

# CS 580: Algorithm Design and Analysis

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## Recap: Dynamic Programming

**Key Idea: Express optimal solution in terms of solutions to smaller sub problems**

### Example 1: Weighted Interval Scheduling

- **Goal: Maximize weight of schedule with no overlapping jobs**
- $OPT(j)$  = weight of optimal solution that only uses jobs  $1, \dots, j$
- $OPT(j) = \max\{ w_j + OPT(p(j)), OPT(j-1) \}$
- **Case 1: Optimal schedule includes job  $j$  with value  $w_j$** 
  - Add job  $j$  (reward  $w_j$ ) and eliminate incompatible jobs  $p(j)+1, \dots, j$
- **Case 2: Optimal solution does not include item  $j$**

### Example 2: Segmented Least Squares (fit points to sequence of lines)

- **Goal: minimize  $E + cL$  ( $E$  - squared error,  $L$  = # lines)**
- $OPT(j)$  = best solution only considering first  $j$  points
- $OPT(j) = \min\{c + e_{ij} + OPT(i-1)\}$ 
  - **Case  $i$ :** Last line fits points  $p_i, \dots, p_j$ 
    - Cost for last line: squared error ( $e_{ij}$ ) + adds one line ( $c$ )
    - Still need to fit points  $p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}$ :  $Opt(i-1)$

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## Dynamic Programming: False Start

**Def.**  $OPT(i)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$ .

- Case 1:  $OPT$  does not select item  $i$ .
  - $OPT$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i-1 \}$
- Case 2:  $OPT$  selects item  $i$ .
  - accepting item  $i$  does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items
  - without knowing what other items were selected before  $i$ , we don't even know if we have enough room for  $i$

**Conclusion.** Need more sub-problems!

## Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

Def.  $OPT(i, w)$  = max profit subset of items 1, ..., i **with weight limit w**.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, ..., i-1 } using weight limit w
- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
  - new weight limit =  $w - w_i$
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, ..., i-1 } using this new weight limit

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max \{ OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

Knapsack. Fill up an  $n$ -by- $W$  array.

```
Input:  $n, W, w_1, \dots, w_N, v_1, \dots, v_N$ 

for  $w = 0$  to  $W$ 
     $M[0, w] = 0$ 

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
    for  $w = 1$  to  $W$ 
        if ( $w_i > w$ )
             $M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]$ 
        else
             $M[i, w] = \max \{M[i-1, w], v_i + M[i-1, w-w_i]\}$ 

return  $M[n, W]$ 
```

# Knapsack Algorithm

		← $W + 1$ →											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$n + 1$	$\phi$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{1}	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	{1, 2}	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	{1, 2, 3}	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
	{1, 2, 3, 4}	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	35	40

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OPT: {4, 3}  
value = 22 + 18 = 40

## Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Running time.  $\Theta(nW)$ .

- Not polynomial in input size!
  - Only need  $\log_2 W$  bits to encode each weight
  - Problem can be encoded with  $O(n \log_2 W)$  bits
- "Pseudo-polynomial."
- Decision version of Knapsack is NP-complete. [Chapter 8]

Knapsack approximation algorithm. There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum. [Section 11.8]

## 6.5 RNA Secondary Structure

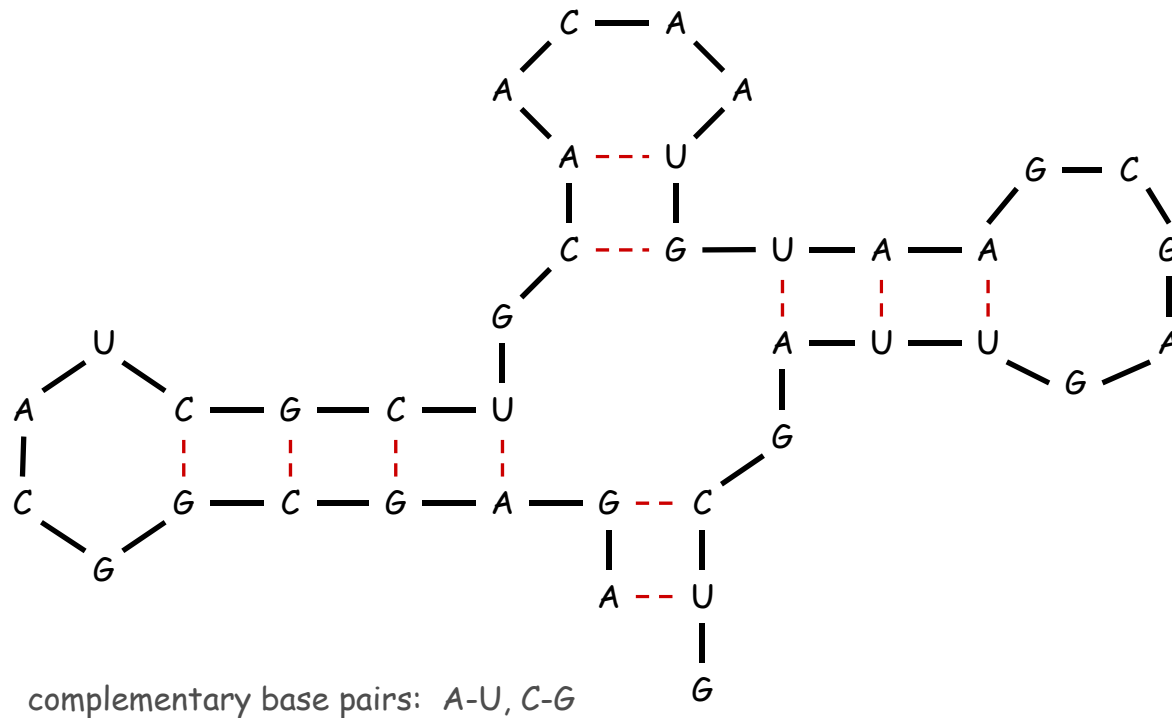
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# RNA Secondary Structure

RNA. String  $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$  over alphabet  $\{A, C, G, U\}$ .

Secondary structure. RNA is single-stranded so it tends to loop back and form base pairs with itself. This structure is essential for understanding behavior of molecule.

Ex: GUCGAUUGAGCGAAUGUAACAACGUGGCUACGGCGAGA





# RNA Secondary Structure

**Secondary structure.** A set of pairs  $S = \{ (b_i, b_j) \}$  that satisfy:

- [Watson-Crick.]  $S$  is a matching and each pair in  $S$  is a Watson-Crick complement:  $A-U$ ,  $U-A$ ,  $C-G$ , or  $G-C$ .
- [No sharp turns.] The ends of each pair are separated by at least 4 intervening bases. If  $(b_i, b_j) \in S$ , then  $i < j - 4$ .
- [Non-crossing.] If  $(b_i, b_j)$  and  $(b_k, b_l)$  are two pairs in  $S$ , then we cannot have  $i < k < j < l$ .

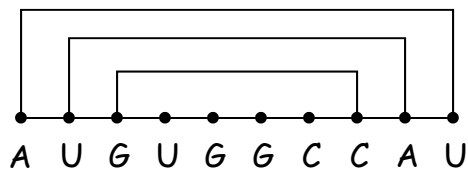
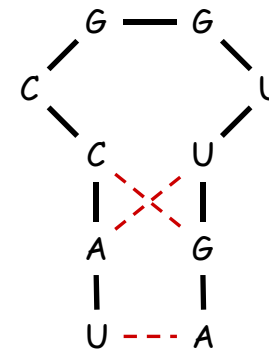
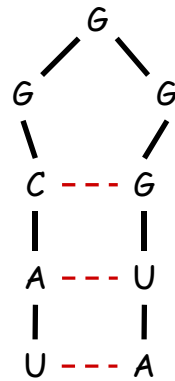
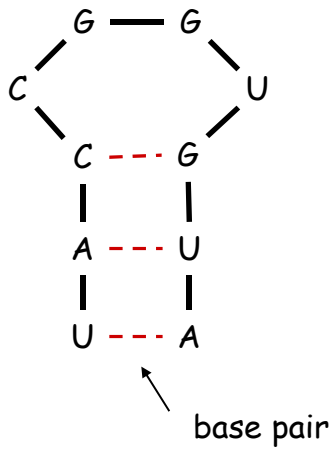
**Free energy.** Usual hypothesis is that an RNA molecule will form the secondary structure with the optimum total free energy.

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approximate by number of base pairs

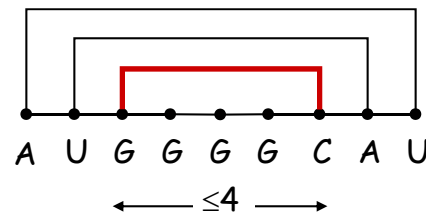
**Goal.** Given an RNA molecule  $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$ , find a secondary structure  $S$  that maximizes the number of base pairs.

