




POLITECNICO  
DI TORINO

Graphs: Finding shortest paths

Tecniche di Programmazione – A.A. 2013/2014



## Summary

- ▶ Definitions
- ▶ Floyd-Warshall algorithm
- ▶ Bellman-Ford-Moore algorithm
- ▶ Dijkstra algorithm



## Definitions

Graphs: Finding shortest paths



### Definition: weight of a path

- ▶ Consider a directed, weighted graph  $G=(V,E)$ , with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ 
  - ▶ This is the general case: undirected or un-weighted are automatically included
- ▶ The weight  $w(p)$  of a path  $p$  is the sum of the weights of the edges composing the path

$$w(p) = \sum_{(u,v) \in p} w(u,v)$$

## Definition: shortest path

- ▶ The shortest path between vertex  $u$  and vertex  $v$  is defined as the minimum-weight path between  $u$  and  $v$ , if the path exists.
- ▶ The weight of the shortest path is represented as  $\delta(u,v)$
- ▶ If  $v$  is not reachable from  $u$ , then  $\delta(u,v)=\infty$

▶ 5

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Finding shortest paths

- ▶ **Single-source shortest path**
  - ▶ Given  $u$  and  $v$ , find the shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$
  - ▶ Given  $u$ , find the shortest path between  $u$  and any other vertex
- ▶ **All-pairs shortest path**
  - ▶ Given a graph, find the shortest path between any pair of vertices

▶ 6

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## What to find?

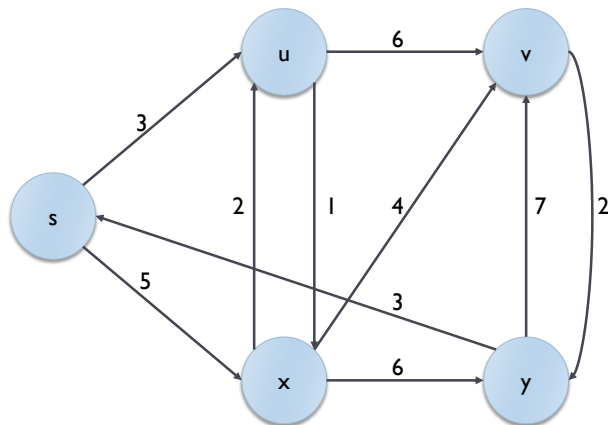
- ▶ Depending on the problem, you might want:
  - ▶ The **value** of the shortest path weight
    - ▶ Just a real number
  - ▶ The **actual path** having such minimum weight
    - ▶ For simple graphs, a sequence of vertices. For multigraphs, a sequence of edges

▶ 7

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example

What is the shortest path between s and v ?



▶ 8

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

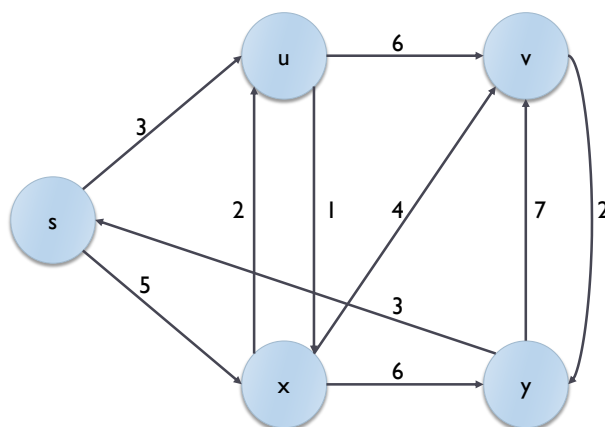
## Representing shortest paths

- ▶ To store all shortest paths from a single source  $u$ , we may add
  - ▶ For each vertex  $v$ , the weight of the shortest path  $\delta(u,v)$
  - ▶ For each vertex  $v$ , the “preceding” vertex  $\pi(v)$  that allows to reach  $v$  in the shortest path
    - ▶ For multigraphs, we need the preceding edge
- ▶ **Example:**
  - ▶ Source vertex:  $u$
  - ▶ For any vertex  $v$ :
    - ▶ double  $v.weight$  ;
    - ▶ Vertex  $v.preceding$  ;

▶ 9

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example



Vertex	Previous
s	NULL
u	s
x	u
v	x
y	v

Vertex	Weight
s	0
u	3
x	4
v	8
y	10

▶ 10

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Lemma

- ▶ The “previous” vertex in an intermediate node of a minimum path does not depend on the final destination
- ▶ Example:
  - ▶ Let  $p_1$  = shortest path between  $u$  and  $v_1$
  - ▶ Let  $p_2$  = shortest path between  $u$  and  $v_2$
  - ▶ Consider a vertex  $w \in p_1 \cap p_2$
  - ▶ The value of  $\pi(w)$  may be chosen in a single way and still guarantee that both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are shortest

## Shortest path graph

- ▶ Consider a source node  $u$
- ▶ Compute all shortest paths from  $u$
- ▶ Consider the relation  $E\pi = \{ (v.\text{preceding}, v) \}$
- ▶  $E\pi \subseteq E$
- ▶  $V\pi = \{ v \in V : v \text{ reachable from } u \}$
- ▶  $G\pi = G(V\pi, E\pi)$  is a subgraph of  $G(V, E)$
- ▶  $G\pi$ : the predecessor-subgraph

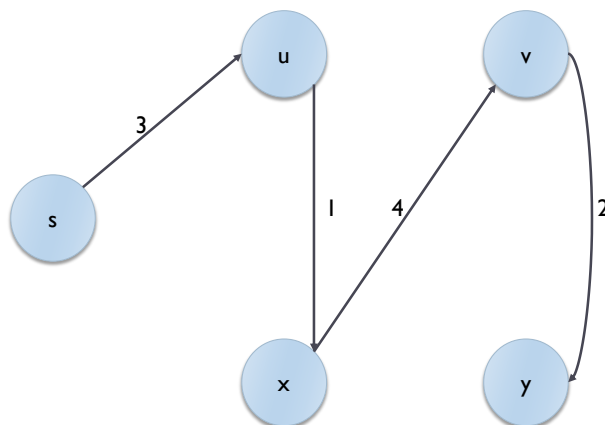
## Shortest path tree

- ▶  $G_\pi$  is a tree (due to the Lemma) rooted in  $u$
- ▶ In  $G_\pi$ , the (unique) paths starting from  $u$  are always shortest paths
- ▶  $G_\pi$  is not unique, but all possible  $G_\pi$  are equivalent (same weight for every shortest path)

▶ 13

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example



Vertex	Previous
s	NULL
u	s
x	u
v	x
y	v

Vertex	Weight
s	0
u	3
x	4
v	8
y	10

▶ 14

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Special case

---

- ▶ If  $G$  is an un-weighted graph, then the shortest paths may be computed just with a breadth-first visit

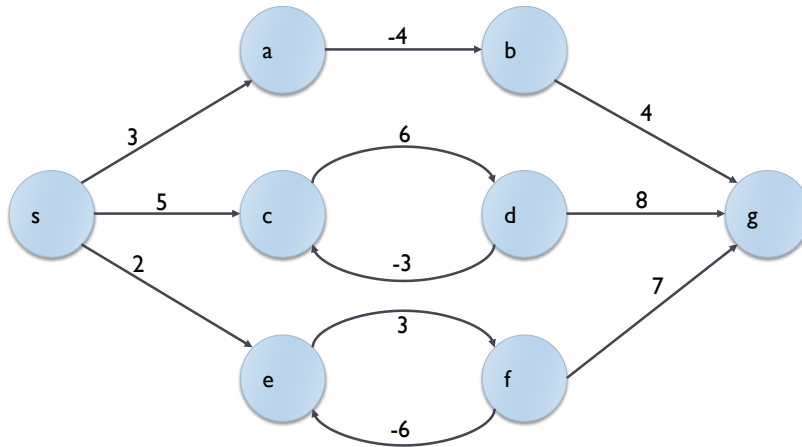
## Negative-weight cycles

---

- ▶ Minimum paths cannot be defined if there are negative-weight cycles in the graph
- ▶ In this case, the minimum path does not exist, because you may always decrease the path weight by going once more through the loop.
- ▶ Conventionally, in these case we say that the path weight is  $-\infty$ .



## Example

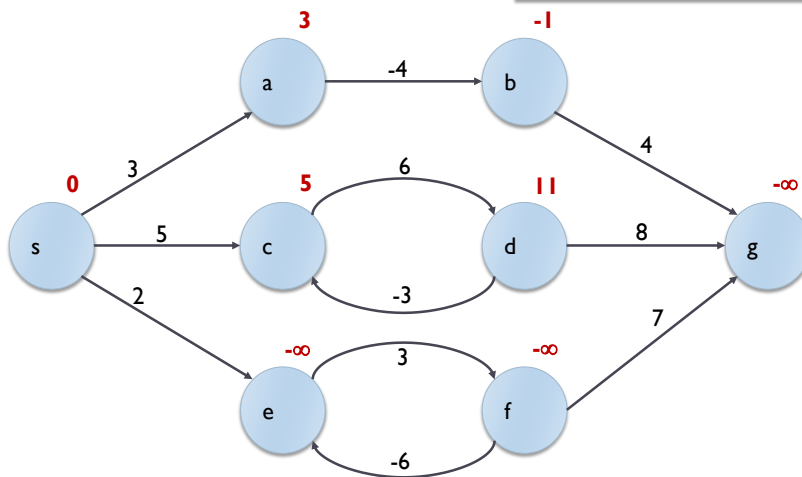


▶ 17

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example

Minimum-weight paths from  
source vertex s



▶ 18

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Lemma

- ▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph  $G=(V,E)$ , with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .
- ▶ Let  $p = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$  a shortest path from vertex  $v_1$  to vertex  $v_k$ .
- ▶ For all  $i, j$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq k$ , let  $p_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_j \rangle$  be the sub-path of  $p$ , from vertex  $v_i$  to vertex  $v_j$ .
- ▶ Therefore,  $p_{ij}$  is a shortest path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .

