

Objectives

- Weighted, directed graph shortest path

Review

- What are the three ways to prove the optimality of a greedy algorithm?
- Problem: minimizing maximum lateness
 - What was the problem?
 - What was our approach to solving it?
 - How did we prove the approach's optimality?
 - What is the algorithm's runtime?

Review: Greedy Analysis Strategies

- **Greedy algorithm stays ahead.**
Show that after each step of the greedy algorithm, its solution is at least as good as any other algorithm's.
- **Exchange argument.** Gradually transform any solution to the one found by the greedy algorithm without hurting its quality.
- **Structural.** Discover a simple "structural" bound asserting that every possible solution must have a certain value. Then show that your algorithm always achieves this bound.

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Analyzing Running Time

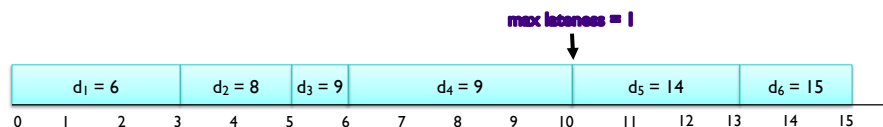
- **Earliest deadline first.**

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Sort n jobs by deadline so that  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_n$ 
 $t = 0$ 
for j = 1 to n
  Assign job j to interval  $[t, t + t_j]$ 
   $s_j = t$ 
   $f_j = t + t_j$ 
   $t = t + t_j$ 
output intervals  $[s_j, f_j]$ 

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$O(n \log n)$



What is the runtime of this algorithm?

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Minimizing Lateness: Analysis of Greedy Algorithm

- **Theorem.** Greedy schedule S is optimal
- **Pf.** Define S^* to be an optimal schedule that has the fewest number of inversions, and let's see what happens
 - Can assume S^* has no idle time
 - If S^* has no inversions, then $S = S^*$
 - If S^* has an inversion, let i - j be an adjacent inversion
 - Swapping i and j does not increase the maximum lateness and strictly decreases the number of inversions (as we proved separately)
 - This contradicts definition of S^* ■

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Greedy Exchange Proofs

1. Label your algorithm's solution and a general solution.
 - Example: let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ be the solution generated by your algorithm, and let $O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_m\}$ be an optimal feasible solution.
2. Compare greedy with other solution.
 - Assume that the optimal solution is not the same as your greedy solution (since otherwise, you are done).
 - Typically, can isolate a simple example of this difference, such as:
 - ① There is an element $e \in O$ that $\notin A$ and an element $f \in A$ that $\notin O$
 - ② 2 consecutive elements in O are in a different order than in A
 - i.e., there is an *inversion*
3. Exchange.
 - **Swap** the elements in question in O (either ① swap one element out and another in or ② swap the order of the elements) and argue that solution is no worse than before.
 - Argue that if you continue swapping, you eliminate all differences between O and A in a *finite* # of steps *without worsening the solution's quality*.
 - Thus, the greedy solution produced is just as good as any optimal solution, and hence is optimal itself.

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SHORTEST PATH

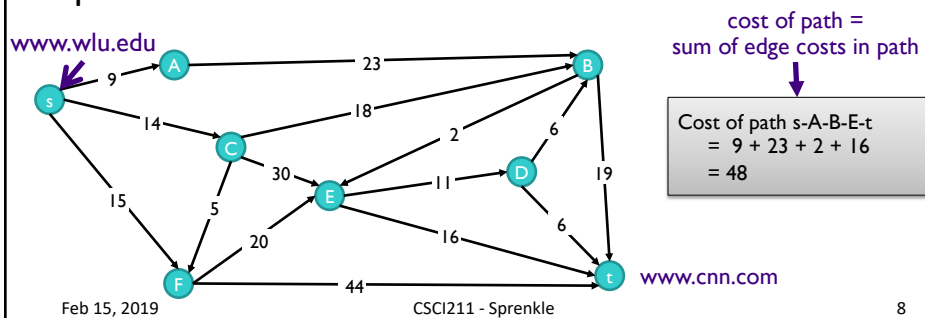
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Shortest Path Problem

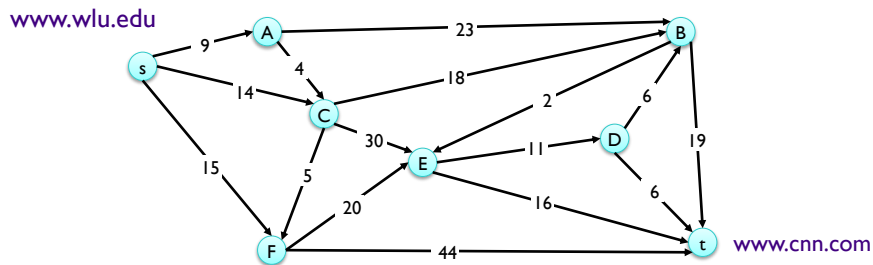
- Given
 - Directed graph $G = (V, E)$
 - Source s , destination t
 - Length $l_e =$ length of edge e (non-negative)
- **Shortest path problem:** find shortest directed path from s to t



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Shortest Path Problem

- **Shortest path problem**: find shortest directed path from s to t
- Brainstorming on solution ...



