

## Objectives

- Weighted, directed graph shortest path

## Review

- What are the three ways to prove the optimality of a greedy algorithm?
- Problem: minimizing maximum lateness
  - Approach
  - Proving optimality

## 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

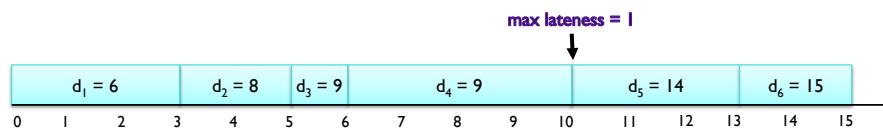
- **Earliest deadline first.**

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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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## 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

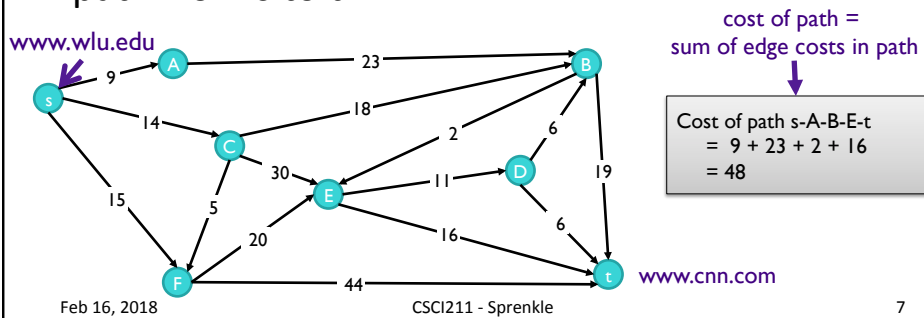
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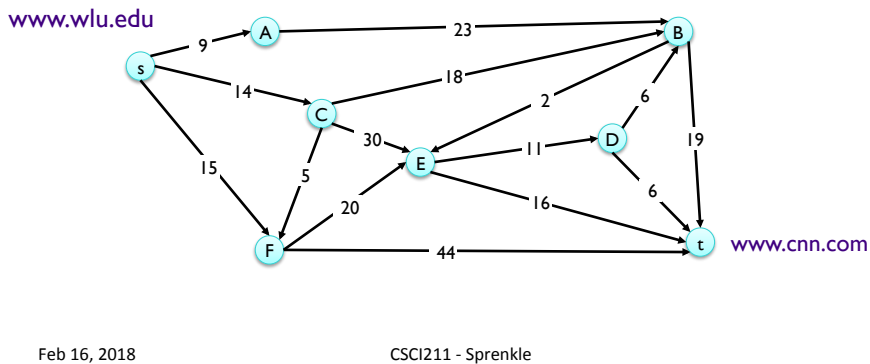
## Shortest Path Problem

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



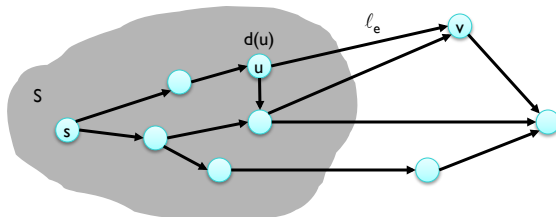
## Shortest Path Problem

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- Brainstorming on solution ...



## Dijkstra's Algorithm

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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
 
$$\pi(v) = \min_{e=(u,v): u \in S} d(u) + \ell_e$$
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shortest path to some  $u$  in explored part followed by a single edge  $(u, v)$

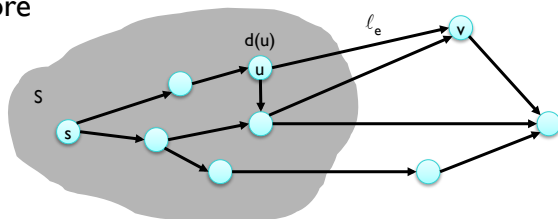
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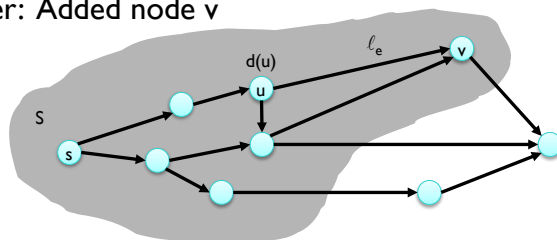
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## Dijkstra's Algorithm

Before



After: Added node v



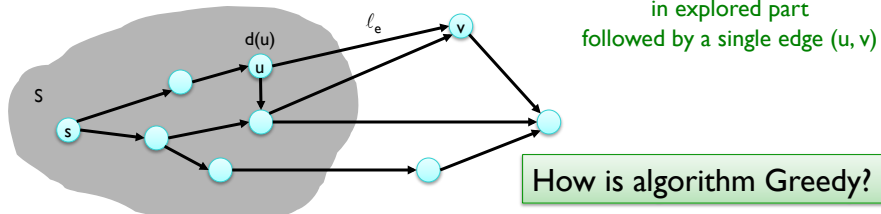
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## How is Algorithm Greedy?

- 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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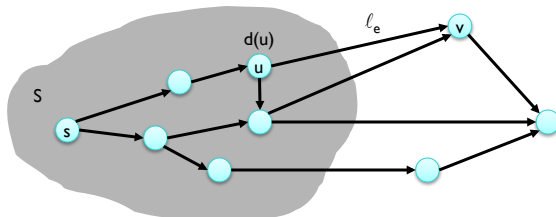
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**Implementation Ideas**

- What to represent?
- How to represent?

