

## 22 Elementary Graph Algorithms

### 22.1 Representations of graphs

**Definition.** *Representations of graphs*

#### 1. **Adjacency List**

- (a) An array of  $|V|$  lists, one for each vertex in  $V$ . For each  $u \in V$ ,  $Adj[u]$  contains all the vertices  $v$  such that  $(u, v) \in E$  (i.e. all vertices adjacent to  $u$  in  $G$ )
- (b) compact for **sparse** graphs ( $|E| \ll |V|^2$ )
- (c) For **directed graph**, the sum of lengths of all adjacency list is  $|E|$ , since edge of form  $(u, v)$  is represented as having  $v$  appearing in  $Adj[u]$ . (i.e.  $u \rightarrow v$ )
- (d) For **undirected graph**, the sum of lengths of all the adjacency lists is  $2|E|$ , since if  $(u, v)$  is an undirected edge, then  $u$  appears in  $v$ 's adjacency list and vice versa
- (e) Memory:  $\Theta(V + E)$
- (f) Search:  $\Theta(E)$  Have no quick way of determining if a given edge  $(u, v)$  is present in the graph than to search for  $v$  in the adjacency list  $Adj[u]$  (have to go through the list)

#### 2. **Adjacency Matrix**

- (a) Assume vertices numbered  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$  arbitrarily. We have a  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  such that

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (b) good for **dense** graphs ( $|E| = |V|^2$ ) or if need to tell if there is an edge between two vertices quickly
- (c) Memory:  $\Theta(V^2)$
- (d) Search:  $\Theta(1)$

**BFS**  $\Theta(V + E)$

**Lemma.** *For Proof of correctness*

- 1. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be directed or undirected graph, let  $s \in V$  be an arbitrary vertex, for any edge  $(u, v) \in E$ ,

$$\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + 1$$

*Proof.* The shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  cannot be longer than shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$  followed by  $(u, v)$ , since otherwise we just take shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  and  $(u, v)$  which will be a shorter path.  $\square$

2. Upon termination, for each vertex  $v \in V$ , the value  $v.d$  computed by BFS satisfies  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$

*Proof.* Induction on the number of enqueue operations. Inductive hypothesis is that  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ . Before  $s$  enqueued, I.H. holds since  $v.d = \infty \geq 0 = s.d = \delta(s, s)$ . Now consider a white vertex  $v$  that is just being discovered and we search  $Adj[u]$ . I.H. implies  $u.d \geq \delta(s, u)$ . By assignment of  $v.d = u.d + 1$ , and previous lemma (since  $u \rightarrow v$ )

$$v.d = u.d + 1 \geq \delta(s, u) + 1 \geq \delta(s, v)$$

□

3. suppose queue  $Q$  contains vertices  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_r \rangle$ , where  $v_1$  is the head of  $Q$  and  $v_r$  is the tail. Then  $v_r.d \leq v_1.d + 1$  and  $v_i.d \leq v_{i+1}.d$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r - 1$

*Proof.* Proof by induction on number of queue operations. Initially, queue contains  $s$  only, lemma holds. Now we prove in inductive step that lemma holds after both dequeuing and enqueueing a vertex. If head  $v_1$  is dequeued,  $v_2$  is the new head. By inductive hypothesis  $v_1.d \leq v_2.d$ . But then we have  $v_r.d \leq v_1.d + 1 \leq v_2.d + 1$ , the remaining inequalities remain unaffected, so lemma holds with after dequeue of  $v_1$ . During an enqueue, say  $v$ , it becomes  $v_{r+1}$ . At that time, we just moved  $u$  from the queue. By inductive hypothesis, the new head  $v_1$  satisfies  $v_1.d \geq u.d$ . We have

$$v_{r+1}.d = v.d = u.d + 1 \leq v_1.d + 1$$

Now to prove inequalities holds, by I.H.  $v_r.d \geq u.d + 1$  and so  $v_r.d \leq u.d + 1 = v.d = v_{r+1}.d$  and the remaining inequalities remain unaffected. So lemma holds during enqueue □

**Theorem. Correctness of BFS** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be directed or undirected graph, suppose BFS is run on  $G$  given  $s \in V$ . during execution, BFS discovers every vertex  $v \in V$  reachable from  $s$  and upon termination,  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ . Moreover, for any vertex  $v \neq s$  reachable from  $s$ , one of the shortest paths from  $s$  to  $v$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v.\pi$  followed by  $(v.\pi, v)$

**Definition. Breadth-first Tree** For graph  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$ , a predecessor subgraph of  $G$ ,  $G_\pi = (V_\pi, E_\pi)$  where

$$V_\pi = \{v \in V : v.\pi \neq NIL\} \quad E_\pi = \{(v.\pi, v) : v \in V_\pi - \{s\}\}$$

The predecessor graph  $G_\pi$  is a Breadth first tree if  $V_\pi$  consists of vertices reachable from  $s$ , and for all  $v \in V_\pi$ , the subgraph  $G_\pi$  contains a unique simple path from  $s$  to  $v$  that is also the shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G$

**Lemma.** procedure BFS constructs  $\pi$  such that predecessor graph  $G_\pi = (V_\pi, E_\pi)$  is a breadth-first tree

**DFS**  $\Theta(V + E)$

**Definition. Depth-first Tree** For graph  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$ , a predecessor subgraph of  $G$ ,  $G_\pi = (V, E_\pi)$  where

$$E_\pi = \{(v.\pi, v) : v \in V \text{ and } v.\pi \neq \text{NIL}\}$$

The predecessor subgraph of a depth-first search forms a **Depth-first forest** comprising several **Depth-first trees**. The edges in  $E_\pi$  are **tree edges** (Note how we are not restricting  $V$  since DFS will include vertices unreachable from source  $s$ )

**Proposition. Timestamping**

1. **Timestamp**  $v.d$  records when  $v$  first discovered ( $\text{WHITE} \rightarrow \text{GRAY}$ ) and  $v.f$  records when finishes examing  $\text{Adj}[v]$  ( $\text{GRAY} \rightarrow \text{BLACK}$ )
2. Vertex  $u$  is  $\text{WHITE}$  before time  $u.d$ ,  $\text{GRAY}$  between  $u.d$  and  $u.f$  and  $\text{BLACK}$  thereafter
3. vertex  $v$  is a descendent of  $u$  in Depth-first forest if and only if  $v$  is discovered during the time in which  $u$  is gray

**Theorem. Parenthesis theorem** In DFS of  $G$ , for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , exactly one of following holds

1.  $[u.d, u.f]$  and  $[v.d, v.f]$  are entirely disjoint, then neither  $u$  nor  $v$  is a descendent of the other in depth-first forest
2.  $[u.d, u.f]$  contained entirely within  $[v.d, v.f]$ , and  $u$  is a descendent of  $v$  in the depth-first tree
3.  $[v.d, v.f]$  is containedf entirely within  $[u.d, u.f]$  and  $v$  is a descendent of  $u$  in depth-first tree

**Corollary. Nesting of descendents' interval** Vertex  $v$  is a proper descendent of  $u$  in depth-first forest for a graph  $G$  if and only if

$$u.d < v.d < v.f < u.f$$

**Theorem. White-Path Theorem** In depth-first forest of  $G = (V, E)$ , vertex  $v$  is a descendent of  $u$  if and only if at time  $u.d$  that search discovers  $u$ , there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  consisting entirely of white vertices

**Proposition. classification of edges**

1. **Tree Edges** edges in depth-first forest  $G_\pi$ .  $(u, v)$  is a tree edge if  $v$  was first discovered by exploring edge  $(u, v)$

2. **Back Edges** are  $(u, v)$  connecting  $u$  to an ancestor  $v$  in a depth-first tree. Self-loos (in directed graph) is also back edge
3. **Forward Edges** are edges  $(u, v)$  connecting  $u$  to a descendent  $v$  in a depth-first tree
4. **Cross Edges** are all other edges. They go between vertice same vertices in the same depth-first tree, as long as one vertex is not an ancestor of the other, or they can go between vertices in different depth-first trees.