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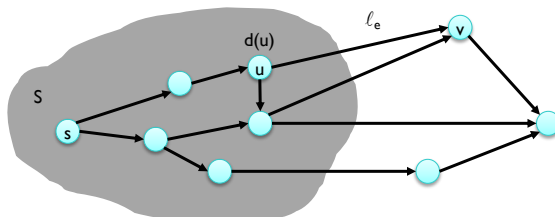
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 - Keep the **shortest path distance** $d(u)$ from s to u
2. Initialize $S = \{s\}$, $d(s) = 0$, $\forall u \neq s, d(u) = \infty$
3. Repeatedly choose unexplored node v which minimizes

$$\pi(v) = \min_{e = (u,v) : u \in S} d(u) + \ell_e$$

- Add v to S and set $d(v) = \pi(v)$

shortest path to some u
in explored part
followed by a single edge (u, v)



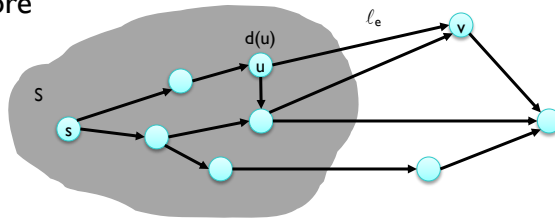
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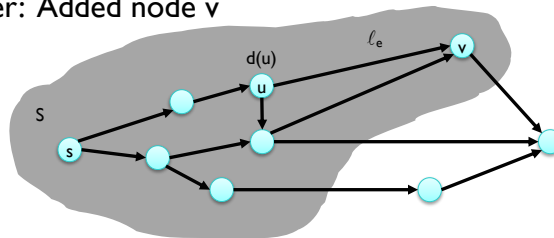
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Dijkstra's Algorithm

Before



After: Added node v



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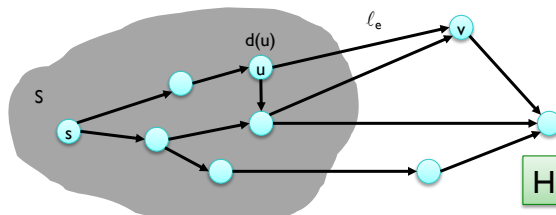
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How is algorithm Greedy?

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How is Algorithm Greedy?

- We always form **shortest new $s \rightarrow v$ path** from a path in S followed by a *single* edge
- **Proof of optimality: Stays ahead** of all other solutions
 - Each time selects a path to a node v , that path is shorter than every other possible path to v

More on this later...

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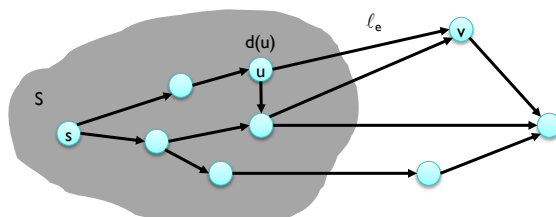
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Implementation Ideas

- What to represent?
- How to represent?

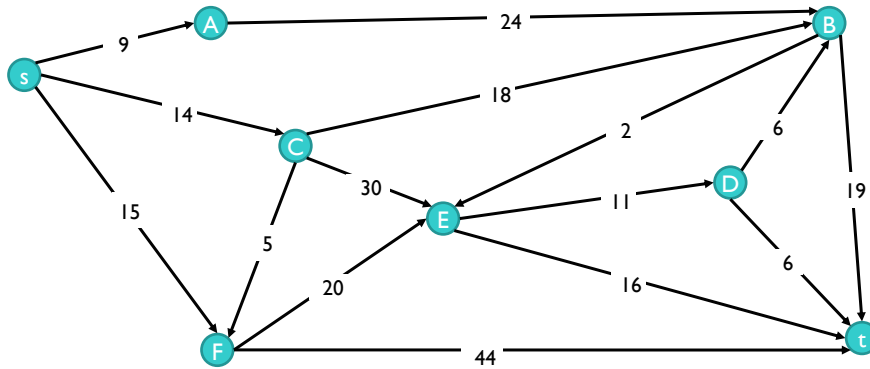
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Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

