

# Dynamic Graph Algorithms

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# Miscellanea

- Without loss of generality, directed graphs
- W.l.o.g., update operations restricted to edge cost changes: cost decreases can simulate insertions; cost increases can simulate deletions. (If edge not there, cost of  $+\infty$ )
- Subpath Optimality (Optimal Substructure): any subpath of a shortest path is a shortest path

# Fully Dynamic APSP

Given a **weighted directed graph**  $G = (V, E, w)$ ,  
perform any intermixed sequence of the following  
operations:

**Update**( $v, w$ ): **update** edges incident to  $v$  [ $w(\ )$ ]

**Query**( $x, y$ ): **return distance** from  $x$  to  $y$   
(or **shortest path** from  $x$  to  $y$ )

# Simple-minded Approaches

Fast query approach

Keep the solution up to date.

Rebuild it from scratch  
at each update.

Fast update approach

Do nothing on graph.

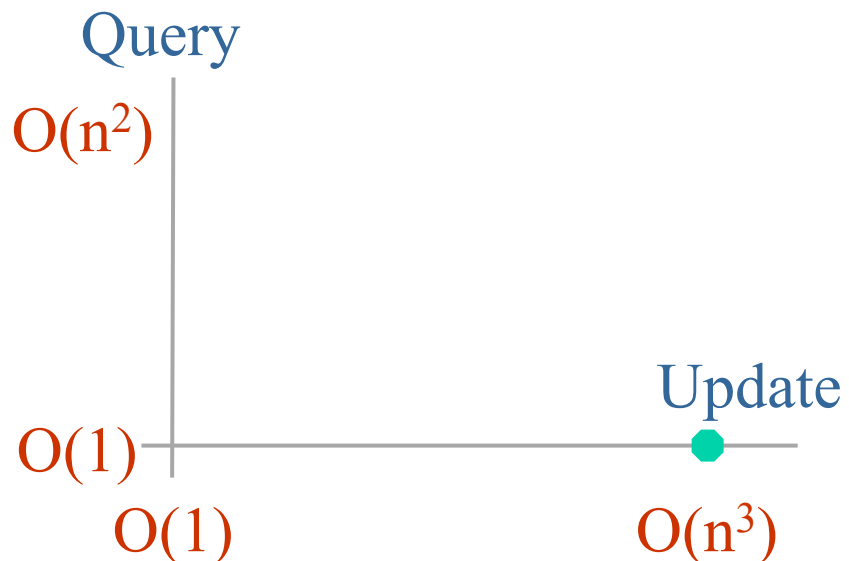
Visit graph to  
answer queries.



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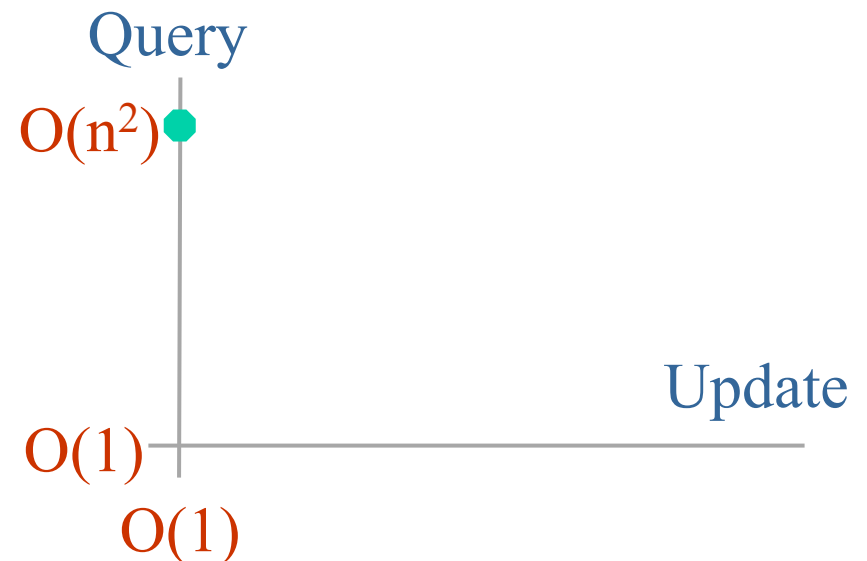
## Fast query approach

Rebuild the distance matrix from scratch after each update.



## Fast update approach

To answer a query about  $(x,y)$ , perform a single-source computation from  $x$ .



# State of the Art

First fully dynamic algorithms date back to the 60' s

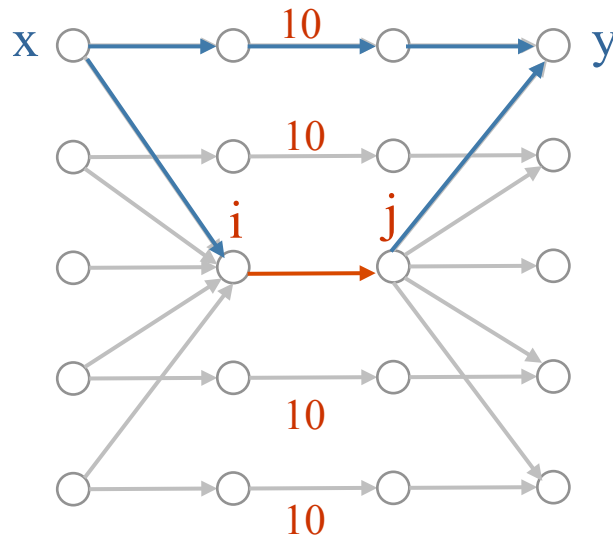
Until 1999, none of them was better in the worst case than recomputing APSP from scratch ( $\sim$  cubic time!)  
 • P. Loubal, A network evaluation procedure, *Highway Research Record* 205, 96-109, 1967.

	Graph	Weight	Update	Query
J. Murchland, The effect of increasing or decreasing the length of a single arc on all shortest distances in a graph, <i>Research Record</i> 205, 96-109, 1967. Ramalin. & Reps-6 TN general real Network Theory Unit, London Business School, 1967.	general	real	$O(n^3)$	$O(1)$
King 99 • V. Rodionov, A dynamization of the all-pairs least cost problem, <i>USSR Comput. Math. And Math. Phys.</i> 8, 233-277, 1968.	general	$[0, C]$	$O(n^{2.5} (C \log n)^{0.5})$	$O(1)$

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# Fully Dynamic APSP

Edge insertions (edge cost decreases)



For each pair  $x, y$  check whether

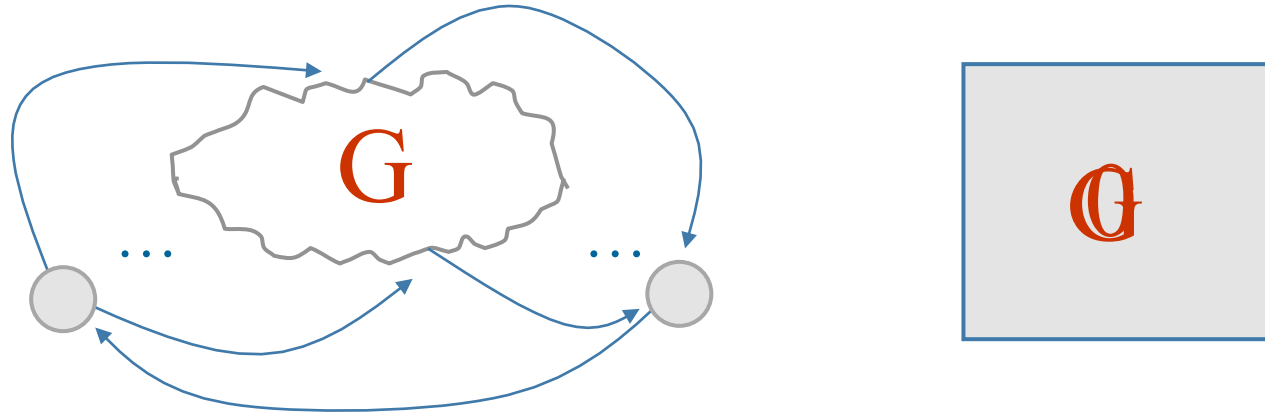
$$D(x, i) + w(i, j) + D(j, y) < D(x, y)$$

Quite easy:  $O(n^2)$

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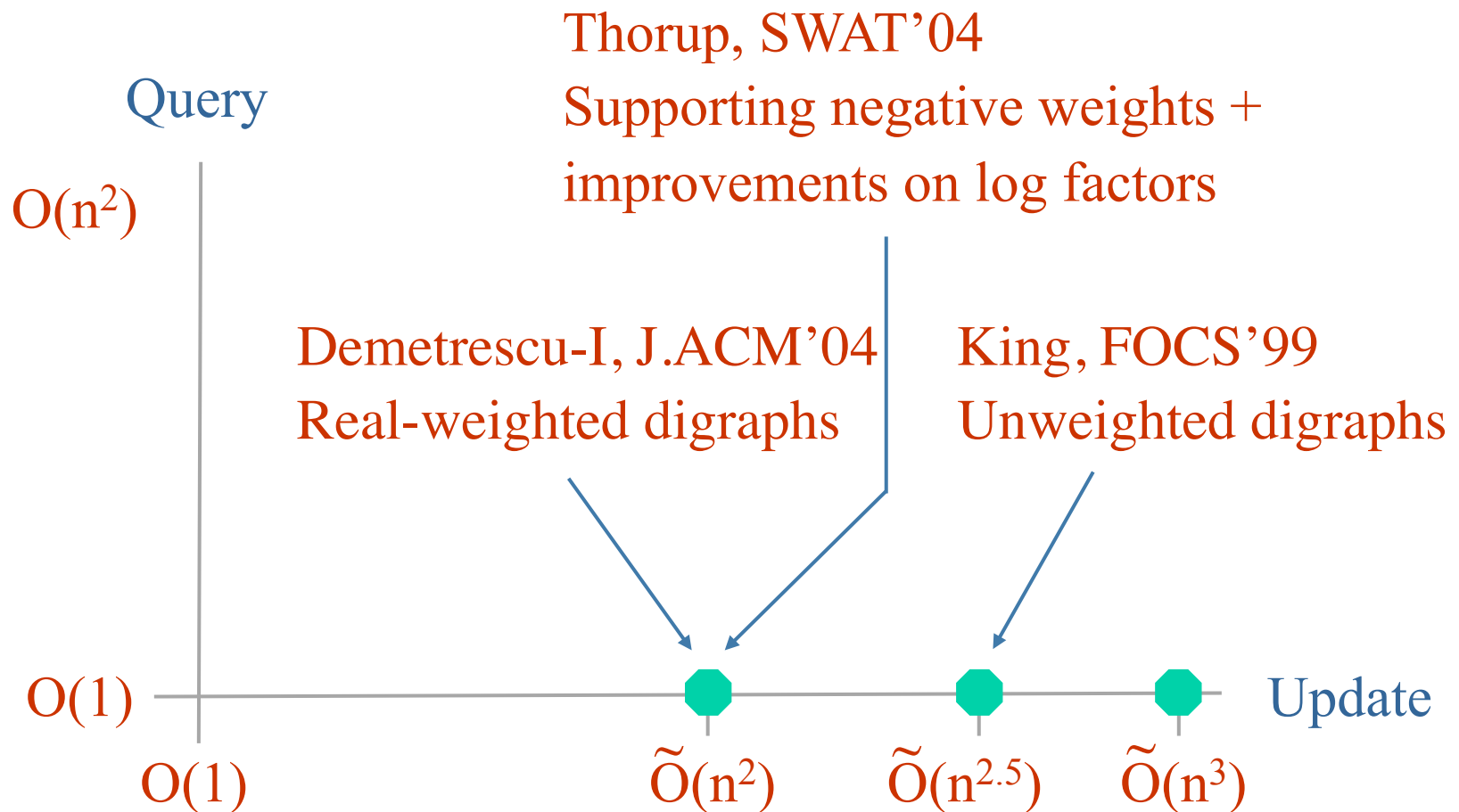
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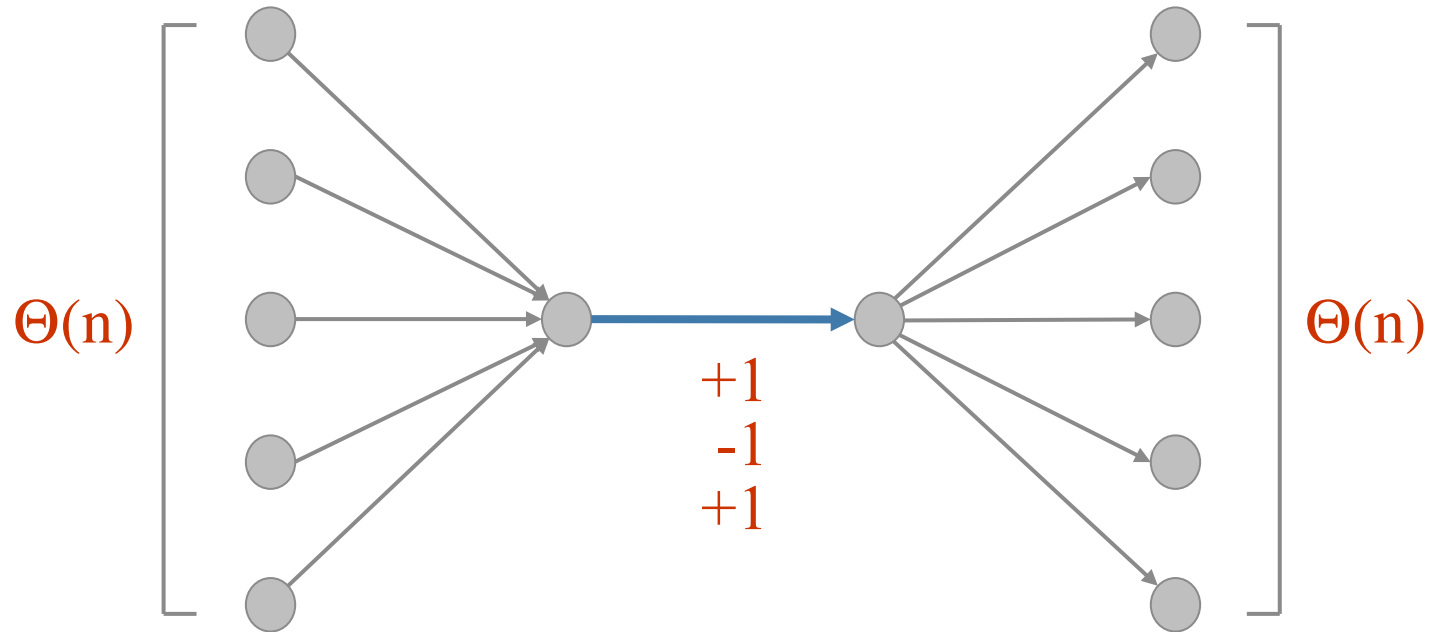
# Dynamic APSP



Decremental bounds: Baswana, Hariharan, Sen J.Algs' 07

Approximate dynamic APSP: Roditty, Zwick FOCS' 04 +...

