

# Bellman-Ford

CSE 417 Winter 21  
Lecture 15

# Today

## Dynamic Programming on Graphs

We're building up to "Bellman-Ford" and "Floyd-Warshall"

Two very clever algorithms – we won't ask you to be as clever.

But they're standard library functions, so it's good to know.

And deriving them together is good for practicing DP skills.

# Shortest Paths

## Shortest Path Problem

Given: A directed graph and a vertex  $s$

Find: The length of the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ .

The length of a path is the sum of the edge weights.

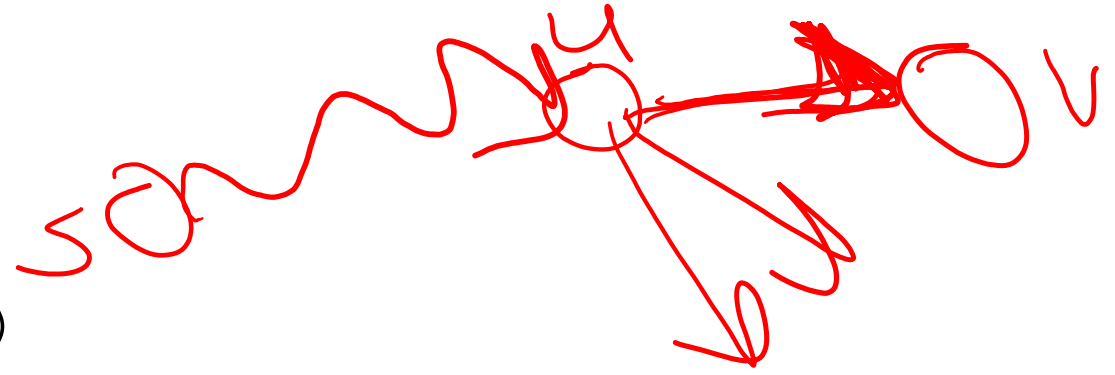
Baseline: Dijkstra's Algorithm

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

```
Dijkstra(Graph G, Vertex source)
  initialize distances to  $\infty$ 
  mark source as distance 0
  mark all vertices unprocessed
  while(there are unprocessed vertices) {
    let u be the closest unprocessed vertex
    foreach(edge (u,v) leaving u) {
      if(u.dist+weight(u,v) < v.dist) {
        v.dist = u.dist+weight(u,v)
        v.predecessor = u
      }
    }
    mark u as processed
  }
```

In 373, we said the running time was  $O(m \log n + n \log n)$

Can be sped up to  $O(m + n \log n)$  by inserting a different heap implementation.



$O(V)$

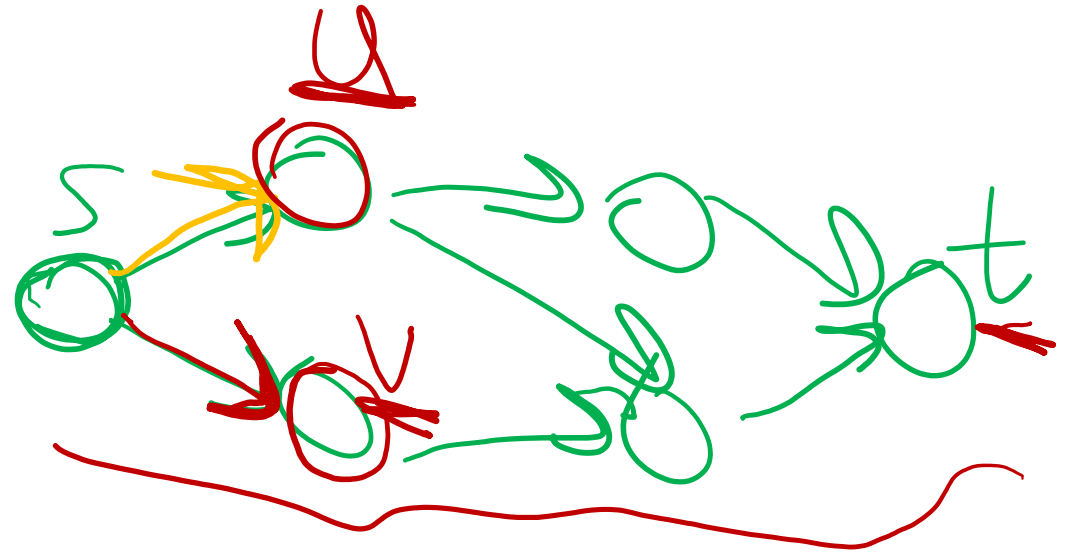
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Choosing the predecessor, i.e. "the last edge" on a path.

