

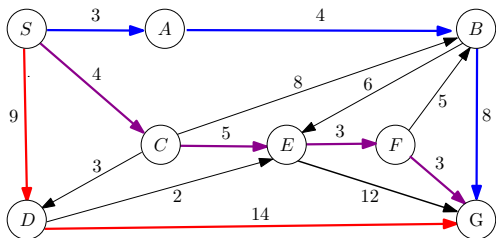
Single Source Shortest Path

- Weighted Graphs and Shortest Paths
- Dijkstra Algorithm
- Proof of Correctness
- Runtime
 - Basic Implementation
 - Vertex-Centric Implementation
 - Heap Based Implementation

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Shortest Paths

Weight of a path in weighted graphs is sum of weights of its edges



Three $S - G$ paths

$$C(p_1) = 3 + 4 + 8$$

$$C(p_2) = 4 + 5 + 3 + 3$$

$$C(p_3) = 9 + 14$$

Shortest path from s to t is a path of smallest weight

Distance from s to t , $d(s, t)$: weight of the shortest $s - t$ path

There can be multiple shortest paths

Shortest Path Problems

1 Shortest $s - t$ path:

Given $G = (V, E, w)$ and $s, t \in V$, find a shortest path from s to t

- For an undirected graph, it will be a path between s and t
- Unweighted graphs are weighted graphs with all edge weights = 1
- Shortest path is not unique, any path with minimum weight will work

2 Single source shortest paths (SSSP):

Given $G = (V, E, w)$ and $s \in V$, find shortest paths from s to all $t \in V$

- Problems of undirected and unweighted graphs are covered as above
- It includes the first problem

We focus on SSSP

SSSP Problem

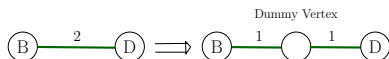
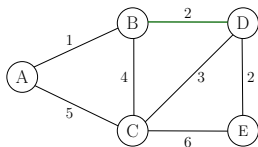
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For unweighted graphs (unit weights) BFS from s will work

▷ BFS running time: $O(n + m)$

For weighted graph replace each edge e by a directed path of $w(e)$ unit weight edges



- What if weights are not integers or are negative
- Blows up size of the graph a lot

Dijkstra Algorithm

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Dijkstra's algorithm solves SSSP for both directed and undirected graphs

Assumptions:

- 1 All vertices are reachable from s
 - Otherwise there is no shortest path (distance = ∞)
 - Easy to get $R(s)$ in preprocessing (e.g., BFS or DFS)
- 2 All edge weights are non-negative
 - Bellman-Ford algorithm deals with negative weights

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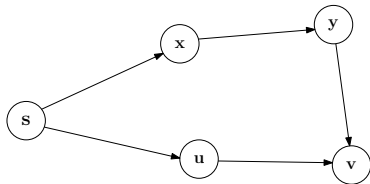
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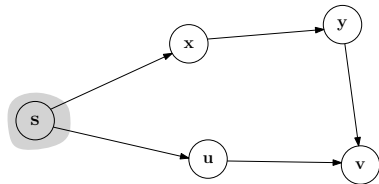
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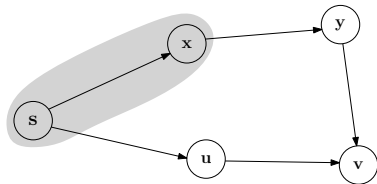
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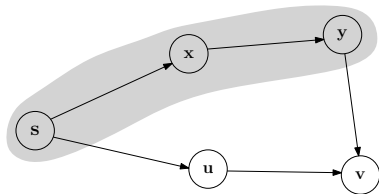
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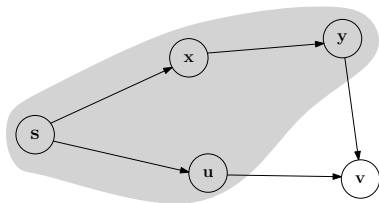
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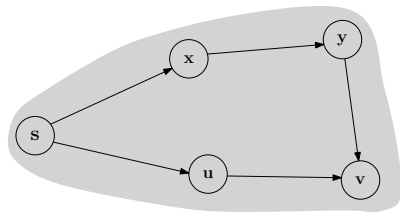
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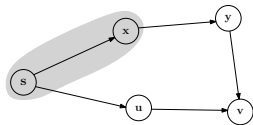
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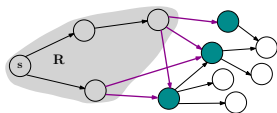