# Quadratic Update Time Barrier?



If distances are to be maintained explicitly, any algorithm must pay  $\Omega(n^2)$  per update...

# Related Problems

## *Dynamic Transitive Closure (directed graph $G$ )*

update	query	authors	notes
$O(n^2 \log n)$	$O(1)$	King, FOCS' 99	
$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	King-Sagert, JCSS '02 Demetrescu-I., Algorithmica' 08 Sankowski, FOCS' 04	<i>DAGs</i> worst-case
$O(n^{1.575})$	$O(n^{0.575})$	Demetrescu-I., J.ACM' 05 Sankowski, FOCS' 04	<i>DAGs</i>
$O(m n^{1/2})$	$O(n^{1/2})$	Roditty, Zwick, SIAM J. Comp.' 08	
$O(m+n \log n)$	$O(n)$	Roditty, Zwick, FOCS' 04	
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- Decremental BFS [Even & Shiloach 1981]
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- Long paths property
- Path decompositions
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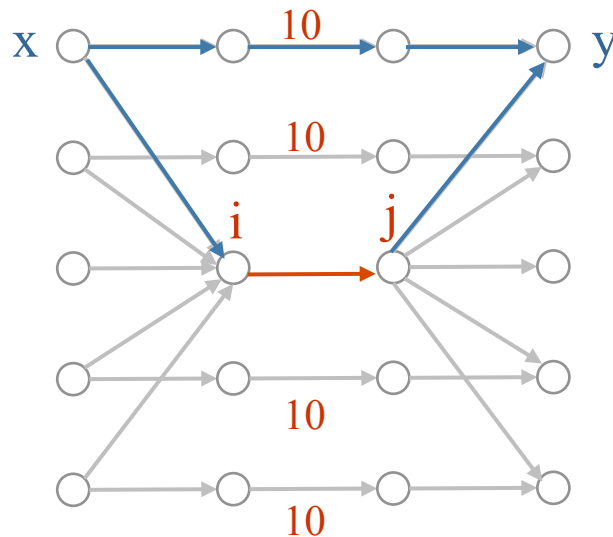
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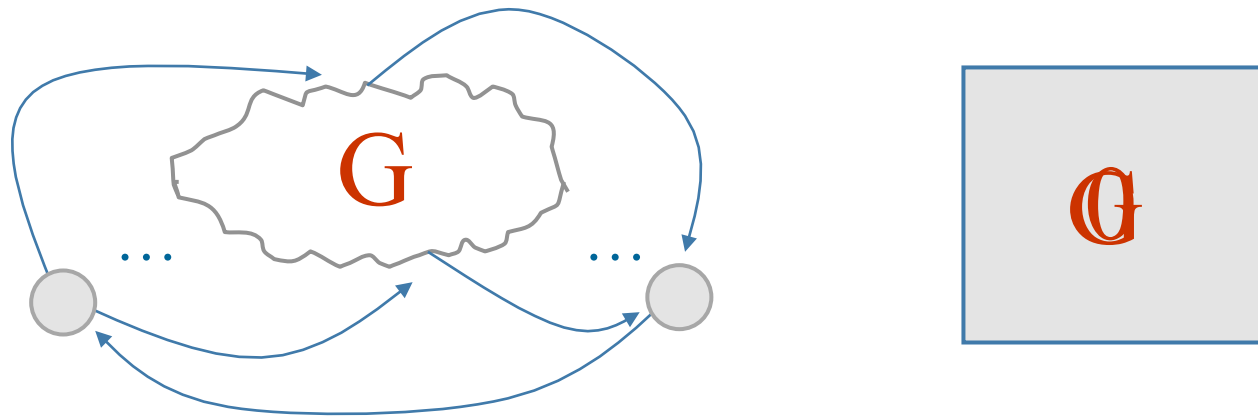
Quite easy:  $O(n^2)$        $O(mn^2) = O(n^4)$  over a sequence

**Question 1** : Can we do better?

# Fully Dynamic APSP (Recall)

- Edge deletions (edge cost increases)

Seem the hard operations. Intuition:



- When edge (shortest path) deleted: need info about second shortest path? (3rd, 4th, ...)

**Question 2 :** Can we keep this info?

# Incremental Shortest Path

Edge insertions only

Show how to improve the  $O(n^4)$  bound over  $O(n^2)$  edge insertions ( $O(n^2)$  worst-case per insertion)

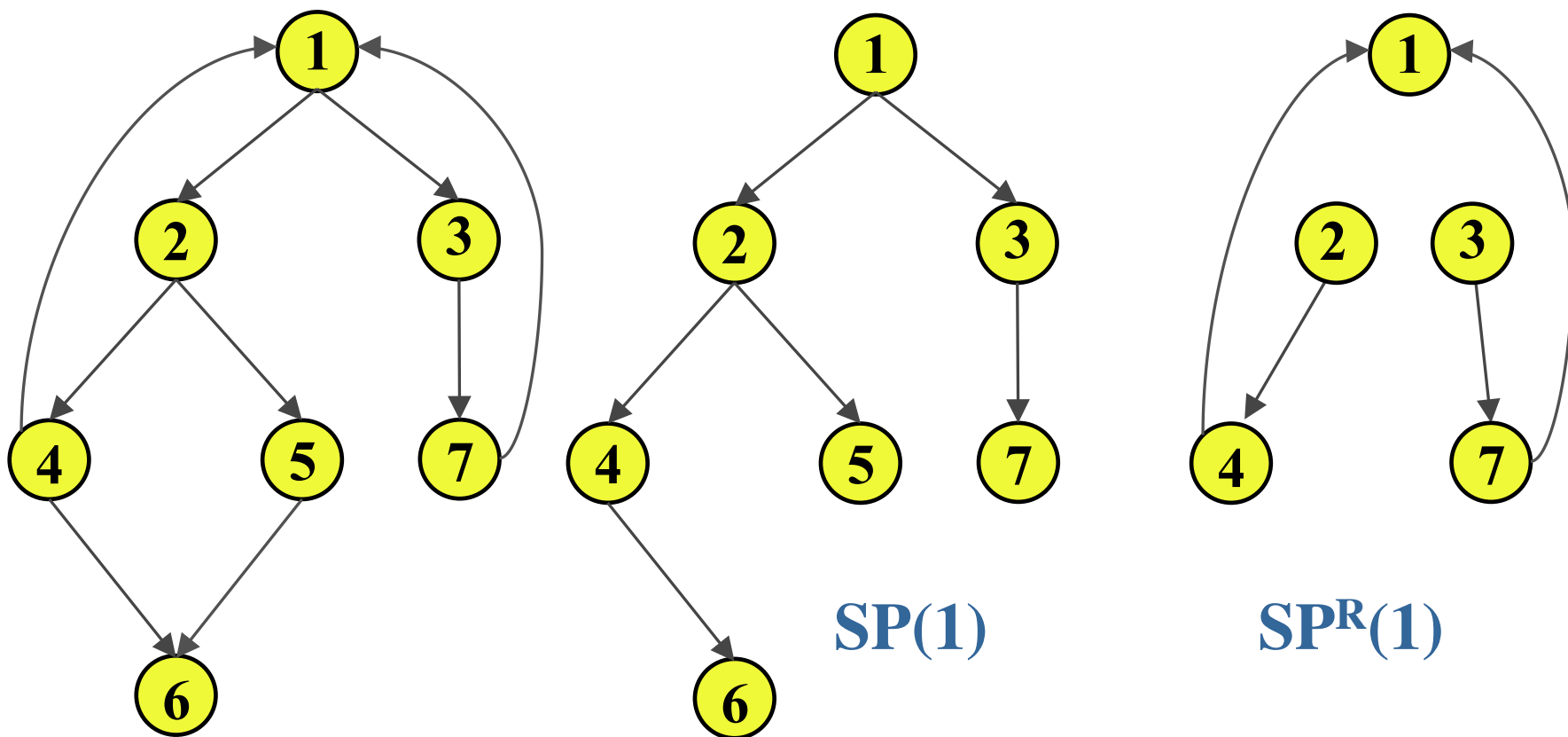
Unweighted (directed) graphs:  $O(n^3 \log n)$  over  $O(n^2)$  edge insertions ( $O(n \log n)$  amortized per insertion)

[Ausiello, I. , Marchetti-Spaccamela, Nanni J. Algs 1991]

# Terminology

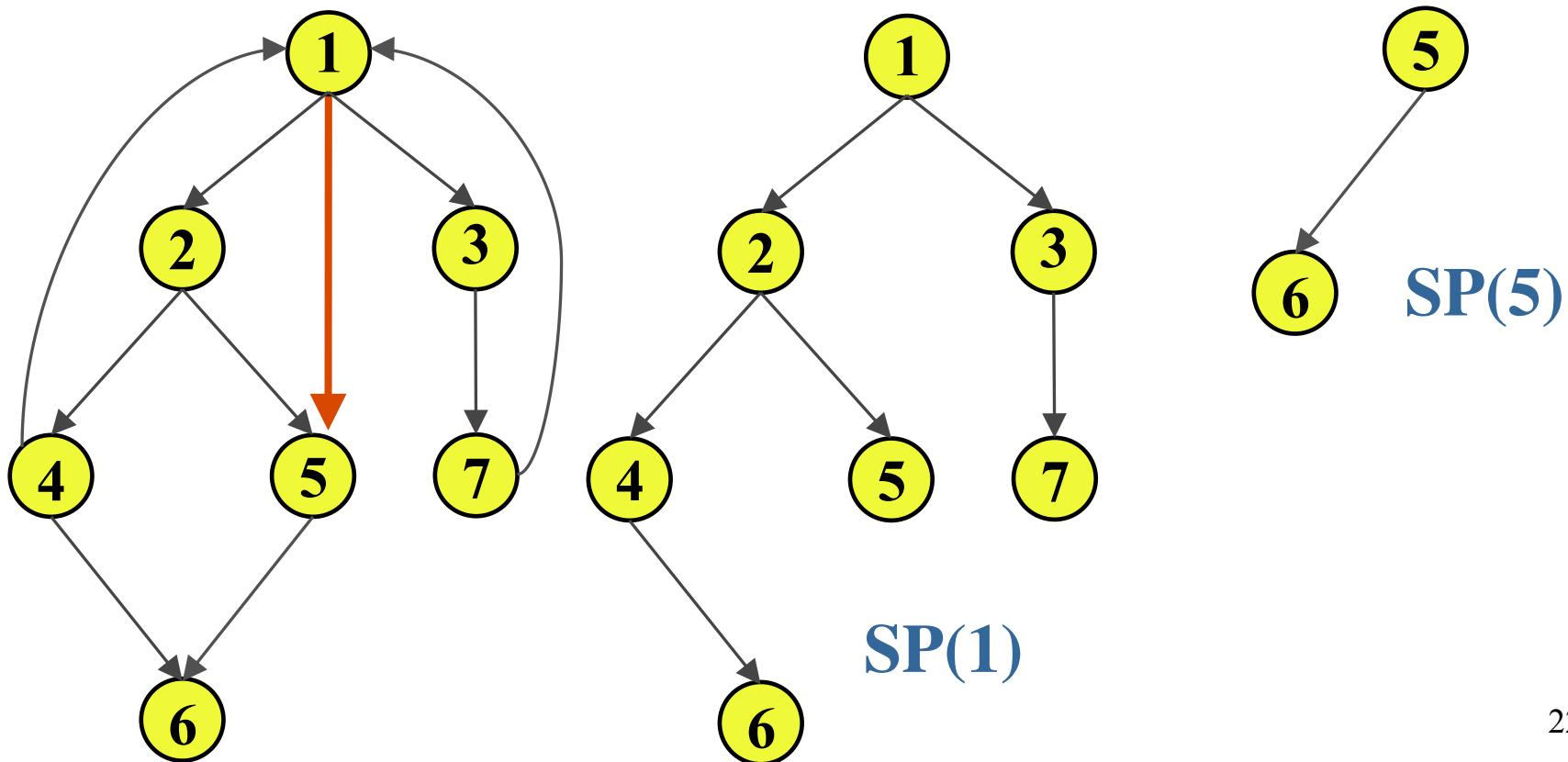
$SP(v)$  : Shortest path tree rooted at vertex  $v$

