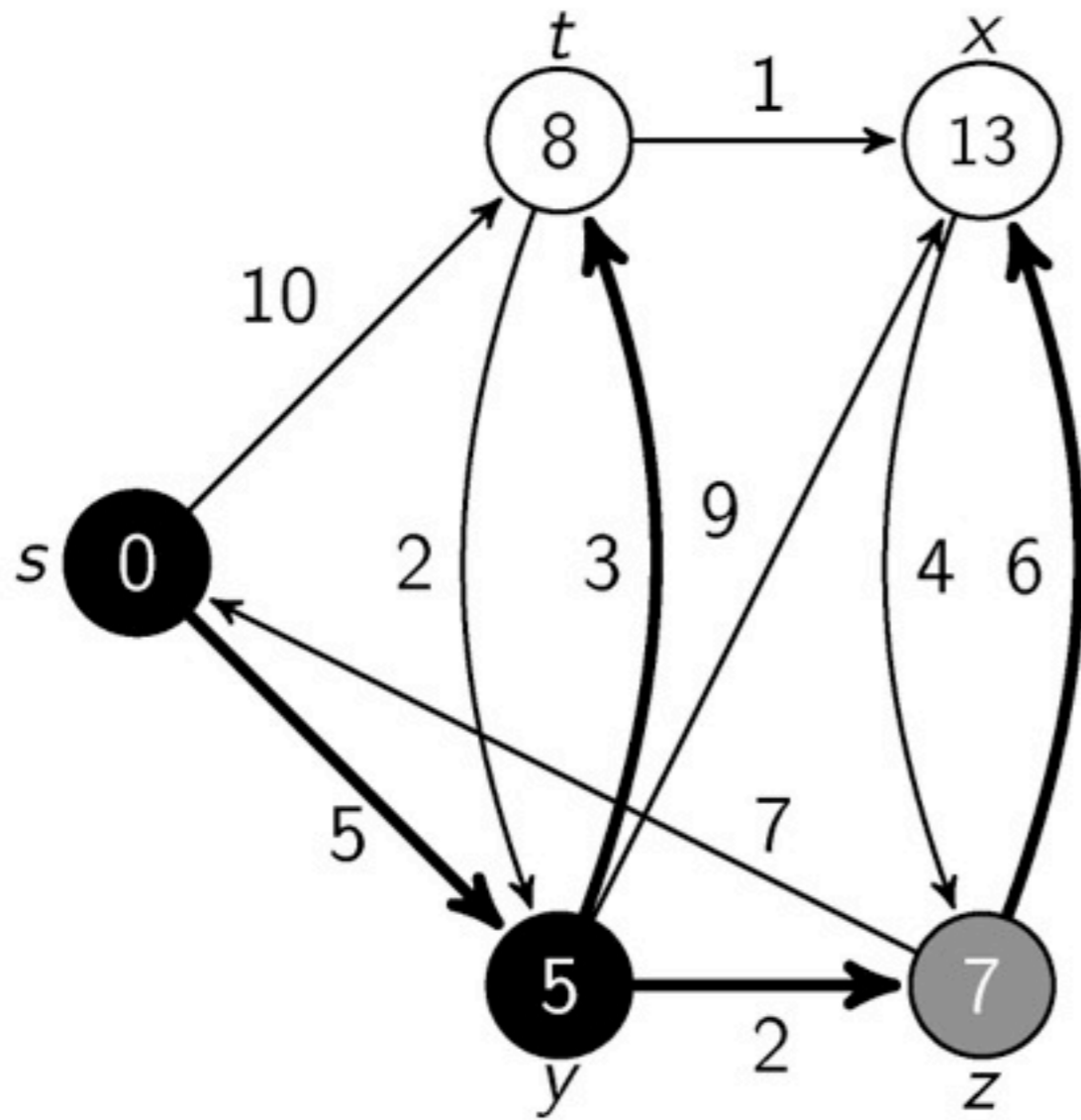
RELAX( $z, s, w$ )  
 $S = \{s, y, z\}$   
 $Q = \{t, x\}$

Test whether we can improve the shortest path to s found so far by going through z



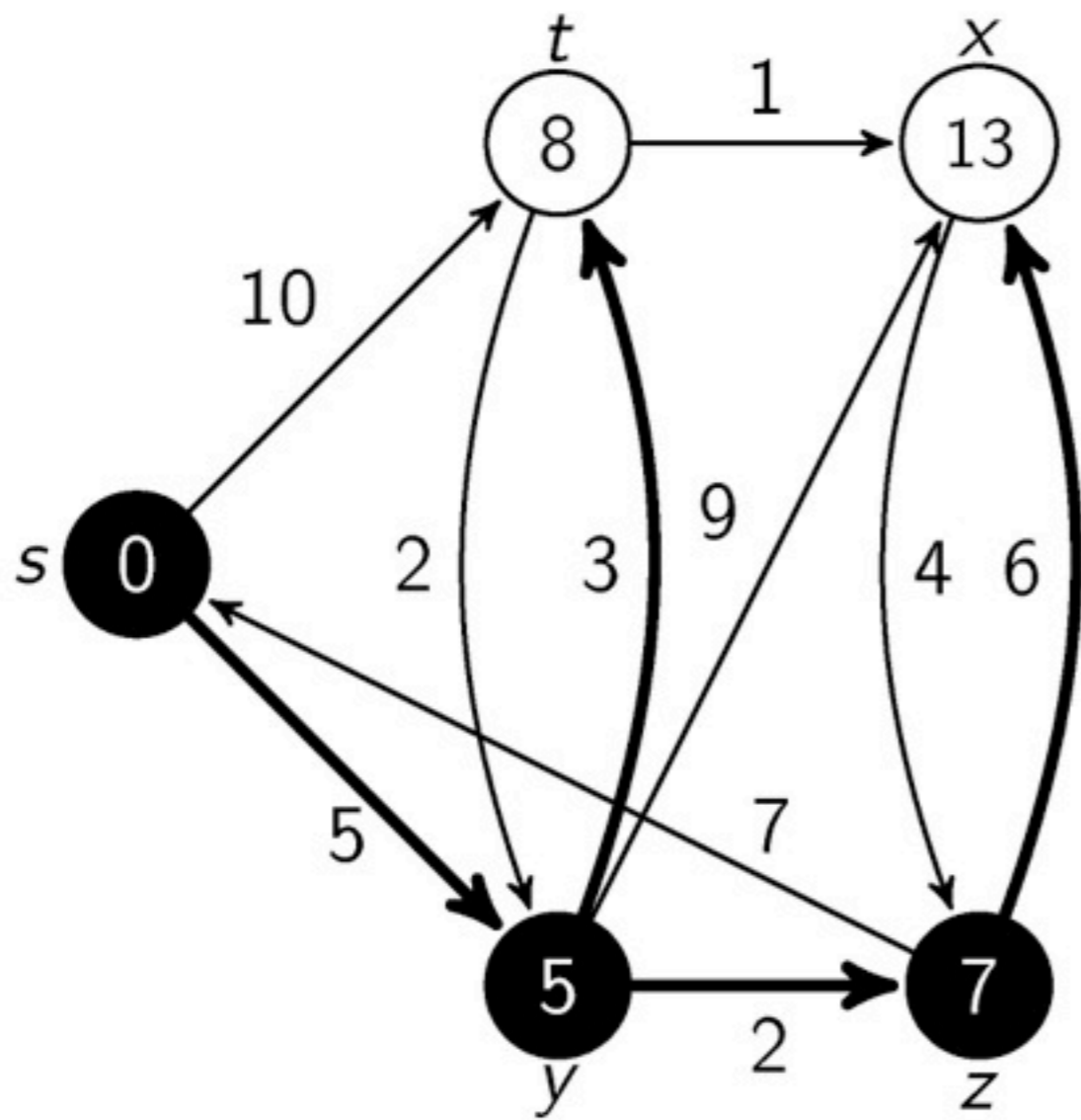
RELAX(z, x, w)  
 $S = \{s, y, z\}$   
 $Q = \{t, x\}$