- Find shortest path from s to t



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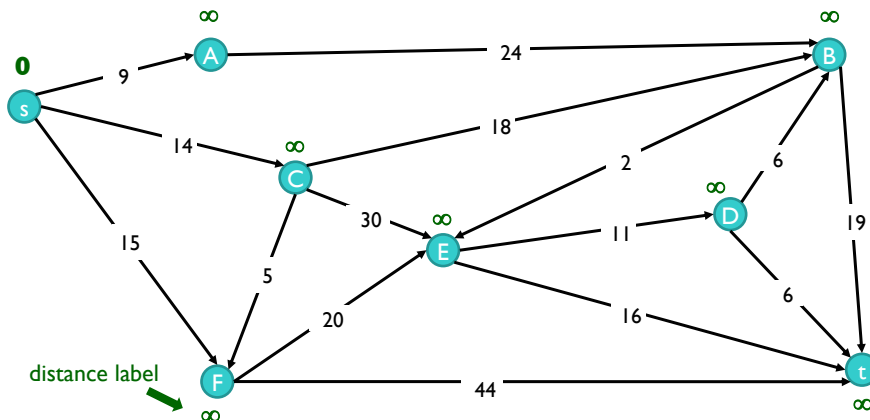
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Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

$S = \{ \}$
 $PQ = \{ s, A, B, C, D, E, F, t \}$

