CSEP 521
Applied Algorithms

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Lecture 3

Announcements

- Reading
  - For today, sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.4
  - For January 28, sections 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 (Plus additional material from chapter 5)
- No class January 21
- Homework 2 is due January 21

Highlights from last lecture

- Algorithm runtime
  - Runtime as a function of problem size
  - Asymptotic analysis, (Big Oh notation)
- Graph theory
  - Basic terminology
  - Graph search and breadth first search
  - Two coloring
  - Connectivity
  - Topological search

Greedy Algorithms

Greedy Algorithms

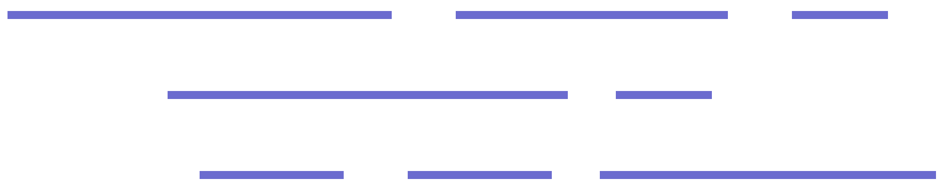
- Solve problems with the simplest possible algorithm
- The hard part: showing that something simple actually works
- Pseudo-definition
  - An algorithm is Greedy if it builds its solution by adding elements one at a time using a simple rule

Scheduling Theory

- Tasks
  - Processing requirements, release times, deadlines
- Processors
- Precedence constraints
- Objective function
  - Jobs scheduled, lateness, total execution time

Interval Scheduling

- Tasks occur at fixed times
- Single processor
- Maximize number of tasks completed



- Tasks {1, 2, . . . N}
- Start and finish times, s(i), f(i)

What is the largest solution?

Greedy Algorithm for Scheduling

Let T be the set of tasks, construct a set of independent tasks I, A is the rule determining the greedy algorithm

I = { }

While (T is not empty)

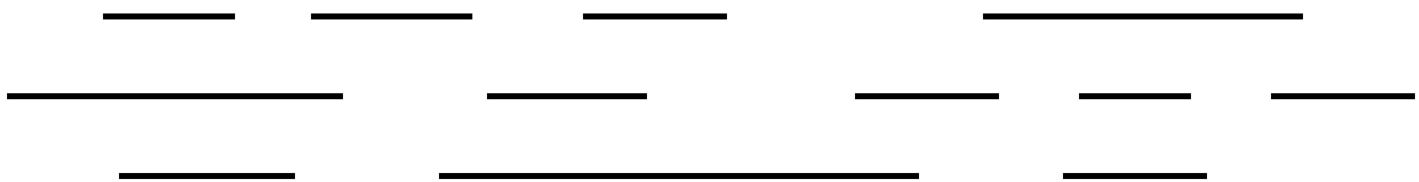
Select a task t from T by a rule A

Add t to I

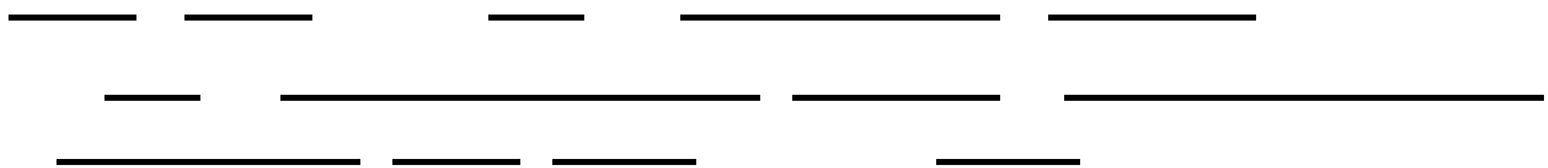
Remove t and all tasks incompatible with t from T

Simulate the greedy algorithm for each of these heuristics

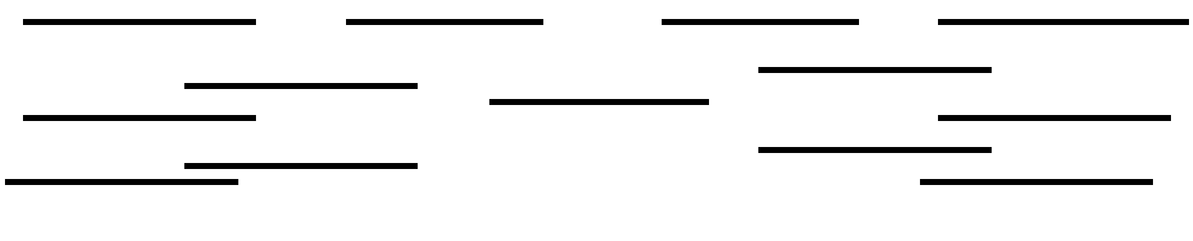
Schedule earliest starting task



Schedule shortest available task



Schedule task with fewest conflicting tasks



Greedy solution based on earliest finishing time

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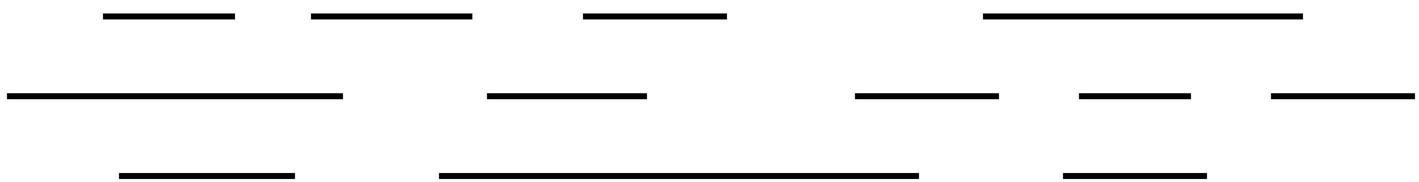