Test whether we can improve the shortest path to x found so far by going through z



RELAX( $z, x, w$ )  
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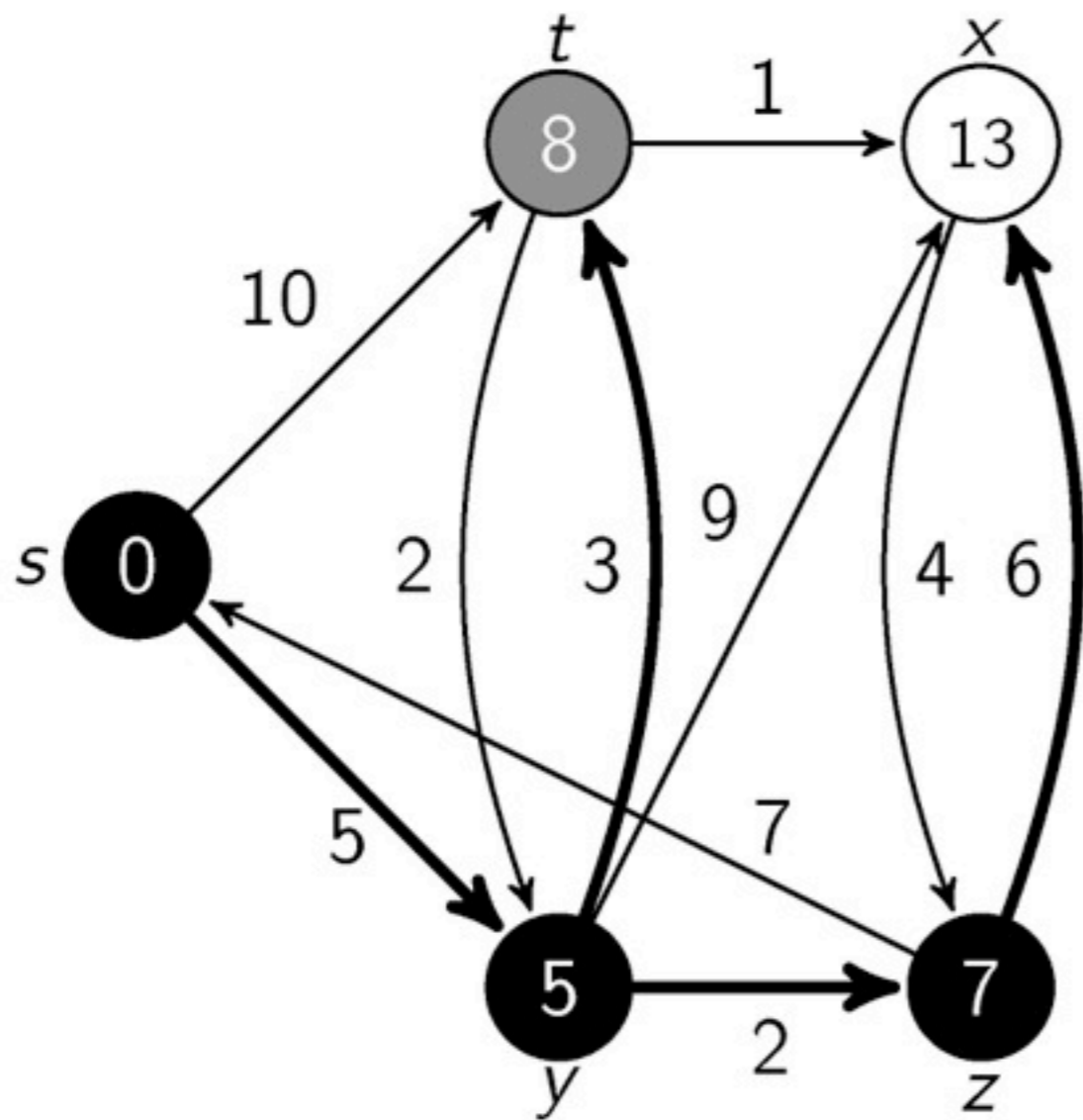
Update  $x.d = 13$  and  $x.\pi = z$



