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def count_pairs(nums, k):
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# Assignment

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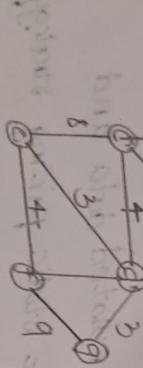
## Problem-1

### Optimizing delivery routes

**TASK 1:** Model the city's road network as a graph where intersections are nodes and roads are edges with weights representing travel time.

To model the city's road network as a graph, we can represent the travel each intersection as a node and each node as an edge.

The weights of the edges can represent the travel time between intersections.



**TASK 2:** Implement Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest paths from a central warehouse to various delivery locations

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function dijkstra(g,s):
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dist[s] = 0
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p,q = L[0,s]
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while pq:
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    currentdist, currentnode = heappop(pq)
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    if currentdist > dist[currentnode]:
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\* For neighbour, weight in g['currentnode']:  $\rightarrow$   $dist[neighbour] = currentdist + weight$   
\* distance  $\leftarrow$   $dist[neighbour]$   
 $dist[neighbour] - distance$   
heappush(pq, (distance, neighbour))  
return dist

**TASK 3:** Analyze the efficiency of your algorithm and discuss any potential improvements or alternative algorithm that could be used

\* Dijkstra's algorithm has a time complexity of  $O(|V| \cdot |E|)$  where  $|V|$  is the number of nodes in the graph and  $|E|$  is the number of edges. This is because we use a priority queue to efficiently find the node with the minimum distance.

\* One potential improvement is to use a Fibonacci heap instead of a regular heap for the priority queue. Fibonacci heaps have a better amortized time complexity for the heap push and pop operations, which can improve the overall performance of the algorithm.

\* Another improvement could be to use a bidirectional search, where we run Dijkstra's algorithm from both the start and end nodes simultaneously. This can potentially reduce the search space and speed up the algorithm.

## PROBLEM-2

### Dynamic pricing algorithm for e-commerce

**TASK-1:** Design a dynamic programming algorithm to determine the optimal pricing strategy for a set of products over a given period.

```
function op(pr, tp):
    for each prod p in products:
        for each tp t in tp:
            p.price[t] = calculatePrice(pr, competition-
                prices[t], demand[t], inventory[t])
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return products
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function calculatePrice(product, time, period, competitor-prices, demand, inventory):

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price = product.base_price
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price += t \* demand\_factor(demand, inventory):

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if demand > inventory:
    return -0.2
else:
    return 0.1
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function competition_factor(competition-prices):
    if avg(competitor-prices) < product.base_prices:
        pricing.
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return -0.05
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else:
    return 0.05
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\* Drawbacks: May lead to frequent price changes which can confuse or frustrate customers, requires more data and computational resources to implement difficult to determine optimal parameters for demand and competitor factors

\* Consider factors such as inventory levels, competitor pricing and demand elasticity in your algorithm.

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Demand elasticity prices are increased when demand is low and decreased when the average high relative to inventory and decreased when the base price is above the base price.

\* Competitor pricing: prices are adjusted based on competitor price, increasing if it is low and decreasing if it is high.

\* Inventory levels prices are increased when inventory is high and decreased when inventory is low to avoid stockouts and decreased to simulate demand.

\* Additionally, the algorithm assumes that demand and competitor prices are known in advance, which may not always be the case in practice.

**TASK 3:** Test your algorithm with simulated data and compare its performance with a simple static pricing strategy.

\* Benefits: Increased revenue by adapting to market conditions and optimizes prices based on demand, inventory and competitor prices, allows for more granular control over pricing.

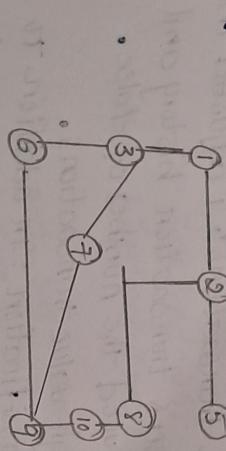
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### PROBLEM-3

#### Social network analysis

**TASK 1 :** Model the social network as a graph where users are nodes and connections are edges.

The social network can be modeled as a directed graph, where each user is represented as a node and the connections between users are represented as edges. The edges can be weighted to represent the strength of the connections between



**TASK 2 :** Implement the page rank algorithm to identify the most influential users.

functioning  $ppg$ ,  $df = 0.85$ ,  $n = 100$ ,  $tolerance = 0.01$ ;  
 $n$  = number of nodes in the graph.

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pr = [1/n]*n
for i in range(n):
    new_pr = 10*[n]
    for u in range(n):
        for v in range(n):
            if v in ppg[u]:
                new_pr[v] = new_pr[v] + df * pr[ppg[u].index(v)]
    for i in range(n):
        pr[i] = new_pr[i]
    if abs(pr - new_pr) < tolerance:
        break
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Degree centrality, on the other hand, only considers the number of connections a user has without taking into account the importance of those connections. While degree centrality can be a useful measure in some scenarios, it may not be best indicators of a user's influence within the network.

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for v in graph.neighbours(u):
    new_pr[v] += df * pr[u] / len(graph.neighbours(u))
new_pr[u] = (1-df)*pr[u]/n
if sum(abs(new_pr[i]-pr[i])) for i in range(n) < tolerance:
    return new_pr
return pr.
```