$SP^R(v)$  : Shortest path tree rooted at  $v$  in reverse graph



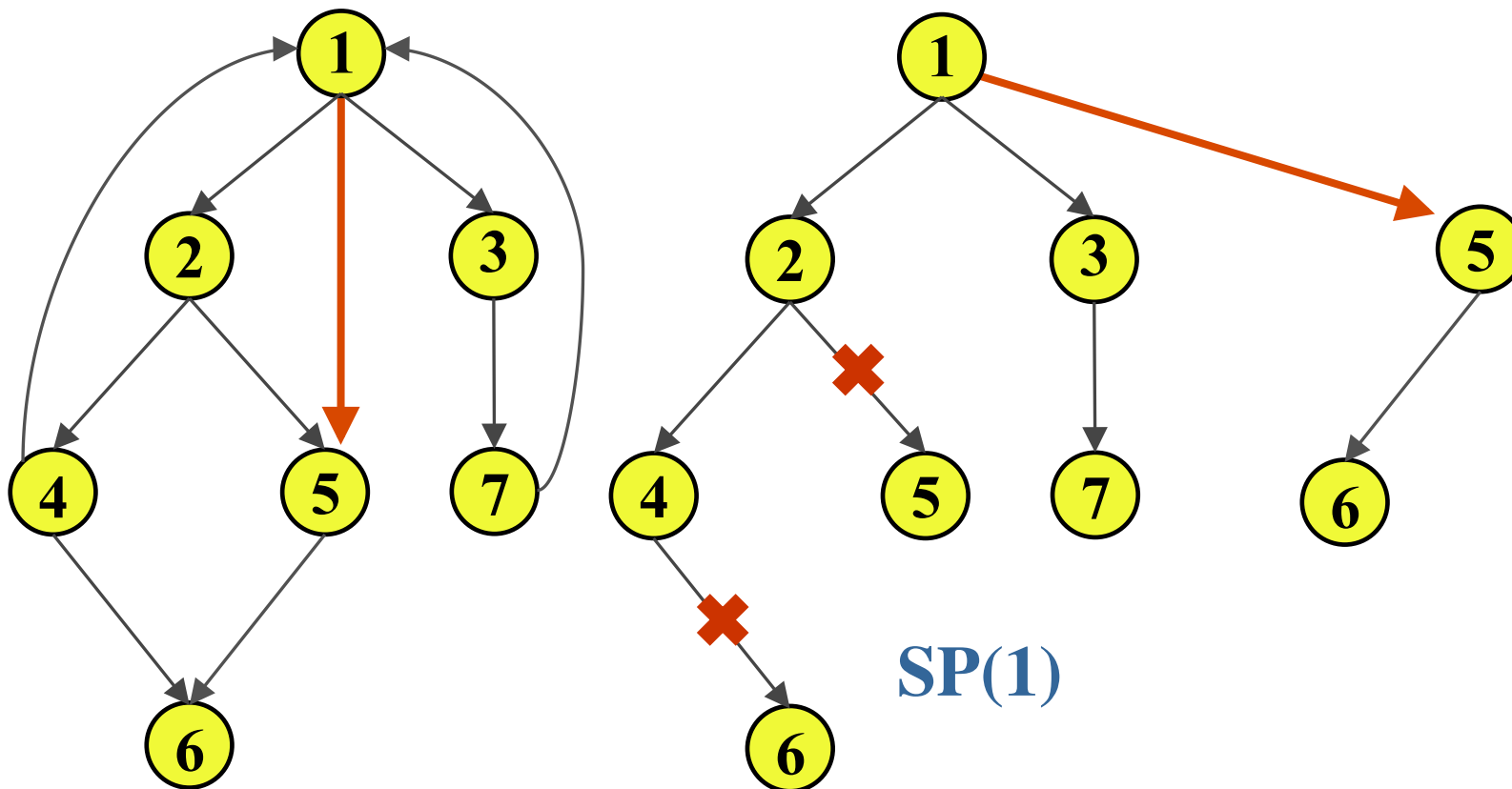
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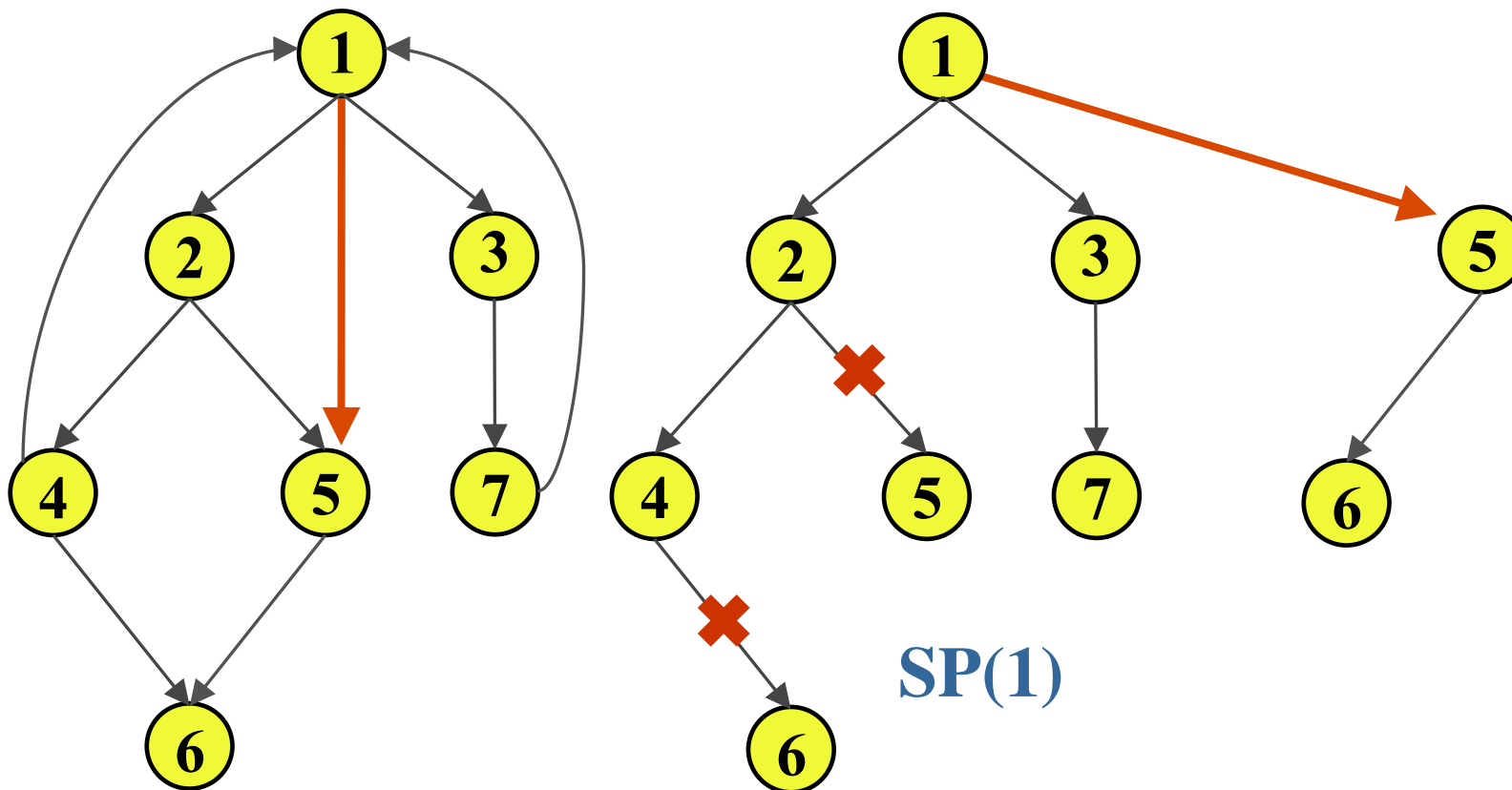
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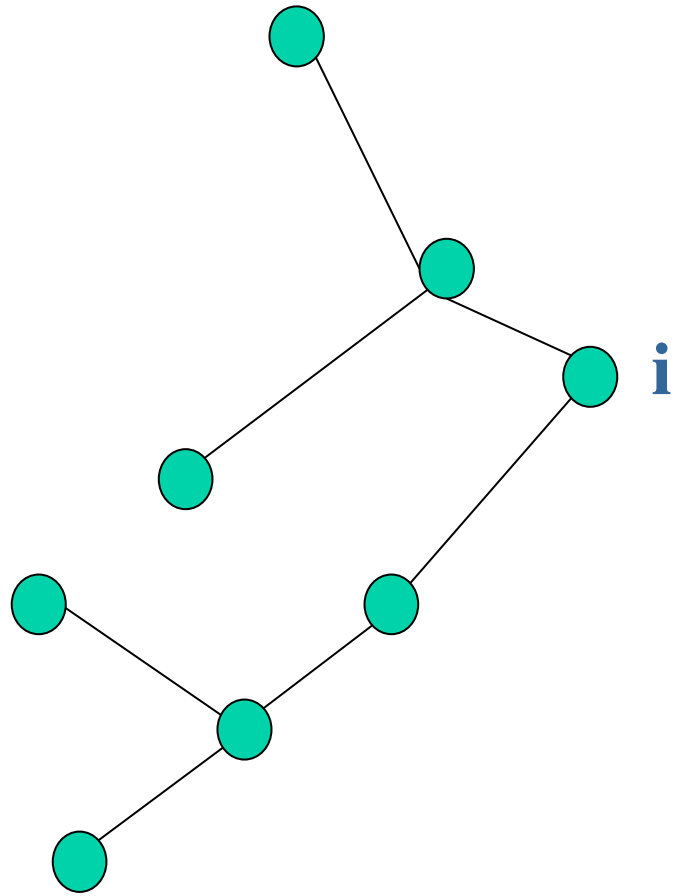
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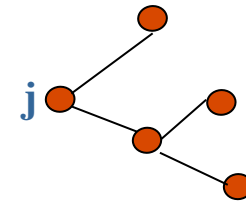




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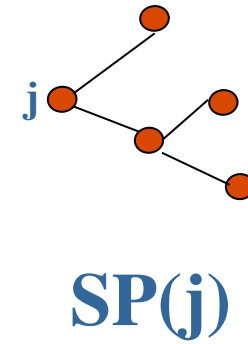
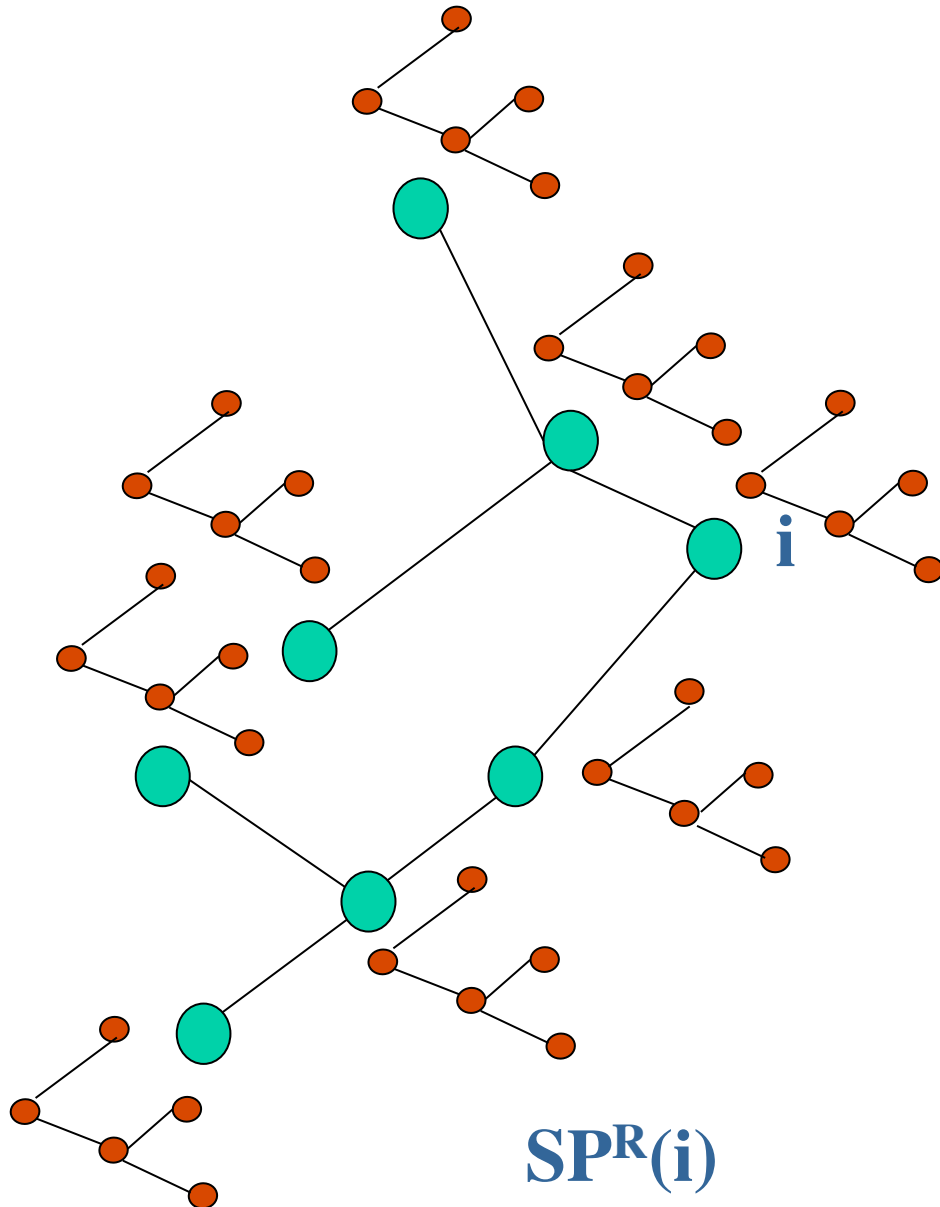


$SP^R(i)$



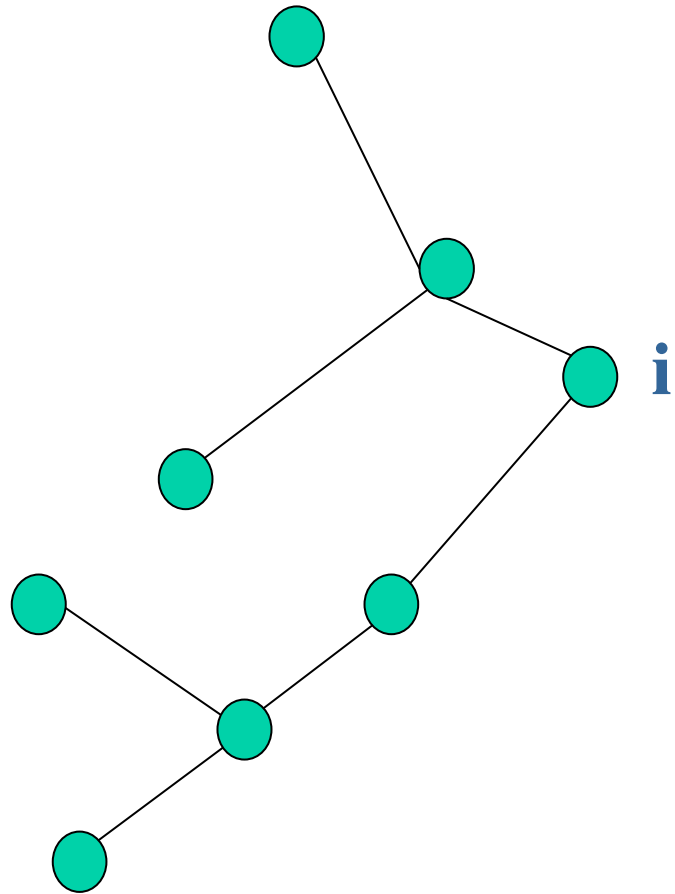
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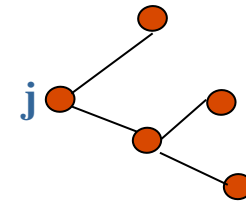


