

Question 1

We have already seen Bellman Ford algorithm which solves single source shortest paths (SSSP) problem in $O(mn)$ time for directed graphs with potentially negative weighted edges but no negative cycle.....

Solution

We have to consider the following

1. There can be negative weight edge (but no negative weight cycle).
2. The vertices are labelled from 1 to n . (1, 2, ..., n)

Ans a

→ $\delta^0(i,j)$ - there is no 0 vertex so if there is edge then value will be w_{ij} otherwise value will be infinite. (where w_{ij} is the weight of the edge from i to j)

→ From the optimal sub-path property

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

⇒ When $k = n$, the smallest path between any two vertex will be $p^n(i, j)$ which have weight $\delta^n(i, j)$.

Algorithm (a) :: All Pair Shortest Path length

Let G be the Adjacency List of the Directed Graph .

$n \equiv$ No. of nodes

→ $DP[][]$ will be the output matrix that will finally have the shortest distances between every pair of vertices

func APSP(G, n)

$DP[n+1][n+1] = G \rightarrow$ Initialize the solution matrix same as input graph matrix(i.e. the initial values of shortest distances are based on considering no intermediate vertex.)

for $k=0$ to n

for $i=0$ to n

for $j=0$ to n

if $DP[i][k] \neq \text{inf}$ and $DP[k][j] \neq \text{inf}$

$DP[i][j] = \min(DP[i][j], DP[i][k] + DP[k][j]) \rightarrow$ If vertex k is on the shortest path from i to j , then update the value of $DP[i][j]$

endif

endfor

endfor

endfor

Return DP

endfunc

Ans B

- now we get shortest path between 2 vertices
- In the k^{th} iteration if the value of DP array is changed we can say that k is in between the path from i to j
- We will now recursively check for vertices in between i to k and k to j
- For optimal answer run it for only the number of vertices in the path .

Algorithm b ::Pre-Computation for finding path in Optimal Time

Let G be the Adjacency List of the Directed Graph .

$n \equiv$ No. of nodes

func APSP2(G, n)

DP1[$n+1$][$n+1$] = $G \rightarrow$ Initialize all values to the values of Graph

DP2[$n+1$][$n+1$] \rightarrow If the path exists between two nodes then DP2[i][j] = j
(that is the direct edge from i \rightarrow j) else DP2[i][j] = -1

for k=0 to n

for i=0 to n

for j=0 to n

if DP1[i][k] != inf and DP1[k][j] != inf \rightarrow We cannot travel through
edge that doesn't exist

if DP1[i][j] > DP1[i][k] + DP1[k][j]

DP1[i][j] = DP1[i][k] + DP1[k][j]

DP2[i][j] = DP2[i][k] \rightarrow we found the shortest path between
i, j through an intermediate node k).

endif

endif

endfor

endfor

endfor

endfunc

Algorithm c :: Finding path

Let G be the Adjacency List of the Directed Graph .
 $n \equiv$ No. of nodes

$DP \equiv APSP2(G, n)$

$Path \equiv []$

func smallest-path(i, j)

 if $i == j$ then

$Path = [i]$

 else

 if Path is empty

$Path = [i, j]$

 else if

 if $DP2[i][j] \neq 0$

$Path.insert(DP2[i][j])$

 Smallest-path(i, k)

 Smallest-path(k, j)

 endif

 endif

endfunc

Path is our required path from i to j.