

**MA 515: Introduction to Algorithms &  
MA353 : Design and Analysis of Algorithms  
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**Lecture 24**

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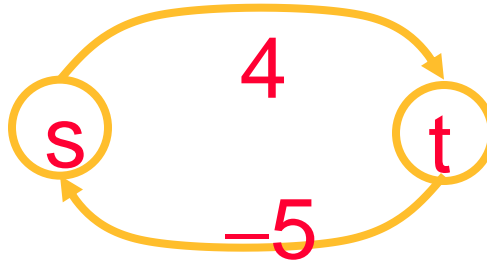
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# Shortest Paths in a Graph

- Two important *single-source* shortest path algorithms:
  - Dijkstra's algorithm
  - Bellman-Ford algorithm

# Single Source Shortest Path Problem

- Given: directed or undirected graph  $G = (V, E, w)$  and source node  $s$  in  $V$
- Find: For each  $t$  in  $V$ , a path in  $G$  from  $s$  to  $t$  with minimum weight
- Warning! Negative weights are a problem:



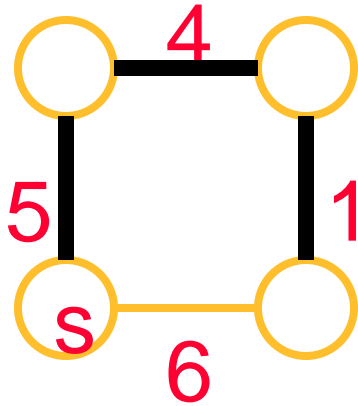
# Shortest Path Tree

- Result of a SSSP algorithm can be viewed as a tree rooted at the source
- Why not use breadth-first search?
- Works fine if all weights are the same:
  - weight of each path is (a multiple of) the number of edges in the path
- Doesn't work when weights are different

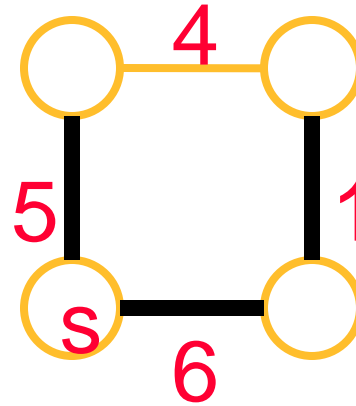
# Dijkstra's SSSP Algorithm

- Assumes all edge weights are nonnegative
- Similar to Prim's MST algorithm
- Start with source node  $s$  and iteratively construct a tree rooted at  $s$
- Each node keeps track of tree node that provides cheapest path **from  $s$**  (not just cheapest path from any tree node)
- At each iteration, include the node whose cheapest path from  $s$  is the overall cheapest

# Prim's vs. Dijkstra's



Prim's  
MST



Dijkstra's  
SSSP

# Implementing Dijkstra's Alg.

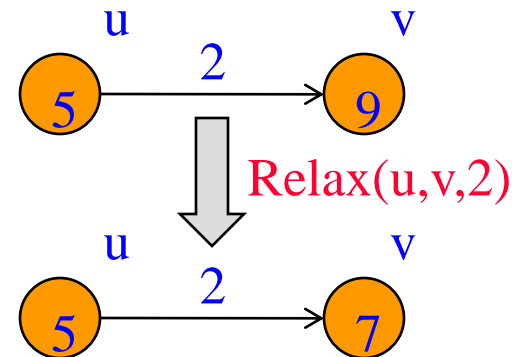
- How can each node  $u$  keep track of its best path from  $s$ ?
- Keep an estimate,  $d[u]$ , of shortest path distance from  $s$  to  $u$
- Use  $d$  as a key in a priority queue
- When  $u$  is added to the tree, check each of  $u$ 's neighbors  $v$  to see if  $u$  provides  $v$  with a cheaper path from  $s$ :
  - compare  $d[v]$  to  $d[u] + w(u,v)$

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

- input:  $G = (V, E, w)$  and source node  $s$
- $d[s] := 0$  // initialization
- $d[v] := \infty$  for all other nodes  $v$
- $\text{Parent}(v) := \text{NIL}$
- initialize priority queue  $Q$  to contain all nodes using  $d$  values as keys
- while  $Q$  is not empty do

- $u := \text{extract-min}(Q)$
- for each neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  do
  - if  $d[u] + w(u, v) < d[v]$  then
    - $d[v] := d[u] + w(u, v)$
    - $\text{decrease-key}(Q, v, d[v])$
    - $\text{parent}(v) := u$

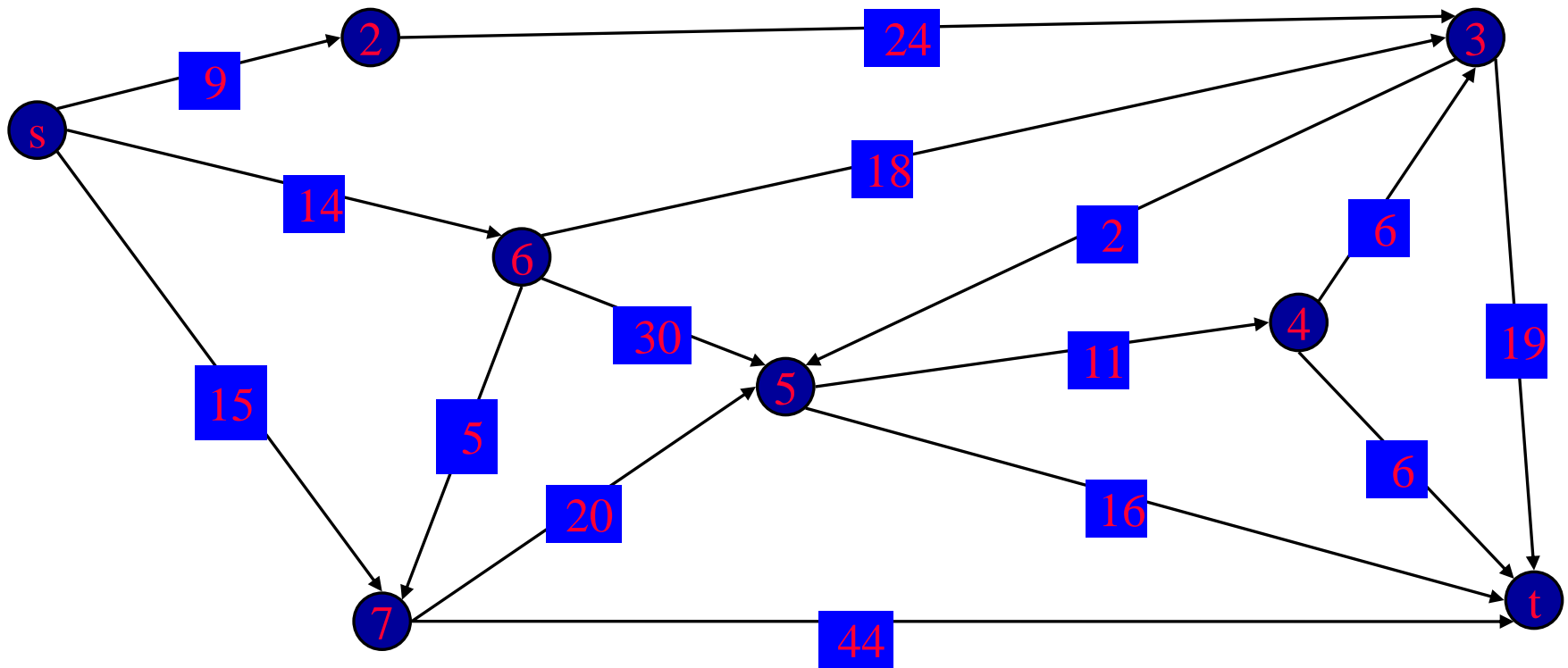
$\text{Relax}(u, v, w)$





# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example 1

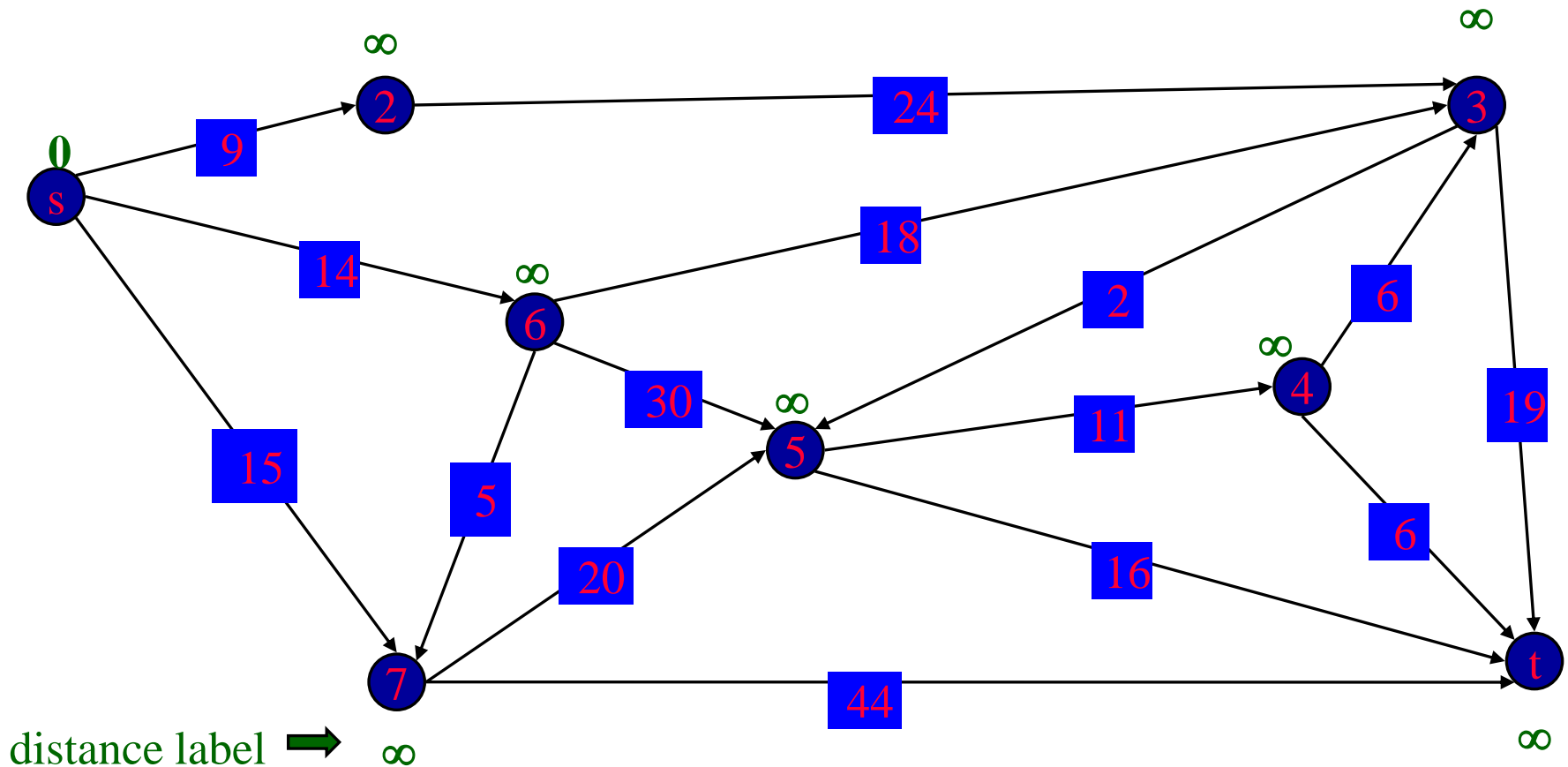
- Find shortest path from s to all other nodes.



# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example 1

$S = \{ \}$

$PQ = \{ s, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, t \}$

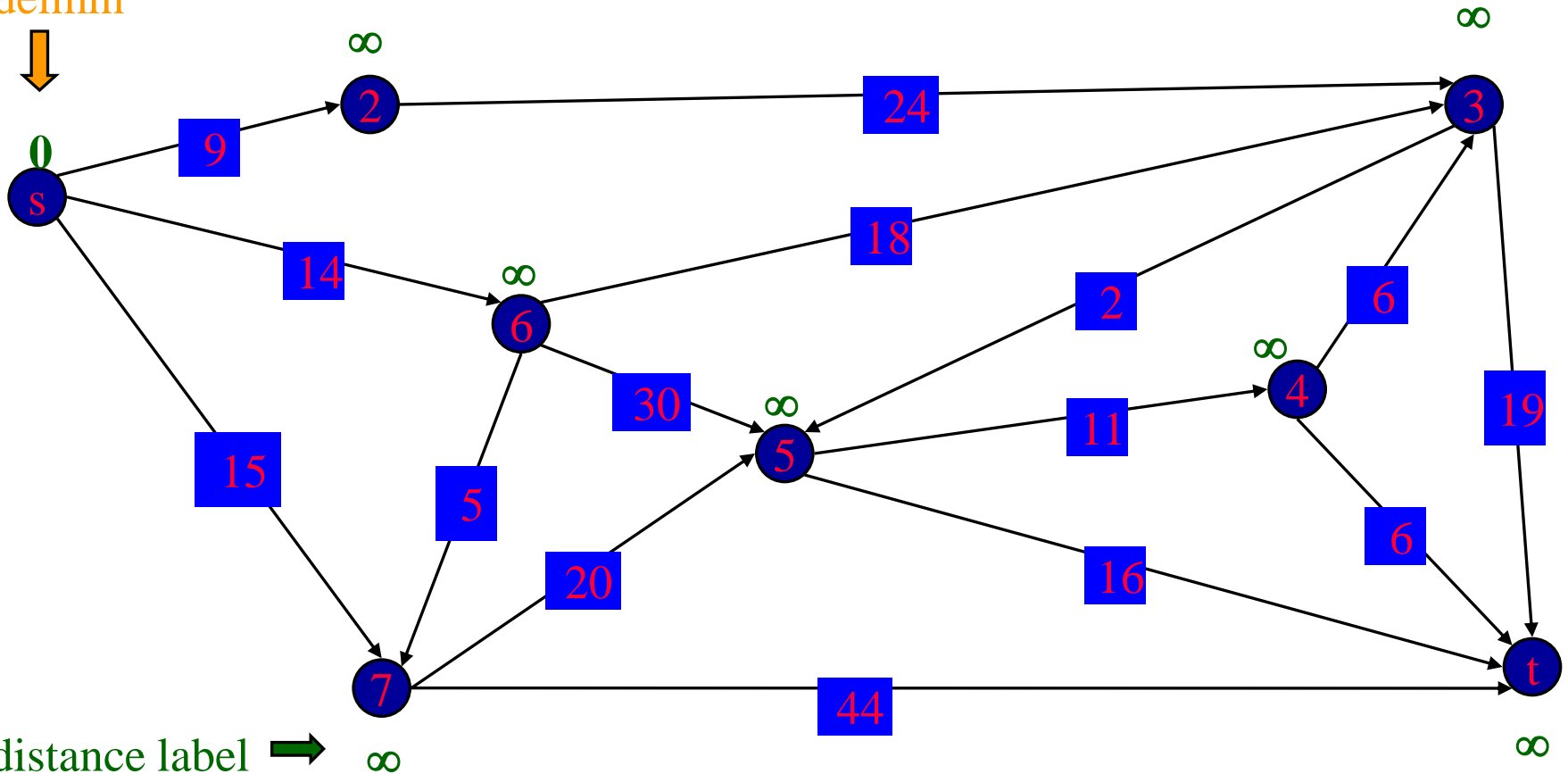


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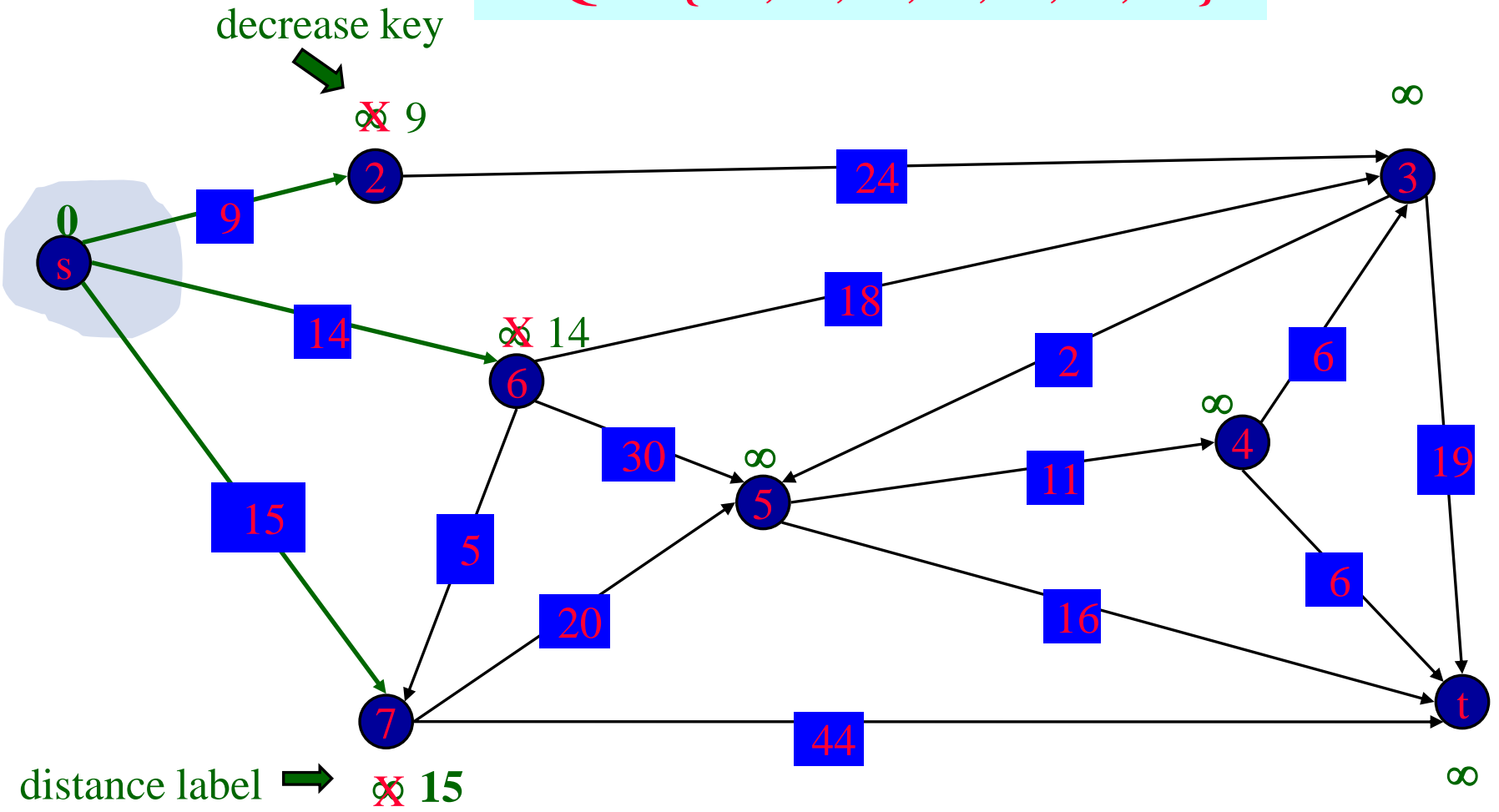
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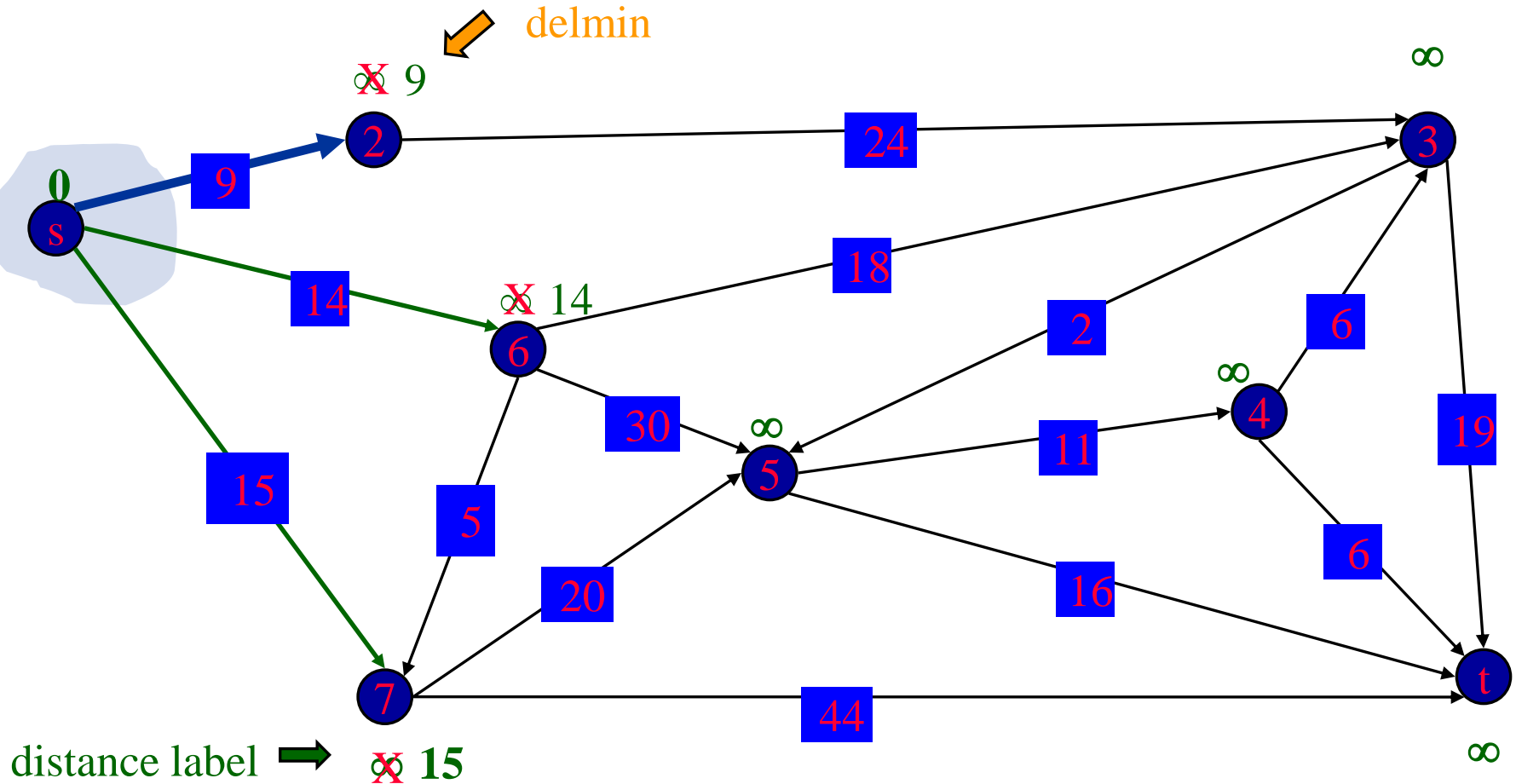
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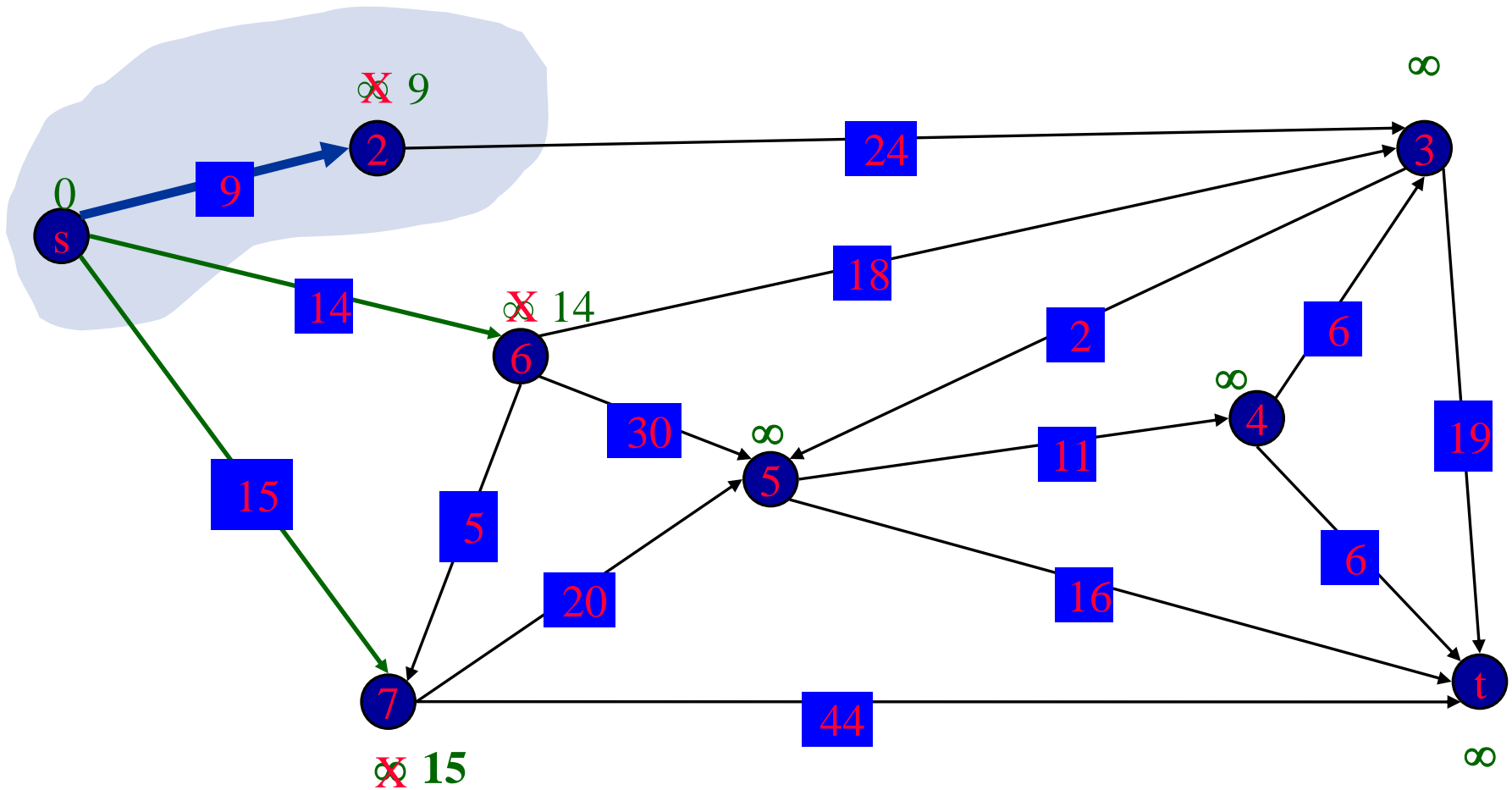
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$S = \{ s, 2 \}$