# RNA Secondary Structure: Examples

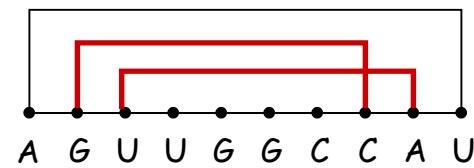
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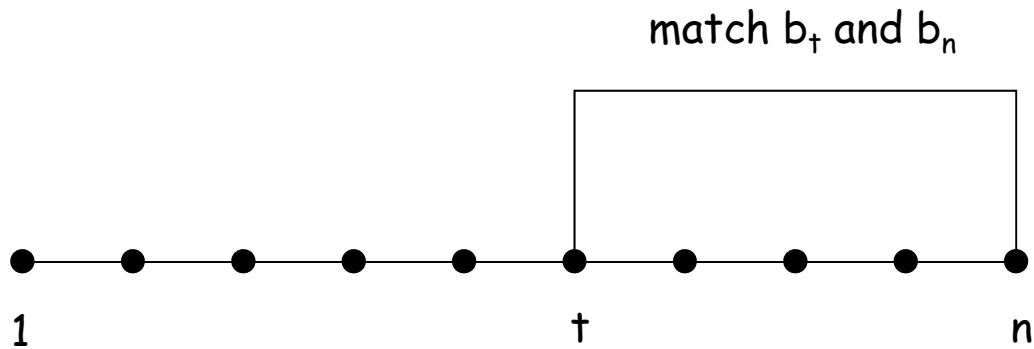
sharp turn



crossing

## RNA Secondary Structure: Subproblems

**First attempt.**  $OPT(j)$  = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring  $b_1b_2\dots b_j$ .



**Difficulty.** Results in two sub-problems.

- Finding secondary structure in:  $b_1b_2\dots b_{t-1}$ .
- Finding secondary structure in:  $b_{t+1}b_{t+2}\dots b_{n-1}$ .

$OPT(t-1)$

need more sub-problems

## Dynamic Programming Over Intervals

**Notation.**  $OPT(i, j)$  = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring  $b_i b_{i+1} \dots b_j$ .

- Case 1. If  $i \geq j - 4$ .
  - $OPT(i, j) = 0$  by no-sharp turns condition.
- Case 2. Base  $b_j$  is not involved in a pair.
  - $OPT(i, j) = OPT(i, j-1)$
- Case 3. Base  $b_j$  pairs with  $b_t$  for some  $i \leq t < j - 4$ .
  - non-crossing constraint decouples resulting sub-problems
  - $OPT(i, j) = 1 + \max_t \{ OPT(i, t-1) + OPT(t+1, j-1) \}$

↑  
take max over  $t$  such that  $i \leq t < j-4$  and  
 $b_t$  and  $b_j$  are Watson-Crick complements

**Remark.** Same core idea in CKY algorithm to parse context-free grammars.

## Bottom Up Dynamic Programming Over Intervals

Q. What order to solve the sub-problems?

A. Do shortest intervals first.

```
RNA( $b_1, \dots, b_n$ ) {  
  for  $k = 5, 6, \dots, n-1$   
    for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-k$   
       $j = i + k$   
      Compute  $M[i, j]$   
      using recurrence  
  return  $M[1, n]$   
}
```

4	0	0	0	↗
3	0	0	↗	↗
2	0	↗	↗	↗
1	↗	↗	↗	↗
	6	7	8	9
			j	

Running time.  $O(n^3)$ .

# Dynamic Programming Summary

## Recipe.

- Characterize structure of problem.
- Recursively define value of optimal solution.
- Compute value of optimal solution.
- Construct optimal solution from computed information.

## Dynamic programming techniques.

- Binary choice: weighted interval scheduling.
- Multi-way choice: segmented least squares.
- Adding a new variable: knapsack.
- Dynamic programming over intervals: RNA secondary structure.

Viterbi algorithm for HMM also uses DP to optimize a maximum likelihood tradeoff between parsimony and accuracy

CKY parsing algorithm for context-free grammar has similar structure

Top-down vs. bottom-up: different people have different intuitions.

## 6.6 Sequence Alignment

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# String Similarity

o c u r r a n c e -

o c c u r r e n c e

6 mismatches, 1 gap

o c - u r r a n c e

o c c u r r e n c e

1 mismatch, 1 gap

o c - u r r - a n c e

o c c u r r e - n c e

0 mismatches, 3 gaps

How similar are two strings?

- **ocurrance**
- **occurrence**



# Edit Distance

Edit distance. [Levenshtein 1966, Needleman-Wunsch 1970]

- Gap penalty  $\delta$ ; mismatch penalty  $\alpha_{pq}$ .
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.

C T G A C C T A C C T

C C T G A C T A C A T

$$\alpha_{TC} + \alpha_{GT} + \alpha_{AG} + 2\alpha_{CA}$$

- C T G A C C T A C C T

C C T G A C - T A C A T

$$2\delta + \alpha_{CA}$$

## Applications.

- Basis for Unix diff.
- Speech recognition.
- Computational biology.

# Sequence Alignment

**Goal:** Given two strings  $X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  and  $Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$  find alignment of minimum cost.

**Def.** An **alignment**  $M$  is a set of ordered pairs  $x_i$ - $y_j$  such that each item occurs in at most one pair and no crossings.

**Def.** The pair  $x_i$ - $y_j$  and  $x_{i'}$ - $y_{j'}$  **cross** if  $i < i'$ , but  $j > j'$ .

$$\text{cost}(M) = \underbrace{\sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in M} \alpha_{x_i y_j}}_{\text{mismatch}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i: x_i \text{ unmatched}} \delta + \sum_{j: y_j \text{ unmatched}} \delta}_{\text{gap}}$$

**Ex:** CTACCG **vs.** TACATG.

**Sol:**  $M = x_2$ - $y_1, x_3$ - $y_2, x_4$ - $y_3, x_5$ - $y_4, x_6$ - $y_6$ .

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$		$x_6$
	C	T	A	C	C	-	G
	-	T	A	C	A	T	G
		$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$	$y_6$

## Sequence Alignment: Problem Structure

**Def.**  $OPT(i, j)$  = min cost of aligning strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

- Case 1:  $OPT$  matches  $x_i$ - $y_j$ .
  - pay mismatch for  $x_i$ - $y_j$  + min cost of aligning two strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$
- Case 2a:  $OPT$  leaves  $x_i$  unmatched.
  - pay gap for  $x_i$  and min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$
- Case 2b:  $OPT$  leaves  $y_j$  unmatched.
  - pay gap for  $y_j$  and min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Sequence Alignment: Algorithm

```
Sequence-Alignment(m, n, x1x2...xm, y1y2...yn, δ, α) {  
  for i = 0 to m  
    M[i, 0] = iδ  
  for j = 0 to n  
    M[0, j] = jδ  
  
  for i = 1 to m  
    for j = 1 to n  
      M[i, j] = min(α[xi, yj] + M[i-1, j-1],  
                   δ + M[i-1, j],  
                   δ + M[i, j-1])  
  
  return M[m, n]  
}
```

**Analysis.**  $\Theta(mn)$  time and space.

**English words or sentences:**  $m, n \leq 10$ .

**Computational biology:**  $m = n = 100,000$ .

10 billions ops OK, but 10GB array?

## 6.7 Sequence Alignment in Linear Space

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## Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

Q. Can we avoid using quadratic **space**?

Easy. Optimal **value** in  $O(m + n)$  space and  $O(mn)$  time.

- Compute  $\text{OPT}(i, \cdot)$  from  $\text{OPT}(i-1, \cdot)$ .
- No longer a simple way to recover alignment itself.

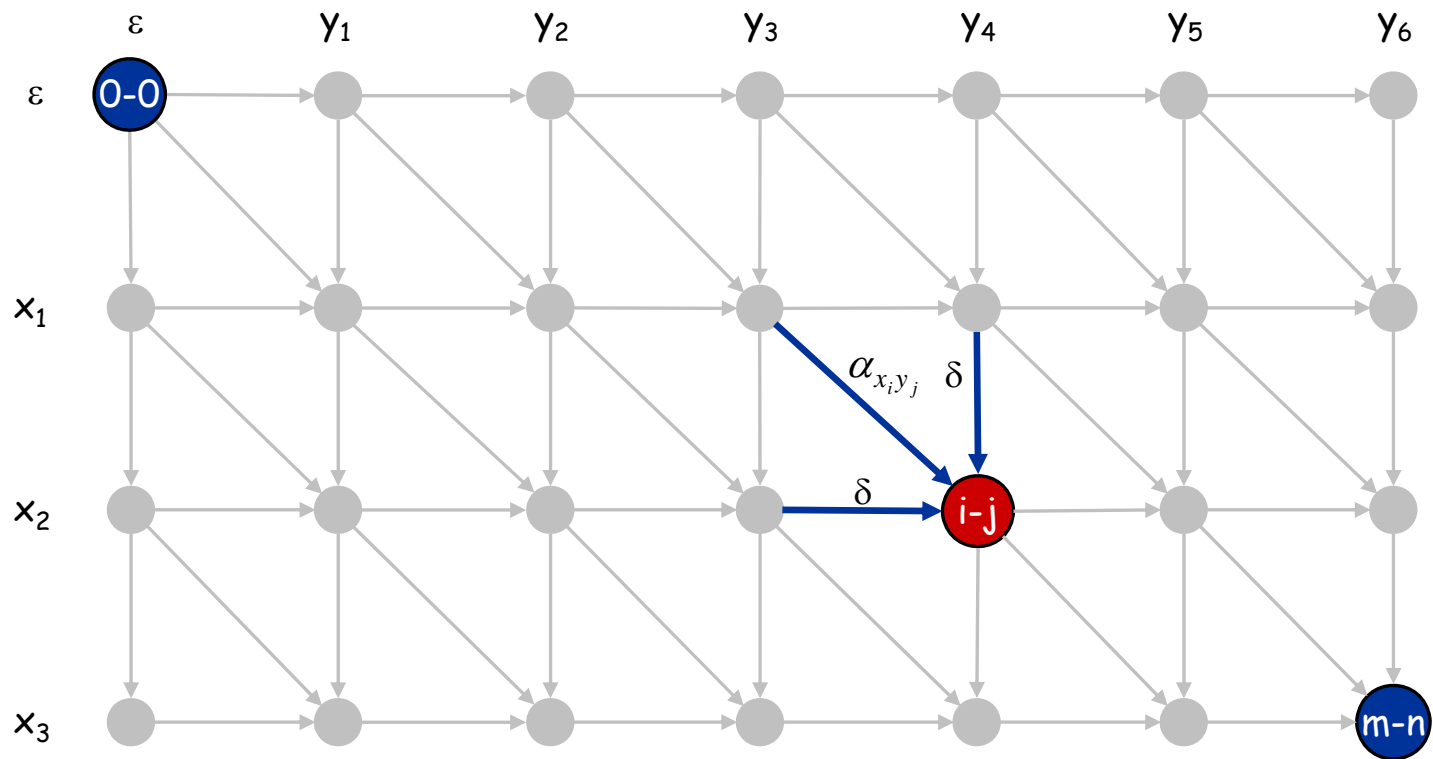
Theorem. [Hirschberg 1975] Optimal **alignment** in  $O(m + n)$  space and  $O(mn)$  time.

