

# Single-Source Shortest Paths

## Dijkstra's algorithm

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# Review

- $G = (V, E)$  a directed graph with a weight function:

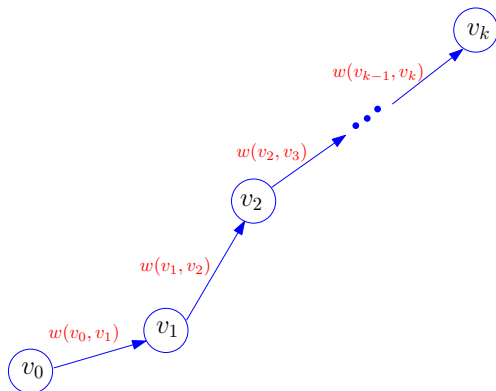
$$w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- The weight of path

$$P = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle \text{ is:}$$

$$w(P) = \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

- $G$  has no negative-weight cycles



- The shortest path weight from  $u$  to  $v$ :

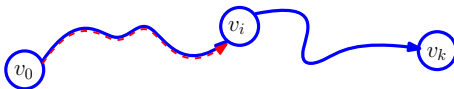
$$\delta(u, v) = \begin{cases} \min\{w(P) : u \overset{P}{\rightsquigarrow} v\} & \text{if there exists a path from } u \text{ to } v \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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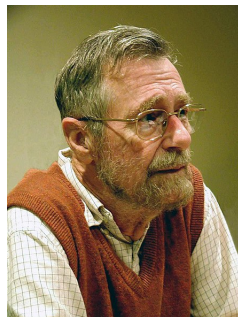
**Output:** A shortest path from  $s$  to each  $v \in V$

**True/False:** If  $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is a shortest path from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$ , then  $\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_i \rangle$  is a shortest path from  $v_0$  to  $v_i$ , for any  $0 \leq i \leq k$ .



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- Explanation of Dijkstra's algorithm
- Pseudocode of the algorithm
- An example
- Complexity analysis
- Proof of correctness



E. Dijkstra (1930-2002)  
Turing Award (1972)

“Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes.”

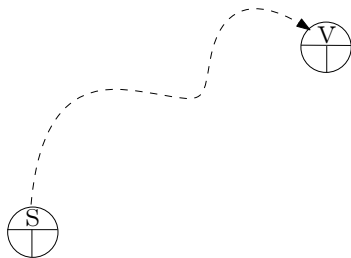
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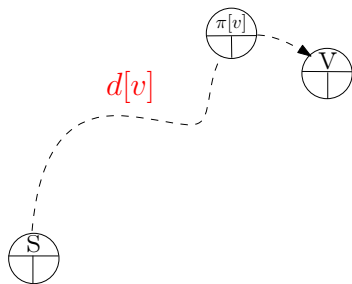


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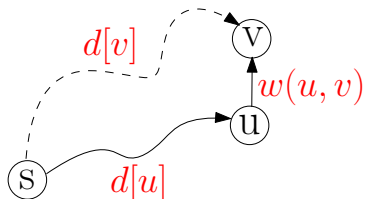
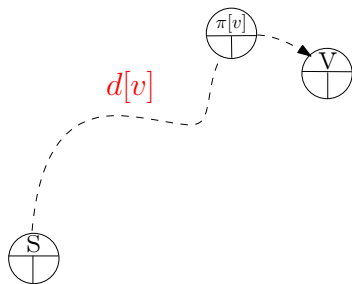


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- Initialize  $C = \emptyset$ , repeat the following until  $C = V$ :
  - Add  $u \in V - C$  with **smallest  $d$ -value** to  $C$
  - Update  $d$ -values of vertices  $v$  with  $(u, v) \in E$ :
$$d[v] \leftarrow \min\{d[v], d[u] + w(u, v)\}$$
  - Update  $\pi[v]$  if  $d[v]$  is changed



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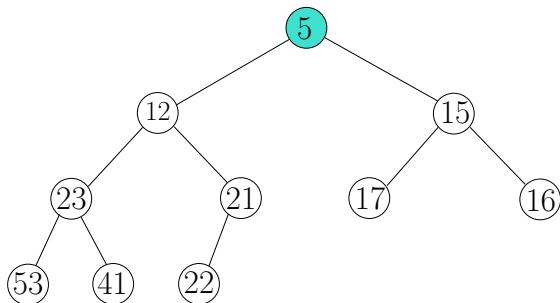
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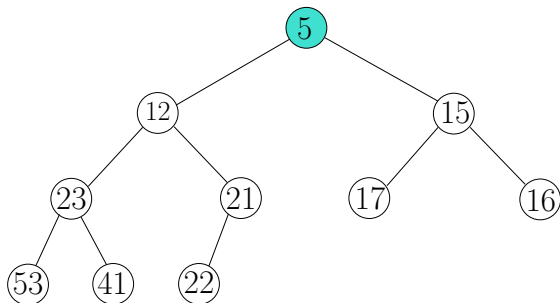
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**Cost of operations of a binary min-heap (of size  $n$ ):**