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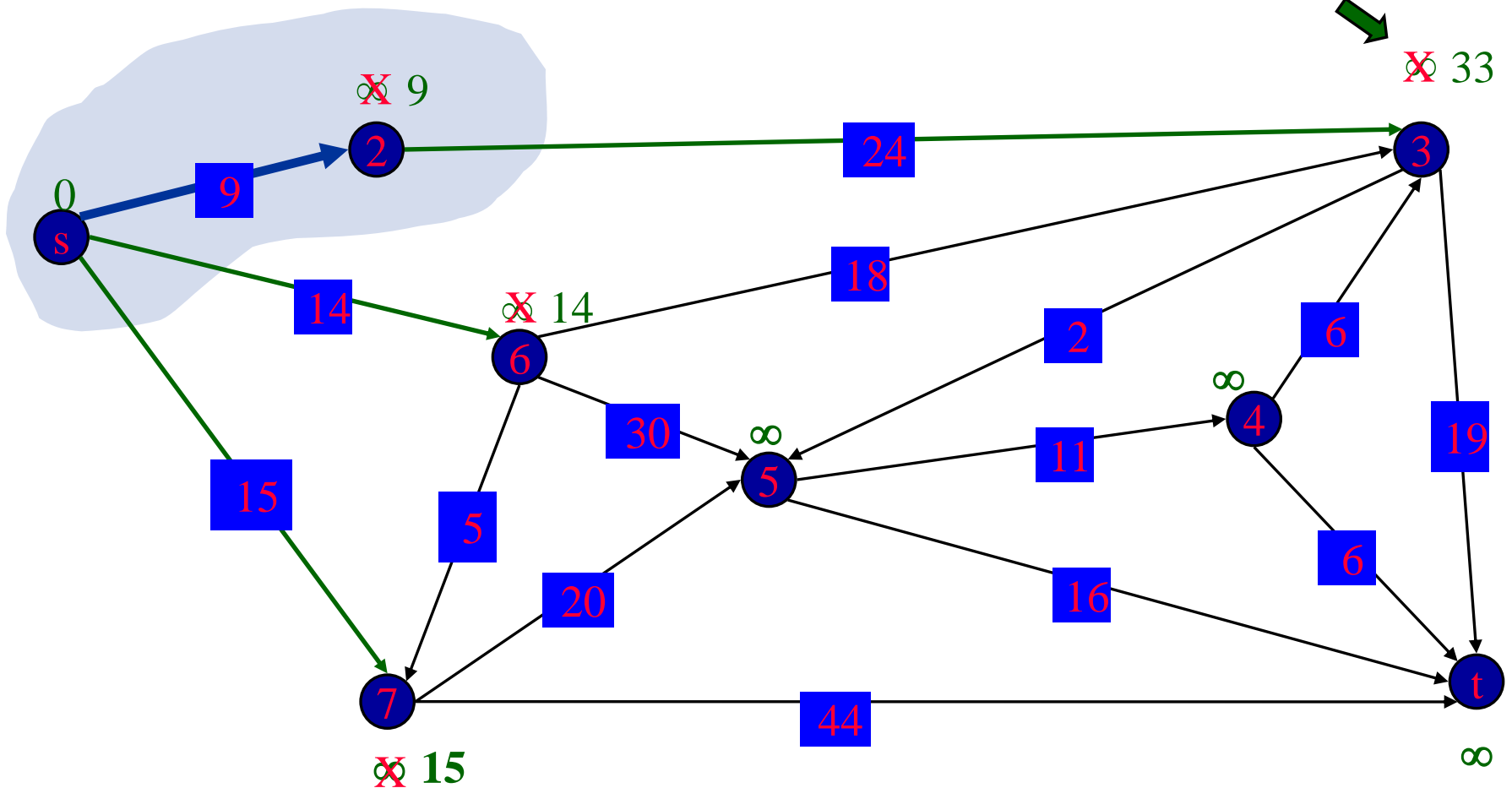


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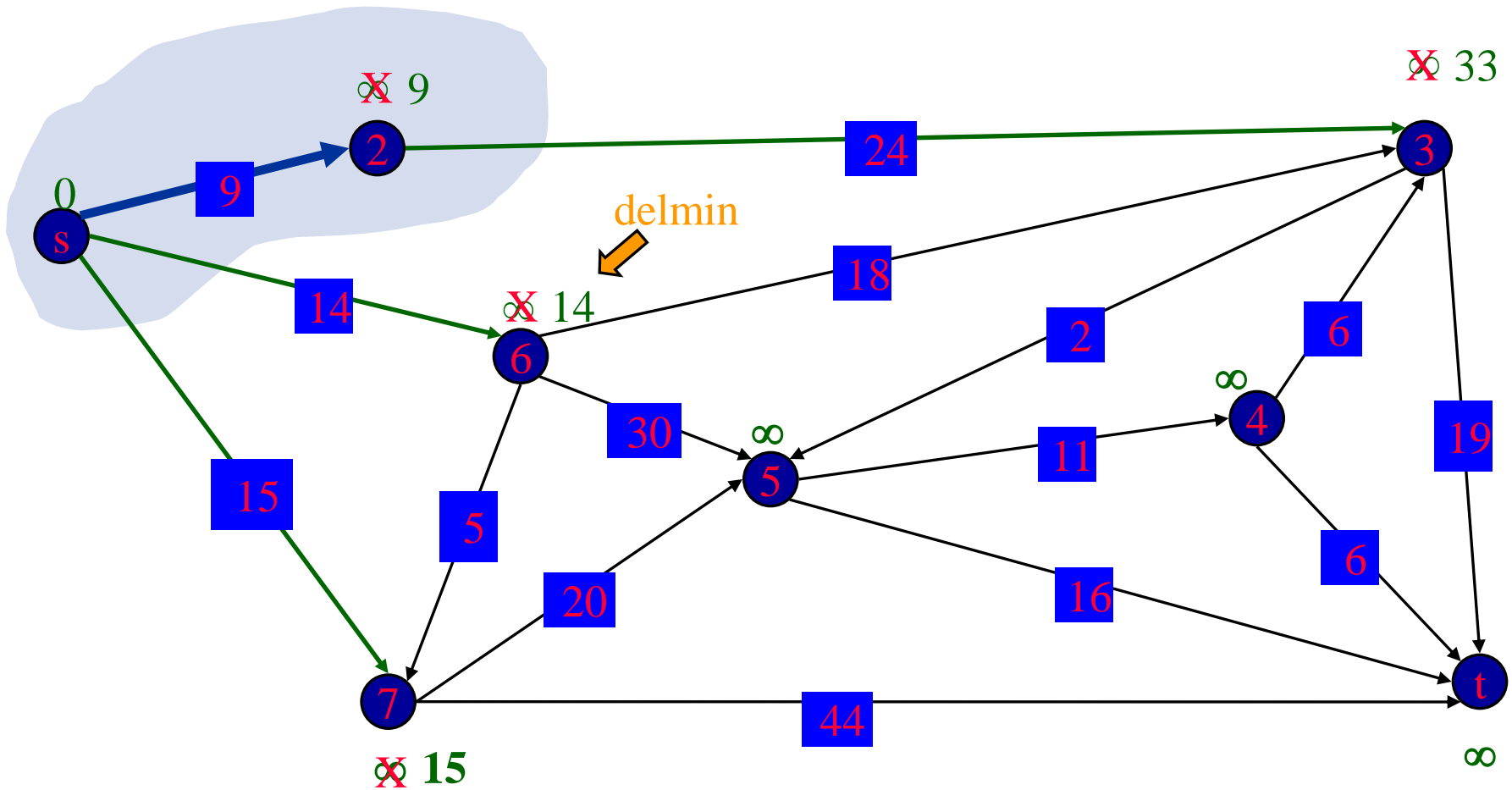
decrease key



