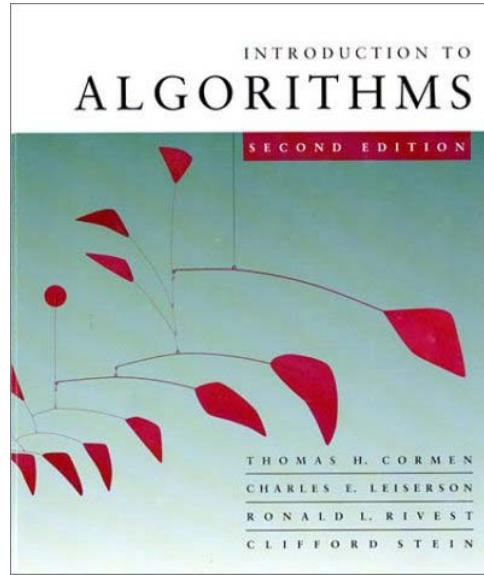


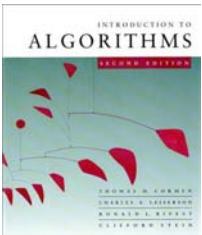
# CS 5633 -- Spring 2004



## *Single Source Shortest Paths*

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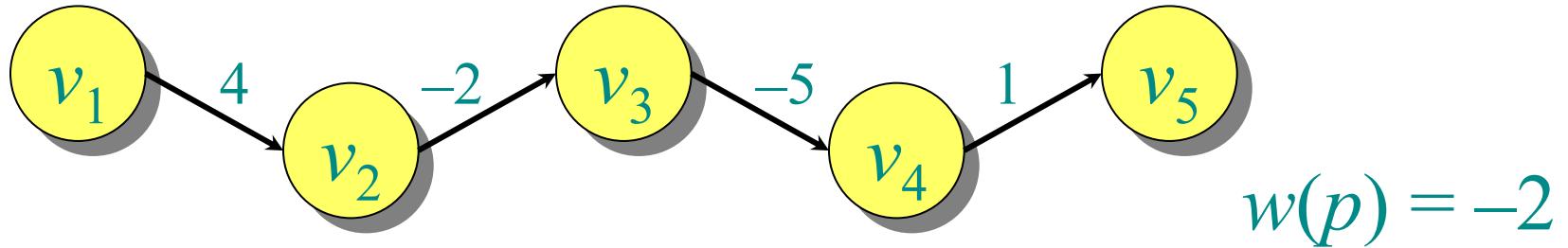


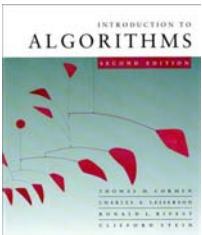
# Paths in graphs

Consider a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge-weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The **weight** of path  $p = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$  is defined to be

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1}).$$

**Example:**



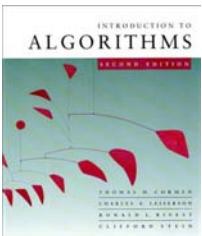


# Shortest paths

A *shortest path* from  $u$  to  $v$  is a path of minimum weight from  $u$  to  $v$ . The *shortest-path weight* from  $u$  to  $v$  is defined as

$$\delta(u, v) = \min \{w(p) : p \text{ is a path from } u \text{ to } v\}.$$

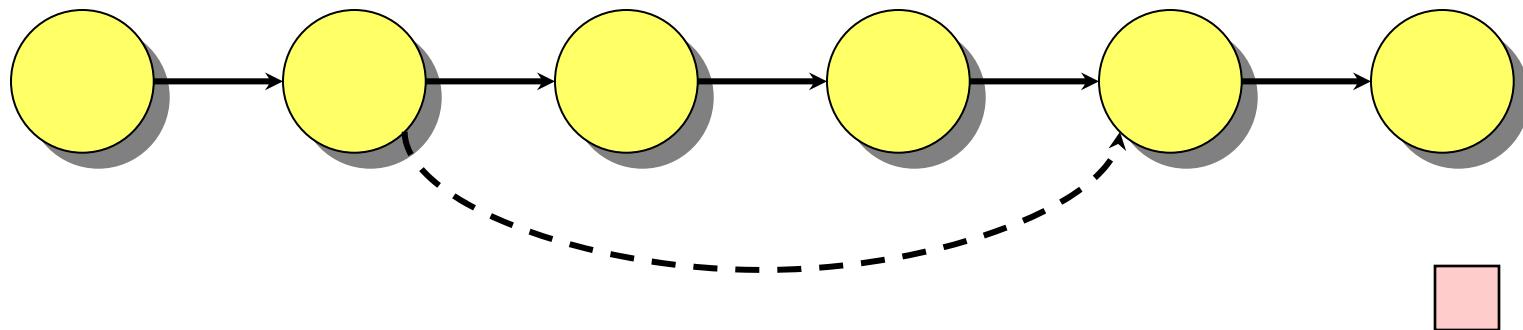
**Note:**  $\delta(u, v) = \infty$  if no path from  $u$  to  $v$  exists.

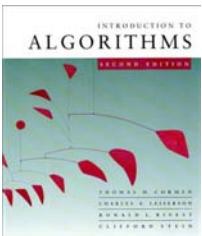


# Optimal substructure

**Theorem.** A subpath of a shortest path is a shortest path.

*Proof.* Cut and paste:



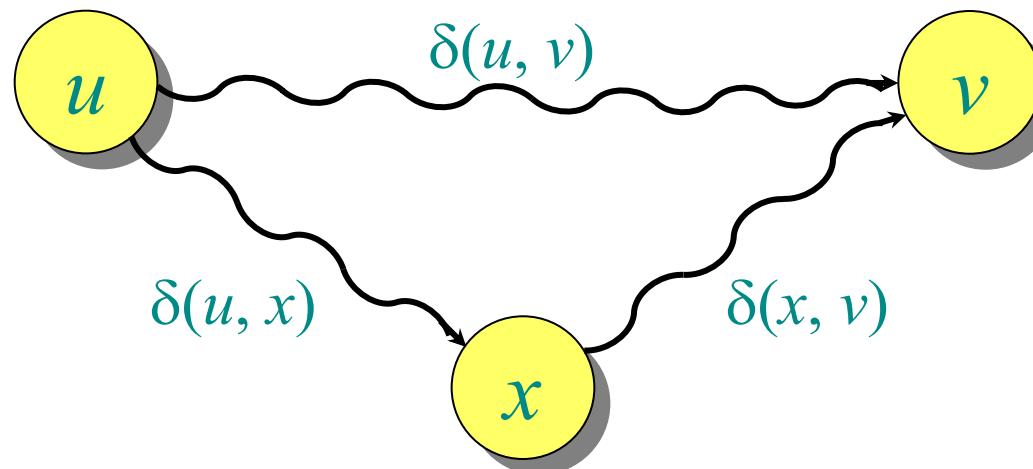


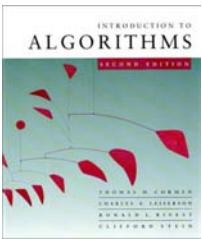
# Triangle inequality

**Theorem.** For all  $u, v, x \in V$ , we have

$$\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v).$$

*Proof.*

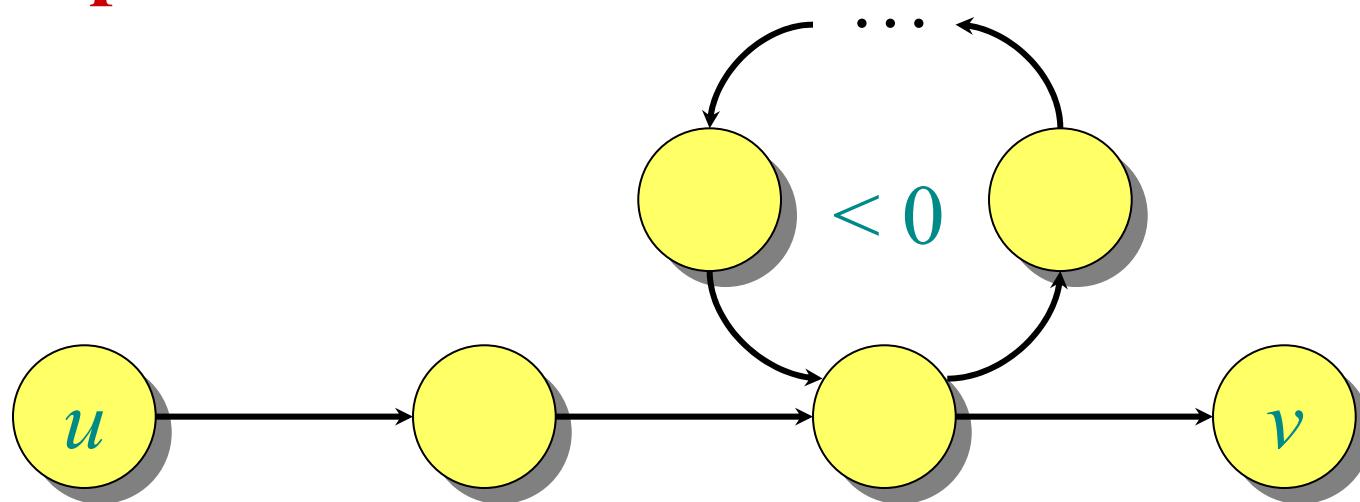


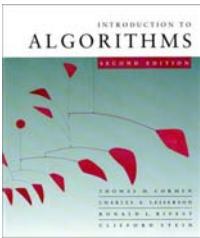


# Well-definedness of shortest paths

If a graph  $G$  contains a negative-weight cycle, then some shortest paths may not exist.

**Example:**





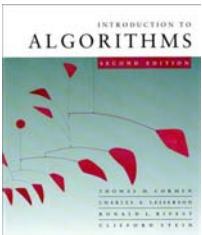
# Single-source shortest paths

**Problem.** From a given source vertex  $s \in V$ , find the shortest-path weights  $\delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

If all edge weights  $w(u, v)$  are *nonnegative*, all shortest-path weights must exist.

**IDEA:** Greedy.

1. Maintain a set  $S$  of vertices whose shortest-path weights from  $s$  are known.
2. At each step add to  $S$  the vertex  $v \in V - S$  whose distance estimate from  $s$  is minimal.
3. Update the distance estimates of vertices adjacent to  $v$ .



# Dijkstra's algorithm

$d[s] \leftarrow 0$

**for** each  $v \in V - \{s\}$   
**do**  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$

$Q \leftarrow V$        $\triangleright Q$  is a priority queue maintaining  $V - S$

**while**  $Q \neq \emptyset$

**do**  $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$

**for** each  $v \in Adj[u]$

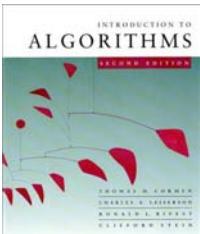
**do if**  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$

**then**  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$

*relaxation  
step*



Implicit DECREASE-KEY



# Dijkstra

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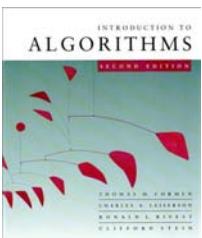
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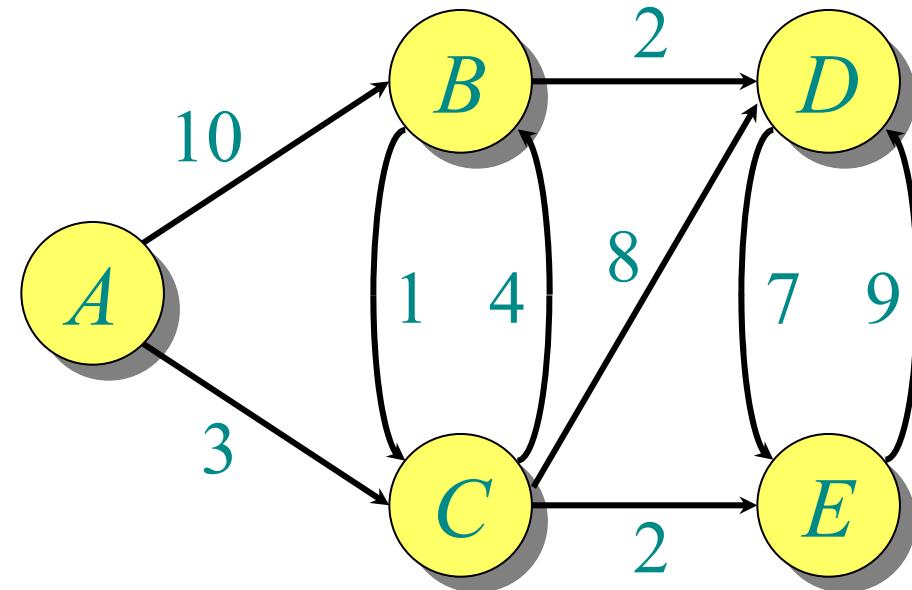
# *relaxation step*

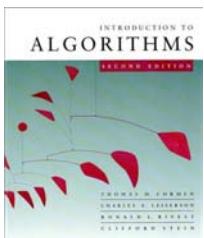
# Implicit DECREASE-KEY



# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

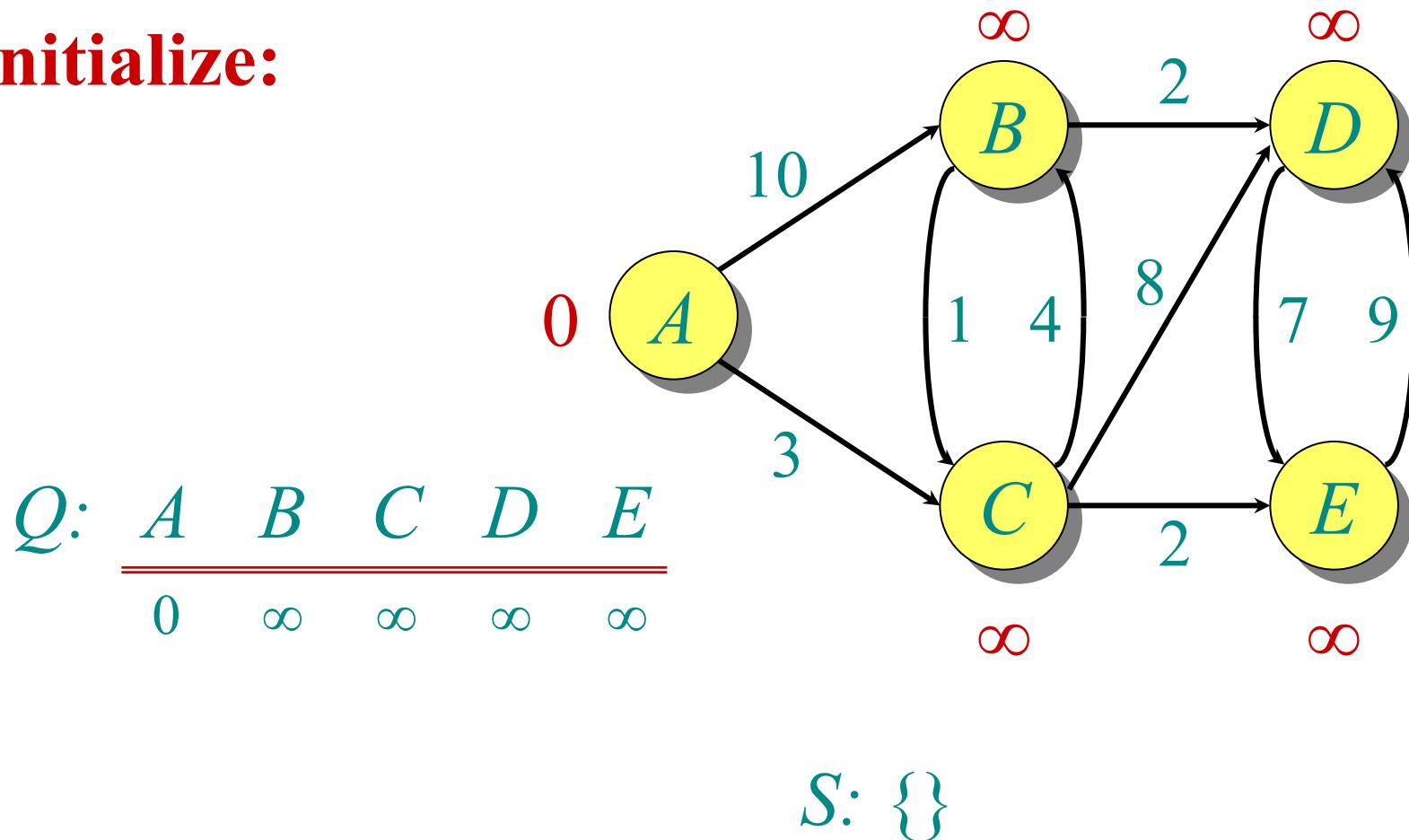
Graph with  
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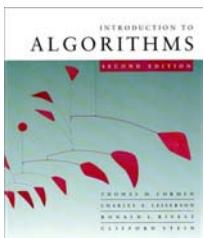




