

Time-Dependent Route Planning with Generalized Objective Functions

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Motivation

From Karlsruhe **Main Station**
to Karlsruhe **Computer Science Building**

At **3:00 at night**:

- Empty streets
- Through the city **center**.



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- **Avoid** crowded junctions.



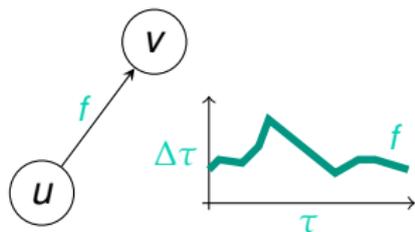
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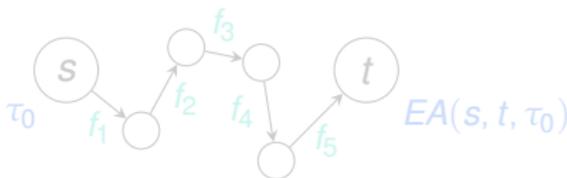
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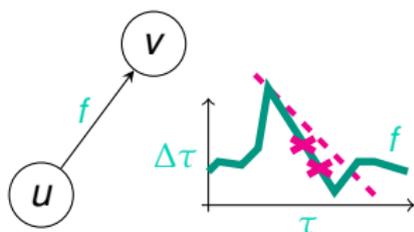


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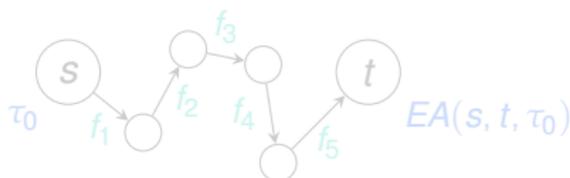
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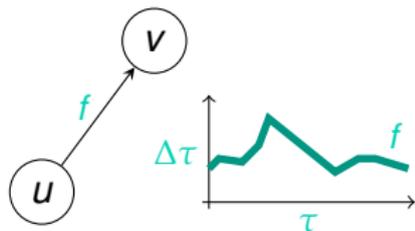


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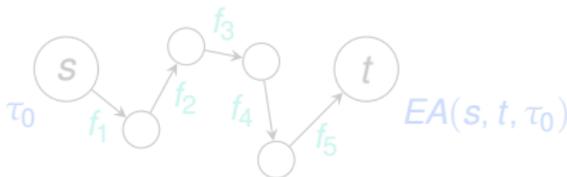
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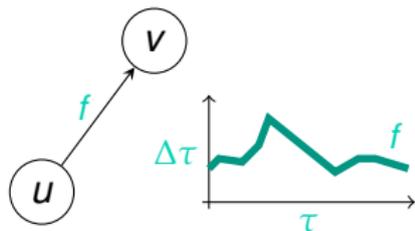


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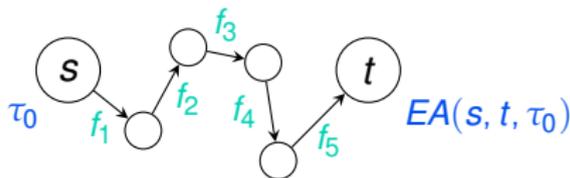
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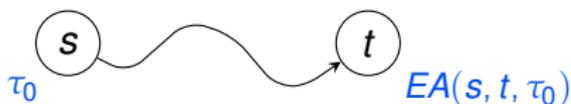
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Selected Results:



Earliest Arrival Queries

Algorithm	Space Ovh. [B/n]	Speedup of Dijkstra	Maximum Error [%]	Citation
TCH	899	1428	–	[Batz et al. 2009]
ATCH	144	857	–	[Batz et al. 2010]
ATCH	23	685	–	[Batz et al. 2010]
SHARC	155	60	–	[Delling et al. 2008]
SHARC	68	1 177	0.61	[Brunel et al. 2010]
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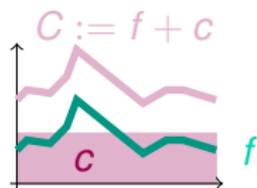
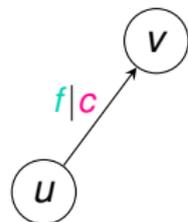


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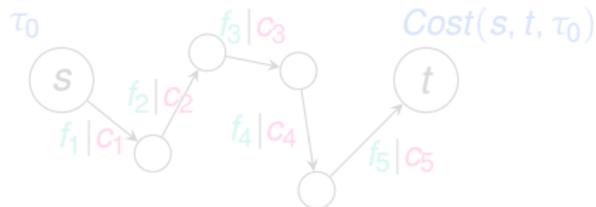
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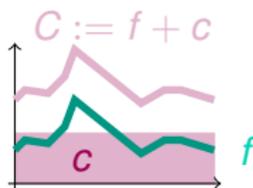
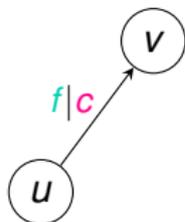


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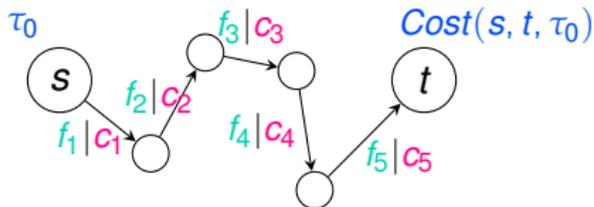
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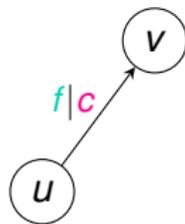
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Practical Applications

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$$C = f + c$$



- **Energy efficient routes:**

$c \propto$ distance (only approximation of energy)

- **Modeling tolls:**

$c \propto$ toll charge

- **Avoiding inconvenient routes:**

$c =$ **penalty** when narrow, steep, bumpy,...

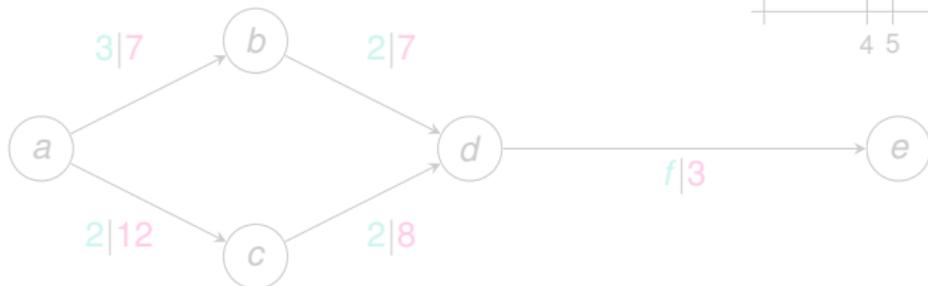
And **combinations**: $c = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + \dots$