## Corollary

- ▶ Let  $p$  be a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$
- ▶ Consider the vertex  $u$ , such that  $(u,v)$  is the last edge in the shortest path
- ▶ We may decompose  $p$  (from  $s$  to  $v$ ) into:
  - ▶ A sub-path from  $s$  to  $u$
  - ▶ The final edge  $(u,v)$
- ▶ Therefore
  - ▶  $\delta(s,v) = \delta(s,u) + w(u,v)$

## Lemma

---

- ▶ If we chose arbitrarily the vertex  $u$ , then for all edges  $(u,v) \in E$  we may say that
  - ▶  $\delta(s,v) \leq \delta(s,u) + w(u,v)$

## Relaxation

---

- ▶ Most shortest-path algorithms are based on the relaxation technique
- ▶ It consists of
  - ▶ Keeping track of an updated estimate  $d[u]$  of the shortest path towards each node  $u$
  - ▶ Relaxing (i.e., updating)  $d[v]$  (and therefore the predecessor  $\pi[v]$ ) whenever we discover that node  $v$  is more conveniently reached by traversing edge  $(u,v)$

## Initial state

---

▶ Initialize-Single-Source( $G(V,E), s$ )

1. **for** all vertices  $v \in V$
2. **do**
  1.  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$
  2.  $\pi[v] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
3.  $d[s] \leftarrow 0$

---

▶ 23

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Relaxation

---

▶ We consider an edge  $(u,v)$  with weight  $w$

▶ Relax( $u, v, w$ )

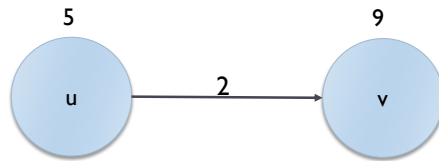
1. **if**  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u,v)$
2. **then**
  1.  $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u,v)$
  2.  $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

---

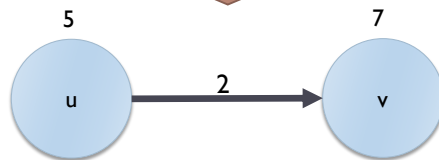
▶ 24

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example 1



Before:  
Shortest path to  $v$   
weights 9, does not  
contain  $(u,v)$

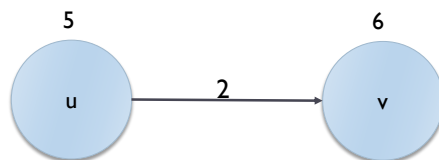


After:  
Shortest path to  $v$   
weights 7, the path  
includes  $(u,v)$

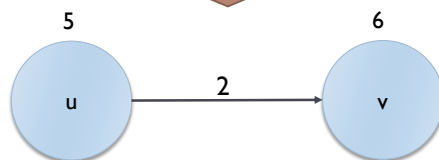
► 25

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example 2



Before:  
Shortest path to  $v$   
weights 6, does not  
contain  $(u,v)$



After:  
No relaxation possible,  
shortest path unchanged

► 26

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Lemma

- ▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph  $G=(V,E)$ , with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ .
- ▶ Let  $(u,v)$  be an edge in  $G$ .
- ▶ After relaxation of  $(u,v)$  we may write that:
  - ▶  $d[v] \leq d[u] + w(u,v)$

▶ 27

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Lemma

- ▶ Consider an ordered weighted graph  $G=(V,E)$ , with weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and source vertex  $s \in V$ . Assume that  $G$  has no negative-weight cycles reachable from  $s$ .
- ▶ Therefore
  - ▶ After calling Initialize-Single-Source( $G,s$ ), the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  is a rooted tree, with  $s$  as the root.
  - ▶ Any relaxation we may apply to the graph does not invalidate this property.

▶ 28

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Lemma

---

- ▶ Given the previous definitions.
- ▶ Apply any possible sequence of relaxation operations
- ▶ Therefore, for each vertex  $v$ 
  - ▶  $d[v] \geq \delta(s,v)$
- ▶ Additionally, if  $d[v] = \delta(s,v)$ , then the value of  $d[v]$  will not change anymore due to relaxation operations.

## Shortest path algorithms

---

- ▶ Differ according to one-source or all-sources requirement
- ▶ Adopt repeated relaxation operations
- ▶ Vary in the order of relaxation operations they perform
- ▶ May be applicable (or not) to graph with negative edges (but no negative cycles)



# Floyd-Warshall algorithm

Graphs: Finding shortest paths



## Floyd-Warshall algorithm

- ▶ Computes the all-source shortest path
- ▶  $dist[i][j]$  is an n-by-n matrix that contains the length of a shortest path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$ .
- ▶ if  $dist[u][v]$  is  $\infty$ , there is no path from  $u$  to  $v$
- ▶  $pred[s][j]$  is used to reconstruct an actual shortest path: stores the predecessor vertex for reaching  $v_j$  starting from source  $v_s$

FLOYD-WARSHALL			Weighted Directed Graph	Overflow
Best	Average	Worst	Dynamic Programming	2D Array
$O(V^3)$	$O(V^3)$	$O(V^3)$		

allPairsShortestPath (G)

1. **foreach**  $u \in V$  **do**
2.   **foreach**  $v \in V$  **do**
3.      $dist[u][v] = \infty$
4.      $pred[u][v] = -1$
5.      $dist[u][u] = 0$
6.   **foreach** neighbor  $w$  of  $u$  **do**
7.      $dist[u][w] = \text{weight of edge } (u,w)$
8.      $pred[u][w] = u$
9.   **foreach**  $t \in V$  **do**
10.    **foreach**  $u \in V$  **do**
11.     **foreach**  $v \in V$  **do**
12.        $newLen = dist[u][t] + dist[t][v]$
13.       **if** ( $newLen < dist[u][v]$ ) **then**
14.          $dist[u][v] = newLen$
15.          $pred[u][v] = pred[t][v]$

end

Initialize  $dist[][]$  matrix with existing edges

For each vertex  $t \in V$ , reduce paths between each pair of  $(u,v)$  vertices through  $t$  when possible

This is the final result since processing vertex 4 has no impact

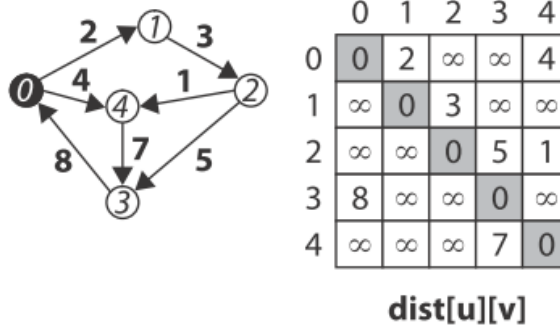


## Floyd-Warshall: initialization

### allPairsShortestPath (G)

1. **foreach**  $u \in V$  **do**
2.     **foreach**  $v \in V$  **do**
3.          $\text{dist}[u][v] = \infty$
4.          $\text{pred}[u][v] = -1$
5.      $\text{dist}[u][u] = 0$
6.     **foreach** neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  **do**
7.          $\text{dist}[u][v] = \text{weight of edge } (u,v)$
8.          $\text{pred}[u][v] = u$

## Example, after initialization



	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	4
1	$\infty$	0	3	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	5	1
3	8	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
4	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	7	0

**dist[u][v]**

## Floyd-Warshall: relaxation

```

9.  foreach  $t \in V$  do
10. foreach  $u \in V$  do
11.   foreach  $v \in V$  do
12.     newLen = dist[u][t] + dist[t][v]
13.     if (newLen < dist[u][v]) then
14.       dist[u][v] = newLen
15.       pred[u][v] = pred[t][v]

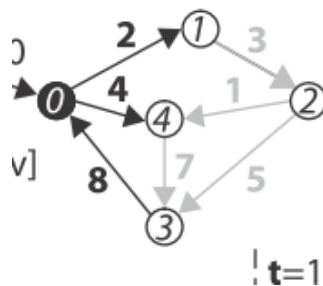
```

$t=0$  →

▶ 35

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example, after step $t=0$

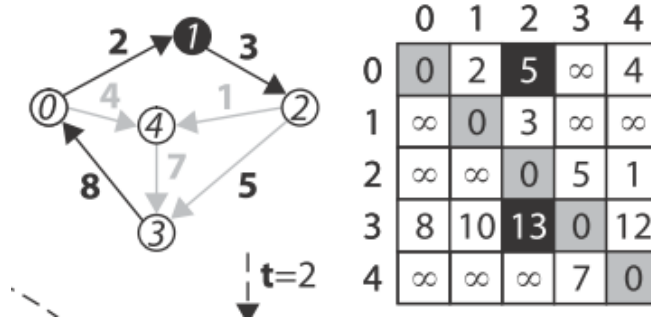


	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	4
1	$\infty$	0	3	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	5	1
3	8	10	$\infty$	0	12
4	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	7	0

▶ 36

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

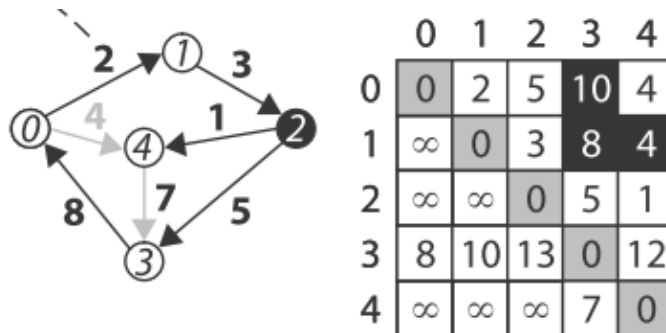
## Example, after step $t=1$



▶ 37

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

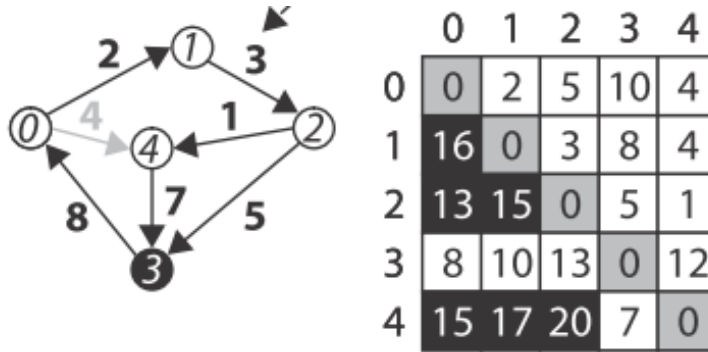
## Example, after step $t=2$



▶ 38

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Example, after step $t=3$



▶ 39

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Complexity

- ▶ The Floyd-Warshall is basically executing 3 nested loops, each iterating over all vertices in the graph
- ▶ Complexity:  $O(V^3)$

▶ 40

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

# Implementation

org.jgrapht.alg  
**Class FloydWarshallShortestPaths<V,E>**

java.lang.Object  
 ↳ org.jgrapht.alg.FloydWarshallShortestPaths<V,E>

public class FloydWarshallShortestPaths<V,E>  
 extends java.lang.Object

The [Floyd-Warshall algorithm](#) finds all shortest paths (all  $n^2$  of them) in  $O(n^3)$  time. This also works out the graph diameter during the process.