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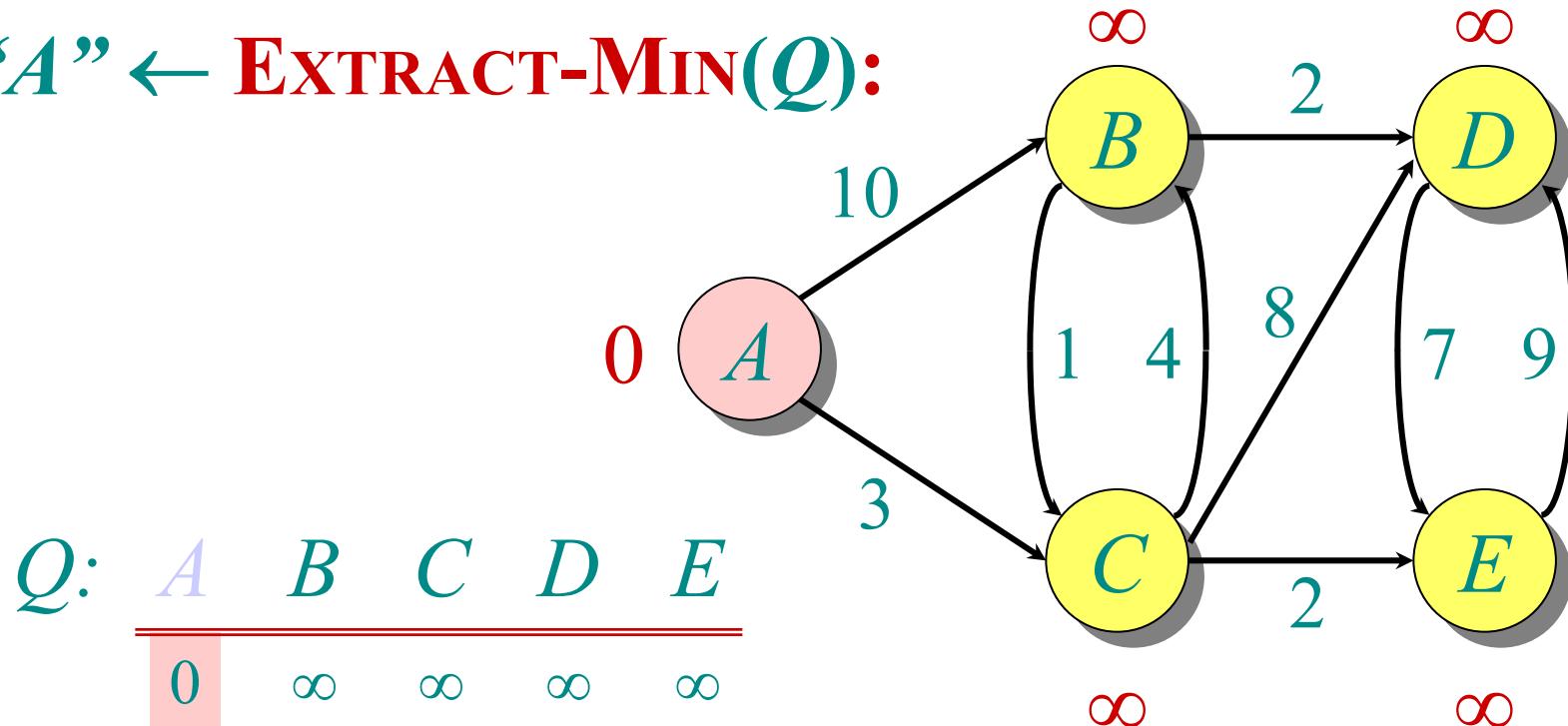
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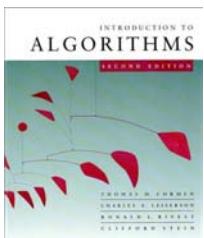


# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“ $A$ ”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

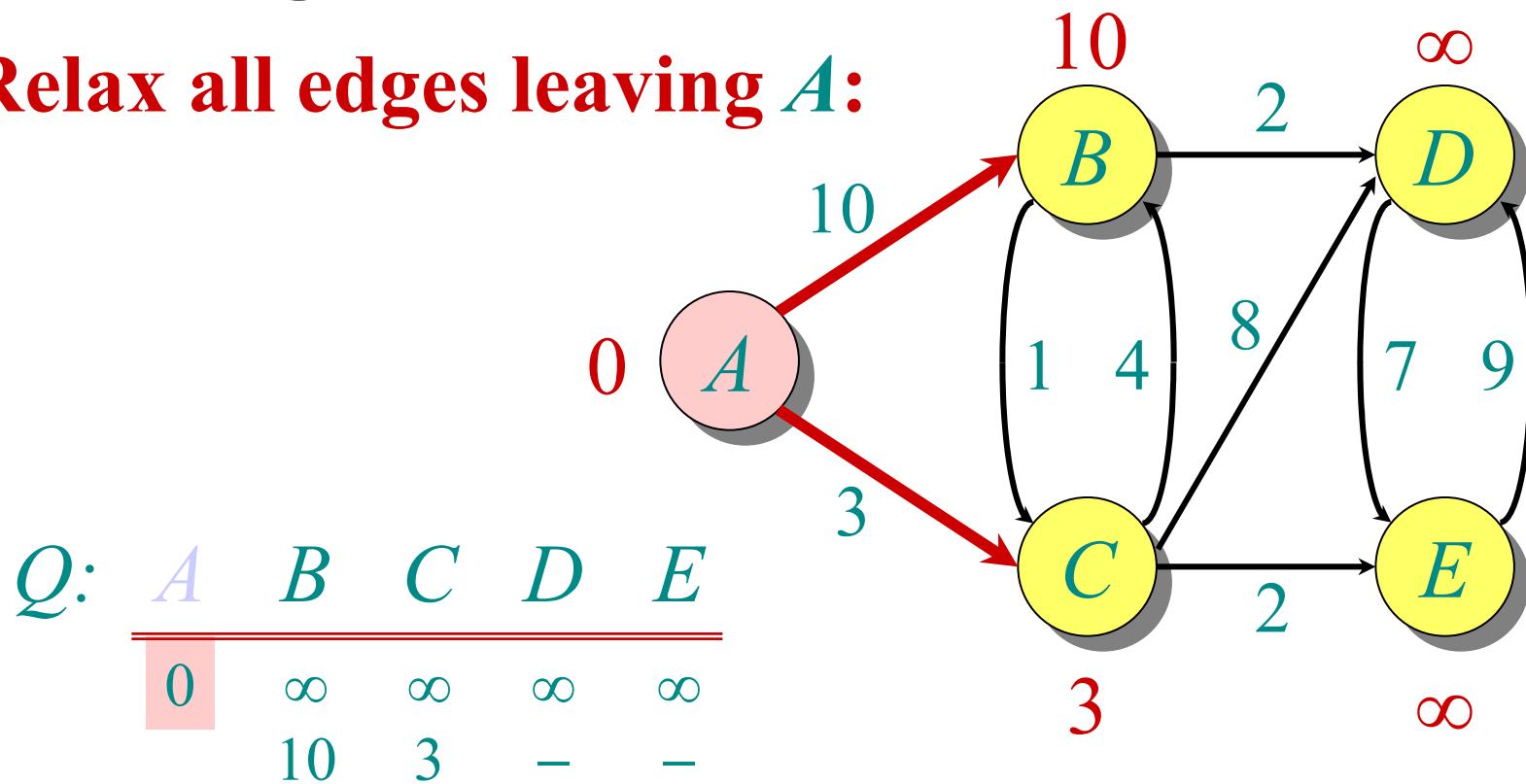


$S: \{ A \}$

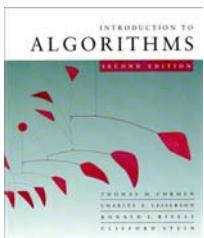


# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $A$ :



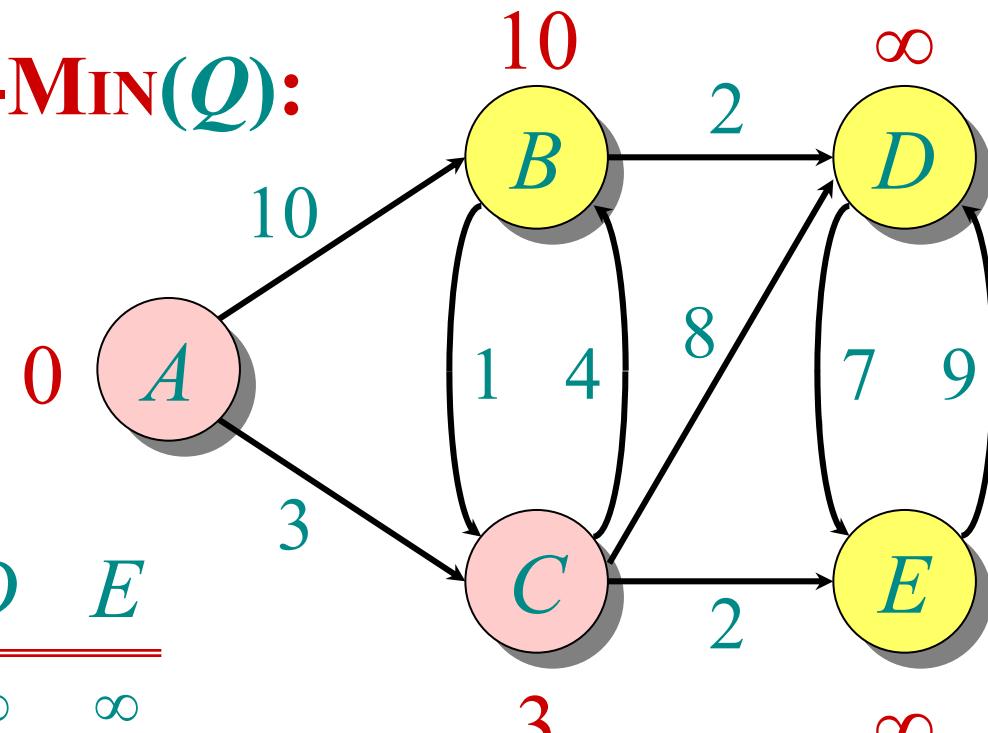
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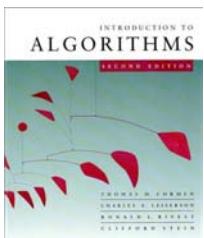
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“ $C$ ”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$



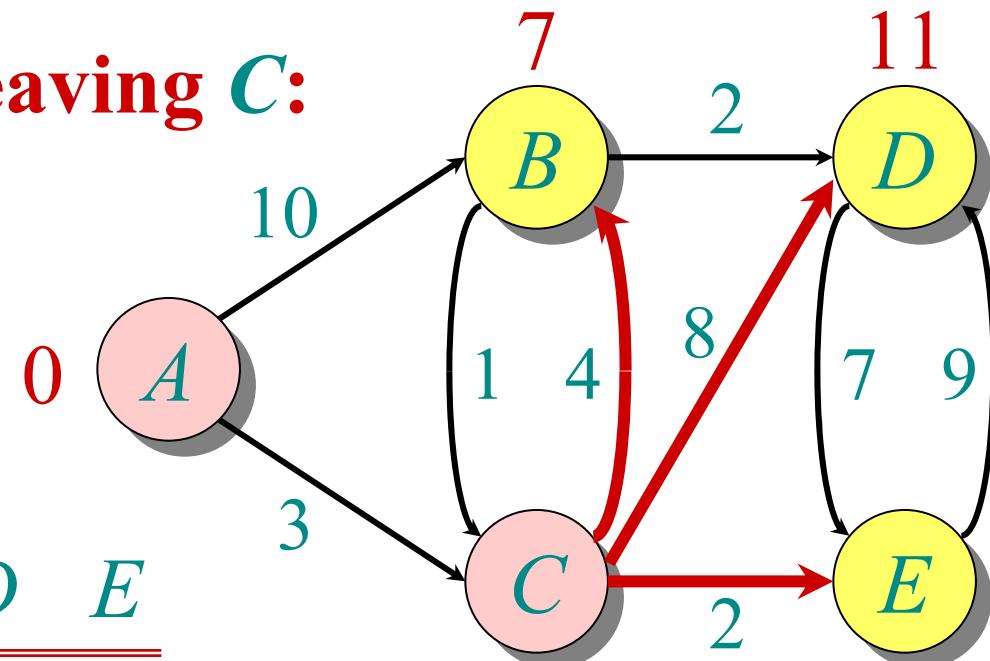
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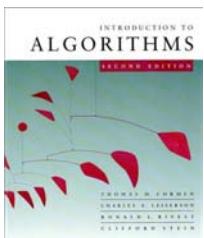
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $C$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	-	-	
	7		11	5	