- Clever combination of divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming.
- Inspired by idea of Savitch from complexity theory.

# Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

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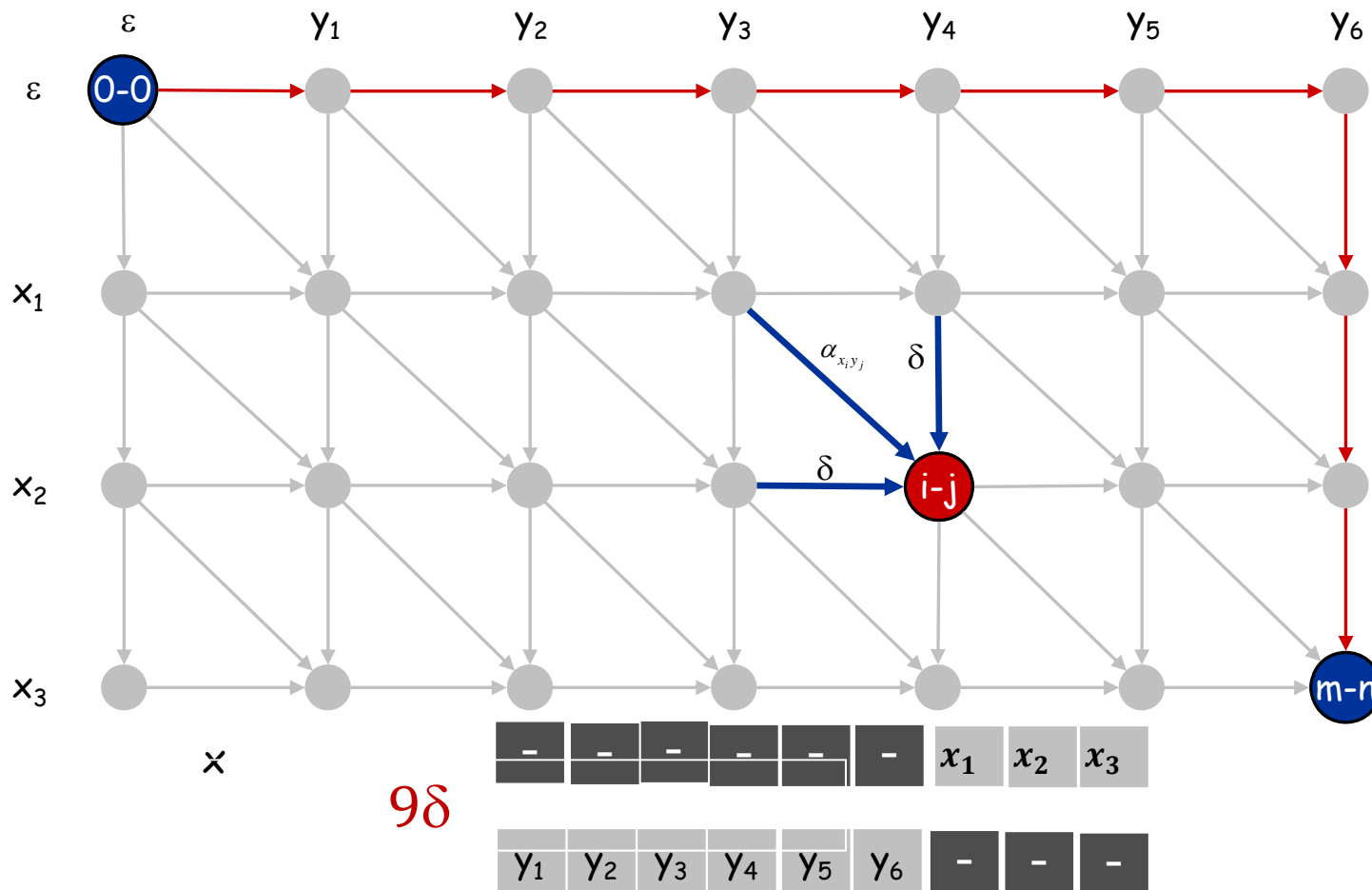
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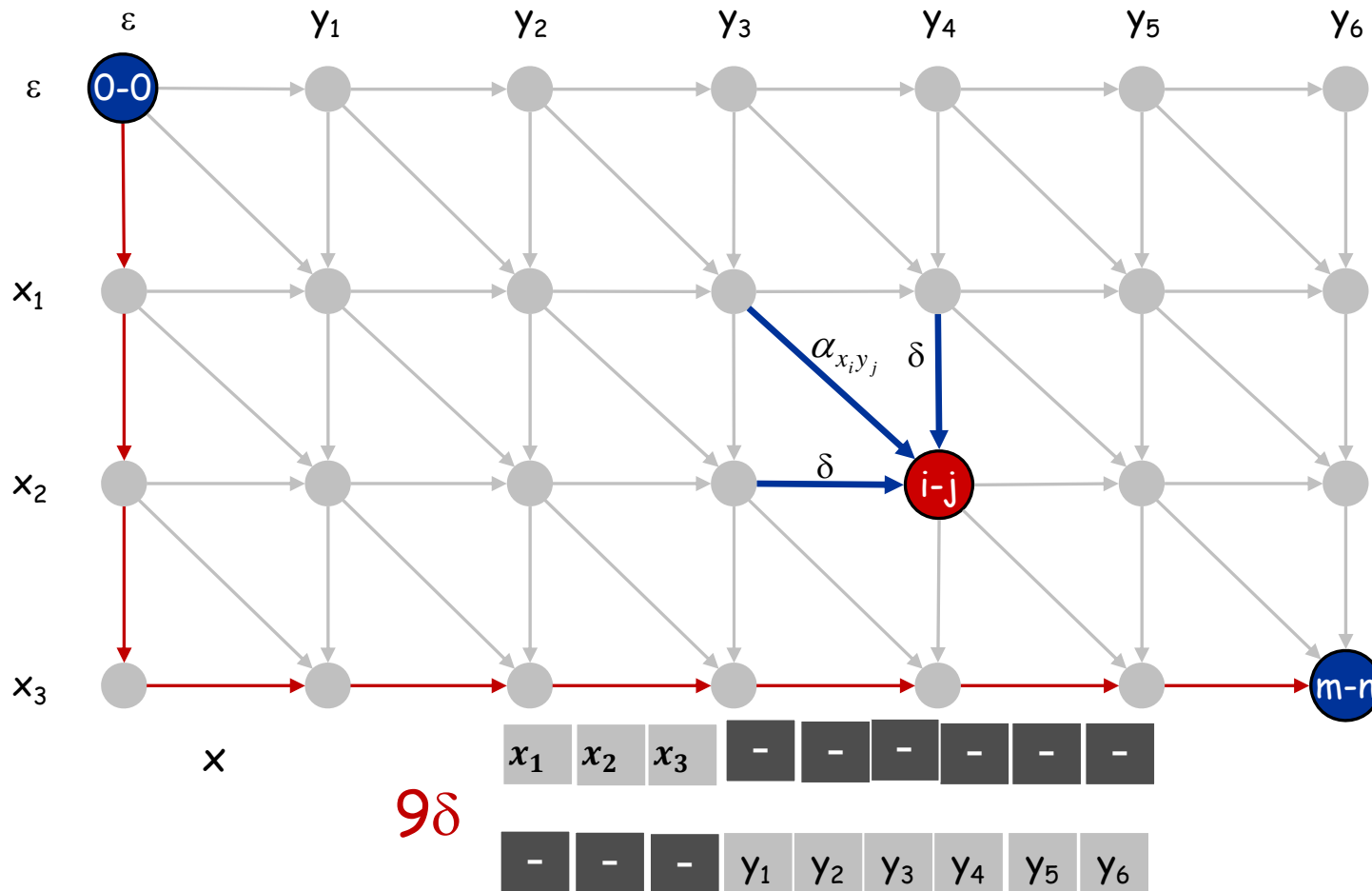




