

Introduction to Cognitive Robotics

Module 3: Mobile Robots

Lecture 9: Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm

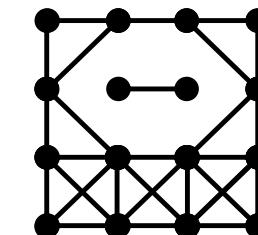
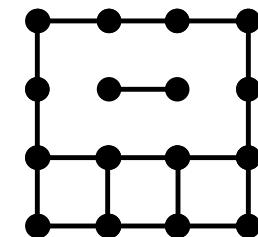
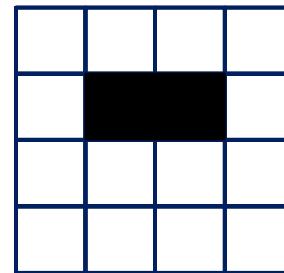
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Finding the Shortest Path in a Map

Environment map

- If we represent the map as a graph
 - Free cells are **vertices** in one or more **connected components**
 - Obstacle cells are vertices in one or more connected components
 - Not strictly necessary because the robot path is confined to the free space connected component(s)
- We can use **graph traversal algorithms** to find the shortest path connecting a start position and a goal position



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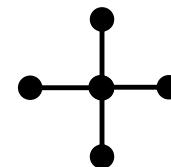
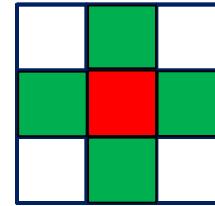
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Vertices represent free space, i.e., navigable space

What about the edges? There are two possibilities

1. A vertex can be connected to four horizontal neighbour vertices: 4-connectivity
 - All edges represent the same distance, e.g. 1

Use an unweighted graph



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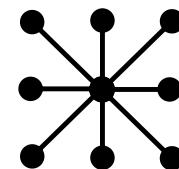
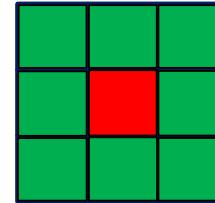
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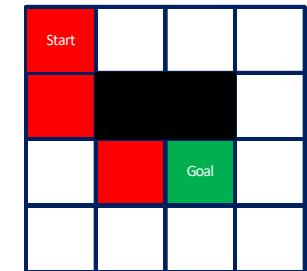
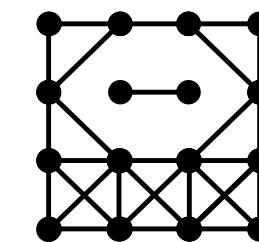
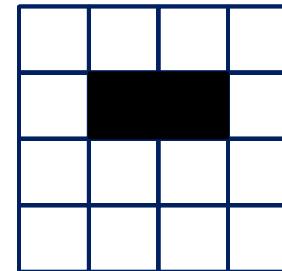
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Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

- Finds shortest path between **start and destination** vertices

Some implementations find the shortest path between a start vertex and all other vertices, i.e., **shortest path spanning tree rooted in the start vertex**

- $O(n^2)$ with simple data structures

Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

- Greedy algorithm
- Repeatedly select the **smallest weight edge** that will extend the path
 - Begin with some start vertex,
 - Extend the path, one edge at a time
 - Until all vertices are included
- Thus, incrementally construct the shortest path to all vertices

Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

The principle behind Dijkstra's algorithm is that

if (s, \dots, x, \dots, t) is the shortest path from s to t ,
then (s, \dots, x) had better be the shortest path from s to x .

This suggests a dynamic programming-like strategy:

We store the distance from s to all **nearby vertices**,
and use them to find the shortest path to **more distant vertices**.

Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

```
known = {s}
for i = 1 to n, dist[i] = ∞
for each edge (s, v), dist[v] = d(s, v)
last=s
while (last ≠ t)
    select v such that dist(v) = minunknown dist(i)
    for each (v, x), dist[x] = min(dist[x], dist[v] + w(v, x))
    last=v
    known = known ∪ {v}
```

Select from the unknown vertices

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Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

ShortestPath-Dijkstra(G, s, t)

path= { s }

for $i = 1$ to n , $dist[i] = \infty$

for each edge (s, v) , $dist[v] = w(s, v)$ // **initial** distances are just the weights

last = s

while (last != t)

 select v_{next} , the unknown vertex **minimizing $dist[v]$**

for each edge (v_{next}, x)

 if $dist[x] > dist[v_{next}] + w(v_{next}, x)$

$dist[x] = dist[v_{next}] + w(v_{next}, x)$

 parent[x] = v_{next}

 last = v_{next}

 path = path $\cup \{v_{next}\}$

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    select  $v_{next}$ , the unknown vertex minimizing dist[v]
    for each edge ( $v_{next}, x$ )
        if dist[x] > dist[vnext] + w( $v_{next}, x$ )
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The weight of edge (s, v) from vertex s to vertex v

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Extend the path from the vertex
with the shortest distance so far

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    for each edge ( $v_{next}$ , x)
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This can be implemented efficiently using a priority queue
(implemented as a binary heap)

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    for each edge ( $v_{next}$ , x) ← We now have a new way of reaching x ...
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        if dist[x] > dist[ $v_{next}$ ] + w( $v_{next}$ , x) ←
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            dist[x] = dist[ $v_{next}$ ] + w( $v_{next}$ , x) ← if the total distance to x is less than the current distance
```

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            parent[x] =  $v_{next}$  ← update the total distance to x
```

```
    last =  $v_{next}$  ← Record the parent of x
```

```
    path = path U { $v_{next}$ }
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Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