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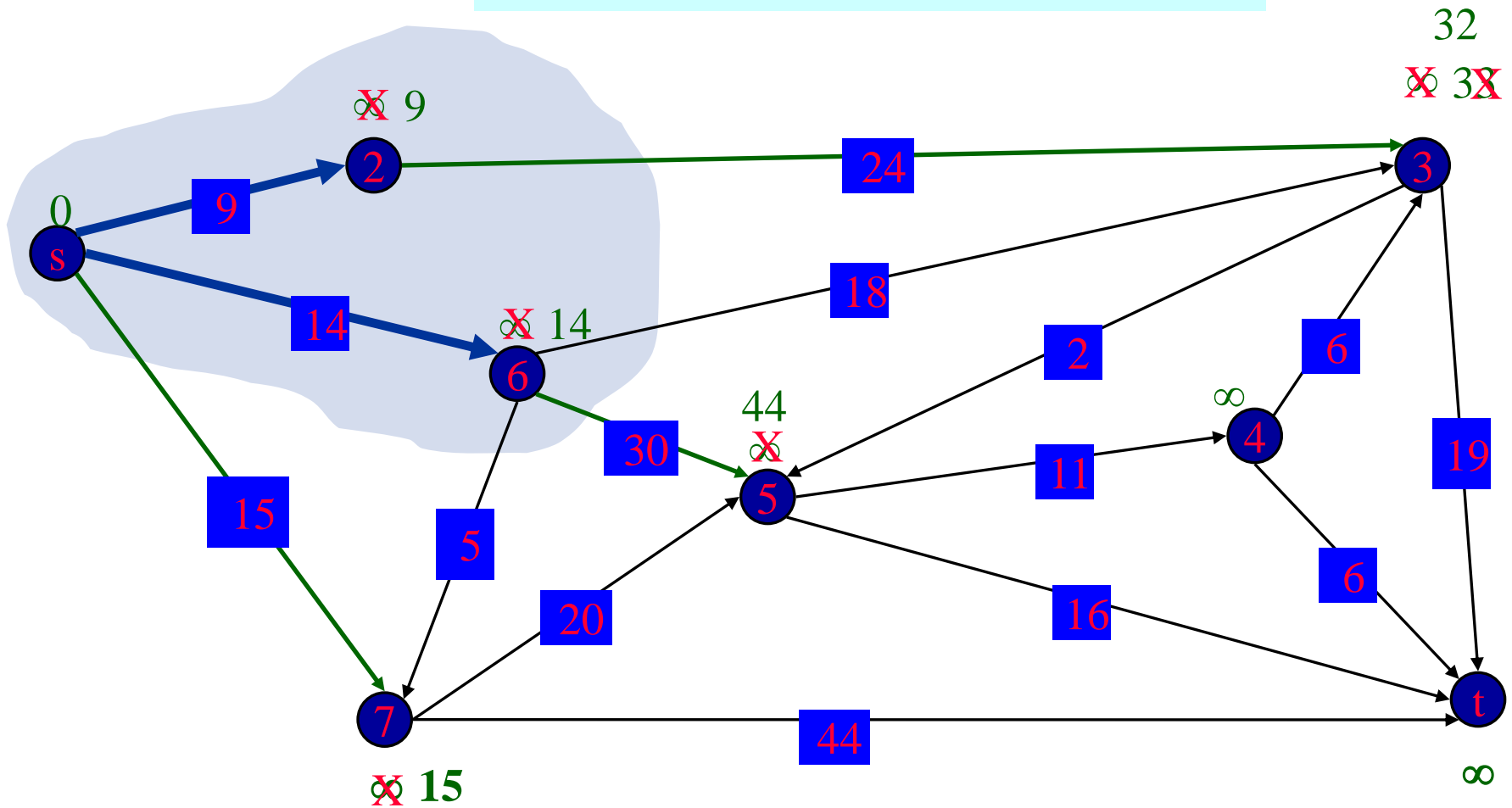




# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example 1

$S = \{ s, 2, 6 \}$

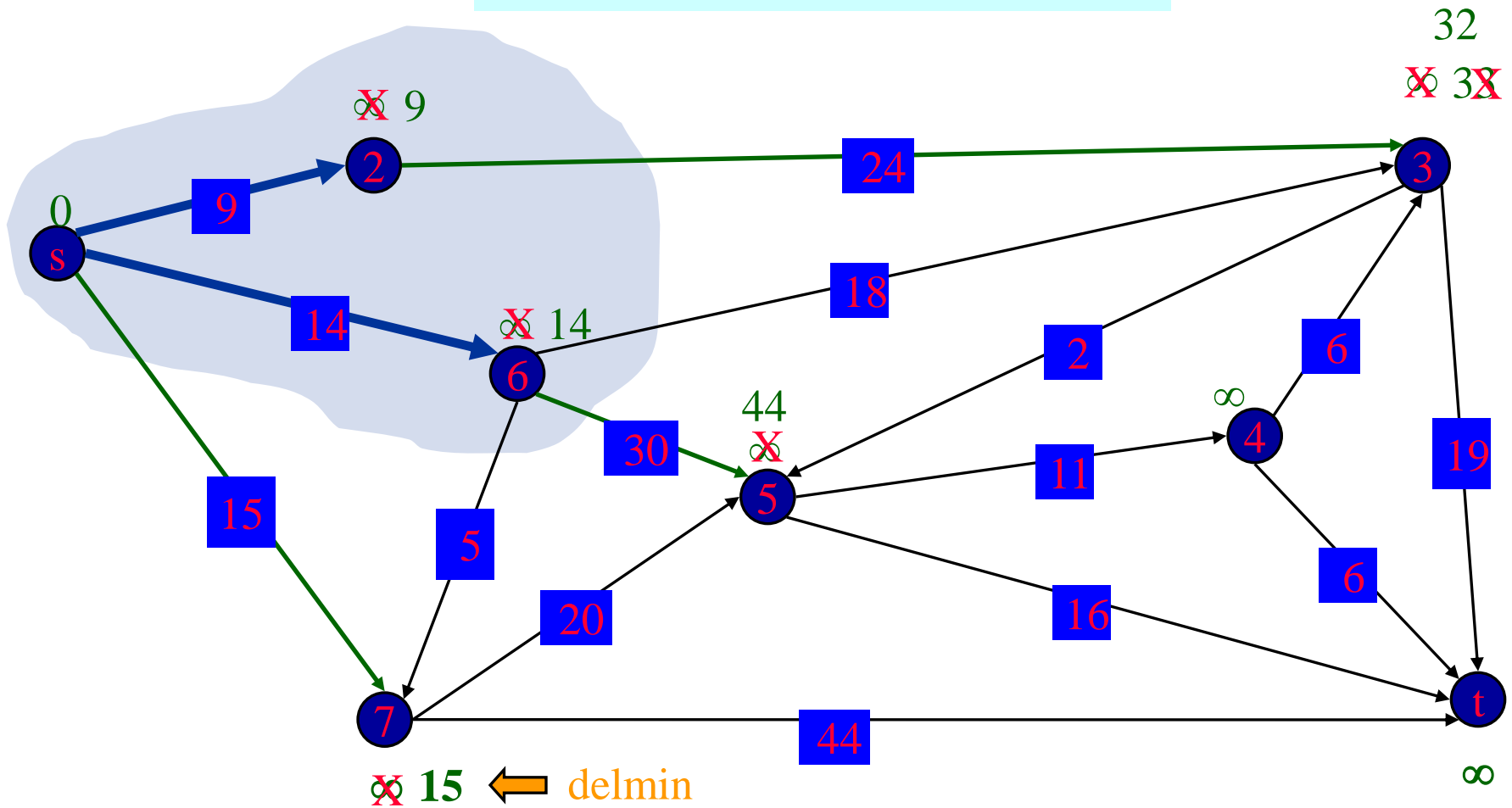
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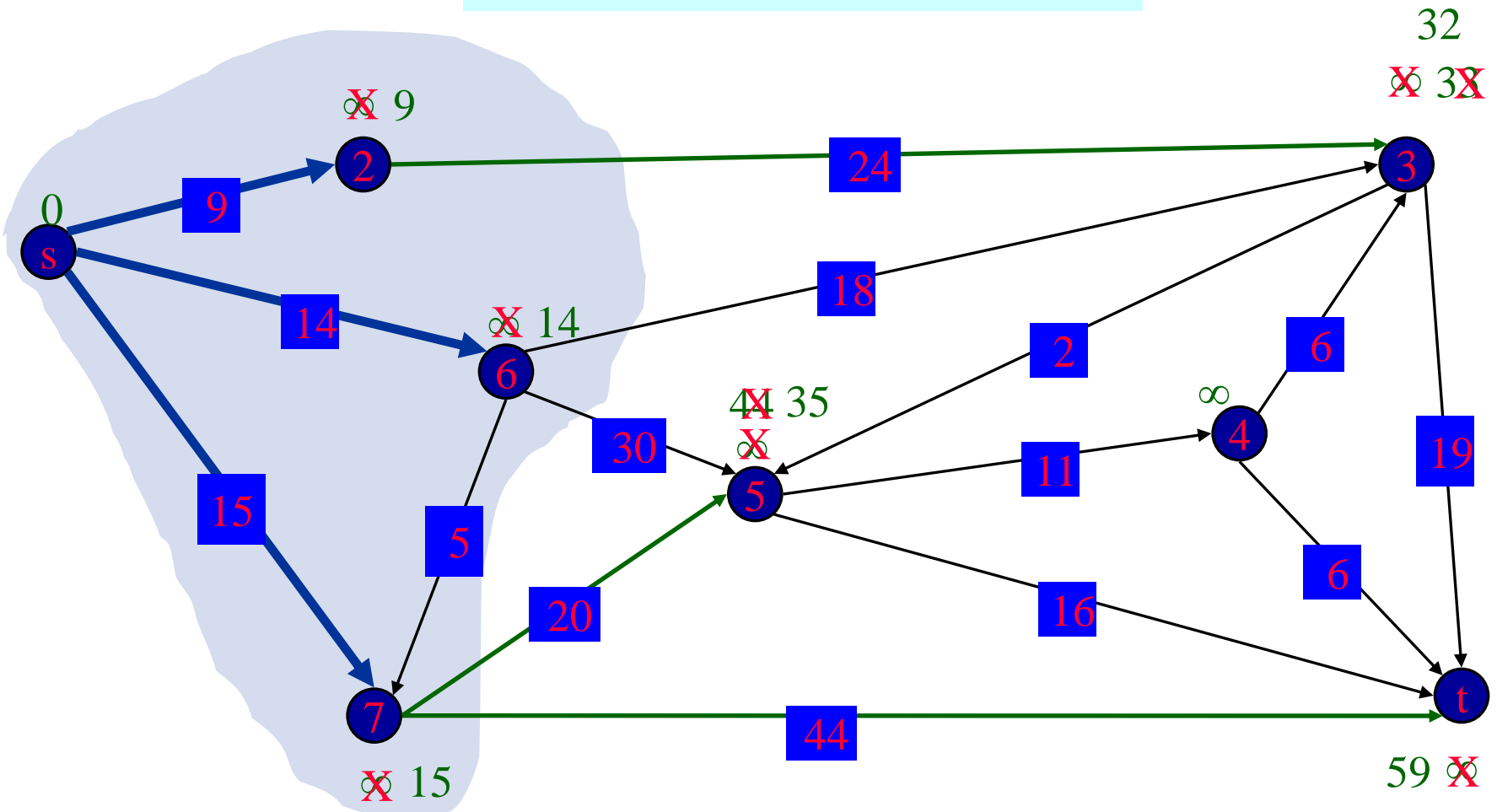
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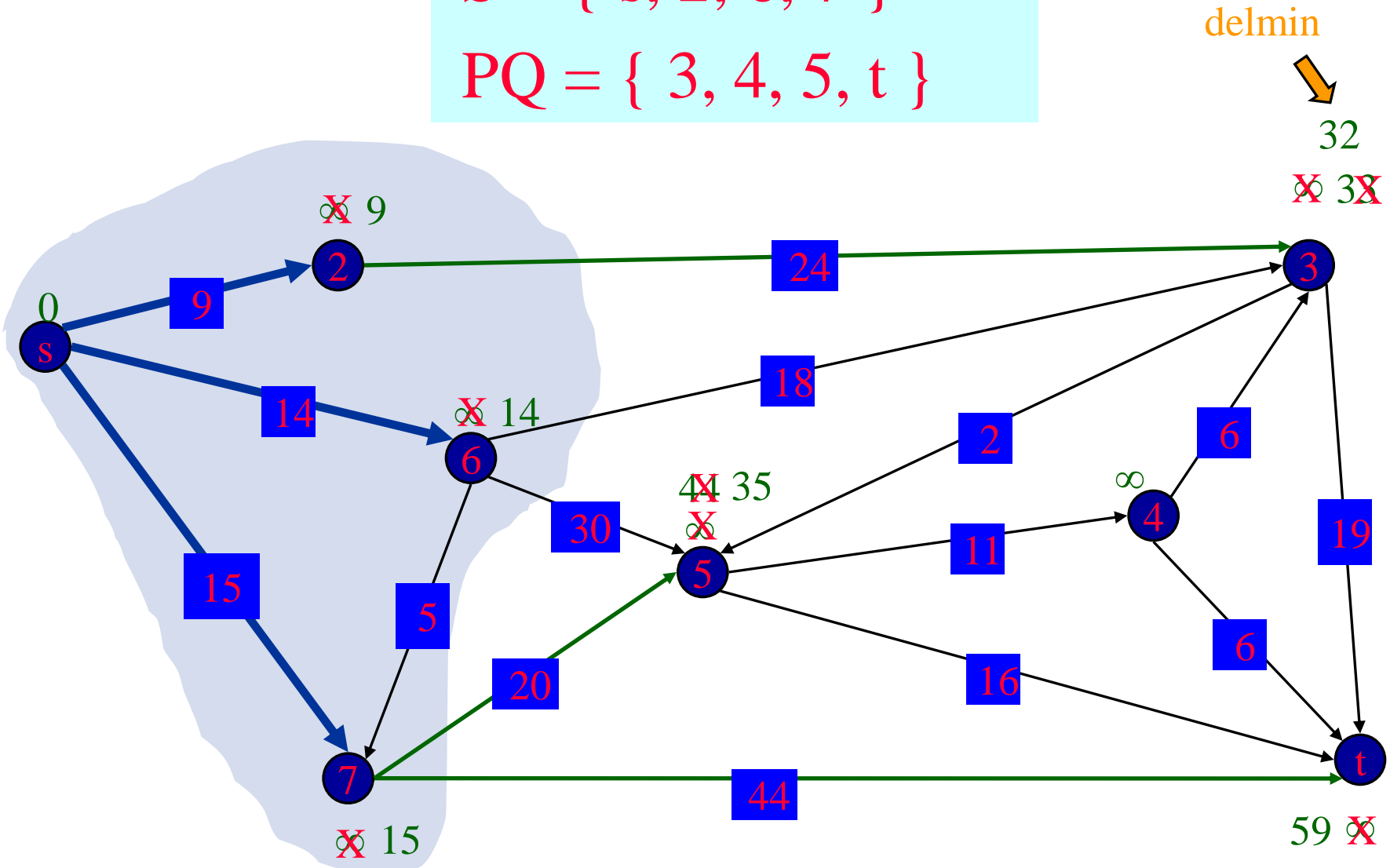
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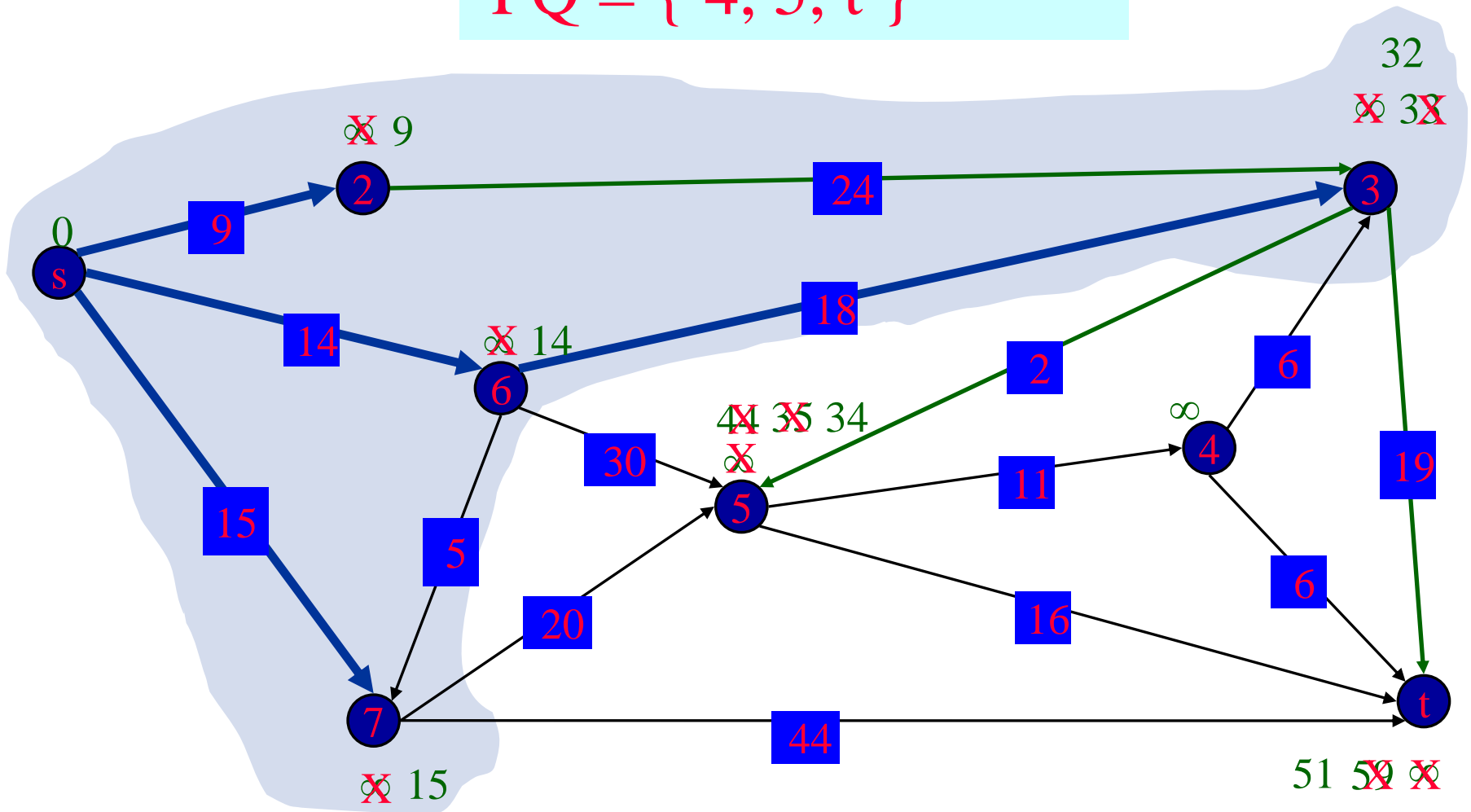