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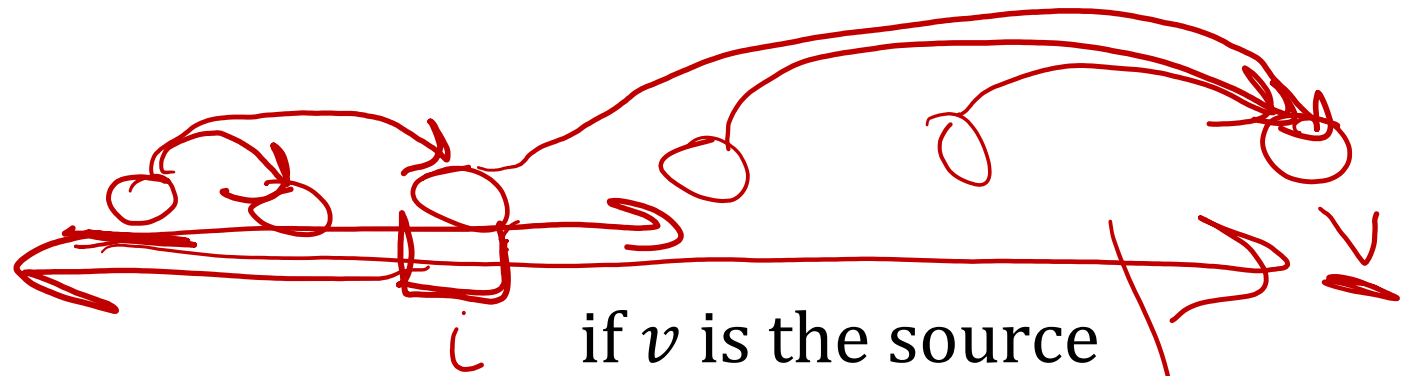
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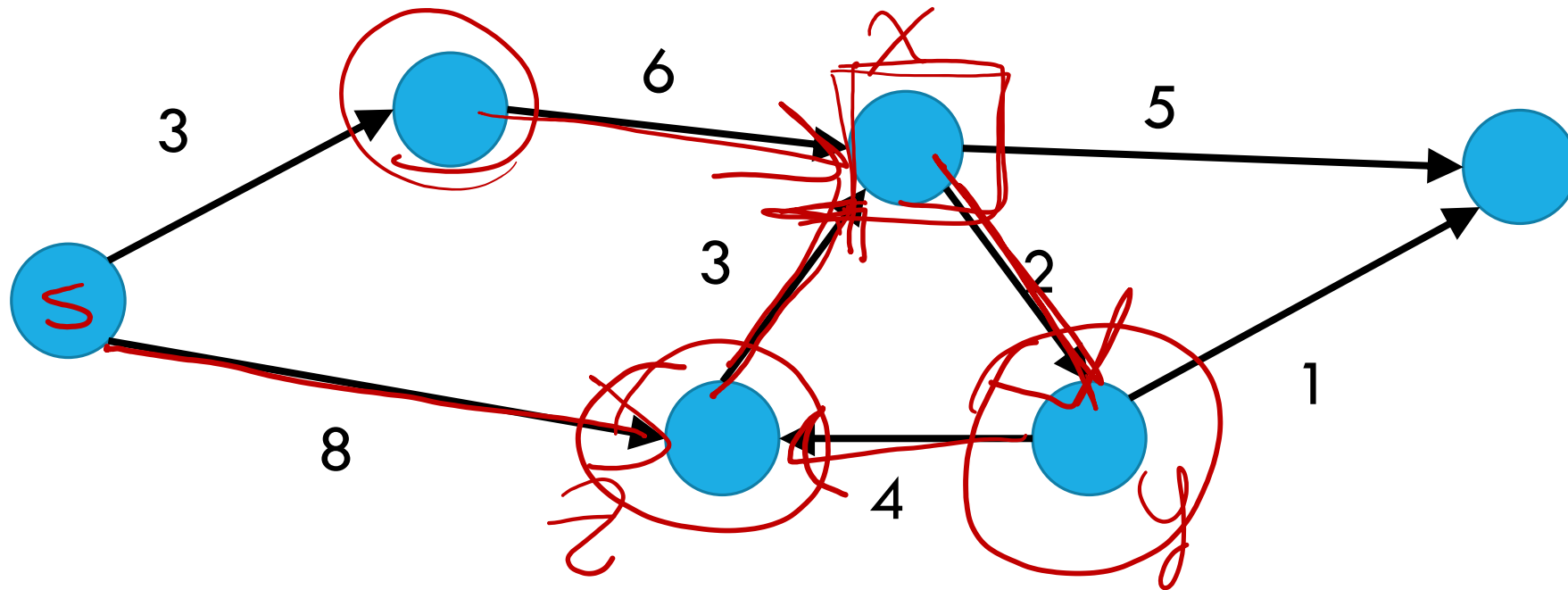
A topological sort! – we need to have distances for all incoming edges calculated.