```
/* Dijkstra's algorithm */

dijkstra(graph *g, int start) {
    int i;                      /* counter */                      */
    edgenode *p;                /* temporary pointer */            */
    bool intree[MAXV+1];        /* is the vertex in the tree yet? */
    int distance[MAXV+1];       /* cost of adding to tree */      */
    int parent[MAXV+1];         /* parent vertex */                 */
    int v;                      /* current vertex to process */   */
    int w;                      /* candidate next vertex */       */
    int weight;                 /* edge weight */                  */
    int dist;                   /* best current distance from start */

    for (i=1; i<=g->nvertices; i++) {
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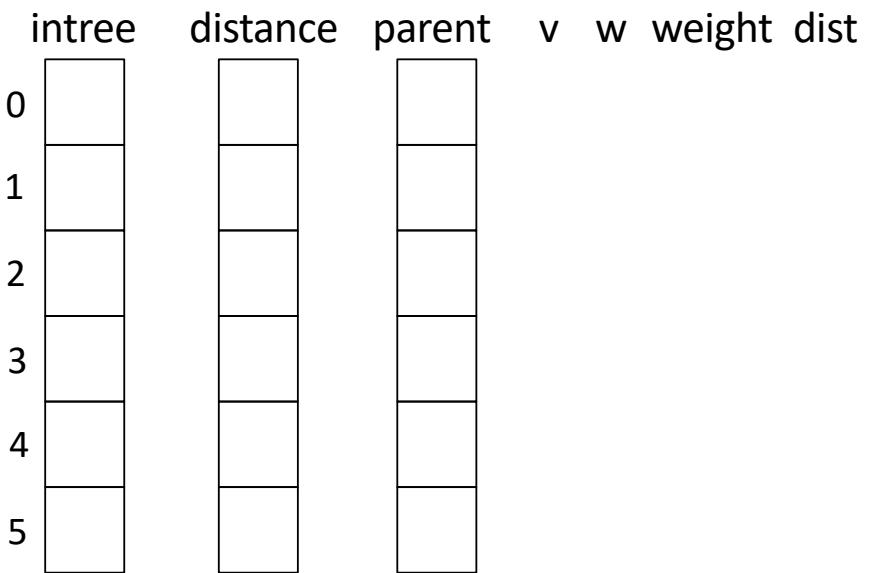
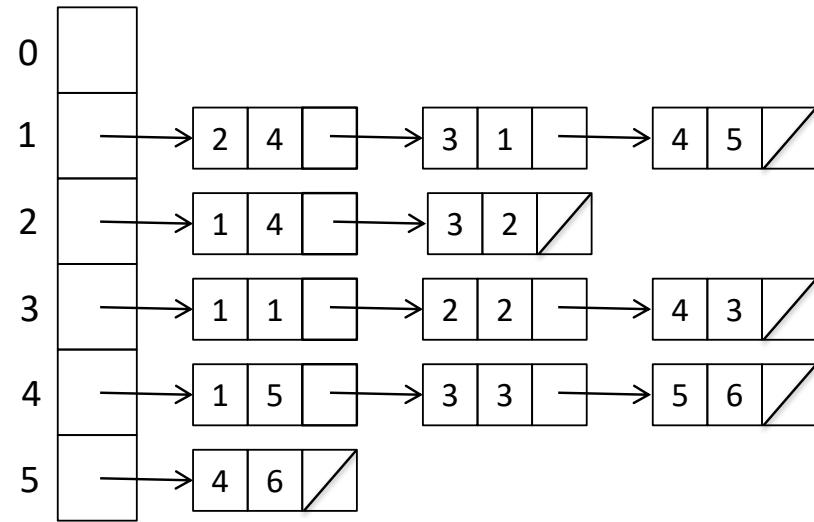
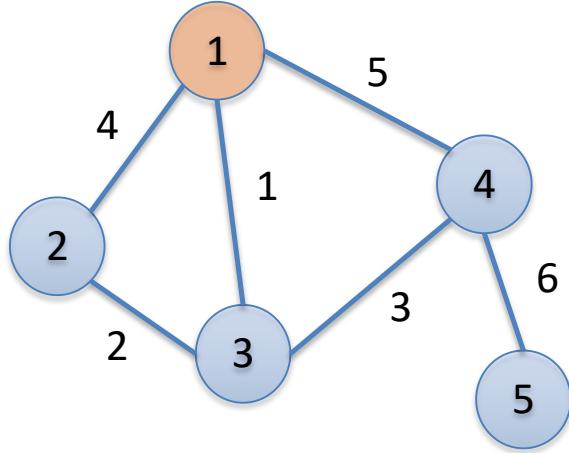
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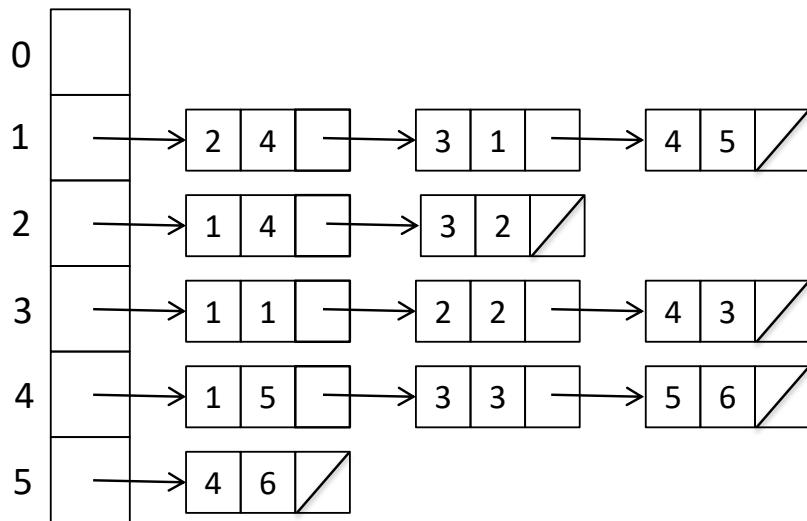