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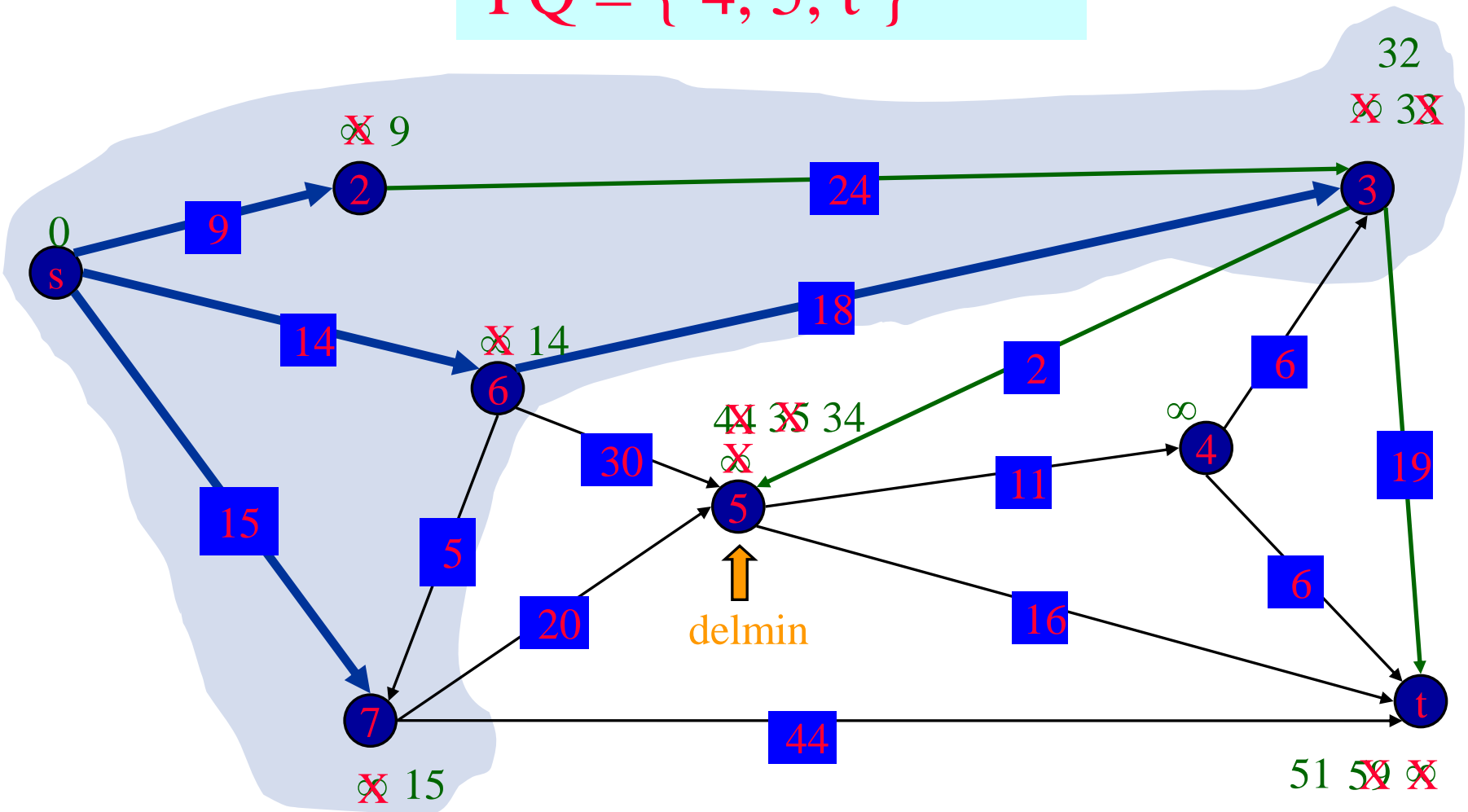
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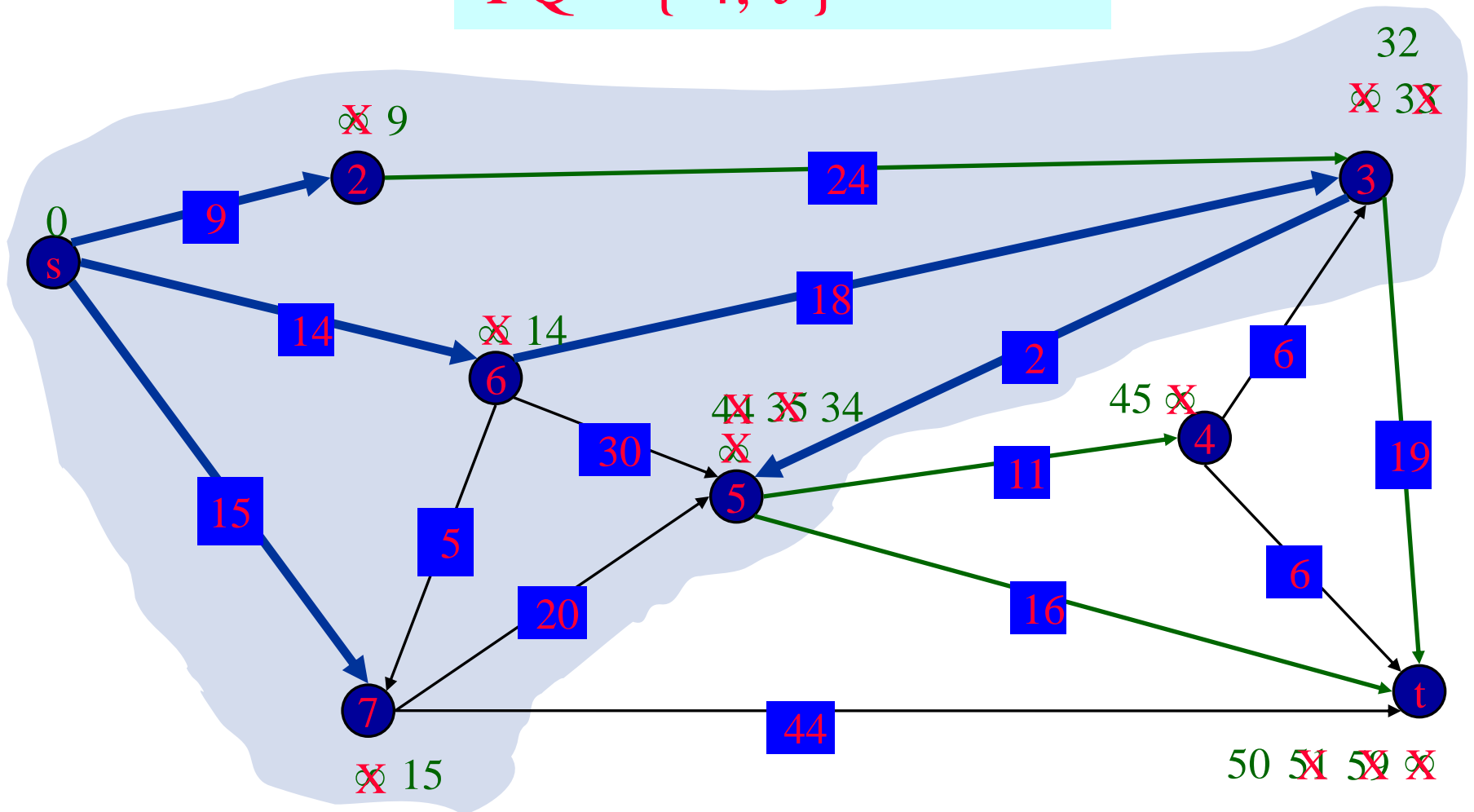
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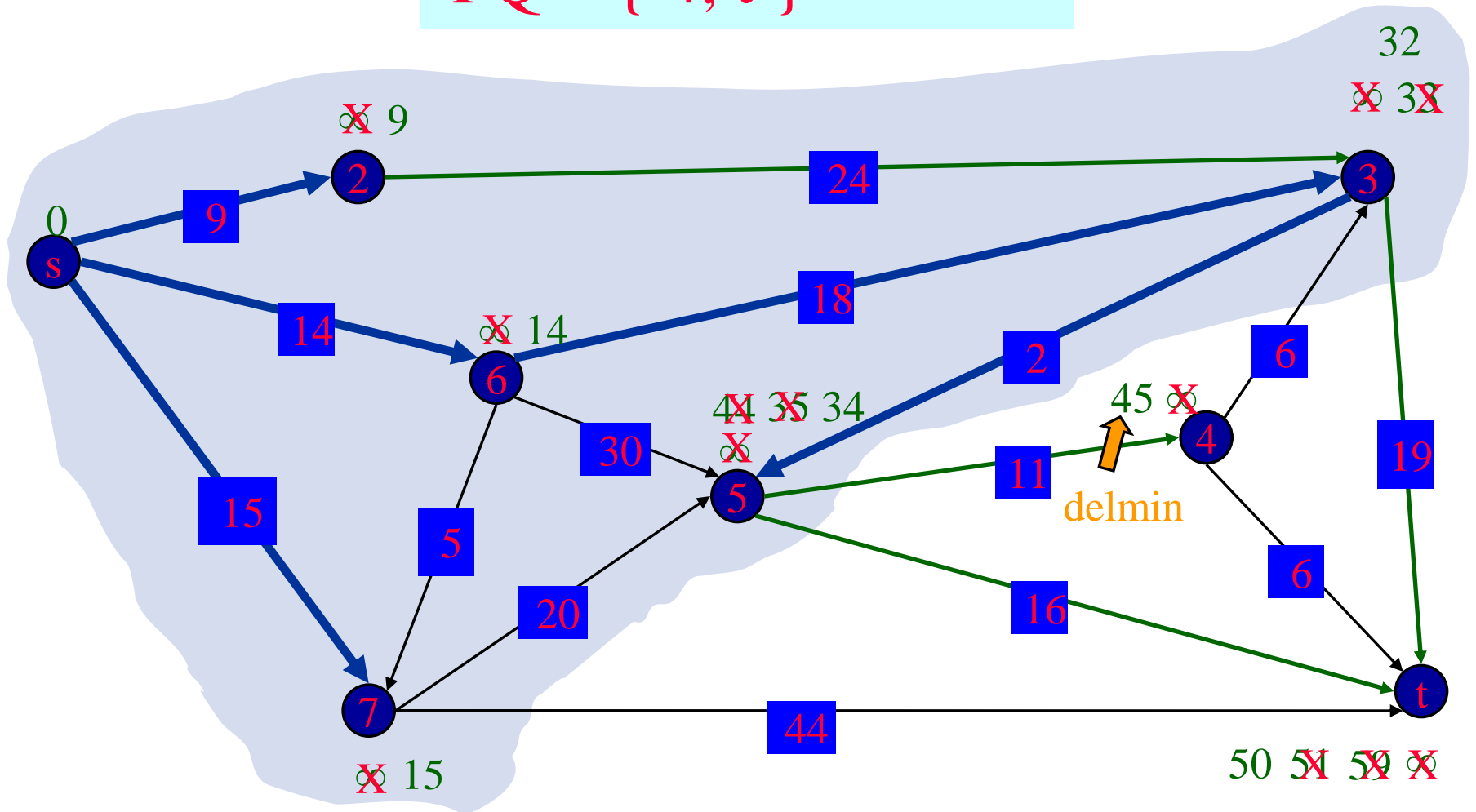
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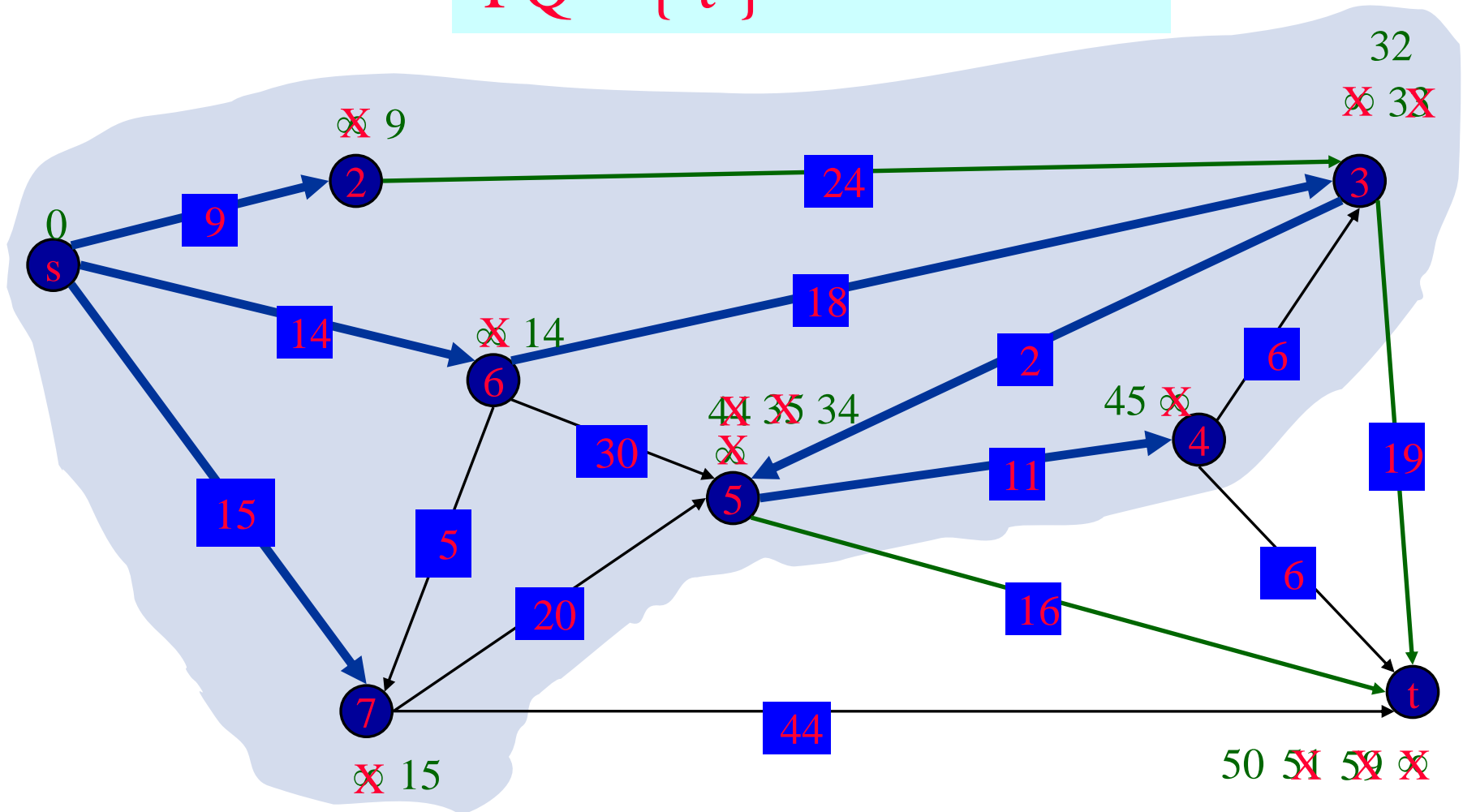