Author:

Tom Larkworthy, Soren Davidsen

## Constructor Summary

[FloydWarshallShortestPaths](#)([Graph](#)<V,E> graph)

## Method Summary

double	<a href="#">getDiameter</a> ()
<a href="#">Graph</a> <V,E>	<a href="#">getGraph</a> ()
<a href="#">GraphPath</a> <V,E>	<a href="#">getShortestPath</a> ( <a href="#">V</a> a, <a href="#">V</a> b) Get the shortest path between two vertices.
java.util.List< <a href="#">GraphPath</a> <V,E>>	<a href="#">getShortestPaths</a> ( <a href="#">V</a> v) Get shortest paths from a vertex to all other vertices in the graph.
int	<a href="#">getShortestPathsCount</a> ()
double	<a href="#">shortestDistance</a> ( <a href="#">V</a> a, <a href="#">V</a> b) Get the length of a shortest path.



## Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

Graphs: Finding shortest paths

## Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

- ▶ Solution to the single-source shortest path (SSSP) problem in graph theory
- ▶ Based on relaxation (for every vertex, relax all possible edges)
- ▶ Does not work in presence of negative cycles
  - ▶ but it is able to detect the problem
- ▶  $O(V \cdot E)$

▶ 43

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Bellman-Ford-Moore Algorithm

```

dist[s] ← 0           (distance to source vertex is zero)
for all v ∈ V - {s}
  do dist[v] ← ∞     (set all other distances to infinity)
for i ← 0 to |V|
  for all (u, v) ∈ E
    do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v)   (if new shortest path found)
       then d[v] ← d[u] + w(u, v)     (set new value of shortest path)
       (if desired, add traceback code)

for all (u, v) ∈ E   (sanity check)
  do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v)
     then PANIC!
  
```

▶ 44

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014



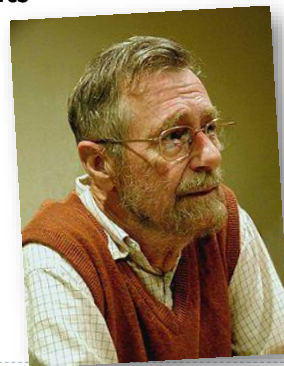
## Dijkstra's Algorithm

Graphs: Finding shortest paths



## Dijkstra's algorithm

- ▶ Solution to the single-source shortest path (SSSP) problem in graph theory
- ▶ Works on both directed and undirected graphs
- ▶ All edges must have nonnegative weights
  - ▶ the algorithm would miserably fail
- ▶ Greedy
  - ... but guarantees the optimum!



## Dijkstra's algorithm

```

dist[s] ← 0           (distance to source vertex is zero)
for all v ∈ V - {s}
  do dist[v] ← ∞     (set all other distances to infinity)
S ← ∅                (S, the set of visited vertices is initially empty)
Q ← V                (Q, the queue initially contains all vertices)
while Q ≠ ∅          (while the queue is not empty)
  do u ← mindistance(Q, dist) (select e ∈ Q with the min. distance)
     S ← S ∪ {u}       (add u to list of visited vertices)
     for all v ∈ neighbors[u]
       do if dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v) (if new shortest path found)
          then d[v] ← d[u] + w(u, v) (set new value of shortest path)
             (if desired, add traceback code)

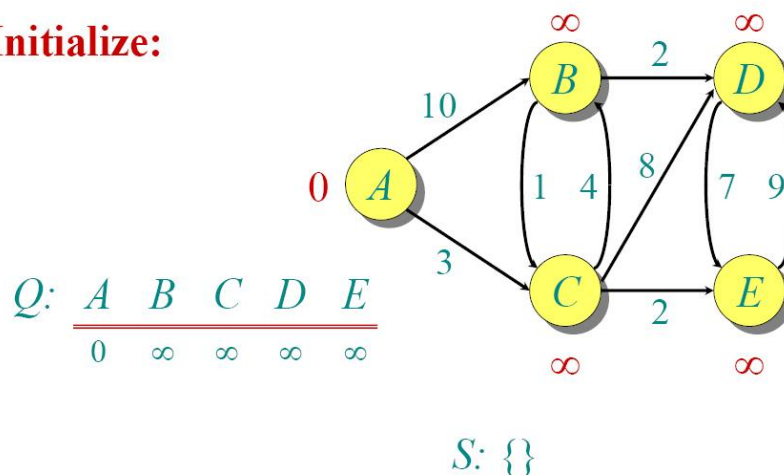
```

