

Section 7: Dijkstra's

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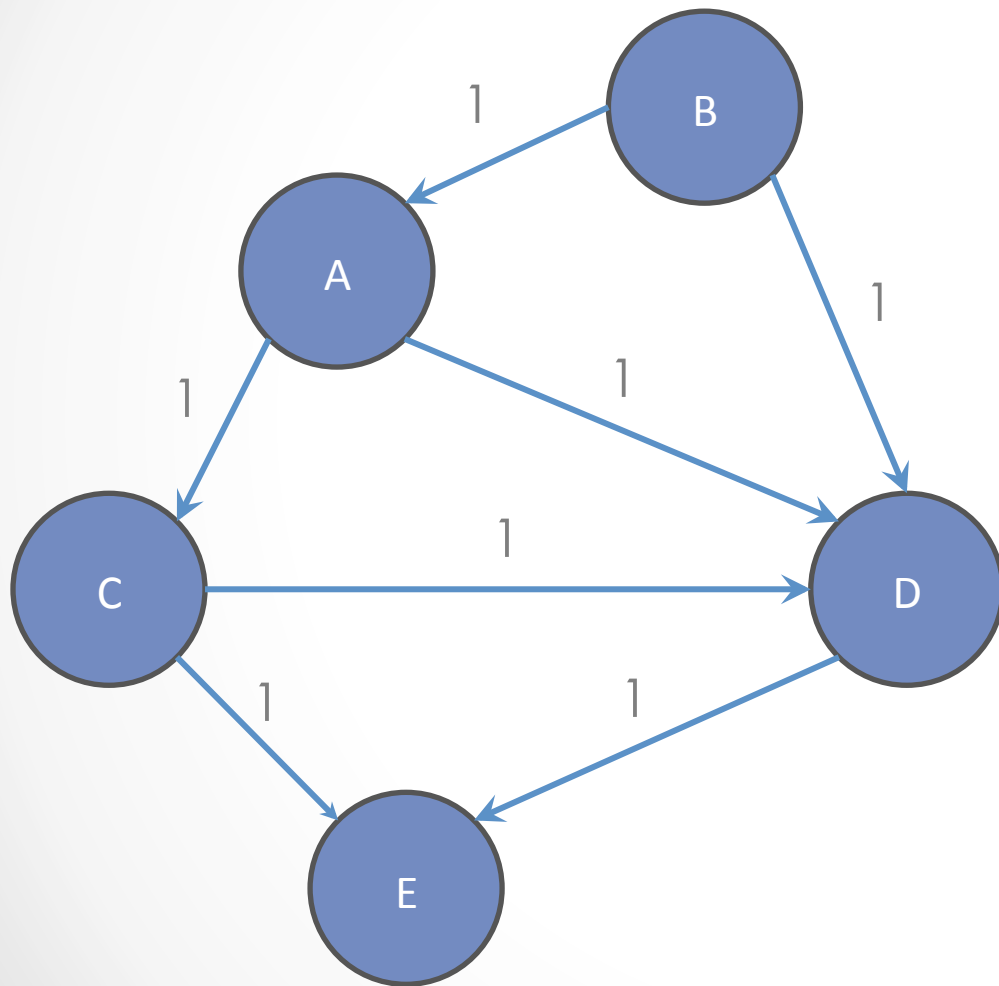
Agenda

- Happy Halloween!!!
- HW 6 questions
- BFS and weighted edges
- Dijkstra's Algorithm

Homework 7

- Modify your graph to use generics
 - Change your HW #5 code where it is now
 - Will have to update HW #5 and HW #6 tests
- Implement Dijkstra's algorithm
 - Search algorithm that accounts for edge weights
 - Note: This should not change your implementation of Graph. Dijkstra's is performed on a Graph, not within a Graph.

