

## Experiment No. 9

**Title:** Write a program to find All Pairs Shortest Path

### Theory:

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph with  $n$  vertices. Let  $\text{cost}$  be a cost adjacency matrix for  $G$  such that  $\text{cost}(i,i) = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $\text{cost}(i,j)$  is the length (or cost) of edge  $\langle i,j \rangle$  if  $\langle i,j \rangle \in E(G)$  and  $\text{cost}(i,j) = \text{INFINITY}$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\langle i,j \rangle \notin E(G)$ . The all-pairs shortest-path problem is to determine a matrix  $A$  such that  $A(i, j)$  is the length of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$ . Let us examine a shortest  $i$  to  $j$  path in  $G$ ,  $i \neq j$ . This path originates at vertex  $i$  and goes through some intermediate vertices (possibly none) and terminates at vertex  $j$ . We can assume that this path contains no cycles for if there is a cycle, then this can be deleted without increasing the path length (no cycle has negative length). If  $k$  is an intermediate vertex on this shortest path, then the subpaths from  $i$  to  $k$  and from  $k$  to  $j$  must be shortest paths from  $i$  to  $k$  and  $k$  to  $j$ , respectively. Otherwise, the  $i$  to  $j$  path is not of minimum length. So, the principle of optimality holds. This alerts us to the prospect of using dynamic programming. If  $k$  is the intermediate vertex with highest index, then the  $i$  to  $k$  path is a shortest  $i$  to  $k$  path in  $G$  going through no vertex with index greater than  $k-1$ . Similarly the  $k$  to  $j$  path is a shortest  $k$  to  $j$  path in  $G$  going through no vertex of index greater than  $k-1$ .

The following equation is obtained to find all pairs shortest path

$$A^k(i, j) = \min \{A^{k-1}(i, j), A^{k-1}(i, k) + A^{k-1}(k, j)\}, \quad k \geq 1$$

**Algorithm**

Algorithm AllPairsShortestPaths(cost, A, n)

// cost[l :n, 1:n] is the cost adjacency matrix of a graph with n vertices;

//A[i, j] is the cost of a shortest path from vertex i to vertex j. cost[i,i]=0 for 1<i <n.

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{
for (i :=1 to n)
{
    for (j :=1 to n )
    {
        A[i, j]:=cost[i, j]
    }
}
for (k :=1 to n)
{
    for (i :=1 to n)
    {
        for (j :=1 to n)
        {
            A[i,j]:=min(A[i,j], A[i,k]+A[k,j]);
        }
    }
}
}
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**Complexity:**

The time needed by algorithm is  $O(n^3)$  as the equation is iterated in three for loops each executing n times.