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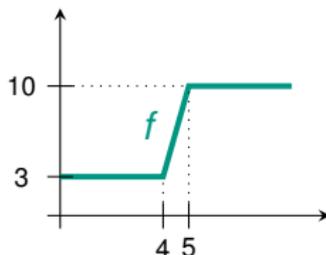
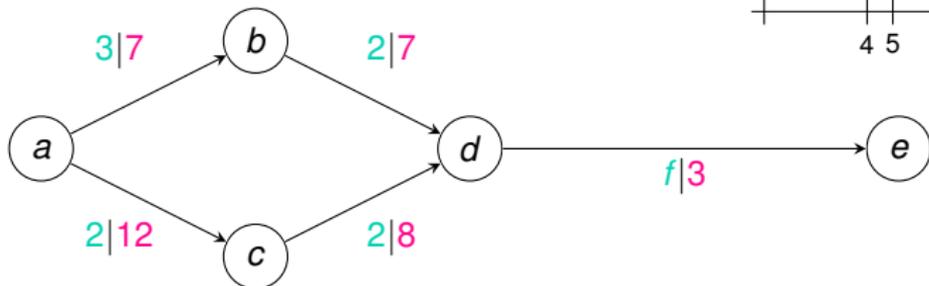


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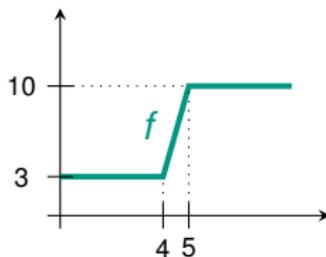
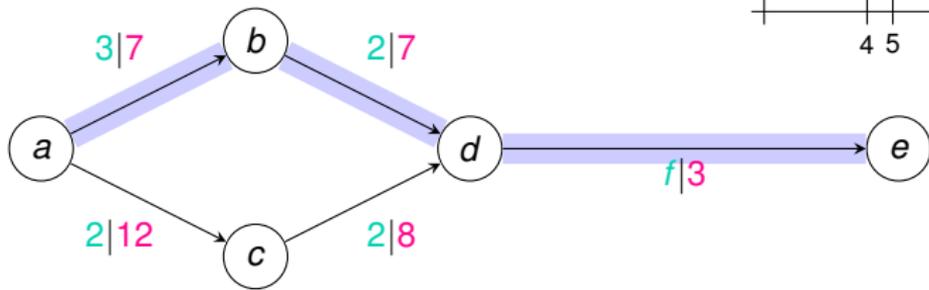


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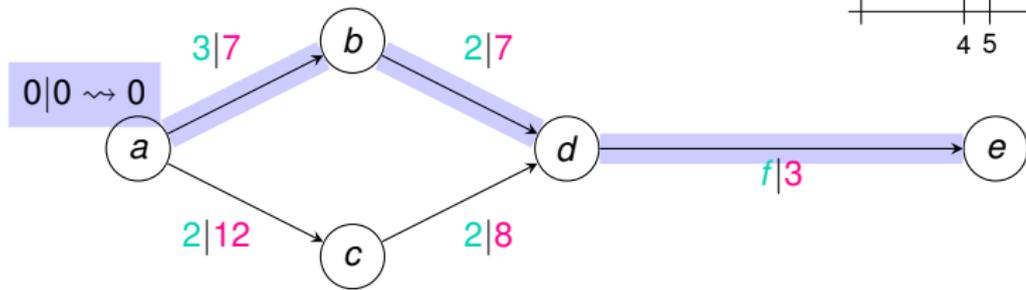
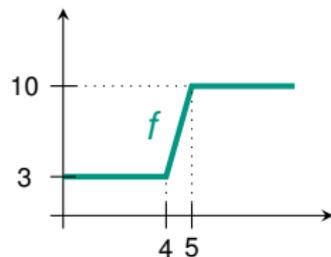


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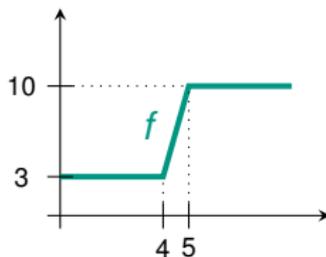
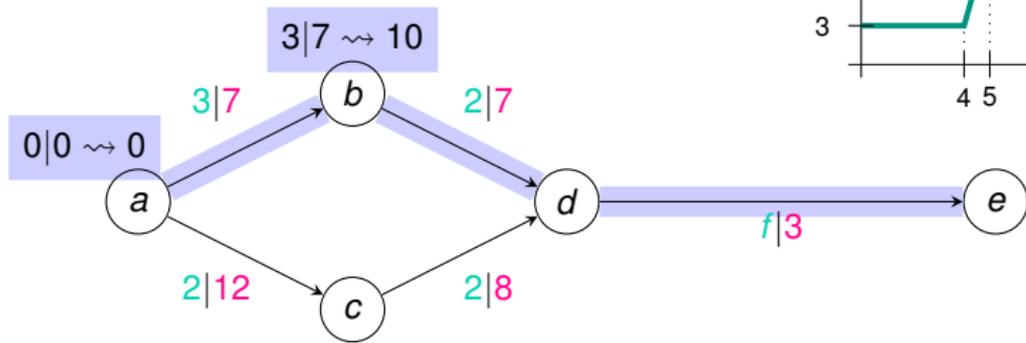


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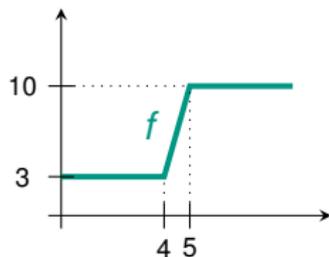
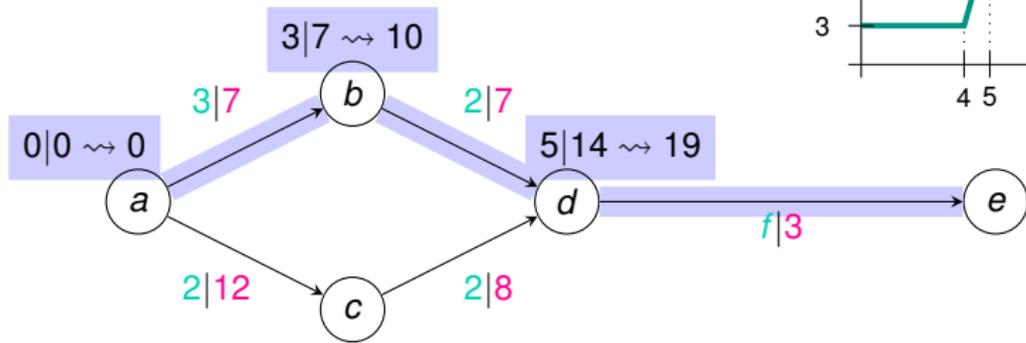


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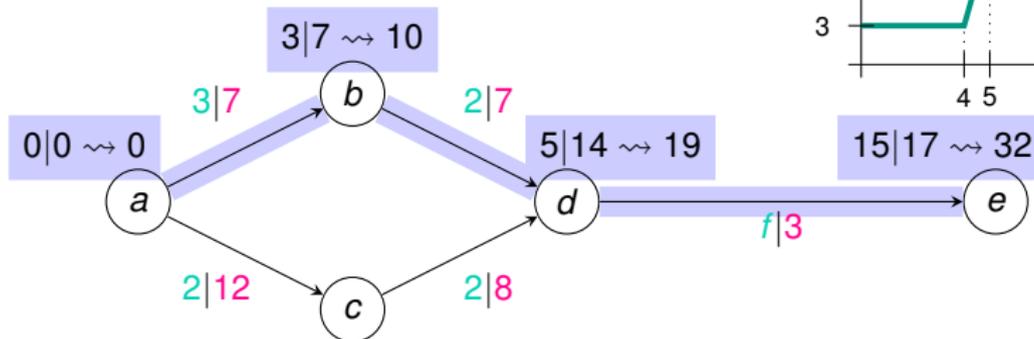