Still  $O(n^2)$  update

# Second Idea

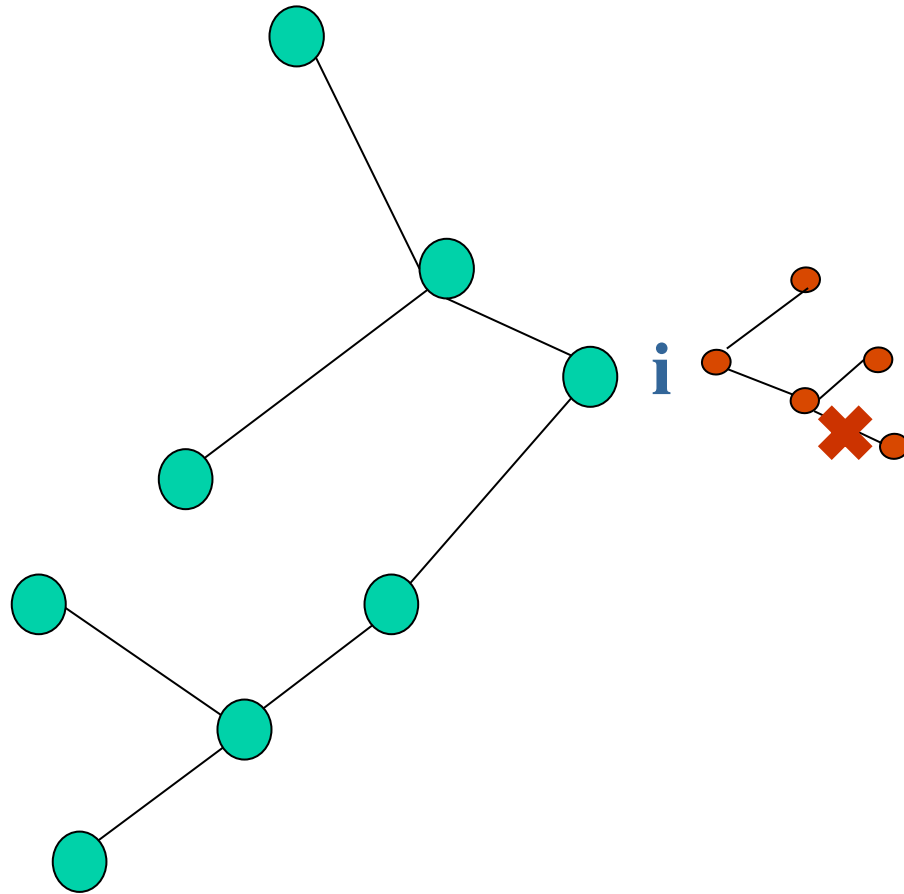


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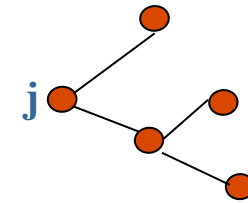


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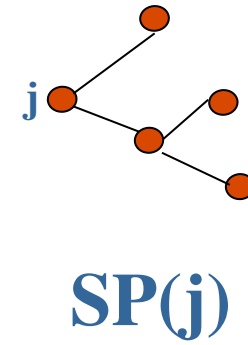
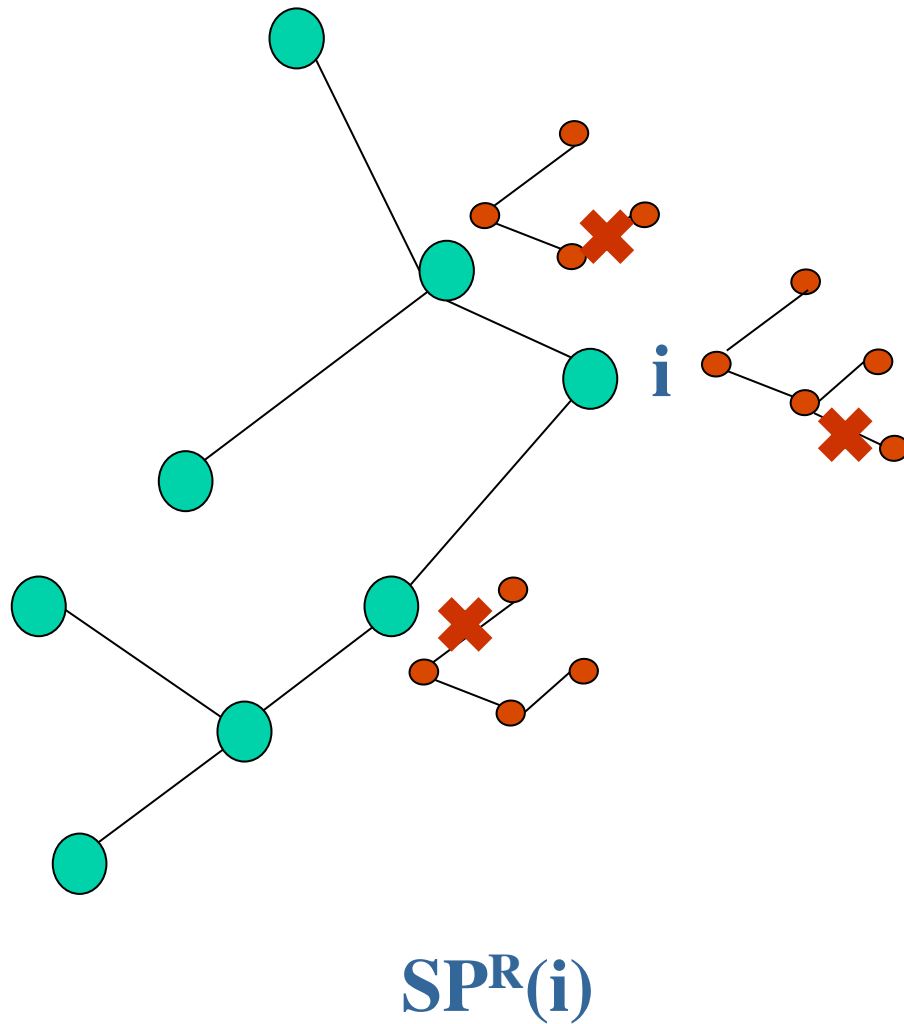


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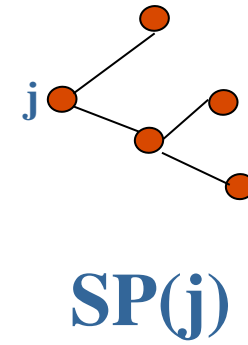
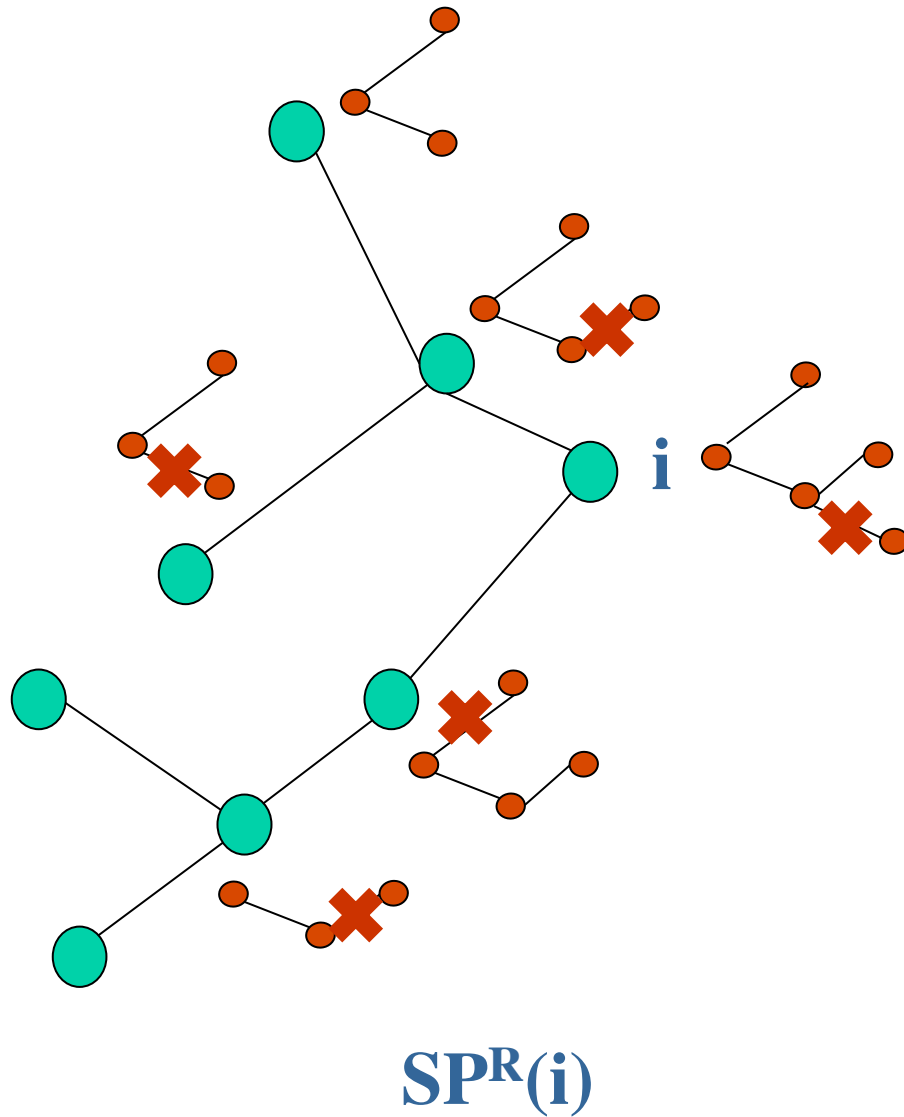


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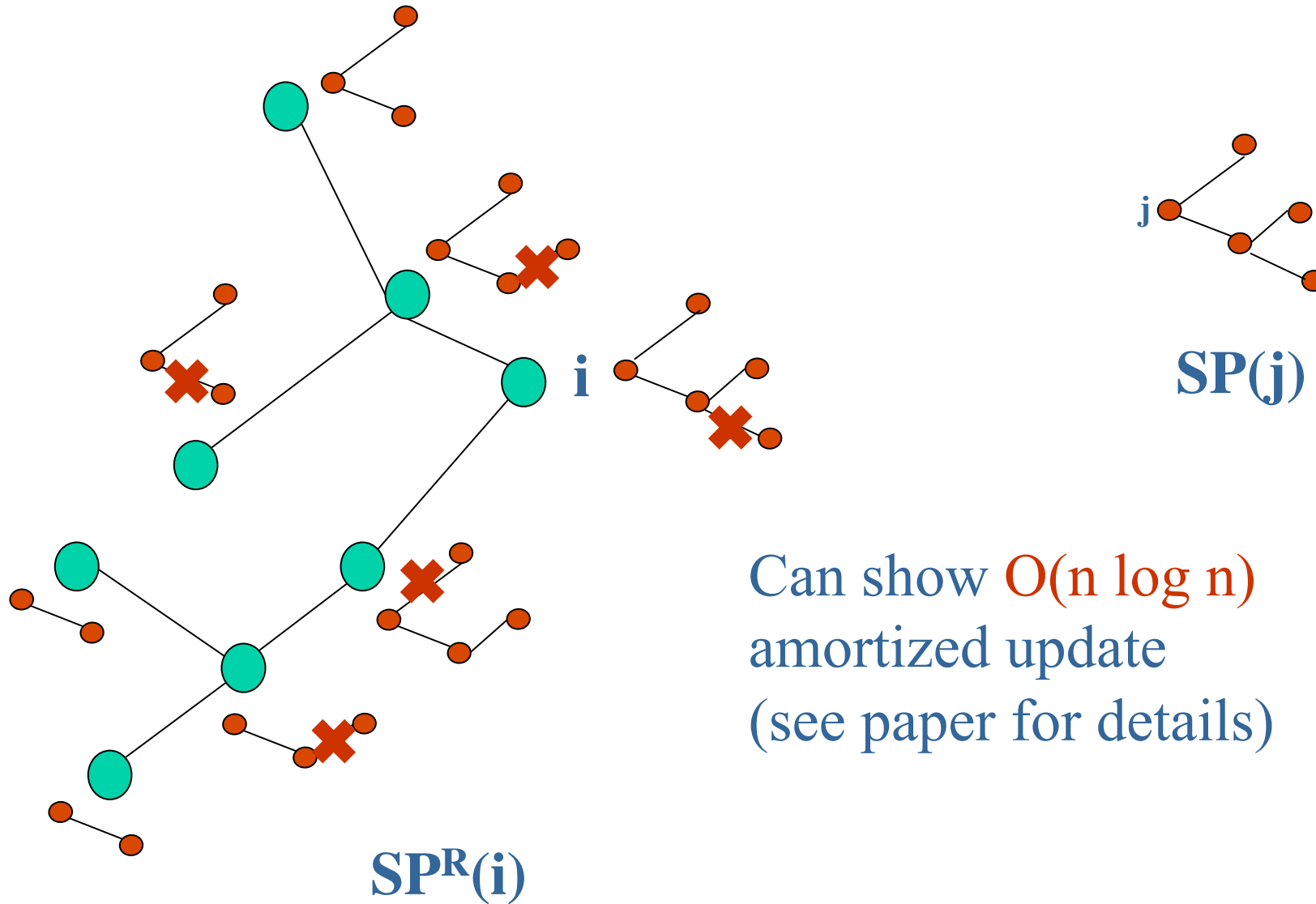
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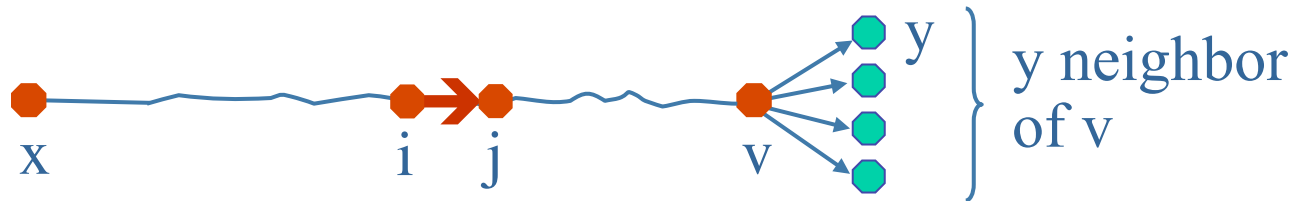
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When edge  $(i,j)$  is inserted, avoid to look at all  $O(n^2)$  pairs  $(x,y)$

1. Look only at pairs  $(x,y)$  such that  $x$  that reaches  $i$  and  $y$  reachable from  $j$
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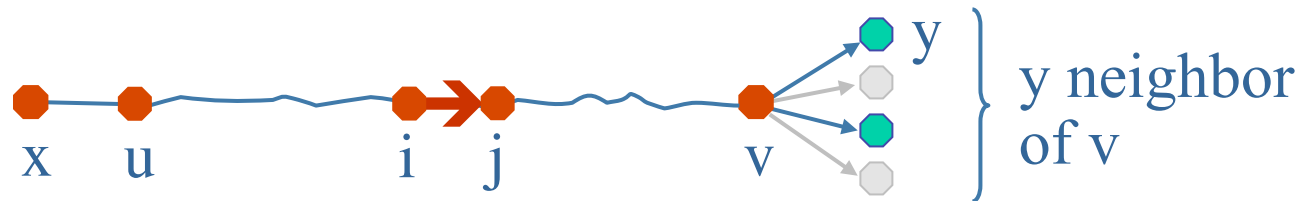
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No, by subpath optimality



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3. Inserting edge  $(i,j)$  DOES improve shortest path from  $x$  to  $v$



Do we need to look at all pairs  $(x,y)$ ?