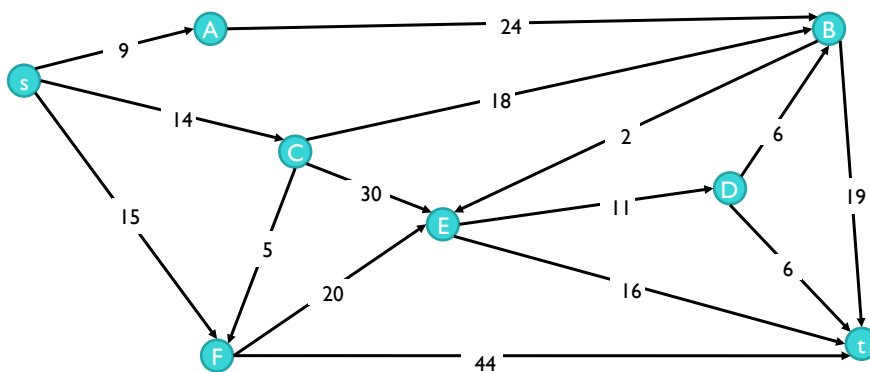
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## Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

- Find shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$



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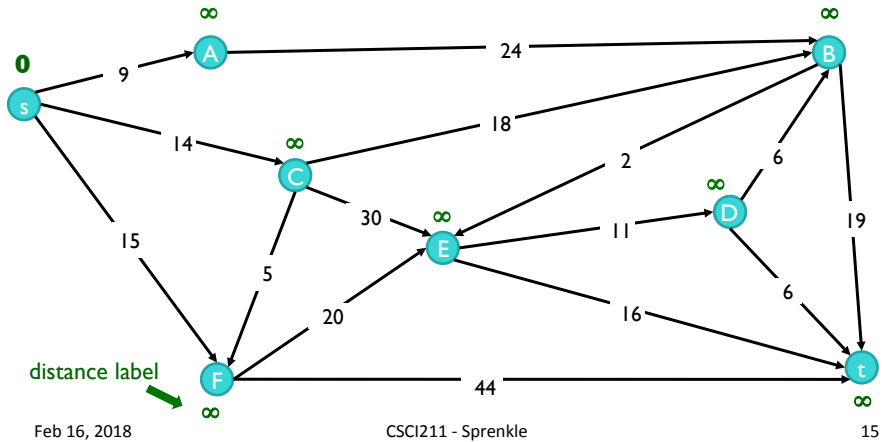
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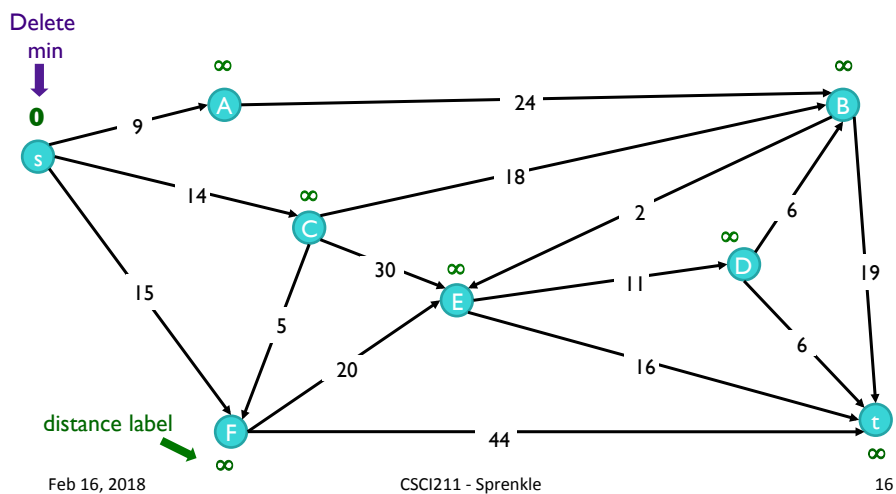
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Initialize distances to all nodes to infinity

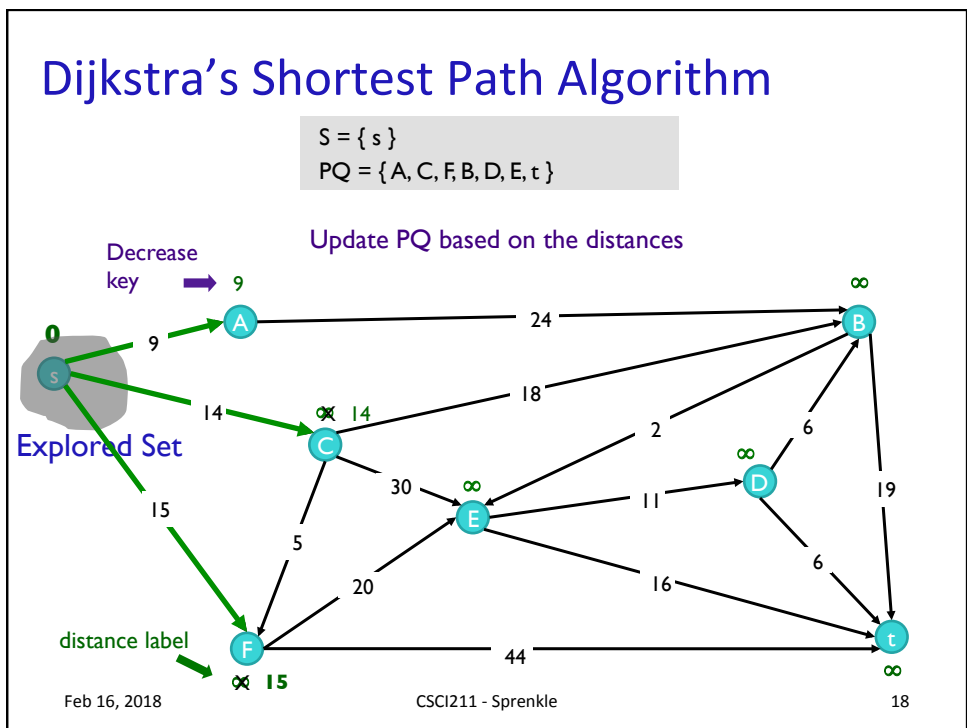
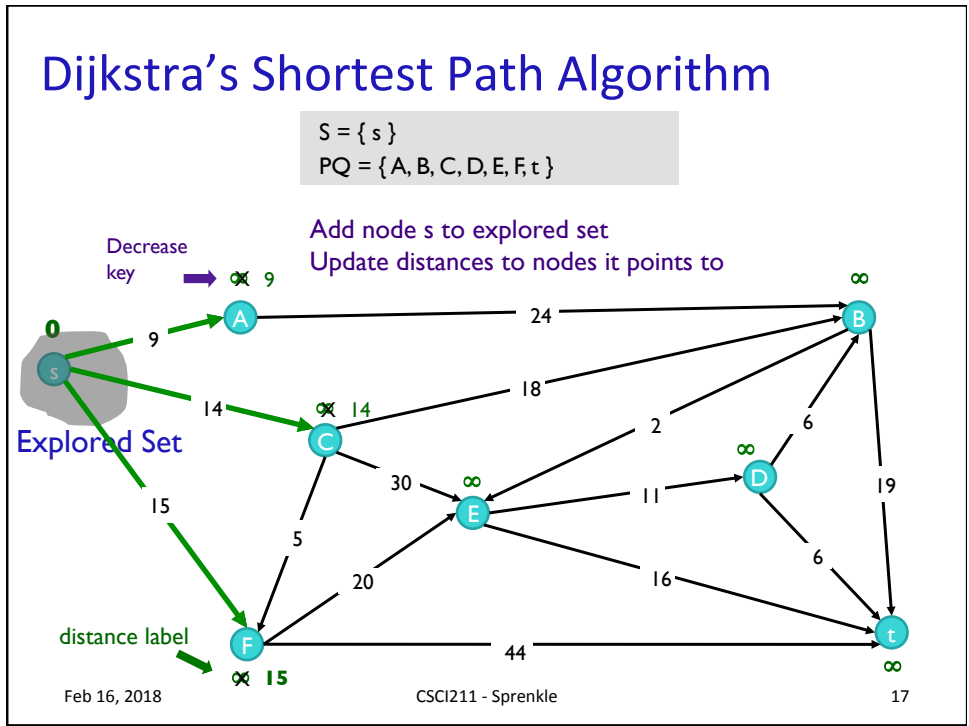