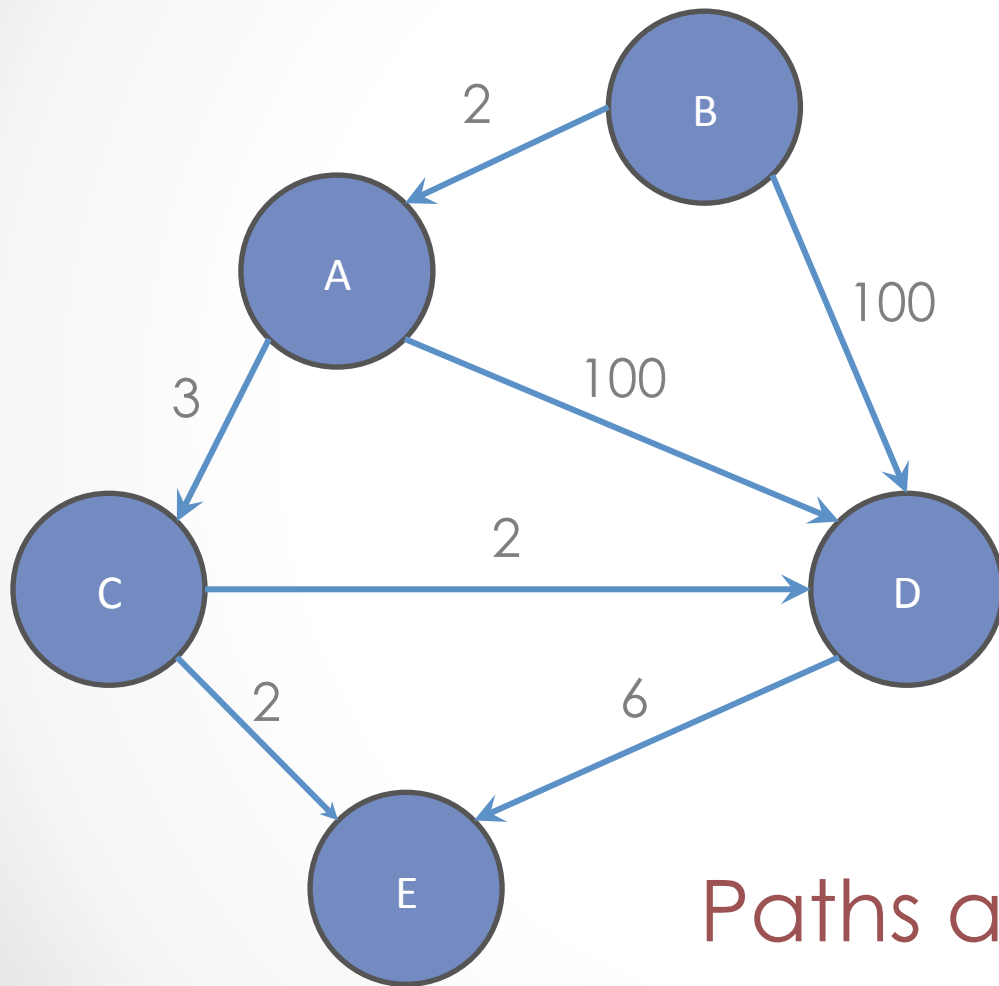
Review: Shortest Paths with BFS



From Node B

Destination	Path	Cost
A	<B,A>	1
B		0
C	<B,A,C>	2
D	<B,D>	1
E	<B,D,E>	2

Shortest Paths with Weights

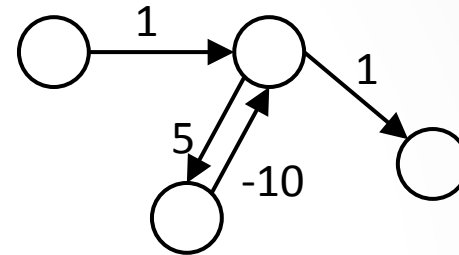
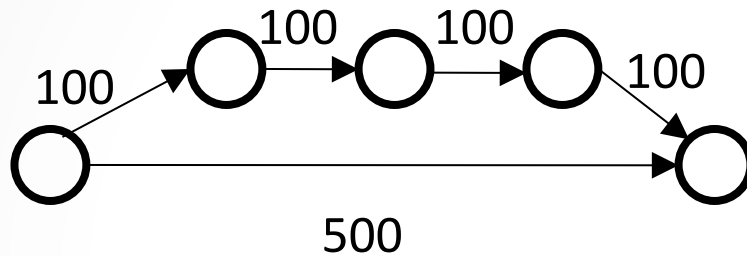


From Node B

Destination	Path	Cost
A	<B,A>	2
B		0
C	<B,A,C>	5
D	<B,A,C,D>	7
E	<B,A,C,E>	7

Paths are not the same!