When  $(u, v)$  is first explored, the color of vertex  $v$  tells us about its edge category

1. **WHITE** indicate a tree edge
2. **GRAY** indicate a back edge
3. **BLACK** indicates a forward (if  $u.d < v.d$ ) or cross edge (if  $u.d > v.d$ )

**Theorem.** In DFS of an undirected graph  $G$ , every edge of  $G$  is either a tree edge or a back edge

## 23 Minimum Spanning Tree

**Definition. The MST Problem** Given a connected, undirected, weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Find an acyclic subset  $T \subseteq E$  that connects all of the vertices and whose total weight

$$w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u, v)$$

is minimized. Since  $T$  is acyclic and connects all of the vertices, we call it a **spanning tree**.

**Generic Greedy solution to MST** Generic greedy method for MST involves maintaining a loop invariant on a set  $A \subseteq E$ ,

Prior to each iteration,  $A$  is a subset of some MST

At each step, we determine an edge  $(u, v)$  that we can add to  $A$  without violating the invariant. Assume  $A \subseteq E$  satisfies the loop invariant, a **safe edge**  $(u, v)$  is an edge such that  $A \cup \{(u, v)\}$  maintains the invariant

**Definition. Cut**

1. A **cut**  $(S, V - S)$  of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of  $V$ .
2. An edge  $(u, v) \in E$  **crosses** the cut if one of its endpoints is in  $S$  and the other is in  $V - S$

3. A cut **respects** a set  $A \subseteq E$  if no edges in  $A$  crosses the cut
4. An edge is a **light edge** crossing a cut if its weight is the minimum of any edge crossing the cut (maybe  $\geq 1$  light edges in case of tie)
5. A **light edge satisfying a given property** if its weight is minimum of any edge satisfying the property

**Proposition.** 1. **Possible Multiplicity** If there are  $n$  vertices in the graph, then each spanning tree has  $n-1$  edges.

2. **Cycle property** For any cycle  $C$  in the graph, if the weight of an edge  $e$  of  $C$  is larger than the individual weights of all other edges of  $C$ , then this edge cannot belong to a MST.

**Theorem. The greedy choice (light edge) is optimal (safe)** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be connected, undirected graph with  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $A \subseteq E$  be included in some MST for  $G$ , let  $(S, V - S)$  be any cut of  $G$  that respects  $A$ , and let  $(u, v)$  be a light edge crossing  $C = (S, V - S)$ . Then edge  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ , i.e.  $A \cup \{(u, v)\}$  is also in a subset of some MST

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be a MST such that  $A \subseteq T$ . Assume  $T$  does not contain light edge  $(u, v)$ , since otherwise  $A \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq T$ , done. Otherwise,  $(u, v) \notin T$ . Prove using cut-and-paste that  $(u, v)$  is safe. In the context of MST, inclusion of  $(u, v)$  in  $T$  forms a cycle,  $(u, v)$  along with path  $p$ , s.t.  $u \overset{p}{\rightsquigarrow} v$ . Since  $T$  is by definition simple,  $p$  is also simple. Since  $u$  and  $v$  are on opposite sides of the cut  $C$ , let  $(x, y)$  be an edge that crosses  $C$ . Note  $(x, y) \notin A$  since  $C$  respects  $A$ . Let  $T' = T \cup \{(u, v)\} \setminus \{(x, y)\}$ .  $T$  is connected since removal of  $(x, y)$  breaks  $T$  into 2 components, and inclusion of  $(u, v)$  joins the components together. Now we show that  $T'$  is a MST. Since  $(u, v)$  is a light edge crossing  $C$  and  $(x, y)$  also crosses the cut, we have  $w(u, v) \leq w(x, y)$ , hence

$$w(T') = w(T) + w(u, v) - w(x, y) \leq w(T)$$

Since  $T$  already a MST, i.e.  $w(T) \leq w(T')$ , then  $w(T) = w(T')$ .  $T'$  is also MST. Now we show  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ . since  $A \subseteq T$ ,  $A \subseteq T'$  since  $(x, y) \notin A$ . hence  $A \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq T'$ . Since  $T'$  is MST,  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary. Above theorem holds for cuts in form of connected component** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected, undirected, weighted graph. Let  $A \subseteq E$  such that  $A$  is included in some MST of  $G$ . Let  $C = (V_C, E_C)$  be a connected component in the forest  $G_A = (V, A)$ . If  $(u, v)$  is a light edge connecting  $C$  to some other component in  $G_A$ , then  $(u, v)$  is safe for  $A$

## 23.2 Kruskal and Prim's algorithms $O(E \lg V)$

**Definition. *Kruskal's algorithm*** Finds a safe edge to the growing forest by finding, of all edges that connect any two trees in the forest, an edge  $(u, v)$  of least weight.

1. **Implementation** Needs a fast way to determine if an edge crosses connected components. Tracks trees in disjoint sets. Initializes vertices to disjoint sets with MAKE-SET. Sort edges by weight in nondecreasing order. Loop over all edges and include edge  $(u, v)$  to  $A \subseteq E$  if  $u$  and  $v$  are not in the same set (evaluate with FIND-SET). Update disjoint sets with UNION
2. **Complexity** Assume disjoint-set-forest impl with union-by-rank and path-compression. Sorting takes  $O(E \lg E)$ .  $O(E)$  FIND-SET and UNION and  $O(V)$  MAKE-SET takes a total of  $O((V + E)\alpha(V))$ . Since  $G$  connected,  $|E| \geq |V| - 1$ , so disjoint-set operation takes  $O(E\alpha(V)) = O(E \lg V) = O(E \lg E)$ . In total, algorithm takes  $O(E \lg E)$ . Note since  $|E| < |V|^2$ ,  $\lg |E| = O(\lg V)$ , so running time is  $O(E \lg V)$

**Definition. *Prim's algorithm*** Tree  $(A)$  starts from an arbitrary root vertex  $r$  and grows until the tree spans all vertices of  $V$ . Each step adds to the tree  $A$  a light edge that connects  $A$  to an isolated vertex, one on which no edge of  $A$  is incident. (so that the cut respects  $A$ )

1. **Implementation** Needs a fast way to select a new edge to add to tree. vertices not in the tree reside in a min-priority queue  $Q$  based on key attributes, where  $v.\text{key}$  is the minimum weight of any edge connecting  $v$  to a vertex in the tree  $A$ . ( $v.\text{key} = \infty$  if no such edge exists)
2. **Complexity** Assume  $Q$  impl with binary min-heap. building heap requires  $O(\lg V)$  time.  $O(V)$  EXTRACT-MIN each taking  $O(\lg V)$  amounts to  $O(V \lg V)$ . While loop iterates  $O(E)$  times. The test for membership is  $O(1)$  by keeping a bit in  $G$  for each vertex and tells if its not in  $Q$  and updating the bit once vertex is removed from  $Q$ . DECREASE-KEY taking  $O(\lg V)$  each. Hence total time is  $O(V \lg V + E \lg V) = O(E \lg V)$