Let  $u$  be the vertex immediately after  $x$  in the shortest path from  $x$  to  $v$

We need to look only at the pairs  $(x,y)$  such that shortest path from  $u$  to  $y$  was improved

Again by subpath optimality: if inserting  $(i,j)$  did not improve the shortest path from  $u$  to  $y$ , then it cannot improve the shortest path from  $x$  to  $y$

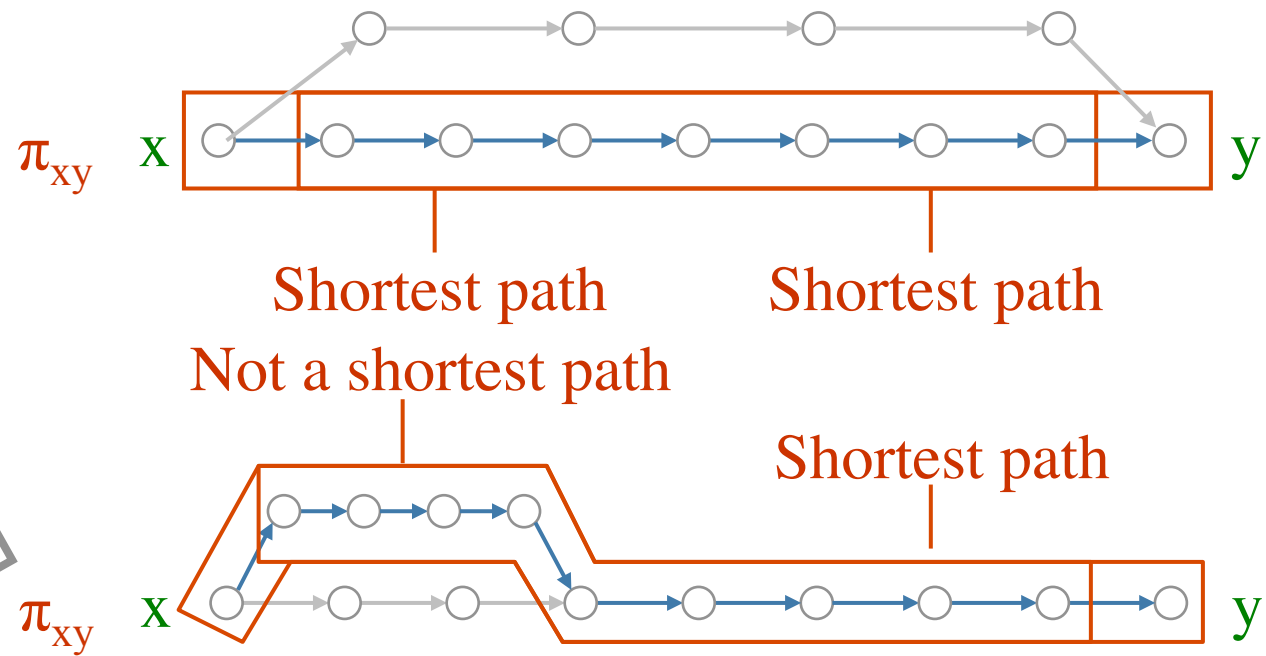
# Locally Shortest Paths

A path is *locally shortest* if all of its proper subpaths are shortest paths

[Demetrescu-I., J.ACM'04]

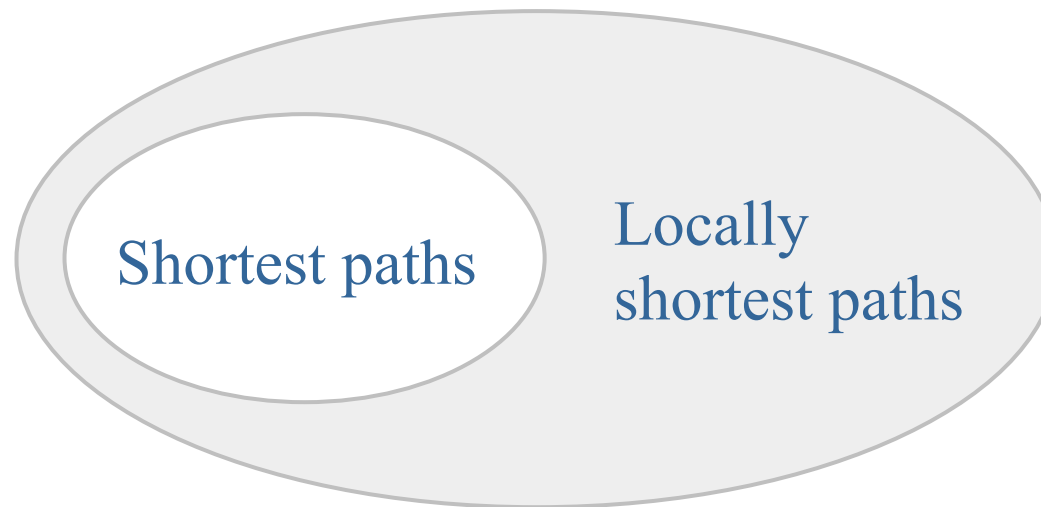
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# Locally shortest paths

By optimal-substructure property of shortest paths:



# Back to Fully Dynamic APSP

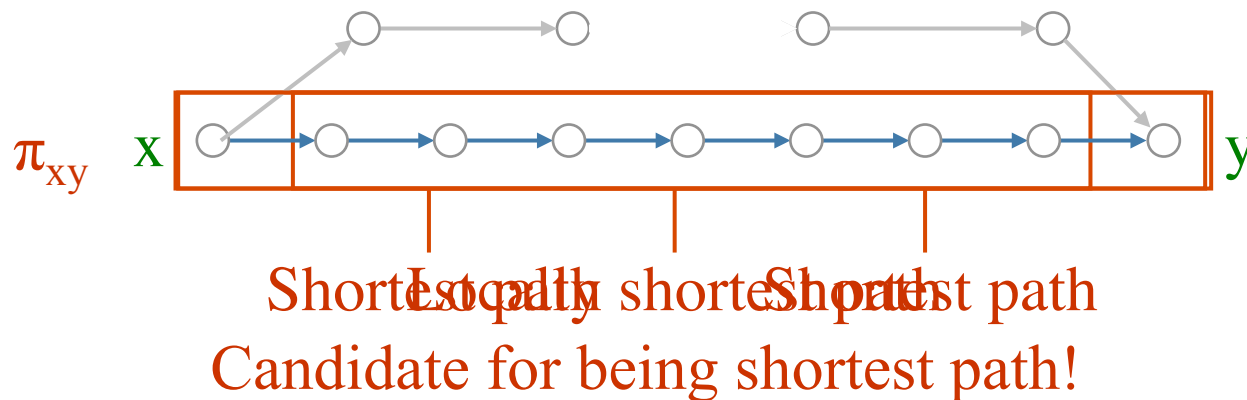
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# Recall Fully Dynamic APSP

- Hard operations edge deletions (increases)
- When edge (shortest path) deleted: need info about second shortest path? (3rd, 4th, ...)
- Hey... what about locally shortest paths?



Falls short of being a shortest path just because some other path (somewhere else) is better!

# Locally Shortest Paths for Dynamic APSP

Idea:

Maintain all the **locally shortest paths** of the graph

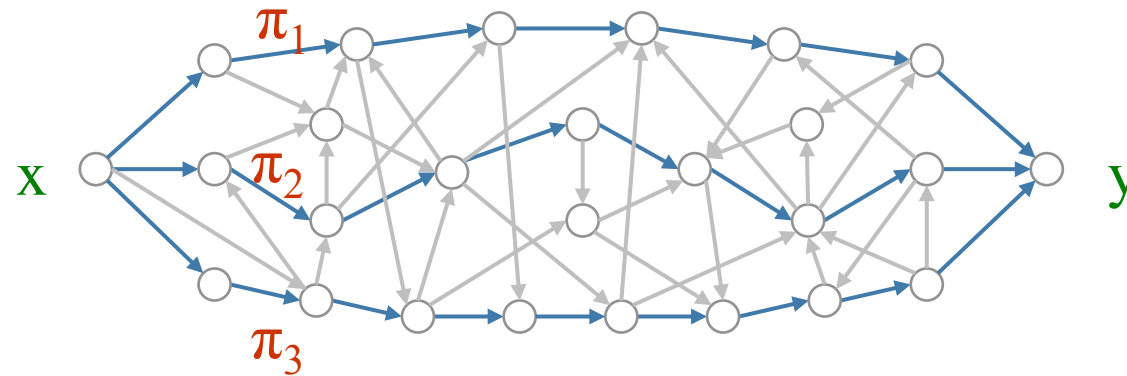
How do locally shortest paths change in a dynamic graph?

We know already what happens for insertions (cost decreases) only. What about deletions (cost increase) only?

# Assumptions behind the analysis

## *Property 1*

Locally shortest paths  $\pi_{xy}$  are internally vertex-disjoint



This holds under the assumption that there is a unique shortest path between each pair of vertices in the graph

(Ties can be broken by adding a small perturbation to the weight of each edge)

# Tie Breaking

## Assumptions

Shortest paths are unique

In theory, tie breaking is not a problem

## Practice

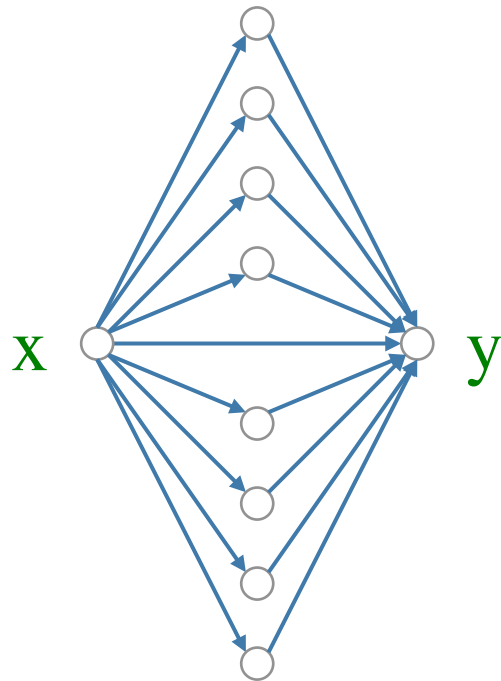
In practice, tie breaking can be subtle



# Properties of locally shortest paths

## *Property 2*

There can be **at most  $(n-1)$  locally shortest paths** connecting  **$x,y$**

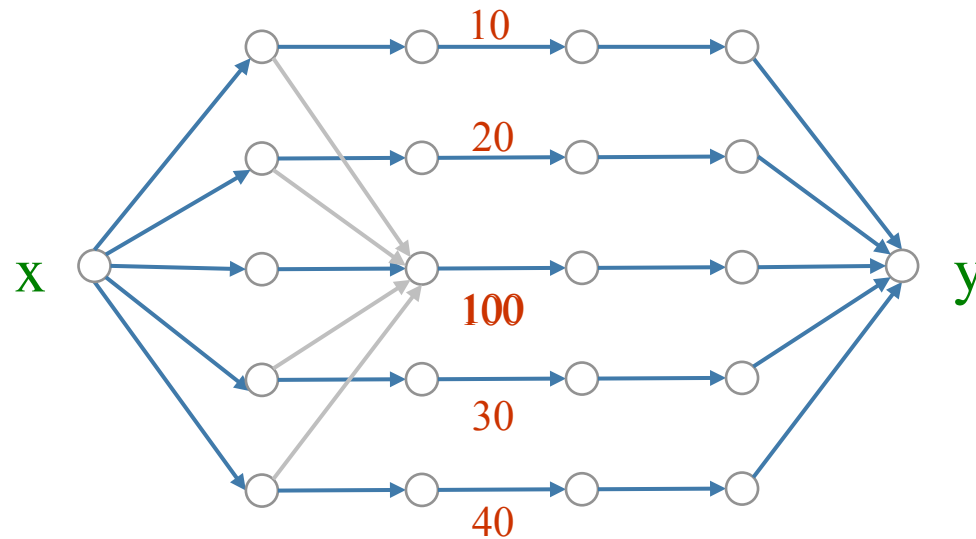


That's a  
consequence of  
vertex-  
disjointness...