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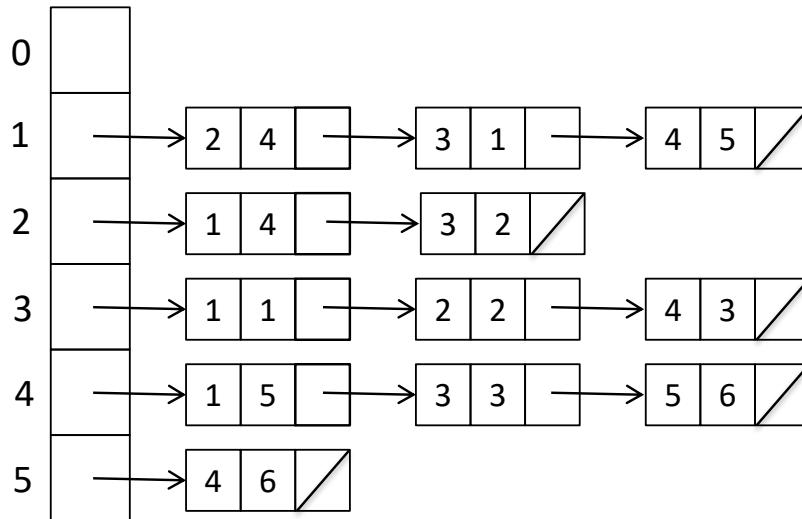
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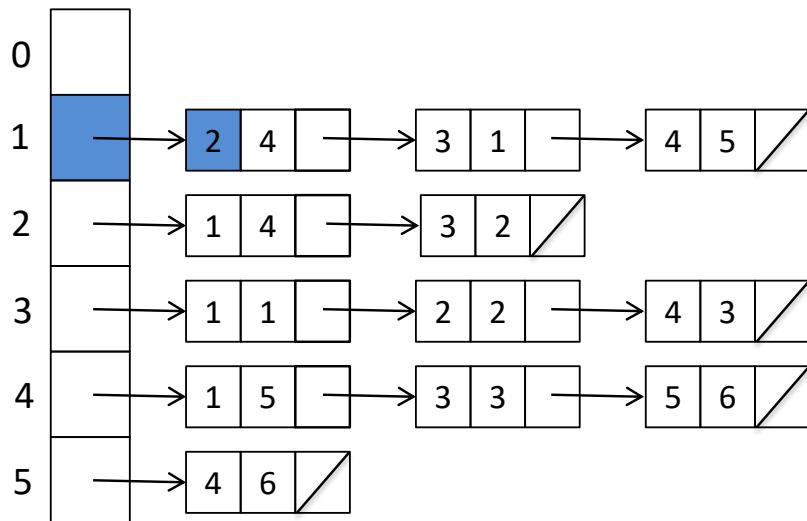
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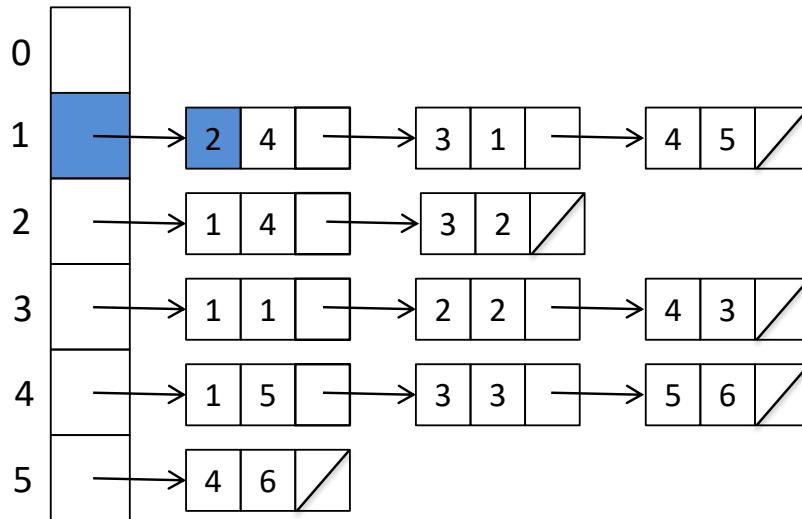
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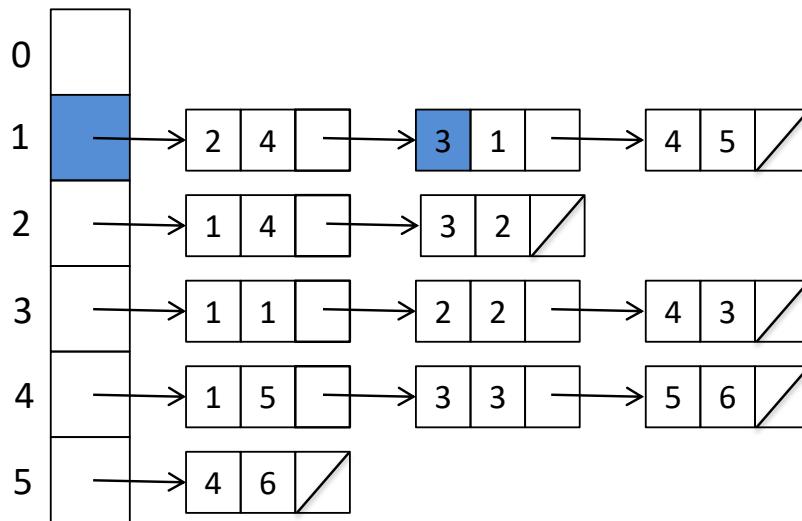
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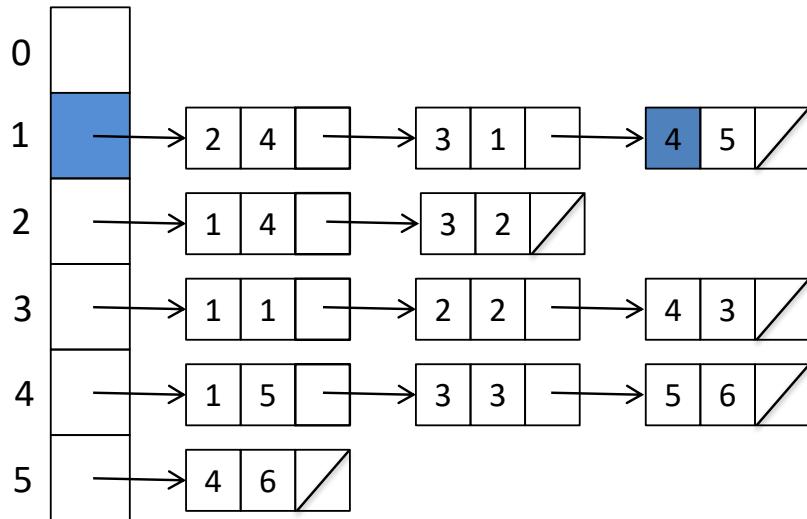