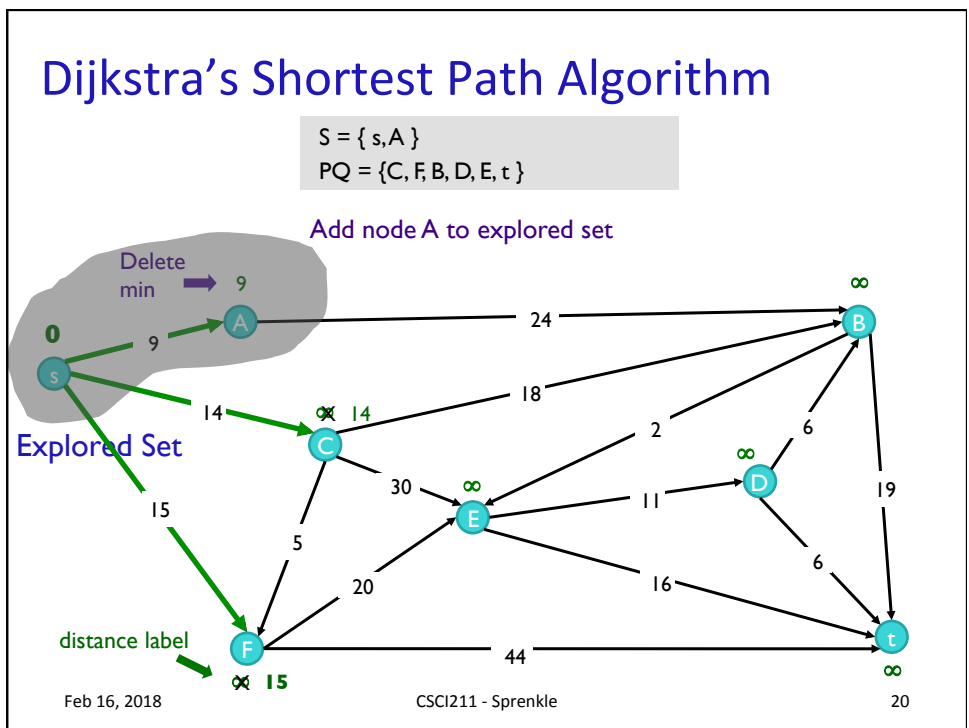
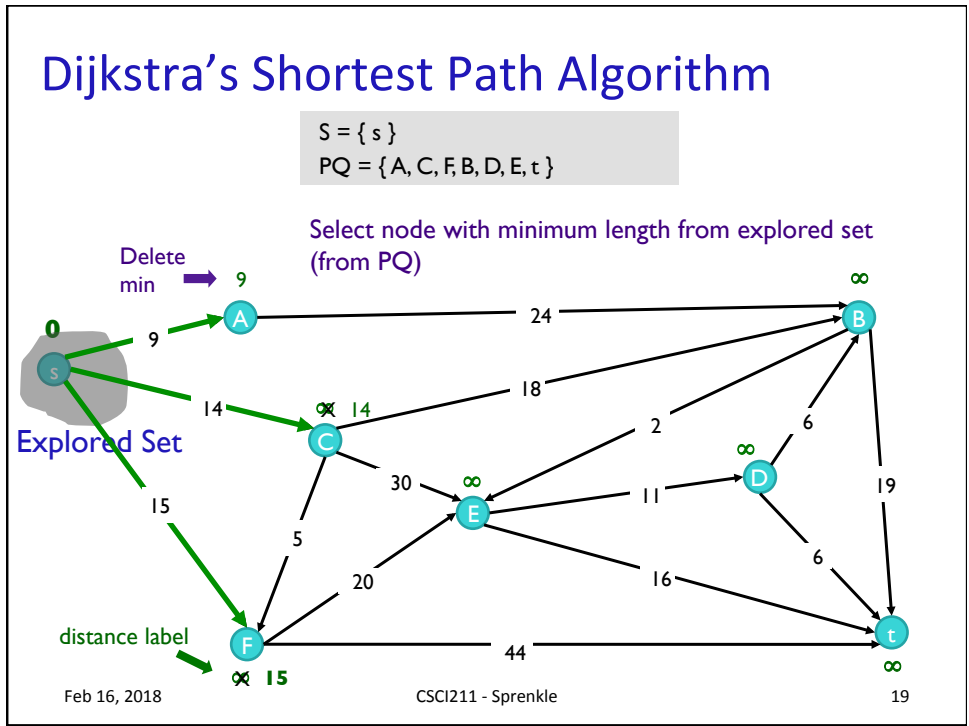
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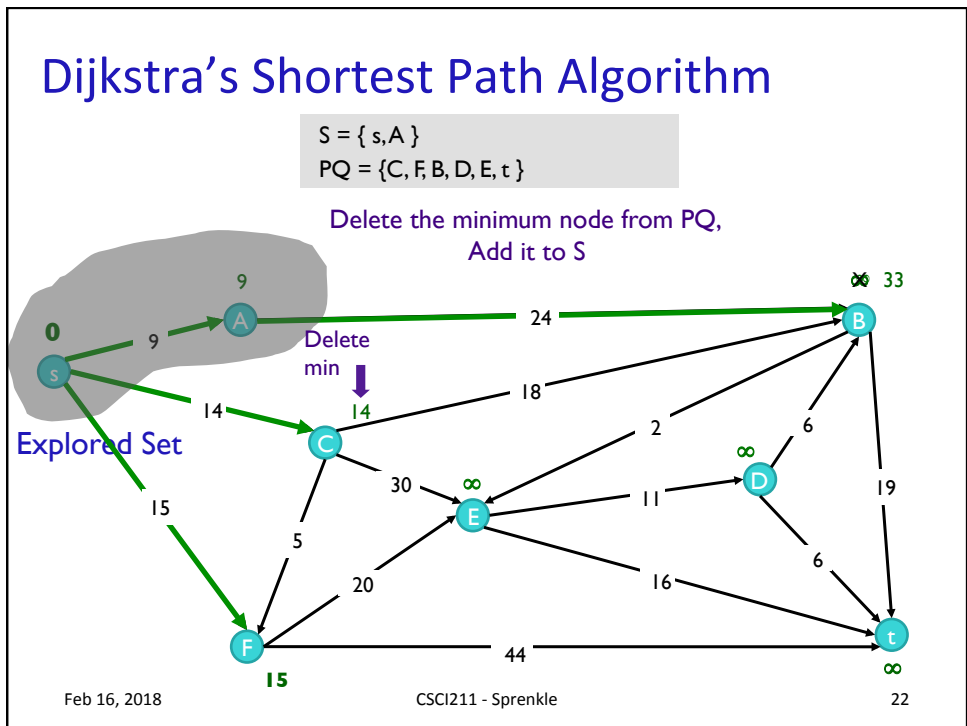