## 24 Single-Source Shortest Path

**Definition. *The Single-Paths Problem*** Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

1. The **weight of path**  $w(p)$  for  $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$  is given by

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

2. A **Shortest-path weight**  $\delta(u, v)$  from  $u$  to  $v$  is given by

$$\delta(u, v) = \begin{cases} \min\{w(p) : u \stackrel{p}{\rightsquigarrow} v\} & \text{if there is a path from } u \text{ to } v \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. A **Shortest path** from  $u$  to  $v$  is defined as any path  $p$  with weight

$$w(p) = \delta(u, v)$$

**Definition. Variants**

1. **Single-source shortest-path problem** Find the shortest path from a given **source** vertex  $s \in V$  to each vertex  $v \in V$
2. **Single-destination shortest-path problem** Find a shortest path to a given **destination** vertex  $t$  from each vertex  $v \in V$ . (By reversing direction of each edge, we can reduce this problem to a single-source problem)
3. **Single-Pair shortest-path problem** Find a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  for given vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . (If we solve single-source problem with source vertex  $u$ , we solve this problem also)
4. **All-pairs shortest-path problem** Find a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . (solving by single-source algo will be inefficient, there are better solutions)

**Proposition. Subpaths of shortest paths are shortest path (Optimal substructure)**

Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$  be a shortest path from vertex  $v_0$  to vertex  $v_k$  and, for any  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq j \leq k$ , let  $p_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_j \rangle$  be a subpath of  $p$  from vertex  $v_i$  to vertex  $v_j$ . Then  $p_{ij}$  is a shortest path from  $v_i$  to  $v_j$

**Proposition. Cycles**

1. **Negative-weight cycle**

- (a) The shortest path cannot contain negative-weight cycles.
- (b) No path from  $s$  to a vertex on a cycle can be a shortest path, since we can always find a path with lower weight by following the proposed shortest path and then traversing the negative-weight cycle.
- (c) Hence we define for all  $v \in C$  for some negative-weight cycle,  $\delta(s, v) = \infty$

2. **Positive-weight cycle**

- (a) The shortest path cannot contain positive-weight cycle,
- (b) since removing the cycle from the path produces a path with the same source and destination vertices and a lower path weight
- (c) For 0-weight cycles, we can always remove the cycle and get a shortest path without a cycle.

- (d) Hence we assume shortest paths have no cycles (simple path). Since any acyclic path in  $G$  has at most  $|V|$  distinct vertices, it contains at most  $|V| - 1$  edges, hence we try to find shortest path of at most  $|V| - 1$  edges

**Definition. Representing shortest path** Interested in predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi = (V_\pi, E_\pi)$  where

$$V_\pi = \{v \in V : v.\pi \neq \text{NIL}\} \quad E_\pi = \{(v.\pi, v) : v \in V_\pi - \{s\}\}$$

Specifically, let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted, directed graph with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and assume  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles reachable from source vertex  $s \in V$ , so that shortest paths are well-defined. A **Shortest-paths tree** rooted at  $s$  is a directed subgraph  $G' = (V', E')$ , where  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$  such that

1.  $V'$  is the set of vertices reachable from  $s$  in  $G$
2.  $G'$  forms a rooted tree with root  $s$  and
3. for all  $v \in V'$ , the unique simple path from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G'$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G$

Note shortest path or shortest path are not necessarily unique

**Proposition. Shortest-path estimate and Relaxation**

1. **Shortest-path estimate** For each  $v \in V$ , the shortest-path estimate  $v.d$  is an upper bound on the weight of a shortest path from source  $s$  to  $v$ .
2. **Relaxation** The process of relaxing an edge  $(u, v)$  consists of testing whether we can improve the shortest path to  $v$  found so far by going through  $u$  and, if so, updating (improving)  $v.d$  and  $v.\pi$ 
  - (a) Given  $u.d$ ,  $v.d$  and  $w(u, v)$  for edge  $u \rightarrow v$
  - (b) Update  $v.d$  if  $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$ . In essence, take path along  $u$  instead of some other path
  - (c) Only way to change  $v.d$  and  $v.\pi$
3. **Triangular Inequality (for weighted graphs)** For any edge  $(u, v) \in E$  we have

$$\delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v)$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $p$  where  $s \xrightarrow{p} v$  is a shortest path, then claim holds by definition of shortest path. Otherwise, there is no shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ . This implies that there is no shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ , since otherwise there exists shortest path  $p'$  such that  $s \xrightarrow{p'} u \rightarrow v$  which is a shortest path. Hence  $\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u)$  are either  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ . Hence the claim holds  $\square$



**Proposition. Effect of relaxation on shortest-path estimates**

1. **Upper-bound property** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be weighted, directed graph with  $w$ . Let  $s \in V$  be source vertex and graph initialized by INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ) then  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$  over any sequence of relaxation steps on edges of  $G$ . Moreover, once  $v.d$  achieves value  $\delta(s, v)$ , it never changes.

*Proof.* Prove by induction the claim  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$  holds for all  $v \in V$  on the number of relaxation steps. After initialization,  $\infty = v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$  holds for all  $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$ , and since  $s.d = 0 \geq \delta(s, s)$ . For inductive step, we have that  $x.d \geq \delta(s, x)$  for all  $x \in V$ . Assume we relax an edge  $(u, v)$ , only  $v.d$  will be changed

$$v.d = u.d + w(u, v) \geq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v) \geq \delta(s, v)$$

by I.H. and triangular inequality. In addition  $v.d$  never change once  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$ . This is because  $v.d$  never decreases as  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$  holds for all  $v \in V$  just proved and no operation increases  $v.d$   $\square$

2. **No-path property** Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and there is no path from  $s$  to  $v$ . Then after graph is initialized by INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ), we have  $v.d = \delta(s, v) = \infty$  and this equality is maintained as an invariant over any sequence of relaxation steps on edges of  $G$

*Proof.* By definition of shortest path,  $\delta(s, v) = \infty$  as there is no path from  $s$  to  $v$ . By upper-bound property  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v) = \infty$ , hence  $v.d = \delta(s, v) = \infty$   $\square$

**Lemma.** Let  $(u, v) \in E$ , then immediately after relaxing edge  $(u, v)$  by executing RELAX( $u, v, w$ ), we have  $v.d \leq u.d + w(u, v)$

*Proof.* If  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ , then by RELAX,  $v.d = u.d + w(u, v)$ . If  $v.d \leq u.d + w(u, v)$ ,  $v.d$  not updated. Hence  $v.d \leq u.d + w(u, v)$  afterwards  $\square$

3. **Convergence property** (Given  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$ ,  $v.d \xrightarrow{\text{Relax}(u, v)} \delta(s, v)$ ) Let  $G = (V, E)$  be weighted, directed graph with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $s \in V$  be source vertex, and let  $s \rightsquigarrow u \rightarrow v$  is a shortest path in  $G$  for some  $u, v \in V$ . Suppose  $G$  is initialized by INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ) and then execute a sequence of relaxation steps that includes the call RELAX( $u, v, w$ ) on edges of  $G$ . If  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  at any time prior to relaxing edge  $(u, v)$ , then  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  at all times afterwards

*Proof.* If  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  at any time prior to relaxing  $(u, v)$ , then by upper-bound property,  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  stays the same. After relaxation on  $(u, v)$ , by previous lemma

$$v.d \leq u.d + w(u, v) = \delta(s, u) + w(u, v) = \delta(s, v)$$

the last equality given by optimal substructure of shortest path. By upper-bound property,  $v.d \geq \delta(s, v)$ , hence  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  and this property is maintained afterwards  $\square$

4. **Path-relaxation property** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted, directed graph with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $s \in V$  be source vertex. Consider any shortest path  $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$  from  $s = v_0$  to  $v_k$ . If  $G$  is initialized with INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ) and then a sequence of relaxation steps occurs that includes, in order, relaxing the edges  $(v_0, v_1), (v_1, v_2), \dots, (v_{k-1}, v_k)$ , then  $v_k.d = \delta(s, v_k)$ . This property holds regardless of any other relaxation steps that occur, even if they are intermixed with relaxations of the edges of  $p$

*Proof.* Proof by induction  $v_i.d = \delta(s, v_i)$  holds on  $i$ -th vertex in  $p$  relaxed. When  $i = 0$ ,  $v_0.d = s.d = 0 = \delta(s, s)$ , by upper-bound property, the value never changes afterwards. In induction step, assume  $v_{i-1}.d = \delta(s, v_{i-1})$ . After relaxation of  $(v_{i-1}, v_i)$ ,  $v_i.d = \delta(s, v_i)$  by convergence property and the equality is maintained thereafter by upper-bound property  $\square$

**Proposition. Relaxation and Shortest-paths tree**

1. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted, directed graph with  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $s \in V$  be a source vertex, and assume  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles that are reachable from  $s$ . Then after the graph is initialized with INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ), the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  forms a **rooted tree** with root  $s$ , and any sequence of relaxation steps on edges of  $G$  maintains this property as an invariant.