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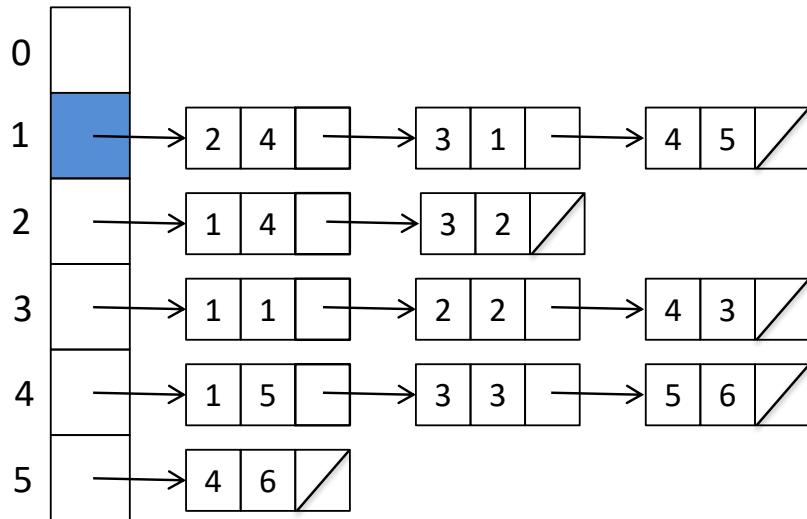
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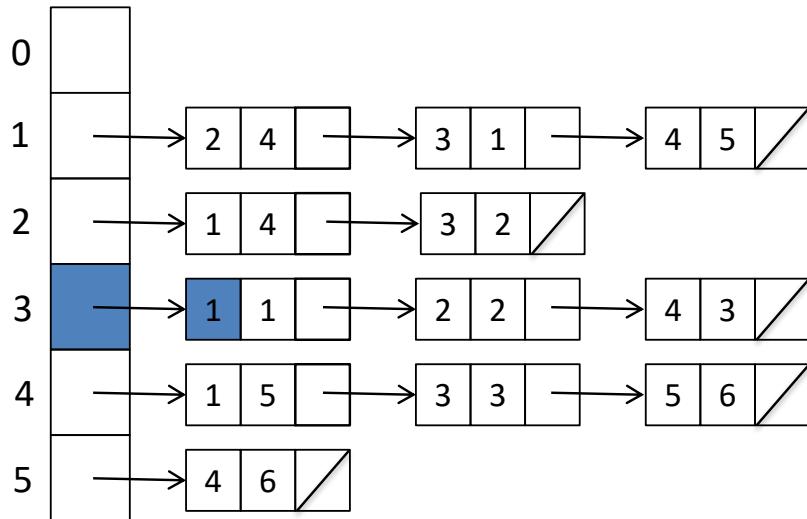
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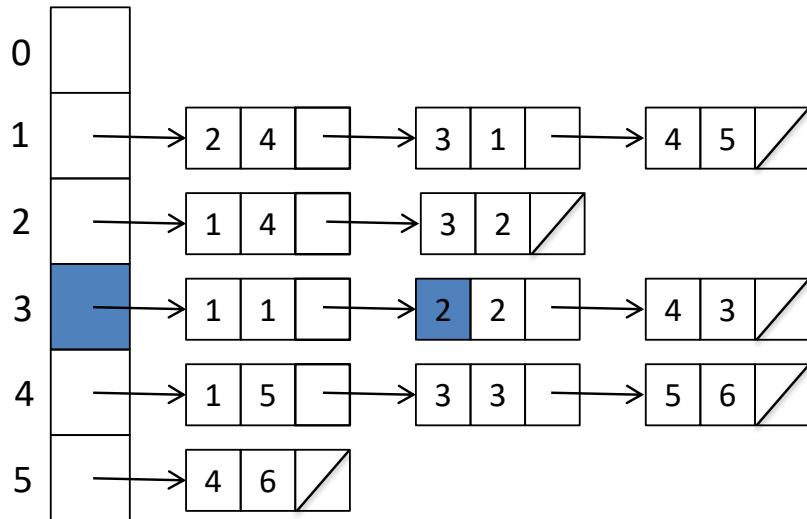
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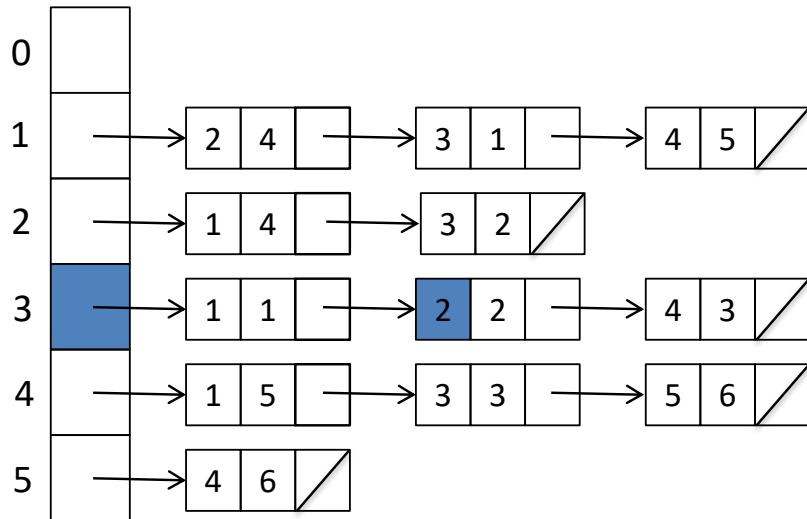
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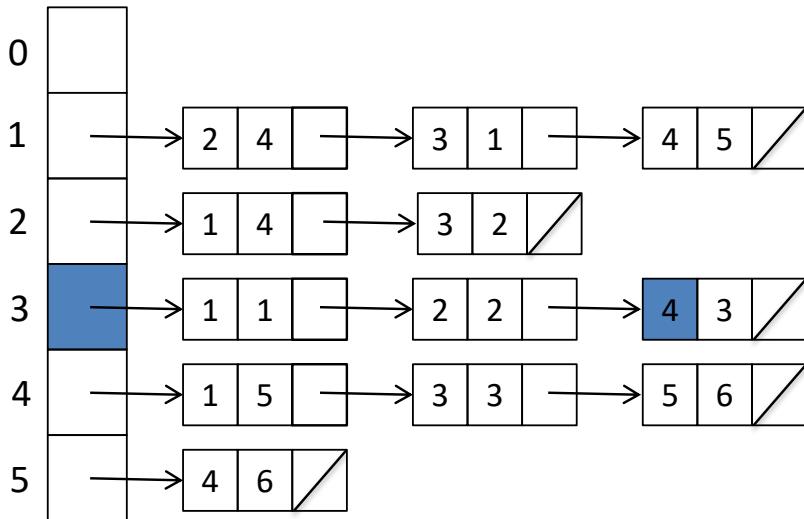