▶ 47

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Dijkstra Animated Example

**Initialize:**

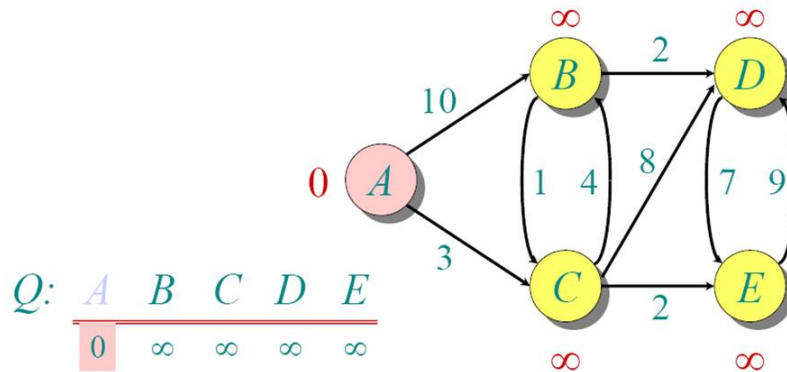


▶ 48

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014



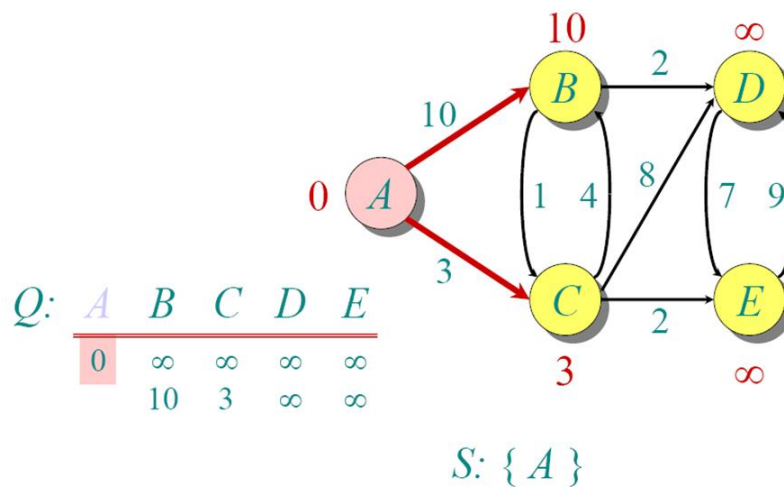
## Dijkstra Animated Example



▶ 49

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

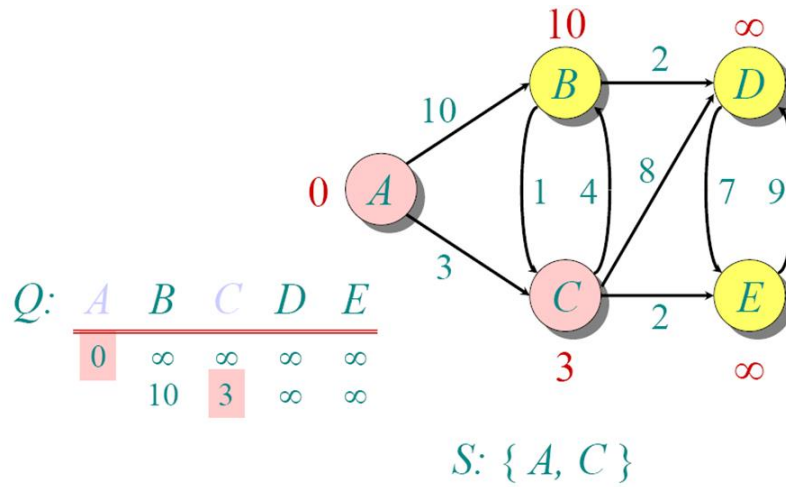
## Dijkstra Animated Example



▶ 50

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

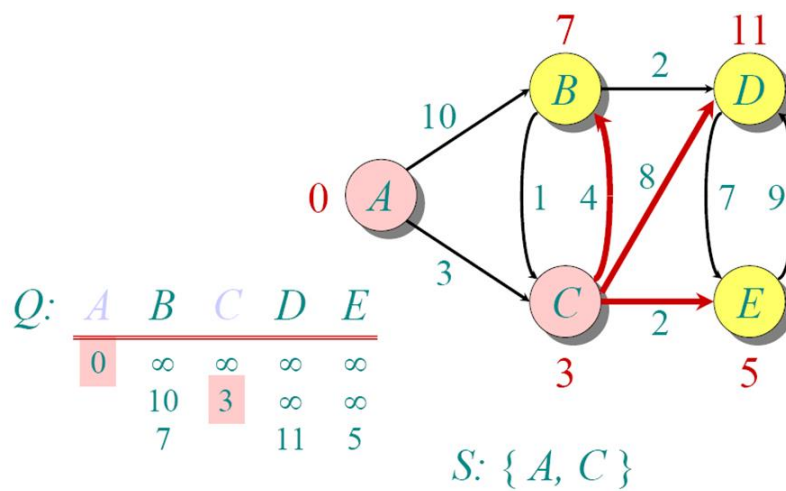
## Dijkstra Animated Example



► 51

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

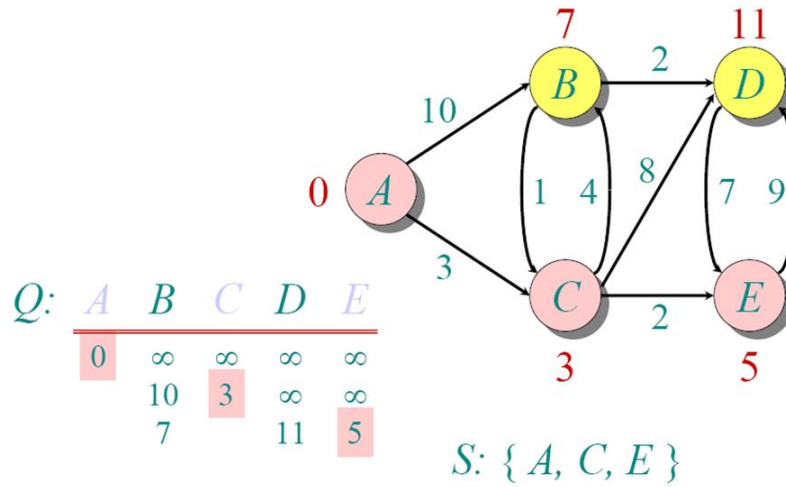
## Dijkstra Animated Example



► 52

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

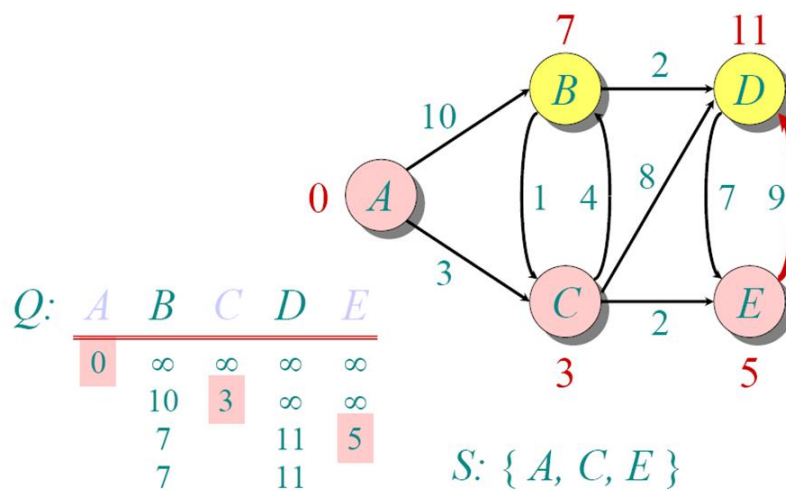
## Dijkstra Animated Example



▶ 53

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

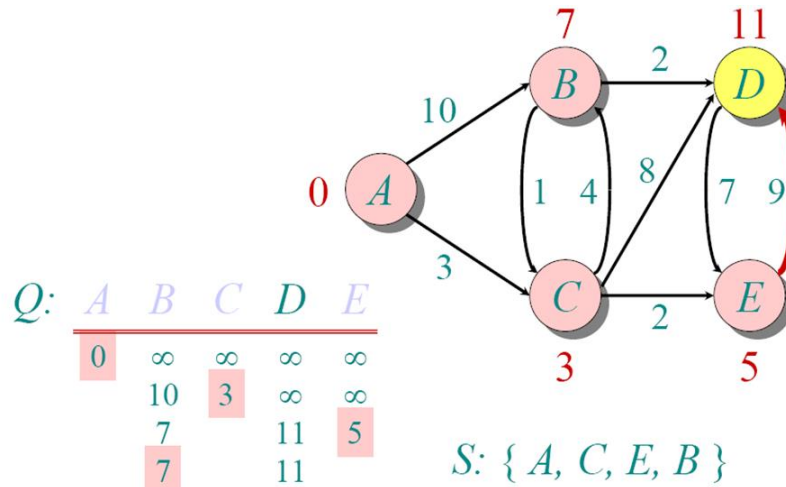
## Dijkstra Animated Example



▶ 54

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

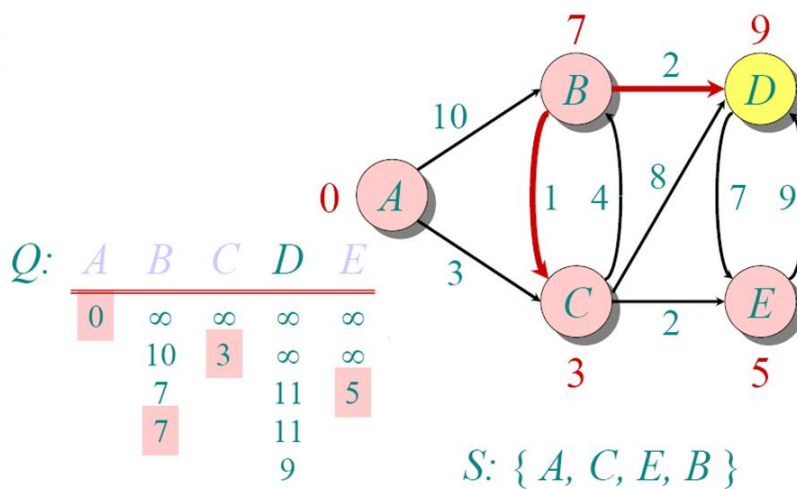
## Dijkstra Animated Example



► 55

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

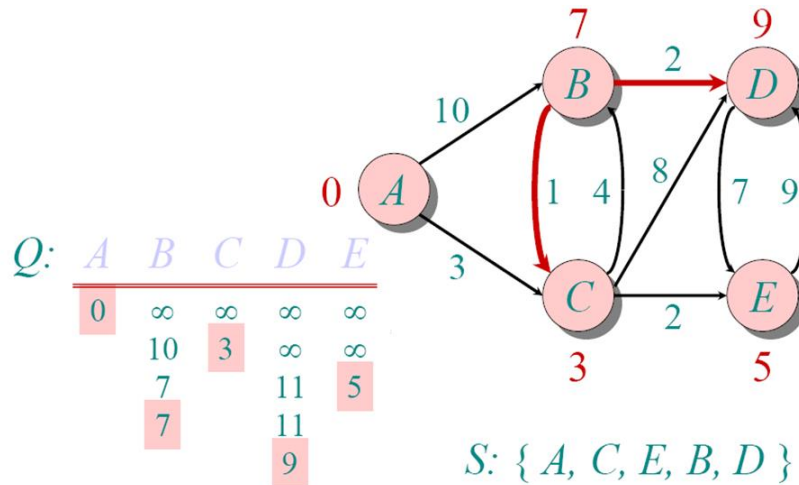
## Dijkstra Animated Example



► 56

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Dijkstra Animated Example



▶ 57

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Why it works

- ▶ A formal proof would take longer than this presentation, but we can understand how the argument works intuitively
  - ▶ Think of Dijkstra's algorithm as a water-filling algorithm
  - ▶ Remember that all edge's weights are positive

▶ 58

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## Dijkstra efficiency

- ▶ The simplest implementation is:  
 $O(E + V^2)$

- ▶ But it can be implemented more efficiently:  
 $O(E + V \cdot \log V)$



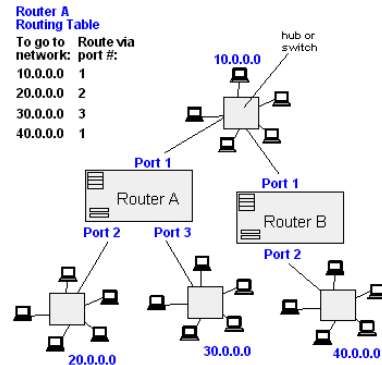
Floyd–Warshall:  $O(V^3)$   
Bellman-Ford-Moore :  $O(V \cdot E)$

## Applications

- ▶ Dijkstra's algorithm calculates the shortest path to every vertex from vertex  $s$  (SSSP)
- ▶ It is about as computationally expensive to calculate the shortest path from vertex  $u$  to every vertex using Dijkstra's as it is to calculate the shortest path to some particular vertex  $t$
- ▶ Therefore, anytime we want to know the optimal path to some other vertex  $t$  from a determined origin  $s$ , we can use Dijkstra's algorithm (and stop as soon  $t$  exit from  $Q$ )

## Applications

- ▶ Traffic Information Systems are most prominent use
- ▶ Mapping (Map Quest, Google Maps)
- ▶ Routing Systems