- Insert:  $O(\log n)$
- Extract-Min:  $O(\log n)$
- Update-Key:  $O(\log n)$

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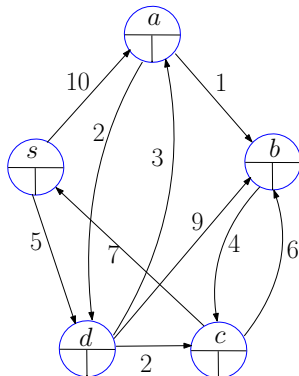
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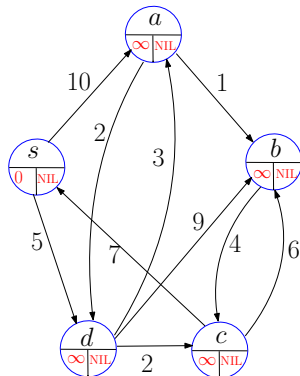


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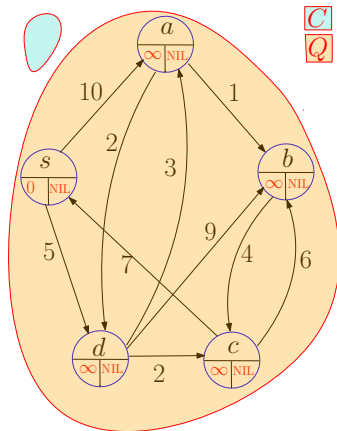
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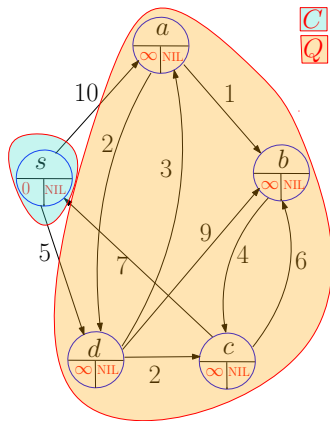


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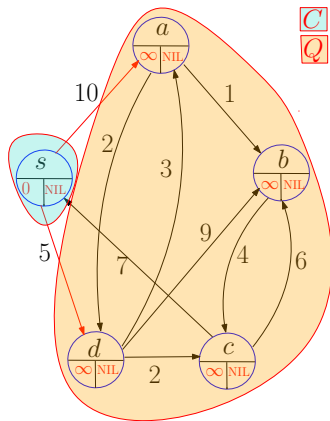


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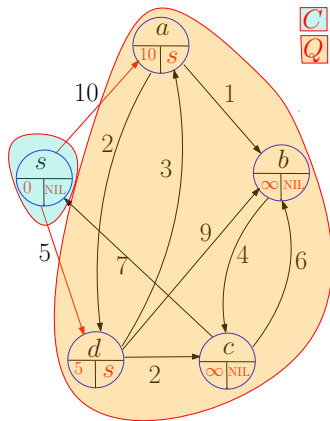


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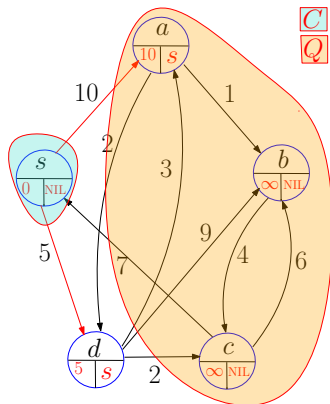


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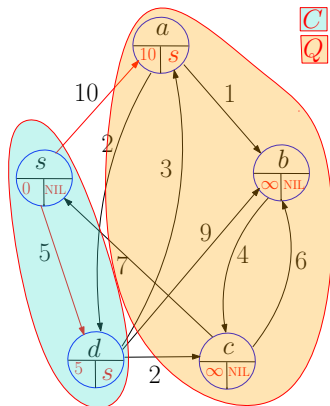