BFS vs. Dijkstra's



- BFS doesn't work because path with minimal cost \neq path with fewest edges
- Dijkstra's works if the weights are non-negative
- **What happens if there is a negative edge?**
 - Minimize cost by repeating the cycle forever
 - Anyone have a simple solution?

Dijkstra's Algorithm

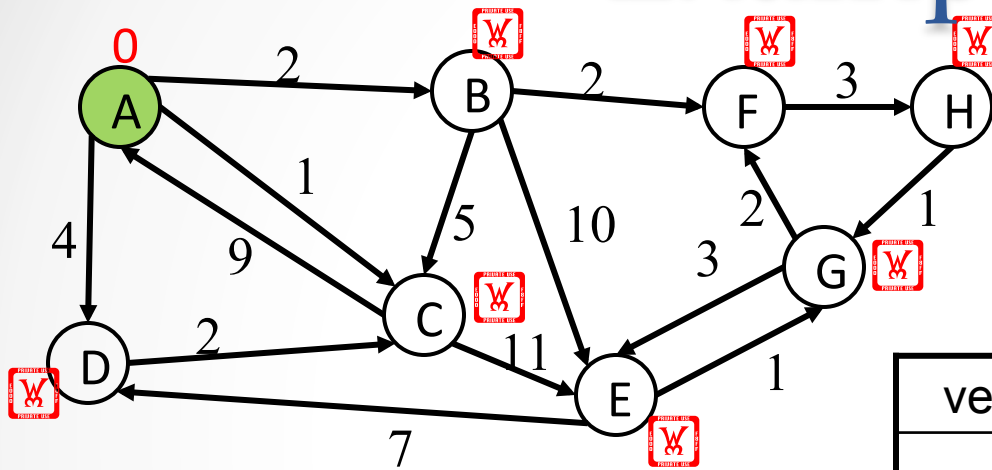
- Named after its inventor Edsger Dijkstra (1930-2002)
 - Truly one of the “founders” of computer science; this is just one of his many contributions
- The idea: reminiscent of BFS, but adapted to handle weights
 - Grow the set of nodes whose shortest distance has been computed
 - Nodes not in the set will have a “best distance so far”
 - A priority queue will turn out to be useful for efficiency

Dijkstra's Algorithm

1. For each node v , set $v.cost = \infty$ and $v.known = false$
2. Set $source.cost = 0$
3. While there are unknown nodes in the graph
 - a) Select the unknown node v with lowest cost
 - b) Mark v as known
 - c) For each edge (v, u) with weight w ,

```
    c1 = v.cost + w           // cost of best path through v to u
    c2 = u.cost              // cost of best path to u previously known
    if(c1 < c2)              // if the new path through v is better, update
        u.cost = c1
        u.path = v
```

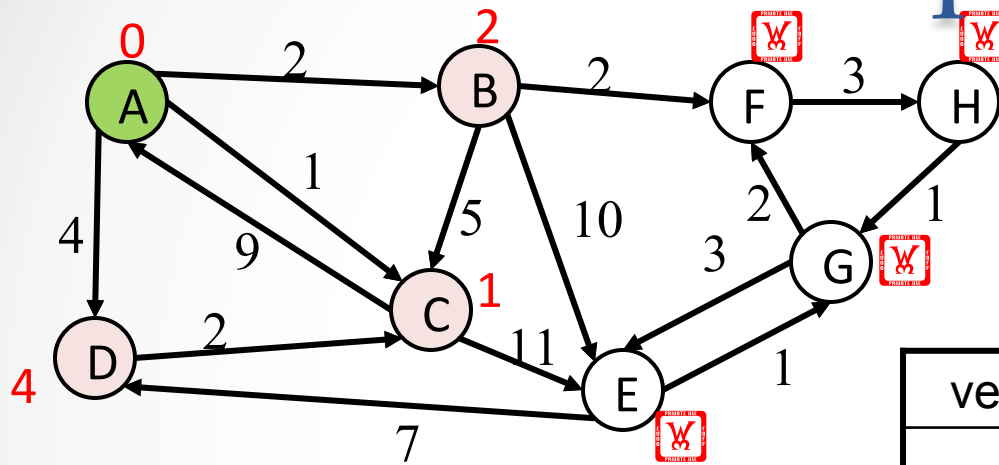

Example #1



Order Added to Known Set:

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B		∞	
C		∞	
D		∞	
E		∞	
F		∞	
G		∞	
H		∞	