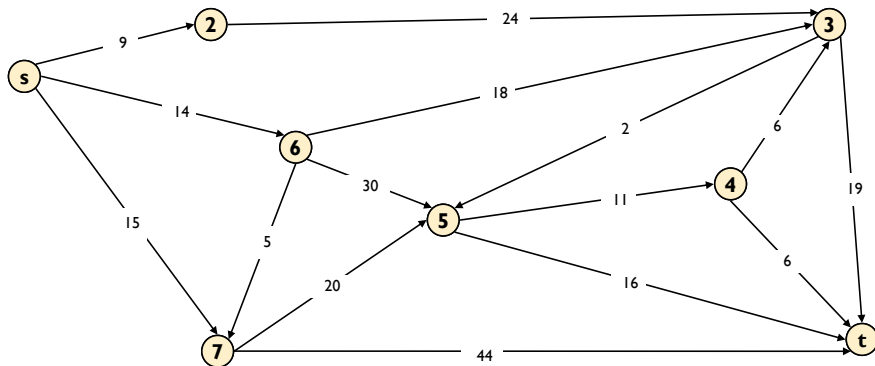


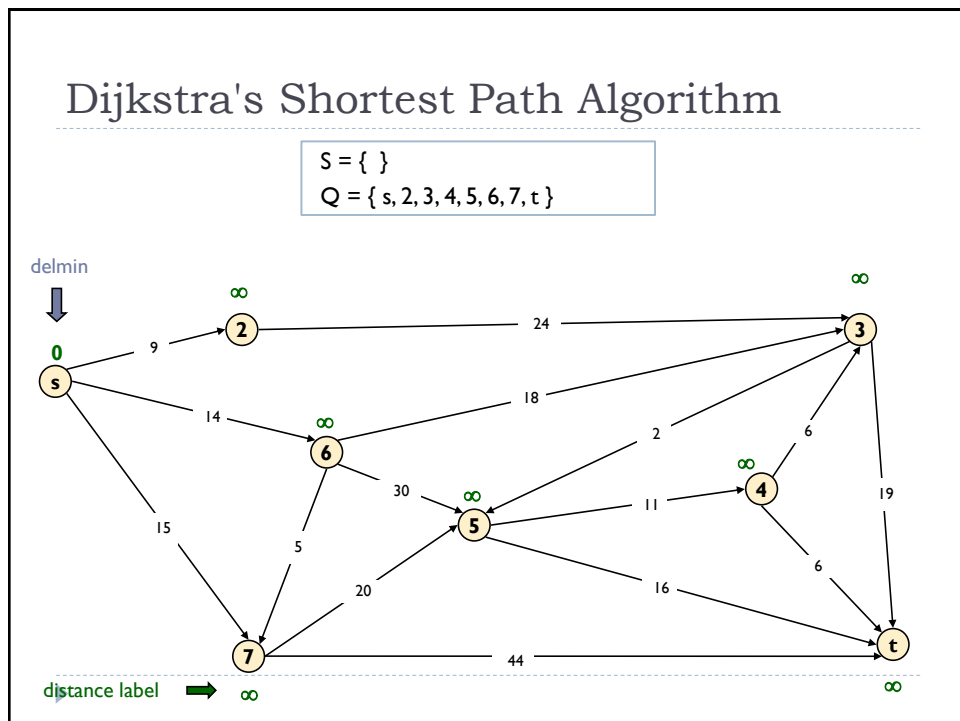
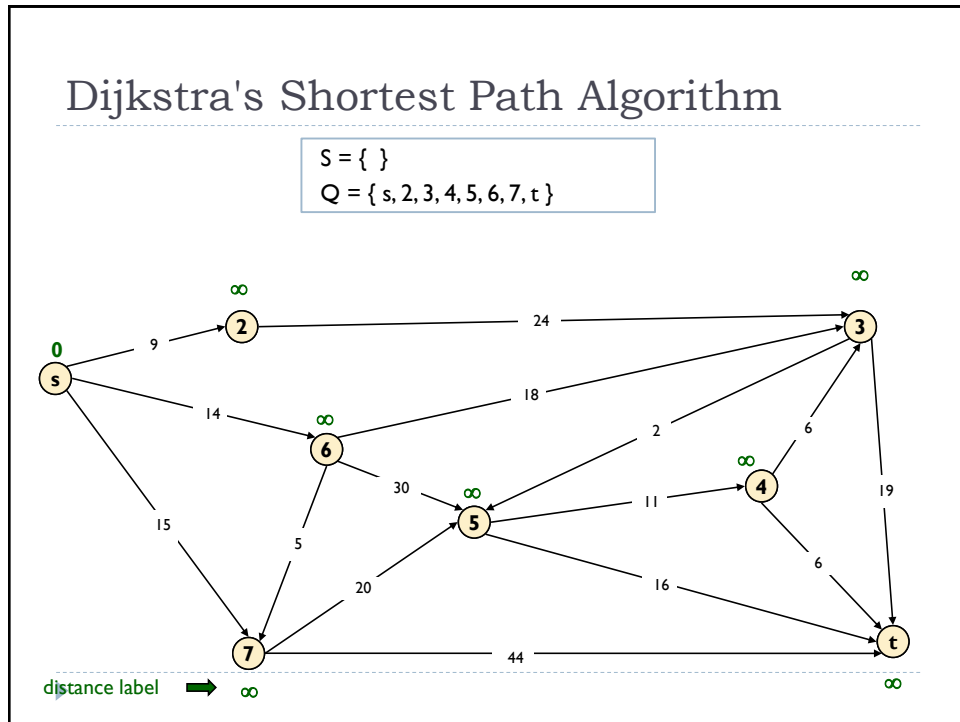
▶ 61

Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

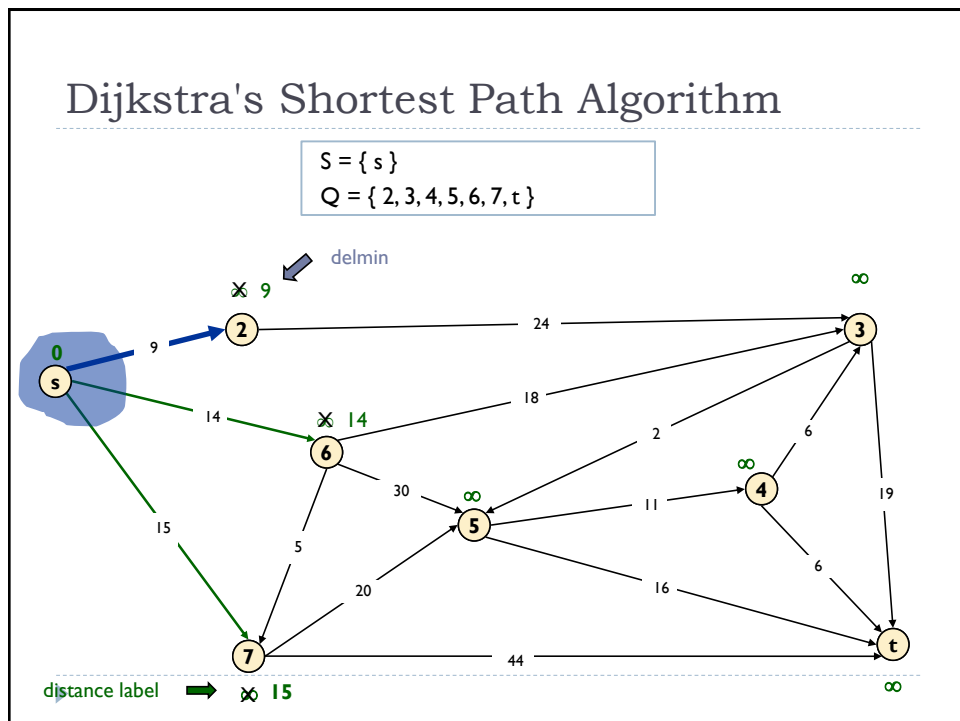
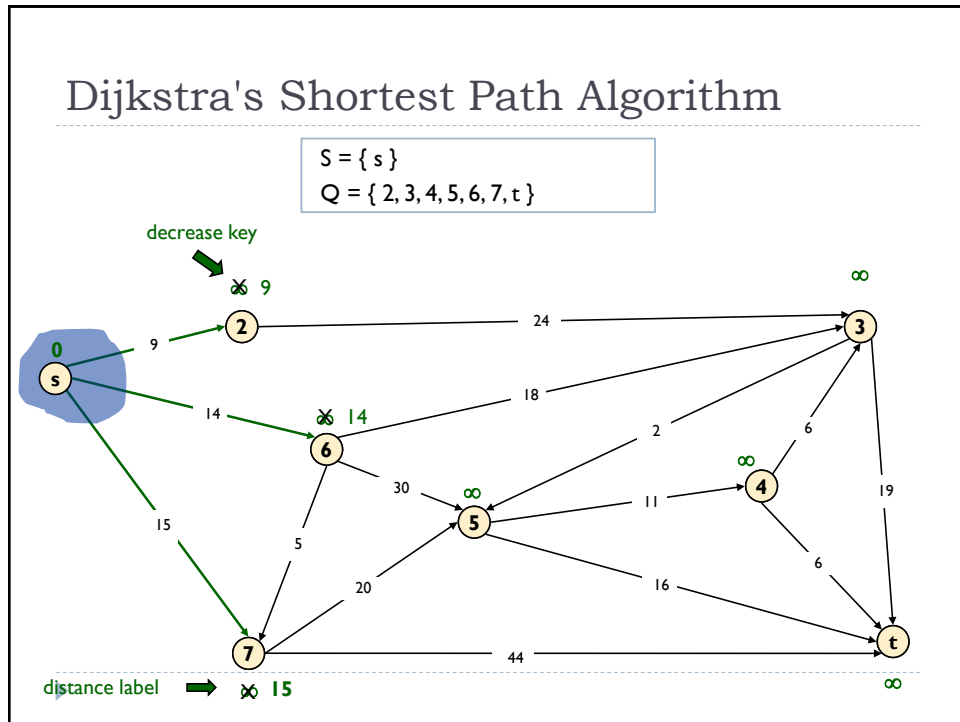
## Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

