

# Shortest Path

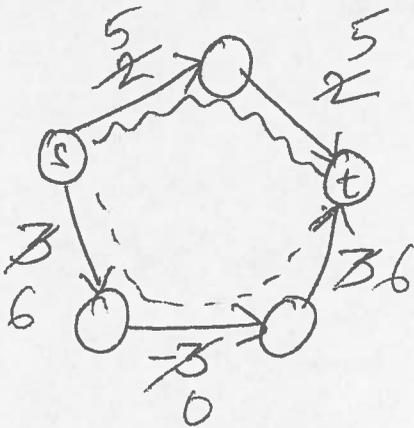
I/p: Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$   $\forall e \in E,$   
 $c_e \in \mathbb{R}$   
 (  $c_e$  can be  $< 0$  )  
 but  $G$  has no -ve cycle.

$t \in V$

O/p: Shortest paths from every  $s \in V$  to  $t$ .

→ Dijkstra doesn't work.

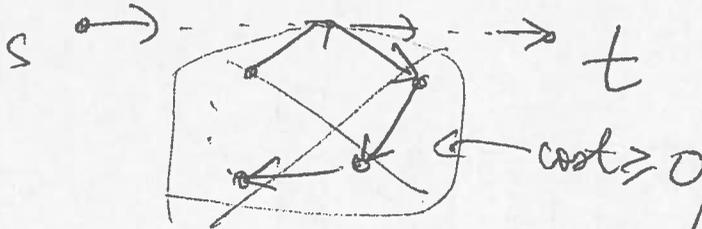
→ Add a large number  $M$  s.t  $c_e + M \geq 0 \forall e \in E$   
 & run ~~Dijkstra~~ Dijkstra's on i/p w/ cost  
 $c'_e = c_e + M$



## Bellman-Ford

PROP: If  $G$  has no -ve cycle,  
 then  $\exists$  a shortest  $s-t$  path  
 that is simple.

Pf:



$$P_1 = P_{11}, C, P_{12}$$

$$P_2 = P_{11}, P_{12}$$

$$\text{cost}(P_2) \leq \text{cost}(P_1)$$

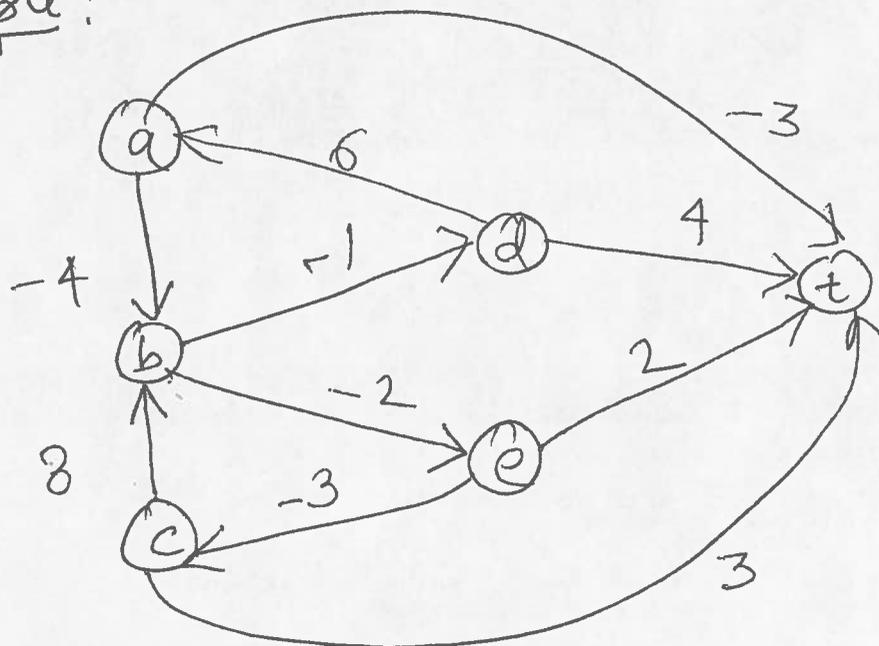
$P_2$  is a  
 shortest  
 path.

$$\text{as } \text{cost}(C) \geq 0$$

⇒ only need to consider paths of length  $n-1$ .

For now:  $\forall s \in V$ , only want to compute shortest dist  $d(s, t)$ .

Example:



$OPT(u, i)$

$u \in V$   
 $0 \leq i \leq n-1$   
 $\rightarrow$  length of shortest  $u-t$  path with  $\leq i$  edges.

$OPT(d, 0) = \infty, OPT(d, 1) = 4, OPT(d, 2) = 3$   
 $OPT(d, 3) = 3, OPT(d, 4) = 2, OPT(d, 5) = 0$   
 $OPT(d, 6) = 0, OPT(d, 7) = 0$

Claim:  $OPT(u, i) \geq OPT(u, i+1)$ .

$d(s, t) = OPT(s, n-1)$ .

$OPT(u, i) = \min (OPT(u, i-1), \min_{(u,w) \in E} c_{uw} + OPT(w, i-1))$   
 $u \in V, 0 \leq i \leq n-1$

Case 1: shortest path  $\leq i$  edges uses  $\leq i-1$  edges.

$OPT(u, i) = OPT(u, i-1)$

Case "2": (shortest path  $\leq i$  edges uses exactly  $i$  edges)

$u \rightarrow w \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t$   
 $OPT(u, i) = c_{uw} + OPT(w, i-1)$