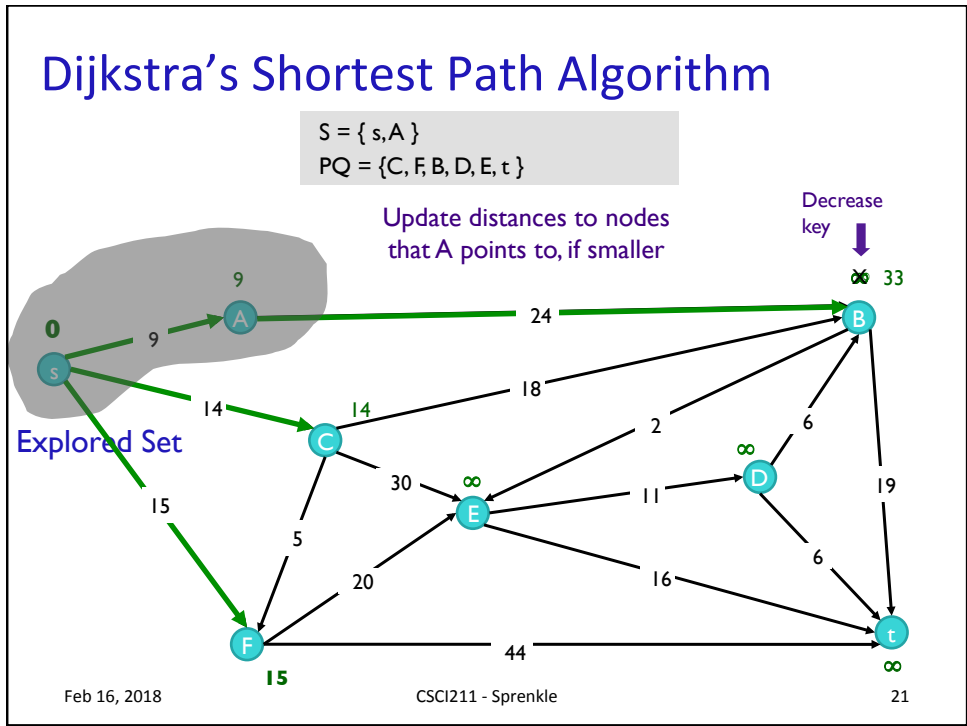
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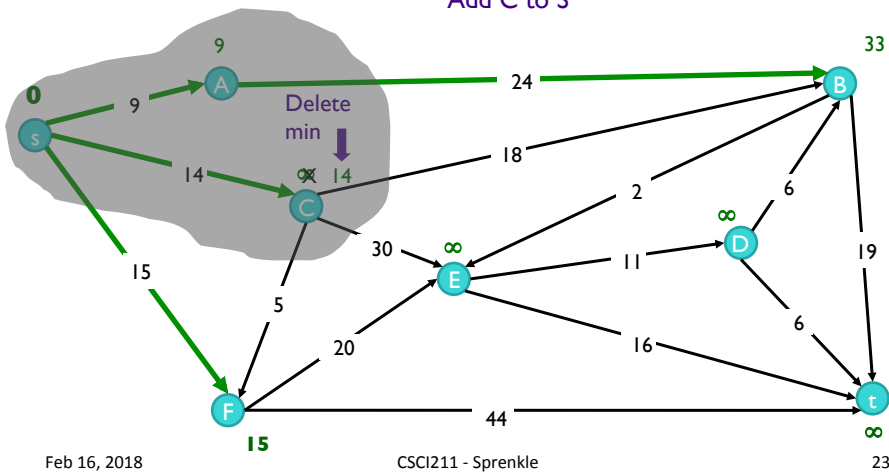