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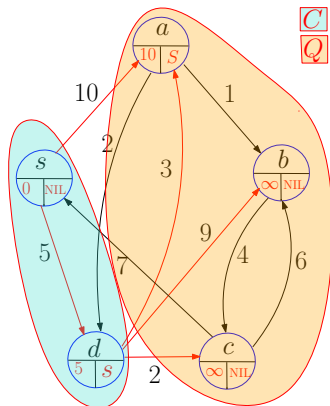


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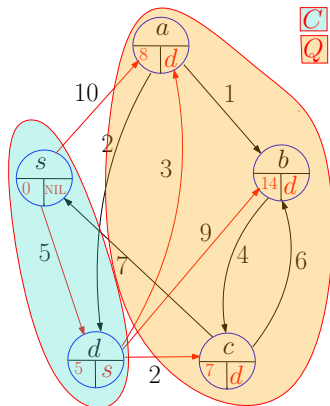


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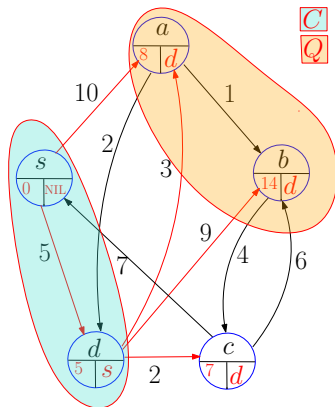
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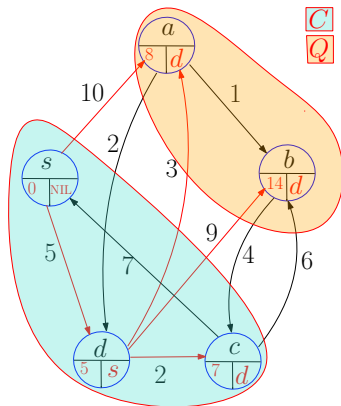


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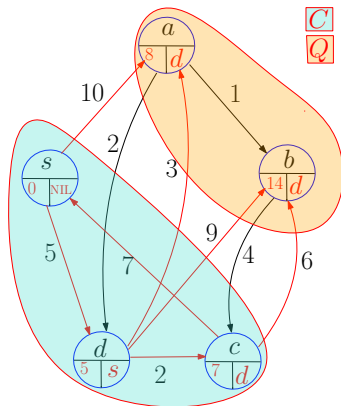


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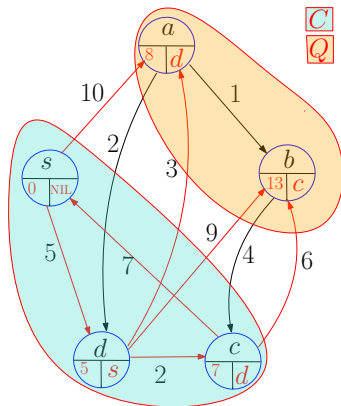


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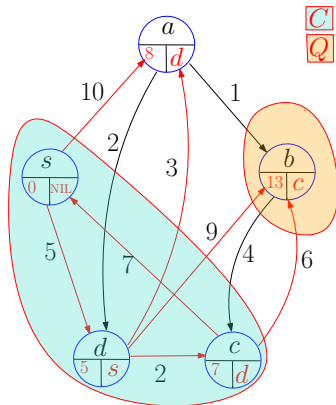


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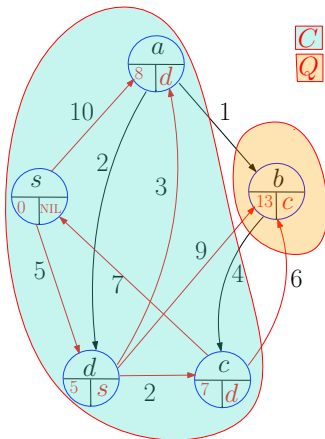


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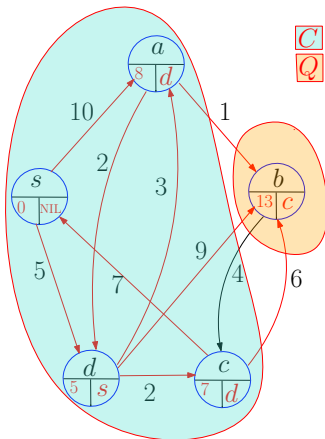


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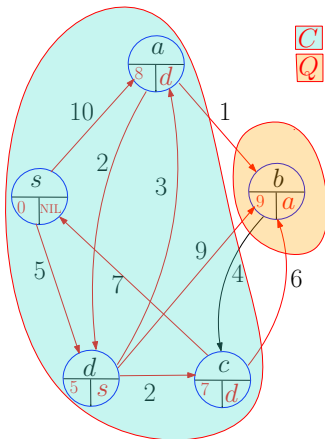