Example #1

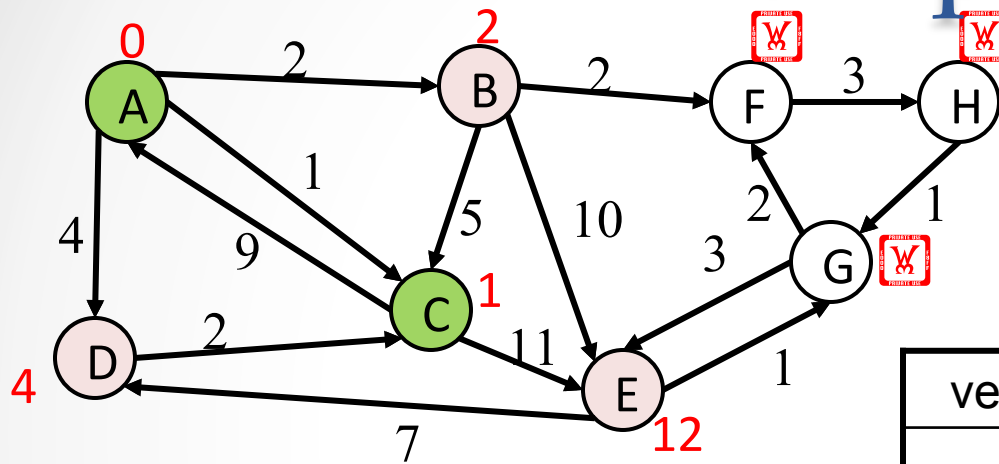


Order Added to Known Set:

A

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B		≤ 2	A
C		≤ 1	A
D		≤ 4	A
E		∞	
F		∞	
G		∞	
H		∞	

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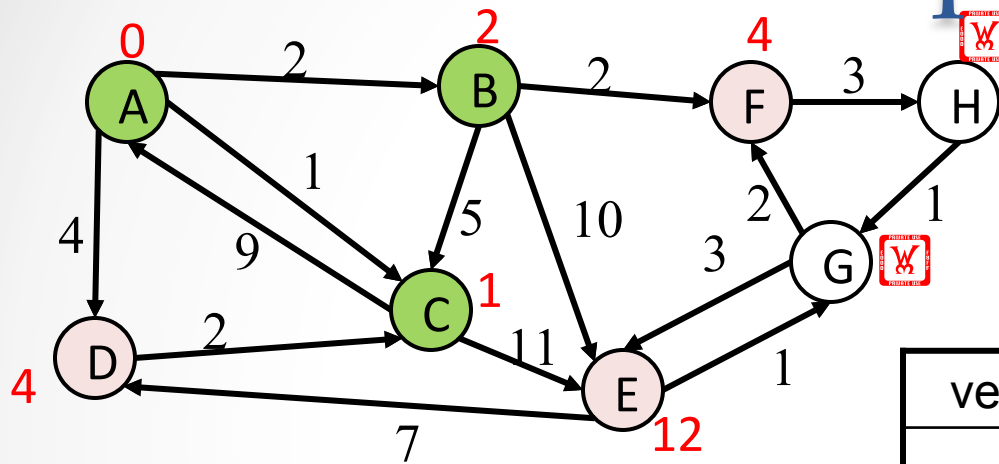


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B		≤ 2	A
C	Y	1	A
D		≤ 4	A
E		≤ 12	C
F		∞	
G		∞	
H		∞	

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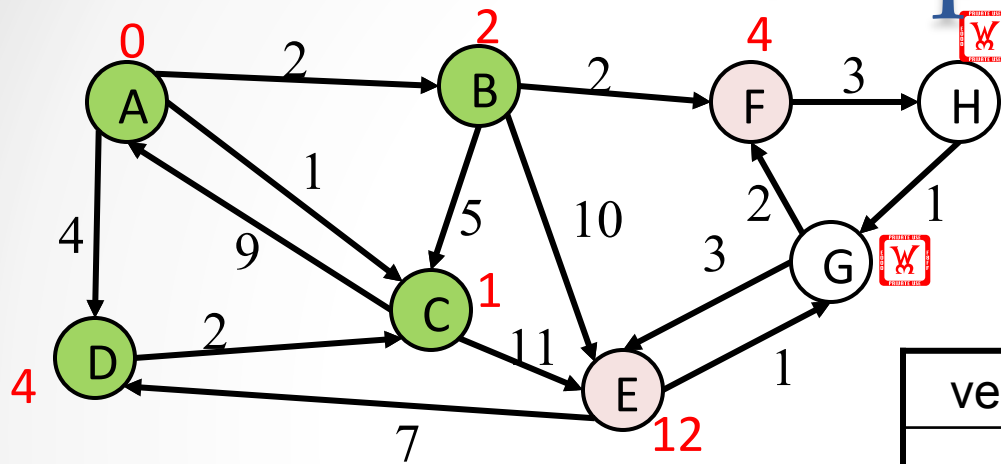