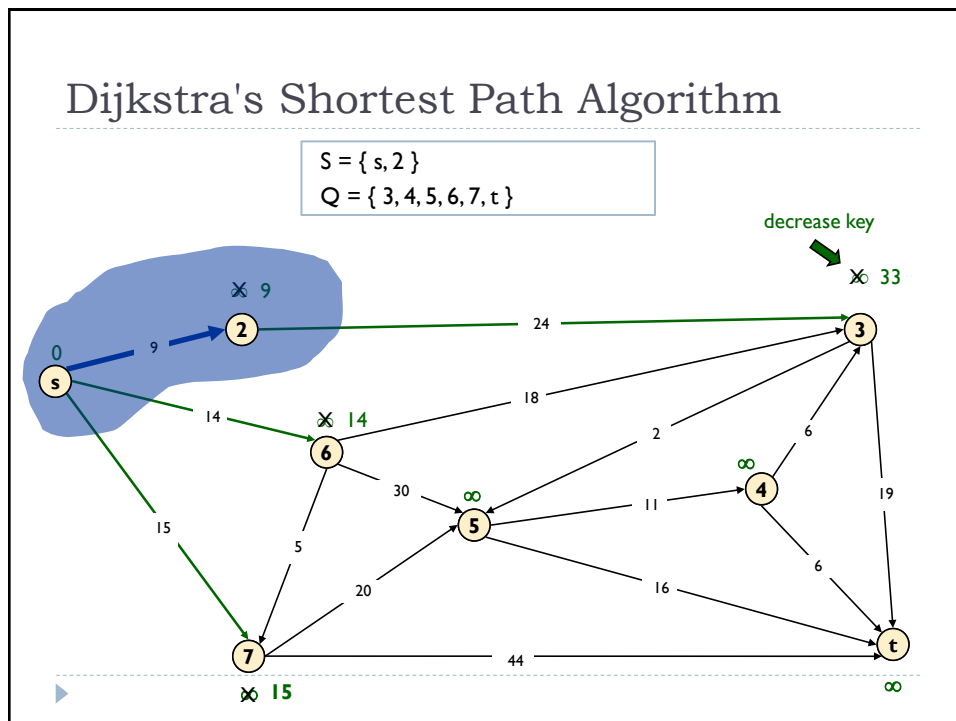
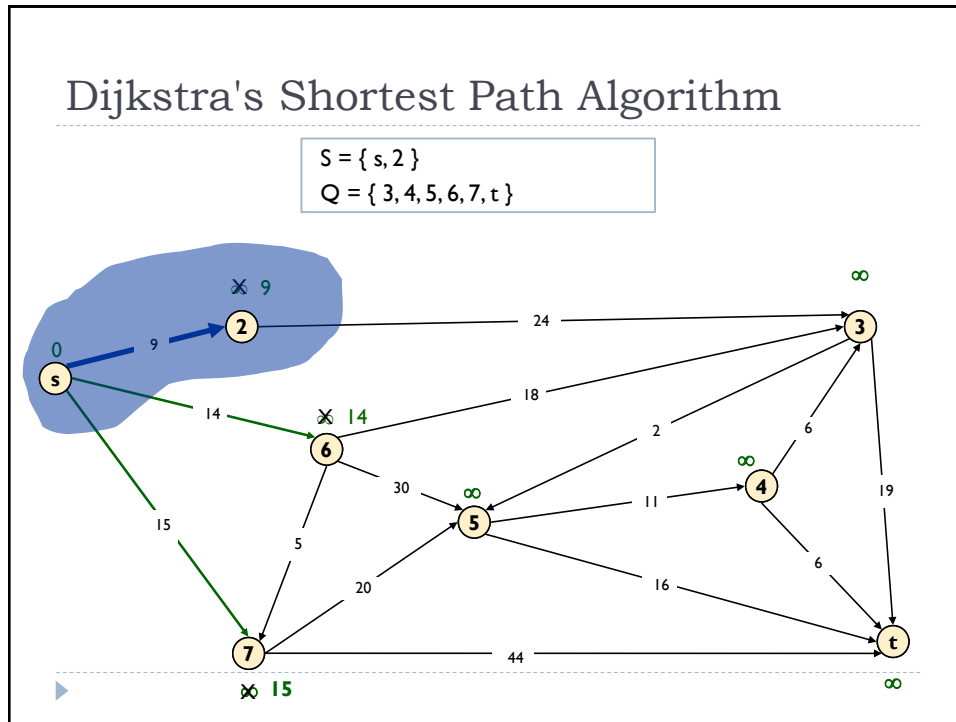
- ▶ Find shortest path from **s** to **t**

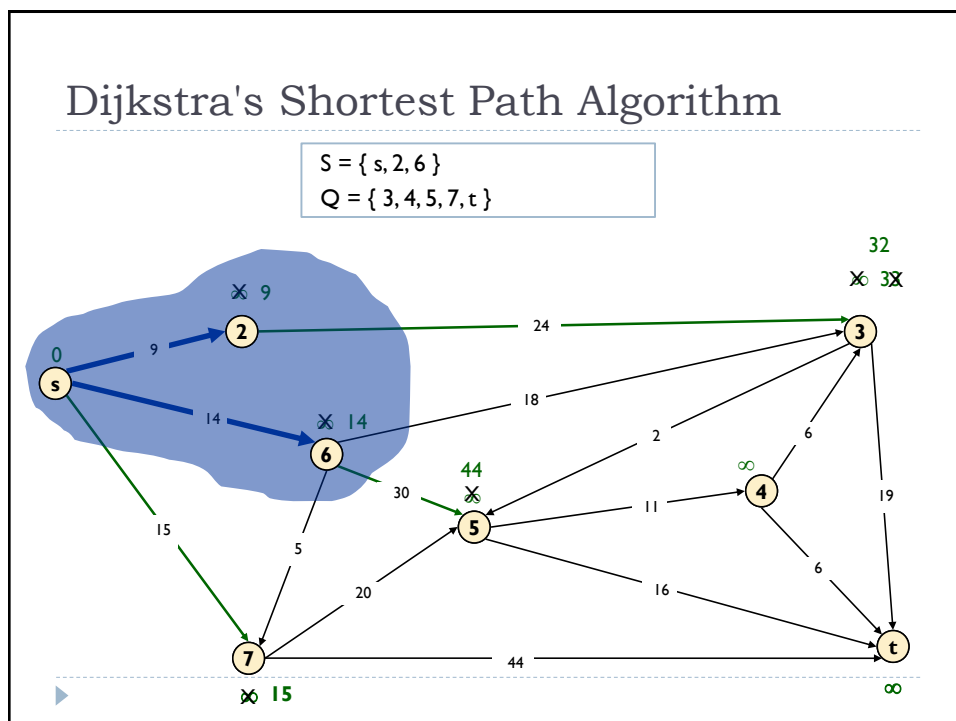
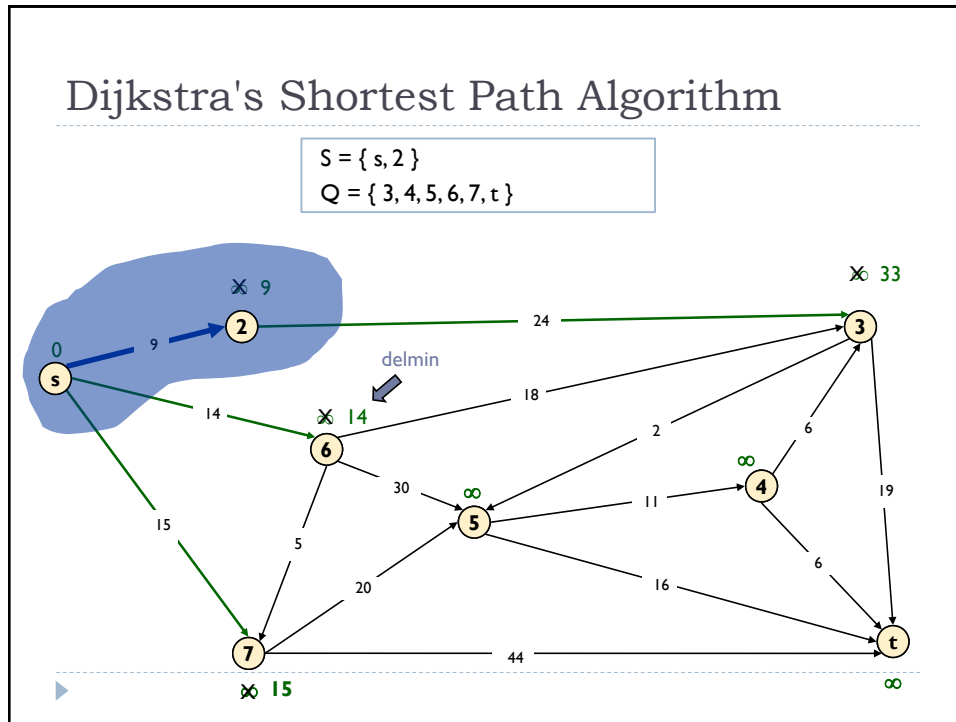