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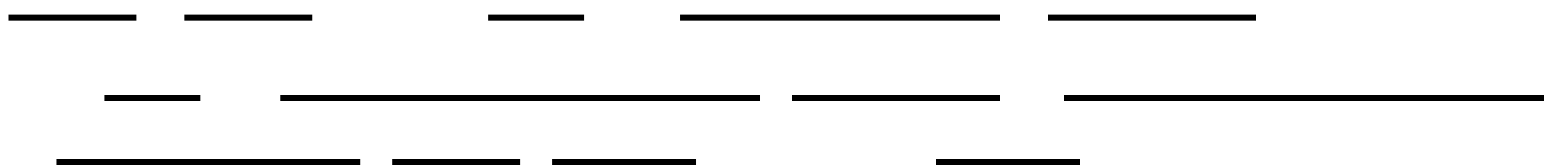
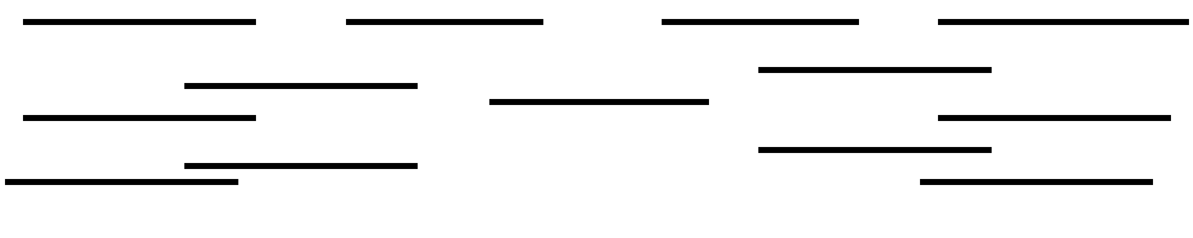


Example 3



Theorem: Earliest Finish Algorithm is Optimal

- Key idea: Earliest Finish Algorithm stays ahead
- Let $A = \{i_1, . . ., i_k\}$ be the set of tasks found by EFA in increasing order of finish times
- Let $B = \{j_1, . . ., j_m\}$ be the set of tasks found by a different algorithm in increasing order of finish times
- Show that for $r <= \min(k, m)$, $f(i_r) <= f(j_r)$

Stay ahead lemma

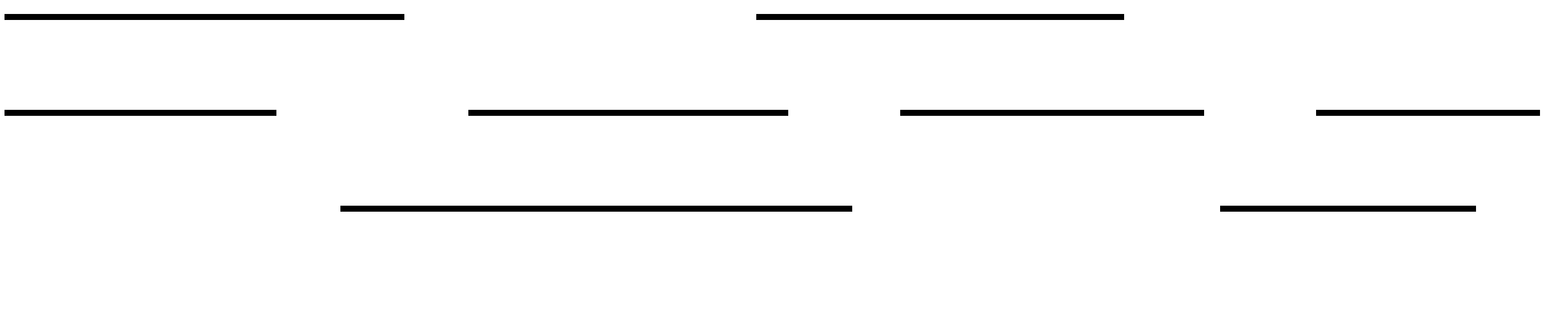
- A always stays ahead of B, $f(i_r) <= f(j_r)$
- Induction argument
  - $f(i_1) <= f(j_1)$
  - If $f(i_{r-1}) <= f(j_{r-1})$ then $f(i_r) <= f(j_r)$

Completing the proof

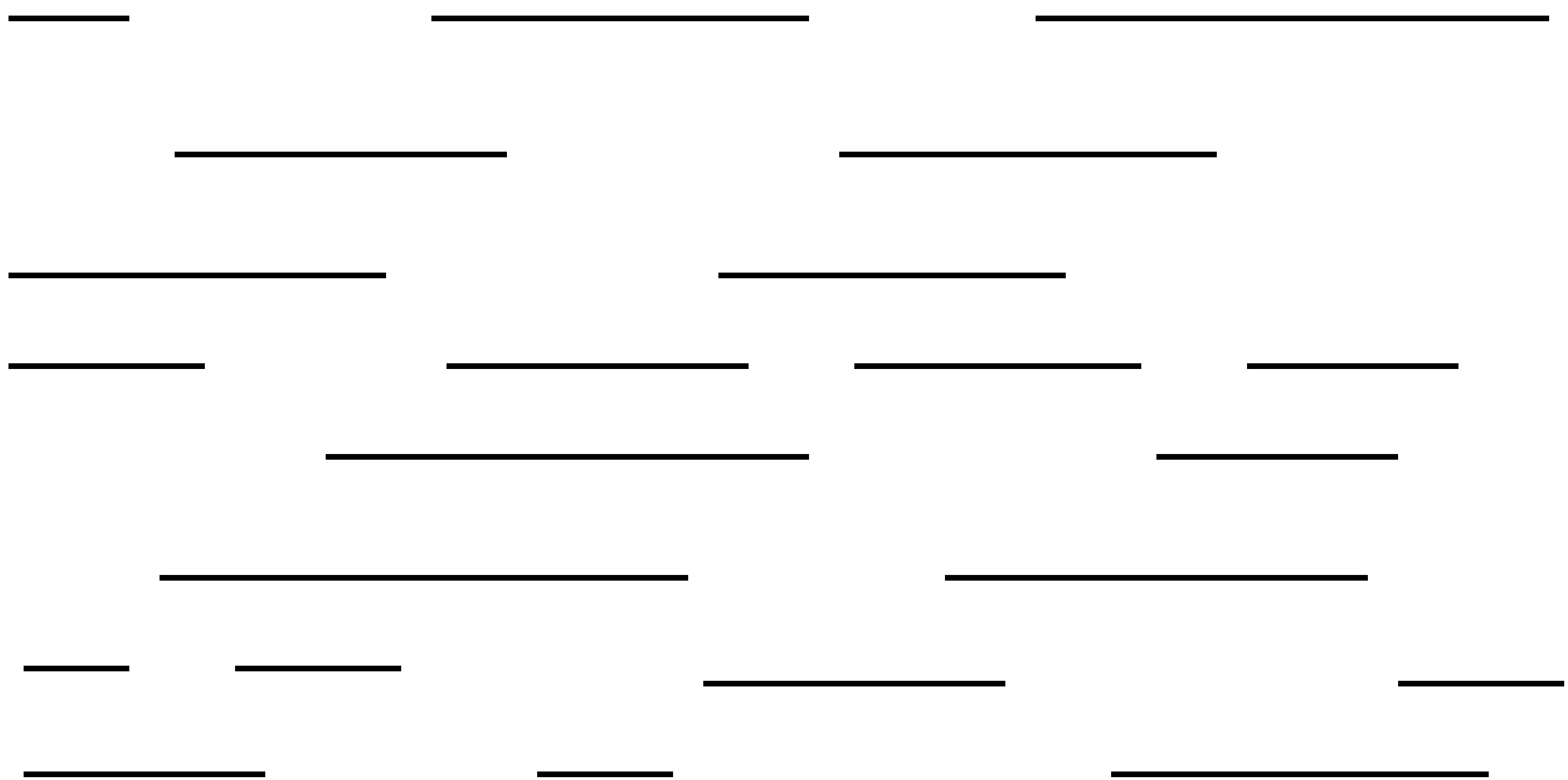
- Let A = $\{i_1, . . ., i_k\}$ be the set of tasks found by EFA in increasing order of finish times
- Let O = $\{j_1, . . ., j_m\}$ be the set of tasks found by an optimal algorithm in increasing order of finish times
- If $k < m$, then the Earliest Finish Algorithm stopped before it ran out of tasks