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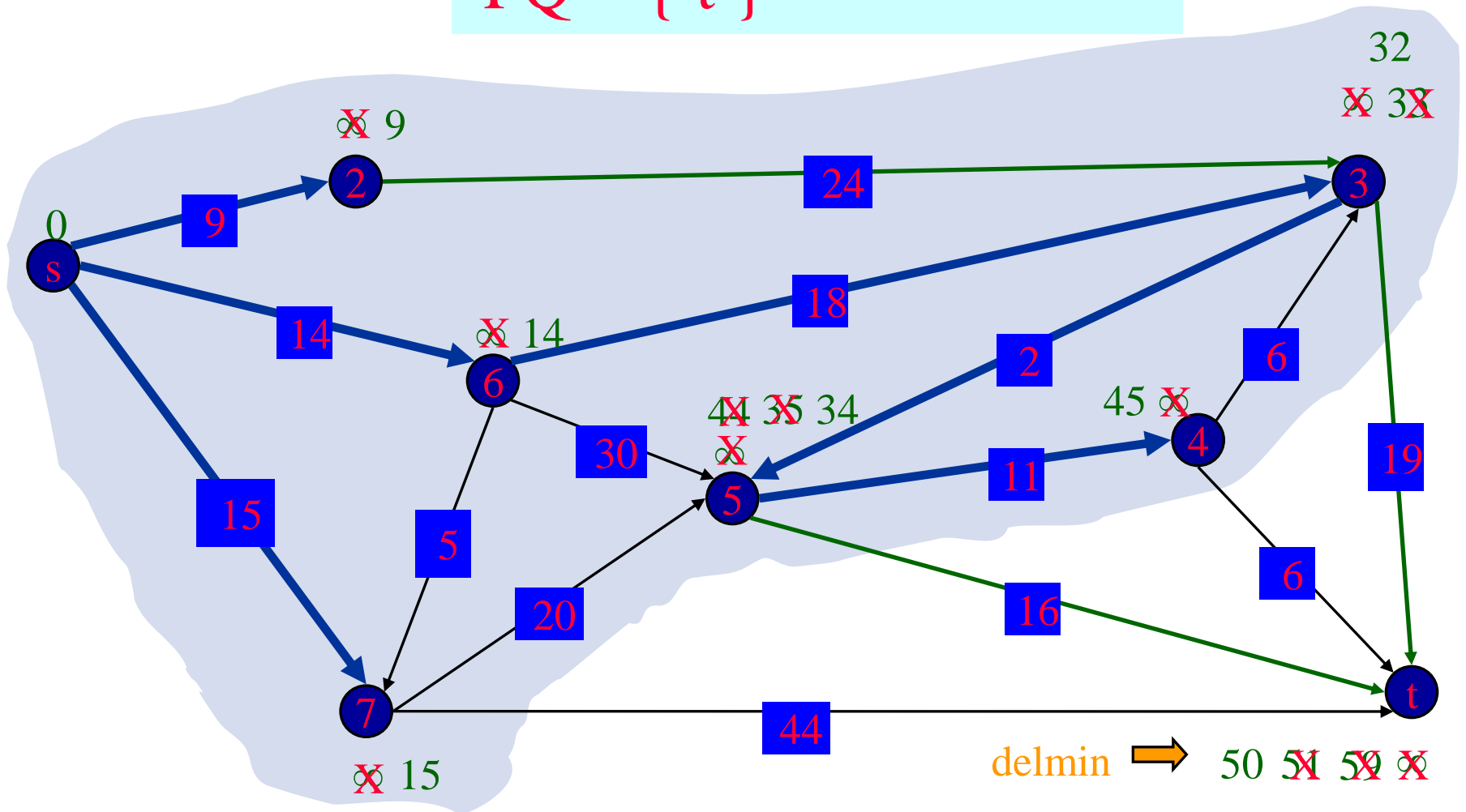
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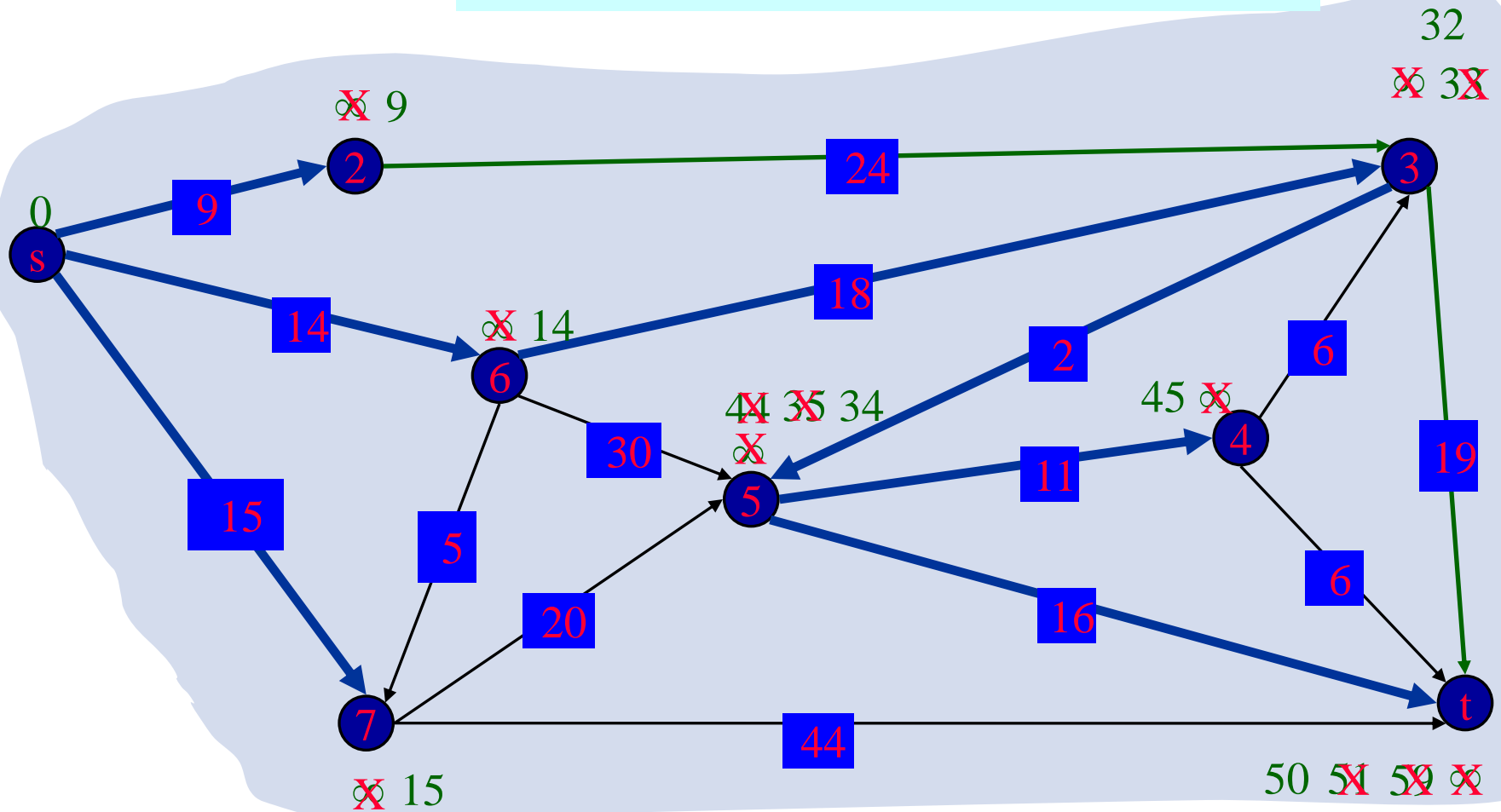
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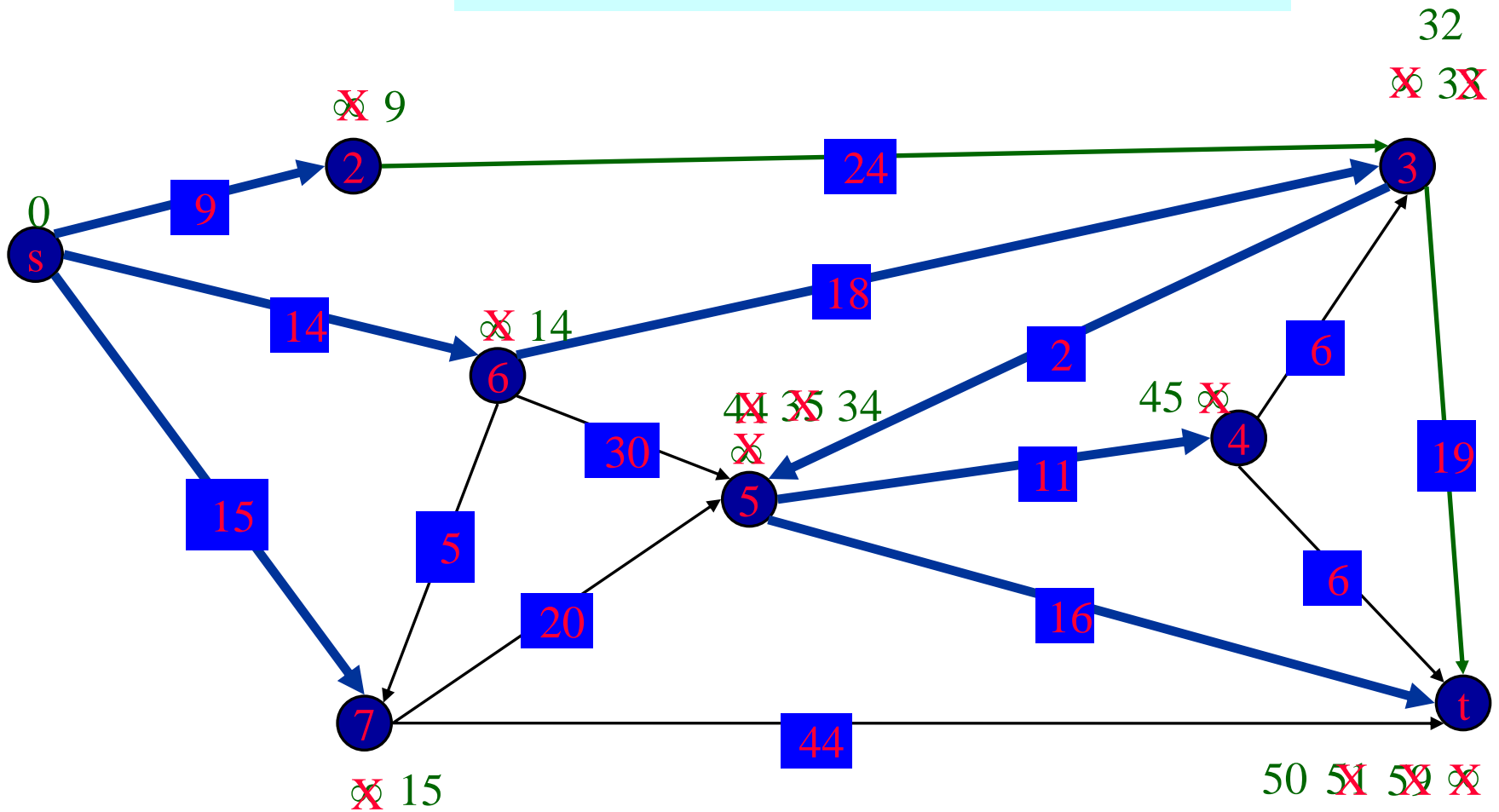
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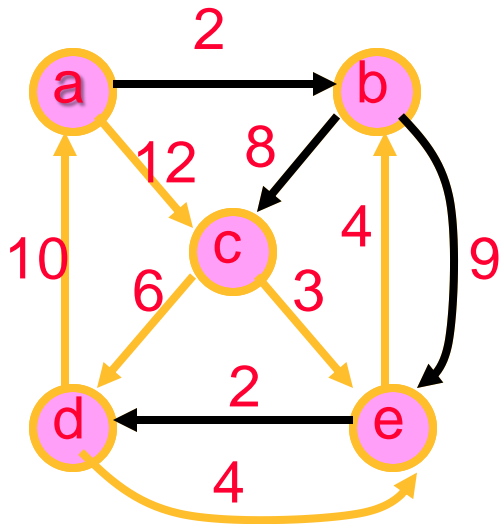
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# Dijkstra's Algorithm Example 2