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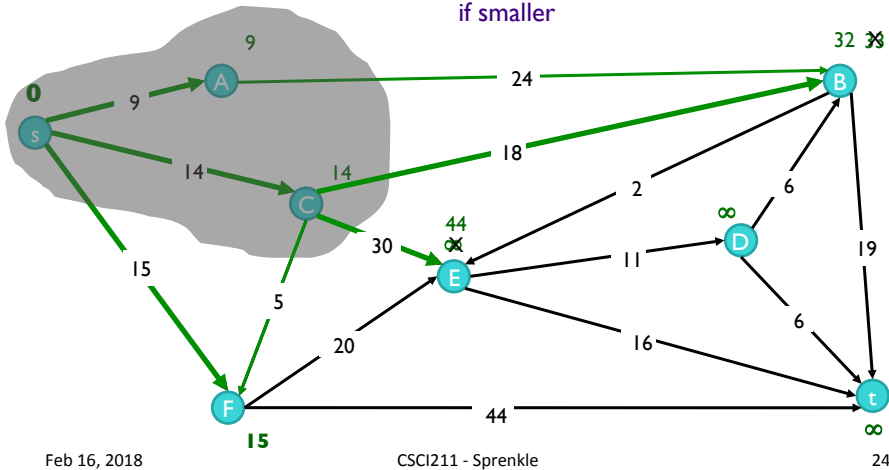
Add C to S