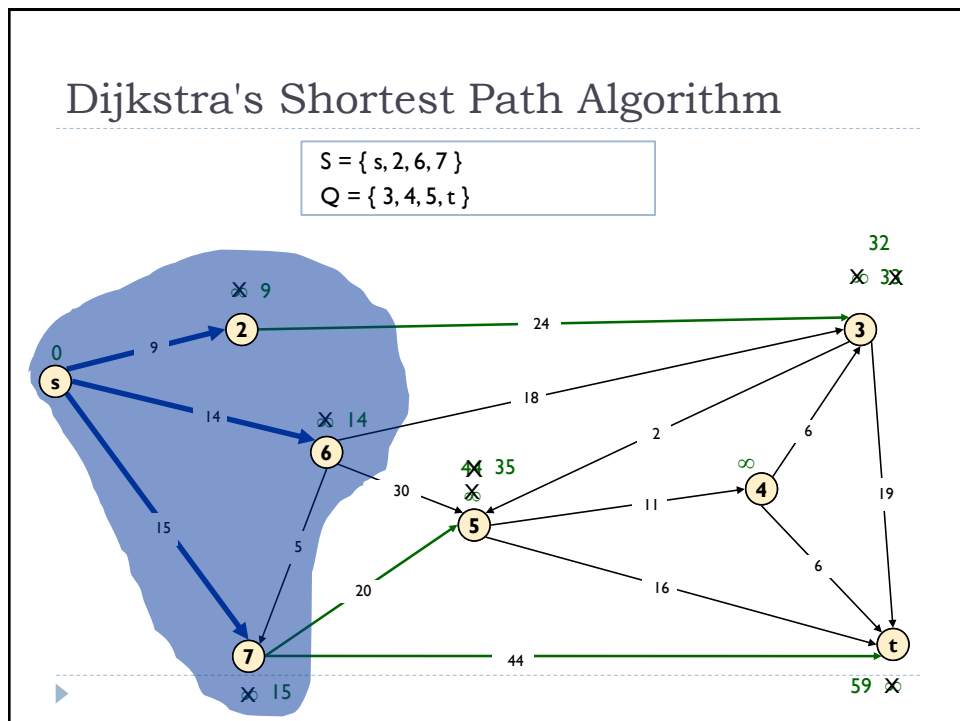
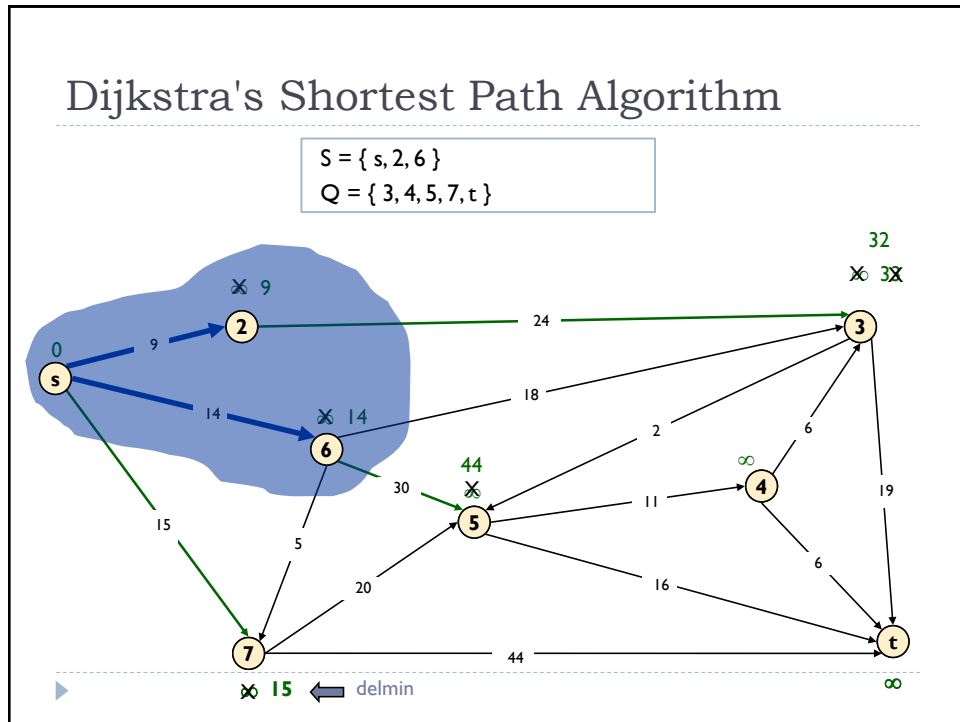


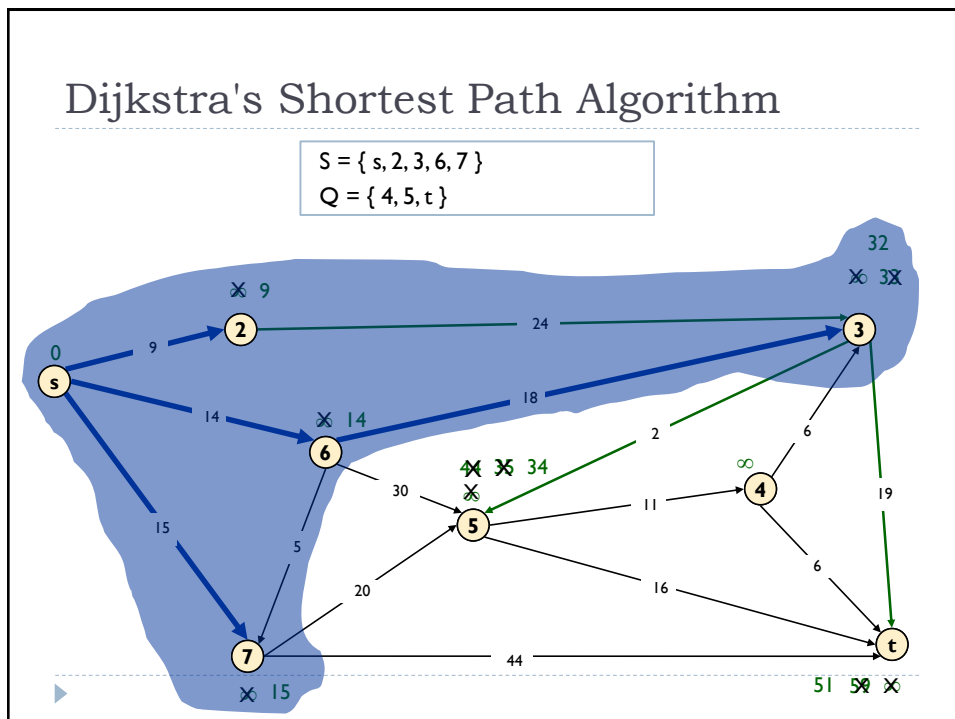
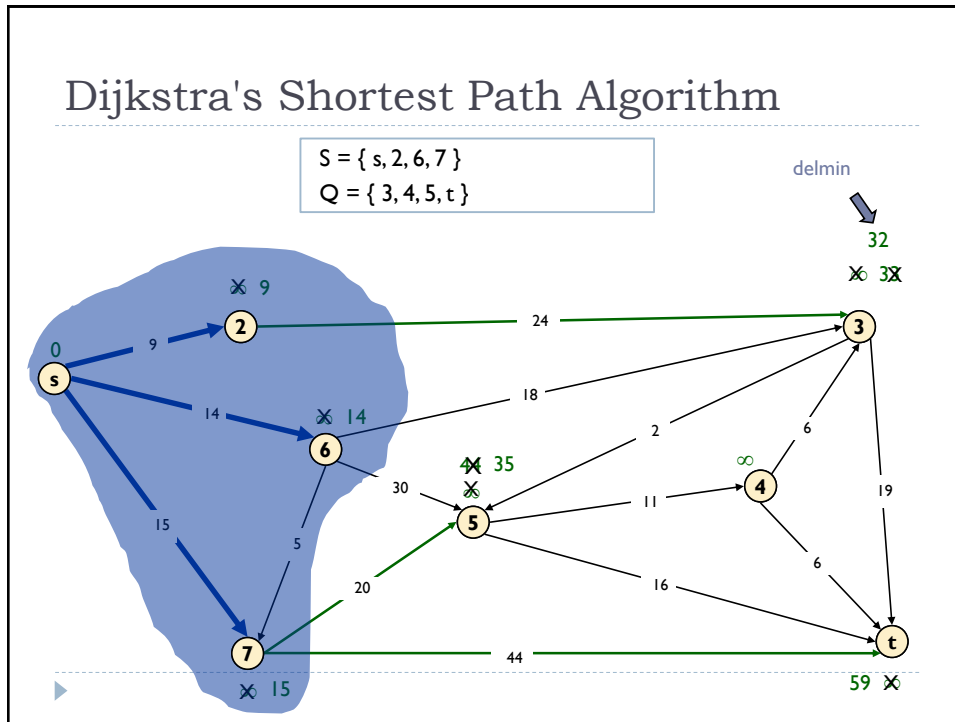


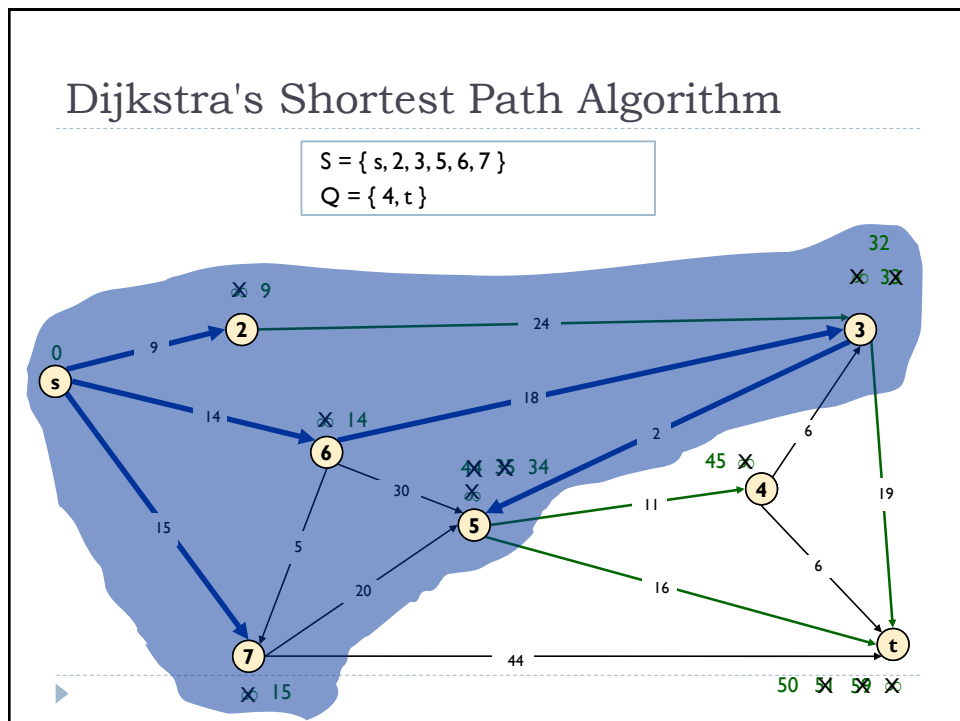
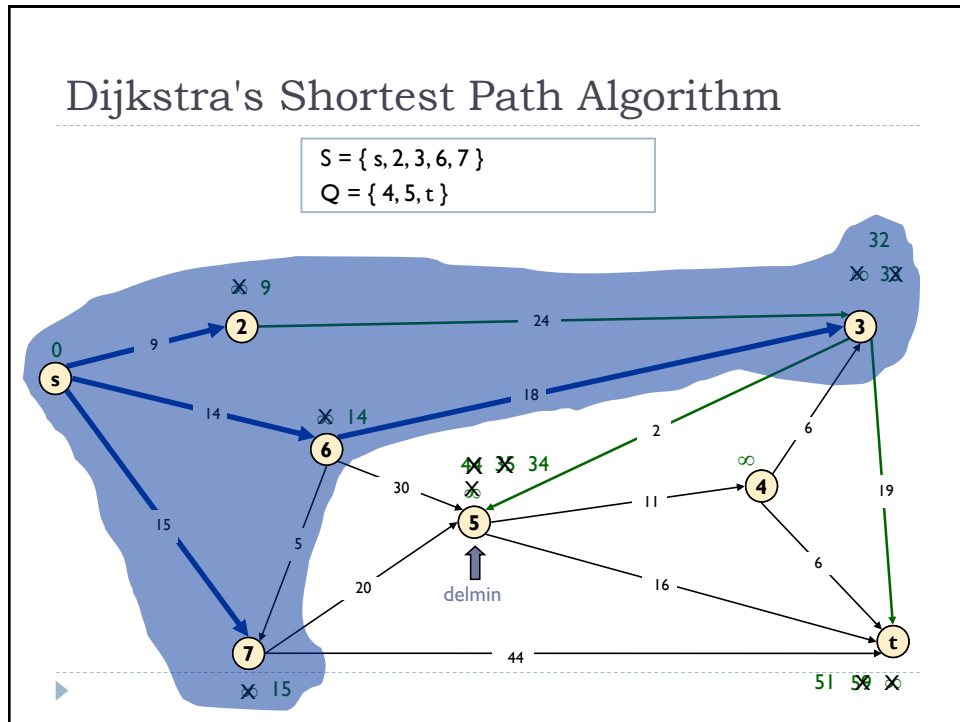