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C, B

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D		≤ 4	A
E		≤ 12	C
F		≤ 4	B
G		∞	
H		∞	

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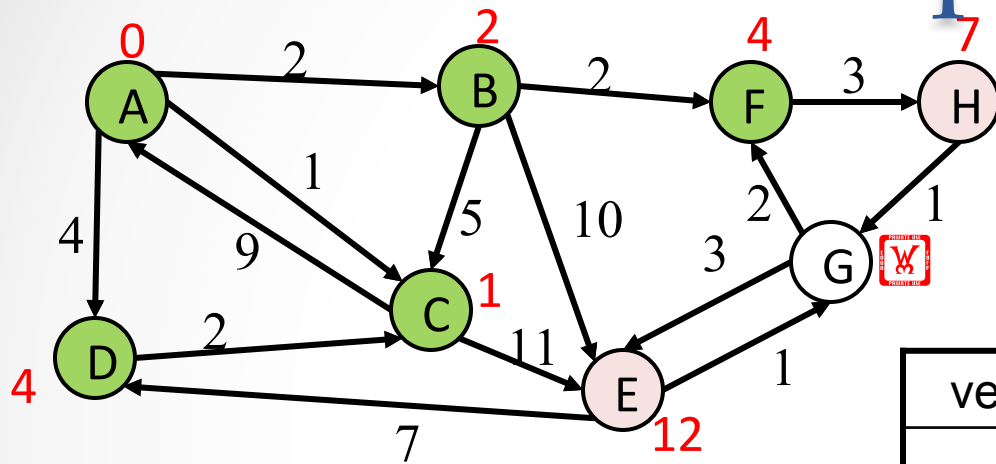


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C, B, D

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D	Y	4	A
E		≤ 12	C
F		≤ 4	B
G		∞	
H		∞	

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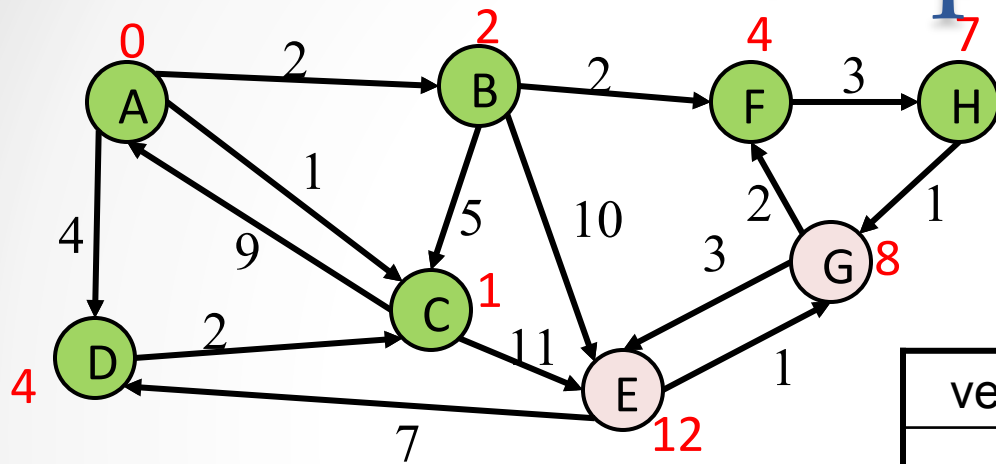


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C, B, D, F

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D	Y	4	A
E		≤ 12	C
F	Y	4	B
G		∞	
H		≤ 7	F