$$O(V + E), O(m + n)$$



# What about cycles?

$$\text{dist}(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is the source} \\ \min_{u:(u,v) \in E} \{ \text{dist}(u) + \text{weight}(u,v) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Cycles

We need some way to “order” the paths.

I.e. we need to be sure we always have **something** to look up.

It doesn't have to be the perfect distance necessarily...

As long as we'll realize it and update later

( And as long as we can fix it to the true distance eventually. )

# Ordering

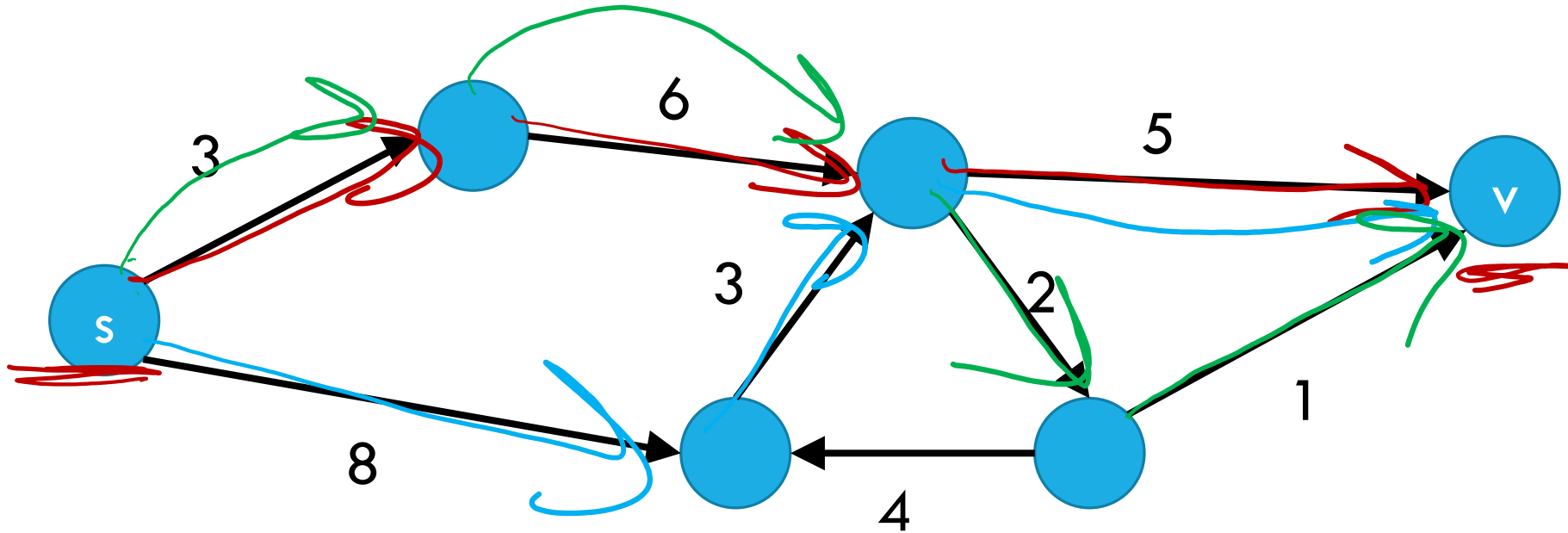
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$dist(v, i)$  to be the length of the shortest path from the source to  $v$  that uses at most  $i$  edges.