Scheduling all intervals

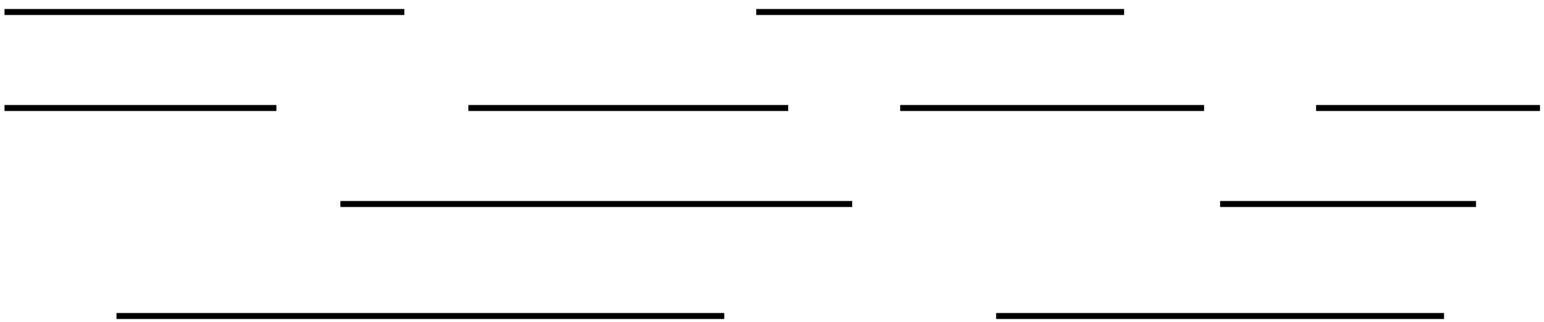
- Minimize number of processors to schedule all intervals



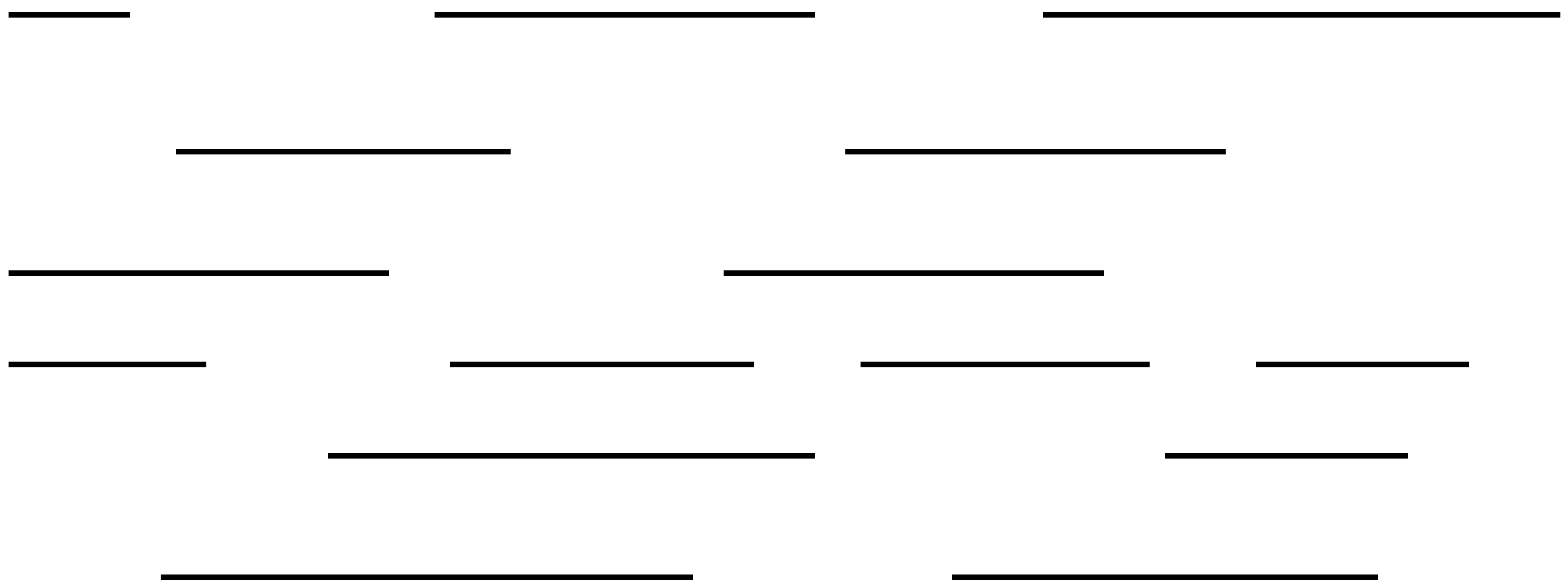
How many processors are needed for this example?