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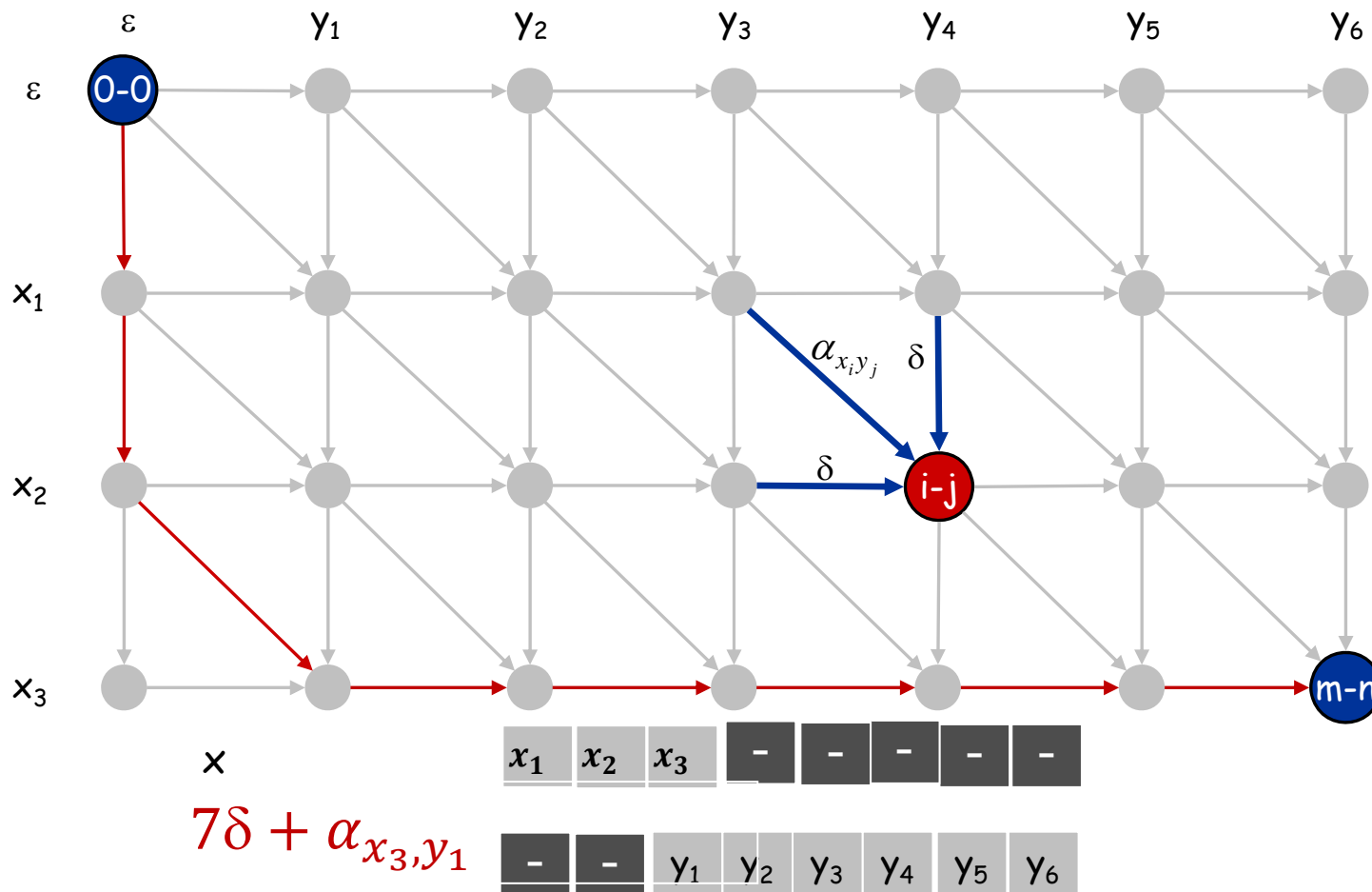
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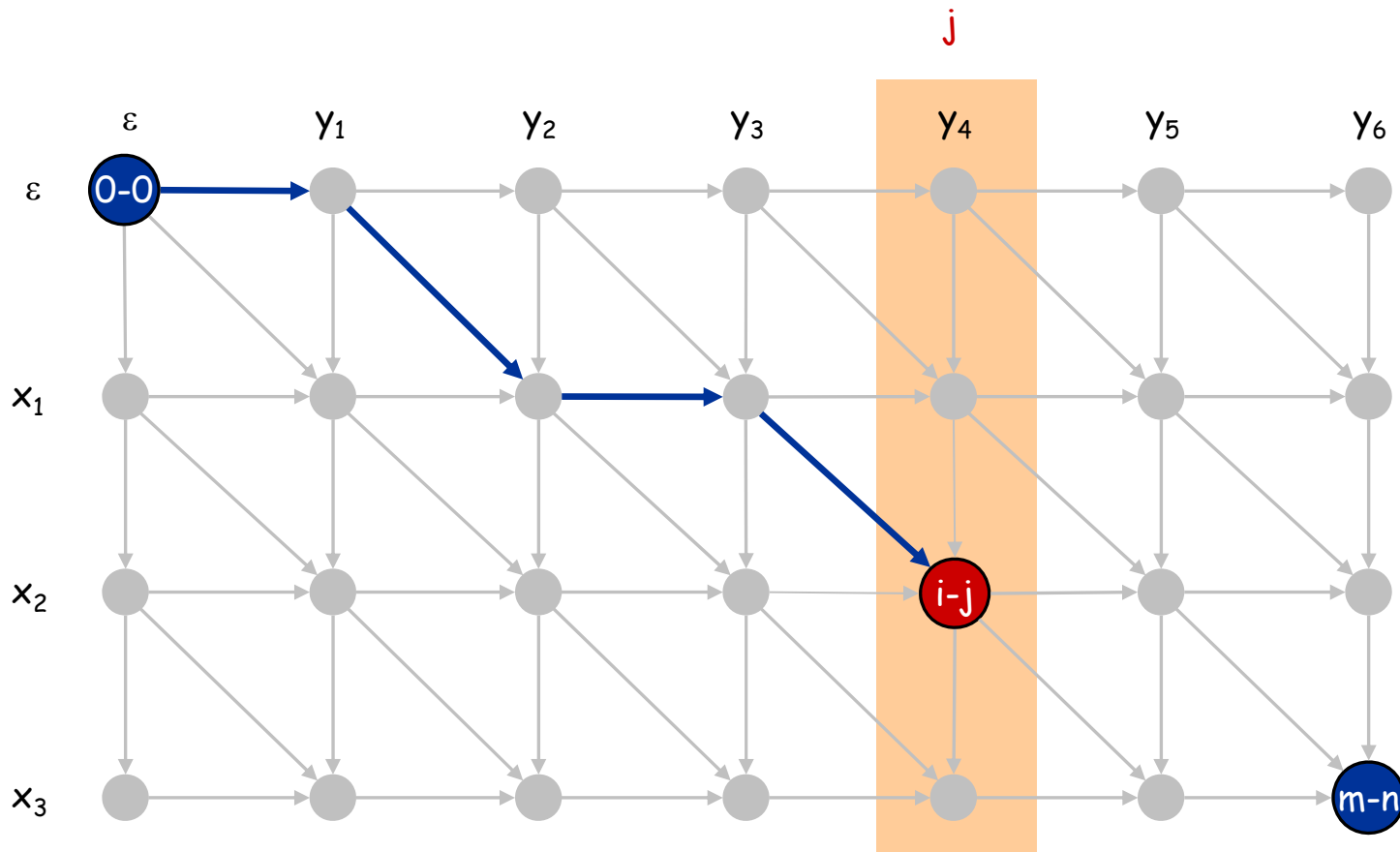
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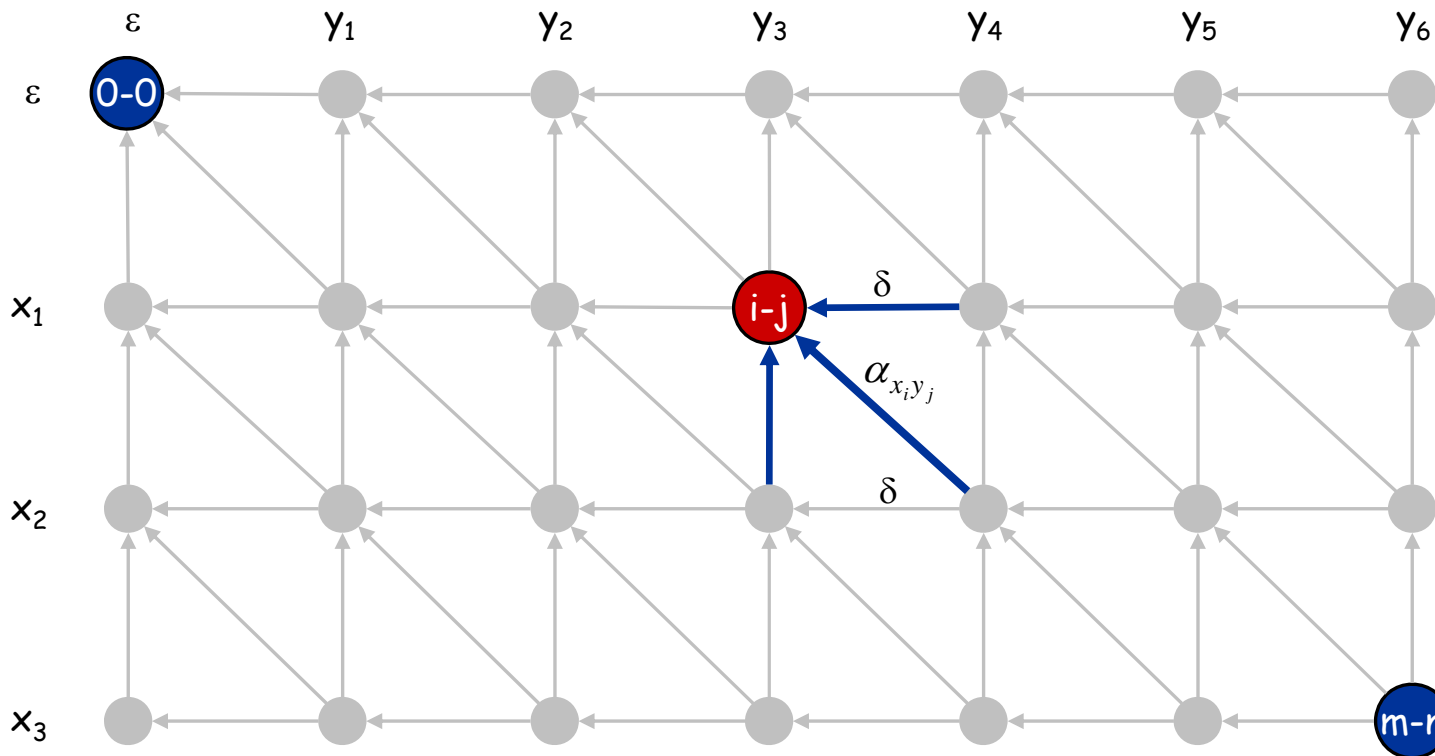
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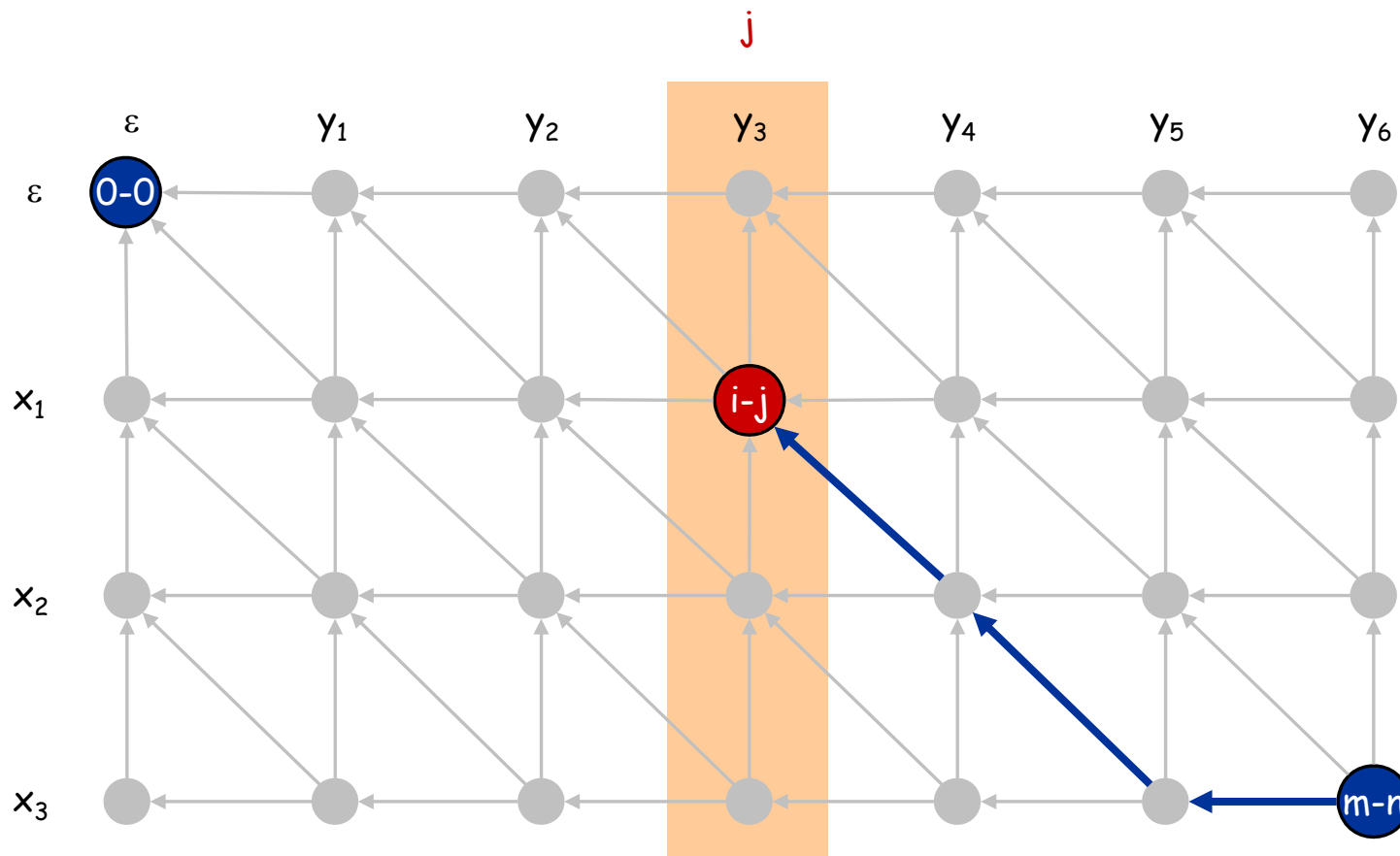
- Let  $g(i, j)$  be shortest path from  $(i, j)$  to  $(m, n)$ .
- Can compute by reversing the edge orientations and inverting the roles of  $(0, 0)$  and  $(m, n)$