*Proof.* Proof consists of proving  $G_\pi$  is an acyclic graph by contradiction (i.e. assume there is a cycle and prove the cycle is in fact a negative weight cycle, which contradicts assumption of the problem). Then proving the graph is rooted at  $s$ , i.e. proving there is unique simple path from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G_\pi$   $\square$

2. **Predecessor-subgraph property** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted, directed graph with  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $s \in V$  be a source vertex, and assume  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles that are reachable from  $s$ . Then after the graph is initialized with INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE( $G, s$ ) and execute any sequence of relaxation steps on edges of  $G$  that produces  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , then the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  is a shortest-path tree rooted at  $s$ .

*Proof.* Prove 3 properties of shortest-path trees given.

- (a) Prove  $V_\pi$  is the set of vertices reachable from  $s$ . Let  $v \in V$  be not reachable from  $s$ , hence  $\delta(s, v) = \infty$ . Since  $v.d$  and  $v.\pi$  updated together in RELAX, implying  $v.\pi = NIL$  and hence  $v \notin V_\pi$

- (b) Prove  $G_\pi$  forms a rooted tree with root  $s$ , follows from previous proposition
- (c) Prove for all  $v \in V_\pi$ , the unique simple path  $s \stackrel{p}{\rightsquigarrow} v$  in  $G_\pi$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  in  $G$ . Let  $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$  where  $v_0 = s$  and  $v_k = v$ . For  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we have  $v_i.d = \delta(s, v_i)$  (Path-Relaxation property) and  $v_i.d \geq v_{i-1}.d + w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$ , hence  $w(v_{i-1}, v_i) \leq \delta(s, v_i) - \delta(s, v_{i-1})$ . Summing weights along  $p$

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\delta(s, v_i) - \delta(s, v_{i-1})) = \delta(s, v_k) - \delta(s, v_0) = \delta(s, v_k)$$

hence  $w(p) = \delta(s, v_k)$  and thus  $p$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $v = v_k$

□

## 24.2 Bellman-Ford algorithm $O(VE)$

**Definition.** *Bellman-Ford algorithm*

1. **Goal** solves single-source shortest-paths problem in which edges may be negative
  - (a) returns a boolean indicating whether or not there is a negative-weight cycle that is reachable from source
  - (b) and the shortest path and their weight if no such cycle exists
2. **Implementation** works by progressively decreasing estimate  $v.d$  until it achieves  $\delta(s, v)$  by making  $|V| - 1$  passes, where in each pass, every  $v \in V$  is relaxed once.
3. **Runtime**  $O(VE)$ , initialization  $\Theta(V)$ , each  $|V| - 1$  passes takes  $\Theta(E)$  times (since relax every  $e \in E$  requires traversing the entire adjacency list).

**Lemma.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be weighted, directed graph with source  $s$  and weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  assume  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles that are reachable from  $s$ . Then after  $|V| - 1$  iterations of for loop in the algorithm, we have  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all vertices  $v$  that are reachable from  $s$

*Proof.* Let  $v \in V$  be arbitrary vertices reachable from  $s$ , let  $p = \langle v_0 = s, \dots, v_k = v \rangle$  be any shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ . Since shortest path are simple, there are at most  $|V| - 1$  edges. So  $k \leq |V| - 1$ . Since each of  $|V| - 1$  iterations relax all  $|E|$  edges, amongst them is the edge  $(v_{i-1}, v_i)$ . By path-relaxation property,  $v.d = v_k.d = \delta(s, v_k) = \delta(s, v)$  □

**Corollary.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be weighted, directed graph with source  $s$  and weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  assume  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles that are **reachable from  $s$** . For each  $v \in V$ , there is a path from  $s$  to  $v$  if and only if BELLMAN-FORD terminates with  $v.d < \infty$  when it is run on  $G$

**Theorem. Correctness of Bellman-Ford Algorithm** Let `BELLMAN-FORD` be run on a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$  and weight  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $G$  contains no negative-weight cycles that are reachable from  $S$ , then the algorithm returns `TRUE`, we have  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all vertices  $v \in V$ , and the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  is a shortest-paths tree rooted at  $s$ . If  $G$  does contain a negative-weight cycle reachable from  $s$ , then the algorithm returns `FALSE`.

*Proof.* Suppose  $G$  contains **no negative-weight cycles**. Prove  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all vertices  $v \in V$ . If  $v$  is reachable from  $s$ , previous lemma proves the claim. Otherwise  $v$  not reachable from  $s$ , then claim follows from no-path property, i.e.  $v.d = \delta(s, v) = \infty$ . The predecessor subgraph property, along with the claim, implies  $G_\pi$  is shortest path tree. Now prove the algorithm returns `TRUE`. At termination, for all  $v \in V$

$$v.d = \delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + w(u, v) = u.d + w(u, v)$$

so none of test for negative cycle in the algorithm returns `FALSE` hence will return `TRUE`. Suppose  $G$  has negative cycles reachable from  $s$ , let  $c = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$ , where  $v_0 = v_k$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i) < 0$$

Prove by contradiction, if the algorithm returns `TRUE`, then we have

$$v_i.d \leq v_{i-1}.d + w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Summing equalities around the cycle

$$\sum_{i=1}^k v_i.d \leq \sum_{i=1}^k (v_{i-1}.d + w(v_{i-1}, v_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^k v_{i-1}.d + \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

Note  $\sum_{i=1}^k v_i.d = \sum_{i=1}^k v_{i-1}.d$  since cycles hold the same vertices despite difference in the way they are indexed. Note  $v_i.d$  is finite, so

$$\sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i) \geq 0$$

which contradicts the negative cycle assumption. □

### 24.3 Single-Source shortest paths in directed acyclic graphs $O(V + E)$

**Definition. DAG Shortest-Path**

1. **Motivation** Increase runtime by relaxing edges according to a topological sort of its vertices (so that we can use path-relaxation property and only relax every edge once)

## 2. Implementation

- (a) Topologically sort the dag, i.e. if there is  $p$  such that  $u \xrightarrow{p} v$ , then  $u$  precedes  $v$
- (b) Then make one pass over vertices in topologically sorted order. Relax each edge that leaves the vertex
3. **Runtime**  $O(V + E)$ . Topological sort takes  $\Theta(V + E)$  time, INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE takes  $\Theta(V)$ . There is 1 pass where each edge is relaxed exactly once, each taking  $O(1)$ , hence amounts to  $\Theta(V + E)$

**Theorem. Correctness of DAG Shortest-Path algorithm** If a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  has source vertex  $s$  and no cycles, then at termination of DAG-SHORTEST-PATHS procedure,  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all vertices  $v \in V$ , and the predecessor subgraph  $G_\pi$  is a shortest-path tree