( That breaks ties – counting the number of edges required! )

$dist(v, i) =$

# Distances



$\text{dist}(v, 2) = \infty$  (can't get there in 2 hops)

$\text{dist}(v, 3) = 14$

$\text{dist}(v, 4) = 12$

$\text{dist}(v, 5) = 12$

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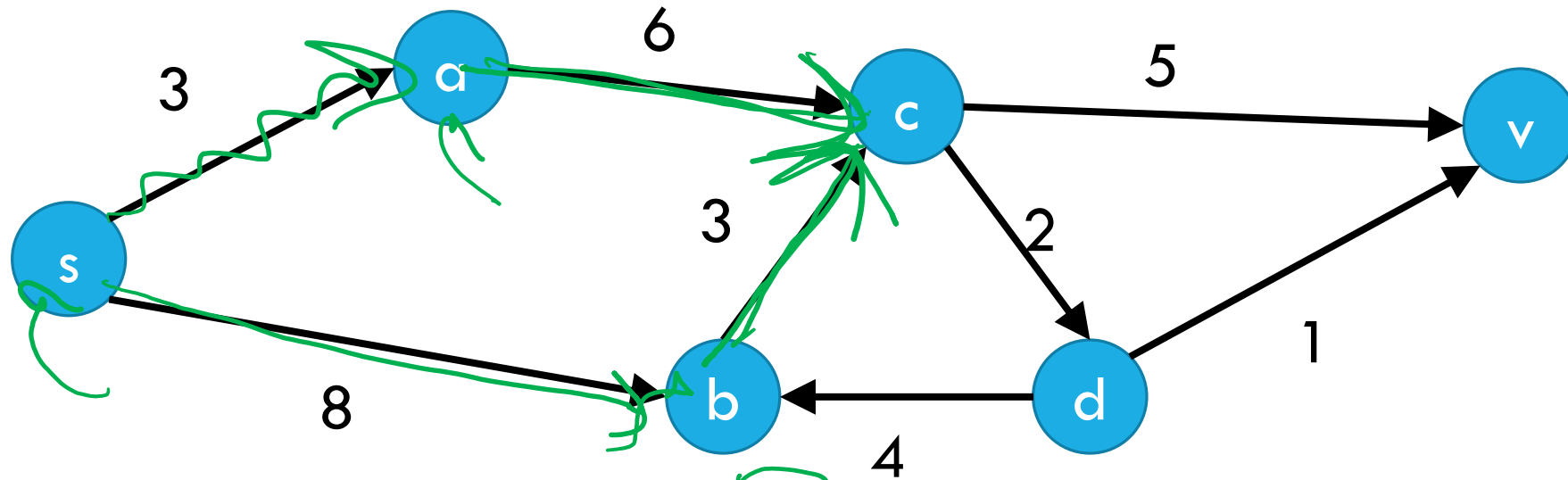
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$dist(v, i)$  to be the length of the shortest path from the source to  $u$  that uses at most  $i$  edges.

$$dist(v, i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v \text{ is the source} \\ \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v \text{ is not the source} \\ \min \left\{ \min_{u:(u,v) \in E} \{dist(u, i-1)\} + w(u, v), dist(v, i-1) \right\} & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  $dist(v, i-1)$  is written above the equation. The term  $dist(v, i-1)$  in the equation is boxed and crossed out with purple scribbles. The expression  $\min_{u:(u,v) \in E} \{dist(u, i-1)\} + w(u, v)$  is underlined in green.