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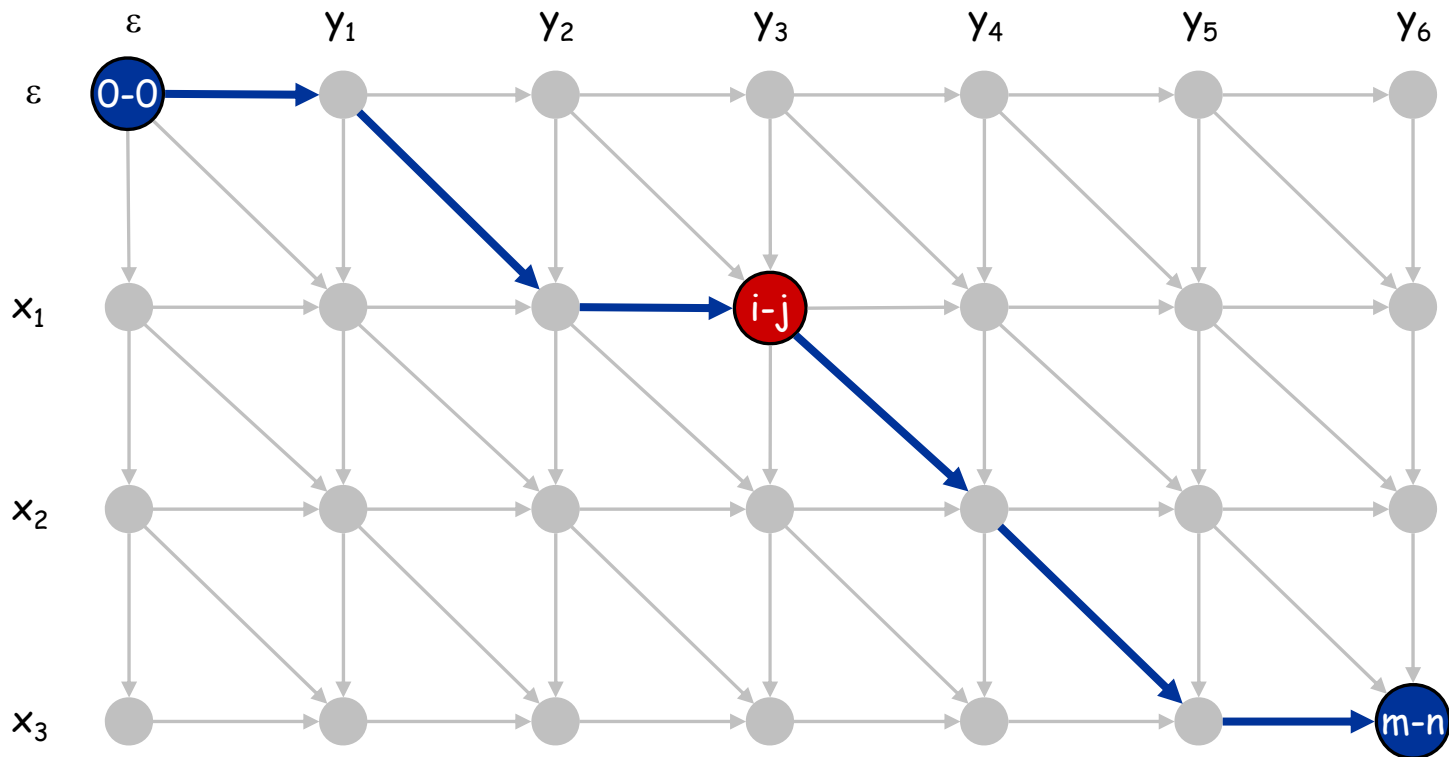
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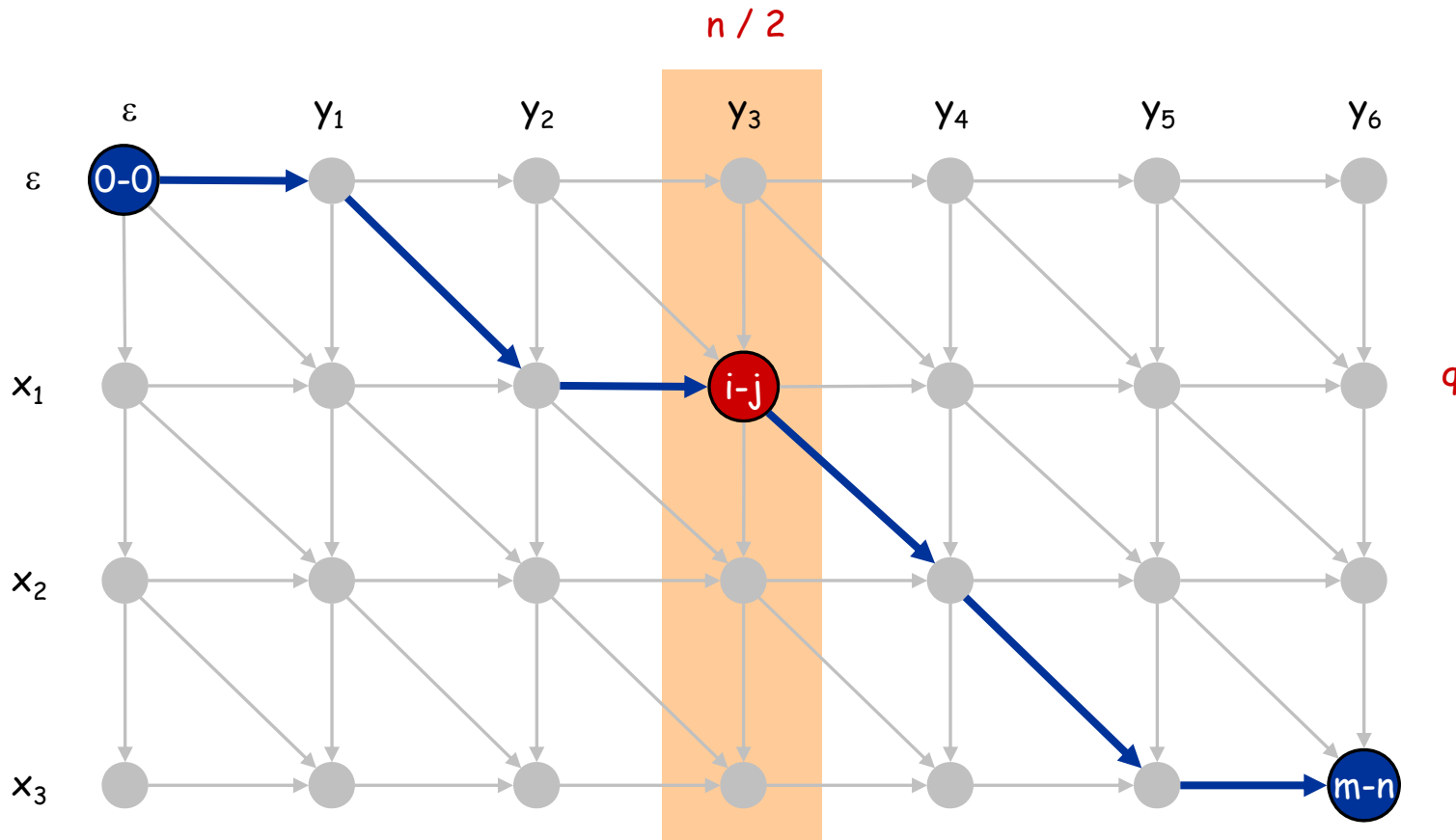
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**Observation 1.** The cost of the shortest path that uses  $(i, j)$  is  $f(i, j) + g(i, j)$ .



# Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

**Observation 2.** let  $q$  be an index that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$ . Then, the shortest path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(m, n)$  uses  $(q, n/2)$ .



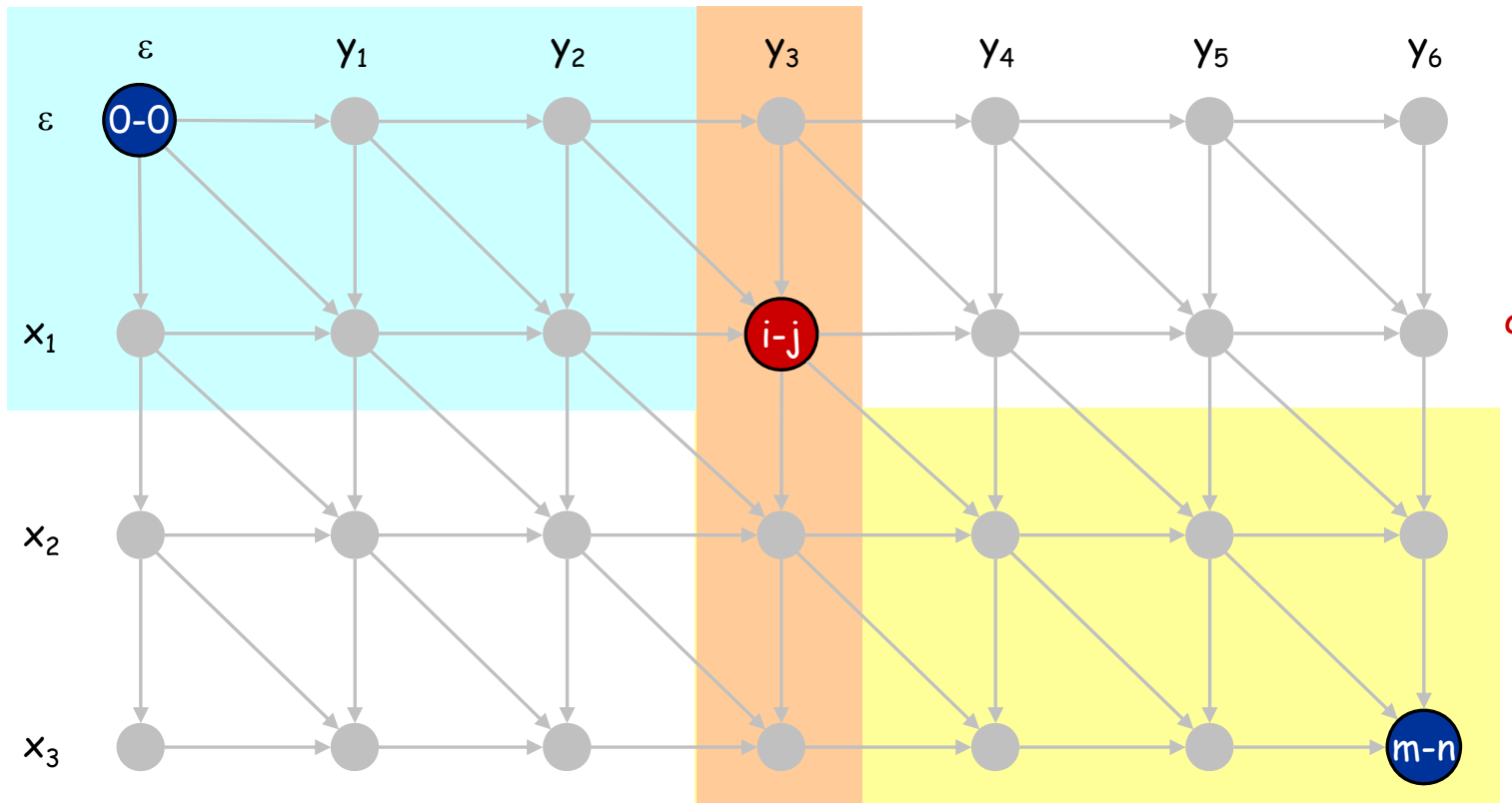
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**Divide:** find index  $q$  that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$  using DP.

- Align  $x_q$  and  $y_{n/2}$ .

**Conquer:** recursively compute optimal alignment in each piece.

$n/2$





## Sequence Alignment: Running Time Analysis Warmup

**Theorem.** Let  $T(m, n)$  = max running time of algorithm on strings of length at most  $m$  and  $n$ .  $T(m, n) = O(mn \log n)$ .

$$T(m, n) \leq 2T(m, n/2) + O(mn) \Rightarrow T(m, n) = O(mn \log n)$$

**Remark.** Analysis is not tight because two sub-problems are of size  $(q, n/2)$  and  $(m - q, n/2)$ . In next slide, we save  $\log n$  factor.

