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Learning target: Find a shortest path by inspection in a weighted graph.

A shortest-path problem minimises the sum of weights along a route between specified vertices. It differs from connecting every vertex at minimum total construction cost. Read direction restrictions before adding weights, and include units in the final interpretation. For a small network, comparing plausible complete routes can justify a shortest-path result by inspection.

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Task 1. An undirected road network has AB=4, AC=2, BC=1, BD=5, CD=7, CE=3 and ED=1 kilometres. Find a shortest A-to-D route and justify it by comparing alternatives.

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