# Sample calculation



Vertex \ $i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
S	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	$\infty$	3	3	3	3	3
B	$\infty$	8	8	8	8	8
C	$\infty$	$\infty$	9	9	9	9
D	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	11	11	11
V	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	14	12	12

Handwritten annotations in green: A vertical arrow points from the 0 column to the A row. A box around the A row contains '3 + 6' with an arrow pointing to the value 3 in column 2. Another box around the B row contains '8 + 3' with an arrow pointing to the value 8 in column 2. A box around the C row contains '9' with an arrow pointing to the value 9 in column 2. A box around the D row contains '11' with an arrow pointing to the value 11 in column 2. A box around the V row contains '12' with an arrow pointing to the value 12 in column 2. A purple line is drawn across the top of the table, and a green arrow points from the 0 column to the V row.

# Pseudocode

Initialize `source.dist[0]=0`, `u.dist[0]=∞` for others  
for(`i` from 1 to `??`)

for(every vertex `v`) //what order?

`v.dist[i] = v.dist[i-1]`

for(each incoming edge `(u,v)`) //hmmm

if(`u.dist[i-1]+weight(u,v) < v.dist[i]`)

`v.dist[i]=u.dist[i-1]+weight(u,v)`

endIf

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      if(u.dist[i-1]+weight(u,v) < v.dist[i])
        v.dist[i]=u.dist[i-1]+weight(u,v)
      endIf
    endFor
  endFor
endFor
```

The shortest path will never need more than  $n - 1$  edges  
(more than that and you've got a cycle)

# Pseudocode