Initialize distances to all nodes to infinity



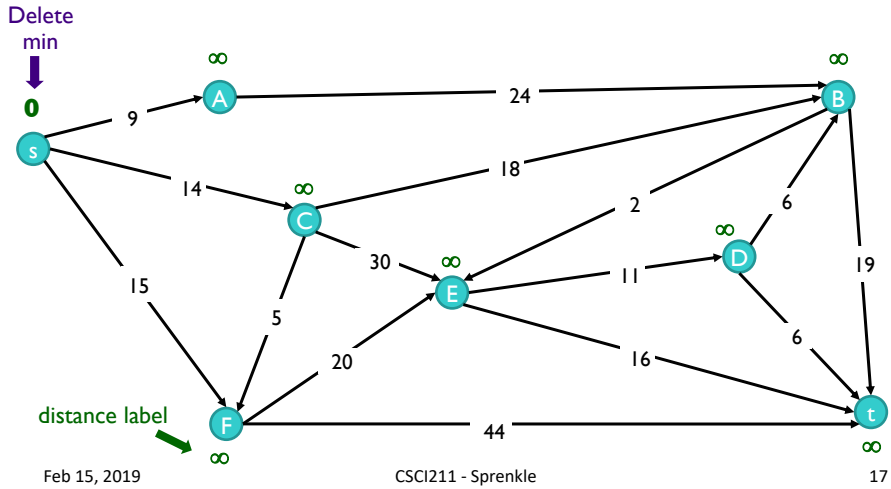
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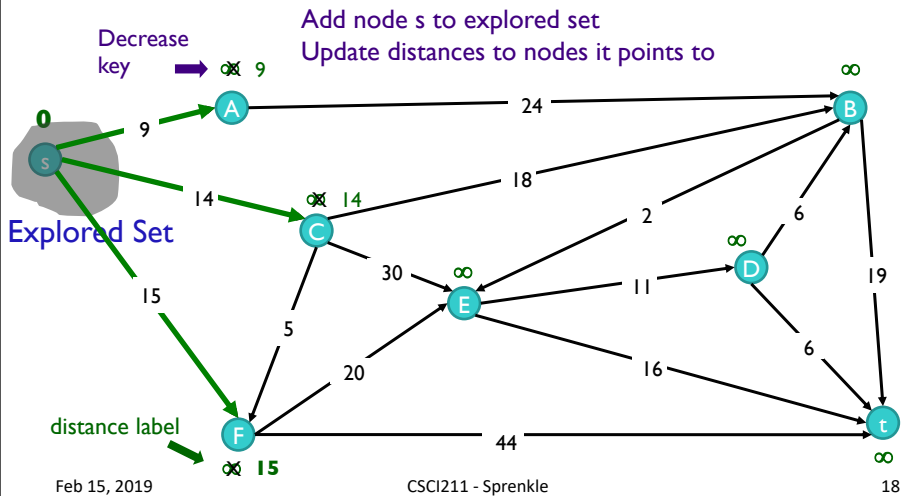
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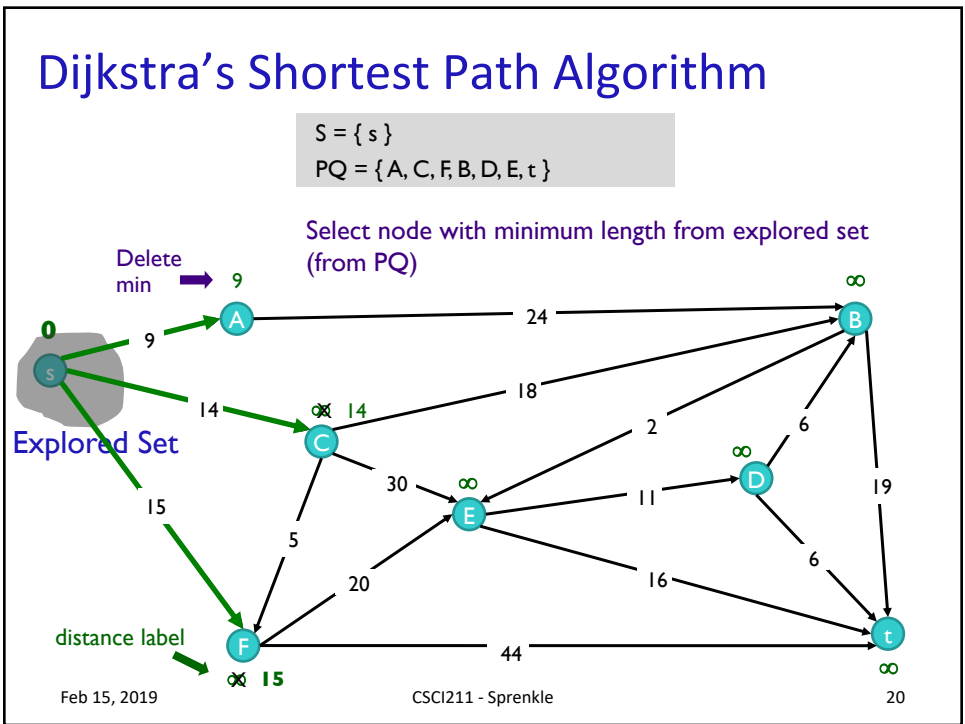
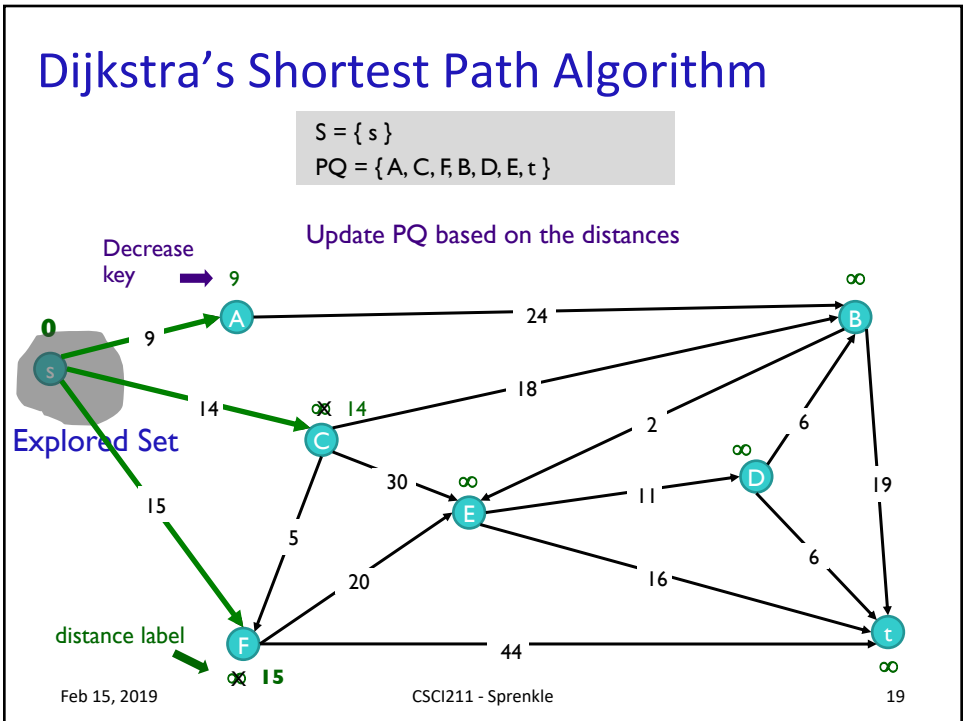