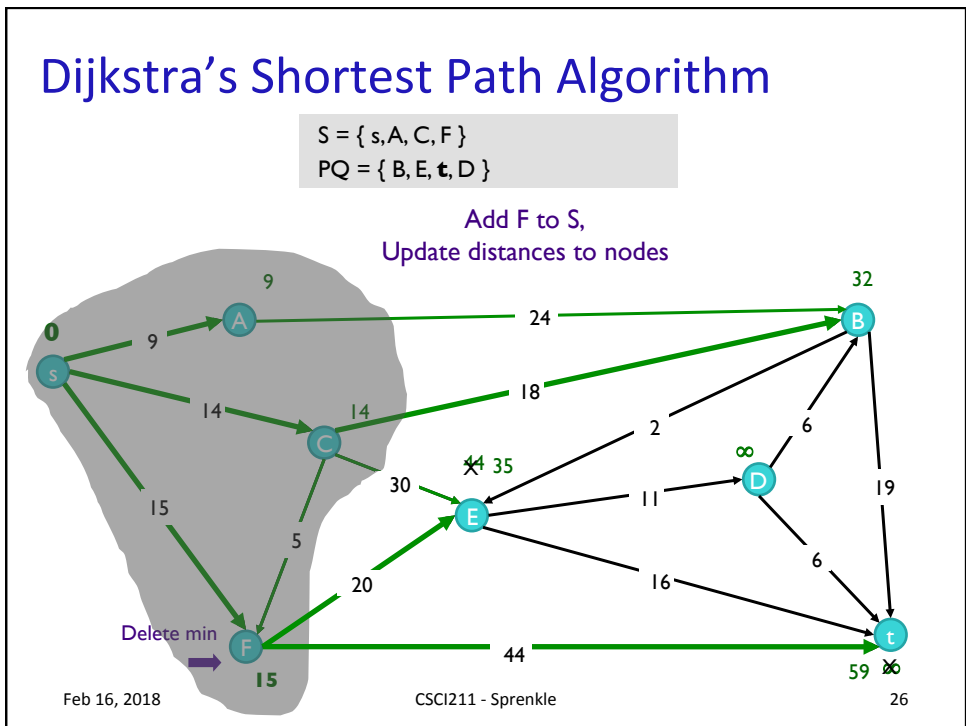
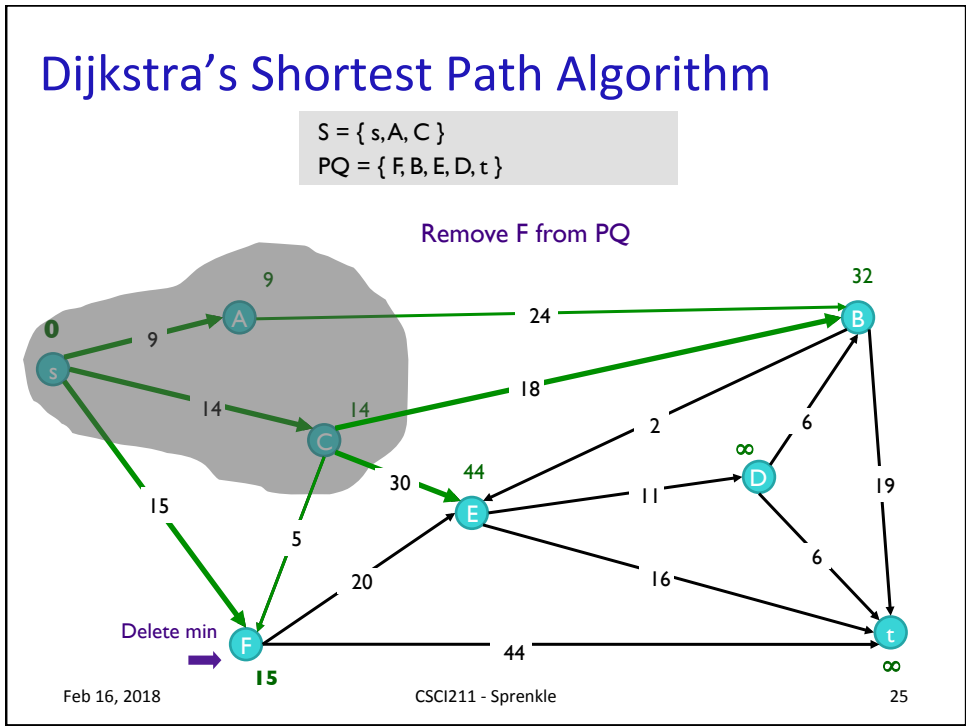


