

ALGORITHM 97  
SHORTEST PATH

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**procedure** shortest path (m,n); **value** n; **integer** n; **array** m;  
**comment** Initially  $m[i, j]$  is the length of a direct link from point  $i$  of a network to point  $j$ . If no direct link exists,  $m[i, j]$  is initially  $\infty$ . At completion,  $m[i, j]$  is the length of the shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$ . If none exists,  $m[i, j]$  is  $\infty$ . Reference: WARSHALL, S. A theorem on Boolean matrices. *J, ACM* 9(1962), 11-12;

**begin**  
**integer** i, j, k; **real** inf, s; inf :=  $\infty$ ;  
**for** i := 1 **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
**for** j := 1 **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
**if** m [j, i] < inf **then**  
**for** k := 1 **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
**if** m [i, k] < inf **then**  
**begin** s := m [j, i] + m [i, k];  
**if** s < m [j, k] **then** m [j, k] := s  
**end**  
**end** shortest path