$$S = \{s, y, z\}$$

$$Q = \{t, x\}$$

All edges leaving  $z$  have been tested

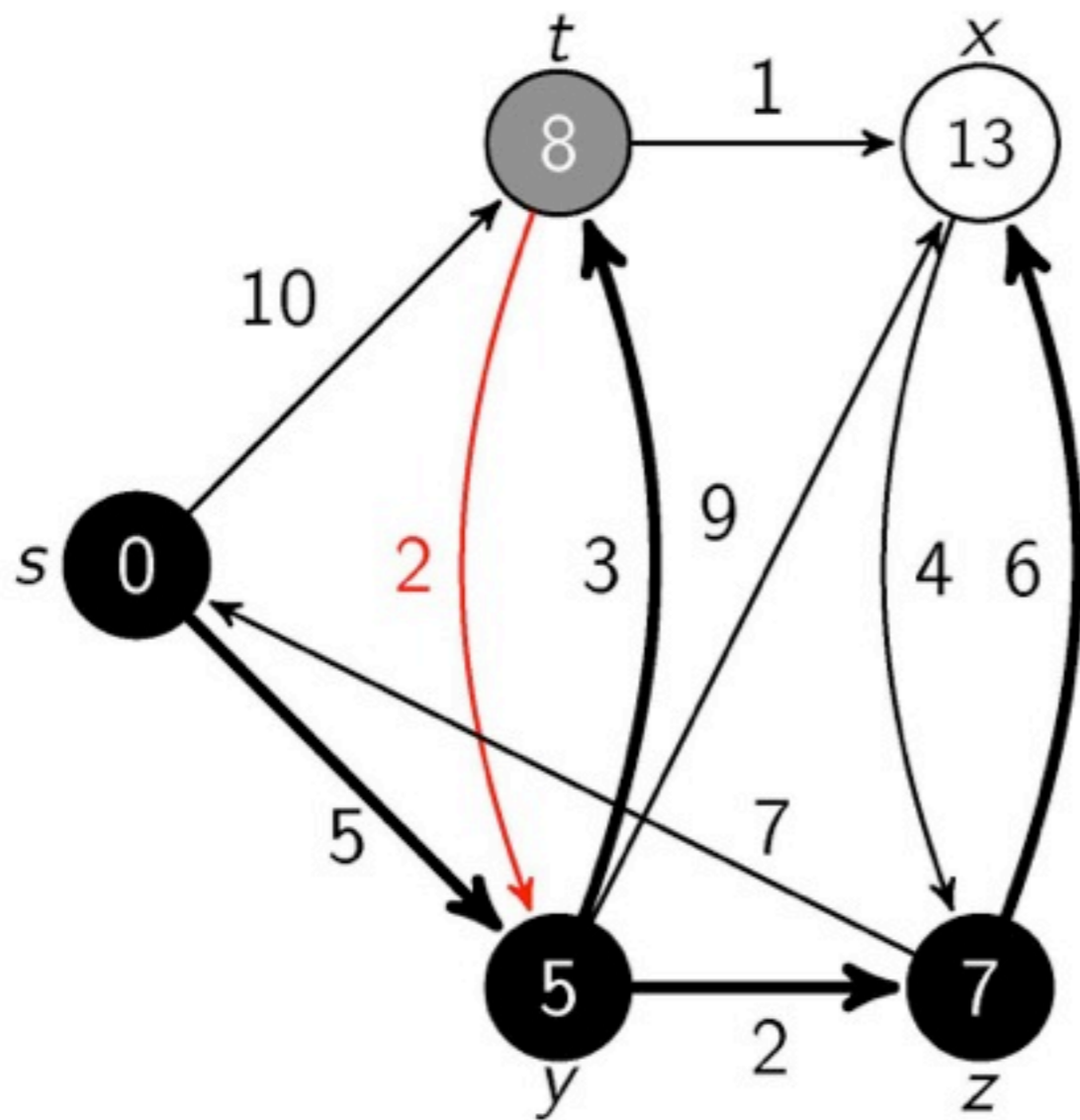


$t = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

$S = \{s, y, z, t\}$

$Q = \{x\}$

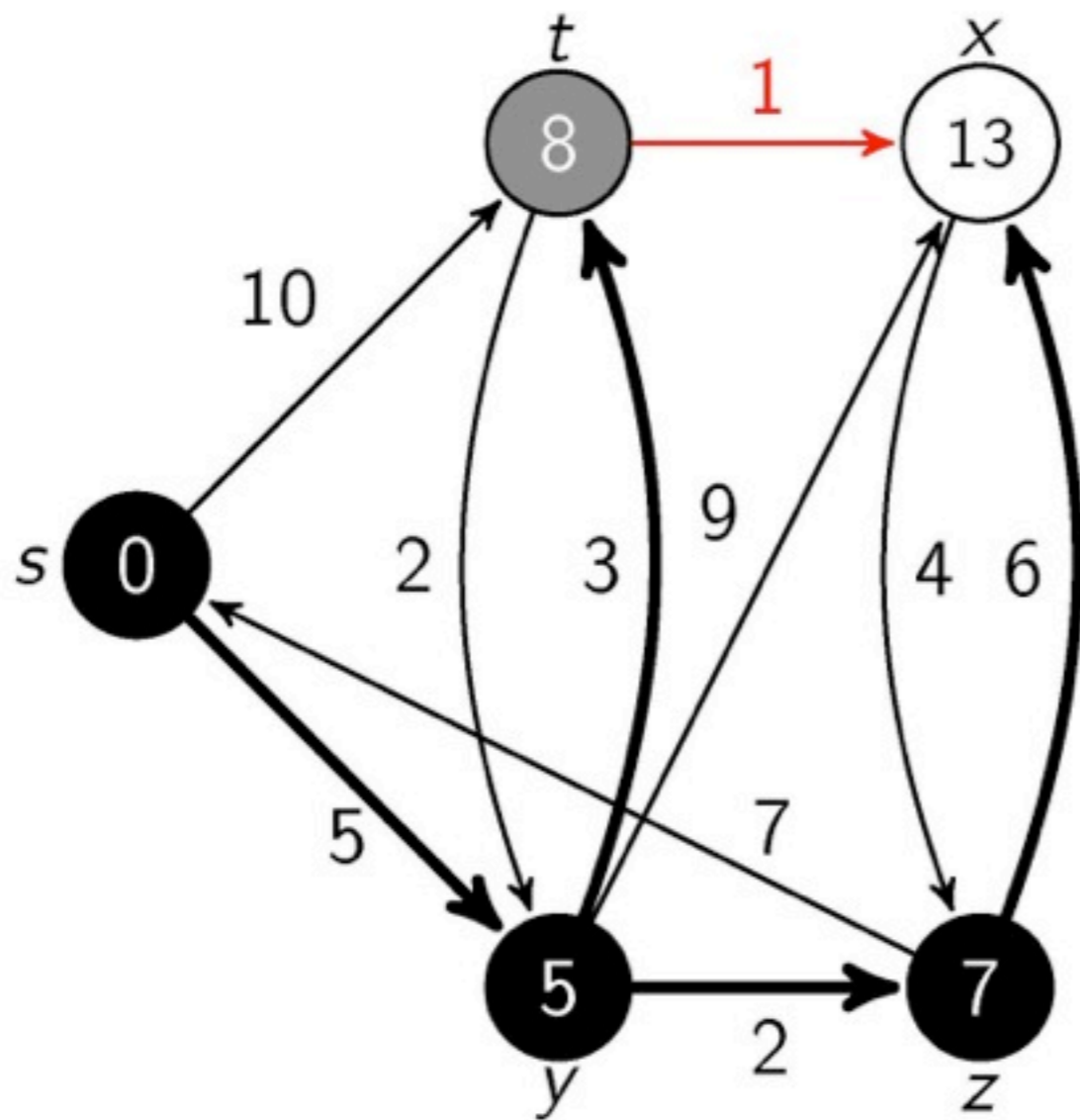
We are at node t



RELAX( $t, y, w$ )  
 $S = \{s, y, z, t\}$   