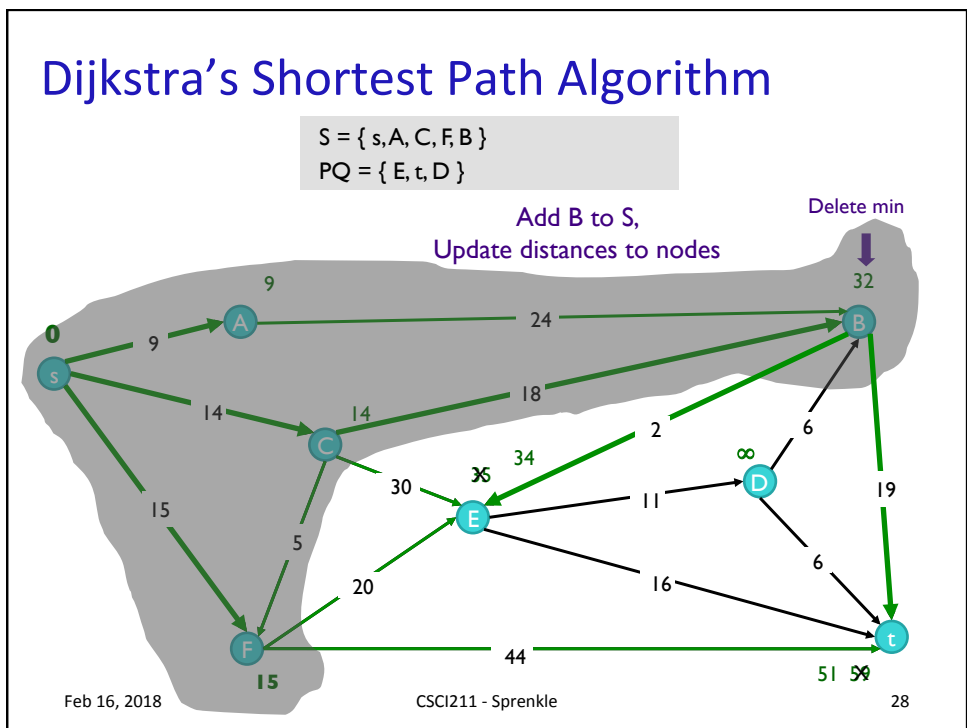
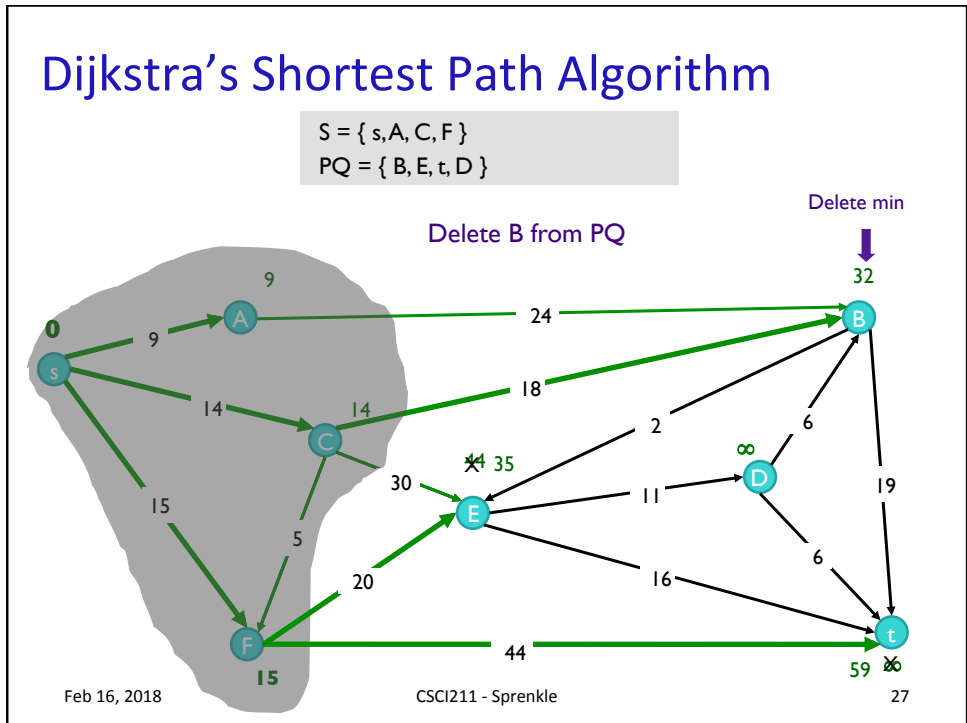
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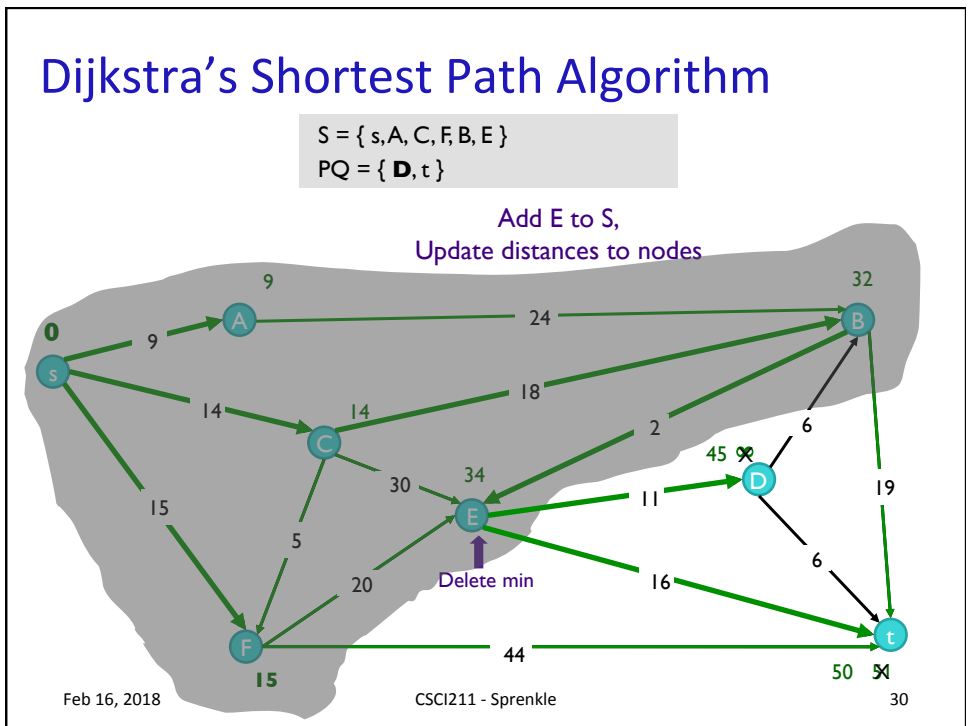
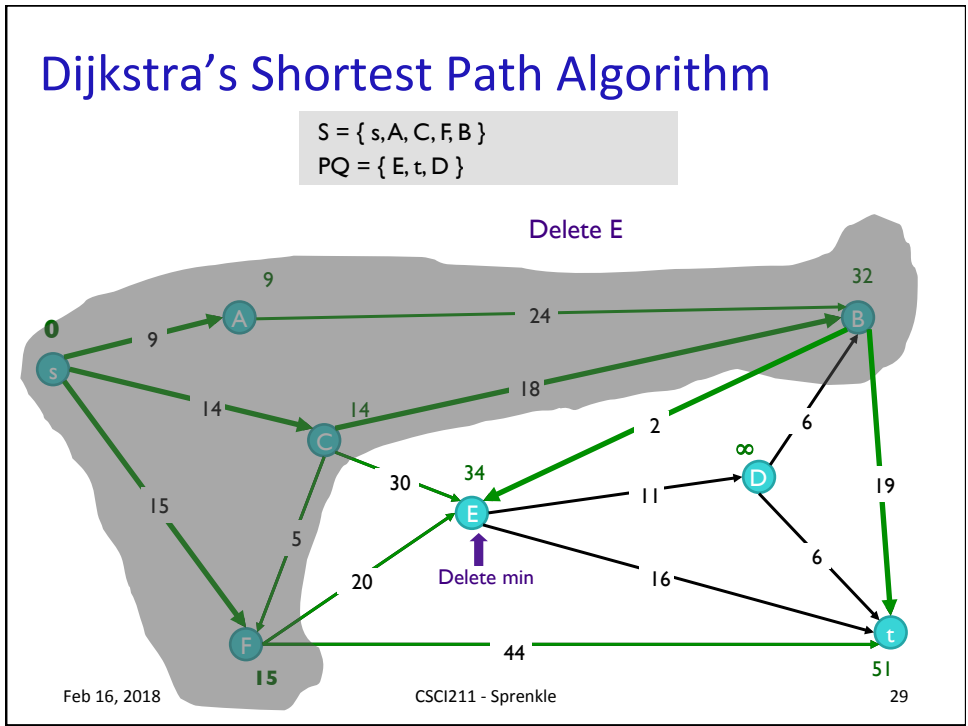
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Update distances to nodes C points to, if smaller