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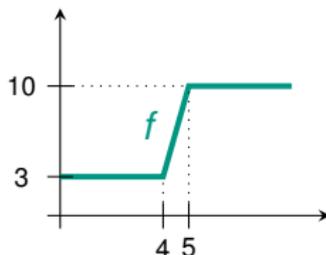
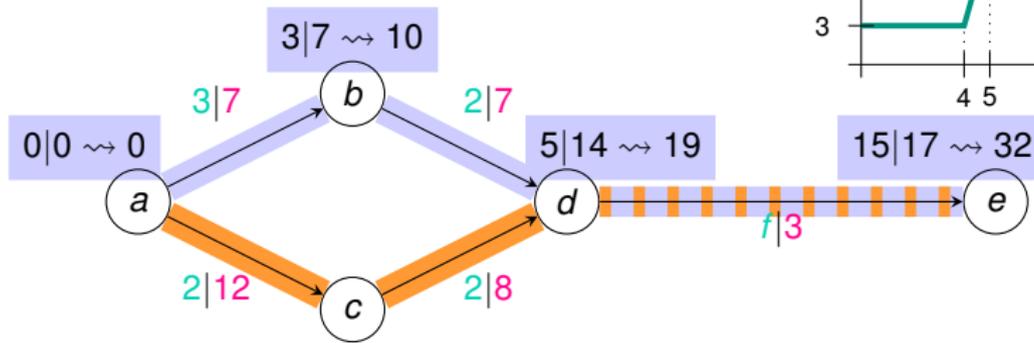


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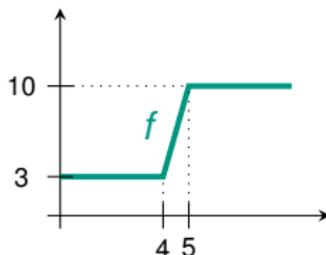
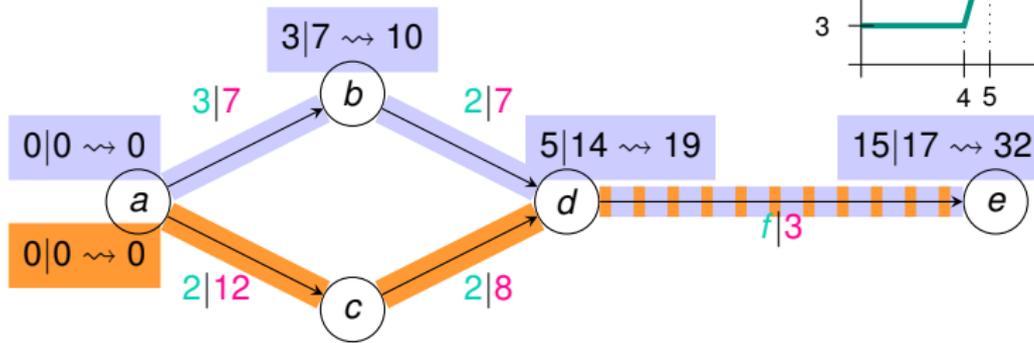


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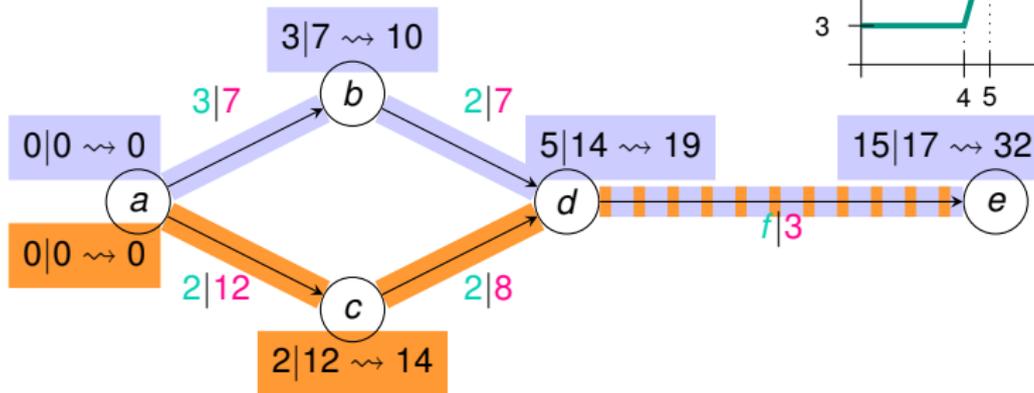


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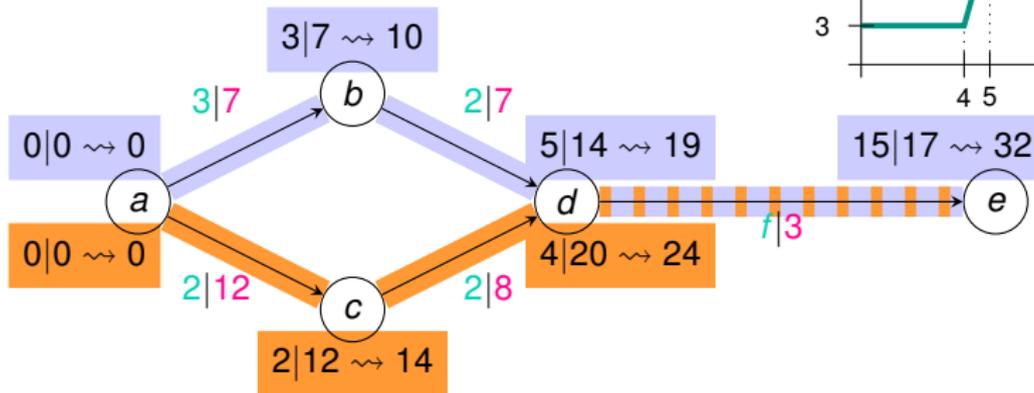


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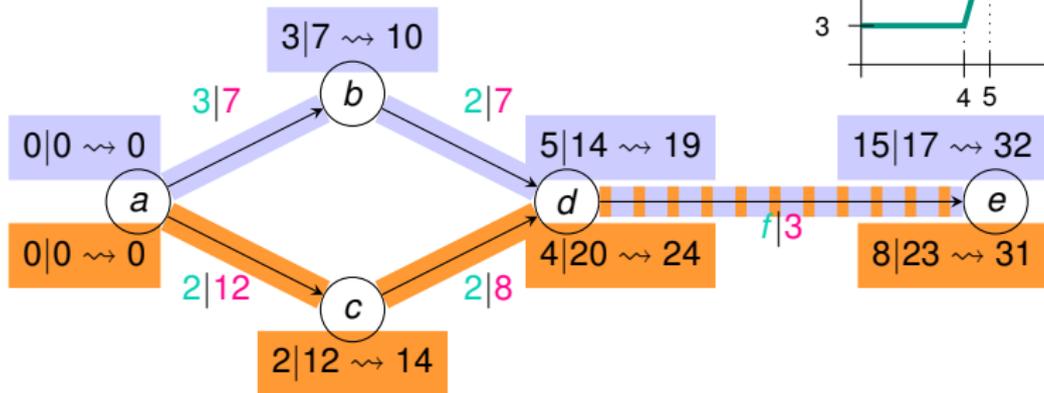