Prove that you cannot schedule this set of intervals with two processors



Depth: maximum number of intervals active



Algorithm

- Sort by start times
- Suppose maximum depth is d, create d slots
- Schedule items in increasing order, assign each item to an open slot

- Correctness proof: When we reach an item, we always have an open slot

Scheduling tasks

- Each task has a length t_i and a deadline d_i
- All tasks are available at the start
- One task may be worked on at a time
- All tasks must be completed

- Goal minimize maximum lateness
  - Lateness = $f_i - d_i$ if $f_i >= d_i$

Example

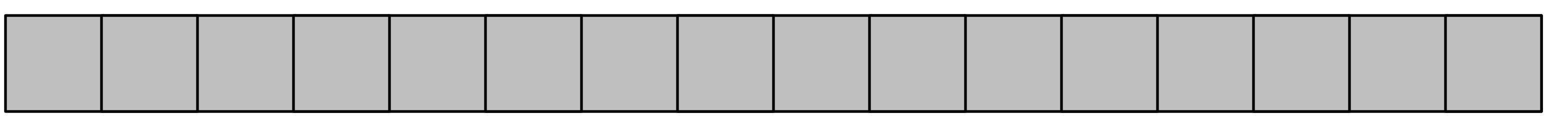
Time	Deadline
2	2
3	4

Lateness 1

Lateness 3

Determine the minimum lateness

Time	Deadline
2	6
3	4
4	5
5	12



Greedy Algorithm

- Earliest deadline first
- Order jobs by deadline

- This algorithm is optimal

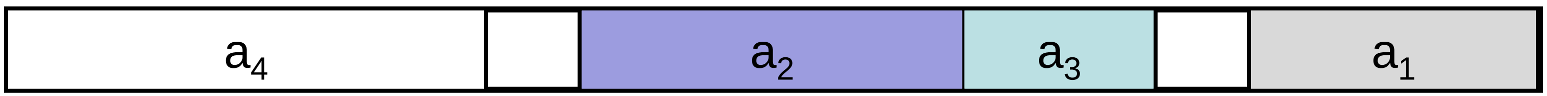
Analysis

- Suppose the jobs are ordered by deadlines, $d_1 <= d_2 <= . . . <= d_n$
- A schedule has an *inversion* if job j is scheduled before i where j > i

- The schedule A computed by the greedy algorithm has no inversions.
- Let O be the optimal schedule, we want to show that A has the same maximum lateness as O

List the inversions

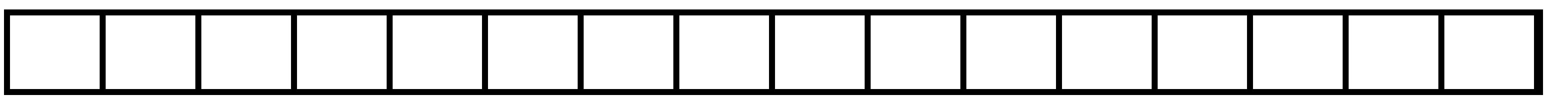
Lemma: There is an optimal schedule with no idle time



- It doesn't hurt to start your homework early!
- Note on proof techniques
  - This type of can be important for keeping proofs clean
  - It allows us to make a simplifying assumption for the remainder of the proof

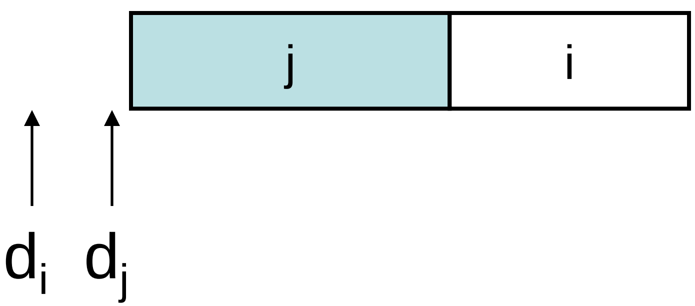
Lemma

- If there is an inversion i, j, there is a pair of adjacent jobs i’, j’ which form an inversion