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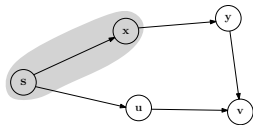
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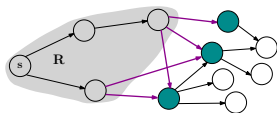
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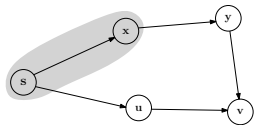
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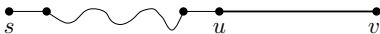
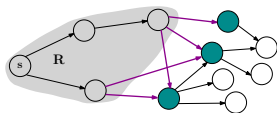
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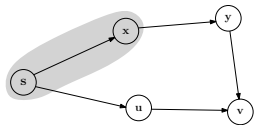
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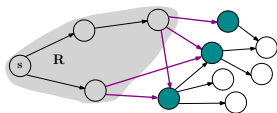
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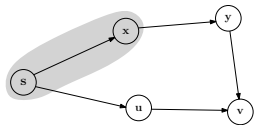
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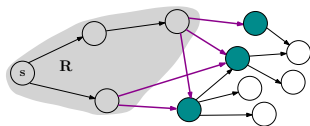
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- This implies that v is only one edge away from R , i.e. (u, v)

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Restrict search to “**single edge extensions**” of paths to $u \in R$

- Dijkstra assigns a score to each **crossing edge**

$$\text{score}(u, v) = d[u] + w(uv) \quad \text{for} \quad (u, v) \in E, u \in R, v \notin R$$