 $Q = \{x\}$

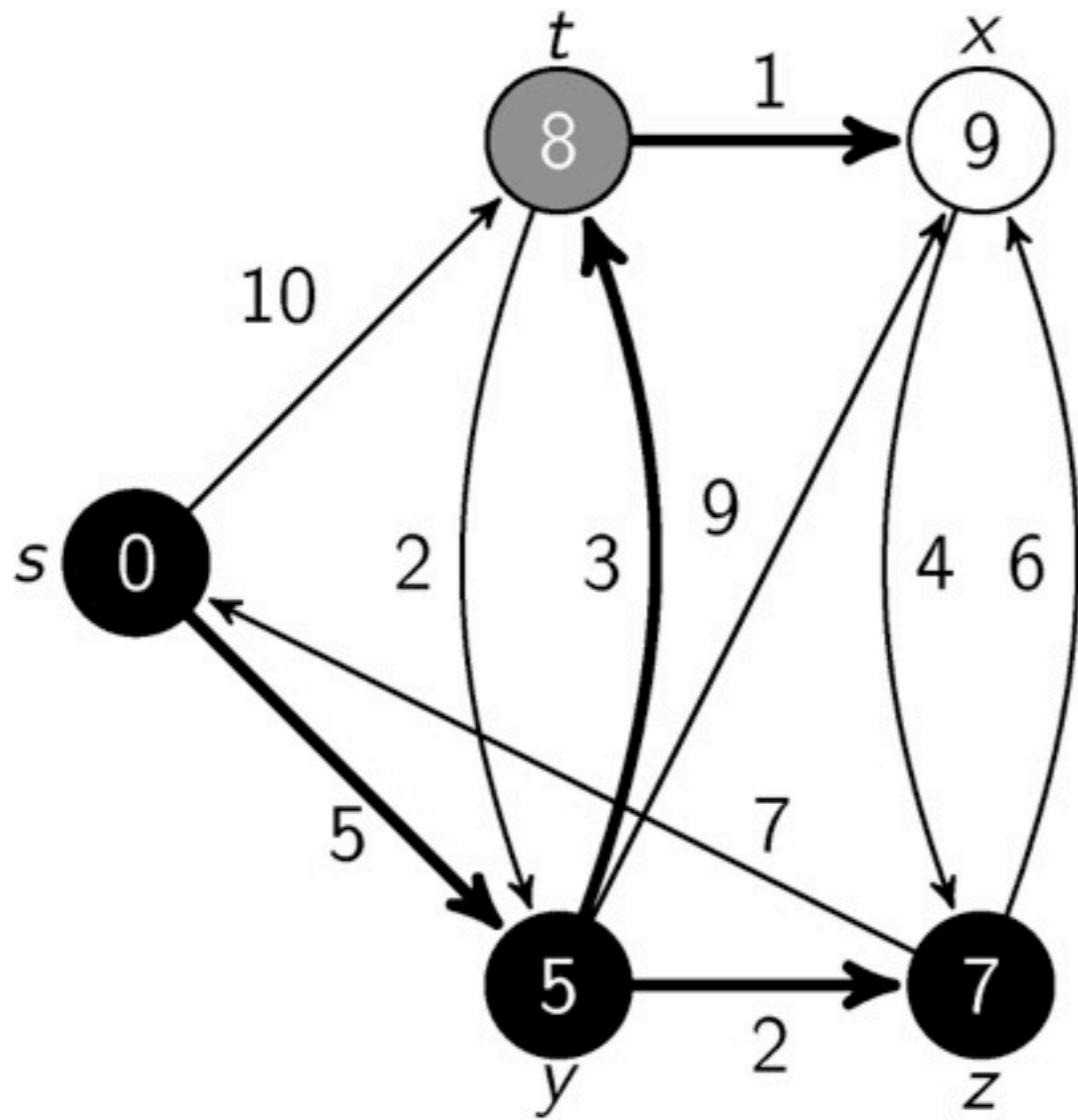
Test whether we can improve the shortest path to y found so far by going through t





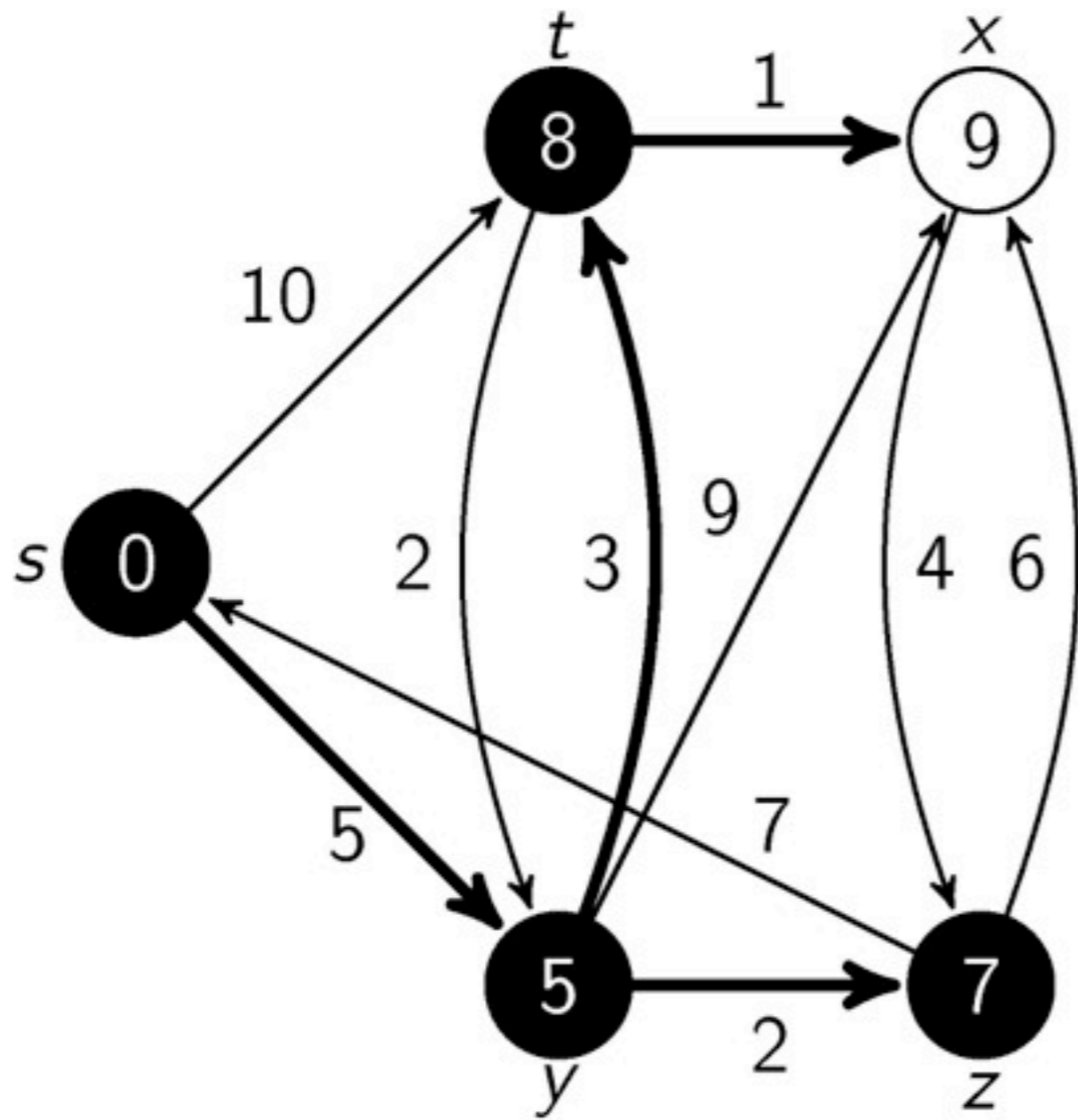
RELAX( $t, x, w$ )  
 $S = \{s, y, z, t\}$   
 $Q = \{x\}$

Test whether we can improve the shortest path to x found so far by going through t