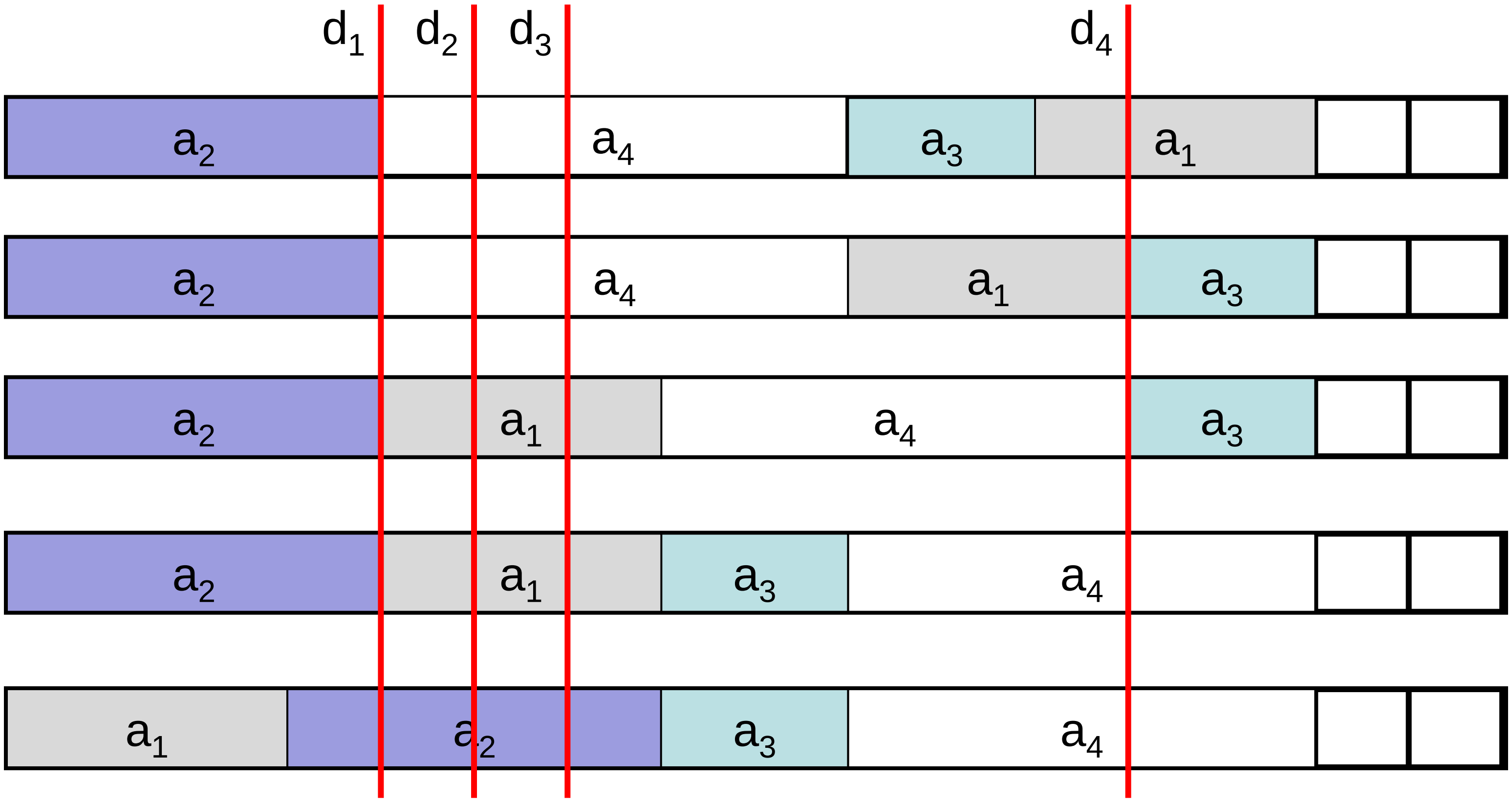


Interchange argument

- Suppose there is a pair of jobs i and j, with d_i <= d_j, and j scheduled immediately before i. Interchanging i and j does not increase the maximum lateness.



Proof by Bubble Sort



Determine maximum lateness

Real Proof

- There is an optimal schedule with no inversions and no idle time.
- Let O be an optimal schedule k inversions, we construct a new optimal schedule with k-1 inversions
- Repeat until we have an optimal schedule with 0 inversions
- This is the solution found by the earliest deadline first algorithm

Result

- Earliest Deadline First algorithm constructs a schedule that minimizes the maximum lateness

Homework Scheduling

- How is the model unrealistic?

Extensions

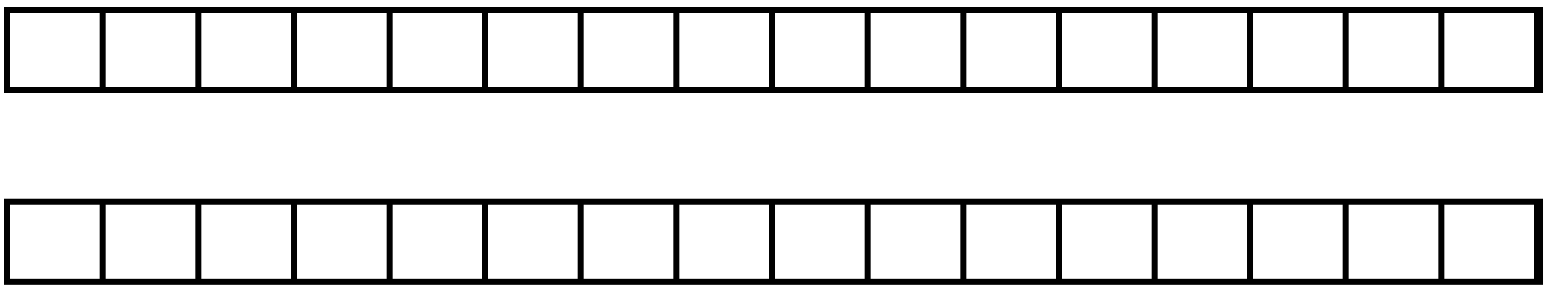
- What if the objective is to minimize the sum of the lateness?
  - EDF does not seem to work
- If the tasks have release times and deadlines, and are non-preemptable, the problem is NP-complete
- What about the case with release times and deadlines where tasks are preemptable?

Subsequence Testing

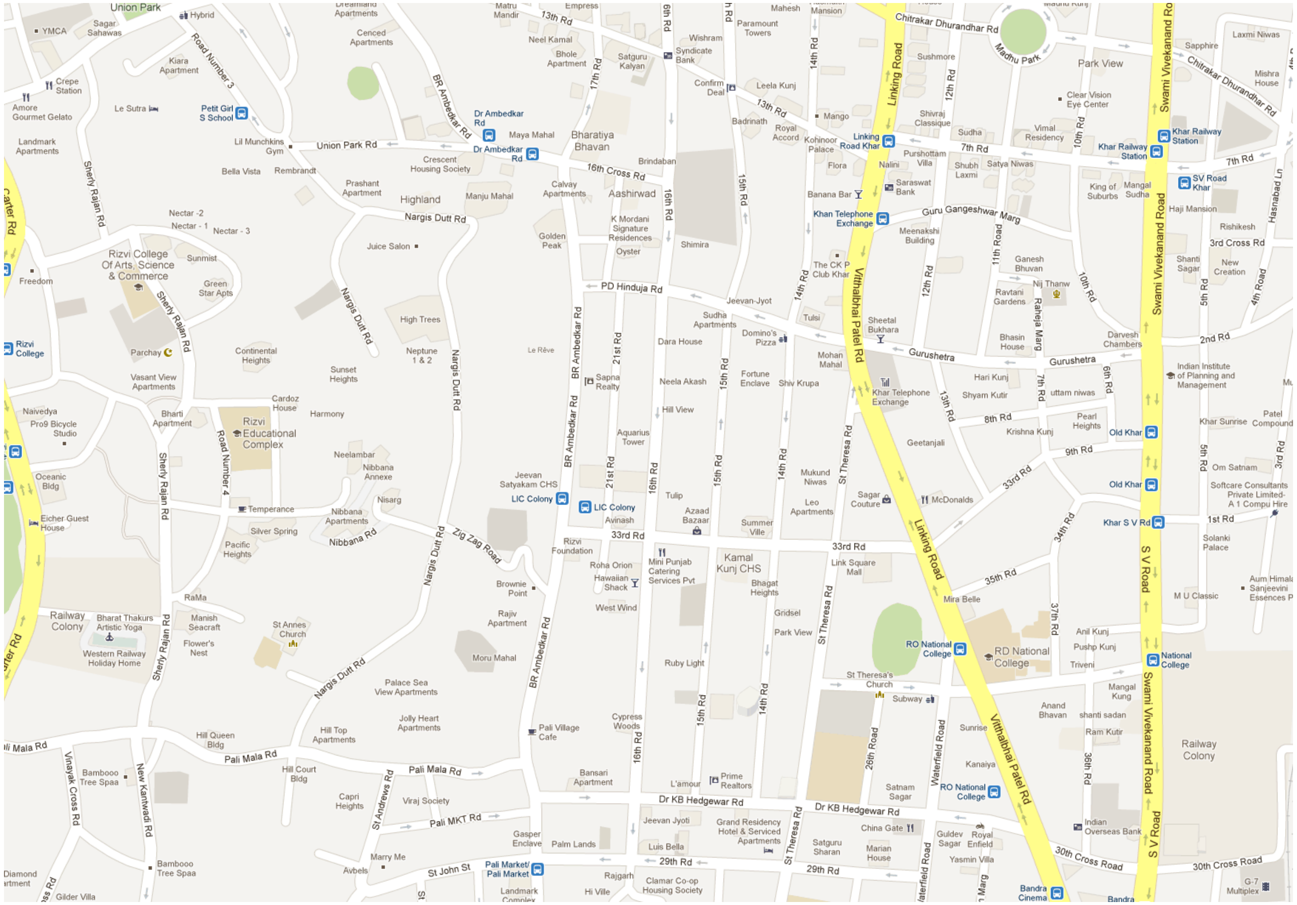
Is $a_1a_2\ldots a_m$ a subsequence of $b_1b_2\ldots b_n$?