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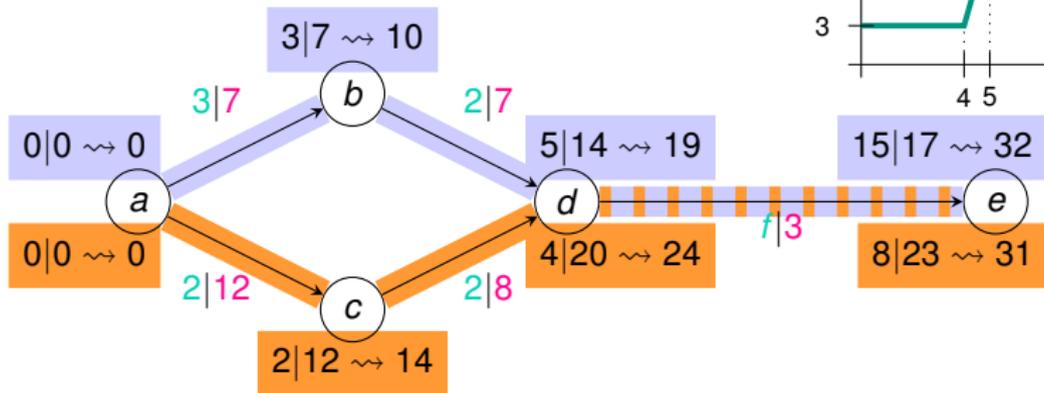


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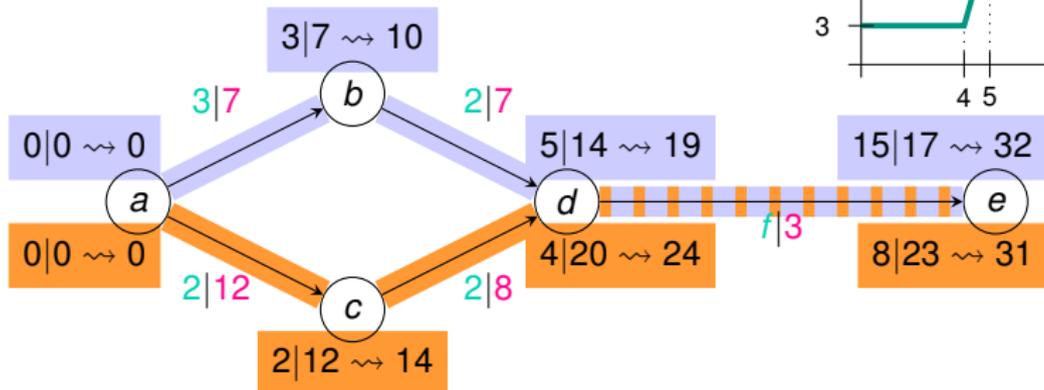
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 ⇒ Sometimes **all** optimal routes have **non-optimal** subroutes.

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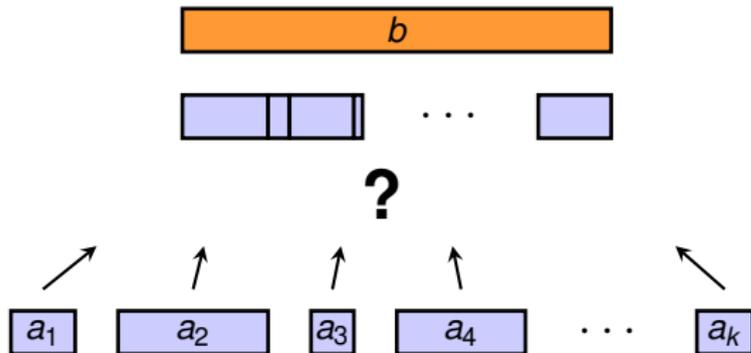
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(proof inspired by [\[Ahuja et al. 2003\]](#))