- Add a frontier vertex adjacent through minimum scoring edge

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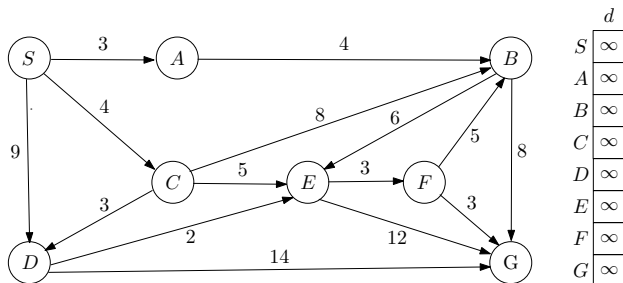
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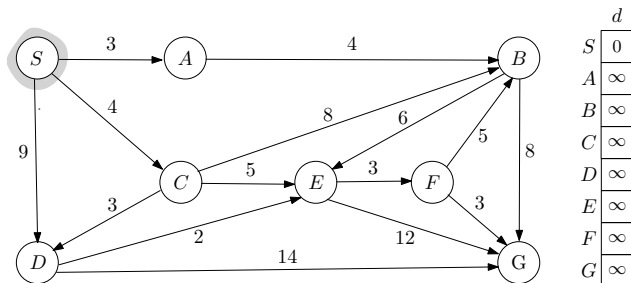
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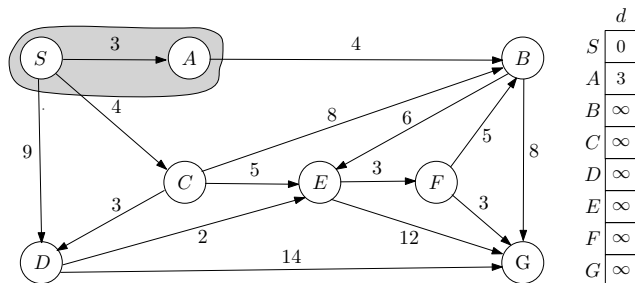
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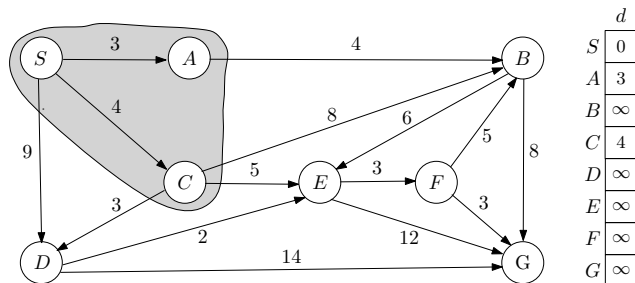
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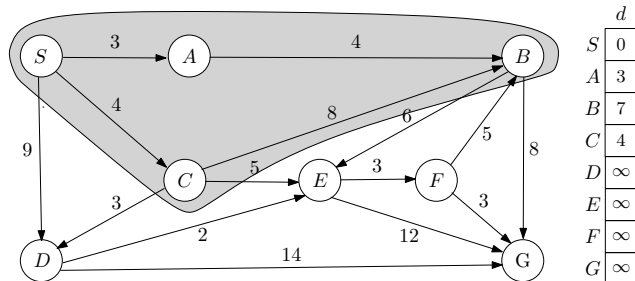
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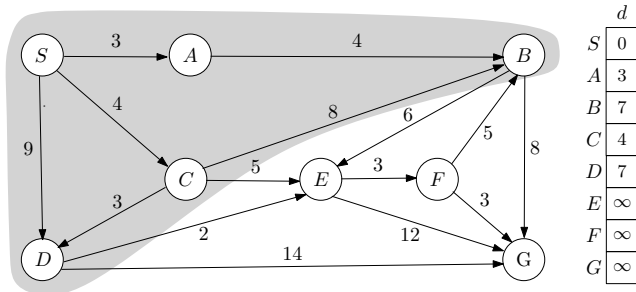
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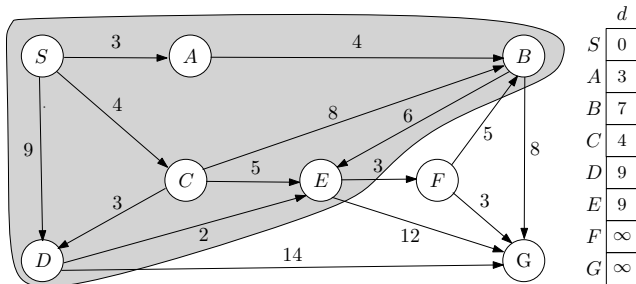
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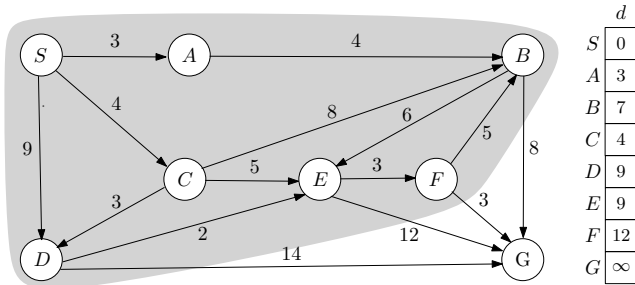
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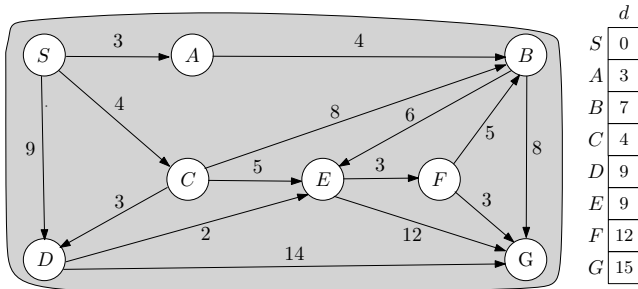
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Record predecessor relationships (sources of used edges)

Implicitly builds a tree (shortest path tree)

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