

# Bellman-Ford and Dynamic Programming

## Lecture 18

# Part I

No negative edges: Dijkstra

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

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for  $i = 1$  to  $|V|$  do  
    Let  $v$  be such that  $\text{dist}(s, v) = \min_{u \in V - X} \text{dist}(s, u)$   
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**Priority Queues** to maintain *dist* values for faster running time

- 1 Using heaps and standard priority queues:  $O((m + n) \log n)$
- 2 Best-first-search

# Dijkstra's Algorithm using Priority Queues

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 $Q \leftarrow \text{makePQ}()$ 
insert( $Q$ , ( $s$ , 0))
for each node  $u \neq s$  do
    insert( $Q$ , ( $u$ ,  $\infty$ ))
 $X \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
for  $i = 1$  to  $|V|$  do
    ( $v$ ,  $\text{dist}(s, v)$ ) = extractMin( $Q$ )
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        decreaseKey( $Q$ , ( $u$ ,  $\min(\text{dist}(s, u), \text{dist}(s, v) + \ell(v, u))$ )).
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Priority Queue operations:

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  - 2 Data structures are complicated to analyze/implement. Recent work has obtained data structures that are easier to analyze and implement, and perform well in practice. Rank-Pairing Heaps (European Symposium on Algorithms, September 2009!)

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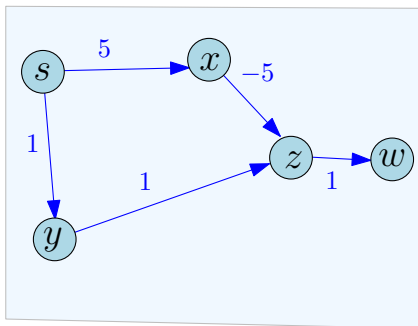
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## Part II

# Negative Edges: Bellman-Ford

# What are the distances computed by Dijkstra's algorithm?

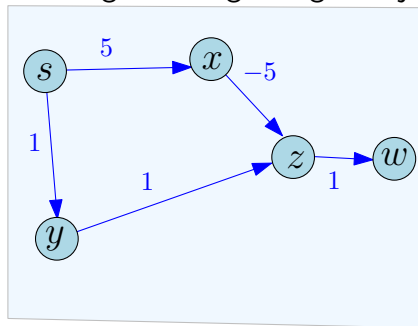


The distance as computed by Dijkstra algorithm starting from  $s$ :

- (A)  $s = 0, x = 5, y = 1, z = 0.$
- (B)  $s = 0, x = 1, y = 2, z = 5.$
- (C)  $s = 0, x = 5, y = 1, z = 2.$
- (D) IDK.

