

<p>1. We start from A and draw the tree formed by the edges we can reach from A. The nodes are labelled with the distance from A.</p>	
<p>2. The next step is to extend the trees to all the nodes we can reach from B, C, and D, and label them with the distances from A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From B: <math>F(4+4 = 8)</math> and <math>D(4+1 = 5)</math></li> <li>• From D: <math>G(7+7 = 14)</math> and <math>E(7+2 = 9)</math></li> <li>• From C: <math>D(3+3 = 6)</math> and <math>E(3+5 = 9)</math></li> </ul>	
<p>3. In this new column of nodes, D and E appear twice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We only need the one with the shortest distance from A, so we delete <math>D(6)</math> and <math>E(9)</math>. (<i>You could just cross them out rather than deleting them.</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Next extend the tree from F, D, and E in the same way. G is the finishing point so that branch is not extended.</p>	

<p>The shortest distance from A to G is 9, and the path is ABDEG.  <b>Students should be encouraged to draw the trees step by step to clearly communicate their thinking.</b></p>	