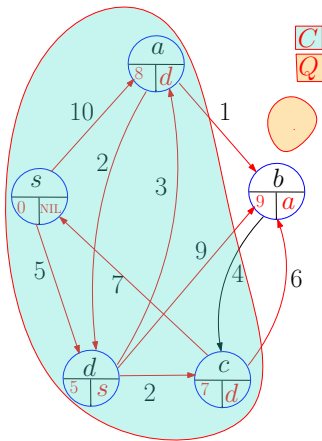
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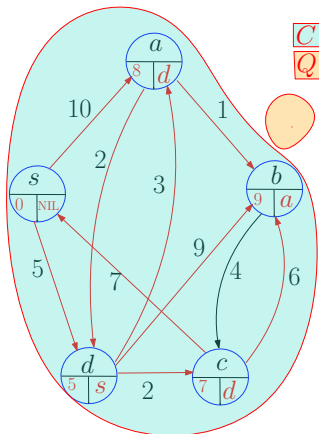
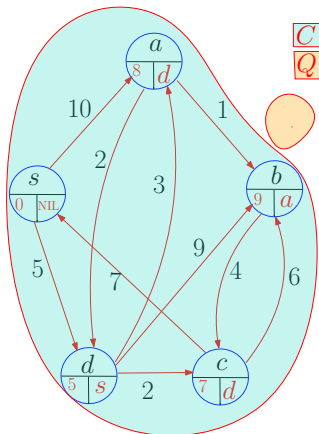


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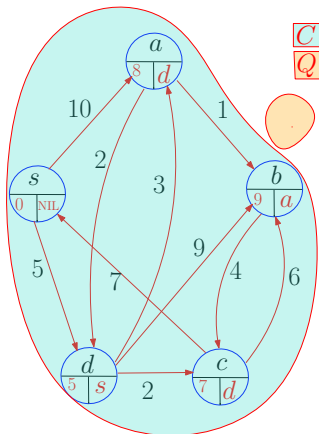


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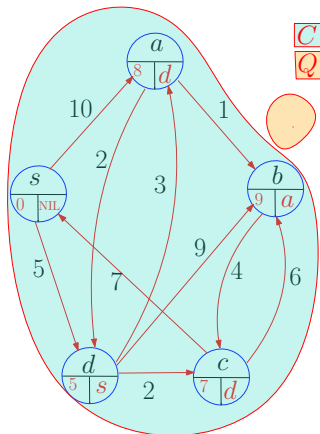


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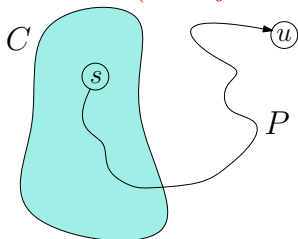
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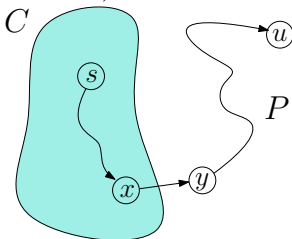
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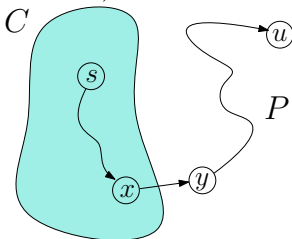
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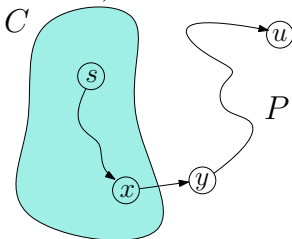
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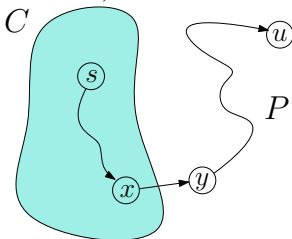


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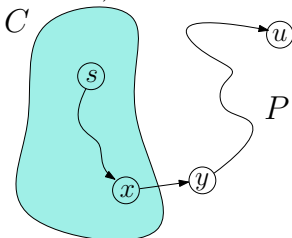
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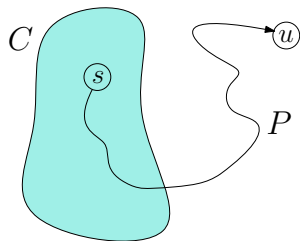
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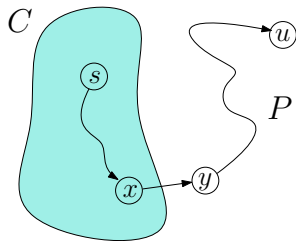


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