## Sequence Alignment: Running Time Analysis

**Theorem.** Let  $T(m, n)$  = max running time of algorithm on strings of length  $m$  and  $n$ .  $T(m, n) = O(mn)$ .

**Pf.** (by induction on  $n$ )

- $O(mn)$  time to compute  $f(\cdot, n/2)$  and  $g(\cdot, n/2)$  and find index  $q$ .
- $T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2)$  time for two recursive calls.
- Choose constant  $c$  so that:

$$T(m, 2) \leq cm$$

$$T(2, n) \leq cn$$

$$T(m, n) \leq cmn + T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2)$$

- Base cases:  $m = 2$  or  $n = 2$ .
- Inductive hypothesis:  $T(m, n) \leq 2cmn$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(m, n) &\leq T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2) + cmn \\ &\leq 2cqn/2 + 2c(m - q)n/2 + cmn \\ &= cqn + cmn - cqn + cmn \\ &= 2cmn \end{aligned}$$

## 6.8 Shortest Paths

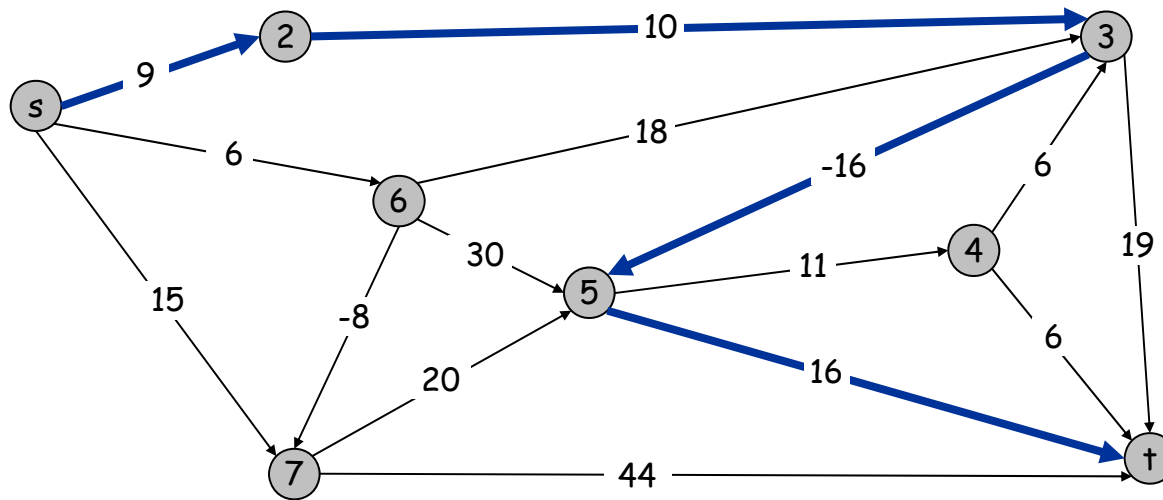
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# Shortest Paths

**Shortest path problem.** Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with edge weights  $c_{vw}$ , find shortest path from node  $s$  to node  $t$ .

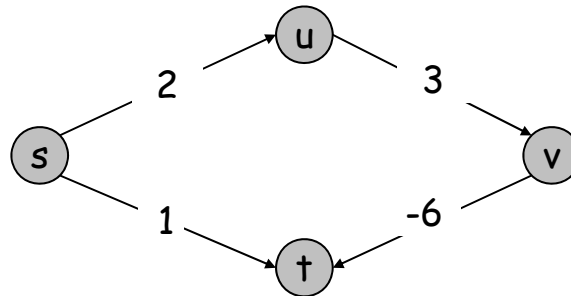
↖ allow negative weights

**Ex.** Nodes represent agents in a financial setting and  $c_{vw}$  is cost of transaction in which we buy from agent  $v$  and sell immediately to  $w$ .

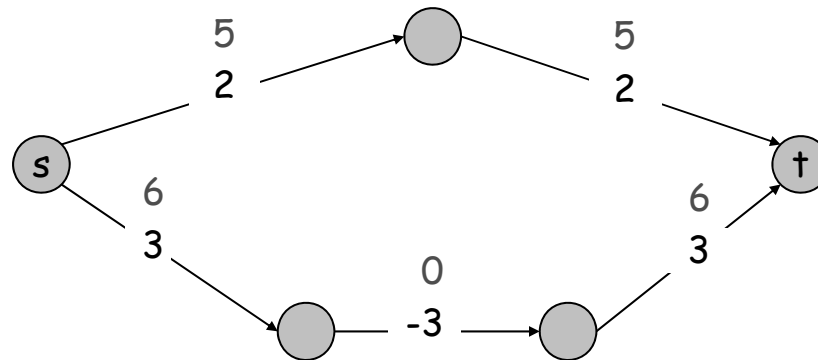


# Shortest Paths: Failed Attempts

Dijkstra. Can fail if negative edge costs.

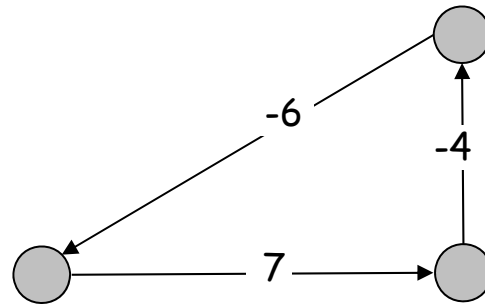


Re-weighting. Adding a constant to every edge weight can fail.

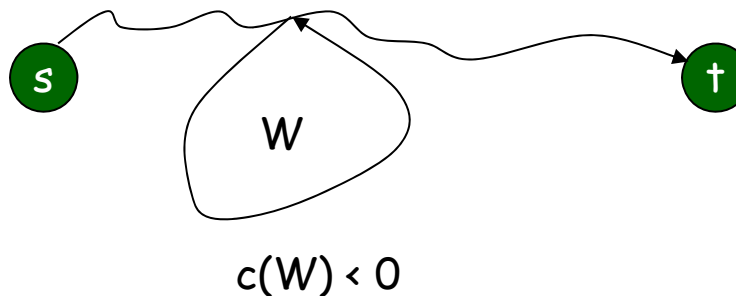


## Shortest Paths: Negative Cost Cycles

Negative cost cycle.



**Observation.** If some path from  $s$  to  $t$  contains a negative cost cycle, there does not exist a shortest  $s$ - $t$  path; otherwise, there exists one that is simple.



## Shortest Paths: Dynamic Programming

**Def.**  $OPT(i, v)$  = length of shortest  $v$ - $t$  path  $P$  using at most  $i$  edges.

- Case 1:  $P$  uses at most  $i-1$  edges.
  - $OPT(i, v) = OPT(i-1, v)$
- Case 2:  $P$  uses exactly  $i$  edges.
  - if  $(v, w)$  is first edge, then  $OPT$  uses  $(v, w)$ , and then selects best  $w$ - $t$  path using at most  $i-1$  edges

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=0 \\ \min \left\{ OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(v,w) \in E} \{ OPT(i-1, w) + c_{vw} \} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Remark.** By previous observation, if no negative cycles, then  $OPT(n-1, v)$  = length of shortest  $v$ - $t$  path.

## Shortest Paths: Implementation

```
Shortest-Path(G, t) {  
  foreach node v ∈ V  
    M[0, v] ← ∞  
  M[0, t] ← 0  
  
  for i = 1 to n-1  
    foreach node v ∈ V  
      M[i, v] ← M[i-1, v]  
    foreach edge (v, w) ∈ E  
      M[i, v] ← min { M[i, v], M[i-1, w] + cvw }  
}
```

**Analysis.**  $\Theta(mn)$  time,  $\Theta(n^2)$  space.

**Finding the shortest paths.** Maintain a "successor" for each table entry.



# Shortest Paths: Practical Improvements

## Practical improvements.

- Maintain only one array  $M[v]$  = shortest  $v$ - $t$  path that we have found so far.
- No need to check edges of the form  $(v, w)$  unless  $M[w]$  changed in previous iteration.

**Theorem.** Throughout the algorithm,  $M[v]$  is length of some  $v$ - $t$  path, and after  $i$  rounds of updates, the value  $M[v]$  is no larger than the length of shortest  $v$ - $t$  path using  $\leq i$  edges.

## Overall impact.

- Memory:  $O(m + n)$ .
- Running time:  $O(mn)$  worst case, but substantially faster in practice.

## Bellman-Ford: Efficient Implementation

```
Push-Based-Shortest-Path( $G, s, t$ ) {
  foreach node  $v \in V$  {
     $M[v] \leftarrow \infty$ 
     $\text{successor}[v] \leftarrow \phi$ 
  }

   $M[t] = 0$ 
  for  $i = 1$  to  $n-1$  {
    foreach node  $w \in V$  {
      if ( $M[w]$  has been updated in previous iteration)
      {
        foreach node  $v$  such that  $(v, w) \in E$  {
          if ( $M[v] > M[w] + c_{vw}$ ) {
             $M[v] \leftarrow M[w] + c_{vw}$ 
             $\text{successor}[v] \leftarrow w$ 
          }
        }
      }
    }
    If no  $M[w]$  value changed in iteration  $i$ , stop.
  }
}
```

## 6.9 Distance Vector Protocol

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# Distance Vector Protocol

## Communication network.

- Node  $\approx$  router.
- Edge  $\approx$  direct communication link.
- Cost of edge  $\approx$  delay on link.  $\leftarrow$  naturally nonnegative, but Bellman-Ford used anyway!