e.g. A,B,C,D,A is a subsequence of B,A,B,A,B,D,B,C,A,D,A,C,D,A

Greedy Algorithm for Subsequence Testing

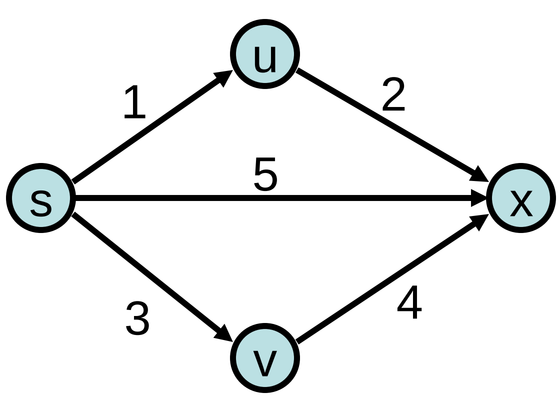


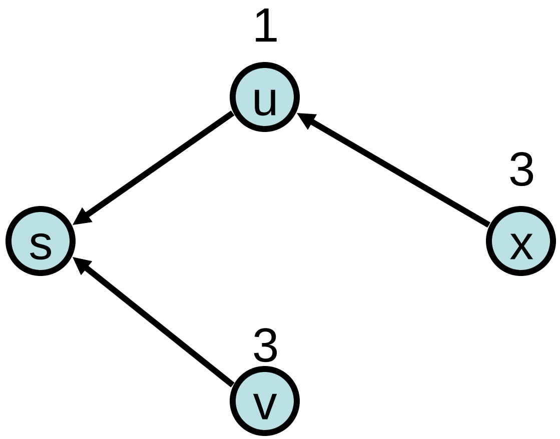
Shortest Paths



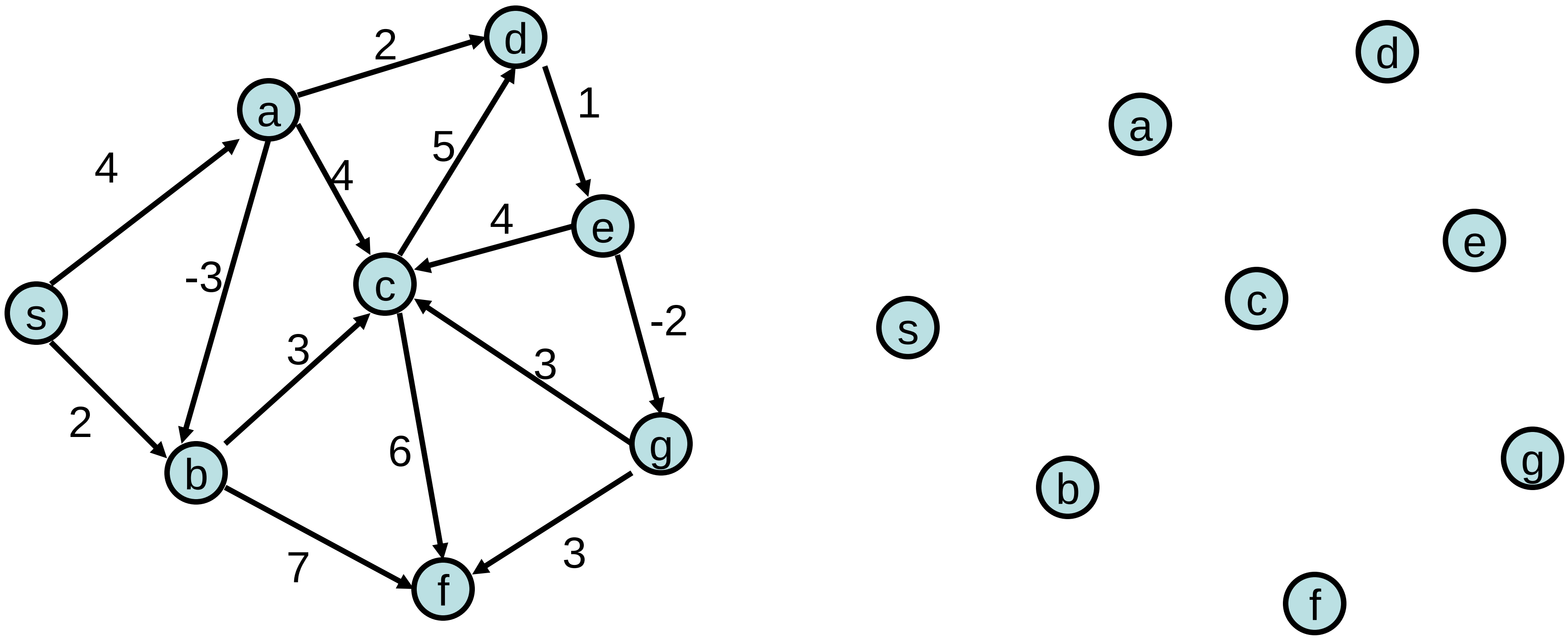
Single Source Shortest Path Problem

- Given a graph and a start vertex s
  - Determine distance of every vertex from s
  - Identify shortest paths to each vertex
    - Express concisely as a “shortest paths tree”
    - Each vertex has a pointer to a predecessor on shortest path