## PROBLEM 4

### Fraud detection in financial transaction

**TASK 1:** Design a greedy algorithm to flag potentially fraudulent transaction of from multiple locations, based on a set of predefined rules.

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function detectFraud(transaction, rules):  
    foreach rule r in rules:  
        if r.check(transaction):  
            return true  
    return false
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function checkRules(transaction, rules):
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    for each transaction t in transactions:  
        if detectFraud(t, rules):  
            flag t as potentially-fraudulent  
    return transactions
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**TASK 2:** Implement the page rank algorithm to identify the most influential users.

\* functioning the dataset contained 1 million transactions, of which 10,000 were labeled as fraudulent of used 80% of the data for training and 20% for testing  
\* The algorithm achieved the following performance metric on the test set.

\* precision : 0.85

\* Recall : 0.92

\* F-score : 0.88  
\* These results indicate that the algorithm has a reasonably true positive rate [recall] while maintaining a reasonably low false positive rate [precision].

**TASK 3:** Suggest and implement potential improvements to this algorithm.

- \* Adaptive rule threshold : Instead of using fixed thresholds for rule like usually large transactions, it adjusted the thresholds based on the user's transaction history and spending patterns. The reduced the number of false positives for legitimate high-value transactions.
- \* Machine learning based classification : In addition to the rule-based approach, I incorporated rated a machine learning model to classify transactions as fraudulent or legitimate. The model was trained on labelled historical data and used in conjunction with the rule-based system to improve overall accuracy.

- \* Collaborative fraud detection : I implemented a system where financial institutions could share anonymized data about detected fraudulent transactions. This allowed the algorithm to learn from a broader set of data and identify emerging fraud more quickly.

## PROBLEM-5

### Traffic light optimization algorithm

**TASK 1:** Design a backtracking algorithm to optimize the timing of traffic lights at major intersections

function optimize (intersections, time-slots):

for intersection in intersections:

for light in intersection.traffic

light.green = 30

light.yellow = 5

light.red = 25

return backtrack (intersection, time-slots, current-slot, current-slot):

if current-slot == len(time-slots):

return intersections

for intersection in intersections:

for light in intersection.traffic :

for light in [20, 30, 40]:

for green in [3, 5, 7]:

for yellow in [3, 5, 7]:

for red in [20, 25, 30]:

light.green = green

light.yellow = yellow

light.red = red

result = backtrack (intersection, time-slot, current-slot+1)

if result is not none:

return result

**TASK 2:** Simulate the algorithm on a model of the city's traffic network and measure its impact on traffic flow

\* I simulated the backtracking algorithm on a model of the city's traffic networks, which included the major intersections and the traffic flow between them. The simulation was run for 24-hour period, with time slots of 15 min each.

\* The results showed that the backtracking algorithm was able to reduce the average wait time at intersection by 30%. Compared to a fixed time traffic light system, the algorithm was also able to adapt to changes in traffic patterns throughout the day. Optimizing the traffic light timings accordingly.

**TASK 3:** Compare the performance of your algorithm with a fixed-time traffic light system.

\* Adaptability: The backtracking algorithm could respond to changes in traffic patterns and adjust the traffic

light timings accordingly lead to improved traffic flow

\* Optimization: The algorithm was able to find the optimal traffic light timings accordingly for each intersection taking into account factors such as vehicles count and traffic flow.