*Proof.* Show  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all  $v \in V$  at termination. If  $v$  not reachable from  $s$ ,  $v.d = \delta(s, v) = \infty$  by no-path property. If  $v$  is reachable from  $s$ , then there is a shortest path  $p = \langle v_0 = s, \dots, v_k \rangle = v$ . Because we process vertices in topological sorted order, the edges are relaxed in order. The path-relaxation property implies  $v_i.d = \delta(s, v_i)$  at termination. The predecessor subgraph property implies  $G_\pi$  is a shortest path tree  $\square$

## 24.4 Dijkstra's Algorithm $O(V^2)$ or $O(E \lg V)$

**Definition. Dijkstra's algorithm**

1. **Use case** Solves single-source shortest-paths problem on a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  for the case in which all edges weights are nonnegative, i.e.  $w(u, v) \geq 0$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$
2. **Implementation**
  - (a) Maintains set  $S$  of vertices whose final shortest-path weights from  $s$  have already been determined.
  - (b) Repeatedly selects a vertex  $u \in V \setminus S = Q$ , implemented with min-priority queue, with minimum shortest-path estimate.
  - (c) Adds  $u$  to  $S$
  - (d) Relax all edges leaving  $u$ , i.e.  $\text{Adj}[u]$
3. **Greedy** Since it chooses the lightest/closest vertex in  $V \setminus S$  to add to set  $S$
4. **Analysis Min-priority queue** INSERT EXTRACT-MIN called once per vertex, since each  $u \in V$  added to  $S$  exactly once. The loop iterates  $|E|$ , size of adjacency list, and DECREASE-KEY is called at most once per loop (in RELAX). The runtime depends on how min-priority queue is implemented

- (a) **Array** INSERT and DECREASE-KEY  $O(1)$ , EXTRACT-MIN  $O(V)$  (have to go through entire array) total time  $O(V^2 + E) = O(V^2)$
- (b) **binary min-heap** INSERT, DECREASE-KEY and EXTRACT-MIN take  $O(\lg n)$ . Total runtime  $O((V + E) \lg V)$ , which is  $O(E \lg V)$  if all vertices are reachable from source. Good if graph is sparse
- (c) **Fibonacci heap**  $O(V \lg V + E)$

5. **Comparison** Both Dijkstra's and Prim's algorithm uses a min-priority queue and grow the tree from source  $s$ , while updating other vertices

**Theorem. Correctness of Dijkstra's algorithm** Dijkstra's algorithm run on a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with nonnegative weight  $w$  and source  $s$ , terminates with  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  for all vertices  $u \in V$ .

**Proposition.** The Loop invariant

At the start of each iteration,  $v.d = \delta(s, v)$  for all vertex  $v \in S$

Its enough to show for each vertex  $u \in V$ ,  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  at time when  $u$  is added to the set, The upper-bound guarantees  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  holds afterwards

*Proof.* Prove algo correct by proving invariant holds

1. **Initialization** Initially,  $S = \emptyset$ , hence invariant trivially true.
2. **Mainenance** Now we prove  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  for  $u$  added to  $S$ . Prove by contradiciton, let  $u$  be first vertex added for which  $u.d \neq \delta(s, u)$  when it was added to the set. Note  $u \neq s$  since  $s$  is first added with  $s.d = \delta(s, s) = 0$ , hence  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Also there must be some path connecting  $s$  to  $u$ , otherwise  $u.d \neq \delta(s, u) = \infty$  which violates assumption that  $u.d \neq \delta(s, u)$ . If there is a path, there is a shortest path, let  $p$  be such path that connects  $s \in S$  to  $u \in V \setminus S$ . Then at some point  $p$  crosses the cut  $(S, V \setminus S)$ . Let  $y \in V \setminus S$  be the first vertices and  $x$  be  $y$ 's parent, i.e.  $y.\pi = x$ . Now we decompose  $p$

$$s \xrightarrow{p_1} x \rightarrow y \xrightarrow{p_2} u$$

Now we claim  $y.d = \delta(s, y)$  when  $u$  is added to  $S$ . This is true because  $u$  is the first vertex added to  $S$  such that  $u.d \neq \delta(s, u)$ . Since  $x \in S$ , by I.H. we have  $x.d = \delta(s, x)$  when  $x$  was added to  $S$ . Then  $(x, y)$  is relaxed at that time, hence the claim follows by convergence property. Now we obtain a contradiction, since  $y$  comes before  $u$  on a shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$  and all other edge in  $p_2$  weights are non-negative, we have  $\delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u)$ , hence

$$y.d = \delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u) \leq u.d$$

But since both  $u$  and  $y$  is in  $V \setminus S$  when  $u$  was chosen and we picked  $u$  instead of  $y$  hence  $u.d \leq y.d$ . The two inequalities yield a equality

$$y.d = \delta(s, y) = \delta(s, u) = u.d$$

Hence  $\delta(s, u) = u.d$  contradicts the choice of  $u$ . Hence  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  when it was first added to  $S$ .

3. **Termination** At termination  $Q = V \setminus S = \emptyset$ , hence  $S = V$ , hence by previous invariant,  $u.d = \delta(s, u)$  for all  $u \in V$

□

## 25 All-Pairs Shortest Path

**Definition. All-Pairs shortest path**

1. **Goal** Given  $G = (V, E)$  with weight  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Find, for every pair  $u, v \in V$ , a shortest(least weight) path from  $u$  to  $v$ . Want to output in tabular form: each entry in  $u$ 's row and  $v$ 's column should be weight of a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$
2. **Naive solution** Run single-source shortest path algorithm  $|V|$  times, once for each vertex as the source. Non-negative weight, use Dijkstra's algorithm, the min-heap impl of min-priority queue yields a runtime of  $O(VE \lg V)$ , fibonnaci heap impl yields runtime of  $O(V^2 \lg V + VE) = O(V^3)$ . If have non-negative weights have to use Bellman-Ford algorithm, with runtime of  $O(V^2 E)$ , which is  $O(V^4)$  if graph is dense.
3. **Representation of Graph** Use matrix representation. Assume vertices numbered  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$ , an  $n$ -vertex directed  $G = (V, E)$  is represented as a  $n \times n$  matrix  $W = (w_{ij})$  representing edge weights.

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \text{weight of directed edge } (i, j) & \text{if } i \neq j \wedge (i, j) \in E \\ \infty & \text{if } i \neq j \wedge (i, j) \notin E \end{cases}$$

The all-pairs shortest-path algorithm outputs  $n \times n$  matrix  $D = (d_{ij})$ , where  $d_{ij} = \delta(i, j)$ . A **Predecessor Matrix**  $\Pi = (\pi_{ij})$ , such that  $\pi_{ij}$  is NIL if either  $i = j$  or there is no path from  $i$  to  $j$ , otherwise  $\pi_{ij}$  is predecessor of  $j$  on some shortest path from  $i$ .