source is node a



iteration

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Q	abcde	bcde	cde	de	d	∅
d[a]	0	0	0	0	0	0
d[b]	∞	2	2	2	2	2
d[c]	∞	12	10	10	10	10
d[d]	∞	∞	∞	16	13	13
d[e]	∞	∞	11	11	11	11

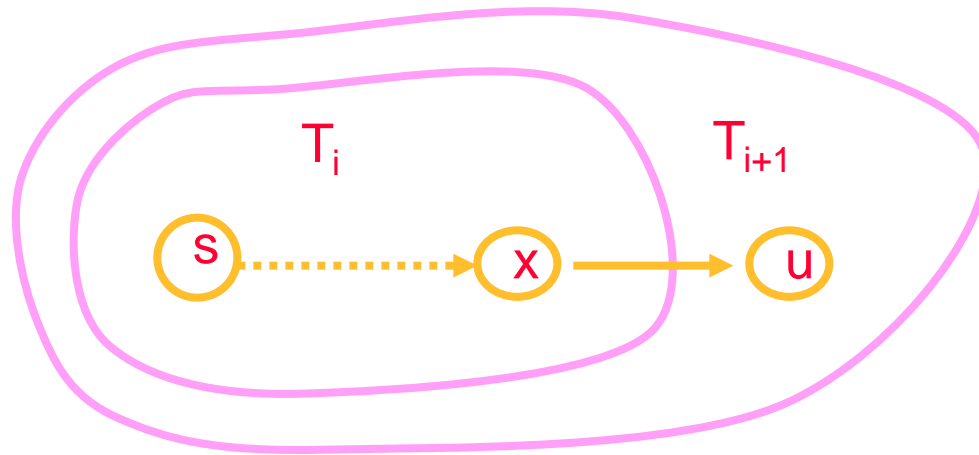
$d[s] := 0$   
 $d[v] := \text{infinity}$  for all other nodes  $v$   
 while  $Q$  is not empty do  
    $u := \text{extract-min}(Q)$   
   for each neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  do  
     if  $d[u] + w(u,v) < d[v]$  then  
        $d[v] := d[u] + w(u,v)$   
       decrease-key( $Q, v, d[v]$ )  
       parent( $v$ ) :=  $u$

# Correctness of Dijkstra's Alg.

- Let  $T_i$  be the tree constructed after  $i$ -th iteration of while loop:
  - nodes not in  $Q$
  - edges indicated by parent variables
- Show by induction on  $i$  that the path in  $T_i$  from  $s$  to  $u$  is a shortest path and has distance  $d[u]$ , for all  $u$  in  $T_i$ .
- **Basis:**  $i = 1$ .  $s$  is the only node in  $T_1$  and  $d[s] = 0$ .

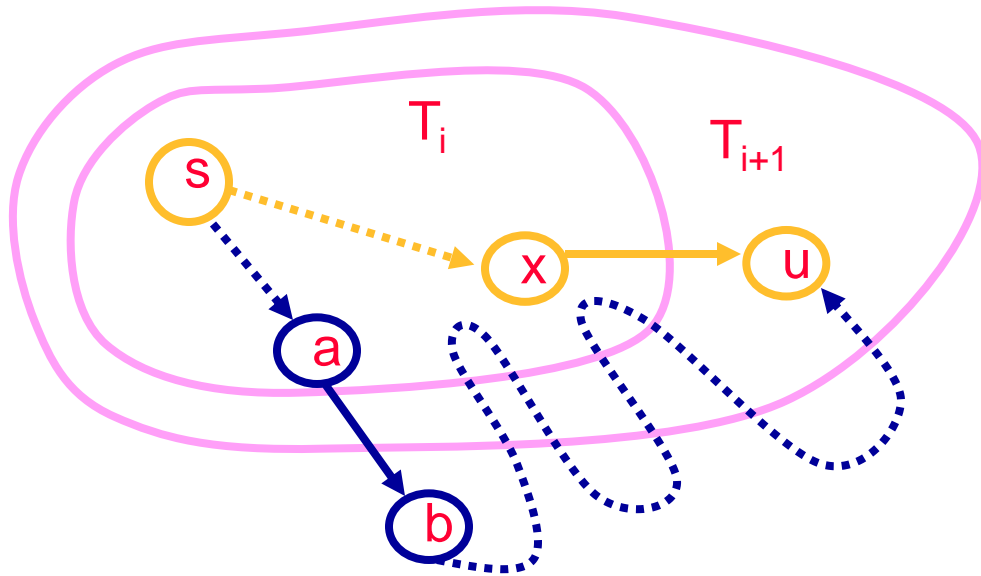
# Correctness of Dijkstra's Alg.

- **Induction:** Assume  $T_i$  is a correct shortest path tree and show for  $T_{i+1}$ .
- Let  $u$  be the node added in iteration  $i$ .
- Let  $x = \text{parent}(u)$ .



Need to show path in  $T_{i+1}$  from  $s$  to  $u$  is a shortest path, and has distance  $d[u]$

# Correctness of Dijkstra's Alg



.....→  $P$ , path in  $T_{i+1}$   
from  $s$  to  $u$

.....→  $P'$ , another  
path from  $s$  to  $u$

$(a,b)$  is first edge in  $P'$  that  
leaves  $T_i$



# Correctness of Dijkstra's Alg

Let P1 be part of P' before (a,b.)

Let P2 be part of P' after (a,b).

$$w(P') = w(P1) + w(a,b) + w(P2)$$

$$\geq w(P1) + w(a,b) \text{ (nonneg wts)}$$

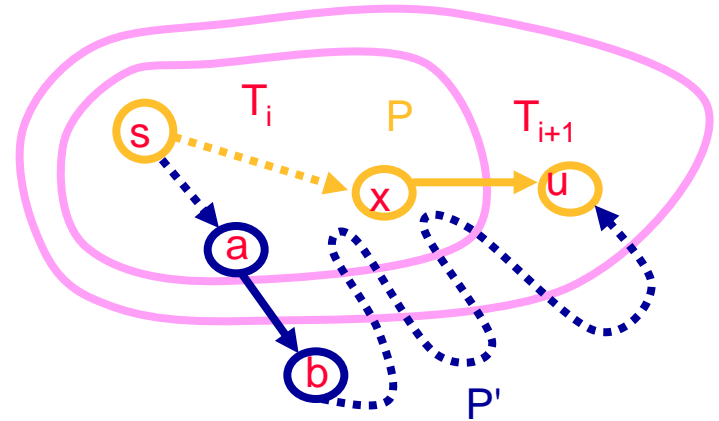
$$\geq \text{wt of path in } T_i \text{ from } s \text{ to } a + w(a,b) \text{ (inductive hypothesis)}$$

$$\geq w(s \rightarrow x \text{ path in } T_i) + w(x,u) \text{ (alg chose } u \text{ in iteration } i \text{ and}$$

d-values are accurate, by inductive hypothesis

$$= w(P).$$

So P is a shortest path, and  $d[u]$  is accurate after iteration  $i+1$ .



# Running Time of Dijkstra's Alg.

- initialization: insert each node once
  - $O(V T_{\text{ins}})$
- $O(V)$  iterations of while loop
  - one extract-min per iteration  $\Rightarrow O(V T_{\text{ex}})$
  - for loop inside while loop has variable number of iterations...
- For loop has  $O(E)$  iterations total
  - one decrease-key per iteration  $\Rightarrow O(E T_{\text{dec}})$
- Total is  $O(V (T_{\text{ins}} + T_{\text{ex}}) + E T_{\text{dec}})$

# Using Fancier Heap Implementations

- $O(V(T_{\text{ins}} + T_{\text{ex}}) + E \cdot T_{\text{dec}})$
- If priority queue is implemented with a **binary heap**, then
  - $T_{\text{ins}} = T_{\text{ex}} = T_{\text{dec}} = O(\log V)$
  - total time is  $O(E \log V)$
- If priority queue is implemented with a **Fibonacci heap**, then
  - total time is  $O(V \log V + E)$  [**Exercises**]