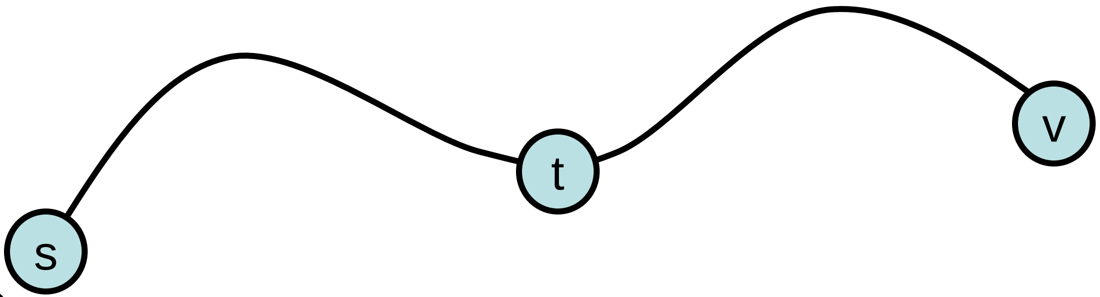


Construct Shortest Path Tree from s



Warmup

- If P is a shortest path from s to v, and if t is on the path P, the segment from s to t is a shortest path between s and t



- WHY?

Assume all edges have non-negative cost

Dijkstra’s Algorithm

S = {}; d[s] = 0; d[v] = infinity for v != s

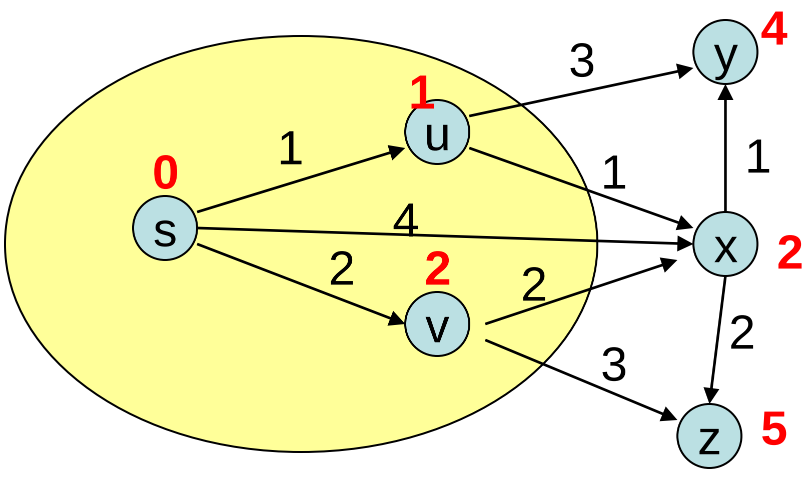
While S != V

Choose v in V-S with minimum d[v]

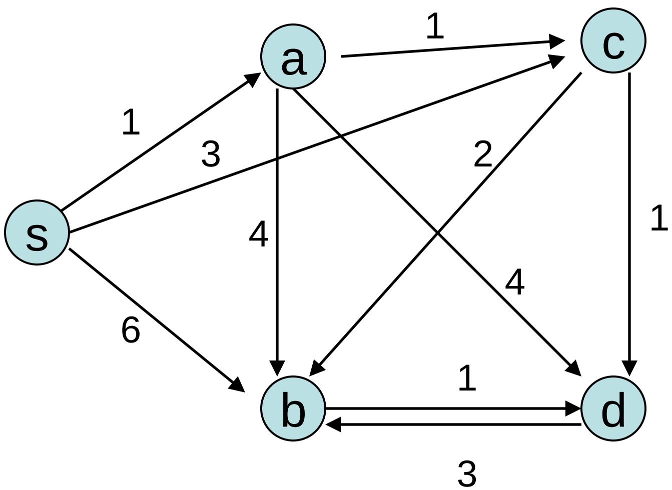
Add v to S

For each w in the neighborhood of v

d[w] = min(d[w], d[v] + c(v, w))



Simulate Dijkstra's algorithm (strarting from s) on the graph



Round	Vertex Added	s	a	b	c	d
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Who was Dijkstra?

- What were his major contributions?

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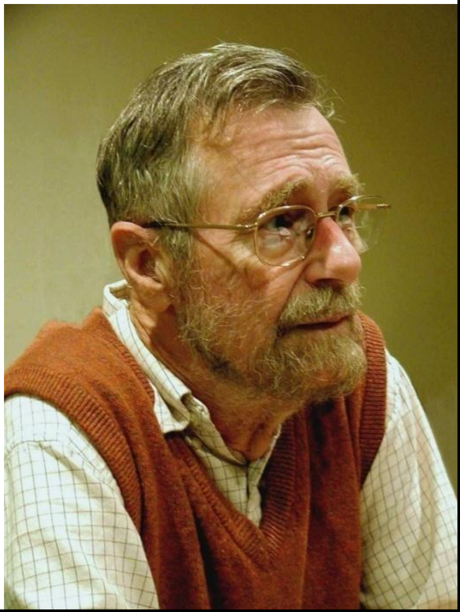
- Edsger Wybe Dijkstra was one of the most influential members of computing science's founding generation. Among the domains in which his scientific contributions are fundamental are
  - algorithm design
  - programming languages
  - program design
  - operating systems
  - distributed processing
  - formal specification and verification
  - design of mathematical arguments