# Appearing locally shortest paths

*Fact 1*

At most  $n^3$  ( $mn$ ) paths can start being locally shortest after an edge weight increase



# Disappearing locally shortest paths

*Fact 2*

At most  $n^2$  paths can stop being locally shortest after an edge weight increase

$\pi$  stops being locally shortest after increase of  $e$

subpath of  $\pi$  (was shortest path) must contain  $e$

shortest paths are unique: at most  $n^2$  contain  $e$

# Maintaining locally shortest paths

# Locally shortest paths **appearing** after an increase:  $\leq n^3$

# Locally shortest paths **disappearing** after an increase:  $\leq n^2$

The amortized number of changes in the set of **locally shortest paths** at each update in an **increase-only** sequence is  $O(n^2)$

# An increase-only update algorithm

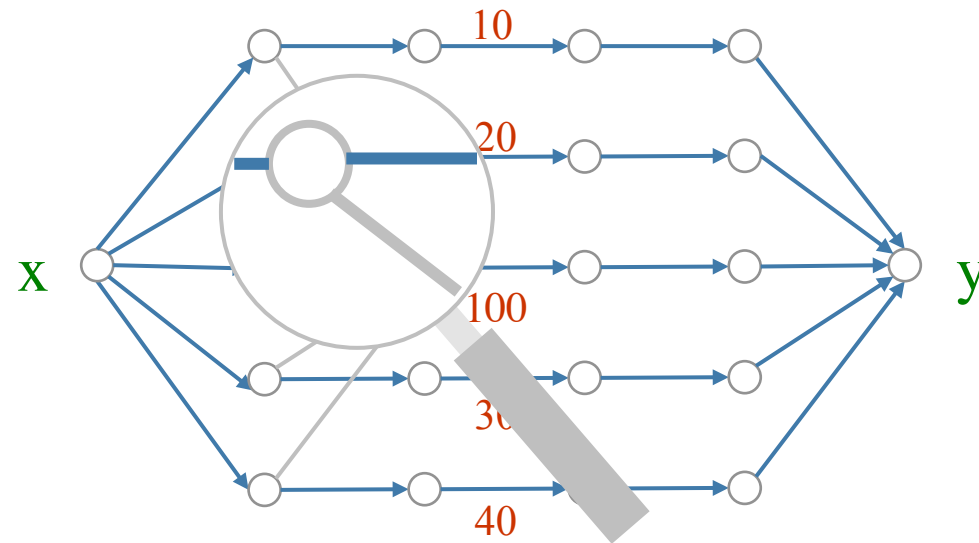
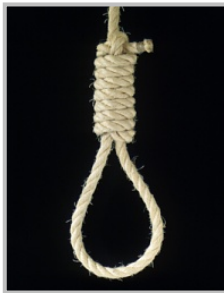
This gives (almost) immediately:

$O(n^2 \log n)$  amortized time per increase

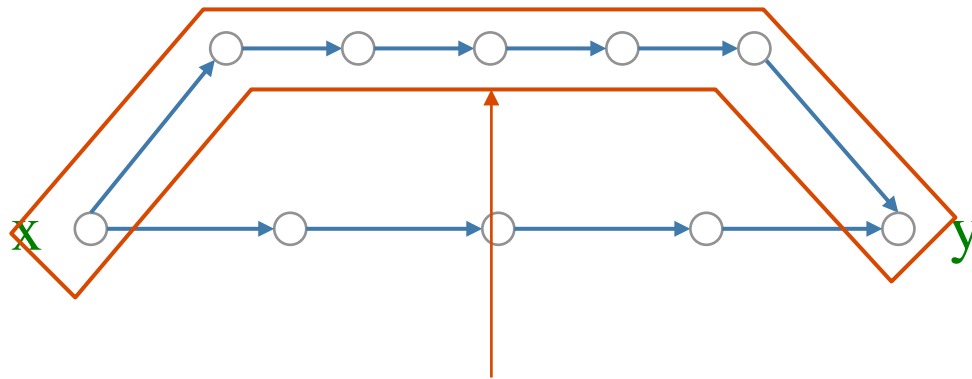
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# Maintaining locally shortest paths

What about fully dynamic sequences?



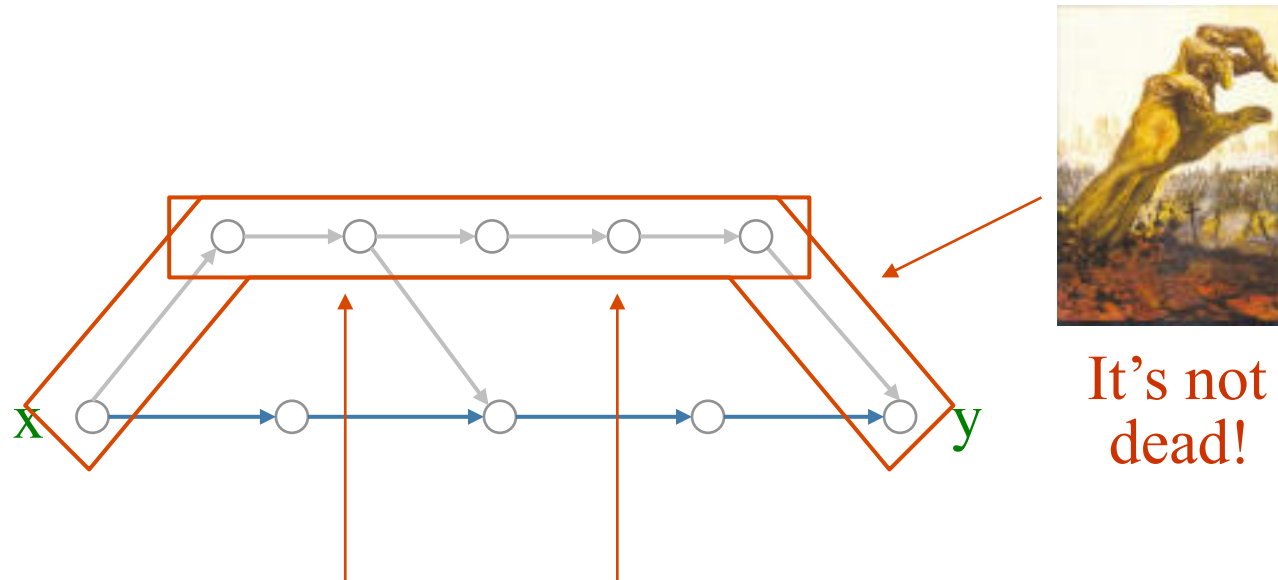
# How to pay only once?



This path remains the same while flipping between being LS and non-LS:

Would like to have update algorithm that pays only once for it until it is further updated...

# Looking at the substructure



It's not dead!

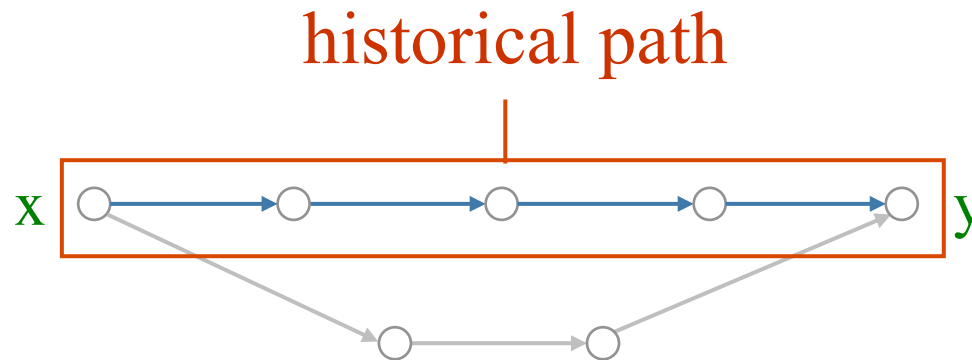
This path is no longer a shortest path after the insertion...

...but if we removed the same edge it would be a shortest path again!



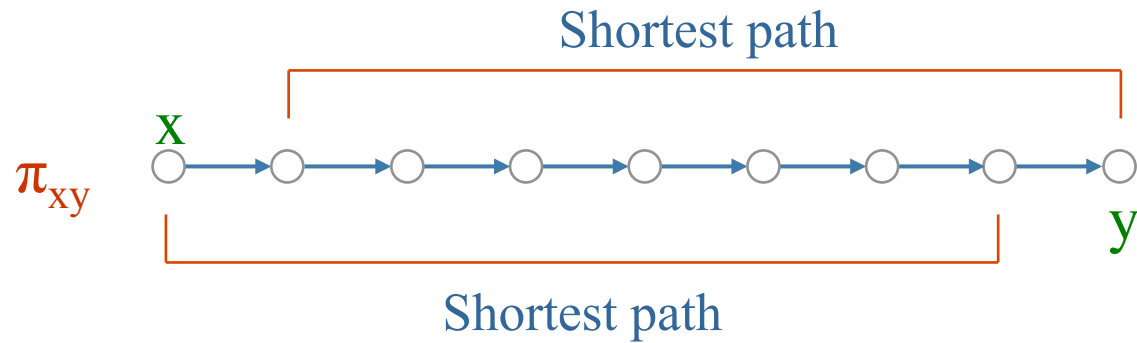
# Historical paths

A path is **historical** if it was shortest at some time since it was last updated

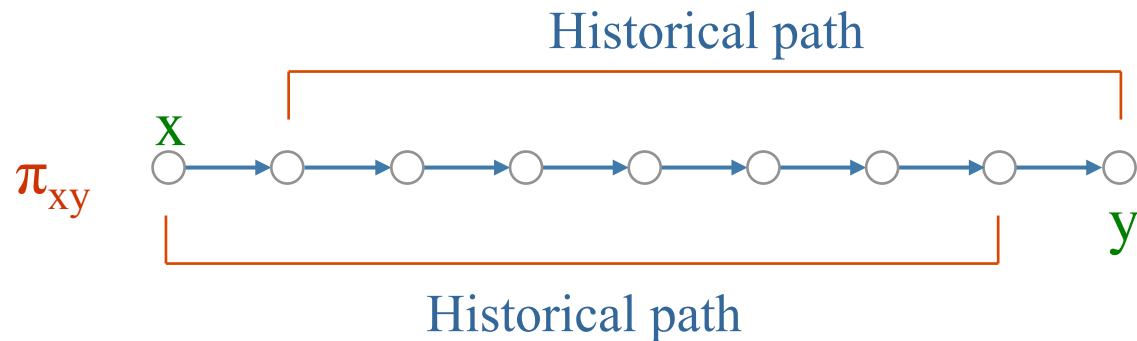


# Locally historical paths

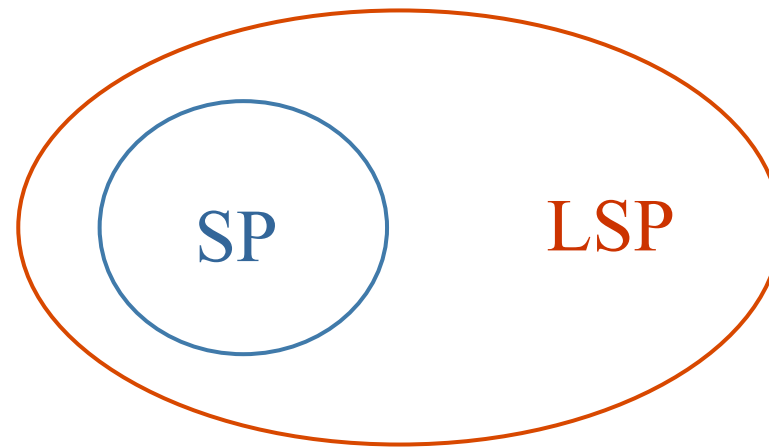
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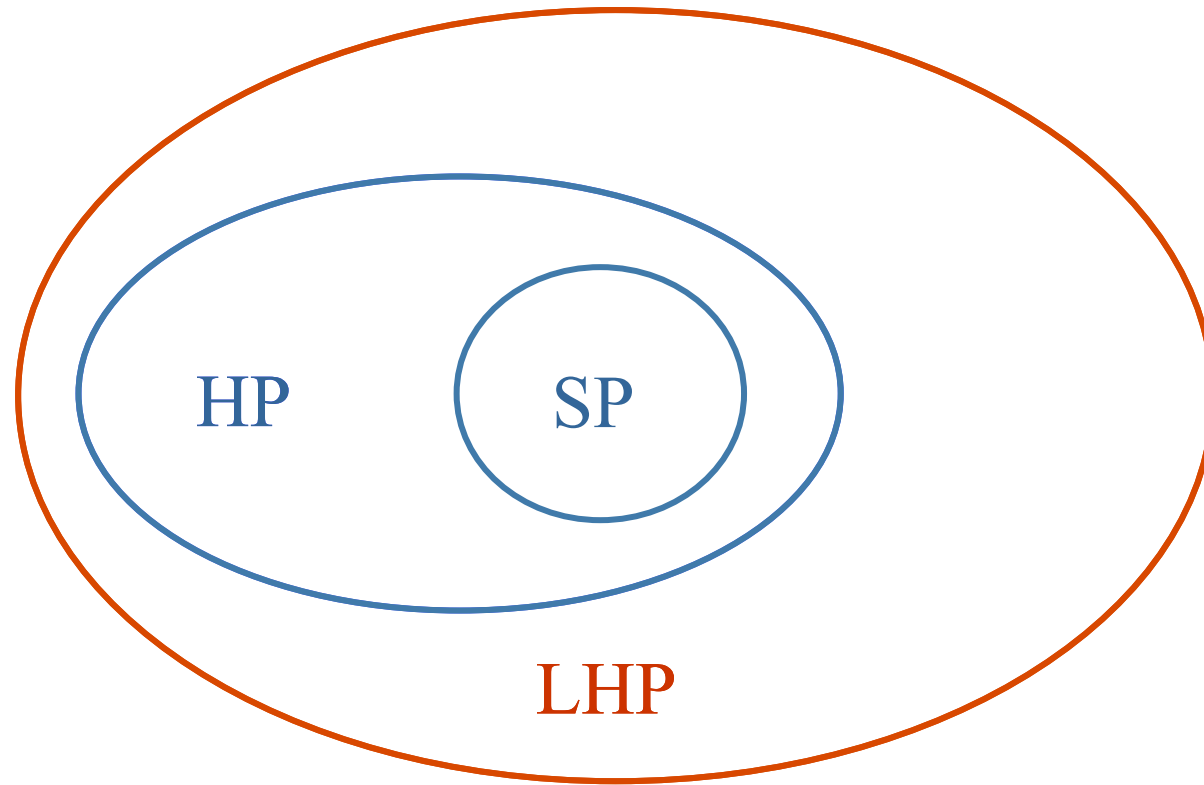
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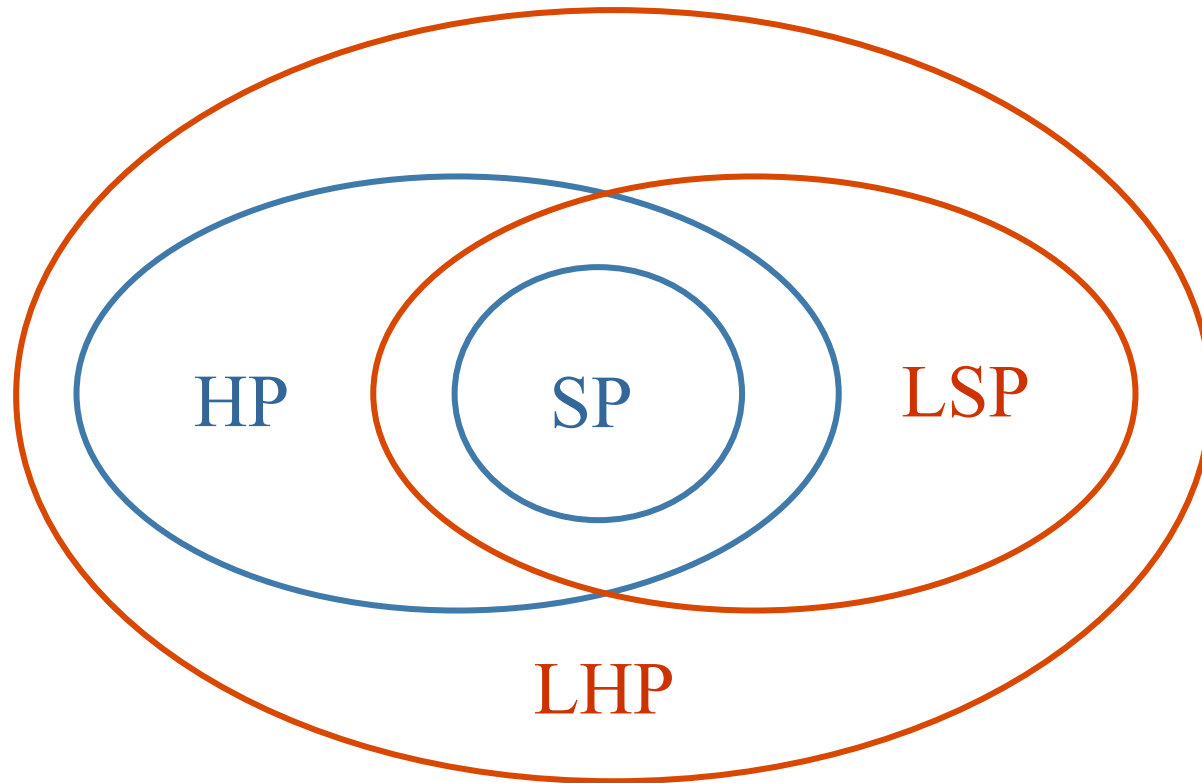
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# Key idea for fully dynamic