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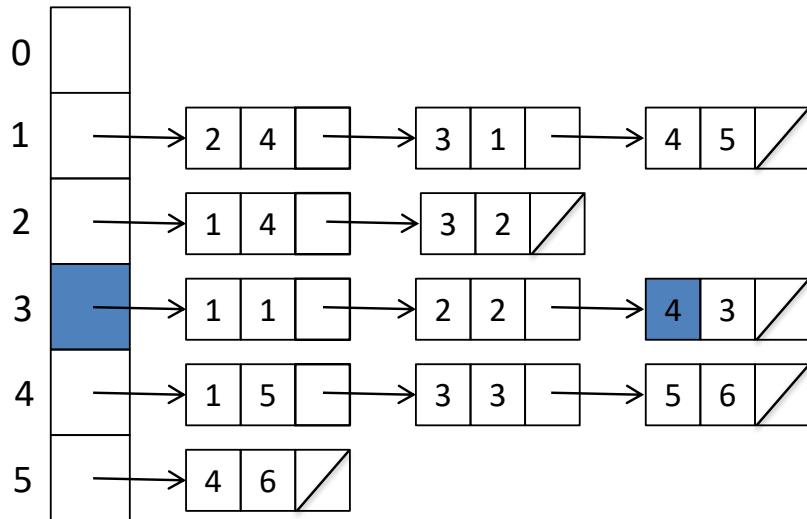
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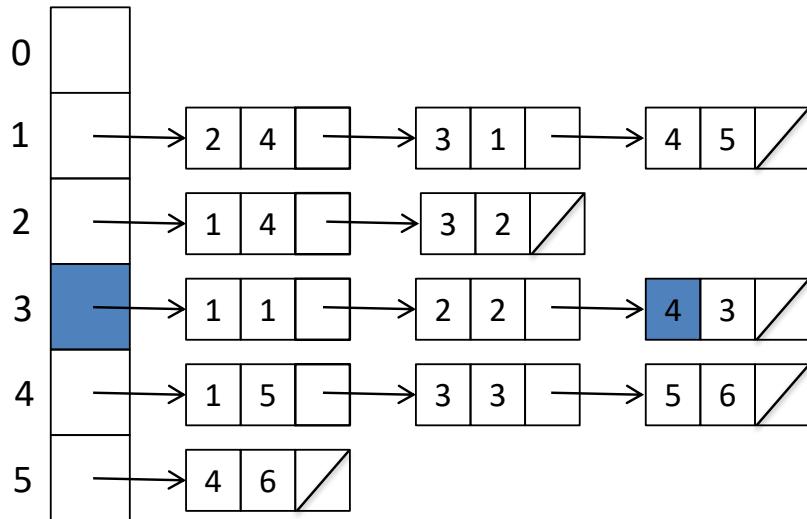
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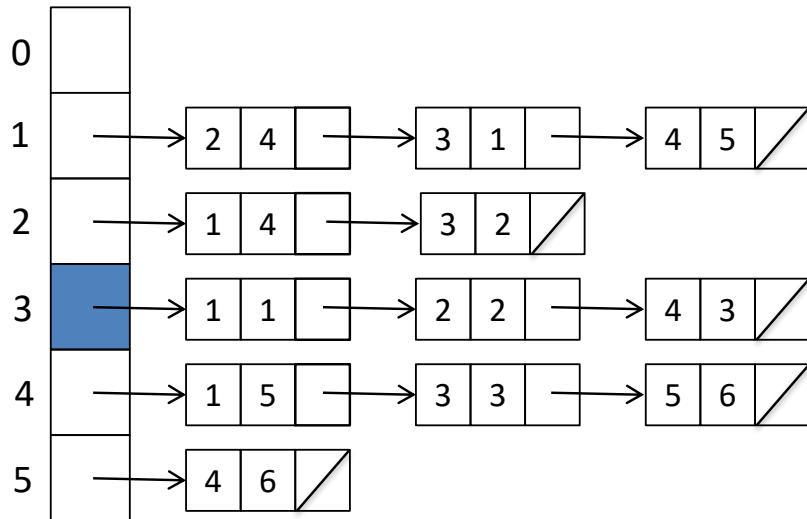
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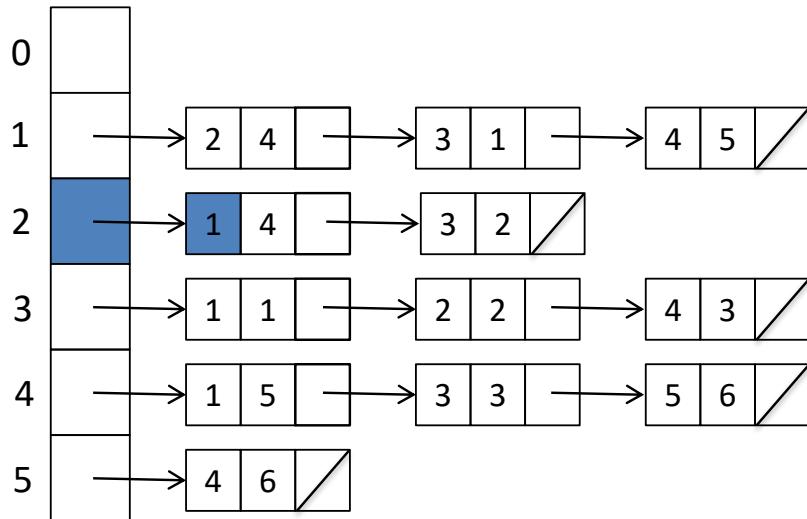
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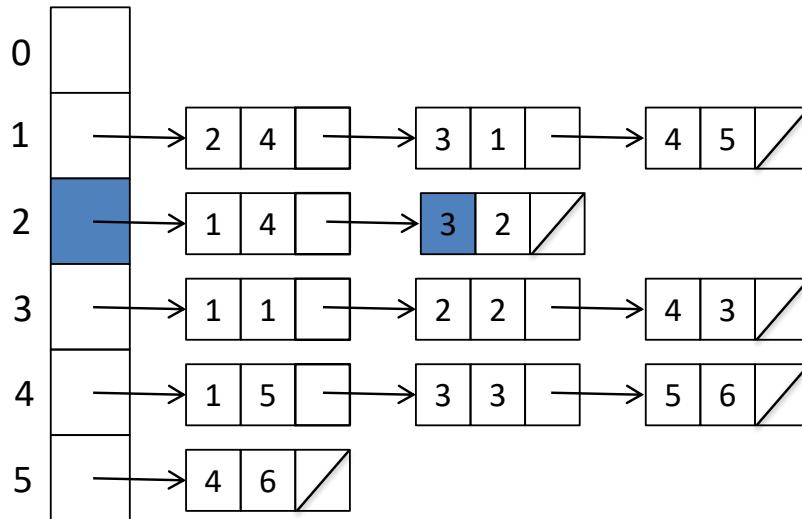