RELAX( $t, x, w$ )  
 $S = \{s, y, z, t\}$   
 $Q = \{x\}$

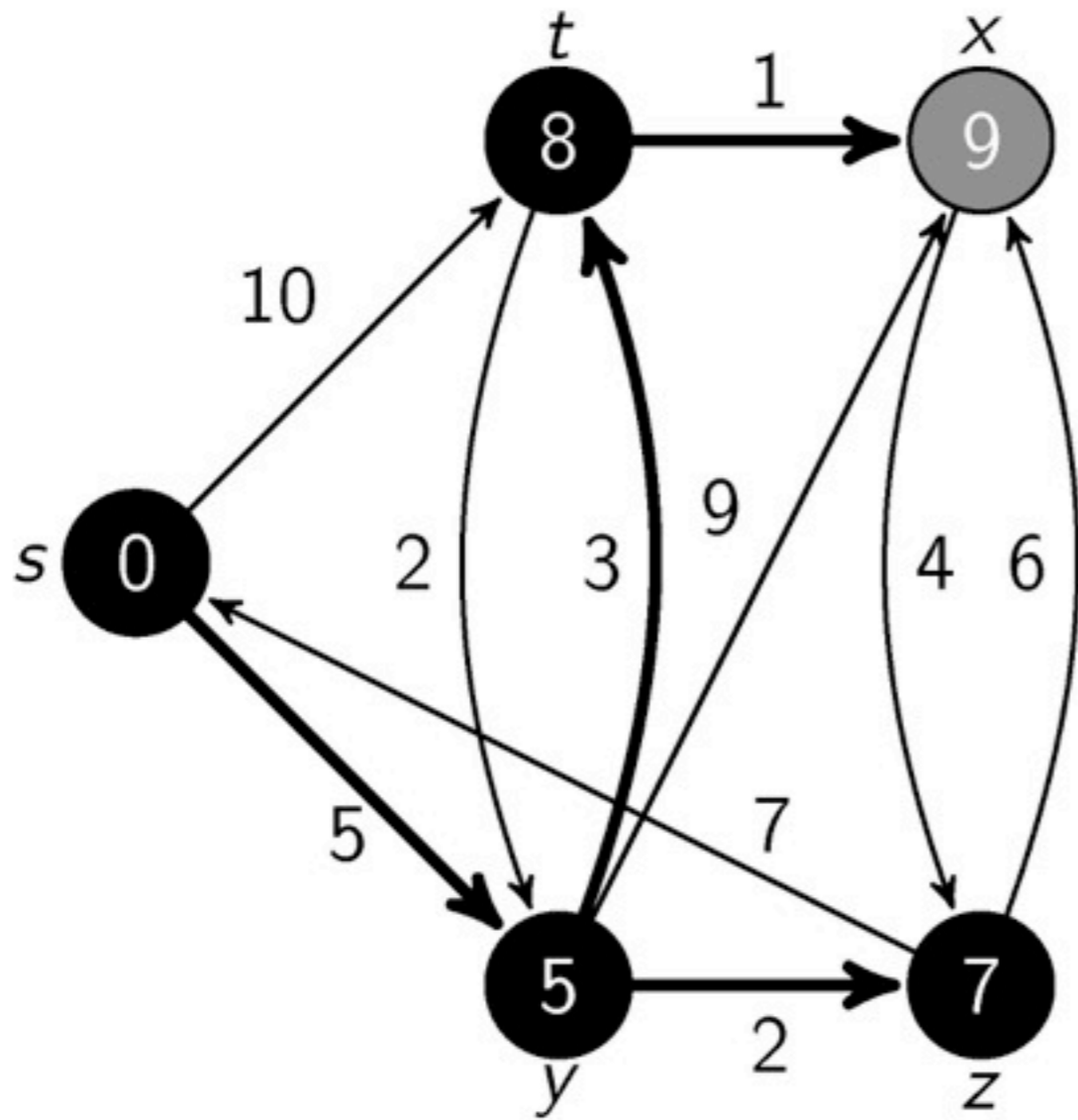
Update  $x.d = 9$  and  $x.\pi = t$



$$S = \{s, y, z, t\}$$

$$Q = \{x\}$$

All edges leaving t have been tested

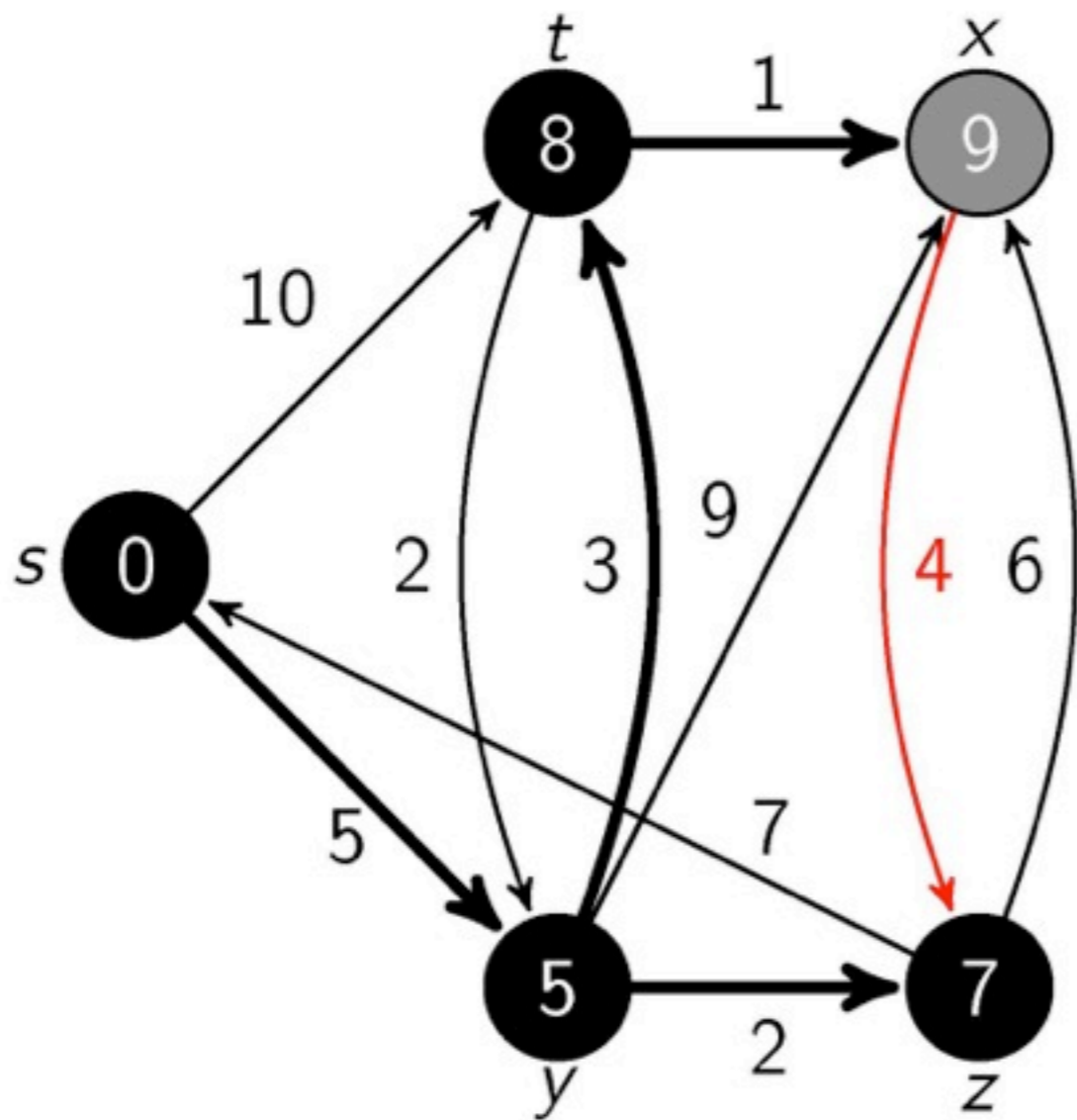


$x = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

$S = G.V$

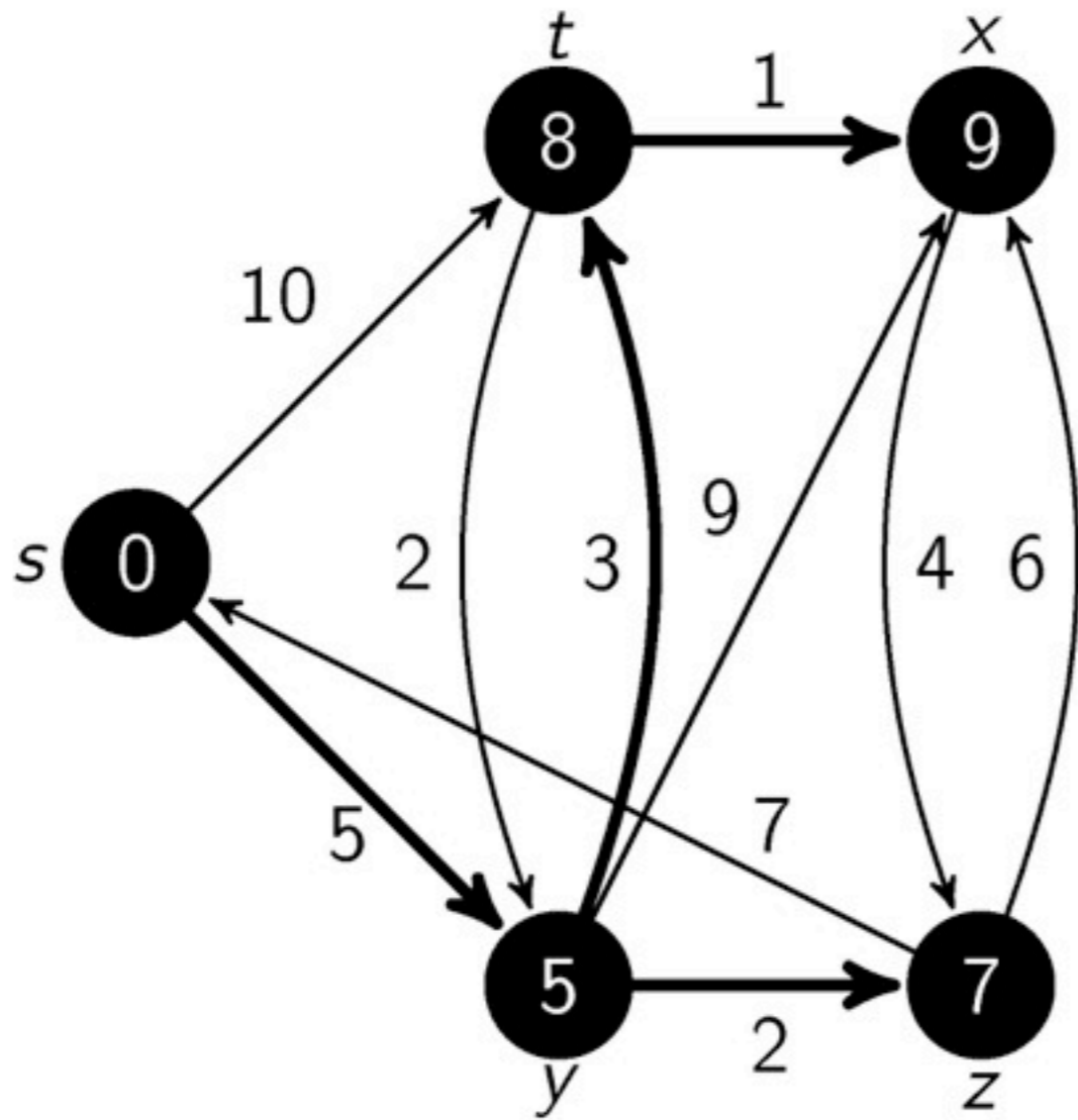
$Q = \emptyset$

We are at node  $x$



RELAX( $x, z, w$ )  
 $S = G.V$   
 $Q = \Phi$

Test whether we can improve the shortest path to z found so far by going through x



$S = G.V$   
 $Q = \Phi$   
 Done!

All edges leaving x have been tested.  
 Every vertex's shortest path from s has been determined. We are done.

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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DIJKSTRA( $G, w, s$ )

