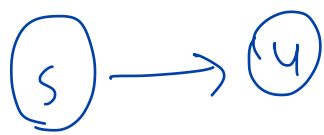


Apr 21 / Solution: Introduce an implicit parameter in sub-problems

Attempt 4: $\text{OPT}(s, E')$ \rightarrow cost of shortest s - t path only using edges in E'

② Recursion



(if a shortest path uses s - u edge)

$$\text{OPT}(s, E) = c_{s,u} + \text{OPT}(u, E \setminus \{s,u\})$$

More generally:
$$\text{OPT}(s, E) = \min_{w: (s,w) \in E} \left\{ c_{s,w} + \text{OPT}(w, E \setminus \{s,w\}) \right\}$$

③ Ordering? Increasing order of $|E'|$

① How many sub-problems? $n \cdot 2^m \rightarrow$ exponential!

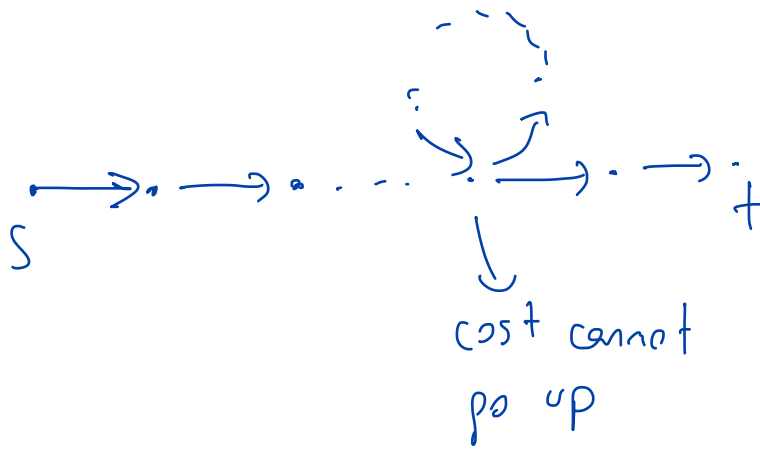
Attempt 5 : Bellman-Ford Algo

$OPT(s, i) = \text{cost of a shortest-path with } \underline{\leq i} \text{ edges}$

$$s \in V, i \geq 0$$

Prop: If G has no negative cycle $\Rightarrow \forall s \exists$ shortest s-t path that is simple

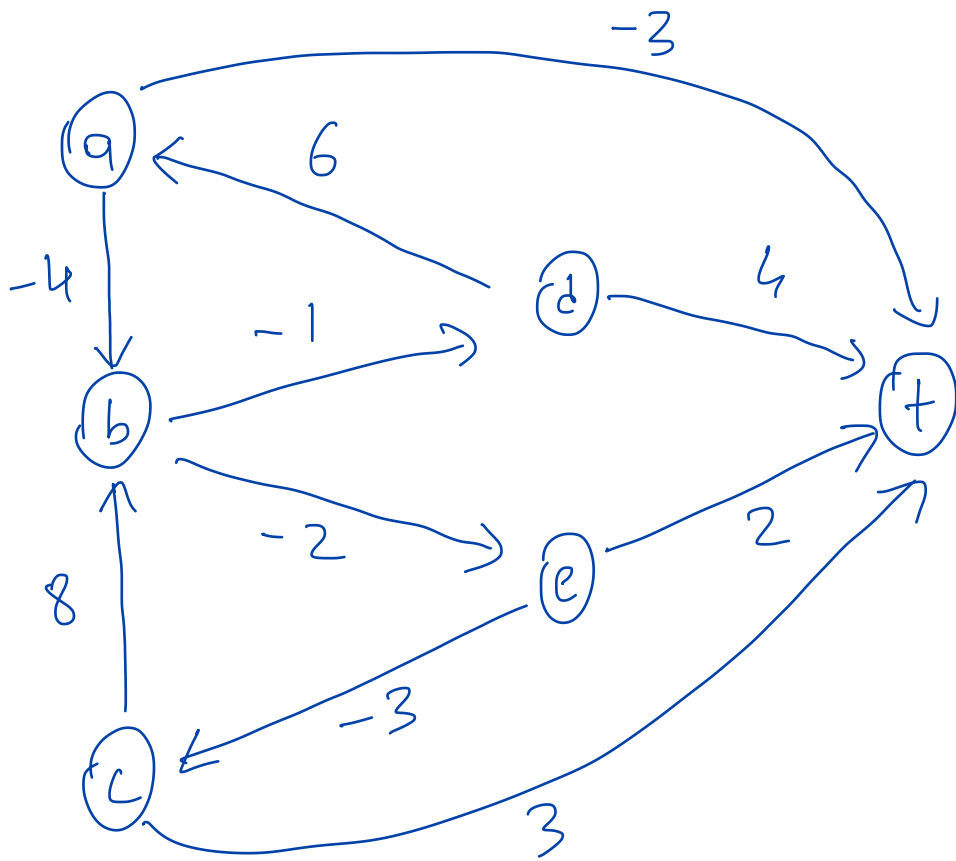
Pf(idea):