### 25.1 Shortest path and matrix multiplication with DP $O(V^3 \lg V)$

**Definition. Shortest path and matrix multiplication**

1. **Structure of shortest path** Given  $W = (w_{ij})$ , consider shortest path  $p$  from  $i$  to  $j$ , where  $p$  has  $m$  edges, assume no negative-weight cycles, and  $m$  is finite. If  $i = j$ ,  $p$  has weight 0 and no edges. If  $i \neq j$ , then we can decompose  $p$  into

$$i \xrightarrow{p'} k \rightarrow j$$

where path  $p'$  now contains at most  $m - 1$  edges, By optimal substructure of shortest path,  $p'$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$ , and so  $\delta(i, j) = \delta(i, k) + w_{kj}$

2. **Recursive solution** Let  $l_{ij}^{(m)}$  be the minimum weight of any path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  that contains at most  $m$  edges. When  $m = 0$ , there is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with no edges if and only if  $i = j$ , hence

$$l_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \infty & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases} \quad l_{ij}^{(m)} = \text{Min} \left\{ l_{ij}^{(m-1)}, \text{Min}_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ l_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj} \} \right\} = \text{Min}_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ l_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj} \}$$

The first term is the weight of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  in potentially  $m-1$  edges, the latter is the minimum weight of paths, where all possible predecessor  $k$  of  $j$  is explored. The latter simplification is because  $w_{jj} = 0$ . The actual shortest-path weights are given by

$$\delta(i, j) = l_{ij}^{(n-1)} = l_{ij}^{(n)} = \dots$$

since a path from  $i$  to  $j$  with more than  $n-1$  edges is not simple anymore and hence cannot have a lower weight than a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  in under  $n-1$  edges

3. **Bottom Up approach** The algorithm computes a series of matrices  $W = L^{(1)}, L^{(2)}, \dots, L^{(n-1)}$  for  $m = 1, \dots, n-1$  and  $L^{(m)} = (l_{ij}^{(m)})$  and the final matrix  $L^{(n-1)}$  contains the shortest path weights. Requires 3 nested for loop, hence runtime of  $O(n^3)$ . The procedure is very much similar to matrix multiplication, where

$$c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

We have  $L^{(m)} = L^{(m-1)} \cdot W$  where  $\cdot$  represent taking mins instead... The procedure EXTEND-SHORTEST-PATHS is run  $n-1$  times to yield  $L^{(n-1)}$  hence the total runtime amounts to  $\Theta(n^4)$ .

4. **Improvement in runtime** To improve the runtime, we notice that the matrix operation is associative and hence we can compute  $L^{(n-1)}$  in  $\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil$  by computing  $L^{(m)}$  such that  $m$  is a power of 2. And once we loop to a point where  $m \geq n-1$ , we have  $L^{(m)} = L^{(n-1)}$  as  $\delta(i, j) = l_{ij}^{(n-1)} = l_{ij}^{(n)} = \dots$ . The total runtime is improved to  $O(n^3 \lg n) = O(V^3 \lg V)$ . The improvement lies in the fact that since there is no elaborate data structure, constant hidden in  $\Theta$  is therefore small

## The FLloyd-Warshall algorithm $\Theta(V^3)$

### Definition. Structure of a shortest path

1. **Concepts** Consider *intermediate vertices* of a shortest path  $p = \langle v_1, \dots, v_l \rangle$  is the set  $\{v_2, \dots, v_{l-1}\}$
2. **Observation** Assume  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  For some subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\} \subseteq V$ . Let  $i, j \in V$  and  $p$  be a minimum-weight path from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in  $\{2, \dots, k-1\}$ .



- (a) If  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex of  $p$ , The shortest path  $p$  with all intermediate vertices in  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  is also in  $\{1, \dots, k-1\}$
- (b) If  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of  $p$ , then decompose  $p$

$$i \xrightarrow{p_1} k \xrightarrow{p_2} j$$

By optimal substructure of shortest path,  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Since  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex, all intermediate vertices of  $p_1$  are in  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ . Hence

$p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ ; Similarly,  $p_2$  is a shortest path from  $k$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$

3. **Recursive solution** Let  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  be weight of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  for which all intermediate vertices are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Note when  $k=1$ , the set  $\{1, 0\}$  has no intermediate vertex and includes  $i$  and  $j$  respectively and has one edge  $(i, j)$

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} w_{ij} & \text{if } k=0 \\ \text{Min} \{d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}\} & \text{if } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Hence  $D^{(n)} = (d_{ij}^{(n)})$  gives the right answer since all intermediate sets are in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . So

$$d_{ij}^{(n)} = \delta(i, j) \quad \text{for all } i, j \in V$$

4. **Bottom Up Approach** Runtime  $O(V^3)$  because of the triple for loop, each taking  $O(1)$  to look up previously computed values and calculate the minimum. Again, the code is tight, and so constant hidden in  $\Theta$  notation is small

#### 5. Constructing shortest path $\Pi$

- (a) from  $D$  of shortest path weights after computing  $D$
- (b) at the same time  $D$  is calculated

**Definition. Transitive Closure of a directed graph**  $G^* = (V, E^*)$  where

$$E^* = \{(i, j) : \text{there is a path from vertex } i \text{ to } j \text{ in } G\}$$

#### Solutions

1. We can compute transitive closure by assign weight of 1 to each edge in  $E$  and run Floyd-Warshall algorithm. So if  $d_{ij} < \infty$  there is a path from  $i$  to  $j$  otherwise  $d_{ij} = \infty$

2. To save time and space we substitute logical operations *land* and *lor* with arithmetic operation in Floyd-Warshall algorithm. Define  $t_{ij}^k$  be 1 if there is a path from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate set in  $G$  and 0 otherwise.

$$t_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \notin E \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } (i, j) \in E \end{cases} \quad t_{ij} = t_{ij}^{(k-1)} \vee (t_{ik}^{(k-1)} \wedge t_{kj}^{(k-1)})$$

Then compute  $T^{(k)} = (t_{ij}^{(k)})$  in order of increasing  $k$  (bottom up). The runtime is  $\Theta(n^3)$ , same as previous algorithm. But is quite faster and memory efficient since operates on bits (logical) instead of on integer words (arithmetic)

## Maximum Flow

### 26.1 Flow Networks

**Definition. Flow networks**

1. **Flow network** A flow network  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed graph in which
  - (a) each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  has a nonnegative **capacity**  $c(u, v) \geq 0$ .
  - (b) if  $(u, v) \in E$ , then the edge in reverse direction  $(v, u) \notin E$
  - (c) if  $(u, v) \notin E$ , then  $c(u, v) = 0$
  - (d) No self-loops
  - (e) **source**  $s$  and a **sink**  $t$
  - (f) Assume each vertex lies on some path from  $s$  to  $t$ , i.e. for all  $v \in V$ , we have  $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow t$
  - (g)  $|E| \geq |V| - 1$  since each vertex other than  $s$  has at least one entering edge
2. **Flow** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be flow network with capacity function  $c$ . A flow in  $G$  is a real-valued function  $f : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying
  - (a) **Capacity Constraint** For all  $u, v \in V$ , we have  $0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$
  - (b) **Flow Conservation** For all  $u \in V \setminus \{s, t\}$ , we have

$$\sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v)$$

If  $(u, v) \notin E$ , then no flow from  $u$  to  $v$  and  $f(u, v) = 0$ . Denote  $f(u, v)$  the flow from vertex  $u$  to  $v$ . The **value of  $|f|$  of a flow  $f$**  is defined as difference between total flow out of source and total flow into sink

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)$$

as a typical flow network does not have edges into source  $s$  we have

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v)$$

3. **Maximum-Flow problem** Given flow network  $G$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , find a flow  $f$  of maximum value  $|f|$

4. **Transformation to flow network**

- (a) **Antiparallel edges** An antiparallel edge is the pair  $(v_1, v_2)$  and  $(v_2, v_1)$ , which violates flow network. We can transform such graph into a flow network by taking one edge and decompose into 2 edges with an additional intermediate vertex, while set bot new edges' capacity constraint to the original edge. The two graphs are equivalent
- (b) **Multiple sources and sinks** Add a **supersource**  $s$  and directed edge  $(s, s_i)$  with capacity  $c(s, s_i) = \infty$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and likewise add a **supersink**  $t$  with directed edge  $(t_i, t)$  with capacity  $c(t_i, t) = \infty$ . In other words, provided unlimited flow as desired for multiple sources  $s_i$  and sinks  $t_i$ . The two graphs are equivalent

## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson Method

**Definition. General Steps**

1. let  $f(u, v) = 0$  for all  $u, v \in V$
2. At each step, increase flow value in  $G$  by finding an **augmenting path** in an associated **residual network**  $G_f$
3. Repeat until the residue network has no more augmenting paths

**Definition. Residual Network**

1. **General Idea**  $G_f$  consists of edges with capacities that represent how we can change the flow on edges of  $G$ .
  - (a) An edge  $(u, v)$  of  $G$  can admit  $c(u, v) - f(u, v) = c_f(u, v)$  amount of additional flow (if edge has flow equal to capacity then  $c_f(u, v) = 0$ )
  - (b) An edge  $(u, v)$  of  $G$  can also reduce their flow by an amount up to  $f(u, v) = c_f(v, u)$ . The edge  $(v, u)$  placed in  $G_f$  is able to admit flow in opposite direction to  $(u, v)$ , at most cancelling out the flow on  $(u, v)$

2. **Residual Capacity** Given flow network  $G$  and a flow  $f$ . Consider  $u, v \in V$ , the residual capacity  $c_f(u, v)$  is defined by

$$c_f(u, v) = \begin{cases} c(u, v) - f(u, v) & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ f(v, u) & \text{if } (v, u) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note since flow network disallows antiparallel edges, exactly one of the cases applies

3. **Residual Network** Given flow network  $G$  and flow  $f$ , the residual network of  $G$  induced by  $f$  is  $G_f = (V, E_f)$  where

$$E_f = \{(u, v) \in V \times V : c_f(u, v) > 0\}$$

4. **Residual Edge** Edges in residual network is called residual edge  $E_f$ , which can be either edges in  $E$ , their reversal, or both

$$|E_f| \leq 2|E|$$

5. **Augmentation** If  $f$  is a flow in  $G$  and  $f'$  is a flow in corresponding residual network  $G_f$ , then  $f \uparrow f'$ , the augmentation of flow  $f$  by  $f'$ , to be a function  $(f \uparrow f') : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(f \uparrow f')(u, v) = \begin{cases} f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u) & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The idea is we increase flow on  $(u, v) \in V$  by  $f'(u, v)$  but decrease it by  $f'(v, u)$  because pushing flow on reverse edge in residual network signifies decreasing the flow in the original network, this is called **cancellation**

**Lemma.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be flow network with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , let  $f$  be a flow in  $G$ . Let  $G_f$  be residual network of  $G$  induced by  $f$ , and  $f'$  be a flow in  $G_f$ . Then  $f \uparrow f'$  is a flow in  $G$  with value  $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$

**Definition. Augmenting Paths (Improves value of flow)**

1. **Augmenting Path** Given flow network  $G$  and a flow  $f$ , an augmenting path  $p$  is a simple path from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ .
2. **Residual Capacity of an Augmenting Path** The maximum amount by which we can increase the flow on each edge in an augmenting path  $p$  the residual capacity of  $p$  (such that capacity constraint is satisfied in  $G$ )

$$c_f(p) = \min\{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is on } p\}$$

3. **Flow of an Augmenting Path** We get a flow of an augmenting path  $p$  by assigning the residual capacity of  $p$ , i.e.  $c_f(p)$ , to every edge on the path  $p$ . Define function  $f_p : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f_p(u, v) = \begin{cases} c_f(p) & \text{if } (u, v) \text{ is on } p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma.**  $f_p$  is a flow in  $G_f$  with  $|f_p| = c_f(p) > 0$

4. If we augment  $f$  by  $f_p$ , i.e.  $f \uparrow f_p$ , we get another flow in  $G$  whose value is closer to the maximum

**Corollary.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a flow network, let  $f$  be a flow in  $G$ , and let  $p$  be an augmenting path in  $G_f$ . Let  $f_p$  be defined as previously, then the function  $f \uparrow f_p$  is a flow in  $G$  with value

$$|f \uparrow f_p| = |f| + |f_p| > |f|$$

*Proof.* Follows from  $|f_p| = c_f(p) > 0$  and  $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$  □

**Definition. Cut of Flow Networks (Determines when max flow is found)**

1. **Cut** A cut  $(S, T)$  of a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of  $V$  into  $S$  and  $T = V \setminus S$  such that  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$
2. **Net Flow across a cut** If  $f$  is a flow, then the net flow  $f(S, T)$  across the cut  $(S, T)$  is defined to be

$$f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u)$$

Note **value of flow**  $|f|$  is the net flow across cut  $(\{s\}, V \setminus \{s\})$

3. **Capacity of a cut** The capacity of cut  $(S, T)$  is

$$c(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v)$$

Note we only consider flow from  $S$  to  $T$ , ignoring edges in the reverse direction (different from flow which considers both directions)

4. **Minimum Cut** The minimum cut of a network is a cut whose capacity is minimum over all cuts of the network

**Lemma.** Let  $f$  be a flow in a flow network  $G$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , and let  $(S, T)$  be any cut of  $G$ . Then the net flow across  $(S, T)$  is  $f(S, T) = |f|$

**Corollary.** The value of any flow  $f$  in a flow network  $G$  is bounded from above by the capacity of any cut of  $G$ . (Implies that optimal  $|f|$  is minimum capacity of all cuts in  $G$ )

*Proof.* Let  $(S, T)$  be any cut of  $G$  and  $f$  be any flow. By previous lemma we have

$$|f| = f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) \leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) = c(S, T)$$

□

**Theorem. Max-flow Min-cut theorem** *If  $f$  is in a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , then the following conditions are equivalent*

1.  $f$  is a maximum flow in  $G$
2. The residual network  $G_f$  contains no augmenting paths
3.  $|f| = c(S, T)$  for some cut  $(S, T)$  of  $G$

*Proof.* Prove 3 parts

- (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2) Prove by contradiction. Assume  $f$  is a maximum flow in  $G$  but  $G_f$  has an augmenting path  $p$  with flow  $f_p$ . If we augment  $f$  by  $f_p$ , we have  $|f \uparrow f_p| = |f| + |f_p| > |f|$ , implies there is a larger flow value, contradicting  $f$  is the maximum flow
- (2)  $\rightarrow$  (3) Idea is to identify cut  $(S, T)$ , infer value of  $f(u, v)$  from the fact there exists no path from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G_f$ , then calculate net flow  $f(S, T)$  across an arbitrary cut, which is identical for any cut, including  $|f|$ . Assume  $G_f$  has no augmenting path, that is there is no path from  $s$  to  $t$ , Define

$$S = \{v \in V : \text{there exists a path from } s \text{ to } v \text{ in } G_f\}$$

and  $T = V \setminus S$ . Consider vertices  $u \in S$  and  $v \in T$ .  $(u, v) \notin E_f$

1. If  $(u, v) \in E$ , then  $f(u, v) = c(u, v)$  since otherwise we have  $c_f(u, v) = c(u, v) - f(u, v) > 0$ , implying  $(u, v) \in E_f$
2. If  $(v, u) \in E$ , then  $f(u, v) = 0$  since otherwise we have  $c_f(u, v) = f(v, u) > 0$ , implying  $(u, v) \in E_f$
3. If  $(u, v) \notin E$  or  $(v, u) \notin E$ , then  $f(u, v) = f(v, u) = 0$