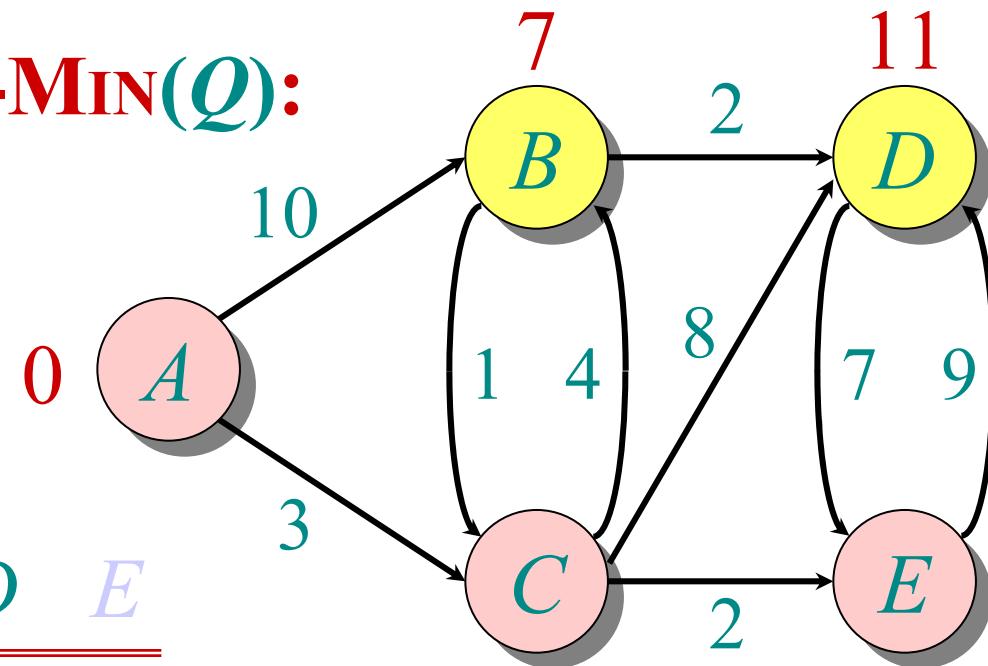
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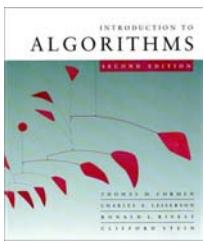
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“E”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
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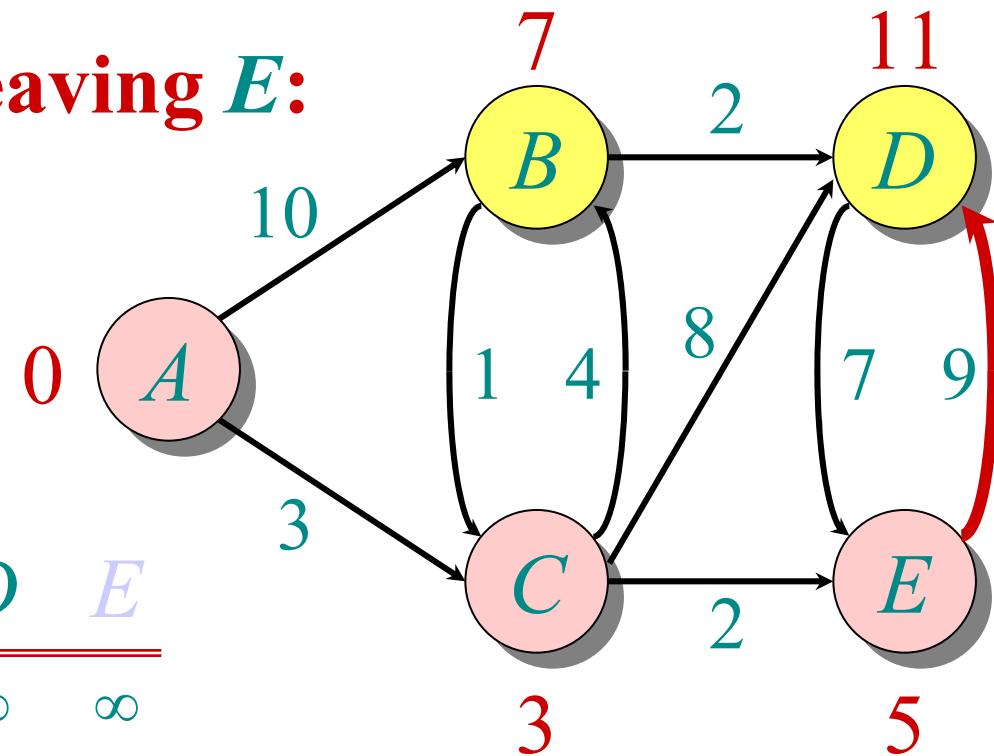
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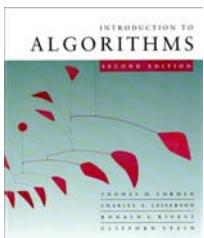
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	10	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	
	7		11	5	
	7		11		



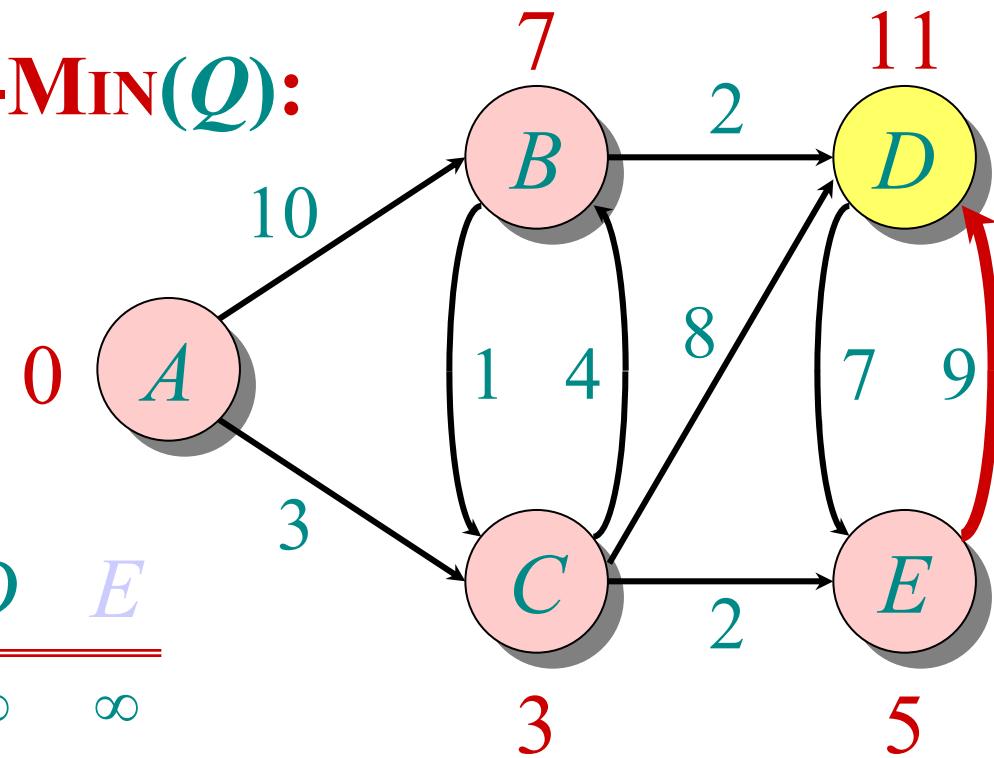
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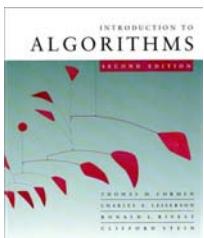
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

$"B" \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10		3	$\infty$	$\infty$
	7			11	5



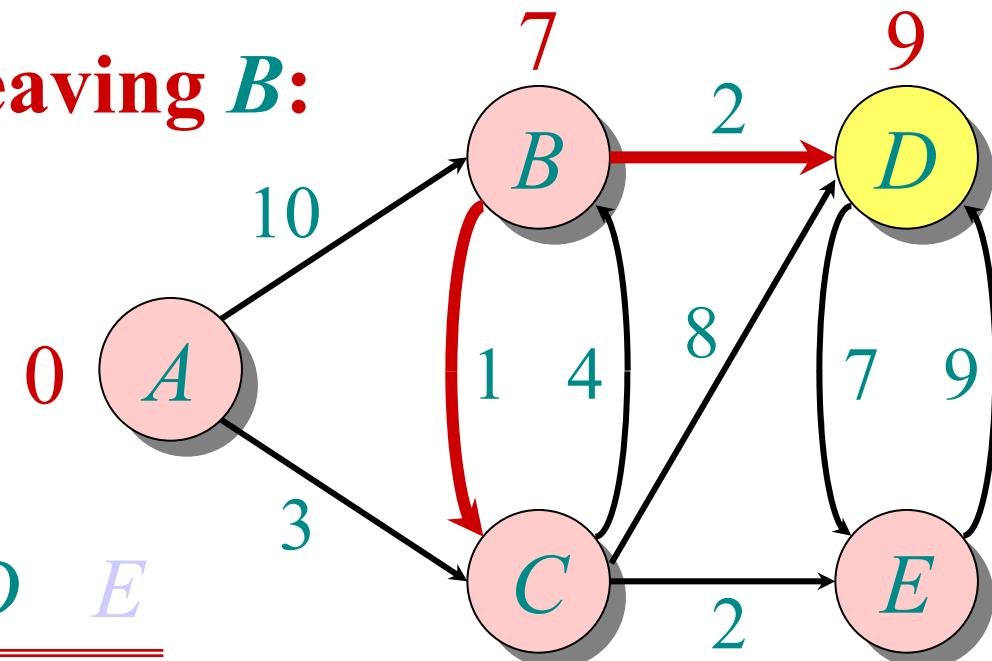
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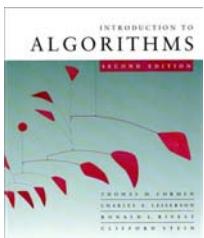
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $B$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
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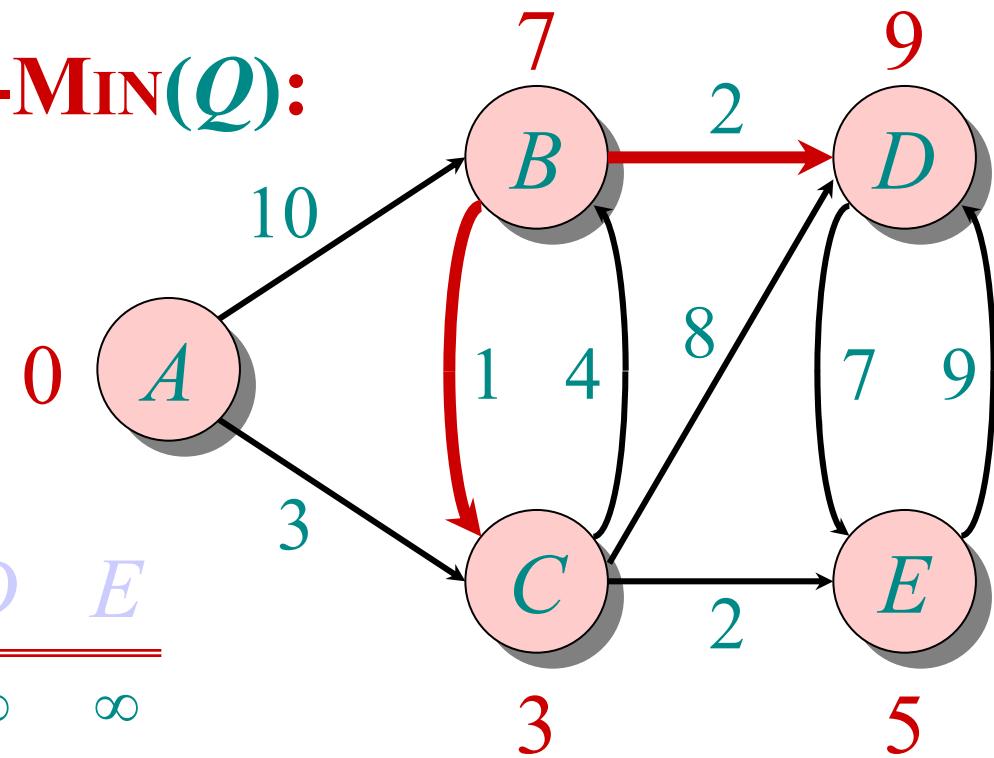
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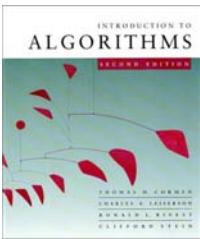
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“ $D$ ”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
10		3	$\infty$	$\infty$
7		11	5	9



$S: \{ A, C, E, B, D \}$



# Analysis of Dijkstra

**while**  $Q \neq \emptyset$   
**do**  $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$   
 $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$   
**for each**  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$   
**do if**  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$   
**then**  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$

$|V|$   
times

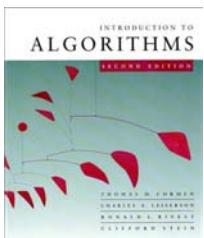
$\text{degree}(u)$   
times

A large red curly brace on the left side groups the outer loop (while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ ) and the inner loop (for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ ). Another red curly brace on the right side groups the inner loop body (do if... then...).

Handshaking Lemma  $\Rightarrow \Theta(|E|)$  implicit DECREASE-KEY's.

Time =  $\Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$

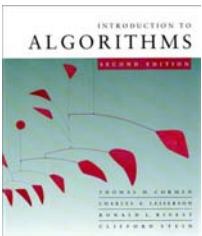
**Note:** Same formula as in the analysis of Prim's minimum spanning tree algorithm.



# Analysis of Dijkstra (continued)

$$\text{Time} = \Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$$

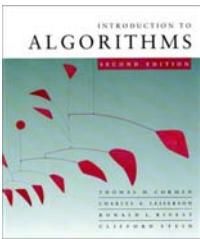
$Q$	$T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}}$	$T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$	Total
array	$O( V )$	$O(1)$	$O( V ^2)$
binary heap	$O(\log  V )$	$O(\log  V )$	$O( E  \log  V )$
Fibonacci heap	$O(\log  V )$ amortized	$O(1)$ amortized	$O( E  +  V  \log  V )$ worst case



# Correctness

**Theorem.** (i) For all  $v \in S$ :  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$   
(ii) For all  $v \notin S$ :  $d[v] = \text{weight of shortest path from } s \text{ to } v$  that uses only (besides  $v$  itself) vertices in  $S$ .

**Corollary.** Dijkstra's algorithm terminates with  $d[v] = d(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

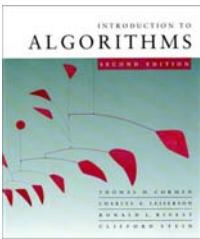


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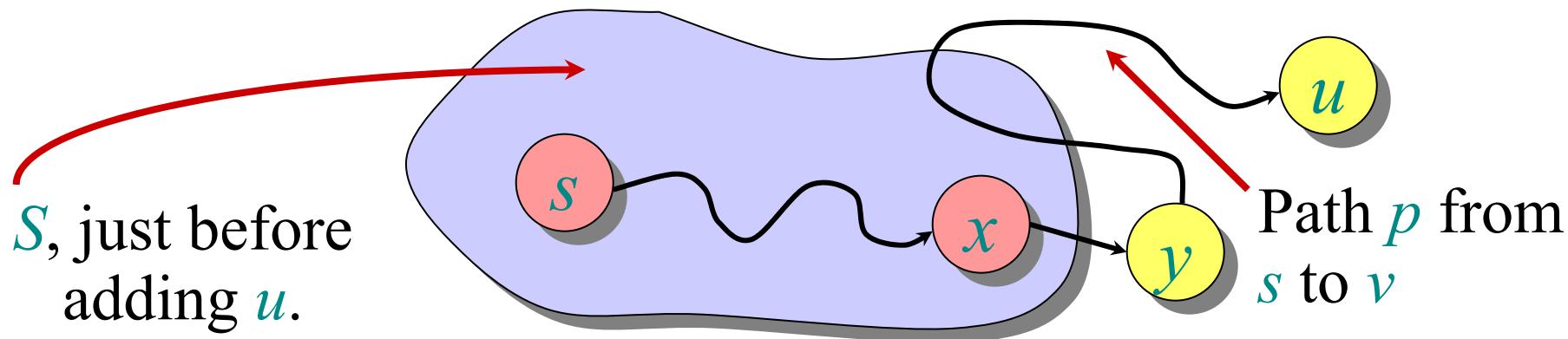
*Proof.* By induction.

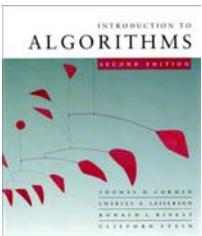
- Base: Before the while loop,  $d[s]=0$  and  $d[v]=\infty$  for all  $v \neq s$ , so (i) and (ii) are true.
- Step: Assume (i) and (ii) are true before an iteration; now we need to show they remain true after another iteration. Let  $u$  be the vertex added to  $S$ , so  $d[u] \leq d[v]$  for all other  $v \notin S$ .