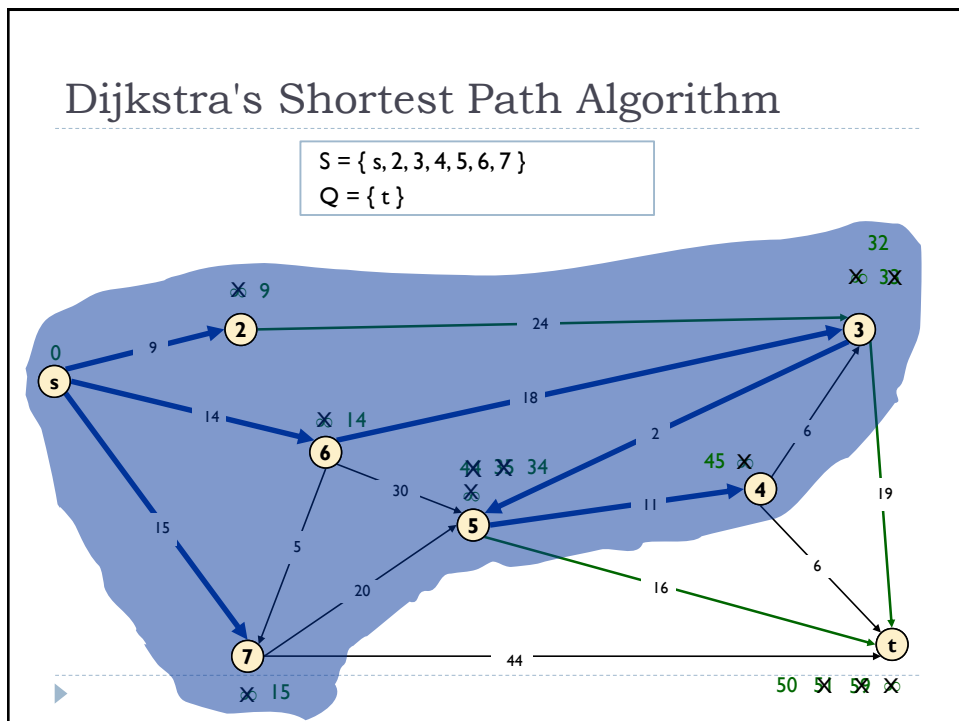
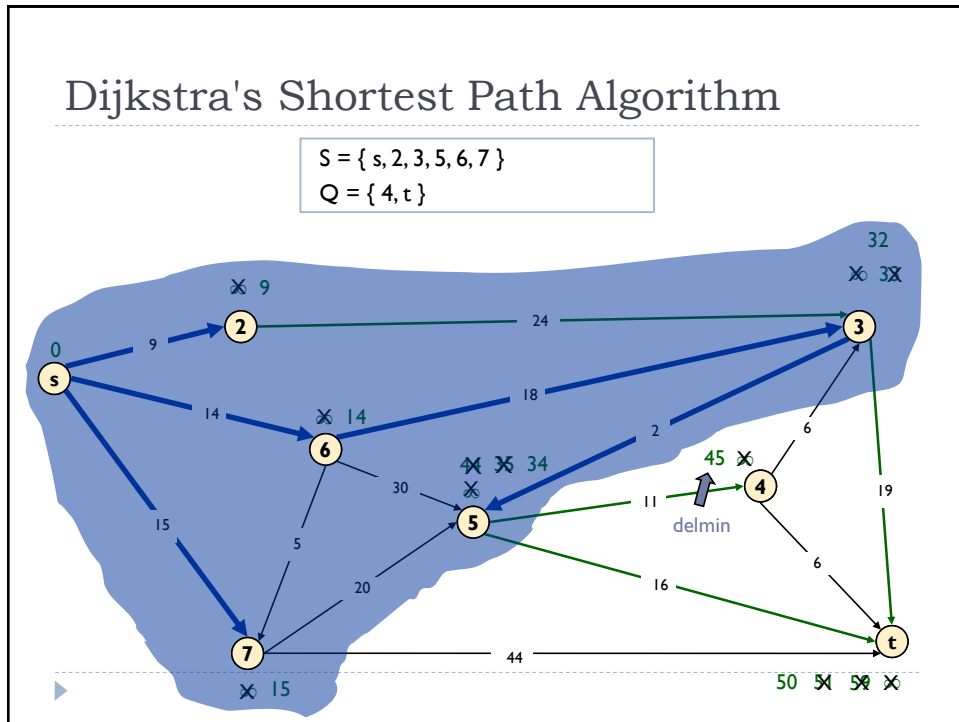






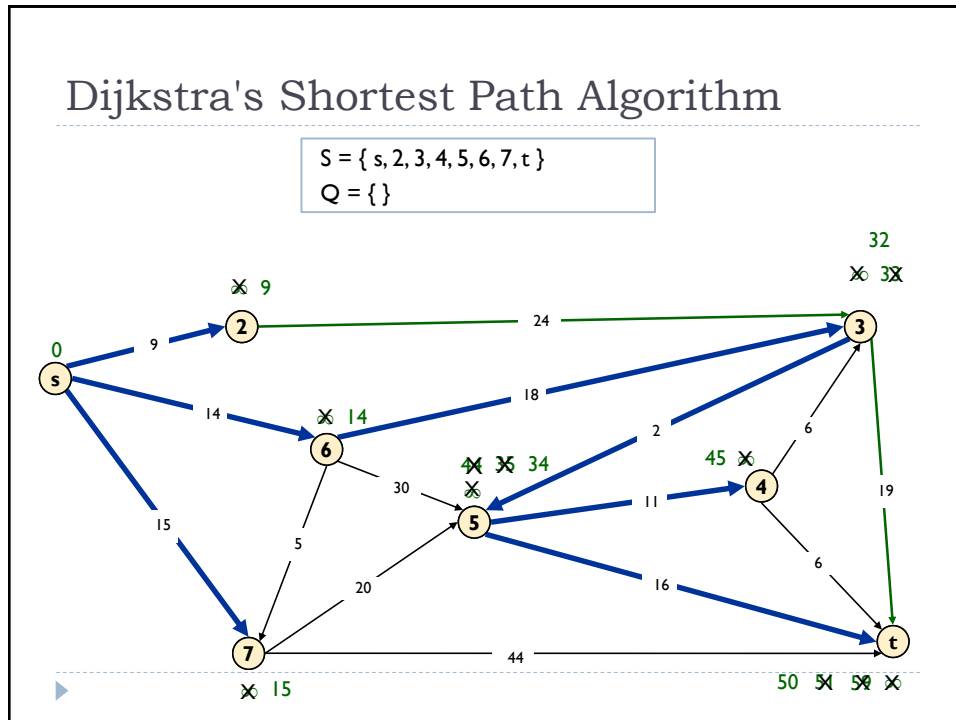












## Shortest Paths wrap-up

Algorithm	Problem	Efficiency	Limitation
Floyd-Warshall	AP		No negative cycles
Bellman-Ford	SS		No negative cycles
Repeated Bellman-Ford	AP		No negative cycles
Dijkstra	SS		No negative edges
Repeated Dijkstra	AP		No negative edges

▶ 82
Tecniche di programmazione A.A. 2013/2014

## JGraphT



```
public class FloydWarshallShortestPaths<V,E>
public class BellmanFordShortestPath<V,E>
public class DijkstraShortestPath<V,E>
```

```
// APSP
List<GraphPath<V,E>> getShortestPaths(V v)
GraphPath<V,E>      getShortestPath(V a, V b)






// SSSP
GraphPath<V,E>     getPath()
```

## Resources

- ▶ Algorithms in a Nutshell, G. Heineman, G. Pollice, S. Selkow, O'Reilly, ISBN 978-0-596-51624-6, Chapter 6  
<http://shop.oreilly.com/product/9780596516246.do>
- ▶ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floyd%E2%80%93Warshall\\_algorithm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floyd%E2%80%93Warshall_algorithm)

## Licenza d'uso



- ▶ Queste diapositive sono distribuite con licenza Creative Commons “Attribuzione - Non commerciale - Condividi allo stesso modo (CC BY-NC-SA)”
- ▶ Sei libero:
  - ▶ di riprodurre, distribuire, comunicare al pubblico, esporre in pubblico, rappresentare, eseguire e recitare quest'opera 
  - ▶ di modificare quest'opera 
- ▶ Alle seguenti condizioni:
  - ▶ Attribuzione — Devi attribuire la paternità dell'opera agli autori originali e in modo tale da non suggerire che essi avallino te o il modo in cui tu usi l'opera. 
  - ▶ Non commerciale — Non puoi usare quest'opera per fini commerciali. 
  - ▶ Condividi allo stesso modo — Se alteri o trasformi quest'opera, o se la usi per crearne un'altra, puoi distribuire l'opera risultante solo con una licenza identica o equivalente a questa. 
- ▶ <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/>