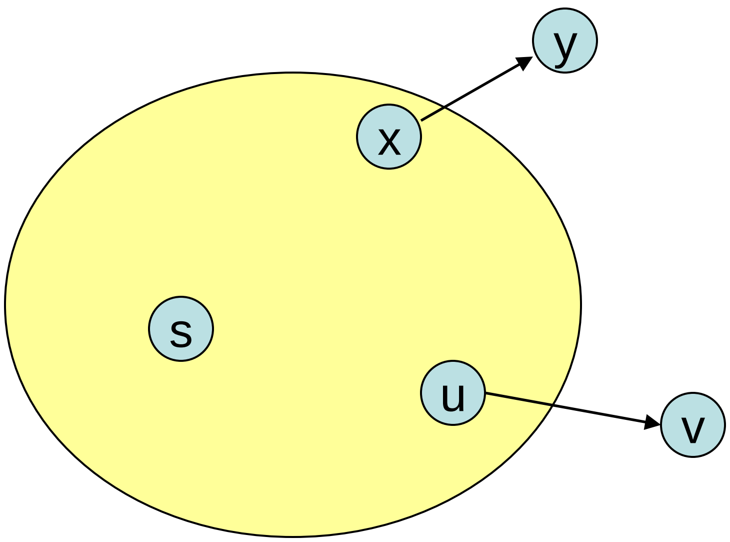


Dijkstra’s Algorithm as a greedy algorithm

- Elements committed to the solution by order of minimum distance

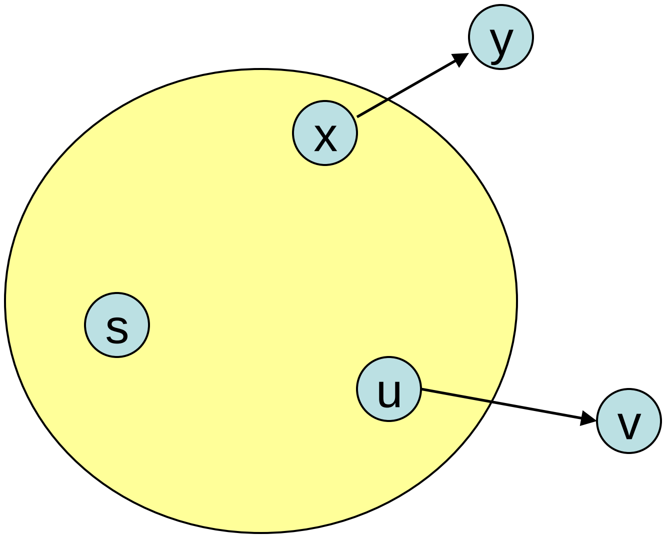
Correctness Proof

- Elements in S have the correct label
- Key to proof: when v is added to S, it has the correct distance label.



Proof

- Let v be a vertex in V-S with minimum d[v]
- Let P_v be a path of length d[v], with an edge (u,v)
- Let P be some other path to v. Suppose P first leaves S on the edge (x, y)
  - $P = P_{sx} + c(x,y) + P_{yv}$
  - $Len(P_{sx}) + c(x,y) >= d[y]$
  - $Len(P_{yv}) >= 0$
  - $Len(P) >= d[y] + 0 >= d[v]$

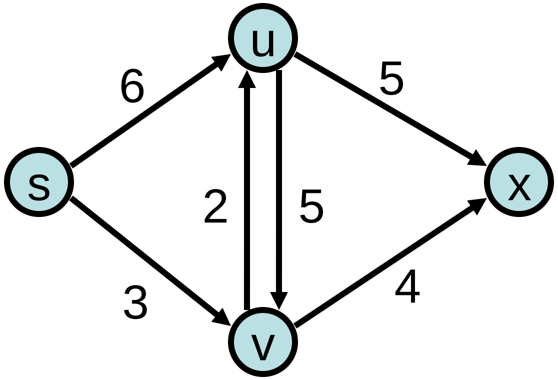


Negative Cost Edges

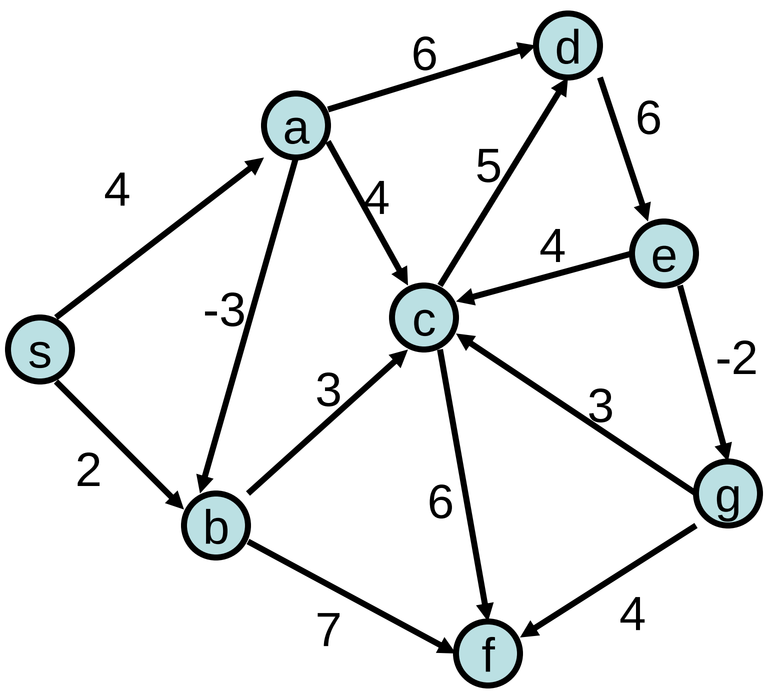
- Draw a small example a negative cost edge and show that Dijkstra’s algorithm fails on this example

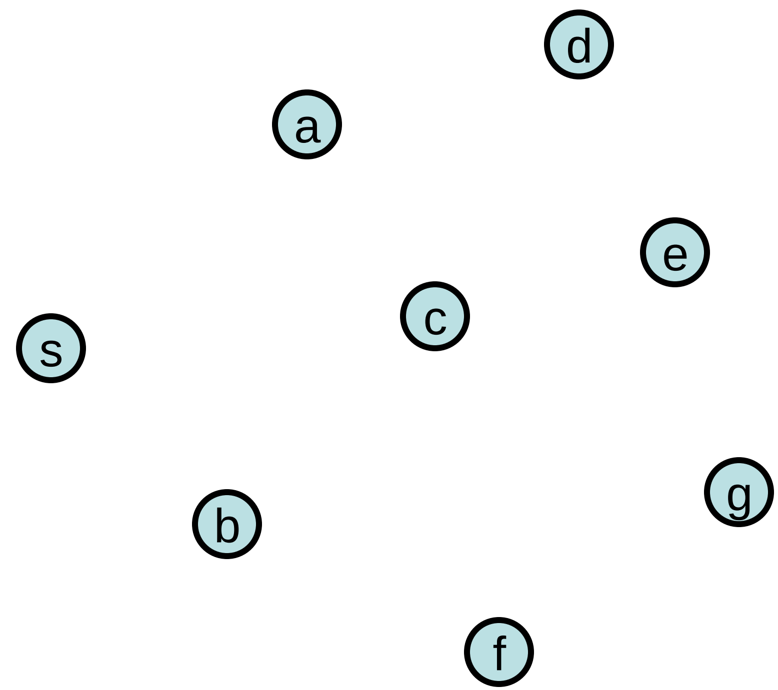
Bottleneck Shortest Path

- Define the bottleneck distance for a path to be the maximum cost edge along the path



Compute the bottleneck shortest paths





How do you adapt Dijkstra's algorithm to handle bottleneck distances

- Does the correctness proof still apply?