$$OPT(s, i) : 0 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$\Rightarrow OPT(s, n-1) = \text{cost of a shortest s-t path}$

Goal: Compute $OPT(s, n-1) \forall s \in V$



look at d

$$\text{OPT}(d, 0) = \infty \quad (\text{as } d \neq t)$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 1) = 4 \quad [d, t]$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 2) = 3 \quad [d, a, t]$$

$(6 + -3)$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 3) = 3 \quad [d, a, t]$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 4) = 6 - 4 - 2 + 2 = 2 \quad [d, a, b, e, t]$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 5) = 6 - 4 - 2 - 3 + 3 = 0 \quad [d, a, b, e, c, t]$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 6) = 0$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 7) = 0$$

$$\text{OPT}(d, 6) = \text{OPT}(d, 5) = 0 \quad \text{OPT}(d, 7)$$

by Prop $n=6 \Rightarrow \text{OPT}(d, 5)$ is the cost of the shortest path

$OPT(s, i) = \text{cost of a shortest } s-t \text{ path with } \leq i \text{ edges}$
 $s \in V \quad 0 \leq i \leq n-1$

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|-----------|----------|-----|--|-------|
| | ∞ | | | |
| $u \in V$ | ∞ | | | |
| | ∞ | | | |
| | ∞ | | | |
| t | 0 | | | |
| | 0 | i | | $n-1$ |

Goal: $M[u, i] = OPT(u, i)$

subproblems = n^2 poly-time ✓

Output: $M[u, n-1] \forall u \in V$

Recurrence: $OPT(t, 0) = 0$
 $OPT(u, 0) = \infty \quad \forall u \neq t$
 $OPT(u, i)$ for $i > 0$

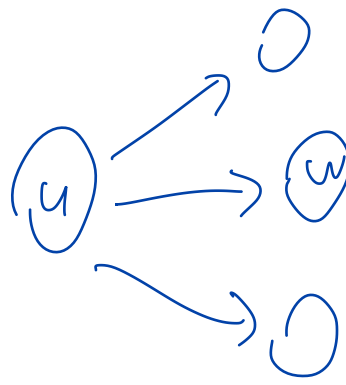
Case 1: \exists a shortest $u-t$ path with $\leq i$ edges
 that actually uses $\leq i-1$ edges
 $OPT(u, i) = OPT(u, i-1)$

Case 2: All shortest $u-t$ paths $\leq i$ edges
 uses EXACTLY i edges

Know 1st edge is (u, w)
 $OPT(u, i) = C_{u, w} + OPT(w, i-1)$



↓
⇒ shortest w-t path
with $\leq i-1$ edges



Generally, 1st edge
has to be from
u to one of its
neighbors

$$\text{OPT}(u, i) = \min_{\substack{w: \\ (u, w) \in E}} \{ C_{u, w} + \text{OPT}(w, i-1) \}$$

Overall

$$\text{OPT}(u, i) = \min \left\{ \text{OPT}(u, i-1), \min_{\substack{w \\ (u, w) \in E}} \{ C_{u, w} + \text{OPT}(w, i-1) \} \right\}$$