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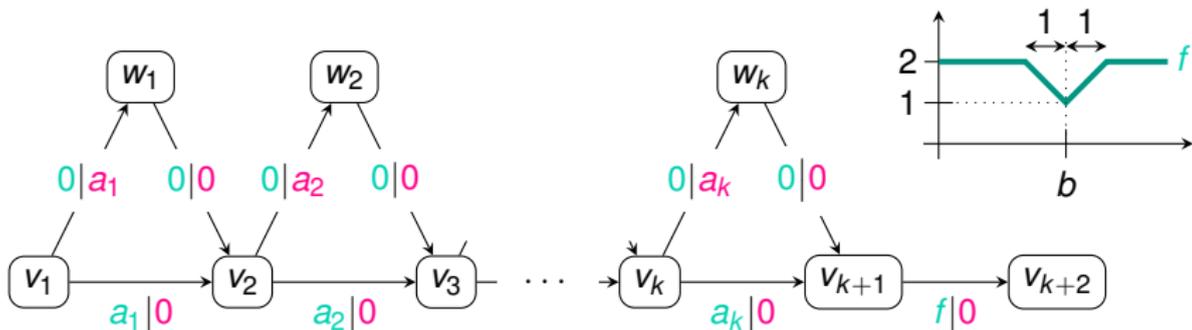
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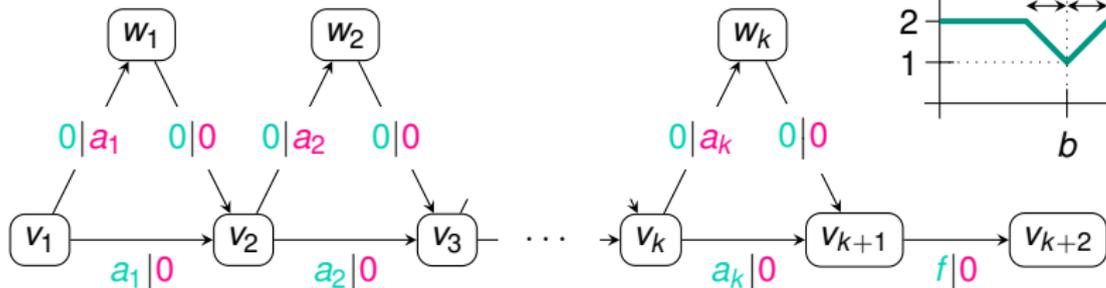
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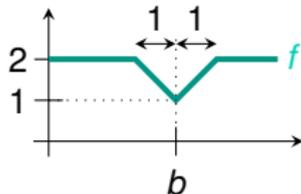
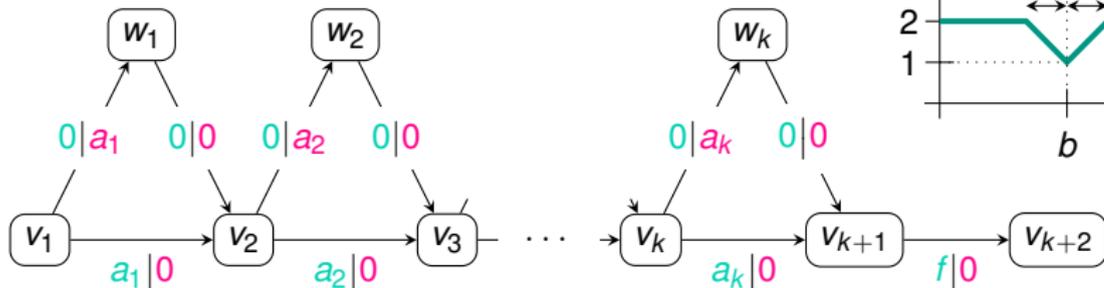
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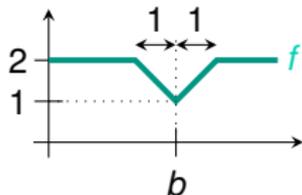
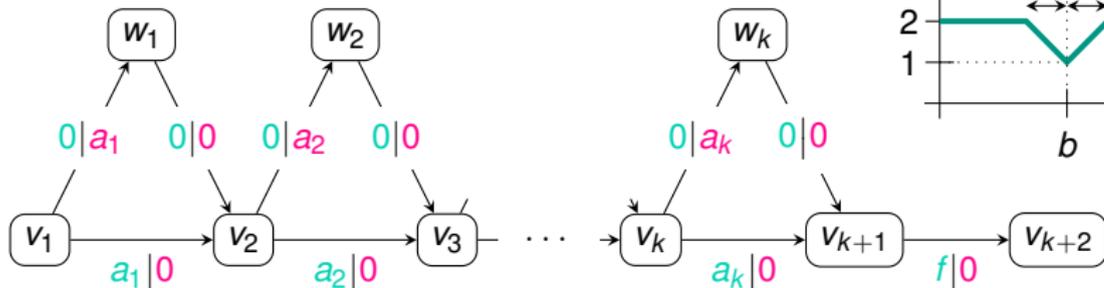
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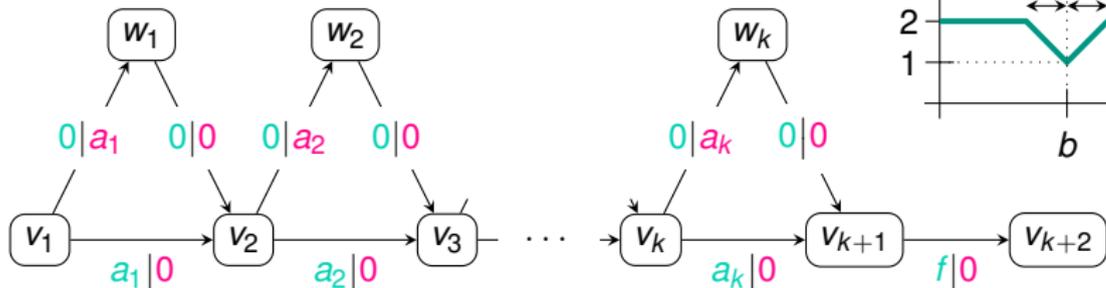
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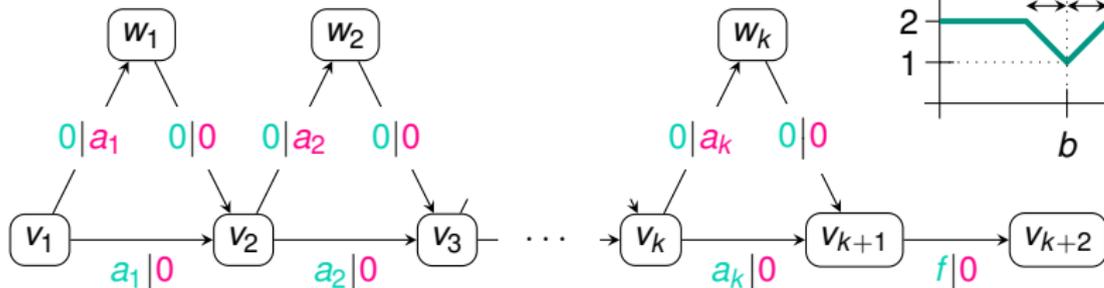
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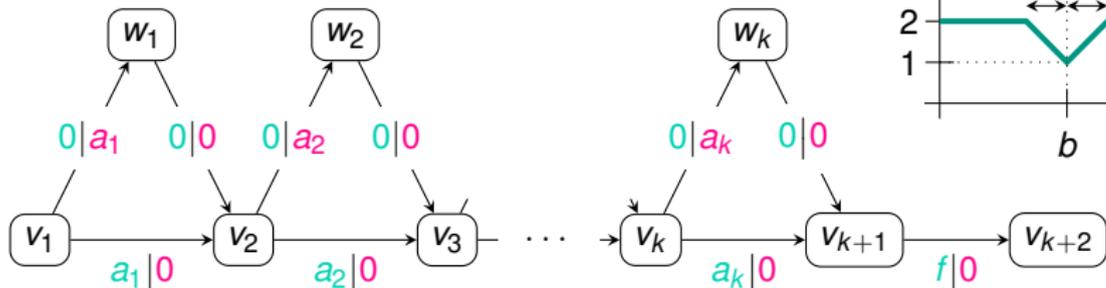
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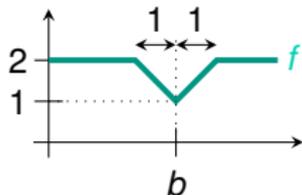
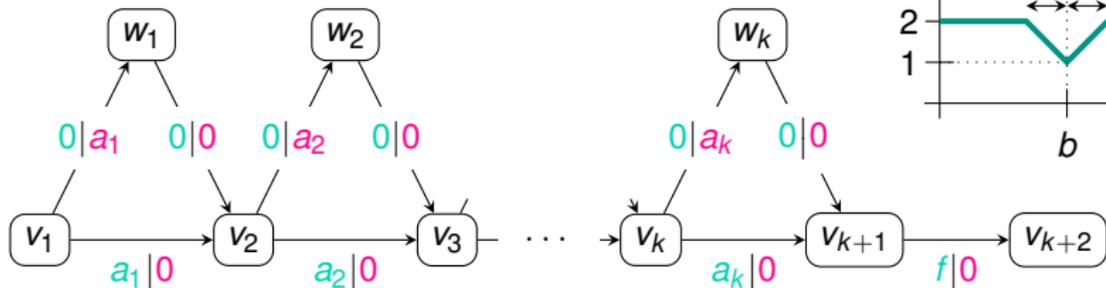
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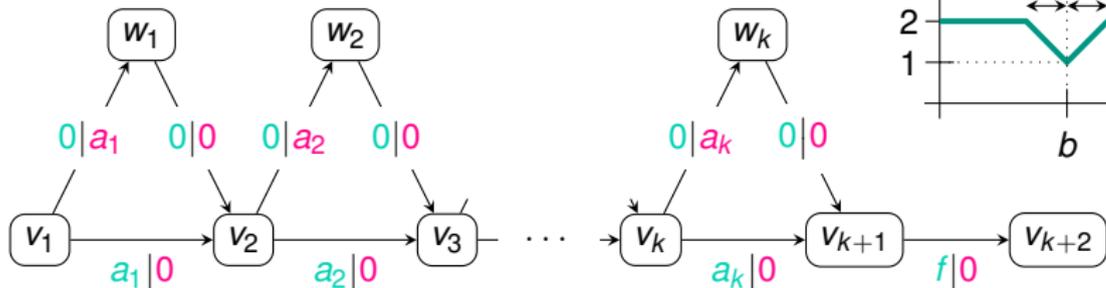
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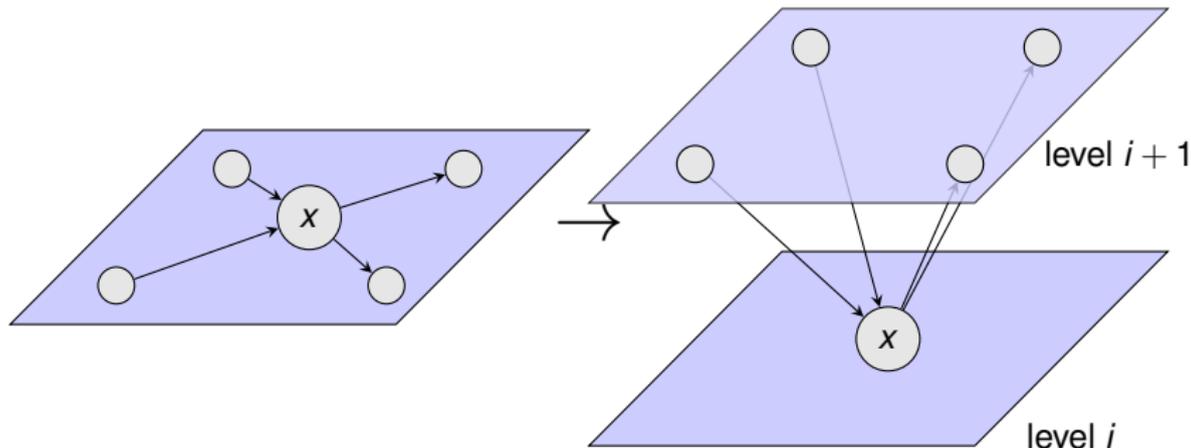
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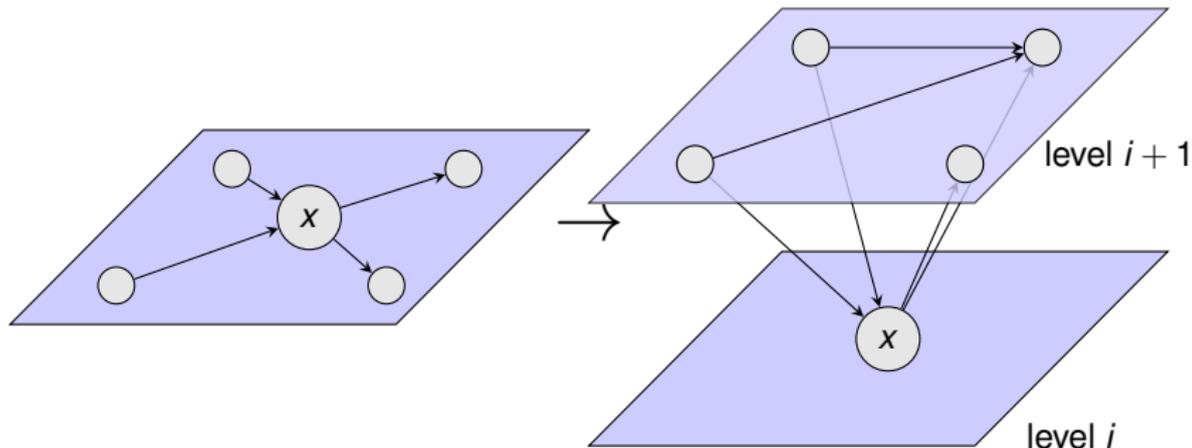