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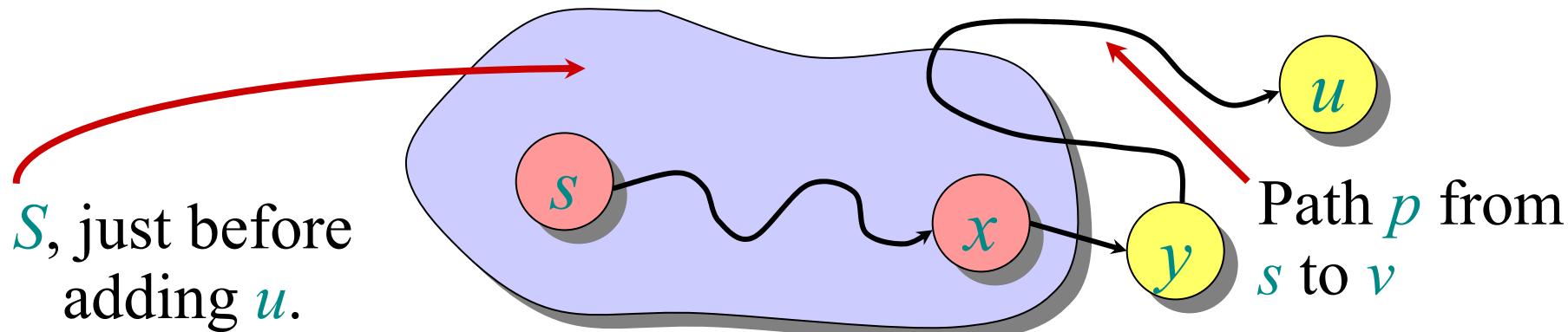
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- (i) Need to show that  $d[u] = \delta(s, u)$ . Assume the contrary.  
⇒ There is a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $u$  with  $w(p) < d[u]$  that uses vertices  $\notin S$ .  
⇒ Let  $y$  be first vertex on  $p$  such that  $y \notin S$ .



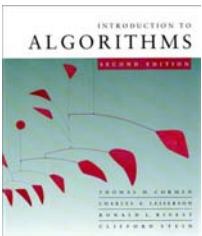


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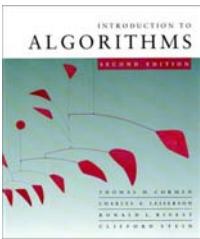


$\Rightarrow d[y] \leq w(p) < d[u]$ . Contradiction to the choice of  $u$ .



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- (ii) Let  $v \notin S$ . Let  $p$  be a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  that uses only (besides  $v$  itself) vertices in  $S$ .
    - $p$  does not contain  $u$ : (ii) true by inductive hypothesis
    - $p$  contains  $u$ :  $p$  consists of vertices in  $S \setminus \{u\}$  and ends with an edge from  $u$  to  $v$ .  
 $\Rightarrow w(p) = d[u] + w(u, v)$ , which is the value of  $d[v]$  after adding  $u$ . So (ii) is true.



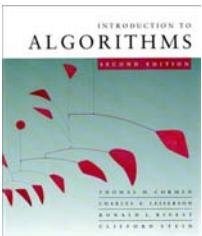
# Unweighted graphs

Suppose  $w(u, v) = 1$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$ . Can the code for Dijkstra be improved?

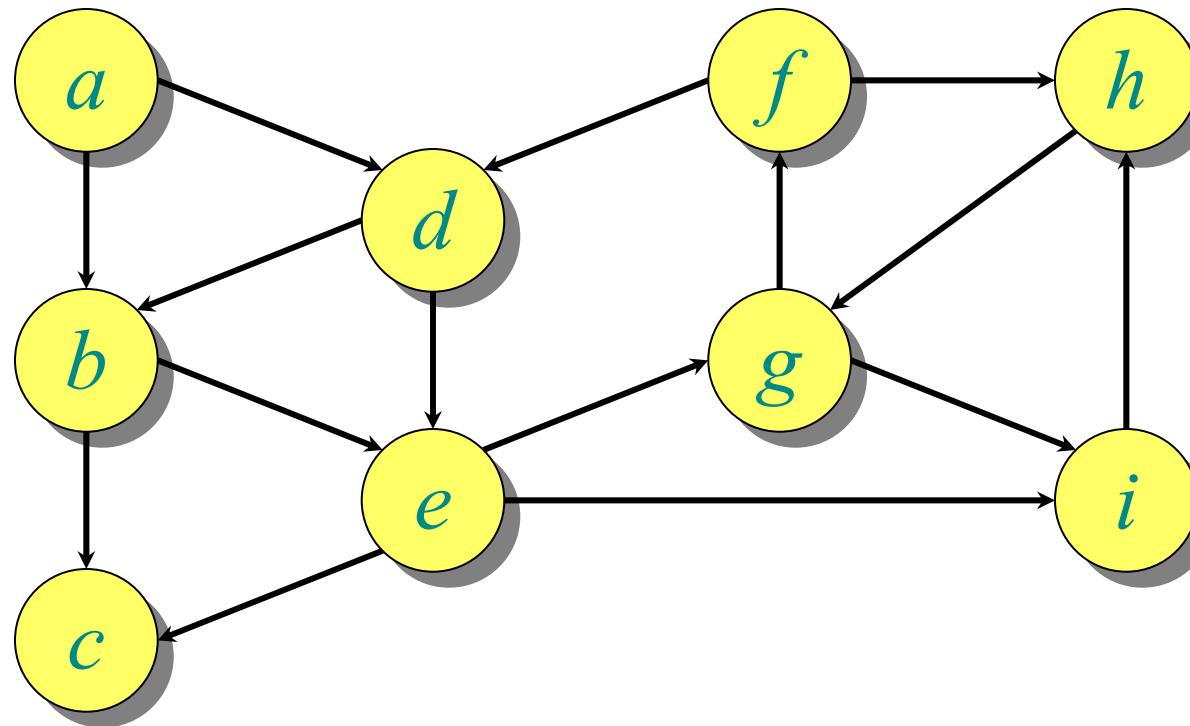
- Use a simple FIFO queue instead of a priority queue.
- **Breadth-first search**

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while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
    do  $u \leftarrow \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ 
        for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ 
            do if  $d[v] = \infty$ 
                then  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + 1$ 
                    ENQUEUE( $Q, v$ )
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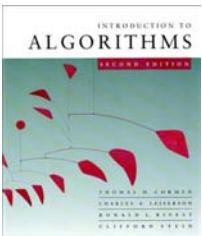
**Analysis:** Time =  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .



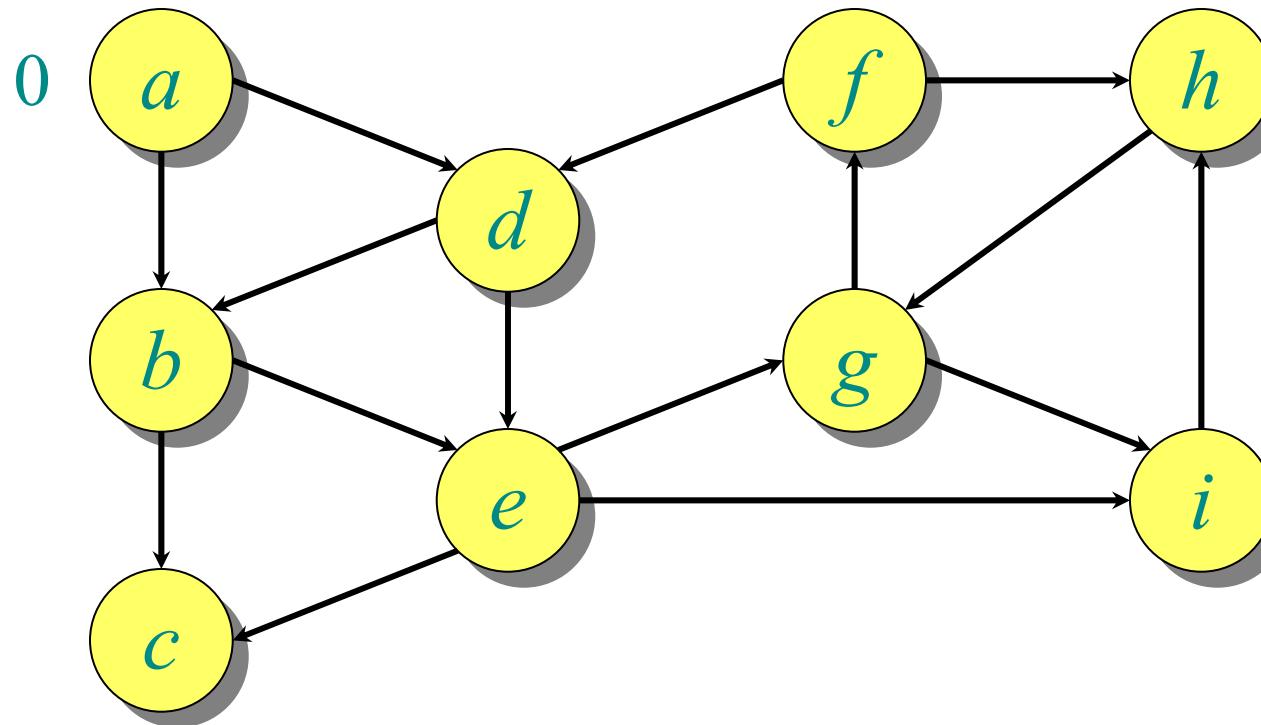
# Example of breadth-first search



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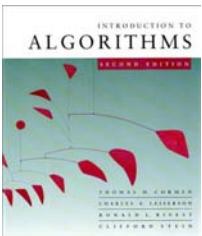


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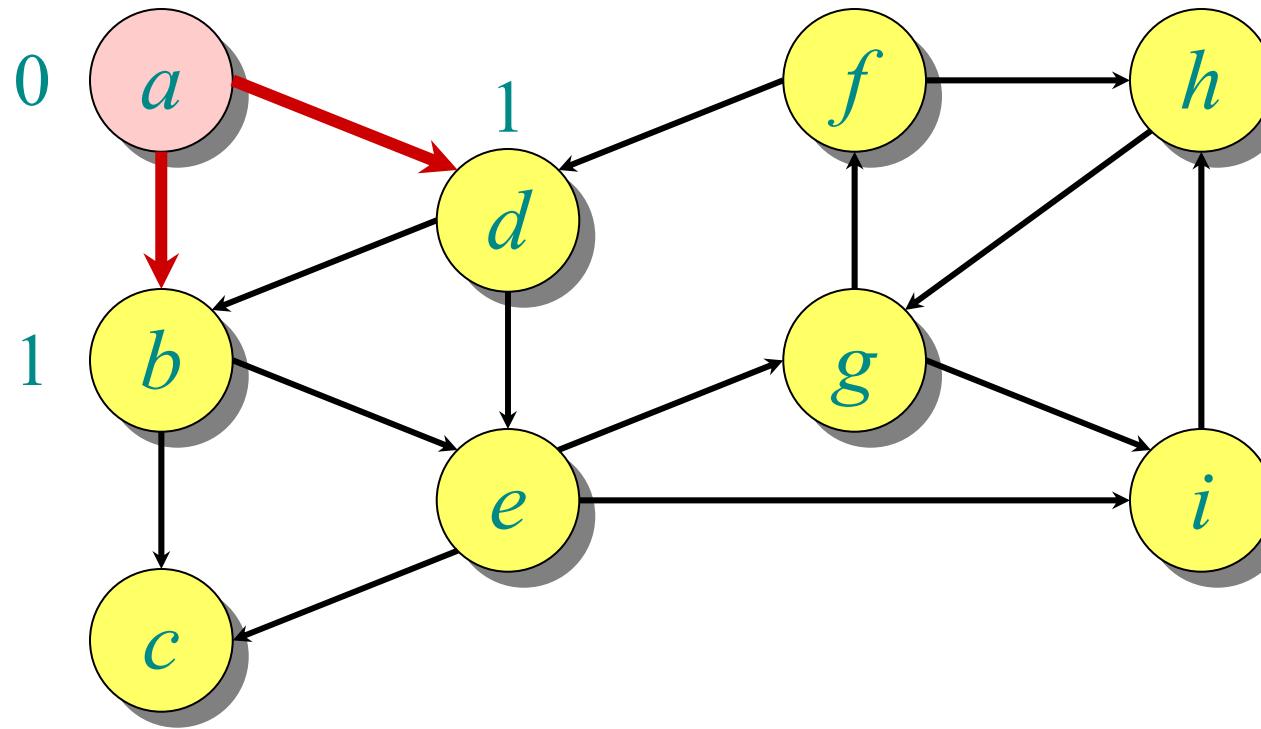


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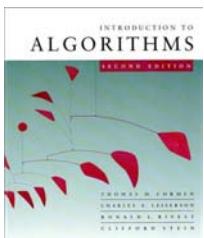


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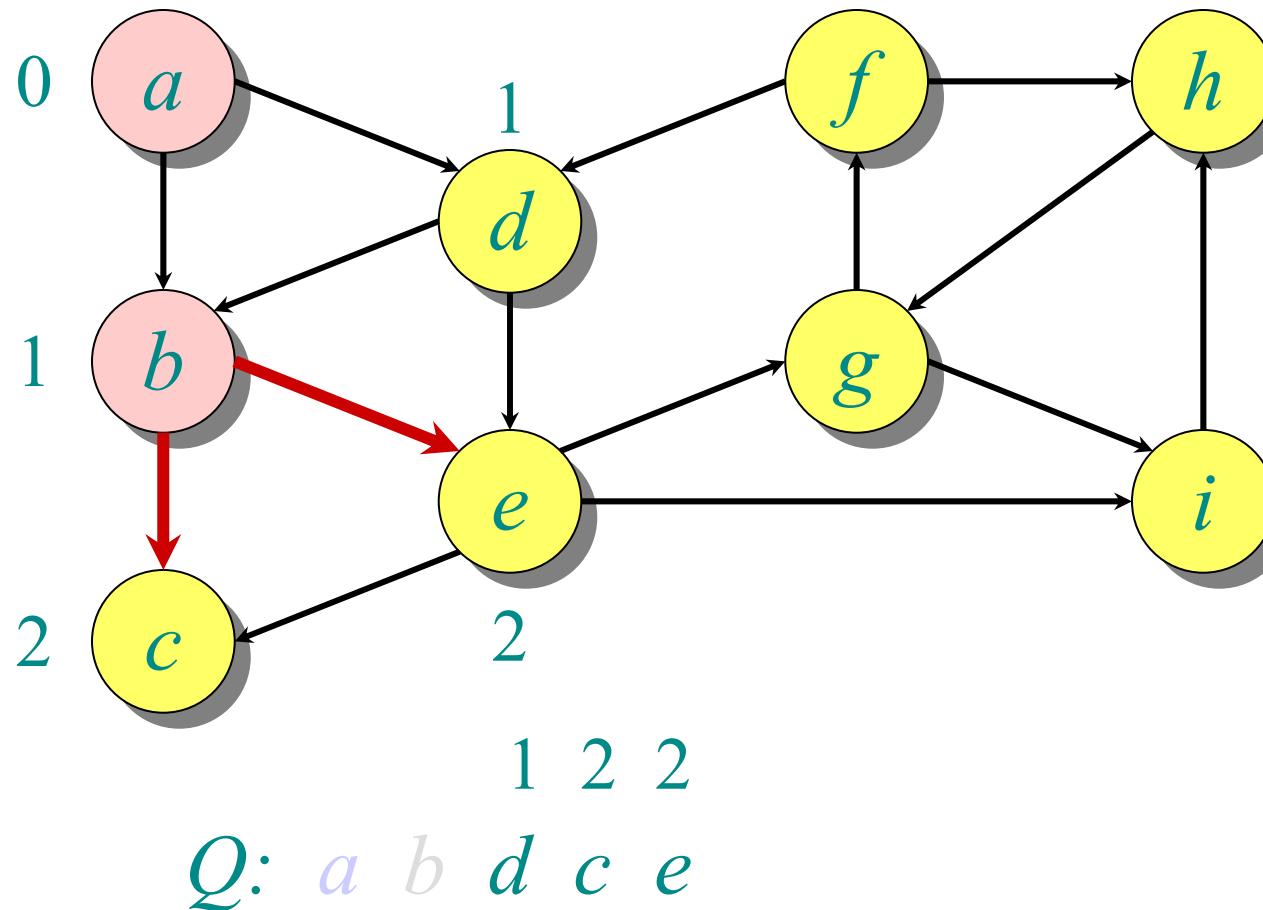