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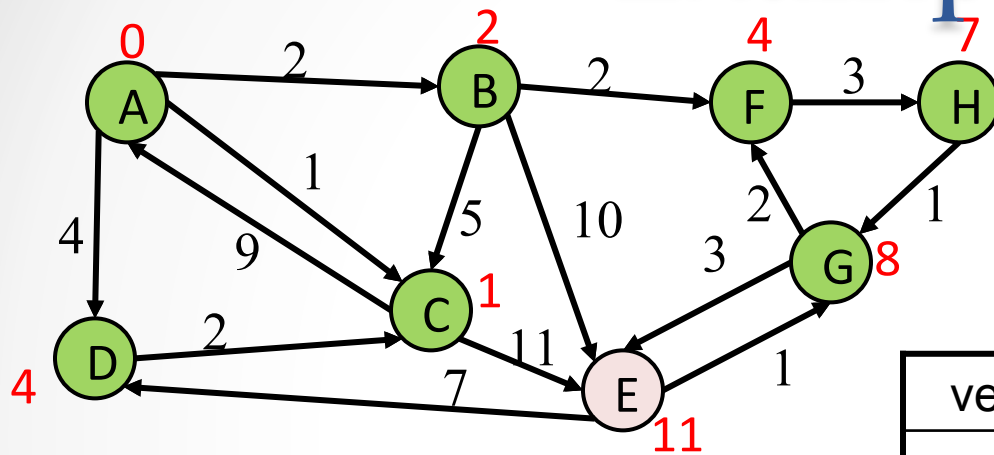


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C, B, D, F, H

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D	Y	4	A
E		≤ 12	C
F	Y	4	B
G		≤ 8	H
H	Y	7	F

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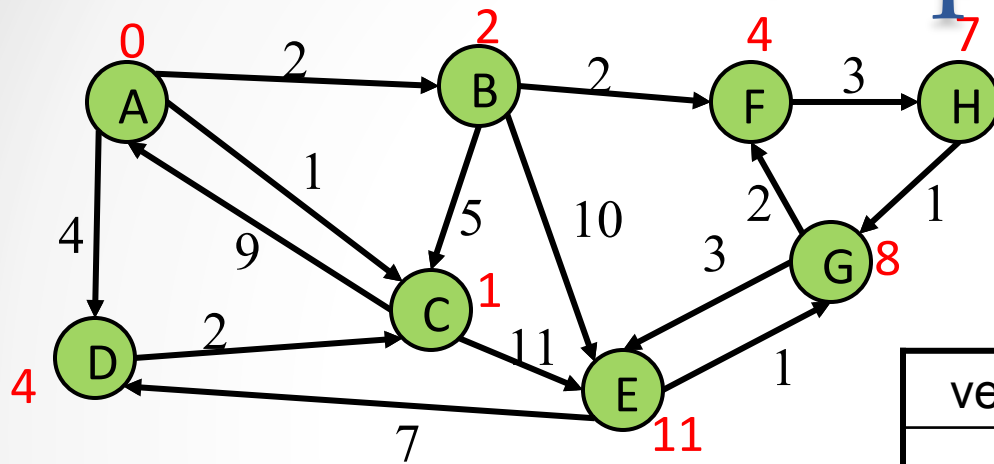


Order Added to Known Set:

A, C, B, D, F, H, G

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D	Y	4	A
E		≤ 11	G
F	Y	4	B
G	Y	8	H
H	Y	7	F