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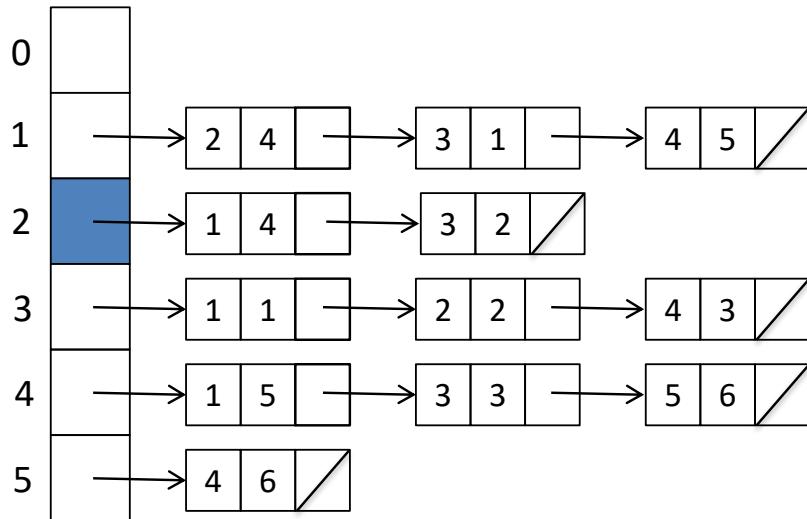
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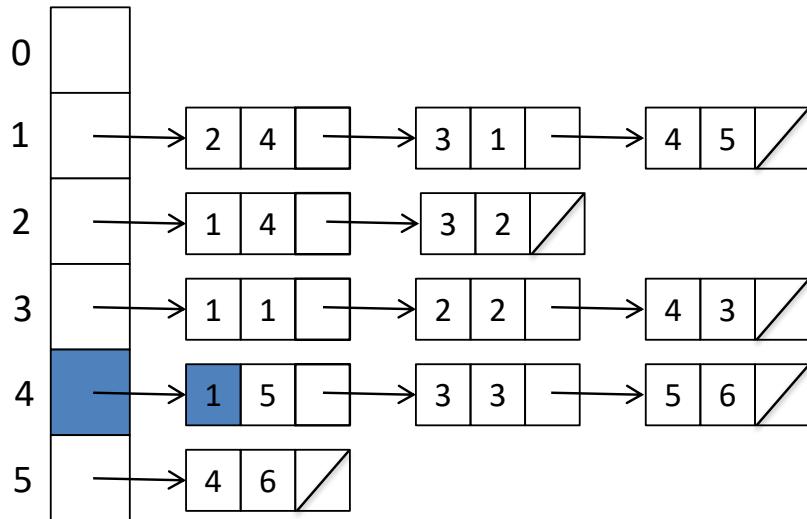
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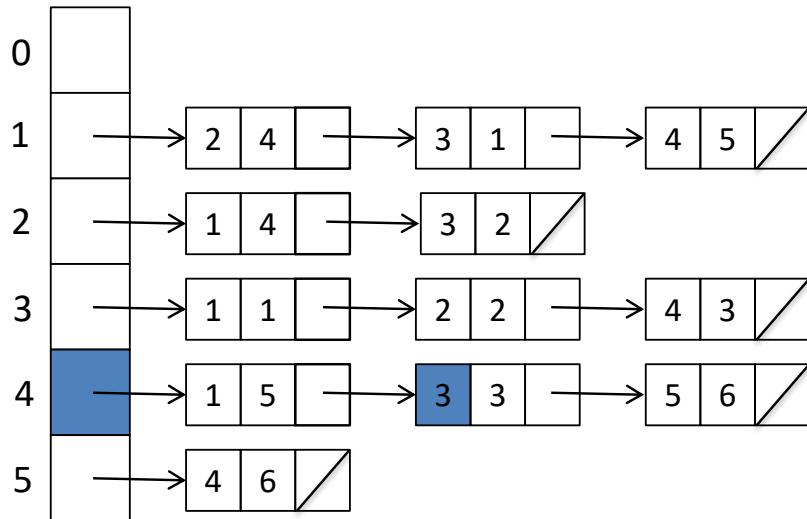
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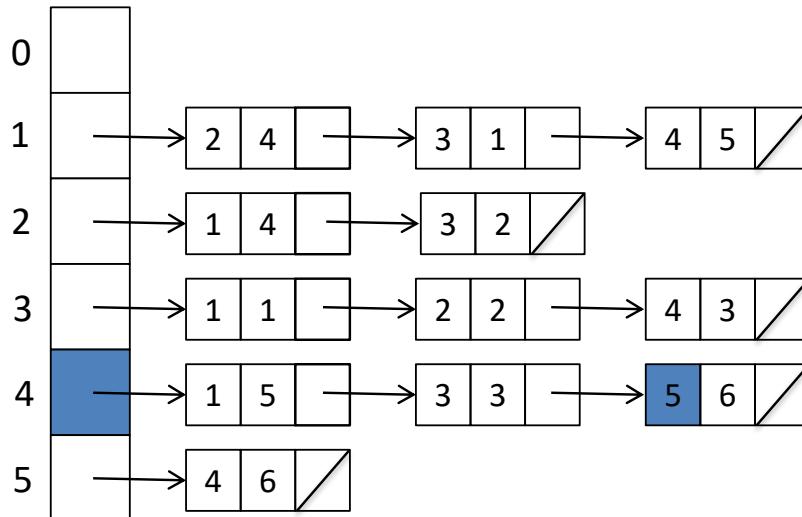
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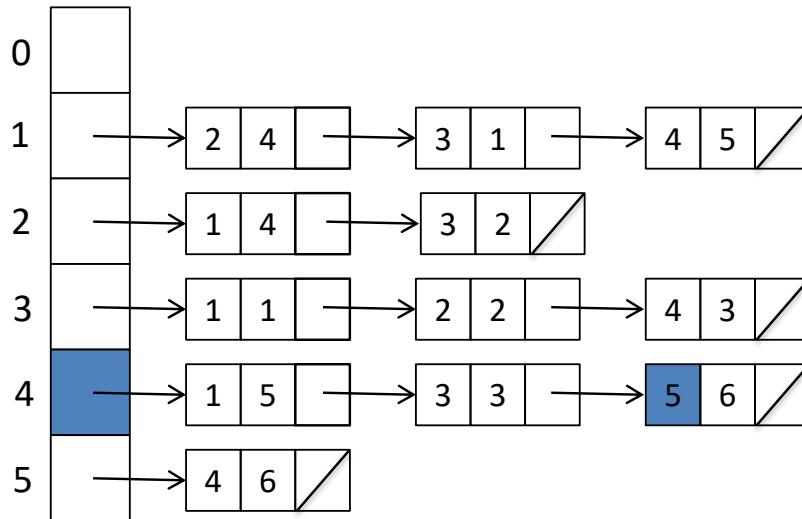
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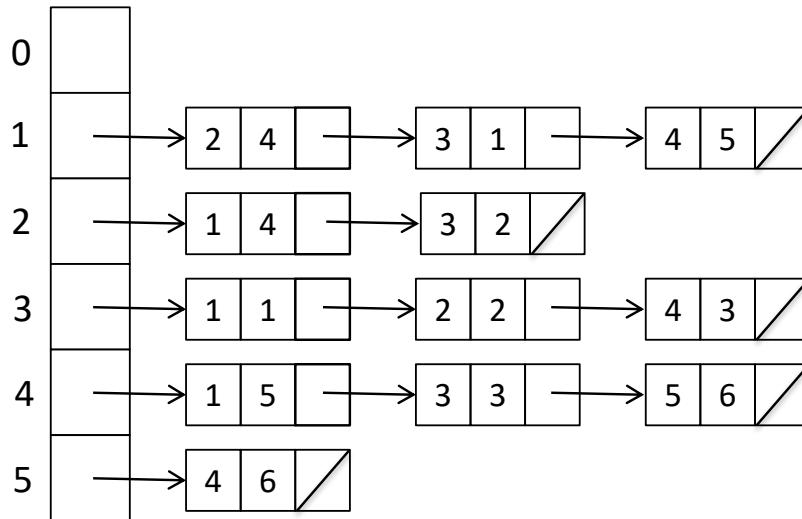