```
Initialize source
for(i from 1 to
```

Only ever need values from the last iteration  
Order doesn't matter!!

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Graphs don't usually have easy access to their incoming edges (just the outgoing ones)

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But the order doesn't matter – as long as we check every edge, the processing order is irrelevant. So if we only have access to outgoing edges...

# Pseudocode

Initialize `source.dist[0]=0`, `u.dist[0]=∞` for others  
for(`i` from 1 to `n-1`)

↳ set `u.dist[i]` to `u.dist[i-1]` for every `u`  
for(every vertex `u`) //any order  
for(each outgoing edge `(u,v)`) //better!  
    (`if` (`u.dist[i-1]+weight(u,v) < v.dist[i]`)  
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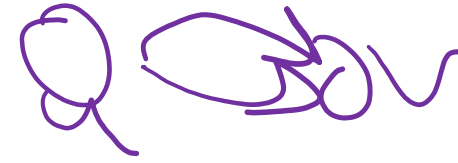
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Just the most recent value.

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```
Initialize source.dist=0, u.dist=∞ for others
for(i from 1 to n-1) —  $O(n)$ 
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```

$O(m)$

$O(nm)$

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# A Caution

We did change the code when we got rid of the indexing

You might have a mix of  $\text{dist}[i]$ ,  $\text{dist}[i+1]$ ,  $\text{dist}[i+2]$ , ... at the same time.

That's ok!

You'll only "override" a value with a better one.

And you'll eventually get to  $\text{dist}(u, n - 1)$

After iteration  $i$ ,  $u$  stores  $\text{dist}(u, k)$  for some  $k \geq i$ .

# Exit early

If you made it through an entire iteration of the outermost loop and don't update any *dist()*

Then you won't do any more updates in the next iteration either. You can exit early.

More ideas to save constant factors on Wikipedia (or the textbook)

# Laundry List of shortest pairs (so far)

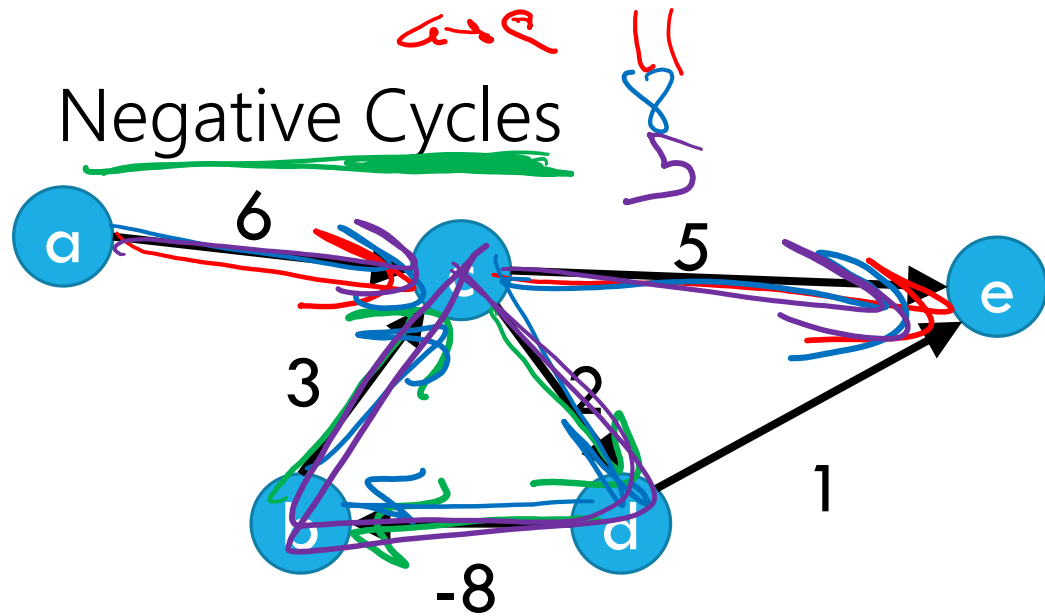
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<u>Dijkstra's</u>	<u><math>O(m + n \log n)</math></u>		X
<u>Bellman-Ford</u>	<u><math>O(mn)</math></u>		???

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What happens if there's a negative cycle?