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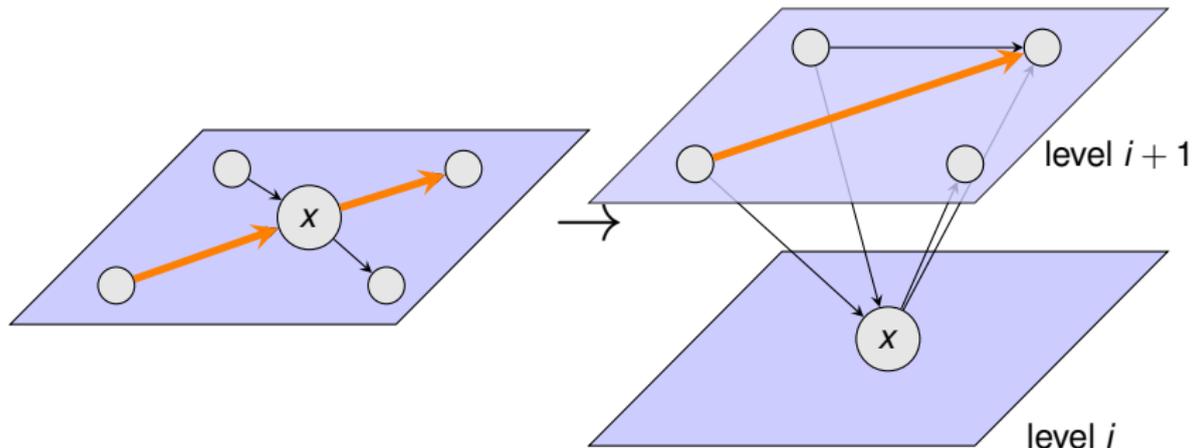


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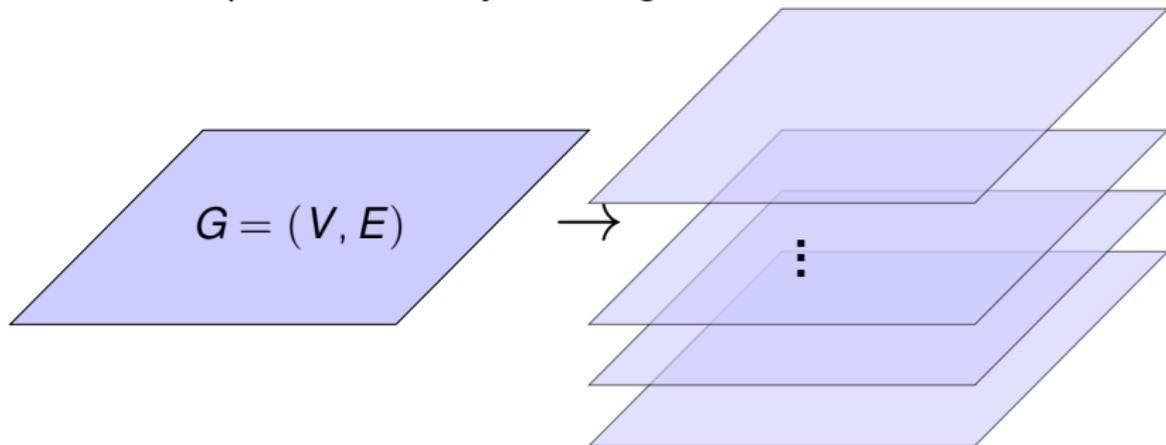