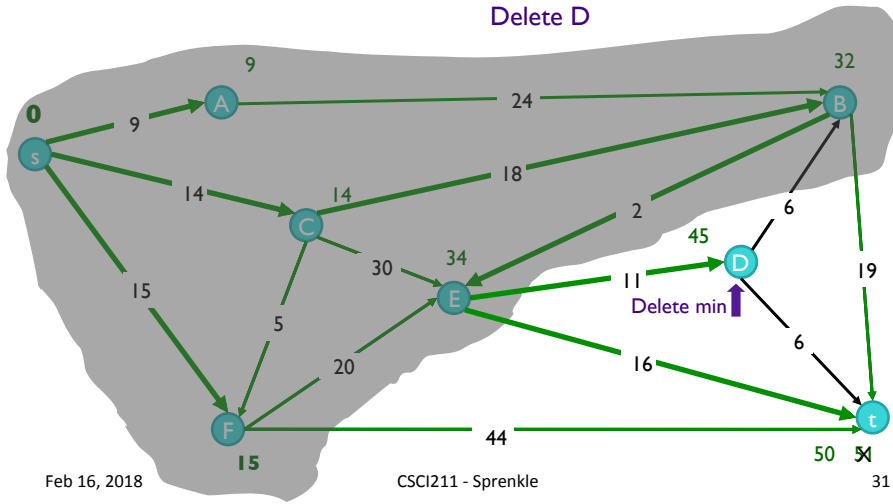




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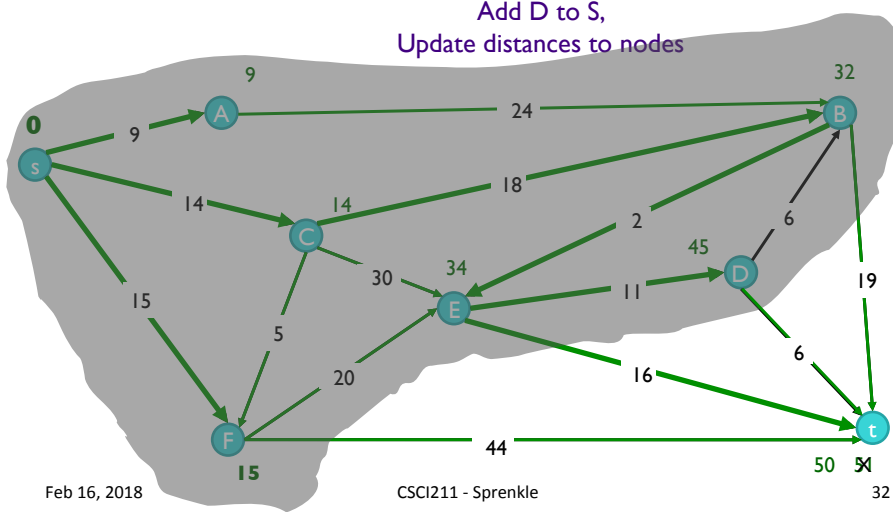
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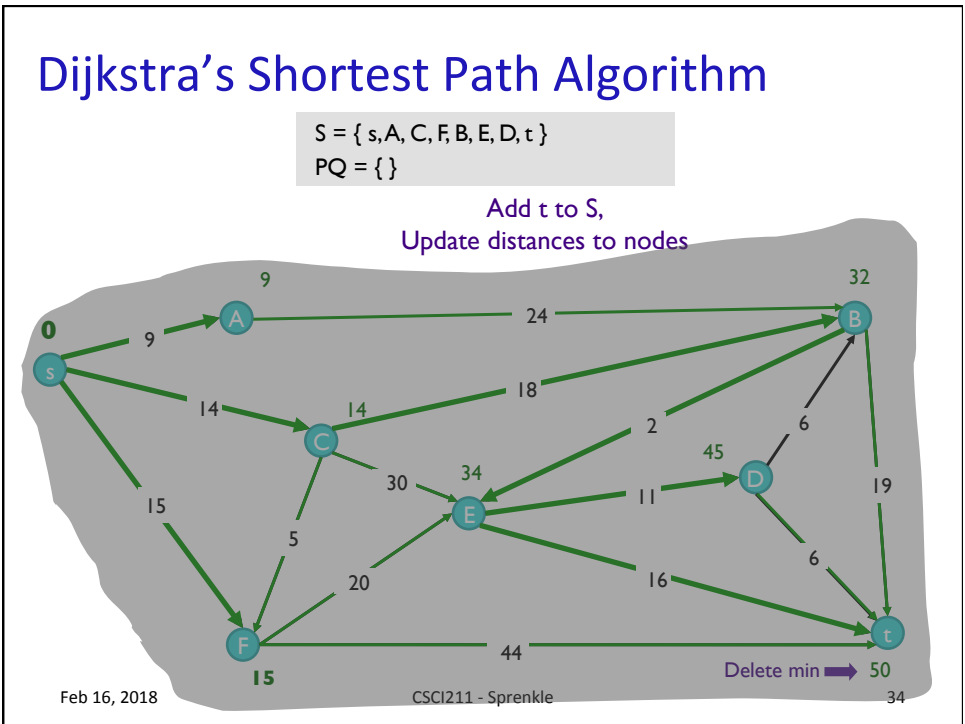
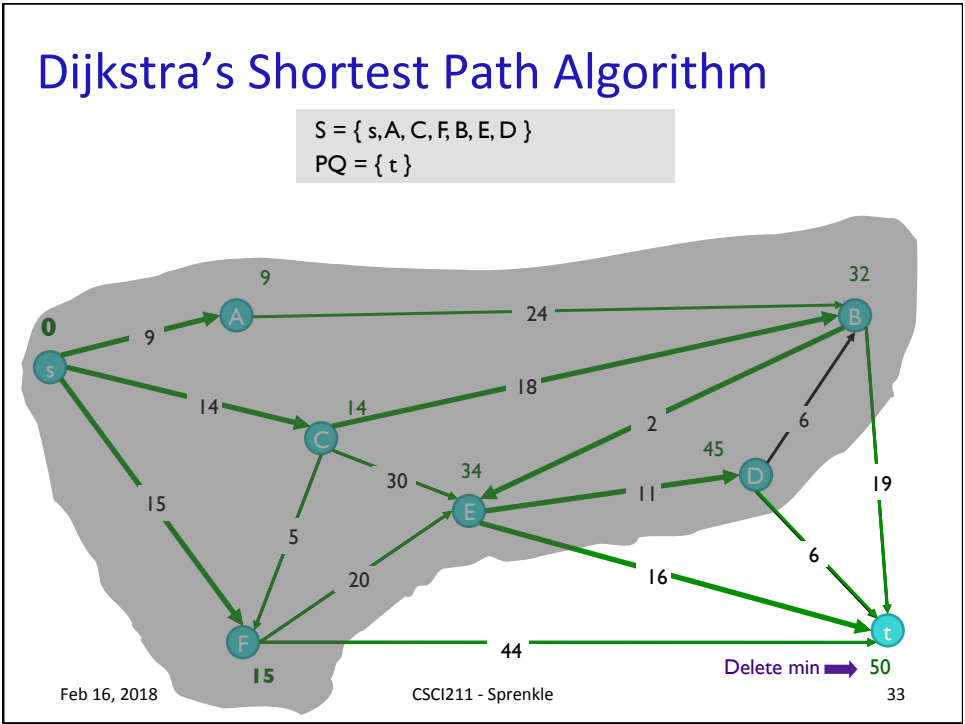
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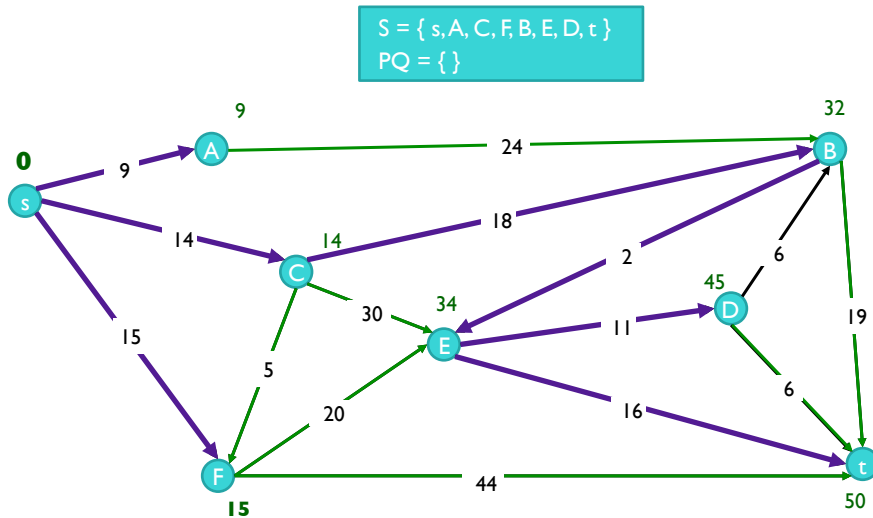
Add D to S,  
 Update distances to nodes







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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

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