# Putting things into perspective...



# The fully dynamic update algorithm

Idea:

Maintain all the **locally historical paths** of the graph

**Fully dynamic update** algorithm very similar to partially dynamic, but maintains **locally historical paths** instead of locally shortest paths (+ performs some other operations)

$O(n^2 \log^3 n)$  amortized time per update

$O(mn \log n)$  space

# Full details in

*Locally shortest paths:*

[Demetrescu-Italiano'04]

C. Demetrescu and G.F. Italiano

A New Approach to Dynamic All Pairs Shortest Paths

Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery

(JACM), 51(6), pp. 968-992, November 2004

*Experimental study of dynamic NAPSP algorithms:*

[Demetrescu-Italiano'06]

Camil Demetrescu, Giuseppe F. Italiano: Experimental analysis of dynamic all pairs shortest path algorithms.

ACM Transactions on Algorithms 2 (4): 578-601 (2006).

# Further Improvements

Using locally historical paths,  
Thorup [SWAT'04] has shown:

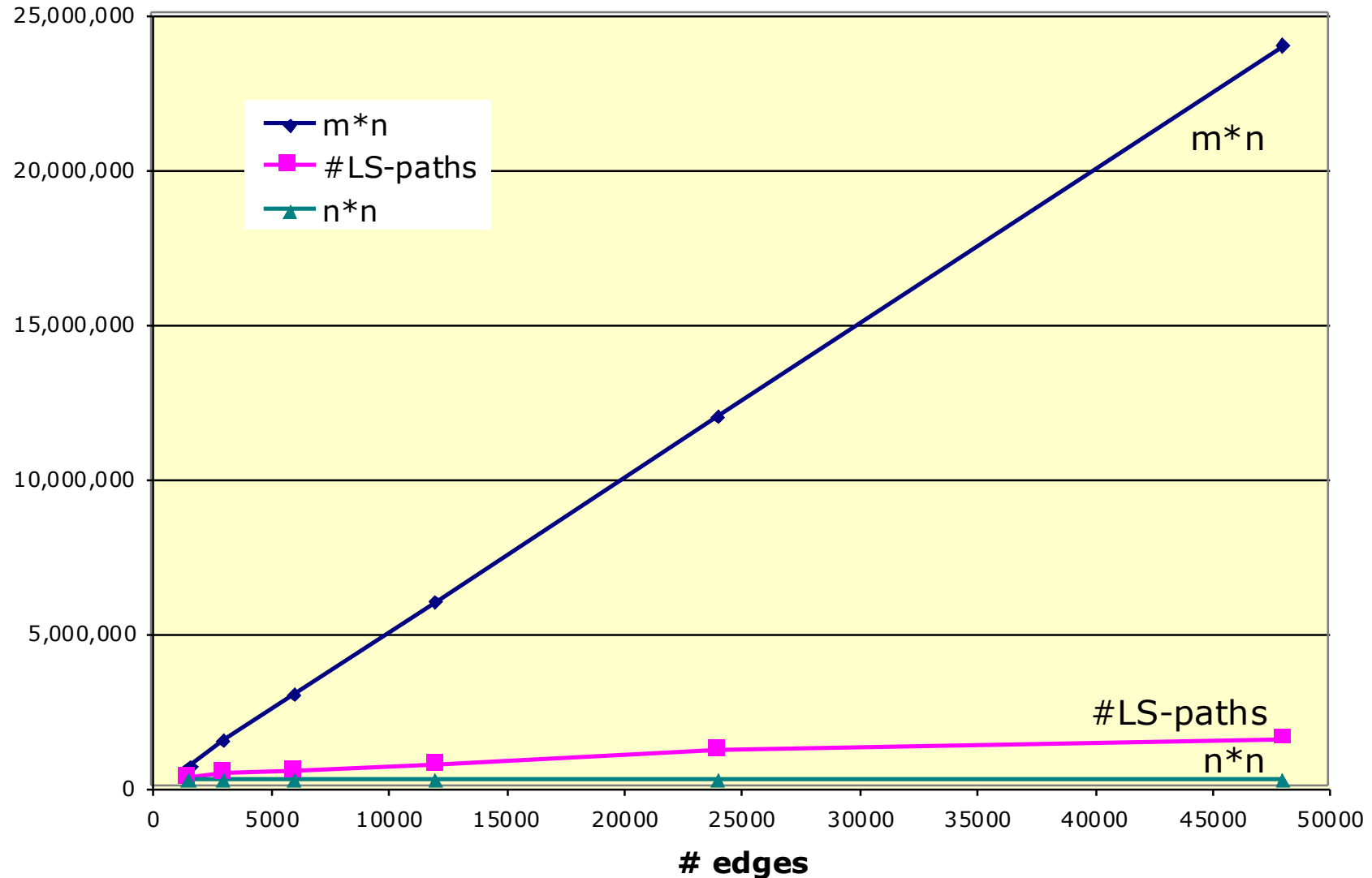
$O(n^2 (\log n + \log^2 (m/n)))$   
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# How many LSPs in a graph?

Locally shortest paths in random graphs (500 nodes)



# LSP's in Random Graphs

Peres, Sotnikov, Sudakov & Zwick [FOCS 10]  
Complete directed graph on  $n$  vertices with edge weights chosen independently and uniformly at random from  $[0;1]$ :

Number of locally shortest paths is  $O(n^2)$ , in expectation and with high probability.

This yields immediately that APSP can be computed in time  $O(n^2)$ , in expectation and with high probability.

# Lower Bounds

Polylog bounds for dynamic connectivity

But dynamic shortest paths seem stubbornly more difficult. Can we prove it?

Conditional lower bounds: basing hardness of dynamic problems on known conjectures (3SUM, All Pairs Shortest Paths, Triangle and Boolean Matrix Multiplication Conjectures and the Strong Exponential Time Hypothesis)

# Lower Bounds

[Patrascu 2010]

For dynamic APSP either update or query time must be  $\Omega(n^\epsilon)$

[Roditty and Zwick 2011]

Any decremental or incremental algorithm for SSSP with preprocessing time  $O(n^{3-\epsilon})$ , and update time  $O(n^{2-\epsilon})$  and query time  $O(n^{1-\epsilon})$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$  implies a truly subcubic time algorithm for APSP.

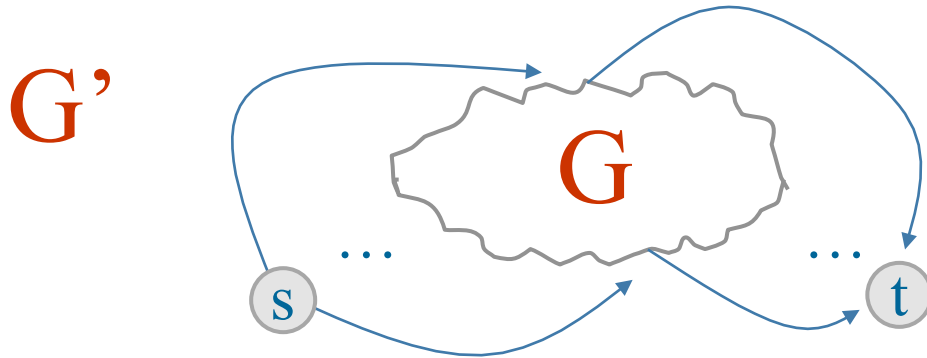
Note: Trivial algorithm recomputes shortest paths from a source in  $O(m+n\log n) = O(n^2)$  time after each update!

[Abboud and Vassilevska Williams 2014]

Exclude the possibility of an algorithm that has both  $O(n^{2-\epsilon})$  time updates and  $O(n^{2-\epsilon})$  time queries, even for SSSS.

# Dynamic SSSP (SSSS) not easier than APSP?

**Claim.** *If Fully Dynamic SSSS can be solved in time  $O(f(n))$  per update and query, then also Fully Dynamic APSP can be solved in time  $O(f(n))$  per update and query.*



Edges from  $s$  to  $G$   
and from  $G$  to  $t$   
have cost  $+\infty$

All-Pairs query $_G(x,y)$  can be implemented in  $G'$  as follows:

update $_{G'}(s,x,0)$ ; update $_{G'}(y,t,0)$ ; query $_{G'}(s,t)$ ;

update $_{G'}(s,x,+\infty)$ ; update $_{G'}(y,t,+\infty)$

# More work to be done on Dynamic APSP

- Space is a **BIG** issue in practice
- More tradeoffs for dynamic shortest paths?  
Roditty-Zwick, Algorithmica 2011  
 $\tilde{O}(mn^{1/2})$  update,  $O(n^{3/4})$  query for unweighted
- Worst-case bounds?  
Thorup, STOC 05  
 $\tilde{O}(n^{2.75})$  update

# Some Open Problems...



## *Dynamic Maximum st-Flow*

Dynamic algorithm only known for planar graphs

$O(n^{2/3} \log^{8/3} n)$  time per operation

I., Nussbaum, Sankowski & Wulf-Nilsen [STOC 2011]

What about general graphs?



## *Dynamic Diameter*

Diameter( ):

what is the diameter of G?

Do we really need APSP for this?

# Some Open Problems...



*Dynamic Strongly Connected Components  
(directed graph  $G$ )*

$\text{SCC}(x, y)$ :

*Are vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in same SCC of  $G$ ?*

Do we really need transitive closure for this?

In the static case strong connectivity easier  
than transitive closure....