Example #1

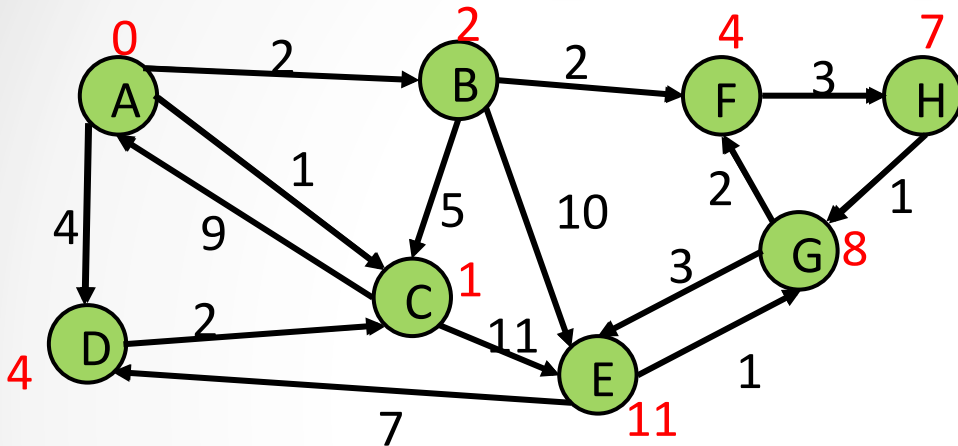


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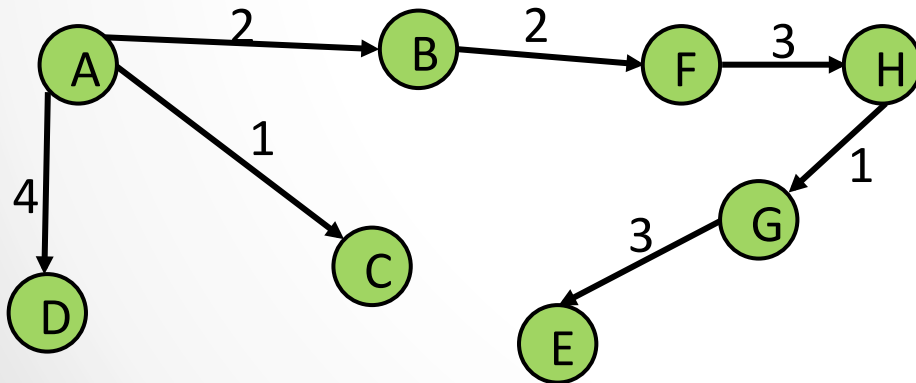
A, C, B, D, F, H, G, E

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	2	A
C	Y	1	A
D	Y	4	A
E	Y	11	G
F	Y	4	B
G	Y	8	H
H	Y	7	F

Interpreting the Results

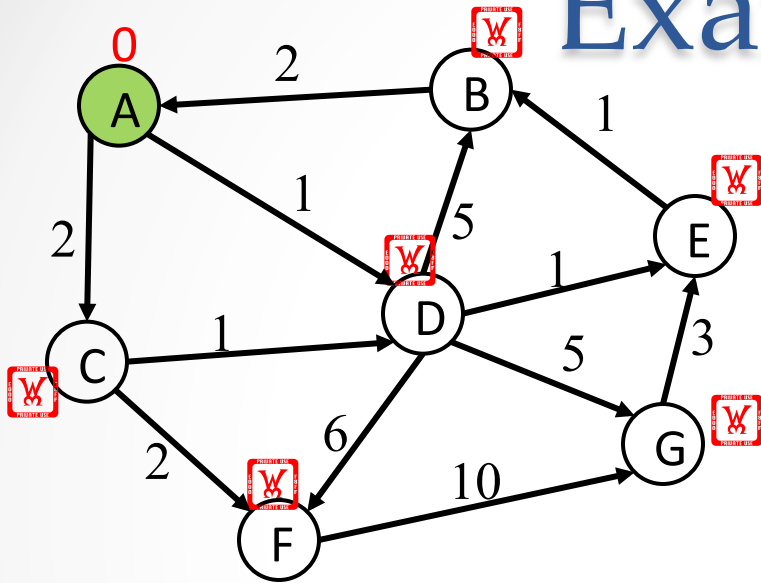


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F	Y	4	B
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H	Y	7	F



Note: this is a shortest path tree, not a minimum spanning tree

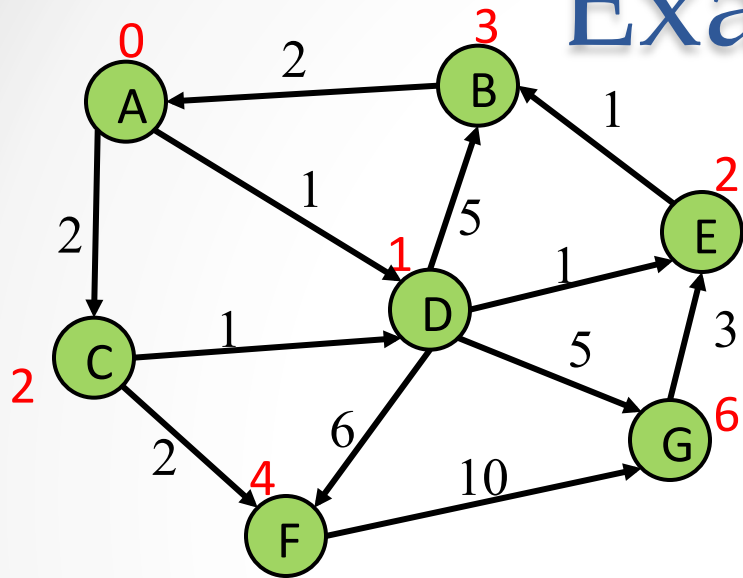
Example #2



Order Added to Known Set:

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B		∞	
C		∞	
D		∞	
E		∞	
F		∞	
G		∞	

Example #2



Order Added to Known Set:

A, D, C, E, B, F, G

vertex	known?	cost	path
A	Y	0	
B	Y	3	E
C	Y	2	A
D	Y	1	A
E	Y	2	D
F	Y	4	C
G	Y	6	D

Pseudocode Attempt #1

```
dijkstra(Graph G, Node start) {  
  for each node: x.cost=infinity, x.known=false  
  start.cost = 0  
  while(not all nodes are known) {  
    b = dequeue  
    b.known = true  
    for each edge (b,a) in G {  
      if(!a.known) {  
        if(b.cost + weight((b,a)) < a.cost) {  
          a.cost = b.cost + weight((b,a))  
          a.path = b  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  brackets...  
}
```

$O(|V|)$

$O(|V|^2)$

$O(|E|)$

$O(|V|^2)$

Can We Do Better?

- Increase efficiency by considering lowest cost unknown vertex with sorting instead of looking at all vertices
- PriorityQueue is like a queue, but returns elements by lowest value instead of FIFO

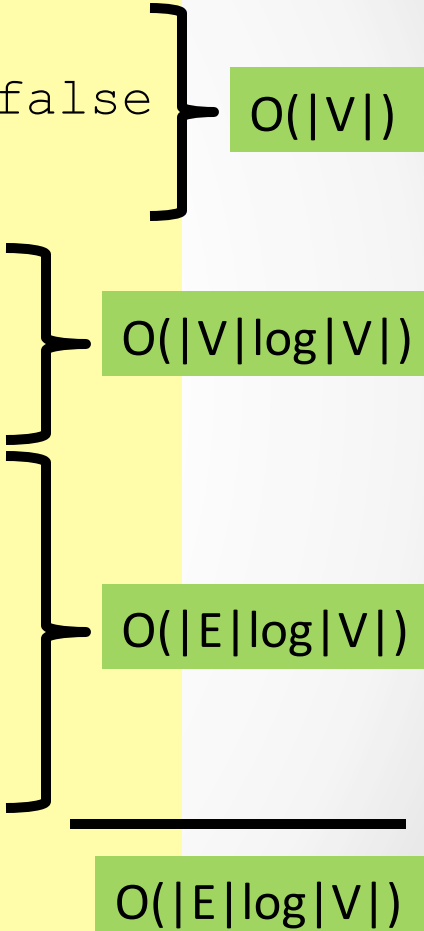
Priority Queue

- Increase efficiency by considering lowest cost unknown vertex with sorting instead of looking at all vertices
- PriorityQueue is like a queue, but returns elements by lowest value instead of FIFO
- Two ways to implement:
 1. Comparable
 - a) `class Node implements Comparable<Node>`
 - b) `public int compareTo(other)`
 2. Comparator
 - a) `class NodeComparator extends Comparator<Node>`
 - b) `new PriorityQueue(new NodeComparator())`



Pseudocode Attempt #2

```
dijkstra(Graph G, Node start) {  
  for each node: x.cost=infinity, x.known=false  
  start.cost = 0  
  build-heap with all nodes  
  while(heap is not empty) {  
    b = deleteMin()  
    if (b.known) continue;  
    b.known = true  
    for each edge (b,a) in G {  
      if(!a.known) {  
        add(b.cost + weight((b,a)) )  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  brackets...  
}
```



$O(|V|)$

$O(|V| \log |V|)$

$O(|E| \log |V|)$

$O(|E| \log |V|)$

Proof of Correctness

- All the “known” vertices have the correct shortest path through induction
 - Initially, shortest path to start node has cost 0
 - If it stays true every time we mark a node “known”, then by induction this holds and eventually everything is “known” with shortest path
- Key fact: When we mark a vertex “known” we won’t discover a shorter path later
 - Remember, we pick the node with the min cost each round
 - Once a node is marked as “known”, going through another path will only add weight
 - Only true when node weights are positive