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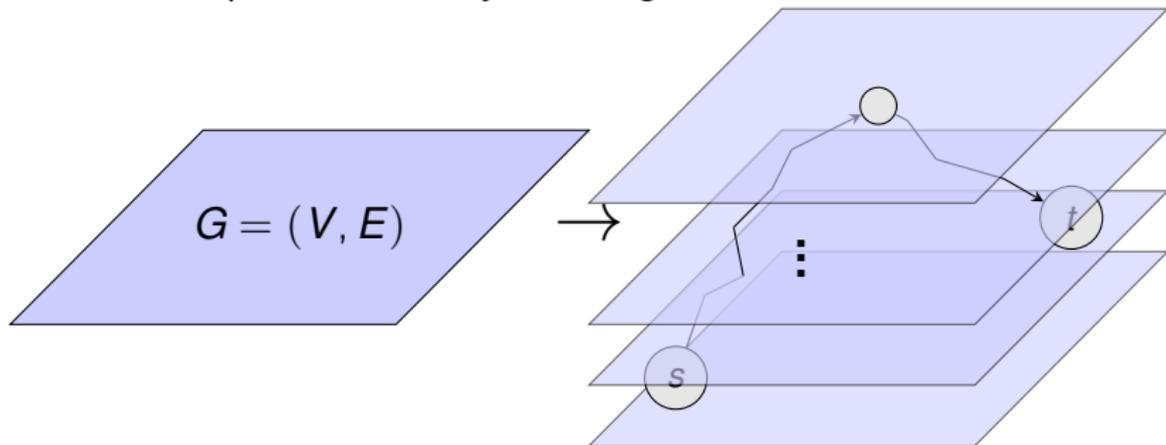


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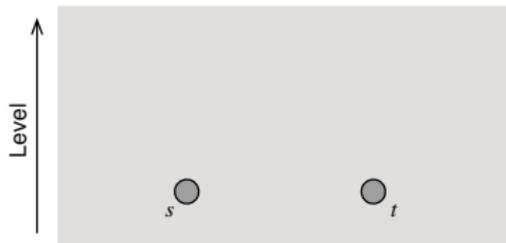
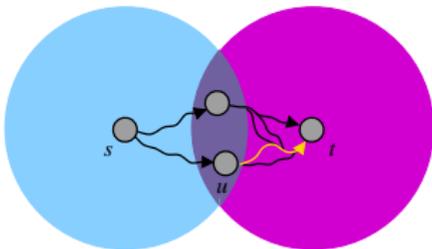
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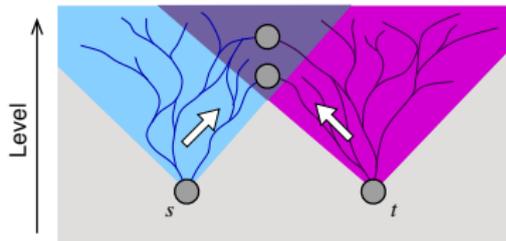
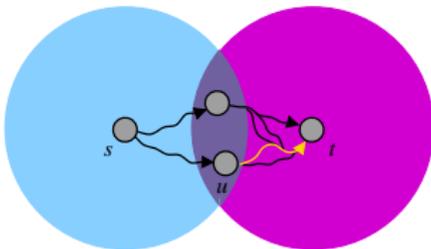
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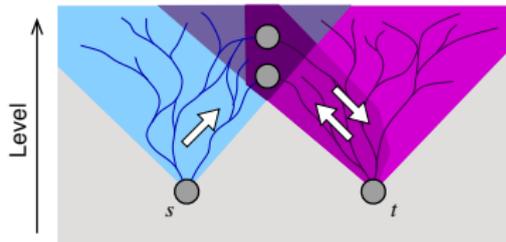
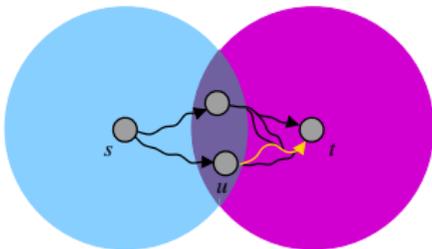
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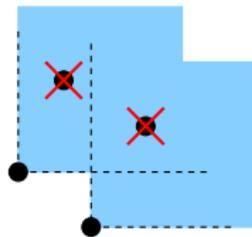
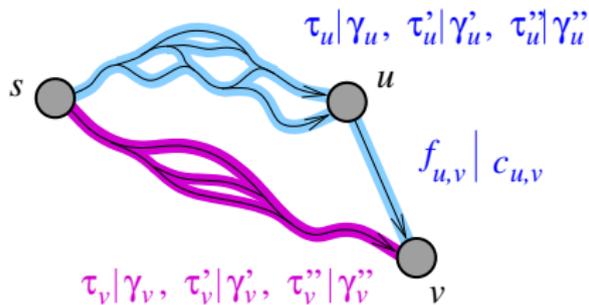
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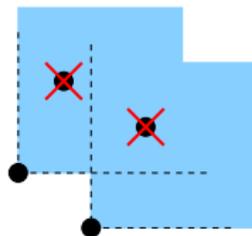
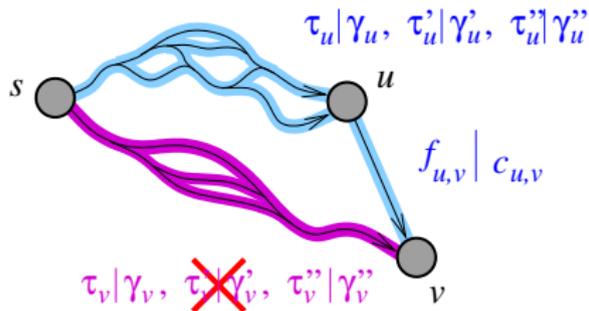
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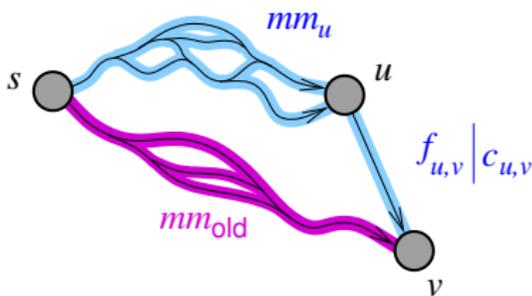


Interval Search

- Dijkstra-like search
- Computes **upper** and **lower bounds** of total cost
- Node labels are intervals $mm_u := [a_u, b_u]$

Edge relaxation:

$$mm_{\text{new}} := \min(mm_{\text{old}}, mm_u + [c_{uv} + \min f_{uv}, c_{uv} + \max f_{uv}])$$



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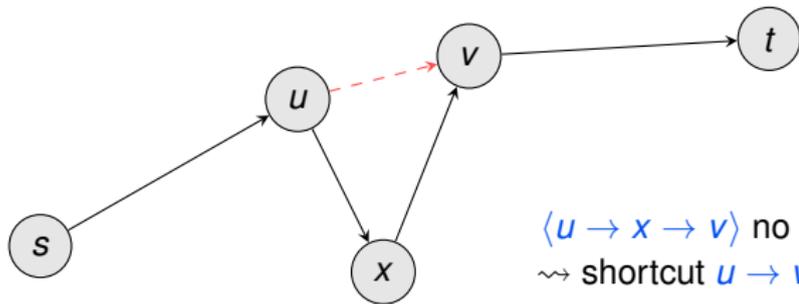
■ Travel time only:

There is always an optimal route with only optimal subroutes

⇒ Insert shortcut **iff** $\langle u, x, v \rangle$ is optimal route

⇒ Decide **locally**

⇒ **EA query** always finds **existing** optimal up-down-route



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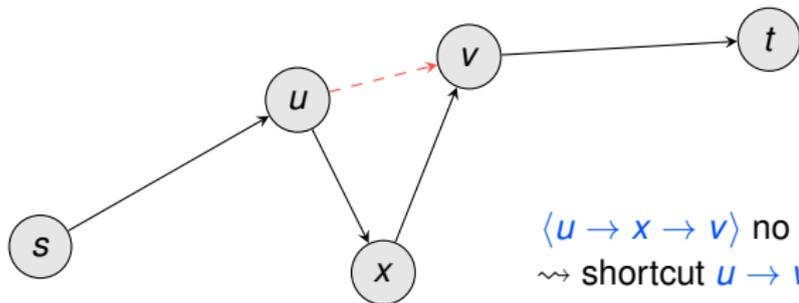
■ With additional time-invariant costs:

Sometimes all optimal s - t -routes have non-optimal subroutes
⇒ Decide globally **or** check Pareto optimality

Both **very expensive**, so decide **locally!**

⇒ Present up-down-routes **not** necessary optimal

⇒ **Heuristic!**



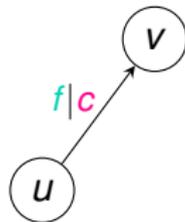
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Experiments

Running Time and Error

German road network:

- Nodes: 4.7 million
- Edges: 10.8 million, 7.2% time-dependent



1. Experiment: Energy consumption

- $c \propto$ distance (estimates energy consumption)
 - 1 km costs 0.1€
 - 1 hour costs 5€, 10€, or 20€ (\rightsquigarrow three instances)
- $\Rightarrow c := \lambda \cdot \text{distance}$ where $\lambda \in \{0.72, 0.36, 0.18\}$

2. Experiment: Energy consumption and tolls

- Same as above
- But: motorway edges cost 0.2€ instead 0.1€

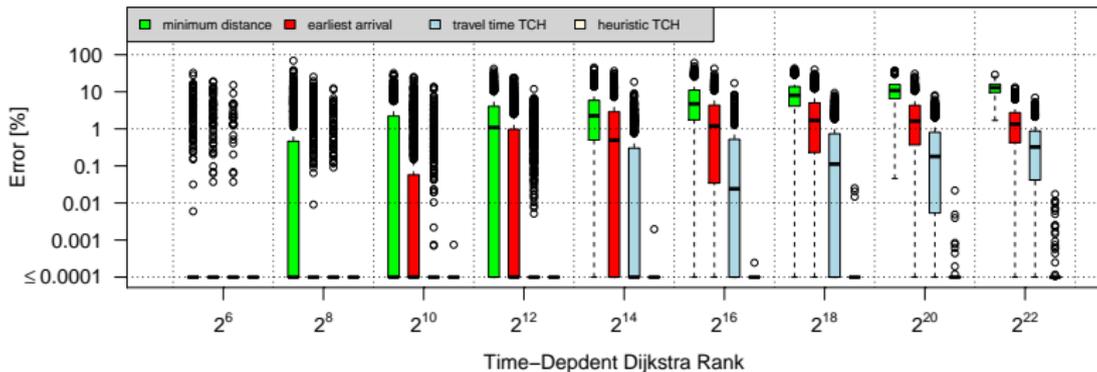
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10	1 316	0:26	4.22	0.03	0.00
20	1 212	0:25	3.51	0.01	0.00

- Error compared to **multi label A***
Heuristics obtained from preceding backward interval search
- Very fast **query**
- Nearly no **error**
- But: Needs much **space**

Experiment 1: Energy Consumption

Hourly Rate = 5€



Much smaller error than

- Minimum distance routes
- Earliest arrival routes
- Routes from minimum cost query in travel time TCH

Note: Even some outliers can result in bad publicity!

2. Experiment: With Motorway Tolls

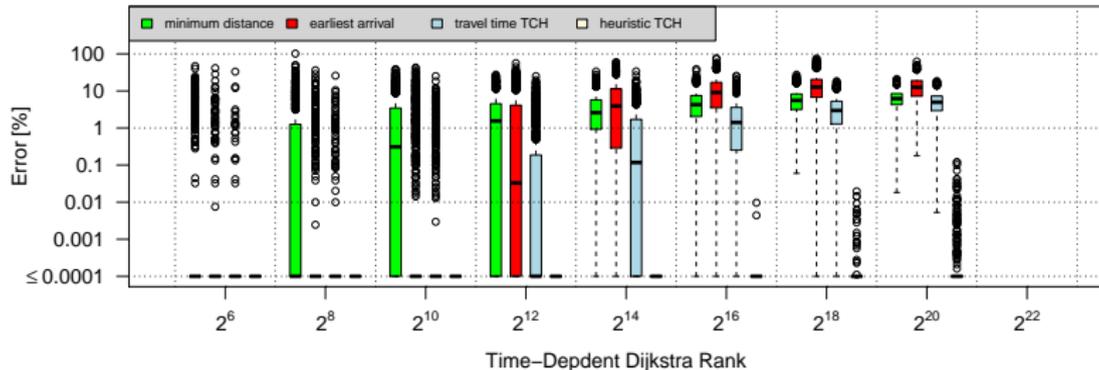
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10	2 004	1:16	40.96		
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Harder instances:

- Multi label A^* no longer feasible \rightsquigarrow error unknown
- Slower query (though still not bad)
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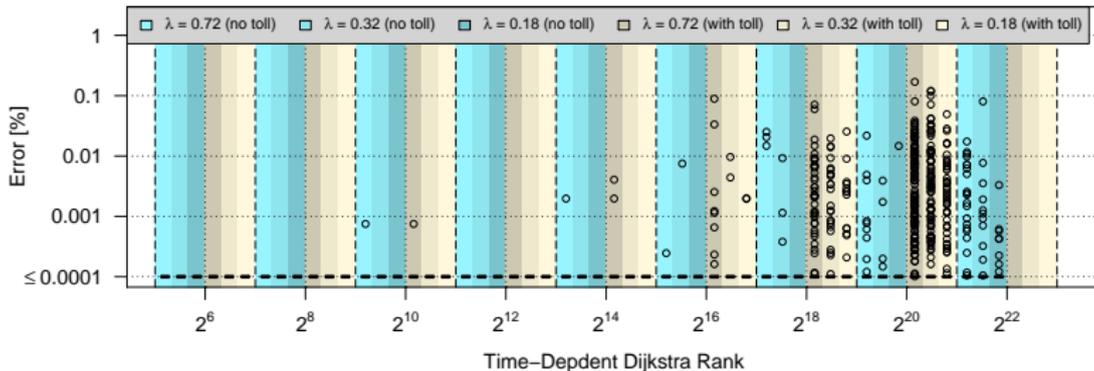
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Hourly Rate = 10€



- Multi-label A* terminated up to rank 2^{20}
- Very small error
- Again: Minimum distance, earliest arrival, and TCH routes worse

Summary of Measured Errors



- Error **not significantly** away from 0
- Outliers **not serious**

Conclusions

- Minimum cost queries **NP-hard** in theory
- Heuristic TCHs are **very fast**: 5 ms and 41 ms
- Errors **negligible**
- **But**: space consuming
- Multi-label **A*** needs **2.3 s** (no tolls)

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