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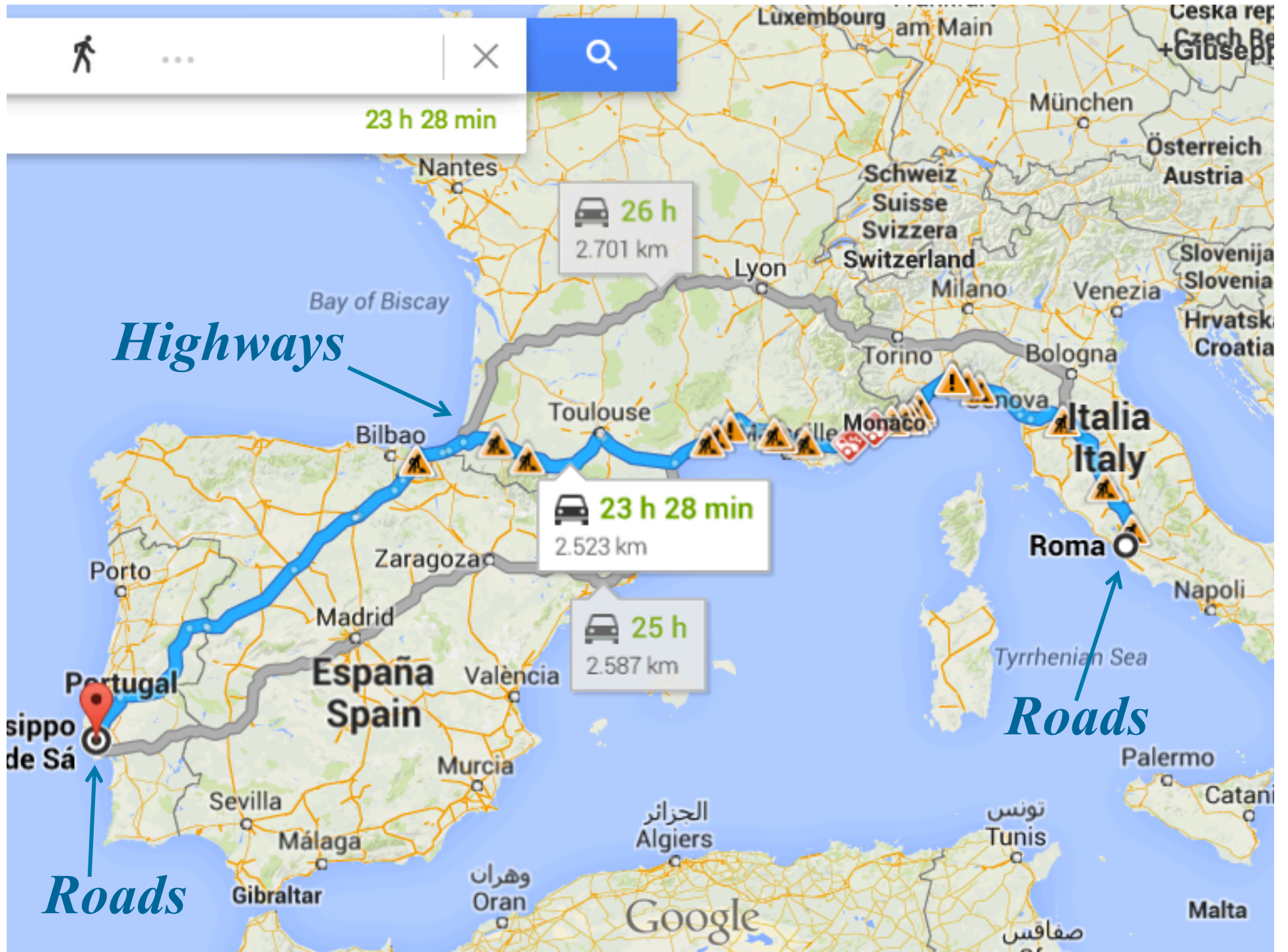
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# Long Paths Property





# Are there roads and highways in graphs?

## Long Paths Property [Ullman-Yannakakis '91]

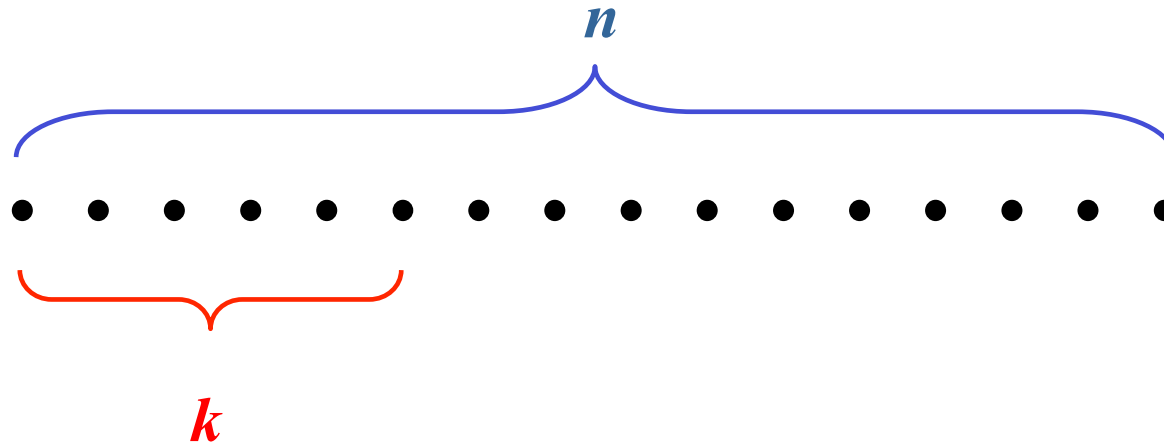
Let  $P$  be a path of length at least  $k$ .

Let  $S$  be a random subset of vertices  
of size  $(c n \ln n) / k$ .

Then with high probability  $P \cap S \neq \emptyset$ .

Probability  $\geq 1 - (1 / n^c)$  ( depends on  $c$  )

# Long Paths Property



Select each element  
independently with probability

$$p = \frac{c \ln n}{k}$$

The probability that a  
given set of  $k$  elements  
is **not** hit is

$$(1-p)^k = \left(1 - \frac{c \ln n}{k}\right)^k < n^{-c}$$

# Long Paths Property

Can prove stronger property:

Let  $P$  be a path of length at least  $k$ .

Let  $S$  be a random subset of vertices of size  $(c n \ln n) / k$ .

Then with high probability *there is no subpath of  $P$  of length  $k$  with no vertices in  $S$  ( $P \cap S \neq \emptyset$ ).*

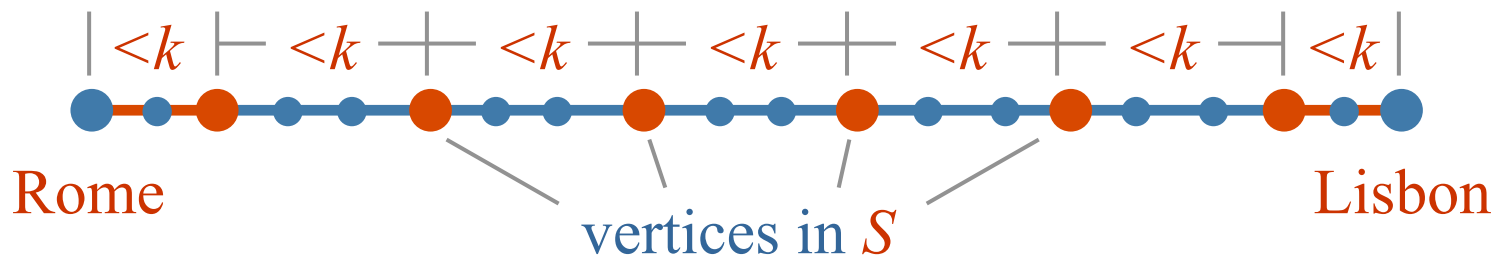
Probability  $\geq 1 - (1 / n^{\alpha c})$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ .

# Exploit Long Paths Property

Randomly pick a set  $S$  of vertices in the graph

$$|S| = \frac{c n \log n}{k} \quad c, k > 0$$

Then on any path in the graph  
every  $k$  vertices there is a vertex in  $S$ ,  
with probability  $\geq 1 - (1/n^{ac})$

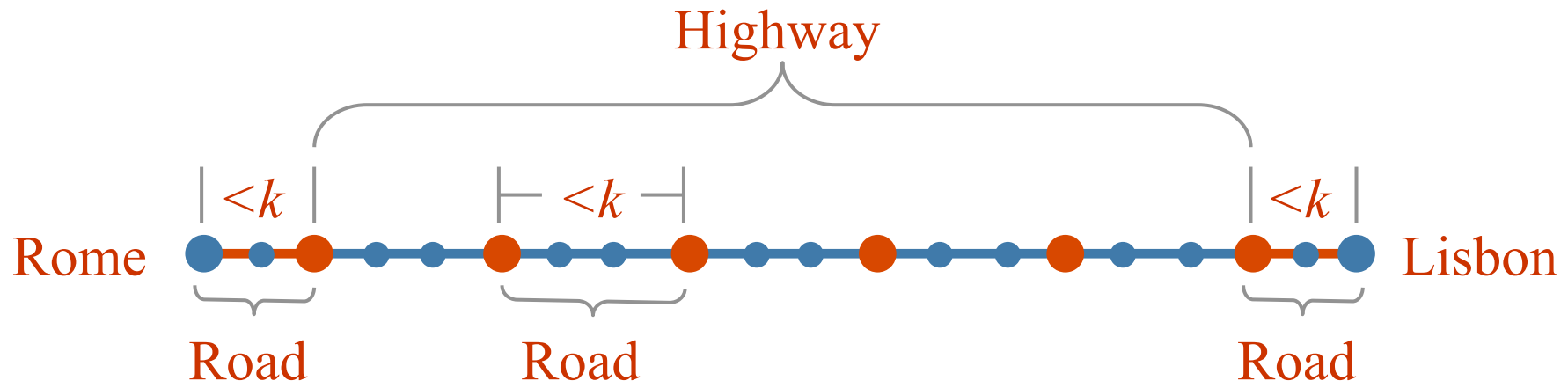


# Roads and Highways in Graphs

Highway entry points = vertices in  $S$

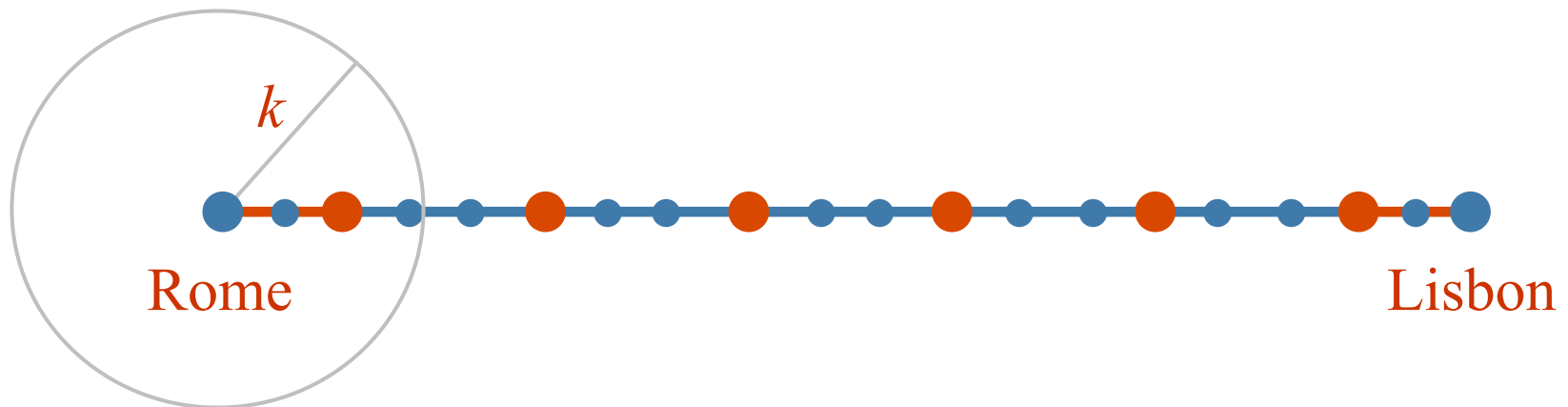
Road = shortest path using at most  $k$  edges

Highway = shortest path between two vertices in  $S$



# Computing Shortest Paths 1/3

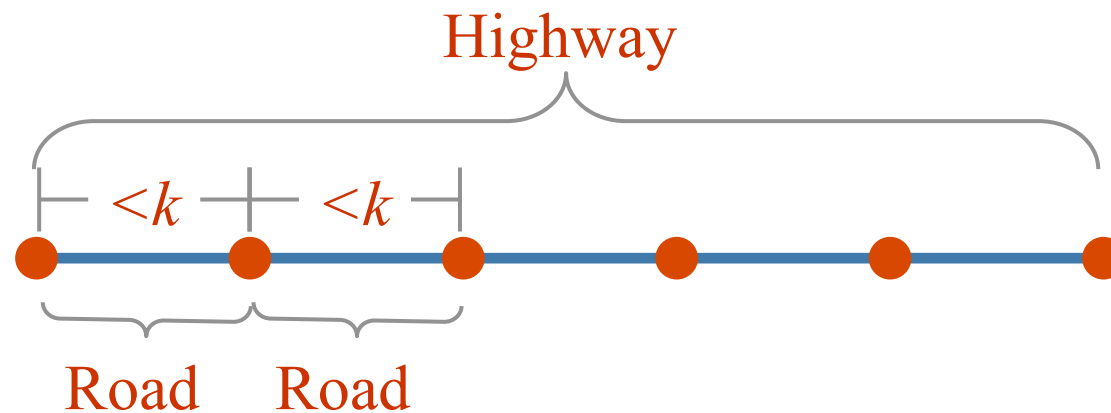
- 1 Compute roads  
(shortest paths using at most  $k$  edges)



Even & Shiloach BFS trees may become handy...

# Computing Shortest Paths 2/3

- 2 Compute highways  
(by stitching together roads)

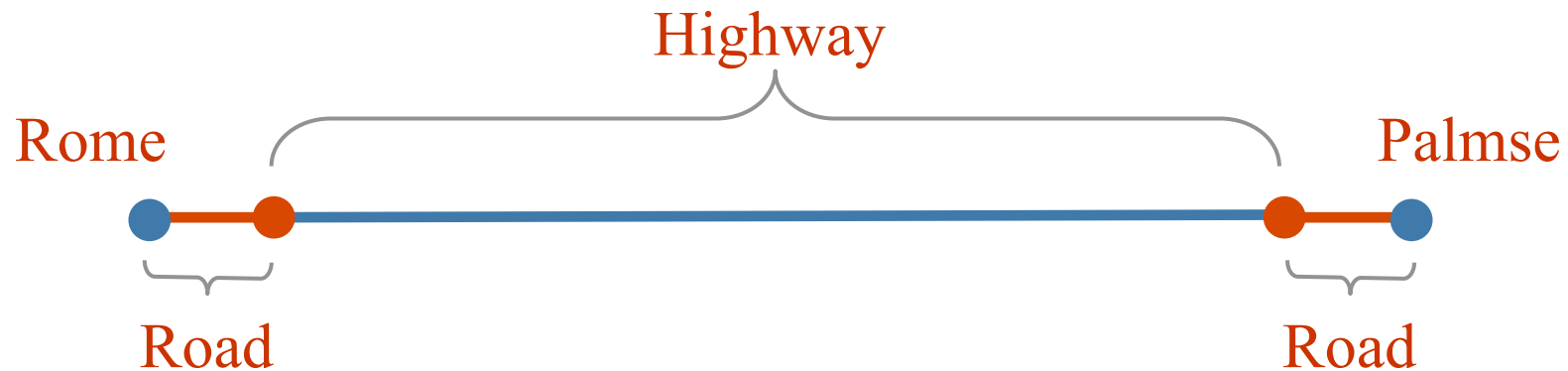


...essentially an all pairs shortest paths computation on a contracted graph with vertex set  $S$ , and edge set = roads



# Computing Shortest Paths 3/3

- 3 Compute shortest paths (longer than  $k$  edges)  
(by stitching together roads + highways + roads)



Used (for dynamic graphs) in many papers, i.e., King [FOCS' 99], Demetrescu-I. [JCSS' 06], Roditty-Zwick [FOCS' 04], ...