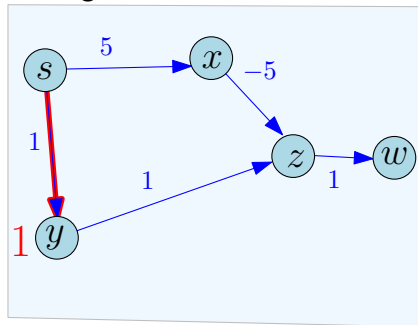
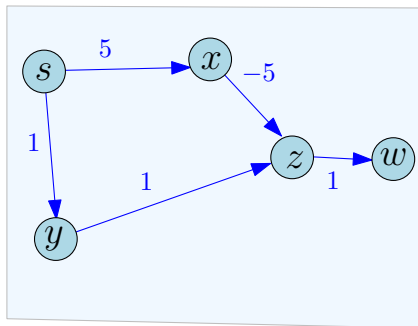
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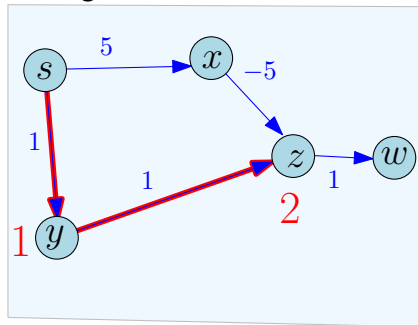
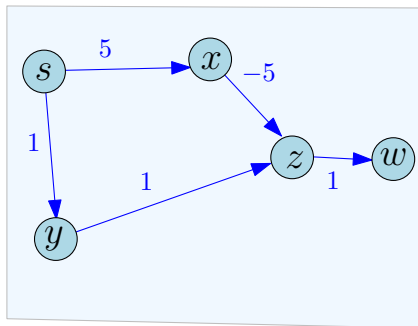
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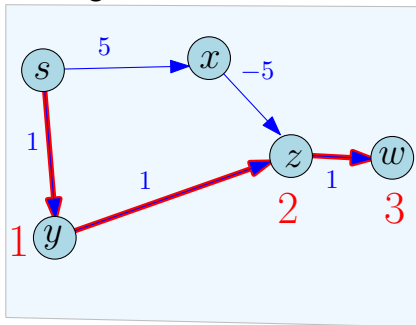
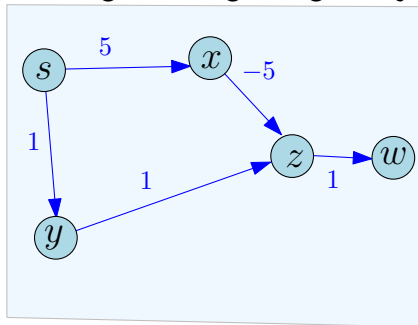
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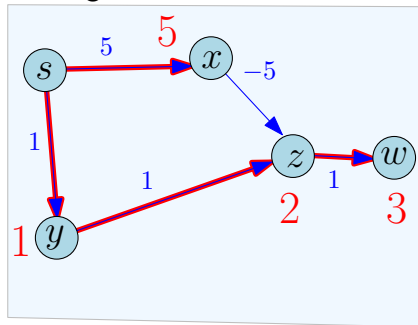
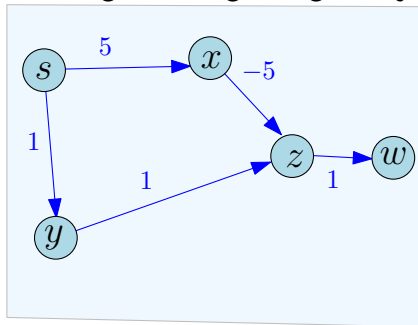
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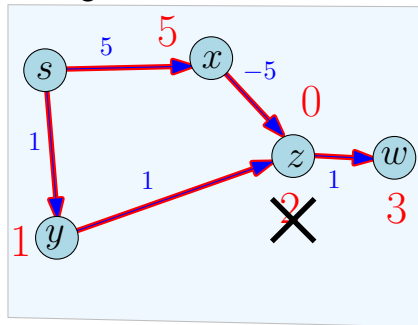
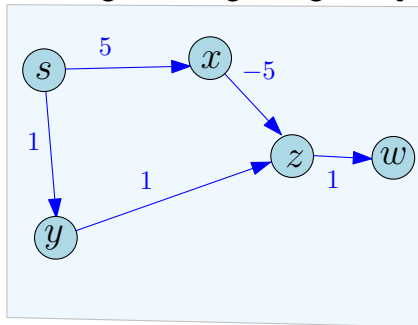
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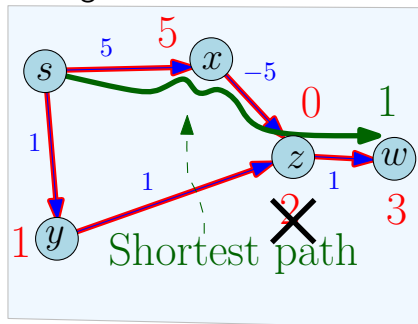
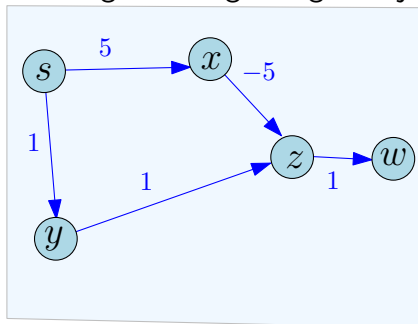
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**False assumption:** Dijkstra's algorithm is based on the assumption that if  $s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \dots \rightarrow v_k$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v_k$  then  $\text{dist}(s, v_i) \leq \text{dist}(s, v_{i+1})$  for  $0 \leq i < k$ . Holds true only for non-negative edge lengths.

# Anything we can learn from Dijkstra?

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Solution: Update all edges  $|V| - 1$  times!

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# Part III

## Bellman-Ford and DP

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Sub-problem idea: paths of fewer hops/edges

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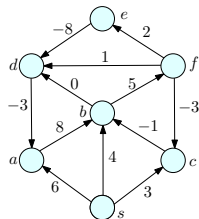
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# Example



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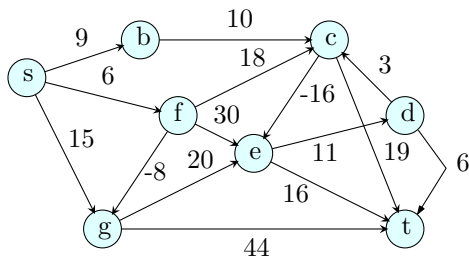
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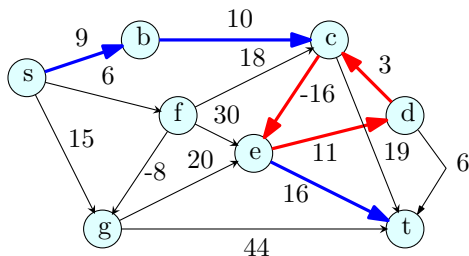
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(* One more iteration to check if distances change *)
for each  $v \in V$  do
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        if  $(d(v) > d(u) + \ell(u, v))$ 
            Output ‘‘Negative Cycle’’

for each  $v \in V$  do
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Given directed graph  $G$  with arbitrary edge lengths, does it have a negative length cycle?

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Given directed graph  $G$  with arbitrary edge lengths, does it have a negative length cycle?

- 1 Bellman-Ford checks whether there is a negative cycle  $C$  that is reachable from a specific vertex  $s$ . There may negative cycles not reachable from  $s$ .
- 2 Run Bellman-Ford  $|V|$  times, once from each node  $u$ ?

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- 1 Add a new node  $s'$  and connect it to all nodes of  $G$  with zero length edges. Bellman-Ford from  $s'$  will find a negative length cycle if there is one. **Exercise:** why does this work?
- 2 Negative cycle detection can be done with one Bellman-Ford invocation.