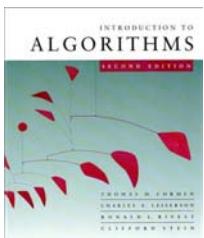
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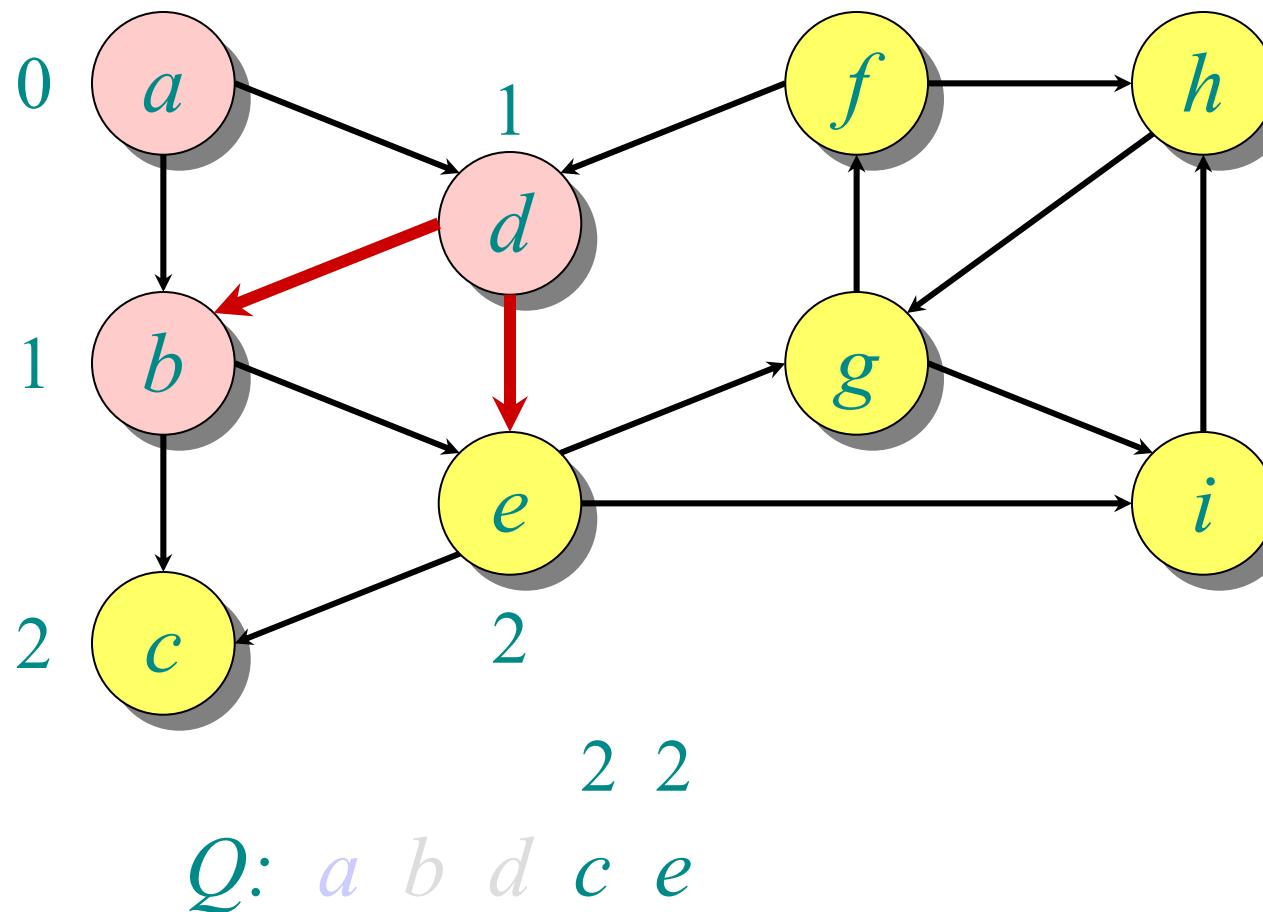


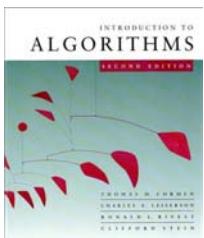
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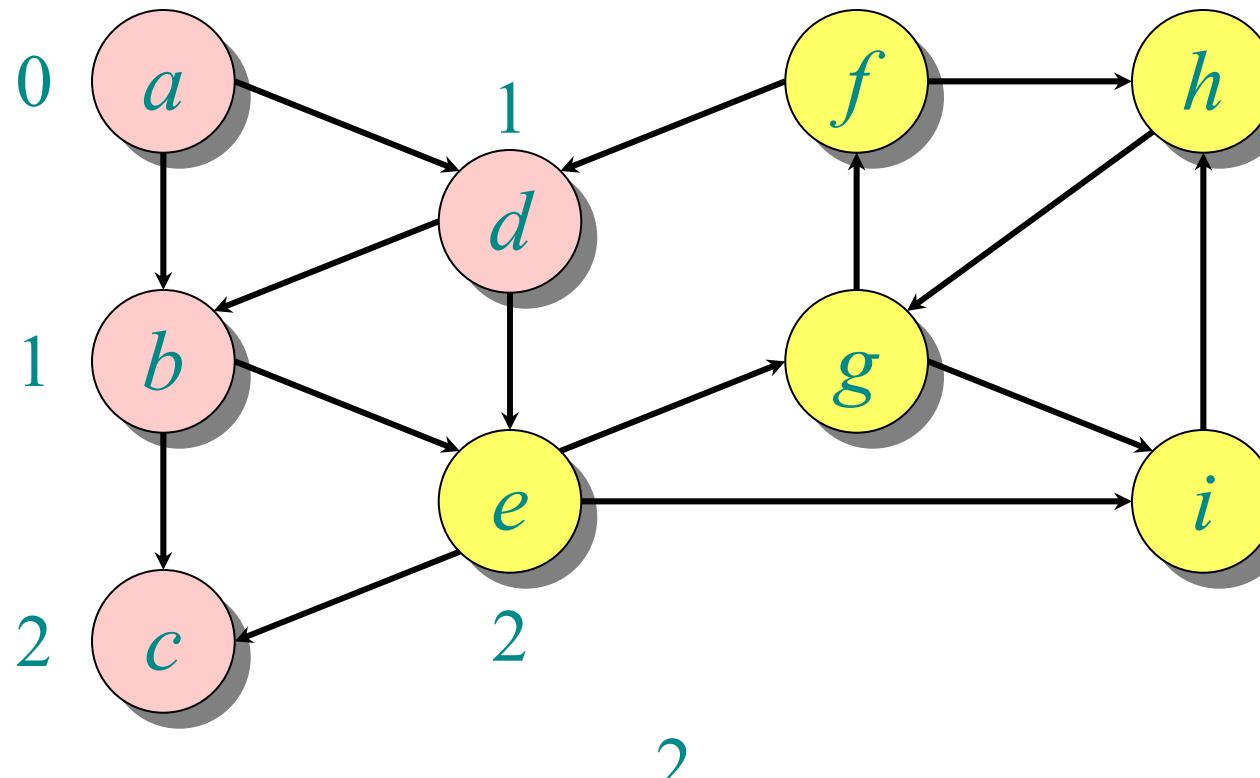


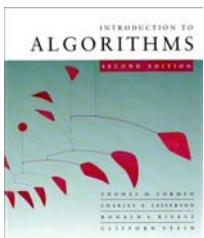
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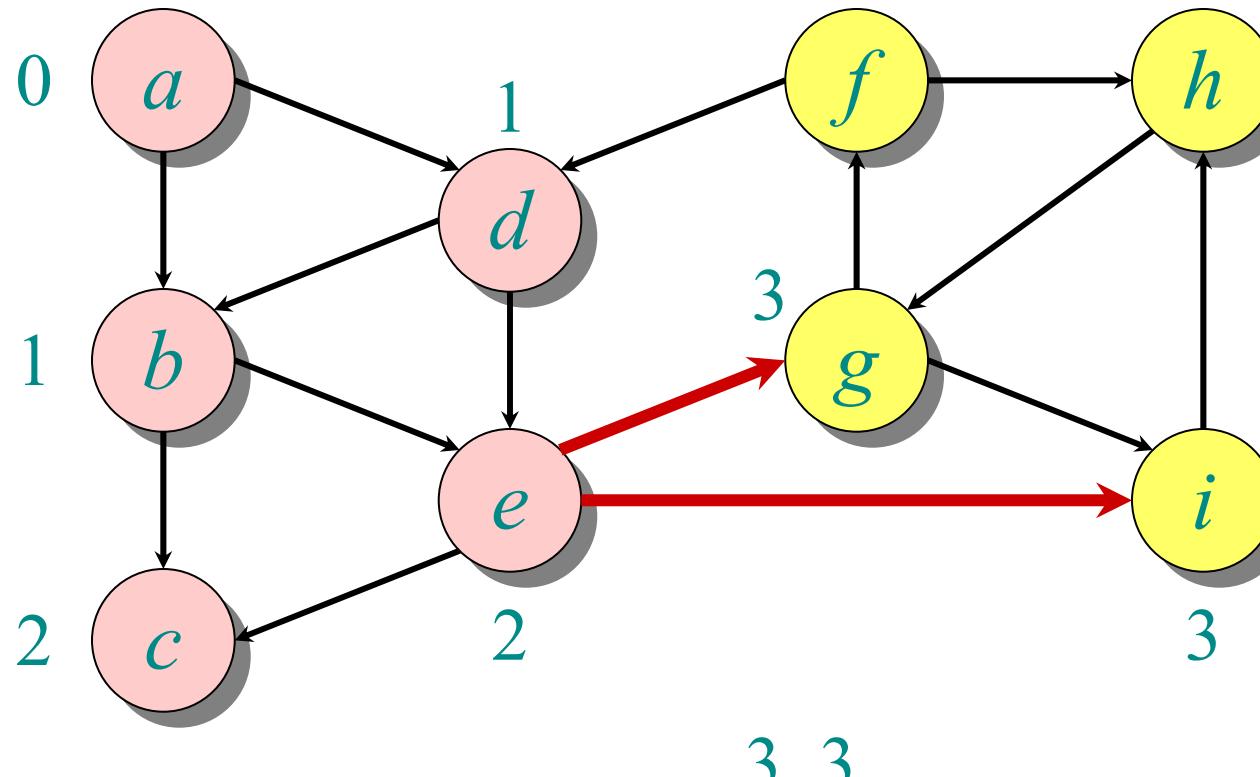


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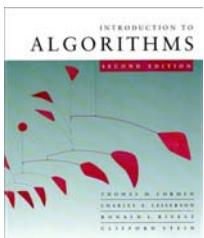




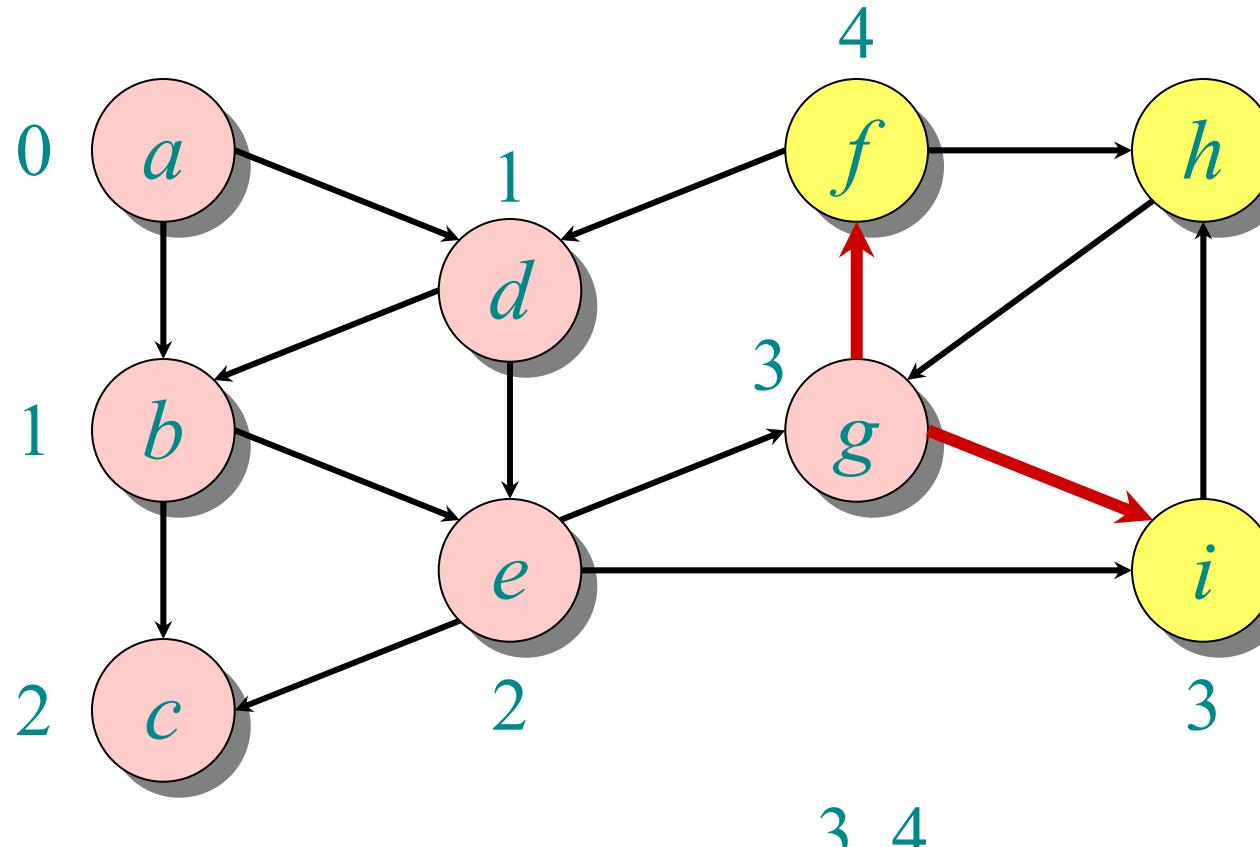
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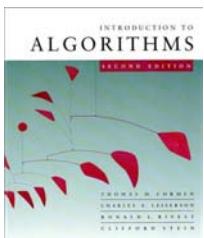