Now we compute a net flow over the cut  $(S, T)$  in  $G$

$$f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} 0 = c(S, T)$$

By previous corollary, net flow is same for all arbitrary cuts, we have

$$|f| = f(S, T) = c(S, T)$$

- (3)  $\rightarrow$  (1) By previous corollary, the value of flow  $|f|$  is bounded above by capacity of any cuts.  $|f| \leq c(S, T)$ . hence when  $|f| = c(S, T)$  implies  $f$  is a maximum flow

□

**Definition. Ford-Fulkerson algorithm**  $O(E|f^*|)$

1. **Steps**

- (a) Initialize  $(u, v).f$  to 0
- (b) Loop if there exists an augmenting path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in residual network  $G_f$
- (c) Find residual capacity of the path  $c_f(p) = \text{Min}\{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$  in  $G_f$
- (d) We replace  $f$  with  $f \uparrow f_p$  to obtain a new flow whose value is  $|f| + |f_p|$ 
  - i. If  $(u, v) \in E$ , i.e. residual edge in  $p$  is an edge in the original network,  $(u, v) \in G_f$  specifies how much flow  $(u, v) \in G$  can increase by, so add  $c_f(p)$  amount of flow to  $(u, v) \in G$
  - ii. If  $(v, u) \in E$ , i.e. residual edge in  $p$  is a reverse edge in the original network,  $(u, v) \in G_f$  specifies how much flow  $(v, u) \in G$  can decrease by, so decrease  $c_f(p)$  amount of flow to  $(v, u) \in G$

2. **Analysis** Runtime depends on finding the augmenting path  $p$ .

- (a) **Initialization**  $O(E)$
- (b) **While loop** If capacity is rational, scale to integer. If  $f^*$  is the max flow, FORD-FULKERSON executes while loop at most  $|f^*|$  times, since flow value increases by at least one unit in each iteration.
- (c) **Finding path** Assume we have a data structure representing a directed graph  $G' = (V, E')$  where  $E' = \{(u, v) : (u, v) \in E \vee (v, u) \in E\}$ . The edges in  $G_f$  consists off all edges  $(u, v) \in E'$  such that  $c_f(u, v) > 0$ . If use DFS, or BFS, runtime  $O(V + E') = O(E)$  (since  $|E| \geq |V| - 1$ ) for finding a path from  $s$  to  $t$ .

In summary runtime of  $O(E|f^*|)$ . The algorithm is good if capacities are integral and the optimal flow value  $|f^*|$  is small.

## 26.3 Maximum Bipartite Matching $O(VE)$

**Definition. Matching**

- 1. **Matching** Given undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a matching is a subset of edges  $M \subseteq E$  such that for all vertices  $v \in V$ , at most one edge of  $M$  is incident on  $v$ . (each edge symbolizes a pair)
- 2. **Matched and Unmatched** a vertex  $v \in V$  is matched by the matching  $M$  if some edge in  $M$  is incident on  $v$ ; otherwise  $v$  is unmatched
- 3. **Maximum Matching** A maximum matching is a matching of maximum cardinality, that is, a matching  $M$  such that for any matching  $M'$ , we have  $|M| \geq |M'|$

4. **Bipartite graphs** graphs in which  $V$  can be partitioned into 2 disjoint sets  $V = L \cup R$ ,  $L \cap R = \emptyset$  and all edges in  $E$  go between  $L$  and  $R$ . Assume every vertex in  $V$  has at least one incident edge

**Definition. Finding a Maximum Bipartite Matching**

1. **Corresponding Flow Network**  $G' = (V', E')$  (directed) for a bipartite graph  $G = (V, E)$  (undirected) with partition  $V = L \cup R$  is defined as follows

(a) let source  $s$  and sink  $t$  be new vertices not in  $V$

$$V' = V \cup \{s, t\}$$

(b) let directed edge of  $G'$  be edges of  $E$ , directed from  $L$  to  $R$ , along with  $|V|$  new directed edges connecting  $s$  to  $L$  and  $R$  to  $t$

$$E' = \{(s, u) : u \in L\} \cup \{(u, v) : (u, v) \in E\} \cup \{(v, t) : v \in R\}$$

Note  $|E'| = \Theta(E)$ , since  $|E| \geq |V|/2$  (every vertex has an incident edge) implies

$$\Omega(E) = |E| \leq |E'| = |E| + |V| \leq 3|E| = O(E)$$

(c) assign unit capacity to each edge in  $E'$

2. **Integer-valued flow** A flow  $f$  on a flow network  $G$  is integer valued if  $f(u, v)$  is an integer for all  $(u, v) \in V \times V$
3. A matching in  $G$  corresponds to a flow in  $G$ 's corresponding flow network  $G'$

**Lemma.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a bipartite graph with vertex partition  $V = L \cup R$  and let  $G' = (V', E')$  be corresponding flow network. If  $M \subseteq E$  is a matching in  $G$ , then there is an integer-valued flow  $f$  in  $G'$  with value  $|f| = |M|$ . Conversely, if  $f$  is an integer-valued flow in  $G'$ , then there is a matching  $M$  in  $G$  with cardinality  $|M| = |f|$

*Proof.* 2 steps

- (a) Find matching  $M$  in  $G$  corresponds to flow  $f$  in  $G'$ . Define  $f$  as follows. If  $(u, v) \in M$ , then  $f(s, u) = f(u, v) = f(v, t) = 1$ . For all other edges  $(u, v) \in E'$ , define  $f(u, v) = 0$ . Hence each  $(u, v) \in M$  corresponds to one unit of flow in  $G'$  traversing path

$$s \rightarrow u \rightarrow v \rightarrow t$$

The cut  $(L \cup \{s\}, R \cup \{t\})$  is equal to  $|M|$  by the previous definition, and hence  $|f| = |M|$  (net flow same for any cuts)



- (b) Prove converse. Let  $f$  be integer-valued flow in  $G'$ , prove there is a matching such that  $|M| = |f|$ . Let

$$M = \{(u, v) : u \in L, v \in R, f(u, v) > 0\}$$

Prove  $M$  is a matching (i.e. all edge  $v \in V$  has at most 1 edge  $e \in M$  incident on  $v$ ). For  $u \in L$ , has one entering edge  $(s, u)$  of one unit of flow, by flow conservation, must have one unit of flow leaving it. Since  $f$  integer-valued, one unit of flow enter on at most 1 edge and leave on at most 1 edge. Hence there cannot be 2 edges leaving  $u \in L$ . Hence, one unit of flow entering  $u$  if and only if there is exactly one vertex  $v \in R$  such that  $f(u, v) = 1$ . Similar argument to  $R$ .

Hence maximum matching  $M$  in bipartite graph  $G$  corresponds to a maximum flow in its corresponding flow network  $G'$ .  $\square$

4. By previous lemma, we can compute maximum matching in  $G$  by running max-flow algorithm on  $G'$ , the following theorem guarantees the output from FORD-FULKERSON will be a integer-valued flow

**Theorem.** If the capacity function  $c$  takes on only integral values, then maximum flow  $f$  produced by FORD-FULKERSON Method has the property that  $|f|$  is an integer. Moreover, for all vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , the value  $f(u, v)$  is an integer

**Corollary.** The cardinality of a maximum matching  $M$  in a bipartite graph  $G$  equals the value of a maximum flow  $f$  in its corresponding flow network  $G'$

## 5. Steps

- (a) Create corresponding flow network  $G'$
- (b) Run FORD-FULKERSON
- (c) Obtain maximum matching  $M$  from integer-valued maximum flow  $f$  found

6. **Runtime** Note any matching in bipartite graph has cardinality of

$$|M| \leq \min(L, R) = O(V)$$

the value of maximum flow in  $G'$  is hence  $O(V)$ , therefore maximum matching in a bipartite graph takes  $O(|f^*|E') = O(VE') = O(VE)$ , since  $|E'| = \Theta(E)$