**Dijkstra's algorithm.** Requires global information of network.

**Bellman-Ford.** Uses only local knowledge of neighboring nodes.

**Synchronization.** We don't expect routers to run in lockstep. The order in which each `foreach` loop executes is not important. Moreover, algorithm still converges even if updates are asynchronous.

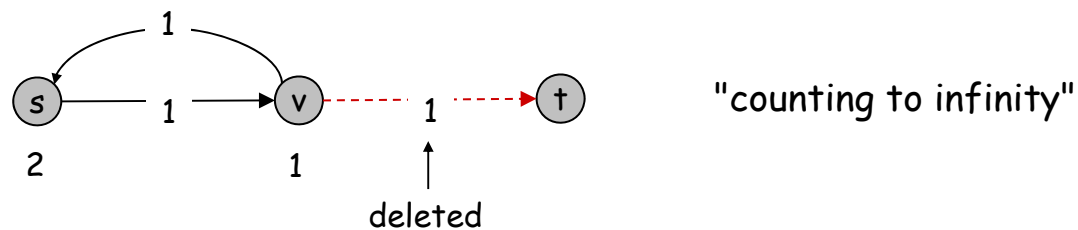
# Distance Vector Protocol

## Distance vector protocol.

- Each router maintains a vector of shortest path lengths to every other node (distances) and the first hop on each path (directions).
- Algorithm: each router performs n separate computations, one for each potential destination node.
- "Routing by rumor."


**Ex.** RIP, Xerox XNS RIP, Novell's IPX RIP, Cisco's IGRP, DEC's DNA Phase IV, AppleTalk's RTMP.

**Caveat.** Edge costs may **change** during algorithm (or fail completely).



# Path Vector Protocols

## Link state routing.

- Each router also stores the entire path.  not just the distance and first hop
- Based on Dijkstra's algorithm.
- Avoids "counting-to-infinity" problem and related difficulties.
- Requires significantly more storage.

Ex. Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF).

## 6.10 Negative Cycles in a Graph

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## Detecting Negative Cycles

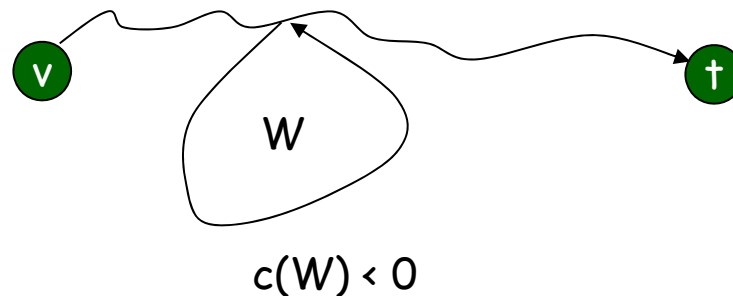
**Lemma.** If  $OPT(n,v) = OPT(n-1,v)$  for all  $v$ , then no negative cycles.

**Pf.** Bellman-Ford algorithm.

**Lemma.** If  $OPT(n,v) < OPT(n-1,v)$  for some node  $v$ , then (any) shortest path from  $v$  to  $t$  contains a cycle  $W$ . Moreover  $W$  has negative cost.

**Pf.** (by contradiction)

- Since  $OPT(n,v) < OPT(n-1,v)$ , we know  $P$  has exactly  $n$  edges.
- By pigeonhole principle,  $P$  must contain a directed cycle  $W$ .
- Deleting  $W$  yields a  $v$ - $t$  path with  $< n$  edges  $\Rightarrow W$  has negative cost.

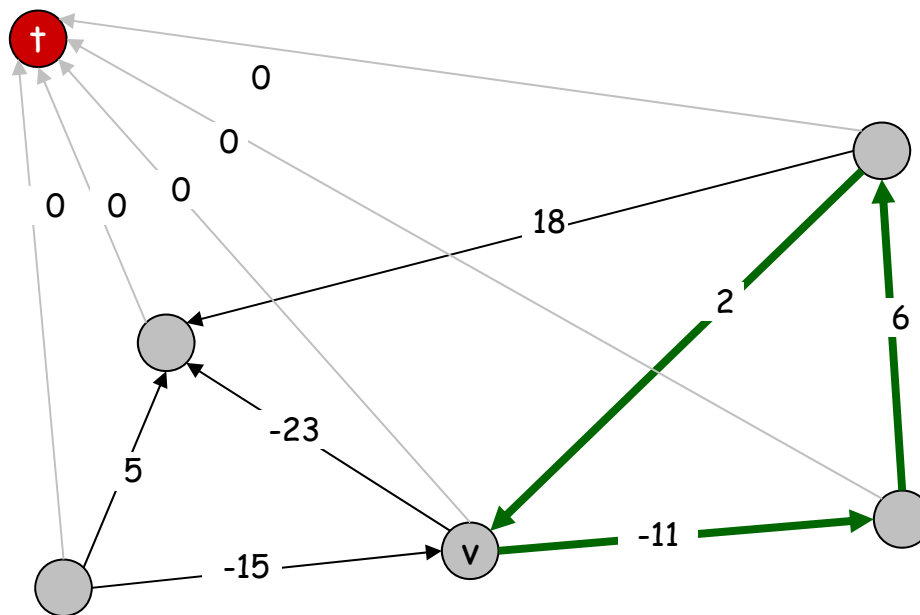




## Detecting Negative Cycles

**Theorem.** Can detect negative cost cycle in  $O(mn)$  time.

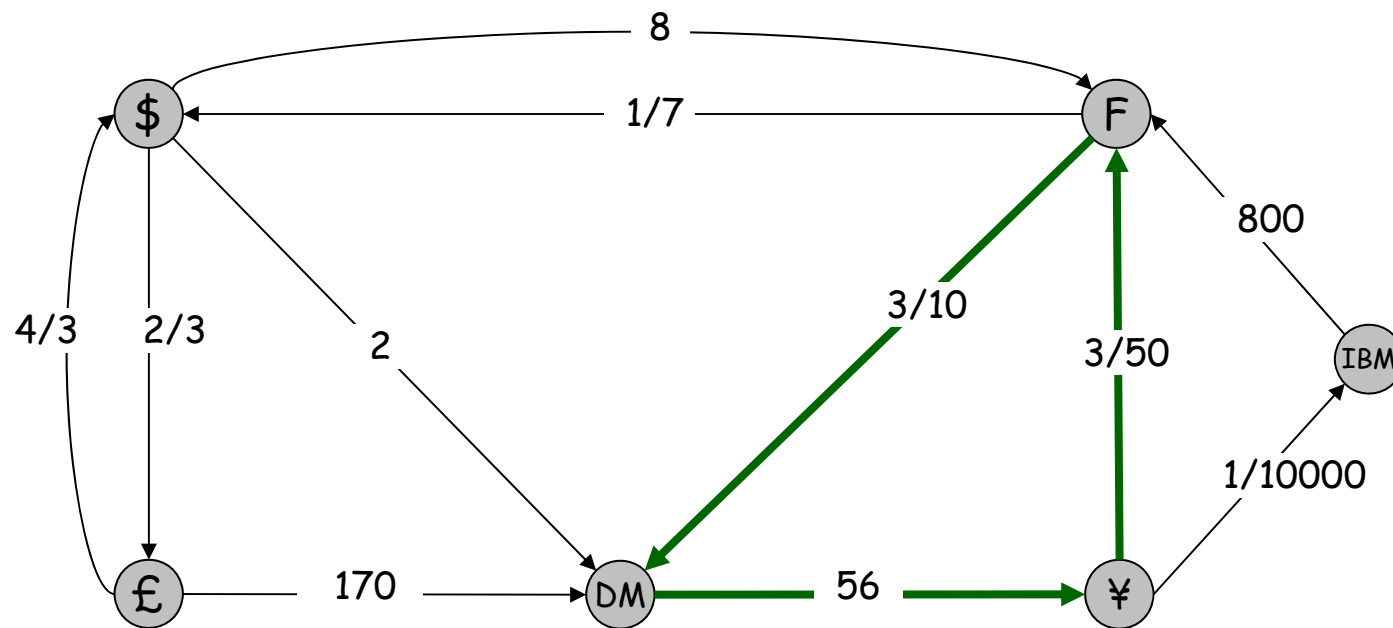
- Add new node  $t$  and connect all nodes to  $t$  with 0-cost edge.
- Check if  $OPT(n, v) = OPT(n-1, v)$  for all nodes  $v$ .
  - if yes, then no negative cycles
  - if no, then extract cycle from shortest path from  $v$  to  $t$



## Detecting Negative Cycles: Application

**Currency conversion.** Given  $n$  currencies and exchange rates between pairs of currencies, is there an arbitrage opportunity?

**Remark.** Fastest algorithm very valuable!



## Detecting Negative Cycles: Summary

**Bellman-Ford.**  $O(mn)$  time,  $O(m + n)$  space.

- Run Bellman-Ford for  $n$  iterations (instead of  $n-1$ ).
- Upon termination, Bellman-Ford successor variables trace a negative cycle if one exists.
- See p. 304 for improved version and early termination rule.