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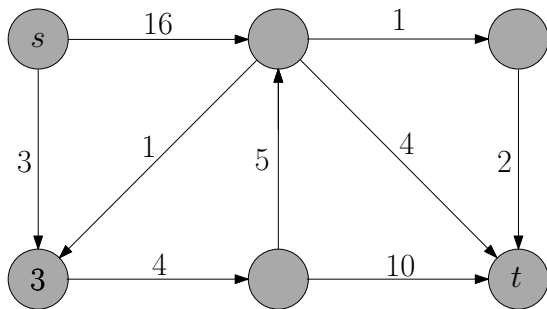
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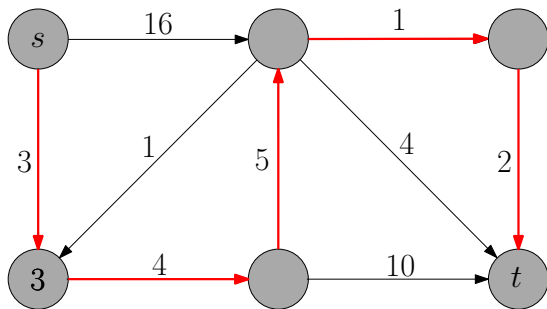


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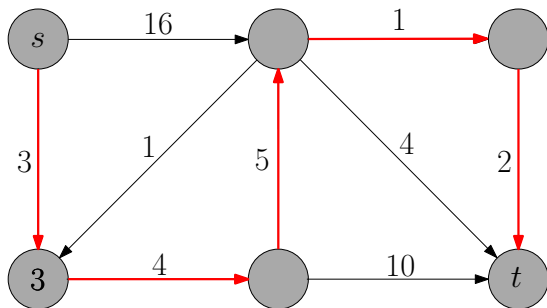


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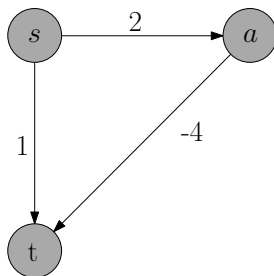
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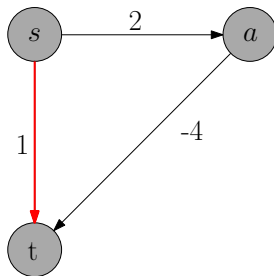


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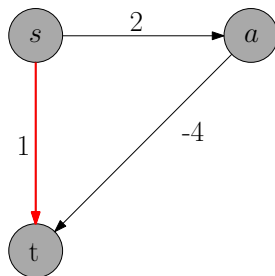


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- Algorithm: Bellman-Ford algorithm, Floyd-Warshall ...



# Algorithm = Computer Program?

- Algorithm: “abstract”, can be specified using computer program, English, pseudo-codes or flow charts.
- Computer program: “concrete”, implementation of algorithm, using a particular programming language

# Pseudo-Code

Pseudo-Code:

**Euclidean**( $a, b$ )

- 1: **while**  $b > 0$  **do**
- 2:      $(a, b) \leftarrow (b, a \bmod b)$
- 3: **return**  $a$

Python program:

- `def euclidean(a: int, b: int):`
- `c = 0`
- `while b > 0:`
- `c = b`
- `b = a % b`
- `a = c`
- `return a`

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## Sorting Problem

**Input:** sequence of  $n$  numbers  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$

**Output:** a permutation  $(a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n)$  of the input sequence such that  $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$

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- Invariant: after iteration  $j$  of outer loop,  $A[1..j]$  is the sorted array for the original  $A[1..j]$ .

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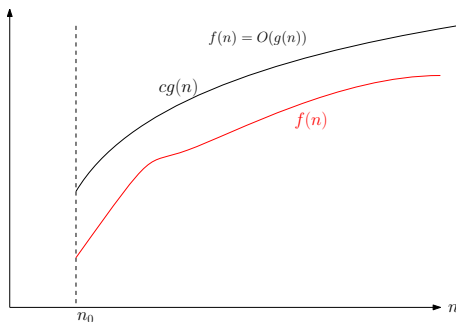
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