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1 INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ )
2  $S = \emptyset$ 
3  $Q = G.V$ 
4 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
5      $u = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ 
6      $S = S \cup \{u\}$ 
7     for each vertex  $v \in G.Adj[u]$ 
8         RELAX( $u, v, w$ )
```

all edges  
from  $u$

- correctness proof in the book
  - idea: proof that for each SP, there is a relaxation sequence of its edges in path-order
- Running Time depends on implementation of queue operations
  - $|V|$  \* extract-min
  - $|E|$  \* decrease key (at relaxation)
- Total
  - $O(V * T_{\text{extract-min}} + E * T_{\text{decrease-key}})$
  - with Fibonacci heaps: extract-min is  $O(\log V)$  and decrease-key is  $O(1)$  ; total  $O(E + V \log V)$

# Graphs II - Shortest paths

## Lesson 2: All Sources Shortest Paths

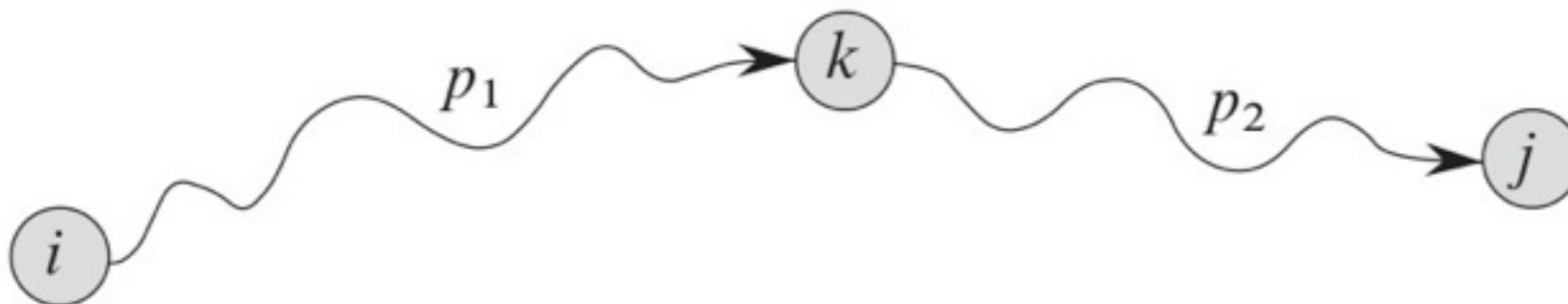


# ASSP

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- Task: find all shortest paths, between any two vertices (no fixed source)
- Slow: run Bellman Ford separately from each vertex as source.
  - running time  $|V| * \text{BF-time} = V * O(VE) = O(V^2E)$
  - that is  $O(V^4)$  if graph dense  $E \approx V^2$

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- Instead, we will use dynamic programming
  - $C_{ij}$  = min SP weight (objective) between vertices  $i, j$
  - optimal solution structure:
    - if path  $P(i \rightarrow j)$  from  $i$  to  $j$  is optimal and passes vertex  $k$ , then the subpaths  $P(i \rightarrow k)$  and  $P(k \rightarrow j)$  must be also optimal
    - optimal = shortest

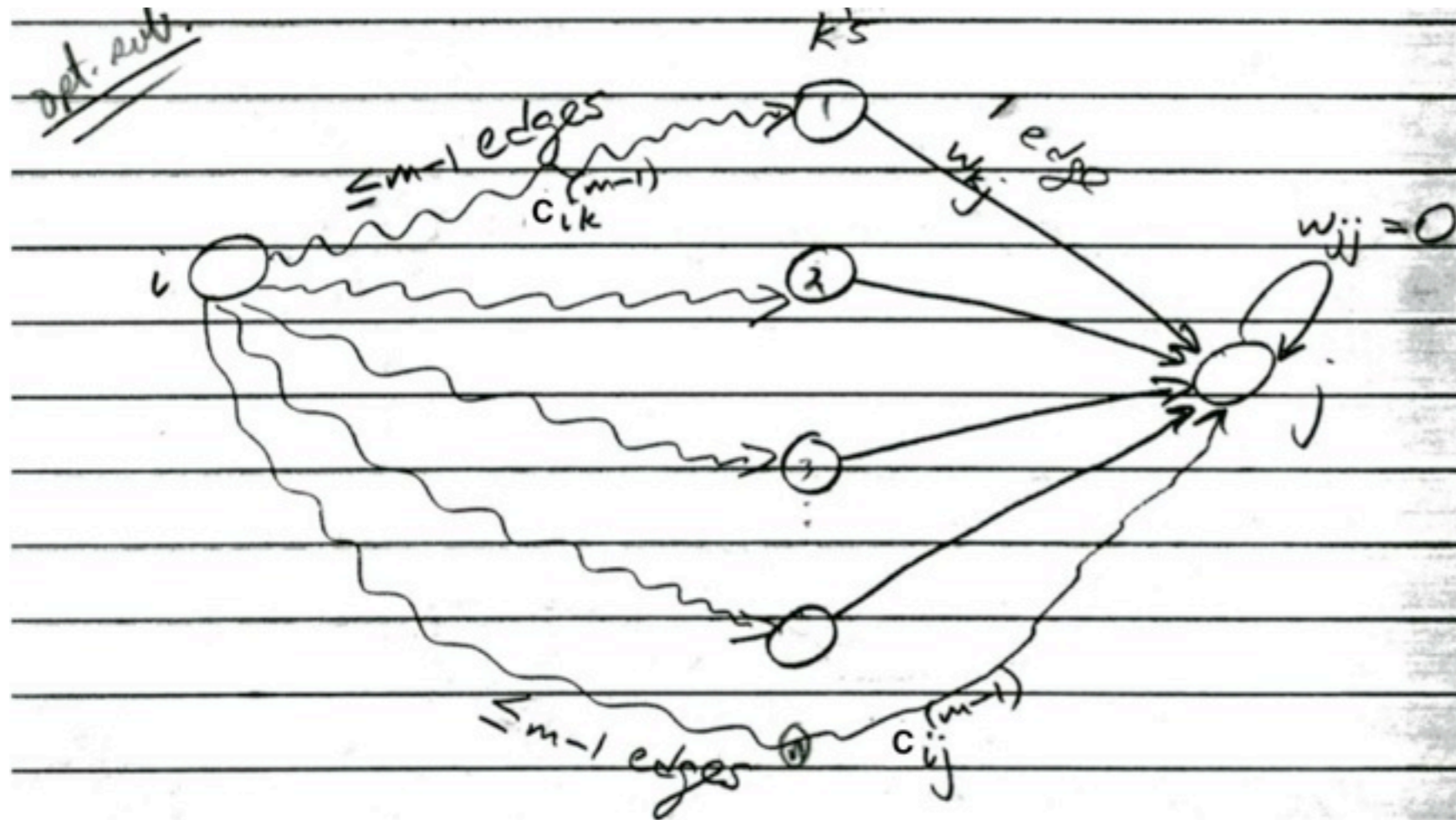


# ASSP dynamic programming

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- two options for dynamic programming
- A. go by the number of edges used in a path
  - $C_{ij}^{(m)}$  = minimum path weight between  $i$  and  $j$  using at most  $m$  edges
  - $C_{ij}^{(1)}$  = weight of edge  $i \rightarrow j$ , if exists (one edge)
  - $C_{ij}^{(2)}$  = min weight of any path  $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$  (max 2 edges)
  - $C_{ij}^{(0)}$  = we 0 if  $i=j$ ,  $\infty$  otherwise (no edge)
- B. by the intermediary nodes in a certain fixed order
  - fix order of all vertices  $1, 2, 3, \dots, |V|$
  - $C_{ij}^{(m)}$  = minimum path weight between  $i$  and  $j$  using only intermediary vertices  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$
  - similar to discrete knapsack idea, see module 6

# ASSP dynamic programming by edges



- $C_{ij}^{(m)} = \min_k \{ C_{ij}^{(m-1)}, C_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj} \}$  //bottom up computation
- the  $C_{ij}$  using  $m$  edges is either
  - the same as  $C_{ij}$  using  $m-1$  edges, OR
  - $C_{ik}$  using  $m-1$  edges to intermediary  $k$ , plus an edge from  $k$  to  $j$   $w_{kj}$
  - all nodes  $k$  are eligible as possible "last" intermediary

# ASSP dynamic programming by edges

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- Compute the  $C^{(m)}$  matrix from  $C^{(m-1)}$  matrix using edges matrix  $W$

- **Extend-SP** ( $C^{(m-1)}, W$ )

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▶ for i=1:n
  ▶ for j=1:n
    ▶ a=∞;
    ▶ for k=1:n
      ▶ a=min{a,  $C_{ik}^{(m-1)} + W_{kj}$ };
    ▶  $C_{ij}^{(m)}=a$ 
```

- **ASSP-slow**( $W$ )

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▶  $C^{(1)} = W$ 
▶ for m=2:n-1
  ▶  $C^{(m)} = \text{Extend-SP}(C^{(m-1)}, W)$ 
▶ return  $C^{(n-1)}$ 
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# ASSP dynamic programming by edges

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- Extend-SP looks like matrix multiplication!
  - Extend-SP running time  $O(n^3)$
- ASSP-slow is  $n * O(n^3) = O(n^4)$ , same as running Bellman Ford separately from each vertex

▶ Extend-SP  $(C^{(m-1)}, W)$

```
for i=1:n
  for j=1:n
    ▶ a=∞;
    for k=1:n
      ▶ a=min{a,  $C_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj}$ };
    ▶  $C_{ij}^{(m)}=a$ 
```

▶  $D=\text{multiply}(C, W)$

```
for i=1:n
  for j=1:n
    ▶ a=0;
    for k=1:n
      ▶ a=a+  $C_{ik} * w_{kj}$ ;
    ▶  $D_{ij}=a$ 
```

# ASSP dynamic programming by edges

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- Think of Extending-SP as of matrix multiplication

- $C^{(1)} = C^{(0)} * W = W$ ; the "\*" means " $a = \min\{a, C_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj}\}$ " inner operation

- $C^{(2)} = C^{(1)} * W = W^2$

- $C^{(3)} = C^{(2)} * W = W^3$

- . . . . .