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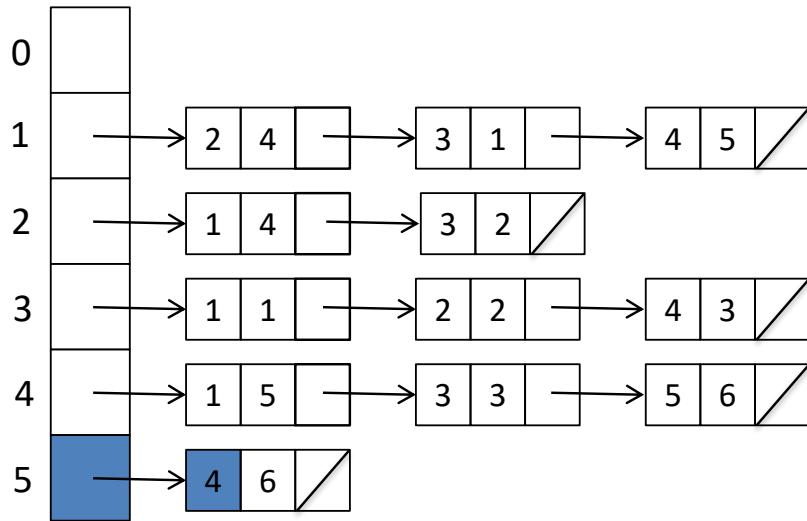
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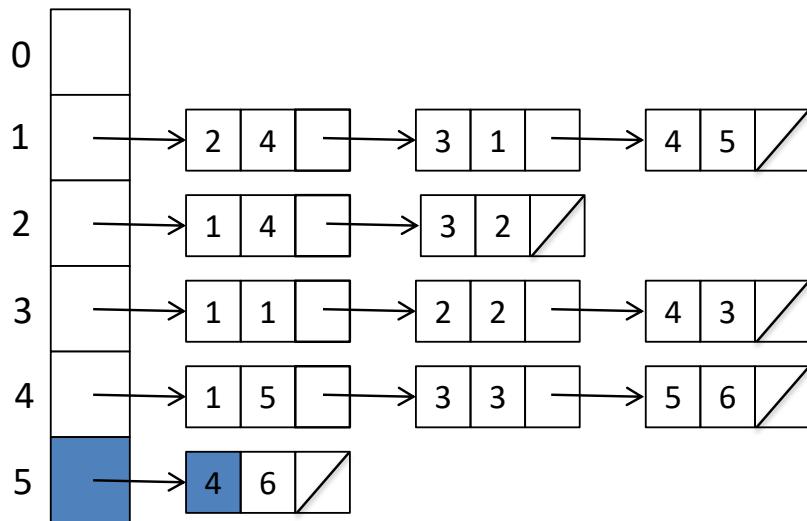
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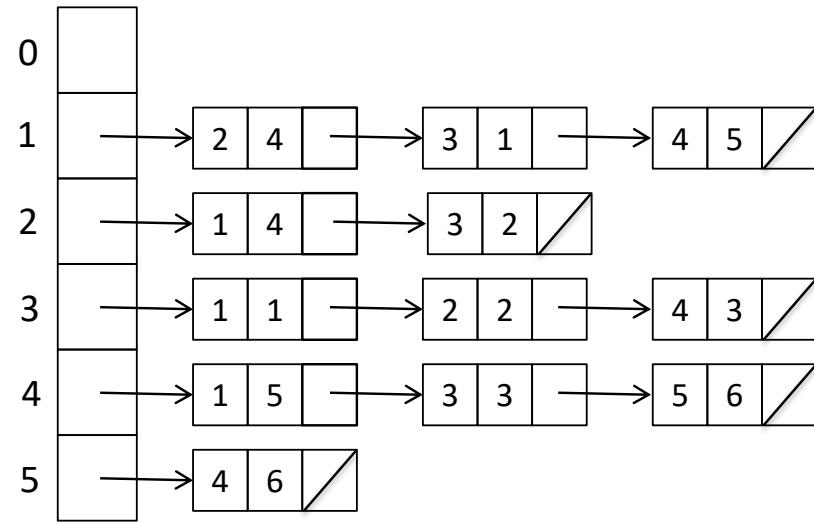
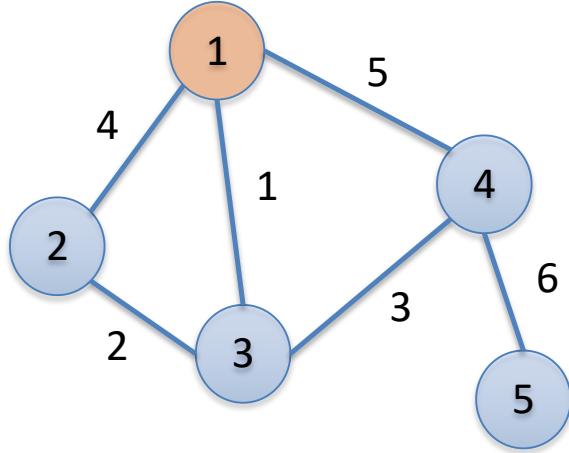
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dijkstra%27s_algorithm

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