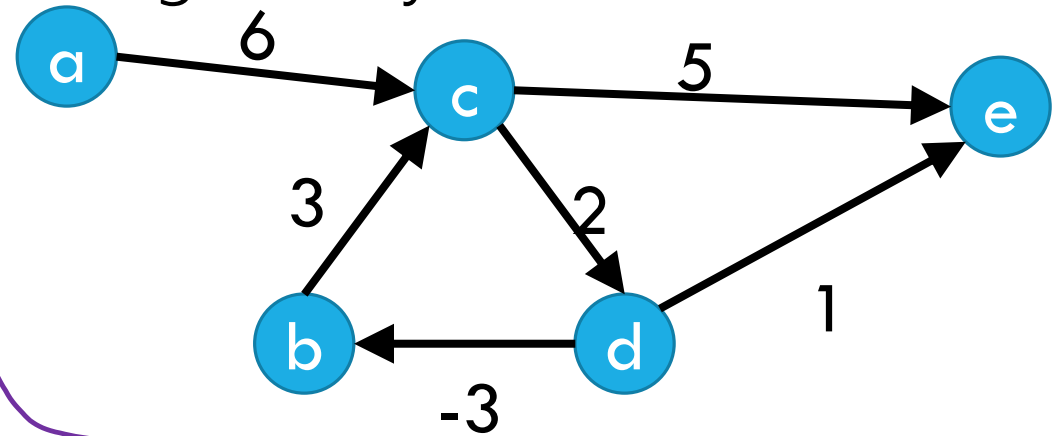
# Negative Edges



The fastest way from  $a$  to  $e$  (i.e. least-weight walk) isn't defined!

No valid answer  $(-\infty)$

Negative edges, but only non-negative cycles



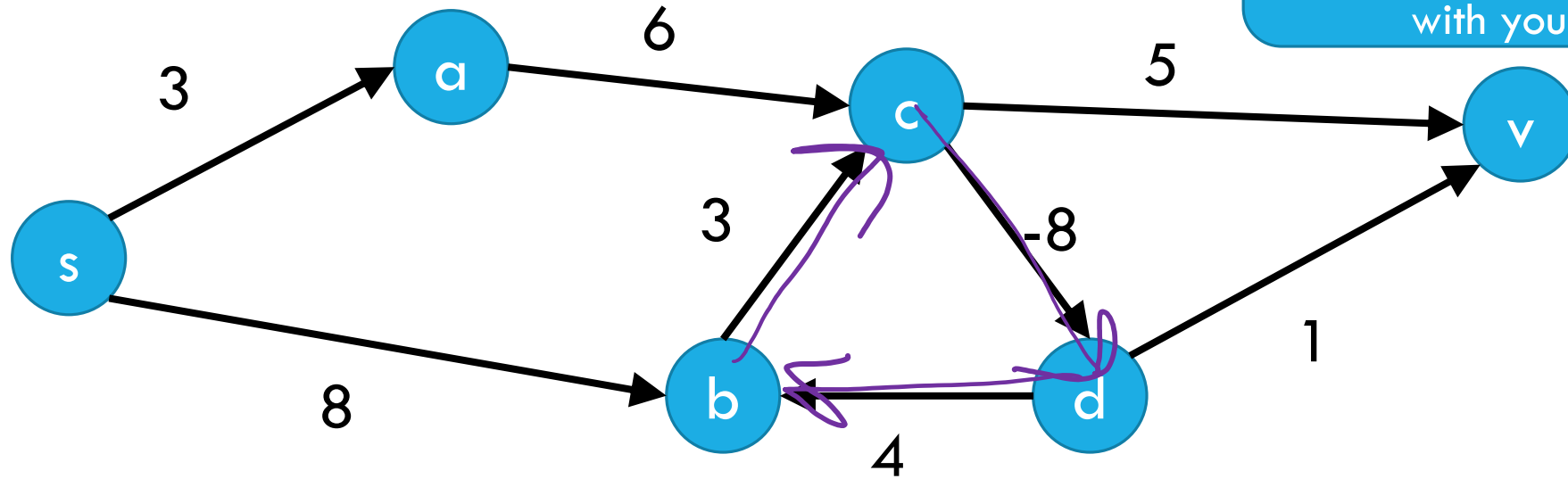
Dijkstra's might fail

But the shortest path IS defined.

There is an answer

# Negative Cycle

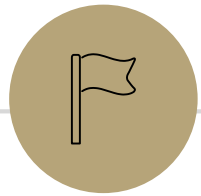
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Bellman-Ford	$O(mn)$		Yes!



# All Pairs Shortest Paths

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# All Pairs

For Dijkstra's or Bellman-Ford we got the distances from the source to every vertex.

What if we want the distances from every vertex to every other vertex?

# Another Recurrence

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Another clever way to order paths.

Put the vertices in some (arbitrary) order  $1, 2, \dots, n$

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# Pseudocode

```
dist[][] = new int[n-1][n-1]
for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
    for(int j=0; j<n; j++)
        dist[i][j] = edge(i,j) ? weight(i,j) : ∞
for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
    dist[i][i] = 0
for every vertex r
    for every vertex u
        for every vertex v
            if(dist[u][r] + dist[r][v] < dist[u][v])
                dist[u][v]=dist[u][r] + dist[r][v]
```

“standard” form of the “Floyd-Warshall” algorithm. Similar to Bellman-Ford, you can get rid of the last entry of the recurrence (only need 2D array, not 3D array).

# Running Time

$$O(n^3)$$

How does that compare to Dijkstra's?

# Running Time

If you really want all-pairs...

Could run Dijkstra's  $n$  times...

$$O(mn \log n + n^2 \log n)$$

If  $m \approx n^2$  then Floyd-Warshall is faster!

Floyd-Warshall also handles negative weight edges.

Ask Robbie after how to detect them.

# Takeaways

Some clever dynamic programming on graphs.

Which library to use?

Need just one source?

Dijkstra's if no negative edge weights.

Bellman-Ford if negative edges.

Need all sources?

Floyd-Warshall if negative edges or  $m \approx n^2$

Repeated Dijkstra's otherwise