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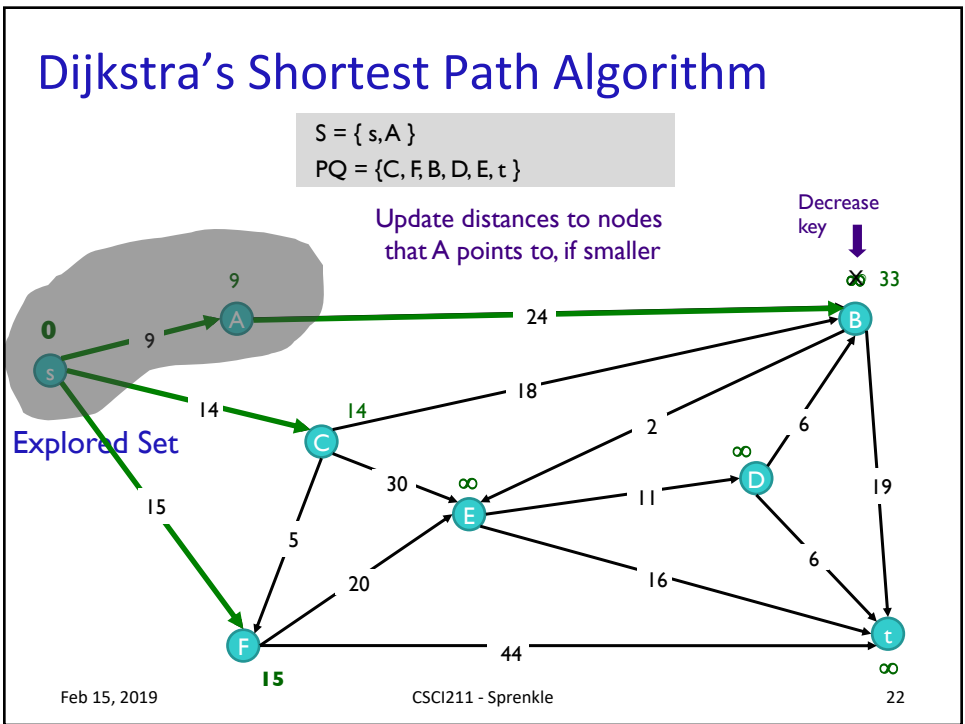
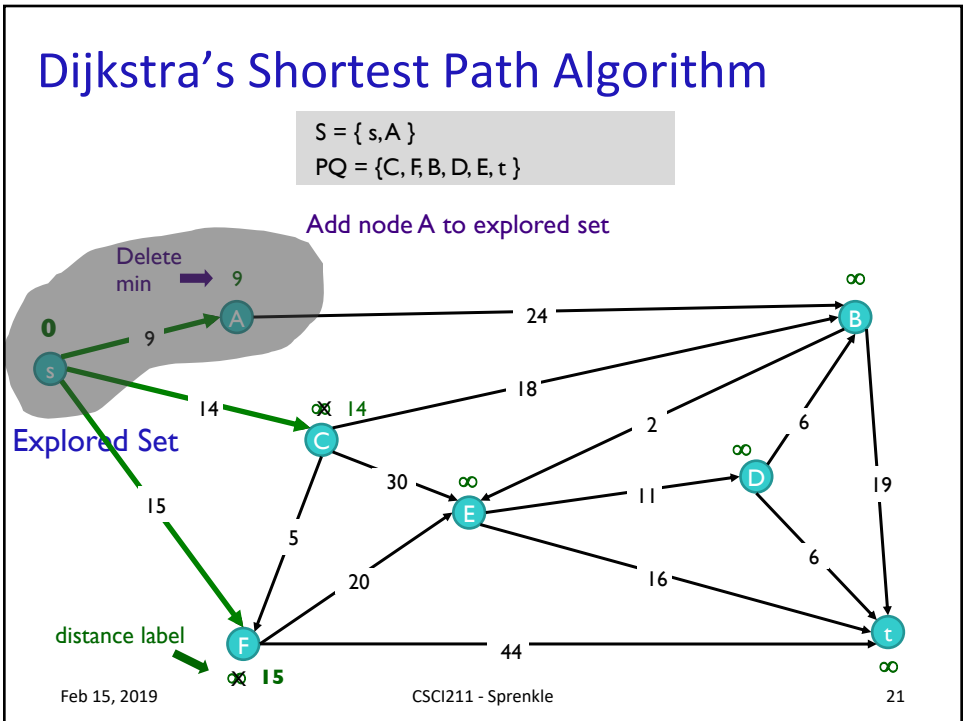


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Looking Ahead

- Wiki due Monday, after break
 - “Front matter” of Chapter 4
 - 4.1, 4.2, 4.4
- Problem Set 5 due Friday, after break