- Only need  $C^{(n-1)}$ , not the intermediary ones

- $C^{(1)} = W$

- $C^{(2)} = W^2 = (W^1)^2$

- $C^{(4)} = W^4 = (W^2)^2$

- $C^{(8)} = W^8 = (W^4)^2$ , etc

# ASSP dynamic programming by edges

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- ASSP-fast( $W$ )

- ▶  $C^{(1)} = W;$

- ▶ while  $m < n-1$

- ▶  $C^{(m)} = \text{Extend-SP}(C^{(m-1)}, C^{(m-1)}, W);$

- ▶  $m = 2 * m;$

- ▶ return  $C^{(m)}$

- After  $\lceil \lg(n) \rceil$  iterations we have computed  $C^{(m)}$  with  $m \geq n-1$ . Its ok to "overshoot" as  $C$  doesn't change after finding the SP.

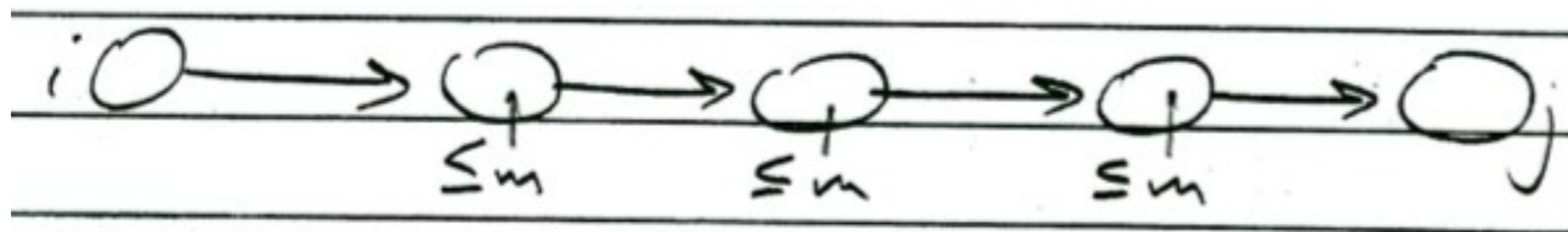
- Running time  $\Theta(V^3 \log V)$



# ASSP dynamic programming by vertices

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- "Floyd-Warshall" algorithm
- Fix a vertex order : 1, 2, 3, ... ,n
  - $S_m =$  set first k of vertices =  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$
- $C_{ij}^{(m)}$  = the weight of SP(i,j) going only through intermediary vertices in set  $S_m$



- $m=0$  : no intermediary allowed;  $C_{ij}^{(0)} = w_{ij}$
- $m=1$  : only  $k=v_1$  intermediary allowed
  - $C_{ij}^{(1)} = \min \{w_{ij}, w_{ik} + w_{kj}\}$

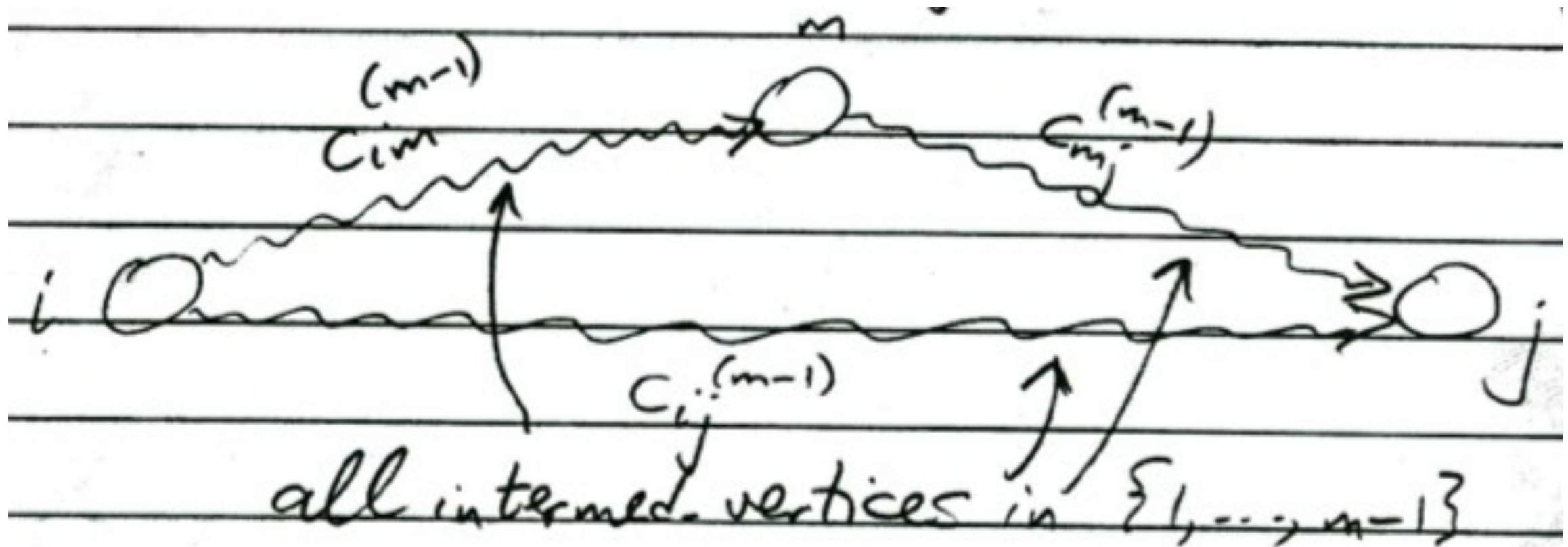
# ASSP dynamic programming by vertices

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- dynamic recursion

- $C_{ij}^{(m)} = \min\{ C_{ij}^{(m-1)}, C_{im}^{(m-1)} + C_{mj}^{(m-1)} \}$

- $C_{ij}^{(m)}$  = minimum between  $C_{ij}^{(m-1)}$  and the SP including vertex  $v_m$  and only other intermediaries  $< m$ .



# ASSP dynamic programming by vertices

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- bottom up computation

- ▶ Floyd-Warshall-ASSP(W)

```
▶ for m=1:n
  ▶ for i=1:n
    ▶ for j=1:n
      ▶  $C_{ij}^{(m)} = \min\{ C_{ij}^{(m-1)}, C_{im}^{(m-1)} + C_{mj}^{(m-1)} \}$ 
    ▶ return  $C^{(n)}$ 
```

- Running time  $\Theta(V^3)$

- for dense graphs  $E \approx V^2$ , Floyd-Warshall-ASSP same cost as Bellman-Ford-SSSP