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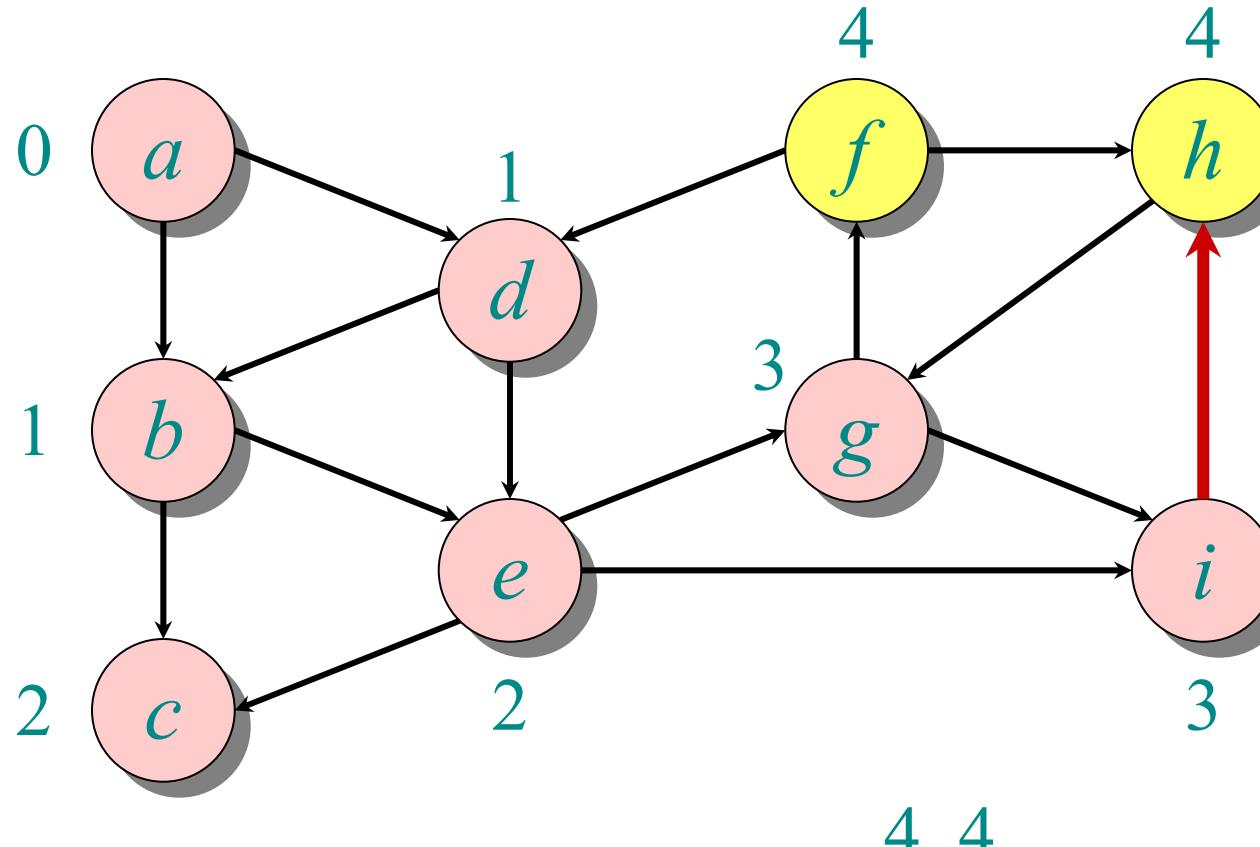


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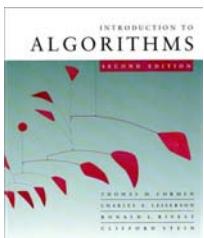




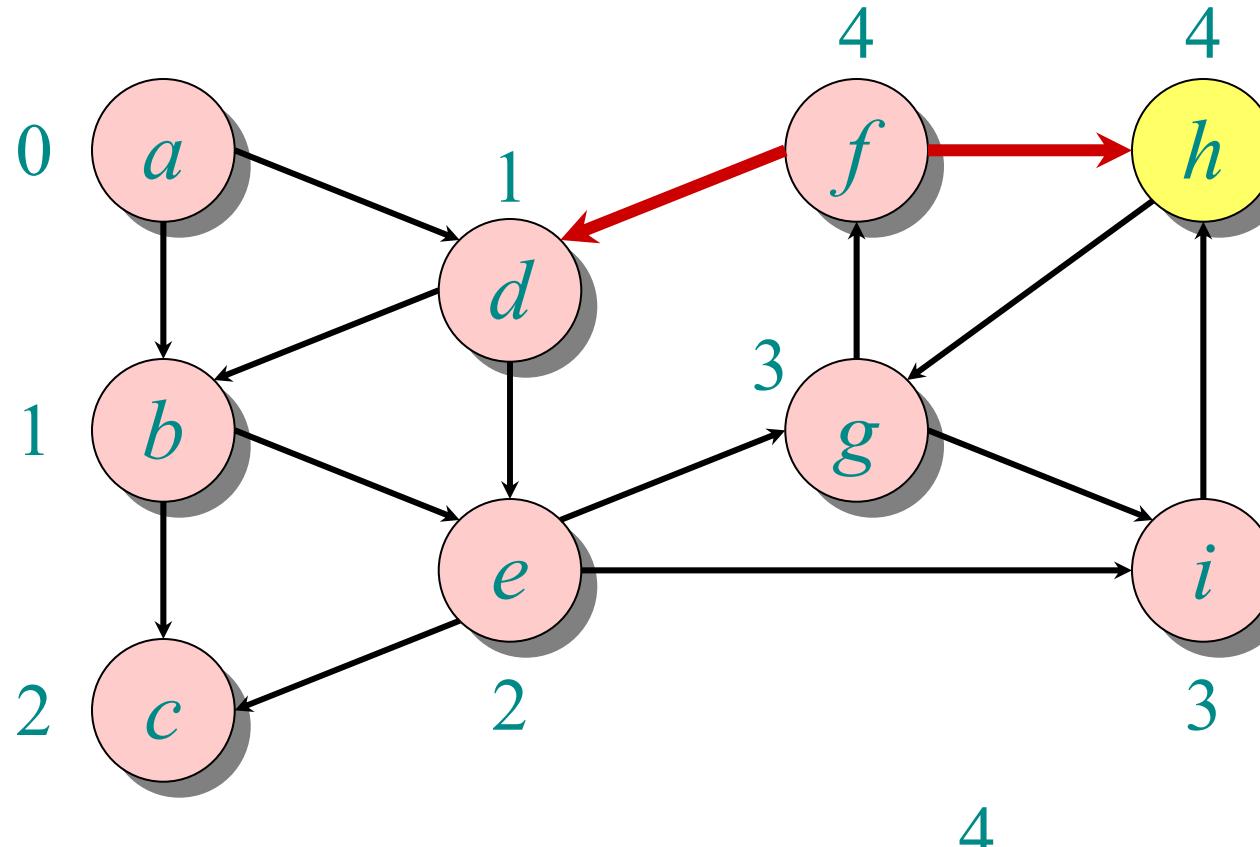
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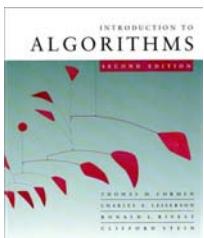
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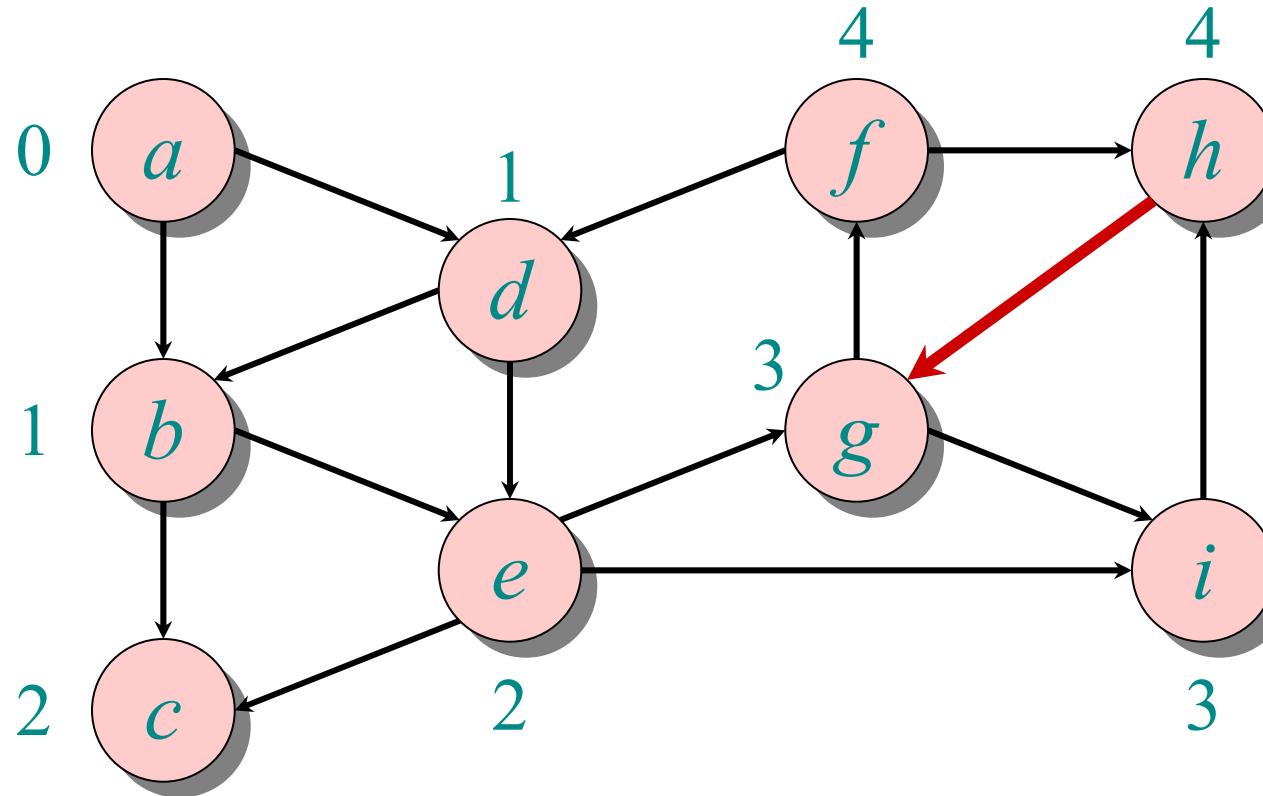
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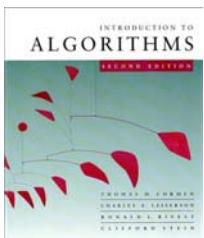
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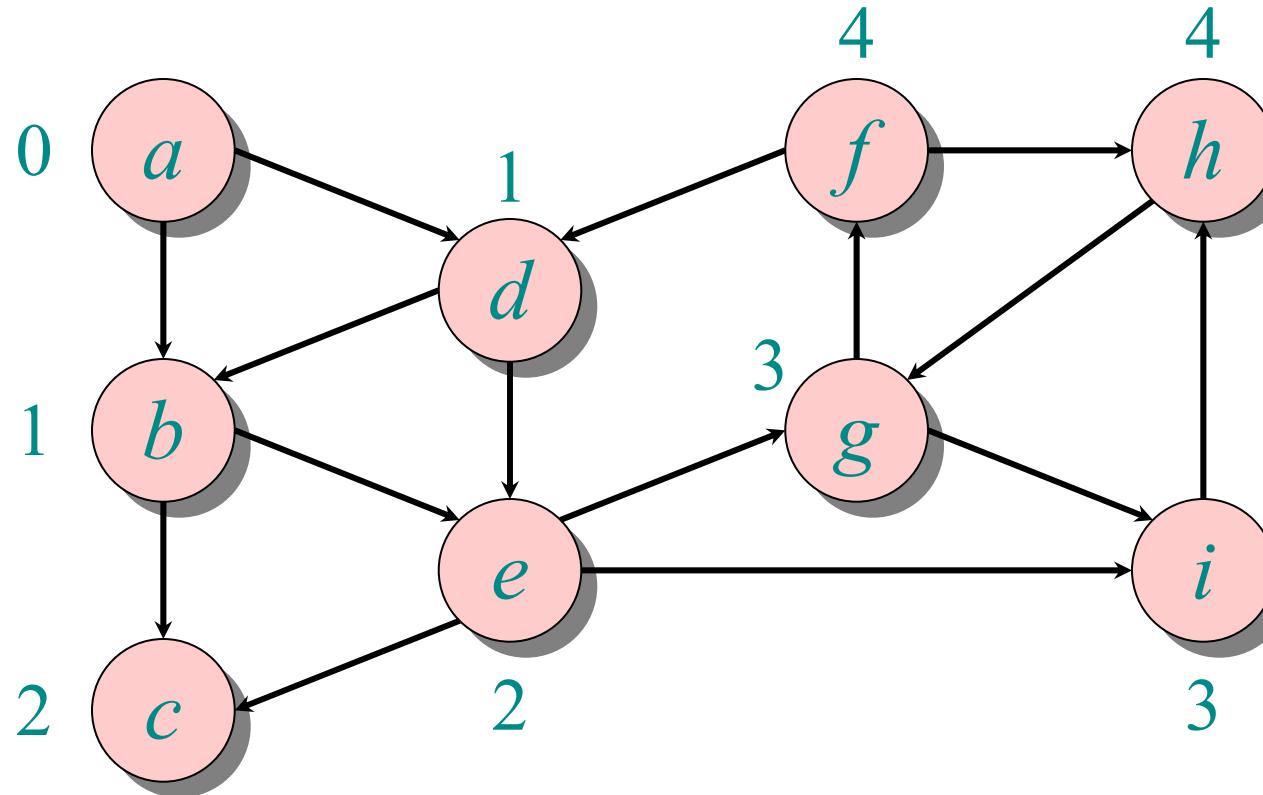
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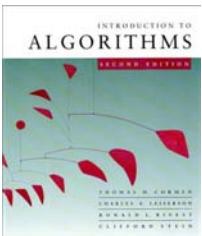
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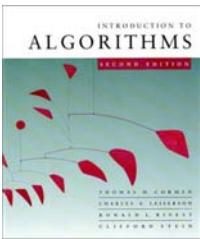
# Correctness of BFS

```
while  $Q \neq \emptyset$ 
    do  $u \leftarrow \text{DEQUEUE}(Q)$ 
        for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$ 
            do if  $d[v] = \infty$ 
                then  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + 1$ 
                    ENQUEUE( $Q, v$ )
```

## Key idea:

The FIFO  $Q$  in breadth-first search mimics the priority queue  $Q$  in Dijkstra.

- **Invariant:**  $v$  comes after  $u$  in  $Q$  implies that  $d[v] = d[u]$  or  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ .



# How to find the actual shortest paths?

**Store a predecessor tree:**

$d[s] \leftarrow 0$

**for** each  $v \in V - \{s\}$

**do**  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$

$Q \leftarrow V$        $\triangleright Q$  is a priority queue maintaining  $V - S$

**while**  $Q \neq \emptyset$

**do**  $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

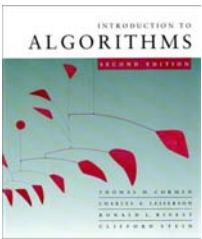
$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$

**for** each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$

**do if**  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$

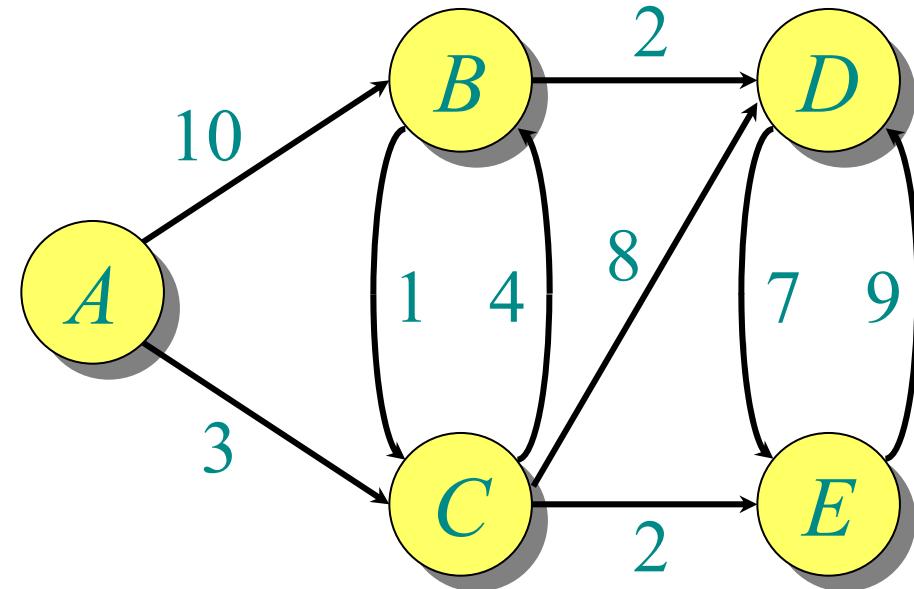
**then**  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$

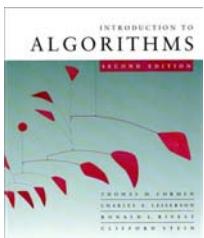
$\pi[v] \leftarrow u$



# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

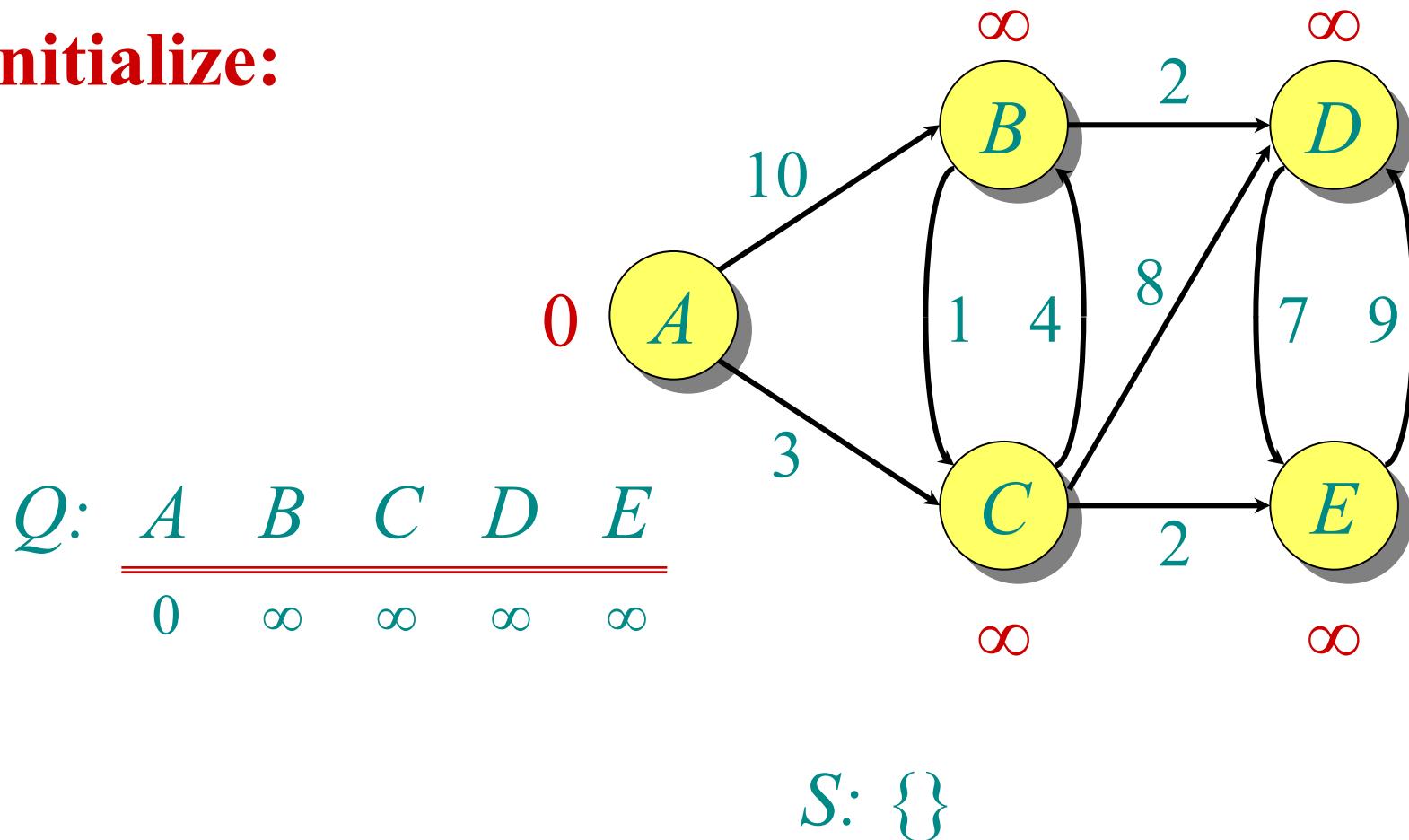
Graph with  
nonnegative  
edge weights:

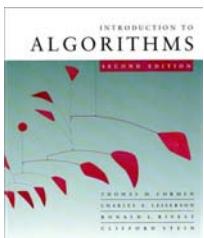




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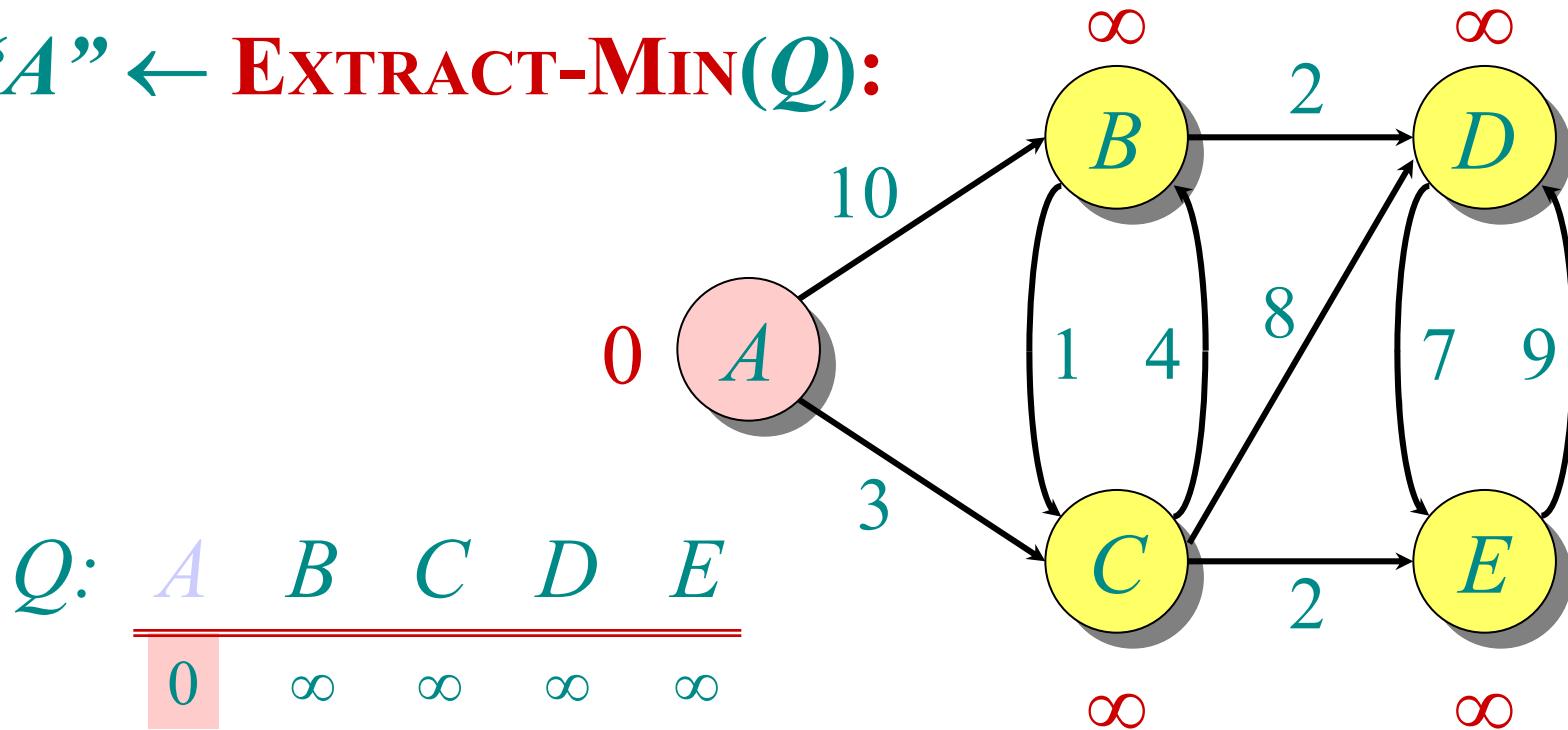
Initialize:



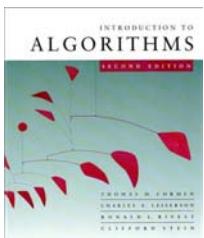


# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“A”  $\leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ :

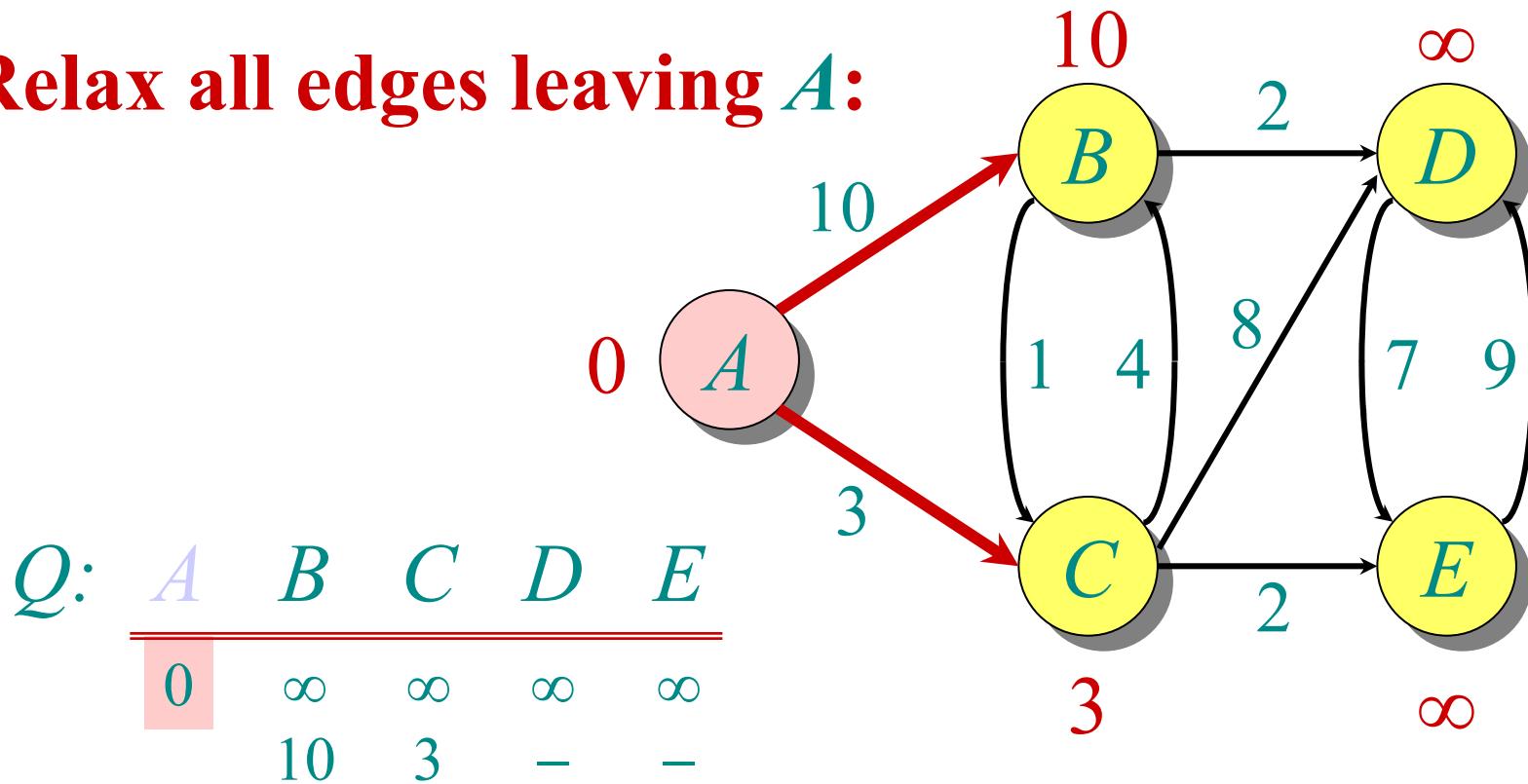


$$S: \{ A \}$$
$$\pi: \begin{array}{ccccc} A & B & C & D & E \\ \hline - & - & - & - & - \end{array}$$

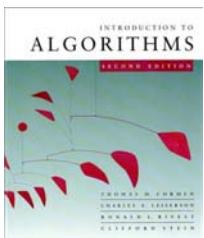


# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $A$ :

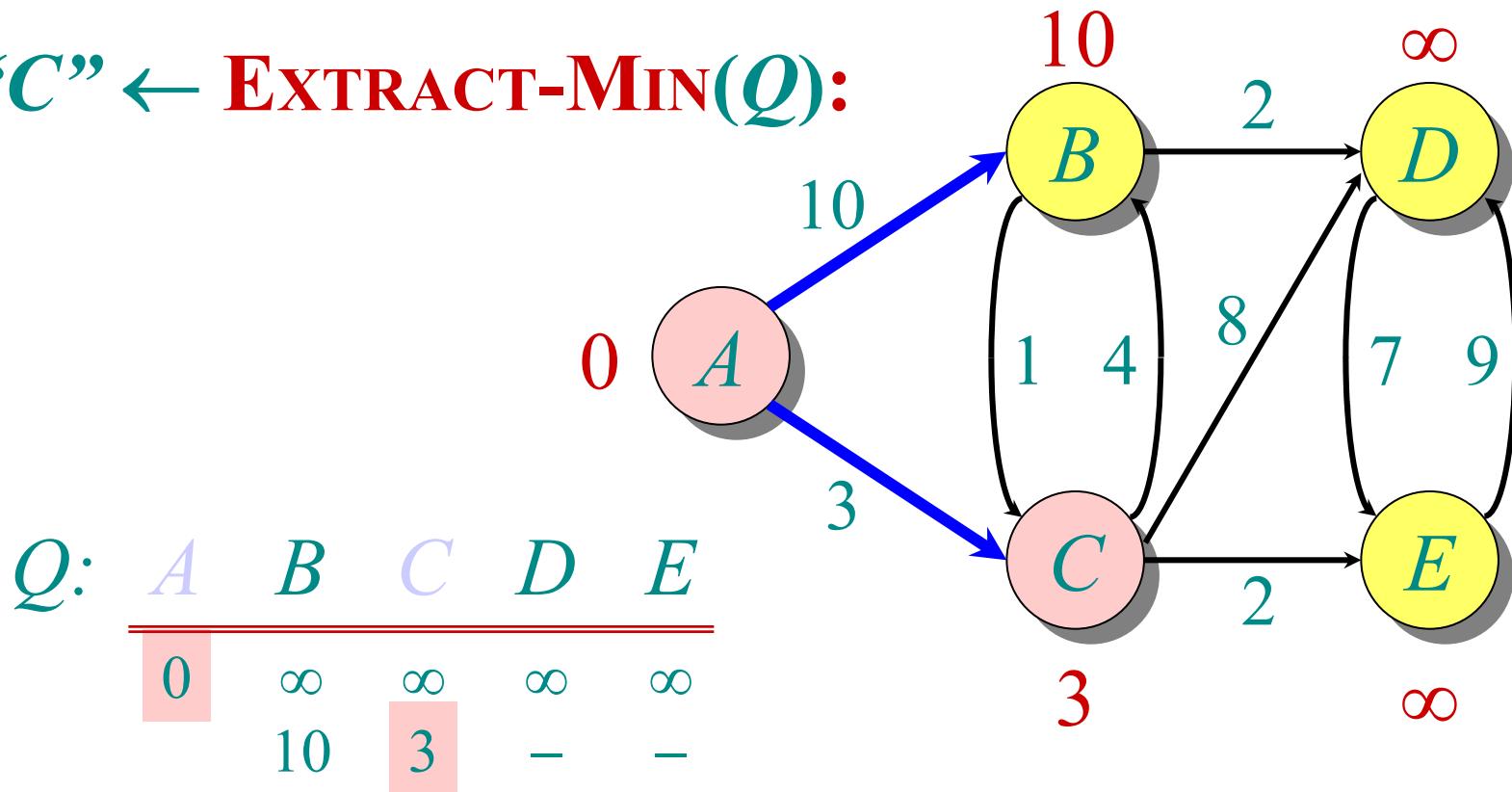


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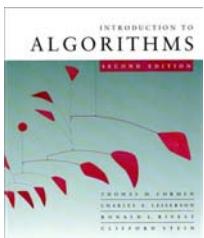


# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“ $C$ ”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

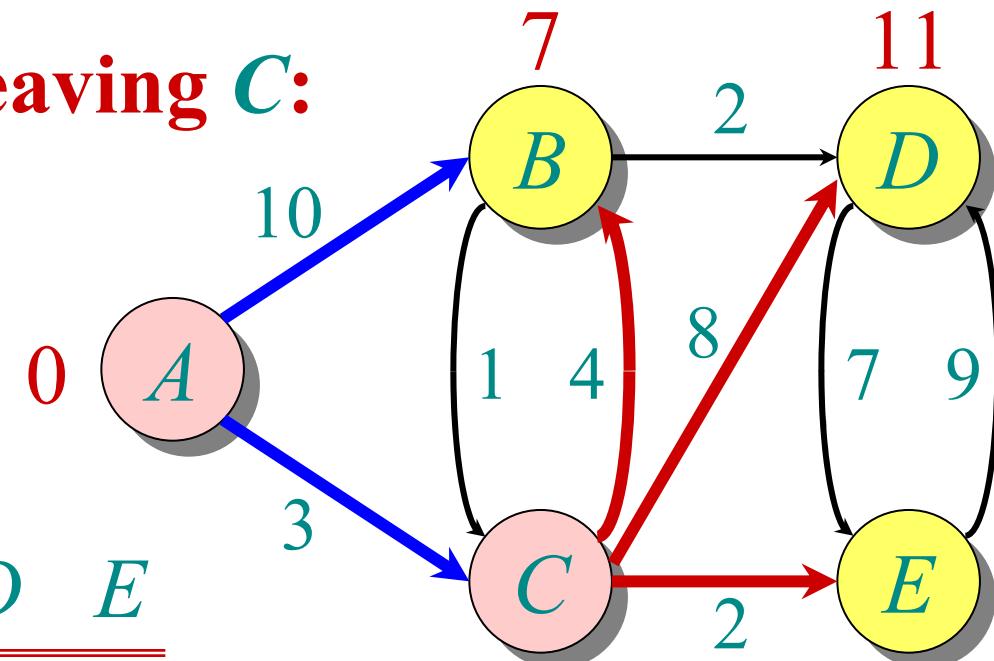


$$S: \{A, C\}$$
$$\pi: \begin{array}{ccccc} A & B & C & D & E \\ \hline & & A & A & - \end{array}$$



# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

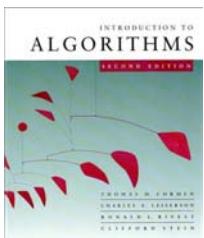
Relax all edges leaving  $C$ :



$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	-	-	
	7		11	5	

$S:$	$\{A, C\}$
$\pi:$	$\begin{matrix} A & B & C & D & E \end{matrix}$

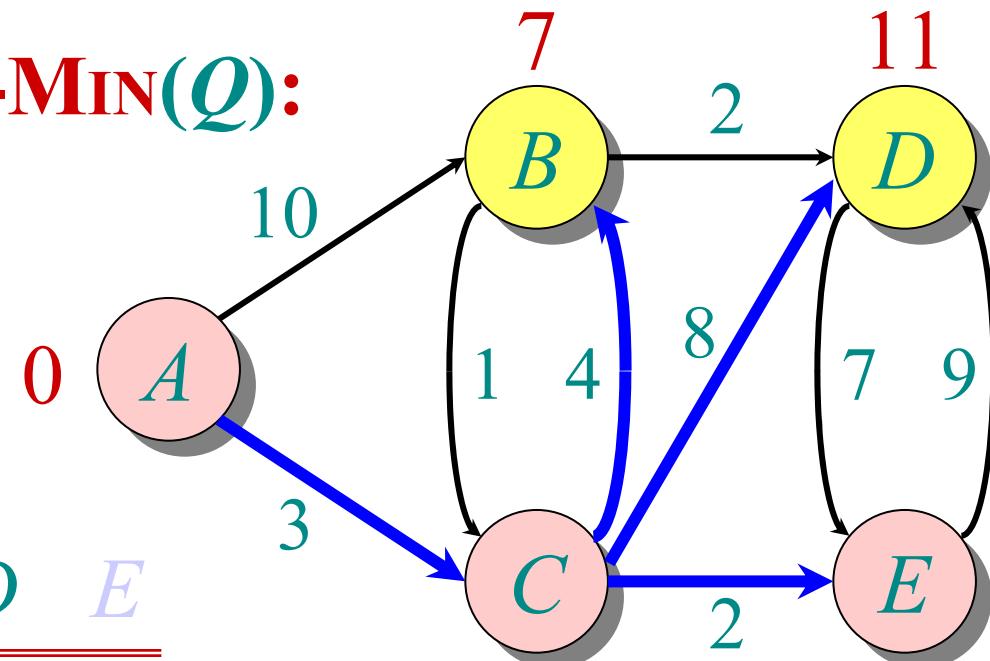
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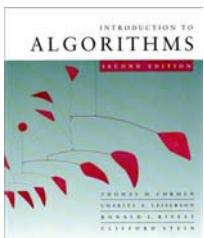
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

$E \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	-	-	
	7		11	5	



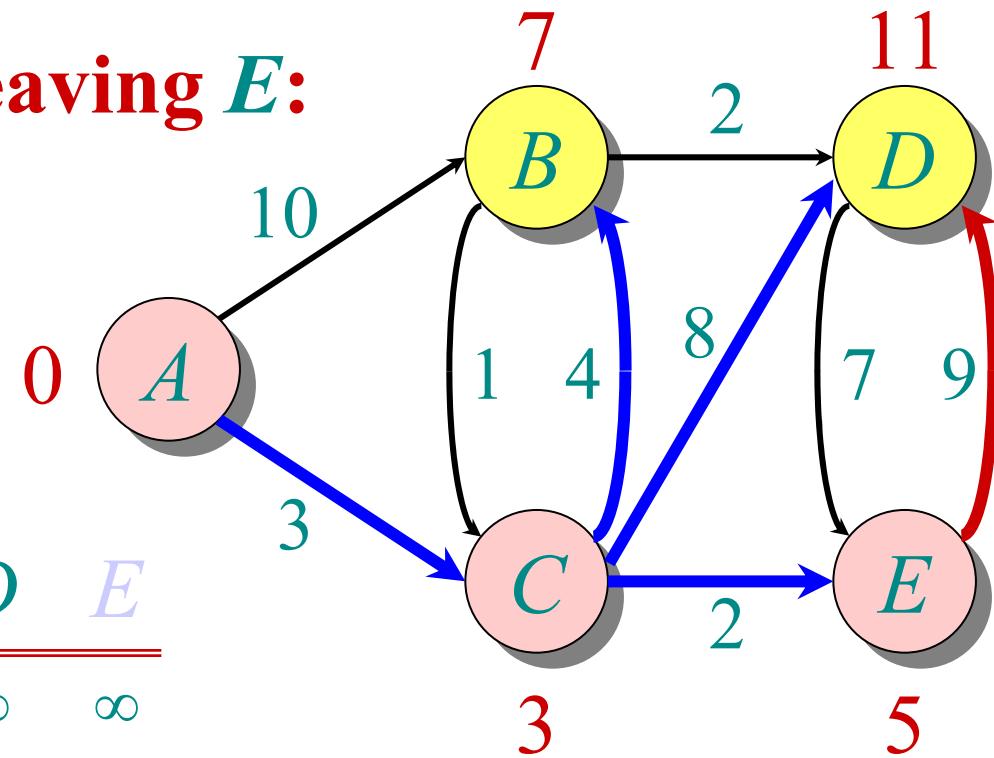
$S:$	$\{ A, C, E \}$
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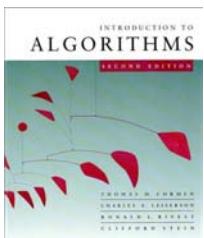
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $E$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	
	7		11		5
	7		11		



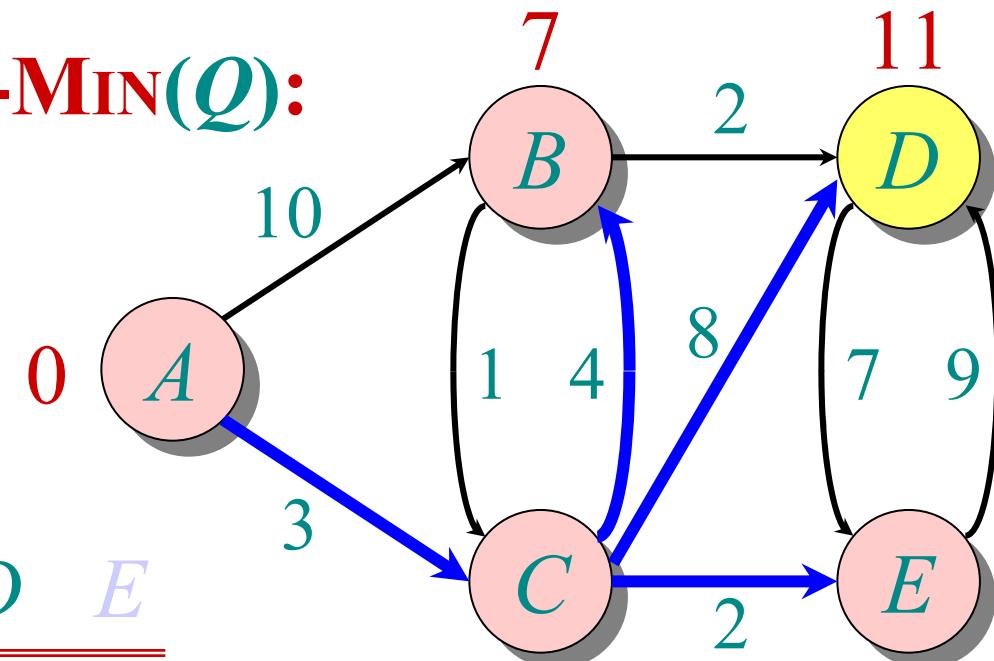
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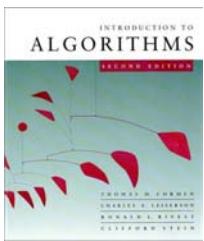
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

$"B" \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	
	7	7	11	5	11



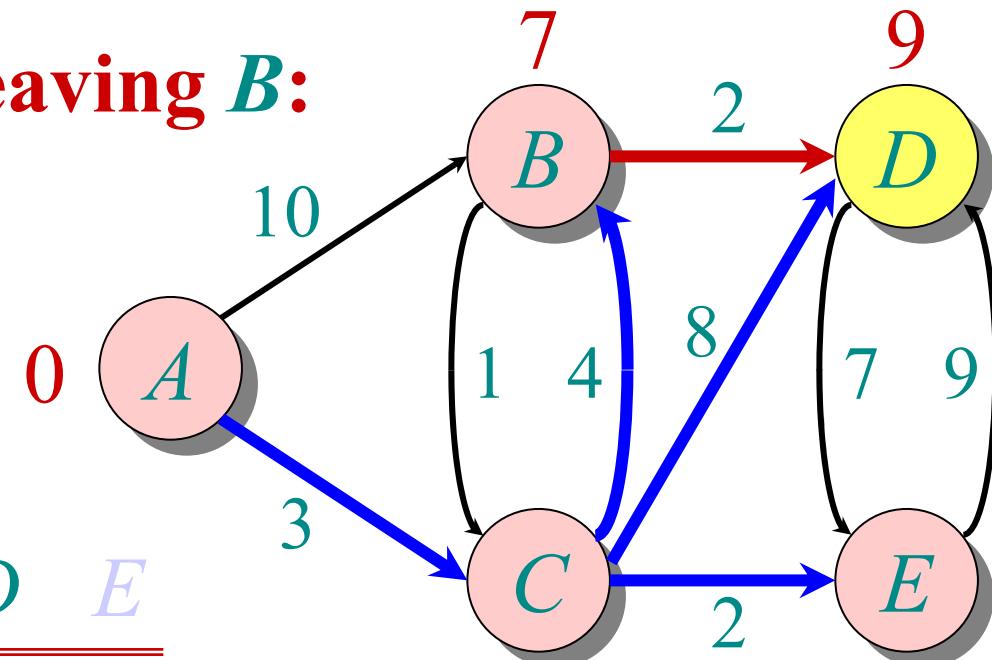
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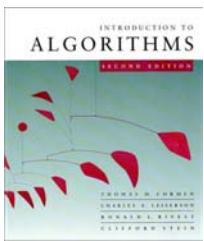
# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

Relax all edges leaving  $B$ :

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
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	10	3	$\infty$	$\infty$	
	7	7	11	5	



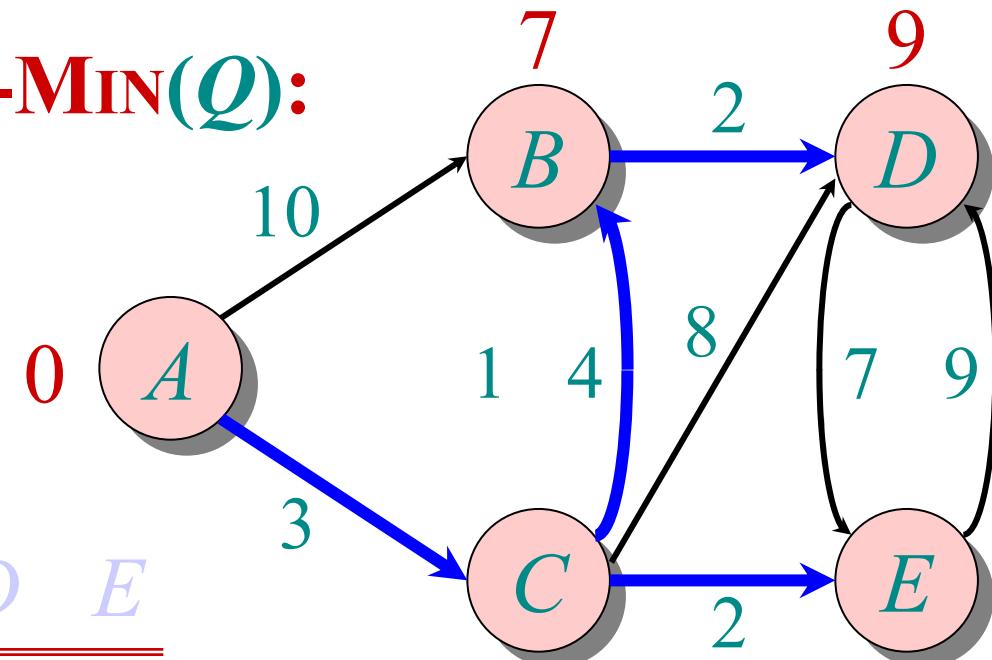
$$S: \{A, C, E, B\}$$
$$\pi: \begin{array}{ccccc} A & B & C & D & E \\ \hline & & C & A & B \\ & & A & B & C \end{array}$$



# Example of Dijkstra's algorithm

“ $D$ ”  $\leftarrow$  EXTRACT-MIN( $Q$ ):

$Q:$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
	10		3	$\infty$	$\infty$
	7		11	5	
	7		11		9



$$S: \{A, C, E, B, D\}$$
$$\pi: \begin{array}{ccccc} A & B & C & D & E \\ \hline & & C & A & B \\ & & \text{C} & \text{A} & \text{B} & \text{C} \end{array}$$